



TROPICAL UPDATE



5:00 PM EDT

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Tropical Storm Sally

Invest 90L – Southwest Gulf of Mexico (70%)

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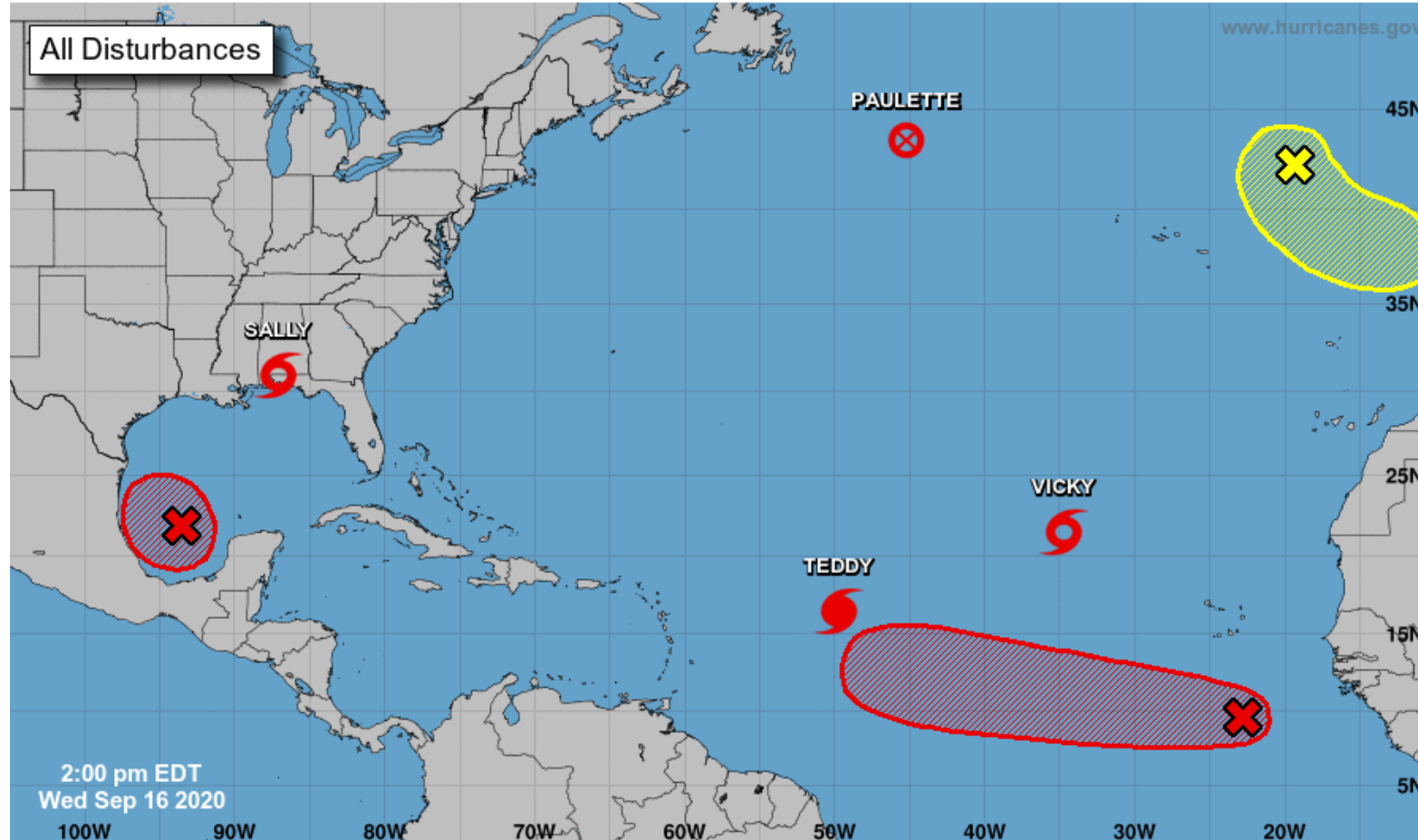
Tropical Weather Outlook

Possible Areas of Development During the Next 5 Days ([LINK](#))



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida

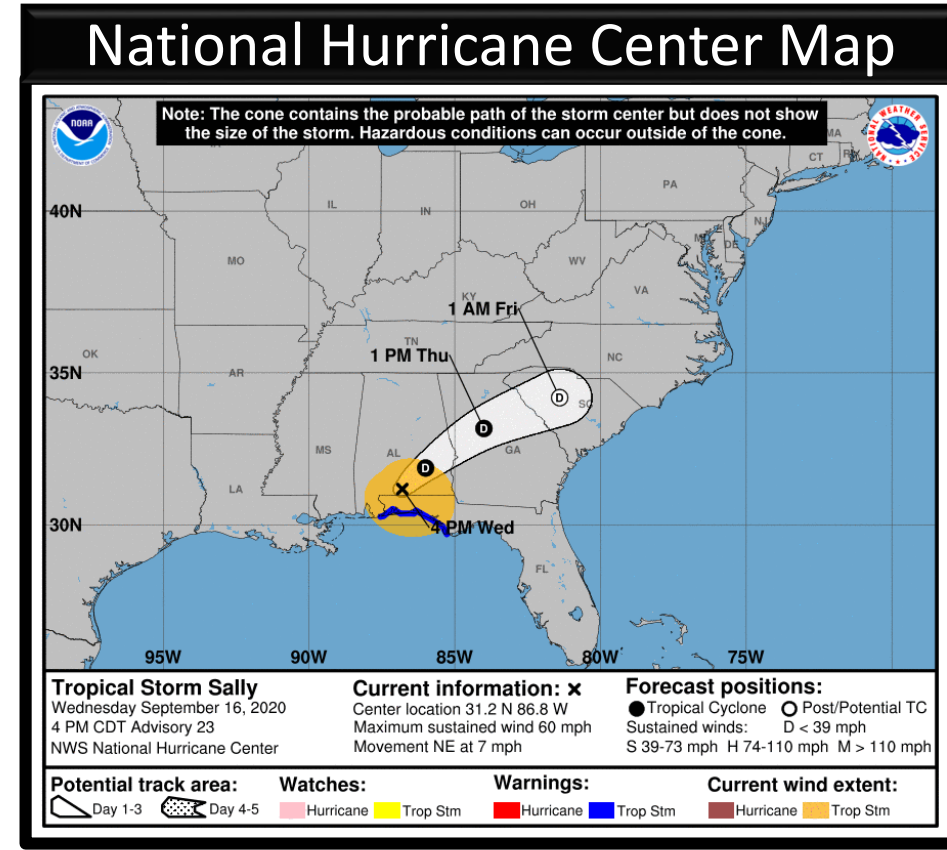




Tropical Storm Sally

5 PM ET Wednesday: Florida Threats & Changes Since Last Packet

	MINIMAL	Low	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
WINDS					
STORM SURGE					
FLASH FLOODING					
TORNADOES					
	Low	MODERATE		HIGH	
RIP CURRENTS					



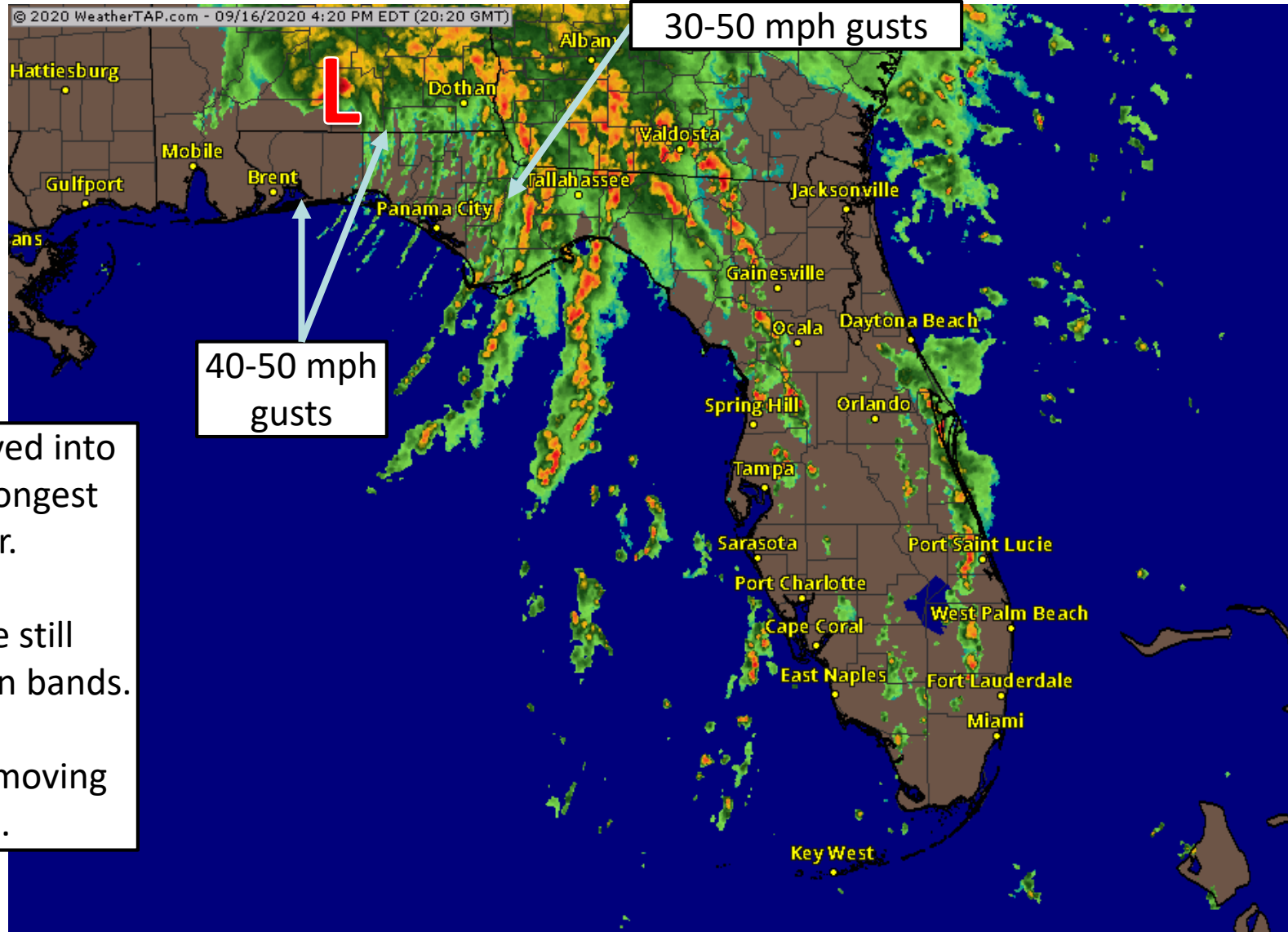
Overview/Recent Changes:

Sally is now moving into far southern Alabama and has weakened to a tropical storm. Significant impacts continue as heavy rain bands continue across the Big Bend. Significant, potentially historic river flooding is ongoing or expected to begin over the next few days on many Panhandle rivers. Winds are starting to subside, but tropical storm force winds (especially in gusts) remain along the coast. Storm surge also continues along the coast and waters will be slow to recede.



Current Florida Radar

As of 4:20 PM ET / 3:20 PM CT



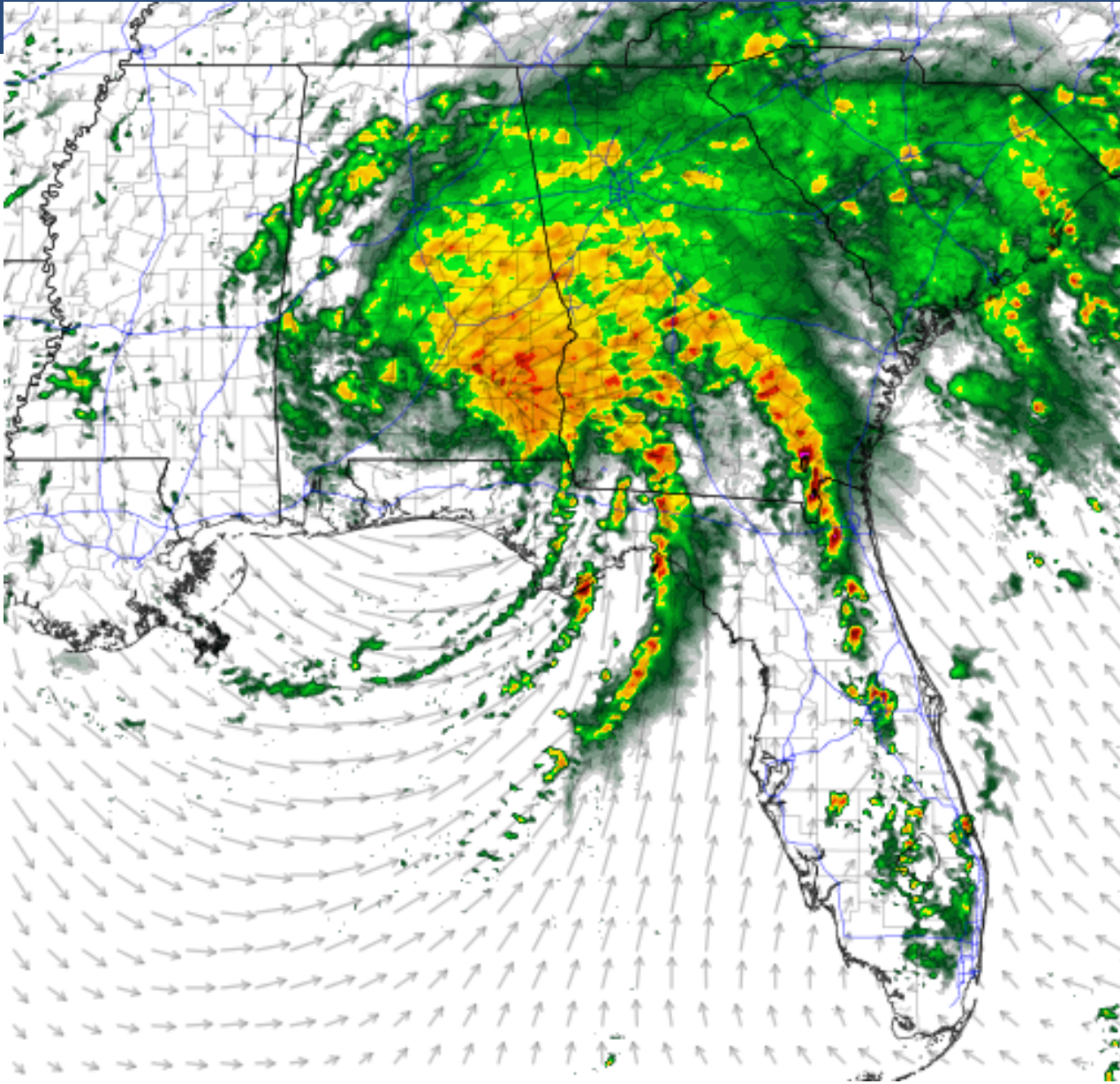
The center of Sally has now moved into southern Alabama with the strongest wind gusts near the center.

Tropical storm force winds are still possible near the coast and in rain bands.

Tornadic, heavy rain bands are moving into Big Bend now as well.



8 PM ET / 7 PM CT



Model Estimate Exact placement of rain bands may vary.

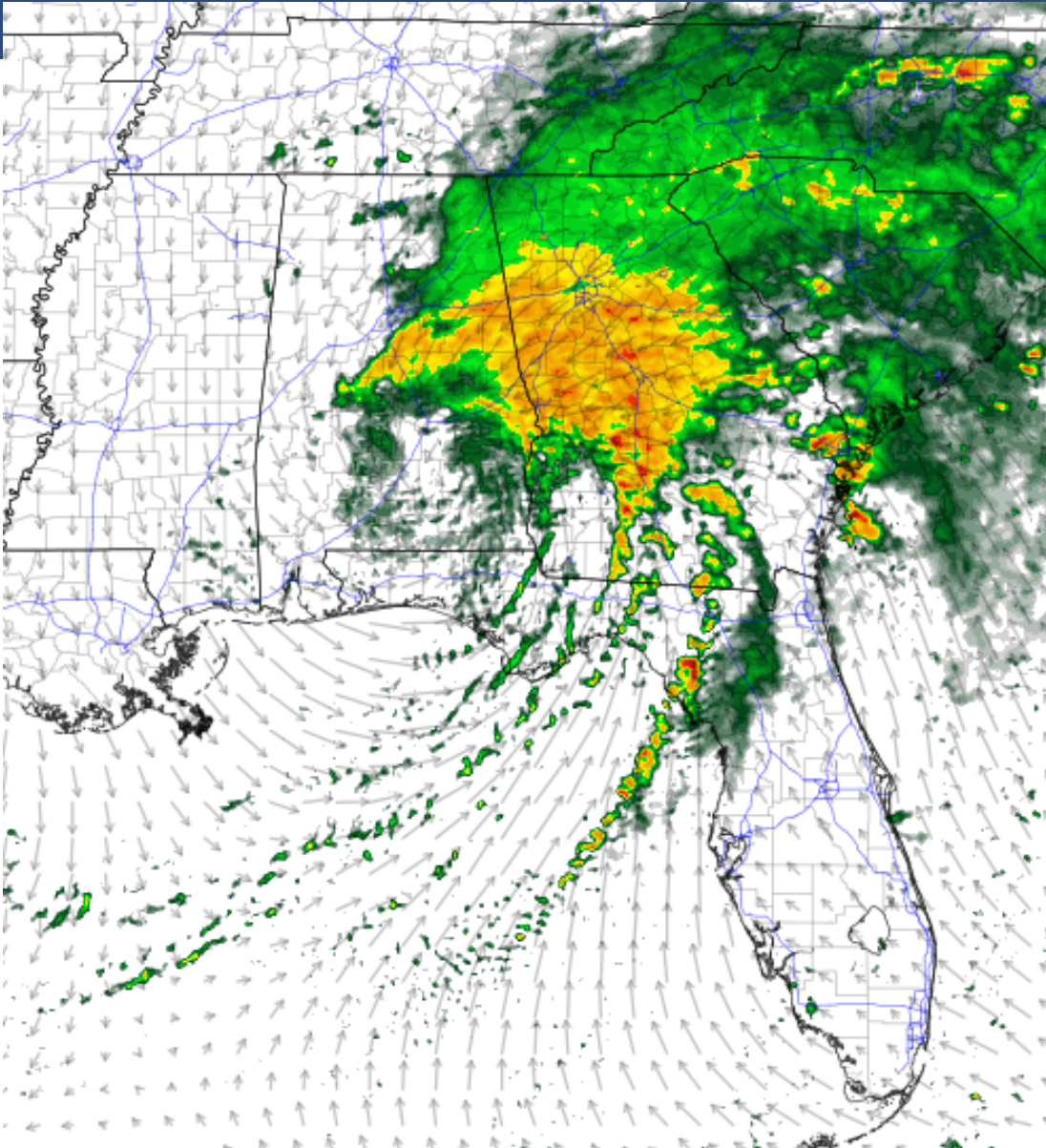
In general, rain bands will decrease in intensity this evening in the Big Bend with tapering showers in the Panhandle

Gusty winds and isolated tornadoes will remain possible in the heavier rain bands

Tropical-storm-force winds, primarily in gusts will be possible along the Panhandle coast this evening.



2 AM ET / 1 AM CT



Model Estimate Exact placement of rain bands may vary.

Rain bands will decrease in coverage and intensity overnight, but some gusty winds, heavy rain, a brief tornado cannot be ruled out.



Damaging Wind Threat Overview

Tropical Storm Sally

Tropical storm force wind gusts continue across the Panhandle and western Big Bend through the evening, primarily in outer bands and near the coast.

Wind gusts of 40-60 mph will remain possible, gradually tapering through the overnight.



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Wind Threat
Potential for wind greater than 110 mph
Potential for wind 74 to 110 mph
Potential for wind 58 to 73 mph
Potential for wind 39 to 57 mph
Wind less than 39 mph

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Wind Watches and Warnings

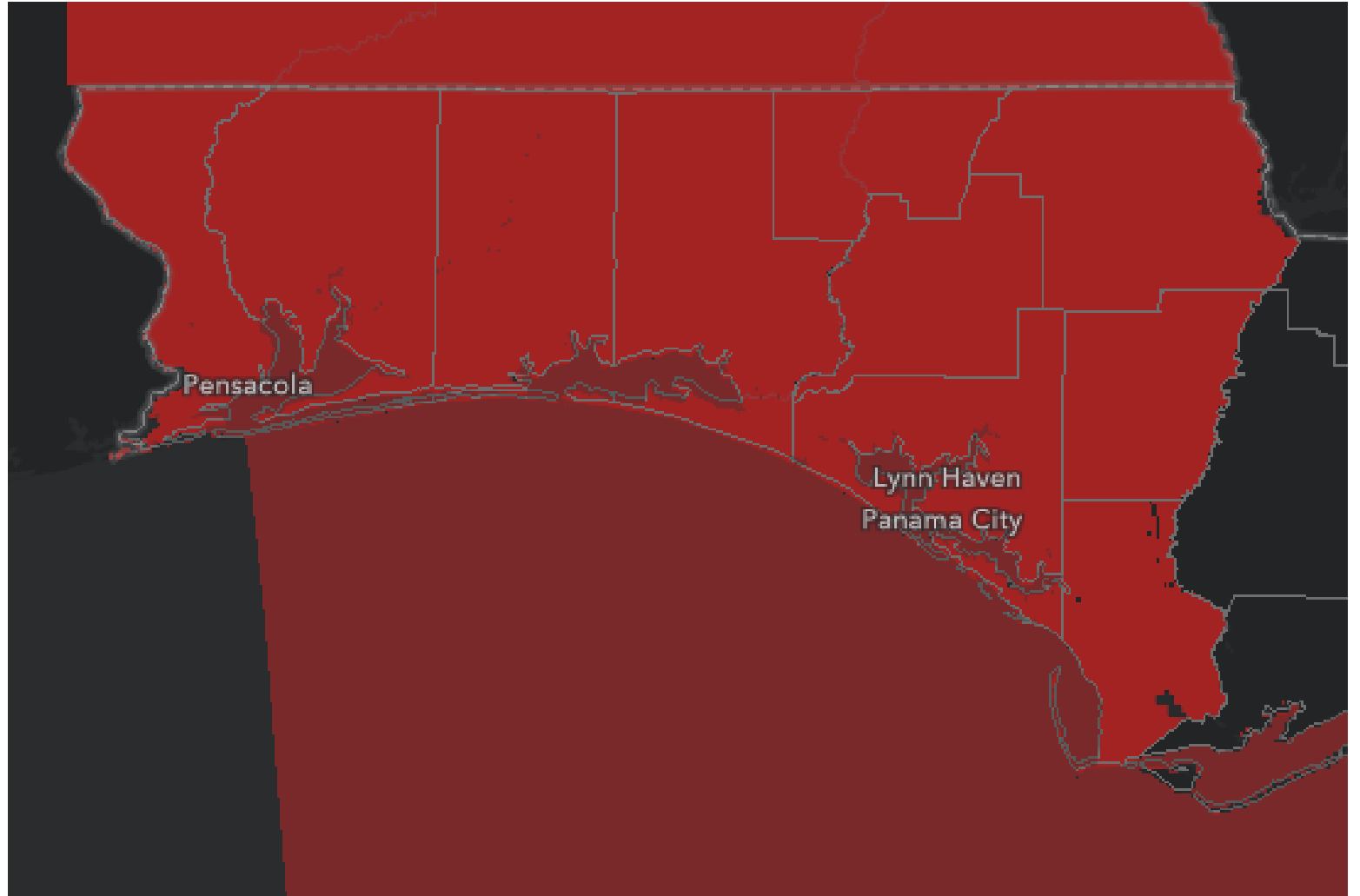
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Tropical Storm Warnings:

**Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa,
Walton, Holmes, Washington,
Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf**

**Isolated to scattered power
outages in the tropical storm
warnings.**

**With saturated soils, trees may
fall more easily in any stronger
wind gusts.**



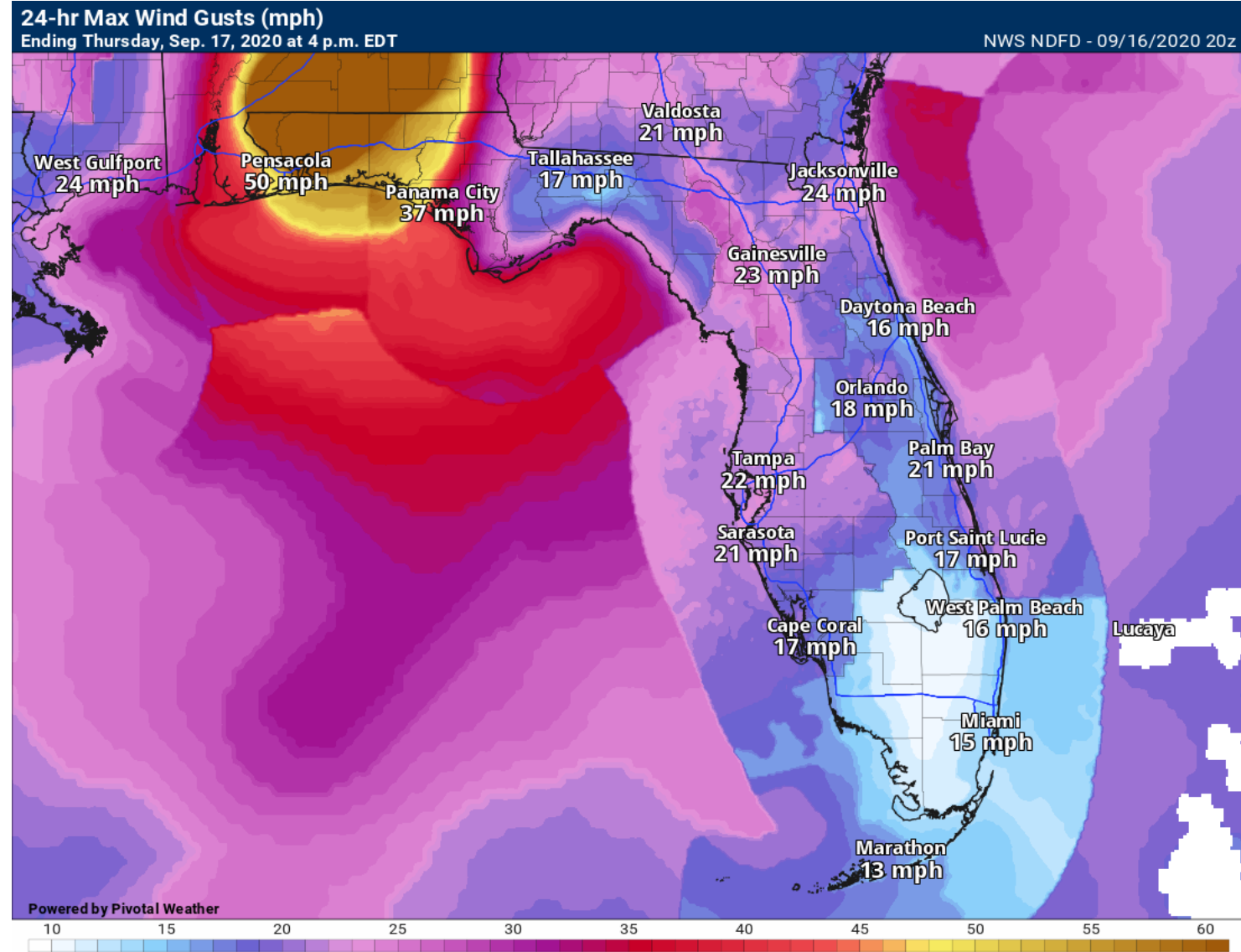


Max Wind Gusts Today

Next 12 Hours

Sustained tropical storm force winds will end this evening and tonight in the Panhandle.

