

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, August 29, 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 – Southwest
- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Great Basin
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1 (Remnants of Dolly): Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (10%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Karina
 - Tropical Storm Lowell
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

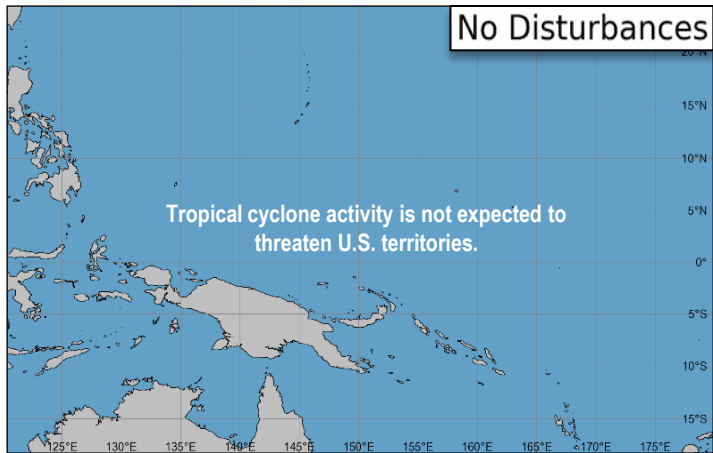
- No new significant events



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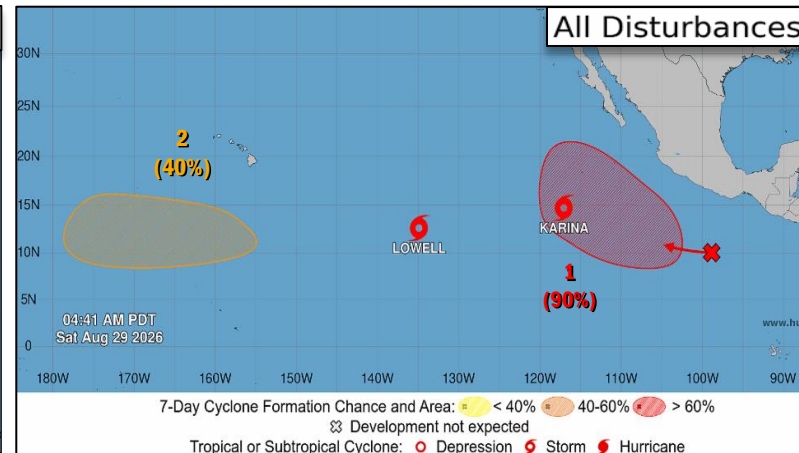
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Karina: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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Tropical Storm Lowell: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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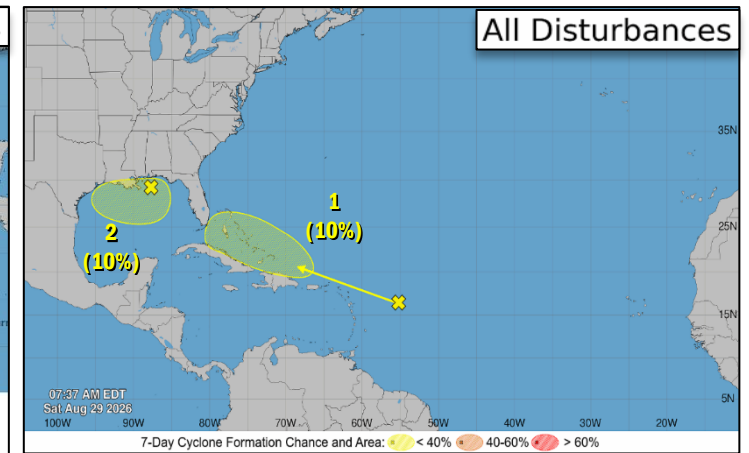
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well offshore of southwestern Mexico
- A tropical depression is likely to form early next week; the system is forecast to move WNW at 10-15mph
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: High (80%)

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

- System could form well S of the Hawaiian Islands
- Some development is possible, and a tropical depression could form during the middle part of next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Medium (40%)

Atlantic



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

- Located several hundred miles E of the Leeward Islands
- Redevelopment is unlikely and the wave could bring heavy rain and gusty winds to portions of the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico over the next several days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (10%)

