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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

8:30 a.m. ET

National Current Operation



Significant Incidents or Threats:

- Derecho – Midwest
- Severe thunderstorms possible – Northern and Central Plains
- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible – Southern/Central Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic; Lower Mississippi Valley
- Critical fire weather – Central Great Basin
- COVID-19

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic: Tropical Depression Eleven
- Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Cyclone Elida (CAT 1)
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 3: Medium (60%)
 - Disturbance 4: Low (30%)
- Central Pacific: see Disturbances 1 and 4 in the Eastern Pacific Basin
- Western Pacific: No activity affecting U.S. interests

Declaration Activity: None

Derecho – Midwest



Situation: On August 10, severe thunderstorms with long track damaging winds (derecho) impacted the Midwest, causing widespread power outages across FEMA Regions V and VII. [Power restoration & damage assessments continue.](#)

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety and Security

- **Fatalities:** IA - 2, MO -1 (*Region VII Incident Report as of Aug 12*)
- **Injuries:** IA - 50; IL - 5 unconfirmed

Food, Water, Shelter: IA: [at least 65 occupants in local shelters \(hotels and shelters\) across multiple counties](#)

Health and Medical: [Patients & residents of some long-term care facilities are being moved due to power outages & shortages of transportation assets; several facilities running on back-up power](#)

Energy

- Customers without power (*as of 6:30 a.m. ET, DOE Eagle-I*)
 - Region V: **IL: 256k (4%)** (peak 757k); **IN: 21k (<1%)** (peak 147k); **MI: 10k (<1%)** (peak 51k)
 - Region VII: **IA: 339k (23%)** (peak 491k); **MO: 7.5k (0.3%)** (peak 87k)
- Duane Arnold Energy Center in Palo, IA: [off site power restored, returned to normal operations](#)

Communications: IA: [State has COWs/COLTs support; widespread damage to emergency communications system across all storm-affected counties; over 22 transmission towers were impacted](#)

Transportation: IA: [5 US highways closed due to debris; no major interstate closures](#)

State / Local Response:

- Region V
 - IL EOC: Normal Operations
 - IN, MI EOCs: Partial Activation (COVID-19)
 - OH, WI EOCs: Full Activation (COVID-19)
- Region VII
 - IA and MO EOCs: Partial Activation (COVID-19)
 - NE EOC: Full Activation (COVID-19)
 - IA Governor declared a state of emergency

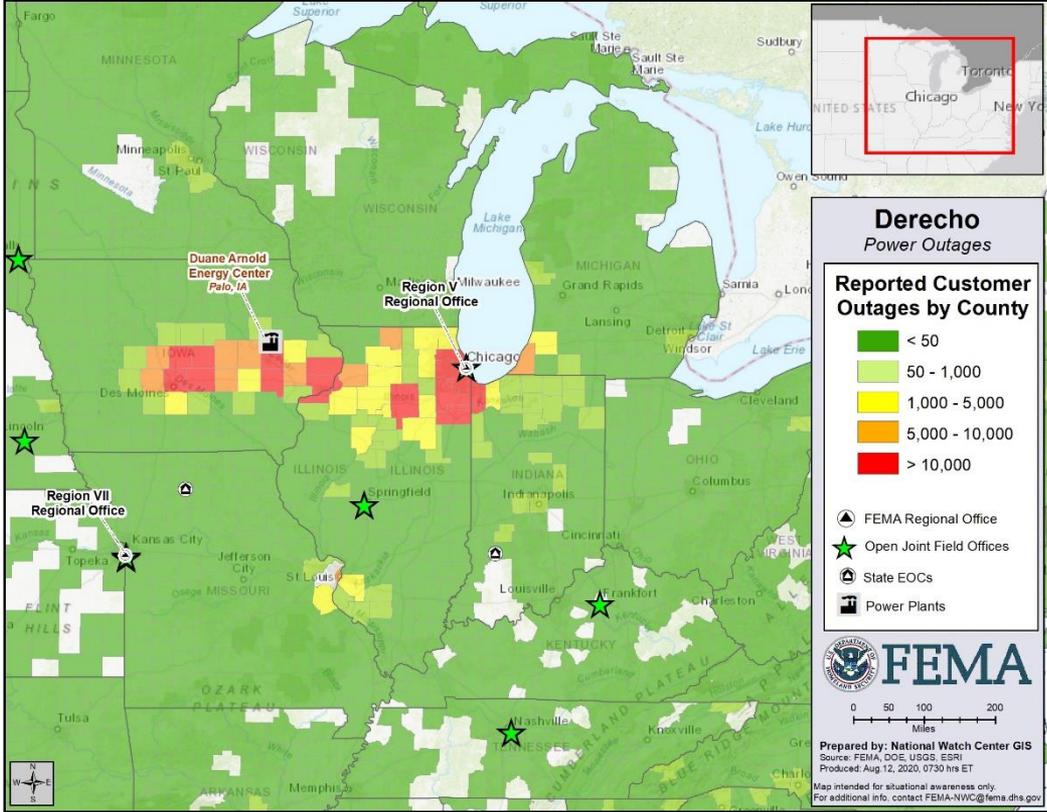
Federal Response:

