

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, September 13, 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:

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Northeast and Central Plains
- Elevated Fire Weather – Central Great Basin to Northern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Norbert
 - Disturbance 1 (EP97): High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2 (EP90W): Low (near 0%)

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring:

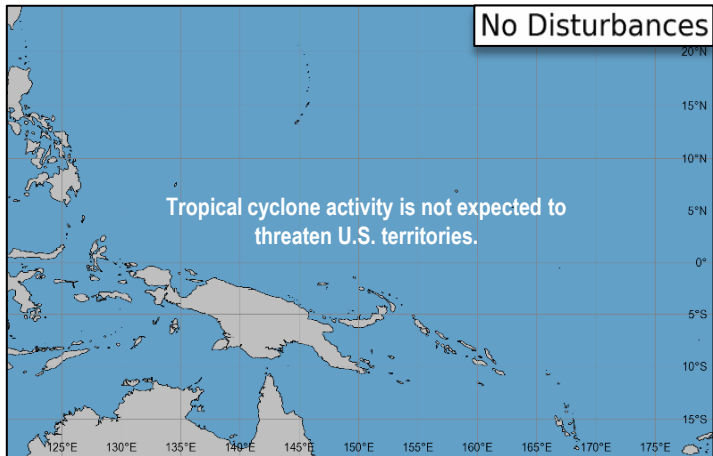
- No new significant events



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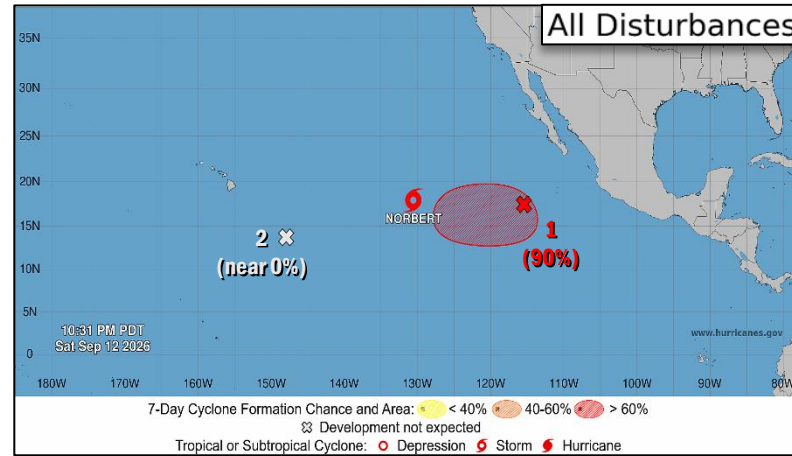
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Norbert: (Advisory #15, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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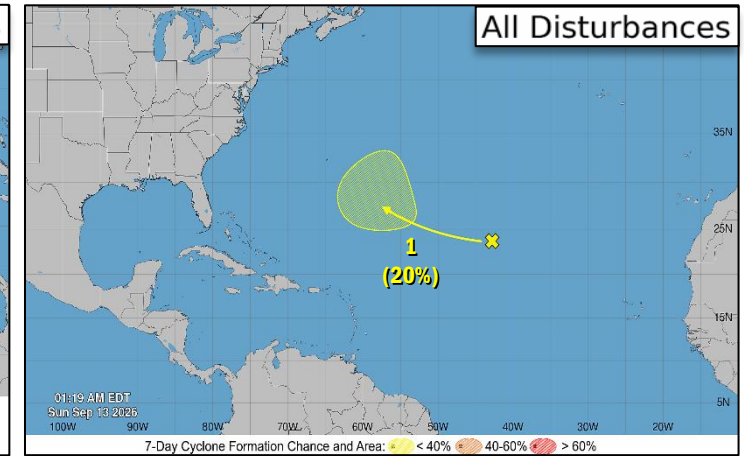
Disturbance 1 (EP97): (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles SW of the southwestern coast of Mexico
- A tropical depression is expected to form during the next couple of days as it moves WNW
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (80%); 7-day: High (90%)

Disturbance 2 (EP90W): (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles SE of Hilo, HI
- Development is no longer expected
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (near 0%)

Atlantic



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

- Located in the central subtropical Atlantic
- Conditions could become more favorable for slow development by the middle to latter part of the week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)

