

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather / Flooding – IN

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains to Lower Mississippi Valley
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Central Plains to Great Lakes
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lala
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (60%)
 - Western Pacific: Invest 92W: High

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Mukluk Fire – AK
- Two amendments issued

Event Monitoring

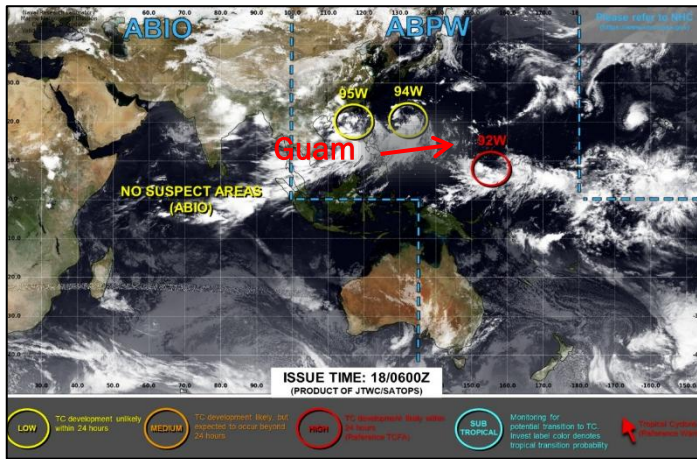
- No new significant events



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Tropical Outlook

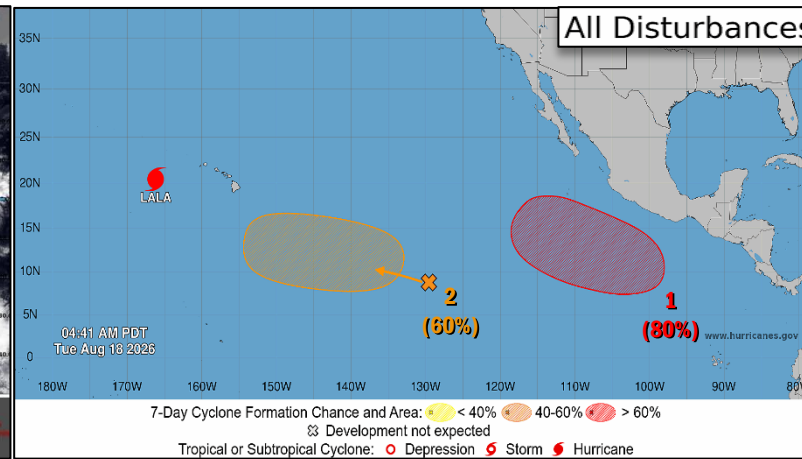
Western Pacific



Invest 92W: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 208 mi E of Chuuk
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 20-26 mph
- Moving NNW
- Conditions favorable for development into a significant cyclone
- Formation chance: 24 hours: High

Eastern and Central Pacific



Hurricane Lala (CAT-1): (Advisory #24, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

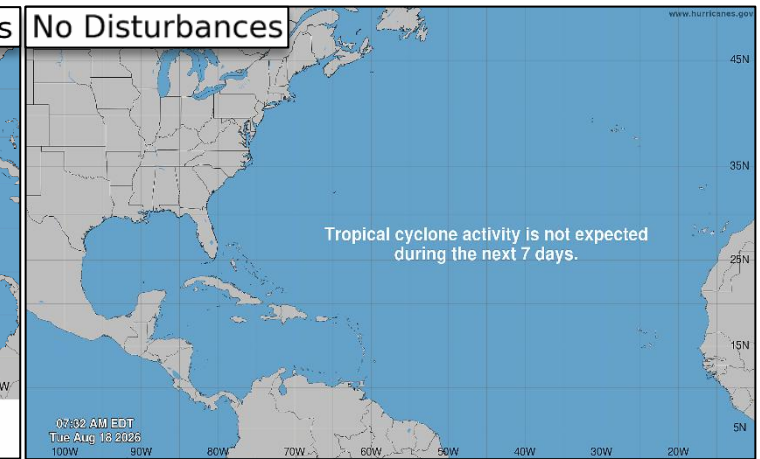
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Area of low pressure forecast to form several hundred miles south off the coast of Mexico around the end of the week
- Gradual development of this system is expected, and a tropical depression is likely to form by this weekend
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: High (80%)

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

- Tropical wave located well WSW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development of this system, and a tropical depression could form towards the end of this week or over the weekend
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (20%); 7 days: Medium (60%)

Atlantic



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.



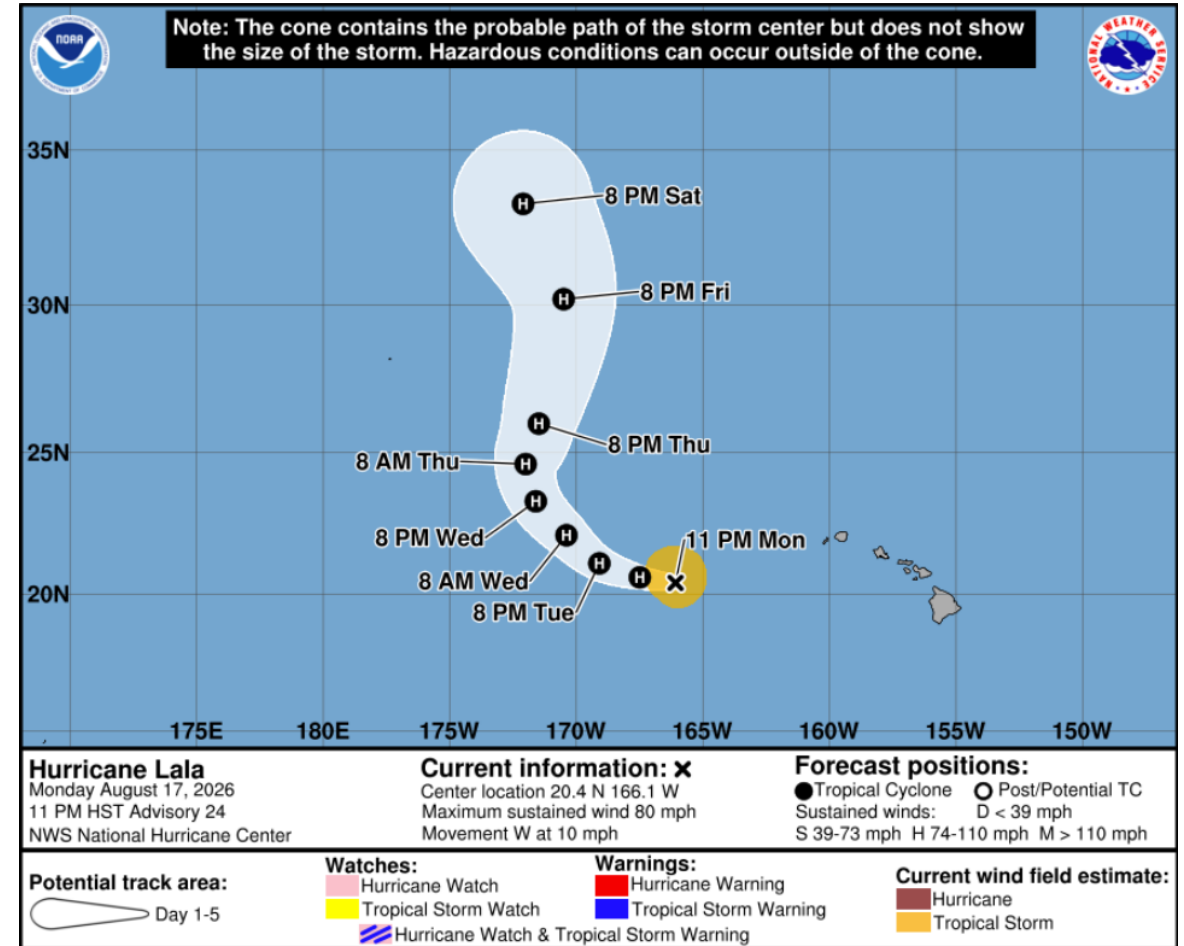
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Hurricane Lala (CAT-1) – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #24, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

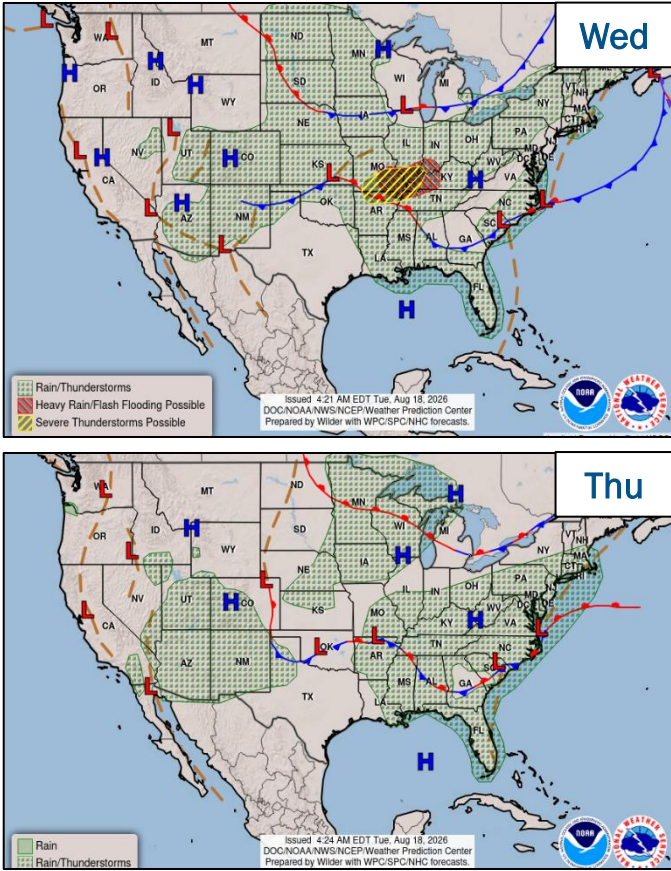
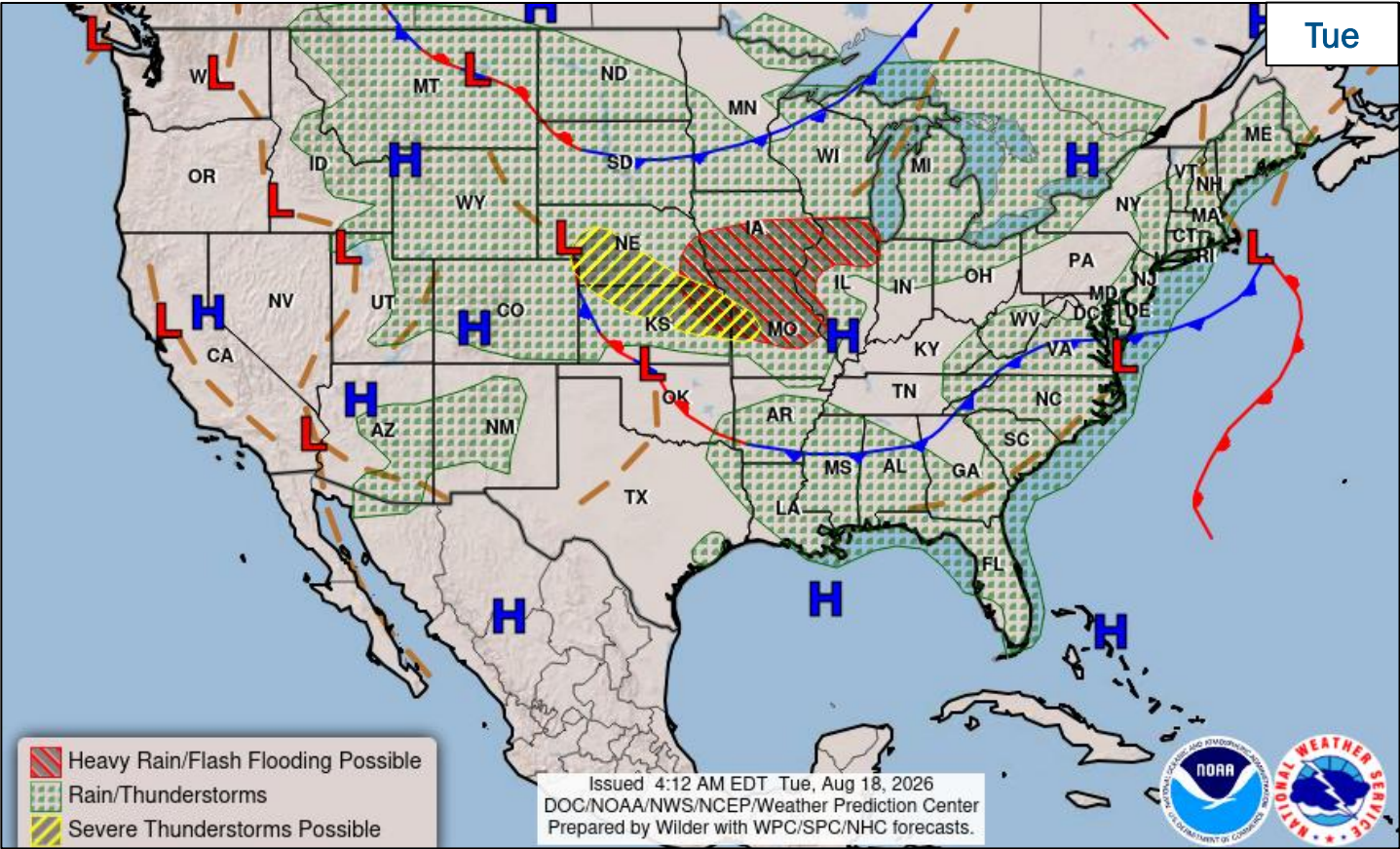
- Located 440 miles SE of Maro Reef
- Moving W at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 80 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend outward of 15 mi from the center
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 90 mi from the center
- Additional strengthening is forecast during the next day or so and Lala is expected to remain a hurricane for the next several days



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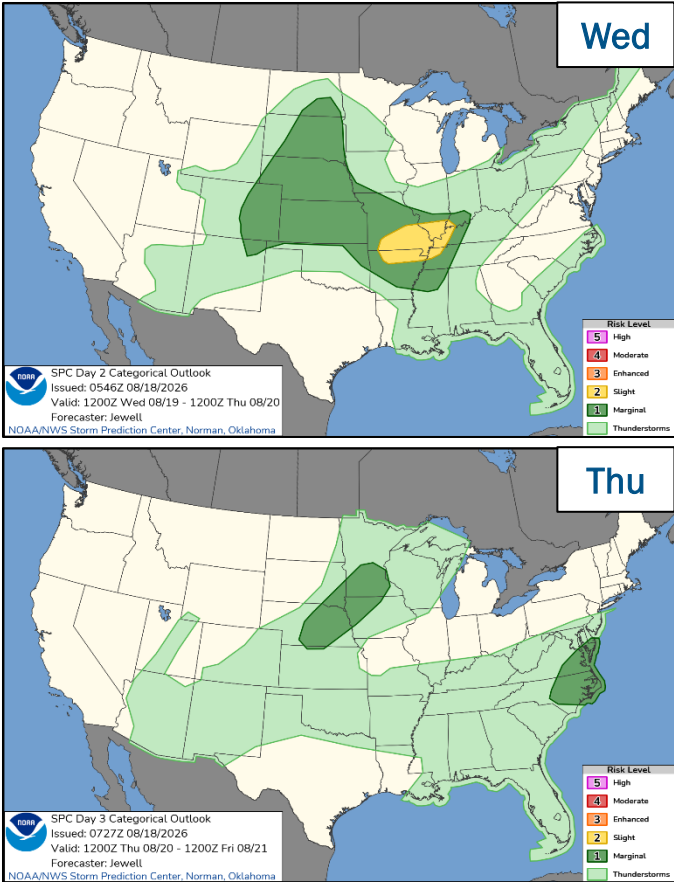
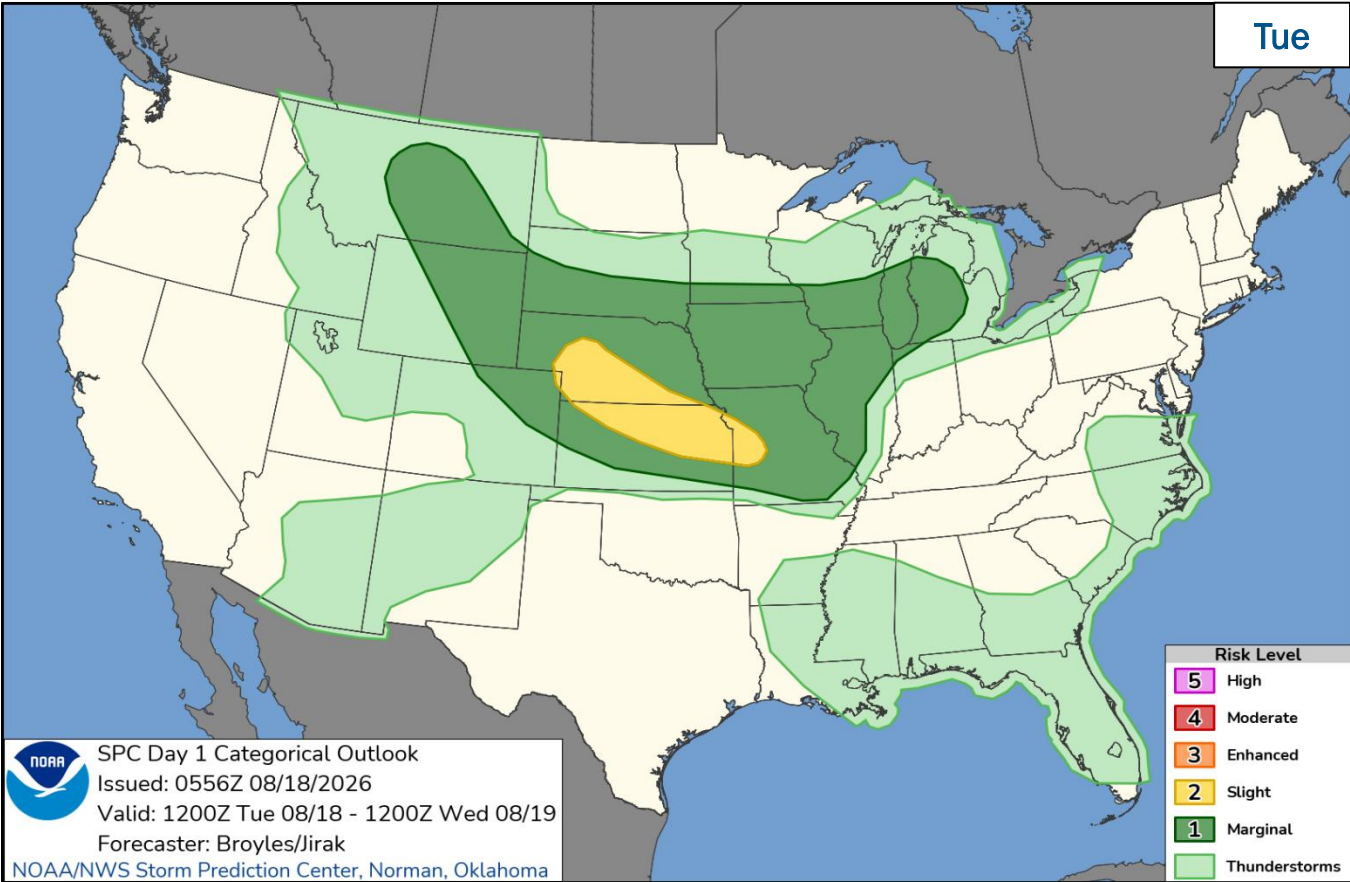
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National Weather Forecast



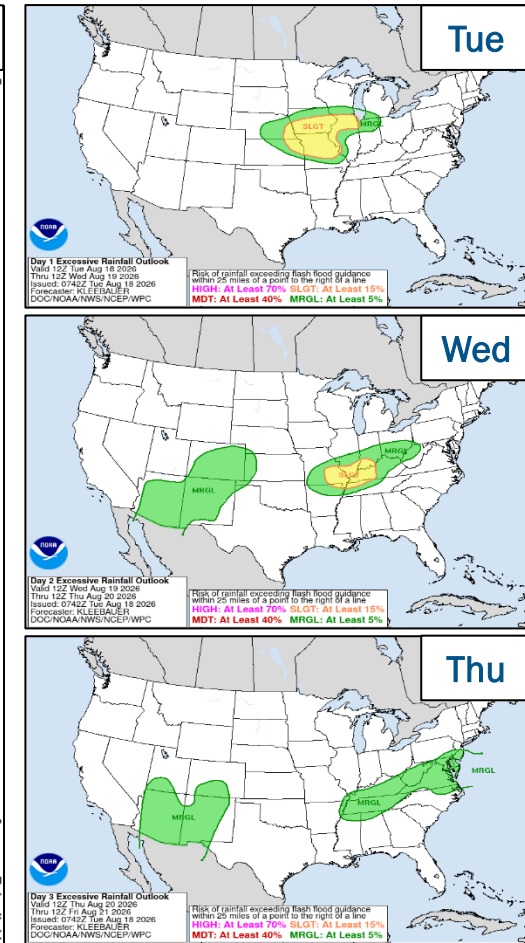
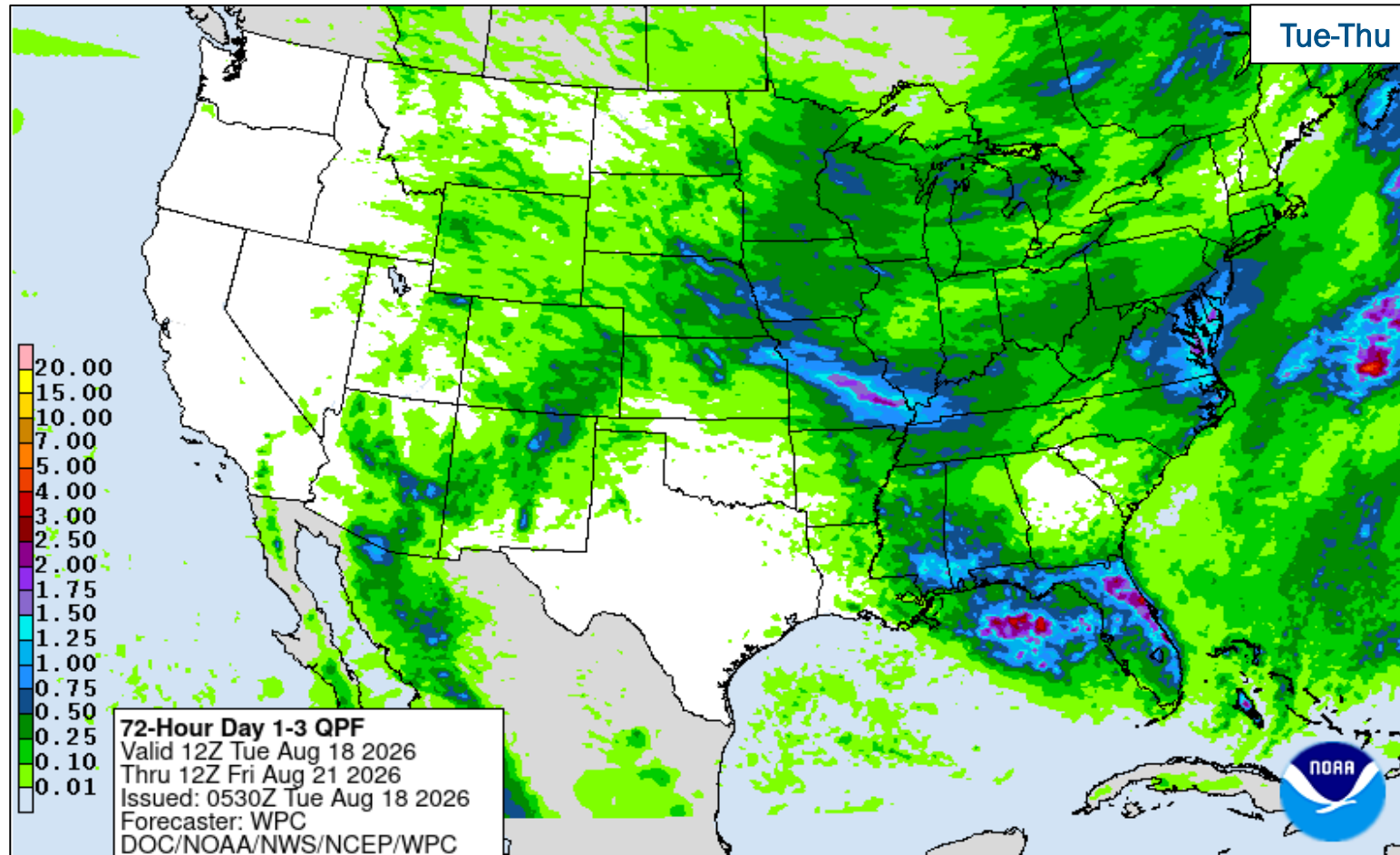
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Severe Weather Outlook



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Mukluk Fire – Alaska

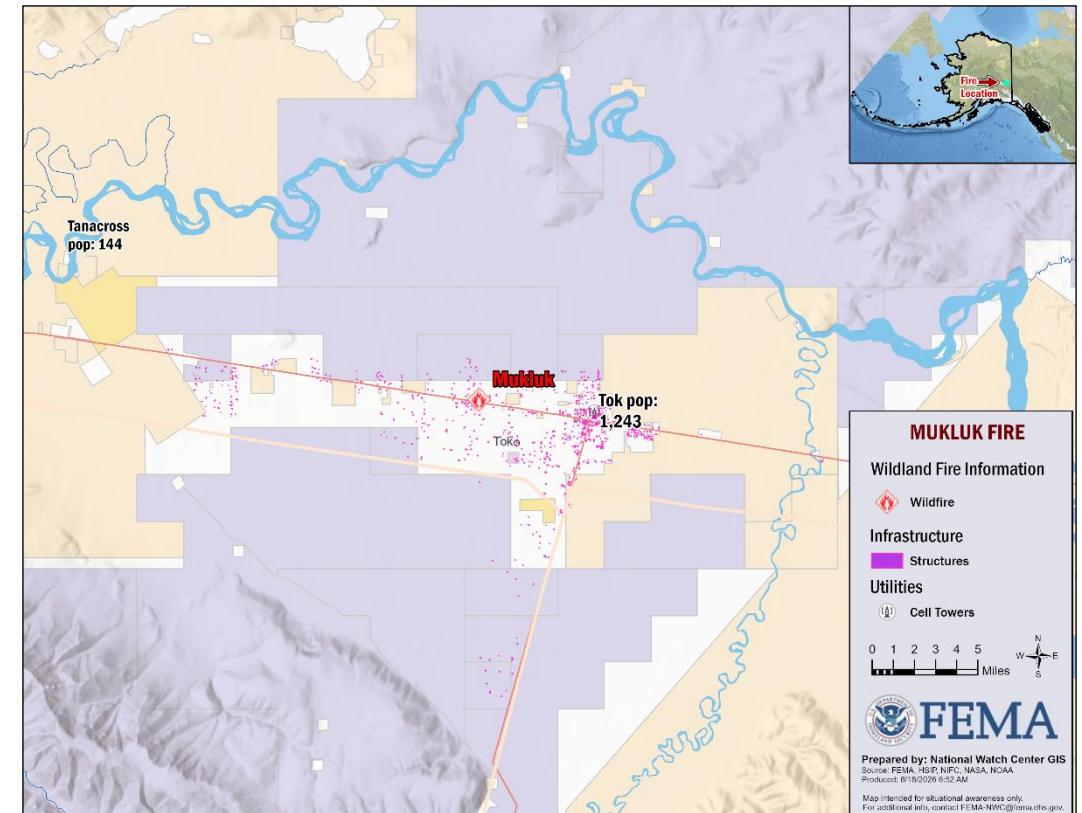
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Mukluk Fire (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	500	0%	M: 0	H: 150	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 6	O: 6	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The FEMA Region 10 Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Mukluk Fire burning in the Southeast Fairbanks Census Area. The Mukluk Fire has burned approximately 500 acres of state and private land and threatens approximately 150 homes near the community of Tok, AK (pop. 1500). The fire also threatens private communication towers and power lines, the Tok Power Plant, remote automated weather stations, the Tok Airport, and the Alaska Highway. The Alaska Highway supports all of Alaska's shipped goods and services. Two evacuation shelters have been opened, and Level 3 "GO" evacuations are in effect, however, the number of persons evacuated is unknown at this time. There are no reports of fatalities/injuries, and there are no further requests for FEMA assistance. (*FEMA R10 SPOTREP, as of 3:38 a.m. ET, Aug 18*)

Response:

- FMAG approved Aug 18
- AK SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)
- MOC Bothell is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 10, 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).



(NIFC, as of 6:52 a.m. ET)

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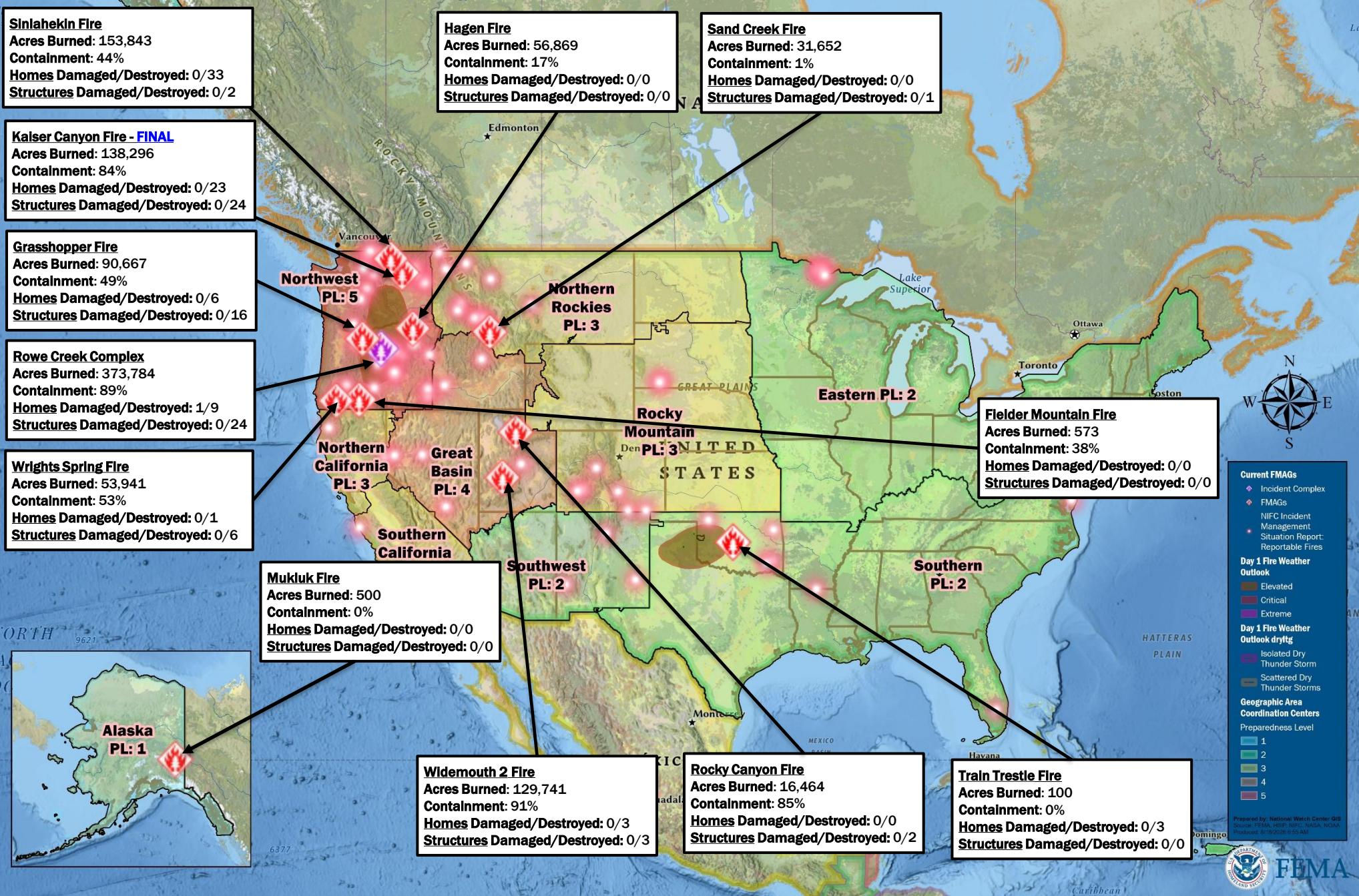


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National Fire Activity – August 18, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (92 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	80
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,270,038
Total Responders	29,710
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	21
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	57
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Levels:	
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	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA) FINAL	5646-FM-WA	138,296	84% (+1)	M: 17	H: 1 (-1,077)	H: 0	H: 23	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 0 (-28)	O: 0	O: 24	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	90,667 (+537)	49% (+2)	M: 504 (-174)	H: 3,832	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 9
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 16	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,784	89%	M: 65 (-95)	H: 452 (-251)	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 23
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Yakima, WA)	5657-FM-WA	153,843 (+1,161)	44%	M: 12	H: 29	H: 0	H: 33	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Widemouth 2 (Millard, UT)	5661-FM-UT	129,741	91% (+7)	M: 445	H: 51	H: 0	H: 3	2 / 4
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 3	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	56,869 (+450)	17% (+3)	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Rocky Canyon (Summit/Morgan, UT)	5665-FM-UT	16,464 (+514)	85% (+8)	M: 2,060	H: 780	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	53,941 (+313)	53% (+2)	M: 104 (-289)	H: 1,146 (-329)	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 815 (-153)	O: 0	O: 6	
Train Trestle (Canadian/Oklahoma, OK)	5669-FM-OK	100	0%	M: 70	H: 262	H: 0	H: 3	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Fielder Mountain (Jackson/Josephine, OR)	5670-FM-OR	573	38% (+9)	M: LIFTED	H: 0 (-214)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0 (-92)	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	31,652	1%	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 3
				V: 6	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	

(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

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Incident Workforce

18,955
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,312 / 33%
Deployed

5,966 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,677 / 36%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,702 / 0 / 770
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

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NRCC

N-IMAT Red

N-IMAT White

N-IMAT Blue

N-IMAT Gold

N-IMAT HS

National Notes

National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Staffing
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	4	13	0	1
R5	0	2	1	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	5	0	0
R8	1	5	0	0
R9	0	5	4	0
R10	4	7	1	0

Bothell, WA
EM-3650-WA
• MERS

Ephrata, WA
EM-3650-WA
• SMT Bothell/Tracy

Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT
• R7 IMAT
• MERS

CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
DR-4910-MP & EM-
3648-GU
• ISB Delta

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT

Mukluk
Small Stream & Iso.
Minor River Flooding
Alaska

Flash Flooding &
Mudslides
Commonwealth of
Northern Mariana
Islands

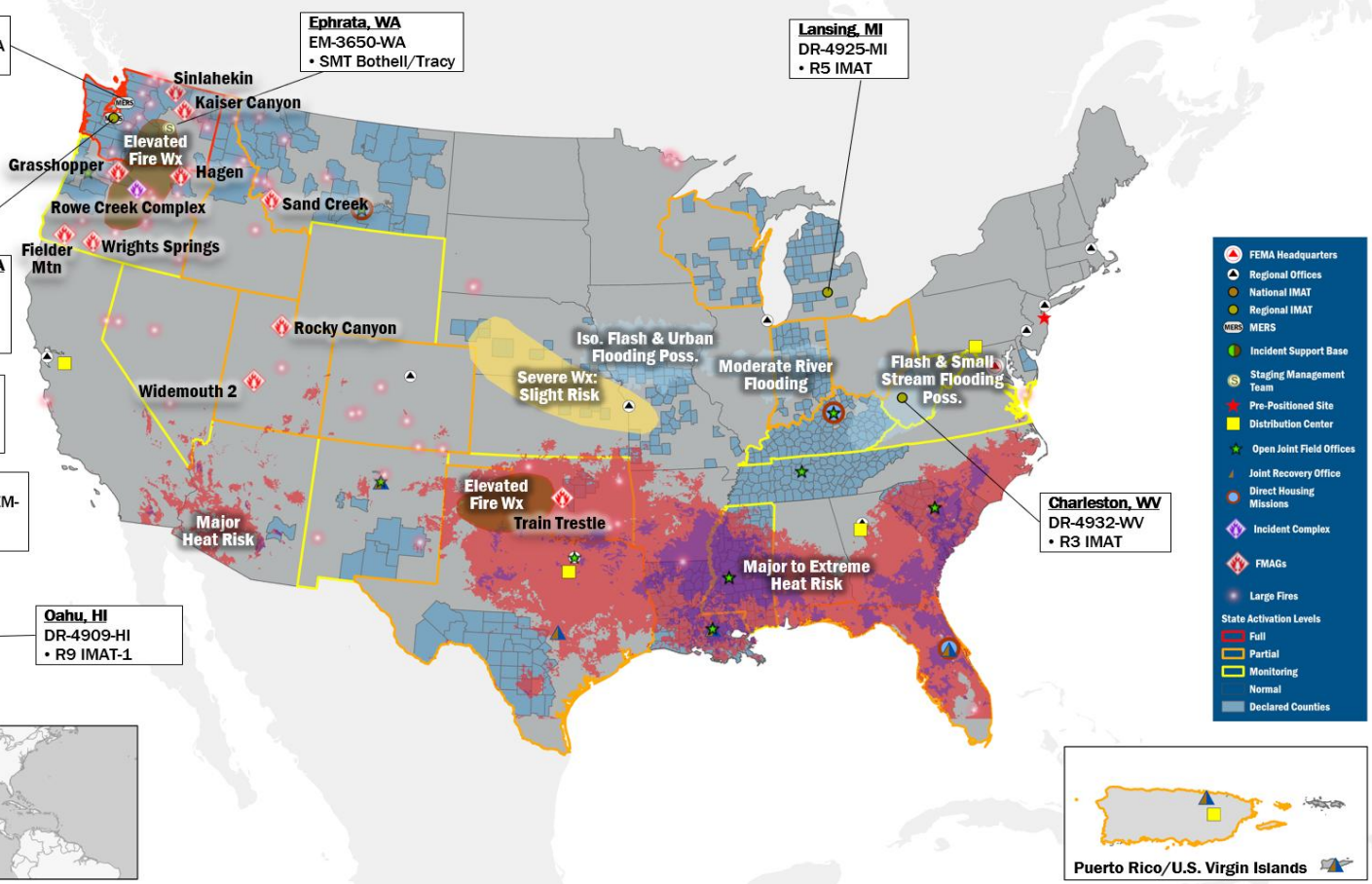
Flash Flooding &
Mudslides
Guam

Hawaii

American Samoa

Dist. 2
Dist. 1

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands



Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

Region 9

Region 10

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Severe Weather
IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
• R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
• R9-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
State EOCs:
• DC: Summer 2026 Events
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NM/OR/WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/OH/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Sinkaku/TC Bawl
• UT: Wildfire/Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• GU: TC Bawl
• PR/VA: Drought
• Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• SD: Sturgis Gathering
• HI: TC Lala
• OK: Fire Weather
• WY: Election Activities

Legend

Commodities & Equipment

SMT

MERS Det.

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	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

Operational	9/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

30/36 Operational	
Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

Task Forces	
Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	31 (20 FCOR)
Available	6

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	WI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Jul 27	IA	4	0	8/17 – TBD
			PA	2	0	8/17 – TBD
R8	CO	Aspen Acres Fire Jun 29 and continuing	IA	2	0	7/28 – TBD
			PA	2	0	7/28 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Straight-line Winds – Appeal	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 7
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 6
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 15
TX – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 17
NJ – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 20
HI – Earthquake	DR	X			Jul 21
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 22
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Jul 23
SD – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 24
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
OST* – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 29
IA – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 3
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 6
GU – Super Typhoon Bavi	DR	X	X	X	Aug 11
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11



*Oglala Sioux Tribe

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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4923-DR-WI	1	Aug 17	Adds 1 county for Public Assistance
FEMA-4925-DR-MI	1	Aug 17	Adds 1 county for Public Assistance



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