

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, August 23, 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: Hawk Fire – NV
- Request: Emergency Declaration – HI

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Great Basin to Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 3: Med (50%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lala
 - Tropical Storm Moke
 - Disturbance 1 (EP92): High (near 100%)
 - Disturbance 2 (EP91): Med (40%)
 - Disturbance 3: Med (60%)

Event Monitoring

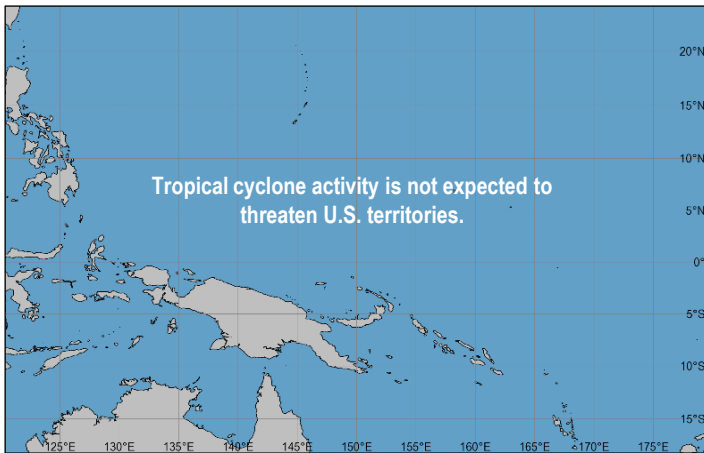
- Freedom 250 Grand Prix – Washington, D.C.



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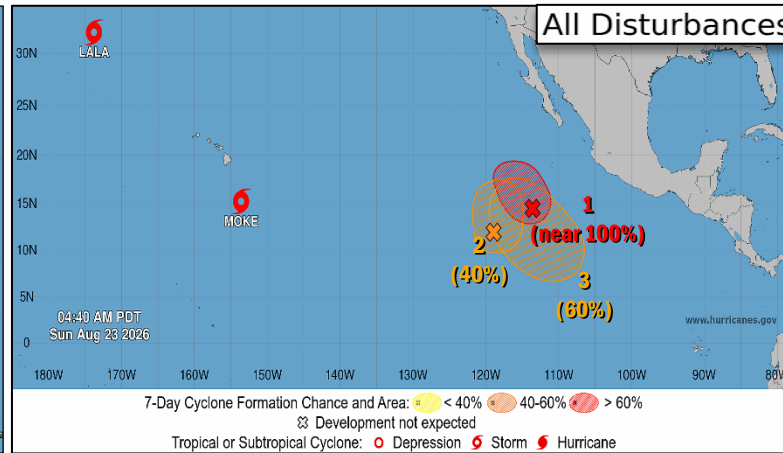
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #44, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Tropical Storm Moke: (Advisory #12 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

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

- Located several hundred mi SSW of the Baja California peninsula
- Surface wind circulation is becoming better defined
- If trends continue, then advisories will be initiated on a tropical storm later this morning
- Formation chance – 48 hours: High (near 100%); 7 days: High (near 100%)

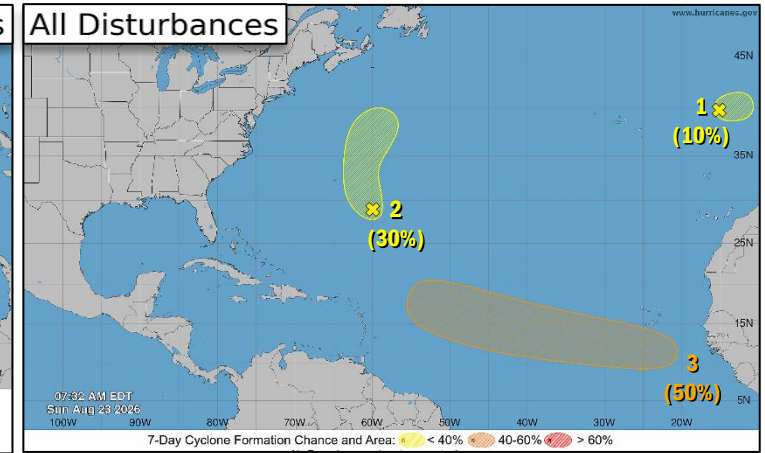
Disturbance 2 (EP91): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well SSW of the Baja California peninsula
- Conditions could support a short-lived tropical depression during the next day or two before it interacts or merges with EP92
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Med (40%); 7 days: Med (40%)

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

- Well S of the Baja California peninsula
- Some slow development expected, and a tropical depression could form by the end of the week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Med (60%)

Atlantic



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

- Non-tropical area of low pressure located a few hundred miles west of the coast of Portugal, moving ENE at 10 to 15 mph
- Slight chance of acquiring subtropical characteristics later today
- Formation chance: 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

Disturbance 2 (AL95): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles SE of Bermuda
- Slow development is possible during the next few days as it moves NW today and accelerates N early this week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (20%); 7 days: Low (30%)

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

- Tropical wave expected to move off the west coast of Africa on Monday
- Environmental conditions are marginally conducive for development, and a tropical depression could form by the middle to latter portions of next week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Med (50%)



