At the Northwest Gulf Coast..., Hurricane Laura was located 155 miles south of Lake Charles, Louisiana with...maximum sustained winds of 145 mph and a minimum central pressure of 947 mb.

Laura is moving toward the northwest near 15 mph, and a turn toward the north-northwest and north is expected tonight. On the forecast track, Laura will approach the Upper Texas and southwest Louisiana coasts this evening and move inland within that area tonight. The center of Laura is forecast to move over northwestern Louisiana tomorrow, across Arkansas Thursday night, and over the mid-Mississippi Valley on Friday.

Laura is an extremely dangerous category 4 Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Some additional strengthening is possible this evening before Laura reaches the northwest Gulf coast overnight. Rapid weakening is expected after Laura moves inland.