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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Sep 20-21



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Significant Events: Response for Hurricane Maria

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Tropical Storm Jose; Hurricane Maria (CAT 3), Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
- Eastern Pacific – Disturbance 1: High (80%)
- Central Pacific – No tropical cyclones expected next 5 days
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Red Flag Warnings – WY, CO, NE, & KS
- Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions – WY, UT, NV, NM, CO, NE, KS, OK, & TX
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: None; Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: None

Declaration Activity:

- FEMA-4339-DR-PR
- FEMA-4340-DR-USVI

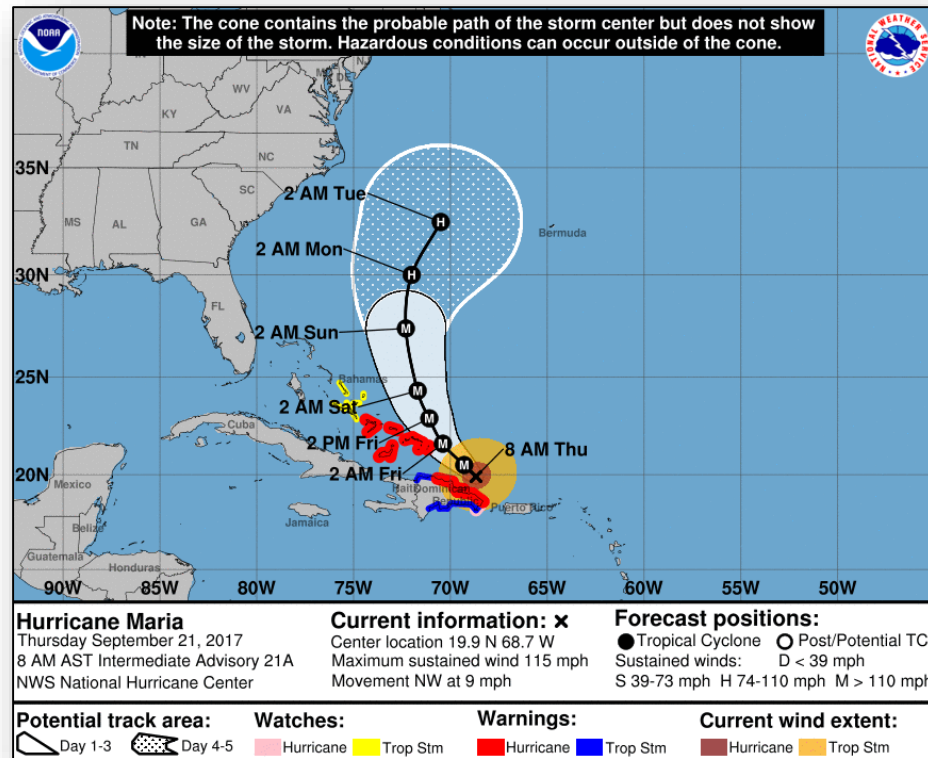
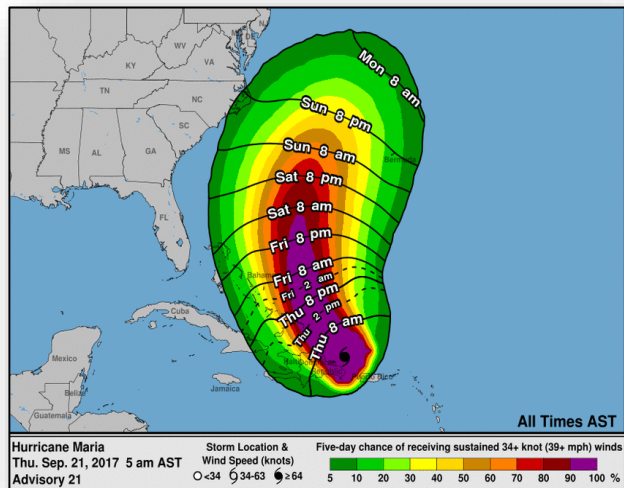
Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



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Hurricane Maria (CAT 3) (Advisory #21A as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 95 miles NNW of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- Moving NW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 115 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 60 miles; tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 150 miles
- Hurricane & Tropical Storm Watches/Warnings in effect



