

Hurricane MICHAEL
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Key Judgments:

All residents should continue to closely monitor weather services for updated forecasts regarding hurricane MICHAEL. Storm path projections could change.

Landfall is expected to occur on Wednesday and transit quickly across Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia before traveling into the Atlantic Friday.

All residents in Mandatory Evacuation Areas should leave immediately if they have not already done so.

All residents living in flood prone areas should evacuate if they have not already done so.

Anyone planning to shelter-in-place should be prepared for several days without outside assistance.

AmRRON members are activating the SC/GA SIGCEN. SIGCEN operators are working with AmRRON operators in Atlanta metro area and will be conducting Health and Welfare checks on an AmRRON operator in Byron, GA as the storm progresses. Current AMCON is 2.

The projected path of MICHAEL is expected to impact the CSRA with severe wind and strong rain, as well as the CSRA could see evacuees straining local resources.

Introduction:

At 0900 UTC, the eye of Hurricane MICHAEL was located near latitude 28.3 North, longitude 86.5 West. MICHAEL is moving toward the north near 13 mph. A turn toward the north-northeast is expected this morning, with a turn toward the northeast expected this afternoon or tonight. A motion toward the northeast at a faster forward speed is forecast on Thursday and Friday. On the forecast track, the eye of MICHAEL is expected to move ashore over the Florida Panhandle later today, move northeastward across the southeastern United States tonight and Thursday, and then move off the Mid-Atlantic coast away from the United States on Friday.

Reports from an Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 140 mph with higher gusts. MICHAEL is an extremely dangerous category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Some additional strengthening is possible before landfall. After landfall, MICHAEL should weaken as it crosses the southeastern United States.

Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 45 miles from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 185 miles. NOAA buoy 42039 to the northeast of the center recently reported sustained winds of 54 mph and a wind gust of 63 mph.

The estimated minimum central pressure based on Hurricane Hunter aircraft data is 943 mb.

Military installations in MICHAELs path are preparing.

Fort Rucker, AL - Closed, aircraft moved. The Daleville and Ozark visitor control centers will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 10. They will resume normal operating hours on Thursday, Oct. 11. Should

sustained winds exceed 50 mph, all access control points will be closed and access to the installation suspended until wind speeds are below 50 mph. Law enforcement response will also be curtailed once wind speeds exceed 35 mph. Directorate of Public Safety Law Enforcement will only respond to emergency calls and all other calls for service will be placed in a queue and answered once it is safe for responders. Should sustained wind speeds exceed 50 mph, DPS LE will be unable to respond. DPS LE will resume emergency response once sustained wind speeds are below 50 mph.

Fort Benning, GA – Open. Fort Benning remains operational, no delayed reporting, except for DODEA schools. Fort Benning DODEA Schools will be closed on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. All Fort Benning Garrison services and facilities will follow regular operating hours.

Robbins AFB, GA - Open, aircraft moved. Currently, Robins AFB is open. Personnel should contact their chain of command if they have questions about reporting procedures during the storm.

Fort Gordon, GA – Open

Tyndall AFB, FL – Closed. A STOP MOVEMENT has been issued for both TDY and PCS actions for all Airmen and Civilians projected into Tyndall AFB, Florida. This stop movement determination is based on the projected arrival of hurricane MICHAEL this week and the potential for the destruction it brings. The stop movement remains in effect until further notice and will be updated as the situation dictates.

NAS Pensacola, FL – Closed. Due to anticipated inclement weather conditions from Hurricane MICHAEL, Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP), Corry Station and Saufley Field will curtail normal operations and close the installations to all visitors and non-critical personnel at 2 p.m. today, Oct. 9th to include National Naval Aviation Museum, Lighthouse, Ft Barrancas, etc. NASP Child Development Center, Youth Center, Navy Exchange and Commissary will close today at 6 p.m. All facilities onboard the base will remain closed through Wednesday, Oct 10th. Pending significant changes in weather forecast, the base and all facilities will reopen and resume normal operations on Thursday, Oct 11th.

NSA Panama City, FL – Closed. Commanding Officer has ordered a mandatory evacuation of the installation to be completed by 4:00 p.m. (CDT) today (9 Oct 2018). Evacuations are authorized for all NSA service members, civilian employees, their dependents and Reservists on active duty.

MCLB Albany, GA – Closed. The Installation will be closed starting 6 a.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 10, through Noon on Thursday, Oct. 11, conditions permitting. Only personnel supporting Emergency Management and Disaster Response Operations for Installation and tenant commands as identified by their chain of command, and residents of Base Housing will be authorized to enter or exit the Installation once closed. Administrative leave will be in effect from 6 a.m. Wednesday - Noon Thursday., unless otherwise directed. Liberal leave is authorized for today and following the storm as needed. The only access point for those personnel will be the main gate which will be closed when winds speeds become sustained at 40 mph or greater. All bridges crossing the Flint River will be closed when wind speeds become sustained at 35 mph or greater.

Residents of the RV Park will be under a mandatory evacuation starting 6 p.m. today, Oct. 9. Information will be provided to residents on where they can go for sheltering by Marine Corps Community Services. Personnel with medical conditions requiring medication please ensure adequate quantities are on hand. Also, those who may require immediate medical attention (pregnancy, heart condition, etc.) during the storm period should notify the base EMT via the non-emergency at 229-639-5610 to coordinate further preparation efforts.

Moody AFB, GA – Closed. Moody AFB is now HURCON 1 (potential exists for destructive winds in the next 12 hours). The installation is closed today and Thursday to everyone except mission essential personnel. For our airmen residing on base, the DFAC will be open today for breakfast and

lunch then closed until lunchtime tomorrow. Please make sure you pick up MREs as required. The express will be open Thursday 1000-1500. The gates will reopen to all personnel Friday morning at 6 a.m.

Substantiation:

Florida Gov. Rick Scott ordered activation of the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee to enhance coordination between federal, state and local agencies.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey also issued a state of emergency on Monday afternoon.

Based on the latest forecast for Hurricane MICHAEL and acting on a recommendation from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) officials, Gov. Nathan Deal today issued an emergency declaration for 92 Georgia counties. The emergency declaration is effective for seven days and makes all state resources available to local governments and entities within the impacted area of the hurricane.

Outlook:

Hurricane MICHAEL is forecast to be a major hurricane at landfall but will quickly move across the southeastern US. MICHAEL is expected to cause major power outages and transportation systems delays.

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