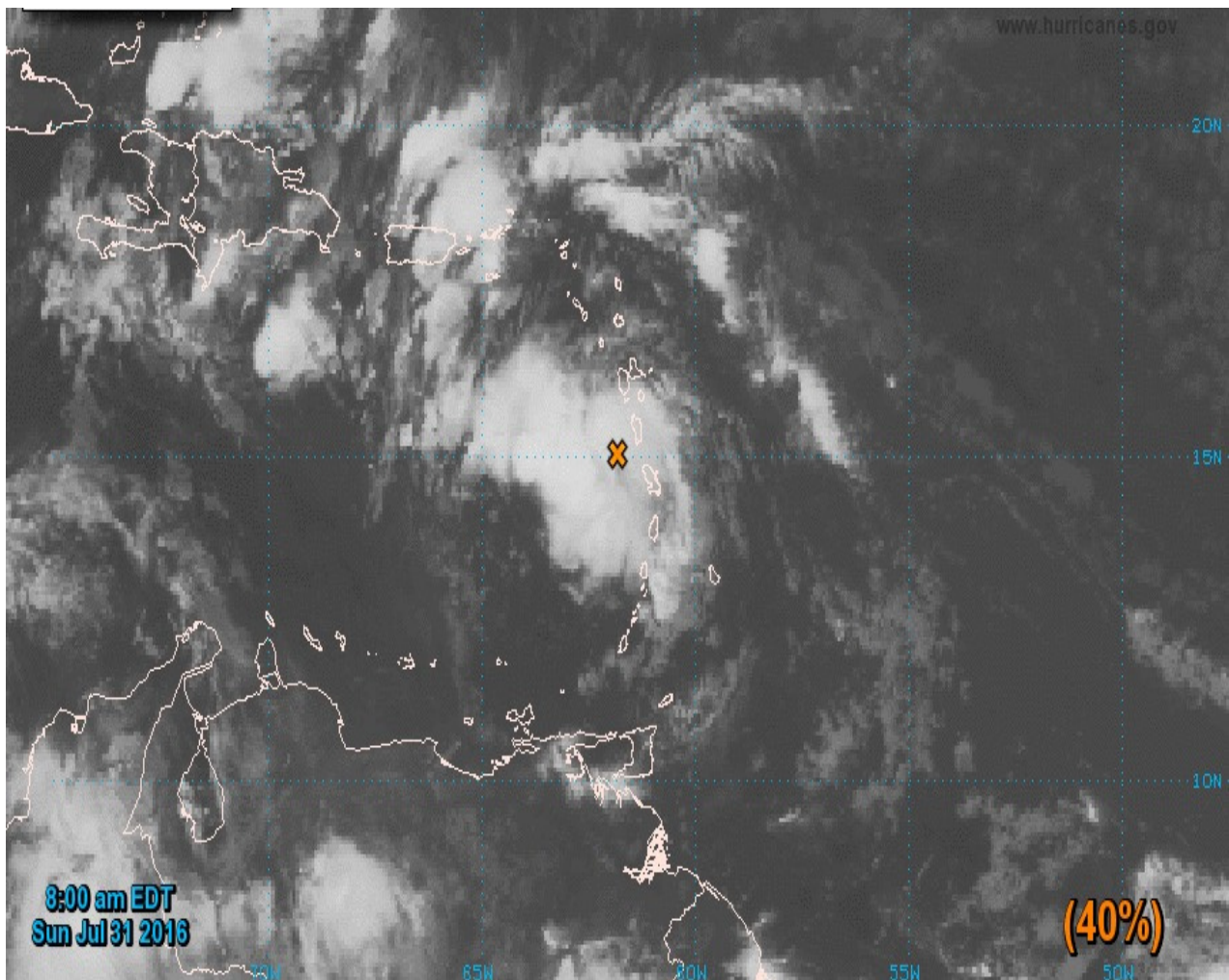


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Flash Flood Watch Extended To Monday Evening For U.S. Virgin Islands And P.R.

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The US National Weather Service – San Juan Forecast Office has extended the Flash Flood Watch to 6 p.m. Monday for the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency announced this afternoon.

According to the US National Weather Service the strong tropical wave, designated Invest 97 L, will continue to bring showers and thunderstorms with gusty winds across the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico today and tomorrow.

The tropical wave is forecasted to move across the local islands today, tonight and tomorrow. Showers and thunderstorms are expected to increase this morning and spread

across the rest of the region through tonight. The most active period is expected to be from this morning through Monday morning. The potential of flooding rains remains high for US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on Sunday. Rainfall totals between are expected to be between 2 and 4 inches with locally higher amounts are possible with this strong tropical wave. Localized flash flooding and landslides are likely in areas of persistent heavy rainfall.

A flash flood watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding.

VITEMA Director Mona Barnes encourages the public to continue monitoring this system and weather updates for possible flash flood warnings.

Showers and thunderstorms associated with Invest 97 L continue to be disorganized, according to the National Hurricane Center. Satellite data and surface observations indicate no signs of a closed surface circulation, however, some gradual development of this system is possible during the next couple of days. The chance for tropical cyclone formation should increase after the wave reaches the western Caribbean Sea in a couple of days.