

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Remnants of Hilary – CA- Final
- Tropical Activity Preparations – Atlantic
- Wildfires – WA
- Wildfires – HI

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms – Ohio Valley
- Heavy Rain and Flash Flooding – Southern Plains and Southern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Depression Harold
 - Tropical Storm Franklin
 - Disturbance 1(AL92): Med (40%); Disturbance 2: Med (60%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Med (50%)
 - Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Depression 08W

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Spokane Co. Wildfires – Washington

Situation: Lifelines continue to trend upward indicating improving conditions with the state assessing some lifelines yellow and other green and Region 10 reporting lifelines as green from federal perspective. As of Tuesday Aug 22nd, 21,050 acres burned. NWCC reports Gray fire as 25% contained and Oregon fire as 0% contained.

Lifelines Impacts: (Region X Report as of 1:57 a.m. ET, Aug 23)

Safety and Security:

- Approximately 21,050 (+880) total acres burned
- Residence threatened: 1,850 total, (1,000 Gray, 850 Oregon Road)
- Destroyed: 256 homes (185 Gray, 80 Oregon Road); 80 structures destroyed (Oregon Road)
- Medical Lake evacuation reduced to Level 1

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

- Mandatory evacuations
 - Oregon Road Fire 4,000 (ICS-209)
 - Gray Fire reduced evac Level, allowing 4k to return (ICS-209)
- Shelter pop: 97 (-92) (ARC Shelter Report as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Aug 23)

Health and Medical:

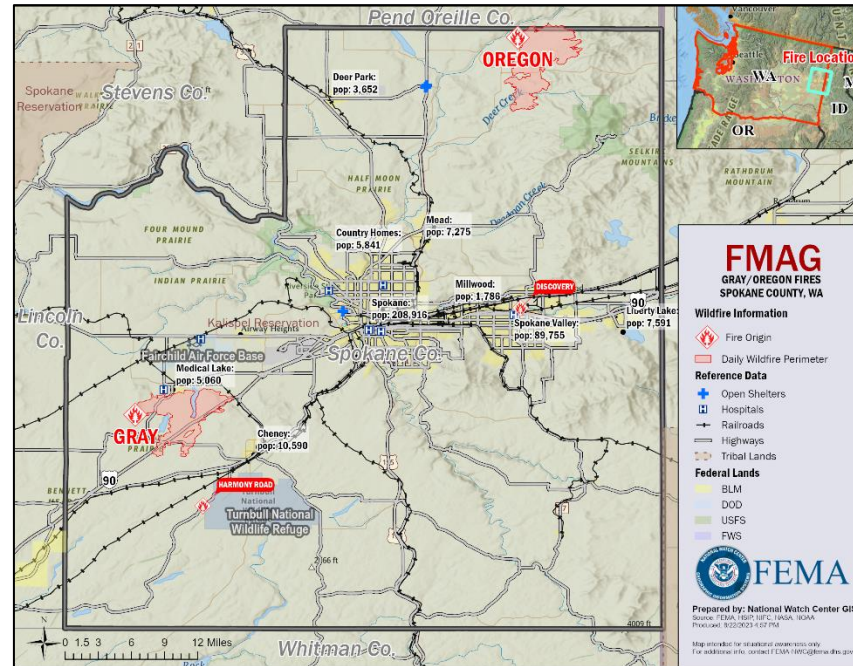
- Air Quality Index: Moderate-Unhealthy to Hazardous; expected improvement
- 2 confirmed fatalities

Energy:

- Minimal power outages throughout the state of Washington
- Natural gas service shut off to 292 customer

Communications:

- Limited telecommunications due to impacted cell towers in the area surrounding the Gray Fire
- Eastern State Hospital: Primary and secondary fiber cut; limited connectivity restored



Transportation:

- SR 902 is closed from MP.1 at the I-90 interchange to MP 5.5 Campbell Road
- All of SR 904 is now open
- Rail lines reported as operational except one line to move wheat due to collapsed wooden bridge

Hazardous Material:

- 292 customers have natural gas shut off in response to gas line venting

State / Local Response:

- WA at Full Activation (Fire Season) w/ ESFs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20
- Governor declared a SOE

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAGs approved Aug 19
- Region X RRCC at Level III / Bothell MOC at Enhanced Watch
- FEMA LNO is deployed to State EOC
- Region X IMAT deployed
- HQ & R10 GIS coordinating remote sensing damage assessments.
- Region X Satellite VIIRS Thermal Hotspot analysis and fire activity over 48 hours trends to lower density rural areas



