

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Partial Building Collapse – Surfside, FL
- Tropical Storm Elsa Preparations & Response

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms possible – Florida; Mid-Atlantic to Northeast
- Heavy rain and flash flooding – Southern Plains; Southeast; Upper Mississippi Valley to Great Lakes
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Tropical Storm Elsa

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG approved: Andrus Fire – WA
- Emergency Declaration approved - FL

Event Monitoring

- None



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Tropical Storm Elsa

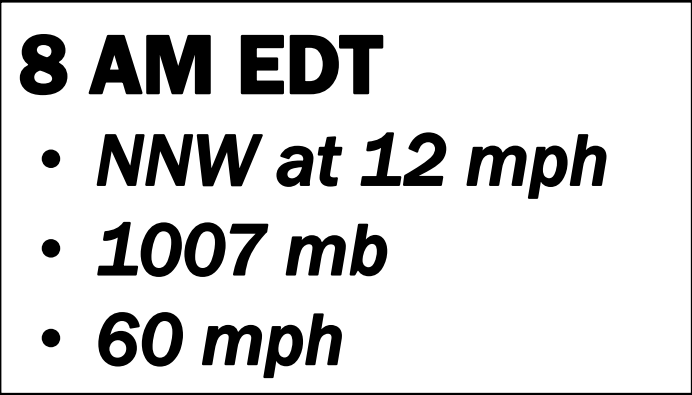
SATELLITE LOOP

8 AM EDT

- ***NNW at 12 mph***
- ***1007 mb***
- ***60 mph***

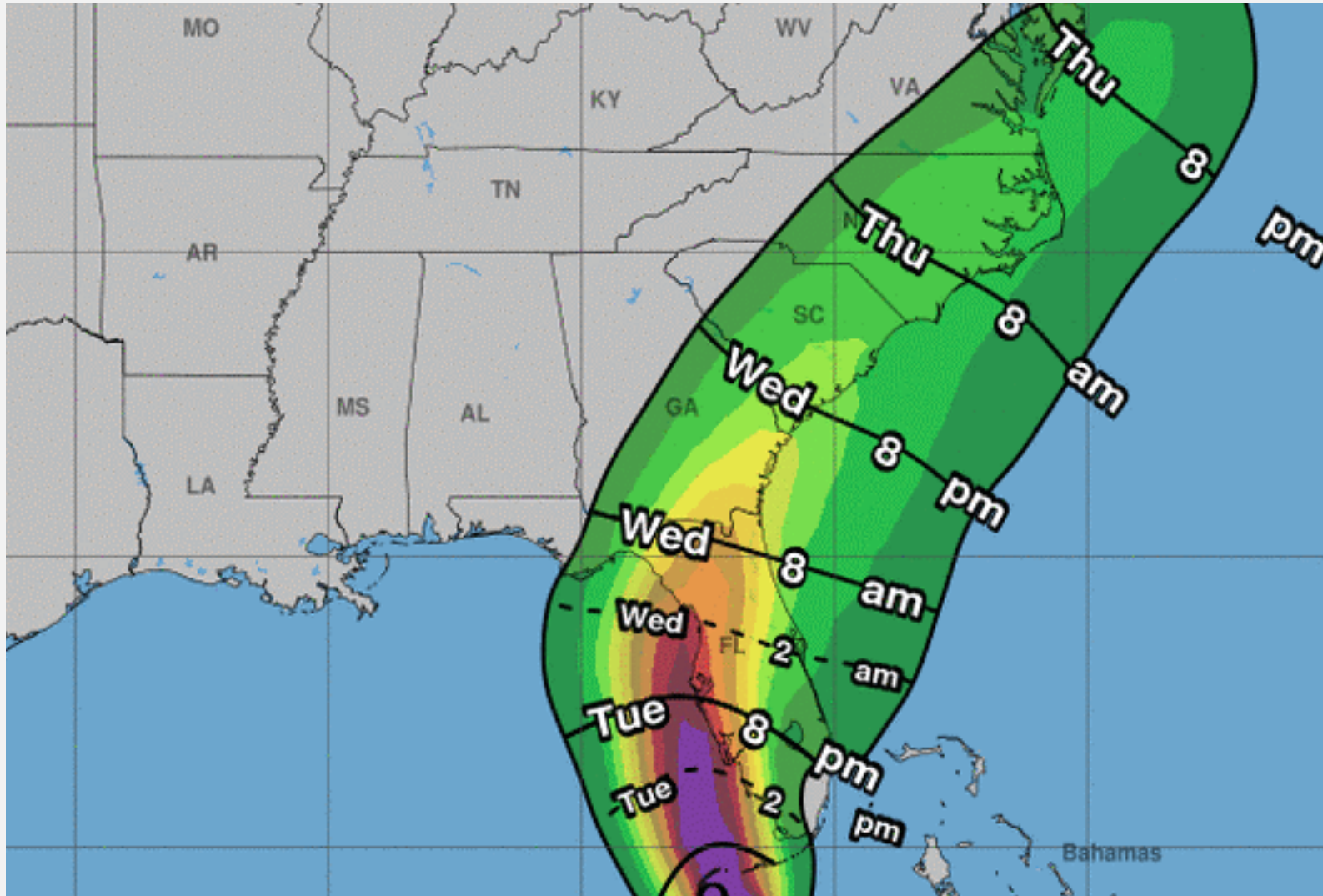


FORECAST TRACK



Tropical Storm Elsa

MOST LIKELY ARRIVAL OF TS WINDS



TS Wind Probabilities

Norfolk, VA	11%
Wilmington, NC	15%
Charleston, SC	28%
Savannah, GA	29%
Gainesville, FL	62%
Orlando, FL	28%
Key West, FL	99%
Tampa, FL	82%



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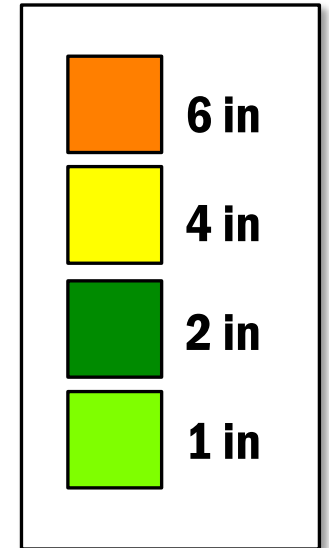
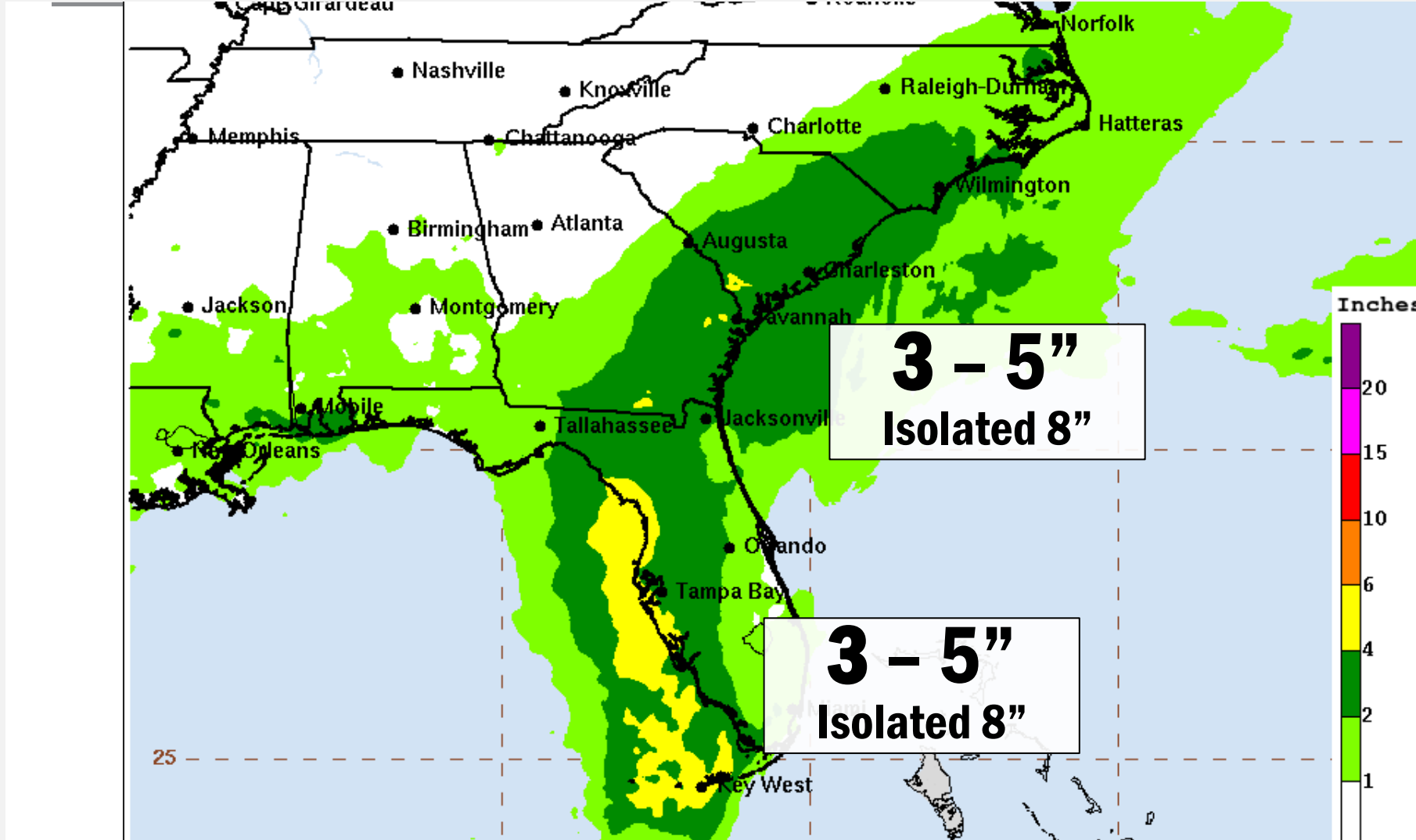
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



