

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Hawai'i

Disaster Declaration Activity

- 4 FMAGs Approved – Hawai'i

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms – Northern/Central Plains to Upper/Middle Mississippi valleys; Carolinas
- Heavy rain and flash flooding – Lower Mississippi Valley to Southern Appalachians
- Tropical Activity:
 - Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Dora (CAT 4)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Wildfires – Hawai'i

Current Situation: Multiple wildfires are actively burning in Hawai'i, specifically Hawai'i and Maui Counties, leading to a State Emergency Proclamation and the approval of five FMAGs. Red Flag Warnings remain in effect for most leeward areas of all the Hawaiian Islands due to strong winds and low humidity.

Lifelines Impacts:

Safety and Security:

- Mandatory evacuations: Hawai'i County - 500 people; Maui County - 8,250 people

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

- Shelters: Hawai'i County - 2 shelters open; Maui County - 6 shelters open with 2,113 occupants

Health and Medical:

- 36 confirmed fatalities in Lahaina, Maui (*County Press release*)

Energy:

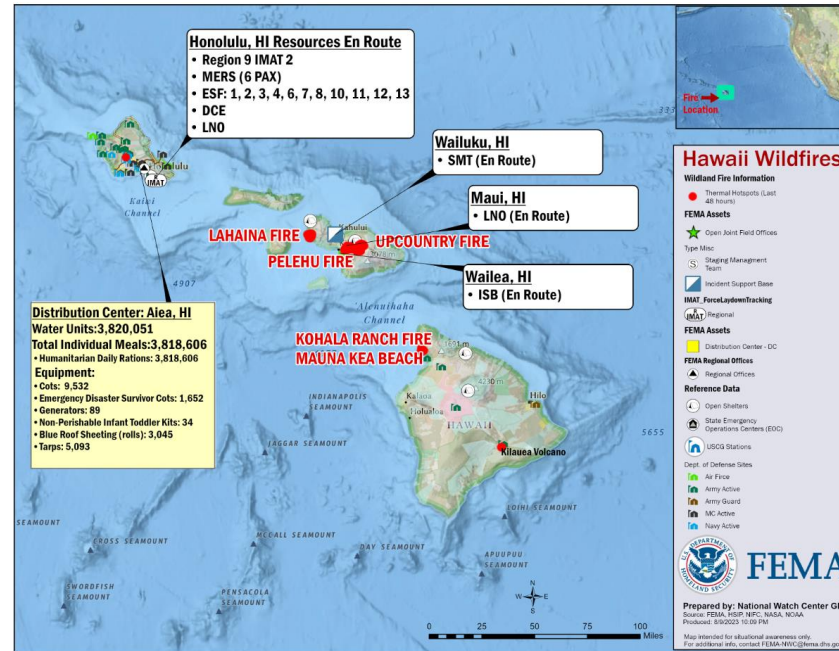
- Power outages: Hawai'i County – power restored to most customers; Maui County – 11k customers without power (15%)
- Hawaii County: local transmission lines damaged with more threatened
- Maui County: hydro plant, solar farm, and biomass electrical generation plant threatened

Communications:

- Maui County:
 - Landline and cell communications, including 911 service in northwest Maui unavailable due to fire damage to fiber optics
 - Cell and FM towers threatened south and southeast of the fires

Transportation:

- Hawai'i County: Highway 270 closed near Kohala Ranch Fire; Highway 19 closed due to downed power lines
- Maui County: Highway 30 closed at Lahaina Town; Honoapiiliani Highway/Lahaina Bypass open to emergency personnel only; Haleakala Highway closed from Kula Highway to Crater Road



State / Local Response:

- HI EOC at Partial Activation
- Governor declared a state of emergency
- USCG established a temporary safety zone 1 nautical mile from shore from northernmost point of Kakaa Point to the southernmost point at Hekili Point

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region IX RWC continues to monitor
 - IMAT-2 with ESFs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and DCE deploying to HI
 - 1 LNO deployed to HI EOC (Oahu), 1 LNO en route to Maui
- HQ:
 - Staging Management Team (SMT) and Incident Support Base (ISB) team deploying to Maui to be in place by 6:00 p.m. ET today
 - MERS personnel deploying to HI
 - DC HI providing 5 days of supplies (meals, water, cots, blankets, commonly used shelter items (CUSI), infant and toddler kits) for 5,000 people; inter-island movement by local contractor
 - Back-up IMATs are National IMAT Red and Regions VII and VIII
 - FOD is working to provide additional staff to support Region IX IMAT and to staff DSA teams; 2 modified DSA strike teams prepared to deploy
- NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region IX; the next update will be in the 5:00 p.m. ET FEMA National Situation Report



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Lahaina Fire – Hawaii

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Lahaina Fire (Maui County, HI)	5475-FM-HI	750	0%	M: 7,500	H: Unknown	H: 0	H: 0	6 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

