

**IMPACTS FOR D8**

**Winds/US Coast – Moderate**

**Winds/SRR – Extreme**

**Waves/US Coastal – Moderate**

**Waves/SRR – Extreme**

through next 5 days

**US Storm Surge – Low**

**US Rainfall/Flash Flooding – Low**

**US Tornadoes – None**

# HURRICANE MILTON BRIEFING



11:00 AM CDT  
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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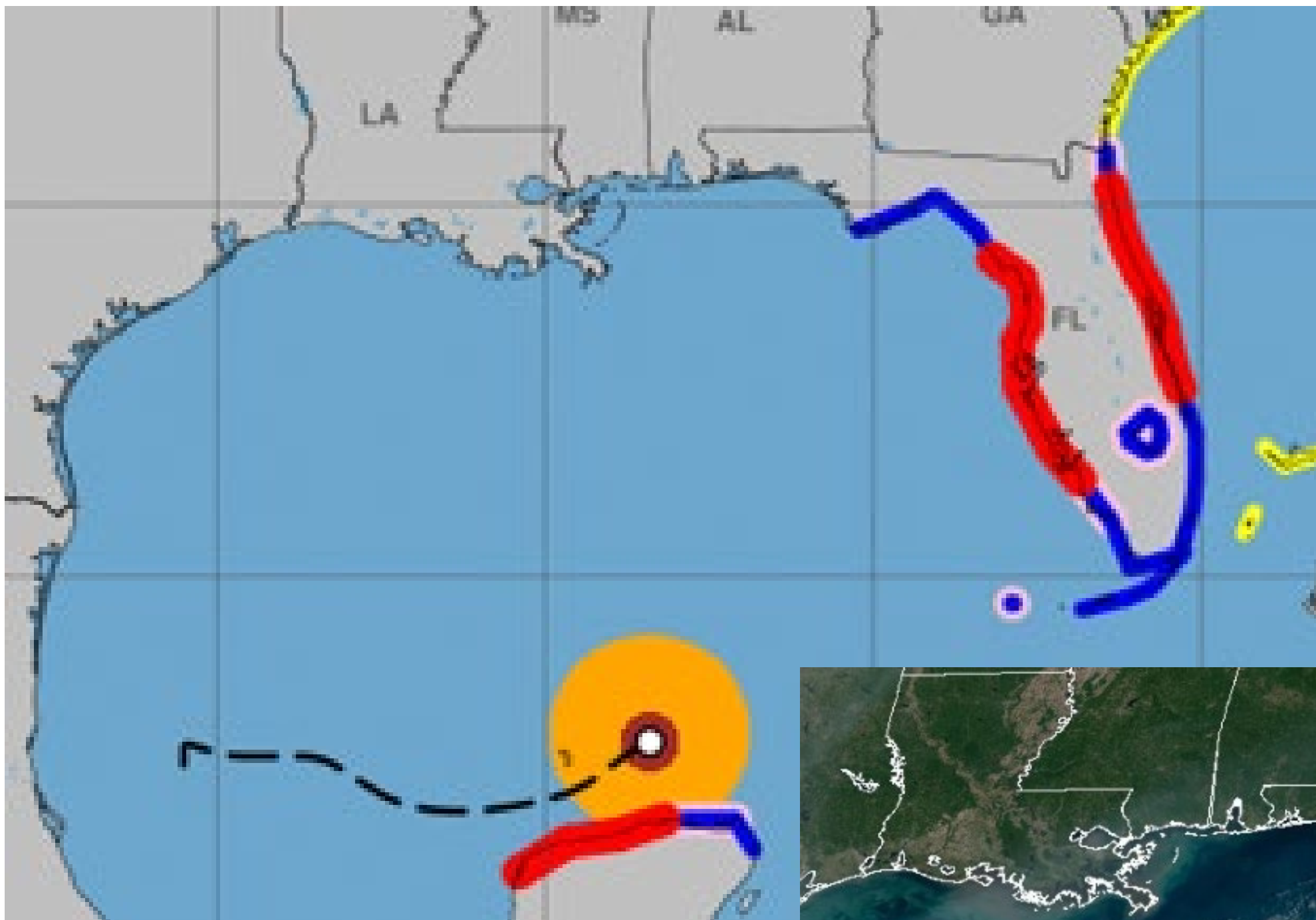


# Situation Overview

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**...MILTON FORECAST TO RETAIN MAJOR HURRICANE STATUS AND EXPAND IN SIZE WHILE IT APPROACHES THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA...**

**...TODAY IS THE LAST FULL DAY FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS TO GET THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES READY AND EVACUATE IF TOLD TO DO SO BY LOCAL OFFICIALS...**

### SUMMARY OF 1000 AM CDT INFORMATION

LOCATION...22.7N 88.4W  
ABOUT 520 MI...835 KM SW OF TAMPA FLORIDA  
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...130 KT  
PRESENT MOVEMENT...ENE 8 KT

### SIZE

64 KT..... 25NE 25SE 25SW 25NW.  
34 KT..... 90NE 80SE 80SW 90NW.  
12 FT SEAS..120NE 75SE 270SW 240NW.  
PEAK SEAS 32 FT

