

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Fiona – PR and VI
- Remnants of Typhoon Merbok – AK

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rain/Flash Flooding – Southwest, Four Corners, and Northern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Fiona; Tropical Storm Gaston
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Med (60%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Newton

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Event Monitoring

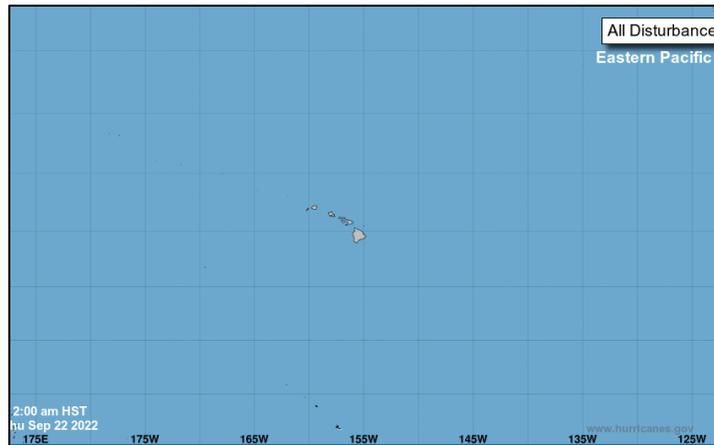
- 77th United Nations General Assembly (NSSE)



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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

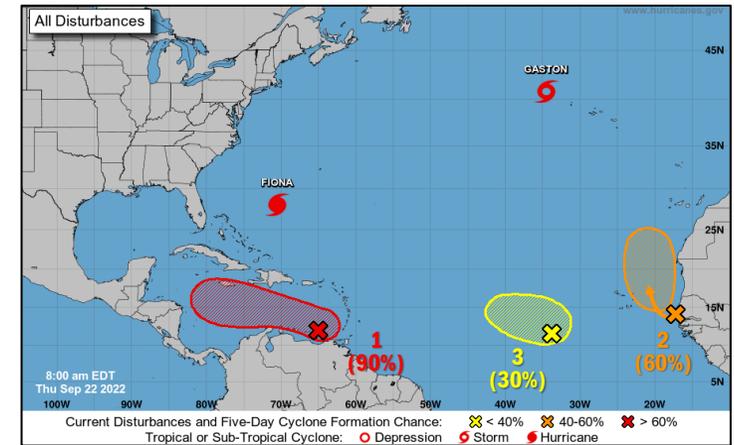
Central Pacific



Eastern Pacific



Atlantic



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 5 days

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

- Located 245 miles WSW of Manzanillo
- Moving WNW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- Some strengthening is forecast today followed by weakening beginning early Friday

[Hurricane Fiona](#) (Advisory #32A; See following slide)

[Tropical Storm Gaston](#) (Advisory #8A; See following slide)

[Disturbance 1 \(Invest 98L\)](#) (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located far southeastern Caribbean Sea
- Will likely become a tropical depression; moving WNW
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (70%); 5-day: High (90%)

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

- Located near the west coast of Africa
- Conditions conducive for some development
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Med (60%); 5-day: Med (60%)

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

- Several hundred miles WSW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Slow development possible
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 5-day: Low (30%)



