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FEMA Daily Operations Briefing Thursday, August 20, 2015 8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: August 19-20



Significant Events: None

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic: Tropical Storm Danny; Disturbance 1 Low (20%); Disturbance 2 Low (near 0%)
- Eastern Pacific: Disturbance 1 Low (near 0%)
- Central Pacific: Disturbance 1 Medium (60%); Disturbance 2 Low (10%); Disturbance 3 Low (near 0%)
- Western Pacific: No significant activity affecting US territories or interests

Significant Weather:

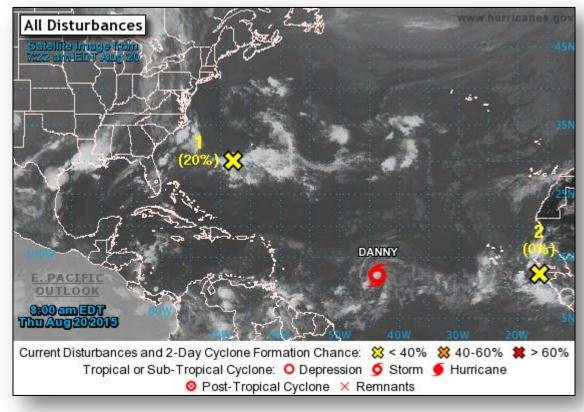
- Flash flooding possible portions of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern Plains, and Lower Mississippi Valley
- Rain & thunderstorms: Possible for portions of the Southern Plains across to the Southeast up to the Northeast
- Red Flag Warnings: WA, OR, ID, MT, & CO
- Critical Fire Weather: WA & OR
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours no space weather storms occurred; next 24 hours none predicted

Declaration Activity

- FEMA-5106-FM-WA approved August 19, 2015
- Emergency Declaration Request for WA

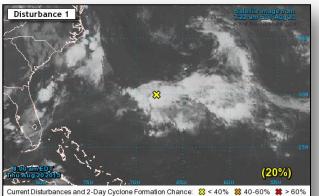
2-Day Tropical Outlook – Atlantic





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

- A surface trough interacting with an upper-level low is producing an area of showers and thunderstorms
- Located to the southeast through southwest of Bermuda
- Moving slowly northward
- Environmental conditions support tropical or subtropical development over the weekend
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (20%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Medium (60%)

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

- A tropical wave near the coast of Africa is producing some disorganized showers and thunderstorms
- Moving west 15 to 20 mph
- Environmental conditions are forecast to become marginally favorable for some development
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (20%)

Atlantic – Tropical Storm Danny



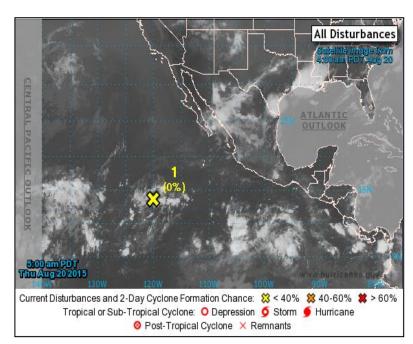


Tropical Storm Danny: (Advisory #8 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located about 1,200 miles E of the Lesser Antilles
- Maximum sustained winds near 50 mph; with higher gusts
- Moving toward the W at 10 mph
- System strengthening and could be a hurricane next 48 hours
- Tropical storm force winds extending outward 70 miles

2-Day Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



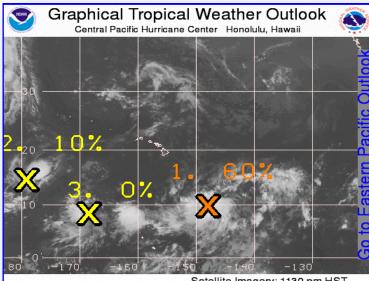


Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- An area of disturbed weather moving W at about 10 MPH
- Located about 950 miles SW of the Southern tip of the Baja California peninsula
- Environmental conditions could become favorable for some development by the weekend
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)

Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific





Satellite Imagery: 1130 pm HST

"X" denotes position of systems discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook. Color indicates probability of tropical cyclone formation within 48 hours.

