

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, July 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Flooding – Texas

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Southwest and Southern Plains
- Severe Thunderstorms – Northern Rockies and Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Invest 90W: Low
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Elida
 - Disturbance 1 (CP90): Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (90%)
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Lower Dry Creek Fire – OR

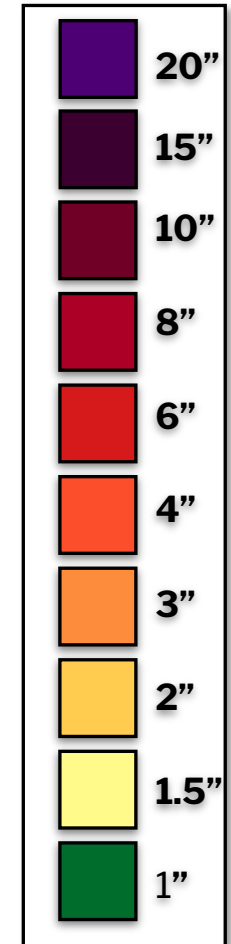
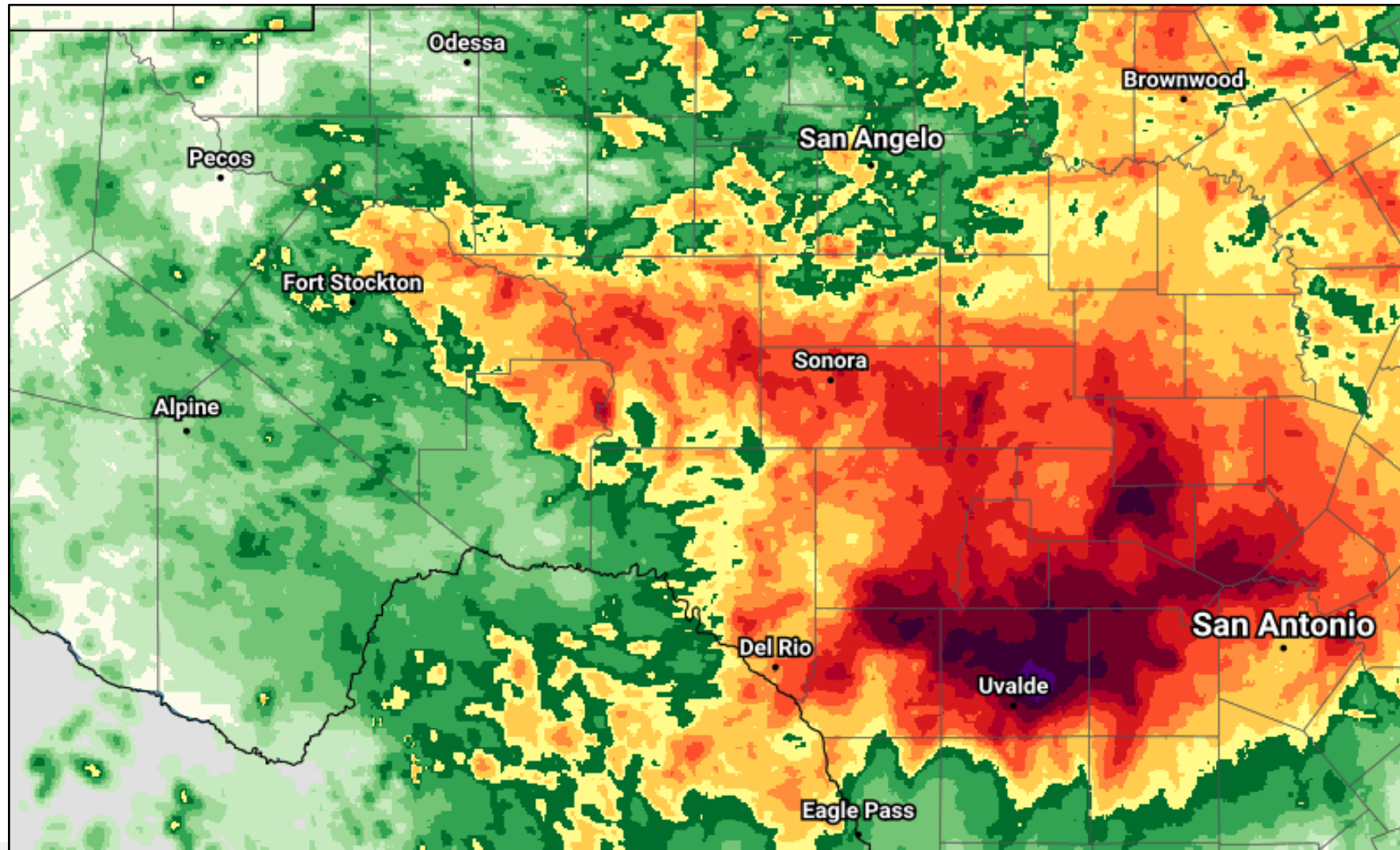
Event Monitoring

- 2026 FIFA World Cup / America 250
 - Sail Boston (A250)



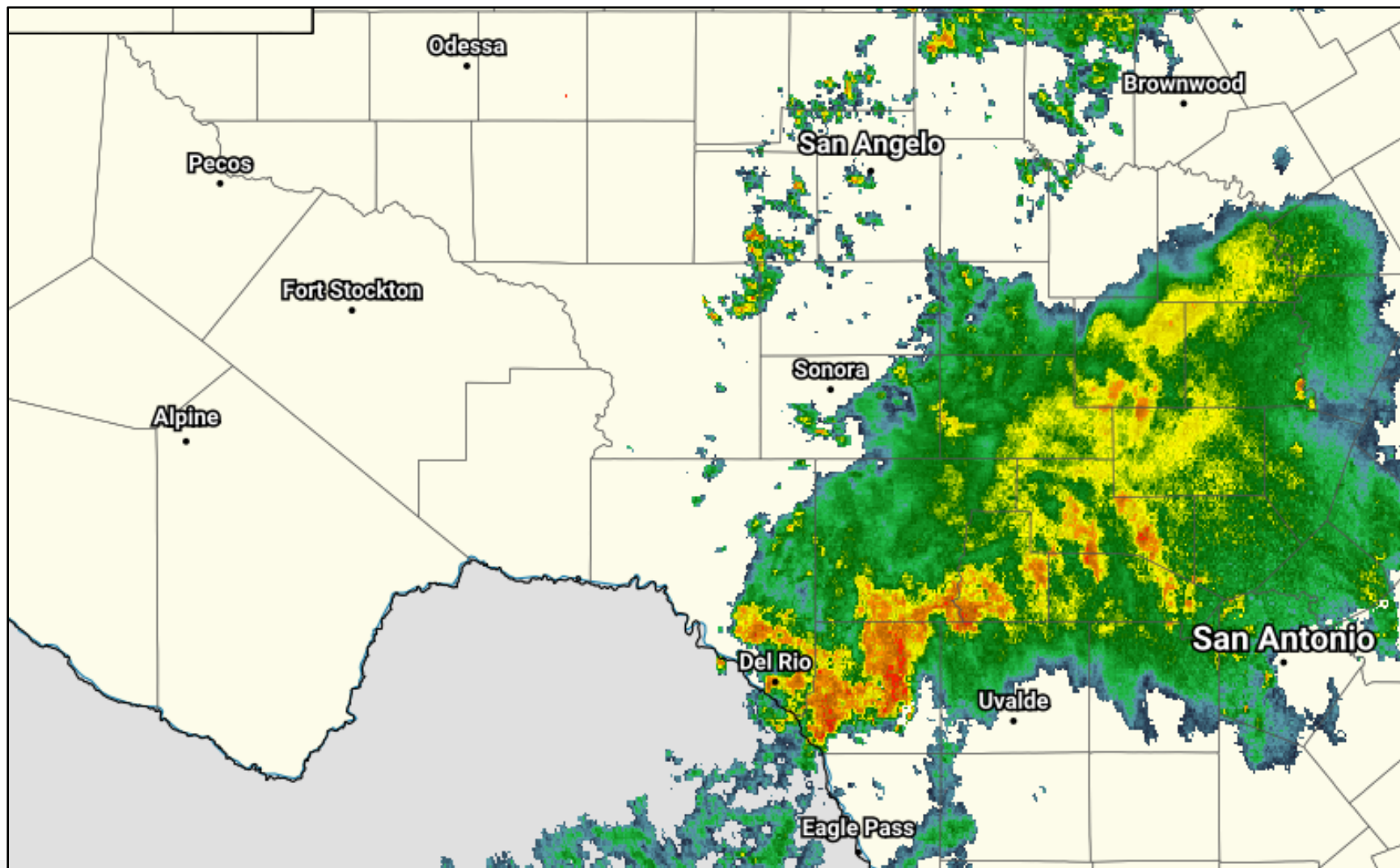
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Estimated Rainfall Received OVER PREVIOUS 72 HOURS