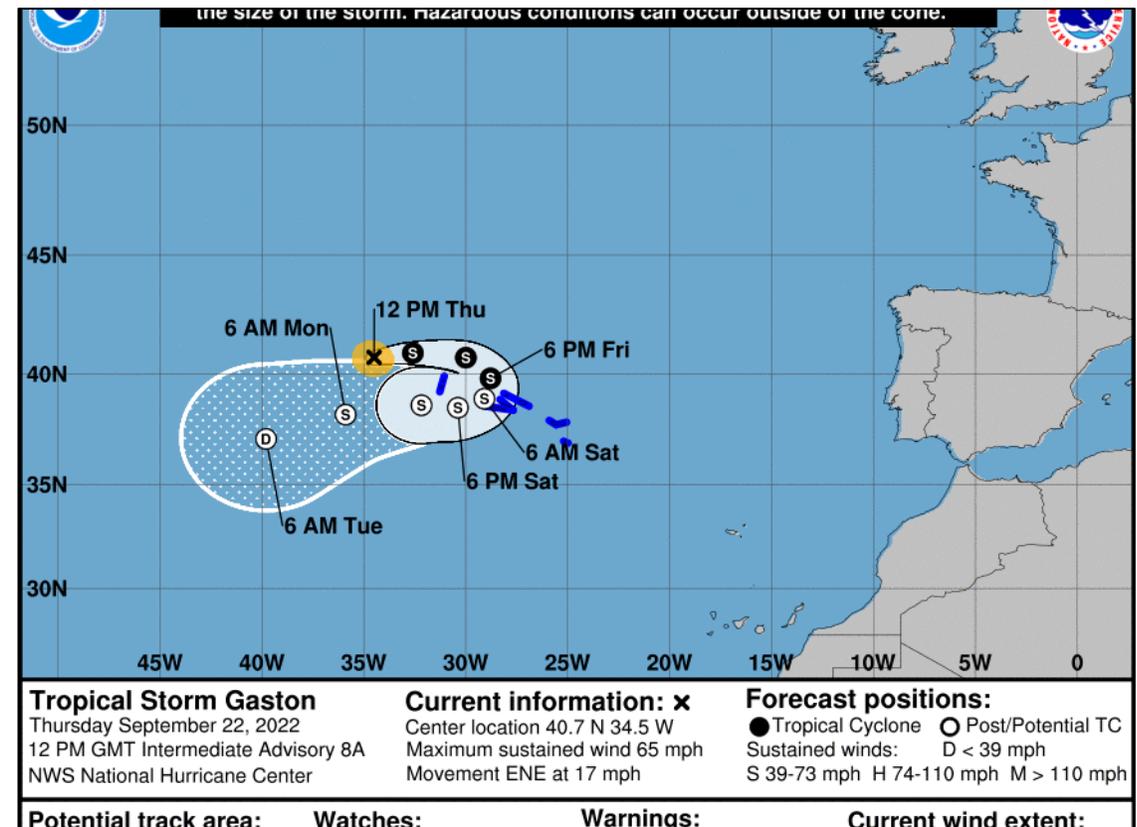
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Tropical Storm Gaston – Atlantic

Situation: *(Advisory #8A as of 8:00 a.m. ET)*

- Located 340 miles WNW of the Azores
- Moving ENE at 17 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 65 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles
- Gradual weakening is expected over the next few days



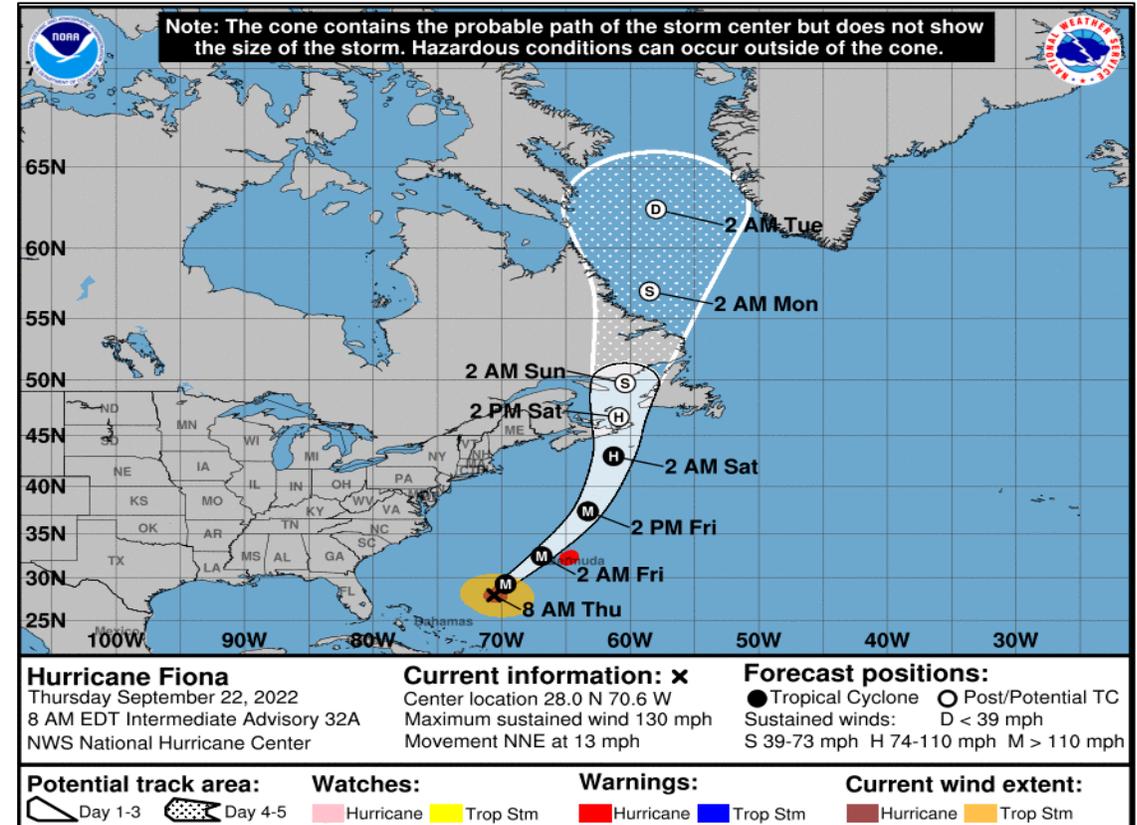
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Hurricane Fiona – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #32A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 455 miles SW of Bermuda
- Moving NNE at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 130 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 205 miles
- Fiona is a CAT-4, little change of strength is expected through early Friday



