



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, April 13, 2022



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 3 Monitoring



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Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Bay	EM Visit
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	Regional Meeting Prep / Off Adm
Region 3: Aida Washburn	Levy	EM Visit
Region 4: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Emergency Fuel Management Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Off - Stand by
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	Collier	Reunification Meeting
Region 7: Claudia Baker	Collier	Reunification Meeting



RC Status

Normal Operations

Delayed Response

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Elizabeth Caison	Walton	Virtual Trainings
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	SEOC / Admin Day
Region 3: Pam Bergstrom	St. Johns	Office/Admin
RRCT Manager	Hernando	LMS Meeting
Region 4: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 5: Shannon Hagan	Orange	NHC
Region 6: Marc Purvis	Collier	Regional FAC/FRC Discussion
Region 7: Dana McGeehan	Broward	Return Travel from NHC

RRC Status

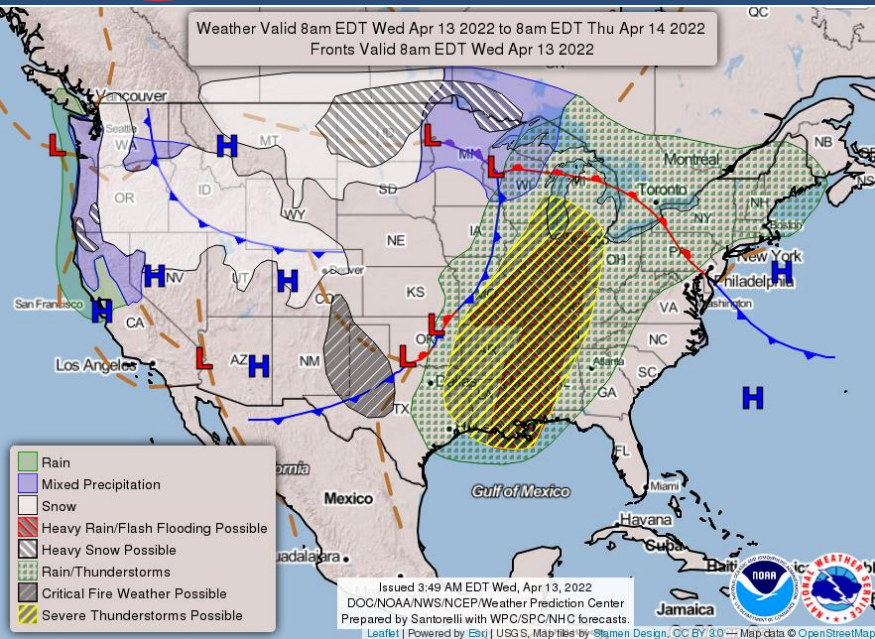
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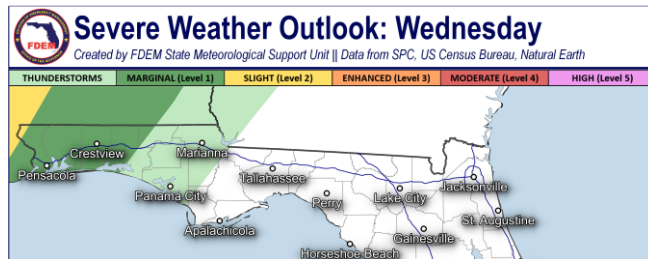
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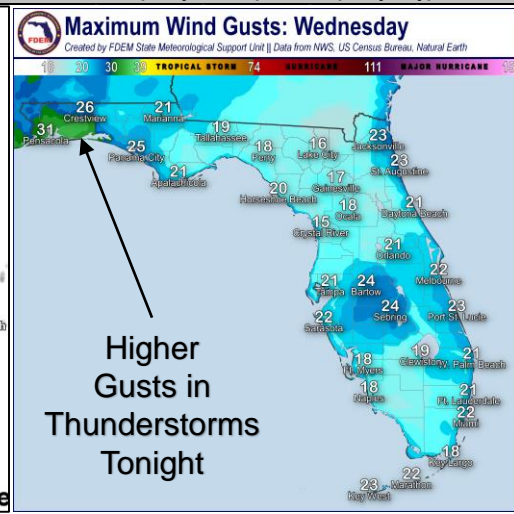
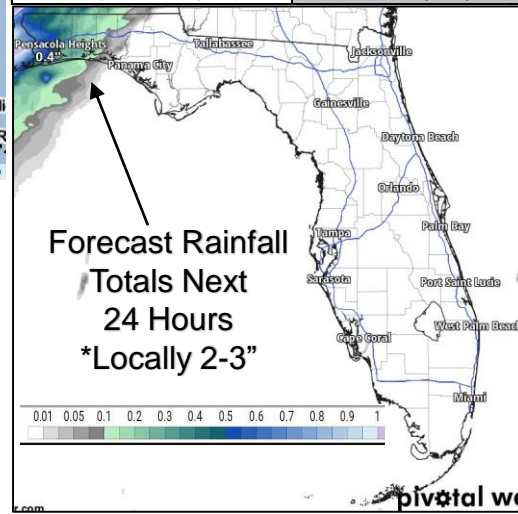
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map



Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning	M						
Tornado	L						
Damaging Wind	L						
Hail	L						
Flooding	L						
Freeze							
Fog	M	M	L	L	M	L	
Wildfire	L	L	L	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	H	H	M	L	M	L	H
Space Weather	Very Low						
Lake Okeechobee Status:	Elevation is at 13.46 ft.						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	237 (+10) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						





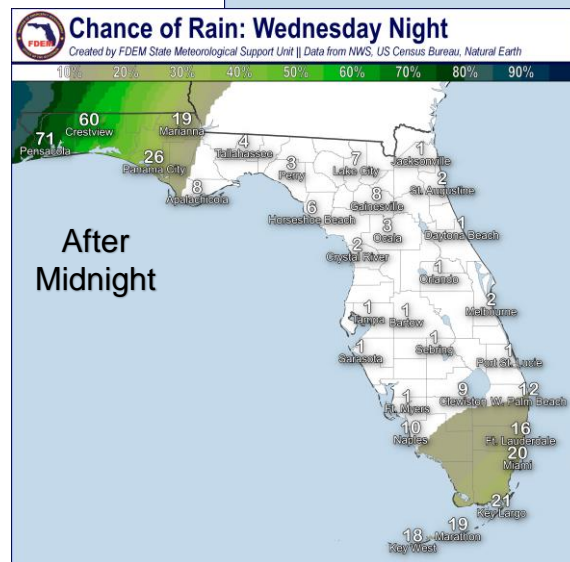
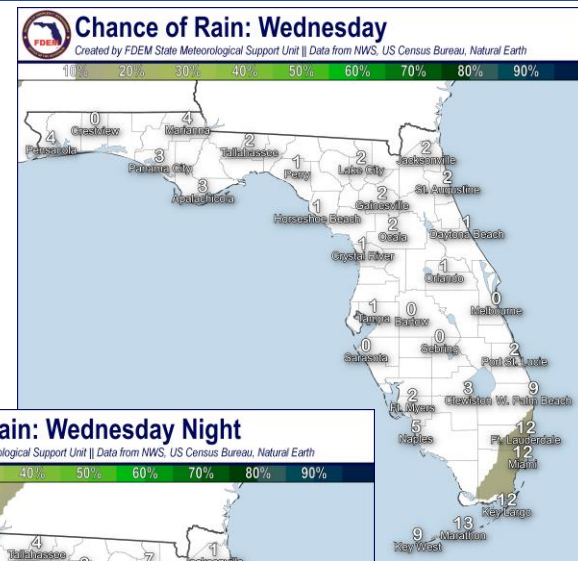
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

There are a few more clouds around this morning than past days, but another mostly sunny, warm, and dry day is still forecast. Only a stray shower is possible in the Panhandle and far South Florida today. Thunderstorms are not expected. It will be windy, with gusts of 25-35 mph this afternoon. High temperatures will generally be in the 80s.

Tonight, a cold front approaches the Panhandle that will bring increased rain chances to the state for the remainder of the week. A line of thunderstorms will approach the western Panhandle after midnight into the early morning hours of Thursday. These thunderstorms will be weakening as they move into Florida but could still produce a damaging wind gust of 45-65 mph, a brief tornado, small hail, and heavy rainfall. There is a Marginal Risk of Severe Weather (level 1).

