

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 3, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Major Disaster Declaration Approvals – 9
- Approved: Emergency Declaration – NV

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Northern Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest, Southern Plains
- Excessive Heat – Central and Southern Plains, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Remnants of Edouard
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4)
 - Hurricane Karina (CAT-3)
 - Hurricane Marie (CAT-1)
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)

Event Monitoring

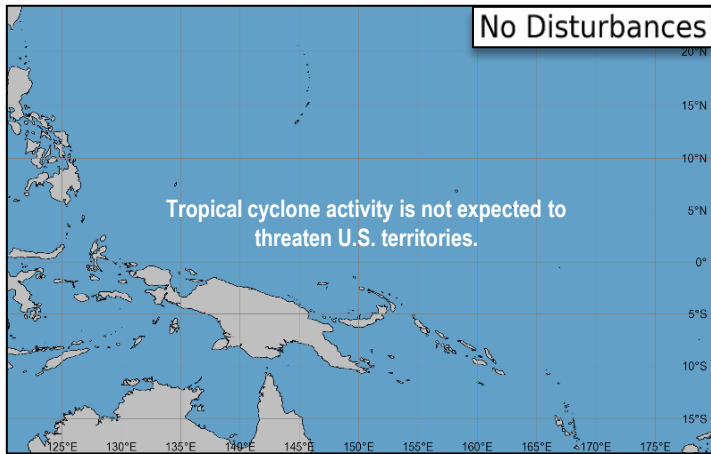
- No new significant events



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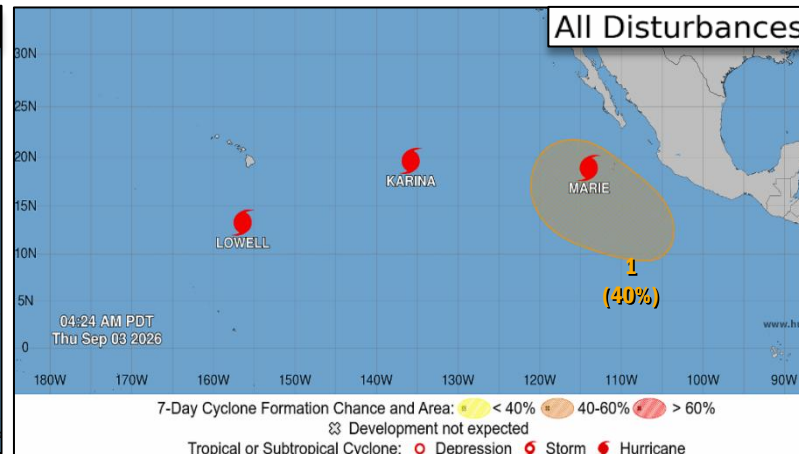
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



[Hurricane Lowell \(CAT-4\):](#) (Advisory #28, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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[Hurricane Karina \(CAT-3\):](#) (Advisory #28, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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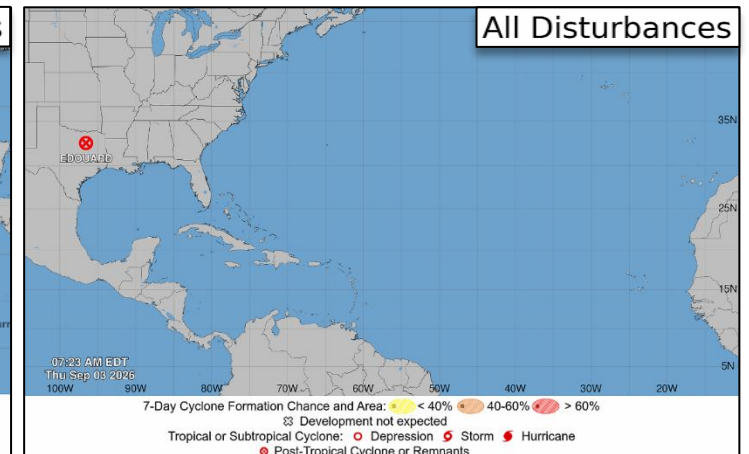
[Hurricane Marie \(CAT-1\):](#) (Advisory #9, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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

- Located offshore of southwestern Mexico
- Gradual development is possible early to middle next week as the system moves WNW at 10-15 mph
- Formation chance – 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: [Medium \(40%\)](#)

Atlantic



[Remnants of Edouard:](#) (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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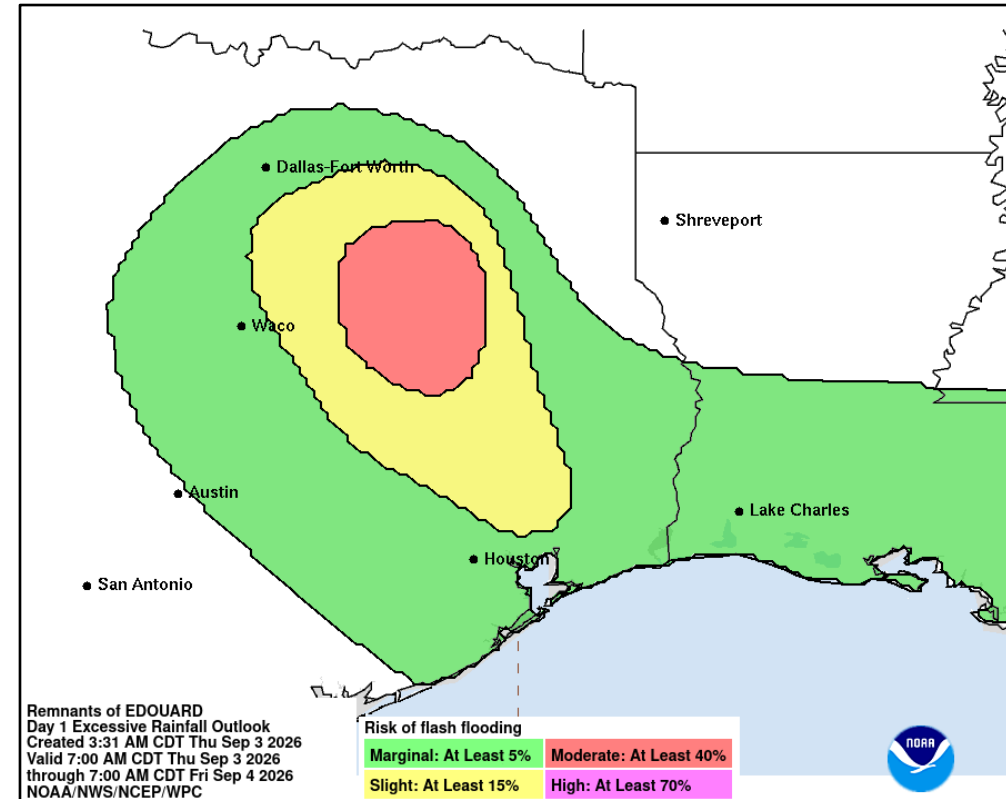
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Remnants of Edouard – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 40 miles SE of Dallas, TX
- Moving WNW at 5 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 25 mph
- Flood Watches remain for much of east Texas as heavy rainfall continues across already flooded areas through Thursday, additional flash flooding likely, especially in low-lying and urban areas
- Isolated moderate to major river flooding expected
- This is the last public advisory issued by the Weather Prediction Center on this system