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Hurricane Fiona – Response



Current Situation:

Flooding impacts continue to diminish across Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. More seasonable weather will return to the islands, with isolated afternoon thunderstorms, possibly leading to localized urban flooding and ponding. Looking ahead, models continue to bring Invest 98L south of Ponce, Puerto Rico around late Thursday. Amounts are expected to be moderate, and generally less than 2 inches across Puerto Rico, and less than 1 inch across the U.S. Virgin Islands, with limited flash and urban flooding impacts possible, along with mudslides near areas of steep terrain.

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET)

Safety and Security:

- PR National Guard and local Fire Departments continue with Search and Rescue operations

Food, Water, Shelter:

- 38 (-55) shelters open with 469 (-608) occupants in PR (ARC Midnight Shelter Count, as of 6:55 a.m. ET)
- Boil water advisory in place throughout PR

Health and Medical:

- PR: 5 (+1) confirmed fatalities
- All hospitals are operational; 41 (-14) on generator power in PR (FEMA SLB as of 6:00 p.m.)

Energy: (DOE SITREP, as of 4:28 p.m. ET)

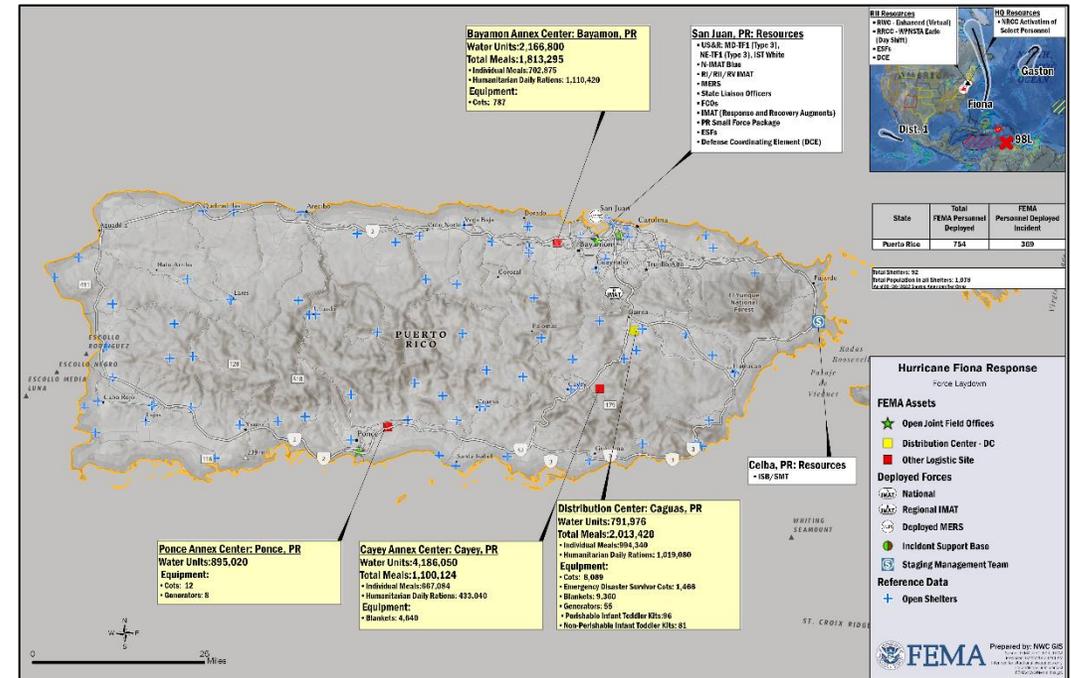
- PR: 1.1 million (74%) customers without power
 - 390k customers with power

