

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.
- Impacts from Remnants of Fred

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain and flash flooding – Southeast to Northeast
- Severe thunderstorms possible – Mid-Atlantic
- Tropical Activity
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Depression Fred
 - Tropical Storm Grace
 - Tropical Storm Henri
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Hurricane Linda (CAT 1)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval – Caldor Fire
- FMAG Approval – Twentyfive Mile Fire

Event Monitoring

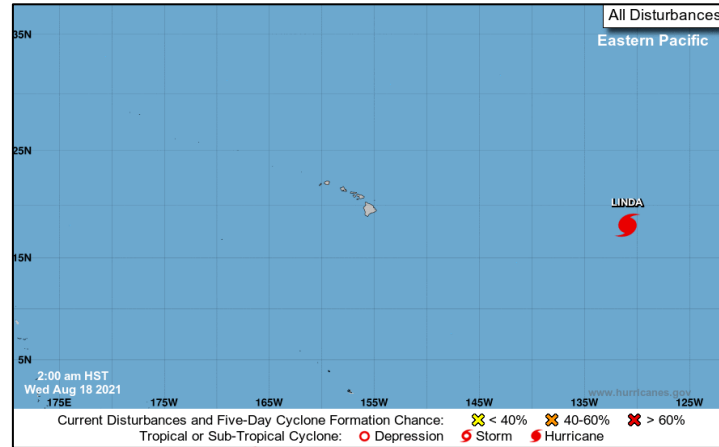
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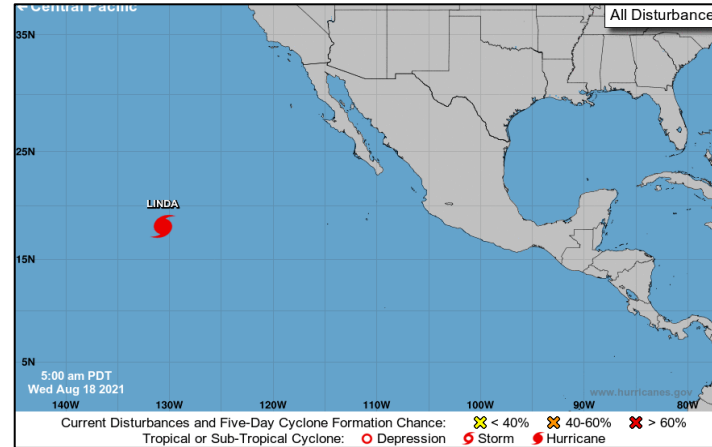
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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

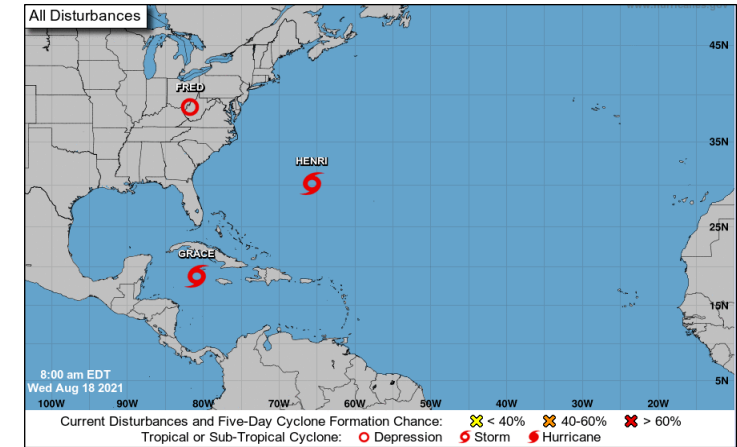
Central Pacific



Eastern Pacific



Atlantic



Hurricane Linda (CAT 1) (Advisory #33 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 1,385 miles W of southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 105 mph
- Expected to weaken next few days
- Hurricane force winds extend 30 miles
- Tropical storm force winds extend 90 miles

Tropical Storm Grace (Advisory #20 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 40 miles SSE of Grand Cayman Islands
- Moving W at 16 mph
- Maximum sustained winds at 65 mph
- Could be near hurricane strength as it approaches the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico late Wednesday and early Thursday

Tropical Storm Henri (Advisory #10 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 160 miles S of Bermuda
- Moving WSW at 8 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 65 mph
- Gradual turning WNW to NW late Thursday night



