

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Depression Nicholas – Response – [Final](#)
- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain/flash flooding – Gulf Coast, Lower Mississippi Valley; Tennessee Valley to the Northeast
- Severe weather possible – Mid-Atlantic to the Northeast
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Tropical Depression Nicholas
    - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
    - Disturbance 2: High (70%)
    - Disturbance 3: Low (20%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Major Disaster Declaration request – VT

## Event Monitoring

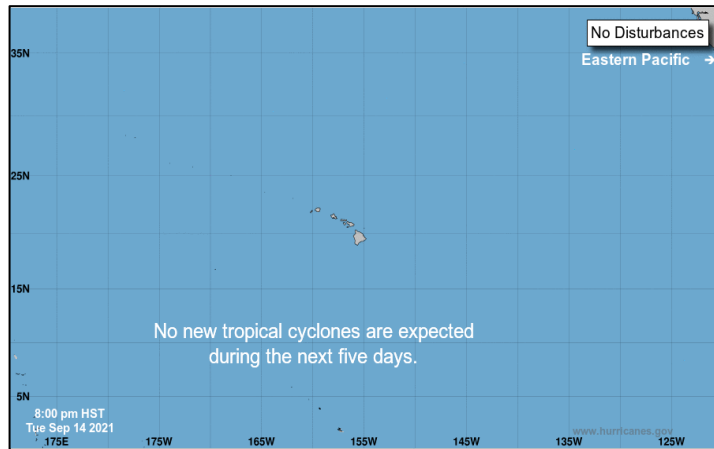
- United Nations General Assembly



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# Tropical Outlook – Five Day

## Central Pacific



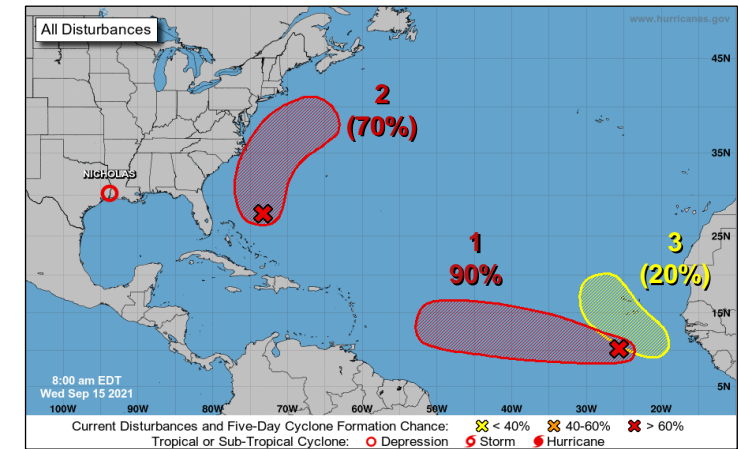
- No new tropical cyclones expected during the next five days

## Eastern Pacific



- No new tropical cyclones expected during the next five days

## Atlantic



### **Tropical Depression Nicholas** (Advisory #12, as of 11:00 p.m. ET)

- The NHC issued the last advisory

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

- Few hundred miles SSW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Tropical depression likely to form during the next couple of days
- Formation chance: 48 hours: High (80%); 5 days: High (90%)

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

- Few hundred miles NE of the central Bahamas
- Tropical depression likely to form in the next few days
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Med (60%); 5 days: High (70%)

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

- Expected to emerge off the west coast of Africa
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 5 days: Low (20%)



