



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report Friday, August 19, 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	County EM Visit / FEPA Directors Call			
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting			
Region 3: Pam Bergstrom	St. Johns	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting			
Region 4: Paul Siddall	Pasco	POD TTX Planning Meeting / RCT Meeting / FEPA Directors Call			
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting			
RC Manager	Manatee	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting			
Region 6: Jodie Fiske	ivianatee				
Region 7: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting			



RRC 5 is providing on-call coverage for RC5 RRC 6 is providing on-call coverage for RC6

RC Status

Out of Region-Incident Response Normal Operations Delayed Response Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities		
Region 1: Elizabeth Caison	Walton	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting		
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting		
Region 3: VACANT	N/A	N/A		
RRCT Manager	Leon / Hernando	FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting / SEOC Visit		
Region 4: Jeremy O'Dell	Leon / Hemando			
Region 5: Shannon Hagan	Seminole	ECFLEPC / Florida Coalition Meeting / RCT Meeting		
Region 6: Marc Purvis	Collier	R6 Meetup / FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting		
Region 7: Dana McGeehan	Collier	R6 Meetup / FEPA Directors Call / RCT Meeting		

RC 3 is providing coverage for RRC 3

RRC Status

Normal Operations
Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

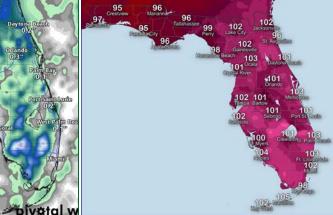


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

24-Hour Forecast Rainfall Totals



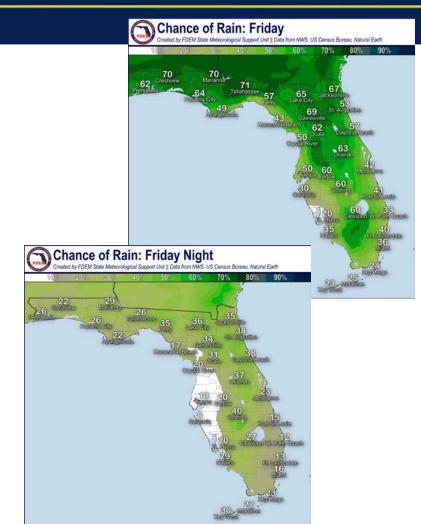


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Ongoing showers and thunderstorms in the Big Bend will give way to increasing cloud cover and rain chances statewide. Ample moisture in place will allow for scattered showers and thunderstorms to continue to develop through the afternoon and evening (50-75% chance of rain). While there is no organized threat for severe weather, a few thunderstorms during the peak heating hours of the day may be strong and capable of producing gusty winds, frequent lightning, and heavy rainfall rates. These heavy rainfall rates may yield localized flooding of low-lying and poor drainage areas, particularly over the western Panhandle. Overall shower and thunderstorm coverage and intensity will gradually diminish through the evening and overnight hours, with a lingering chance of rain along the coastlines (15-30%).

Prior to any rain relief this afternoon, high temperatures will rise into the upper 80s to middle 90s statewide. Combined with muggy conditions, heat indices will eclipse the triple digits (99-105 degrees) across many Northeast Florida and Peninsula locations. Overnight temperatures will remain mild statewide, with low temperatures in the 70s and 80s.



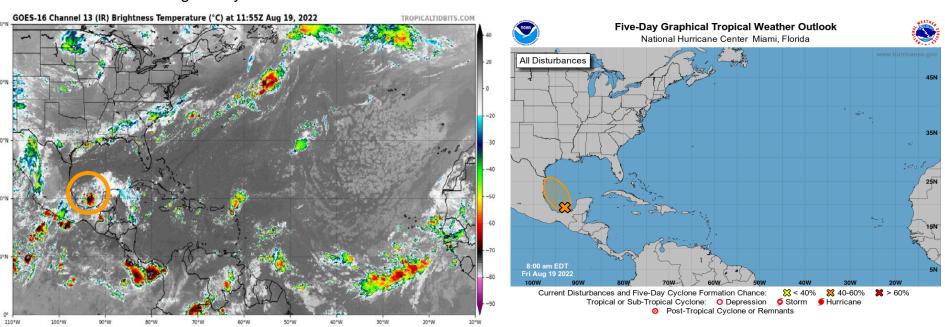


Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

<u>Invest 99L (Southwestern Gulf of Mexico)</u>: A broad area of low pressure, now identified as Invest 99L, over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Campeche is producing poorly organized shower activity. Environmental conditions appear favorable for slow development, and a tropical depression could form late today or on Saturday while the system moves northwestward across the southwestern Gulf of Mexico. However, by Saturday night, the system is expected to move inland over northeastern Mexico, which will end its chances of development. An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft is scheduled to investigate the system later today, if necessary.

