

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Sam – Preparations

Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Sam (CAT 2)
 - [Subtropical Storm Teresa](#)
 - [Disturbance 1: Low \(10%\); Low \(10%\)](#)
 - [Disturbance 2: Low \(0%\); Medium \(50%\)](#)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- 3 Amendments issued

Event Monitoring

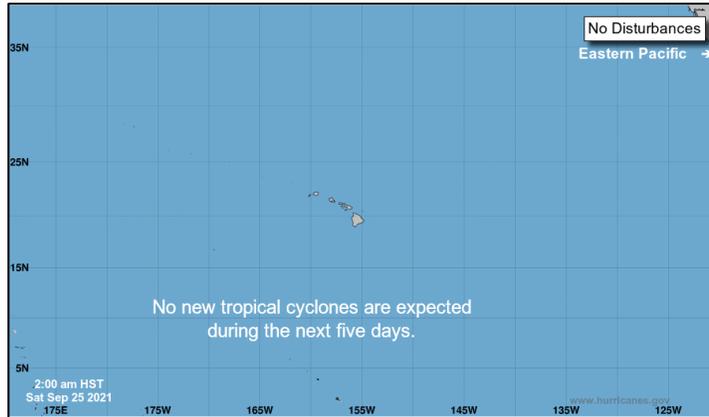
- United Nations General Assembly



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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

Central Pacific



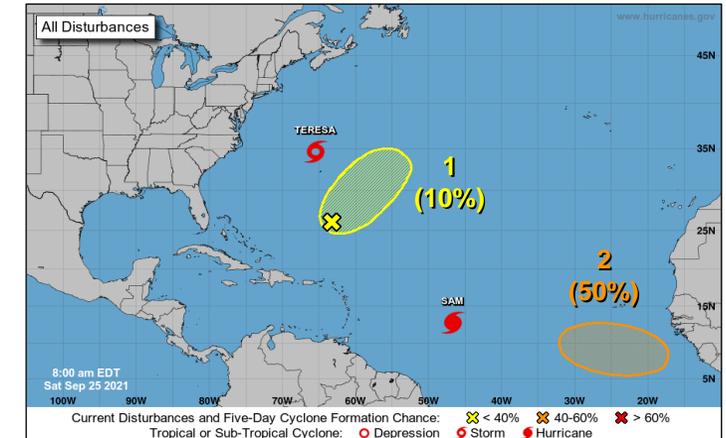
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Eastern Pacific



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Atlantic



[Hurricane Sam \(Cat 2\)](#) (Advisory #11 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See following graphic

[Subtropical Storm Teresa](#) (Advisory #3 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See following graphic

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

- Several hundred miles south of Bermuda
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (Near 10%); 5 days: low (10%)

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

- Expected to move off the west coast of Africa in a couple of days
- A tropical depression could form by the middle of next week
- Moving westward at 10-15 mph
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (Near 0%); 5 days: Medium (50%)



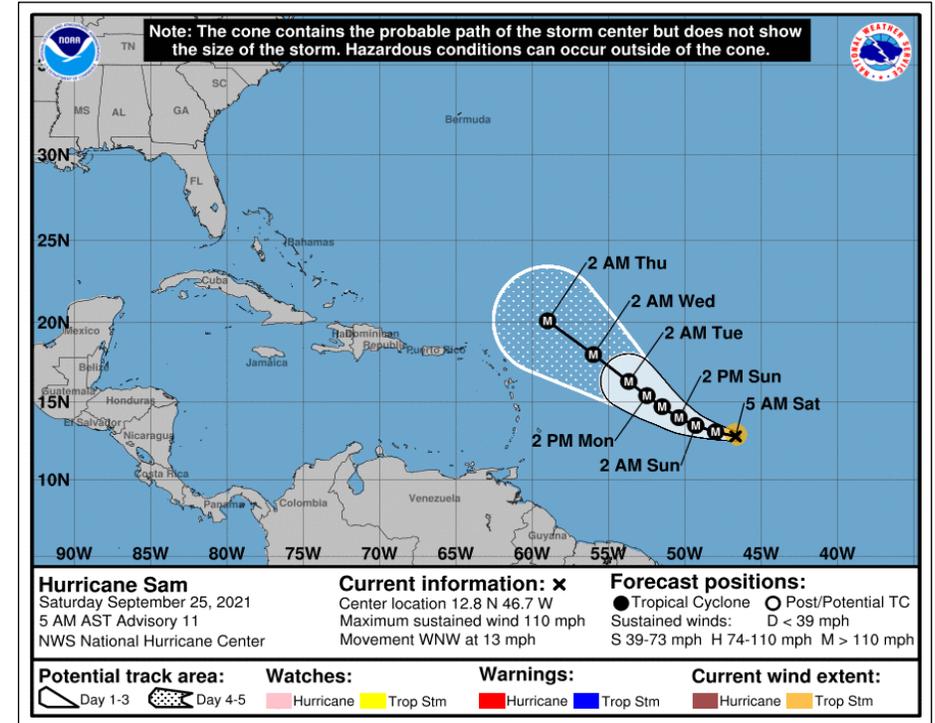
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Hurricane Sam – Atlantic

Hurricane Sam (CAT 2) (Advisory #11 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,150 miles ESE of the northern Leeward Islands
- Moving WNW at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 110 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward 15 miles
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles
- Expected to become a major hurricane later today



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Hurricane Sam – Preparations

Situation: Hurricane Sam (CAT 2) is located 1,150 miles east-southeast of the northern Leeward Islands, moving west-northwest at 13 mph. Maximum sustained winds are 100 mph; additional strengthening is forecast and Sam is likely to become a major hurricane later today.

