



PORT FOURCHON

**Hurricane Readiness
Meeting
2026**

INTRODUCTION

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***Deputy Port Director
Greater Lafourche Port Commission***

Welcome! We are



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Ready Today, Ready for Tomorrow

The location of Port Fourchon means we are in close proximity to the energy infrastructure in the Gulf of America, but that same location also subjects the port to tropical storms and hurricanes. We have to be ready.



Gulf of America

Port Fourchon

*It is the goal of the Port Commission
to address each storm in a manner that
strives for the continued safe operation
of port and airport facilities while
ensuring public safety.*



Hurricane Season Preparedness

During hurricane season (June 1-November 30), the Port Commission follows established protocols to prepare and respond to potential storm events, including:

- **Preparing GLPC facilities and equipment to minimize potential storm damage**
- **Meeting with employees to discuss responsibilities**
- **Maintaining contact with state and local government officials, parish and state offices of emergency preparedness, National Weather Service, US Coast Guard, NOAA, and more**
- **Providing up-to-date storm information to port and airport tenants, businesses, and the public**

HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK & PREPAREDNESS

Megan Williams

*Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service
New Orleans/Baton Rouge*

National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge Tropical 2026

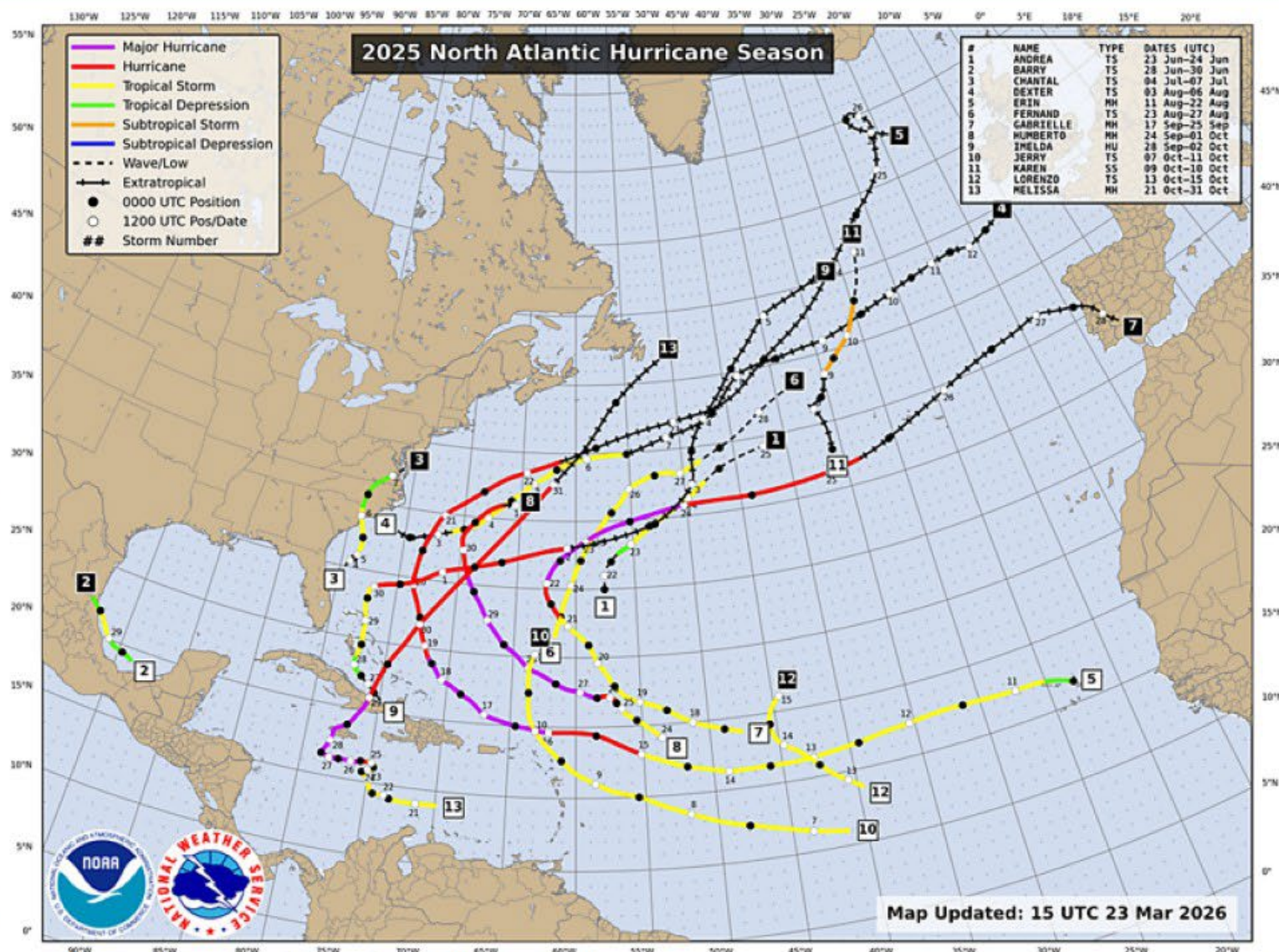
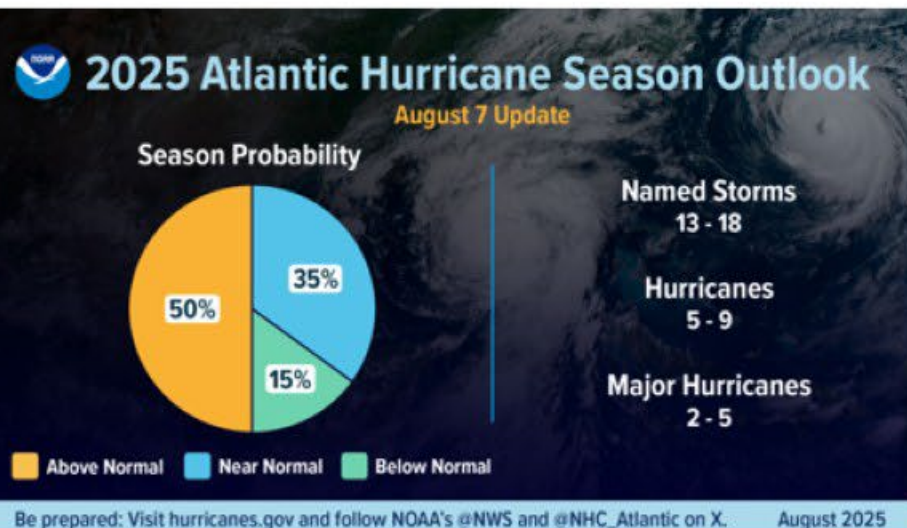
Megan Williams
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U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service

What happened in 2025?

- **13 Named Storms** (average 14)
- **5 Hurricanes** (average 7)
- **4 major Hurricanes** (average 3)
 - *Erin* (Cat 5)
 - *Humberto* (Cat 5)
 - *Melissa* (Cat 5)
 - *Gabrielle* (Cat 4)

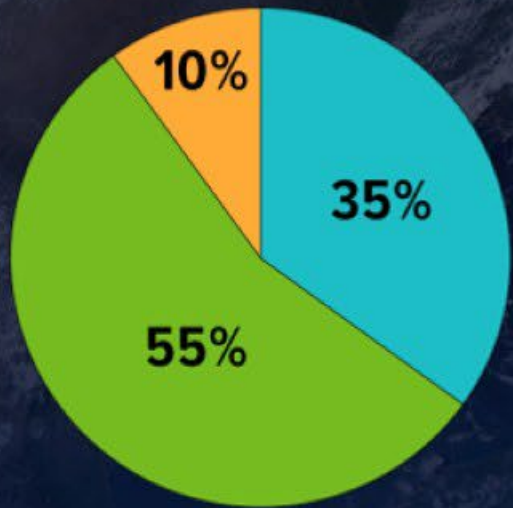


2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook



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Season Probability



 Above Normal  Near Normal  Below Normal

Named Storms

8 - 14

Hurricanes

3 - 6

Major Hurricanes

1 - 3

Averages

Named Storms

14

Hurricanes

7

Major Hurricanes

3

Be prepared: visit hurricanes.gov and follow NOAA's @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on X.

May 2026

What does the outlook mean?

Going into a strong El Nino, which “typically” lowers Atlantic basin numbers but...

There is exactly 0% skill when it comes to guessing which state will be affected or when over the course of the season.

It only takes one storm to make it a bad season.



Forecast is a SEASONAL and BASIN wide forecast.
The forecast is for **this whole basin** from Jun 1 to Nov 30!

2026 Names

2020 has come back!

Laura was retired.

“Technically” Eta and Iota were also retired but we don’t use the Greek alphabet anymore!



2026 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Arthur
Bertha
Cristobal
Dolly
Edouard
Fay
Gonzalo

Hanna
Isaias
Josephine
Kyle
Leah
Marco
Nana

Omar
Paulette
Rene
Sally
Teddy
Vicky
Wilfred

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May 2026

FYI-Operational Forecast Cone for 2026



Cone graphic depicting inland U.S. tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings will be the default cone graphic in 2026.

This graphic helps to convey wind hazard risk over land.

Helps to show the scope of “some” impacts, especially for inland areas.

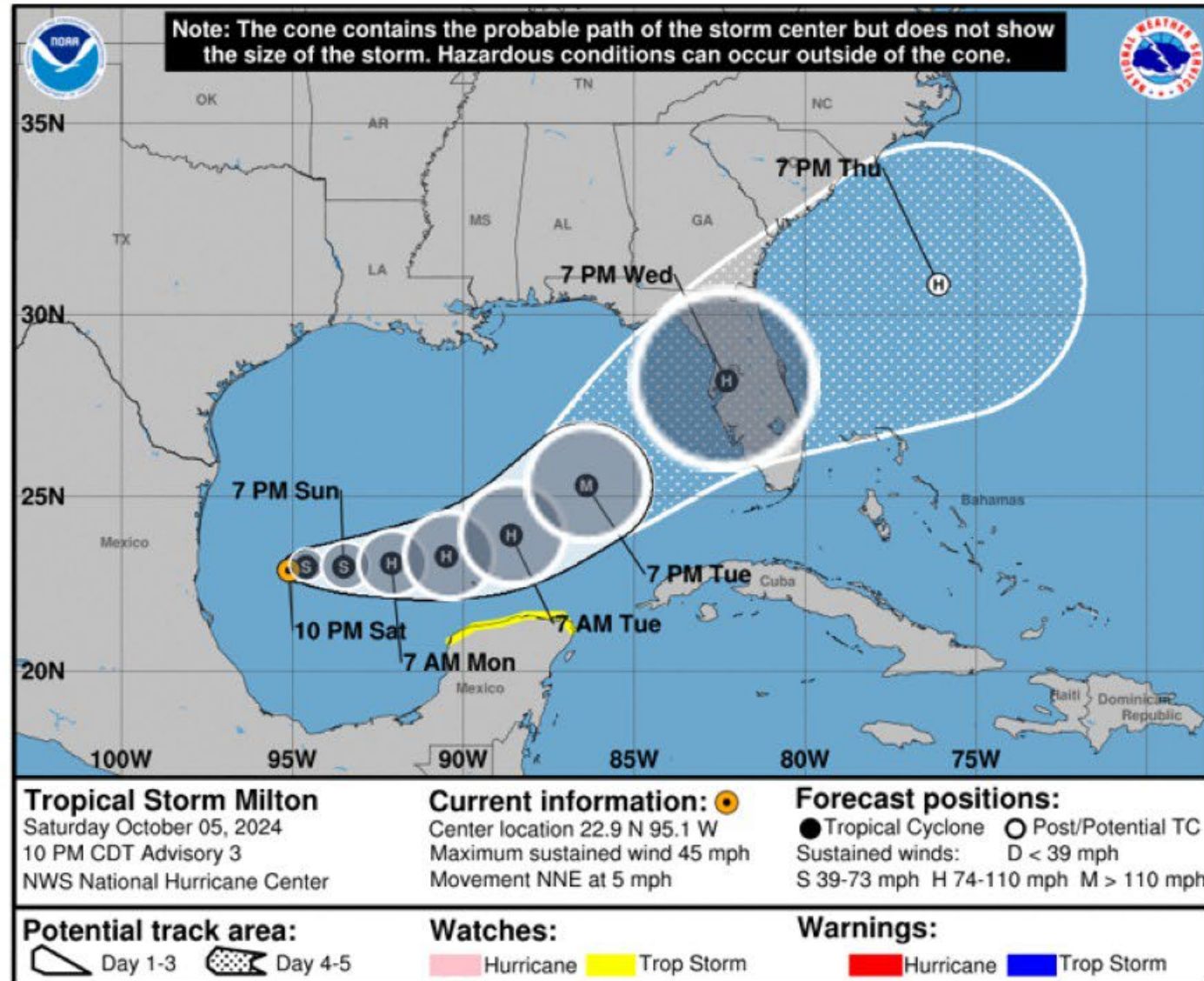
What is it? Statistics, not Impacts!

Each circle represents 66% of the track error over the last 5 years.

Conveys that 66% of the time, the center of the storm will be within the cone.

The cone size does not change through the season.

2026 cone is 4-8% smaller than 2025 cone.

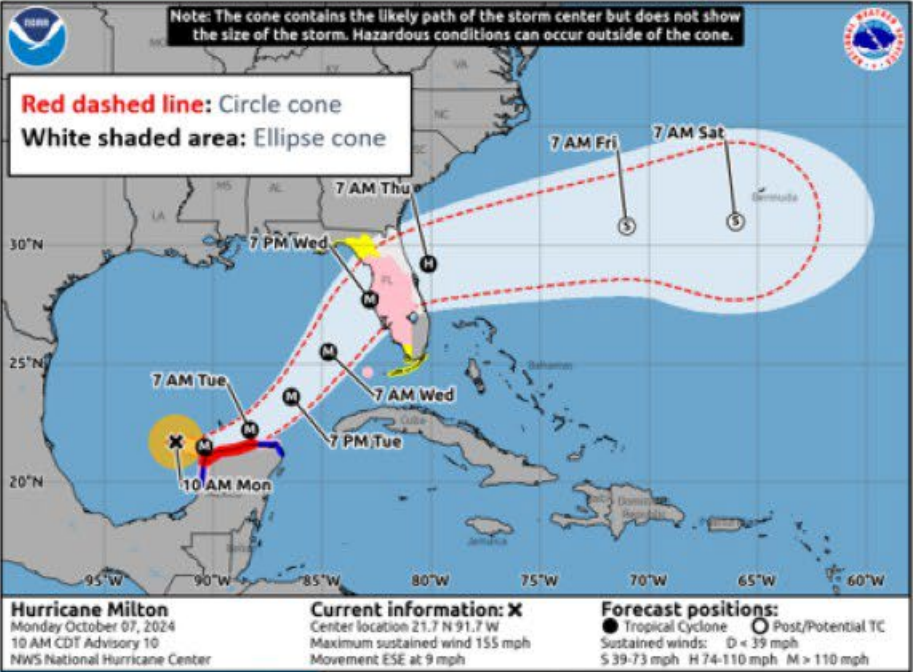


NEW 2026 Experimental Cone

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Now, they will use two ellipses: The average error of forward/back speed and average error of the left/right movement of the storm.

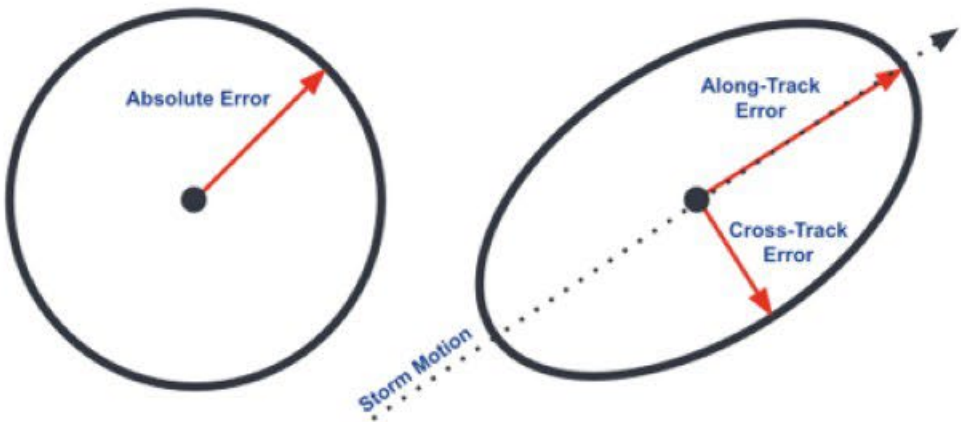
Cone will now show where the center of the storm is expected to be 90% of the time.



