

TROPICAL UPDATE 5 PM EDT Monday, June 19, 2017 Tropical Storm Bret and Potential Tropical Cyclone #3 (formerly Gulf Invest Area 93L)

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Potential Tropical Cyclone #3 Satellite Image

Low level cloud swirl could be one possible center beginning to form. Note that storms are still displaced to the east and beginning to approach the Florida Gulf Coast. College of DuPage NEXLA





Invest 93L Model Intensity Guidance

Initialized at 18z Jun 19 2017

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Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations for next 5 Days



Peninsula will generally see 1-2". This does not account for locally higher totals if the system moves closer to the central U.S. Gulf coast. Lower amounts may occur if the system moves further west.



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Forecast Wave Heights (feet) – Monday Night, Tuesday & Wednesday



Summary

- As of 5pm EDT Monday, Hurricane Hunters found a closed center in Potential Tropical Cyclone #2 and it was upgraded to Tropical Storm Bret.
- Tropical Storm Bret is located about 125 mi SE of Trinidad just offshore of Venezuela with sustained winds of 40 mph. TS Bret will move into the eastern Caribbean before dissipating Wednesday.
- Further west in the southern Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane Hunters investigated, but did not find a closed low in Invest 93L. However, because the system is less than 36 hours from impacting land, an advisory was issued and the system is now Potential Tropical Cyclone #3.
- Florida is not included in any part of the cone, and is not under any Tropical Storm watches or warnings. HOWEVER, Florida is still expected to see impacts in the form of high surf and heavy rain.
- The National Hurricane Center is predicting an 80% chance that PTC #3 becomes a tropical storm within the next 48 hours. If it does develop a closed low, it would be named Cindy.
- Another Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance flight is expected tomorrow morning.
- Computer models are gradually getting into better agreement on the eventual track of this system, but are still prone to error due to a lack of a defined center of circulation. The range of possibilities now lies between east-central Texas and southeast Louisiana.
- Environmental conditions will become increasingly unfavorable and limited intensification is forecast to occur. The system is highly sheared with most of the wind and rainfall on the east side.

Florida Outlook:

- Tropical Storm Bret is not expected to be a threat to Florida.
- Regardless of track and intensity, the main threat from Potential Tropical Cyclone #3 will be the potential for very heavy rainfall starting tomorrow morning through Thursday.
- Widespread rainfall amounts of 6-12" are expected along the Florida Panhandle, with locally higher amounts possible especially if the system moves closer to the central U.S. Gulf Coast. The western Big Bend will see a widespread 4-8" with lesser amounts east. The Peninsula will see 1-2".
- A Flash Flood Watch is in effect tomorrow morning through Thursday from Tallahassee west through the Panhandle in anticipation of the heavy rain.
- Increased wave heights of 4-8' and a high risk of rip currents are also expected along the Panhandle coast. However, actual inundation will be less than 2' during high tides Tuesday and Wednesday.

Another briefing packet will be issued tomorrow morning. For more information on these systems visit the NHC website at <u>www.nhc.noaa.gov</u>



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