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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – August 23-24



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Significant Events: Tropical Weather Threat – Gulf Coast

Tropical Activity:

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

Significant Weather:

- Flash Flooding possible – Southwest, Southern Plains, Southeast & Mid-Atlantic
- Elevated Fire Weather conditions for portions of WA, OR, ID, & MT
- Isolated to Scattered Dry Thunderstorms increasing fire weather threat for portions of WA, OR, ID, WY and MT
- Space weather:
 - Past 24 hours: Minor-G1
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Tropical Outlook – Atlantic

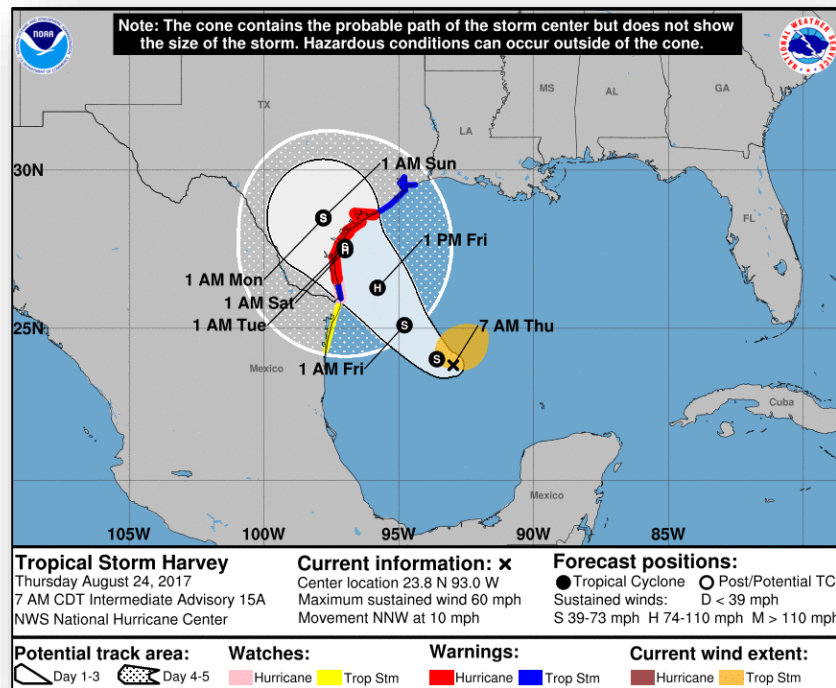
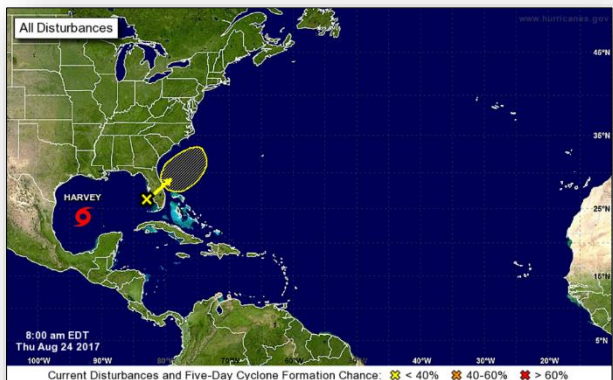


Tropical Storm Harvey (Advisory #15a, as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 380 miles SE of Port O'Connor, TX
- Moving NNW at 10 mph
- Expected to become a hurricane on Friday
- Maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- Watches and Warnings in effect for coastal TX

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

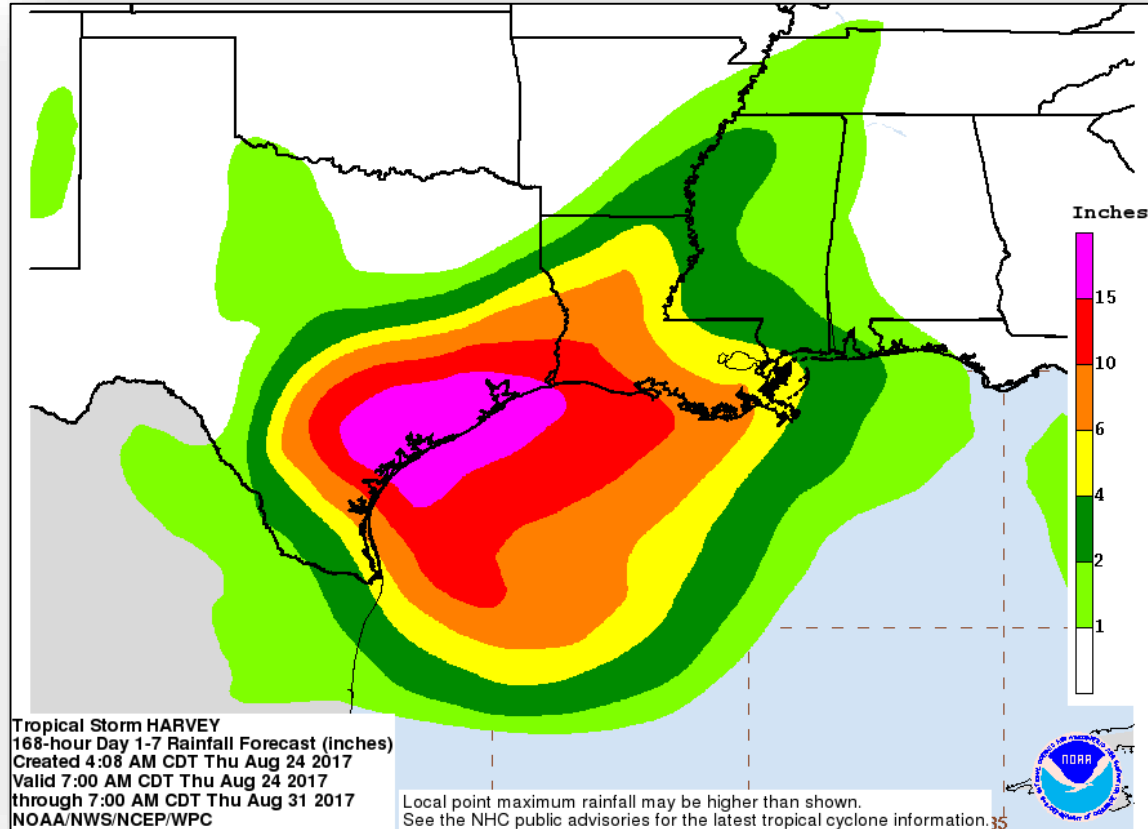
- Located near FL peninsula
- Drifting N over FL
- Expect heavy rain and flooding over FL
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through next 5 days: Low (30%)