Operational Circle Cone
(67th percentile of absolute errors)



Experimental Ellipse Cone
(90th percentile of along- and cross-track errors)



Schematic showing the difference between absolute forecast error and along- and cross-track forecast error

Tropical Product Review



National Hurricane Center Product Timeline

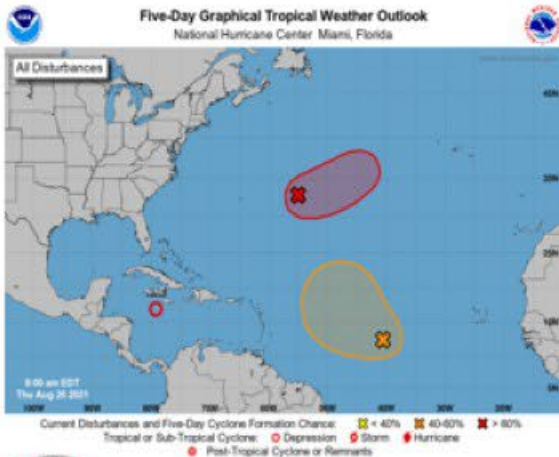
7 Days Out

- Tropical Weather Outlook



60-72 Hours Out

- PSurge (for select, well-behaved storms)



5 Days Out

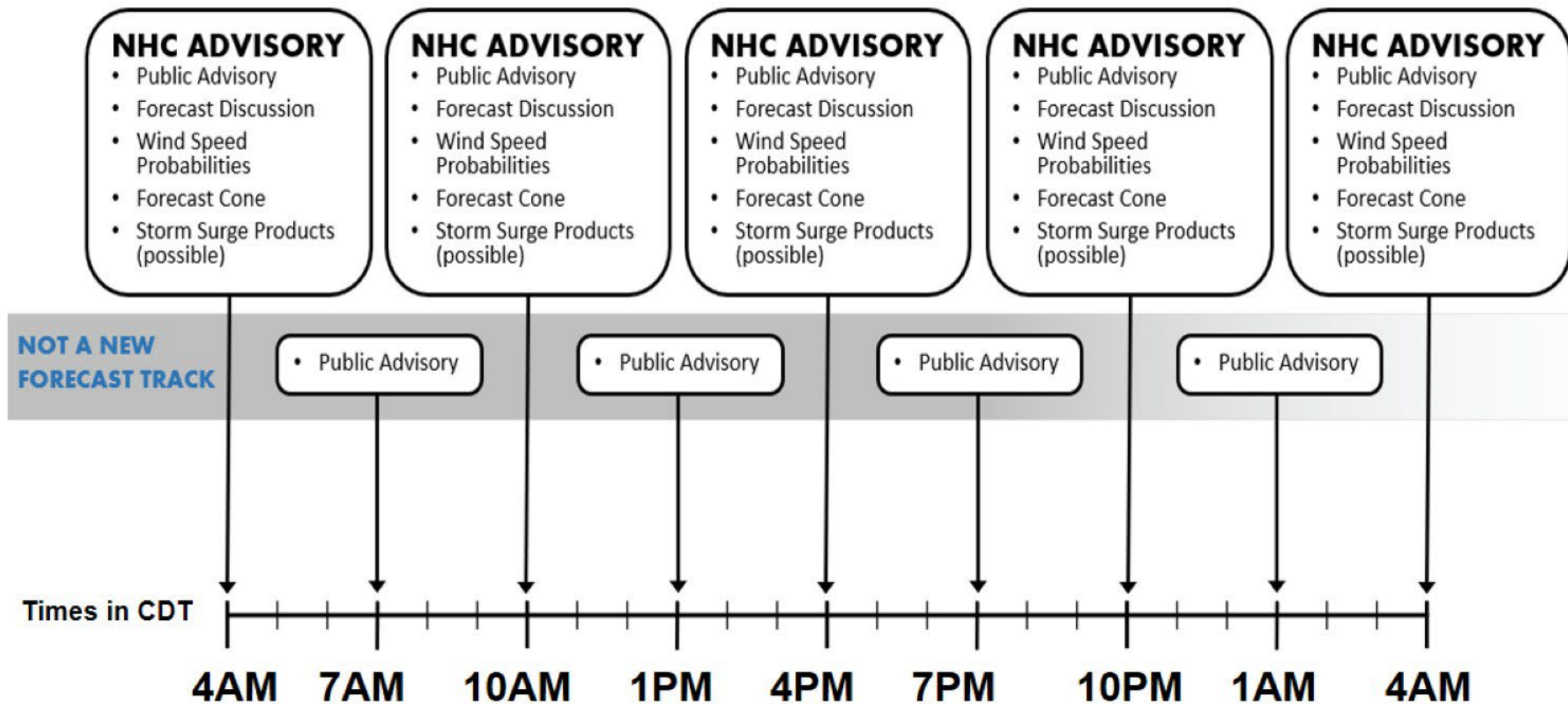
- NHC Advisory Packages (cone, wind speed probabilities, TOA)
- SLOSH MOMs and MEOWs

48 Hours Out

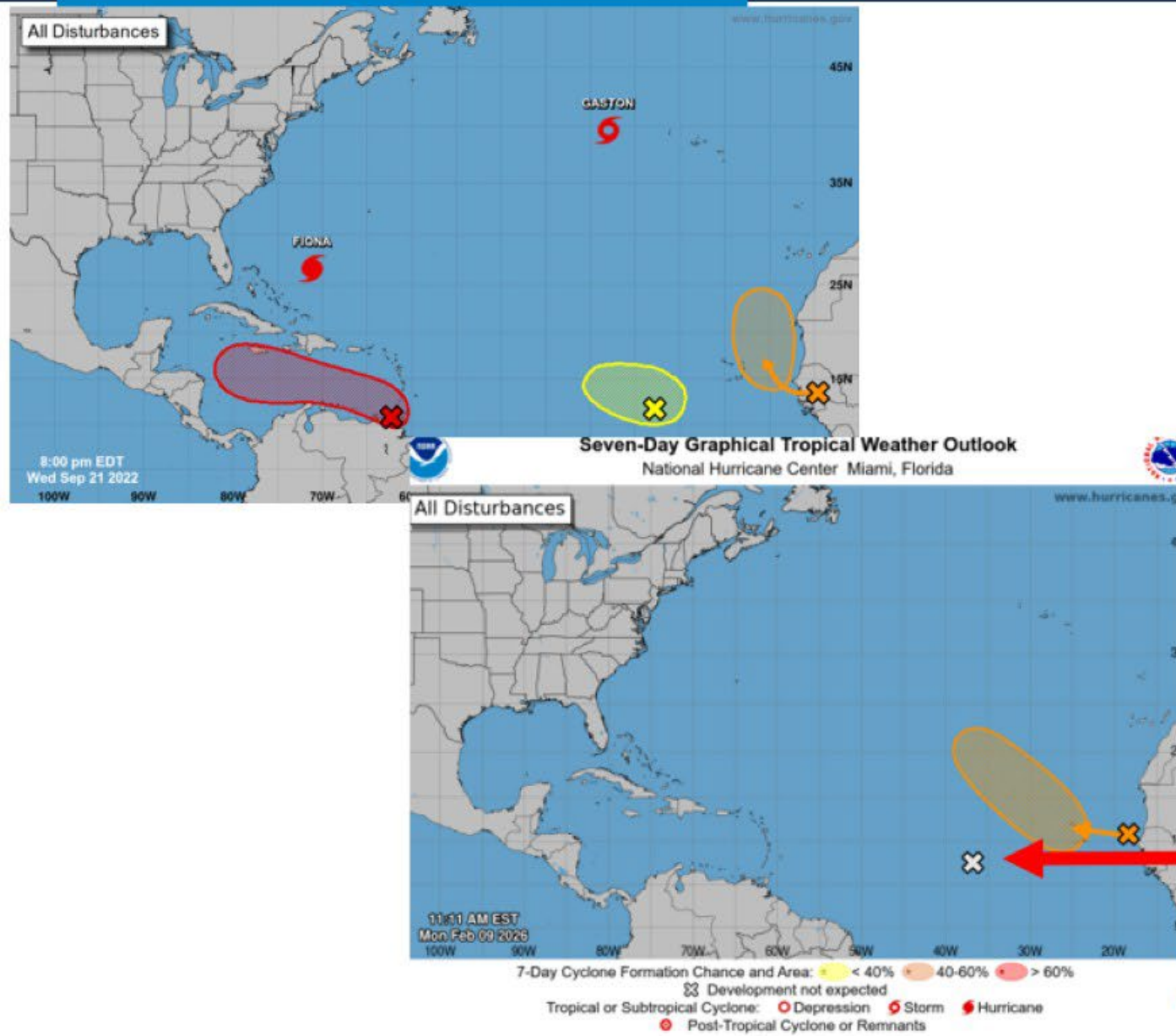
- Watch/Warning Products
- Hurricane Threats and Impacts Graphics
- PSurge/Inundation Forecasts



National Hurricane Center Advisory Cycle



Tropical Weather Outlooks (TWO)



Provides probabilities of **tropical cyclone formation** for the next 48 hours and 7 days.

Issued routinely 4x a day:

- 15 May - 30 Nov. in the eastern North Pacific and Atlantic basins

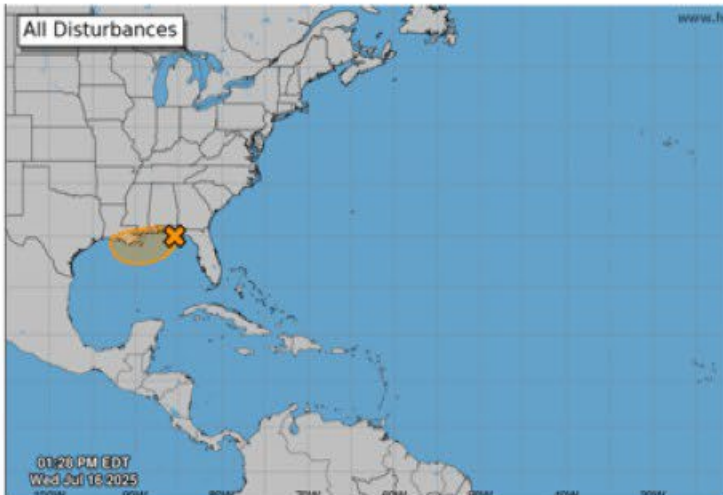
Starting in 2026, a Gray X will show systems that are not expected to develop.

TWO- What they are NOT



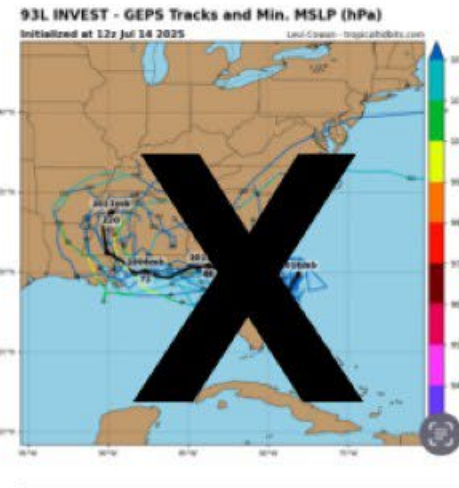
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NOT a “tropical
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indicator

NOT a forecast
of impacts

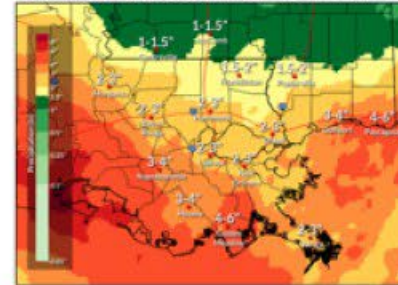


Heavy Rain Threat Through Saturday

Be prepared for street flooding and areas of flash flooding. Greatest threat Thursday-Friday.

Most Likely Rain Totals

Generally 3-5" of rain across areas south of the I-10 corridor with 1-3" north of the interstate. Heaviest rain will be Thurs/Fri.

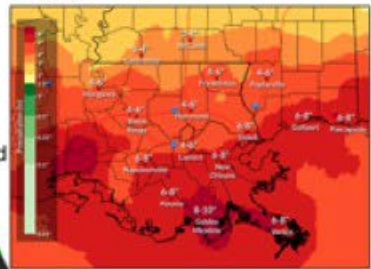


Safety

Monitor the forecast and have multiple ways to receive warnings. Be careful around roads. Turn around, don't drown! Be careful. Flooding may be obvious initially.

Reasonable Worst Case Rainfall Forecast

Not all places will see values this high, but a few places could receive up to 10" of rain through Saturday night.



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
NEW ORLEANS/BATON ROUGE
Social Media: @NWSNewOrleans

Issued: 7/16/2025 2:56 PM

The start of a package... the cone.

You are a decision maker in Tampa, Florida. This is the first cone you see, issued Saturday night with the landfall as Wednesday evening.

What is this telling us?

Should we look at impacts?



But the spaghetti models.....

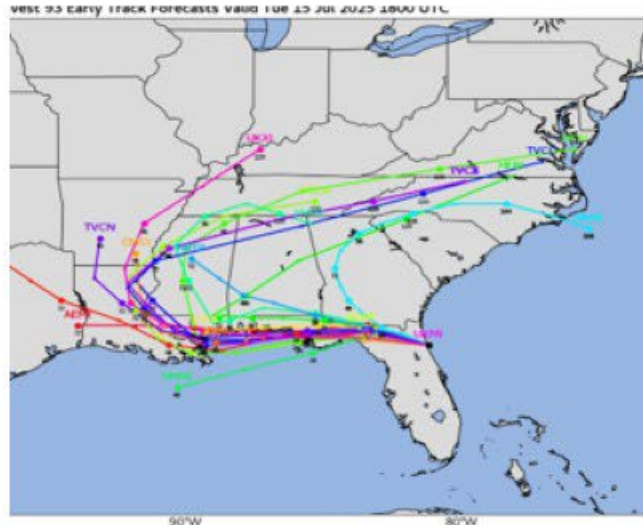
Each line is one single model of the storm's center at one particular point in time.

No impacts. No wind speed or strength. No impact timing.
They will change every 3-6 hours.

Irma hit the west coast of FL



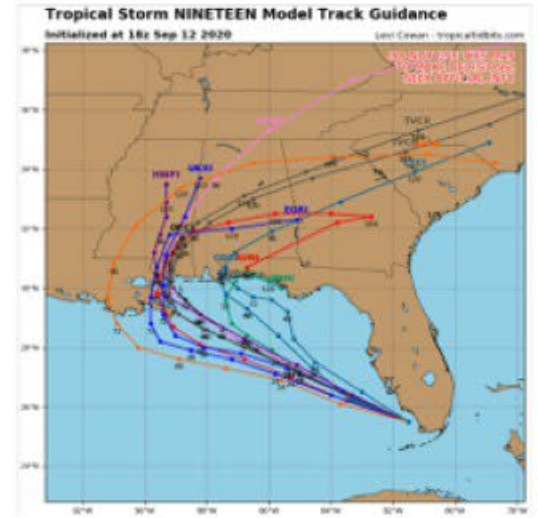
Just some rain



Actually hit Mexico



Sally made landfall at AL/FL border



Let's Look at Wind Speed Probabilities



Available for 39 MPH, 58 MPH and 74 MPH. This is Monday morning at 1AM.

Compare these against your threshold for wind speeds. If your threshold is 10% chance of strong tropical storm force winds, these graphics will show you those.

But what time will they arrive?

What time will those winds arrive?

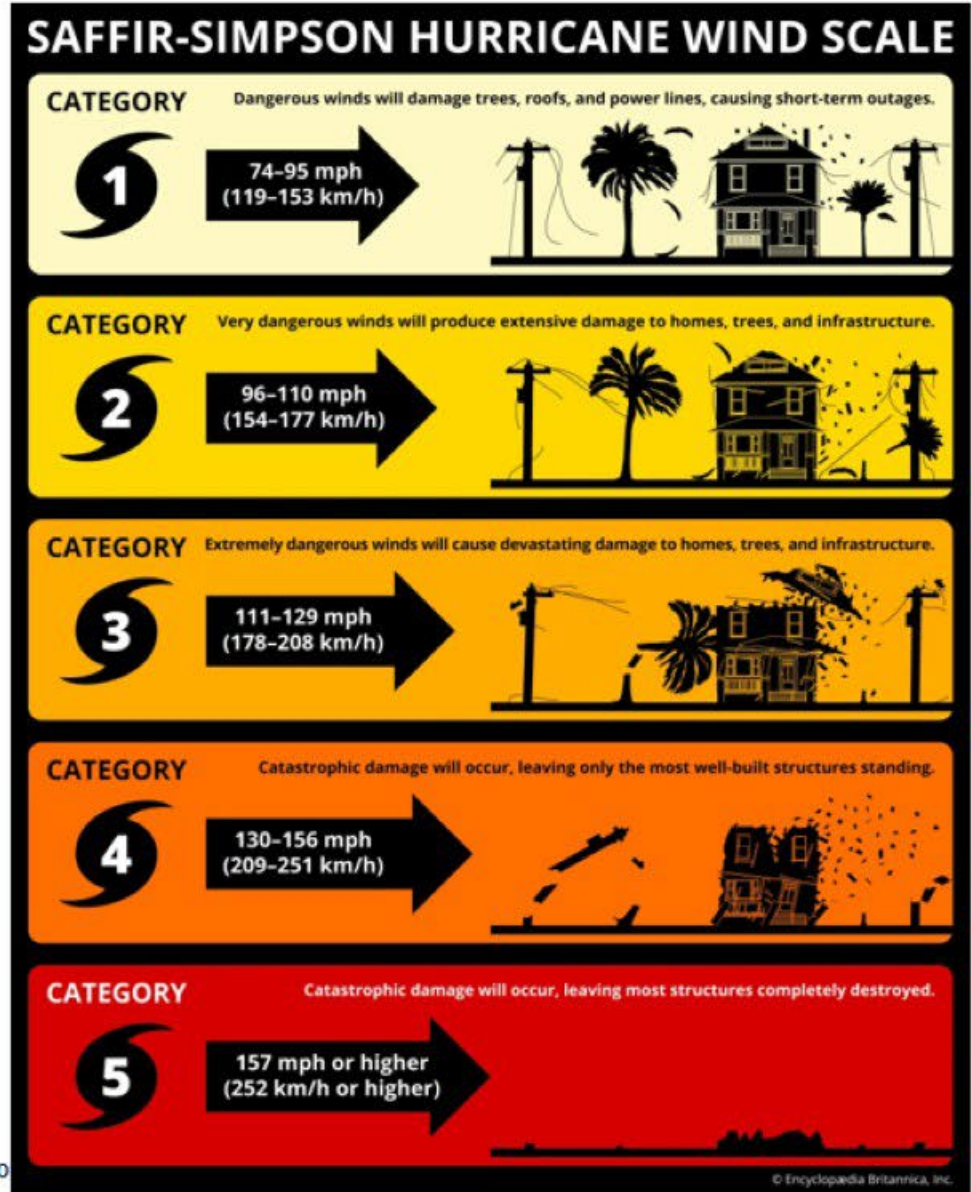


Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical Storm Force Winds - 90% chance that the winds will get here AFTER this time.

Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical Storm Force Winds - 50% chance the winds will get here before/after this time.

Reminder with wind speeds!

We focus on wind speed probabilities because hurricane category is wind ONLY and does not tell us the full scope of the wind speeds or impacts or any other hazards.



What about surge?

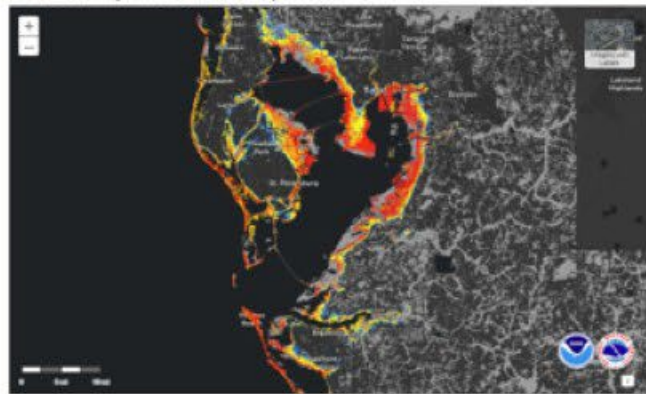
NHC and the NWS offer multiple surge products.

Storm Surge Watches and Warnings are issued for life threatening storm surge 48 to 24 hours in advance.

We will work closely with Emergency Management so please refer to them for additional information.

Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map (inundation)

NHC Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map
Hurricane MILTON (2024) Advisory 12
From 10 PM CDT Monday October 07 to 01 AM CDT Saturday October 12



Potential Storm Surge Flooding*

- Intertidal Zone/Estuarine Wetland
- Greater than 1 foot above ground
- Greater than 3 feet above ground
- Greater than 6 feet above ground
- Greater than 9 feet above ground

Map Layer Options:

Download GIS data (shapefiles) | Inundation Layer Only | Inundation with Intertidal Layer

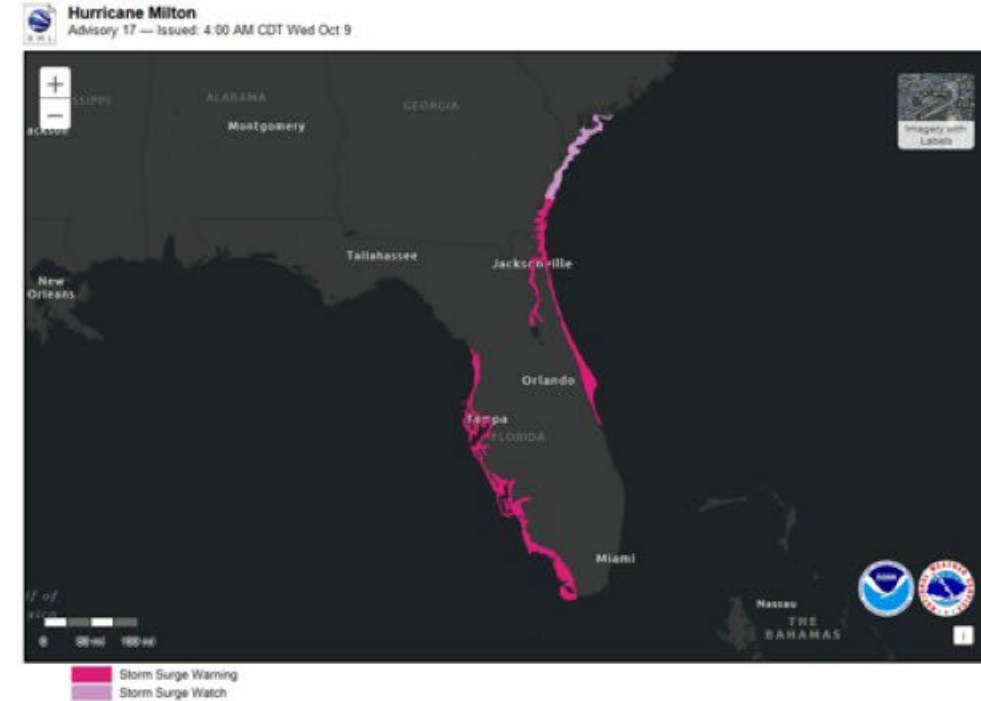
*Deployed flooding values indicate the water height that has about a 1-in-10 (10%) chance of being exceeded.



Hurricane Milton
Monday October 07, 2024
04 PM CDT Advisory 11
NWS National Hurricane Center

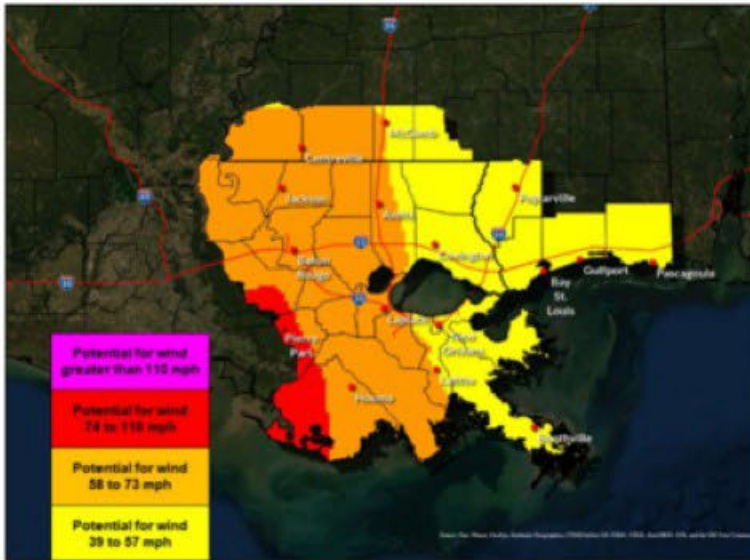
User Notes: Surge levels along the immediate coast could reach the following heights above ground level within the indicated areas. Elevated water levels will likely be accompanied by large and destructive waves. Colors are determined by the highest values in the associated forecast peak surge range. Values shown on this graphic are inclusive of tide.

Storm Surge Watch/Warning Graphic*



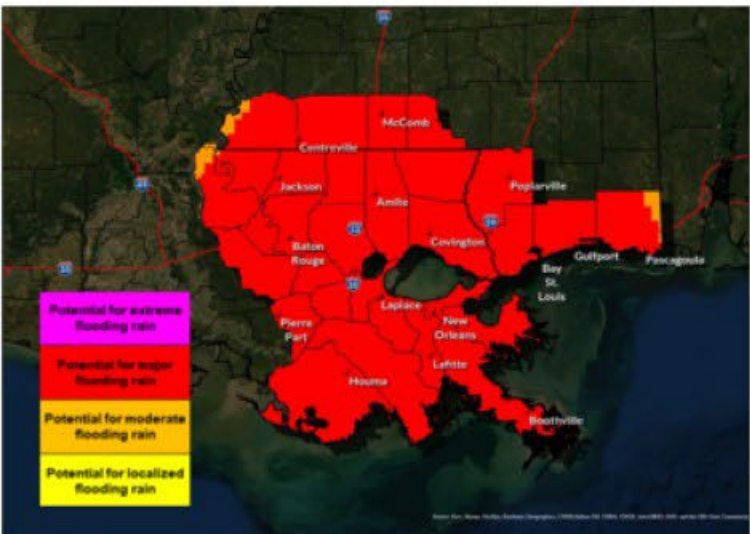
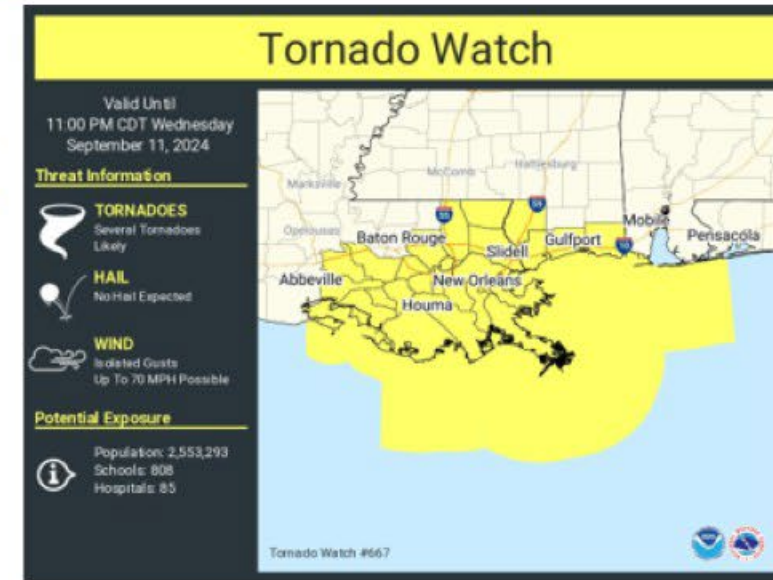
Storm Surge Warning
Storm Surge Watch

Local NWS Advisory Package Graphics



TROPICAL STORM FRANCINE BRIEFING

7:00 AMCT
Tuesday, September 10, 2024



These are great, but what about impacts?

Hurricane Threat and Impact Graphics (HTI) are issued to show the expected impacts for Wind, Surge, Flooding and Tornadoes. This is what we want people to PREPARE for.



Major Hurricane Milton - Potential Impacts from Flooding Rain

October 8, 2024
11:33

Impacts expected Wednesday into Thursday

Updated: 2024/10/09 03:40Z



Understanding Flooding Rain Threat Categories

Level	Impacts
4 Extreme Flooding Rain	- Major flooding at or near historic levels. - Widespread rapid inundation covers both primary and secondary roads and parking lots. - Storm drains and retention ponds overflow. - Flood waters will affect buildings, homes it may prompt many evacuations and road closures. - Rescues may be necessary.
3 Major Flooding Rain	- Rivers and tributaries to overflow their banks in multiple places. - Widespread rapid inundation covers both primary/secondary roads and parking lots. - Storm drains and retention ponds overflow. - Flood waters may affect buildings homes and could prompt many evacuations and road closures. - Rescues may be necessary.
2 Moderate Flooding Rain	- Rivers become swollen and overspill their banks in a few places, mainly in historically vulnerable areas. - Expanded areas of rapid inundation occur at underpasses, low-lying spots, and poor drainage areas. - Some streets and parking lots take on moving water. Storm drains and retention ponds overflow. - Flood waters may prompt several evacuations and road closures.
1 Localized Flooding Rain	- Flood waters will be capable of causing small streams, creeks, and ditches to overflow in a few places. - Quick ponding of water at underpasses, low-lying spots, and poor drainage areas. - Storm drains and retention ponds become near-full and begin to overflow in a few places. - Flood waters may prompt a few evacuations and brief road closures.

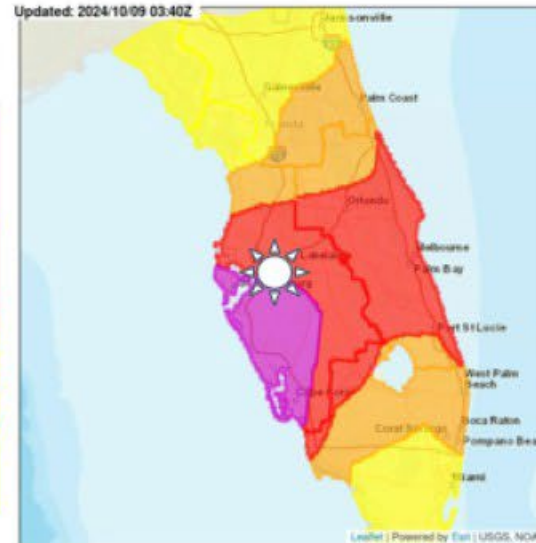


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October 8, 2024
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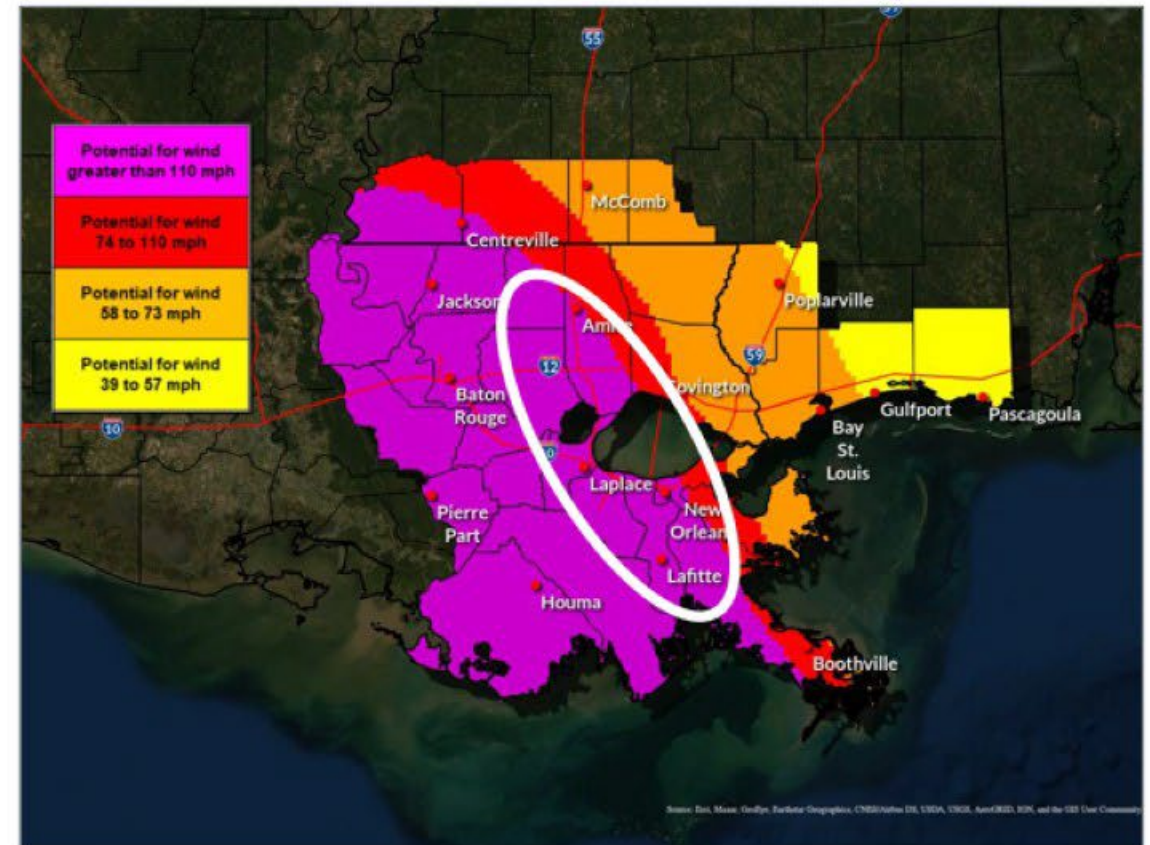
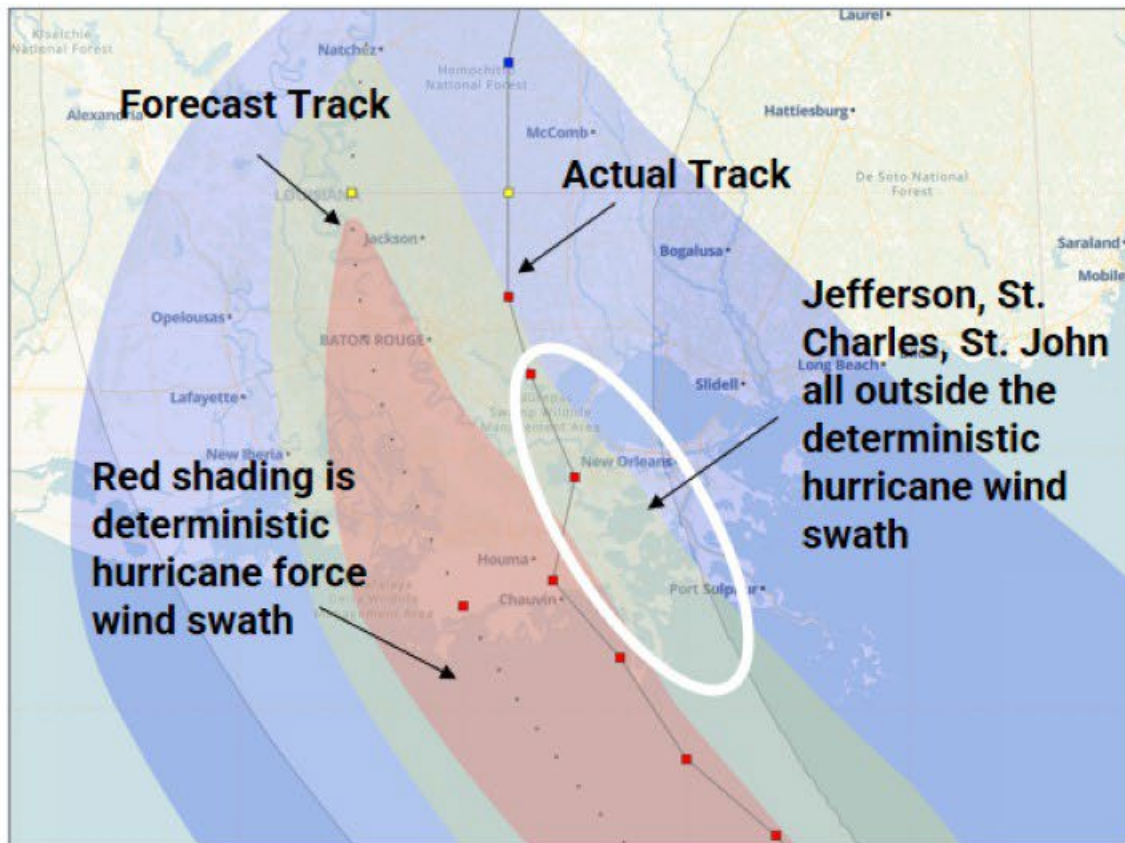


Understanding Wind Threat Categories

Level	Impacts
4 111 mph or greater max winds possible	- Wall and roof failure to some buildings. - Destruction of mobile homes. - Numerous trees down and debris blocking roads and bridges. - Widespread power outages.
3 96 - 110 mph max winds possible	- Significant damage to roofing material, siding, doors fences and windows - Considerable damage to mobile homes - Many large signs and trees down - Many impassable roads - Widespread power outages
2 74 - 95 mph max winds possible	- Some damage to roofing material, siding, doors fences and windows - Significant damage to mobile homes, especially unanchored - Several large signs and trees blown down - Some roads impassable due to debris - Widespread power outages where above ground line exist - otherwise scattered
1 39-59 mph & 60-73 mph max winds possible	- Damage to unanchored mobile homes, porches, carports - Large broken tree limbs and shallow rooted trees blown down - Few impassable roads - Scattered power outages - worse with above ground lines

Why use HTI's?

