

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, October 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations:

- No new significant incidents / ongoing operations

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- No new declaration activity

Hazard Monitoring:

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southwest
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest, Central Great Basin, and Central / Southern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Subtropical Storm Josephine
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Central and Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Vance
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Western Pacific: Invest 97W

Event Monitoring:

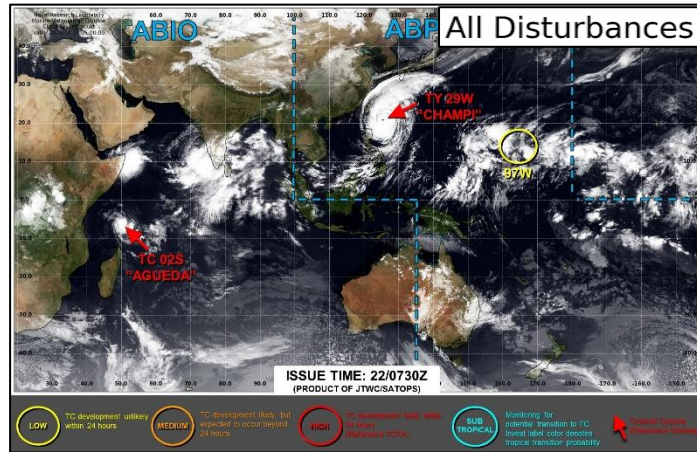
- No new significant events



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Tropical Outlook

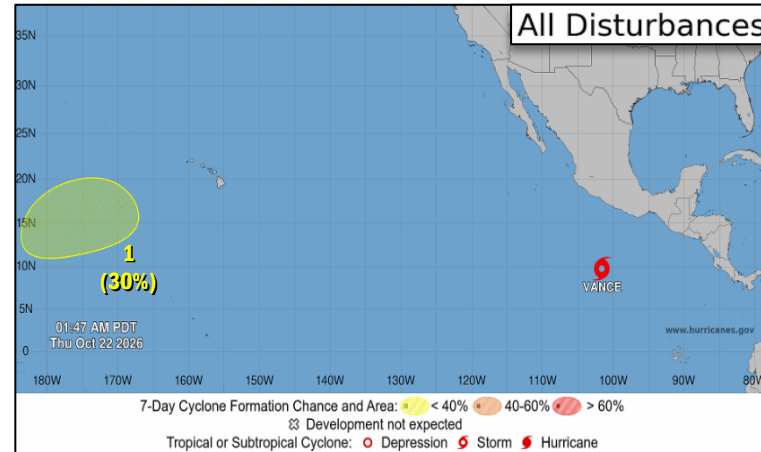
Western Pacific



Invest 97W: (as of 3:30 a.m. ET)

- Located 502 miles S of Wake Island
- Maximum sustained winds of 15-21 mph
- Formation chance – 24-hour: Low

Central and Eastern Pacific



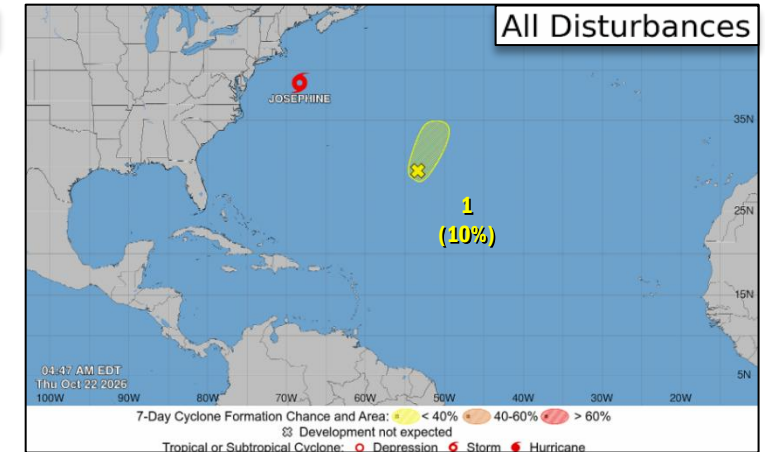
Tropical Storm Vance: (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Disturbance 1: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles WSW of Johnston Atoll
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for some gradual development as the system moves ENE
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)

