

## TROPICAL UPDATE



## 8:00 AM EDT Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Potential Tropical Cyclone Six

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# Official Forecast Track

#### From the National Hurricane Center



- Potential Tropical Cyclone Six is located about 250 miles southeast of Puerto Rico, or about 1,250 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- Six currently has maximum sustained winds around 35 mph, and some strengthening is forecast over the next 36 hours before the system interacts with land.
- Development into Tropical Storm Fred is expected today.
- Six will move over or near the mountainous terrain of Puerto Rico, Hispaniola, and/or Cuba. This makes the longer range intensity forecast uncertain, but significant strengthening is not forecast by NHC at this time.
- Six is moving west-northwest at 17 mph, and this general motion will continue over the next few days. This weekend, a northward turn is anticipated.
- Six will be in the vicinity of South Florida on Friday night/Saturday.

## Time of Arrival & Wind Speed Probabilities

**EARLIEST RESONABLE** Time of Arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds (>39 mph)



City	Chance for TS Winds	Changes Since Last Packet
Key West	14%	+2%
Marathon	15%	+2%
Naples	15%	+6%
Miami	10%	+2%
West Palm Beach	8%	+2%
Татра	10%	+5%
Apalachicola	8%	+6%

There is a 1 in 10 chance of tropical storm force winds at this time for the Florida Keys and along coastal South and West Central Florida. Odds have increased slightly.

The earliest reasonable arrival time of tropical storm force winds in South Florida is Friday morning. They are most likely to begin Friday night or early Saturday morning.



# Steering Currents

What is Moving the System?

Color denotes the movement speed through the atmosphere and thin white lines denote direction. Tightly clustered white lines represent faster movement as well.

A large area of high pressure over the Atlantic will move PTC #6 generally west-northwest over the next few days.

Once the system is near South Florida, a northward turn seems likely at some point this weekend/early next week either in the eastern Gulf of Mexico or western Bahamas. High pressure over Florida will break down.





## Dry Air & Saharan Dust

#### Is the environment favorable for the system?

Moist

Color denotes concentration of Saharan Dust or dry, stable air.

Very Dry

PTC #6 will be moving through dry air over the next few days. If the dry air gets pulled into the system, it will limit development.

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## Sea Surface Temperatures & Anomalies

#### Is the ocean favorable for the system?



## Model Forecasts

#### Ensembles, Dynamical, and Statistical Models



PTC #6 will be in the vicinity of South Florida/Florida Straits as early as Friday and bring increased rain chances.

Land interaction, dry air, and some wind shear will likely limit significant development between now and Thursday.

Strengthening is then possible as the system is near Florida or in the Gulf of Mexico late in the week or this weekend.





## Key Messages

#### From the National Hurricane Center



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#### Key Messages for Potential Tropical Cyclone Six Advisory 3: 5:00 AM AST Tue Aug 10, 2021



1. The system is forecast to become a tropical storm as it moves over the northeastern Caribbean Sea today. Tropical storm conditions are expected in portions of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico beginning this afternoon, and in the Dominican Republic by Wednesday. Tropical storm conditions are possible in northern Haiti and the southeastern Bahamas by late Wednesday.

2. Heavy rainfall could lead to flash, urban, and small stream flooding and potential mudslides across the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The greatest threat for flooding impacts will be across the eastern and southeastern portions of Puerto Rico.

3. There is a risk of wind and rainfall impacts elsewhere in portions of Hispaniola, the Bahamas, and Cuba later this week, although the forecast is more uncertain than usual since the system is still in its formative stage. Interests in these areas should monitor the system's progress and updates to the forecast.

4. Interests in the remainder of the Bahamas and Florida should monitor updates to the forecast for this system, but it is too soon to determine what if any impacts could occur there by late this week or this weekend given the uncertainty in the long-range forecast.





# Current & Forecast River Flooding North Florida – Southeast River Forecast Center

#### Extensive river flooding will continue across Northeast Florida this week.

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





# Long-Range Flood Outlook

Next 7 Days – Ending Monday, August 16

Heavy rainfall will be possible across South Florida later this week and Central and Northeast Florida this weekend/early next week.

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Rivers across Northeast Florida are saturated and this region will be the most susceptible to additional flooding this weekend.

It is too early to determine exact rainfall totals.



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## Rainfall Totals Next 7 Days

#### Ending 8 AM ET Tuesday

7-Day Precipitation (in) Ending Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at 8 a.m. EDT



Heavy rainfall will be possible across the Peninsula starting on Friday and continuing into the weekend.

The heavy rain threat may then move into North Florida early next week.

\*Exact rainfall totals WILL CHANGE as the forecast track and intensity is fine tuned. These are first guess, low-end totals based on the current NHC forecast. \*



# **Overall Summary**

#### Potential Tropical Cyclone Six (Formerly Invest 94L)

- The system continued to gradually organize overnight. Hurricane hunters are enroute to determine if Tropical Storm Fred has developed.
- PTC #6 currently has maximum sustained winds of around 35 mph and is moving to the west-northwest at 17 mph.
- The system is approximately 250 miles southeast of Puerto Rico or 1,250 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- A little strengthening is forecast over the next 24-36 hours as it continues west-northwest, before land interaction, increasing wind shear, and some dry air will work together to weaken the system.
- Six will remerge over the far southwestern Atlantic late in the week where some gradually strengthening may resume.
- It may move into the eastern Gulf of Mexico this weekend and will need to continue to be monitored.

#### Florida Outlook:

- PTC #6 should be monitored, as it will bring increased rain chances to South Florida starting on Friday and other regions of the state this weekend and into early next week.
- The entire Florida Peninsula is in the 5-day forecast cone for where the center of the storm is most likely to travel.
- It is too early to determine any other impacts to the state!!
- Some wind and surge impacts are possible, particularly if the system remains north of the islands and gets into the Gulf of Mexico.
- Widespread minor to moderate river flooding will continue this week in Northeast Florida. Heavy rainfall may continue or worsen flooding.

<u>Another briefing packet will be issued this afternoon with the 5pm advisory.</u> For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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