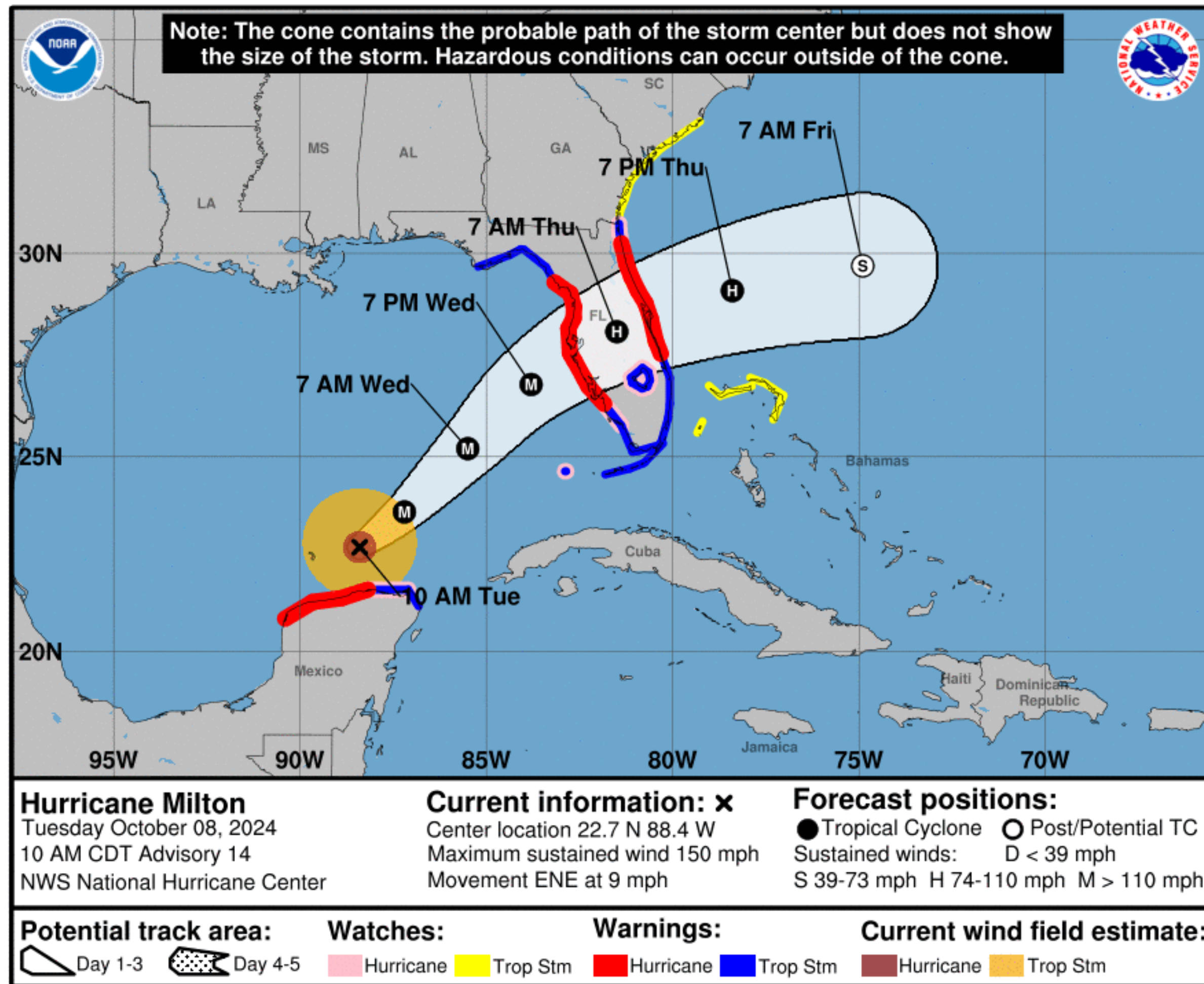


# Forecast Information

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**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track. Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

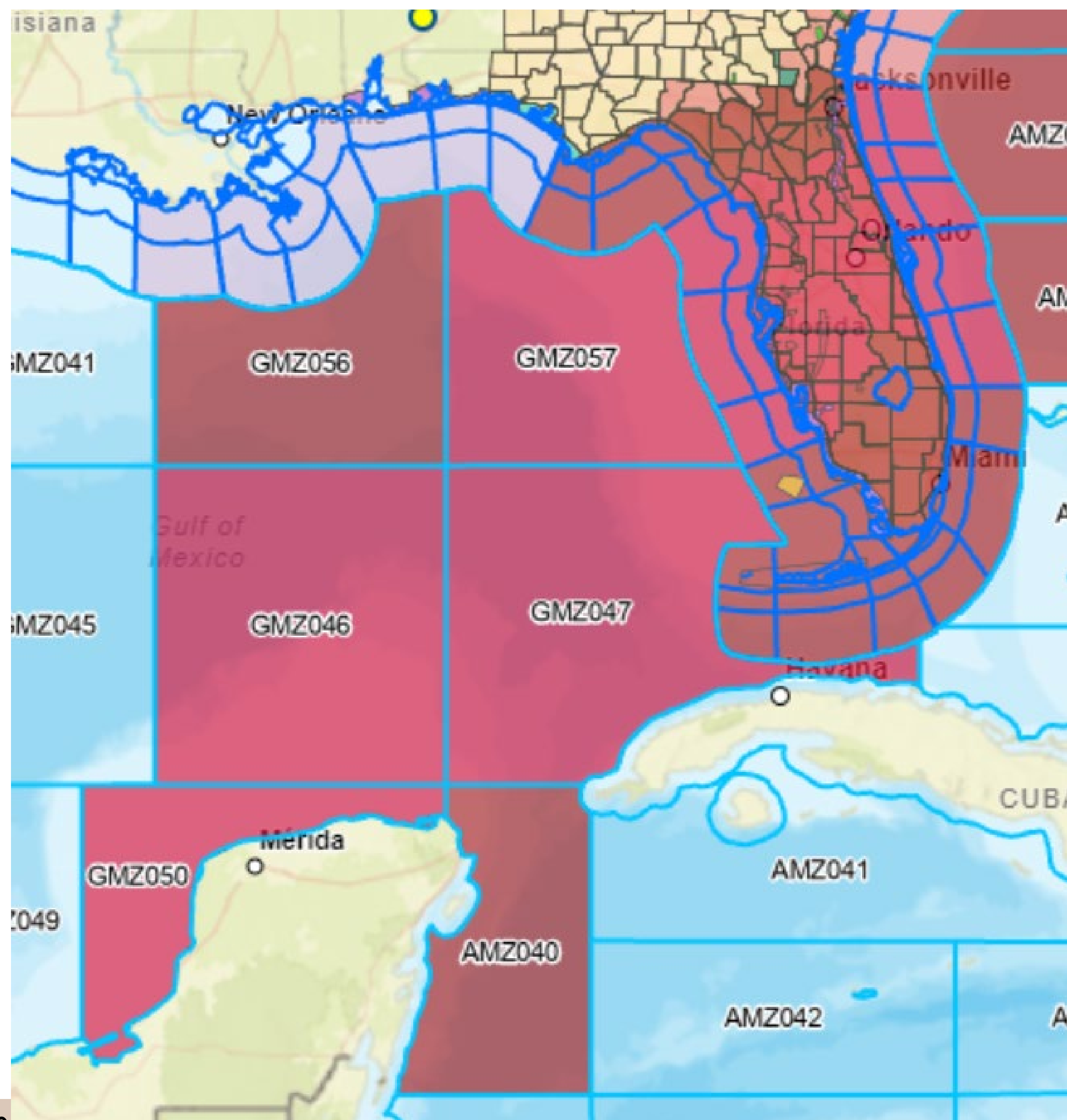
- **Milton will move toward the northeast at about the same speed through Thursday**
  - **The major hurricane will make landfall somewhere between Port Charlotte and Cedar Key Wednesday night as a large Category 3 or 4 hurricane**
  - **After passing over Florida, Milton will accelerate over the Atlantic while weakening and transitioning into an extratropical cyclone**
  - Current center forecast positions through the next 5 days (if applicable) illustrated by dots
  - White swath of potential track error added to each side of the forecast track through day 3
  - Hatched swath of potential track error added to each side of the forecast track days 4-5
- \*\* Swaths are calculated using average track errors and actual track may be well inside, or possibly outside the potential track areas indicated.