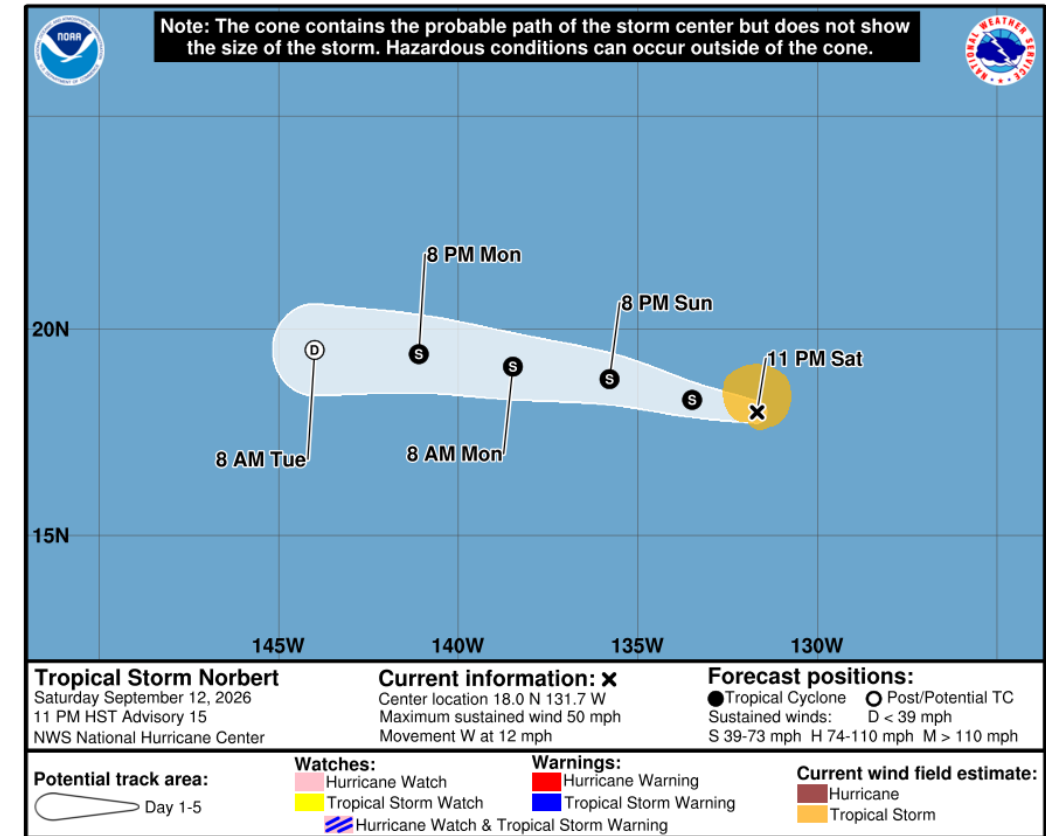


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Tropical Storm Norbert – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #15, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