- Region V RRCC Level III (COVID-19); RWC is monitoring
- [Region VII RWC Enhanced Watch \(day shift\) w/ ESFs 2, 12, 14 & 15](#)
- FEMA NWC is monitoring
- No requests for FEMA assistance

Derecho – Midwest



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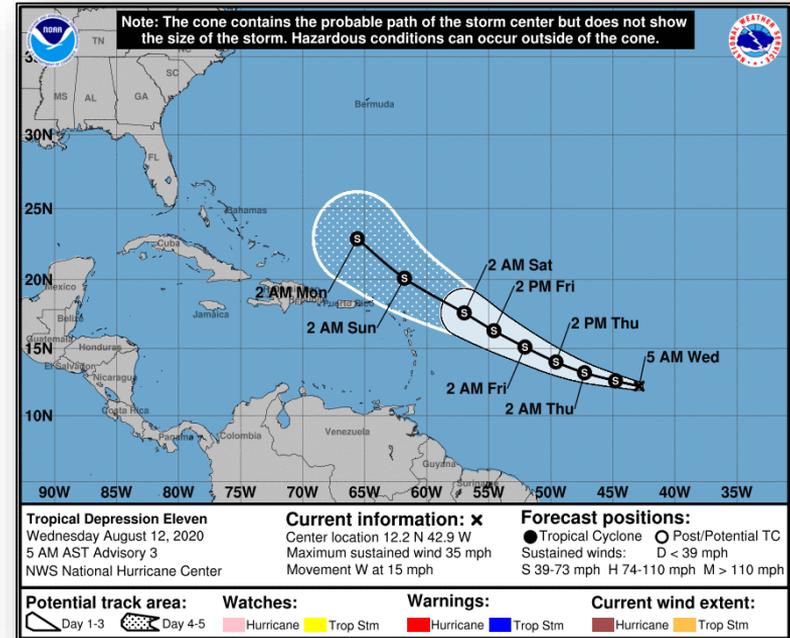


Tropical Outlook – Atlantic



[Tropical Depression Eleven](#) (Advisory #3 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,405 miles ESE of the northern Leeward Islands
- Moving W at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Expected to become a tropical storm later today

