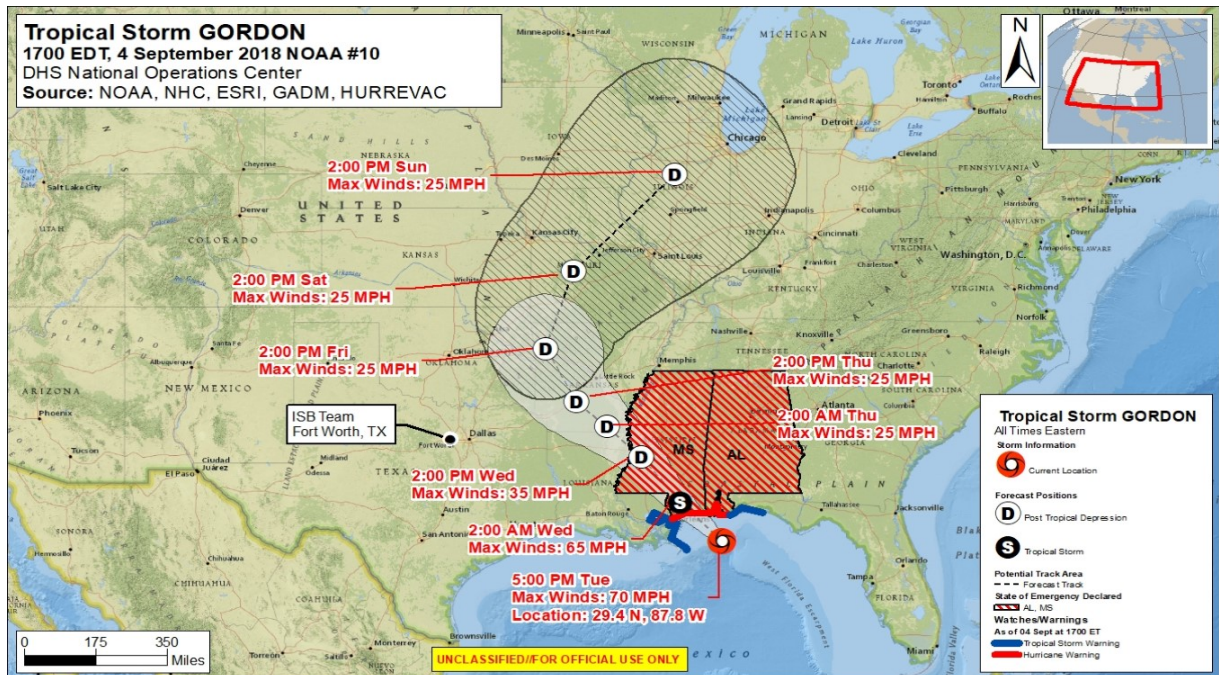




(U) Tropical Storm GORDON (Update 3): Gulf of Mexico (Phase 1 - Guarded NOC 0507-18)

US Department of Homeland Security

Report as of: 1940 ET 04 September 18



(U) **Overview:** The National Hurricane Center reports Tropical Storm GORDON continues toward the north-central Gulf Coast and could become a hurricane prior to making landfall tonight.

(U) As of 1700 ET, 4 Sep, GORDON was located 90 miles southeast of Biloxi, MS. The storm is moving northwest at 15 (-2) mph. On the forecast track, the center of GORDON will make landfall along the north-central Gulf Coast later tonight, and then move inland over the lower Mississippi Valley through 5 Sep. Maximum sustained winds are 70 (+5) mph. The estimated minimum central pressure is 1000 mb.

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

(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 the mouth of the Mississippi River, including Lake Pontchartrain 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 the mouth of the Pearl River to Dauphin Island could reach as high as 5 feet.

(U) The FEMA National Watch Center is at Enhanced Watch (24/7). FEMA Region IV Regional Watch Center (RWC) is at Enhanced Watch (24/7). Region VI Regional Response Coordination Center is at Level II (Partial Activation). An Incident Management Assistance Team is deployed to LA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a Liaison Officer is deployed 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. MS EOC is at Partial Activation. LA EOC is at Full Activation.

(U) USCG reports units in AL, MS, and New Orleans, LA, have been set to Hurricane Condition One (A danger condition set when damaging tropical winds from 39 to 73 mph are possible within 12 hours). Houma, LA and western units attained Hurricane Condition Two (A warning condition set when damaging tropical winds 39 to 73 mph are possible within 24 hours). Mobile, Gulfport, and Pascagoula ports attained Port Condition Zulu (Winds 32 to 63 mph from hurricane force storm are expected to impact the port within 12 hours). There are 51 offshore platforms that have been evacuated.

