



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, October 14, 2022



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 1 Activation



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Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Jim Roberts	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 2: Willie Bouie	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 3: Pam Bergstrom	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 4: Paul Siddall	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In State	Ian Response Coordination
RC Manager	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 6: Jodie Fiske		
Region 7: Claudia Baker	In State	Ian Response Coordination



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	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 3: Joshua Saunders	In State	Ian Response Coordination
RRCT Manager	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 4: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 5: Shannon Hagan	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 6: Marc Purvis	In State	Ian Response Coordination
Region 7: Dana McGeehan	In State	Ian Response Coordination

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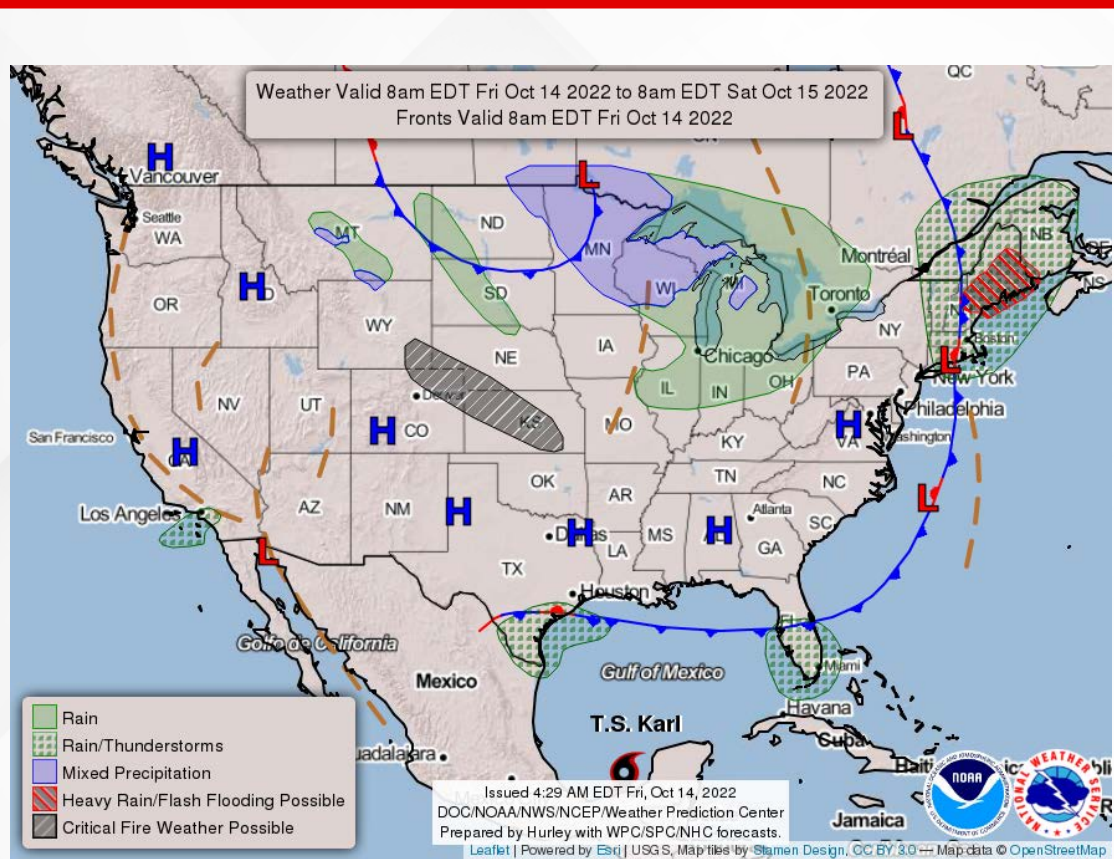
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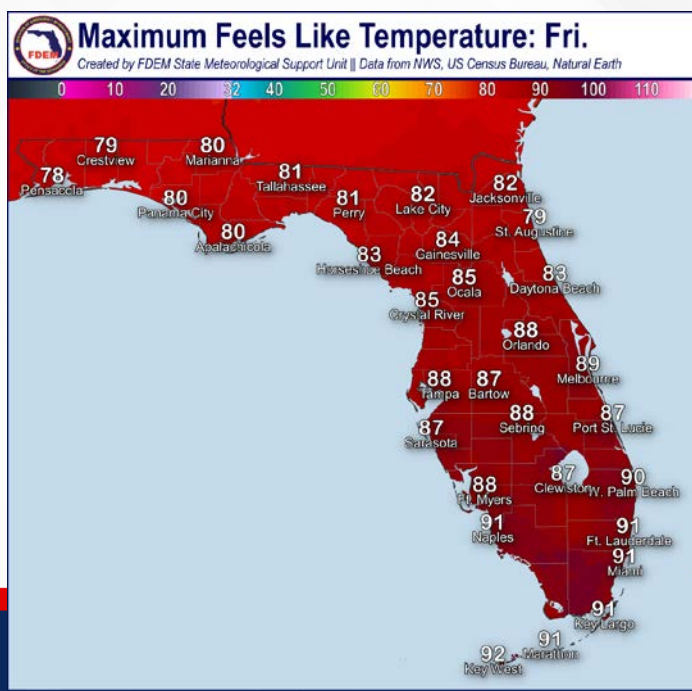
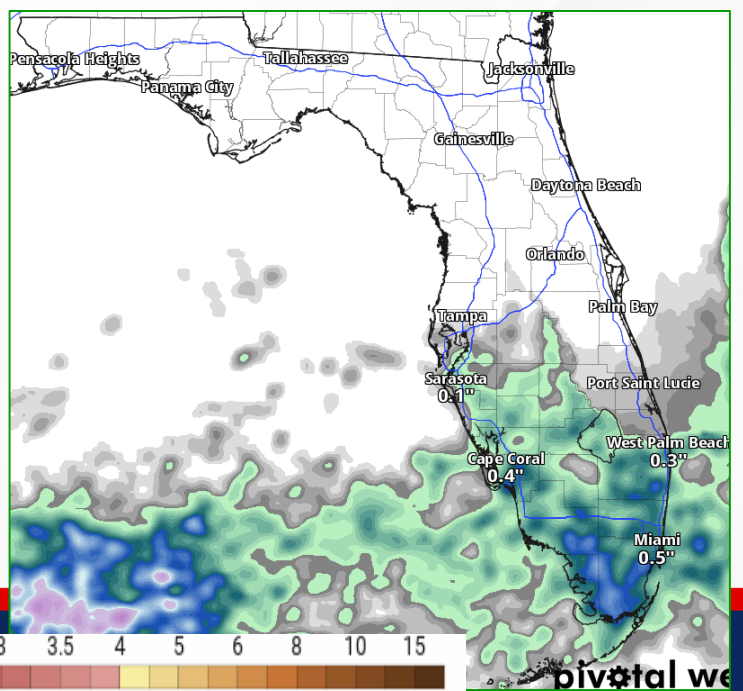
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