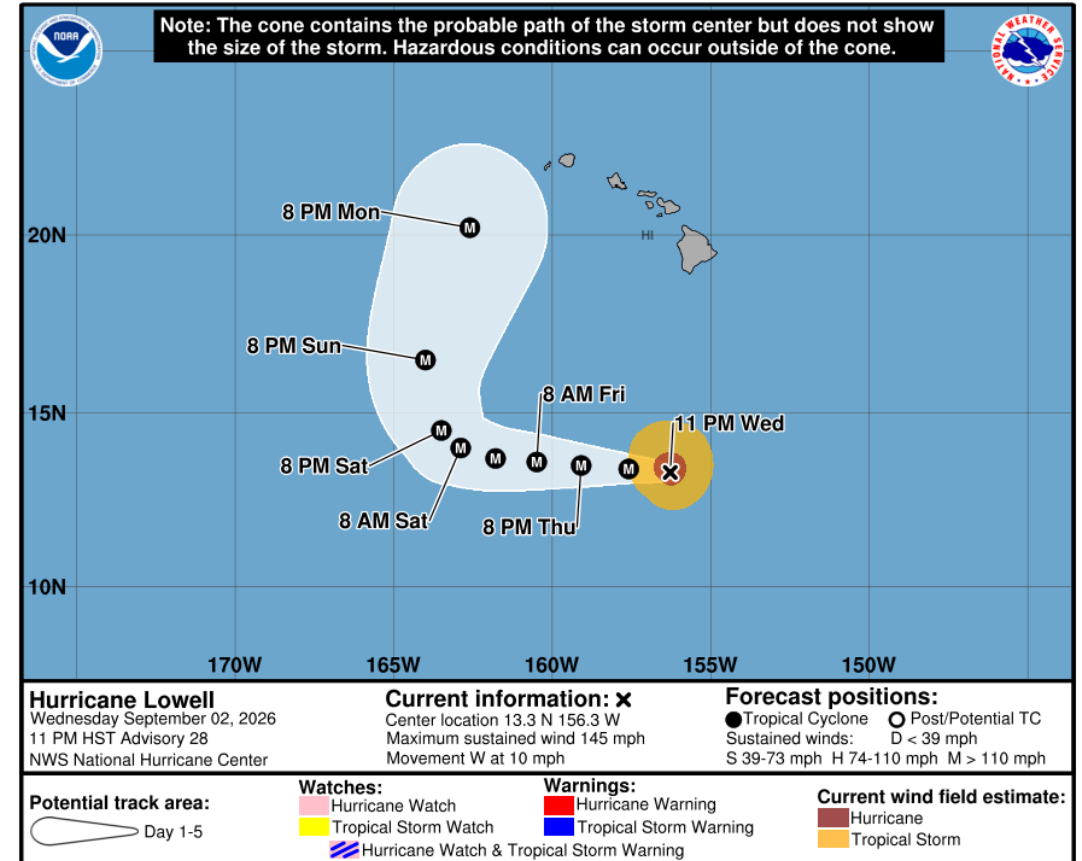
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Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4) – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #28, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 450 miles S of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving W at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 145 mph
- Hurricane-force-winds extend outward up to 40 miles out from center; Tropical-storm-force winds up to 105 miles out from center
- Intensity fluctuations expected, but Lowell should remain a major hurricane for the next several days



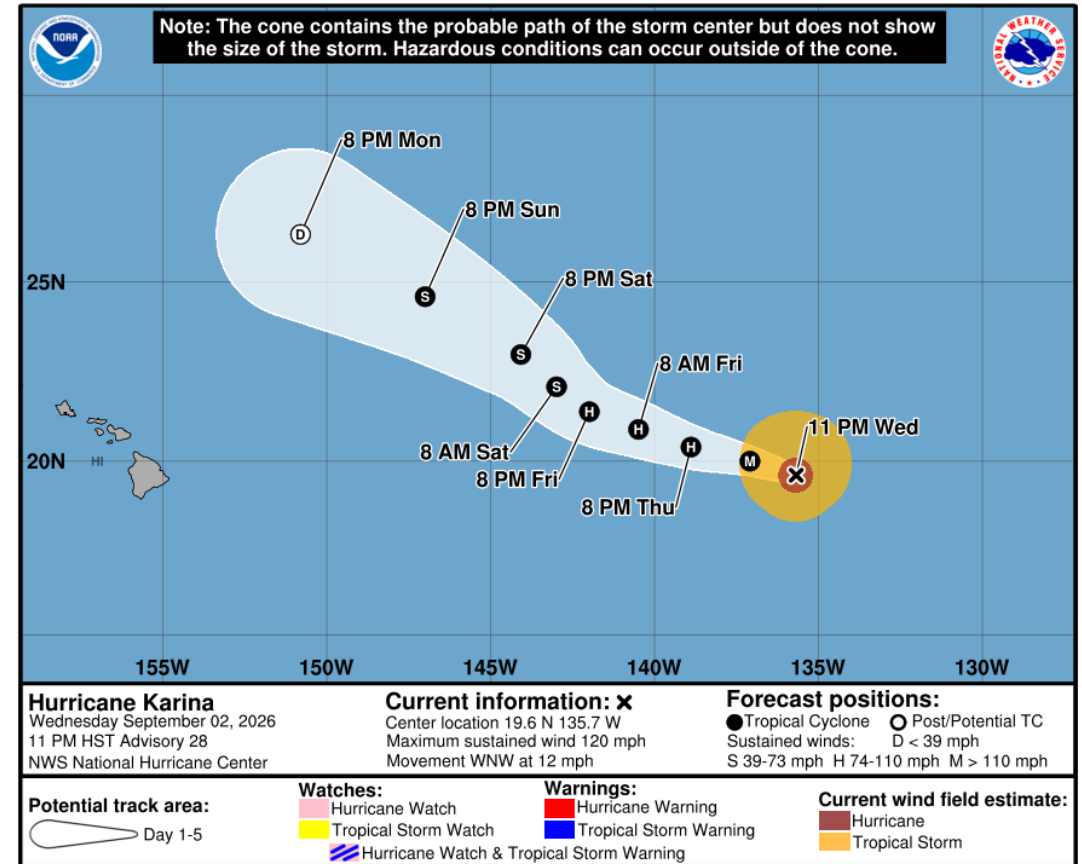
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Hurricane Karina (CAT-3) – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #28, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **1,260** miles **E** of **Hilo, Hawaii**
- Moving **WNW** at **12** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **120** mph
- Hurricane-force winds up to **35** miles out from center; Tropical-storm-force winds up to **125** miles out from center
- Slow weakening over the next few days, Karina is likely to remain a major hurricane for the next couple days