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Remnants Tropical Depression Fred– Eastern US

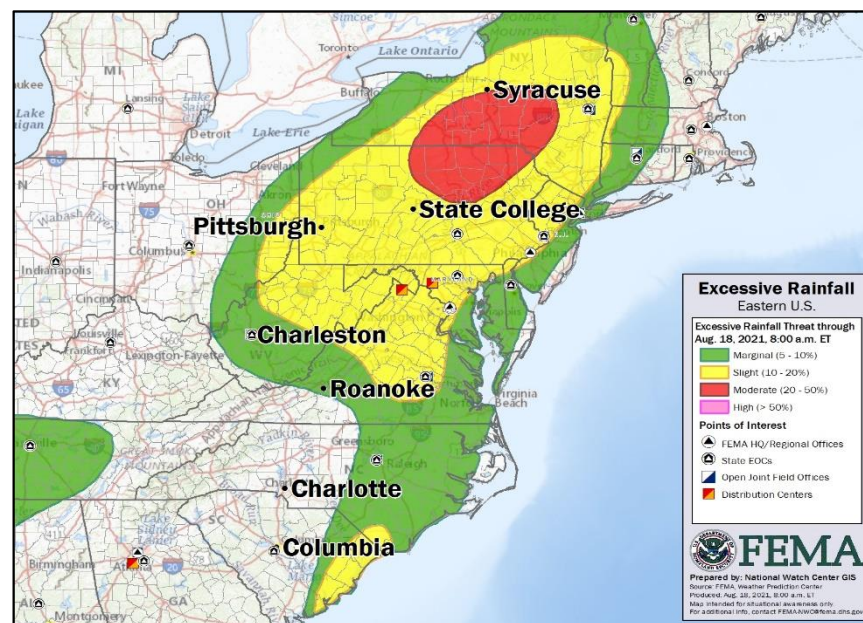
Situation: Remnants of Fred made landfall Monday afternoon and continues to move slowly northward towards the Mid-Atlantic; bringing heavy rain, flash flooding, gusty winds and a few tornadoes. Overnight, preliminary reports from the Storm Prediction Center report a few unconfirmed tornado touchdowns along the storm path with no significant damage.

Impacts: (Region IV Status Update 5 as of 4:03 p.m. ET)

- AL: 1 shelter open / 5 occupants
- FL: 1 (-2) shelter open / 4 occupants
- GA: 1 shelter open / 0 occupants
- FL: Roadways reopened; Gulf & Atlantic railroad inspection Lake City to Pensacola line
- FL & AL: Multiple counties with school and government facilities closed

State/Local Response

- FL EOC at **Normal Operations**, Governor declared State of Emergency for 23 counties; FL National Guard Activated
- AL EOC at Normal Operations
- GA EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- MS EOC at Partial Activation
- Seminole Tribe of Florida EOC at Partial Activation (TC Fred); Tribal Chairman signed a tribal state of emergency
- Miccosukee Tribe of Florida and Poarch Band of Creek Indians monitoring; no change in activation level



