

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Hurricane Lala – HI
- Severe Weather / Flooding – IN

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Severe Weather – Central Plains to Great Lakes, Hawaii
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lala (CAT-1)
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (50%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – IN

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Tropical Storm Lala– Hawaii

Situation and Analysis: Hurricane Lala's eyewall is currently brushing the southern portion of the Big Island. The intensity of Lala is forecast to remain steady for a few more hours, followed by a gradual weakening trend. Damaging winds and heavy rain will persist across the Big Island through tonight and spread westward across the smaller islands on later today. Tropical Storm Warnings remain in effect. There are no requests for FEMA assistance. (HLT Update #16, as of 5:37 a.m. ET; FEMA R9 SPOTREP Update #5 as of 2:32 a.m. ET, Aug 15)

Hazards Affecting Land: (HLT Update #16, as of 5:36 a.m. ET, Aug 16)

Wind: Damaging winds will persist across portions of the Big Island of Hawaii overnight, with the strongest winds expected in areas of higher terrain. Tropical storm conditions will continue to spread westward from into early Sunday.

Rain: Lala is expected to produce additional rainfall of 4 to 8 inches across the Big Island and windward Maui, with maximum storm total of 30 to 35 inches over the windward Big Island; heavy rainfall may produce life-threatening flooding and mudslides.

Storm Surge: Peak storm surge up to 3 feet is forecast state-wide.

Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 27 (+13) shelters open / 426 (+ 338) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Aug 16)

Energy: Significant power outages continue affecting the Island

- **HI: 116k (23%) customers without power** (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:40 a.m. ET, Aug 16)
 - Hawaii County 63k (70%) customers without power
 - Maui County 31k (43%) customers without power

Water Systems: Debris removal in progress as a safety precaution

Transportation: Ports and airports impacted by adverse weather conditions

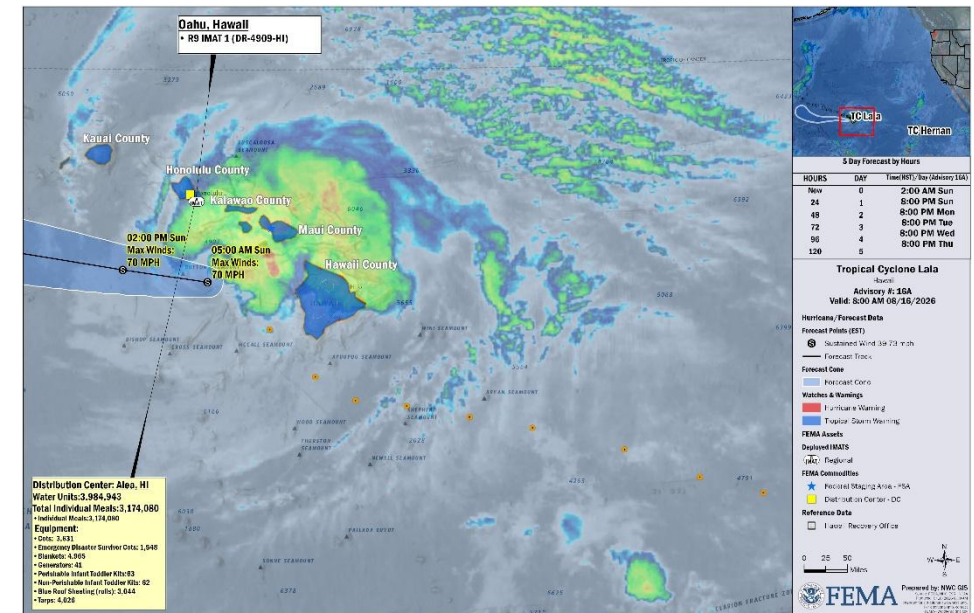
- Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport and Hilo International Airport closed
- Port Condition Zulu for the following counties: Hawaii, Maui, Honolulu, and Kauai

State / Local Response:

- HI SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Lala); Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation Aug 13

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA R9 RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 deployed to HI (DR-4909-HI); R-IMAT 2 deployed to CNMI (DR-4910/EM3647-MP); FEMA FIT LNO is at HIEMA
- NWC is Monitoring



