

TROPICAL UPDATE



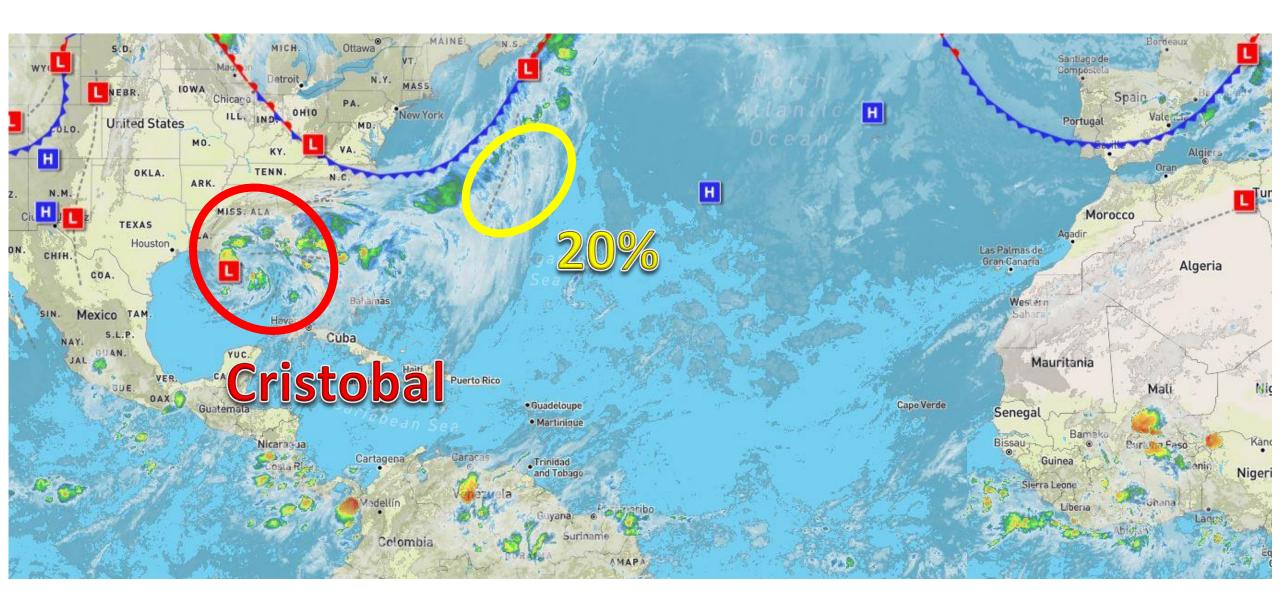
11:00 AM EDT
Sunday, June 7, 2020
Tropical Storm Cristobal

& Bermuda Low (20%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

Chance of development: — None — Low — Medium — High



Tropical Storm Cristobal Saturday, June 6

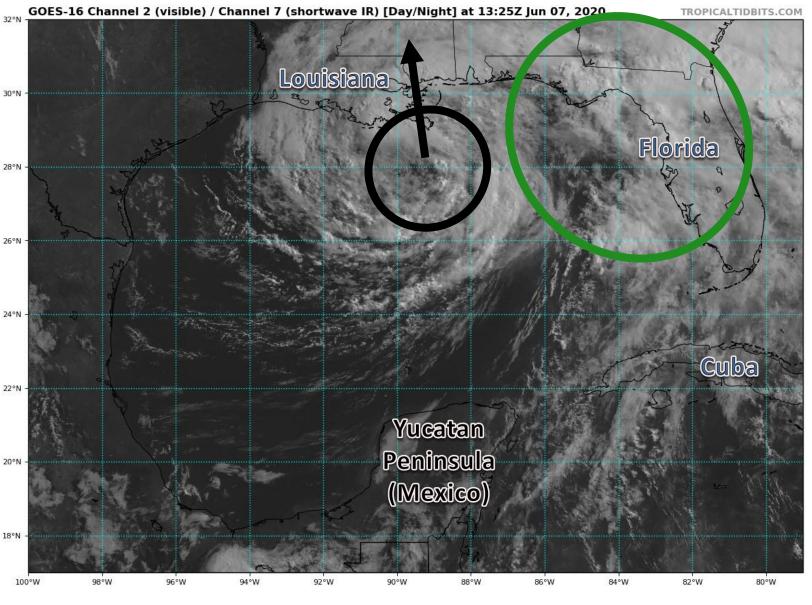






Tropical Weather Overview:

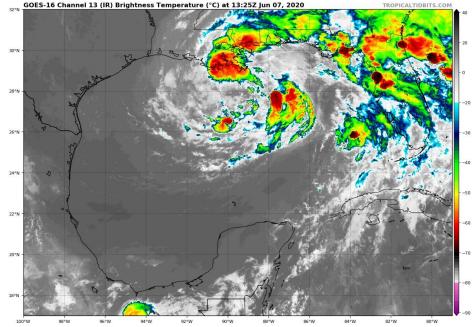
No significant changes overnight and the forecast remains on track. The main threat from Cristobal continues to be heavy rainfall. Flash Flood Watches continue for the Panhandle and Big Bend with the threat shifting to just the western Panhandle tonight. Isolated strong thunderstorms today across the Peninsula.

