

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, July 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Flooding – Texas

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – TX
- FMAG Approval: Kaiser Canyon Fire - WA

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Great Lakes to Mid-Atlantic
- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Southwest to Southern Plains and Ohio Valley to Mid-Atlantic
- Hazardous Air Quality – Great Lakes to Eastern U.S.
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific:
 - Invest 90W: Low
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Elida
 - Disturbance 1 (EP97): High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)

Event Monitoring

- 2026 FIFA World Cup / America 250
 - Miami, FL



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Flooding – Texas



Situation and Analysis: Life threatening flash flooding was reported across Bandera, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kimble, Mason, Real, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties overnight, and rainfall continued through today. Heavy rainfall is anticipated to decrease tonight with only a marginal risk for tomorrow. Major and moderate river cresting will continue over the next few days and then begin to fall through next week. There are currently no concerns with water reservoirs, and there is ample water storage as waterways continue to crest and drain. State and local resources remain engaged in response operations. Federal resources are deployed and enroute to augment search and rescue efforts and transportation lifeline stabilization. (R6 SLB, as of 6:35 p.m. ET, Jul 17)

FEMA continues to coordinate with federal, state, and local partners to support urban search and rescue (US&R) and debris operations. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is using the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to request mutual aid from neighboring states. (FEMA R6 RA, as of 11:36 a.m. ET, Jul 17)

Lifeline Impacts: (Region 6 SLB, as of 6:35 p.m. ET, Jul 17)

Safety & Security: Evacuations of low-lying areas across the impacted region remain active

- US&R is ongoing with state/military and local resources; Approx. 200 rescues conducted to date
- Evacuations occurred in Bandera County, Elm Creek in Maverick County, and Batesville in Zavala County
- Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas under precautionary voluntary evacuations; mandatory evacuations possible as Rio Grande River rises near the Tribe

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 3 shelters open / 118 (+107) occupants (ARC, as of 6:47 a.m. ET)

Health & Medical: 2 fatalities reported (Region 6 SLB, as of 6:35 p.m. ET, Jul 17)

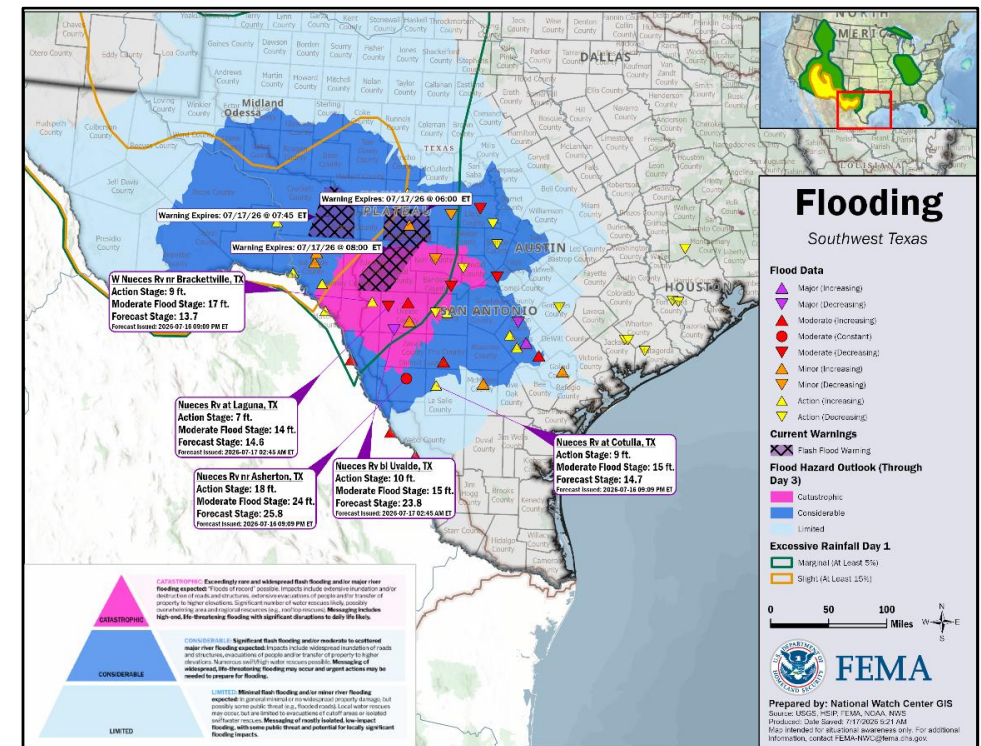
Water Systems: Water system impacts remain minimal with 3 boil water notices

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is reporting damaged electrical lines to the City of Kerville's Surface Water Treatment Plant. Plant remains partially operational on generator power.

Communications: TX State Communication Coordination Group coordinating with industry and federal partners

Transportation: Significant impacts to roads and highways remain a concern in the affected area

- 74 (-3) state-maintained roadways impacted or closed
- Multiple bus line detours reported by San Antonio transit authority
- Temporary flight restrictions in place for SAR operations; 2 bridges currently impassible due to flooding impacts



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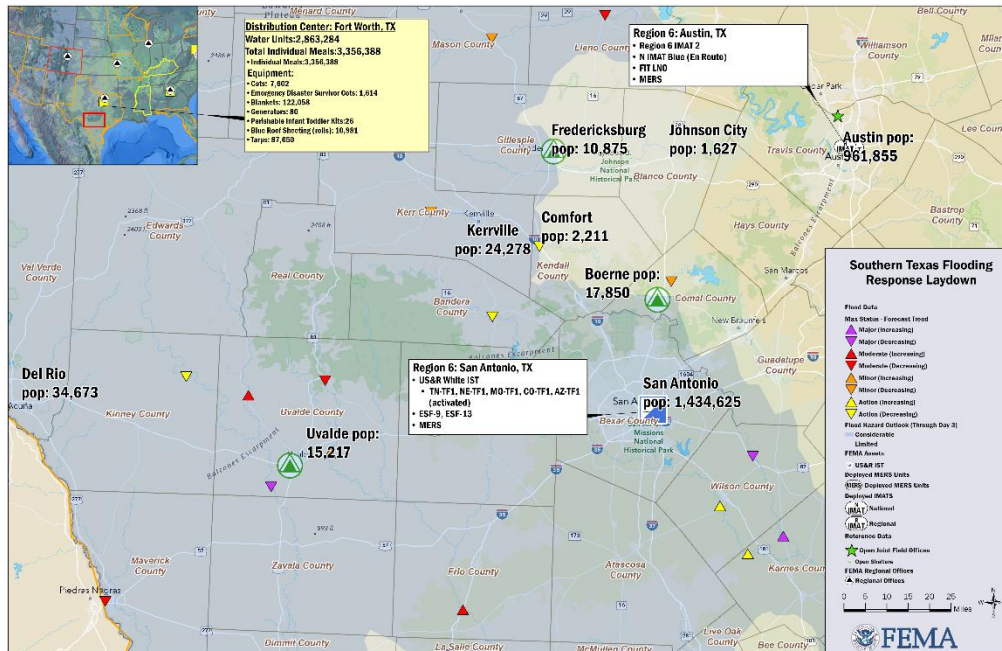
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Flooding – Texas