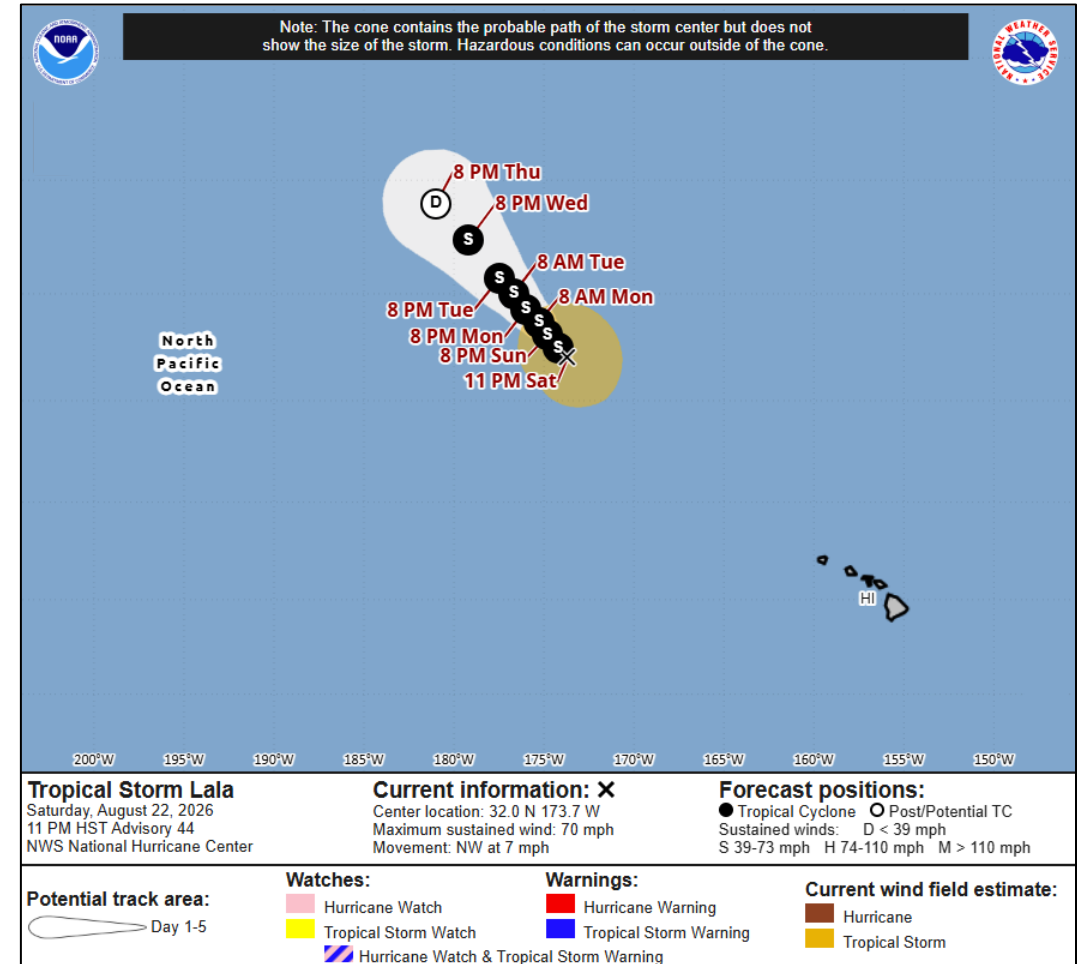
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Tropical Storm Lala – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #44, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 335 miles NE of Pearl and Hermes Atoll
- Moving NW at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 70 mph
- Gradual weakening is forecast during the next several days
- Tropical storm winds extend outward up to 185 mi



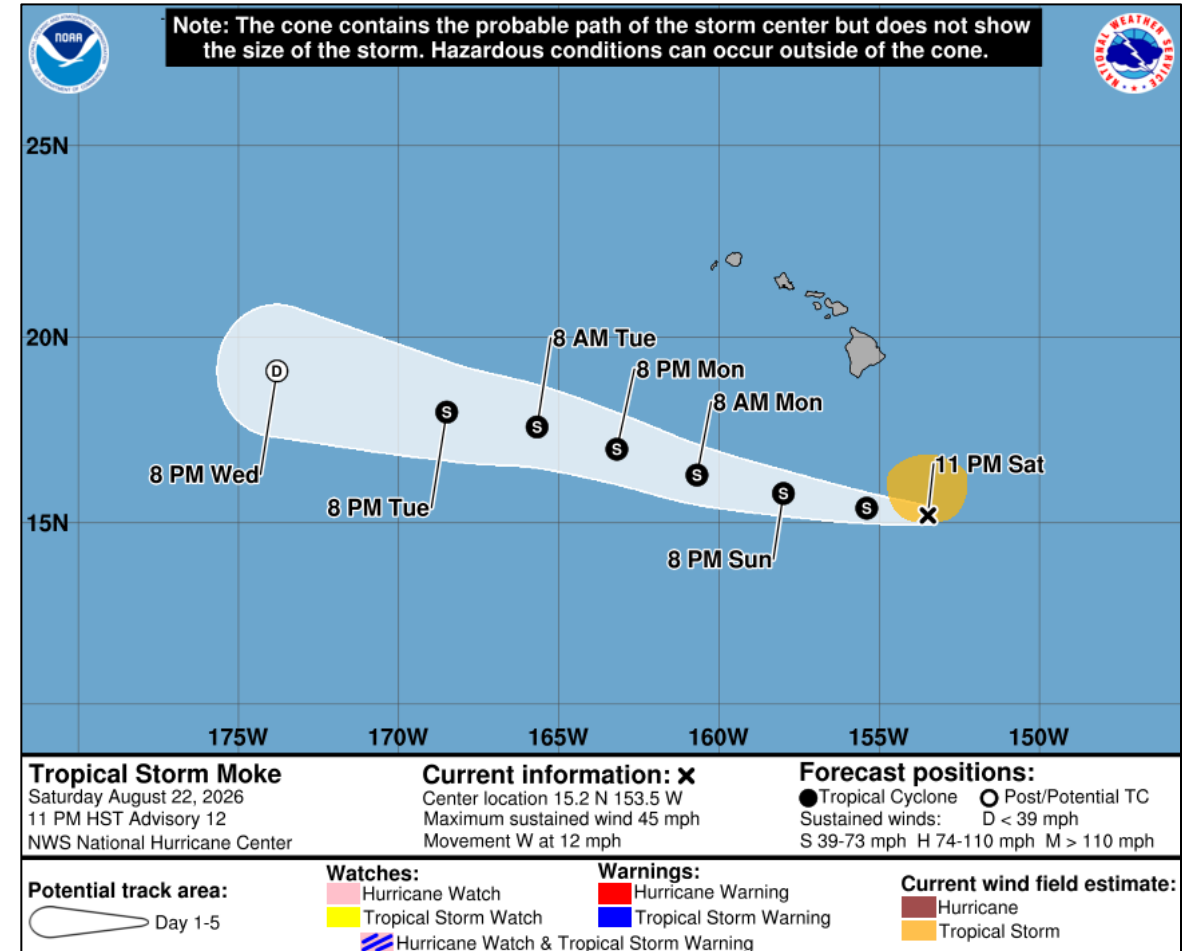
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Tropical Storm Moke – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