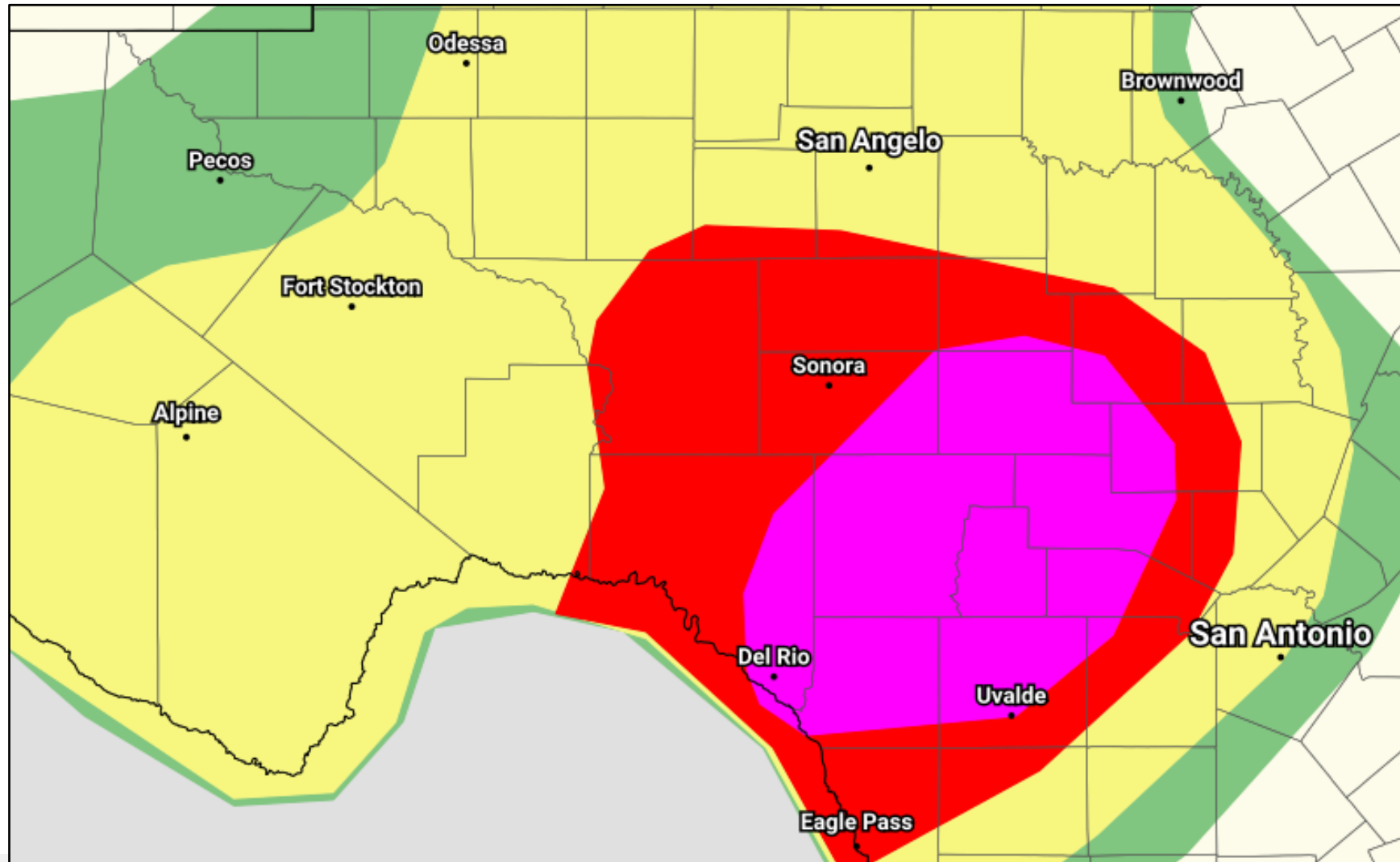


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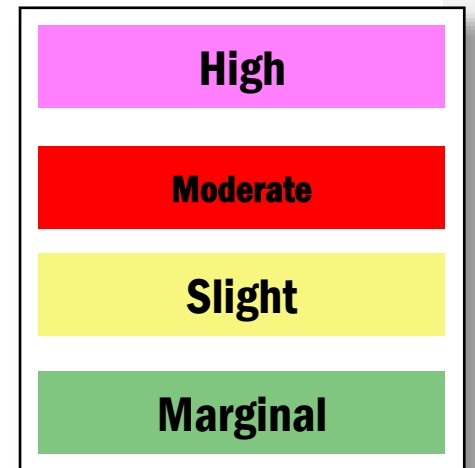
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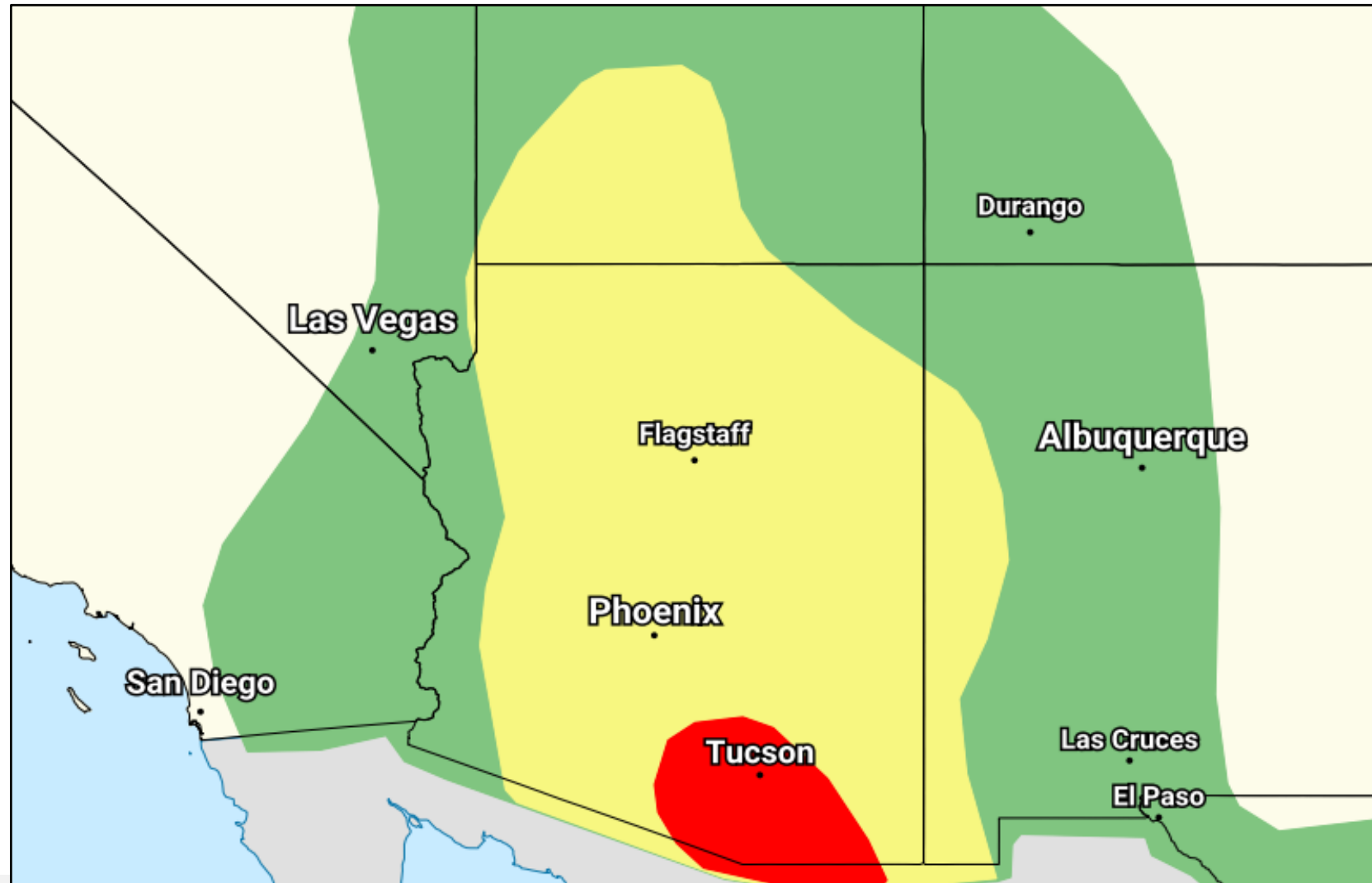
South-Central Texas Flash Flooding Risk THROUGH TONIGHT



