

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, August 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Pine Tree Road Fire – AR

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Ohio Valley and Great Lakes to Appalachians
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Mid-Atlantic
- Critical Fire Weather – California to Northern Intermountain
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (30%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lala (CAT-1)
 - Tropical Storm Moke
 - Disturbance 1 (EP92): High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2 (EP91): Med (50%)
 - Disturbance 3: Med (40%)
 - Western Pacific: Typhoon Saudel

Event Monitoring

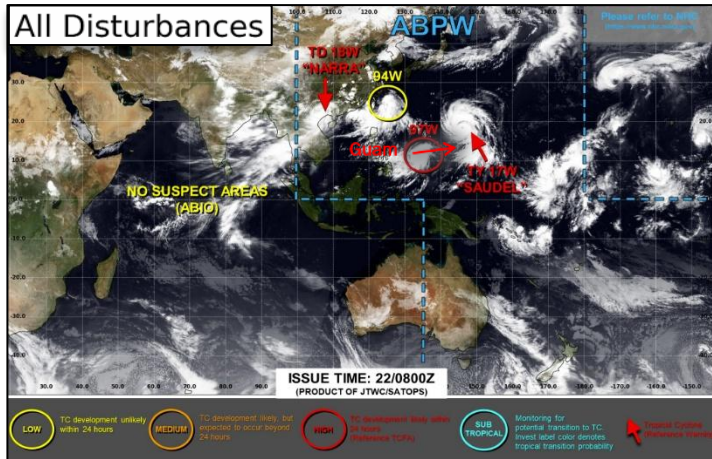
- Freedom 250 Grand Prix – Washington, D.C.



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Tropical Outlook

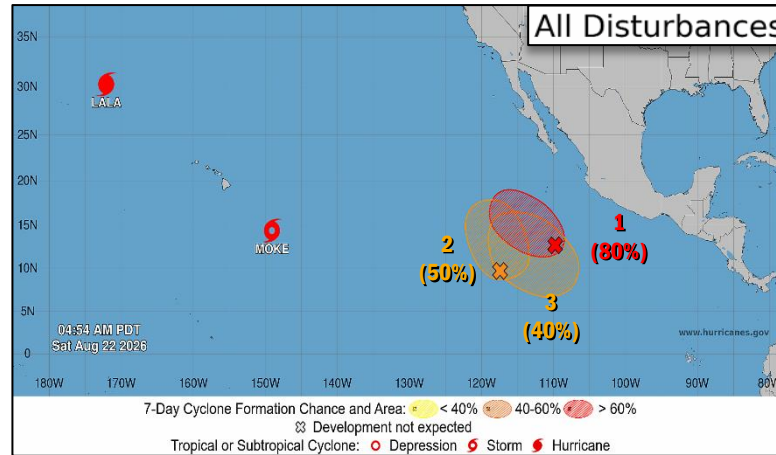
Western Pacific



Typhoon Saudel: (Advisory #16, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Eastern and Central Pacific



Hurricane Lala (CAT-1): (Advisory #40, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

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

- See slide below

Disturbance 1 (EP92): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **several** hundred miles **SW** of the coast of SW Mexico
- Likely to become a tropical depression by the end of this weekend or early next; likely to merge with, or absorb, disturbance EP91**
- Formation chance – 48 hours: **Med (60%)**; 7 days: **High (80%)**

Disturbance 2 (EP91): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

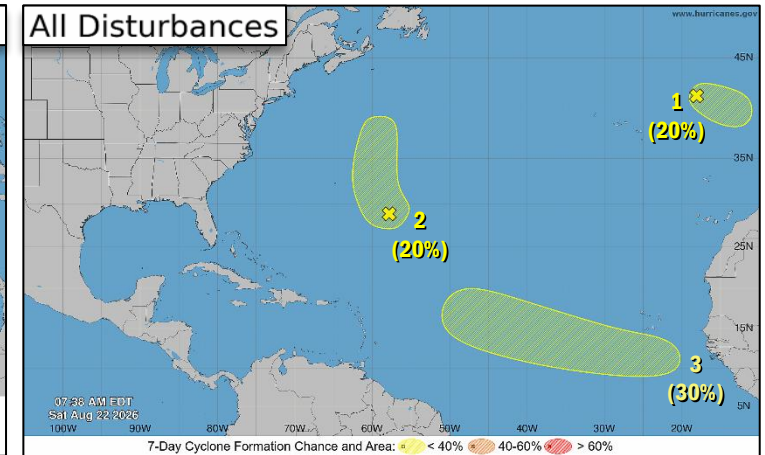
- Located **well SSW** of the Baja California Peninsula
- Tropical depression could form before it merges with Disturbance 1 to the East**

Formation chance – 48 hours: **Med (50%)**; 7 days: **Med (50%)**

Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Expected to develop S of Baja California middle of next week
- Some slow development expected afterwards
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: **Med (40%)**

Atlantic



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

- Located over northeastern Atlantic
- Could acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics **later today or on Sunday**
- Formation chance: 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Low (20%)

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

- Located a few hundred miles **E** of Bermuda
- Development, if any, is expected to be slow to occur while it drifts W through Sunday and then turns N early next week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (10%); 7 days: Low (20%)

Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Tropical wave expected to move off the west coast of Africa on Monday
- Subsequent development will be possible as the system moves W at 15 to 20 mph
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Low (30%)