USVI & Puerto Rico Preparations:

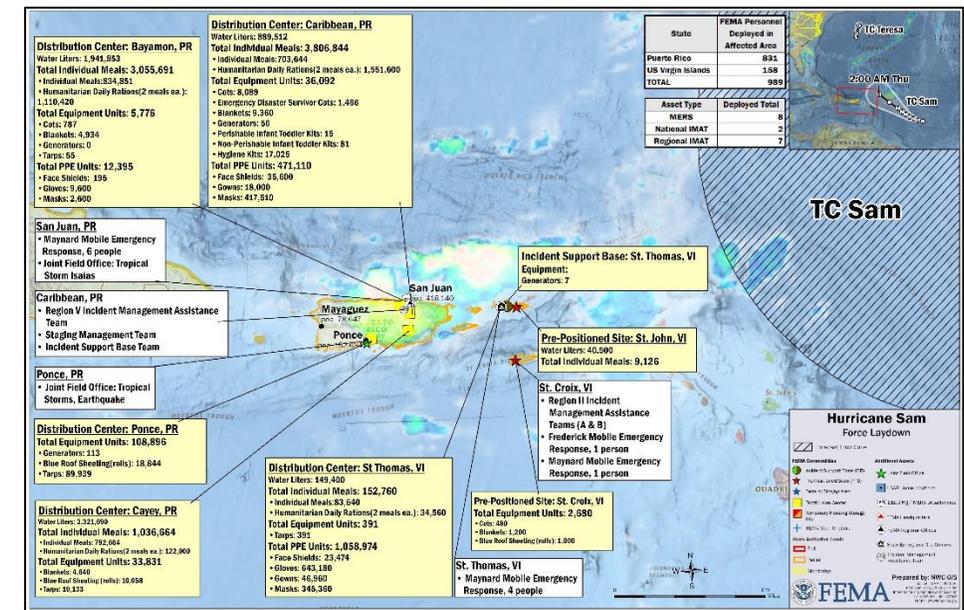
- PR EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19 & Earthquake recovery)
- USVI EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)

FEMA Region II Preparations:

- RRCC will activate to Level III on Sep 26, with select ESFs; night shift rostered
- Regional Force Packages (JRO staff) rostered with on island staff
 - Warning ordered issued yesterday
- FCOs remains deployed to USVI and PR
- IMATs A & B, DEC, LNOs, Virgin Islands Light Force Package deployed to USVI & PR to be in place by Sep 27
- DEC, LNOs, Puerto Rico Heavy Force Package, ESFs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, and DCE are deployed to PR to be in place by Sep 27

FEMA/Federal Preparations:

- NRCC at Level III (COVID); FEMA NWC is monitoring and providing situational 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
- Regional Back-up IMATs for Sep 19 – Oct 2:
 - Region VIII, Region I, and Region X



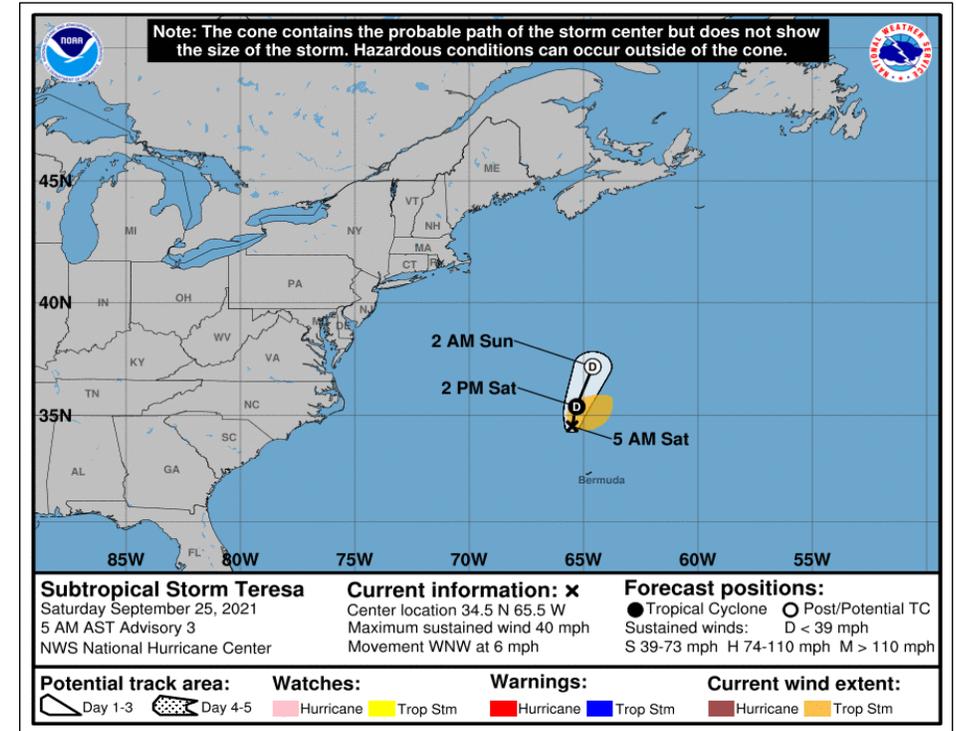
- US&R IST Blue rostered and prepared to deploy on 2-hour notice; pre-positioned US&R Equipment Cache at FEMA warehouse in Bayamon, PR is fully operational
- LMD: SMT in PR; ISB and SMT teams deploying to DC Caribbean to arrive by Sep 26



Subtropical Storm Teresa – Atlantic

Subtropical Storm Teresa (Advisory #3 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