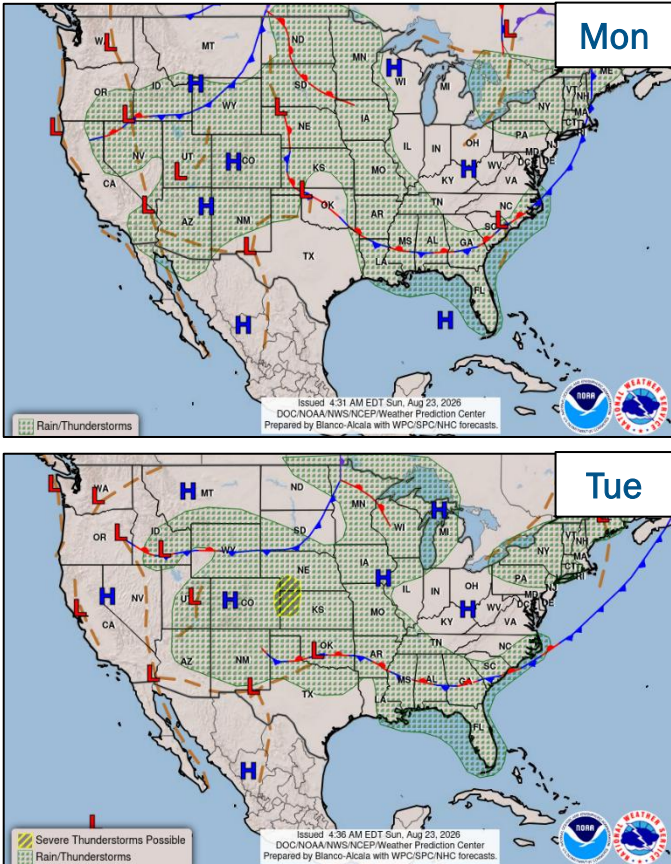
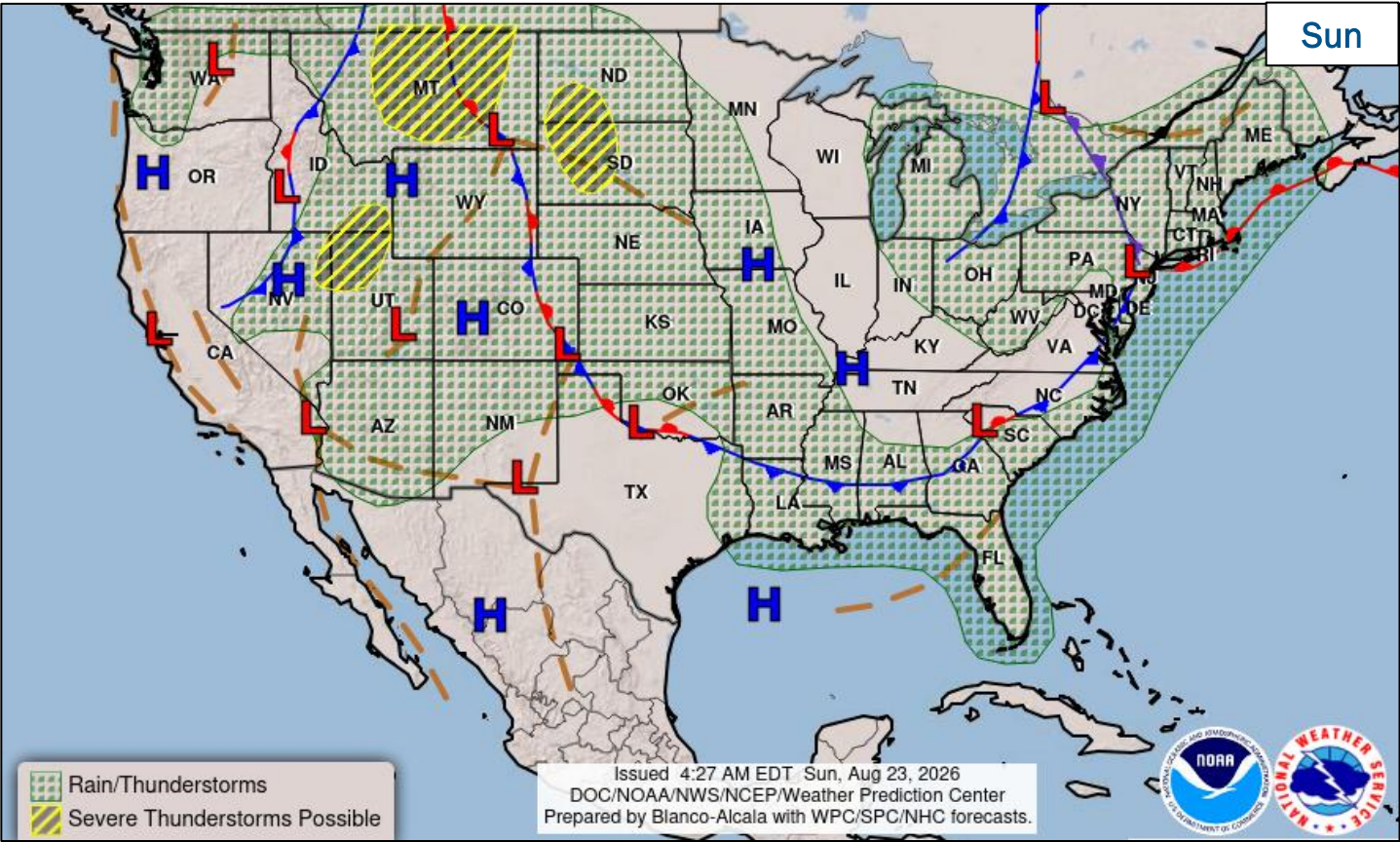
- Located 330 miles SSE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving W at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 45 mph
- Tropical storm-force winds extend outwards up to 115 miles from center
- Expected to pass south of the Big Island of Hawaii on Sunday
- Little change in strength is expected today, but gradual weakening is forecast to begin on Sunday