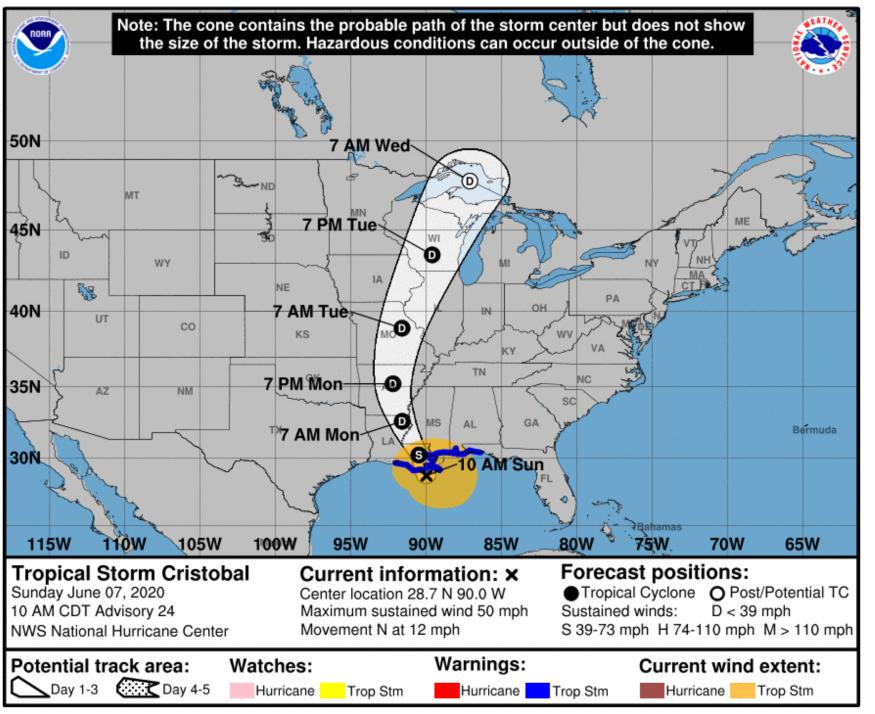


Visible Satellite Imagery: Tropical Storm Cristobal

Cristobal is a large system with much of the thunderstorms (green circle) displaced well to the east of the center (black circle).

Cristobal is moving to the north and will make landfall in southeastern Louisiana over the next few hours.





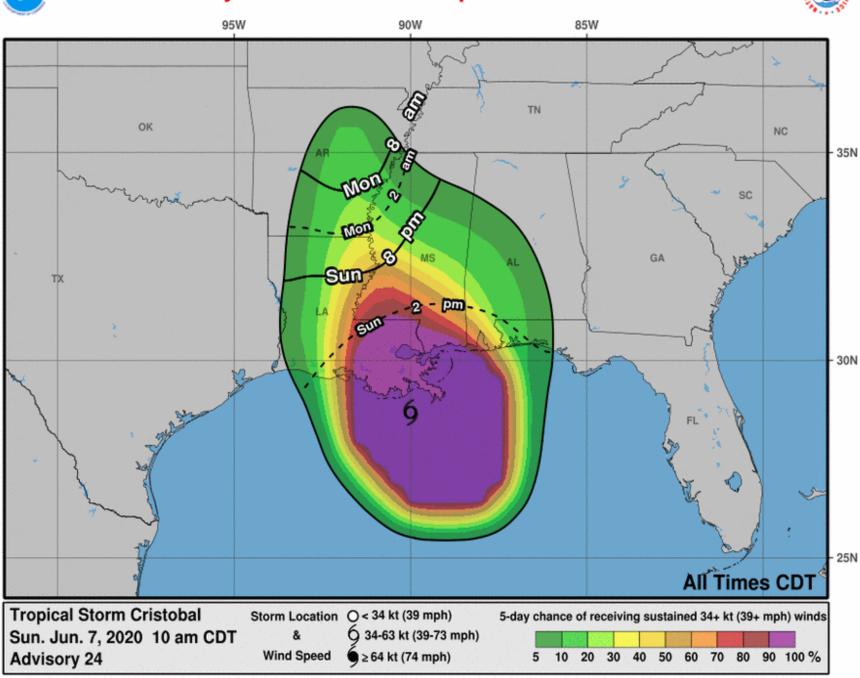
Projected Path: Tropical Storm Cristobal

- The center of Cristobal is located about 90 miles south of New Orleans, or about 200 miles west-southwest of Pensacola, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are at 50 mph.
- Cristobal is moving north at 12 mph, and this general motion will continue through landfall later today.
- **Tropical Storm Warnings** are in effect for the western Panhandle.
- Flood Watches are in effect for much of the state through this evening and the western Panhandle into Monday.
- Coastal Flood Advisories are in effect for the Gulf Coast.



Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





<u>Chances for Sustained</u> <u>Tropical Storm Force</u> <u>Winds (39+ mph)</u>

Pensacola NAS: 18%

Milton: 13%

Destin: 8%

Panama City: 3%

Tropical Storm Warning





Wind Gusts

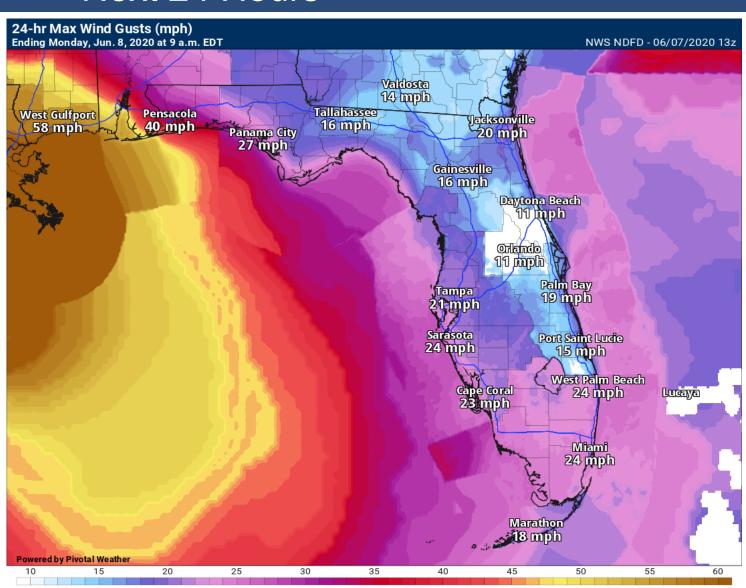
Next 24 Hours

Wind gusts to 25 mph are possible across much of the state today, from the south and east.

Higher gusts are likely in any heavy thunderstorms statewide.

Higher gusts to 45 mph are possible this afternoon and tonight in the western Panhandle, with sustained winds 30-35 mph.

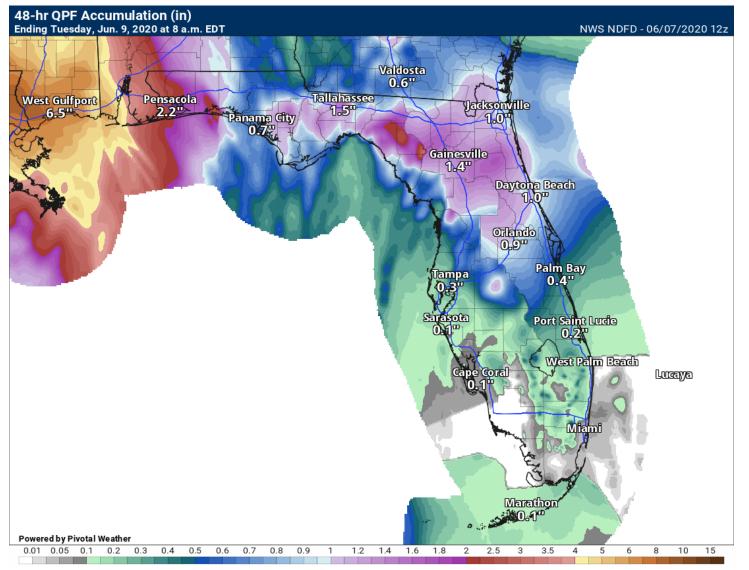
Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for coastal Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa County.





Rainfall Totals Next 48 Hours

Ending 2 PM ET Monday



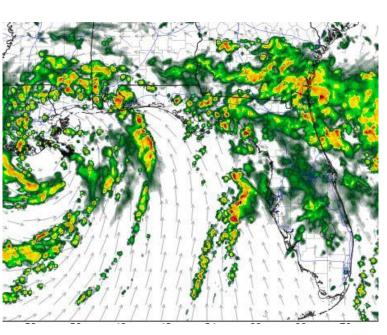
Through Monday afternoon, widespread rainfall totals of 1-3" are expected across North and Central Florida. Locally higher totals of 6-12" are possible, especially where heavier bands set up in the Panhandle and Big Bend.

Training rain bands may set up tonight in the western Panhandle, keeping the flash flood threat elevated from Pensacola to Panama City.