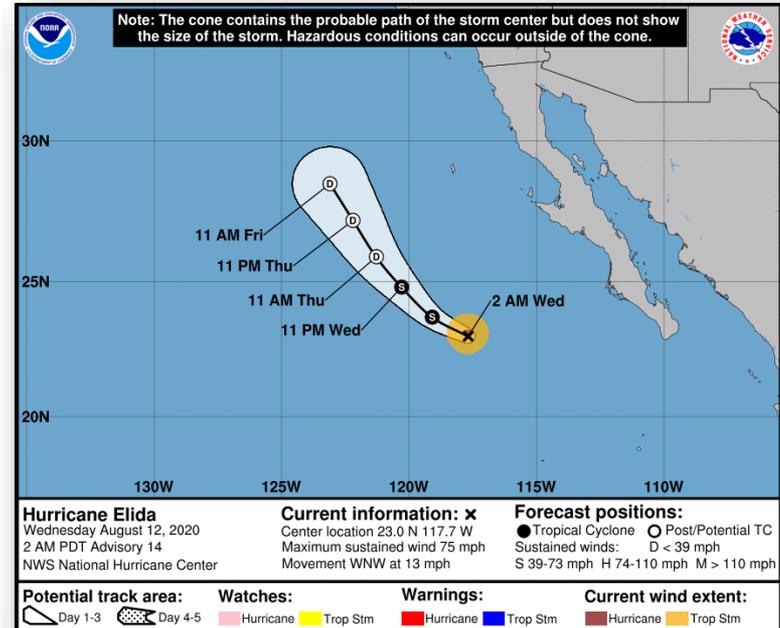


Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



Hurricane Elida (CAT 1) (Advisory #14 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 495 miles W of the southern tip of Baja California, Mexico
- Moving WNW at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 75 mph
- Rapid weakening is expected during the next day or so; expected to weaken to a tropical storm today and degenerate to a remnant low on Thursday
- Hurricane force winds extend 15 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 60 miles



Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



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

- 1,400 miles SW of the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula, Mexico
- Tropical depression is likely to form **within the next couple of days**
- Formation chance through 48 hours: **High (70%)**
- Formation chance through 5 days: **High (90%)**

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

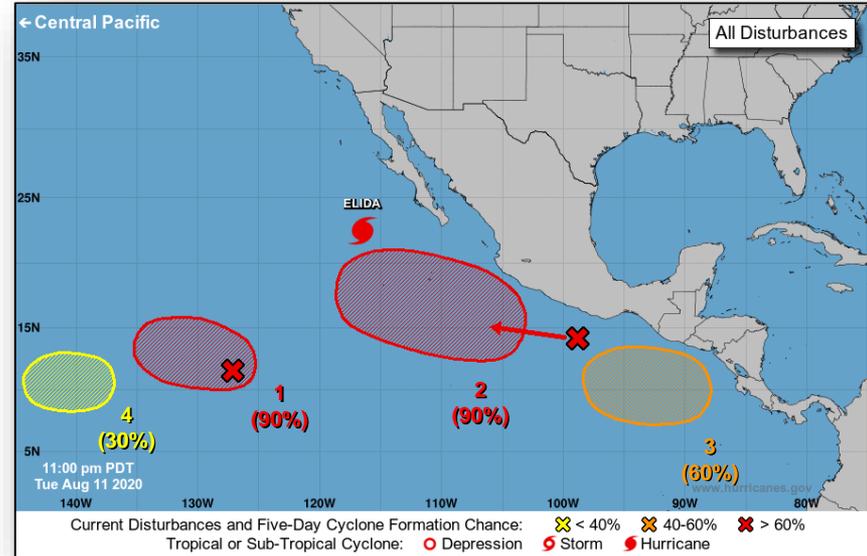
- Extends from just west of the Gulf of Tehuantepec southwest for several hundred miles
- Likely to become a tropical depression by late this week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: **Medium (60%)**
- Formation chance through 5 days: **High (90%)**

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

- Expected to form in a few days over the far eastern portion of the basin to the south of the coast of Central America
- Tropical depression could form this weekend
- Formation chance through 48 hours: **Low (near 0%)**
- Formation chance through 5 days: **Medium (60%)**

Disturbance 4 (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Forecast to form over the far western portions of the Eastern Pacific basin within the next couple of days
- Moving slowly west toward the Central Pacific basin
- Formation chance through 48 hours: **Low (near 0%)**
- Formation chance through 5 days: **Low (30%)**