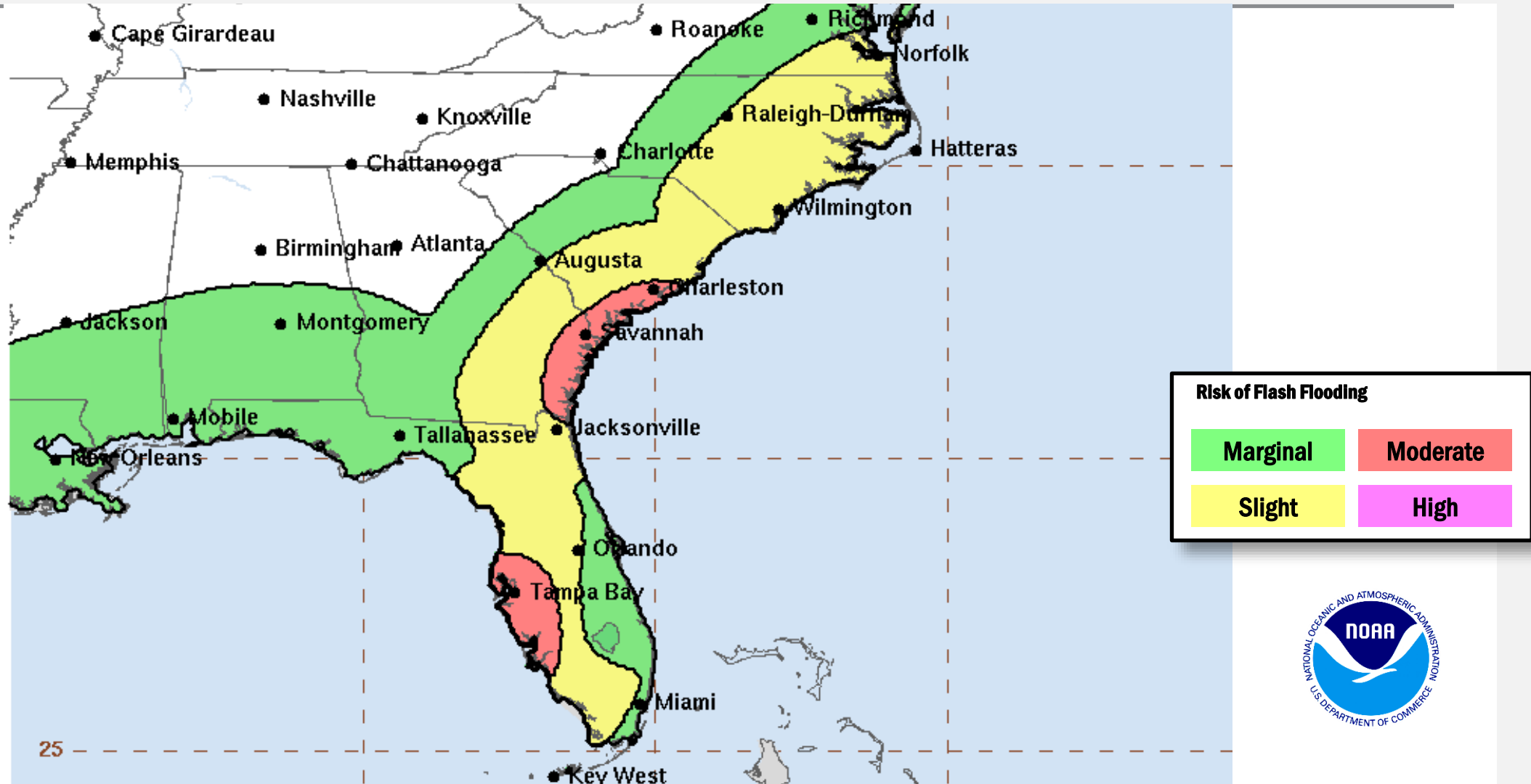
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5 DAY RAINFALL



