



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, March 14, 2019



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 3 Monitoring



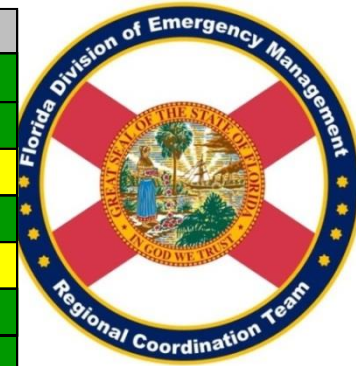
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Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
RC Manager: Jim Roberts	Leon	Office Admin
Region 1: Wanda Stafford	Calhoun	County EM Meeting
Region 2: Brian Bradshaw	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Gina Lambert	Nassau / Baker / St Johns / Duval	Material Delivery / County EM Visits
Region 4: Paul Siddall	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Claudia Baker	Lake / Orange	EM Meeting (AM) / UCF EM Visit (PM)
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	Manatee	DOH Meeting
Region 7: Willie Bouie	Miami-Dade	LMS Meeting



RC Status

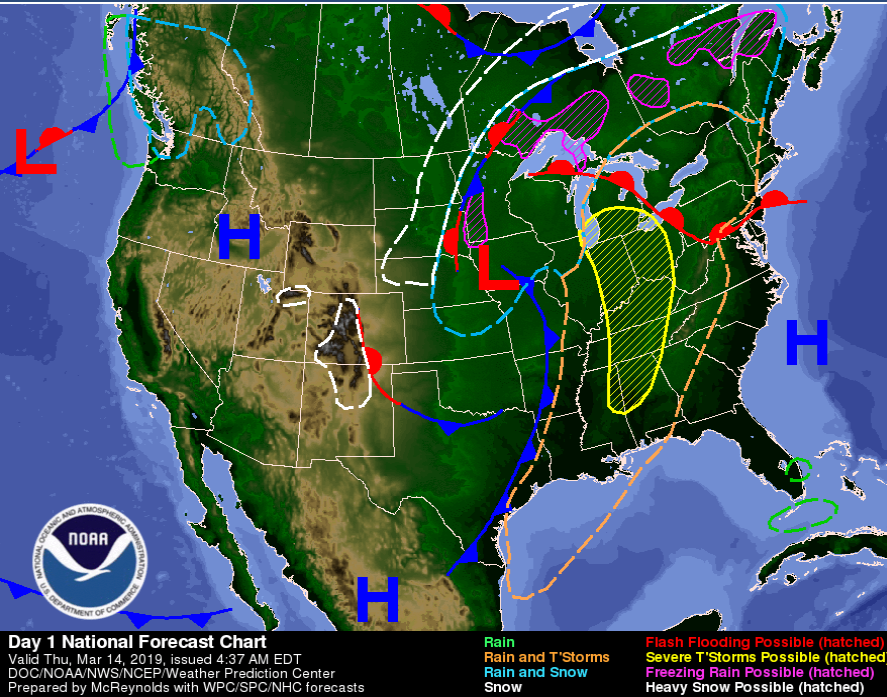
Normal Operations

Delayed Response

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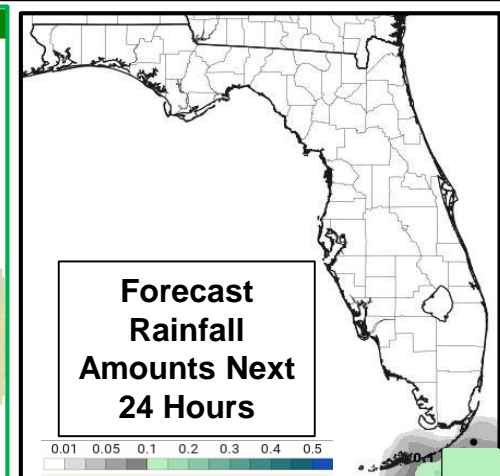
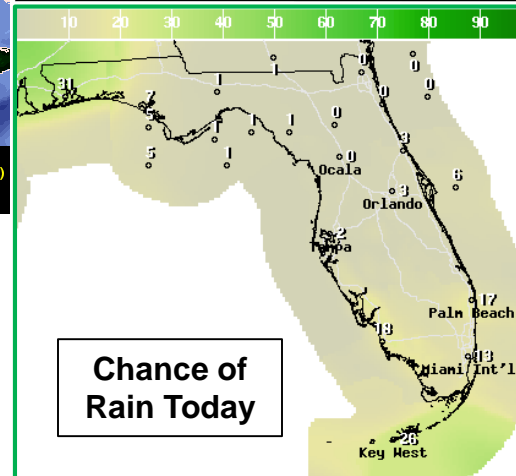


