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Hi. My name is Eugene Kiely. I'm the director of FactCheck.org at the University of Pennsylvania. If you are not familiar with us, we fact check statements made by major US figures, including the President.

I doing an item on President Trump's repeated defense of the information he put out on Sunday on Twitter stating that Alabama would be hit by Hurricane Dorian. Yesterday, the president [held up](#) a map of the NOAA advisory #021 dated Thursday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m. AST, that included a hand-drawn black extension past Florida that showed Alabama in the path. The black extension past Florida did not exist on the original map, but he says that the map shows that Alabama "was going to be hit or grazed" before the hurricane path moved further east.

To our readers, that may seem like a logical extension of the hurricane's path – but is it? And, if not, why not? I need someone at NOAA to explain how forecasts work and why the cone in #021 does not extend to Alabama.

Thanks,

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