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FLASH FLOOD POTENTIAL



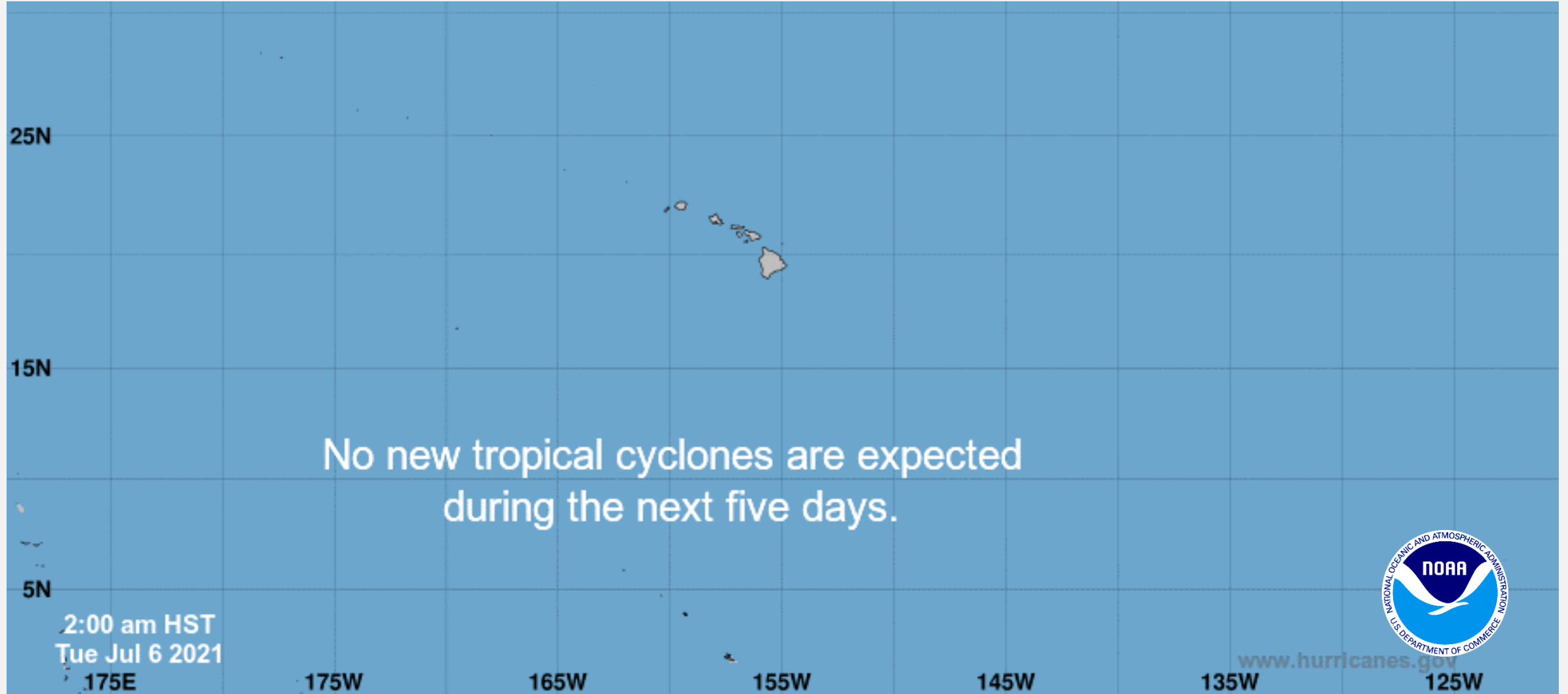
East Pacific Overview

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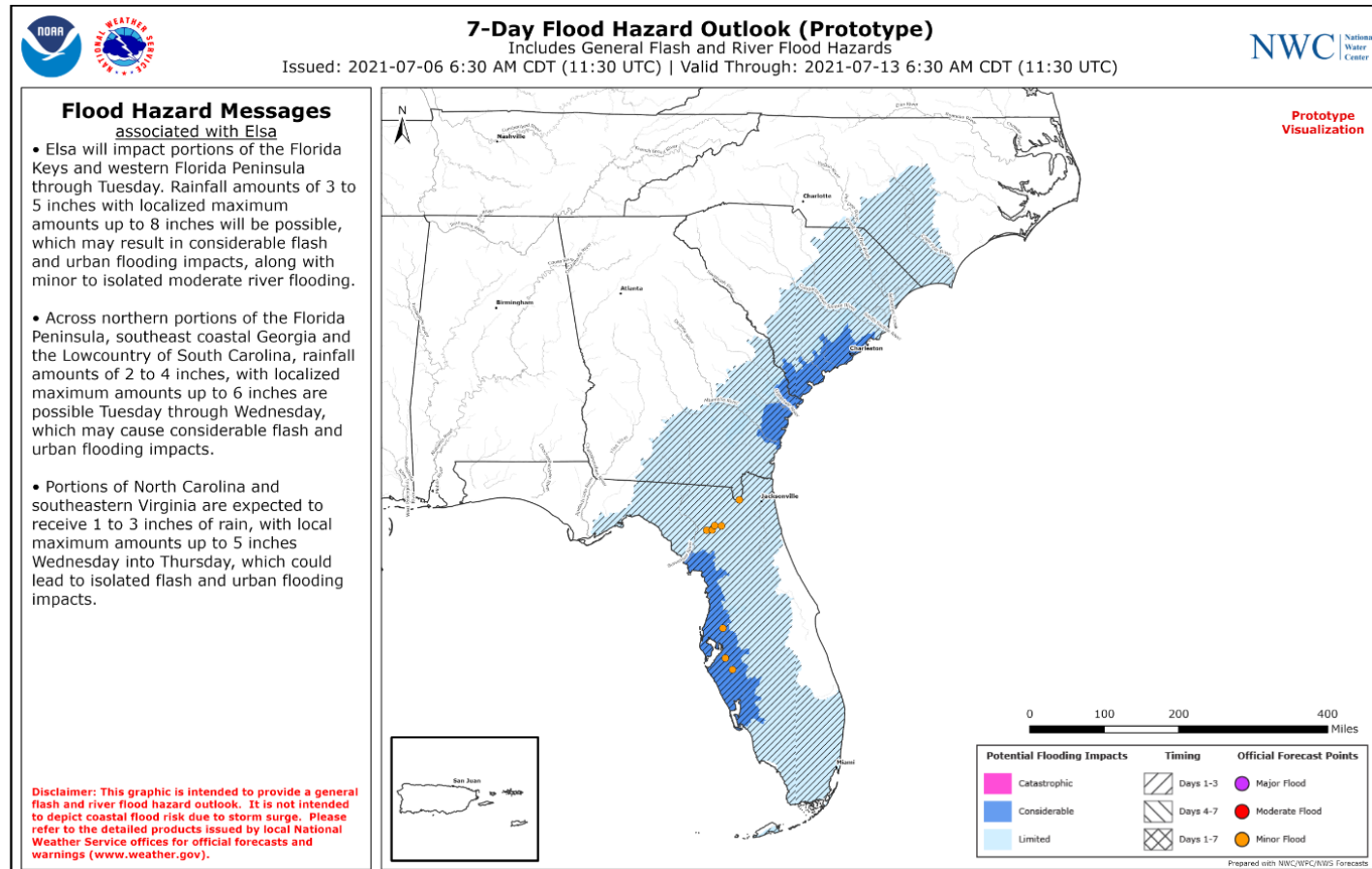


Central Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



7- Day Flood Hazard Outlook



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Tropical Storm Elsa

Current Situation:

Projected impacts are anticipated to remain within the response capabilities of the states, tribes, and local communities

Potential Impacts:

- Storm Surge Warning/Watches; Tropical Storm Warnings/Watches, and Hurricane Watch in effect for Florida Keys, Florida, and South Carolina
- Tornadoes are possible across south Florida tonight and across the Florida Peninsula for today
- Rainfall: 2-4 inches with localized maximum amounts up to 8 inches from Florida Keys into southwest and western Florida Peninsula; 2-4 inches, localized maximum totals up to 6 inches across rest of Florida; 3-5 inches across southeast GA and low country of South Carolina; 1-3 inches across coastal NC into southeastern VA

Lifeline Impacts: (Region IV Status Update, as of July 5, 12:34 p.m. ET)

Safety & Security:

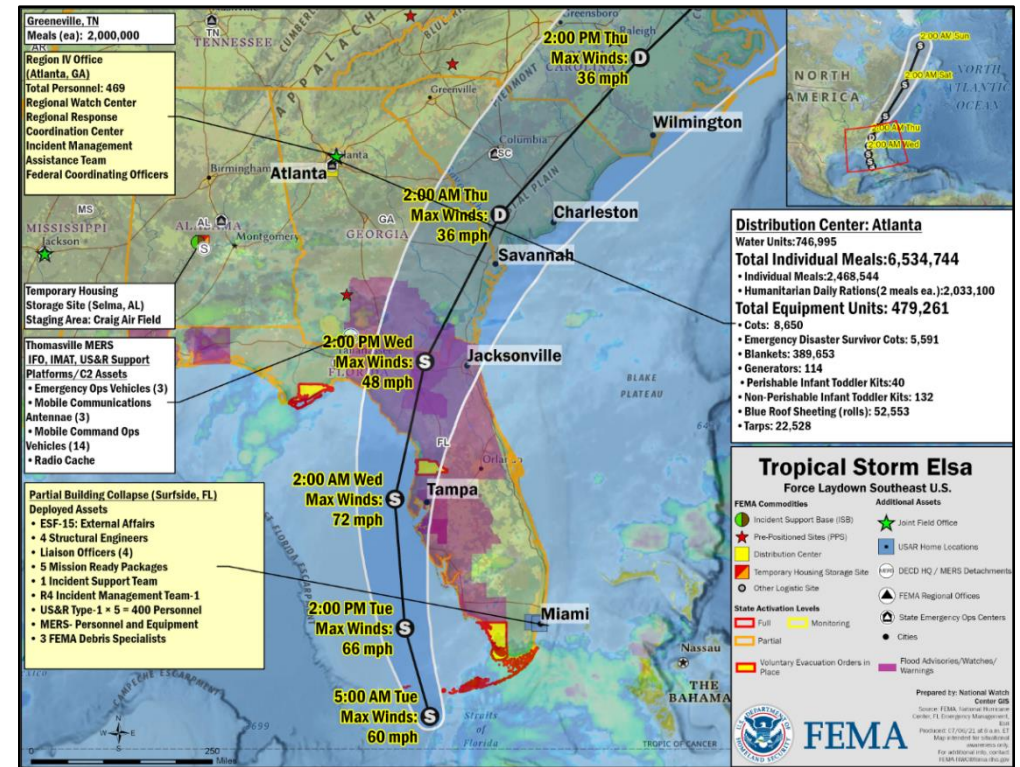
- Pre-landfall preparations underway; several county EOC Activations, team deployments, and coordination of resources
- Approximately 325 individuals across nine (9) counties are at risk for greater than 3' of surge
- No mandatory evacuations in effect; localized voluntary evacuations of low-lying and flood prone areas
- County pumps and sandbags deployed across several counties

