

TROPICAL UPDATE 10 AM EDT Tuesday, August 23, 2016 Invest 99L (60%), T.D. Fiona, & T.S. Gaston

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image





Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: 🗱 < 40% 🗱 40-60% 🗰 > 60% Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: O Depression 🥑 Storm ∮ Hurricane ⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

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Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the Five-Day Period Ending at 8:00 am EDT Sun Aug 28 2016 Chance of Cyclone Formation in Five Days: Low < 40% Medium 40-60% High > 60% X indicates current disturbance location; shading indicates potential formation area. Invest 99L 8 AM Tue Aug 23 2016 Position 16.4 56.5 W Maximum Winds 35 mph

Movement W at 17 mph

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

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Invest 99L Model Intensity Guidance



Steering Currents – Low Levels



Steering Currents – Upper Levels



Sea Surface Temperatures Near 99L



Current Wind Shear (shaded) and Shear Tendency (contours)



Water Vapor Satellite Image



Forecast Rainfall Total (Sun-Mon)



Tropical Depression Fiona 5 AM EDT Tue Aug 23 2016 Position 25.8 N 63.4 W Maximum Winds: 35 mph Gusts: 45 mph Movement WNW at 12 mph Minimum Pressure 1010 mb (29.81 inches)

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Tropical Depression 06L Model Track Guidance



Tropical Depression 06L Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 12z Aug 23 2016

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Tropical Storm Gaston 5 AM EDT Tue Aug 23 2016 Position 13.2 N 32.4 W Maximum Winds 50 mph Gusts 65 mph Movement WNW at 19 mph Minimum Pressure 1 004 mb (29.64 inches)

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Tropical Storm GASTON Model Track Guidance





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Invest 99L:

- A large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms located a few hundred miles east of the Leeward Islands is moving west northwest at 15-20 mph.
- Environmental conditions are somewhat conducive for development of this system during the next couple of days, although dry air in the Caribbean should limit development.
- The system has a 50% (medium) chance of development within 48 hours, and a 60% (medium) chance of development through the next five days.
- Invest 99L is forecast to move into the southeastern and central Bahamas towards the end of this week, where environmental conditions are forecast to be more conducive for tropical cyclone development.
- An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft is scheduled to investigate this disturbance later this morning.
- Forecast track models have come into slightly better agreement overnight on the possible track of Invest 99L. The system is expected to stall over the Bahamas for around 48 hours this weekend before a high pressure over the Southeastern U.S. forces the system towards the west on Sunday to Monday. But, models are in disagreement as to how far north or south the system will be in relation to Florida when it is forced to the west.
- Also, there is <u>A LOT of disagreement</u> in the computer models regarding the possible intensity of Invest 99L, which is common with weak and developing systems.
- Regardless of tropical development, periods of heavy rain are possible across Central and South Florida at the beginning of next week.
- We will continue to monitor the progress of this system for the possibility of tropical development. We will have a better idea of where this system is headed and how strong it might be once it passes through the Caribbean into the southeastern Bahamas in 2-3 days.
- At this current time, Invest 99L poses a *potential threat, not a likely threat,* to Florida.

Tropical Depression Fiona:

- Tropical Depression Fiona is located 525 miles north of the Leeward Islands with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph; Fiona is moving to the west northwest at 13 mph.
- Gradual weakening of Fiona into a remnant low is expected over the next couple of days.
- Tropical Storm Fiona poses no threat to land or the United States. Models have the system turning towards the northwest and slowing down as it dissipates.

Tropical Storm Gaston:

- Tropical Storm Gaston is currently located 545 miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands with maximum sustained winds at 50 mph. Gaston is moving west northwest at 20 mph.
- Computer models are in good agreement that Gaston will continue moving towards the west, then turn towards the northwest and continue moving into the central Atlantic away from any land areas.
- Models are also in agreement that Invest 90L is likely to intensify into a hurricane due to environmental conditions over the central Atlantic Ocean becoming favorable for tropical cyclone intensification.

Florida Outlook:

- At this point it is too early to tell if Invest 99L will produce any impacts in Florida or the U.S. There are many factors that make this a very complicated forecast, and conditions are in flux and likely to change going forward.
- T.D. Fiona and T.S. Gaston do not pose a threat to Florida or U.S.

Another briefing packet will be issued on Wednesday morning. For more information on this system, please visit the NHC website at <u>www.nhc.noaa.gov</u>



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