

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.
- Invest 95L (Disturbance 1) Preparations

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible – northern CA to Pacific Northwest; Lower Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys to Southeast
- Critical fire weather – Central Great Basin to Northern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Tropical Storm Odette
    - Invest 95L (Disturbance 1): High (90%)
    - Disturbance 2: Medium (40%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Disaster Declaration – MT & DE

## Event Monitoring

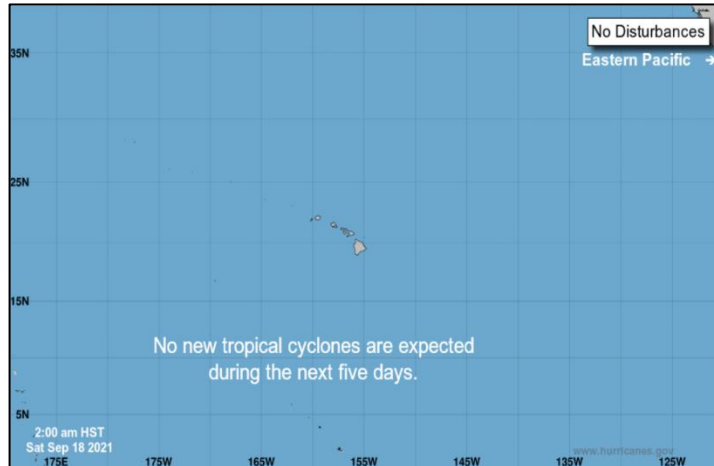
- United Nations General Assembly



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# Tropical Outlook – Five Day

## Central Pacific



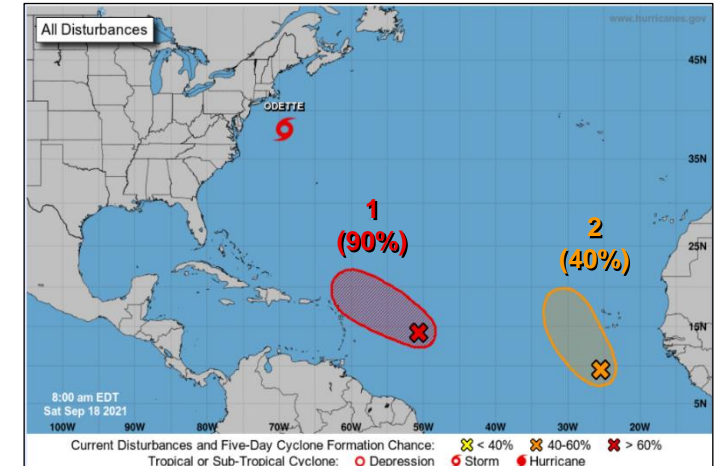
- No new tropical cyclones expected during the next five days

## Eastern Pacific



- No new tropical cyclones expected during the next five days

## Atlantic



### **Tropical Storm Odette** (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

### **Invest 95L (Disturbance 1)** (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- 650 miles ESE of the northern Leeward Islands
- Tropical depression or tropical storm is expected to form later today or tomorrow as it moves WNW at 15 mph
- Formation chance: 48 hours: High (90%); 5 days: High (90%)

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

- Located a few hundred miles S of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Medium (40%); 5 days: Medium (40%)



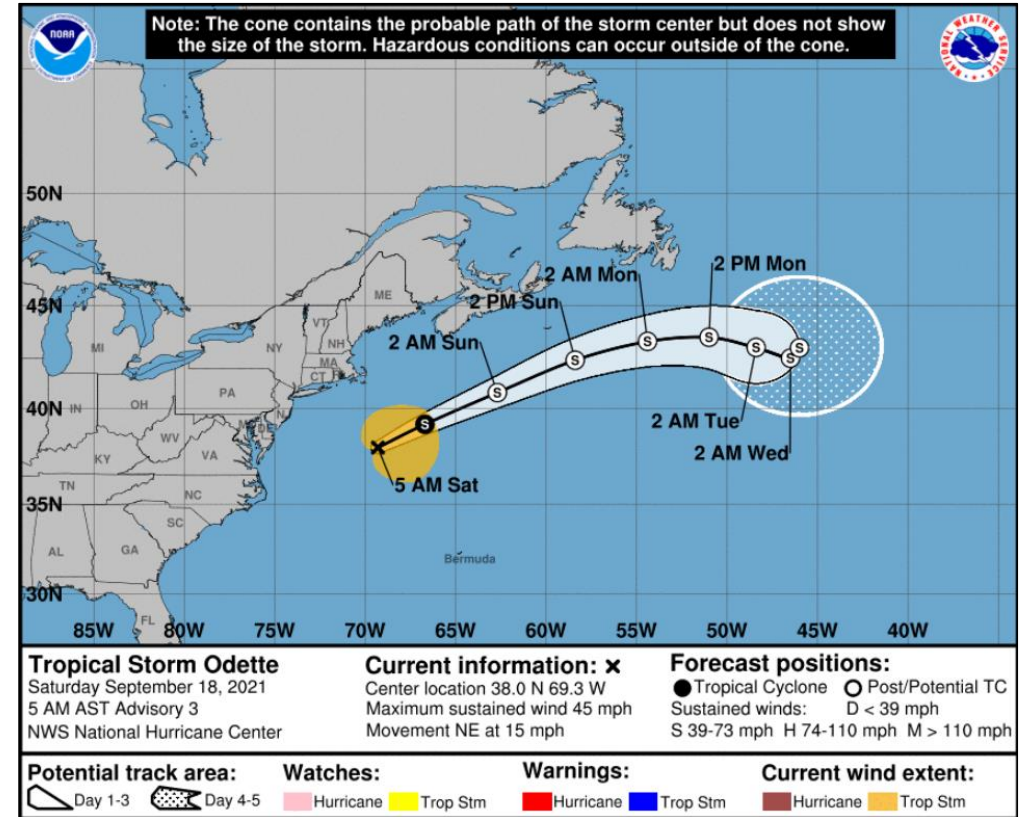
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# Tropical Storm Odette

