

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 10, 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

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Ohio Valley to Central Appalachians
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lowell
 - Tropical Storm Norbert
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (70%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – TN
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3650-EM-WA
- Amendment No. 12 to FEMA-4860-DR-KY
- Amendment No. 7 to FEMA-4864-DR-KY
- Amendment No. 5 to FEMA-4875-DR-KY
- Amendment No. 4 to FEMA-4913-DR-KY
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4933-DR-IN
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4935-DR-TX
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4937-DR-KY
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4941-DR-OST
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4944-DR-CO

Event Monitoring

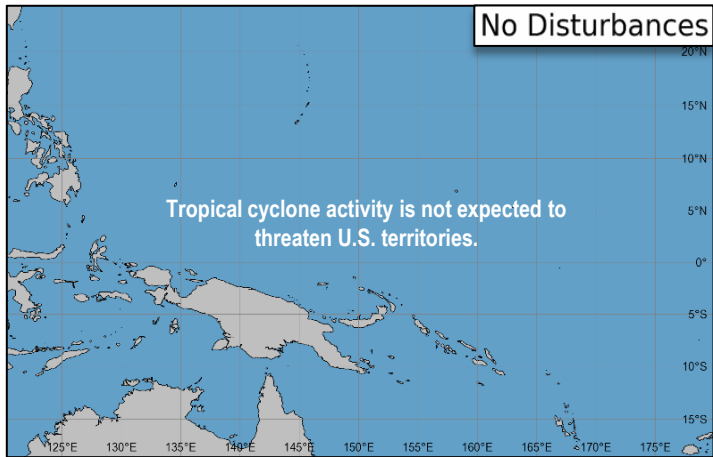
- No new significant events



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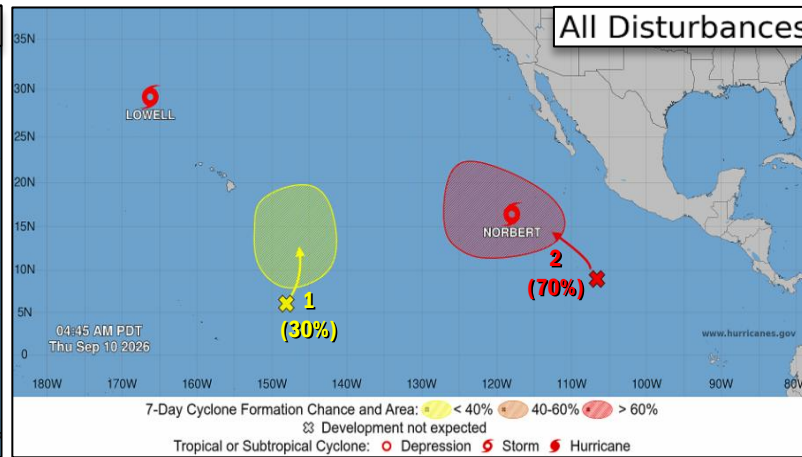
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lowell: (Advisory #57, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **655 miles NW** of Lihue, HI
- Moving **W** at **13 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **65 mph**
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **195 miles** from center
- Gradual weakening is expected during the next day or so, but Lowell is forecast to remain a tropical storm for the next few days**

Tropical Storm Norbert: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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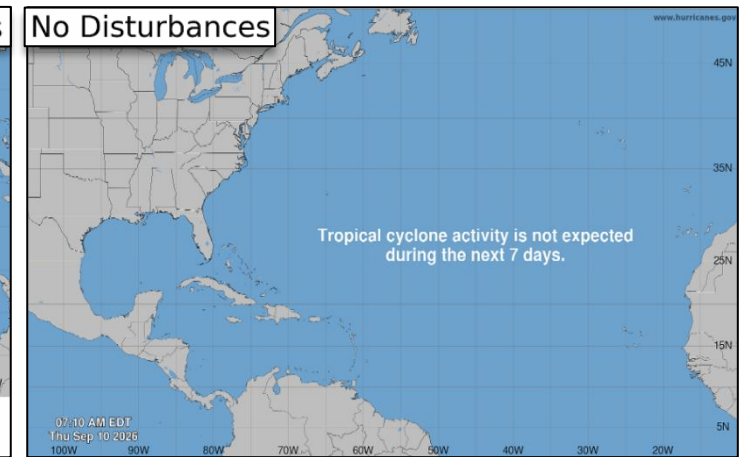
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles SSE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Moving WNW
- Gradual development is possible late this week into the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (**20%**); 7-day: Low (**30%**)

