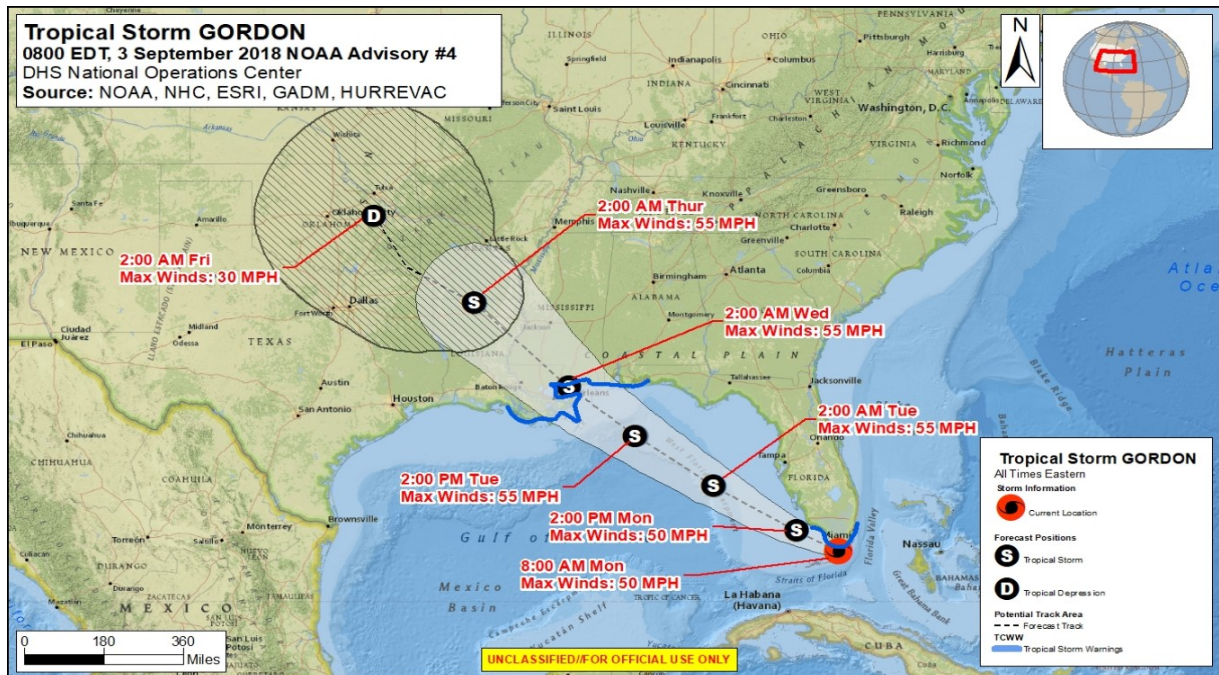




(U) Tropical Storm GORDON (Update 1): Atlantic Ocean (Awareness NOC 0507-18)

US Department of Homeland Security

Report as of: 1048 ET 03 September 18



(U) **Overview:** The National Hurricane Center reports Tropical Storm GORDON has formed near the upper FL Keys.

(U) As of 0900 ET, 3 Sep, GORDON was located 20 miles west of Key Largo, FL. The storm is moving west-northwest at 17 mph. A west-northwestward to northwestward motion is expected over the next 72 hours. On the forecast track, the center of Gordon will pass over the southern tip of the FL peninsula this morning then move over the southeastern Gulf of Mexico this afternoon and evening. Maximum sustained winds are near 45 (+15) mph with higher gusts. The estimated minimum central pressure is 29.80 inches.

(U) Gordon is expected to produce total rain accumulations of 4 to 6 inches over southern AL, southern MS and LA, with isolated maximum amounts of 8 inches through early 6 Sep.

(U) A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued for portions of South FL from Golden Beach to Bonita Beach, and for the Florida Keys from Craig Key to Ocean Reef, including Florida Bay. A Storm Surge Watch is in effect for MS-AL border westward to the Mouth of the Mississippi River.

(U) The FEMA National Watch Center, FEMA Regions IV and VI remain at Steady State. Region IV continues to maintain an Incident Management Assistance Team in TX as a result of severe storms and flooding earlier this summer. FEMA Incident Support Base Team Echo will deploy to Ft. Worth, TX on 4 Sep. 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, 4 Sep.