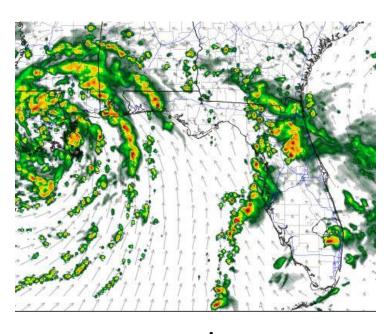


Model Forecast Radar

Only Model Guidance - Time & Position Will Vary



2 PM ET / 1 PM CT Sunday



8 PM ET / 7 PM CT Sunday



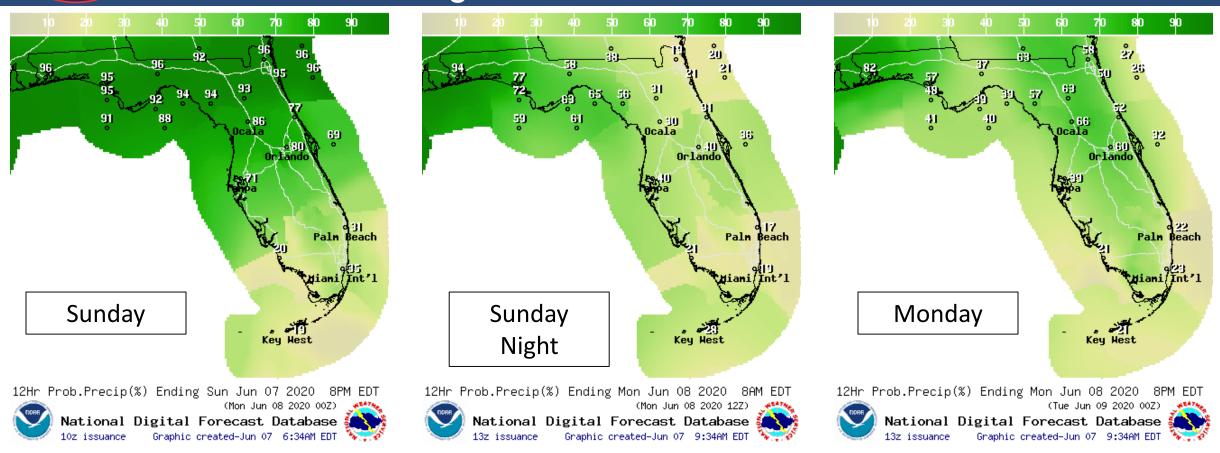
2 AM ET / 1 AM CT Monday

Widespread rainfall will continue across North Florida and the West Coast today with more scattered activity elsewhere. Tonight, more focused rain banding may set up in in the western Panhandle. Isolated tornadoes and flash flooding will remain be possible tonight.



Sunday - Monday

Timing the Event – Cristobal Rainfall



Widespread rainfall will continue across North Florida and the West Coast today. Tonight, more focused rain banding may set up in in the western Panhandle. On Monday, rain bands continue in the Panhandle with scattered thunderstorms across the rest of the state in the afternoon.



Flash Flood Watches

Links: NWS Mobile NWS Tallahassee



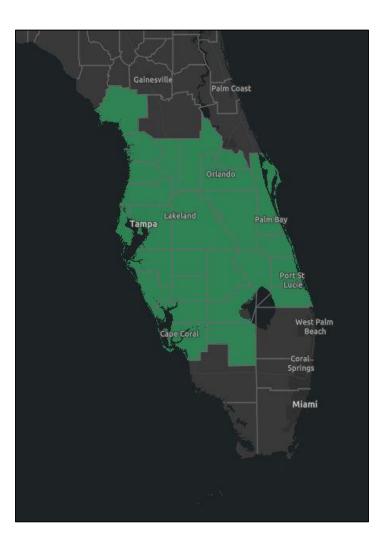
The Flash Flood Watch expires at 8 PM ET / 7 PM CT SUNDAY for the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend (NWS Tallahassee Area).

It expires at 7 PM CT MONDAY for the western Panhandle including Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa County (NWS Mobile Area).



Areal Flood Watches

Links: NWS Tampa Bay | NWS Melbourne | NWS Miami



Torrential downpours and wet to saturated soils will lead to some flooding, especially of urban, low-lying, or poor drainage areas.

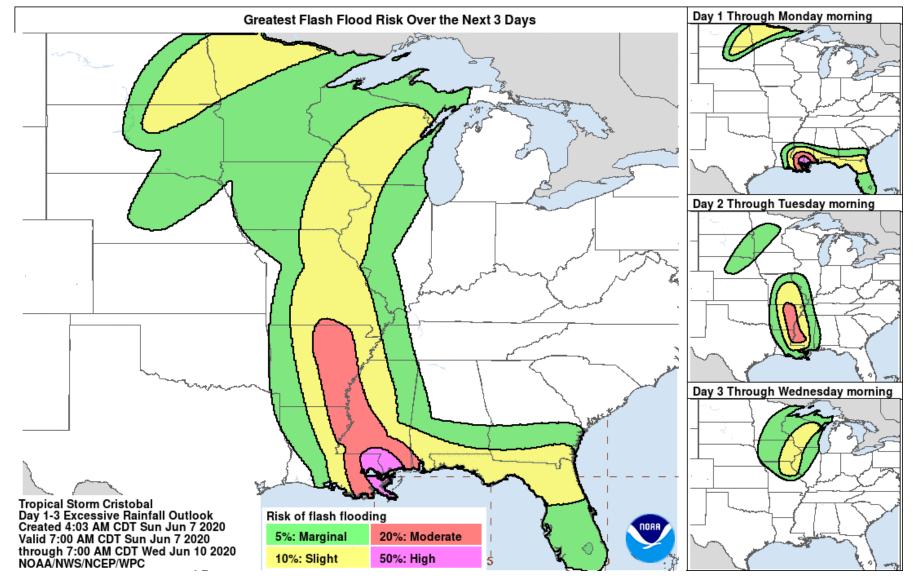
Some parts of the Peninsula have seen 10+" of rain locally over the last few days. Additional rainfall could result in more flooding.

The Flood Watch expires at 8 PM ET today.



Weekend Flash Flood Threat

Flash Flood Outlook



Most of the state will be under a Marginal to Slight Risk for flash flooding today and tonight.
Isolated to scattered flash floods are possible.

