



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, March 13, 2020



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
RC Manager: Jim Roberts	Gadsden / Leon	COVID-19 Monitoring / Admin
Region 1: Jim Roberts		
Region 2: Brian Bradshaw	Leon	COVID-19 Monitoring / Admin
Region 3: Gina Lambert	Flagler	Region 3 Quarterly EM Meeting
Region 4: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	COVID-19 Monitoring / Admin
Region 5: Claudia Baker	Osceola	G-141 Course / COVID-19 Monitoring
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	Lee	COVID-19 Monitoring / Admin
Region 7: Willie Bouie	Miami-Dade	County EM Visit / Regional Meeting Prep



RC Status

Normal Operations

Delayed Response

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
RRC Manager: Brooke Kincaid	Jefferson	Recovery Meeting with EM
Region 2: Brooke Kincaid		
Region 1: Mac McLeary	Leon	G-557 Training
Region 3: Pam Bergstrom	St. Johns	Office Admin
Region 4: Jeremy O'Dell	Hernando	Office Admin
Region 5: Vacant		
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Vacant		

RRC Status

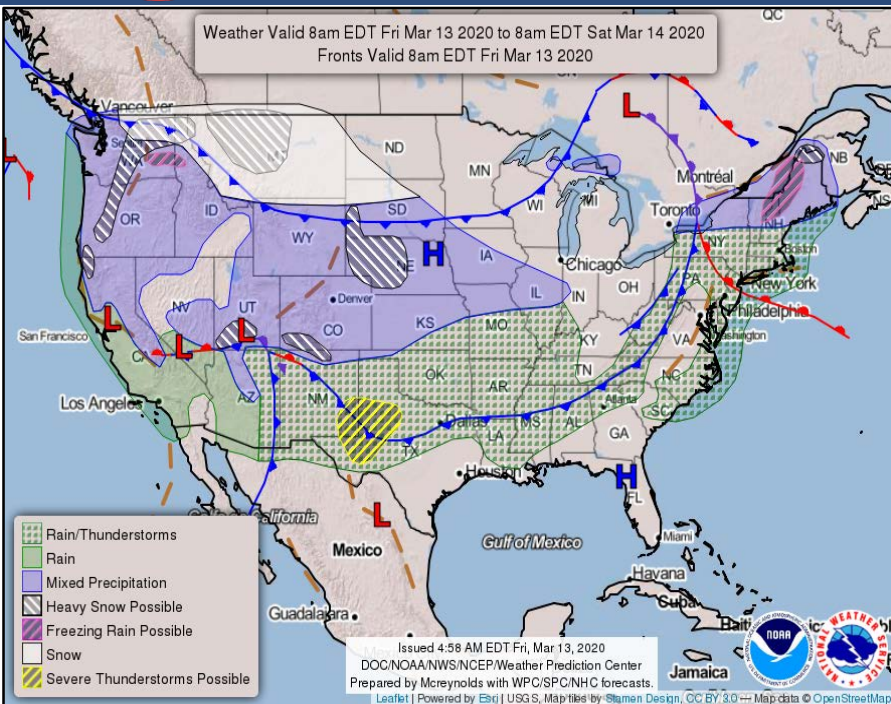
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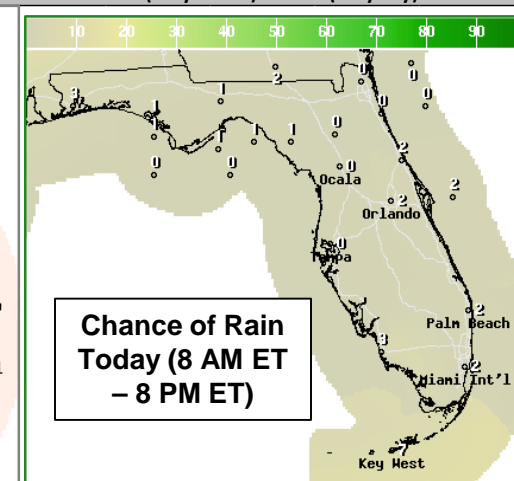
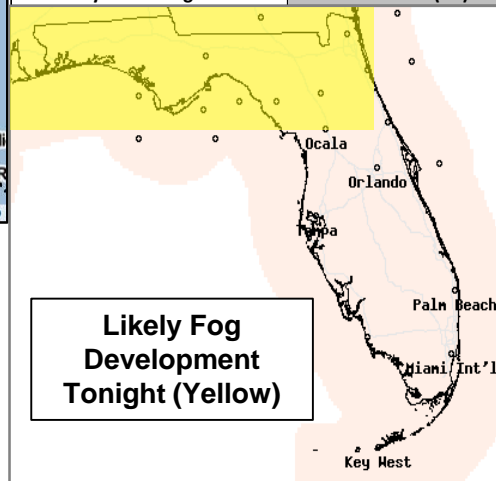


