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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Oct 24-25



Significant Events:

- Response and recovery – Tropical Cyclones Harvey, Irma and Maria

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)
- Eastern Pacific – Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
- Central Pacific – No tropical cyclones expected next 48 hours
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Critical and elevated fire weather – CA, CO, MT, ND, SD & NE
- Red Flag Warnings – CA, MT, CO, ND, SD & NE
- Flash flooding possible – Northeast
- Space Weather - Past 24 hours: Minor - geomagnetic storms reaching G1 level occurred; next 24 hours: minor - geomagnetic storms reaching G1 level likely

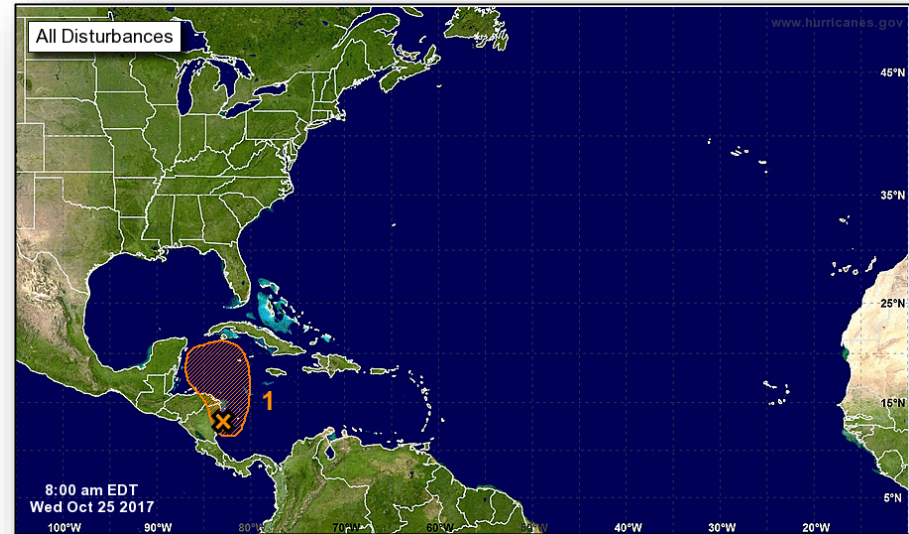
Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Tropical Outlook – Atlantic

Disturbance 1 (Invest 93L) (as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located over western Caribbean Sea
- Moving slowly N
- Close proximity to land likely to limit development; however, conditions expected to be conducive for development later this week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Medium (40%)



Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific

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

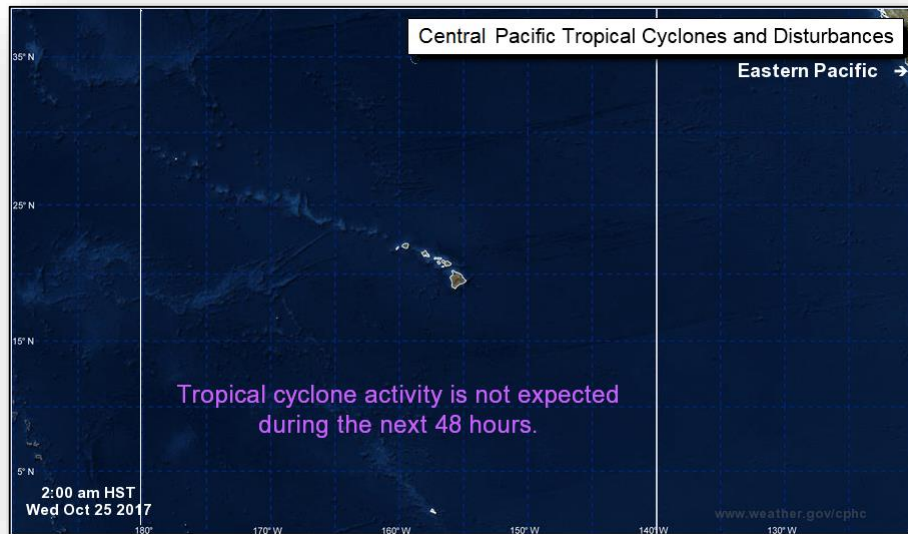
- Area of low pressure expected to form over far eastern north Pacific in a day or two
- Some additional development could occur as it moves WNW near coast of Central America and southeastern Mexico
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)



Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



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Next 48 hours



Next 5 days

PR/USVI Update



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Puerto Rico

- Shelters: 87 (-1) shelters open with 3,897 (-69) occupants
- Disaster Assistance Registrations: 901k (+30k)

Power Outages / Restoration

- 24.4% (+6.4) of customers with power restored
- PREPA estimating 95% to be restored by December 15

Communications:

- 35% (+1.1) of cell towers are operational
- 87% (+2) of population lives in area where wireless coverage is available

Health & Medical

- 65 of 67 hospitals open; 44 (+4) on power grid, 22 (-2) on generator power, 1 open without power
- 2 Federal Medical Stations operational

Water Restoration

- 73.7% (+1.7) of PRASA customers have potable water; PRASA covers 96% of PR
- 10 of 51 PRASA waste water treatment plants out of service; 25 of 115 PRASA drinking water treatment plans out of service
- Boil water advisory remains in effect island-wide

Guajataca Dam

- Two 18 inch pumps on site operating at full capacity; eight remaining 18 inch pumps arriving October 25; piping on site has begun to aid in quick installation

U.S. Virgin Islands

- Shelters: 5 shelters open with 231(-48) occupants
- Disaster Assistance Registrations: 15.6k

Power Outages / Restoration

- Customers receiving power from grid: St. Thomas: 30.2% (+1.2) St. Croix: 2.9% (+1.3); St. John: no grid power, expected to begin restoration later this week
- WAPA estimates 90% to be restored by late December

Communications:

- 48 (+3.4%) of cell sites are operational
- 88% of population lives in area where wireless coverage is available

Health & Medical

- St. Thomas: Schneider Medical Center sustained damage; established mobile medical facility
- St. Croix: Governor Juan Luis Hospital partially open despite damage; Charles Harwood Facility closed

Water Restoration

- Boil Water Advisory remains in effect territory-wide

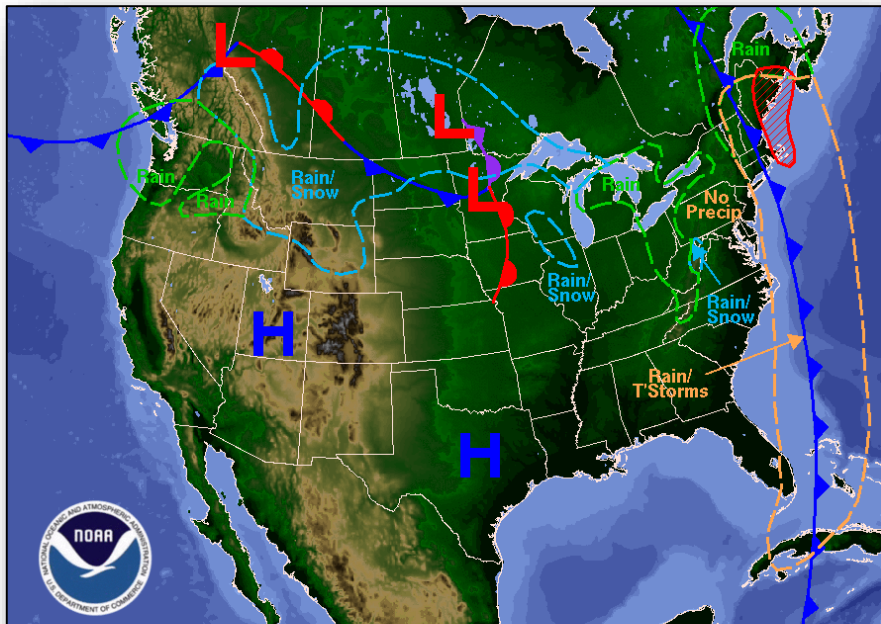
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- NRCC: Modified Level III (day shift, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EDT)
- National IMAT East-1 & Region III IMAT deployed to PR
- FEMA Region II & X IMATs deployed to USVI
- MERS teams deployed to USVI & PR

