

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Activity Preparations – Atlantic
- Wildfires – WA
- Wildfires – HI

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – Arkansas
- Approved: Major Disaster Declaration – Alaska
- 2 FMAGs Approved: LA & OR

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms – Great Lakes and Ohio Valley
- Heavy rain and flash flooding – Central Great basin and Ohio Valley to the Mid Atlantic
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Franklin
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%); Disturbance 2: Med (40%); Disturbance 3: Med (50%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%); Disturbance 2: High (70%)
 - Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Depression 08W

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Spokane Co. Wildfires – Washington

Situation: Both FEMA RX and Washington State are in alignment on the current lifeline status as indicated on the slide. Lifelines continue to trend upward (turning green) indicating improving conditions. Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC) reports Gray fire as 48% (+23) contained and Oregon Rd. fire as 0% contained.

Lifelines Impacts: (Region X Report, as of 11:30 p.m. ET, Aug 23)

Safety and Security:

- Approximately 21,178 (+28) total acres burned
- Residence threatened: 1,850 total, (850 Gray, 1,000 [+150] Oregon Road)
- Destroyed: 332 homes (240 [+55] Gray, 92 [+12] Oregon Road); 166 (+86) structures destroyed

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

- Gray Fire all Level 3 "Go Now" orders have been lifted allowing the 4,000 displaced residents to return home. Level 2 – Be Ready remains in effect for a couple of areas
- Shelter pop (WA): 62 (-15); 3 (+1) shelters open (American Red Cross, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Aug 24)
- Limited portions of Medical Lake still under boil water advisory.

Health and Medical:

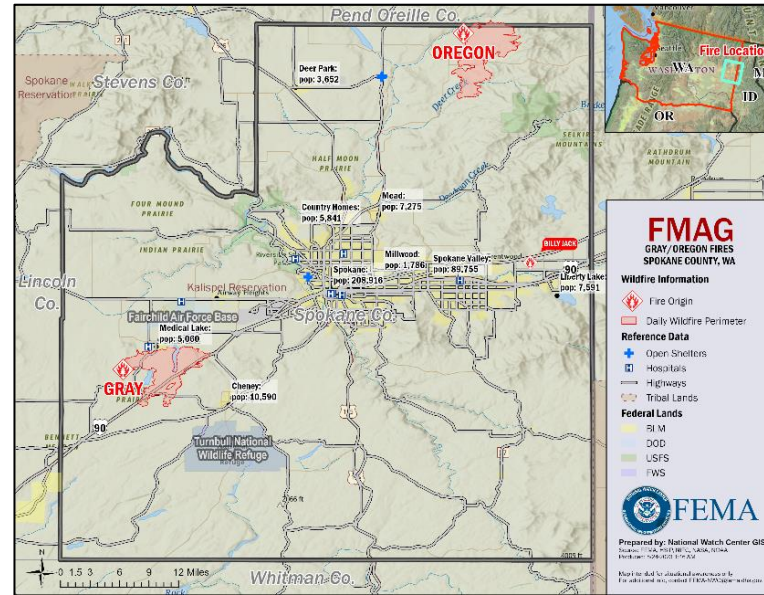
- Air Quality Index is Good
- 2 confirmed fatalities

Energy:

- Seattle City Light (SCL) crews continue inspections; in progress getting last line re-energized. SCL is meeting their energy production quota.

Communications:

- Limited telecommunications due to impacted cell towers in the area surrounding the Gray Fire. T-Mobile on site providing support. WA Tech replacing primary fiber for the Eastern State Hospital



Transportation:

- SR 902, 904, 20, and I-90 are Open
- 1 rail bridge damaged, workaround in place

Hazardous Material:

- Increased risk of HAZMAT within affected areas due to the fuels being burned across the country

State / Local Response:

- WA at Full Activation (Fire Season) w/ ESFs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 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 providing GIS/remote sensing support.



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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). **The second Disaster Recovery Center (DRC #2) is scheduled to soft open on today) and fully open on Fri. (8/25). Cellular service continues to improve in West Maui.**

Lifelines Impacts: (FEMA-DR-4724-HI-SLB #14 as of 1:41 a.m. ET, Aug 24)

Safety and Security:

- USAR continue to conduct secondary low searches and secondary high searches
- More than 600 displaced students have re-enrolled in other public schools
- 159 FLEOs from various agencies supporting Maui PD

Food, Hydration, and Shelter:

- Non-Congregate Shelters Open: **11 (+1)**; midnight count: **2,729 (+342)**
- Hotel Survivor Population: **2,870**
- TSA: **141 (+9)** people housed in 8 hotels

Health and Medical:

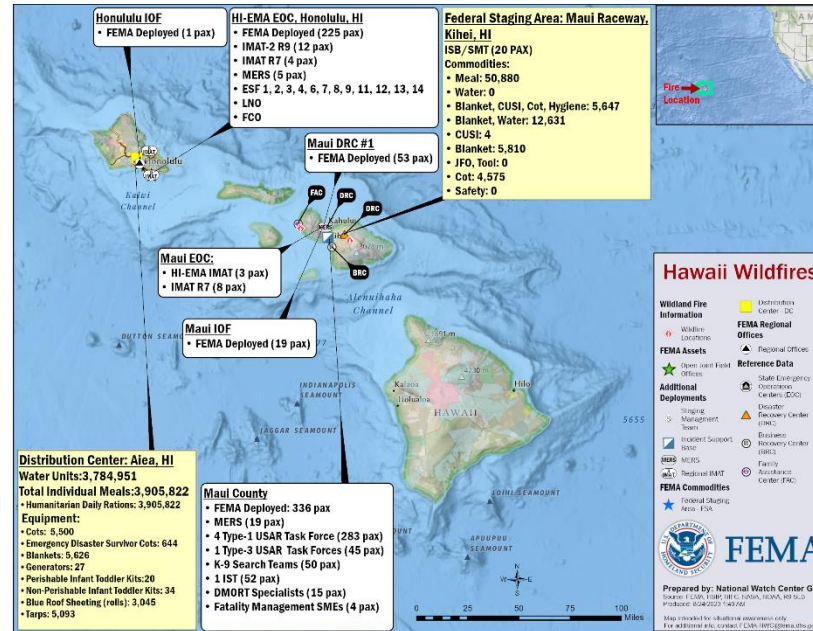
- 115 confirmed fatalities; 67 fire-related injuries
- Kula Hospital water shut off and using back up water supply for 9 days

