

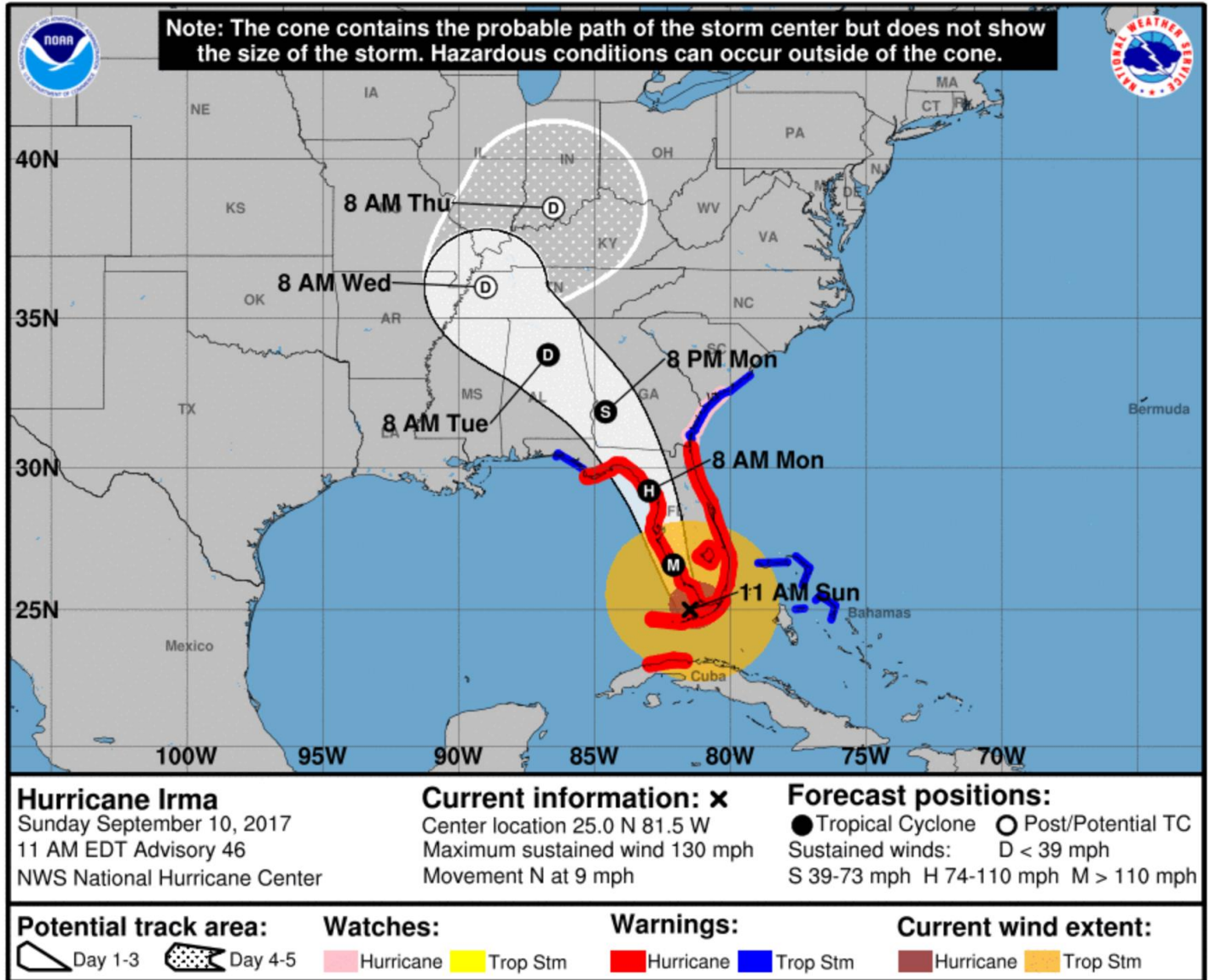


**Highlands County
Emergency Management
Emergency Operations Center
Advisory**



1. EOC Advisory #: 17	2. Incident Name: Hurricane Irma	3. Date: 09/10/2017	4. Time: 0800 HRS
5. EOC Statement			

HIGHLANDS COUNTY EOC IS AT A LEVEL 1 ACTIVATION



HIGHLANDS COUNTY IS UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING

FORECAST

At 11 am EDT Saturday, Hurricane Irma was moving north at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph, making Irma a category 4 storm on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale. Irma is expected to maintain strength as it crosses the Florida Straits this morning, but it is now expected to remain a category 4 storm as it approaches Southwest Florida. Irma is 80 miles south southeast of Naples and 115 miles south southeast Ft. Myers. On the current forecast track, Irma is crossing the Lower Keys this morning and will then move along or near the Florida West Coast this afternoon through Monday morning. The forecast then brings Irma into the Big Bend of Florida and southwestern Georgia late Monday morning through Monday evening.



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The forecast track again shifted slightly eastward in this advisory as Irma has yet to make a north-northwest turn, potentially bringing Irma's center through eastern portions of Leon County around noon on Monday. Tropical Storm force winds extend out 220 miles from the center, and hurricane force 80 miles, meaning a large portion of the Peninsula and Big Bend may experience hurricane force winds and much of the state will at least feel tropical storm conditions.

HURRICANE CENTER LOCATED NEAR 25N 81.5W

PRESENT MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NORTH OR 350 DEGREES AT 9 KT

ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE 928 MB and the EYE DIAMETER 20 NM

Tropical storm force winds should be affecting southern Highlands County now, moving north.

Hurricane force winds are expected to impact Highlands County at approximately 3:00PM on 09/10/2017.

Highlands County is expected to experience Category 2 winds now.

PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Emergency Management continues to monitor this storm and has been in contact with the National Weather Service and State DEM with multiple conference calls and webinars, and will send out updates as they become available. It is important that you review the emergency plans for your home and office, to make sure that you are prepared.

For informational updates text "HCIRMA" to 888777.

School Closures

Highlands County Schools will be closed Monday, September 11, 2017.

Government Office Closures

Highlands County Tax Collectors Office will be closed Monday September 11, 2017.

Florida Department of Health will be closed Monday September 11, 2017.

Highlands County Clerk of Courts will be closed all day on September 11, 2017

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Offices will be closed on Monday, September 11, 2017

City of Avon Park

Monday's garbage will be picked up on Tuesday Avon Park City Limits.

Tuesday's garbage remains unchanged. The remaining schedule remains unchanged Avon Park City Limits.

Expect the garbage trucks to run late into the evening hours for the upcoming week. You will be serviced.

Wednesday's Recycling is canceled for the upcoming Hurricane week Avon Park City Limits.

City of Avon Park Offices will be closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday at 8AM.



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Shelters

AVON PARK – At Capacity

Avon Park Recreation Center
207 East State Street

LAKE PLACID – AT CAPACITY

Lake Placid High School
202 Green Dragon Drive

SEBRING

Highlands County Fair Convention Center
781 Magnolia Avenue

Secondary Shelters

AVON PARK - At Capacity

South Florida State College
600 W. College Drive

LAKE PLACID

Genesis Center (No Generator Capability)
218 E. Belleview St.

Safety Message

1. Avoid downed, damaged or loose power lines and report them immediately to the 911, as well as to the local transmission and distribution services provider in your area.