

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 4, 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

- Severe Thunderstorms – Great Lakes to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lowell (CAT-3)
 - Hurricane Karina (CAT-2)
 - Hurricane Marie (CAT-2)
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (50%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – TX
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – CO
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – OH
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – OK

Event Monitoring

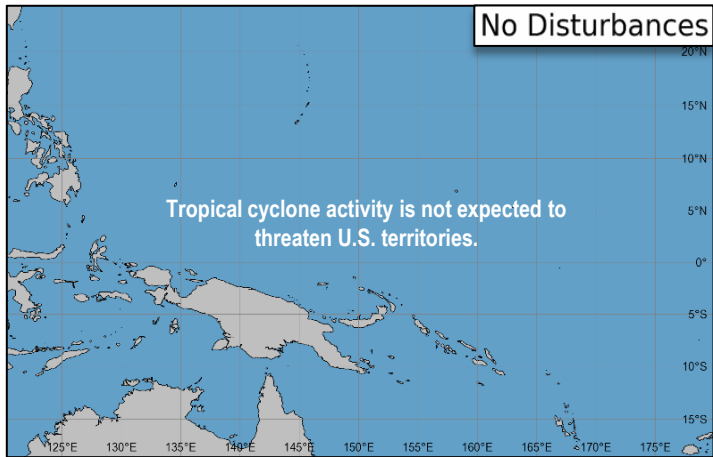
- No new significant events



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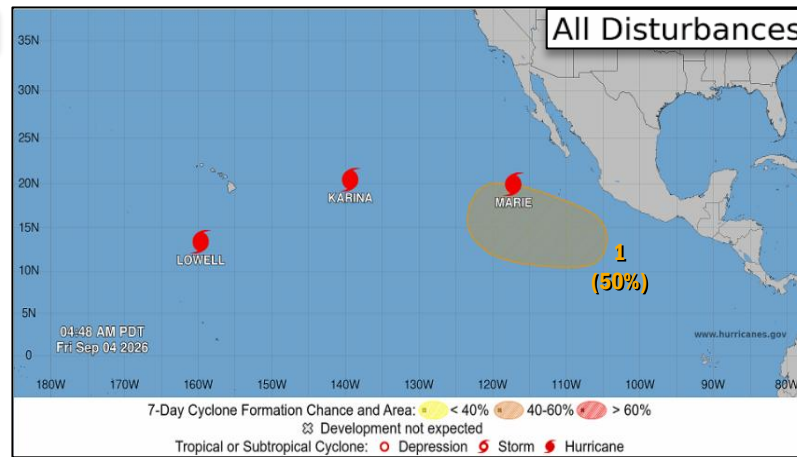
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



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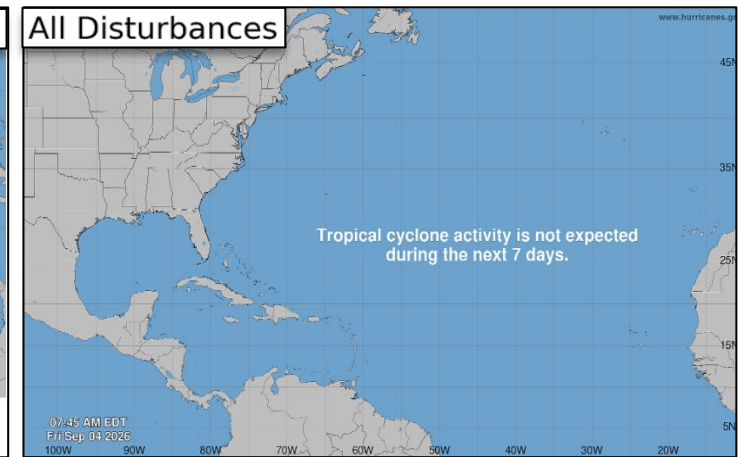
[Hurricane Marie \(CAT-2\):](#) (Advisory #13, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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

- Located offshore of southwestern Mexico
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Gradual development is possible, and the system could become a tropical depression around the middle of next week as the system Formation chance – 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Medium (50%)