Otherwise, aside from a stray shower in South Florida the rest of the state will remain dry tonight. Patchy fog could develop with the best chance over the Panhandle and Central Florida. Winds remain breezy tonight at 5-15 mph. Low temperatures will be in the 60s and lower 70s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Strong onshore winds will yield a **high risk of rip currents** along Panhandle and Southeast Florida beaches today. A **moderate risk** continues along the rest of the East Coast. Double red flags mean the beach is closed, and may be the case at some Panhandle beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

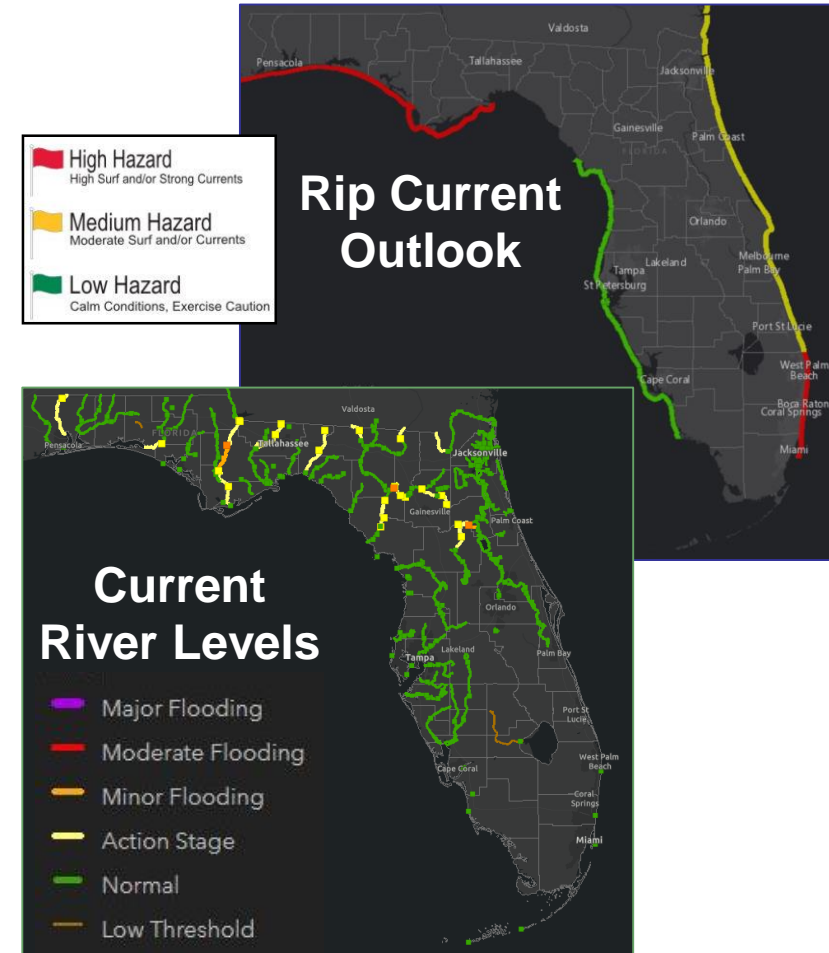
Marine Hazards: Wave heights will be 3-6' along Panhandle beaches. Elsewhere, wave heights will range from 2-4'. [Red Tide](#) has not been observed in Florida's coastal waters over the last week.

Coastal Flooding: Tides are near normal and there is no threat for coastal flooding.

Flash Flooding: There is no threat for flash flooding today. Localized rainfall totals of 2-3" tonight in the western Panhandle could cause street flooding in urban areas.

Riverine Flooding: **River Flood Warnings** are in effect for the [Santa Fe River at Three Rivers Estates](#) and the [Apalachicola River near Blountstown](#) until further notice. **Minor flooding** is ongoing at these locations as river levels are slow to fall. Many other North Florida rivers are in or near Action Stage (*bank-full*). Peninsula waterways remain below flood stage. For more details on specific river levels, please visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.46 feet, which is within the operational band and 0.59 feet below normal for this time of year. Pulse releases continue down the Caloosahatchee.