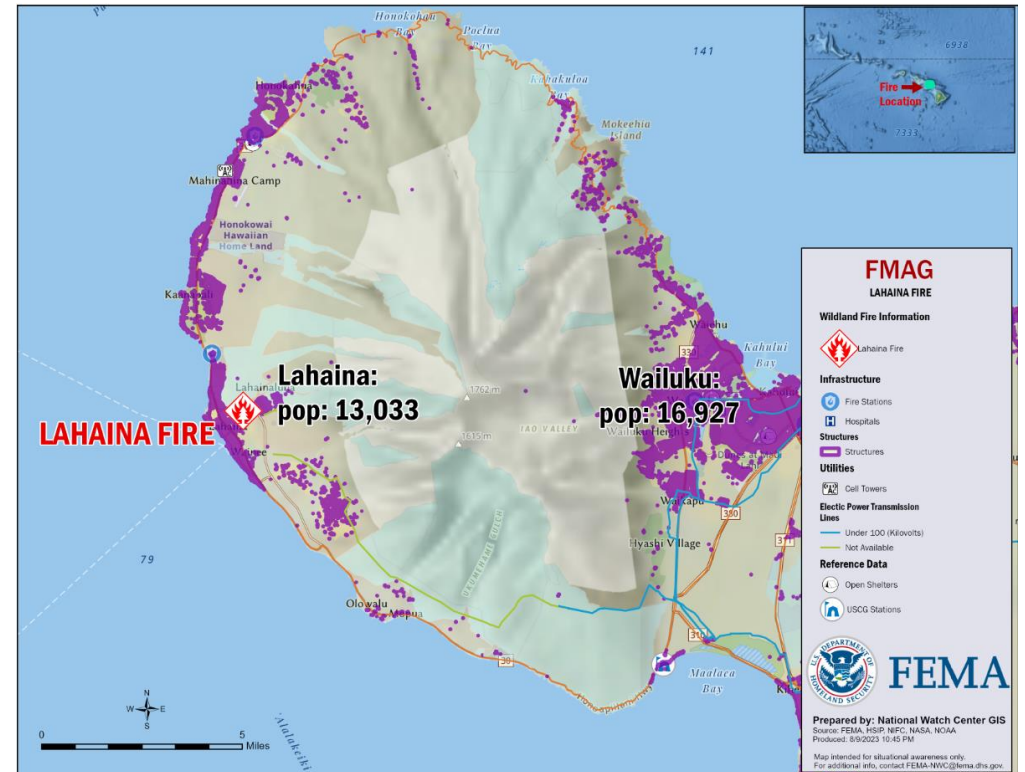
- The fire began on August 9 and is burning on state and private land in and around Lahaina (population 7,500)
- Threatening an unknown number of homes, local businesses, electrical transmission lines, and telecommunications lines
- Mandatory evacuations in effect for 7,500 people
- 6 shelters open in Maui County with 2,113 occupants; shelter at Lahaina Civic Center has been closed and evacuees moved to Maui Preparatory Academy
- 6 confirmed fatalities in Lahaina

State / Local Response:

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FEMA / Federal Response:

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Upcountry Fire – Hawaii

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Upcountry Fire (Maui County, HI)	XXXX-FM-HI	2,000	0%	M: 500	H: 300	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

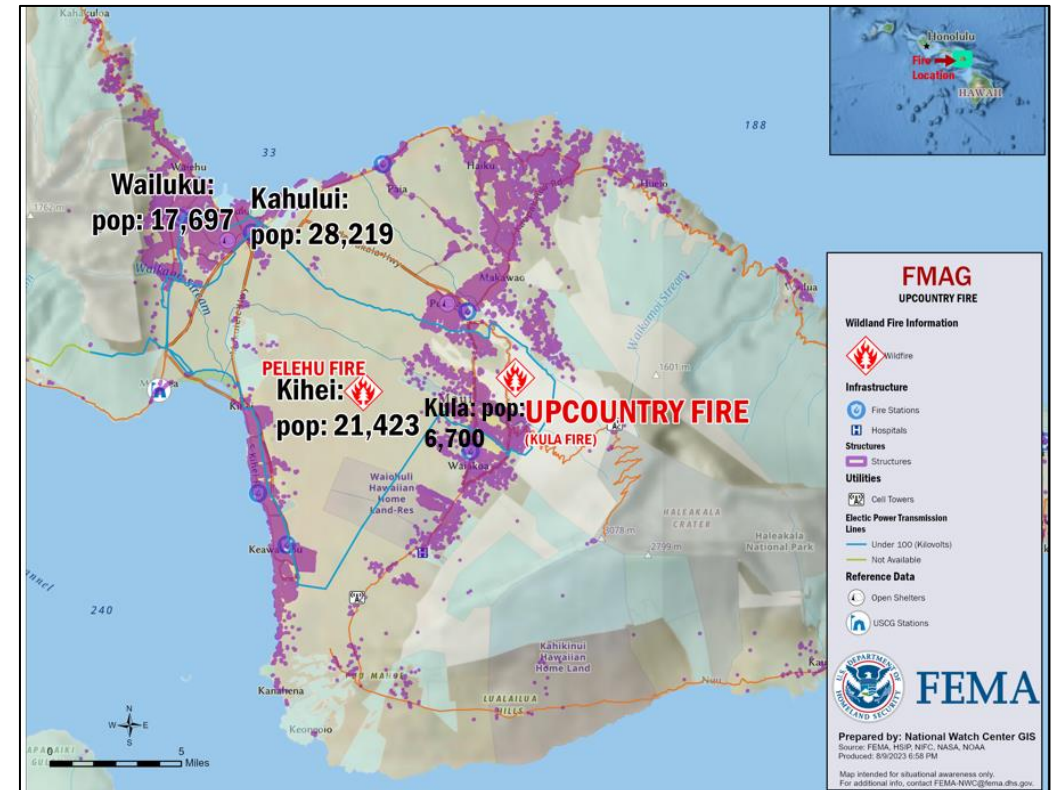
- The fire began on August 8 and is burning on state and private land in and around Kula (population 6,700)
- Threatening 300 homes; 90% are primary homes, 10% secondary homes
- Also threatening local businesses, electrical transmission lines, and telecommunications lines
- Mandatory evacuations in effect for 500 people
- 6 shelters open in Maui County with 2,113 occupants

