

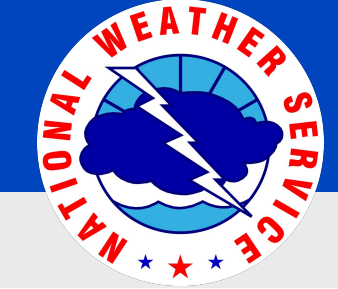
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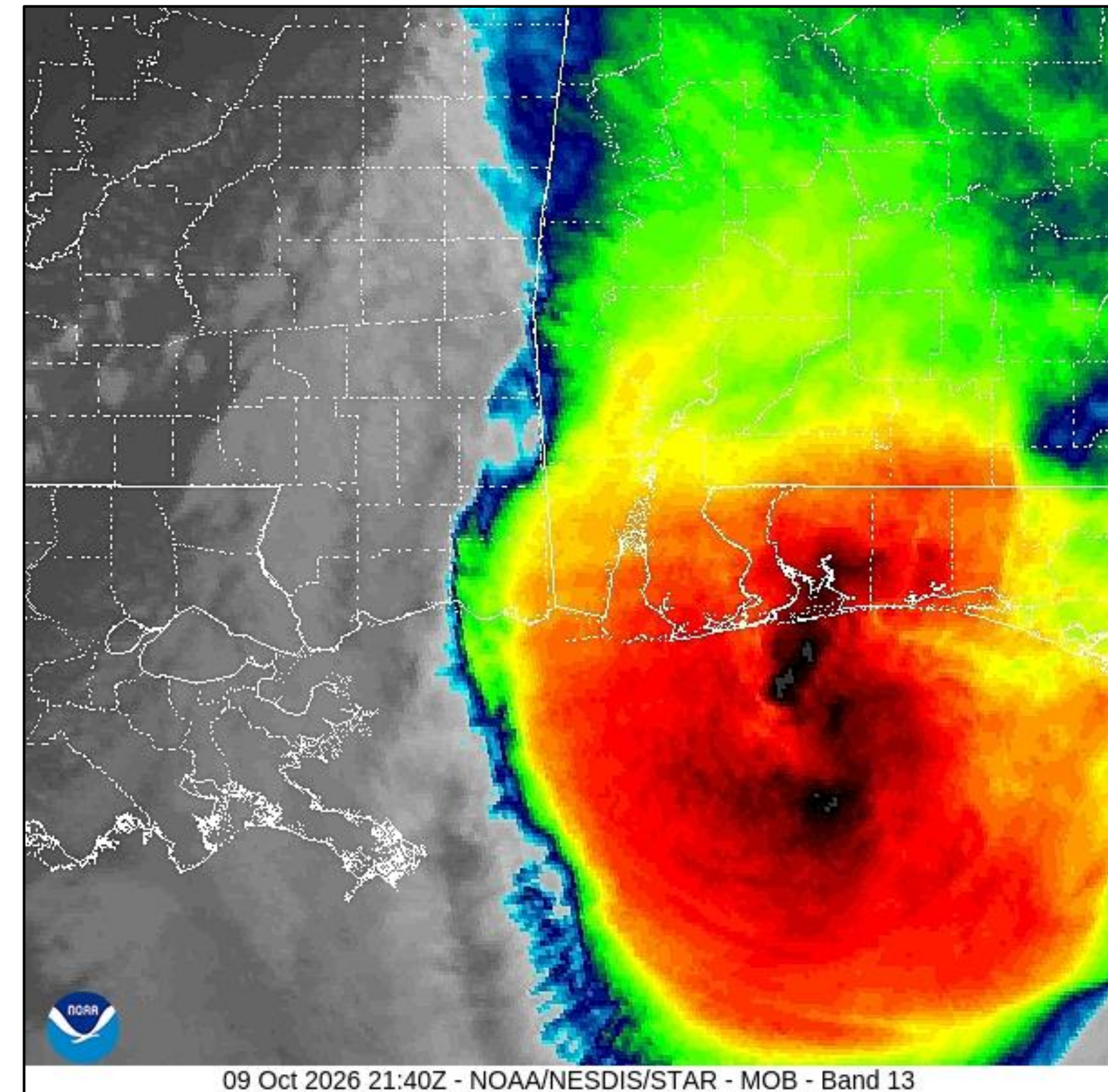




# Current Satellite View

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- As of 5pm, Major Hurricane Isaias is
  - 70 miles south-southeast of Pensacola, FL (105 miles southeast of Mobile, AL)
  - Maximum sustained winds of 115 mph
  - Moving north at 17 mph
  - Minimum central pressure of 958 mb
- Isaias has turned northward and is accelerating
- Conditions continue to deteriorate along the coastline





# Situation Overview

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- Conditions continue to deteriorate along the coastline and this trend will continue as the eyewall approaches the coast
- Isaias could maintain **MAJOR HURRICANE** intensity up until landfall in the Florida panhandle
- Hurricane Isaias continues to accelerate towards the north this afternoon and is forecast to make landfall between Navarre and Destin this evening between 7–10pm
- We remain **increasingly concerned** about the potential for significantly stronger winds on the western side of the storm and extending farther inland over the next several hours
- **SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ARE EXPECTED:** strong, damaging winds; life-threatening storm surge; high surf and rip currents; dangerous flash flooding; and tornadoes.

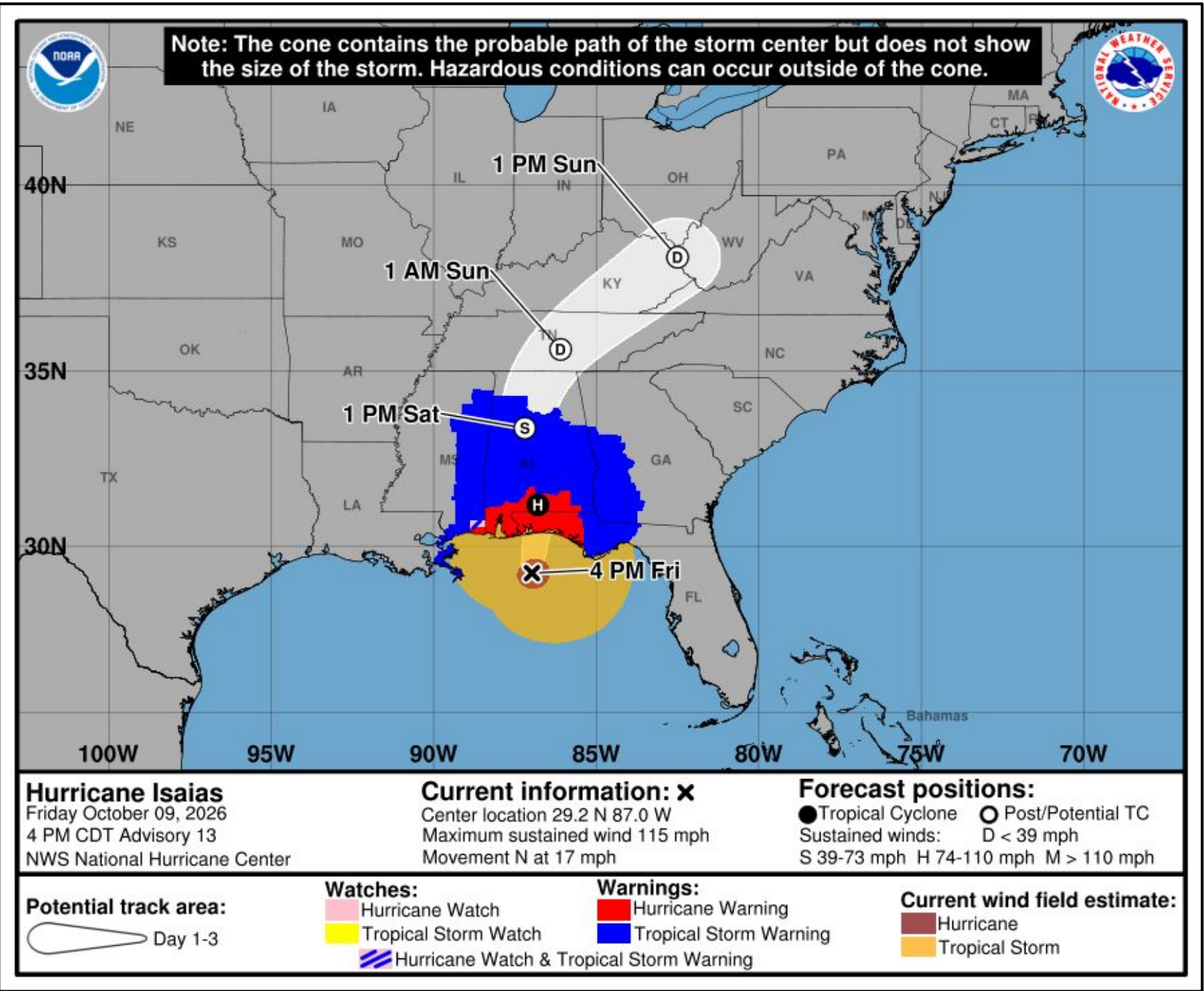




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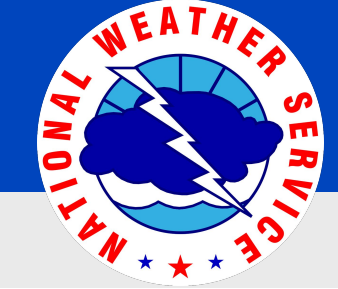
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**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track. Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

