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Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, September 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: Sep 11-14



Significant Events: Valley Fire - CA

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic: Disturbance 1 (High-80%), Disturbance 2 (Low-20%), Disturbance 3 (Low-0%)
- Eastern Pacific: Disturbance 1 (Low-10%)
- Central Pacific: No tropical cyclones expected through Tuesday evening
- Western Pacific: Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert

Significant Weather:

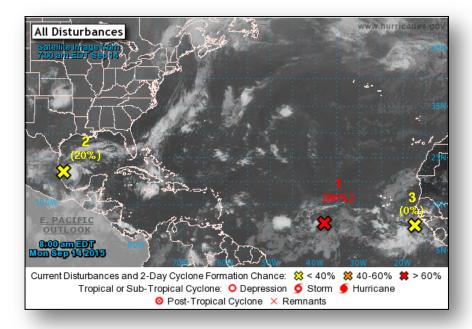
- Rain/thunderstorms Interior CA and Southwest to Northern Plains, Southern Plains into Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, Northeast
- Red Flag Warnings WY
- Critical/Elevated Fire Weather area none
- Space weather: Past 24 hours none; next 24 hours none

Earthquake Activity: None

Declaration Activity: FMAGs: Valley Fire – CA, Horsethief Butte Fire – WA, Dry Gulch Fire – OR

2-Day Tropical Outlook – Atlantic





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

- Showers/thunderstorms several hundred miles WSW of the Cape Verde Islands
- Moving NW
- Likely to become a tropical depression during the next day or two
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (near 80%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (near 90%)

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

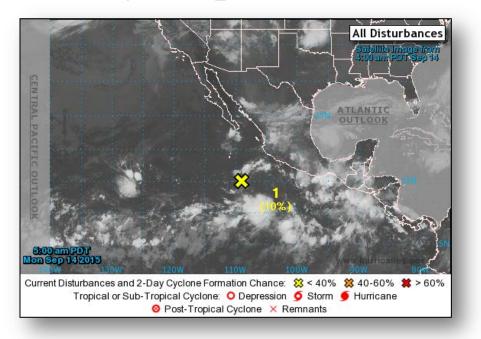
- Shower activity over the southwest Gulf of Mexico
- Slow development possible during next couple days then WNW motion should limit development
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (20%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)

Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Disorganized showers/thunderstorms off the west coast of Africa
- Moving W at 10-15 mph
- Conditions expected to be conducive for gradual development during next several days
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Medium (40%)

2 – Day Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



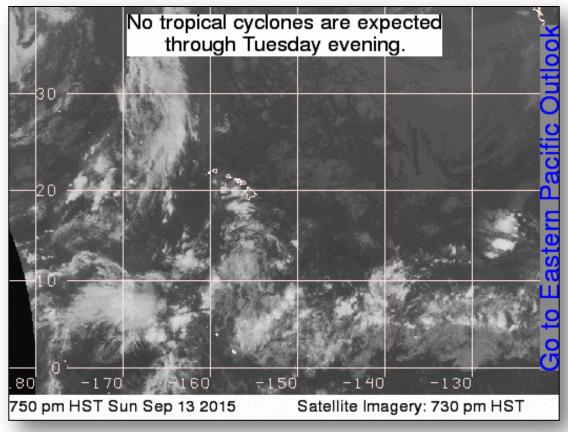


Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Low pressure several hundred miles S of the Baja California Peninsula
- Moving NW at 5-10 mph
- Development, if any, should be slow to occur during the next few days
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (20%)

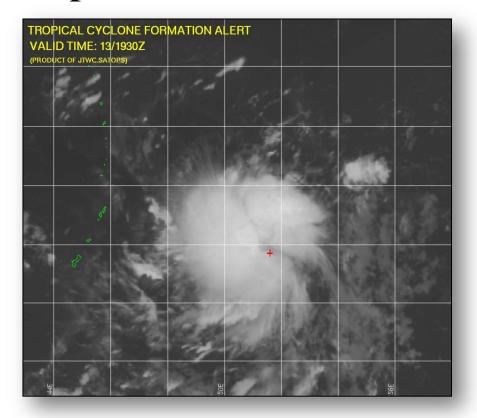
2 – Day Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific





Tropical Outlook – Western Pacific





<u>Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert:</u> (as of 2:00 a.m. EDT)

- The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) issued a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert (TCFA) for an area approximately 466 miles E of Andersen AFB, Guam
- Moving northwestward at 7 mph
- Winds estimated to be 17 to 23 mph
- Development of a tropical cyclone within the next 24 hours is high
- Forecast to track north, then northwest during the next few days
- Based on this track, the adverse weather should remain north of Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan during its passage
- Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms, gusty winds and high seas are possible Wednesday/Wednesday night (local time) for the far Northern Mariana Islands

Wildfire Summary



Fire Name (County)	FMAG #	Acres burned	% Contained		Structures Threatened	Structures Damaged/ Destroyed	Fatalities/ Injuries					
California												
Butte Fire (Calaveras, Amador Counties)	FEMA-5111-FM-CA	65,215 (+215)	20% (+5)	9,800 (+8350)	6,400 (6,150 homes)	0/135 (135 homes)	0/0					
Valley Fire (Lake, Napa, Sonoma Counties)	FEMA-5112-FM-CA	50,000	0% 19,307		9,150 (9,000 homes)	25/410 (400 homes)	1/4					
		1	Washington									
HorseThief Butte Fire (Klickitat County)	FEMA-5113-FM-WA	2,000	0%	300	125 homes	0/0	0/0					
Oregon												
Dry Gulch Fire (Baker County)	FEMA-5114-FM-OR	18,000	2%	300	403 homes	0/0	0/0					

Valley Fire – CA



Fire Name	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	FMAG	Evacuations	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Valley Fire	Lake, Napa, Sonoma Counties	50,000	0%	FEMA-XXXX-FM-CA Approved Sep 12	Mandatory & Voluntary 17,572	Unknown/9,150 (9,000 homes)	1/4

Current Situation:

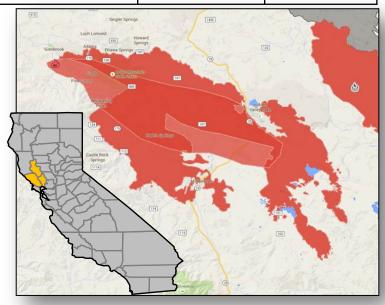
- Fire began September 12, 2015 around 4:30 pm EDT
- Burning in Lake and Napa Valley (Pop: 204,186)
- Very rapid growth ongoing; numerous road closures in effect
- Mandatory evacuations for residents in the communities of Cobb, Middletown, Hidden Valley Lake, Seigler Canyon & Loch Lomond
- 7 shelters open with 576 occupants (ARC as of 4:30 am EDT)

State Local Response

- Governor Brown issued Emergency Proclamation for Lake and Napa Counties
- Cal SOC and Cal OES Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) Partial Activation

Federal Response

- FEMA Region IX Response Watch Center (RWC) at Enhanced Watch
- 2 LNOs have been deployed to the Cal SOC
- Cots & water for 5,000 being moved to Napa County



Horsethief Butte Fire – WA



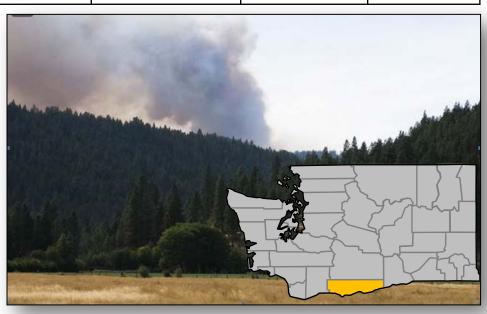
Fire Name	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	FMAG	Evacuations	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Horsethief Butte Fire	Klickitat County	2,000	15%	FEMA-XXXX-FM-WA Approved Sep 14	Mandatory – 300	0/125 (125 homes)	0/0