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Pulehu Fire – Hawaii

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Pulehu Fire (Maui County, HI)	XXXX-FM-HI	2,000	0%	M: 750	H: 375	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

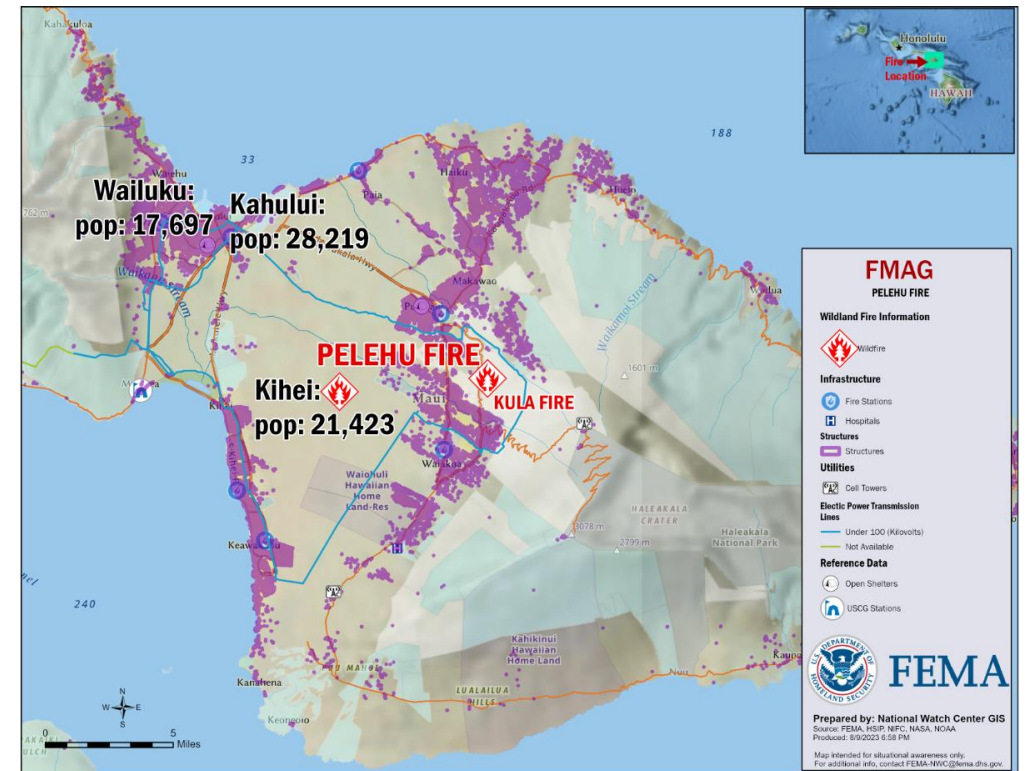
- The fire began on August 9 and is burning on state and private land in and around Kihei (population 21,500)
- Threatening 375 homes; 90% are primary homes, 10% secondary homes
- Also threatening local businesses, electrical transmission lines, and telecommunications lines
- Mandatory evacuations in effect for 750 people
- 6 shelters open in Maui County with 2,113 occupants

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Mauna Kea Beach Fire – Hawaii

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Mauna Kea Beach Fire (Hawaii County, HI)	XXXX-FM-HI	500	0%	M: 100	H: 100	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

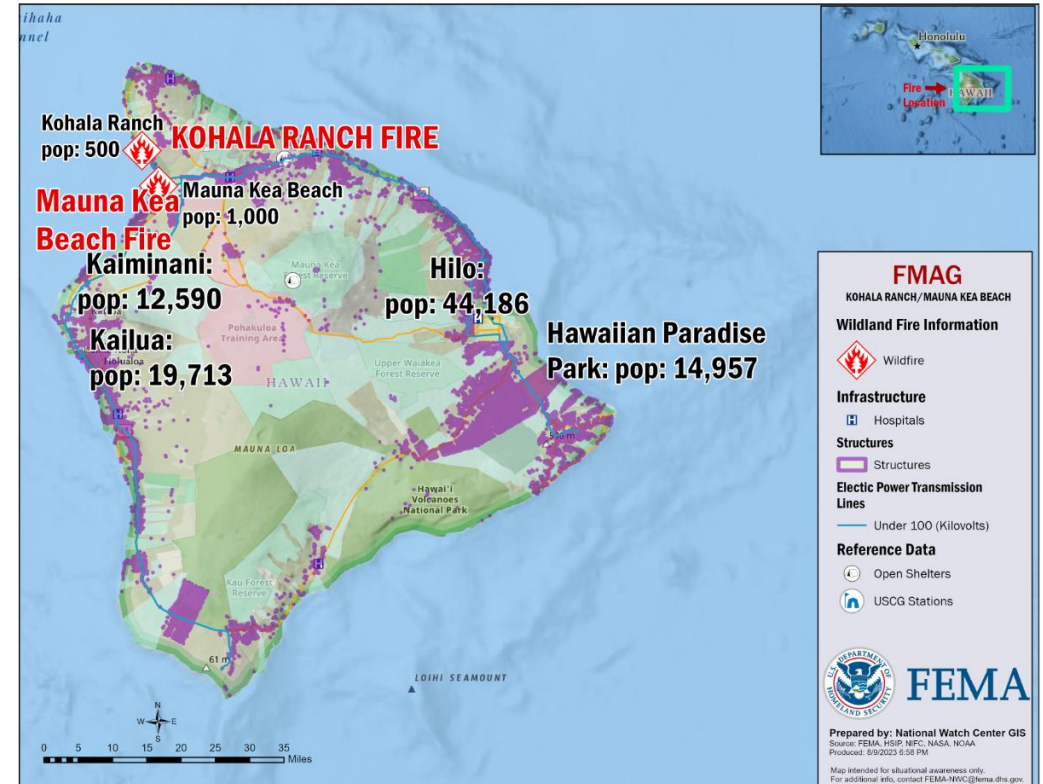
- The fire began on August 8 and is burning on state and private land in and around Mauna Kea Beach (population 1,000)
- Threatening 100 homes; 50% are primary homes, 50% secondary homes
- Also threatening local businesses, electrical transmission lines, and telecommunications lines
- Mandatory evacuations in effect for 100 people
- 2 shelters open in Hawaii County

