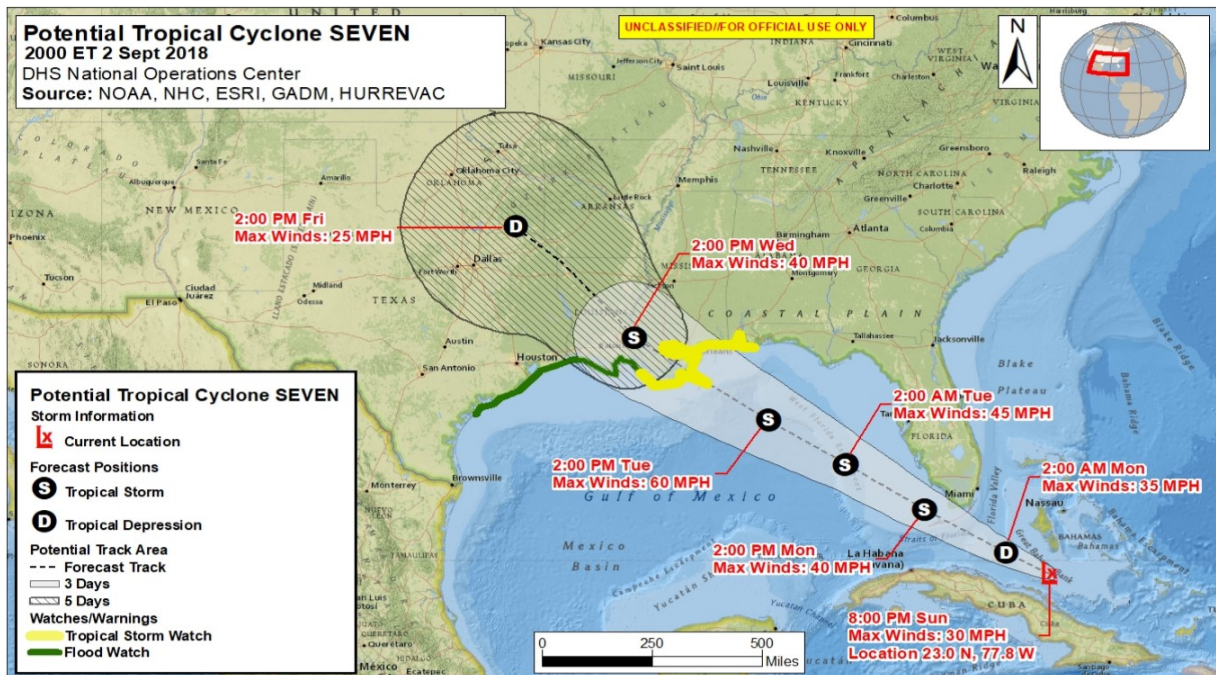




(U) Potential Tropical Cyclone SEVEN (Initial): Atlantic Ocean (Awareness NOC 0507-18)

US Department of Homeland Security

Report as of: 2135 ET 02 September 18



(U) **Overview:** The National Hurricane Center reports Potential Tropical Cyclone SEVEN could affect portions of the Central Gulf Coast on 4 Sep.

(U) As of 2000 ET 2 Sep, SEVEN is located 240 miles east-southeast of Marathon, FL. SEVEN is moving west-northwest at 15 mph, this general motion is expected to continue through 5 Sep. Maximum sustained winds are near 30 mph with higher gusts.

(U) SEVEN will pass over the FL Keys on 3 Sep, emerge over the southeastern Gulf of Mexico, and reach the central Gulf Coast by 4 or 5 Sep. SEVEN is expected to become a Tropical Depression on the morning of 3 Sep and a Tropical Storm by that evening. Total rain accumulations of 2 to 4 inches are forecast over the FL Keys and South FL through 4 Sep. Isolated maximum amounts of 8 inches are possible over the southern FL peninsula.

(U) A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for the AL - FL border westward to east of Morgan City, LA, including Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurepas. Portions of LA and TX are under flash-flood warnings due to current rainfall conditions.

(U) The FEMA National Watch Center and Regions IV/VI remain at Steady State. Region IV continues to maintain an Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) in TX as a result of severe storms and flooding earlier this summer. LA has activated its Crisis Action Team. State Operations Centers in FL, AL, MS, and TX remain at normal operations.

(U) The Department of Homeland Security Office of Operations Coordination National Operations Center is actively engaging partner organizations across the Homeland Security Enterprise for additional information and will provide updates as warranted. For the most current information, refer to the [DHS Common Operating Picture](#) and the [Homeland Security Information Network](#). The next scheduled update shall be published at 0500 ET 3 SEP.