Water Systems:

- Final generator installed 8/22 at water system booster pump site
- Awaiting water resampling for contaminants at West Maui sites

Energy:

- 1,869 (-31)** 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
- USACE: Temporary Power team and contractor will be conducting a site assessment for installation of generators to power EPA staging area in Central Maui



Communications: (Maui County)

- Telecommunications provider has begun working to restore services in Kaanapali area, north of Lahaina
- 4 of 21 cell sites have been restored to permanent fiber service in West Maui

Transportation:

- 3 Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) in effect for Maui County
- Access limited for Honoapi'iilani and Lahaina Bypass Roads: open to the public during the day and evening; limited to residents and first responders overnight
- FEMA contractors providing universal communication and prior permission required (PPR) services at Kapalua Airport until 8/30

State / Local Response:

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

FEMA / Federal Response:

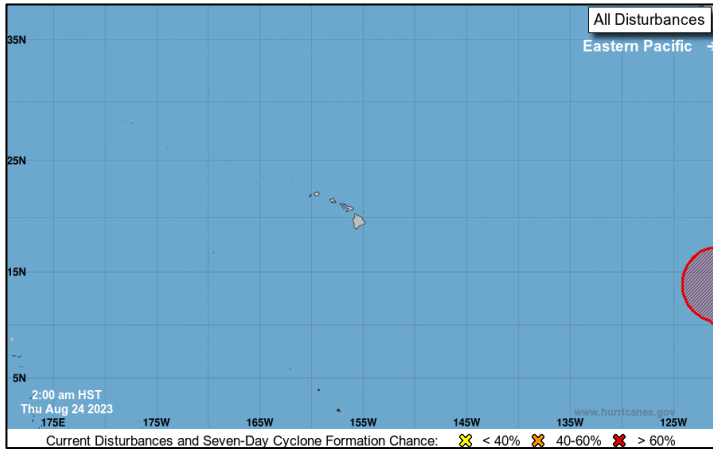
- FEMA-4724-DR-HI approved Aug 10
- Region IX RWC continues to monitor
 - IMAT-2 with ESFs 1 through 15 and DCE deployed to HI
 - 1 LNO deployed to HI EOC (Oahu), 1 LNO in Maui
 - 1 FCO in Maui, 1 in Oahu
- HQ:
 - Region VII IMAT deployed to HI
 - US&R: Blue IST, 4 NIMS Type 1 task forces, 1 NIMS Type 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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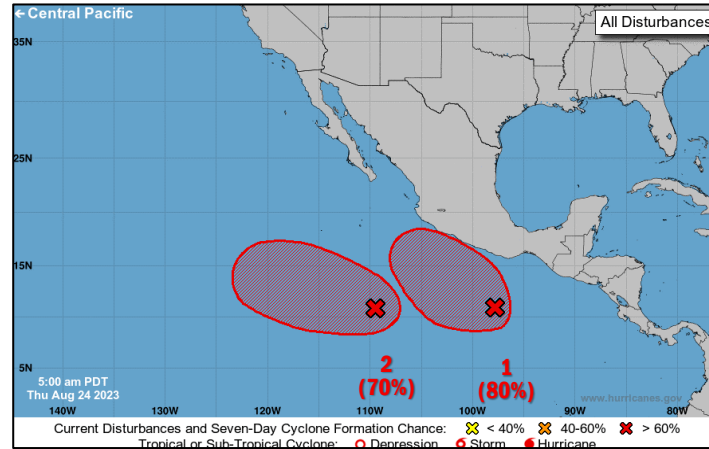
Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific



- No new tropical cyclones are expected during the next 7 days
- Storm system shown is Disturbance 2 located in the Eastern Pacific

Eastern Pacific



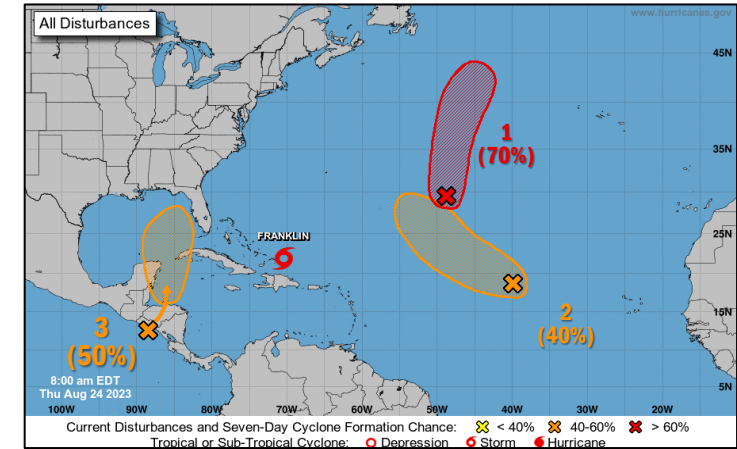
Disturbance 1 (EP91) (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles off coast of southern Mexico
- Moving N to NW
- Conditions appear favorable for gradual development, a tropical depression is likely to form the next two to three days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Med (50%); 7-day: High (80%)

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

- Located well S of the southern tip of Baja California, Mexico
- Moving WNW
- Conditions appear favorable for gradual development, a tropical depression could form in the next few days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Medium (50%); 7-day: High (70%)

Atlantic



Tropical Storm Franklin (Advisory #15, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See below

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

- Located 1,000 miles ESE of Bermuda
- This system could regenerate into a tropical storm by Friday
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (70%); 7-day: High (70%)

Disturbance 2 (AL92) (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles W of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Slow development is possible and the low could become a tropical depression by the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Medium (40%)

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

- Located along the East Pacific coast of Central America
- A tropical depression could form while it moves across the Gulf of Mexico
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Medium (50%)



