



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report
Saturday, December 15, 2018



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 3 Monitoring



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Regional EM Liaison Team

Regional EM Liaisons	County Location	Status / Activities
REMLT Manager: Jim Roberts	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 1: Wanda Stafford	Annual Leave	Off and See Coverage
Region 2: Brian Bradshaw	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 3: Gina Lambert	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 4: Paul Siddall	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 5: Vacant	VACANT	See Coverage
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 7: Willie Bouie	In Region	Off and Monitoring

R2 covering All of Region 1

R3 covering Lake, Seminole, & Volusia

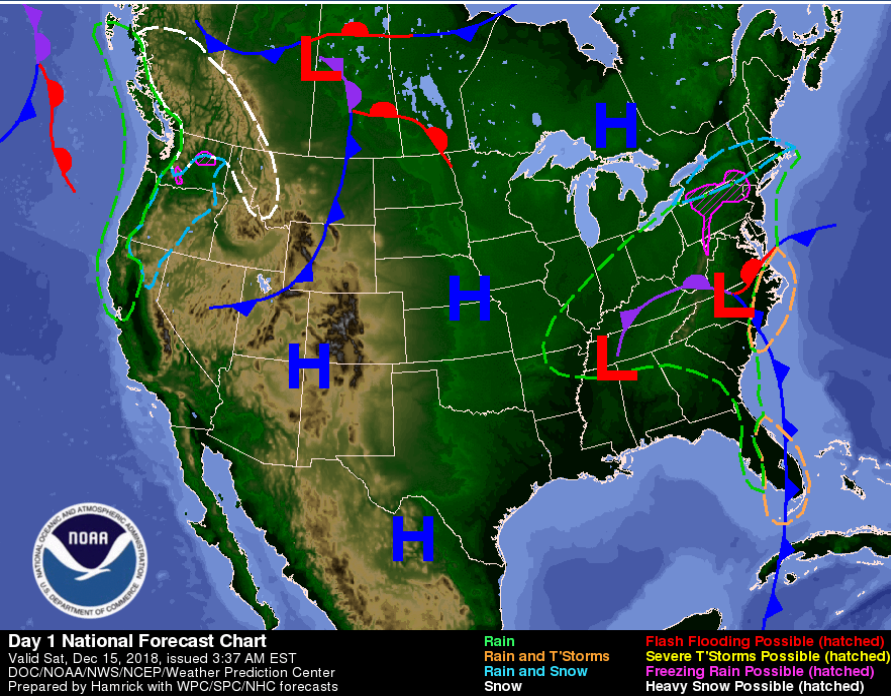
R4 covering Brevard, Orange, & Osceola

R7 covering Indian River, Martin, & St. Lucie

Status
Normal Operations
Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



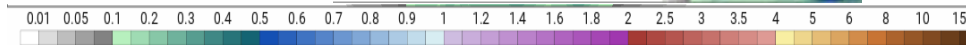
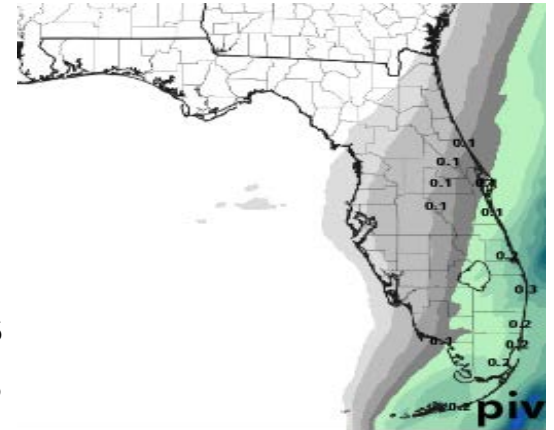
Meteorology Summary



Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning						L	L
Flooding (Rivers)	L	M	L				
Damaging Wind							
Hail							
Tornado							
Freeze							
Fire						L	L
Fog							
Rip Currents	H	H	M	H	M	H	M
Space Weather	Very Low						
Lake Okeechobee Status:	Elevation is at 12.80 ft.						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	256 (-2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						