Low 0-30%

Medium 40-60% High 70-100%

Disturbance 1: (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Broad area of nearly stationary low pressure
- Located about 900 miles SSE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Medium (60%)

Disturbance 2: (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Broad area of nearly stationary pulsing convection
- Located about 1,500 miles WSW of Honolulu, Hawaii
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)

Disturbance 3: (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Broad area of nearly stationary persistent convection
- Located about 1,200 miles SW of Honolulu, Hawaii
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (0%)

Twisp River Fire – WA



Fire Name (County)	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	FMAG	Evacuations	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Twisp River Fire (Okanogan County)	Twisp & Winthrop (pop. 2,600)	1,500	0%	FEMA-5106-FM-WA Approved Aug 19	Mandatory/ Voluntary (2,600)	0/1,200	3/4

August 19, 2015

- Fire impacting the communities of Twisp (pop. 939) and Winthrop (pop. 415)
- Approximately 95% of threatened homes are primary residences
- Threatening high value timberland, cultural resources, camp grounds, wildlife area, power lines, communications and community infrastructure
- 3 fatalities reported Firefighters involved in a vehicle accident
- 7 shelters are open with 85 occupants (Statewide)

<u>Response:</u>

- WA EOC is Fully Activated
- FEMA Region X remains at Normal Operations; Region X IMAT will deploy to the RRCC later today





FMAG Requests and Declarations



Actio	on (since last repo	ort)	Total	FMAG No. and State					
Requests DEN	IED		0						
Requests APP	ROVED		1	FEMA-5106-FM-WA Twisp Fire, WA					
Approved FMAG Data									
Year	Current YTD	MTD	Monthly Average	Cumulative Acres Burned YTD	Cumulative Denied FMAGs YTD				
2015	25	14	11	150,940	2				
Year	Total Previous FY	++ Yearly	/ Average	Total Acres Burned Previous Year	Total Denied FMAGs Previous Year				
2014	31	3	7	152,648	2				
* Reflects the 3-year average for current month/ ** Reflects 3-year total average									

Wildfire Summary



Fire Name (County)	FMAG #	Acres burned	% Contained Est. Containment date	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures Threatened	Structures Damaged/ Destroyed	Fatalities / Injuries						
Washington (5)													
Chelan (Reach) Complex (Chelan County)	FEMA-5100-FM-WA Approved Aug 14	68,465 (-980)	49% (-1)	Mandatory (800 (-1,950))	500 homes	0/29 (homes)	0/0						
Stickpin (Ferry County)	FEMA-5101-FM-WA Approved Aug 15			Mandatory (50)	3,550 (2,400 homes)	0/0	0/0						
Stevens County Complex (Stevens County)	FEMA-5103-FM-WA Approved Aug 15	13,308 (+2,872)	33% (+26)	Mandatory (75)	690 homes	0/19 (+1) (homes)	1/0						
Okanogan Complex (Okanogan County)	FEMA-5104-FM-WA Approved Aug 14	54,838 (+23,911)	38% (+18)	Mandatory	145 homes (+30)	0/3	0/0						
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	Idaho (1)											
Clearwater Complex (Lewis & Idaho counties)	FEMA-5099-FM-ID Approved Aug 14	39,200 (-32,950)			1,670 (600 (+40) homes & 20 multi- residences)	0/114 (44 homes)	0/0					
Oregon (1)												
Canyon Creek Complex (Grant County)	FEMA-5102-FM-OR Approved Aug 15	48,201 (+4,463)	10% (+10)	Mandatory (50)	500 homes	50 homes/ 36 (+11) homes	0/2					

Disaster Requests & Declarations



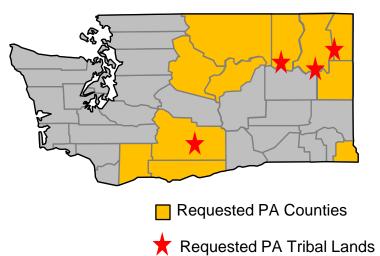
Declaration Requests in Process	Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)	
1	Date Requested	0	1
AK – DR Wildfires	July 24, 2015		Denied
WA – EM Wildfires	August 19, 2015		

Emergency Declaration Request – WA



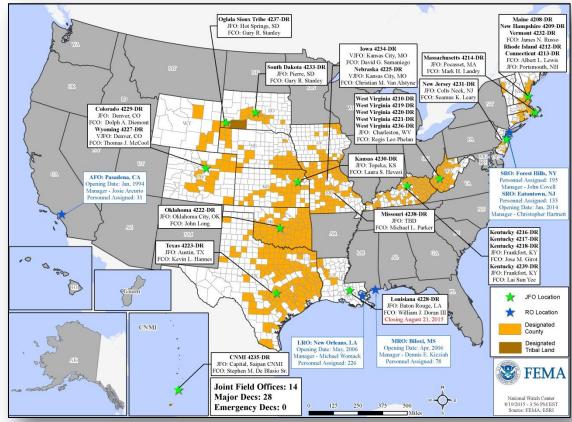
August 19, 2015

- Governor requested an Emergency Declaration due to wildfires beginning August 13, 2015 and continuing
- Requesting:
 - Public Assistance (PA) for 11 counties and 4 Tribal Lands
 - Specifically requested Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures (Categories A&B) including direct federal assistance



