

August 30, 2023

Tropical Activity Atlantic – Hurricane Idalia (CAT 3)

- Hurricane Idalia rapidly intensified into a major Category 4 storm before dropping back to a Category 3 early Wednesday before it made landfall along the coast of Florida's Big Bend near Keaton Beach, along the Apalachee Bay, at about 7:45 a.m.
- Idalia is expected to bring "catastrophic storm surge," according to the National Hurricane Center.
 A NOAA National Ocean Service tide gauge at Cedar Key, Florida, reported a pre-landfall water level of 5.9 feet above mean higher high water, which is an approximation of inundation in that area, according

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- As of 8 a.m. Wednesday, Idalia had maximum sustained winds of 120, down from 130 mph at 6 a.m. Idalia was 55 miles northwest of Cedar Key and 10 miles south-southeast of Perry and traveling north-northeast at 18 mph.
- Forecasters expect that the areas from the Aucilla River, which leads to the Gulf at Apalachee Bay, to Yankeetown will see the highest storm surges, between 12 and 16 feet.
- The National Hurricane Center said that storm surge could reach 8 to 12 feet in the area around the Ochlockonee River to Wakulla/Jefferson County. Yankeetown to Chassahowitzka could see 7 to 11 feet. Tampa Bay could see 4 to 6 feet. Areas as far south as Chokoloskee could see 3 feet of surge.
- Idalia will move near or along the coasts of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina late
 Wednesday or Thursday, the hurricane center said. Idalia could still be at hurricane strength by
 the time it moves over southern parts of Georgia and as it nears the Georgia and South Carolina
 coasts.
- An extreme wind warning has been issued for a part Florida's Big Bend region until 9:15 a.m. EDT. This rare type of warning indicates the eyewall of a hurricane is coming ashore and is typically reserved for wind speeds of at least 115 mph.
- The National Weather Service also placed 26 Florida counties under a tornado watch, now extended until 3 p.m. including Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties in Central Florida.
- A tornado warning was issued for east Orange and Seminole just before 4:30 a.m. for a possible radar-indicated tornado and in Osceola County earlier overnight.
- As of 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, more than 264,000 customers were without power in the state, according to website poweroutage.us.
- Governor DeSantis on Tuesday expanded his executive order declaring a state of emergency to 49 counties, up from 46 on Monday including Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and Volusia counties in Central Florida.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
	N/A						

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
ОН	Train Derailment Feb 3-8, 2023	7/3/2023	Pending	1 County			
PA*	Severe Storm, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding July 9, 2023	7/31/2023	Pending	1 County			
WY	Flooding June 15, 2023	8/1/2023	Pending	1 County			
KY	Severe Storms, Flooding, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes July 17-20, 2023	8/18/2023	Pending	5 Counties			
AR*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes June 25, 2023	8/23/2023	Pending	7 Counties			

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters							
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4709 FL	Flood	1 County	117	6/27/2023			
4724 HI	Wildfires	1 County	16	10/10/2023			



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