- The center of MAJOR Hurricane Isaias is expected to reach the northwest Florida coast tonight (sometime between 7pm and 11pm)
- Impacts are expected for a large portion of south Alabama and northwest Florida.
- **Significant impacts are likely:**
  - **Hurricane-force winds** – near the center, along with an expansive tropical storm force wind field
  - **Life-threatening storm surge** – areas along and east of where the center makes landfall
  - **Dangerous beach conditions**
  - **Life-threatening flash flooding** – especially over coastal counties
  - **Tornadoes** – areas east of the center

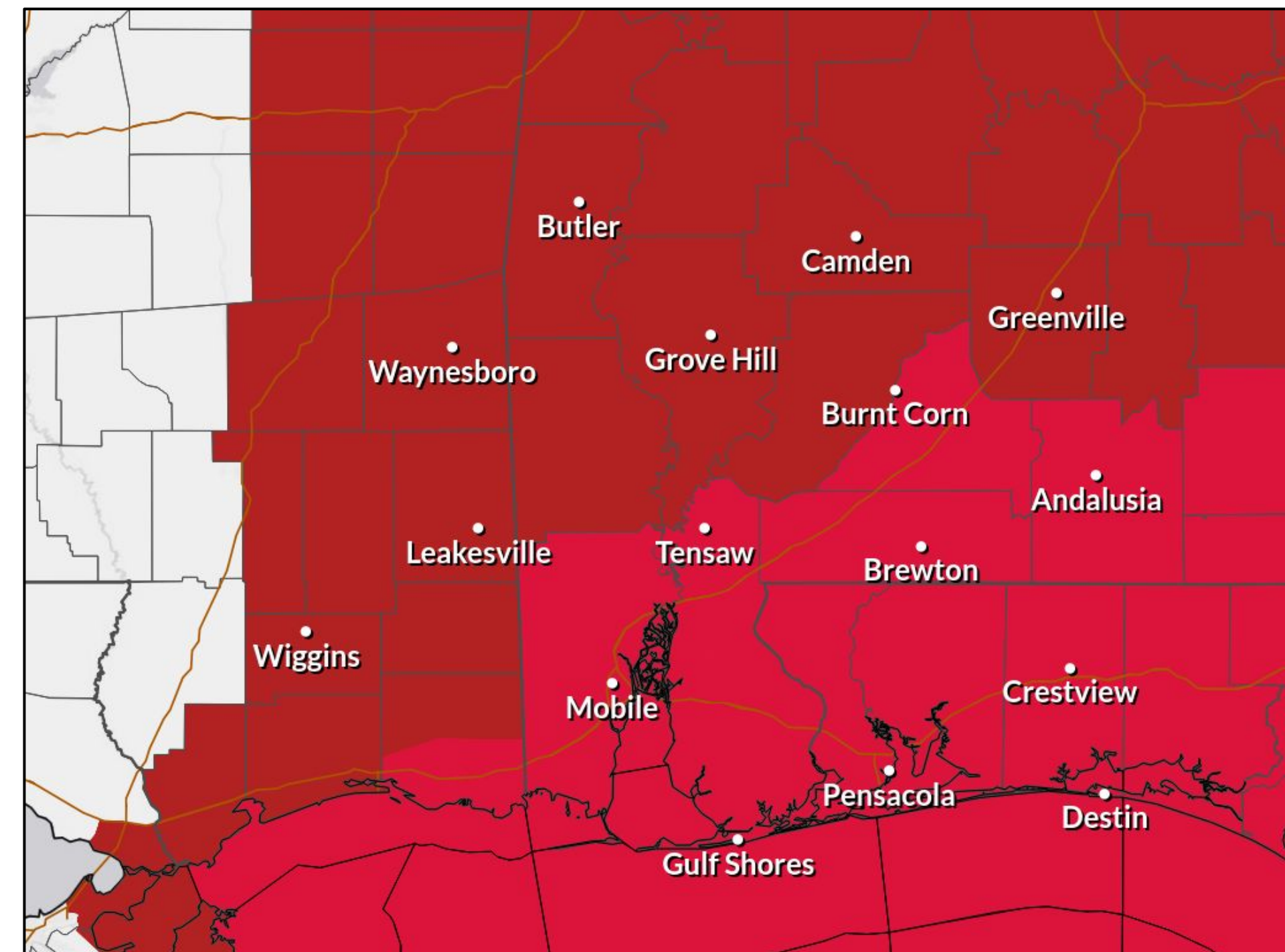




# Tropical Watches + Warnings

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- No updates on the latest advisory
- **Hurricane WARNING:** Coastal counties of southwest Alabama and northwest Florida, as well as Escambia, Covington, and Conecuh Counties in Alabama
- **Tropical Storm Warning:** George, Greene, Stone, Perry, and Wayne Counties in Mississippi; Washington, Clarke, Wilcox, Monroe, Butler, Choctaw and Crenshaw Counties in Alabama

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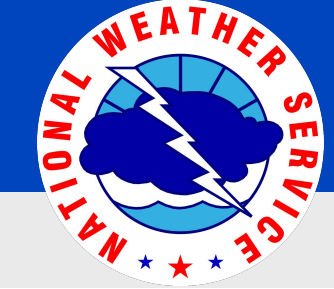
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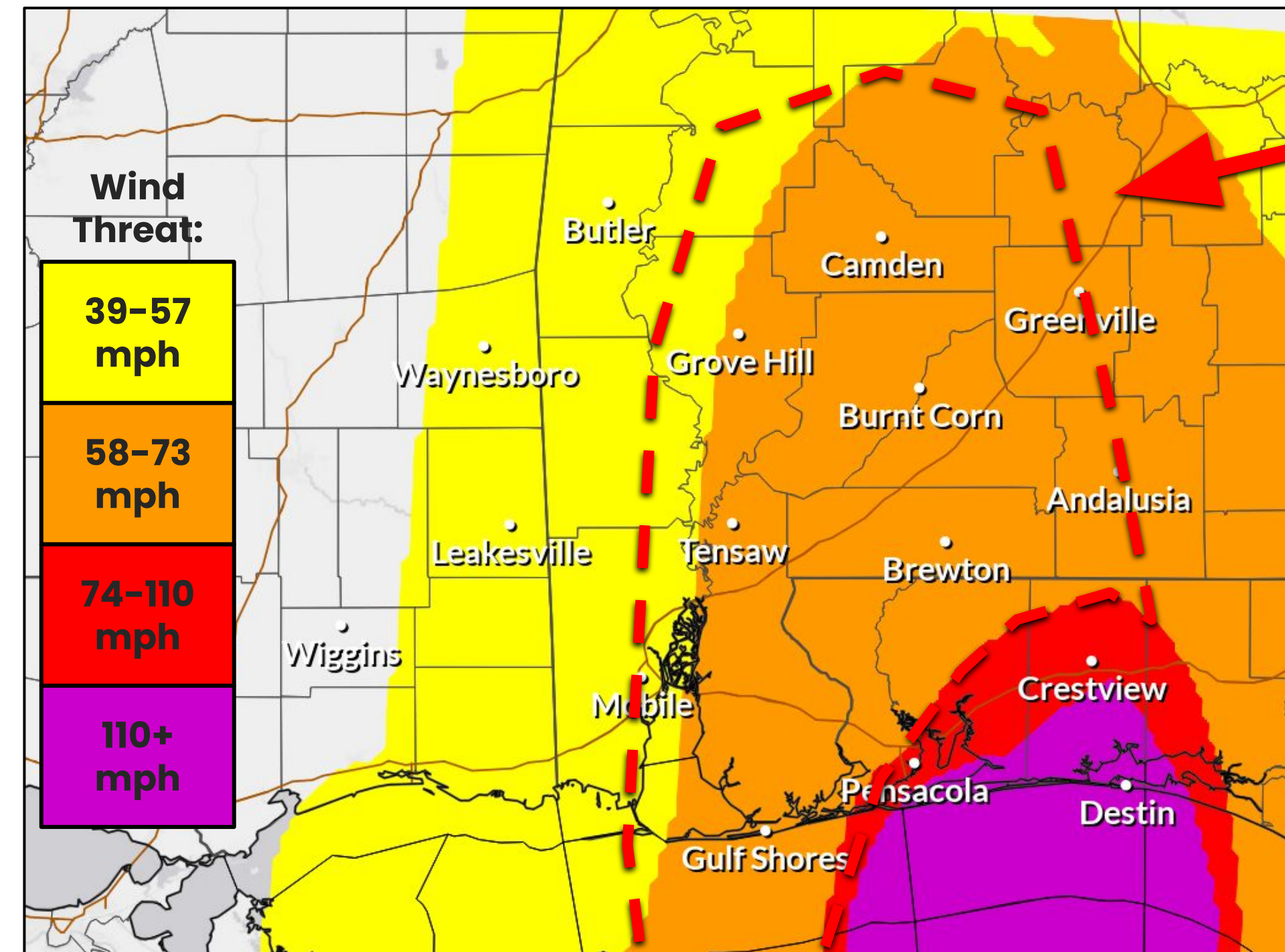