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 (**10%**); 7-day: **High (70%)**

Atlantic



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



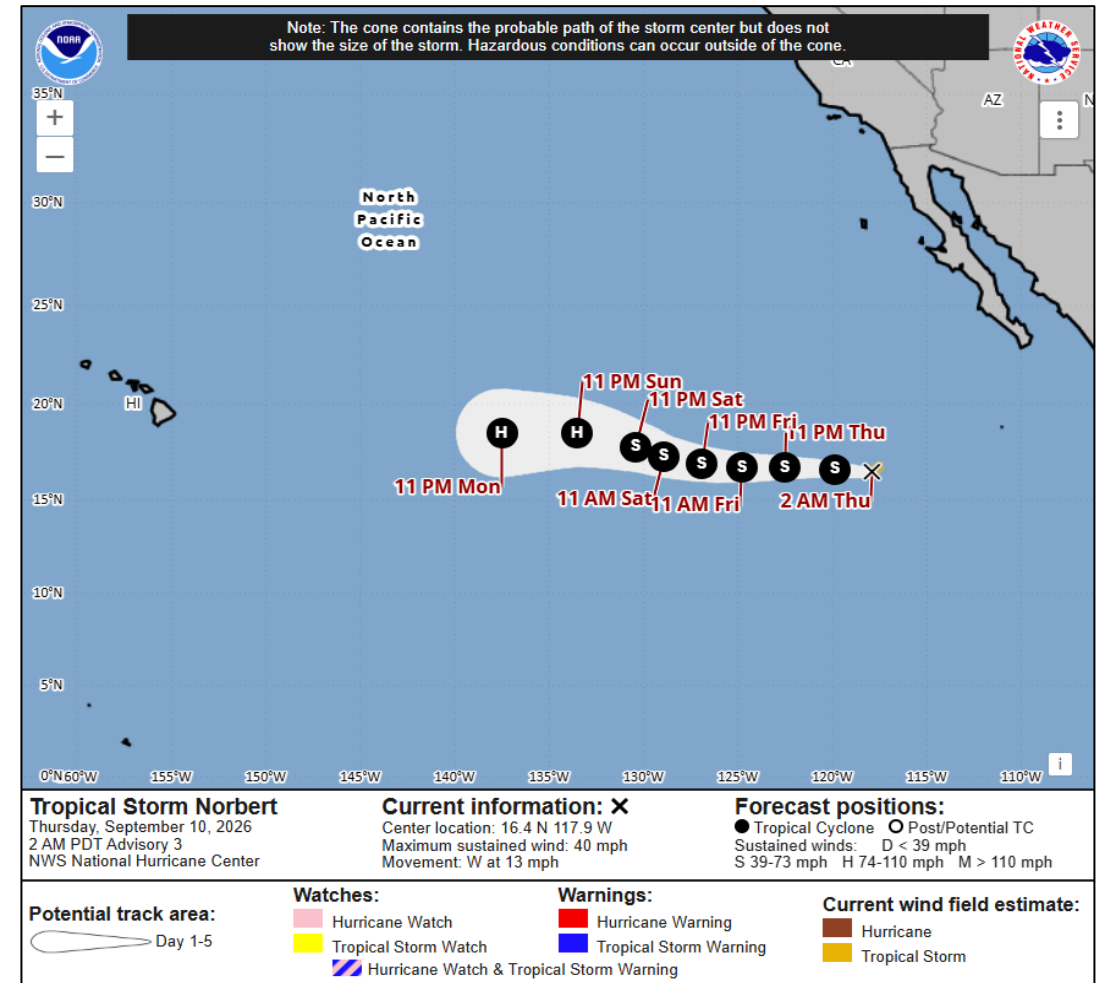
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Tropical Storm Norbert – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 685 miles SW of the Southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds at 40 mph
- Gradual strengthening is forecasted for the next several days



