Current Situation:
The Potential Tropical Cyclone was centered about 620 miles southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River and is moving toward the north near 8 mph. A turn toward the northeast is expected this afternoon or tonight, and a northeastward motion at a faster forward speed is expected on Friday and Saturday. On the forecast track, the system will approach the northern Gulf coast Friday and Friday night. Maximum sustained winds are near 35 mph with higher gusts. The disturbance is expected to develop into a tropical or subtropical storm later today or tonight, with slow strengthening expected through Friday night.

Potential Local Impacts:
- Strong winds over inland and offshore Saturday with sustained winds up to 45 mph possible.
- Gale Watch in effect 5:00 am – 11:00 pm Saturday.
- Rounds of heavy rainfall, widespread totals of around 1-1.5”, with locally higher amounts possible.

Local Actions/Activities:
- St. Johns County Emergency Management is closely monitoring the weather and is participating in conference calls with the National Hurricane Center and NWS Jacksonville for the most up-to-date information.
- NWS Jacksonville briefing page for most up-to-date information [https://www.weather.gov/media/jax/briefings/nws-jax-briefing.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/jax/briefings/nws-jax-briefing.pdf)

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