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# Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- [Hurricane Sam – Preparations](#)
- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.

## Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - [Hurricane Sam](#)
    - Disturbance 1: [Med \(40%\)](#); Disturbance 2: Low [\(20%\)](#); Disturbance 3: Low [\(40%\)](#)
  - Central Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: Low [\(10%\)](#)
  - Western Pacific:
    - Tropical Storm 20W

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approved – Fawn Fire

## Event Monitoring

- United Nations General Assembly

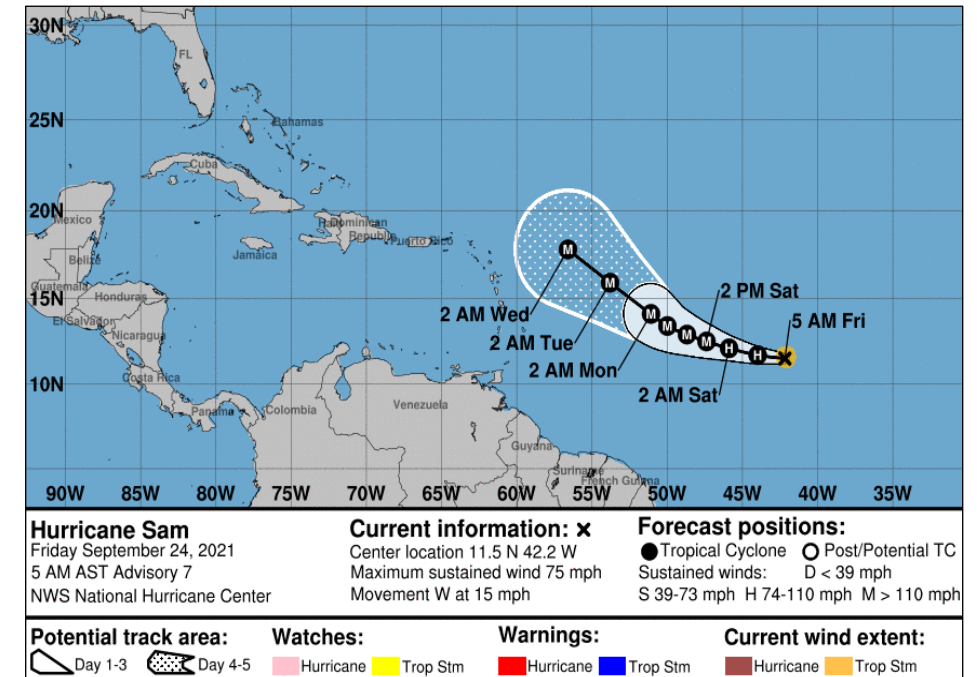


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# Hurricane Sam– Atlantic

## Situation (Advisory 7 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,470 miles ESE of the northern Leeward Islands
- Moving W at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 75 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward 15 miles
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles
- Likely to become a major hurricane tonight or early Saturday

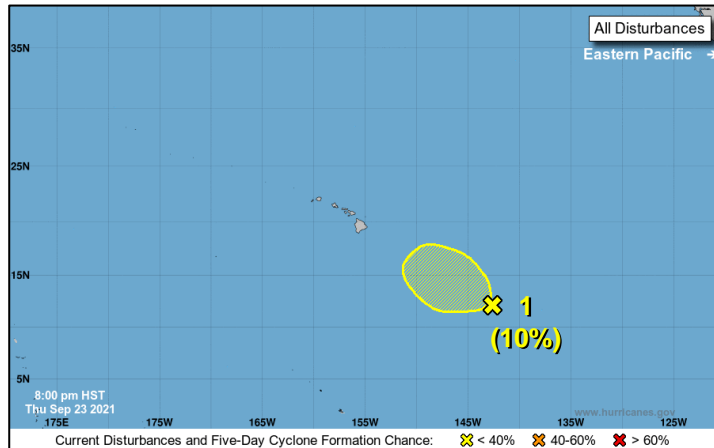


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# Tropical Outlook – Five Day