State / Local Response:

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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Lost Horse Creek (Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK)	5473-FM-AK	8,979 (+55)	0%	M: 33	H: 180	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 400	O: 0	O: 0	
Kohala Ranch Fire (Hawai'i County, HI)	5474-FM-HI	1,800 (+1,200)	0%	M: 500	H: 200	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Lahaina Fire (Maui County, HI)	5475-FM-HI	750	0%	M: 7,500	H: Unknown	H: 0	H: 0	6 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O:	O: 0	
Upcountry Fire (Maui County, HI)	5476-FM-HI	2,000	0%	M: 500	H: 300	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O: 0	O: 0	
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				V: 0	O:	O: 0	O: 0	
Mauna Kea Beach Fire (Hawaii County, HI)	5478-FM-HI	500	0%	M: 100	H: 100	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O: 0	O: 0	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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Satellite Detected Hot Spots

Mauna Kea
Forest
Reserve

Kalaoa

Kahului

Khei

Haleakala
National Park

National Fire Activity *(as of Aug 10)*

National Preparedness Level

PL3

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (123 fires)	
New large fires:	4	
Large fires contained:	2	
Uncontained large fires:	39	
Cumulative Acres Burned	1,520,093	
Total Responders (2023 Fire Season)	10,883	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	2 of 16	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	8 of 33	

Preparedness Levels Legend

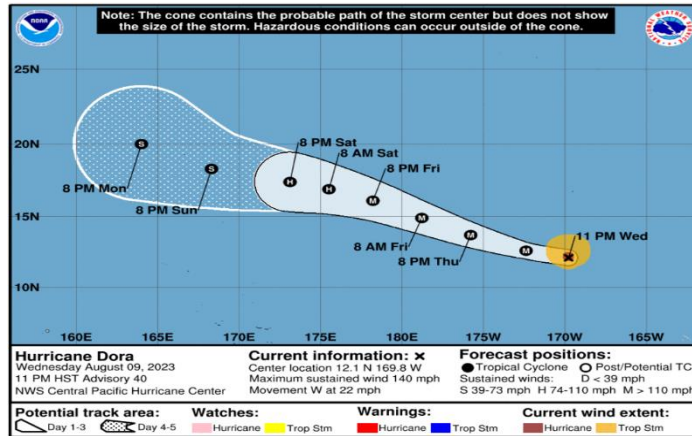
PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of county; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed

Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific

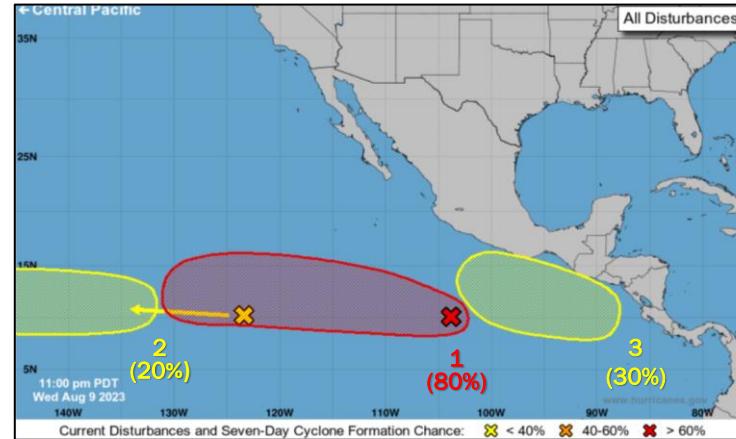
Eastern Pacific

Atlantic



Hurricane Dora (CAT 4) (Advisory #40 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,000 miles SW of Honolulu, HI
- Moving W at 22 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 140 mph
- Some weakening forecast over the next few days
- Hurricane force winds extend 30 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 115 miles



Disturbance 1 (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles S of coast of southwestern México
- Moving W at 15 mph
- Tropical depression likely to form by the weekend or early next week
- Formation chance through 48 hours – Low (20%); 7 days – High (80%)

Disturbance 2 (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well to the southwest of the southern tip of Baja California peninsula, Mexico
- Some gradual development possible next several days
- Formation chance through 48 hours – Low (near 0%); 7 days – Med (40%)

Disturbance 3 (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Forecast to form in a few days offshore of Central America
- Some gradual development is possible during the early and middle parts of next week
- Formation chance through 48 hours – Low (near 0%); 7 days – Low (20%)



