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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, October 4, 2018

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Oct 3-4



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Significant Events: None

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Hurricane Leslie (CAT 1); Disturbance 1
- Eastern Pacific – Hurricane Sergio (CAT 4); Disturbance 1
- Central Pacific – Hurricane Walaka (CAT 3)
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Heavy rain– Most of the US, except Northwest and Southeast
- Severe Thunderstorms –Great Lakes

Declaration Activity: None

Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



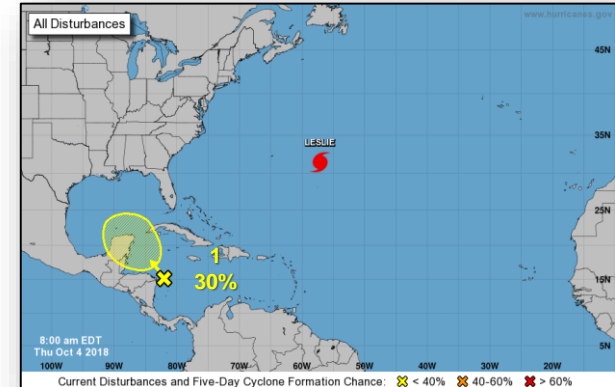
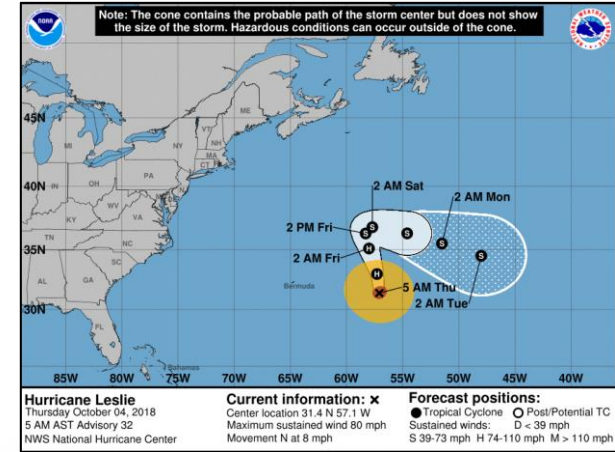
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Hurricane Leslie (CAT 1) (Advisory #32 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- 455 miles E of Bermuda
- Maximum sustained winds 80 mph; Moving N at 8 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend 45 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 195 miles
- Large swells generated by Leslie will continue to affect portions of the southeastern coast of the United States during the next few days; swells are expected to increase near the coasts of New England by the end of the week
- There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect

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

- Located over the western Caribbean Sea
- Some slow development possible late this weekend or early next week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)



Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific

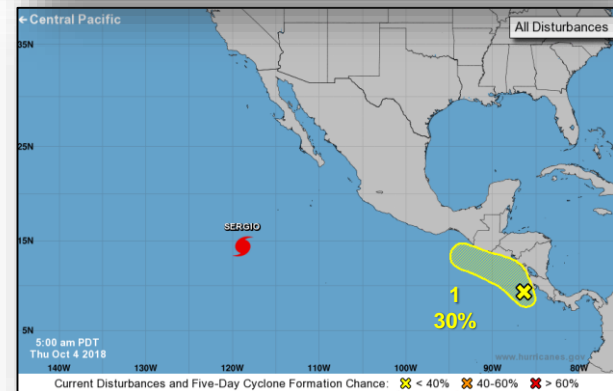
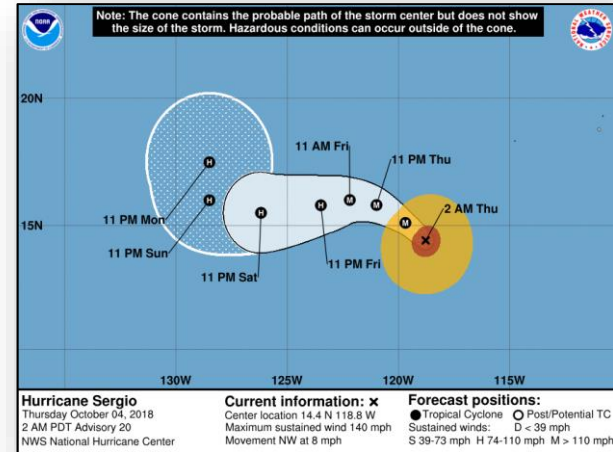