Transportation

- All ports open without restriction (US Coast Guard Update, 9/21/22, 2:20 pm ET)
- Airports: SJU (San Juan), and BQN (Aguadilla) are open; limited commercial flights resumed

State / Local Response:

- PR EOC at Partial Activation



FEMA / Federal Response:

- NRCC is activated; NWC continues to monitor and provide updates
- Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4671-DR-PR approved Sep 21
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3583-EM-PR approved Sep 18
- Approximately 400 (-168) FEMA and 500 (+67) OFA responders are deployed to PR, and FEMA Region II RRCC (FEMA SLB as of 6:00 p.m.)
- N-IMAT Blue deployed to PR
- US&R MD-TF1, NE-TF1 and IST White deployed to PR
- ISB, SMT and MERS deployed to PR
- Region II RRCC at Level II (day shift), with all ESFs
- Regions I, II, and V IMATs are deployed to PR



Declaration Approval – Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration– FEMA-4761-DR
Requested: Sep 20

Date Approved: Sep 21

Incident: Hurricane Fiona

Incident Period: Sep 17 and continuing

Provides:

- **IA:** 55 municipalities
- **PA:** 78 municipalities
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Entire commonwealth

- **FCO:** Thomas J. Fargione

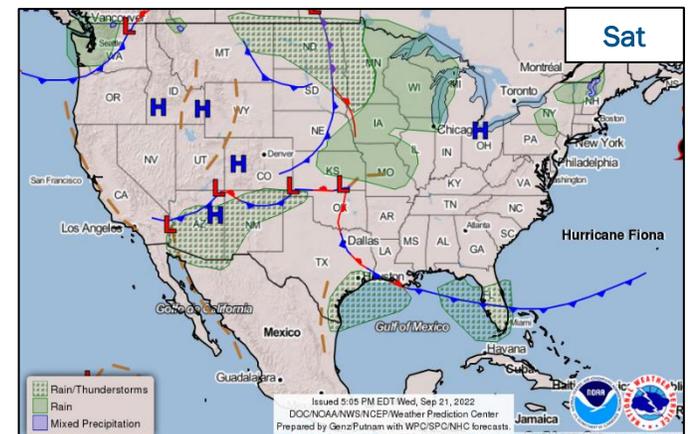
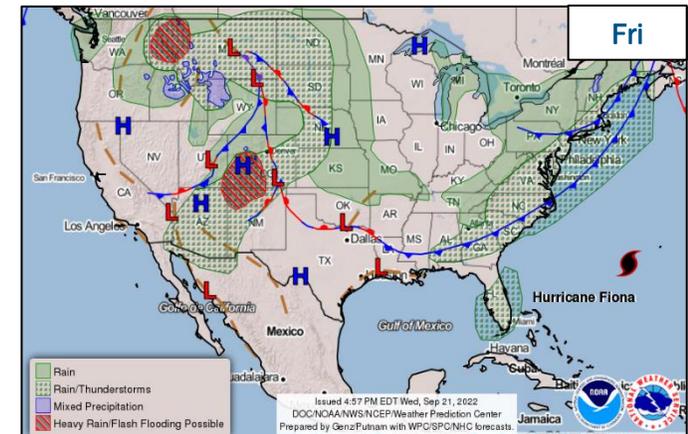
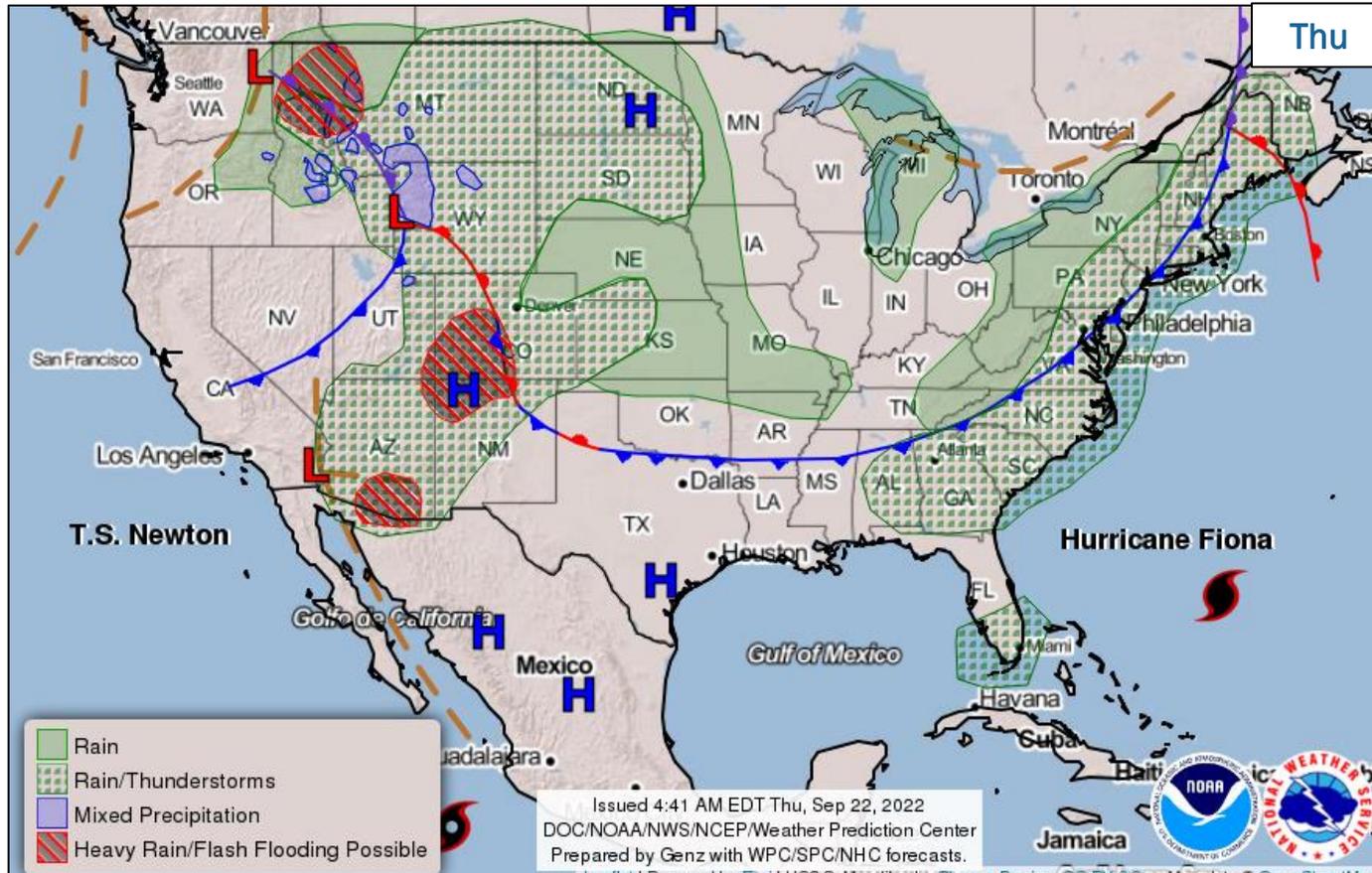