Atlantic



Subtropical Storm Josephine: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Disturbance 1: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles ESE of Bermuda
- Some development is possible during the next day or two as it moves slowly NNE
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)



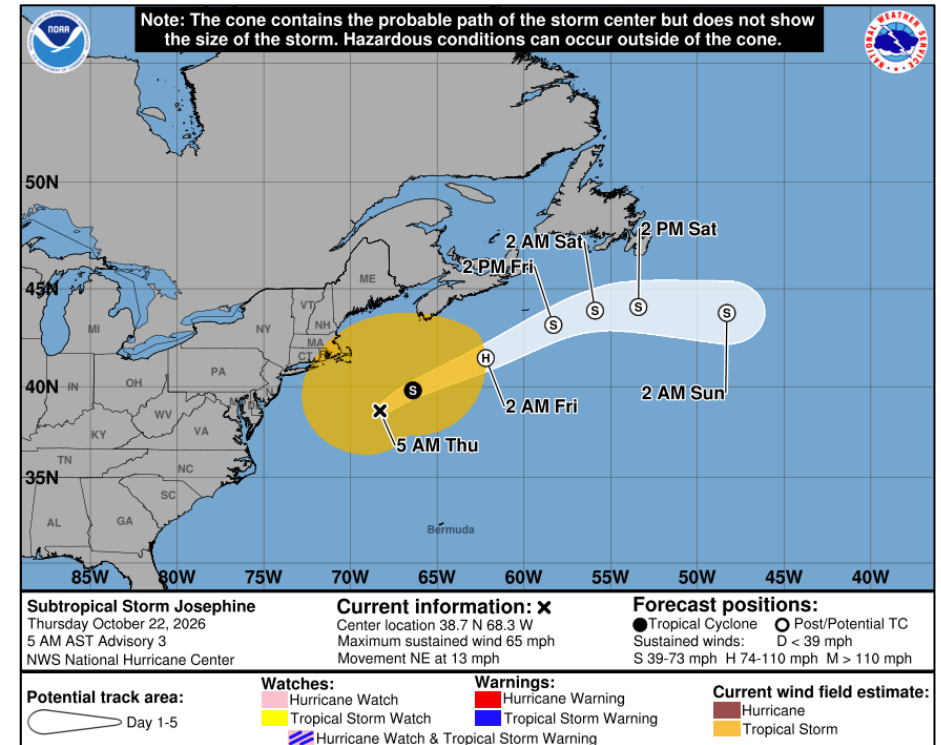
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Subtropical Storm Josephine – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 195 miles SSE of Nantucket, Massachusetts
- Maximum sustained winds of 65 mph
- Moving NE at 13 mph
- Additional strengthening is forecast through today while Josephine begins to transition to an extratropical cyclone
- Josephine is expected to become a powerful extratropical cyclone with hurricane-force winds by early Friday



