

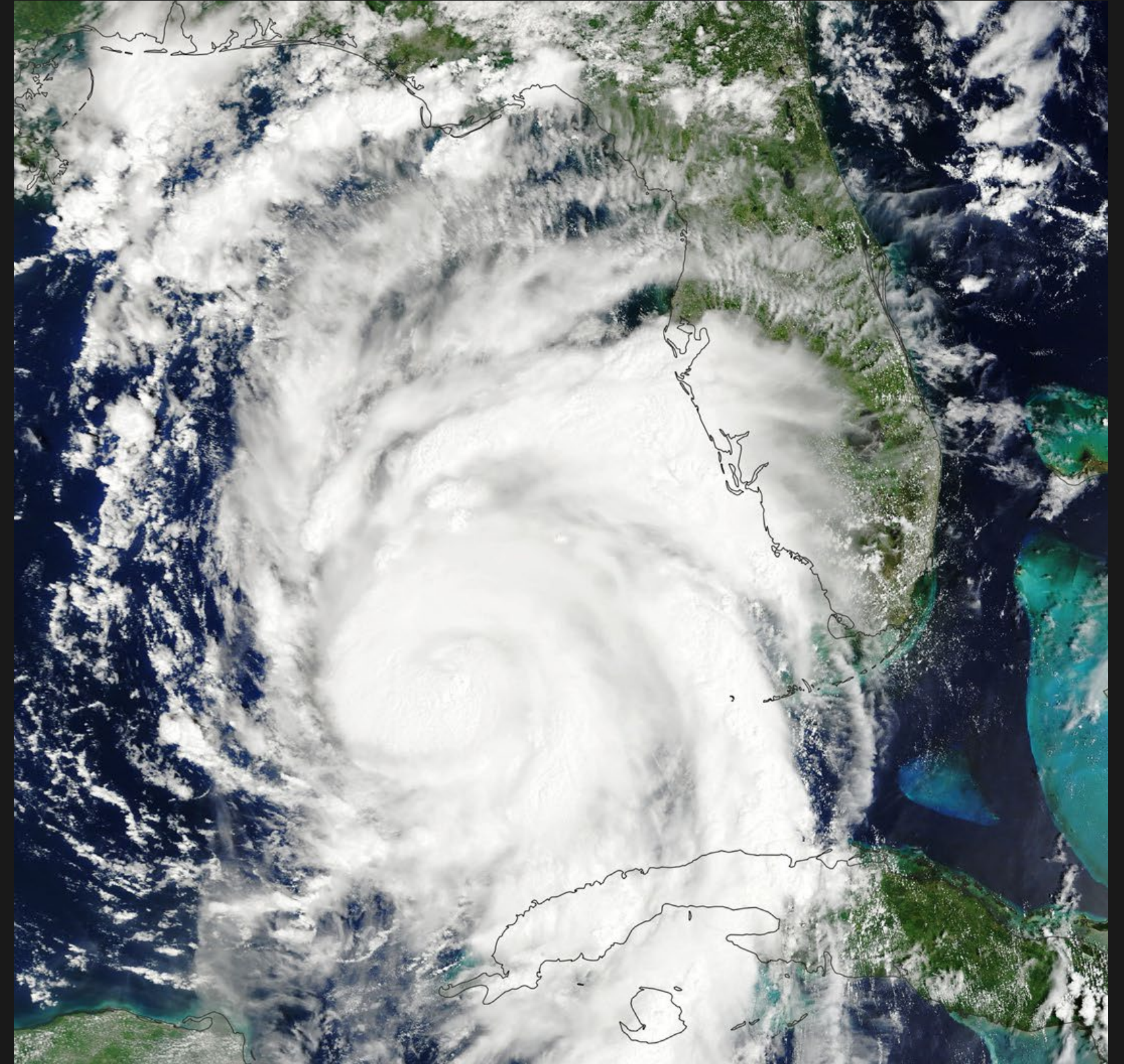


HERNANDO COUNTY FIRE RESCUE
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hurricane Idalia

