FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, November 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET

FEMA

National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents, Operations, Events:

- Event Monitoring: Formula 1 Grand Prix – NV
- Flooding – Southeast

Hazard Monitoring:

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Coastal Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic
    - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
  - South Pacific:
    - Tropical Cyclone Xavier

Flooding – Southeast

Situation: Yesterday, the Atlantic coast of Florida experienced heavy to extreme rainfall over highly saturated grounds, creating a High Risk for flash flooding. The hardest-hit area was Brevard County, which was inundated with 6 to 12 inches of rain over a 36-hour period, with rates reaching 3 inches per hour as the band moved north. Elevated levels on the St. Johns River continue to extend local flooding, though conditions across Florida are slowly improving today as the system moves out. *(NOAA WPC, as of 10:44 a.m. ET Nov 20)* As the storm system moves parallel to the Southeast U.S. coast today, a band of heavy rain and thunderstorms is pushing the flash flood threat northward from Georgia into North Carolina *(NOAA WPC, as of 7:00 a.m. ET Nov 21).*

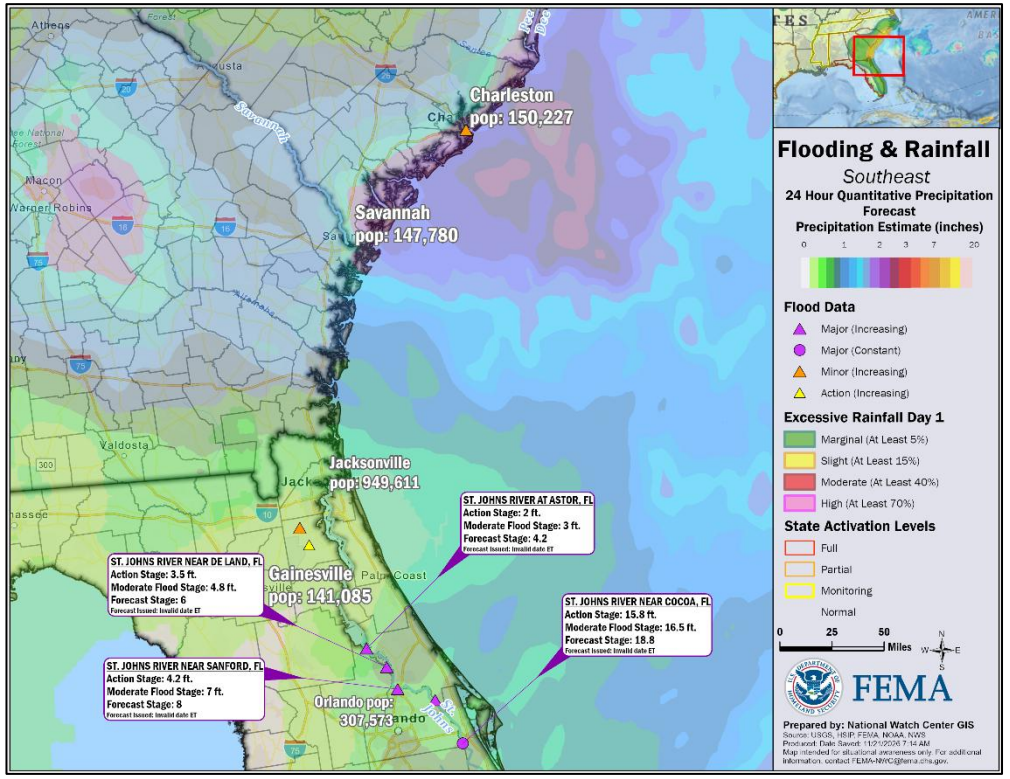
Lifeline Impacts: *(R4 RWC, as of 4:10 p.m. ET Nov 20)*
FEMA Region 4: All State Lifelines are Green
Safety and Security: Water rescues are ongoing in several counties, supported by local and state resources
- Mandatory evacuation issued in Palm Bay (Brevard County, FL) for approx. 65 houses
- ~235 officers deployed to affected areas in FL with 28 high-water all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles, 26 shallow-draft boats, 17 airboats, eight swamp buggies, and a full complement of self-sustainment equipment *(Florida SERT, as of 10:41 a.m. ET Nov 19)*
- FL Fish and Wildlife officers responded to a Broward County flooded apartment complex, with more than 90 residents evacuated, rescued, or transported for medical assistance *(Florida SERT, as of 10:41 a.m. ET Nov 19)*