However, gusts to tropical storm force will remain possible near the coast and bays tonight as Sally departs.





Flood Threat Overview

Hurricane Sally

****This includes the widespread 10-25" that has already fallen across the Panhandle with some measurements around 30+" being reported in Pensacola.****

ADDITIONAL RAINFALL:

- **Panhandle & western Big Bend: 2-4" widespread, locally 5-7"**
- **Eastern Big Bend & Northeast Florida: 1-3" widespread, locally 4"**



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Flooding Rain Threat
Potential for extreme flooding rain
Potential for major flooding rain
Potential for moderate flooding rain
Potential for localized flooding rain
Little to no potential for flooding rain

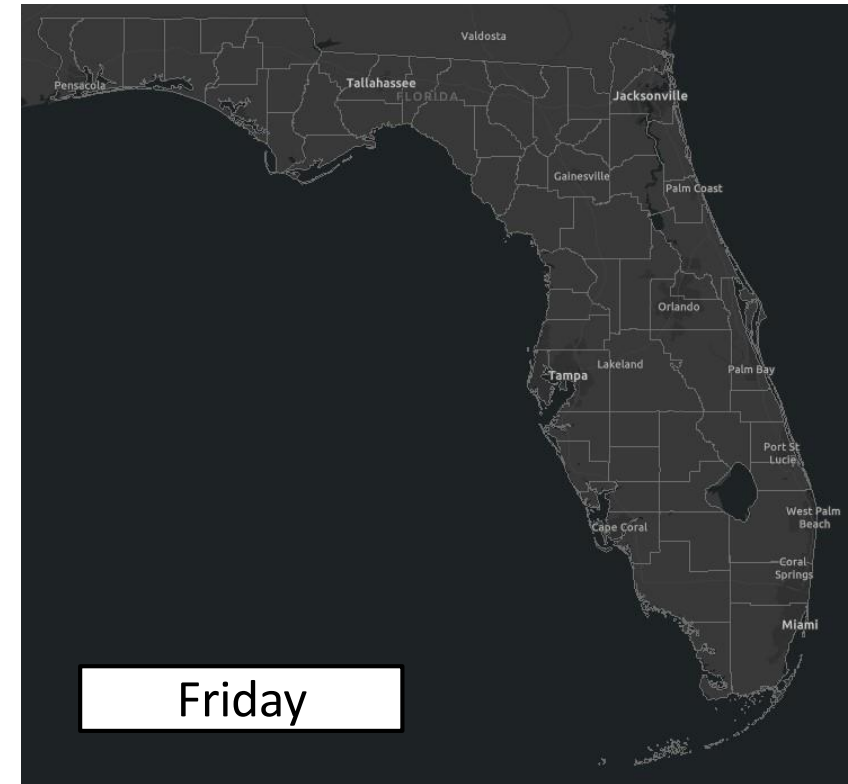
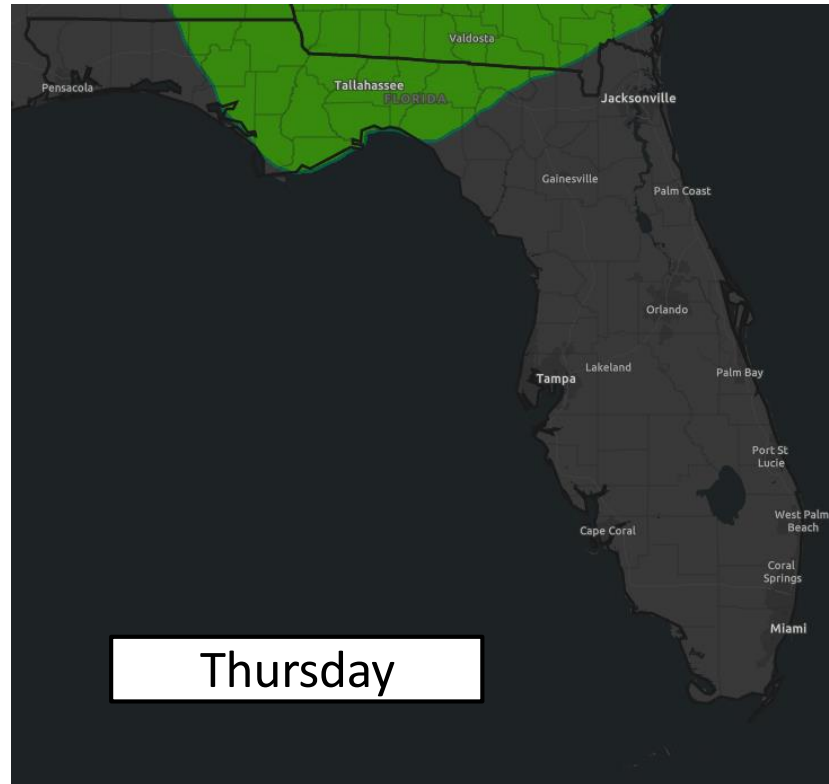
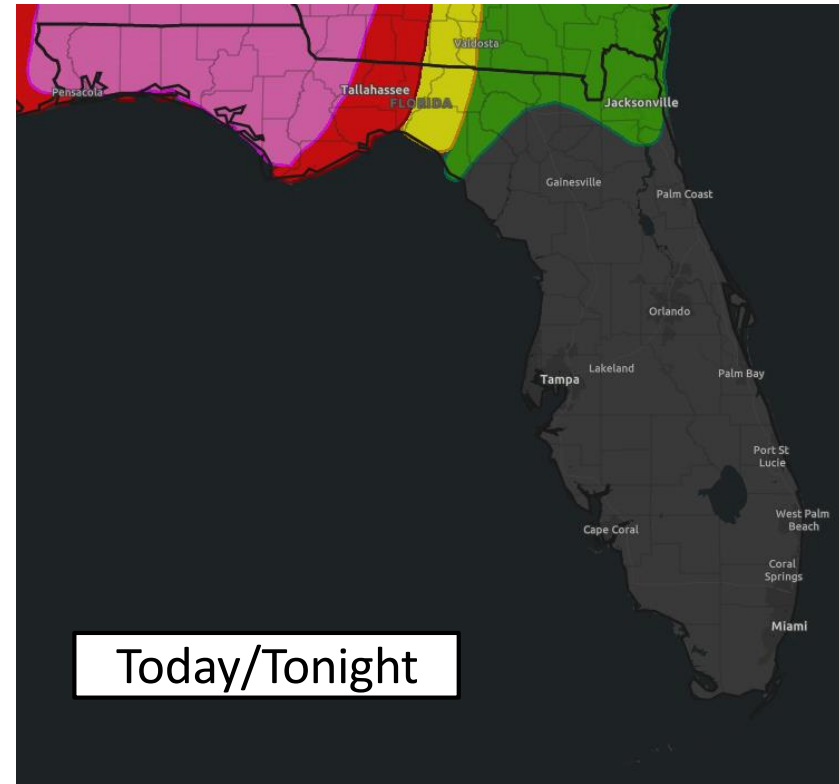
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Flash Flood Outlooks

From the Weather Prediction Center



Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point to the right of a line

HIGH: > 50%

SLGT: 10%-20%

MDT: 20%-50%

MRGL: 5%-10%

A significant flash flood risk exists in the Panhandle and western Big Bend through this evening. ****HIGH RISK, HIGH IMPACT EVENT ONGOING****









An isolated flash flood is possible across Northeast.



Flash Flood Risk Categories

Understanding the Weather Prediction Center Risk Scale

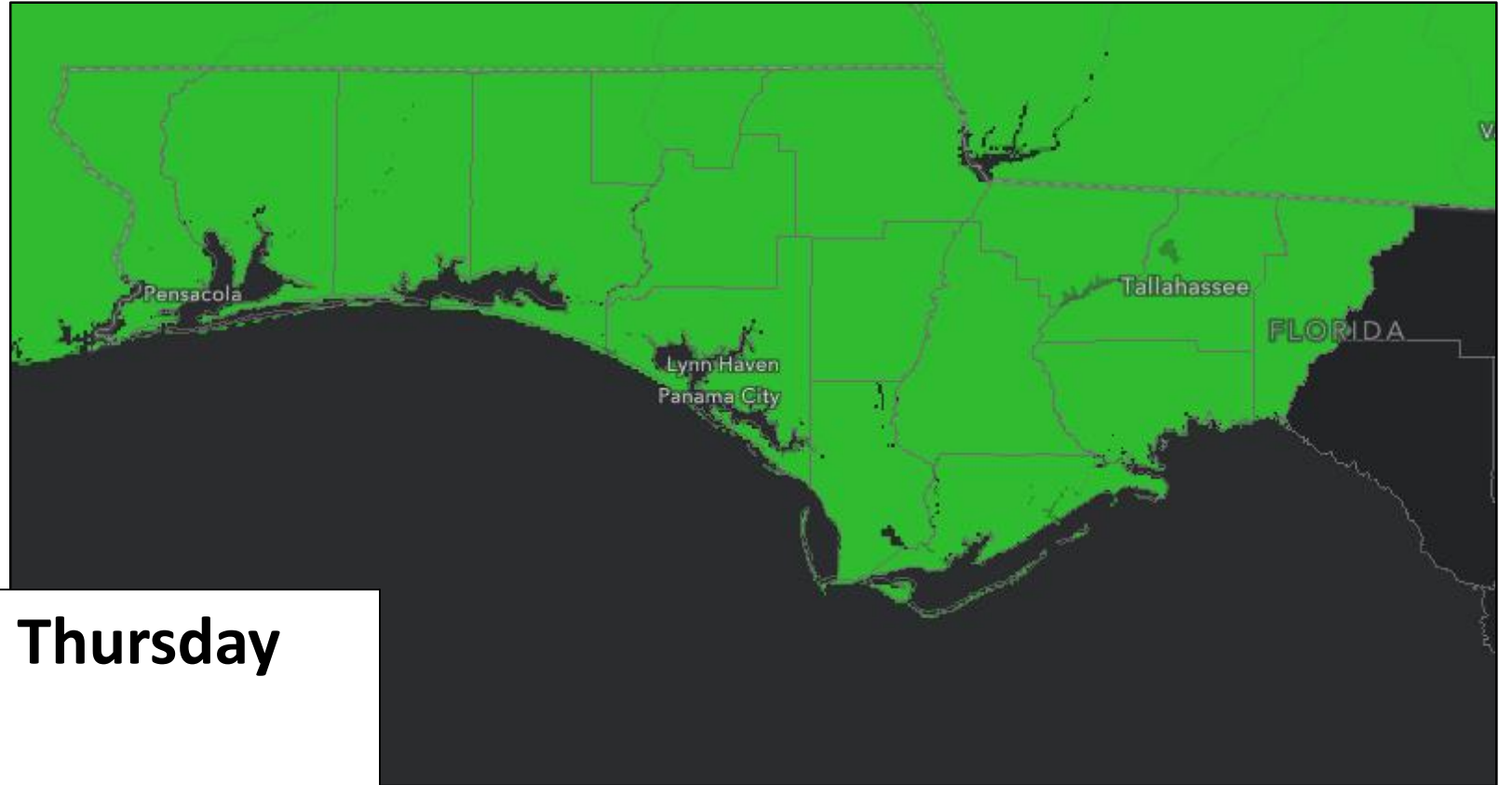
Understanding WPC Excessive Rainfall Risk Categories

<div>No Area/Label</div> <div>Flash floods are generally not expected.</div> <div>www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov @NWSWPC</div>		<div>MARGINAL (MRGL)</div> <div>Isolated flash floods possible</div> <div>Localized and primarily affecting places that can experience rapid runoff with heavy rainfall.</div>	<div>SLIGHT (SLGT)</div> <div>Scattered flash floods possible</div> <div>Mainly localized. Most vulnerable are urban areas, roads, small streams and washes. Isolated significant flash floods possible.</div>	<div>MODERATE (MDT)</div> <div>Numerous flash floods likely</div> <div>Numerous flash flooding events with significant events possible. Many streams may flood, potentially affecting larger rivers.</div>	<div>HIGH (HIGH)</div> <div>Widespread flash floods expected</div> <div>Severe, widespread flash flooding. Areas that don't normally experience flash flooding, could. Lives and property in greater danger.</div>	
<div>Flash flooding near me?</div>	<div>Flash Flooding</div> <div>NO Flash Flooding</div>					
<div><div>WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER</div></div>			<div>Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point to the right of a line</div> <div>HIGH: > 50%SLGT: 10%-20%</div> <div>MDT: 20%-50%MRGL: 5%-10%</div>			



Flood/Flash Flood Watches

NWS Links: [Mobile](#) | [Tallahassee](#)



Flash Flood Watches until Thursday morning:

All of Region 1

Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla, and Jefferson Counties



Storm Surge Threat Overview

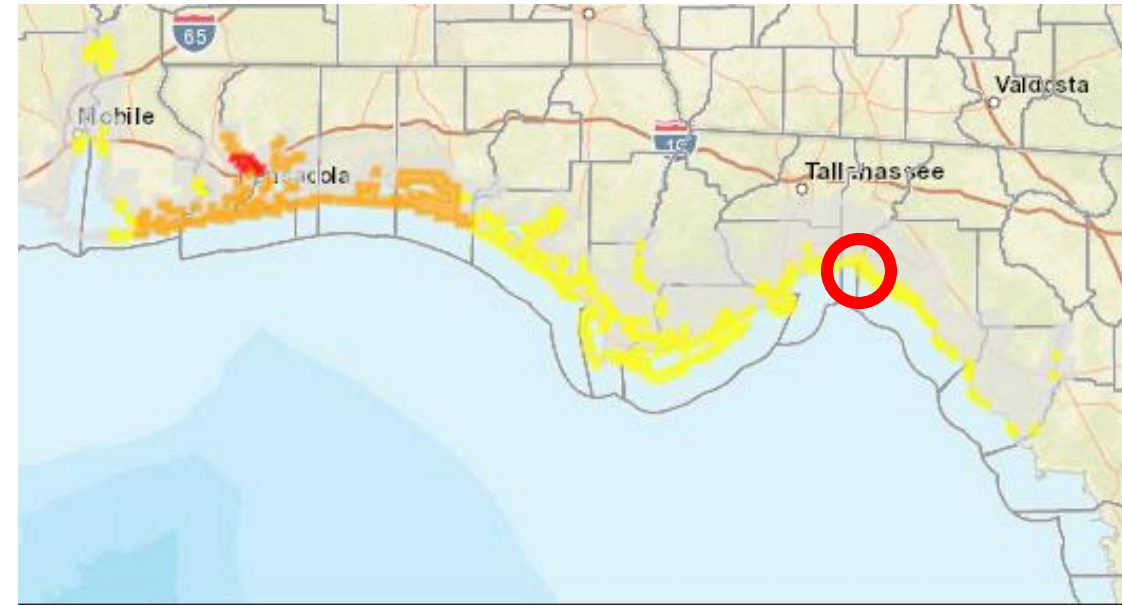
Hurricane Sally

2-4' of storm surge is still expected along the Panhandle coast with some water still trapped in the Escambia Bay.

Up to 6' of inundation occurred this afternoon along the Aucilla River near Nutall Rise. A Coastal Flood Warning is now in effect for coastal Jefferson and Taylor Counties and onshore winds will keep water levels elevated.

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Storm Surge Threat
Potential for storm surge flooding greater than 9 ft above ground
Potential for storm surge flooding greater than 6 ft above ground
Potential for storm surge flooding greater than 3 ft above ground
Potential for storm surge flooding greater than 1 ft above ground
Little to no storm surge flooding



Surge Watches and Warnings

In Effect Until Further Notice

https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at4+shhtml/155356.shtml?inundation#contents

Interactive P-Surge Inundation Map

2-4' of storm surge remains possible along the Panhandle coast.

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Interactive Watch/Warning Map

Surge Warnings are in effect for Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton

Storm Surge Warning

There is a **danger of life-threatening inundation** from rising water moving inland from the shoreline generally **within 36 hours**.

Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

Storm Surge Watch

There is a **possibility of life-threatening inundation** from rising water moving inland from the shoreline generally **within 48 hours**.

Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

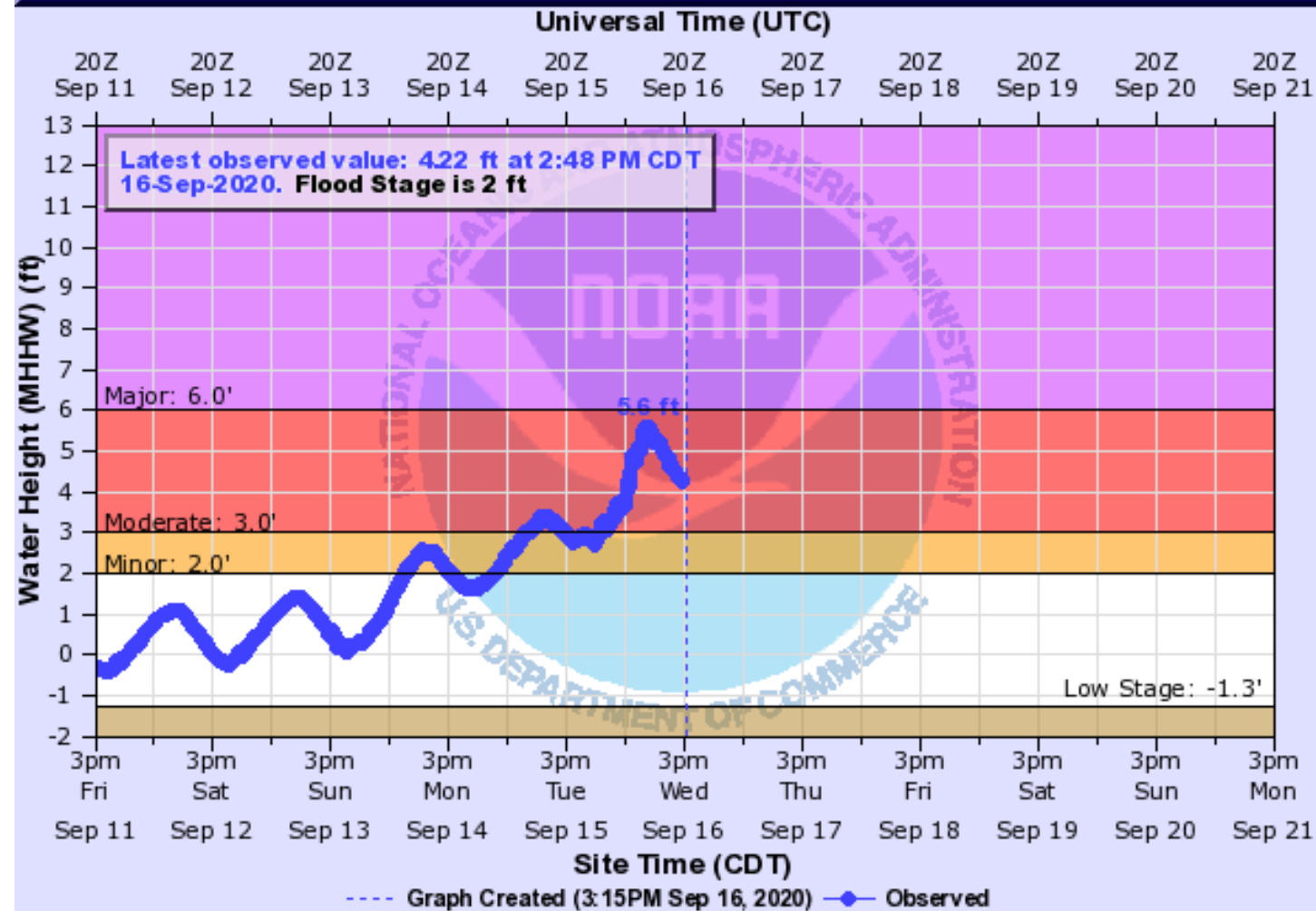




Gulf of Mexico at Pensacola

[Hydrograph Link](#)

GULF OF MEXICO TIDE GAUGE NEAR PENSACOLA (IN MHHW)

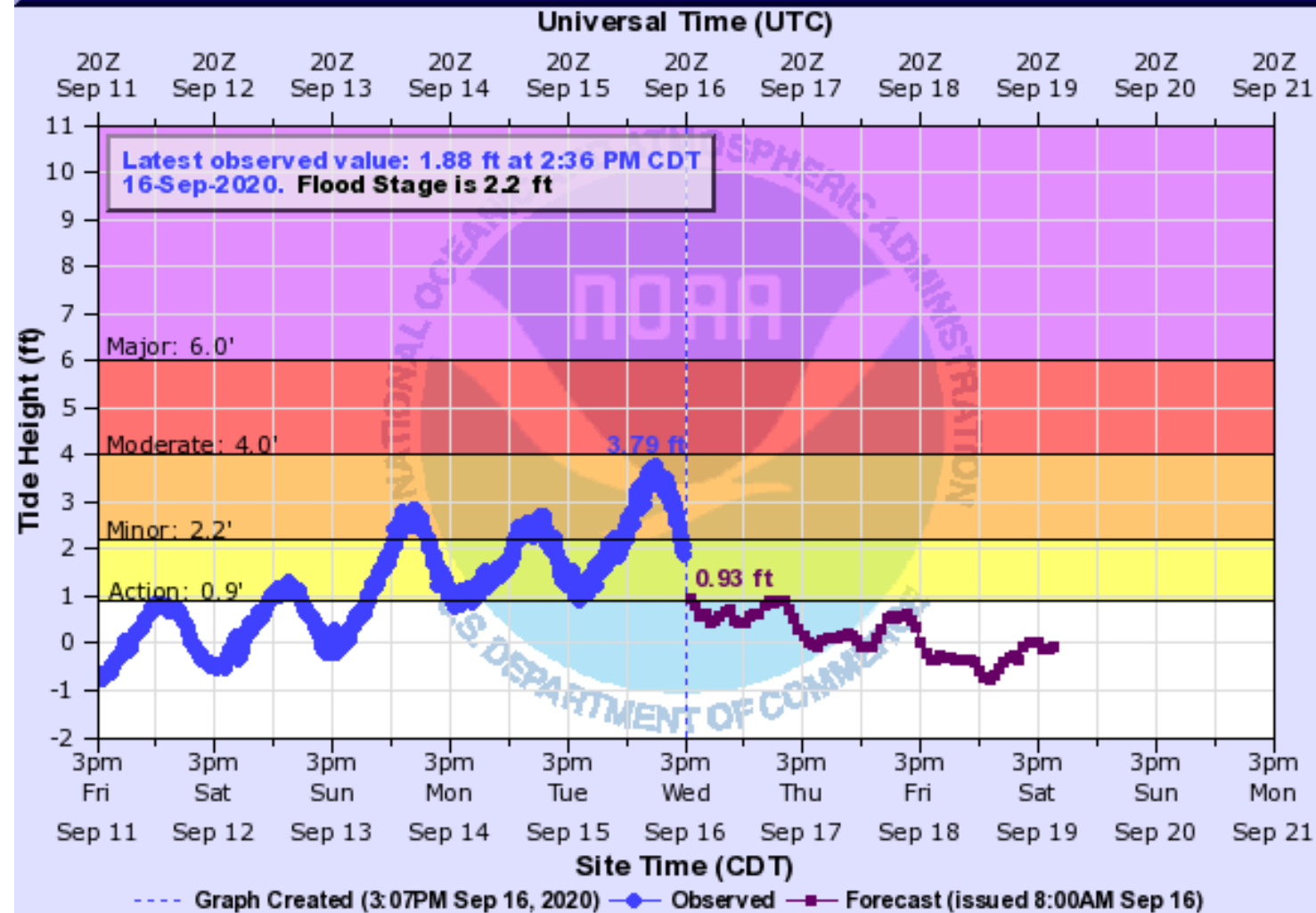




Gulf of Mexico at Panama City Beach

[Hydrograph Link](#)

GULF OF MEXICO TIDE GAUGE AT PANAMA CITY BEACH (IN MHHW)



3 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.

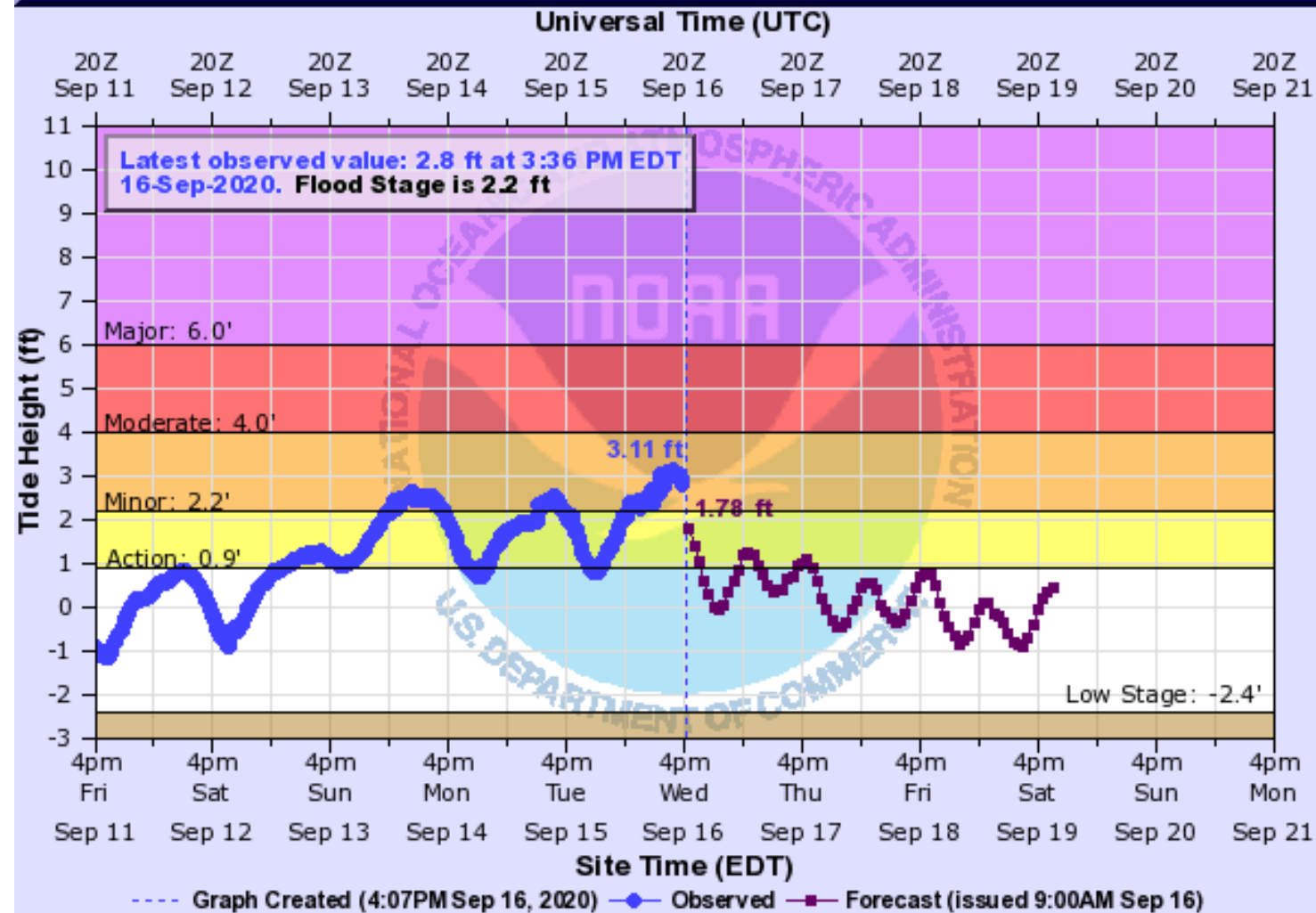
1.7 Water reaches the dune line in several places along the Bay County Beaches.



Gulf of Mexico at Apalachicola

[Hydrograph Link](#)

GULF OF MEXICO TIDE GAUGE AT APALACHICOLA (IN MHHW)



2.7 In Apalachicola, Water Street floods as well as the Battery Park under the John Gorrie Bridge. In Eastpoint, low lying areas near the causeway begin to flood at this level.

2.2 In Gulf County, water will overwash SR-30E at the Stump Hole. Backyards of residences on the north side of Indian Pass Lagoon will begin to flood. Water approaches Indian Pass Road on the west side of the Lagoon.

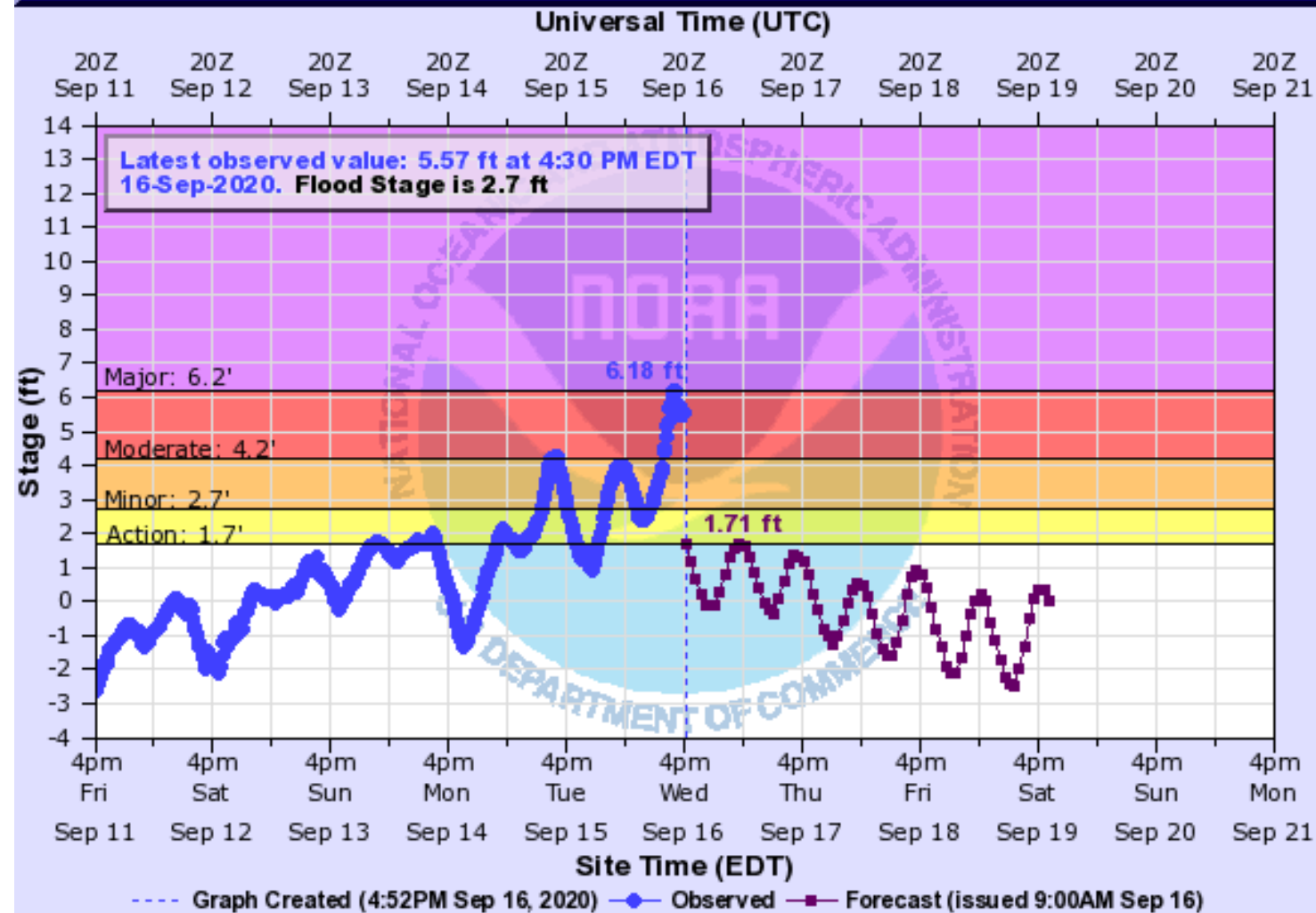
1.9 The boat ramp at the city docks in Apalachicola will flood.



Aucilla River at Nutall Rise

[Hydrograph Link](#)

AUCILLA RIVER NEAR NUTALL RISE (IN MHHW)



6.2 Significant flooding along the tidal portion of the Aucilla and Econfina Rivers. Roadways from Nutall Rise south to Mandalay and from US-98 to Econfina State Park are flooded, with the exception of US-98. Homes not elevated in these areas experience significant flooding.

4.2 Most homes are completely surrounded by water in Mandalay. Homes in Nutall Rise not elevated begin to flood. In Econfina State Park, homes not elevated are flooded. County Roads 690 and 685 are flooded and homes on riverside become inaccessible by motor vehicle.

3.7 Water begins to surround homes in Mandalay. Homes not on stilts may flood. Flooding begins at Nutall Rise affecting homes not elevated immediately along the river. At Econfina State Park, much of the area south of Tedder Drive is flooded, restricting access to the area.

2.7 Water begins to flood yards of homes near the river in Mandalay and Nutall Rise. Access into the area on County Road 690 and Mandalay Road in Taylor County becomes restricted. Flooding begins to affect Econfina State Park.

1.7 The Mandalay Bay Boat Ramp and the Econfina State Park Boat Ramp flood at this level.

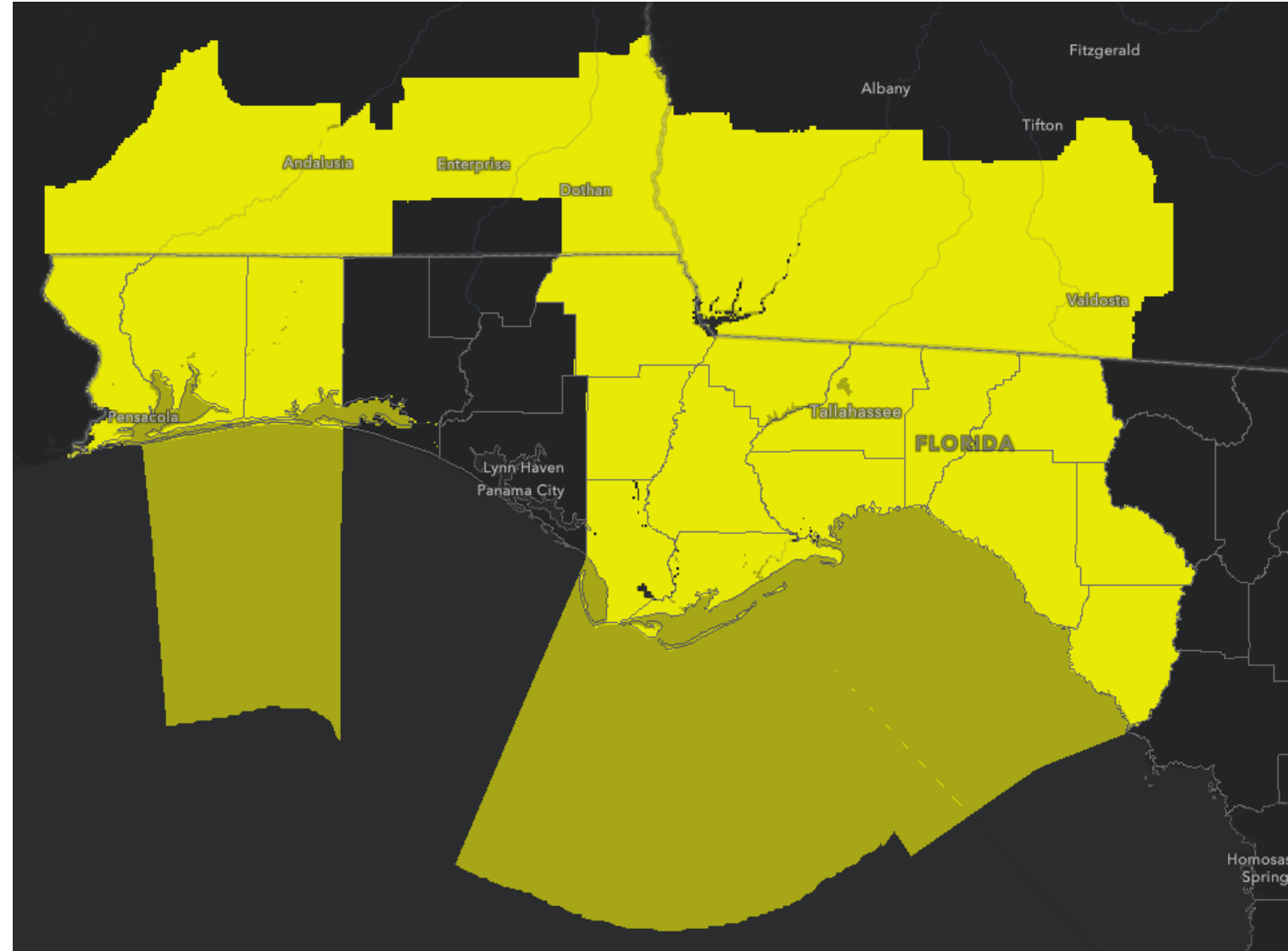


Tornado Watch

From the Storm Prediction Center – Until 6 PM CT / 7 PM ET

Outer rain bands continue to spiral through the Big Bend, resulting in an isolated tornado risk this evening.

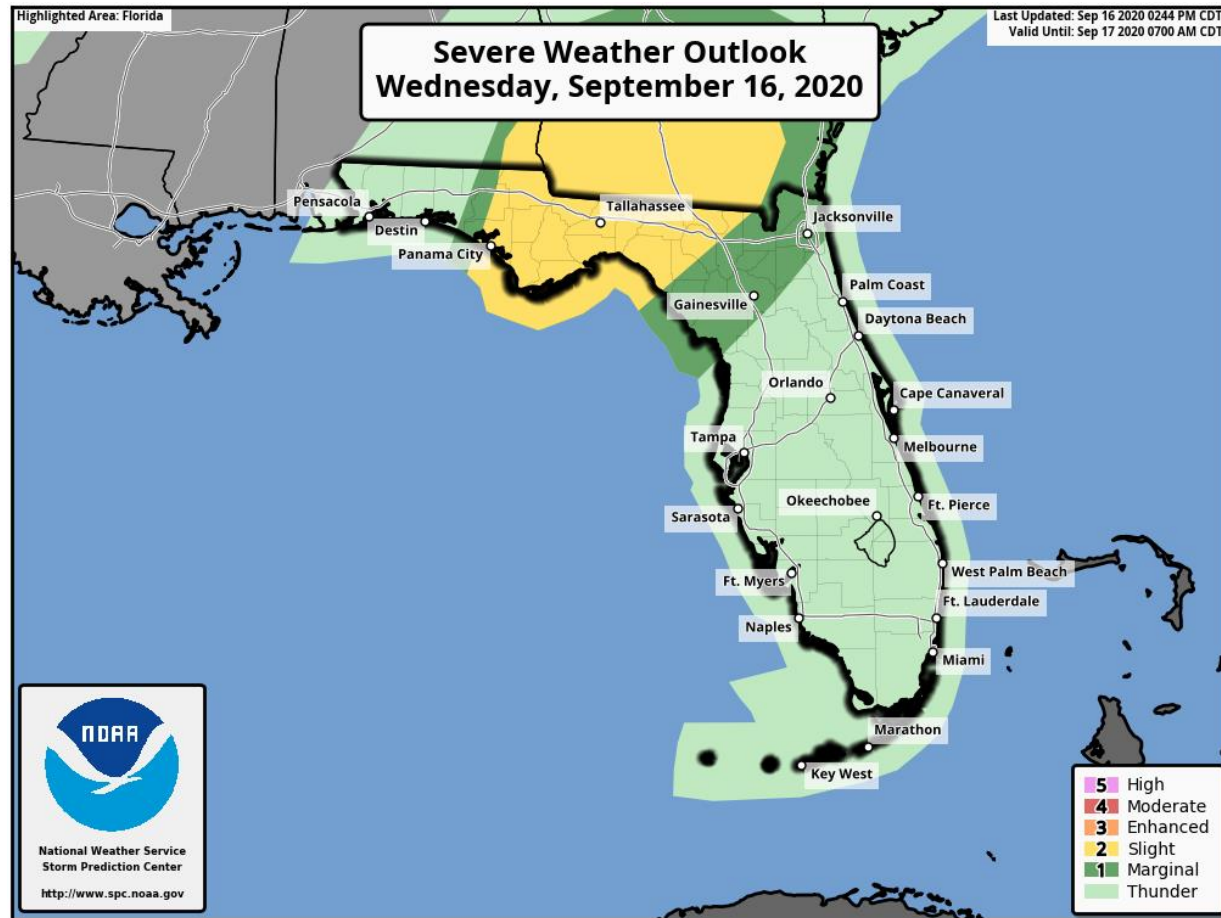
Even if a Tornado Watch is not re-issued tonight, an isolated tornado or two cannot be ruled out.





Severe Weather Outlooks

From the Storm Prediction Center

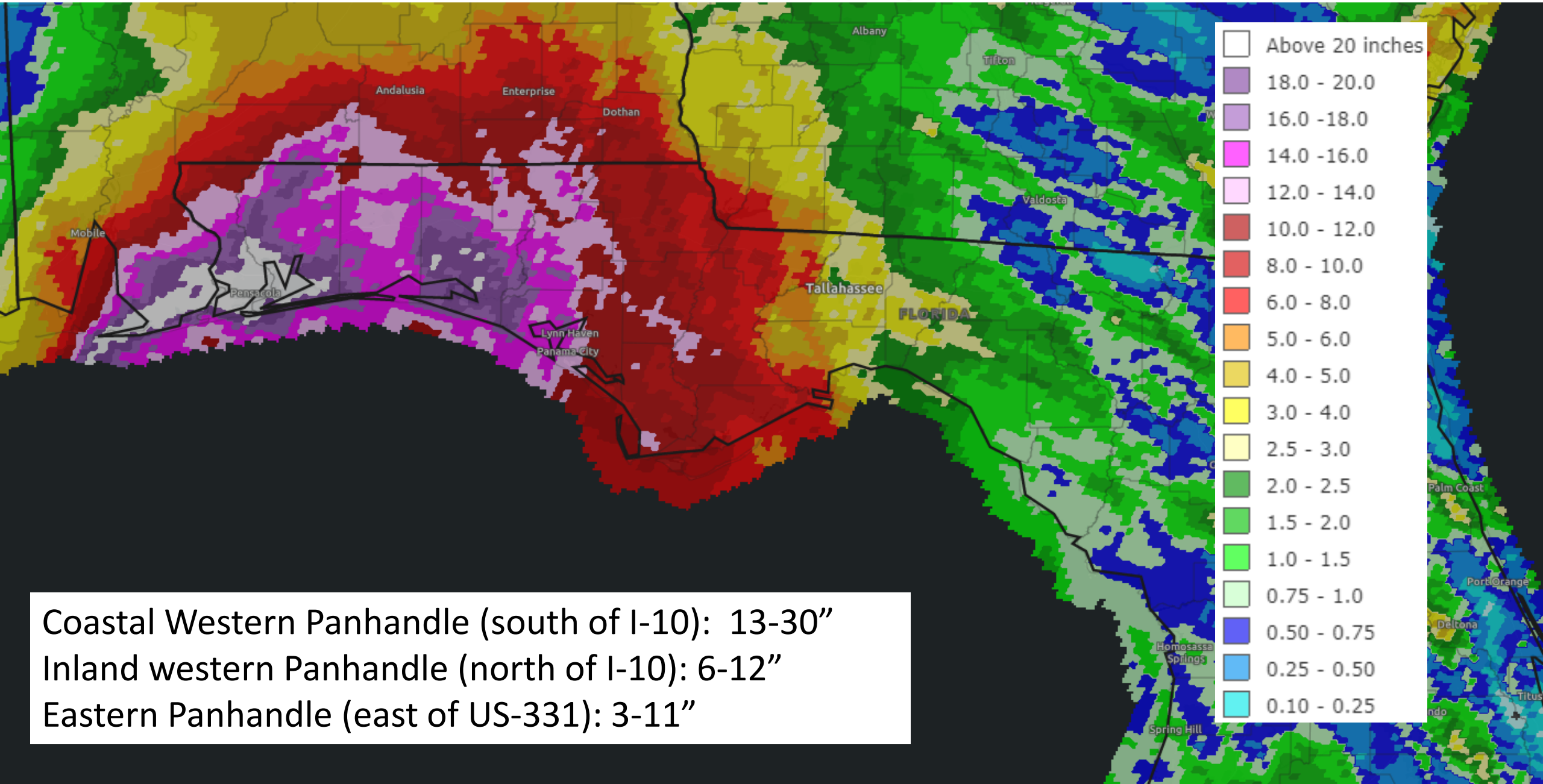


A few tornadoes are possible in the Big Bend this evening. The tornado threat may move into Northeast Florida tonight.

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

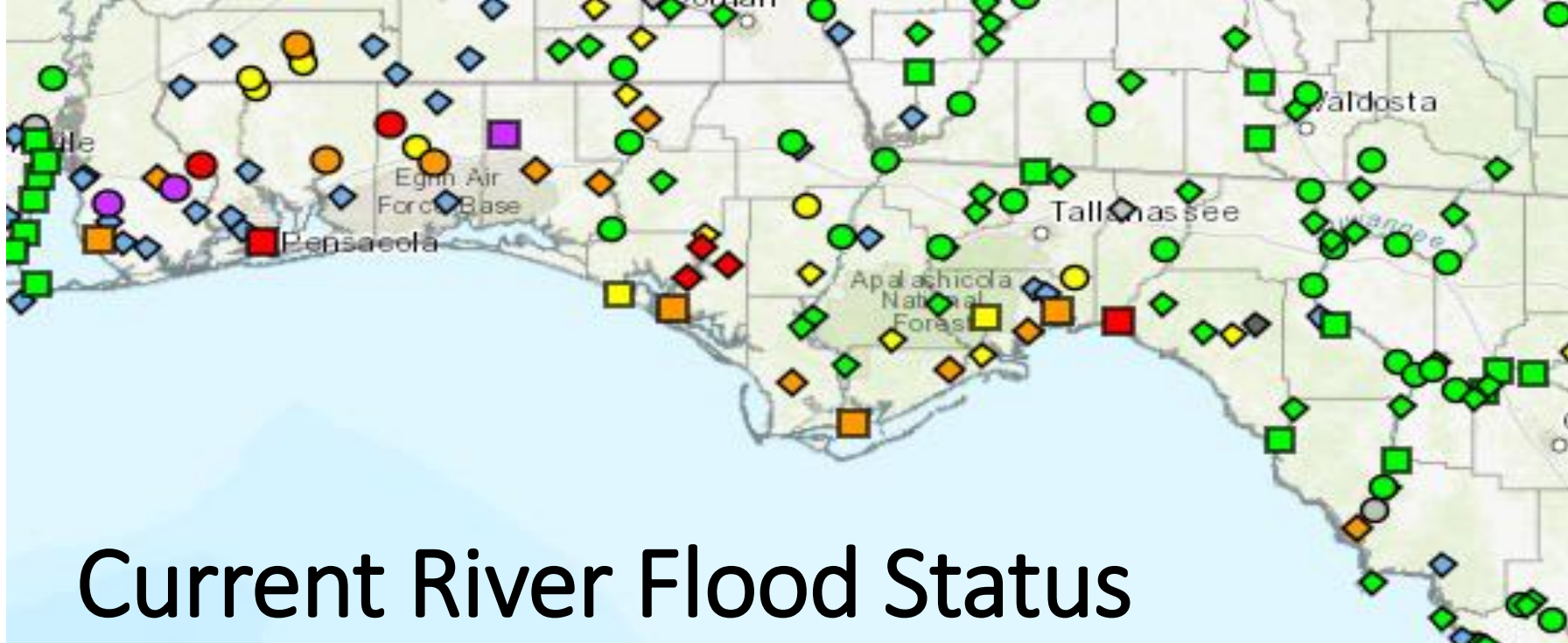
THUNDERSTORMS (no label)	1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)	2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)	3 - ENHANCED (ENH)	4 - MODERATE (MDT)	5 - HIGH (HIGH)
No severe* thunderstorms expected	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible	Widespread severe storms likely	Widespread severe storms expected
Lightning/flooding threats exist with <u>all</u> thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense

Observed Rain Totals as of 5pm (Past 72 Hours)

