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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – August 22-23



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Significant Events: Tropical Weather Threat – Gulf Coast

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Disturbance 1 – High (near 100%); Disturbance 2 – Low (30%)
- Eastern Pacific – Tropical Storm Kenneth
- Central Pacific – No tropical cyclones expected next 48 hours
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Flash Flooding possible – Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley
- Elevated Fire Weather conditions for portions of MT
- Isolated to Scattered Dry Thunderstorms increasing fire weather threat for portions of WA, OR, CA, NV, UT, ID, and MT
- Space weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

FEMA Region VI – Tropical Weather Threat



Situation

Environmental conditions are conducive for a tropical system (Harvey) to redevelop in the Gulf of Mexico and move towards Texas and Louisiana potentially causing prolonged heavy rains, flooding and potential storm surge along the coast.

Analysis/Potential Impacts

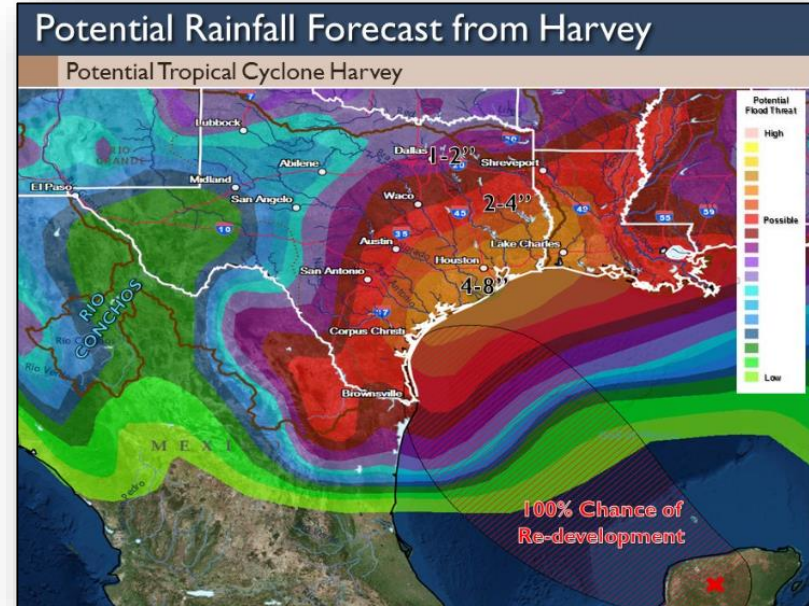
- Port Arthur, TX seawall vulnerable to storm surge due to previous damage (*USACE*)
- New Orleans flooding threat increased due to degradation of city pumping system (*Various sources*)
- Prolonged periods of heavy rainfall/flooding across portions of TX & SW LA (*NHC*)
- Storm surge & tropical storm or hurricane force winds along portions of the TX coast (*NHC*)

States Preparation/Response

- LA SEOC activating to Monitoring with 24/7 operations at 5:00 pm (EDT)
- TX SEOC activated to Increased Readiness; increasing to Partial Activation with 24/7 operations Thursday

FEMA Preparation/Response

- RRCC activated to Level III at 8:00 am (EDT); going to Level II, 24/7 operations Thursday ESF 3, 6, 7; DoD and NWS will support
- IMAT-1 deployed to LA SEOC
- IMAT-2 & LNO deployed to TX SEOC
- NISB Team Charlie deploying to Randolph Aux Airfield, TX



Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



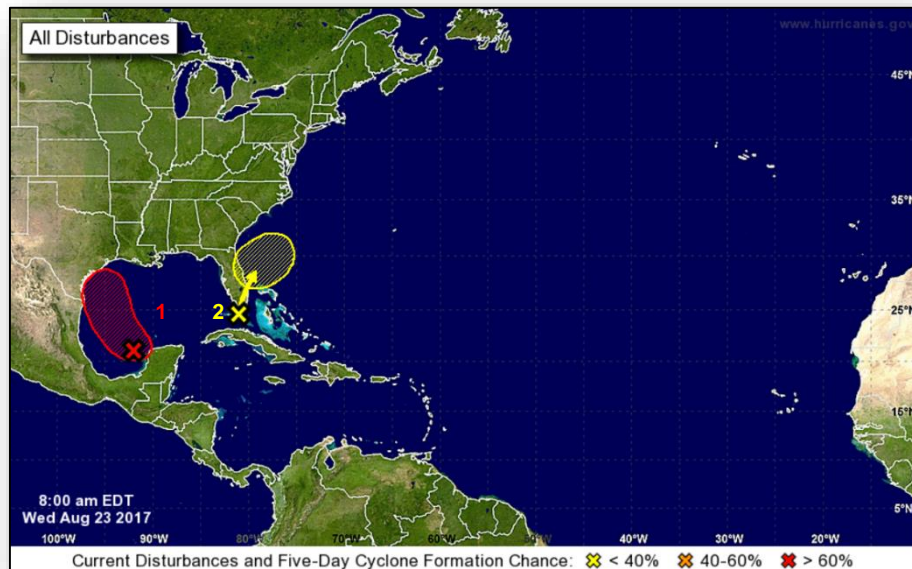
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Disturbance 1 (Harvey) (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located about 150 miles W of Merida, Mexico
- Moving NW at 10 mph
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (near 100%)
- Formation chance through next 5 days: High (near 100%)

Disturbance 2 (92L) (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located over Bahamas and S FL
- Drifting N over FL
- Regardless of Formation, expect heavy rain and flooding over S FL.
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through next 5 days: Medium (30%)



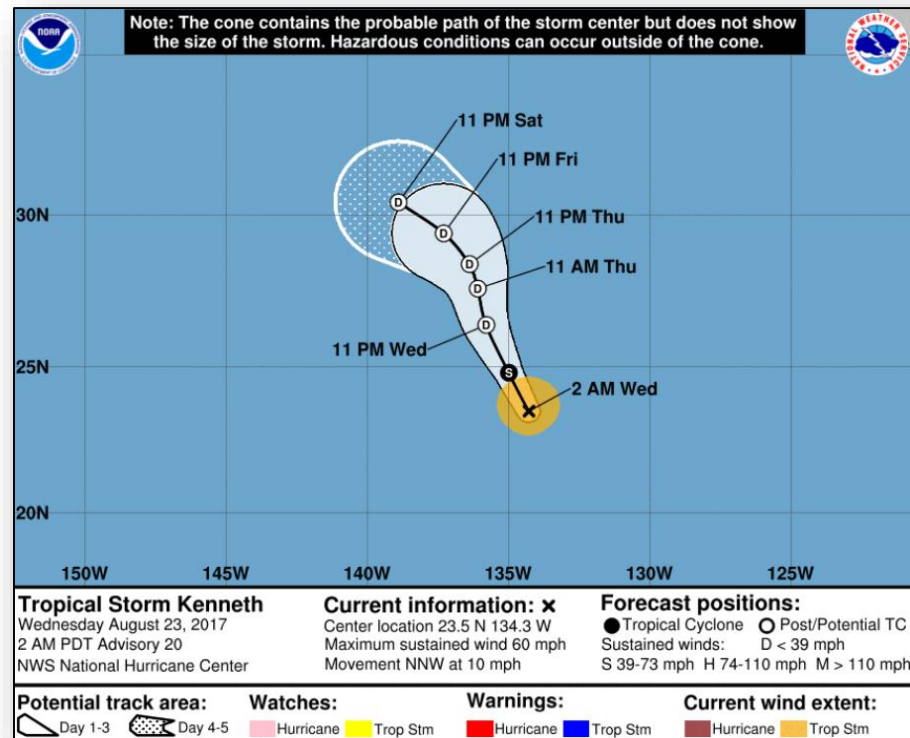
Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



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Tropical Storm Kenneth (Advisory #20, as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