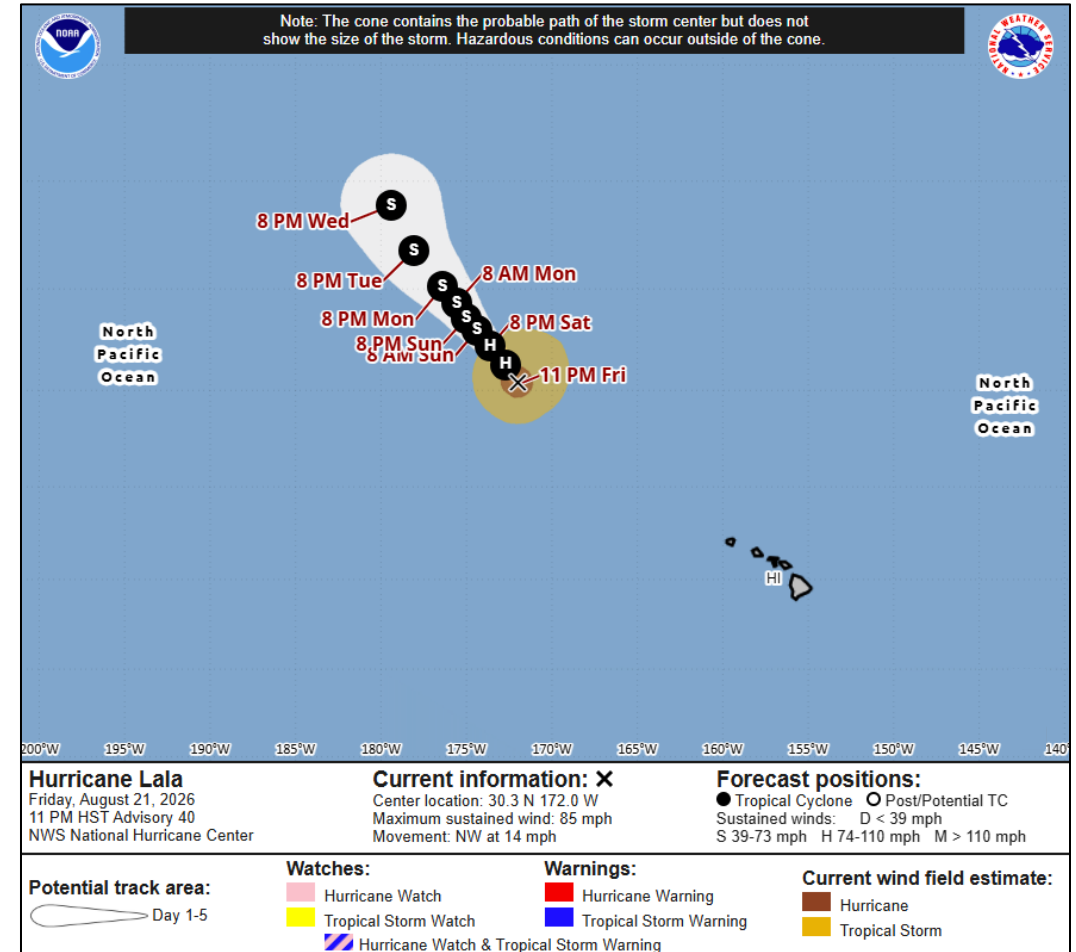
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Hurricane Lala (CAT-1) – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #40, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 300 miles NE of Pearl and Hermes Atoll
- Moving NW at 14 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 85 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the center; tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 205 miles from the center
- Winds could decrease below hurricane force by early Sunday
- Forecast to weaken but will remain a tropical cyclone for several more days



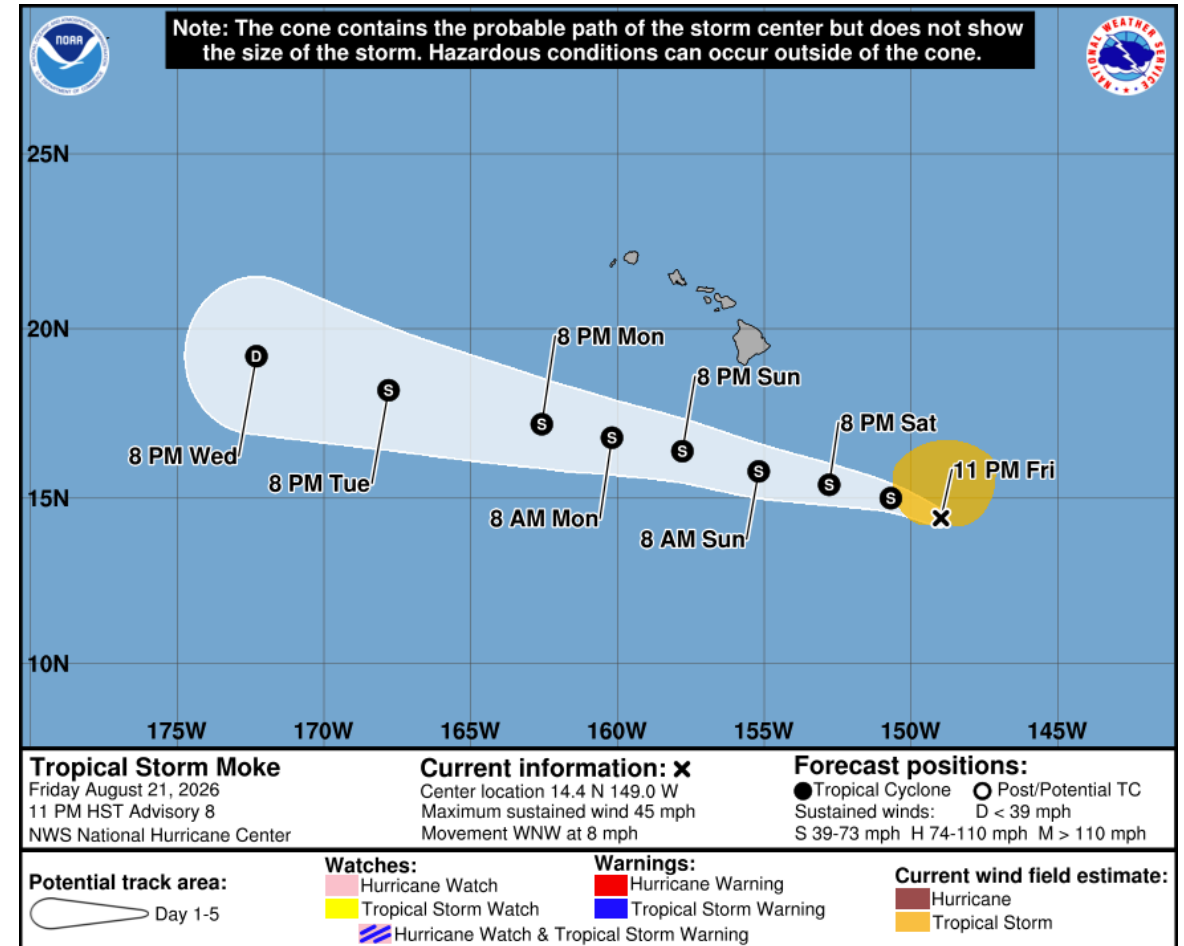
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Tropical Storm Moke – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #8, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 545 miles SE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving WNW at 8 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 45 mph
- Tropical storm-force winds extend outwards up to 175 miles from center
- Expected to pass south of the Big Island of Hawaii this weekend
- Gradual strengthening is forecast over the next day or two, followed by a steady weakening trend as the storm passes well south of the smaller main Hawaiian Islands early next week



