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Heavy Rainfall Possible the Next Few Days; Practice Caution on the Roadways

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor a tropical disturbance, Invest Area 91W, centered well south of Guam in Yap State. 91W is expected to pass through Yap State and southwest of Guam into the Philippine Sea as it gradually develops.

Although 91W poses no direct threat to the Marianas, it is expected to bring heavy rain and gusty winds. The heaviest showers are currently projected to be Wednesday through Thursday. There remains a fair amount of uncertainty surrounding the evolution of 91W, but locally heavy rainfall could cause urban and small stream flooding later this week.

Localized flooding will be possible in low-lying and poor drainage areas, while flash flooding will be possible in areas of heaviest rainfall, especially near steep terrain.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Be mindful that heavy rains may hamper recovery efforts, plan accordingly;
- Clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, and rivers, during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to practice caution while traveling in heavy rain, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- · NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/
- · NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- · GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
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