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 2 ARC shelters open in Brevard County, FL with 31 occupants
Water Systems: FDEM providing pumps, tarps, and flood-fight resources to multiple FL counties and staging generators, vac trucks, and additional pumps
Transportation: Significant local road closures are ongoing and additional road closures are anticipated
- Over 750 FDOT personnel deployed for flood assessments and to pump water, with additional pumps and crews staged for flood fighting and road repairs

State / Local Response:
FEMA Region 4: *(R4 RWC, as of 4:10 p.m. ET Nov 20)*
- FL SEOC is at Full Activation (TC Isaias/Ongoing Flooding)
  - Seminole Tribe of Florida EOC: Partial Activation (Flooding)
- Governor of Florida issued an executive order extending a state of emergency for flooding conditions to 21 FL counties *(FL Office of the Governor, as of Nov 18)*
- GA SEOC is at Partial Activation (Previous Flooding)
- NC and SC SEOCs are at Normal Operations

FEMA Response:
Region 4:
- Watch is Enhanced (Heavy Rainfall/Tropical Weather); RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT-1 is Available; R-IMAT-2 is Deployed (4955-EM-FL)
- FIT and Tribal LNOs coordinating with respective states and tribes, ready to support any activations

HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is Rostered
USACE: USACE is currently supporting Brevard County and the Seminole Tribe
USNG: 189 personnel and 46 high-water vehicles mobilized across 10 FL counties to support S&R and general assistance; 12 high-water vehicle missions have been completed *(R4 RWC, as of 4:10 p.m. ET Nov 20)*



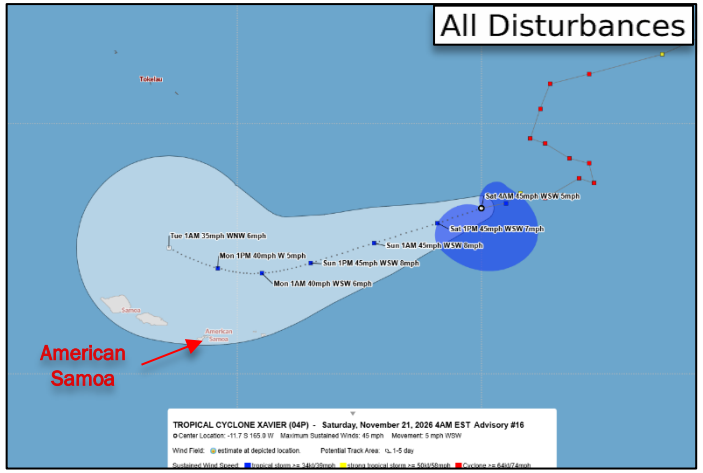
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 4. The next report will be on the 5:00 p.m. ET FEMA National Situation Report.

FEMA

National Watch Center

Tropical Outlook

South Pacific



Tropical Cyclone Xavier: *(JTWC Advisory #16, as of 4:00 a.m. ET)*

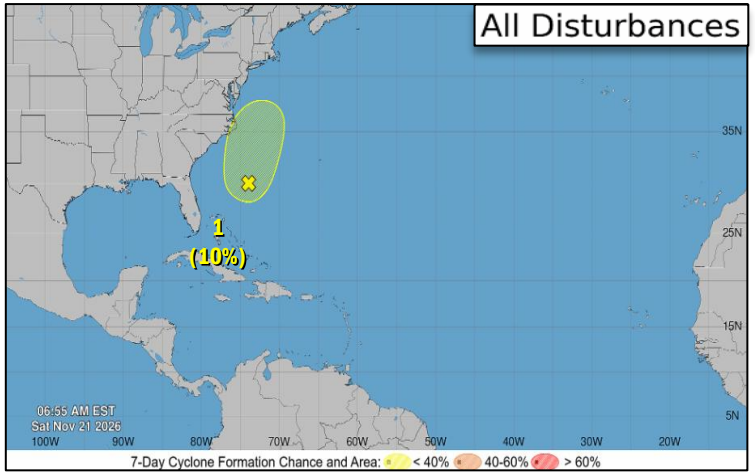
- Located 444 miles ENE of Pago Pago
- Moving WSW at 5 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 51 mph
- Forecast to dissipate entirely on Monday near American Samoa as the environment continues to become more unfavorable

