

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4) – Hawaii

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Ohio Valley, Central Appalachians, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeastern U.S.
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Mid-Atlantic
- Tropical Activity:
  - Eastern and Central Pacific:
    - Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4)
    - Hurricane Karina (CAT-1)
    - Hurricane Marie (CAT-1)
    - Disturbance 1: Medium (60%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4) – Hawaii

**Situation and Analysis:** Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4) is expected to move close to the western Hawaiian Islands sometime on Monday, Sep 7. Lowell is expected to produce rainfall totals of 3-6 inches, with maximum totals exceeding 10 inches possible for Kauai and the Big Islands. Impacts could include flash flooding, mudslides, and wind-driven surf affecting harbor entrances, channels, coastal properties, and other infrastructure (NHC as of 5:26 a.m. ET, Sep 5). In preparation for any impacts from Lowell to the Hawaiian Islands, FEMA held an operations coordination call with FEMA Region 9. There are no requests for FEMA assistance (FEMA R9 Hurricane Lowell IAB #1, as of 2:03 p.m. ET, Sep 4).

**State / Local Response:** (FEMA R9 Hurricane Lowell IAB #1, as of 2:03 p.m. ET, Sep 4)

- HI SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Lala/Lowell)
- Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation relating to September 2026 Tropical Cyclones

**FEMA / Federal Response:** (FEMA R9 Hurricane Lowell IAB #1, as of 2:03 p.m. ET, Sep 4)

**FEMA Region 9:**

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered (activating 9/8) (FEMA R9 SPOTREP, as of 11:44 p.m. ET, Sep 4)
- R-IMAT 1 deployed to HI (DR-4909-HI/EM-3652-HI); R-IMAT 2 deployed to CNMI (DR-4910/EM-3647-MP)
- FEMA Integration Team (FIT) LNO deployed to HIEMA

**HQ:**

- NWC is Monitoring
- Response Operations Coordination call held on Sep 4 at 1:00 p.m. ET
- N-IMAT Red deploying to HI, arriving NLT 9/6

**US&R:**

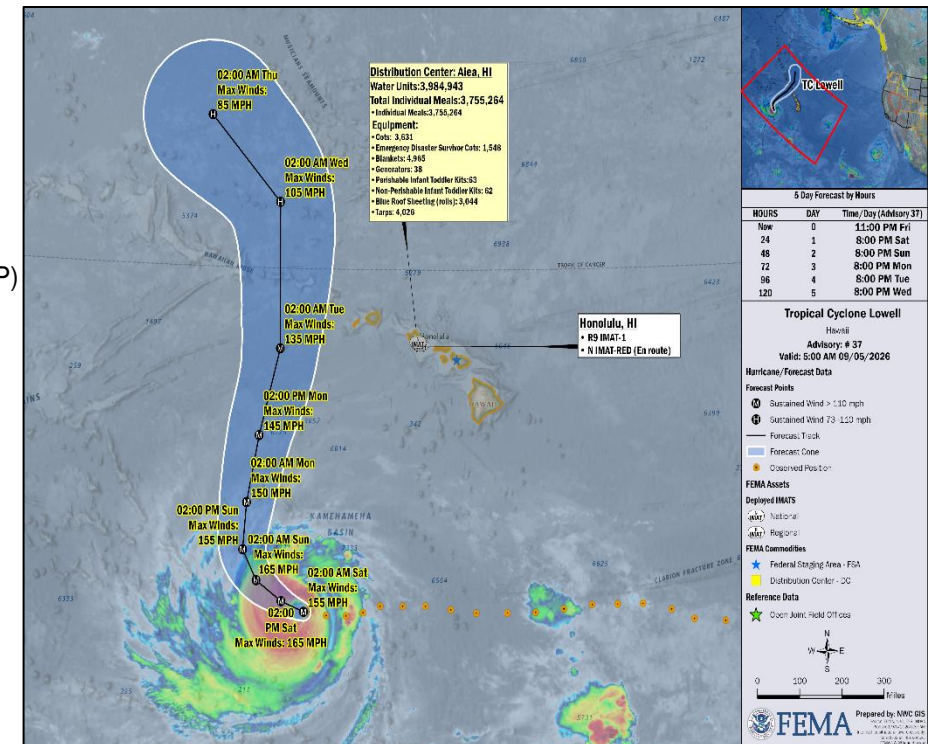
- IST Red Rostered
- 27 US&R teams available

**DEC:**

- Bothell MERS on Standby

**Logistics:**

- SMT Hawaii and Tracy on warning order
- Distribution centers (DCs) stocked and ready to support



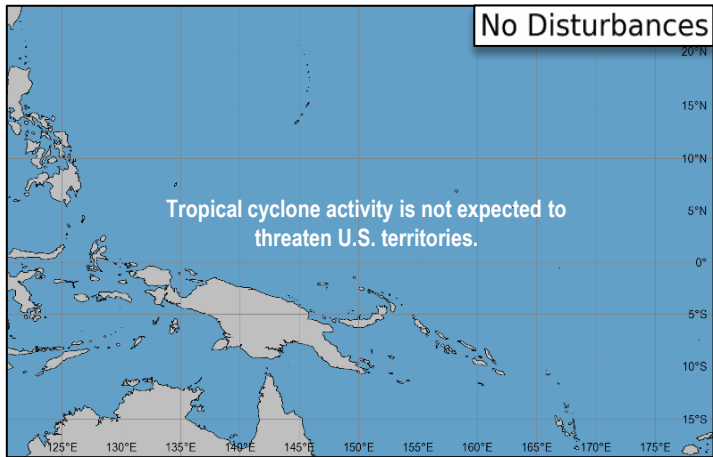
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

