

TROPICAL STORM NOEL AND THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS
Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 10:00 AM EDT
ALERT #2

NASSAU, Bahamas – Tropical Storm Noel continues on a course to produce heavy rain, localized flooding and sustained winds of 40 mph in Northwest and Central Bahamas. Tropical storm warnings remain in effect for Long Island, Exuma, Rum Cay, San Salvador, Cat Island, Andros, Eleuthera, New Providence, Bimini, The Berry Islands, Abaco and Grand Bahama Island.

Airport update:

- Grand Bahama International Airport remains open for inbound international flights as of 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 31. Domestic service has been suspended
- Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau will close at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, October 31 and is anticipated to reopen at 10:00 AM Thursday, November 1
- Airports in the Out Islands including Exuma, Long Island and Abaco are closed at this time

The Bahamas Hotel Association Hurricane Cancellation Policy is now in effect and hotels are extending all possible courtesies with regard to the cancellation or partial cancellation of reservations due to TS Noel. Travelers should consult directly with their air carriers regarding reservations policies.

Cruise ports remain open at this time. Hotels throughout the islands remain open.

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and local Bahamas Tourist Offices are actively monitoring TS Noel and coordinating with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Bahamas Hotel Association and other government ministries as necessary.

For updates on the position and forecast track for TS Noel visit www.noaa.gov.

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