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

- Located about 100 miles SSW of Pensacola, Florida
- Development, if any, is expected to be slow
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (10%)



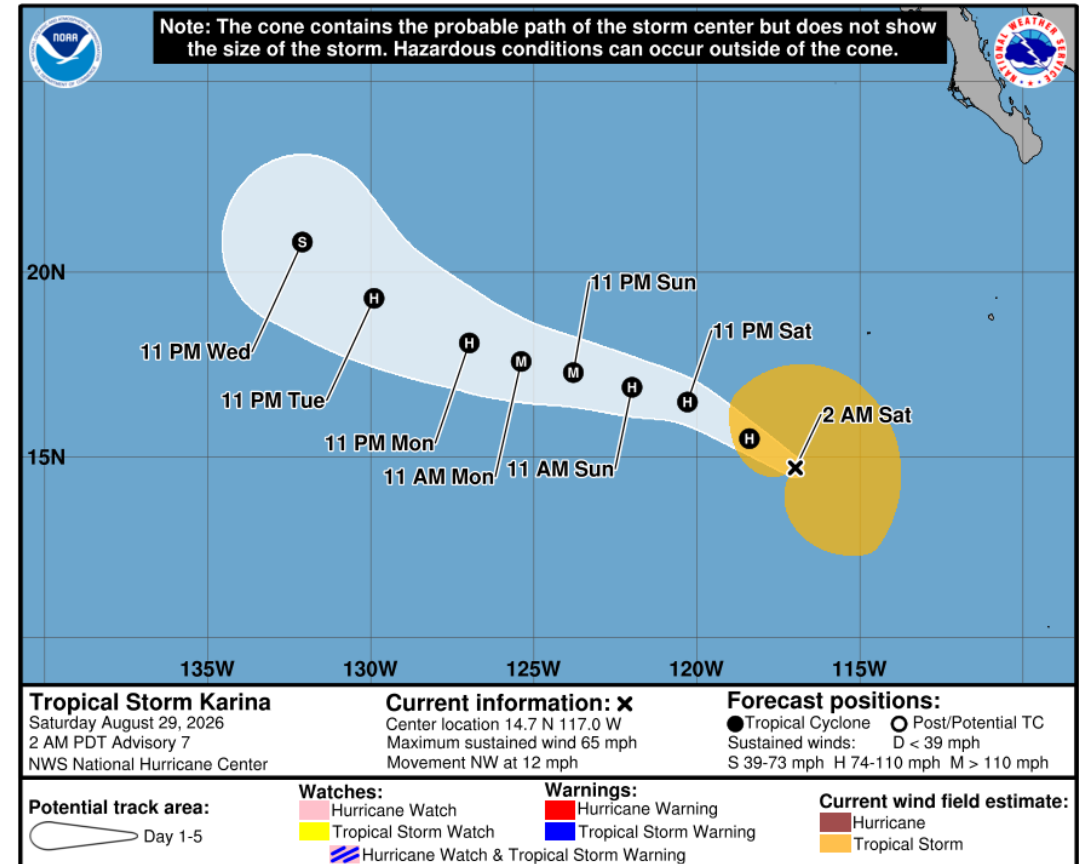
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Tropical Storm Karina – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **730** miles SSW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Maximum sustained winds of **65** mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds up to 230 miles out from center
- Strengthening is expected to continue as Karina is likely to become **a major hurricane early next week**