Atlantic



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



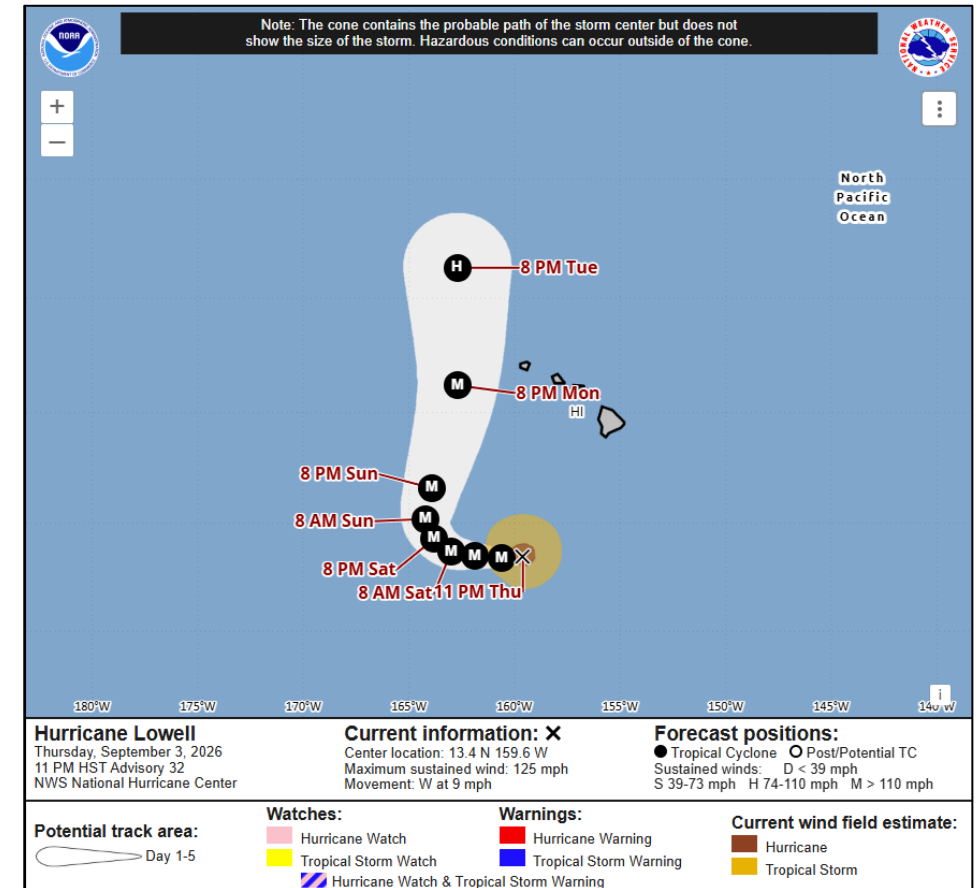
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Hurricane Lowell (CAT-3) – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #32, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **595** miles **S** of Lihue, Hawaii
- Moving **W** at **9** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **125** mph
- Hurricane-force-winds extend outward up to **45** miles from center; tropical-storm-force winds up to **140** miles out from center
- Fluctuations in intensity are expected during the next few days, Lowell is expected to remain a major hurricane through the weekend



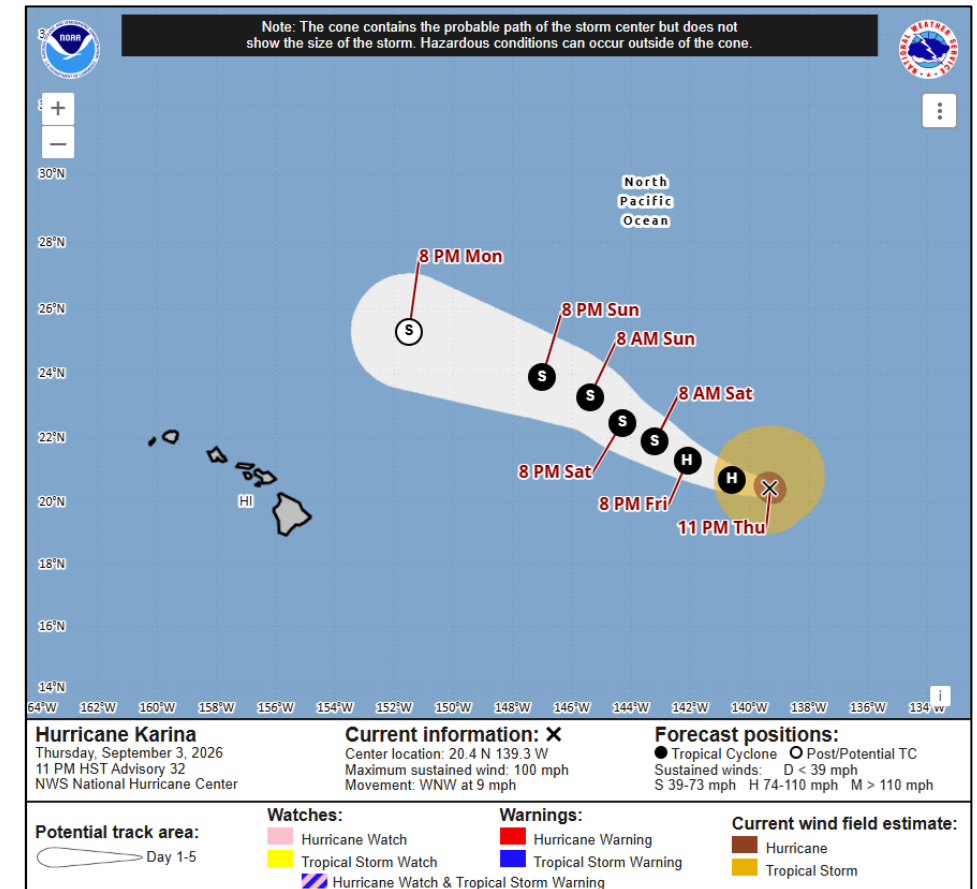
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Hurricane Karina (CAT-2) – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #32, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **1,085** miles E of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving WNW at **9** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **100** mph
- Hurricane-force winds up to **40** miles out from center; tropical-storm-force winds up to **140** miles out from center
- Gradual weakening is forecast during the next 48 hours, although Karina is expected to remain a hurricane during the next day or two



