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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 6, 2018
8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Sep 5 -6



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Significant Events: Tropical Depression Gordon

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Tropical Depression Gordon; Hurricane Florence (CAT 3); Disturbance 1: High (90%); Disturbance 2: Medium (50%)
- Eastern Pacific – Hurricane Olivia (CAT 3); Disturbance 1: High (70%)
- Central Pacific – Hurricane Norman (CAT 3)
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Flash flooding possible – Southern Plains; Lower Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys; Middle Mississippi Valley to Ohio Valley; Mid-Atlantic to New England
- Isolated dry thunderstorms – ID & MT
- Red Flag Warnings - ID

Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration approved – Alaska
- Major Disaster Declaration approved – Minnesota

Tropical Depression Gordon



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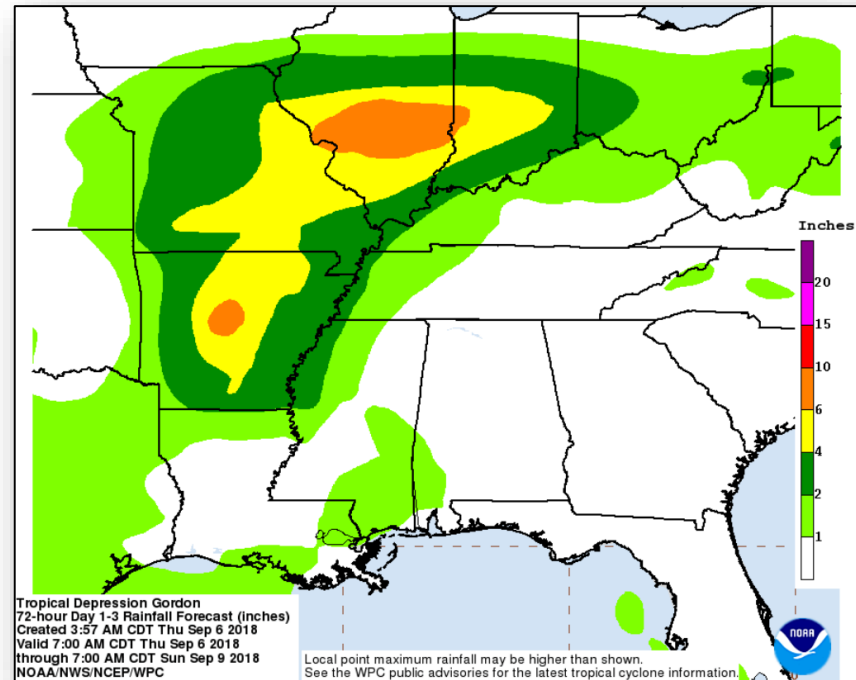
Situation (Advisory #16 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 115 miles NNW of Jackson, MS
- Moving NNW at 8 mph; this motion expected to continue today
- Maximum sustained winds 25 mph
- Little change in strength is forecast during next 48 hours

Impacts:

- No major destabilizing impacts to lifelines
- Shelters have closed
- Evacuations have been lifted
- Minimal power outages* remaining
- Rainfall: total rain accumulations of 4 to 8 inches over northwest MS and much of AR, up into the Midwest, with possible isolated maximum amounts of 10 inches expected through Saturday night
- This rainfall will likely cause local flooding and flash flooding

**As of 6:30 am EDT. Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available.*



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Response

FEMA Region IV:

- RWC returned to Steady State
- LNO demobilized from MS; LNOs to FL & AL released from stand-by
- MS EOC at Partial Activation (24/7); Governor declared a state of emergency for 6 counties;
- AL EOC returned to Normal Operations; Governor declared a state of emergency

FEMA Region VI:

- RRCC de-activated
- RWC at Enhanced Watch, 24/7
- IMAT-2 demobilized from LA EOC
- LNOs demobilized from LA EOC and city of New Orleans EOC; LNO on stand-by for AR
- LA EOC returned to Normal Operations; Governor declared a statewide state of emergency
- AR EOC at Monitoring for potential flooding

FEMA HQ:

- NWC returned to Steady State
- ISB Team Echo demobilized from DC Fort Worth, TX
- Commodities staged at FSA Sherwood Forest, Baton Rouge