## Central Pacific



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

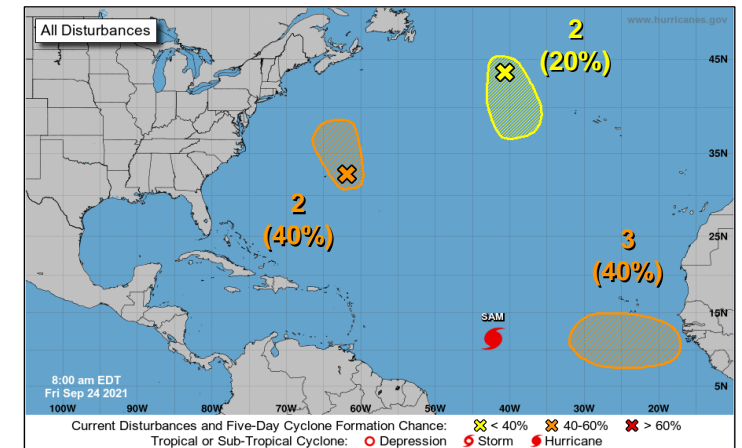
- Located about 1,000 miles SE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (10%); 5 days: Low (10%)

## Eastern Pacific



No significant reporting at this time

## Atlantic



### Hurricane Sam (Advisory 7 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See previous slide

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

- Located a few hundred miles east of Bermuda
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Medium (40%); 5 days: Medium (40%)

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

- 600 miles WNW of the westernmost Azores
- There is a brief window this system could become a subtropical or tropical cyclone
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (20%); 5 days: Low (20%)

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

- Expected to move off the west coast of Africa
  - Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 5 days: Med (40%)
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# Hurricane Sam – Preparations

**Situation:** Hurricane Sam is located **1,470 miles** ESE of the northern Leeward Islands and moving west near **15 mph**. Hurricane Sam is forecast to strengthen over the next several days and **become a major hurricane tonight or early Saturday**. Although it is too early to be certain, the USVI and PR may see impacts as early as Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

## USVI & Puerto Rico Preparations:

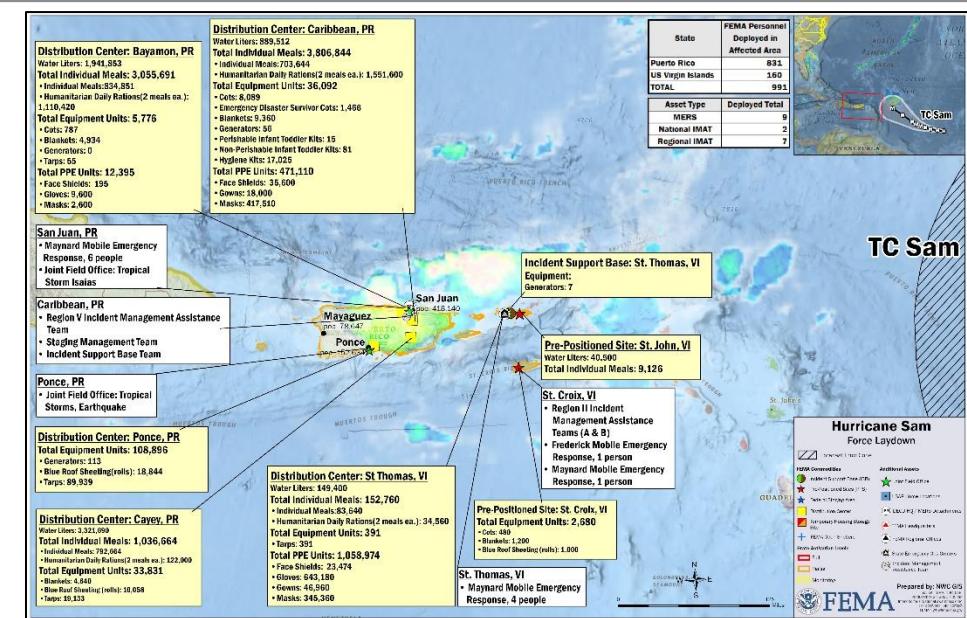
- PR EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19 & Earthquake recovery)
- USVI EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)

## FEMA Region II Preparations:

- NRCC rostered with select ESFs; will activate to Level III Sep 26
- Regional Force Packages (JRO staff) rostered with on island staff
  - Warning ordered issued yesterday
- FCOs remains deployed to USVI and PR
- IMAT A & B, DEC, LNOs, Virgin Islands Light Force Package deployed to USVI & Puerto Rico