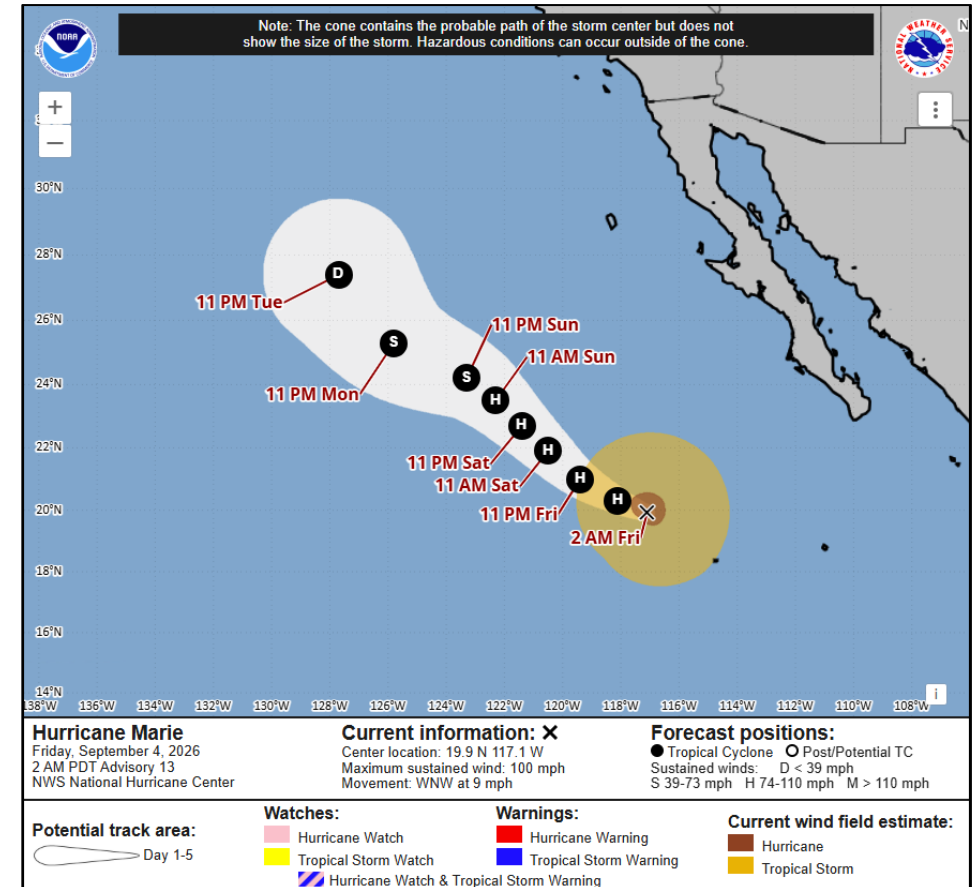
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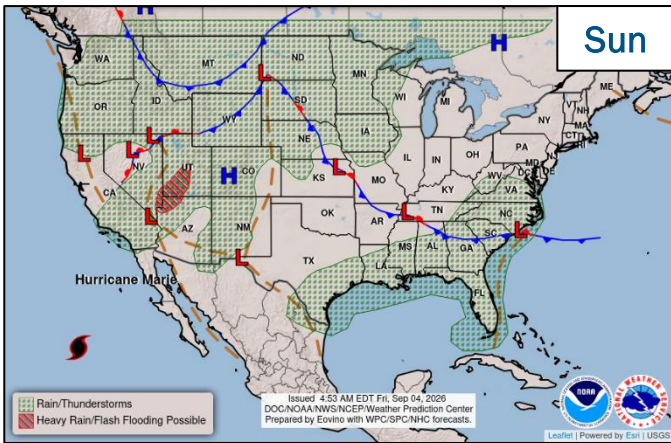
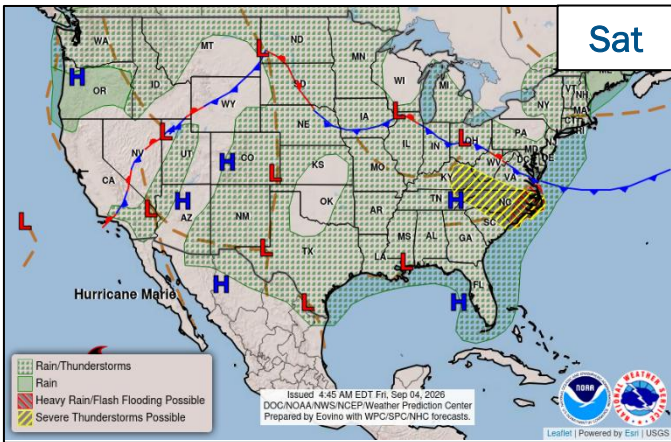
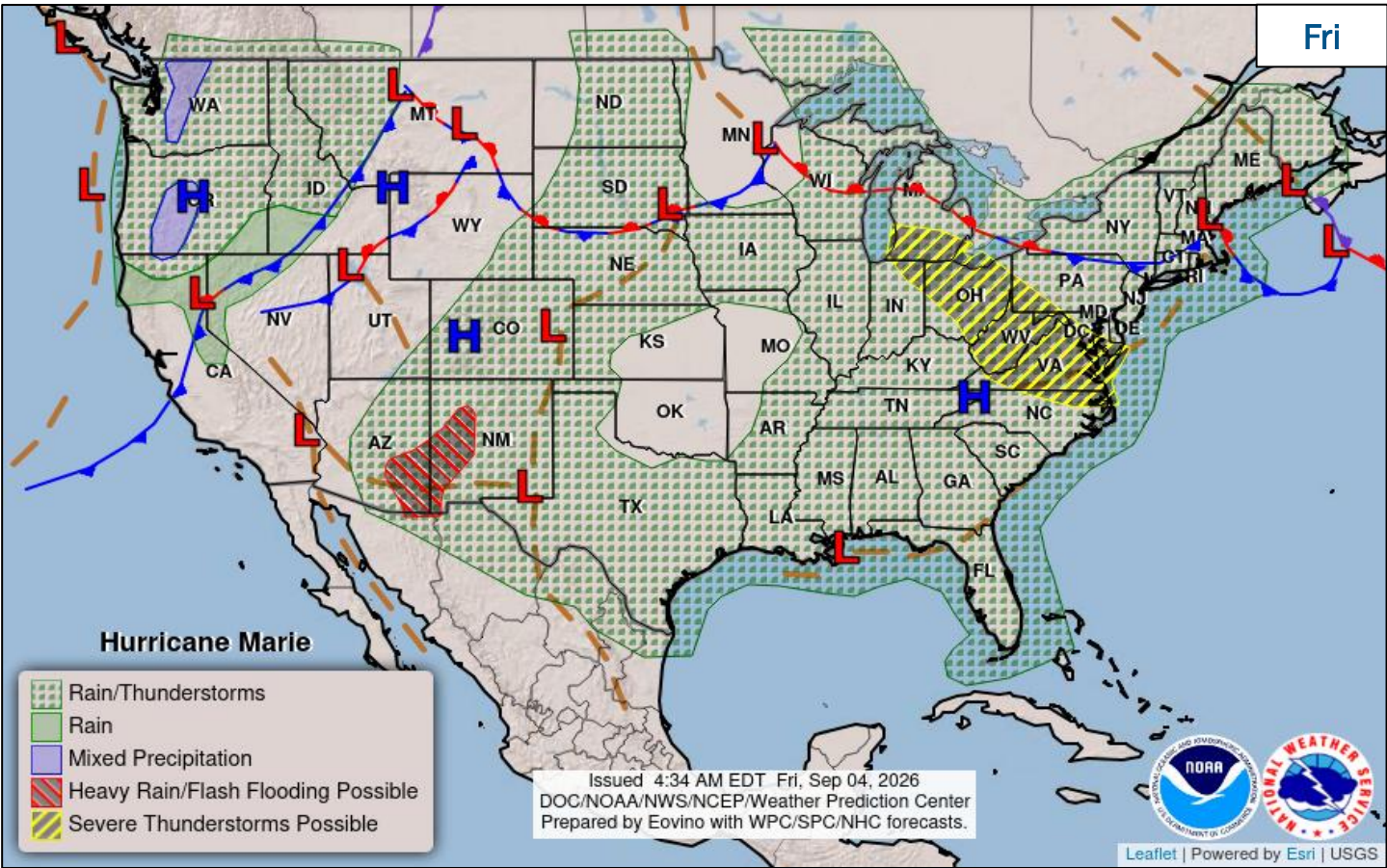
- Located **505** miles **WSW** of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving WNW at **9** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **100** mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend up to **45** miles from the center; tropical-storm-force winds extend up to **185** miles out from center
- **Some strengthening is possible today, but a slow weakening trend is expected to begin on Saturday**



