

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Cyclone Ida – Response and Recovery
- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.
 - Caldor Fire – CA

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain / flash flooding– Central U.S.
- Tropical Activity
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Larry
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (near 0%)
 - Eastern Pacific: Disturbance 1: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request for Major Disaster Declaration – AZ
- Approval of Emergency Declaration – NY & NJ

Event Monitoring

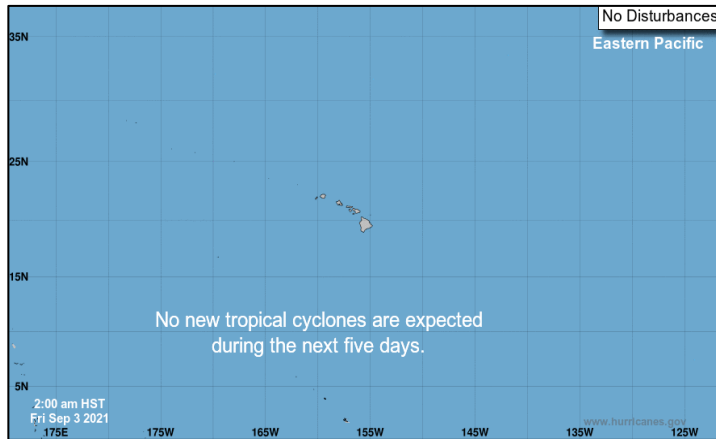
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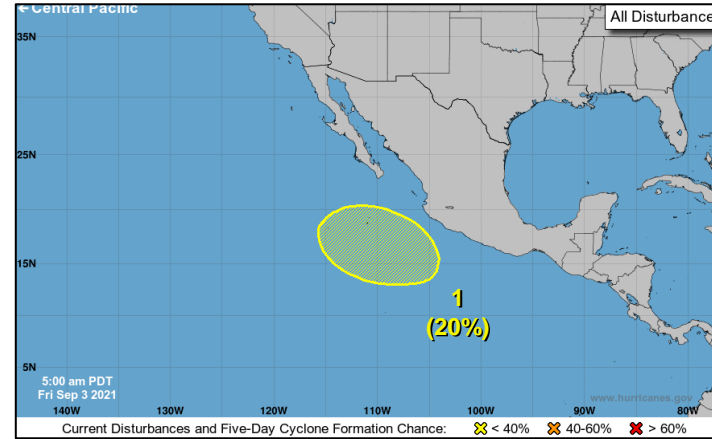
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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

Central Pacific



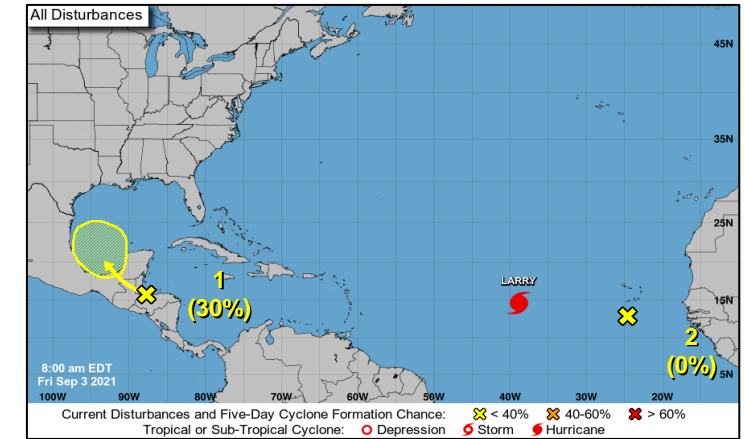
Eastern Pacific



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

- Located off southwestern coast of Mexico
- Conditions expected to be conducive for some gradual development
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 5 days: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Hurricane Larry (Advisory #11 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 970 miles W of the southernmost Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving WNW at 20 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 90 mph
- Expected to become a major hurricane by tonight

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

- Located over Gulf of Honduras
- Could move over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico late this weekend
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 5 days: Low (30%)