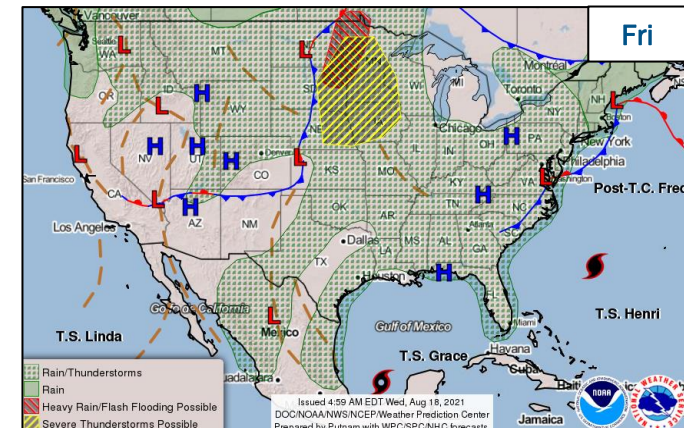
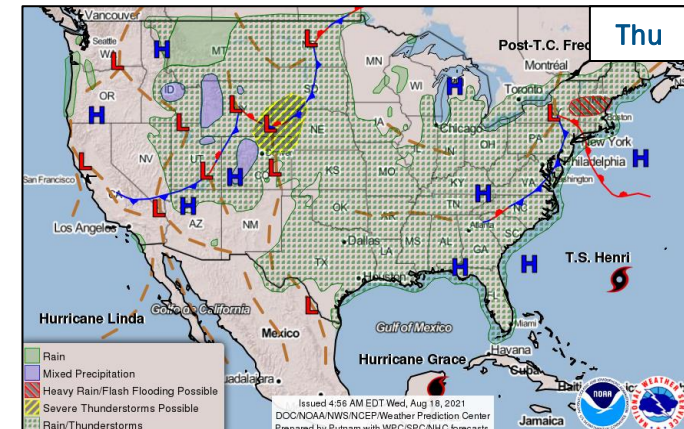
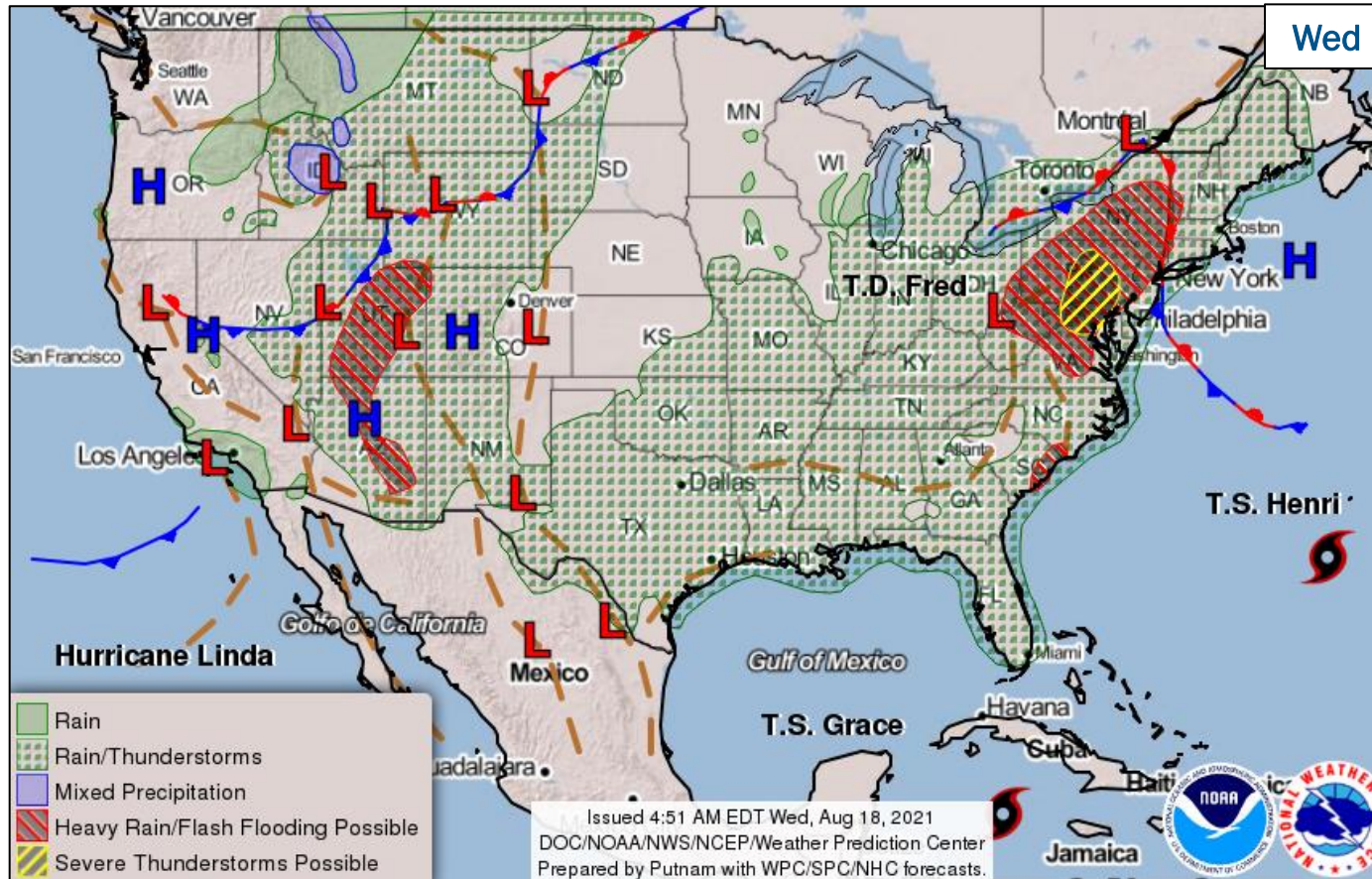
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- Region IV RWC at **Monitoring**
 - RRCC rostered, on alert and placed on standby
 - IMAT-1/IMAT-2 Available
- FEMA HQ
 - NWC coordinating with Regions, NHC, and National Water Center
 - NRCC at Level III (COVID-19)
 - National IMAT Blue to support Region IV if needed
 - DEC: MERS assets identified/deployable; Mobile IOF ready to support IMAT deployment
 - Logistics: Pre-positioned 1.4M meals and 1.1M water at Craig Field
 - US&R: IST rostered on 2hr PTDO
 - Operations: Vaccination/Ambulance contracts activated; 20 ambulances in MO, 50 ambulances/paramedics in LA
 - FOD: FCOs identified for each state in RIV
 - Emergency Declaration FEMA-3562-EM-FL Approved



