

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Francine – Gulf Coast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Emergency Declaration Approved – LA
- FMAG Approvals – CA

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rainfall/Flash Flooding – Idaho, Montana, Lower Mississippi Valley
- Severe Thunderstorms – Lower Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Great Basin
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Francine (CAT-1)
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 4: Low (20%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (60%)
 - Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Bebinca – Final

Event Monitoring

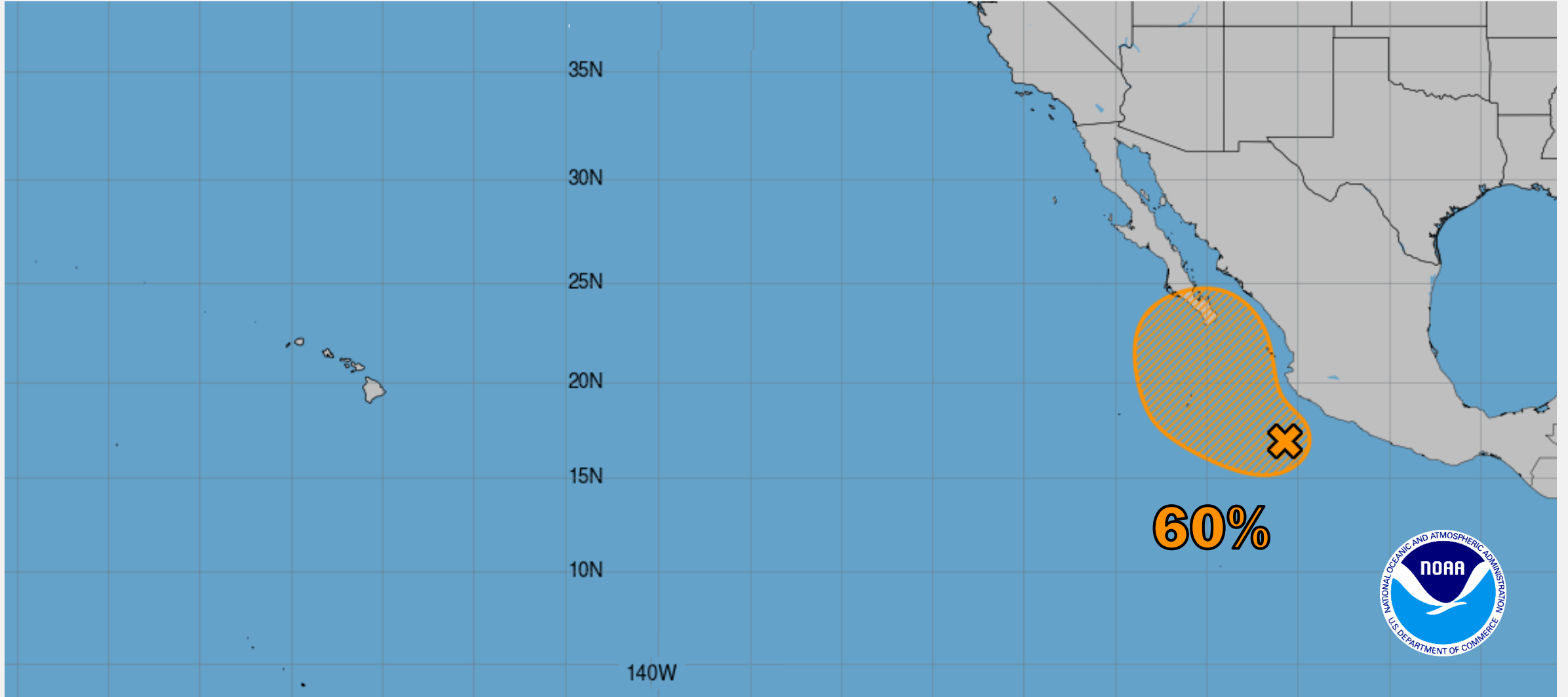
- No significant events



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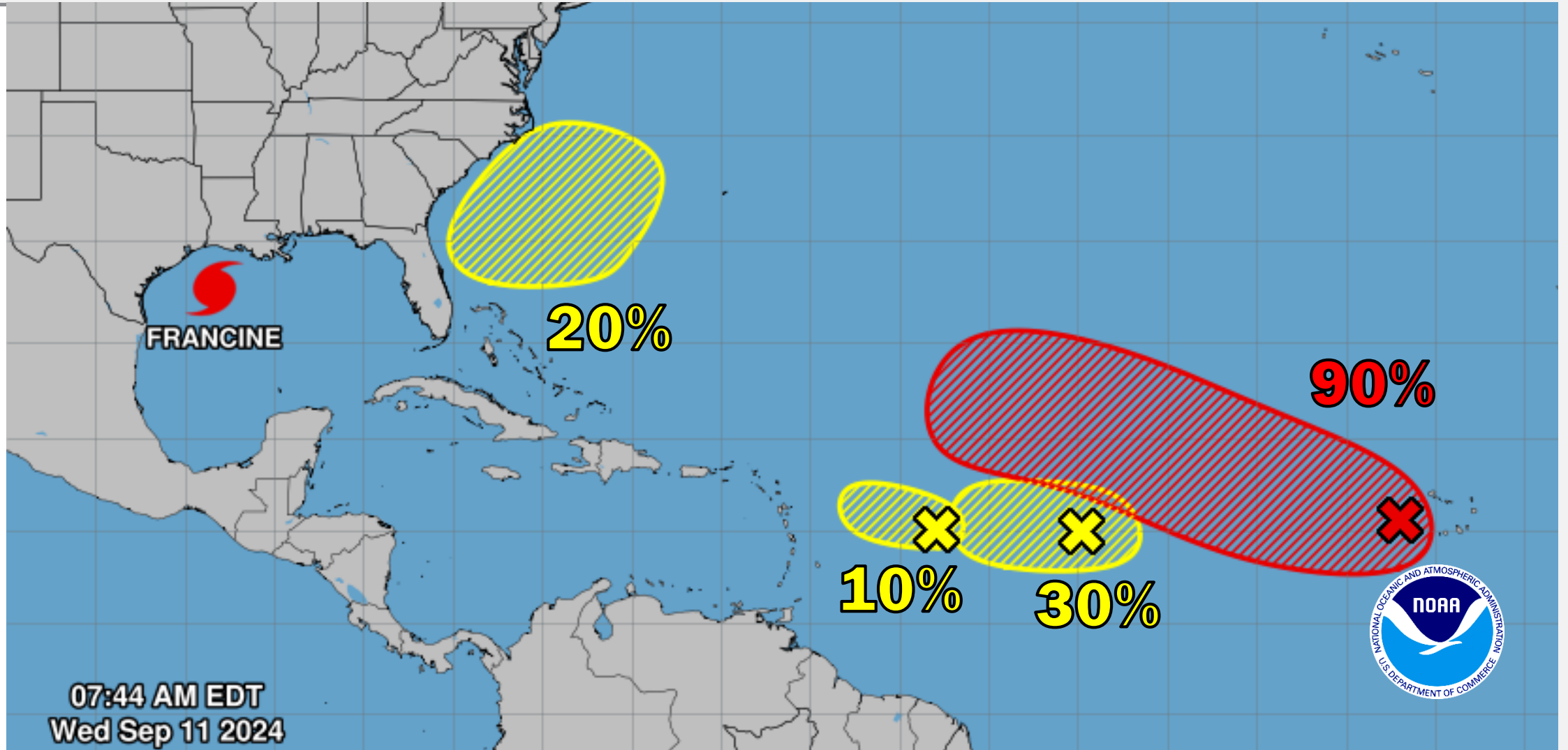
Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



