

TROPICAL UPDATE

5 PM EDT

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Jose, and

Atlantic Tropical Wave (40%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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State radar as of 4:30pm EDT Saturday











Center Location: 23.4 N 80.5 W Maximum Sustained Winds: 125 mph (Cat 3) Movement: 9 mph WNW

forecast positions

Surface Wind Field: 🧿 at current location

) along 3-day forecast track

Sustained Wind Speeds: tropical storm >= 34kt/39mph strong tropical storm >= 50kt/58mph



Elevated - Potential for wind 39 to 57 mph

Little to None - Wind < 39 mph

😎 Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds 🛊







Most Likely Arrival Times of TS winds





Storm Surge Warning Storm Surge Watch Zoomable maps available here: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/ refresh/graphics_at1+shtm l/154730.shtml?wsurge#c ontents

Probabilistic Storm Surge http://slosh.nws.noaa.gov /psurge2.0/index.php?S=Ir ma2017&Adv=34&Ty=e10 &Z=z4&D=agl&Ti=cum&M sg=17&Help=about





High - Potential for storm surge flooding > 6 ft above ground

Moderate - Potential for storm surge flooding > 3 ft above ground

Elevated - Potential for storm surge flooding > 1 ft above ground

Little to None - Little to no storm surge flooding



Cumulative Rainfall Forecast Next 2 Days



FLASH FLOOD THREAT SATURDAY, SUNDAY, & MONDAY

The flood threat for South Florida will increase tonight. The threat will continue to rise for the entire Peninsula on Sunday as heavier, more consistent heavy rain moves into the area.



Flash Flood Watches for the Entire Peninsula and much of the Big Bend

> River Flood Warnings for Early Next Week Based on Expected Rainfall

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Storm Prediction Center

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NOAA/NWS/Storm Prediction Center

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Tornado Warnings So Far Today



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Hurricane JOSE Model Intensity Guidance

Initialized at 18z Sep 09 2017 I Jose is likely to maintain major hurricane status through the EGRI UKXI next 48 hours. Thereafter, Cat 5 some weakening may begin 135 due to increased wind shear and cooler water left in the wake of Irma. 115 COT AVNI Wind Speed (kt) **IVCN** Cat 3 95 Cat 2 GEM 75 Cat 1 55 TS 35 TCLP 15 -12 24 36 48 60 72 84 96 108 120 132 144 156 168 180 192 204 216 0

Forecast Hour



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida







EUMETSAT METEOSAT-9 AVNCOLOR IR CH. - SEP 9 17 18:00 UTC 4

Key Messages

- Irma is expected bring life-threatening wind and storm surge to the Florida Keys and southwestern Florida as an extremely dangerous major hurricane tonight through Saturday.
- Preparations in southwest Florida should be completed within the next few hours, as tropical-storm-force winds are expected to begin tonight.
- The threat of catastrophic storm surge flooding is high along the West coast of Florida, where up to 15 feet of inundation above ground level is expected.
- Irma will bring wind impacts to much of Florida regardless of the exact track of the center.
- Irma is expected to produce very heavy rain and inland flooding.
- Significant river flooding is possible.

Summary

- At 5pm EDT Saturday, Hurricane Irma was located about 170 miles south of Miami, or about 115 miles southeast of Key West.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 125 mph with higher gusts, making Irma a category 3 storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind scale.
- Irma is forecast to intensify over the warm waters of the Florida Straits and remain a powerful hurricane until landfall.
- Irma is moving toward the west-northwest near 9 mph, but a northwest motion is expected to begin tonight with a turn toward the north-northwest on Sunday.
- On the forecast track, the core of the hurricane will approach the Florida Keys and Southwest Florida early Sunday morning through afternoon.
- As a reminder, do not focus on the center line of the forecast cone. The center of Irma still has the potential to move anywhere within the cone of uncertainty.
- Tropical Storm force winds extend out 195 miles from the center, and hurricane force 70 miles, meaning a large portion of the Peninsula and Big Bend may experience hurricane force winds and much of the state will at least feel tropical storm conditions.
- At 5pm EDT Saturday, Hurricane Jose was located 85 miles north-northeast of the Northern Leeward Islands, which is about 1,230 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 145 mph, which is a Category 4 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Little change in intensity is expected overnight, but gradual weakening should begin on Sunday.
- Jose is moving toward the northwest near 14 mph and this motion is expected to continue for the next couple of days.
- However, after 48 hours, the models are in good agreement showing Jose slowing to a crawl and executing a slow loop well to the east of the Bahamas.
- Hurricane Katia made landfall in eastern Mexico Friday night and dissipated Saturday morning.
- Shower and thunderstorm activity associated with a tropical wave located several hundred miles south of the Cabo Verde Islands has become somewhat better organized today.
- Environmental conditions are expected to support at least some additional development, and a there is a 40% chance that a tropical depression could form in a few days while the system moves generally northwestward over the eastern Atlantic Ocean.

Florida Outlook

- Nearly all of the Florida Peninsula and Florida Panhandle could feel impacts from this system regardless of the eventual path.
- Hurricane Warnings are in effect for all counties in the Peninsula and Florida Big Bend.
- Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for the eastern Florida Panhandle east of Destin.
- Wind impacts to South Florida and the Keys have already started, with winds increasing in Central Florida early tomorrow morning. Hurricane force winds could arrive in Southeast Florida early tomorrow morning.
- **Storm Surge Warnings** are in effect for the entire East Coast and on the West Coast south of the Suwannee River. This includes all of the Florida Keys. **Storm Surge Watches** are in effect for Apalachee Bay.
- Rainfall amounts could reach as high as 10-15" with isolated higher totals of 20" possible in the Peninsula. Lesser amounts of 4-9" are expected in the Big Bend.
- Flash Flood Watches are in effect for the entire Peninsula and Big Bend.
- Isolated tornadoes are possible in the outer bands of Irma and will spread northward tonight and tomorrow. A **Tornado Watch** is in effect for South Florida.
- Hurricane Jose does not pose a threat to Florida within the next 5-7 days, but should be monitored.

Another briefing packet will be issued Sunday morning. For more information, visit the NHC website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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