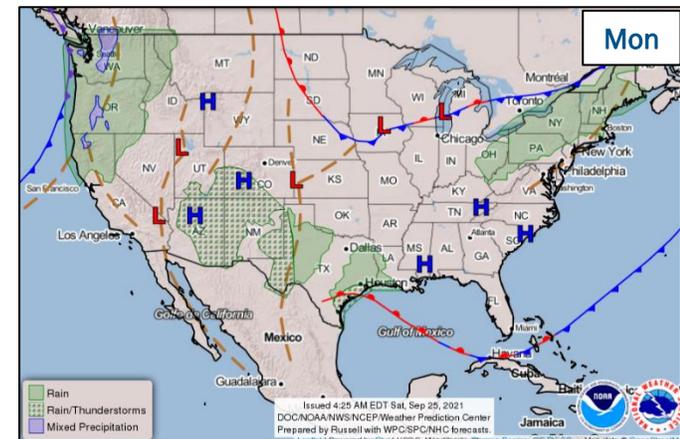
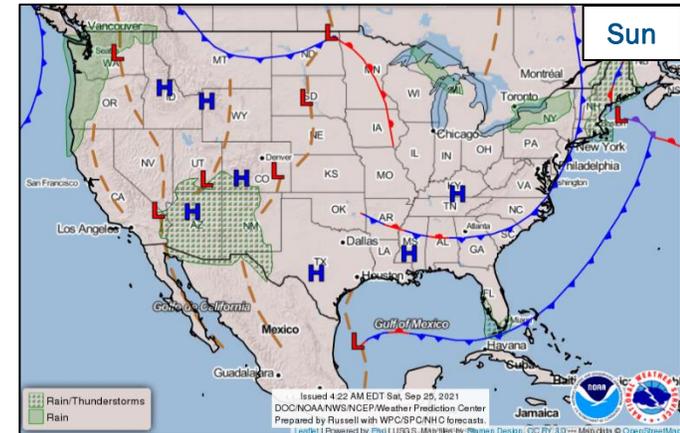
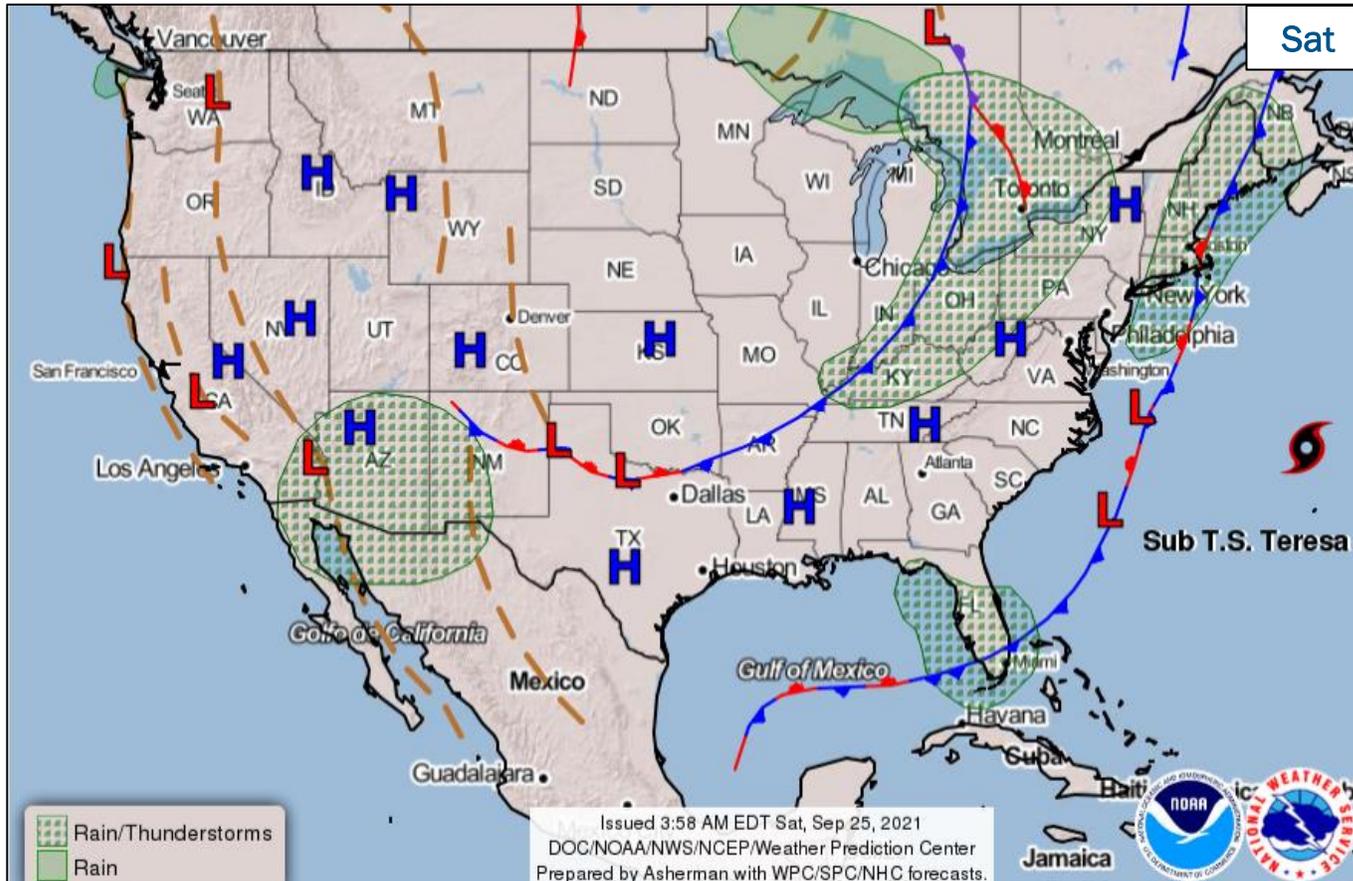
- 155 miles NNW of Bermuda
- Moving WNW at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 140 miles
- Teresa is expected to become a remnant by tonight and dissipate on Sunday