National Weather Forecast



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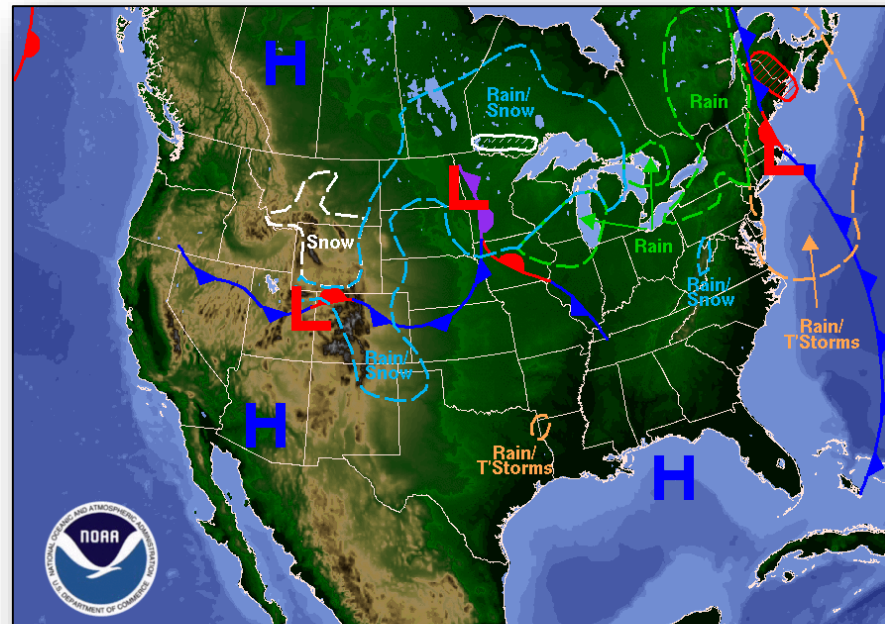
Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Oct 25, 2017, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

Today



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Oct 26, 2017, issued 4:45 AM EDT Wed, Oct 25, 2017
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
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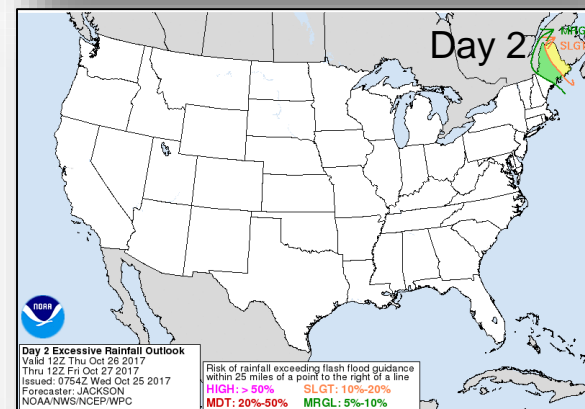
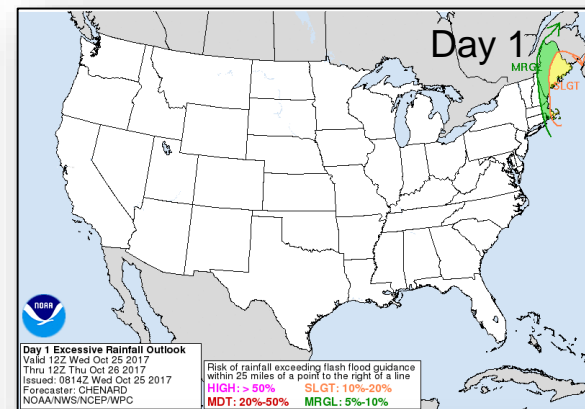
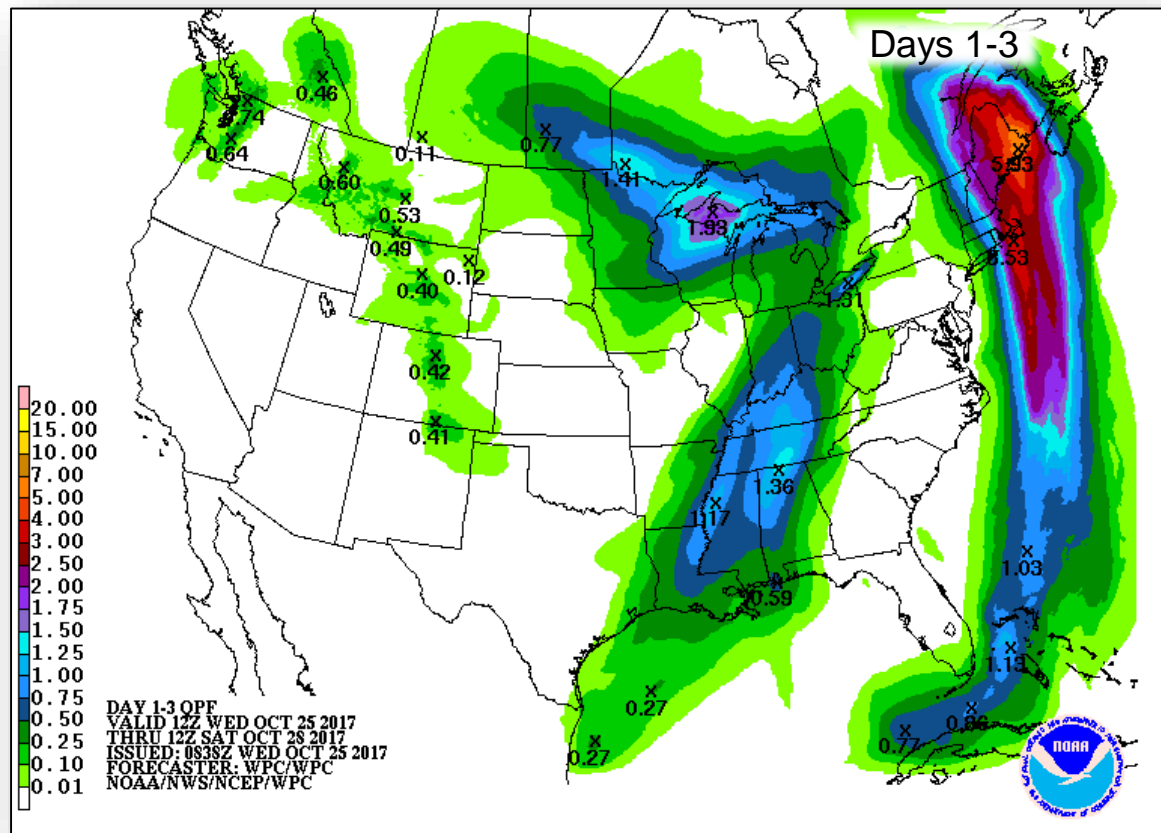
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Tomorrow

