

the Outlook

This year's Hurricane season has gotten off to an early start as Bud becomes the second Major Hurricane in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricane Aletta which formed a few days ago is slowly drifting out to sea. Bud is currently around 200 miles off the southwest coast of Manzanillo, Mexico to the northwest. Bud is expected to produce rainfall accumulations of 4-6 inches with up to 10 inches possible over portions of southwestern Mexico over the next couple of days. Bud's eyewall containing the strongest winds will remain well offshore however tropical storm force winds are a possibility along southwestern Mexico. Bud looks to strengthen today as it continues in a favorable environment over the next day or so before moving into cooler water and wind shear later in the week. At this time Bud is expected to approach the Baja Peninsula near Cabo San Lucas as a weakening tropical storm by Friday. Bud could then trigger a surge of moisture toward the Southwestern Desert regions later this week.

Forecasts continue to monitor the potential for development of a tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico which has already seen a tropical depression 90L in late May. While not unheard of this is a quick start to hurricane season in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. We will continue to monitor the current system and keep you up to date as we gather more information. As always future weather patterns will play a crucial role in supplies a quality going forward.