Tropical Outlook – Atlantic

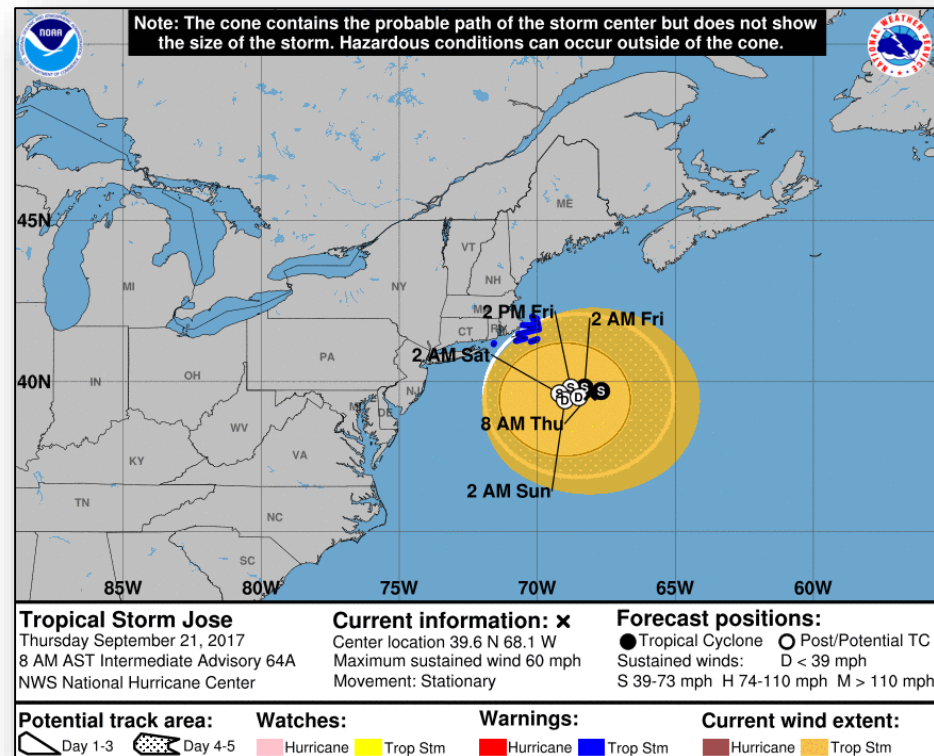
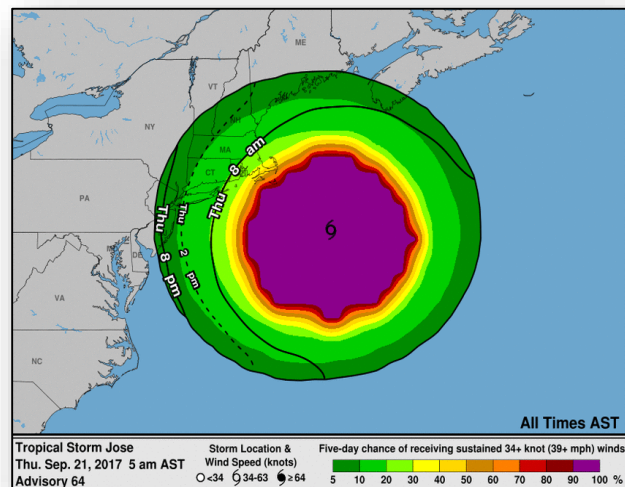


Tropical Storm Jose (Advisory #64A as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 150 miles SE of Nantucket, MA
- Moving nearly stationary; maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- Gradual weakening is forecast during the next couple of days
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward 230 miles
- Tropical Storm Warnings in effect for portions of the northeast

Preparations/Precautionary Actions:

- FEMA Region I RRCC at Level II (Day Shift)



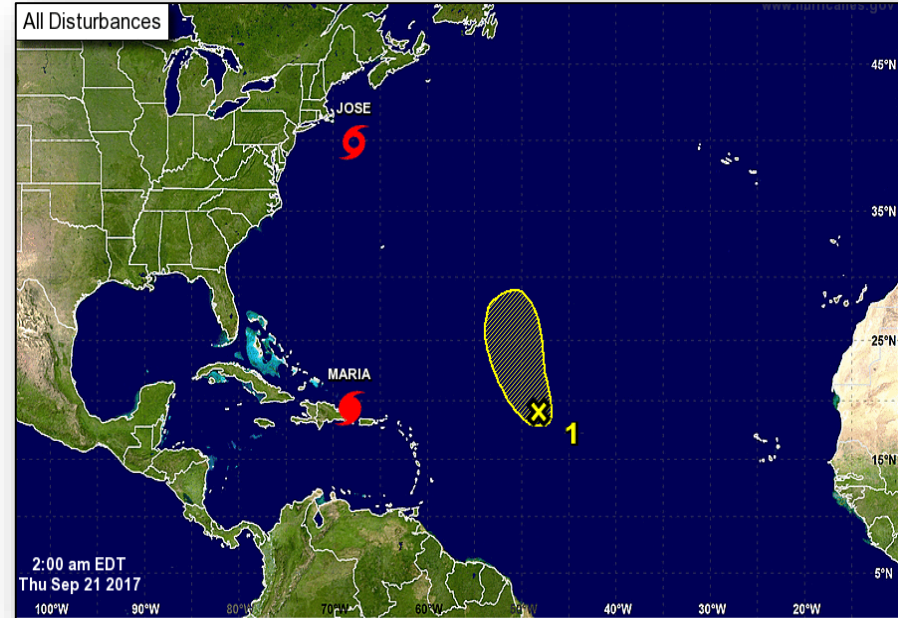
Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



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

- Remnants of Lee located E of the Leeward Islands
- Forecast to move NNW or NW over open waters of the central Atlantic Ocean
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (10%)