# Hazards Map

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- Tropical Storm Watch (60)
- Hurricane Watch (44)
- Storm Surge Watch (2)
- Red Flag Warning (2)
- Gale Warning (18)
- Excessive Heat Warning (16)
- Coastal Flood Warning (3)
- Flood Warning (33)
- Tropical Storm Warning (53)
- Hurricane Warning (48)

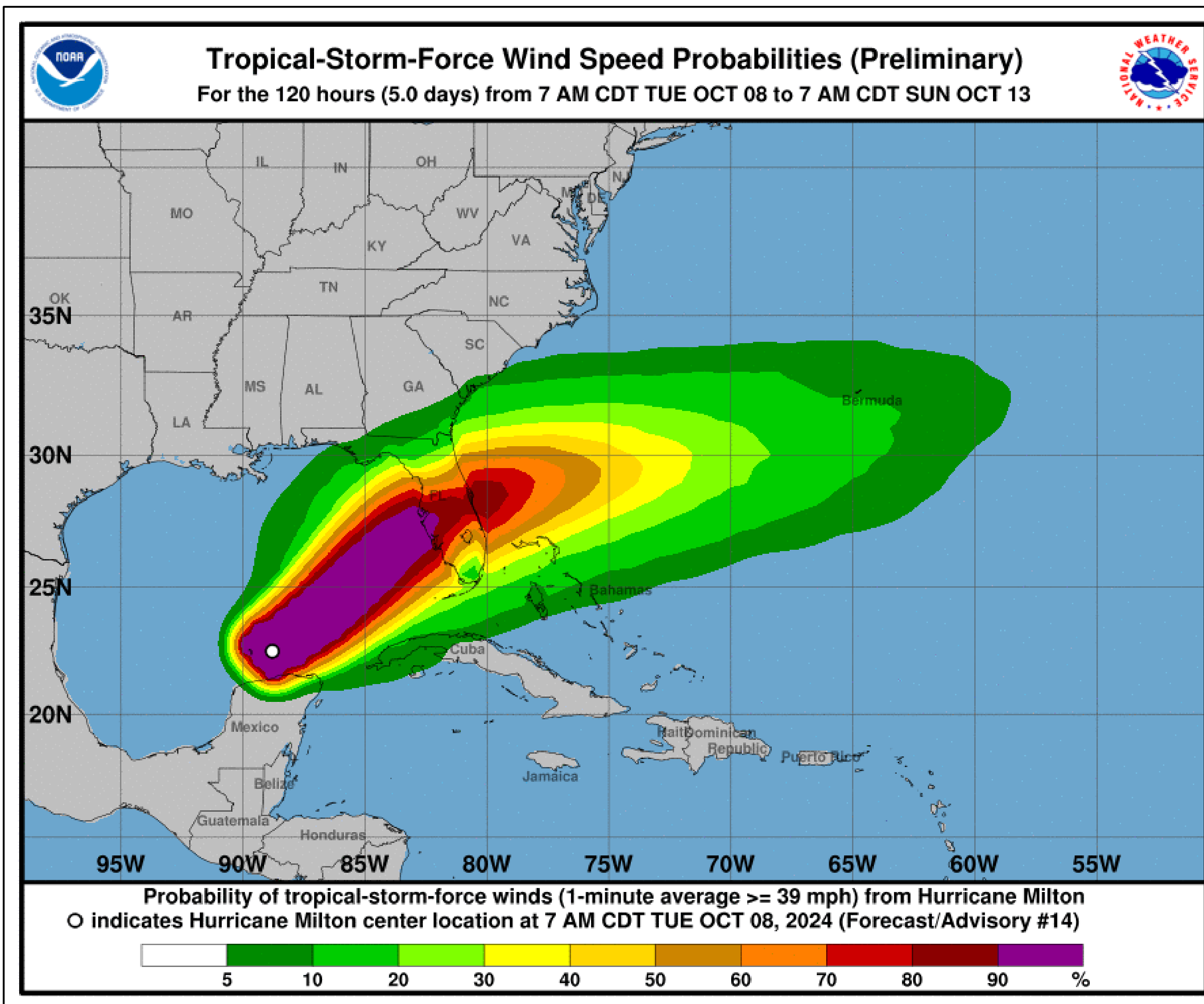


# T.S. Wind Speed Probabilities

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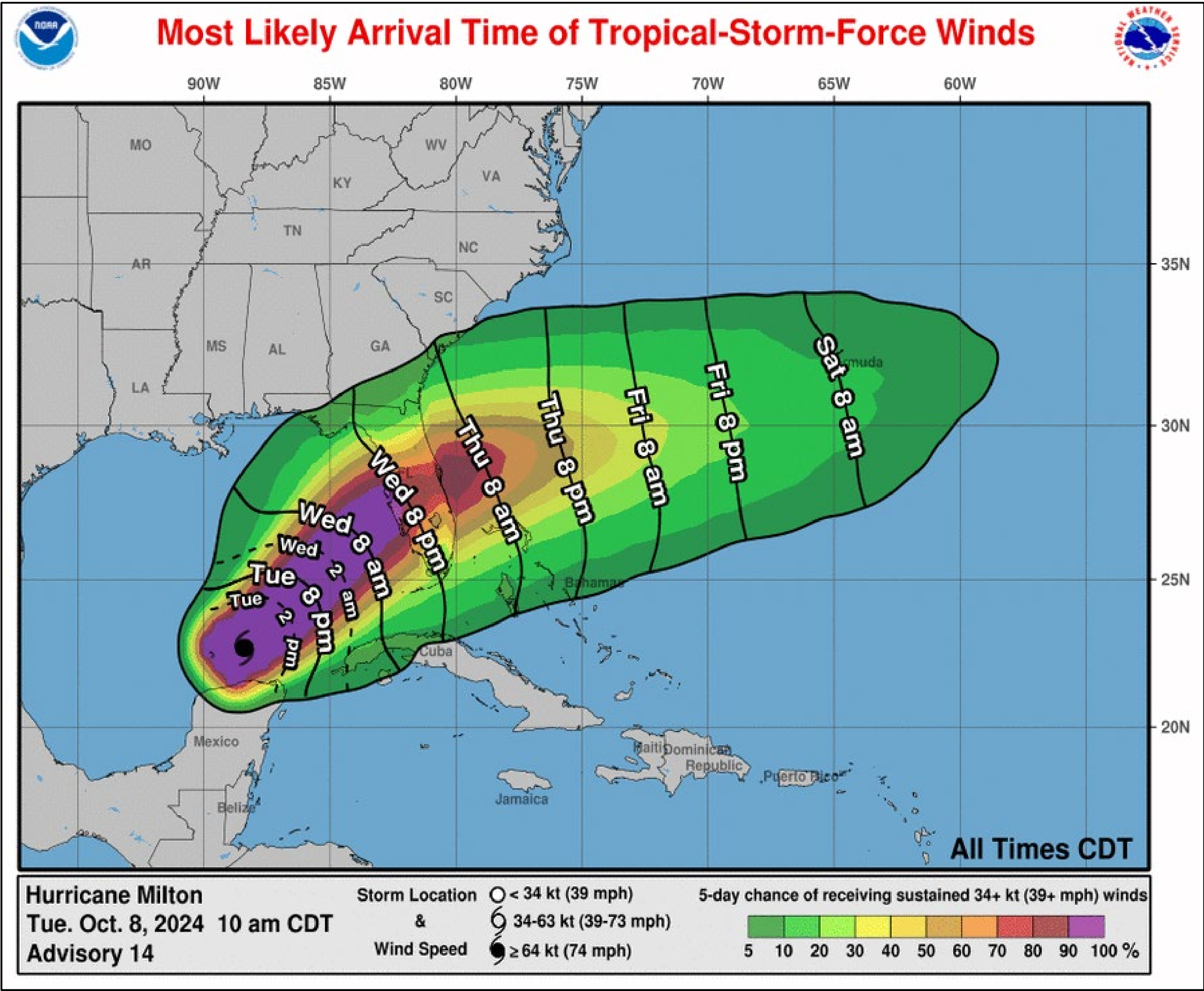
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- Cedar Key – 60%
  - Probabilities of sustained tropical storm force winds (34 kt to 63 kt) over the next 5 days, based off this cyclone's wind radii and track.
  - Clear or dark green are the lowest chances of 0-30%.
  - Yellow to orange is 31-70%
  - Red through purple are the highest probabilities of 71%-100%
- See the color bar below the image for more details.