The focus will shift to the western Panhandle tonight and Monday morning.



Weekend Flash Flood Threat

Flash Flood Outlook Key

Understanding WPC Excessive Rainfall Risk Categories

No Area/Label

Flash floods are generally not expected.

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Flash flooding near me?

Flash Flooding

NO Flash Flooding



MARGINAL (MRGL)

Isolated flash floods possible

Localized and primarily affecting places that can experience rapid runoff with heavy rainfall.

SLIGHT (SLGT)

Scattered flash floods possible

Mainly localized. Most vulnerable are urban areas, roads, small streams and washes. Isolated significant flash floods possible.

MODERATE (MDT)

Numerous flash floods likely

Numerous flash flooding events with significant events possible. Many streams may flood, potentially affecting larger rivers.

HIGH (HIGH)

Widespread flash floods expected

Severe, widespread flash flooding. Areas that don't normally experience flash flooding, could. Lives and property in greater danger.



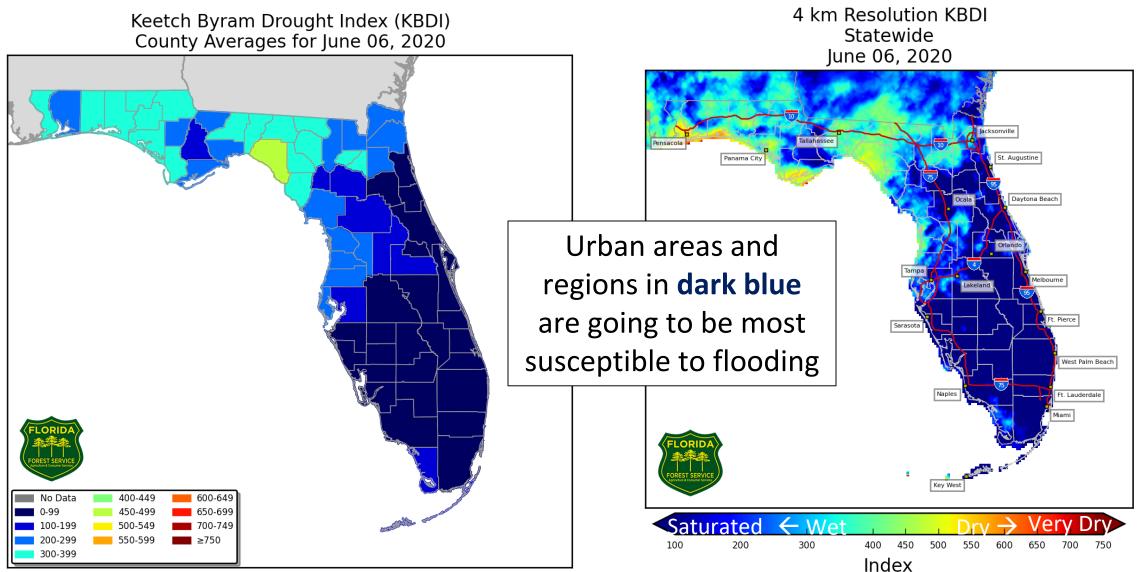






Drought Index — Soil Moisture

KBDI – Full Report from the Florida Forest Service





Possible River Flooding

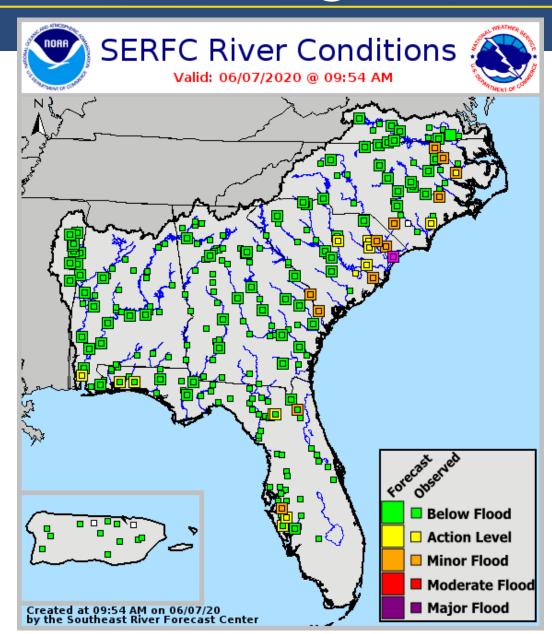
Some minor flooding is possible along some rivers, but it will depend on where exactly the heaviest rain falls.

The <u>Little Manatee River near Wimauma</u> is in minor flood stage. All other West Coast rivers have crested below flood stage.

Flash flooding is developing across some smaller creeks in Northeast Florida.

Current low river levels across North Florida will help to minimize river impacts.