Precipitation Forecast – Excessive Rainfall



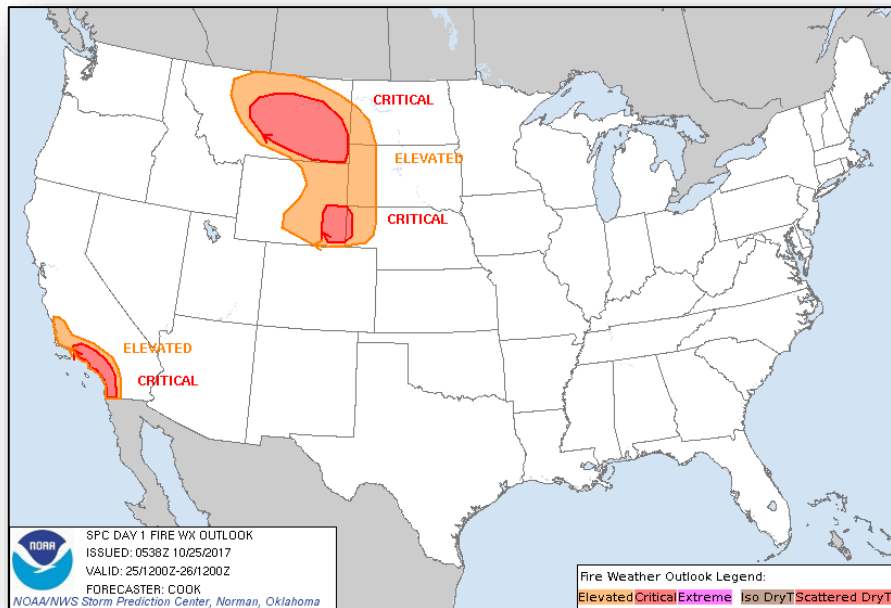
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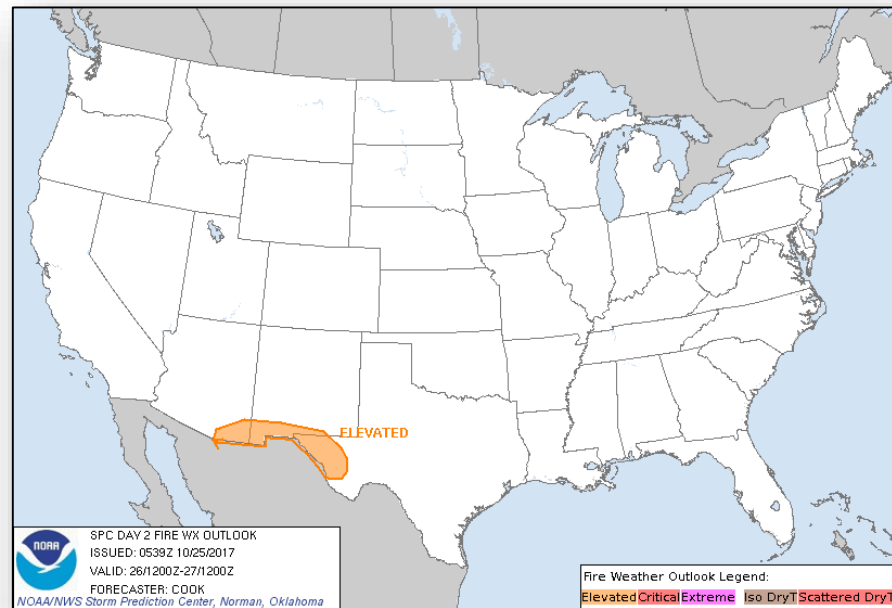
Fire Weather Outlook



