

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Western Wildfires

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical fire weather – Central Great Basin
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (50%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Hilda
 - Tropical Storm Jimena
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (60%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG approved: River Fire – CA

Event Monitoring

- None



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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

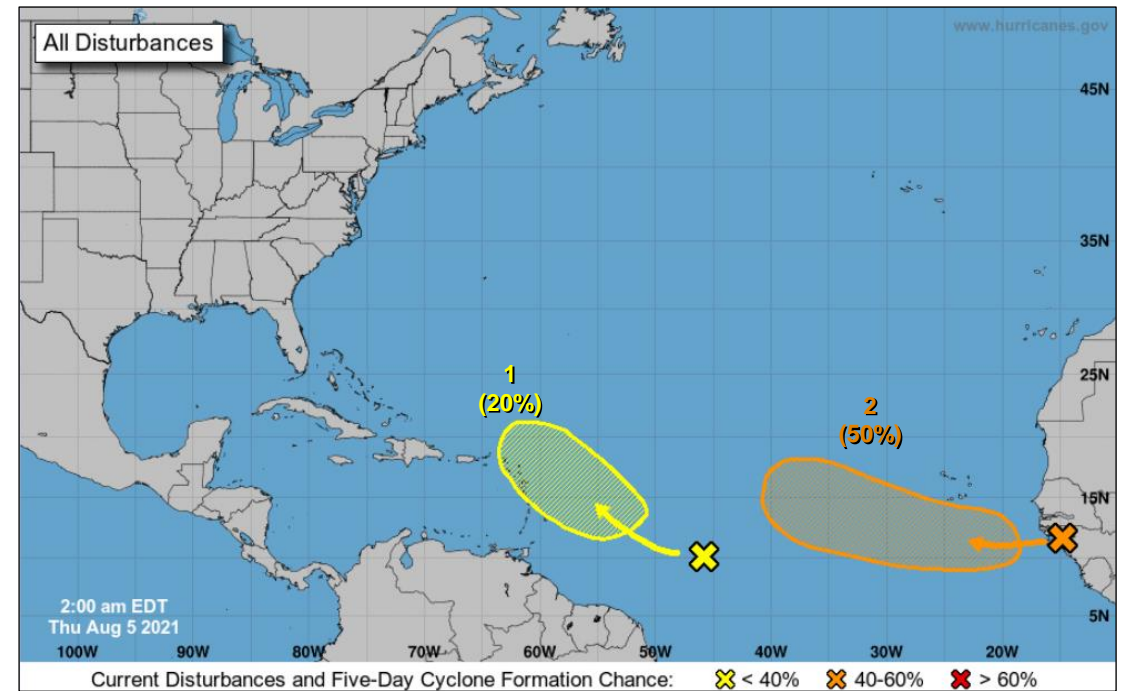
Atlantic

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

- Expected to move off the west African coast later today
- Moving W to WNW at 15 mph
- A tropical depression could form by early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 5-day: Medium (50%)

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

- Located over the central tropical Atlantic
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Conditions are expected to be marginally conducive for some slow development east of the Lesser Antilles by early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 5-day: Low (20%)



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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

Eastern Pacific

Tropical Storm Hilda (Advisory #23 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