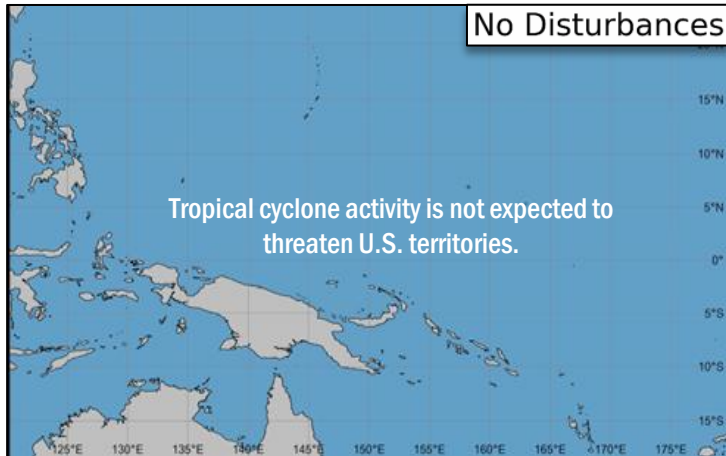
NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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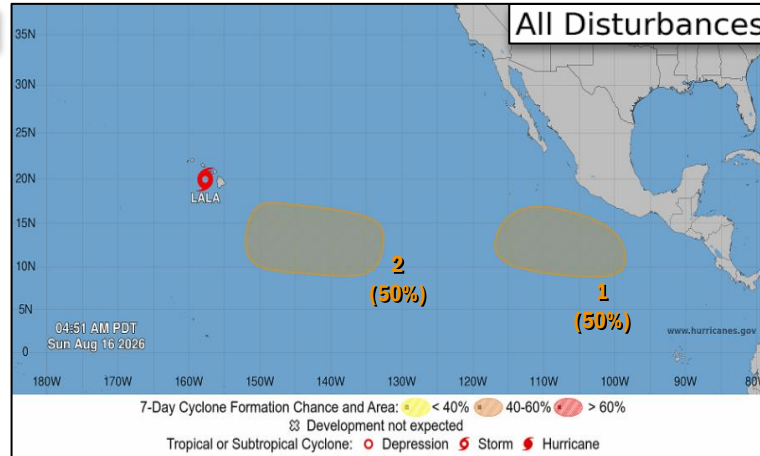
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



[Tropical Storm Lala:](#) (Advisory #16A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

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

- Located several hundred miles south off the coast of Mexico
- Gradual development of this system is possible, and a tropical depression could form late this week
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Medium (50%)

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

- Located well SE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development of this system, and a tropical depression could form late this week
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Medium (50%)

Atlantic



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.



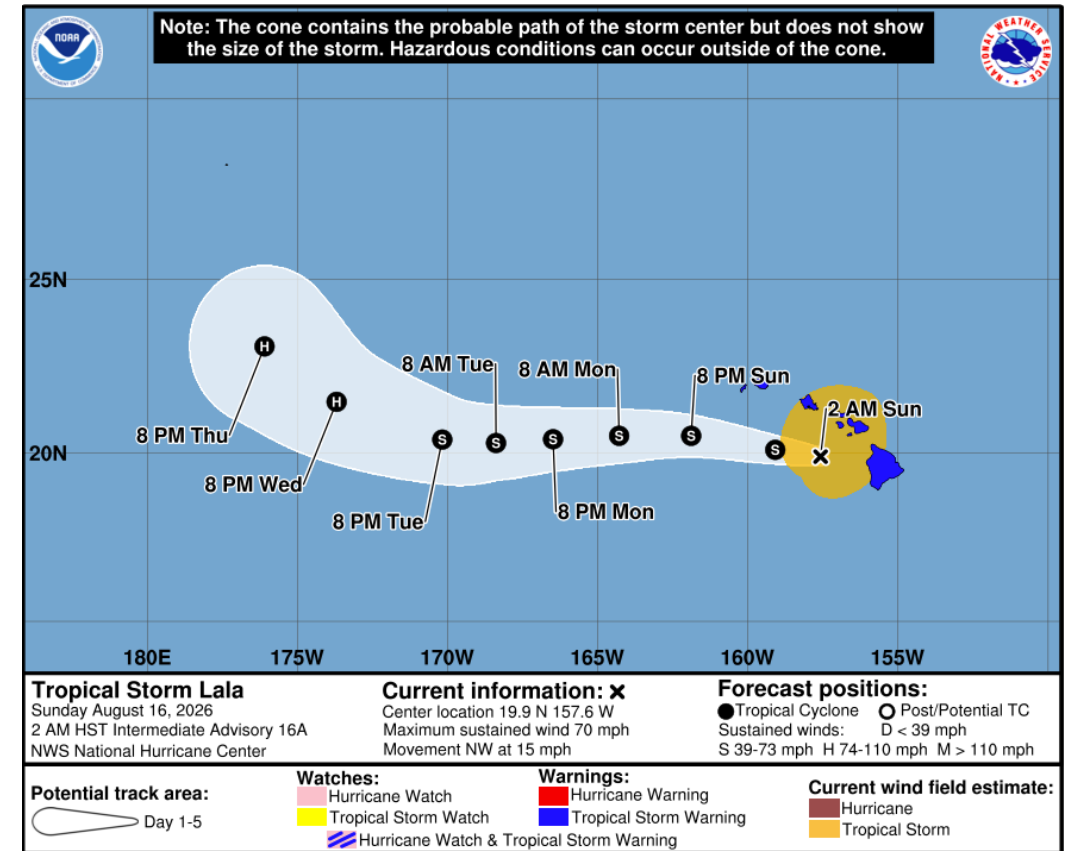
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Tropical Storm Lala– Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #16A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 100 miles S of Honolulu, Hawaii
- Moving NW at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 70 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 175 mi from the center
- Gradual weakening is expected today and Monday



