

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Wyoming
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Kirk (CAT 1)
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (90%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Depression Eleven-E
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (50%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approved: FEMA-4831-DR-VA
- Three Amendments issued

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic



Situation: Locally executed, state managed, and federally supported operations continue.

Lifelines: (FEMA RIV SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 1)

Safety & Security: Curfews remain in effect throughout the impacted area.

- FL: Curfews in effect for 4 counties
- GA: Curfews remain in effect for 11 (+6) counties
- NC: Curfews remain in effect in 6 counties
- SC: Road closures/debris/power outages impacting response

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter demand continues to increase in North and South Carolina. 73 total shelters / 2,479 occupants (FEMA HQ Mass Care, as of 7:49 a.m. ET)

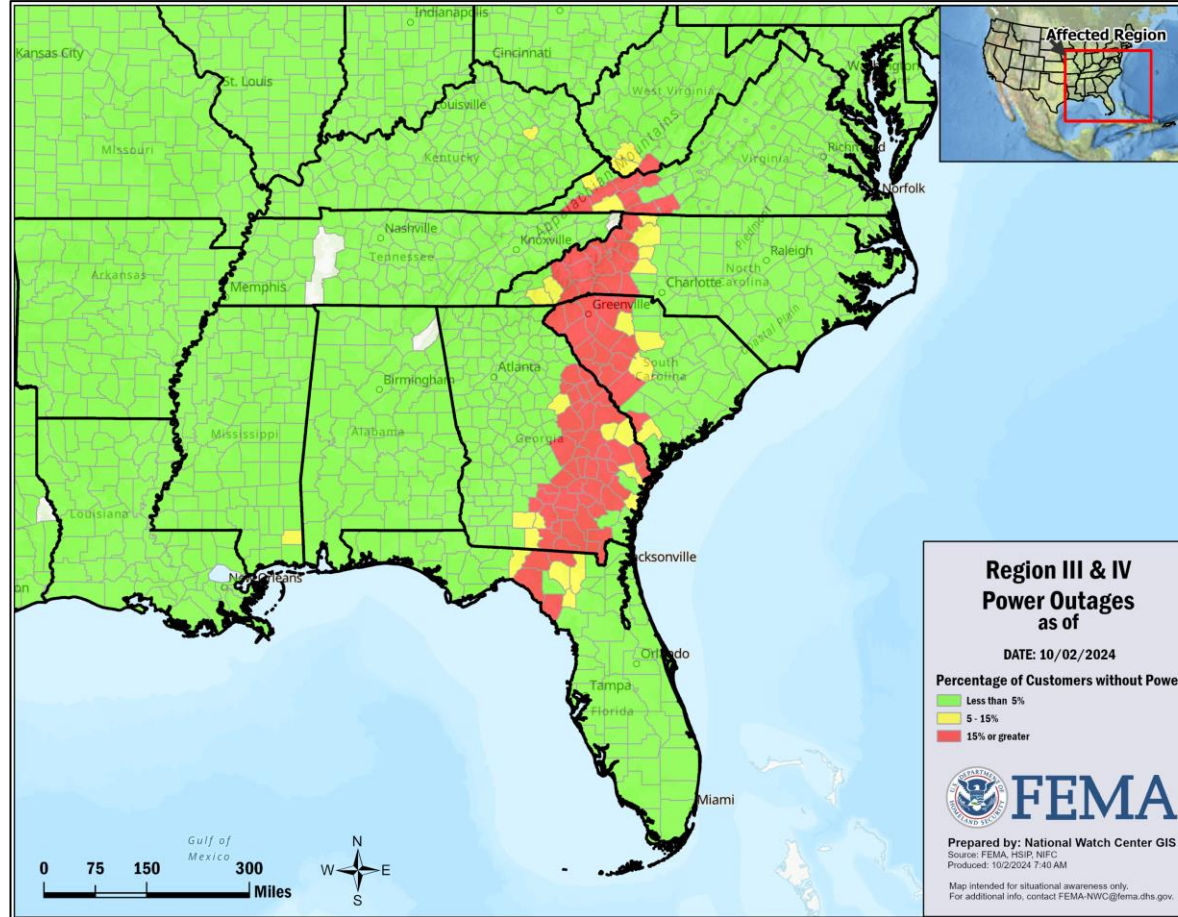
- FL: 16 shelters / 471 (-38) occupants
- GA: 10 (+2) shelters / 513 (-7) occupants
- NC: 26 (+1) shelters / 1,064 (+211) occupants
- SC: 9 (-1) shelters / 171 (+29) occupants
- TN: 10 (+2) shelters / 62 (-1) occupants
- VA: 2 shelters / 18 occupants

Health & Medical: Reported fatalities have increased; some medical facilities have been taken off of generator power.

- FL: 31 healthcare facilities evacuated
 - 1 confirmed fatality
- GA: 7 (-4) medical facilities on generator power & 2 (-2) facilities without water
 - 25 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- NC: 2 hospitals on generator power
 - 42 (+9) confirmed fatalities
- SC: 29 (+1) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 6 confirmed fatalities

Water Systems: Boil water advisories continue to be issued.

- FL: 68 (+19) boil water notices; 84 sewage spills reported totaling 9.6M gallons
- GA: 216 boil water notices; 113 (+24) wastewater systems with non/partial/unknown operational status
- NC: 161 (+40) boil water notices; 14 (-2) wastewater systems with non/partial/unknown operational status
- SC: 1 active boil water advisory; 2 partially operational wastewater systems
- TN: 13 (+10) active boil water notices; 3 non-operational and 1 partially operational wastewater system



Energy: Power restoration continues in the impacted area. A total of 1.3M (4%) customers remain without power in Region IV. (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:15 a.m. ET, Oct 2)

- GA: 381k (-6k) / 8% customers without power
- NC: 342k (-2k) / 7% customers without power
- SC: 500k (-85k) / 17% customers without power

Communications: Restoration efforts are ongoing; however, outages persist in the most impacted counties.

- GA: 13 (-8) counties with 50% or more of cell sites down
 - All 911 calls are being answered
- NC: 10 (-7) counties with 50% or more of cell sites down
 - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Communications remain heavily disrupted, and partial cellular and internet services
- SC: 1 (-1) county with 50% or more of cell sites down
- TN: 0 (-1) counties with 50% or more of cell sites down

Transportation: Primary roads and some smaller airports remain closed.

- GA: Vidalia Regional Airport closed due to power
- NC: Avery County Airport remains closed
- SC: 105 (-5) primary roads / 372 secondary routes remain closed
- TN: 14 (+4) bridges closed; 5 bridges destroyed



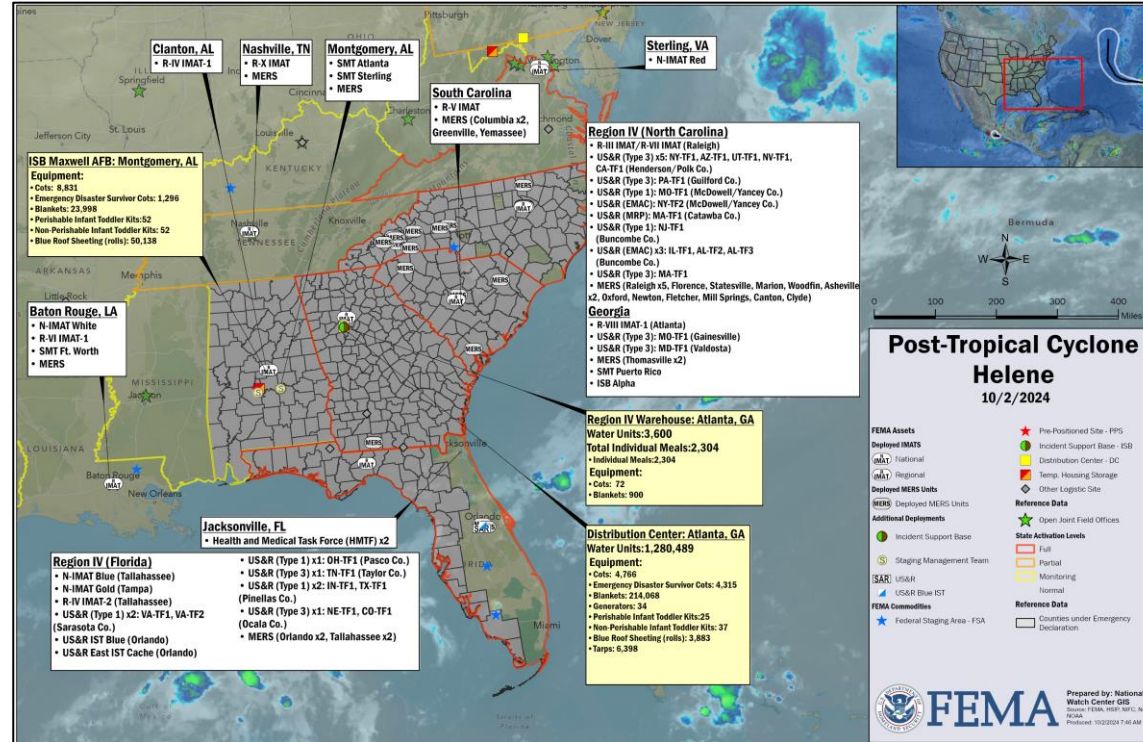
Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic



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State / Tribal Response:

- FL: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency for 41 counties; FEMA-3615-EM-FL approved
 - FEMA-4828-DR-FL approved on Sep 28
- GA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Gov declared a State of Emergency
 - FEMA-4830-DR-GA approved
- NC: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-3617-EM-NC approved on Sep 26
 - FEMA-4827-DR-NC approved on Sep 28
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency
- SC: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency
 - FEMA-4829-DR-SC approved on Sep 29
- TN: SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Helene)
 - Gov declared a State of Emergency
 - FEMA-3620-EM-TN approved on Sep 27
- VA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Gov declared a State of Emergency
 - FEMA-4831-DR-VA approved on Oct 1



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region IV, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m./3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA RIII: RRCC at Level II with select ESFs
- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level II with all ESFs
 - IMAT-1 deployed to AL SEOC
 - IMAT-2 deployed to FL SEOC
- HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I
 - National Responder Mobilization Team deployed to Grapevine, TX

IMAT:

- N-IMAT Blue deployed to Tallahassee, FL
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to Raleigh, NC
- N-IMAT Red staged in Sterling, VA
- N-IMAT White deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA Region V IMAT deployed to West Columbia, SC
- FEMA Region VII IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA Region VIII IMAT deployed to Atlanta, GA
- FEMA Region X IMAT deployed to Nashville, TN

Logistics:

- SMT Fort Worth and SMT Tracy deploying to Selma, AL
- SMT Atlanta and SMT Sterling deployed to Montgomery, AL
- SMT Puerto Rico deployed to Atlanta, GA
- ISB Team Bravo deployed to Montgomery, AL

US&R:

- 21 US&R Task Forces deployed (7xType 1, 13xType 3; 1xMRP-WR)
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to FL

MERS:

- MERS assets deployed to FL, AL, GA, and NC
- Additional MERS teams on standby



Declaration Approval – Virginia

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4831-DR-VA
Requested: Sep 30

Date Approved: Oct 1

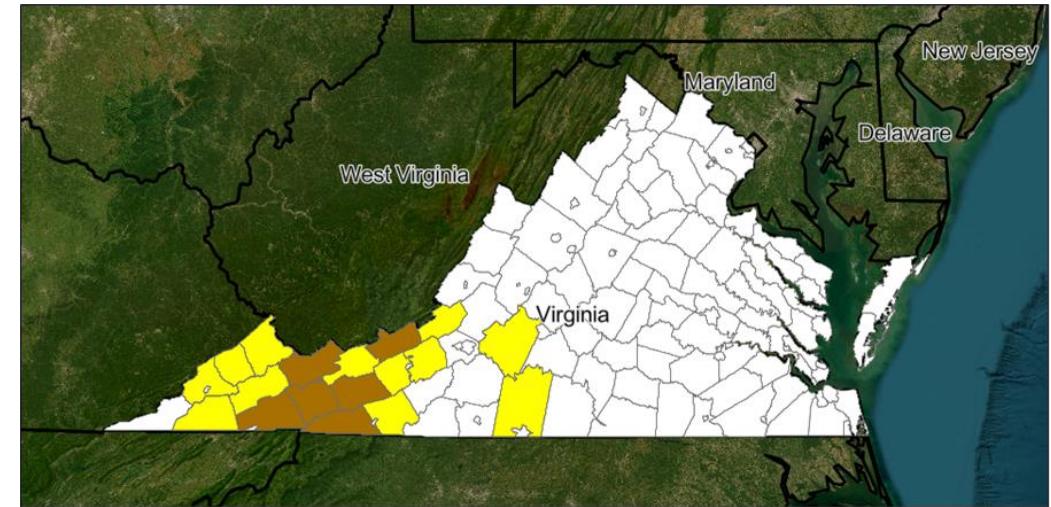
Incident: Tropical Storm Helene

Incident Period: Sep 25 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 12 counties and 6 independent cities
- **IA/PA:** 6 counties and 1 independent city
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Entire Commonwealth

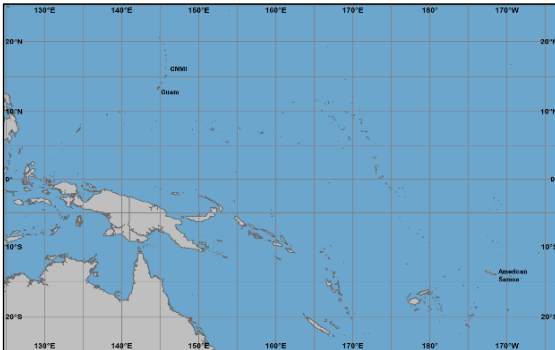
- **FCO:** Timothy S. Pheil



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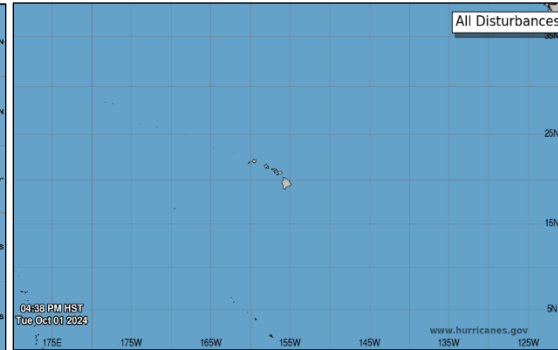
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



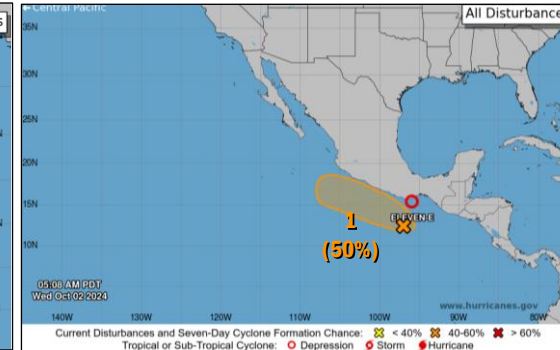
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones are expected in the next seven days.

Eastern Pacific



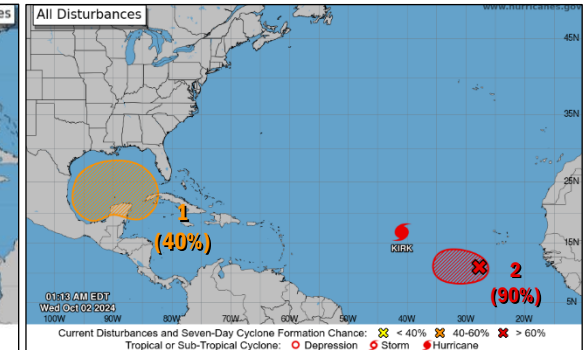
TD Eleven-E: (Advisory #3, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 55 miles SE of Puerto Angel, Mexico
- Moving WNW at 5 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Strengthening possible before system reaches the coast, and it could become a tropical storm later today

Disturbance 1 (EP97): (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles SSE of Acapulco, Mexico
- Moving WNW
- Development is expected but proximity to TD Eleven-E may limit it during the next two days
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – Medium (50%)

Atlantic



Hurricane Kirk (CAT 1): (Advisory #10, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,200 miles W of Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving NW at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 80 mph

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

- Located in SW Caribbean moving into the Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical depression could form over the weekend
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (40%)

Disturbance 2 (AL91): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

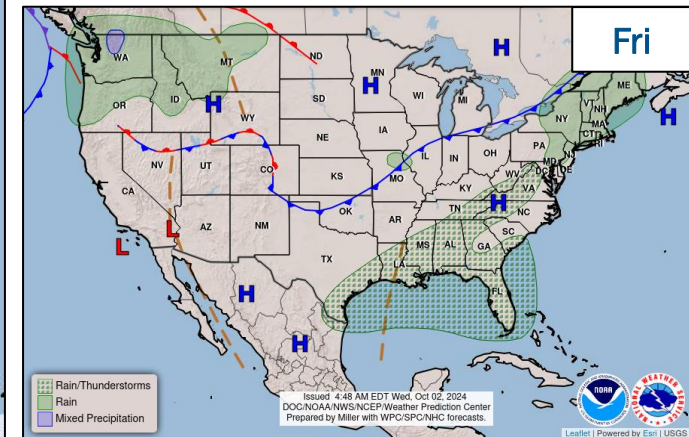
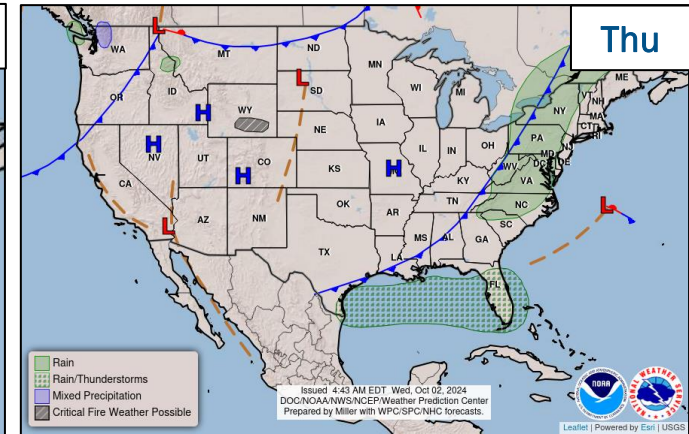
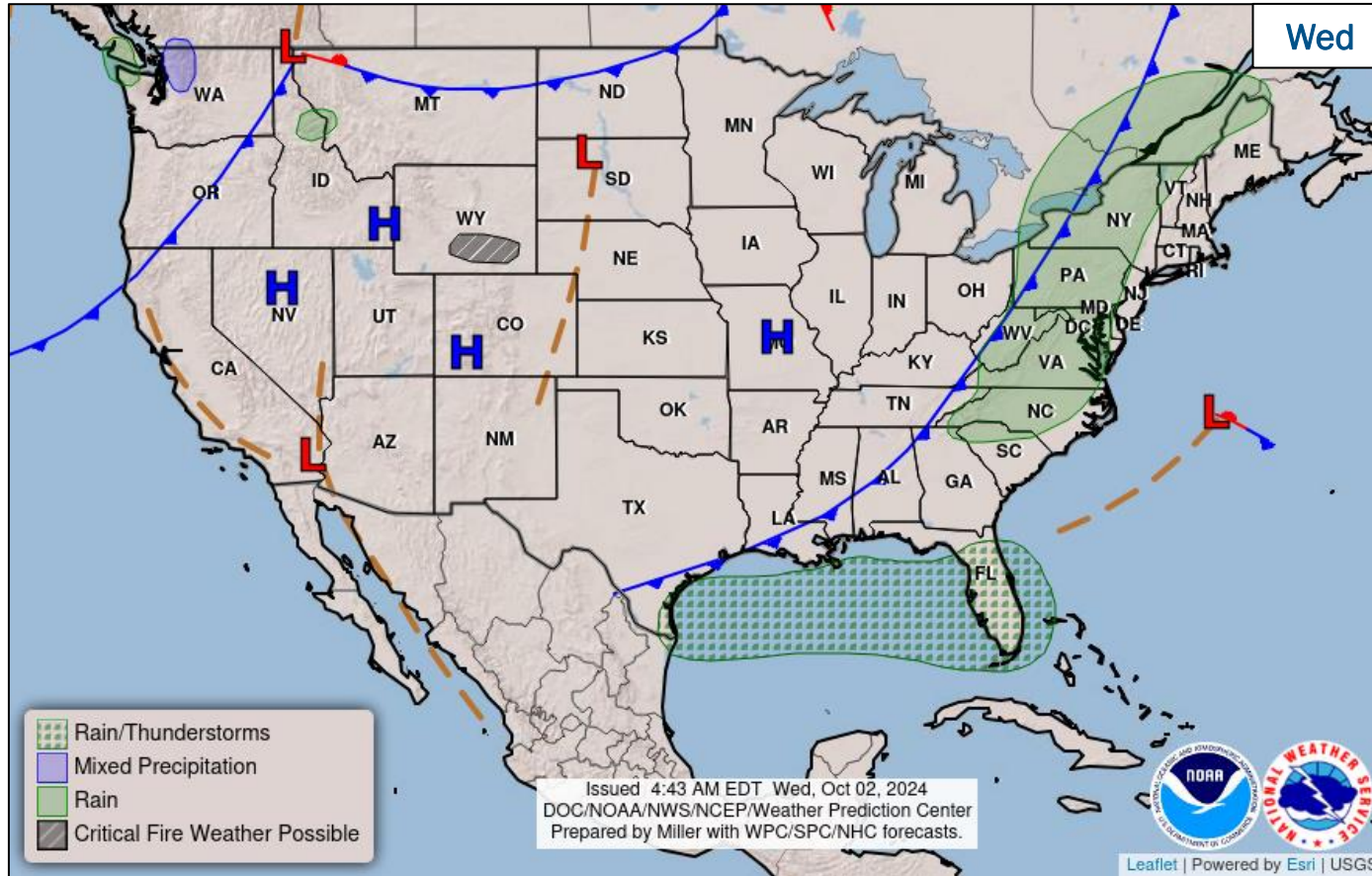
- Located a few hundred miles SSW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Tropical depression could form in the next day
- Formation chance: 48-hour – High (90%); 7-day – High (90%)



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National Fire Activity *(as of Oct 1)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 3

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(134 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	3	<p>U.S. Wildfires National PL 3 10/2/2024</p> <p>Wildland Fire Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFIC Incident Management Situation Report: Reportable Fires Current FEMA FMAG Fires Wildfire FEMA Assets: Open Joint Field Offices, Pre-Positioned Site, PPS, Distribution Center, DC, Temporary Housing, Storage Site / Area, THSS - THSA Other Logistics Site FEMA Regional Offices: Headquarters, Regional Offices Reference Data: State Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) Geographic Area Coordination Centers: Preparedness Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 GACC Boundaries <p>Prepared by: National Watch Center GIS Source: FEMA, USFS, ICS, NOAA, NCEM Product: 10/1/2024 3:30 PM Map intended for situational awareness only.</p>
Large fires contained:	2	
Uncontained large fires:	29	
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,939,188	
Total Responders	9,438	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0	
Complex IMTs deployed	13 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

Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Elk Fire (Sheridan Co., WY)	5539-FM-WY	24,755 (+2,345)	0%	M: 0	H: 36	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 54	O: 0	O: 6 (+6)	

(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

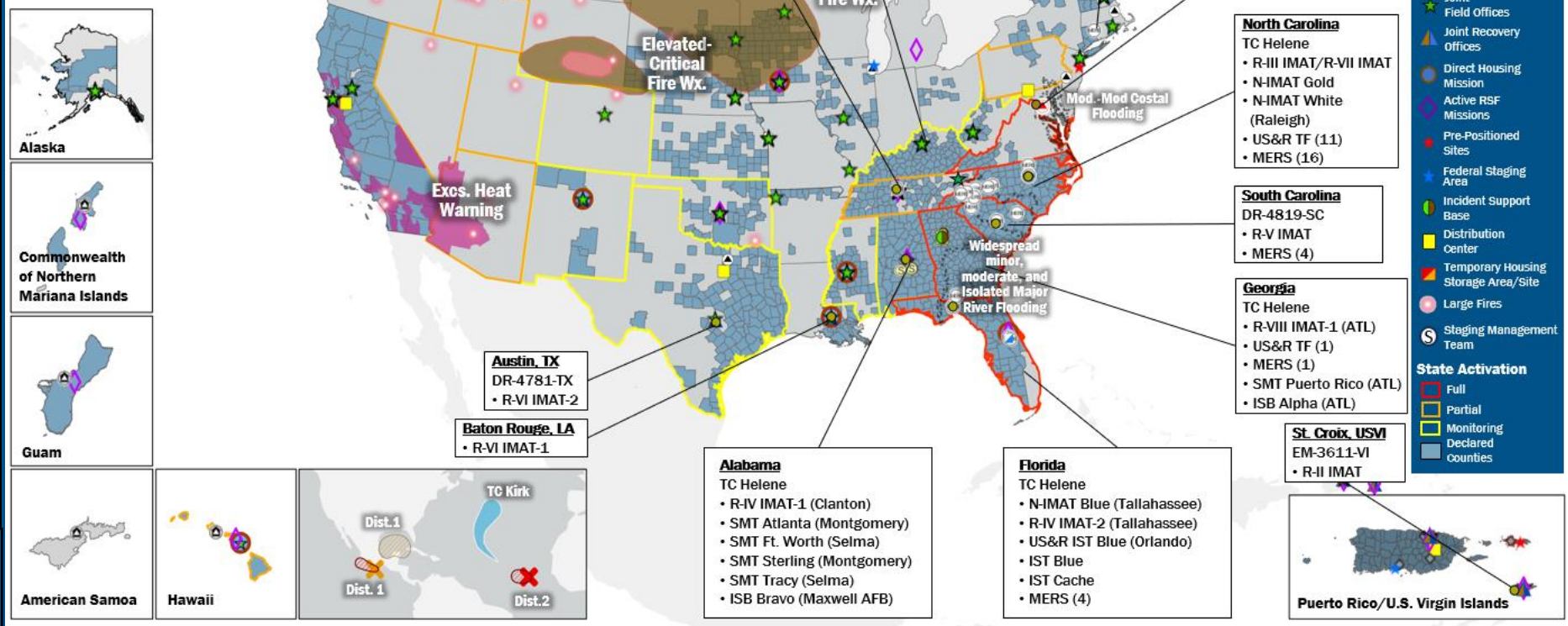
28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
109 + 15 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Level II
Monitoring	IV Level II
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene	• OK: Severe Weather
• RIII RWC: TC Helene	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
• RIII RRCC: TC Helene	• AZ: SW Border
• RIV RRCC: TC Helene	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu
	• NM/AZ: Flooding
	• TX: TC Francine
	• PA: TC Debby
	• WV: Drought
	• VA: Operation FREE
	• FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/SC/TN/KY/VA: TC Helene
	• DC: Election Monitoring
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 8
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,817 (+18)	Deployed 43 (+29)

N-IMATs	
2-5 Team Available	
Red	VA (staged/Sep 29)
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	NC (Sep 23)
HS	
R-IMATs	
≤ 3 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	USVI (Aug 9)
III	NC (Sep 29)
IV-1	AL (Sep 24)
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	SC (Sep 29)
VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	TX (May 17)
VII	NC (Sep 25)
VIII	GA (Sep 24)
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	Personnel
X	TN (Sep 29)

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	18	2	0
II	3/1	6	2	2
III	1/0	5	1	0
IV	4/0	26	10	0
V	2/0	4	0	0
VI	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	12	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0



IM Workforce

13,702 (+7) Assigned
 4,863 (-130) Unavailable
 7,125 (+154) Deployed
 12% (-1%) / 1,714 (-17) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (36/164); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 1% (9/1,182); External Affairs: 7% (35/520); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 11% (88/822); Field Leadership: 14% (20/146); Financial Management: 25% (60/236); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (77/1,184); Human Resources: 9% (16/172); Individual Assistance: 10% (245/2,515); Information Technology: 15% (101/662); Logistics: 8% (123/1,600); Operations: 4% (13/338); Public Assistance: 15% (346/2,263); Planning: 3% (14/449); Safety: 8% (7/93) Security: 14% (19/137)

MERS

33%-65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 14 (+1) Deployed
 22 (-1) Available

US&R

< 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 21 Deployed
 7 Available

FCO

1 Type I

51 Assigned
 5 (-1) Unavailable
 45 (+1) (37 FCOR) Deployed
 1 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	3 (+2)	9/9 – 9/30
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 – TBD
IX	Navajo Nation	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 – TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 – TBD



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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, 2023
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
SCA* – Watch Fire	DR	X	X	X	Aug 16
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 29
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
CRST** – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 12
USVI – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		X	X	Sep 13
NY – Severe Storms, Straight -Line Winds and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 19
HT*** – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20
CA – Park Fire and Borel Fire	DR	X		X	Sep 24
TN – Tropical Storm Helene	DR	X	X	X	Sep 30
VA – Hurricane Helene – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Sep 30

*San Carlos Apache Tribe, **Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, ***Havasupai Tribe



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	1	Oct 1	Adds 30 counties for IA and 30 counties for PA
FEMA-3621-EM-VA	1	Oct 1	Adds 12 counties and 5 independent cities for PA
FEMA-4828-DR-FL	1	Oct 1	Adds 5 counties for IA



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