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Tropical Activity Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- AccuWeather meteorologists are predicting that the third tropical system of the 2021 Atlantic hurricane will take shape in the Gulf of Mexico this week with its eyes set for a portion of the United States.
- Forecasters expect the system to aim for the central Gulf Coast, where it will unleash torrential rainfall and flooding late this week into the weekend.
- The chance for tropical development has steadily risen over the past week, and a system is projected to develop sometime from Thursday into early Saturday over the western Gulf of Mexico.
- "Even though a high-end tropical system, such as a hurricane, is unlikely in this case, a mere tropical depression or tropical storm can unleash a tremendous amount of rain once over land, and that remains the primary concern at this time," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Rob Miller said.





- Exactly where the system forms in the first place will determine where landfall is most likely.
- "Landfall may occur anywhere from near the Texas-Louisiana border to perhaps the western part of the Florida Panhandle," Miller said.
- At this point, AccuWeather meteorologists have pinpointed late Friday to Saturday as the most likely time frame, and the Louisiana coastline is the most likely place for landfall.
- Forecasters are urging people to not just focus on the forecast point of landfall, as impacts from tropical storms are often very spread out.
- Given the current outlook of the track of this system, the heaviest rainfall may potentially fall in southern and eastern Louisiana, southern Mississippi, southwestern Alabama and the western part of the Florida Panhandle.
- This zone has the highest potential to pick up 8-12 inches of rain over a 24- to 48-hour period with an AccuWeather Local StormMax™ of 20 inches in 72 hours.
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (90%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (90%)



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Wildfire Activity Western U.S.

- At least 28 large fires are burning more than 550 square miles in eight western states.
- The fires are further fueled by drought and a sweltering heat wave that has spread throughout the West.
- Red flag warnings have been issued for parts of Utah, Nevada and southeastern California, where strong winds have raised the wildfire threat.
- Residents in at least four states have been ordered to evacuate as fires threaten residential areas.
- Arizona has the biggest burn area, with eight fires that have so far burned more than 375 square miles as of Wednesday morning.
- The biggest fire burning in Arizona is the Telegraph Fire, which grew again overnight Tuesday. The fire has burned more than 218 square miles and is 59% contained, according to InciWeb.
- In Montana, south of Red Lodge, the Robertson Draw Fire forced evacuations in some communities overnight Tuesday. Others were told to standby for evacuation orders if conditions worsened. The fire had burned about 3 square miles, the Associated Press reported.
- Utah's Pack Creek Fire has burned more than 13 square miles since last Wednesday and is currently 26% contained, according to Utah Fire Info.
- The Bear Fire continues to burn about 90 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. It has so far burned more than 17 square miles and is 30% contained.
- The Johnson Fire in New Mexico is the largest of at least five large fires burning in the state. The fire forced the closure of Gila National Forest and a large part of the Gila Wilderness and has burned more than 102 square miles and was 11% contained as of Wednesday morning, Inciweb reported.
- About 89% of the West is facing drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, with 55% of the western U.S. listed as under extreme or exceptional drought, the two highest categories issued.

Disaster Update 4595 Kentucky

- At the request of Gov. Andy Beshear, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended the deadline for Kentuckians impacted by severe storms to register for help under the Individual Assistance (IA) program. The deadline to apply is now July 8.
- Homeowners and renters affected by severe flooding in the following 31 counties are eligible and encouraged to register: Anderson, Boyd, Breathitt, Clark, Clay, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greenup, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher,





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- Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Warren and Woodford.
- KYEM announced that FEMA staff will be available to meet in person with Kentuckians affected by the Feb. 27 March 14, 2021 severe storms and flooding at Individual Assistance Registration Support Centers in Clay, Floyd and Lee counties.

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Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	115	5/20/2021
4595 KY	Severe Storms & Flooding	31 Counties	47	7/8/2021
4601 TN	Severe Storms & Flooding	3 Counties	37	7/7/2021

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