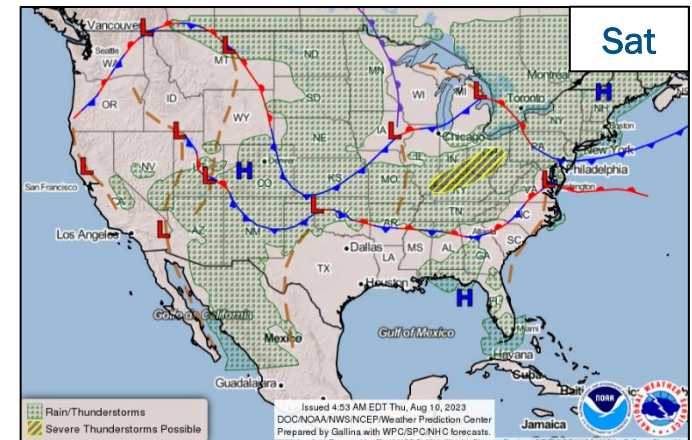
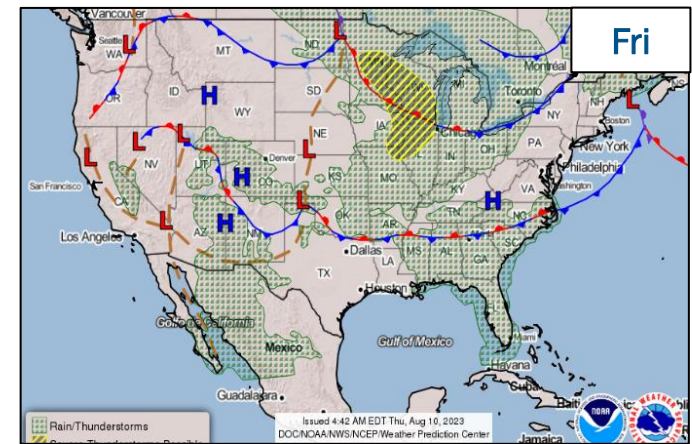
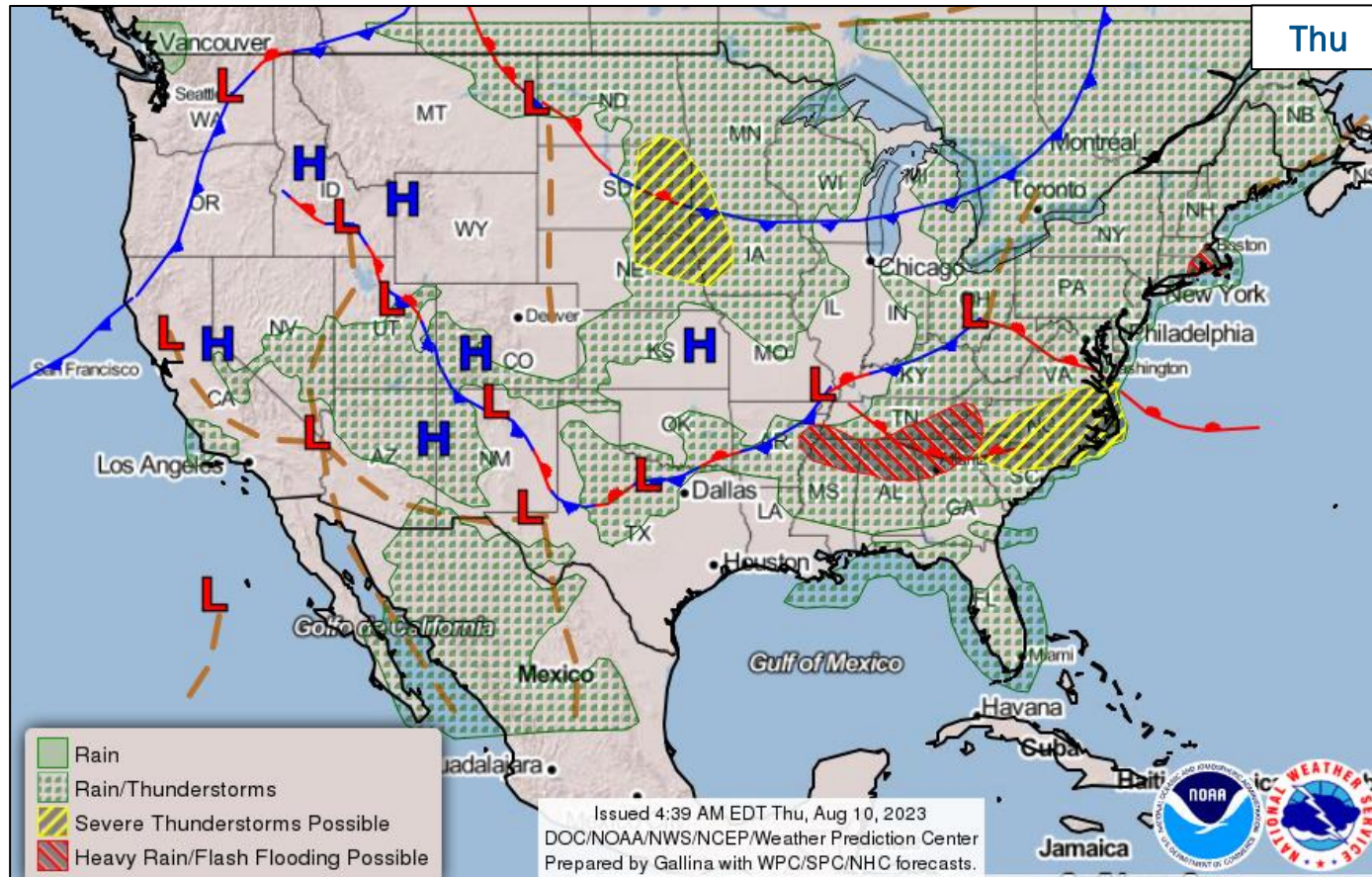
- No new tropical cyclones are expected during the next seven days