## FEMA/Federal Preparations:

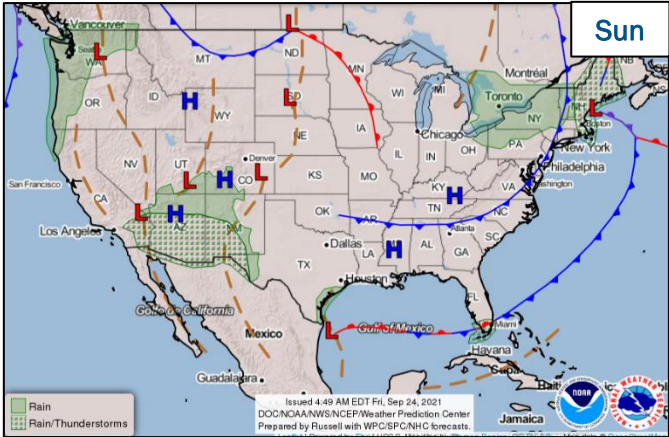
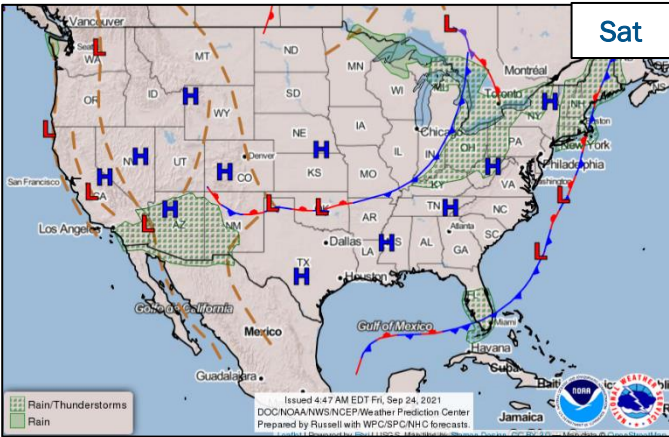
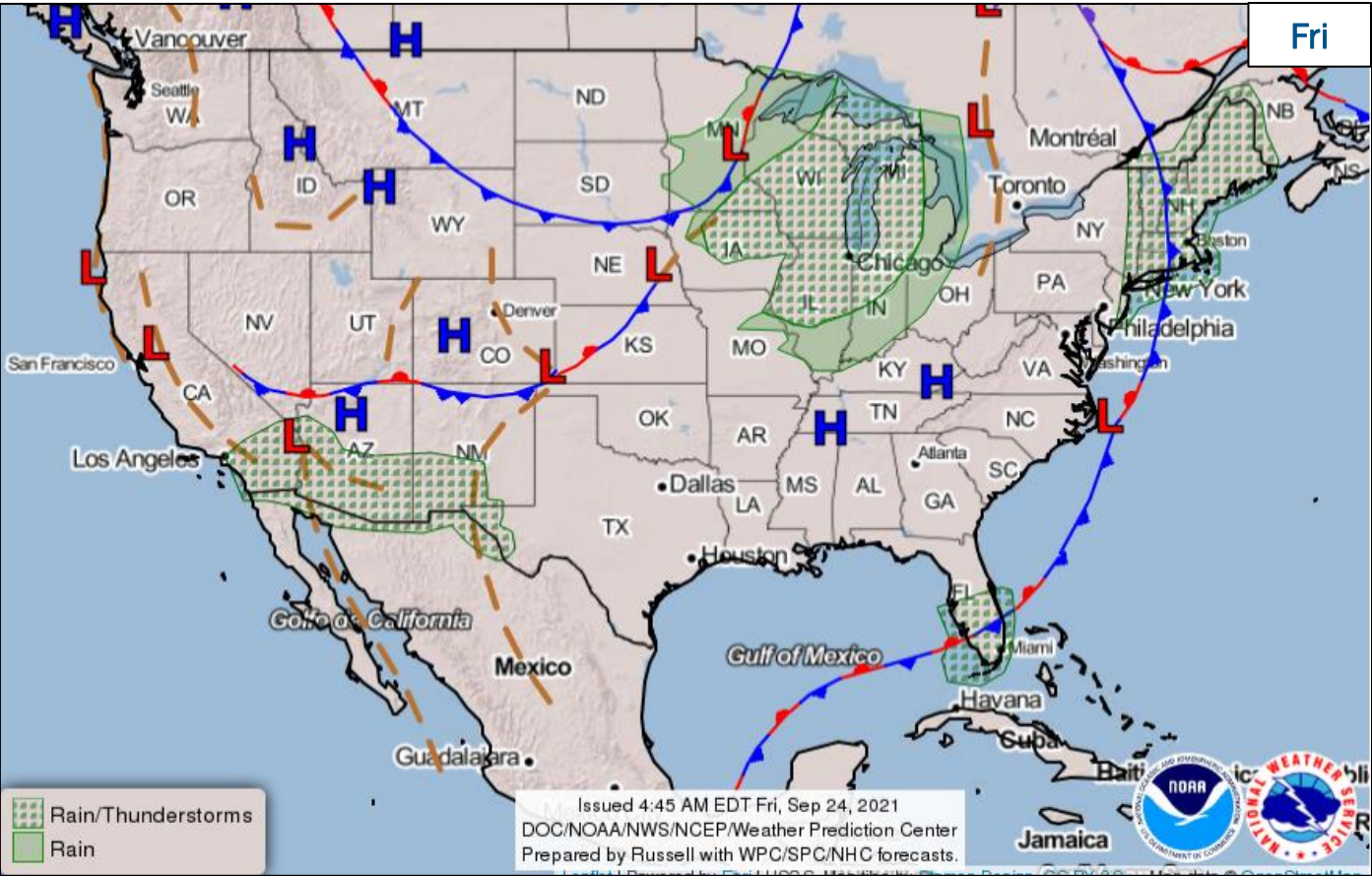
- NRCC at Level III (COVID); FEMA NWC monitoring and providing situation awareness
- N-IMATs Blue & Gold **are on alert**, as well as 3 Regional Back-up IMATs (8,1,&10)
- MERS personnel and assets prepositioned in USVI and PR
- Region V IMAT remains deployed to PR
- Pre-positioned US&R Equipment Cache at FEMA warehouse in Bayamon, PR is fully operational
- LMD: Staging Team in PR; prepared for additional ISB staging



