

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Storm Idalia – Response

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – North Carolina
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Hurricane Franklin
    - Tropical Storm Idalia
    - Tropical Storm Jose
    - Disturbance 1: High (70%)
    - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Expedited Major Disaster Declaration Request – FL
- Emergency Disaster Declaration Approved – SC
- FMAG Approved – LA
- One Amendment issued

## Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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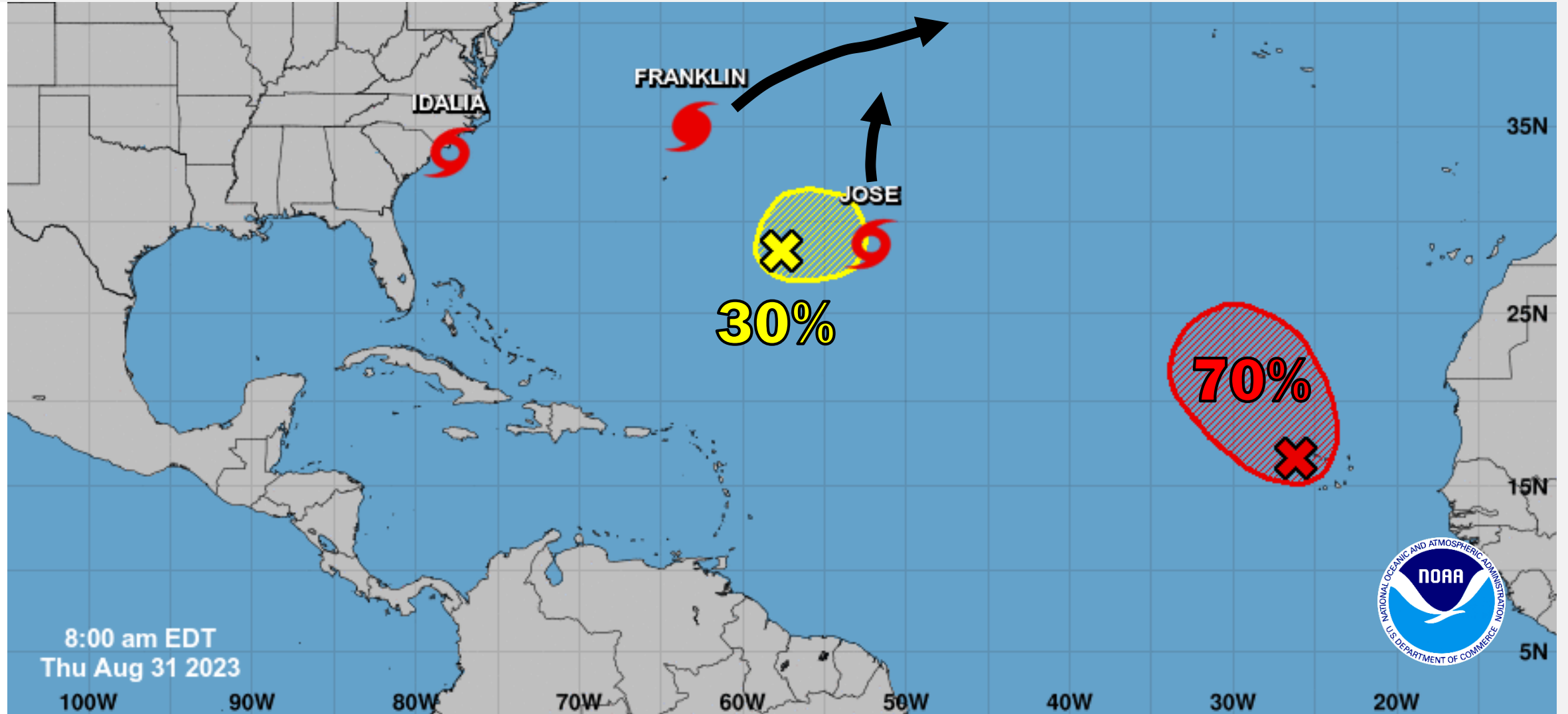
# Central/East Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Atlantic Overview

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# RADAR LOOP



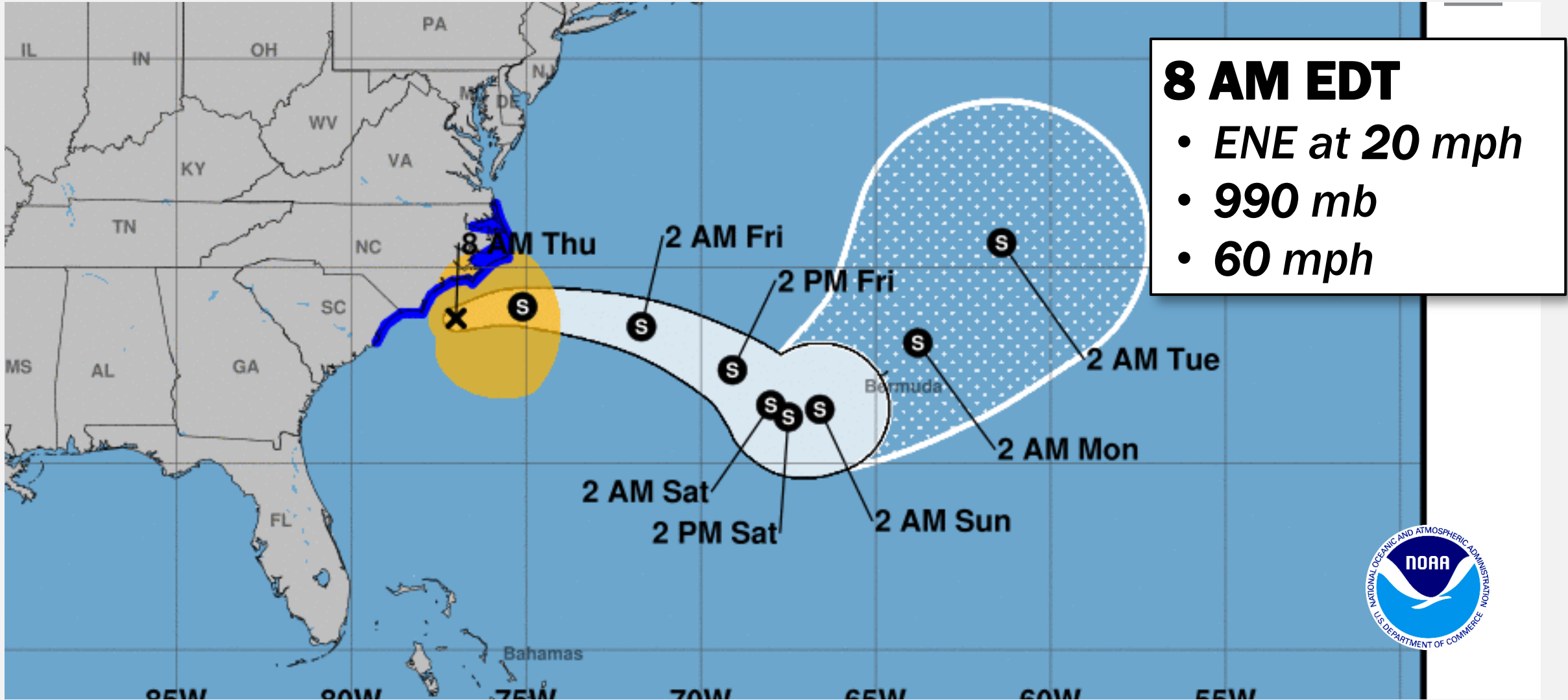
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- *ENE at 20 mph*
- *990 mb*
- *60 mph*