Drought & Fire Weather

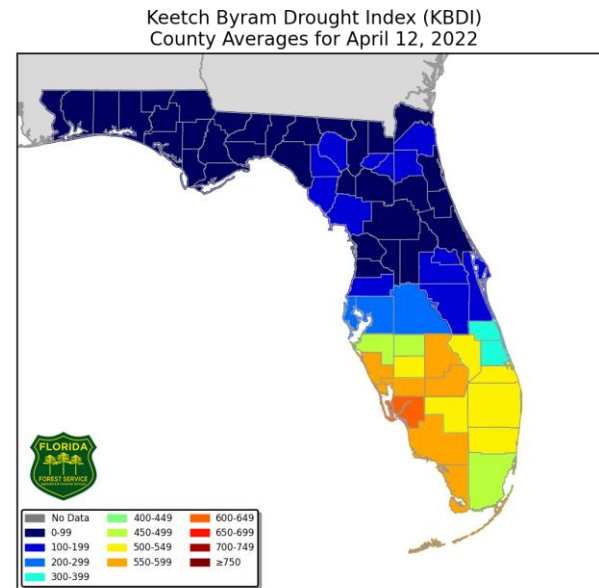
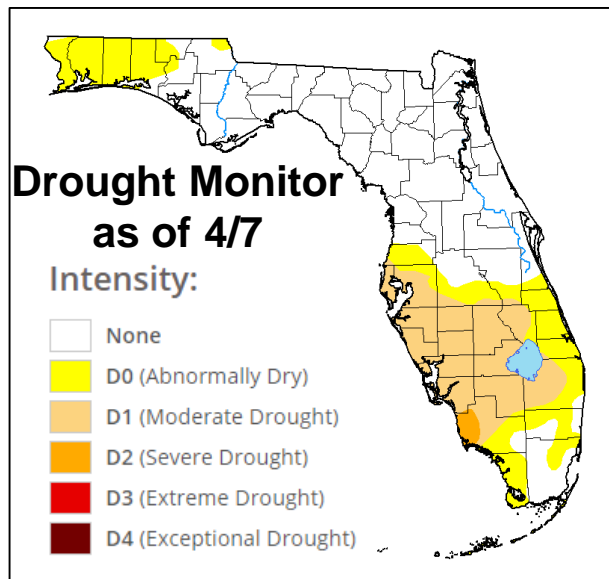
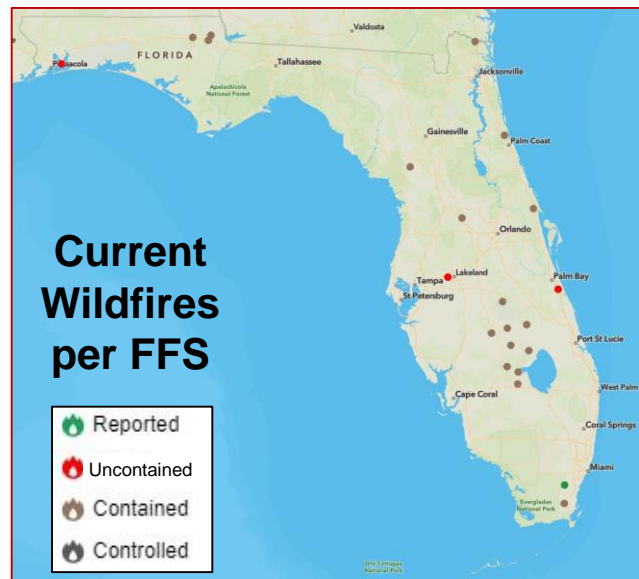
Fire Weather: An **elevated wildfire threat** will continue today, especially in Southwest Florida given increasing drought. Winds will be breezy, especially in South Florida (from the east/southeast) and in the Panhandle (from the south/southeast). Sustained winds will be around 15 mph with gusts of 25-35 mph. Humidity values will remain above critical levels, falling to 40-60% inland and 60-80% along the coastline. Winds remain breezy overnight and humidity recovers to 70-100%. *Dangerous smoke-fog could develop near any ongoing wildfires or burns tonight. Lightning could ignite new wildfires.*

According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 22 active wildfires in the state, totaling approximately 752 acres.