Food, Water, & Sheltering:

- Shelter locations have been identified; 15 shelters on standby across 6 counties
- FL has adequate commodities for the forecast impacts

Energy:

- Short term outages (72 hours) anticipated along the risk area with isolated fuel outages and delayed delivery of fuel
- Utility companies coordinating internally to support rapid restoration post-storm



Transportation:

- Isolated road closures along the at-risk area due to surge and areal flooding
- Major transportation corridors and evacuation routes are expected to remain open
- Short term airport and port closures anticipated along the west coast of FL as the storm passes



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Tropical Storm Elsa – Preparations & Response

State / Local Response:

Florida:

- FL EOC at Partial Activation (Tropical Cyclone Elsa and Surfside Building Collapse)
- Governor declared a State of Emergency [for 27 counties](#)
- FL Governor preparing to sign an executive order to move assets around the state
- Leon County will open 4 sandbag sites today
- Pumps being deployed to several counties
- FDEM having twice daily discussions with NHC, local, and SERT partners
 - Voluntary evacuations will go into effect July 6 in Hernando and Hillsborough Counties

Tribal Nations:

- Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) tribal EOC activated on July 4; Chairman declared a state of emergency

Georgia:

- [GA EOC may activate on Wednesday, July 7](#)
- [Governor may declare a state of emergency on Wednesday, July 7](#)
- State has generators, water, tarps, and food, strategically placed around the state

South Carolina:

- Monitoring; no anticipated change in posture at this time

North Carolina:

- Conducting county gap analysis; assessing potential need to request Region IV Response LNO
- No anticipated federal support requirements at this time

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, coordinating with FL for potential IMAT deployment
- Response LNO and two FIT members deployed to FL EOC with 2 LNOs on standby to deploy to GA EOC and NC EOC
- Hurricane Liaison Team member deployed to the NHC
- Focus Threat Assessments are ongoing

FEMA Headquarters:

- NWC at Enhanced Watch (Day shift only)
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3561-EM-FL approved July 4
- 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 (arriving today)
- 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: (EM-3560 Daily Snapshot as of 3:00 p.m. ET, July 5)

Demolition of the remaining structure has occurred. Search and rescue operations have resumed but access to the site is still limited until Tropical Cyclone Elsa passes. US&R and command post temporarily relocating off-site and heavy equipment being demobilized due to Tropical Cyclone Elsa.

Lifeline Impacts: (EM-3560-FL Daily Snapshot, as of 3:00 p.m. ET, July 5)

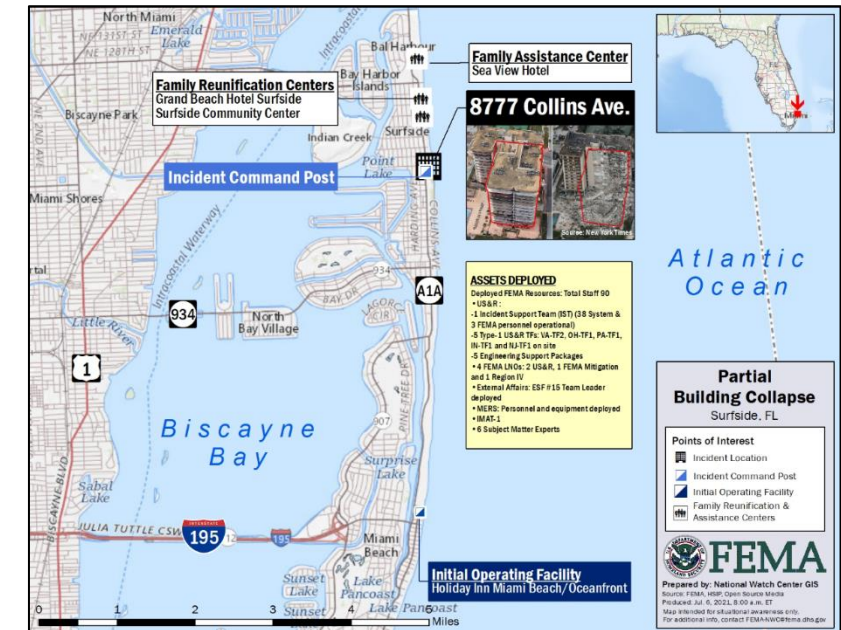
Safety & Security: 118 individuals remain unaccounted for

Food, Water, Shelter: ARC: 20 hotel rooms sheltering 36 survivors (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:09 a.m. ET, July 5)

Health & Medical: 11 injuries / 27 (+3) 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 TC Elsa](#)
- Deployed FEMA Resources: Total Staff- 90 (81 deployed; 7 pending check-in; 1 checked-out; 1 pending check-out) US&R
 - 3 (-1) 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
- FEMA Logistics: Staging Management Team on alert
- Individual Assistance (IA) registration intake opened; IA staff on-site; 77 registrations, 25 funeral registrations complete 5 Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) received; 3 RPAs eligible, 2 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 Staging area operational; debris removal ongoing – 2,424 tons removed



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Andrus Fire – Washington

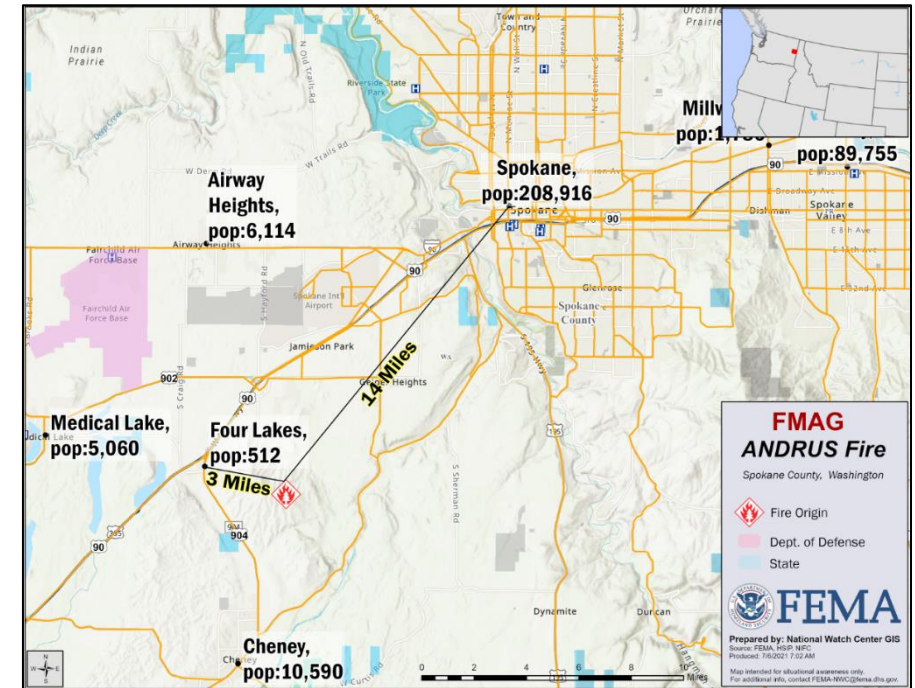
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Andrus (Spokane, WA)	5395-FM-WA	500	10%	M: 1,000	H: 400	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 1,000	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation:

- The fire began on July 5 and is burning on federal, state, and private land
- Threatening 400 homes (all primary residences) in and around the community of Cheney, WA (pop. 12,410)
- Also threatening communications sites, roads, a school, electrical infrastructure and recreational facilities
- Mandatory and voluntary evacuations in effect