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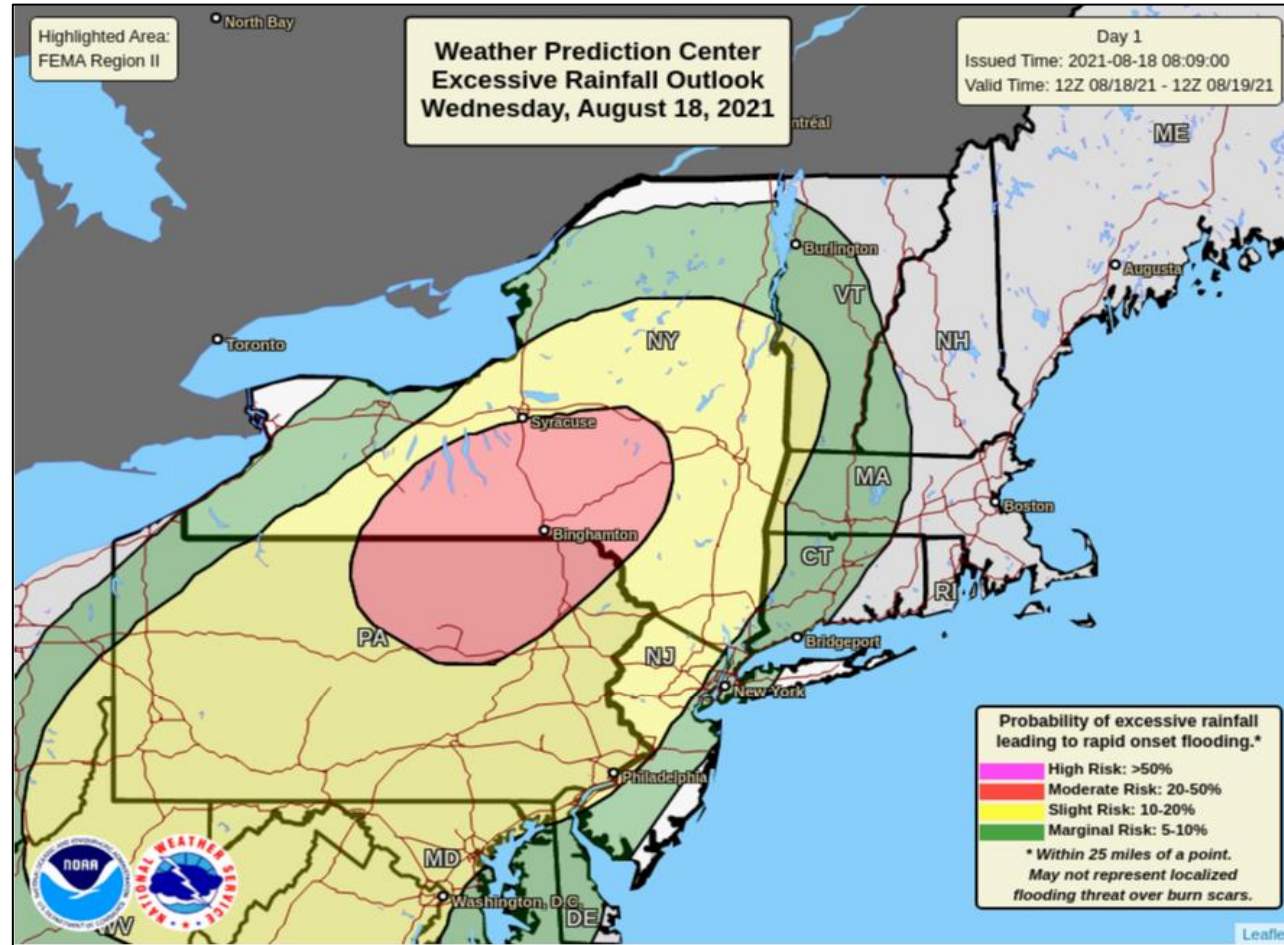
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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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National Fire Activity *(as of Aug 18)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 5