State / Local Response: (R6 SLB, as of 6:35 p.m. ET, Jul 17)

- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Flooding); Governor issued State-level disaster declaration for 59 counties; [Major Disaster Declaration request Jul 17](#)
- TX DPS has positioned swift-water rescue boat teams, helicopters with hoist capability, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Texas A&M Forest Service Strike Teams are assigned in San Antonio and College Station
- TxDOT is providing route clearance and traffic control at impacted roadways



Federal / FEMA Response: (R6 SLB, as of 6:35 p.m. ET, Jul 17)

FEMA Region 6:

- Regional Watch/MOC Denton Enhanced (Flooding); RRCC is Activated (Flooding)
- R-IMAT 1 Deployed (DR-4927-LA); R-IMAT 2 is Deployed to Texas Integration Recovery Office (TIRO) in Austin, TX
- FIT LNO Deployed to TX SEOC; [FCO identified and deployed to Austin, TX](#)

HQ:

- NWC at Enhanced Watch (FIFA World Cup / America 250)
- National IMAT Blue Deployed to Austin, TX

FEMA Response Geospatial Office (RGO): (RGO, as of 9:47 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

- RGO will support TDEM/Region 6 requirements with ICEYE US&R analytics, aerial imagery, 3D and oblique aerial imagery, 2 SARCOP intel specialists, and 2 GIS specialists.
- RGO activated the NASA Disaster Response Coordination System and PhotoMappers open-source media team.

US&R:

- ESF #9 Advisory issued
- [5 Type III Urban Search and Rescue \(US&R\) Teams staged to San Antonio](#)
- Incident Support Team (IST) Deployed to San Antonio, TX

Federal Partners:

- USCG is providing water rescue helicopter resources under their own authorities (Region 6 RA, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, Jul 16)
- National Guard ground transport and air support on alert pending any state request (NGB LNO to FEMA as of 11:25 a.m. ET, Jul 16)

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).



Declaration Request – Texas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – TX

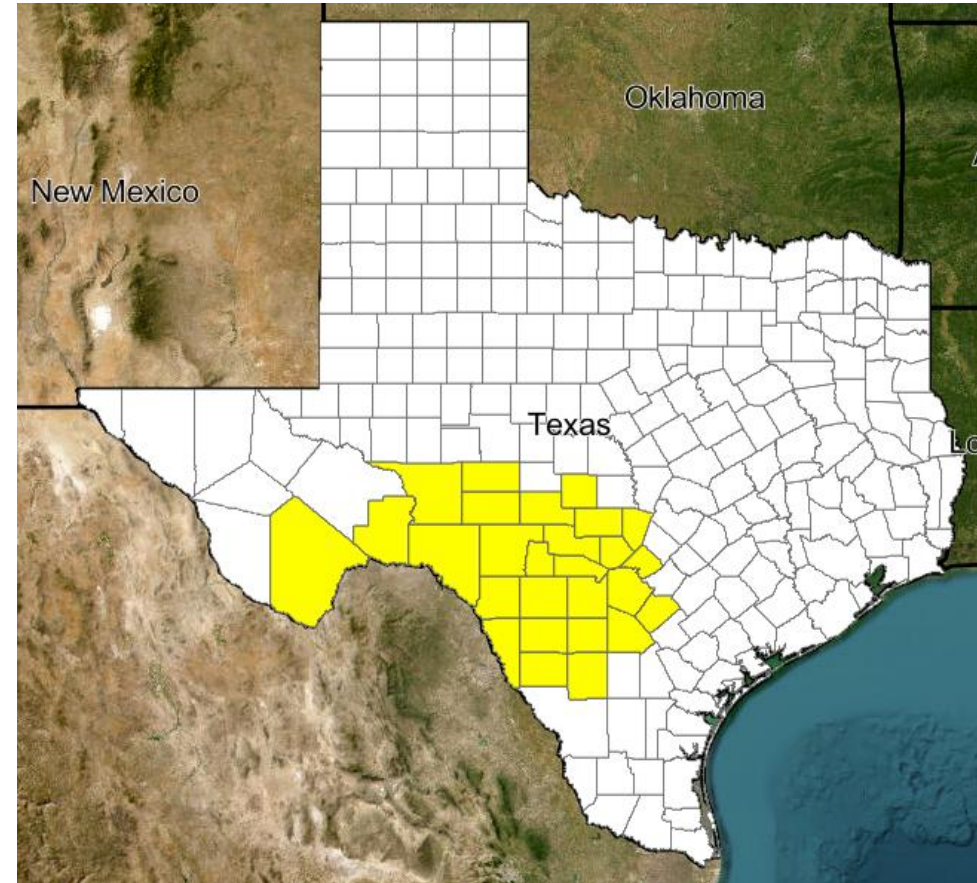
Date Requested: Jul 17

Incident: Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jul 12 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 28 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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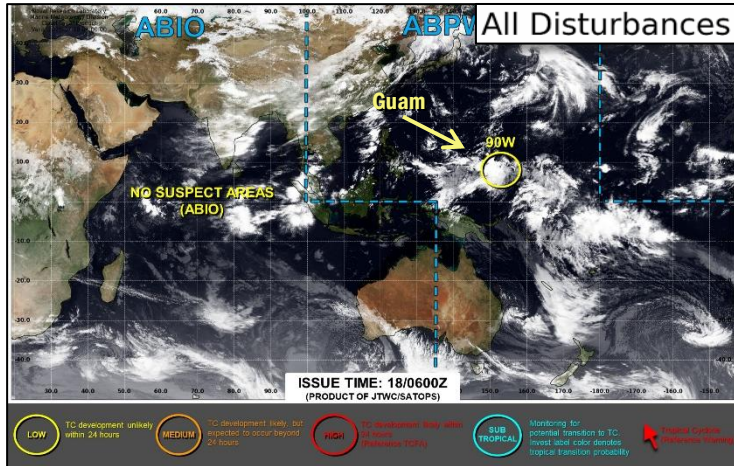