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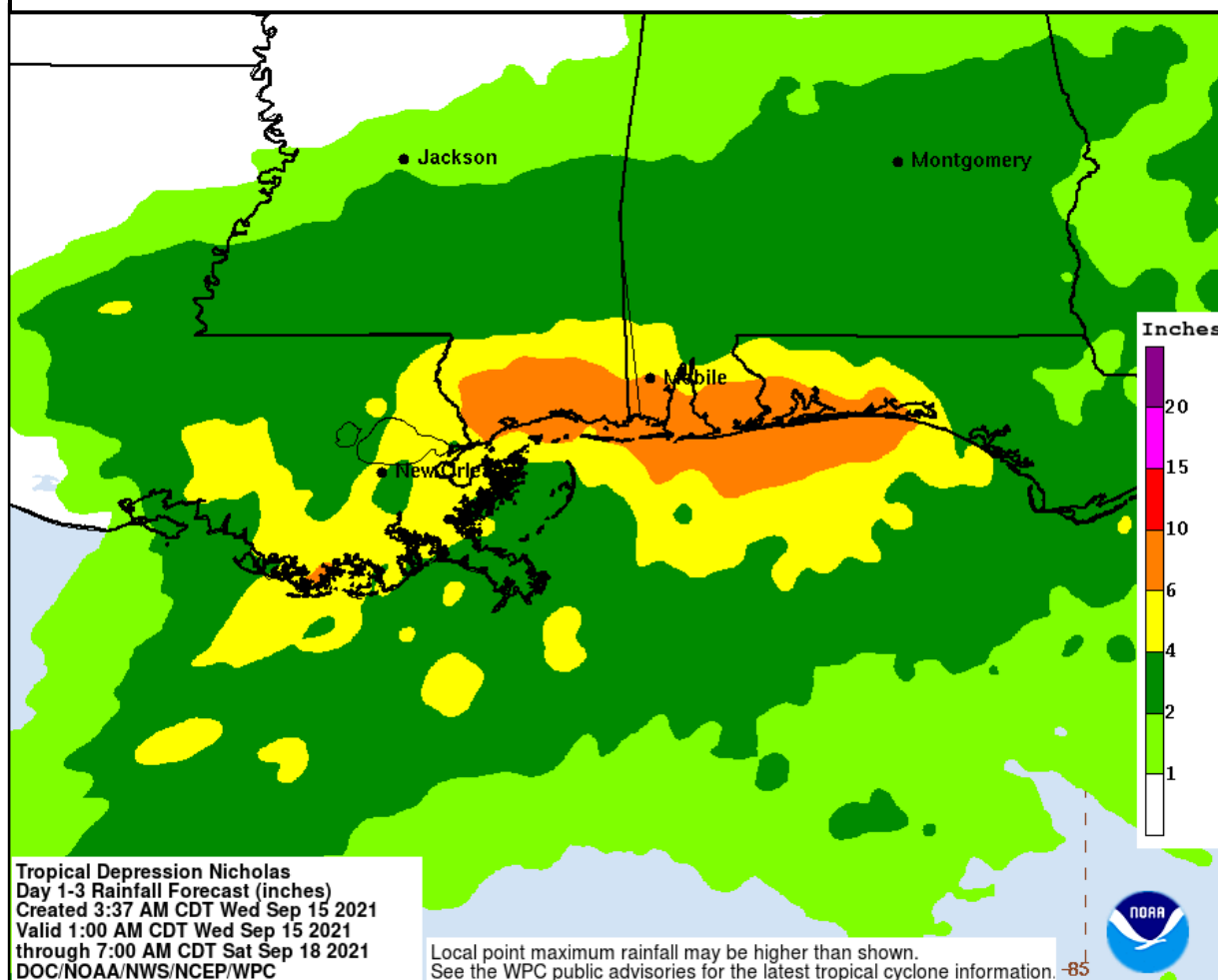
# NWS Weather Prediction Center