## Tropical Storm Odette (Advisory #3 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 225 miles S of Nantucket, MA
- Moving NE at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- On the forecast track, the center of Odette will pass south of Atlantic Canada on Sunday and Monday
- Strengthening is forecast during the next day or two; expected to become a strong post-tropical low by Saturday night
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 195 miles
- Swells generated by Odette are affecting portions of the U.S. Mid-Atlantic coast and are expected to spread northward to portions of the Northeast this weekend; these swells are likely to cause life threatening surf and rip current conditions



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# Invest 95L - FEMA Preparations

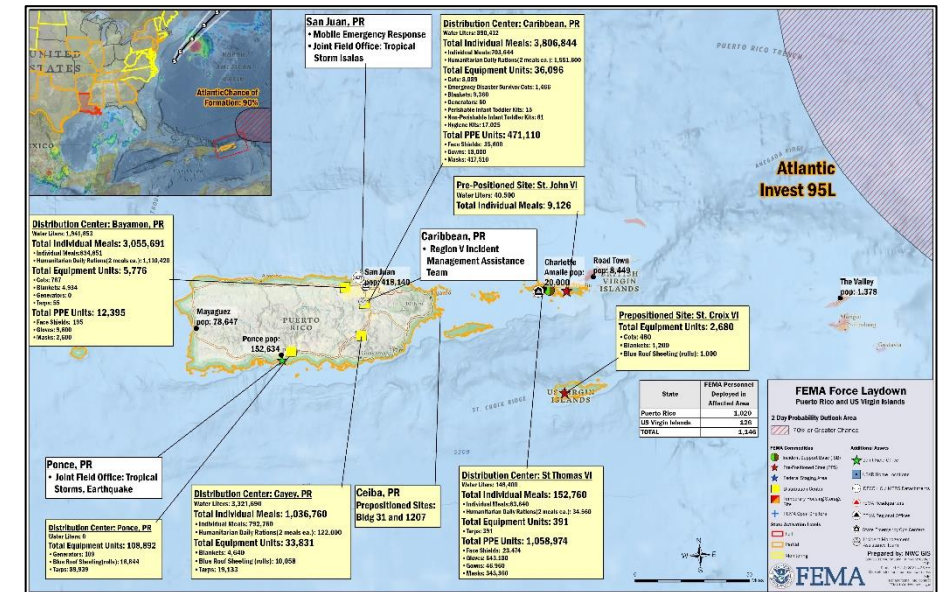
**Situation:** The National Hurricane Center has forecast a high likelihood for the development of a tropical cyclone near the Caribbean which may impact USVI or PR. The system is moving west-northwest at 15 mph across the central tropical Atlantic.

### FEMA Region II Preparations:

- RRCC at Level III, day shift, with select ESFs, and DCE
- Deploying to USVI: IMAT A, IMAT B, DEC, LNOS, USVI Light Force Package, ESFs 3, 8, 12, 14, and DCE to be in place by Sep 19
- Deploying to PR: PR Light Force Package, DEC, LNOS, ESFs 2, 3, 8, 12, 14, and DCE to be in place by Sep 19

**FEMA HQ:**

- NRCC at Level III (COVID); postured to support increased staffing, if required
- FEMA NWC coordinating reporting and awareness with Region II and NHC
- Region V IMAT deploying to DC Caribbean in Puerto Rico to be in place by Sep 19
- National IMAT Blue, National IMAT Gold, and two back-up Regional IMATs available
- SMT and ISB teams deploying to Puerto Rico to be in place by Sep 19
- Mobile Emergency Communications (MERS) are standing by



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# 76<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly

**Situation:** The 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will be held at UN Headquarters in New York, NY from Sep 14-30, 2021. The first day of the high-level General Debate will be on Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021.

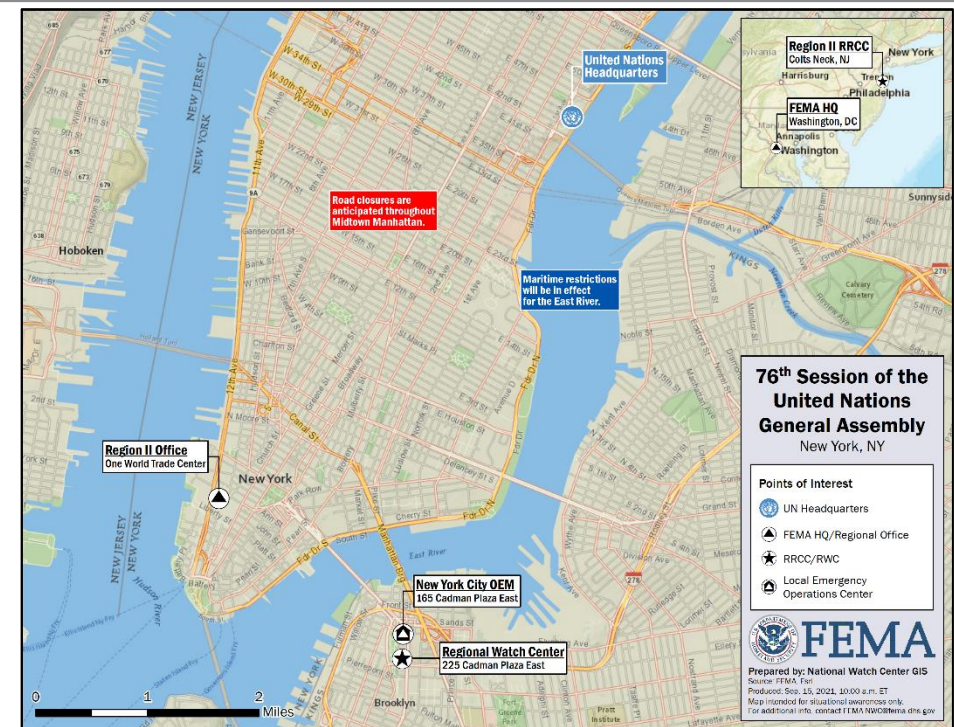
- Sep 19-25 has been designated as an NSSE
- The event is largely virtual; however, 83 world leaders are expected to be physically present, with a total attendance of approximately 2,000