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Tropical Outlook

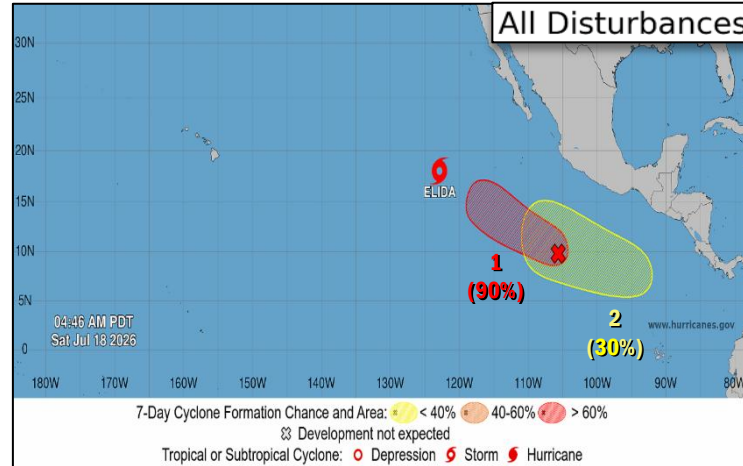
Western Pacific



Invest 90W: (JTWC as of 1:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 800 miles SE of Guam
- Moving NW
- Max sustained winds of 26-32 mph
- Favorable for environmental development
- Formation chance – 24-hour: Low

Eastern and Central Pacific



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

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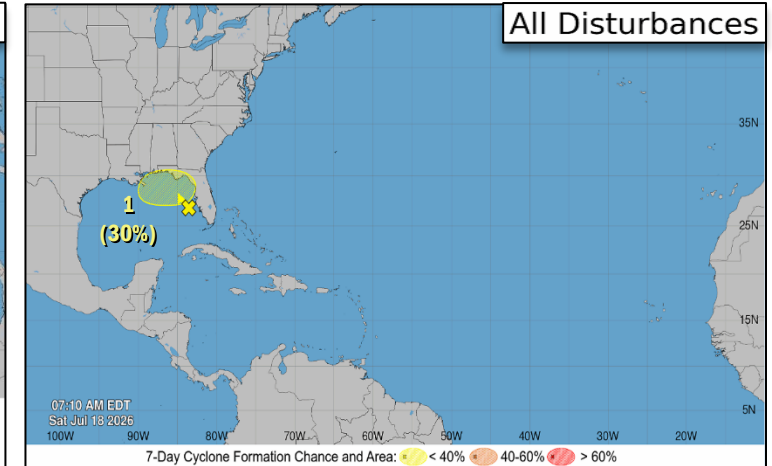
Disturbance 1 (EP97): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- SSW of the coast of Southwestern Mexico
- Moving WNW 10-15 mph
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for development, and a tropical depression is expected to form over the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (90%); 7-day: High (90%)

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

- Located well to the S of Southern Mexico
- Moving W to WNW
- Gradual development is possible during the middle to latter part of next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (0%); 7-day: Low (30%)

Atlantic



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

- Located over the eastern Gulf of America near Florida
- Some gradual development of this system over the next several days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Low (30%)



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Tropical Storm Elida – Eastern Pacific

