

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, July 8, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Partial Building Collapse – Surfside, FL
- Tropical Storm Elsa Response
- Texas Gulf Coast Flooding

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms possible – Northern/Central Plains; coastal Carolinas
- Heavy rain and flash flooding – Southern Plains; Southeast to Northeast
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Great Basin to Northern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic: Tropical Storm Elsa

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4598-DR-MS
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3561-EM-FL

## Event Monitoring

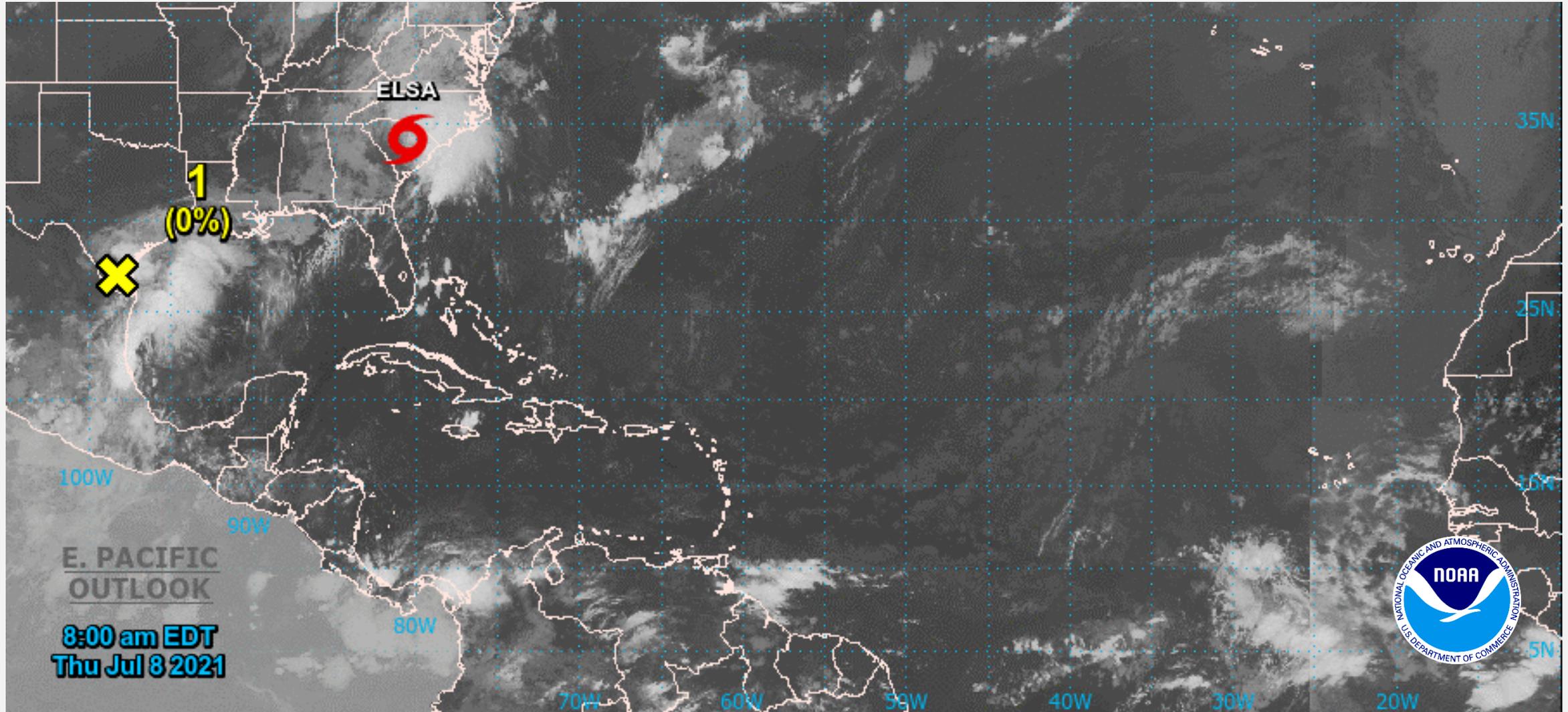
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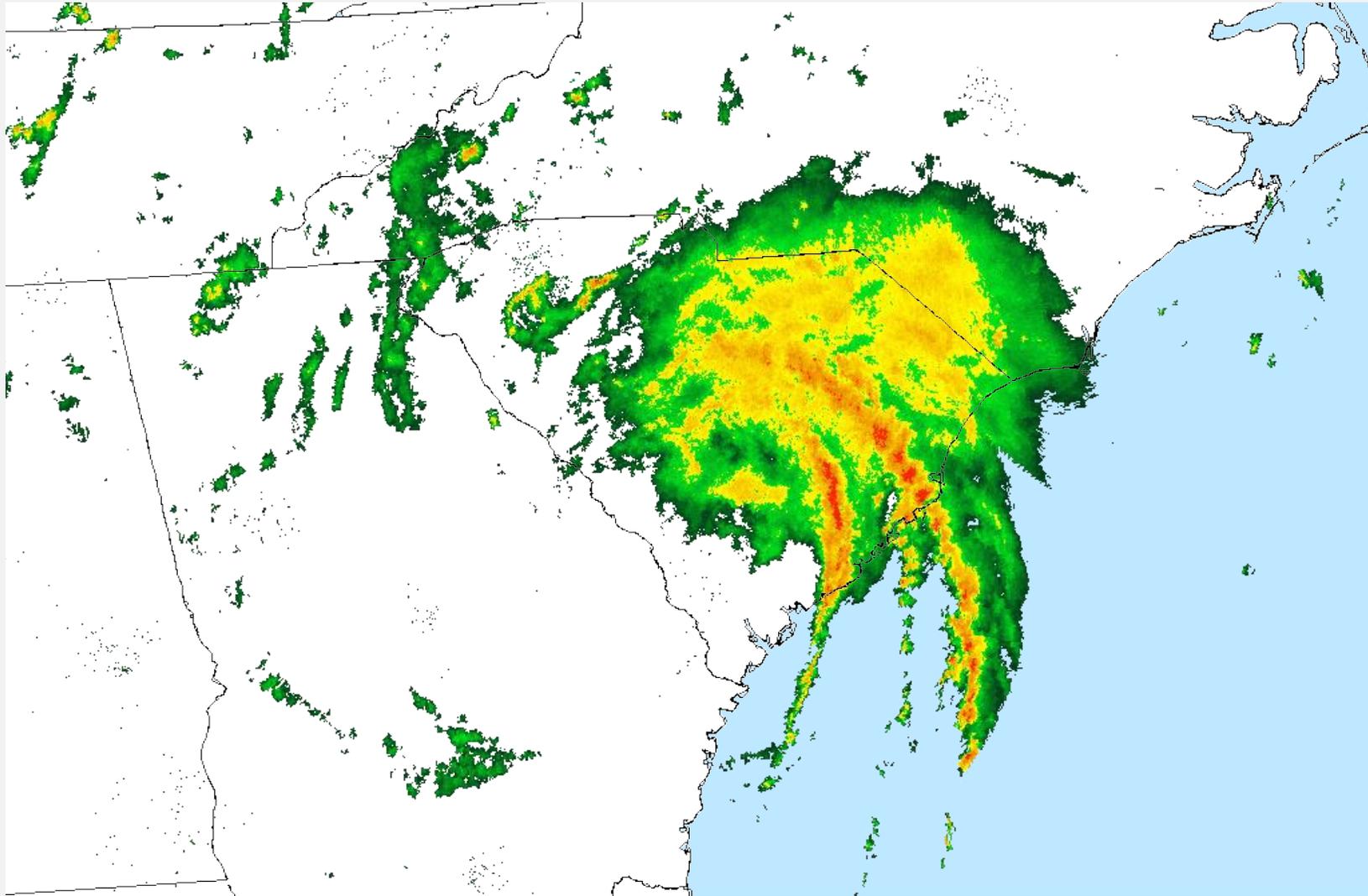
# Atlantic Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Tropical Storm Elsa