Updated 6:00 am EDT, Wednesday, September 15, 2021

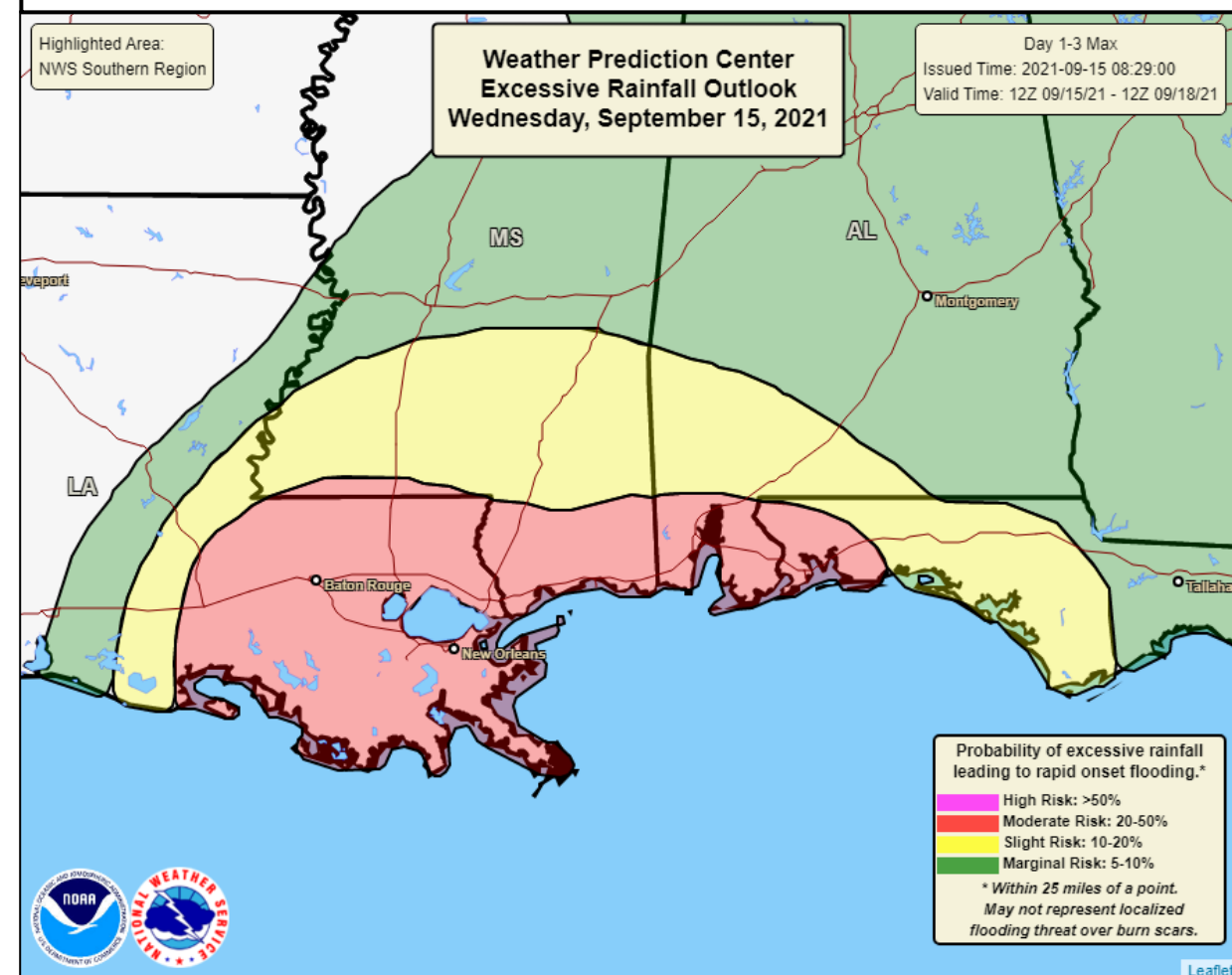


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## 3-Day Rainfall Forecast through Friday Night