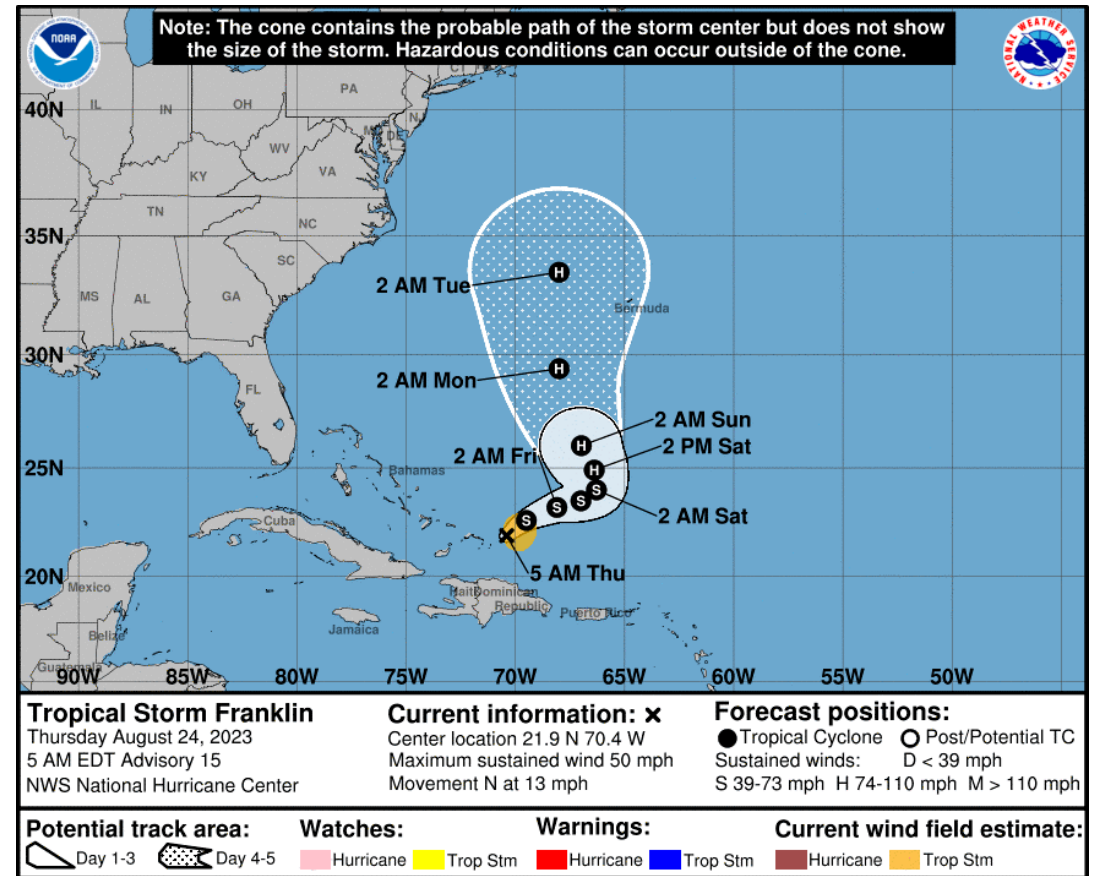
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Tropical Storm Franklin – Atlantic

Situation (Advisory #15 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **55 miles ENE** of **Grand Turk Island**
- Maximum sustained winds **50 mph**
- Moving N at 13 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward at **105 miles**
- Franklin will continue to move farther away from the Dominican Republic and over the southwestern Atlantic into the weekend



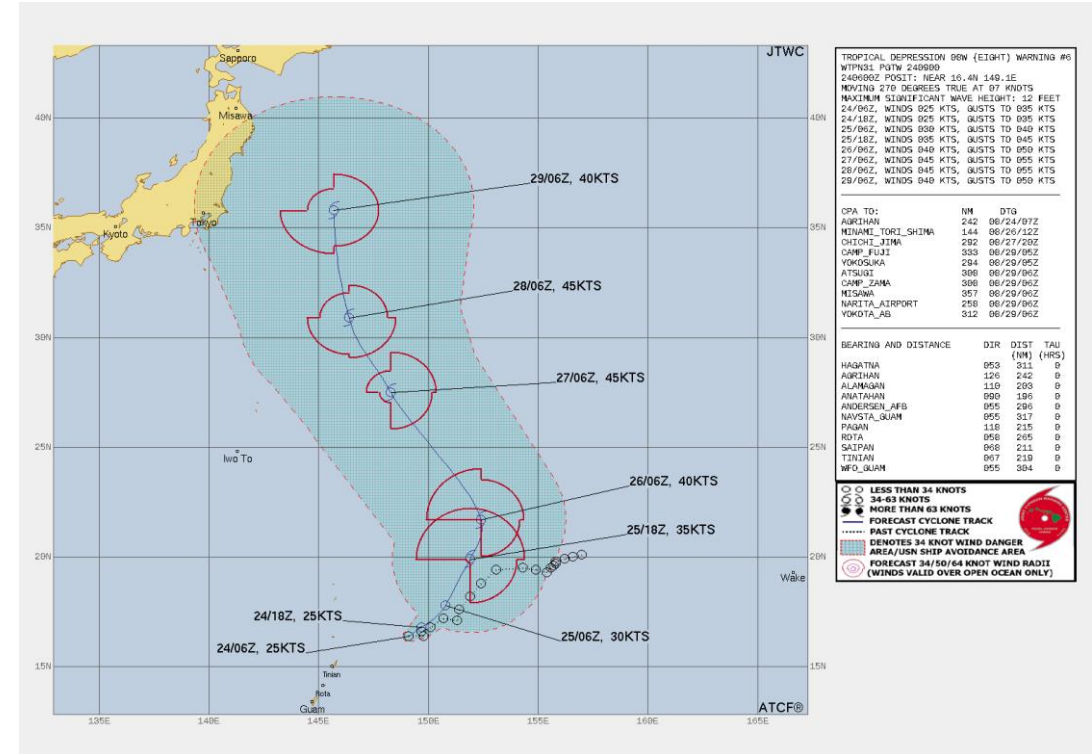
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Tropical Depression 08W – Western Pacific

Situation (Warning #06 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 328 miles ENE of Anderson AFB
- Maximum sustained winds 30 mph
- Moving WNW at 12 mph
- Further intensification to a high-end tropical storm expected as it moves away from the Mariana Islands
- 08W is not forecast to directly impact the Marianas



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Tropical Activity Preparations – Atlantic

Current Situation:

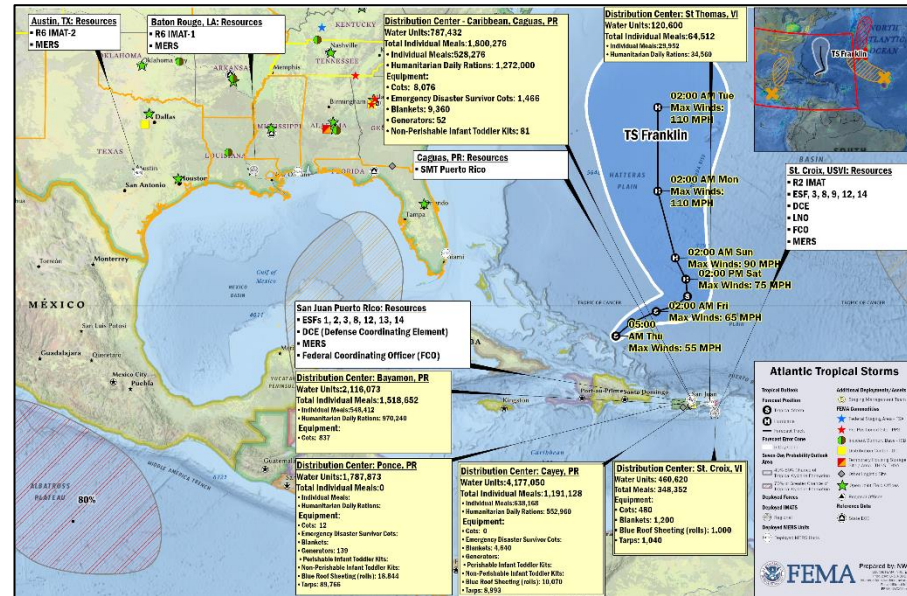
FEMA continues to prepare for response and recovery efforts focusing on FEMA Regions II, IV, and VI. The National Hurricane Center is monitoring several tropical disturbances in the Atlantic that may pose a threat to US interests over the next several days

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

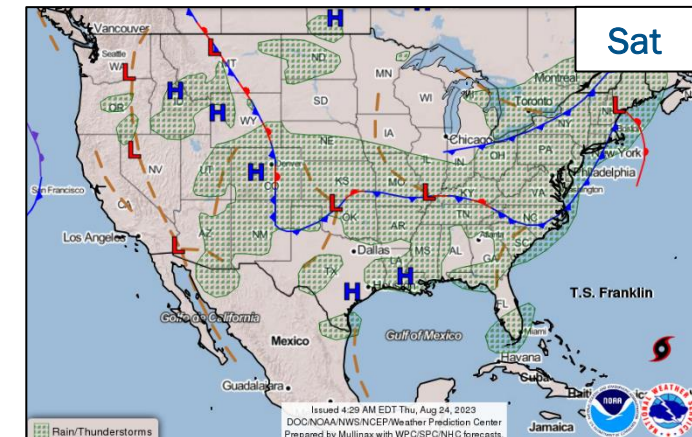
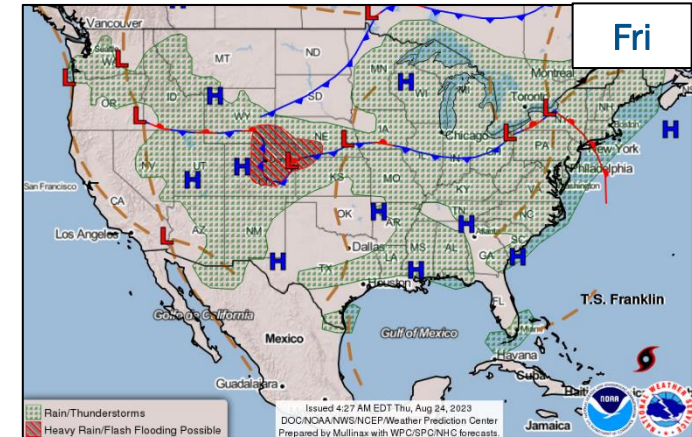
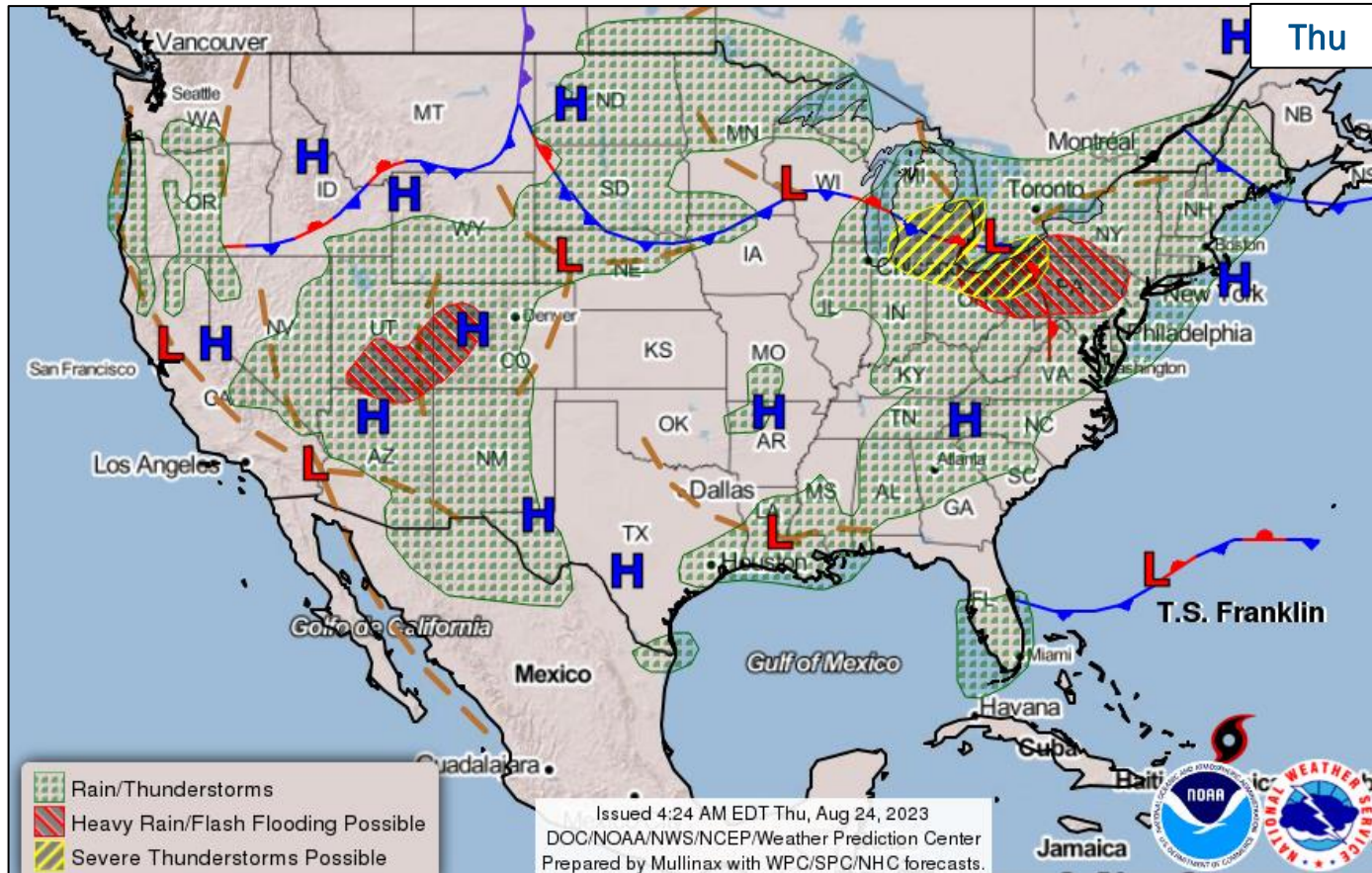
FEMA / Federal Response:

- 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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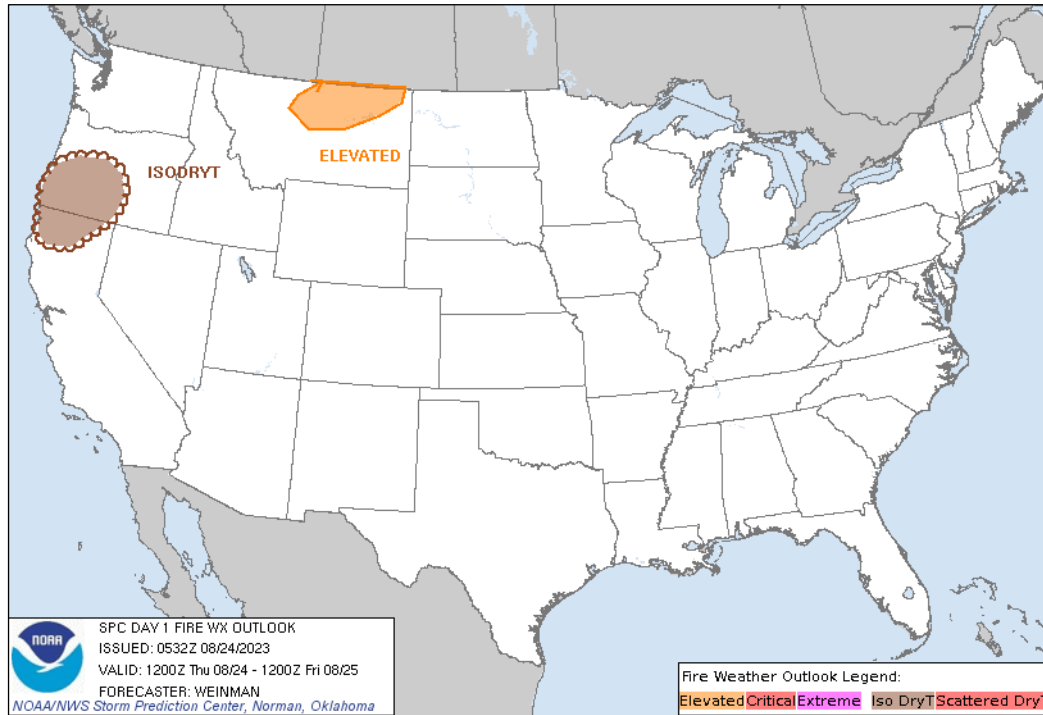
National Weather Forecast



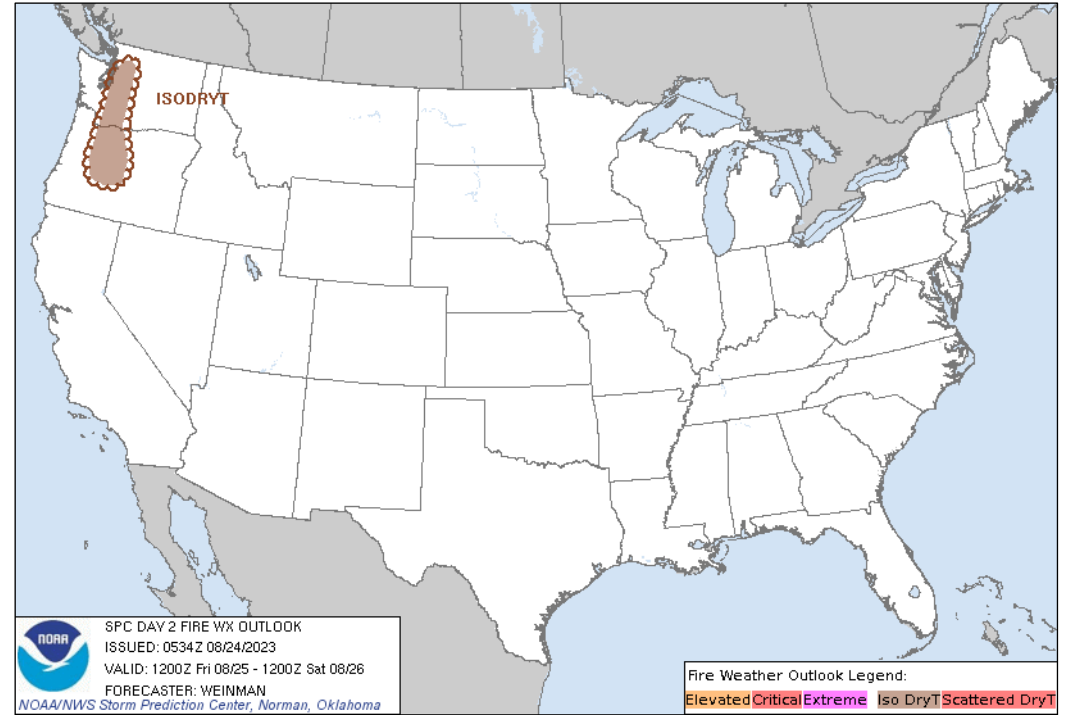
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Fire Weather Outlook