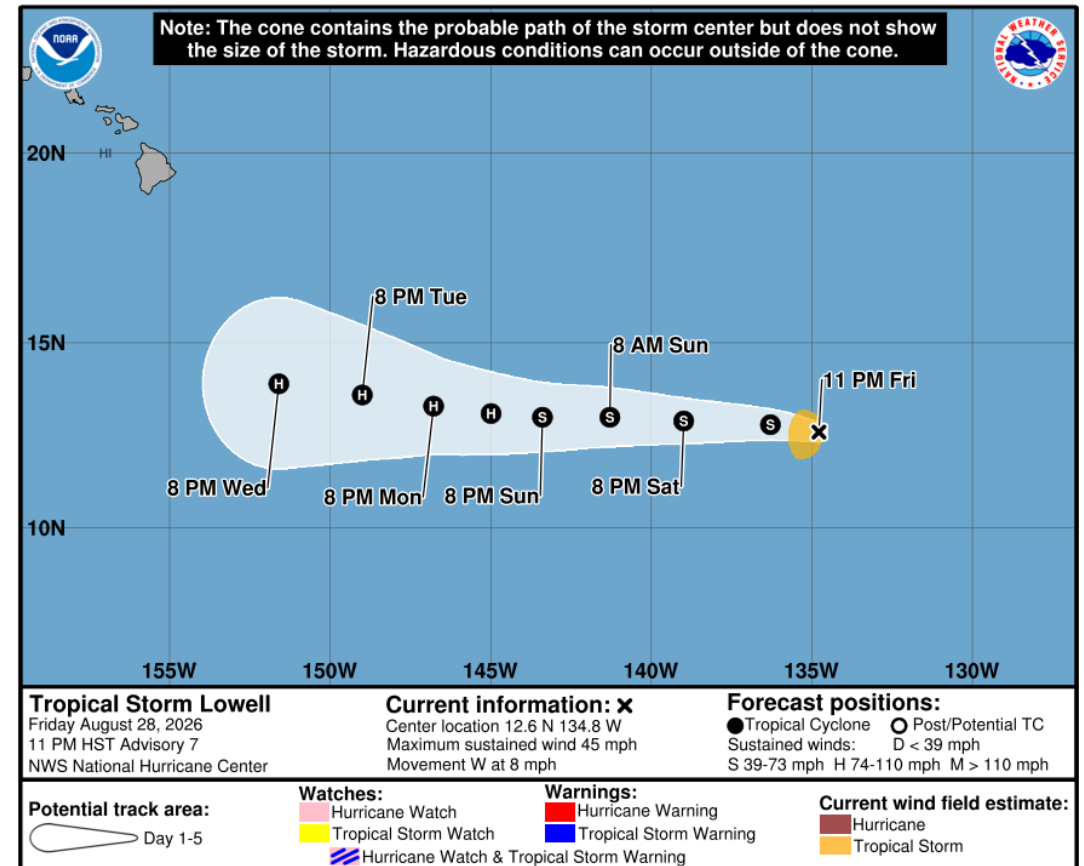
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Tropical Storm Lowell – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