Atlantic Overview

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Hurricane Francine

RADAR LOOP

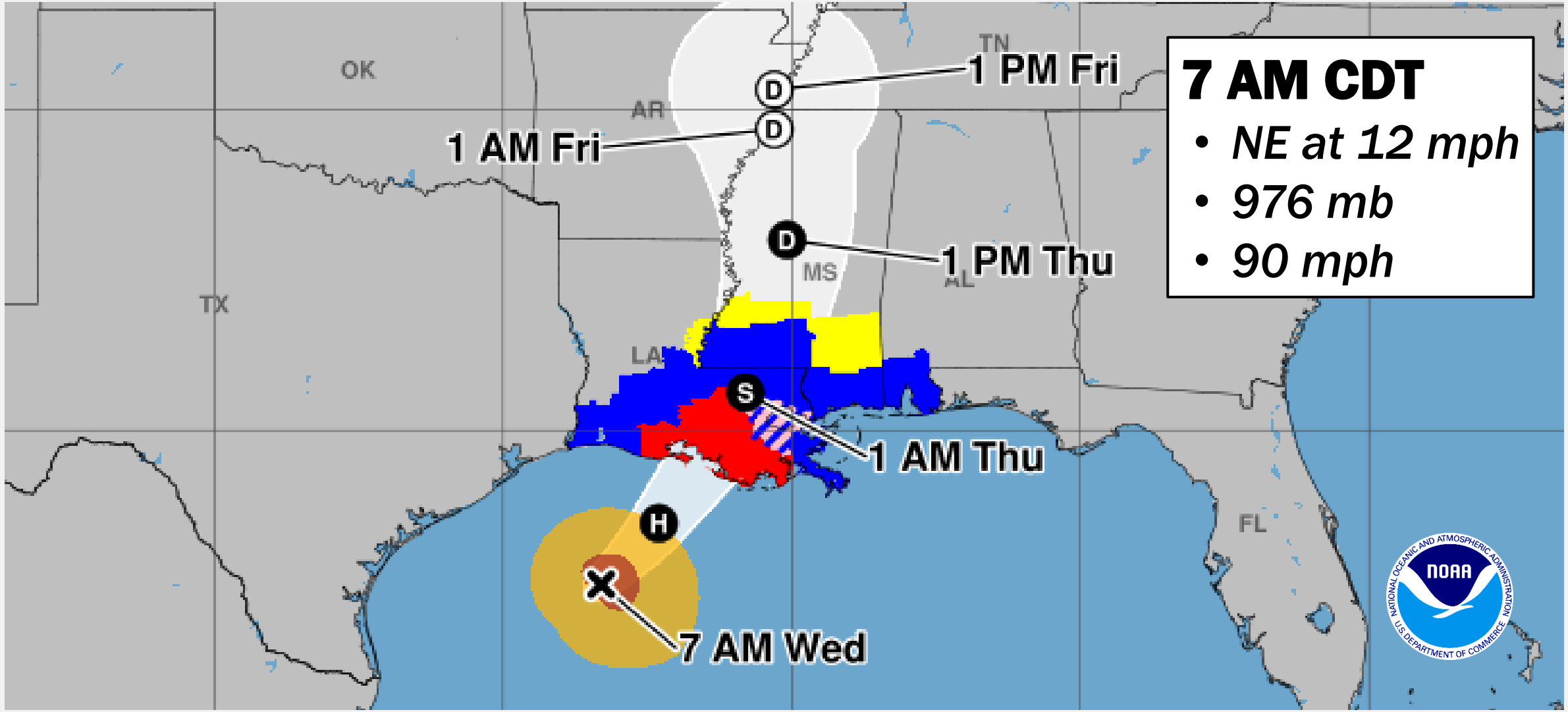
7 AM CDT

- *NE at 12 mph*
- *976 mb*
- *90 mph*



Hurricane Francine

FORECAST TRACK



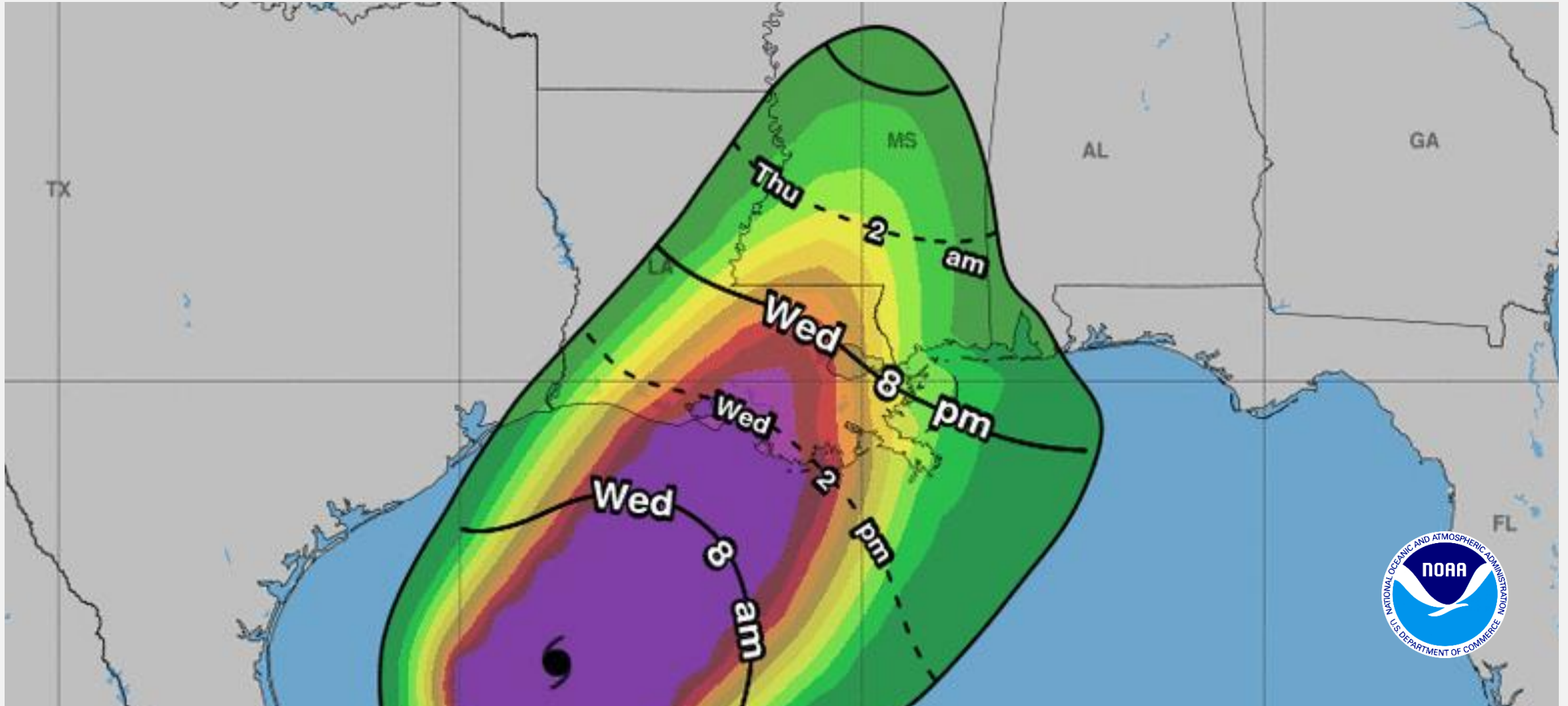
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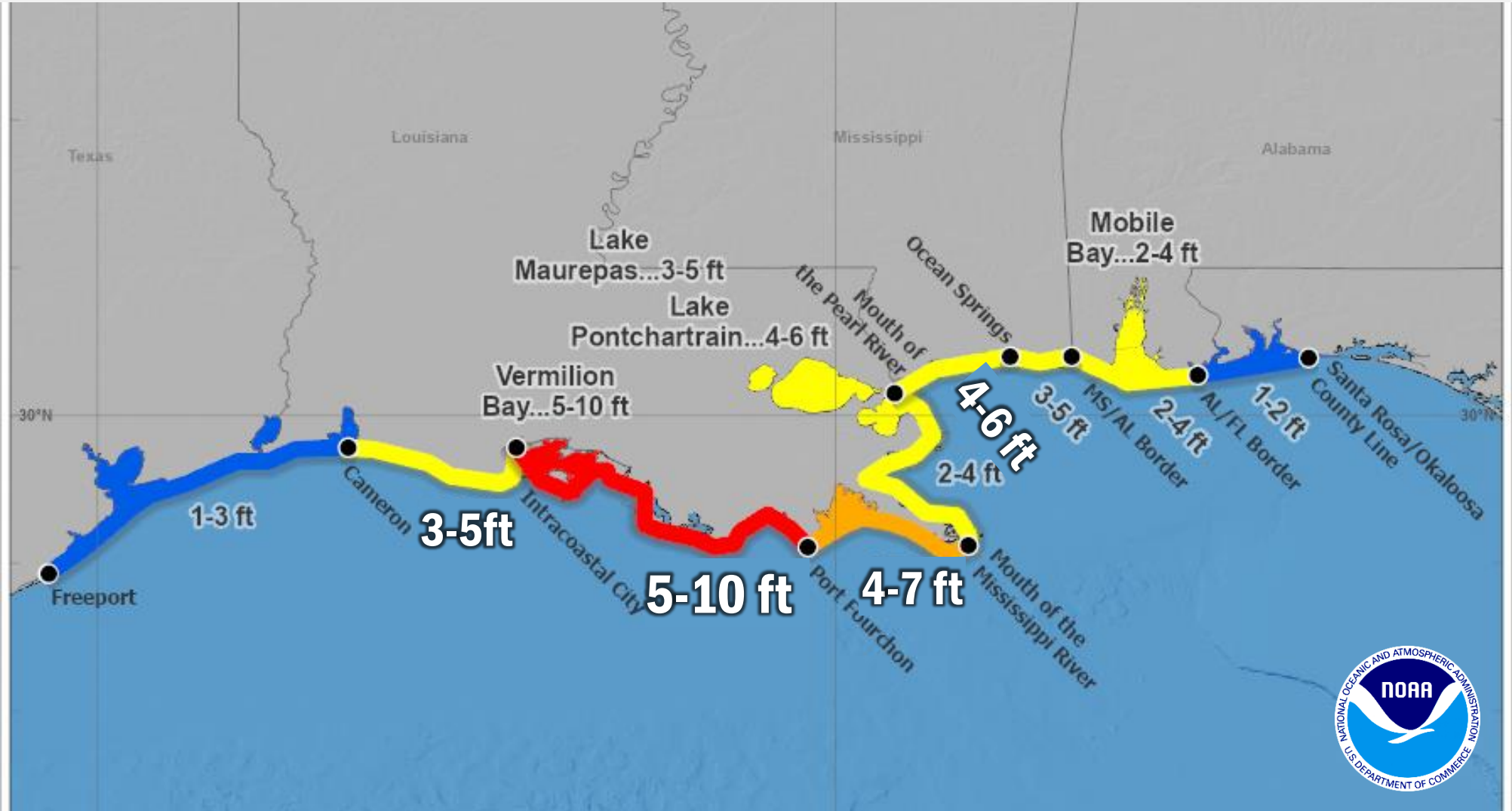
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MOST LIKELY ARRIVAL OF TS WINDS



