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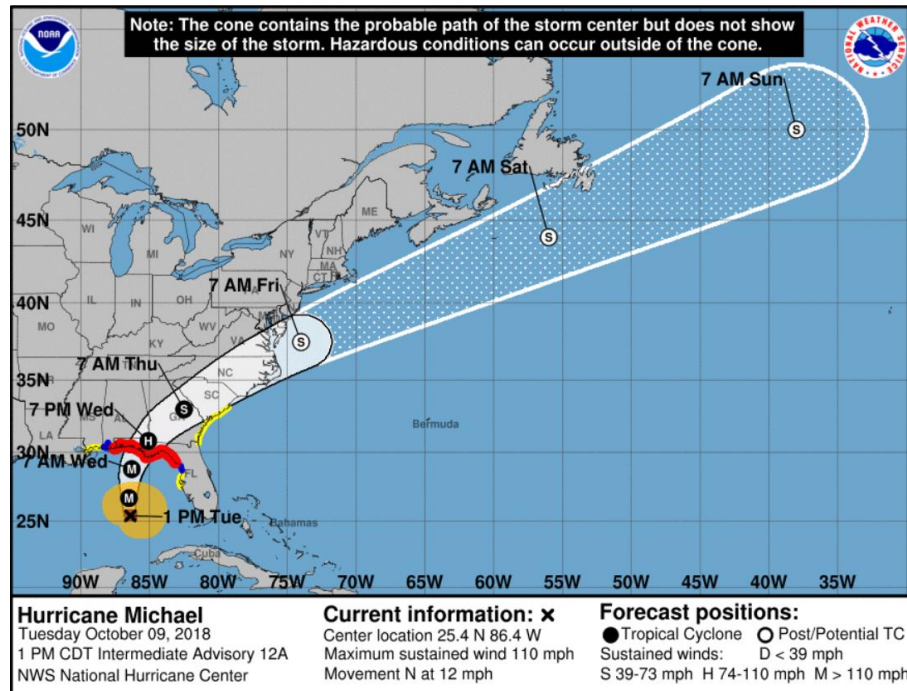
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HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE; MORE FLOOD GATES TO CLOSE

New Orleans, LA – As we continue to monitor Hurricane Michael, the Flood Protection Authority East will close more gates around the Lakefront Marina beginning at 7:00 pm tonight. These actions are necessary in order to reduce the potential impacts of Hurricane Michael. Currently, flood gates along Lake Pontchartrain, the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and St. Bernard Parish are closed. Also, Bayou Dupre, Bayou Bienvenue, and Caernarvon sector gates are closed. These measures are taken to reduce the expected high tide from this storm system.

According to the National Weather Service, Michael will likely become a category 3 hurricane and move through the northern Gulf tonight and Wednesday. Strengthening easterly and southeasterly winds over the Gulf are expected to lead to higher than normal tides through tonight along east and southeast facing shores of Louisiana and Mississippi. This will be well in advance of any direct impacts from the tropical system. Anywhere from 1 to 3 feet of coastal flooding above ground level could occur along portions of the Mississippi coast, the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and Maurepas outside of the hurricane protection levees, and east facing shores of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River outside of the hurricane protection levees. Flooding of low lying roads outside of the hurricane protection levees will be possible.

Be sure to monitor local media reports and check official government websites for the most accurate information on this storm system.



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