

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Storms – Central Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley, Ohio Valley, and Great Lakes
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Lower Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys, Southeastern U.S.
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Great Basin and Northern Intermountain
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1 (AL96): Med (60%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lala
 - Tropical Storm Iselle
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (70%)
 - Disturbance 3: Med (60%)
 - Disturbance 4: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – IN
- Approval: Emergency Declaration – HI

Event Monitoring

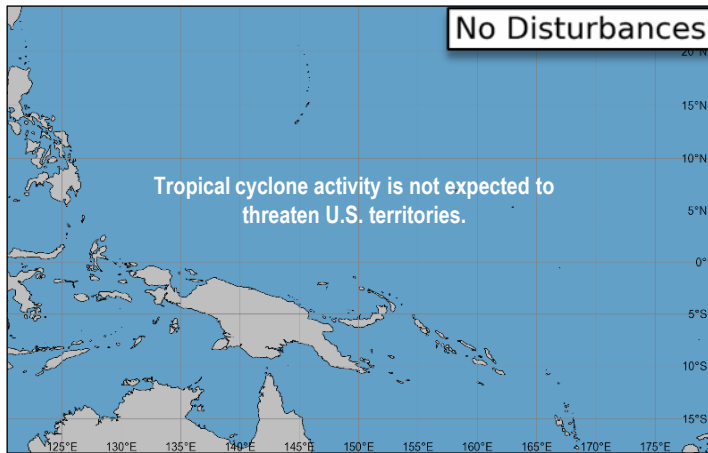
- No new significant events



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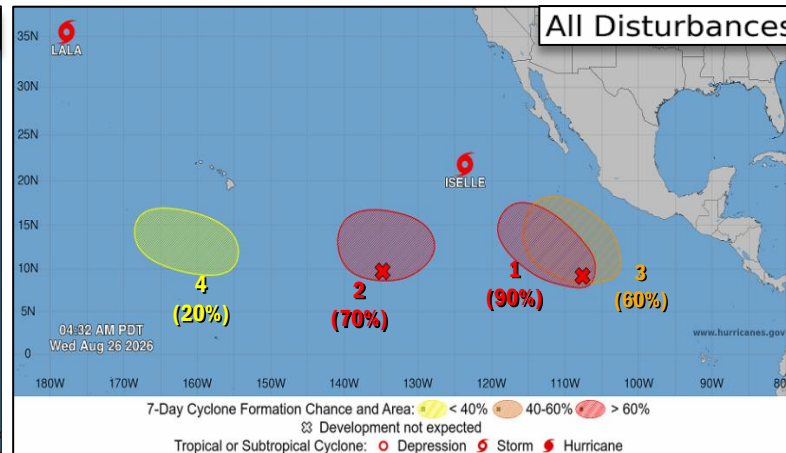
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #56, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

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

- Not expected to affect US interests

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

- Located well S of southern Mexico
- Tropical depression is likely to form in the next couple of days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (80%); 7-day: High (90%)

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

- Located well ESE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Tropical depression is likely to form late this week or early this weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Medium (40%); 7-day: High (70%)

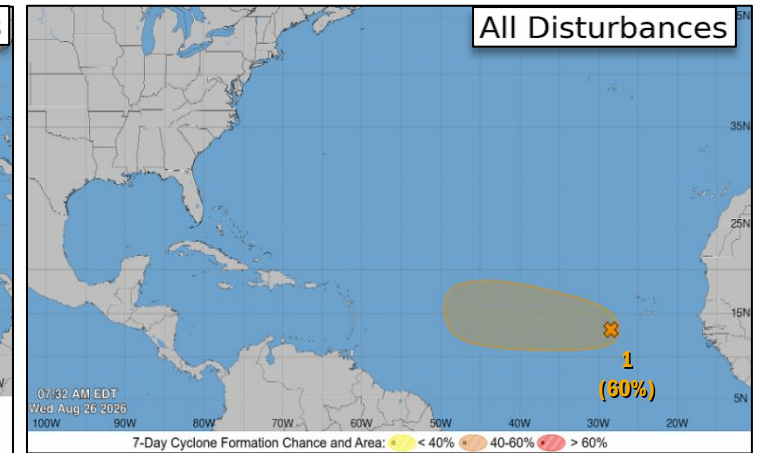
Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well offshore of southern Mexico
- A tropical depression could form by early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hours: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Medium (60%)