Hurricane Sergio CAT 4 (Advisory #20 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- 825 miles SW of the southern tip of Baja of California, Mexico
- Moving NW at 8 mph; maximum sustained winds 140 mph
- Some weakening beginning Friday
- Hurricane force winds extend 45 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 150 miles
- There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect

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

- Located just SW of Costa Rica
- Some slow development over next several days
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)

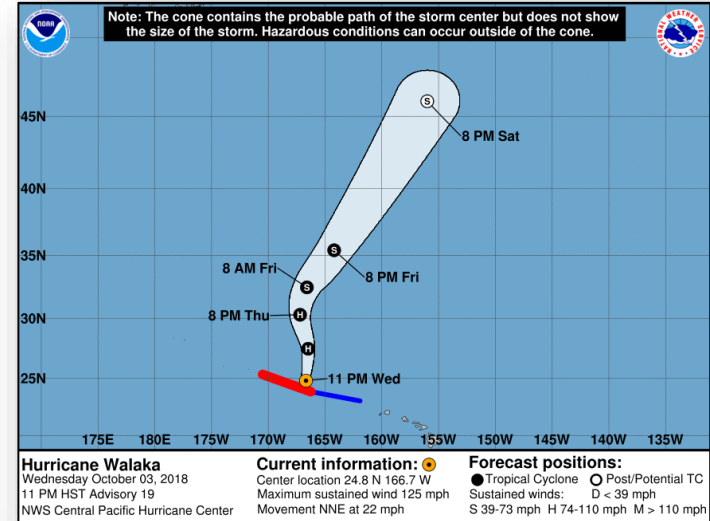


Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific

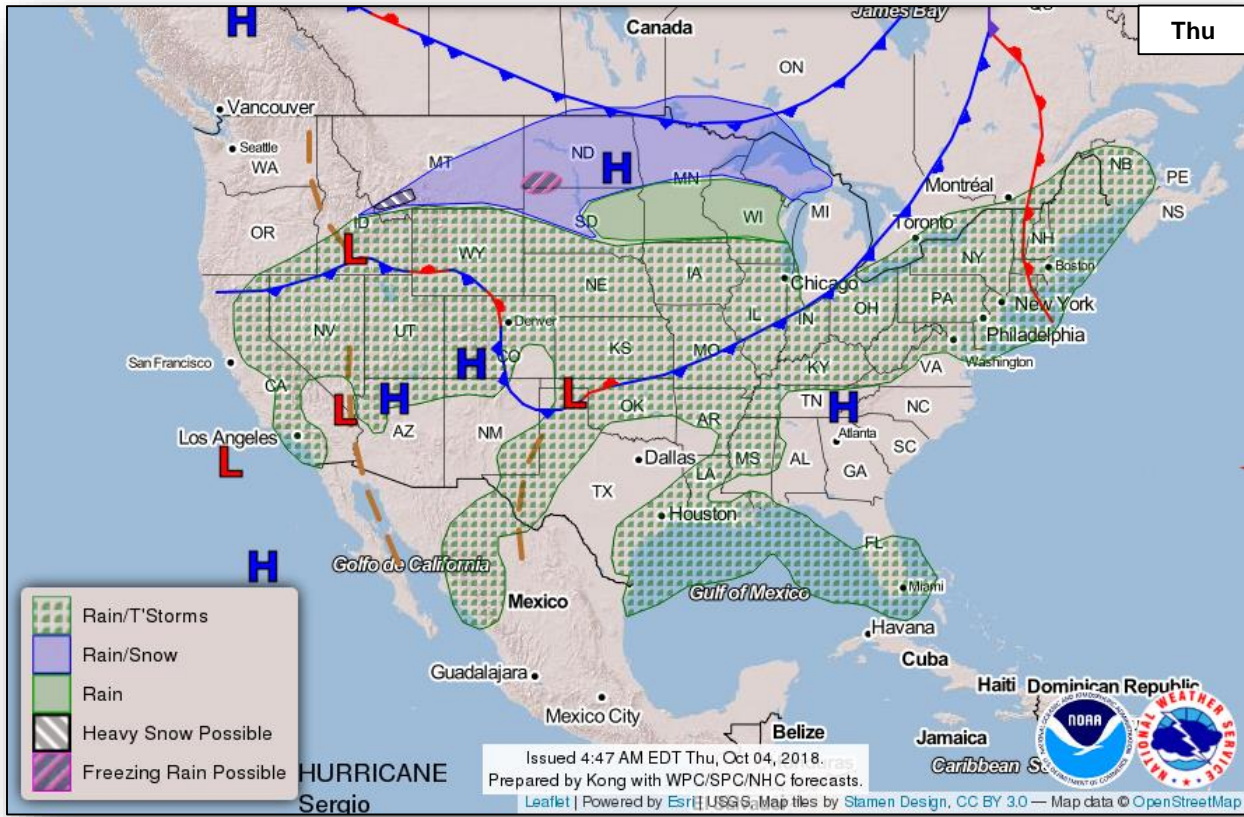