Today's Weather Map

Rainfall Totals Next 24 Hours





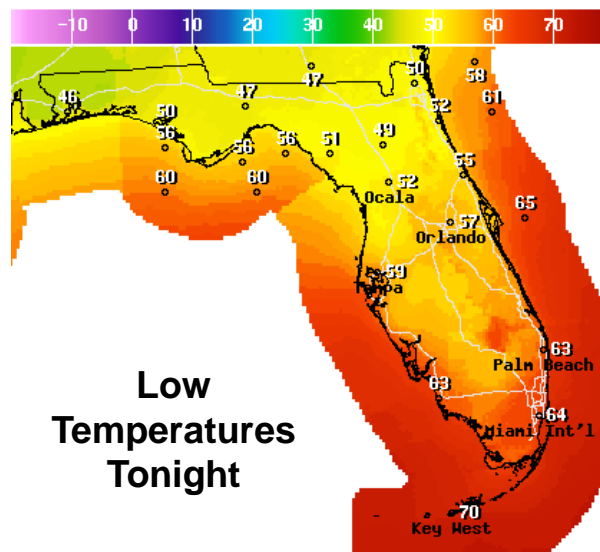
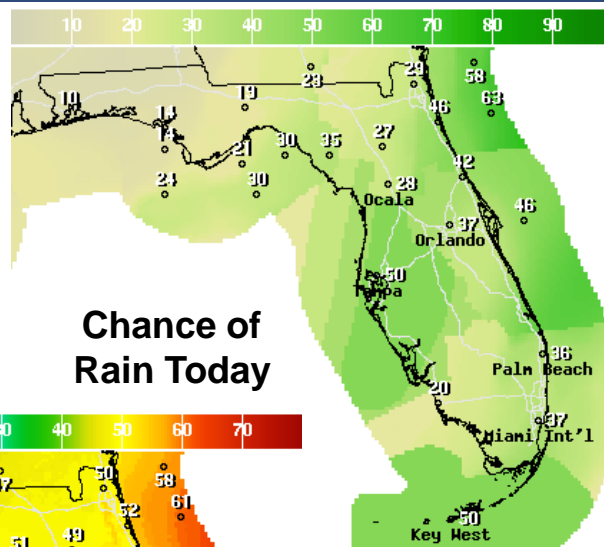
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The cold front that brought the soggy weather to North Florida yesterday is now moving through the Peninsula this morning. Only a light band of showers is associated with the cold front as it moves through Central Florida this morning and into South Florida this afternoon. An isolated thunderstorms may develop in Southeast Florida or across the Florida Keys this afternoon, but there is no threat for severe weather or flash flooding.

Behind the cold front, cooler and drier air is slowly filtering into North Florida. A few showers may still develop along with some patchy areas of drizzle and low clouds. More sunshine is expected in the Big Bend than the rest of the region. High temperatures will range from the 60s to lower 70s in North Florida to the middle 70s to lower 80s across Central and South Florida. Winds will be out of the west at 10 mph statewide this afternoon.

By tonight, the cold front will have moved offshore of Southeast Florida. While an isolated shower is still possible across South Florida, rain chances will largely be less than 10% across the rest of the state. Temperatures will remain well above freezing, even in North Florida.