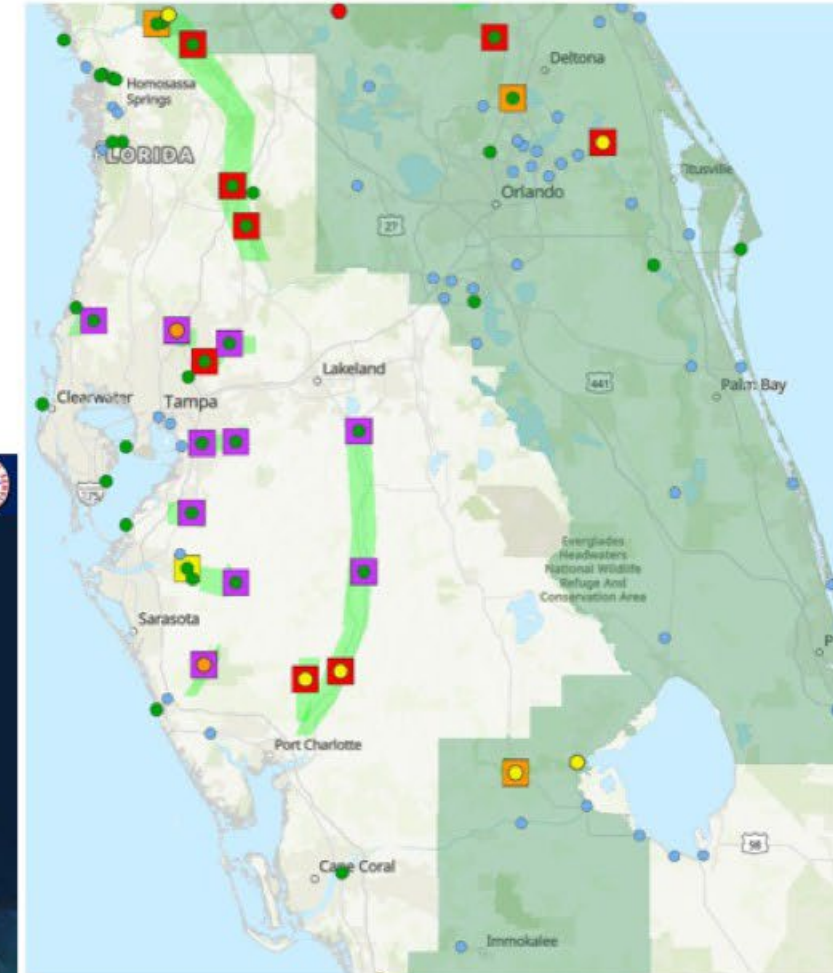
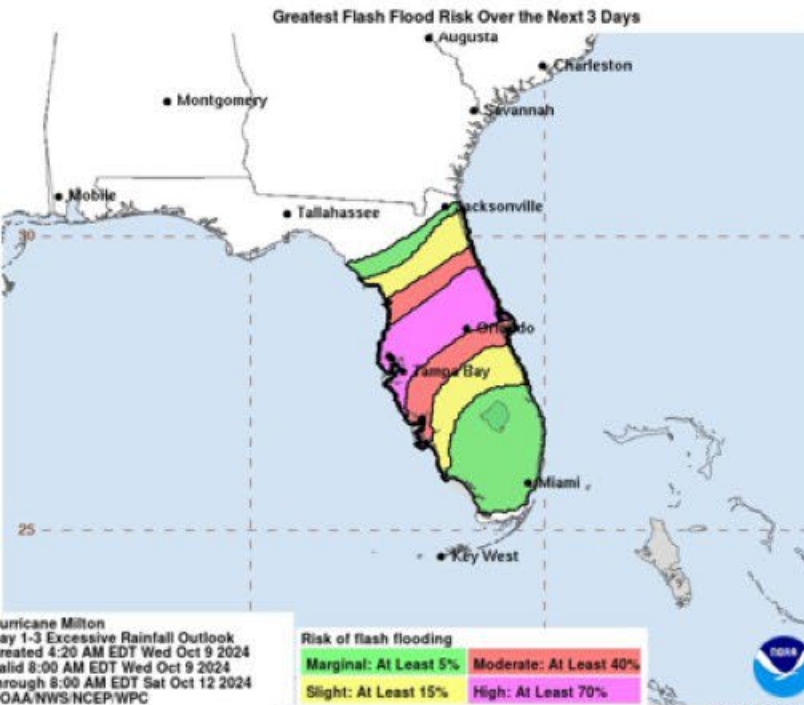
Ida shifted east from it's forecast track but stayed within our reasonable worst case area highlighted on the wind HTI.



I want a little more information about rain..

Excessive Rainfall Outlooks - Probabilistic forecast of Flash Flood Risk

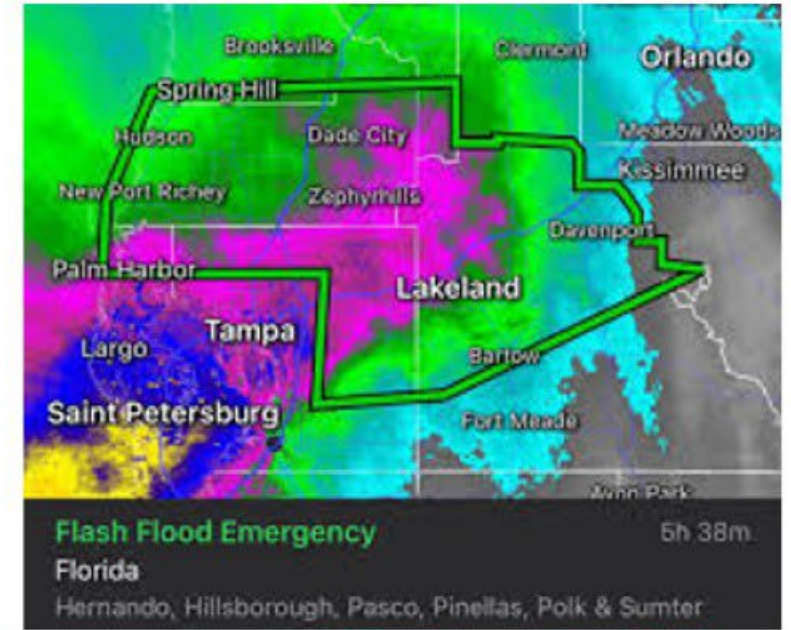
River Forecasts and Total Rainfall are also available.



It's Landfall- what will I
receive?

All previous products + Warnings

Flash Flood Warning
Tornado Warnings
Extreme Wind Warning



Emergency Alert

National Weather Service: An **EXTREME WIND WARNING** is in effect for this area for the immediate danger of life-threatening winds til 9:30 PM EDT. Take cover **NOW** in an interior room of a sturdy building, away from windows. Protect your head from flying debris. Do **NOT** go out in the calm of the hurricane eye! Winds will quickly become dangerous again.

Additional Details

TAKE COVER NOW! Treat these imminent extreme winds as if a tornado was approaching and move immediately to the safe room in your shelter. Take action now to protect your life!

When the National Weather Service issues an
Extreme Wind Warning

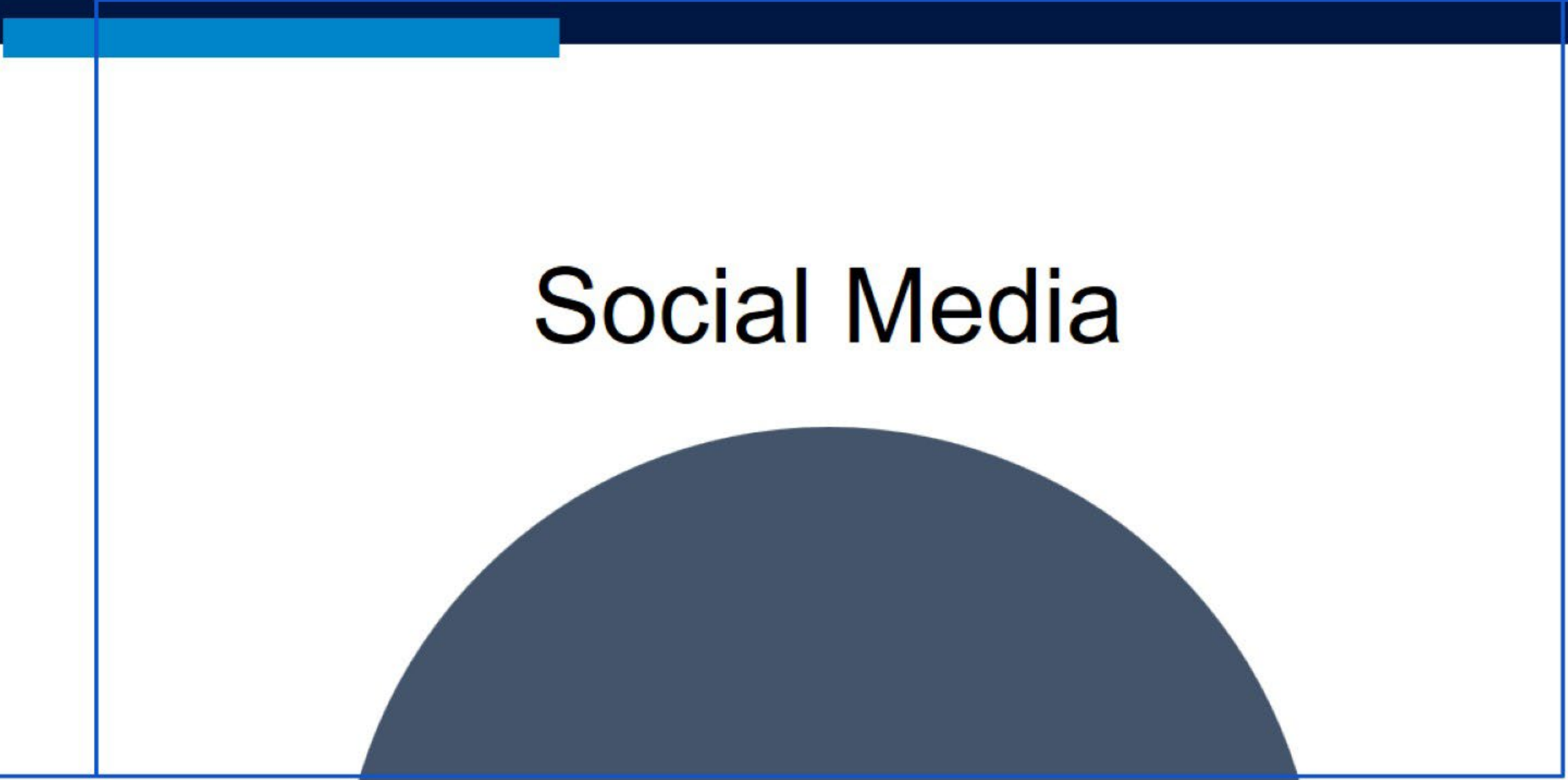
Extreme hurricane winds are imminent or happening **NOW**.

Sustained winds of 115 mph or greater are expected.

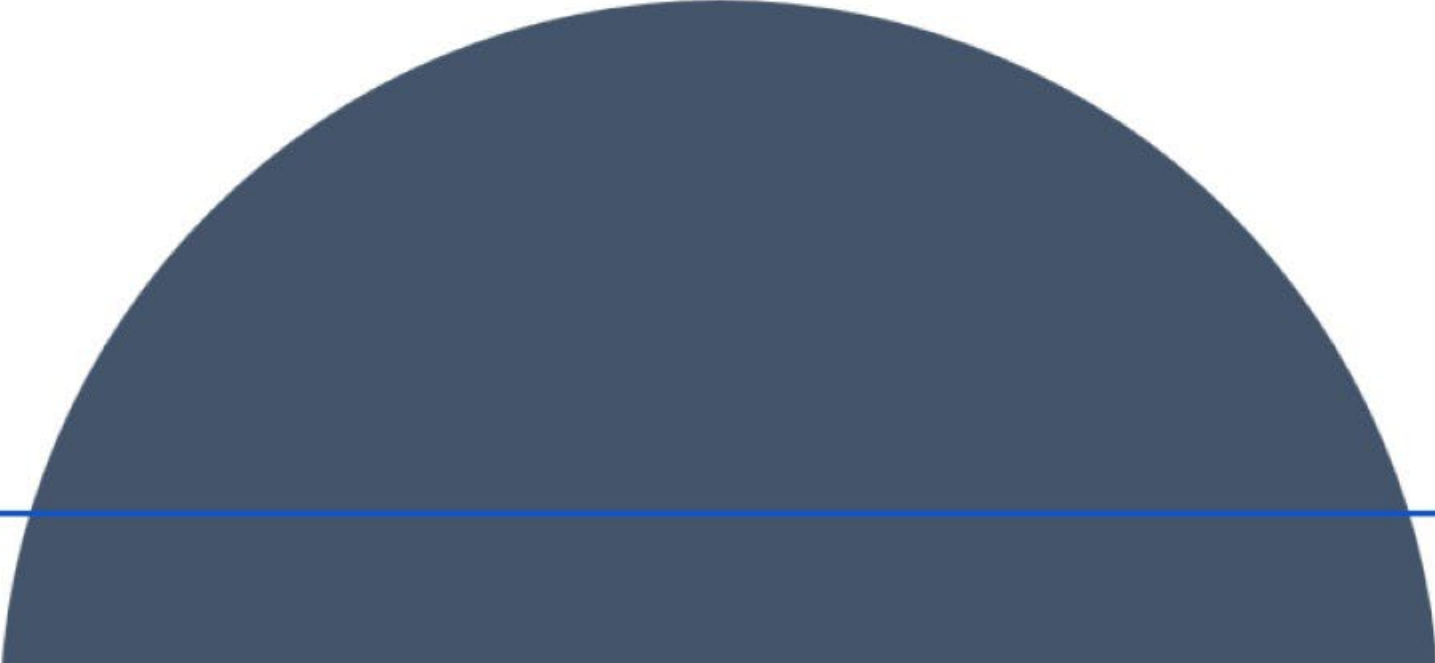
Take immediate shelter in an interior portion of a well-built structure.



weather.gov

A thick blue horizontal bar is positioned at the top left. A thin blue line extends from the left edge of this bar, running horizontally across the top of the slide. Another thin blue line extends vertically from the bottom of the bar, running down the left side of the slide. These lines intersect to form a rectangular frame around the central text.