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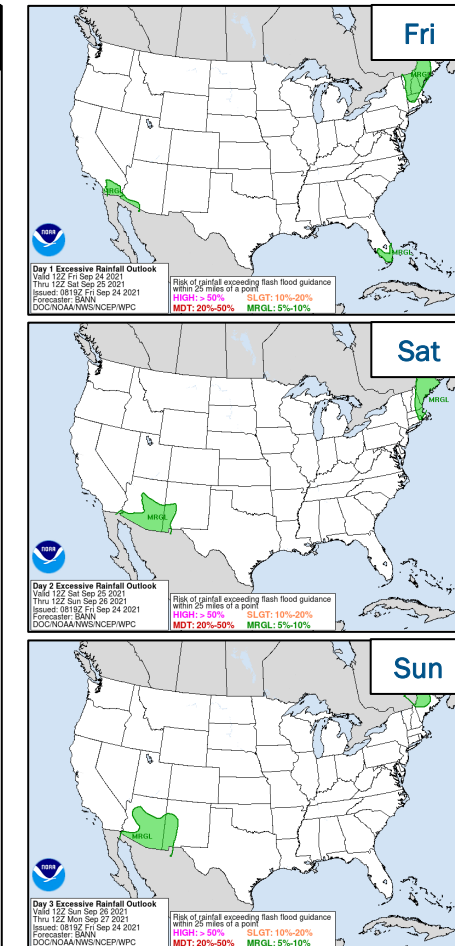
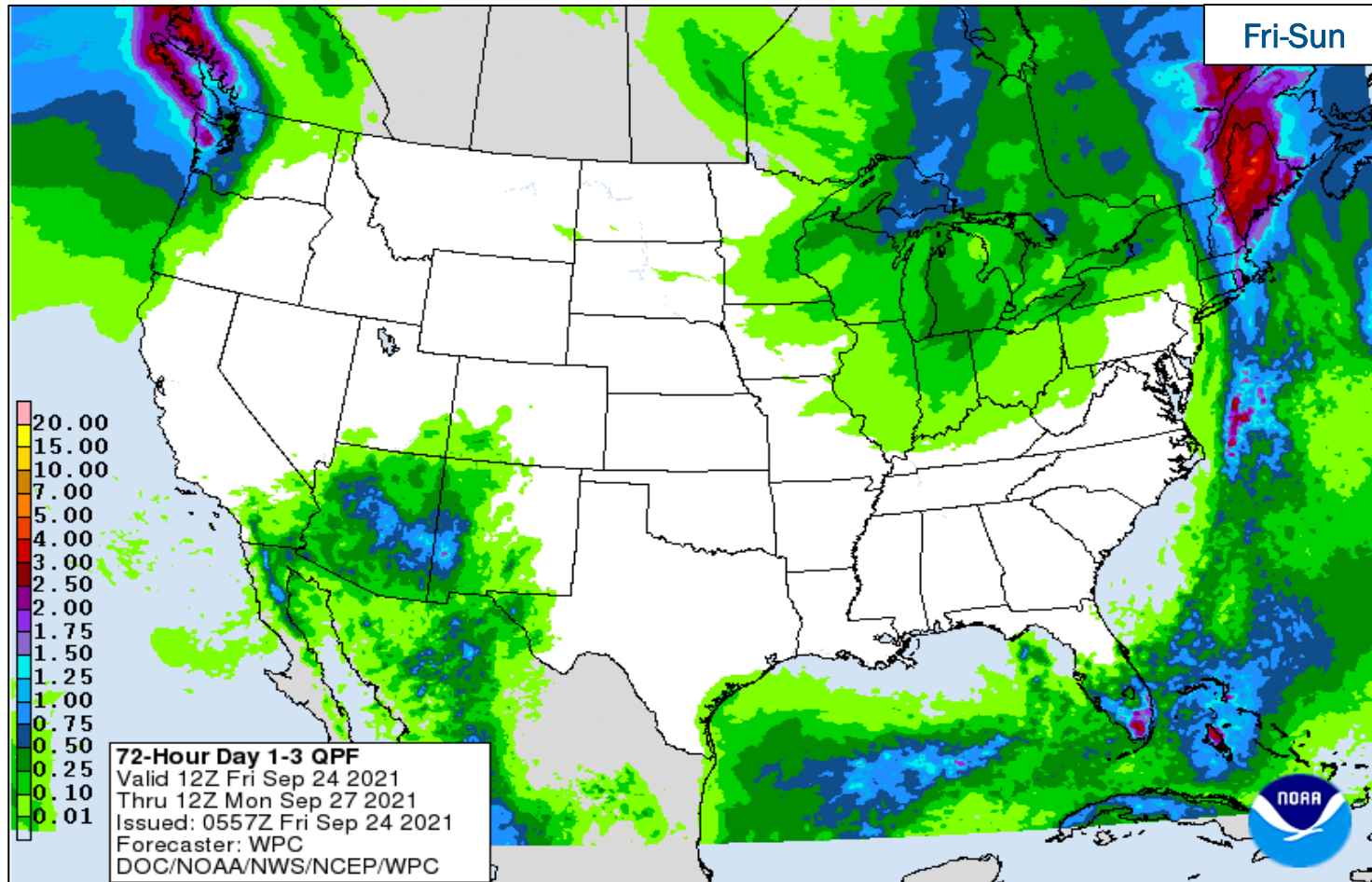