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Severe Weather / Flooding – Indiana

Situation and Analysis: The National Weather Service forecasts additional flash flooding across west-central Indiana, and significant flooding remains the primary life-safety and infrastructure concern. Significant, record White River flooding continues downstream toward Indianapolis and may further affect transportation, utilities, and ongoing response operations. an excessive rainfall risk in Indiana through today. (FEMA Region 5 Indiana Severe Weather Incident Report Update #5, as of 6:49 p.m. ET, Aug 15). Response and recovery efforts remain at the state and local levels.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region 5 Indiana Severe Weather Update #5, as of 6:49 p.m. ET, Aug 15)

Safety & Security: Evacuations and rooftop and swift water rescues are ongoing; flood and debris covered roadways are impacting first responder activity

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter and feeding operations are ongoing

- 16 (+2) shelters open / 208 (+90) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Aug 16)

Communication: Cellular coverage remains significantly degraded throughout affected region

- 41 cellular sites remain down

- 6 communications generators operating at sites in Porter, St. Joseph, Lake, and Parke Counties

Health and Medical: Power outages continue affecting healthcare facilities

- 9 injuries and 4 (+3) confirmed fatalities

Energy: Significant power outages slowly trending down but remain at the intersection of communications, sheltering, transportation, and other critical services

- 139k (-18k) (5%) customers without power (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:40 a.m. ET, Aug 16)

Water Systems: Flooding remains a concern for water and wastewater infrastructure

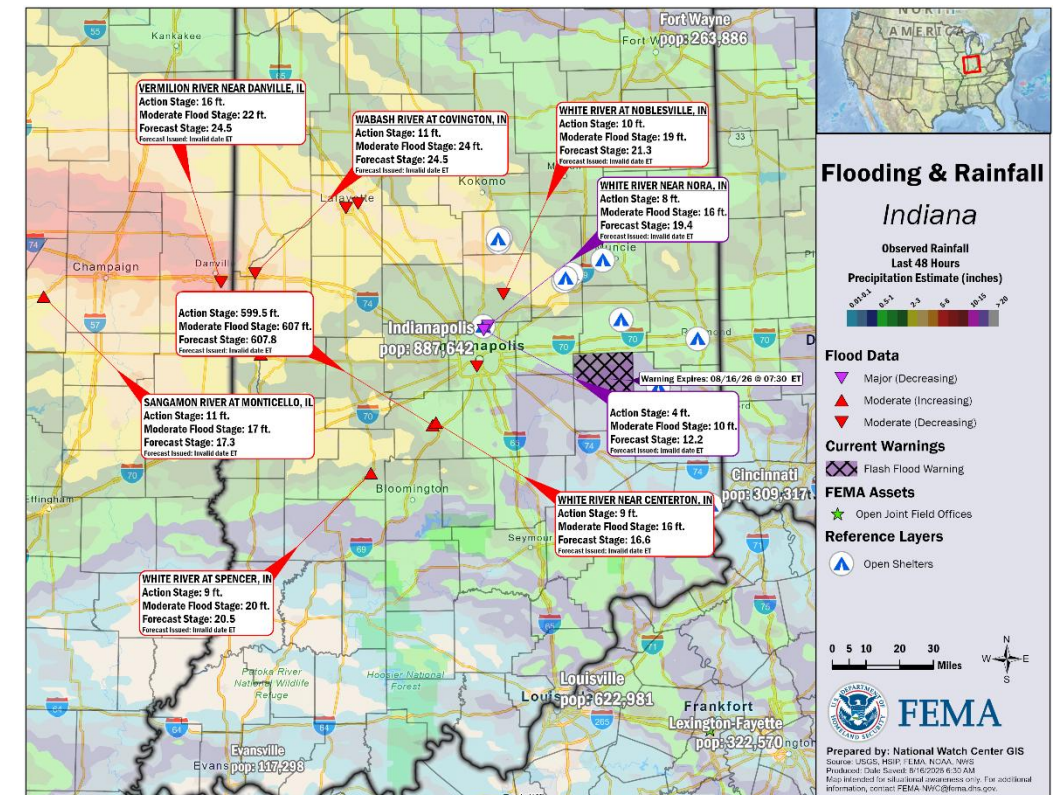
Transportation: I-70 westbound at Centerville remains impacted by a washout; widespread inspection of affected roads beginning