Current Situation:

- Fire began September 13, 2015
- Burning in communities of Dallesport & Wishram (pop. 2,250)
- Threatening power transmission/distribution lines along Rt 14
- 1 shelter open with approximately 50 occupants

Federal Response

FEMA Region X at Watch/Steady State



Dry Gulch Fire – OR



Fire Name	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	FMAG	Evacuations	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Dry Gulch Fire	Baker County	18,000	2%	FEMA-XXXX-FM-OR Approved Sep 14	Mandatory – 270 Voluntary – 137	0/403 homes	0/0

Current Situation:

- Fire began September 12, 2015
- Burning in communities of Halfway & New Bridge (pop. 2,250)
- Threatening high tension power lines, cell towers, ODOT/Highway Patrol repeater site & wildlife habitats

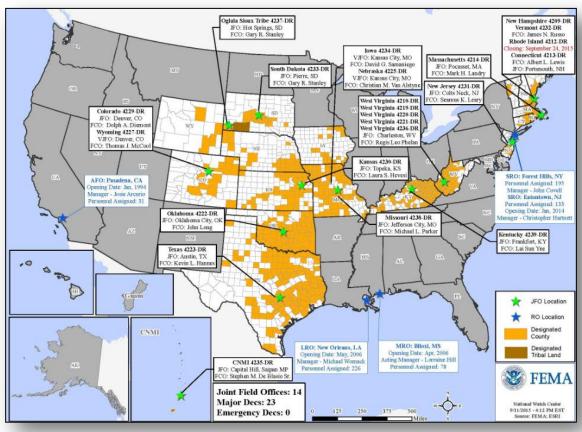
Federal Response

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Open Field Offices as of September 14





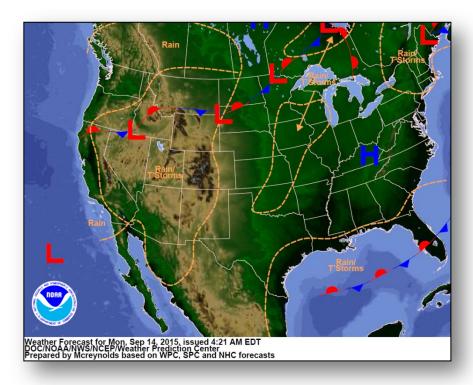
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

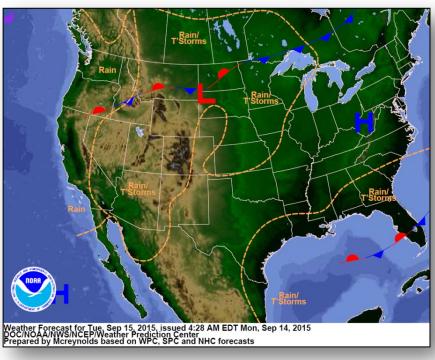


	State /			Number of	Start – End	
Region	Location	Event	IA/PA	Requested	Complete	
	X WA	Wildfires	IA	5	0	9/14 – TBD
^		June 29, 2015 & ongoing	PA	5	0	9/14 – TBD
X	Colville	Wildfires	IA	1	0	9/14 – TBD
Reservation (WA)	June 29, 2015 & ongoing		1	0	9/14 – TBD	