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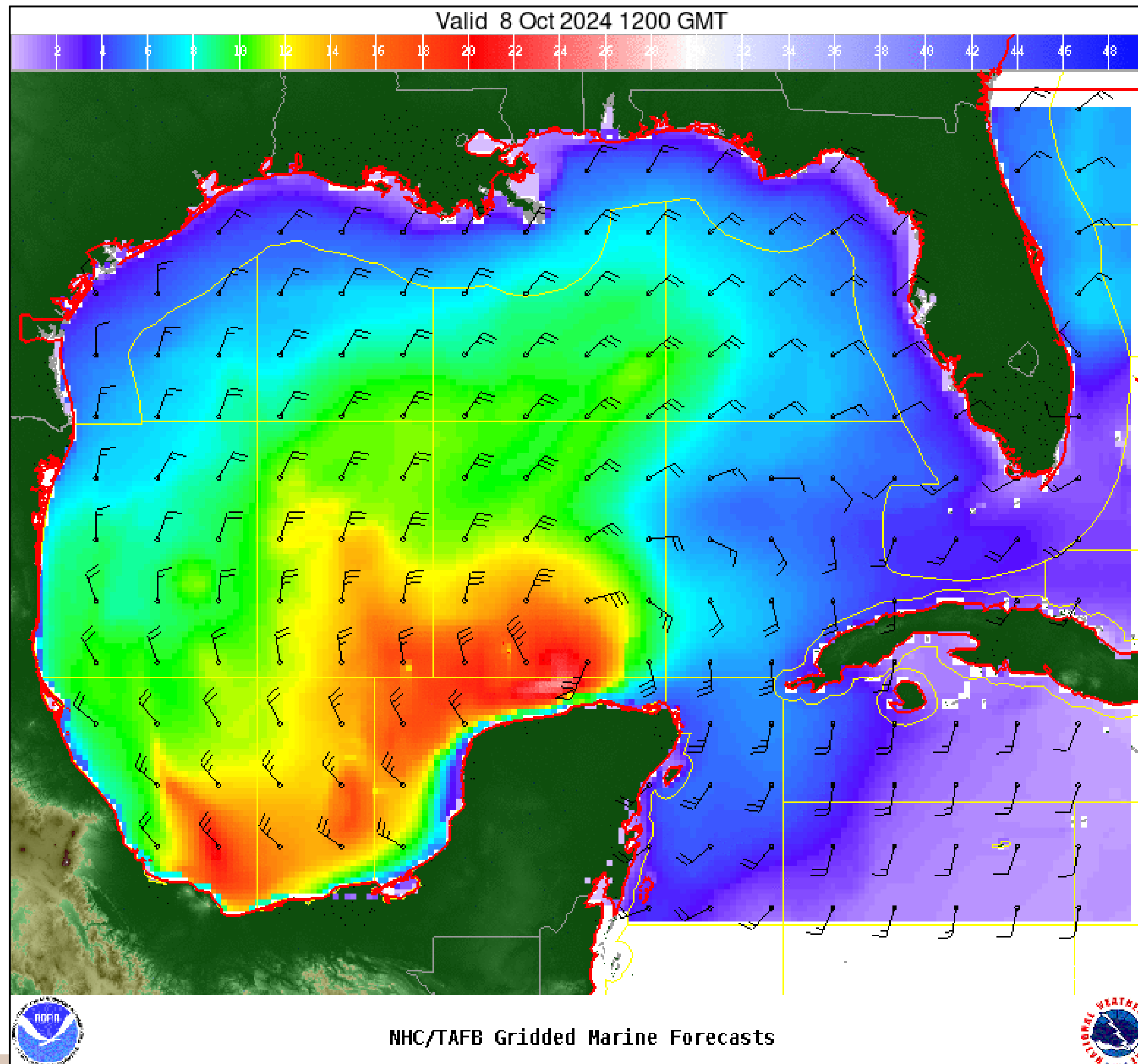
- **Big Bend of Florida – Wednesday night**
- The most likely time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds (34kt to 63 kt) for this cyclone based off the current track and wind radii.
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# Wind And Waves

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### Current Conditions

7am CDT Tuesday, October 8th

Peak Winds: 130 kt

Peak Seas: 32 ft

- Wave heights are in feet



Significant Wave Height (ft)