## **Preparations:**

- USSS is lead Law Enforcement and Coordination Agency
- FBI is the lead Intelligence and Counterterrorism Agency
- NYPD is the lead for local law enforcement
- FAA will establish a 7 and 20 nautical mile Temporary Flight Restriction from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET
- FEMA is lead for consequence management planning and coordination

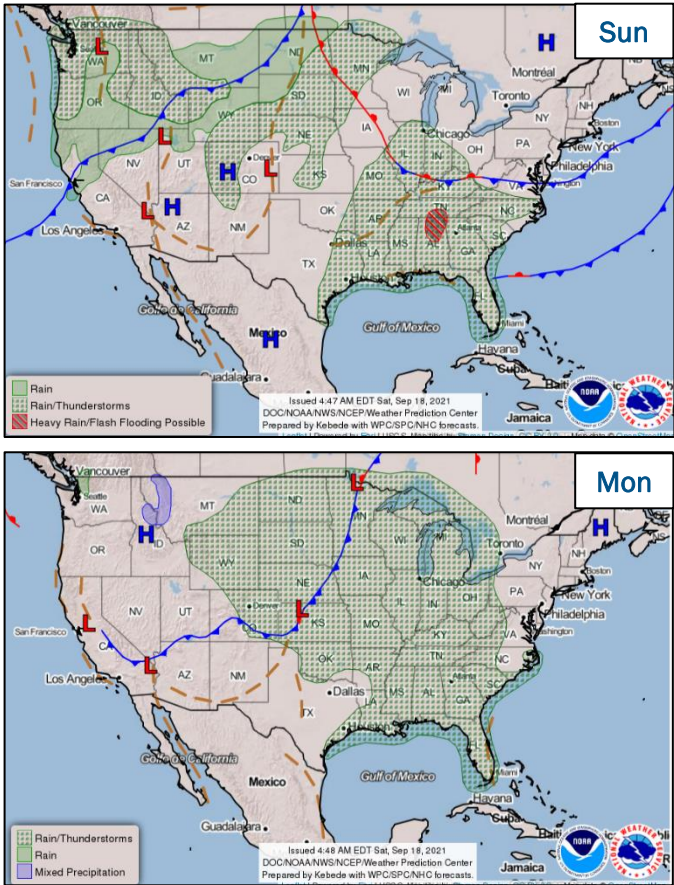
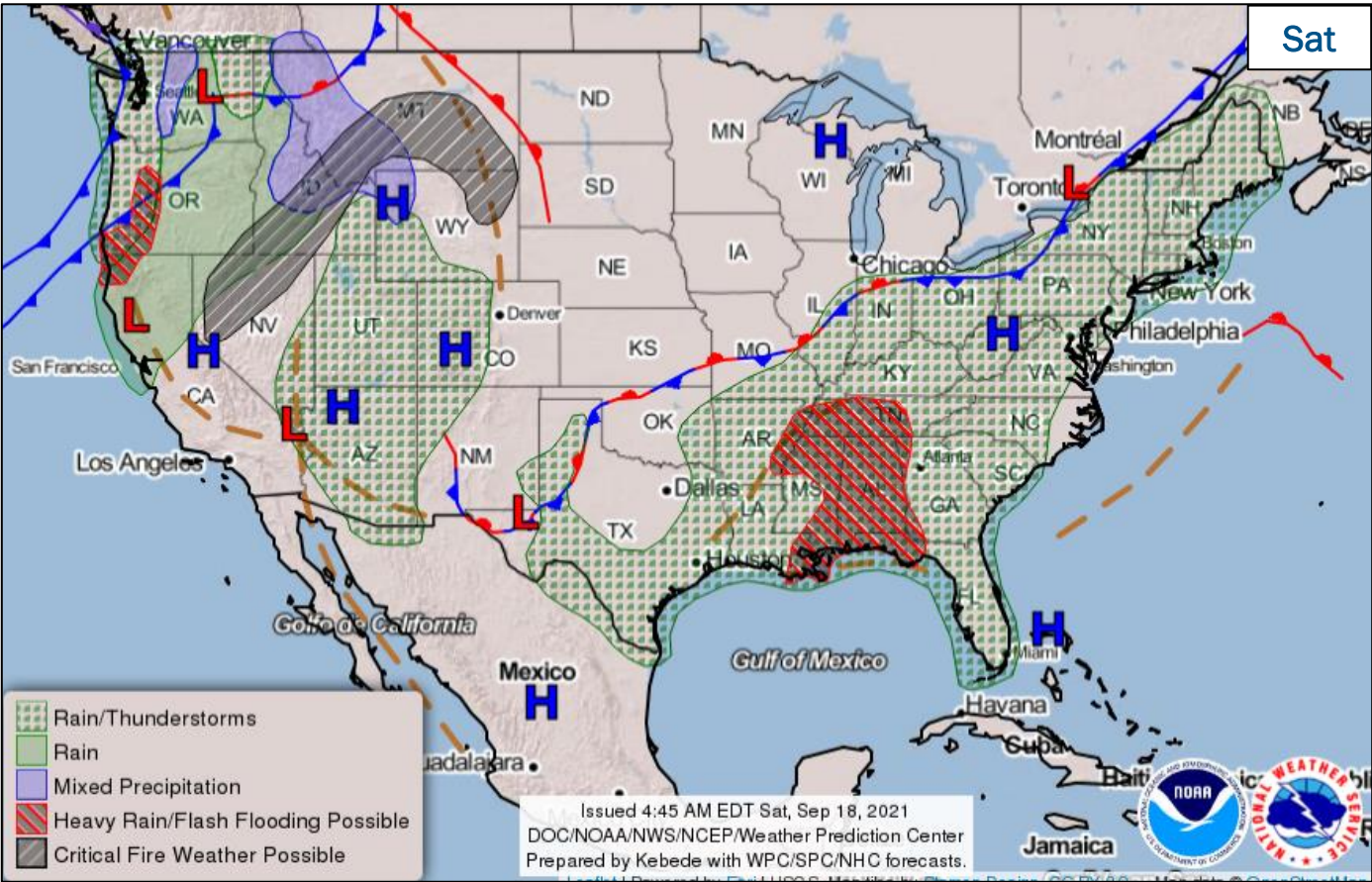
## **FEMA Preparations:**