National Weather Forecast



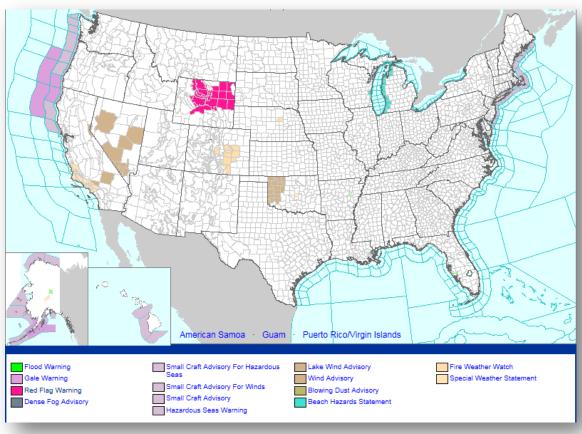




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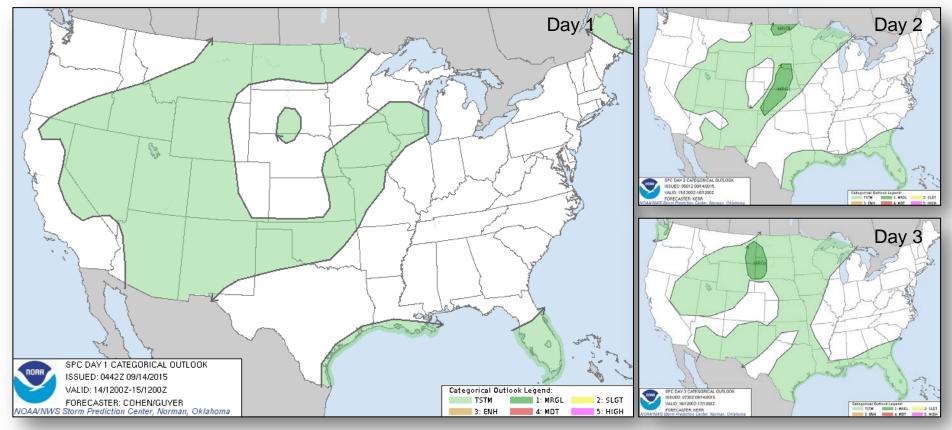
Active Watches/Warnings