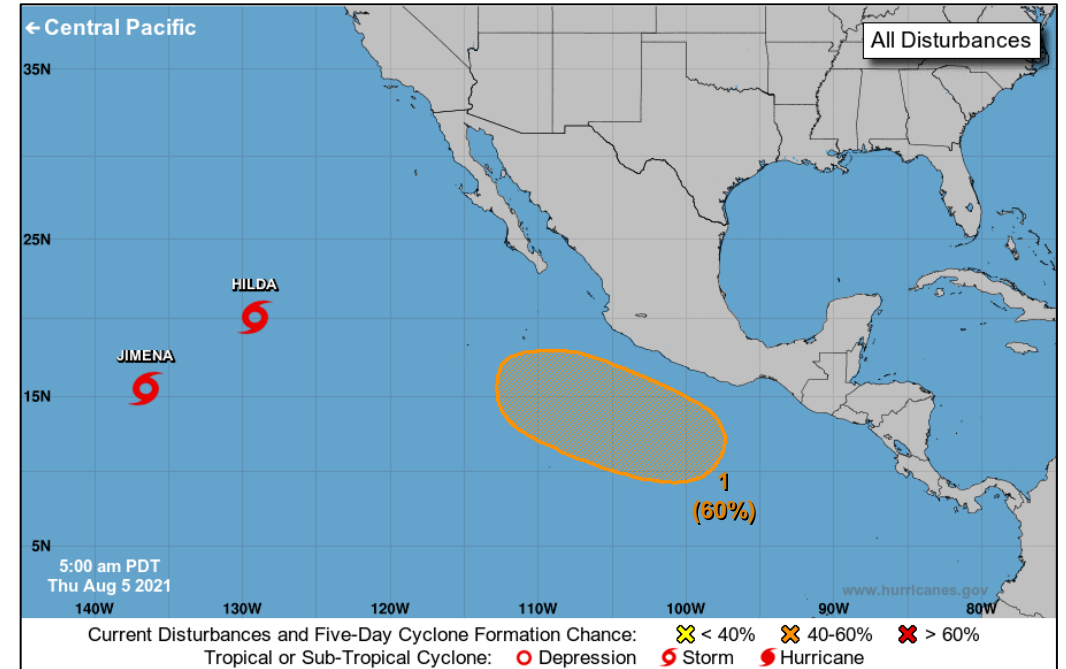
- 1,255 miles W of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving WNW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Weakening is forecast during the next 48 hours
- Forecast to become a tropical depression later today and degenerate into a remnant low on Friday
- Tropical storm force winds extend 60 miles

Tropical Storm Jimena (Advisory #10 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,810 miles WSW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving NW at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Little change in strength is forecast during the next 24 hours
- Tropical storm force winds extend 45 miles

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


- Expected to develop a few hundred miles offshore of the southwestern coast of Mexico by this Sunday
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- A tropical depression could form early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 5-day: Medium (60%)



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Atlantic – NOAA Hurricane Season Outlook

ATLANTIC 	AVERAGE	MAY OUTLOOK	AUG OUTLOOK	ACTUAL*
NAMED STORMS	14	13–20	15–21	5
HURRICANES	7	6–10	7–10	1
MAJOR HURRICANES	3	3–5	3–5	0

