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# Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, August 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Remnants of Fred
- Tropical Storm Grace
- Earthquake – Haiti

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG approval – Parleys Canyon Fire, UT

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain/flash flooding possible – Southwest, FL, & Mid-Atlantic
- Tropical Activity
  - Atlantic:
    - Remnants of Fred
    - Tropical Storm Grace
    - **Disturbance 1: Low (30%)**
  - Eastern Pacific:
    - **Hurricane Linda (CAT 3)**
  - Western Pacific:
    - **Tropical Depression 16W**

## Event Monitoring

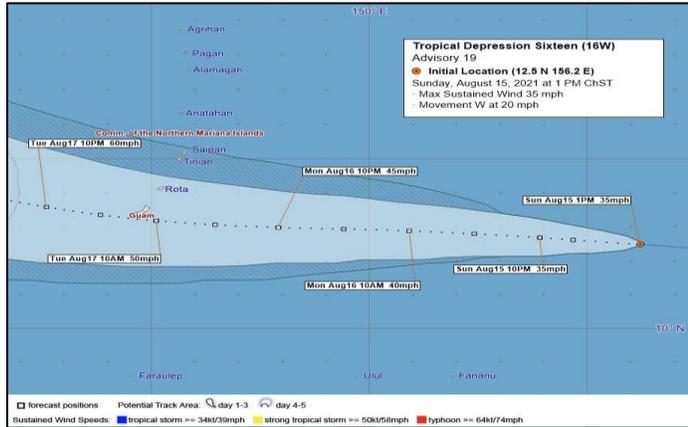
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# Tropical Outlook – Five Day

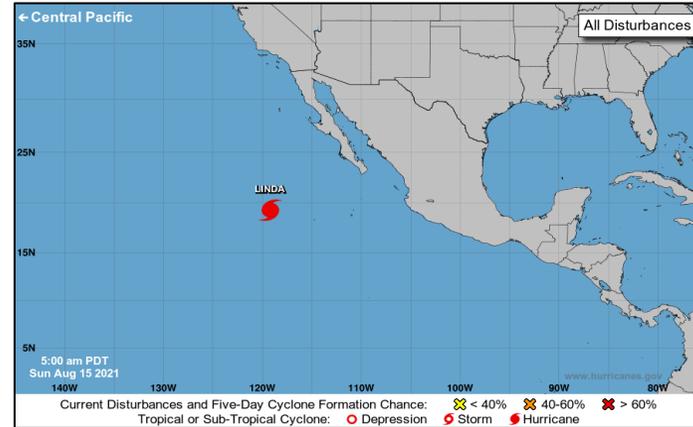
## Western Pacific



### Tropical Depression 16W (Advisory #19 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 775 miles E of Guam
- Moving W at 20 mph
- Gusts could reach 50 mph

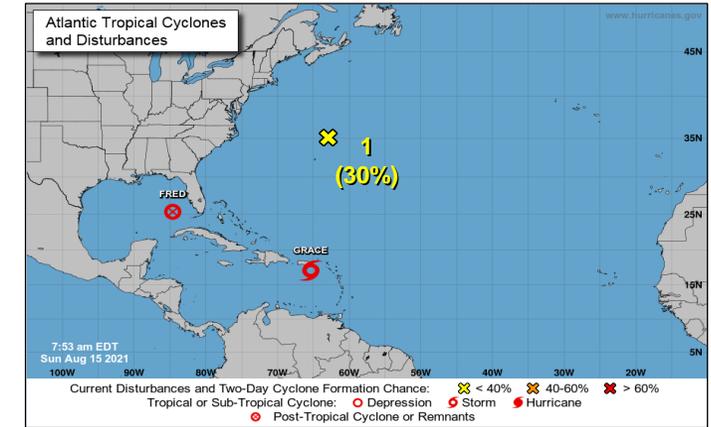
## Eastern Pacific



### Hurricane Linda (CAT 3) (Advisory #21 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 650 miles WSW of Baja California
- Moving WNW at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 115 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend 25 miles
- Tropical storm force winds extend 105 miles
- Gradual weakening the next couple days

## Atlantic



### Remnants of Fred (Advisory #23 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 390 miles SSE of Pensacola, FL
- Moving WNW at 8 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (90%); 5 days: High (90%)

### Tropical Storm Grace (Advisory #8 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 100 miles SE of San Juan, PR
- Moving WNW at 16 mph
- Maximum sustained winds at 40 mph
- Some strengthening is expected over the next couple of days
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend 35 miles

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

- 200 miles NNE of Bermuda
- Some gradual development possible
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (30%); 5 day: Low (30%)

