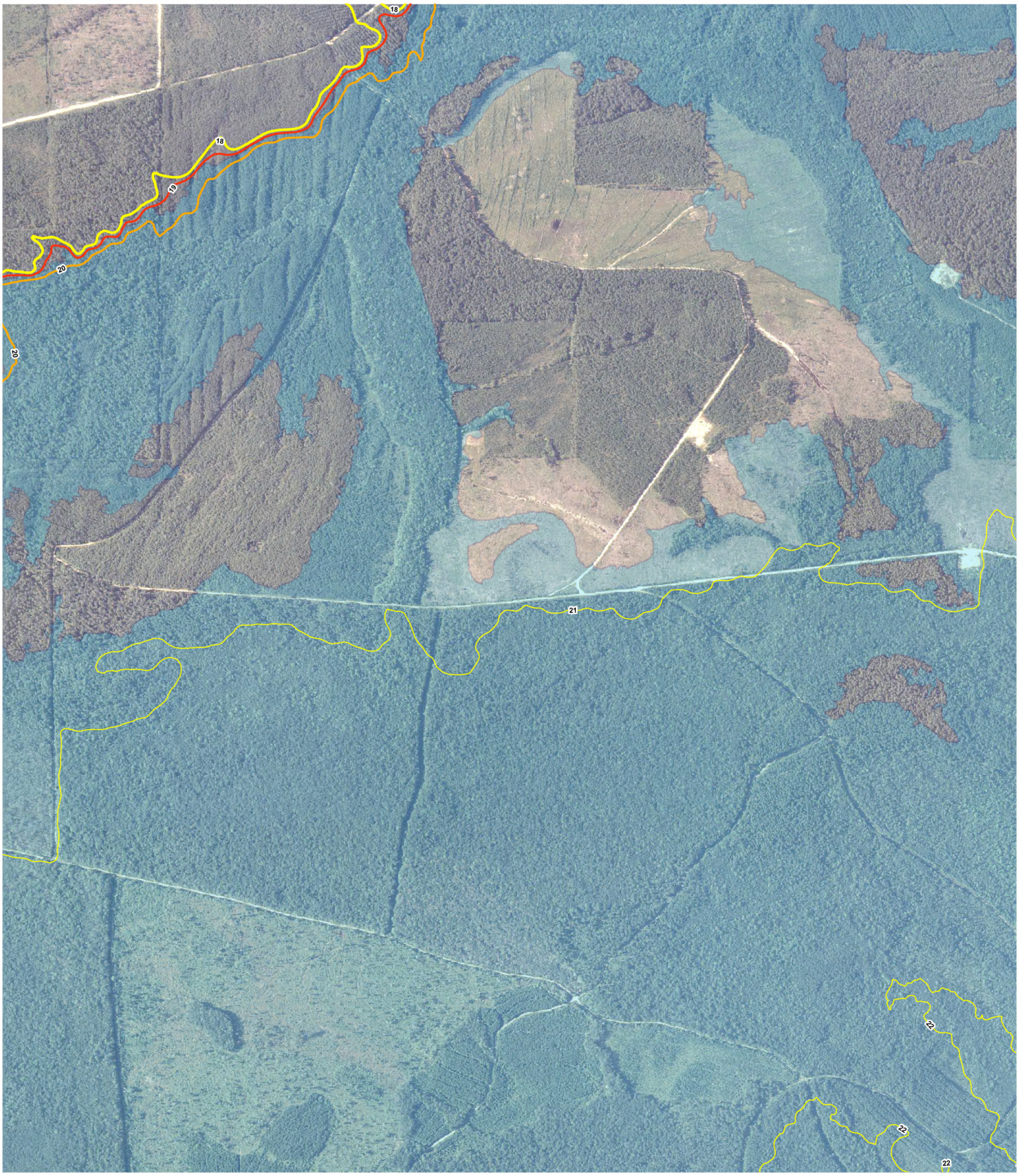

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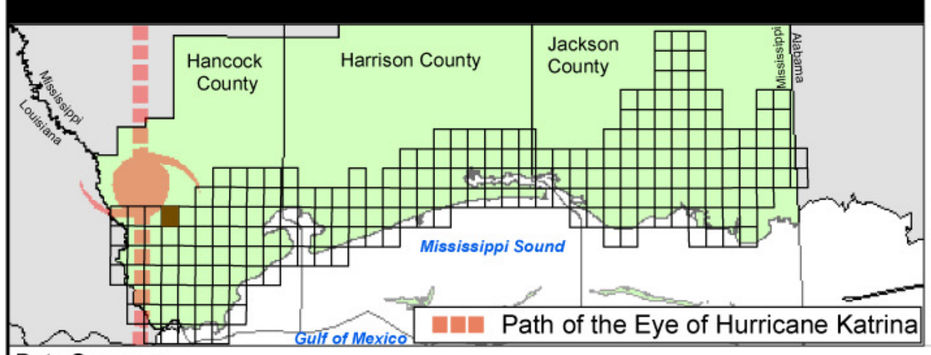
HURRICANE KATRINA SURGE INUNDATION and ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAP
Hancock County, MS

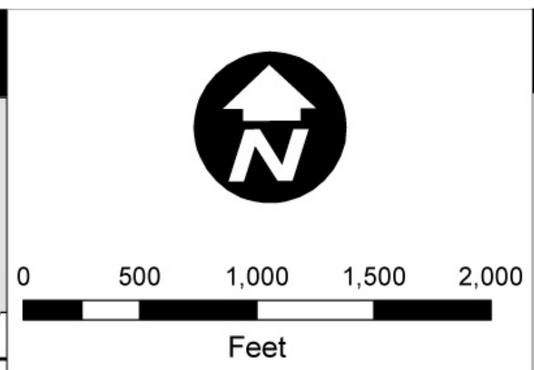
Date of Event: August 29, 2005
Date of Map: December 30, 2005

Map Number: MS-H4

Estimated Katrina Surge Elevations[1,2]
14-15 ft
Advisory Base Flood Elevations[2,3]
Open Coast: N/A Back Bay: 18-27 ft
Effective Base Flood Elevations[2]
VE Zone: N/A AE Zone: N/A

OVERVIEW MAP





LEGEND

State Boundary
County Boundary

Hurricane Katrina-Related Data

- Preliminary Indoor High Water Mark[2]
- Preliminary Outdoor High Water Mark[2]
- Preliminary Debris High Water Mark[2]
- Limit of Katrina Surge Inundation

Flood Advisory-Related Data

- ABFE Contours (1-foot intervals)[3]
- ABFE Inland Limit[3]
- Approx. Limit of 1.5-foot Wave Zone[3]
- Approx. Limit of 3-foot Wave Zone[3]
- Open Coast/Back Bay Boundary
- Limit of ABFEs

Data Sources:

Aerial Imagery: *USDA, National Agriculture Imagery Program, 2004*
Flood Zones and Elevations: *FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (Hancock Co., MS, [1983-1992]; Harrison Co., MS [1984-2002]; Jackson Co. [1984-1993]). Elevations converted from NGVD29 to NAVD88.*
High Water Marks: *FEMA (Identified and surveyed Sept-Oct., 2005)*
Storm Track: *NOAA National Weather Service*

For more information on these advisory maps, please see www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/recoverydata/katrina_index.shtm

Notes:

[1] Range estimated from surveyed, surge-only HWMs. Local wave effects (wave heights and wave runup) are not included in these elevations.

[2] Measured in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988.

[3] Post-Hurricane Katrina Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs) are based on updated statistical information to develop the estimated 1%-annual-chance (100-year) stillwater elevations (SWELs) plus estimated wave effects. For Hancock County, MS, the advisory SWEL is 20 ft for the Gulf Coast and 18 ft for back-bay areas. See equation below to calculate the ABFE with wave effects for a given site:

ABFE = Advisory SWEL + Wave Height,
where **Wave Height = $^1/_2$ Stillwater Flooding Depth** (depth measured relative to the ground)

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For insurance rating purposes, refer to the currently effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), available from your local government or the FEMA Map Service Center (1-800-358-9616/ http://msc.fema.gov)