Central and Eastern Pacific



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

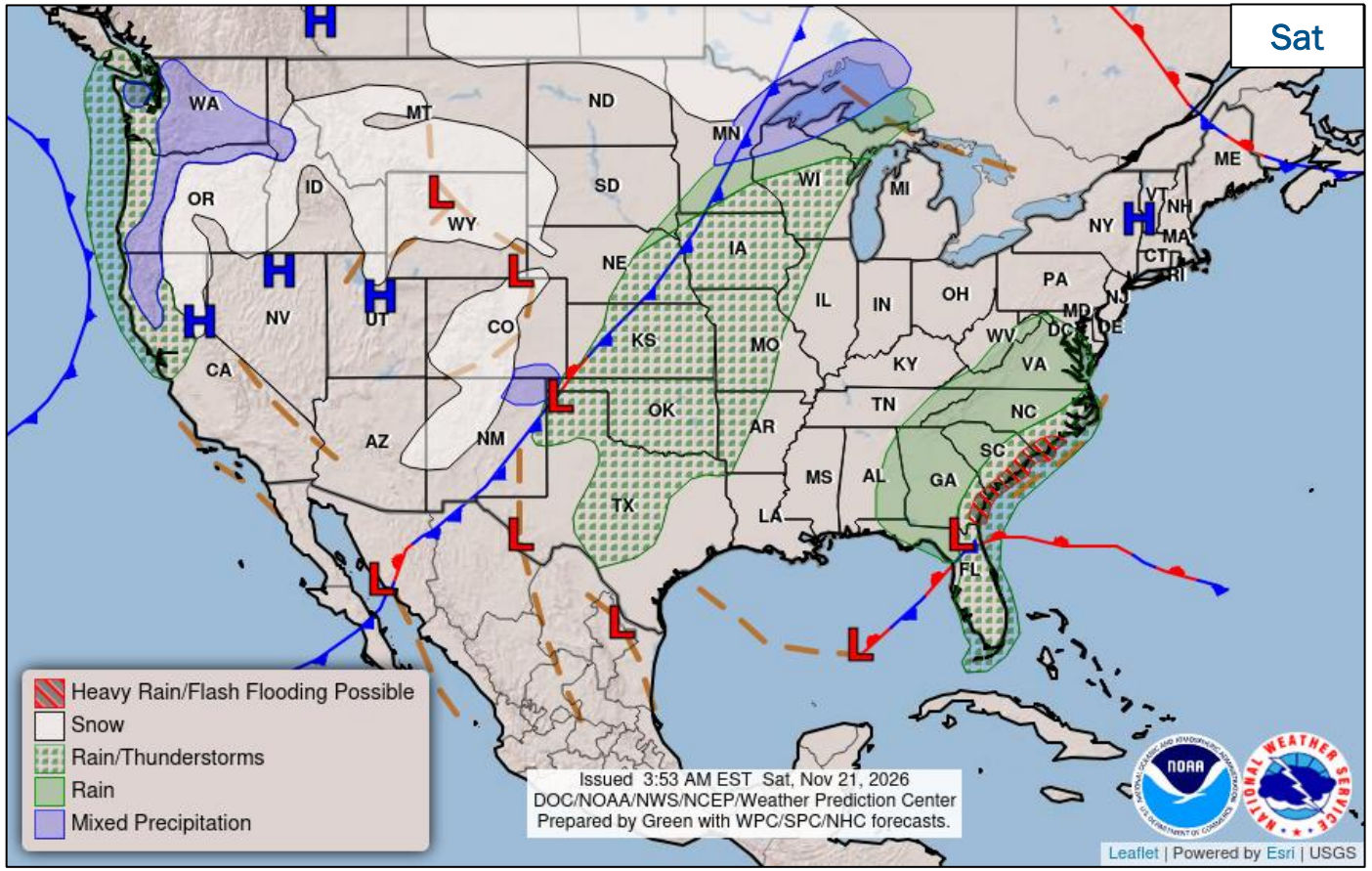
Atlantic

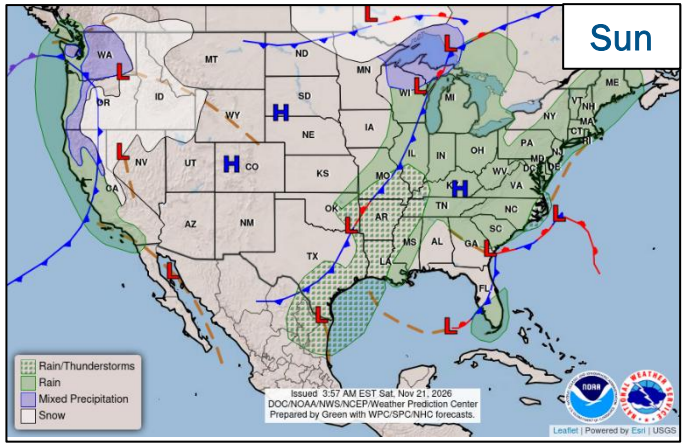


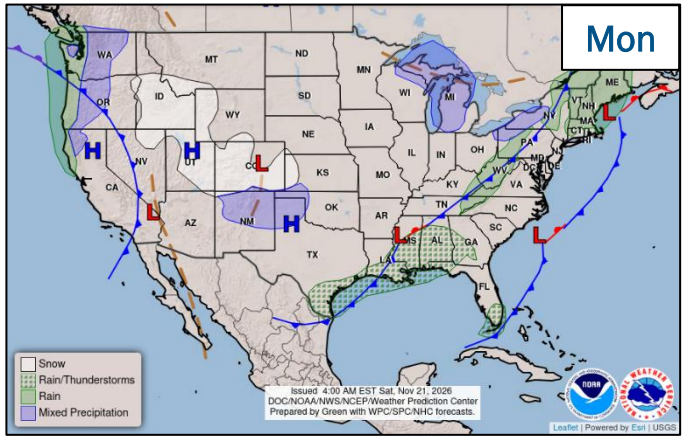
Disturbance 1: *(as of 7:00 a.m. ET)*

- Located a few hundred miles ENE Florida
- Though tropical development is unlikely, this large system will still bring gusty winds, dangerous surf, and coastal flooding along portions of the southeast and mid-Atlantic U.S. coasts
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