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National Weather Forecast



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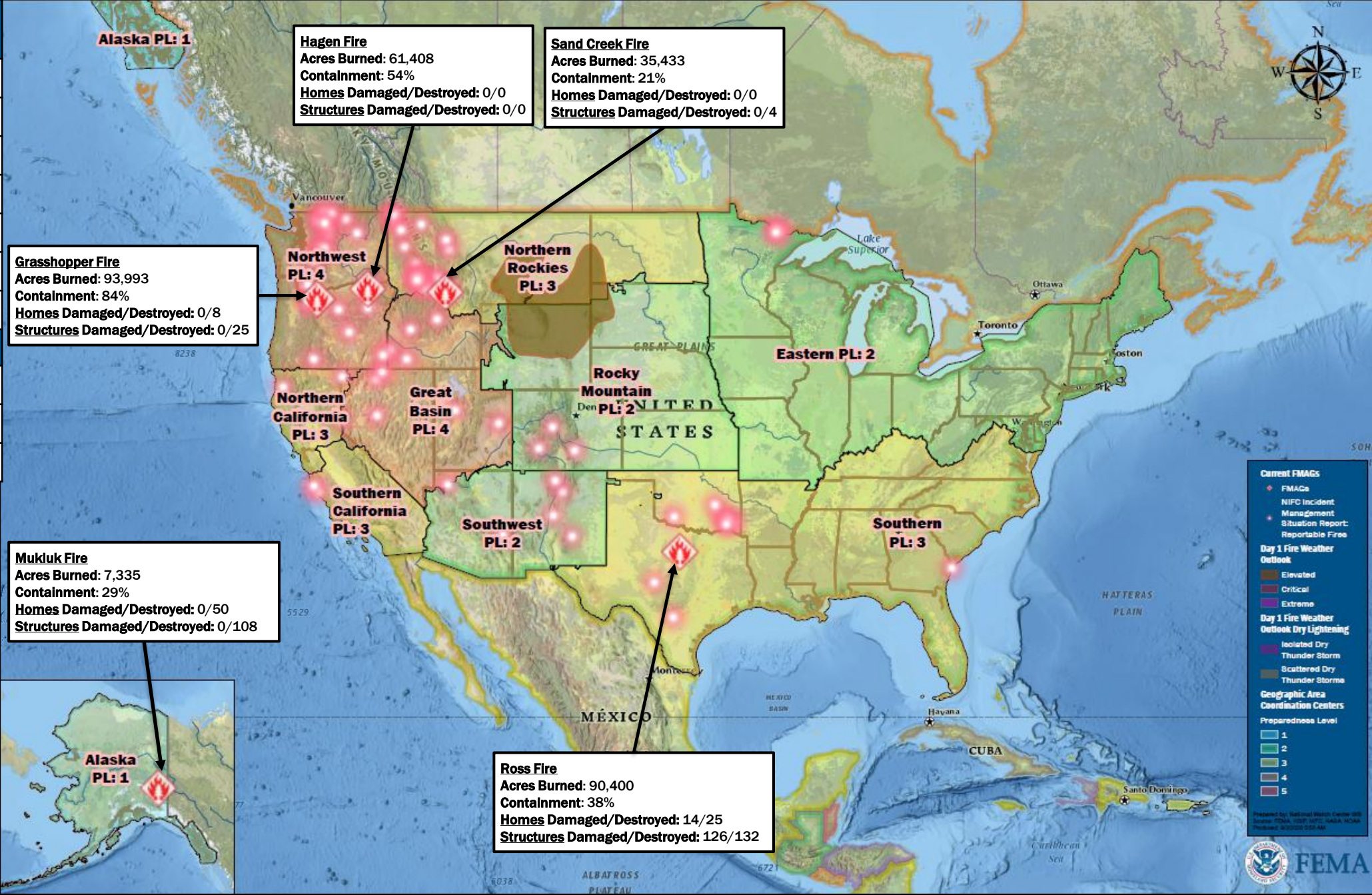
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National Fire Activity – September 4, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (96 fires)
New Large Fires	1
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	78
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,272,749
Total Responders	19,102
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	17
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



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	93,993 (+21)	84%	M: 12	H: 2,288	H: 0	H: 8	0 / 16
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 25	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	61,408	54%	M: 3,585	H: 835	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 12
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	35,433 (+700)	21% (+1%)	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 4	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,335	29%	M: LIFTED	H: 0	H: 0	H: 50	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 108	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	90,400 (+352)	38%	M: 250	H: 100	H: 14	H: 25	0 / 3 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 126	O: 132	

(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

18,931
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,391 / 34%
Deployed

6,029 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,511 / 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

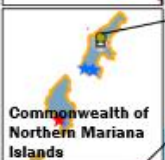
National Notes

National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

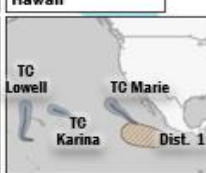
National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Staffing
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN					
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO	
R1	0	1	0	0	
R2	0	0	0	2	
R3	0	2	0	0	
R4	4	14	0	1	
R5	0	4	0	0	
R6	4	7	3	3	
R7	0	8	0	0	
R8	1	9	0	0	
R9	0	6	6	0	
R10	4	7	1	0	