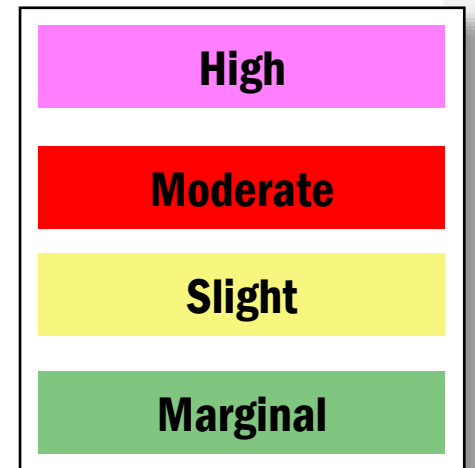
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Southwest Flash Flooding Risk THROUGH TONIGHT



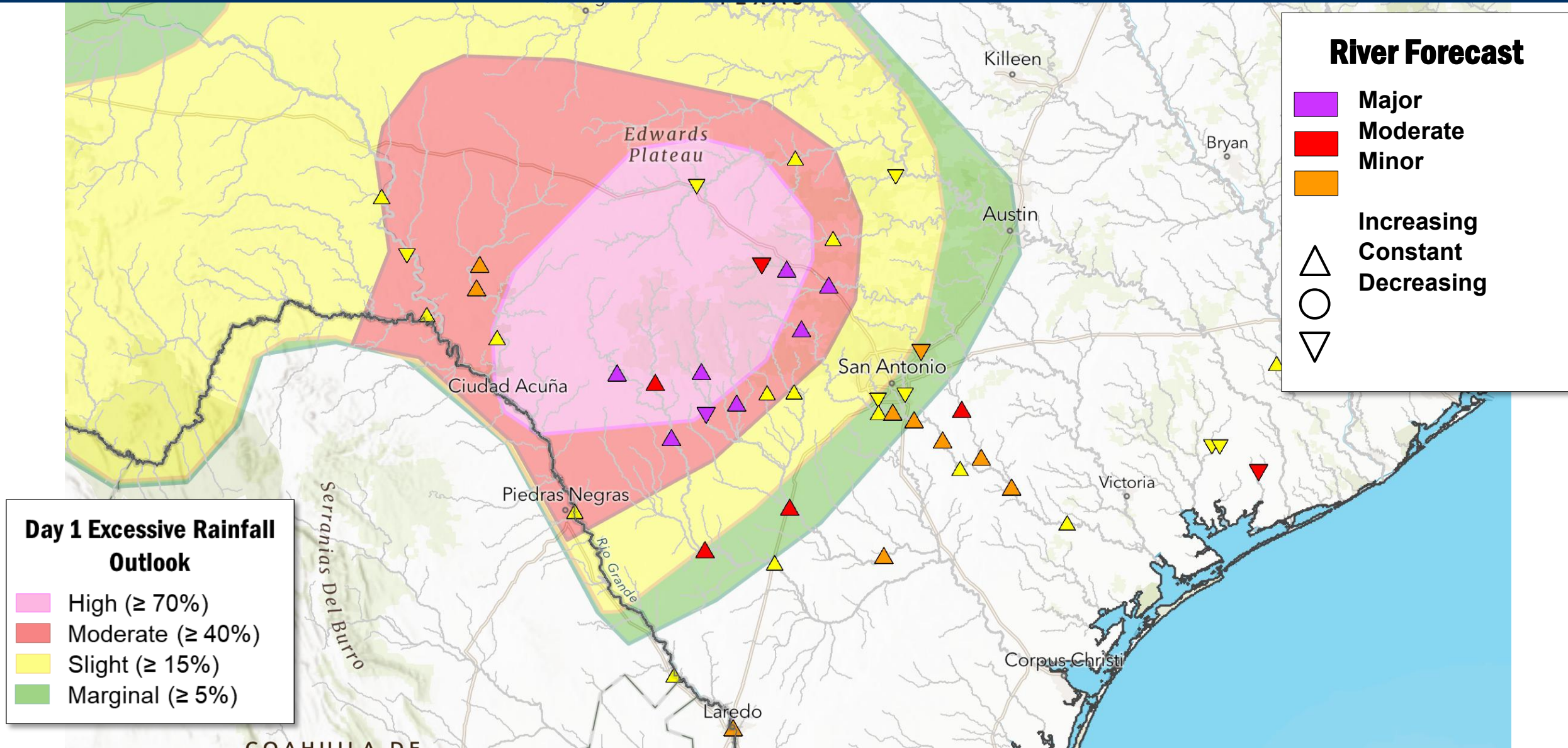
Risk of Flash Flooding



Latest River Forecast / WPC Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook

NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers

Updated 7 AM EDT, July 16, 2026



Flooding – Texas

Situation and Analysis: A significant flash flooding event is ongoing across the Texas Hill Country and into the San Antonio area. Rainfall totals of between 10-20 inches have been reported over the past 2 days in Uvalde, TX (pop. 15k), with rainfall of 5-9" reported since midnight in some areas near Uvalde and Kerrville, TX [pop. 24k] (NWS, as of 5:55 a.m. ET). Open sources indicated that over 75 people have been rescued thus far (Open-source media, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, Jul 15). Major riverine flooding is ongoing or forecast in the Nueces, Sabinal, Medina, and Guadalupe basins, with rapid rises noted on the Guadalupe River (National Water Center, as of 5:30 a.m. ET). Additional rainfall of 6-8", locally up to 10", could occur today (NWS, as of 4:00 a.m. ET). Texas DEM is supporting local response efforts (R6 SPOTREP #3, as of 12:22 a.m. ET).