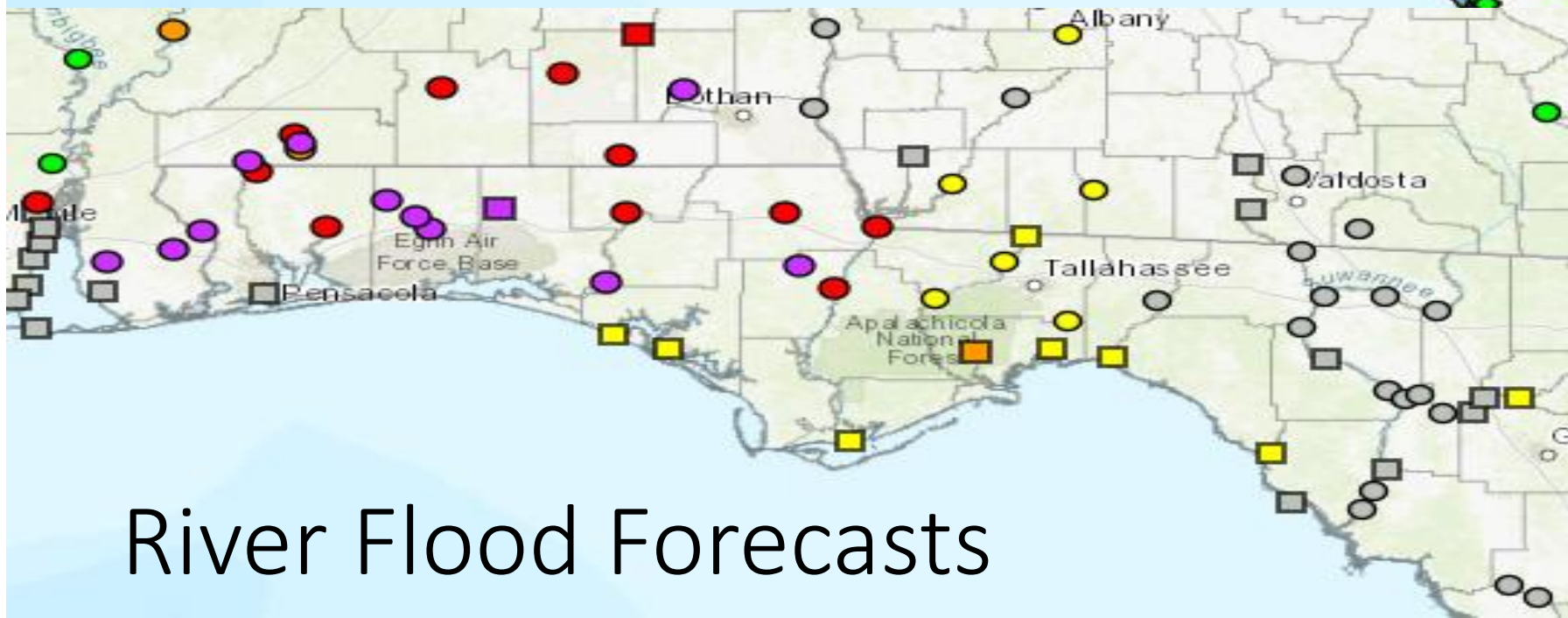


Coastal Western Panhandle (south of I-10): 13-30"
Inland western Panhandle (north of I-10): 6-12"
Eastern Panhandle (east of US-331): 3-11"

- Below Flood
- Action Level
- Minor Flood
- Moderate Flood
- Major Flood



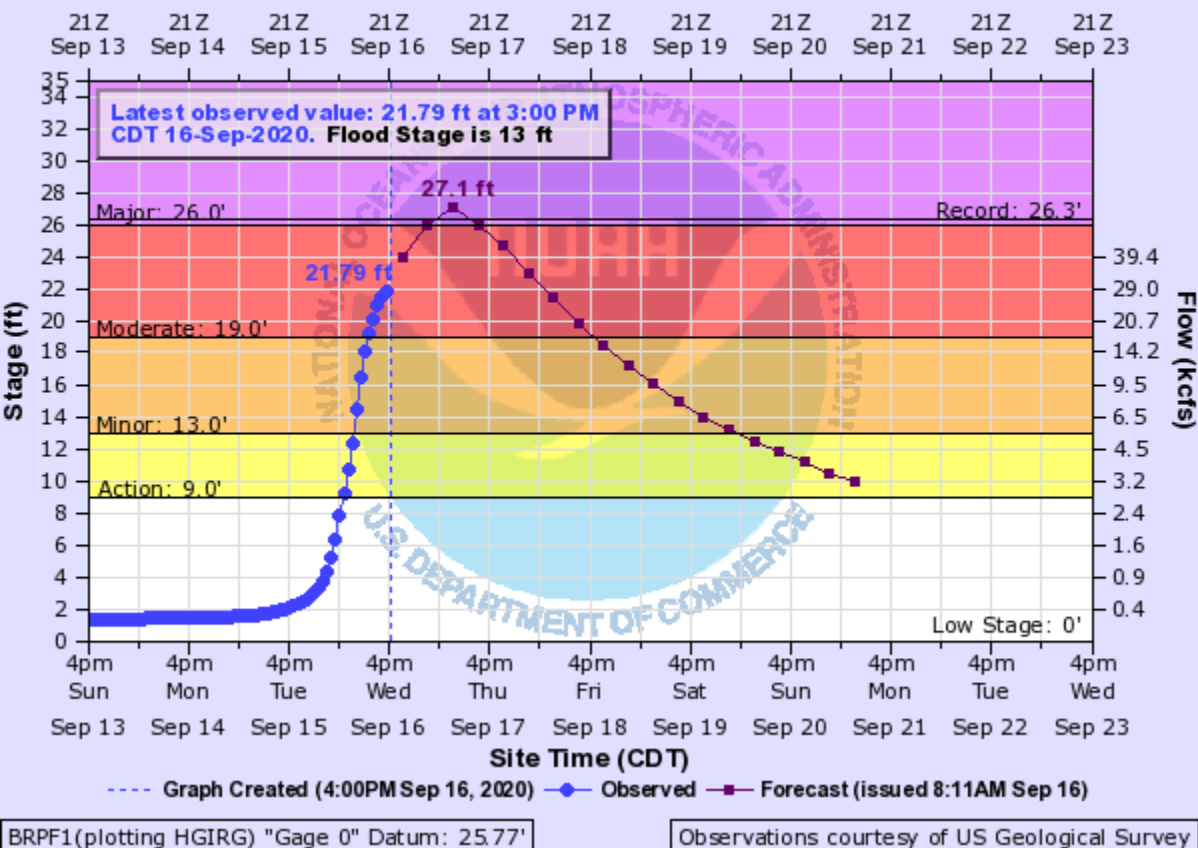
Current River Flood Status



River Flood Forecasts

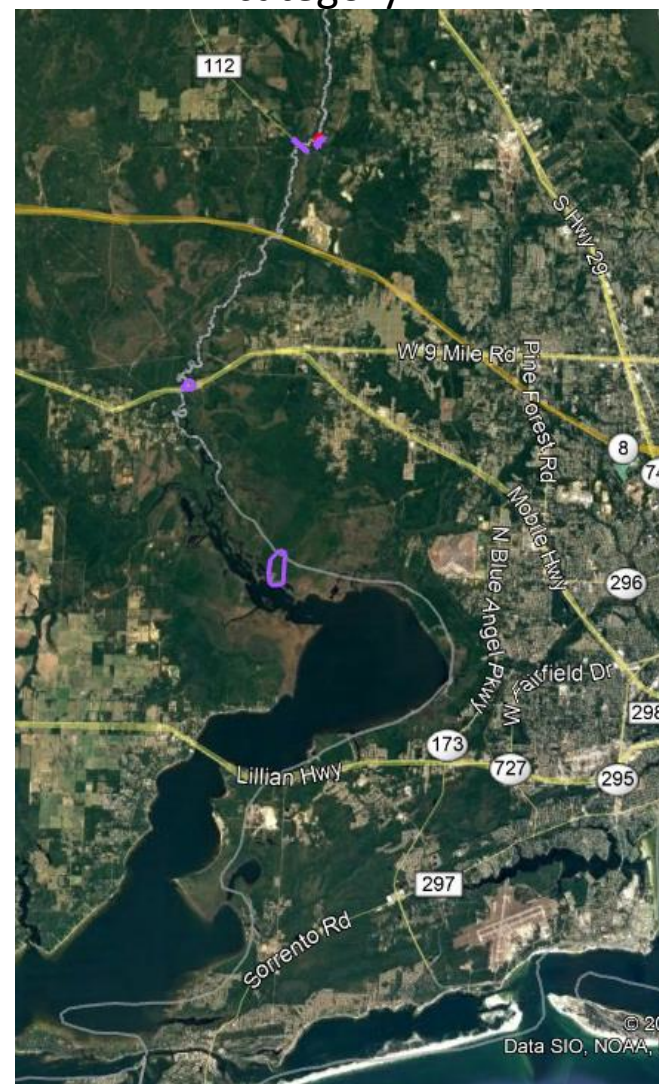
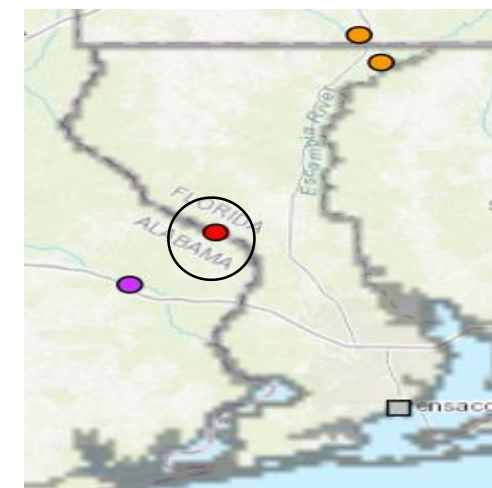
PERDIDO RIVER NEAR BARRINEAU PARK

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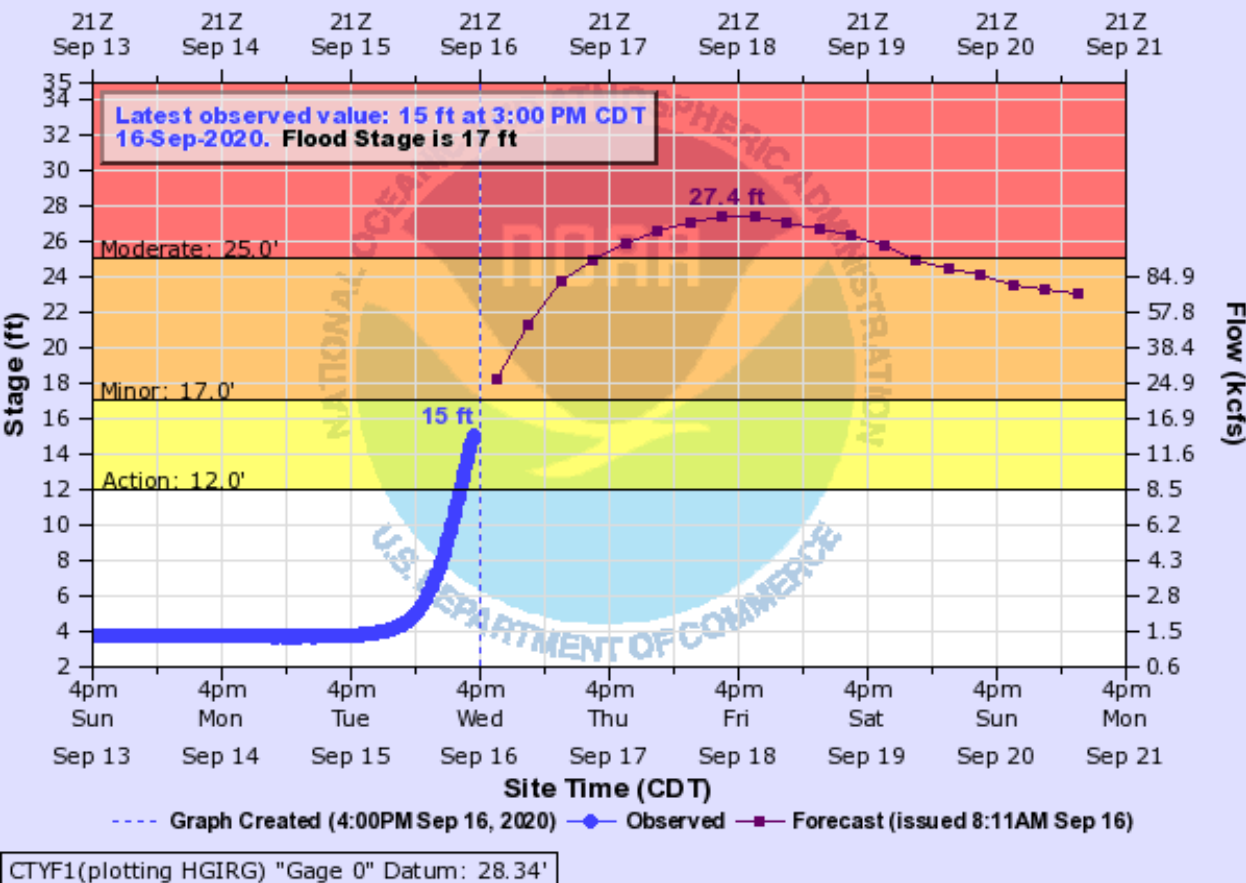
Escambia County



- 26.3 RECORD FLOOD - Hurricane Georges. Highway 112 Bridge is closed. River Annex Road, Ruby's Fish Camp, Hurst Hammock Road, River Annex Road, Seminole Landing, Adventures Perdido River, and River Bend Estates are flooded.
- 24.06 Water enters the first floor of houses on stilts just north of Adventures Perdido River.
- 17.55 Water reaches the first floor of Adventures Perdido River Office Building.
- 13 River begins to leave its banks at the parking lot of Adventures Perdido River. Begins to threaten several permanently parked travel trailers.

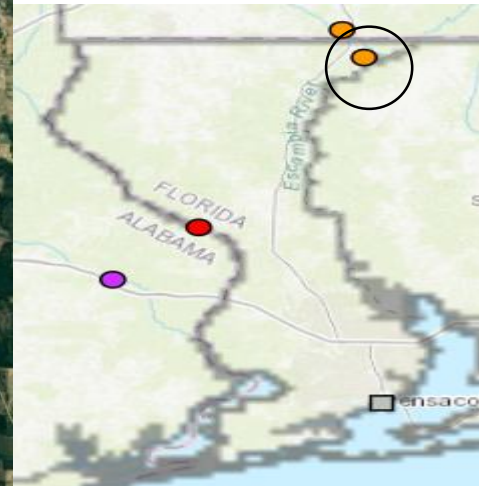
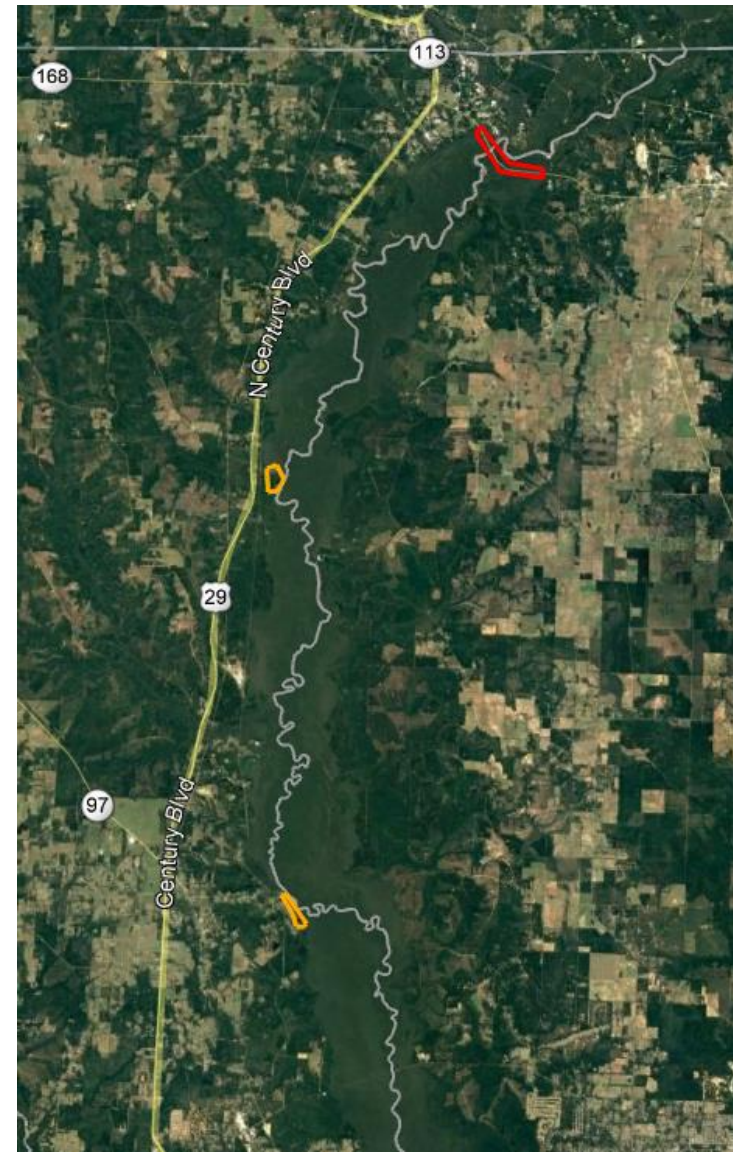
ESCAMBIA RIVER NEAR CENTURY

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Stage	Impact
34	Some flooding in the eastern sections of Century.
33.2	Bridge flood of Highway 4 floods.
24.2	RECORD FLOOD of March 18th 1990 - Water enters several houses on Worley Road, Daffin Road, and Fairground Road.
23.7	Second highest record flood - Approximately 8 houses become isolated and sections of Mystic Springs Road, River Bend Road and Fairground Road are impassable. Water from the river flows into ponds at B and L Catfish Farm on Mystic Road.
23.3	Widespread flooding of pasture and farm land. Water begins to reach Mystic Springs Road, Worley Road, Mamer Holley Lane and River Bend Road. Approximately 5 houses become isolated in the McDavid and Molino communities. Public boat ramps at Mystic Springs and Fairground Road are submerged.
19	Low lying pastures will flood. Cattle should be moved to higher ground.
17	Considerable flooding of lowlands.
13	Minor overflow of lowlands in the area.

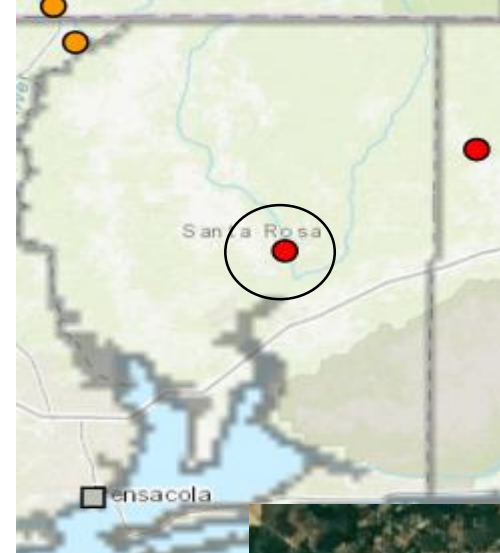
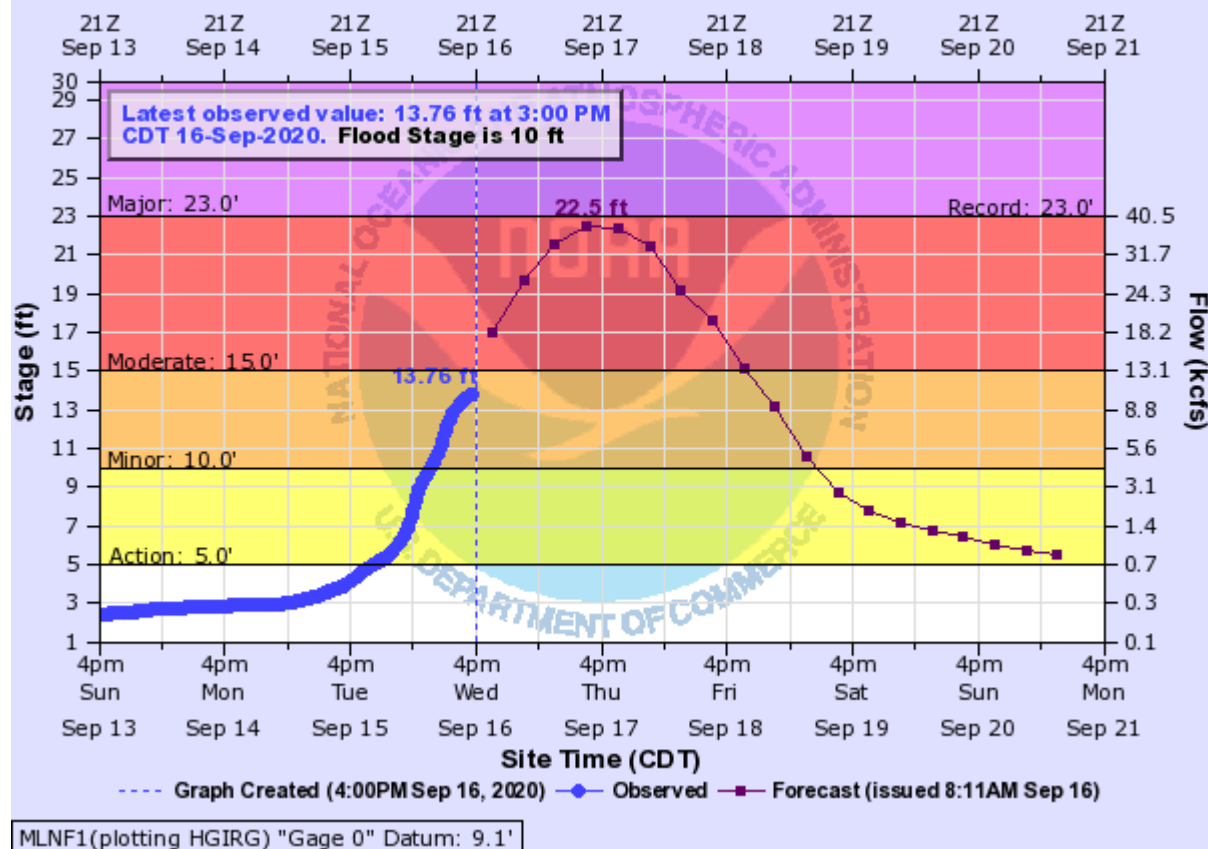
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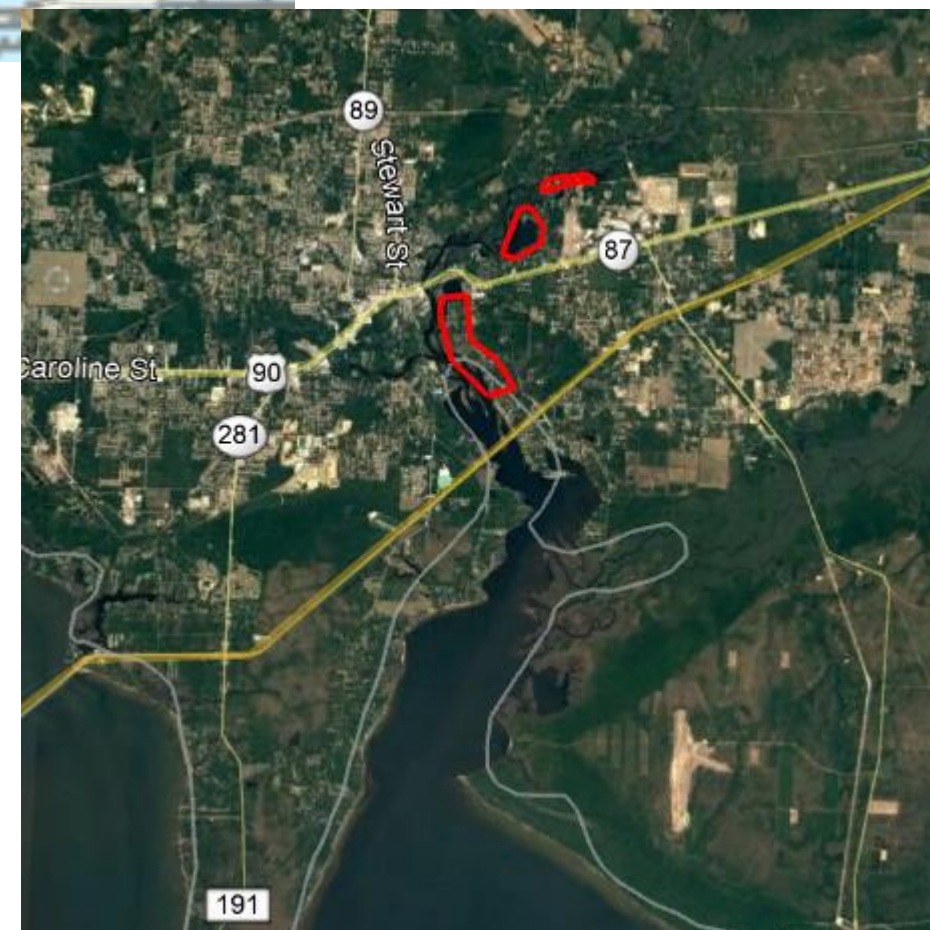
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BIG COLDWATER CREEK NEAR MILTON

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Santa Rosa County



Stage Impacts

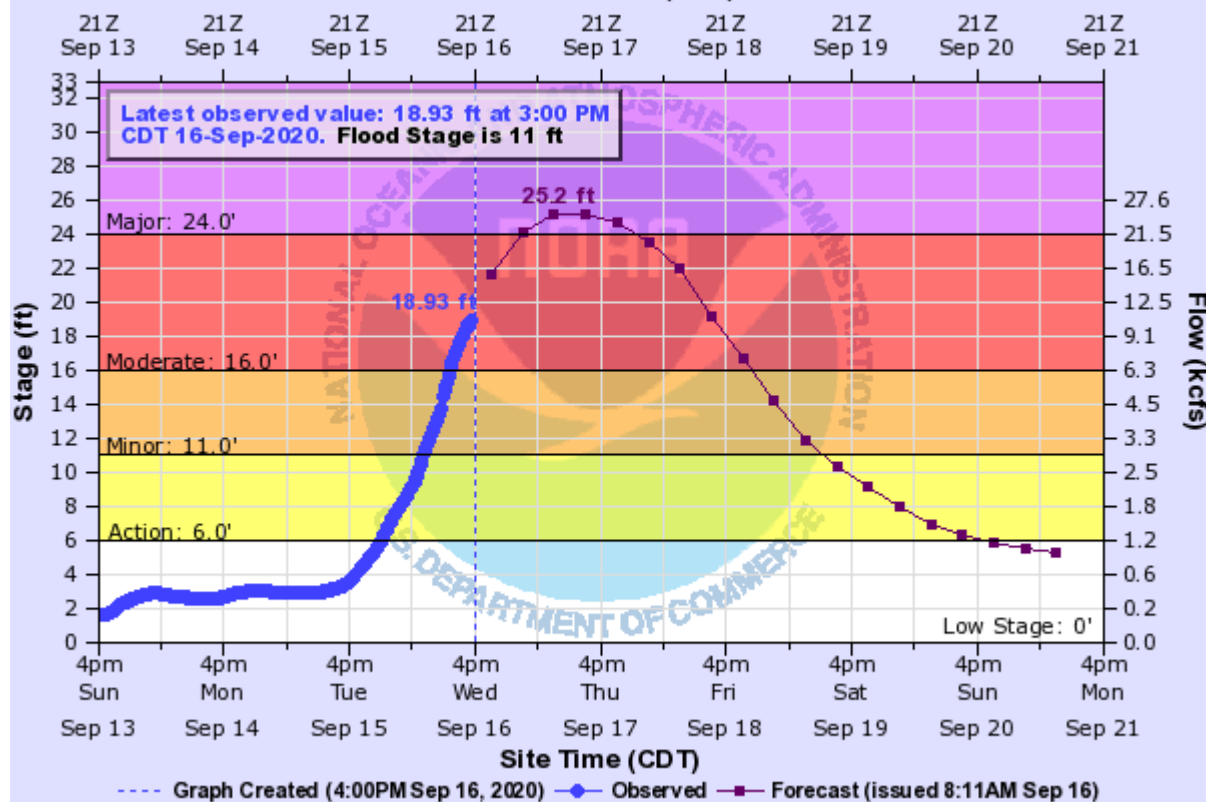
19.8 20-25 Homes in Paradise Island near Milton affected by flood waters. Severe undermining of several homes in Ward Basin area south of Milton.