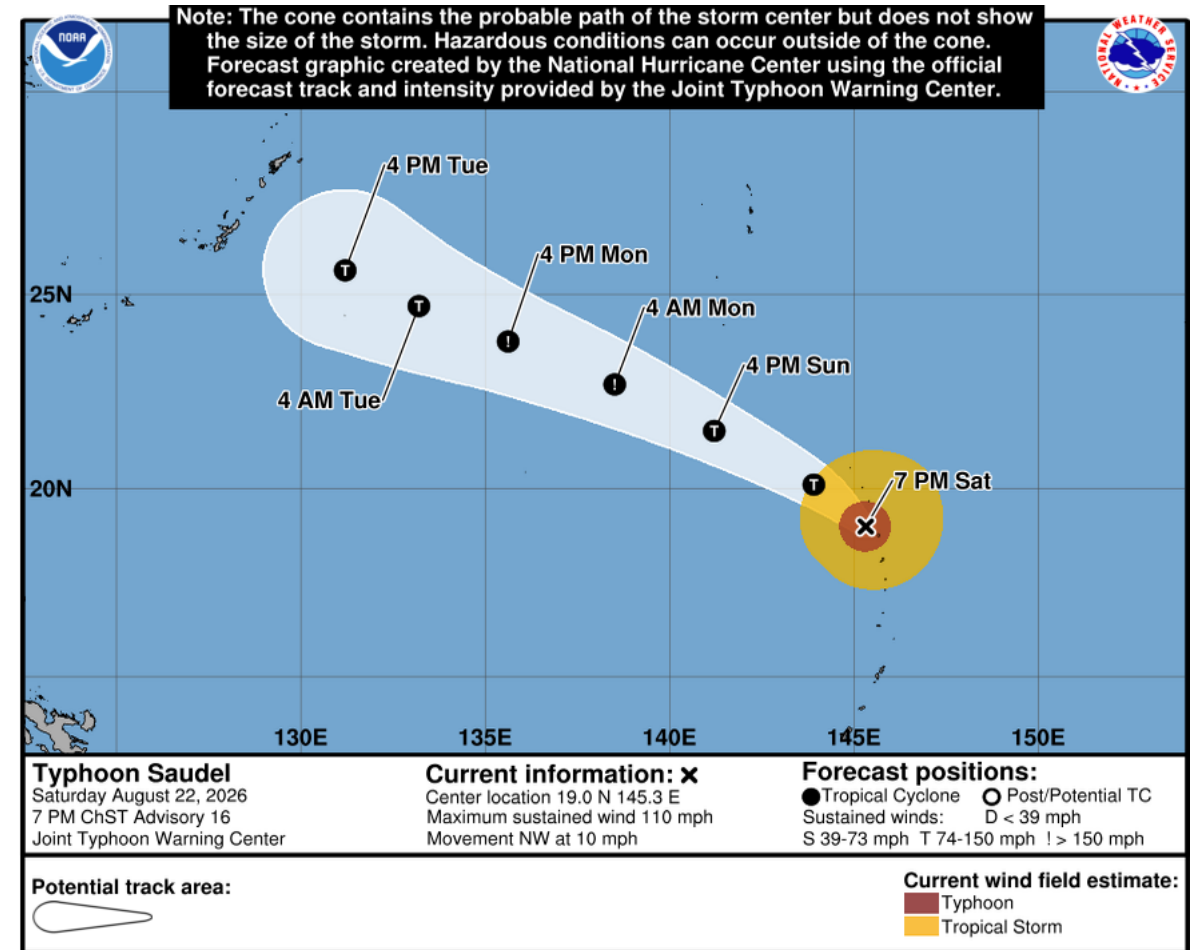
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Typhoon Saudel – Western Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #16, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