# National Weather Forecast



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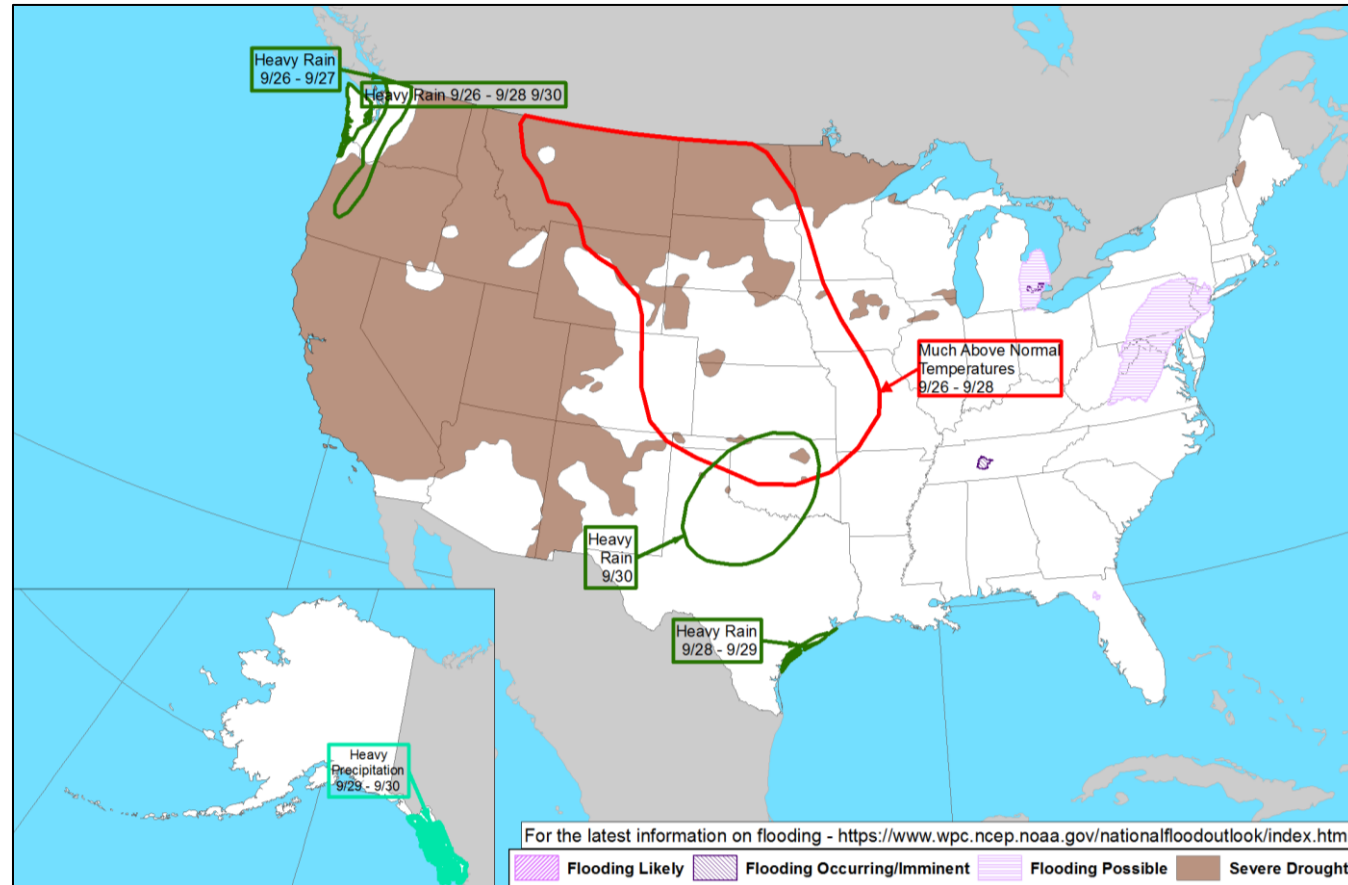
# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# Hazards Outlook – Sep 26-30



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# Fawn Fire – California