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Tropical Storm Lowell – Hawaii



Situation: Significant impacts from Lowell are limited to Kauai and Maui counties, with Oahu and Honolulu counties returning to steady state operations as conditions rapidly improve. Local energy providers are conducting assessments and power restoration operations within Kauai and Oahu counties. Kauai County, with support from the State of Hawaii, are executing route clearance operations and awaiting imagery from Civil Air Patrol aerial assessments overflights that began Sep 9. All coastal watches and warnings have expired. (FEMA R9 SLB #2, as of 12:07 a.m. ET, Sep 10).

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SLB #2, as of 12:07 a.m. ET, Sep 10)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, Sep 10)

- 5 shelters open / 48 occupants
- KEMA, HIEMA, and ARC converted shelters from Evacuation Centers to Emergency Shelters on Sep 9

Water Systems: Kauai: Water conservation notice issued, asking customers to limit water use; wastewater system operational

- Alexander Reservoir is inaccessible due to downed power lines; reservoir requested utility co-op (KIUC) and County support

Oahu: Wastewater systems operational; individual wastewater treatment plants operating on generator power

Energy: Kauai: 16k (-16k) / 44% (-48) customers without power (KIUC, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

Communications: Kauai: 29/77 (38%) cell sites offline

- Kukui Communications tower serving Land-Mobile Radio (LMR) communications offline, no timeline on repair

Transportation:

Kauai:

- Traffic lights non-operational island-wide; all major routes reopened following local assessments and route clearance operations
- Nawiliwili Harbor open and operational; Port Allen remains closed in Condition Recovery due to sunken vessel in the harbor
- All airports are at normal operations

Oahu: Honolulu Harbor and Kalaheo Barbers Point open and operational

Lanai: Kaunapali Harbor fly-over assessments completed Sep 8; DOT/USCG assessments continued Sep 9; restoration estimated within the week

State / Local Response:

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

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 9:

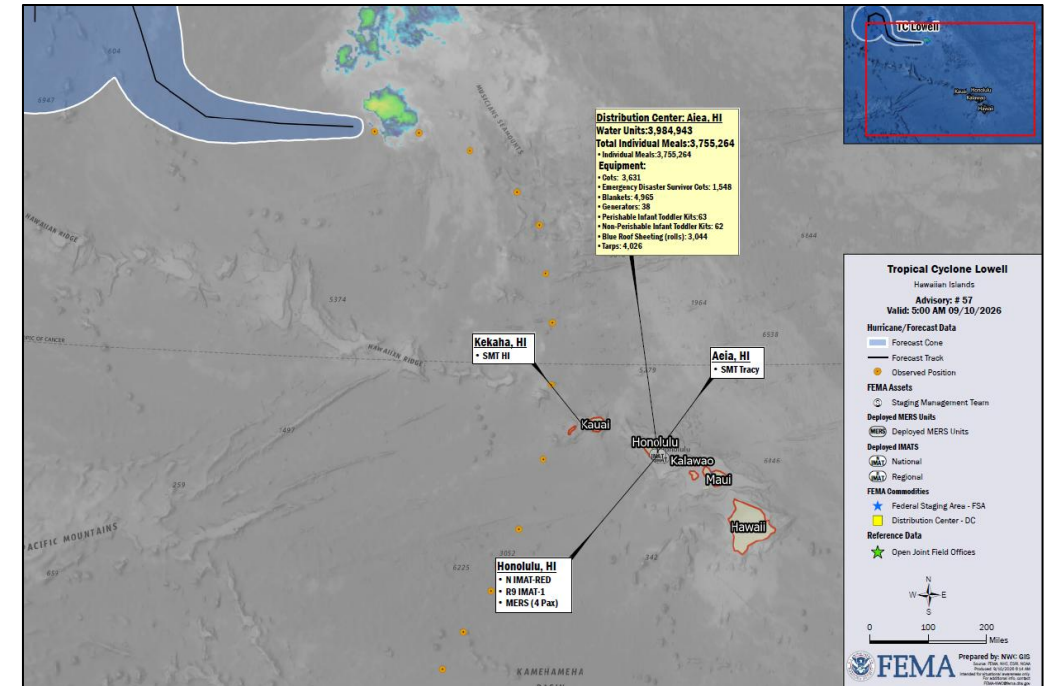
- RWC at Enhanced Watch (TC Lowell); RRCC is Activated (12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET)
- FIT LNO Deployed to HI SEOC
- R-IMAT-1 Deployed to HI (DR-4909-HI/EM-3652-HI)