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety & Security

- Unspecified totals of evacuations, water rescues, and water entering homes have been reported in the Kerrville and Uvalde areas (NWS San Antonio, as of 6:10 a.m. ET)
- Local water rescues were reported in Ingram (NWS Local Storm Reports, as of 2:37 a.m. ET)
- Mandatory and voluntary evacuations were issued for select low-lying subdivisions in Schertz, TX, with 13 evacuees at a local evacuation center (FEMA R6 SPOTREP #3, as of 12:23 a.m. ET)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 1 Red Cross Shelters open / 63 occupants (ARC, as of 6:51 a.m. ET)

Transportation (TX 511, as of 4:45 a.m. ET)

- Widespread road closures on State and local highways, primarily west of San Antonio, with some requiring significant detours, including:
 - TX-39 is closed from US-83 to downtown Ingram
 - Travel is not advised on SH-27 from Mountain Home to Comfort due to flooding on low-water crossings
 - TX-55 is closed from Rocksprings (Edwards Co.) to Uvalde (Uvalde Co.)

State / Local Response: (FEMA R6 DSAR, as of 1:40 p.m. ET, Jul 14)

- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Previously reported Severe Weather)
- Governor issued a State-level disaster declaration for 59 counties (TX Gov, as of Jul 15)
- TX-TF1 activated as a Type 3 in-state resource (FEMA US&R, as of 11:27 a.m. ET, Jul 14)

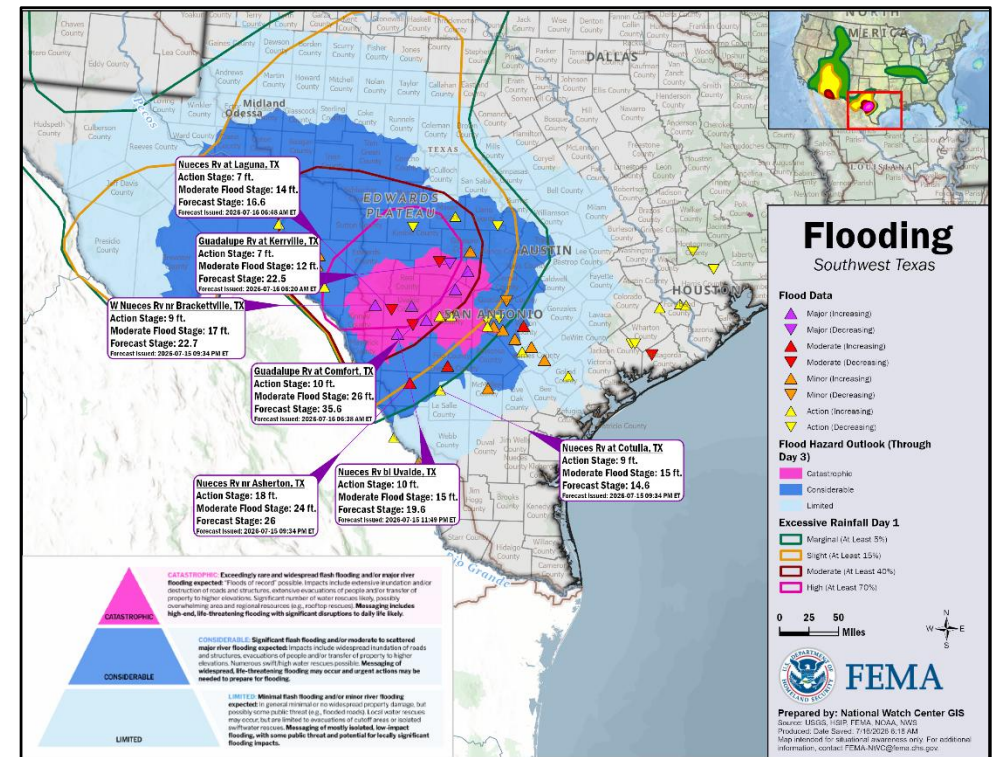
Federal / FEMA Response: (FEMA R6 SPOTREP, as of 7:41 p.m. ET, Jul 14)

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Enhanced (Flooding); RRCC will Activate at 9:30 a.m. ET (R6 Update, as of 7:28 a.m. ET, Jul 16)
- R-IMAT 1: Deployed to LA (DR-4927-LA); R-IMAT 2: Available (On Alert)
- FIT LNO deploying to TXSEOC
- R6 IMAT-2 deploying to Texas Integration & Recovery Office (TIRO) in Austin, TX (R6 Update, as of 7:28 a.m. ET, Jul 16)

FEMA HQ:

- NWC at Enhanced Watch (FIFA World Cup / America 250); NRCC at Steady State
- Response Operations coordination call was held with FEMA Region 6 on Jul 14
- USCG is deploying assets to assist with state operations (R6 TX SOC Update, as of 7:04 a.m. ET, Jul 16)



The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Region 6. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



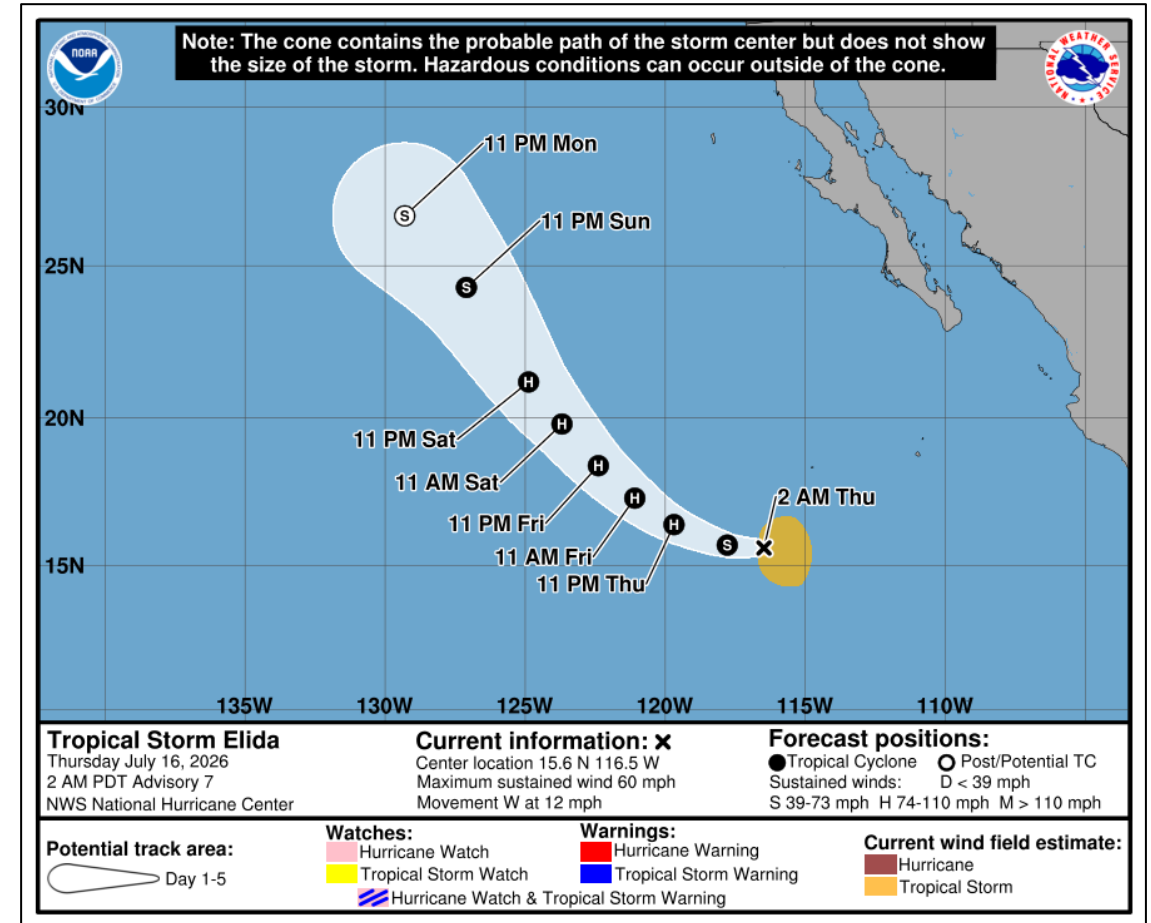
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Tropical Storm Elida – Eastern Pacific