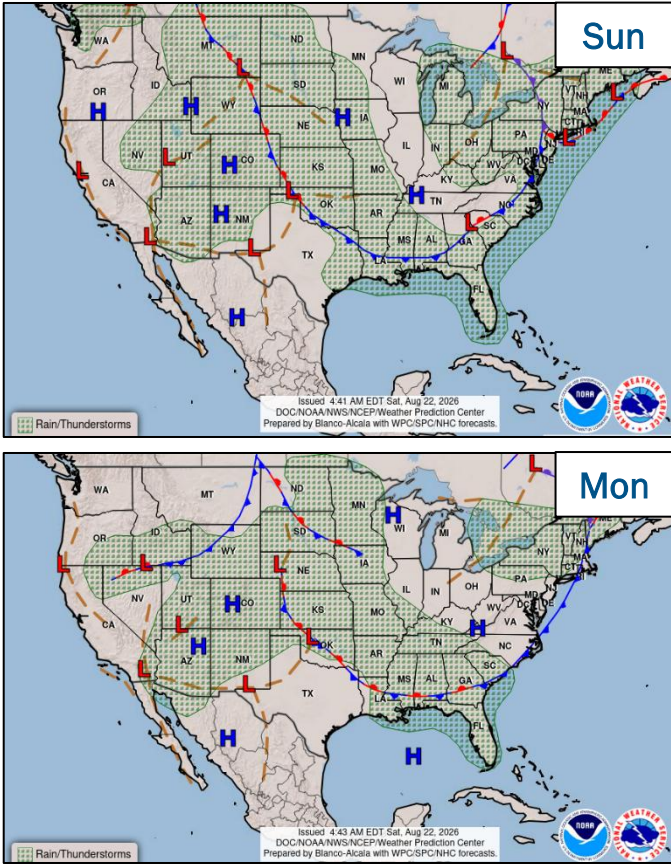
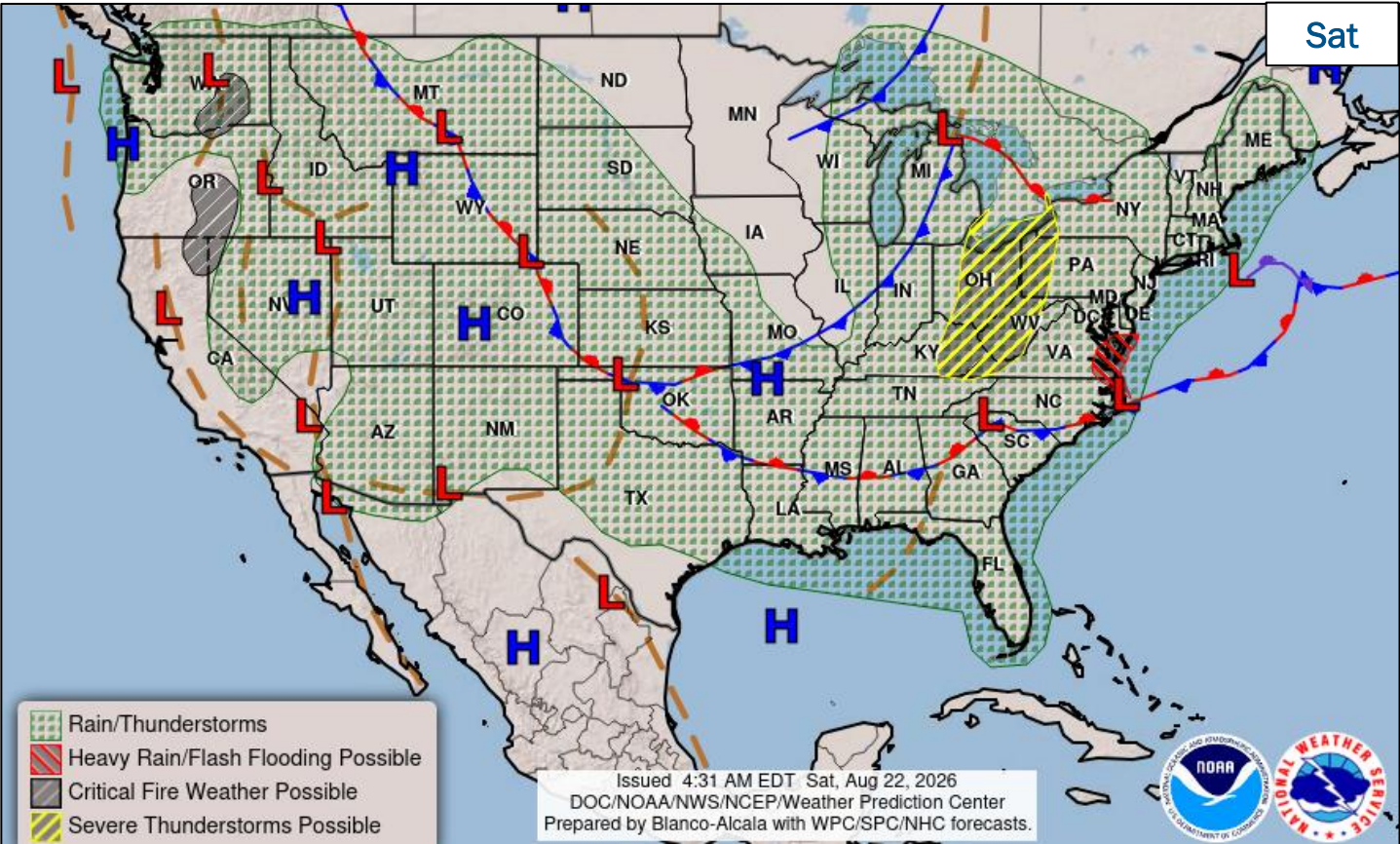
- Located 270 mi N of Saipan
- Moving NW at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 110 mph
- Saudel is forecast to intensify through Sunday
- Typhoon force winds extend outward from the center up to 45 mi
- Tropical storm winds extend outward from the center up to 150 mi
- The Tropical Storm Watch for Tinian and Saipan has been cancelled



