



Moderate northerly wind shear has helped to significantly weaken Chris over the last 24 hours. In fact, latest satellite images indicate that all of the convection has been displaced to the south of the center of circulation and that Chris is a minimal tropical storm at best. Chris has continued to move to west or west-northwest and this motion will continue over the next several days as a large upper level ridge to the north remains in place. The big question is what will be the strength of Chris in the coming days? Forecast models indicate that the northerly shear which has been affecting Chris will continue for another 24 hours and may then begin subsiding. However, Chris will likely encounter land in 36 to 48 hours which will further inhibit development and will likely weaken the system even more. If Chris can survive the next few days and make it to the Gulf of Mexico, some re-strengthening is possible. Will not indicate this in the current forecast due to the current condition of the system.