# Tropical Storm Idalia

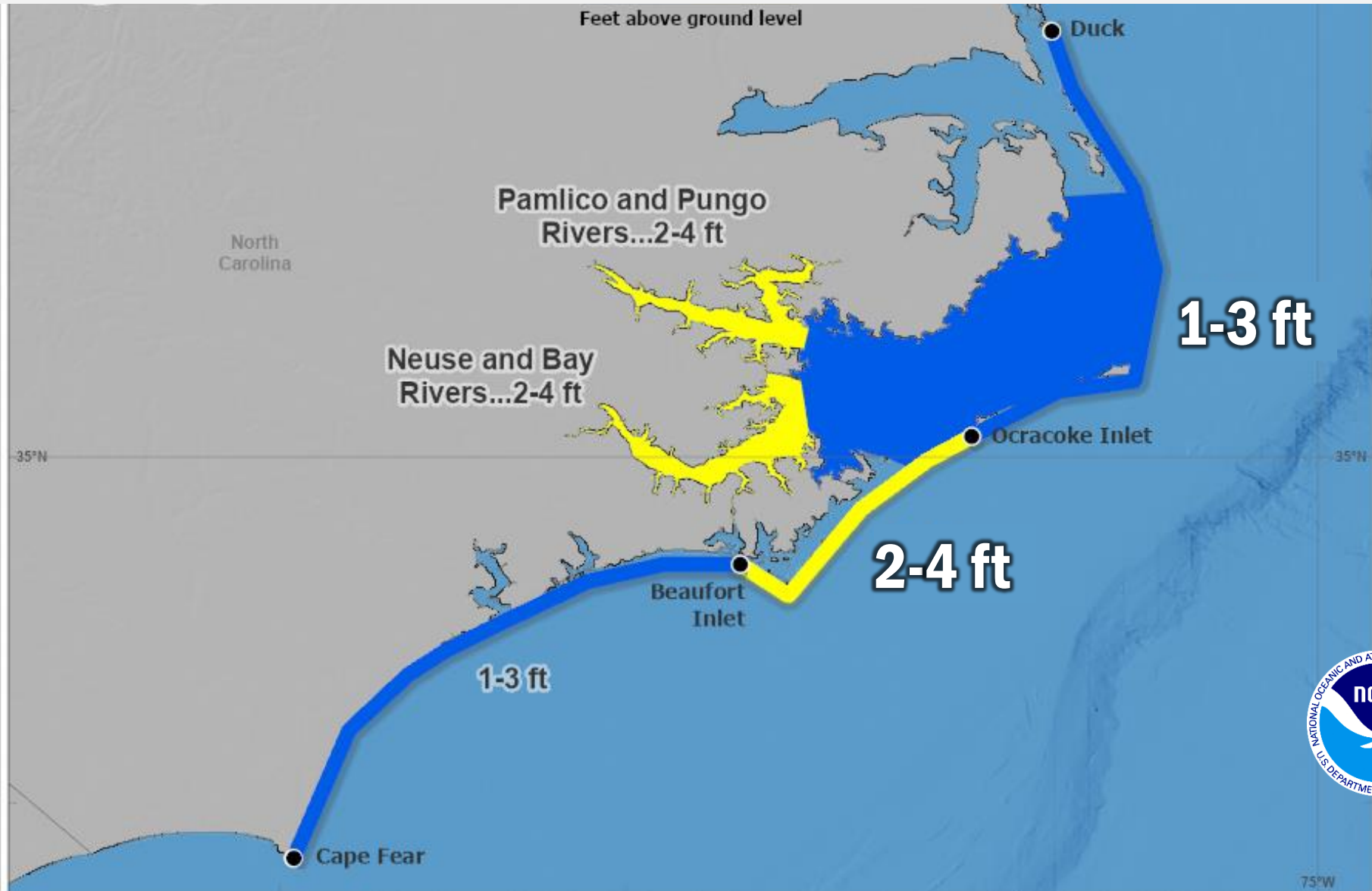
## FORECAST TRACK





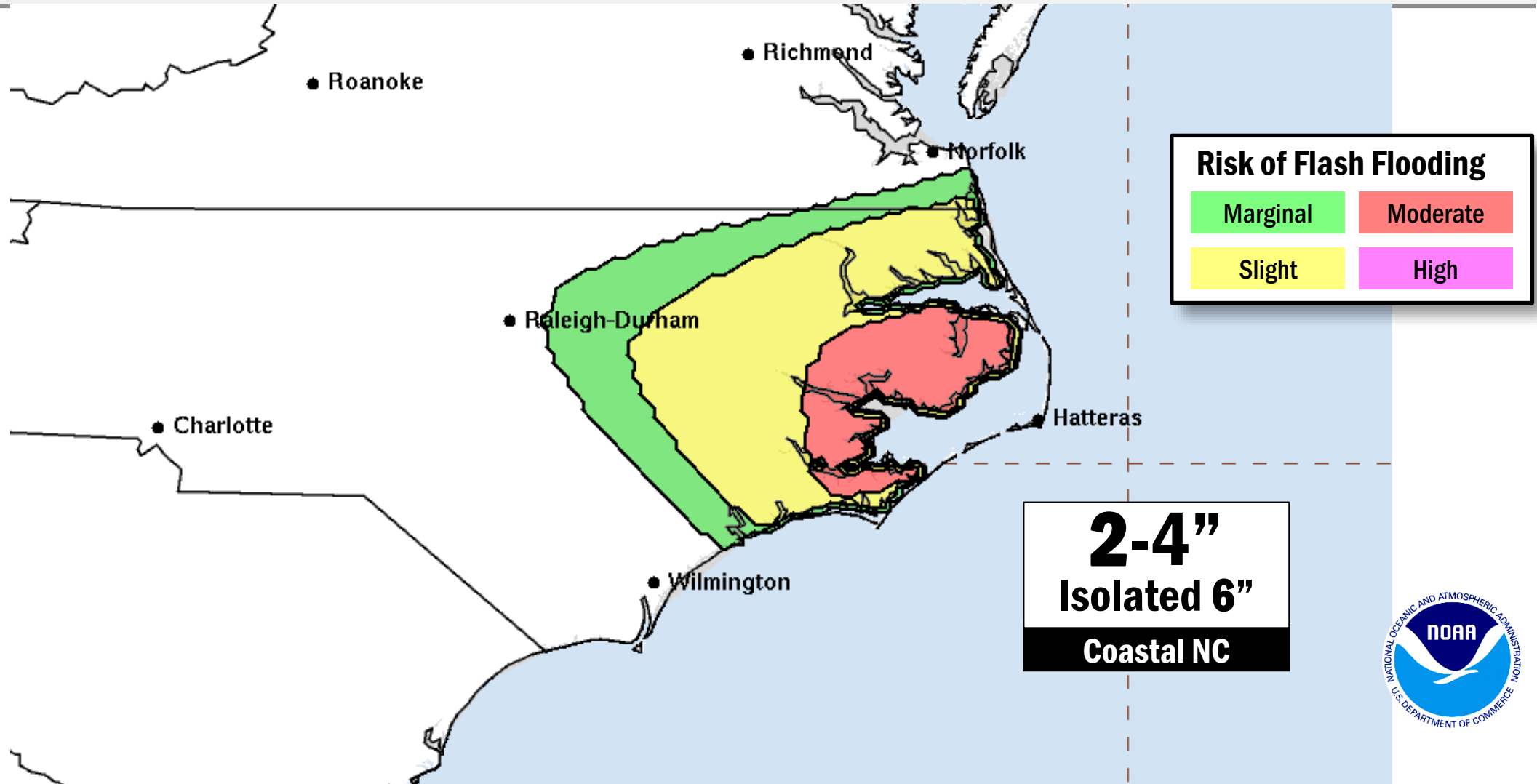
# Tropical Storm Idalia

## PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



# Tropical Storm Idalia

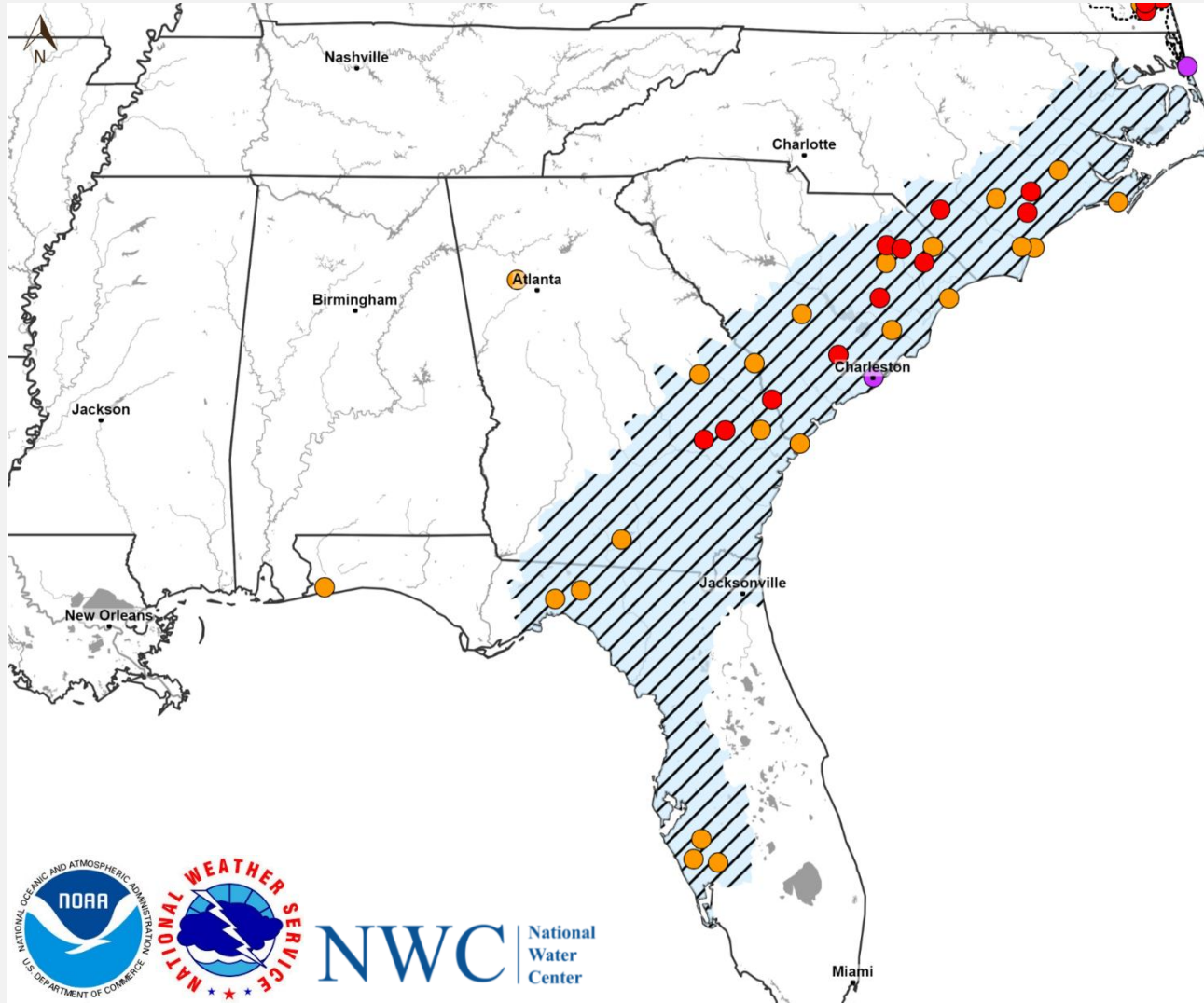
## EXCESSIVE RAINFALL OUTLOOK






# Tropical Storm Idalia

## 7-DAY FLOOD HAZARD OUTLOOK



**Potential  
Flooding Impacts**

Limited  
Timing

 DAYS 1-3

**River Forecast**

 MINOR  MODERATE  MAJOR

# Tropical Storm Idalia – Response



**Current Situation:** Idalia has weakened from a Hurricane into a Tropical Storm crossing Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina overnight and is moving off the into the Atlantic Ocean today. Region IV continues to assess impacted areas and coordinate response efforts with federal, state, local, and tribal agencies to address lifesaving and recovery efforts.

**Lifeline Impacts:** (NRCC SLB Aug 31, 6:00 a.m. ET)

**Safety and Security:**

- FL: US&R activated the Red IST & 6 task forces
- FL: Evacuation orders issued for 20 (-11) counties; 11 (-14) mandatory evacuations, 9 (-24) voluntary evacuations
- GA: US&R activated 1 Type-3 staged in Atlanta
- GA: Evacuation ordered for Cumberland Island

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:**

- FL: 114 (+20) shelters open / 4,924 (+17) occupants
- GA: 1 shelter open / 4 occupants
- GA: ARC has prepositioned resources for up to 20k survivors

**Health and Medical:**

- FL: Full evacuations of 72 medical facilities
- Ground ambulances arrived & staging in Havana, FL; additional ambulances in transit