TS Harvey Rainfall Forecast – Days 1-7



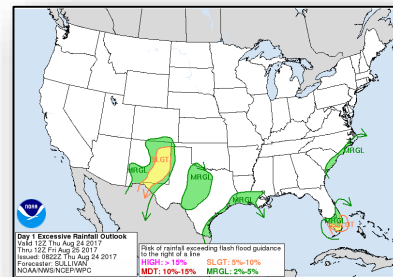
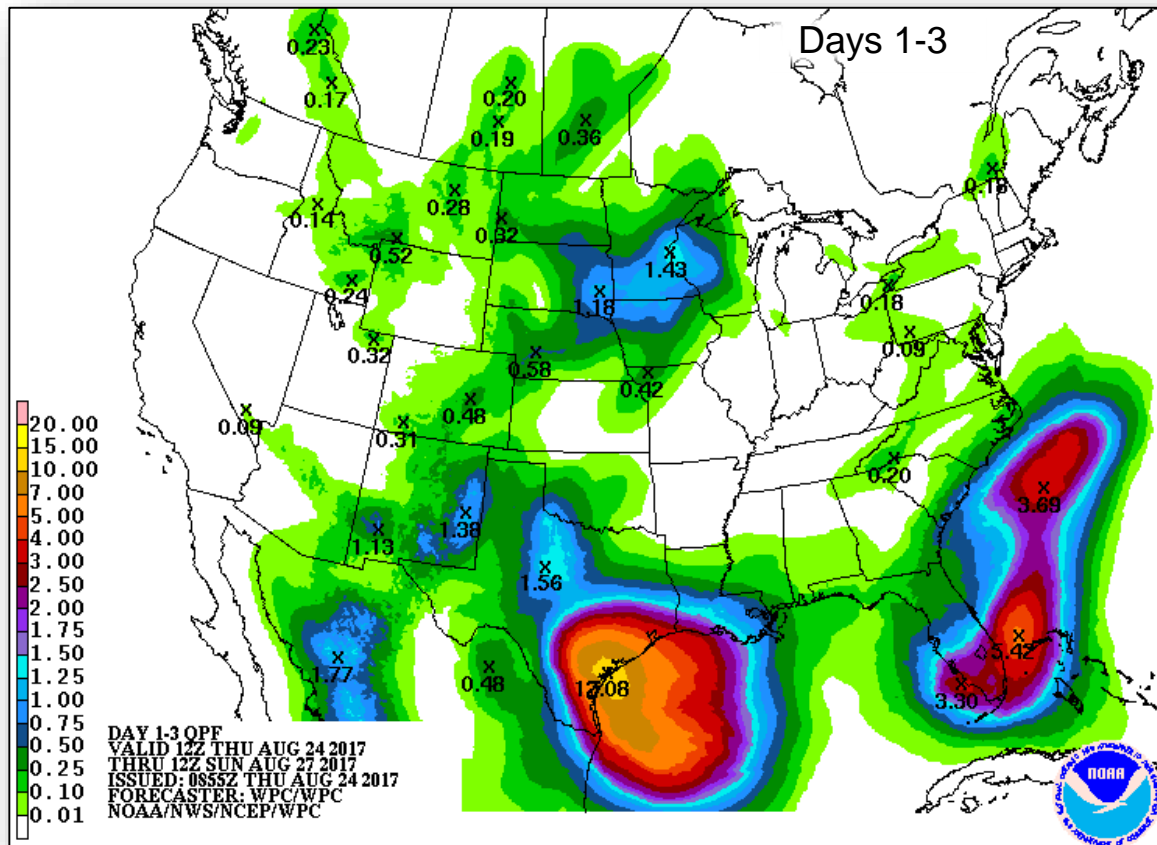
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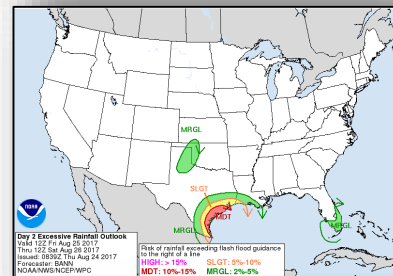
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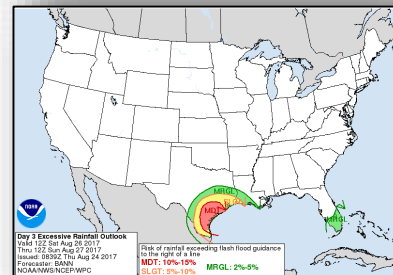
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Day 1