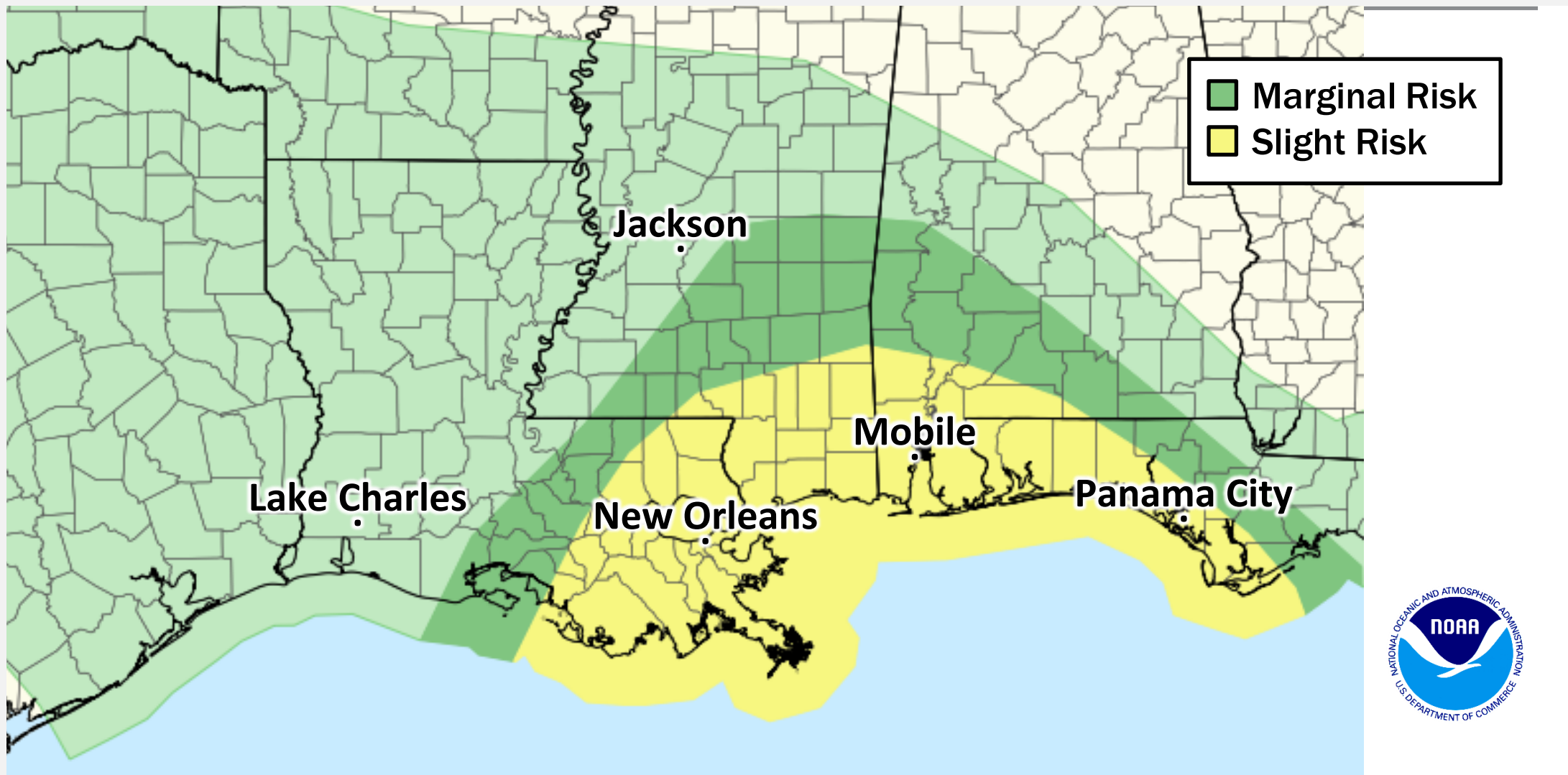
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



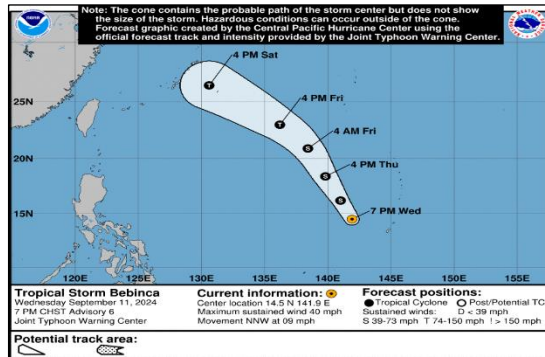
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SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific

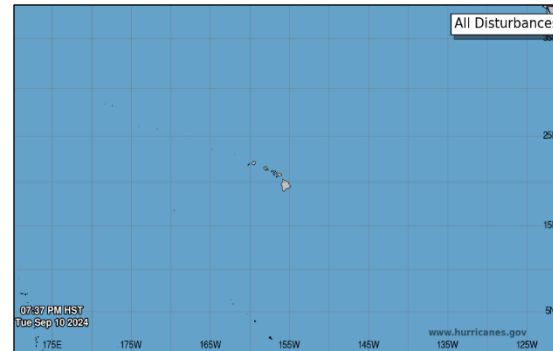


Tropical Storm Bebinca: (Advisory 6, as of 11:00 p.m. ET)

- Located 171 miles WNW of Guam
- Moving WNW at 21 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Tropical Storm Warning for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan is canceled
- Heavy rainfall may produce flash flooding in poor drainage and low-lying areas
- A flash flood watch remains in effect through Saturday morning
- This is the final HLT update

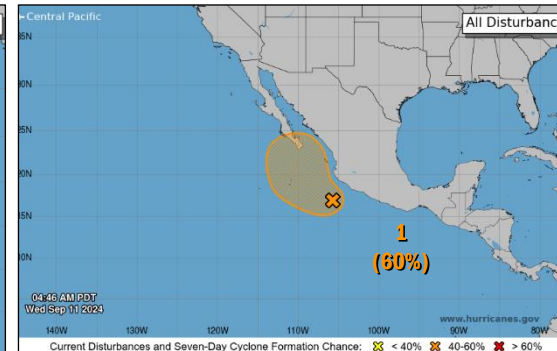
[ChST Timetable](#)

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

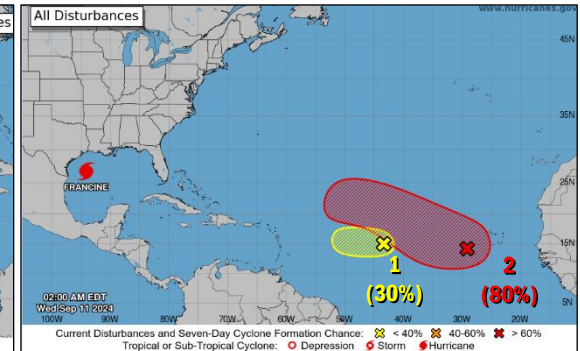
Eastern Pacific



Disturbance 1: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located off the coast of SW Mexico
- A tropical depression could form later part of this week
- Moving NNW
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Medium (50%); 7-day – Medium (60%)

Atlantic



Hurricane Francine: (Advisory #11, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below
- **Disturbance 1:** (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)
 - Located a few hundred miles WSW of Cabo Verde Islands
 - Favorable for a tropical depression; moving WNW
 - Formation chance: 48-hour – Med (50%); 7-day – High (90%)

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

- Located over the Central tropical Atlantic
- A tropical depression will likely form late in the week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – Low (30%)

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

- Located several hundred miles E of Leeward Islands
- Limited development expected
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (10%)

Disturbance 4: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located few hundred miles off SE U.S. Coastline
- Tropical development likely
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (20%)

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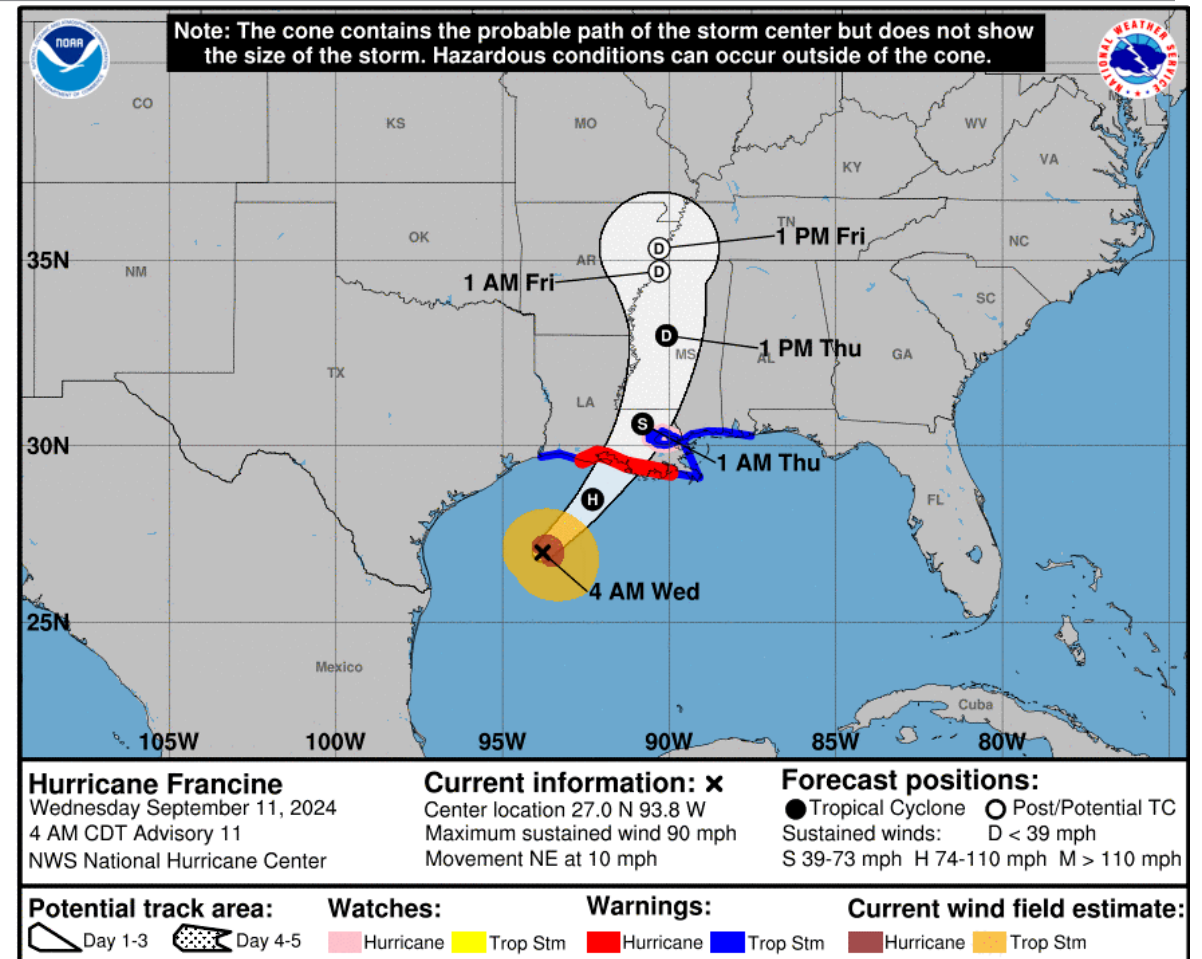


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Hurricane Francine (CAT-1)– Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #11, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 225 miles ENE of the Mouth of Rio Grande
- Moving NE at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 90 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 40 miles; Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 115 miles
- Francine is expected to make landfall in Louisiana this afternoon



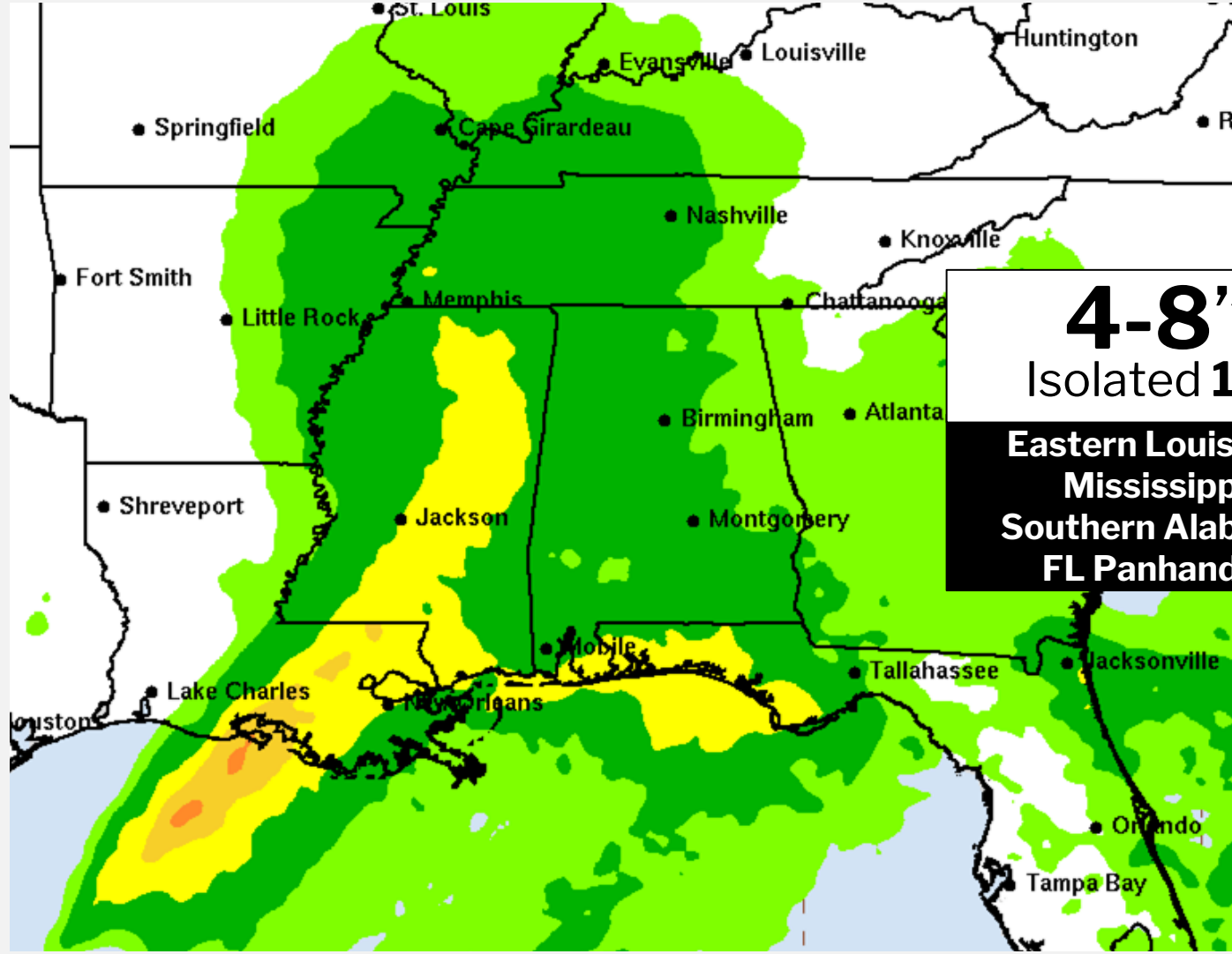
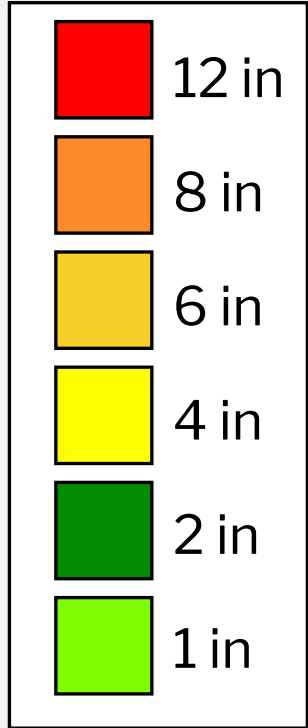
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Francine



3 DAY RAINFALL valid through *Saturday, 7 AM CDT*



4-8"
Isolated **12"**
Eastern Louisiana
Mississippi
Southern Alabama
FL Panhandle

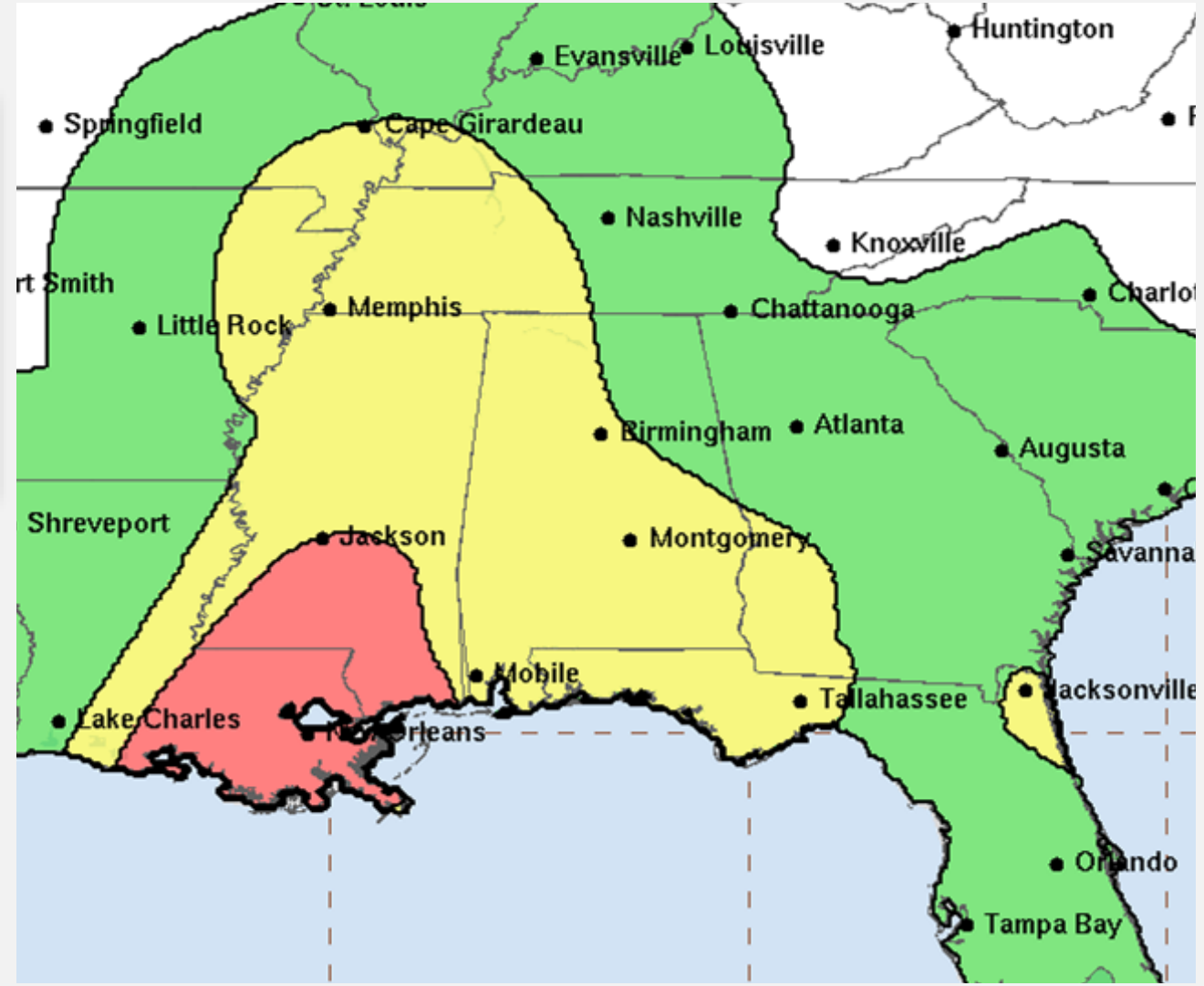
Francine



FLASH FLOOD RISK *valid through Saturday, 7 AM CDT*

Risk of Flash Flooding

Marginal	Moderate
Slight	High



Hurricane Francine – Gulf Coast



Situation: Hurricane Francine is anticipated to make landfall in Louisiana this afternoon or evening. After landfall, the center is expected to move northward across Mississippi by tomorrow night.

Lifelines: (FEMA Region VI RRCC SLB #2, as of 6:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)

Safety & Security:

- LA: Mandatory evacuations for 4 parishes (Plaquemines, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Jefferson)
- LA: Voluntary evacuations for 7 (+3) parishes (Lafayette, Calcasieu, Lafourche, Iberia, St. Mary, Plaquemines, and Cameron)

Food, Hydration, & Shelter: (FEMA Region VI RRCC SLB #2, as of 6:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)

- LA: 2 shelters / Unknown occupants

Water Systems:

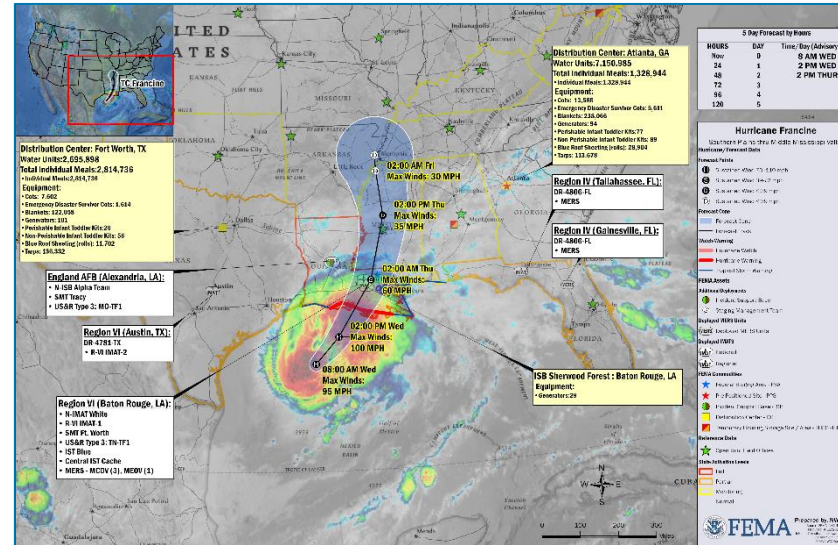
- LA: 90 out of the 99 (91%) de-watering pumps are operational in New Orleans
- LA: 229 floodgates of the 699 have been closed

Transportation:

- LA: Lafayette Transit will close to public on 9/11
 - Ports: multiple seaports reported closed

State and Local Response:

- Region VI: (Region VI IAB #2, as of 4:30 p.m. ET)
 - LA EOC at Full Activation (TC Francine)
 - LA Governor has declared a State of Emergency in all 64 parishes; FEMA-3614-EM-LA approved
 - TX EOC at Partial Activation (TC Francine)
- Region IV: (Region IV DSAR, as of 2:43 p.m. ET)
 - MS EOC is Monitoring (TC Francine)
 - AL EOC is Monitoring (TC Francine)



Regional Response:

- Region VI: (Region VI IAB #2, as of 4:30 p.m. ET)
 - RWC at Monitoring; RRCC is at Level II (9am-6pm ET)
 - IMAT-1 deployed (Baton Rouge; LA); IMAT-2 deployed (DR-4781-TX)
 - Response FIT LNO deployed to TX EOC
 - Deployed 2 Disaster Emergency Communications (DEC) Group Supervisors, two Emergency Communications Coordinators, and an FCC Reg Coordinator to Baton Rouge
 - Deployed 3 mobile communications office vehicles (MCOVs) and one MEOV staged
- Region IV: (Region IV DSAR, as of 2:43 p.m. ET)
 - RWC is Enhanced (Dayshift only); RRCC is rostered
 - IMAT-1 is FMC
 - IMAT-2 deployed to FL EOC (TC Debby)

FEMA / Federal Response: (Region VI IAB #2, as of 4:30 p.m. ET)

- NWC is monitoring; NRCC at Level II (dayshift only)
- N-IMAT White deployed to Baton Rouge, LA

US&R:

- Two Type-3 US&R Teams deployed to LA
- Blue IST with Central IST Cache staged Baton Rouge

Logistics:

- SMT Fort Worth deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- NISB Alpha & SMT Tracy: Deployed to Alexandria, LA
- Distribution Centers (DCs) are adequately stocked

HHS:

- Health Care Situational Assessment Team (HCSAT) deployed to Baton Rouge NLT 9/10
- Four liaisons deployed to Baton Rouge (FEMA Region VI RRCC SLB #2, as of 6:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)

USACE:

- Power SME deployed to Baton Rouge
- Type 4 Temporary Power Team and 30-Pack generators in place (FEMA Region VI RRCC SLB #2, as of 6:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)



Declaration Approval – Louisiana

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3614-EM-LA

Requested: Sep 10

Date Approved: Sep 10

Incident: Tropical Storm Francine

Incident Period: Sep 10, 2024, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 64 parishes

FCO: Sandra L. Eslinger

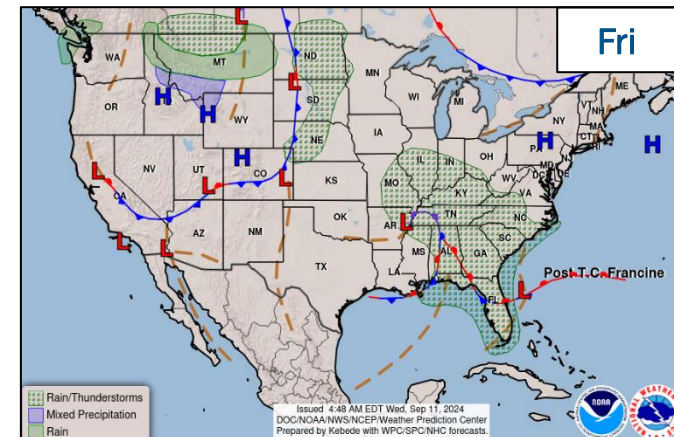
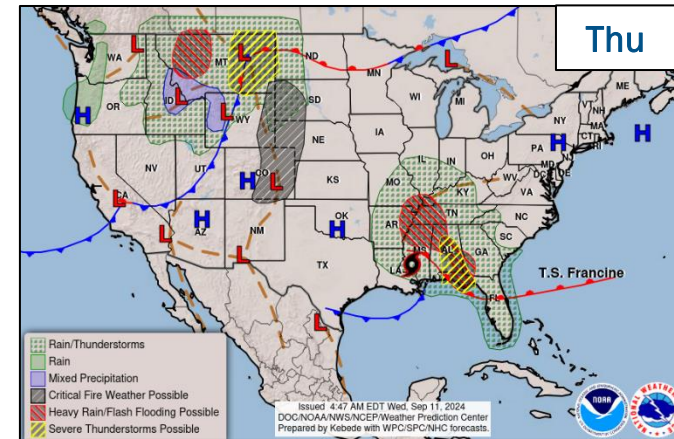
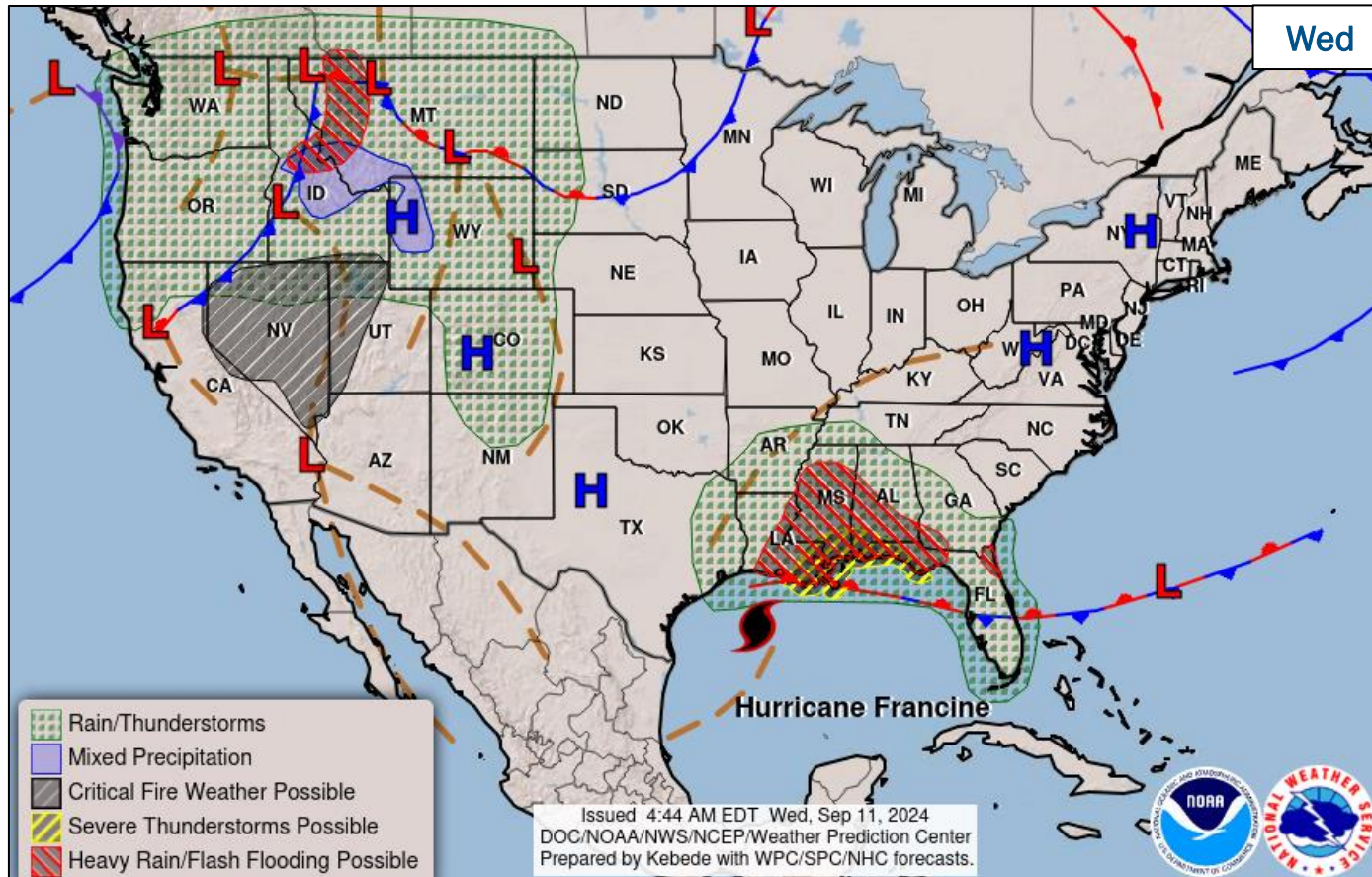


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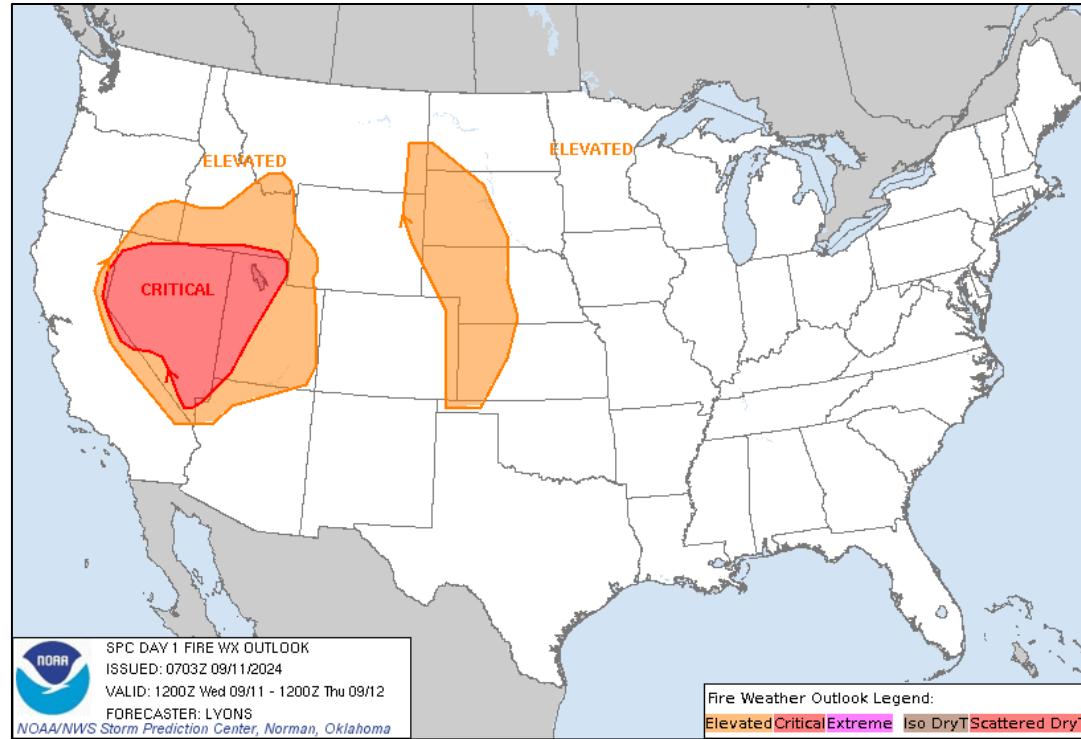
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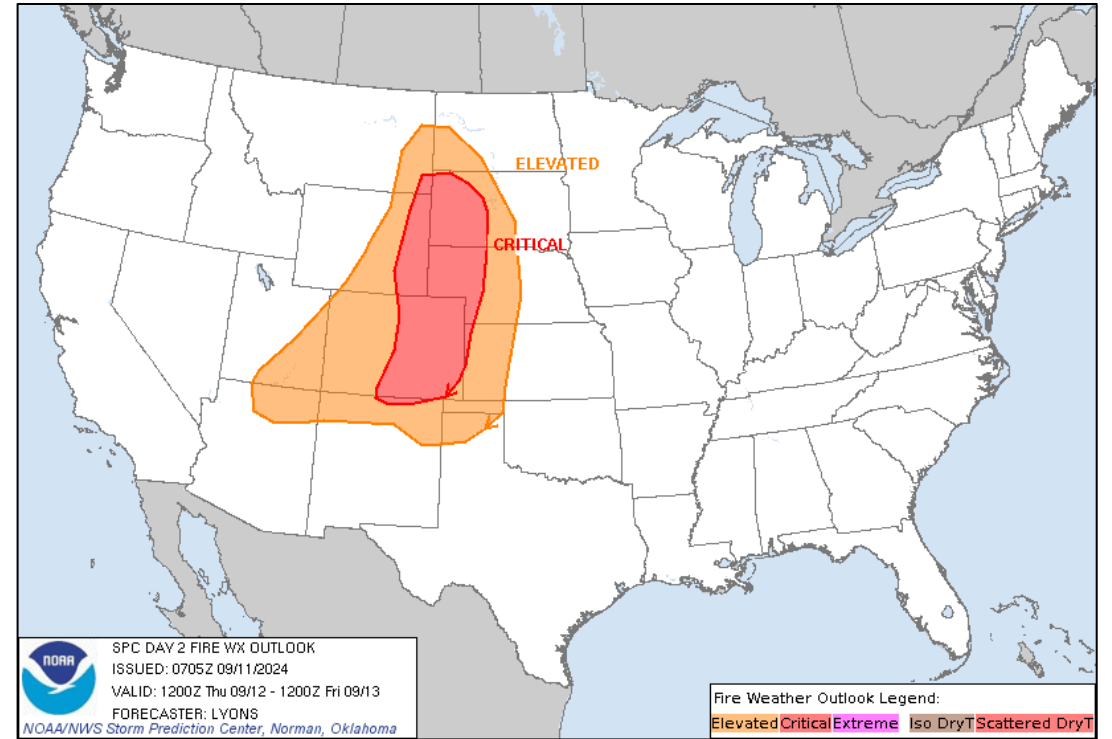
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 11)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 5

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(198 fires)</i>
New large fires:	5
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:	67
Cumulative Acres Burned	6,975,735
Total Responders	24,518
Type 1 IMTs deployed	5
Complex IMTs deployed	25 of 41



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 country; 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 nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed

Bridge Fire – California

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Bridge Fire (Los Angeles and San Bernadino, CA)	XXXX-FM-CA	34,239	0%	M: 5,810	H: 5,147	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

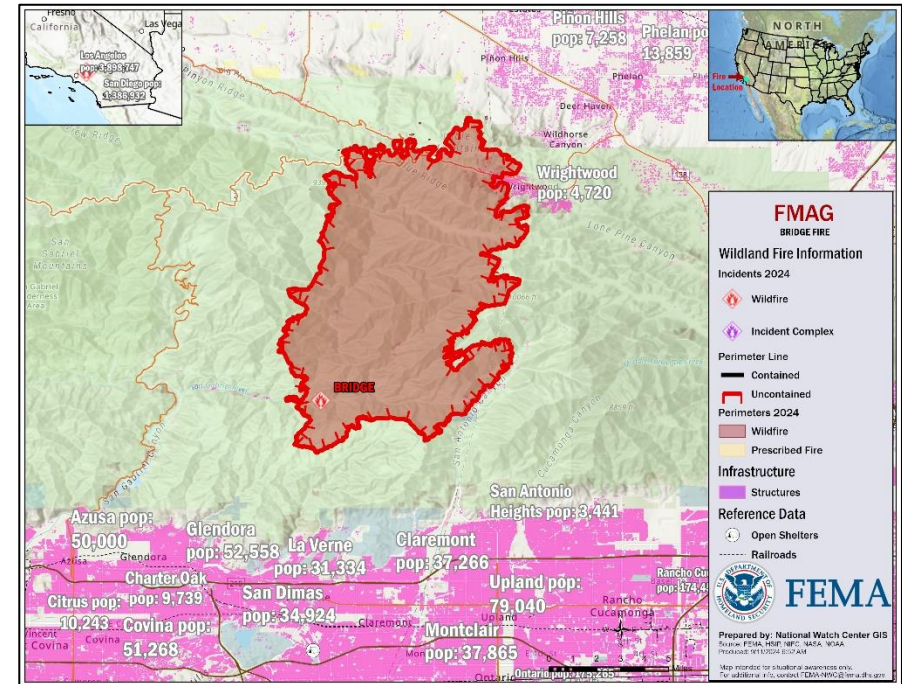
Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Bridge Fire burning in state land threatening the communities of Wrightwood, Mount Baldy, Mount Baldy Village, and Thompson Ranch, CA. (combine pop.<5k).

State / Local Response:

- CA EOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Sep 10
- Region IX is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC at Level II



Airport Fire – California

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Airport Fire (Riverside, CA)	XXXX-FM-CA	19,028	0%	M: 10,297	H: 10,500	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

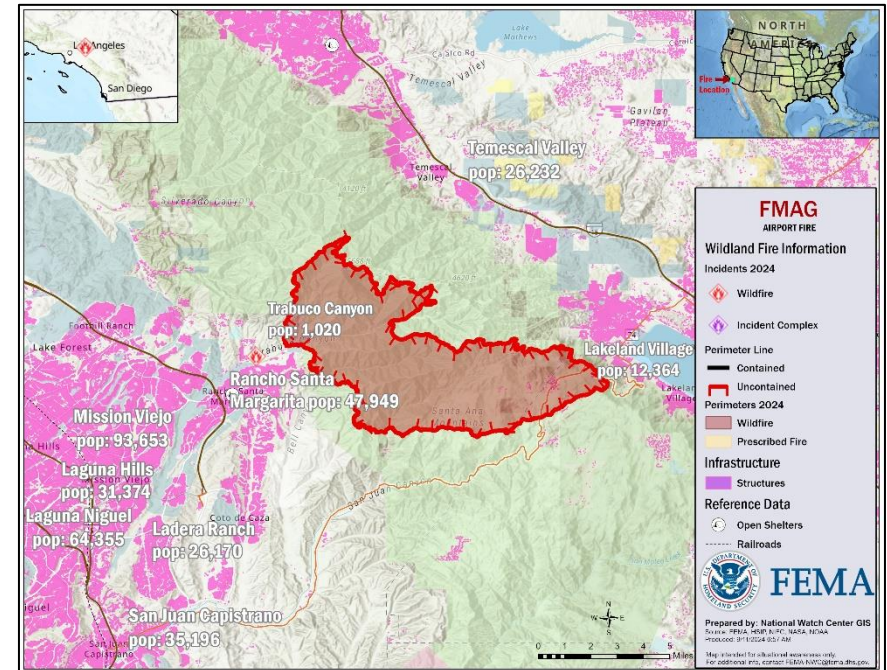
Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Airport Fire burning in the wildland/urban interface in unincorporated Orange and Riverside Counties, near the cities of Santa Margarita, Portola Hills, and Lake Elsinore, CA. (combine pop. 75k).

State / Local Response:

- CA EOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Sep 10
- Region IX is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC at Level II



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Davis (Washoe County, NV)	5533-FM-NV	5,646 (+646)	31% (+31)	M: 9,000	H: 5,256 (+2,236)	H: 0	H: 13 (-1)	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 0	
Rail Ridge (Grant, Crook, and Wheeler, OR)	5534-FM-OR	151,906	11%	M: 331	H: 274	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 456	O: 0	O: 1	
Line (San Bernardino, CA)	5535-FM-CA	27,974 (+4,260)	14% (+9)	M: 12,900 (+456)	H: 65,600 (+27,600)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 0 (-2)	O: 0	O: 0	
Boyles * (Lake County, CA)	5536-FM-CA	81	50% (+10)	M: 1,591	H: 4,000	H: 0	H: 30	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

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

* FEMA Region IX Wildfire Summary, as of 10:50 p.m. ET, Sep 10



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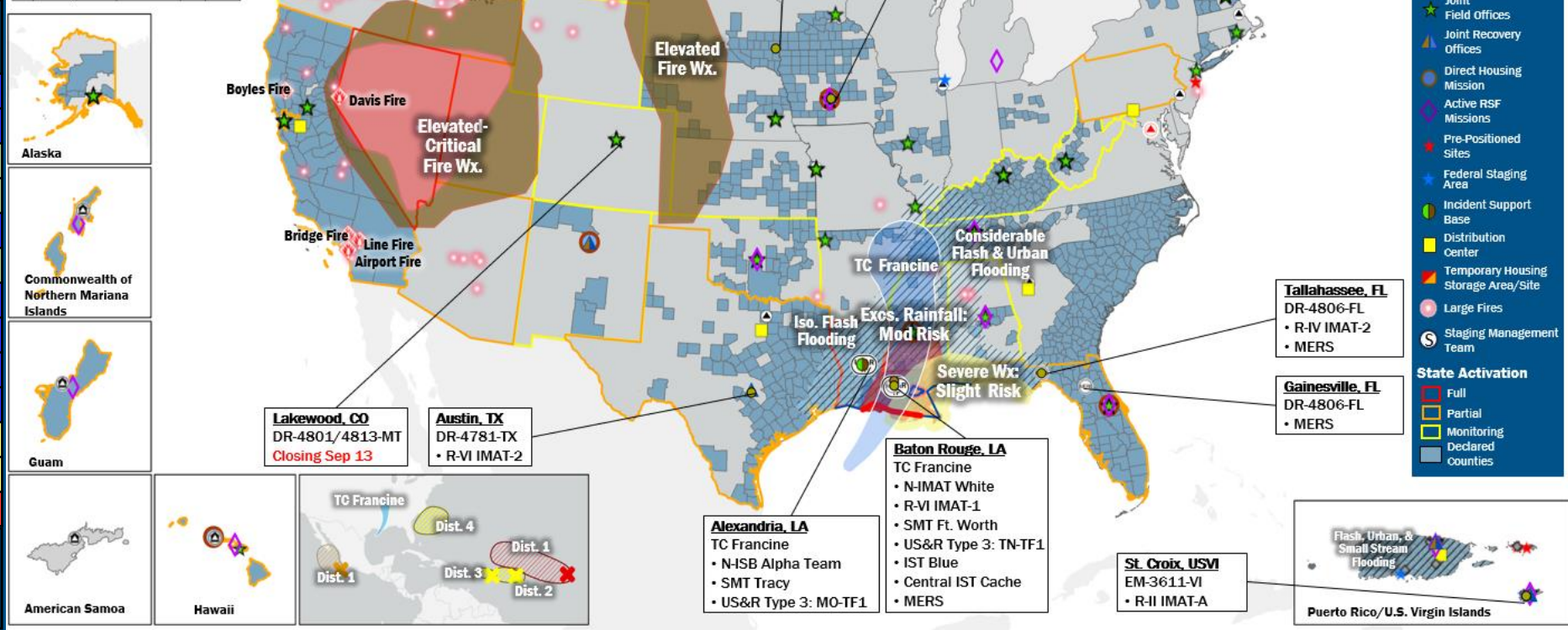
23 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
99 + 9 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level II
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Enhanced	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Level II
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC (dayshift only)	• OK: Severe Weather
• RIV RWC (dayshift only)	• TX: TC Beryl
• RVI RRCC (dayshift only)	• HI/ID/NM/NV/OK/OR
	WA/WY/CA: Wildfires
	AZ: SW Border
	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/ Avian Flu
	• AK/NM/AZ/UT: Flooding
	• FL/PA: TC Debby
	• WV: Drought
	• KY: Active Shooter
	• TX/LA/AL/MS: TC Francine
	• GU/CN: TC Bebinca
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 12
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,785 (+1)	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	LA (Sep 10)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	VI (Aug 9)
III	
IV-1	3
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	2
VI-1	1/LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	TX (May 17)
VII	IA (Jun 28)
VIII	SD (Aug 16)
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	Personnel
X	Personnel

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	16	2	0
II	1/1	4	2	2
III	1/0	3	0	0
IV	5/0	25	4	0
V	2/0	3	0	0
VI	2/0	8	1	3
VII	3/1	10	0	0
VIII	0/1	4	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	8	0	0



IM Workforce

13,698 (+32) Assigned
 4,817 (-16) Unavailable
 6,377 (+57) Deployed
 18% / 2,504 (-9) Available

IM Cadre Availability

14 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 14% (6/43); External Affairs: 25% (129/524); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (106/815); Field Leadership: 16% (24/148); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (134/1,245); Human Resources: 4% (7/168); Individual Assistance: 15% (382/2,533); Information Technology: 21% (132/635); Logistics: 13% (198/1,578); Operations: 11% (37/346); Public Assistance: 12% (258/2,217); Planning: 6% (26/461); Safety: 9% (8/94); Security: 12% (17/138)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 3 (+2) Deployed
 33 (-2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 2 Deployed
 25 Available

FCO

2 Type I

52 Assigned
 6 Unavailable
 41 (31 FCO) Deployed
 5 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties/Jurisdictions		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	CT	Severe Storms & Flooding Aug 18-19	IA	3	3	8/29 – 9/5
			PA	3	0	9/13 – TBD
II	NY	Major Flooding (Severe Weather) Aug 19	IA	1	0	9/4 – TBD
			PA	2	0	9/3 – TBD
	PR	Tropical Cyclone Ernesto Aug 13-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	61	4	8/30 – TBD
IV	SC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 3-22	IA	3	3	8/29 – 9/5
			PA	13	10 (+5)	8/27 – TBD
IX	CA	Park Fire and Borel Fire Jul 24 and continuing	IA	3	2	8/28 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3, 2023
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
SCA* – Watch Fire	DR	X	X	X	Aug 16
VT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 21
PA – Tropical Cyclone Debby	DR	X		X	Aug 23
CTBYN** – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
SRMT*** – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 26
IL – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 28
VT – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Aug 28
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 29
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 3
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 6
NY – Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby	DR		X	X	Sep 6
LA – Tropical Storm Francine – APPROVED	DR		X		Sep 10

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