24-Hour
Forecast Rainfall

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	M	M
Tornado							
Damaging Wind							
Fog	L	L	L	L			
Flash Flooding							
Excessive Heat							
River Flooding			H	L	H	M	
Wildfire	L	L					
Rip Currents	M	H	M	L	M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	14.90 ft. (0.14 ft. Below Normal)						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	231 (-13) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						





Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A cold front, currently draped near the I-4 corridor, will continue to progress southward through the Peninsula today. In its wake, northerly winds will usher in a drier air mass to North and Central Florida. Rain chances will continue to be near-zero through the weekend, under mostly sunny skies.

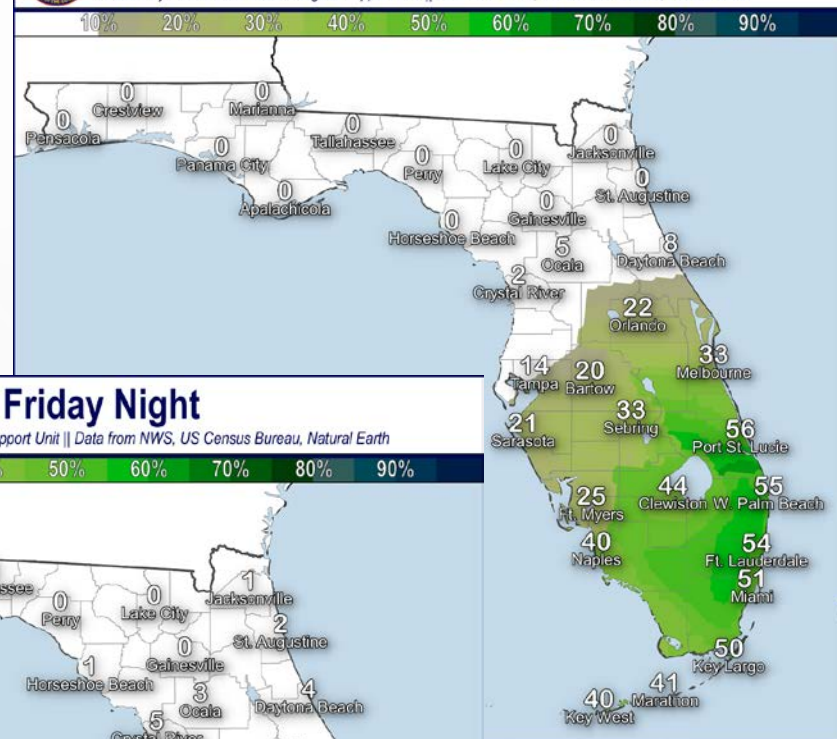
In the Peninsula, scattered showers and thunderstorms look to develop through the afternoon, with the highest chance of rain remaining south of the I-4 corridor (40-60% chance of rain). A few thunderstorms during the peak heating hours of the day may be strong and capable of producing gusty winds, lightning, and heavy downpours. While there is no organized risk for flash flooding, it is important to note many Florida locations along and near the I-4 corridor and across Southwest Florida remain very saturated from historic rainfall produced by Hurricane Ian. Any additional rainfall totals that occur over these locations may lead to a quicker onset of flooding and ponding of roadways. Shower and thunderstorm activity will largely dissipate throughout the evening hours, giving way to partly cloudy skies overnight.

High temperatures will rise into the 80s statewide; however, increased cloud cover and rain chances will keep heat indices in the lower 90s across the southern Peninsula. Low temperatures will fall into the lower to middle 50s across interior North Florida, the 60s along the immediate North Florida coastlines and Central Florida, and the 70s across South Florida. Areas of patchy to locally dense fog may develop across interior North and Central Florida tonight.



