TROPICAL DEPRESSION SALLY BRIEFING AND PLANNING MEETING

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Thursday, September 17, 2020

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Situation Overview

Tropical Depression Sally

### Tropical Depression Sally
- **Thursday September 17, 2020**
- 4 AM CDT Advisory 25
- NWS National Hurricane Center

### Current information:
- Center location: 31.8 N 85.7 W
- Maximum sustained wind: 30 mph
- Movement NE at 12 mph

### 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
- Day 4-5

### Watches:
- Hurricane
- Trop Stm

### Warnings:
- Hurricane
- Trop Stm

### Current wind extent:

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

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**Situation Overview**

- Sally weakened to a tropical depression last night. The system will continue tracking northeast today across Georgia.

- Main Concern: Ongoing **moderate to major river flooding** into next week.

- Today: Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Rainfall amounts will be light across regions that received substantial rainfall yesterday.
Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected today.

Except for a band of convection across the eastern Big Bend this morning that will result in localized higher rainfall amounts, rainfall totals from activity today will be light.
- Observed rainfall totals from 8 AM EDT Sunday through 7AM EDT today.
- Highest rainfall amounts were across the Florida Panhandle and southeast Alabama.
Areal Flood Warnings (larger green boxes on the left) were issued for many locations to cover standing water from the flooding.

We will be touching base with counties today to determine if they need to be extended or can be expired.
Additional showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected today with the higher chances across the east and north.
While additional rainfall is expected today, amounts will be limited and thus this will not have a significant impact on the already ongoing flooding.
River Forecasts
Tropical Depression Sally

- Record flooding on the Shoal River
- Moderate to major river flooding across southeast Alabama and the Florida Panhandle
- Minor river flooding across southwest Georgia and much of the Big Bend with moderate flooding on the Flint near Albany.
- River forecasts will continue to be updated through this morning. Please check AHPS for the latest forecast.
Mossy Head set a new record with 25.65ft, however the river has crested and will continue to decrease.
Coastal Flood Hazards

- Walton through Jefferson County and Dixie County: 1-3 feet of inundation
- Jefferson and Taylor Counties: 2-4 feet of inundation
Beyond Today
• The tropics remain active
• Will need to closely watch the system over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico. Potential development with the system is high and it’s expected to move north/northeast once it develops.
Rainfall amounts are limited to less than 1 inch through Tuesday morning.

With the potential tropical development in the Gulf of Mexico, these amounts could increase, however it’s highly dependent on the track of the system.
Key Take-Aways

Tropical Depression Sally

- Main Concern: Ongoing *moderate to major river flooding* that will persist into next week.

- Rainfall amounts today will be light and not have any significant impacts on the ongoing river flooding

- Looking Forward: There is a *high chance of development with the disturbance in the southwest Gulf of Mexico*. As it is expected to drift to the north/northeast, we’ll need to watch this area closely.
No Additional Briefings Planned

You can always find get the latest graphics and information for this storm at www.hurricanes.gov