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

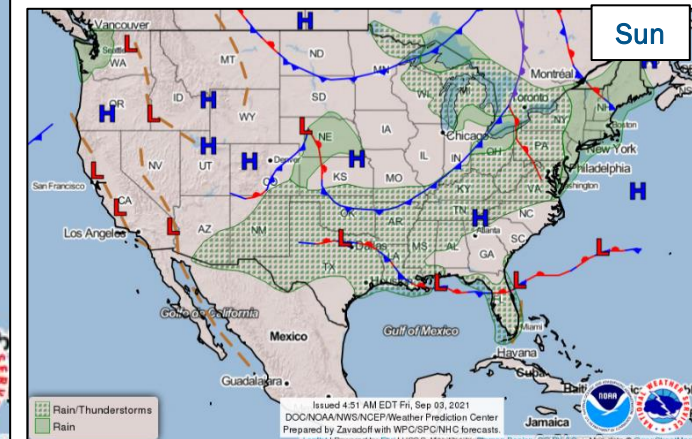
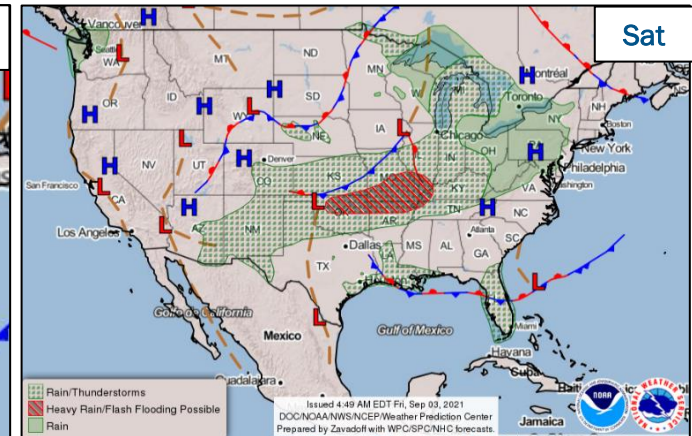
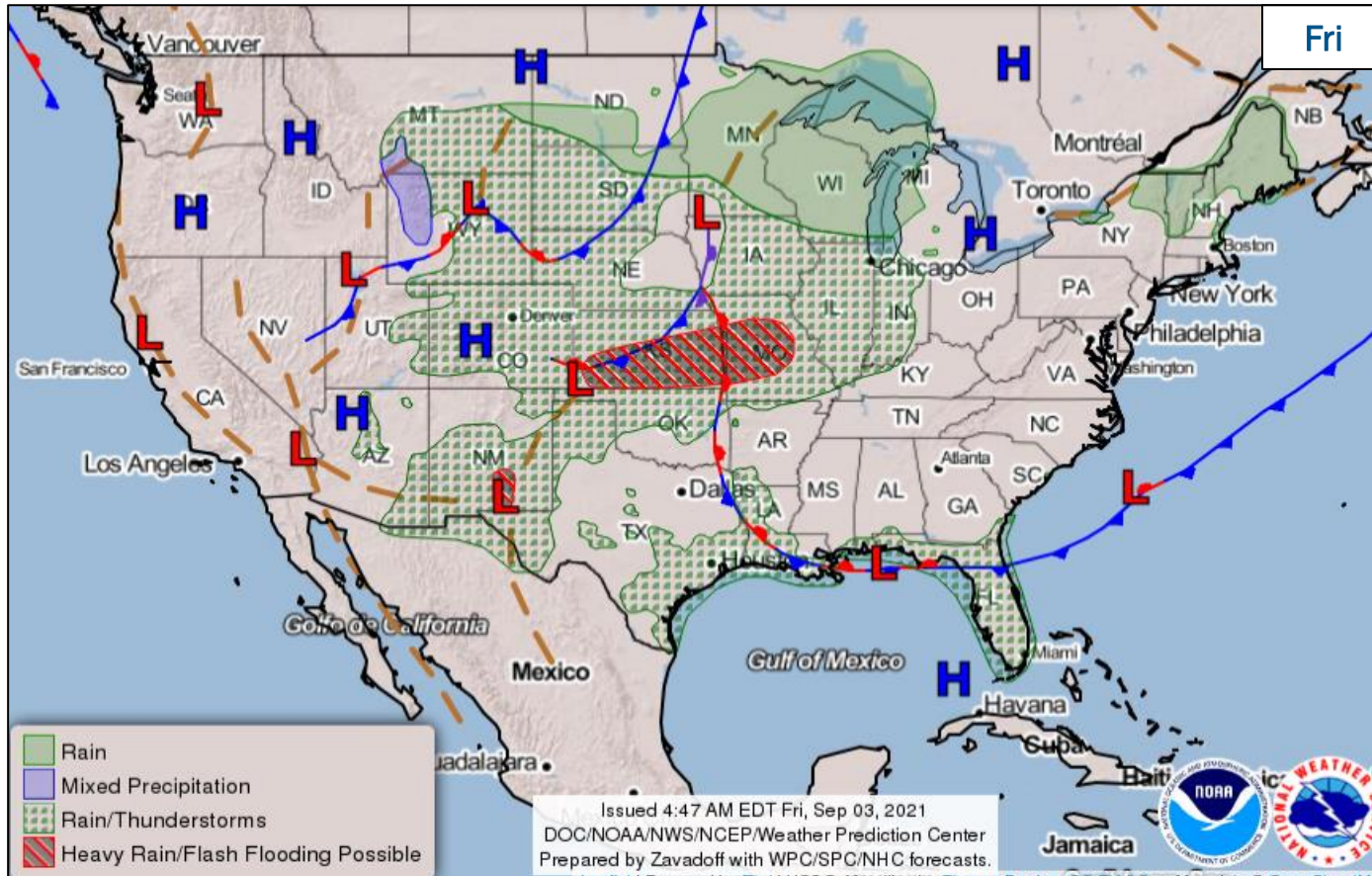
- 100 miles S of the southernmost Cabo Vere Islands
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 5 days: Low (near 0%)