## RADAR LOOP



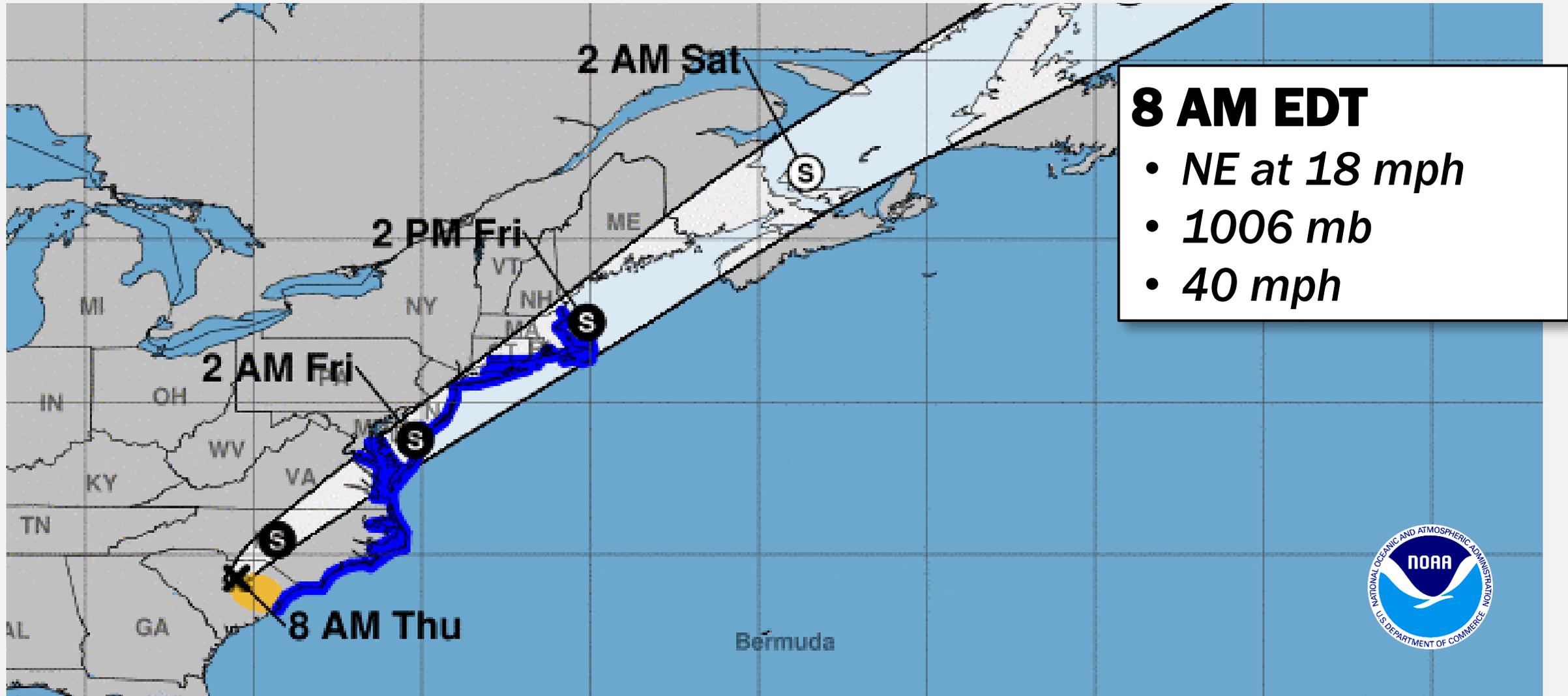
**8 AM EDT**

- *NE at 18 mph*
- *1006 mb*
- *40 mph*



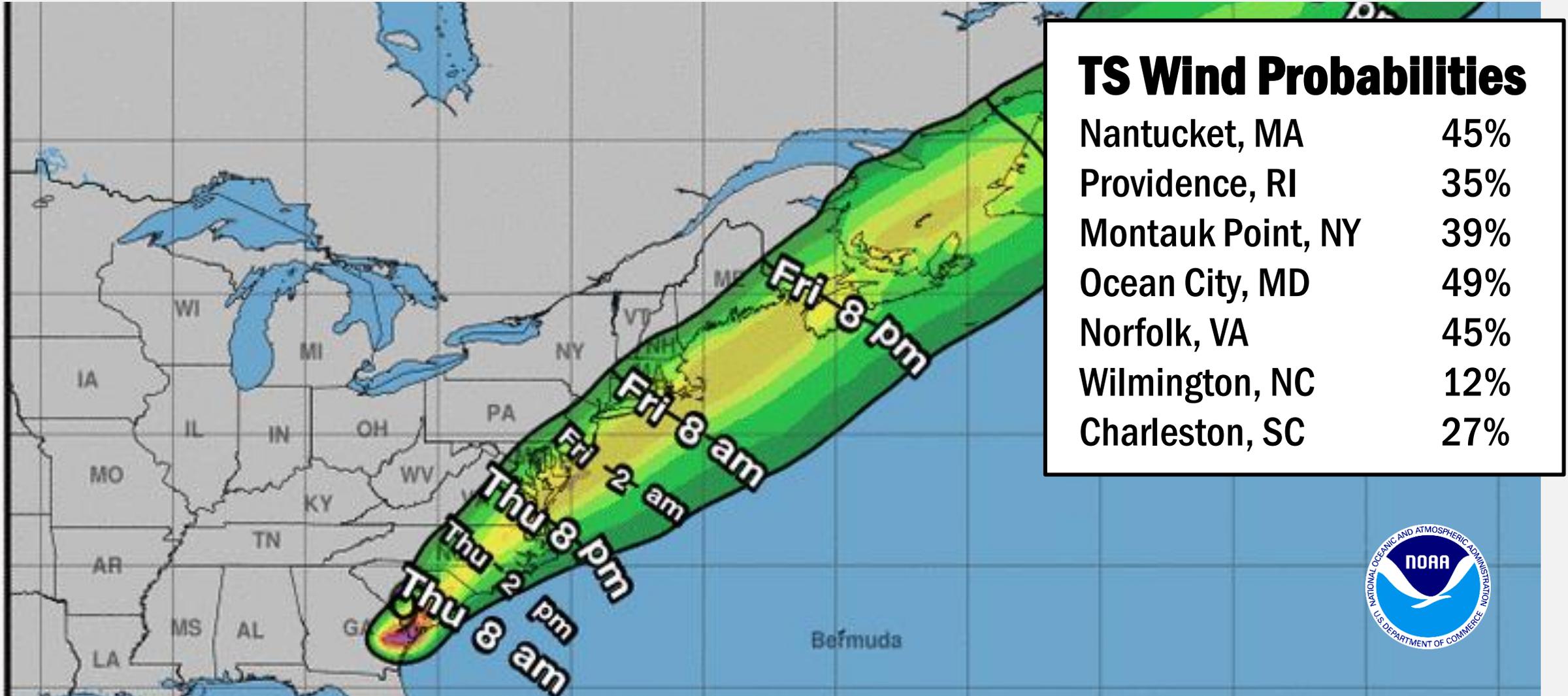
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## FORECAST TRACK



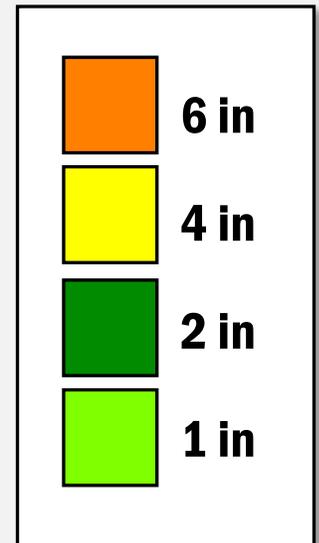
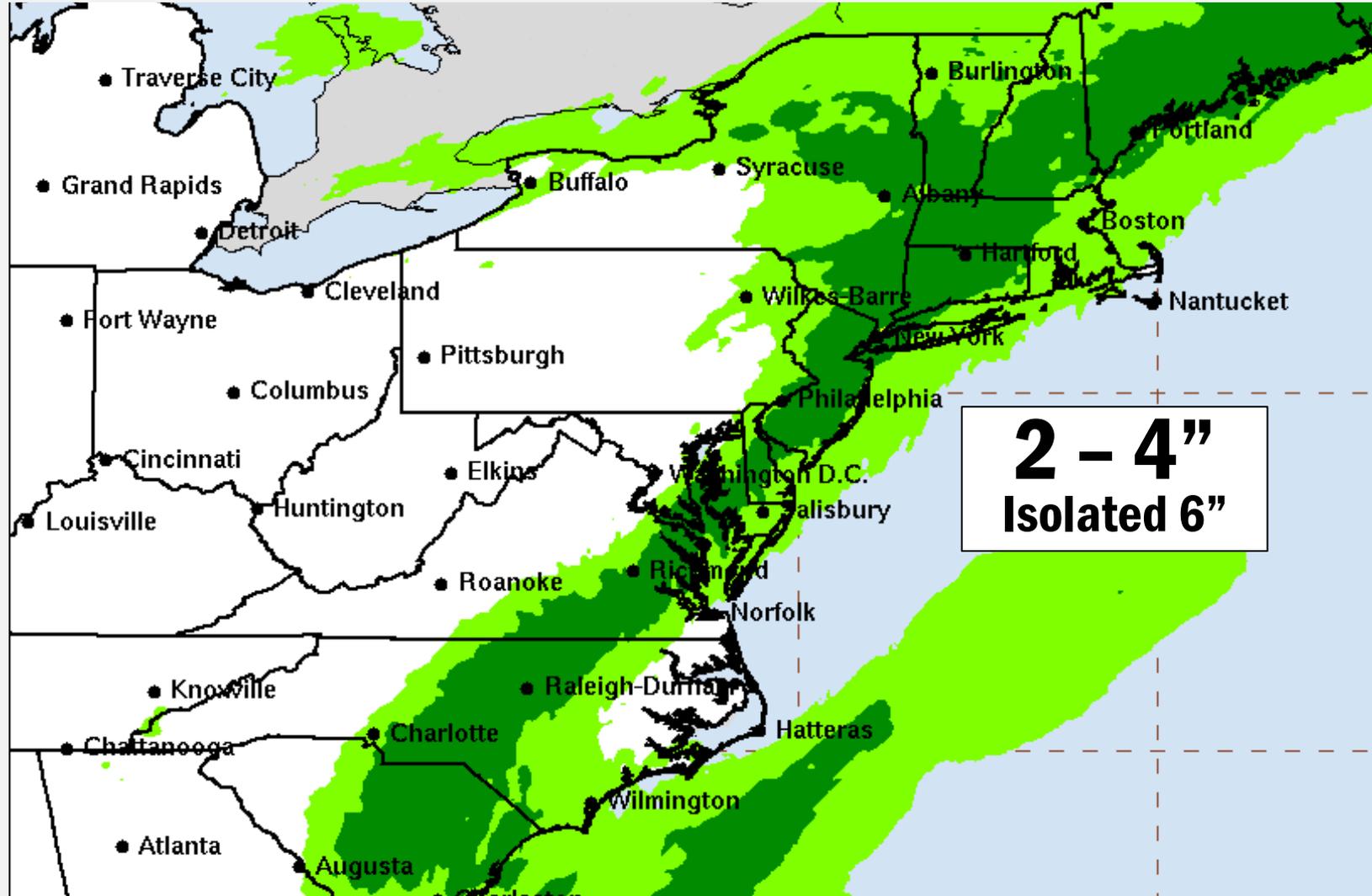
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## MOST LIKELY ARRIVAL OF TS WINDS