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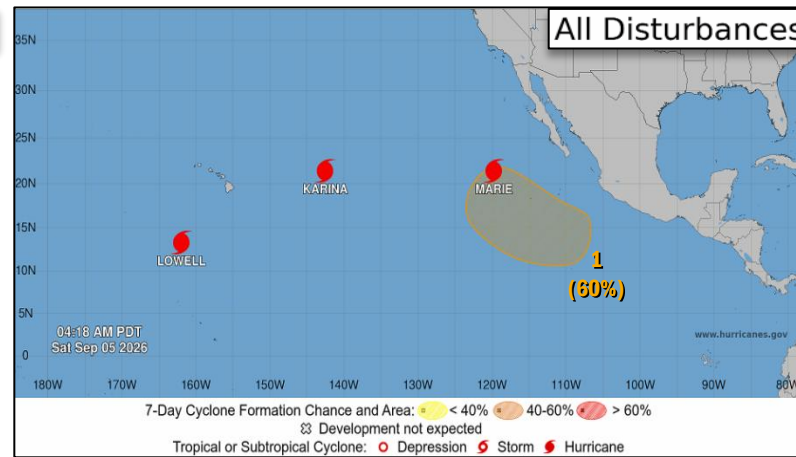
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



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

## Eastern and Central Pacific



[Hurricane Lowell \(CAT-4\):](#) (Advisory #37, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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[Hurricane Karina \(CAT-1\):](#) (Advisory #36, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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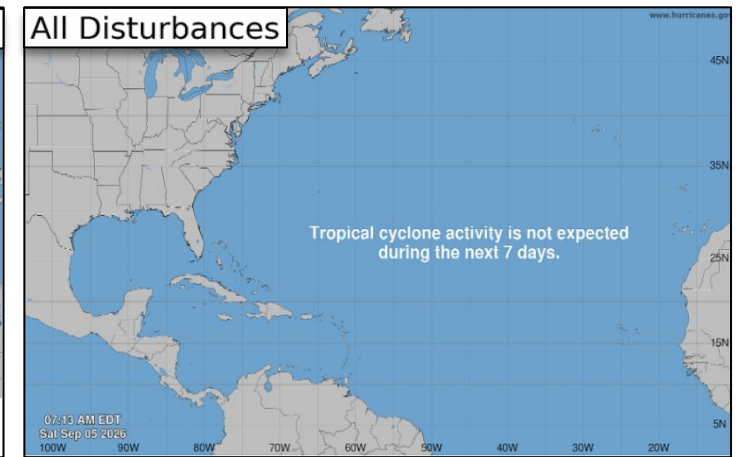
[Hurricane Marie \(CAT-1\):](#) (Advisory #17, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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[Disturbance 1:](#) (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located offshore of southwestern Mexico
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Gradual development is possible, and a tropical depression [could form around the middle of next week](#)
- Formation chance – 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Medium (60%)

## Atlantic



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



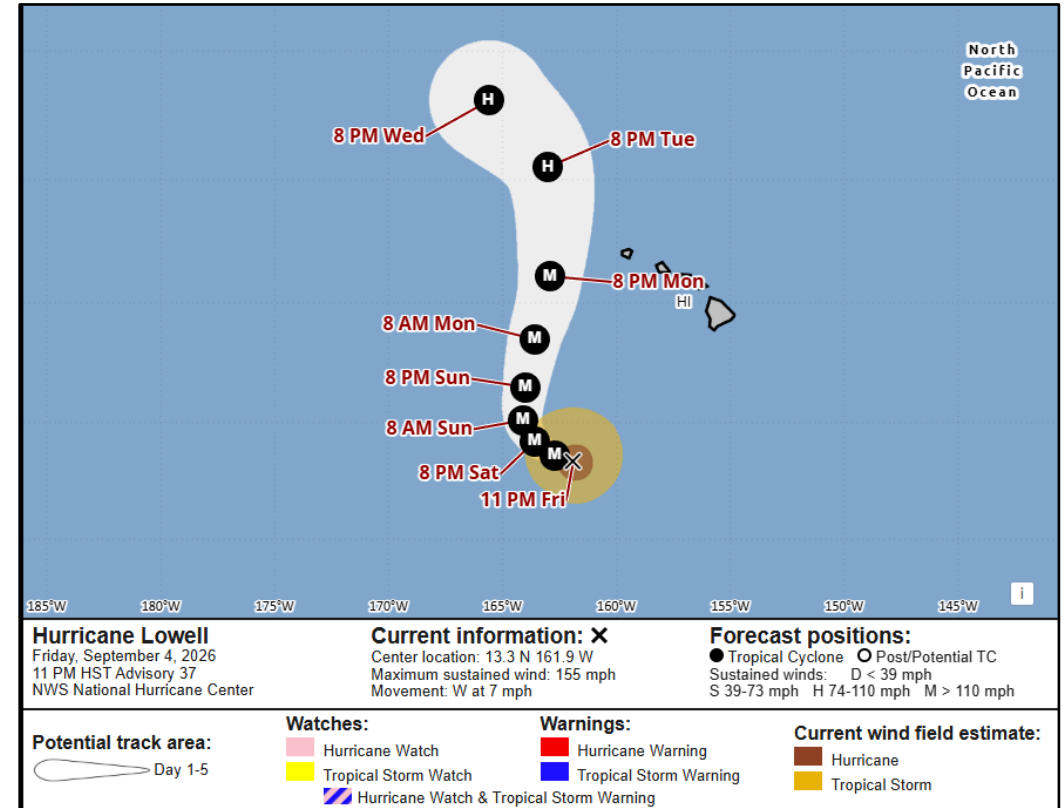
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# Hurricane Lowell (CAT-4) – Central Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #37, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **610 miles SSW** of Honolulu, Hawaii
- Moving **W** at **7 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **155 mph**
- Hurricane-force-winds extend outward up to **60 miles** from center; tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **160 miles** from center
- Some fluctuations in strength are possible over the next day or so, followed by gradual weakening trend by early next week