Disturbance 4: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well SSW of the Hawaiian Islands
- Gradual development is possible by early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hours: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Disturbance 1 (AL96): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

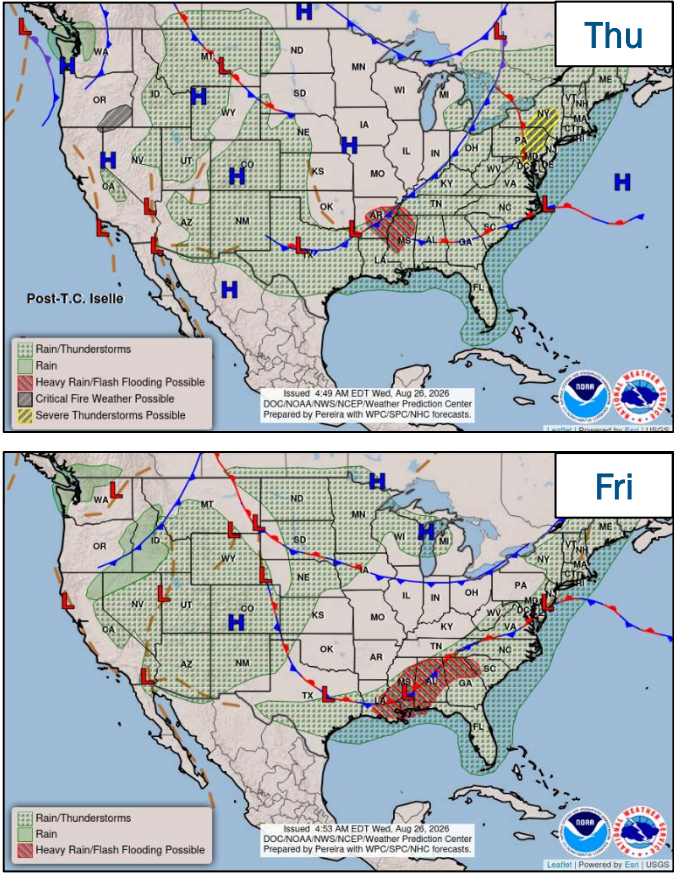
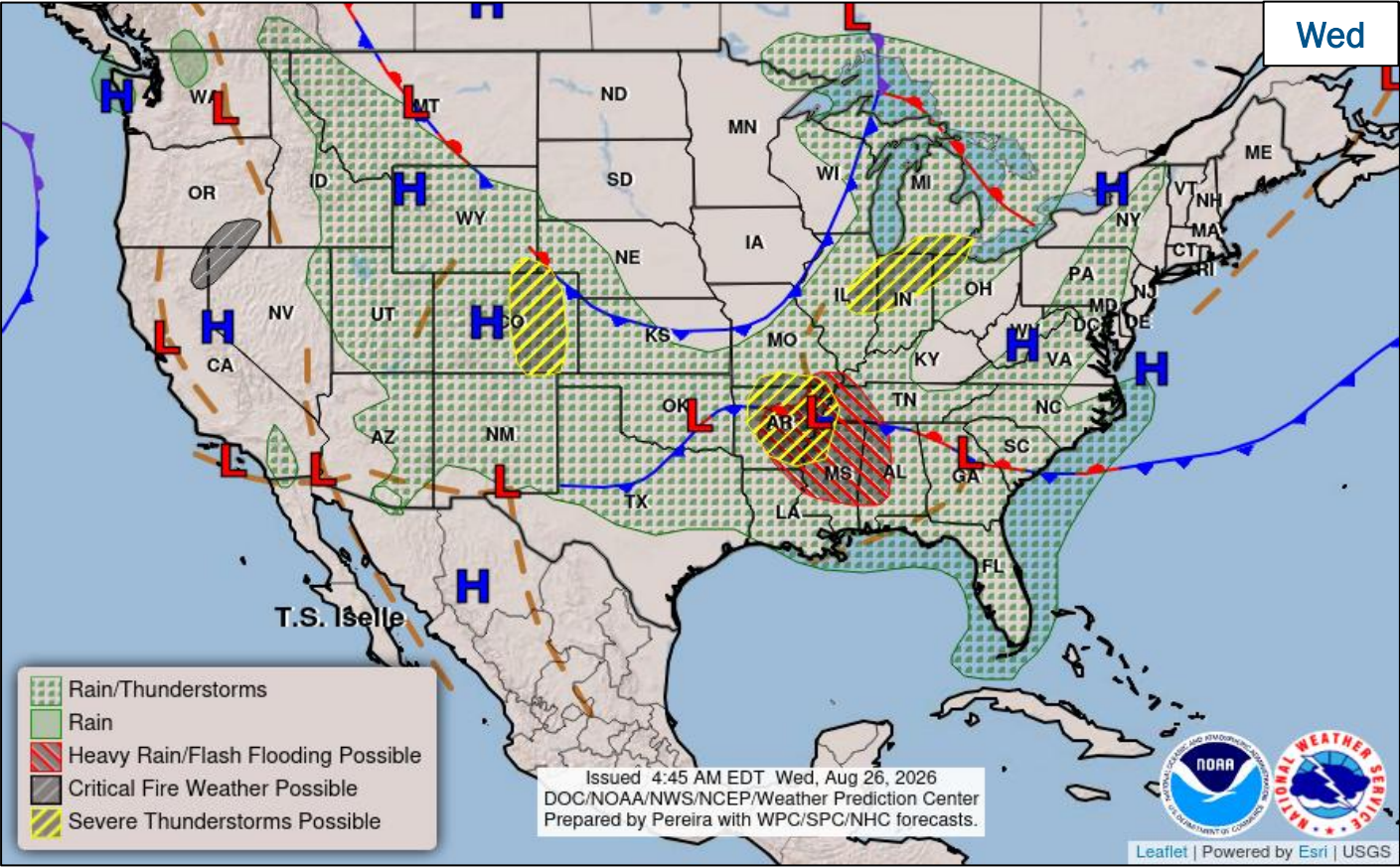
- Located a few hundred miles SSW of the Cabo Verde islands
- A tropical depression is likely to form over the next day or two as the system moves W to WNW across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Med (60%); 7-day: Med (60%)