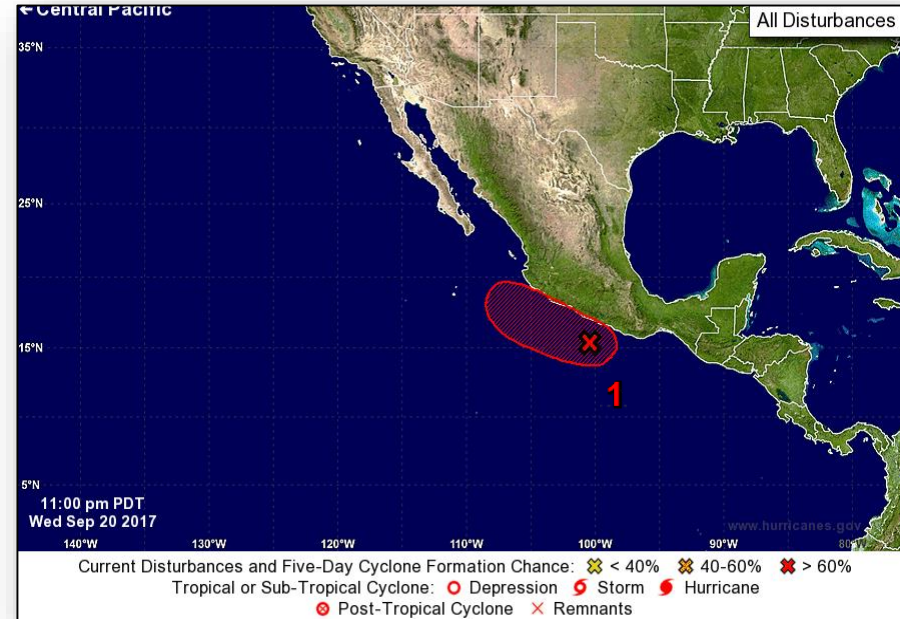


Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



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

- Located just offshore of the southwest coast of Mexico
- Moving slowly to the WNW
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Medium (60%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (80%)



Hurricane Maria



Current Situation

Maria is a Category 3 Hurricane continuing to move away from Puerto Rico and toward the Dominican Republic. Damage assessments and clean-up is expected to begin Thursday. Hurricane Warnings in effect for the Dominican Republic.

Impacts

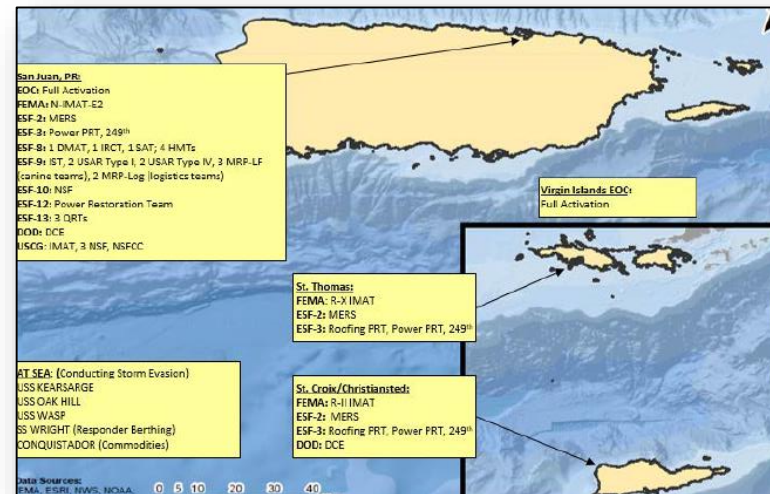
- **Shelters:** USVI: 8 with 1,353 occupants; PR: 174 with 10,570 occupants (SLB as of 5:00 a.m.)
- **Power Outages:** USVI: 29k; PR: 1.5M (SLB as of 5:00 a.m.)
 - Power Trucks awaiting transport from mainland US
- All ports in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands closed
- Airports:
 - St. Croix significant structural/fence damage; no damage to ramps/runway
 - San Juan airport ceased major operations

State/Local/Tribal/Territorial Response

- PR: EOC at Full Activation
- USVI: EOC at Full Activation

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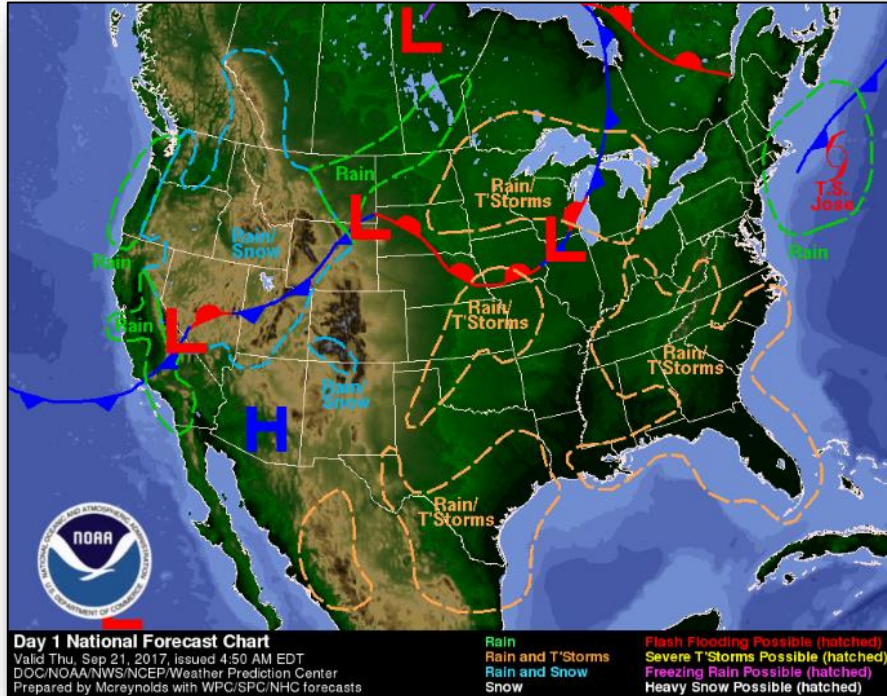
- NRCC: Level I (24/7); NWC: Steady State
- National IMAT East-2: PR
- FEMA Region X IMAT: USVI
- FEMA Region II
 - RRCC: Not Activated
 - RWC: Enhanced Watch (UNGA)
 - IMATs: deployed to USVI and PR
- US&R: Red IST, VA-TF1 & TF2, FL-TF1 & TF2, and MRPs from MA-TF1 & CA-TF6 deployed to PR