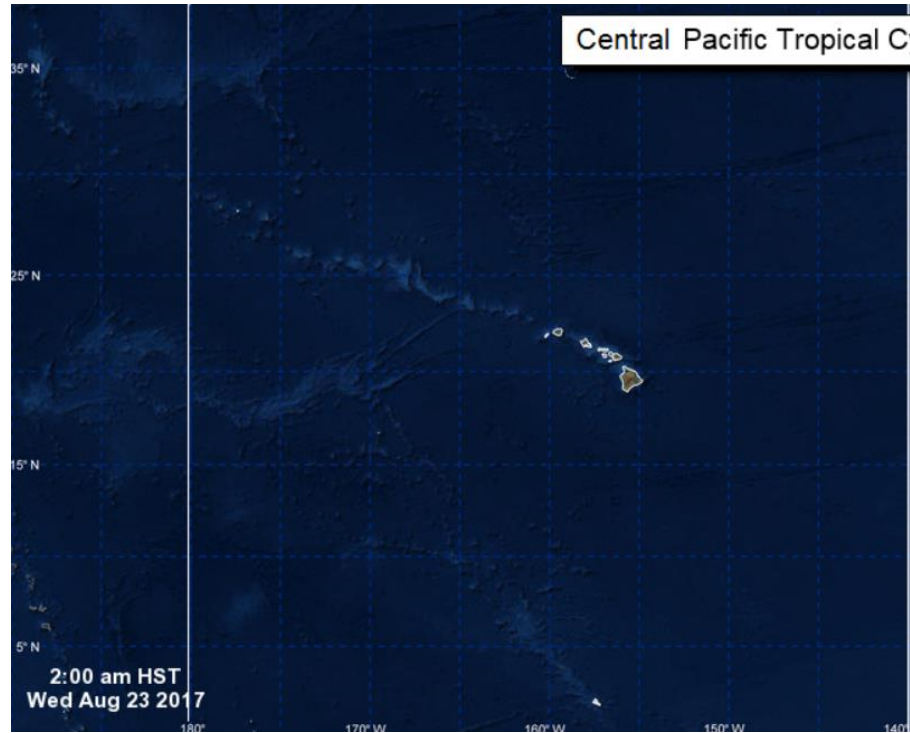
- Located 1,545 miles W of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving NNW at 10 mph
- Continued weakening during next 48 hours; likely to become a remnant low by Thursday
- Maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect



Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



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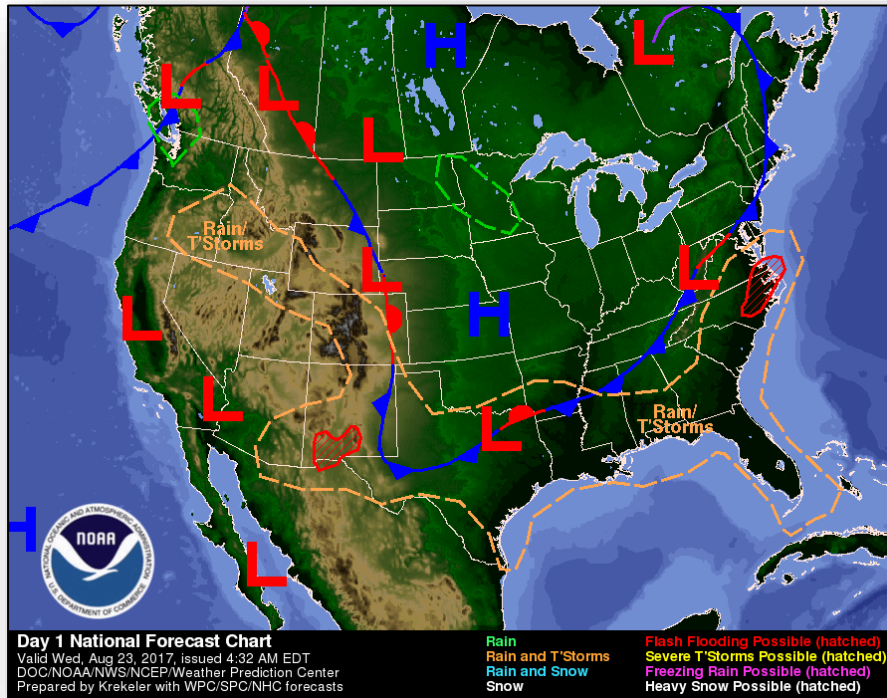


