

### **TROPICAL UPDATE** 5 PM EDT Saturday, October 28, 2017 Tropical Depression 18

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### TROPICAL STORM PHILIPPE 5:00 PM EDT

LAT: 23.0°N LON: 82.6°W 120 MI SSW OF KEY WEST FLORIDA

> WINDS: 40 MPH PRESSURE: 1002 mb MOVING: N at 29 MPH

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## Forecast Rainfall Totals & Flooding Risk Through Tonight

Today, the cold front and PTC 18 will enhance rainfall chances across most of the state. Below are forecast rainfall totals through tomorrow morning; locally higher amounts are possible. There is some potential for localized minor flooding as well, primarily south of Lake Okeechobee.





## Wind Speeds and Gusts on Sunday









#### Summary:

- Potential Tropical Cyclone 18 became Tropical Depression 18 at 11am EDT when aircraft reconnaissance found a well-defined center of circulation. It is now Tropical Storm Philippe, the 16<sup>th</sup> named storm of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season.
- At 5pm EDT, Philippe was located about 20 miles southwest of Havana, Cuba, or about 120 miles south-southwest of Key West, and was moving north at 29 mph. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts.
- Philippe is expected to strengthen some over the next 48 hours while turning northeast tonight and accelerating to the northeast on Sunday.
- On the NHC forecast track, Philippe would move into the Florida Straits this evening, across the Keys or the southern tip of the Florida Peninsula overnight, and across the northwestern Bahamas tomorrow morning.

#### Florida Outlook:

- A **Flood Watch** is in effect for Broward, Collier, Indian River, Mainland Monroe, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties.
- Storm total rainfall across the Keys and much of South Florida will generally be 2-4" with locally higher amounts of 6" possible. These amounts could cause some localized minor nuisance flooding, especially in urban and low-lying areas. Expect any lingering showers to clear the Peninsula by late Sunday morning.
- Stronger thunderstorms could produce a couple brief, isolated tornadoes and damaging winds in Southeast Florida and the Keys this evening.
- A **Tropical Storm Watch** is in effect from Craig Key to Golden Beach. <u>Tropical storm force winds, primarily in gusts</u> from brief, heavy squalls, are *possible* overnight in the watch areas.
- <u>The strongest winds are expected to remain east and southeast of Philippe's center.</u>
- On Sunday, in the wake of the cold front, winds of 20-25 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph, are expected in the Keys. Gusts between 20-25 mph are possible in the Peninsula.

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



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