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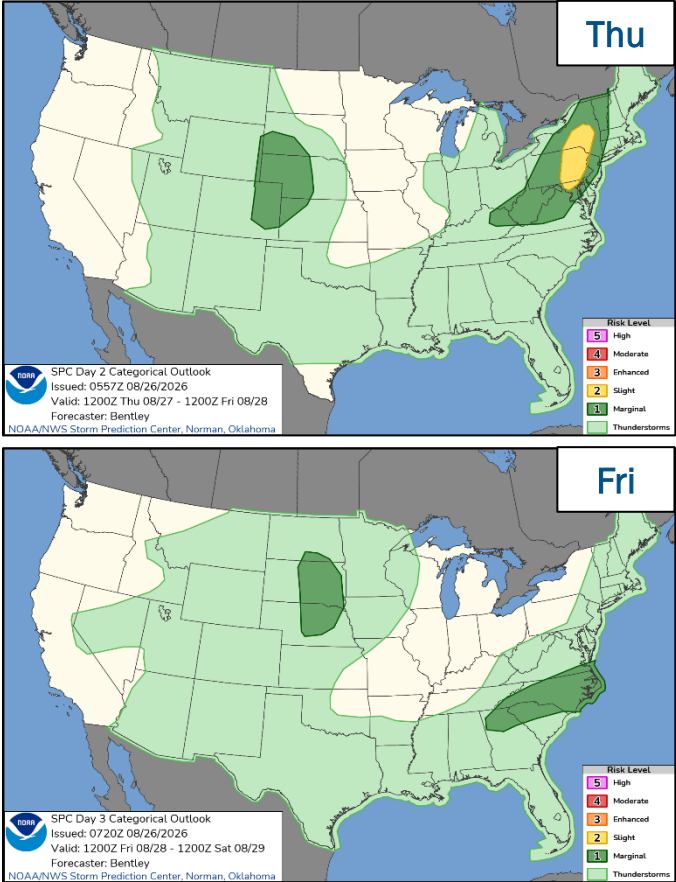
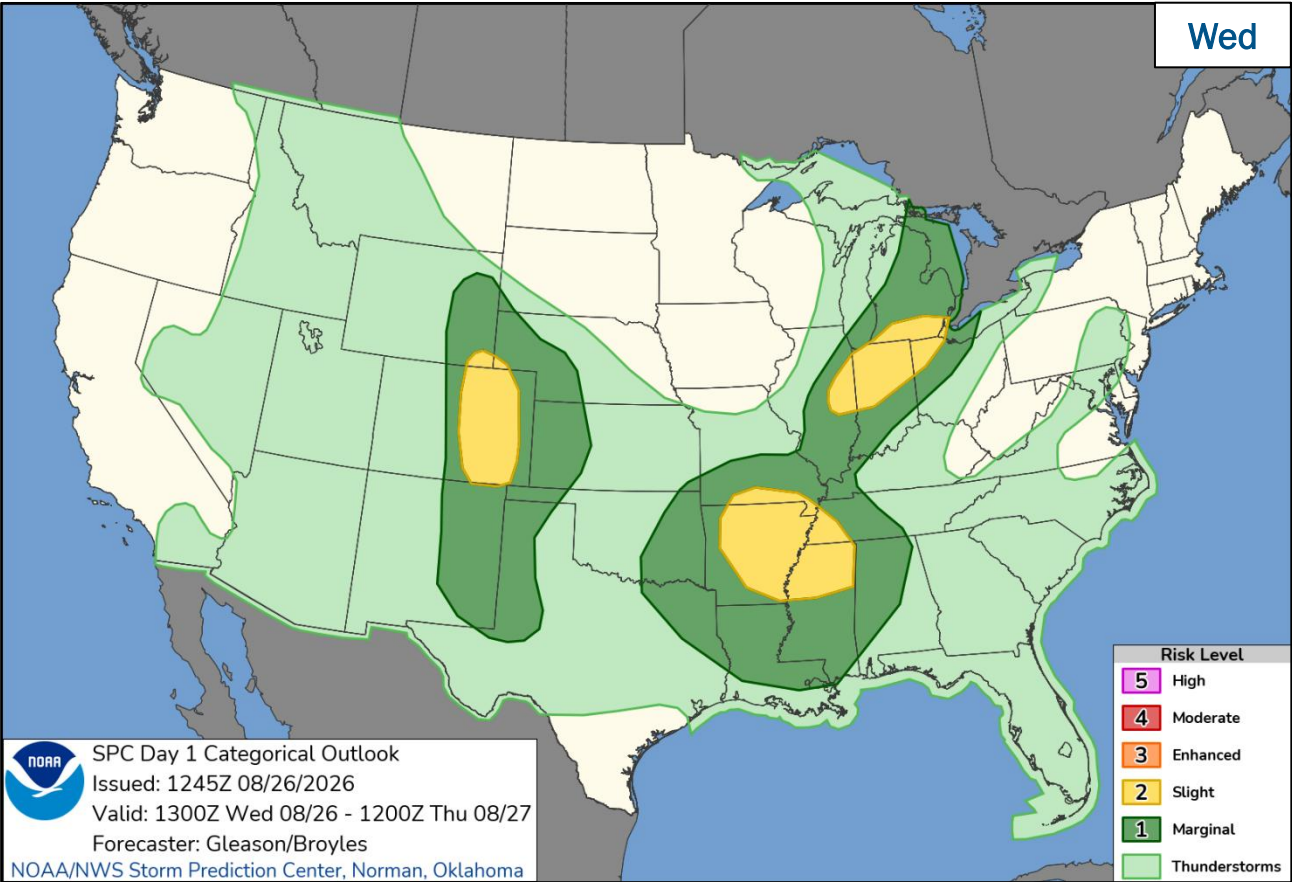
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National Weather Forecast



