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FEMA Daily Operations Briefing Wednesday, September 17, 2014 8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: Sep 16 – 17



Significant Events: CA & OR Wildfires

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic Hurricane Edouard (Cat 1); Disturbance 1 (Low, near 0%)
- Eastern Pacific Tropical Storm Odile; Tropical Storm Polo
- Central Pacific Disturbance 1 (Low, 10%)

Significant Weather:

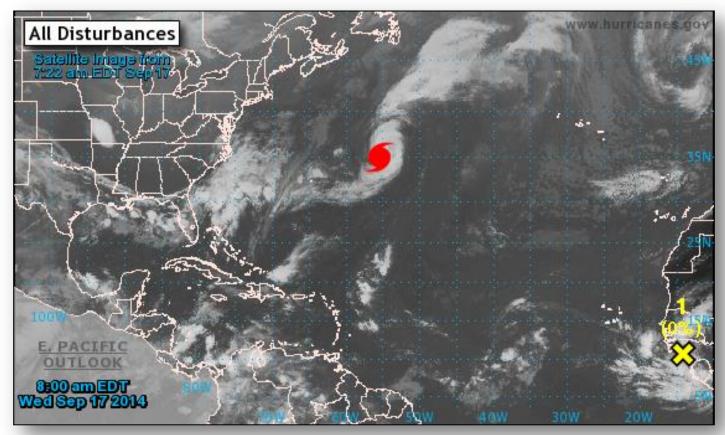
- Flash flooding possible Southwest to Southern Plains; Southeast
- Elevated Fire Weather Areas: CA, NV & OR; Red Flag Warnings: CA & OR
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: none; Next 24 hours: none

FEMA Readiness: No activity

Declaration Activity: None

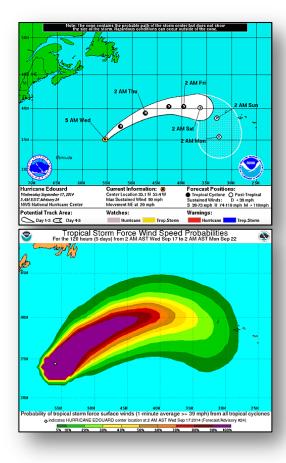
2-Day Tropical Outlook – Atlantic





Atlantic – Hurricane Edouard





Hurricane Edouard (Cat 1) (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 575 miles ENE of Bermuda
- Moving NE at 20 mph
- Expected to accelerate toward NE and ENE through tonight
- Forecast to turn east with decrease in forward speed
- Maximum sustained winds 90 mph
- Gradual weakening forecast through tonight followed by more rapid weakening on Thursday
- Hurricane-force winds extend 70 miles
- Tropical storm-force winds extend 205 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect

2 – Day Tropical Outlook - Atlantic



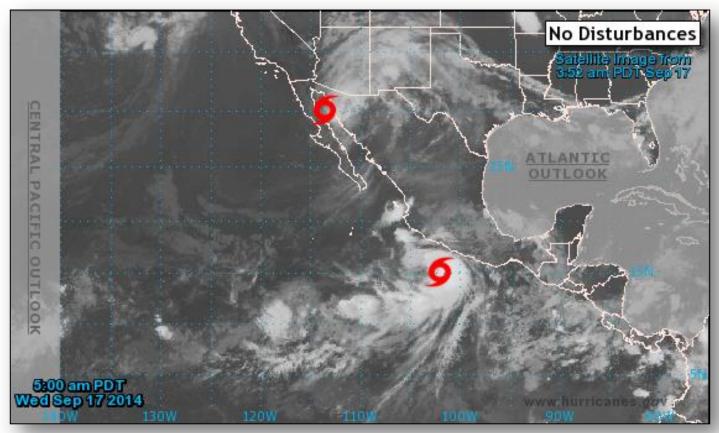


Disturbance 1 (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical wave near the west coast of Africa is forecast to move offshore today
- Moving W at 10-15 mph over eastern Atlantic
- Development not expected through Thursday
- Any development through weekend expected to be slow to occur
- Formation chance:
 - Next 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
 - Next 5 days: Low (10%)

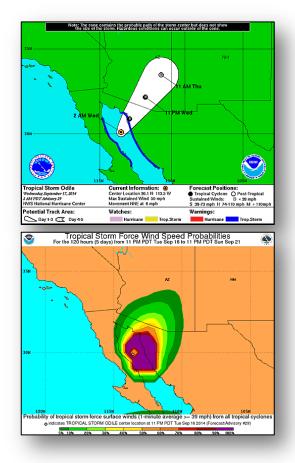
2-Day Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific





Eastern Pacific – Tropical Storm Odile



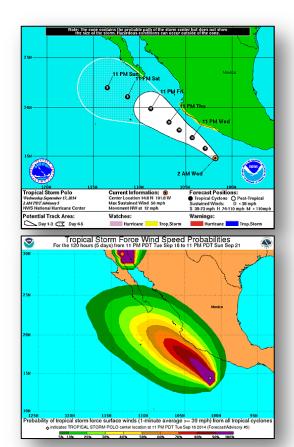


Tropical Storm Odile (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 85 miles S of Puerto Penasco, Mexico
- Moving NNE at 6 mph
- A turn NE expected later today
- Center will move across northern Gulf of California next several hours and into northwestern mainland Mexico later today
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Little change in strength expected before landfall but rapid weakening will occur after Odile moves inland Tropical storm force winds extend 140 miles
- No watches or warnings in effect for the U.S.

Eastern Pacific – Tropical Storm Polo



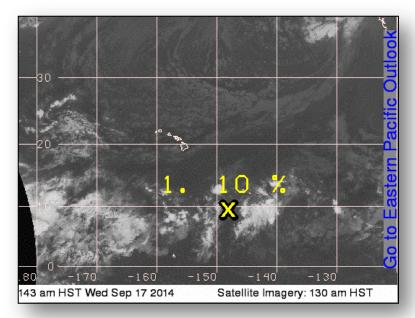


Tropical Storm Polo (as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 200 miles S of Zihuatanejo, Mexico
- Moving NW at 12 mph
- This general motion expected to continue next 48 hours
- Center expected to remain offshore of and move parallel to southwestern coast of Mexico
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Strengthening forecast next 48 hours
- Expected to become a hurricane tonight or early Thursday
- Tropical storm force winds extend 80 miles
- No watches or warnings in effect for the U.S.

2-Day Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific





Disturbance 1 (as of 2:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 850 miles SSE of Hilo, Hawaii
- Moving slowly W
- Low potential for development
- Formation chance:
 - Next 48 hours: Low (10%)

Wildfire Summary



Fire Name (County)	FMAG #	Acres Burned			Structures Threatened	Structures Destroyed	Fatalities / Injuries			
			California (3)							
Courtney Fire (Madera County)	FEMA-5078-FM-CA	320	50% (+15)	Mandatory	400	61 (33 homes)	0/2 (+1)			
King Fire (El Dorado County)	Not Requested	12,780 (+4,180)	5%	Mandatory	2,448 (+1,948) (1,632 homes)	0	0/2 (+1)			
Boles Fire (Siskiyou County)	FEMA-5079-FM-CA	375 (+25)	25% (+10)	Mandatory	1,100 (+900) (1,000 homes)	150 (+50) (all homes)	0/3 (+3)			
Oregon (1)										
36 Pit Fire (Clackamas County)			7% (+7)	Mandatory	168 (mixed commercial & residential)	0	0/1 (+1)			

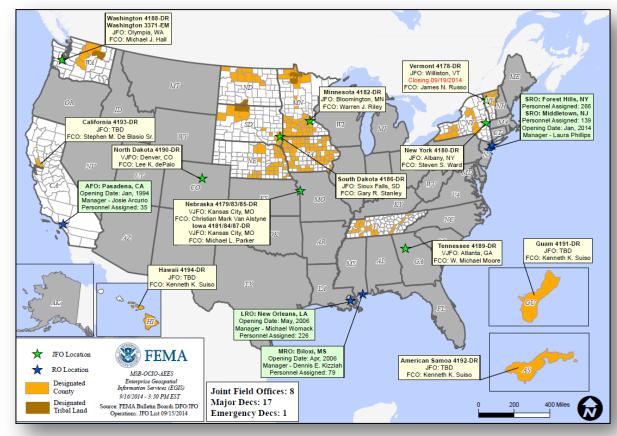
Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process	Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)	
1	Date Requested	0	0
VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding	September 5, 2014		

Open Field Offices as of September 17 W FEMA





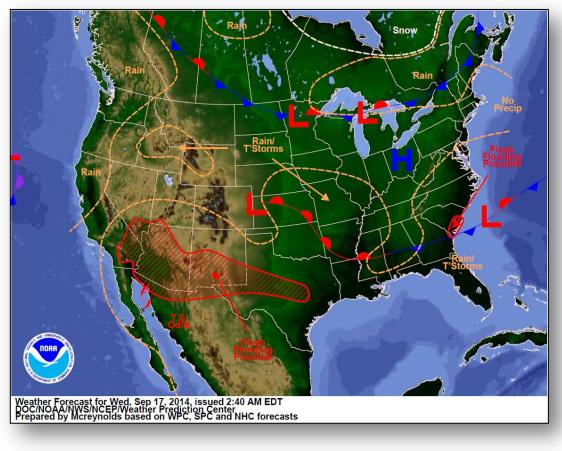
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State /			Number o		
	Location	Event	IA/PA	Requested	Complete	Start – End
111	MD	Severe Storms August 12, 2014	PA	2	0	9/9 – TBD
VI	NM	Severe Storms & Flooding July 27 – August 5, 2014	PA	8	6 (+2)	9/10 – TBD
VIII	МТ	Severe Storms & Flooding August 21 – 28, 2014	PA	6	0	9/22 – 9/26
VIII	ND	Severe Storms & Flooding August 15 – 25, 2014	PA	5	0	9/15 – 9/19
IX	NV	Severe Storms and Flooding	IA	2	0	9/15 – TBD
	INV	September 8, 2014	PA	2	0	9/15 – TBD