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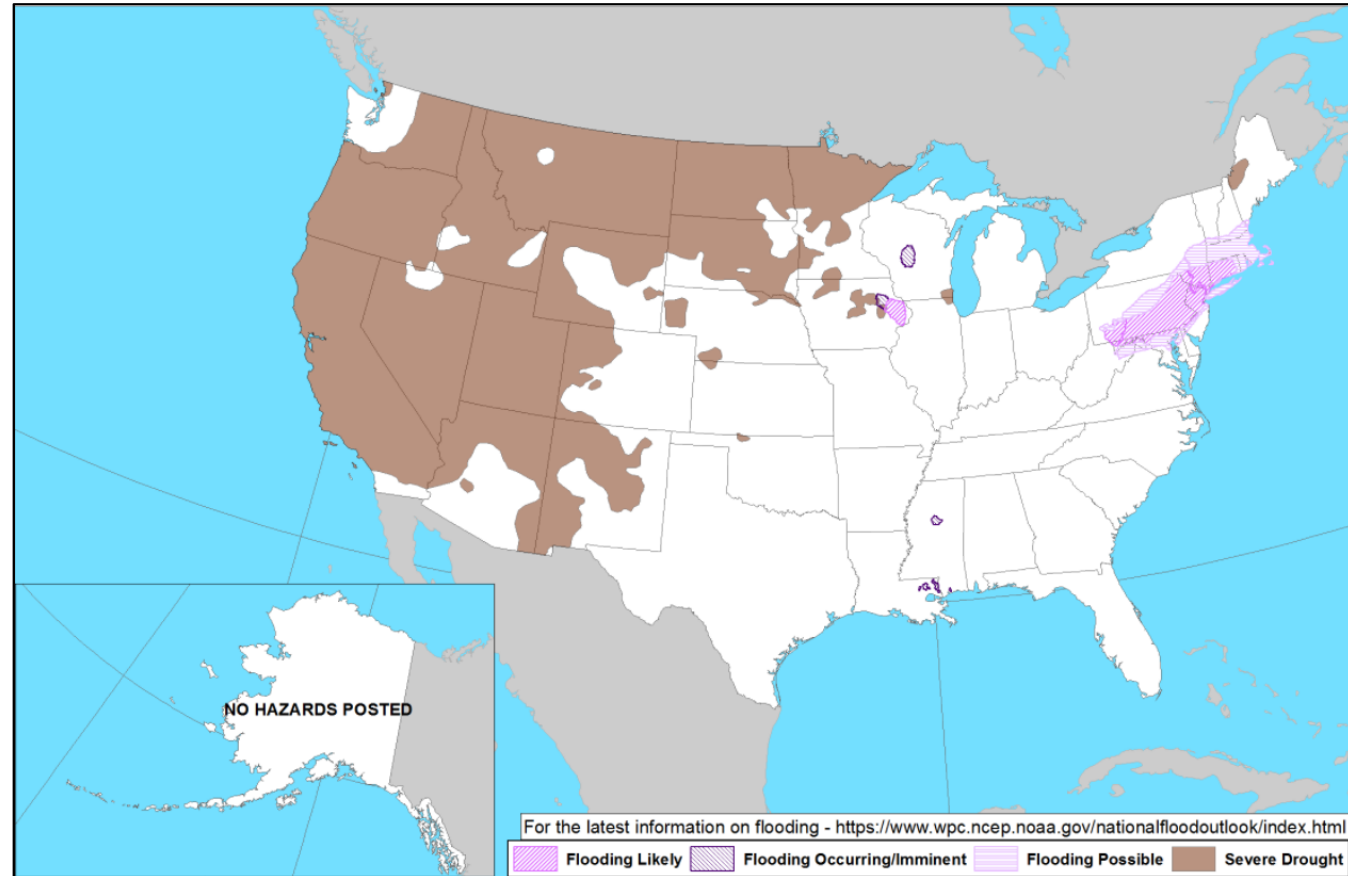
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Hazards Outlook – Sep 5-9



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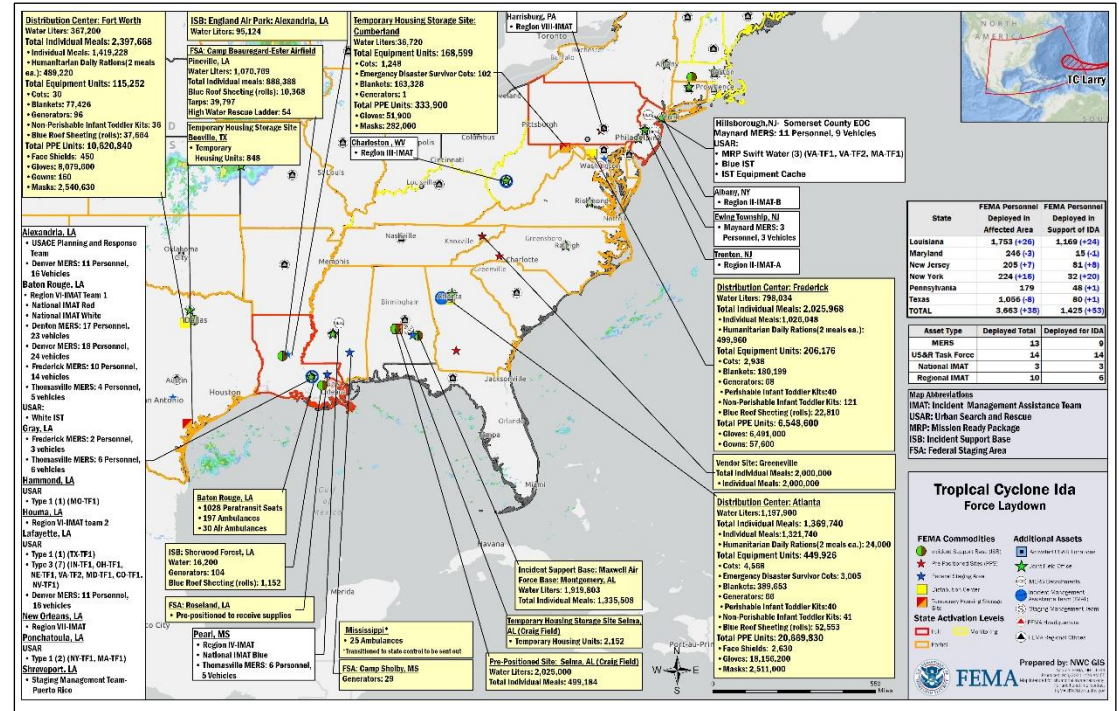
Tropical Cyclone Ida

Situation: Remnants of Ida impacted the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast overnight, bringing heavy rain, flooding and high winds. There were four tornado touchdowns in Maryland and one in New Jersey. Ida has left the U.S. and has moved offshore.