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(86 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	9 (+3)	
Large fires contained:	1 (-1)	
Uncontained large fires:	94 (+1)	
Cumulative Acres Burned	4,296,943 (+204,171)	
Total Responders <i>(2021 Fire Season)</i>	25,473 (+619)	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	15 of 16	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	20 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

Caldor Fire – California

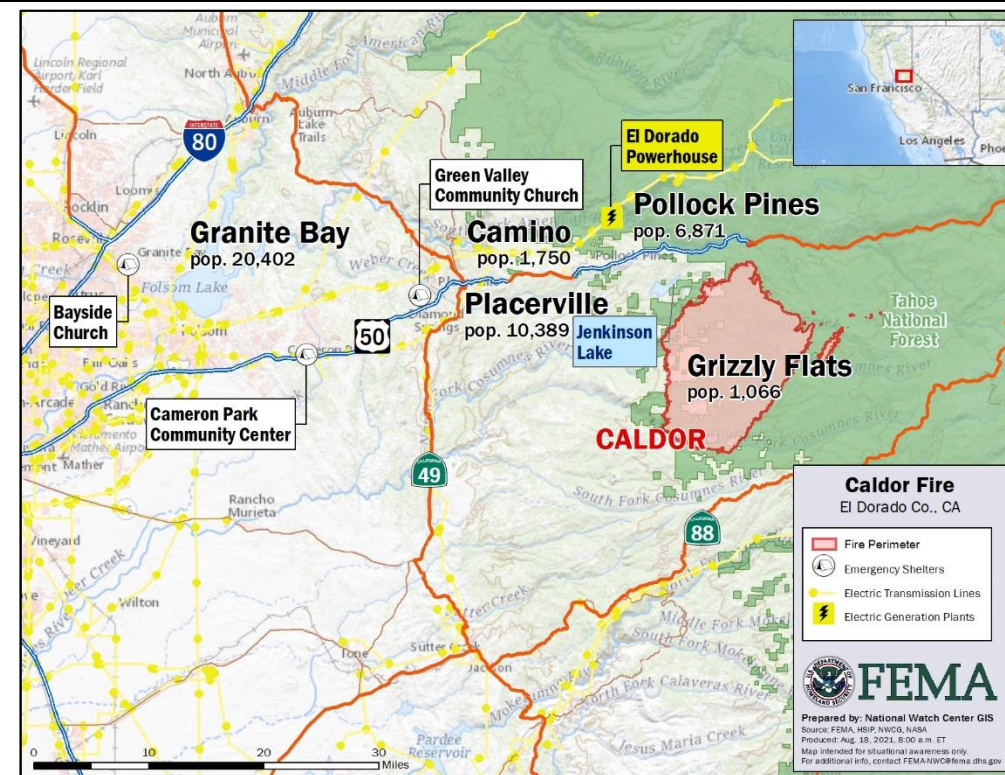
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Caldor (El Dorado, CA)	5413-FM-CA	22,919	0%	M: 6,850	H: 5,887	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 2
				V: 10,000	O: 10	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

- The fire began August 17 and is currently burning in El Dorado County, California. Initial reports estimate that the community of Grizzly Flats (pop. 1,066) is 90% destroyed.
- Several communities are threatened to include Grizzly Flats, Pollock Pines, Camino, and Pleasant Valley
- Also threatened is HWY 50, Jenkinson Lake Water Shelter which supplies 50% of El Dorado County, and the El Dorado Powerhouse and transmission lines
- 3 shelters open

