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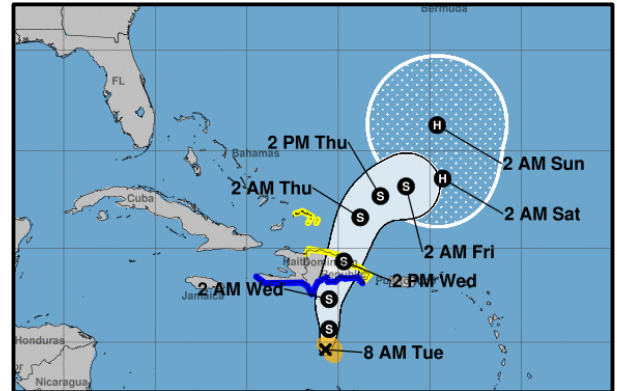
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## Tropical Activity

### Atlantic – Tropical Storm Franklin

- Tropical Storm Franklin is about 260 miles south of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Maximum sustained winds are 50 mph. Tropical storm force winds, meaning 39 mph or higher, stretch outward up to 70 miles.
- Franklin is headed towards the southern shores of the Dominican Republic and is expected to make landfall early Wednesday.
- The storm is bringing with it heavy rain, strong winds, and potentially life-threatening flash flooding. Tropical Storm Watches and Warnings are in effect for Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
- Puerto Rico will also feel the effects of the tropical storm, with expected rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches, with isolated higher amounts of 6 inches through the middle of the week, the NHC said.

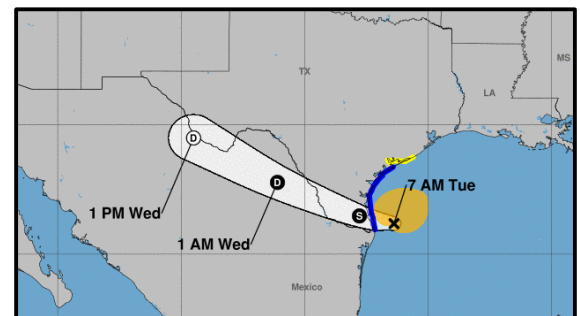


### Atlantic – Tropical Depression Gert

- Tropical Depression Gert was downgraded from a tropical storm Monday evening.
- The storm is in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, about 290 miles east of the Leeward Islands.
- According to the NHC, Gert has winds of 30 mph as it moves to the west-northwest at 8 mph.
- The system is forecast to dissipate or become a post tropical low before encountering land.

### Atlantic – Tropical Storm Harold

- Tropical Storm Harold, which formed shortly after 2 a.m. EDT Tuesday is expected to maintain tropical storm strength as it nears the South Texas coast during the midday hours.
- The main impacts on the central and southern Texas coast will be in the form of winds, building waves and squally rain into Tuesday evening.
- Gusts ranging between 40 and 60 mph are in store from just north of Brownsville, Texas, to Port Lavaca, Texas.
- Stiff east to northeast winds north of the storm center will push tides and water levels to above normal along much of the Texas coast. Minor coastal flooding is likely with a storm surge of 1-3 feet anticipated along the central and southern Texas coast.
- A general 1-4 inches of rain will fall on South Texas from the storm. However, locally higher amounts are likely over the mountains in northern Mexico and perhaps in the Big Bend area of Texas along the Rio Grande River.
- A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued for the mouth of the Rio Grande to Port O'Connor, Texas. A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for Port O'Connor to Sargent, Texas.



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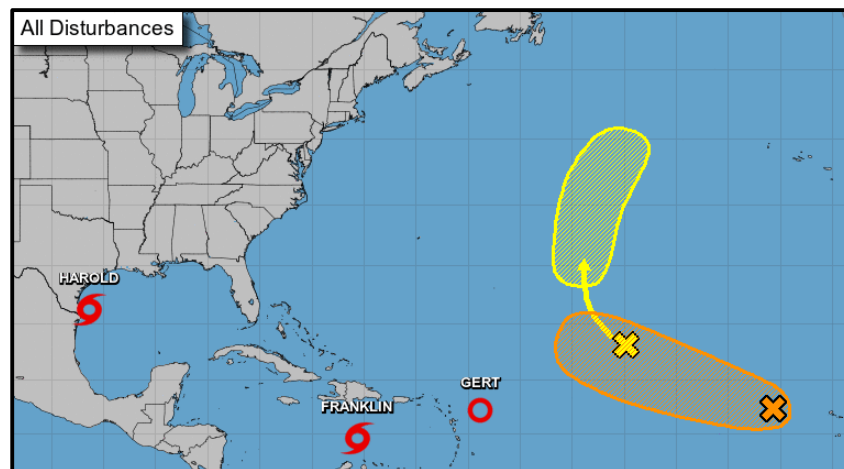
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## Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- Disorganized showers and thunderstorms located a few hundred miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands are associated with a tropical wave.
- Environmental conditions appear generally conducive for gradual development of this system, and a tropical depression could form later this week or over the weekend while it moves west northwestward to northwestward across the eastern and central Atlantic.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Medium (50%)