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning	L						
Flooding							
Damaging Wind							
Hail							
Tornado							
Freeze							
Fire	L	L	M	M	M	M	M
Fog	M	M	L				
Rip Currents	H	H	M	L	M	L	H
Space Weather	Very Low						
Lake Okeechobee Status:	Elevation is at 12.33 ft						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	222 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						



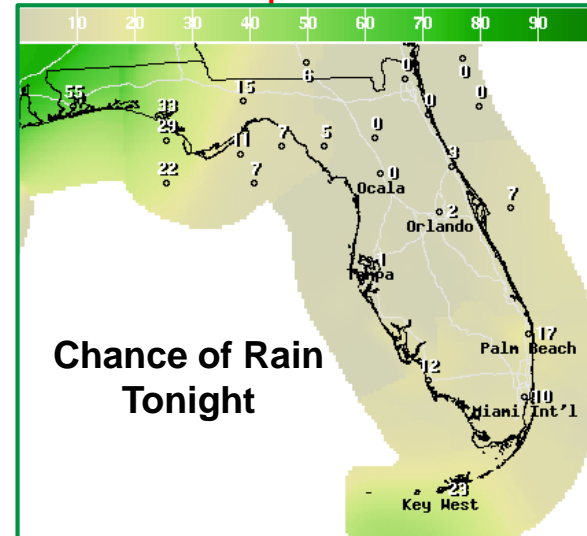
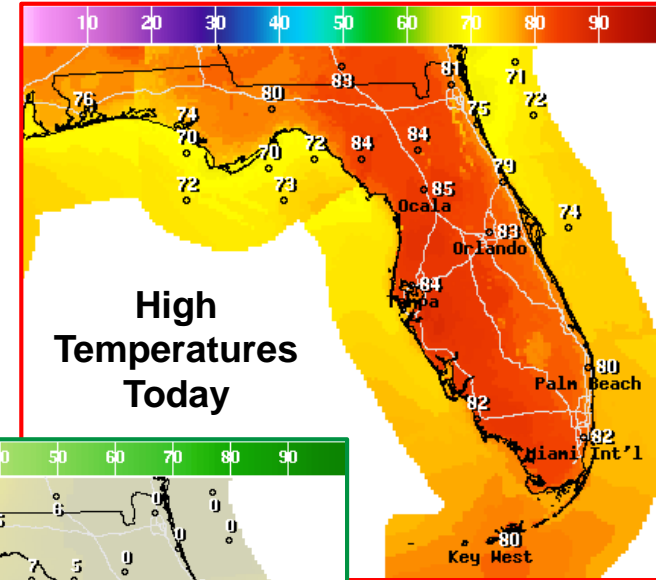


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

As high pressure continues to move off the U.S. East Coast, breezy southeast winds will bring in warm, moist air across the state. As a result, high temperatures will be slightly warmer than yesterday, reaching the middle 70s to lower 80s in North Florida and lower to middle 80s in the Peninsula. Much of the Peninsula will remain dry and mainly sunny today, but an isolated shower cannot be ruled out in South Florida or the Keys. A cold front will approach the state from the west, bringing a chance of isolated showers to the western Panhandle this afternoon.

As the cold front moves closer tonight, rain chances will increase across North Florida with isolated to scattered showers possible overnight. A few thunderstorms will also be possible, but severe weather is not expected. Elsewhere, dry weather is expected tonight with lows in the lower to middle 60s for most of the state. The exception will be South Florida where lows will be in the lower 70s. With light to calm winds and warm, humid air in place, areas of fog may develop outside of showers and thunderstorms across much of North Florida. Some of the fog may be locally dense.