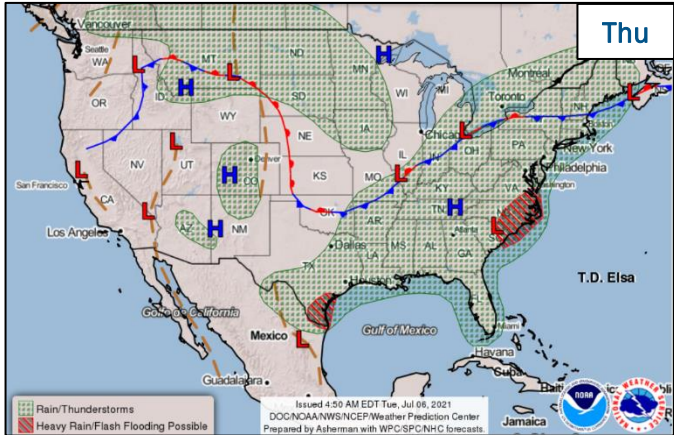
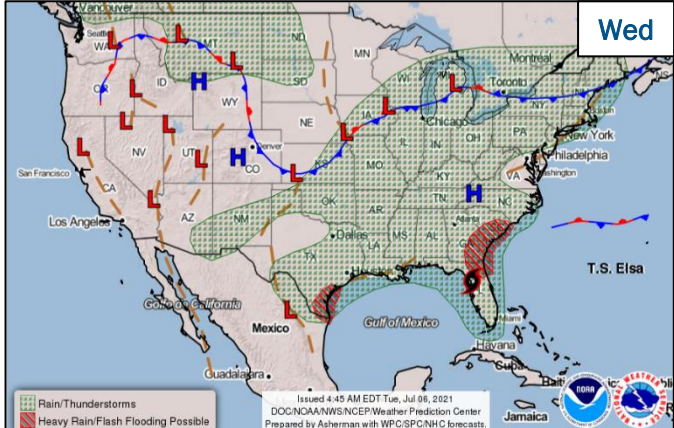
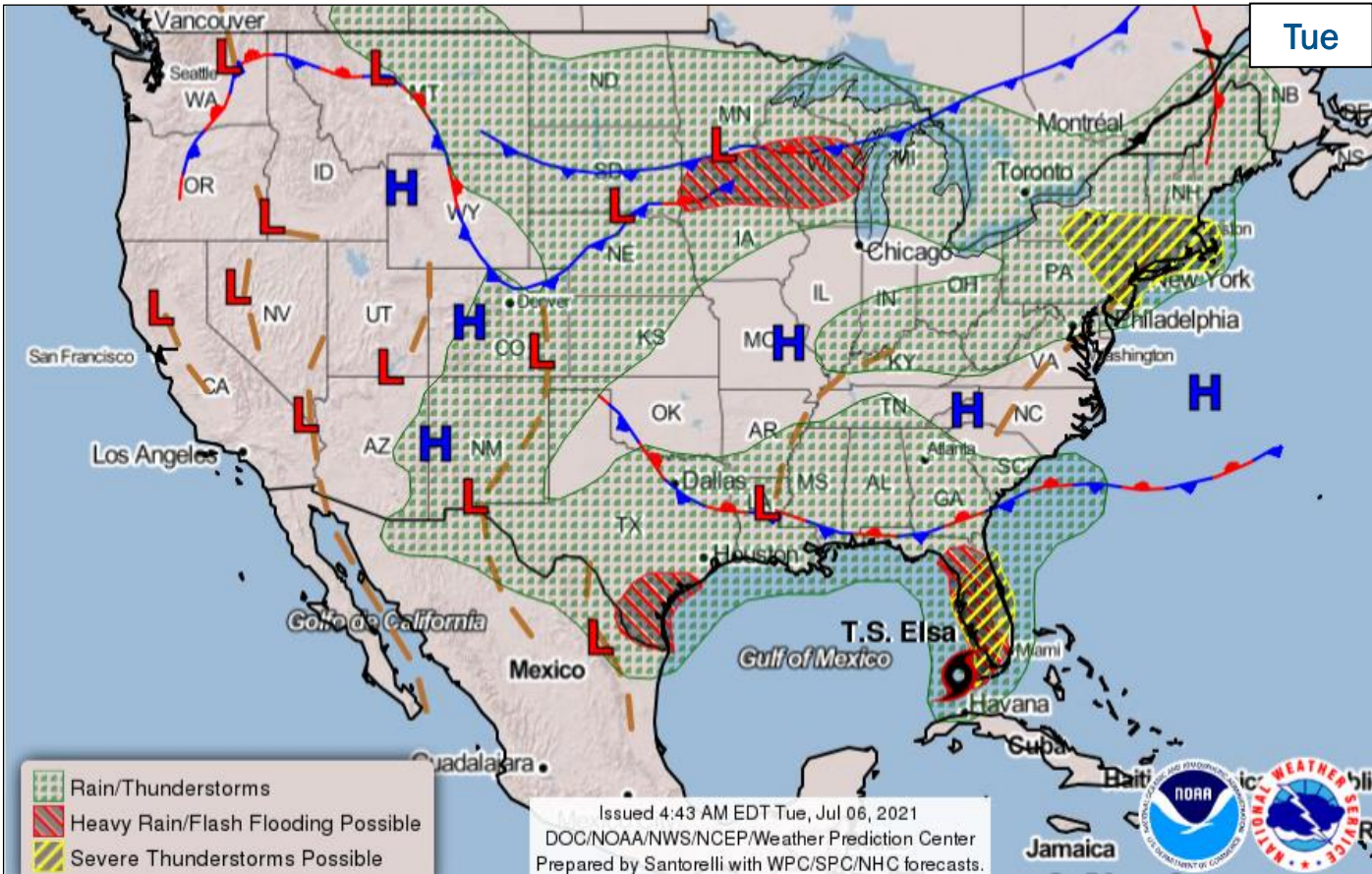
Response:

- WA EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- Region X / Bothell MOC are monitoring
- FMAG approved on July 6, 2021