5 Day Outlook

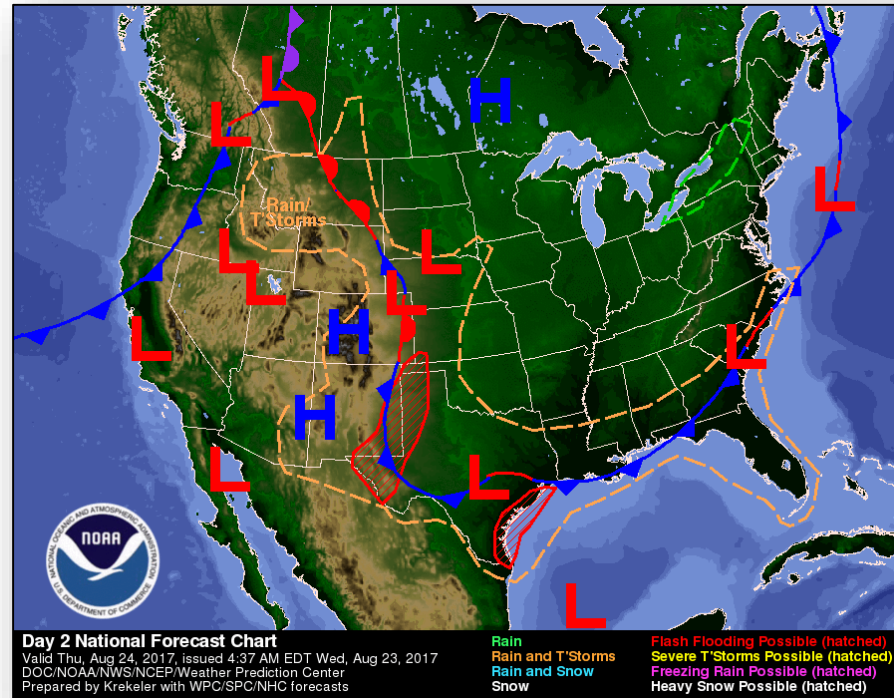
National Weather Forecast



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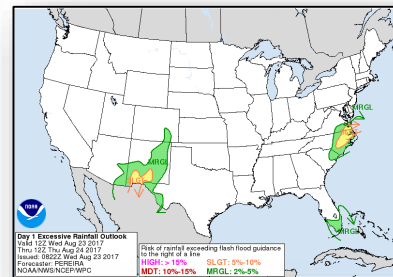
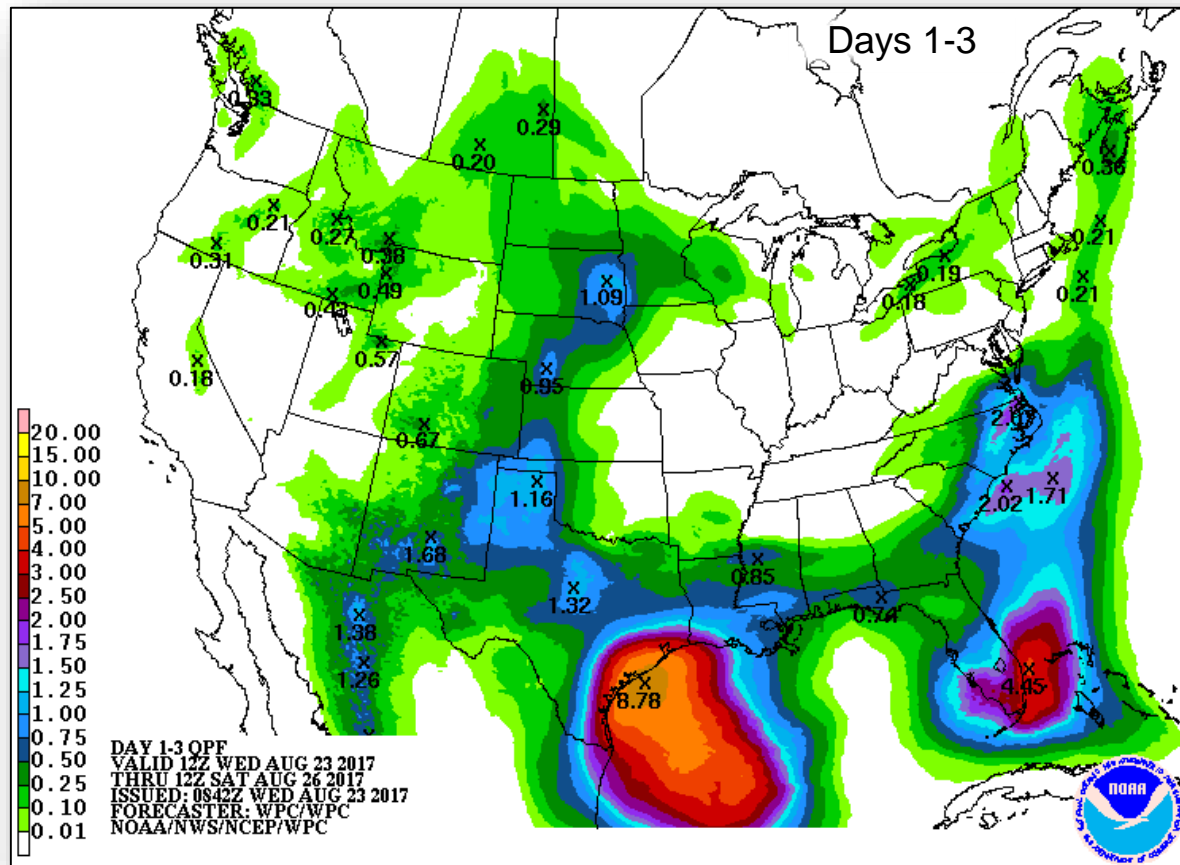