Hurricane Walaka CAT 3 (Advisory #19 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- 610 miles WNW of Honolulu, HI
- Moving NNE at 22 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 125 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend 70 miles, tropical storm force winds extend 220 miles
- Weakening is expected over the next few days, but expected to remain a hurricane as it passes across the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

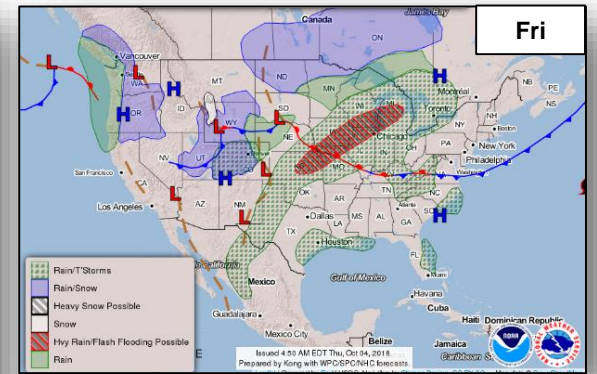


National Weather Forecast

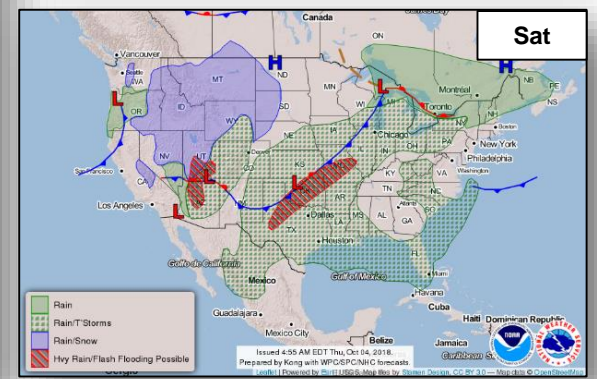


- Rain/T'Storms
- Rain/Snow
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- Heavy Snow Possible
- Freezing Rain Possible

HURRICANE Sergio



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- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding Possible