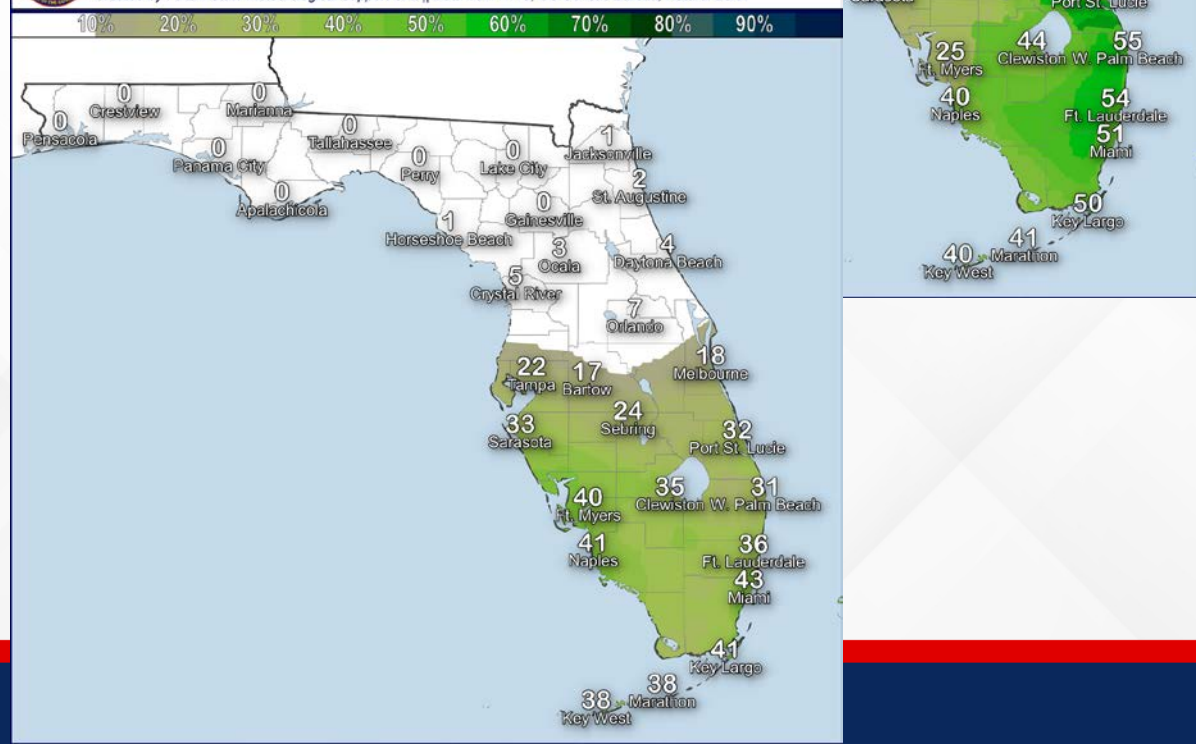
Chance of Rain: Friday

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Chance of Rain: Friday Night