- PA
- IA & PA



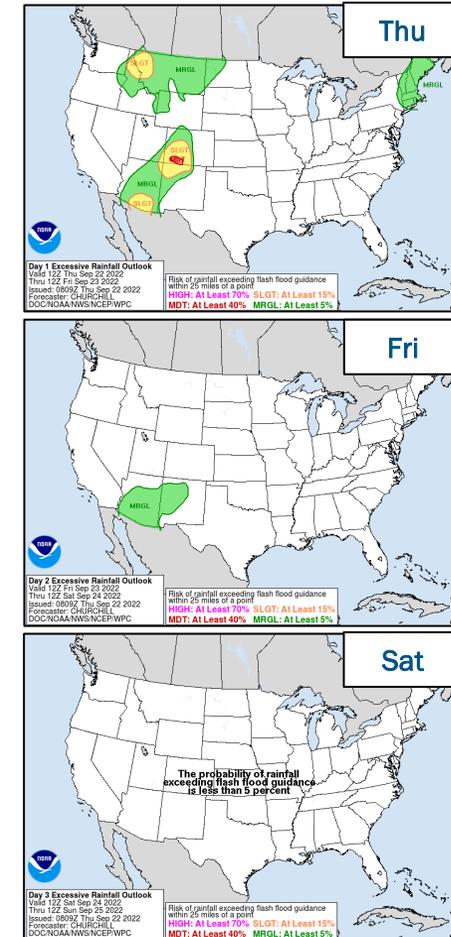
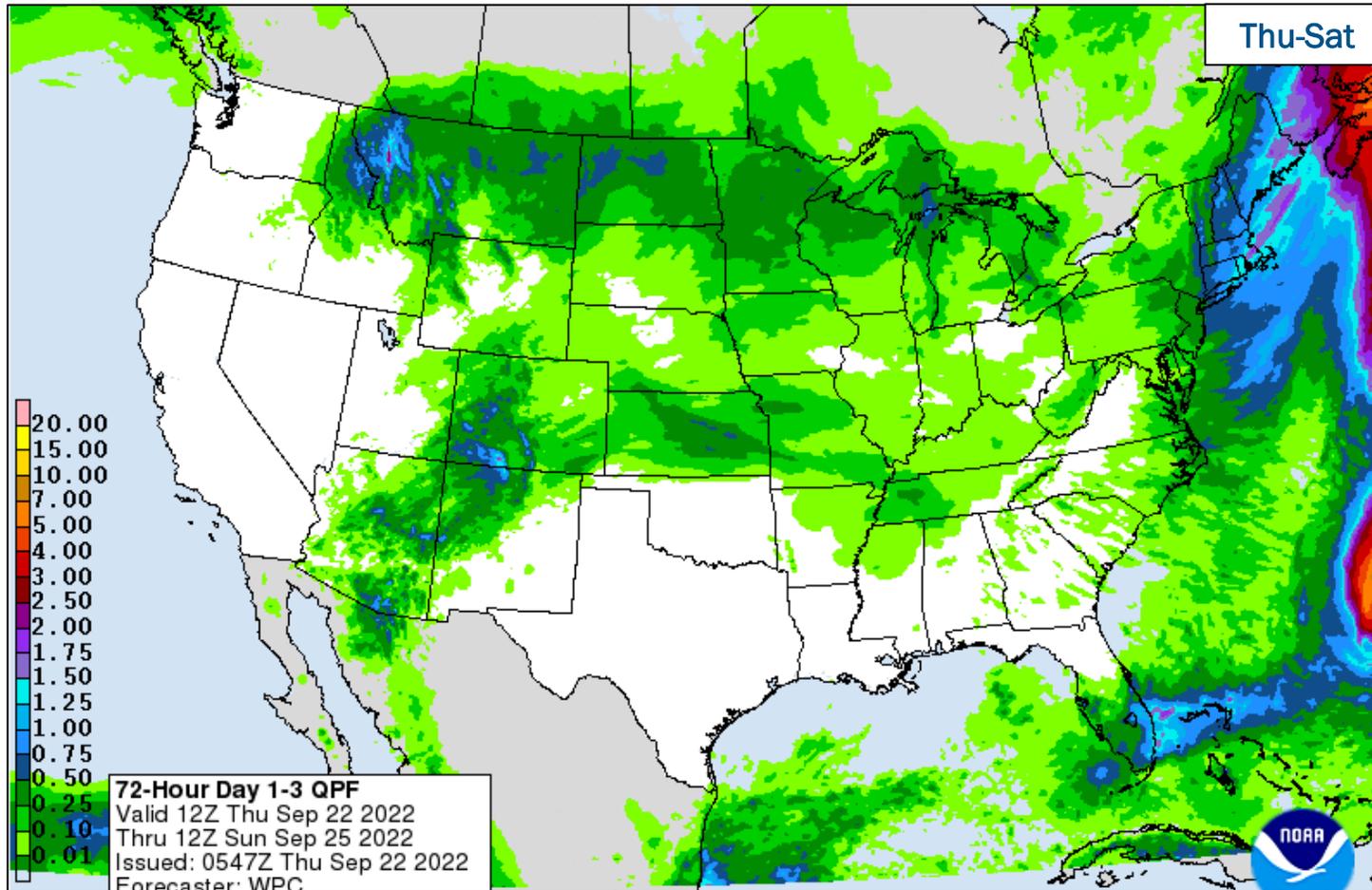
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National Weather Forecast