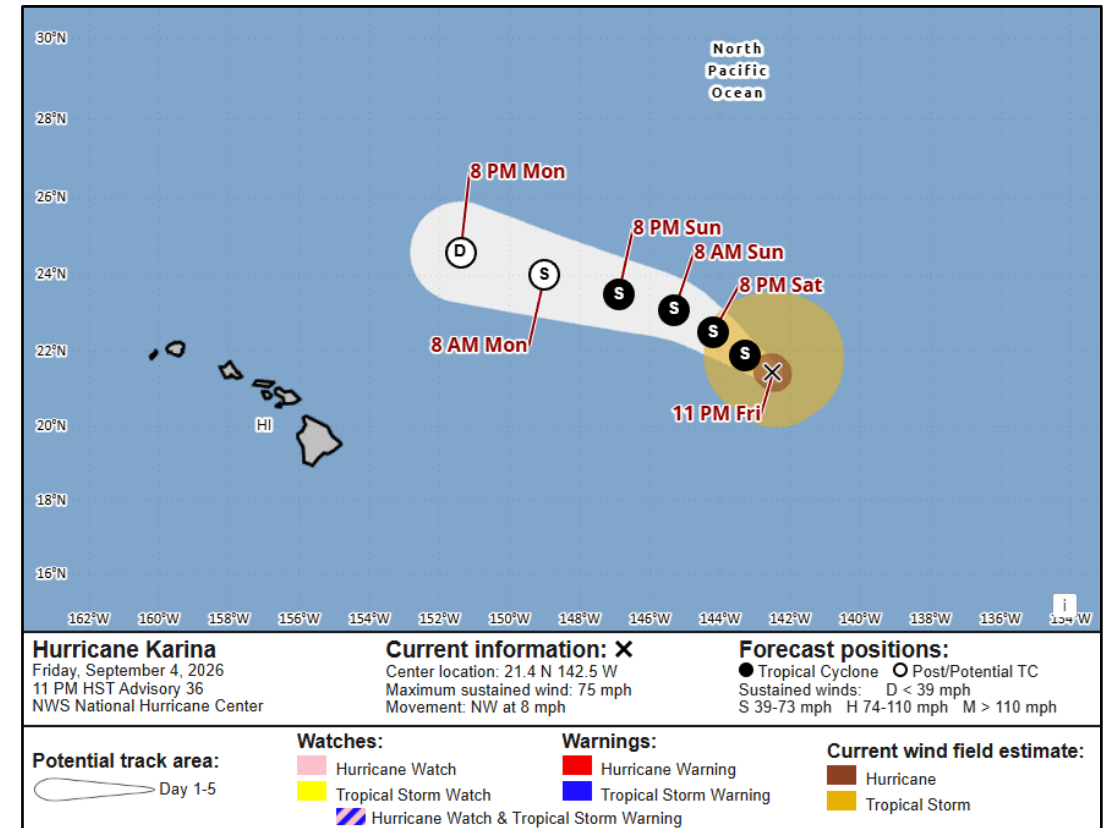
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# Hurricane Karina (CAT-1) – Eastern Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #36, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **825 miles** E of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving **NW at 8 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **75 mph**
- Hurricane-force winds up to 40 miles out from center; tropical-storm-force winds up to **150 miles** out from center
- **Additional weakening is likely during the next few days, and Karina is forecast to become post tropical by Monday**



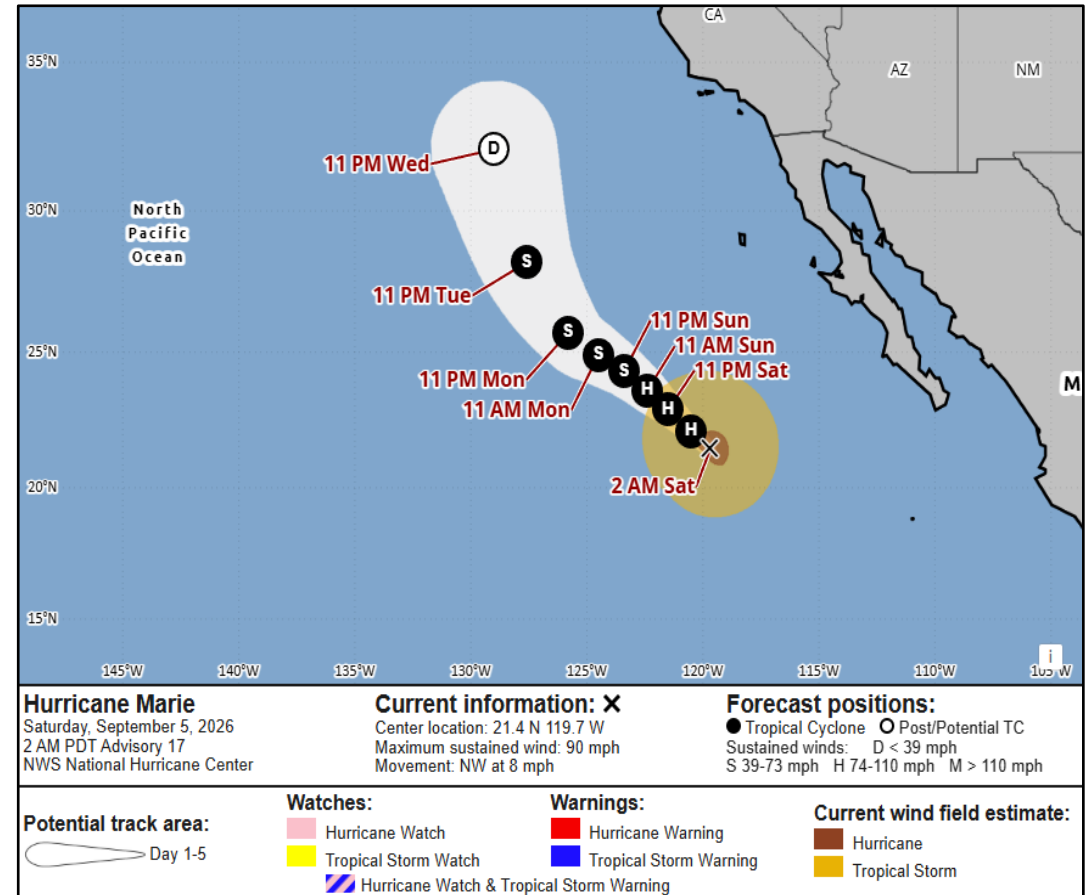
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# Hurricane Marie (CAT-1) – Eastern Pacific

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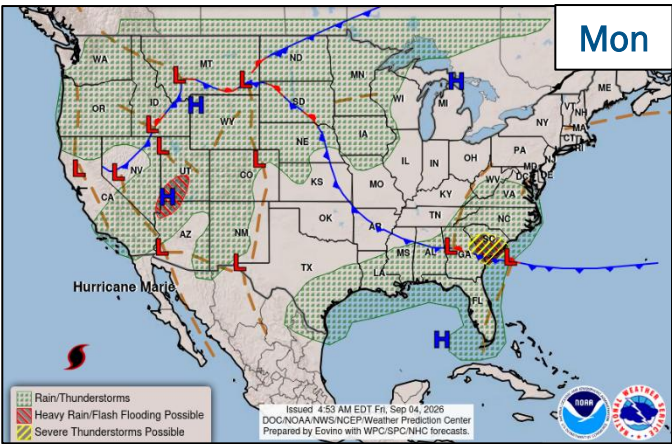
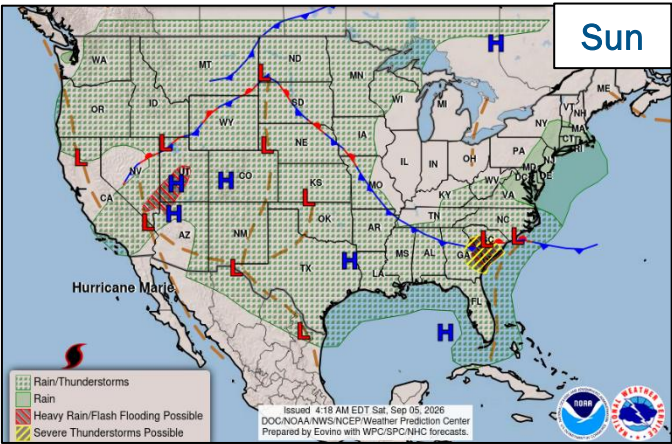
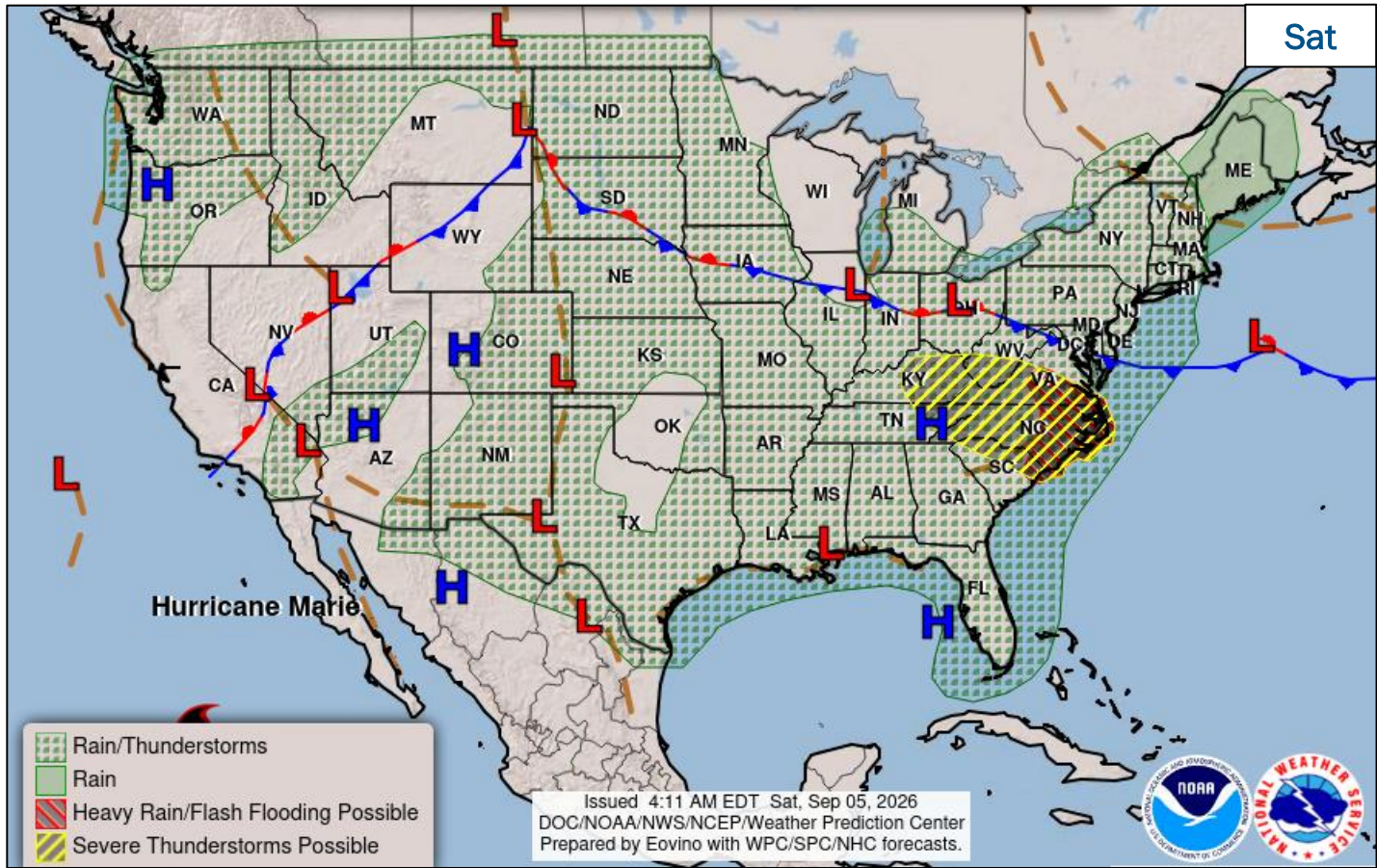
- Located **635 miles W** of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving **NW** at **8 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **90 mph**
- Hurricane-force winds extend up to **50 miles** from the center; tropical-storm-force winds extend up to **205 miles** from center
- A **gradual** weakening trend is **expected to continue for the next several days**



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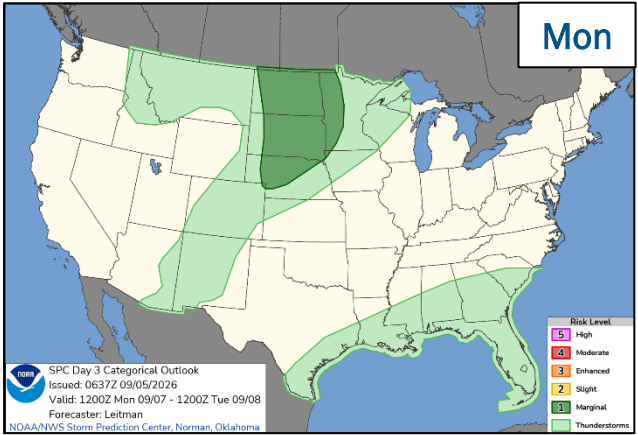
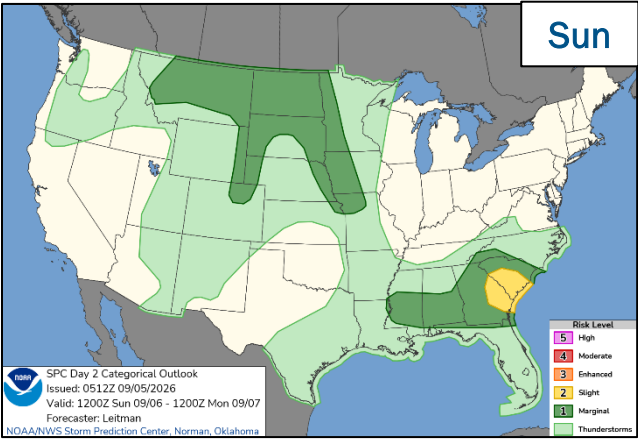
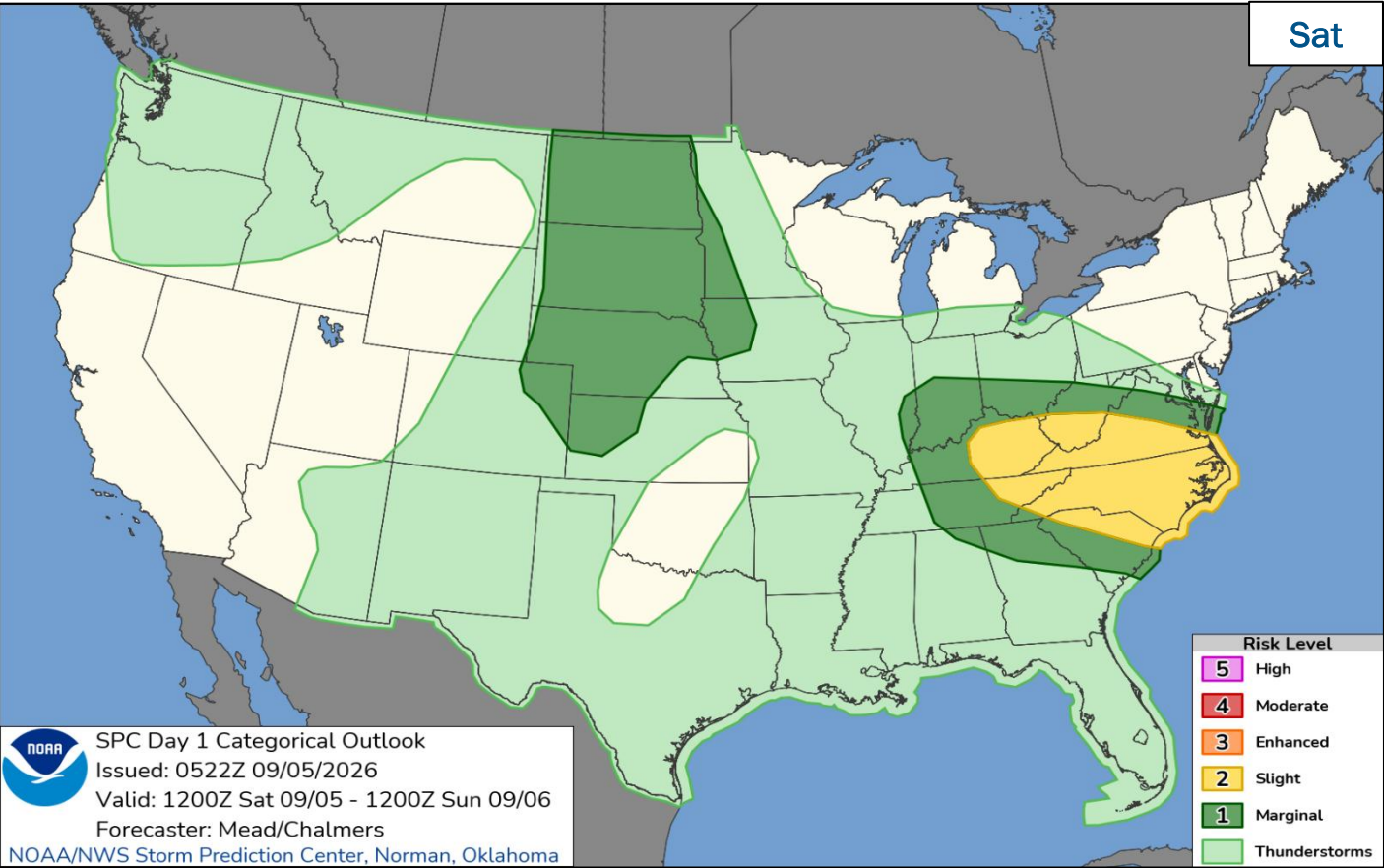
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# National Weather Forecast



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# Severe Weather Outlook



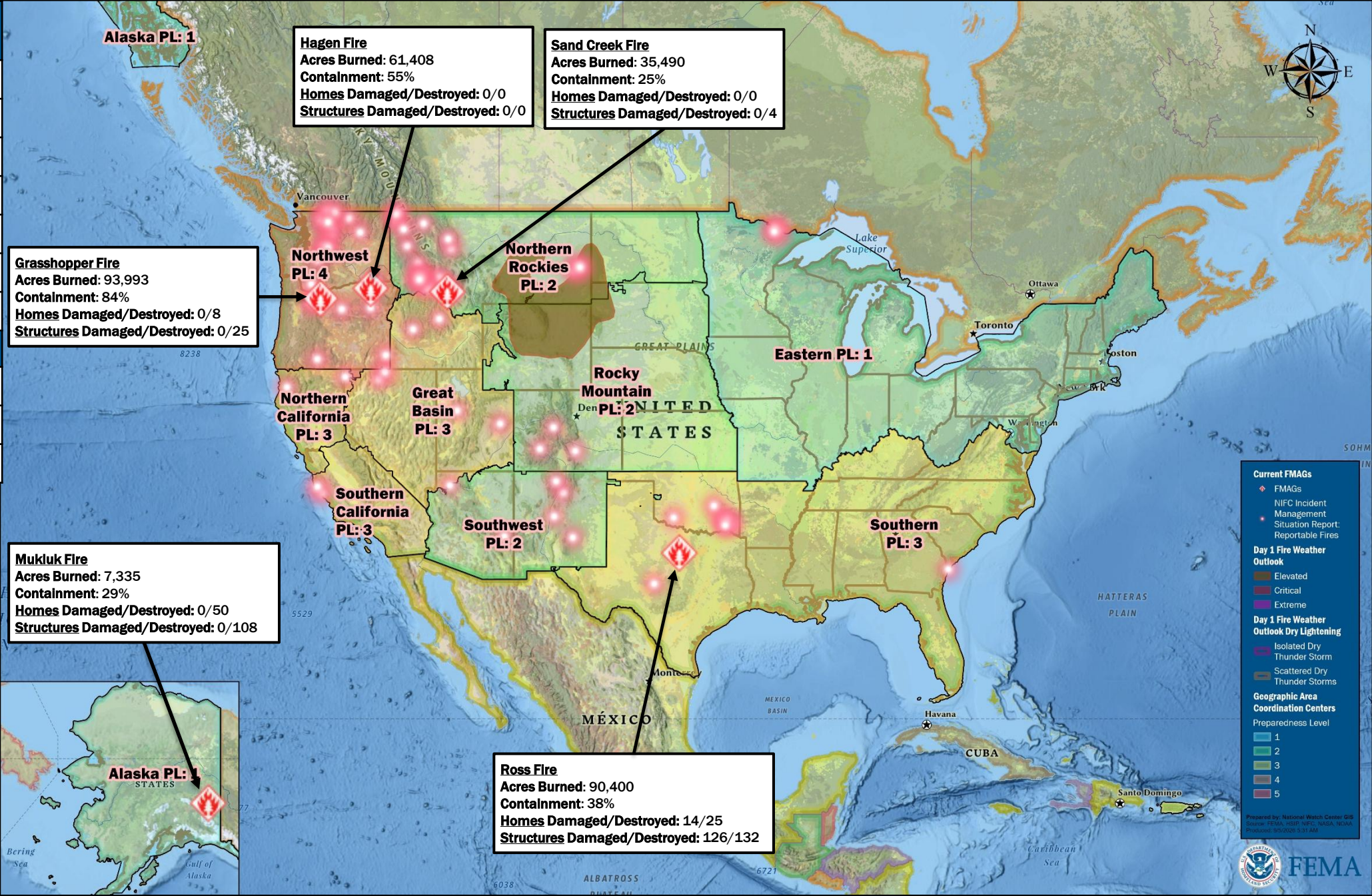
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# National Fire Activity – September 5, 2026

| INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY<br>(24-hour period) | Light<br>(92 fires) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New Large Fires                             | 3                   |
| Large Fires Contained                       | 1                   |
| Uncontained Large Fires                     | 77                  |
| Year-to-Date Acres Burned                   | 8,296,949           |
| Total Responders                            | 18,401              |
| 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<br>(County, ST)           | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                                     |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Grasshopper<br>(Wasco, OR)          | 5648-FM-OR | 93,993          | 84%                  | M: 12       | H: 2,288                   | H: 0    | H: 8      | 0 / 16                   |
|                                     |            |                 |                      | V: 0        | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 25     |                          |
| Hagen<br>(Umatilla/Union, OR)       | 5664-FM-OR | 61,408          | 55% (+1)             | M: 3,585    | H: 835                     | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 12                   |
|                                     |            |                 |                      | V: 0        | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |
| Sand Creek<br>(Beaverhead, MT)      | 5671-FM-MT | 35,490 (+57)    | 25% (+4)             | M: LIFTED   | H: 42 (-126)               | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 6                    |
|                                     |            |                 |                      | V: 0        | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 4      |                          |
| Mukluk<br>(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<br>(Palo Pinto, TX)            | 5675-FM-TX | 90,400          | 38%                  | M: 250      | H: 100                     | H: 14   | H: 25     | 0 / 3                    |
|                                     |            |                 |                      | 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

18,930  
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,438 / 34%  
Deployed

5,957 / 31%  
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,535 / 35%  
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: Deploying to HI  
(TC Lowell); Arrives NLT 9/6  
• N-IMAT White: Staffing  
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

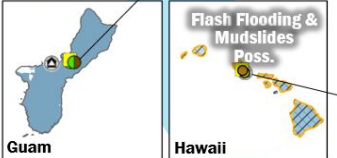
### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

|     | 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   | 3  | 0  | 0   |
| R6  | 4   | 7  | 3  | 3   |
| R7  | 0   | 9  | 0  | 0   |
| R8  | 1   | 9  | 0  | 0   |
| R9  | 0   | 6  | 6  | 0   |
| R10 | 4   | 7  | 1  | 0   |