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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	9,317	23%	M: Lifted	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
River Road East (Sanders, MT)	5480-FM-MT	16,772 (-18)	2% (+2)	M: 0	H: 215	H: 0	H: 13	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 37	
Gray (Spokane, WA)	5479-FM-WA	10,016 (+2)	48% (+23)	M: 1,000	H: 850	H: 40 (+40)	H: 245 (+55)	1 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O: 11 (+11)	O: 86 (+86)	
Oregon Rd. (Spokane, WA)	5481-FM-WA	11,036 (+94)	0%	M: 4,000	H: 1,000	H: 12	H: 80 (-80)	1 / 1
				V: 0	O: 1,000	O: 15	O: 80	

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



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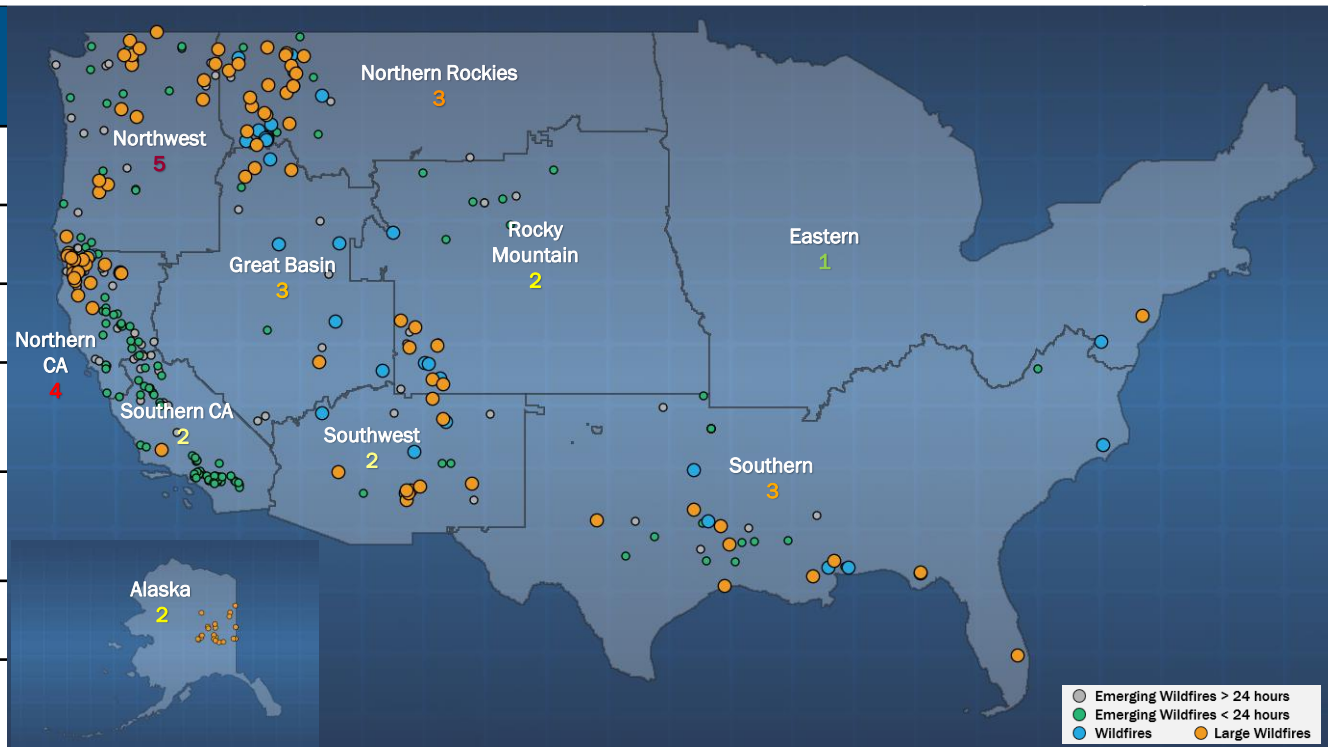
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National Fire Activity *(as of Aug 23)*

National Preparedness Level

PL4

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Moderate <i>(233 fires)</i>
New large fires:	3
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:	59
Cumulative Acres Burned	1,800,272
Total Responders <i>(2023 Fire Season)</i>	16,594
Type 1 IMTs deployed	6 of 16
Type 2 IMTs deployed	9 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

Wildfires – Hawaii

Maui



Current Situation: FEMA and federal partners continue to support the state of Hawaii in response and recovery efforts from Hawaii Wildfires. Mission priorities remain focused on Search & Rescue, fire containment, and damage assessments in the impacted area (Maui County).

