

NASA sees Blanca blanking out over Baja

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NOAA's GOES-West satellite captured this infrared image of Blanca's remnants over the northern Baja California peninsula on June 9 at 1245 UTC (8:45 a.m. EDT). Credit: NASA/NOAA GOES Project

The remnants of former Hurricane Blanca are blanking out over the northern part of Mexico's Baja California today, June 9. NOAA's GOES-

West satellite captured an infrared image of Blanca's remnants revealing a disorganized storm. All watches and warnings have been dropped.

NOAA's GOES-West satellite took an image of Blanca's remnants as it continued moving over the northern Baja California peninsula on June 9 at 1245 UTC (8:45 a.m. EDT). The clouds associated with the remnants were over the northern Baja and over the northern portion of mainland Mexico. The western-most clouds appeared more "ghostly" because they were captured by infrared light as that area was still in darkness. The eastern extent of Blanca's remnant clouds appear bright white from the sunlight of dawn.

At 5 a.m. EDT (0900 UTC), the center of Post-Tropical Cyclone Blanca was located near latitude 29.0 North, longitude 114.1 West. That's about 160 miles (260 km) northwest of Santa Rosalia, Mexico. The remnants were moving toward the north near 12 mph (19 kph) and this motion is expected to continue today. Maximum sustained winds dropped to near 30 mph (45 kph) and Blanca is forecast to dissipate later in the day today, June 9.

In the National Hurricane forecast discussion, forecaster Lixion Avila noted that the center of Blanca is very difficult to locate. "The circulation is becoming rapidly disrupted by the effect of the high terrain, and the system has degenerated into a remnant low. Satellite and radar indicate that only a few patches of showers remain associated with the low. A general northward motion about 10 knots should continue until dissipation later today."

NHC Forecaster Avila noted that moisture associated with the remnants of Blanca is expected to affect portions of the southwestern United States through June 9.

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