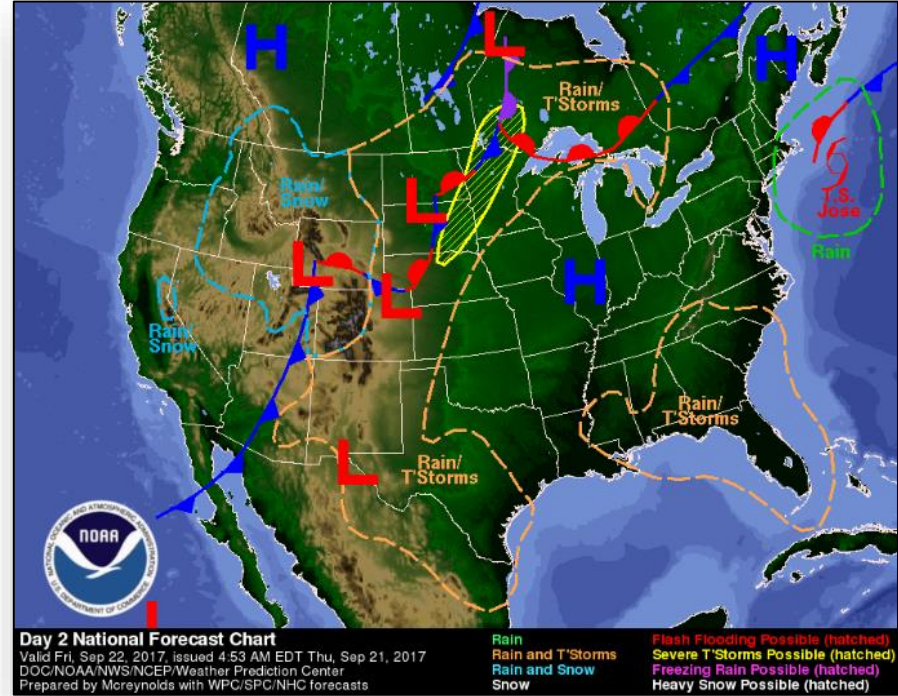
National Weather Forecast



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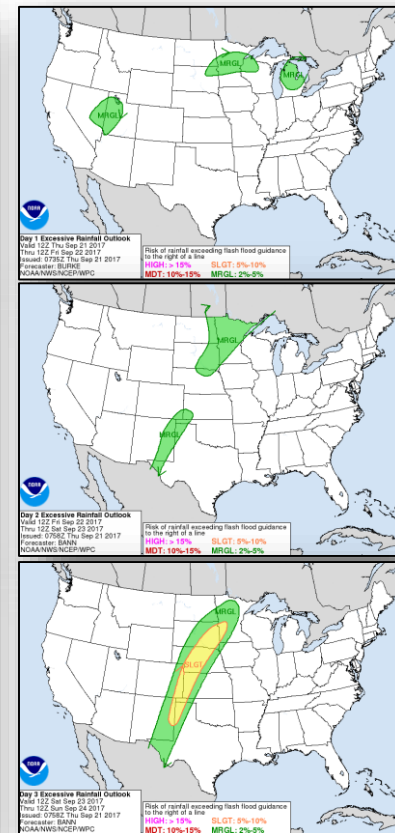
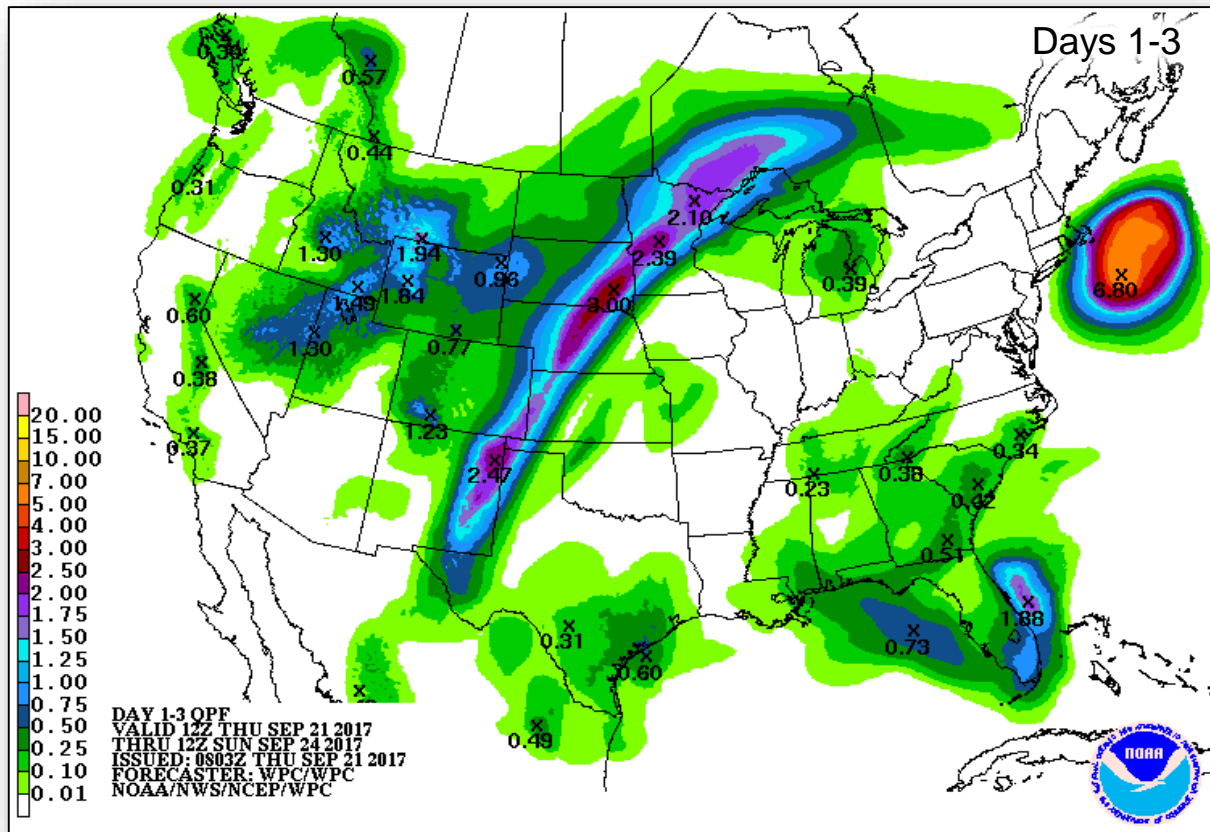


