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Still nothing solid to report regarding on where Florence might be heading....the forecast trends today have continued with the westward (& and southerly) movement. It's looking less likely that she'll find that window of opportunity to head north in 4-5 days, so a coastal US impact is looking more likely. Now is the time to review your hurricane plans and be prepared to put them in place should we be facing impacts from Florence next week.

It's still much too early to know much about the where or when those impacts will be felt (& there is still a little bit of a chance of IF still possible too) . Based on current modeling, anywhere from GA to NJ is currently in play for possible landfall impacts **IF** she makes landfall on the east coast. As mentioned this morning, NC/VA remain high on the list of possibilities for impacts. Current National Hurricane Center (NHC) guidance suggests there is a 3-7% chance that coastal NC could see tropical force winds within the next 5 days.

Florence has remained a tropical storm today, the expectation is still that she will be moving into more favorable territory soon and that she will re-strengthen and become a major hurricane (120mph+ winds) by the beginning of next week.

Again, there is still very large uncertainty in model forecasts of Florence's track beyond day 5, making it too soon to determine the exact location, magnitude and timing of impacts. However, now is the time to make sure you're prepared should her path bring her to our area - review and update your plans and assess your hurricane supplies now to make sure that you are prepared should we see impacts from Florence mid- to late next week.

We'll continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide updates as warranted.

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