**Energy:**

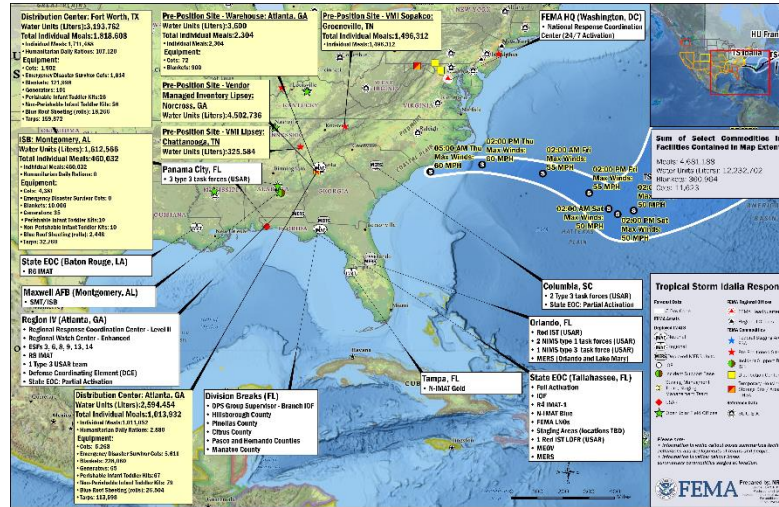
- Personnel staged to respond to power outages
- FL: 144k (-1k) customers without power
- GA: 185k (-5k) customers without power

**Communications:**

- FL: MERS assets providing comms support, assets in Lake Mary, Orlando, and Tallahassee
- GA: Assets in Thomasville and Atlanta

**Transportation:**

- FL: 7 (-2) ports and waterways closed
- FL: DOT reports all southbound lanes closed on US-41 w/alt routes
- GA: 2 ports closed, all remaining ports open with restrictions
- GA: 4 State road closures due to downed power lines, trees, and flooding



**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- Region IV
  - RWC is Enhanced (Nightshift); RRCC activated at Level II (Day shift only), with Enhanced Watch supporting overnight; all ESF Partners activated
  - IMAT-1: Deployed to FL EOC
  - IMAT-2: Staged at R-IV RRCC
  - MERS deployed to FL EOC
  - LMD Trans MCU deployed to R-IV RRCC
  - Business and Industry Specialist (OB3I) deployed to R-IV RRCC
  - Responder Lodging Task Force deployed to R-IV RRCC
  - RRCC Log will establish GSBs post-landfall as required
- FEMA HQ
  - NRCC is Activated 24/7
  - N-IMAT Blue deployed to FL EOC; N-IMAT Gold deployed to Tampa
  - R-VIII IMAT: Staged at R-IV RRCC Atlanta
  - Staging Management Team (SMT) Atlanta & ISB Bravo deployed to Maxwell AFB
  - 3 Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) strike teams deployed to FL
  - US&R resources activated to stage:
    - Orlando, FL: Red IST, VA-TF1 & VA-TF2 (Type 1); PA-TF1 (Type-3)
    - Panama City, FL: MO-TF1, TX-TF1, TN-TF1 (Type-3)
    - Atlanta, GA: OH-TF1 (Type-3)
    - Columbia, SC: NJ-TF1, NY-TF1 (Type-3)
    - Tallahassee, FL (SEOC): One Red IST LOFR, FSARCG

**State / Local Response:**

- FL EOC at Full Activation (Hurricane Idalia)
  - EM-3596-FL approved on Aug 28
  - FL Gov declared a State of Emergency
- GA EOC at Full Activation (Hurricane Idalia)
  - GA Gov declared a State of Emergency
- NC EOC at Partial Activation (Hurricane Idalia)
  - NC Gov declared a State of Emergency
- SC EOC at Partial Activation (Hurricane Idalia)
  - SC Gov declared a State of Emergency
  - EM-3597-SC approved on Aug 31
- Seminole Tribe executed a Tribal State of Emergency, EOC Full Activation



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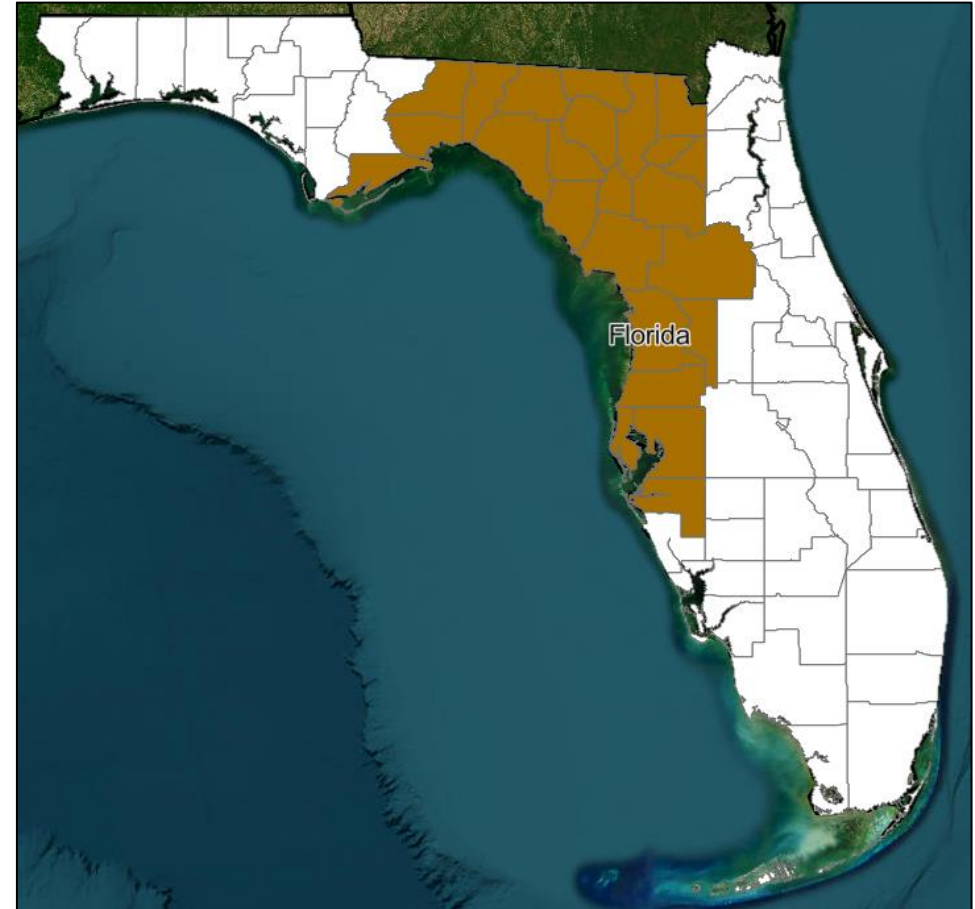
# Expedited Declaration Request – Florida

**Declaration Type:** Expedited Major Disaster – FL  
**Requested:** Aug 30

**Incident:** Hurricane Idalia  
**Incident Period:** Aug 29 and continuing

**Requested:**

- **IA/PA:** 25 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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# Emergency Declaration Approved – South Carolina