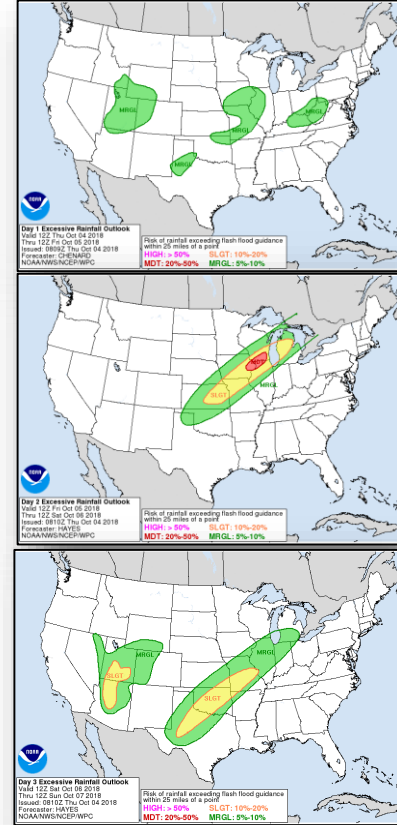
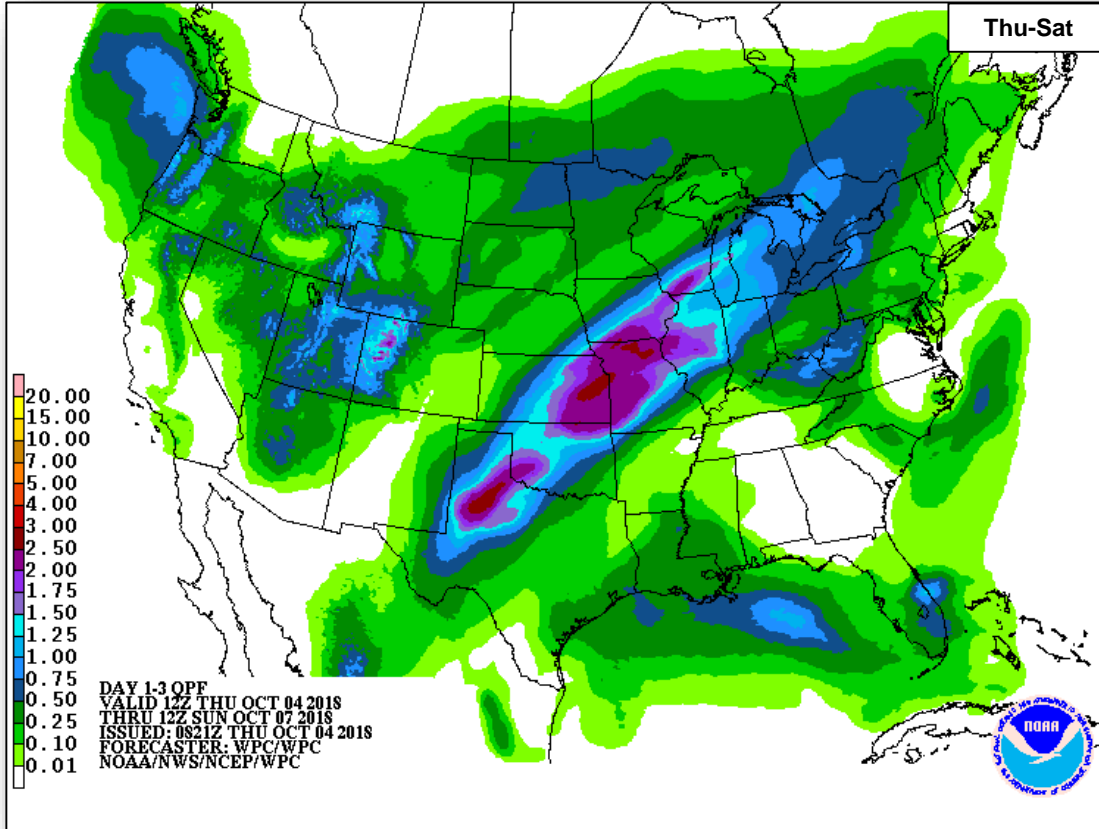


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Precipitation / Excessive Rainfall Forecast