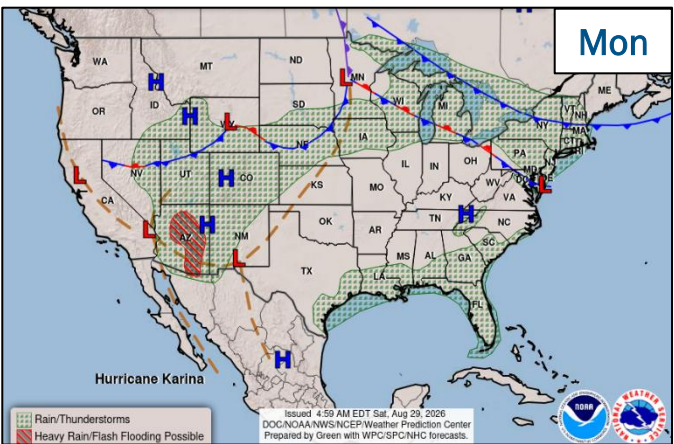
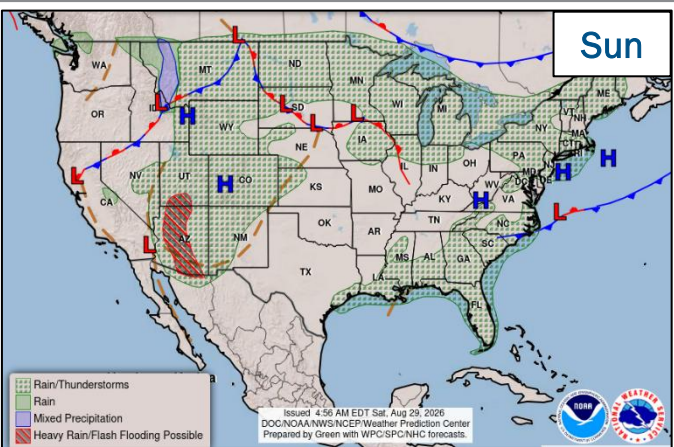
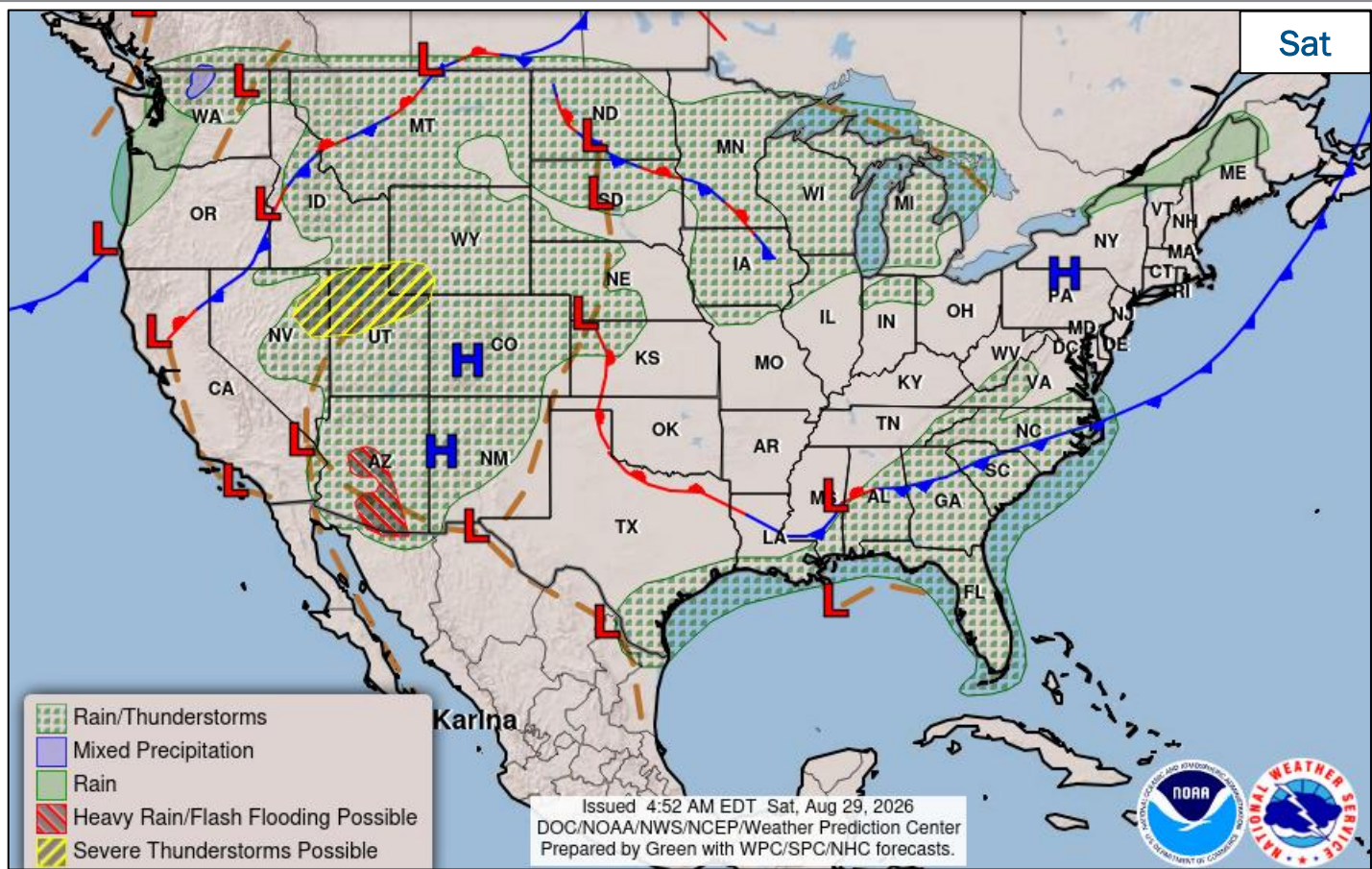
- Located 1,430 miles ESE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Maximum sustained winds of 45 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds up to 70 miles out from center
- Gradual strengthening is expected this weekend, and Lowell could become a hurricane by Monday



