

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
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TROPICAL STORM BARRY

Tropical Storm Barry has formed over the Gulf. Confidence is increasing in a south central or southeast LA landfall. Southeastern Texas is no longer in the cone (see image below); however, there is still a lower than normal confidence in the track. The track forecast could change, please continue to monitor the development and track of this storm.

Hurricane watches, tropical storm and surge warnings are in effect for the Louisiana coast.

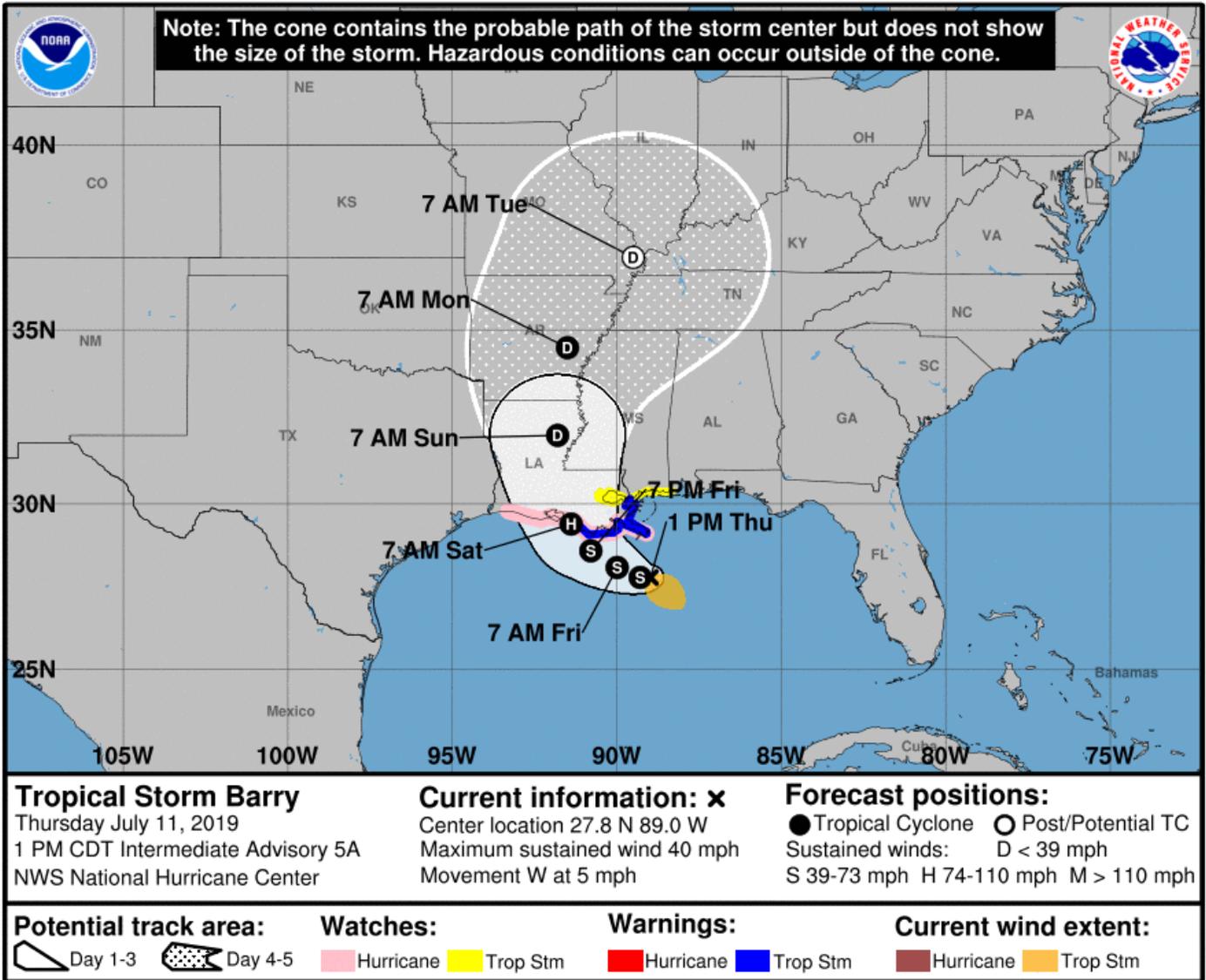
Environmental conditions remain favorable for further development, organization, and intensification over the next 24-48 hours.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management website (www.polkcountyoem.com) and the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement).

Hurricane Preparedness Tips/Information

- Assemble disaster supplies including food, water, medication, flashlights, batteries and cash to last at least 72 hours after the storm. For tips on building an emergency supply kit visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- Be sure to keep your gas tank full through the hurricane season which ends November 30th.
- Check your insurance coverage: Are you covered for high winds, damage, and flooding? It takes 30 days for flood insurance to begin. Flood insurance is also an option for renters.
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place to access during an emergency.
- Remember high winds can turn branches into projectiles during a storm. Trim trees and shrubs. Make sure the roof of your home and business is properly maintained. Prepare now by cleaning out drains, gutters, and ditches to keep water from backing up into your home.
- Check on your neighbors: Almost half of Americans expect to rely on their neighbors after a disaster...do you know yours?
- Discuss your family emergency plan.
- The evacuation routes through Polk County are: State Highway 146, US Highway 59, and US Highway 287 West.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts: Visit <https://alertmepolkcounty.bbcportal.com/> today to sign up for alerts from Polk County.

Tropical Storm Barry Forecast Cone



Source: National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov)