

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, August 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southeast to Mid-Atlantic
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Tropical Storm Dolly
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Karina
 - Tropical Storm Lowell
 - Post-Tropical Storm Lala
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Emergency Declaration – NV

Event Monitoring

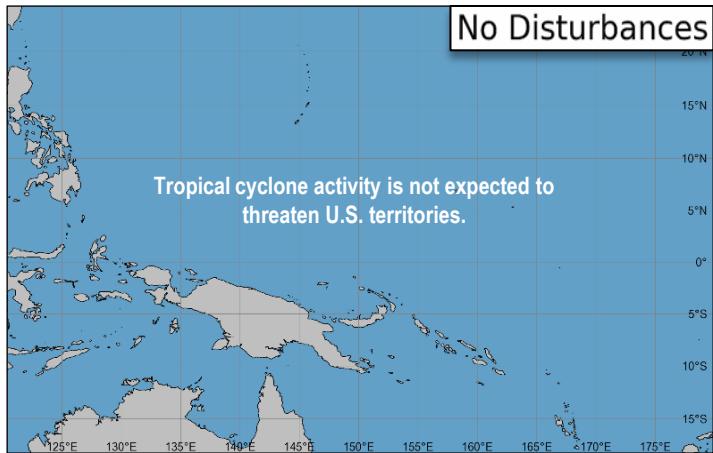
- No new significant events



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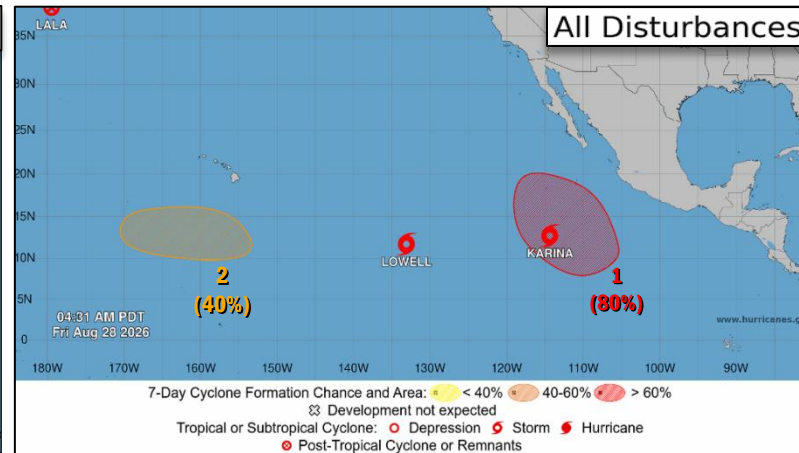
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected to threaten U.S. territories.

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Karina: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

Tropical Storm Lowell: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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Post-Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #64, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

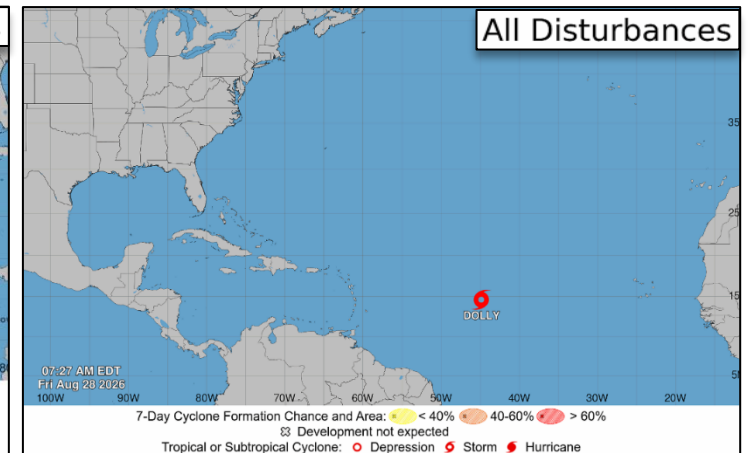
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well S of southwestern Mexico
- A tropical depression **is likely to** form early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: **High (80%)**

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

- Located well S or SW of the Hawaiian Islands
- **Moving W to NW**
- Gradual development is possible; **a tropical depression could form the middle of next week**
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: **Medium (40%)**

Atlantic



Tropical Storm Dolly: (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **1,145 miles E of the Leeward Islands**
- Moving W at 24 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 40 mph
- Tropical-storm force winds extend outward up to **115 miles** from the center
- Little change in strength is forecast during the next 48 hours; Dolly is forecast to degenerate into a tropical wave before it reaches the Leeward Islands



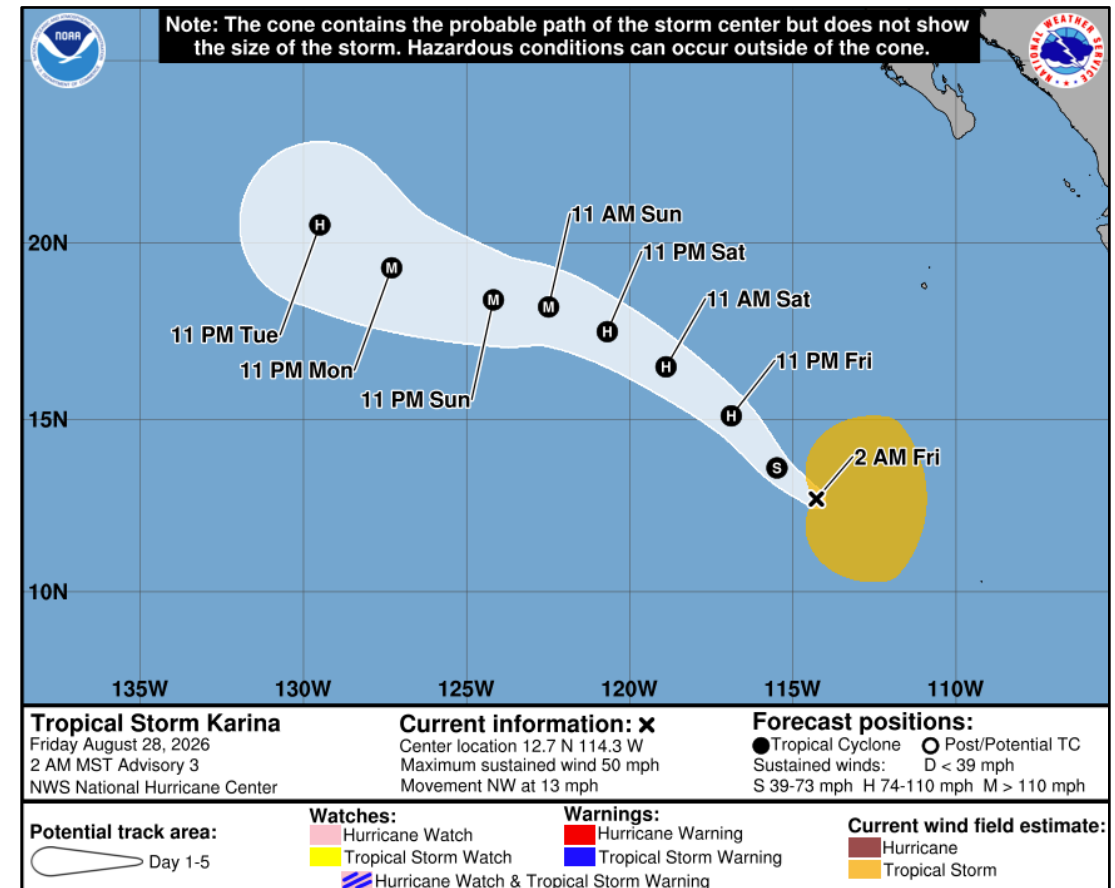
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Tropical Storm Karina – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **760 miles SSW** of the Southern Tip of Baja California
- Moving **NW** at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **50 mph**
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to **230 miles** from the center
- Strengthening is forecast, and Karina is likely to become a hurricane over the weekend



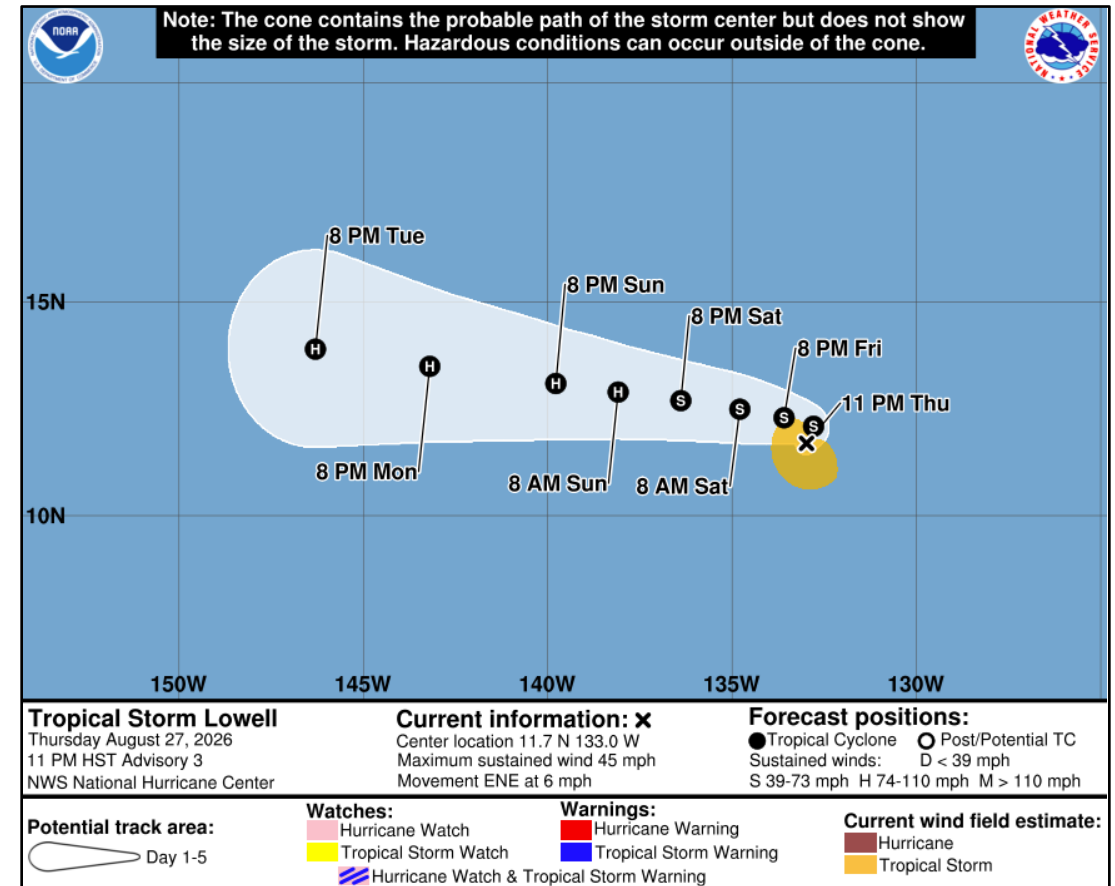
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Tropical Storm Lowell – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,565 miles ESE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving ENE at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 45 mph
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 80 miles from the center
- Strengthening is likely during the next several days; Lowell is forecast to become a hurricane over the weekend



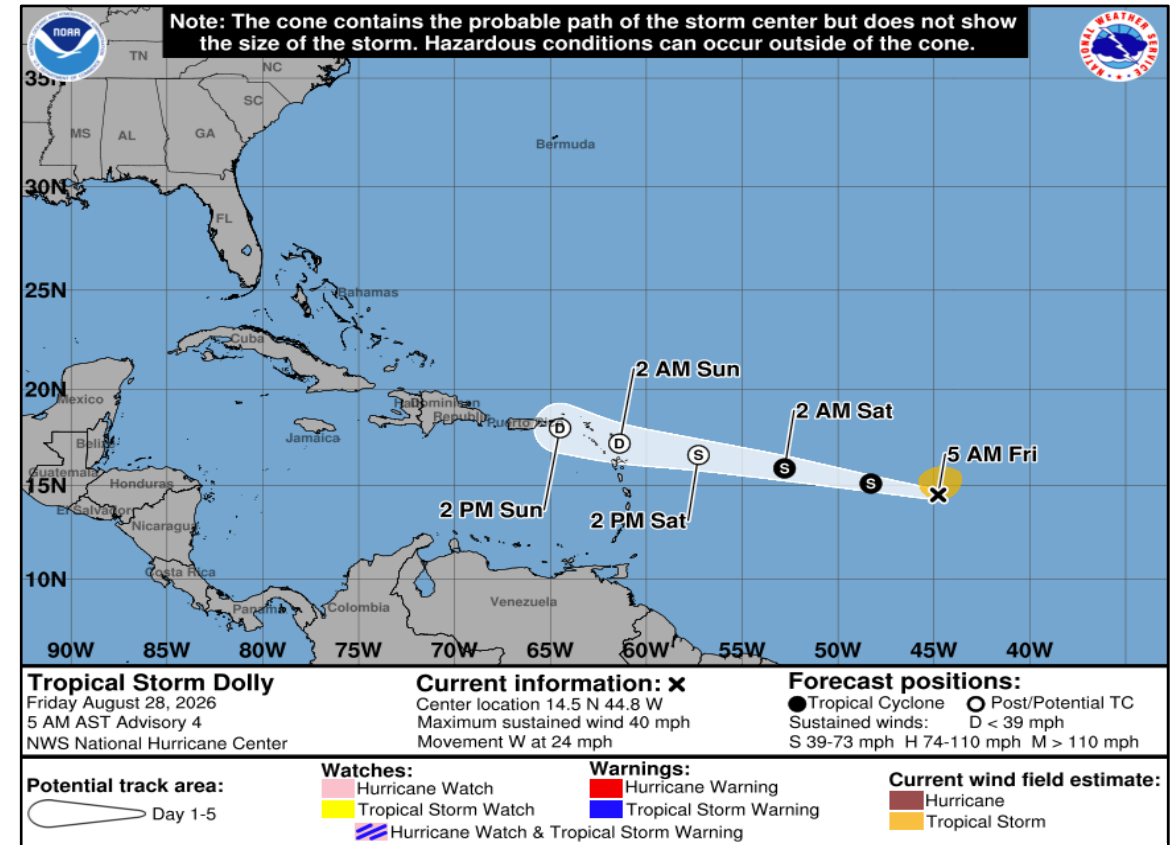
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Tropical Storm Dolly – Atlantic

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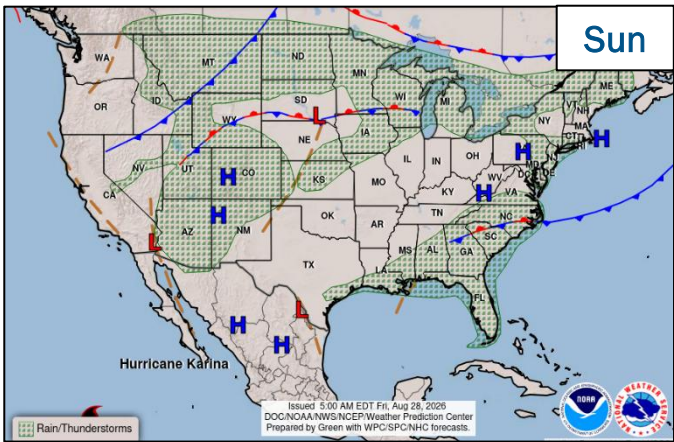
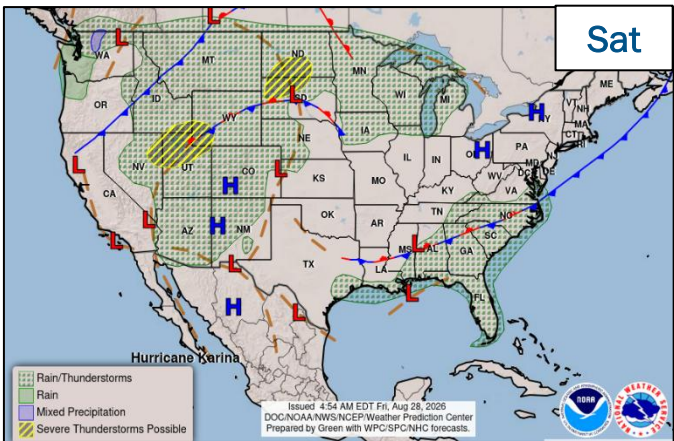
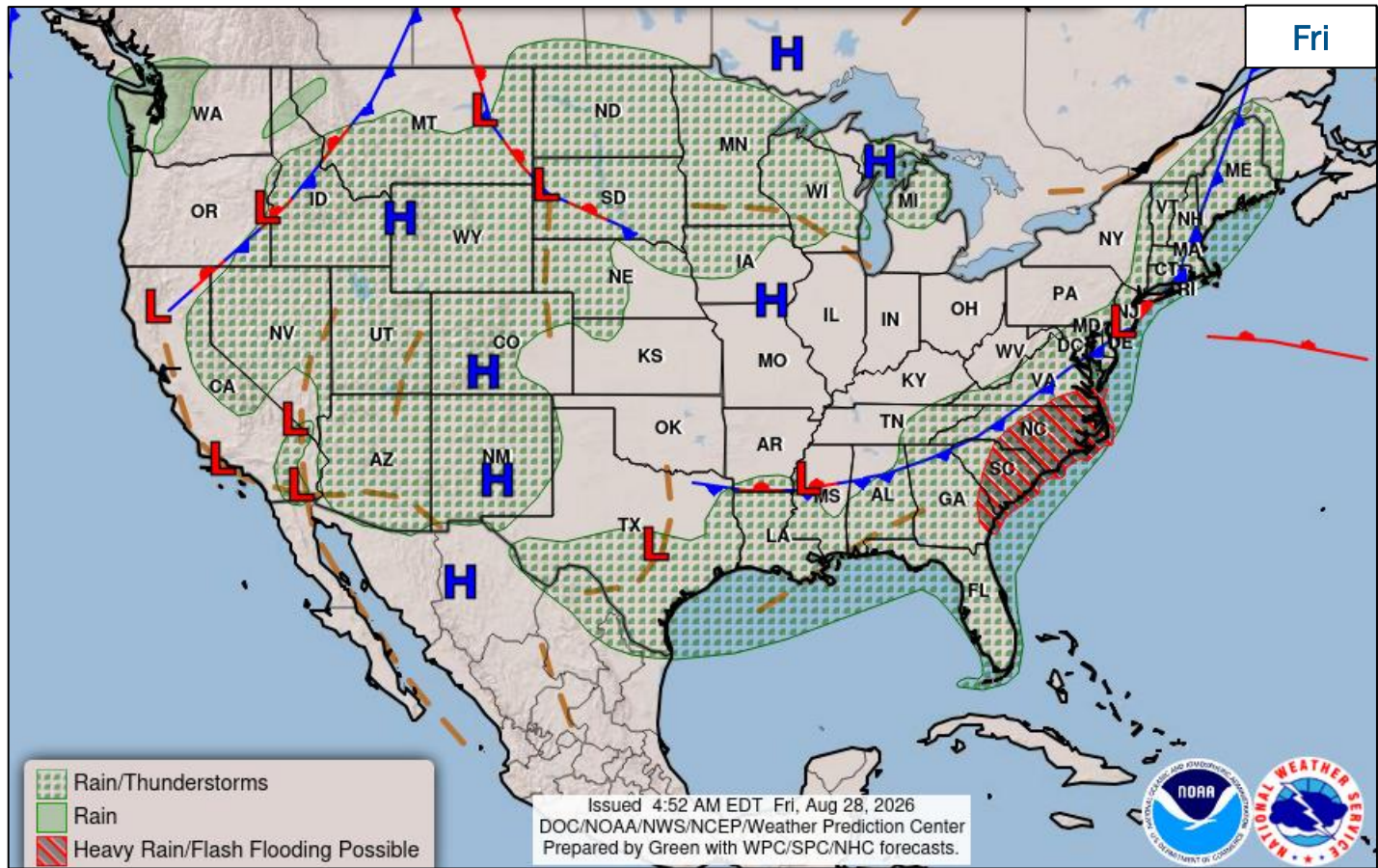
- Located 1,145 miles E of the Leeward Islands
- Moving W at 24 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 40 mph
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 115 miles north of the center
- Little change in strength is likely over the next couple of days; Dolly is forecast to degenerate into a tropical wave before reaching the Leeward Islands



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National Weather Forecast



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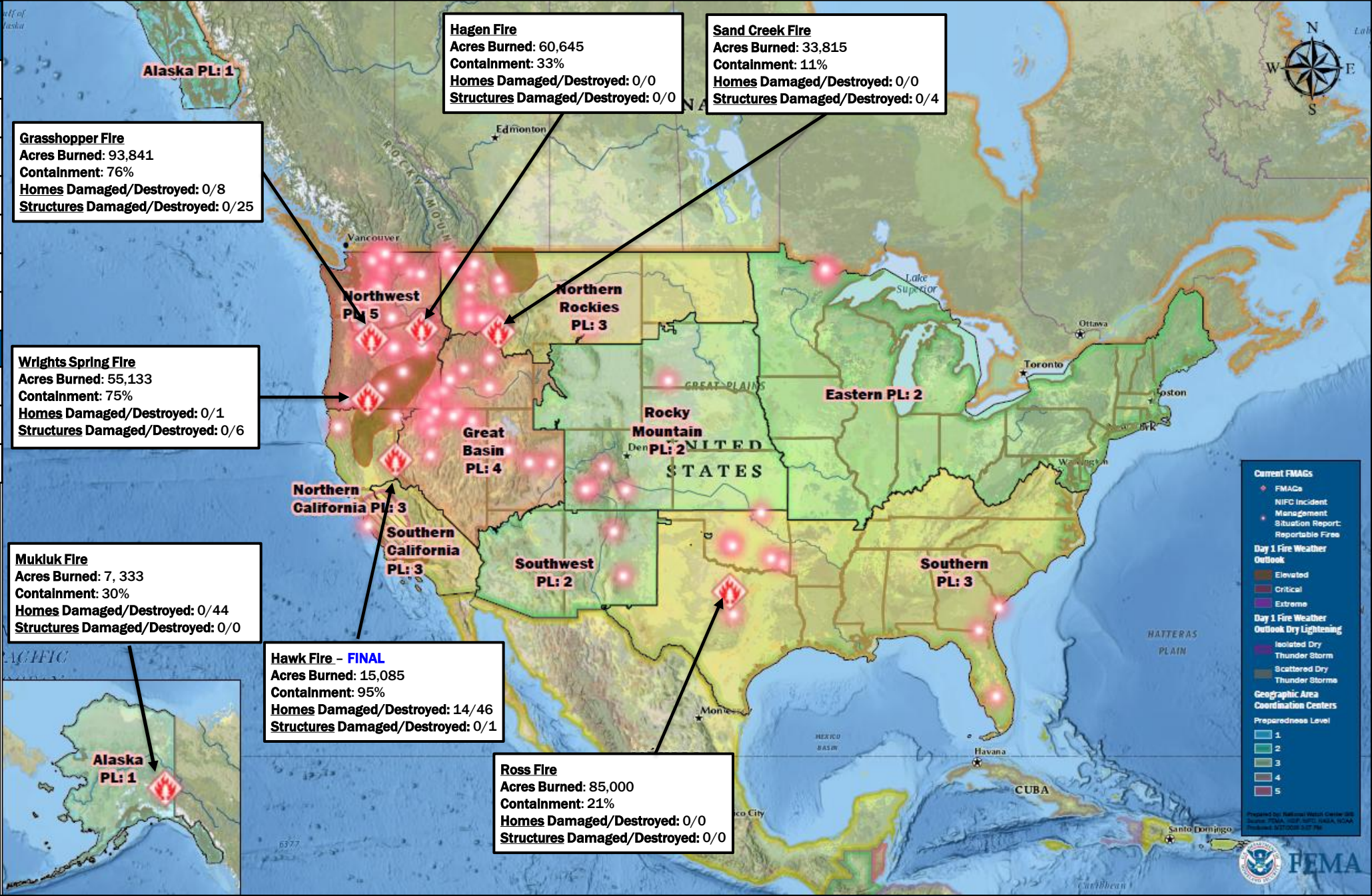
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National Fire Activity – August 28, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (113 fires)
New Large Fires	7
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	94
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,971,399
Total Responders	21,854
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	18
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	61
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





FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,929
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,635 / 35%
Deployed

5,870 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,424 / 34%
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

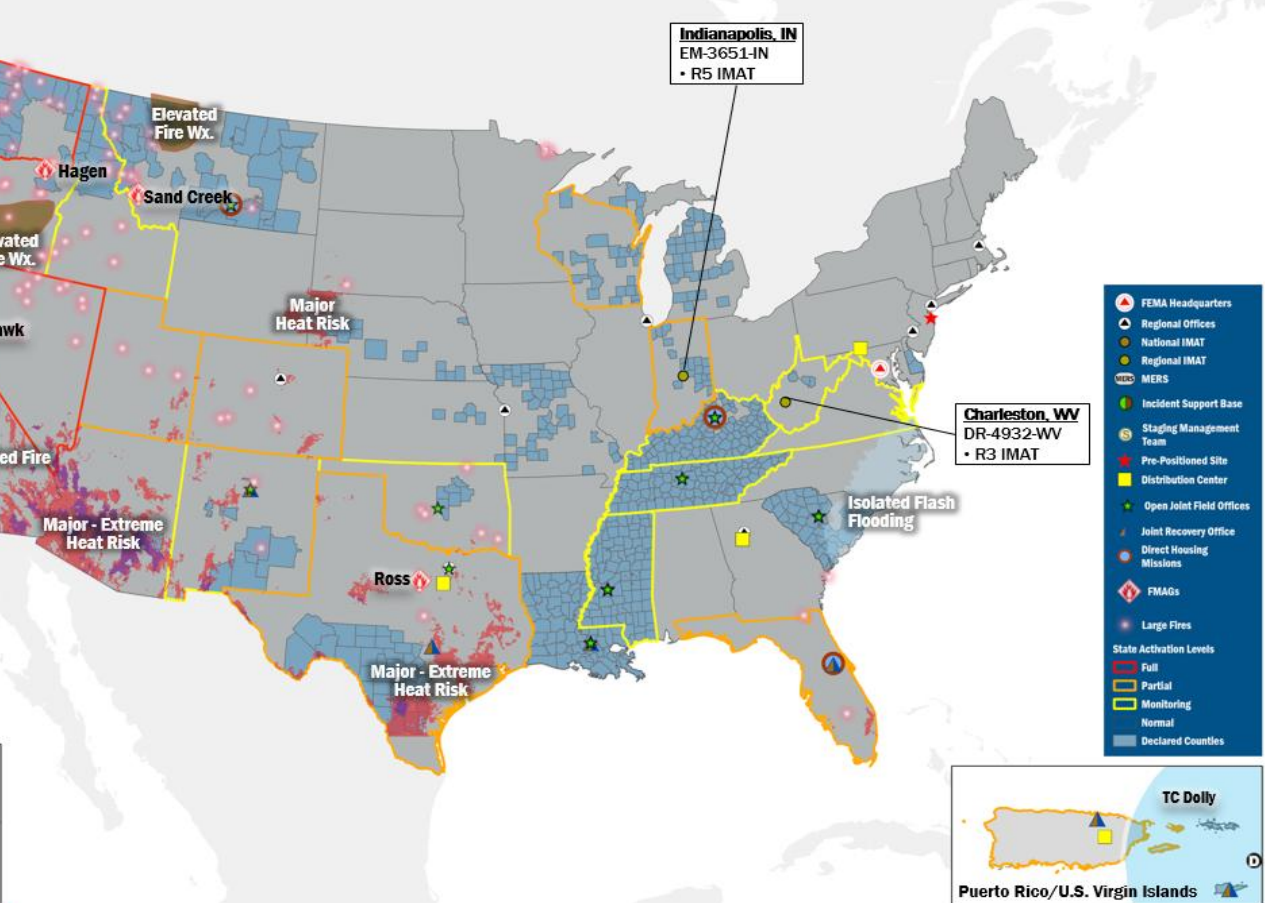
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	4	13	0	1
R5	0	3	0	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	5	0	0
R8	1	5	0	0
R9	0	5	5	0
R10	4	7	1	0

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

Carson City, NV
Wildfire
• R9 IMAT-1

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

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



Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1			3
Region 2			2
Region 3			WV
Region 4			1
Region 5			IN
Region 6			
Region 7			
Region 8			
Region 9			NV MP
Region 10			WA

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (3651-EM-IN)
• R7: Demobilizing (FMC 9/8)
• R9-1: Deployed (5674-FM-NV)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

State EOCs:
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/NM/OK/OR/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/TN/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi / TC Saudel
• PR/VA: Drought
• WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala/Moke

Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	0/11

MERS Det.

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

US&R

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

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	30 (21 FCOR)
Available	7

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R3	WV	Severe Storms Aug 15-18	IA	3	0	8/31 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R4	TN	Straight-line Winds and Severe Storms Aug 22	IA	1	0	TBD – TBD
			PA	1	0	TBD – TBD
R5	OH	Severe Weather Aug 11 and continuing	IA	23	0	8/24 – TBD
			PA	16	0	8/24 – TBD
R6	OK	Severe Storm Jul 4	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	4	0	8/31 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Storms Aug 18-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD – TBD
R8	RST*	Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds Aug 11-12	IA	1	0	8/31 – TBD
			PA	1	0	8/31 – TBD

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Request – Nevada

Declaration Type: Emergency – NV

Date Requested: Aug 27

Incident: Hawk Fire

Incident Period: Aug 22 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 1 county



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Declaration Requests in Process – 23

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
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
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

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 23 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
GU – Super Typhoon Bavi	DR	X	X	X	Aug 11
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
MN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 20
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 22
CO – Wildfires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
WI – Severe Storms and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Aug 26
NV – Hawk Fire	EM		X		Aug 27



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