

3:00 PM EDT Wednesday, June 1, 2022 Invest 91L – Southern Gulf of Mexico Low (80%) Heavy Rain Likely Late This Week – South Florida

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Tropical Weather Outlook

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



A large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms located over the northwestern Caribbean Sea and Yucatan Peninsula is associated with a broad area of low pressure, now identified as Invest 91L. Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development, and this system is likely to become a tropical depression while it moves northeastward over the northwestern Caribbean Sea and southeastern Gulf of Mexico during the next couple of days.

Regardless of development, locally heavy rainfall is likely across southern Florida and the Florida Keys on Friday and Saturday. This system should be monitored throughout the week. The first name on the list is Alex.

*Formation chance through 48 hours...high...70%

*Formation chance through 5 days...high...80%



Satellite Imagery



The area of low pressure in the western Caribbean is currently broad and disorganized with all of the thunderstorms (reds and whites) on the eastern side. It will gradually organize over the next few days, but most of the rain and storms are likely to remain on the eastern half of the system.



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.



The system will move to the northeast around areas of high pressure and ahead of an approaching cold front, **bringing it near or across South Florida.** The exact track will depend on where the system specifically develops.

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Wind Shear

Is the environment favorable for the system?

Color denotes the amount of wind shear and the lines denote how it have changed over the last 24 hours (dotted lines show decreasing shear and solid lines show increasing.



Wind shear will be high across the Gulf of Mexico over the next couple of days (as denoted by the red colors) which will **prevent significant** development of this system.

Dry Air & Saharan Dust

Is the environment favorable for the system?

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

Dry Noist Moist Moist

Very Dry

ESS <----- DRY AIR (LOW/MID-LEVEL) AND/OR DUSTY SAL AIRMASS -----> MORE

Sea Surface Temperatures & Anomalies

Is the ocean favorable for the system?







Forecast Weather Maps - Track

Through the Upcoming Weekend



The heavy rain threat begins early Friday morning and continues into the day on Saturday. The low will make the closest approach to Florida on Saturday before moving offshore and away from Florida on Sunday.



Rainfall Totals Next 5 Days

Ending 8 AM ET Monday

120-Hour Precipitation (in) Ending Monday, Jun, 6, 2022 at 8 a.m. E



- Through Thursday night, a widespread 1-2" of rain is forecast across South Florida and along the West Coast, with more isolated totals in North Florida.
- Localized areas could see 3-4" over the next two days, but the flood threat will be localized and confined to urban areas.
- Heavier rainfall is expected in South Florida Friday and Saturday depending on the exact track of the developing low near the Yucatan Peninsula.
- A widespread 4-8" is currently being forecast for this weekend, with localized areas of 12+".
- These rainfall totals could increase or decrease depending on the exact track!!



Flash Flood Outlooks Fri./Sat.

From the Weather Prediction Center (LINK)





Heavy rainfall late in the week could result in flash flooding on Friday and Saturday across South Florida and the Florida Keys. Urban areas in Southeast Florida will be most at risk of impactful street flooding. **Flood Watches will likely be issued on Thursday.**



Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point HIGH: At Least 70% SLGT: At Least 15% MDT: At Least 40% MRGL: At Least 5%



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Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

A weak surface trough located around 150 miles northeast of the northwest Bahamas is producing disorganized shower activity as it interacts with an upper-level trough.

Surface pressures are currently high across the area, and significant development of this system appears unlikely as it moves generally east-northeastward over the next several days **away from the southeastern United States.**

This system poses no threat to Florida.

*Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10%

*Formation chance through 5 days...low...10%



Overall Summary

Invest 91L - Southern Gulf of Mexico Low

- An area of low pressure, now identified as Invest 91L, is developing near the Yucatan Peninsula and will move northeast toward South Florida this weekend.
- The environment over the Gulf of Mexico may allow some development of the area of low pressure into a tropical depression or storm, but a significant wind event is not anticipated. Heavy rain will be the main threat.
- The system will move east of Florida on Sunday and into the open waters of the Atlantic by Monday.
- The National Hurricane Center has a 70% (high) chance of development in the next 48 hours, and an 80% (high) chance of development over the next 5 days.
- If it becomes a Tropical Depression, it will be designated number "One" and if it strengthens into a Tropical Storm it will be "Alex".

<u>Bahama Low</u>

- A weak area of showers is located about 200 miles east of the Bahamas. This system could develop as it moves east away from land.
- The National Hurricane Center has a **10% (low) chance** of development in the next 48 hours and 5 days.
- This system poses no threat to Florida.

Florida Outlook:

- Impacts to Florida are not expected through Thursday afternoon.
- While it is too early to determine the specifics of any impacts, if they do occur, heavy rainfall is likely to be the main threat, with gusty winds, rip currents, and waterspouts/tornadoes possible as additional threats.
- A widespread 4-8" of rain is forecast for South Florida and the Florida Keys Friday and Saturday with locally higher amounts. Flash flooding is possible, and a Flood Watch will likely be issued for the area on Thursday.
- The next briefing packet will be provided Thursday 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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