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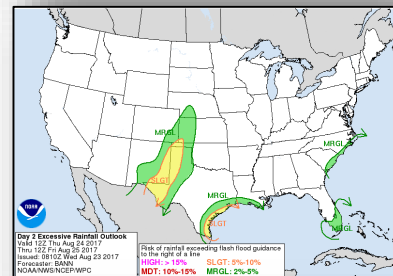
Precipitation Forecast



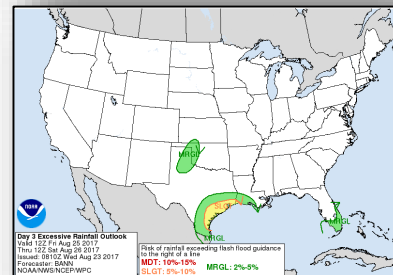
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Day 1



Day 2

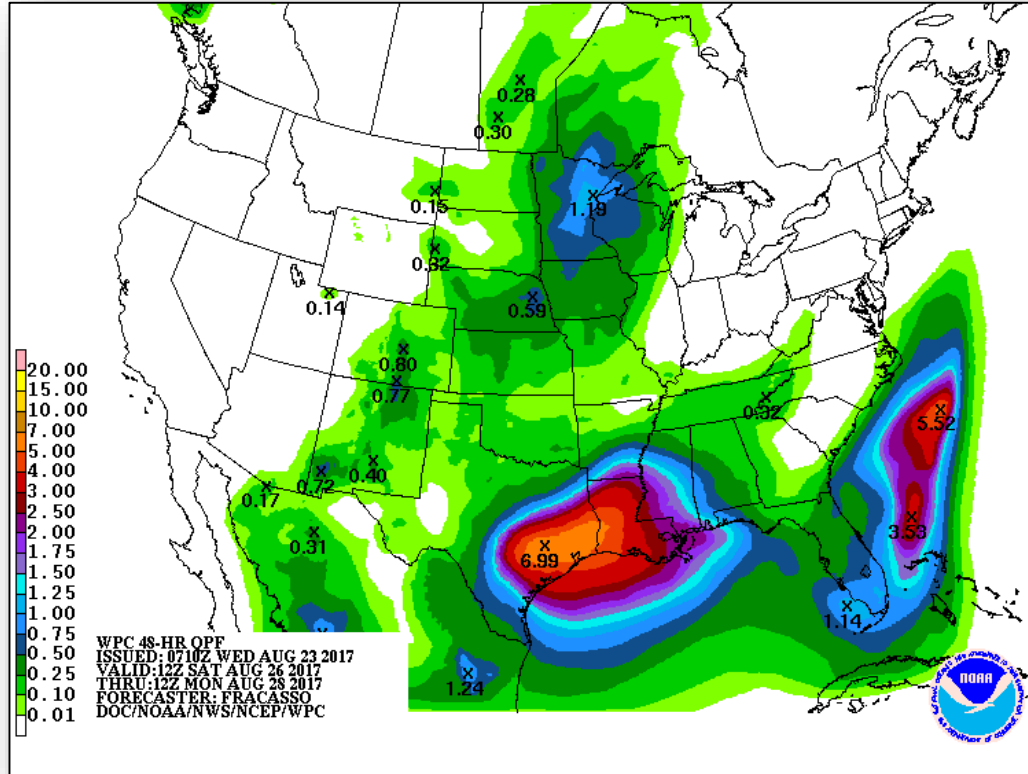