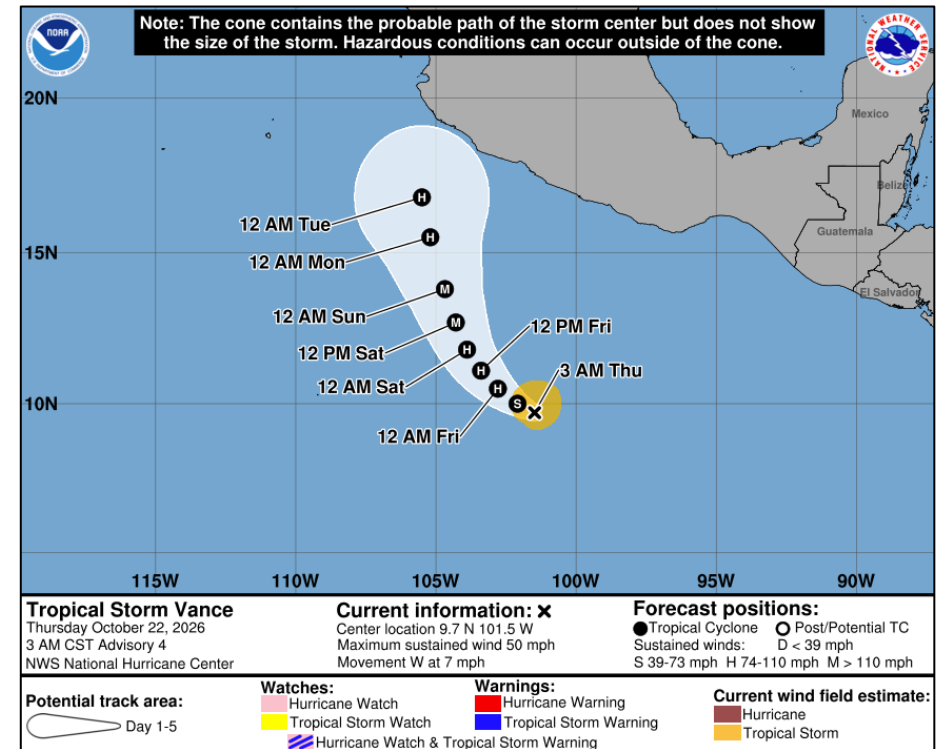
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Tropical Storm Vance – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