Lifelines Impacts: (FEMA-DR-4724-HI-SLB #13 as of 2:30 a.m. ET, Aug 23)

Safety and Security:

- USAR continue to conduct secondary low searches and secondary high searches
- Maui FD leading all Dive Team underwater search and recovery operations of remains from Lahaina Harbor

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

- All congregate shelters closed
 - ARC-managed: 2 sites; midnight count: 9
 - Independent-managed: 1 sites; midnight count: 7
- Non-Congregate Shelters Open: 10; midnight count: 2,387 (+431)
- 24 (-8) feeding locations with 146,103 (+9,957) meals served

Health and Medical:

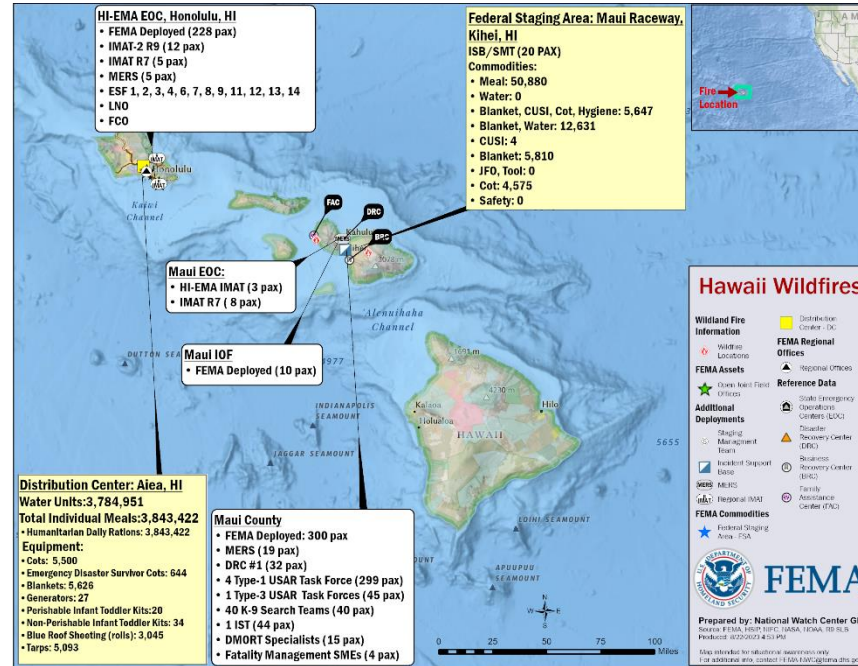
- 115 confirmed fatalities; 67 fire-related injuries

Water Systems:

- USACE delivered a total of 7 back-up generators (3 to Dept. Water Supply and 4 to water systems booster pump sites)

Energy:

- 1,900 customers remain without power in Maui
- Power restoration: West Maui (areas that can be accessed) – Aug 20-26; central Maui (Alaluana above Olinda) – 8/ 27



Communications: (Maui County)

- 2,194 landline/cable subscribers have been restored; 14.5k subscribers out of service in the disaster area (includes loss of equipment and internet service)

Transportation:

- 3 Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) in effect for Maui County
- Access limited for Honoapiʻilani and Lahaina Bypass Roads: open to the public during the day and evening; limited to residents and first responders overnight

State / Local Response:

- HI state EOC at Full Activation / Gov declared a SOE

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA-4724-DR-HI approved Aug 10
- Region IX RWC continues to monitor
 - IMAT-2 with ESFs 1 through 15 and DCE deployed to HI
 - 1 LNO deployed to HI EOC (Oahu), 1 LNO in Maui
 - 1 FCO in Maui, 1 in Oahu
- HQ:
 - Region VII IMAT deployed to HI
 - US&R: Blue IST, 4 NIMS Type 1 task forces, 1 NIMS Type 3 task force, 2 Mission Ready Packages - Canine Search, and 35 single resource Canine Search Teams
 - MERS personnel deployed to HI
 - Staging Management Team (SMT) and Incident Support Base (ISB) team deployed to Maui
 - Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) open
 - NWC continues to monitor in coordination with Region IX; the next update will be in the 5:00 p.m. ET FEMA National Situation Report