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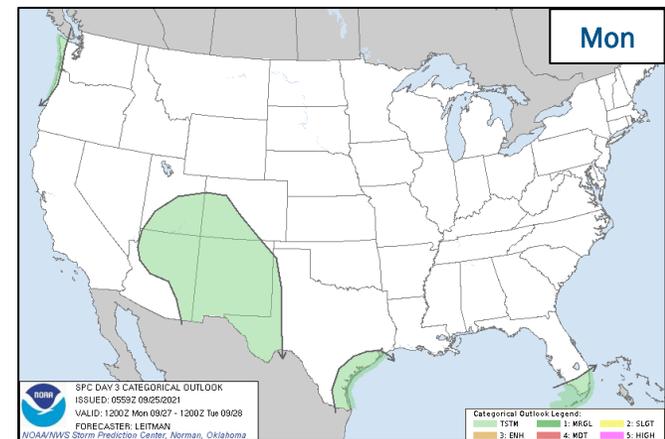
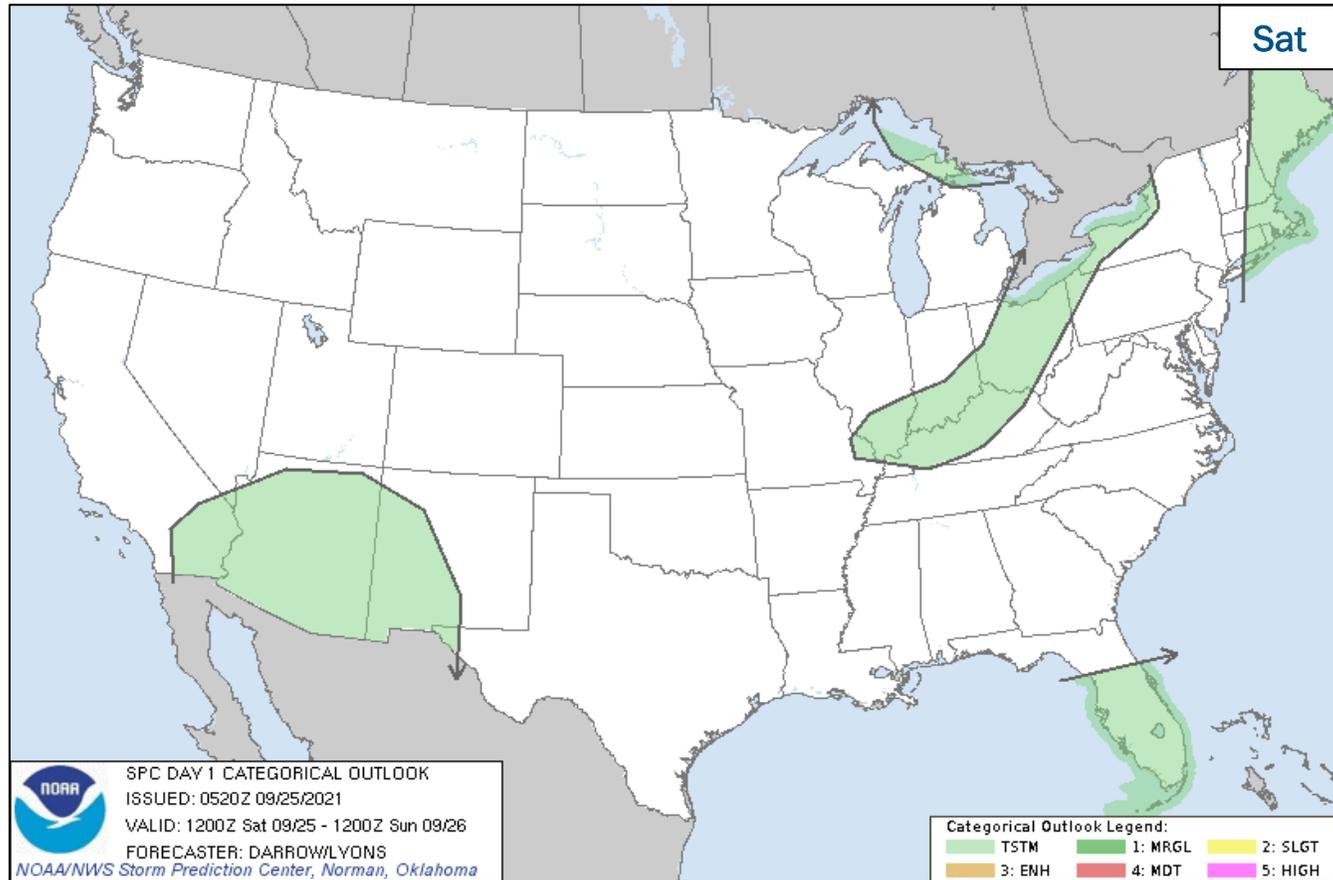
National Weather Forecast



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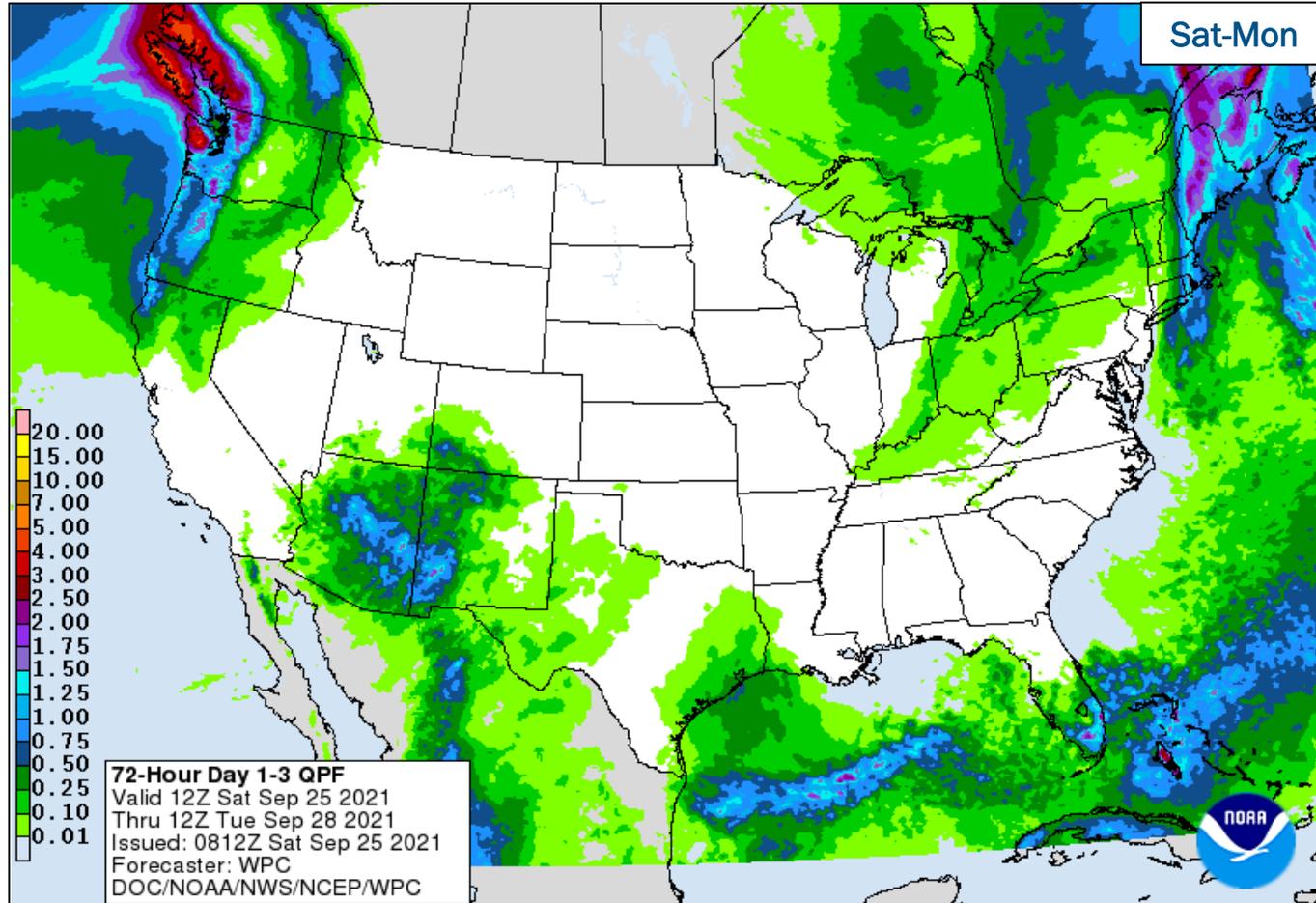
Severe Weather Outlook



