

TROPICAL UPDATE

12 PM EDT Sunday, June 18, 2017 Invest Area 93L (90%) and Invest Area 92L (50%)

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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 Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

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Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants



5°N

5°N

5°N

15°N

5°N

20°W

X > 60%



Steering Currents

Steering winds are expected to push 93L into the southern or central Gulf of Mexico tomorrow, but once it arrives there, steering is expected to be weak. 92L is expected to continue westnorthwestward on the southern periphery of the high pressure to its north. KTS

100

70

50

30

20 15

10 5

Current Wind Shear (Shaded) and Shear Tendency (Lines)



Satellite Image of Invest 93L



Invest 93L Model Track Guidance



Track guidance for 93L is in good agreement within 48 hours, indicating a northerly motion into the southern Gulf of Mexico. Beyond that, there is significant uncertainty, with possibilities ranging from a northwest motion toward Texas to a northeasterly motion toward Florida.

Sea Surface Temperatures Near 93L



Invest 93L Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 12z Jun 18 2017

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Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations (Today Through Friday Morning)





Forecast Wave Heights





Tuesday

Monday

Satellite Image of 92L





Track guidance for 92L indicates a continued west-northwesterly motion over the next 48 hours, taking it through the Windward Islands and into the southeastern Caribbean Sea. The guidance diverges beyond that time frame, from taking 92L across the southern Caribbean toward Central America to taking a more northwesterly direction toward Jamaica or Hispaniola.

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Summary:

- A broad area of low pressure, designated Invest Area 93L, continues to produce disorganized showers and thunderstorms over the northwestern Caribbean Sea this morning. Gradual development is expected as it moves across the Yucatan Peninsula today and into the southern or central Gulf of Mexico tomorrow and Tuesday, where it is likely to become a tropical or subtropical cyclone.
- The National Hurricane Center has given 93L a 60% (medium) chance of development over the next 48 hours and a 90% (high) chance of development over the next five days.
- Track guidance is split on 93L's future track once it enters the southern Gulf of Mexico tomorrow, as the possibilities range from a northwesterly track toward Texas to a northeasterly track toward Florida. The global computer models also remain split, as they have for the past few days. In general, lack of model consensus for developing or weak tropical systems is typical until a well-defined circulation center is present.
- There is better consensus on 93L's future intensity as most guidance indicates 93L becoming a tropical storm within 48 hours, followed by a slow weakening trend as it encounters increasing wind shear and interacts with land.
- A Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance aircraft is scheduled to investigate 93L this afternoon.
- A tropical wave located about 1000 miles east-southeast of the southern Windward Islands, designated Invest Area 92L, continues to show signs of organization.
- It has been given a 50% (medium) chance of development over the next 48 hours and over the next five days as it moves west-northwestward toward the Windward Islands and northeastern South America.
- Track guidance indicates a continued west-northwesterly movement over the next 48 hours toward the southeastern Caribbean Sea, but there is little consensus beyond 48 hours other than continued movement through the central Caribbean. Intensity guidance indicates 92L could become a tropical storm within two or three days before a weakening trend begins as it encounters increasing shear in the Caribbean.
- A Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance aircraft is scheduled to investigate 92L tomorrow.
- The next names on the 2017 Atlantic storm list are Bret and Cindy.
- No other tropical cyclone activity is currently expected over the next five days.

Florida Outlook:

- <u>There continues to be significant uncertainty regarding Invest Area 93L, therefore it should be monitored closely</u> over the next couple of days.
- Regardless of development and track, moisture associated with 93L is expected to increase rain chances, and the possibility for locally heavy rainfall, in Florida in the middle part of this week. With grounds already saturated from the plentiful rainfall this month, flooding could become an issue later this week.
- Increased wave heights and an elevated risk for rip currents are also possible along the Panhandle and Gulf coasts beginning tomorrow through the middle part of this week.
- 92L is unlikely to have any impact on Florida, at least within the next 5 to 7 days.

Another briefing packet will be issued Monday morning or if either system becomes a tropical cyclone. For more information, visit the NHC website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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