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA HQ:

- NRCC at Level I, 24/7, with all ESFs and LNOs
- Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4611-DR-LA on Aug 29; JFO established in Baton Rouge, LA
- Emergency Declaration: Approved for LA, MS, NJ and NY
- National IMAT Red and White deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- **Region VII IMAT deployed to New Orleans, LA**
- **National IMAT Blue demobilized from Pearl, MS / FMC**
- Region VIII IMAT deployed to Harrisburg, PA
- US&R:
 - All teams are performing search and rescue operations and have swift water capabilities
 - LNO to N-IMAT Red
 - Region VI
 - Baton Rouge, LA: (1) White IST; **Hammond, LA: 1 Task Force demobilized;**
 - Ponchatoula, LA: 2 Task Forces; **Lafayette, LA: (1 (-1)) Type 1 and (2 -4)) Type 3 task forces**
 - LNO deployed to National IMAT Red (Baton Rouge, LA)
 - All teams are performing search and rescue operations and have swift water capabilities
 - Region II
 - (1) IST to Hillsborough, NJ
 - 3 Mission Ready Packages-Water Rescue staged in Hillsborough, NJ
- MERS:
 - Denton, Denver, Thomasville, Maynard, and Frederick MERS to support Region VI or IV, IMATs, and USAR teams



DOD: 60 high water vehicles staged in TX; 14 rotary wing aircraft staged in TX/VA
USCG: 34 air assets conducting damage assessments, investigating SAR cases
USGS: Storm surge sensors deployed in LA and MS for water height monitoring
EPA: Light Incident Management Team established in Region VI



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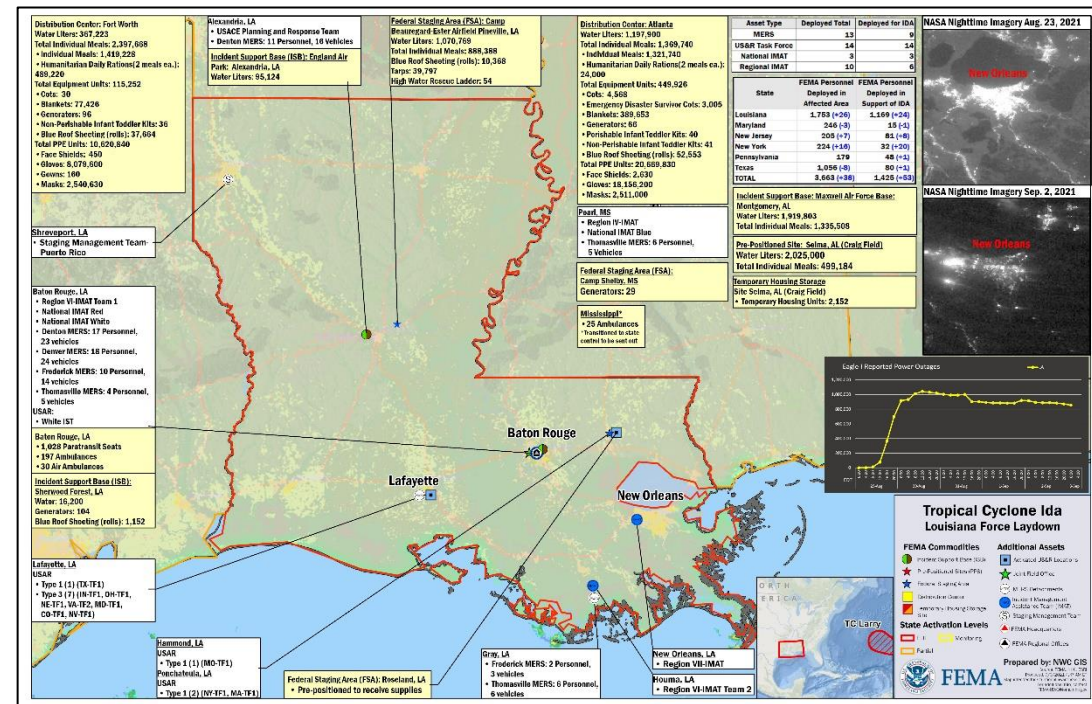
Tropical Cyclone Ida - FEMA Region VI

LA



Lifeline Impacts:

- Safety and Security:
 - LA: Overall search and rescue activities in LA projected to reach end-state by 9/4; USAR teams deployed to NJ in response to extreme weather from the remnants of Ida
- Food, Water, Shelter:
 - LA: 137 water systems under boil water advisory impacting 887k people (Region VI Hurricane Ida Incident Report as of Sept 2)
 - LA: 23 (-4) shelters open with 2,128 (-87) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:00 a.m. ET)
- Health and Medical:
 - LA has evacuated 14 hospitals and has partially reopened several previously closed facilities
- Energy:
 - LA: 827k (-3.7k)(38.5%) customers without power (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:45 a.m. ET)
 - Temporary Emergency Power Planning and Response Teams, contractor support, and 249th Prime Power mobilized to conduct power assessments and installations (NRCC SLB as of 6:00 a.m. ET, Sept 1)
 - 191 generators staged or in use supporting impacted areas
- Communications:
 - 16 MCOVs to support command and control and site intake/registration
 - 911 communications in New Orleans has been restored; remain limited to some parishes in surrounding area
- Transportation:
 - LA: public rail closed pending assessment; ports reopening as deemed safe; commercial air services in New Orleans limited (NRCC SLB as of 6:00 a.m. ET, Sept 3)