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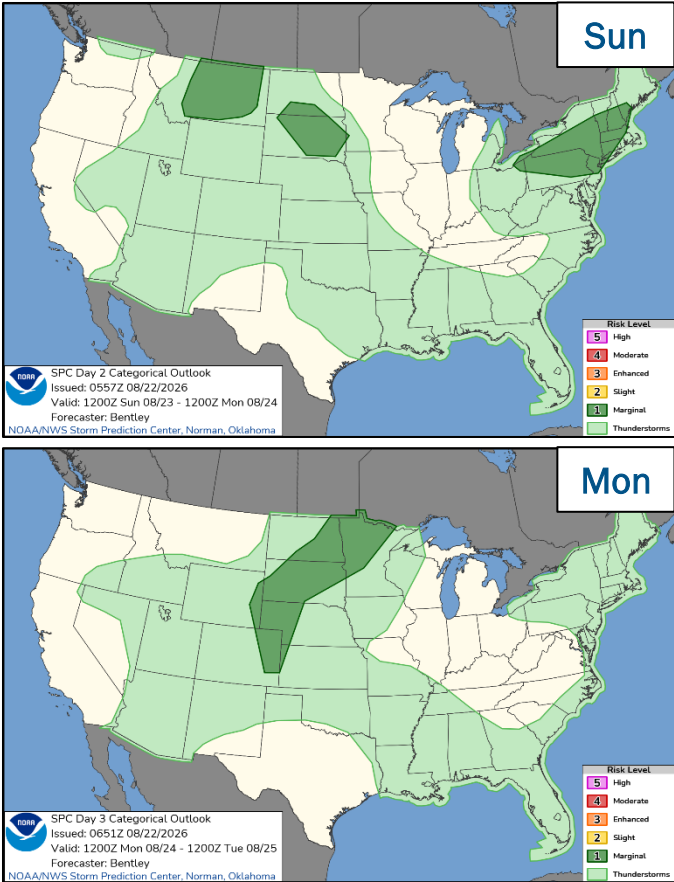
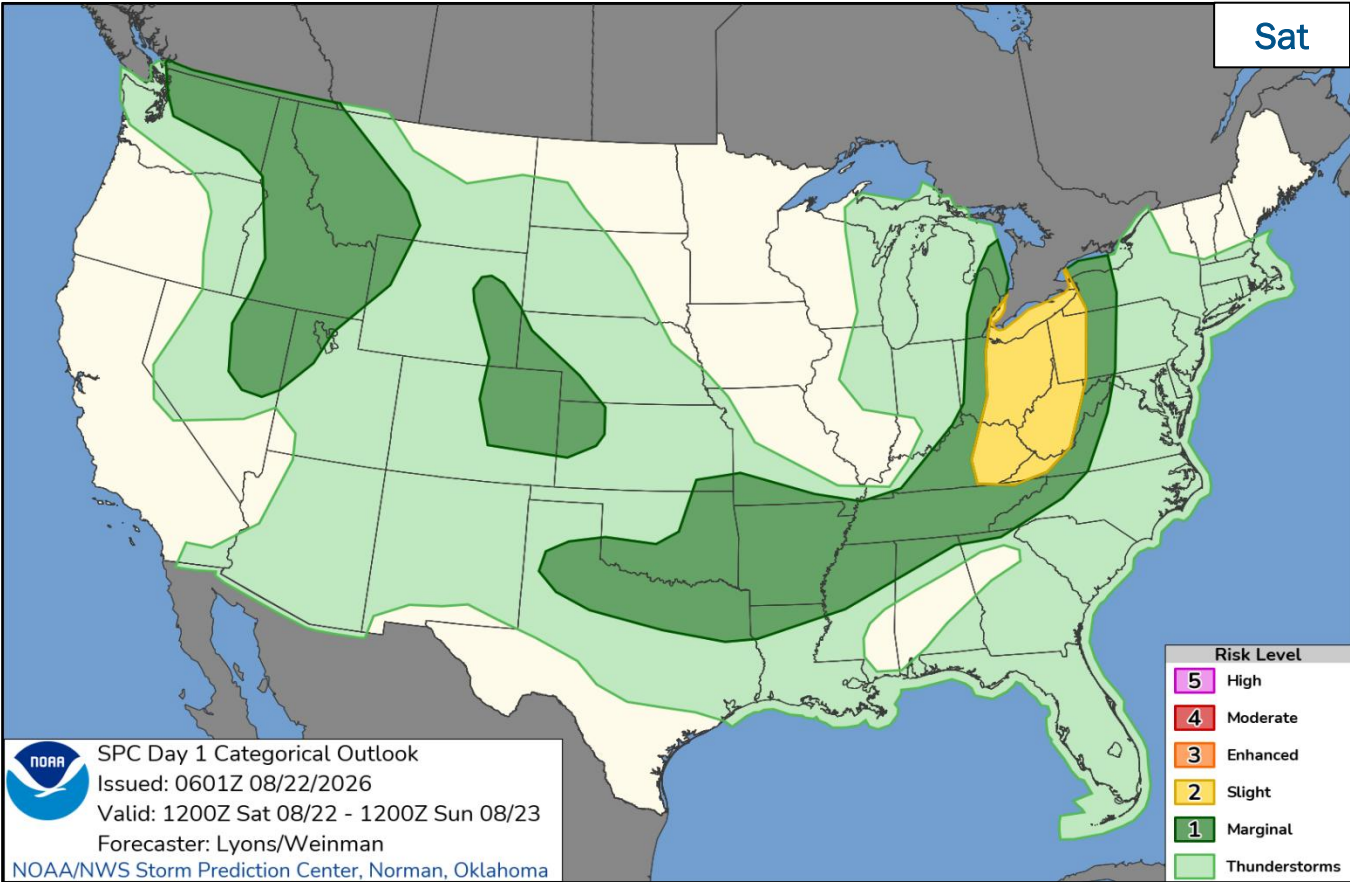
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National Weather Forecast



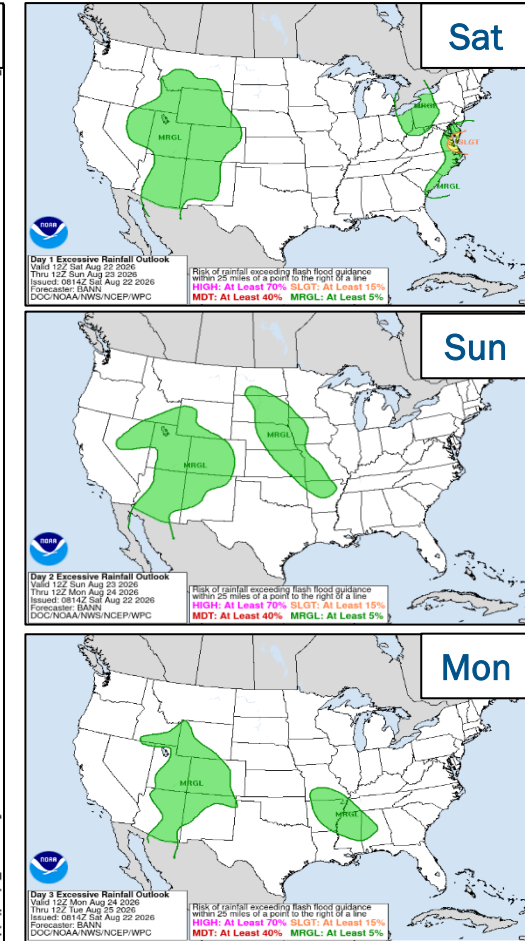
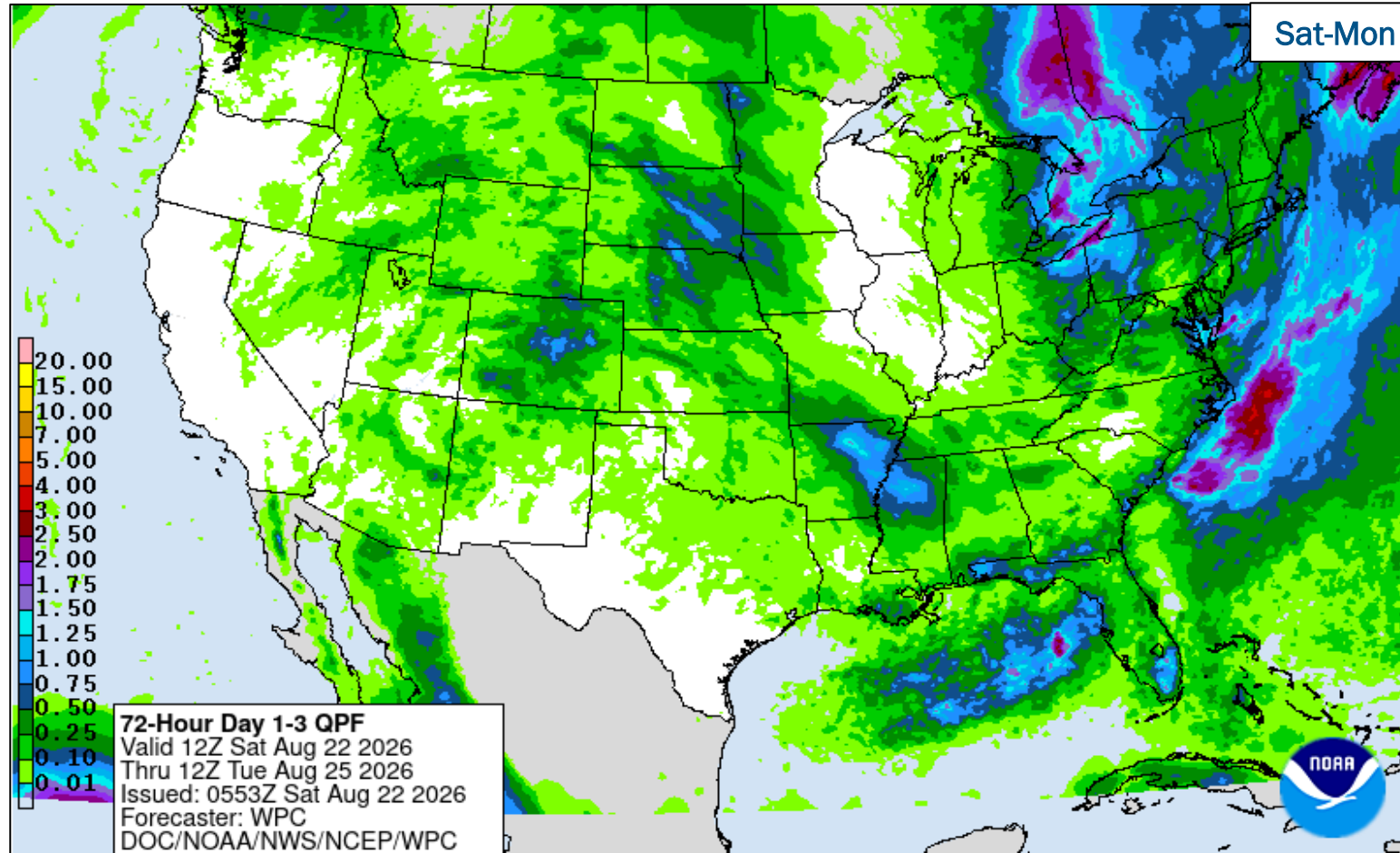
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Severe Weather Outlook