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

- Located approximately **660 miles SW** of southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at **12 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **60 mph**
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **125 miles** from center
- **Additional strengthening is forecast during the next couple of days, and Elida is expected to become a hurricane Thursday night or early Friday before reaching its peak intensity on Friday**

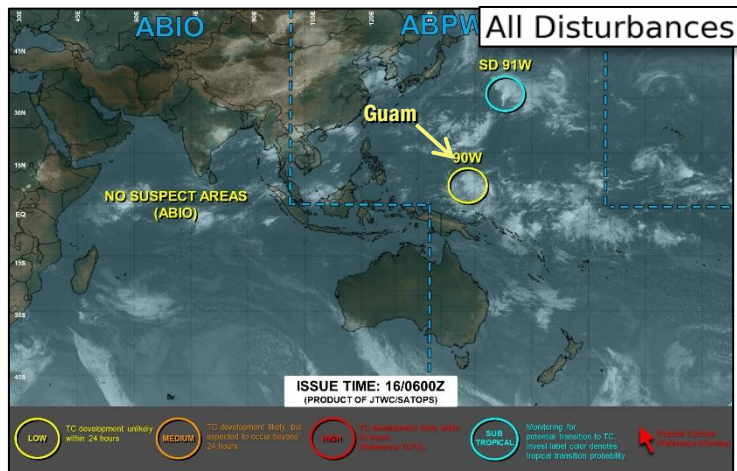


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Tropical Outlook

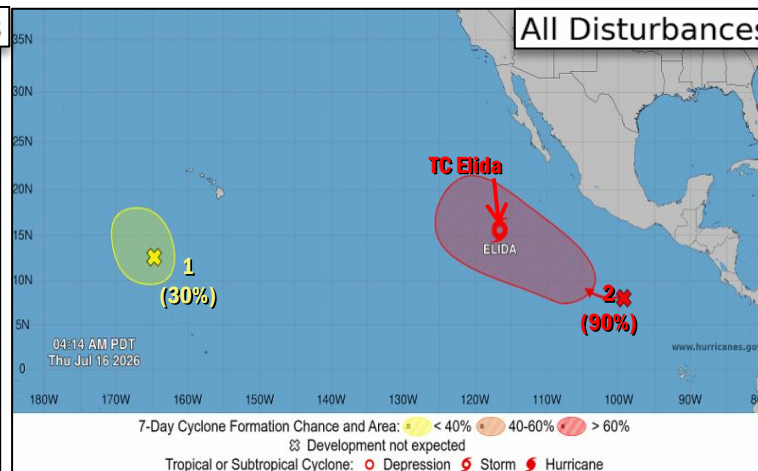
Western Pacific



Invest 90W: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 368 mi S of Chuuk
- Moving NNW
- Max sustained surface winds of 21-26 mph
- Favorable for environmental development
- Formation chance – 24-hour: Low

Eastern and Central Pacific



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

- See previous slide

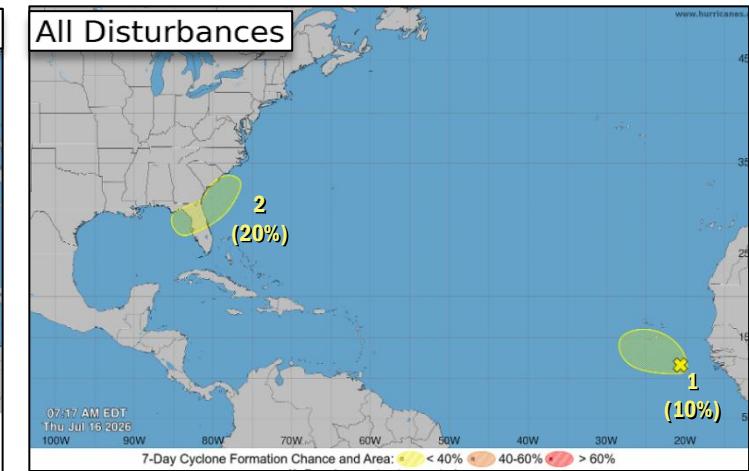
Disturbance 1 (CP90): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles SW of the Hawaiian Islands
- Moving NW; conducive for gradual development over the next **day or two**; tropical depression could form by Friday
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (30%); 7-day: Low (30%)

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

- Located several hundred miles SSW of the coast of southern Mexico
- Moving WNW; tropical depression **is likely to form by this weekend into early next week**
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: High (90%)

Atlantic



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

- Located SE of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving WNW at **10 mph**
- Slow development of this system is possible over the next couple of days
- **Forecast to move into a less conducive environment by this weekend**
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

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

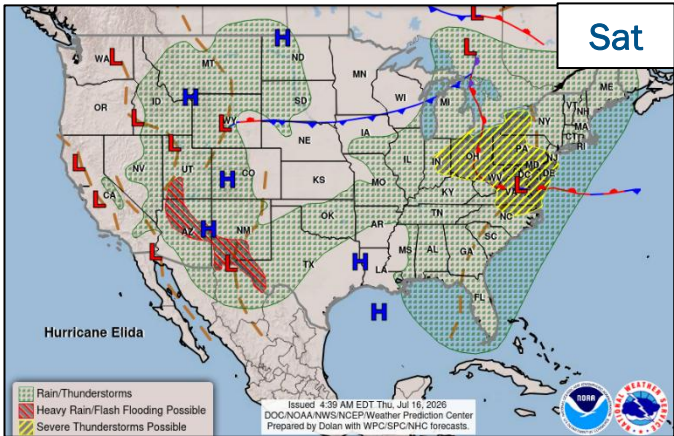
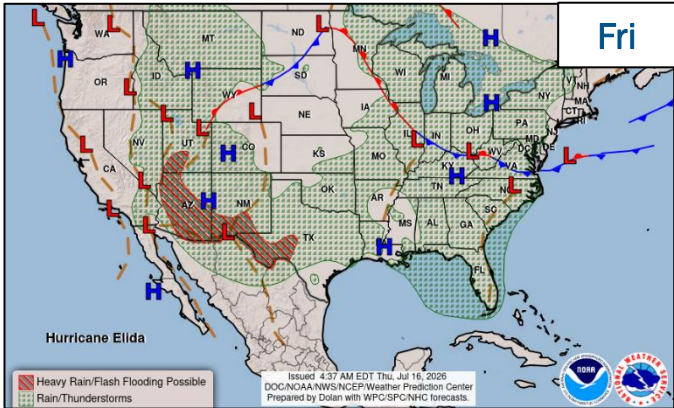
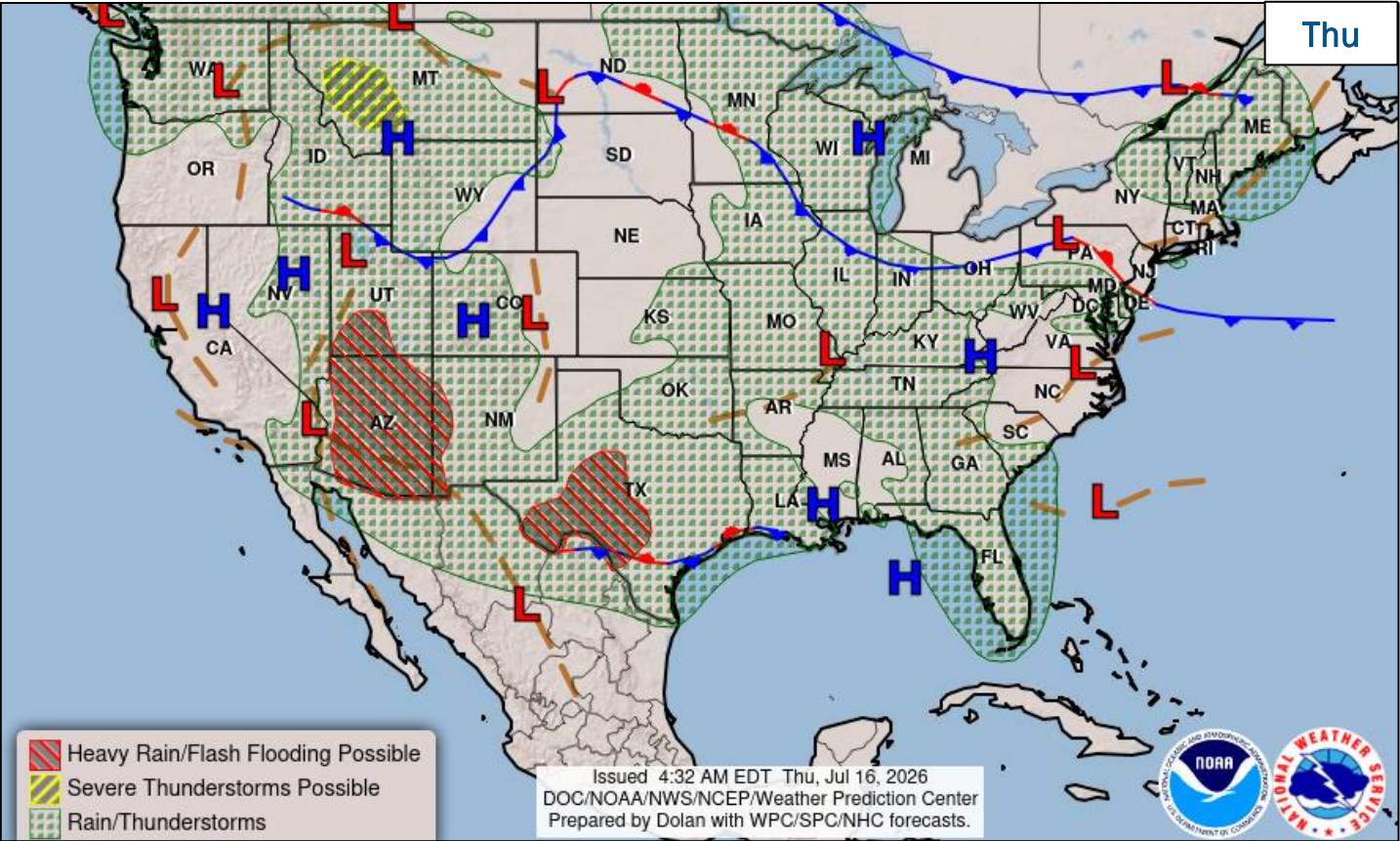
- Located over the northeastern Gulf of America
- Moving NE
- Slow development of this system is possible
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)



