

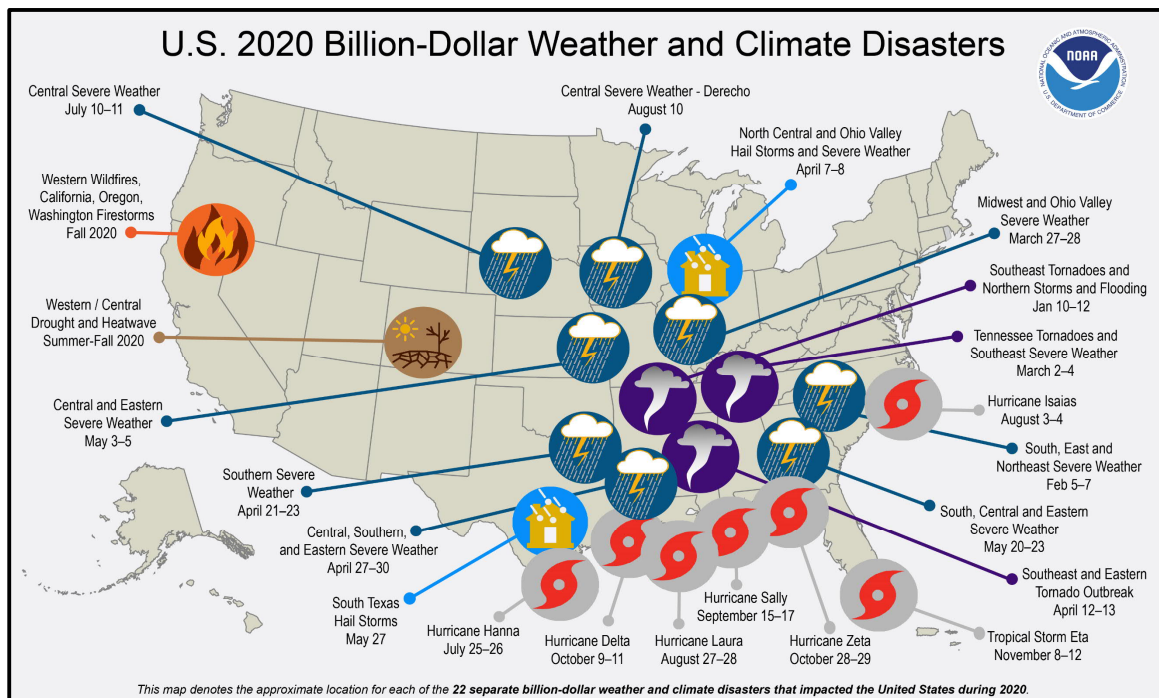
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 11, 2021

2020 Billion Dollar Weather Disasters

- Twenty-two separate billion-dollar weather disasters impacted the United States in 2020, by far a record number of such events in any year, according to a report released Friday by NOAA.
- The 22 disasters with damage estimates of at least \$1 billion obliterated the previous record number in any year, 16 in both 2011 and 2017, in NOAA records since 1980.
- All but two of the disasters occurred east of the Rockies, including seven hurricanes and tropical storms, and 13 separate severe weather events.
- Only the record-breaking wildfire season and the expansive drought made the billion-dollar list out of the West in 2020.
- The costliest 2020 disasters included Hurricane Laura (\$19 billion), the Western wildfires (\$16.5 billion) and the massive Midwest derecho (\$11 billion).
- Of the 128 severe thunderstorm events in NOAA's billion-dollar database, only the April 2011 Super Outbreak (\$12.1 billion) – a multi-day outbreak of over 300 tornadoes, including 15 rated EF4 or EF5 – was more costly than the 2020 Midwest derecho.
- It was the sixth straight year with 10 or more billion-dollar disasters.
- The total damage from these 22 events in 2020 – \$95 billion – ranked fourth-highest in any year since 1980, behind only 2017 (\$321.8 billion), 2005 (\$227.6 billion) and 2012 (\$133.3 billion).
- Each of those costlier seasons included at least one, if not multiple, catastrophic hurricane strikes over highly-populated areas of the U.S.



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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 1/11/2021

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
WA	Wildfires & Straight-Line Winds Sept 6 & continuing	9/16/2020	Pending	1 County
LA	Hurricane Zeta October 26-29	11/24/2020	Pending	6 Parishes
CO	Wildfires September 6-November 5	12/21/2020	Pending	3 Counties

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	132	11/27/2020
4562 OR	Wildfires	8 Counties	116	11/30/2020

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