State/Local Response:

- LA EOC at Full Activation (COVID and TC Ida); Governor declared State of Emergency

FEMA Region VI Response:

- Enhanced Watch, 24/7
- RRCC at Level I, day shift only, with all ESFs
- IMAT-1 deployed to JFO in Baton Rouge, LA
- IMAT-2 deployed to Houma (Branch 3), LA



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Tropical Cyclone Ida – FEMA Region II



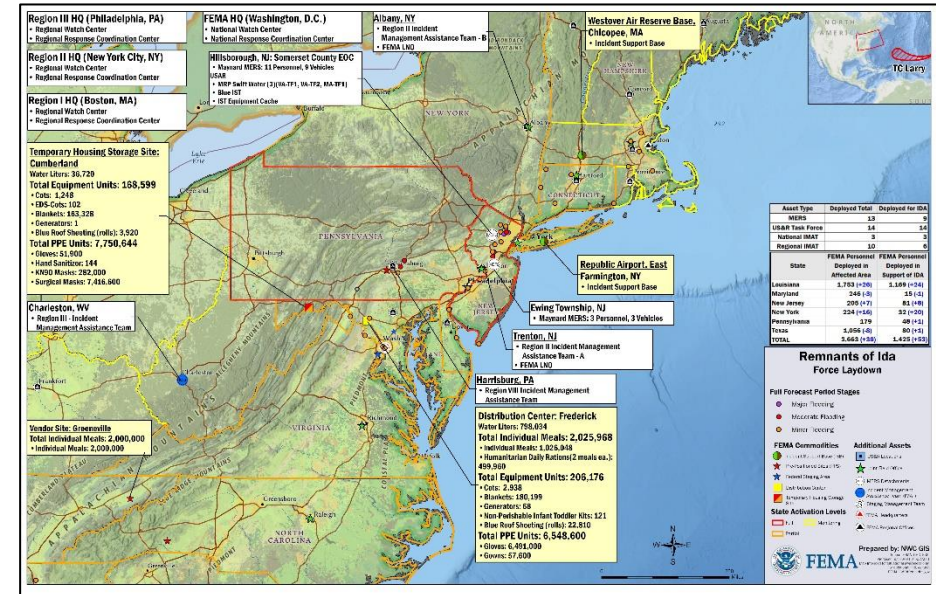
Situation: Remnants of Ida brought heavy rain, wind, and flooding to the Region. Numerous rivers are at flood stage; most are at moderate flood stage, but several are at major flood stage.

Lifeline Impacts:

- **Safety and Security:**
 - Numerous water rescues performed
 - Partial building collapse in NJ with 12 injuries
- **Food, Water, Shelter:**
 - NJ: 6 (-1) shelters open with 335 (+160) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:00 a.m. ET)
 - NY: 1 shelter open with 18 (+11) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:00 a.m. ET)
- **Health and Medical:**
 - NJ: Hunterdon Medical Center is requesting full divert status due to possible water penetrating their electrical system; RWJ Hospital, Rahway, NJ without power
 - **Fatalities:**
 - NY: 4 confirmed (Region II SpotRep 11:00 a.m. ET); 9 unconfirmed (open-source media)
 - NJ: 14 (Region II SpotRep 11:00 a.m. ET)
- **Energy:**
 - NJ: 13.3k (+7.7k) (0.33%); NY: 7k (-1k) (0.10%) customer outages statewide (DOE Eagle-I as of 5:30 a.m. ET)
- **Transportation:**
 - Widespread road closures and delays especially in metropolitan area of NJ/NY
 - Widespread rail suspensions
 - Flight cancellations and delays

State/Local Response:

- NJ EOC at Full Activation (Ida); Governor declared a state of emergency
- NY EOC at Partial Activation (COVID); Governor declared a state of emergency
- NYC Mayor declared a state of emergency and issued city-wide travel ban



Federal/FEMA Response:

- Enhanced Watch
- RRCC at Level III, 24/7 (Virtual, in-office at 7:00 a.m. ET Sep 3) with ESFs 1, 3, 6, and DCE
- IMAT, DCE, and ESFs 3 and 8 deployed to NJ EOC
- LNOs deployed to NJ and NY EOCs
- Emergency Declarations approved for NY & NJ



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Declaration Approved – New York

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3572-EM-NY

Date Requested: Sept 2

Date Approved: Sept 2

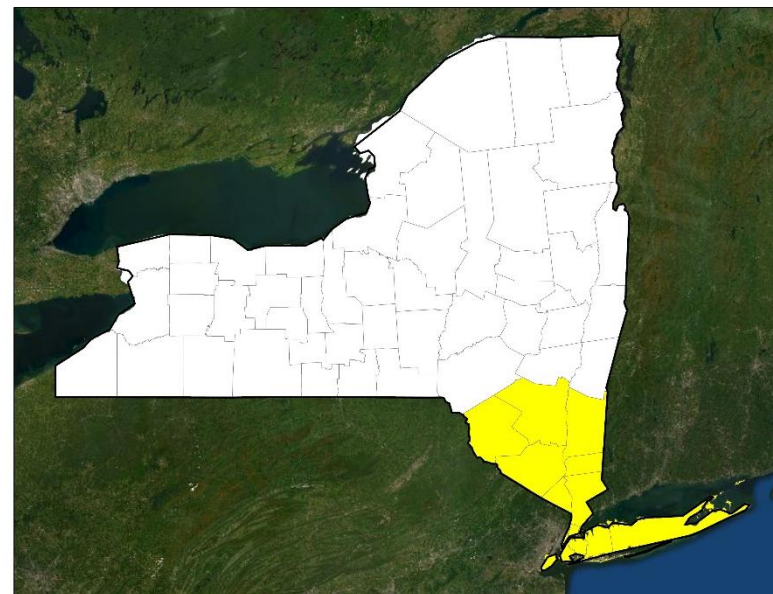
Incident: Hurricane Ida

Incident Period: Sept 1, 2021, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** To provide 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 14 counties