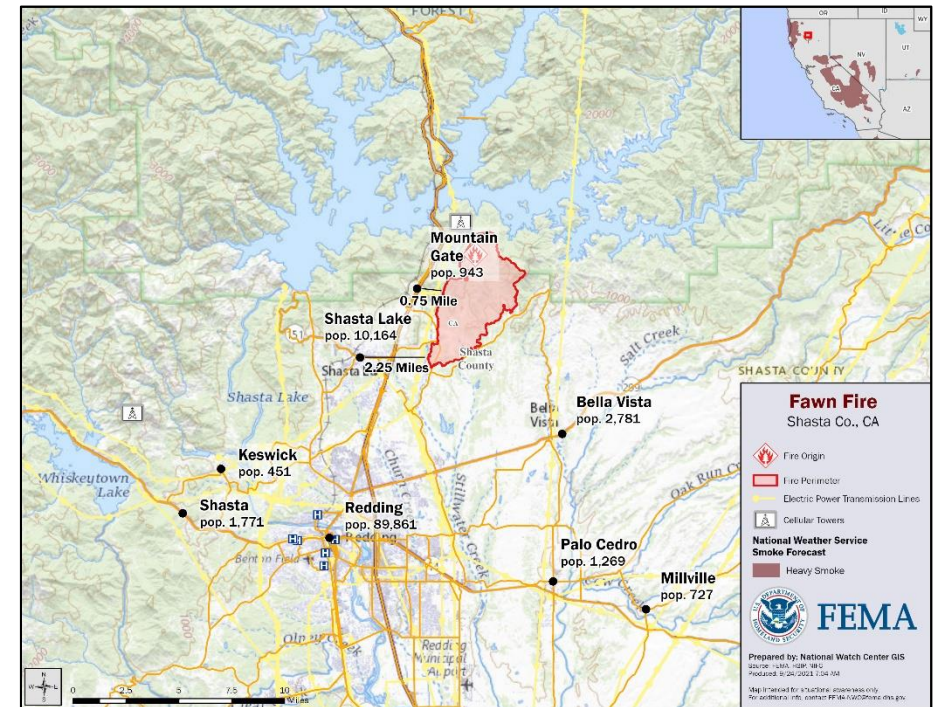
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Fawn (Shasta County, CA)	5417-FM-CA	5,159	5%	M: 2,500	H: 1,900	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 342	O: 100	O: 0	O: 0	