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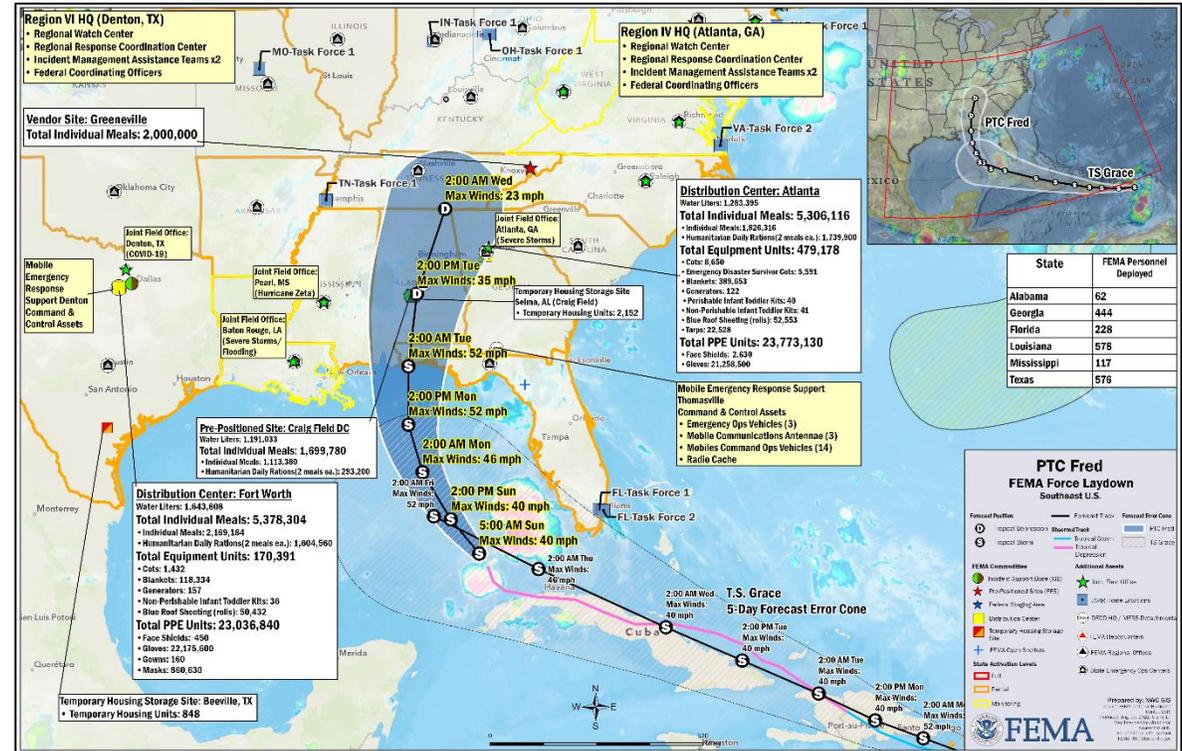
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# Remnants of Fred - Preparations

**Situation:** Tropical Cyclone Fred has degenerated into a tropical wave; all Tropical Storm Warnings have been discontinued. Fred is expected to re-develop into a tropical depression today, and gradually strengthen into a tropical storm. Impacts expected to remain within state, local, and tribal capabilities.

## FEMA Preparations

- Region IV RWC at Enhanced Watch
  - RRCC rostered, on alert and on standby
  - IMAT-1/IMAT-2 are Available
  - Impacts anticipated to be within state, local, tribal, and territory capabilities
  - No shelter gaps or limited factors
  - Request for FEMA assistance is not anticipated
- FEMA HQ
  - NWC coordinating with Regions, NHC, and National Water Center
  - NRCC at Level III (COVID-19)
  - National IMAT Blue to support Region IV if needed
  - DEC: MERS assets identified/deployable; Mobile IOF ready to support IMAT deployment
  - Logistics:
    - Pre-positioned 1.4M meals and 1.1M water at Craig Field
    - Generator Package anticipated to arrive in USVI Aug 17
  - US&R: IST rostered on 2hr PTDO
  - Operations: Vaccination/Ambulance contracts activated; 20 ambulances in MO, 50 ambulances/paramedics in LA
  - FOD: FCOs identified for each state in RIV
  - EA: Preparing Situational Awareness Briefing



## State Preparations

- FL EOC at Partial Activation
- FDEM conducting twice daily discussions with NHC, local, and SERT partners
- Sandbagging operations ongoing in multiple counties
- No evacuations planned; no shelters anticipated
- Governor declared State of Emergency for 23 counties
- FL National Guard Activated



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# Tropical Storm Grace – Preparations

**Situation:** Tropical Storm Grace is 100 miles SE of San Juan, PR. Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for USVI and PR; between 3-6 inches of rain is expected for both locations. Weakening is forecast as the system crosses Hispaniola Monday.

## Lifeline Impacts

### Food, Water, and Shelter:

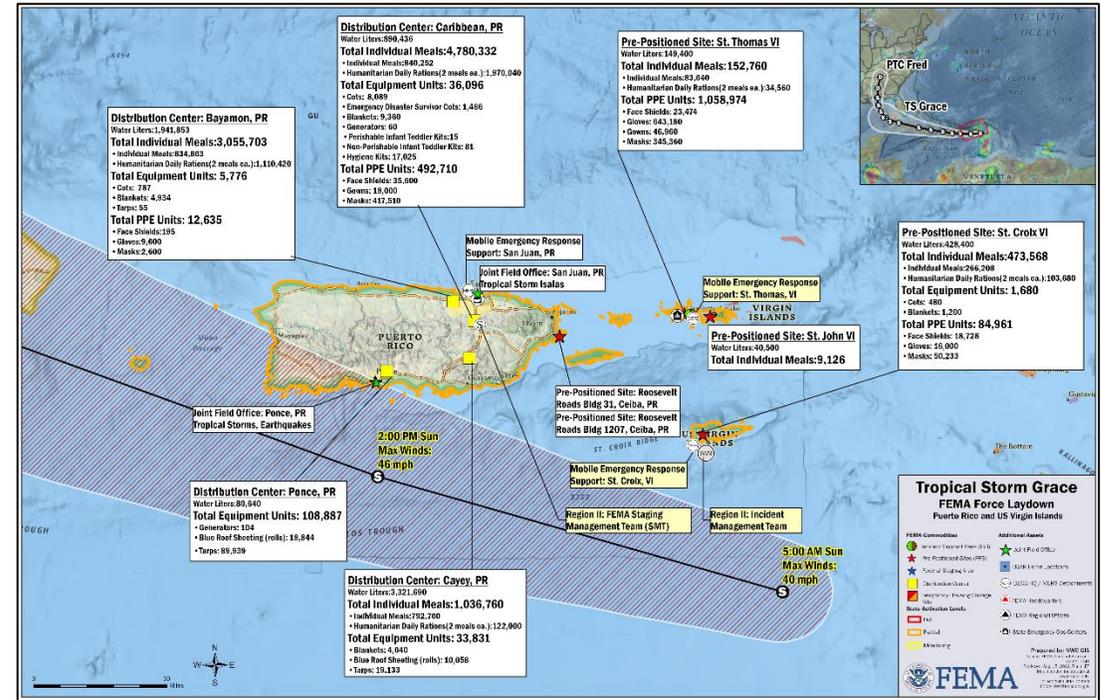
- No shelters anticipated to open; if activated generators, food, water, and non-congregate sheltering options will be needed

