

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 18, 2021

Tropical Activity Atlantic – Tropical Storm Grace

- Located 40 miles SSE of Grand Cayman Islands moving W at 16 mph
- Maximum sustained winds at 65 mph
- Could be near hurricane strength as it approaches the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico late Wednesday and early Thursday

<u>Atlantic – Tropical Storm Henri</u>

- 160 miles S of Bermuda moving WSW at 8 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 65 mph
- Gradual turning WNW to NW late Thursday night

All Disturbances

Atlantic – Remnants of Tropical Depression Fred

- Currently located 20 miles northwest of Charleston, West Virginia, moving northeast at 20 mph.
- A general 1-4 inches of rain is forecast to fall in a swath from eastern Alabama and northern and western Georgia to northern Pennsylvania and part of upstate New York through Thursday night.
- Most of the rain will fall in the Southern states into Wednesday evening, while the bulk of the rain associated with Fred will fall in the Northeast from later Tuesday night to Thursday night.
- As Fred turns toward the Northeast states Wednesday, the risk of severe weather will be significantly lower, but there can still be strong storms and perhaps a couple of isolated tornadoes in portions of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Wednesday and Wednesday evening.

Impacts

- In Florida, flooding closed several roads in Panama City, Lynn Haven and Southport on Monday evening.
- One death has been blamed on the storm in Florida.
- Bay County is doing local damage assessments and asking residents to report flood damage.
- On Tuesday, flooding and tornadoes shut down highways, prompted water rescues and damaged homes across the Southeast.
- Raging waters from flash flooding hit Balsam
 Grove, North Carolina, on Tuesday afternoon, as Fred dumped a radar-estimate of 10 to 12
 inches of rain over Pisgah National Forest, causing the North Fork of the French Broad River to
 swell.





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- A report from Cruso, North Carolina, about 13 miles north of Balsam Grove, recorded 9.10 inches of rainfall over a 24-hour period, ending at 5:10 p.m. EDT on Tuesday.
- Mudslides and flooding closed several roads and threatened homes in western North Carolina Tuesday afternoon and evening. The Asheville Fire Department sent a swift water team and additional personnel to the area to assist with water rescues and landslides.
- By 9 p.m. EDT Tuesday, nearly 50,000 customers across North Carolina were left without power, according to PowerOutage.US.
- Dozens of tornado warnings were issued and roughly 20 tornado reports were received by the National Weather Service on the calendar day of Aug. 17, including damage to buildings in Homer, Greshamville, Pinefield Crossroads, District Path, and Americus, Georgia, as well as Stony Point, North Carolina.
- An estimated 100 homes were damaged by a tornado in Americus, Georgia, early Tuesday morning, according to Sumter County Emergency Management Director Nigel Poole.

Wildfire Activity California – Dixie Fire

- The nation's largest wildfire has continued to grow, intensifying the threat of the massive Dixie Fire to multiple small communities across rural California.
- The Dixie Fire burned 626,751 acres, up 22,240 acres from earlier in the day, according to fire officials speaking at a community briefing on Tuesday night.
- Containment on the wildfire remained unchanged at 31%.
- Numerous resources were put into Susanville, the county seat of Lassen County and the largest city the Dixie Fire has approached. The fire was about 8 miles from the city.
- Its 18,000 residents were warned to be ready to evacuate due to the approaching Dixie Fire, said Mark Brunton, an operations section chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
- Late Tuesday night, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office ordered residents to leave Mineral.
- The wildfire has damaged 50 homes and destroyed another 653. There are now 6,000 firefighters and more than 500 engines working the blaze.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments						
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End		
		Requested	Completed	Start-Eriu		
СА	August Wildfires	6	3	8/11-TBD		



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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters							
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	129 Counties	177	5/20/2021			
4595 KY	Severe Storms & Flooding	31 Counties	109	7/23/2021			
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	2 Counties	29	9/13/2021			

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