



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, February 15, 2020



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	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 1: Jim Roberts		
Region 2: Brian Bradshaw	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Gina Lambert	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Paul Siddall	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Claudia Baker	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	In Region / State	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Willie Bouie	Annual Leave	Off and See Coverage

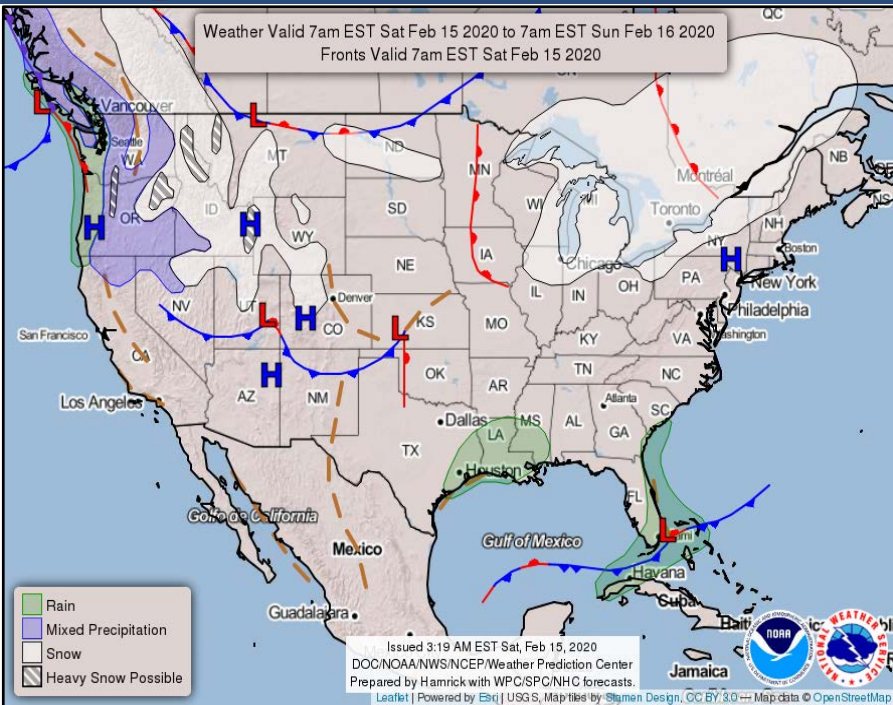


R6 Covering All of Region 7

RC Status
Normal Operations
Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

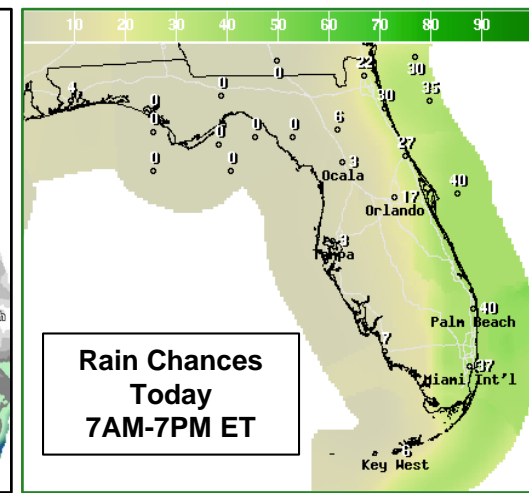
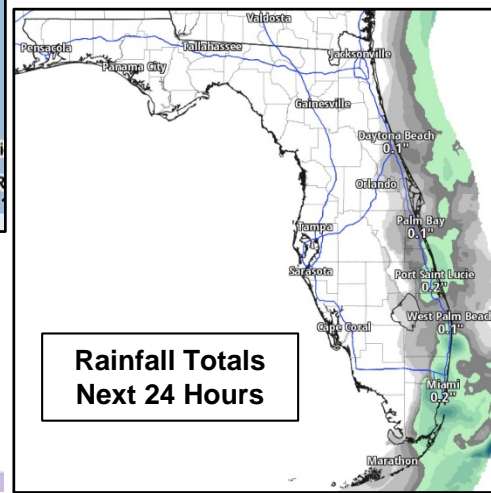


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning							
River Flooding	L						
Damaging Wind							
Hail							
Tornado							
Freeze							
Fire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Fog		L	L				
Rip Currents	M	M	H	L	H	L	H
Space Weather	Very Low						
Lake Okechobee Status:	Elevation is at 12.94 ft						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	256 (-5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						