**Declaration:** Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3597-EM-SC

**Date Requested:** Aug 30

**Date Approved:** Aug 31

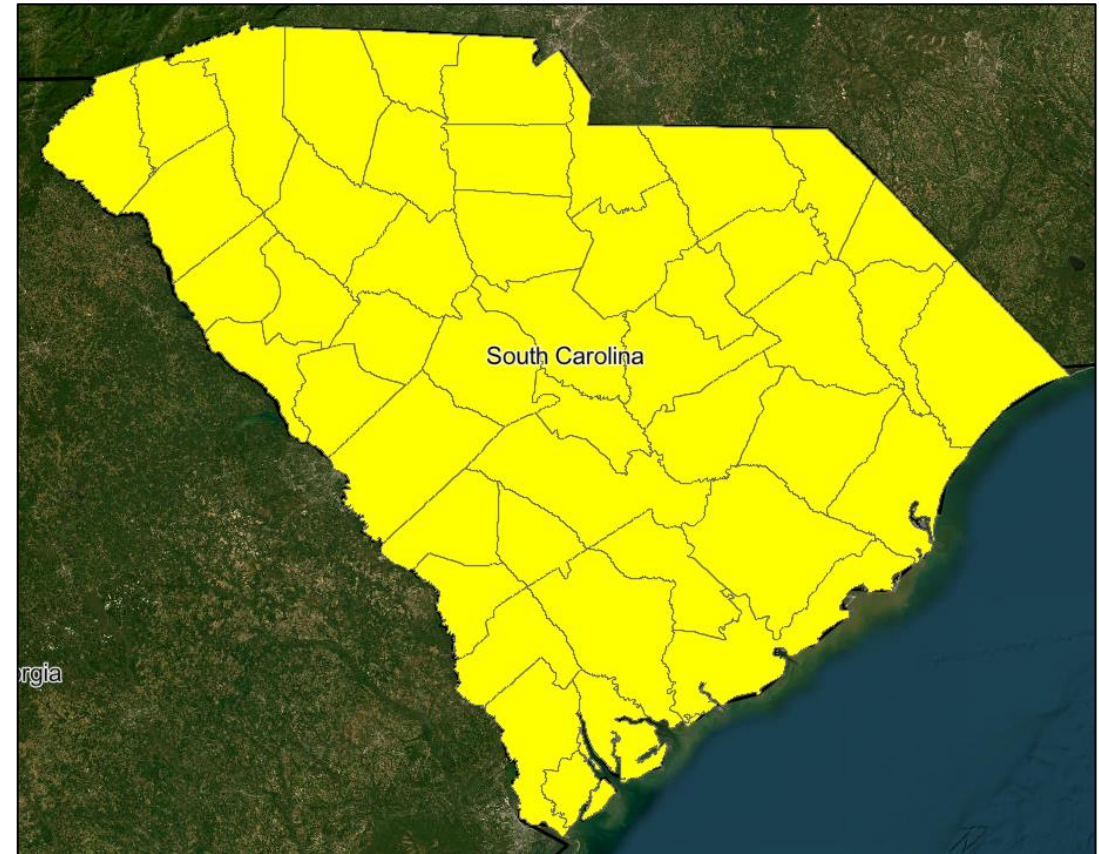
**Incident:** Hurricane Idalia

**Incident Period:** Aug 29 and continuing

**Provides:**

- **PA:** 46 counties

**FCO:** Brian F. Schiller



■ PA



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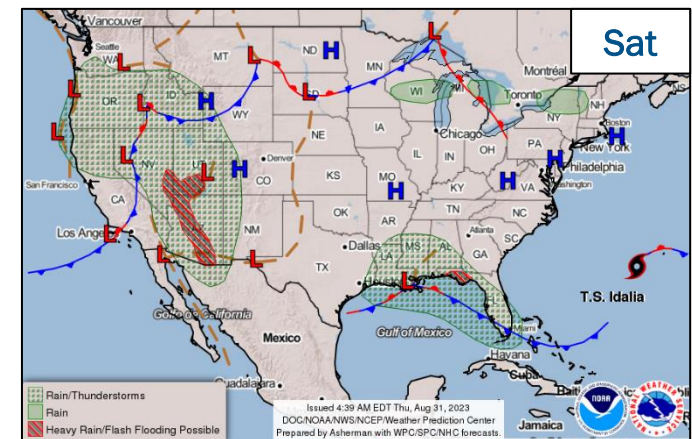
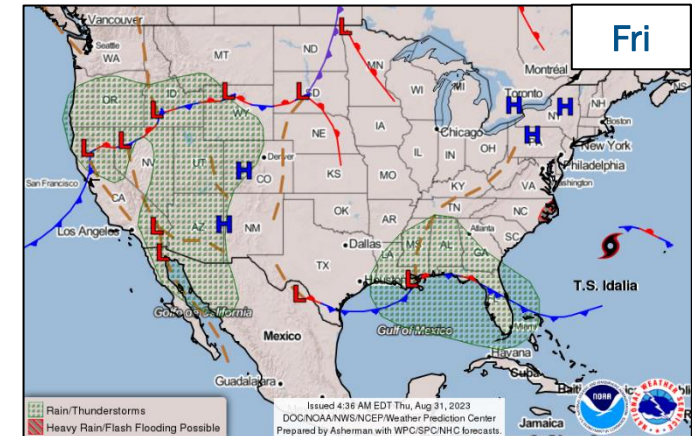
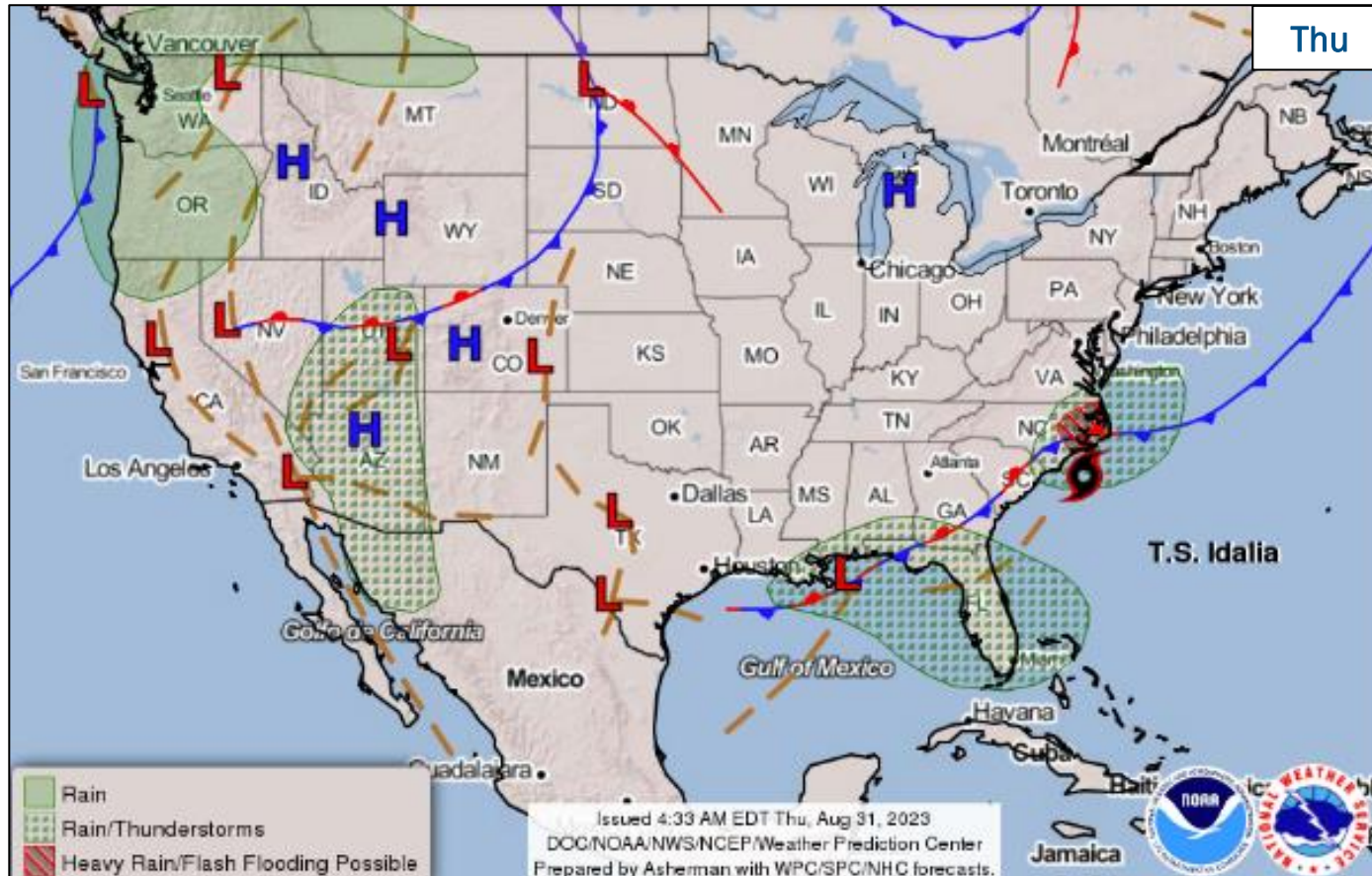
# Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3596-EM-FL	2	Aug 30	Adds 3 counties for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program