State / Local Response:

- IN SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather / Flooding)
- Governor declared a state of emergency; Emergency Declaration approved on Aug 15; 72 Indiana National Guard personnel activated

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA R5 Watch at Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather)
- FEMA Integration Team (FIT) Liaison at IN SEOC
- NWC is Monitoring



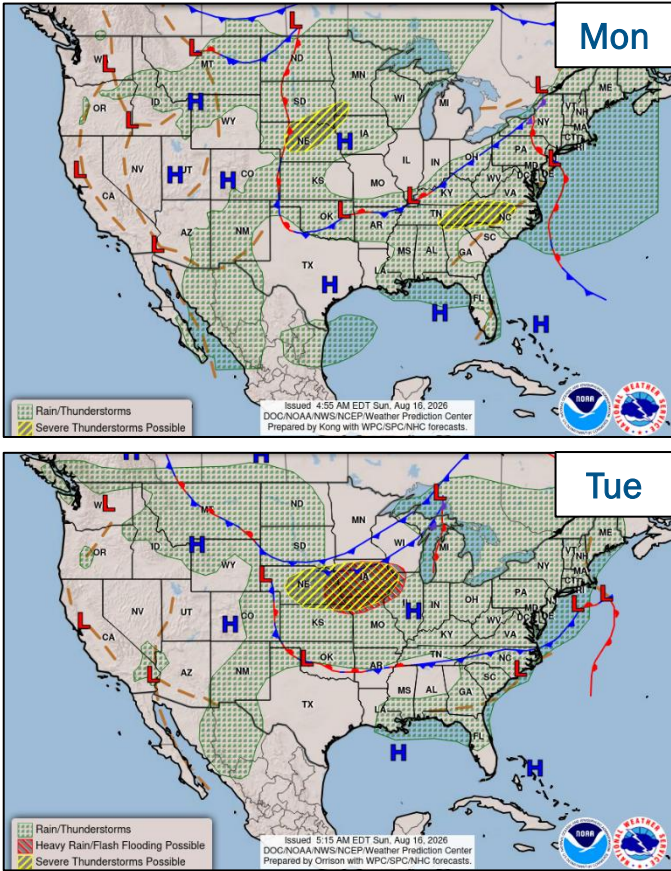
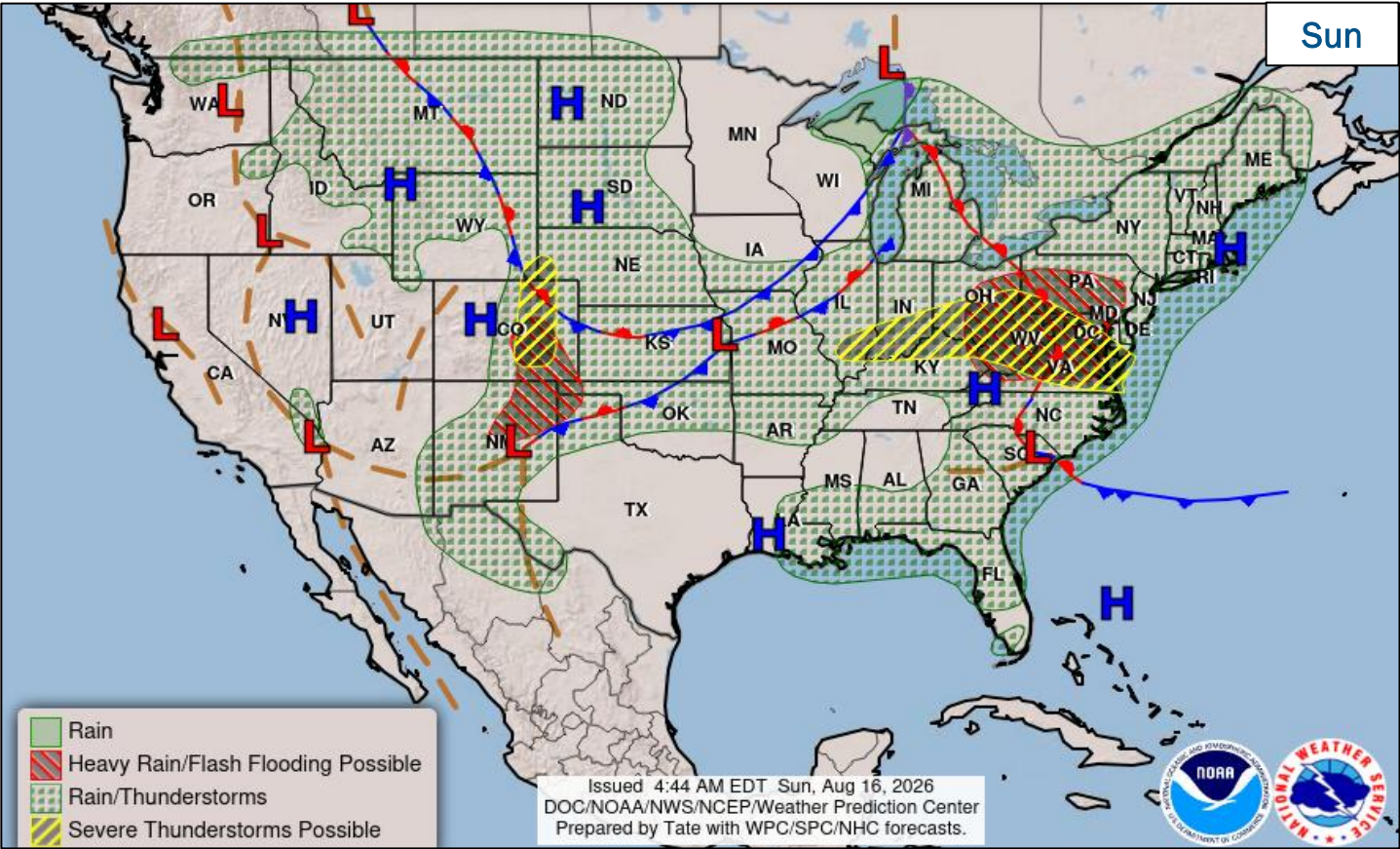
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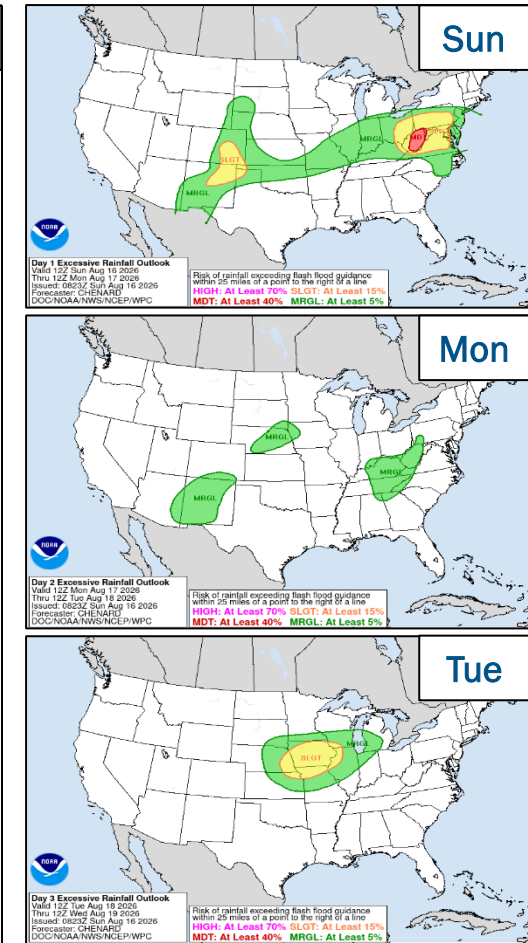
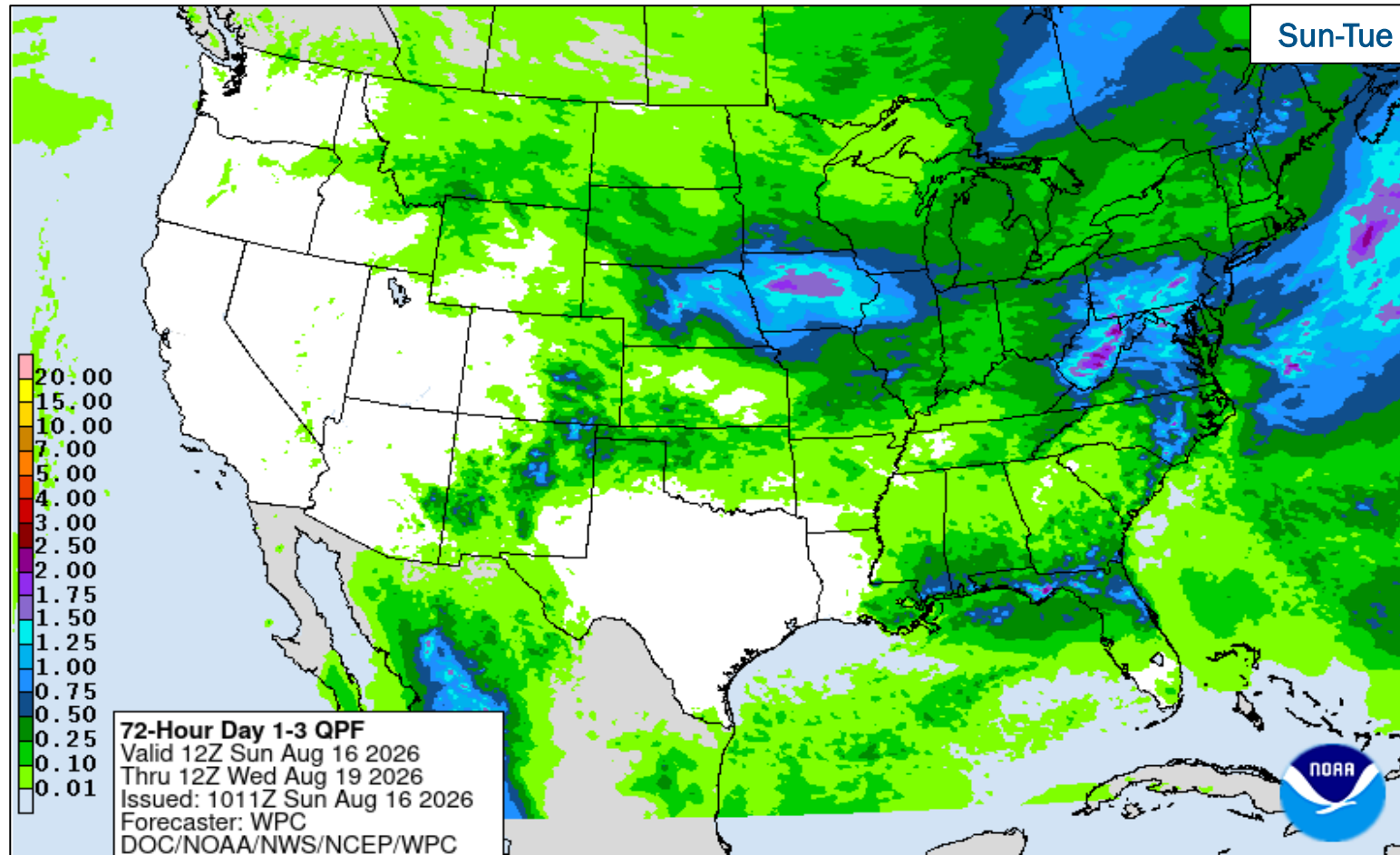
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National Weather Forecast



