

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 11, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Post-Tropical Cyclone Lowell – Hawaii – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Southwest and Upper Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Central to Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Norbert
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (80%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Expedited Disaster Declaration – HI
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – HI

Event Monitoring

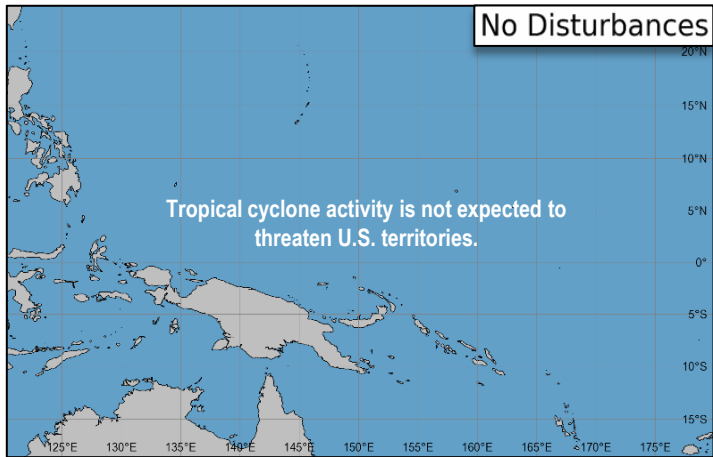
- No new significant events



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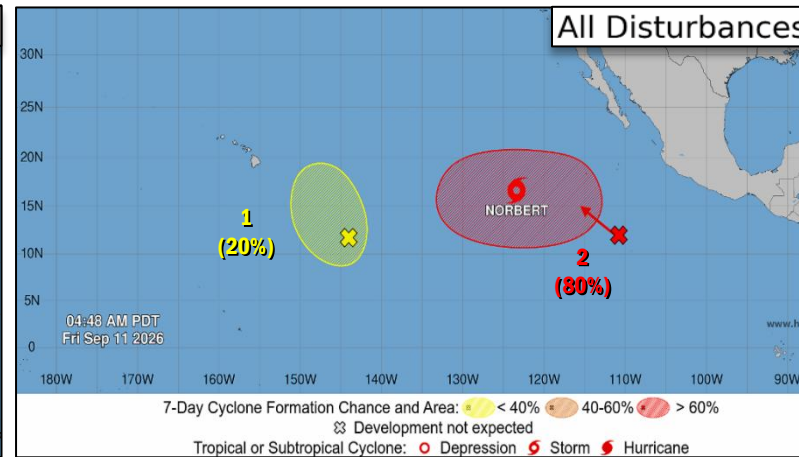
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Norbert: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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

- Located well SE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Gradual development is possible over the next few days as it moves generally N and then meanders to the SE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Low (20%)

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

- Located several hundred miles SW of the SW coast of Mexico
- Moving WNW to W
- Gradual development is anticipated; tropical depression is likely to form by late this weekend or early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (30%); 7-day: High (80%)