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

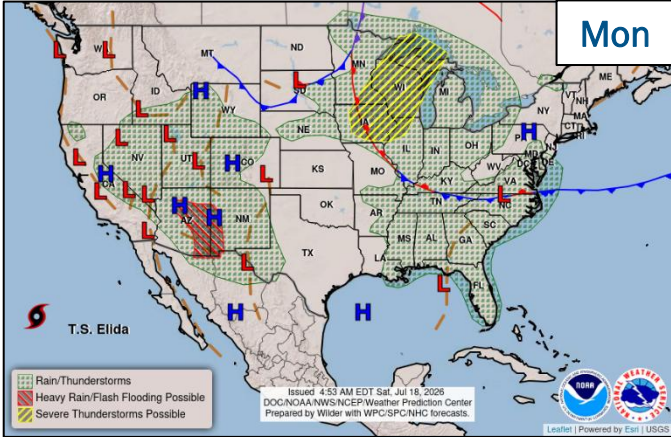
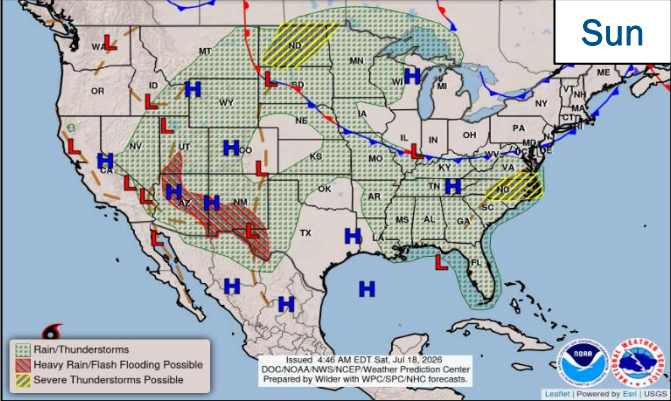
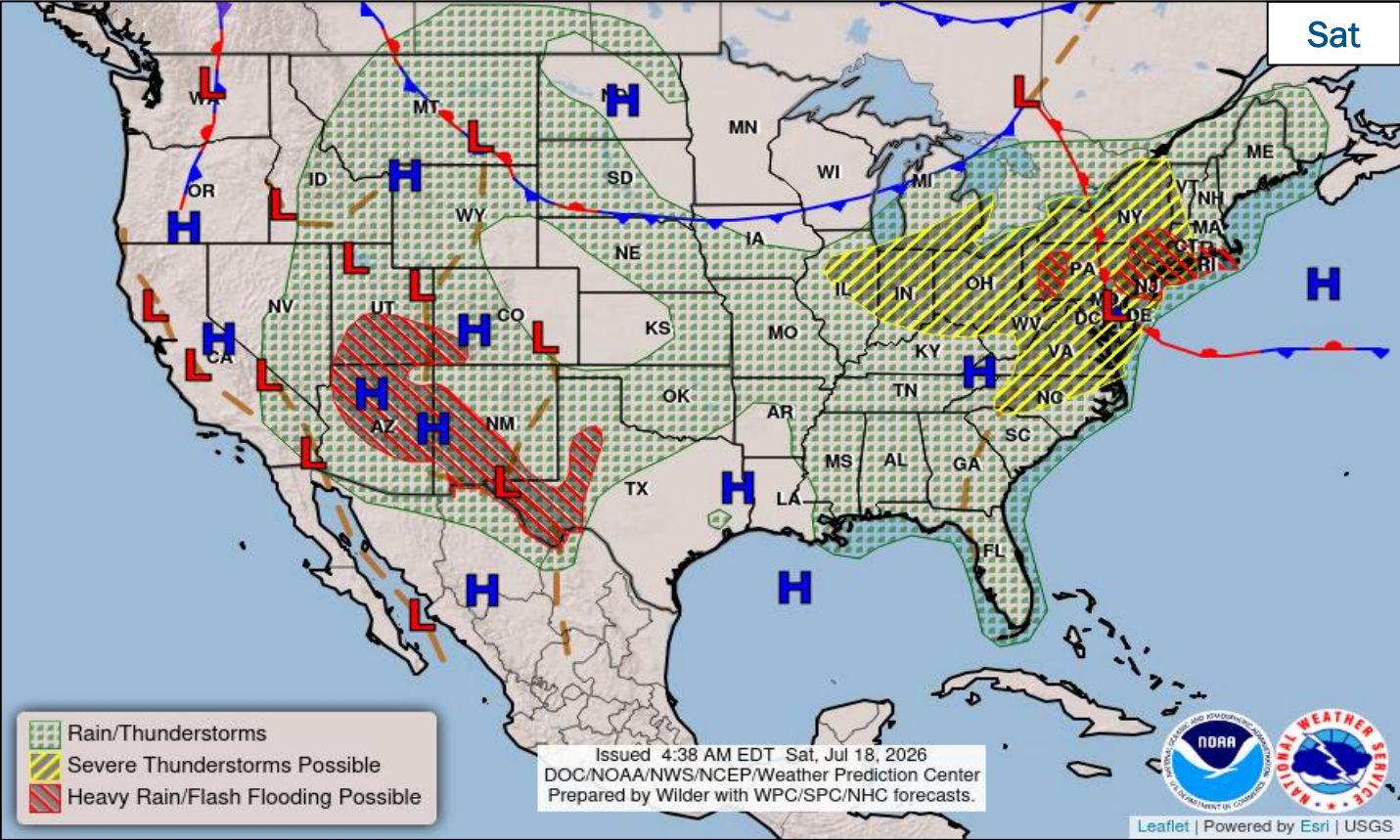
- Located approximately **900 miles WSW** of southern tip of Baja California
- Moving **NW** at **10** mph
- Maximum sustained winds of **65** mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **195** miles from center
- Weakening is forecast to begin over the weekend and continue into early next week
- **Swells generated by Elida will affect portions of the west coast of the Baja California peninsula through this weekend, causing life-threatening surf and rip current conditions**