- *Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...40%.
- *Formation chance through 5 days...medium...40%.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Onshore winds will produce an **elevated rip current risk** for most Panhandle, Northeast Florida, and Palm Beach County beaches. Low risk conditions can be expected along all other Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

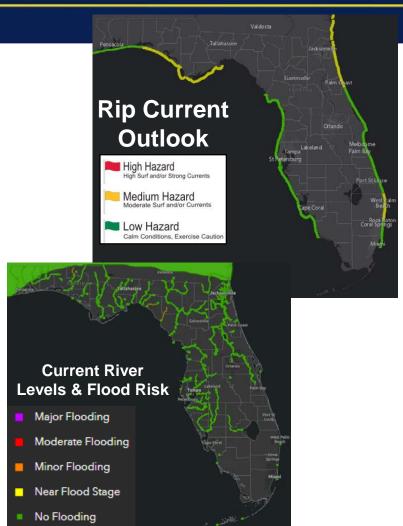
Marine Hazards: Wave heights will be 1-3' along all Florida beaches. Red Tide has not been observed above background concentrations over the past week.

Coastal Flooding: Tides are near normal and coastal flooding is not anticipated.

Flash Flooding: Any shower or thunderstorm that develops today will be capable of producing very heavy rainfall rates. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk for Flash Flooding (level 1 of 4)** across the western Panhandle. Localized rainfall totals of 2-4" cannot be ruled out, especially over areas that experience multiple rounds of heavy rainfall. Localized flooding of poor drainage and low-lying areas will be possible.

Riverine Flooding: Florida rivers, creeks, and lakes remain below flood stage. A couple of western Panhandle rivers remain in Action Stage (bank-full), courtesy of recent and forecast heavy rainfall. For more details on specific river levels, please visit the <u>River Forecast Center</u>.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.73 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.30 feet <u>below</u> normal for this time of year. Small pulse releases continue down the Caloosahatchee.





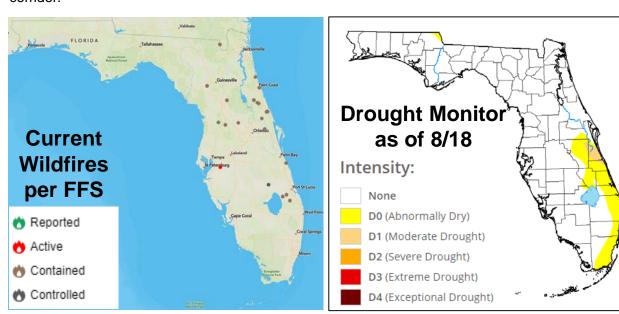
Drought & Fire Weather

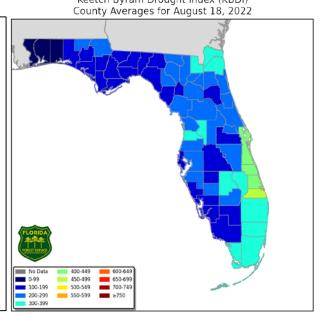
Fire Weather: Recent and forecast rainfall continues to keep the wildfire threat low statewide. However, lightning can spark new fires. Winds near and in thunderstorms may be gusty and erratic. According to the <u>Florida Forest Service</u>, there are 22 active wildfires in the state, totaling approximately 925 acres.

Drought: Dryness intensified and expanded along the East Coast on this week's updated <u>Drought Monitor</u>. Both 30-day and 60-day rainfall deficits increased along the East-Central and Southeast Florida Coast, with the past month bringing 3-5" less rainfall than normal along the coast from West Palm Beach northward through the Melbourne area. This prompted a deterioration to <u>moderate drought</u> in parts of the Space Coast, with Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) conditions expanding westward into the Kissimmee River Valley and southward to the Keys.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida is 230 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are <u>zero</u> counties with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger), but portions of East-Central and Southeast Florida remain above 500, especially along the I-95 corridor.

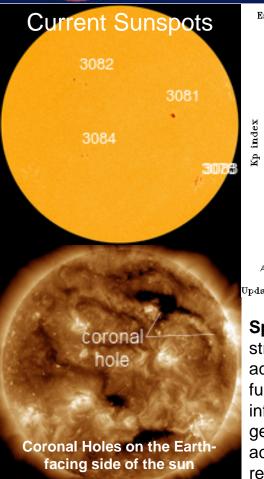
Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)







Space Weather



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Ö	Solar Flare Risk		Watches rnings	Past 24 hours			
	M-class: 40%	Geomagr Storm: No		M1 Solar Flare			
	X-class: 10%	Radiatio None	n Storm:	R1 Radio Blackouts			
	48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast						
	8/19		8/20 Max Kp= 5 (G1)				
	Max Kp= 6 (G2	2)					
A	Chance of minor activity = severe activity		Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%				

Space Weather: An elevated chance for moderate solar flares, and a slight chance for strong solar flares (X-class) continues today. Minor to moderate radio blackouts may accompany the strongest solar flare activity. Enhanced solar wind parameters will become further enhanced as additional Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) combine with coronal hole influences. Geomagnetic storming may develop today, reaching moderate to strong geomagnetic storm levels (G2) as a series of CMEs impact Earth. Impacts from today's activity will likely be confined to higher latitudes, and the space weather threat to 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	
Satellite Phones:	888-890-5178 or 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	