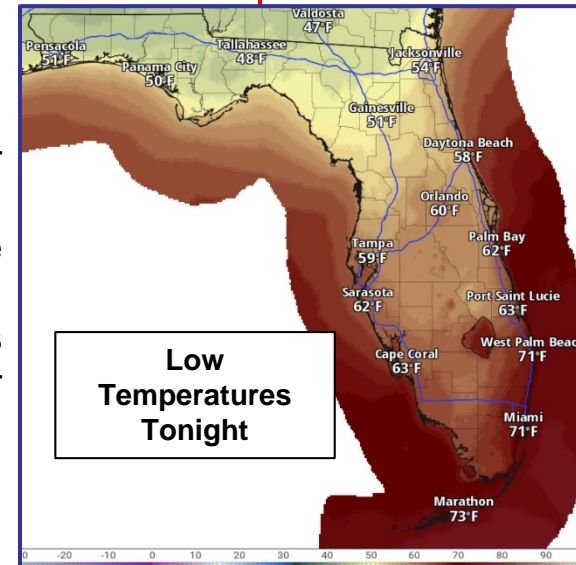
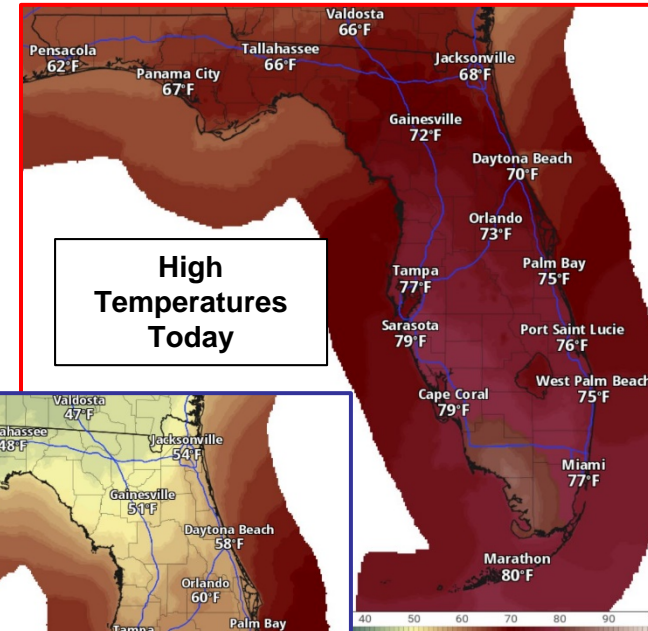


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

In the Panhandle, skies are clear this morning and will remain sunny into the afternoon. High thin clouds will move in later today with increasing cloud cover overnight. The next storm system will move through Sunday, and some isolated showers are possible near sunrise tomorrow. High temperatures today will be in the 60s with low temperatures tonight in the upper 40s inland and the 50s along the coast.

In the Peninsula, an old cold front remains across South Florida. Skies are partly to mostly cloudy this morning south of the I-4 corridor and are expected to remain that way for most of today. Breezy east to northeast winds will bring in showers off of the Atlantic today, but will typically dissipate before reaching the West Coast of the Peninsula. Rain chances continue tonight, but will not be as widespread as this afternoon. Patchy fog may develop across interior Northeast Florida before cloud cover increases by sunrise. Highs will generally be in the 70s with lows in the 60s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: East winds at 10-15 mph and 3-6' waves will result in a **high rip current risk** for all Atlantic beaches today. With lighter winds in the Panhandle, a **moderate rip current risk** is expected. There is a **low risk** today for the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