### Health and Medical:

- Hospitals have adequate back up power, water, oxygen, and bedspace
- USVI: COVID operations have taxed hospitals, any damaged hospitals could create limitations

## FEMA Preparations

- Region II
  - RWC at Enhanced Watch
  - RRCC will activate to Level III, Partial Activation with select ESFs and DCE
  - IMAT and IMAT collateral deployed to USVI
  - MERS assets deployed to PR and USVI
  - Command, advisory, and liaison staff deployed to PR/USVI
  - ESFs #3, 8, 12, 13 14, and DCE deployed elements to PR/USVI
- FEMA HQ
  - NWC coordinating with RII, NHC and National Water Center
  - NRCC at Level III (COVID-19)
  - Staging Management Team (SMT) deployed to PR



## State Preparations

- PR EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19 and earthquake recovery)
- USVI EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- IOFs activated in St. Croix, St. Thomas, and Nestle



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# Earthquake – Haiti

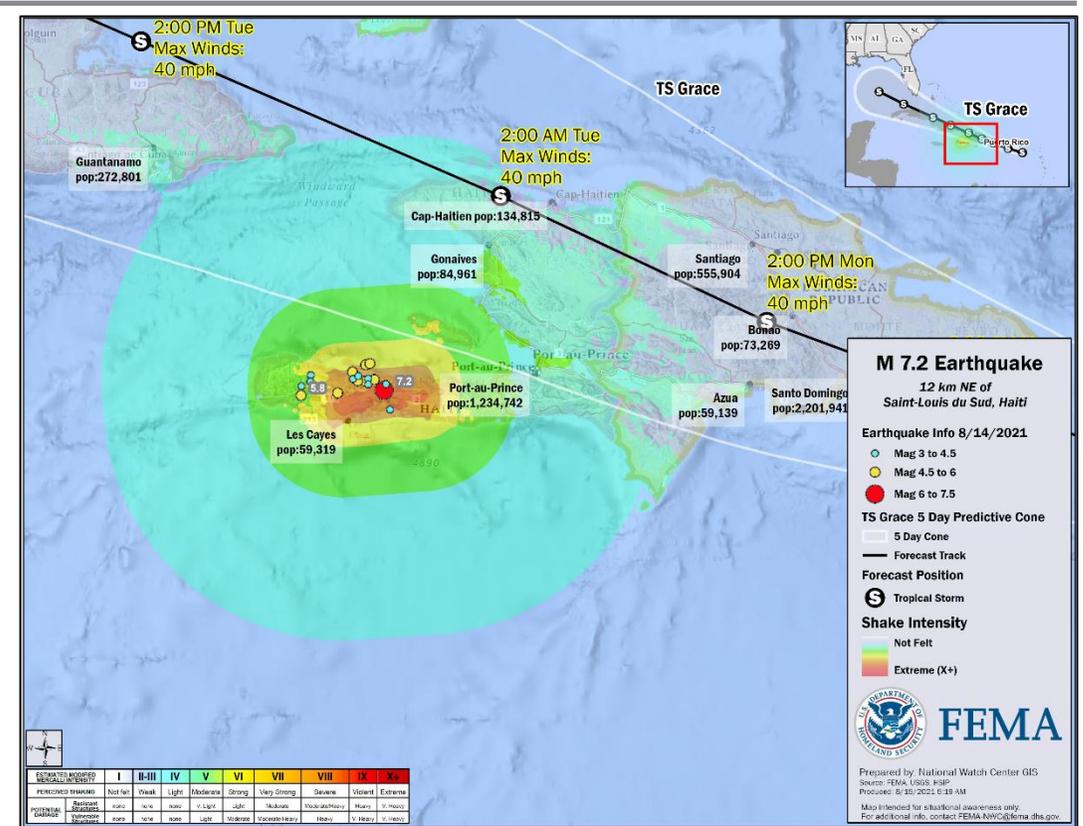
**Situation:** At 8:29 a.m. ET August 14<sup>th</sup>, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake occurred 7 miles NE of Saint-Louis du Sud, Haiti (pop. 59k) at a depth of 6 miles. The earthquake was registered MMI VIII and was only felt as high as a MMI of VII by over 600k people, and more widely felt in the region as an MMI IV (light shaking).