Day 3

Precipitation Forecast



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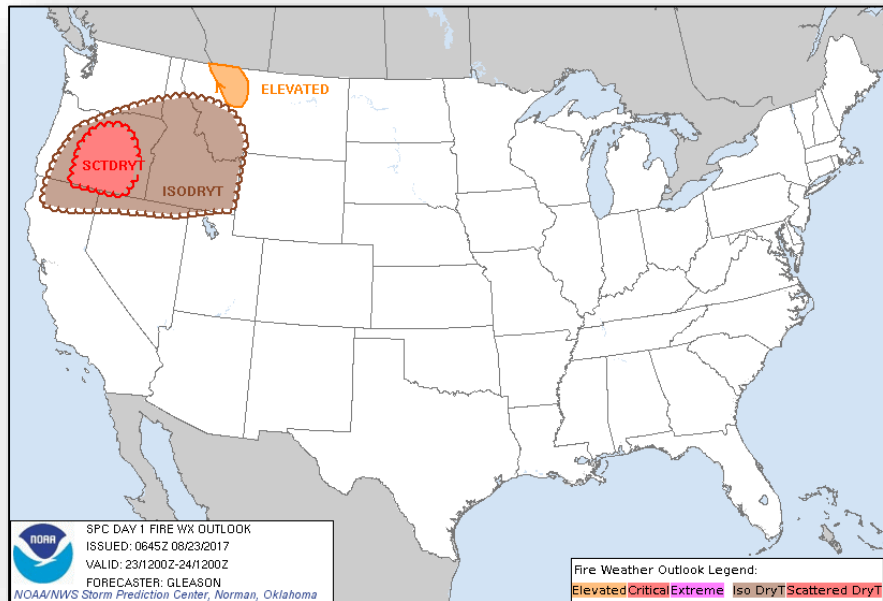


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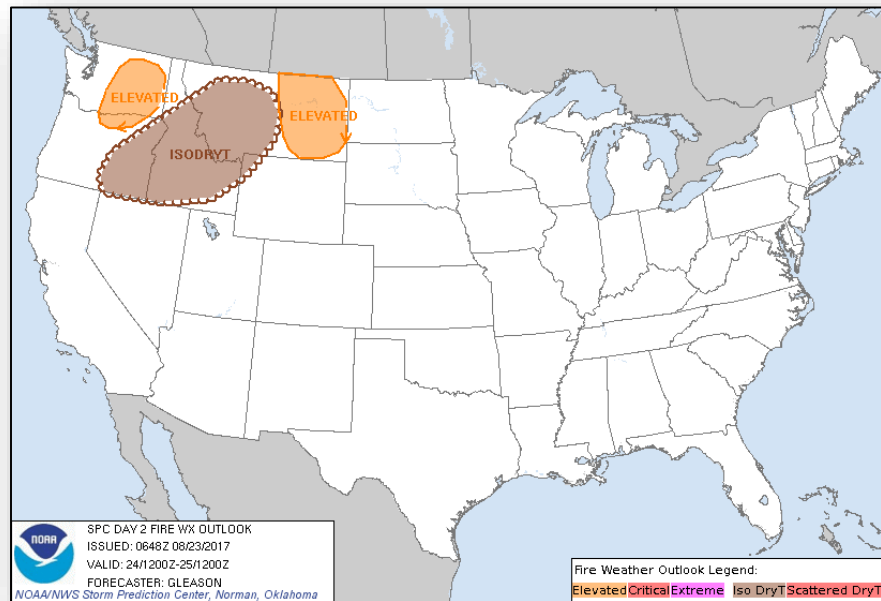
Fire Weather Outlook



