

TROPICAL UPDATE

11 AM EDT

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Hurricane Michael, Hurricane Leslie &

Tropical Storm Nadine, Caribbean Low (40%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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State Radar as of 11:20 AM EDT Wed.













Center Location: 31.3 N 84.7 W Maximum Sustained Winds: 100 mph (Cat 2) Movement: 17 mph NNE



Center Location: 32.1 N 84 W Maximum Sustained Winds: 80 mph (Cat 1) Movement: 18 mph NE

Forecast Cumulative Wind Swath







Storm Surge Watch

Flash Flood Watch in effect (light green)



Forecast Cumulative Rain Totals – Next 48 Hours

Rain bands will begin impacting parts of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and West Coast today. Rain totals will be maximized east of where Michael tracks. A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for portions of the Big Bend and eastern Panhandle where 4-8" of rain is expected with isolated totals of 10-12" possible.

48-Hour Precipitation (in) Ending Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 at 8 p.m. EDT

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NOAA/NWS/Storm Prediction Center

Updated: 20181010/0951 UTC

Post-Storm High/Low Temperature **Forecast - Thursday**

90

79

76

8AM EDT

Paln Beach



Summary

Hurricane Michael:

- At 11:30am EDT Wednesday, Hurricane Michael was located about 50 miles south-southwest of Panama City, FL, and moving north-northeast at 14 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 150 mph, a strong Category 4 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Tropical storm force winds extend up to 175 miles from the center and hurricane force winds extending up to 45 miles from the center.
- Michael will remain a major hurricane while moving through the Panhandle, and is not forecast to weaken to a tropical storm until it is over middle Georgia Thursday morning.

Hurricane Leslie:

- Leslie is a low-end Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, moving southsoutheast at 7 mph.
- Leslie could approach Category 2 intensity as it turns eastward through Friday.

Tropical Storm Nadine:

- Tropical Storm Nadine is located in the eastern Atlantic Ocean with maximum sustained winds near 65 mph.
- Some additional strengthening is possible over the 24-36 hours while moving northwest, but is forecast to dissipate this weekend.

Florida Outlook:

- An increase in water levels from Michael are already present and wave heights and storm surge will continue to increase through tonight.
- Tropical storm conditions are arriving in the Panhandle and will spread inland throughout the day. Hurricane conditions should arrive in the Panhandle within a next few hours.
- **Tropical Storm Wind Watches** are in effect for 5 counties along the Florida West Coast, with a **Tropical Storm Warning** in effect for 10 counties in the eastern Big Bend, Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast.
- Hurricane Warnings are in effect for 18 Panhandle and Big Bend counties, including coastal portions of Taylor and Dixie.
- Storm surge will be one of the greatest impacts from this storm and may affect a large portion of the Florida Gulf Coast. **Storm Surge Warnings** have been issued between the Walton/Okaloosa border eastward to the Pasco/Pinellas County line for possible surge inundation of 6-9' for the eastern Panhandle coast and Nature Coast, and 9-14' for Apalachee Bay and the eastern Panhandle east of Panama City. Storm Surge Watches remain in effect for the Tampa Bay region for possible surge values of 2-4'.
- Widespread rainfall totals of 4-8" with locally higher amounts of 8-10+" can be expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend, with most of it occurring today.
- A Tornado Watch is in effect for the eastern Panhandle and Florida Big Bend until 5pm EDT.

Another briefing packet will be issued this evening. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov.</u>



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