Day 2

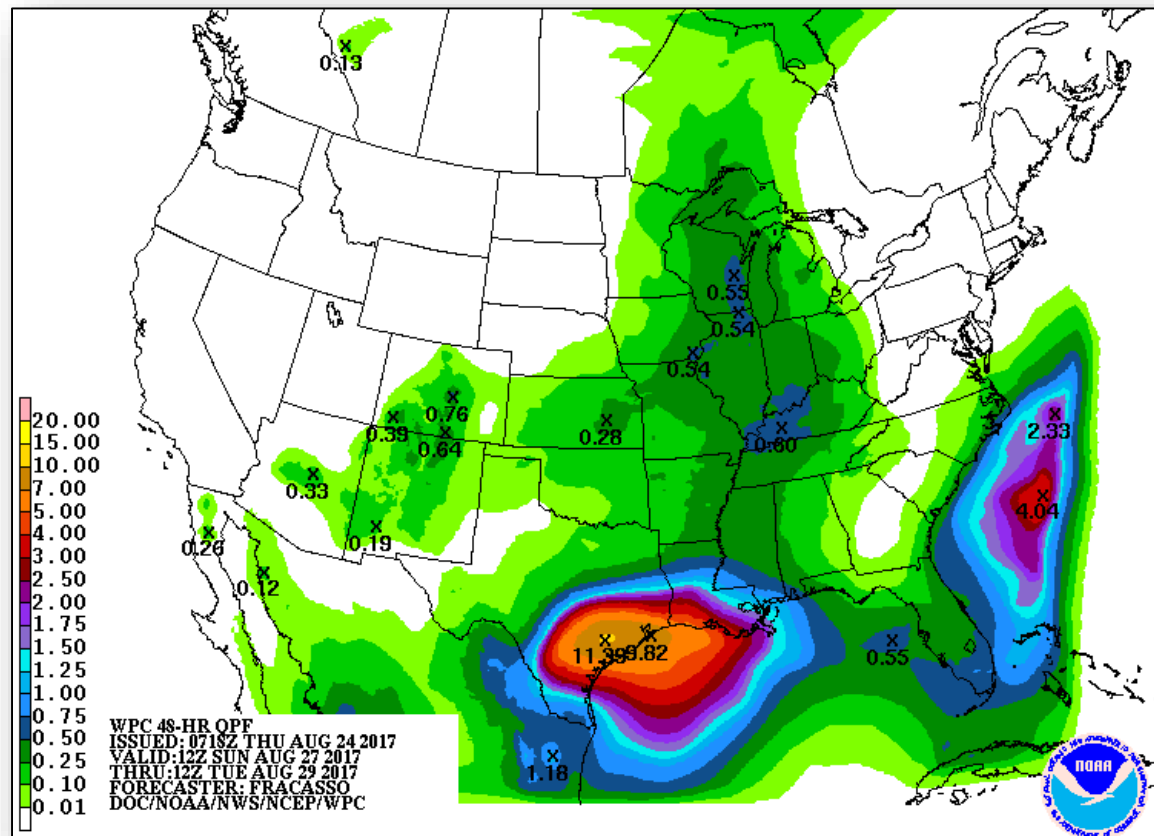


Day 3

Precipitation Forecast – Days 4-5



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FEMA Region VI – Tropical Weather Threat



Situation

Tropical Storm Harvey continues to drift NW towards Texas; potential for prolonged heavy rains, flooding and storm surge along the coast remains.

Analysis/Potential Impacts

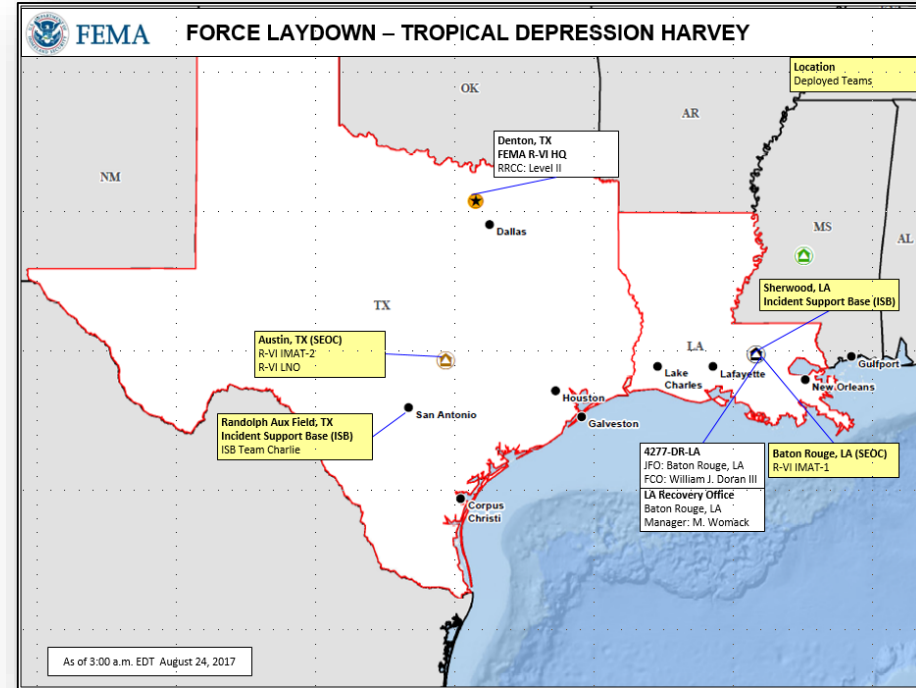
- Port Arthur, TX seawall vulnerable to storm surge due to previous damage (USACE)
- New Orleans flooding threat increased due to degradation of city pumping system; **overall pumping capacity availability at 90%** (Various sources)
- Prolonged periods of heavy rainfall/flooding across portions of TX & SW LA (NHC)
- Storm surge & tropical storm or hurricane force winds along portions of the TX coast (NHC)
- **Oil companies limiting production/evacuating personnel from Gulf platforms**