A [County Burn Ban](#) is in effect for *Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, and Lee county*; with Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, and Sarasota banned year-round.

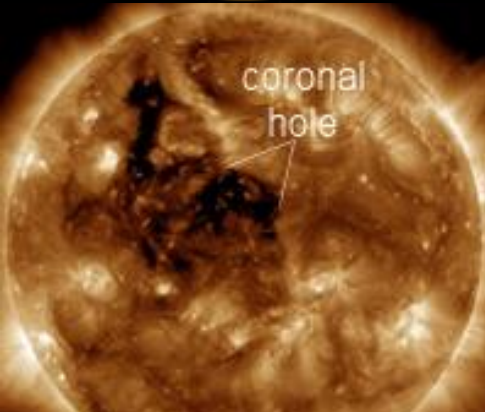
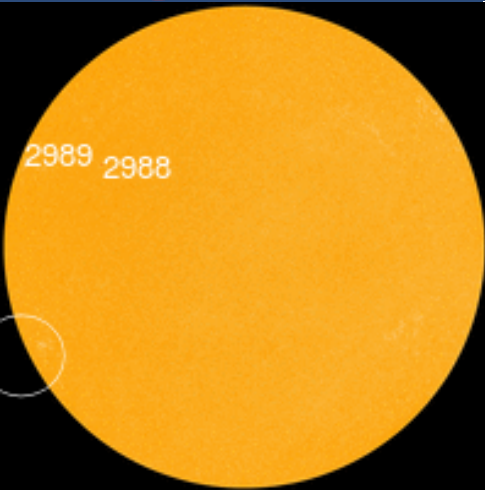
Drought: Recent heavy rainfall has eliminated short-term rainfall deficits across North Florida and the Nature Coast reducing the coverage of emerging drought conditions that were present in March. However, Southwest Florida has continued to miss out on the recent rainfall, and an area of **severe drought** has been introduced over western Collier County on the latest Drought Monitor update. Areas of **moderate drought** have expanded into additional portions of the southern Peninsula.

[The Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is 237 (+10) on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **13** counties in South Florida with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger). There is a sharp contrast in soil/fuel moisture in Central Florida.

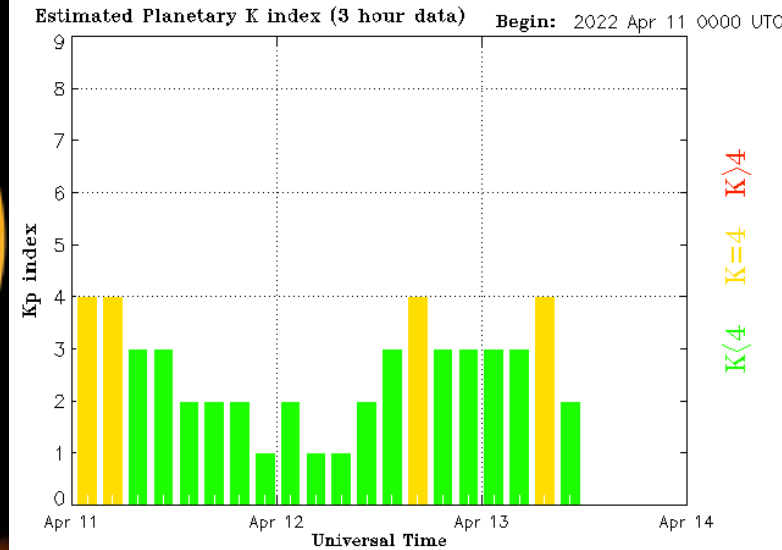




Space Weather



There are no Coronal Holes on the Earth-facing side of the sun



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Watch	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts
48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
4/13		4/14
Max Kp= 4 (G0)		Max Kp= 6 (G2)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 25%

Space Weather: There is no chance for significant solar flares. Solar winds remain light today but a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) will arrive late tonight and tomorrow. A minor to moderate geomagnetic storm is forecast on Tuesday and a G2 (moderate storm) Watch is in effect. Impacts will be confined to northern latitudes. The overall space weather threat for Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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