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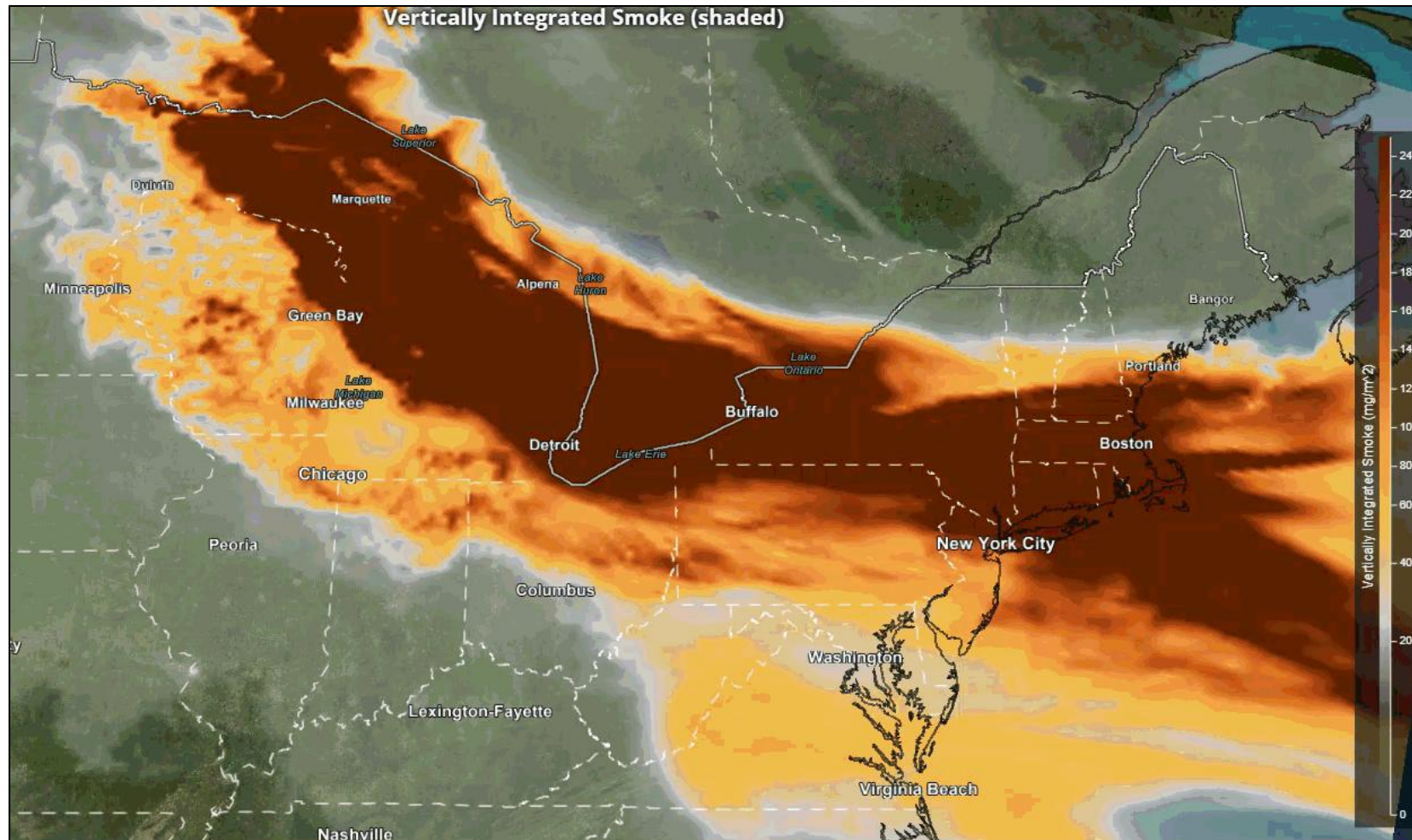
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Smoke Outlook