States Preparation/Response

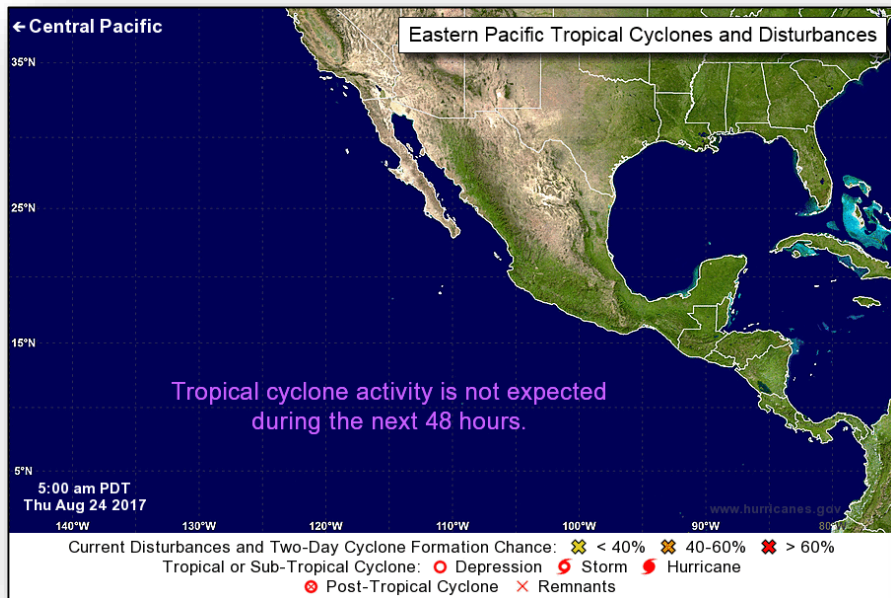
- **LA SEOC at Monitoring**
- **TX Governor declared State of Disaster for 30 counties**; SEOC at Partial Activation

FEMA Preparation/Response

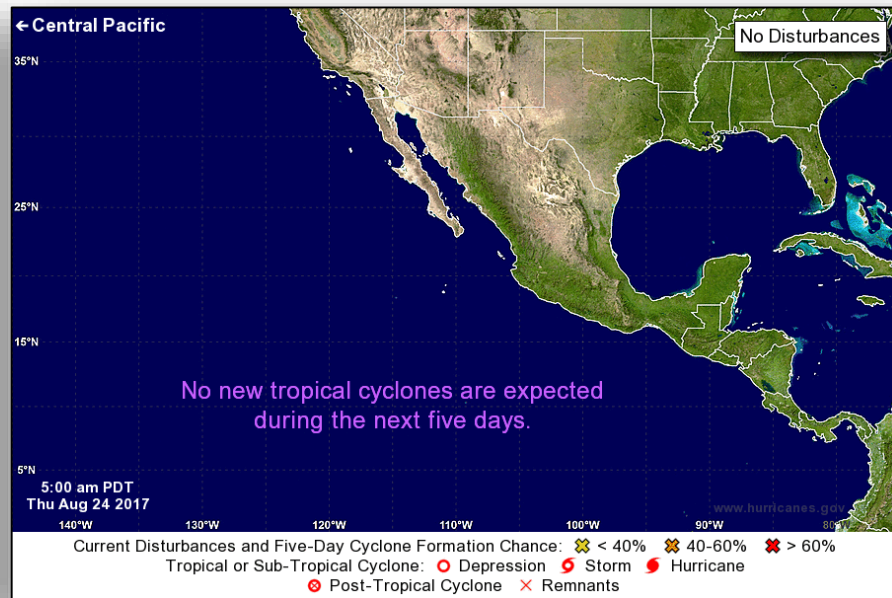
- NWC at Enhanced Watch, 24/7 ops
- R VI RRCC activated to Level II, 24/7 ops
- IMAT-1 deployed to LA SEOC
- IMAT-2 & LNO deployed to TX SEOC
- NISB Team Charlie deployed to Randolph Aux Airfield, TX



Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



48-Hour Outlook

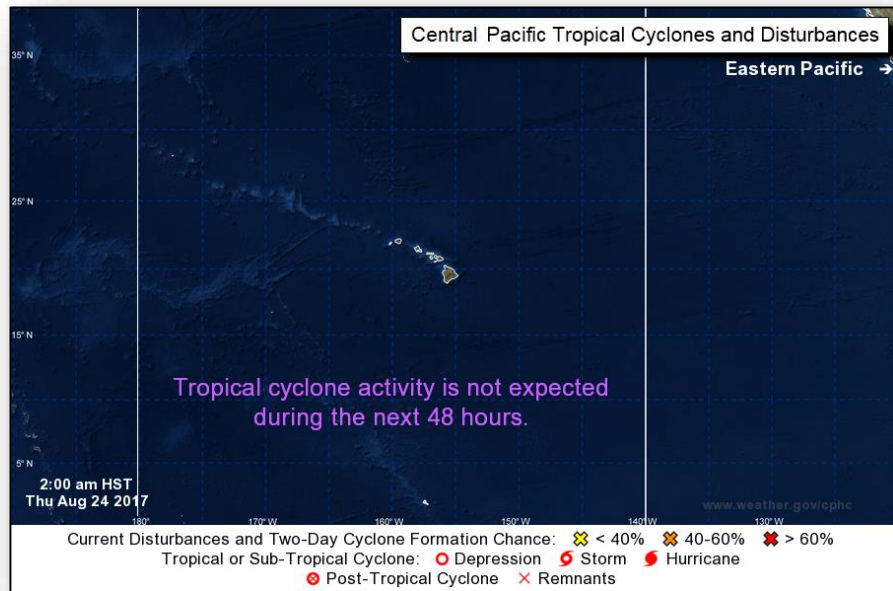


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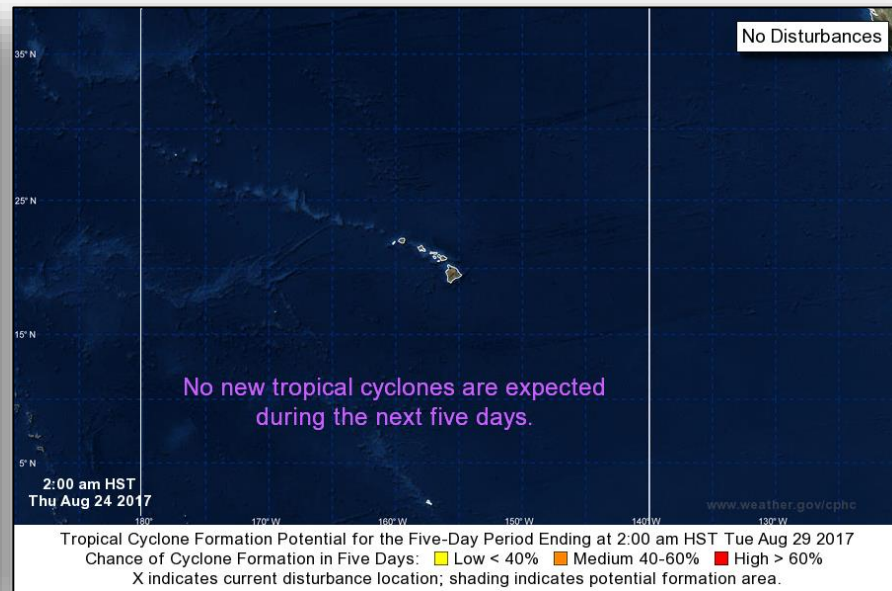
Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



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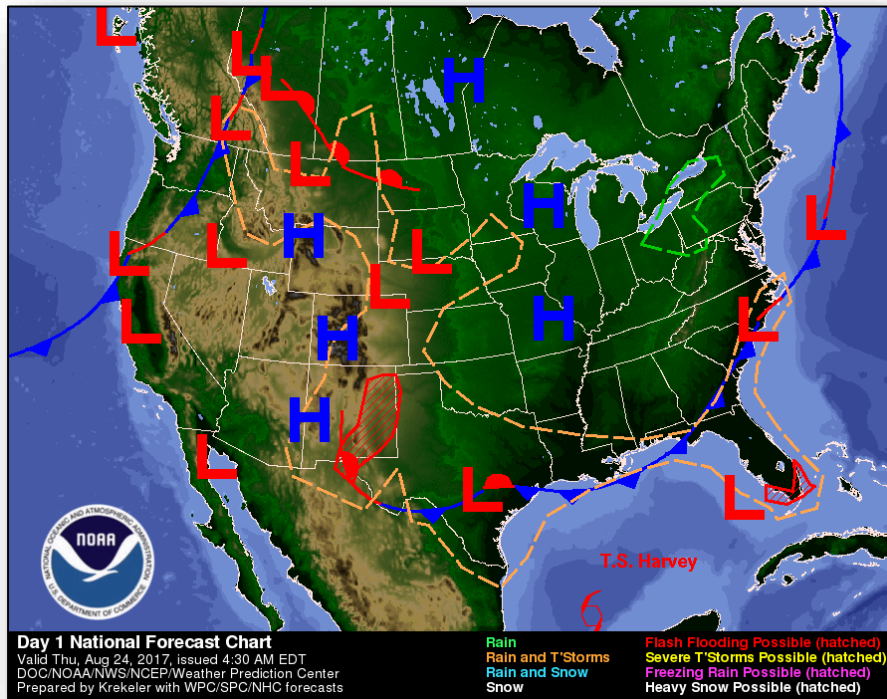


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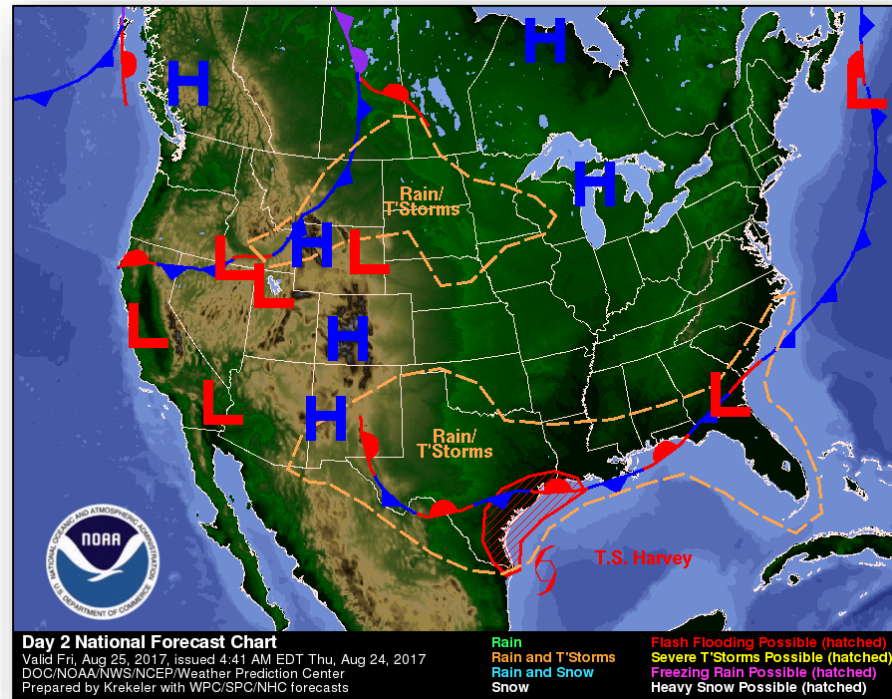
National Weather Forecast



