Tropical Outlook

- The warm waters near Central America will remain a prime zone for potential tropical activity over the next couple of weeks, AccuWeather meteorologists say.
- The first week of the Atlantic hurricane season yielded the first tropical storm of the season when Alex formed early Sunday morning. The system continued to strengthen, eventually producing maximum sustained winds of 70 mph east of Florida Sunday night, just 4 mph below the minimum threshold of a Category 1 hurricane.
- Prior to becoming an official tropical storm, Alex brought about 8-16 inches of rain and caused major urban flooding in South Florida, including Miami, this past weekend.
- According to AccuWeather Lead Long-Range Meteorologist Paul Pastelok, another slow-developing tropical system could take shape during the middle of June as a tropical wave moves westward into the waters surrounding Central America.
- Thunderstorm activity at the start of the week in the region was primarily unfolding over the Pacific side of Central America. That could be a sign that the next tropical system may form over the eastern Pacific south of Mexico within the next week.
- As moisture rebounds over Central America and southern Mexico in the coming days, showers and thunderstorms will increase in number and intensity.
- The formation and track of a tropical system are highly speculative at this point. The system may not take the same track as Alex did as a tropical rainstorm. For example, the system could form and then move inland over Mexico or other countries in Central America.
- The next predetermined name on the list for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season is Bonnie.

Declaration Request

West Virginia

- Gov. Jim Justice has made a formal request to federal authorities for a Presidential Disaster Declaration following the devastating flooding that was experienced by West Virginians on May 6th.
- The news release said the governor has requested individual assistance for hazard mitigation and loans for small businesses.
- Last month, the governor toured areas of Huntington, a city hit hard by the heavy rainfall.
- The city estimates 200 homes were damaged but many experienced basement and garage flooding.
- Justice declared a state of emergency for Cabell, Putnam and Roane counties due to the high-water conditions, but only Cabell and Wayne counties have been deemed eligible for federal assistance.
## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

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![Map of Active Disaster States and Inactive States](image)