



HURRICANE IRMA BRIEFING

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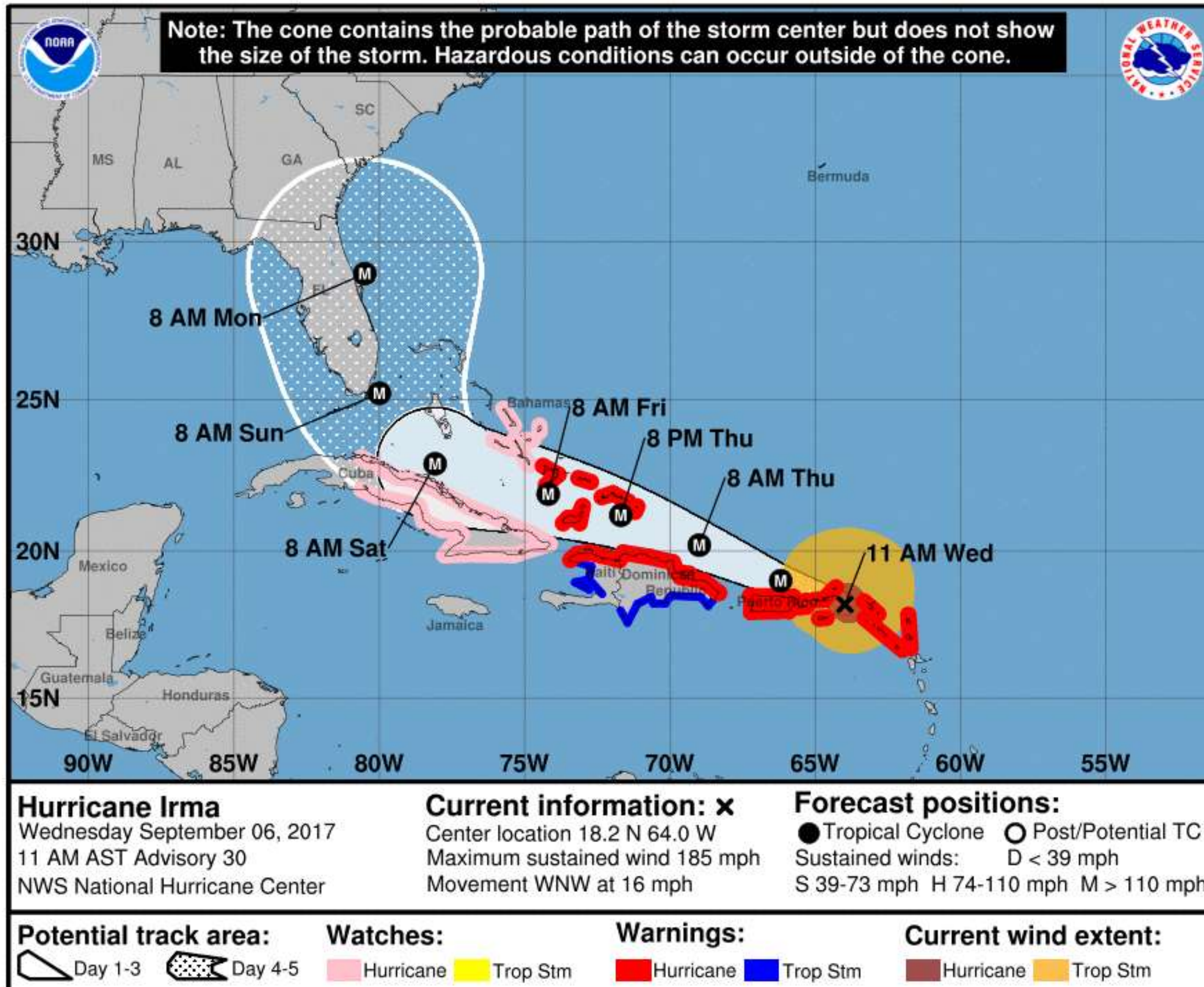
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Hurricane Irma – Forecast Track



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Hurricane Irma is a dangerous category 5 hurricane

Expected to move west-northwest for the next several days

A turn to the northwest and then north is expected some time Sunday with the official forecast continuing to trend slightly farther eastward today

Small fluctuations in intensity possible

Why Will It Turn?