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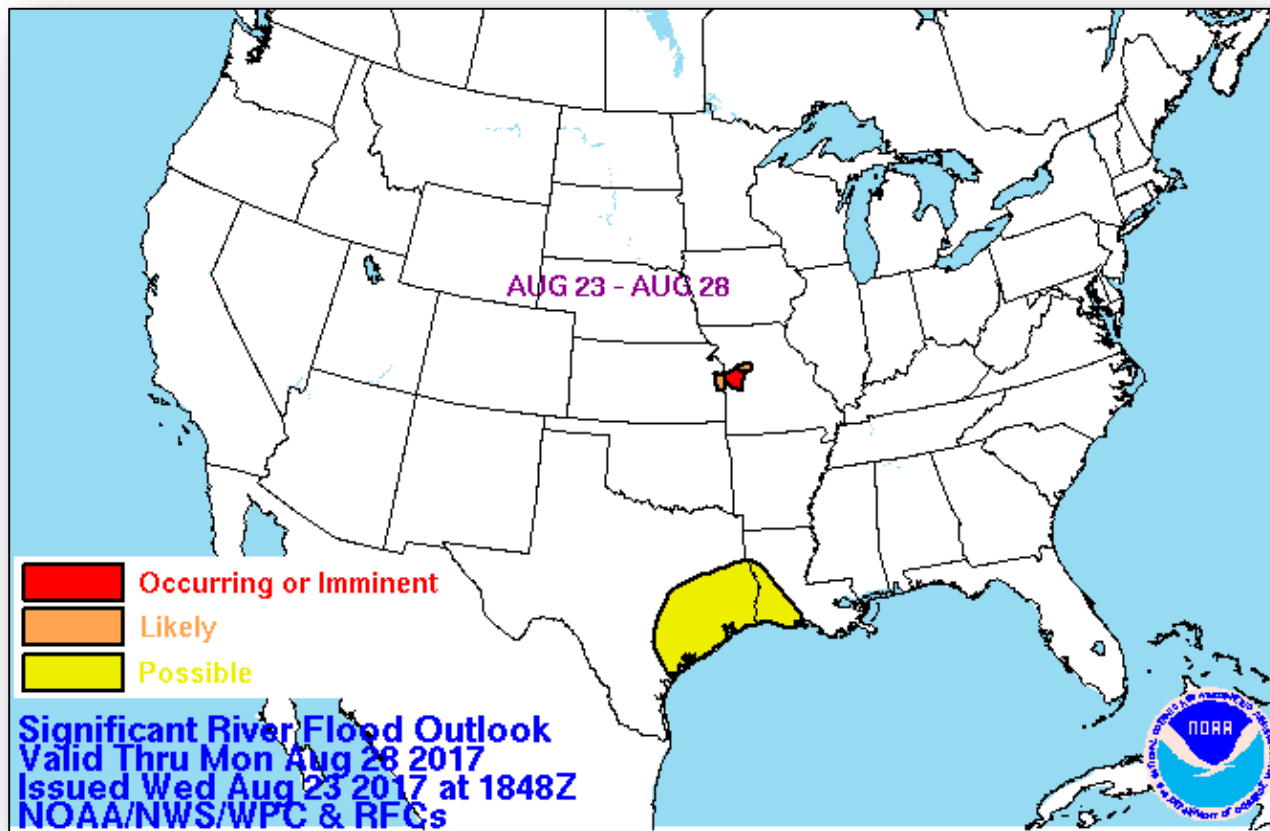


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National River Flood Outlook



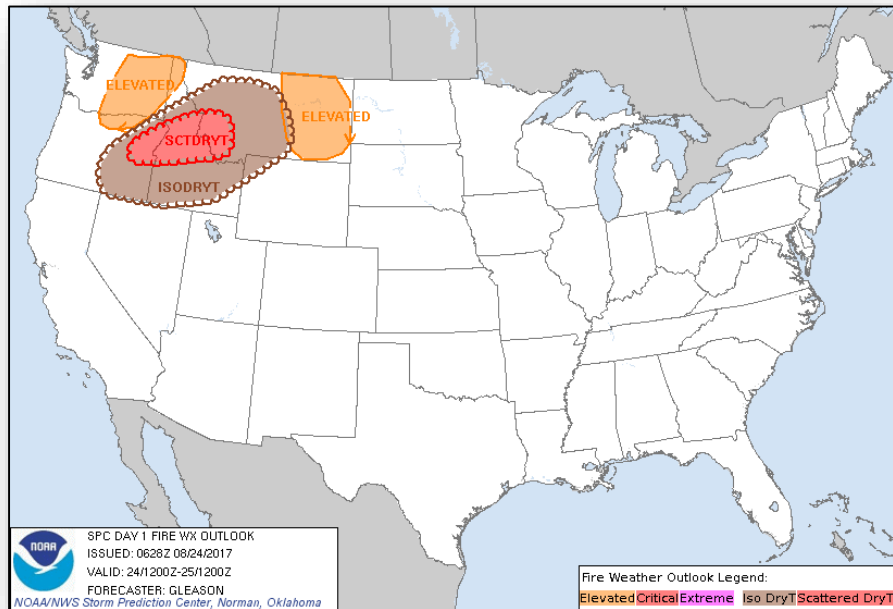
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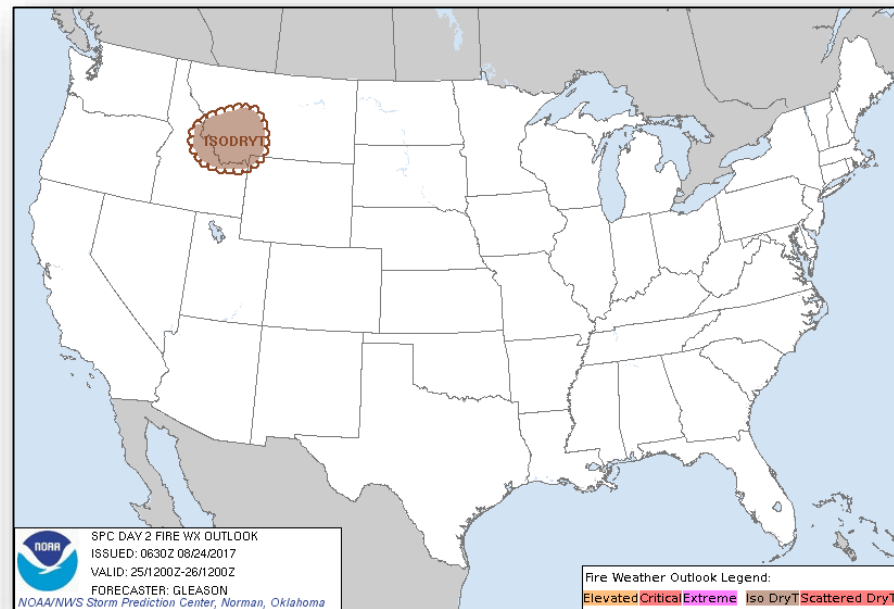
Fire Weather Outlook