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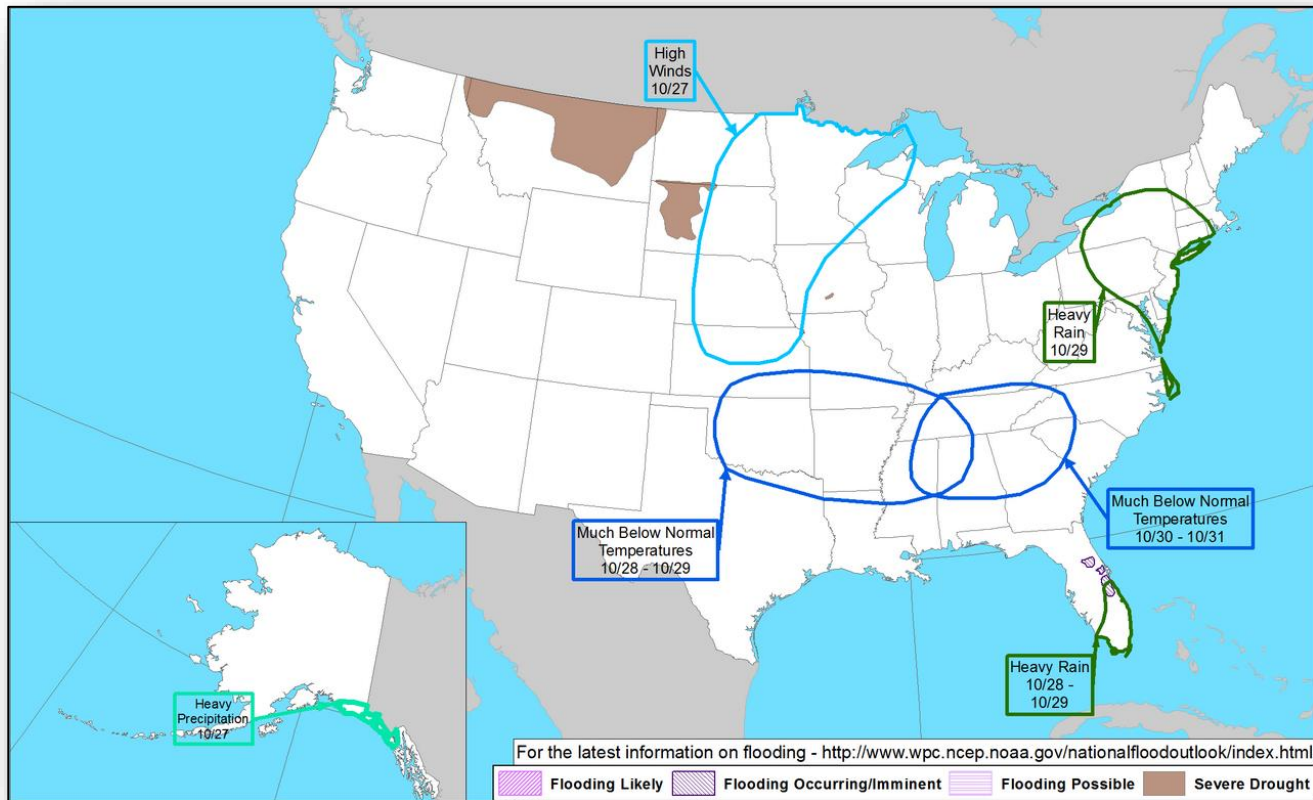