Coastal Hazards / Hydrology

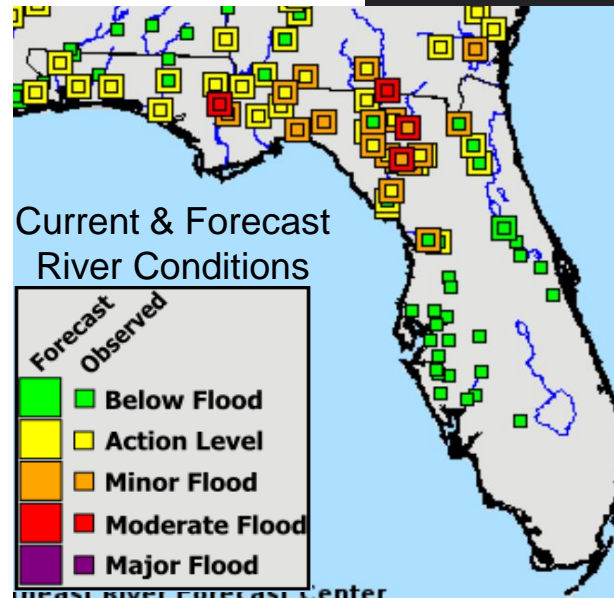
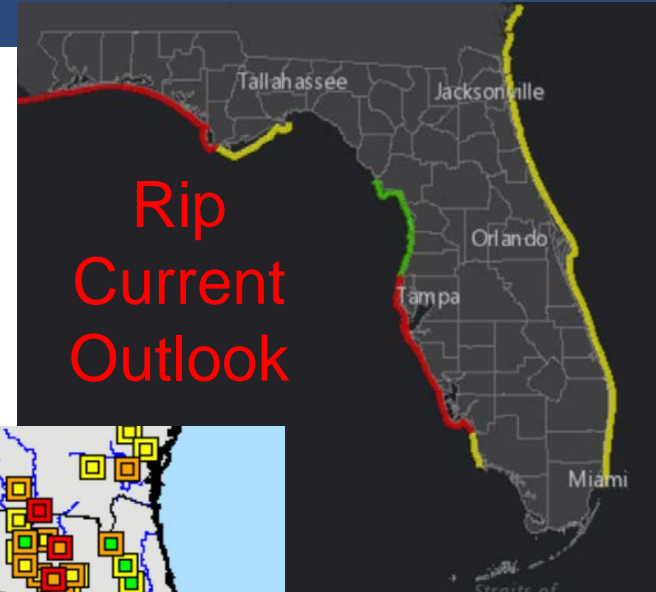
Rip Currents: Onshore winds and waves of 3-5' will result in a **high rip current risk** for most Gulf Coast beaches today. A moderate risk is expected along the Atlantic. *Remember, always swim within sight of a lifeguard. Rip currents can still occur on low risk days!*

Lake Okeechobee average elevation is 12.80 feet, which is 1.93 feet below normal for this time of year.

Hydrology: Minor to moderate river and creek flooding is expected to continue across much of North Florida during the next several days. A list of current river flood warnings can be found [here](#). **Moderate flooding** is ongoing for the Chipola River near Altha and the Alapaha River near Jennings. **Major flooding** is occurring at the upper Suwannee River near Benton. Moderate flooding is forecast to occur within the next few days for more areas along the upper Suwannee River and the Santa Fe River at Three River Estates. For more information on specific rivers, please visit the Southeast River Forecast Center [here](#).

Beach Warning Flags

-  **Water closed to public**
-  **High Hazard**
High surf and/or strong currents
-  **Medium Hazard**
Moderate surf and/or currents
-  **Low Hazard**
Calm conditions, exercise caution
-  **Dangerous marine life**

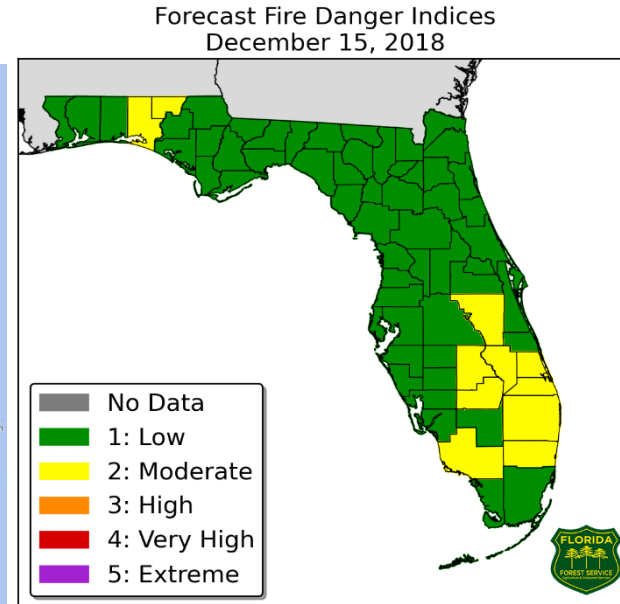
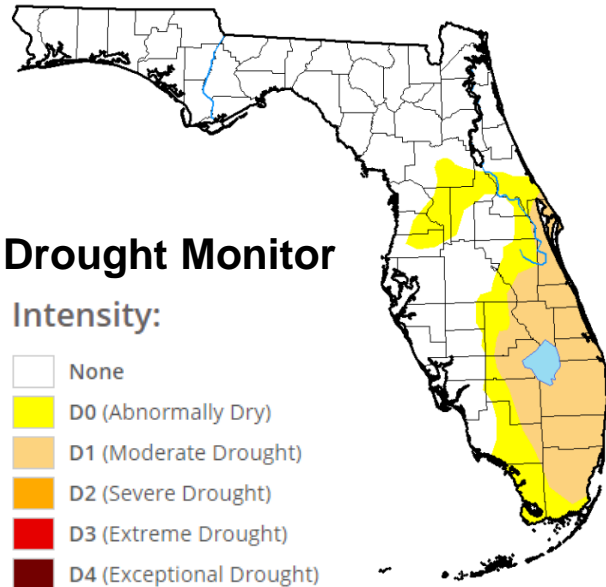




Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A low wildfire threat is expected in South Florida today. The rest of the state received a soaking rainfall yesterday. Winds will be out of the west at 10 mph and relative humidity well above critical levels. [County burn bans](#) are in effect for 6 counties, including Gulf County in the Panhandle and 5 in the Peninsula that are prohibited year-round.

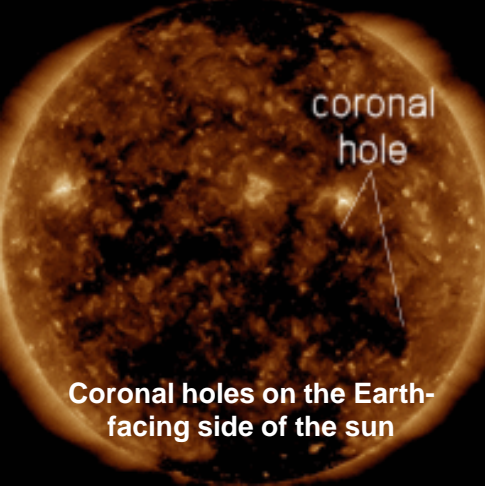
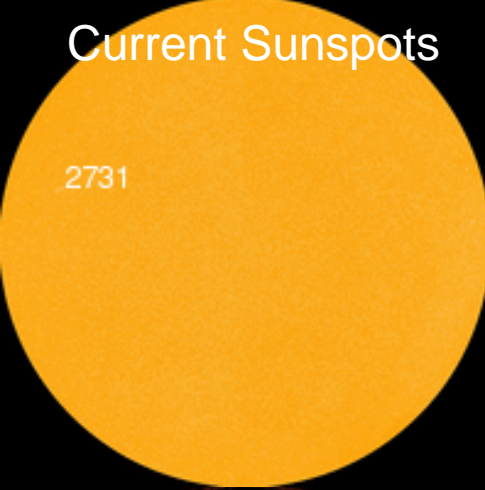
[The Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is 256 (-2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry). There are currently **8** Florida counties with a KBDI above 500, all in the Peninsula.



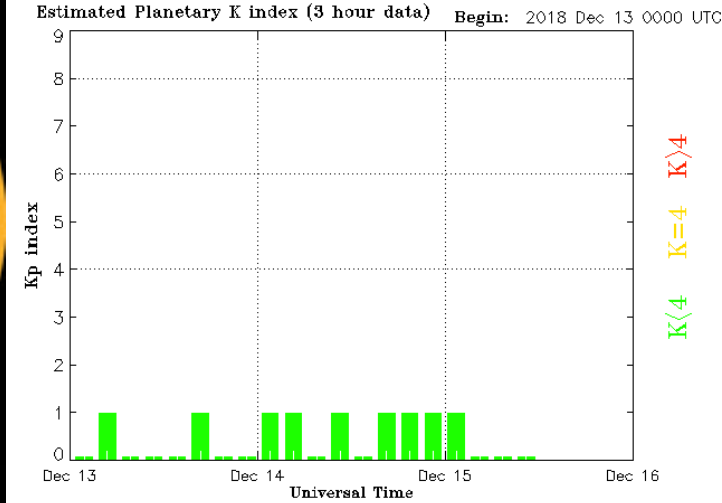


Space Weather

Current Sunspots



Coronal holes on the Earth-facing side of the sun



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Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: No	A3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: No	No Radio Blackouts
48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
12/15		12/16
Max Kp= 2 (G0)		Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity and solar wind speeds are expected to continue at very low levels. The space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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Phone:	800-320-0519 or 850-815-4001	Operational	
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SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
State EAS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
FL Interoperable Network:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	
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