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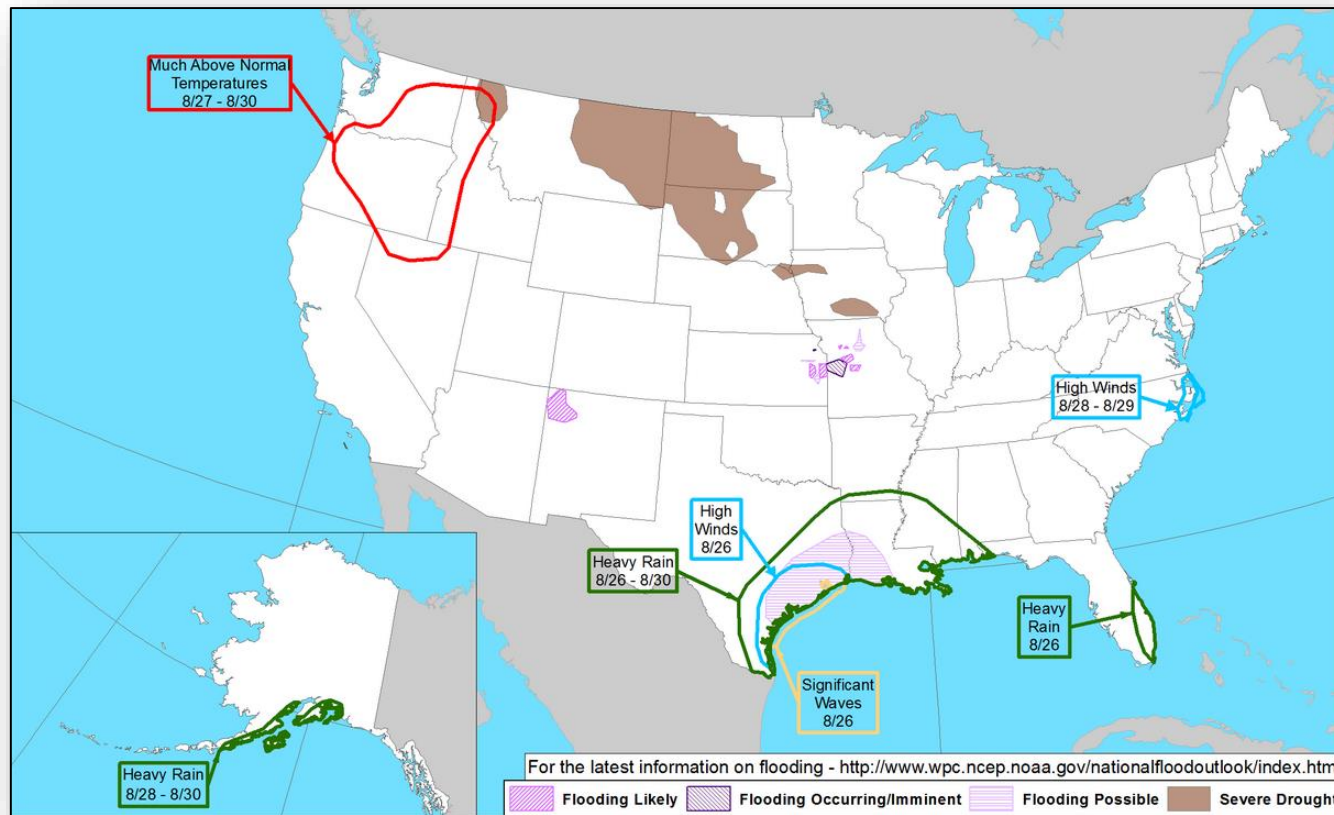


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Hazards Outlook – Aug 26-30



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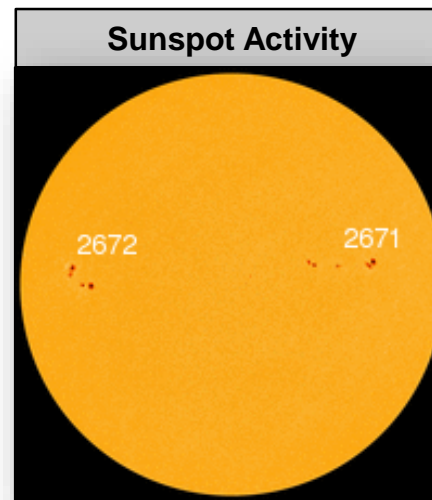
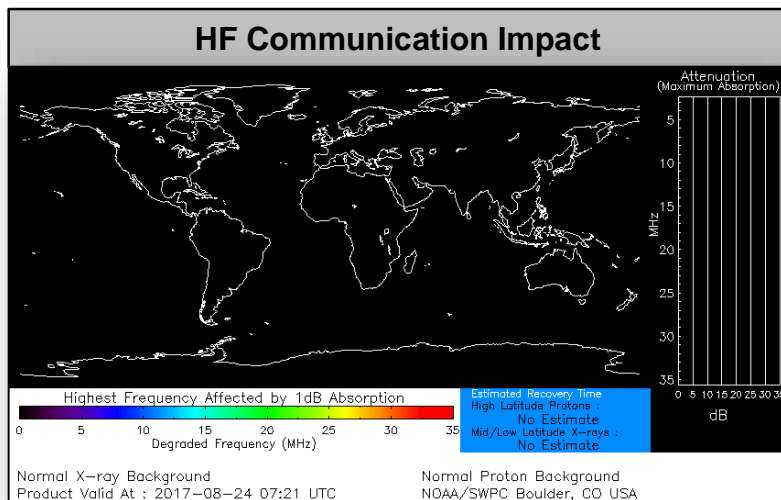