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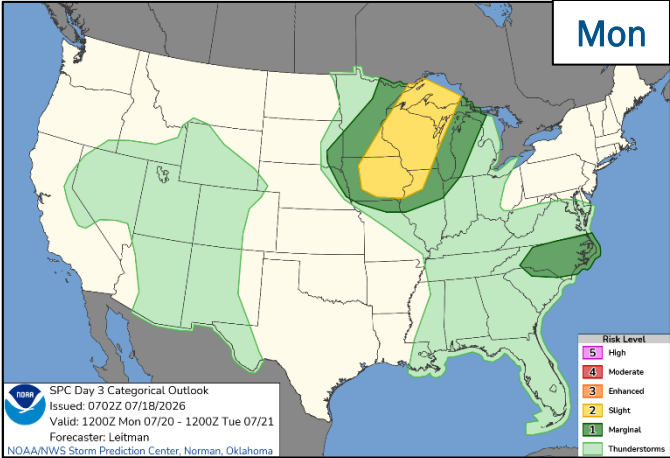
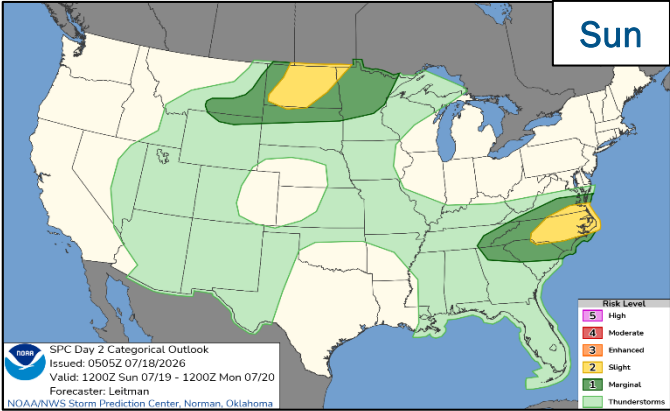
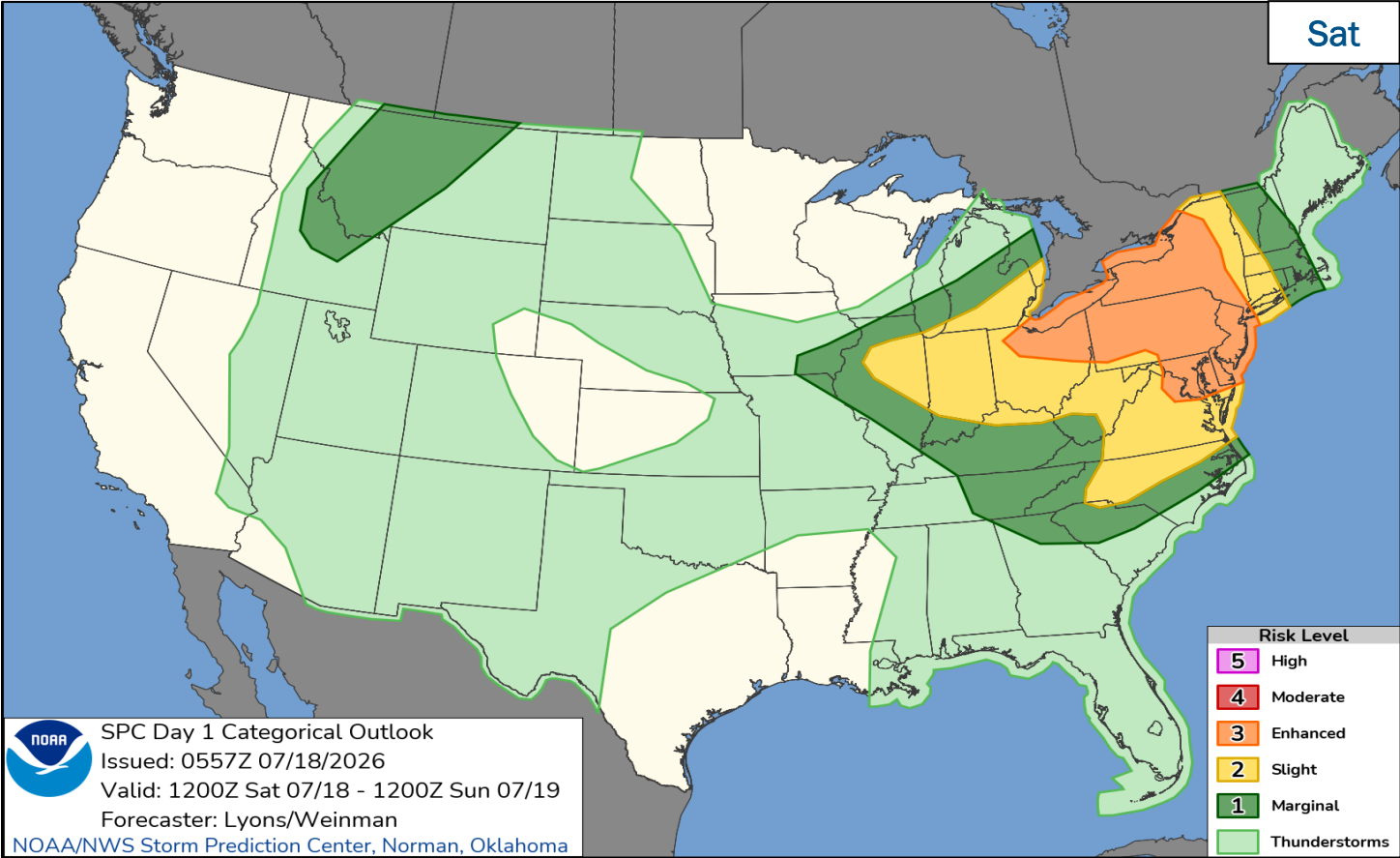
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National Weather Forecast



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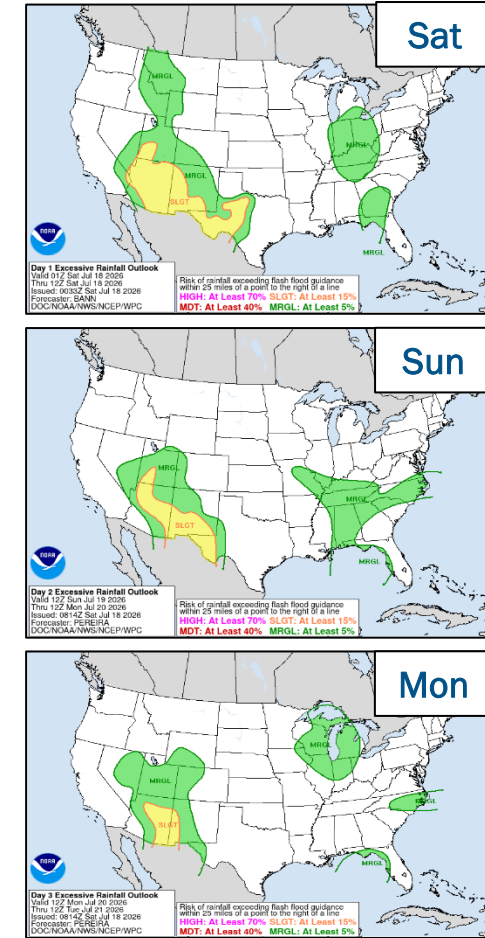
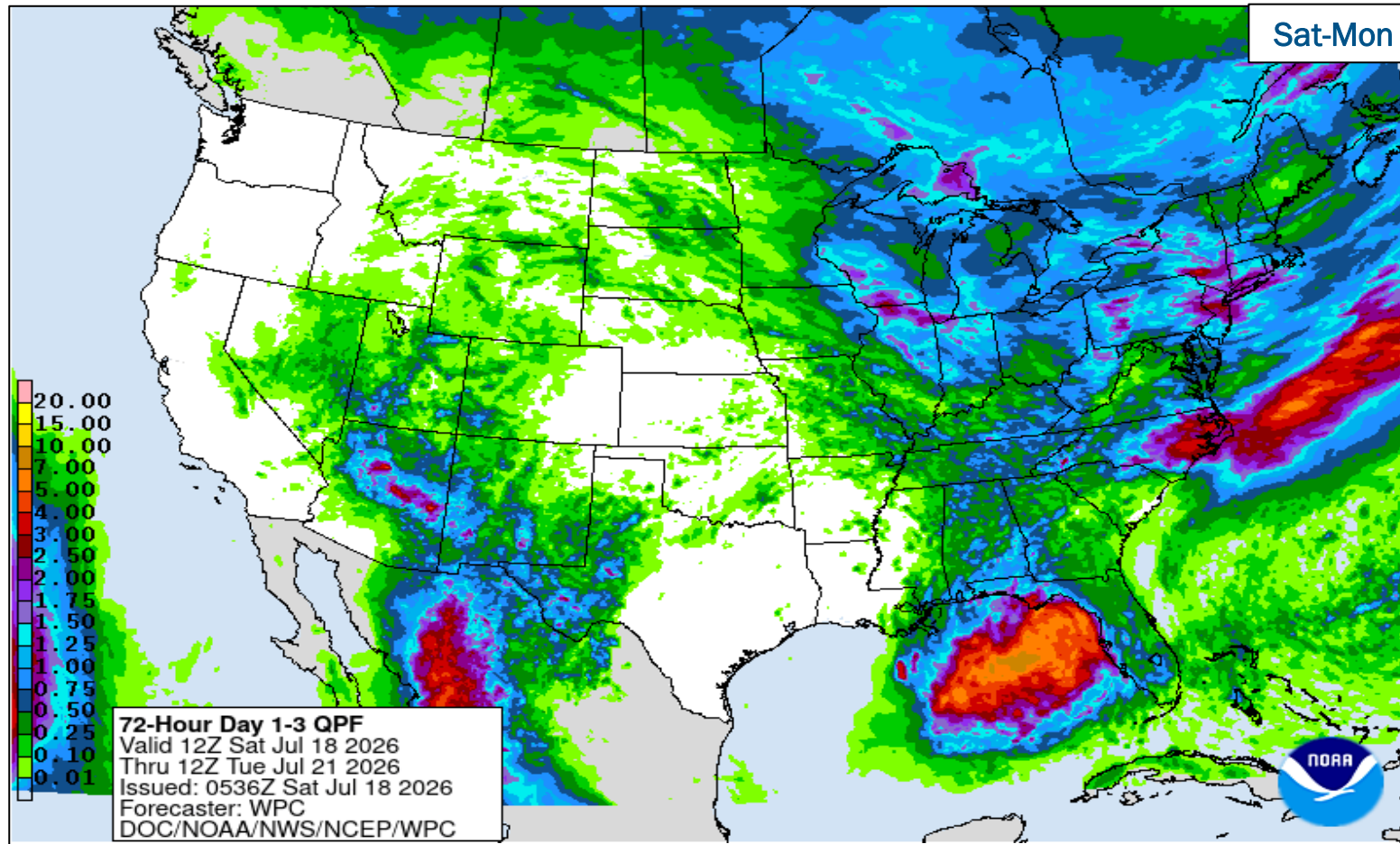
Severe Weather Outlook