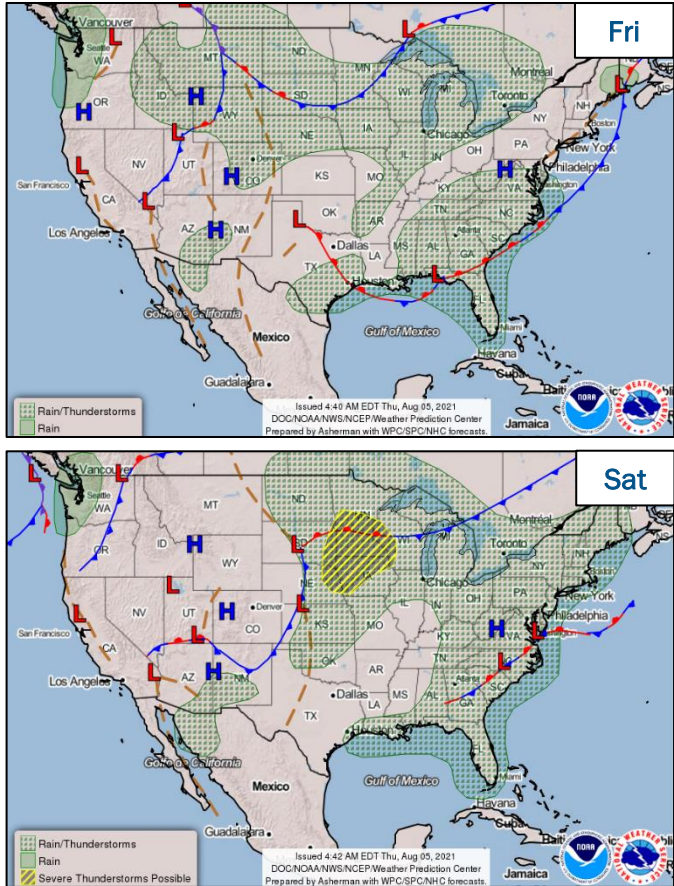
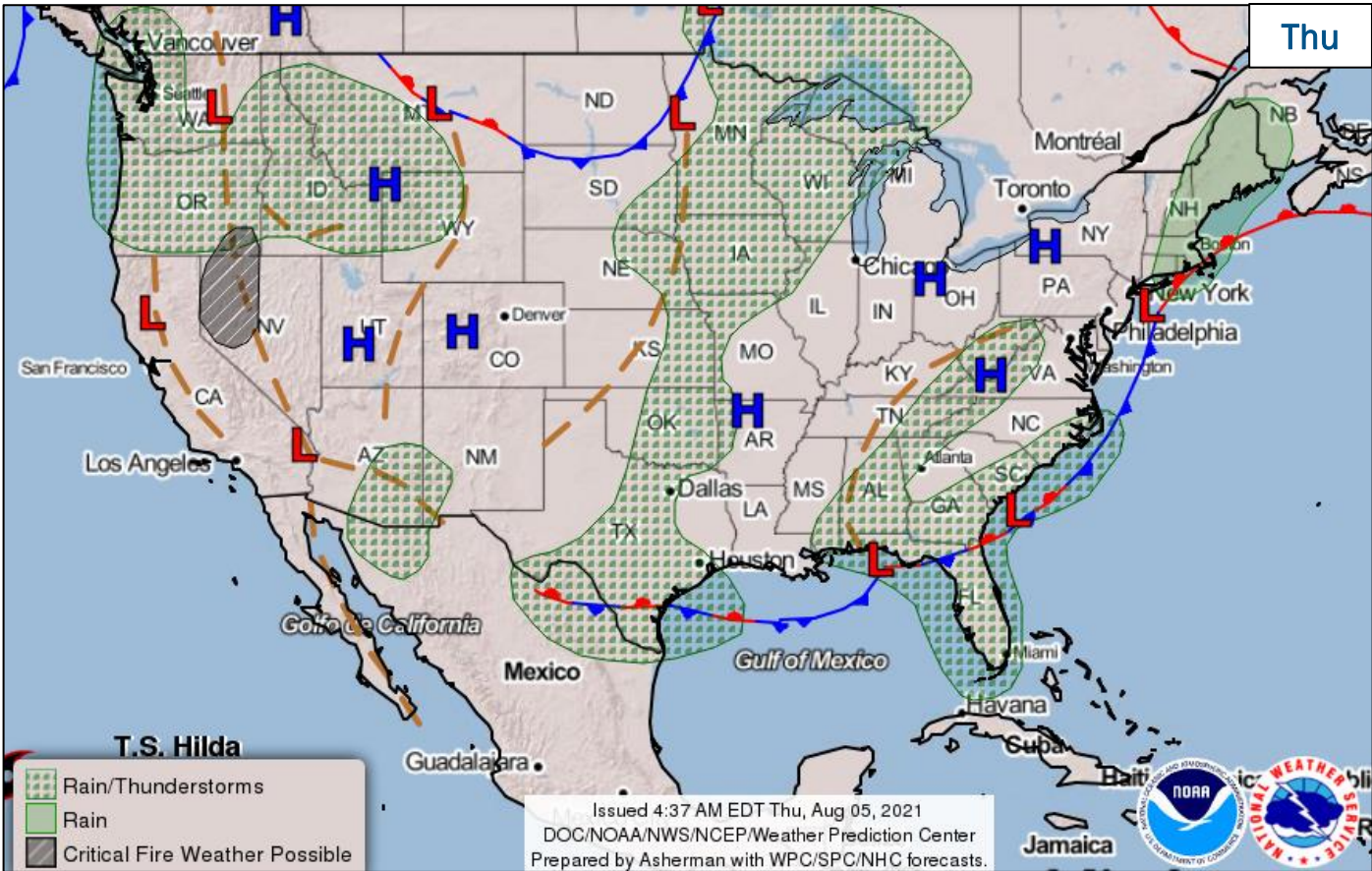
*through 5 August