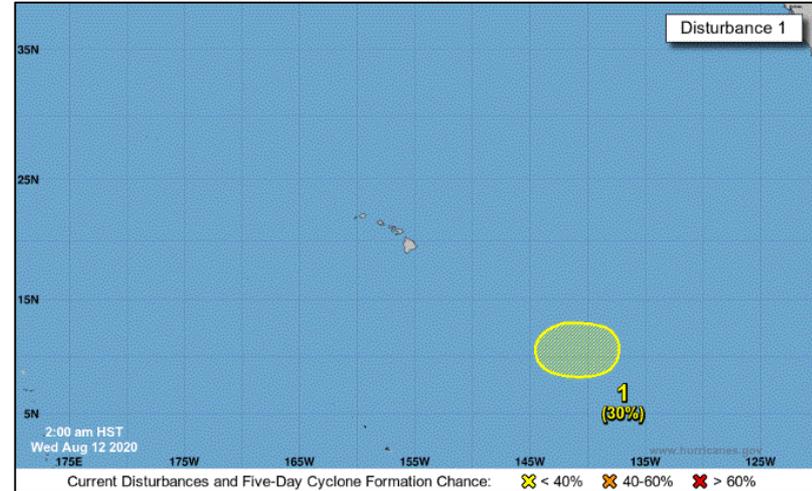
Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



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

See [Disturbance 4 in the Eastern Pacific Basin](#)

- Forecast to form 1,300 miles ESE of Hilo, HI
- Moving slowly west toward the Central Pacific basin during the next several days



COVID-19 Update



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Situation: Upward trajectory in COVID-19 case count continues across 5 (-1) states, with 2 (+1) states in a plateau status, and 49 states on a downward trajectory. 24,916 (-1,015) Federal employees deployed / activated; 2,074 (-10) FEMA employees deployed.

Nationwide Testing: 66,824,014 (+1,067,707) cumulative as of Aug 11

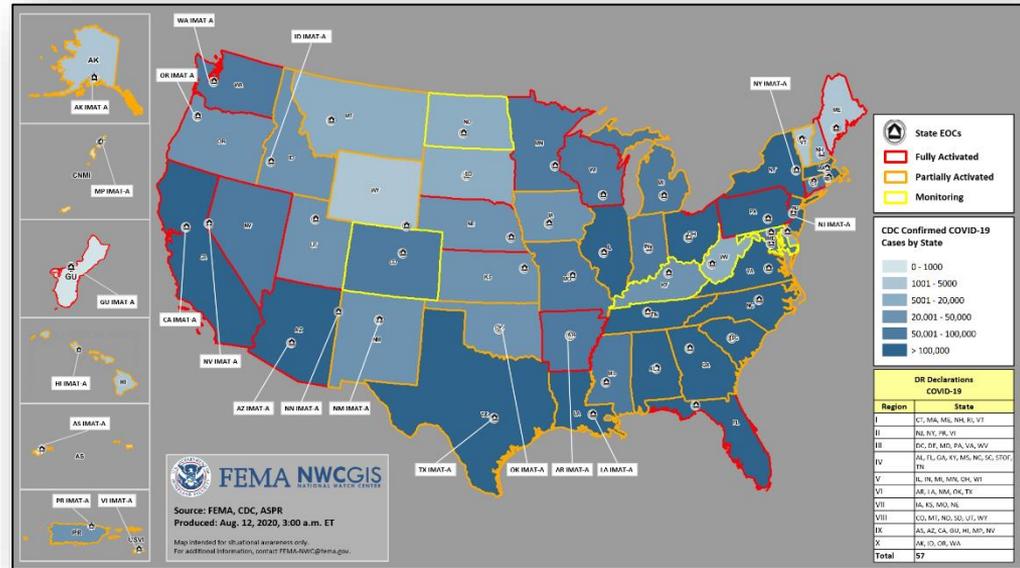
COVID-19 positive cases continue to increase globally
([CDC COVID-19 update as of Aug 11](#))

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

- o United States: 5,064,171 (+40,522)
- o Worldwide: 19,936,210 (+216,033)
- Deaths caused by COVID-19
 - o United States: 162,407 (+565)
 - o Worldwide: 733,499 (+4,268)