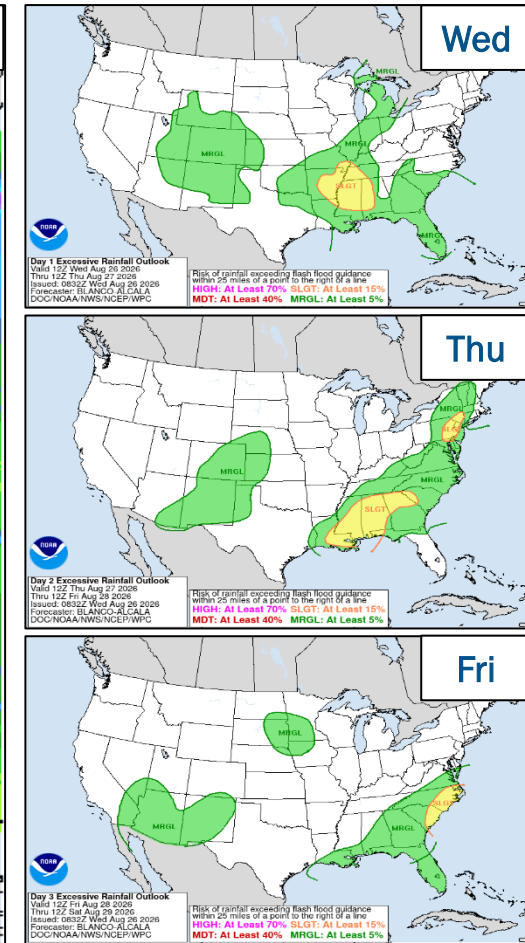
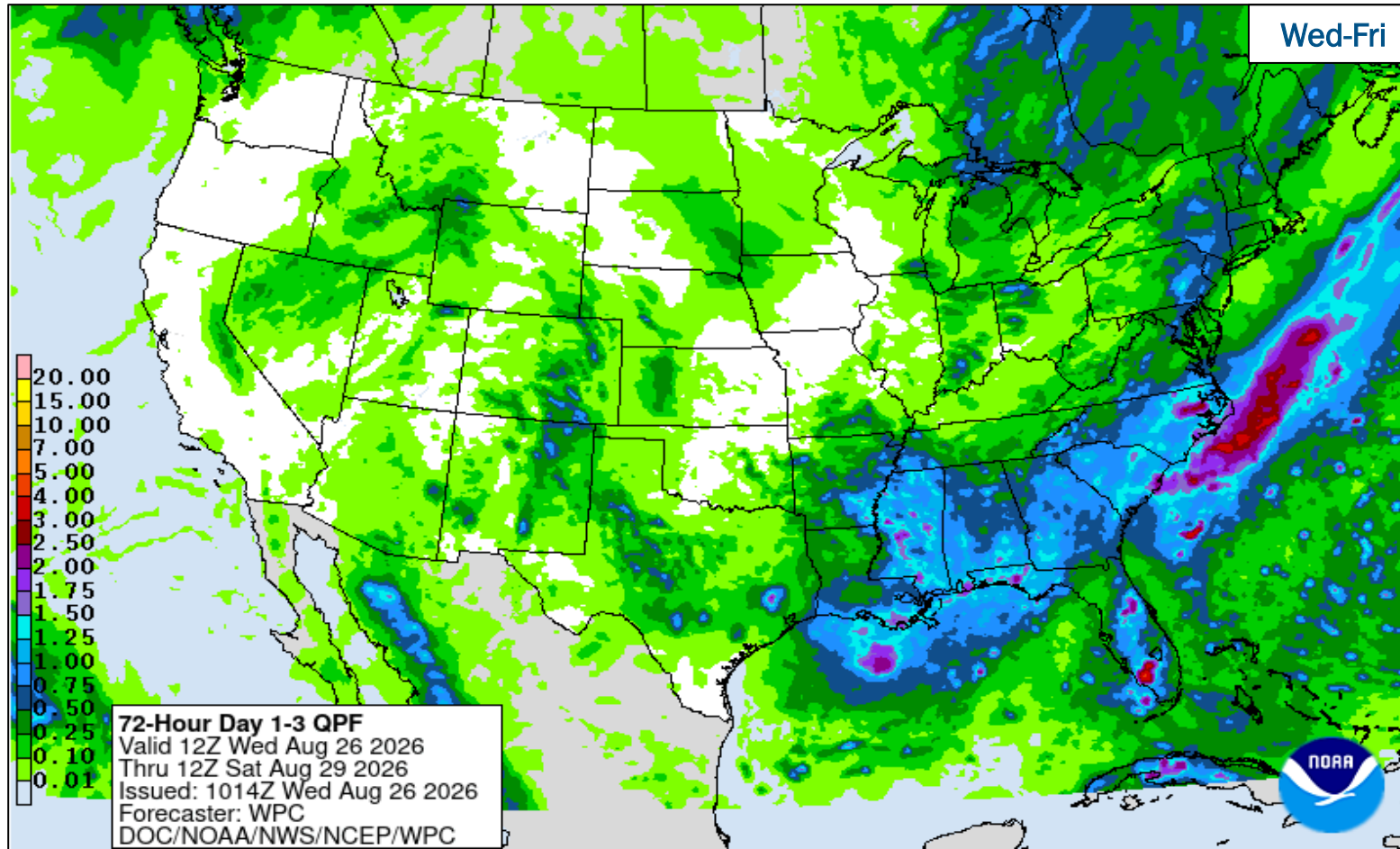
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Severe Weather Outlook