- NRCC activated for COVID-19; available to support
- NWC will activate to Enhanced Watch on Sep 19
- National IMAT Blue on alert
- US&R, CMCU, and DEST on alert
- DEC will provide communications and mobile command functions to Region II and other Federal agencies as directed
- Region II RWC will go to Enhanced Watch (day shift only) on Sep 19 for the duration of event
- Providing liaisons to several operations centers



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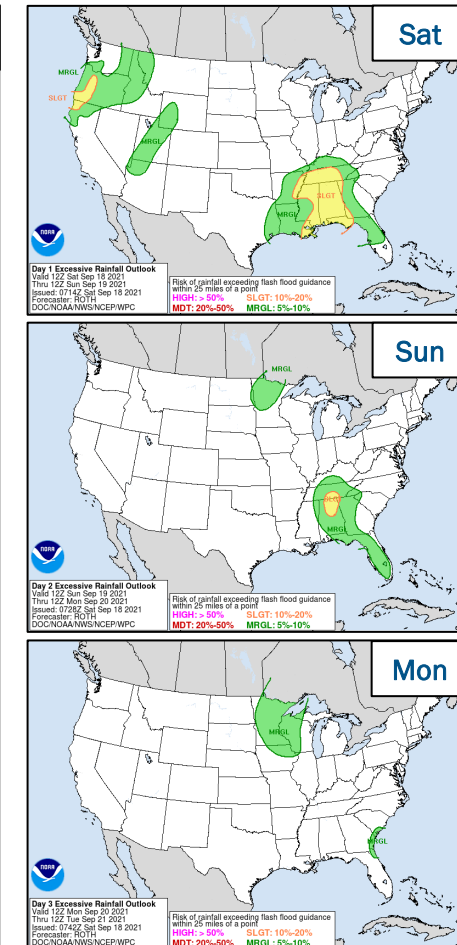
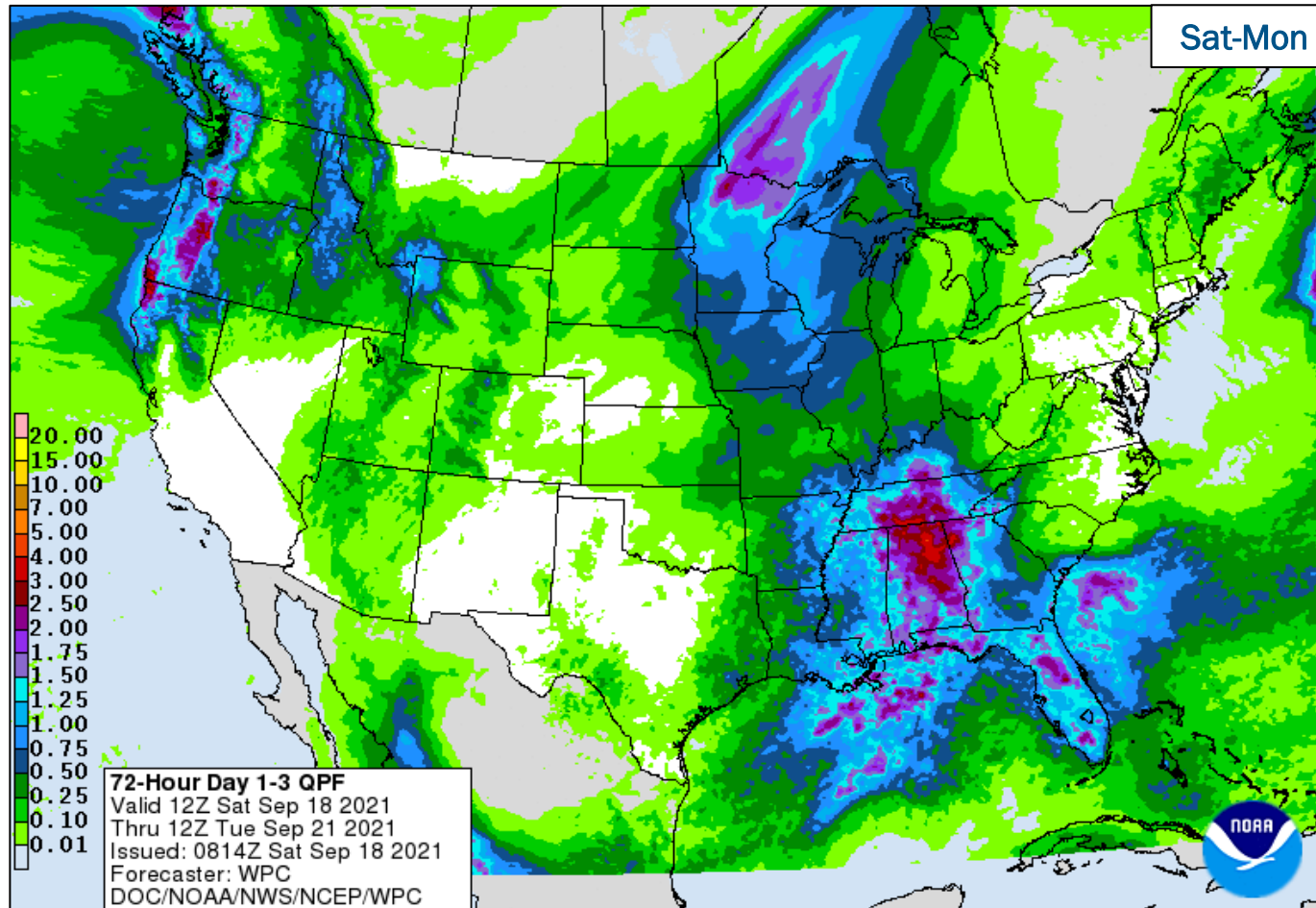
# National Weather Forecast