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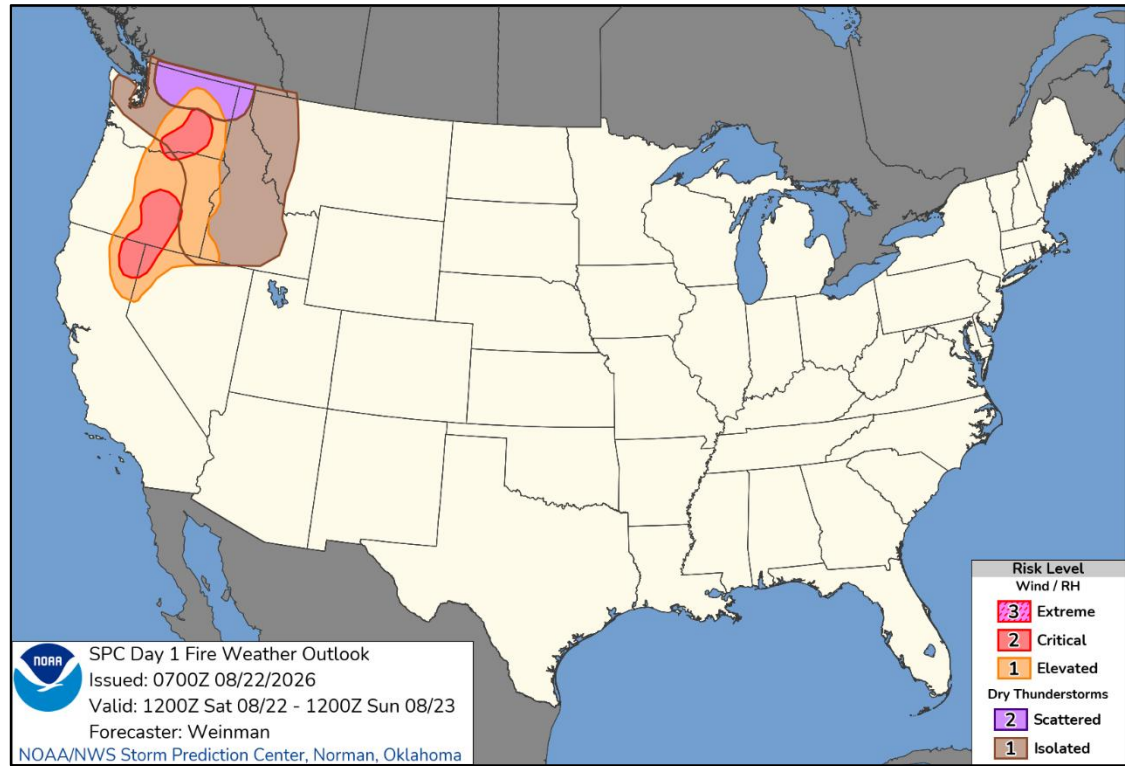
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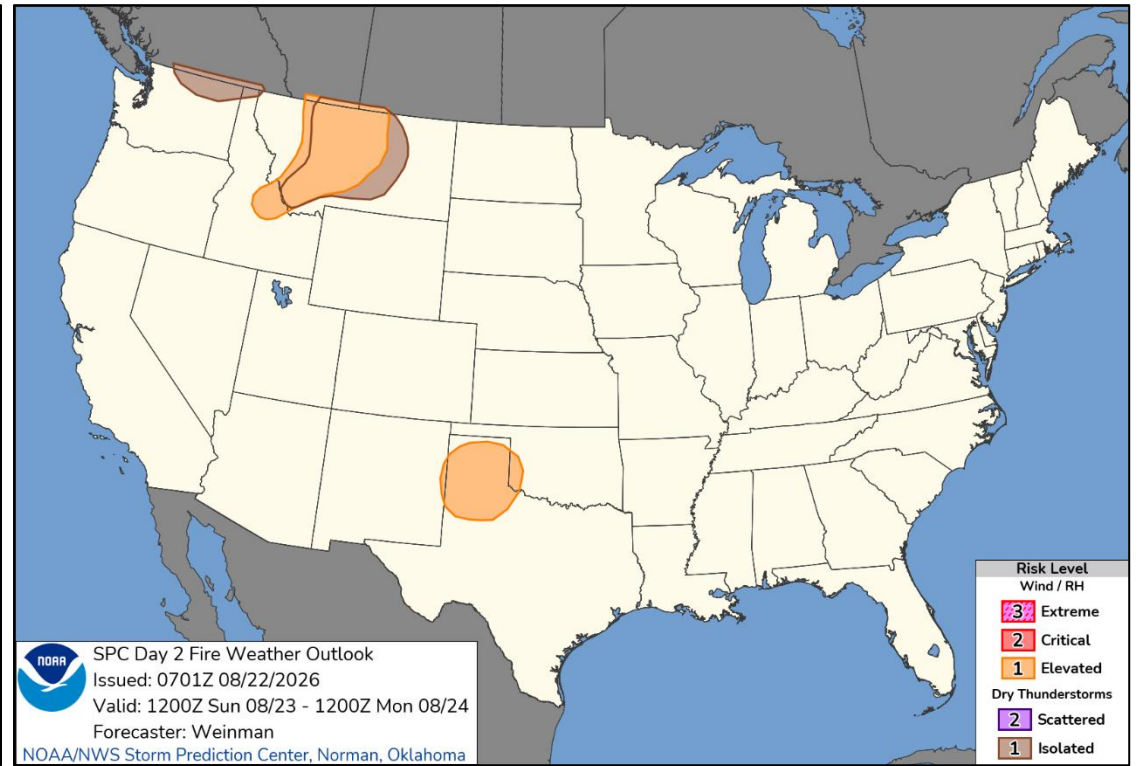
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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Pine Tree Road Fire – Arkansas

