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Dealing with DISASTERS

Hurricane Sandy – Jamaica's Experience

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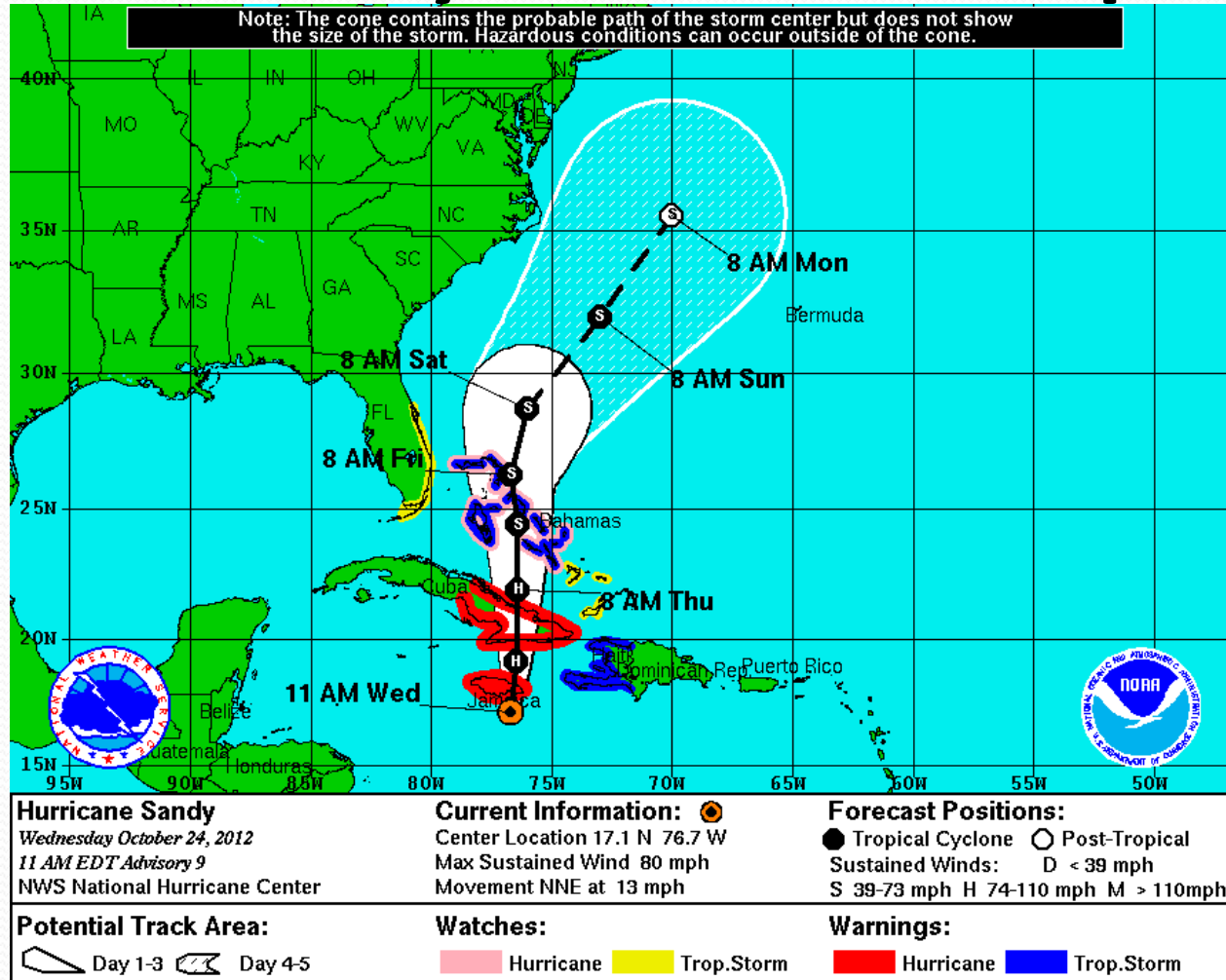
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Hurricane Sandy – Jamaica's Experience

- Preparations
- Impact
- Coping strategies
- Post impact response

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PREPARATION

- Advisories – Tropical Storm Watch/Warning, Hurricane Warning (Met Office/Media)
- Instructions – Things to do to protect life and property (ODPEM, JIS, Utilities, Media)
- Utilities – Advisories, systems shutdown

PREPARATION

- Mobilization – Pre-positioning of equipment, preparation of emergency shelters and supplies, deployment of personnel (Security forces, Local Authorities, NWA, ODPEM)
- Corporate and private citizens – purchase emergency supplies and secure property

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Other Impacts



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COPING STRATEGIES

- “Batten down” houses
- Stay indoors
- Emergency Shelters for vulnerable residents,
- hurricane shelters for small marine crafts
- Media updates (Radio, Cellular phone)
- Communicating (cellular phones)

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Assessing the damage



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Next Step

**We prepare for the next event but
pray that it doesn't happen!**

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Questions???