10 Flooding of lowlands and some fish camps will occurs.

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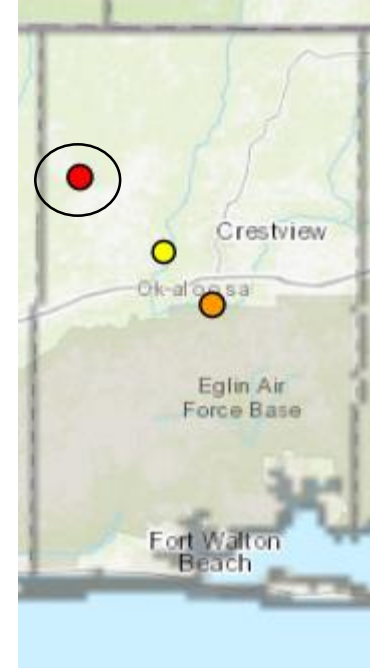
BLACKWATER RIVER (AL) NEAR BAKER

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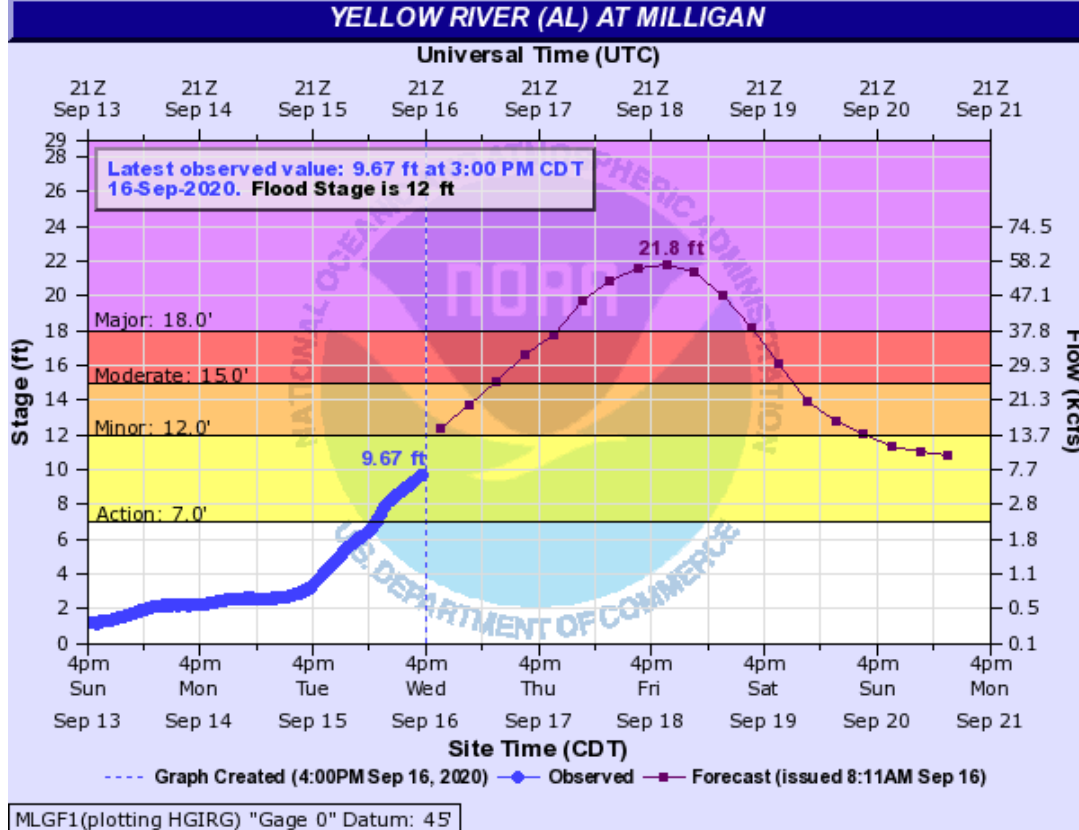
- 24 Highway 4 bridge is closed.
- 23 Buildings underwater in Highway 4 roadside park
- 16 Some residential flooding occurs downstream from Baker.
- 14.5 Flooding of West Park in Baker.
- 14 Flooding of East Park in Baker.
- 11 Minor flooding of secondary roads and lowlands from around Baker to downstream of Baker.
- 9.5 Kennedy and Peaden Bridges are flooded upstream.



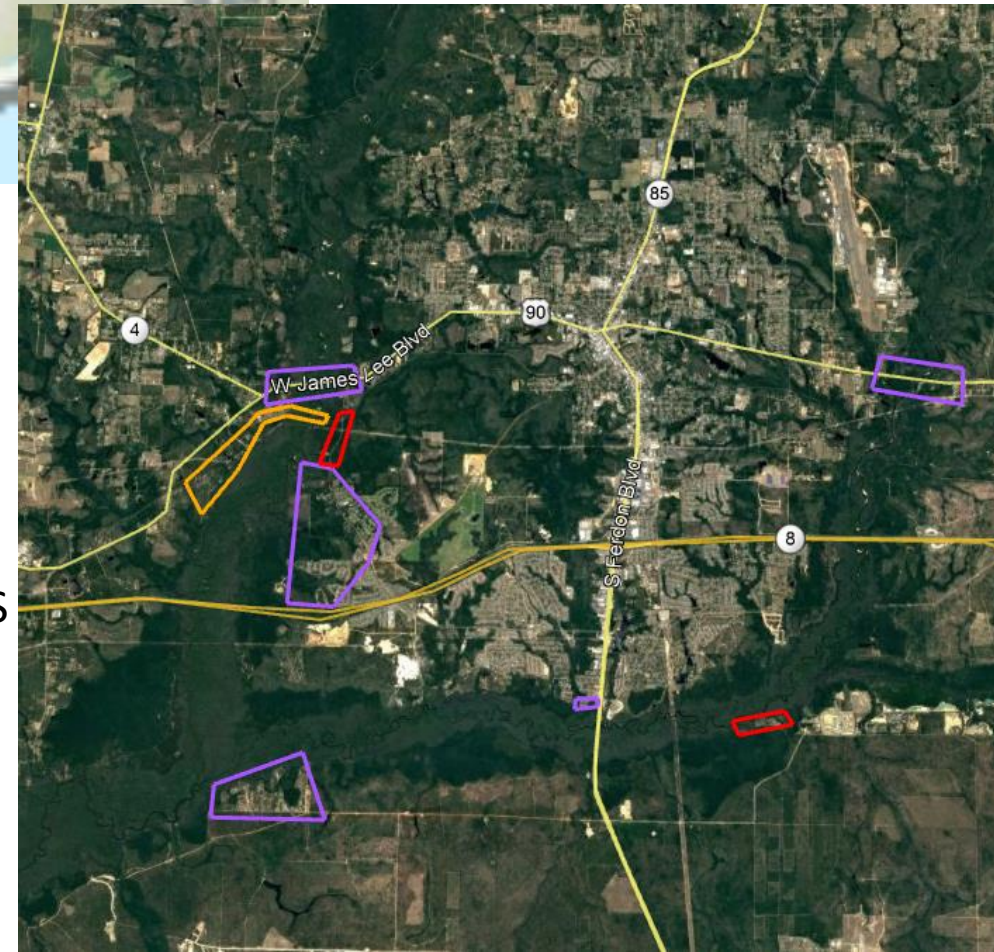
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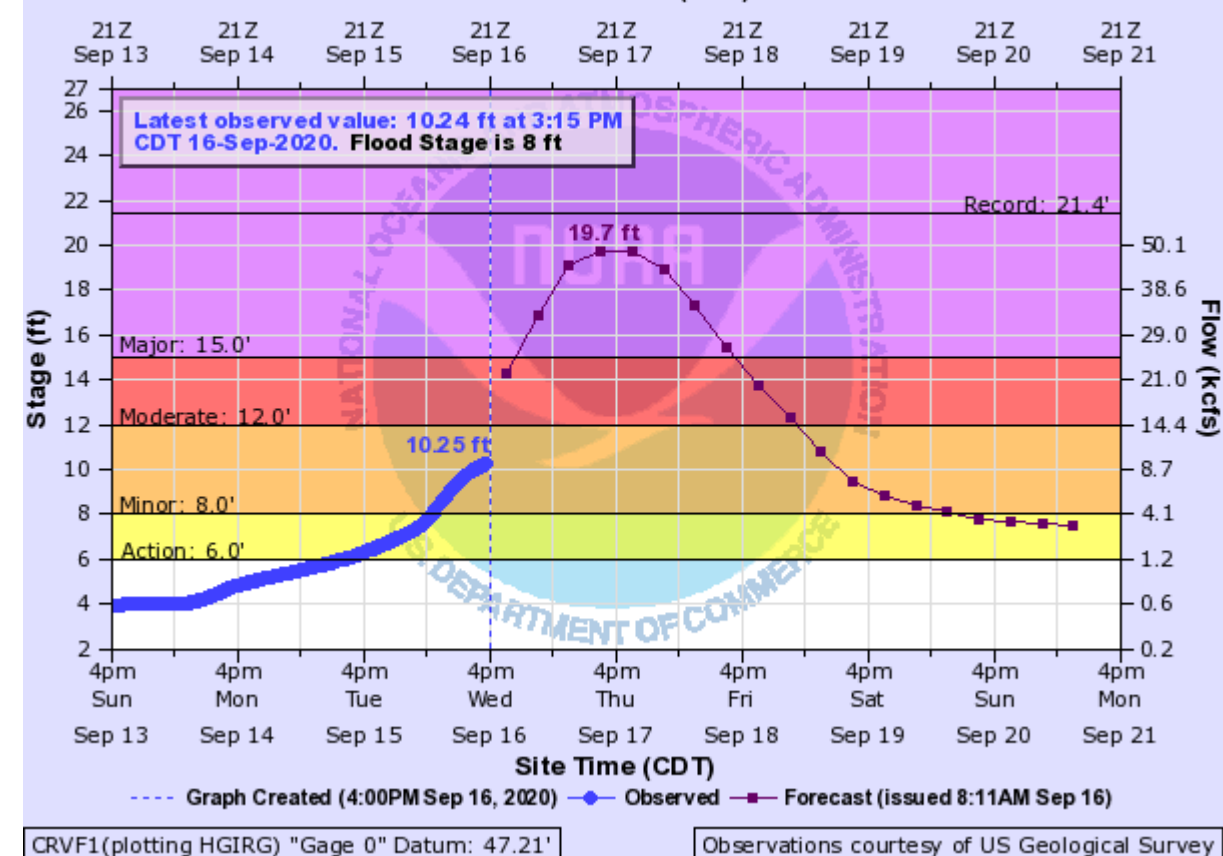


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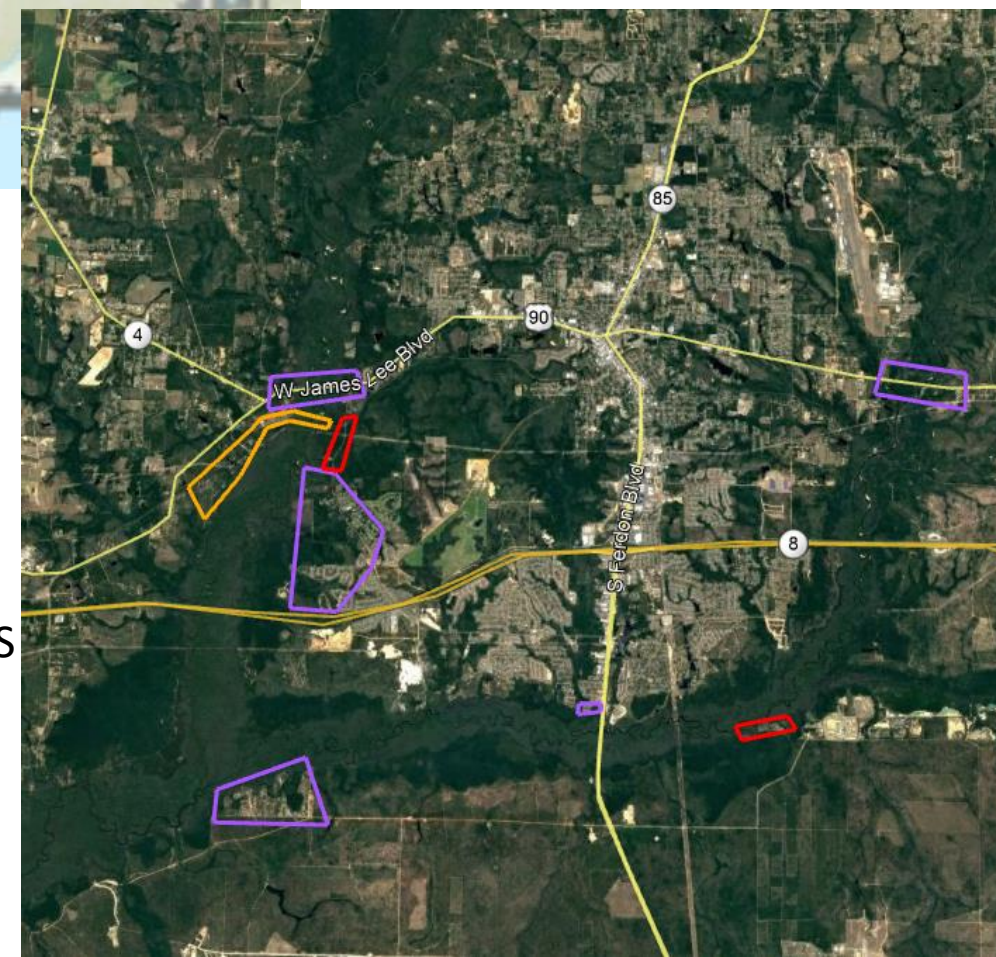
- 26 Severe flooding will occur in Milligan with many homes flooded. Water will be up to the eaves of some homes. Water will be six to eight feet deep over the U.S. Highway 90 bridge.
- 20.3 Many homes on both sides of the river, along Antioch Road and east of U.S. Highway 90, flood with up to three feet of water in some homes on Antioch Road.
- 19.1 Water crosses Highway 90 on the east end of bridge.
- 18.6 Water crosses Highway 90 on the west end of bridge
- 18 Widespread flooding east of the U.S. Highway 90 bridge and downstream of the gage occurs. Numerous evacuations are required. U.S. Highway 90 and the L & N Railroad tracks start to flood.
- 15.4 Antioch Road is flooded.
- 15 Many homes near and east of the L & N Railroad tracks downstream of the U.S. Highway 90 bridge are flooded. Some evacuations are necessary.
- 14.5 Antioch road begins to flood.
- 14 Some homes downstream of the U.S. Highway 90 bridge and along A.L. Gillman Road begin to flood. Evacuations are necessary if higher stages are expected.
- 13 Water threatens home on Ellis and Antioch Roads.
- 12 Extensive overflow of lowlands will occur and a few rural roads in the area will become flooded.
- 11.5 Water flows over yards on Ellis Road.
- 9.9 Some minor overflow of low lying areas will occur. Water will enter some yards along Antioch Road in Milligan.

SHOAL RIVER NEAR CRESTVIEW

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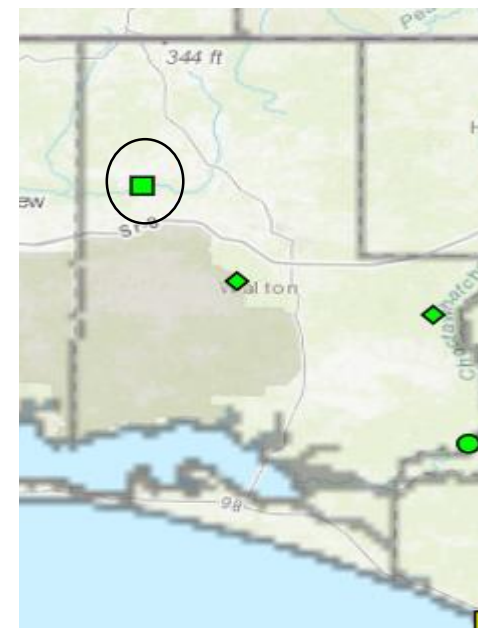
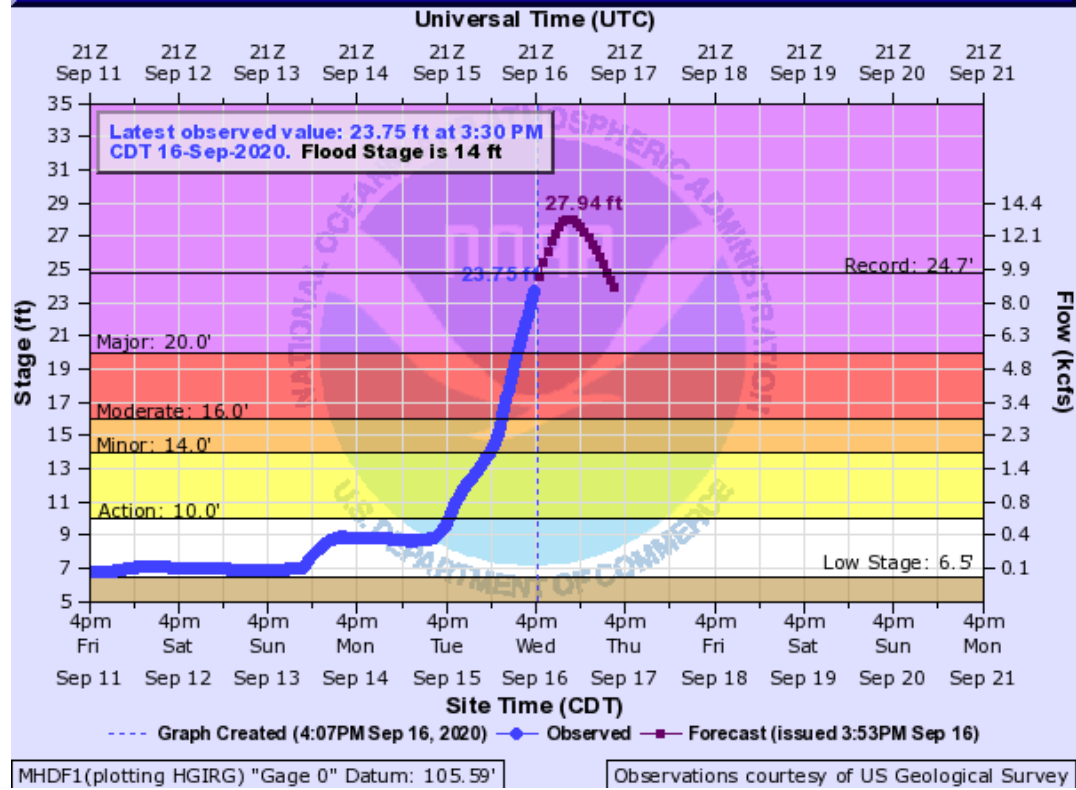
Okaloosa County



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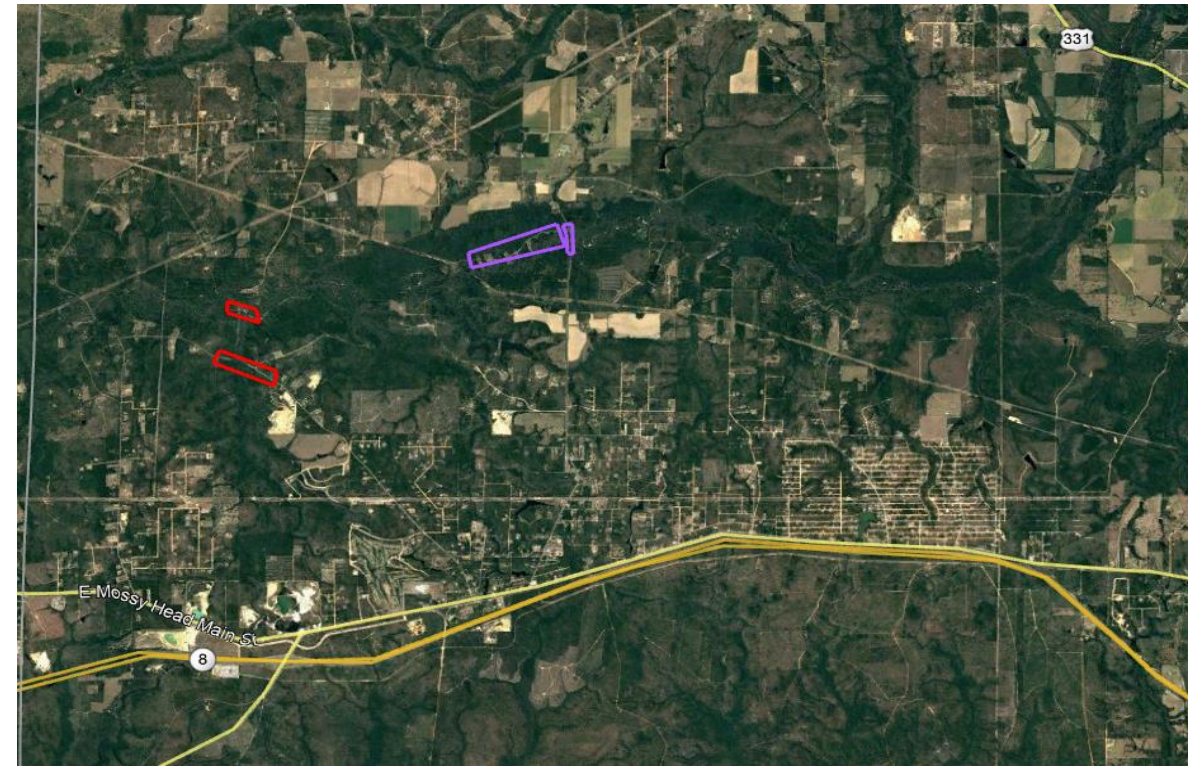
- 21.4 Water in homes at Trevor Court and Antioch Roads. Buildings underwater in Highway 85 roadside park. Highway 90 bridge flooded.
- 15 Water in Trevor Court. Some homes in Rattlesnake Bluff become flooded.
- 14 Residential flooding in the Trevor Court area.
- 13 Homes on south bank of river begin to flood near Crestview.
- 12 Residential areas on the south bank of river near Crestview become isolated. Rattlesnake Bluff Road closed.
- 11 Flooding becomes a threat to the Trevor Court and Rattlesnake Bluff areas.
- 10 Some flooding of trailers north of the Okaloosa Correctional Institute. Water surrounds home on Sowel Road.
- 8.5 Water in yards on Sowel Road.
- 8 Minor flooding of low lying areas.