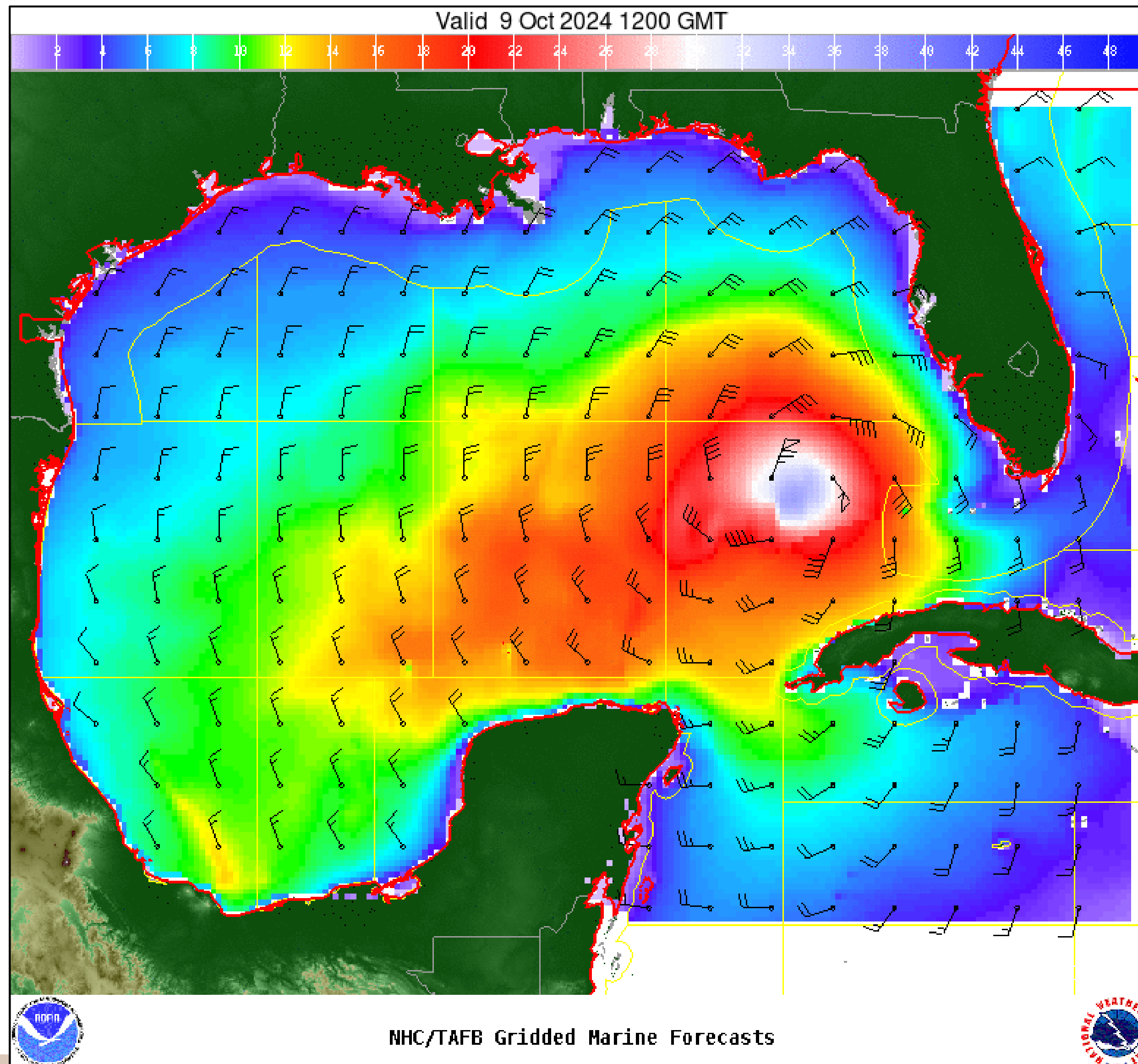


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## 24 Hour Forecast

7am CDT Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>

Peak Winds: 125 kt

Peak Seas: 36 ft

- Wave heights are in feet



Significant Wave Height (ft)

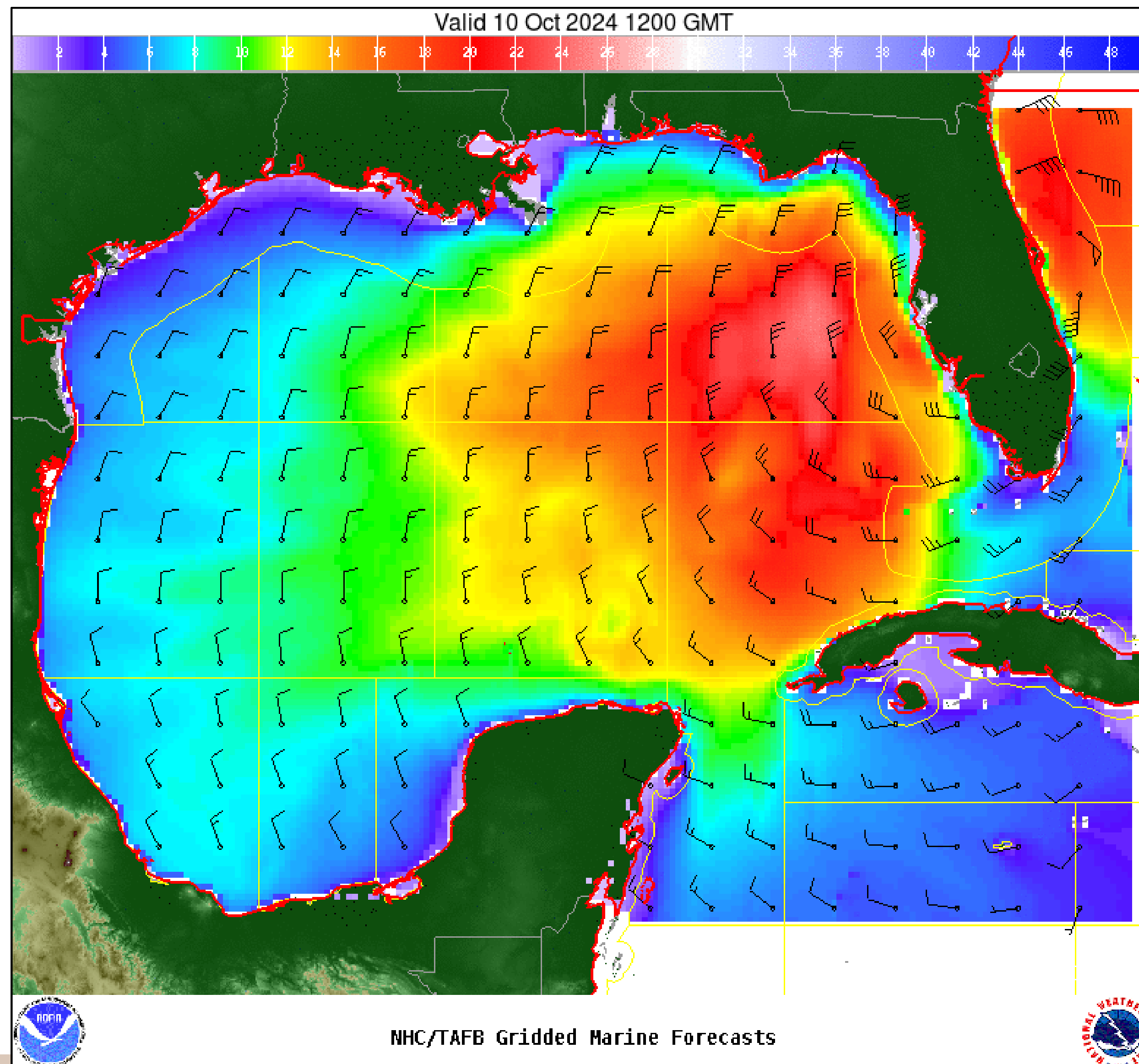


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### 48 Hour Forecast

7am CDT Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>

Peak Winds: 45 kt (Gulf)

Peak Seas: 25 ft (Gulf)