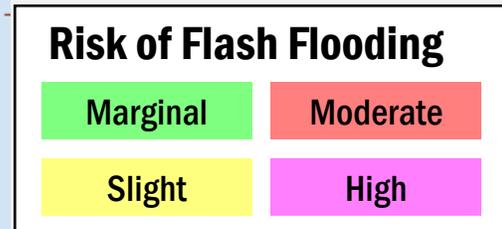
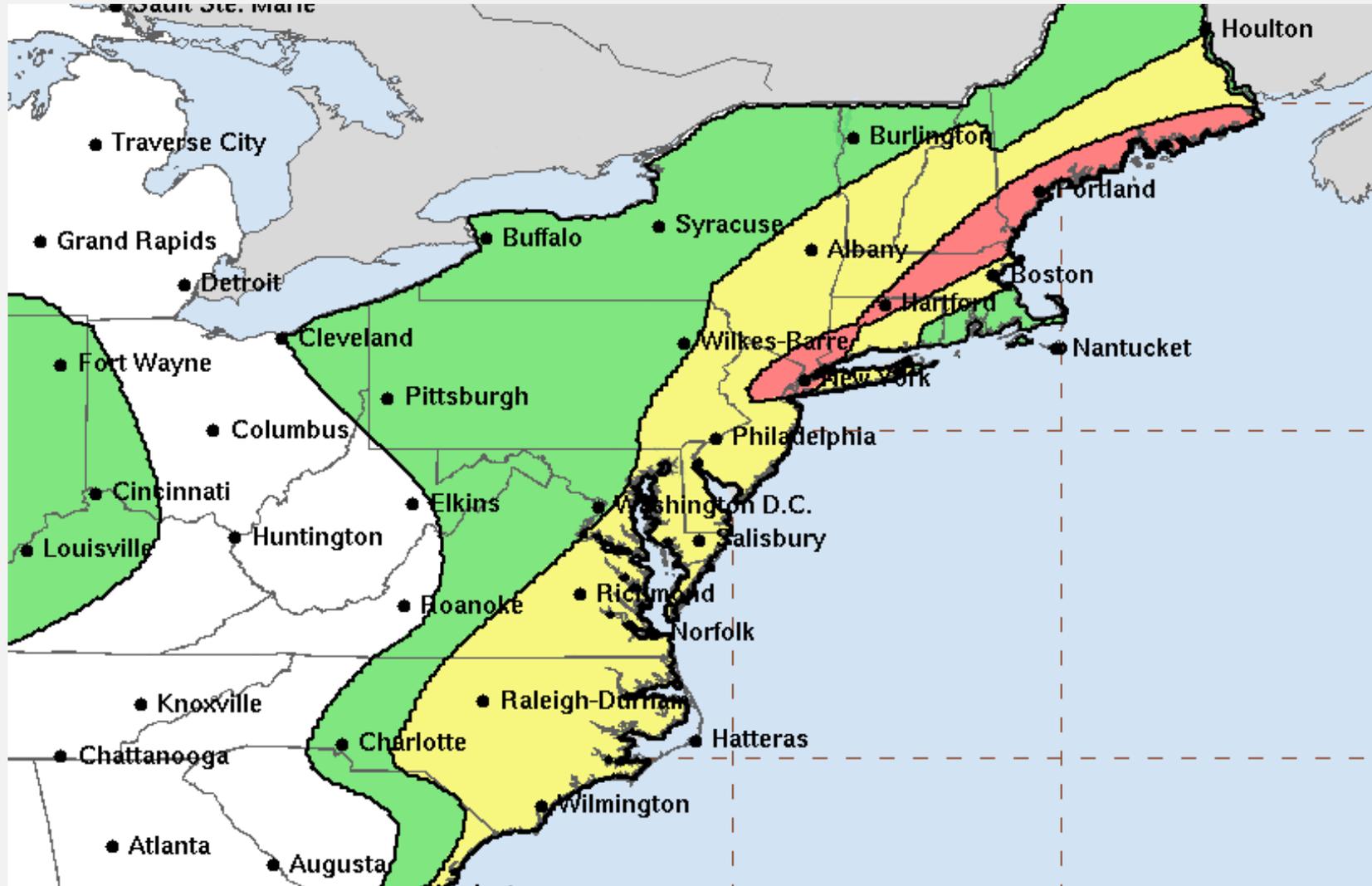
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## 2 DAY RAINFALL



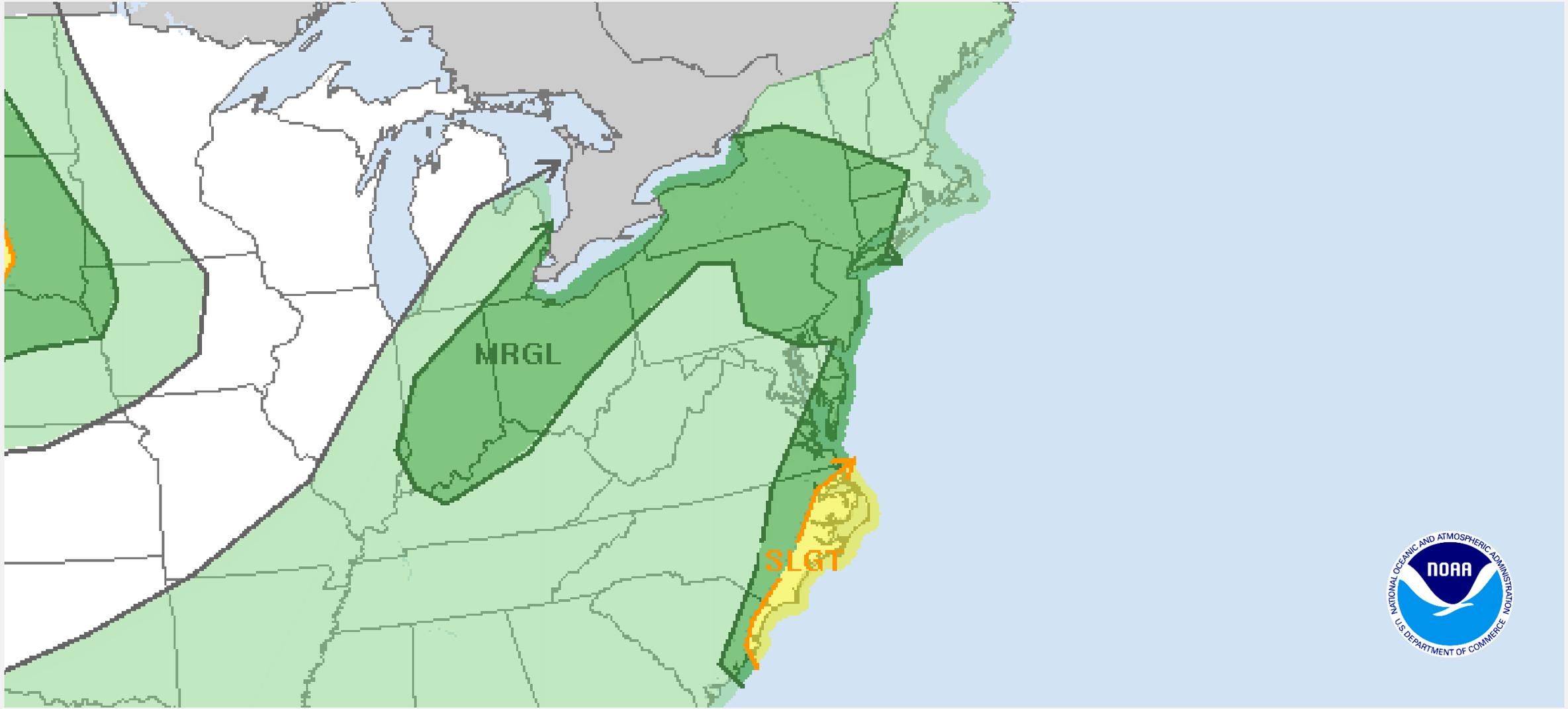
# Tropical Storm Elsa

## FLASH FLOOD POTENTIAL



# Tropical Storm Elsa

## DAY 1 CONVECTIVE OUTLOOK



# East Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Central Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Tropical Storm Elsa



**Current Situation:** Elsa will move over South Carolina and North Carolina today, pass near the eastern Mid-Atlantic states by tonight, and move near or over the Northeast on Friday and Friday night.