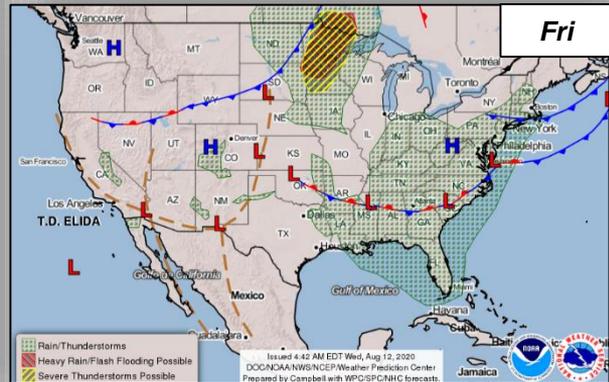
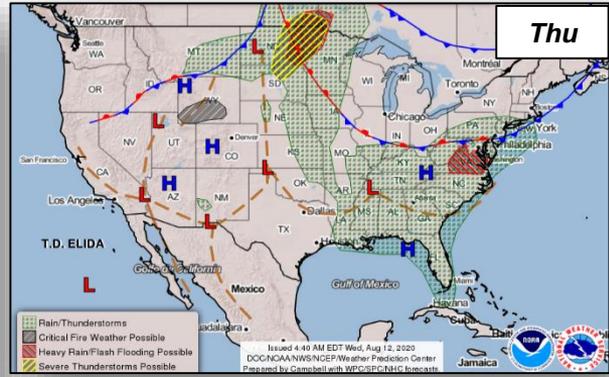
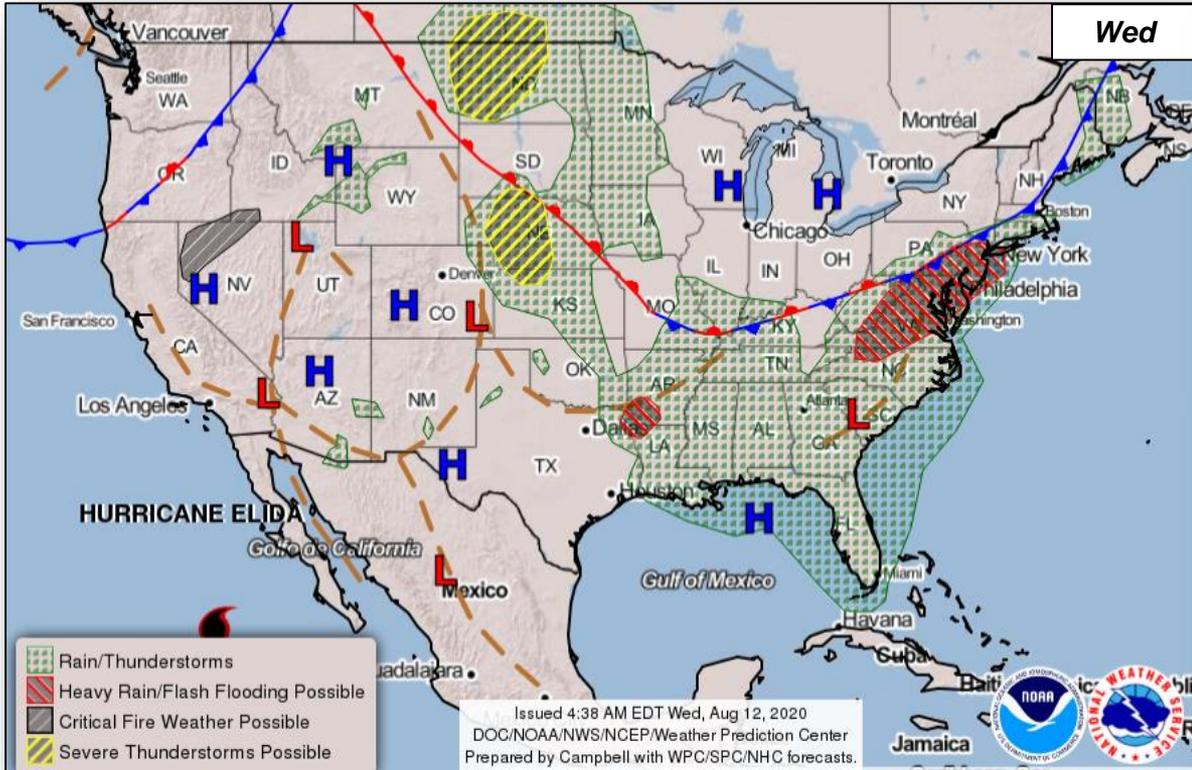
Response:

- NRCC at Level I
- Regions I, II, III, V, VI, & X RRCCs at Level III
- Regions IV, VII, VIII, & IX RRCCs are rostered
- Regions VII, VIII & IX COVID-19 response being worked from the Virtual JFO
- NWC, all RWCs, and MOCs are monitoring



(COVID-19 SLB, Aug 11)

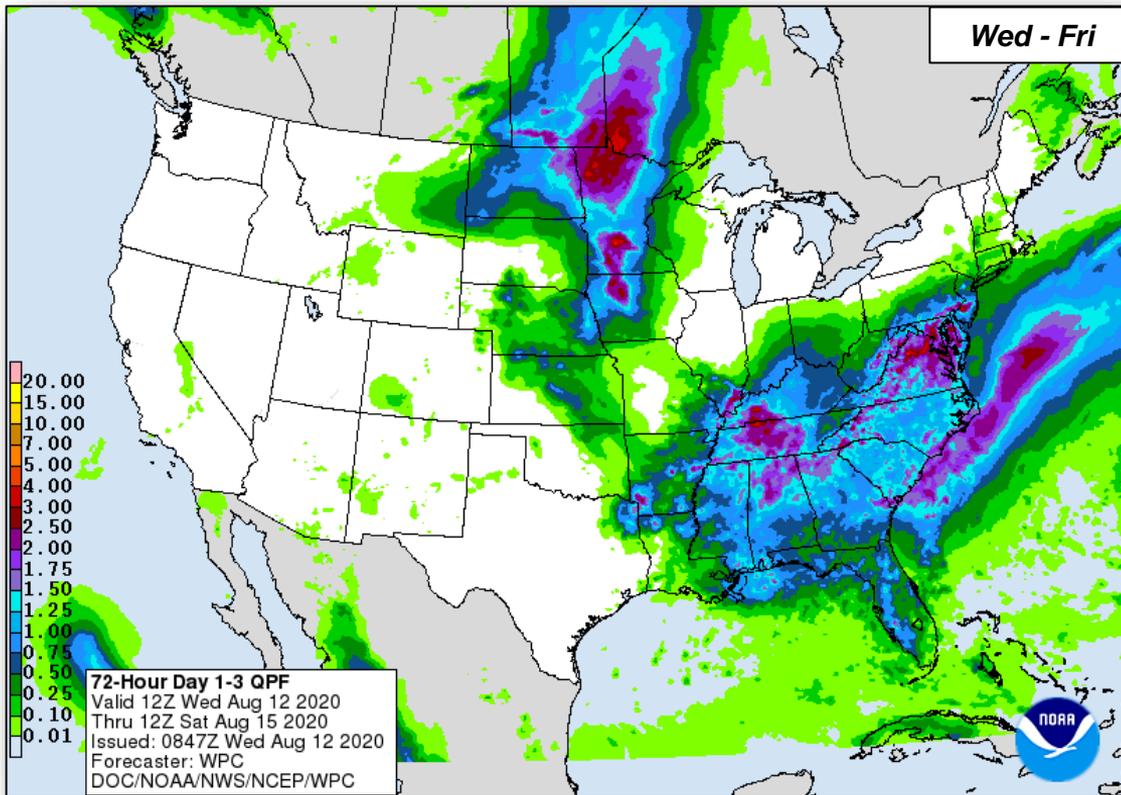
National Weather Forecast



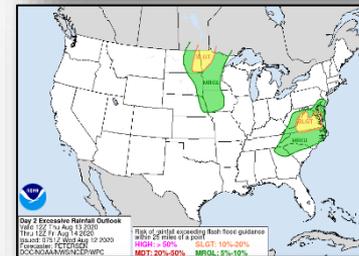
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