## Impacts:

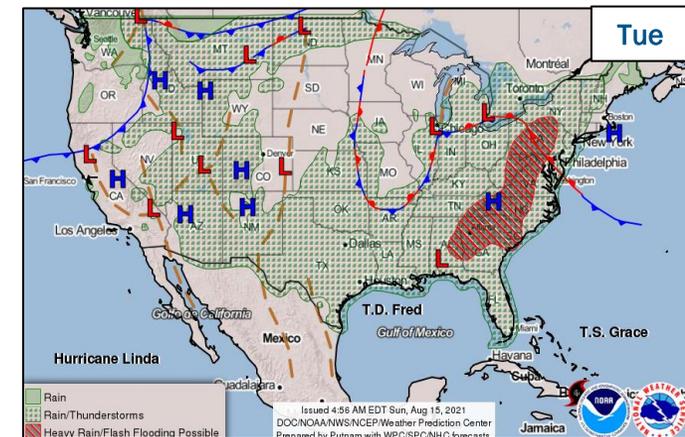
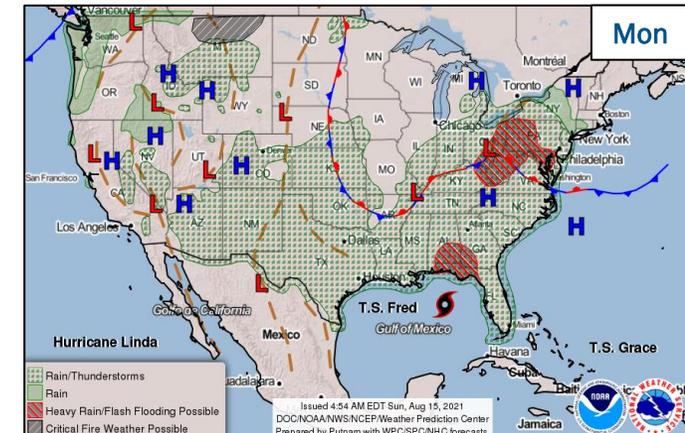
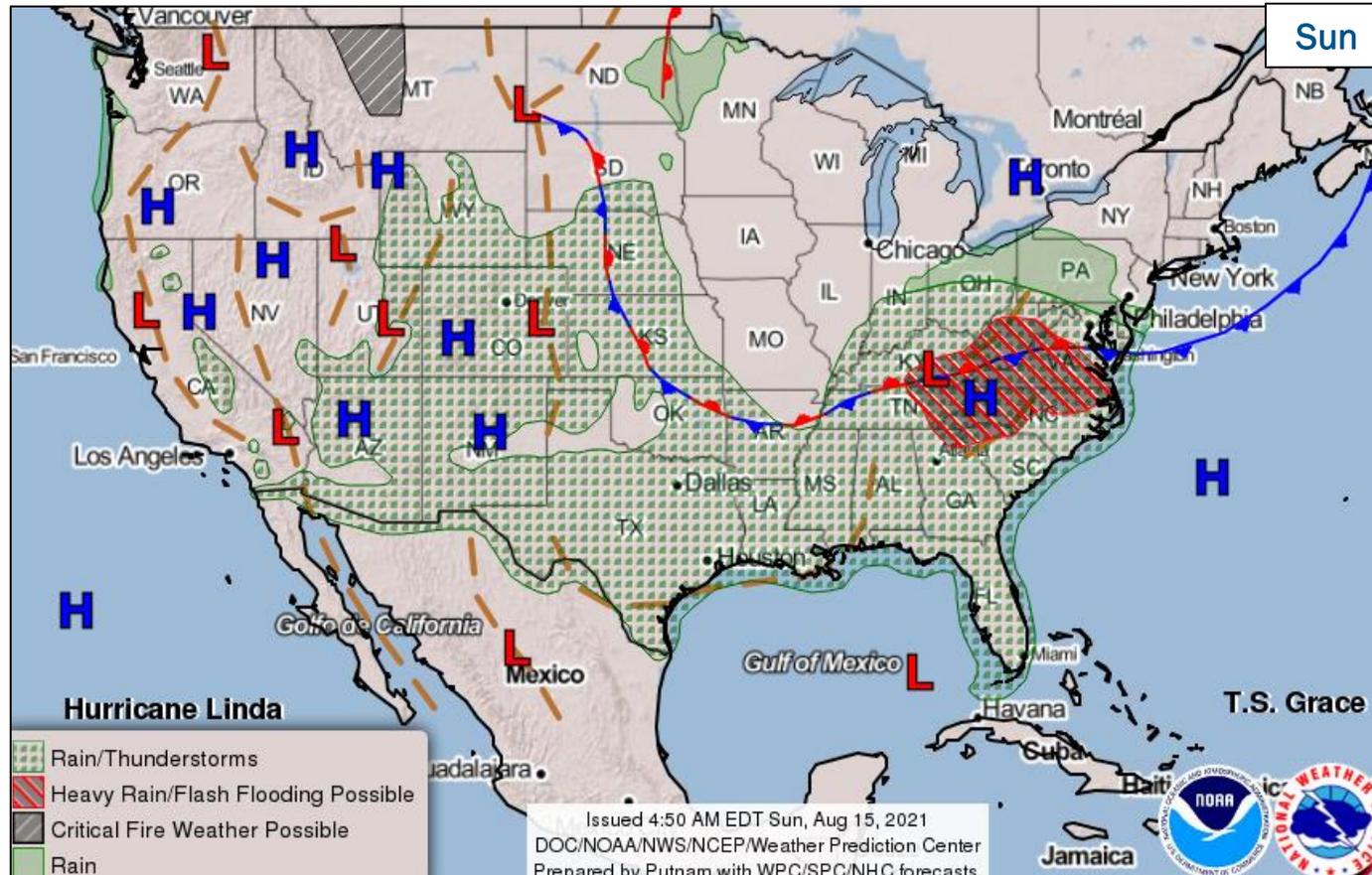
- Official reports from the government of Haiti show over 300 fatalities
- Rainfall caused by TC Grace could lead to flooding, mudslides, and landslides
- Further aftershocks are expected to occur in the following weeks.
- Main bridge overland into Jérémie, Haiti is damaged
- Haitian Prime Minister declared a one-month State of Emergency

## FEMA/Federal Response:

- POTUS authorized immediate response and named a coordinator for relief efforts
- The US Embassy has reported 100% accountability of all personnel
- NWC is monitoring
- Government of Haiti (GoH) has accepted US Government (USG) assistance
  - GoH and USG are coordinating on response efforts
  - US&R: VA-TF1 (USA-1) deployed to Haiti by USAID; ETA Sunday afternoon