National Weather Forecast



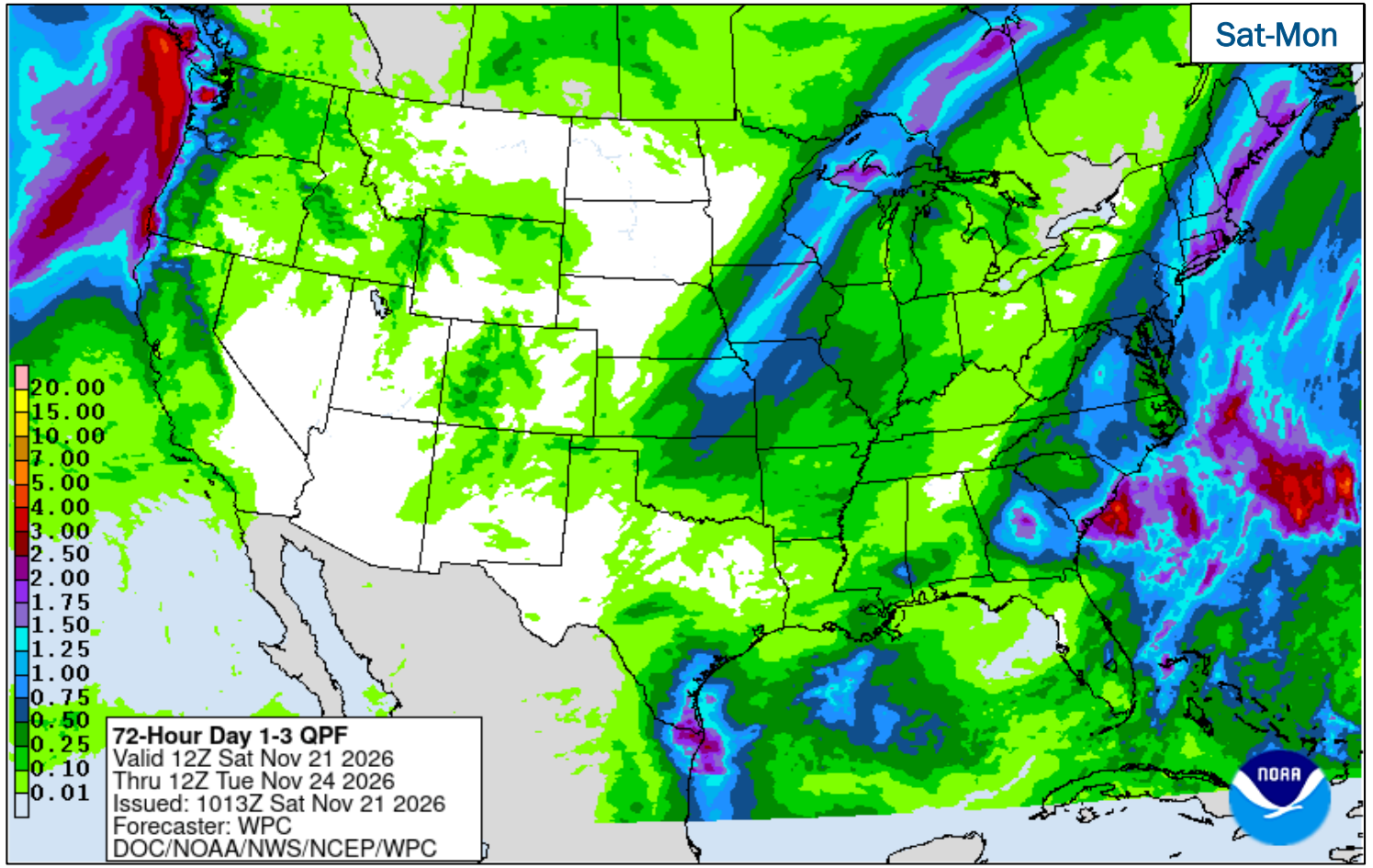


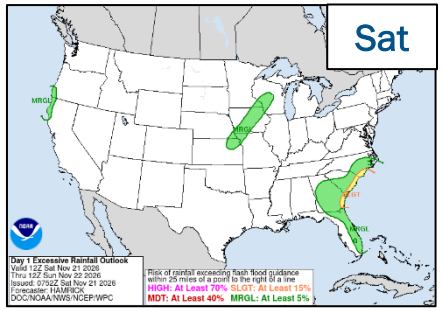


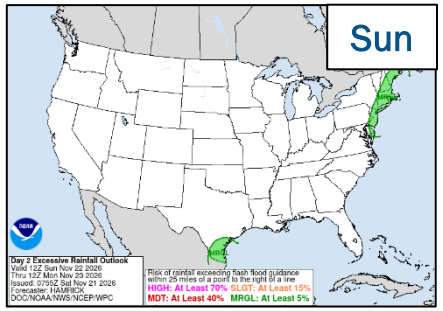
FEMA

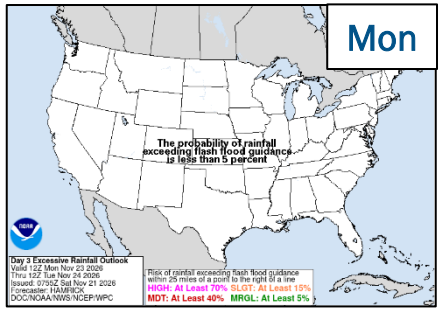
National Watch Center

Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall









FEMA

National Watch Center

FEMA Common Operating Picture

National Watch Center

Incident Workforce	18,661 Assigned a Disaster Title	5,539 / 30% Deployed	5,898 / 32% Available to Deploy for 30 Days	7,224 / 38% Remaining	Surge Capacity Force 7,858 / 0 / 785 Rostered / Deployed / Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days	Saturday November 21, 2026 8:30 a.m. ET

National Readiness

National Watch Center	
NRCC	
N-IMAT Red	
N-IMAT White	
N-IMAT Blue	
N-IMAT Gold	
N-IMAT HS	