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning							
River Flooding	M	M	L				
Damaging Wind							
Hail							
Tornado							
Freeze							
Fire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Fog	H	H	M	M	L	L	
Rip Currents	M	L	M	L	M	L	M
Space Weather	Very Low						
Lake Okeechobee Status:	Elevation is at 12.41 ft						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	293 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						



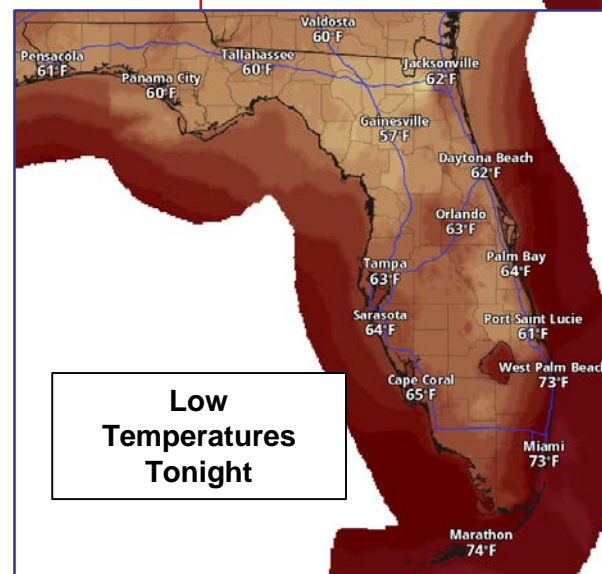
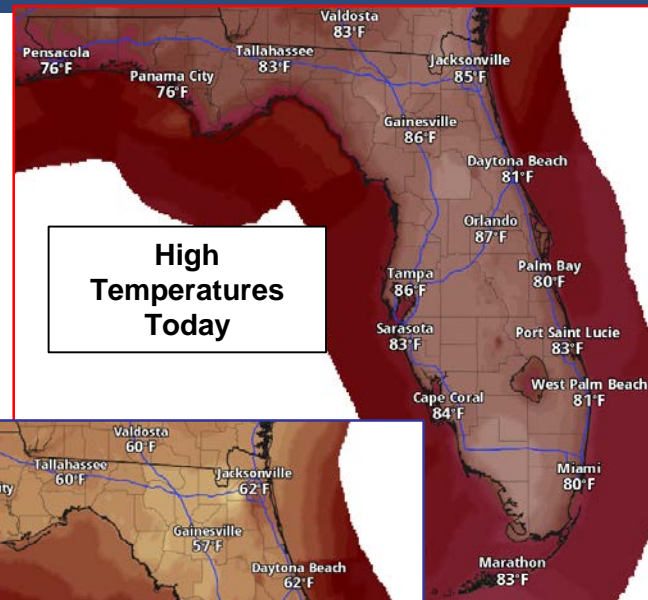


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The weather is on repeat from the last several days. Dense fog this morning will generally dissipate by late morning, though some patchy fog cannot be ruled out near the Panhandle coast this afternoon. Partly to mostly sunny skies are expected statewide. The only chance for rain showers will be in South Florida (<10% chance), but these showers will not amount to much. Dense fog will redevelop again tonight across North Florida with patchy fog possible in Central Florida.

Highs this afternoon will be in the middle to upper 80s for much of the state. The exception will be right along the coast where highs will be in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Lows tonight will be in the 60s for much of the state with 70s in South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: East winds at 10-15 mph and 2-4' waves will result in a **moderate rip current risk** for Atlantic beaches. Southwest winds of 5-10 mph and 1' waves will result in a **moderate rip current risk** for Walton through Gulf County beaches. All other beaches will have a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Red Tide** has not been observed above background levels. No respiratory irritation is expected.

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is expected today.