FCO: Lai Sun Yee



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Declaration Approved – New Jersey

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3573-EM-NJ

Date Requested: Sept 2

Date Approved: Sept 2

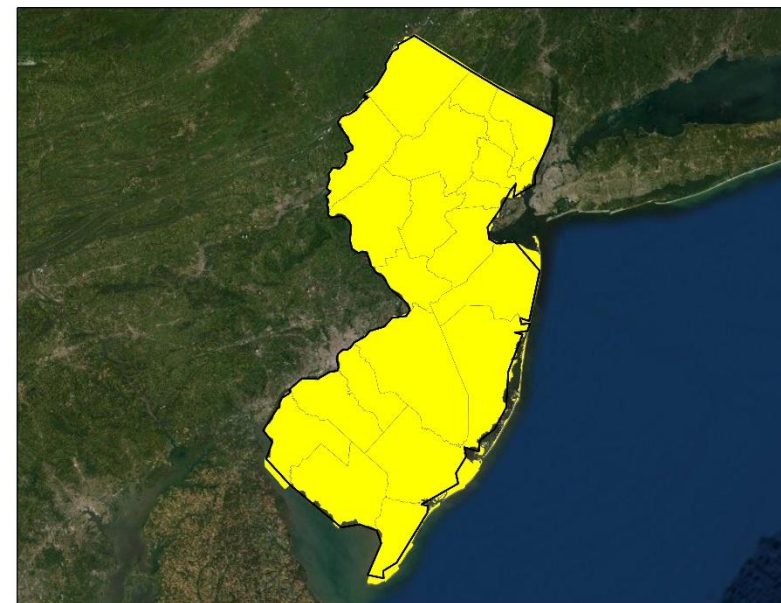
Incident: Hurricane Ida

Incident Period: Sept 1, 2021, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** To provide 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 21 counties

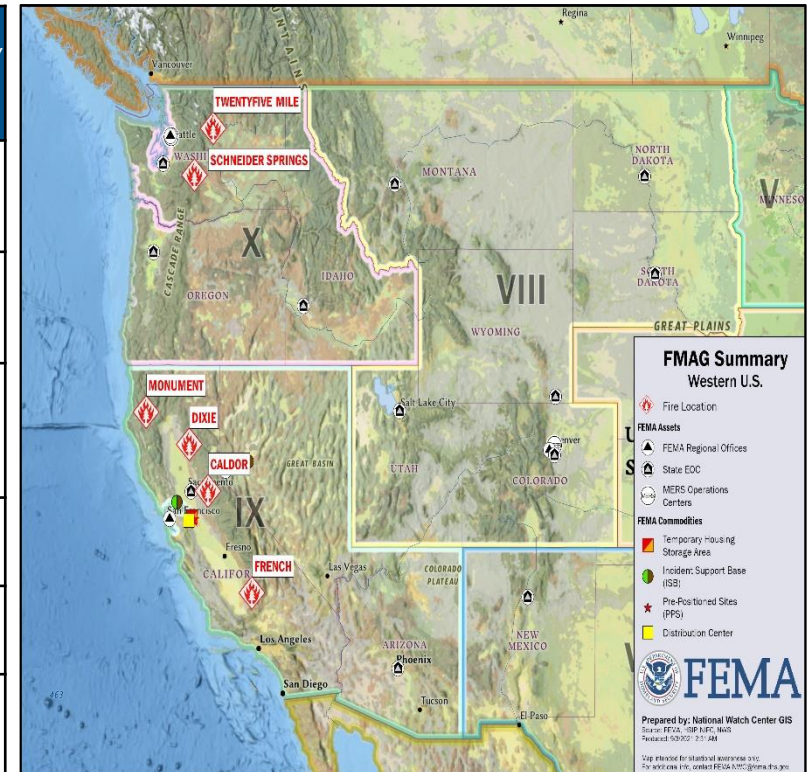
FCO: Patrick Cornbill



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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	865,703 (+18.4k)	55% (+3)	M: 3,897 (-3) V: 0	H: 12,707 O: 31	H: 56 O: 36	H: 704 O: 578	0 / 8
Monument (Trinity, CA)	5412-FM-CA	176,463 (+1.7k)	30% (+1)	M: 750 (-550) V: 0	H: 5,780 O: 4,800	H: 3 O: 0	H: 20 O: 30	0 / 6
Caldor (El Dorado, CA)	5413-FM-CA	210,893 (+2.9k)	27% (+4)	M: 49,763 (-1.4k) V: 0	H: 30,878 O: 1,023	H: 29 (+3) O: 14	H: 649 (+54) O: 196 (+11)	0 / 3
French (Kern, CA)	5416-FM-CA	25,871 (+17)	43%	M: 706 V: 0	H: 329 O: 443 (+10)	H: 3 O: 2	H: 19 O: 31	1 / 19
Twentyfive Mile (Chelan, WA)	5414-FM-WA	14,119 (+201)	37%	M: 1,028 V: 0	H: 688 O: 84	H: 0 O: 0	H: 2 (+1) O: 12	0 / 6 (+1)
Schneider Springs (Yakima, WA)	5415-FM-WA	84,509 (+862)	10% (+2)	M: 240 V: 0	H: 0 O: 0	H: 0 O: 0	H: 0 O: 0	0 / 7