Social Media

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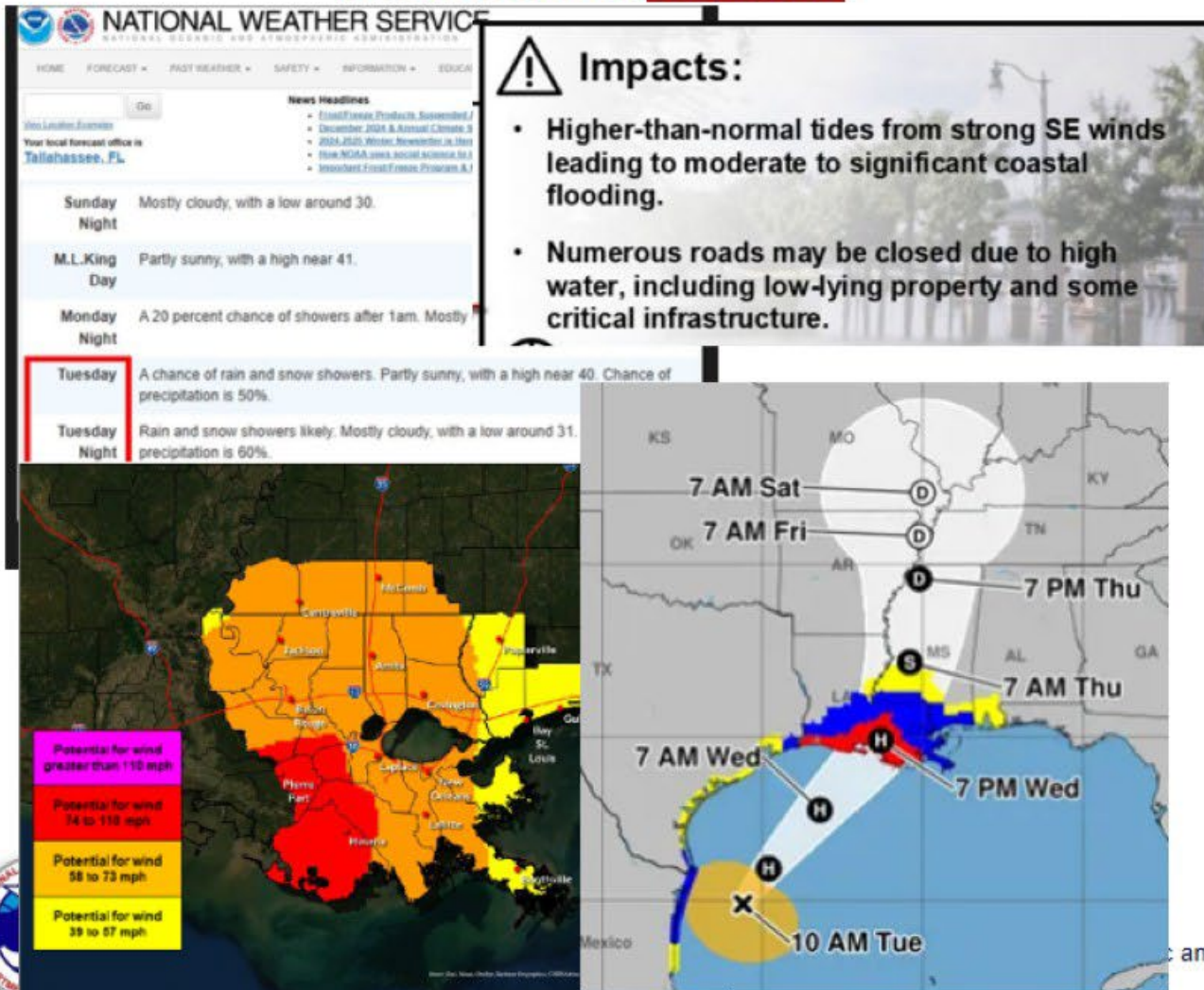
Let's talk Social Media...and weather apps..

1. Government Meteorologists, Media Meteorologists and Private companies are always your #1 legitimate source of weather information and FORECASTS.
2. Are there GOOD social media influencers out there? Probably. If you follow them, be aware of what you're seeing.
3. Most weather applications on your phone have NO human interaction or element to them.

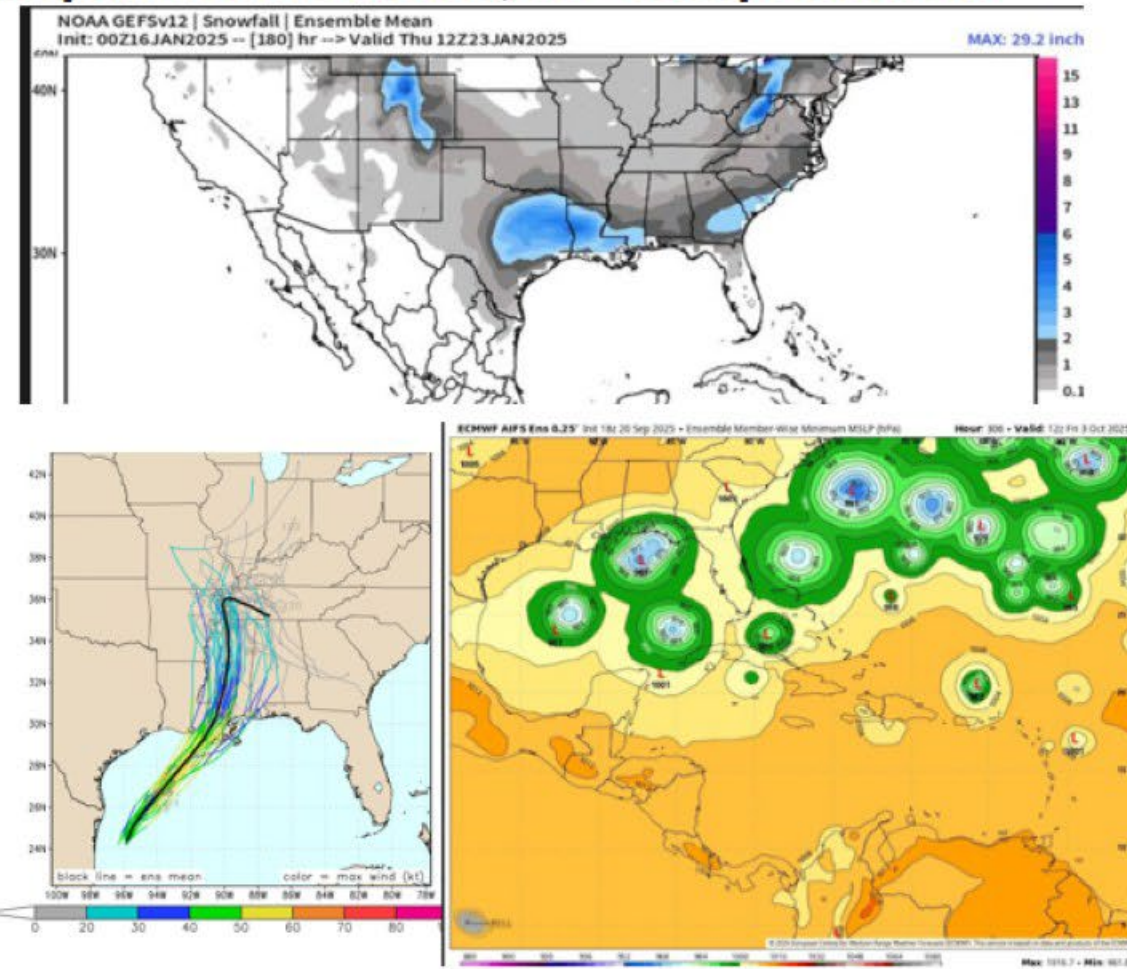
Looking at social media is different than reacting to social media.

Forecasts vs a Computer Model

Forecast/Interpreted Model Information/Impacts

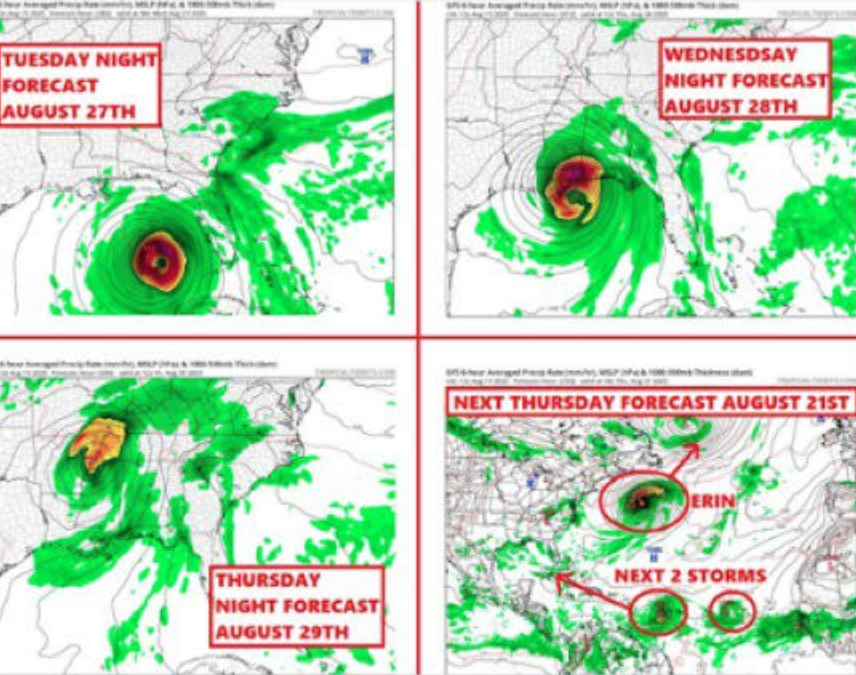


Pure Model Output- no uncertainty, no impact information, no interpretation.

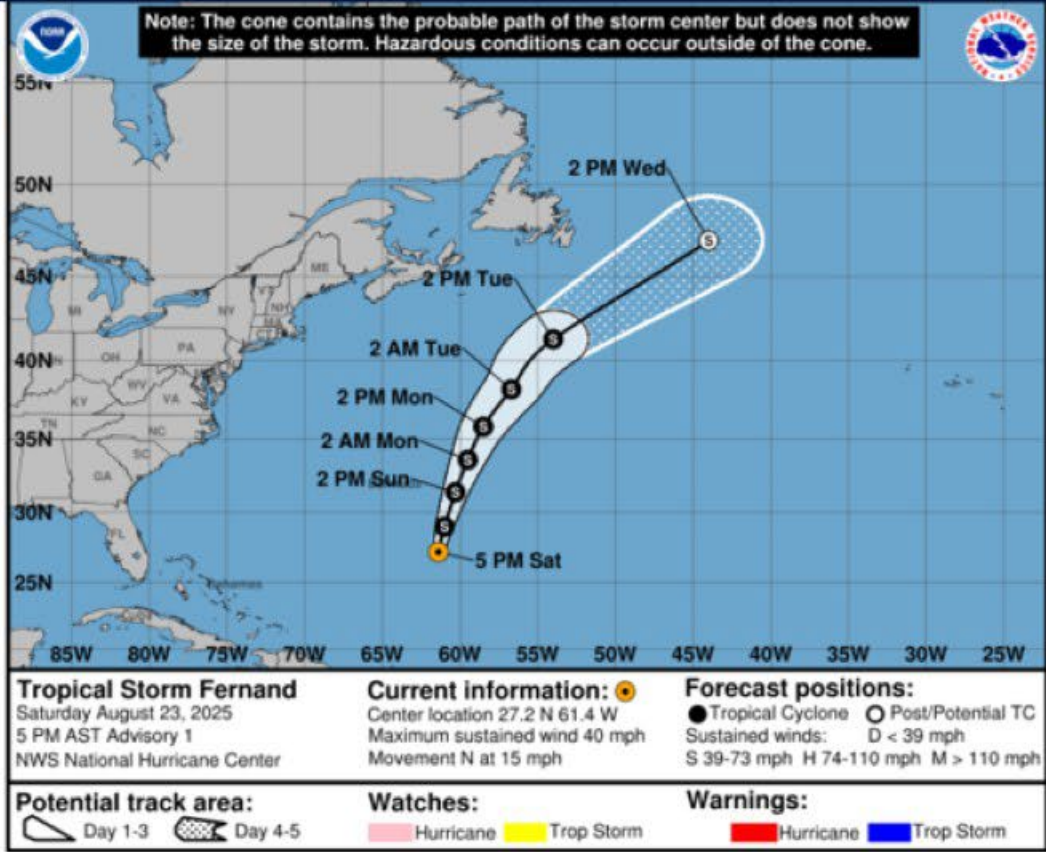


The good news is it looks like Erin is going to miss the USA coast, but will still have some surf impacts along the Mid Atlantic Coastline near the Carolinas. The next storm brewing up will become Fernand. The latest GFS model run from this morning shows a major hurricane tracking across the Caribbean and

models two weeks out are wrong more than they are right, but it is something we need to obviously watch closely over the next 2 weeks. Locally, if they storm does what it being shown here, very heavy rainfall could move into West Tennessee near the end of August or beginning of September. No reason to be too concerned as of now, but it has my attention.



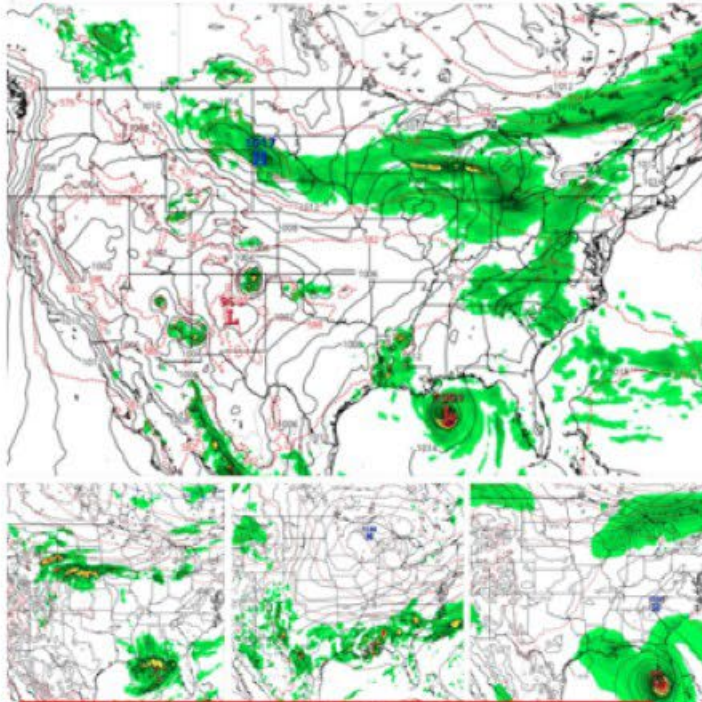
If the models are usually wrong and there is no reason to be concerned, why are you posting it?



The “second storm” didn’t occur until a month later.

Ai being added to posts

evacuation plans in place especially if you are new to the Gulf Coast! And NO NOW ISNT THE TIME TO BUY ALL OF THE TOILET PAPER! Leave it ALONE!



What's the storm's predicted landfall?
According to the forecast, the storm is predicted to make landfall along the Louisiana...

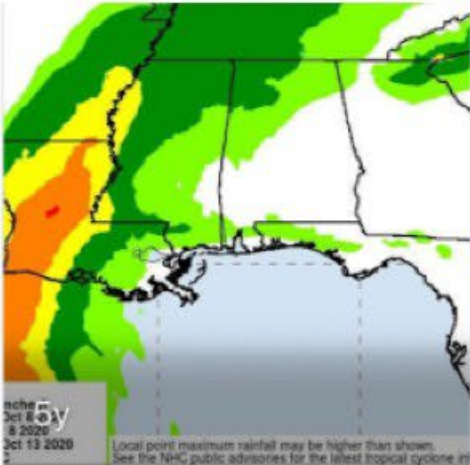
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Tropical Storm Cristobal

Gov. John B... 131



10.8.20 - 11am NWS
Rainfall prediction for D...

Meteorologist All... 2

Gulf Coast weather forecast

Gulf Coast storm for

When I clicked the Ai, at the bottom, this post from 2025 was redirected to 2019 and 2020 videos.

THEN... it showed this...

Remember this started as just a model image of rain...

regard... next one, GEM AND then the almighty Euro AI..... something to definitely keep watch as we are sweating our butts off into August! Now's the

✕  **Meta AI**

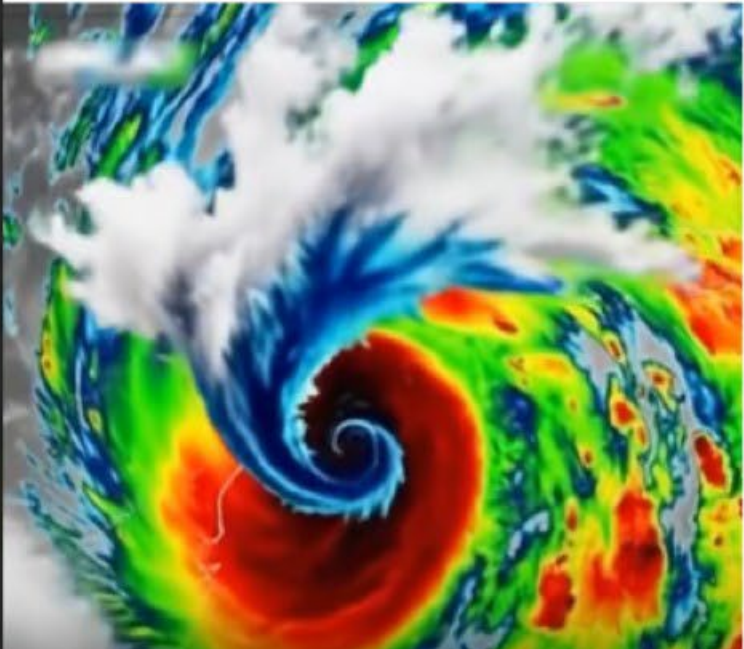
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According to the forecast, the storm is predicted to make landfall along the Louisiana or Mississippi coastline late Thursday or early Friday.



