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Weakening Guillermo Continues Northwest Track Toward State

Residents and Visitors Advised to Continue Preparedness Efforts

HONOLULU — As Tropical Storm Guillermo continues to weaken and move on a northwesterly track toward the state, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly State Civil Defense) continues to work with emergency management and civil defense partners to monitor potential impacts of the storm. It was located 560 miles east-southeast of Hilo as of 11 a.m. today.

“Although Tropical Storm Guillermo shows signs of weakening, we strongly encourage residents and visitors to prepare themselves and their families for potential severe weather,” said Doug Mayne, Administrator of Emergency Management. “There is some uncertainty associated with weather forecasting, so we need to plan for the worst and hope for the best.”

The current forecast shows the potential for Tropical Storm force winds passing north of Hawaii Island as early as 8 a.m., Wednesday, and impacting Maui at 3 p.m. All islands should be prepared for heavy rainfall from Wednesday through Thursday. A High Surf Advisory remains in effect now through Tuesday.

Safety and preparedness recommendations from Hawaii Emergency Management Agency include:

- Do not use candles during a blackout or power outage due to risk of fire.
- Use 9-1-1 only to report life-threatening emergencies.
- Make sure to monitor local broadcasters and/or sign up for local notification systems if you live in a flood prone area.
- Do not attempt to cross fast moving water, especially if you are unsure of the depth.
- Follow the Department of Education online at <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org> for the latest information on possible school closures. Make sure you know the closure notification procedure if your children attend a private or charter school.
- Check with local officials and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) if you plan to hike or camp next week. Parks and other trails may be closed depending on

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the weather forecast. Visit the DLNR website at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/category/news/> for the latest closure information.

- Visitors should download and read the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Travel Safety Brochure at <http://www.travelsmarthawaii.com>.

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