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



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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	210,893 (+2.9k)	27% (+4)	M: 49,763 (-1.4k)	H: 30,878 (-486)	H: 29 (+3)	H: 649 (+54)	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 1,023	O: 14	O: 196 (+11)	

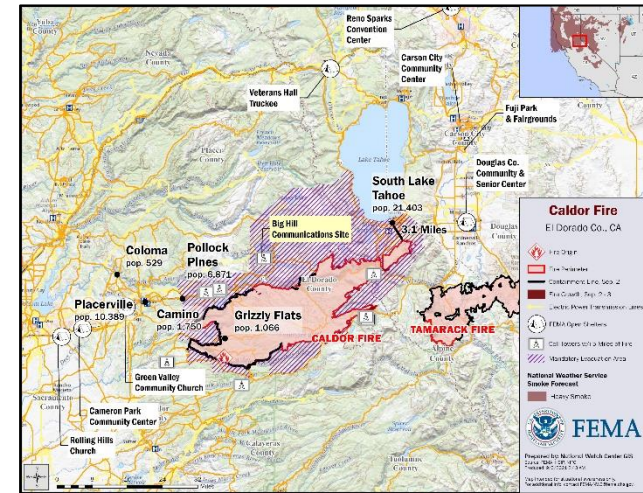
Situation: The fire has reached the neighborhoods on the outskirts of South Lake Tahoe, but the urban areas are not currently burning.

Impacts:

- Safety and Security:
 - Mandatory evacuations in effect for nearly 50,000 people from the Tahoe Basin into Nevada (ICS 209)
 - Public safety facilities threatened include Pioneer Protection district Stations, Amador-El Dorado Unit Headquarters, and the El Dorado National Forest-Pacific Ranger Station
- Food, Water, Shelter:
 - 9 (-2) congregate shelters open with 380 (-6) occupants (both CA and NV) (Region IX SLB as of 8:00 p.m. ET Sep.2)
 - 2 non-congregate shelters open with 6 occupants (Region IX SLB as of 8:00 p.m. ET Sep.2)
- Energy: 2,234 customers (1.87%) remain without power in El Dorado County (DOE, Eagle-I as of 7:45 a.m. ET)
- Communications: Critical fiber-optic infrastructure is threatened, affecting essential for 911 systems and numerous cell towers
- Transportation: Numerous road closures remain in effect

State/Local Response:

- CA EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires and COVID); Governor issued a State of Emergency for El Dorado, Alpine, Amador and Placer counties
- NV EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires and COVID); Governor issued a State of Emergency



Federal/FEMA Response:

- Region IX RWC continues to monitor
- Region IX IMAT-1 and IMAT-2 deployed to CA EOC in Sacramento
- LNOs deployed to CA and NV
- FEMA Logistics Staging Management Team (SMT) deployed to Travis AFB, CA;
- Incident Support Base (IS) team deployed to Naval Air Station in Fallon, CA
- NWC is monitoring; NRCC at Level 1, 24/7 (TC Ida)
- FEMA-4610-DR-CA was approved August 24 for CA Wildfires
- FEMA-3571-EM-CA was approved September 1 for Caldor Fire
- RX IMAT deployed to NV EOC, Carson City, NV



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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 29-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	TBD - TBD
		Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 17-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	2	8/4 - 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	0	8/31 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
IV	NC	Severe Weather Aug 16	IA	3	2	8/25 - TBD
			PA	7	2	8/25 - TBD
V	Red Lake Nation	Tornado Jul 26	IA	1	1 (+1)	8/30 - 9/1
			PA	1	0	8/30 - TBD
VIII	UT	Flooding Jul 15-Aug 19	IA	7	0	8/24 - TBD
			PA	7	0	8/24 - TBD
	MT	Richard Spring Wildfire Jun 15 and continuing	IA	0	0	9/7 - TBD
			PA	3	0	9/7 - TBD
	CO	Flooding Jul 20-Aug 2	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	8/31 - TBD
X	OR	Bootleg Fire Jul 6	IA	2	0	9/7 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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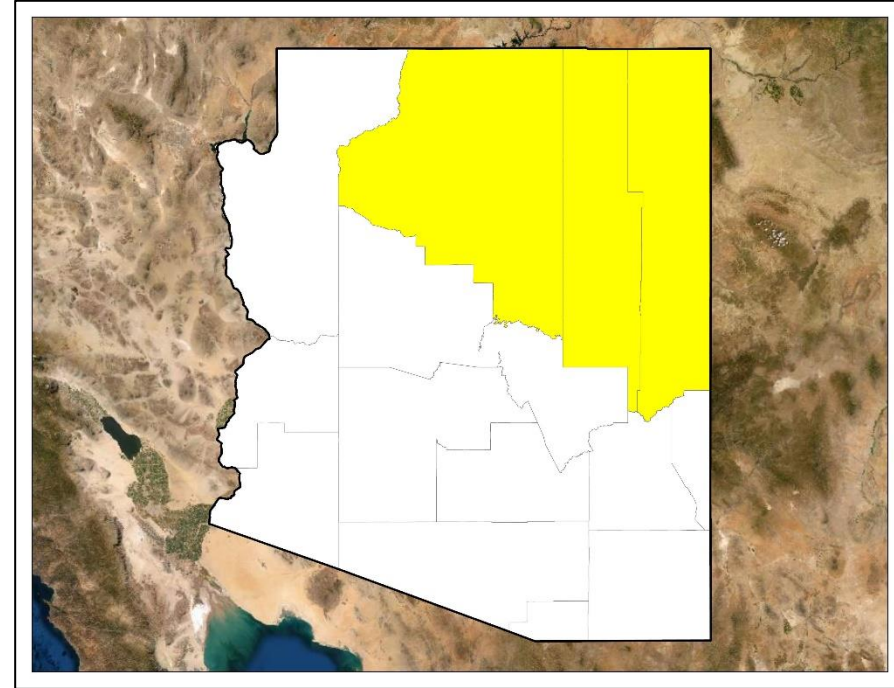
Declaration Request – Arizona