Coastal Hazards / Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy southeast winds around 10-15 mph and waves of 3-5' will result in a **high rip current risk** for most Panhandle beaches today. Breezy east to southeast winds and waves of 2-4' are also expected along the East Coast. This will result in a **high rip current risk** for Southeast Florida beaches and a **moderate risk** for the remainder of the East Coast. All West Coast beaches have a **low risk** today. *Remember, always swim within sight of a lifeguard. Never swim alone. Rip currents can still occur on low risk days!*

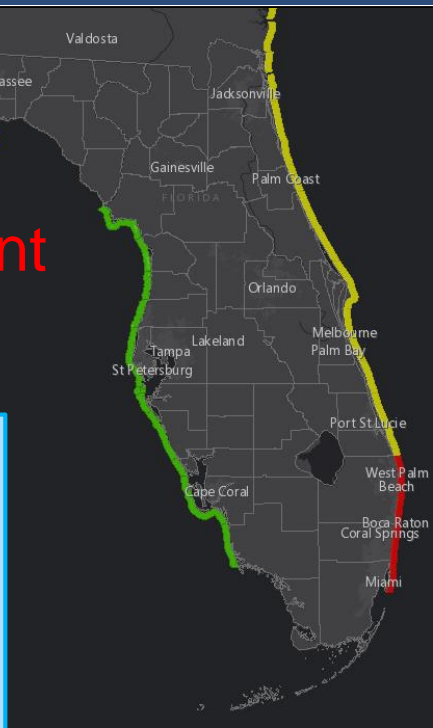
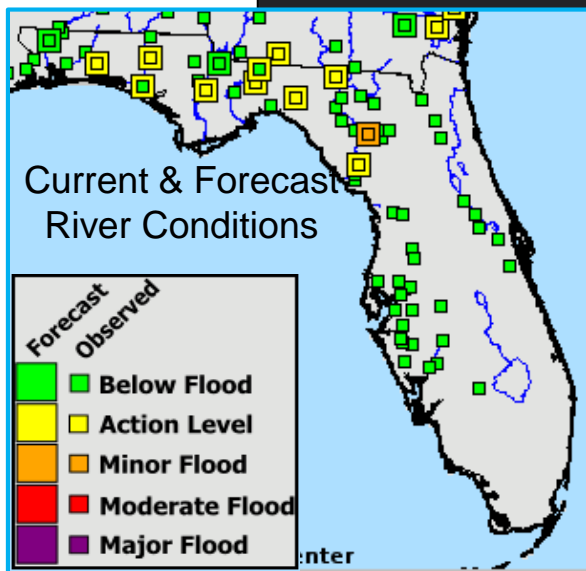
Lake Okeechobee average elevation is 12.33 feet, which is 2.13 feet below normal for this time of year. Releases are ongoing and lake levels will continue to gradually fall.

Hydrology: A **River Flood Warning** is in effect for the Santa Fe River at Three Rivers Estates. The Santa Fe River at Three Rivers Estates will remain nearly steady in minor flood stage through Saturday but may fall below flood stage by Sunday. Several other rivers in North Florida are in action stage but have generally crested. Rainfall amounts in the Panhandle will remain low and are not expected to result in any river flooding. 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

Rip Current Outlook

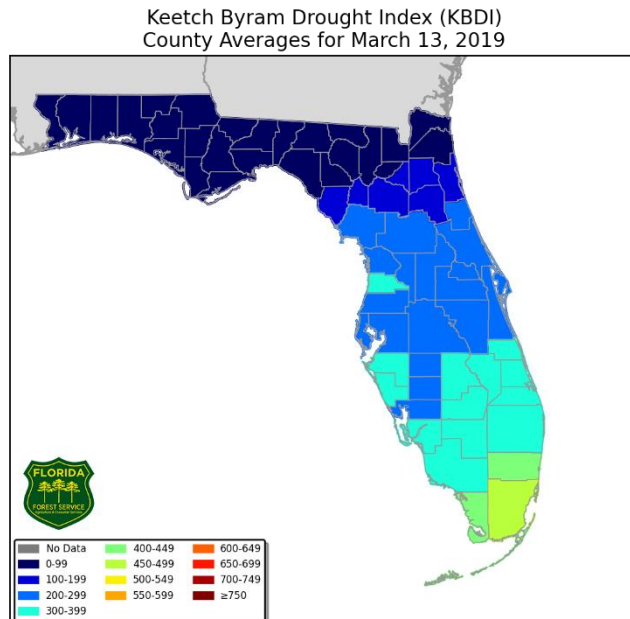
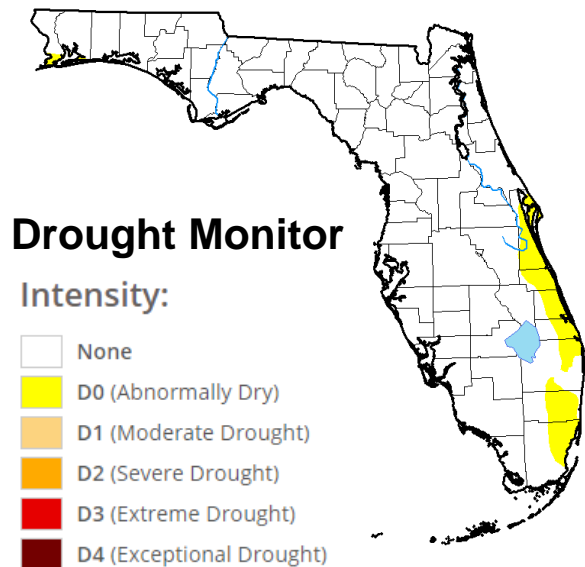




Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidity values will be above critical levels today, only dropping to near 40% across inland parts of the Peninsula. Winds will be lighter than yesterday, but still breezy in spots with southeast winds around 10-15 mph. Soil moisture remains high across North Florida but continue to decrease in South Florida. Thus, a **moderate wildfire threat** is forecast for the Peninsula, and a **low risk** in the Panhandle. A [County Burn Ban](#) remains in effect for the 5 counties that are in effect year-round.

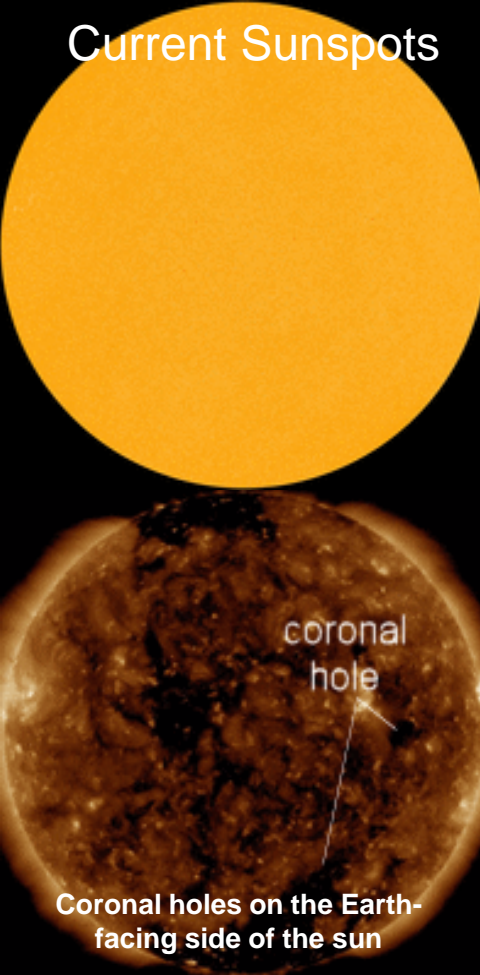
[The Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is 222 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry). There are **zero** Florida counties with a KBDI above 500.



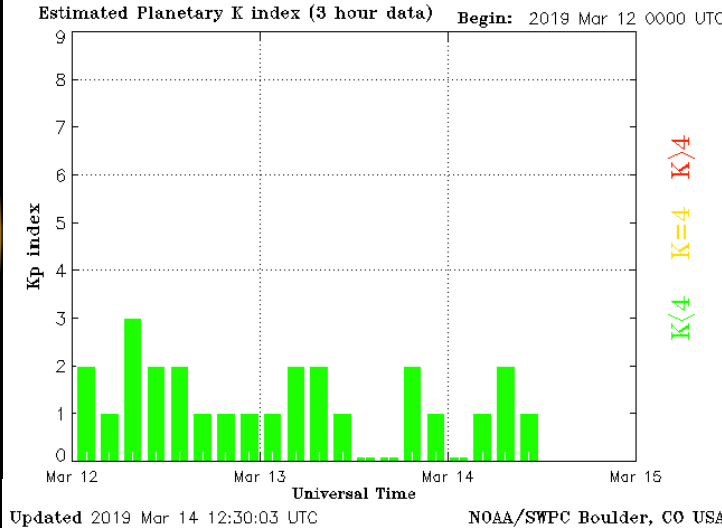


Space Weather

Current Sunspots



Coronal holes on the Earth-facing side of the sun



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: No	A0 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: No	No Radio Blackouts
48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
3/14		3/15
Max Kp= 2-3 (G0)		Max Kp= 3-4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Sunspot 2734 has faded and moved over the Sun's eastern limb. Thus, no significant solar flares are expected. Solar winds from the labeled coronal hole may increase tomorrow and Saturday, but any impacts will be confined to the polar latitudes. The space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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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	
WebEOC:	https://eoc.floridadisaster.org/eoc7/	Operational	

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