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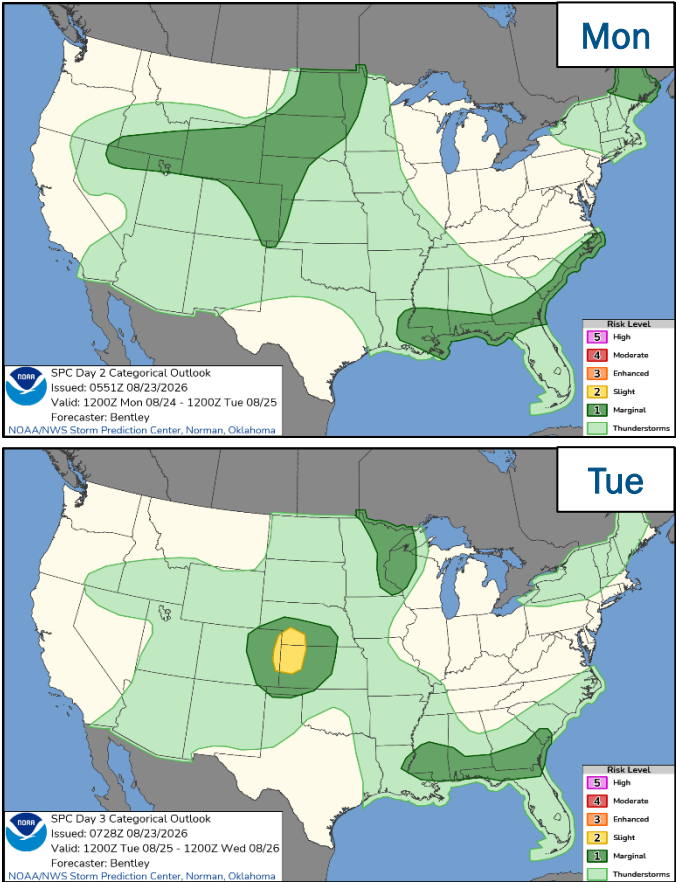
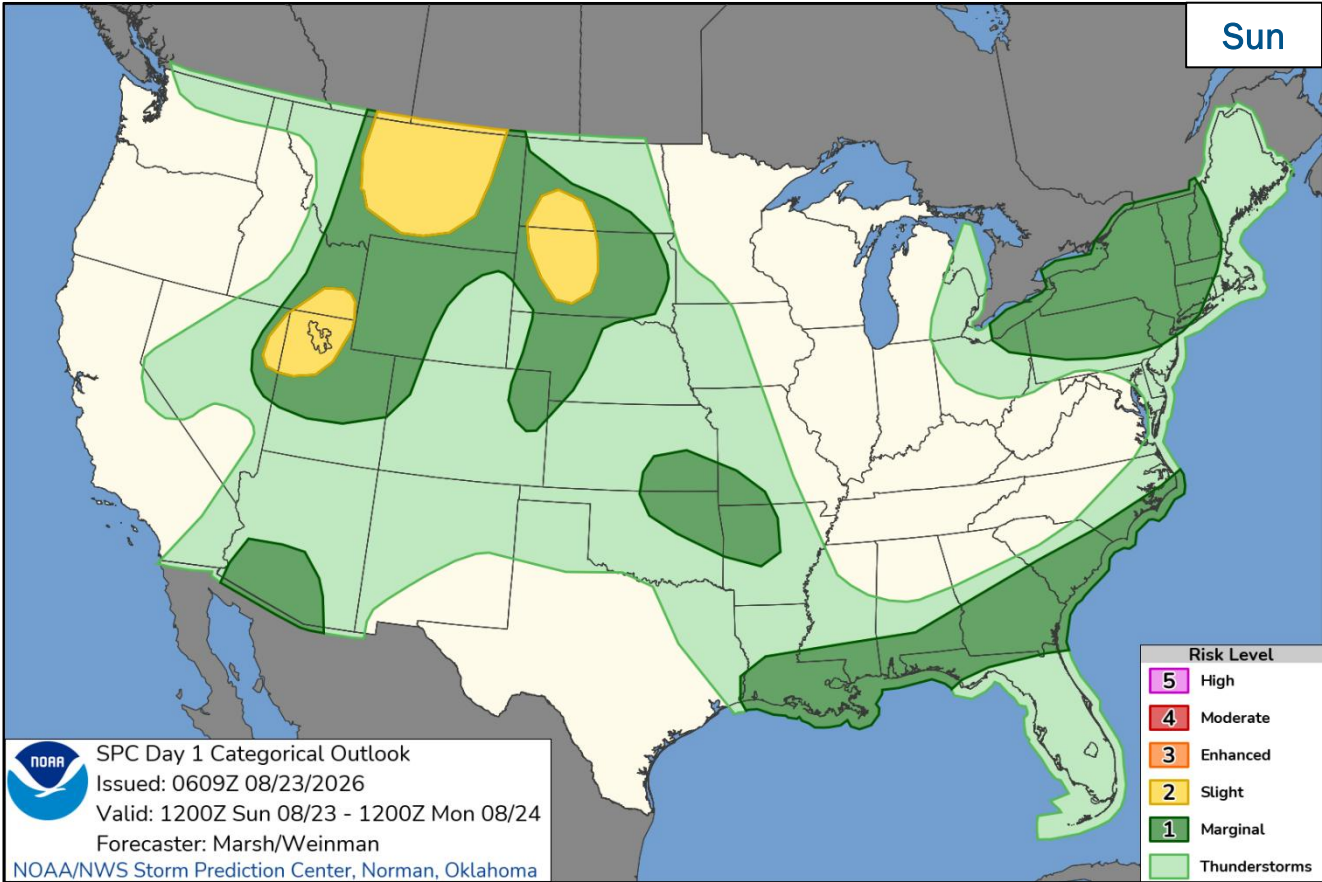
National Weather Forecast