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration
Requested: September 2

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding
Incident Period: July 22-24

Requested:

- **PA:** 3 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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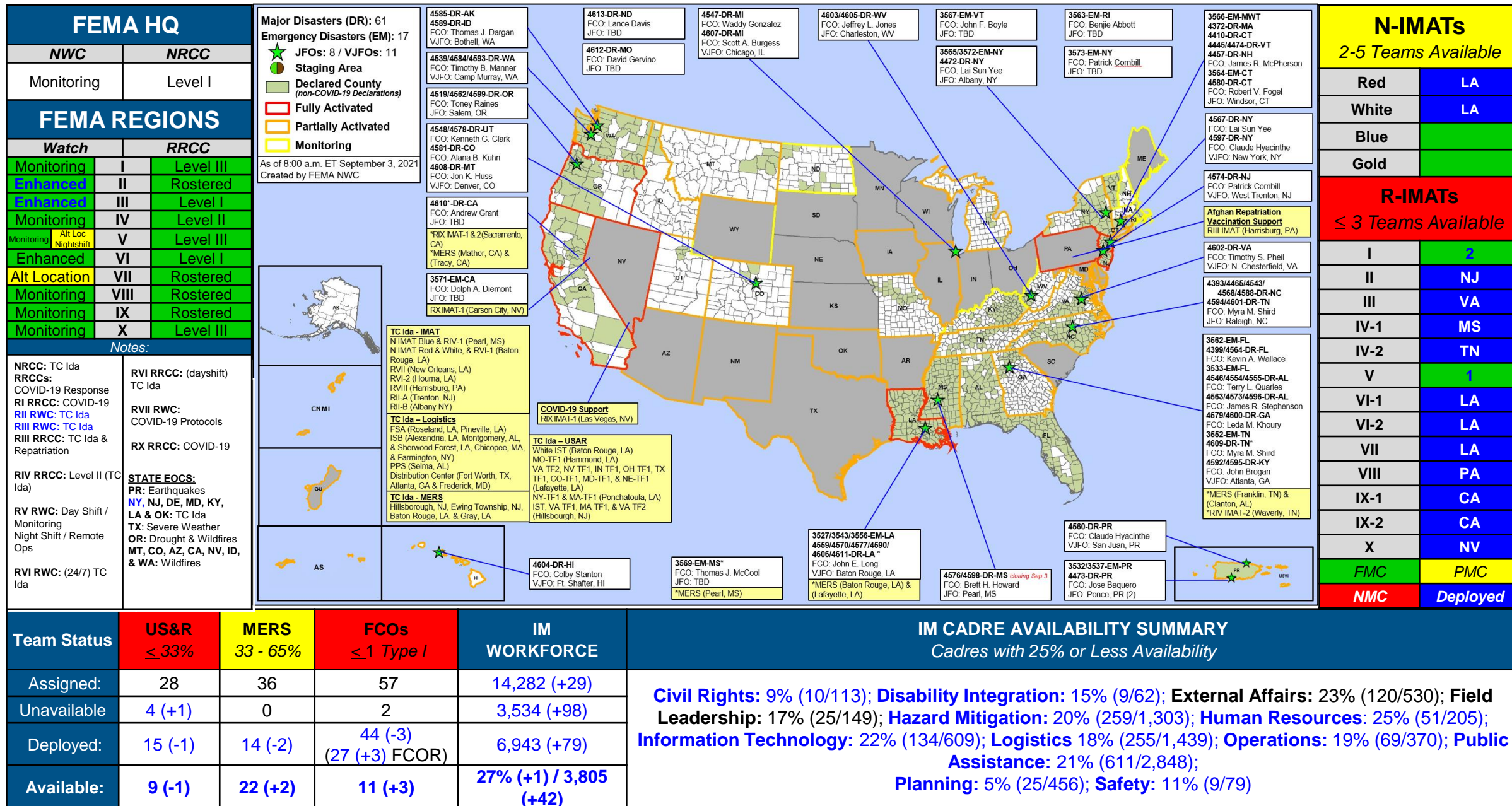
Declaration Requests in Process – 5

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	Aug 3
NE – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Aug 18
KY – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 19
NC – Tropical Storm Fred	DR	X	X	X	Aug 27
AZ – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 2
NY – Severe Storm and Flooding – APPROVED Sep 2	EM		X		Sep 2
NJ – Remnants of Ida – APPROVED Sep 2	DR	X	X	X	Sep 2



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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