SHOAL RIVER NEAR MOSSY HEAD (CR 1087)



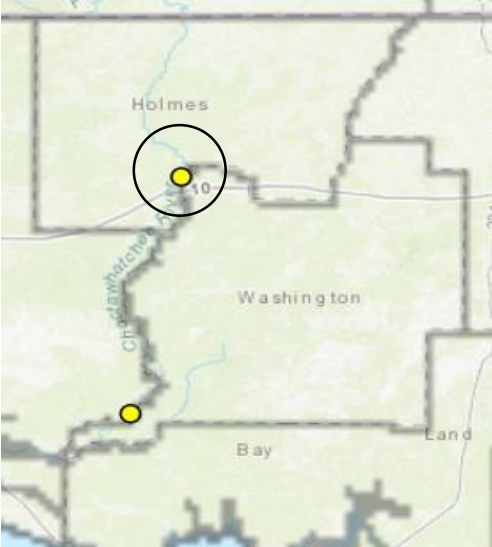
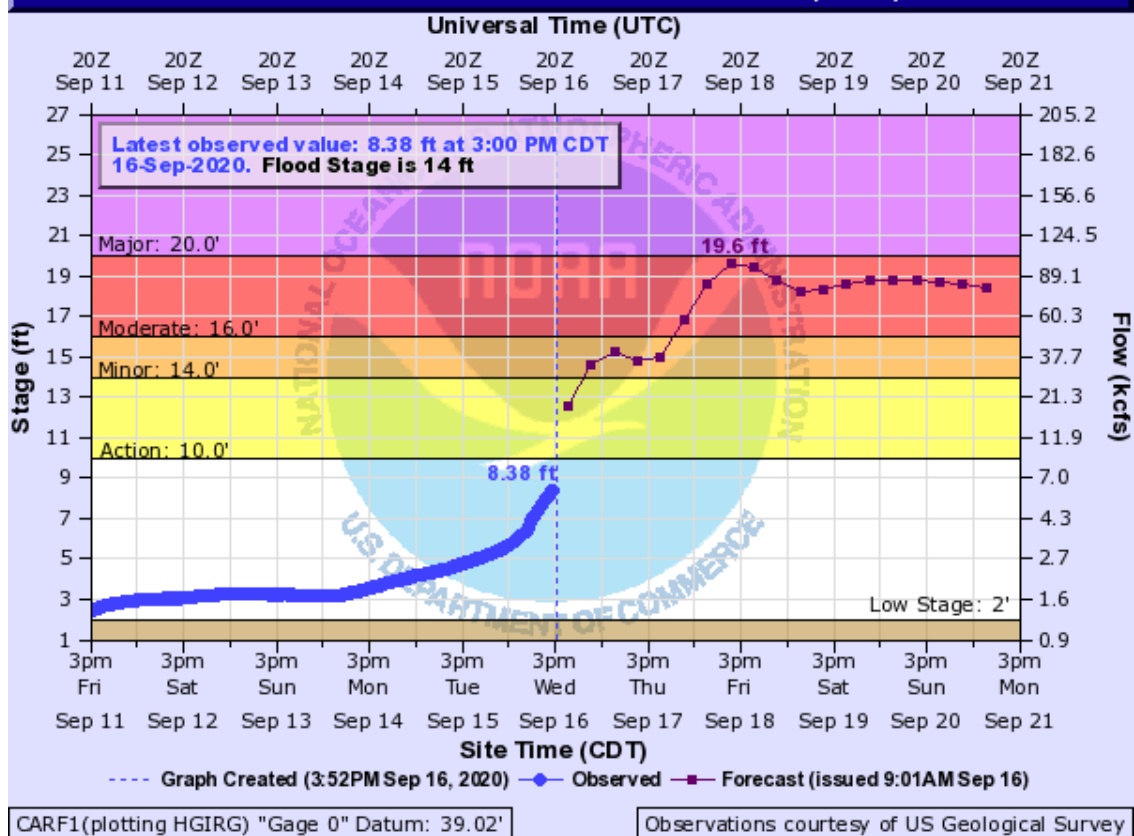
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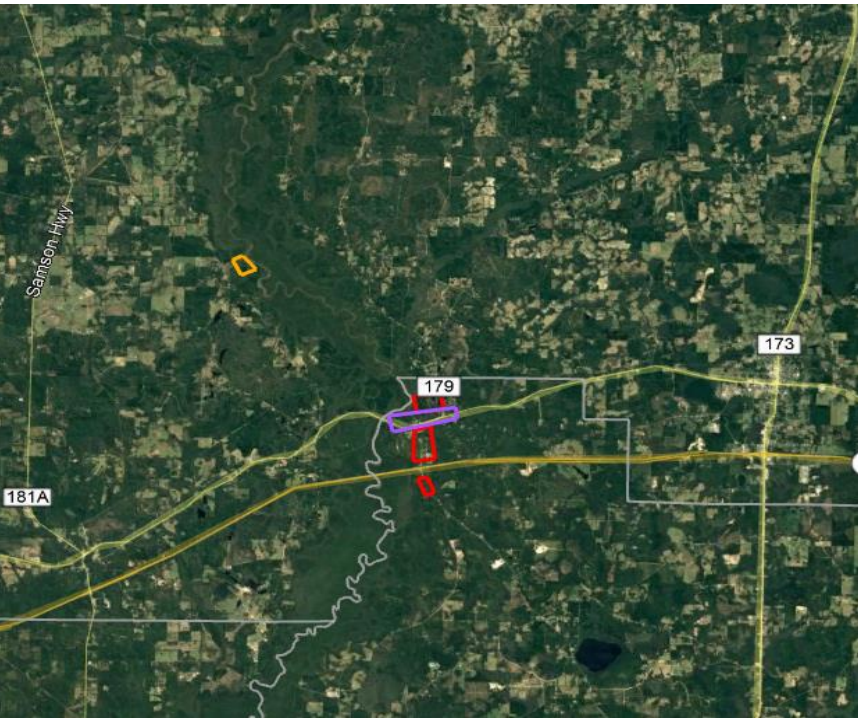
- 26 Record Flooding occurs. Extensive flooding throughout the Shoal River Basin. All roads across the river are impassable. Numerous residents along the river experience significant and destructive flooding.
- 24 Water begins to flood the approach road surface and bridge travel lanes of New Harmony Road. Hinote Road at Deshazo Road floods.
- 22 Water reaches the base of the New Harmony Road bridge. Water begins to cross Williams Road near the Mill Creek Bridge. Nearly all residences on Plantation lane are flooded at this level.
- 20 Numerous residences along Planation Lane are flooded at this level.
- 18 Flood waters cross Plantation Lane in several places isolating many residences. Hinote Road is flooded more than one half mile south of the bridge, restricting access to flooded residences on Dallas Drive.
- 16 The Hinote Road Bridge begins to flood. The road is subject to closure.
- 14 Water begins to overflow into wooded areas along the river from New Harmony Road westward to Laird Road.

CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER AT CARYVILLE (US 90)

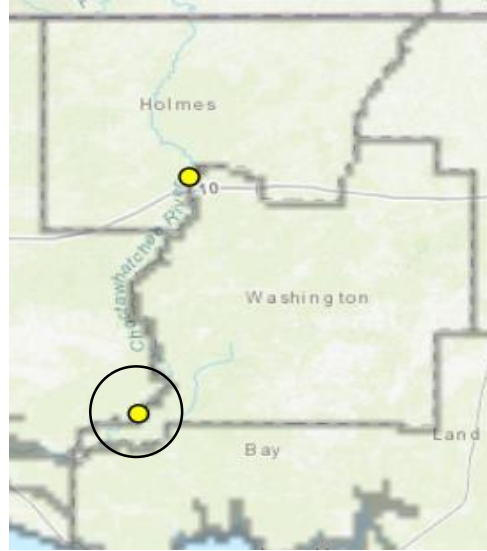
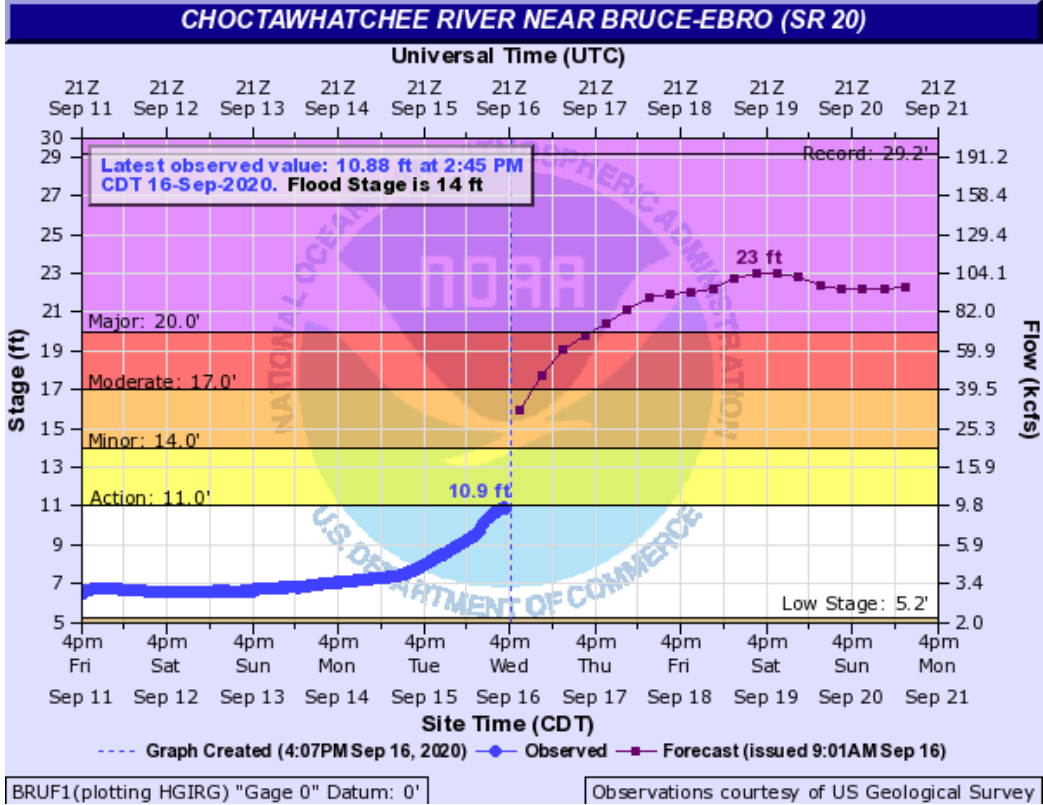


Holmes/ Washington County

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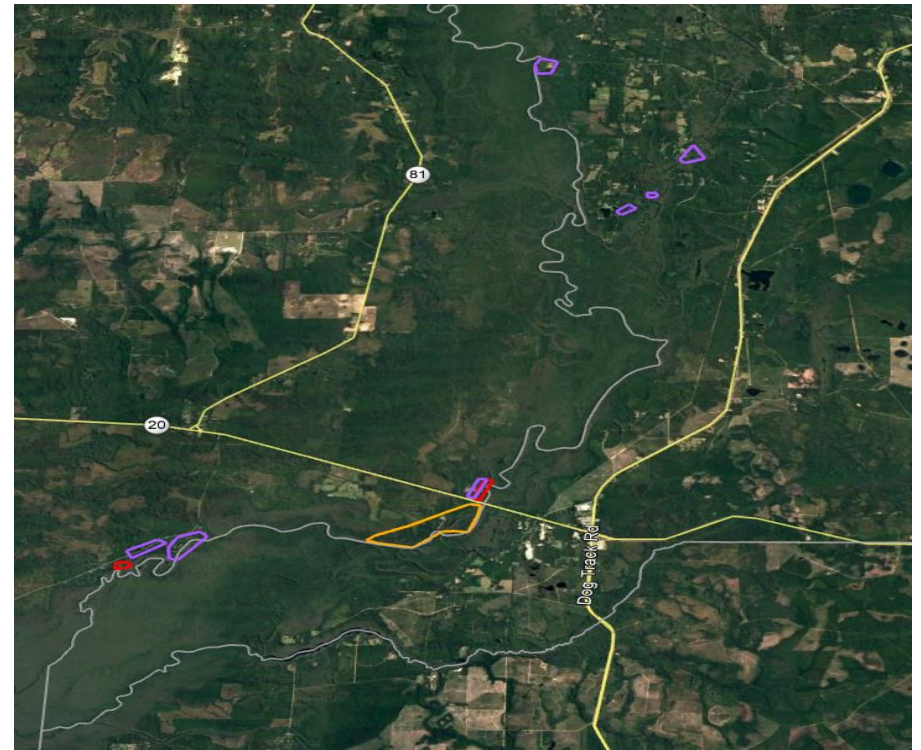


- 23 US 90 is flooded up to a foot deep east of the Choctawhatchee River bridge in Caryville. Water also reaches the base of the US 90 bridge and the highway is subject to closure at this level.
- 21 The access ramps to Interstate 10 at CR 279 begin to flood at this level.
- 20 Water begins to flood US 90 above one half mile east of the bridge in Washington County. Water will cover portions of the railroad in Caryville.
- 18 Water begins to flood areas along CR-279 in Washington County north of Interstate 10. Several structures along the highway south of US-90 begin to flood.
- 17 Water reaches CR-179 in Holmes County near the intersection with Boat Ramp Road.
- 16 Highway 279 south of Interstate 10 begins to flood in Washington County. Several rural roads in the area will also flood.
- 15 In Holmes County, water begins to flood areas off Buck Rodgers Road east of CR-179A in Holmes County. Access to several of the fish camps become inaccessible above this level.
- 14 In Holmes County, Boat Ramp Road south of CR-179 will flood. Access to several of the fish camps off Boat Ramp Road may become inaccessible above this level.
- 12 Extensive lowland flooding will occur.



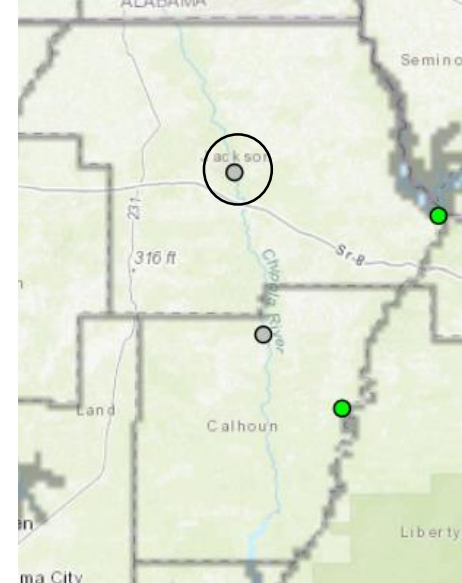
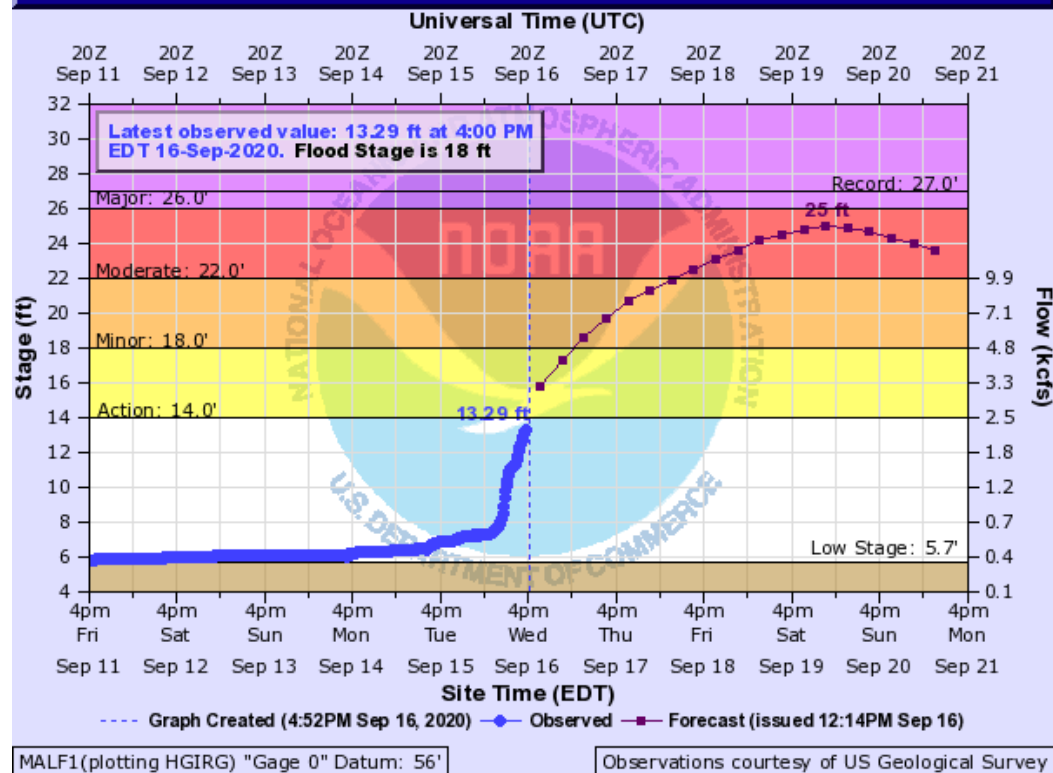
Walton/ Washington County

Mapped areas of concern based on NWS Impact Statements related to flood category



- 27 Nearly all structures between Black Creek Road and the west bank of the Choctawhatchee River are flooded. Flooding begins to affect more areas south of Shell Landing Road in Washington County.
- 24 Significant flooding affects numerous structures throughout the lower Choctawhatchee River Basin.
- 22 Structures along Holmes Creek from Millers Ferry Road to the confluence with the Choctawhatchee River in Washington County are prone to flooding above this level.
- 21 In Walton County, flooding impacts multiple structures south of Black Creek Road between Rooks Bluff Road and BH Reddick Road. Flooding expands just north of SR-20 off Howell Bluff Road.
- 20 In Walton County, multiple structures not elevated on BH Reddick Road are flooded. In Washington County, structures at the end of Choctaw Road begin to flood. Flooding begins at Boynton Cutoff Road. Roads near Holmes Creek south of Millers Ferry Road southward to the confluence with the Choctawhatchee River are prone to flooding above this level. Structures on Backwoods Road also begin to flood.
- 19 In Walton County, several structures not elevated on BH Reddick Road flood. Access into the area is severely restricted above this level.
- 18 In Walton County, additional structures on Choctawhatchee River Road and Big Cedar Road not elevated are flooded. A few structures on McCewen Street and Carnation Road begin to flood. Flooding begins just north of SR-20 off Howell Bluff Road affecting a few residences.
- 17 In Walton County, the boat ramp at Big Cedar Road is inaccessible at this level. The boat ramp at the end of McCewen Street floods at this level. Structures not elevated on Choctawhatchee River Road and Big Cedar Road begin to flood.
- 16 Portions of Big Cedar, Cowford, and Choctawhatchee River Roads in Walton County are impassible above this level. Structures in the area not elevated begin flooding. Portions of Choctaw Road in Washington County begin to flood along with Strickland Road in the far southwestern portion of the county.
- 14 Big Cedar, Cowford, and Choctawhatchee River Roads begin to flood in Walton County. Flood waters impact storage areas underneath homes on the west banks of the Choctawhatchee River. Low areas along Strickland Road in Washington County become subject to flooding.

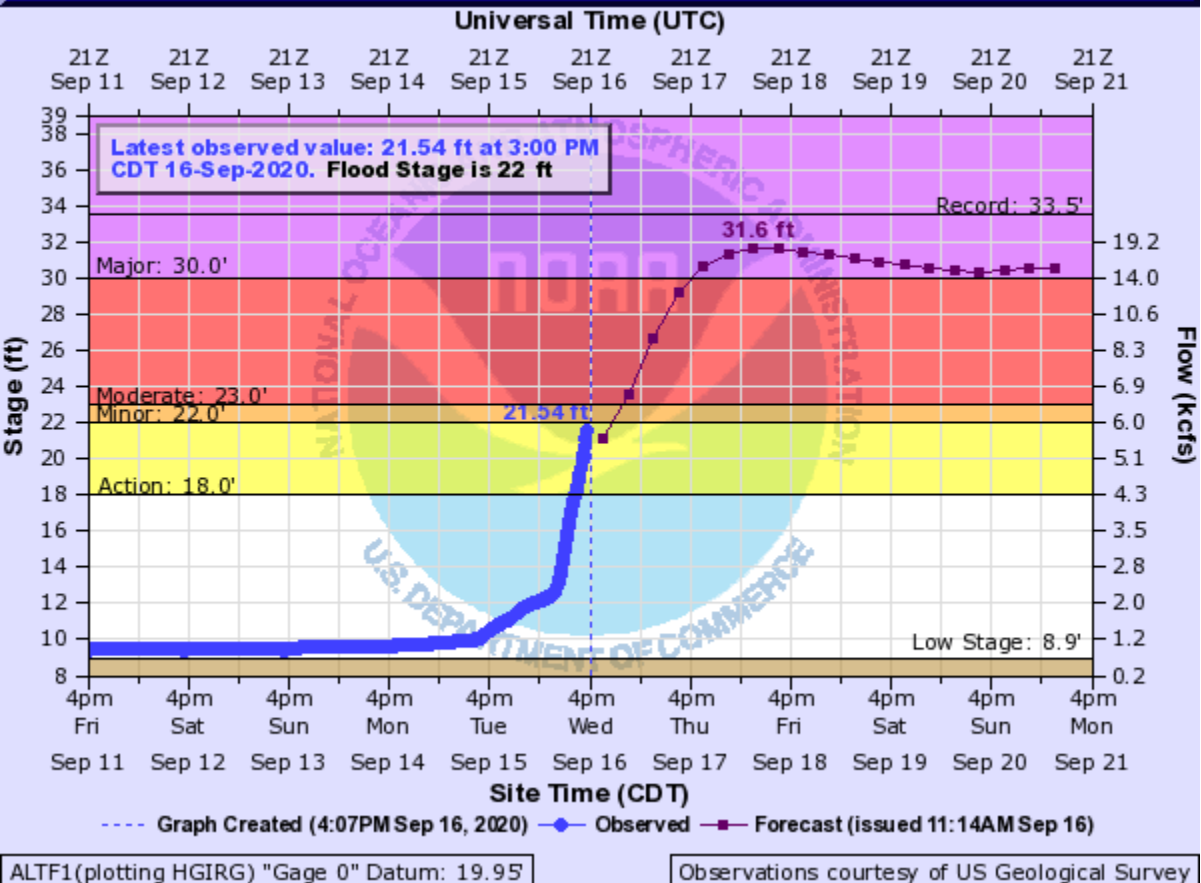
CHIPOLA RIVER at MARIANNA (US 90)



Jackson County

- 30 Water reaches the base of the Caverns Road bridge and the bridge is subject to closure.
- 26 Major flooding begins along the Chipola River in Marianna affecting numerous homes on the west bank of the river. Caverns Road begins to flood on the south side of the bridge near Yancey Boat Ramp. Water reaches the base of the Magnolia Road Bridge and the road is subject to closure.
- 25 Water approaches residences along Noland Street near Kelson Avenue in Marianna.
- 24 Water approaches the base of the Magnolia Road bridge south of Interstate 10.
- 23 Homes in Marianna on Angela Drive are surrounded by flood waters. A home on Cherokee Street south of Putnam Street is also surrounded by flood waters.
- 22 The Citizens Lodge north of town is surrounded by flood waters. Homes in Turtle Bend become inaccessible.
- 21 Extensive flooding occurs in the Citizens Lodge Park. Water begins to approach the lodge.
- 20.5 Flooding increases south of Interstate 10 with areas near Magnolia Road beginning to flood. Water begins to surround several homes off Turtle Bend Lane. Access into the area is severely restricted.
- 20 Water spreads out across the flood plain north of Marianna near Caverns Road inundating much of the Citizens Lodge Park.
- 19 The Florida Caverns is subject to closure. Water begins to flood Old US Road east of downtown near Bridgewood Rive. Flooding increases at Turtle Bend Lane beginning to flood primary access into the area.
- 18.5 Water begins to overtop the bank at Turtle Bend Lane.
- 18 Water begins to overflow into low lying areas north of town near the Florida Caverns. The southern half of the Citizens Lodge Park begins to flood. The Magnolia Road boat ramp begins to flood.
- 16 The Yancey Boat Ramp off Caverns Road floods.

CHIPOLA RIVER NEAR ALTHA (CR 274)



Calhoun County

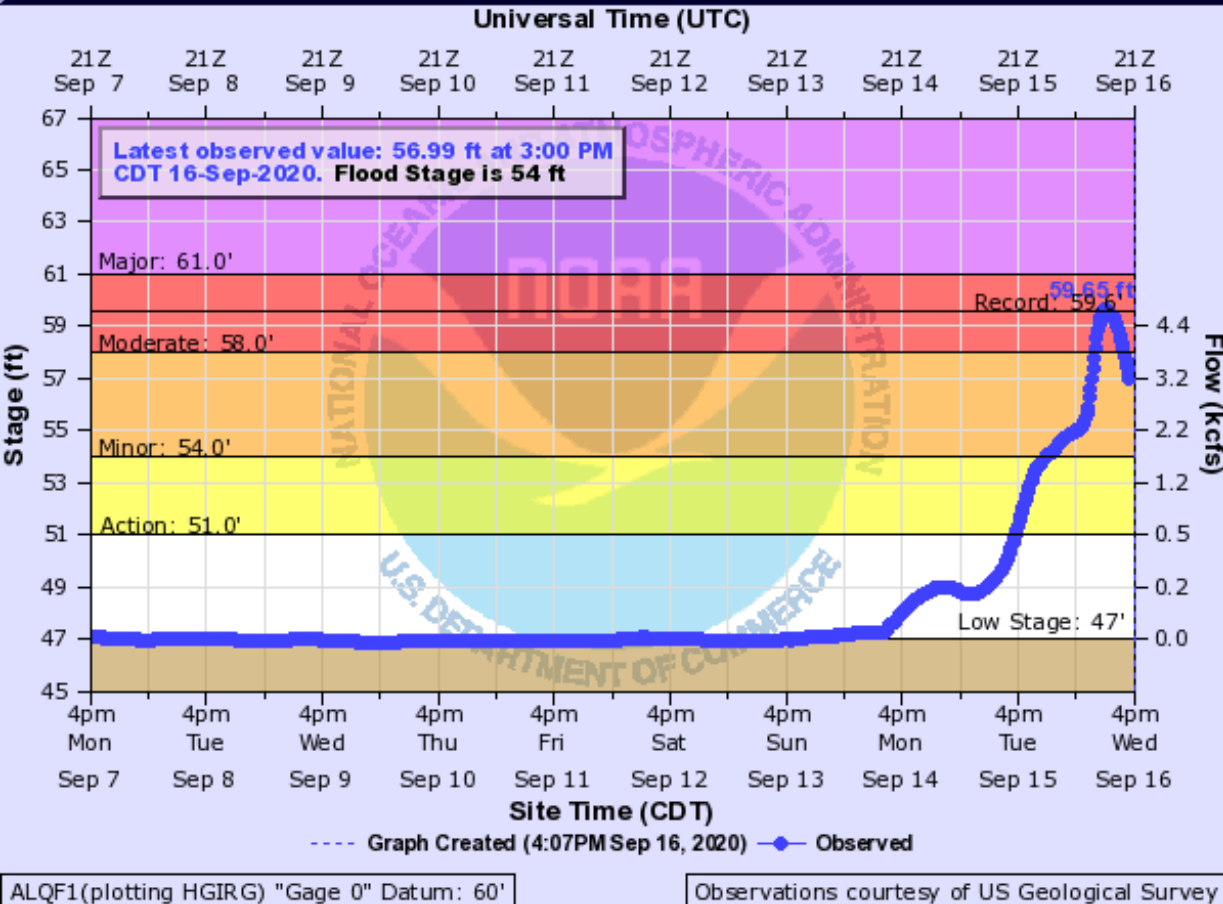
30 Major flood damage will occur.