Tomorrow

Hazards Outlook – Oct 27-31



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National Fire Preparedness Level



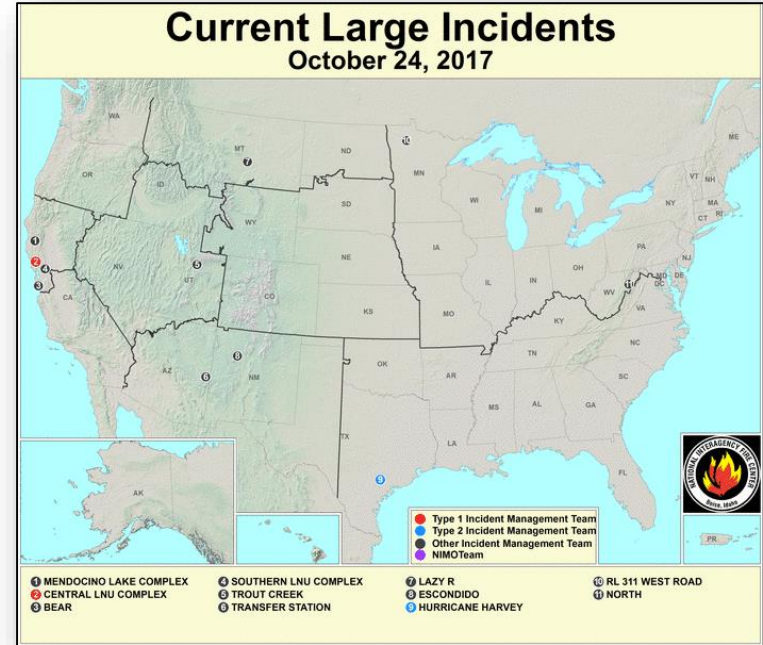
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Situation

National Preparedness Level was lowered from 3 to 2 on October 23, 2017. Large wildland fire and initial attack activity is decreasing nationally. Demobilization is occurring on the majority of large fires and competition for resources has significantly decreased.

National Preparedness Level 2*

- Initial attack activity: Light (21) new fires
- New large incidents: 3
- Large fires contained: 3
- Uncontained large fires: 10
- Area Command teams committed: 0
- Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
- Type 2 IMTs committed: 1



***LEVEL 2**

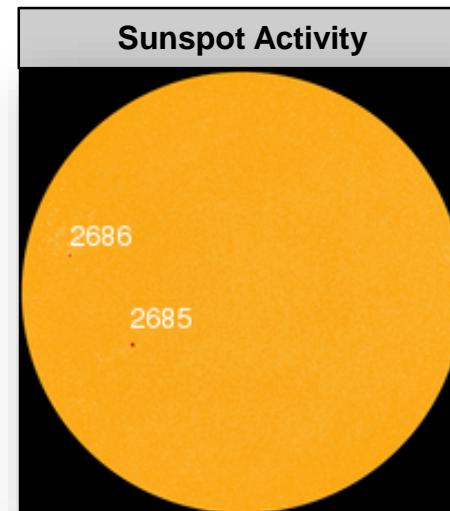
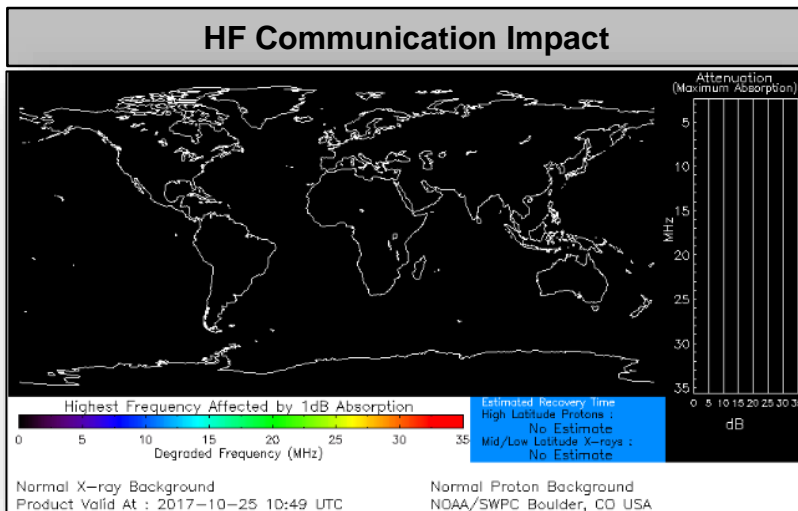
- Active Geographic Areas are unable to independently accomplish incident management objectives. Resource capability remains stable enough nationally to sustain incident operations and meet objectives in active geographic areas
- Significant wildland fire activity is increasing in a few geographic areas
- Resources within most geographic areas are adequate to manage the current situation, with light to moderate mobilization of resources occurring through the National Interagency Coordination Center
- Potential for emerging significant wildland fires is normal to below normal for the time of year

