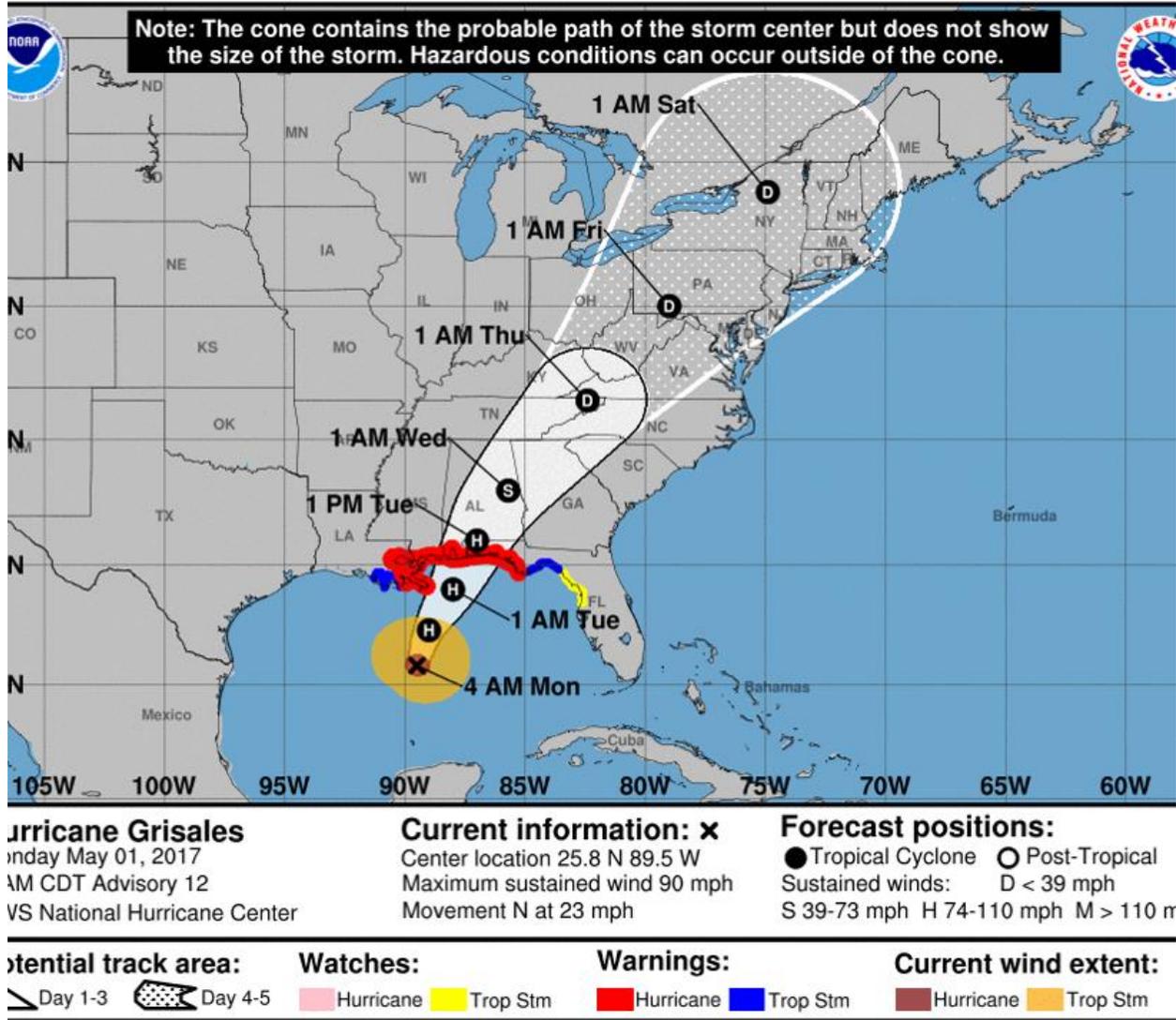


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May 1, 2017 Update



(Exercise) Summary:

- At 5am EDT Monday, Hurricane Grisales was located approximately 350 miles southwest of Pensacola, Florida, or about 290 miles south of New Orleans, LA.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 90 mph (Category 1), and Hurricane Grisales is expected to continue strengthening into a Category 2 storm with winds of 110 mph by landfall.
- Hurricane Grisales is currently moving north-northeast at 12 mph.
- The official forecast continues a north-northeast motion through the next 3 days, bringing Grisales into the Gulf Coast tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon and then inland into Alabama and Georgia.
- The official track brings Grisales onshore between Mobile, Alabama and Panama City, Florida.

- This uncertainty for landfall is due to the timing of an approaching cold front. The faster the cold front approaches, the further east Hurricane Grisales makes landfall on the Gulf Coast.
- Grisales is a large storm and growing, with tropical storm force winds extending up to 150 miles from the center and hurricane force winds extending up to 35 miles from the center.
- Also, the average NHC track errors at days 2 and 3 are on the order of 60 miles and 100 miles, respectively, so it is important not to focus on the line in the middle of the forecast track, especially given the large size of the storm.
- Even if the center of the storm does not make landfall in Florida, sizable impacts can still be expected, especially in the Panhandle.

(Exercise) Florida Outlook:

- The Florida Panhandle remains within the 5 day cone of error for Hurricane Grisales. Landfall is expected along the central Gulf Coast within 48 hours.
- The probability for receiving tropical storm force winds in the Panhandle is now near 100%. For the Big Bend, chances are now around 50% and 20% for Northeast Florida. The western Panhandle has a 50% chance of seeing hurricane force winds, with the eastern Panhandle about 20%.
- Hurricane warnings are in effect from the entire Panhandle. A Hurricane watch is in effect for the western Big Bend, including Tallahassee. A tropical storm warning is in effect for the Big Bend. A tropical storm watch extends along the Nature Coast to Hernando County.
- Regardless of track, Coleman is a very large storm and growing, and it has the potential to generate strong winds and rough seas along the Panhandle and Big Bend of Florida, along with coastal flooding, beach erosion, large waves and rip currents.
- Heavy rain is expected in the Panhandle and Big Bend, with a widespread 5-10". Flash flooding and river flooding may become an issue during and shortly after landfall.
- Isolated tornadoes are possible as early as tomorrow as the first outer bands begin to reach land.
- Storm surge warnings are in effect for the Panhandle and Big Bend, with heights over 4-7'.

Any additional or increased severity or impacts are dependent on the future track and size of the storm

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