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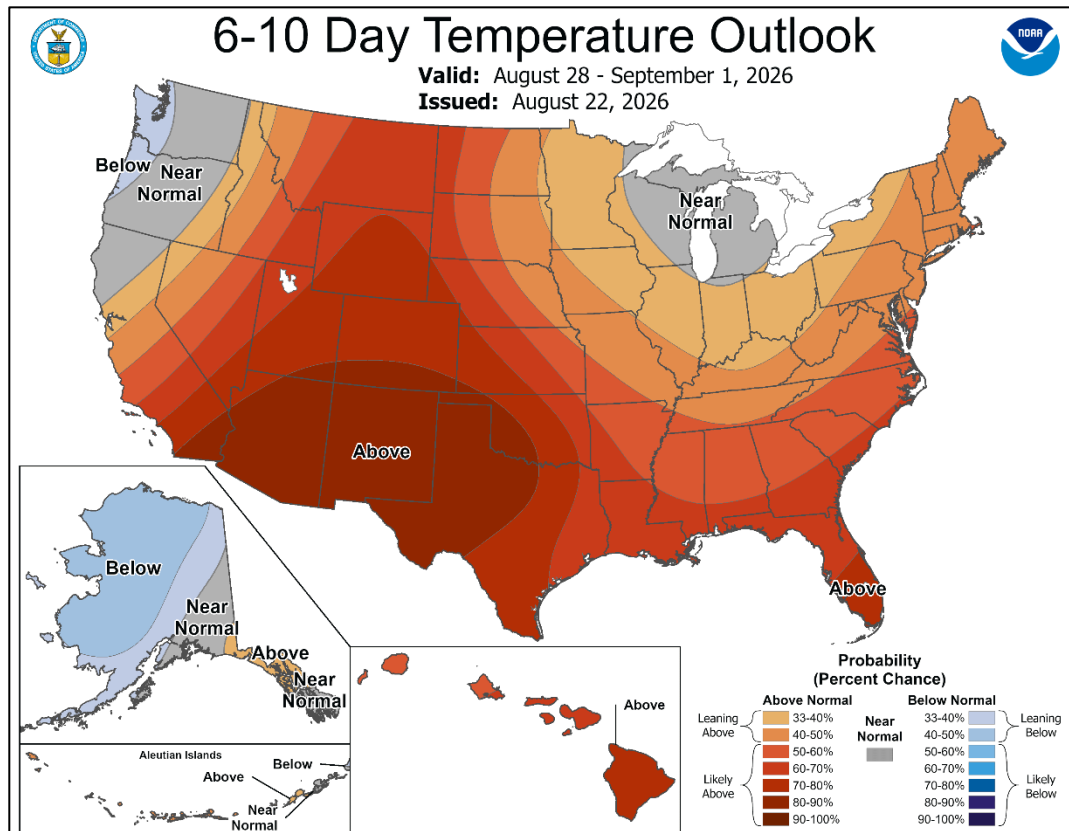
Severe Weather Outlook



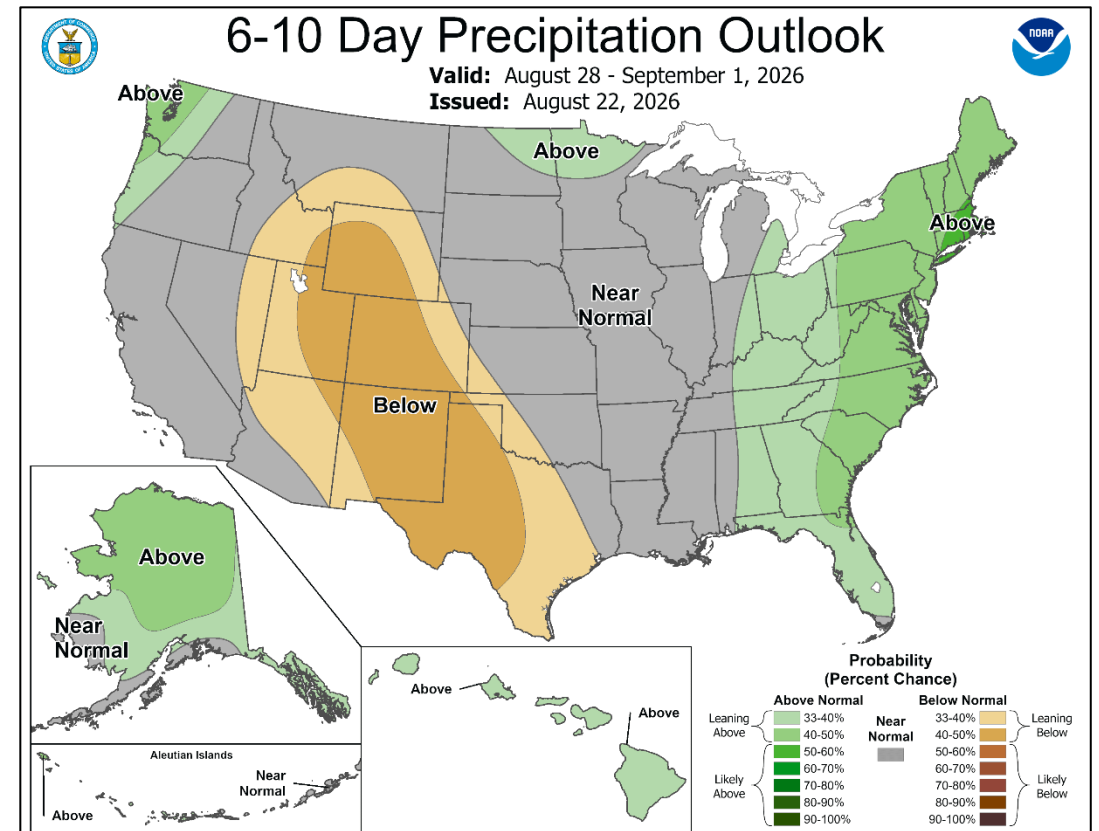
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Long Range Outlooks – Aug 28-Sep 1