Reporting on Preparation, Response, & Recovery

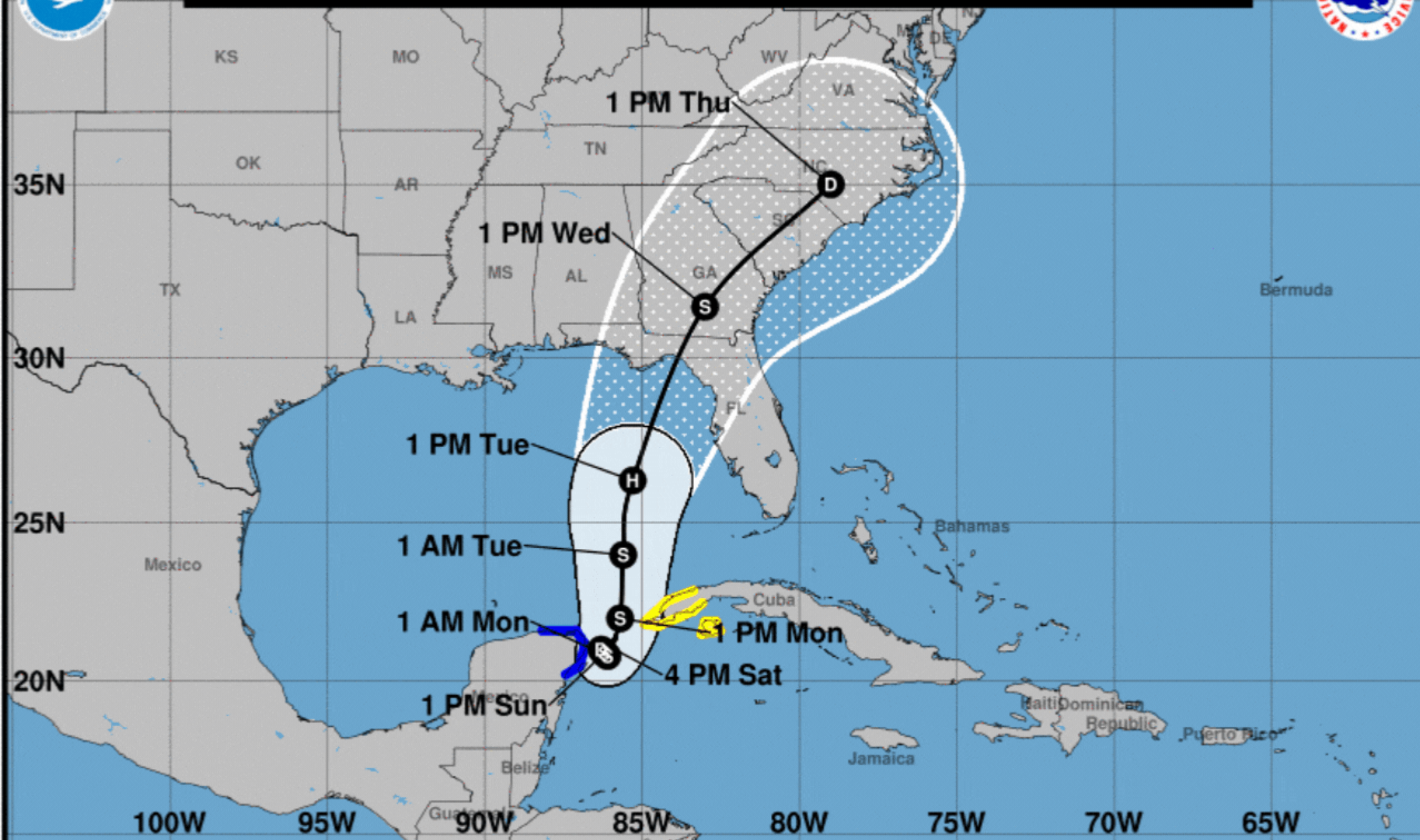
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September 12, 2023



Note: The cone contains the probable path of the storm center but does not show the size of the storm. Hazardous conditions can occur outside of the cone.



