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WSP USA FIELD SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

July 22, 2026

Flooding Activity

West Virginia

- Dangerous flooding is ongoing across parts of West Virginia early Wednesday after powerful severe storms dumped more than 7 inches of rain in parts of north-central West Virginia.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Flash Flood Emergency for life-threatening floods amid hundreds of calls for assistance.
- The floods prompted Governor Patrick Morrisey to declare a State of Emergency across all 55 counties late Tuesday.
- First responders said they received hundreds of calls for assistance in the wake of a Flash Flood Emergency that impacted Lewis, Randolph and Upshur counties.
- Gov. Morrisey said 100 National Guard members would arrive across those counties overnight Tuesday.
- The National Weather Service designated the warning as a Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) — a rare designation reserved for the most extreme and life-threatening flash flood events. The Flash Flood Emergency was in effect until 10:30 p.m. ET.
- More than 7 inches of rain fell in Upshur County in a roughly 6 hour span beginning Tuesday afternoon.
- According to preliminary river data, Sand Run rose more than 8 feet in less than five hours, cresting at over 10.63 feet, crushing the former record.

Tropical Activity – Atlantic

Tropical Storm Bertha

- Tropical Storm Bertha is lashing the northern Gulf Coast with tropical-storm-force winds and coastal flooding from parts of the Florida Panhandle to Louisiana ahead of its expected landfall in southeastern Louisiana on Wednesday afternoon.
- However, beyond landfall, Bertha's future is more uncertain.
- The entire storm could dissipate over Louisiana or an unusual scenario could unfold, with Bertha's original center potentially dissipating over land while a new center forms offshore within the storm's broader area of thunderstorms.
- If Bertha reforms, it would track farther south and bring tropical downpours to the Corpus Christi, Texas, region with wind and rain as far north as Houston and Galveston.



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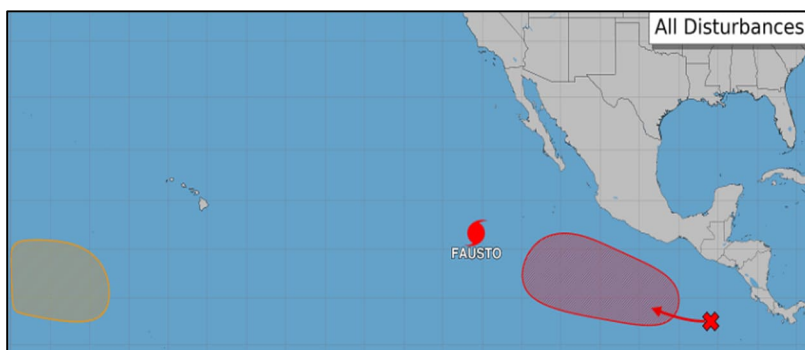
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- Tropical storm conditions are spreading across the northern Gulf Coast, according to the National Hurricane Center (NHC).
- As of Wednesday morning, Bertha was about 45 miles east-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi, with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph, and is moving west at 5 mph.
- Bertha is set to move over the uninhabited Chandeleur Islands, a set of barrier islands that mark the easternmost point of Louisiana Wednesday morning.
- Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect from the Okaloosa-Walton county line in Florida to Morgan City, Louisiana, indicating that these areas could experience tropical storm conditions over the next 36 hours.

Tropical Activity – Pacific Hurricane Fausto

- Hurricane Fausto continues to strengthen as it moves across the eastern Pacific, with forecasters expecting the storm to become even stronger over the next day.
- As of late Tuesday night, Fausto was located about 820 miles west-southwest of the southern tip of Baja California.
- Moving west-northwest at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph.
- Forecasters say Fausto is expected to gradually strengthen through Wednesday while continuing on a west-northwest to westward track over open water. Hurricane-force winds extend about 30 miles from the center, while tropical-storm-force winds reach up to 150 miles outward.
- There are still no coastal watches or warnings in effect because the hurricane is not expected to make landfall.



