

TROPICAL UPDATE

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As PTC #16 is pulled northeast, the wind field will expand, especially on the eastern side.

With sub-tropical systems, the highest winds can sometimes occur well away from the center.

This means strong gusty winds could arrive at the coast Friday evening and spread northeastward overnight.

<u>Winds will likely be</u> <u>contained in bands of</u> <u>thunderstorms, with some</u> <u>gaps in between squalls.</u>



NHC Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map Potential Tropical Cyclone SIXTEEN (2019) Advisory 01 From 10 AM CDT Thursday October 17 to 10 AM CDT Monday October 21



Storm Surge Warnings now in effect from Indian Pass to Clearwater Beach. 3-5' of inundation is possible from Indian Pass to Chassahowitzka. 2-4' of inundation is possible from Chassahowitzka to Clearwater.

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Coastal Flood Advisories are in effect from Escambia through Gulf County. Inundation of 1-3' is possible from Walton through Gulf County and 1-2' from Escambia through Okaloosa County.

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Forecast Rainfall Totals Next 5 Days

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Due to the fast forward movement of the system, widespread rainfall totals over the next 72 hours are forecast to be in the 1-3" range across most of North Florida with locally higher amounts of 4-6" possible near the coast. Most Peninsula areas should see about 1-2". This will not be enough to cause river flooding across the Panhandle as rivers are very low.

Severe Weather Risks Friday & Saturday



The Storm Prediction Center has outlined the eastern Panhandle, Big Bend and much of the western Peninsula in a Marginal Risk of severe weather (level 1 of 5) on Friday. This risk expands to include much of North and Central Florida on Saturday. Isolated tornadoes will be possible in some of the bands associated with Potential Tropical Cyclone #16.



Forecast Wave Heights Friday & Saturday

Waves will build as PTC #16 approaches the state. Dangerous rip currents and some beach erosion are likely with these high breaking waves through at least Saturday.

After PTC #16 Passes...

Severe Weather Risk for Monday

A strong cold front will move in on Monday, which will bring the threat of strong to severe thunderstorms to the Panhandle and Big Bend on Monday. The Storm Prediction Center has outlined all the Panhandle and Big Bend in a Slight Risk of severe weather (level 2 of 5). Since this is 5 days out, details are still being worked out. Damaging winds, large hail, and isolated tornadoes currently remain possible on Monday.



PTC #16

Thursday, October 17, 5 PM ET



Changes This Afternoon:

- Storm Surge Warnings now in effect for the Big Bend and Nature Coast.
- Tropical Storm Warnings expanded along the Big Bend coast.
- Still some uncertainty in forward speed and eastern expansion of potential impacts.
- Primary concern is coastal flooding, but flash flooding, gusty winds and tornadoes all possible.

Summary

Potential Tropical Cyclone #16

- At 11am EDT Thursday, the Gulf of Mexico disturbance was declared Potential Tropical Cyclone #16.
- It does not yet have a defined center of circulation, but it is getting better organized and should be upgraded tonight or early Friday to Sub-Tropical Storm or Tropical Storm Nestor.
- Currently, PTC #16 is moving toward the north-northeast at 9 mph, and a faster northeastward motion is expected Friday and Saturday.
- Landfall is likely on Saturday in the Florida Panhandle, but impacts could begin on Friday and could affect much of North and Central Florida.
- PTC #16 is forecast to move quickly into Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina on Saturday.

Florida Outlook:

- Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, coastal Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla and Jefferson Counties.
- Tropical Storm Watches are in effect for northern Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Gadsden, Liberty, Leon, inland Wakulla, inland Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Dixie, Lafayette, and Levy.
- Storm Surge Warnings are now in effect from Indian Pass to Clearwater Beach.
- Storm surge of 3-5' is possible from Indian Pass to Chassahowitzka and 2-4' is possible from Chassahowitzka to Clearwater Beach.
- Rain may begin as early as Friday afternoon across North and West Central Florida and overspread all of North Florida through the night.
- The main rain and wind impacts will be Friday night through Saturday afternoon.
- Rainfall totals of 1-3" with localized higher amounts of 4-6" are possible in North Florida with totals of 1-2" in Central Florida.
- There is a Marginal Risk of severe weather for the eastern Panhandle, Big Bend, and the Peninsula north of Lake Okeechobee for Saturday. Isolated tornadoes will be possible in the bands of PTC #16.
- Waves will begin to build tonight and especially on Friday into Saturday as PTC #16 approaches. Dangerous rip currents and some beach erosion are likely along the Panhandle and West Coast.

The next tropics packet will be issued Friday morning. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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