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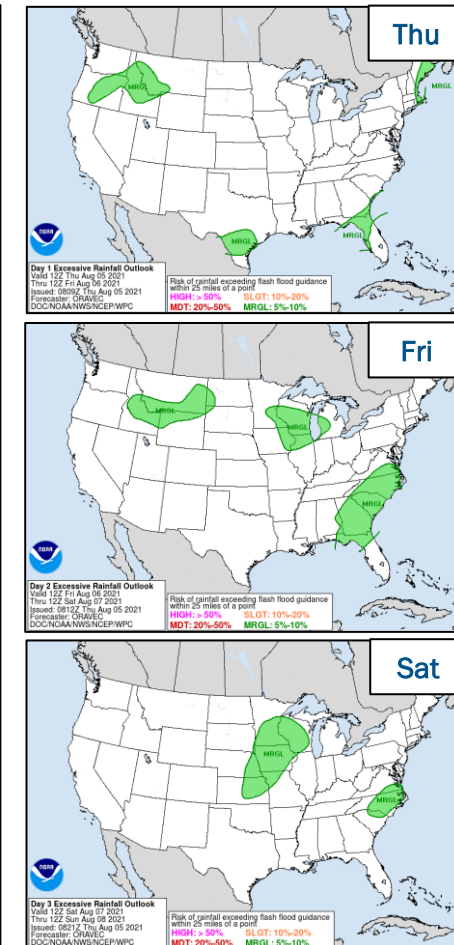
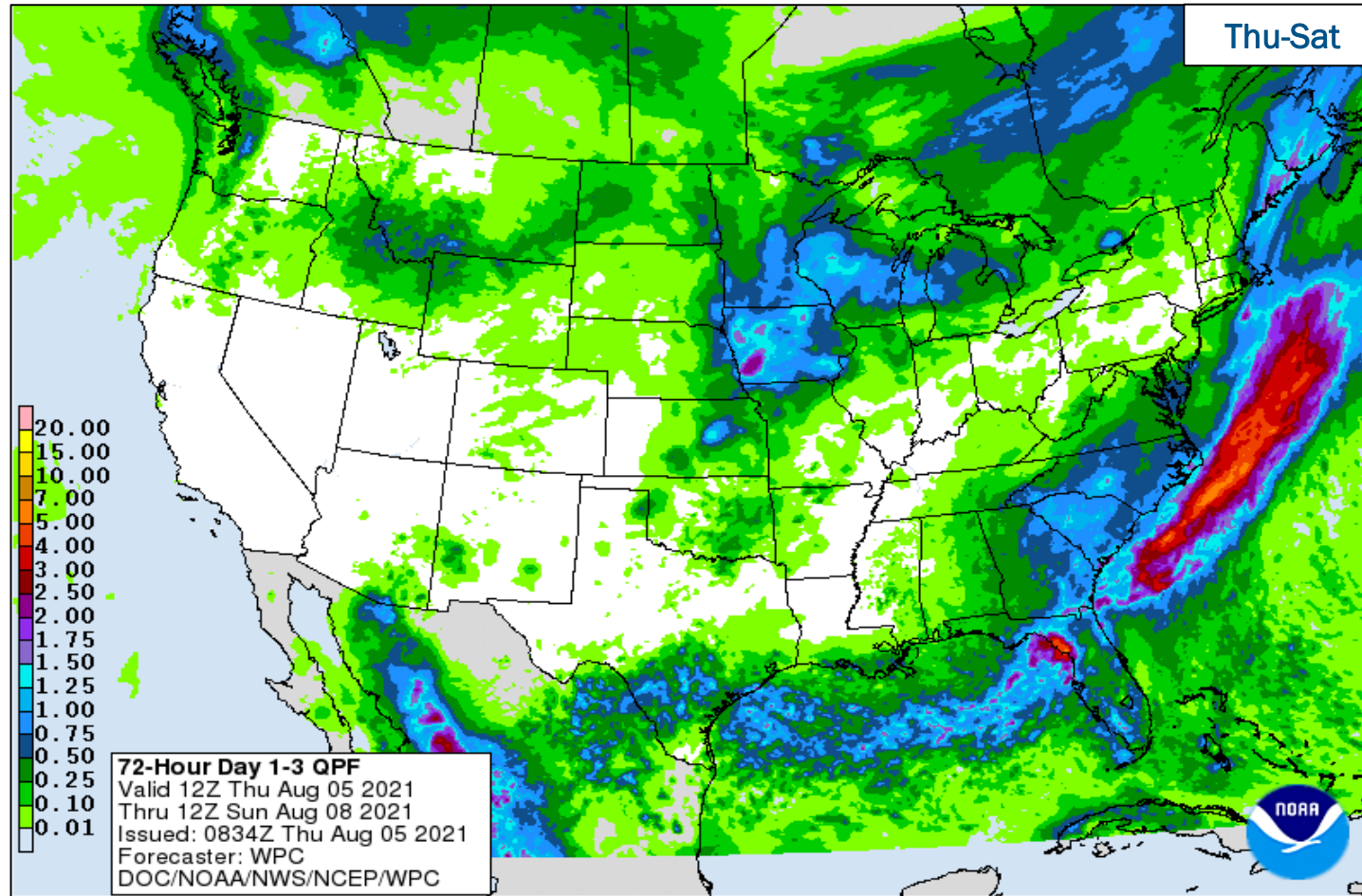
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National Weather Forecast