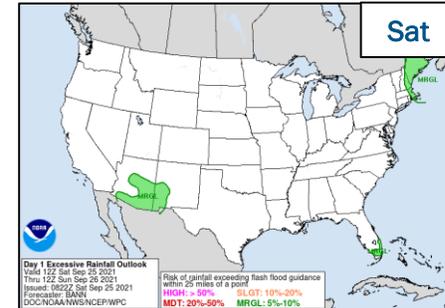
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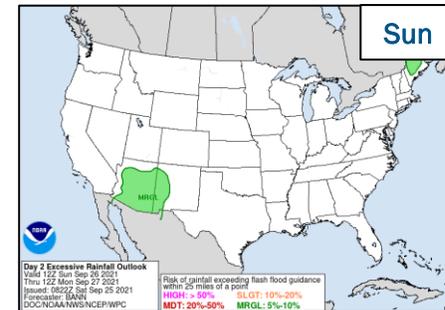
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



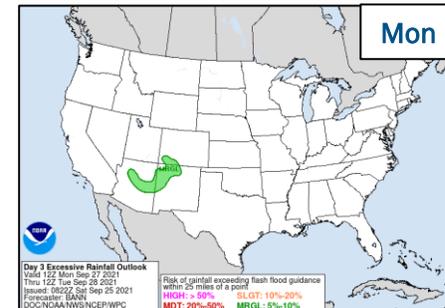
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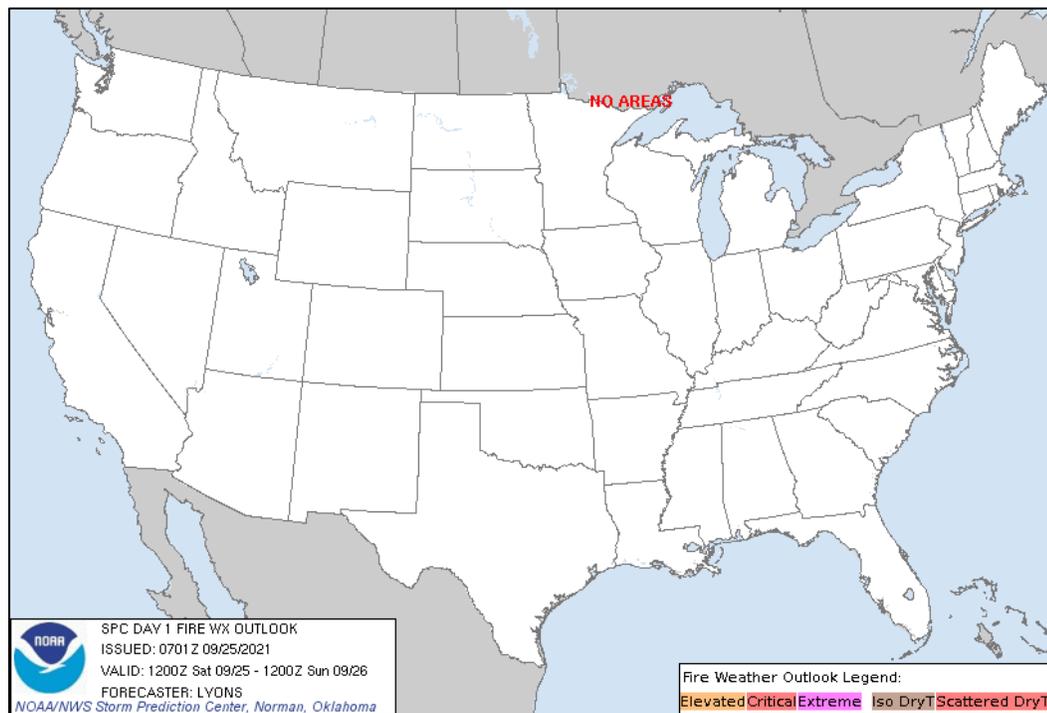
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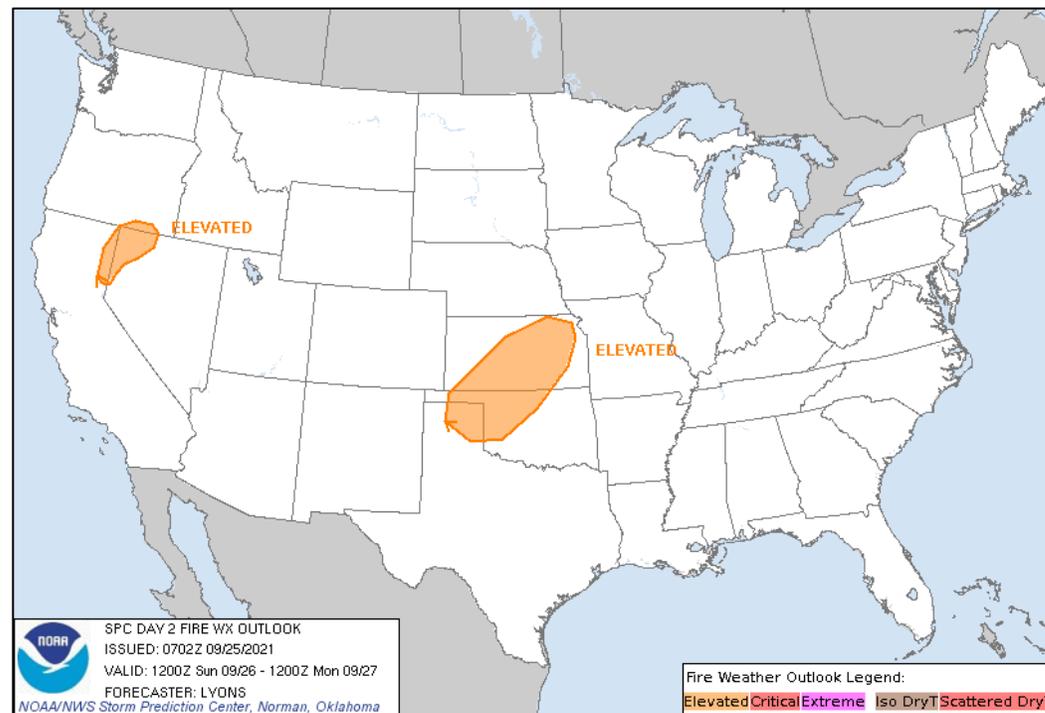
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