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

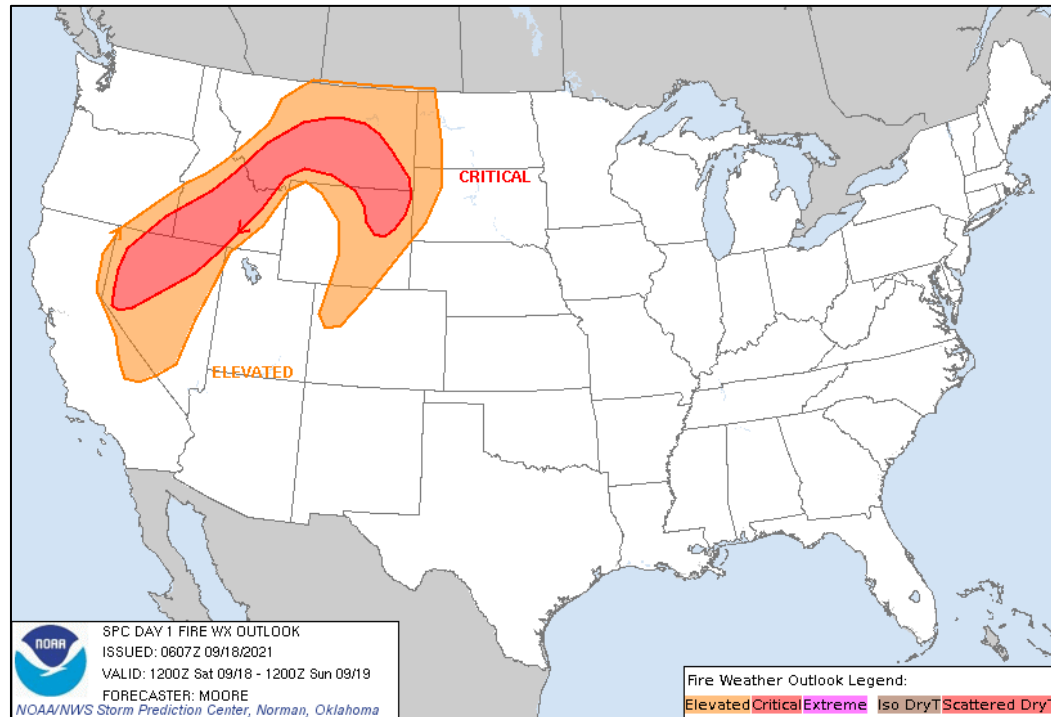


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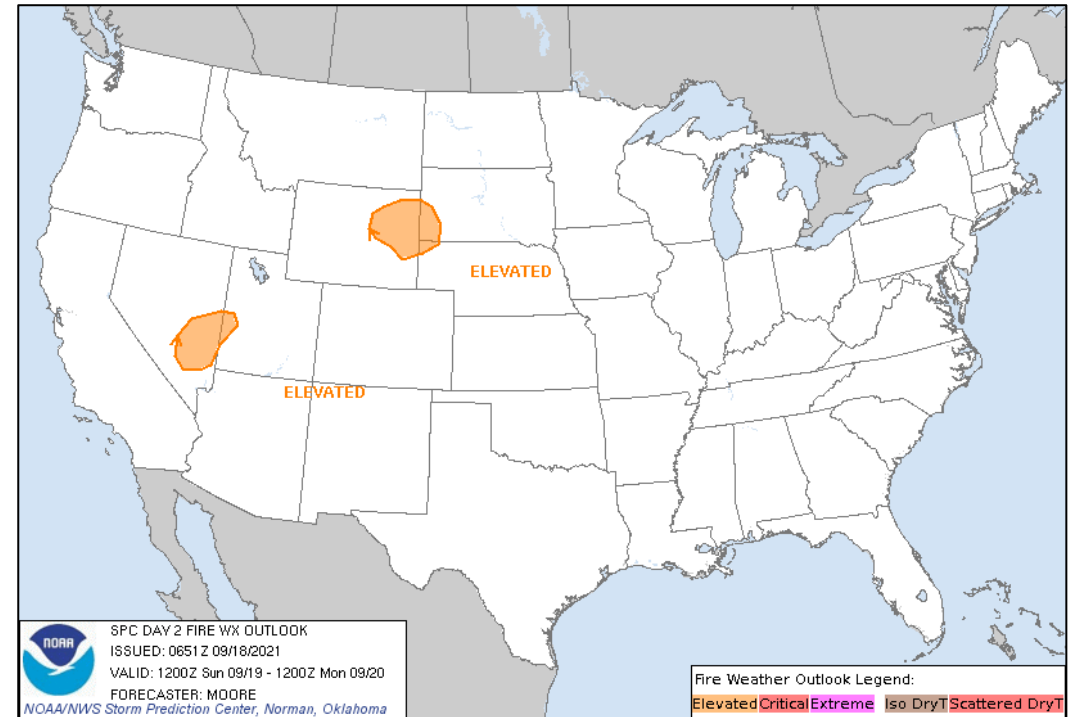
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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