Tropical Depression Ten
 Saturday August 26, 2023
 4 PM CDT Advisory 1
 NWS National Hurricane Center

Current information: x
 Center location 21.1 N 86.1 W
 Maximum sustained wind 30 mph
 Movement: Stationary

Forecast positions:
 ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential TC
 Sustained winds: D < 39 mph
 S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110 mph

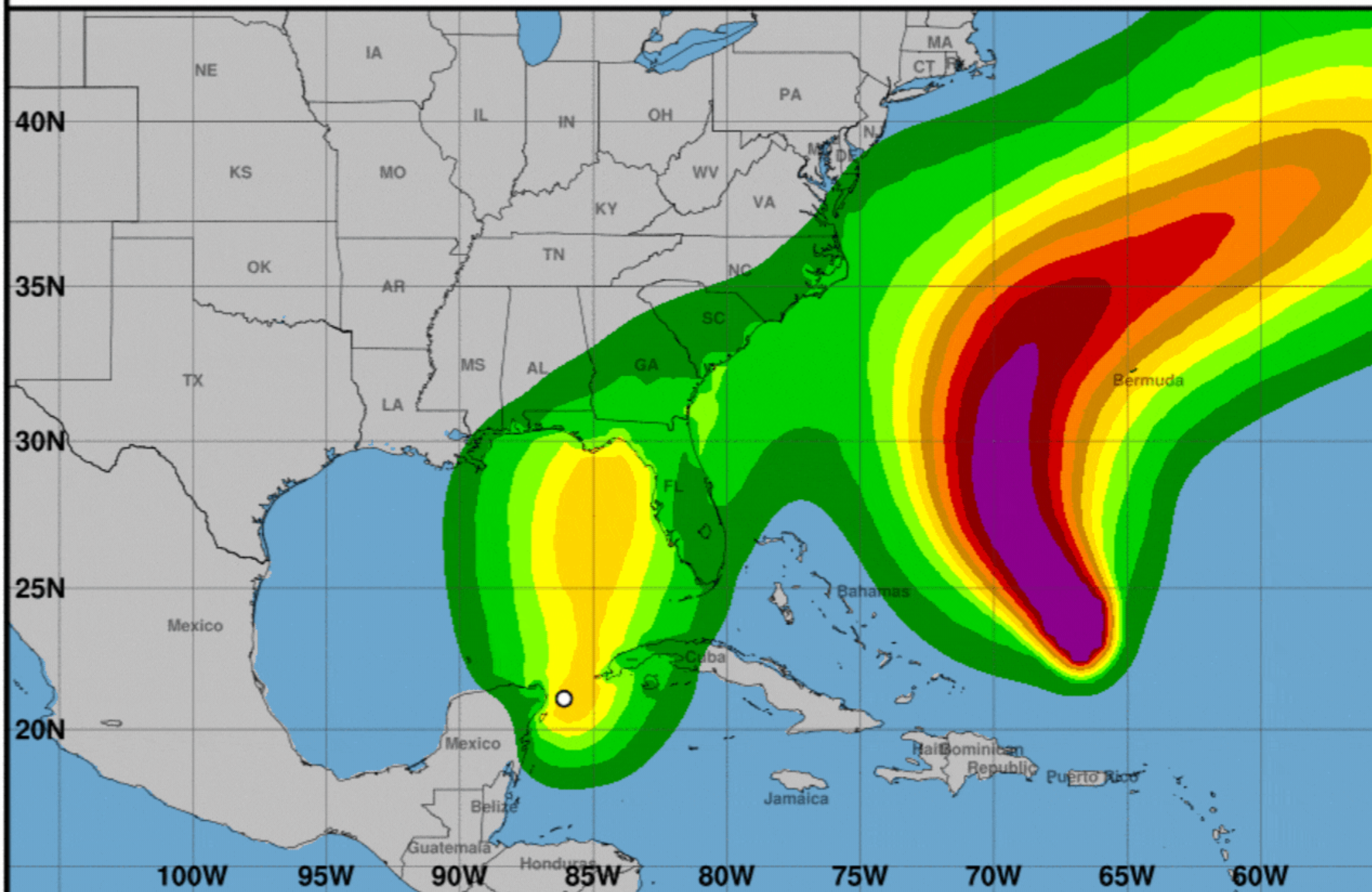
Potential track area: Day 1-3 (white outline) Day 4-5 (dotted outline)
Watches: Hurricane (pink) Trop Stm (yellow)
Warnings: Hurricane (red) Trop Stm (blue)
Current wind field estimate: Hurricane (brown) Trop Stm (yellow)



Tropical-Storm-Force Wind Speed Probabilities



For the 120 hours (5.00 days) from 1 PM CDT SAT AUG 26 to 1 PM CDT THU AUG 31



Probability of tropical-storm-force winds (1-minute average ≥ 39 mph) from all tropical cyclones
○ indicates Tropical Depression Ten center location at 1 PM CDT SAT AUG 26, 2023 (Forecast/Advisory #1)