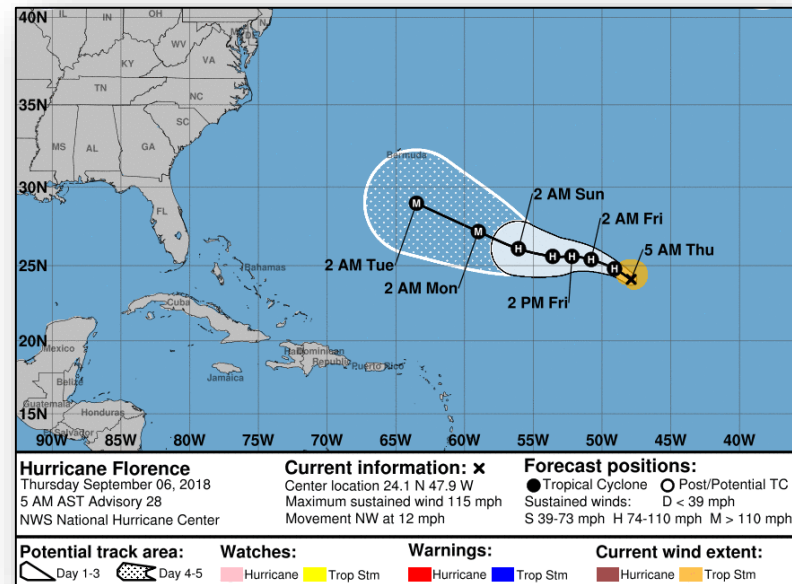
Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



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Hurricane Florence (CAT 3) (Advisory #28 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 1,060 miles ENE of the northern Leeward Islands
- Moving NW at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 115 mph
- Some additional weakening is forecast today, but Florence is expected to remain a strong hurricane for the next several days
- Hurricane force winds extend 15 miles
- Tropical storm force winds extend 90 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect

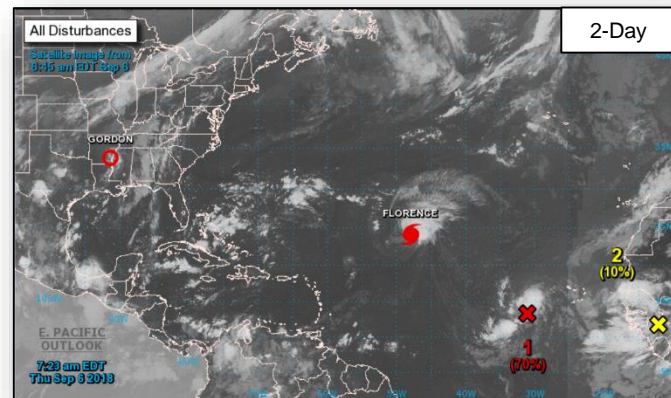


Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



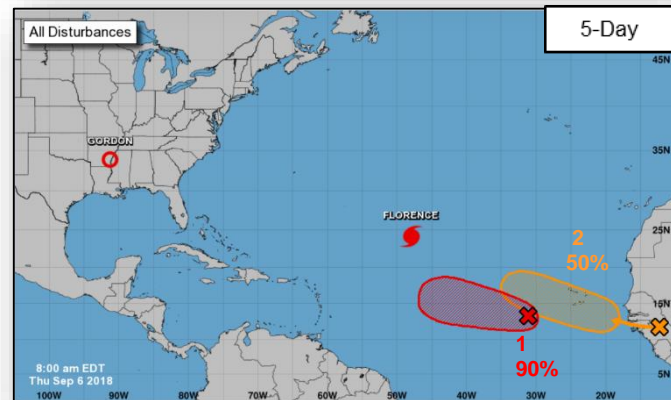
Disturbance 1 (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Centered several hundred miles WSW of Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving slowly W or WNW across tropical Atlantic Ocean
- Conditions are conducive for development
- Tropical depression expected to form within next few days
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (70%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (90%)



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

- Tropical wave forecast to move off the west coast of Africa on Friday
- Moving W or WNW over far eastern tropical Atlantic Ocean
- Tropical depression could form over the weekend or early next week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Medium (50%)



Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific

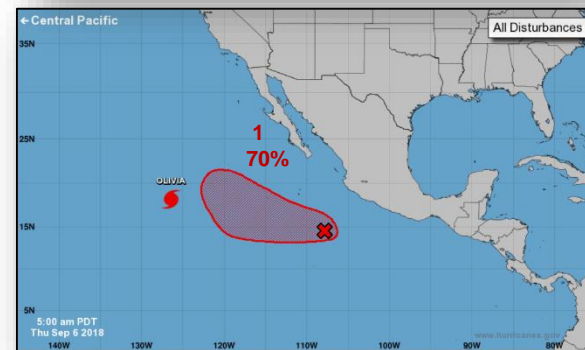
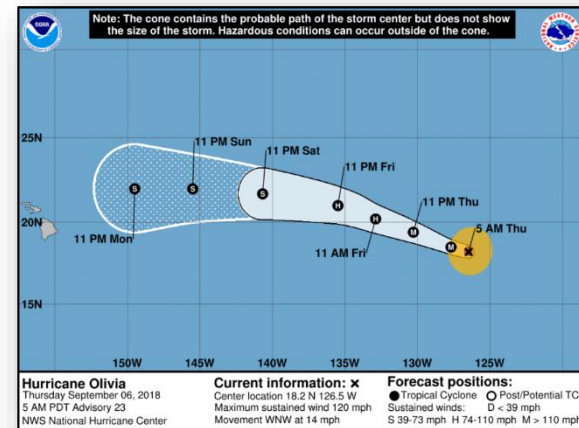