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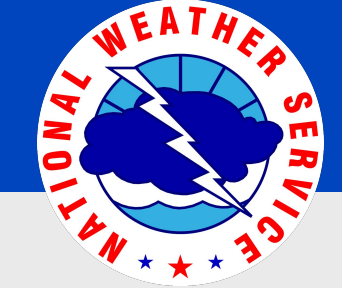
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- Greatest risk for wind damage is across northwest Florida and south central Alabama
- We are becoming increasingly concerned about the potential for **significantly stronger winds on the western side of the storm and extending farther inland over the next several hours**
- **Do not let your guard down if you are west of the center, damaging winds will be a serious threat**
- The potential for strong, damaging winds extends far inland
- Impacts include:
  - Considerable roof damage
  - Mobile homes damaged
  - Many roads impassable
  - Many bridges, causeways, and access routes impassable
  - **Widespread power and communications outages**

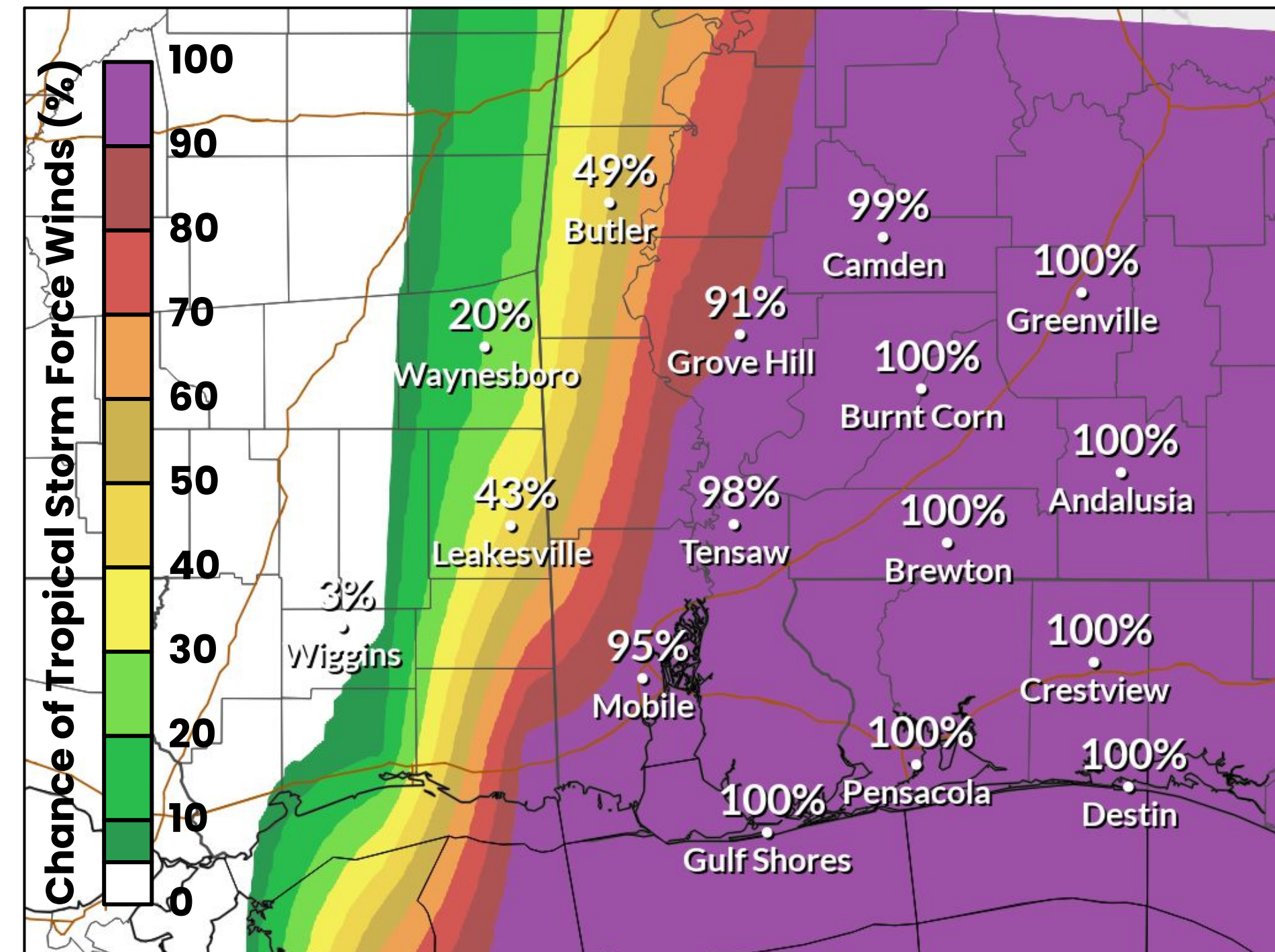




# Tropical Storm Wind Speed Probabilities

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- Tropical storm force wind speed (40+ mph) probabilities are **EXPECTED** across the eastern half of the area
- Tropical storm force winds are near certain (90–100%) over northwest Florida, portions of south-central Alabama, and coastal Alabama
- Sharp gradient in lower probabilities further west, especially over southeast Mississippi

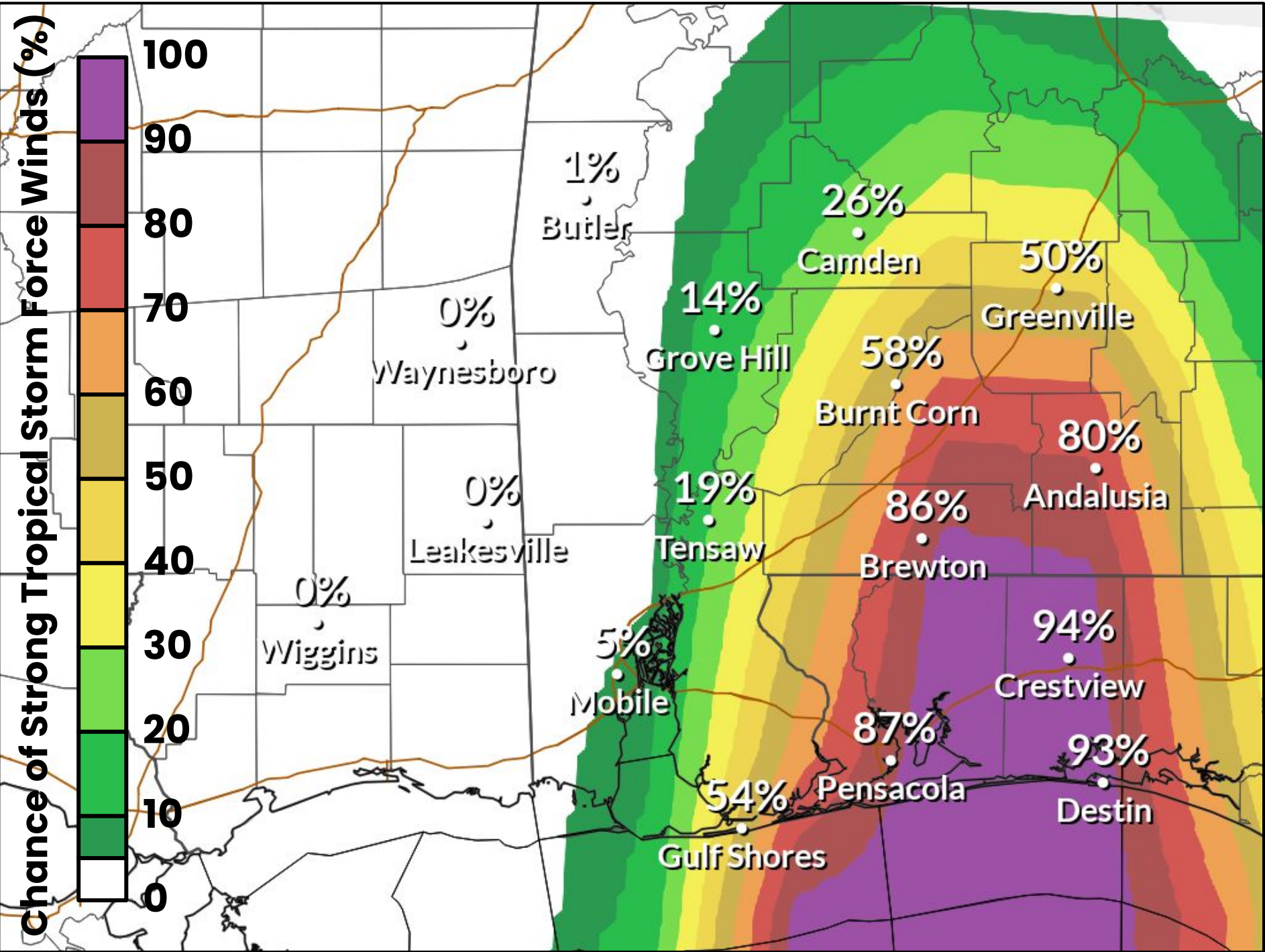




# Strong TS Wind Speed Probabilities

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- Strong tropical storm force wind speed (58+ mph) probabilities are **EXPECTED** across parts of the Florida panhandle and portions of south-central Alabama
- There is a near certain 9-in-10 (90%) chance of strong tropical storm force winds in southern Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties in Florida into portions of Escambia and Covington Counties in Alabama
- There is a 5-in-10 to 8-in-10 (50-80%) chance of strong tropical storm force winds further inland across south-central Alabama and Baldwin County