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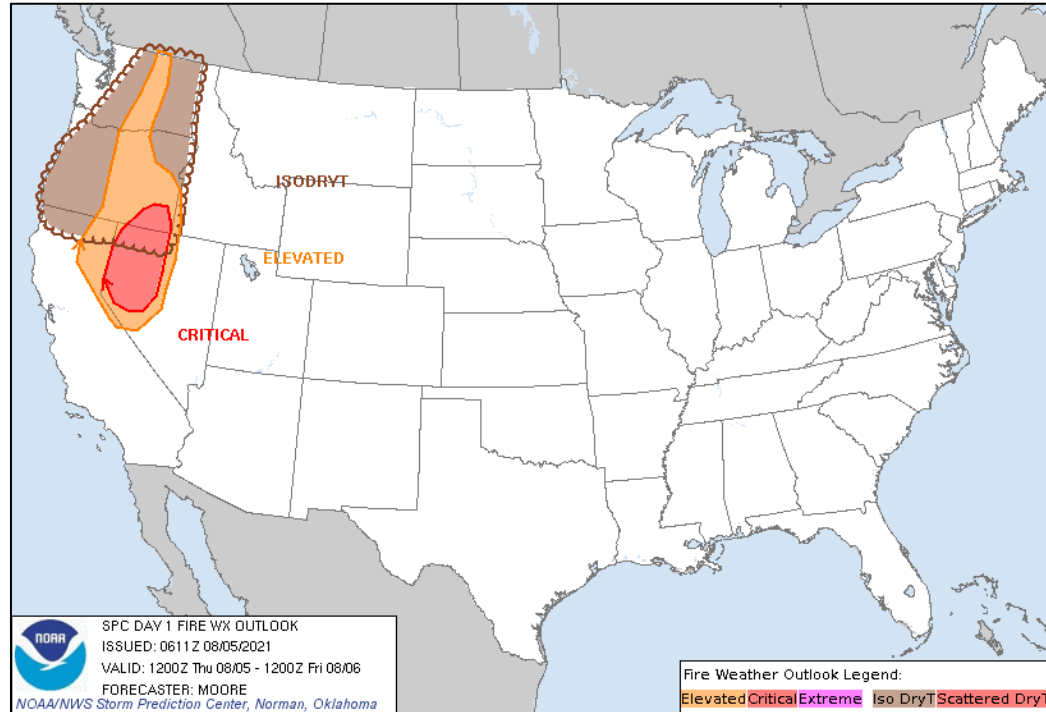
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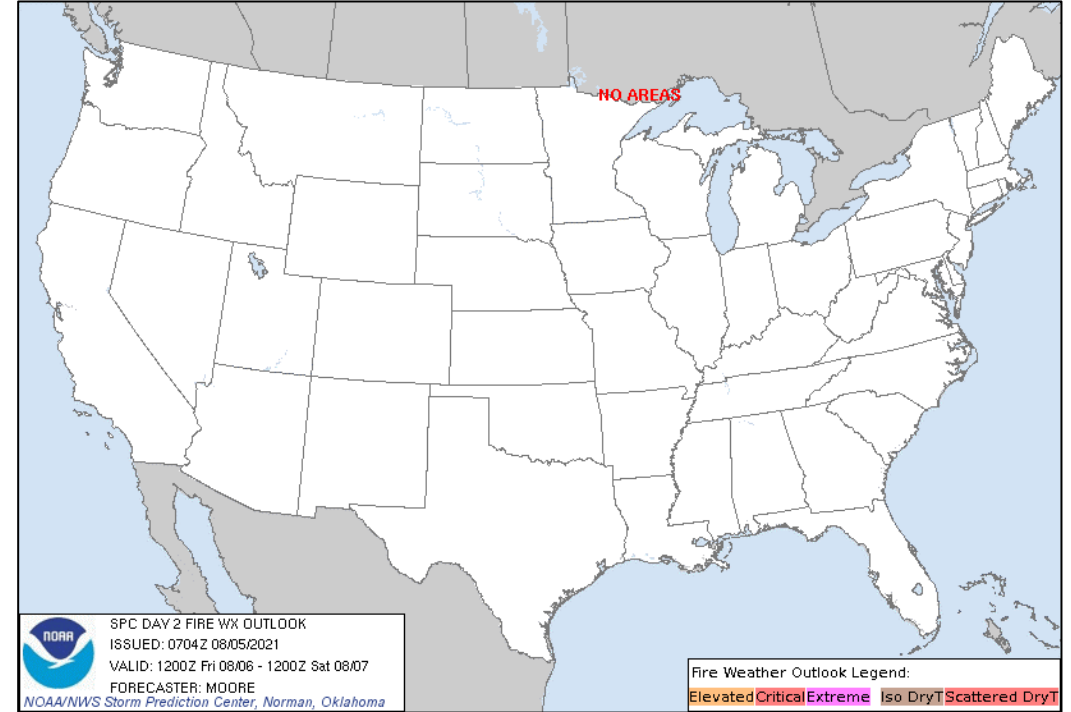
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Fire Weather Outlook