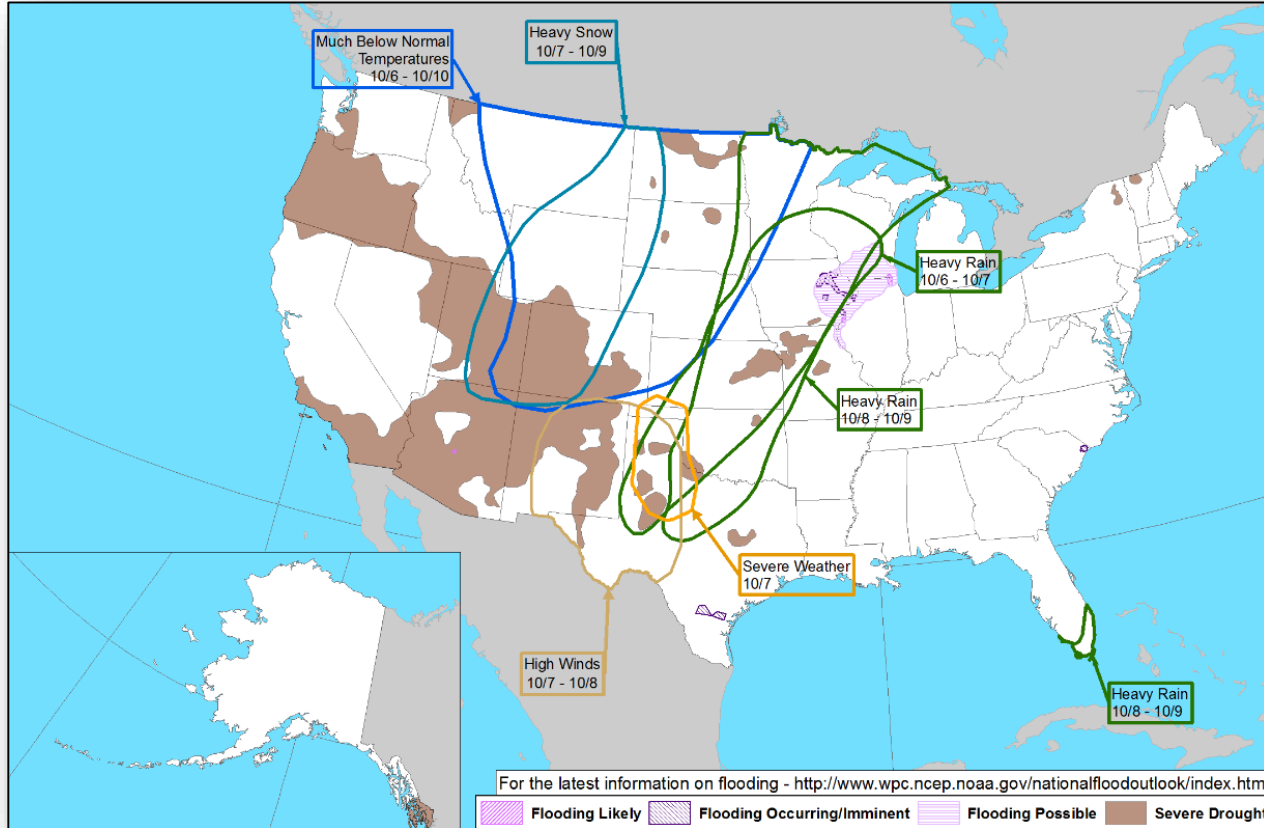
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Hazards Outlook – Oct 6-10



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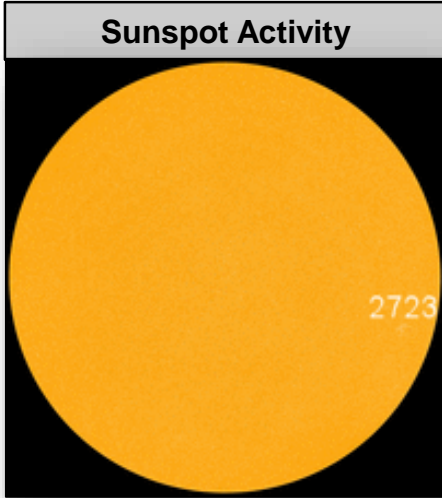
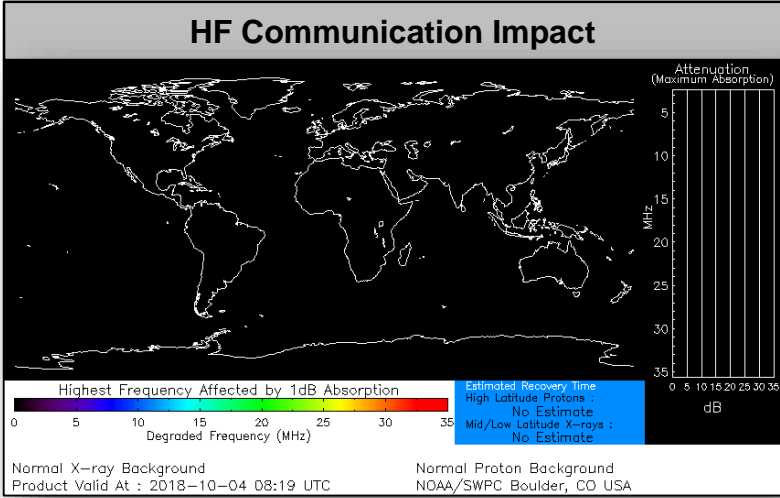
Space Weather