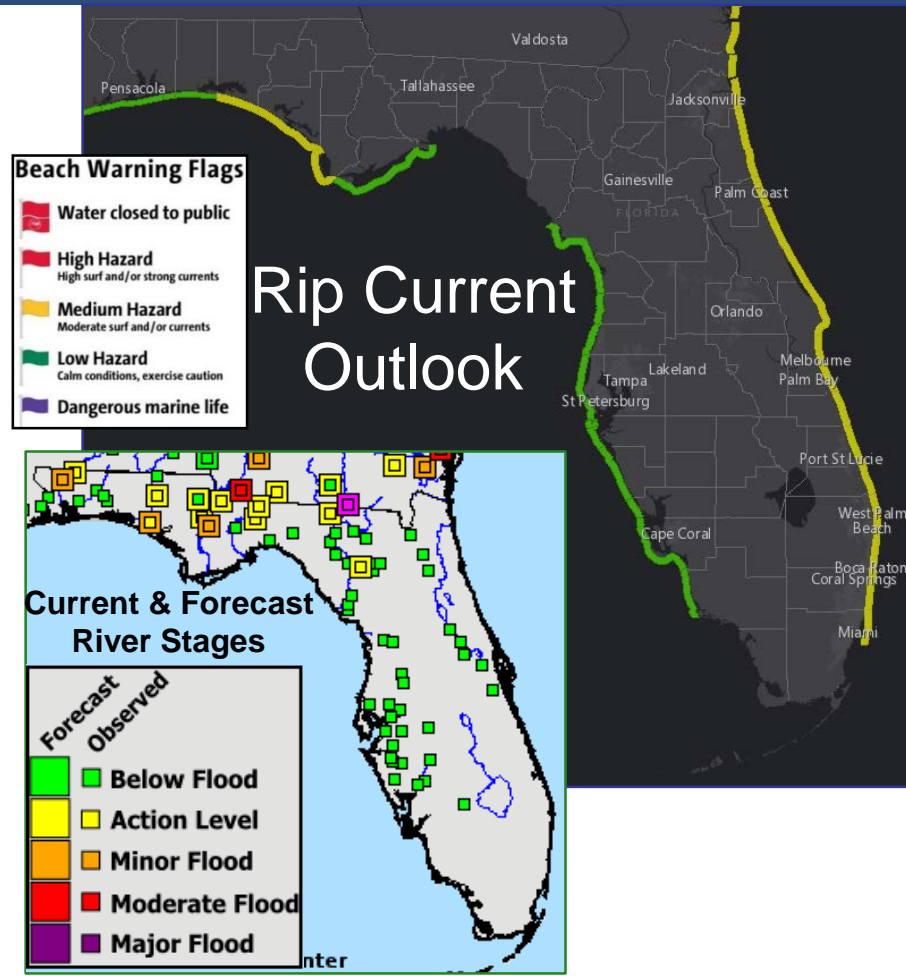
Lake Okeechobee average elevation is 12.41 feet, which is 2.05 feet below normal for this time of year. This is 0.62 feet above the water shortage management level. A continued decline in the lake level is expected this week.

Hydrology: A **River Flood Warning** is in effect for the Apalachicola River at Blountstown, the Choctawhatchee River near Bruce-Ebro, and the Escambia River near Century.

The Apalachicola at Blountstown is slowly falling, but will likely remain in **minor flood stage** for the foreseeable future. The Apalachicola at Wewahitchka and Sumatra remains in **moderate flood stage**, but the river is slowly falling. The Chipola has backed up at Wewahitchka and Scott's Ferry, and **minor flooding** is expected to continue.

Both the Escambia and Choctawhatchee Rivers have crested just above **minor flood stage**, and both will fall below flood stage today.

The Alapaha River near Jennings has risen to **minor flood stage**. With major flooding ongoing in Statenville, GA, the Alapaha at Jennings will likely continue to rise. **Moderate flooding** is possible along the Alapaha later this weekend or early next week. For more information on specific rivers, please visit the Southeast River Forecast Center [here](#).