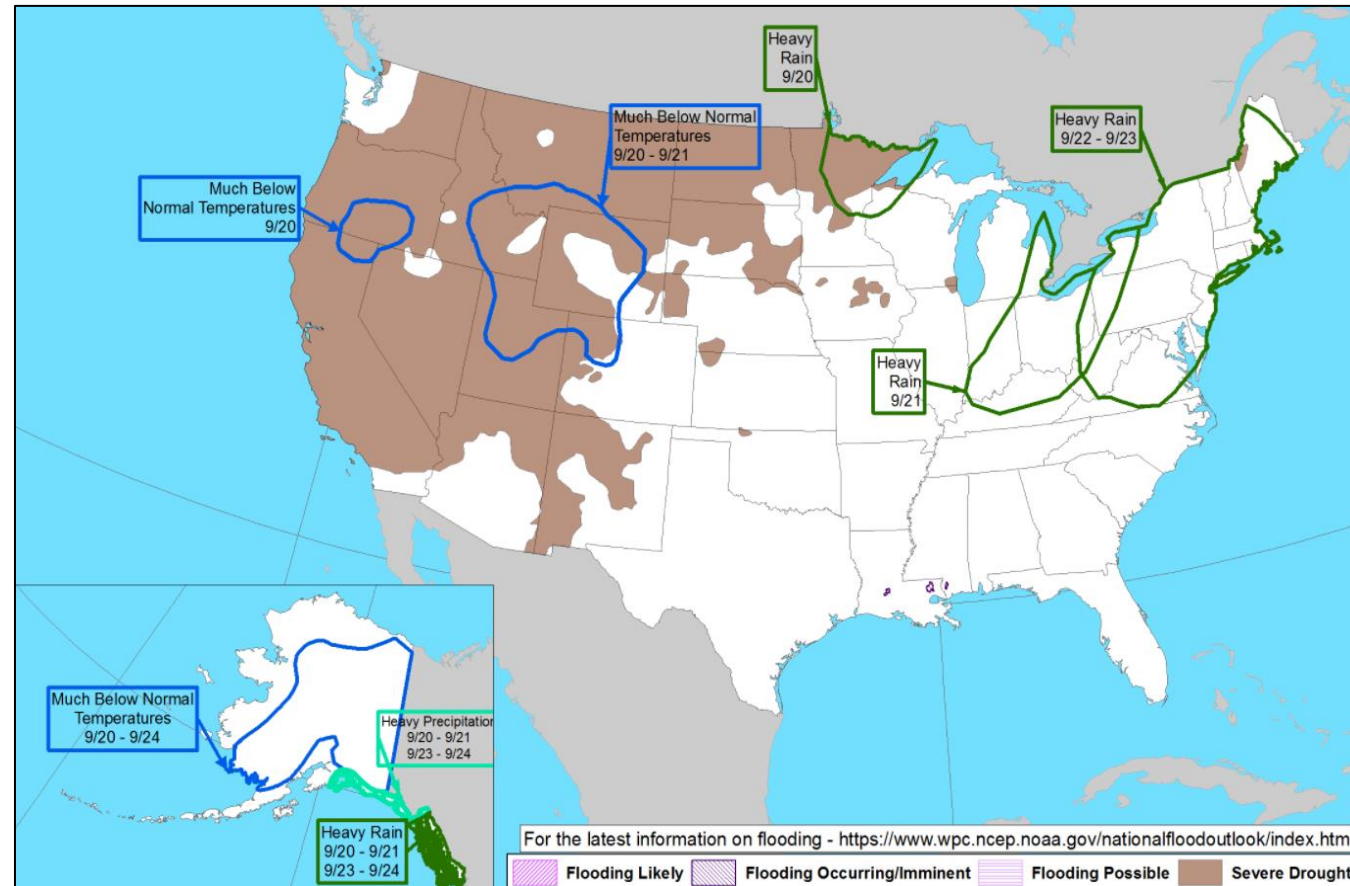
Tomorrow



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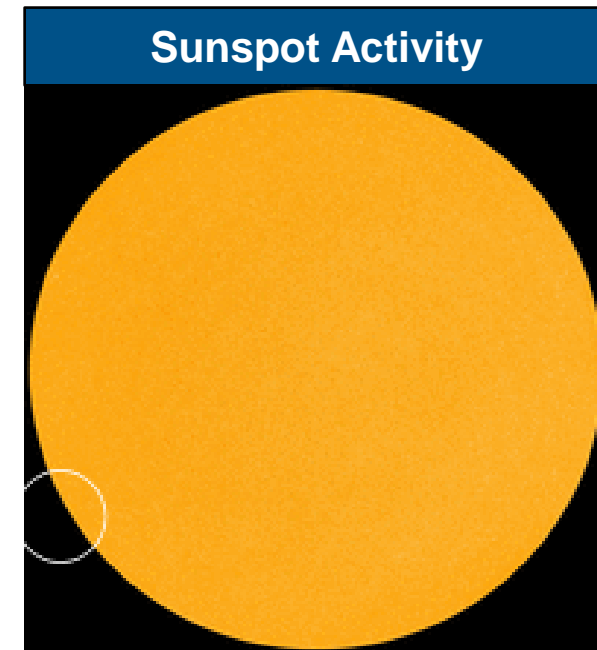
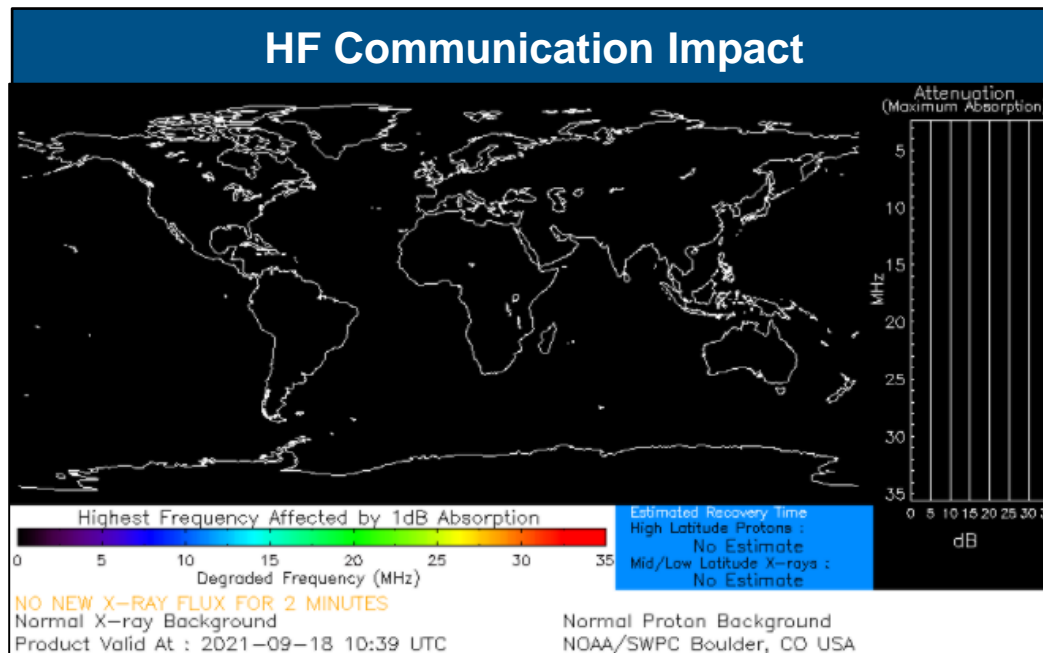
# Hazards Outlook – Sep 20-24