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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Hawk Fire – Nevada

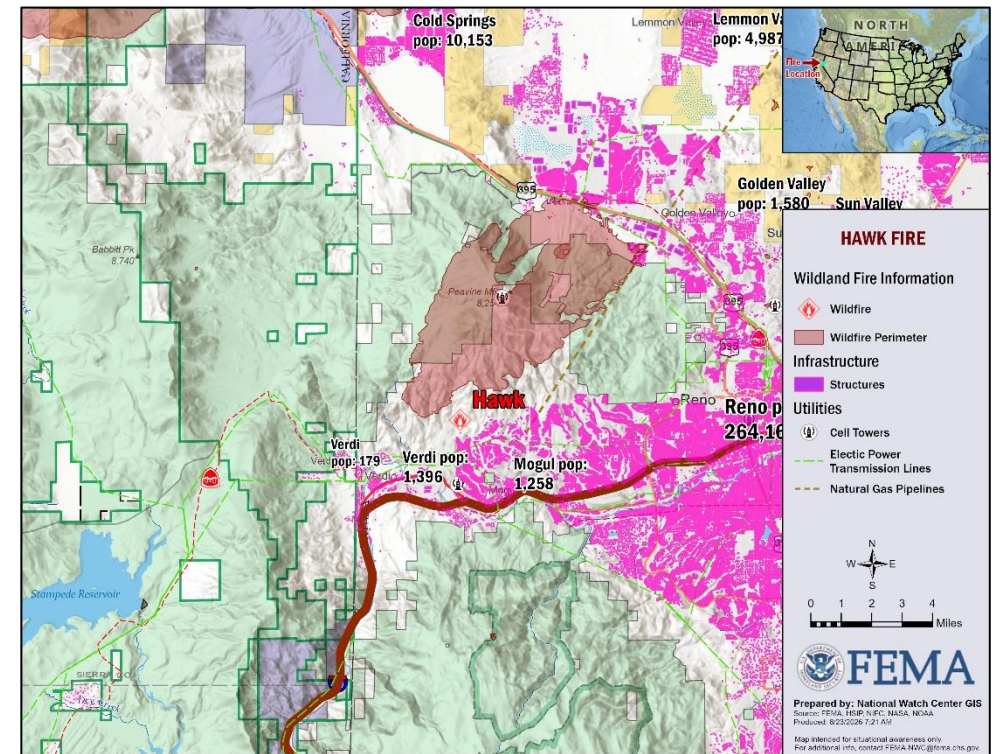
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Hawk (Washoe, NV)	XXXX-FM-NV	10,500	0%	M: 7,300	H: UNK	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: UNK	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The FEMA Region 9 Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Hawk Fire burning near Reno, NV in Washoe County (pop. 509k). Washoe County is under a declared state of emergency due to multiple large wildfires in the area. Two (2) shelters are open with unknown population and several local road closures are in effect, including portions of US-395 and I-580. There are no other requests for FEMA assistance. ([FEMA R9 SPOTREP Update #1, as of 2:12 a.m. ET, Aug 23](#))

Response:

- FMAG approved Aug 22
- NV SEOC at Full Activation (Wildfires)
- Region 9 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- Region 9 RIMAT-1 deploying to NV SEOC (arriving Aug 24)
- LNO/Tribal LNO deployed to NV SEOC
- NWC is Monitoring

The 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).