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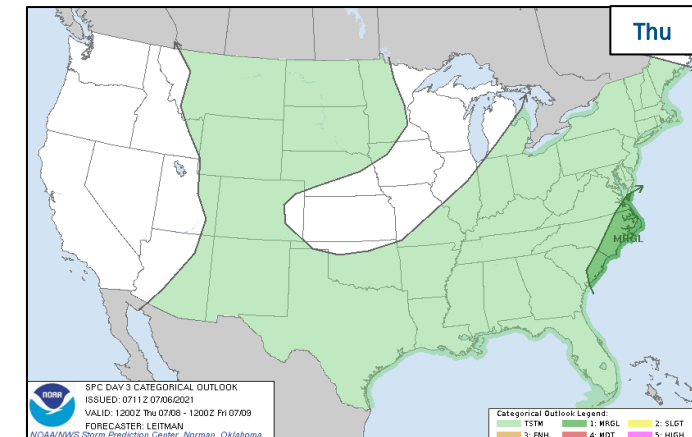
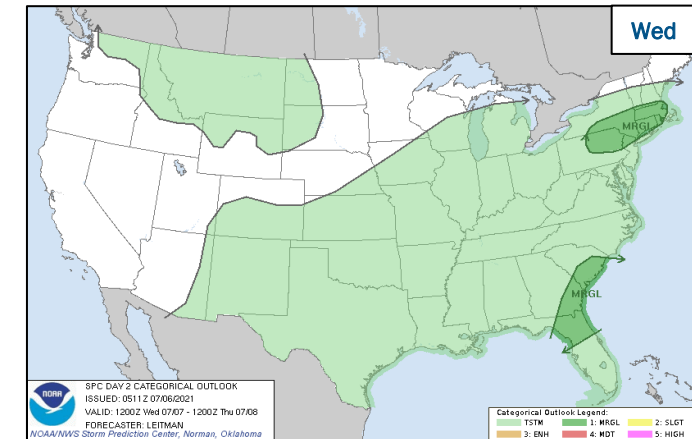
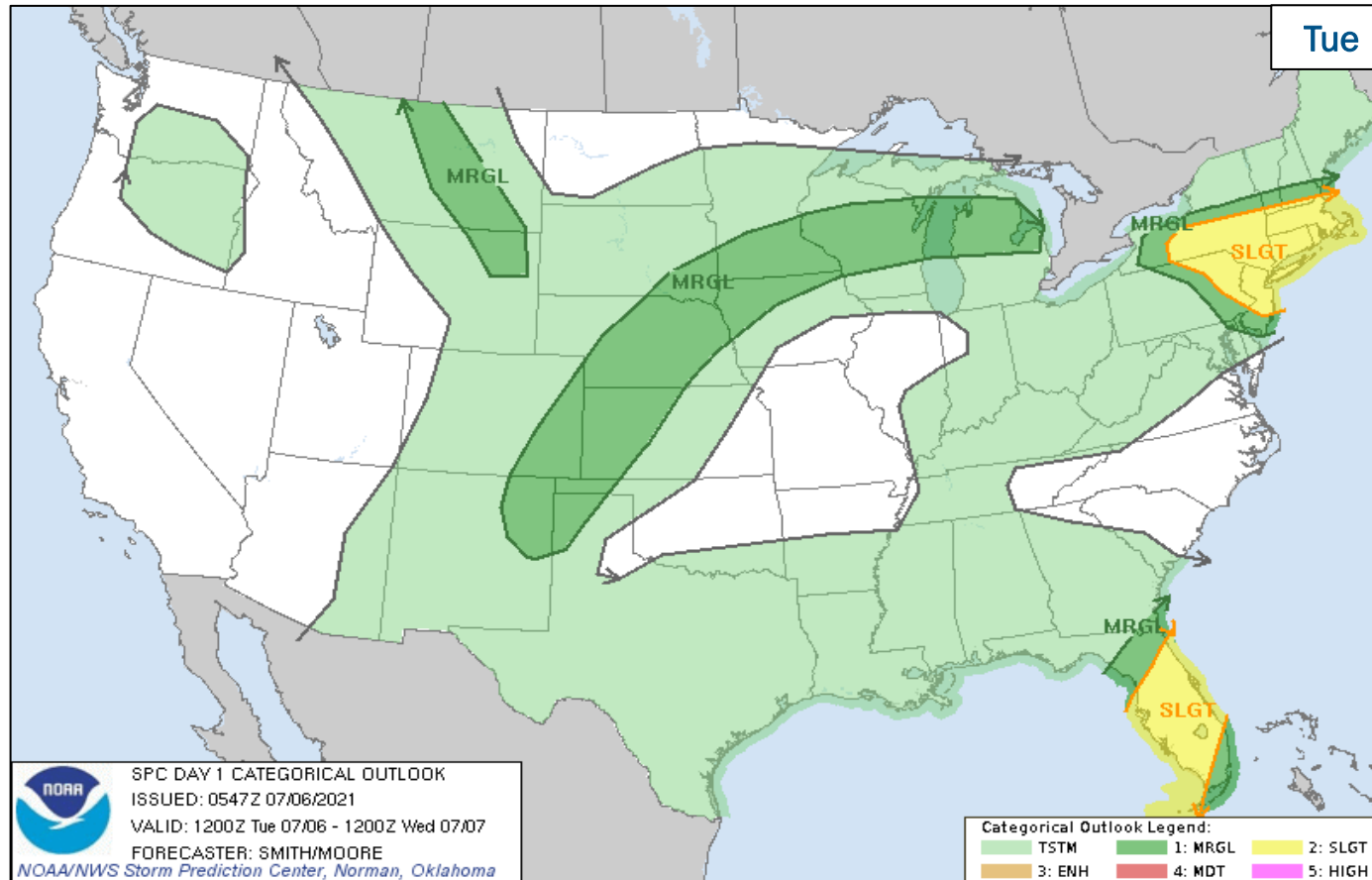
National Weather Forecast



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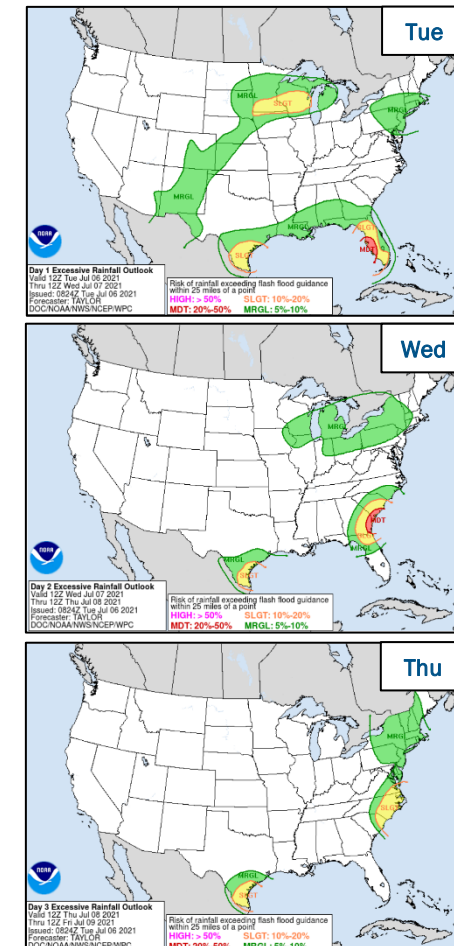
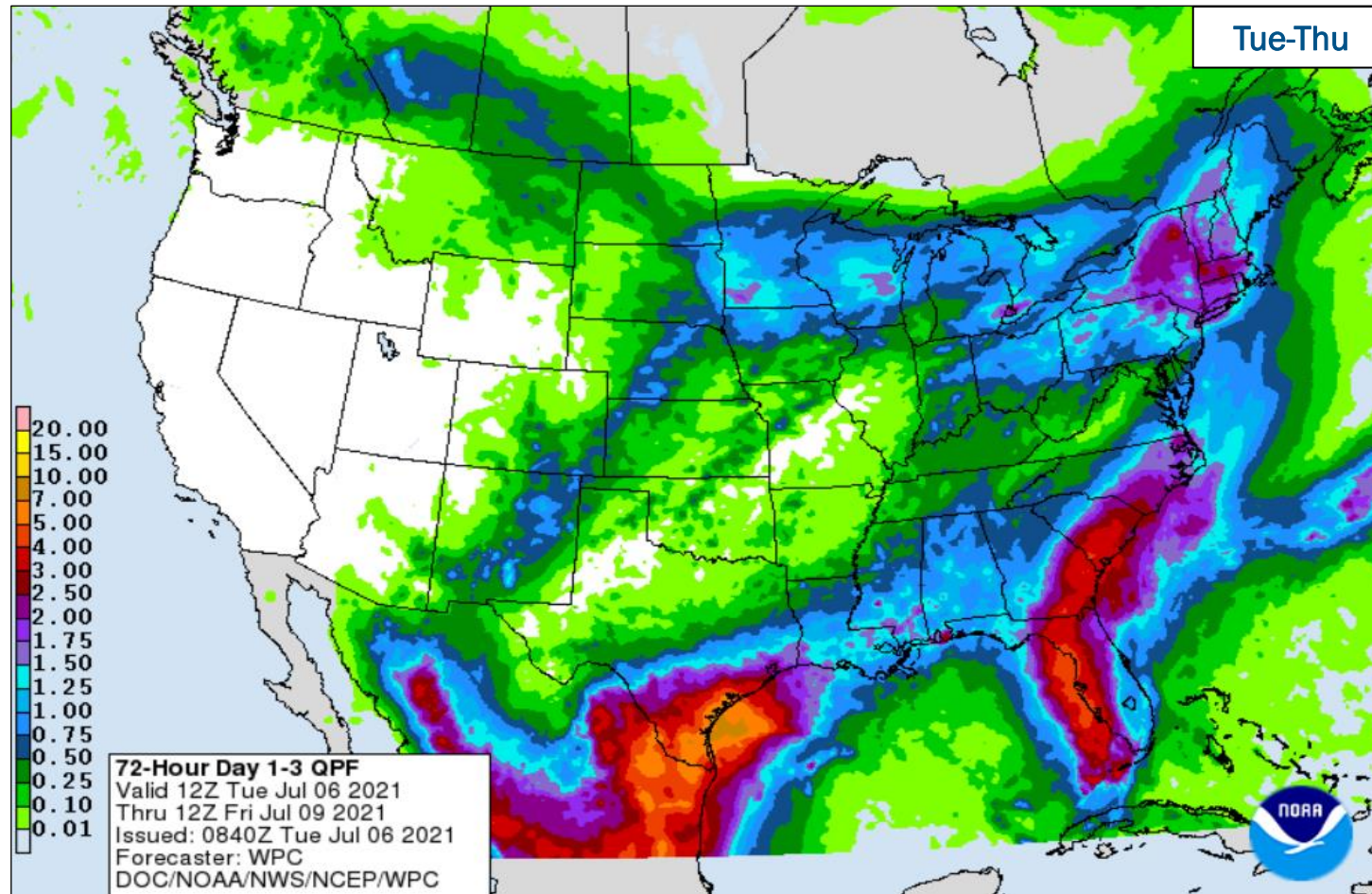
Severe Weather Outlook