Open Field Offices as of August 20





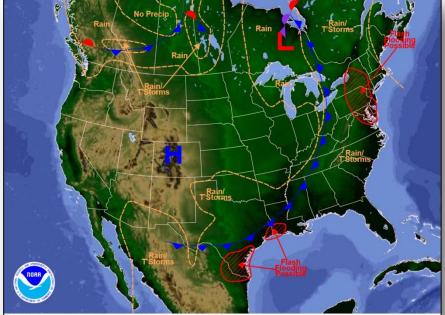
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



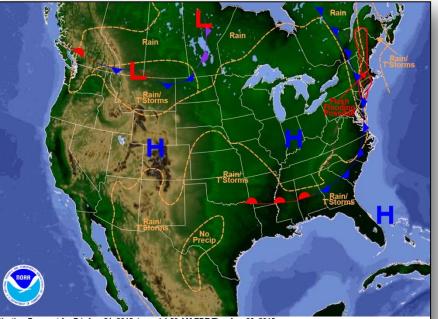
	State /			Number of	Start – End	
Region	Location	Event	IA/PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	FL	Heavy Rain & Flooding	IA	5	5 (+2)	8/12 - <mark>8/19</mark>
10		July 26, 2015 & continuing	PA	4	0	TBD
V	IN	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds & Flooding June 7 – July 29, 2015	PA	26	0	8/18 - TBD

National Weather Forecast





Weather Forecast for Thu, Aug 20, 2015, issued 4:47 AM EDT DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



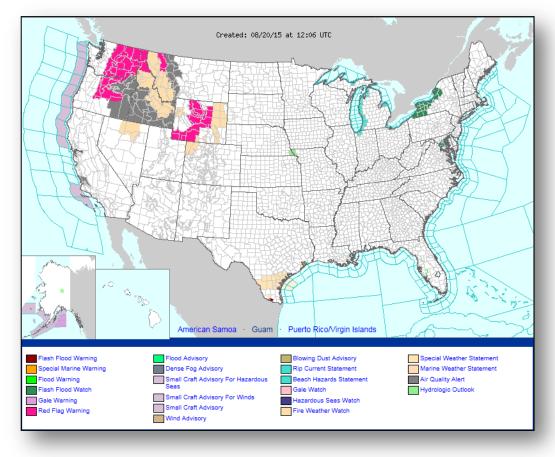
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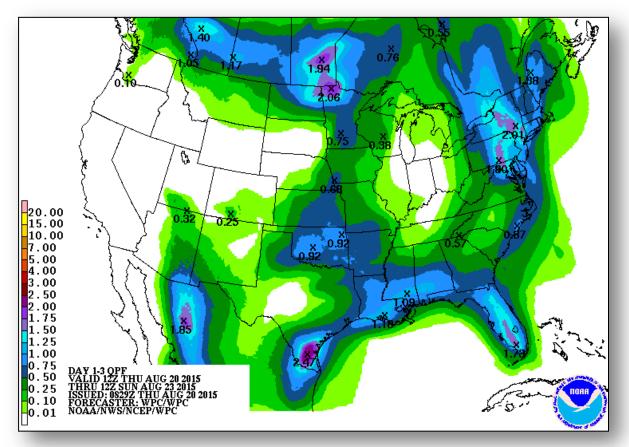
Active Watches/Warnings