Hurricane Olivia (CAT 3) (Advisory #23 as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 1,120 miles WSW of the southern tip of Baja California, Mexico
- Moving WNW at 14 mph
- Gradual turn W is expected over the weekend
- Maximum sustained winds 120 mph
- Some additional strengthening is possible today; after that, a gradual weakening trend is forecast to begin tonight or Friday
- Hurricane force winds extend 25 miles
- Tropical storm force winds extend 115 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect

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

- Centered a few hundred miles SSW of Manzanillo, Mexico
- Moving slowly WNW at 10 mph
- Conditions appear to be conducive for continued development
- Tropical depression is likely to form by late this weekend or early next week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (30%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (70%)



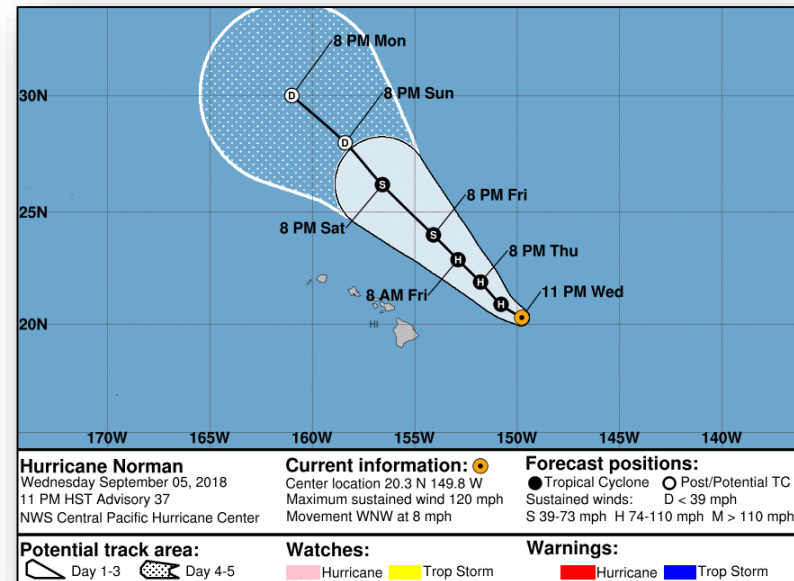
Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



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Hurricane Norman (CAT 3) (Advisory #37 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