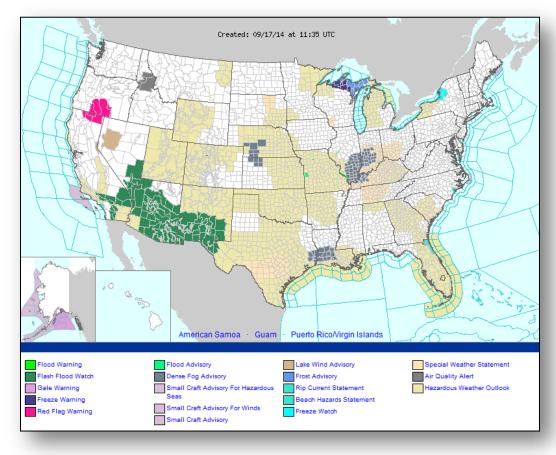
National Weather Forecast





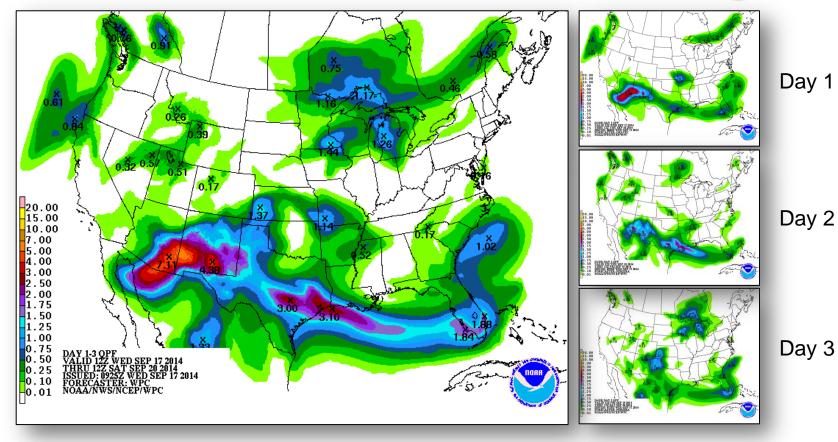
Active Watches/Warnings





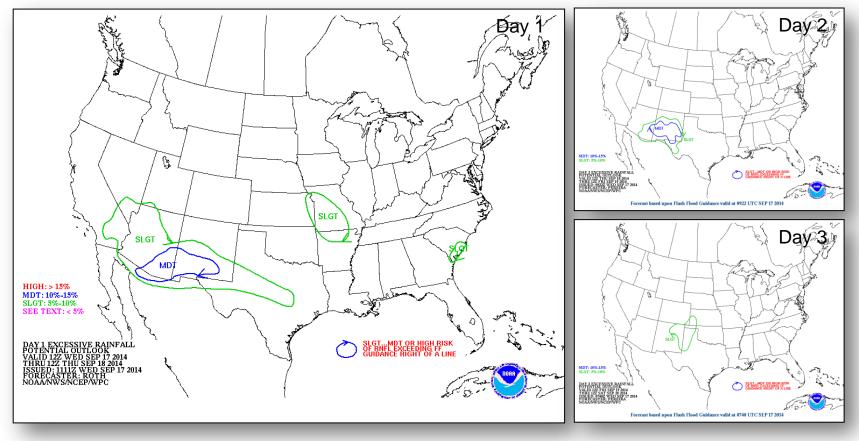
Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day