 **Light Aura**
Based in North Macedonia · 1h · 

!! Hurricane set to hit the US has become 'unsurvivable' as experts warn of catastrophic impact



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 Are hurricanes becoming more intense  What i

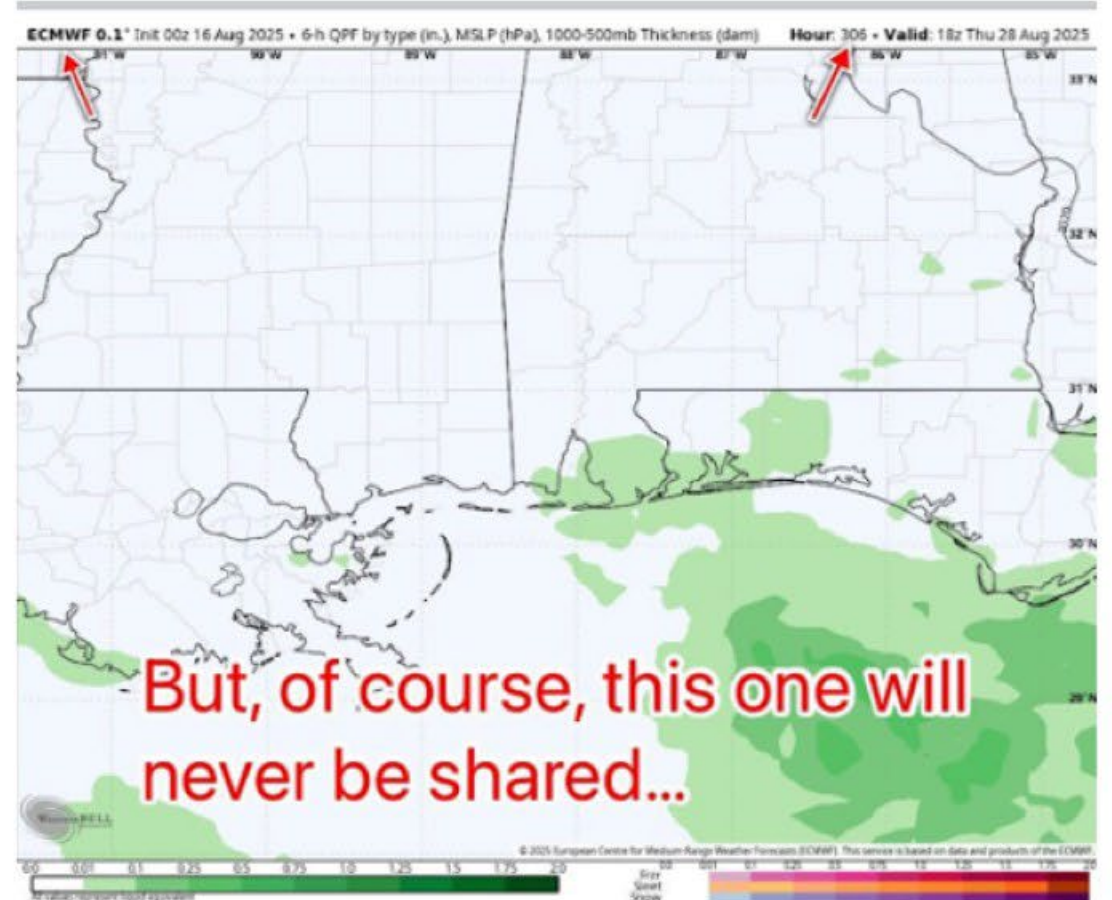
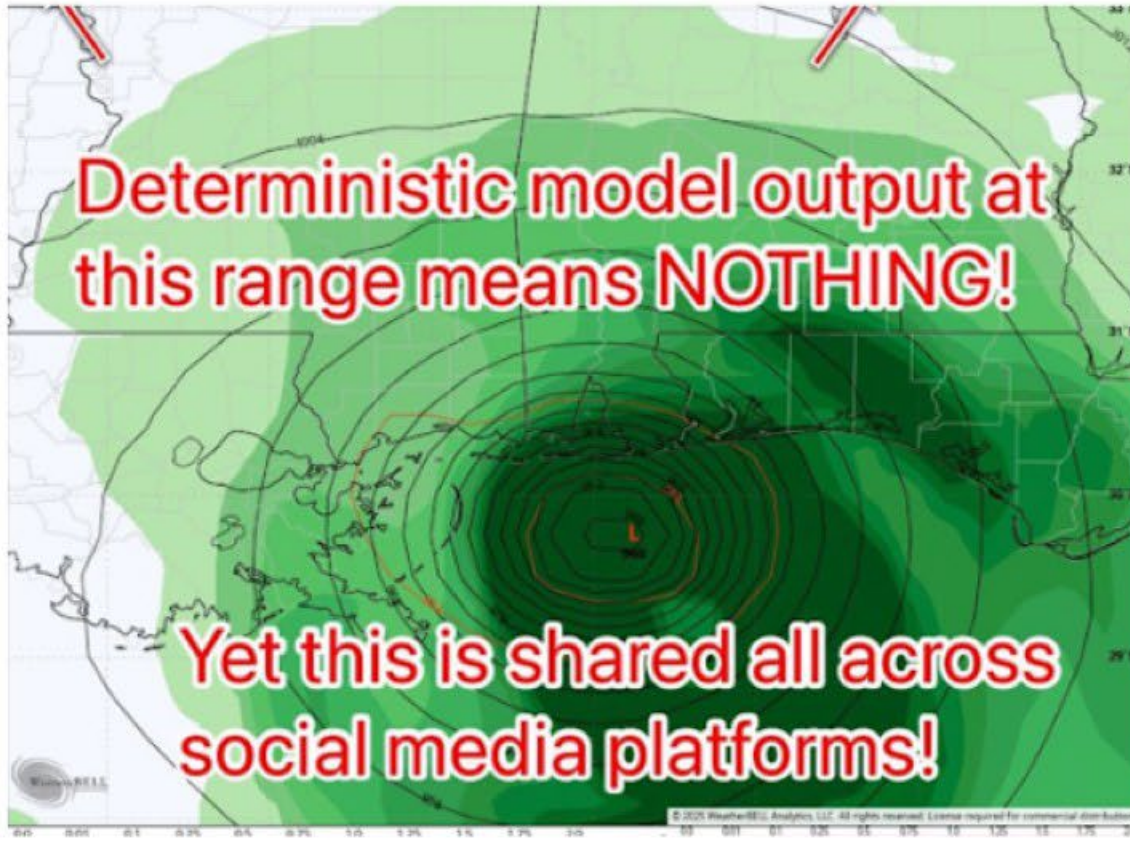
Track the hurricane's predicted path  What's the s

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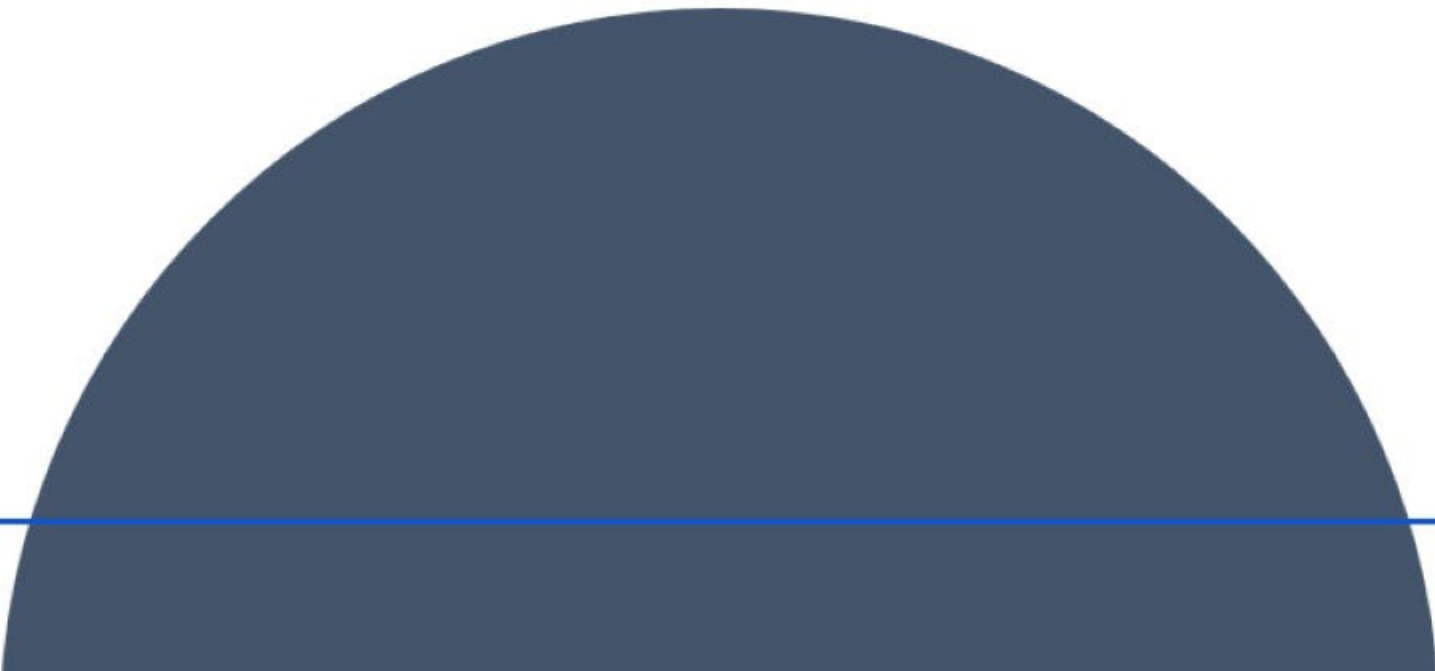


James Spann's post

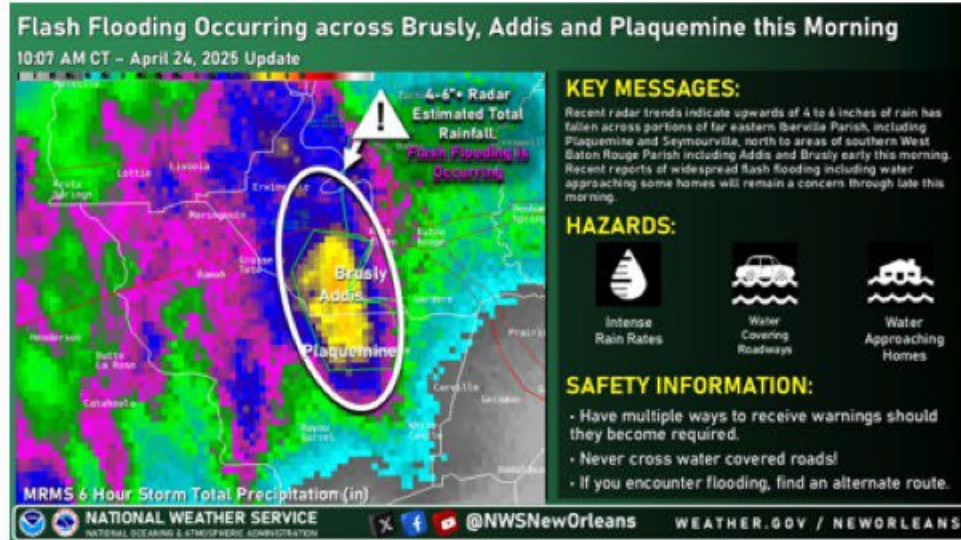




Finding the Information



Decision Support



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MY FORECAST
3 Miles NNW Gretna LA



Fair

Weather Forecast Office
Baton Rouge

[Weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov/neworleans) > New Orleans/Baton Rouge

Current Hazards Current Conditions Radar

Submit a Storm Report

Briefing Page

My Tweets NWSNewOrle...

In reply to PezznolaPezz and 8 more

NWS New Orleans @NWSNewOrleans
1 hour ago

What a great picture! Could we save this for our graphics and use it with your permission/name attached? Thanks!

Show Conversation

NWS New Orleans @NWSNewOrleans
4 hours ago

We will also see locally heavy rain with the cold front. Widespread 1 to 2.5" of rain with locally higher amounts will be possible and with that there is a Marginal risk of excessive rainfall leading to isolated flash flooding. #Lawx #MSwx

My Posts US Nationa...

US National Weather Service New Orleans Louisiana
3 hours ago

Much warmer today with highs in the 70s under mostly sunny skies early but clouds should start to return this afternoon. A strong cold front is then...

Read more

Forecast for Today
Monday, April 24, 2025
Mostly Sunny Early and
76°
76°
72°
Thunder

Threats

Impacts

Boost post



Resources and Questions

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www.nhc.noaa.gov

<https://www.weather.gov/lix/safety> (ALL our safety graphics for all hazards)

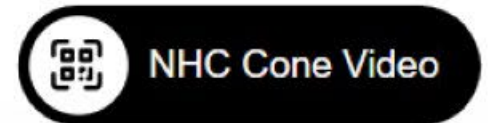
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www.weather.gov/lix/embrief (link to latest briefing slides and recording)

Department of Commerce | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | weather.gov

24/7 Monitored Email:
nws.neworleans@noaa.gov



STORM PREPARATION & EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Michael Kinler

***Chief, Port Fourchon Harbor Police
Greater Lafourche Port Commission***

GLPC Storm Phases

Official evacuation orders come from the parish president, but the Port Commission closely monitors Gulf weather activity that may affect Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Airport. GLPC reports on approaching storms using these storm phases:

- **Seasonal Alert**
- **Phase I - Storm Watch**
- **Phase II - Voluntary Evacuation**
- **Phase III - Recommended Evacuation**
- **Phase IV - Mandatory Evacuation**
- **Phase V - Storm in Port**
- **Recovery Phase**

Seasonal Alert

This alert indicates the beginning of hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 through November 30 of each year.

- **This seasonal alert serves as a reminder that as storm season begins, it is time to review your facility's plan for storm season and share any updates to your contact information with GLPC.**
- **There is no specific storm or weather condition associated with this phase.**



Phase 1: Storm Watch

This phase indicates that GLPC is monitoring a weather condition in the Gulf that is expected to affect the Gulf Coast. Port personnel will begin sending weather updates to port facilities.



- When you see a Phase 1 alert, there is a weather condition developing, and we are watching it for potential effects to the port area.
- Be thoughtful of stockpiling any loose material or excess items that could fly or be damaged if Port Fourchon is affected by a storm.
- At Phase 1, the Emergency Storm Harbor Marina just inside the South Lafourche Levee System at the Golden Meadow lock will be activated for use by commercial fishing vessels seeking refuge from an approaching storm on a first come, first served basis.

Phase 2: Voluntary Evacuation

This phase indicates that tropical force winds are expected to be in Port Fourchon within 72 hours.

- Begin securing, fastening down, or moving equipment out of port.
- Determine special needs and intentions of vessels moored at your facility.
- Update your contact people and confirm evacuation plans.



NOTE: Evacuation times may vary dependent upon storm conditions, i.e., projected path, storm strength and forward speed, pre-storm weather, and road conditions.

Phase 3: Recommended Evacuation

This phase indicates that tropical force winds are expected to be in Port Fourchon within 50 hours.

- Non-essential personnel should evacuate port.
- Secure hazards and clear nonessential equipment from facility grounds such as pallets, lumber, stone, etc.
- All small craft owned by the facility that can be hauled out or trailered should be removed from the water and secured well away from the effects of possible storm surge and high winds.
- Prepare office areas to minimize water intrusion damage.
- Secure your buildings to prevent storm damage by applying storm shutters or plywood over windows or doors.
- Secure fuel tanks and storage areas.
- Check regularly for up-to-date info from the Port Commission on the approaching storm.

Note: No NEW mooring dolphin rentals will be accepted once Phase 3 is activated. All unleased mooring dolphins will be considered first come, first served until the storm has passed.



Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation

This phase indicates that tropical force winds are expected to be in Port Fourchon within 36 hours.

- All remaining personnel should evacuate port.
- Shut off your facility's utilities (water, power, gas) to minimize damage.

NOTE: Twelve hours after mandatory evacuation has been ordered, LA 1 will be closed to all vehicles south of the Leon Theriot Lock in Golden Meadow.

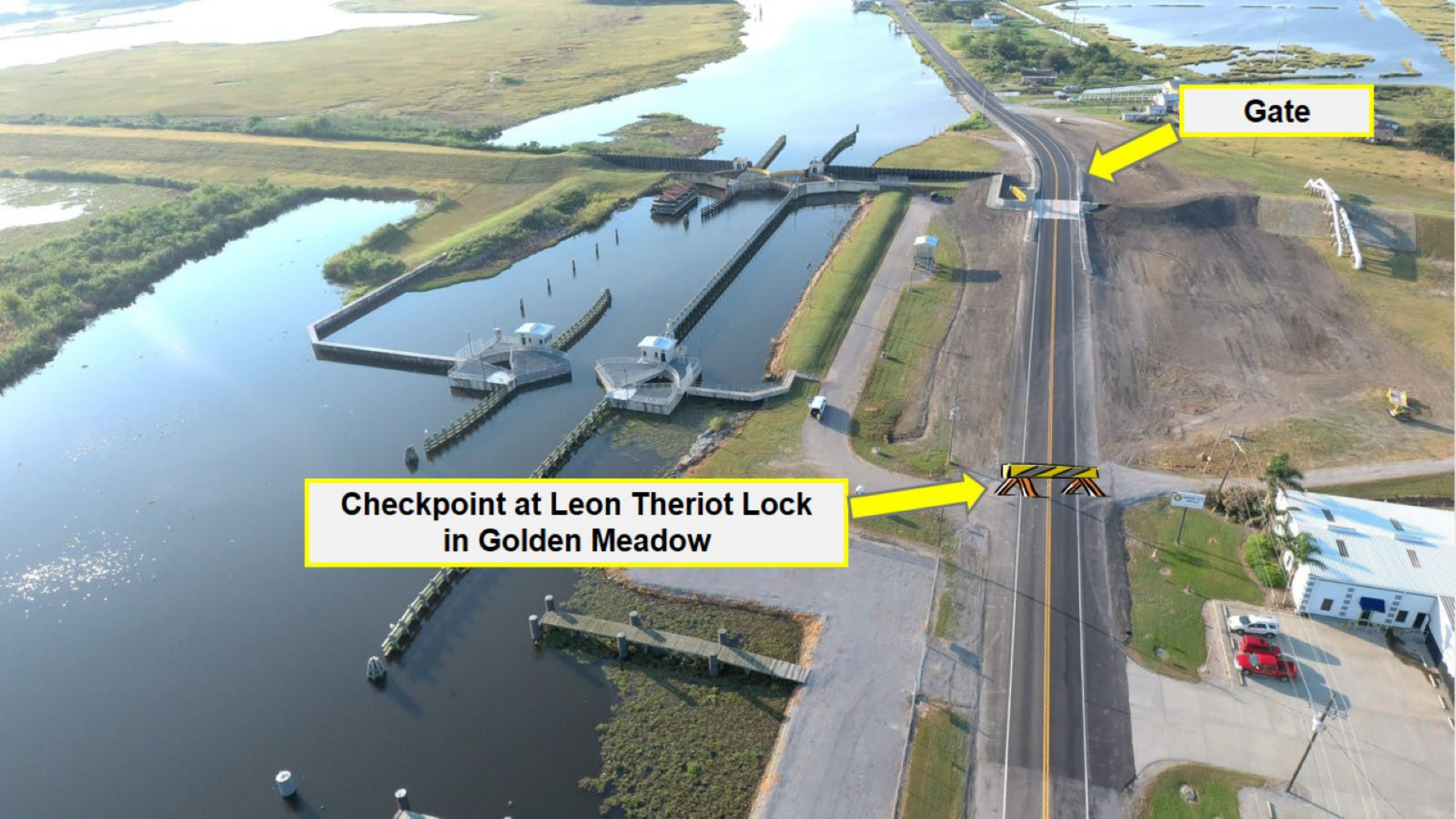


LA 1 Closure at Leon Theriot Lock in Golden Meadow



**POLICE
CHECK POINT
AHEAD
AUTHORIZED
VEHICLES
ONLY**





Gate

**Checkpoint at Leon Theriot Lock
in Golden Meadow**

Port Fourchon Harbor Police: Last Ones Out, First Ones In



Phase 5: Storm in Port

This phase indicates that tropical force winds are expected to be in Port Fourchon within 24 hours.

