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## Severe Weather Outlook

- A weather battle zone marking the northern edge of extreme heat and more temperate air will set the stage for torrential downpours to repeat along a 1,200-mile-long zone from Kansas to West Virginia and Virginia this week.
- The pattern will bring drought and heat relief to some areas, but at a cost that includes the risk of dangerous flash flooding, AccuWeather meteorologists warn.



- A heat dome that scorched the central and eastern United States over the past week will be pushed farther south by a persistent weather system that is forecast to stretch from the central Plains to the central Appalachians.
- In this setup, downpours will train, or repeat, over the same location for several hours -- and many locations will face downpours day after day.
- "This will be a long-duration rainfall event, which will bring an expanding risk of flash flooding with time as more downpours occur," AccuWeather Senior Storm Warning Meteorologist Joe Bauer said.
- The ground is already moist across the eastern Ohio Valley up to West Virginia so the rainfall into Thursday and has the potential to produce major flash flooding in the region.

## Wildfire Activity California – Oak Fire

- Firefighters are gaining ground on the Oak Fire burning between Mariposa and Yosemite National Park.
- As of 7 p.m. on July 26, this fire was 26% contained and had burned 18,532 acres.
- The fire has destroyed 61 buildings, including 42 homes. Another 1,138 structures are threatened.
- Very steep and rugged terrain continue to pose a challenge to crews on the North and Northeastern side of the fire, which is making the area inaccessible to bulldozers, requiring hand crews to access by foot to cut in direct fire line.
- Damage inspection continues and numbers are updated daily.





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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
VA	Severe Storms & Flooding July 12, 2022	1	0	7/27-TBD			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
	N/A						

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