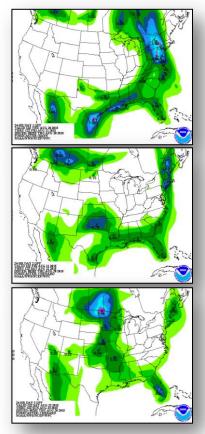




Precipitation Forecast, 1 - 3 Day







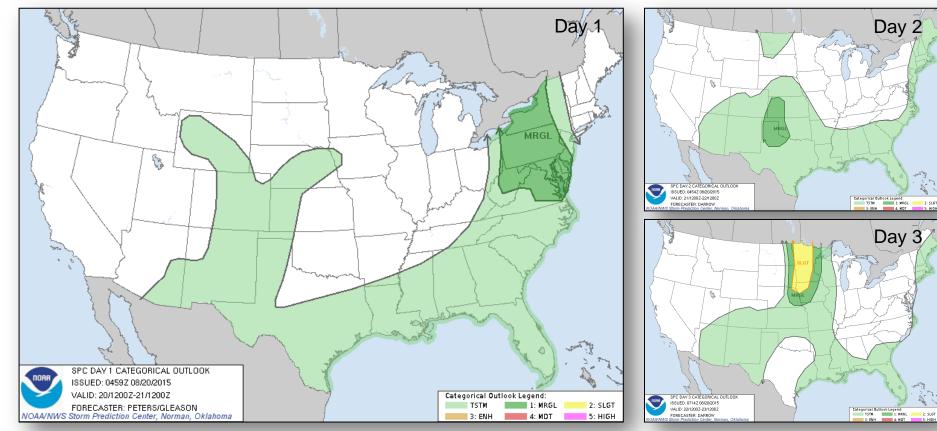
Day 1

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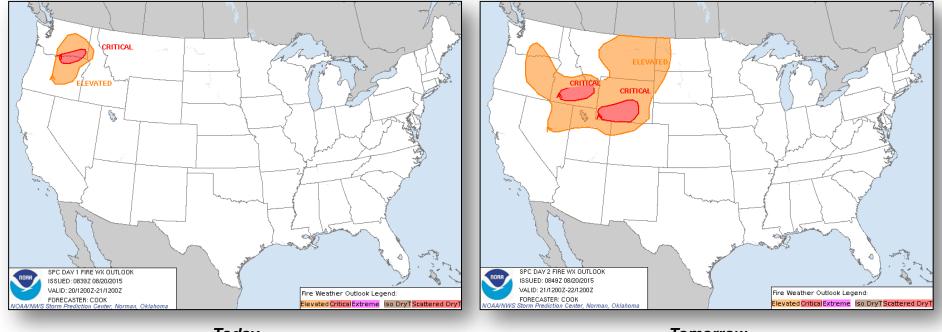
Severe Weather Outlook, Days 1 - 3





Fire Weather Outlook, Days 1-2



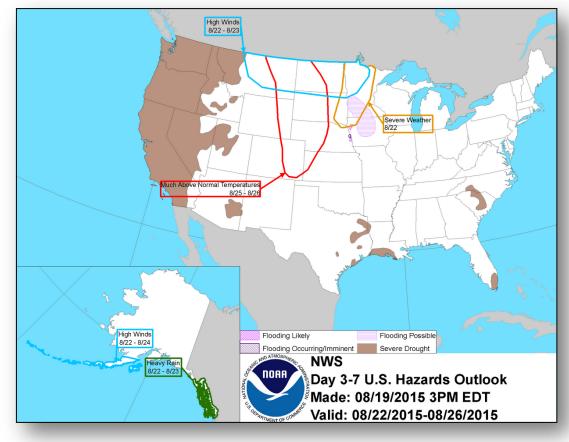


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Hazard Outlook, August 22 – 26

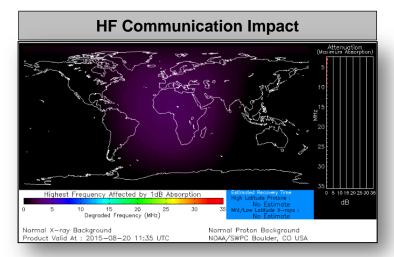


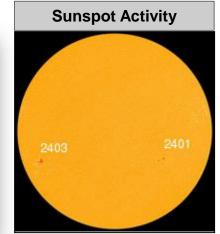


Space Weather



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





FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



	Deployable Teams/Assets											
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Not Available Available Available		Deployed,	Comments	Rating Criterion			
FCO		35	11	31%	0	1	23		OFDC Readiness: <u>FCO</u> Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2			
FDRC		9	6	67%	0	0	5		Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1			
US&R		28	27	96%	0	1	0	NM-TF1 (Red) – Personnel shortages	 Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed 			
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0		Green: 3 avail Yellow: 1-2 avail Red: 0 avail (Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.)			
Regional IMAT		13	4	31%	0	0	9	Deployed: RI to NH/MA Aug 6 - TBD (training but FMC) RIV (Team 1) deployed to KY RV to RVI supporting severe weather/flooding RVI (Team 1 & 2) to TX & personnel to OK RVII deployed to MO RVIII (Team 1) deployed to SD & CO RIX (Teams 1 & 2) deployed to CNMI RX IMAT will deploy to RX RRCC	 Green: 7 or more avail Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement</i> 			
MCOV		59	46	78%	0	12	1	1 unit in TX	• Green = 80 - 100% avail • Yellow = 60 - 79% avail • Red = 59% or below avail • Readiness remains 95%			

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



	National/Regional Teams											
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available				Partially Available	Not Available	Status	Comments	Rating Criterion	
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Not Activated		• Green = FMC			
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		• Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC			
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	0	Activated					
DEST							Not Activated					
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated					
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated					



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