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River Fire – California

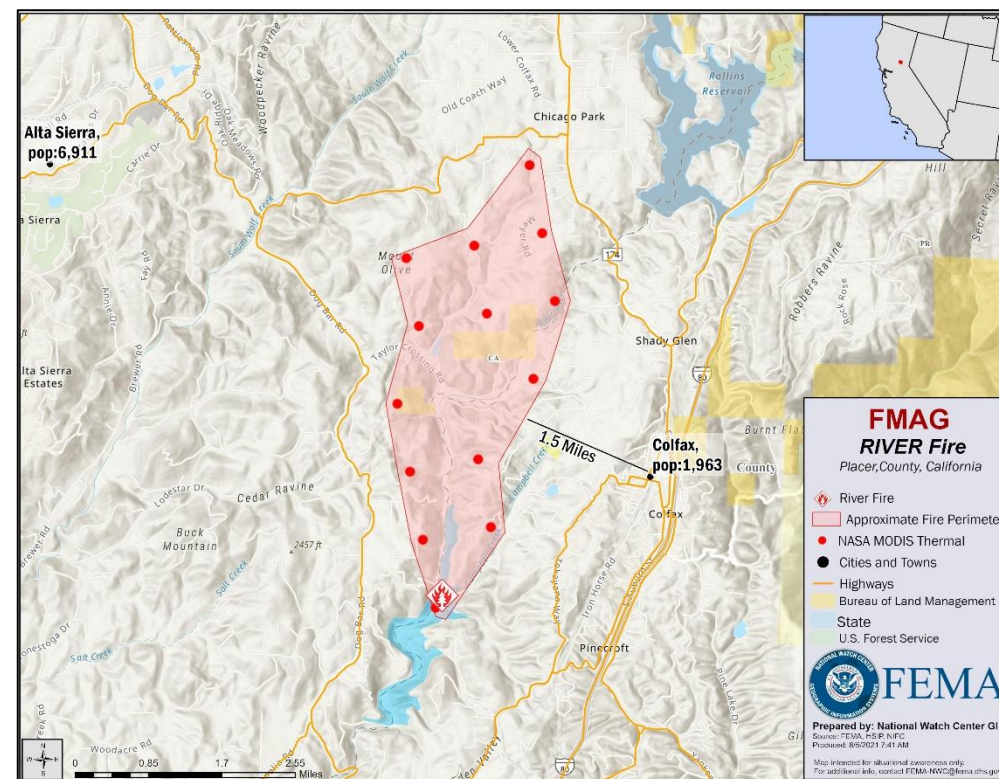
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
River Fire (Placer and Nevada, CA)	5405-FM-CA	3,000	0%	M:4,300	H: 2,200	H: 0	H: 13	0 / 0
				V: 1,000	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

