DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Friday, 30 October 2026

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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Friday, 30 October 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | WX-CON: 2 slight | SWX-CON: stand-down

THE ONE THING TODAY

BUSINESS FIREWALLS: CISCO FIX DUE SUNDAY

Hackers are using a flaw in Cisco's ASA and Firepower firewalls, which guard the networks of many businesses, schools and agencies, and federal agencies must fix it by Sunday. A GitLab flaw has the same deadline, and the Linux kernel fix is due Saturday.

IF YOU MANAGE A NETWORK: Ask your IT person or provider whether your firewall is a Cisco ASA or Firepower and get it updated this weekend; if you run Linux, install the latest updates and restart.

SINCE OUR LAST BRIEF: 35 flash flood warnings went out, mostly in New Mexico and Texas; a tornado touched down west of Uvalde, Texas, with no damage reported; a tanker was attacked with explosives off Oman, and its crew is safe; and Saudi Arabia shot down two missiles aimed at Riyadh.

FLOOD DANGER BUILDS THIS WEEKEND: ARIZONA AND THE FOUR CORNERS

Leftover moisture from Vance brings a flash-flood risk to Arizona, southern Utah and southwest New Mexico today and Arizona Saturday. On Sunday the risk rises to Moderate where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico meet, with heavy rain on the San Juan Mountains. Slot canyons and low spots are most at risk. Keep phone alerts on.

SCAM ALERT -- FAKE FEMA HELP IN NEW MEXICO AND FLORIDA

New Mexico is preparing a new request for federal disaster help after this month's floods, and Florida Panhandle counties hit by Hurricane Isaias already have it. Real FEMA help is free: never pay a fee or give a gift card or bank password, and apply only through disasterassistance.gov or your county.

WEATHER RADIO -- 29 STATIONS DOWN OR DEGRADED

29 transmitters are off the air or degraded across 11 states. Nome, Alaska is now off the air, and Altus, Oklahoma is back on. Artesia, Carlsbad and Roswell, NM are still off the air, and storms are possible there Sunday, so use phone alerts and local media.

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATUS
Kotzebue, AK	162.550 MHz	Degraded
Nome, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Saint Paul Island, AK	162.525 MHz	Out of service
SE Alaska, 10 sites (Juneau area)	various	Degraded
Baxley, GA	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Summerville, GA	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Kauai, HI	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Hillsboro, IL	162.425 MHz	Out of service

Shelbyville, IL	162.500 MHz	Out of service
Marion, IN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gem, KS	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Ulysses, KS	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gunflint Lake, MN	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Waubun, MN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Artesia, NM	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Carlsbad, NM	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Roswell, NM	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Owyhee, NV	162.450 MHz	Degraded
Albany, NY	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, TN	162.475 MHz	Out of service

FIRES -- QUIET NATIONWIDE

Fire activity is light nationwide. One new fire was reported in Oklahoma, and two fires in Michigan are still burning.

HEALTH -- NEW EBOLA TRAVEL RULE FROM NOVEMBER 3

Congo now counts 10,193 confirmed Ebola cases and 4,960 deaths. Starting late on November 3, everyone flying to the US from another country must confirm they have not been in Congo in the past 21 days. There are still no US cases.

SPACE WEATHER -- MINOR STORMS LIKELY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Minor geomagnetic storms are likely Saturday and Sunday (UTC), and northern states may see the aurora at night. No action is needed at home.

WHAT TODAY'S IRAN NEWS MEANS FOR YOU

There was no US strike on Iran. A tanker was attacked with explosives off Oman and its crew is safe, Iran claims more tankers hit mines, which no one has confirmed, and a US envoy says the two sides are very close to a pause. There is no credible threat to US soil and no national terrorism advisory in effect.

Gas prices: Oil is about $113 a barrel. Regular is $4.20, down about 2 cents since yesterday, and diesel is $6.32.

Travel: Saudi Arabia shot down two missiles aimed at Riyadh, and falling debris injured one person. Air India has suspended Saudi flights to November 14, and nonessential US embassy staff remain ordered out. Check State Department advisories and your airline before any Middle East trip.

At home: For American families the Iran conflict still shows up mainly at the gas pump, not as a safety threat.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

FOUR CORNERS AND ARIZONA -- FLOOD RISK ALL WEEKEND

- ☐ Never drive through water over the road; turn around
- ☐ Keep phone alerts on and your phone charged
- ☐ Know a route home that avoids low-water crossings
- ☐ In Eddy, Lea and Chaves counties, rely on phone alerts: weather radio is off the air
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially older adults living alone

SUNDAY -- MODERATE FLOOD RISK WHERE AZ, UT, CO AND NM MEET

- ☐ Check for Flood Watches before driving or hiking Sunday
- ☐ Stay out of slot canyons and away from creeks and the San Juan River
- ☐ Move valuables up off the floor in flood-prone homes

GENERAL WEEKEND PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Look up your local weather radio station in the table above
- ☐ Halloween: give trick-or-treaters a flashlight or reflective gear, and check the forecast
- ☐ Space weather: look north for aurora Saturday and Sunday nights; no action needed
- ☐ Election season: ignore texts or emails asking you to "verify" your voter registration

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY	Incident Probable, held. Tension overseas remains high, with no credible threat to US soil.
WX-CON 2 -- Slight	Held: a slight risk of flash flooding for Arizona, southern Utah and southwest New Mexico today and Arizona Saturday, rising to moderate for the Four Corners on Sunday.
SWX-CON -- Stand-Down	Minor storms are likely Saturday and Sunday; the condition stays at stand-down unless one arrives.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	29 weather radio transmitters are down or degraded across 11 states (table above); three are out in southeast New Mexico, where storms are possible Sunday.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov
Disaster assistance: disasterassistance.gov
Flood safety: weather.gov/safety/flood
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/ebola
American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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