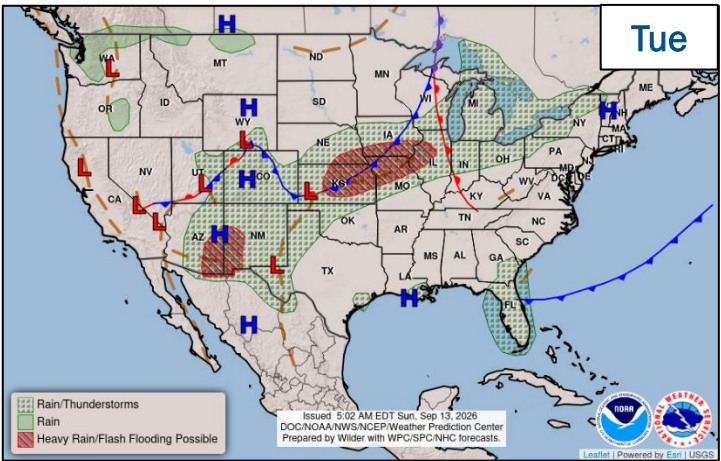
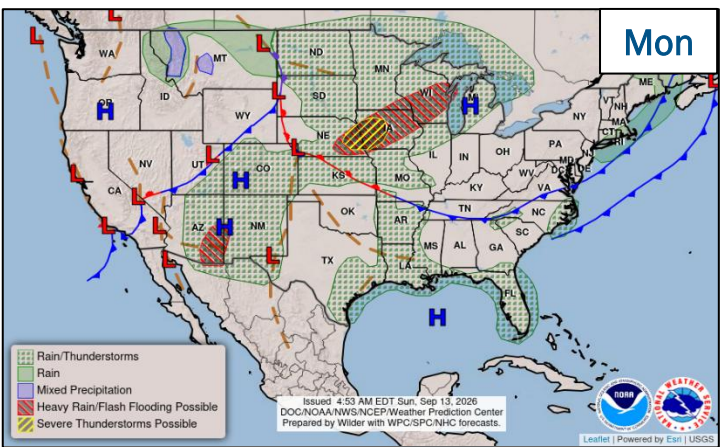
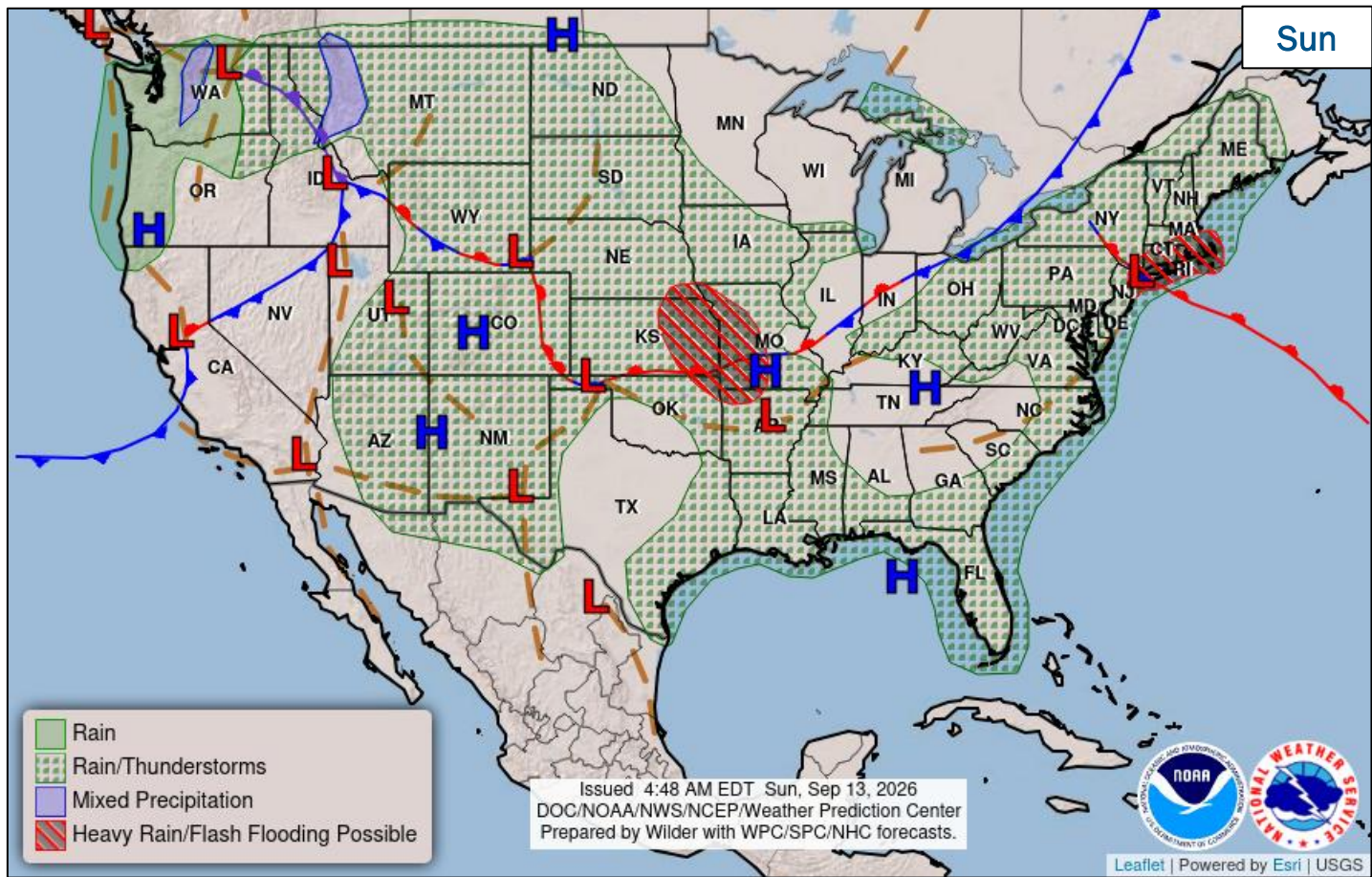
- Located 1,450 miles W of the southern tip of Baja, California
- Moving W at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward for 80 miles from center
- Some fluctuations in intensity are possible, followed by a gradual weakening
- Expected to dissipate well east of Hawaii by the middle of next week