## Situation:

- The fire began on Sep 22, and is threatening the communities of Shasta Lake City, Mountain Gate, Jones Valley, and Redding (combined population 13,500)
- Also threatening the I-5 and Ca-299 Highways, the Bella Vista water system, PG&E high voltage transmission lines, and cell phone towers that support 911 functions
- Forecasted weather conditions for the area include reduced relative humidity, high temperatures, and winds that will continue to support fire spread

## Response:

- CA EOC at Full Activation (COVID-19)
- FEMA Region IX RWC and NWC continue to monitor
- FMAG was approved on Sep 23, 2021



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# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	MA	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 16-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	8/10 - TBD
III	DE	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1	IA	1	1	9/9 - 9/9
			PA	1	0	TBD
	MD	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1	IA	2	2	9/13 - 9/13
			PA	2	0	TBD
	VA	Flooding and Mudslide Aug 30	IA	1	1	9/16 - 9/16
			PA	1	0	9/21 - TBD
IV	MS	Tropical Cyclone Ida Aug 29	IA	8	8	9/9 - 9/12
			PA	21 & MBCI*	0	9/20 - TBD

\*MBCI – Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 8

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NH – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 11
VT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 13
MT – Richard Springs Fire	DR		X	X	Sep 17
DE – Remnants of Hurricane Ida	DR	X	X	X	Sep 17
NY – Remnants of Tropical Storm Fred	DR	X	X	X	Sep 17
KY – Severe Storm and Flooding (Appeal)	DR	X		X	Sep 20
TX – Ongoing Border Crisis	EM		X	X	Sep 20
NH – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 20



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

FEMA HQ			
NWC	NRCC		
Enhanced	Level III		
FEMA REGIONS			
Watch	RRCC		
Monitoring	I	Level III	
Enhanced	II	Rostered	
Monitoring	III	Rostered	
Monitoring	IV	Rostered	
Monitoring Alt Loc Nightshift	V	Level III	
Monitoring	VI	Level III	
Alt Location	VII	Rostered	
Monitoring	VIII	Rostered	
Monitoring	IX	Rostered	
Monitoring	X	Level III	
Notes:			
NWC: UNGA	PR: Earthquakes		
NRCC: COVID-19	NY, NJ: TC Ida		
RRCCs: COVID-19	LA: TS Nicholas & TC Ida		
RII RWC: UNGA	OR: Drought & Wildfires		
RV RWC: Day Shift / Monitoring Night Shift / Remote Ops	MT, CO, AZ, CA, NV, & ID: Wildfires		
RVII RWC: COVID-19 Protocols			

**Major Disasters (DR): 66**  
**Emergency Disasters (EM): 15**  
**JFOs: 9 / VJFOs: 12**

- ★ Staging Area
- Declared County (non-COVID-19 Declarations)
- Fully Activated
- Partially Activated
- Monitoring

As of 8:00 a.m. ET September 24, 2021  
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**FEMA Region Callouts:**