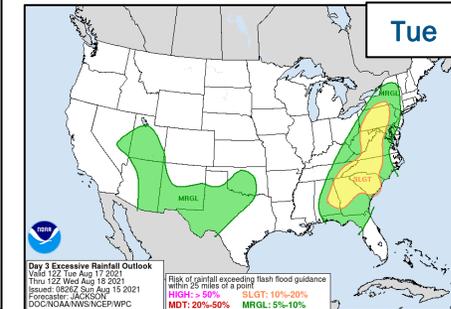
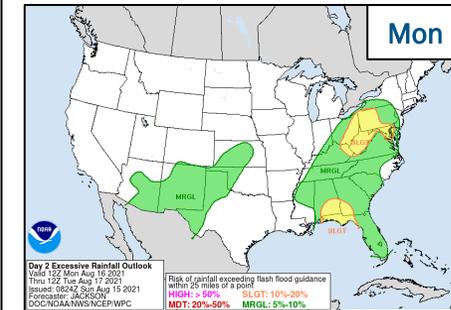
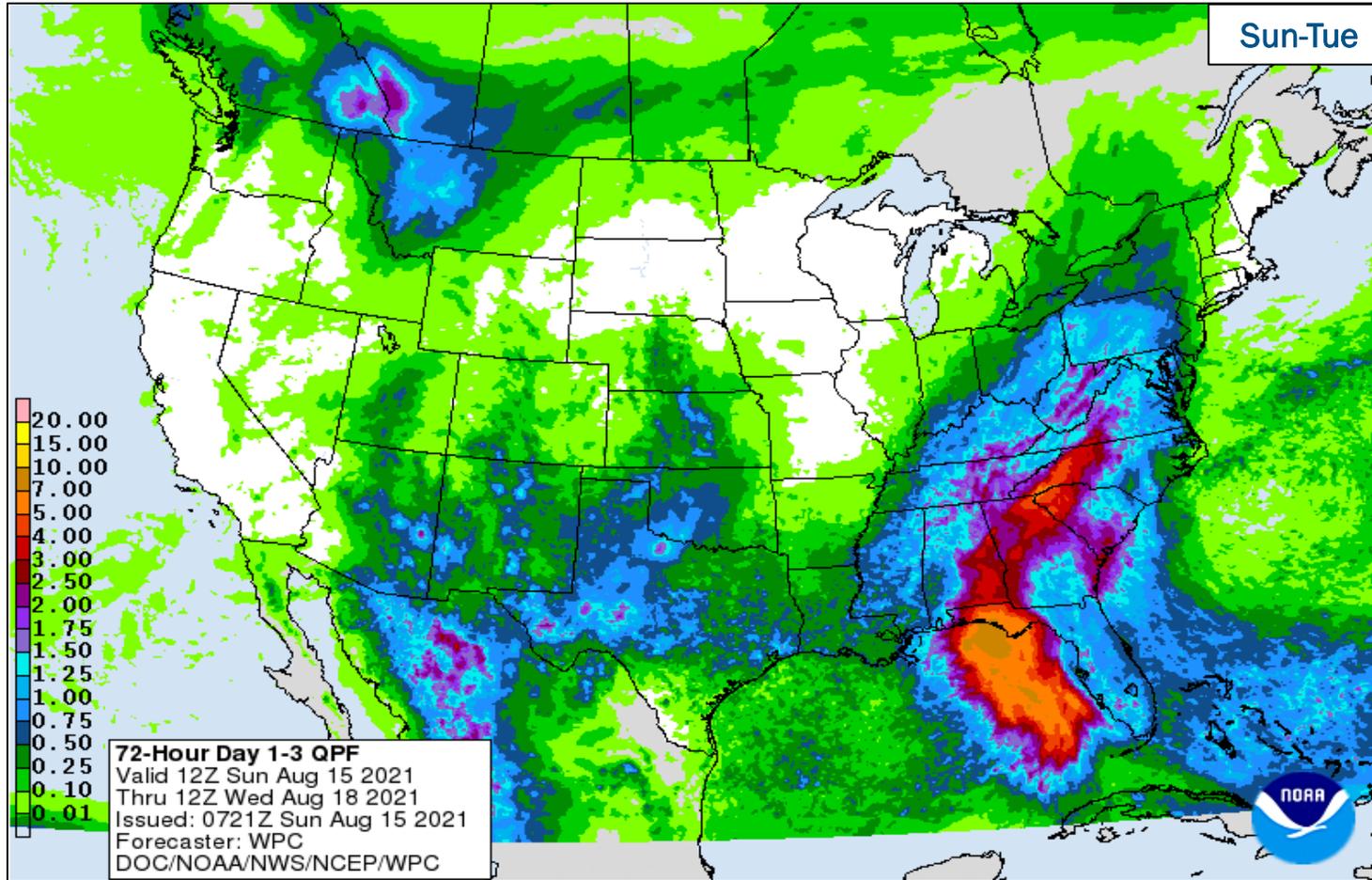
# National Weather Forecast



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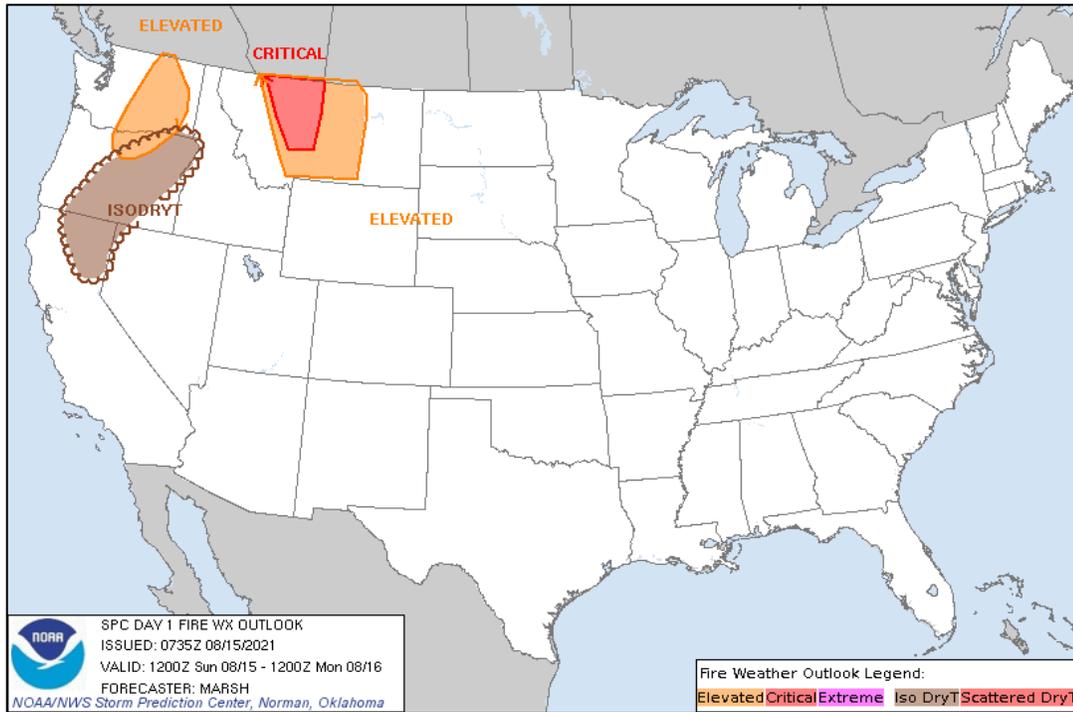
# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