Space Weather



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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	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				



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	12,457 (+1,221)	32% (+10%)	Mandatory	2,055 homes	0	0	0 / 0
Chetco Bar (Curry)	5198-FM-OR August 20,2017	99,944 (+2,186)	0%	Mandatory	2,571 (1,712 homes)	9 (1 home)	25 (5 homes)	0 / 0
Montana (1)								
Lolo Peak (Ravalli and Missoula)	5197-FM-MT August 17,2017	33,031 (+703)	14%	Mandatory & Voluntary (2,012)	476 homes	2	10 (2 homes)	1 / 3



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
VIII	ND	Severe Summer Storm, High Winds, and Rain July 20-21, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	1	Aug 21 – TBD

Disaster Requests & Declarations



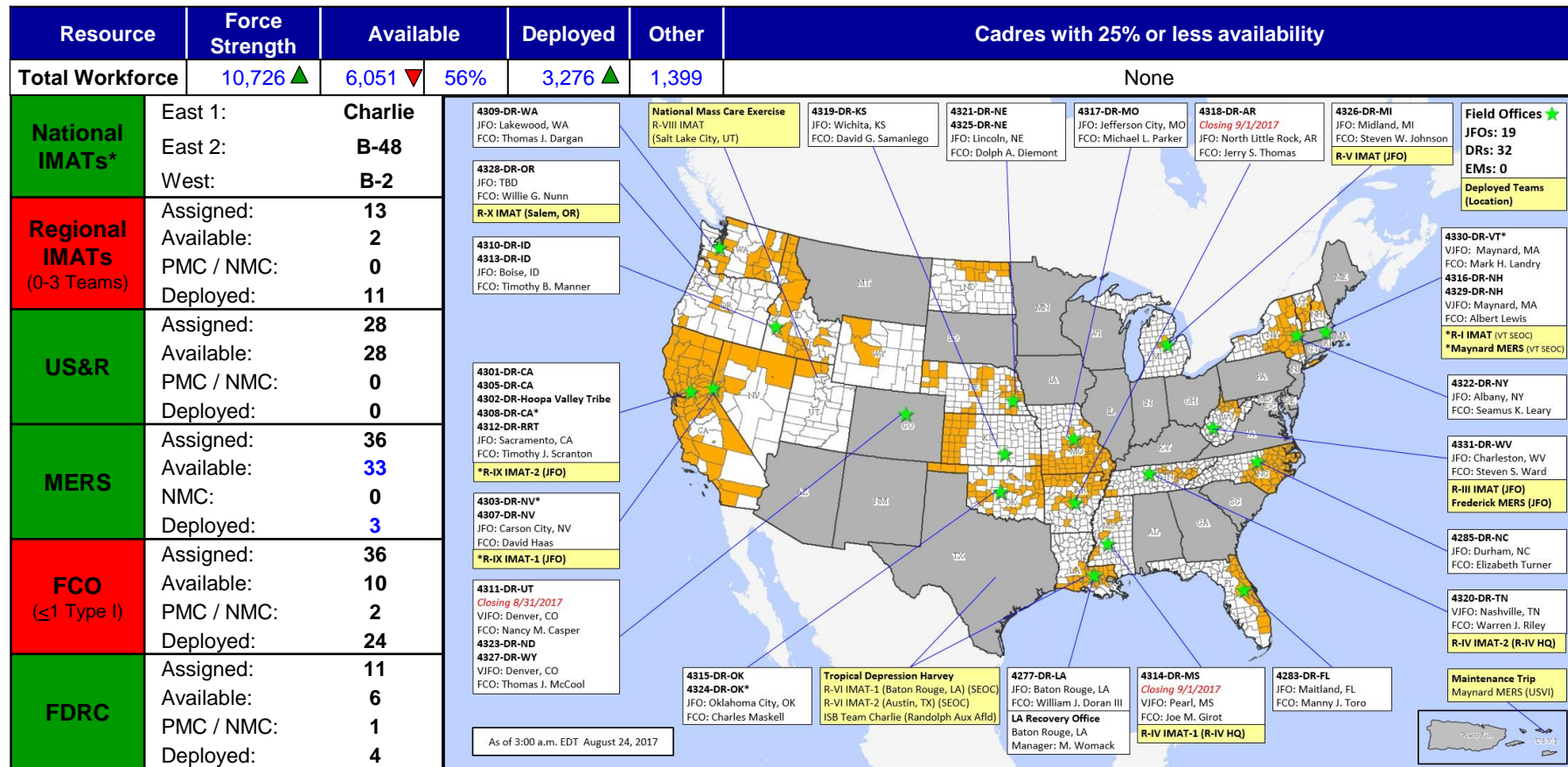
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Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
5	Date Requested	0	0
NY – DR (Expedited) DR Flooding	July 6, 2017		
ID – DR Flooding and Landslides	July 19, 2017		
ID – DR Flooding	July 20, 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	Activated		Enhanced Watch	24/7	TS Harvey
NRCC		2	Not Activated				NRCS Blue Team – August Primary
HLT		1	Activated				Hurricane Season
RWCs/MOCs		10	Activated	R-VI	Enhanced Watch		TS Harvey
RRCCs		10	Activated	R-VI	Level III	24/7	TS Harvey

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



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