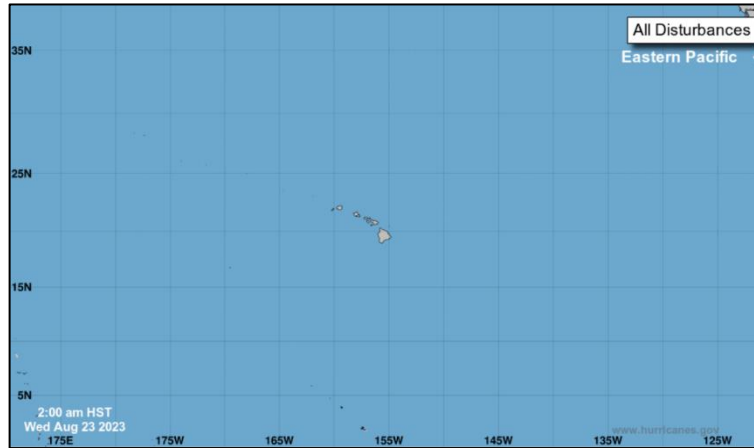


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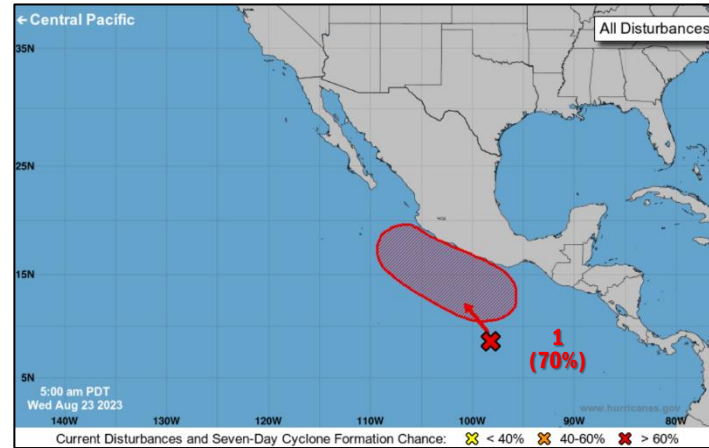
Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific



- No new tropical cyclones are expected during the next 7 days

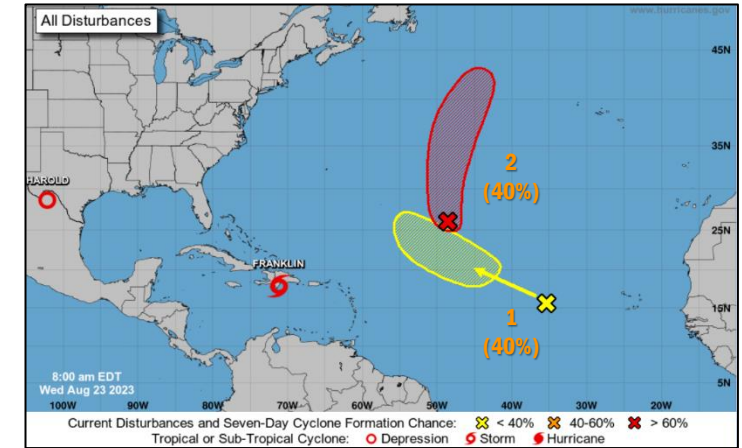
Eastern Pacific



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

- Low pressure is expected to form offshore of the coast of southern Mexico during the next few days
- Moving NNW
- Gradual development of this system, a tropical depression could form late this week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **Low (30%)**; 7-day: **High (70%)**

Atlantic



Tropical Storm Franklin (Advisory #11A as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slides

Tropical Depression Harold (Advisory #8 as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **235 miles S** of Midland TX
- Maximum sustained winds **30 mph**
- Moving **WNW** at **14 mph**

Disturbance 1 (AL92) (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles W of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Conditions marginally favorable for development, but a tropical depression could form later this week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **Low (10%)**; 7-day: **Low (30%)**

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

- Located several hundred miles ENE of the Leeward Islands
- Conducive for re-development of this system late this week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **Med (50%)**; 7-day: **Med (70%)**



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Tropical Storm Franklin – Atlantic

Situation (Advisory #11A as of 8:00 p.m. ET)

- 25 miles SSW of Barahona, Dominican Republic
- Moving N at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 115 miles
- The center of Franklin is expected to cross the island of Hispaniola today and emerge over the southwestern Atlantic waters later today or tonight



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Tropical Activity Preparations – Atlantic

Current Situation:

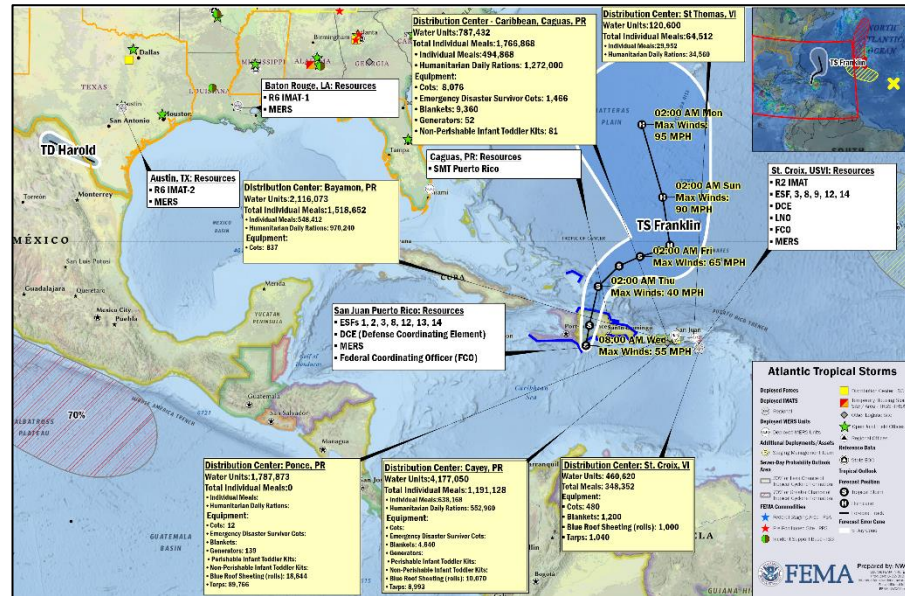
FEMA continues to prepare for response and recovery efforts focusing on FEMA Regions II, IV, and VI. The National Hurricane Center is monitoring several tropical disturbances in the Atlantic that may pose a threat to US interests over the next several days