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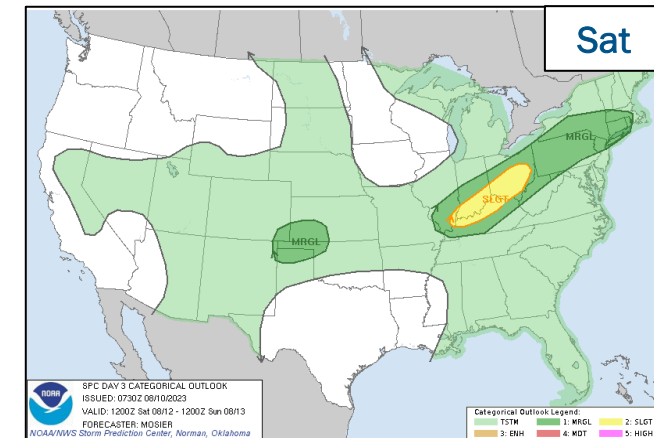
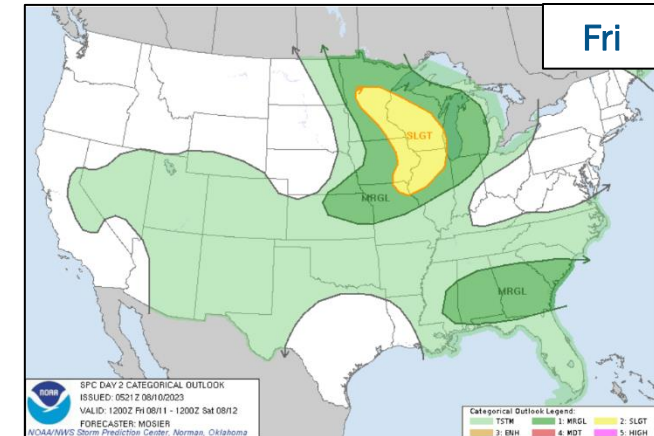
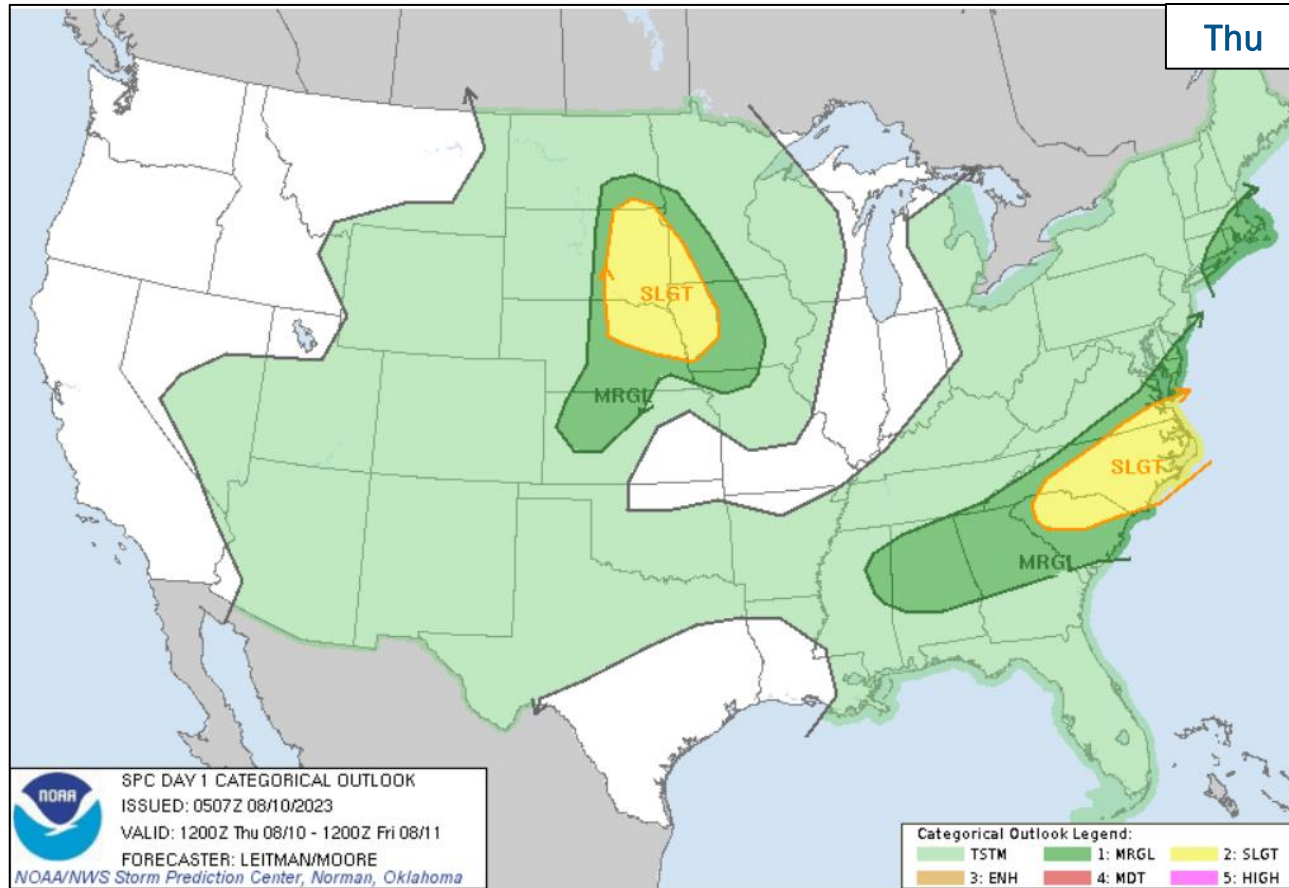
National Weather Forecast