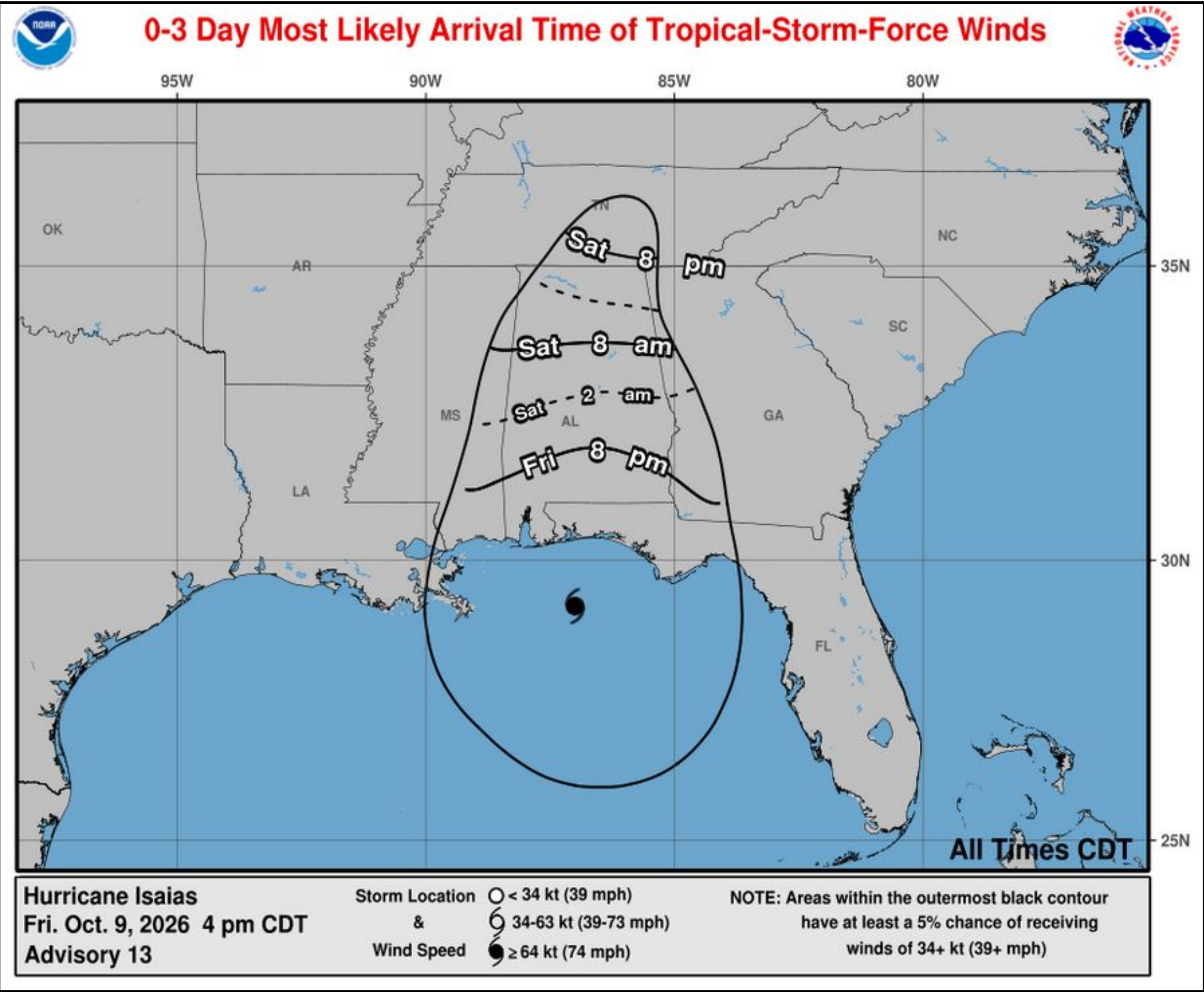




# Most Likely Time of Arrival

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- Conditions continue to deteriorate as tropical storm winds persist along the coastline
- Tropical Storm force winds will most likely begin by **early to mid-evening further inland**



# Storm Surge Watch/Warning

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- **Storm Surge Warning** remains in effect for coastal and bay areas of Alabama and northwest Florida
- Danger of life-threatening inundation from storm surge somewhere in the specified area within 36 hours

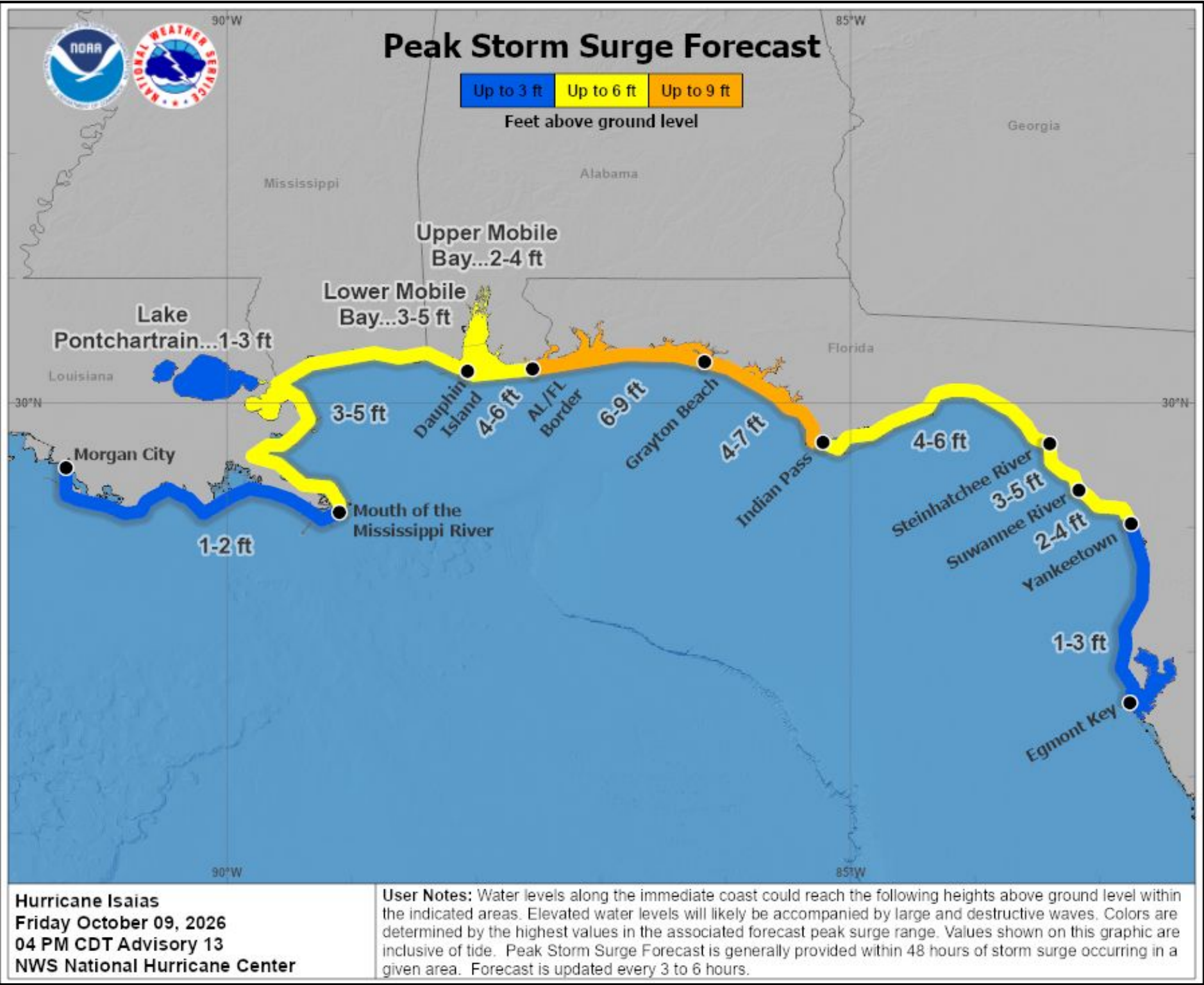




# Peak Storm Surge

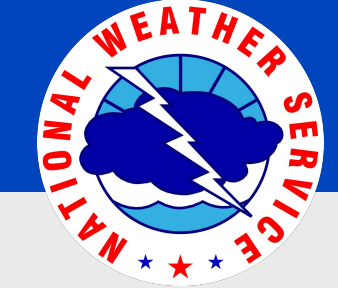
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- Potential Storm Surge Inundation
  - **AL/FL Border to Destin: 6-9 ft**
  - Dauphin Island to AL/FL Border: 4-6 ft
  - MS/AL Border to Dauphin Island: 3-5 ft
  - Southern Mobile Bay: 3-5 ft
  - Northern Mobile Bay: 2-4 ft
- Timing
  - Water levels continue to rise
  - Storm surge will **peak tonight** and begin to subside after midnight
  - Minor inundation is likely to linger through the day on Saturday