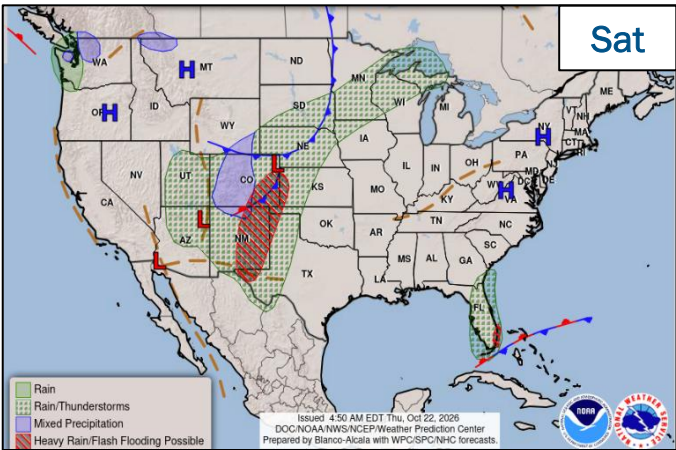
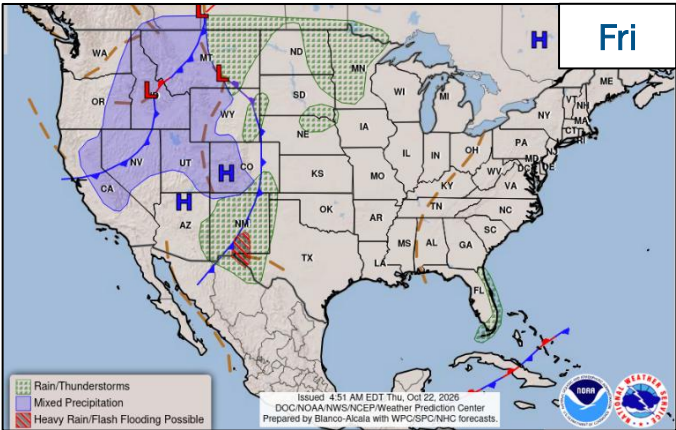
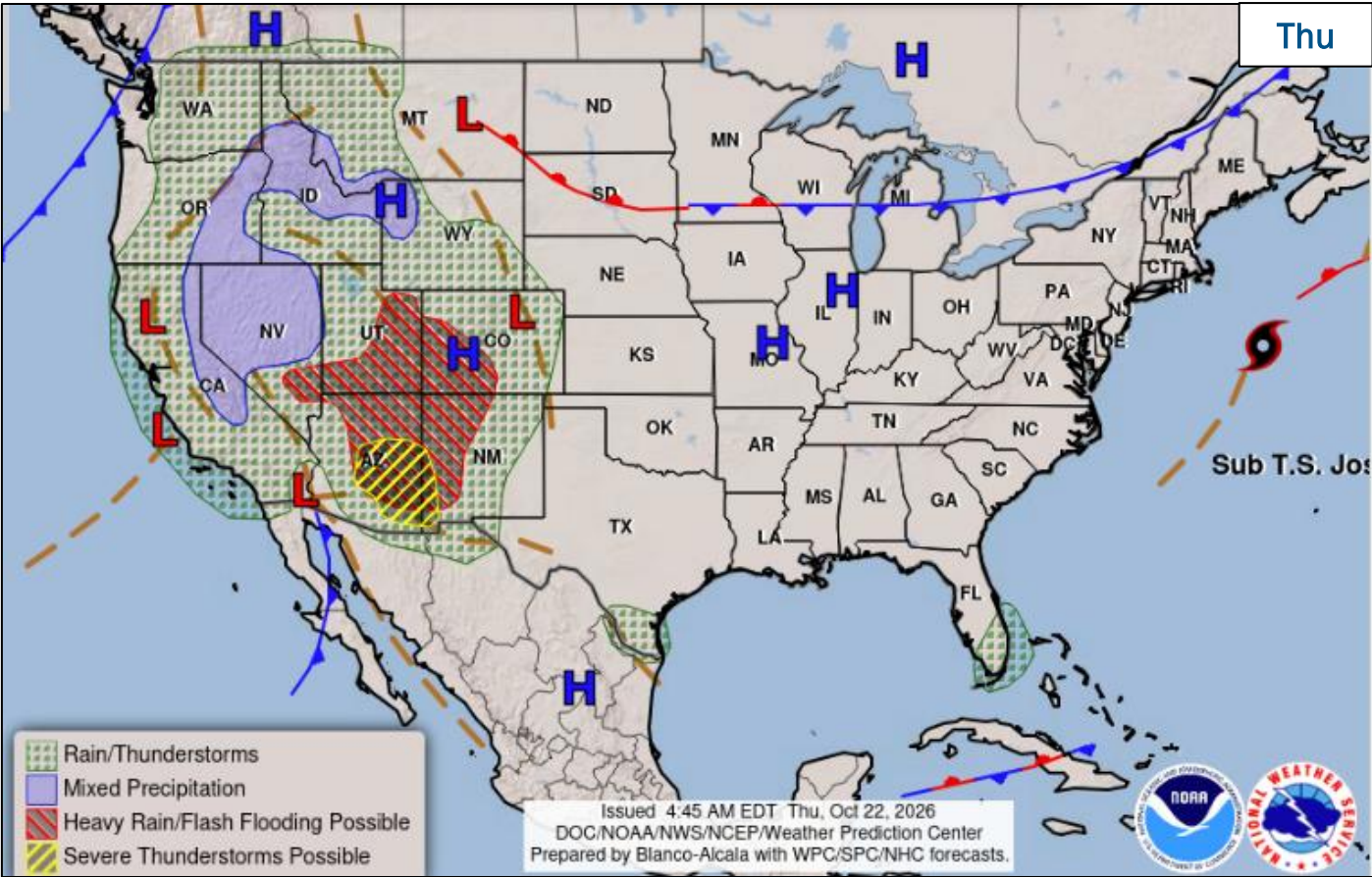
- Located **510 miles SSW** of Acapulco, Mexico
- Maximum sustained winds of **50 mph**
- Moving W at 7 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **80 miles** from the center
- Steady to rapid intensification is expected **during the next couple of days**, and the system is forecast to become a **major hurricane by Saturday**