Disturbance 1

- Located a few hundred miles off the coast of Central America.
- A tropical depression is likely to form over the weekend while it moves generally west north-westward at 10 to 15 MPH.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (30%); 7-day: High (90%)

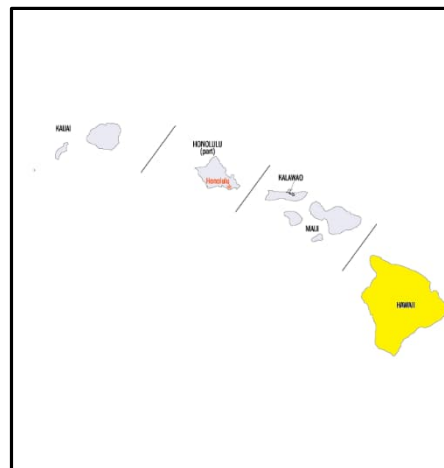
Disturbance 2

- Located well southwest of the Hawaiian Islands.
- A tropical depression could form over the weekend or early next week while the system moves solely westward to west – northwestward.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Med (60%)

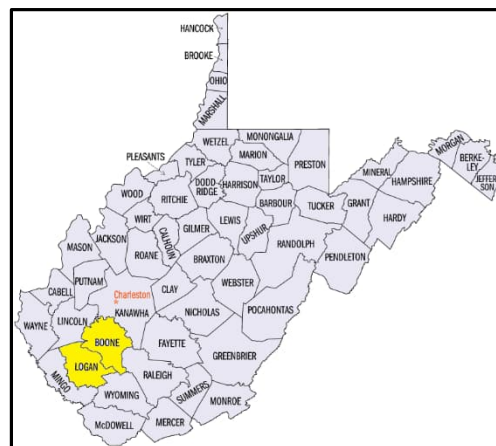
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Disaster Declaration Request

- The Hawaii earthquake occurred on Friday, May 22, 2026, at approximately 9:46 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST).
- It was a magnitude 6.0 earthquake centered about 7–8 miles east-southeast of Hōnaunau-Nāpō’opo’o on the western flank of Mauna Loa on Hawai’i Island (the Big Island).
- The strongest damage occurred in South Kona on the Big Island, where shaking was classified as strong enough to cause structural damage.
- Rockslides blocked roads, isolating some homeowners until debris could be cleared.
- The earthquake caused localized but significant residential damage in South Kona, particularly to older homes and masonry structures.
- Most homes remained habitable after inspections, though many required repairs to foundations, walls, windows, or stonework.
- On June 5, 2026 Governor Josh Green issues a statewide emergency proclamation to support response and recovery efforts.
- On June 17, 2026 Hawai’i, FEMA, and Hawai’i County begin Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (JPDAs) to document damage to homes, infrastructure, and public facilities.
- On June 21, Hawaii Governor Josh Green requested Individual assistance for the island of Hawaii.

A map of the Hawaiian Islands. The Big Island (Hawaii) is highlighted in red. A red dot on the Big Island indicates the 'EARTHQUAKE EPICENTER'. Other islands shown include Kauai, Niihau, Lanai, Maui, and Kahoolawe. A diagonal line separates the main Hawaiian Islands from the Line Islands.

- On June 21, Governor Patrick Morrisey formally requested that President Donald J. Trump approve a Major Disaster Declaration for West Virginia following the catastrophic flooding that struck southern West Virginia on June 22-23.
- The request seeks federal Individual Assistance for Boone and Logan counties.
- Joint damage assessments conducted by FEMA, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, local emergency managers, and the U.S. Small Business Administration documented damage to 186 homes across Boone and Logan counties, including 12 destroyed and 18 with major damage.
- From June 22–23, 2026, southern West Virginia experienced a significant flooding event after repeated rounds of thunderstorms produced torrential rainfall, causing flash flooding across multiple counties.



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- The flooding caused widespread damage to homes and neighborhoods, particularly in southern West Virginia.
- Floodwaters entered hundreds of homes, damaging flooring, drywall, insulation, electrical systems, appliances, and personal belongings.
- Many residences sustained major structural damage after fast-moving water undermined foundations or filled basements and first floors.
- Some homes were rendered uninhabitable, forcing residents to seek temporary shelter.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
IN	Severe Weather and Flooding	9	4	7/16 - TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Requests

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MI	Severe Storms and Tornadoes – Appeal March 6, 2026	4/1/2026	Pending	3 Counties
MS	Severe Storms and Flooding June 18-20	7/16/26	Pending	4 Counties
HI	Earthquake May 22	7/21/26	Pending	1 County
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides June 22-23	7/21/26	Pending	2 Counties

*Award of task order to contractor pending

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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4899 - MS	Severe Winter Storm	36 Counties	95	6/10/2026
4909 - HI	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides/Mud-slides	3 Counties	91	6/14/2026
4922 - MS	Severe Storm & Tornadoes	5 Counties	15	8/31/2026
4927 - LA	Tropical Storm Arthur	4 Parishes	12	8/31/2026

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