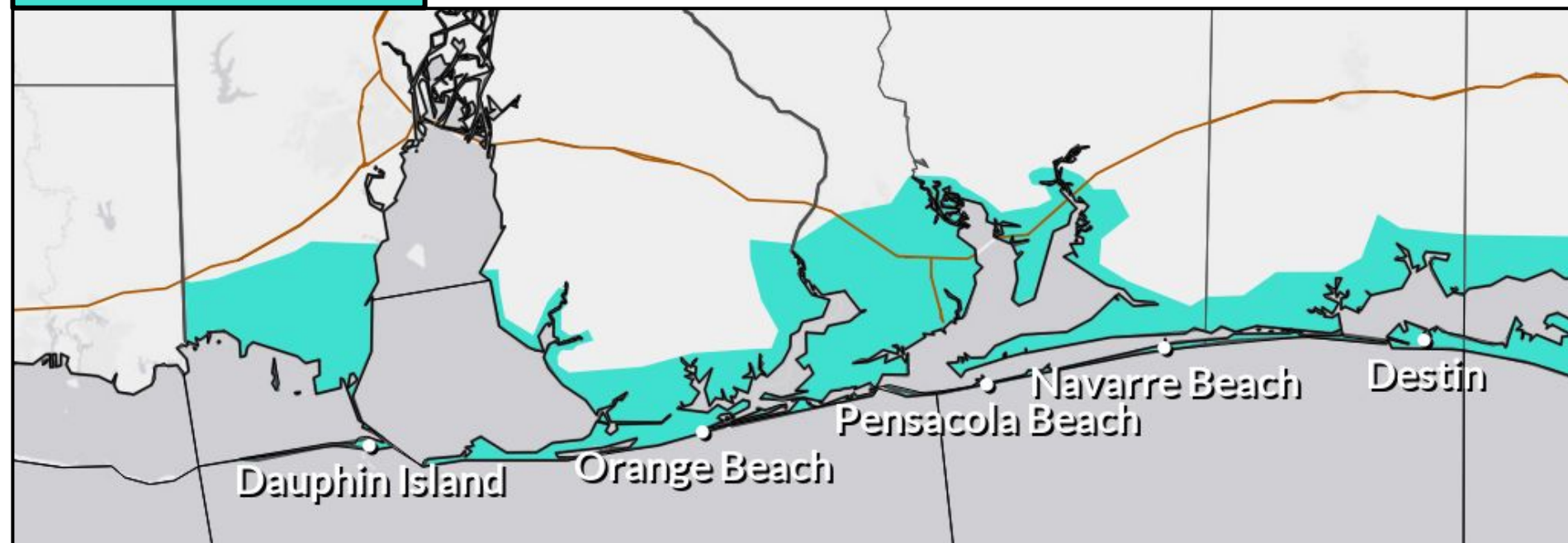


# Coastal Hazards

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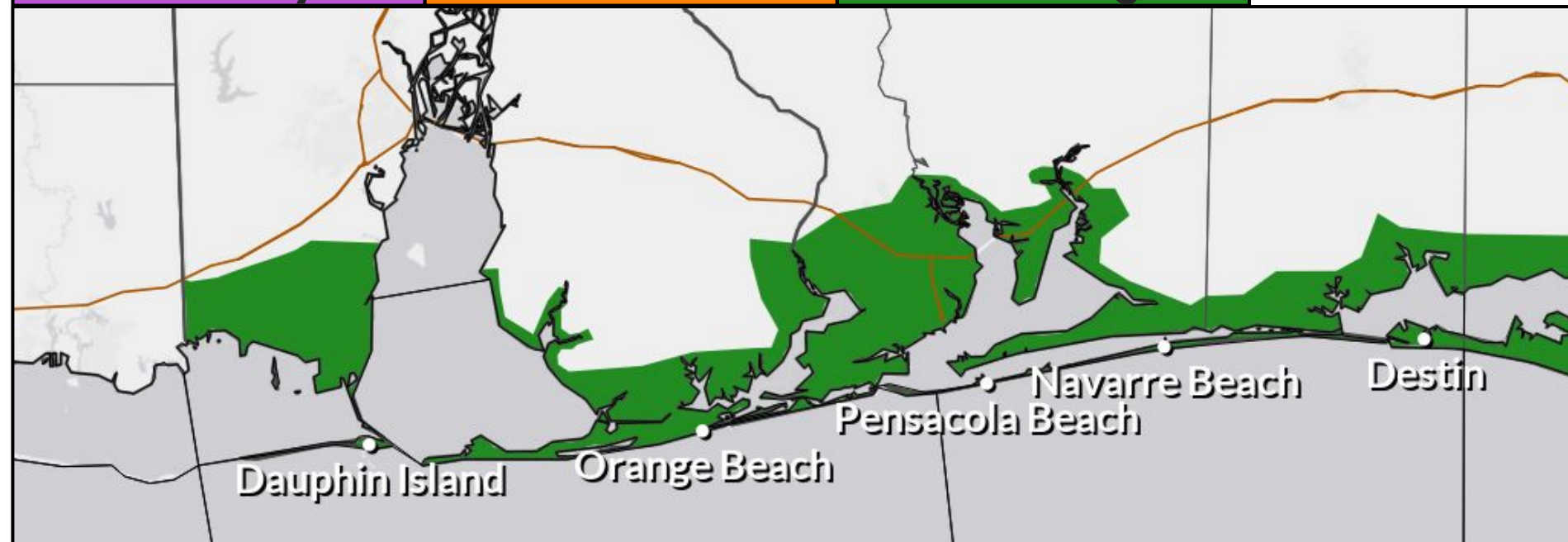
### High Rip Current Risk



### High Surf Advisory

### High Surf Watch

### High Surf Warning



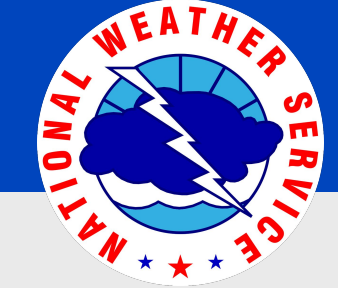
- **Rip Currents: HIGH RISK** continues through the weekend for coastal Alabama and northwest Florida beaches
- **High Surf:** Surf builds early this morning, increasing rapidly this afternoon and evening east of where Isaias makes landfall, with **20–25 foot breakers across coastal Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties** and 10–15 foot breakers further west. Surf will subside through the morning and afternoon tomorrow.
- **EXTREME beach erosion** is likely