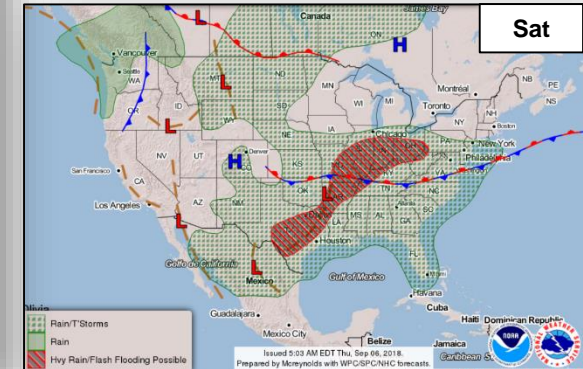
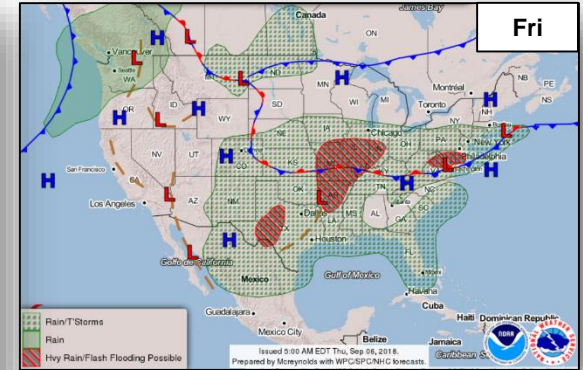
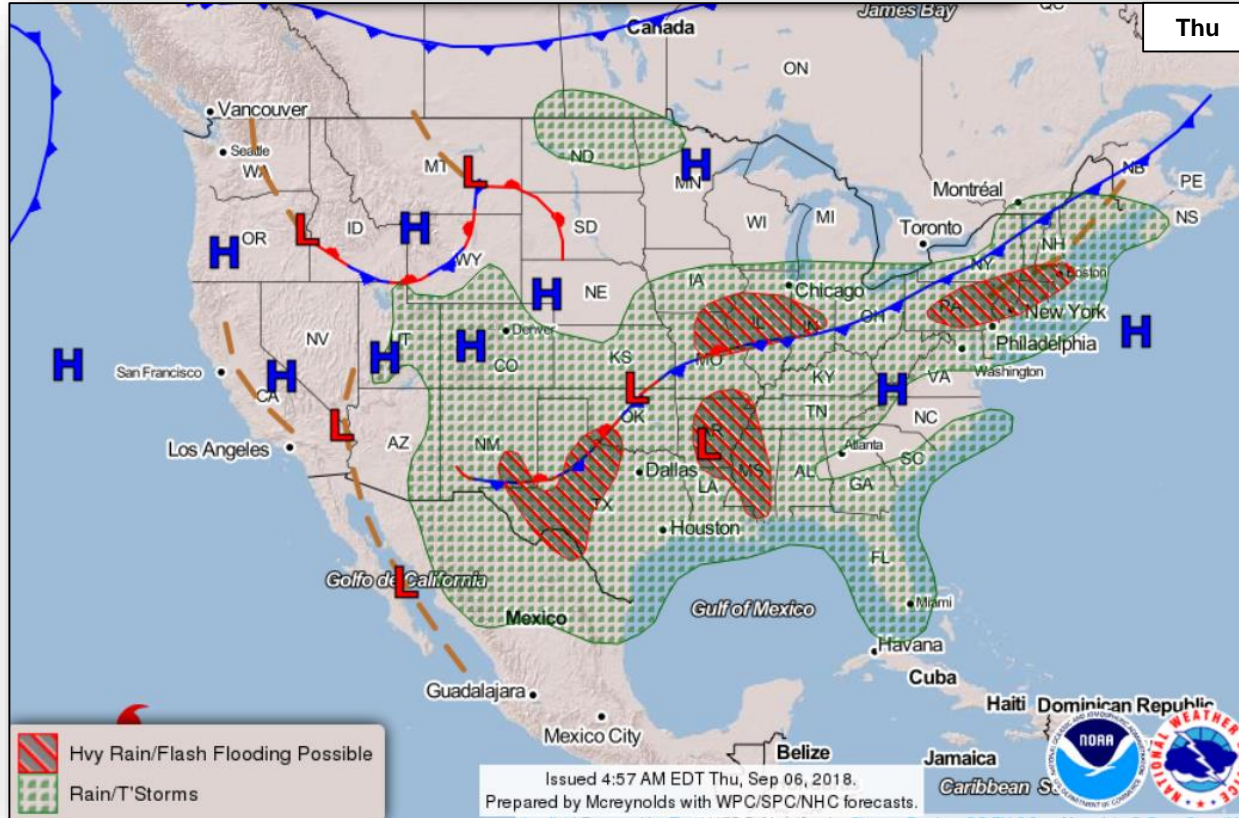
- Located 345 miles E of Hilo, HI
- Moving WNW at 8 mph
- On the forecast track, expected to pass 200-300 miles to the northeast of the main Hawaiian Islands
- Maximum sustained winds 120 mph
- Weakening is expected over next couple of days
- Hurricane-force winds extend 30 miles
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend 105 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect



National Weather Forecast



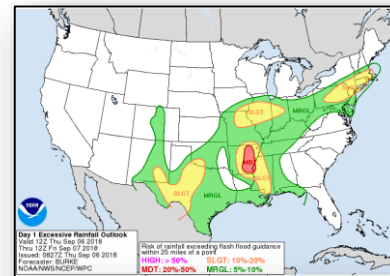
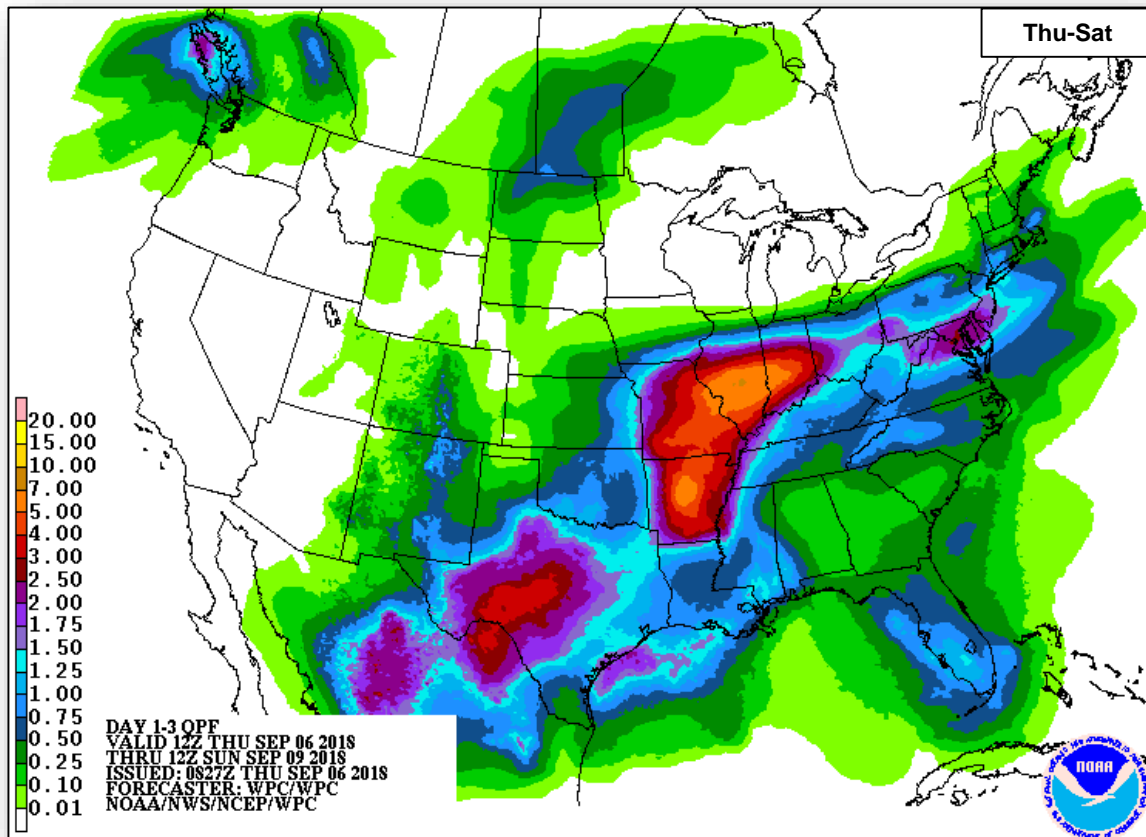
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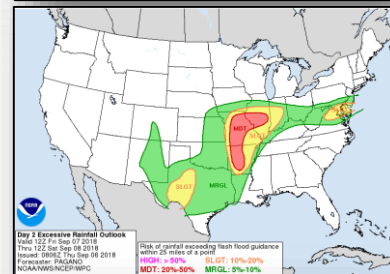
Precipitation / Excessive Rainfall Forecast



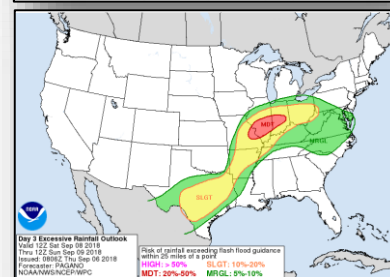
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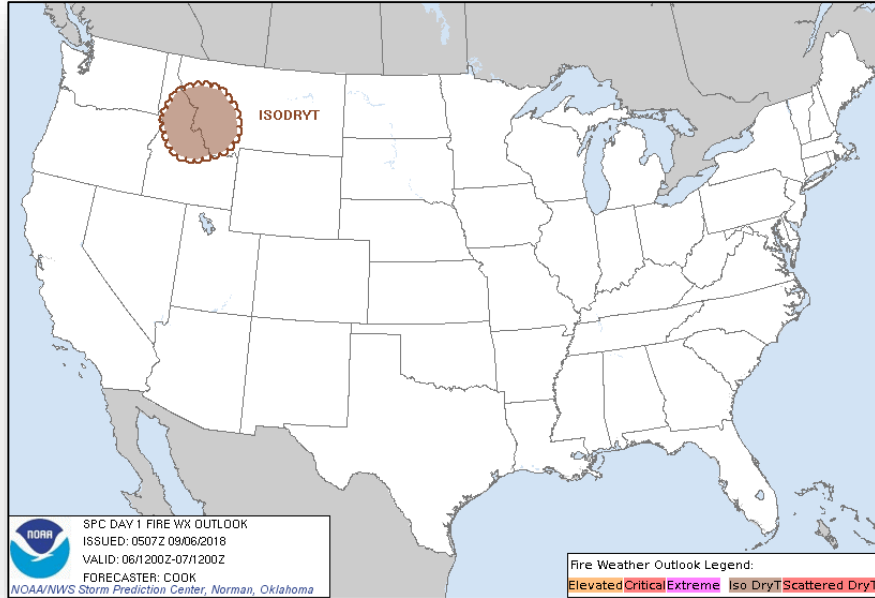


