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TS Cindy Strengthens Slightly, Will Remain Far From Islands; Bret Weakening and Expected to Dissipate

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At 5 a.m. Saturday, Cindy was located about 675 miles east of the Lesser Antilles and will remain well east and northeast of the northern Leeward Islands through early next week. By. NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

As of 5:00 a.m. Friday, the center of Tropical Storm Cindy was located near latitude 14.6 North, longitude 51.2 West, strengthening slightly and moving west-northwest at approximately 15 mph — well out of the way of the Caribbean islands. Bret, meanwhile, is projected to dissipate.

According to the National Hurricane Center, although Cindy's maximum sustained winds have increased to near 60 mph with higher gusts, some gradual weakening is expected early next week. The system, currently about 675 miles east of the Lesser Antilles, is forecasted to remain well east

and northeast of the northern Leeward Islands through early next week. It's important to note that tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center, and the estimated minimum central pressure is 1001 mb or 29.56 inches.

While Cindy's movements continue to be observed, there are no current coastal watches or warnings in effect.

On the other hand, Tropical Storm Bret appears to be losing its steam. Located about 45 miles north-northeast of Aruba and approximately 125 miles east-northeast of the northern tip of the Guajira Peninsula in Colombia, Bret is weakening as it moves west at around 18 mph.

Bret's maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 45 mph with higher gusts, and it is expected to degenerate into a trough over the weekend, dissipating over the central Caribbean Sea tonight or early Sunday. Although there are no coastal watches or warnings in effect for Bret either, residents and interests in the ABC Islands and along the coast of the Guajira Peninsula of Colombia are advised to monitor the progress of Bret.

Hazards affecting land include the swells generated by Bret, which are expected to impact coastal areas adjacent to the central Caribbean Sea today. These swells could cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions, so local weather offices are encouraging people to remain updated with their local weather forecast.