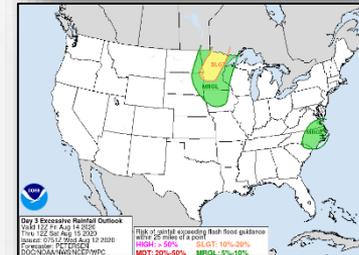
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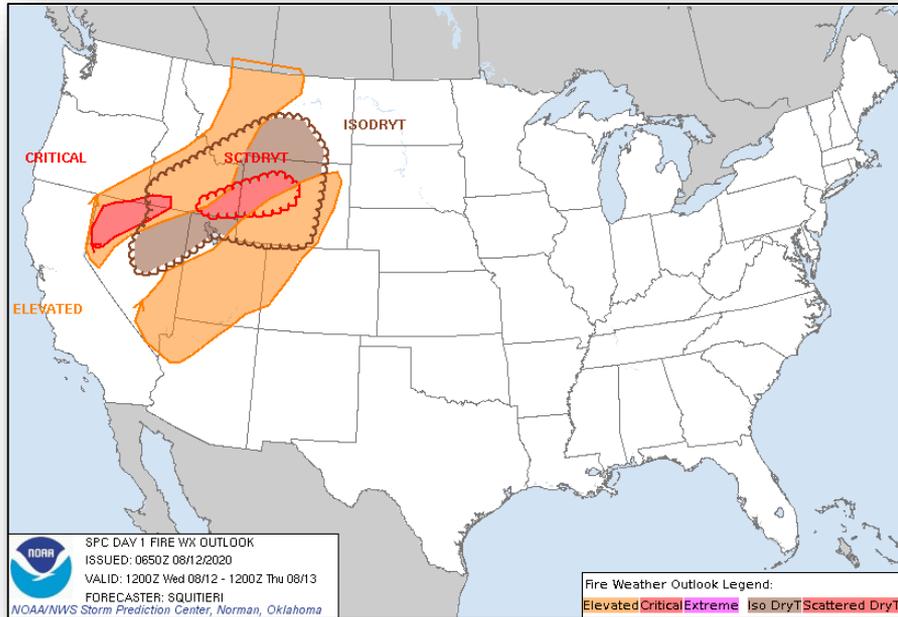


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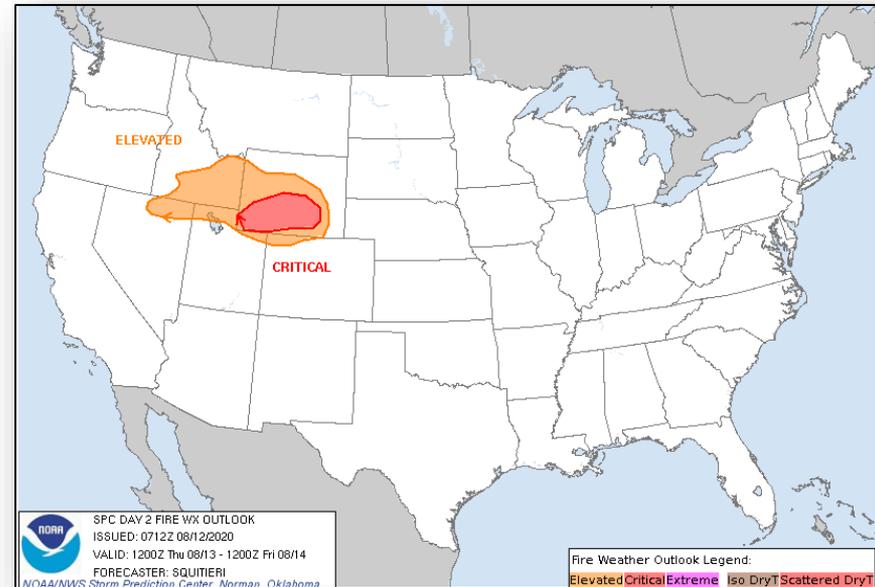