Flash Flood Potential Outlook Days 1-3





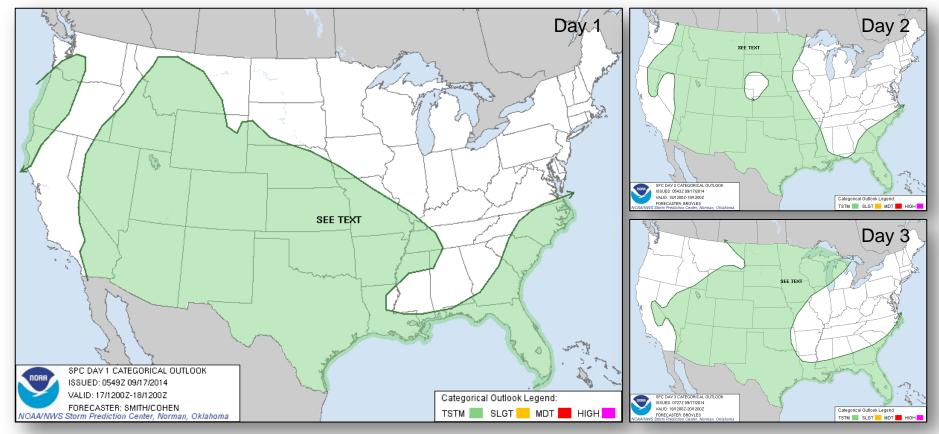
River Forecast





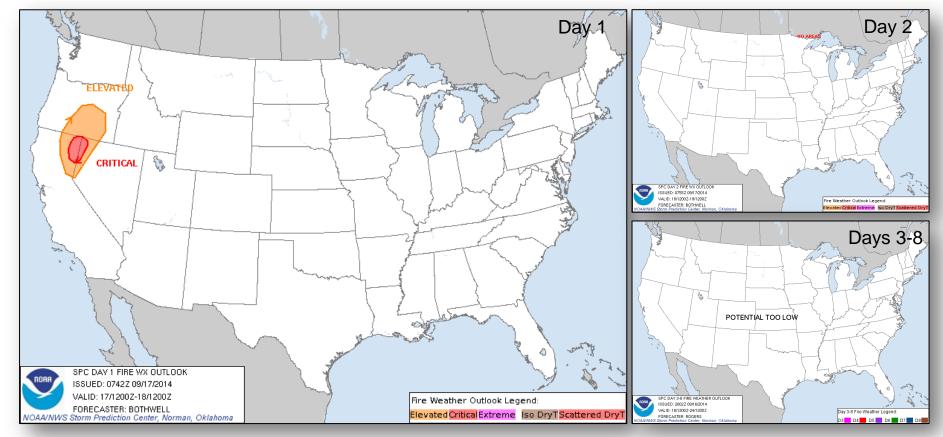
Convective Outlook, Days 1-3





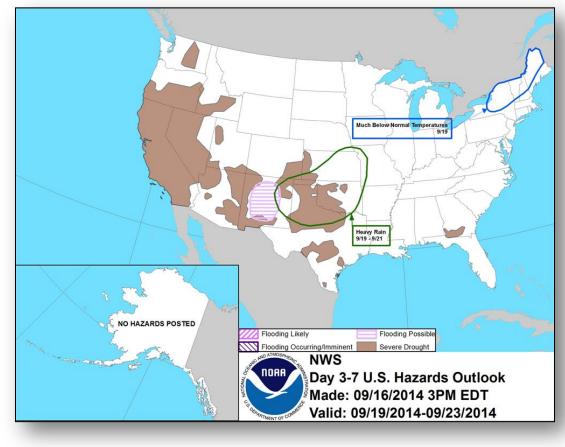
Fire Weather Outlook, Days 1 - 8





Hazard Outlook: September 19 – 23



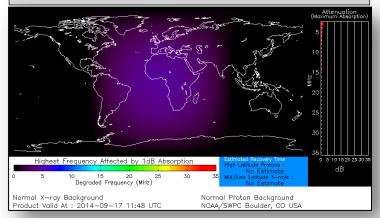


Space Weather

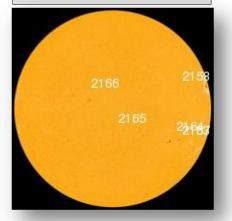


NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours	
Space Weather Activity:	None	None	None	
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None	
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None	
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None	

HF Communication Impact



Sunspot Activity



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams/Assets



	Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	Avai	lable	Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed Deployed Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion	
FCO		39	17	44%	0	1	21		OFDC Readiness: <u>FCO Green Yellow Red</u> Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2	
FDRC		10	5	50%	0	0	5		Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1	
US&R		28	27	97%	1	1	0	 NM-TF1 (Red for personnel shortages) CA-TF1 (Yellow for logistics & management) 	Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed	
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0	IMAT East-2 – Green/Available	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	5	38%	3	4	1	Partially Mission Capable (PMC): Region II, III, VI Not Mission Capable (NMC): Region V, VII, IX (Team 1), VI (Team 2) <u>Deployed</u> Region X to WA 	 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</i> <i>is unavailable and has no qualified</i> <i>replacement.</i> 	
MCOV		60	55	92%	0	5	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	Available		Available		Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	24/7		• Green = FMC				
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		• Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC				
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	1	Activated						
DEST							Not Activated						
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	None						
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	24/7						



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