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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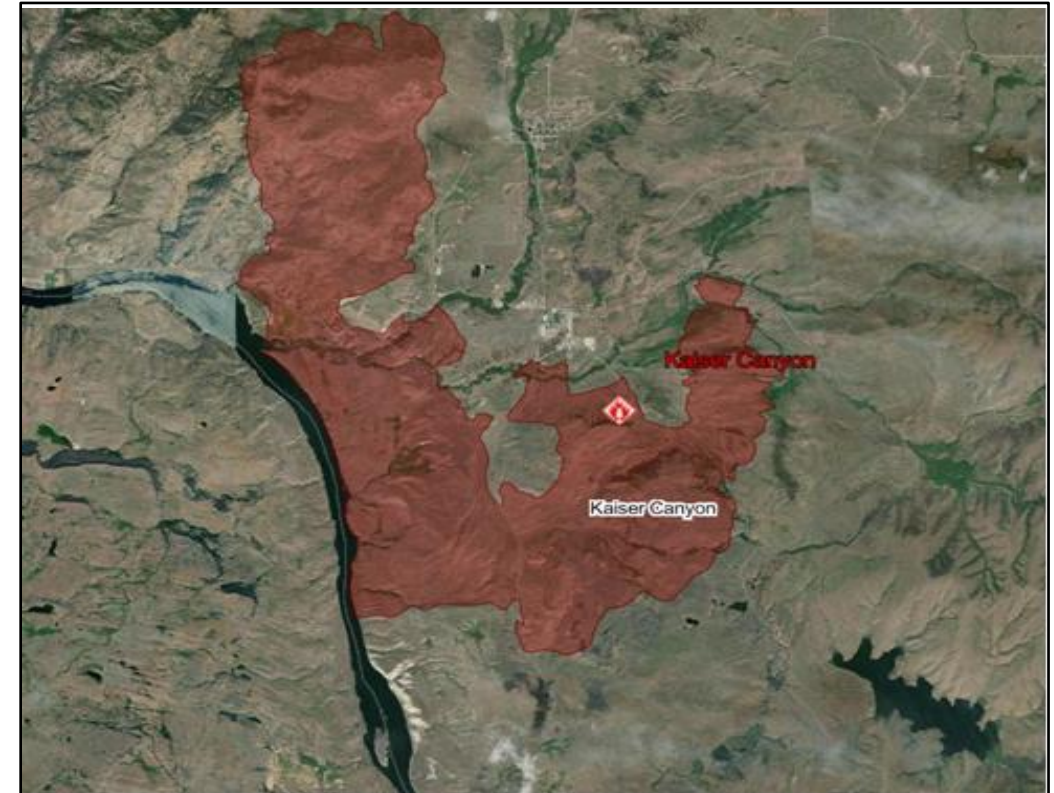
Kaiser Canyon Fire – WA

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA)	XXXX-FM-WA	3,500	0%	M: 220	H: 88	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 Kaiser Canyon Fire. The fire is burning on tribal land near the communities of Belvedere and Nespelem (*pop.* 220). At the time of the request, approximately 88 primary homes were threatened with multiple tribal facilities and infrastructure. (*Region 10 Approval Notification, as of 6:16 p.m. ET*)

Response:

- FMAG approved Jul 17
- WA SEOC AT Partial Activation (FIFA World Cup/Fire Season)
- Region 10 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC at Enhanced (FIFA World Cup / America 250)



