

TROPICAL UPDATE

10 AM EDT

Monday, September 18, 2017

Hurricane Jose, Tropical Depression Lee &

Hurricane Maria

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image



Steering Currents

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Jose continue north between high pressure near Bermuda and an approaching cold front. Jose is expected to turn east and then possibly southeast as high pressure builds over the Northeast U.S. in the wake of the front. Maria will continue northwest around high pressure in the southwestern Atlantic, but the long-term track will be dependent on the track of Jose. If Jose makes "loops" south, it could pull Maria northward. If Jose does not loop and/or weakens faster than predicted, Maria could move more to the northwest before moving northward, which would place it closer to the Southeast U.S.

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CIMSS ENV STEERING PRODUCT: 300-850 HPA LAYER (FOR TC MSLP RANGE: 950-969 HPA) 1200 UTC 185EP17

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



1 GOES-EAST 24 HOUR WIND SHEAR TENDENCY PRODUCT 1200 UTC 18SEP17 UW-CIMSS

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Sea Surface Temperatures



Category 5 – Hurricane/ I ypn (w/ category)



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Satellite 12:17 PM UTC 8:17 AM EDT







Hurricane JOSE Model Intensity Guidance

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Forecast Wave Heights – Monday & Tuesday



Jose will continue to send high waves to the East Coast for the next few days.



Hurricane Maria 5 AM EDT Mon Sep 18 2017 Position 14.6 N 59.5 W Maximum Winds 90 mph Gusts 115 mph Movement WNW at 12 mph Science Winimum Pressure 977 mb (28.84 in ches)

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 12:19 PM UTC 8:19 AM EDT

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Hurricane MARIA Model Intensity Guidance







Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Tropical Depression Lee 5 AM EDT Mon Sep 18 2017 Position 14.1 N 39.8 W Maximum Winds 35 mph Gusts 45 mph Movement WNW at 12 mph Minimum Pressure 1 007 mb (29.73 in ches)

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Widespread river flooding continues across much of the Florida Peninsula http://www.weather.gov/serfc/ <u>Rivers still rising 9/18/17</u> St. Johns Withlacoochee Suwannee

Tallahassee





Summary

- At 8am EDT Monday, Hurricane Jose was located about 270 miles east-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, or about 640 miles east-northeast of Jacksonville, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 85 mph. Gradual weakening is expected, but Jose is forecast to remain a hurricane through today and possibly tomorrow.
- Jose is moving toward the north near 9 mph, and this motion should continue today before a slight turn to the north-northeast tomorrow.
- On Wednesday, Jose is forecast to begin a clockwise loop and move northeast, east and south through the end of the week.
- At 5am EDT Monday, Tropical Depression Lee was located in the eastern Atlantic 1,060 miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands, which is about 2,735 miles from Miami, FL.
- Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 35 mph and Lee should weaken to a remnant low by tonight.
- At 8am EDT Monday, Hurricane Maria was located 85 miles east of Martinique in the Leeward Islands, which is about 1,530 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 110 mph, making it a Category 2 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Additional strengthening is expected due to favorable conditions and it could be a major hurricane later today.
- Maria is moving towards the west-northeast near 9mph, and this motion should continue for the next few days, moving across the northern Leeward Islands and Puerto Rico.
- After that time, a turn to the northwest is possible, but the track is highly dependent on the track of Jose through the next 5 days.

Florida Outlook

- Extensive river flooding will continue across the Peninsula for several days to weeks.
- A **Coastal Flood Advisory** remains in effect for the St. Johns and its tributaries through this evening.
- Hurricane Jose does not pose a direct threat to Florida, but lingering waves and ocean swells from Jose will keep the rip current risk at high levels along much of the Florida East Coast through the weekend.
- A High Surf Advisory is in effect for Northeast and East Central Florida beaches.
- Tropical Depression Lee does not pose a threat to Florida.
- It is too early to tell if Hurricane Maria will be a threat to Florida, but it should be closely monitored.

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



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