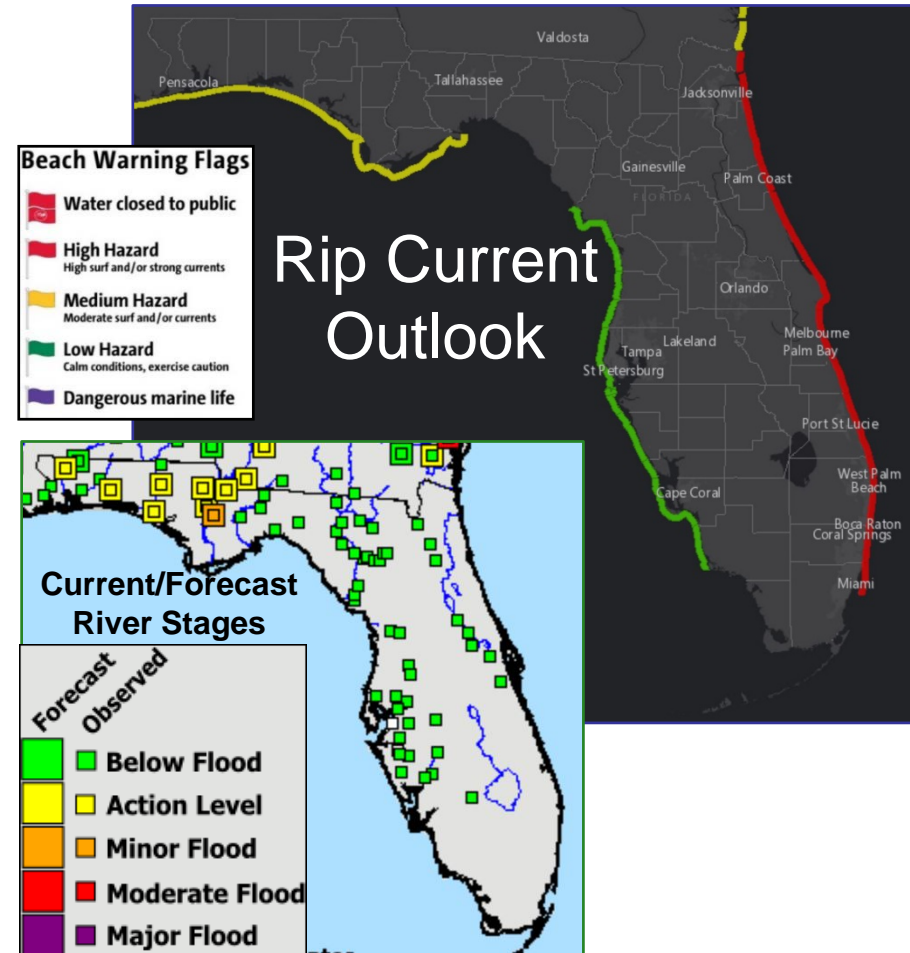
Marine Hazards: **Red Tide** has not been observed above background levels.

Coastal Flooding: Coastal flooding is not expected.

Lake Okeechobee average elevation is 12.94 feet as of Tuesday, which is 1.65 feet **below** normal for this time of year. Little change in lake level is expected this week.

Hydrology: A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Apalachicola River near Blountstown until further notice. Minor flooding is expected to continue into next week. For more information on specific rivers, please visit the Southeast River Forecast Center [here](#).

Rainfall totals will be light across the state (<0.25") with localized totals near 1" possible, mainly in Southeast Florida.



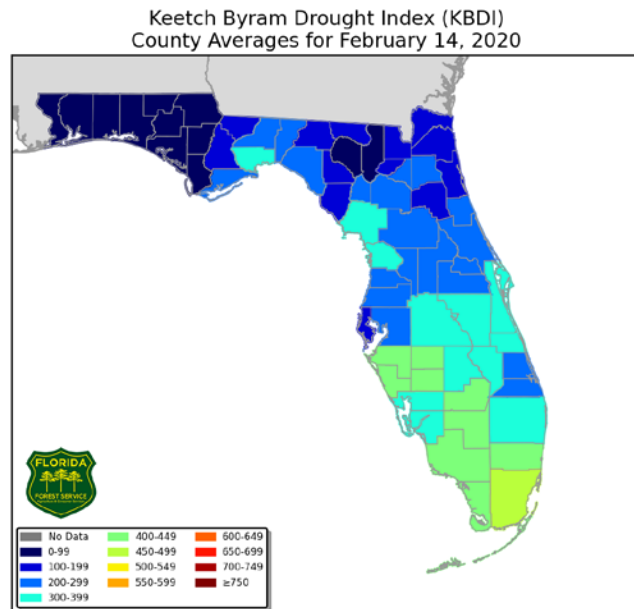
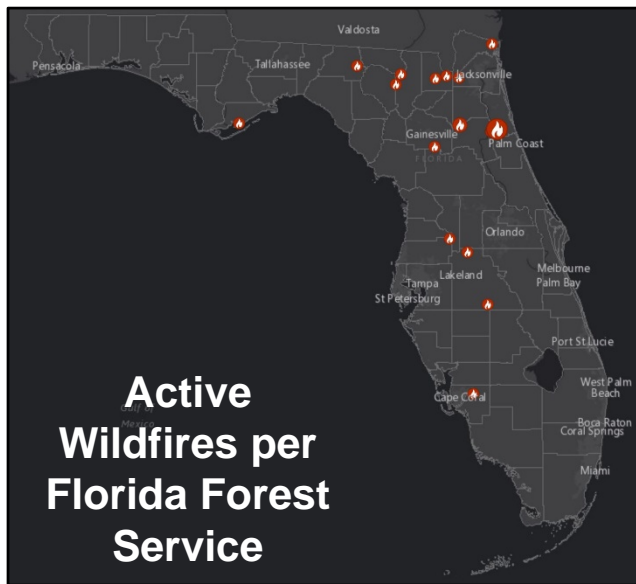
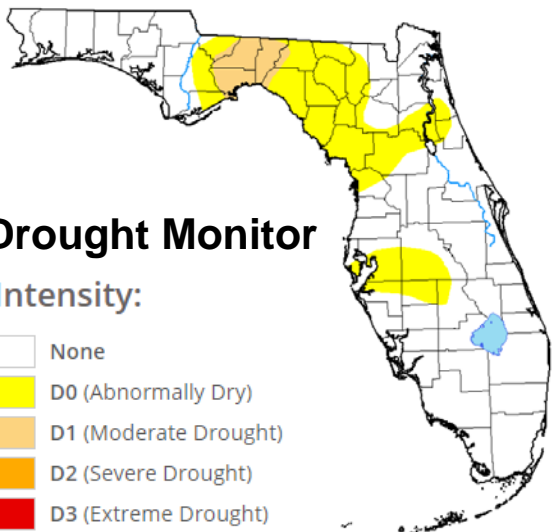


