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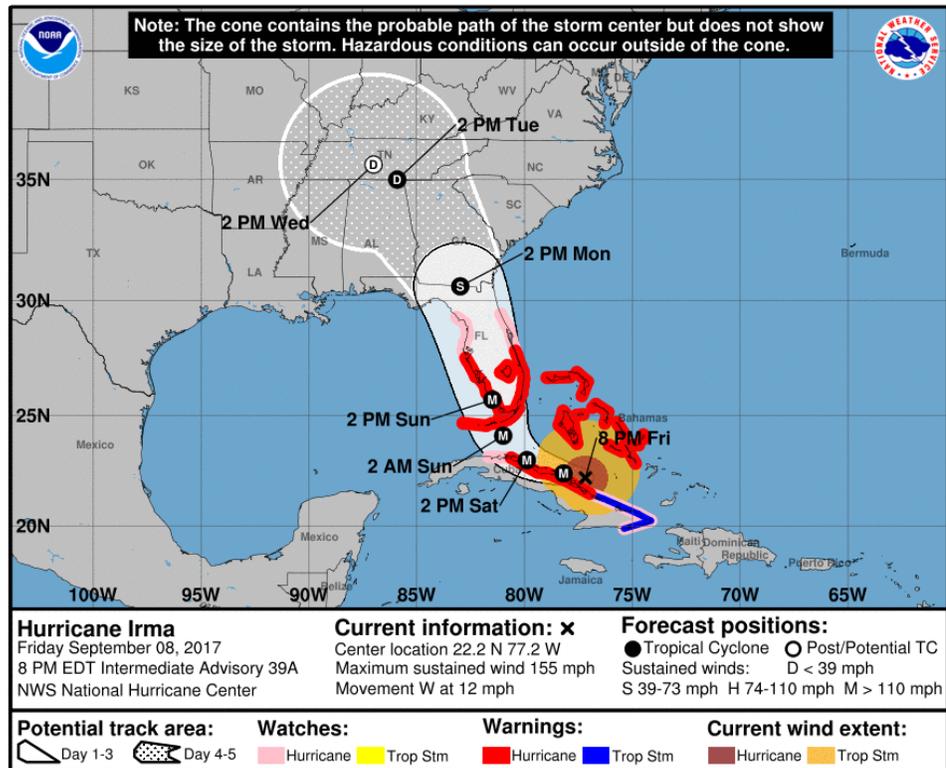
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HURRICANE IRMA UPDATE - SEPT 8 - 8:30PM NO EVACUATION

North Myrtle Beach, SC – September 8, 2017 – South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster has decided **NOT** to issue an evacuation order for Horry County.

He has issued a limited evacuation order for several barrier island locations in southern coastal South Carolina but he did not include lane reversals for major roadways as a part of his order. This allows people to travel freely in our state.

People who want to come to see us in North Myrtle Beach are free to do so, and they are free to move around the entire County.



That is good news but remember that these realities still exist:

-- Hurricane Irma remains a very deadly storm.

-- If Irma jogs to the east again, everyone from the Governor to local officials will revisit all protocols.

-- Presently, it is likely that Irma will make a turn that brings across the Florida peninsula Saturday (Sept 9) night into Monday (Sept 11)

-- A path across the Florida peninsula would mean less in the way of impacts for our part of the Carolinas, but it is very possible that we will see some impacts.

-- Rainfall amounts of 2-inches to 5-inches are possible, with the higher amounts expected generally south of a Florence-to-Myrtle-Beach line. Some areas could receive flooding since some locations across northeastern South Carolina are 125% to 150% above normal rainfall over the last 14 days, and the ground is saturated.

-- Minor coastal flooding is possible along area beaches with each high tide, beginning Sunday (Sept 10) morning, and subsequently with each high tide through Monday (Sept 11).

-- Dangerous rip currents may continue through at least Tuesday (Sept 12).

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