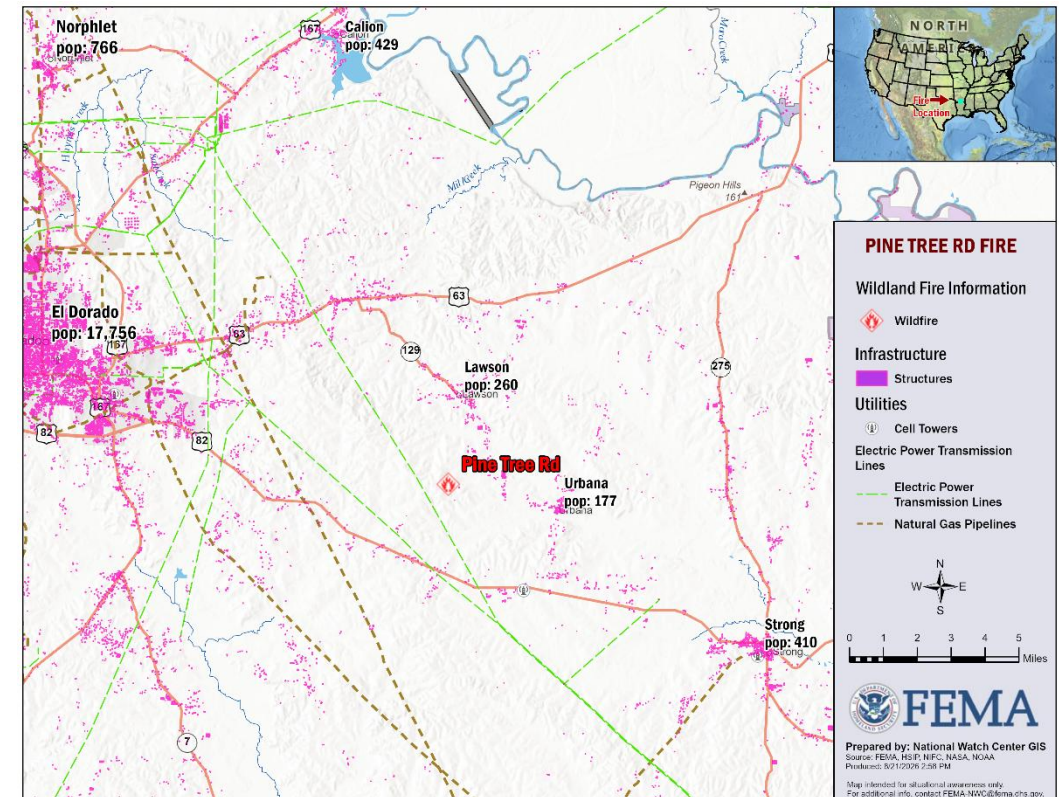
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Pine Tree Road (Union, AR)	5673-FM-AR	2,114	45%	M: 150	H: 75	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 45	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting FEMA Region 6 Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Pine Tree Road Fire (formerly called the Union 183 Fire) in Union County, Arkansas. The Pine Tree Road is burning near the City of Lawson and around the communities of Urbana, Payne, Nick Springs, Kinard, and Hillsboro (combined approx. pop. 809). The fire is burning on state and private land and is threatening primary residences. Two shelters were established in the vicinity. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested. (*Region 6 Approval Notification, as of 8:26 a.m. ET, Aug 21*)

Response:

- FMAG approved Aug 21
- AR SEOC at Normal Operations
- Region 6 Watch and NWC continue to monitor

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6, 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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National Fire Activity – August 22, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (136 fires)
New Large Fires	8
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	76
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,642,082
Total Responders	24,265
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	20
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	59
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

Sinlahekin Fire
Acres Burned: 154,298
Containment: 47%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/20
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/10

Grasshopper Fire
Acres Burned: 93,365
Containment: 76%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/26

Rowe Creek Complex
Acres Burned: 373,981
Containment: 91%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 1/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/24