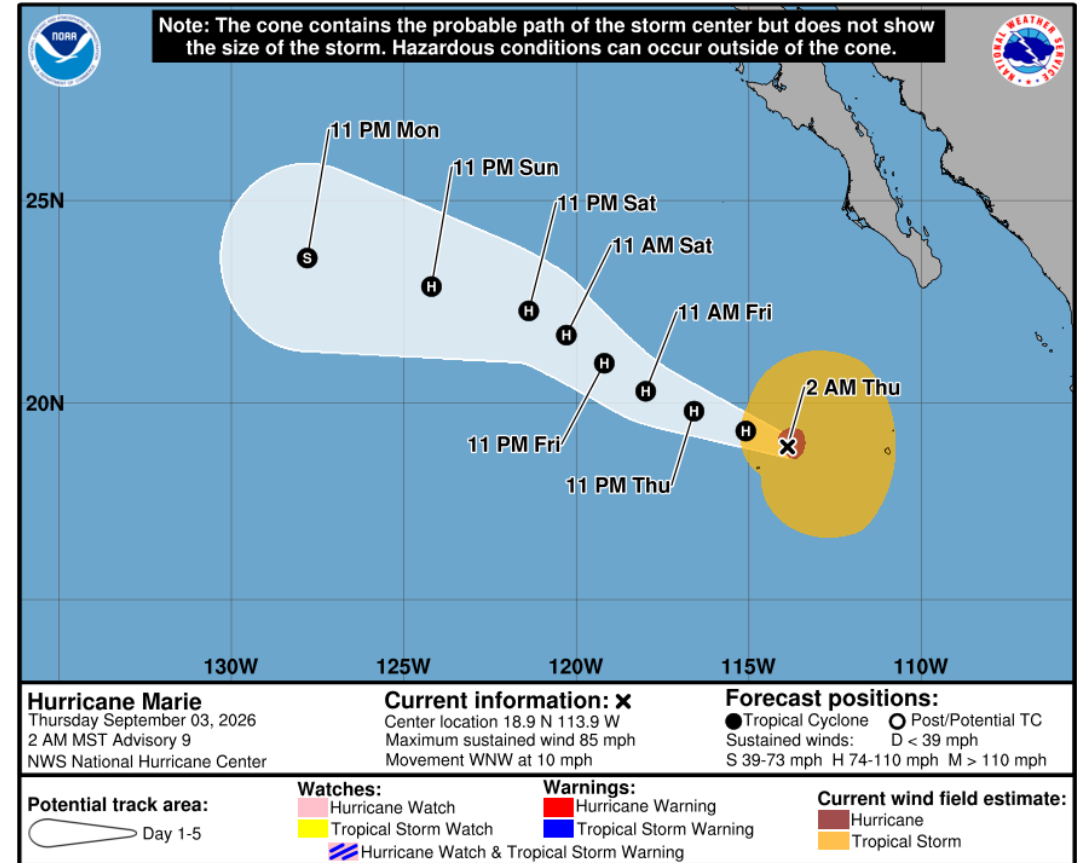
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Hurricane Marie (CAT-1) – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #9, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

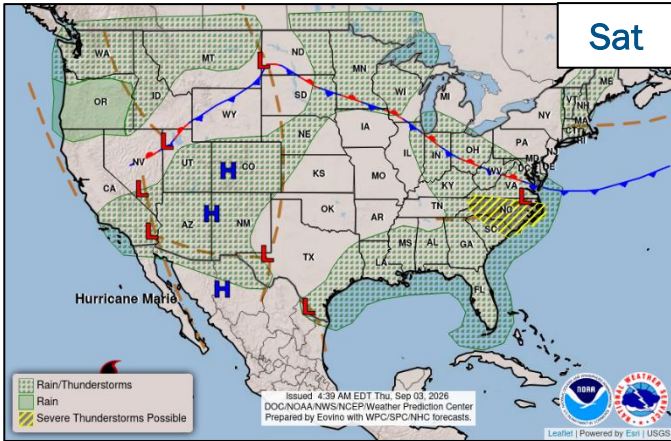
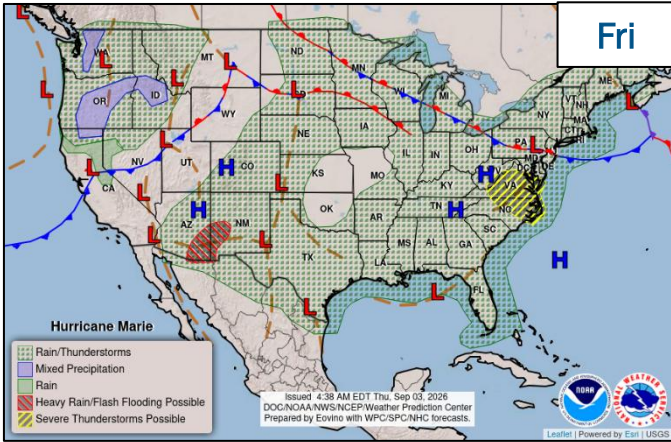
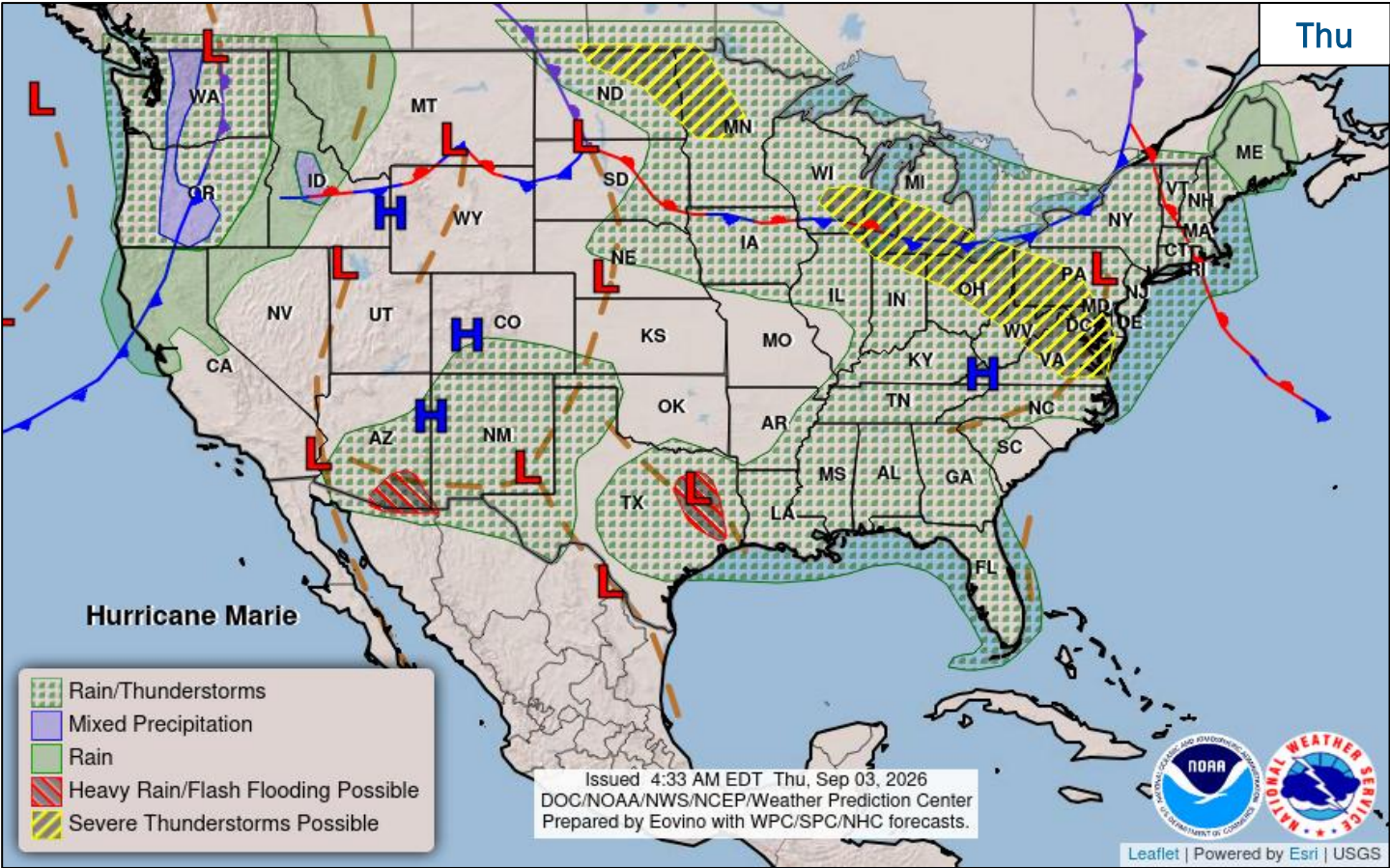
- Located **380** miles **SW** of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving **WNW** at **10** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **85** mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend up to 40 mi from the center; Tropical-storm-force winds extend up to **205** miles out from center
- **Additional strengthening forecast through Friday; gradual weakening expected this weekend**