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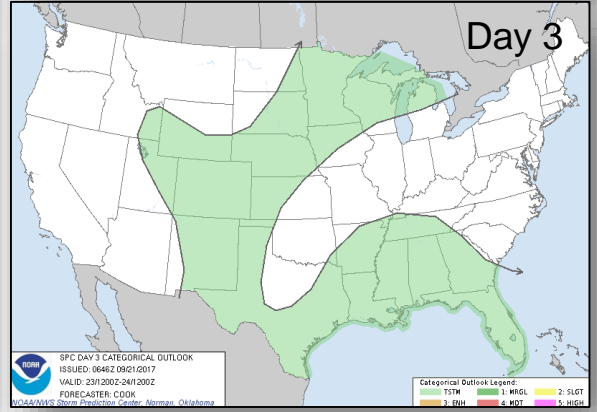
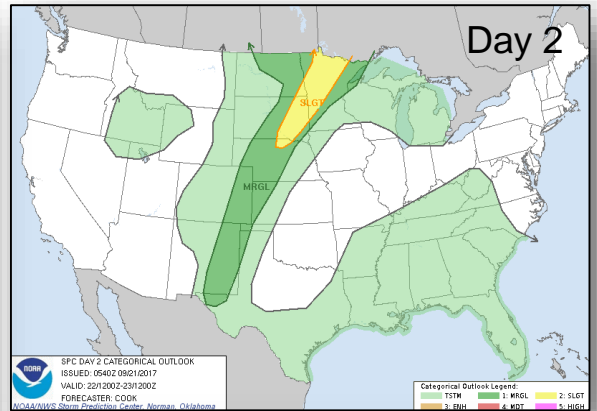
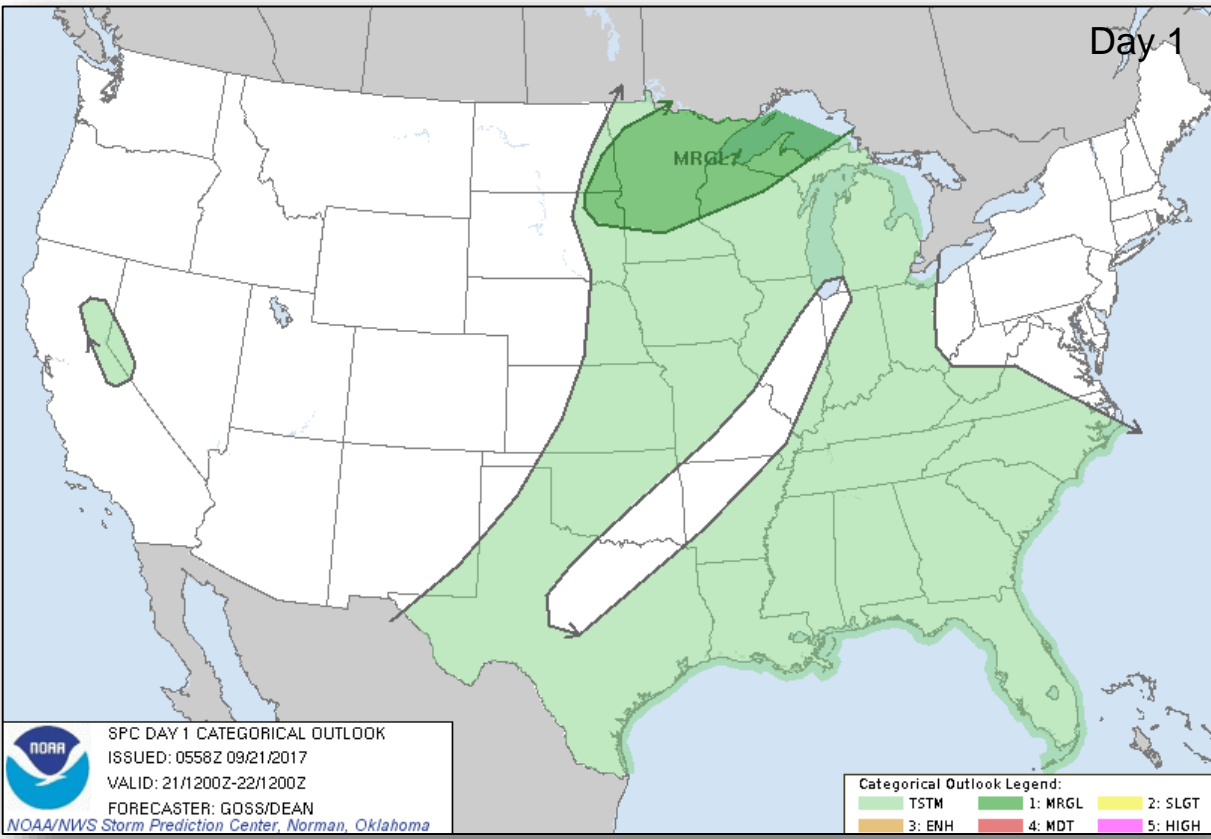
Precipitation Forecast & Flash Flood Risk