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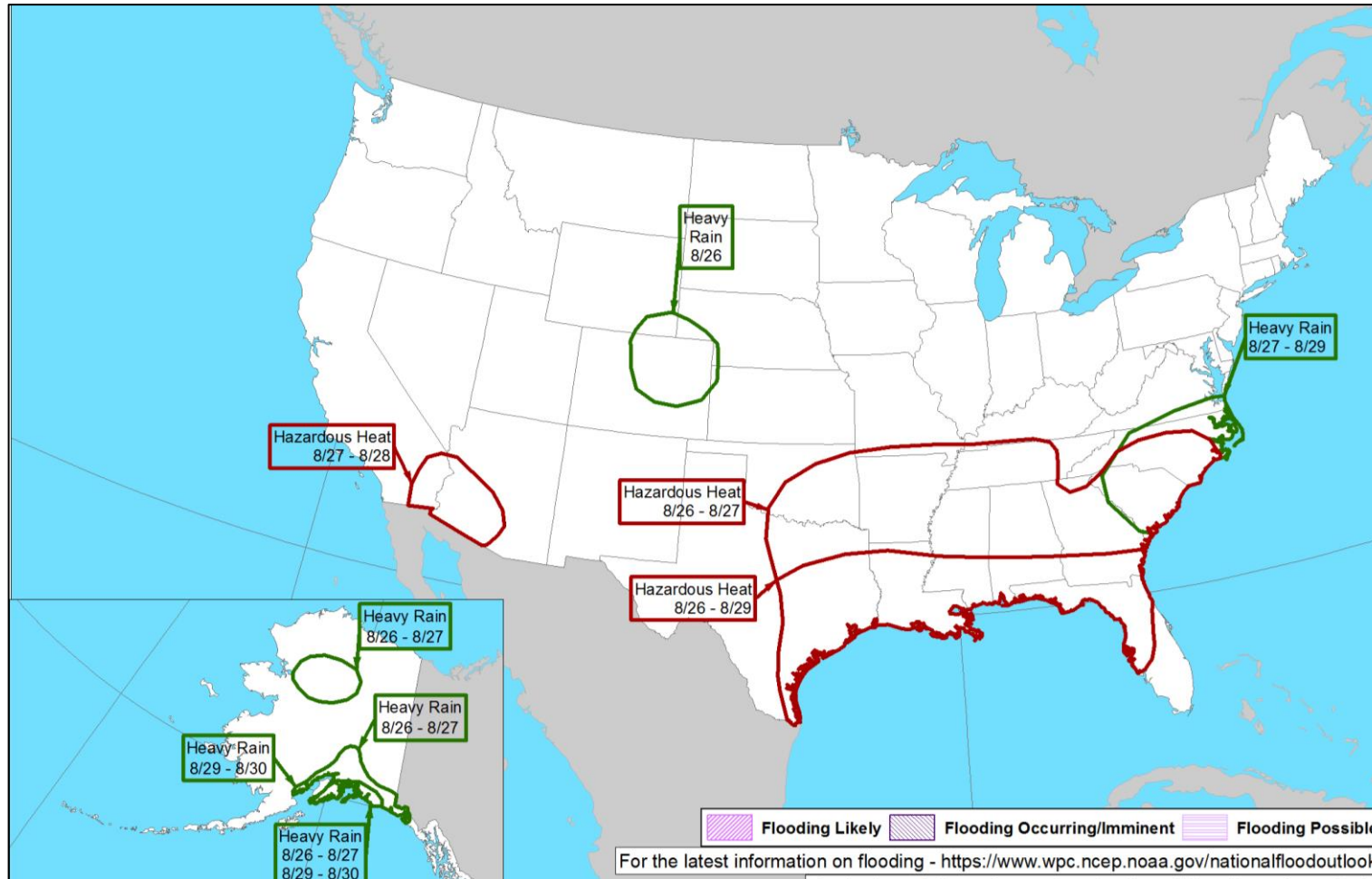
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Hazards Outlook – Aug 26-30



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

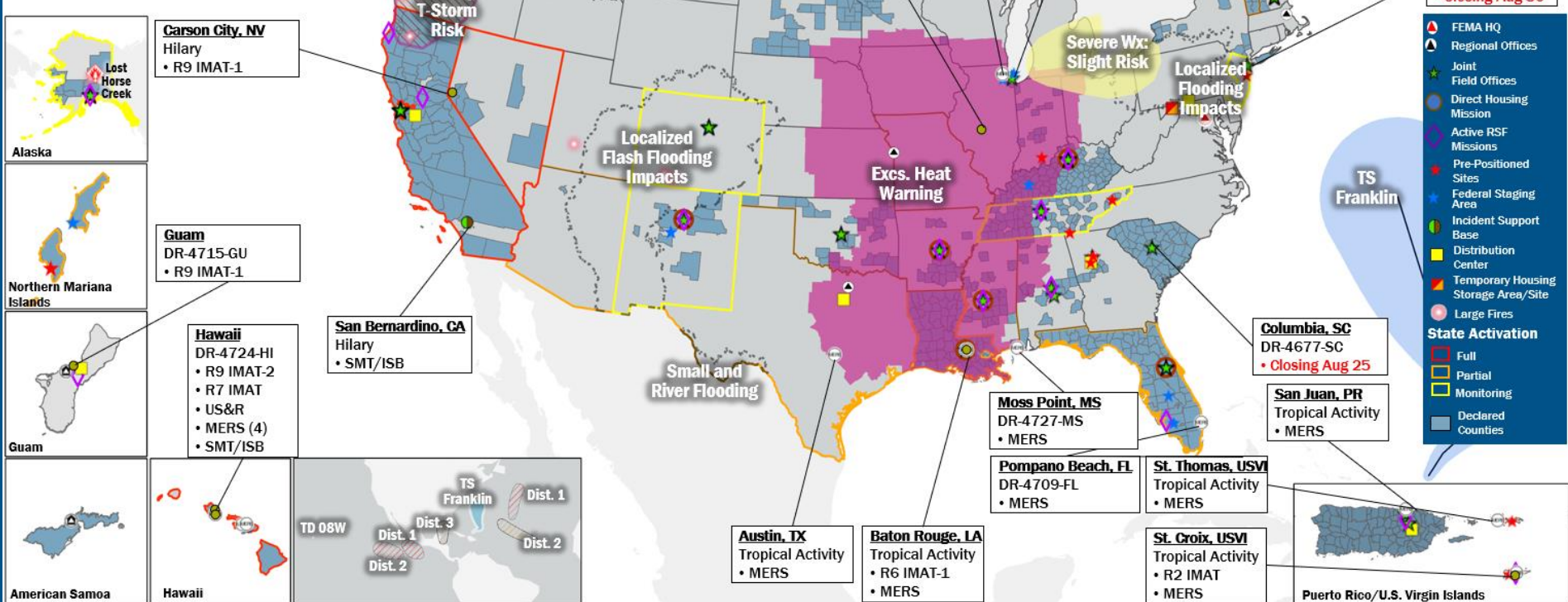
16 + 8 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
72 + 0 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
7 Direct Housing Missions
18 RSF-Supported Disasters

