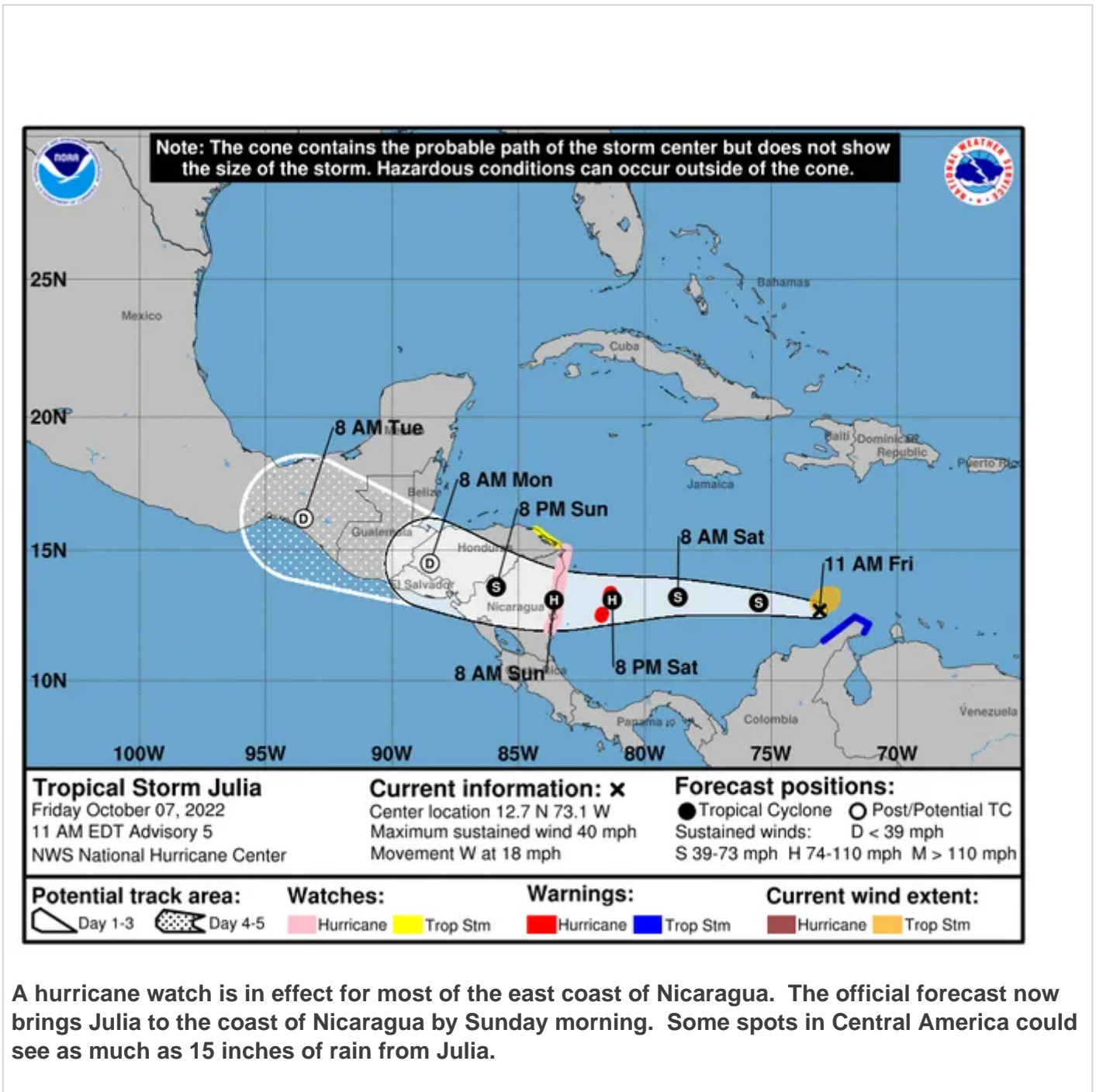


Tropical Storm Julia forms in the Caribbean and may hit Central America as a hurricane



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Tropical Storm Julia formed Friday morning in the southern Caribbean Sea and is forecast to strengthen into a hurricane as it churns toward Central America over the next couple of days. "Warm waters and low wind shear should allow the system to ramp up quickly upon reaching the southwestern Caribbean," said AccuWeather meteorologist Bernie Rayno.

A hurricane watch is in effect for most of the east coast of Nicaragua, the National Hurricane Center said. As of 11 a.m. ET Friday, the center of Julia was 110 miles west of the northern tip of Colombia's Guajira Peninsula. It had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph and was moving west at 18 mph.

Julia could hit the coast of Nicaragua by Sunday morning, which is a little sooner than was expected, according to the Hurricane Center. After landfall, Julia and its remnants should remain over Central America and southern Mexico through Tuesday.

Julia is forecast to make landfall at a similar location to Hurricanes Eta and Iota, a pair of Category 4 storms that devastated the coast of Nicaragua in 2020, AccuWeather said. Although Nicaragua may see the worst impacts from the storm, AccuWeather said that people living in areas from Panama and Costa Rica to Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and southeastern Mexico should also be prepared for Julia.

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