

TROPICAL UPDATE

9 AM EDT

Friday, September 29, 2017

Hurricane Lee, Tropical Storm Maria &

Invest 99L (90%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





99L Satellite Image



GOES-FLOATER RBTOP IR - SEP 29 17 11:15 UTC

Gulf/Caribbean Satellite Water Vapor Image



Forecast Weather Maps



Invest 99L Model Intensity Guidance

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Forecast Rainfall - Next 24 Hours



Future Radar Forecast – Tonight 11pm



3km SIMULATED RADAR REFLECTIVITY SAT 170930/0300V017 CLOUD (SOLID=LOW SLASH=MID DASH=HI)



Combination of stalled front and developing low will increase rain chances across the entire Peninsula this weekend. Heaviest amounts may stay offshore but locally heavier amounts are possible.

Forecast Rainfall – Next Wednesday/Thursday from eastern Caribbean tropical wave



Forecast Cumulative Rainfall - Next 7 Days



Hurricane Lee 5AM EDT Fri Sep 29 2017 Position 38.3 N 52.4 W Maximum Winds 75 mph Gusts 90 mph Movement NE at 25 mph Minimum Pressure 987 mb (29.14 inches)

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 12:17 PM UTC 8:17 AM EDT

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Tropical Storm Maria 5/AMEDT Fri Sep 29 2017 Position 37 2 N 63:3 W Maximum Winds 55 mph Gusts 7.0:mph Movement E at 20 mph Minimum Pressure 987 mb (29.14,inches)

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Predominant Daytime Weather - Friday



<u>Sky</u>: Partly-Mostly Cloudy E wind 5-10mph

<u>Rain</u>: 50-80% south of I-4 + Keys, 20-40% northern Peninsula

<u>Hazards:</u> Gusty Winds Lightning Heavy Downpours

Predominant Nighttime Weather



<u>Sky</u>: Partly-Mostly Cloudy Light and variable wind inland

<u>Rain</u>: 30-50% East Coast/Southwest FL 60% Keys

<u>Hazards:</u> Occasional lightning Heavy Downpours

Summary

- At 5am EDT Friday, Hurricane Lee was located about 810 miles northeast of Bermuda and moving quickly northeast at 25 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 75 mph, making Lee a category 1 hurricane.
- Additional weakening is forecast, and Lee is expected to become a tropical storm later today. Lee will then dissipate by Saturday as it continues moving rapidly northeast.
- At 5am EDT Friday, Tropical Storm Maria was located about 350 miles north-northeast of Bermuda and moving quickly east near 21mph.
- Maximum winds have decreased to near 60 mph and Maria is expected to become an extratropical low by Saturday night.
- Elsewhere, a large area of showers and storms extending from the northwestern Caribbean Sea to Southeast Florida is associated with a broad surface trough interacting with an upper-level low.
- Since most of the activity is on the western side of the trough, computer models are in some disagreement on where a weak area of low pressure is likely to form, with some continuing to place the low formation off the Florida East Coast and two reliable models placing it on or just off the West Coast of Florida this weekend.
- Conditions are somewhat conducive for this low to acquire tropical characteristics and the National Hurricane Center is predicting a 40% (medium) chance of tropical cyclone formation.
- A Hurricane Hunter reconnaissance mission has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday afternoon.
- Significant development into a strong tropical system is not expected and regardless of development, the general impacts to Florida will be the same.
- A tropical wave is producing cloudiness and showers over the northeastern Caribbean Sea and the adjacent Atlantic waters.
- There is only a 20% (low) chance of tropical cyclone formation within the next 5 days, but rains associated with this low may impact Florida next week.

Florida Outlook

- Regardless of development, this system, in combination with a stalled frontal boundary over northern Florida, is likely to produce locally heavy rainfall of 1-3" (with isolated amounts up to 4-5" possible) over portions of the Florida Peninsula and Florida Keys during the next 48 hours.
- There are currently no Flood Watches in effect, but could be issued later today as computer models come into better agreement on rainfall.
- Persistent east winds will have the potential to produce elevated tides (especially along the St. Johns River) and high waves that could result in additional coastal erosion during high tide.

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



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