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National Weather Forecast



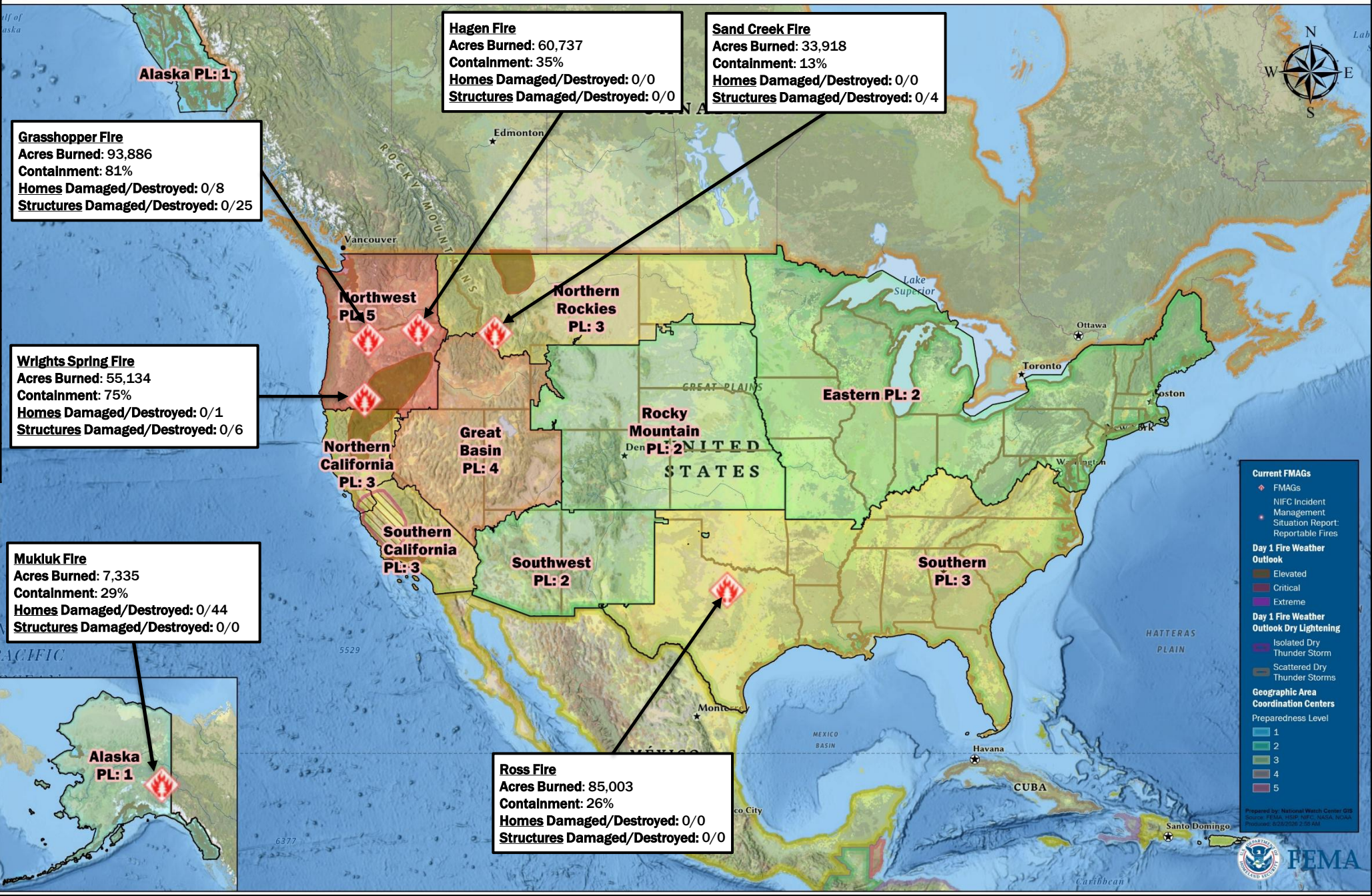
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National Fire Activity – August 29, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (153 fires)
New Large Fires	13
Large Fires Contained	8
Uncontained Large Fires	97
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,994,316
Total Responders	21,859
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	16
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