- Wave heights are in feet



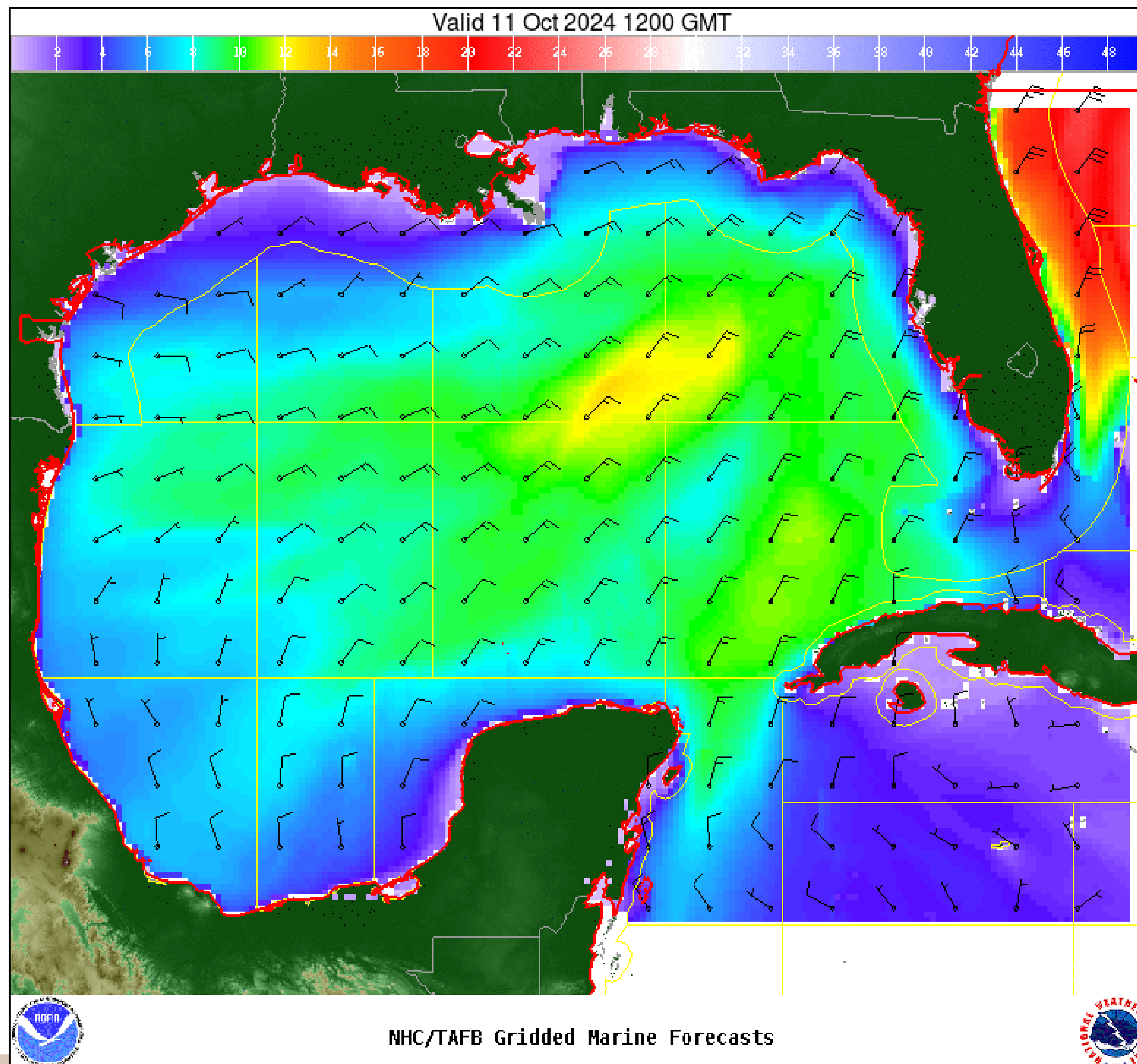
Significant Wave Height (ft)

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## 72 Hour Forecast

7am CDT Friday, October 11th

Peak Winds: 20 kt (Gulf)

Peak Seas: 11 ft (Gulf)

- Wave heights are in feet



Significant Wave Height (ft)

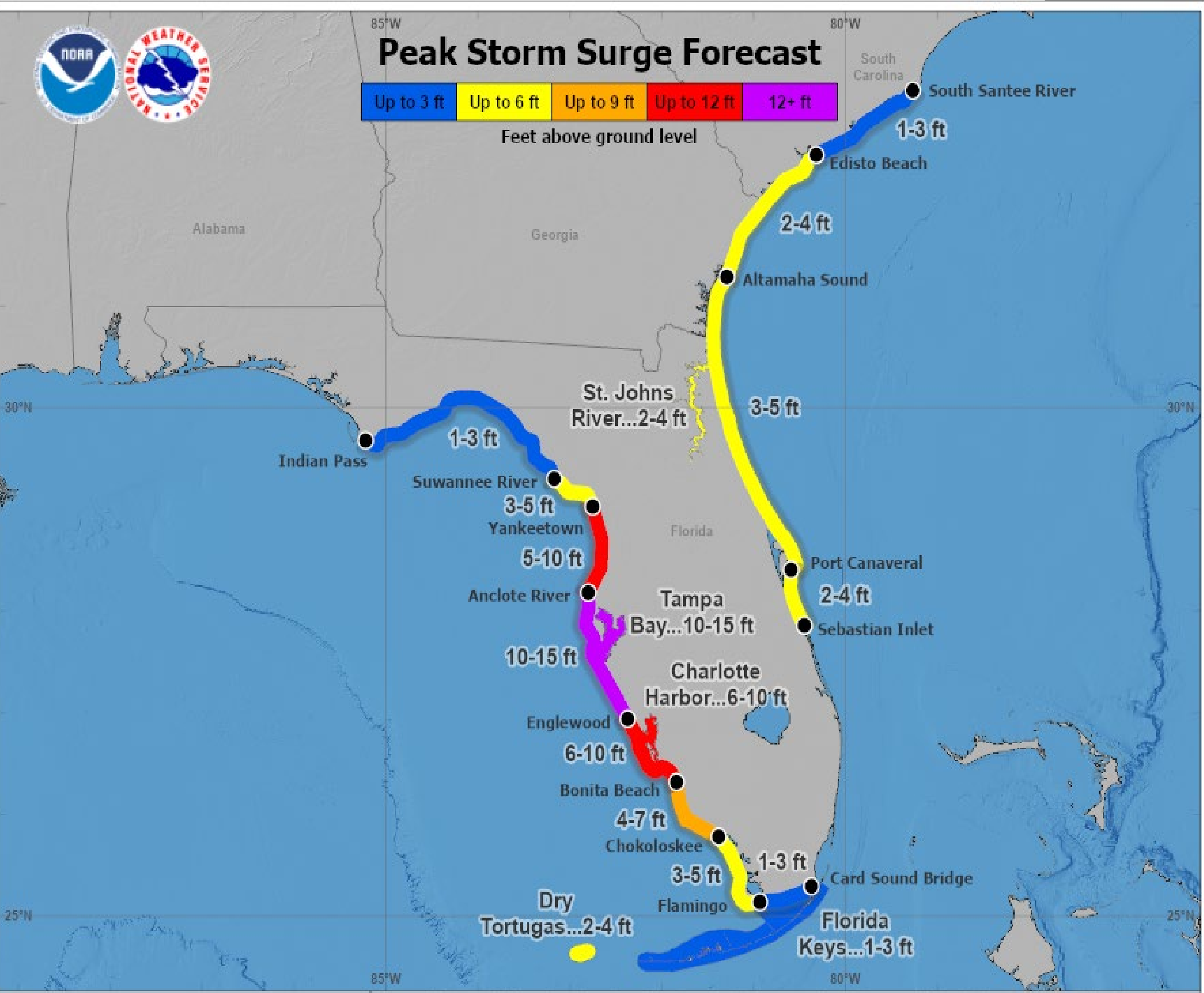


# Potential Peak Storm Surge / Watches and Warnings



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Hurricane Milton  
Tuesday October 08, 2024  
10 AM CDT Advisory 14  
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**User Notes:** Water levels along the immediate coast could reach the following heights above ground level within the indicated areas. Elevated water levels will likely be accompanied by large and destructive waves. Colors are determined by the highest values in the associated forecast peak surge range. Values shown on this graphic are inclusive of tide.