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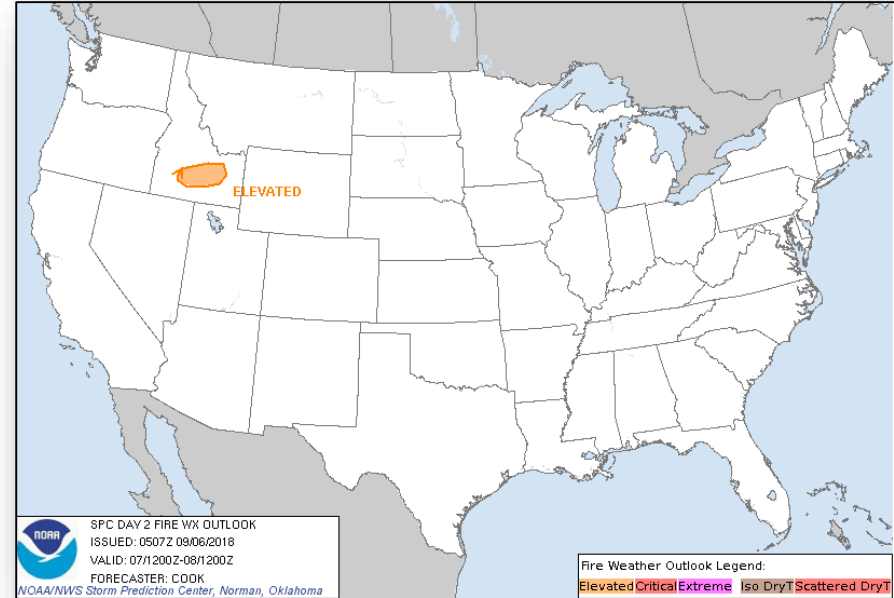
Fire Weather Outlook



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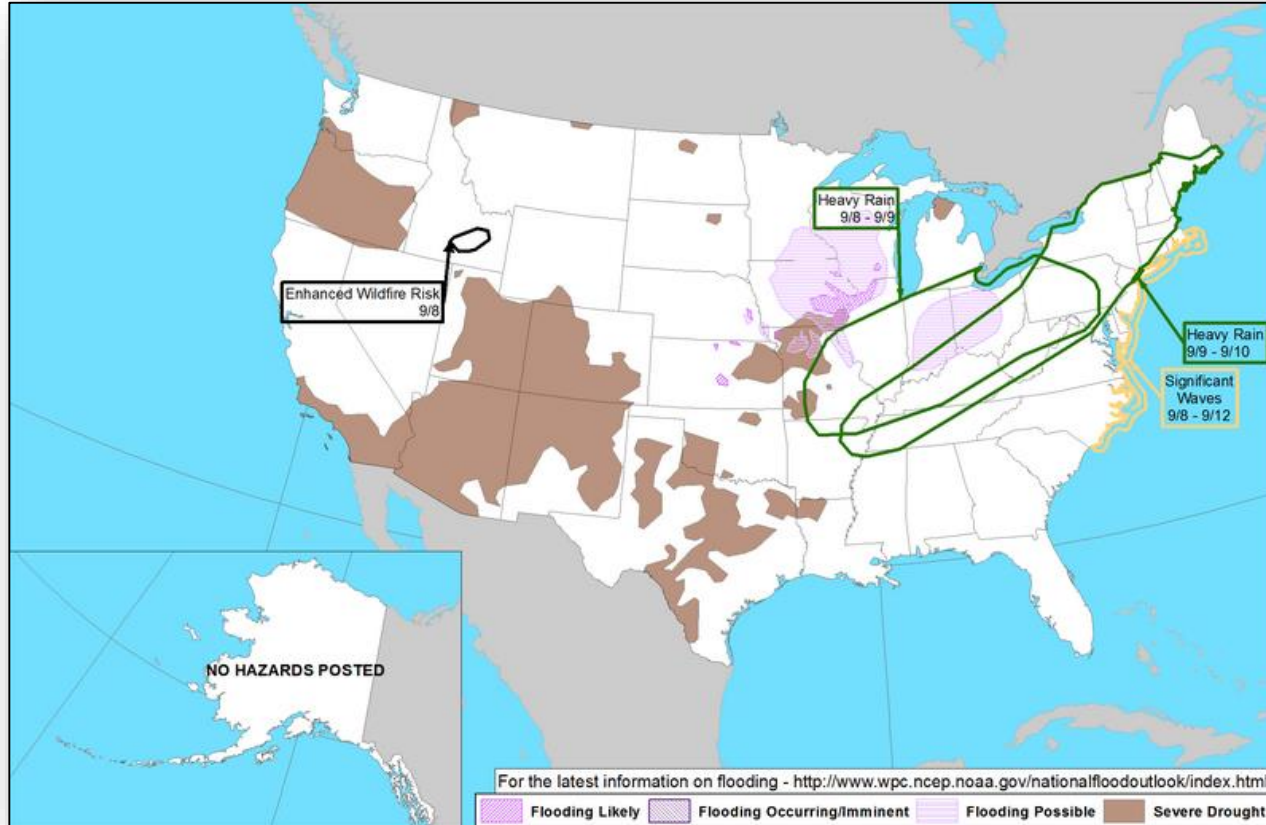