## Lifeline Impacts Safety & Security:

- Evacuations lifted in FL

## Food, Water, Shelter:

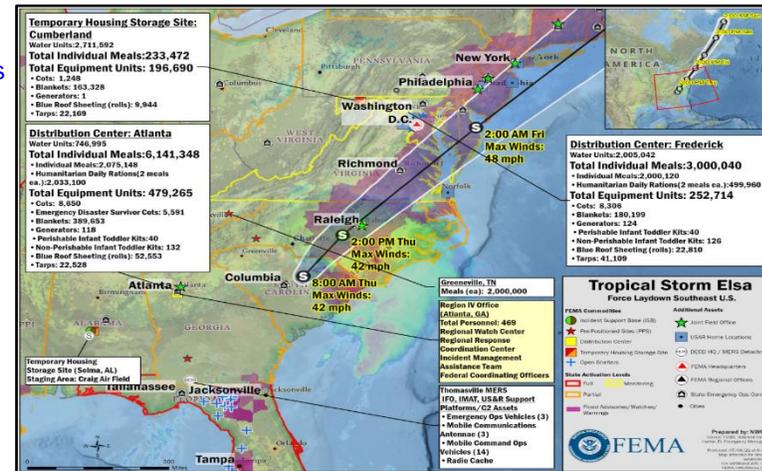
- 5 (-15) shelters open with 15 (-211) occupants in FL (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:09 a.m. ET)

## Energy:

- FL & GA: Minimal power outages.
- SC: 99k customers (3%) without power statewide (DOE Eagle-I 6:30 a.m. ET)

## Transportation:

- Major transportation corridors and evacuation routes are expected to remain open with some impacts to local roads



## State / Local Response:

### Florida:

- FL EOC at Full Activation (TC Elsa and Surfside Building Collapse)
- Governor signed a state of emergency for 33 counties
- 60 FL National Guardsmen staged in central FL

### Tribal Nations:

- Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) tribal EOC activated; Chairman declared a state of emergency

### Georgia:

- GA EOC at Partial Activation (TC Elsa and COVID)
- Governor signed a state of emergency for 92 counties
- State pre-staged commodities across the state

### South Carolina:

- SC EOC at Normal Operations; monitoring; no anticipated change in posture

### North Carolina:

- NC EOC at Partial Activation (TC Elsa and COVID-19)
- No anticipated federal support requirements

## FEMA / Federal Response:

### Region IV:

- RWC at Enhanced Watch; RRCC members on alert
- IMAT-2 on stand-by to deploy to the FL state EOC
- 1 Response LNO and two FIT members deployed to FL EOC; 1 LNO deployed virtually to GA EOC; 2 LNOs on standby to deploy to SC and NC EOC
- Hurricane Liaison Team member deployed to the NHC

### FEMA Headquarters:

- NWC at Enhanced Watch (Day shift only)
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3561-EM-FL approved
- Region V IMAT is immediately available for deployment
- FOD: Recommending FCO and IMAT assignments for potentially impacted States
- Logistics: Staging Team-ATL and Incident Support Base (ISB) Team deployed to Craig Field, AL
- US&R: 2 national teams on alert for potential deployment; Red IST placed on two-hour deploy order
- DEC MERS: Identifying and sourcing requirements
- ESFs: Coordinating potential requirements
- CISA: Protection Security Advisor (PSA) deployed to FL EOC



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# Partial Building Collapse – Surfside, FL



## Current Situation:

Response operations have now transitioned to recovery

**Lifeline Impacts:** (EM-3560-FL Daily Snapshot, as of 8:00 a.m. ET, July 8)

**Safety & Security:** 86 (-23) individuals remain unaccounted for

**Food, Water, Shelter:** ARC: 18 hotel rooms sheltering 31 survivors (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:00 a.m. ET July 8)

**Health & Medical:** 11 injuries / 54 (+18) fatalities

## FEMA / Federal Response

- Region IV RWC at Enhanced Watch (Tropical Cyclone Elsa); IMAT-1 deployed to FL; RRCC rostered and available
- Initial Operating Facility (IOF) established; Emergency Declaration FEMA-3560-EM-FL approved; COOP procedures in effect for IOF personnel due to TC Elsa
- Deployed FEMA Resources: Total Staff- 114 (101 deployed; 13 pending check-in)
- US&R
  - 3 structural engineers (1 demobilized); 1 Incident Support Team (IST) (38 system/3 FEMA personnel)
  - 5 Type-1 US&R TFs: VA-TF2, OH-TF1, PA-TF1, IN-TF1, and NJ-TF1
  - 5 Mission Ready Packages (10 structural engineers): NY-TF1, VA-TF1, MD-TF1, CA-TF 5 & 7
  - 2 Type-1 TFs (TX-TF1 & NY-TF1) on alert
- 4 FEMA LNOs deployed to FL; 2 from US&R, 1 from FIMA, and 1 from Region IV
- ESF #15 (External Affairs): Team Leader; MERS personnel and equipment
- Individual Assistance (IA) registration intake opened; IA staff on-site; 93 (+2) registrations, 31 funeral registrations complete
- 8 (+1) Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) received; 3 RPAs eligible, 5 (+1) pending
- USACE: ESF #3 Team Leader, 3 Geotechnical/Structural Safety Specialists, & 2 Debris SMEs onsite
  - All Structural Specialists established monitoring stations after the controlled implosion on the large rubble pile to ensure safety



## State / Local Response:

- FL EOC at Partial (COVID-19);
- Governor declared State of Emergency; Miami-Dade County signed a Local State of Emergency
- FDEM IMT demobilizing over half of its IMT to return to the state EOC for Elsa response; will deploy a second IMT following TC Elsa response
- FL US&R: TF1 & 2 onsite; TF3-8 demobilized/reconstituting; Crisis Response Team mobilized
- Evidence material: out of approximately 19,700 cubic yards (CY) of debris from the collapsed portion of the building, 6,526 (+1,806) CY have been removed (approximate total for the entire building is 50k CY)



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# Flooding - Texas



## Current Situation:

- Heavy rainfall (10-15 inches) with locally higher amounts possible along Texas coastline, mainly between Corpus Christi and Victoria
- Widespread flash flooding possible for the middle to lower Texas coast
- Moderate to major river flooding likely
- Flash Flood Warnings and Watches are in effect

## Lifeline Impacts:

### Safety & Security:

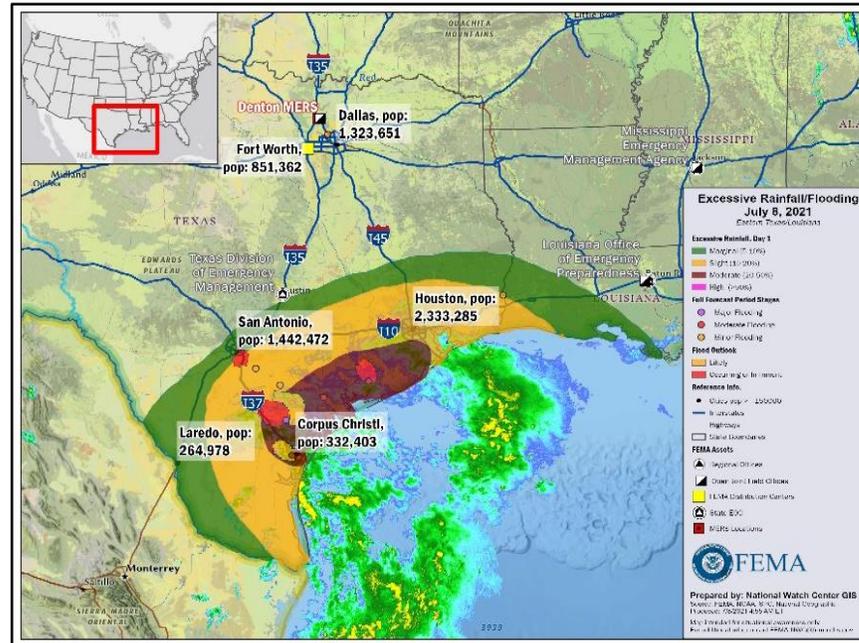
- Several high-water rescues in Rockport, TX
- Evacuations of low-lying areas possible
- Possible damage to homes
- Reservoirs are well-positioned for storage
- River impacts may take several days to react to runoff from several days of rain