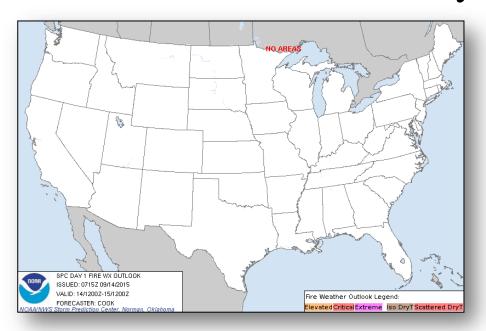
Severe Weather Outlook, Days 1–3

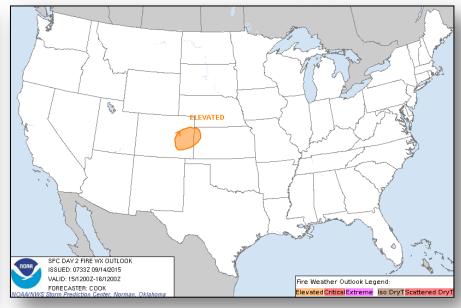




Fire Weather Outlook, Days 1-2



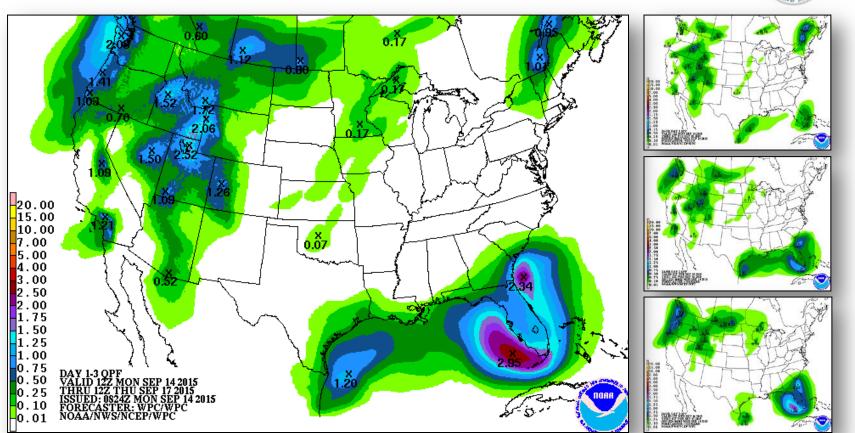




Today Tomorrow

Precipitation Forecast, 1 - 3 Day





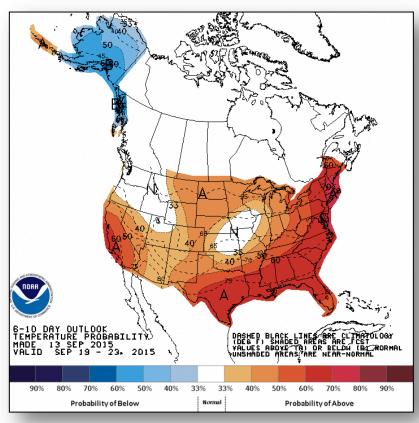
Day 1

Day 2

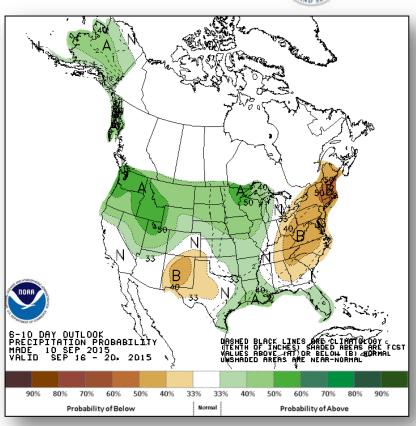
Day 3

6-10 Day Outlooks





Temperature Probability

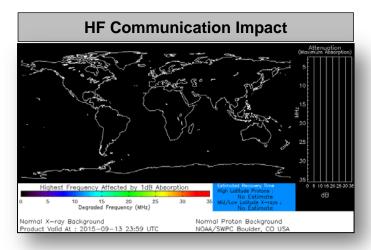


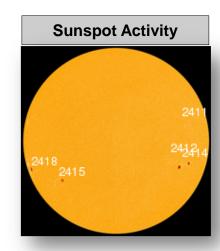
Precipitation Probability

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				otal		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		35	10	29%	0	1	24		OFDC Readiness: <u>FCO Green Yellow Red</u> Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2				
FDRC		9	5	56%	0	0	4		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	7	54%	0	0	6	Deployed: RVI (Team 2) deployed to TX RVII deployed to MO RVIII (Team 1) deployed to SD & CO RIX (Teams 1 & 2) deployed to CNMI RX deployed to WA	Green: 7 or more avail Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement				
MCOV		59	48	81%	0	11	0		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	Watch/Steady State 24/7		• 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	Region IX RWC at Enhanced Watch							

2015 National Preparedness Month (NPM)



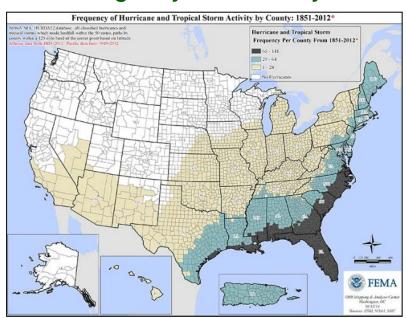
Don't Wait - Communicate - Make Your Emergency Plan Today

Week 3 Theme: Hurricane

- This week (sept 13-19) focuses on hurricanes
- Leads up to National PrepareAthon! Day (Sept 30)

Awareness

- Seasons:
 - May 15 Nov 30 (Pacific)
 - Jun 1 Nov 30 (Atlantic)
- Massive storm systems form over water and move toward land
- Threats include high winds, heavy rainfall, storm surge, coastal/inland flooding, rip currents and tornadoes
- Called typhoons in the north Pacific and cyclones in other parts of the world
- Can cause loss of life & catastrophic damage
- Impact can extend several hundred miles inland



For additional information:

- Ready.gov
- Hurricane Basics
- How to Prepare



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