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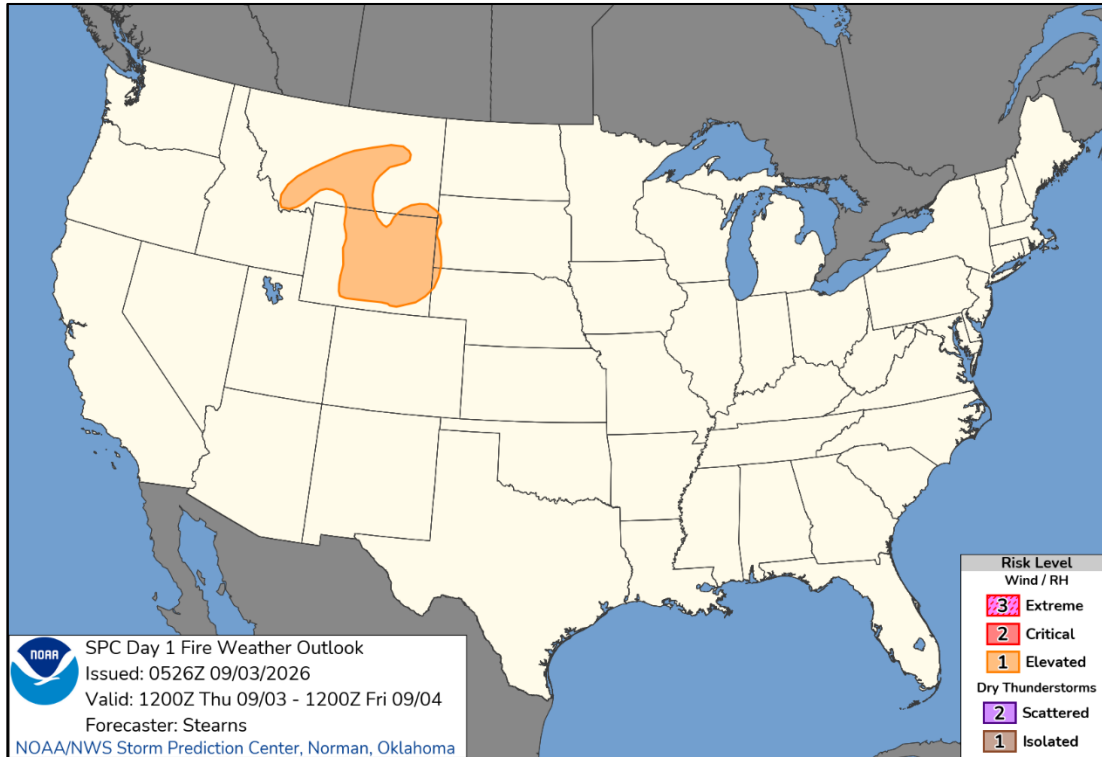
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National Weather Forecast