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field
Offices

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Virtual Joint
Field Offices

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Major
Disasters

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Emergency
Declarations

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NWC NRCC
Monitoring Activated

FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC
Monitoring I	Rostered
Monitoring II	Level II
Monitoring III	Rostered
Monitoring IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Enhanced X	Rostered

Notes:

- RWCs/RRCCs:**
- RII RRCC: Level II (Dayshift) Tropical Storm Fiona
 - NRCC: TC Fiona
 - RI / RII / RV IMAT: TC Fiona
- STATE EOCs:**
- NJ: Remnants of Ida, Monkey Pox, Avian Flu
 - GA: Supply Chain Disruptions
 - IL: SW Border Bus Reception
 - KS: All Hazards
 - GA/KY/MN/MS/MT/NM/: Flooding
 - CO: Avian Influenza
 - WA: Avian Influenza, Monkeypox, Wildfires
 - AZ/CO/NM: Wildfires
 - AS: Seismic Activity
 - TN: Severe Weather
 - MS: Jackson Water Crisis
 - AK: West Coast Storms
 - PR: TS Fiona

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered Members: **7,554 (+1)**

N-IMATs 2-4 Teams Available	
Red	Demobilizing
White	
Blue	PR
Gold	

R-IMATs 4 - 6 Teams Available	
I	PR
II	PR
III	
IV-1	
IV-2	
V	PR
VI-1	OK
VI-2	
VII	MO
VIII	1
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	*SRPMIC
X	AK

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	9	1
II	3/3	6	4
III	1/0	1	0
IV	1/1	4	2
V	1/0	3	0
VI	2/1	4	3
VII	2/1	5	0
VIII	1/1	5	0
IX	0/1	6	0
X	2/1	13	0

