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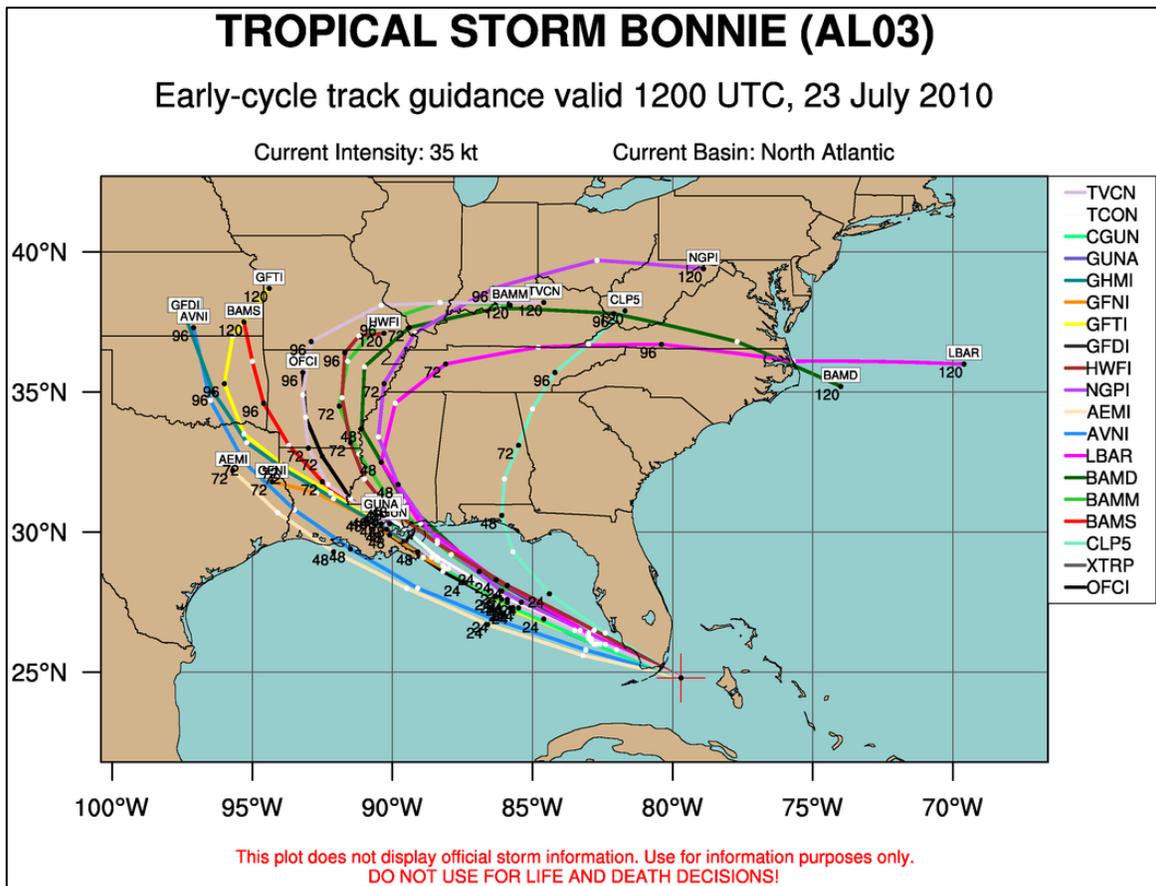
Tropical Storm Bonnie impacts

NHC's latest forecast guidance continues to move Bonnie across the southern tip of FL today and then rapidly takes the system northwest towards southeastern LA making landfall late Saturday night/early Sunday morning. The remnants are then expected to lift into AR.



Sam advisories and track from NHC

Although warm water temperatures are located ahead of the system in the Gulf, the upper levels are expected to remain somewhat hostile to much, if any, strengthening. There is a lot of agreement amongst the different forecast models supporting this track, so confidence continues to increase that we will see minimal impacts for our portion of northern FL and adjacent areas of southeast AL and southwest/south central GA. Right now, official watches and warnings remain west of Walton county FL. Obviously seas will continue to increase along coastal sections of the FL panhandle through the weekend, with the likelihood of small craft advisories and an elevated rip current risk. In addition, we may see showers and thunderstorms rotating inland, mainly west of the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee rivers, through the day Saturday. SPC has no mention of tornado probabilities for the weekend at this time, but we certainly can't rule out low tornado probabilities for the western FL panhandle and southeastern AL as the system nears to coast, especially if any rainbands can evolve. The fast movement of the storm should also limit inland flooding concerns.



Range of model solutions for the center of Bonnie

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee will continue to monitor this storm's progress over the next couple of days. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 850-942-8833 or on our toll free line at 800-598-4562 and ask to speak to a meteorologist. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also reach us on our Southern Linc phone at 1*77*284.