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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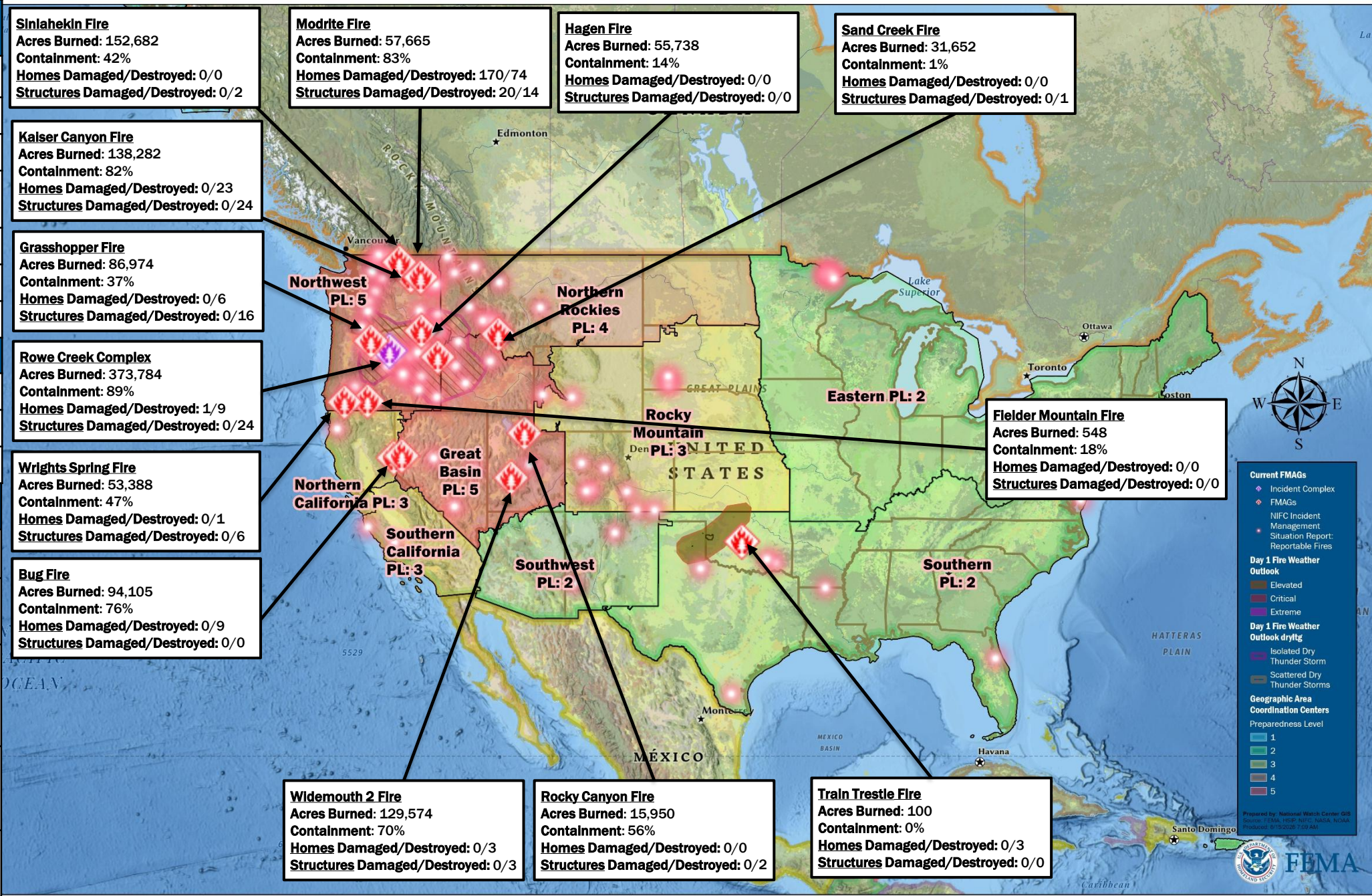
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National Fire Activity – August 15, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (103 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	5
Uncontained Large Fires	95
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	6,485,336
Total Responders	29,058
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	25
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	56
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



