

TS Andrea Briefing- 12pm EDT June 6th, 2013 National Weather Service Tallahassee, Florida



- Tropical Storm Andrea remained the same intensity or perhaps weakened a tad late this morning. Andrea has sped up and is expected make landfall close to 4 pm EDT as a tropical storm near Dixie County.
- Tropical Storm warnings remain in effect for parts of the Big Bend inland into parts of southern central and southeast GA. Leon/inland Wakulla counties, and Thomas/Irwin counties GA, are no longer in the warning.
- Specific impacts:
 - Sustained winds of 45-50 mph with higher gusts near the ern Bend coast, 30-40 mph with higher gusts inland, are expected in TS warning.
 Tropical Storm conditions already measured offshore Apalachicola
 - Heavy rain (3-4+" Big Bend into south central GA, local amounts much higher.)
 - Limited direct impact over se AL and wrn Panhandle.
 - 2-4' increase in coastal tide Apalachee Bay.
 - Isolated tornado threat far eastern Big Bend.

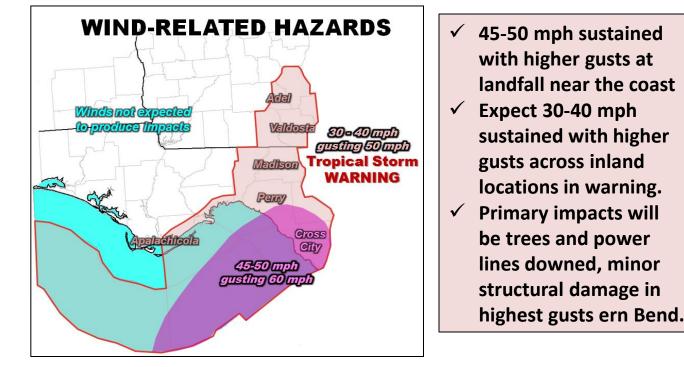
•Timing: Improvements beginning mid to late evening into Friday morning

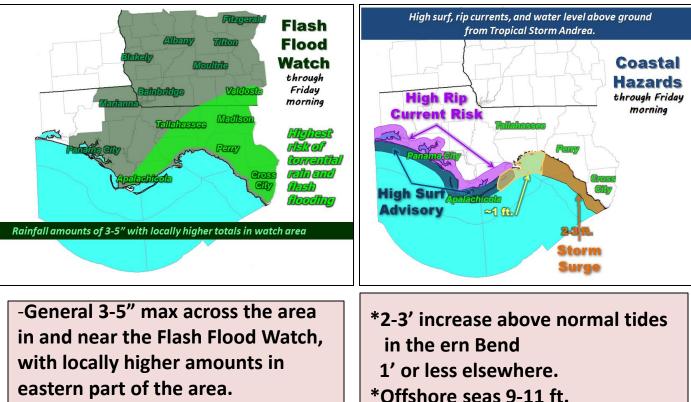




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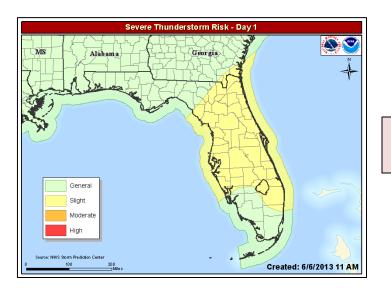






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- Slight Risk for a tornado through tonight (yellow).

Discussion:

On radar images the center of Andrea is well defined and is making a direct run at Dixie county. The center will likely make landfall by 4pm. We will likely see tropical storm winds across the eastern Big Bend into south central GA through the evening as the center races northeast, where TS warnings will remain. Impacts from surge and winds will likely be less than earlier forecast across western parts of the Big Bend, and TS warnings are no longer in effect for those inland areas..

Winds may compare around the eastern FL Bend and neighboring GA counties to what we had with TS Fay in 2008 where winds may down trees and power lines, creating scattered power outages. Some damage to weak structures can also be expected in this area through the evening.

Coastal inundation over coastal Taylor and Dixie counties may remain in the 2-3' range as the storm makes landfall near low tide. Heavy rainfall, especially near any intense thunderstorm flare-ups, will produce localized flooding, especially over the FL Big Bend into s-central GA.