Source: NIFC, as of 7:21 a.m. ET



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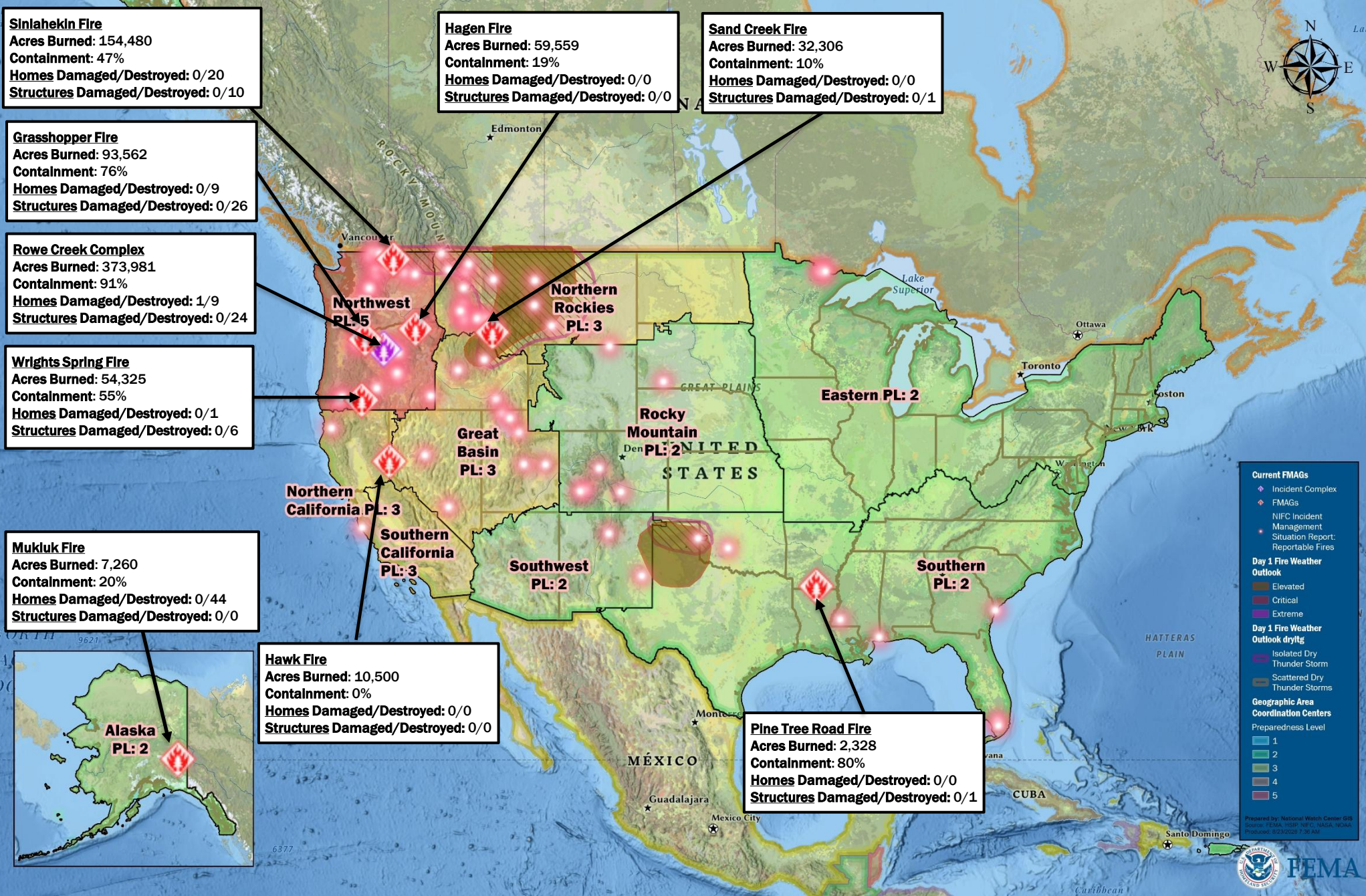
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National Fire Activity – August 23, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (113 fires)
New Large Fires	11
Large Fires Contained	6
Uncontained Large Fires	78
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,561,605
Total Responders	22,751
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	20
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	60
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	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	93,562 (+197)	76%	M: 12	H: 2,288	H: 0	H: 9	0 / 16 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 26	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,981	91%	M: 105	H: 452	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 24
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Okanogan, WA)	5657-FM-WA	154,480 (+182)	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	59,559 (+452)	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	54,325 (+49)	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	32,306 (+549)	10% (+3)	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5
				V: 0 (-6)	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,260 (-27)	20% (-2)	M: 250	H: 250	H: 0	H: 44	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Pine Tree Road (Union, AR)	5673-FM-AR	2,328 (+214)	80% (+35)	M: 150	H: 120	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1 (+1)	

(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

6,506 / 34%
Deployed

5,935 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,530 / 35%
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

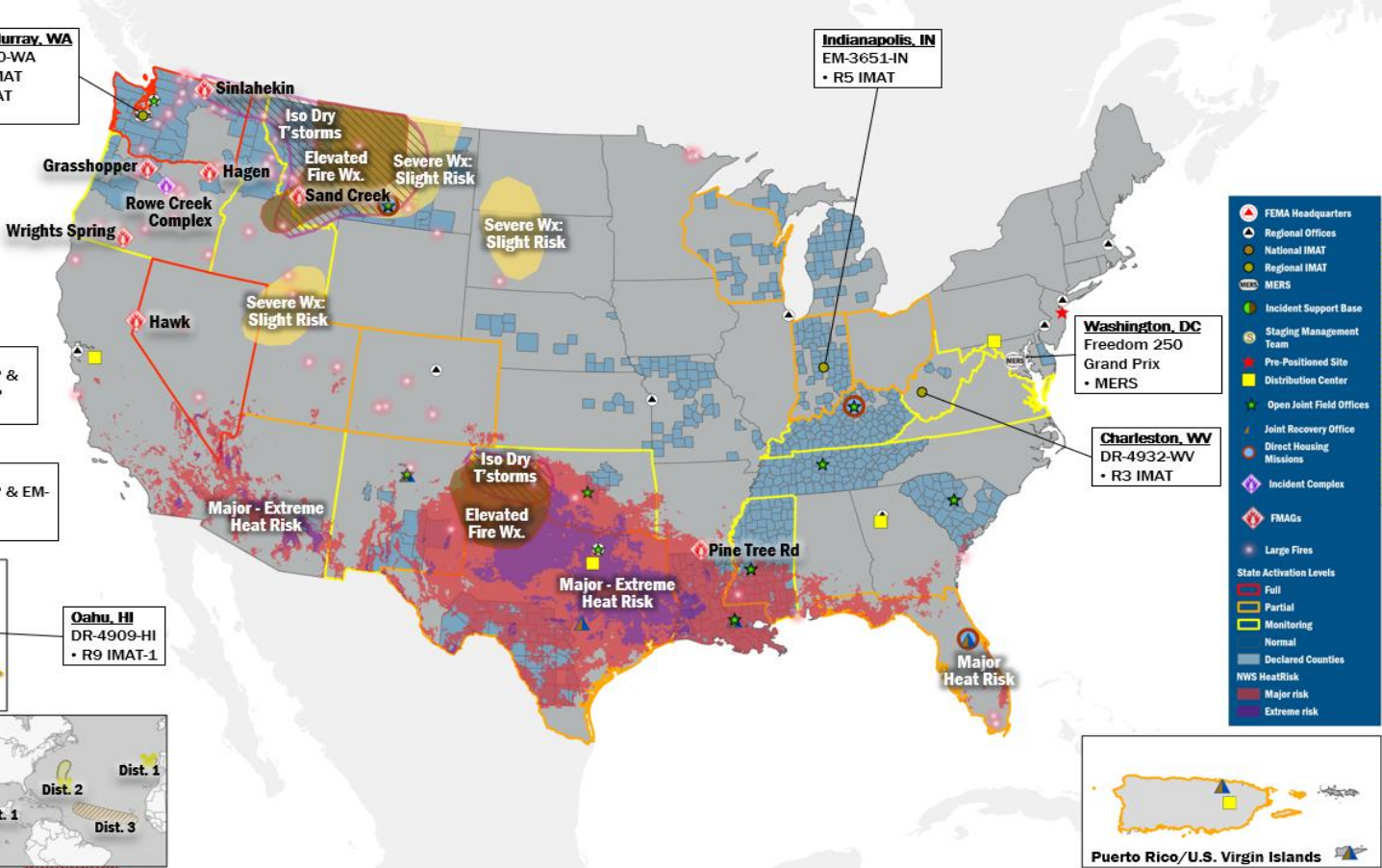
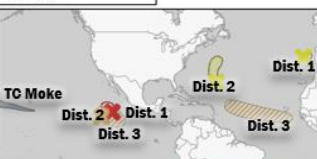
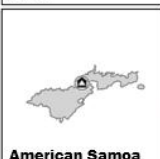
Washington, DC
Freedom 250
Grand Prix
• MERS

Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT

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



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

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); Redeploying to NV (Wildfires)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

Legend

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

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

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

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	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	31 (22 FCOR)
Available	6

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	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 Request – Hawaii

Declaration Type: Emergency – HI

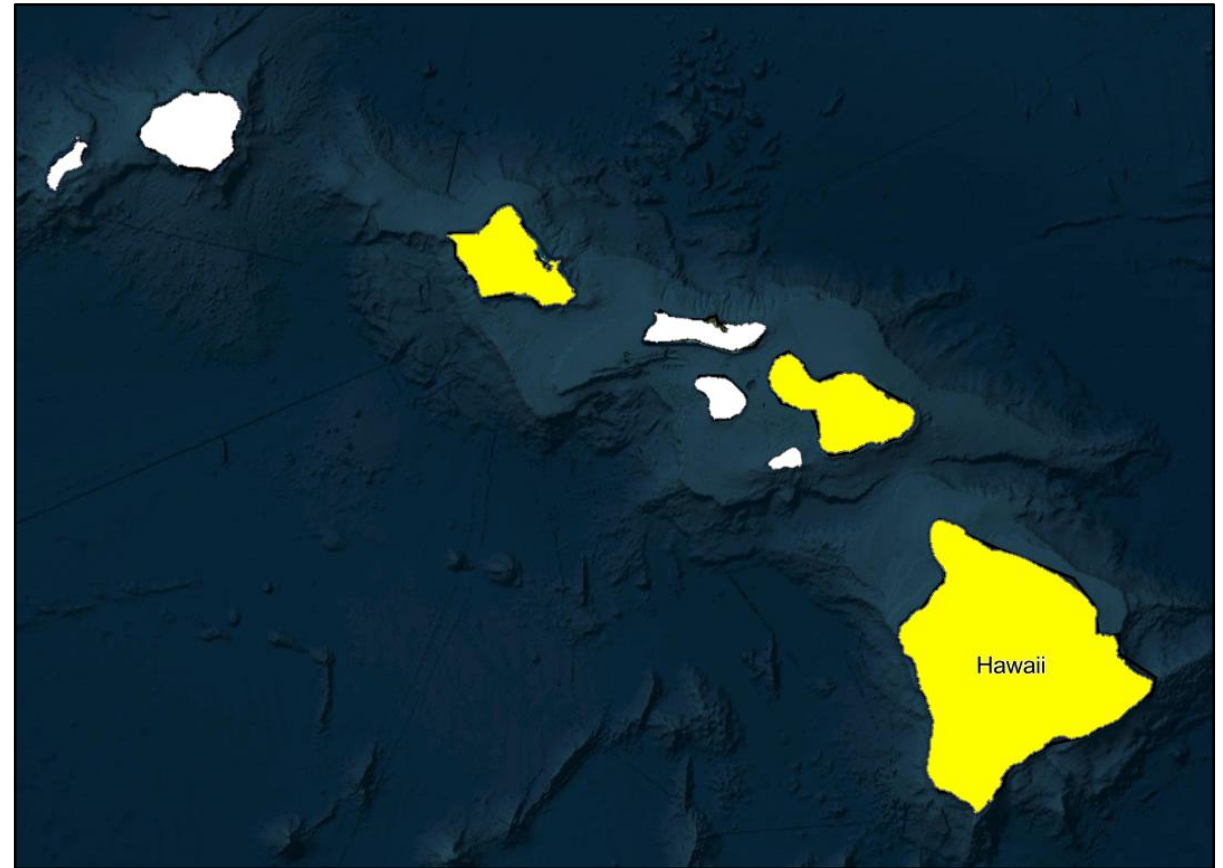
Date Requested: Aug 22

Incident: Hurricane Lala

Incident Period: Aug 14–16

Requested:

- **PA:** 3 counties



 PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 21

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
HI – Hurricane Lala	EM		X		Aug 22

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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