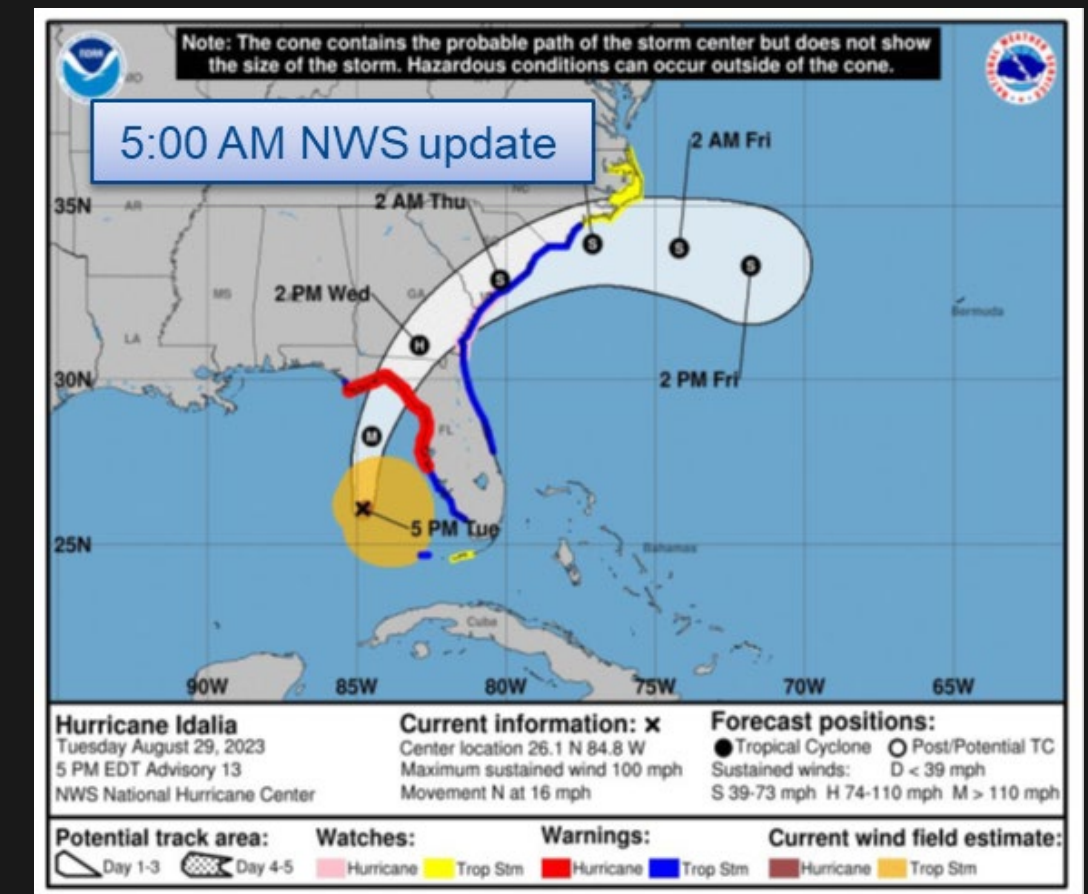


Summary of Forecast & Impacts for Hernando County



Forecast - NWS Tampa:

- Winds
 - Forecasted to receive 30-40 mph winds with gusts up to 80 mph for the entire county
 - The center of the eye of Idalia was approx. 85 miles off the coast of Hernando County
- Surge
 - Forecasted surge of 6-9 feet including a King High Tide
- Rainfall
 - Forecasted 4 to 7 inches widespread





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Actual Impacts - NWS Tampa:

- Winds
 - Received 50 - 60 mph winds with peak gust of 58 mph recorded at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport
- Surge
 - Between 6 and 7 feet
- Rainfall
 - Estimated at 1 to 3 inches with maximum peak of 2.88 inches near Spring Hill