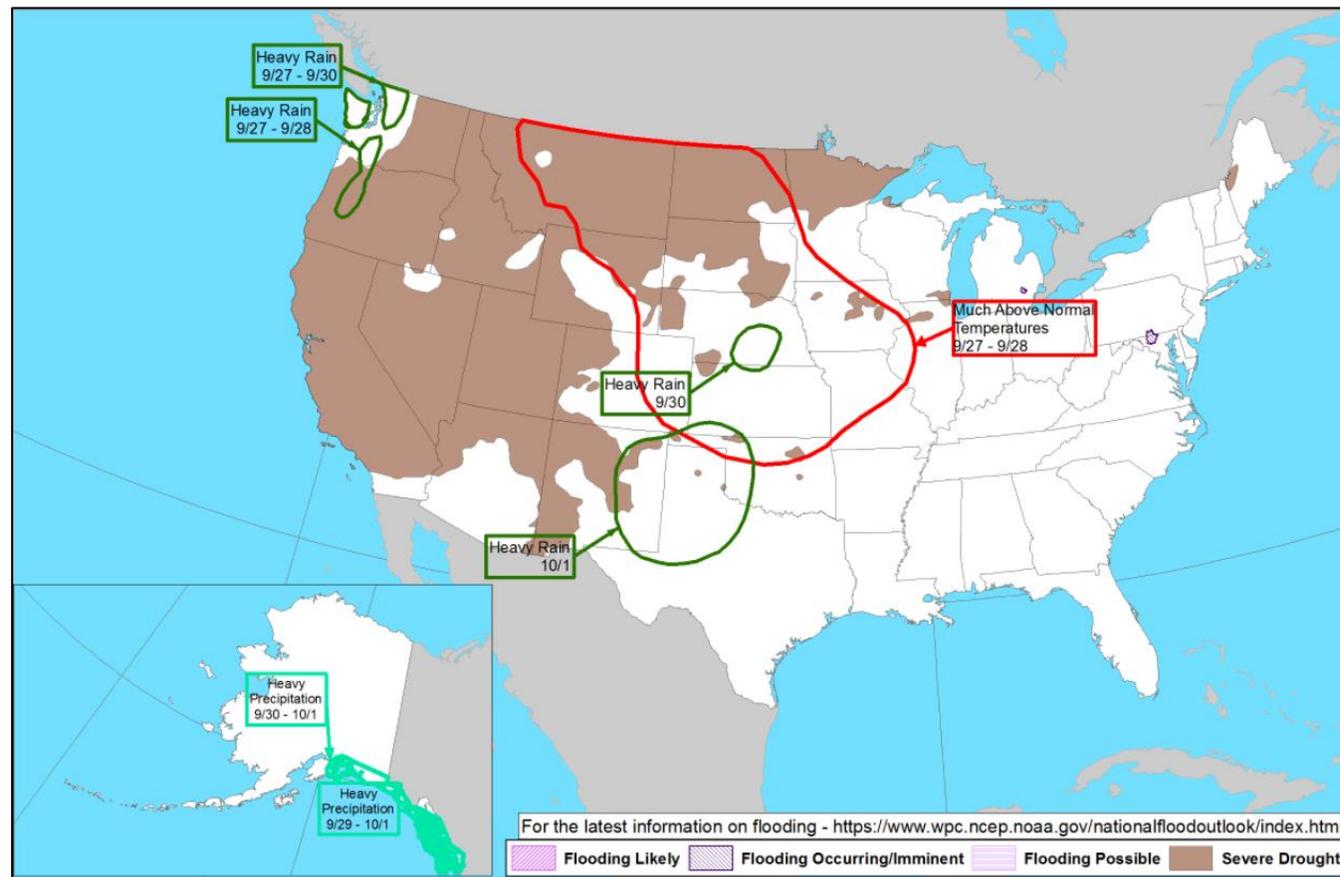
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Hazards Outlook – Sep 27- Oct 1