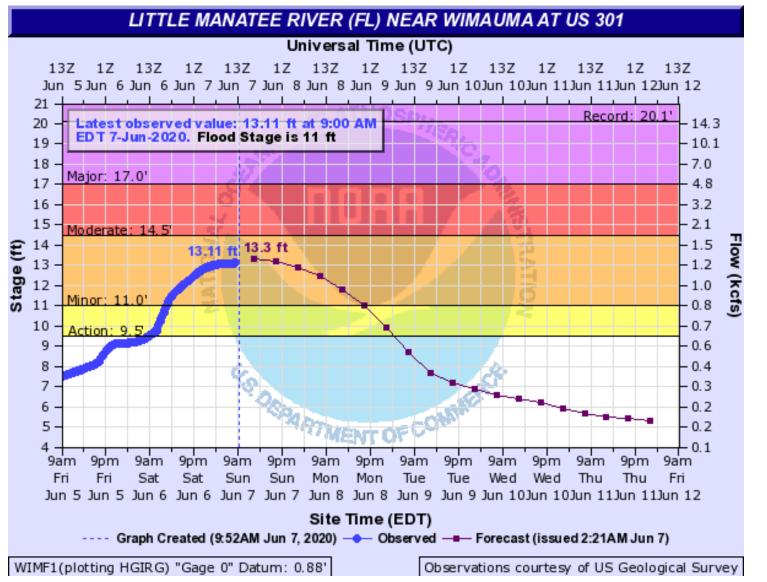
More details on river levels available at the <u>Southeast</u>
River Forecast Center website.





Little Manatee River at Wimauma

<u>Hydrograph Link</u>

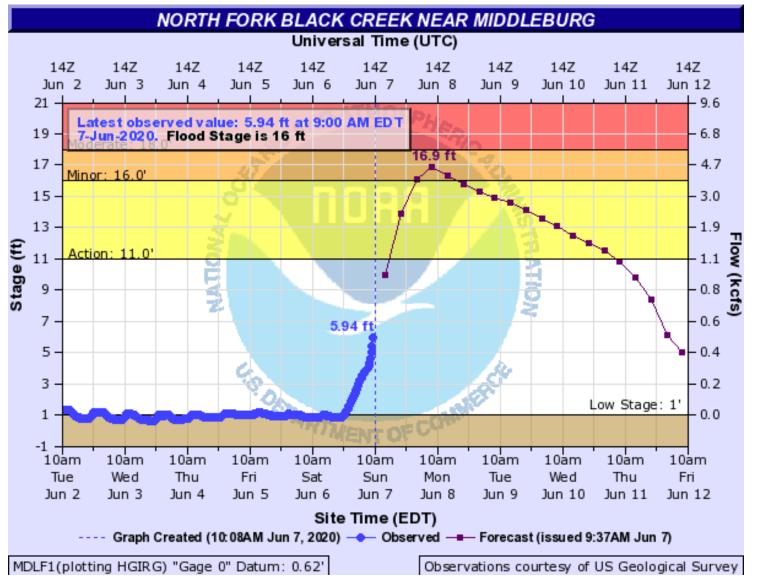


- 14.5 Flooding of several houses begins near 32nd and 33rd streets in Ruskin.
- 13 The canoe rental area floods.
- 11 The river overflows its banks.



N. Fork Black Creek near Middleburg

<u>Hydrograph Link</u>

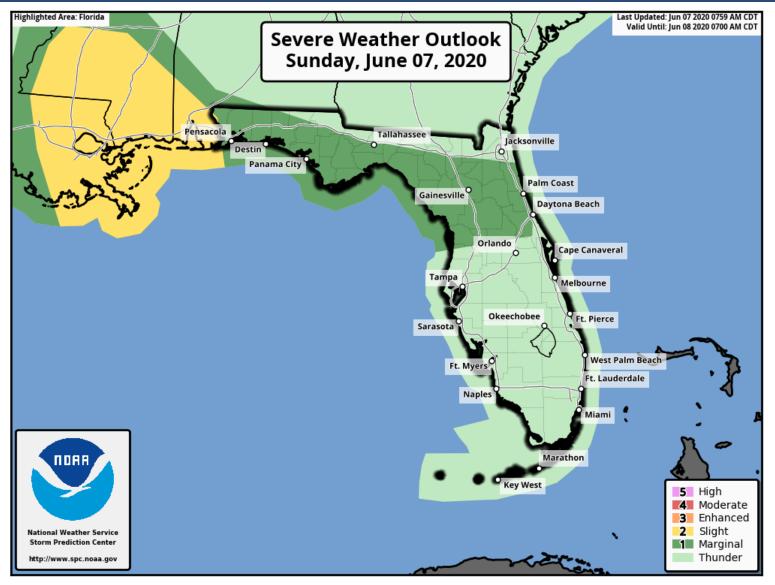


- 22 Significant flooding of homes occurs.
- 19 Water begins to move into homes.
- 16 Lazy Acre Road begins to flood. Lowlands flood and boat docks are affected.

The Creek is forecast to at least reach minor flood stage which is 16'. It will need to be monitored for additional rises if additional heavy rain moves across Northeast Florida later today.



Tornado Risk



As the outer bands from Cristobal move along the Gulf Coast and North Florida today, isolated tornadoes are possible. There is a **Marginal Risk** (level 1 of 5) of Severe Weather.

Tonight, the tornado threat will be confined to the western Panhandle.