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# National Weather Forecast

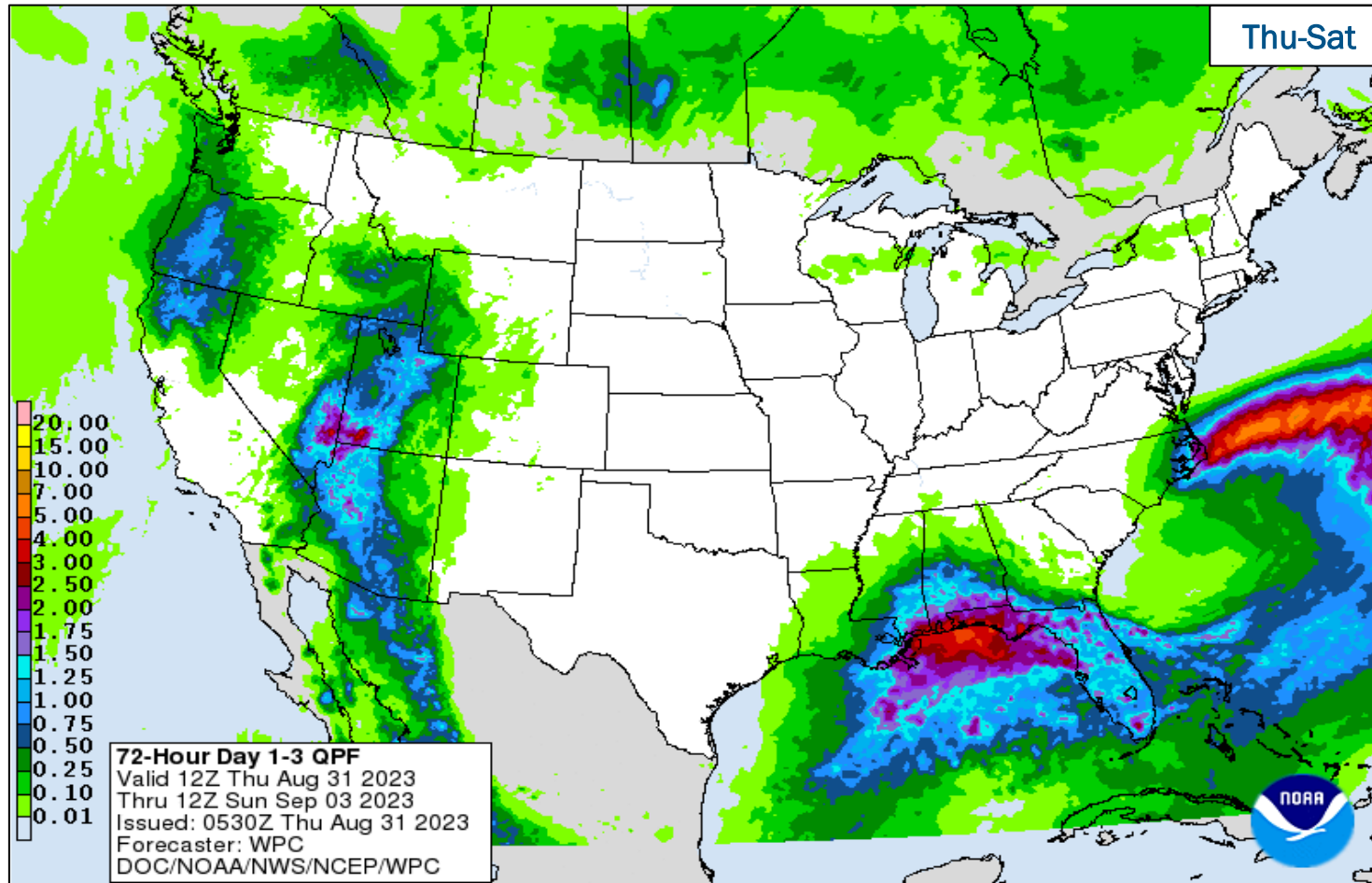


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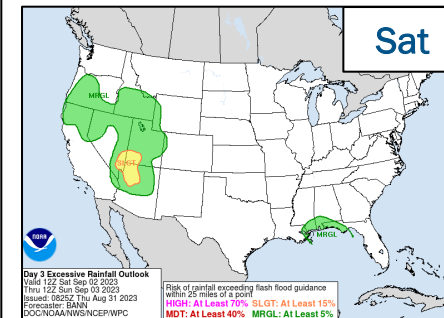
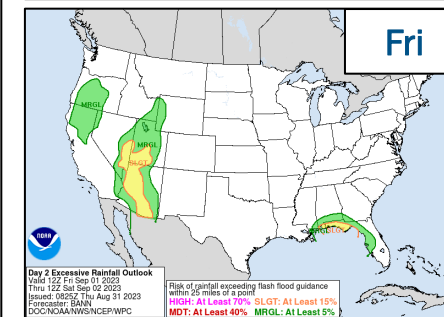
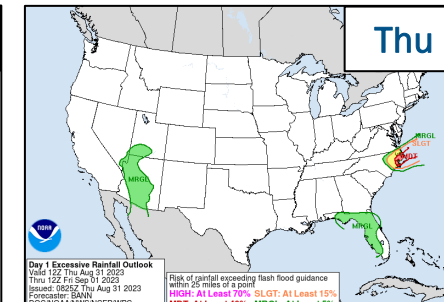
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# Precipitation / Excessive Rainfall