## Atlantic – Disturbance 2

- The remnants of former Tropical Storm Emily are located over the central tropical Atlantic several hundred miles east-northeast of the Leeward Islands.
- Although development is unlikely in the next day or so due to unfavorable environmental conditions, some development is possible late this week or this weekend when the system moves northward over the subtropical central Atlantic.
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)



## California – Remnants of Hilary

- As Tropical Storm Hilary moves out of Southern California, residents in the Inland Empire, Orange and Los Angeles Counties are breathing a sigh of relief as damages seem to be minimal, even with record rainfall.
- Desert cities saw heavy flooding, mudflows, sinkholes and shattered rain records after Tropical Storm Hilary rolled through. San Diego on Sunday saw 1.82 inches of rain, its wettest day on record, and Palm Springs recorded 3.18 inches of rain Sunday, which not only made for the wettest summer day the city has ever had but was also the record for the most rain in a single day, according to the National Weather Service.
- The system had weakened and was making it way north and east. Idaho could see potential thunderstorms and localized torrential rains Tuesday from what's left of Hilary, said Jackson Macfarlane, a meteorologist with the weather service in Boise, Idaho.

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- No storm-related deaths were reported in California, but there were dozens of rescues Monday in Cathedral City.
- In Cathedral City, residents were trapped in a neighborhood that was buried in up to five feet of mud. The California National Guard was on hand to help Monday afternoon.
- Cathedral City Police confirmed they performed 46 rescues over about 18 hours, including the rescue of 14 seniors who were trapped in a care home.
- There are currently 20 road closures due to road inundation.
- Minimal power outages reported across the state.

## Wildfire Activity

### Washington

- A second person has died in wildfires in eastern Washington state that ignited on Friday, burning hundreds of structures and closing a section of a major interstate for days, fire officials said.
- Gov. Jay Inslee visited the burned areas Sunday and declared a statewide emergency. Those fires have destroyed at least 265 structures and, together with others, have burned more than 53 square miles (137 square kilometers) combined around the state this year.
- Inslee said Monday he had talked with President Joe Biden and Federal Emergency Management Administrator Deanne Criswell about securing federal dollars to help with firefighting efforts.
- The Gray fire started near Medical Lake in Spokane County around noon Friday and had burned about 15.6 square miles (40 square kilometers) as of Monday.
- At least 185 structures have been destroyed or damaged with a higher number expected once crews are able to make an accurate assessment, according to Isabelle Hoygaard, public information officer with the Gray fire incident management team.
- "A good majority" of the homes and other structures burned were in the small city of Medical Lake and nearby Silver Lake, Hoygaard said. Medical Lake Mayor Terri Cooper said Monday that 5,000 residents had been displaced because of the fire, KREM-TV reported.
- The Oregon fire began Friday afternoon northeast of Elk, Washington. It had consumed about 15.8 square miles (40.9 square kilometers) of forest and cropland as of Monday, according to fire officials. More than 80 structures have burned in that blaze and about 150 remain at risk, according to Guy Gifford, public information officer for the Oregon fire.
- Mandatory evacuations have been in effect around both fires with officials also noting that if residents feel threatened by fire, they should evacuate immediately.



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## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
	N/A			

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
OH	Train Derailment Feb 3-8, 2023	7/3/2023	Pending	1 County
AK	Flooding May 10-June 3, 2023	8/1/2023	Pending	5 REAAs
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

\*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	109	6/27/2023
4724 HI	Wildfires	1 County	8	10/10/2023

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## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

