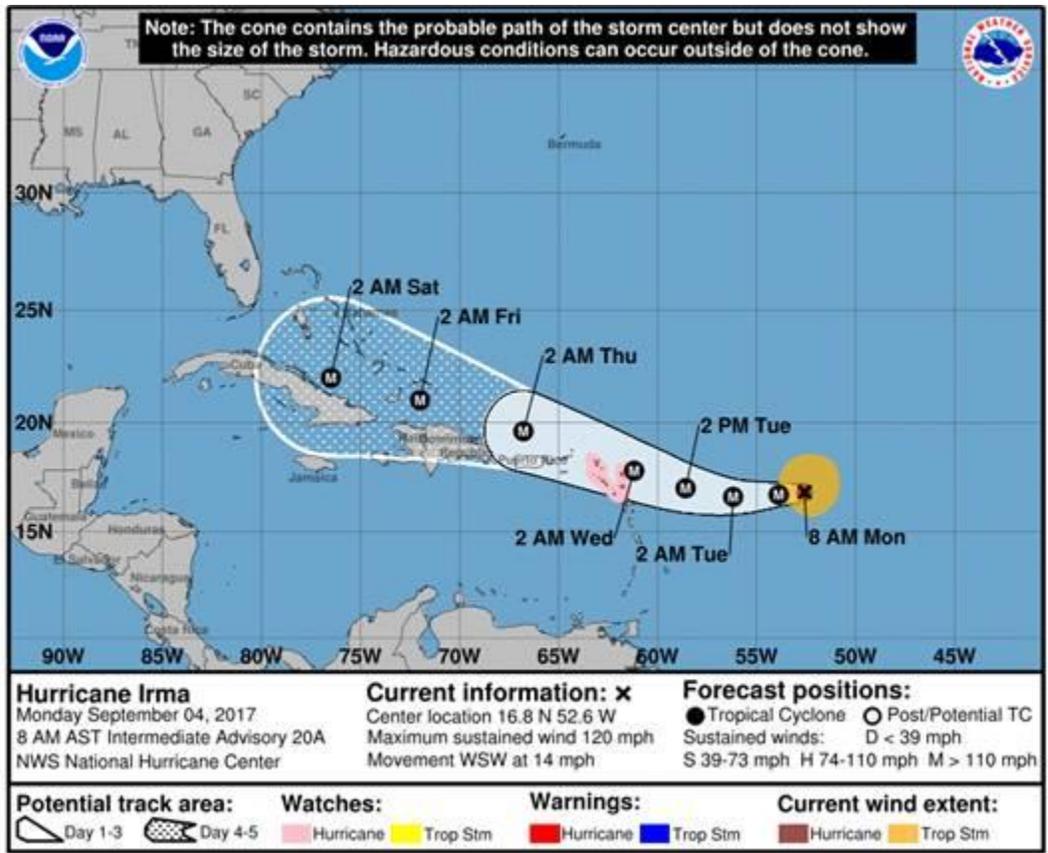


**NFL Section Manager
September 4, 2017**

Good Morning,

Due to the number of calls I've received yesterday and today, I thought it prudent to send out some information on this storm - although the first actual advisory bulletin will not go out until tomorrow sometime mid-morning.

It is still too early to predict the storm's path past Friday - here is the 11:00 AM EDT info from the State:



Irma Summary:

- At 8am EDT, Hurricane Irma was located about 610 miles east of the Leeward Islands, or about 1900 miles east-southeast of Miami, and was moving west-southwest at 14 mph.

- Maximum sustained winds are near 120 mph, making Irma a category 3 storm on the Saffir-Simpson scale. It is expected to maintain strength or gradually strengthen over the next couple days due to low wind shear and favorable sea-surface temperatures.
- Irma is expected to turn west later today and then west-northwest tomorrow. Irma will move into the Turks and Caicos and eastern Bahamas on Friday. This weekend, Irma is expected to turn northward as it interacts with a trough across the eastern United States.
- Exactly when the turn northward occurs is still being debated by the models. A later turn would mean more impacts to Florida. However, it could also mean Irma interacts with the mountainous terrain of Cuba and Hispaniola.
- Hurricane hunter aircraft will continue to investigate the system regularly through the week.

Florida Outlook:

- The tropical wave in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico does not pose a direct threat to Florida.
- The tropical wave in the open, tropical Atlantic does not pose a threat to Florida during the next week. This system is likely to remain out to sea but will be monitored.
- Irma does not pose a direct threat to Florida through Friday.
- Wave heights will begin to increase along the East Coast of Florida Thursday and into the weekend. The rip current risk will also begin to rise. These impacts are a definite, even if Irma remains a couple hundred miles off the coast.
- It is too early to speculate on other impacts from Irma (rainfall amounts, winds, storm surge, etc.). These details will begin to come into line likely within the next 48-72 hours. How close Irma gets to Florida before the turn north remains the key part of this forecast that still needs to be nailed down.
- No part of Florida is currently in the National Hurricane Center's 5-day cone for Hurricane Irma. If the current forecast does not change, parts of South Florida may begin to enter the day 5 portion of the cone late tonight or tomorrow.

As in previous advisories, the widest distribution is requested, including printing and posting these documents for those who do not have internet/e-mail access.

It only takes one storm to change your life and community! Stay safe!

Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day Holiday!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Szabo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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