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National Weather Forecast



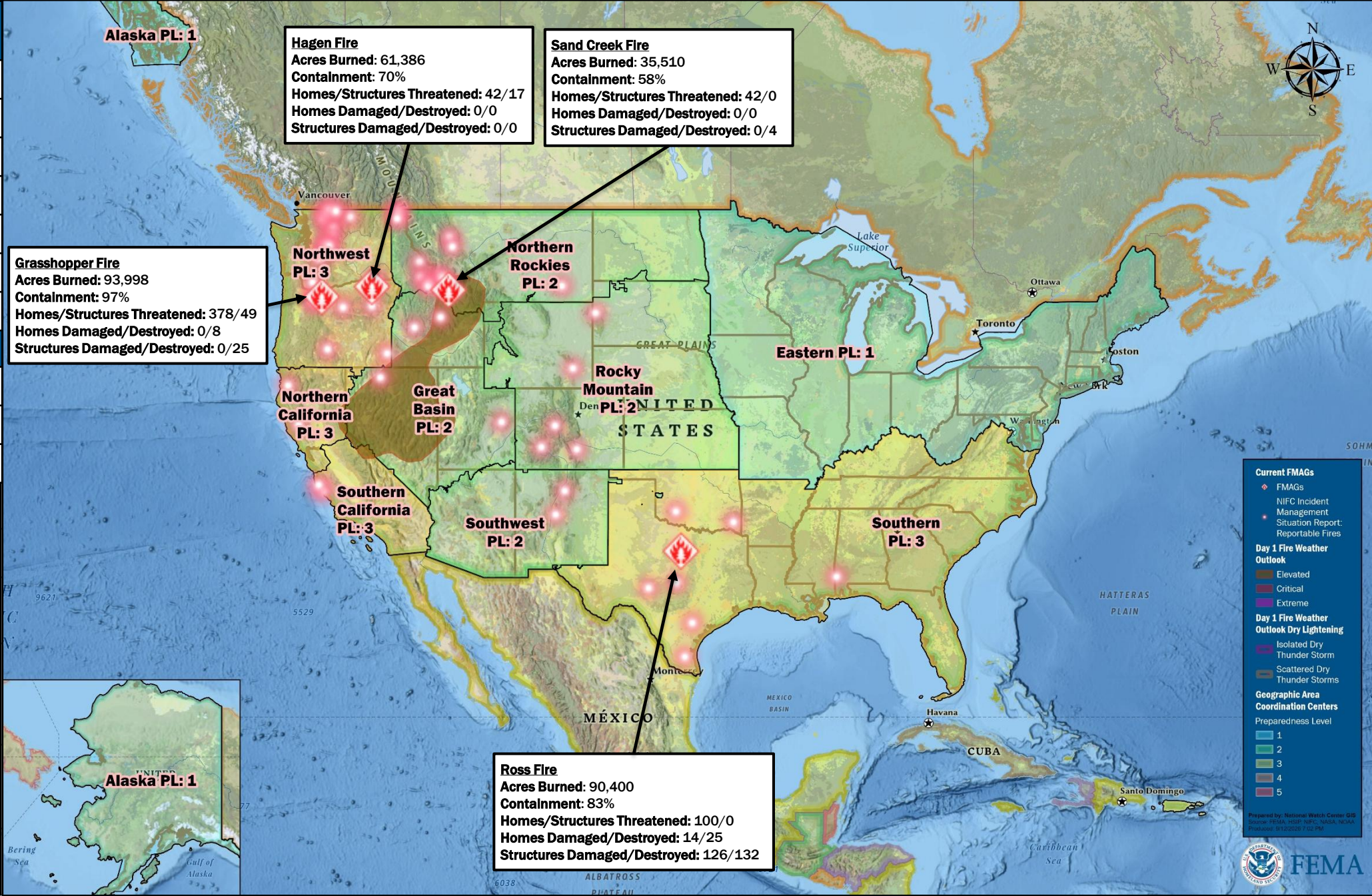
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National Fire Activity – September 13, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (74 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	2
Uncontained Large Fires	56
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,426,190
Total Responders	13,674
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	10
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

National Watch Center

Incident Workforce

18,862
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,363 / 34%
Deployed

6,005 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,494 / 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: Deployed to HI (TC Lowell)
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN					
	JFO	DR	EM	JFO	
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 (29 FCO)
Available	5

Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1			
Region 2			3
Region 3			
Region 4			2
Region 5			IN
Region 6			1
Region 7			
Region 8			
Region 9			HI MP
Region 10			WA

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing
• R9 Watch: Enhanced (Severe Weather)
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:
• FL/MS/TN: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/OK/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IL/KY/TX: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel
• PR/VA: Drought
• IN: 4933-DR-IN/3651-EM-IN
• HI: TC Lowell

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Demobilizing (FMC 9/12)
• R4-1/2: Staffing
• R5: 3651-EM-IN
• R9-1: 3652-EM-HI/4909-DR-HI/4936-DR-HI
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP
• R10: 3650-EM-WA

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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