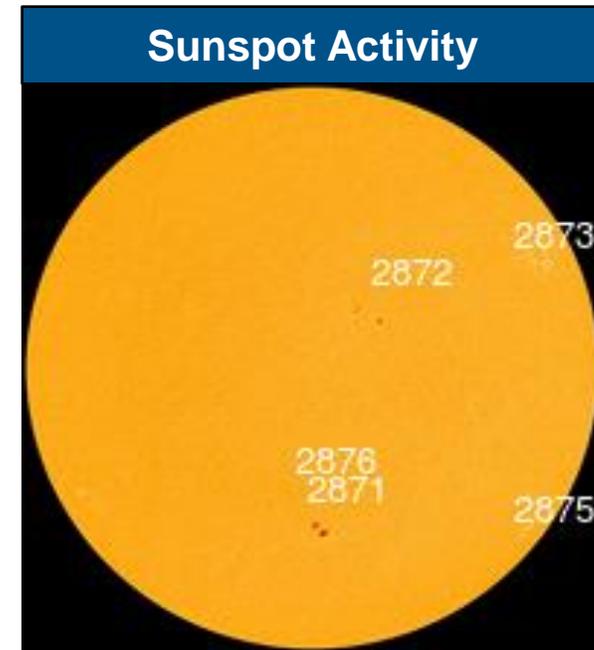
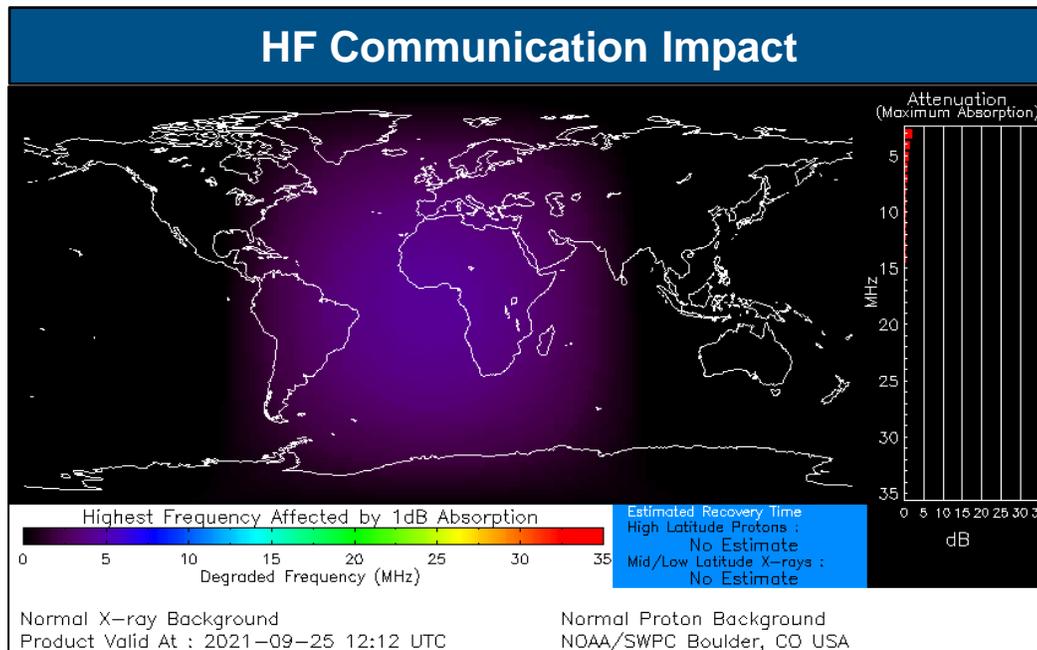


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Space Weather Outlook

| | Space Weather Activity | Geomagnetic Storms | Solar Radiation | Radio Blackouts |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Past 24 Hours | None | None | None | None |
| Next 24 Hours | Minor | G1 | None | Minor |

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>

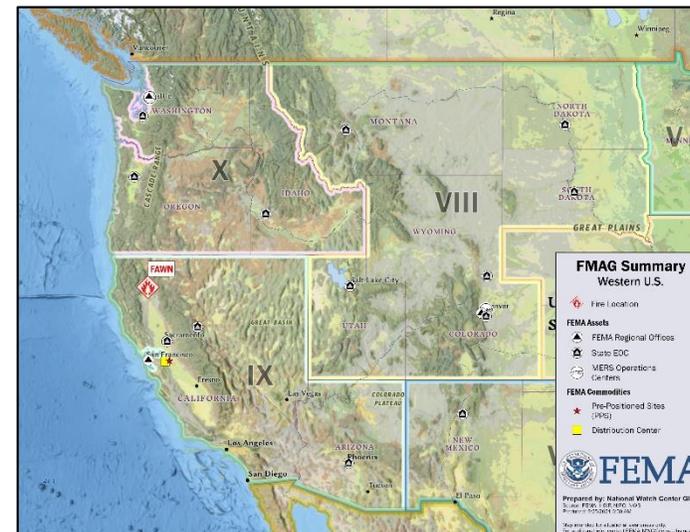


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Wildfire Summary

| 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 | 6,820 (+1,661) | 10% (+5) | M: 7,682 (+5,182) | H: 9,066 (+7,166) | H: 0 | H: 25 (+25) | 0/0 |
| | | | | V: 0 (-342) | O: 0 (-100) | O: 0 | O: | |

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



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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 |
| | CT | Tropical Cyclone Ida Sep 1 | IA | 4 | 0 | 9/27 - TBD |
| | | | PA | 4 | 0 | 9/27 - TBD |
| | RI | Tropical Cyclone Henri Aug 20-24 | IA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| | | | PA | 2 | 0 | 9/23 - TBD |
| III | DE | Tropical Cyclone Ida Sep 1 | IA | 1 | 1 | 9/9 - 9/9 |
| | | | PA | 1 | 0 | TBD |
| | MD | Tropical Cyclone 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* | 6 (+6) | 9/20 - TBD |
| | GA | | IA | 1 | 0 | 9/24 - TBD |
| | | | PA | 0 | 0 | N/A |