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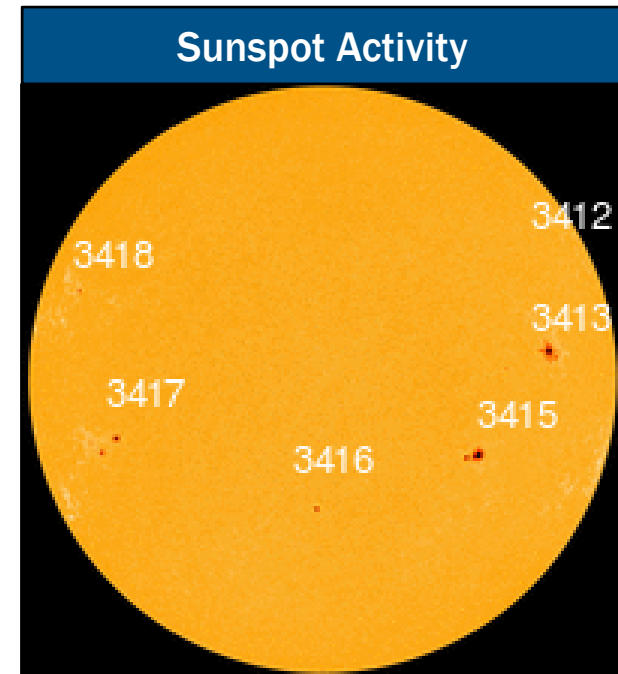
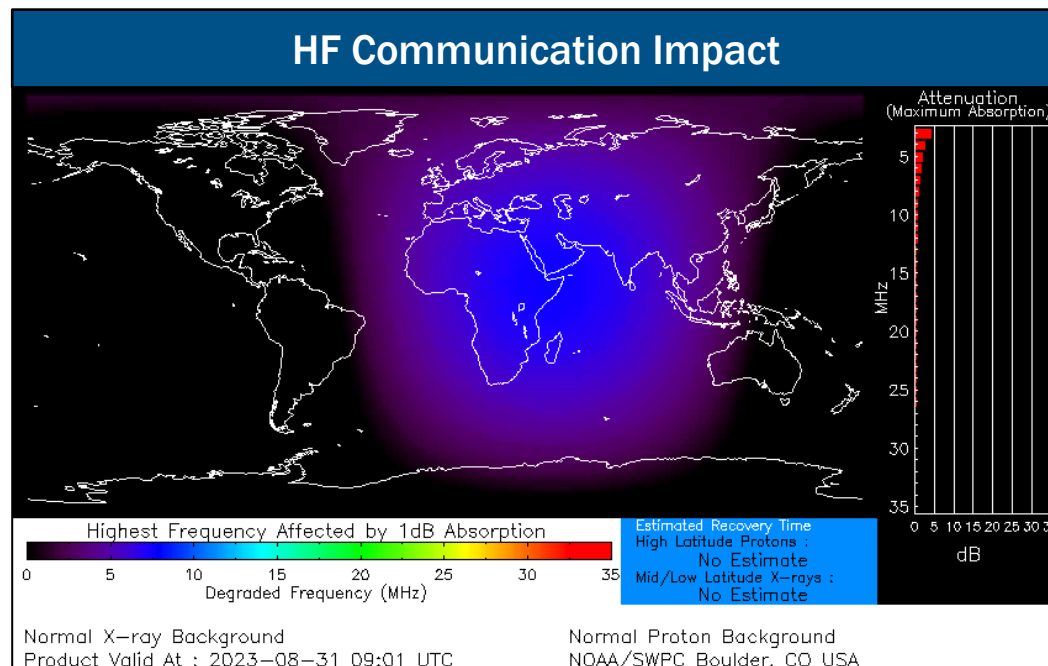


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# Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>  
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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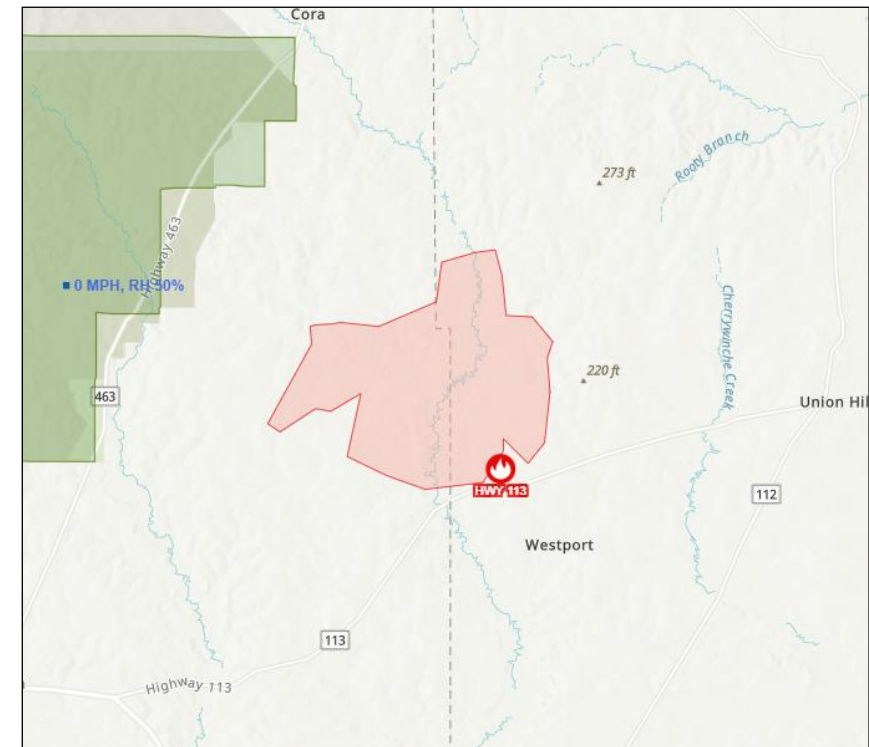
# Highway 113 Fire – Louisiana

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Hwy 113 Fire (Pitkin, LA)	5486-FM-LA	8,500	50%	M/V: 600	H: 253	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

**Situation:** The fire started on August 24 and had burned in excess of 8,500 acres of private land and is 50% contained. No homes had been destroyed, but an estimated 253 primary homes were threatened in and around Pitkin, Louisiana, (pop. 455). The fire was also threatening rural homes outside the Ernest Thompson and DE Stephens subdivisions of the town of Pitkin as well as the communities of West Port and Dido. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations are taking place for approximately 600 people. The fire was also threatening the area’s electric cooperative, 2 schools, 3 fire stations, telecommunication facilities, the watershed, and environmental resources.