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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 Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Enhanced	IX Rostered
Enhanced	X Level III
Notes:	
RWC/RRCC: • NRCC: (day shift) Tropical Activity • RII RRCC: Tropical Activity • 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 Suncor Refinery • AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination • AK/HI/NM/WA/NJ/LA: Wildfires • CNMI: Typhoon Mawar • CA: Flooding • CA: Heat • TX: TS Harold
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,473 (+1,216)	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	Demobilizing
IV-1	Personnel
IV-2	Personnel
V	IL
VI-1	LA
VI-2	2
VII	HI
VIII	1
IX-1	GU/NV
IX-2	HI
X	WA/AK

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	10	0



IM Workforce

13,600 (+14) Assigned
 4,319 (+52) Unavailable
 6,376 (-64) Deployed

21% / 2,905 (+26) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 11% (16/141); Disability Integration: 2% (1/55); External Affairs: 18% (89/501); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (138/809); Field Leadership: 12% (16/135); Hazard Mitigation: 15% (182/1,243); Human Resources: 9% (16/169); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (60/295); Information Technology: 21% (134/644); Logistics: 16% (247/1,516); Operations: 13% (45/348); Public Assistance: 5% (109/2,177); Planning: 6% (26/464); Safety: 3% (2/80); Security: 8% (11/139)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 8 (-2) Deployed

28 (+2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 5 Deployed

22 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

48 Assigned
 7 Unavailable
 35 (-1) (23 (FCOR) Deployed)

6 (+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	1 (+1)	8/22 - 8/23
			PA	11	5 (+5)	8/22 - TBD
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34	0	8/15 - TBD
	KS	Severe Storms and Flooding Jun 27 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	43	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 Approval – Alaska

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4730-DR-AK

Date Requested: Aug. 1, 2023

Date Approved: Aug. 23, 2023

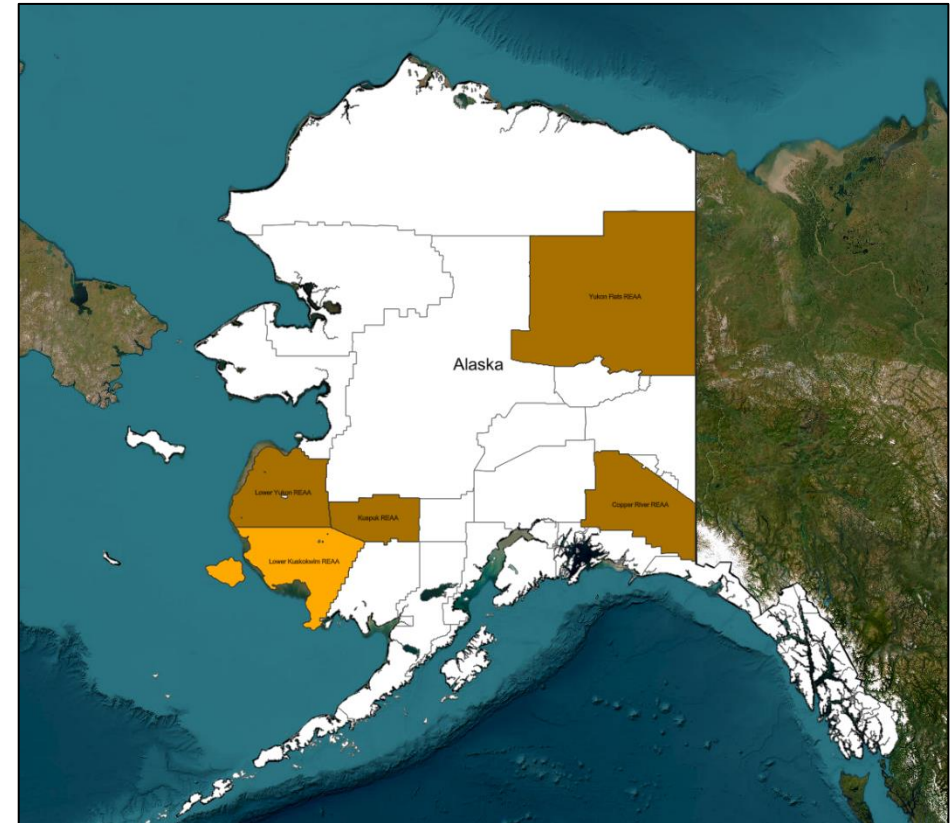
Incident: Flooding

Incident Period: May 12- Jun. 3, 2023

Provides:

- **IA:** 4 REAAs (Regional Educational Attendance Areas)
- **PA:** 5 REAAs
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Lance E. Davis



- IA
- IA/PA



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Declaration Request – Arkansas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Arkansas

Requested: Aug. 23, 2023

Incident: Severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes

Incident Period: Jun. 25-26, 2023

Requested:

- **IA:** 7 counties
- **PA:** 5 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



- IA
- IA/PA



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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 - APPROVED	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
AR - Severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23



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Tiger Island Fire – Louisiana

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Tiger Island Fire (Beauregard Parish, LA)	5482-FM-LA	10,000	60%	M: 50	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 492	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