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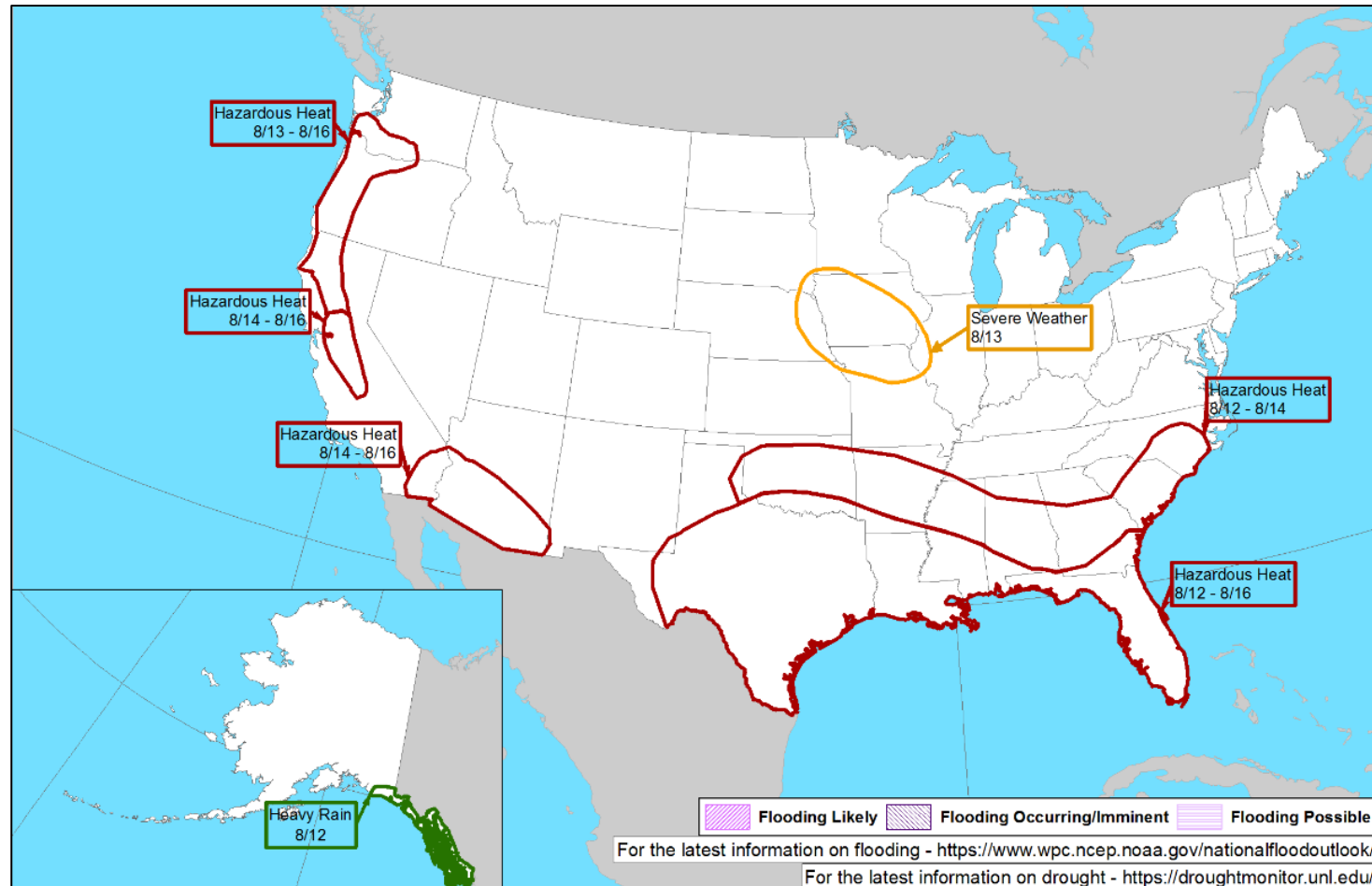
Severe Weather Outlook



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Hazards Outlook – Aug 12 - 16



