

Weather Prediction Center Information

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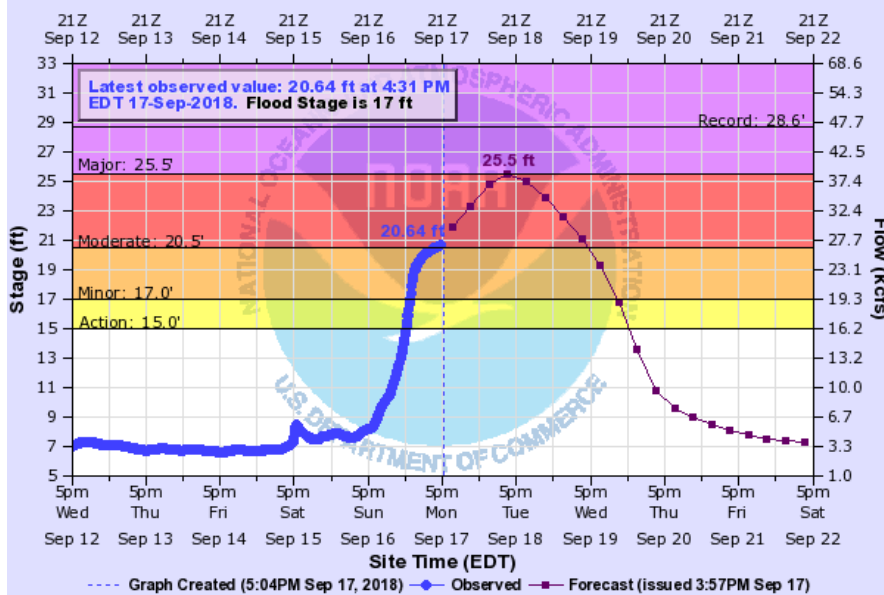
- Florence has been downgraded to a Tropical Depression.
- The depression is moving toward the **northeast at 15 mph**.
- Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 25 mph with higher gusts over the mountains. Gradual weakening is expected as Florence moves farther inland.
- SW VA could experience an additional **1 to 2 inches** of rain with locally higher amounts possible; rainfall amounts could produce flash flooding and an elevated risk for landslides.

NWS Key Messages

- Significant, life-threatening rainfall and flash flooding expected today through this evening in SW VA.
- **Some flooding has been reported along the New River.** Flooding possible along the Dan and Roanoke Rivers. This flooding could last into Wednesday, with structures potentially inundated.
- **Several tornado warnings have been issued throughout the Commonwealth. Reports of multiple tornadoes in Mecklenburg and the Greater Richmond Metro Area.**
- Pockets of power outages are expected today with wind gusts 20-35 MPH in the higher elevations of SW VA.
- 511 in North Carolina is advising to not travel through the state due to flooding.

DAN RIVER AT DANVILLE

Universal Time (UTC)



State Actions and Local Actions

- The Commonwealth of Virginia has received an Emergency Federal Declaration to provide direct federal assistance to response efforts.
- Governor Northam declared State of Emergency on September 8 ahead of Florence.
- VEST transition to condition Red – Full Activation at 7:00 a.m. on September 13.
- Representatives from various Federal agencies continue to support the Virginia EOC.
- Local EOCs Open – **19**
- Local Declarations – **79** (11 of which are terminated or rescinded)
- Jurisdictions reporting shelter operations - **10**
- The Governor rescinded the mandatory evacuation order for Zone A at 10:45 a.m. September 14.
- All state managed shelters have closed.

South Carolina Declared

North Carolina Declared

Maryland Declared