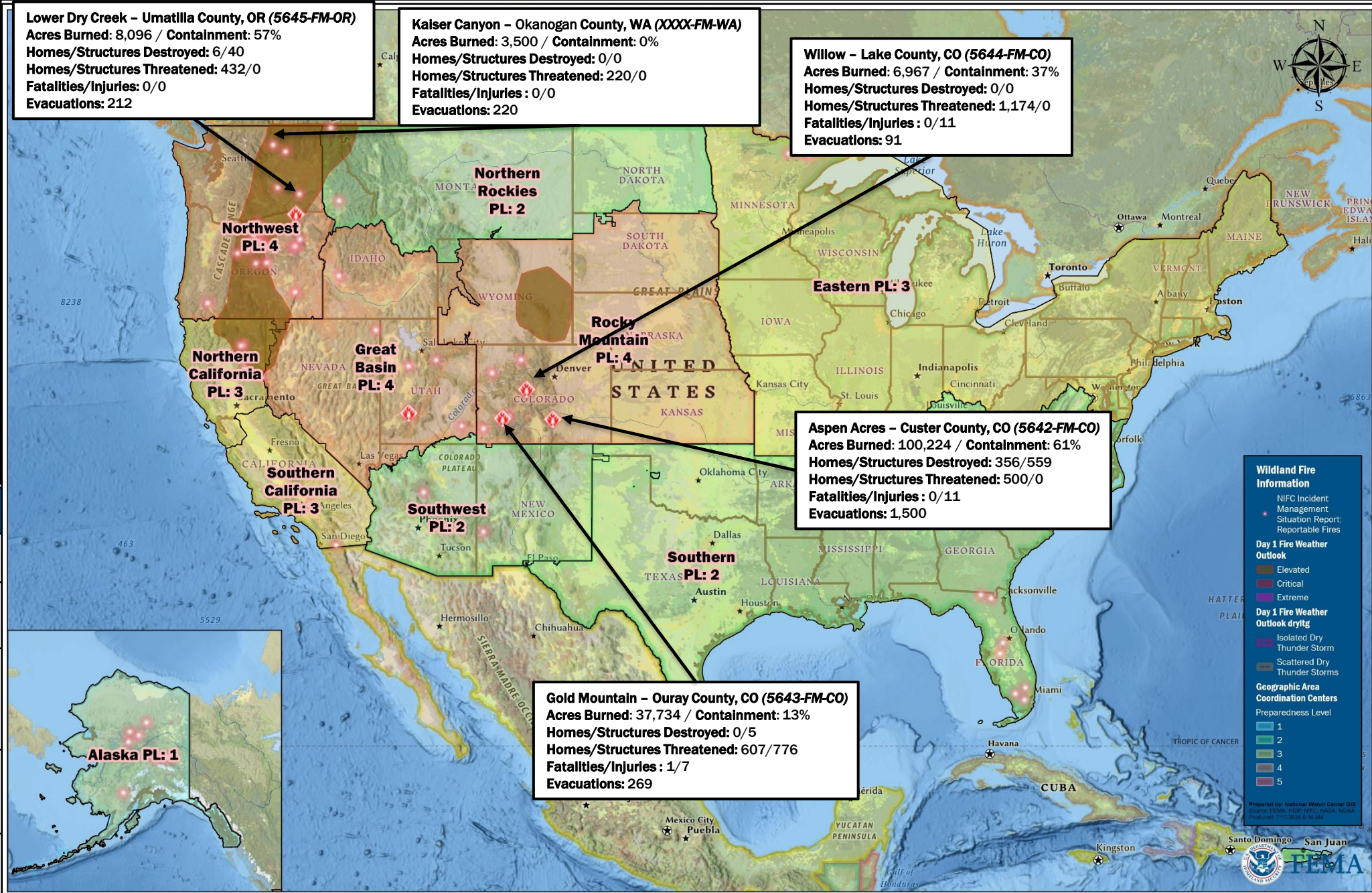
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National Fire Activity – July 18, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (158 fires)
New Large Fires	23
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	68
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	3,716,104
Total Responders	17,482
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	15
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	
Aspen Acres (Custer, CO)	5642-FM-CO	100,224 (+404)	61% (+13)	M: 1,500	H: 500	H: 50	H: 356 (+2)	0 / 11
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 9	O: 559	
Gold Mountain (Ouray, CO)	5643-FM-CO	37,734	13%	M: 269	H: 607	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 7
				V: 0	O: 776	O: 0	O: 5	
Willow (Lake, CO)	5644-FM-CO	6,967 (+90)	37%	M: 91	H: 1,174	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 11
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Lower Dry Creek (Umatilla, OR)	5645-FM-OR	8,096 (+1,343)	57% (+52)	M: 212 (-269)	H: 432	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0 (-328)	O: 1	O: 40	

(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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NWC

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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: NM Burn Scar Flooding
- R9 Watch: Staffing
- R2 RRCC: FIFA World Cup/America 250 (Day Shift Only)
- R6 RRCC: Flooding
- R9 RRCC: Staffing
- R10 RRCC: Staffing

IMATs:

- NIMAT-Red: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
- NIMAT-White: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
- NIMAT-Blue: Deployed (Texas Flooding)
- 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: Deployed (Austin/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/DR: Wildfires
- WV: FIFA World Cup Fire Season
- KY/TX: Severe Weather
- MP: TC Sinkaku/TC Bawi
- 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 Bawi
- MO: Flooding/Severe Weather
- MN: Wildfire Risk
- WI: Support for DR-4923