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

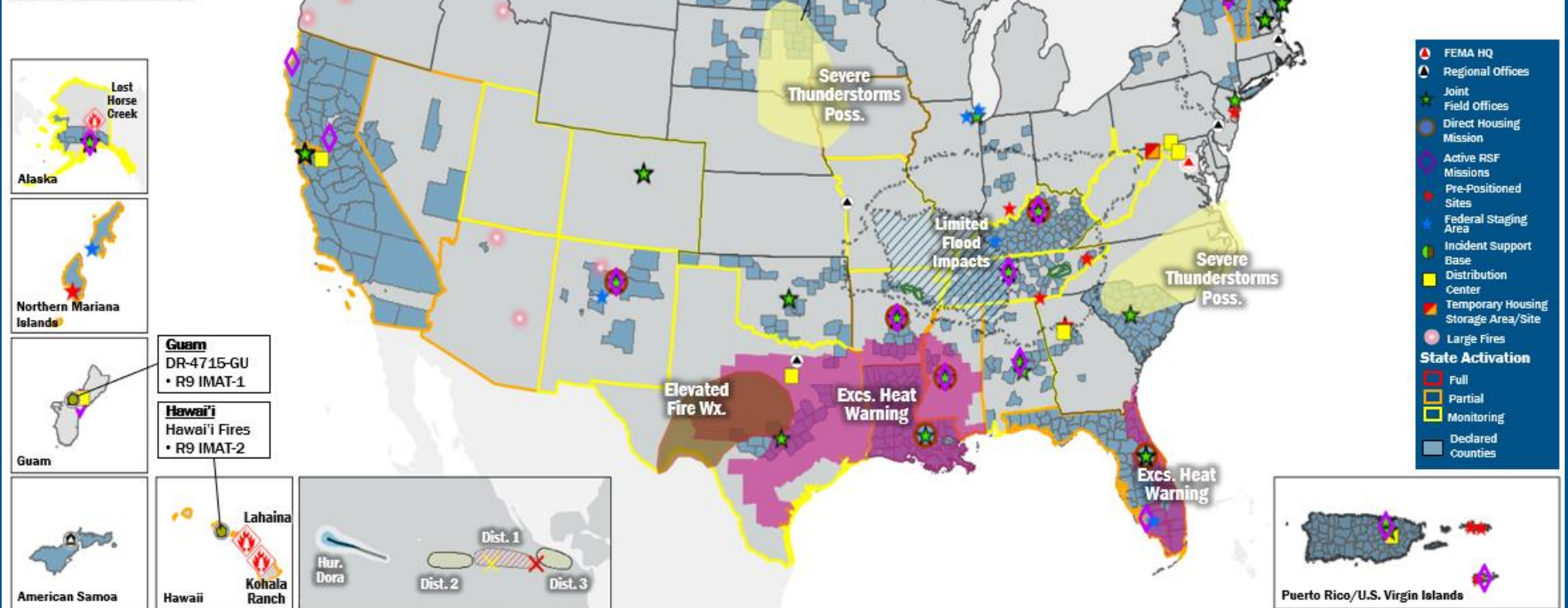
16 + 8 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
66 + 0 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
7 Direct Housing Missions
18 RSF-Supported Disasters

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Rostered
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWC/RRCC: * All at Monitoring/Rostered	State EOCs: - AL/AR/KY/MO/MS/TN/TX/WV: Severe Weather - FL: TC Ian - CA/IA/KY/NV/UT/VT: Flooding - CO: Avian Influenza, Public Health Support, and Suncor Refinery - AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination - AK/HI/NM/UT/WA: Wildfires - CNMI: Typhoon Mawar - CA: Excessive Heat
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,217	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	VT
II	
III	Reconstituting
IV-1	
IV-2	
V	
VI-1	
VI-2	1
VII	1
VIII	2
IX-1	GU
IX-2	HI
X	Personnel
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	8	0
II	1/2	4	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	7/1	16	0
V	0/1	2	0
VI	4/1	7	0
VII	0/0	0	0
VIII	0/1	5	0
IX	0/1	15	0
X	1/1	9	0



IM Workforce

13,529 (+1) Assigned
 4,394 (+4) Unavailable
 5,549 (+80) Deployed
 27% / 3,586 (-83) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability
 Civil Rights: 20% (28/141); Disability Integration: 9% (5/56); External Affairs: 25% (123/498); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (152/811); Field Leadership: 16% (21/134); Hazard Mitigation: 20% (244/1,246); Human Resources: 14% (23/165); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (57/289); Logistics: 21% (324/1,513); Operations: 19% (65/345); Public Assistance: 7% (159/2,165); Planning: 12% (56/459); Safety: 9% (7/79); Security: -1% (-1/139)

MERS
 ≥ 66%
 36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 1 (+1) Deployed
 35 (-1) Available

US&R
 ≥ 66%
 28 Assigned
 3 Unavailable
 0 Deployed
 25 Available

FCO
 ≤ 1 Type I
 46 Assigned
 6 Unavailable
 33 (22 FCOR) Deployed
 7 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	ME	Flooding Jun 26	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	7/21 - TBD
	NH	Flooding Jun 17 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/24 - TBD
	CT	Flooding Jul 9 - 10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	8/9 - TBD
II	NJ	Severe Storm and Flooding Jul 9 - 10	IA	0 (-1)	0	TBD
			PA	1	1	7/28 - 7/31
III	PA	Flooding Jul 9	IA	1	1	7/19 - 7/20
			PA	1	0	7/19 - TBD
	PA	Flooding Jul 15 - 16	IA	2	0	8/2 - TBD
			PA	2	0	8/2 - TBD
V	IL	Severe Storms and Flash Flooding Jun 29 - Jul 2	IA	1	1	7/24 - 7/28
			PA	14	0	7/24 - TBD
VI	AR	Straight-Line Winds Jun 25	IA	7	7 (+1)	7/31 - 8/3
			PA	5	5	7/24 - 8/1
IX	NV	Spring Flooding May 21 - Jul 12	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	2 (+2)	7/24 - 8/8



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
MI – Flooding	DR		X	X	Jun 15
IA – Building Collapse	DR		X		Jun 20
MT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Jun 23
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
TN – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Jul 20
MS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR	X	X	X	Jul 24
CO – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
NH – Severe Storms, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
NJ – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Landslides	DR		X	X	Jul 28
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 2
PA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 31
IL – Severe Storms, and Flooding	DR	X			Aug 7
IA – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 7



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