### Food, Water, Shelter:

- 1 shelter open with no occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:09 a.m. ET)

### Transportation:

- Multiple roadways in city of Rockport are impassable



## FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region VI / Denton MOC continue to monitor; RRCC at Level III (COVID-19); IMAT-1 and IMAT-2 are available
- Region VI staff collocated at TX EOC, will continue to coordinate with the state
- NWC continues to monitor

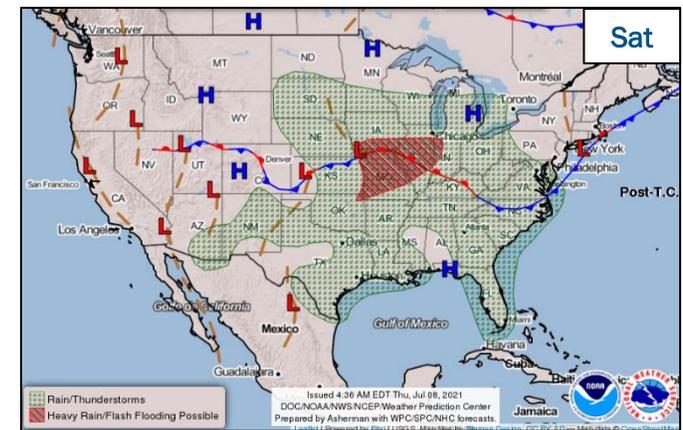
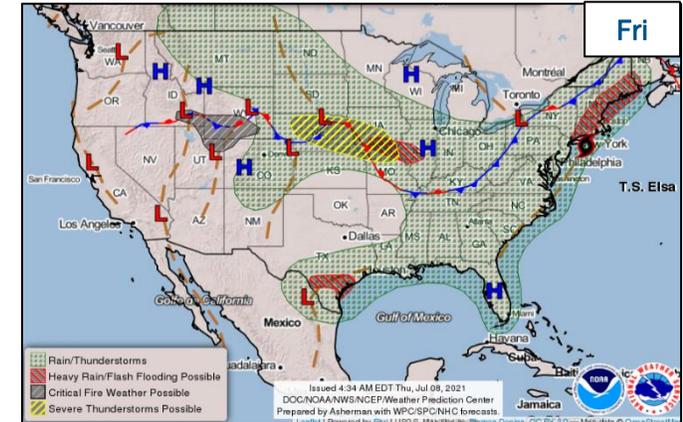
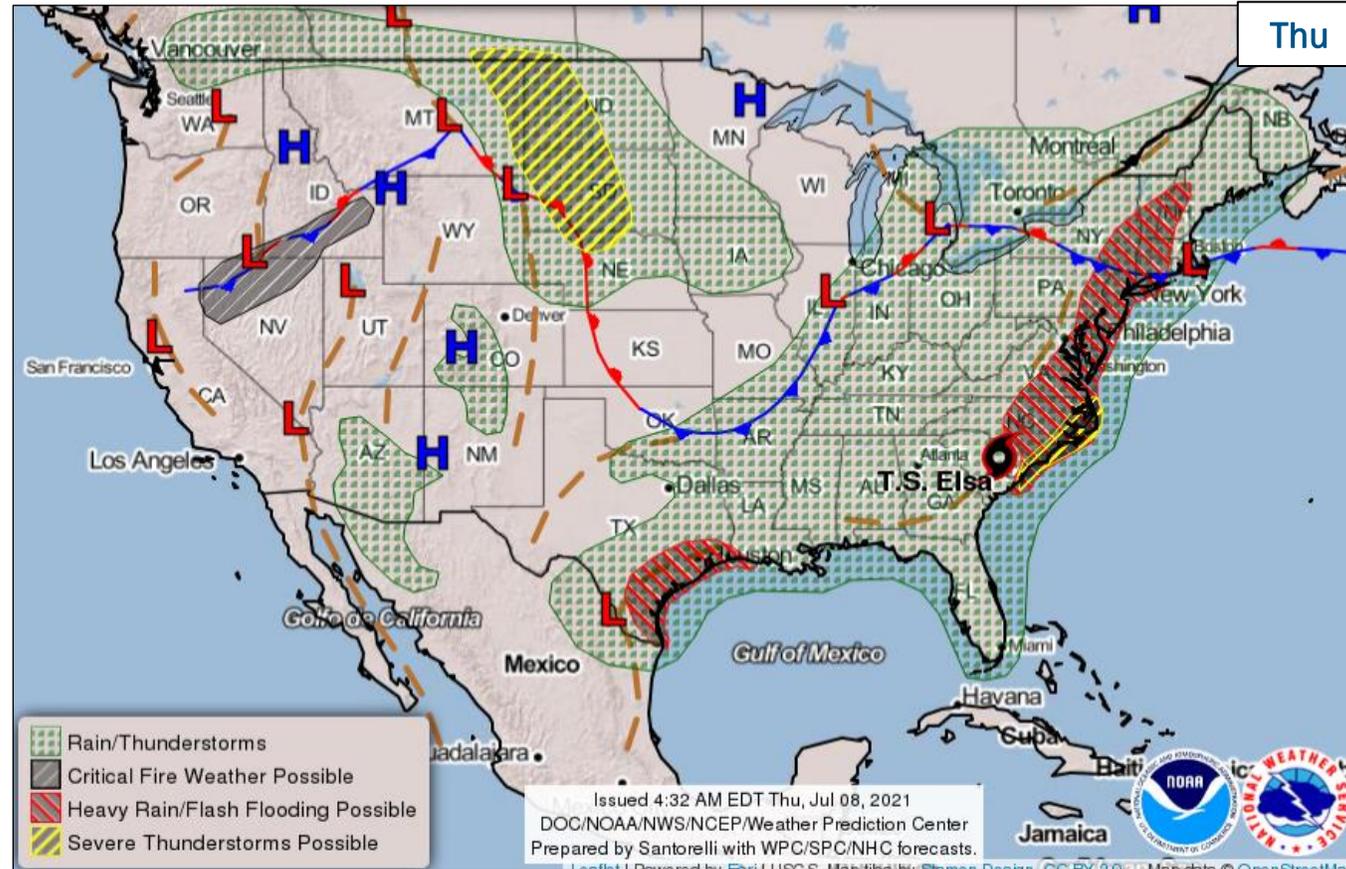
## State / Local Response:

- TX EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- State assets, including water rescue boats, and crews are available
- No requests for FEMA assistance



