

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Tropical Storm Lowell – Hawaii

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall – Southwest, Middle Mississippi Valley, Central Plains
- Severe Thunderstorms – Ohio Valley to Lower Great Lakes
- Elevated Fire Weather – Wyoming
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lowell
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Med (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4930-DR-MS

Event Monitoring

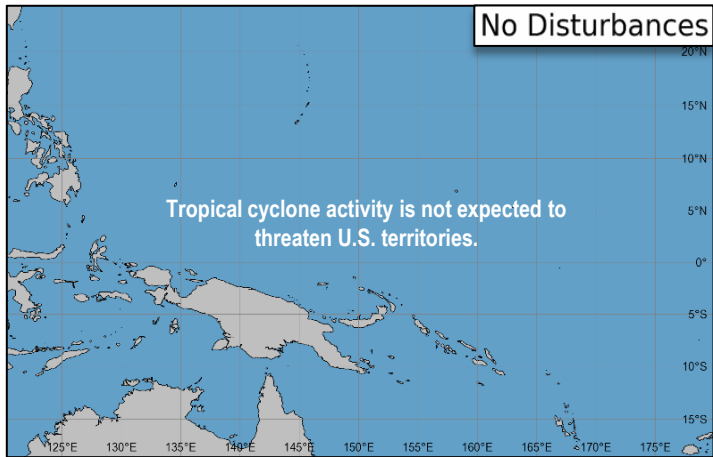
- No new significant events



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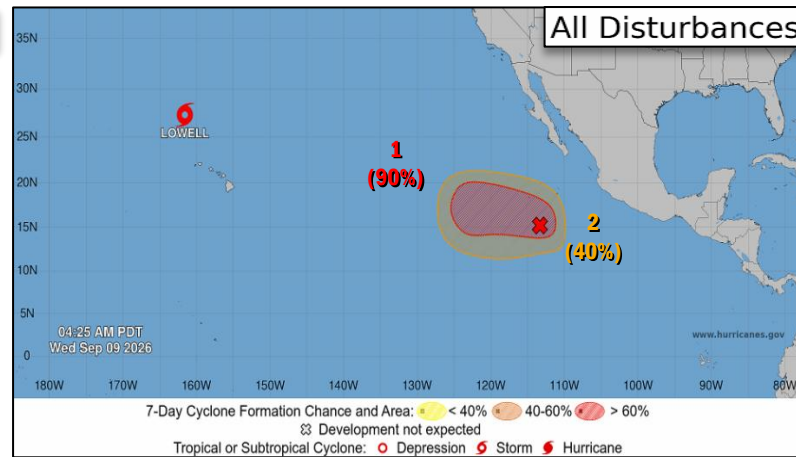
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lowell: (Advisory #53, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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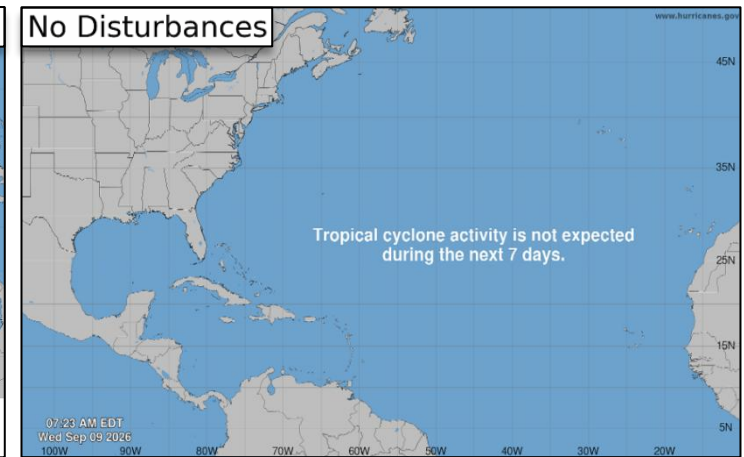
Disturbance 1 (EP96): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles SSW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- A tropical depression is expected to form in the next day or so
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (80%); 7-day: High (90%)

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

- Located several hundred miles S of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving WNW
- Gradual development is possible; tropical depression could form early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Med (40%)

Atlantic



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



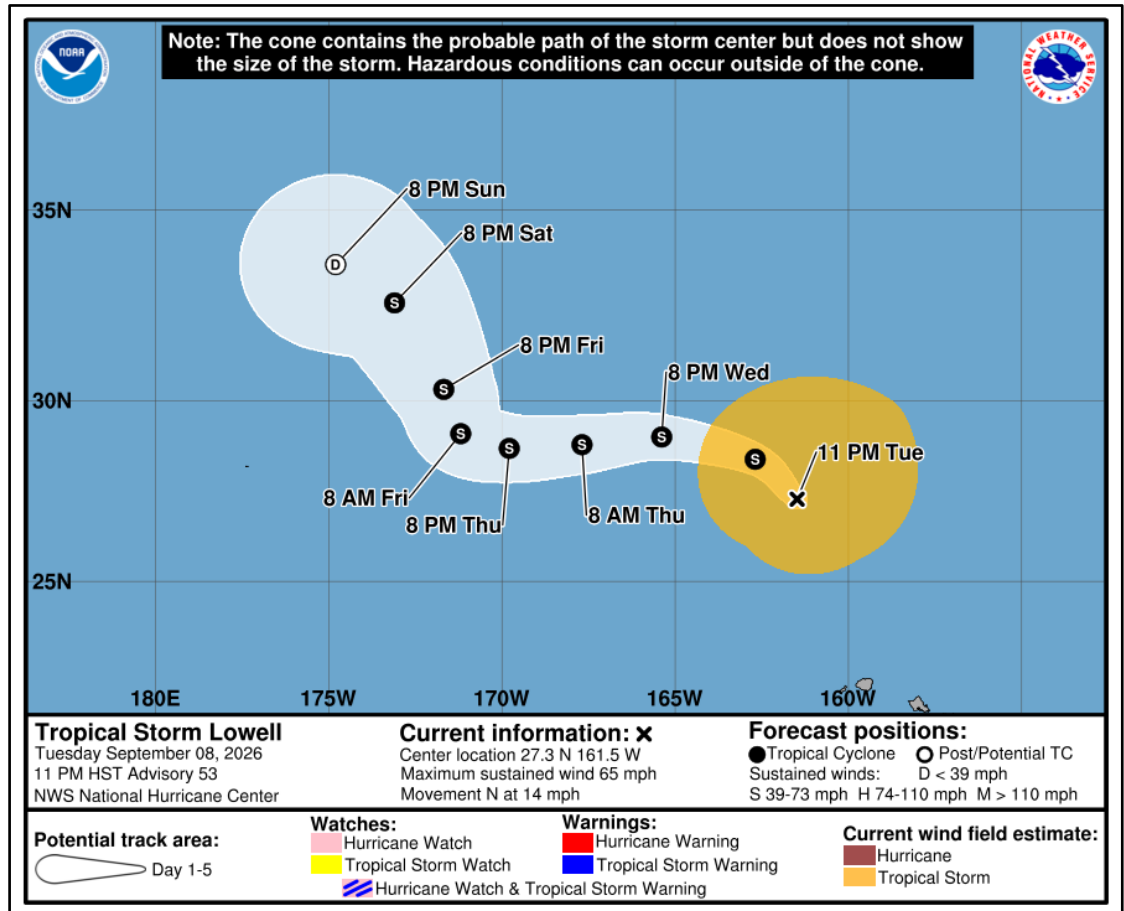
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Tropical Storm Lowell – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #53, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 390 miles NNW of Lihue, HI
- Moving N at 14 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 65 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 255 miles from center
- Gradual weakening is expected over the next few days as the storm moves away from the Hawaiian Islands

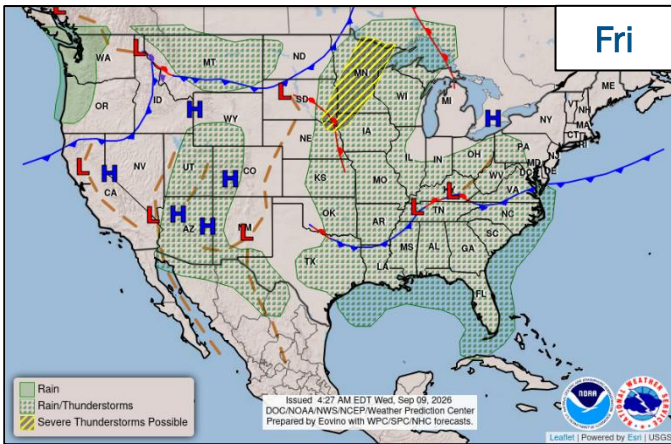
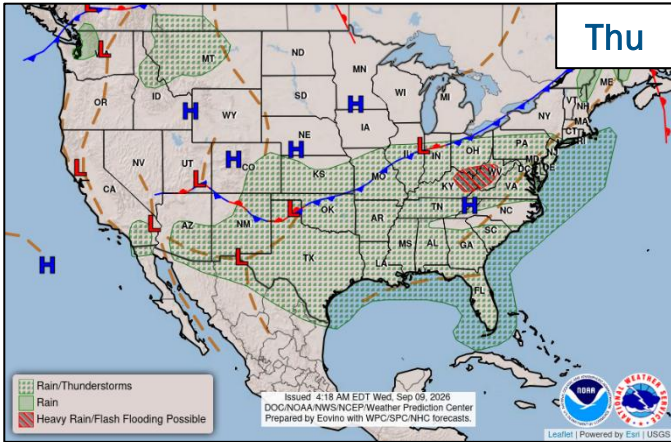
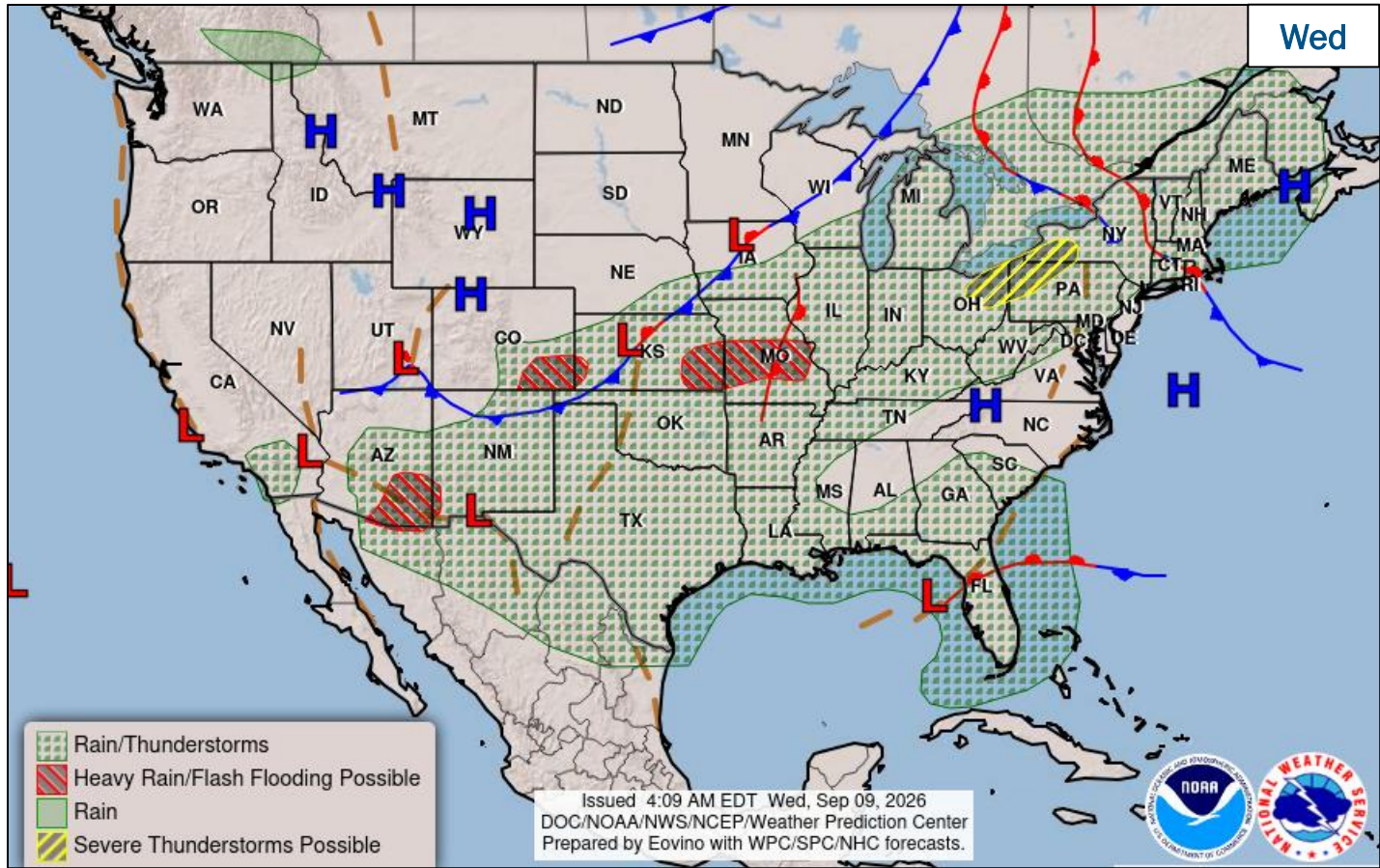


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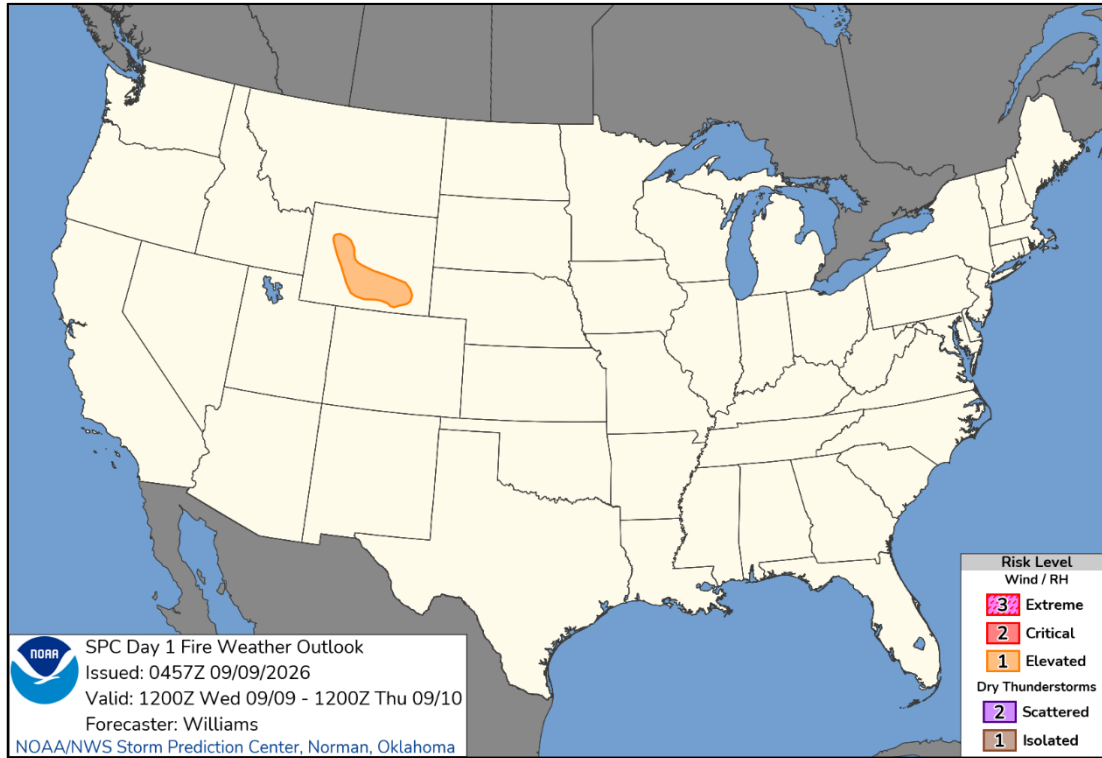
National Weather Forecast



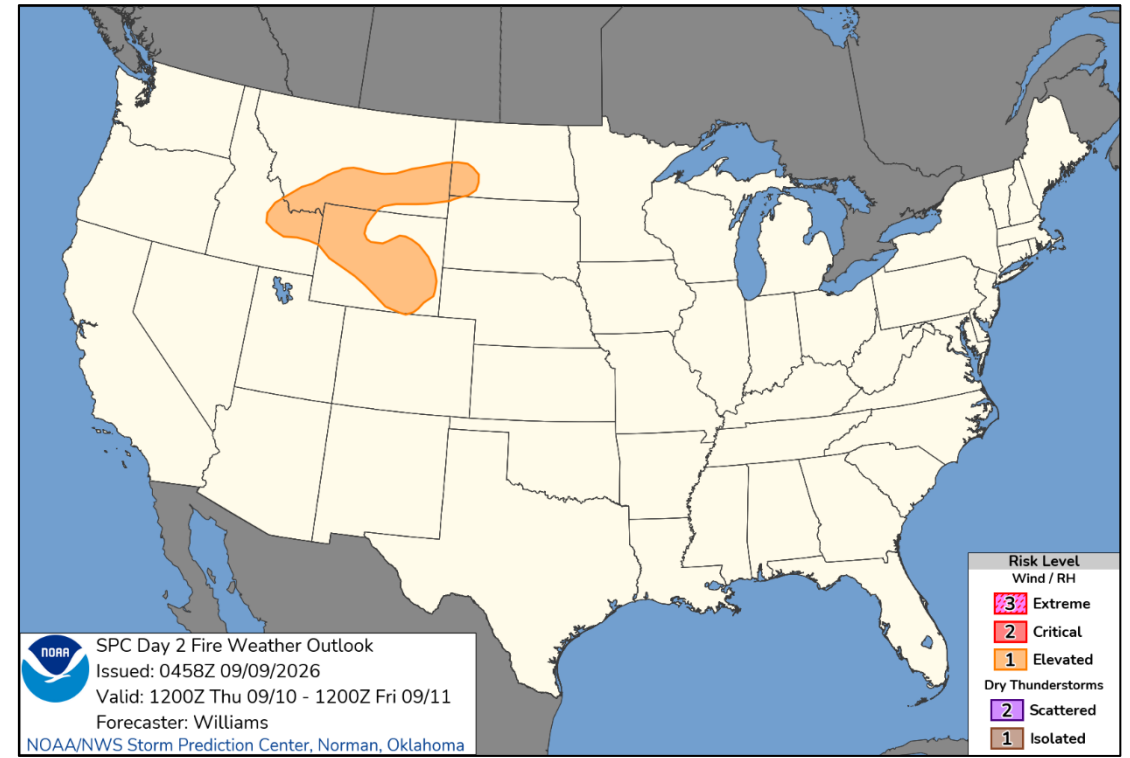
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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PL 4

Alaska PL: 1

Hagen Fire
 Acres Burned: 61,385
 Containment: 60%
 Homes/Structures Threatened: 307/0
 Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
 Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

Sand Creek Fire
 Acres Burned: 35,509
 Containment: 36%
 Homes/Structures Threatened: 42/0
 Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
 Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/4

Grasshopper Fire
 Acres Burned: 93,990
 Containment: 93%
 Homes/Structures Threatened: 378/49
 Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/8
 Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/25

Northwest PL: 4

Northern Rockies PL: 2

Rocky Mountain PL: 2

Eastern PL: 1

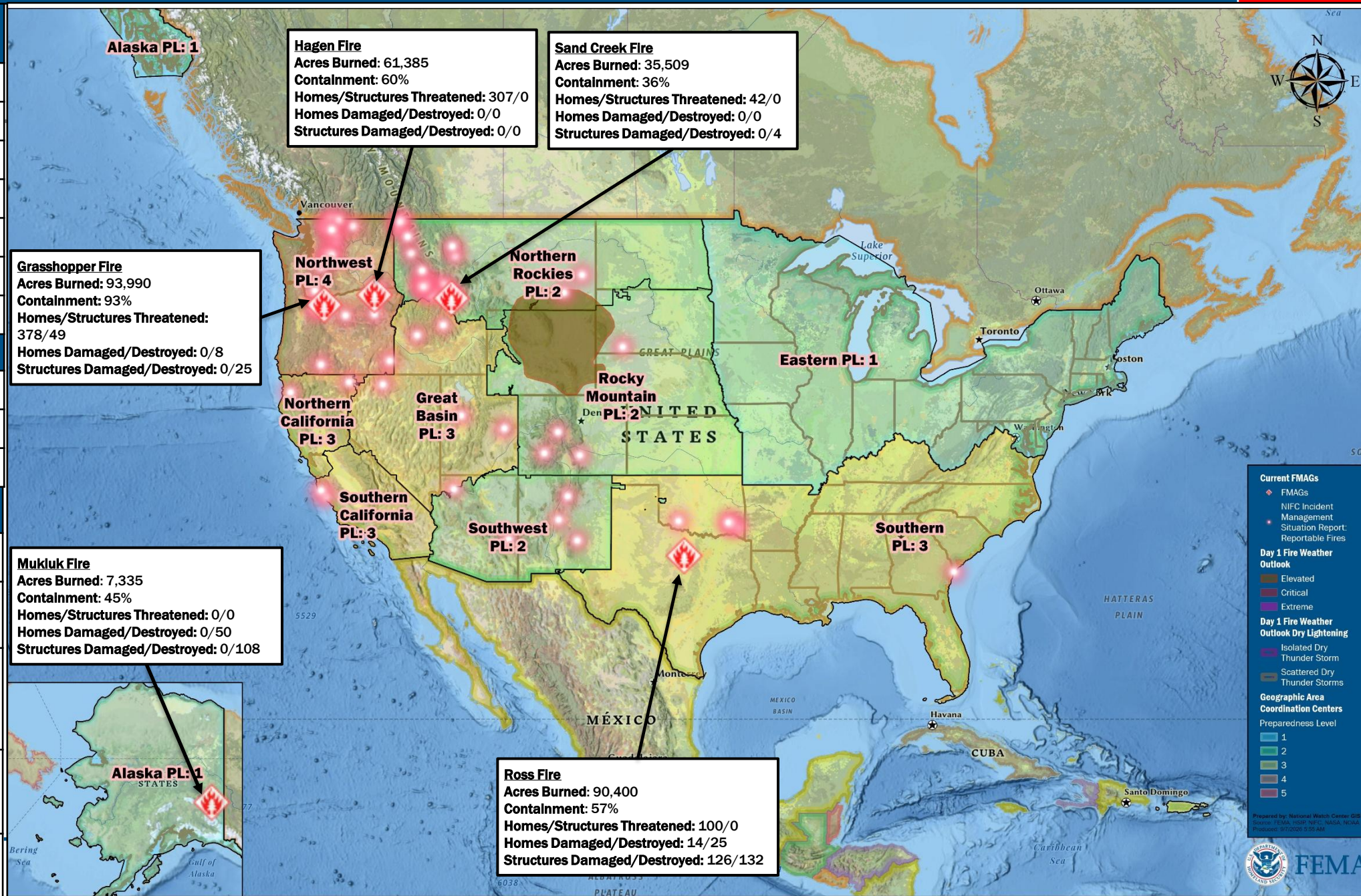
Northern California PL: 3

Great Basin PL: 3

United States

Current FMAGs

	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland 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	93,990	93%	12	H: 378	H: 0	H: 8	0 / 16
					O: 49	O: 0	O: 25	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	61,385 (+6)	60%	3,585	H: 307	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 12
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	35,509	36%	LIFTED	H: 42	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 4	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,335	45% (+16)	LIFTED	H: 0	H: 0	H: 50	0 / 0
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 108	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	90,400	57%	250	H: 100	H: 14	H: 25	0 / 3
					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

18,926
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,198 / 33%
Deployed

6,129 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,599 / 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

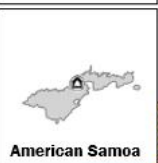
National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Deployed to HI
(TC Lowell)
• 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



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
• N IMAT-RED
• MERS

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT

Indianapolis, IN
DR-4933-IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT

Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT

South Carolina
DR-4829-SC
DR-4835-SC
DR-4858-SC
DR-4908-SC
Closing 9/18



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
• R6 RRCC: RNC Convention
• R9 Watch: TC Lowell
• R9 RRCC: TC Lowell

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 Lowell
• IN: Support for 4933-DR-IN
• NH: Primary Elections

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

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	32 (22 FCOIR)
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	3 (+3)	8/31 – 9/8
			PA	0	0	N/A
R7	KS	Severe Storms Aug 18-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/8 – TBD



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4930-DR-MS	1	Sep 8	Adds 1 county for Public Assistance



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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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