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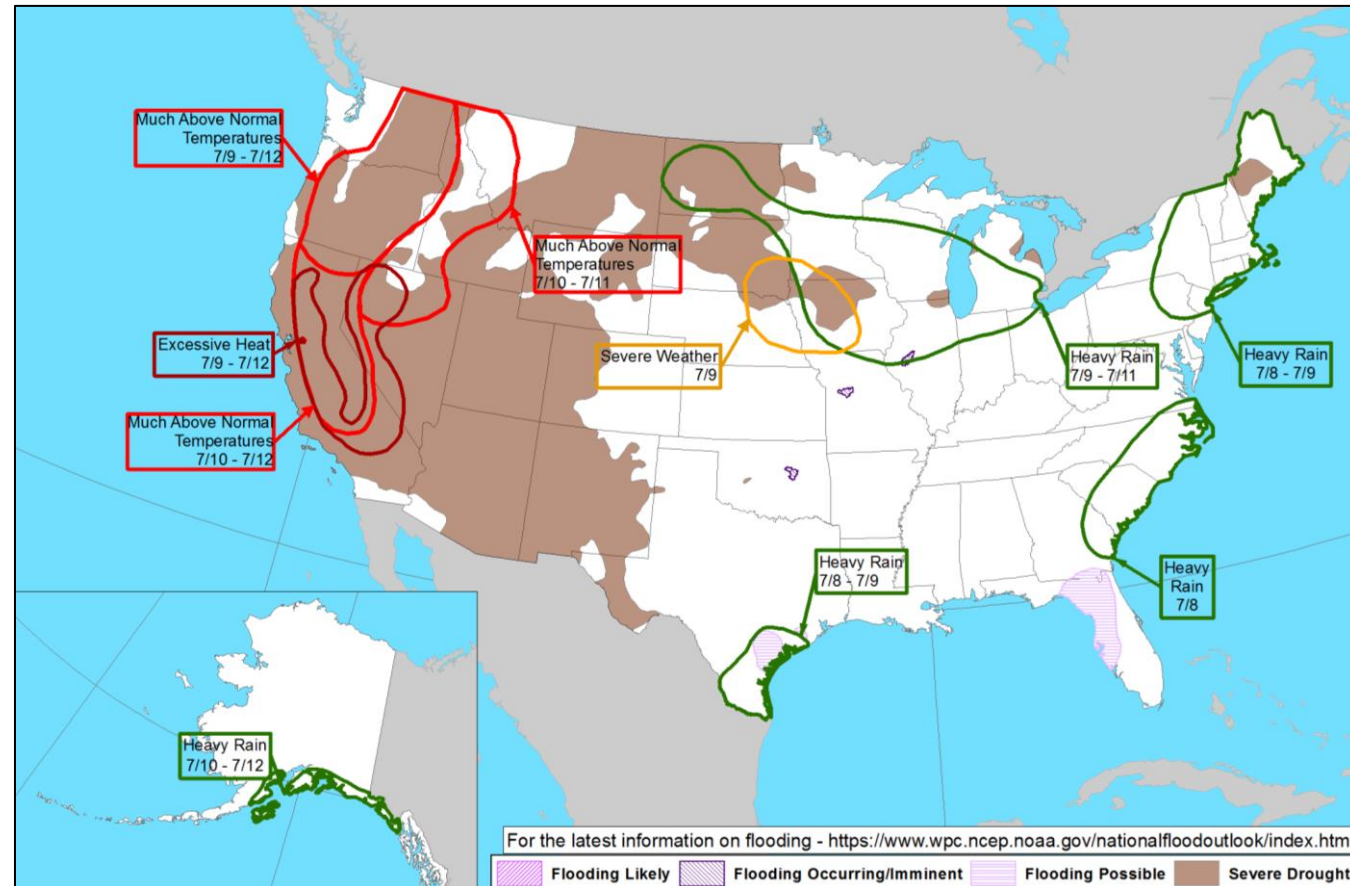
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Hazards Outlook – Jul 8-12

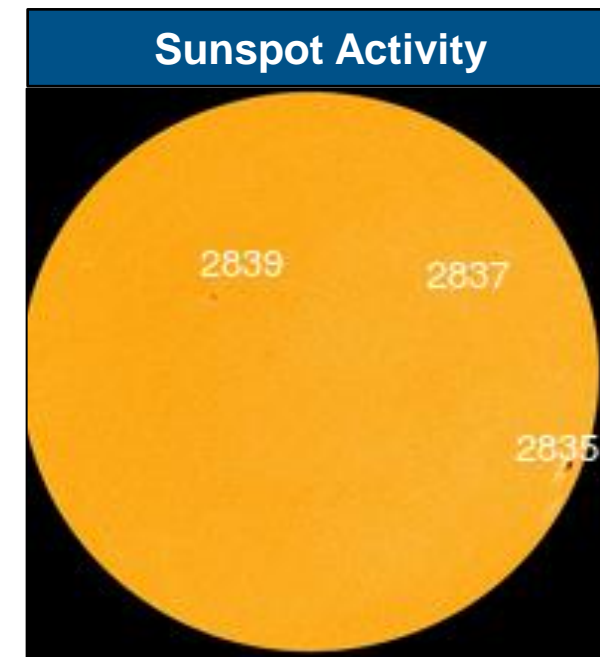
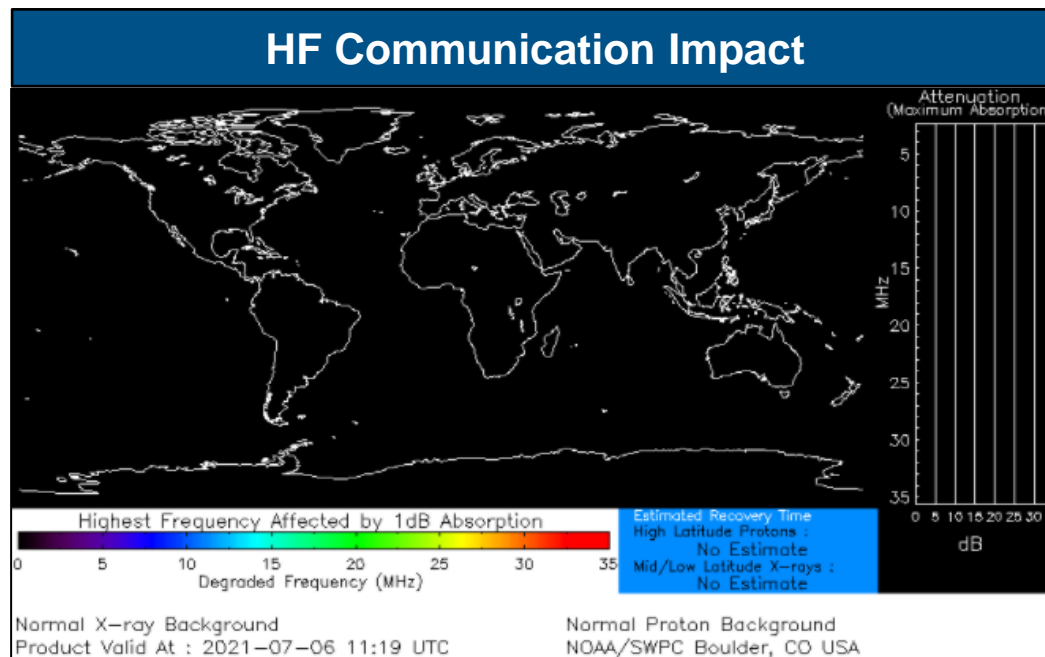