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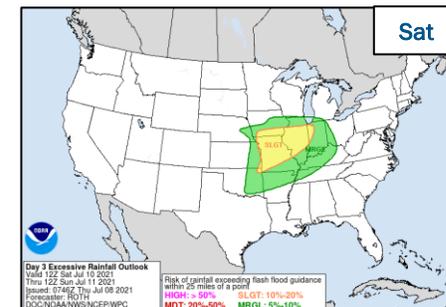
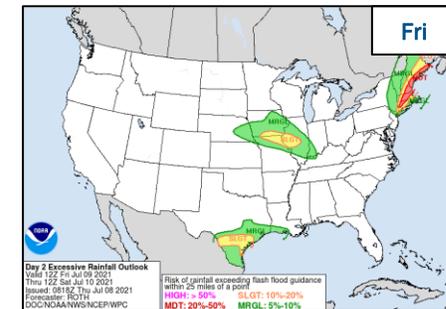
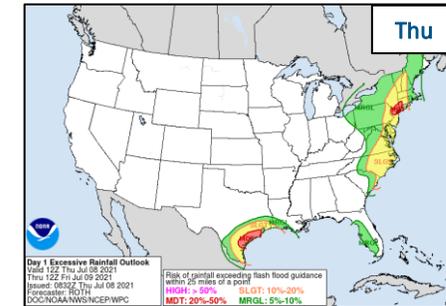
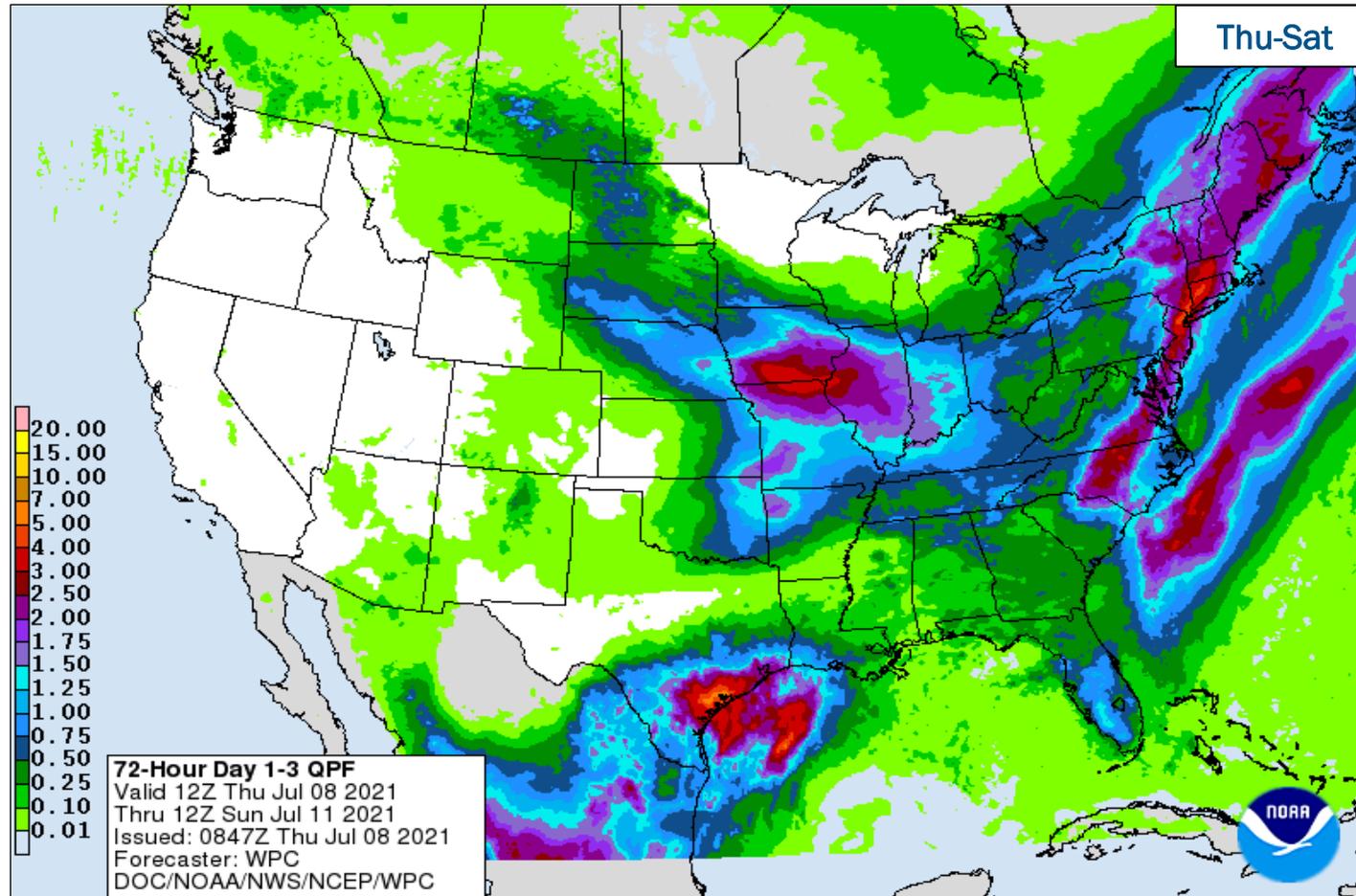
# National Weather Forecast



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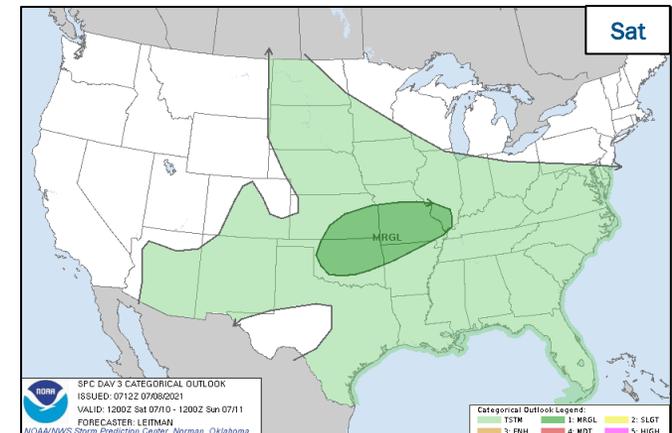
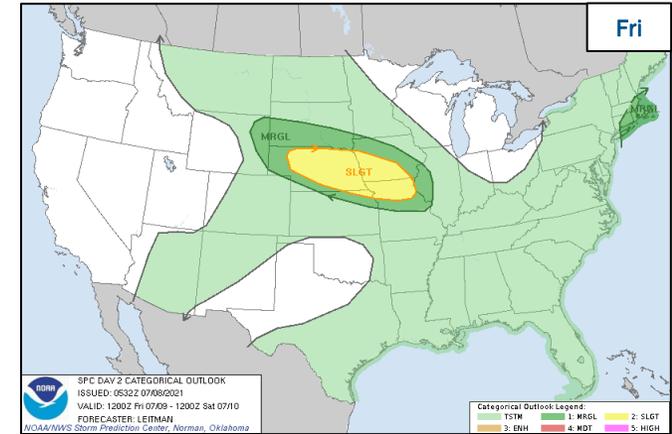
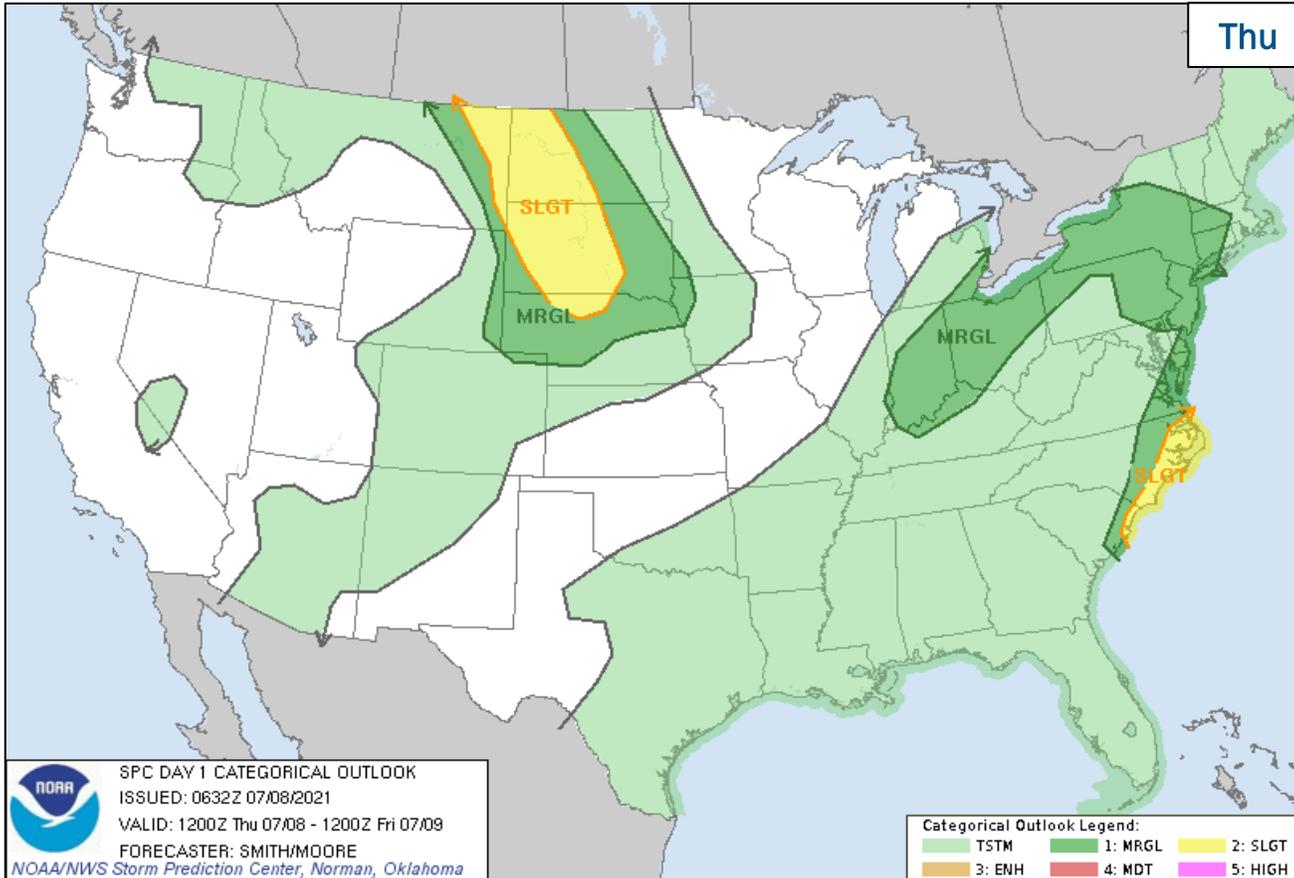
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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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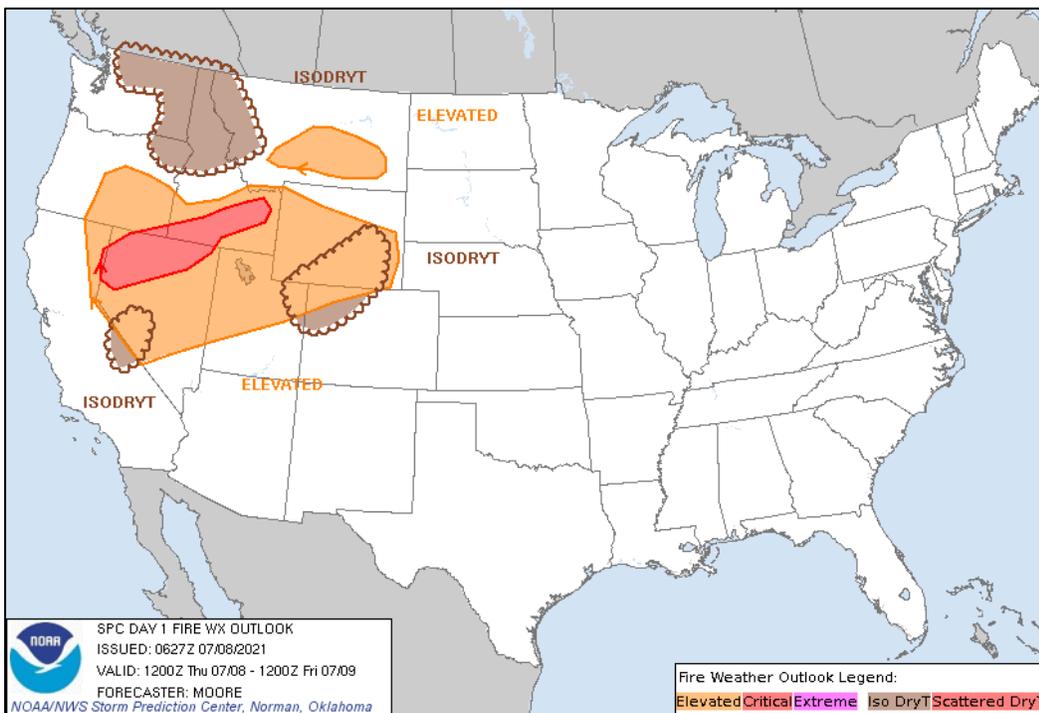
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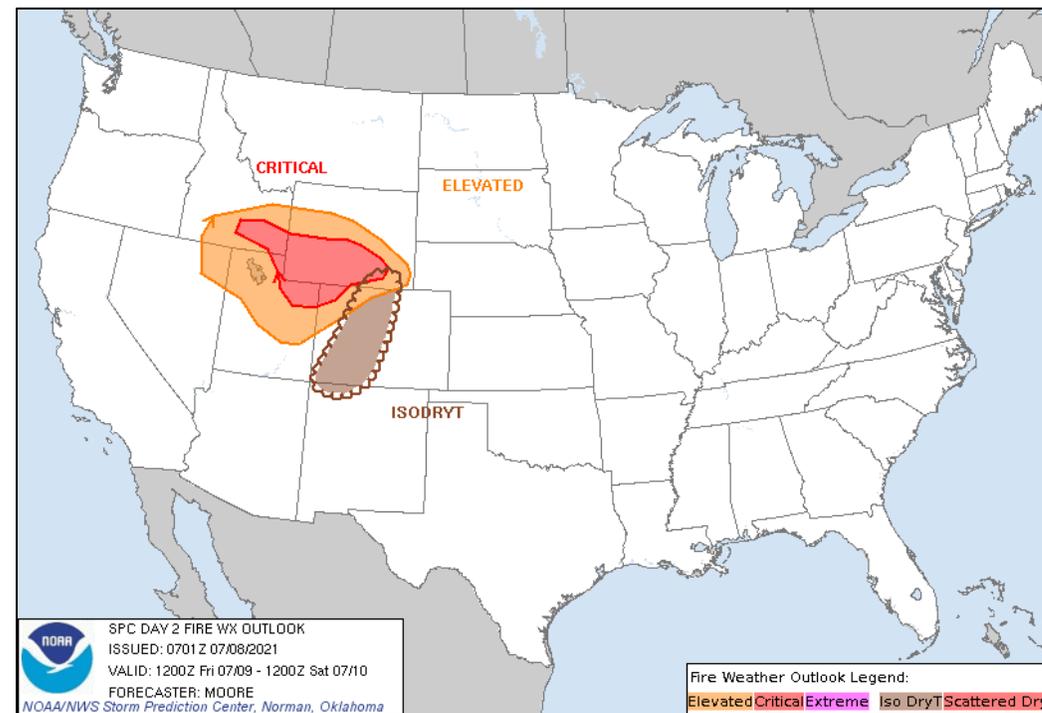
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# Fire Weather Outlook