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# Space Weather Outlook

	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <a href="http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation">http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation</a> For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <a href="https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle">https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle</a>				



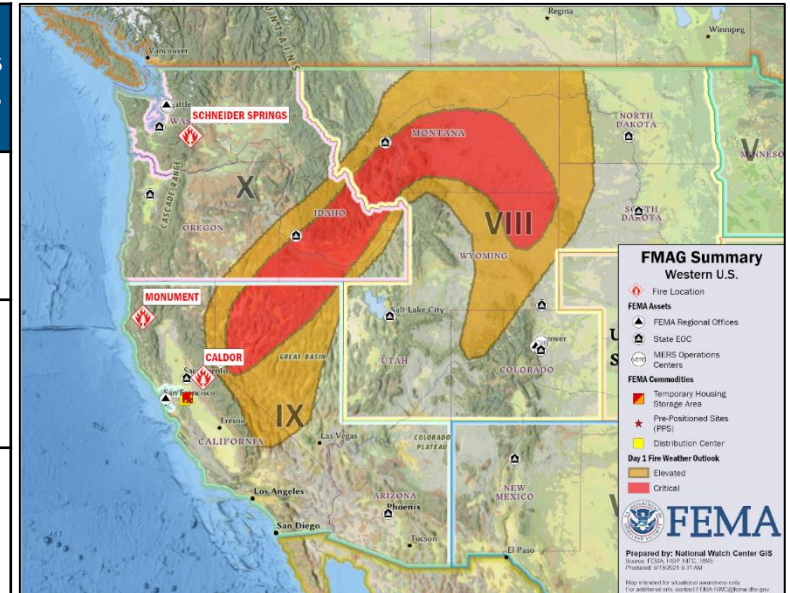
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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Monument (Trinity, CA)	5412-FM-CA	217,586 (+854)	53% (+3)	M: 7,925	H: 5,780	H: 3	H: 20	0/12
				V: 0	O: 4,800	O: 0	O: 30	
Caldor (El Dorado, CA)	5413-FM-CA	218,876 (-391)	71%	M: 610	H: 5,291	H: 53	H: 782	0/16
				V: 0	O: 174	O: 28	O: 221	
Schneider Springs (Yakima, WA)	5415-FM-WA	104,800 (+1,981)	31%	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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# 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	8/30 - 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	5	3	8/31 - TBD
			PA	8	0	9/13 - TBD
III	DE	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1	IA	1	1	9/9 - 9/9
			PA	1	0	TBD
	MD	Tropical Depression Ida Sep 1	IA	2	2	9/13 - 9/13
			PA	2	0	TBD
	VA	Flooding and Mudslide Aug 30	IA	1	1 (+1)	9/16 - 9/16
			PA	1	0	9/16 - TBD
IV	MS	Tropical Cyclone Ida Aug 29	IA	8	8	9/9 - 9/12
			PA	21 and MBCI*	0	9/20 - TBD
VIII	MT	Richard Spring Wildfire Aug 10 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	3 (+3)	9/7 - 9/15

\*MBCI - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians



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# Declaration Request – Montana

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration

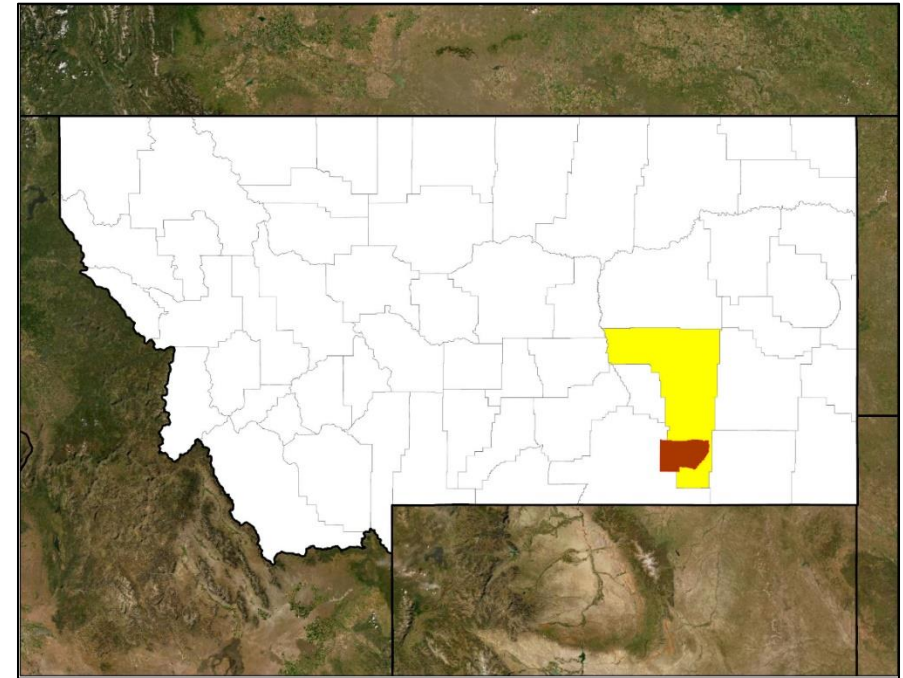
**Requested:** Sep 17

**Incident:** Richard Springs Fire

**Incident Period:** Aug 8-20, 2021

**Requested:**

- **PA:** 1 county and 1 tribal reservation
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



PA



Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation



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# Declaration Request – Delaware

