

# **TROPICAL UPDATE**9 AM EDTTuesday, June 20, 2017Tropical Storm BretPotential Tropical Cyclone #3(formerly Gulf Invest Area 93L)

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## **Atlantic Basin Satellite Image**



### **Tropical Storm Bret Satellite**

Tropical Storm Bret 8 AM AST-Tue Jun 202017 Position 11-1 N 63.6 W Maximum Winds 45 mph Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA Satellite 12:17 PM UTC Gusts 50 mph Movement WNW-at 20 mph Minimum Pressure 1008 mb (29.77 in ches) 12:17 PM AST



Potential Tropical Cyclone Three 7AM CDT Tue Jun 202017 Position 25.4 N 90:3 W Maximum Winds 40 mph Gusts 50 mph Movement NW at 9 mph Minimum Pressure 999 mb (29.50 in ches)

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Blue Marble basemaprimagery courtesy NASA.

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## **Steering Currents**

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PTC3 will be steered northwestward as high pressure from the Southern Plains moves east. TS Bret will continue to be steered west-northwest around the southern edge of high pressure in the Atlantic.

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#### **Tropical Depression 03L Model Track Guidance**

Initialized at 06z Jun 20 2017

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#### Tropical Depression 03L Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 06z Jun 20 2017 PTC3 is producing near tropical storm force

winds, but lacks a defined center. Due to wind 60 shear, computer models continue to predict a peak intensity at a weak tropical storm. 50 NGXI Wind Speed (kt) 40 CEMI ICON 30 GEM DSBB NV 4. AVN AEN OFCL 20 OPC UKX 10 . CTCI 0 12 24 36 60 96 48 72 84 108 120 132 156 168 0 144

Forecast Hour

#### Current Wind Shear (shaded) and Shear Tendency (lines)



## State Radar as of 8:50am EDT





#### Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations for next 3 Days



west of the Apalachicola River. This does not account for locally higher totals, which could reach 12" or more. Lower amounts are expected over the eastern Big Bend and western Peninsula.

# Flash Flood Watch In Effect through Thursday morning



Multiple rounds of heavy rain will impact the region beginning Tuesday morning and persisting through Thursday as Potential Tropical Cyclone Three moves through the central and northwest Gulf of Mexico.

4-6" of rain within 3-6 hours will result in flash flood issues. Widespread amounts of 4 to 8 inches with isolated rain totals of 6 to 10 inches are possible.

This heavy rainfall could result in significant areas of flash flooding. Urban and poor drainage areas will be even more susceptible to flooding.



#### Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 6/19/2017 - 6/24/2017

Southeast River Forecast Center 6/19/2017 10:44:44 AM



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Significant River Flooding Impacts include: Roads adversely affected. Residential, commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding will NOT be included in this outlook.

In addition to the flash flooding potential, minor to moderate flooding on area rivers will be possible, but this will ultimately be dependent on where the heaviest rain falls.

#### Forecast Wave Heights (feet) – Tuesday & Wednesday





## Summary

- At 8am EDT Tuesday, Tropical Storm Bret was located in the southeastern Caribbean Sea about 165 miles west of Trinidad and 440 miles east of Aruba.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 45 mph and Bret is moving quickly west-northwest around 21mph.
- This continued motion is expected to continue, but Bret may begin to weaken later today and dissipate by Friday as it encounters hostile wind shear in the central Caribbean Sea.
- In the Gulf of Mexico, Potential Tropical Cyclone #3 still lacks a defined center of circulation, but is becoming better organized.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 40mph and is moving towards the northwest at 9mph.
- A Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance aircraft is currently enroute to investigate this system to determine if it has a defined center circulation.
- The next name on the 2017 Atlantic Storm name list is Cindy.
- Computer models are in better agreement on this system, and the range of possibilities for landfall now lies between northeastern Texas and southwest Louisiana as a weak tropical storm.
- However, upper level winds will continue to push a majority of the associated storminess well to the east of the center of the system.

#### Florida Outlook:

- Tropical Storm Bret is not expected to be a threat to Florida.
- Regardless of track and intensity, the main threat from to Florida from Potential Tropical Cyclone #3 will be the potential for very heavy rainfall, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Widespread rainfall amounts of 4-8" are expected along the Florida Panhandle, with locally higher amounts of 10+" possible. Flash Flood Watches are in effect from Leon County westward.
- Increased wave heights of 6-10' are also expected along the Panhandle coast and may lead to minor coastal flooding at times of high tide along with a high risk of rip currents. A Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect for the Panhandle and Big Bend coast west of the Suwannee River.
- A marginal risk for isolated tornadoes also exists for the far western Panhandle.
- River flooding will be a concern later this week into the weekend.

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



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