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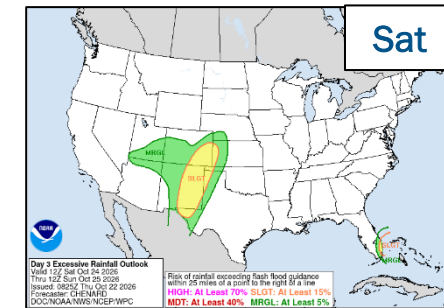
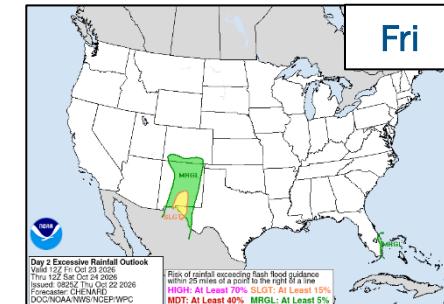
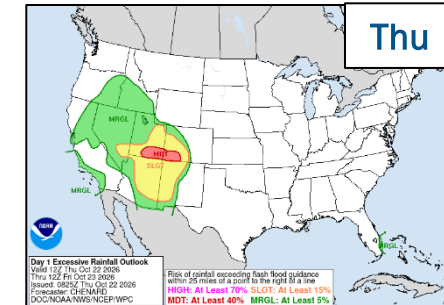
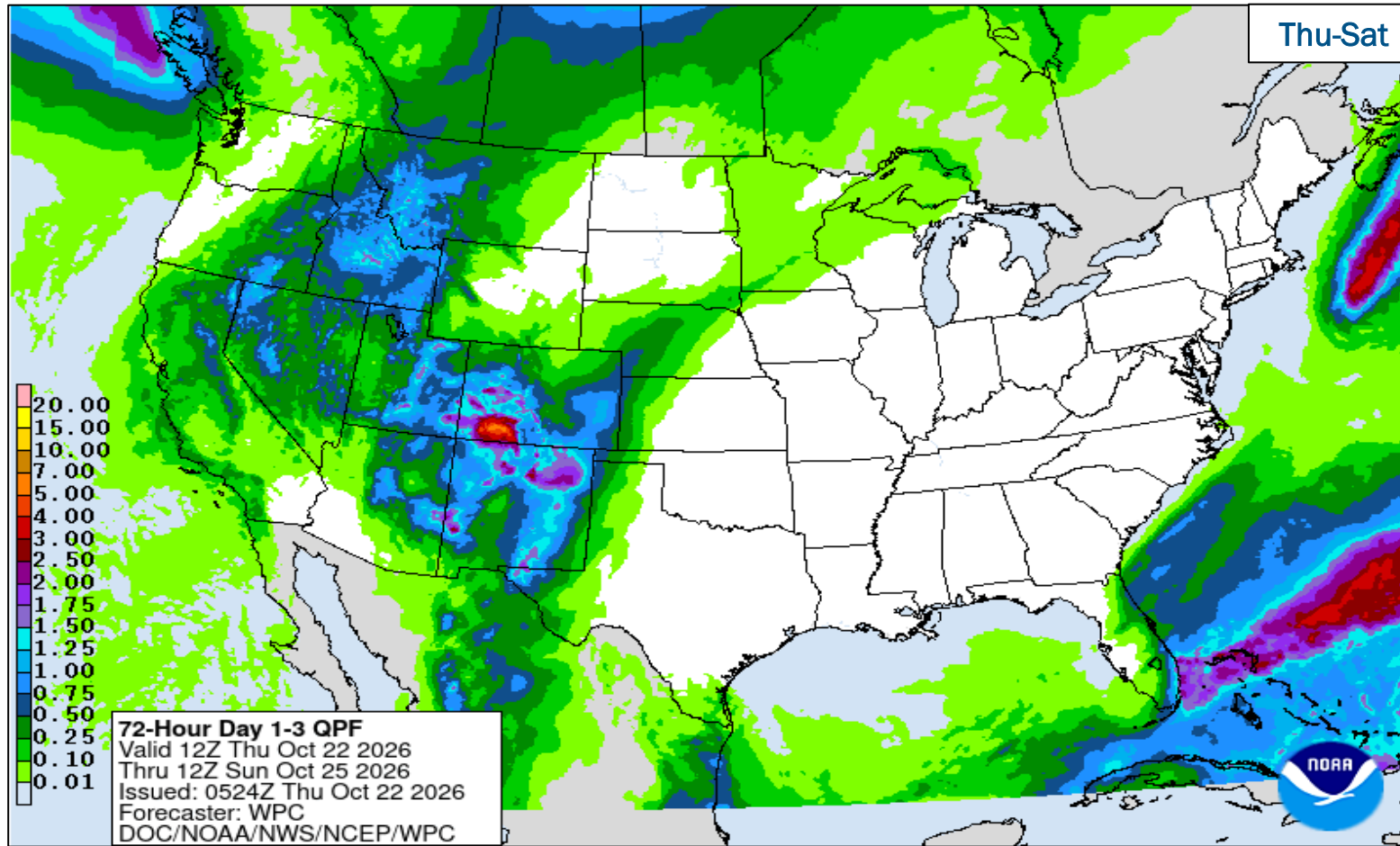
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National Weather Forecast