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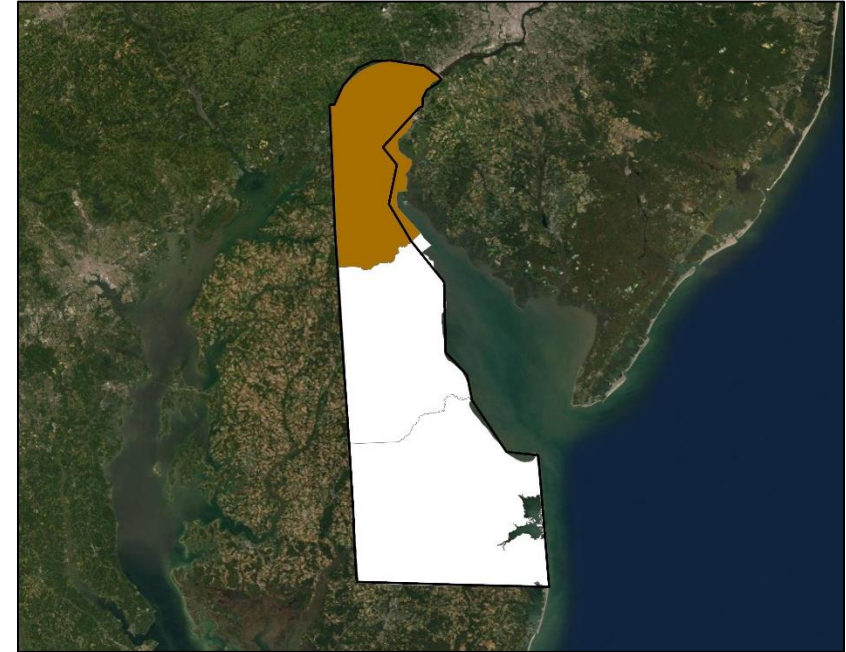
**Requested:** Sep 17

**Incident:** Hurricane Ida

**Incident Period:** Sep 1-7, 2021

**Requested:**

- **IA & PA, including direct federal assistance:** 1 county
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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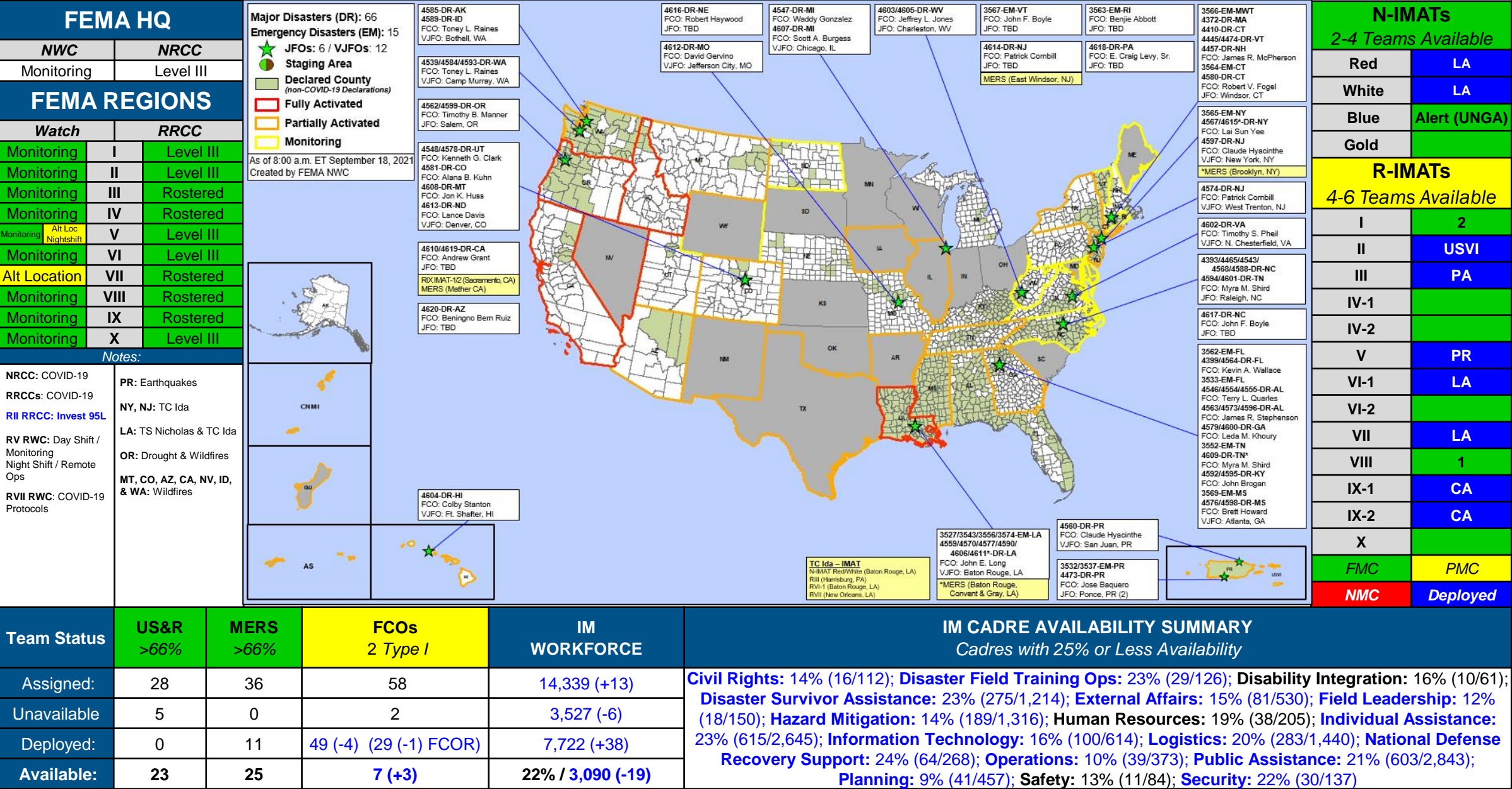
# Declaration Requests in Process – 4

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
MT – Richard Springs Fire	DR		X	X	Sep 17
DE – Remnants of Hurricane Ida	DR	X	X	X	Sep 17



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture







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