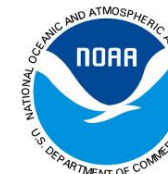
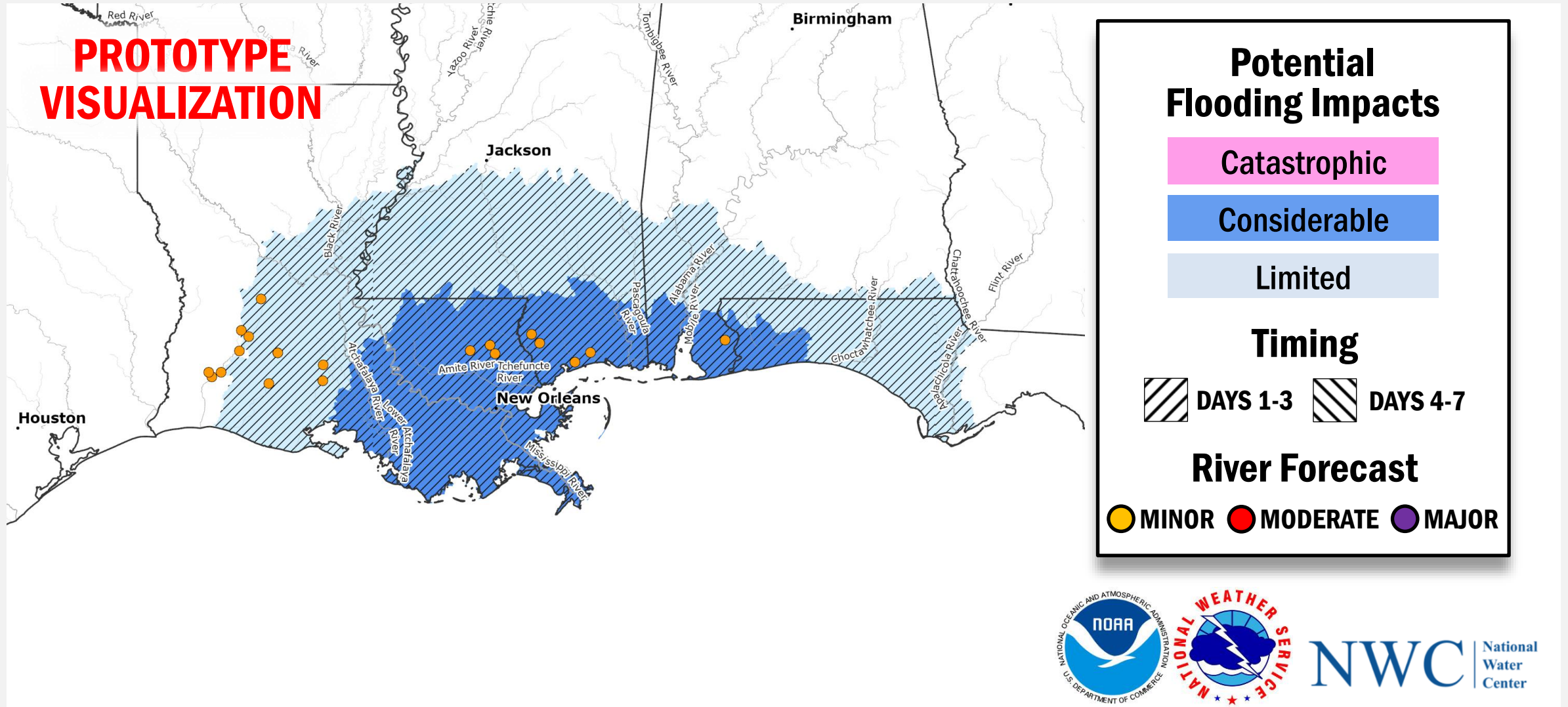
## Excessive Rain / Flash Flood Risk through Fri. Night



Nicholas forecast to move slowly east today, and stall or move very slowly over southwest Louisiana Thursday. Although the circulation may dissipate Thursday Night or Friday, rain chances will continue in the region through the weekend and into early next week.

# Tropical Depression Nicholas

## 7-DAY FLOOD HAZARD OUTLOOK





# Tropical Depression Nicholas – Response – Final

## Situation: (Advisory #12 as of 11:00 p.m. ET)

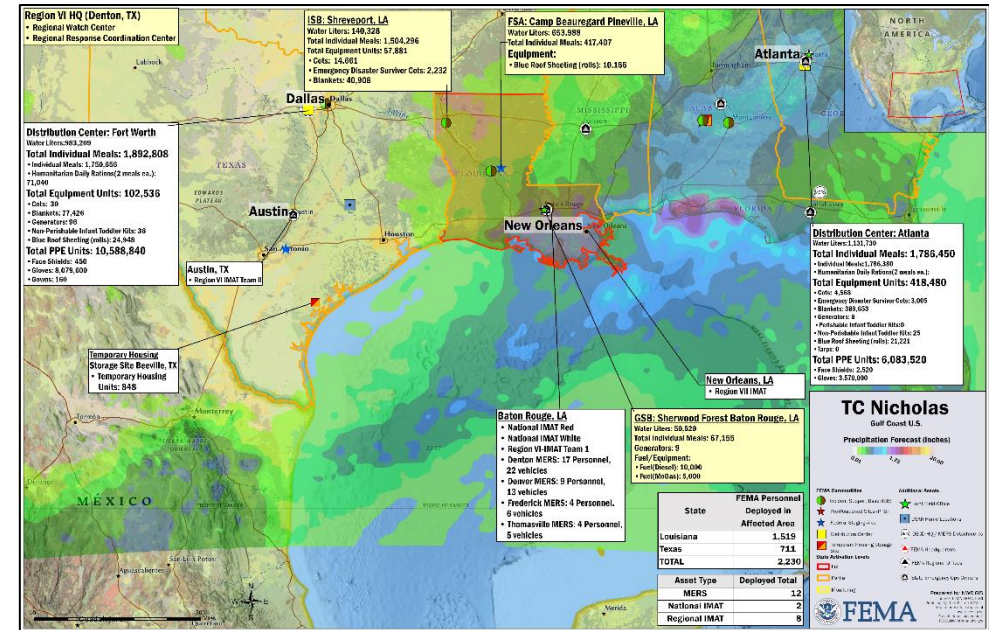
- 15 miles WSW of Port Arthur, TX
- Moving ENE at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Gradual weakening expected; forecast to degenerate into a remnant low by Thursday
- Additional rainfall amounts of 5-10 inches with isolated storm totals of 20 inches possible across portions of southern/central LA, southern MS, far southern AL, and the western FL Panhandle
- Widespread minor to isolated moderate river flooding expected across portions of the upper TX Gulf Coast and southern LA and MS
- This was the last public advisory issued by the National Hurricane Center