Impacts:

- Flood Watch in effect for: portions of the Trans-Pecos and Big Bend in western TX

State / Local Response: (RVI Daily Ops Brief as of 8:30 a.m. ET, Aug 22)

- TX EOC: Partial Activation (TC Harold); Activated ESFs 1-20
- TX activated 7 Boat Teams; pre-positioned for SAR ops
- TX Military Department (TMD) activated 2 Ground Support Platoons pre-positioned in Live Oak County
- FL EOC: Partial Activation (TC Ian)
- MS EOC: Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
- AL & TN Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- LA, PR and USVI EOCs at Normal Operations; VITEMA and PREMB are monitoring for potential activation



FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region IV: Monitoring; RRCC, DIVS, and IGA rostered
- Region VI:
 - RRCC activated to Level III w/ ESF 1 and DCE
 - IMAT-1: deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
 - IMAT-2: deployed to Austin, TX
 - Pre-identified Staging Bases including (NAS Kingsville or Moore AB in Edinburg) and is developing potential commodities support package to utilize if the situation warrants

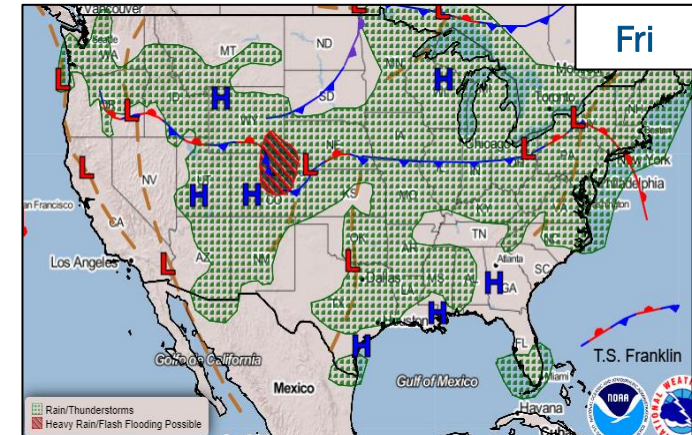
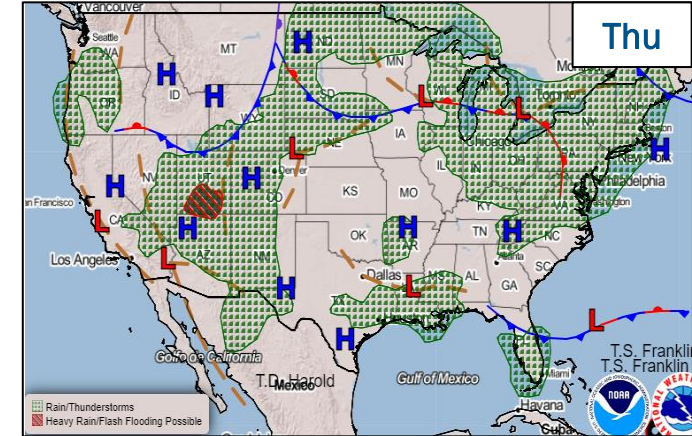
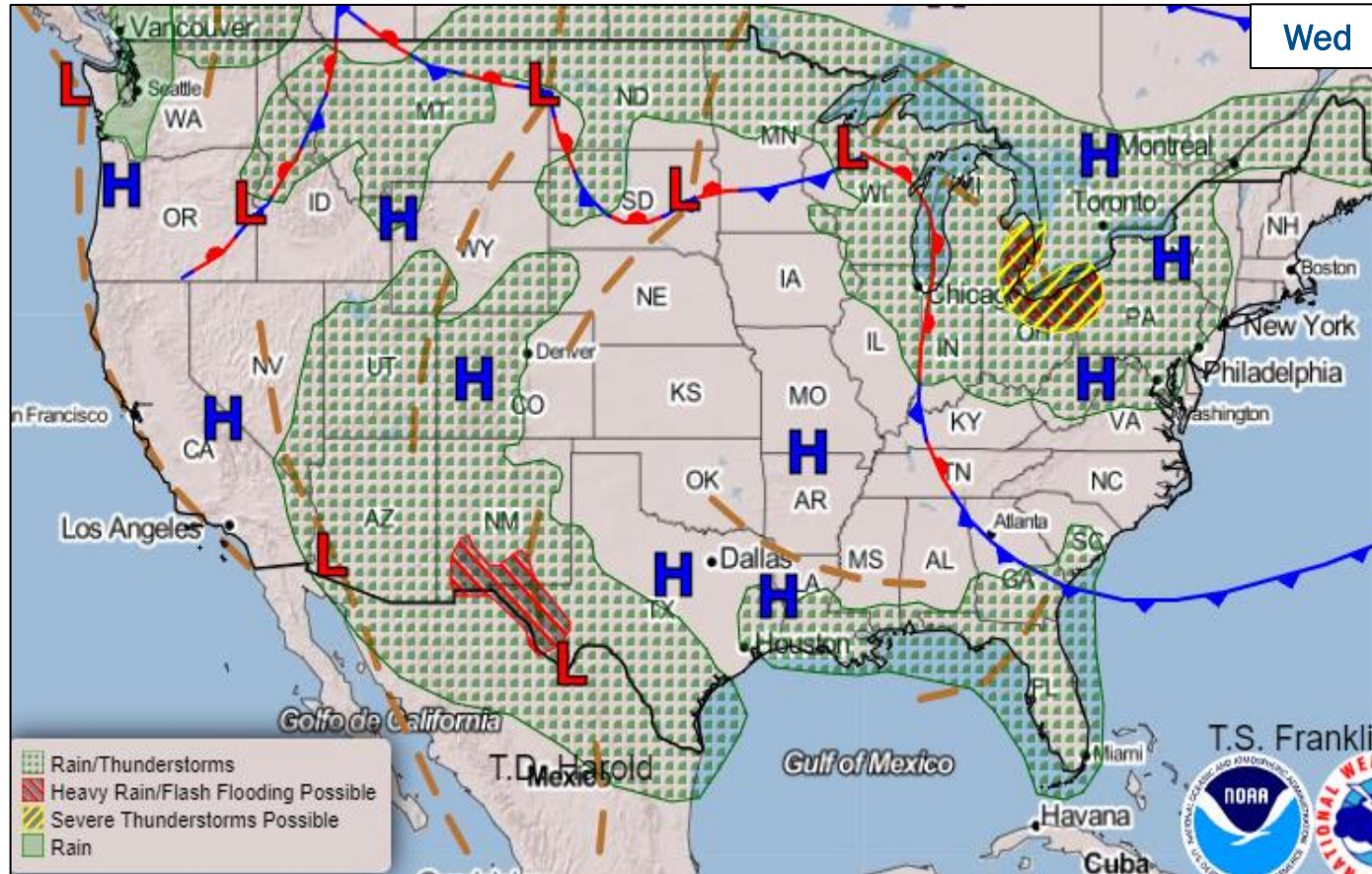
FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region II
 - RWC is Monitoring
 - RRCC at Level III w/ ESFs 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 14 and DCE
 - Response and Recovery Augments deployed to PR and USVI
 - IMAT deployed to St. Croix w/ ESFs 1, 3, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and DCE
 - Collateral IMAT deployed to St. Thomas w/ ESFs 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 14 and DCE
 - Ad-Hoc IMAT deployed to PR
 - LNOs deploying upon activation of EOCs
 - FCOs deployed to PR and USVI
 - LNO and DIVS rostered and prepared to deploy upon activation of EOCs
 - All resources deployed for RII
- FEMA HQ
 - NRCC activated
 - Staging Management Team (SMT) deployed to PR
 - Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) placed on Alert
 - MERS support deployed to USVI and PR