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring
- N-IMAT Red Deployed to Honolulu, HI
- Bothell MERS Deployed to Honolulu, HI
- SMT Hawaii deployed to Kekaha, HI
- SMT Tracy deployed to Aiea, HI

Other Federal Agencies:

- DoW and ESFs 3, 8, 11, and 12 are Deployed



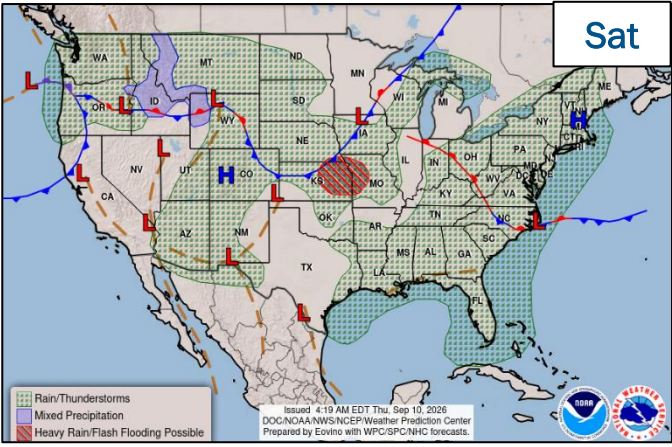
