

TROPICAL UPDATE



12:00 PM EDT

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Panhandle River Flooding

Hurricane Teddy, TD Beta, TS Paulette, FL Front (10%)

East Coast Coastal Flooding/Beach Erosion Event

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Tropical Weather Outlook

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

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Official Forecast Track

From the National Hurricane Center – Tropical Dep. Beta



- Beta made landfall near Port O'Connor, Texas overnight and remains stalled out over the area.
- Maximum sustained winds are at 35 mph and continued weakened is expected.
- Beta will begin to move northeast tonight and head into the lower Mississippi River Valley later in the week.

Tropical Depression Beta

Flood Threat and Forecast Rainfall This Week



• The Flash Flood Threat associated with Beta will occur on Thursday in the Panhandle. 1-2" of rain expected creating a flash flood threat given how saturated soils are from Sally.



Current River Status

Below Flood
Action Level
Minor Flood
Moderate Flood
Major Flood

Pensacola

A Rising Falling Cresting/Steady

Tall chassee



Latest River Forecasts

Southeast River Forecast Center

River Gauges	County(ies) Affected	Status	Crest Level	Crest Day	Below Flood Stage Day
Escambia River near Century	Escambia, Santa Rosa	FALLING	MINOR: 21 ft.	9/19	9/25
Choctawhatchee River near Pittman	Holmes	FALLING	MODERATE: 27.6 ft.	9/18	9/25
Choctawhatchee River at Caryville	Holmes, Washington	FALLING	MODERATE: 16 ft.	9/19	9/24
Choctawhatchee River near Bruce & Ebro	Walton, Washington	FALLING	MODERATE: 19.85 ft.	9/20	Beyond 9/27
Holmes Creek near Vernon	Washington	FALLING	MINOR: 27 ft.	9/18	9/20
Chipola River at Marianna	Jackson	FALLING	MINOR: 20.91 ft.	9/20	9/24
Chipola River near Altha	Jackson, Calhoun	CRESTING	MODERATE: 26.6 ft	9/22	9/27
Chipola River near Scotts Ferry	Calhoun, Gulf	FALLING	MODERATE: 26.2 ft.	9/18	Beyond 9/27
Apalachicola River near Blountstown	Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, Franklin	FALLING	MINOR: 20 ft.	9/21	9/24
Apalachicola River near Wewahitchka	Gulf, Liberty	CRESTING	MINOR	9/23	9/25
Apalachicola River near Sumatra	Gulf, Franklin	RISING	MINOR	Late Week	Beyond 9/27

For more details on the hydrographs as well as impact statements, click the links for each river gauge & see the flood info packet on WebEOC.



Rain Chances Next 3 Days





High Temperatures Next 3 Days



gradually increasing humidity.



Low Temperatures Next 3 Days



Temperatures remain below normal across the state over the next few days with

gradually increasing humidity.



Max Wind Gusts Next 24 Hours

Strong northeast winds are expected along the East Coast again today.

<u>Northeast winds of 15-25</u> <u>mph with gusts of 30-45 mph</u> <u>are possible.</u>

<u>Wind Advisories in effect</u> <u>along the coast.</u>

Lower gusts, but still breezy inland.





Wind Gusts Next 3 Days





Winds gradually decrease over the next few days, but still remain breezy.

Wave Heights Through Mid-week



Large swells continue on Wednesday and gradually decrease on Thursday and through the end of the week



Coastal Flooding

Tuesday - Wednesday



Minor to moderate coastal flooding is expected today along much of the East Coast, with some more significant coastal flooding possible in Northeast Florida and the tidal St. Johns River.



Coastal Flood Alerts

Monday - Tuesday





Official Forecast Track

From the National Hurricane Center – Hurricane Teddy



- The center of Teddy is located about 350 miles south of Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Maximum sustained winds are at 105 mph (Category 2).
- Teddy is moving north-northwest at 16 mph, with a turn to the northeast expected later today.
- Teddy's wind field has doubled overnight and large swells from the system will move across the western Atlantic over the next few days.

Official Forecast Track

From the National Hurricane Center – Tropical Storm Paulette



- Paulette regenerated into a tropical storm overnight as it moved over warmer waters.
- Paulette is starting to weaken again and is expected to dissipate by Thursday in the far northeastern Atlantic.
- Paulette will have no impact to land.



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Regardless of development, locally heavy rainfall is possible over the Florida Keys and south Florida on Thursday and Friday.

*Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0% *Formation chance through 5 days...low...10%



Looking Ahead This Week...



Higher Than Normal Rain Chances Late Week/Weekend – Stalled Front

Early Next Week



Overall Summary

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Cold Front over South Florida

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- Development, if any, over the southeastern Gulf of Mexico late this week is expected to be slow to occur. It has a 10% (low) chance of development Thursday through Saturday and a near 0% chance of development before then.



Florida Outlook

Florida Outlook:

- **River Flood Warnings** continue for a few rivers in the Panhandle. Rivers have crested in all but the lower Apalachicola and lower Chipola. These will be slow to recede into this weekend.
- Light, isolated showers across the state today and tomorrow with breezy winds and cooler than normal temperatures. Significant rainfall is not expected through Wednesday.
- 1-2" of locally heavy rainfall expected in the Panhandle on Thursday from the remnants of Tropical Storm Beta. Isolated flash flooding is possible with these low rainfall totals given how saturated soils are from Sally.
- Significant coastal flooding is ongoing today along the East Coast and will gradually wane over the next few days, including the St. Johns River. Coastal Flood Warnings are in effect.
- The combination of strong northerly winds and swells from Hurricane Teddy will create very high surf along the East Coast this week. Beach erosion and dangerous rip currents are expected!
- Any development of the low in the Florida Straits will be slow to occur and happen late in the week. Regardless of development, heavy rainfall is possible in South Florida again Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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



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