Response:

- CA EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires and COVID-19)
- FEMA Region IX and NWC are monitoring
- FMAG approved August 17



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Twentyfive Mile Fire – Washington

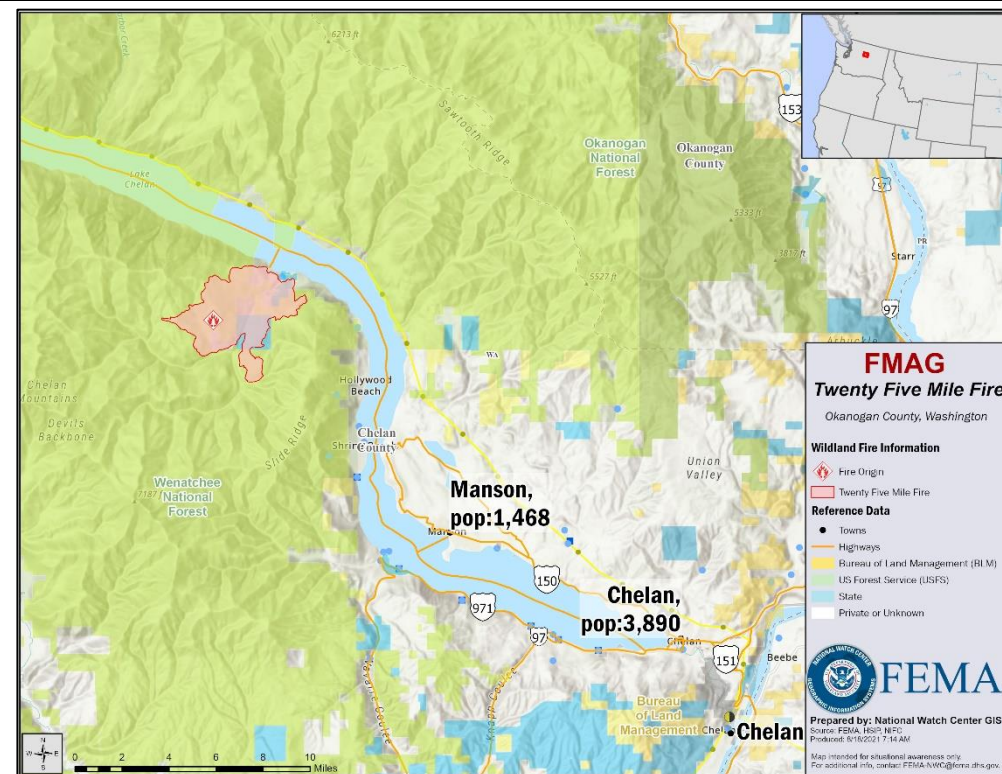
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Twentyfive Mile (Chelan, WA)	5414-FM-WA	4,000	0%	M: 534	H: 772	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 10	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

- The fire began August 15 and is currently burning in Chelan County, WA threatening the communities of Lake Chelan and South Lakeshore Road
- Also threatened are state and private communications infrastructure which includes numerous repeaters providing service for the WA State Police, county fire/EMS and law enforcement, plus Chelan Public Utility District and Lake Chelan Reclamation District assets
- 1 shelter open