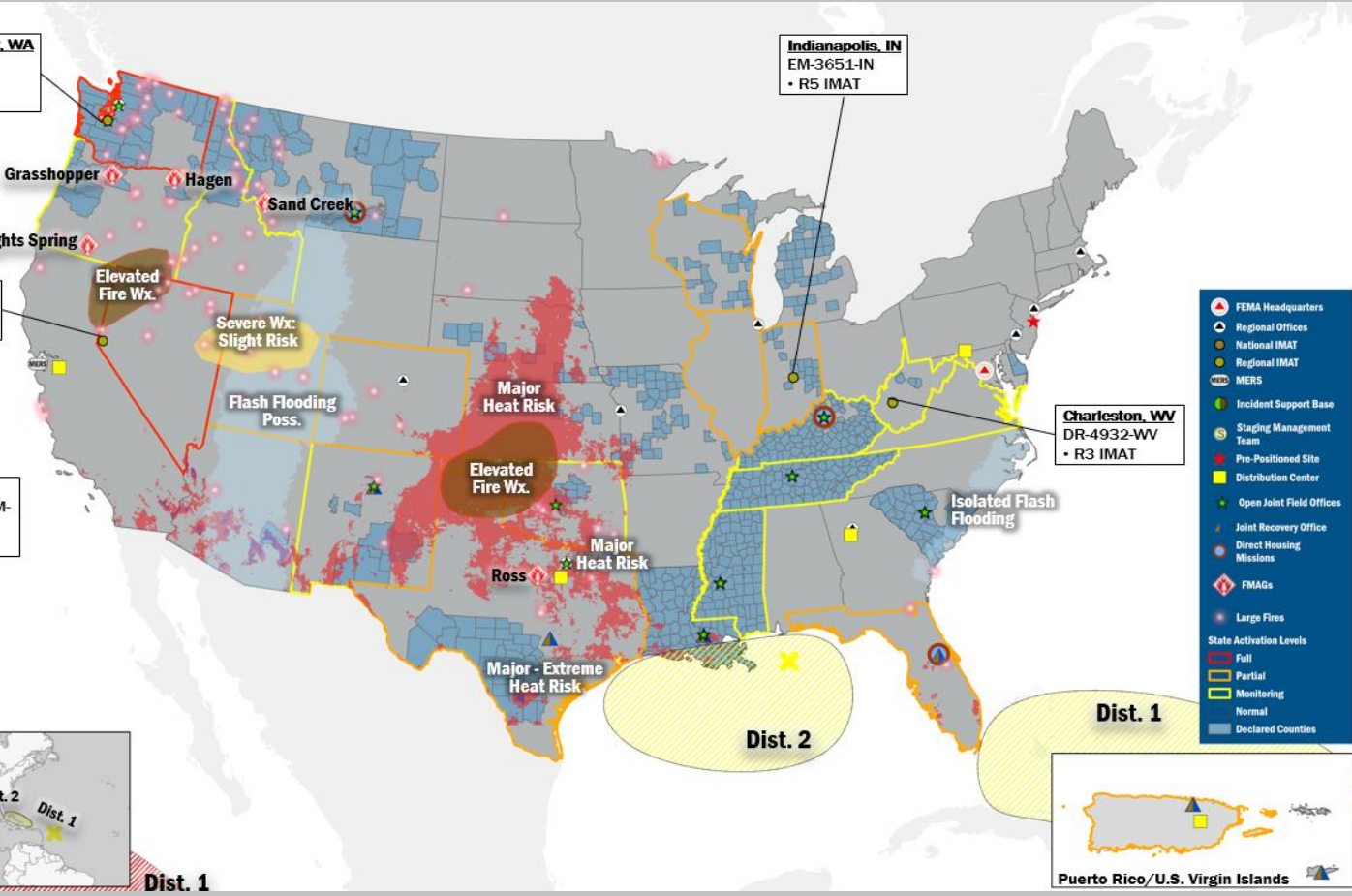
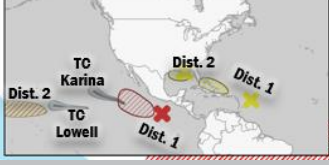
Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT
• MERS

Indianapolis, IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT

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



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- MERS
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- FMAGs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties

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: Staffing
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/NM/OK/OR/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IL/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

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)

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	23 (+23)	8/24 - TBD
			PA	16	0	8/24 - TBD
	IL	Severe Weather Aug 11-16	IA	8	0	8/31 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
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 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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