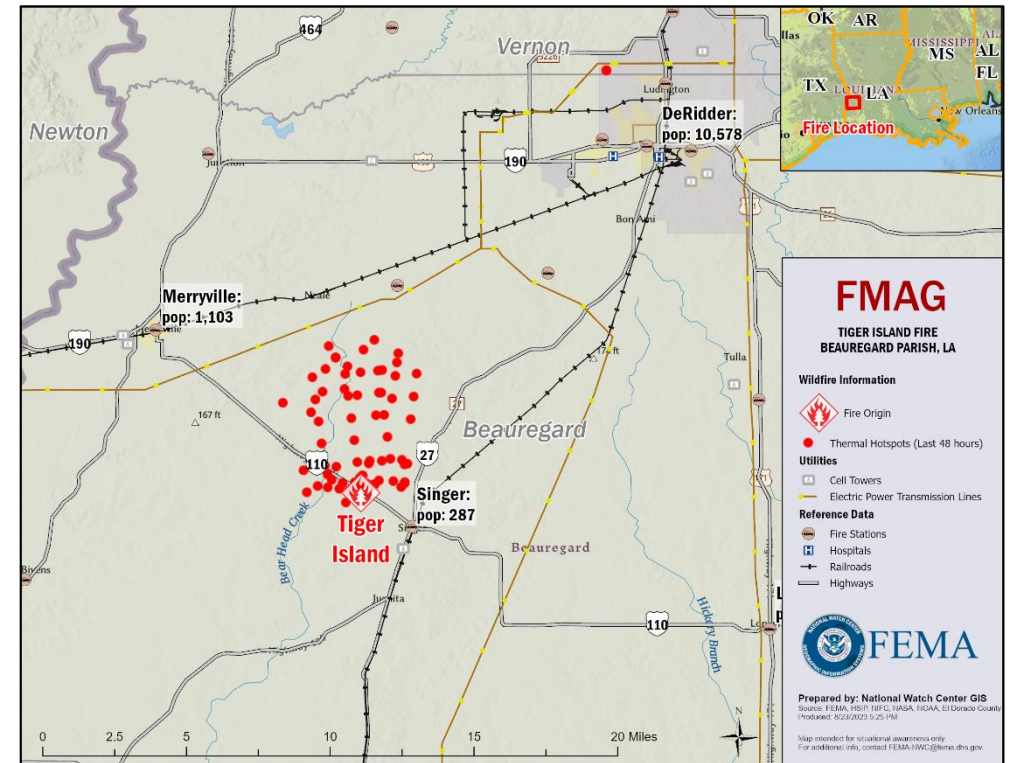
Situation: The fire began on August 22, 2023 and is burning on state and private land in and around the communities of Merryville and Singer, LA (combined population 1,244). 10,000 of acres burned; 60% contained. 500 of homes threatened within 3 miles of the fire. The fire has destroyed 70 primary homes and 10 secondary homes. Mandatory evacuations in effect for 50 people and voluntary evacuations are in effect for approximately 492 people.

State / Local Response:

- LA EOC Partial Activation

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved August 23, 2023
- Denton MOC will continue to monitor
- FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region VI.



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Liberty Fire – Oregon

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Liberty Fire (Marion County, OR)	XXXX-FM-OR	40	0%	M: 200	H: 1,200	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V:	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

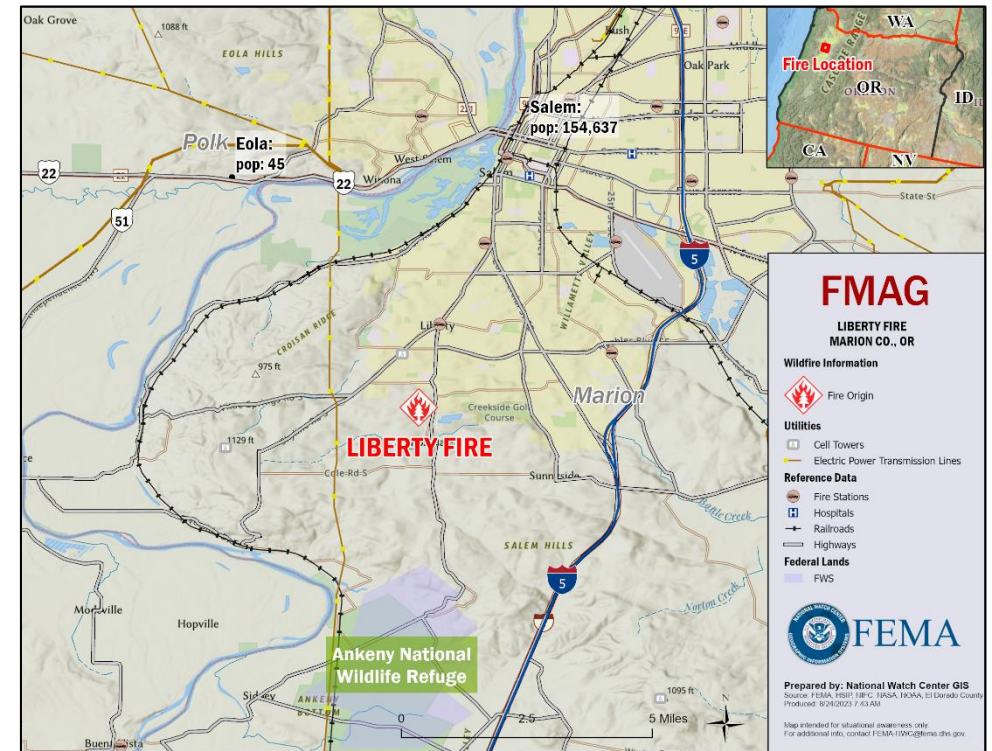
Situation: The fire began on August 23, 2023, and is burning on private land in and around the communities of Liberty, South Salem, and Salem Hills (combined population 1,500). 40 acres burned; 0% contained. 700 to 1,200 of homes threatened around the community consisting of primary homes. The fire is also threatening buildings, roads and bridges, public power infrastructure and utilities in the area. Mandatory evacuations in effect for 200 households. In addition, there are 3 other large fires burning uncontrolled within the State.

State / Local Response:

- OR EOC at Normal Operation

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved August 23, 2023
- FEMA Bothell MOC continue to monitor; RRCC (Rostered); IMAT Deployed (WA)
- FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region X



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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) <i>FINAL</i>	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	5% (+3)	M: 0	H: 215	H: 0	H: 13	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 37	
Gray (Spokane, WA) <i>FINAL</i>	5479-FM-WA	10,016	58% (+10)	M: <i>Lifted</i>	H: 850	H: 40	H: 240	1 / 0
				V: 0	O:	O: 11	O: 86	
Oregon Rd. (Spokane, WA)	5481-FM-WA	11,036	4% (+4)	M: 4,000	H: 1,000	H: 12	H: 80	1 / 2 (+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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