

TROPICAL UPDATE

8 AM EDT Sunday, May 27, 2018 Sub-Tropical Storm Alberto

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Steering Currents

Steering currents near Alberto have increased near Alberto due to the easterly track. In addition, an upper level low (non-tropical) has moved southeast into the central Gulf of Mexico. This will result in a faster forward movement of Alberto as it is steered between high pressure to the east and low pressure to the west.

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Forecast Hour



Current Radar as of 6:55 AM



Forecast Weather Maps

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Alberto will affect all of Florida today and tomorrow. Conditions will improve across the Peninsula on Tuesday, but storms are expected to linger through Tuesday for the Panhandle.

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Fort Myers

Conditions Likely

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Apalachicola

Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for all coastal areas from Escambia to Lee County where tropical storm winds are now likely today and Monday.

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Tropical Storm Warnings are also in effect for the inland counties of Holmes, Washington, and Calhoun.

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Tropical-Storm-Force Wind Speed Probabilities (Preliminary) For the 120 hours (5.0 days) from 2 AM EDT SUN MAY 27 to 2 AM EDT FRI JUN 01

The chances of receiving tropical storm force winds have slightly decreased for the far western Panhandle, but have increased since yesterday for the eastern Panhandle and Florida Big Bend, as well as the entire west Coast of Florida. TS winds are expected to be mostly confined to the coastal areas on the west coast, but could be felt inland for areas west of Tallahassee.



Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds







Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Interactive Map: https://www.weat her.gov/srh/tropic al?office=tae





Past 24 Hour Estimated Observed Rainfall

Zero Trace. Trace to 0.1 0.1 to 0.25 0.25 to 0.5 0.5 to 1.0 1.0 to 1.5 1.5 to 2.0 Most of the state received less 2.0 to 2.5 2.5 to 3.0 than 2 inches of rain 3 to 4 yesterday, except for portions 4 to 5 of the Keys and Southeast 5 to 6 Florida where 2-3" of rain 6 to 8 8 to 10 occurred. 10 to 12 12 to 16 Created at 06:40 AM on 05/27/18 16 +

by the Southeast River Forecast Center

Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations for Today

24-Hour Precipitation (in) Ending Monday, May. 28, 2018 at 8 a.m. EDT

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Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations

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A large rain band may extend well east of the center and could impact the Peninsula

through Monday or Tuesday even with the center of the system near the Panhandle.

Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations





- Since soils are already saturated, any additional heavy rain (generally 3-4" in 3 hours, 5-6" in 6 hours or 6-8" in 12 hours) will cause flash flooding issues.
- Lower amounts, or 3-6" over a longer time period can still cause flooding of roads and low-lying areas.



Active Flood Watches



Forecast Total Rainfall Accumulations for next 7 Days

7-Day Precipitation (in) Ending Sunday, Jun. 3, 2018 at 8 a.m. EDT

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EXACT RAINFALL AMOUNTS WILL DEPEND ON THE STRUCTURE AND TRACK OF ALBERTO, WHICH COULD BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN WHAT IS SHOWN. At this time, widespread average rainfall amounts of 2-4" inches are possible across Northeast and Central Florida, with 3-7" possible over portions of Southeast Florida and the Florida Panhandle. Isolated higher totals of 7 to 12 inches possible over portions of the Panhandle and Southeast Florida.





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7 Day Chance of River Flooding

In addition to the flash flooding potential, minor to possibly moderate flooding on area rivers will be possible, but this will ultimately be dependent on where the heaviest rain falls. The areas for concern are currently in West Central Florida, the Florida Panhandle, and the Santa Fe River basin and Paynes Prairie State Park.



Summary

- At 8am EDT Sunday, the center of Sub-Tropical Storm Alberto was located 165 miles southwest of Tampa, Florida, which is also 240 miles south of Apalachicola, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 45mph and Alberto is moving quickly north around 15 mph. A motion toward the north-northwest is forecast tonight through Monday night.
- On the forecast track, the center of Alberto will cross the eastern and northern Gulf of Mexico through Monday, and make landfall over the northern Gulf Coast Monday afternoon or Monday evening.
- Gradual strengthening is forecast until the system reaches the northern Gulf Coast on Monday. Steady weakening is expected after Alberto makes landfall, and it is forecast to become a tropical depression by Tuesday.

Florida Outlook:

- While the Panhandle in within the 3 day cone, impacts will be felt across a majority of the state. Heavy rainfall will be the primary threat, although the wind and tornado threat is also increasing.
- Winds of 40 mph extend outward up to 150 miles (240 km) mainly to the east of the center.
- Tropical Storm Warnings are now in effect for ALL coastal counties from Escambia to Lee, and now include the inland counties of Holmes, Washington and Calhoun.
- A Storm Surge Watch extends along the Panhandle Coast from the Escambia County east to Crystal River in Citrus County due to anticipated surge values of 2-4 feet.
- Widespread rainfall amounts of 3-6" are expected statewide, with locally higher amounts of 7-12+" possible, especially for the Florida Panhandle and portions of South Florida.
- Flood and Flash Flood Watches are in effect for most of the state, including all counties in Central and South Florida, and in the Panhandle and Big Bend.
- River flooding will also be a concern for portions of the state over the coming days.
- Increased wave heights are also expected along most Florida beaches and will lead to a high risk of rip currents for the holiday weekend and into next week.
- There is a marginal to slight risk (level 2 of 5) of tornadoes for much of the state for today and Monday. Tornado Watches may be issued.

Another briefing packet will be issued Sunday afternoon. For more information on this system visit the NHC website at www.nhc.noaa.gov



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