28.5 Water will reach the highway 274 bridge and approach the road.

23 Water will start to affect houses and mobile homes in the flood plain downstream from the gage. A few fish camps downstream of highway 20 will be affected by flood water.

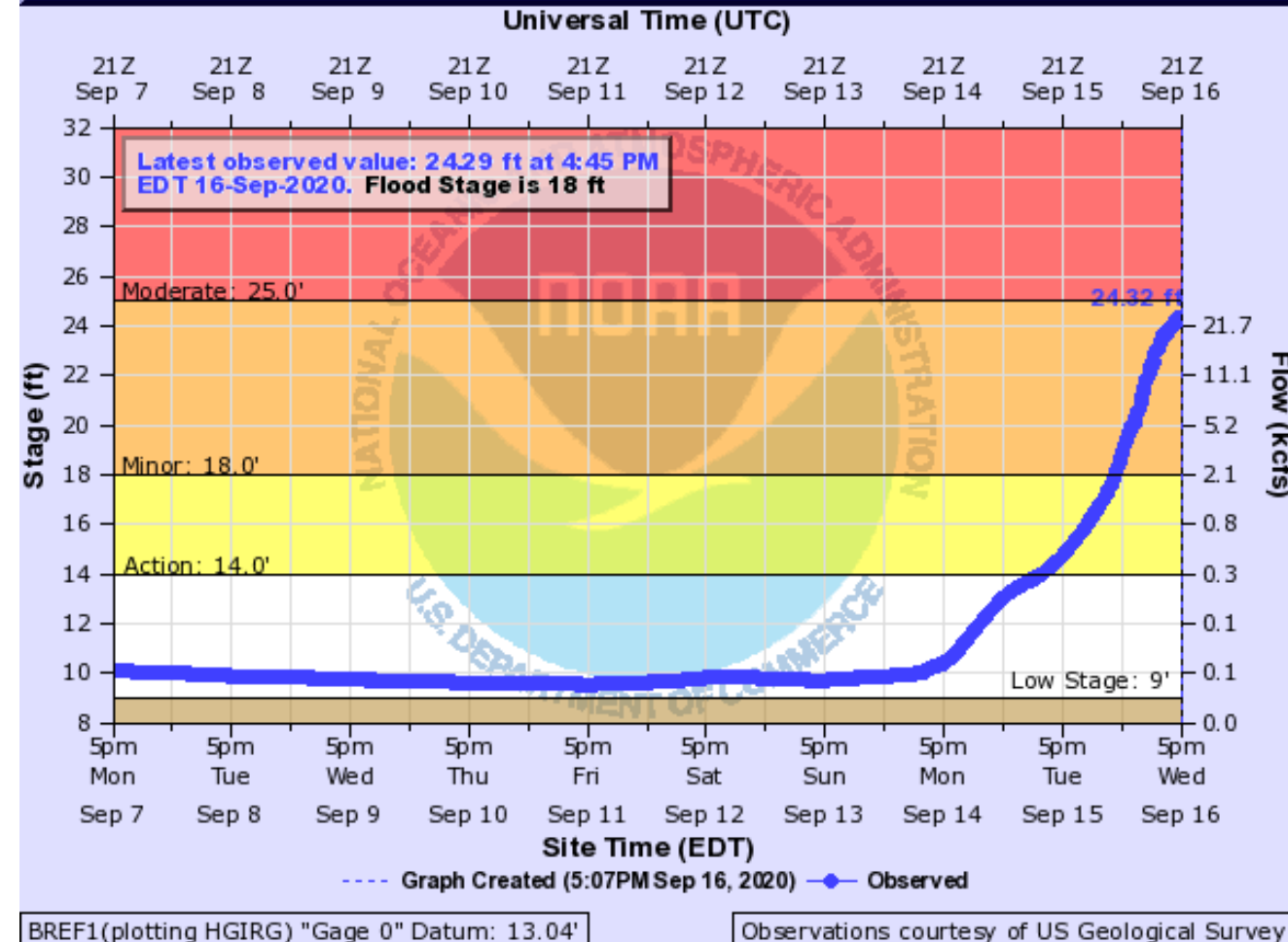
22 Minor lowland flooding will occur. Lamb Eddy Road near the boat ramp will flood.

ALAQUA CREEK NEAR PLEASANT RIDGE AT NELSON ROAD

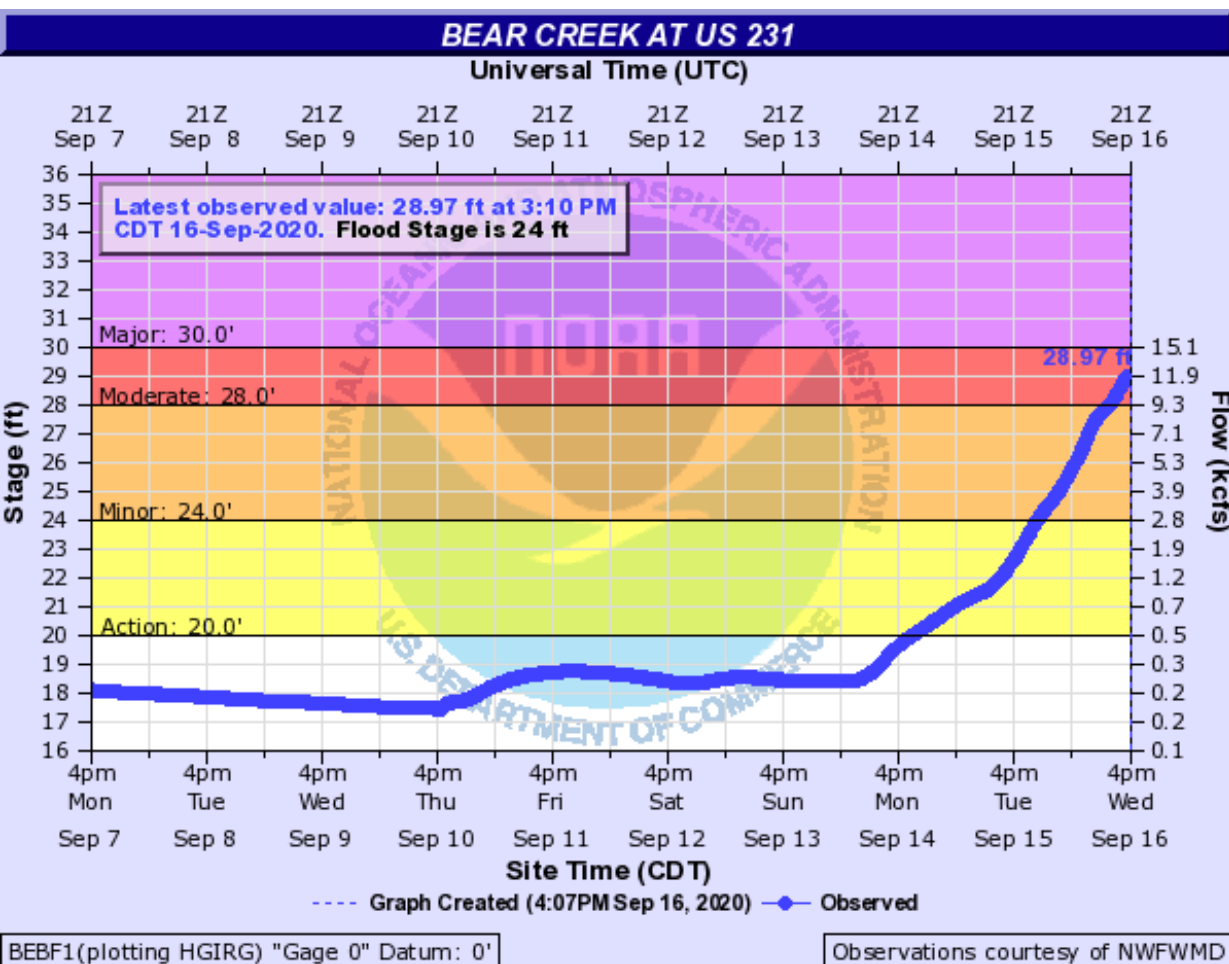


- 61** Major flash flooding throughout the creek basin. Structures on Johns Lane will flood and rising waters will approach the base of the SR-20 bridge.
- 59** The creek will begin to impact the Nelson Road bridge. Just upstream of the SR-20 bridge, homes on Johns Lane will be surrounded by flood waters. A home just south of SR-20 will flood.
- 58** Water will flood Johns Lane and a small community park 10 miles downstream of the gage site at the SR-20 crossing. The boat ramp on the south side of SR-20 will flood.
- 54** The creek will overflow into wooded areas along the creek both upstream and downstream of Nelson Road.
- 51** The creek will approach bankfull at Nelson Road.

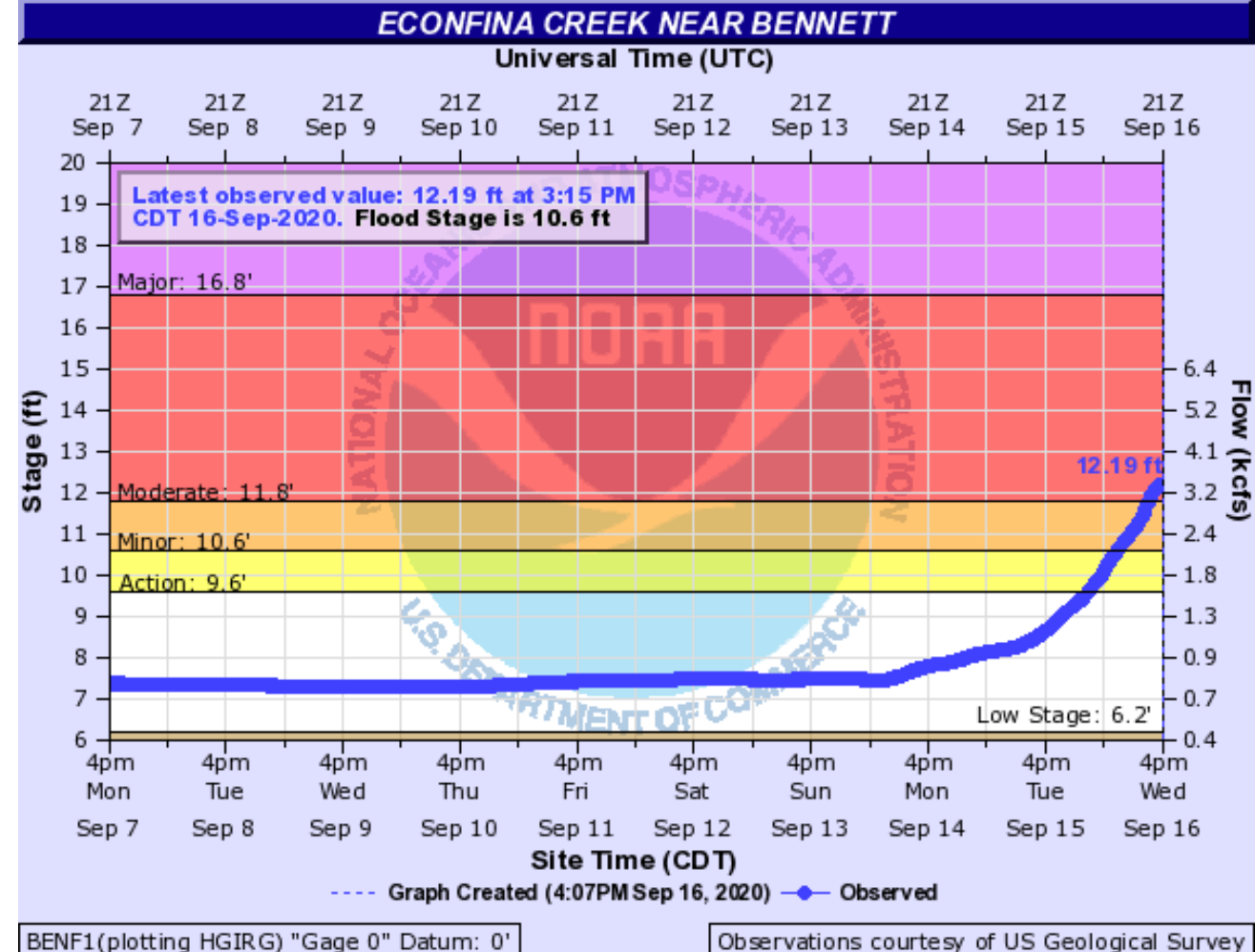
BRUCE CREEK NEAR REDBAY



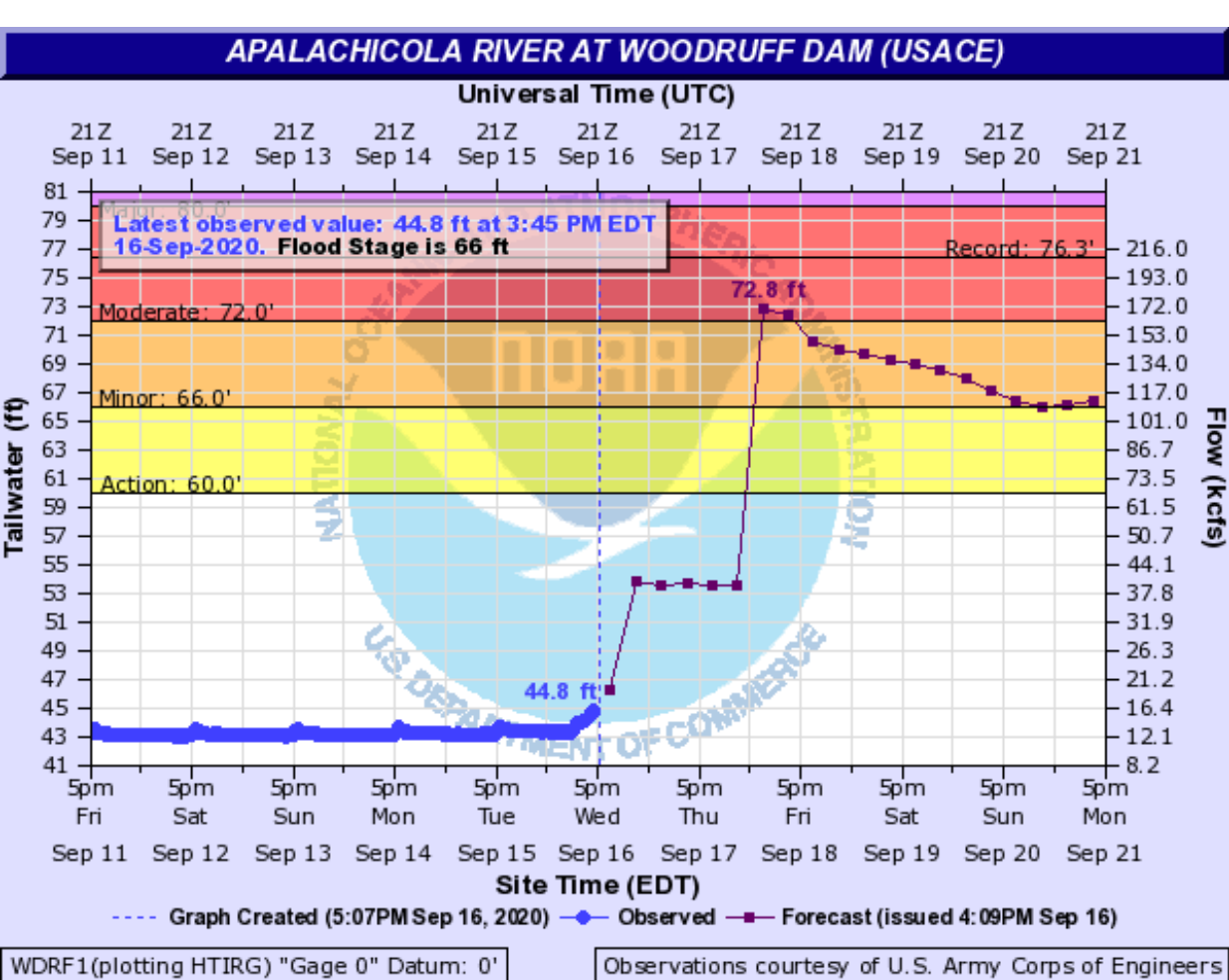
- 25** Water will begin to flood the approaches on the north and southbound sides of the SR-81 bridge.
- 18** The creek begins to flood low lying, predominantly wooded areas in proximity to SR-81.
- 14** The creek approaches bankfull at the SR-81 bridge.



- 30** Significant flooding in the area from Bear Creek. US-231 subject to closure.
- 28** Water will approach the base of the US-231 Bridge.
- 25** Water will flood North Bear Creek Road. A property northwest of the bridge will also be affected.
- 24** Water will begin to approach the surface of North Bear Creek Road.



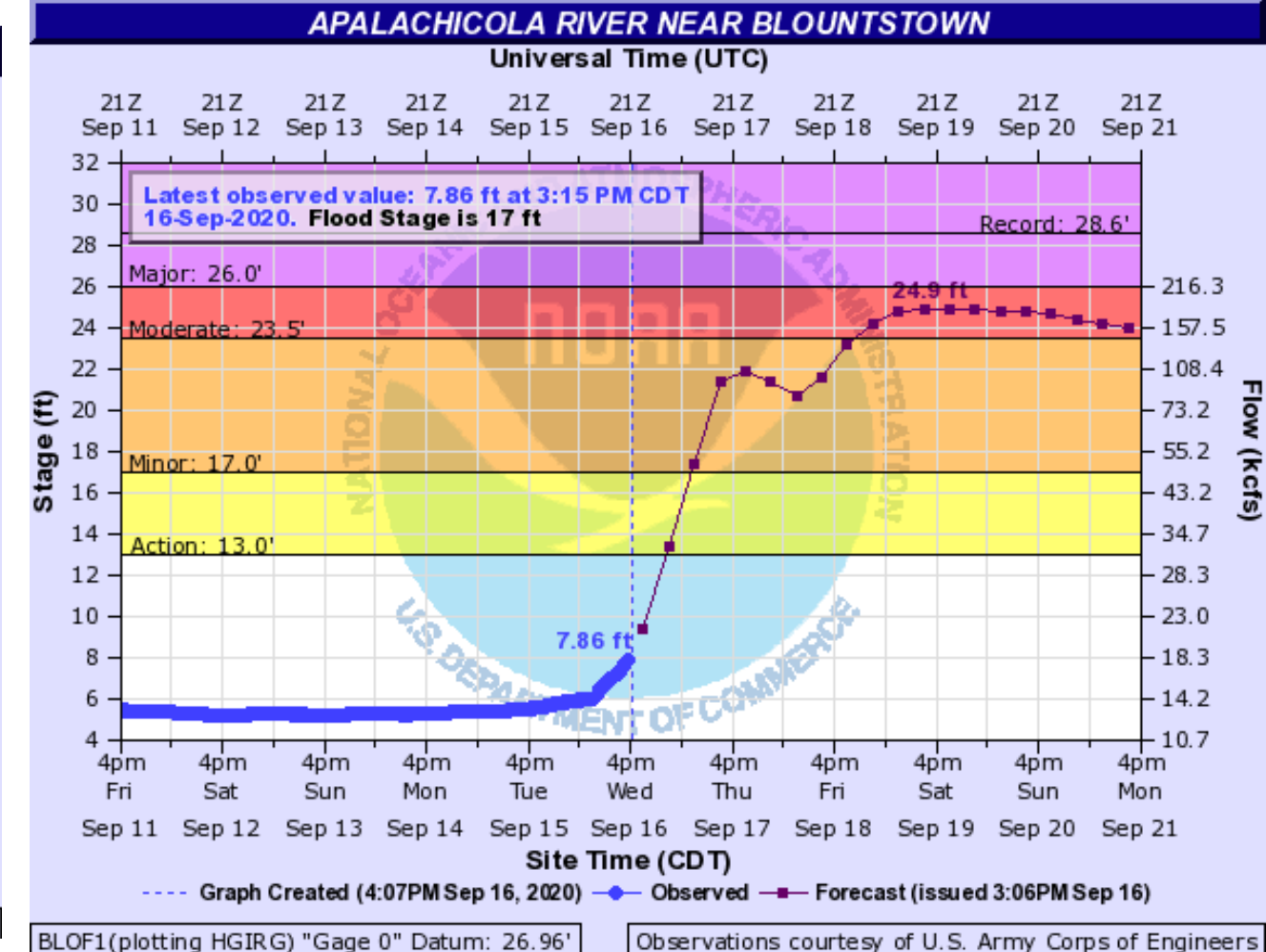
- 16.8** The County Road 388 bridge over Econfina Creek is subject to closure at this level.
- 11.8** Above this level, inflows into Deer Point Lake could result in moderate flooding along the lakeshore.
- 10.6** Water begins to overflow the creek into wooded bottomlands. Increased flows into Deer Point Lake above this level may result in minor flooding along the lakeshore.



80 Major flooding will occur.

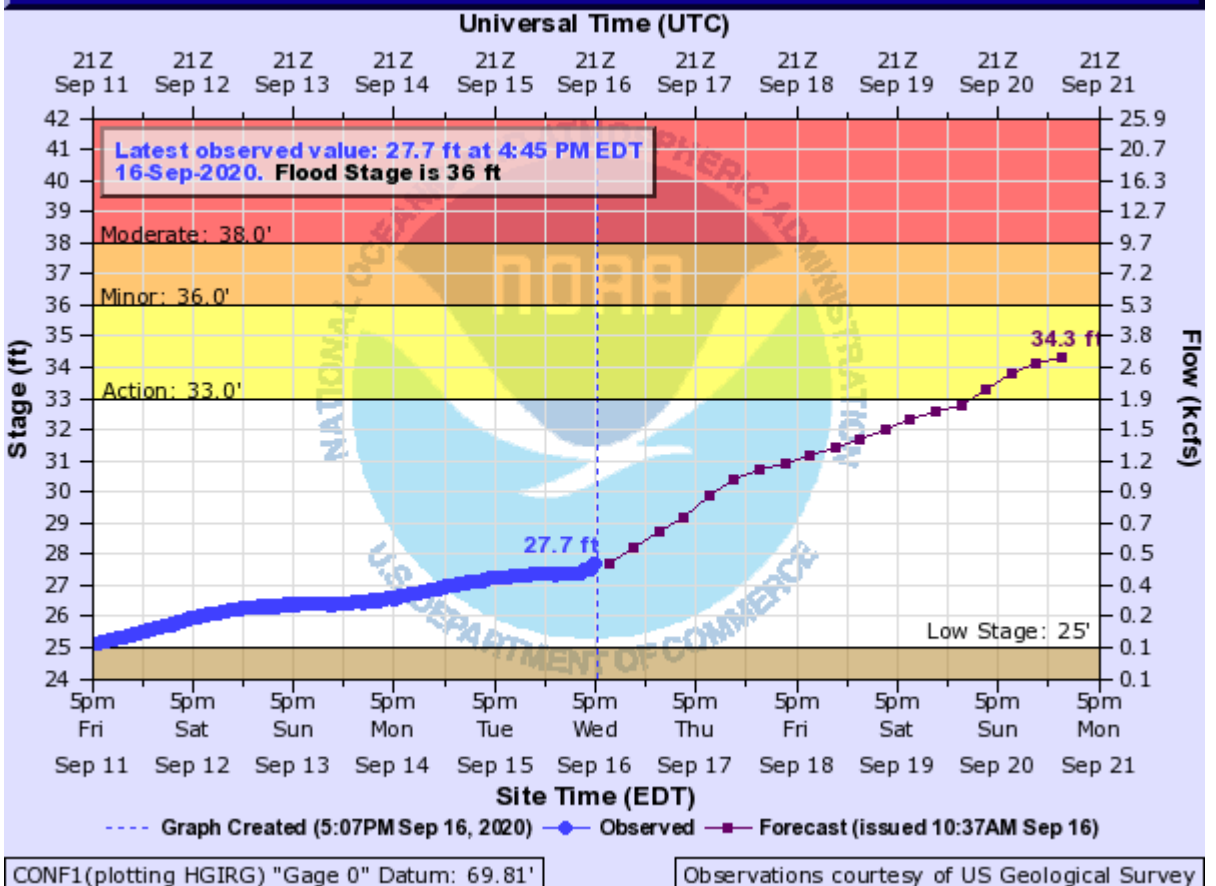
78.09 At least 60 homes and several businesses in the River Junction area will begin to flood. Railroad tracks and state road 269 will also start to flood.