**Response:**

- FMAG approved Aug 30
- LA EOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
- Region VI RWC and NWC continue to monitor



# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (Co., ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
River Road East (Sanders, MT)	5480-FM-MT	17,227	26%	M: 0	H: 215	H: 0	H: 14	1 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 44	
Tiger Island (Beauregard, LA)	5482-FM-LA	31,342 (-1,952)	50%	M: 2,000	H: 5,400	H: 21	H: 23	0 / 4 (+3)
				V: 0	O: 3,250	O: 0	O: 0	
Providence (Vernon, LA)	5484-FM-LA	3,932	40%	M: 0	H: 167	H: 0	H: 3	0 / 0
				V: 167	O: 3	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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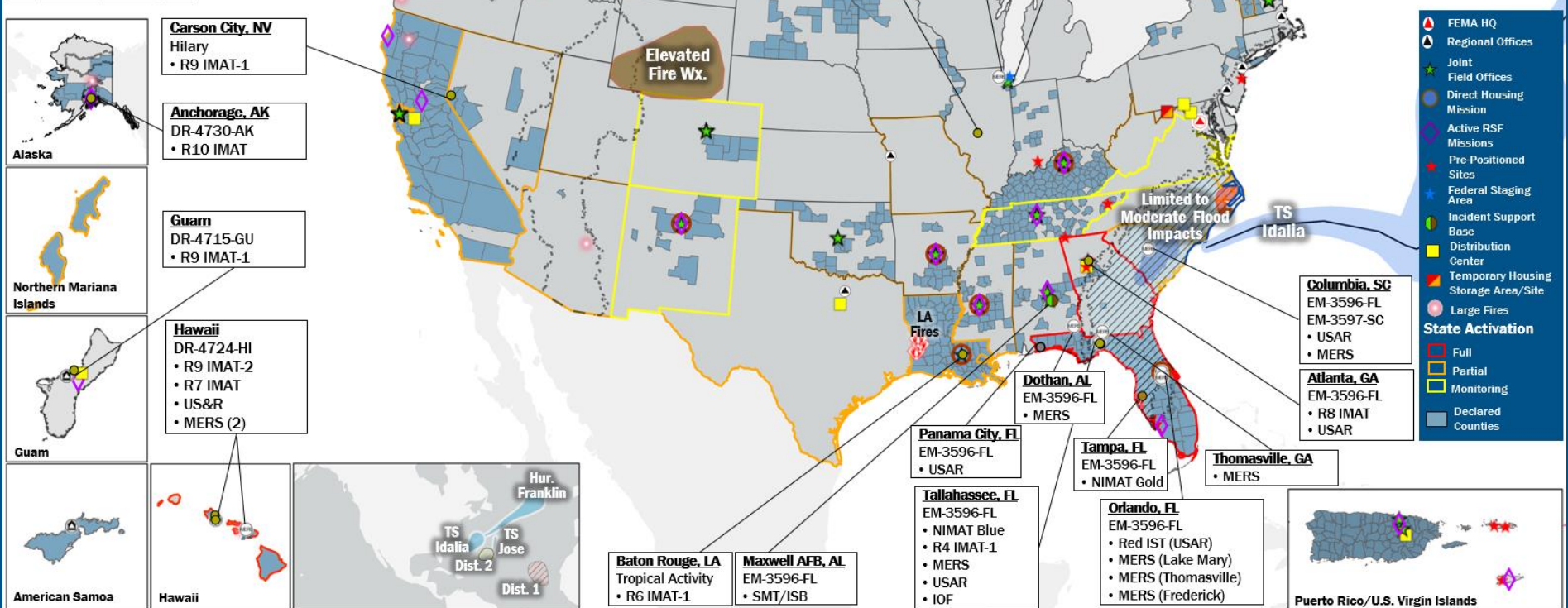
# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**15 + 7** Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices **72 + 2** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **8** Direct Housing Missions **18** RSF-Supported Disasters

FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Enhanced	IV Level II
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWC/RRCC: • NRCC: TC Idalia • R4 RWC: Severe Weather • R4 RRCC: TC Idalia (Dayshift only)	STATE EOCs: • MO/MS/TN/TX/FL/WV: Severe Weather • FL: TC Ian • NV/VT/CA: Flooding • CO: Avian Influenza, Public Health Support, and Suncor Refinery • AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination • AK/HI/NM/WA/LA: Wildfires • MP: Typhoon Mawar • CA/LA: Excessive Heat • FL/GA/SC/NC: TC Idalia
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,080	Deployed 1

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	FL
Gold	FL
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
I	VT
II	
III	1
IV-1	FL
IV-2	
V	IL
VI-1	LA
VI-2	2
VII	HI
VIII	GA
IX-1	GU/NV
IX-2	HI
X	AK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully Mission Capable (FMC)</li> <li>Partially Mission Capable (PMC)</li> <li>Not Mission Capable (NMC)</li> <li>Deployed</li> </ul>	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	8	0
II	1/1	4	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	6/1	17	2
V	1/1	3	0
VI	3/1	6	0
VII	0/0	1	0
VIII	0/1	6	0
IX	0/1	16	0
X	1/1	11	0



## IM Workforce

13,617 (+1) Assigned  
 4,457 (+185) Unavailable  
 6,616 (+148) Deployed

16% (-3%) / 2,543 (-332) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

18 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 14% (19/140); Disability Integration: 2% (1/55); Disaster Survivor Assistance 18% (210/1,189); External Affairs: 14% (70/502); Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation: 15% (123/816); Field Leadership: 11% (15/136); Financial Management: 25% (62/244); Hazard Mitigation: 14% (177/1,240); Human Resources: 8% (14/169); Individual Assistance: 19% (490/2628); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 22% (66/296); Information Technology: 21% (136/645); Logistics: 15% (230/1,522); Operations: 5% (17/349); Public Assistance: 7% (150/2,183); Planning: 5% (24/470); Safety: 2% (2/81); Security: 14% (20/139)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 8 Deployed

28 Available

## US&R

33-66%

28 Assigned  
 6 Unavailable  
 9 Deployed

13 Available

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I

48 Assigned  
 8 Unavailable  
 35 (23 FCOR) Deployed

5 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	9 (+9)	7/24 - TBD
	VT	Flooding Aug 3-8	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	8/21 - TBD
IV	TN	Severe Storms and Tornado Aug 7	IA	1	1	8/22 - 8/23
			PA	11	9	8/22 - TBD
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	35	0	8/15 - TBD
	KS	Severe Storms and Flooding Jun 27 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	43	0	TBD - TBD
IX	NV	Hurricane Hilary TBD	IA	1	0	9/6 - TBD
			PA	4	0	8/31 - TBD
X	WA	Wildfires Aug 18 and continuing	IA	2	0	8/30 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 12

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
NH – Severe Storms, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
PA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 31
WY – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 1
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
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 25
SC – Hurricane Idalia - Approved	EM		X		Aug 30
FL – Hurricane Idalia	DR	X	X	X	Aug 30



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