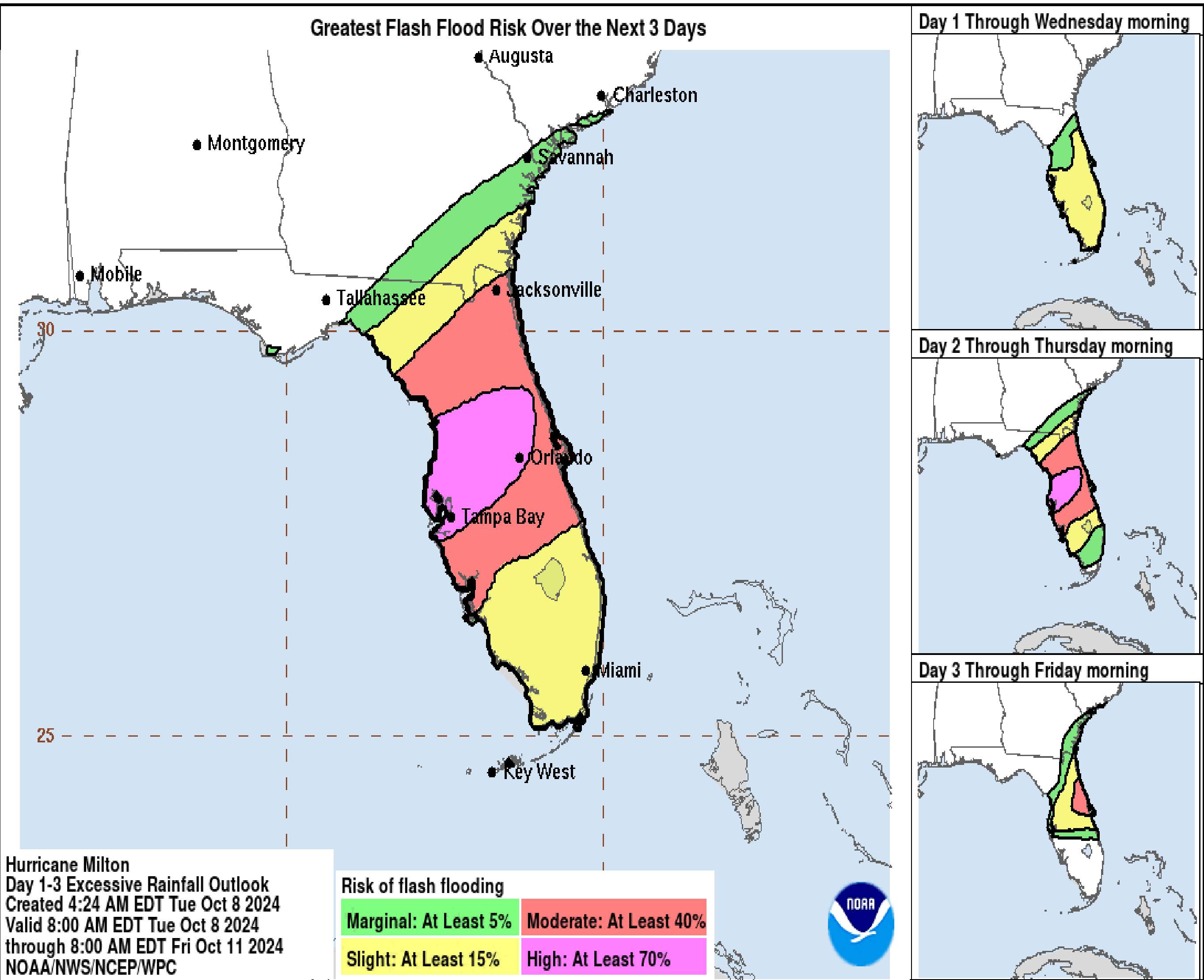
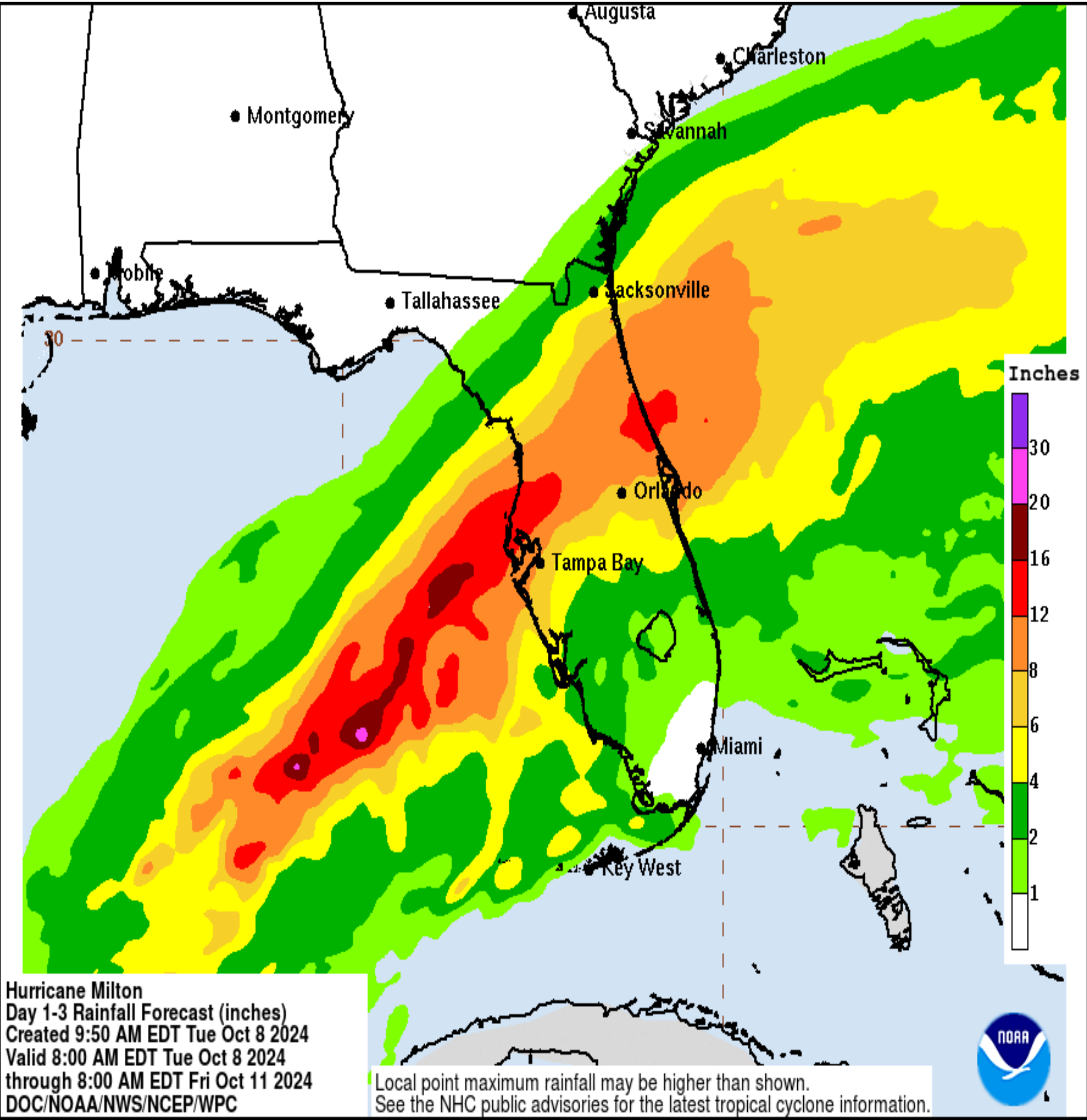
# Expected Storm Total Rainfall and Chance of Rainfall Flooding