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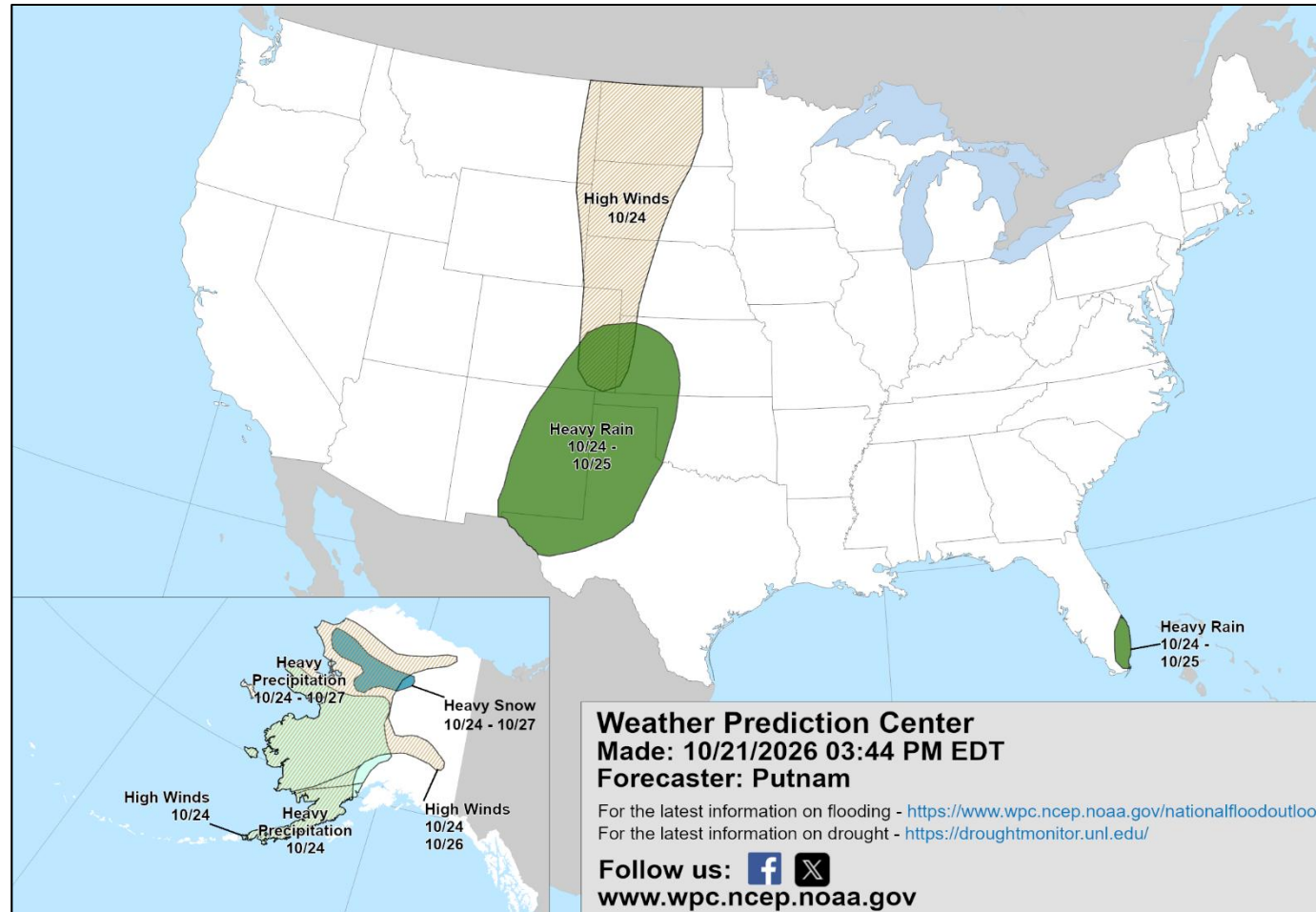
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Hazards Outlook – Oct 24-28