Atlantic



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



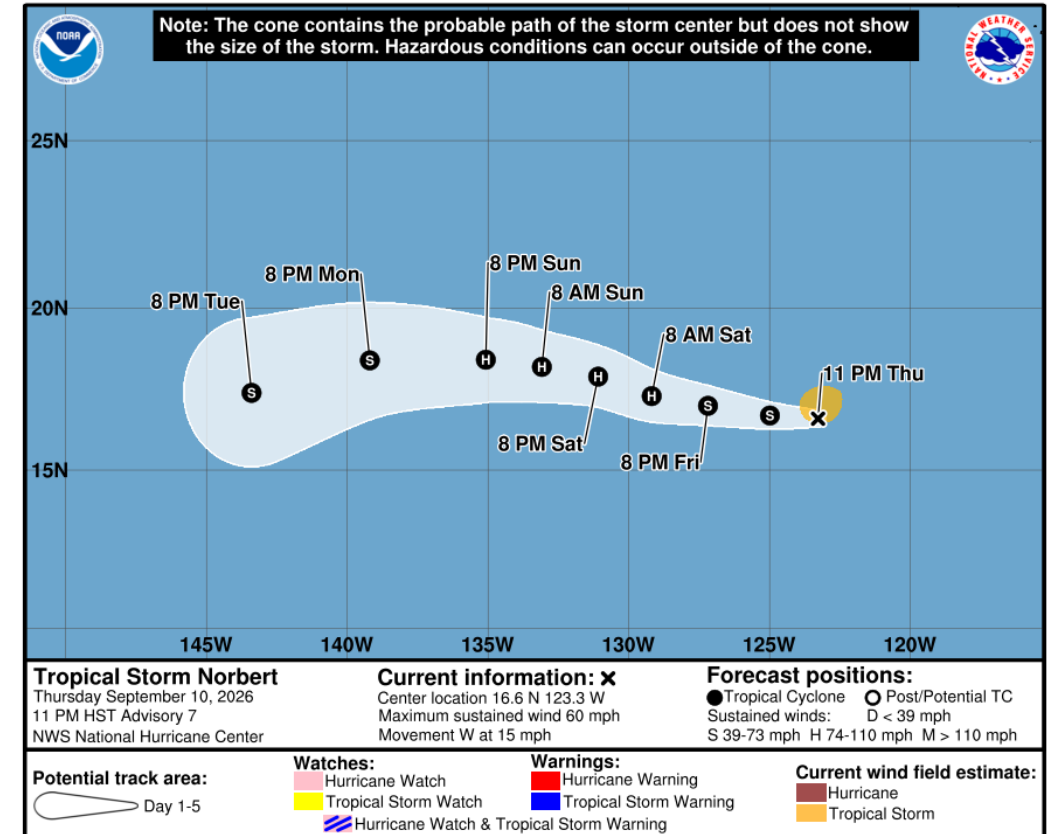
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Tropical Storm Norbert – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 975 miles WSW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds near 60 mph, with higher gusts
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 80 miles from the center
- Some strengthening is forecast, and Norbert could become a hurricane this weekend



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Post-Tropical Cyclone Lowell – Hawaii – FINAL



Situation: Local utilities continue to assess infrastructure and restore power on the island of Kauai. Due to the continued outages and damage to renewable energy sources, cellular service remains compromised on the island and fuel reserves are depleting more rapidly than normal. A fuel barge will arrive on Sep 13, with local, state, and federal partners coordinating to ensure safe delivery despite the continued closure of Port Allen. The port of Kaunapali Harbor on the island of Lanai (Maui County) also remains closed. The Governor requested an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration to facilitate federal support to the ongoing state-managed, locally-executed response and recovery operations. (FEMA R9 SLB #3, as of 11:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SLB #3, as of 11:56 p.m. ET, Sep 10)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 5 shelters open / 68 (+20) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, Sep 11)

Energy: Kauai: 10k / 28% customers without power (KIUC, as of 6:41 a.m. ET, Sep 11)

- Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) is performing assessments and restoration operations; 13 of 15 transmission lines were restored
- Fuel reserves are being used more rapidly due to damage of renewable energy sources

Communications: 29 of 77 (38%) cell sites remain offline due to limited power and access in Kauai

Transportation:

Kauai:

- Port Allen remains closed in Condition Zulu (Recovery)
 - This is the primary port for fuel transportation into Kauai
 - A fuel barge is scheduled to arrive on Sep 13
 - Closed with the only exception being fuel delivery

Lanai:

- Kaunapali Harbor remains closed in Condition Zulu (Recovery)
- Repairs estimated to be completed in 2 weeks

State / Local Response:

- HI SEOC at Full Activation (TC Lowell)
- Governor requested an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration on Sep 9

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 9:

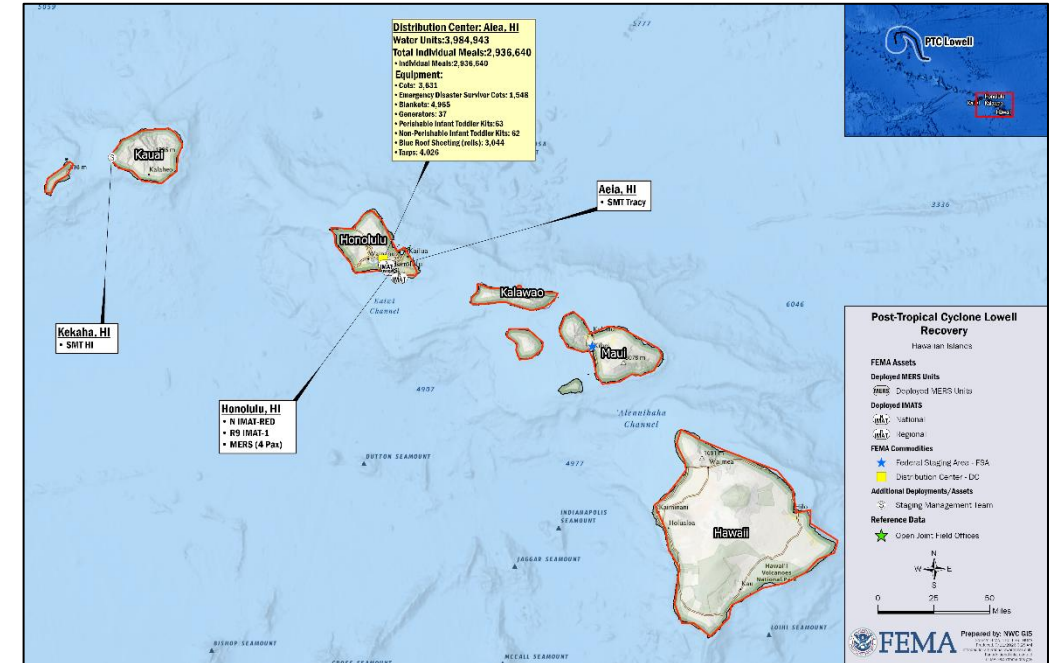
- RWC at Enhanced Watch (TC Lowell); RRCC is Rostered
- FIT LNO deployed to HI SEOC
- R-IMAT-1 deployed to HI (DR-4909-HI/EM-3652-HI)

