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Widespread flooding has also been reported due to the copious amounts of rain produced by Hurricane Soffie and the relatively slow forward movement of the tropical system. Rainfall totals have ranged from almost 12 inches in coastal areas to around eight inches near Macon, GA. Flooding along the banks of the Altamaha River, Canoochee River, Ogeechee River, Savannah River, Flint River, and the Chattahoochee River is being reported.

As Hurricane Soffie continues to move inland, winds are expected to diminish to near minimal tropical storm force strength by early afternoon with the forward movement of the tropical system remaining at about 10 miles per hour.

### **Projected Impacts to Georgia:**

Major concerns for the possibility of tornadoes and significant flooding will remain throughout the day as Tropical Storm Soffie continues its movement inland towards the northwest.

A landfalling hurricane at Major Category 3 intensity has the potential to produce hurricane force winds throughout GEMA Area 5 and for portions of GEMA Areas 3 and 8. Strong tropical storm force winds are possible as far inland as Macon. Tornadoes spawned by Soffie will be possible in locations north of the track and in the northwest quadrant. Tornadoes that are produced by hurricanes are typically between EF0 – EF2 intensity.

Due to the slow forward speed of 8-10 mph that is forecast for Soffie, flooding is a major concern. The Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) is predicting between 10 – 15 inches or rain will fall in central and northern Georgia during Tuesday and Wednesday.