*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 |
|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| KY – Severe Storm and Flooding (Appeal) | DR | X | | X | Sep 9 |
| 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 |
| NH – Severe Storms and Flooding | DR | | X | X | Sep 20 |
| TX – Ongoing Border Crisis | EM | | X | | Sep 20 |



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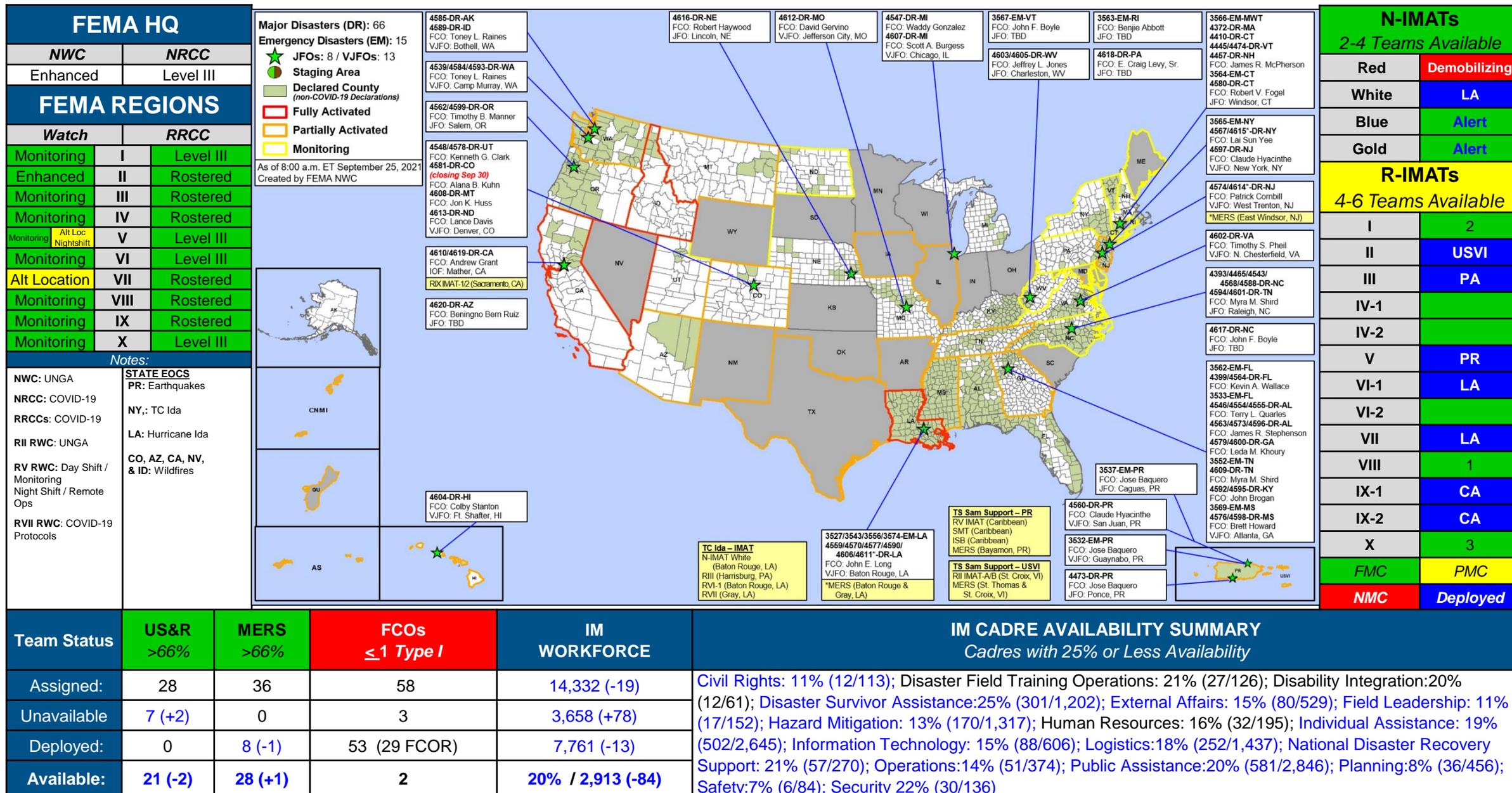
Declaration Amendments

| Declaration | Number | Issued | Action |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---|
| FEMA-4618-DR-PA | 1 | Sep 24 | Adds two counties for Individual Assistance |
| FEMA-4607-DR-MI | 1 | Sep 24 | Adds two counties for Individual Assistance |
| FEMA-4610-DR-CA | 2 | Sep 24 | Adds five counties for all categories of Public Assistance and adds one county for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B only) |



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FEMA Common Operating Picture



| Team Status | US&R >66% | MERS >66% | FCOs ≤1 Type I | IM WORKFORCE | IM CADRE AVAILABILITY SUMMARY <i>Cadres with 25% or Less Availability</i> |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Assigned: | 28 | 36 | 58 | 14,332 (-19) | Civil Rights: 11% (12/113); Disaster Field Training Operations: 21% (27/126); Disability Integration:20% (12/61); Disaster Survivor Assistance:25% (301/1,202); External Affairs: 15% (80/529); Field Leadership: 11% (17/152); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (170/1,317); Human Resources: 16% (32/195); Individual Assistance: 19% (502/2,645); Information Technology: 15% (88/606); Logistics:18% (252/1,437); National Disaster Recovery Support: 21% (57/270); Operations:14% (51/374); Public Assistance:20% (581/2,846); Planning:8% (36/456); Safety:7% (6/84); Security 22% (30/136) |
| Unavailable | 7 (+2) | 0 | 3 | 3,658 (+78) | |
| Deployed: | 0 | 8 (-1) | 53 (29 FCOR) | 7,761 (-13) | |
| Available: | 21 (-2) | 28 (+1) | 2 | 20% / 2,913 (-84) | |



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