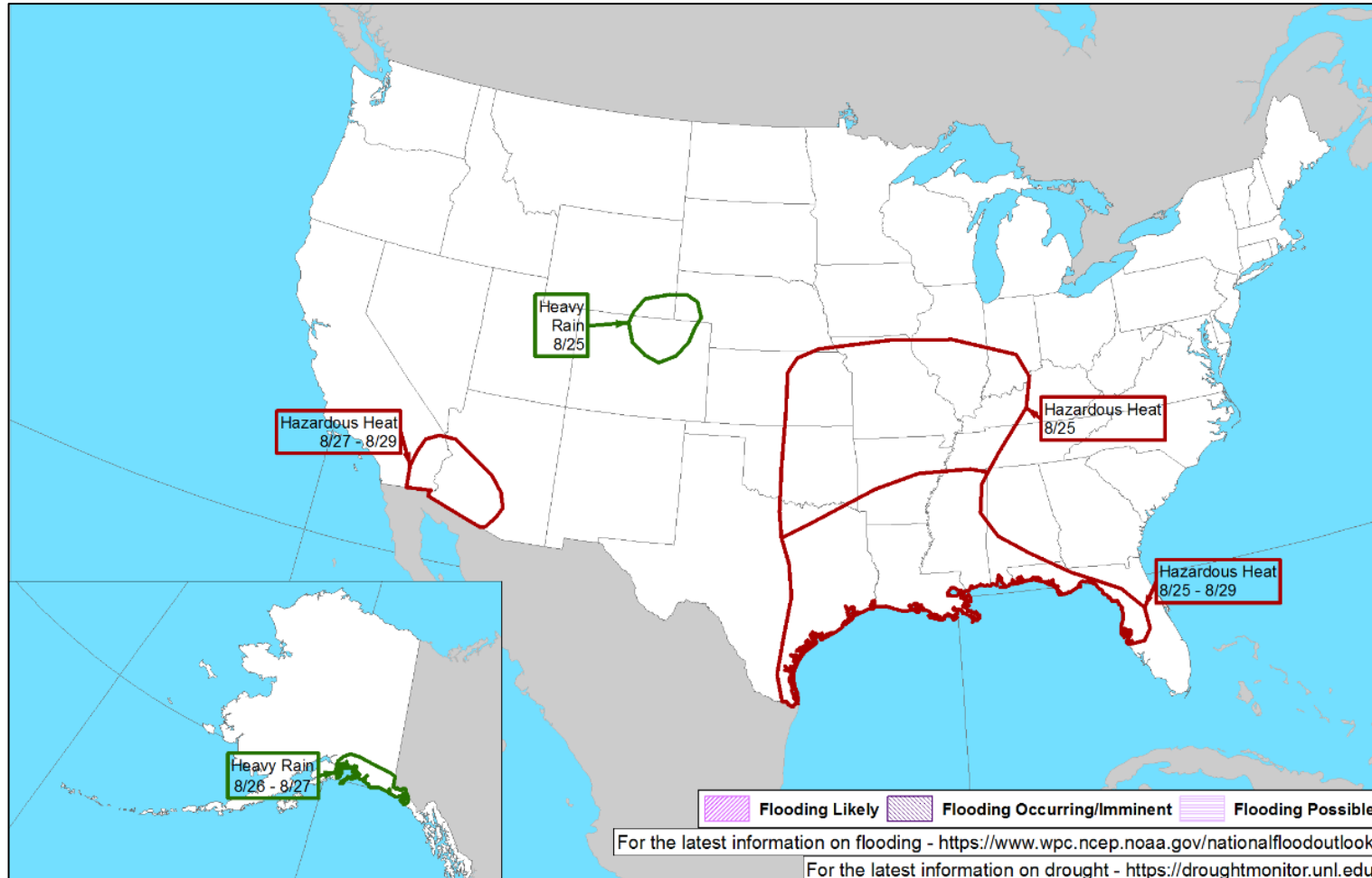
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Hazards Outlook – Aug 21-25



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

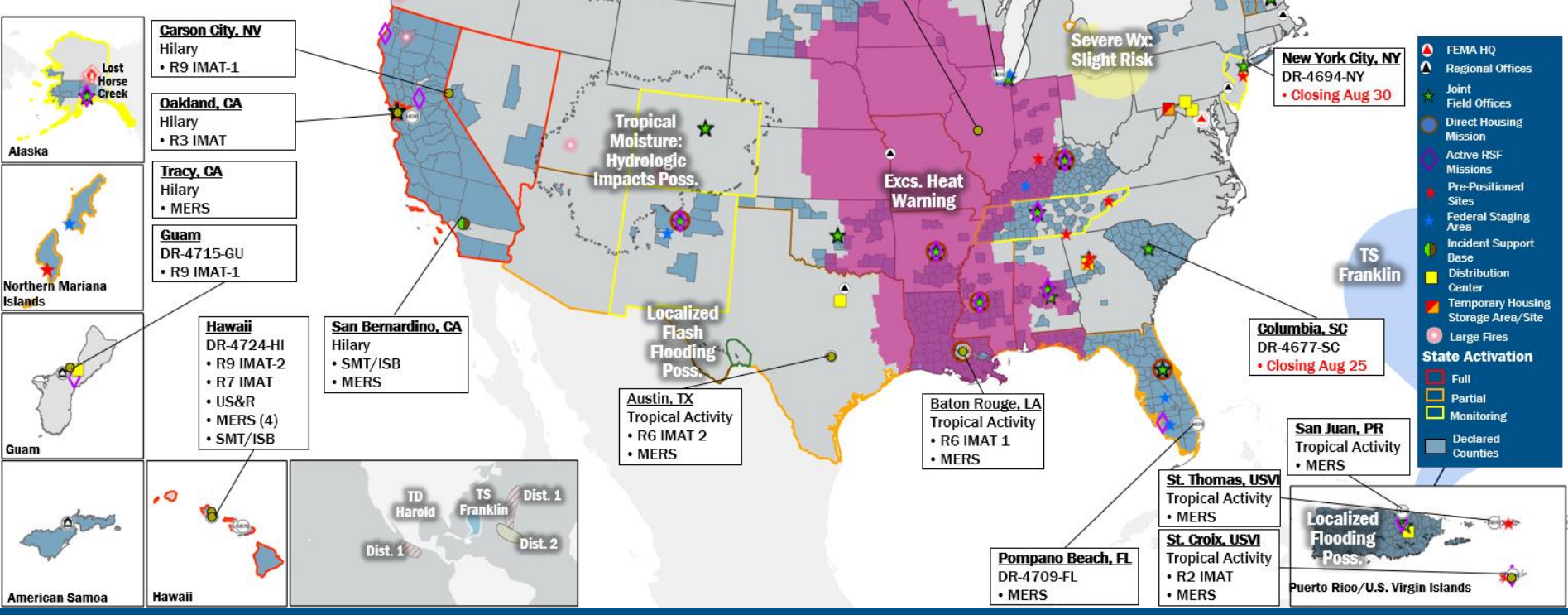
16 + 8 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices
71 + 0 Supporting Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
7 Direct Housing Missions
18 RSF-Supported Disasters