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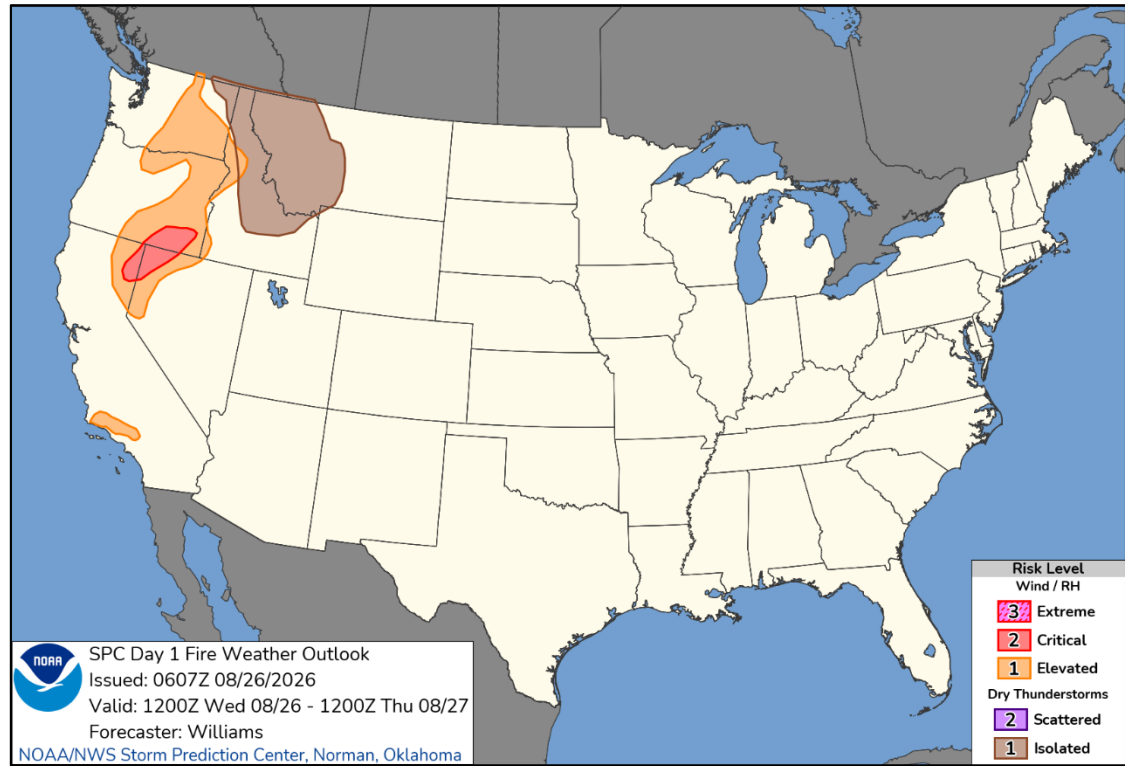
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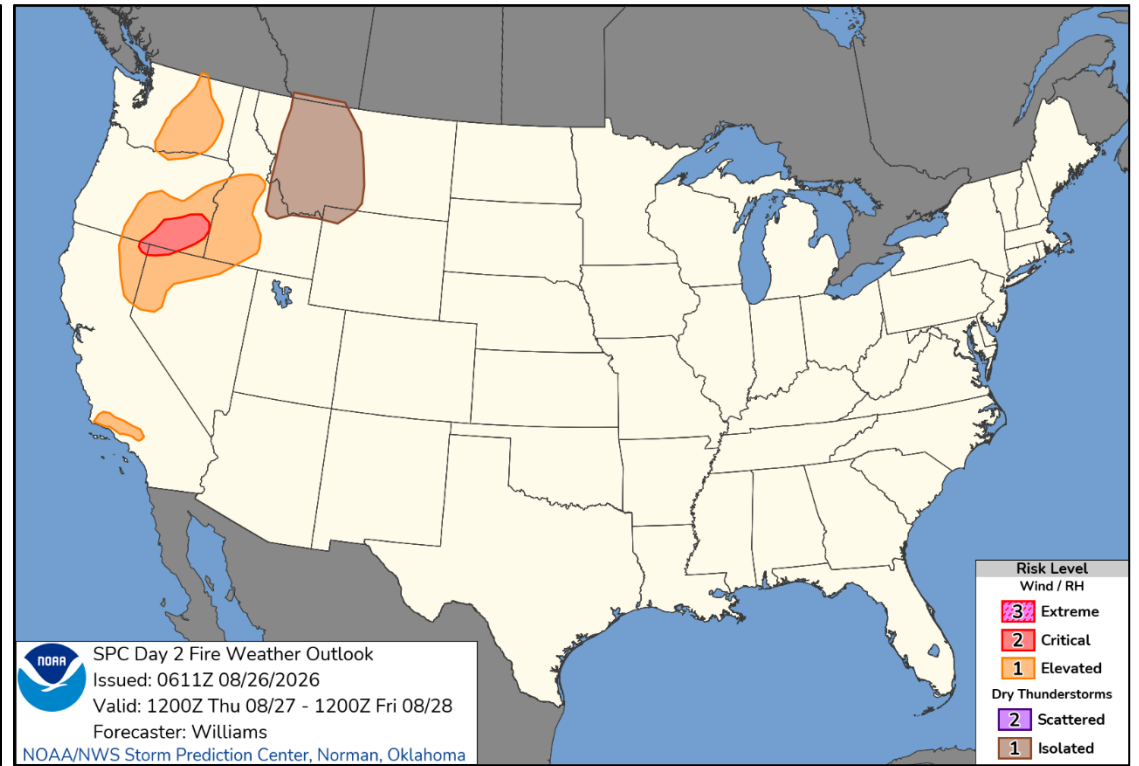
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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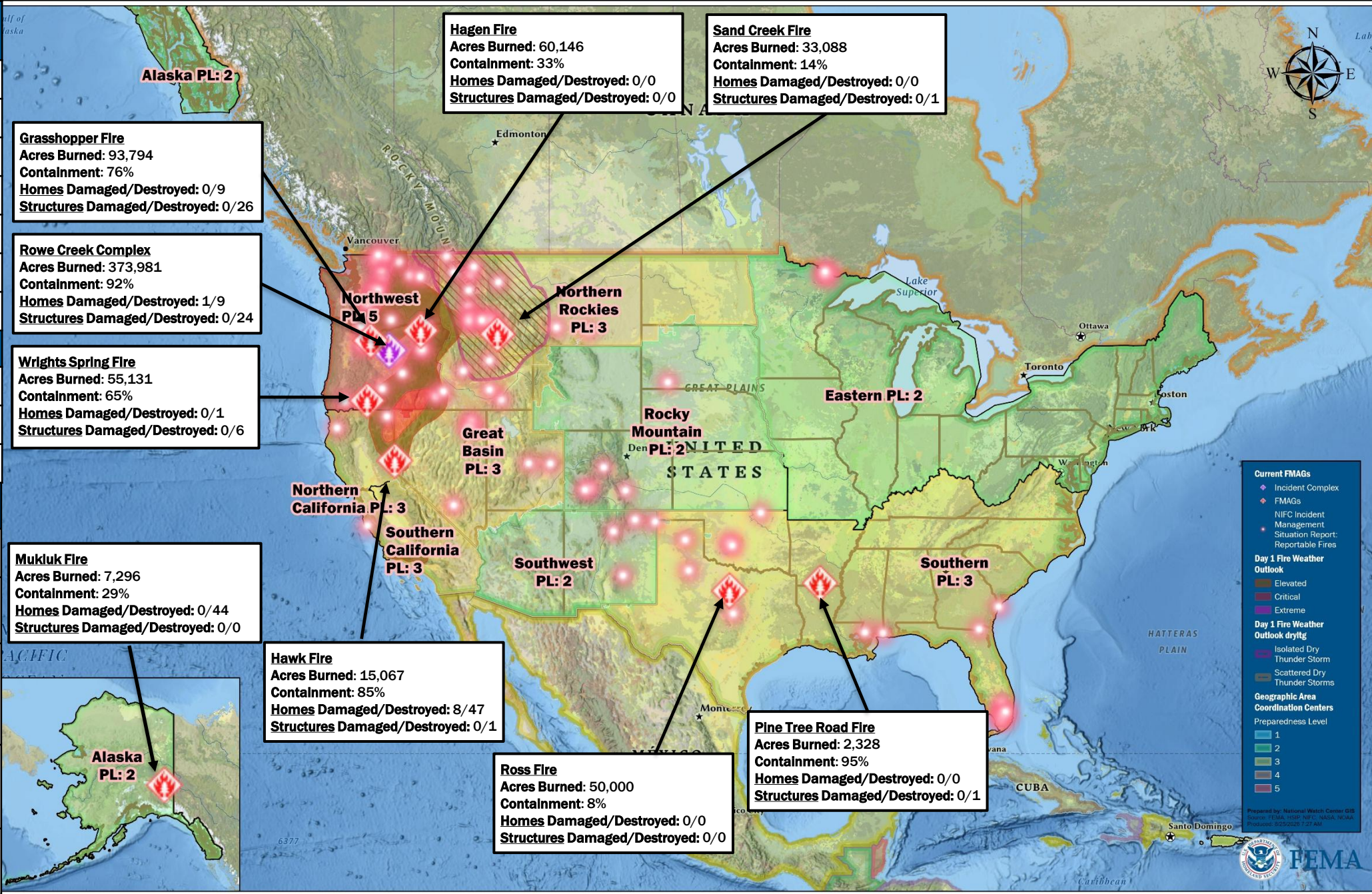
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National Fire Activity – August 26, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (148 fires)
New Large Fires	14
Large Fires Contained	4
Uncontained Large Fires	93
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,920,585
Total Responders	22,356
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	17
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	93,794 (+101)	76%	M: 12	H: 2,288	H: 0	H: 9	0 / 16
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 26	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,981	92% (+1%)	M: 0	H: 447	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 26
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	60,146 (+207)	33% (+5%)	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 717	O: 0	O: 0	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	55,131 (+766)	65% (+10%)	M: 27 (-77)	H: 1,021 (-125)	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 2,244 (+1,429)	O: 0	O: 6	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	33,088	14%	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,296 (+36)	29%	M: 75 (-25)	H: 72	H: 0	H: 44	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Pine Tree Road (Union, AR)	5673-FM-AR	2,328	95%	M: 150	H: 120	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Hawk (Washoe, NV)	5674-FM-NV	15,067 (+16)	85% (+58%)	M: 5,500 (-17,500)	H: 6,841 (-210)	H: 8 (+4)	H: 47 (+9)	0 / 9 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 13,448	O: 0	O: 1 (+1)	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	50,000 (+32,000)	8% (+3%)	M: 250 (+125)	H: 100 (-534)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 300	O: 250 (+150)	O: 0	O: 0	