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Hazards Outlook – Sep 8-12



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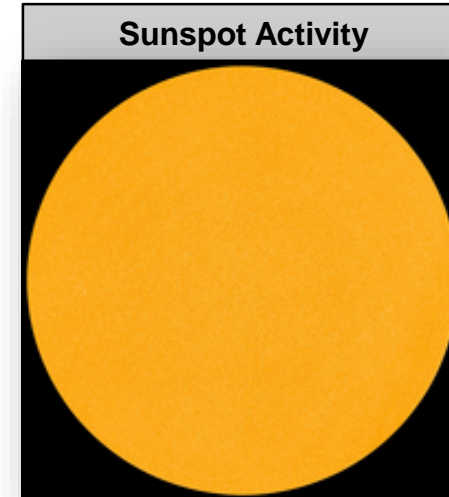
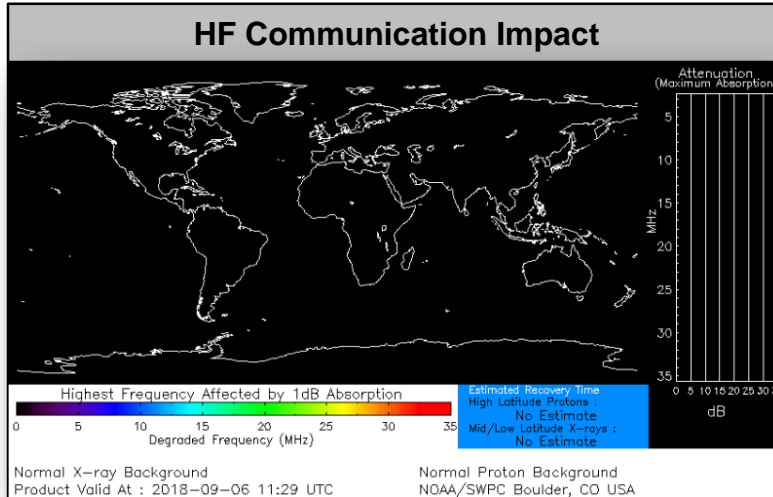


Space Weather



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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	
II	NY	Severe Storms and Flooding August 2018	IA	5	5	8/23 – 8/24
			PA	8	0	8/29 – TBD
III	PA	Severe Weather July 21-27, 2018	IA	18	0	9/5 – TBD
			PA	17	0	9/5 – TBD
III	PA	Severe Weather August 10-15, 2018	IA	13	0	9/5 - TBD
			PA	24	0	9/5- TBD

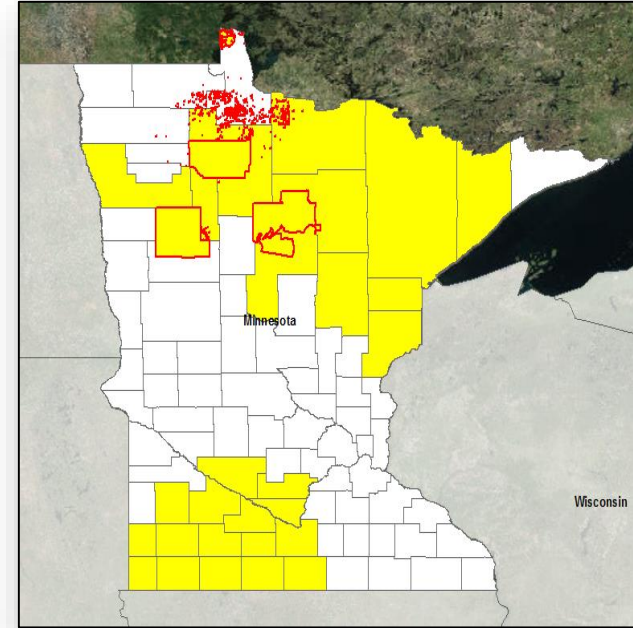
Declaration Approved



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FEMA-4390-DR-MN

- On September 5, 2018, a Major Disaster Declaration was approved for the State of Minnesota
- For severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred June 15 – July 11, 2018
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance for 27 counties, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO is Steven W. Johnson