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,769
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,084 / 32%
Deployed

6,129 / 33%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,556 / 35%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,694 / 0 / 769
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

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NRCC

N-IMAT Red

N-IMAT White

N-IMAT Blue

N-IMAT Gold

N-IMAT HS

National Notes

National Watch Center:
• Staffing

NRCC:
• Steady State

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: TC Champi (Demobilizing 10/23)
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	2	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	3	10	2	1
R5	1	6	0	0
R6	4	8	3	3
R7	0	9	0	0
R8	1	10	0	0
R9	2	8	9	0
R10	3	5	0	0

Flooding Impacts
& Landslide Poss.

Alaska

Commonwealth of
Northern Mariana
Islands

Guam

American Samoa

CNMI
DR-4910-MP,
EM-3647-MP,
EM-3658-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3659-GU
• SMT Hawaii
• R9 IMAT-1
• N-IMAT Red

Hawaii

Hawaiian Islands
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI,
EM-3652-HI, EM-3654-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

Iso. Flash &
Urban Flooding
Poss.

Excessive Rain
Flash, Urban, & Small Stream
Flooding Impacts

Severe Wx:
Slight Risk

Pine Ridge, SD
DR-4941-OST
• R8 IMAT

Michigan
DR-4925-MI
(Closing 10/30)

Columbus, OH
DR-4945-OH
• R5 IMAT

Montgomery, AL
• SMT Atlanta

TC
Josephine



Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

Region 9

Region 10

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R4-2: Reconstituting (FMC 10/23)
• R5: 4945-DR-OH
• R8: 4941-DR-OST
• R9-1: 3652-EM-HI, 4909-DR-HI, 4936-DR-HI, 3654-EM-HI, EM-3659-GU
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP, EM-3647-MP, EM-3658-MP
• R7: Staffing
• R10: Staffing

State EOCs:
• CO: Wildfires
• IL/KY/TX: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel/Champi
• PR/VA: Drought
• HI: Tropical Activity
• AL/FL/MS: TC Isaias
• GU: TC Champi
• NC: Elections
• AK: Storm/Landslides
• WI: DR-4949-WI

Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

MERS Det.

29/30 Operational	
Maynard	5/5
Frederick	5/5
Thomasville	5/5
Denton	5/5
Denver	5/5
Bothell	4/5

US&R

Task Forces	
Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	32 (29 FCO)
Available	4

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R1	CT	Severe Storm & Flooding Sep 13	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	1 (+1)	9/30 – 10/16
R6	NM	Severe Flooding Sep 28 and continuing	IA	8 (+8)	3 (+3)	10/20 – TBD
			PA	20	16	10/13 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Storms Sep 30-Oct 2	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	12	0	10/13 – TBD
	NE	Heavy Rainfall Sep 30-Oct 1	IA	1	1	10/7 – 10/13
			PA	8 (-3)	4 (+4)	10/7 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 22
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 6
NE – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Aug 31
KS – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Sep 15
RST ¹ – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Sep 29
WA – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 2
CTBYN ² – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 1
CTCR ³ – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 8
FL – Hurricane Isaias	DR	X	X	X	Oct 15

¹ Rosebud Sioux Tribe, ² Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, ³Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation



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