- The fire began on August 4 and is burning on state and private land on the Placer County/Nevada County border
- Threatening 2,200 homes in and around Colfax (population 9,000); 95% of the threatened homes are primary residences
- Also threatening USPS, several schools, a community center, the Rolling Reservoir Powerhouse, and high voltage transmission lines impacting the local area and Sacramento
- 2 evacuation centers are open

Response:

- CA EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires and COVID-19)
- Region IX RWC and the NWC are monitoring
- FMAG approved August 5

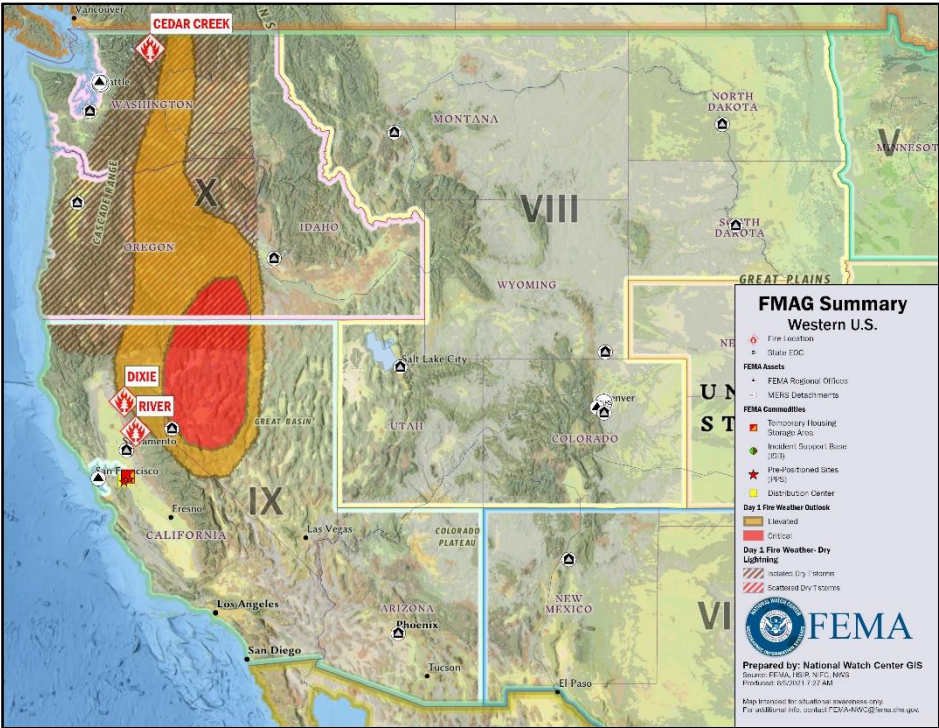


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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
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Cedar Creek (Okanogan, WA)	5401-FM WA	52,498 (+468)	25%	M: 800	H: 661	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 7
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Dixie (Plumas, CA)	5400-FM CA	278,227 (+23,761)	35%	M: 26,430 (+4,420)	H: 12,318 (+256)	H: 5	H: 45	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 120	O: 4	O: 22	



(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	NH	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 17-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	8/4 – TBD
	VT	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	8/4 – TBD
	MA	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 16-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	8/9 – TBD
IV	KY	Severe Storms, Flooding and Flash Flooding Jul 30	IA	1	0	8/5 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
V	MI	Severe Weather and Flooding Jun 25-26	IA	2	2	7/8 – 7/12
			PA	3	0	7/8 – TBD
VII	NE	Severe Storms Jul 9-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	13	11 (+1)	7/27 – TBD