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Images from NWS Weather Prediction Center



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# Key Messages

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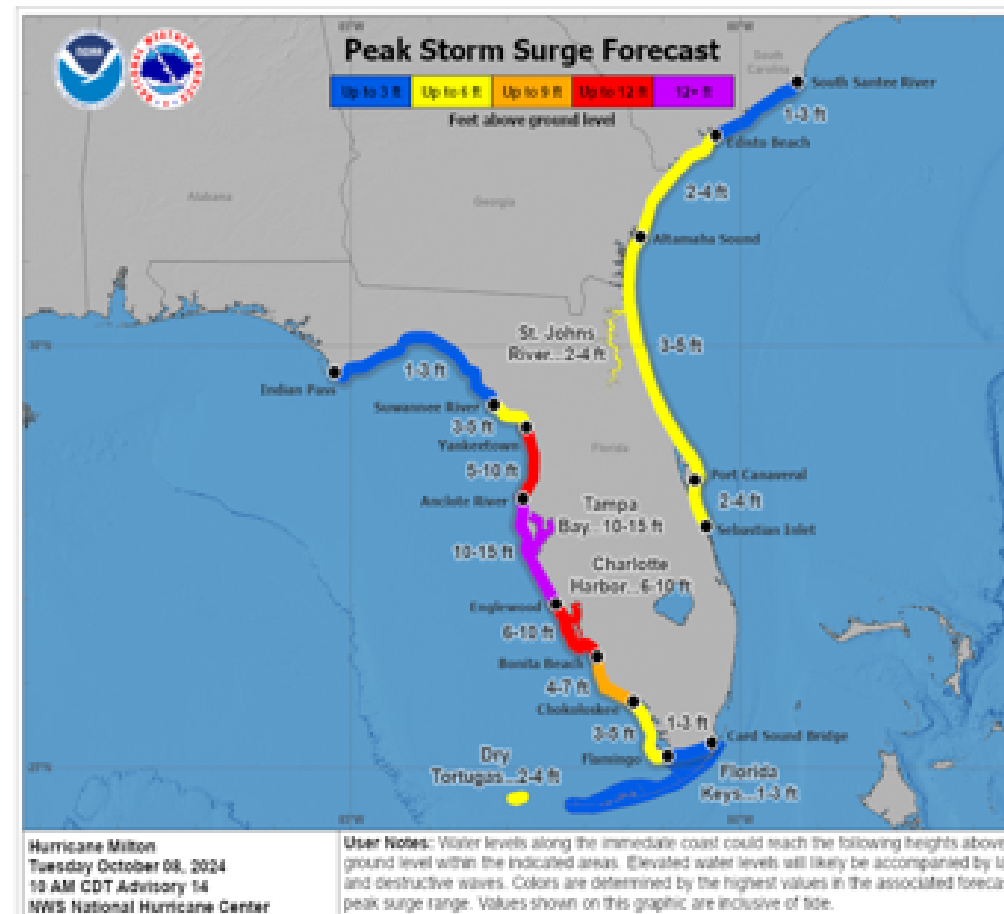
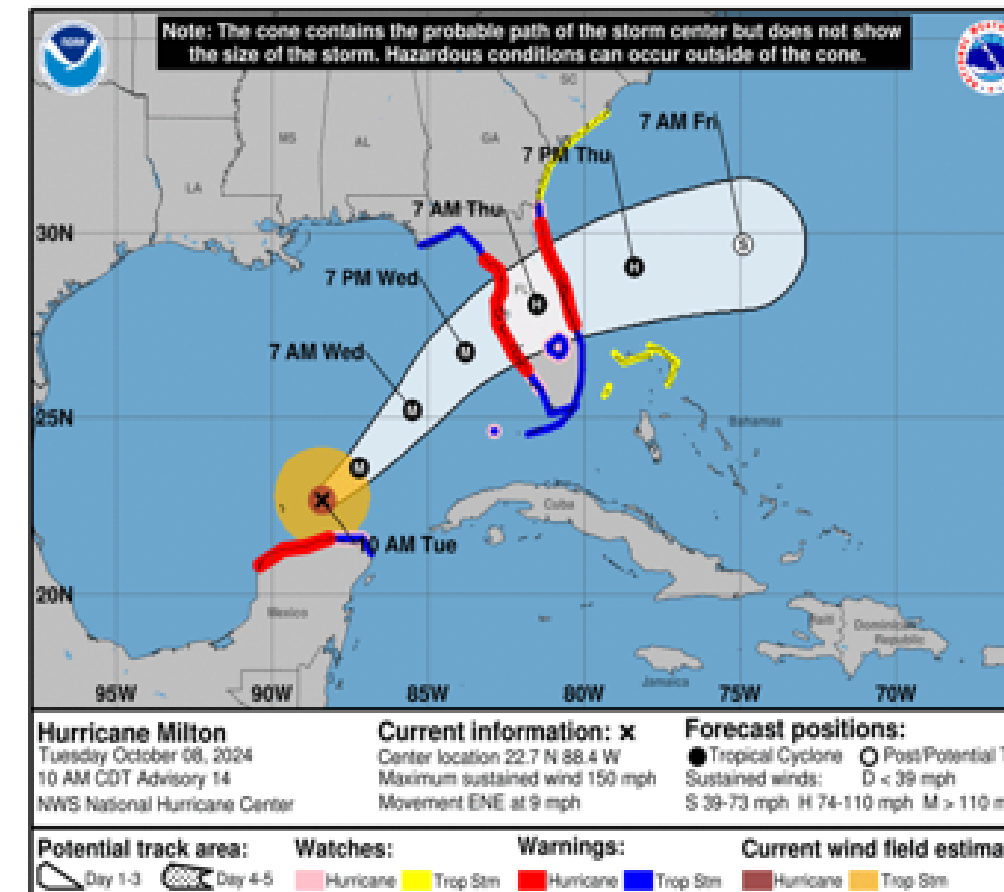
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### Key Messages for Hurricane Milton Advisory 14: 10:00 AM CDT Tue Oct 08, 2024



1. Damaging hurricane-force winds and a life-threatening storm surge with destructive waves are expected across portions of the northern coast of the Yucatan Peninsula today.
2. A large area of destructive storm surge, with highest inundations of 10 ft or greater, is expected along a portion of the west-central coast of the Florida Peninsula. If you are in the Storm Surge Warning area, this is an extremely life-threatening situation, and you should evacuate today if ordered by local officials. There will likely not be enough time to wait to leave on Wednesday.
3. Devastating hurricane-force winds are expected along portions of the west coast of Florida, where a Hurricane Warning is in effect. Milton is forecast to remain a hurricane as it crosses the Florida Peninsula and life-threatening hurricane-force winds, especially in gusts, are expected to spread inland across the peninsula. Preparations to protect life and property, and to be ready for long-duration power outages, should be complete by tonight.
4. Heavy rainfall across the Florida Peninsula through Thursday brings the risk of life-threatening flash and urban flooding along with moderate to major river flooding, especially in areas where coastal and inland flooding combine to increase the overall flood threat.



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**TIME of NEXT NHC Advisory:**

**4 PM CDT**

*The Next Briefing Will Be:  
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