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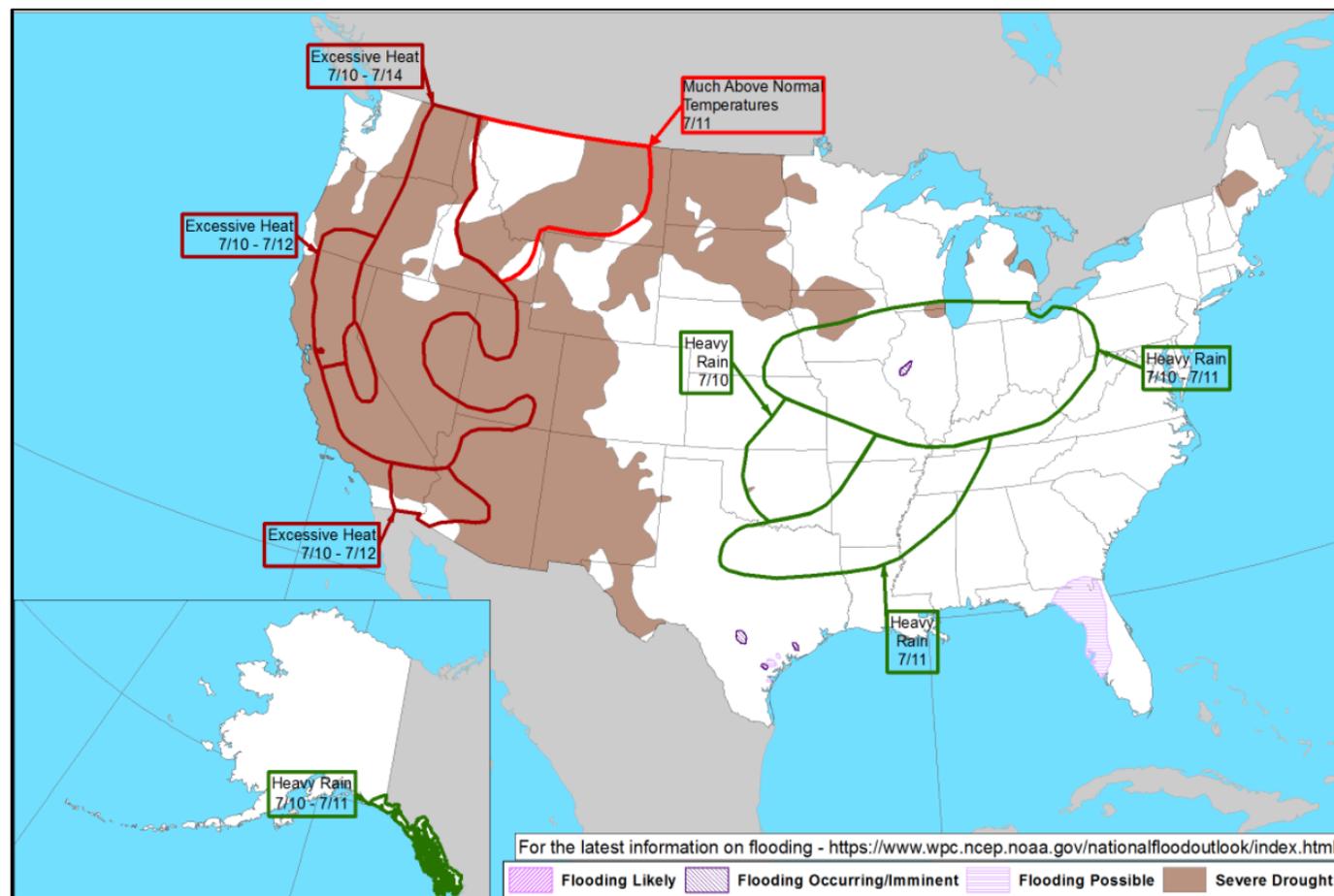
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# Hazards Outlook – Jul 10-14