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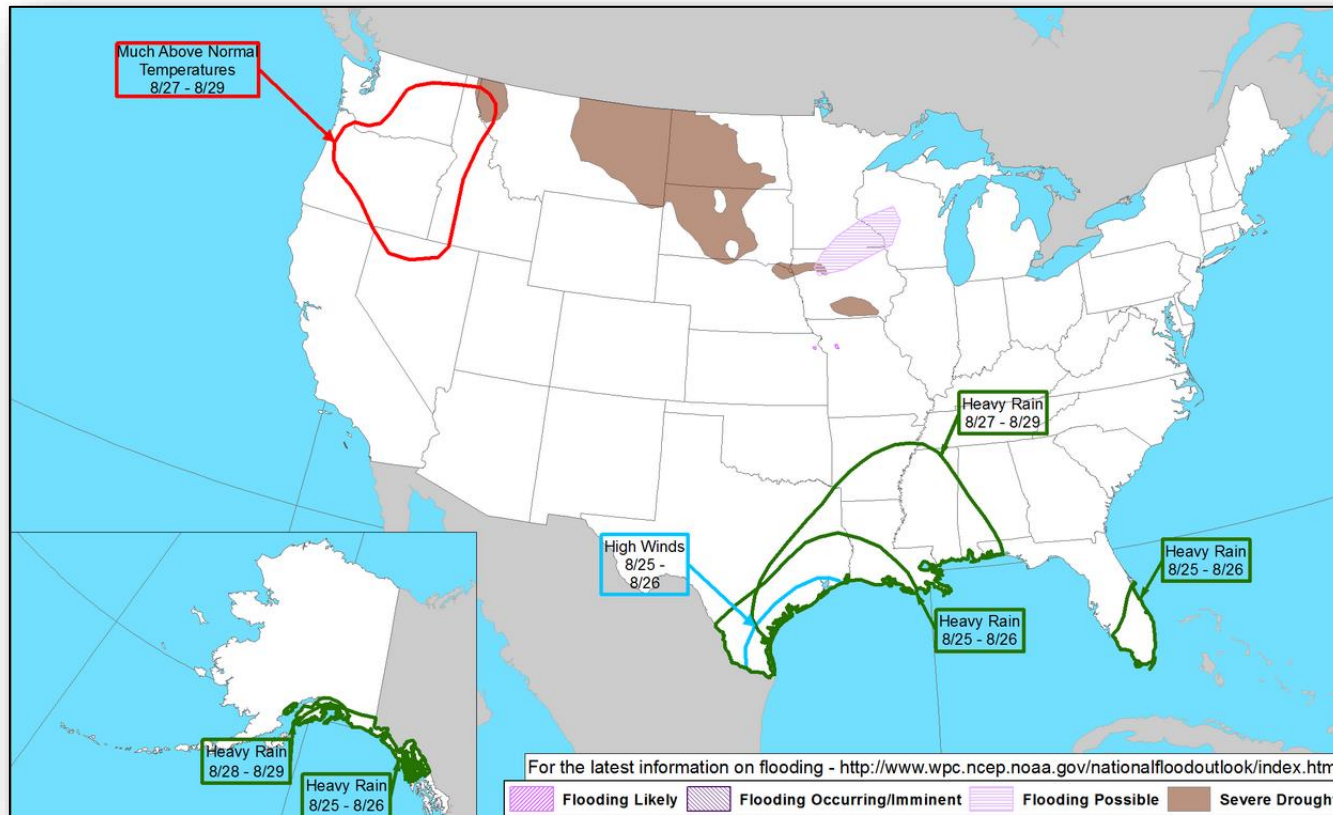


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Hazards Outlook – Aug 25-29



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Wildfire Summary



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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Oregon (2)								
Milli (Deschutes)	5196-FM-OR August 17,2017	11,236 (+740)	22% (-1%)	Mandatory (600)	2,055 homes	0	0	0 / 0
Chetco Bar (Curry)	5198-FM-OR August 20,2017	97,758 (+6,207)	0%	Mandatory	3,418 (3,368 homes)	9 (1 home)	24 (5 homes)	0 / 0
Montana (1)								
Lolo Peak (Ravalli and Missoula)	5197-FM-MT August 17,2017	32,328 (+869)	14% (+3%)	Mandatory & Voluntary (2,012)	704 homes	2	10 (2 homes)	1 / 3

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
II	NY	Severe Storms June 30, 2017 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	15	15	Aug 8 – Aug 22
V	IL	Severe Storms and Flooding July 19-23, 2017	IA	4	4	Aug 18 – Aug 22
			PA	0	0	N/A
VII	KS	Severe Storms and Flooding July 22-27, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	2	Aug 18 – Aug 22
VIII	ND	Severe Summer Storm, High Winds, and Rain July 20-21, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	Aug 21 – TBD