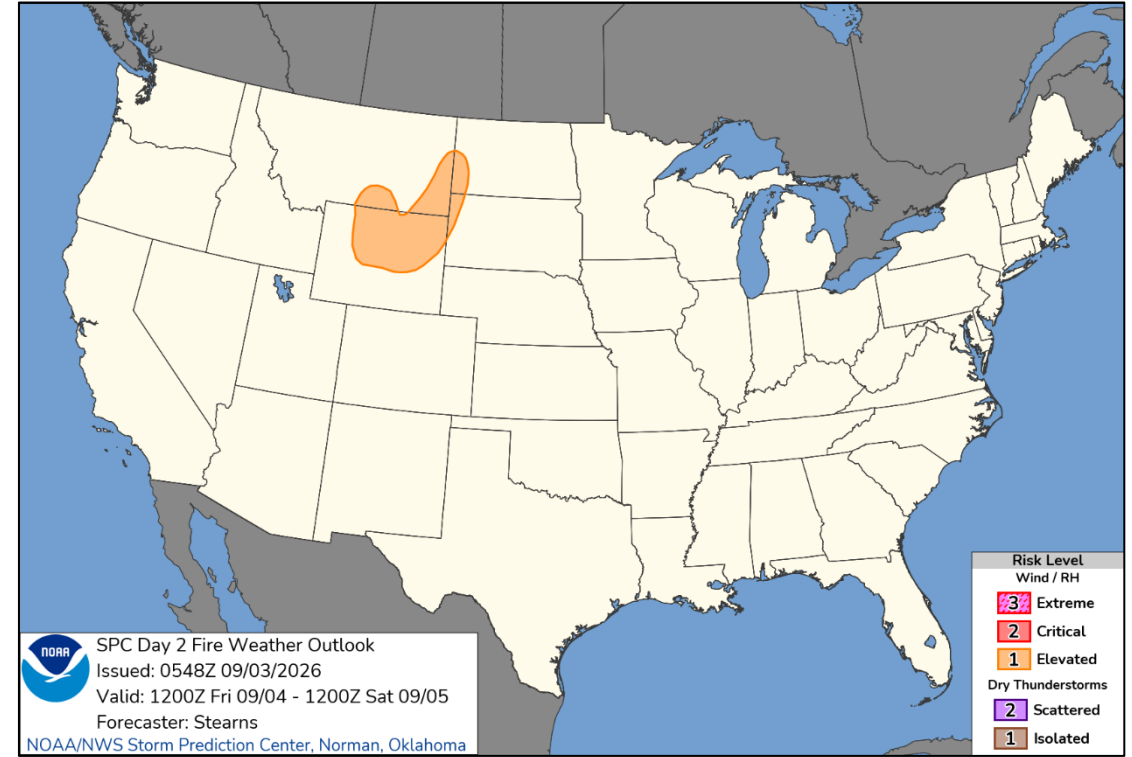


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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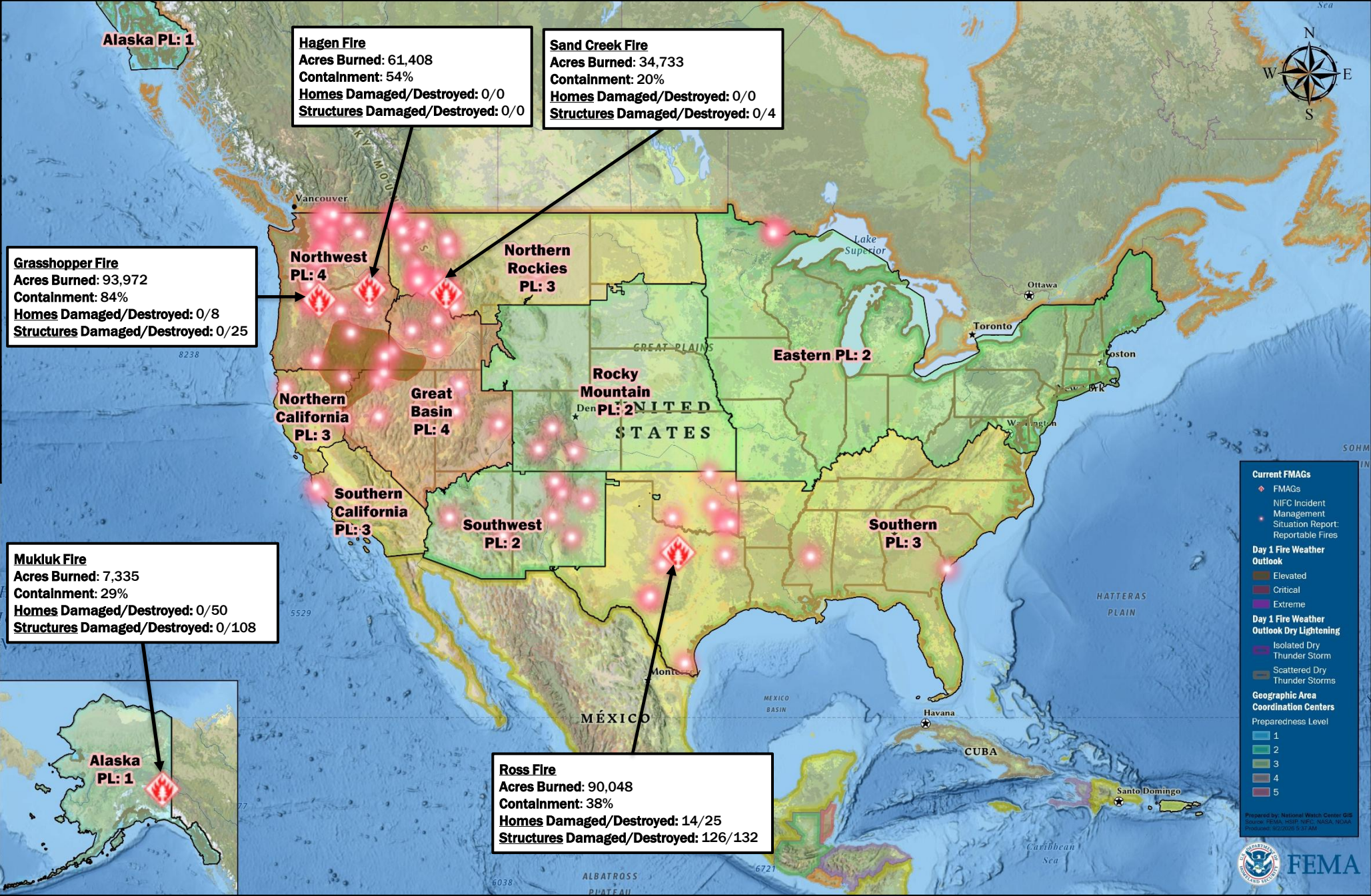
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National Fire Activity – September 3, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (68 fires)
New Large Fires	5
Large Fires Contained	5
Uncontained Large Fires	84
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,265,751
Total Responders	20,245
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

6,321 / 33%
Deployed

6,077 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,531 / 35%
Remaining

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

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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:
• 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	14	0	1
R5	0	4	0	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	8	0	0
R8	1	8	0	0
R9	0	6	6	0
R10	4	7	1	0

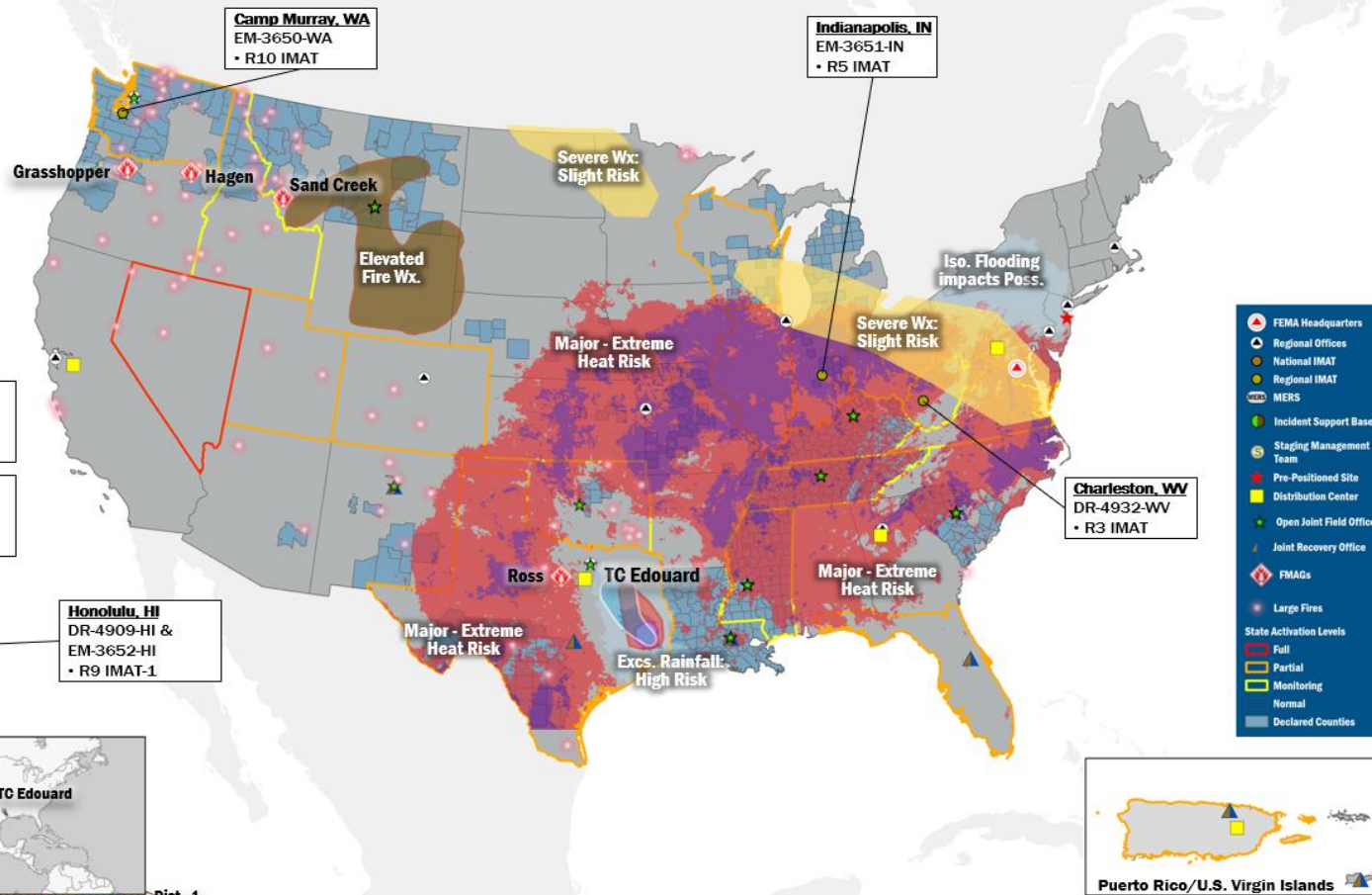
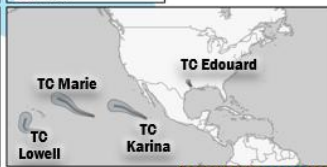


CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
DR-4921-GU &
EM-3648-GU
• ISB Delta



Honolulu, HI
DR-4909-HI &
EM-3652-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



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

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: 4932-EM-WV
• R4-1/2: Staffing
• R5: 3651-EM-IN
• R7: Reconstituting (FMC 9/8)
• R9-1: 4909-DR-HI/3652-EM-HI
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP
• R10: 3650-EM-WA

State EOCs:
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/OK/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IL/KY/TN/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel
• PR/VA: Drought
• WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala/Moke
• IN: Support for 4933-DR-IN

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	1
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	27
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	31 (20 FCOR)
Available	5

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
R5	OH	Severe Weather Aug 11 and continuing	IA	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
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 Approval – Nevada

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3653-EM-NV
Date Requested: Aug 27

Date Approved: Sep 1
Incident: Hawk Fire
Incident Period: Aug 22 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 1 county

FCO: Maona N. Ngwira



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Declaration Approval – North Dakota

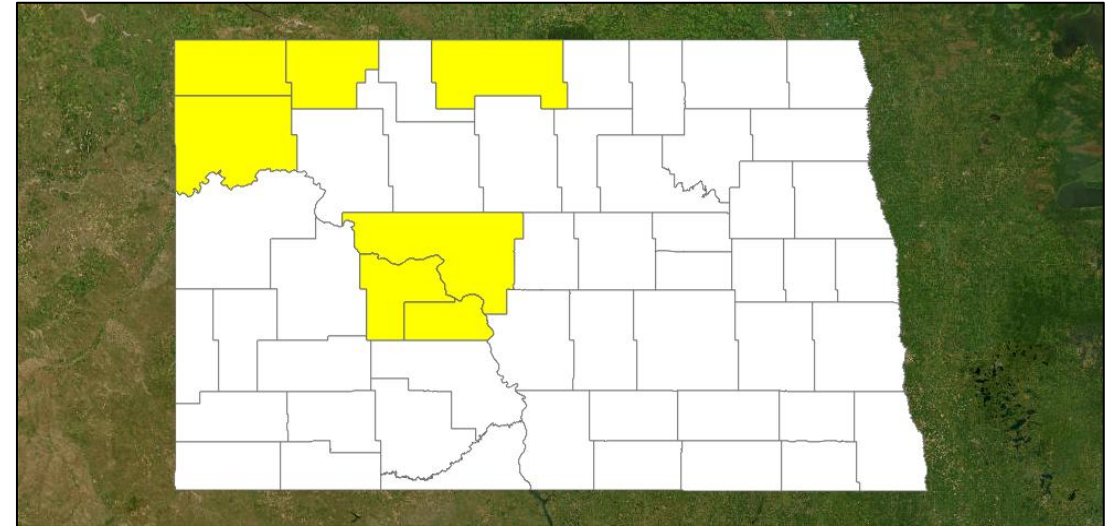
Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4934-DR-ND
Date Requested: Jul 6

Date Approved: Sep 1
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes
Incident Period: June 7-9

Provides:

- **PA:** 7 counties

FCO: Katherine B. Fox



■ **PA**



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Declaration Approval – Hawaii

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4936-DR-HI
Date Requested: Jul 21

Date Approved: Sep 1
Incident: Earthquake
Incident Period: May 22

Provides:

- **IA:** 1 county

FCO: Kirokazu Toiya



■ **IA**



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Declaration Approval– Kentucky

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4937-DR-KY

Date Requested: Jul 23

Date Approved: Sep 1

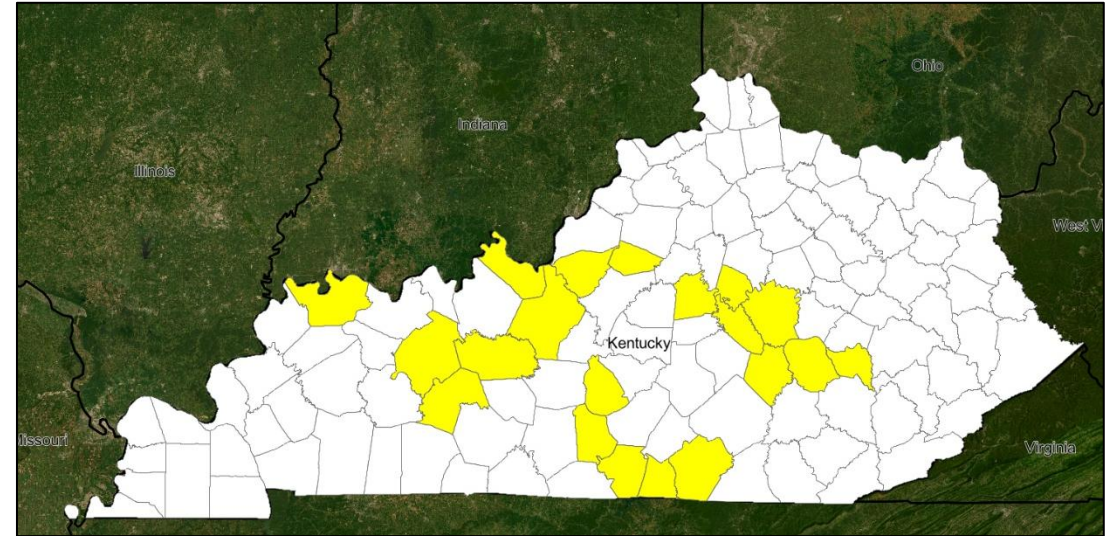
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

Incident Period: Jun 26-30

Provides:

- **PA:** 20 counties

FCO: Leda M. Khoury



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Declaration Approval – South Dakota

