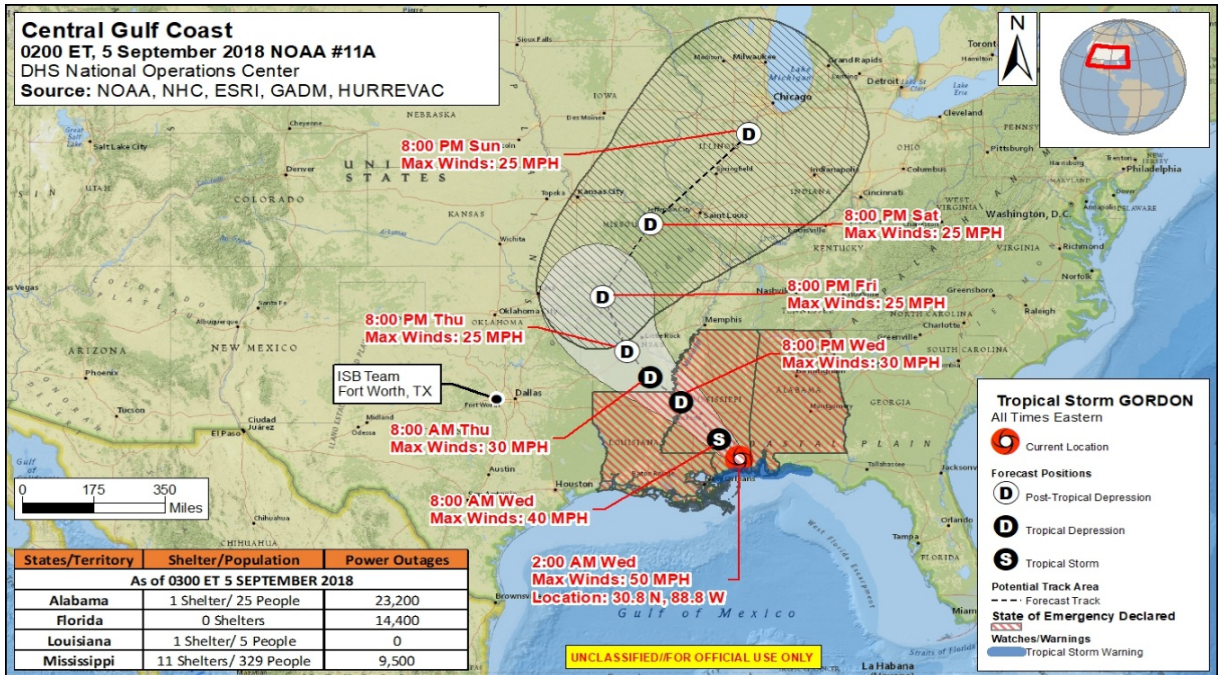




(U) Tropical Storm GORDON (Update 4): Central Gulf Coast (Phase 1 - Guarded NOC 0507-18)

US Department of Homeland Security

Report as of: 0408 ET 05 September 18



(U) **Overview:** The National Hurricane Center reports Tropical Storm GORDON made landfall at 2315 ET, 4 Sep, 30 miles east-southeast of Biloxi, MS. Maximum sustained winds at the time of landfall were an estimated 70 mph. Continued weakening of the system is expected as the system moves over land. GORDON is forecast to become a Tropical Depression later this morning.

(U) As of 0200 ET, 5 Sep, GORDON was located 40 miles west of Mobile, AL. The storm is moving northwest at 14 (-1) mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 (-20) mph. On the forecast track, the center of GORDON will move across the lower Mississippi Valley through today and a turn toward the north-northwest and north is forecast to occur on 7 Sep. GORDON is expected to produce total rain accumulations of up to 8 inches through Thursday and could cause flash flooding in AR, AL, MS, LA, and the western FL Panhandle.

(U) All warnings and watches west of the Pearl River have been discontinued. The Storm Surge Warning west of Biloxi has also been discontinued. A Storm Surge Warning is in effect for Pascagoula MS to Dauphin Island, AL. A Storm Surge Watch is in effect for east of Dauphin Island, AL to Navarre, FL. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for the mouth of the Pearl River to the Okaloosa-Walton County line.

(U) One fatality has been reported in FL. The Department of Energy reports the following power outages as of 0300 ET, 5 Sep: AL: 23.2K, MS: 9.5K, FL: 14.4K. The Red Cross reports 11 shelters have been opened along the MS coast (329 occupants) and one each in AL (25) and LA (5).

(U) The FEMA National Watch Center and the FEMA Region IV Regional Watch Center are at Enhanced Watch. Region VI Regional Response Coordination Center is at Level II (Partial Activation) with ESFs 1, 3, 8, and NOAA LNO. An IMAT is deployed to the LA EOC and an LNO is deployed to the New Orleans EOC. A FEMA ISB Team is deployed to Fort Worth, TX. The Governors of MS, AL, and LA have declared States of Emergency for coastal counties.

(U) USCG reports port assessments will launch when conditions permit. Two flood pumt teams (6 boats) are pre-staged in Covington, LA