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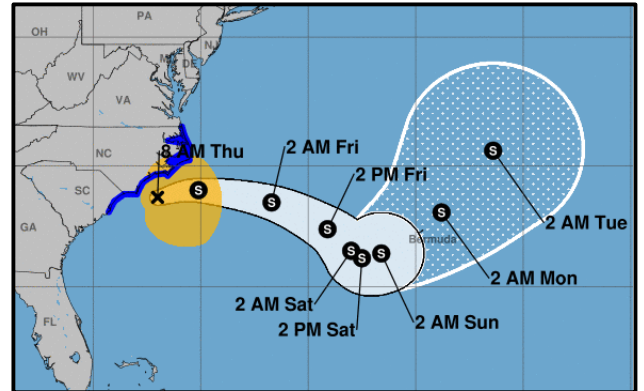
WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 31, 2023

## Tropical Activity

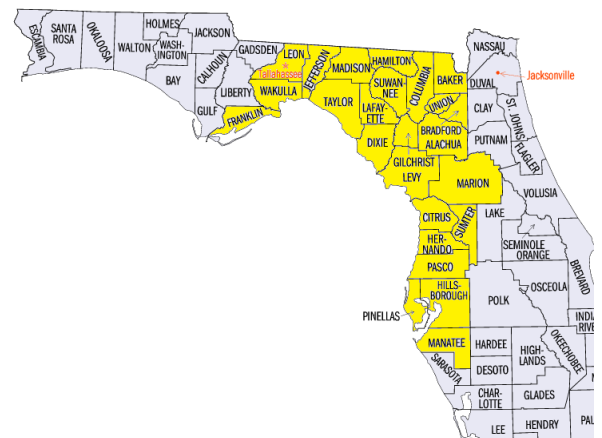
### Atlantic – Tropical Storm Idalia

- Less than 24 hours after making landfall along Florida's Gulf coast, the center of Idalia is back over water, emerging over the Atlantic Ocean after tracking across Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.
- While the center of the storm may be over water, Idalia is still spreading heavy rain over part of the East Coast with multiple flash flood warnings in effect across North Carolina.



### Florida

- There were widespread reports of flooding from the heavily populated waterfronts around Tampa Bay north to Cedar Key, another isolated Big Bend enclave.
- Storm surge, Idalia's biggest threat, reached 6.8 feet in Cedar Key early Wednesday, filling streets and flooding some homes and buildings. That broke a record for the small city, although it didn't appear to reach the 16-foot maximum forecast by the National Hurricane Center.
- The worst of the wind damage appeared to be in the city of Perry, in Taylor County. High winds tore roofs off of buildings, metal awnings off of gas stations and blew in the glass windows of storefronts in the town of fewer than 7,000 people.
- First responders rescued about 150 residents from flooded neighborhoods in Florida's hard-hit Pasco County, north of Tampa, the county fire rescue chief said. Some areas saw water surges between 3 and 5 feet.
- Between 4,000 and 6,000 homes were inundated with water in Florida's Pasco County alone, according to county administrator Mike Carballa.
- At a peak, more than 280,000 households in Florida were without power Wednesday afternoon, according to poweroutage.us.
- Currently over 141,000 customers without power.
- 114 shelters open with 4,924 occupants.
- On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Governor of Florida requested an expedited declaration request. He is requesting individual assistance for 25 counties.



### Georgia

- Idalia downgraded to a category 1 storm as it made its way into Georgia.
- A Flash Flood Emergency was underway in southern Georgia on Wednesday after Valdosta experienced its wettest day in more than two decades from Hurricane Idalia. The emergency was issued for two counties around Valdosta where some homes were being evacuated due to flash flooding.

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- Hurricane warnings were issued for vast areas south and near a line stretching from Valdosta to Savannah, while rare tropical storm warnings reached far inland along an arc roughly from Albany to Macon and Warner Robins on over toward Milledgeville and Augusta.
- Authorities in Valdosta, Georgia said a man was killed by a falling tree while trying to clear another downed tree as Idalia brought strong winds to the area Wednesday, according to the Associated Press. It is the first death directly blamed on the storm's impacts.
- At Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, more than 90 flights were canceled for Wednesday, many of them to and from affected airports in Florida. Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has canceled more than 125 flights across its system for Wednesday.
- Currently more than 104k customers in Georgia without power.
- Gov. Brian Kemp declared a state of emergency on Tuesday and is set to expire at 11:59 p.m. on Friday.

## South Carolina

- Tropical Storm Idalia moved into South Carolina on Wednesday night.
- While the storm had weakened as it moved across Florida and through Georgia, entering South Carolina with maximum sustained wind speeds of around 60 mph, it was still bringing heavy flooding to the coast of the Palmetto State.
- The National Weather Service in Charleston stated on Wednesday evening that water has breached the Charleston Battery, the seawall in Charleston. Major coastal flooding has been reported in downtown Charleston and Edisto Beach.
- Preliminary data showed the Wednesday evening high tide reached just over 9.2 feet, more than 3 feet above normal and the fifth-highest reading in Charleston Harbor since records were first kept in 1899.
- Road closures during the night were widespread, particularly in down Charleston where the tidal flooding swamped numerous streets. Capt. Jason Bruder said officers closed as many as 50 roads, impassable because of water. As of 2:30 a.m., about half still remained blocked off.
- Bands from Idalia also brought short-lived tornadoes. One flipped a car in suburban Goose Creek, South Carolina, causing minor injuries, authorities said. No major damage was reported.
- There are over 23,000 customers without power across the state.
- On August 29th, Governor Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency in preparation for the potential effects from Hurricane Idalia.

## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

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

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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
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
FL*	Hurricane Idalia Aug 29 & continuing	8/30/2023	Pending	25 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	118	6/27/2023
4724 HI	Wildfires	1 County	17	10/10/2023

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