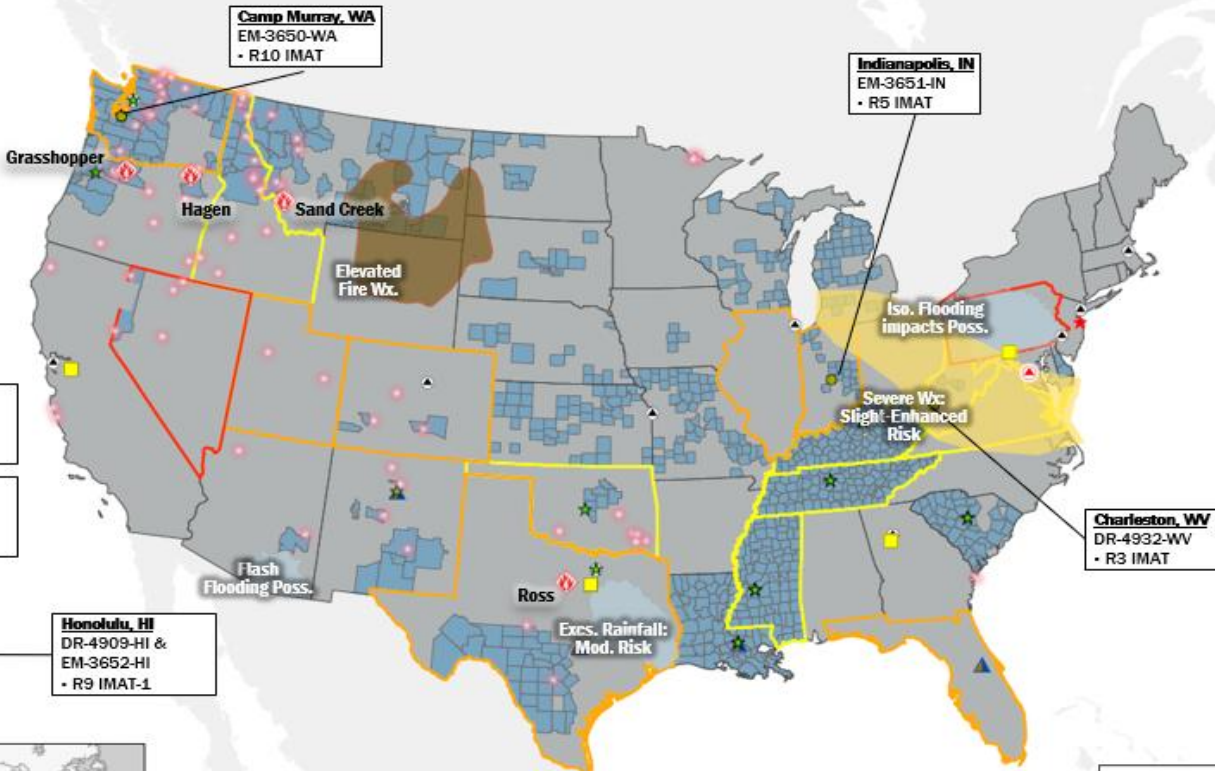


CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

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



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



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

FWAGs

Large Fires

State Activation Levels

Full

Partial

Monitoring

Normal

Declared Counties

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: Staffing

State EOCs:
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/OK/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IL/KY/TN/TX/PA/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

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

Legend

Commodities & Equipment

SMT

MERS Det.

US&R

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

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

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

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

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	31 (22 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 – Texas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4935-DR-TX

Date Requested: Jul 17

Date Approved: Sep 1

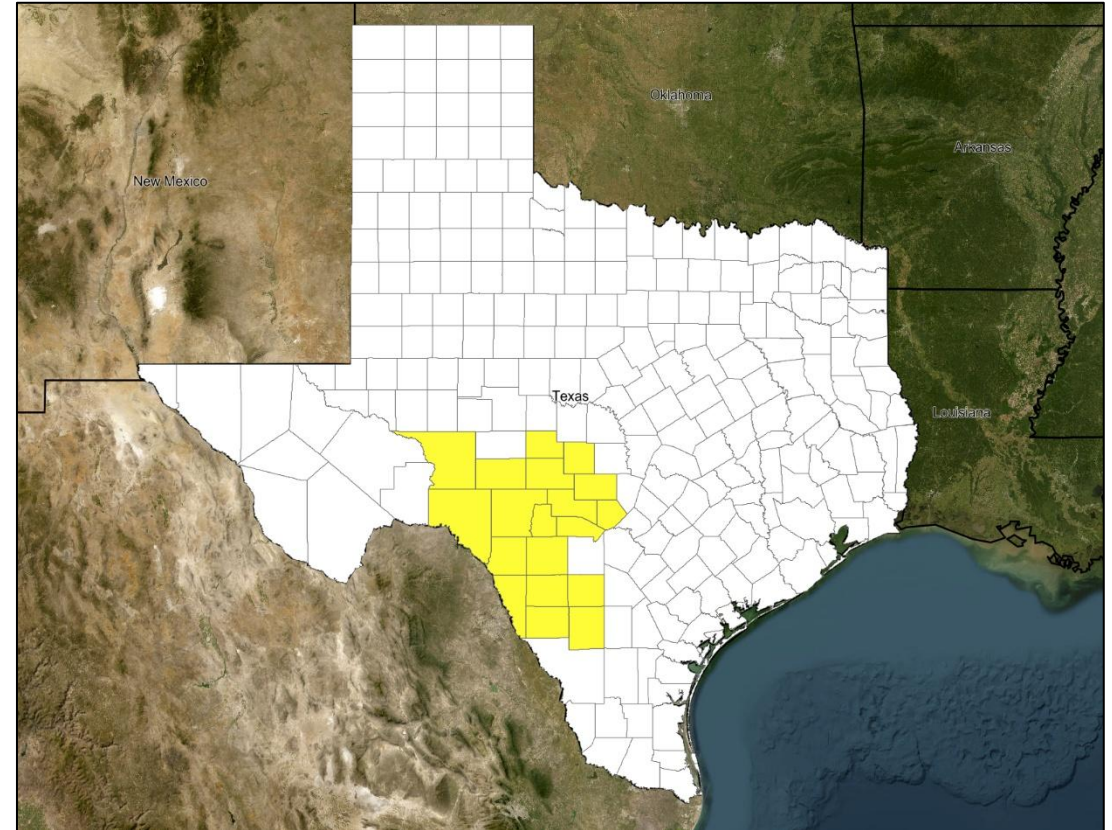
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jul 12 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 19 counties

FCO: Roland W. Jackson



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Declaration Approval – Colorado