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

*FEMA Region 9 Daily Wildfire Summary, as of 10:04 p.m. ET, Aug 25



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,919
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,473 / 34%
Deployed

5,994 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,452 / 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	3	0	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	5	0	0
R8	1	5	0	0
R9	0	5	5	0
R10	4	7	1	0

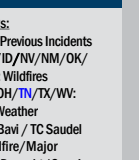
Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT
• R7 IMAT
• MERS

Indianapolis, IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT

Carson City, NV
Wildfire
• R9 IMAT-1

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

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



Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1



3

Region 2



2

Region 3



WV

Region 4



1

Region 5



IN

Region 6



Region 7



WA

Region 8



Region 9



NV MP

Region 10



WA

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing

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 (5674-FM-NV)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

State EOCs:
• 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
• Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala

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

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	30 (21 FCOR)
Available	7

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 Approval – Indiana

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4933-DR-IN

Date Requested: Aug 20

Date Approved: Aug 25

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Aug 11 and continuing

Provides:

- **IA:** 10 counties
- **IA/PA:** 11 counties

FCO: Darrin C. Ricketts



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Declaration Approval – Hawaii

Declaration: Emergency Disaster Declaration – FEMA-3652-DR-HI

Date Requested: Sep 13

Date Approved: Aug 25

Incident: Hurricane Lala

Incident Period: Aug 14-16, 2026

Provides:

- **PA:** 1 county

FCO: Hirokazu Toiya



 PA



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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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 20

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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 - APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Aug 20
HI – Hurricane Lala - APPROVED	EM		X		Aug 22
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 22

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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