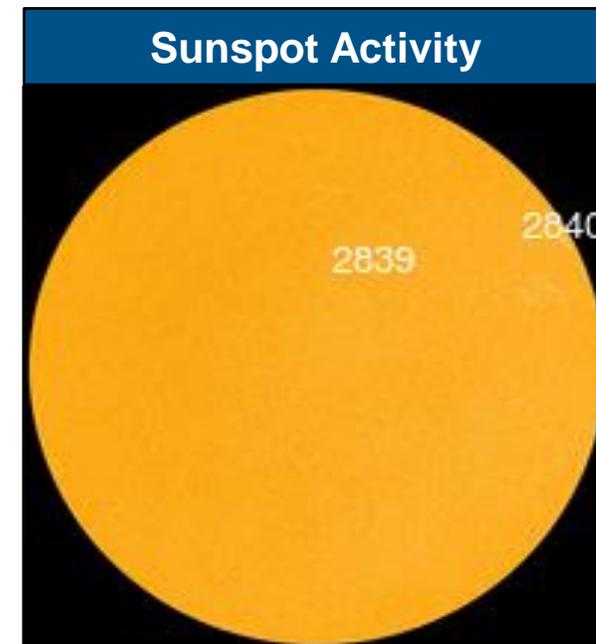
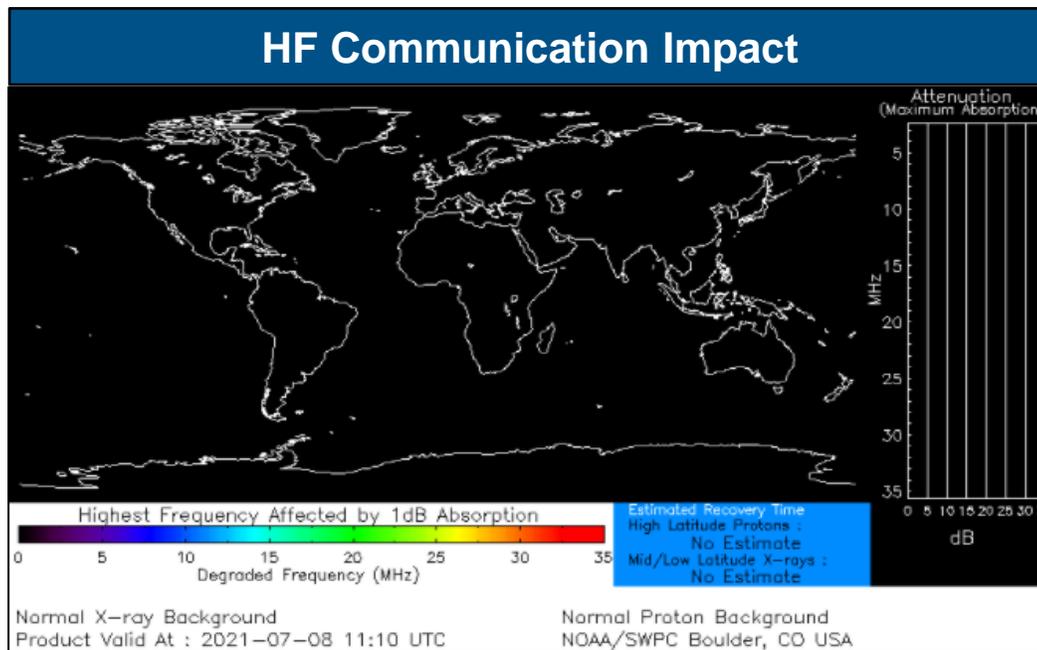


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# Space Weather Outlook

|               | 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>  
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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# Wildfire Summary

| Fire Name<br>(County, ST) | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                           |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Andrus<br>(Spokane, WA)   | 5395-FM-WA | 232 (-68)       | 30% (+30)            | M:0         | H: 24                      | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 0                    |
|                           |            |                 |                      | V: 0        | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |

*(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)*



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# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Event                                    | IA | Number of Counties |          | Start - End |
|--------|------------------|--|----|--------------------|----------|-------------|
|        |                  |  | PA | Requested          | Complete |             |
| V      | MI               | Severe Weather and Flooding<br>Jun 25-26 | IA | 2 (+1)             | 0        | 7/8 - TBD   |
|        |                  |  | PA | 3                  | 0        | 7/8 - TBD   |
| VII    | MO               | Severe Weather<br>Jun 19-Jul 1           | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |  | PA | 17                 | 0        | 7/8 - TBD   |
| VIII   | MT               | Severe Storms<br>Jun 8-10                | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |  | PA | 5                  | 0        | 6/21 - TBD  |
|        | ND               | Severe Storms<br>Jun 8-11                | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |  | PA | 9                  | 0        | 7/6 - TBD   |



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# Declaration Requests in Process - 1

| State / Tribe / Territory - Incident Description | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| WY - Severe Winter Storms (Appeal)               | DR   |    | X  | X  | 7/2       |



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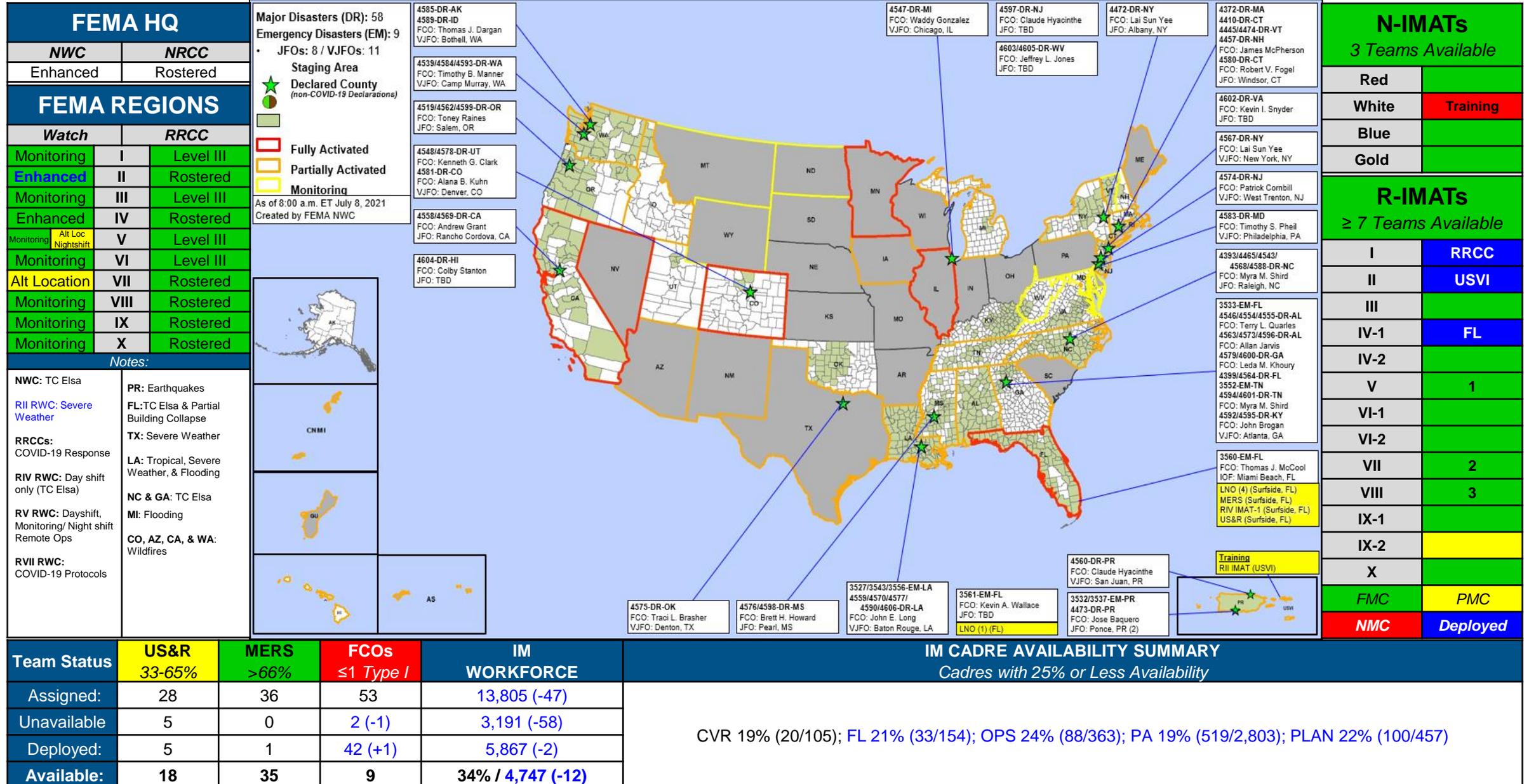
# Declaration Amendments

| Declaration | Number | Issued | Action  |
|-------------|--------|--------|---|
| 4598-DR-MS  | 1      | July 7 | Adds 5 counties for Public Assistance   |
| 3561-EM-FL  | 1      | July 7 | Adds 15 counties for Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) limited to direct Federal assistance for mass care including evacuation and shelter support |



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture





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