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Space Weather Outlook

	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	Minor	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 (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Lava - FINAL (Siskiyou, CA)	5393-FM-CA	25,001 (+244)	71% (+19)	M: Lifted	H: 0 (-53)	H: 0	H: 5 (-7)	0 / 4
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 4 (-29)	

(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 Jun 25-26	IA	1	0	7/8 – TBD
			PA	3	0	7/8 – TBD
VIII	MT	Severe Storms Jun 8-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	6/21 – TBD



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Declaration Approval – Florida

Declaration: Emergency Declaration FEMA-3561-EM-FL

Date Requested: Jul 4

Date Approved: Jul 4

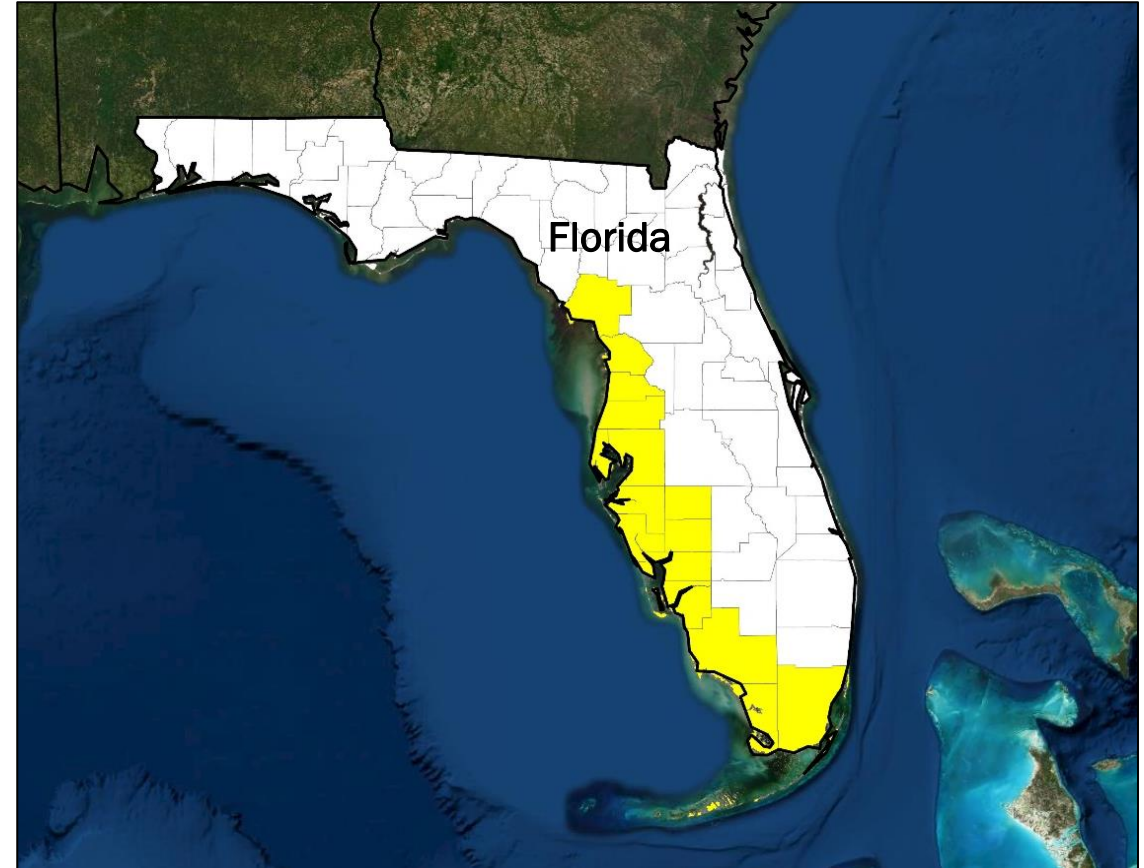
Incident: Tropical Storm Elsa

Incident Period: Jul 4, 2021 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA Only:** Emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding for 15 counties

FCO: Kevin A. Wallace

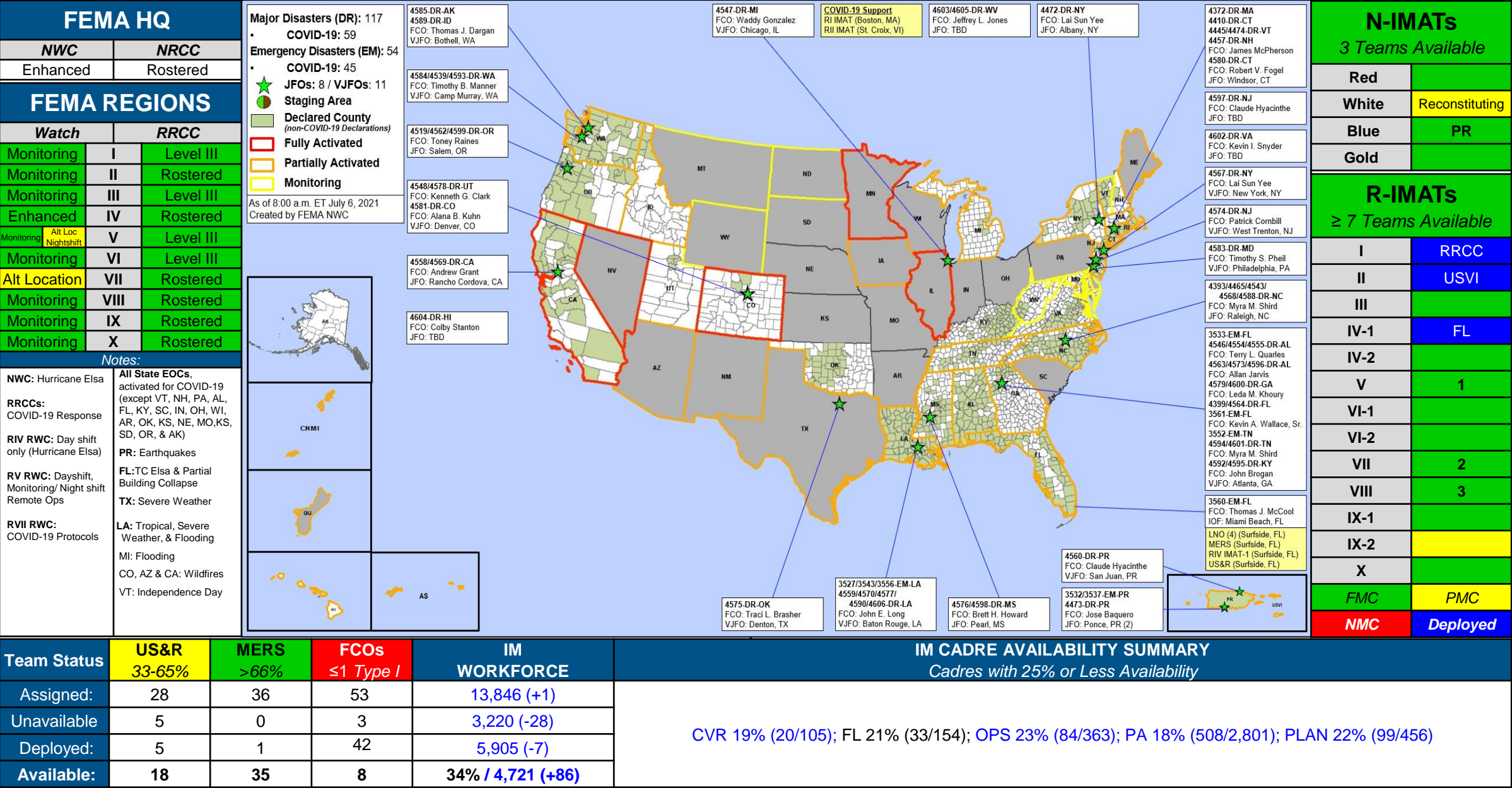


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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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