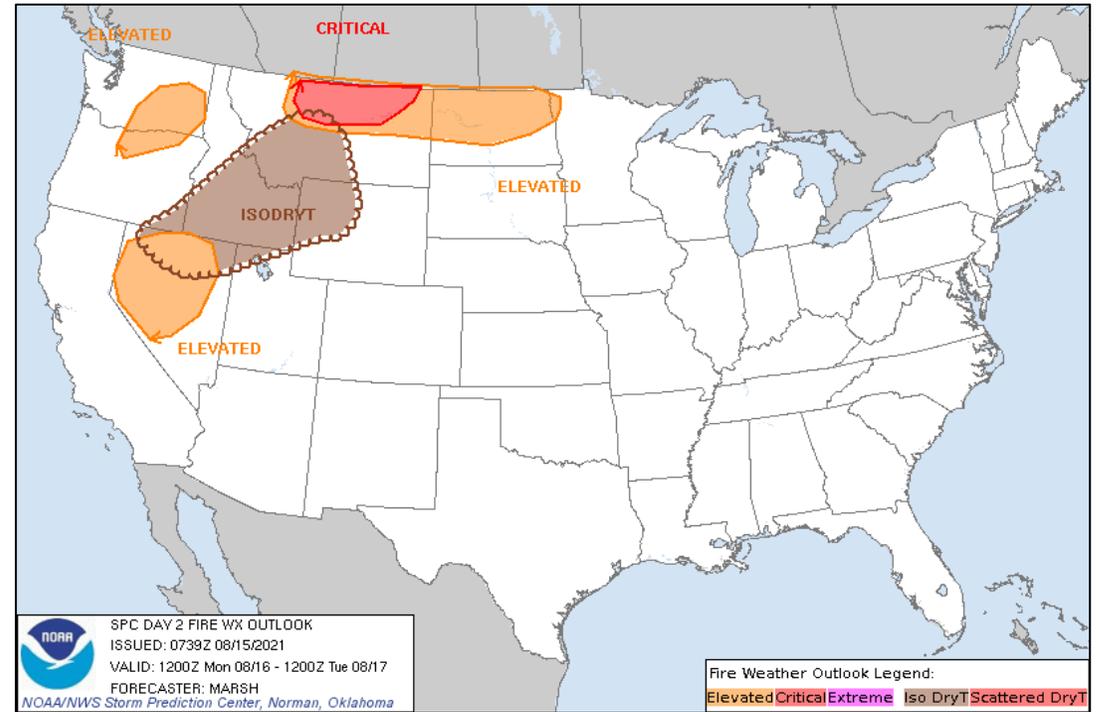
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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



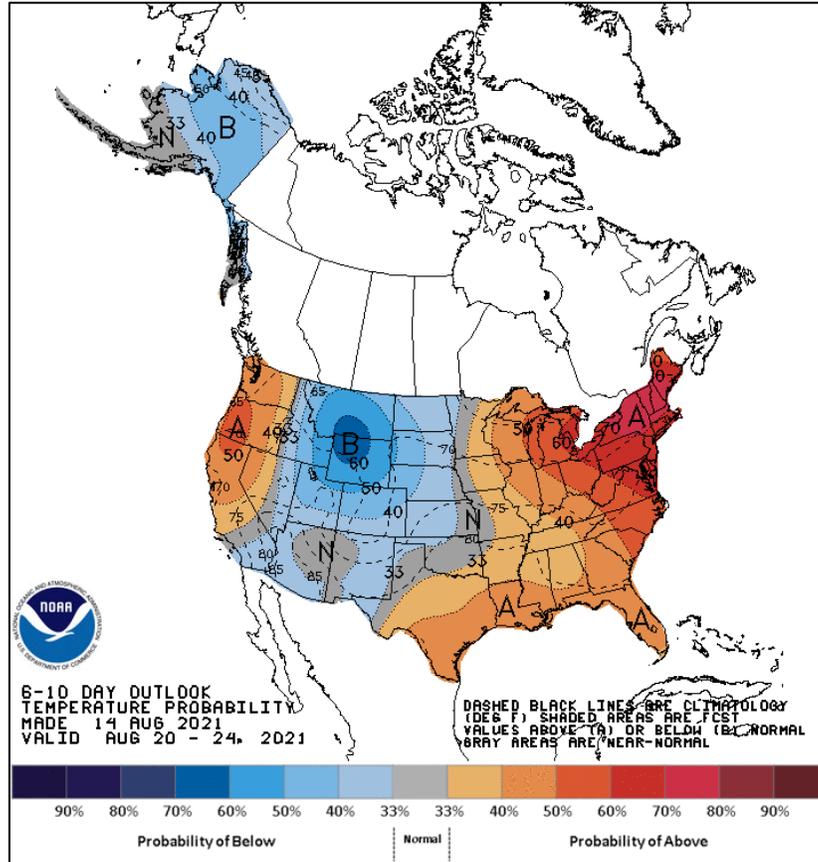
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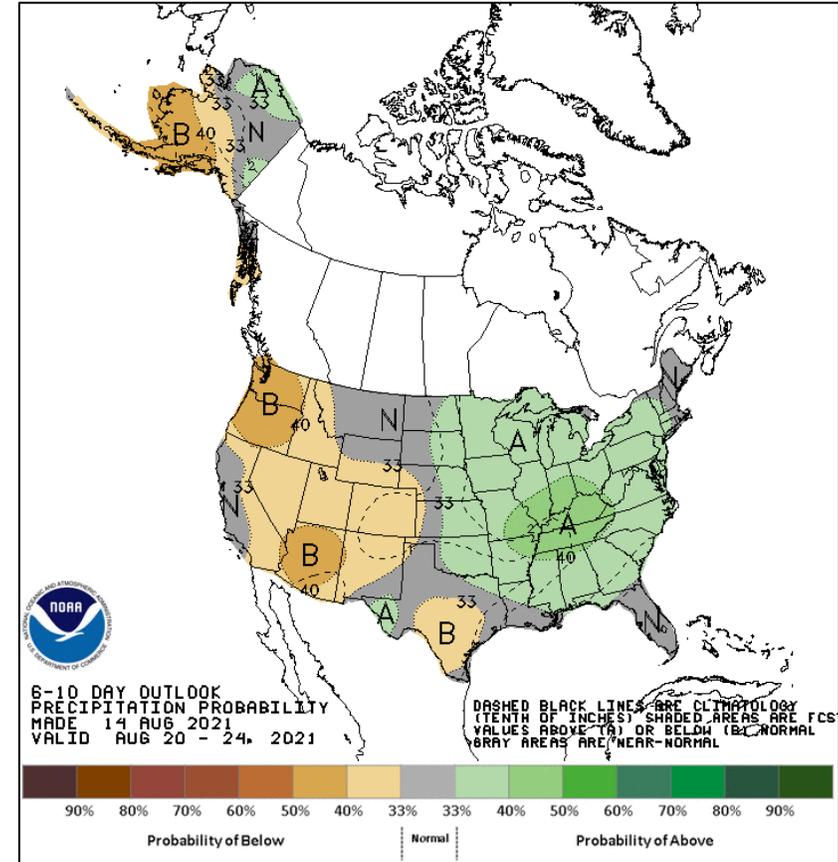
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# Long Range Outlooks – Aug 20-24