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA)	5646-FM-WA	138,282	82%	M: 17	H: 1,078 (+20)	H: 0	H: 23	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 28	O: 0	O: 24	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	86,974 (+846)	37% (+7)	M: 678 (-12)	H: 3,832 (-484)	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 16	
Modrite (Ferry, WA)	5653-FM-WA	57,665	83%	M: 562	H: 21 (-199)	H: 170	H: 74	0 / 18
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 20	O: 14	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,784 (+1)	89%	M: 284	H: 737	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 23
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Yakima, WA)	5657-FM-WA	152,682	42%	M: 76	H: 29	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Widemouth 2 (Millard, UT)	5661-FM-UT	129,741 (167)	80% (+10)	M: 445	H: 51	H: 0	H: 3	2 / 4
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 3	
Bug (Washoe, NV)	5663-FM-NV	94,105 (+738)	76% (+18)	M: 13,283 (+860)	H: 762 (-758)	H: 0	H: 9	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 20	O: 0	O: 0	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	55,738 (+743)	14% (+3)	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Rocky Canyon (Summit/Morgan, UT)	5665-FM-UT	15,950	72% (+16)	M: 2,060	H: 780	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Wrights Springs (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	53,388 (+327)	47% (+38)	M: 393 (-199)	H: 1,475 (-38)	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 968 (-45)	O: 0	O: 6	
Train Trestle (Canadian/Oklahoma, OK)	5669-FM-OK	100	0%	M: 70	H: 262	H: 0	H: 3	0/0
				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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Wildfire Summary (cont'd)