Emergency Protective Measures

Hernando County



- Sandbag sites opened on August 26, 2023:
 - Linda Pedersen Park - 22,074
 - Anderson Snow Park - 20,075
 - Ridge Manor Community Center - 2,424
 - City of Brooksville DPW
- 44,573 Sandbags were distributed from Hernando County Government
- Local State of Emergency declared and executed by the Executive Policy Group – Sunday August 27, 2023
 - LSE ongoing until further determined
 - Renewed in 7 day increments / FSS 252
- County Government & Schools closed Mon. - Wed.
- Public Information Center phone lines opened Monday, August 28, 2023
 - Over 1,700+ calls received
- 4 shelters opened
 - West Hernando Middle School - Special Needs
 - Parrott Middle - Pet Friendly & General Population
 - Hernando High School - General Population
 - Nature Coast Technical - General Population
- 336 individuals sheltered overnight on August 29, 2023
 - 85 pets were in shelters



Emergency Protective Measures

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- Voluntary Evacuation Order issued for Zones A - C on Sunday, August 27, 2023 & Monday, August 28, 2023. Also for mobile home parks; manufactured homes, trailer parks and RV parks county wide.
- Mandatory Evacuation Order issued for Zones A – C on Tuesday, August 29, 2023
- Pre-land fall - Florida National Guard units assigned to Hernando County with approximately 76 guardsmen
 - 7 high water rescue vehicles
 - 24 other type vehicles
- U.S. Senator Rick Scott visited Hernando County's Emergency Operations Center





Response Activities

Hernando County



- EOC Activated to Level II on Monday August 28th. On Tuesday, August 29, 2023 activated to Level I
 - Back to Level II activation on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 which is ongoing during recovery phase
- Multiple civilian rescues made by HCFR Special Operations Team during onset and inundation of storm surge and tropical storm force winds
- Responded to 2 residential house fires from storm impacts
- HCFR Disaster Recovery Trailer and supplies staged at BKV airport ready for deployment





Response Activities

Hernando County



- Hernando County Sheriff's Office closed access to residential areas west of US19 from CR 550 (Cortez Blvd) to the south county line due to storm surge
- As a preventive measure to preserve life and property, WREC deemed it necessary to shut power off to Hernando Beach, Bayport, Pine Island, Aripeka and Weeki Wachee Gardens
- A total of 202 local missions were completed
- FDEM and FEMA personnel in county within 12 hours of storm impacts



US Coast Guard Auxiliary Building



Recovery

Hernando County



- FDEM and FEMA Rapid Damage Assessment performed post landfall.
 - Affected 181
 - Destroyed 1
 - Major Damage 116
 - Minor Damage 65
 - **Total: 363 homes**
- Rapid Assessment consisted of local, state, and federal assets. This is a new program pushed from Hurricane Ian in order to expedite a federal declaration.
 - Joint Damage Assessment cancelled due to County meeting PA threshold numbers (\$865,000)





Recovery Hernando County



- Hernando County declared for FEMA Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Category A & B on September 2, 2023
 - Submitted \$2.27 million for Categories C -G
- FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams (DSA) are on the ground assisting residents w/applying for FEMA IA
 - Knocked on 1,456 doors
 - Made contact with 186 people
 - 13 field registrations for FEMA Individual Assistance
 - Total FEMA registrations are 798
- FEMA Disaster Recovery Center location being established
- US Congressman Gus Bilirakis toured Hernando Beach area



Emergency Work

Address an immediate threat:

- A** Debris removal
- B** Emergency protective measures

Permanent Work

Restoration of:

- C** Roads/bridges
- D** Water control facilities
- E** Buildings/equipment
- F** Utilities
- G** Parks, recreational, and other facilities



Recovery Hernando County



- Hernando County & Community Partners opened the Family Resource Center at the Weeki Wachee Area Club daily from 9am -5pm through Friday, September 16th
 - Location to get supplies, muck out buckets, shovels or other equipment
 - Assistance with FEMA IA registrations
 - Meals and food pantry
 - Other community resources available to help
- Continuing to support residents with clean up efforts, debris removal and applying for FEMA assistance
- American Red Cross Individual Assistance (IA) will start Thursday, September 14th





Recovery Efforts Ongoing

Hernando County



- Hernando County Building Department allowing for emergency permit applications
- Debris Removal operations began September 6, 2023
 - Second debris push to be determined
- FEMA assistance still available
 - www.DisasterAssistance.gov
 - FEMA app available on Google Play and iOS App Store
 - Register via phone at 1-800-621-3362
- Small Business Administration (SBA) loans available for financial assistance
 - Business Physical Disaster Loans
 - Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)
 - Home Disaster Loans





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Questions

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