Anchorage, AK
Remnants of Merbok
• N-IMAT Red
• RX IMAT
• MERS

Alaska

Northern Mariana Islands

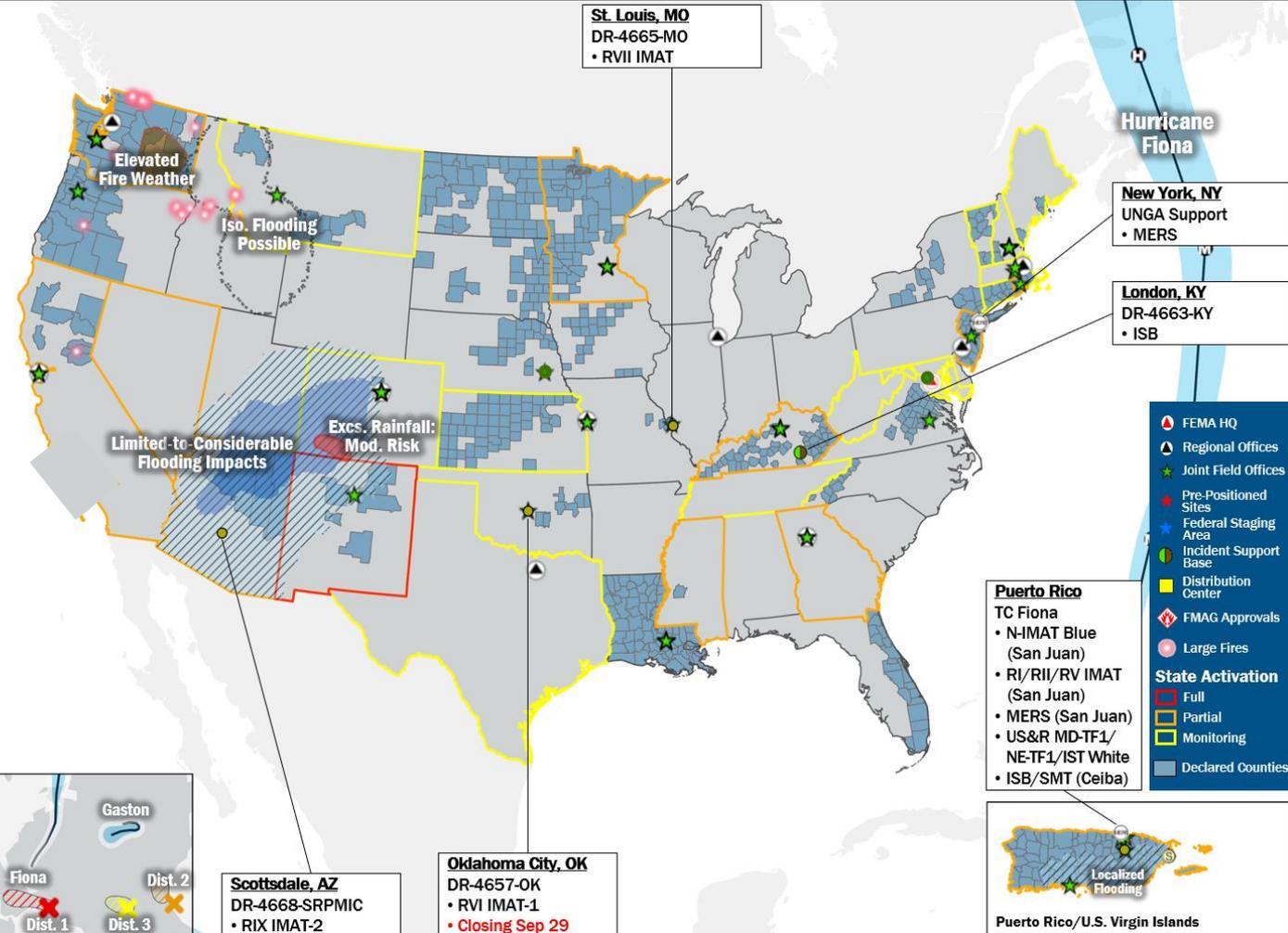
Guam

Pago Pago, AS
Volcano Vaillulu'u
• MERS

American Samoa

Hawaii

Tropical Activity



Puerto Rico

TC Fiona

- N-IMAT Blue (San Juan)
- RI/RII/RV IMAT (San Juan)
- MERS (San Juan)
- US&R MD-TF1/NE-TF1/IST White
- ISB/SMT (Ceiba)

Scottsdale, AZ
DR-4668-SRPMIC
• RIX IMAT-2

Oklahoma City, OK
DR-4657-OK
• RVI IMAT-1
• Closing Sep 29

IM Workforce

13,484 (+2) Assigned
4,041 (-42) Unavailable
5,282 (+80) Deployed

31% / 4,161 (-36) Available

IM Cadre Availability ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 12% (14/114); Disability Integration: 17% (11/63); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 25% (213/859); Field Leadership: 18% (25/140); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (226/1,304); Human Resources: 23% (40/174); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 12% (35/285); Operations 22% (81/365); Public Assistance: 17% (402/2,311); Planning: 12% (58/490)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed

33 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
2 Deployed

26 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

51 Assigned
1 Unavailable
39 (-1) (23 FCO) Deployed

11 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 12-13	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	8/26 - TBD
		Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 12 - Aug 15	IA	2	0	TBD
			PA	7	0	TBD
VI	NM	Monsoons Jun 20 and continuing	IA	17	0	TBD
			PA	17 (+1)	0	6/22 - TBD
VIII	UT	Summer Flash Flooding Aug 19-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	9/20 - TBD
X	AK	West Coast Storms Sept 15 and continuing	IA	4	0	TBD
			PA	4	0	TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 3

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 30
VA – Flooding and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Sep 9
OR – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	EM		X		Sep 9
PR – Hurricane Fiona - Approved	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20



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