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Locally Heavy Showers and Gusty Winds Possible Next Week; Disturbance near Pohnpei Being Monitored

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised there is a potential for an increase in showers by early next week as a tropical disturbance, Invest Area 98W, approaches from central Micronesia.

98W is located near Pohnpei near 7N157E and is currently forecast to head toward the Marianas next week. 98W has the potential to bring heavy rainfall to the Marianas early to mid-next week. At this time, there remains uncertainty for the exact impact the disturbance will have on the Marianas but current model guidance indicates a high likelihood for gusty winds and locally heavy rainfall. Hazardous seas and surf are a possibility depending on the evolution of 98W.

This is an evolving situation with impacts still 4-6 days out. Current forecasts call for rainfall of 4 to 8 inches between Tuesday and Friday, with locally higher amounts possible, and winds of 25 to 30 mph, with gusts to 45 mph, especially near heavier showers or thunderstorms.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to stay up to date with the developing situation in the coming days. Be prepared to take action through the weekend, if warranted.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

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- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
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