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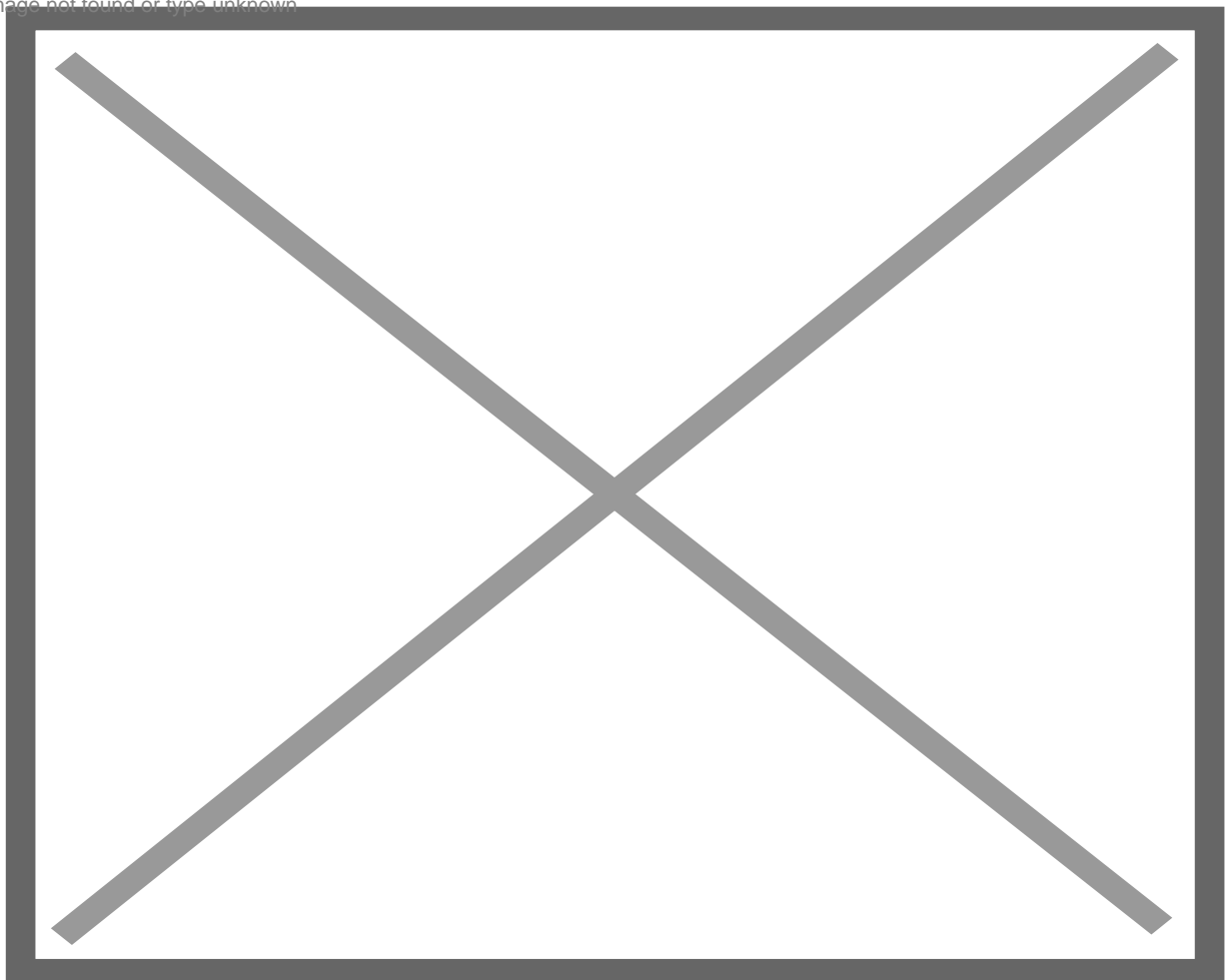
Weather Services Announces Flood Risk For Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Due to Approaching System

Late Monday system expected to cause widespread rainfall and mudslide concerns

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A significant weather system is set to increase the risk of flooding in the U.S. Virgin Islands, along with river rises and mudslides in Puerto Rico from Tuesday through Thursday, the National Weather Service in Puerto Rico has announced.

A deep layered-trough, approaching the islands by late Monday, is expected to draw moisture from the south to the local islands. This influx of moisture is likely to escalate the risk of severe weather conditions, including flooding and mudslides in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin

Islands.

According to the latest weather guidance, squally weather conditions are anticipated to commence in Puerto Rico as early as Monday night or early Tuesday morning. The moisture-laden weather system will then progressively spread eastward, engulfing most of Puerto Rico and eventually reaching the U.S. Virgin Islands by late Tuesday.

The forecast suggests that the heaviest showers are likely to occur on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, some showers might persist through Thursday in Puerto Rico and into early Friday in the Virgin Islands.

Rainfall accumulations are expected to be substantial. Predictions indicate that rainfall will range between 2 to 4 inches, particularly affecting the southern, interior, and eastern sections of Puerto Rico, as well as across the U.S. Virgin Islands. There is also a possibility of isolated higher amounts, potentially reaching up to 6 inches.

Residents and visitors in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are advised to stay alert and prepared for the increased risk of flooding and related hazards due to this approaching weather system.

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