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	Minor	G1	None	None
For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation				



Disaster Requests & Declarations



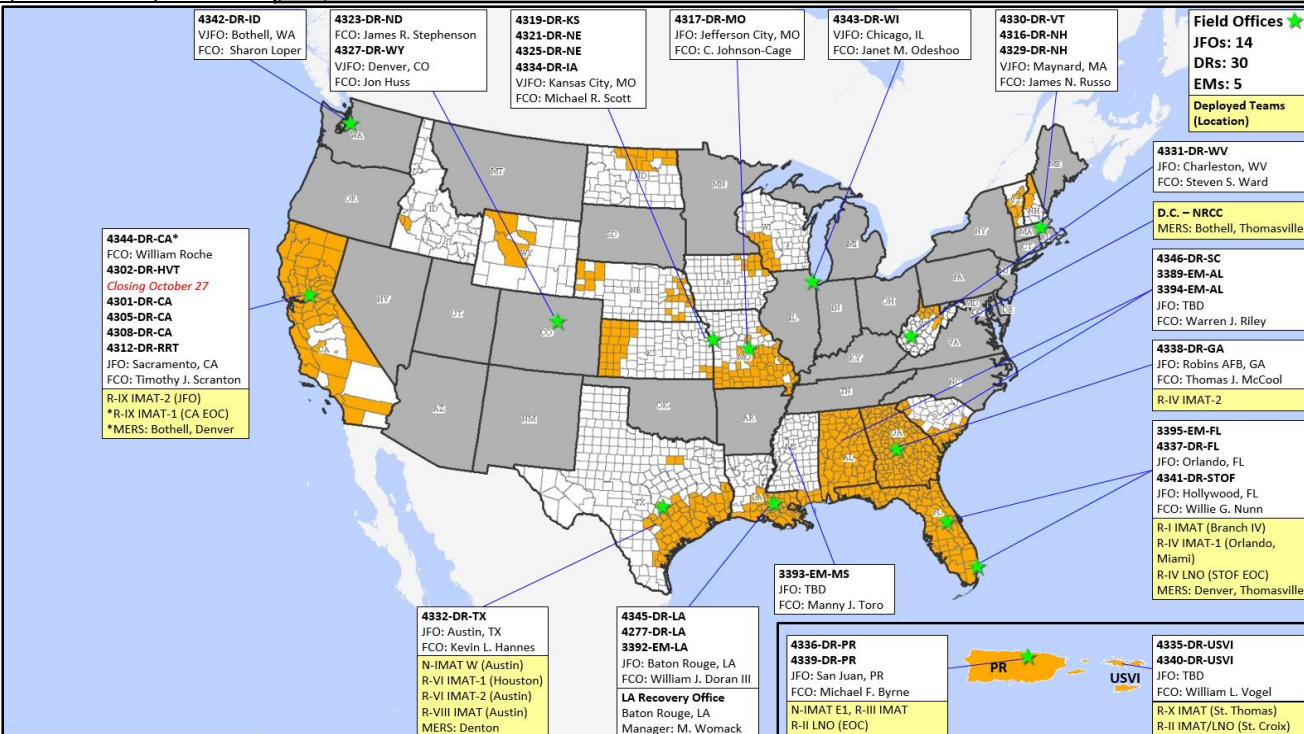
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
5	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
NY – DR (Expedited) Flooding	X	X	X	July 6, 2017		
ND – DR Severe Storm		X	X	August 24, 2017		
KS – DR Severe 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		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres Less than 25%: DI 7% (9/128), DSA 19% (157/839), EA 23% (135/605), EHP 10% (33/320), ER 9% (6/61), FLDR 21% (36/169), FM 18% (51/293), HM 21% (209/980), HR 13% (34/253),IT 8% (49/628), LOG 10% (121/1,161), NDRS 18% (33/182), OPS 21% (55/257), PL 19% (82/440), SAF 10% (6/60), SEC 3% (3/97)
Total Workforce	11,285 ▲	1,968 ▲ 17%	7,518 ▼	1,799	
National IMATs* (0 Teams)	East 1:	Deployed Demobilizing Deployed			
	East 2:				
West:					
Regional IMATs (0-3 Teams)	Assigned:	13			
	Available:	2 (+1)			
	PMC / NMC:	0 (-1)			
	Deployed:	11			
US&R (>66%)	Assigned:	28			
	Available:	27			
	PMC / NMC:	1			
	Deployed:	0			
MERS (33-65%)	Assigned:	36			
	Available:	19			
	NMC:	0			
	Deployed:	17			
FCO (≤1 Type I)	Assigned:	38			
	Available:	2 (-1)			
	PMC / NMC:	2			
	Deployed:	34 (+1)			
FDRC (1)	Assigned:	14			
	Available:	1 (+1)			
	PMC / NMC:	1			
	Deployed:	12 (-1)			