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Fire Weather Outlook



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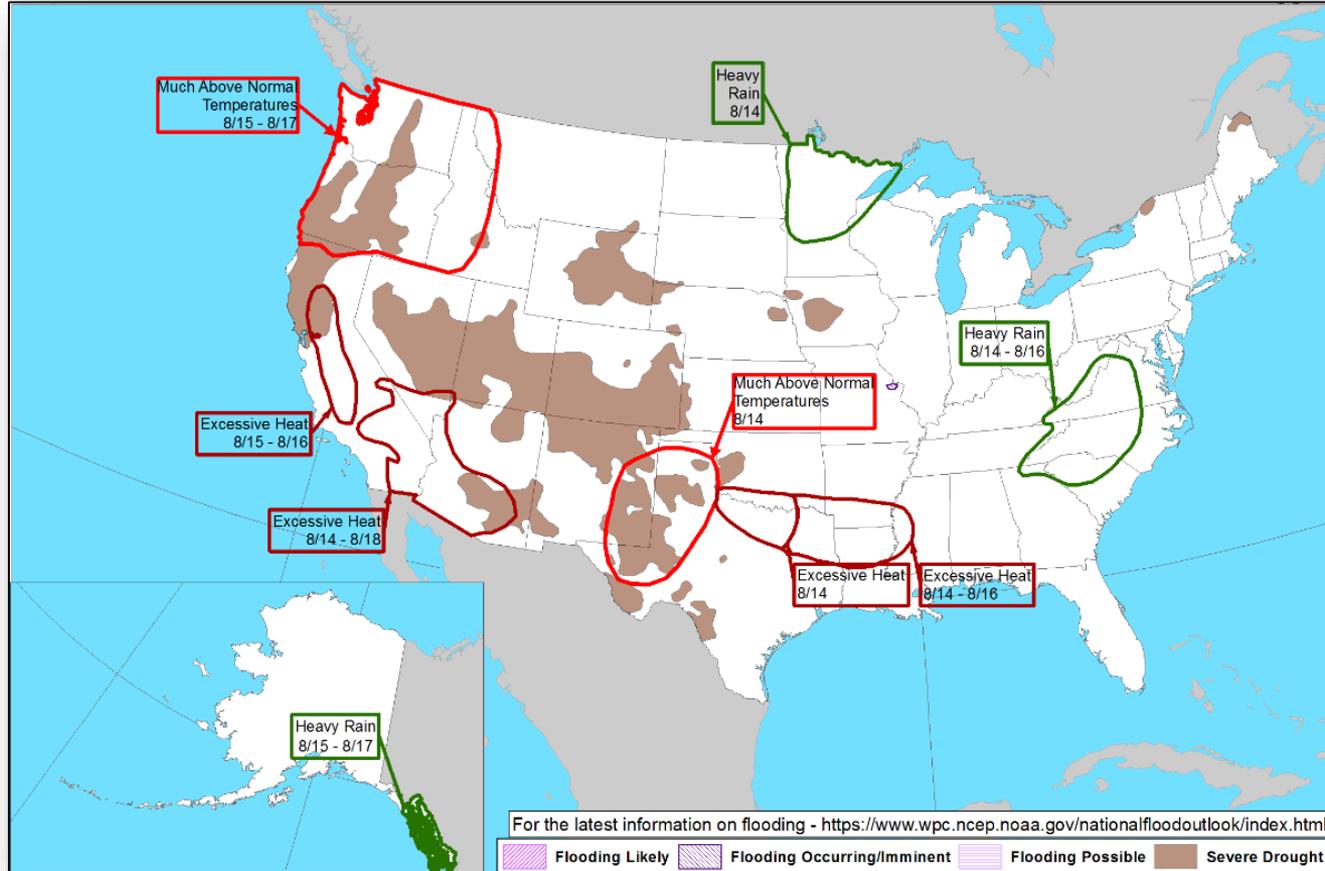


Tomorrow

Hazards Outlook – Aug 14-18



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
II	PR	Tropical Storm Isaias July 27, 2020 and continuing	IA	5	1	8/5 – TBD
			PA	3	2	8/5 – TBD
VI	TX	Hurricane Hanna July 25, 2020 and continuing	IA	6	0	7/29 – TBD
			PA	6	0	7/29 – TBD

Declaration Requests in Process – 3



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State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Poarch Band of Creek Indians – COVID-19 Pandemic	DR	X	X		May 15
LA – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 10
MN – Fire due to civil unrest (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 7



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