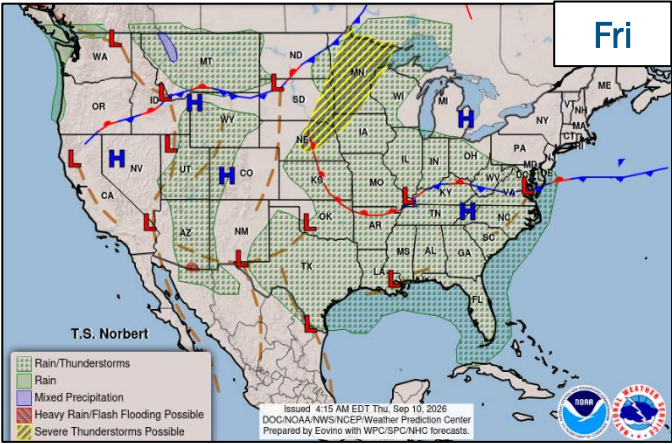
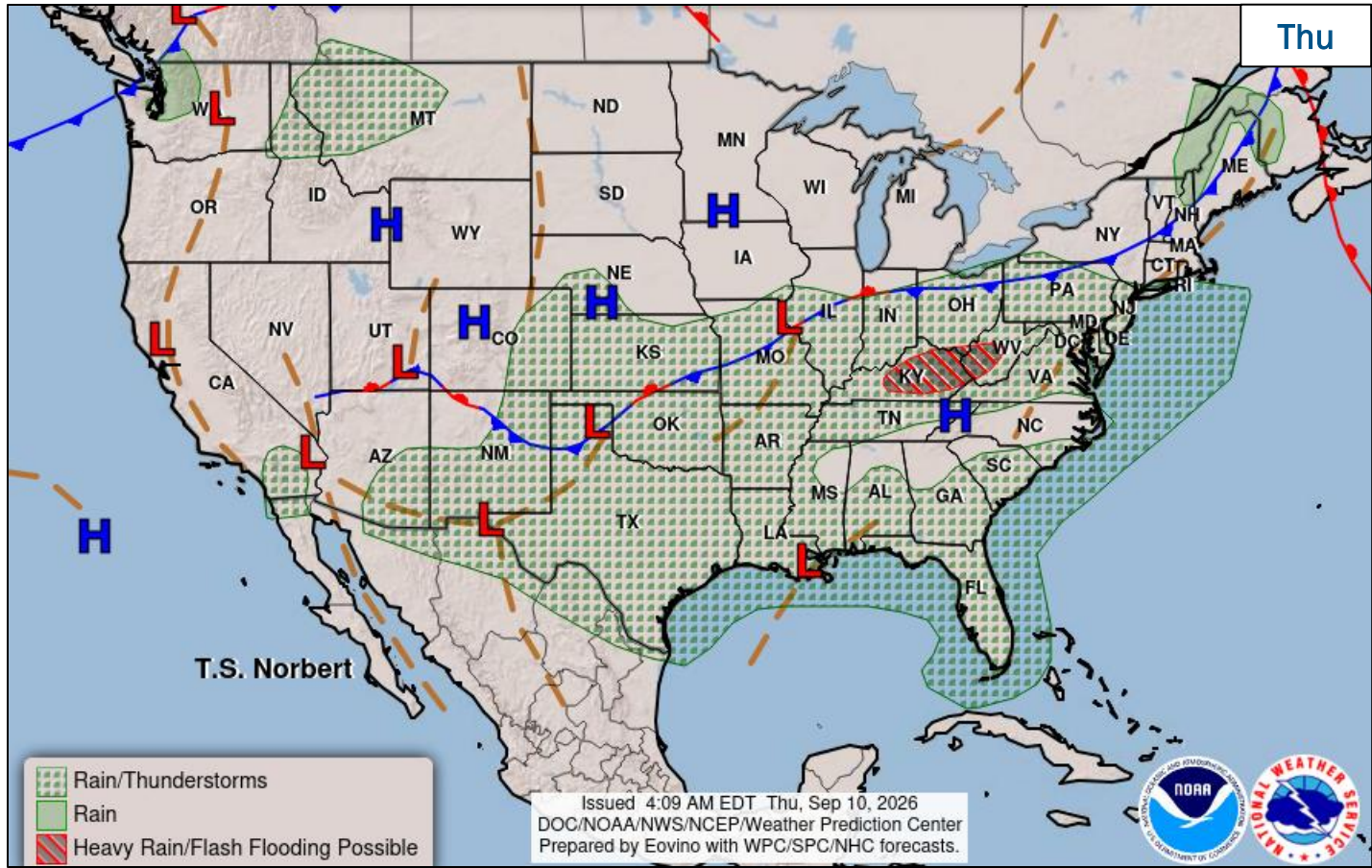
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Reporting will continue twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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National Weather Forecast