4342-DR-ID
VJFO: Bothell, WA
FCO: Sharon Loper

4323-DR-ND
FCO: James R. Stephenson
4327-DR-WY
VJFO: Denver, CO
FCO: Jon Huss

4319-DR-KS
JFO: Jefferson City, MO
4325-DR-NE
4334-DR-IA
VJFO: Kansas City, MO
FCO: Michael R. Scott

4317-DR-MO
JFO: Jefferson City, MO
FCO: C. Johnson-Cage

4343-DR-WI
VJFO: Chicago, IL
FCO: Janet M. Odeshoo

4330-DR-VT
4316-DR-NH
4329-DR-NH
VJFO: Maynard, MA
FCO: James N. Russo

Field Offices
JFOs: 14
DRs: 30
EMs: 5
Deployed Teams
(Location)

4331-DR-WV
JFO: Charleston, WV
FCO: Steven S. Ward

D.C. - NRCC
MERS: Bothell, Thomasville

4346-DR-SC
3389-EM-AL
3394-EM-AL
JFO: TBD
FCO: Warren J. Riley

4338-DR-GA
JFO: Robins AFB, GA
FCO: Thomas J. McCool

R-IV IMAT-2

3395-EM-FL
4337-DR-FL
JFO: Orlando, FL
4341-DR-STOF
JFO: Hollywood, FL
FCO: Willie G. Nunn

R-I IMAT (Branch IV)
R-IV IMAT-1 (Orlando, Miami)
R-IV LNO (STOF EOC)
MERS: Denver, Thomasville

4335-DR-USVI
4340-DR-USVI
JFO: TBD
FCO: William L. Vogel

R-X IMAT (St. Thomas)
R-II IMAT/LNO (St. Croix)
MERS: Bothell, Maynard, Denton, Denver

4344-DR-CA*
FCO: William Roche
4302-DR-HVT
Closing October 27
4301-DR-CA
4305-DR-CA
4308-DR-CA
4312-DR-RRT
JFO: Sacramento, CA
FCO: Timothy J. Scranton
R-IX IMAT-2 (JFO)
*R-IX IMAT-1 (CA EOC)
*MERS: Bothell, Denver

4332-DR-TX
JFO: Austin, TX
FCO: Kevin L. Hannes
N-IMAT W (Austin)
R-VI IMAT-1 (Houston)
R-VI IMAT-2 (Austin)
R-VIII IMAT (Austin)
MERS: Denton

4345-DR-LA
4277-DR-LA
3392-EM-LA
JFO: Baton Rouge, LA
FCO: William J. Doran III
LA Recovery Office
Baton Rouge, LA
Manager: M. Womack

3393-EM-MS
JFO: TBD
FCO: Manny J. Toro

4336-DR-PR
4339-DR-PR
JFO: San Juan, PR
FCO: Michael F. Byrne
N-IMAT E1, R-III IMAT
R-II IMAT (EOC)
MERS: Bothell, Denton, Frederick, Maynard, Denver

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*B-2 Status: Assemble ≤ 2 hours, On Site ≤ 18 hours; B-48 Status: Assemble and deploy ≤ 48 hours; 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	Steady State				
NRCC		2	Activated	Blue	Modified Level III	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EDT	Tropical Activity – Atlantic
HLT		1	Activated				Hurricane Season
RWCs/MOCs		10	Steady State				
RRCCs		10	Not Activated				

Back-up Region: V & VII



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