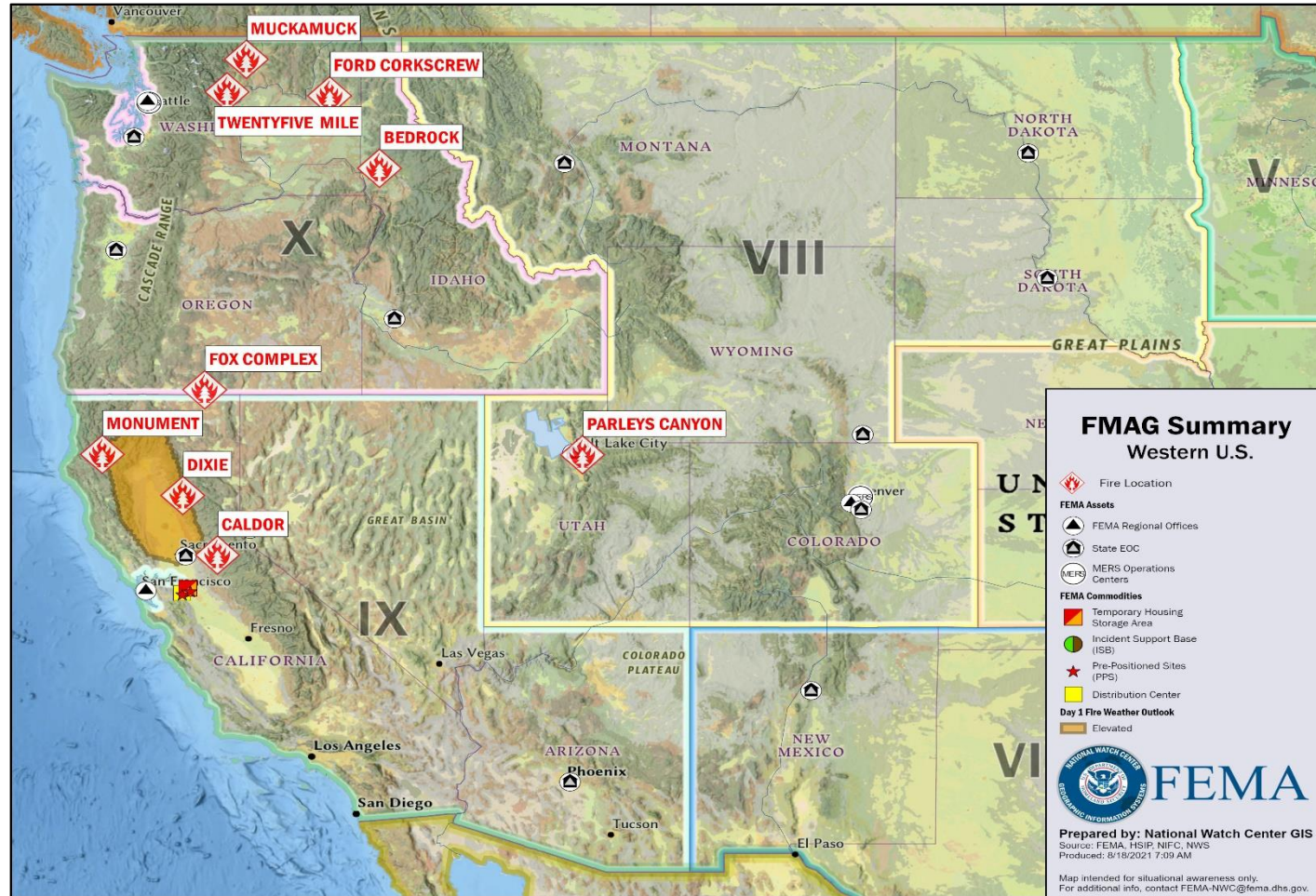
Response:

- WA EOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires and COVID-19)
- FEMA Region X/Bothell MOC and NWC are monitoring
- FMAG approved August 18



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Wildfire Summary



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Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Dixie (Plumas, CA)	5400-FM-CA	626,751 (+47,854)	31%	M: 29,764	H:15,967	H: 50	H: 653 (+8)	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 118	O: 30	O: 555 (+21)	
Bedrock (Nez Perce, ID)	5407-FM-ID	11,205	83% (+32)	M: 300	H: 200	H: 0	H: 3	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 0	O: 19	
Parleys Canyon (Salt Lake and Summit, UT)	5408-FM-UT	541 (+2)	40% (+19)	M: 10,000	H: 2,200	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Fox Complex (Lake, OR) <small>*Patton Meadow & Willow Valley Fire</small>	5409-FM-OR	7,229 (+378)	30% (+10)	M: 0	H: 694	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 245 (-11)	O: 0	O: 3	
Muckamuck (Okanogan, WA)	5410-FM-WA	10,867	5%	M: 232**	H: 388	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Ford Corkscrew (Stevens, WA)	5411-FM-WA	14,000 (+9,000)	0%	M: 811 (+56)	H: 856 (+411)	H: 0	H: 18 (+11)	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 135	O: 0	O: 35 (+15)	
Monument (Trinity, CA)	5412-FM-CA	119,364 (+16,481)	10%	M: 5,524	H: 5,000	H: 1 (+1)	H:11 (+11)	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 2,250 (+2,150)	O: 0	O: 1 (+1)	