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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# Parleys Canyon Fire – Utah

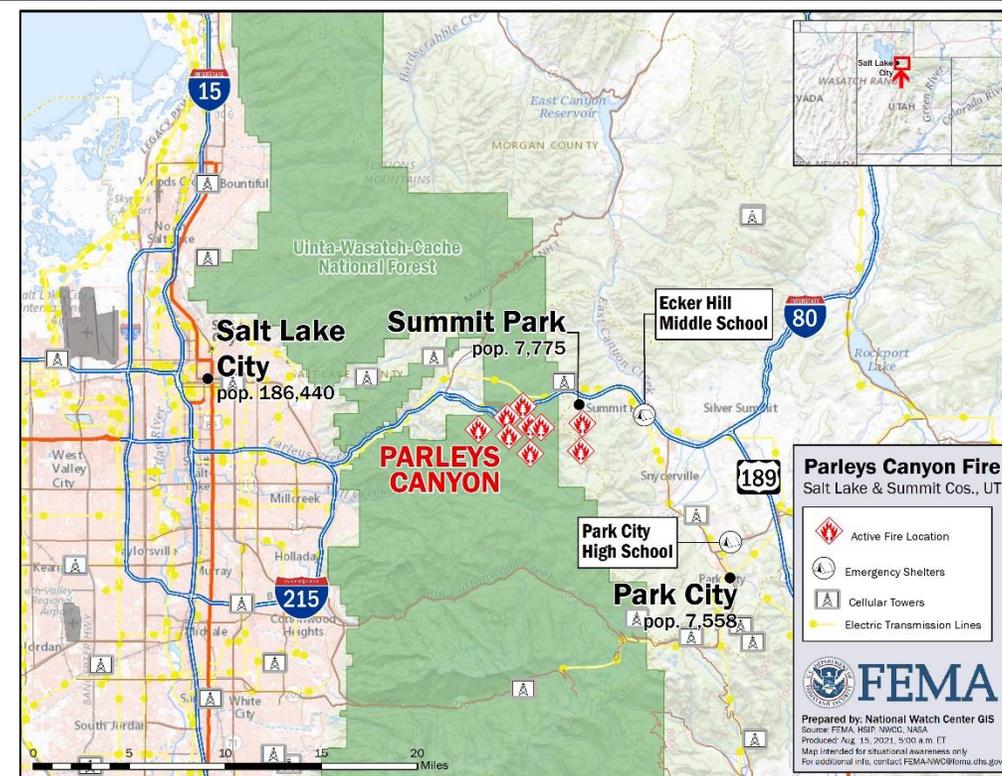
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Parleys Canyon (Salt Lake and Summit, UT)	XXXX-FM-UT	2,500	0%	M: 10,000	H: 8,000	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

## Situation:

- The fire began August 14 and is burning on state, and private land in and around the community of Summit Park (pop. 7,775)
- The fire is being reported to be started by a spark from a passing vehicle catalytic converter off interstate 80
- Threatening 8,000 homes
- The fire is also threatening multiple buildings, infrastructure, utilities, Parley's Creek and East Canyon watersheds in the area
- An evacuation shelter has been moved to the Park City High School
- There is one other large fire burning uncontrolled within the state