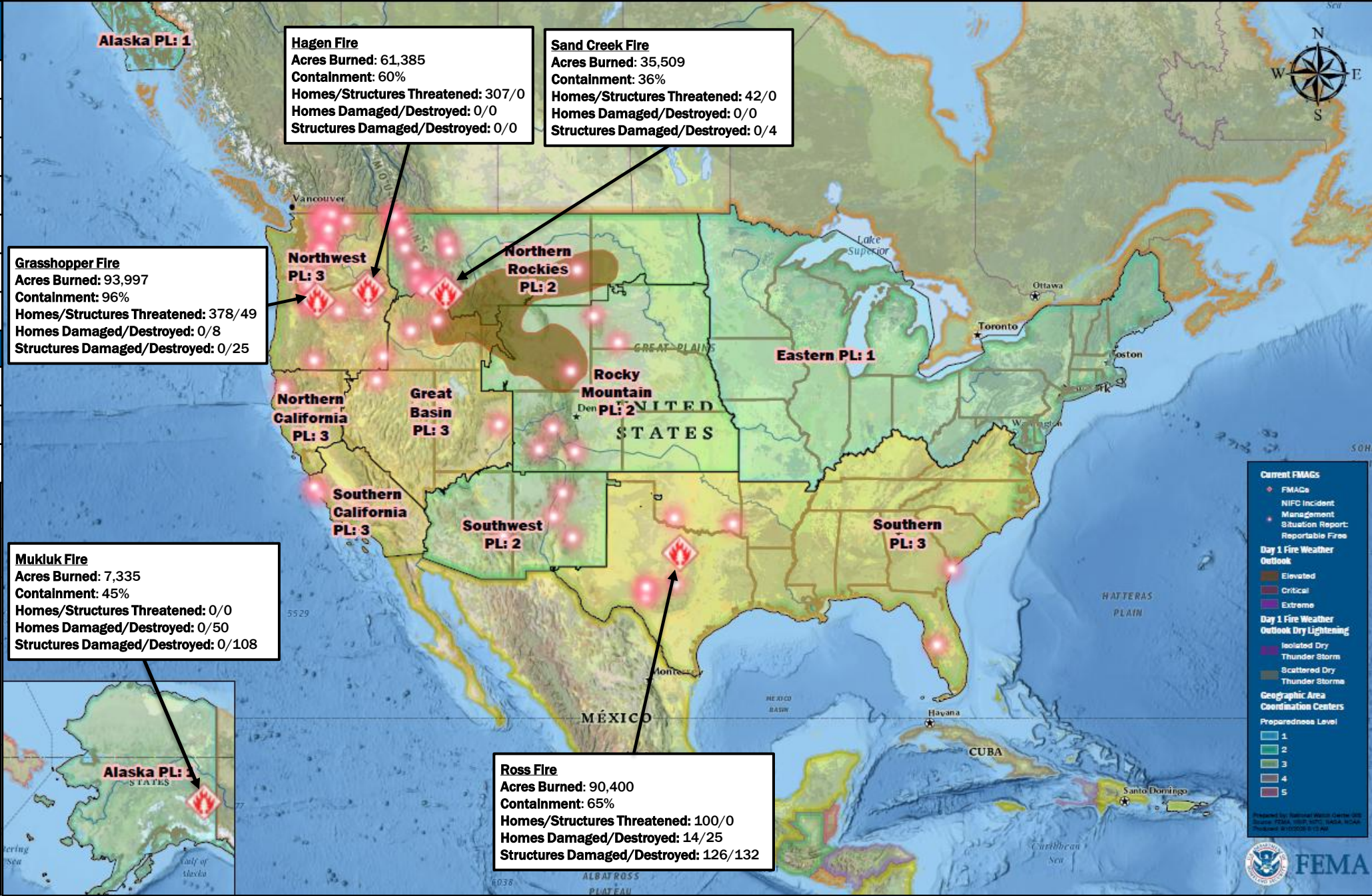


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National Fire Activity – September 10, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (61 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	5
Uncontained Large Fires	59
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,404,094
Total Responders	14,045
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	14
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	93,997 (+7)	96% (+3)	12	H: 378	H: 0	H: 8	0 / 17 (+1)
					O: 49	O: 0	O: 25	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	61,385	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%	LIFTED	H: 0	H: 0	H: 50	0 / 0
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 108	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	90,400	65% (+8)	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

18,860
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,287 / 33%
Deployed

6,080 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,493 / 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

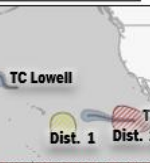
Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT

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

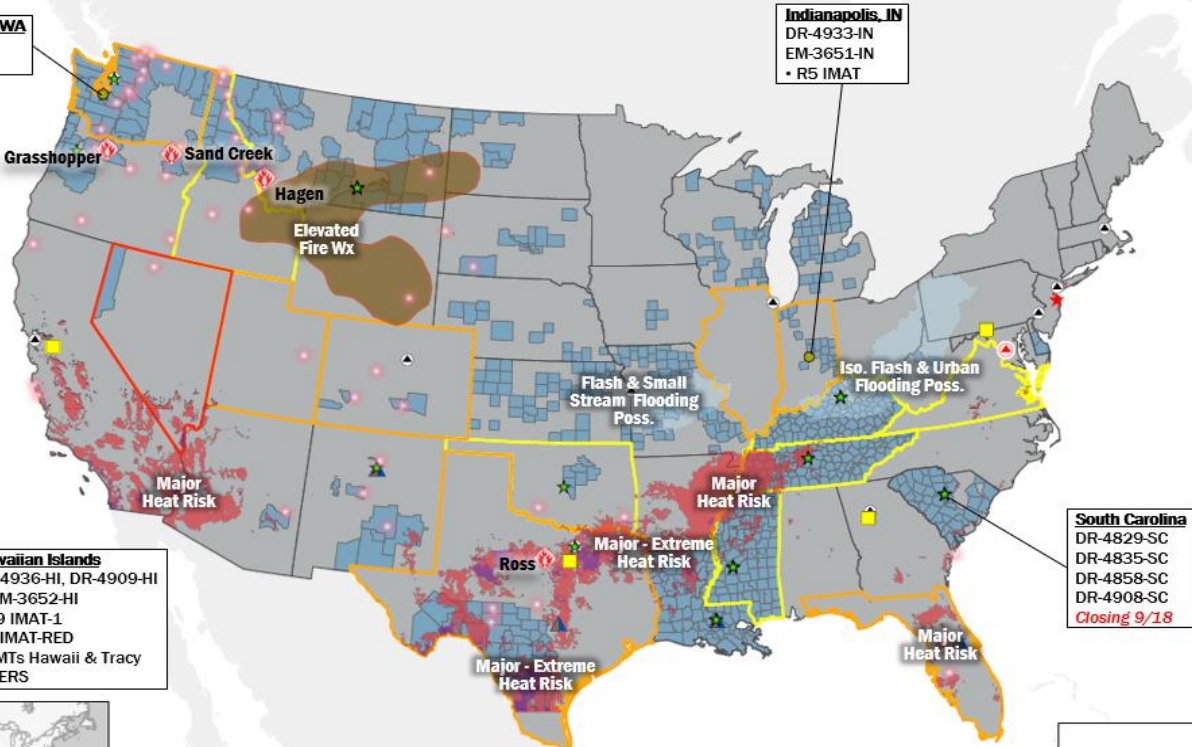


CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

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



Hawaiian Islands
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI
& EM-3652-HI
• R9 IMAT-1
• N IMAT-RED
• SMTs Hawaii & Tracy
• MERS



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



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	2/11

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 (23 FCOR)
Available	5

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 Watch: 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 Bani/ Saudel
 - PR: Drought
 - HI: TC Lowell
 - IN: Support for 4933-DR-IN
- IMATs:
- R1: Staffing
 - R3: Demobilizing (FMC 9/12)
 - R4-1/2: Staffing
 - R5: 3651-EM-IN
 - R9-1: 4909-DR-HI/3652-EM-HI
 - R9-2: 4910-DR-MP
 - R10: 3650-EM-WA

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R7	KS	Severe Storms Aug 18-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/8 – TBD



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Declaration Request – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – TN

Date Requested: Sep 8

Incident: Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds

Incident Period: Aug 22

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 1 county
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



 IA/PA



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3650-EM-WA	1	Sep 9	Incident period closed August 31, 2026
FEMA-4860-DR-KY	12	Sep 3	Changes FCO from Leda M. Khoury to Mary Hernandez-Marrero
FEMA-4864-DR-KY	7	Sep 3	Changes FCO from Leda M. Khoury to Mary Hernandez-Marrero
FEMA-4875-DR-KY	5	Sep 3	Changes FCO from Leda M. Khoury to Mary Hernandez-Marrero
FEMA-4913-DR-KY	4	Sep 3	Changes FCO from Leda M. Khoury to Mary Hernandez-Marrero
FEMA-4933-DR-IN	1	Sep 9	Incident period closed August 24, 2026
FEMA-4935-DR-TX	1	Sep 9	Incident period closed August 4, 2026
FEMA-4937-DR-KY	1	Sep 9	Changes FCO from Leda M. Khoury to Mary Hernandez-Marrero
FEMA-4941-DR-OST ¹	1	Sep 2	Changes FCO from Edwin J. Martin to Jeffrey Jones
FEMA-4944-DR-CO	1	Sep 1	Changes FCO from Katherine B. Fox to James R. Stephenson

¹Oglala Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 10

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
TN – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Sep 8



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