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Subject: Soliciting Public Comments through September 7, 2026, on
discontinuation of the Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Field Graphic After
the 2026 Hurricane Season

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is seeking comments until September 7, 2026, on the proposed termination of the Tropical Cyclone (TC) Surface Wind Field Graphic. If the termination of this graphical product proceeds, it would remain available through the end of the 2026 hurricane season, after which it will be discontinued.

The TC Surface Wind Field Graphic shows the current extent of the system's surface wind field based on the latest forecast advisory and the past track of the tropical cyclone. For the Atlantic, Eastern Pacific, and Central Pacific basins, a depiction of coastal tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings is also included. The graphic is available for tropical cyclone forecast advisories issued for the Atlantic, Eastern Pacific, Central Pacific, West Pacific and South Pacific basins. An example graphic is available at the following URL:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcgraphics.shtml?#INITIALWIND>

The NHC is seeking to discontinue the TC Surface Wind Field Graphic as the information provided on this graphic is available through other resources. The extent of the current surface wind field and a complete depiction of both the coastal and inland tropical wind watches and warnings in effect can be found on the TC Track Forecast Cone Graphic. The past TC track is available on the interactive cone map available at [hurricanes.gov](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/hurricanes.gov) with the past track indicated by icons instead of a black dashed line as is used in the TC Surface Wind Field Graphic. While a static image archive of the past track is not available on the interactive cone map, users can obtain an archive of the past track via the NHC GIS webpage:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gis/>

To provide feedback on the termination of the TC Surface Wind Field graphic, please contact:

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