Disaster Requests & Declarations



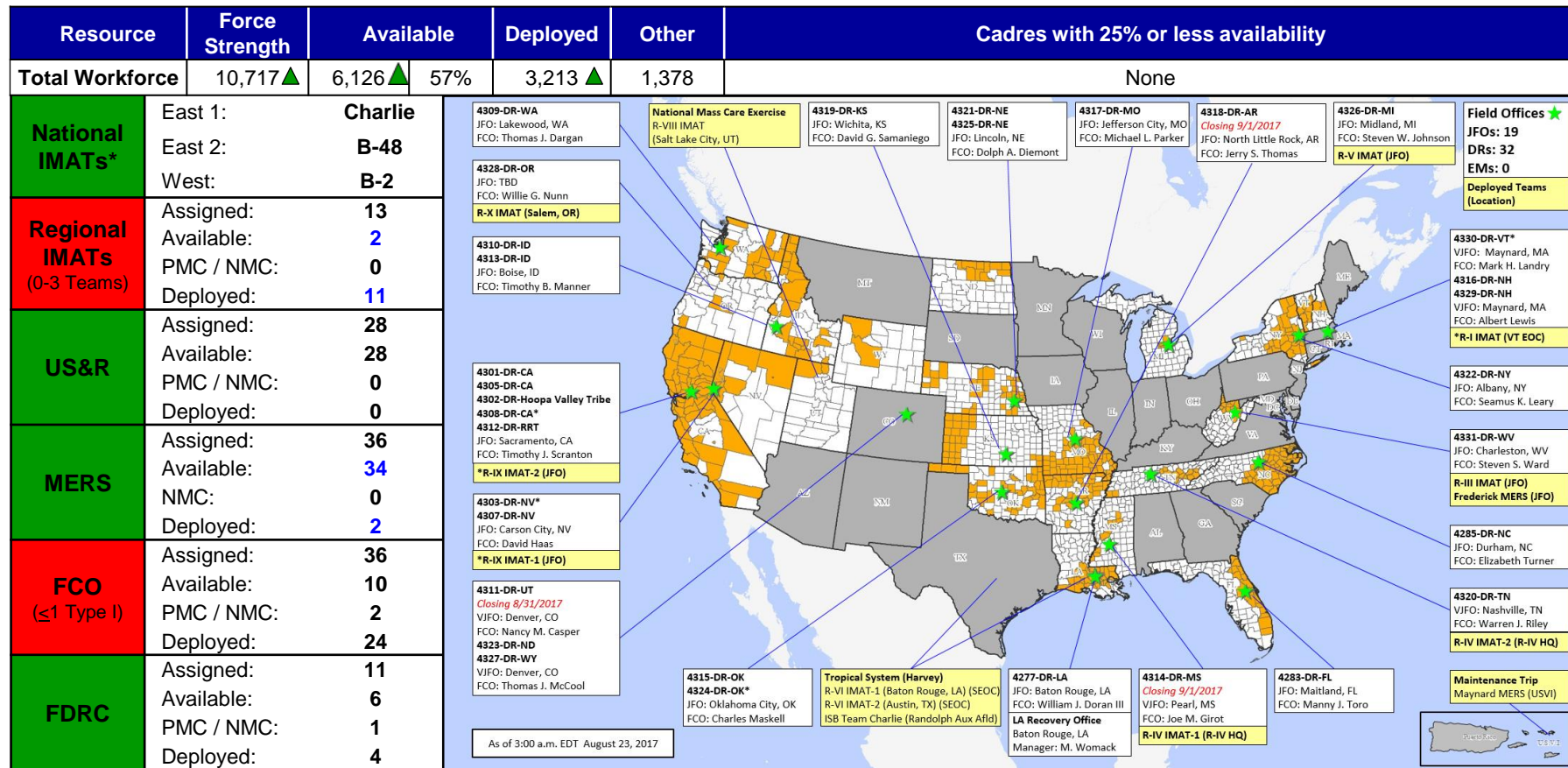
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Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
5	Date Requested	0	0
NY – DR (Expedited) DR Flooding	July 6, 2017		
ID – DR Flooding and Landslides	July 19, 2017		
ID – DR Flooding	July 20, 2017		
ND – DR Drought	August 7, 2017		
IA – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	August 10, 2017		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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*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



Resource	Status	Total	Status	Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason/Comments
NWC		5	Not Activated				
NRCC		2	Not Activated				NRCS Blue Team – August Primary
HLT		1	Activated				Hurricane Season
RWCs/MOCs		10	Not Activated				
RRCCs		10	Activated	R-VI R-VIII	Level III Normal Operations	24/7 N/A	Tropical System Harvey Returned to Normal Operations

Back-up Regions (August 21-28): II and VII



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