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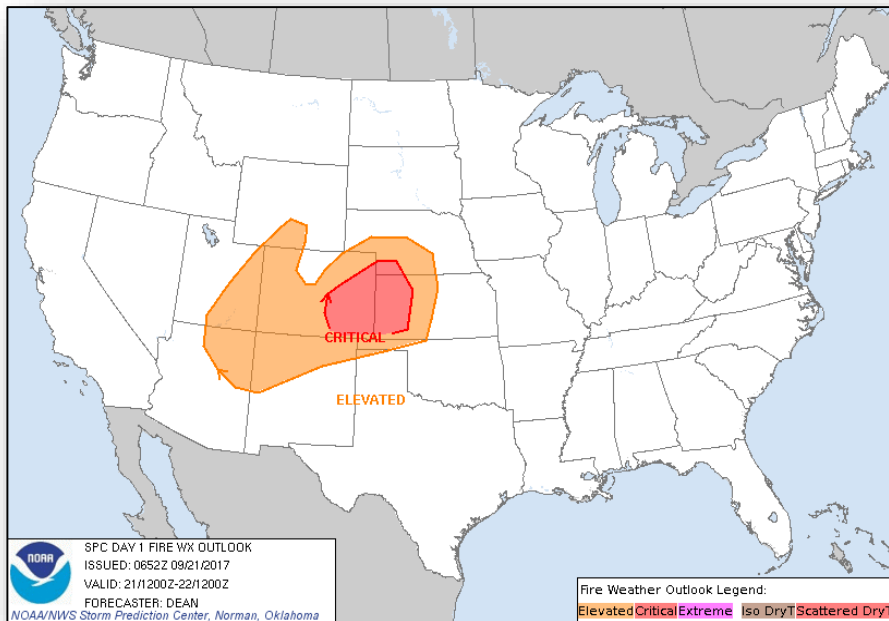
Severe Weather Outlook – Days 1-3