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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA / PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
III	PA	Severe Weather July 21 – 27, 2018	IA	12	12	9/19 – 9/27
			PA	14	11	9/20 – TBD
	PA	Severe Weather August 10 – 15, 2018	IA	14	14	9/20 – 9/27
			PA	15	10	9/19 – TBD
	PA	Flooding August 31, 2018	IA	2	2	9/24 – 10/1
			PA	1	0	9/27 – TBD
	VA	Hurricane Florence September 8-21, 2018	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	27	0	9/28 – TBD

Disaster Requests & Declarations



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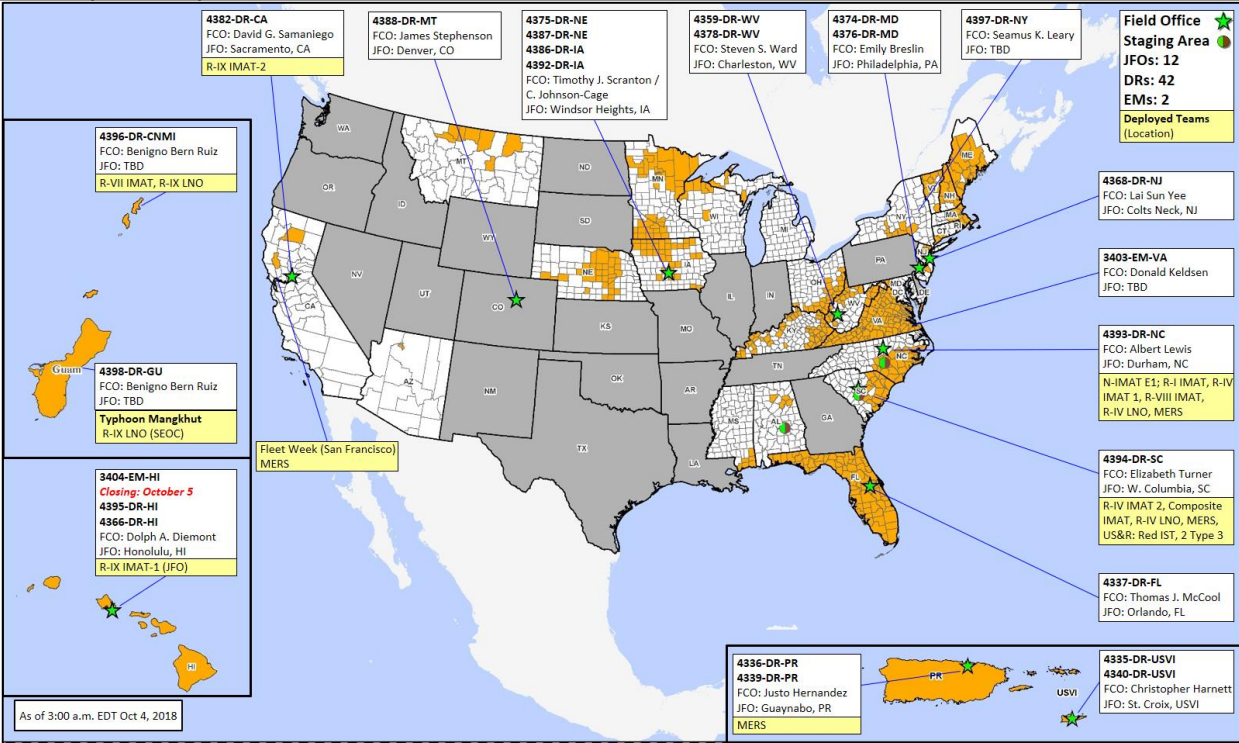
Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
3	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
PA – (Appeal) DR Severe Storms, Flooding, and Landslides		X	X	September 7, 2018		
NC – DR (Appeal) Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	X	X	X	September 19, 2018		
SD – (Appeal) Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	September 25, 2018		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability
IM Workforce	12,143 ▲	2,958 ▲ 24%	5,731 ▼	3,454	DSA 22% (183/844); EHP 9% (38/422); ER 9% (4/46); FM 23% (62/269); HM 16% (163/1,011); HR 17% (40/233); IT 20% (124/631); LOG 22% (256/1,190); OPS 24% (67/277); PA 12% (228/1,861); PLAN 21% (73/342); SAF 4% (2/57); SEC 7% (8/116)
National IMATs* (1-2 Teams)	East 1: Composite: West:	Reconstituting Deployed B-2			<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4382-DR-CA FCO: David G. Samaniego JFO: Sacramento, CA R-IX IMAT-2</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4388-DR-MT FCO: James Stephenson JFO: Denver, CO</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4375-DR-NE 4387-DR-NE 4386-DR-IA 4392-DR-IA FCO: Timothy J. Scranton / C. Johnson-Cage JFO: Windsor Heights, IA</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4359-DR-WV 4378-DR-WV FCO: Steven S. Ward JFO: Charleston, WV</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4374-DR-MD 4376-DR-MD FCO: Emily Breslin JFO: Philadelphia, PA</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4397-DR-NY FCO: Seamus K. Leary JFO: TBD</p> </div> </div>