## Impacts:

- Customers without power: (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:30 a.m. ET)
  - Texas: 114k statewide
  - Louisiana: 119k statewide

## State / Local Response:

- Texas
  - TX EOC at Partial Activation
  - Governor declared a State of Emergency for 17 counties
- Louisiana
  - LA EOC at Full Activation



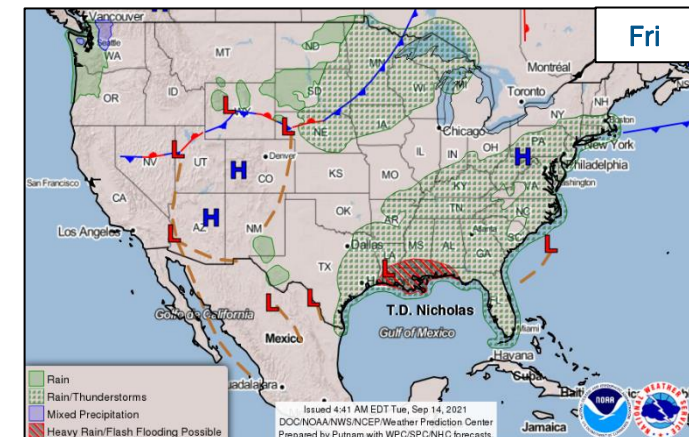
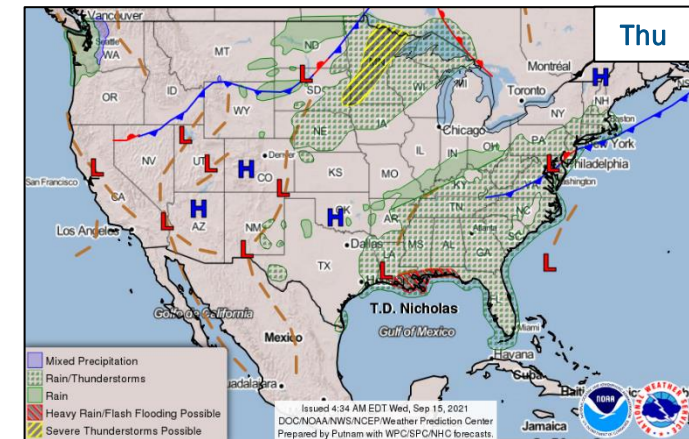
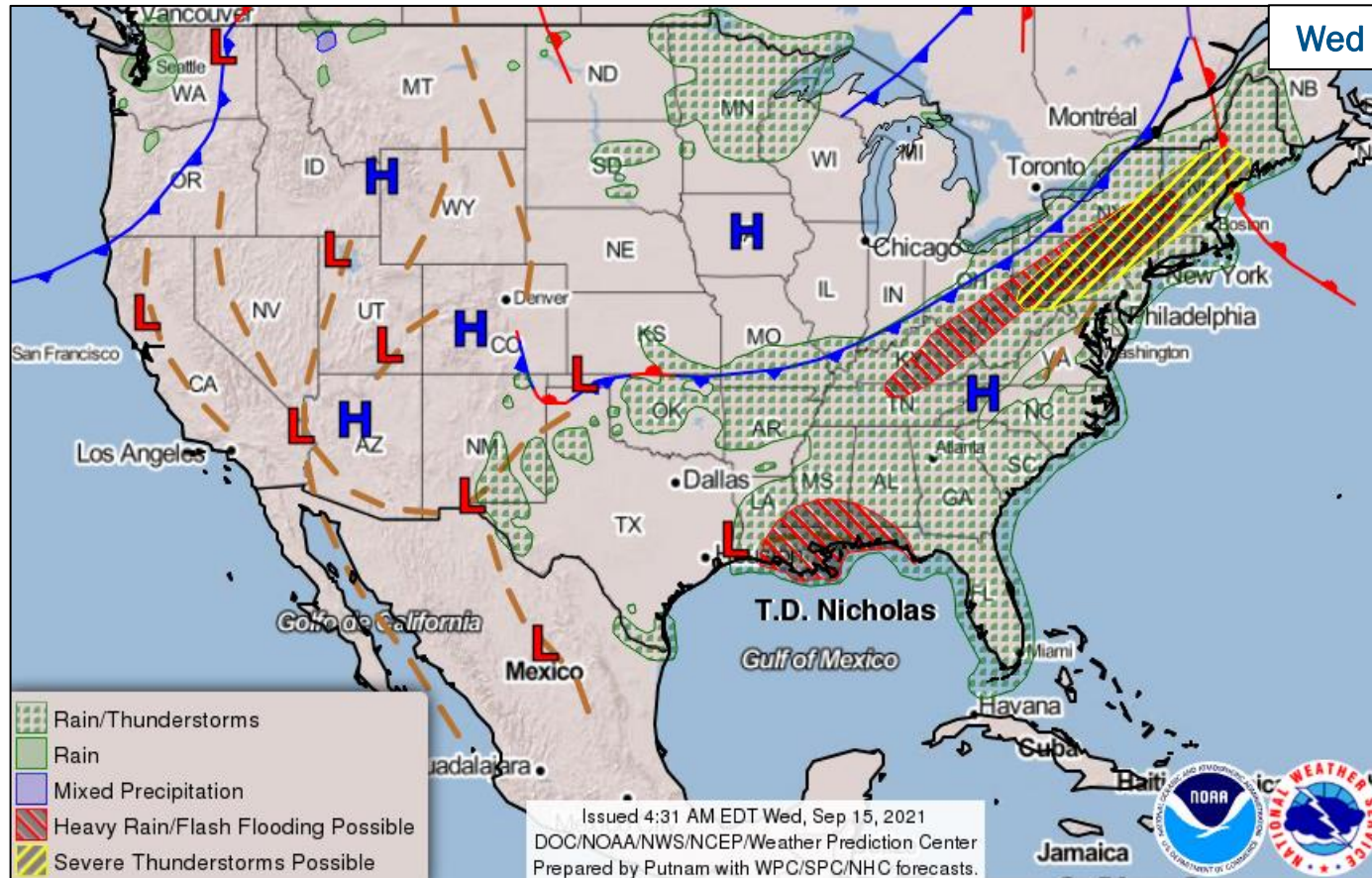
## FEMA Response:

- NRCC at Level III, day shift; NWC is monitoring
- Region VI RRCC at Level III (COVID-19); RWC is monitoring; IMAT-2 deployed to TX; IMAT-1 deployed to LA
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3574-EM-LA approved-on Sep 13
- Region VII IMAT and National IMATs Red and White deployed to LA
- US&R: Two Type 3 task forces and three Mission Ready Packages-Water Rescue on alert; Incident Support Team (IST) Blue rostered and prepared to deploy on a two-hour notice



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# National Weather Forecast



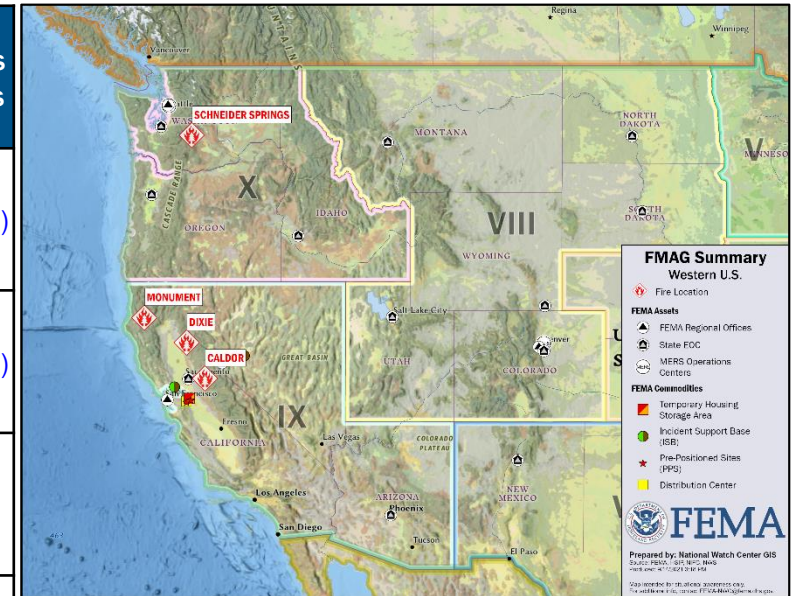
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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Dixie (Plumas, CA)	5400-FM-CA	960,470	75%	M: 426	H: 1,585	H: 56	H: 744	1/11 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 31	O: 39	O: 585	
Monument (Trinity, CA)	5412-FM-CA	213,810 (+3,193)	46% (+3)	M: 8,050	H: 5,780	H: 3	H: 20	0/11 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 4,800	O: 0	O: 30	
Caldor (El Dorado, CA)	5413-FM-CA	219,267	69% (+2)	M: 3,167 (-91)	H: 15,972 (-53)	H: 53	H: 782	0/18
				V: 0	O: 574 (-11)	O: 28	O: 221	
Schneider Springs (Yakima, WA)	5415-FM-WA	102,742 (+386)	25% (+6)	M: 240	H: 1,658*	H: 0	H: 0	0/9
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	



\*Structures are a mix of residential, commercial, and other minor structures

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



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# National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 15)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 5

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (65 fires)	
New large fires:	2	
Large fires contained:	3 (+2)	
Uncontained large fires:	60 (+2)	
Cumulative Acres Burned	5,609,865 (+2,699,839)	
Total Responders (2021 Fire Season)	18,795 (-4.6k)	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	9 (-5) of 16	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	15 (+3) of 33	

Preparedness Levels Legend	
PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of county; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	NH	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	TBD
	MA	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 16-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	8/10 – TBD
II	NY	Tropical Storm Fred Aug 19	IA	1	1	8/31 – 9/2
			PA	7	0	9/13 – TBD
III	DE	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1 and continuing	IA	1	1	9/9 – 9/9
			PA	1	0	TBD
	MD	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1	IA	2	2 (+2)	9/13 – 9/13
			PA	2	0	TBD
	VA	Flooding and Mudslide Aug 30	IA	1	0	9/16 – TBD
			PA	1	0	9/16 – TBD
IV	MS	Tropical Cyclone Ida Aug 29	IA	8	4	9/9 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
VIII	MT	Richard Spring Wildfire Aug 10 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	9/7 – TBD



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# Declaration Request – Vermont