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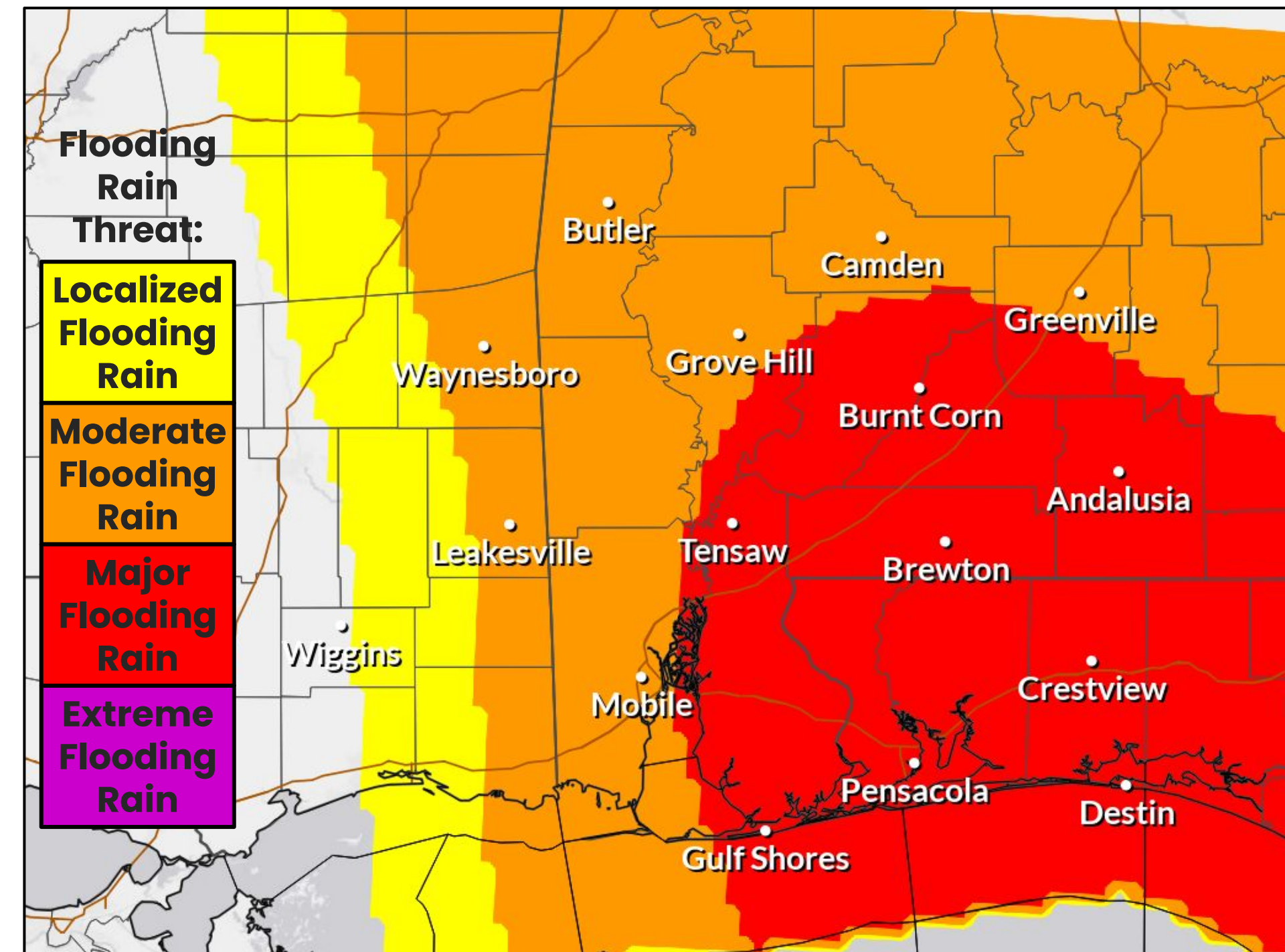




# Inland Flooding Impacts

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- Coastal counties have the greatest potential for flash flooding **today and tonight**
  - ★ Any additional heavy rainfall for coastal communities could **quickly become problematic** given this past weekend's heavy rain and flash flooding

### Prepare for:

- Flooding of some structures, especially in typical vulnerable locations
- Escape routes in many places covered by floodwaters
- Dangerous driving conditions
- Streets and parking lots inundated with water, underpasses submerged
- Many road and bridge closures with some weakened or washed out





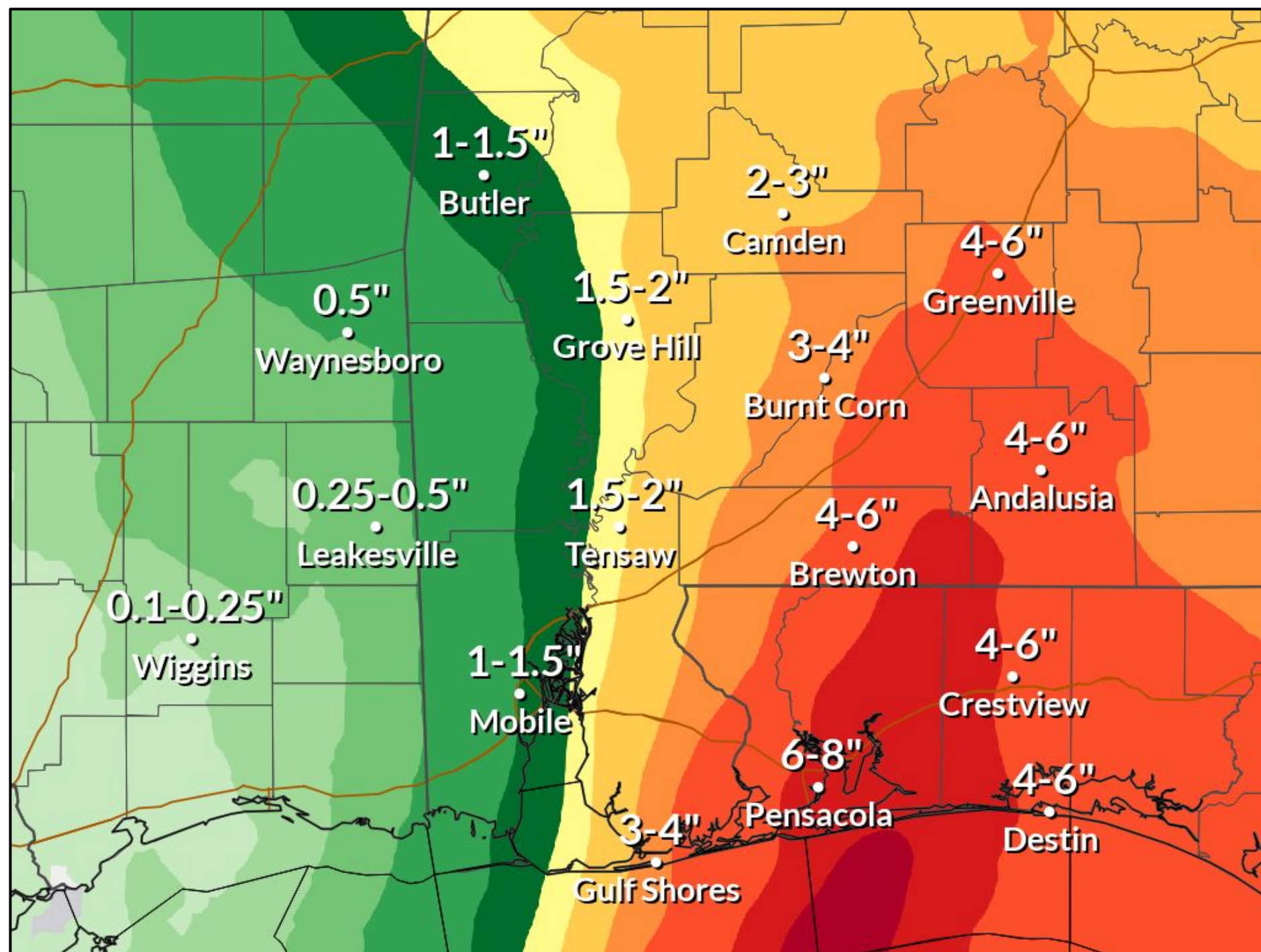
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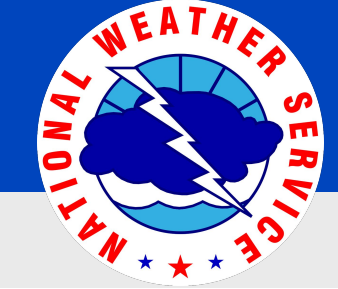
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**NOTE:** There will likely be locally higher amounts.

- Rain bands continue to move onshore with the heaviest rain sitting right offshore in the Florida panhandle at this hour
- Storm total rainfall of 4-8 inches is expected for areas east of the Alabama River; highest across northwest Florida
  - Localized totals up to 12 inches are possible, especially within banding across northwest Florida
- Flash flooding is expected in heavy rain bands that repeatedly move over the same locations, especially in urban areas



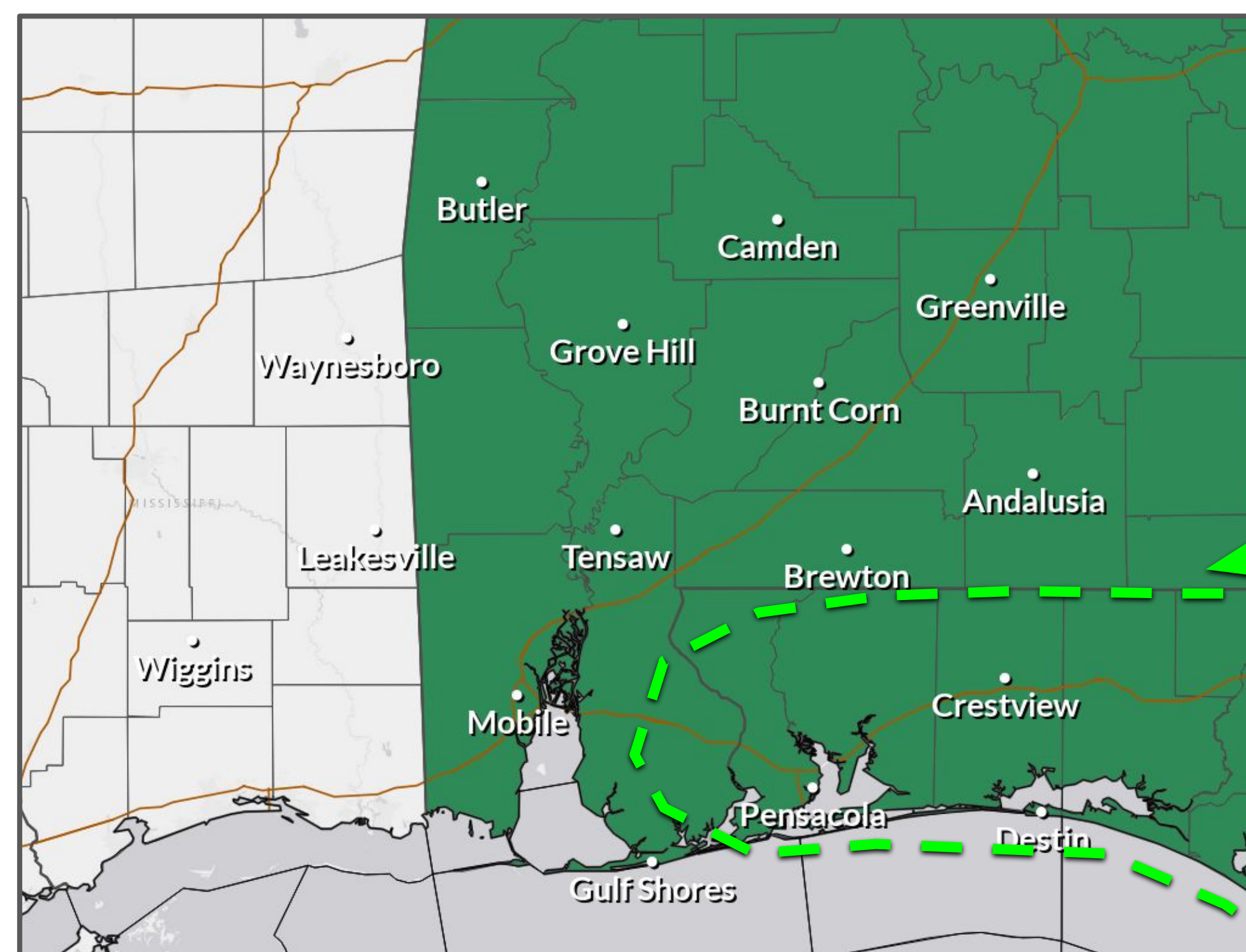


# Flood Watch

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- A **Flood Watch** is in effect for southwest and south-central Alabama and northwest Florida with the potential for **considerable and life-threatening flash flooding**
- ★ Greatest risk for considerable flash flooding exists over the western Florida Panhandle
- Watch is in effect through Saturday afternoon



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# River Flood Table

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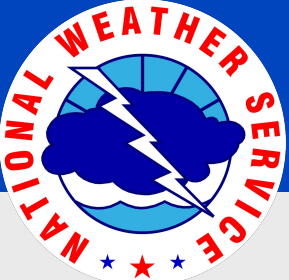
- Styx River near Elsanor forecast to go into **MODERATE** flood stage
- Bayou Sara at Saraland are currently forecast to go into **MINOR** flood stage
- Predominantly concerned about the rivers in Escambia, Covington, Mobile, and Baldwin Counties, but river flooding will heavily depend on where the heaviest rainbands set up

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| No Forecast    |
| No Flooding    |
| Action Stage   |
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| Moderate Flood |
| Major Flood    |

| Gauge Location                              | Observed (Ft) | Ob Stage    | Forecast (Ft) | Fcst Stage  |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Alabama River near Claiborne Dam            | 5.66          | No Flooding | 14.4          | No Flooding |
| Alabama River near Miller's Ferry           | 33.75         | No Flooding | 38.6          | No Flooding |
| Big Escambia Creek at Flomaton              | 7.12          | No Flooding | 15            | Action      |
| Burnt Corn Creek at Hwy 41 near Brewton 1NW | 2.98          | No Flooding | None          | No Forecast |
| Conecuh River at Brewton                    | 10.23         | No Flooding | None          | No Forecast |
| Conecuh River at River Falls                | 3.9           | No Flooding | None          | No Forecast |
| Escatawpa River above Wilmer                | 8.21          | No Flooding | None          | No Forecast |
| Fish River (AL) near Silverhill             | 0.93          | No Flooding | 7.7           | Action      |
| Mobile River at Barry Steam Plant           | 3.7           | No Flooding | 3.9           | No Flooding |
| Murder Creek (AL) at Brewton                | 10.09         | No Flooding | None          | No Forecast |
| Styx River near Elsanor                     | 2.62          | No Flooding | 15.3          | Moderate    |
| Tombigbee River near Coffeetown Dam         | 1.55          | No Flooding | 9.8           | No Flooding |
| Tombigbee River near Leroy                  | 1.57          | No Flooding | 9.7           | No Flooding |
| Bayou Sara at Saraland                      | 2.02          | No Flooding | 4.5           | Minor       |

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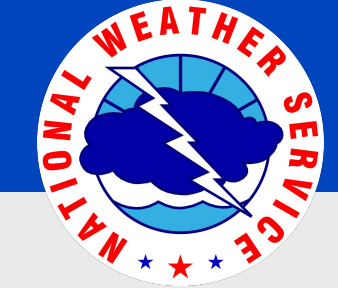
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- Blackwater River near Baker is forecast to go into **MODERATE** flood stage
- Big Coldwater Creek near Milton, Escambia River near Century, Perdido River near Barrineau Park, and Shoal River near Crestview are all forecast to go into **MINOR** flood stage

| Gauge Location                    | Observed (Ft) | Ob Stage    | Forecast (Ft) | Fcst Stage |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Big Coldwater Creek near Milton   | 2.69          | No Flooding | 14.5          | Minor      |
| Blackwater River (AL) near Baker  | 1.35          | No Flooding | 16.4          | Moderate   |
| Escambia River near Century       | 4.5           | No Flooding | 17            | Minor      |
| Perdido River near Barrineau Park | 1.95          | No Flooding | 13.5          | Minor      |
| Shoal River near Crestview        | 4.96          | No Flooding | 10.7          | Minor      |
| Yellow River (AL) at Milligan     | 1.92          | No Flooding | 9.2           | Action     |

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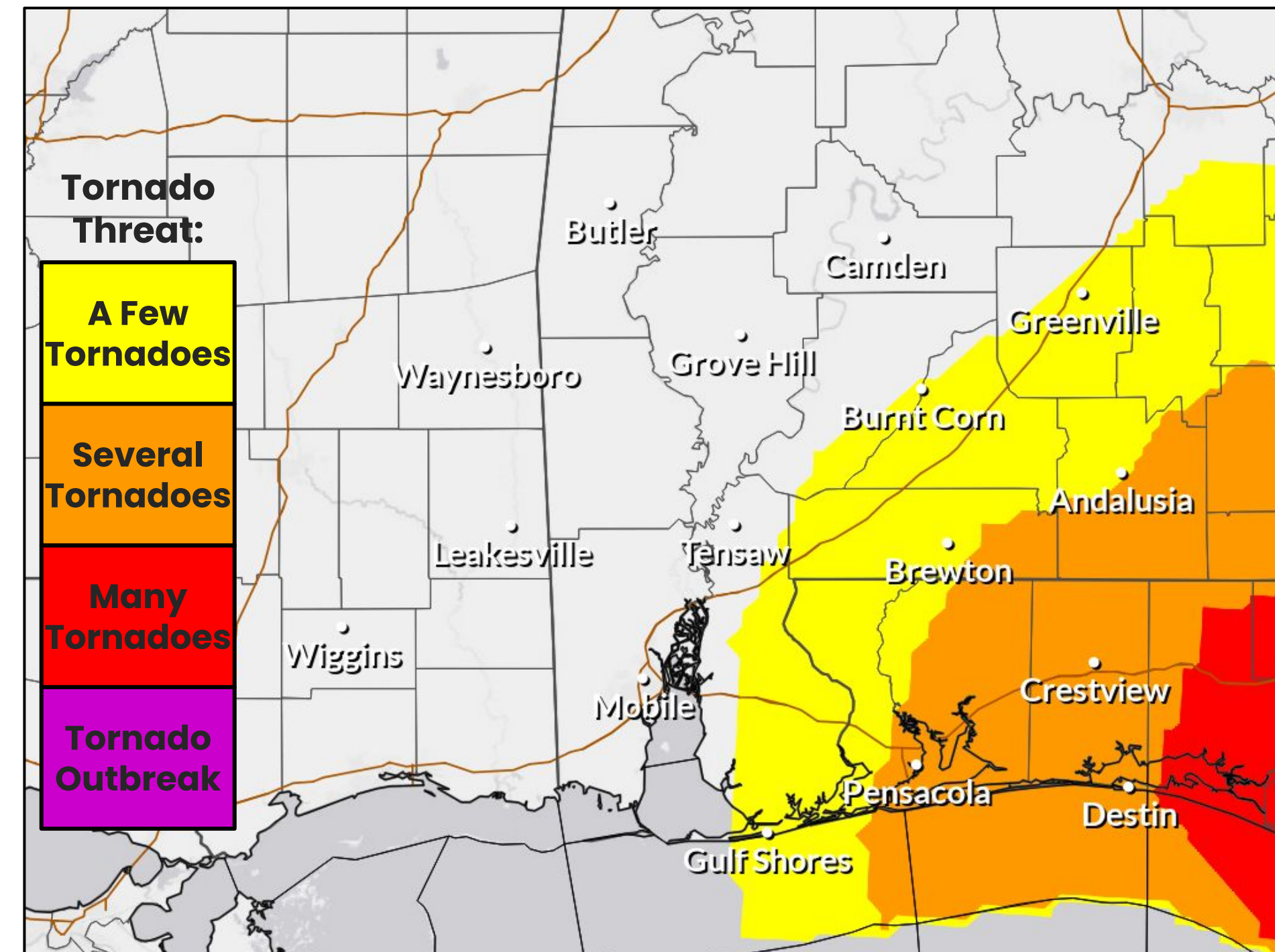
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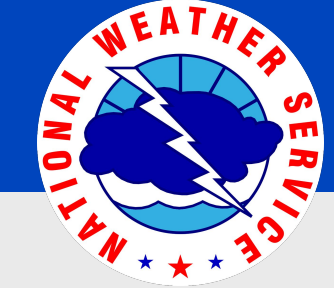
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- There remains a low, non-zero chance of tornadoes tonight, but the greatest risk looks to be further east of our forecast area
- The greatest risk for tornadoes will exist for areas east of where the center of Isaias tracks within any heavy rain bands.





# Key Takeaways

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# Additional Information

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## Next Briefing

*Frequent updates will be provided in Slack as Isaias approaches the coast*



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## STORM SURGE WATCH

A Storm Surge Watch is issued when *life-threatening storm surge is possible*, typically within 48 hours.

Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

## Surge Possible.



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## STORM SURGE WARNING

A Storm Surge Warning is issued when *there is a danger of life-threatening storm surge*, typically within 36 hours.

Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

## Surge Expected!



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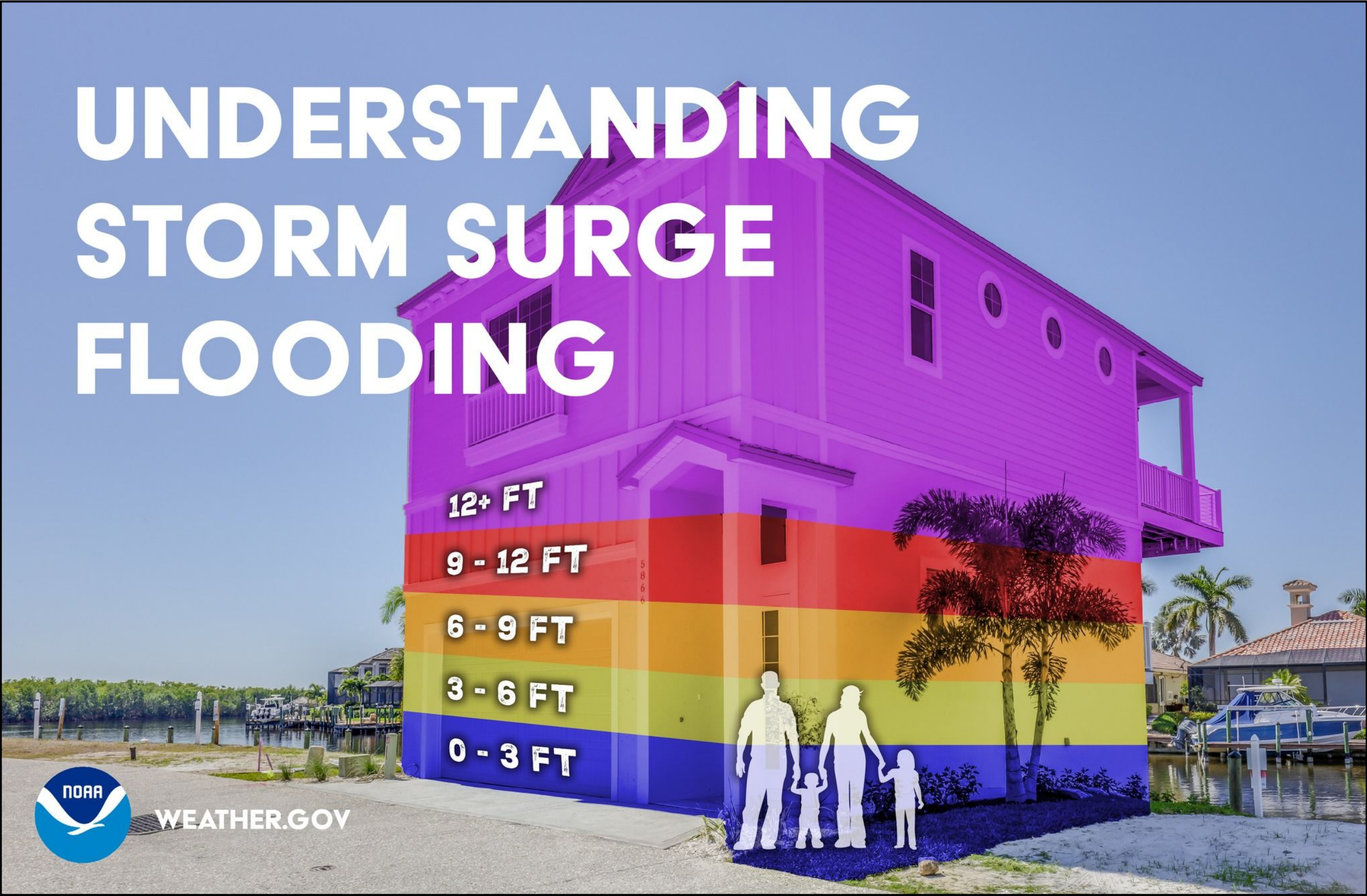
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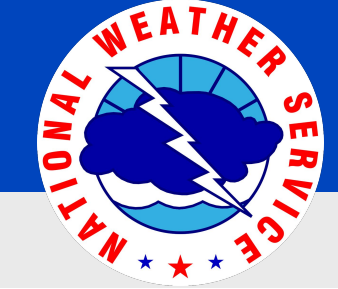




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## What are the impacts of *Category 3 (111-129 mph)* hurricane-force wind?

Devastating damage: well-built framed homes may receive major damage.

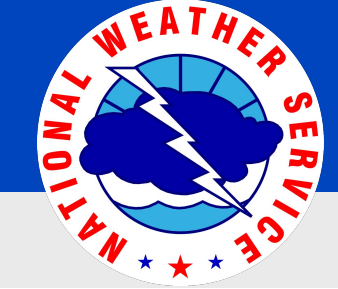
Mobile homes severely damaged, with some destroyed.

Many large trees snapped or uprooted.

Some roads impassable from large debris.

Large areas with power and communications outages.





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## What are the impacts of storm surge?

Large areas covered with deep water due to storm surge flooding.

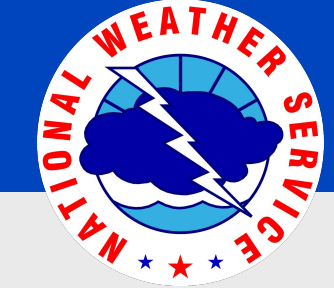
Structural damage to buildings, with some washing away.

Locations may be uninhabitable for an extended period.

Large sections of roads washed out or severely flooded.

Major damage to marinas, docks, boardwalks, and piers.





## **Extreme Wind Warnings** Explained

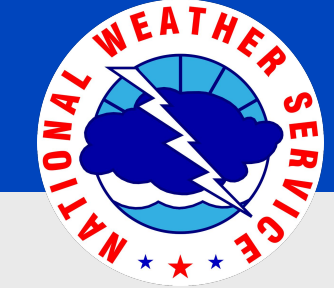


*The National Weather Service issues an Extreme Wind Warning when sustained hurricane winds of 115 mph or greater are happening now or expected within one hour. At these wind speeds, trees and wooden power poles are snapped and debris becomes dangerous missiles.*

### **Protect Yourself!**

- ✓ Take immediate shelter in an interior portion of a well-built structure.
- ✓ Stay away from windows.
- ✓ Put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.





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## After the Storm: **HAZARDS REMAIN**



### **Be careful near damaged buildings**

Do not enter a damaged building until local authorities say it's safe. Leave your home if there's shifting or unusual noises. If you smell gas, get outdoors immediately and call 911.



### **Watch out for power lines**

Stay far away from damaged power lines, whether they've fallen to the ground or are dangling overhead.



### **Don't walk or drive through floodwaters**

They can contain harmful bacteria, chemicals, sharp objects, live wires and reptiles/other animals. It only takes 12 inches of fast-moving water to sweep a car away.



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