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Level III
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Level III
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Enhanced	X Level III
Notes:	
RWC/RRCC: - NRCC: (day shift) Tropical Activity - RII RRCC: Tropical Activity - RVI RRCC: Level III (PTC9 Preparation) - RX RRCC: Level III (Wildfires)	State EOCs: - MO/MS/TN/TX: Severe Weather - FL: TC Ian - AK/NV/VT: Flooding - CO: Avian Influenza, Public Health Support, and Suncoar Refinery - AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination - AK/HI/NM/WA: Wildfires - CNMI: Typhoon Mawar - CA: Tropical Storm - NJ: Dragway Wildfire - TX: TS Harold
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,257 (+42)	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
0-3 Teams Available	
I	VT
II	USVI
III	CA
IV-1	Personnel
IV-2	Personnel
V	IL
VI-1	LA
VI-2	TX
VII	HI
VIII	1
IX-1	GU/NV
IX-2	HI
X	WA
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	5	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	7/1	18	0
V	1/1	3	0
VI	3/1	6	0
VII	0/0	0	0
VIII	0/1	6	0
IX	0/1	16	0
X	1/1	9	0



IM Workforce

13,586 (-2) Assigned
 4,267 (+23) Unavailable
 6,440 (-17) Deployed

21% / 2,879 (-8) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 11% (16/141); Disability Integration: 4% (2/55); External Affairs: 16% (81/500); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (138/809); Field Leadership: 11% (15/135); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (200/1,247); Human Resources: 10% (17/169); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 21% (62/294); Information Technology: 22% (140/644); Logistics: 16% (243/1,516); Operations: 12% (40/347); Public Assistance: 5% (114/2,177); Planning: 6% (30/464); Safety: 4% (3/80); Security: 10% (14/139)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 10 (+3) Deployed

26 (-3) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 5 Deployed

22 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

48 Assigned
 7 Unavailable
 36 (-1) (23 (FCOR) Deployed)

5 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	CT	Flooding Jul 9-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	8/9 - TBD
	NH	Flooding Jun 17 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/24 - TBD
	VT	Flooding Aug 3-8	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	8/21 - TBD
III	PA	Flooding Jul 15-16	IA	2	2	8/2 - 8/10
			PA	2	0	8/2 - TBD
IV	TN	Severe Storms and Tornado Aug 7	IA	1	0	8/22 - TBD
			PA	11	0	8/22 - 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
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34 (+3)	0	8/15 - TBD
	KS	Severe Storms and Flooding Jun 27 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	31	0	TBD
X	AK	Glacier Outburst Flooding Juneau Aug 4-6	IA	1	0	8/23 - TBD
			PA	1	0	8/23 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 14

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
MI – Flooding	DR		X	X	Jun 15
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
CO – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 27
NH – Severe Storms, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
PA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 31
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 1
WY – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 1
IA – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 3
Burns Paiute Tribe – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 10
UT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
ME – Severe Storms and Flooding (Jun 26)	DR		X	X	Aug 16
ME – Severe Storms and Flooding (Jun 29)	DR		X	X	Aug 16
KY – Severe Storms, Flooding, Straight-line Winds, and tornadoes	DR	X			Aug 18
TN – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR		X	X	Aug 18



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