Tornado Risk

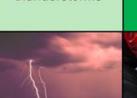
Severe Weather Outlook Key

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

THUNDERSTORMS (no label)

No severe* thunderstorms expected

Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms







Isolated severe thunderstorms possible

Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity



2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)

Scattered severe storms possible

Short-lived and/or not widespread. isolated intense storms possible

3 - ENHANCED (ENH)

Numerous severe storms possible

More persistent and/or widespread a few intense

4 - MODERATE (MDT)

Widespread severe storms likely

Long-lived. widespread and

5 - HIGH (HIGH)

Widespread severe storms expected

Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense



^{*} NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.





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Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

Thunderstorms (no label)

No severe* thunderstorms expected Lightning/flooding threat exists with all thunderstorms

Winds to 40 mph and small hail possible



Isolated severe thunderstorms possible

Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity Wind to 40-60 mph, hail up to 1", and low tornado risk



Scattered severe storms possible

Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms

One or two tornadoes

Reports of strong winds and wind damage

Hail ~1", isolated 2"



Enhanced Risk

Numerous severe storms possible

More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense A few tornadoes

Several wind damage reports

Damaging hail, 1"-2"



Moderate Risk





High Risk (HĬGH)

Widespread severe storms expected

Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense

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Storm Surge Flooding

This Weekend

Onshore winds associated with Cristobal will result in some minor coastal flooding along the Gulf Coast. Tides are running 1-3' above normal along the entire Gulf Coast, and will continue into tonight.

Please see the numerous Coastal Flood Advisories and Coastal Flood Statements from the local NWS offices for details.

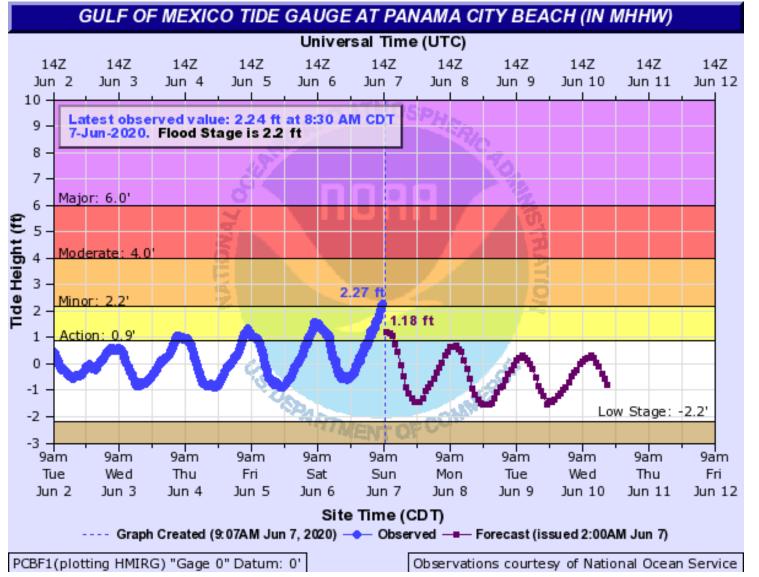
Includes Pensacola Bay and Tampa Bay





Gulf of Mexico at Panama City Beach

<u>Hydrograph Link</u>



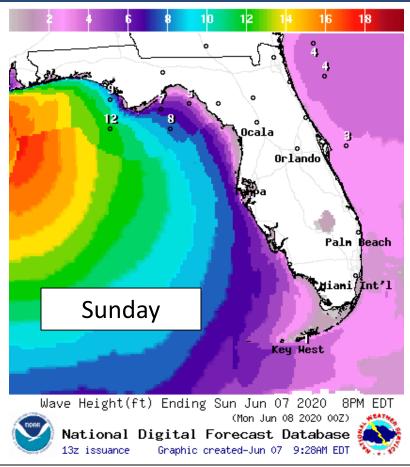
- Water begins to flood low lying areas in Camp Helen State Park and on south facing portions of Powell Lake in Bay County. Areas near beach access continue to flood. Erosion from wave action begins along the Bay County Beaches.
- 2.2 Where breaks in the dune line to beach access exist, water begins to flood access areas from Inlet Beach to St Andrews State Park in Panama City Beach.
- 1.7 Water reaches the dune line in several places along the Bay County Beaches.

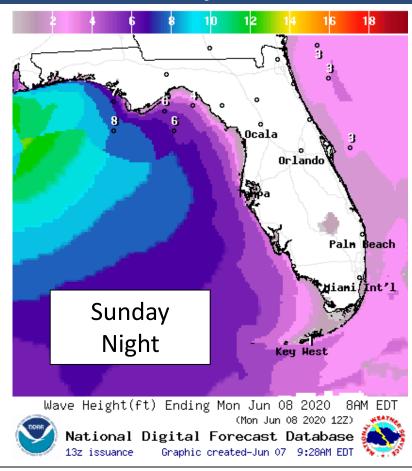
High tide this morning and again this evening may result in minor flooding.