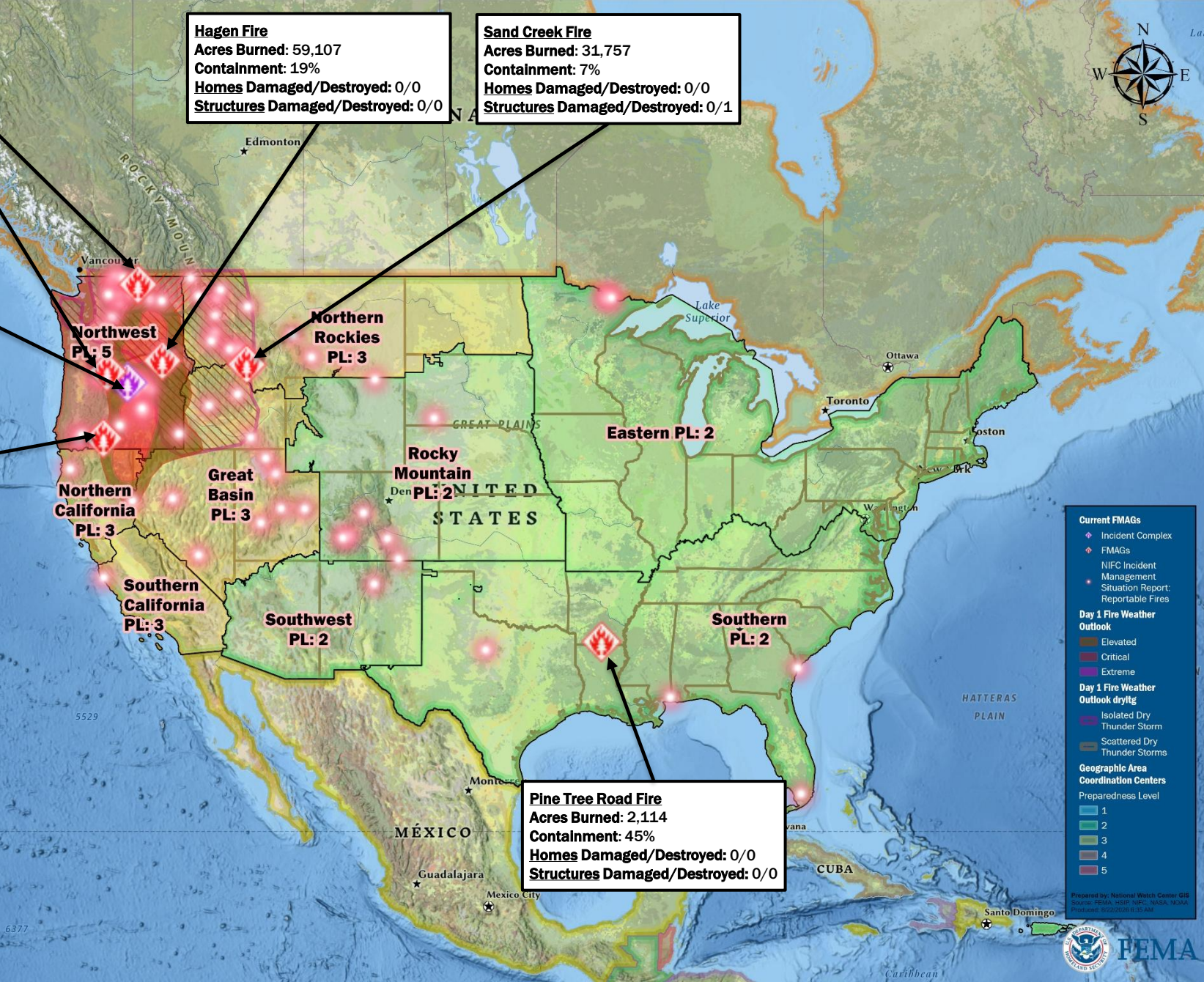
Wrights Spring Fire
Acres Burned: 54,276
Containment: 55%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/6

Mukluk Fire
Acres Burned: 7,287
Containment: 22%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/44
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

Hagen Fire
Acres Burned: 59,107
Containment: 19%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

Sand Creek Fire
Acres Burned: 31,757
Containment: 7%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1

Pine Tree Road Fire
Acres Burned: 2,114
Containment: 45%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0



Current FMAGS

- Incident Complex
- FMAGS
- NIFC Incident
- Management
- Situation Report
- Reportable Fires

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

- Elevated
- Critical
- Extreme

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook dryfg

- Isolated Dry Thunder Storm
- Scattered Dry Thunder Storms

Geographic Area Coordination Centers

Preparedness Level

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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Source: FEMA, USFS, NIFC, NOAA, NWS
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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	93,365 (+909)	76% (+5)	M: 12 (-111)	H: 2,288 (-675)	H: 0	H: 9	0 / 15 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 26	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,981	91% (+2)	M: 105	H: 452	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 24
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Okanogan, WA)	5657-FM-WA	154,298	47%	M: 12	H: 12	H: 0	H: 20	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 10	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	59,107 (+461)	19%	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	54,276 (+145)	55%	M: 104	H: 1,146	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 815	O: 0	O: 6	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	31,757	7%	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5 (+1)
				V: 6	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,287 (+443)	22% (+10)	M: 250 (-750)	H: 250	H: 0	H: 44	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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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,971
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,572 / 35%
Deployed

5,876 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,523 / 34%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,702 / 0 / 770
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: Staffing
• 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	1	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

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

Indianapolis, IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT

Washington, DC
Freedom 250
Grand Prix
• MERS

Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT

Mukluk
Alaska

Flash Flooding & Mudslides
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Flash Flooding & Mudslides
Guam

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

Flash Flooding & Mudslides Poss.
Hawaii

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

American Samoa

Dist. 1
Dist. 2
Dist. 3
TO Moke

Puerto Rico / U.S. Virgin Islands



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
• R3 RRCC: Freedom 250 Grand Prix
• R5 Watch: Staffing

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

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (3651-EM-IN)
• R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
• R9-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

Legend

Commodities & Equipment

SMT

MERS Det.

US&R

FCO

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	0/11

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	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	31 (22 FCO)
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	4	8/17 - 8/18
			PA	4 (+2)	4 (+4)	8/17 - 8/21
	OH	Severe Weather Aug 11 and continuing	IA	18	0	8/24 - TBD
			PA	16	0	8/24 - TBD
R8	CO	Aspen Acres Fire Jun 29 and continuing	IA	2	0	7/28 - TBD
			PA	2	0	7/28 - TBD
	RST*	Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds Aug 11-12	IA	1	0	8/31 - TBD
			PA	1	0	8/31 - TBD

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 20

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
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
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
MN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 20
IN - Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 20



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