

Hurricane Maria Analysis 9.22.17

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Hurricane Maria Update as of 9:00 am EST

 Maria remains a CAT 3 hurricane moving at 9 mph NW with winds up to 115 mph and gusting up to 120 mph heavy rains continue in the wake of of the storm

Watches and Warnings

Hurricane Warning: Turks and Caicos Islands, Southeastern Bahamas

Tropical Storm Warning: Portions of the Dominican Republic

Hurricane Watch: None at this time

Tropical Storm Watch: Central Bahamas and Bermuda through 26 SEP

Last 24 hours:

Much of Puerto Rico remains without power and limited communication ability. Some indicate that the island may be without power for weeks and possibly months. An official damage assessment of the infrastructure has yet to be conducted and results released. Concerns for fuel supplies, food, potable water and ice are emerging.

Flooding has been called "catastrophic". POTUS has approved PR as a federal "disaster area" which may expedite relief efforts and money when conditions allow for recovery efforts to begin.

FEMA has delegated evacuee return authority to PR Governmental officials and has reported that they intend to send as many as 3,000 employees and volunteers to the island as conditions are favorable for incoming personnel via air.

A curfew remains in effect from 6 pm until 6 am. No signs of looting have occurred.

Dominican Republic was also in the path of the storm causing devistation with high winds, rain and mudslides and estimated 15 people dead.

Next 24 hours:

Maria is expected to move far east of Florida and possibly head towards Bermuda.

Water levels in Puerto Rico should continue to recede allowing for work crews to begin removing debris and clear roadways.

The two main airports on the island remain inoperable; one is expected to be functioning by SAT 23 SEP.

POTUS is anticipated to view the current conditions on the island via air transport.



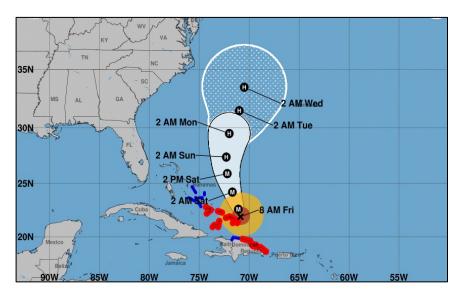
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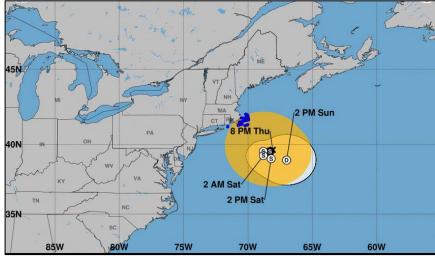
- Now a Post-Tropical Cyclone
- The storm moves further out to sea from the US Northeast coast and is expected to continue in that direction and dissipate

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Hurricane Maria -anticipated movement throughout the weekend

Tropical Storm Jose -anticipated movement throughout the weekend







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For Additional Information:

American Red Cross http://www.redcross.org/

US Coast Guard Storm Center https://www.uscq.mil/news/stormcenter/

US National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov

US Federal Emergency Management Agency http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes

FEMA – Mobile App https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app

Ready Gov www.ready.gov

Listo Gov (Spanish) www.listo.gov

Emergency Management Agencies https://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency <a href="http://www.cdema.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper<emid=417">http://www.cdema.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper<emid=417

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