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

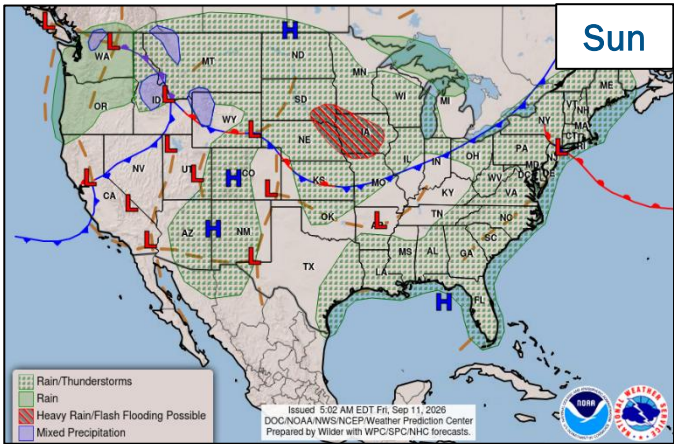
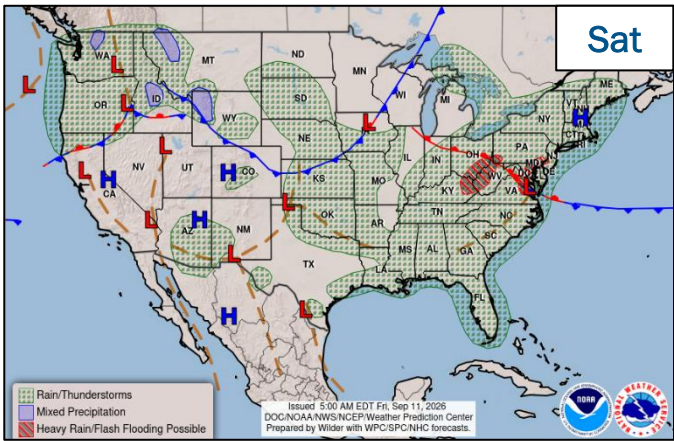
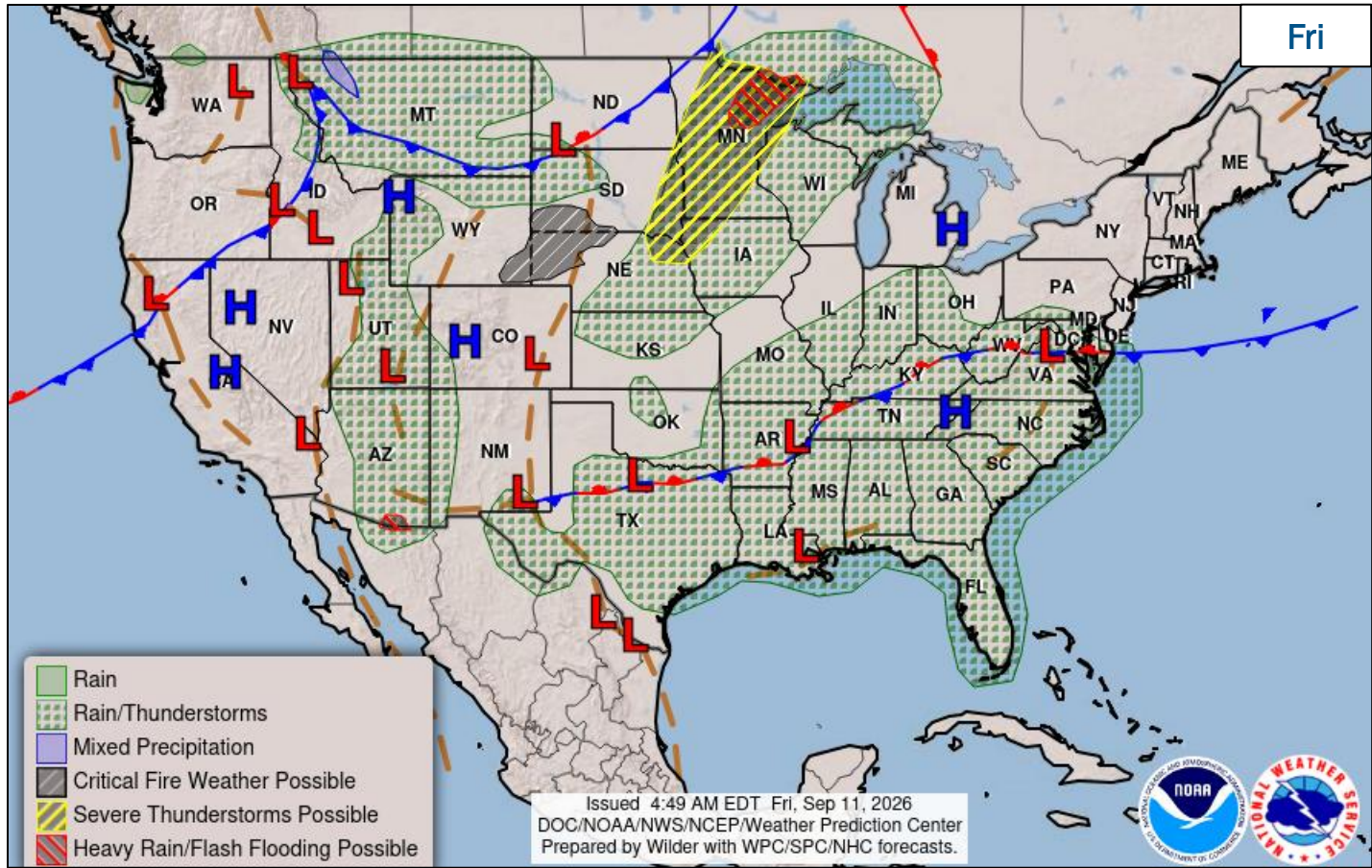