- **GLPC Ordinance No. 71 applies in Phase 5: No unattended vessels in the port area.**
- **Check regularly for updates from the Port Commission via email or social media.**



Recovery Phase

This phase indicates that the storm has passed and port personnel are entering the area, assessing the damages to highways and facilities, and clearing debris and power lines.



- The purpose of the Recovery Phase is to ensure that Port Fourchon is safe and operational as soon as possible after a storm.
- As soon as safety allows, a port re-entry team will coordinate a damage assessment of all waterways and roadways leading into and out of Port Fourchon.
- **Please stay out of the area until you are given clearance.** Your presence may hamper or delay recovery efforts. Neither vessels nor aircraft shall enter the port until port damage assessment has been completed and the all clear is given.

Clearing Roadways of Storm Debris



Bringing in Crews and Equipment



Surveying Roadways and Waterways



- **The Port Commission will notify you** when limited or full access is given to tenants to return and assess any damages to their facilities.



Post-Storm Re-Entry

- Expect roadblocks on roadways leading to the port, including LA 1 & LA 3235.
- No one will be allowed through a checkpoint until the road is safe and has been cleared for re-entry.
- When it is safe to re-enter, you will be notified.
- You may be expected to show identification upon re-entry. Bring your ID, TWIC, and parish-recommended re-entry credentials.





**Potential Checkpoint on Hwy. 3090 at
GLPC's Fourchon Operations Center**

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**Potential checkpoint on LA 1
toward Grand Isle**

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Questions?

Greater Lafourche Port Commission

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LAFOURCHE PARISH POST-STORM RE-ENTRY

Eric Benoit

*Office of Emergency Preparedness
Lafourche Parish Government*

New Re-Entry Procedures



Presented by: Eric Benoit

Documents to Present at Checkpoints

- A letter from your employer on an official company letterhead stating the reason for re-entry, and/or
- A copy of your Lafourche Parish Occupational License if you are a business owner in Lafourche Parish, and
- A current drivers license or other form of ID.

[Your Company Letterhead]

DATE: [Current Date]

SUBJECT: Letter of Access for Essential Personnel

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that Employee's Full Name, an essential employee of **Lafourche Parish Government**, is authorized to enter restricted areas following Hurricane [Hurricane Name, if known] or other disaster events to perform critical duties.

{Employee's Full Name} is required to report to work to:

Assess and stabilize company premises and infrastructure.

Maintain essential business operations and services for Lafourche Parish Government.

Ensure the safety and well-being of residents.

{Employee's Full Name} will carry a valid state-issued driver's license and company-issued identification. Please allow them passage to fulfill these critical responsibilities, as their presence is vital to our disaster response and recovery efforts.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

[Your Name/Supervisor Name]

[Your Title]

[Your Phone Number]

[Your Email Address]

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Printed Name]

Contact Info

- Eric Benoit
- ericb@lafourchegov.org
- 985-532-8174



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COMMUNICATIONS

John Crochet

***Director of Information Technology
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Storm Season Communications

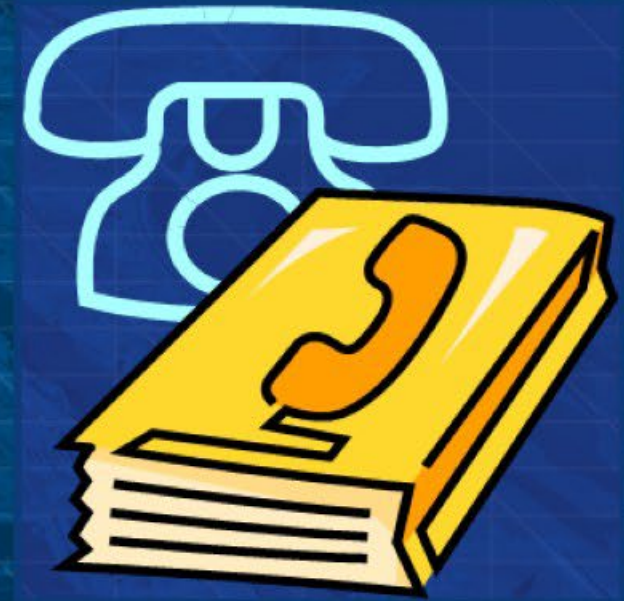
- **BE PREPARED:** Make sure the Port Commission has your current contact information, and vice versa, so that we can stay in touch regarding storm events.
- **KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED:** We send out updates via email, text, and social media, and we post them on our Weather & Storm Info webpage at www.portfourchon.com along with storm-related information and resources.

Tenant Information We Request

We ask for updated contact information from our tenants every year. Why?

To keep our port and airport users safe and informed during emergencies.

You can find multiple options for updating important contact information on our *Weather & Storm Info* webpage at www.portfourchon.com.



Emergency Notification/ FSO Contact Info Form

- This form is used to identify your facility's ***Facility Security Officer (FSO)***, who is the person responsible for securing your facility.
- The FSO will be the first to receive facility-specific safety, security, and recovery updates from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.
- Please use this form to update your FSO's name and most current contact information.



READY TODAY.
READY FOR TOMORROW.

Emergency Notification/FSO Contact Info Form

Please use this form to update name and contact information for your facility's FSO (Facility Security Officer), who is the person responsible for securing your facility. In the event of an emergency, the FSO will be the first to receive facility-specific safety, security, and recovery updates from the Port Commission. Send completed forms via email to info@portfourchon.com or via fax to (985) 632-6703.

PLEASE PRINT

Company Name: _____

FSO (Facility Security Officer)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Facility Physical Address: _____

Facility Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Company Website: _____

Does your facility have a security and safety plan? _____ If so, would you be willing to share it? _____ *

Does your facility have a hurricane/weather plan? _____ If so, would you be willing to share it? _____ *

**To share security and safety and/or hurricane/weather plans, please email Fourchon Harbor Police at harborpolice@portfourchon.com.*

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GAO - South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport

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Cybersecurity Contact Info Form

- This form is used to identify your facility's *Cybersecurity Contact*, who is the person responsible for securing your facility's cyber data and technology.
- The Cybersecurity/ CISO/ IT contact will be the first to receive facility-specific cybersecurity and data or technology-related updates from the Port Commission.
- Please use this form to update your Cybersecurity Contact's name and most current contact information.



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Cybersecurity Contact Info Form

Please use this form to update contact information for your facility's cybersecurity contact, who is the person responsible for securing your facility's cyber data and technology. The *Cybersecurity/ CISO/ IT Contact* will be the first to receive cybersecurity updates and potential threat information from the Port Commission. Send completed forms via email to info@portfourchon.com or via fax to (985) 632-6703.

PLEASE PRINT

Company Name: _____

Cybersecurity/CISO/IT Contact

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Facility Physical Address: _____

Facility Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Company Website: _____

Other Important Contact Info: _____

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Directory Listing Contact Info Form

- This form is used to add or update your facility's most current directory listing information.
- The Port Commission's website directory is where the public looks for information to contact companies and facilities in Port Fourchon and at the South Lafourche Airport, including:
 - Physical and mailing addresses
 - Phone and fax numbers
 - Company website, if desired
- ***This information is published in our port and airport directories at www.portfourchon.com and is publicly accessible online.***



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Directory Listing Contact Info Form

Please use this form to update your port or airport facility's directory listing information, which is published online at www.portfourchon.com under CONTACT US, PORT FOURCHON, and SOUTH LAFOURCHE AIRPORT tabs. Our web directory is where the public looks for information on port and airport companies. Send completed forms via email to info@portfourchon.com or via fax to (985) 632-6703.

PLEASE PRINT

Company Name: _____

*DBA Name, if any: _____

*Doing Business As

☐ PORT FOURCHON FACILITY ☐ SL AIRPORT FACILITY ☐ OTHER—Specify: _____

Facility Physical Address: _____

Facility Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone #: _____

Office Fax #: _____

Company Website: _____

If you would like to add your company's website to its directory listing on www.portfourchon.com, please check here: ☐

Facility Contact Person Name: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Other Important Contact Info: _____

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Public Information Update Signup Form

This form is used for *both tenants and the public* to sign up to receive informational email updates from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, including:

- Local Road & Bridge Updates
- Bayou, Floodgate, & Lock Updates
**in conjunction with the South Lafourche Levee District*
- Weather & Storm Season Updates
- Port Commission Meeting Notices
- Port Commission Press Releases
- Seaport & Airport Facilities Notices

You can also subscribe online on our **NOTIFY ME** webpage.



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Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Other: _____

Choose which updates you would like to receive:

___ **Local Road & Bridge Updates** - Updates on roadways and bridges, including construction advisories and closure notices affecting South Lafourche and the Port Fourchon area

___ **Bayou, Floodgate, & Lock Updates** - Updates on local waterways, including bayou closures and lock and/or floodgate notices affecting waterways in South Lafourche and the Port Fourchon area

___ **Weather & Storm Season Updates** - Updates on weather impacting the South Lafourche area, including Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Airport, as well as storm season notices

___ **Port Commission Meeting Notices** - GLPC committee and board meeting notices and links to agendas

___ **Port Commission Press Releases** - GLPC press releases featuring Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Port Fourchon, and South Lafourche Airport news and information

___ **Seaport Facilities Notices** - Notices for people who work at Port Fourchon facilities or tenant companies

___ **Airport Facilities Notices** - Notices for people who work at SL Airport facilities or tenant companies

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Information We Share: Communications

To keep our tenants informed, the Port Commission has instituted numerous ways for you to get up-to-date storm-related information as it pertains to Port Fourchon.

- **Port Commission Website – www.portfourchon.com**
 - Find the latest weather and storm-related information on our WEATHER & STORM INFO page
- **Email Notifications**
 - Sign up for notifications and manage your subscription preferences on our NOTIFY ME webpage
- **Social Media**
 - Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
- **Public Service Announcements**
 - Broadcast updates on local radio and/or television stations

Website Feature: WEATHER & STORM INFO

EMPLOYEE LOGIN

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WEATHER & STORM INFORMATION

Storm season lasts from June 1 through November 30 of each year.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission understands that from the time a hurricane or tropical storm is projected to enter the gulf until facilities in the port are operational again, daily information on weather forecasts, preparation measures, evacuations called, etc. is imperative to businesses operating within and around Port Fourchon.

To keep our tenants and port/airport users informed, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has instituted numerous ways to get up-to-date storm-related information as it pertains to Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Airport.

Website Feature: NOTIFY ME

 **FOURCHON**
65 Years Strong

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NOTIFY ME

Please use this page to sign up for informational updates from the Port Commission, or [CLICK HERE](#) to manage your contact information and subscribe or unsubscribe to your choice of updates.

Email	Enter your Email Address
First Name	Enter your First Name
Last Name	Enter your Last Name
Company	Enter your Company
Title	Enter your Title
Physical Address	Physical Address

Website Feature: SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



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Harbor Police Response Line

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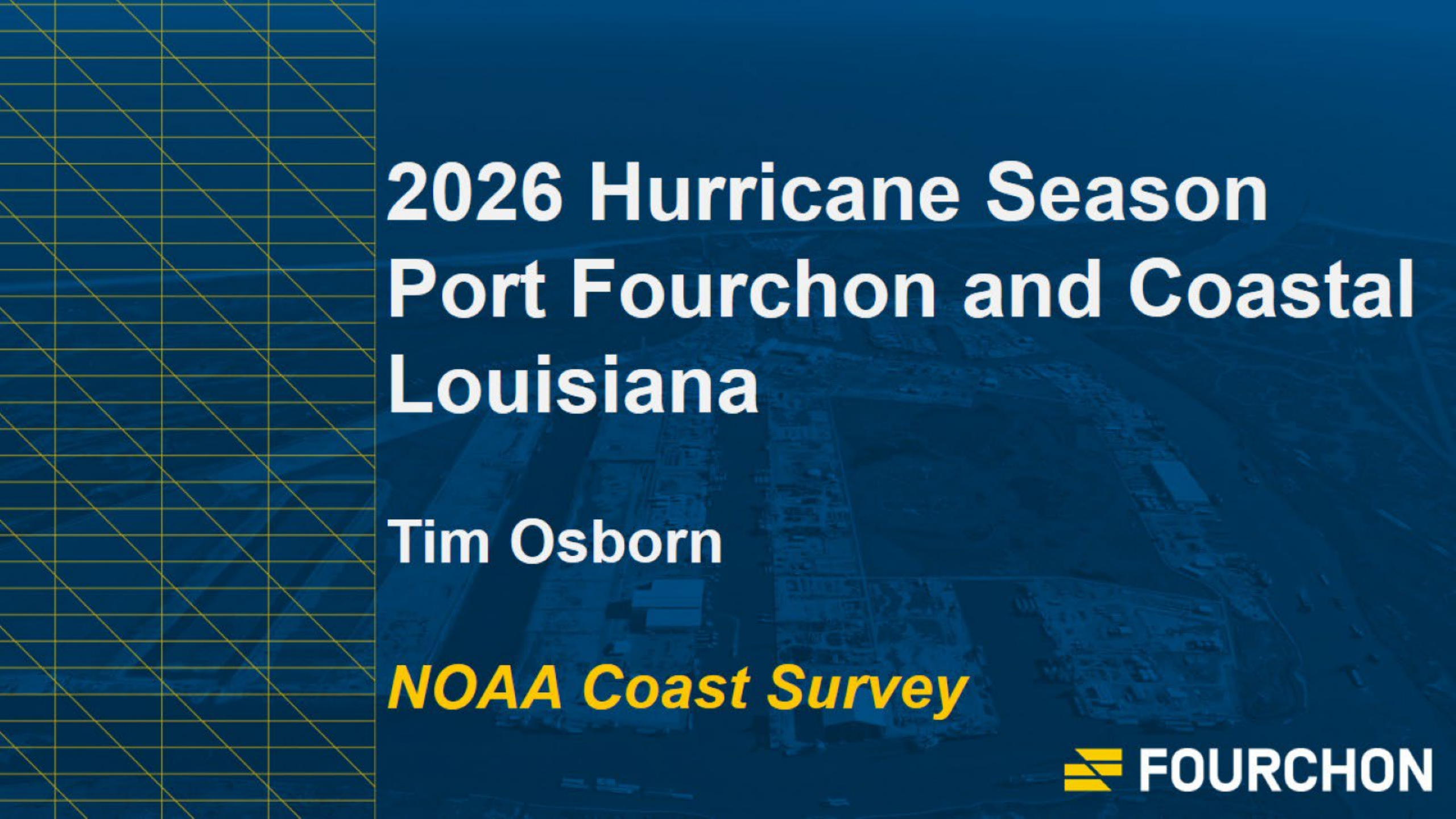
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2026 Hurricane Season Port Fourchon and Coastal Louisiana

Tim Osborn

NOAA Coast Survey



2026 HURRICANE SEASON PORT FOURCHON AND COASTAL LOUISIANA TIM OSBORN, NOAA COAST SURVEY

Awareness, Preparedness, Response, Recovery

The Fundamentals

- Connect with the Port, USCG, USACE, NOAA NWS and OCS Network, Port/Waterway Community, State Emergency Ops
 - Create a Working Portfolio of Imagery, Inventory, Vessels
 - Establish a Working Base for Any Storm Response
 - Report on Status, Damage, Missing Infrastructure, Spills, Lost Vessels, Barges

What Is Your Local NWS WFO? Website, Phone, Name of Forecasters?