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration

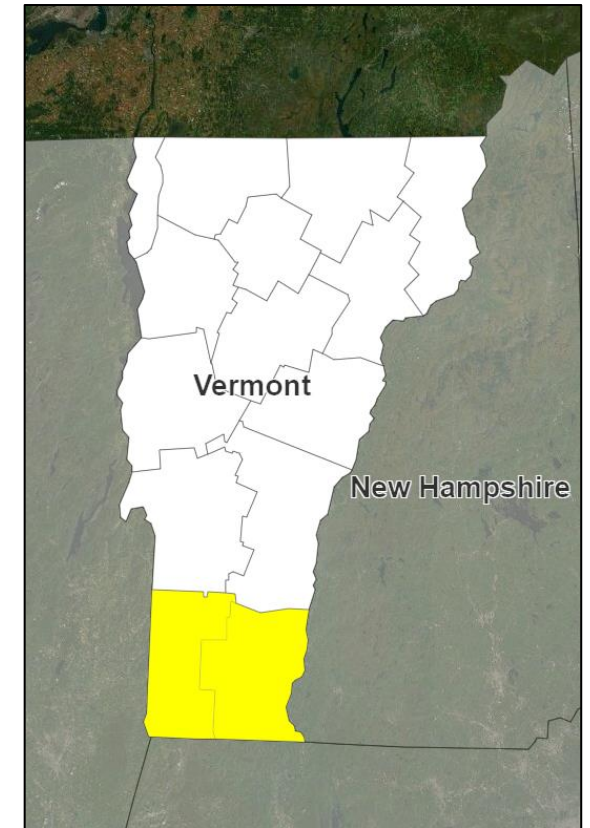
**Requested:** Sep 13

**Incident:** Severe Storms and Flooding

**Incident Period:** Jul 29-30

**Requested:**

- **PA:** 2 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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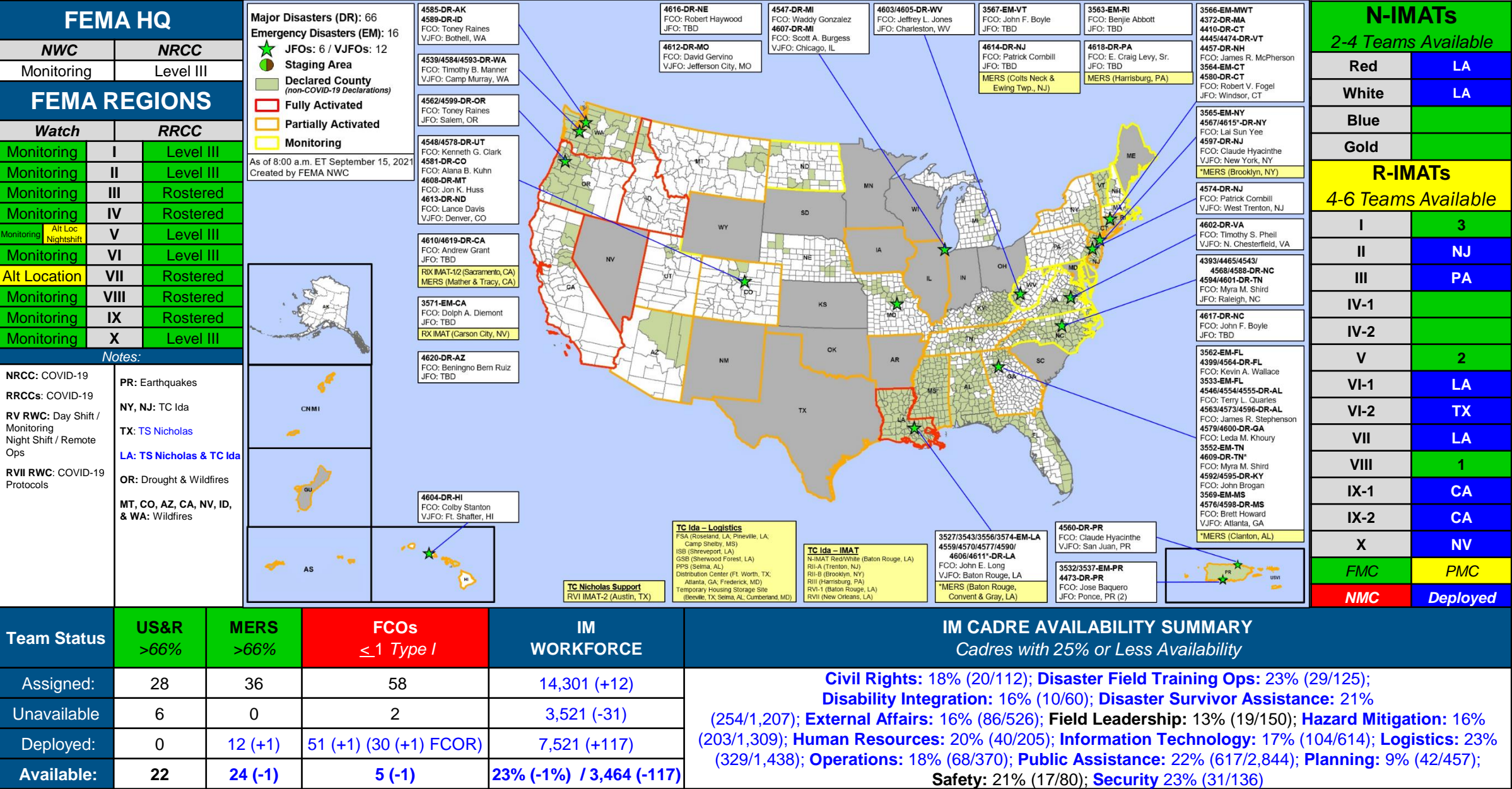
# Declaration Requests in Process – 2

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NH – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 11
VT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 13



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture





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