Incident Workforce

19,140

Assigned a Disaster Title

7,124 / 37%

Deployed

5,376 / 28%

Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

6,640 / 35%

Remaining

Surge Capacity Force

7,692 / 0 / 769

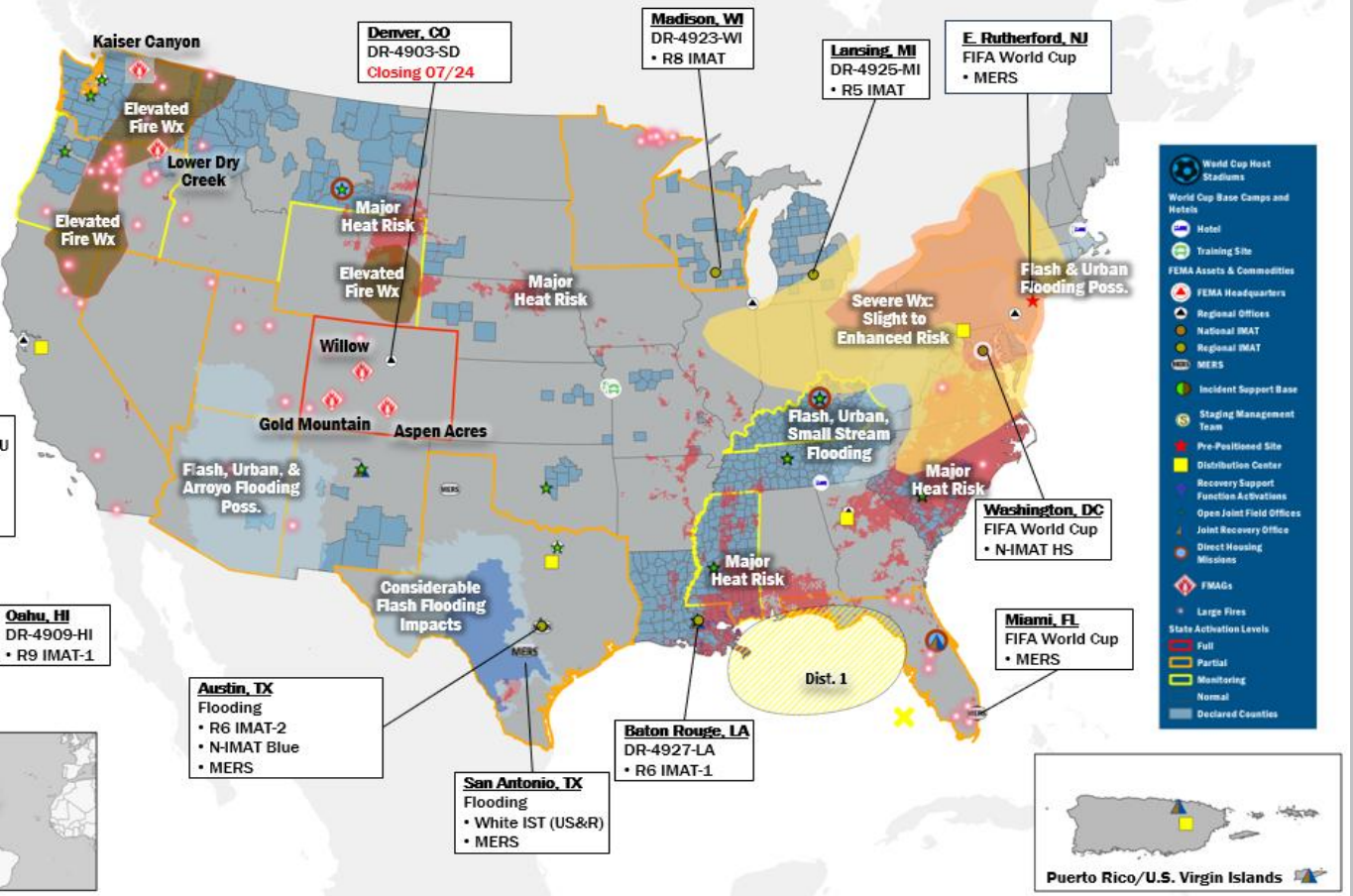
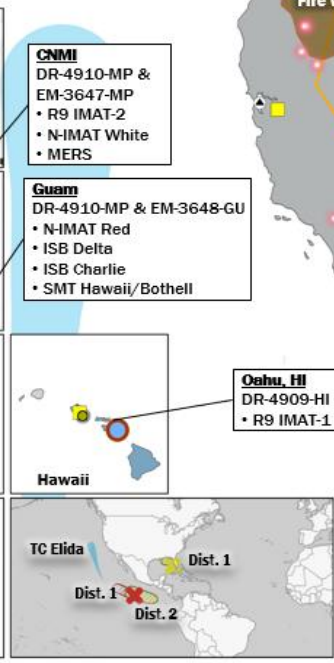
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

Saturday

July 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	1	0	0
R4	4	12	0	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	6	2	3
R7	0	3	0	0
R8	1	6	0	0
R9	0	4	4	0
R10	4	7	0	0



- World Cup Host Stadiums
- World Cup Base Camps and Hotels
- Hotel
- Training Site
- FEMA Assets & Commodities
- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- MERS
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Recovery Support
- Function Activation
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing
- Milestones
- FMAOs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Countries

National IMAT

- GU Red
- MP White
- TX 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				Housing		
				THSS Selma, AL	MHU	TT
CONUS	DC Tracy, CA			THSS Cumberland, MD	107%	200%
	DC Atlanta, GA	37% ¹	70% ²	79%		
	DC Fort Worth, TX					
	DC Greencastle, PA					
OCONUS	DC Guam	92%	100%	84% ³		
	DC Hawaii	99%	93%	42% ³		
	DC Caribbean	86%	88%	78%		

Logistics Staffing

Distribution Centers		Staff		Housing		Staff	
CONUS	DC Tracy, CA	67%		THSS Selma, AL	65%		
	DC Atlanta, GA	80%		THSS Cumberland, MD	73%		
	DC Fort Worth, TX	57%					
	DC Greencastle, PA	89%					
OCONUS	DC Guam	77%					
	DC Hawaii	70%					
	DC Caribbean	92%					

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	5
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	22
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	
Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	27 (19 FCOOR)
Available	9

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	2 (+2)	7/14 - 7/17
			PA	0	0	N/A
R4	KY	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Hail, Flooding, and Landslides Jun 18-27	IA	24	14	7/6 - TBD
			PA	101	15	7/8 - TBD
	MS	TS Arthur Jun 18-20	IA	4	0	TBD
			PA	8	0	TBD
R5	IN	Severe Weather & Flooding	IA	9	0	7/16 - TBD
			PA	16	0	7/16 - TBD
R7	IA	Severe Storms Jul 3-16	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	7	0	TBD - TBD
	KS	Severe Weather Jun 4-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34 (+1)	21	6/22 - TBD
		Severe Weather Jun 18-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	0	TBD - TBD
	MO	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 9-11	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	9	0	7/21 - TBD
R8	OST*	Severe Storms & Flooding	IA	1	0	7/6 - TBD
			PA	1	0	7/6 - TBD
	SD	Severe Storms, Winds, and Tornadoes Jun 29-Jul 3	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/16 - TBD
R10	ID	Severe Storms & 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 – 7

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 15
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
TX - Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X		Jul 17



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