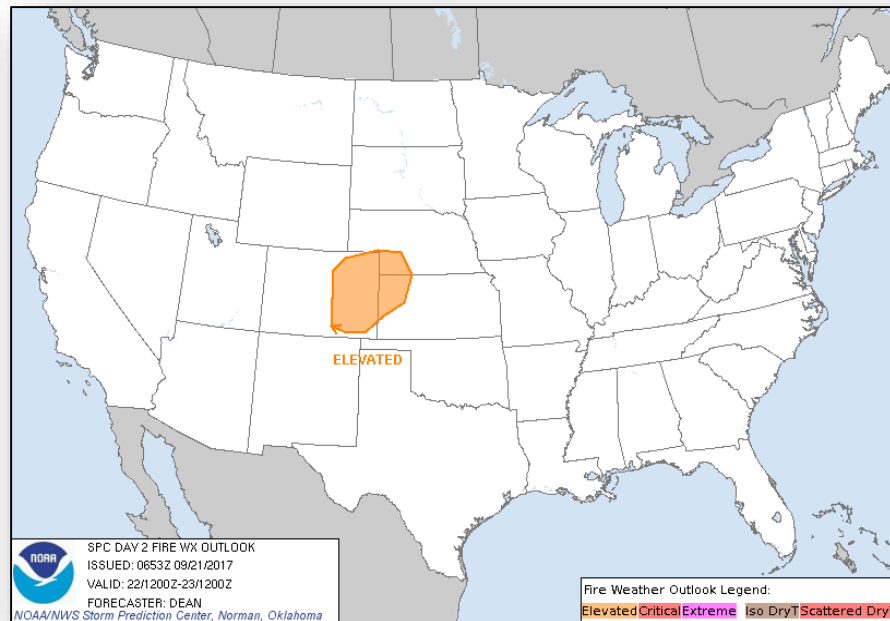
Fire Weather Outlook



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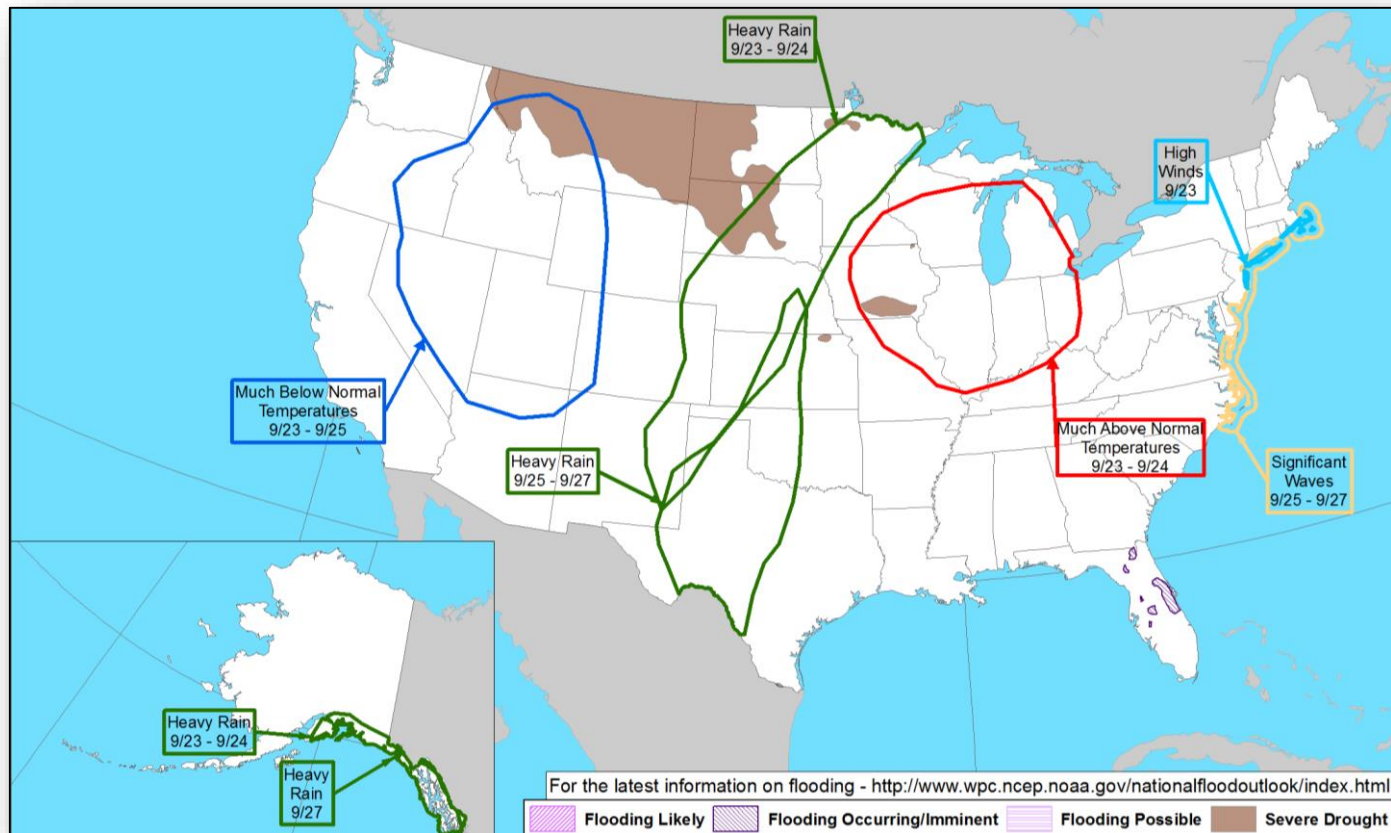


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Hazards Outlook – September 23-27



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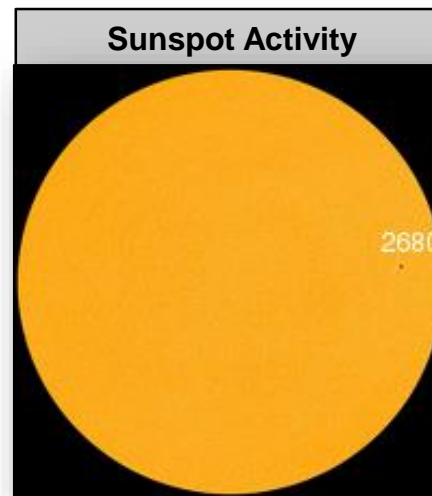
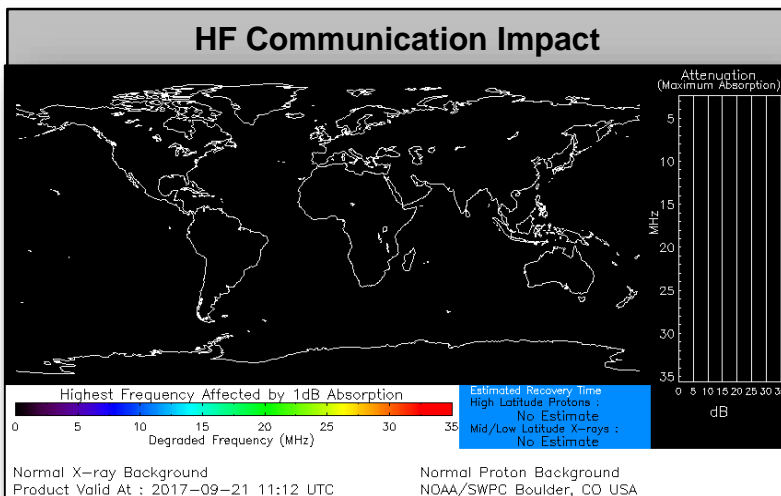


Space Weather



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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				



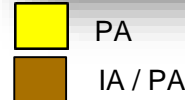
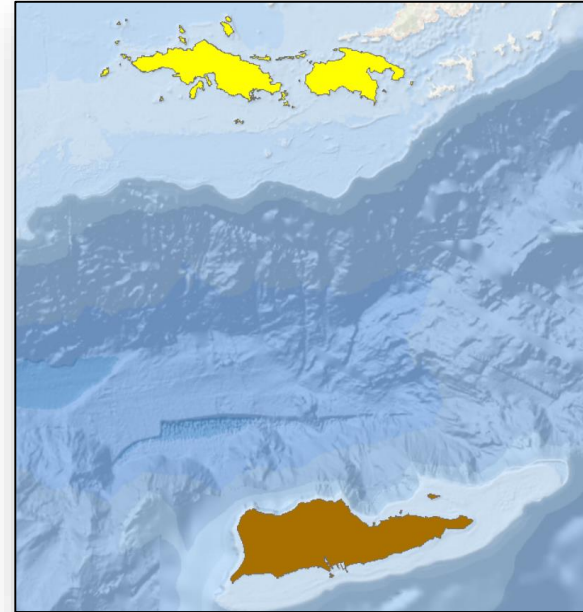
Declaration Approved