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Fielder Mountain (Jackson/Josephine, OR)	5670-FM-OR	548 (+4)	18% (+11)	M: 0 (-948)	H: 214 (1,440)	H: 0	H: 0	0/0
				V: 0	O: 92 (-619)	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	XXXX-FM-MT	31,652 (+3,916)	1% (+1)	M: 0 (-85)	H: 168 (-6)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 3 (+3)
				V: 6	O: 0 (-6)	O: 0	O: 1 (+1)	

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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,955
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,425 / 34%
Deployed

5,854 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,676 / 35%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,693 / 0 / 769
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: Reconstituting
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN					
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO	
R1	0	1	0	0	
R2	0	0	0	2	
R3	0	2	0	0	
R4	4	13	0	1	
R5	0	2	0	0	
R6	4	6	3	3	
R7	0	5	0	0	
R8	1	5	0	0	
R9	0	5	4	0	
R10	4	7	1	0	

Bothell, WA
EM-3650-WA
• MERS

Ephrata, WA
EM-3650-WA
• SMT Bothell/Tracy

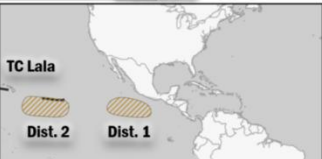
Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT
• R7 IMAT
• MERS

CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
DR-4910-MP & EM-
3648-GU
• ISB Delta

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



Sinlahekin
Kaiser Canyon
Modrite

Grasshopper
Rowe Creek Complex

Hagen

Fielder Mtn

Bug

Widemouth 2

Rocky Canyon

Severe Wx: Slight Risk

Extreme Heat Warning

Train Trestle

Major to Extreme Heat Risk

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Sand Creek

Considerable Flooding Impacts

Severe Wx: Slight Risk

Excs Rainfall: Mod. Risk

Flash and Urban Flooding Poss.

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Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT

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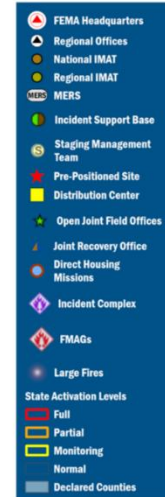
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Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

Region 9

Region 10

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Severe Weather

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
• R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
• R8: Reconstituting
• R9-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

State EOCs:
• DC: Summer 2026 Events
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• CO/ID/NV/NM/OR/WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/OH/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Sinlaku/TC Bawi
• UT: Wildfire/Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• GU: TC Bawi
• PR/VA: Drought
• Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• SD: Sturgis Gathering
• AK: GLOF
• HI: TC Lala
• OK: Fire Weather
• WY: Election Activities

Legend

Commodities & Equipment

SMT

MERS Det.

US&R

FCO

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

Operational	9/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

30/36 Operational	
Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

Task Forces	
Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

Assigned	39
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	31 (20 FCOR)
Available	6

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	WI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Jul 27	IA	4	0	8/17 – TBD
			PA	2	0	8/17 – TBD
R8	CO	Aspen Acres Fire Jun 29 and continuing	IA	2	0	7/28 – TBD
			PA	2	0	7/28 – TBD



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Declaration Approval – Indiana

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-3651-EM-IN

Date Requested: Aug 14

Date Approved: Aug 15

- **Incident:** Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding
- **Incident Period:** August 11, 2026, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA Only:** (Categories B), limited to direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for 53 counties

FCO: Darrin Ricketts



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Straight-line Winds – Appeal	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 7
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 6
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 15
TX – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 17
NJ – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 20
HI – Earthquake	DR	X			Jul 21
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 22
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Jul 23
SD – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 24
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
OST* – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 29
IA – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 3
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
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – APPROVED	EM		X		Aug 14

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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