The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Reporting will continue twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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National Weather Forecast

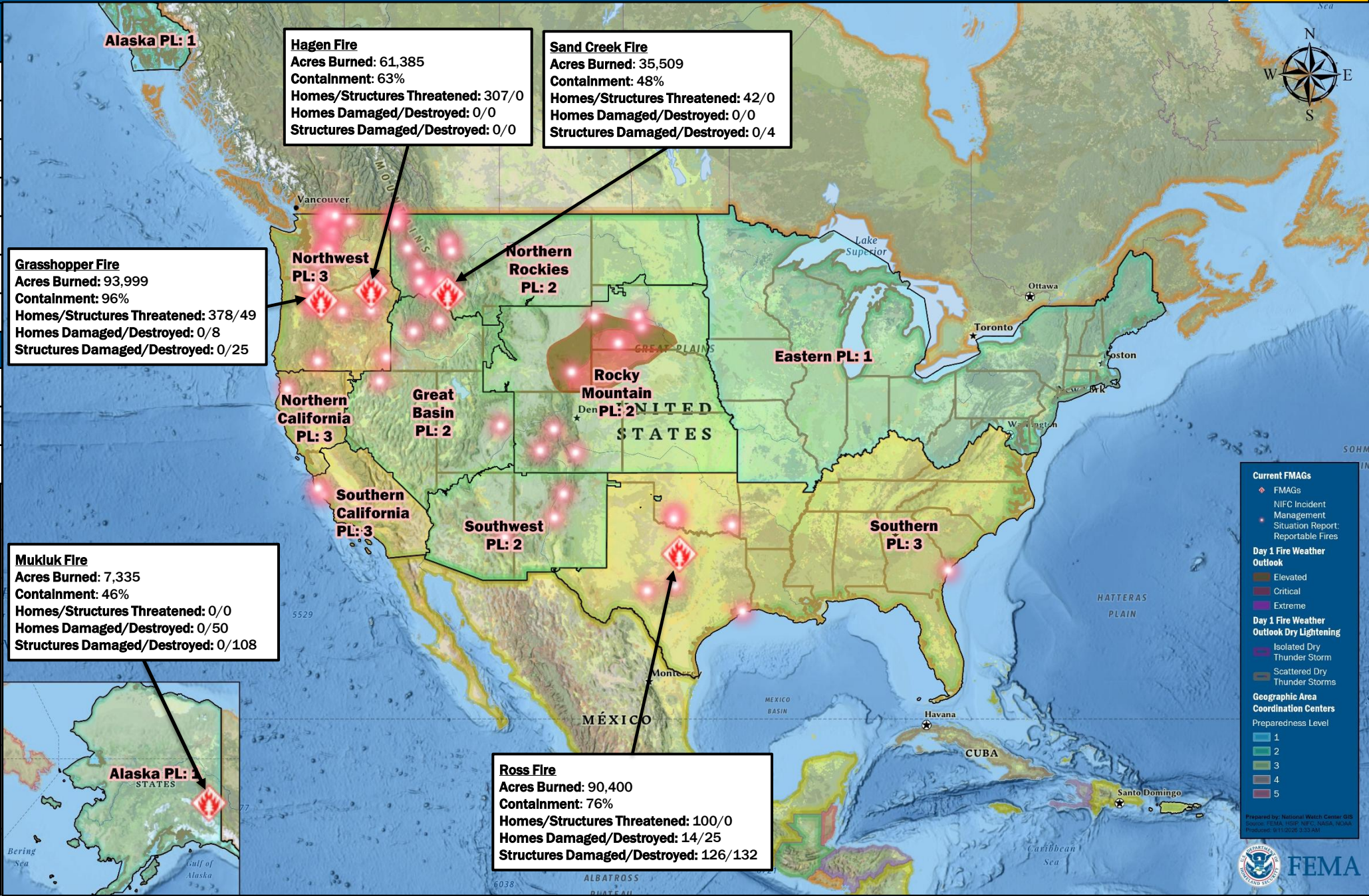


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National Fire Activity – September 11, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (69 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	4
Uncontained Large Fires	58
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,410,639
Total Responders	13,193
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	11
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

18,862
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,390 / 34%
Deployed

5,995 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,477 / 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

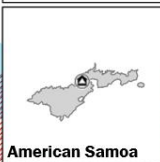
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National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

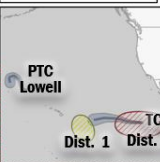
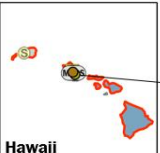
National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Deployed to HI
(TC Lowell)
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

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

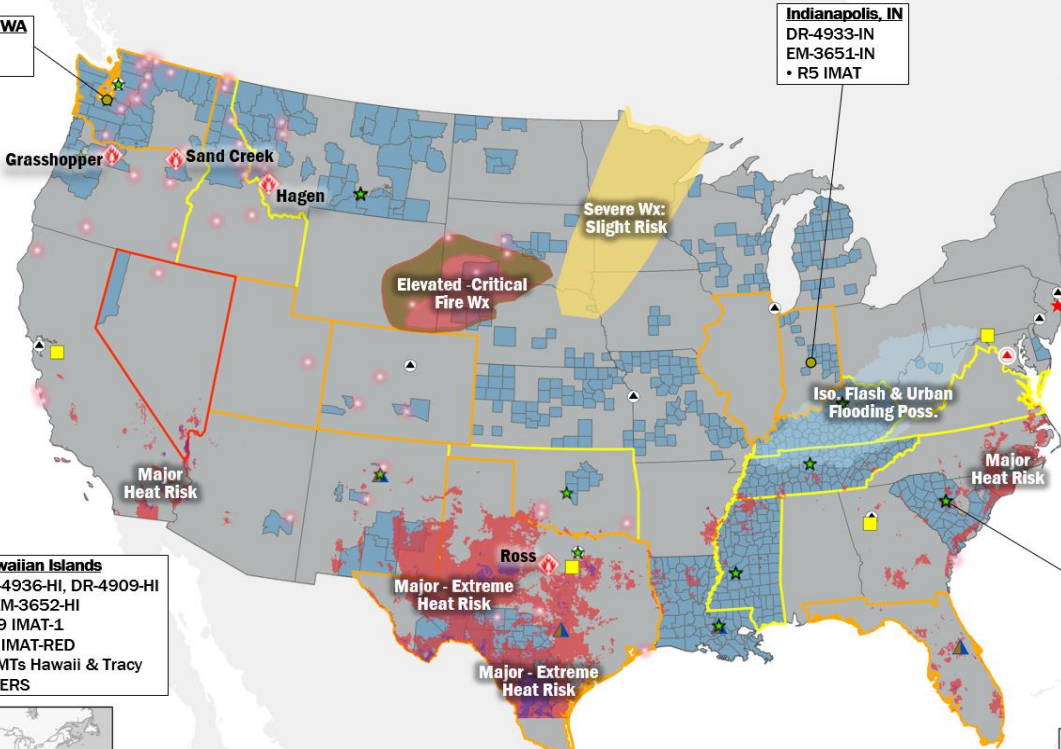
Guam
DR-4921-GU &
EM-3648-GU
• ISB Delta



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

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT

Indianapolis, IN
DR-4933-IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 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 Watch: RNC Convention
• R9 Watch: 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 Bari/ 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

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 (29 FCOR)
Available	5

Declaration Request – Hawaii

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – HI

Date Requested: Sep 8

Incident: Hurricane Lala

Incident Period: Aug 14-16

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 3 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Request – Hawaii

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster – HI

Date Requested: Sep 9

Incident: Hurricane Lowell

Incident Period: Sep 6-8

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 2 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

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
NE – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – 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
HI – Hurricane Lala	DR	X	X	X	Sep 8
HI – Hurricane Lowell	DR	X	X	X	Sep 9



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