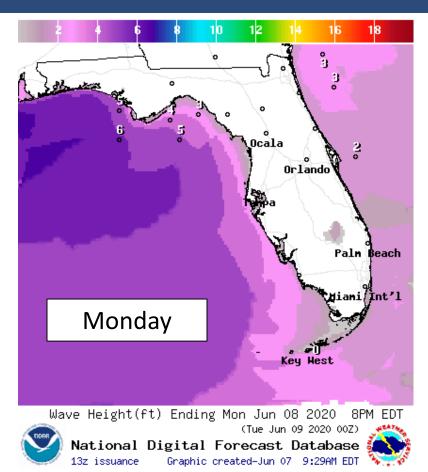


Forecast Wave Heights

Early This Week







High surf of 8-11 feet is expected at western Panhandle Beaches with 4-8 feet along the rest of the Gulf Coast. This will result in dangerous rip currents along all Gulf beaches. Minor beach erosion is also likely with a few spots of more significant erosion possible in the western Panhandle.



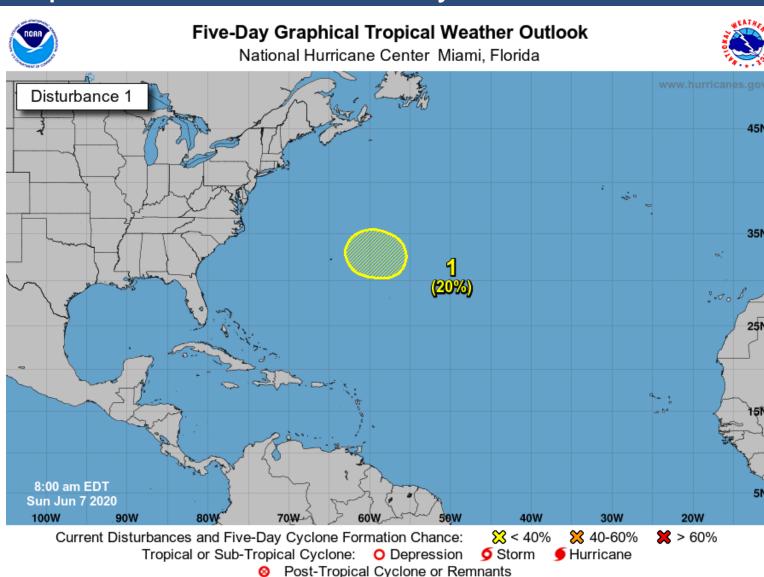
Tropical Weather Outlook

Development Areas Next 5 Days

Bermuda Low: A non-tropical area of low pressure is expected to form a few hundred miles east or northeast of Bermuda within a couple of days. This system could then acquire some subtropical characteristics by mid-to-late week while the low meanders over the western Atlantic. This system is not expected to pose a direct threat to the United States.

*Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.

*Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent.



Summary

Tropical Storm Cristobal

- As of 11 AM ET, the center of Cristobal was located about 90 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana, or about 200 miles west-southwest of Pensacola, Florida.
- Cristobal is expected to make landfall in Louisiana over the next few hours as it moves to the north at 12 mph. The system remains asymmetrical with much of the heavy rainfall well to the east of the center and where landfall occurs.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph. No change in strength is expected before landfall later today.

Bermuda Low

- An area of low pressure is expected to develop along a cold front a few hundred miles east or northeast of Bermuda by the middle of next week.
- Some development of this system is possible while it meanders near Bermuda for the next several days.
- This system is not expected to pose a direct threat to the United States at this time.
- The odds of development over the next 48 hours is near 0%, but 20% (low chance) over the next 5 days.

Florida Outlook:

- A **Tropical Storm Warning** is in effect from the AL/FL border (Escambia County) to the Okaloosa/Walton County Line. While sustained tropical storm force winds are not expected elsewhere, gust up to 50 mph are possible in heavier showers/thunderstorms.
 - <u>Tropical Storm Warning:</u> Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties
 - Tides will be running 1-3' above normal along the Gulf Coast. Coastal Flood Advisories/Statements are in effect through Sunday evening for the entire Gulf Coast.
- An Areal Flood Watch is in effect for much of Central Florida.
 - <u>Flood Watch</u>: Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Seminole, Orange, Brevard, Osceola, Polk, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte, and Lee
- A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the Panhandle and Big Bend.
 - <u>Flash Flood Watch</u>: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Washington, Holmes, Calhoun, Jackson, Franklin, Calhoun, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Lafayette, and Madison.
- Rain bands and training thunderstorms will result in locally heavy rainfall in North Florida today, and some locations may see over 10" of rain. This is most likely to occur in the Big Bend and Northeast Florida today and the western Panhandle tonight.
- Minor river flooding is ongoing along the Little Manatee River. Additional rivers are likely to see rises as well, especially in Northeast Florida and the Panhandle.
- Isolated tornadoes will be possible in some of the outer bands, and the Storm Prediction Center has outlined North Florida in a Marginal Risk for severe weather (level 1 of 5) today, with the threat shifting to the western Panhandle tonight.
- Dangerous rip currents and beach erosion are expected at Gulf Coast beaches. Breaking waves of 8-11' are forecast in the western Panhandle and 4-8' across the rest of the Gulf Coast.

The next briefing packet will be sent out Sunday evening with the 5 PM ET advisory. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at www.hurricanes.gov.



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