66 The river reaches initial flood stage. Flooding will begin in the River Junction areas of Mosquito Creek about 0.9 miles south of the dam.

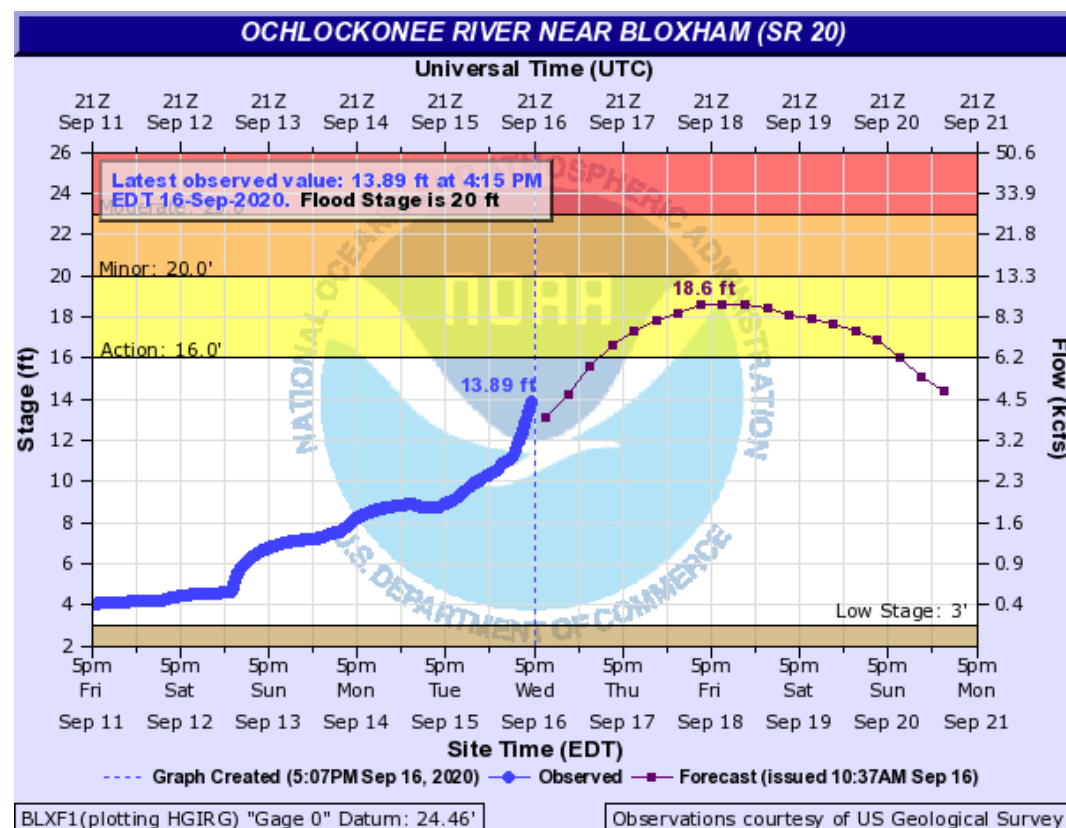


- 26 Major flooding in Blountstown. Numerous homes flooded along SE River Street south of SE Ray Avenue. North of Downtown Blountstown, NE Pear Street floods and water approaches two homes on the west side of NE Pear Street.
- 25 The road to the Bristol Boat Ramp at NW River Park Road is closed in Liberty County. Homes west of the boat ramp begin to flood. In Blountstown, flooding expands around homes near SE River Street.
- 24.8 Water will reach the foundations of two houses east on highway 20. Flooding will also occur in Blountstown on Mayhaw.
- 24.5 In Blountstown, the area from the boat landing to Tupelo Street will be underwater. Lake Grove Road to the Chipola Cutoff area will flood in Gulf County. Water will approach homes at Red Bull Island and the Dalkeith and Howard Creek areas in Gulf County. The 24.5 foot level at Blountstown may at times not be representative of river levels in these areas due to tidal effects, winds, or local rainfall and should be used with caution.
- 24.1 Water begins to flood NE Magnolia Street in Pine Island east of NE Hickory Street. In Blountstown, water begins to surround homes east of SE Pear Street to SE River Street. In Liberty County, flooding expands at the Bristol Boat Ramp affecting more residences.
- 24 The Wewahitchka area in Gulf County will be affected downstream of Blountstown. Minor house flooding will occur at Kentucky Landing, Chipola Cutoff, Red Bull Island, Douglas Landing, Brants Landing, Willis Landing and Howards Creek area. The 24.0 ft level at Blountstown may at time not be representative of river levels in these areas due to tidal effects, winds or local rainfall and should be used with caution.
- 23.5 Water will reach the walkway to Neal Lumber Office in Blountstown. Houses downstream at the Chipola Cutoff in the Wewahitchka area will begin to flood. The 23.5 foot level at Blountstown may at times not be representative of river levels in these areas due to tidal effects, winds, or local rainfall and should be used with caution.
- 23 Water crosses the low water crossing on Parrish Lake East 3 miles before the end of the road in Calhoun County.
- 22 Minor lowland flooding will occur on many roads including Byrd Parker Road, Warmouth Drive, Gaskin Park, the end of Lake Grove Road, Elm Street on Red Bull Island, and Lower Landing on Howards Creek in Gulf County. The 22.0 ft level at Blountstown may at times not be representative of river levels in the these areas due to tidal effects, winds, or local rainfall and should be used with caution. In Liberty County, a home on River Road downstream of the Bristol Boat Ramp begins to flood on the lower level.

OCHLOCKONEE RIVER NEAR CONCORD (CR 12)



Leon/ Gadsden County



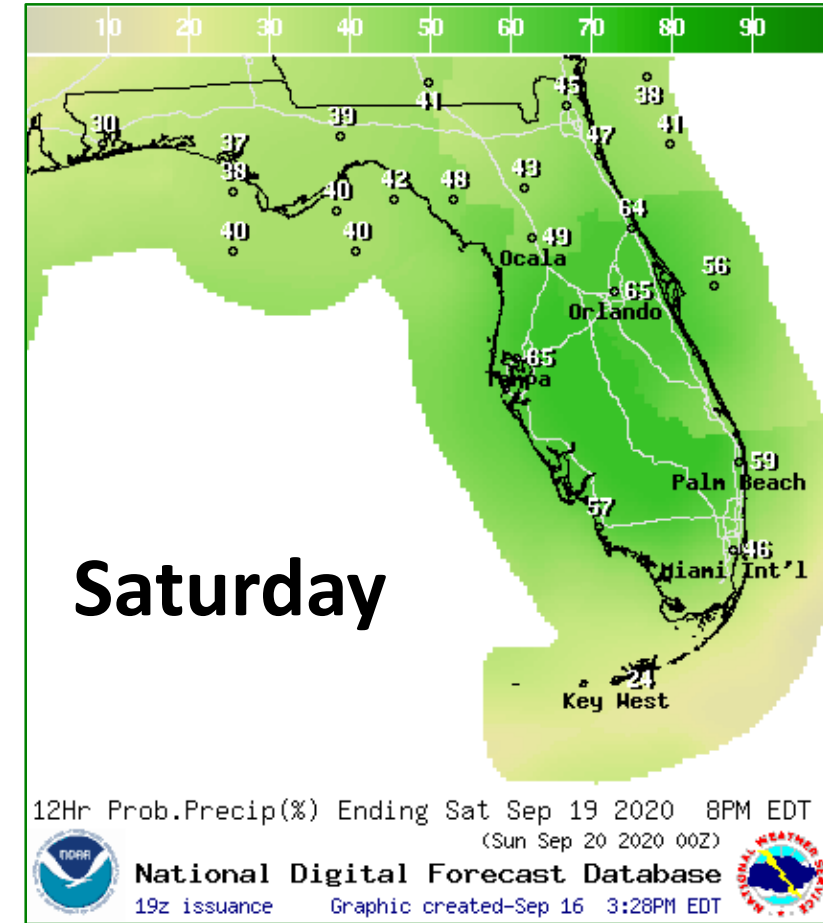
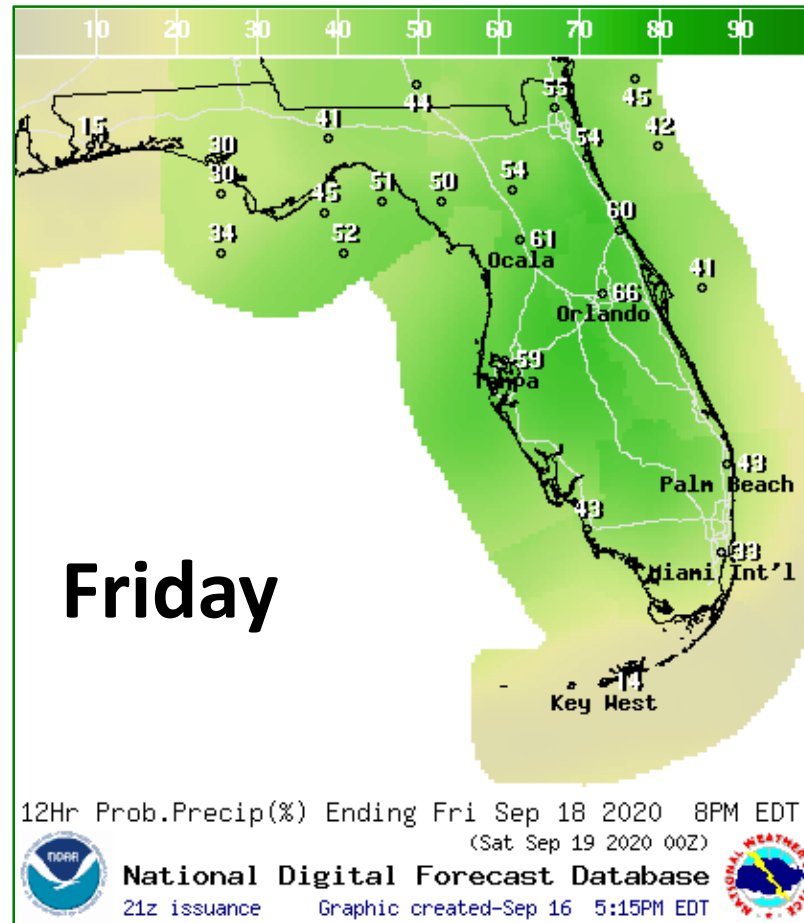
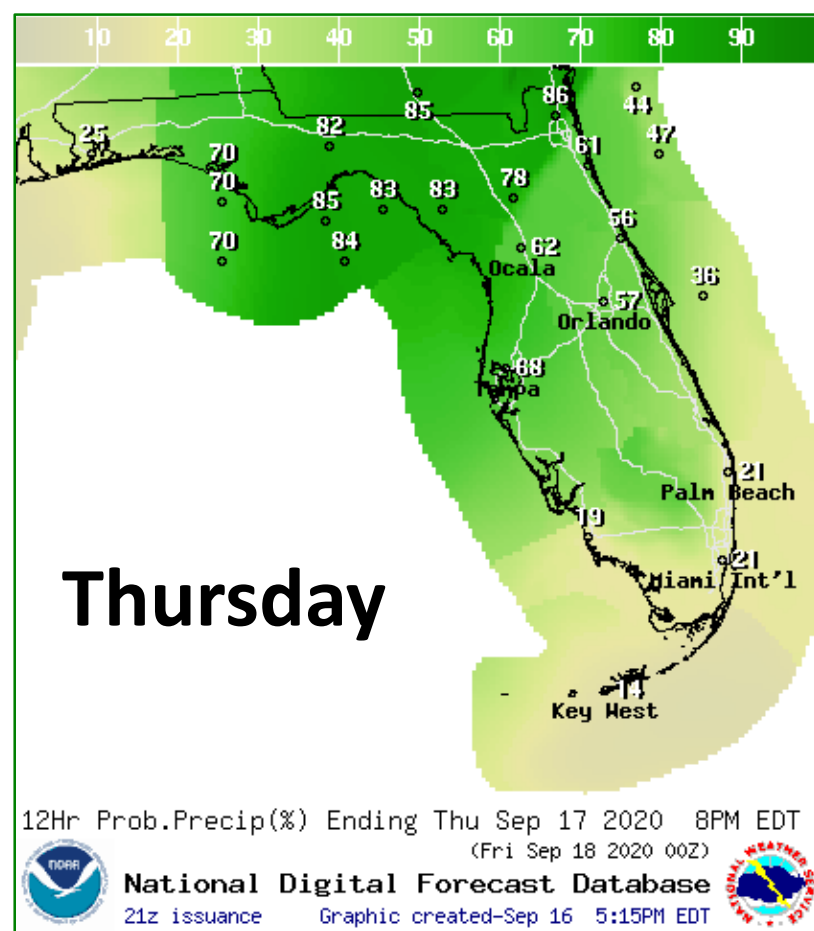
44 Major flood level. Homes flood along county highway 12.

38.5 County highway 12 may become closed to vehicular traffic.

36 Primary access to homes along county highway 12 on the east bank of the river in Leon County may become restricted.



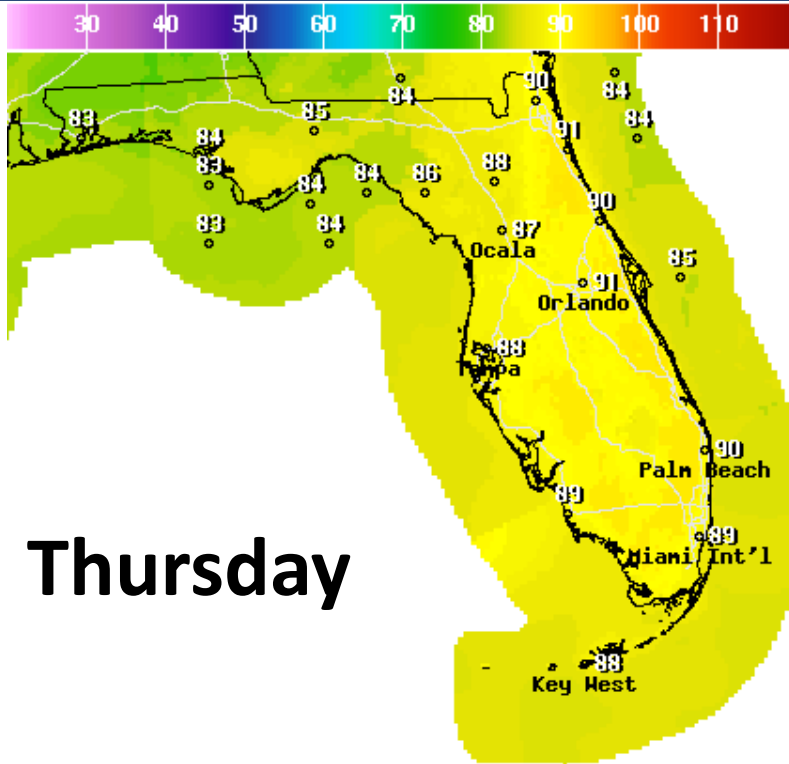
Rain Chances Next 3 Days



**High rain chances remain possible in the Panhandle and Big Bend on Saturday,
back to typical rain chances later this week.**



High Temperatures Next 3 Days

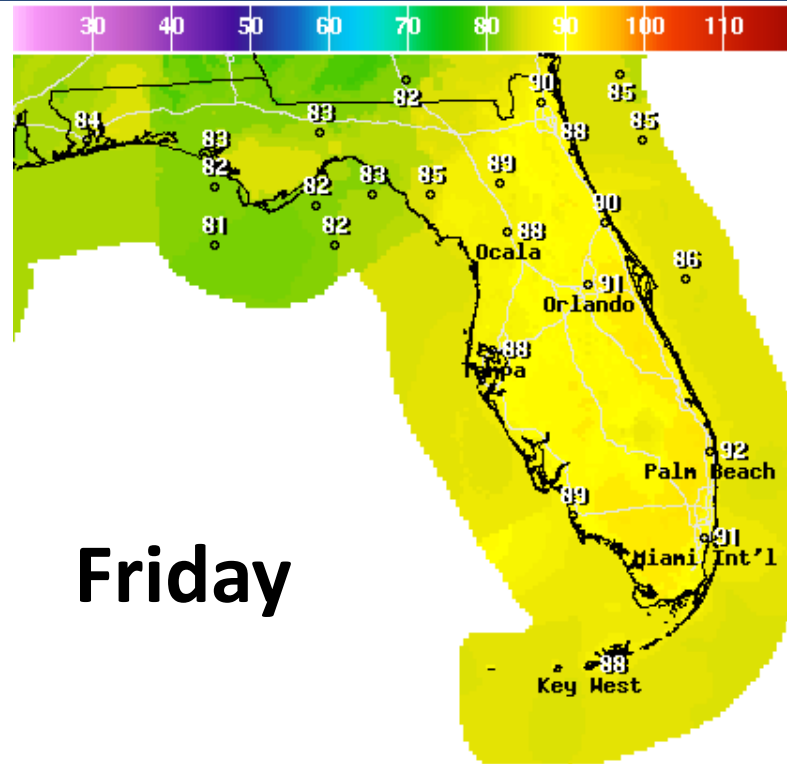


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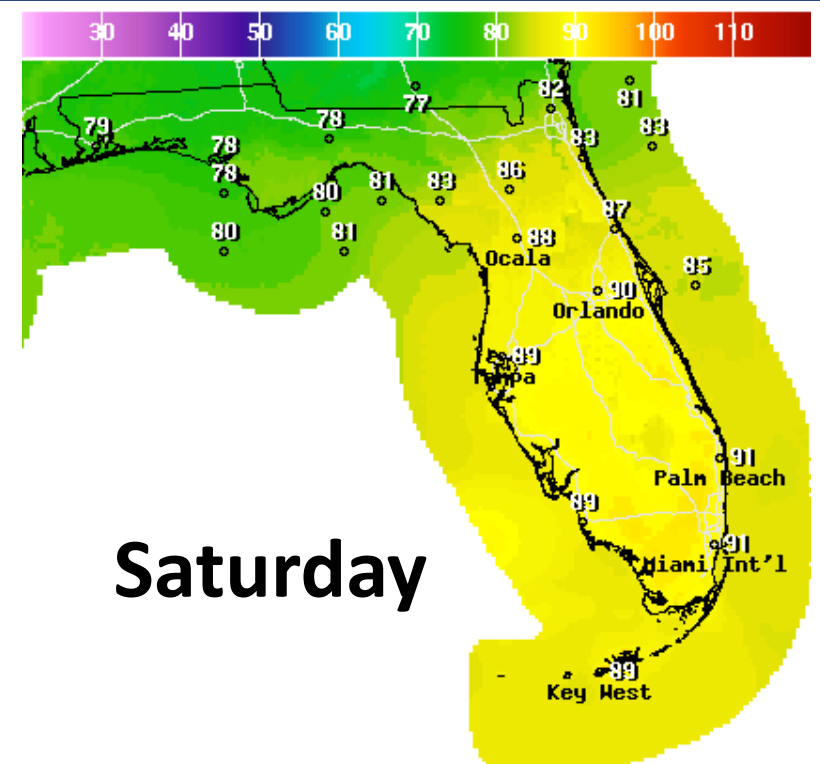


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High Temperature(F) Ending Fri Sep 18 2020 8PM EDT
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Saturday

High Temperature(F) Ending Sat Sep 19 2020 8PM EDT
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Cooler temperatures with cloud cover in place. Cold front brings cooler temperatures this weekend.



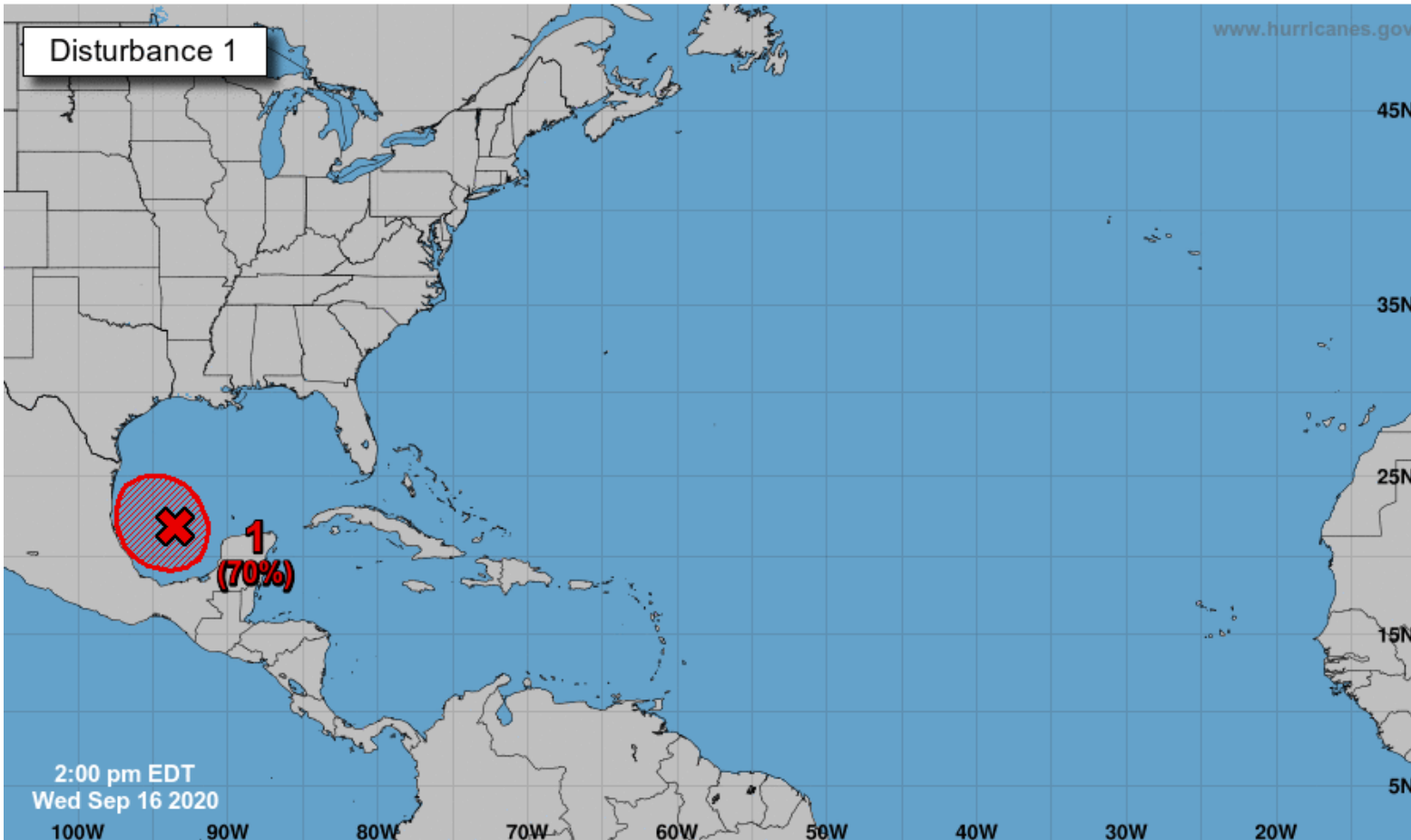
Tropical Weather Outlook

Possible Area of Development During the Next 5 Days ([LINK](#))



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Showers and thunderstorms associated with a broad area of low pressure over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico gradually continue to become better organized.

Upper-level winds are forecast to gradually become more conducive for further development, and a tropical depression is likely to form late this week or over the weekend while the low meanders over the southern Gulf of Mexico for the next several days.

This system poses no direct threat to Florida at this time, but it should be monitored closely into the upcoming weekend.

***Formation chance through 48 hrs...medium...50%**

***Formation chance through 5 days...high...70%**

Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance:

✕ < 40%	✕ 40-60%	✕ > 60%
○ Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression	⚡ Storm	⚡ Hurricane
⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants		



Florida Outlook

Florida Outlook:

- **Sally is departing the Florida Panhandle, but heavy rain bands, gusty winds, and isolated tornadoes continue to be possible.**
- **Flash Flood Warnings & Areal Flood Warnings continue across much of the Panhandle and western Big Bend.**
- **Major to Historic River Flooding is starting and expected to crest over the next few days.**
- **Tropical Storm Warnings:** Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Walton, and Washington
- **Storm Surge Warnings:** Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton (2-4' of surge)
- **Coastal Flood Warnings:** Jefferson and Taylor (up to 6' of inundation near the mouth of the Aucilla River).
- Sustained tropical storm force winds are possible this evening over the Panhandle. Tropical storm force gusts remain possible near the coast of the Panhandle tonight.
- So far, a widespread 15-25" of rain has fallen across the Panhandle with localized totals over 30".
- Additional rainfall totals of 3-6" are possible in the Panhandle and Big Bend, locally 6-8" possible.
- **Flash Flood Watches are in effect** for the Panhandle *and now the western Big Bend* until Thursday morning.
- Isolated tornadoes are possible in the Big Bend this evening and possible in Northeast Florida tonight.
- A **Tornado Watch** is in effect until 6 PM CT / 7 PM ET for the Panhandle and western Big Bend.
- **Coastal Flood Advisories** are in effect for the rest of the eastern Panhandle/Big Bend (1-3' of surge).
- High surf (8-12'), dangerous rip currents, and beach erosion are expected at Panhandle beaches for the next couple of days.
- Direct impacts from any other systems in the tropics are not expected for the next 5 days at least. But the Gulf Low should be monitored.

The next briefing packet will be issued early Thursday morning with the 5 AM advisory. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at www.hurricanes.gov.



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