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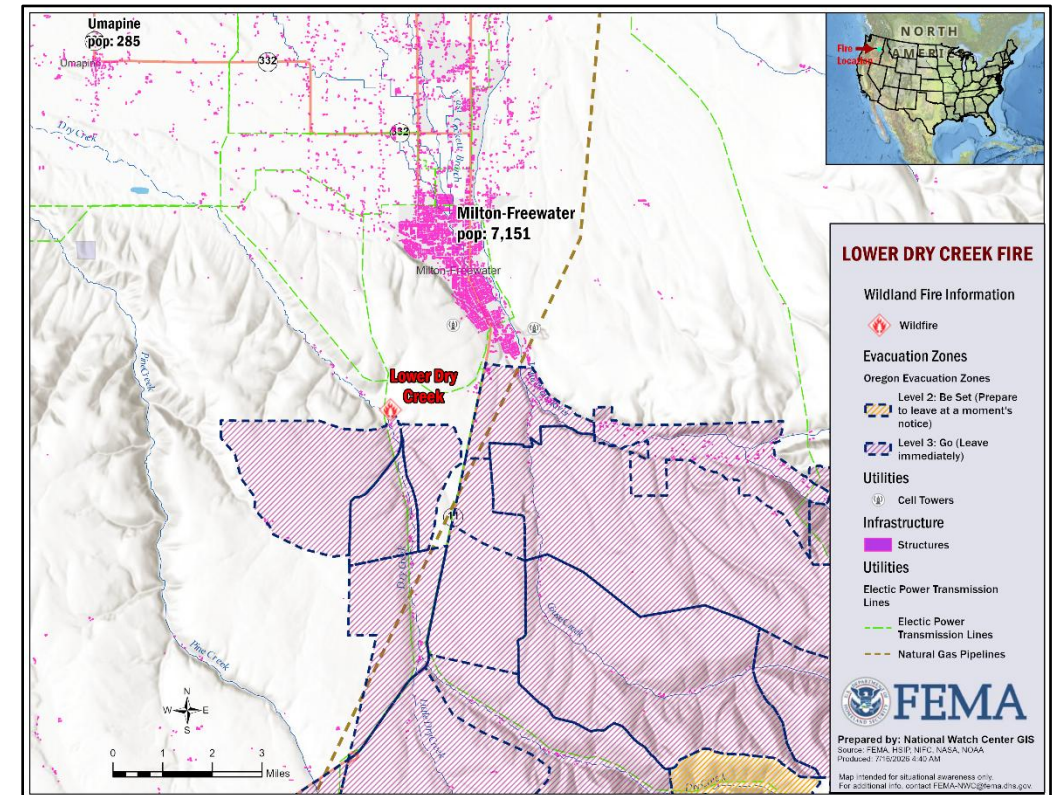
Lower Dry Creek Fire – Oregon

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Lower Dry Creek (Umatilla, OR)	5645-FM-OR	5,000	0%	M: 1,014	H: 428	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting FEMA Region 10 Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Lower Dry Creek Fire. The fire is burning on federal, state, tribal, and private land near the communities of Milton, Freewater, Athena, Weston, Adams, and Tollgate (pop. ap-prox. 16k). At the time of the request, approximately 428 primary homes were threatened along with multiple other public and private facilities and infrastructure. Two shelters have been set up with an unknown number of evacuees. No further federal assistance has been requested (*Region 10 Approval Notification, as of 3:54 a.m. ET*).

Response:

- FMAG approved Jul 16
- OR SEOC is at Normal Operations
- Region 10 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC at Enhanced (FIFA World Cup / America 250)



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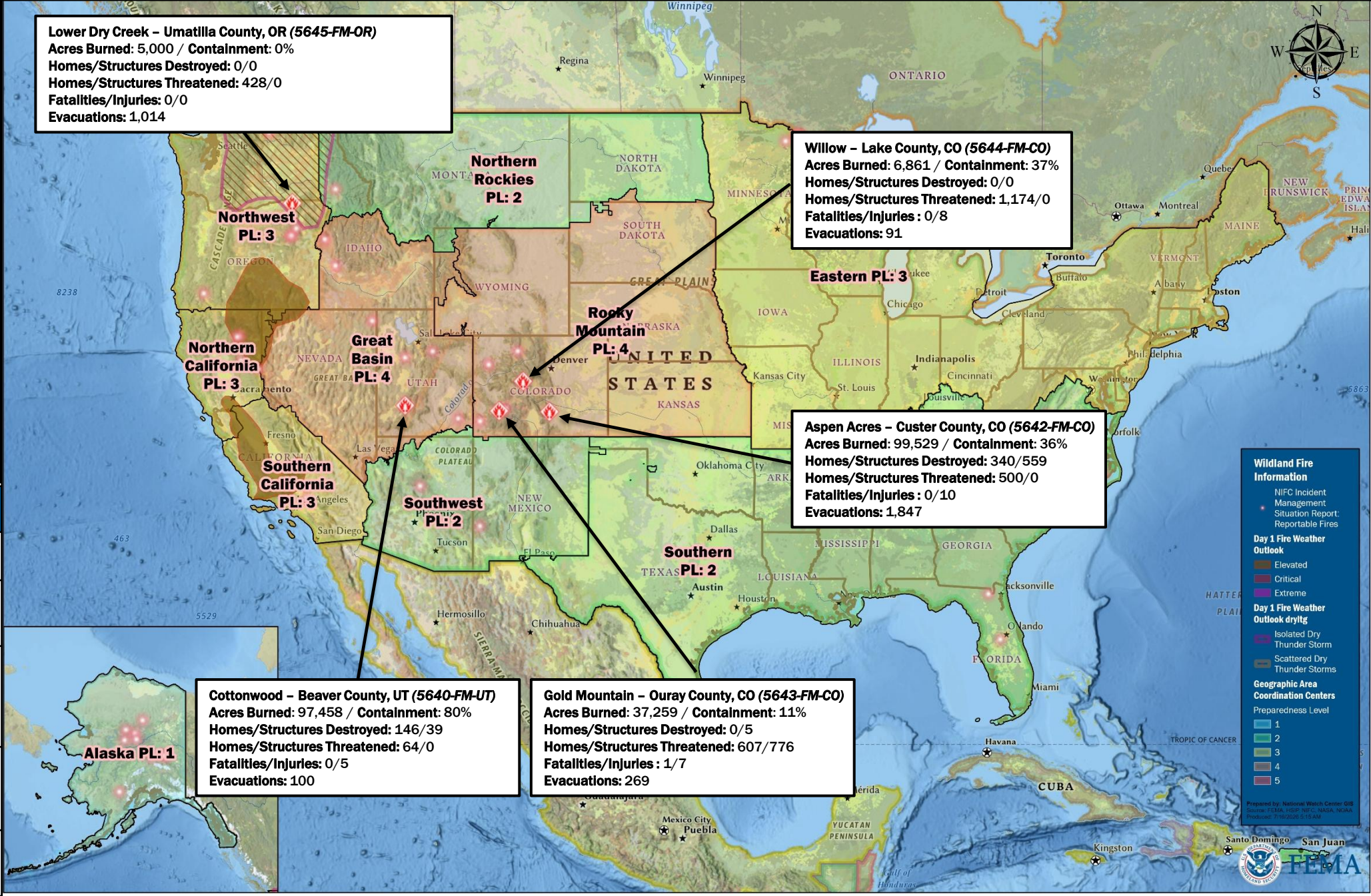
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National Fire Activity – July 16, 2026

PL 4

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (108 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	0
Uncontained Large Fires	48
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	3,633,827
Total Responders	16,800
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	16
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	31
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Level: 4	
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	
Cottonwood (Beaver, UT)	5640-FM-UT	97,458	80% (+3)	M: 100	H: 64 (-28)	H: 18	H: 146	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 12	O: 39	
Aspen Acres (Custer, CO)	5642-FM-CO	99,529 (+452)	36%	M: 1,847	H: 500	H: 49	H: 340	0 / 10 (+1)
				V: 0	V: 0	O: 9	O: 559	
Gold Mountain (Ouray, CO)	5643-FM-CO	37,259 (+294)	11% (-1)	M: 269	H: 607	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 7
				V: 0	O: 776	O: 0	O: 5	
Willow (Lake, CO)	5644-FM-CO	6,861 (+322)	37% (+9)	M: 91 (-138)	H: 1,174 (+35)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 8 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

(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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Watch

FEMA Regions

RRCC

Region 1
Maynard

Region 2
Brooklyn

Region 3
Philadelphia

Region 4
Atlanta

Region 5
Chicago

Region 6
Denton

Region 7
Kansas City

Region 8
Denver

Region 9
Oakland

Region 10
Bothell

Notes

Watches/RRCCs:

- NWC: FIFA World Cup/America 250
- R2 Watch: Equipment
- R4 Watch: FIFA World Cup
- R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
- R6 Watch: Enhanced (Severe Weather)
- R9 Watch: Staffing
- R2 RRCC: FIFA World Cup/America 250 (Day Shift Only)
- R9 RRCC: Staffing
- R10 RRCC: Staffing

IMATs:

- NIMAT-Red: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
- NIMAT-White: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
- NIMAT-Blue: Staffing
- R1 IMAT: Staffing
- R3 IMAT: Staffing
- R4 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R5 IMAT: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
- R6 IMAT-1: Deployed (4927-DR-LA); IMAT-2 Staffing
- R7 IMAT: Staffing
- R8 IMAT: Deployed (4923-DR-WI)
- R9 IMAT-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
- IMAT-2 (4910-DR-MP/3647-EM-MP)
- R10 IMAT: Staffing

State EOCs:

- DC: Summer 2026 Events
- MS: Previous Incidents
- AK/CO: Wildfires
- WV: FIFA World Cup/Fire Season
- KY/TX/VT: Severe Weather
- MP: TC Sirlako/TC Bavi
- UT: Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
- NJ/NY: FIFA World Cup
- AZ: Wildfires/Summer 2026 Events
- FL: Previous Incidents/World Cup
- NV: Wildfires
- GU: TC Bavi
- MO: Flooding/Severe Weather
- MI: Wildfire Risk
- WI: Support for DR-4923
- ME: Severe Weather/Heat

Incident Workforce

19,139

Assigned a Disaster Title

6,972 / 36%

Deployed

5,491 / 29%

Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,676 / 35%

Remaining

Surge Capacity Force

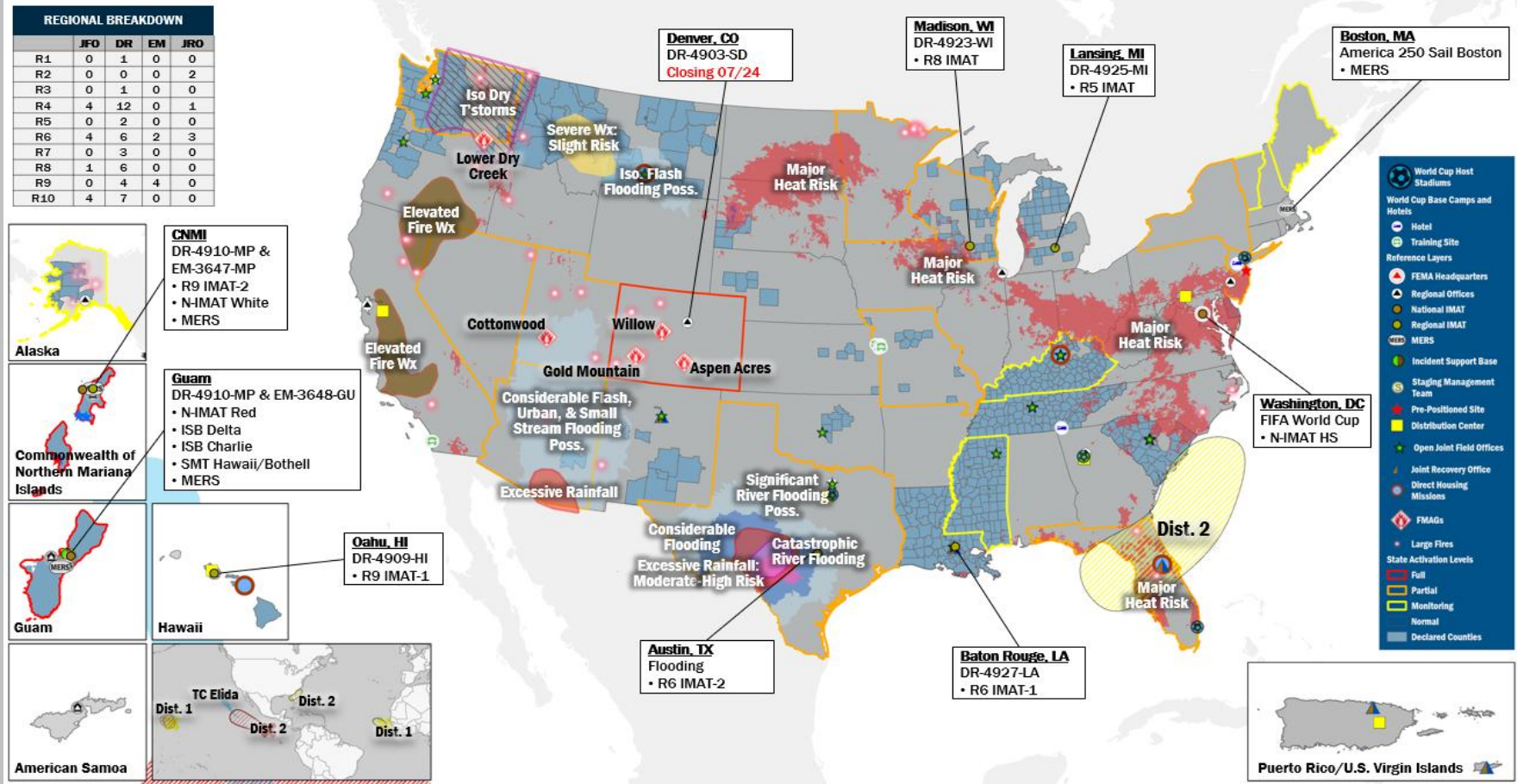
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Rostered / Deployed / Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

Thursday

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8:30 a.m. ET



National IMAT

GU Red

MP White

Blue

Gold

DC HS

Regional IMAT

1 Region 1

3 Region 2

Region 3

2 Region 4

MI Region 5

LA TX Region 6

Region 7

WI Region 8

HI MP Region 9

Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

Distribution Centers	Water	Meals	Gen.
DC Tracy, CA			
DC Atlanta, GA	37% ¹	70% ²	79%
DC Fort Worth, TX			
DC Greencastle, PA			
DC Guam	92%	100%	84% ³
DC Hawaii	99%	93%	42% ³
DC Caribbean	86%	88%	78%

Housing

MHU	TT
THSS Selma, AL	
THSS Cumberland, MD	107%
Systems	Laptops
Winchester, VA (DISC)	83%

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

¹ Water vendors will provide robust CONUS support 24 hours after contract award to fill gaps.

² Super Typhoon Bavi Response support resulted in decreased generator levels in CONUS and Hawaii. GSA can provide additional generator support if needed.

³ Estimated Green by August 24 (Sirlako returns/repairs)

Logistics Staffing

Distribution Centers	Staff
DC Tracy, CA	67%
DC Atlanta, GA	80%
DC Fort Worth, TX	57%
DC Greencastle, PA	89%
DC Guam	77%
DC Hawaii	70%
DC Caribbean	92%

Housing

Staff	
THSS Selma, AL	65%
THSS Cumberland, MD	73%
Systems	Staff
Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%

SMT

Operational	7/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	3/11

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	1
Available	26
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	28 (19 FCOOR)
Available	8

Legend

Fully Mission Capable

Partially Mission Capable

Requires Augmentation

Deployed/Activated

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R3	WV	Severe Storms Jun 22-23	IA	2	0	7/14 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R4	KY	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Hail, Flooding, Landslides Jun 18-27	IA	24	14	7/6 – TBD
			PA	28	15 (+3)	7/8 – TBD
	MS	Flash Flooding Jun 18-20	IA	4	4	6/29 – 7/10
			PA	9	8 (+2)	7/13 – TBD
R5	IN	Severe Weather and Flooding	IA	9	0	7/16 – TBD
			PA	16	0	7/16 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Weather Jun 4-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	33	21	6/22 – TBD
	KS	Severe Weather Jun 18-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	0	TBD – TBD
R8	OST*	Severe Storms and Flooding	IA	1	0	7/6 – TBD
			PA	1	0	7/6 – TBD
	SD	Severe Storms, Winds, Tornadoes Jun 29 – Jul 3	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/16 – TBD
R10	ID	Severe Storms and Flooding Jun 26-28	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	7/14 – TBD

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 5

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jun 17
MI – Severe Storms and Tornadoes – Appeal	DR	X		X	Jun 23
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 6
NH – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 8
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 9



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