National Notes

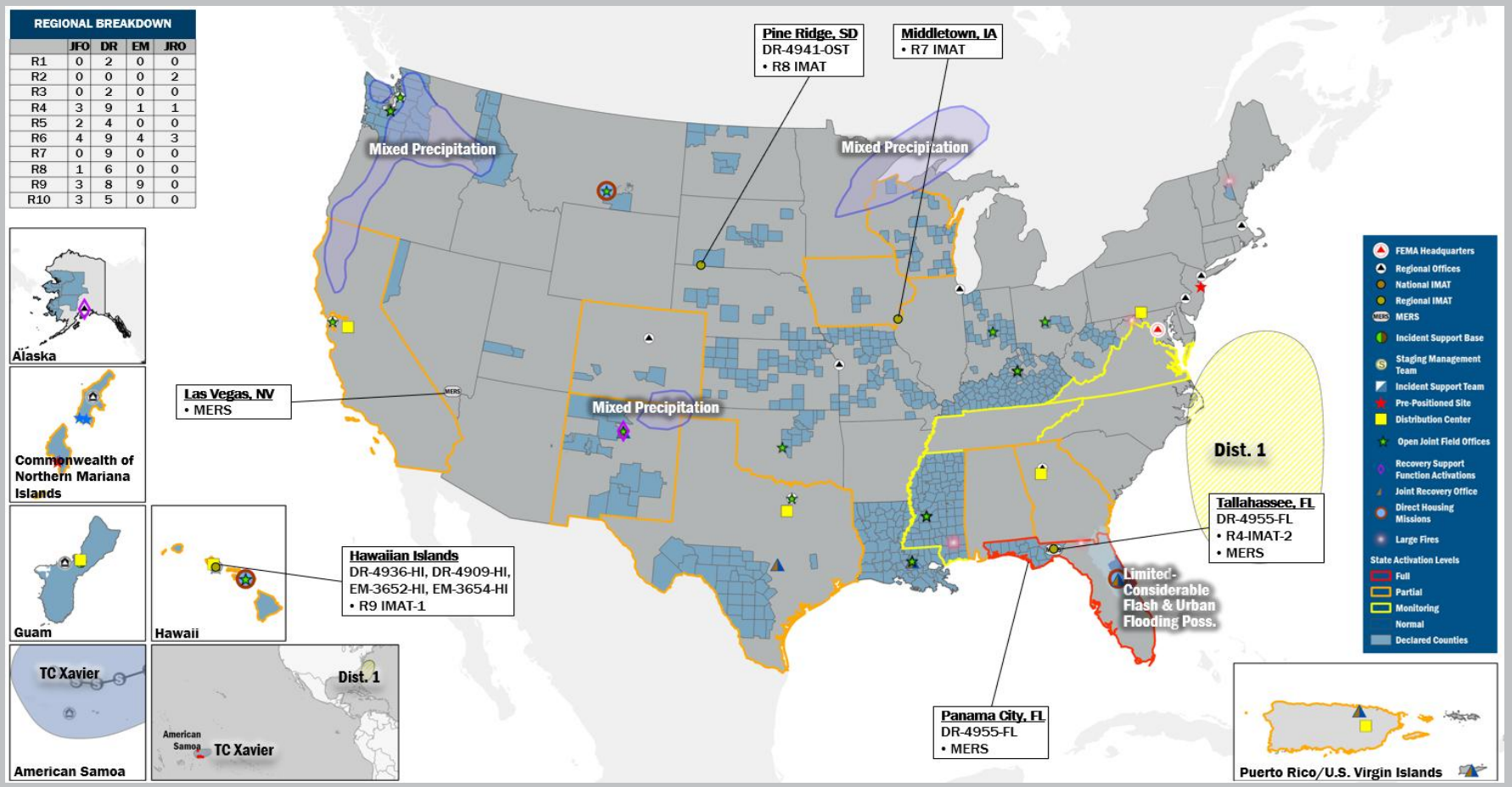
National Watch Center:
- Staffing

NRCC:
- Steady State

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

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	2	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	3	9	1	1
R5	2	4	0	0
R6	4	9	4	3
R7	0	9	0	0
R8	1	6	0	0
R9	3	8	9	0
R10	3	5	0	0



Regional Readiness

	Watch	RRCC	IMAT
Region 1			2
Region 2			
Region 3			1
Region 4			FL
Region 5			3
Region 6			
Region 7			IA
Region 8			OST
Region 9			HI
Region 10			

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
- R2 Watch: Equipment
- R4 Watch: Potential TC Weather
- R5 Watch: Staffing/ Water Outage

IMATs:
- R1: Staffing
- R4-1: Staffing
- R4-2: 4955-DR-FL
- R5: Staffing
- R6-2: Reconstituting (exp. Available 11/24)
- R7: Scheduled Detonation
- R8: 4941-DR-OST
- R9-1: 4909-DR-HI/4936-DR-HI/3654-EM-HI
- R9-2: Staffing
- R10: Staffing

State EOCs:
- TX: Severe Weather
- MP: TC Bavi/Saudel/Champi
- PR/VA: Drought
- HI: Tropical Activity
- AL/FL/MS: TC Isaias
- WI: DR-4949 Support
- CO/GA/NM/TN: Flooding
- CA: Winter Storms
- IA: Scheduled Detonation

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.

29/30 Operational

Maynard	5/5
Frederick	5/5
Thomasville	5/5
Denton	5/5
Denver	5/5
Bothell	4/5

US&R

Task Forces

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

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	32 (28 FCOR)
Available	4

FEMA

Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Scan to subscribe to this briefing.