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incidents	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	NH	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 17-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	1	8/4 - TBD
	VT	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	8/4 - TBD
	MA	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 16-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	8/10 - TBD
IX	CA	August Wildfires	IA	6	3	8/11 - TBD
			PA	6	1	8/11 - TBD
	AZ	Northern Monsoonal Flooding Jul 22-24	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	8/16 - TBD



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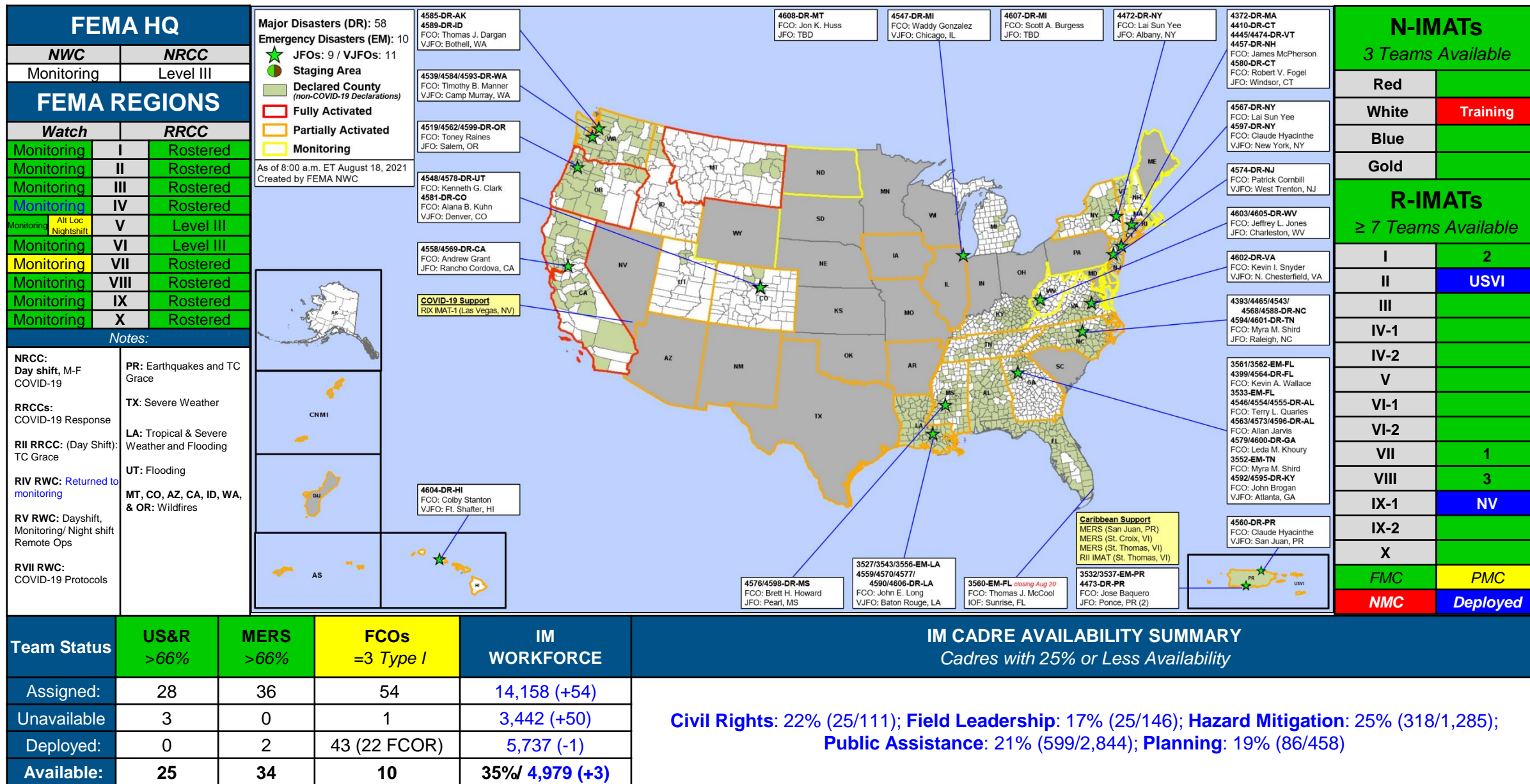
Declaration Requests in Process – 3

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X		X	8/3
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	8/9
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	8/13



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