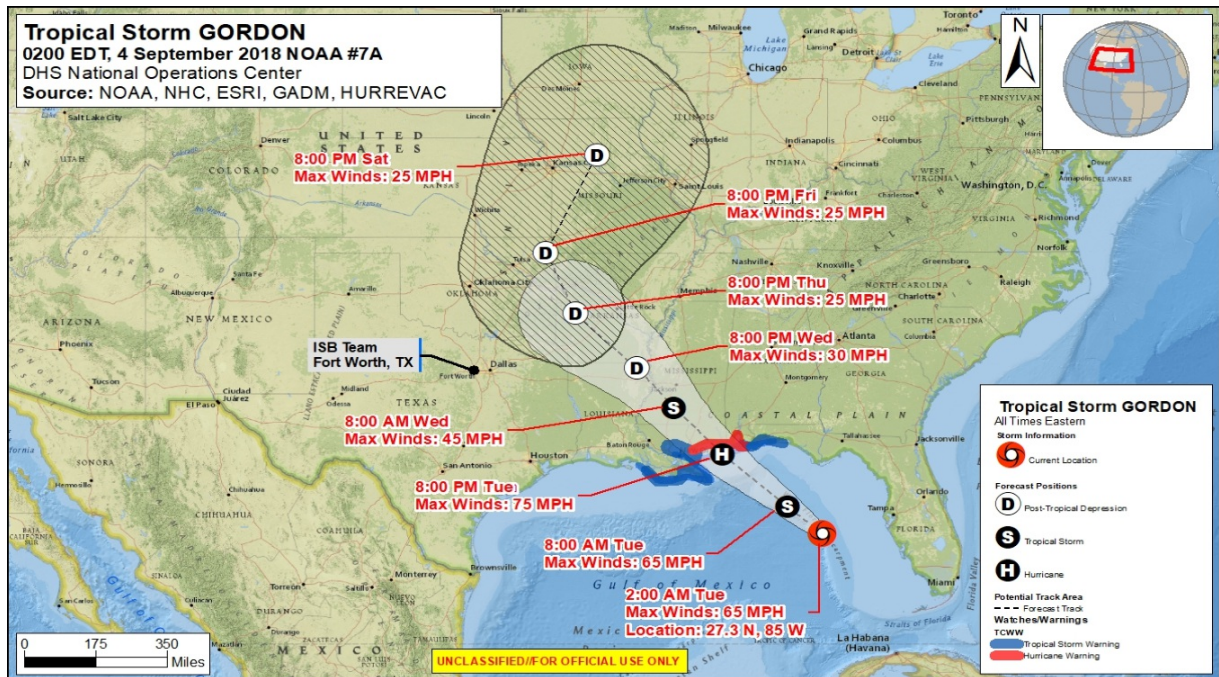




(U) Tropical Storm GORDON (Update 2): Gulf of Mexico (Awareness NOC 0507-18)

US Department of Homeland Security

Report as of: 0435 ET 04 September 18



(U) **Overview:** The National Hurricane Center reports Tropical Storm GORDON continues to move away from FL and could possibly be a hurricane when it makes landfall along the north-central Gulf Coast during the evening of 4 Sep.

(U) As of 0200 ET, 4 Sep, GORDON was located 280 miles east-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River. The storm is moving west-northwest at 17 (n/c) mph. On the forecast track, GORDON is likely to strengthen slightly today with movement across the eastern Gulf, and is expected to travel inland and weaken over the Mississippi Valley. Maximum sustained winds are 65 (+20) mph. The estimated minimum central pressure is 29.65 inches.

(U) GORDON is expected to produce total rain accumulations of up to 8 inches and could cause flash flooding in AL, MS, and LA.

(U) A Hurricane Warning is in effect for the mouth of the Pearl River, MS to the AL-FL border. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for west of the mouth of the Pearl River to east of Morgan City, LA, including Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurepas and from the AL-FL border to Okaloosa-Walton County Line, FL. A Storm Surge Warning is in effect for Shell Beach, LA to Dauphin Island, AL. A Storm Surge Watch is in effect for west of Shell Beach to the mouth of the Mississippi River and east of Dauphin Island to Navarre, FL. Storm surge from Shell Beach to Dauphin Island, AL could reach as high as 5 feet. The Tropical Storm Warning for the southwest coast of FL has been discontinued.

(U) The FEMA National Watch Center will transition to Enhanced Watch at 0800 ET, 4 Sep. FEMA Region IV will transition to Enhanced Watch at 0700 ET, 4 Sep with an IMAT on standby. Region VI is at Level III. An IMAT is deployed to LA EOC and LNO to the New Orleans EOC. A FEMA Incident Support Base (ISB) Team is deployed to Fort Worth, TX. The Governors of MS and LA have declared States of Emergency.