Regional IMATs (≤ 3 Teams)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 4 2 7			<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4396-DR-CNMI FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz JFO: TBD R-VII IMAT, R-IX LNO</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4398-DR-GU FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz JFO: TBD Typhoon Mangkhut R-IX LNO (SEOC)</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>3404-EM-HI <i>Closing: October 5</i> 4395-DR-HI 4366-DR-HI FCO: Dolph A. Diemont JFO: Honolulu, HI R-IX IMAT-1 (JFO)</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4368-DR-NJ FCO: Lai Sun Yee JFO: Colts Neck, NJ</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>3403-EM-VA FCO: Donald Keldsen JFO: TBD</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4399-DR-NC FCO: Albert Lewis JFO: Durham, NC N-IMAT E1; R-I IMAT, R-IV IMAT 1, R-VIII IMAT, R-IV LNO, MERS</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4394-DR-SC FCO: Elizabeth Turner JFO: W. Columbia, SC R-IV IMAT 2, Composite IMAT, R-IV LNO, MERS, US&R: Red IST, 2 Type 3</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>4337-DR-FL FCO: Thomas J. McCool JFO: Orlando, FL</p> </div> </div>
National ISBs (0 Teams)	Team A Team B Team C	Deployed Deployed Deployed			
US&R (33-65%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 18 8 2			
MERS (33-65%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	36 26 (+1) 0 10 (-1)			
FCO (≤ 1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	32 13 0 19			
FDRC (≥ 3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 4 1 8			



* **B-2 Status:** Assemble ≤ 2-hrs, On Site ≤ 18-hrs; **B-48 Status:** Assemble and deploy ≤ 48hrs; **Charlie Status:** No team assemble time requirement

FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



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Status		Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason / Comments
NWC (5 Teams)	Steady State				
NRCC (2 Teams)	Available				Gold Team / October
HLT	Activated				
RWC / MOCs (10 Regions)	Steady State				
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Available				

Backup Regions: **VI, VIII & V**



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