- PA
- Tribal boundaries

Declaration Approved



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FEMA-4391-DR-AK

- On September 5, 2018, a Major Disaster Declaration was approved for the State of Alaska
- For flooding that occurred May 11-13, 2018
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO is Thomas J. Dargan



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Disaster Requests & Declarations



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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
5	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	2	
AK – DR Flooding		X	X	June 28, 2018	Declared September 5, 2018	
LA – DR Flooding		X	X	June 29, 2018		
MN – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding		X	X	August 7, 2018	Declared September 5, 2018	
IA – DR Severe Storms and Tornadoes	X	X	X	August 17, 2018		
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe – DR Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds	X	X	X	August 17 2018		
Oglala Sioux Tribe – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds	X		X	August 27, 2018		
NJ – DR Severe Storms and Flooding	X		X	August 30, 2018		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability
IM Workforce	11,839 ▲	4,344 ▲ 37%	3,969 ▼	3,526	EHP 12% (45/391); ER 19% (8/43); HM 25% (237/953); HR 20% (48/235); PA 10% (189/1,831); SAF 11% (6/53); SEC 19% (20/104)
National IMATs* (3 Teams)	East 1: East 2: West:	B-2 Charlie B-48	4351-DR-AK 4369-DR-AK 4391-DR-AK FCO: Thomas J. Dargan VJFO: Anchorage, AK	4384-DR Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation FCO: Timothy B. Manner JFO: Nespelem, WA	4388-DR-MT FCO: James Stephenson VJFO: Denver, CO
Regional IMATs (>6 Teams)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 7 (+1) 2 4 (-1)	4382-DR-CA FCO: William Roche JFO: Sacramento, CA R-IX IMAT-2 (JFO)	4387-DR-NE FCO: C. Johnson-Cage VJFO: Kansas City, MO	4390-DR-MN FCO: Steven W. Johnson JFO: TBD
National ISBs (0 Teams)	Team A Team B Team C	Demobilizing Demobilizing Deployed	4389-DR-Havasupai Tribe FCO: Nancy Casper JFO: TBD	4373-DR-OK FCO: Traci L. Brasher VJFO: Denton, TX	4386-DR-IA FCO: Timothy J. Scranton JFO: Windsor Heights, IA
US&R (≥ 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 26 2 0	4377-DR-TX FCO: Jerry S. Thomas JFO: Austin, TX R-VI IMAT-1 (JFO)	4350-DR-MN FCO: Steven W. Johnson JFO: TBD	4360-DR-OH FCO: Steven W. Johnson 4363-DR-IN Closing September 17 4381-DR-MI 4383-DR-WI FCO: David G. Samaniego VJFO: Chicago, IL
MERS (≥ 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	36 33 (-1) 0 3 (+1)	4365-DR-HI Closing September 14 FCO: Dolph A. Diemont 4366-DR-HI FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz 3399-EM-HI FCO: Willie G. Nunn JFO: Honolulu, HI	4374-DR-MD 4376-DR-MD FCO: Emily Breslin VJFO: Philadelphia, PA	4354-DR-ME 4355-DR-NH 4356-DR-VT 4367-DR-ME 4370-DR-NH 4371-DR-NH 4372-DR-MA 4379-DR-MA 4380-DR-VT 4385-DR-CT FCO: James N. Russo JFO: Manchester, NH
FCO (≤ 1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	33 10 2 21	4383-DR-WI FCO: David G. Samaniego VJFO: Chicago, IL	4359-DR-WV 4378-DR-WV FCO: Steven S. Ward JFO: Charleston, WV	R-I IMAT (JFO)
FDRC (≥ 3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	14 7 (+1) 3 (-1) 4	4337-DR-FL FCO: Thomas J. McCool JFO: Orlando, FL	4350-DR-ME 4358-DR-KY 4361-DR-KY FCO: Manny J. Toro	4362-DR-AL FCO: Thomas J. McCool VJFO: Atlanta, AL

* 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				
HLT (1 Team)	Activated				
RWC / MOCs (10 Regions)	Activated	Region VI	Enhanced Watch	24/7	Tropical Depression Gordon
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Available				

Backup Regions: VIII, V & VII



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