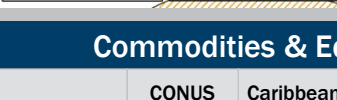
**Alaska**  
Mukluk

**Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands**  
Guam  
DR-4921-GU &  
EM-3648-GU  
• ISB Delta

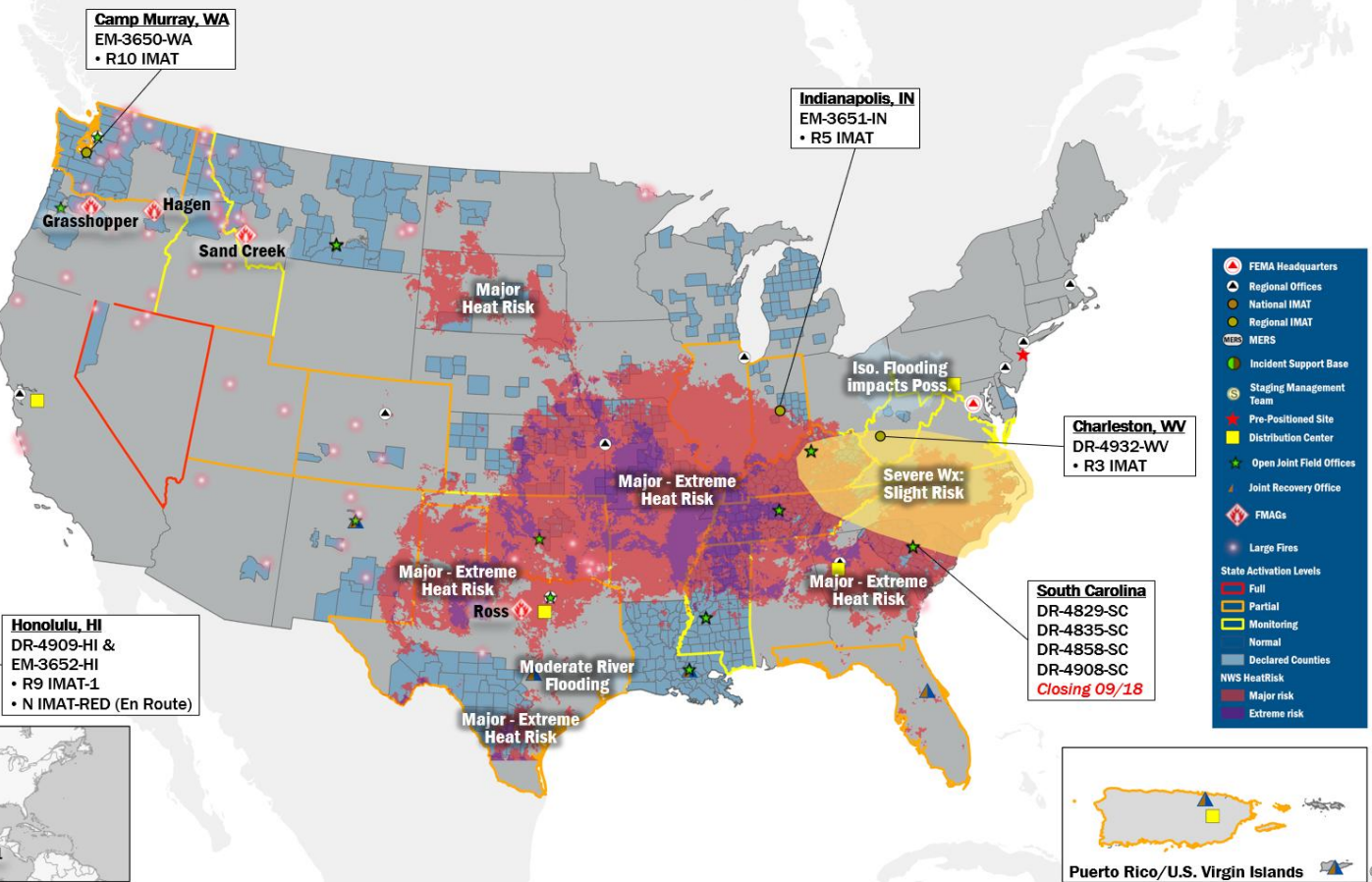


**Hawaii**  
Flash Flooding &  
Mudslides  
Poss.

**Honolulu, HI**  
DR-4909-HI &  
EM-3652-HI  
• R9 IMAT-1  
• N IMAT-RED (En Route)



**American Samoa**  
TC Lowell  
TC Karina  
TC Marie  
Dist. 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
- FMAOs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties
- NWS HeatRisk
- Major risk
- Extreme risk

## 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/WV: Severe Weather  
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel  
• PR/VA: Drought  
• 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

- 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 | 1            |
| Deployed            | 32 (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<br>Aug 15-18                                | IA | 3                  | 0        | 8/31 – TBD  |
|        |                  |                                                           | PA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
| R5     | IL               | Severe Weather<br>Aug 11-16                               | IA | 8                  | 4 (+4)   | 8/31 – TBD  |
|        |                  |                                                           | PA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
| R7     | KS               | Severe Storms<br>Aug 18-19                                | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |                                                           | PA | 1                  | 0        | 9/8 – TBD   |
| R8     | RST*             | Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds<br>Aug 11-12 | IA | 1                  | 1 (+1)   | 8/31 – 9/3  |
|        |                  |                                                           | PA | 1                  | 1 (+1)   | 8/31 – 9/3  |

\*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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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     |
| 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    |
| 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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