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Humidity remains high in the Peninsula, but will drop to near critical levels this afternoon in the Panhandle (25-35%). Winds will be light to breezy out of the east at 5-15 mph statewide. Recent rainfall has increased soil moisture but some areas are still in drought conditions and have pockets of dry fuels. This will result in a **low to locally moderate wildfire threat** statewide.

There are currently 16 [active wildfires](#) across the state burning a total of 175.8 acres. All fires over 10 acres are 100% contained. A [County Burn Ban](#) is in effect for Duval, Orange, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Sarasota (prohibited year-round).

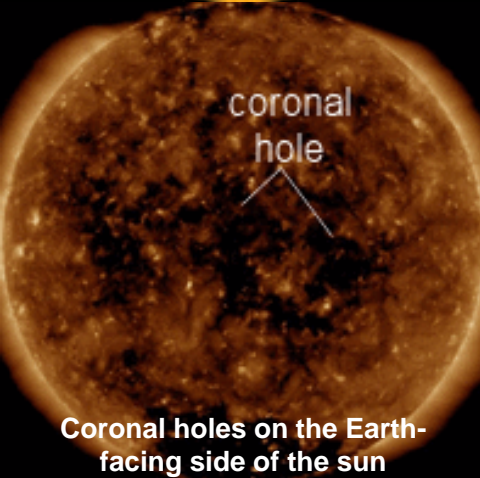
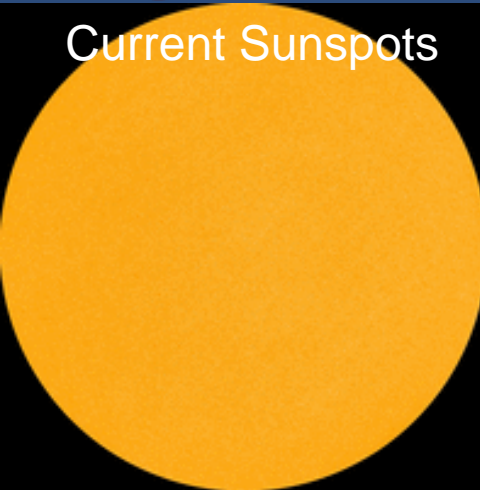
[The Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is 256 (-5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry). There are 0 Florida counties with an average KBDI at or above 500.



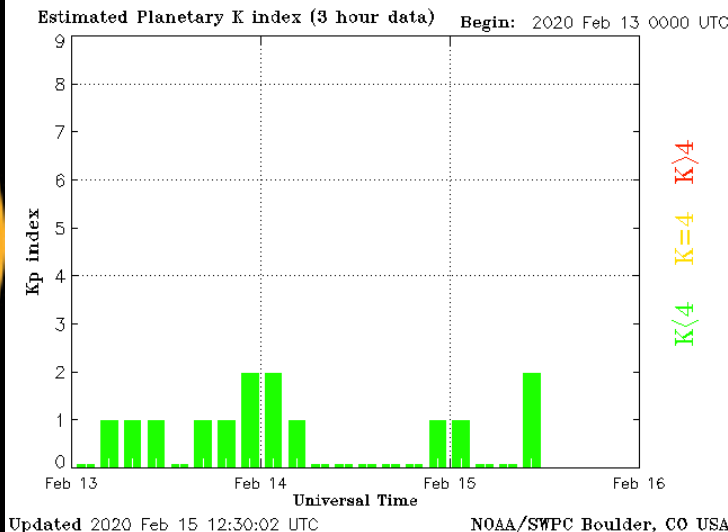


Space Weather

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	A9 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: No	No Radio Blackouts

48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

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2/15	2/16
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: The sun is spotless and there is no threat of a significant solar flare. Solar winds are expected to remain light, and geomagnetic storming is not expected. The space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
Backup Landline:	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
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SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Satellite Phones:	888-890-5178 or 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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