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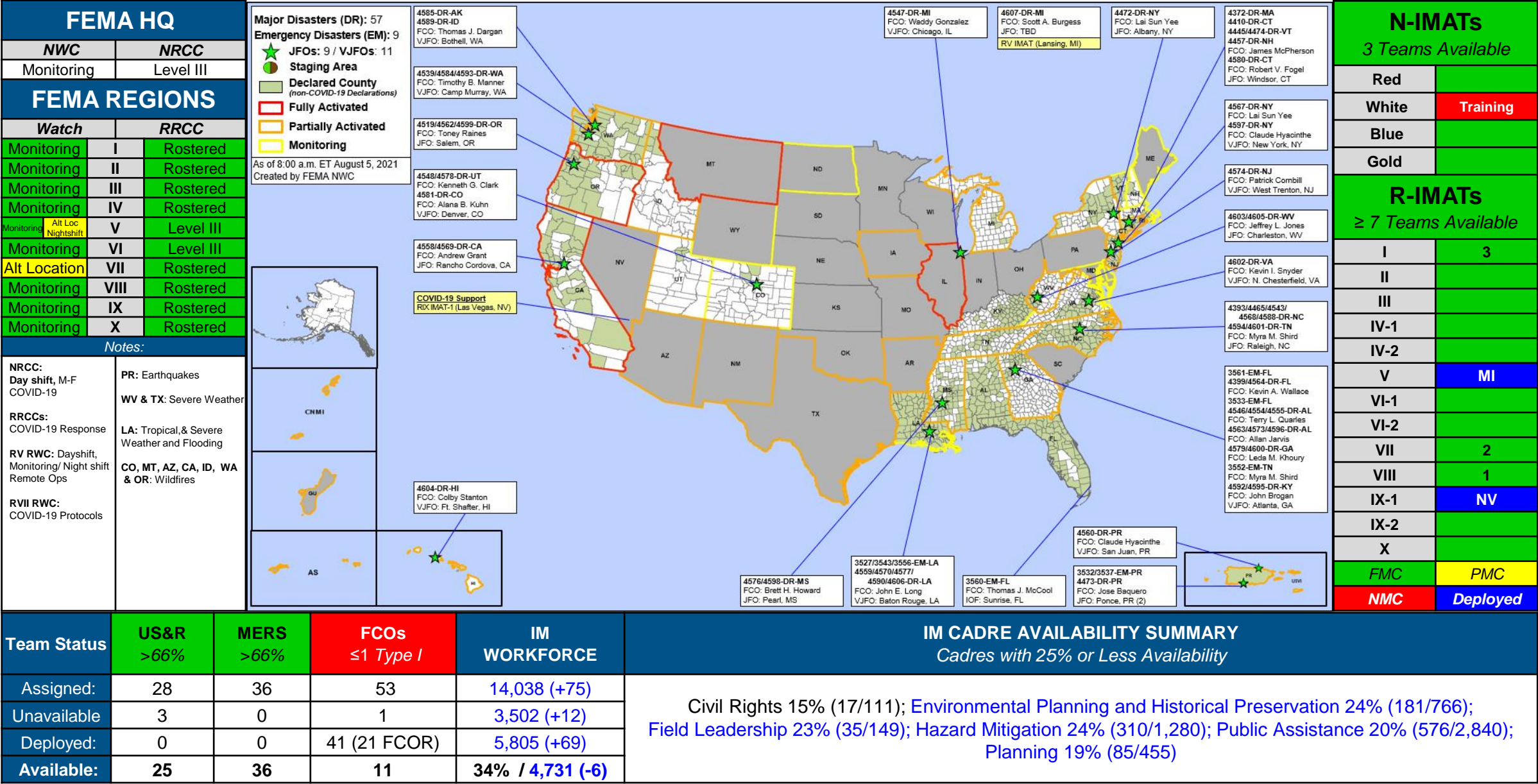
Declaration Requests in Process – 2

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X		X	8/03
MT – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	7/29



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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