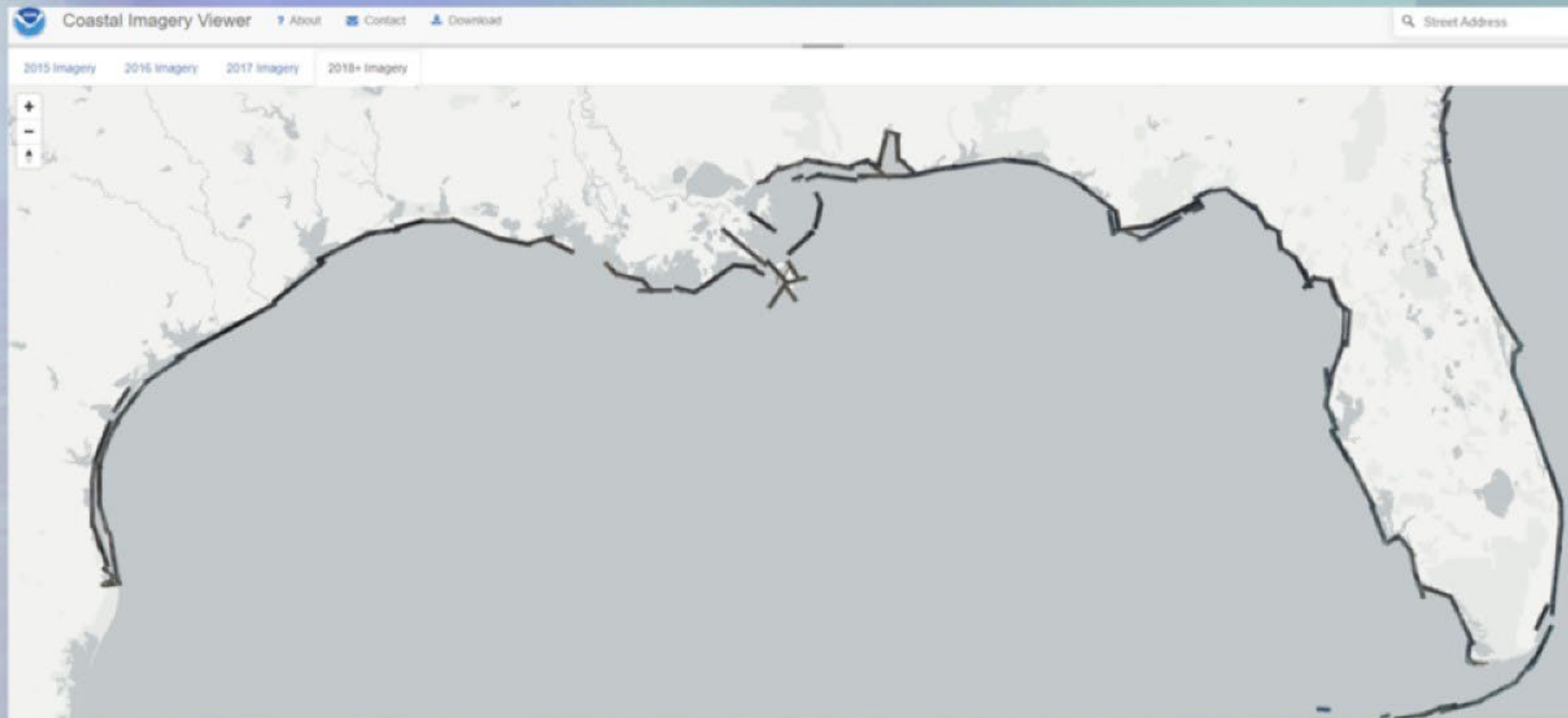
What is Your Local COTP, Sector Waterways Chief and Contacts?

Updated Port and Waterway Contacts?

Pre Event Imagery is Very Important!

NOAA Offers Free Pre Storm Season Imagery for Most of the Gulf Areas. Adding Your Imagery to Cover Critical Ports, Waterways, Facilities Are All Important – for a Post Storm Recovery Program

https://geodesy.noaa.gov/storm_archive/coastal/viewer/index.html



El Nino?

"It Only Takes One"

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/ens0_advisory/ensodisc.shtml



Preparedness Through
the Entire Season is Key

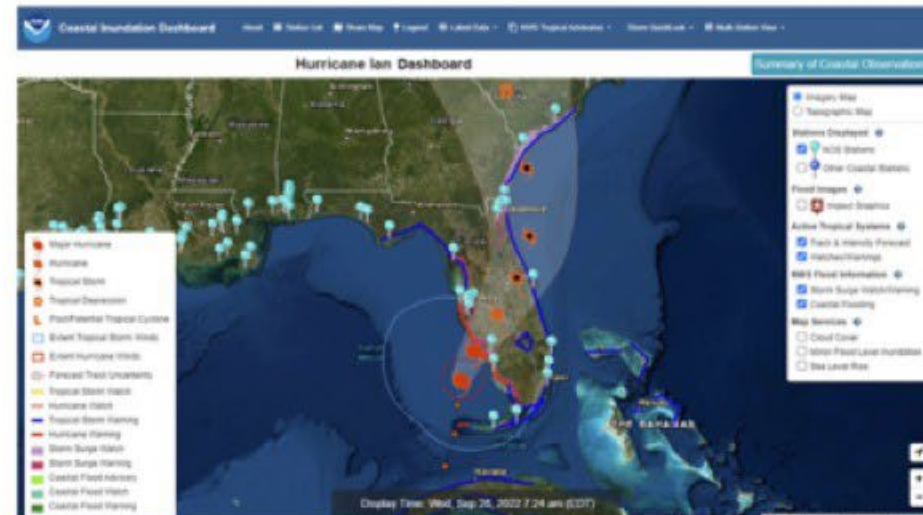


Water Levels and Surge Reporting- NOAA Inundation Dashboard

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/storm-dashboard.html>

What is the custom dashboard feature of NOAA's Coastal Inundation Dashboard?

Users can use this tool to view water levels in the path of a storm.



<https://storms.ngs.noaa.gov/>

NOAA NGS RSD Imagery Acquisition



The imagery posted on this site was acquired by the **Sensing Division** to support NOAA's emergency response requirements. In addition, it will be used for testing and developing standard protocols for the Emergency Response Imagery.

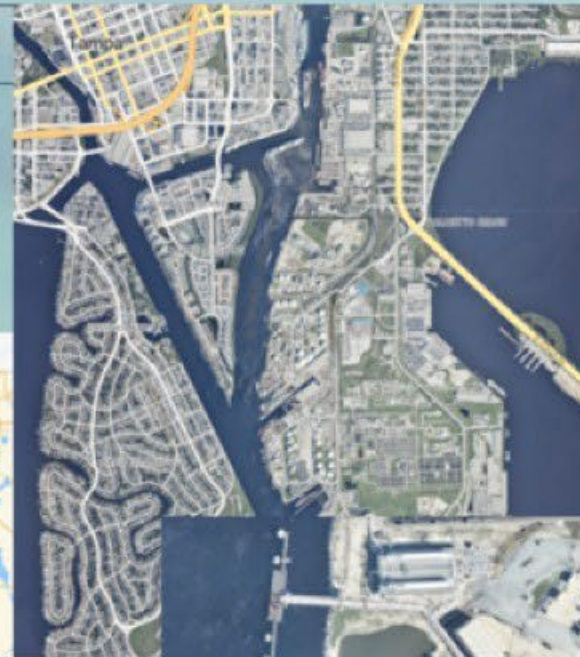
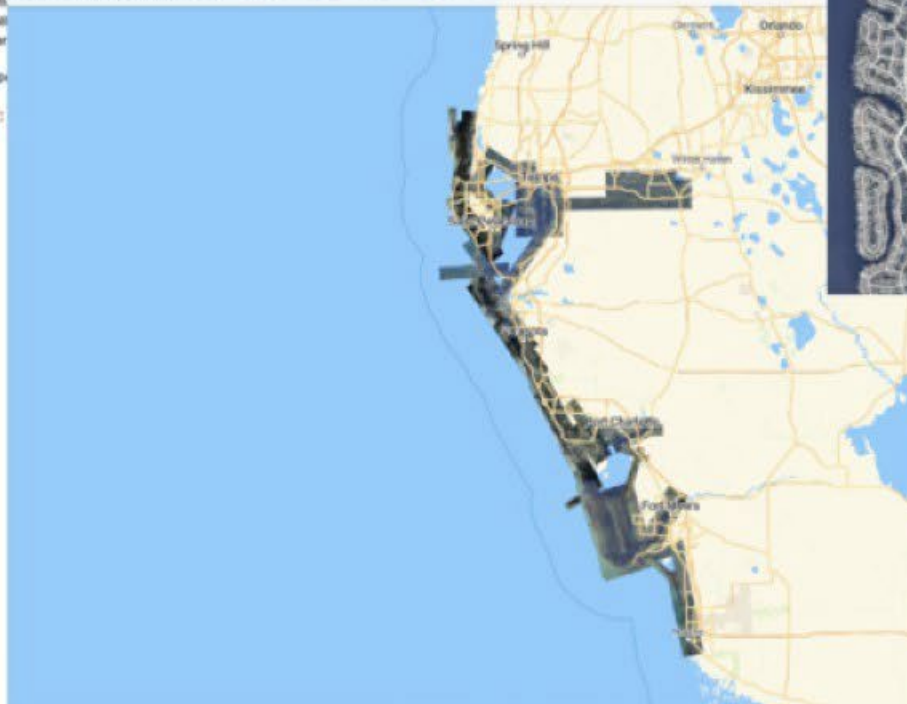
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National Geodetic Survey
Pre-Event Imagery

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Midwest U.S. Flooding (2025)
California Fire (2025)
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Hurricane Lee (2023)
Hurricane Idalia (2023)
Maui Fire (2023)
Hurricane Nicole (2022)
Hurricane Ian (2022)
Hurricane Ida (2021)
Hurricane Henri (2021)
Hurricane Zeta (2020)
Hurricane Delta (2020)
Hurricane Sally (2020)
Hurricane Laura (2020)
Hurricane Halas (2020)
Nashville Tornadoes (2020)
Hurricane Dorian (2019)
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Hurricane Michael (2018)
Hurricane Florence (2018)
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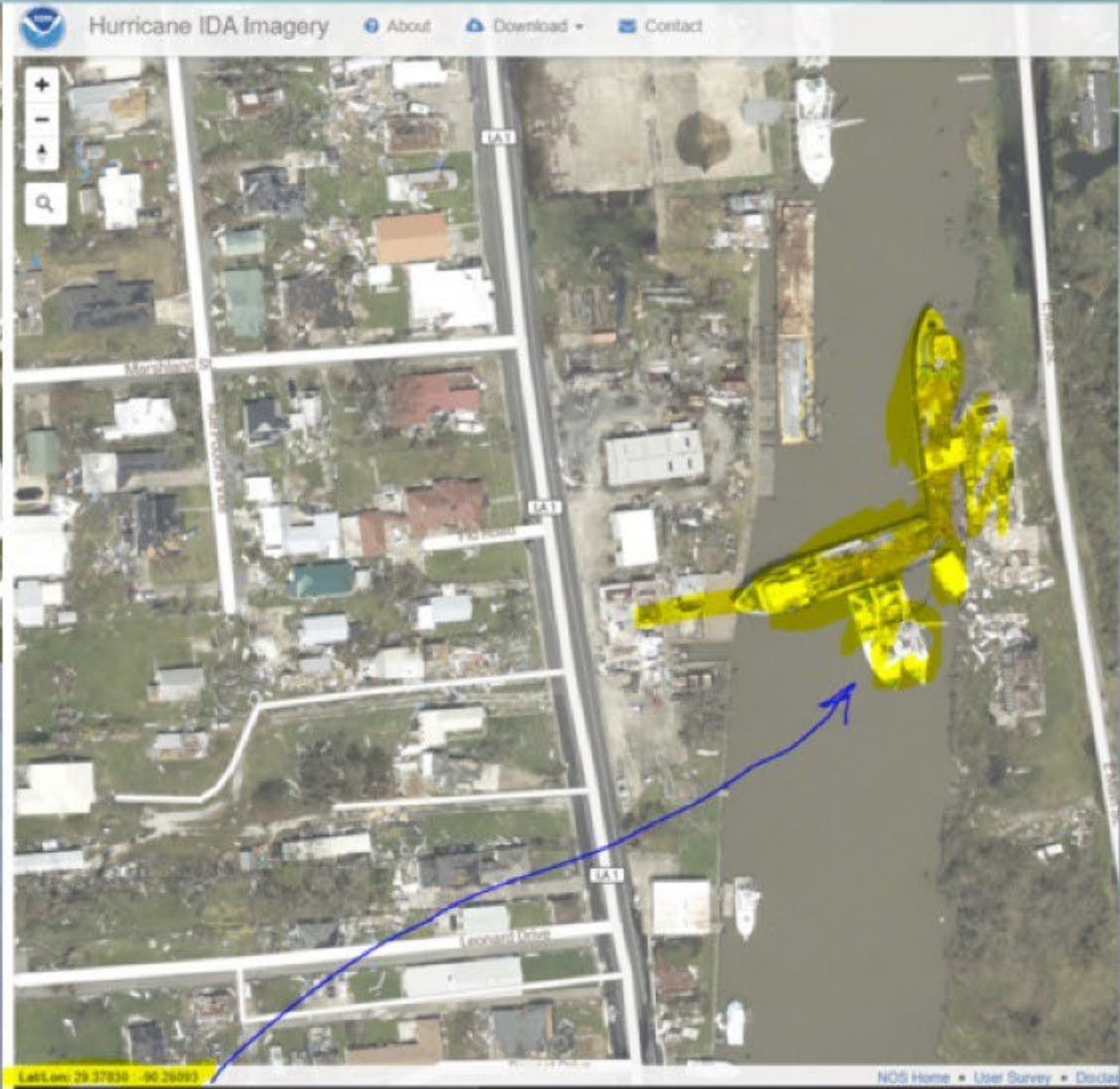


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Post Hurricane Ida Imagery-
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Coordinated Response with USACE and USCG

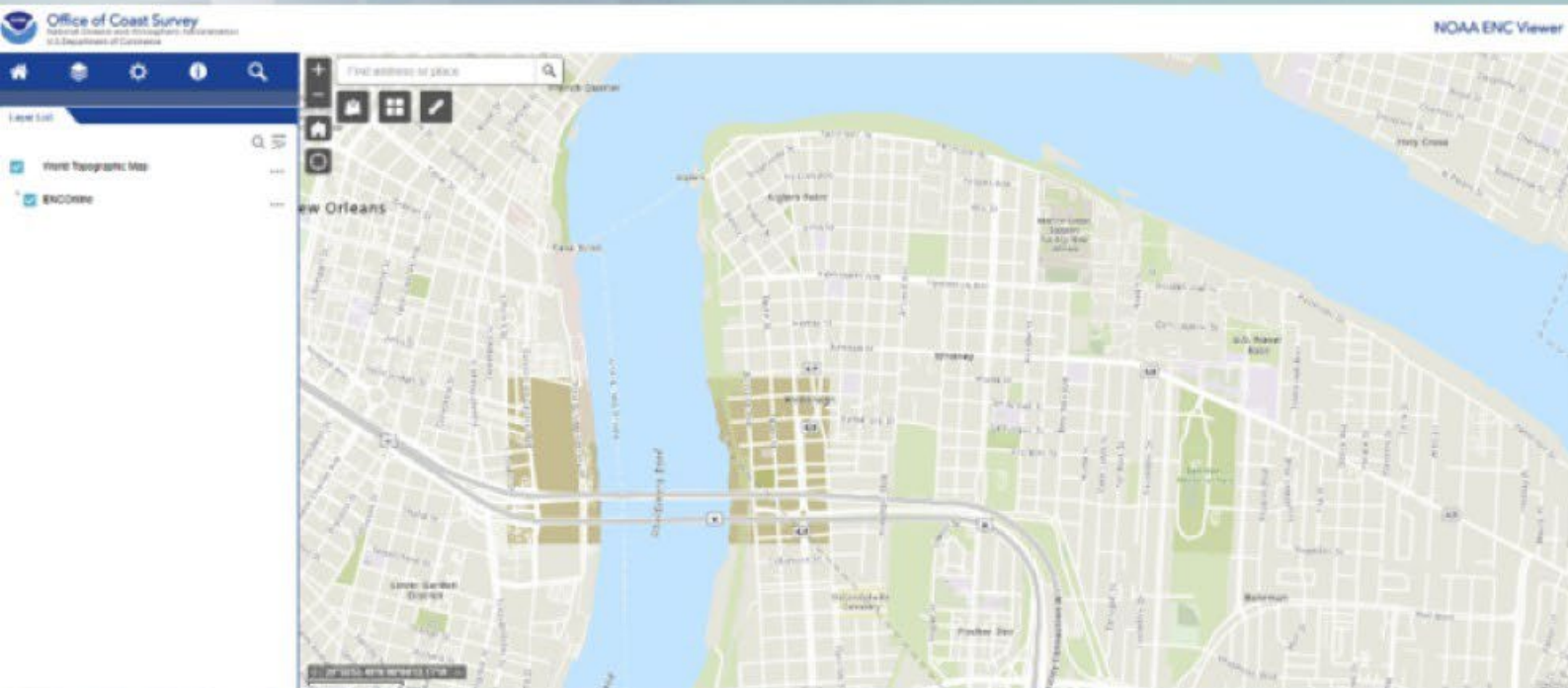


Know Your Charts And Area

<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/charts/noaa-enc.html>

<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/enconline/enconline.html>

- Ensure Your Facilities and Port Areas are Correctly Charted!
- If There is a Correction or Addition Needed- Contact Us!
- Retain Pre Storm Charted Areas of Your Port or Facility Area and Note and Publicize the Impacts to the Channels, Berths, Docks, Mooring Areas



We are Here to Respond, Recover

- ⦿ Contact Us At Any Time
- ⦿ Fourchon is a Terrific Partner, and these Meetings are a Critical 'Refresh' in preparation for 2026's Hurricane Season
- ⦿ Any Preparedness is Important. Don't Let the Summer and Fall of This Year be Missed Opportunities to Work on Surveying and Charting Issues

Thank You

Tim Osborn, NOAA Coast Survey



***THANK YOU for viewing the
2026 Hurricane Readiness Meeting
Presentation***



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