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4938-DR-SD

Date Requested: Jul 24

Date Approved: Sep 1

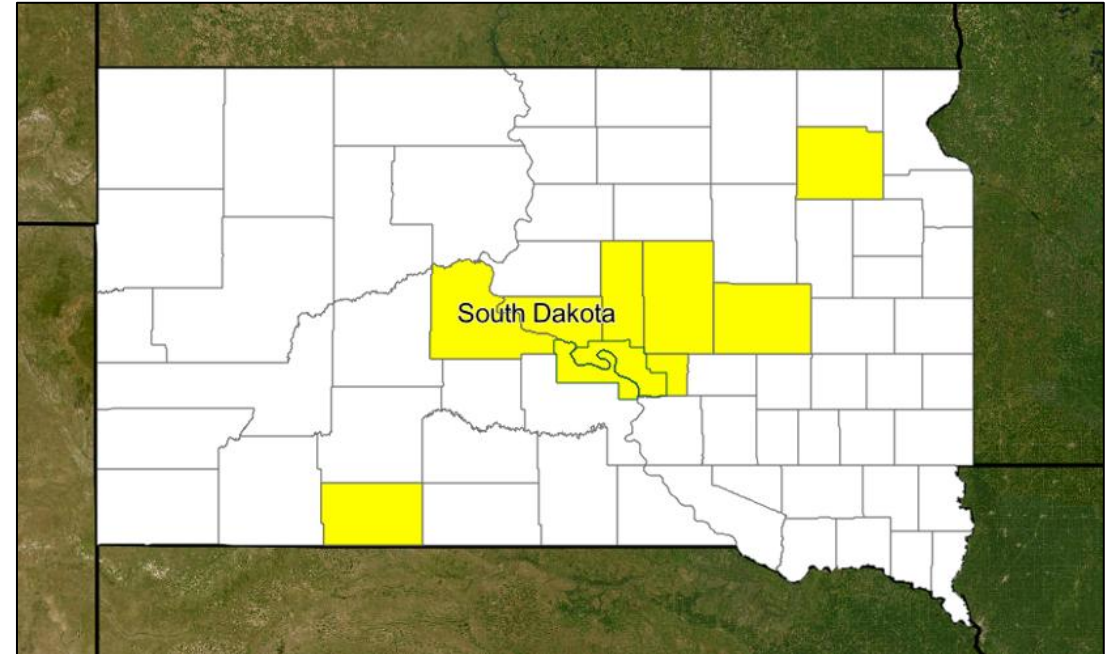
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 28-Jul 3

Provides:

- **PA:** 8 counties, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

FCO: Kenneth C. Williams, III



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Declaration Approval – Missouri

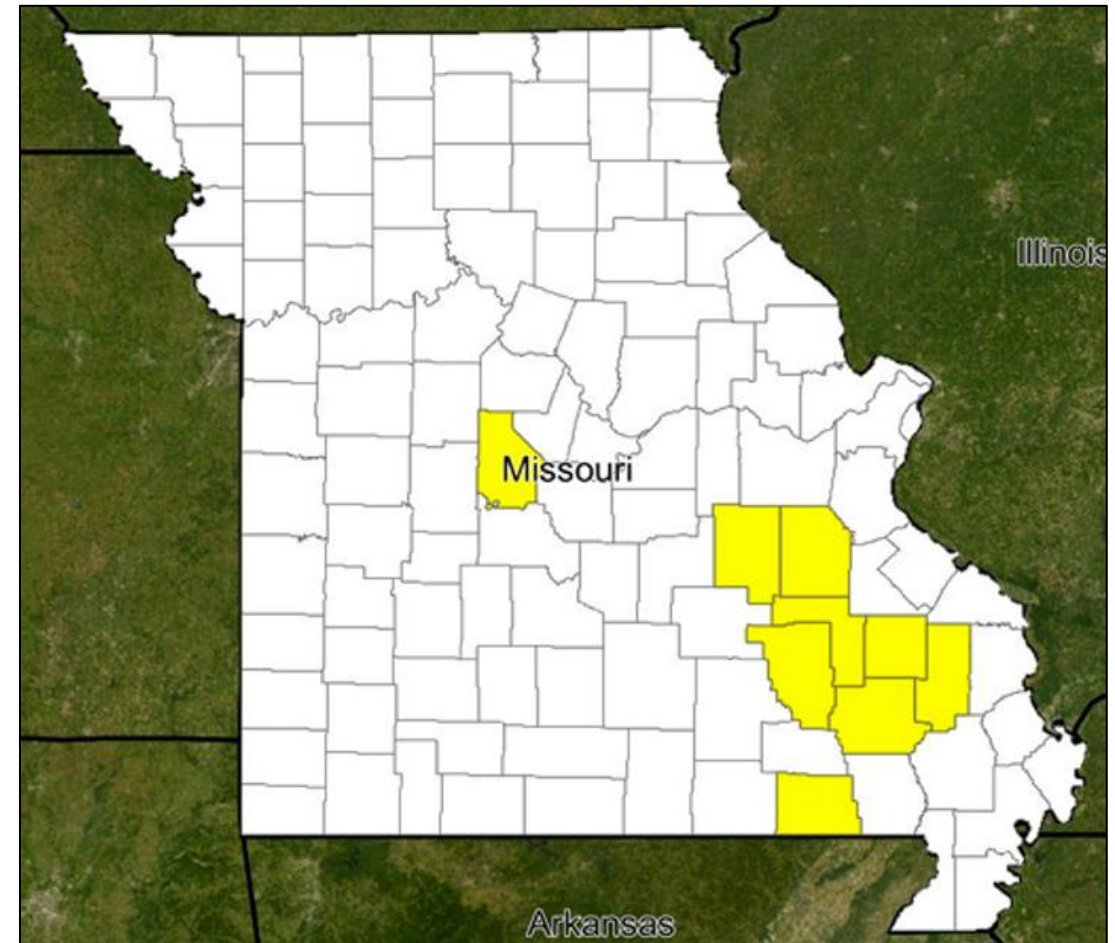
Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4939-DR-MO
Date Requested: Jul 28

Date Approved: Sep 1
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding
Incident Period: Jul 9-11

Provides:

- **PA:** 9 counties

FCO: Catharine O. Fan



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Declaration Approval – Kansas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4940-DR-KS

Date Requested: Jul 28

Date Approved: Sep 1

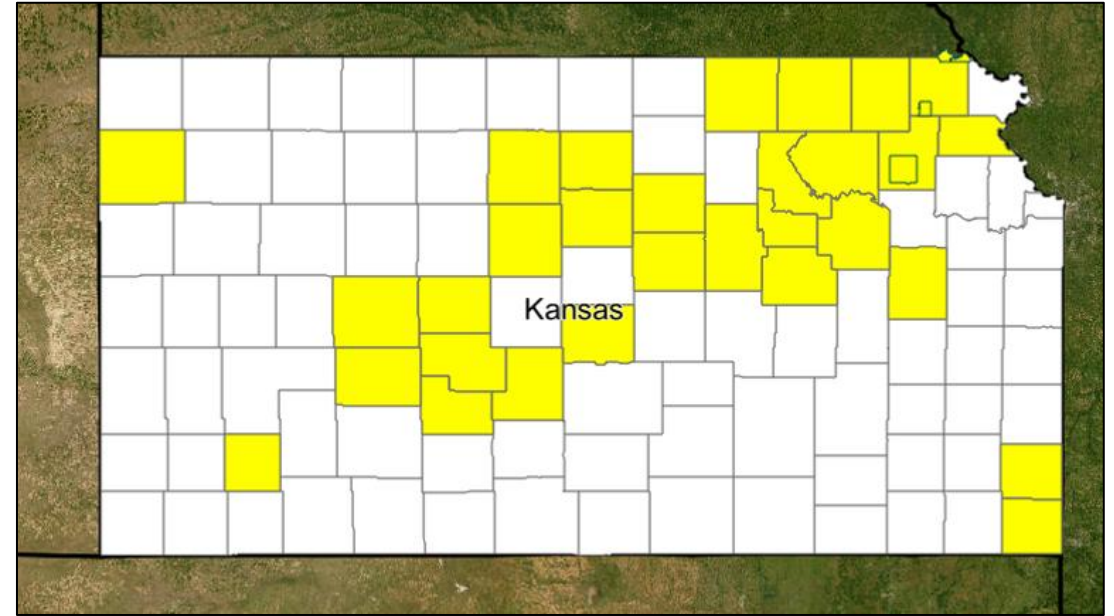
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 4-15