## Response:

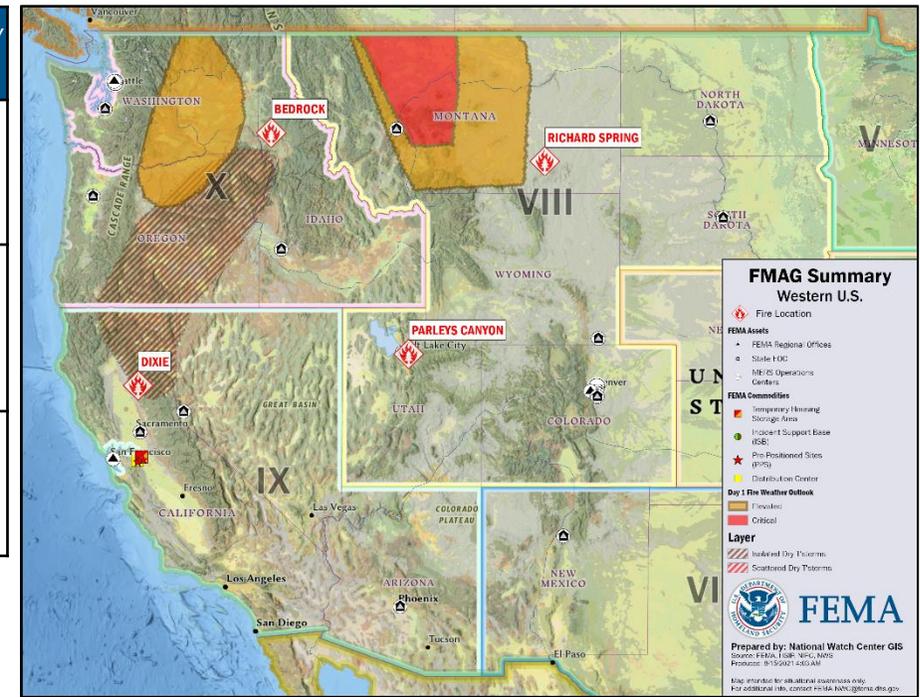
- UT EOC at Partial Activation (Flooding and COVID-19)
- Denver MOC/VIII RWC and NWC are monitoring
- FMAG approved August 14



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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Dixie (Plumas, CA)	5400-FM-CA	552,589 (+14,813)	31%	M: 28,696	H: 14,838	H: 45	H: 601	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 118	O: 29	O: 512	
Richard Springs (Rosebud, MT) <b>FINAL</b>	5406-FM-MT	170,838 (+534)	60% (+7)	M: 235	H: 1,270	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 430	O: 0	O: 12	
Bedrock (Nez Perce, ID)	5407-FM-ID	9,005 (+1,982)	0%	M: 300	H: 200 (+98)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 15	



(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	Incidents	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	NH	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 17-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	1	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	8/10 - TBD
VII	NE	Severe Storms Jul 9-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	15	12	7/27 - TBD
IX	CA	August Wildfires	IA	6	0	8/11 - TBD
			PA	6	0	8/11 - TBD
	AZ	Northern Monsoonal Flooding Jul 22-24	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	8/16 - TBD



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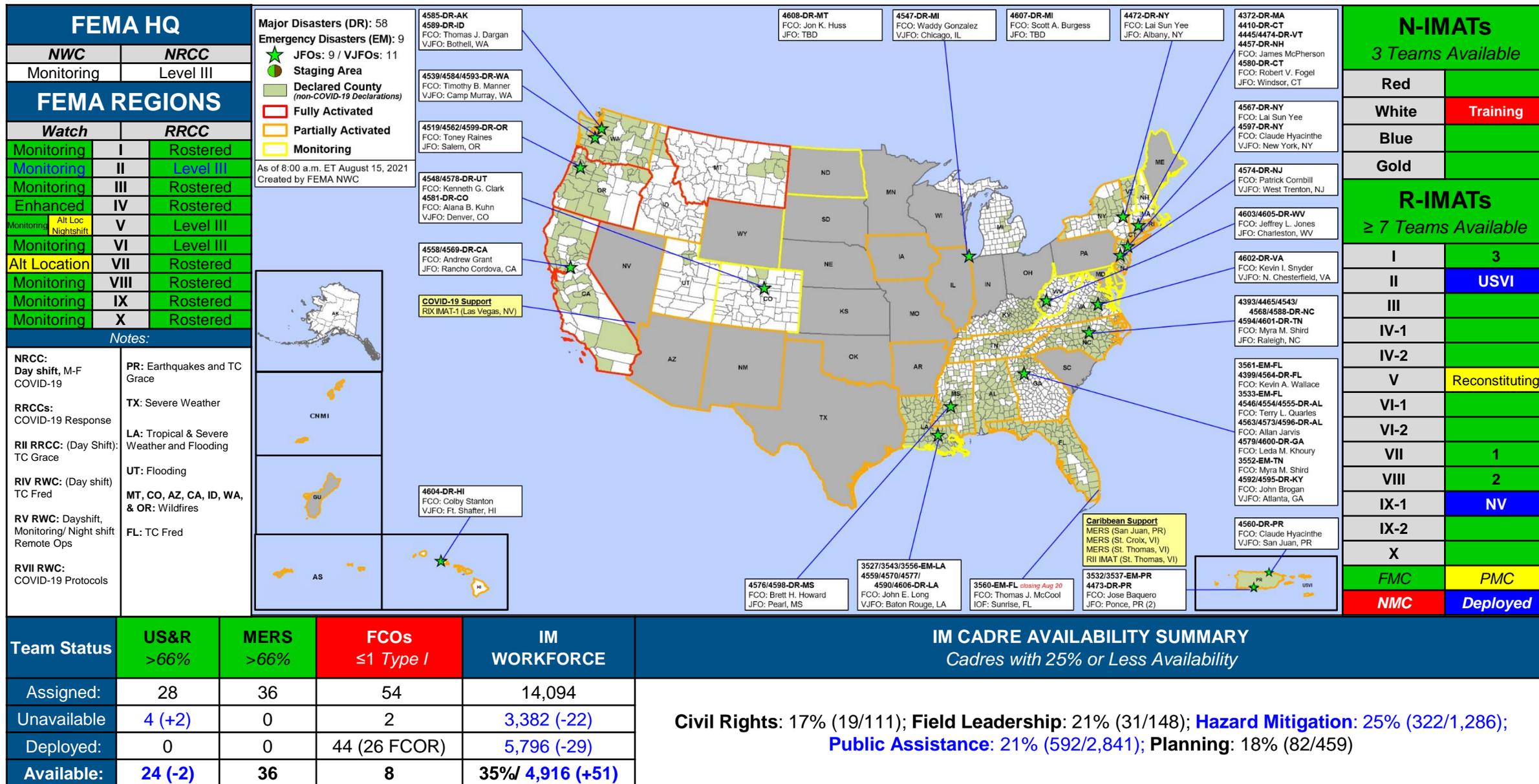
# Declaration Requests in Process – 2

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	8/3
ND – Severe storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	8/9



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture





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