- 4595-DR-AK  
4589-DR-ID  
FCO: Toney L. Raines  
VJFO: Bothell, WA
- 4539/4584/4593-DR-WA  
FCO: Toney L. Raines  
VJFO: Camp Murray, WA
- 4562/4599-DR-OR  
FCO: Timothy B. Manner  
VJFO: Salem, OR
- 4548/4578-DR-UT  
FCO: Kenneth G. Clark  
4581-DR-CO  
FCO: Alana B. Kuhn  
4608-DR-MT  
FCO: Jon K. Huss  
4613-DR-ND  
FCO: Lance Davis  
VJFO: Denver, CO
- 4610/4619-DR-CA  
FCO: Andrew Grant  
VJFO: Mather, CA  
ROX IMAT-12 (Sacramento, CA)
- 4620-DR-AZ  
FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz  
VJFO: TBD
- 4616-DR-NE  
FCO: Robert Hayward  
VJFO: Lincoln, NE
- 4612-DR-MO  
FCO: David Gervino  
VJFO: Jefferson City, MO
- 4547-DR-MI  
FCO: Waddy Gonzalez  
4607-DR-MI  
FCO: Scott A. Burgess  
VJFO: Chicago, IL
- 3567-EM-VT  
FCO: John F. Boyle  
VJFO: TBD
- 4603/4605-DR-WV  
FCO: Jeffrey L. Jones  
VJFO: Charleston, WV
- 4618-DR-PA  
FCO: E. Craig Levy, Sr.  
VJFO: TBD
- 3563-EM-RI  
FCO: Benjie Abbott  
VJFO: TBD
- 3566-EM-MT  
4372-DR-MA  
4410-DR-CT  
4445/4474-DR-VT  
4457-DR-NH  
FCO: James R. McPherson  
3564-EM-CT  
4580-DR-CT  
FCO: Robert V. Fogel  
VJFO: Windsor, CT
- 3565-EM-NY  
4567/4615\*-DR-NY  
FCO: Lai Sun Yee  
4597-DR-NJ  
FCO: Claude Hyacinthe  
VJFO: New York, NY  
\*MERS (Mamaroneck, NY)
- 4574/4614\*-DR-NJ  
FCO: Patrick Cornbill  
VJFO: West Trenton, NJ  
\*MERS (East Windsor, NJ)
- 4602-DR-VA  
FCO: Timothy S. Phell  
VJFO: N. Chesterfield, VA
- 4393/4465/4543/  
4568/4588-DR-NC  
4594/4601-DR-TN  
FCO: Myra M. Shird  
VJFO: Raleigh, NC
- 4617-DR-NC  
FCO: John F. Boyle  
VJFO: TBD
- 3562-EM-FL  
4398/4564-DR-FL  
FCO: Kevin A. Wallace  
3533-EM-FL  
4546/4554/4555-DR-AL  
FCO: Terry L. Quarles  
4563/4573/4596-DR-AL  
FCO: James R. Stephenson  
4579/4600-DR-GA  
FCO: Leda M. Khoury  
3552-EM-TN  
4609-DR-TN  
FCO: Myra M. Shird  
4592/4595-DR-KY  
FCO: John Brogan  
3569-EM-MS  
4576/4598-DR-MS  
FCO: Brett Howard  
VJFO: Atlanta, GA
- 3537-EM-PR  
FCO: Jose Baquero  
VJFO: Caguas, PR
- 4560-DR-PR  
FCO: Claude Hyacinthe  
VJFO: San Juan, PR
- 3532-EM-PR  
FCO: Jose Baquero  
VJFO: Guaynabo, PR
- 4473-DR-PR  
FCO: Jose Baquero  
VJFO: Ponce, PR
- TS Sam Support - PR  
RV IMAT (Caribbean)  
SMT (Caribbean)  
ISB (Caribbean)  
MERS (San Juan, PR)
- TS Sam Support - USVI  
RII IMAT-A/B (St. Croix, VI)  
MERS (St. Thomas & St. Croix, VI)
- TC Ida - IMAT  
N-IMAT Red/White  
(Baton Rouge, LA)  
RII (Harrisburg, PA)  
RVI-1 (Baton Rouge, LA)  
RVII (New Orleans, LA)
- 3527/3543/3556/3574-EM-LA  
4559/4570/4577/4590/  
4606/4611\*-DR-LA  
FCO: John E. Long  
VJFO: Baton Rouge, LA  
\*MERS (Baton Rouge & Gray, LA)
- 4604-DR-HI  
FCO: Colby Stanton  
VJFO: Ft. Shafter, HI

N-IMATs	
2-4 Teams Available	
Red	LA
White	LA
Blue	Alert
Gold	Alert
R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
I	2
II	USVI
III	PA
IV-1	
IV-2	
V	PR
VI-1	LA
VI-2	
VII	LA
VIII	1
IX-1	CA
IX-2	CA
X	3
FMC	PMC
NMC	Deployed

Team Status	US&R >66%	MERS >66%	FCOs ≤1 Type I	IM WORKFORCE	IM CADRE AVAILABILITY SUMMARY Cadres with 25% or Less Availability
Assigned:	28	36	58	14,351 (-9)	<b>Civil Rights: 12% (13/113); Disaster Field Training OPS: 21% (27/126); Disability Integration: 20% (12/61); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 25% (296/1,202); External Affairs: 15% (77/529); Field Leadership: 11% (17/151); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (177/1,316); Human Resources: 16% (32/195); Individual Assistance: 19% (514/2,645); Information Technology: 15% (91/606); Logistics: 22% (313/1,437); National Disaster Recovery Support: 21% (58/270); Operations: 13% (47/374); Public Assistance: 21% (588/2,846); Planning: 8% (37/456); Safety: 11% (9/84); Security 21% (29/136)</b>
Unavailable	5	0	3	3,580 (-63)	
Deployed:	0	9	53 (29 FCOR)	7,774 (+65)	
Available:	23	27	2	21% / 2,997 (-11)	



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