Hurricane Irma



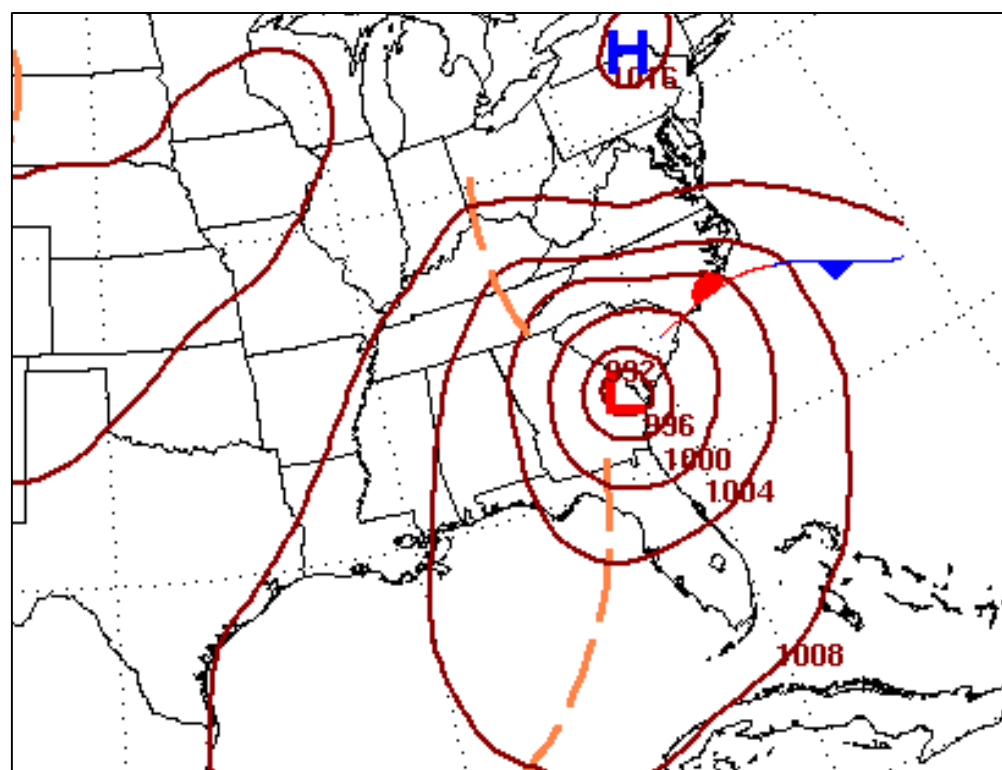
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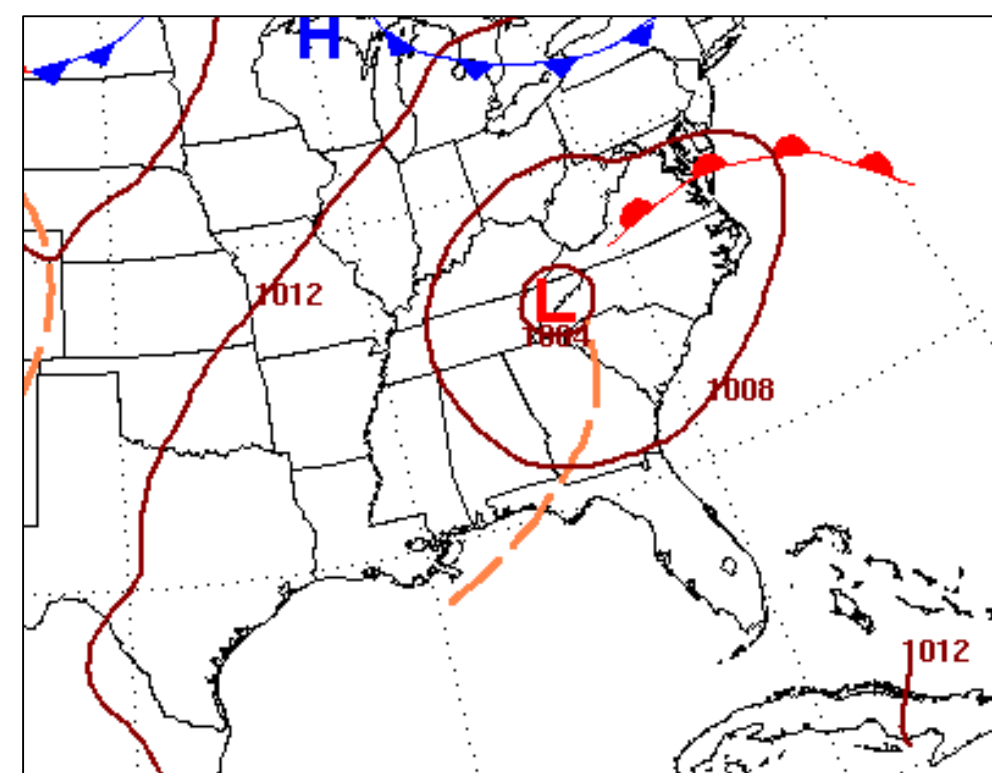
A cold front moved through southeast Louisiana this morning. Both the cold front and the upper level trough driving that front will continue moving east after passing through the central Gulf coast.

This upper level trough is expected to result in a weakness (think opening or path) between two high pressure systems – one over the Atlantic and another over Texas.

Irma is expected to follow this weakness. Once it turns, it is expected to continue moving generally northward or north-northwestward through mid-week.



Day 6- Tuesday Morning



Day 7 - Wednesday Morning



- The exact time and location where Irma will begin to turn is still uncertain
- The longer it takes for Irma to begin turning, the farther west the latter part of the track will be. However, most model guidance has continued to shift eastward, indicating a potentially earlier turn.
- Presently, the area at highest risk for the US mainland is from Florida through the Carolinas. However, we should continue to monitor the forecast. It's still the peak of hurricane season and now is a good time to review any hurricane plans and ensure supply kits are complete and up to date.

Tropical Storm Jose



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Tropical Storm Jose is forecast to move west-northwest for the next couple days before turning Northwest later this week.

Tropical Storm Katia



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Tropical Storm Katia is expected to gradually strengthen into a hurricane as it drifts slowly southeastward and then southwestward toward Mexico



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