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FEMA-4340-DR-USVI

- Major Disaster Declaration approved September 20, 2017 for the U.S. Virgin Islands
- For Hurricane Maria beginning September 16, 2017, and continuing
- Provides:
 - Individual Assistance for the island of St. Croix
 - Public Assistance for all islands in the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A & B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program
 - Hazard Mitigation territory-wide
- FCO is William L. Vogel



Declaration Approved



FEMA-4339-DR-PR

- Major Declaration approved September 20, 2017 for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- For Hurricane Maria beginning September 17, 2017 and continuing
- Provides Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- The FCO is Alejandro DeLaCampa



IA / PA

Disaster Requests & Declarations



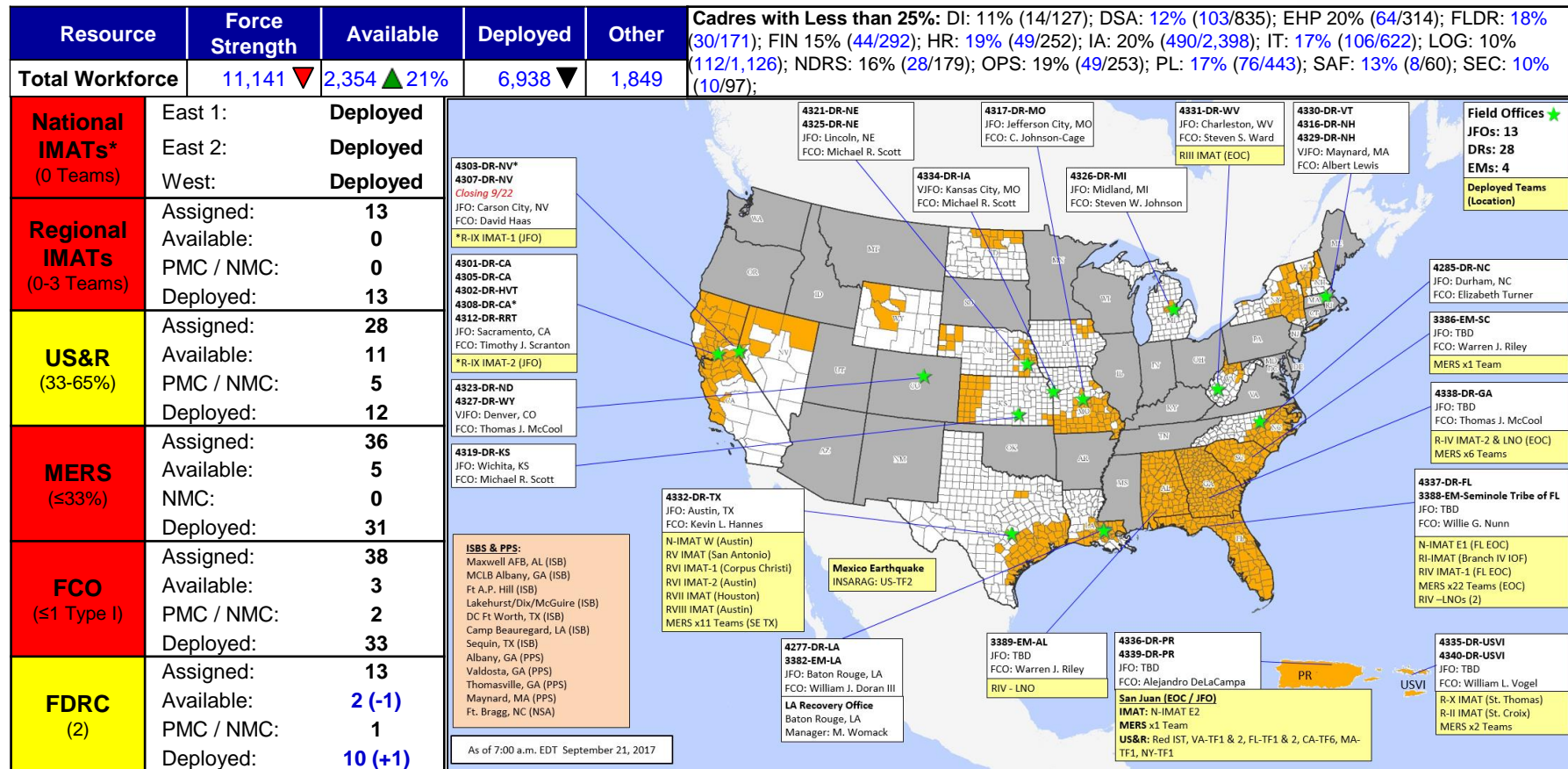
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
9	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
NY – DR (Expedited) Flooding	X	X	X	July 6, 2017		
ID – DR Flooding		X	X	July 20, 2017		
ND – DR Drought	X	X	X	August 7, 2017		
WI – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides		X	X	August 23, 2017		
ND – DR Severe Storm		X	X	August 24, 2017		
KS – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding		X	X	August 31, 2017		
IL – DR Severe Storms and Flooding	X		X	August 31, 2017		
NY – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	X	X	X	August 31, 2017		
Seminole Tribe of Florida – DR (Expedited) Hurricane Irma	X	X	X	September 11, 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	Activated	Blue	Level I	24/7	Hurricane Maria
HLT		1	Activated				Hurricane Season
RWCs/MOCs		10	Activated	Region II	Enhanced Watch	24/7	UN General Assembly
RRCCs		10	Activated	Region I Region IV	Level II Deactivated	Day shift	Tropical Storm Jose

Back-up Region: V & X



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