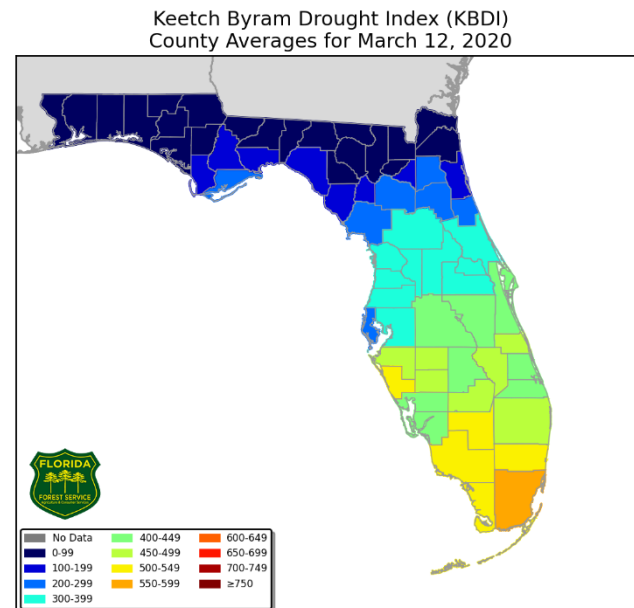
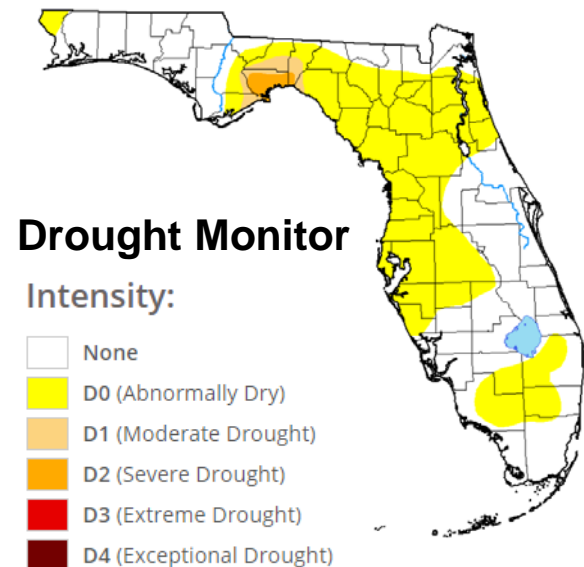


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: East winds of 5-15 mph are expected across the Peninsula for much of today, except along the West Coast this afternoon as the sea breeze moves develops. Winds in the Panhandle will be out of the southwest at 5-10 mph. Relative humidity in Northeast Florida will be 30-40%, though relative humidity elsewhere will be 40-60%. This combined with little recent rainfall and ongoing drought conditions will lead to a **moderate wildfire threat** today statewide.

There are currently 32 [active wildfires](#) across the state burning a total of 599.5 acres. 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 293 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry). There are **6** Florida counties with an average KBDI at or above 500. The areal averages for Caloosahatchee and Everglades Forestry Districts are above 500, and the areal averages for Myakka River and Okeechobee Forestry districts are over 450.



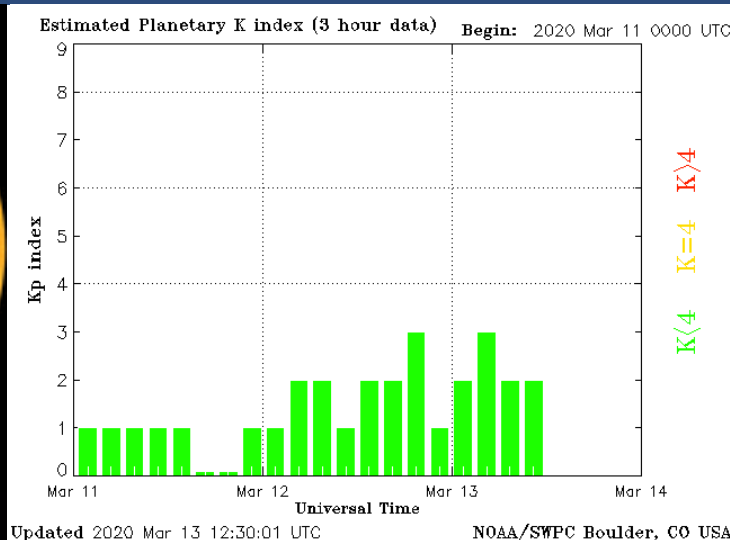


Space Weather

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	Solar Flare N/A
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: No	No Radio Blackouts
48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
3/13		3/14
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 once again spotless, and there is no threat for significant solar flares. Solar winds will 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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Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
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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