Provides:

- **PA:** 30 Counties, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

FCO: Willie G. Nunn



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Declaration Approval – Oglala Sioux Tribe

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4941-DR-SD

Date Requested: Jul 29

Date Approved: Sep 1

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 2-4

Provides:

- **IA/PA:** All tribal lands

FCO: Edwin J. Martin



■ **IA/PA**



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Declaration Approval – Iowa

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4942-DR-IA

Date Requested: Aug 3

Date Approved: Sep 1

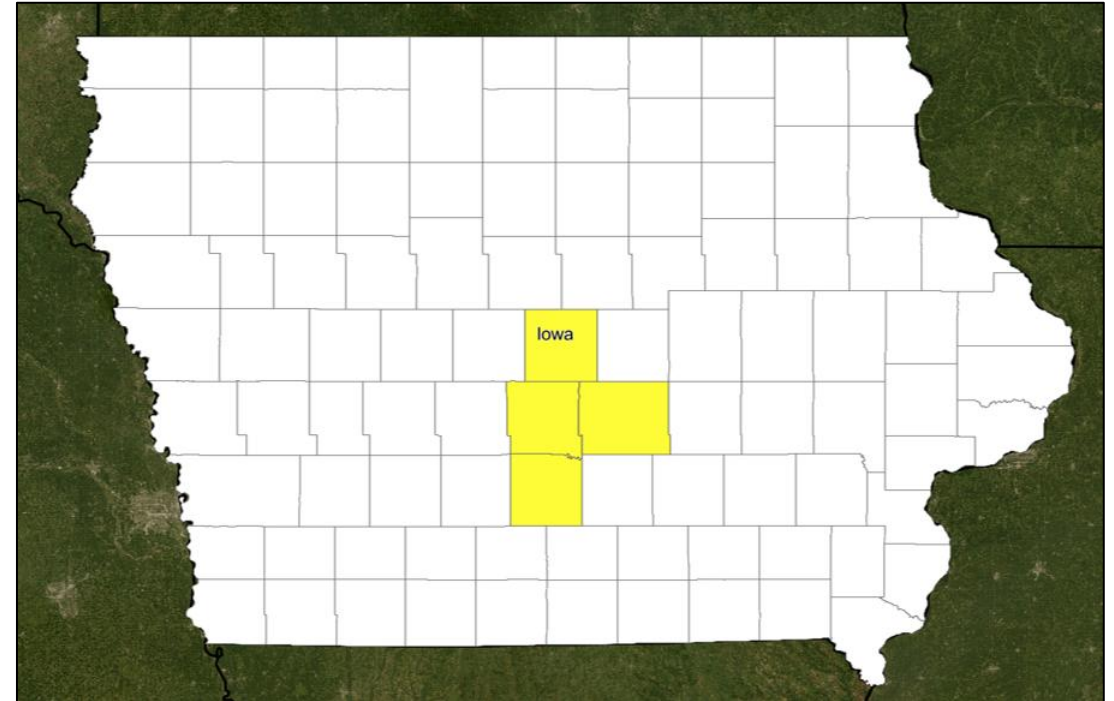
Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: Jul 1-4

Provides:

- **PA:** 4 counties

FCO: John F. Boyle



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Declaration Approval – Kansas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4943-DR-KS

Date Requested: Aug 11

Date Approved: Sep 1

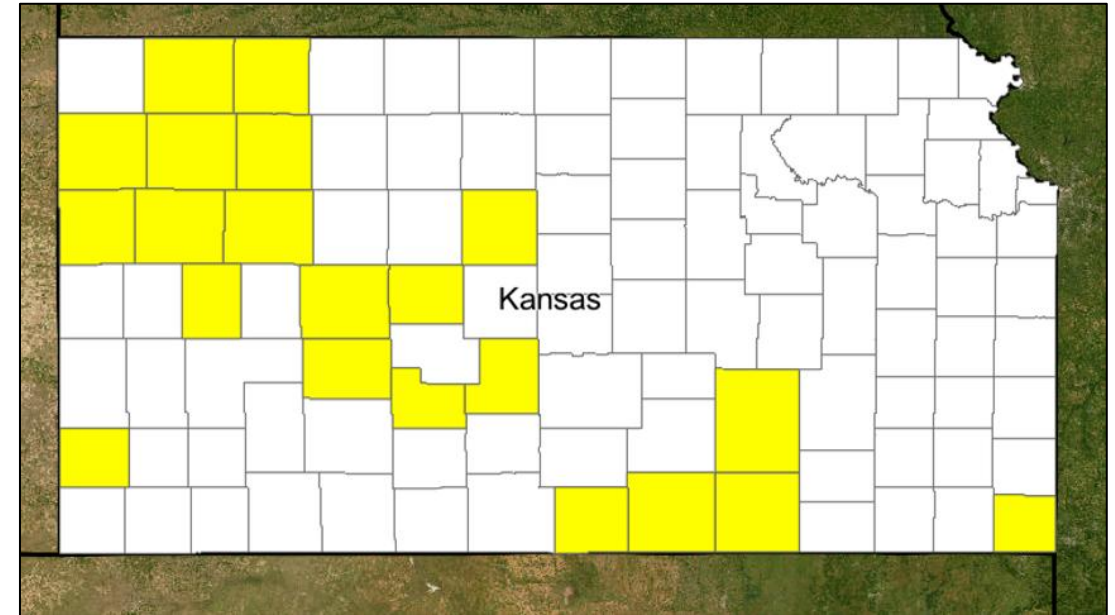
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 18-30

Provides:

- **PA:** 21 counties

FCO: Willie G. Nunn



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Straight-line Winds – Denied	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal – Denied	DR		X	X	Apr 7
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes – Approved	DR		X	X	Jul 6
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal – Denied	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 – Denied	DR		X	X	Jul 20
HI – Earthquake – Approved	DR	X			Jul 21
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding – Denied	DR		X	X	Jul 22
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Jul 23
SD – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – Approved	DR		X	X	Jul 24
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – Approved	DR		X	X	Jul 28
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – Approved	DR		X	X	Jul 28
OST* – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Jul 29
IA – Severe Storms and Flooding – Approved	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 – 9 (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 – Approved	DR		X	X	Aug 11
MN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 20
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, and 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 – Approved	EM		X		Aug 27
WV – Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR	X		X	Aug 31



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