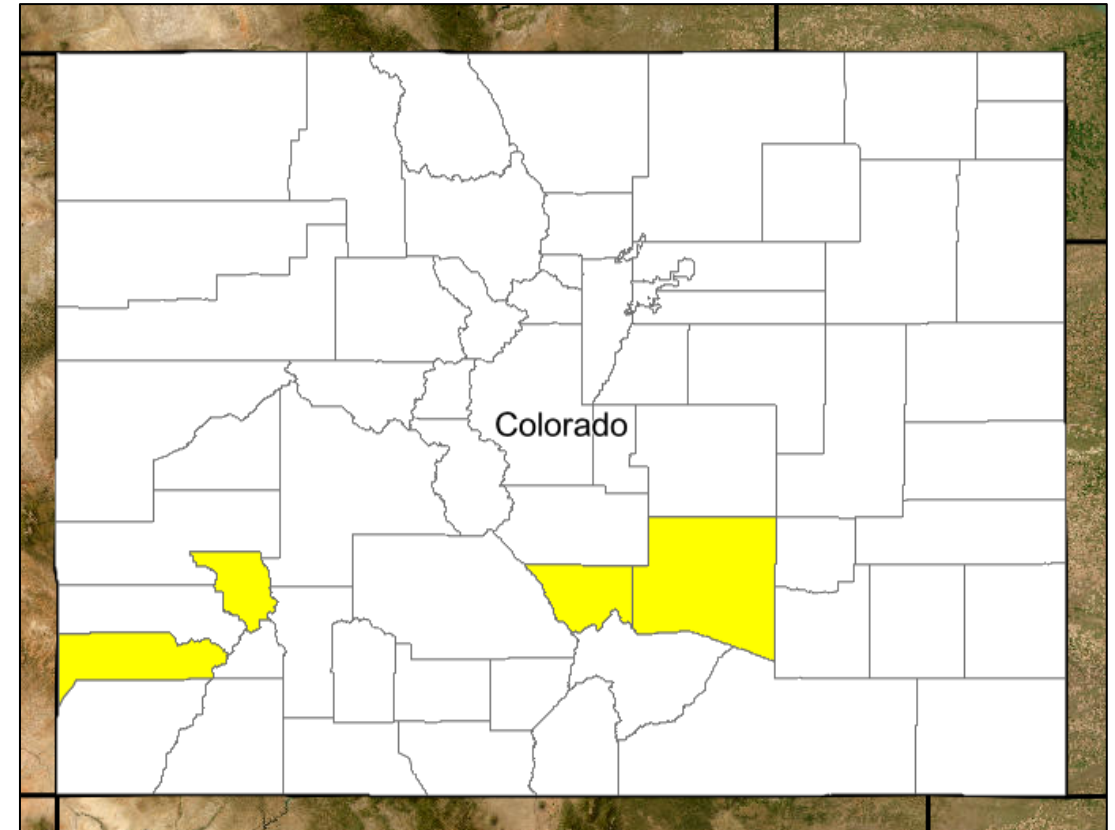
Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4944-DR-CO
Date Requested: Aug 23

Date Approved: Sep 1
Incident: Wildfires, Flooding, and Mudslides
Incident Period: Jun 27 – Jul 29

Provides:

- **PA:** 4 counties

FCO: Katherine B. Fox



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Declaration Request – Ohio

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – OH

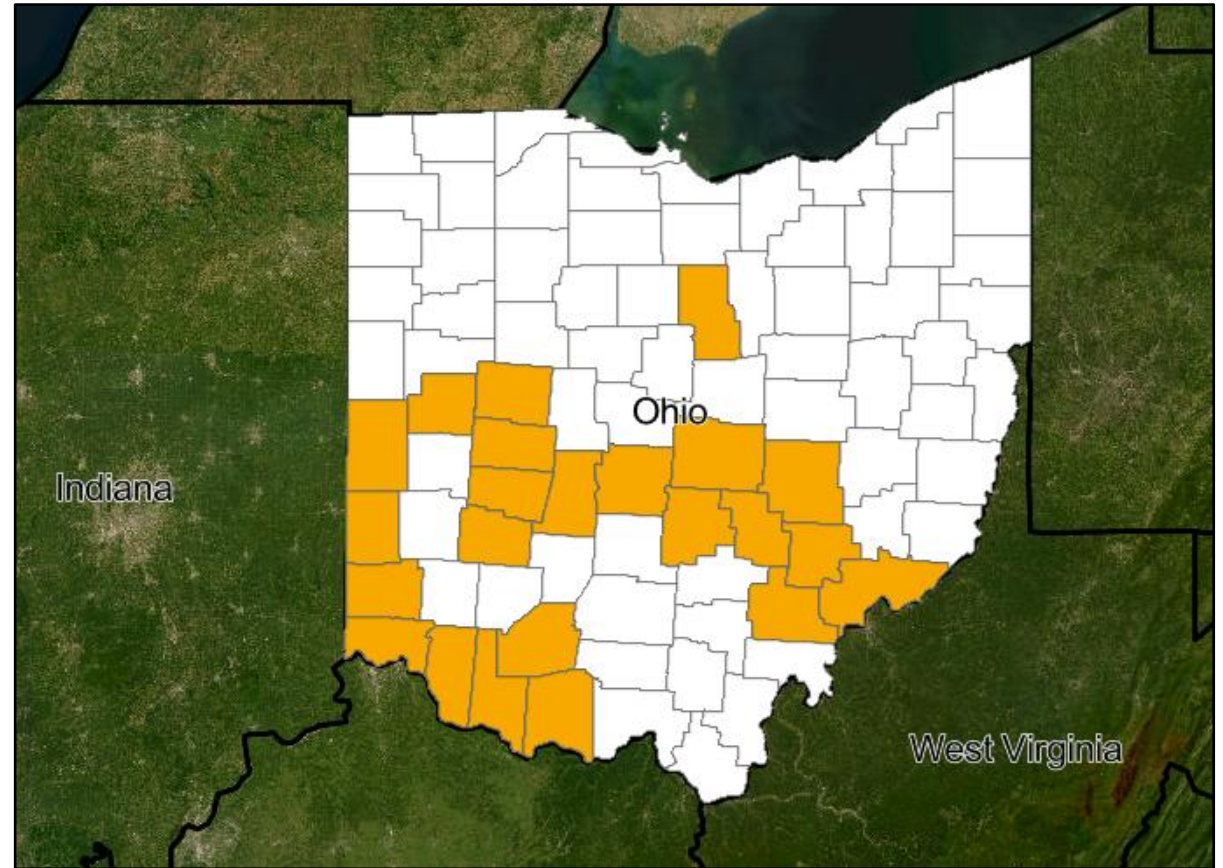
Date Requested: Sep 2

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

Incident Period: Aug 10-23

Requested:

- **IA:** 23 counties
- **HM:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – Oklahoma

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – OK

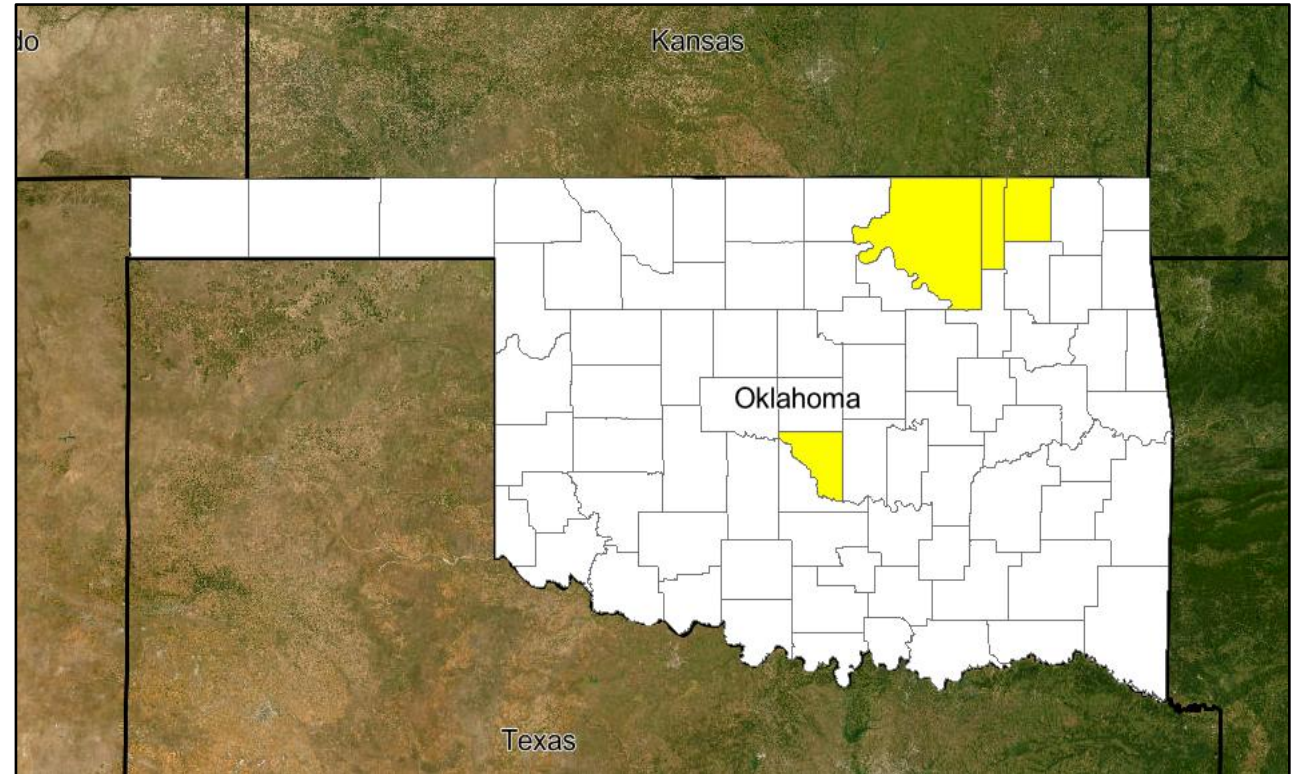
Date Requested: Sep 2

Incident: Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds

Incident Period: Jul 4

Requested:

- **PA:** 4 counties
- **HM:** Statewide



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
TX – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Jul 17
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
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 – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
WI – Severe Storms and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Aug 26
WV – Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR	X		X	Aug 31
OH – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, and Landslides	DR	X			Sep 2
OK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Sep 2



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