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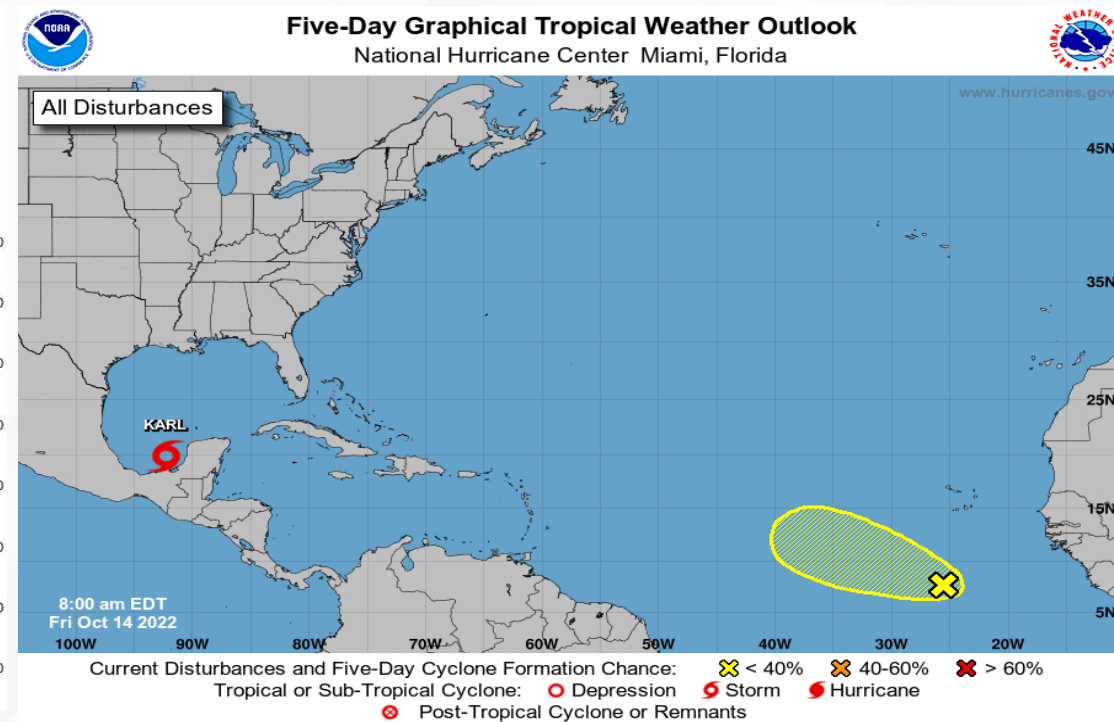
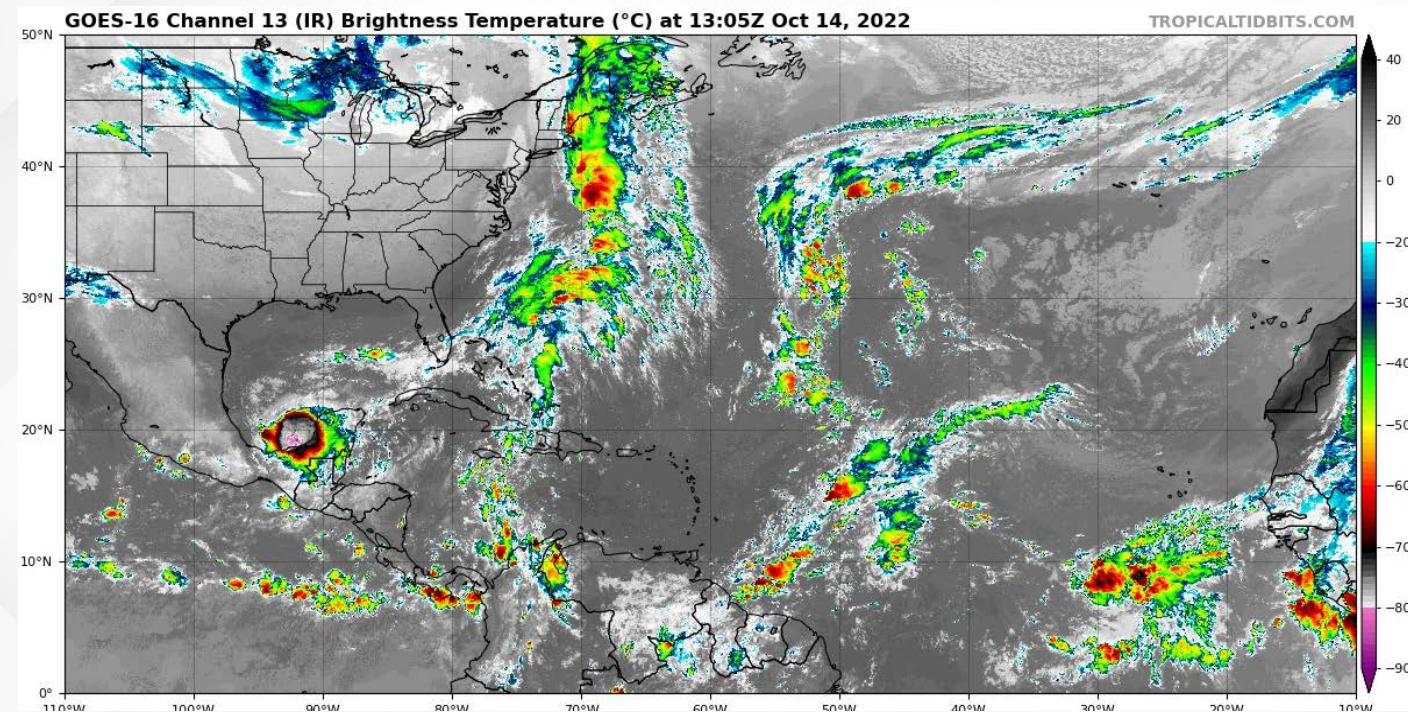


Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Storm Karl: At 8:00 AM EDT, Karl was located 90 miles north-northwest of Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico and moving southeastward at 6 mph. Karl is expected to turn southward or south-southwestward over the Bay of Campeche later today, and is forecast to reach the coast of Mexico late tonight or early Saturday. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph, and little change in strength is expected before the center of Karl reaches the coast. *This system poses no threat to Florida.*

Eastern Atlantic Tropical Wave: An area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms, located several hundred miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands, is associated with a tropical wave. Environmental conditions appear marginally conducive for some gradual development during the next few days while the system moves westward to west-northwestward at 10 mph. By early next week, conditions are forecast to become less favorable as the disturbance is forecast to move into an area of stronger upper-level winds. The NHC is outlooking a 20% (low) chance of development over the next 5 days.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Onshore flow will yield an **elevated rip current risk** along many Atlantic Panhandle coastlines today. A **high risk** can be expected along the Panhandle. A low risk can be expected elsewhere. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

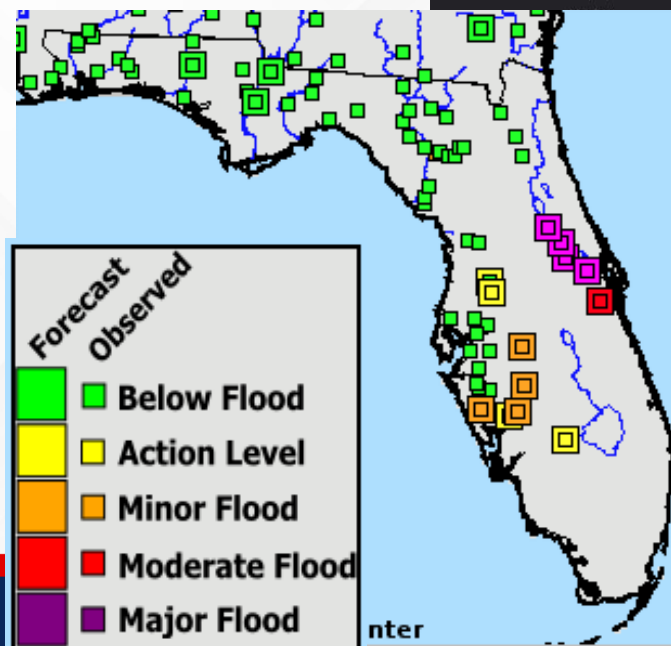
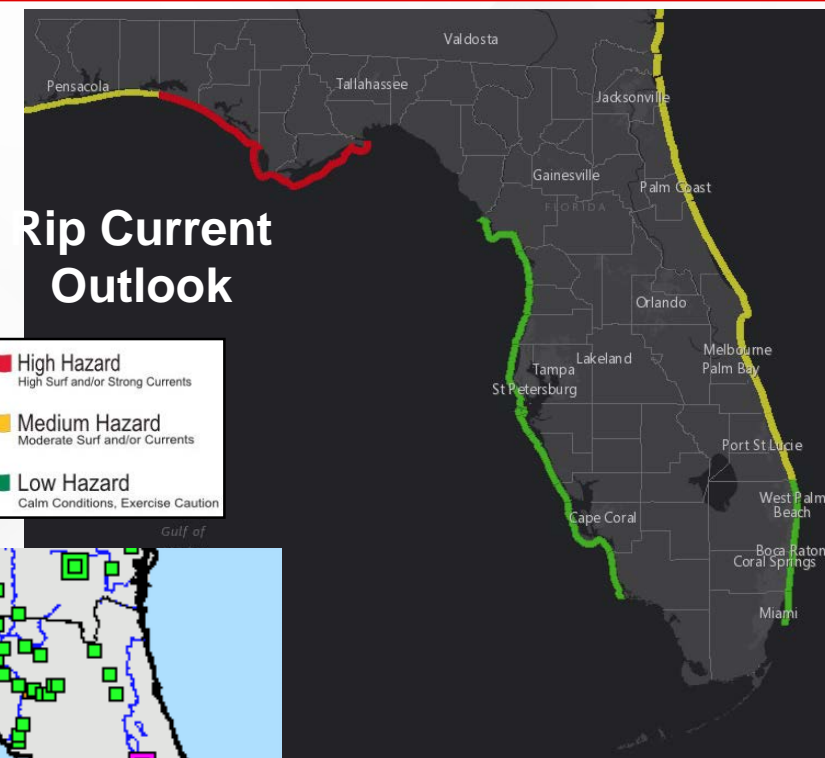
Marine Hazards: **Wave heights** of 1-3' can be expected statewide. **Red Tide** has not been observed along any Florida beaches over the past week.

Coastal Flooding: Tides continue to run above normal along the St. Johns River basin, with a **Coastal Flood Advisory** remaining in effect for inland St. Johns and Flagler, eastern Clay, eastern Putnam, and south-central Duval Counties. Tides along portions of the Florida Keys continue to run slightly above normal, isolated minor coastal flooding cannot be ruled out.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. However, any shower or thunderstorm that develops today will be capable of producing locally heavy rainfall rates. Ground remains very saturated across Southwest Florida and along the I-4 corridor, any additional shower and thunderstorm activity may lead to a quicker onset of flooding and ponding of water on roadways.

Riverine Flooding: **River Flood Warnings** remain in effect for the [Peace River at Bartow](#), [Zolfo Springs](#) and [Arcadia](#), the [Myakka River at Myakka State Park](#), and the St. Johns River at [Cocoa](#), [Lake Harney](#), [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Astor](#). West Florida rivers have fallen into **minor flood stage** after reaching record **Moderate to major flooding** continues along the St. Johns. For more details on specific river levels, please visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.90 feet, which is within the operational band and 0.14 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



Current & Forecast River Levels

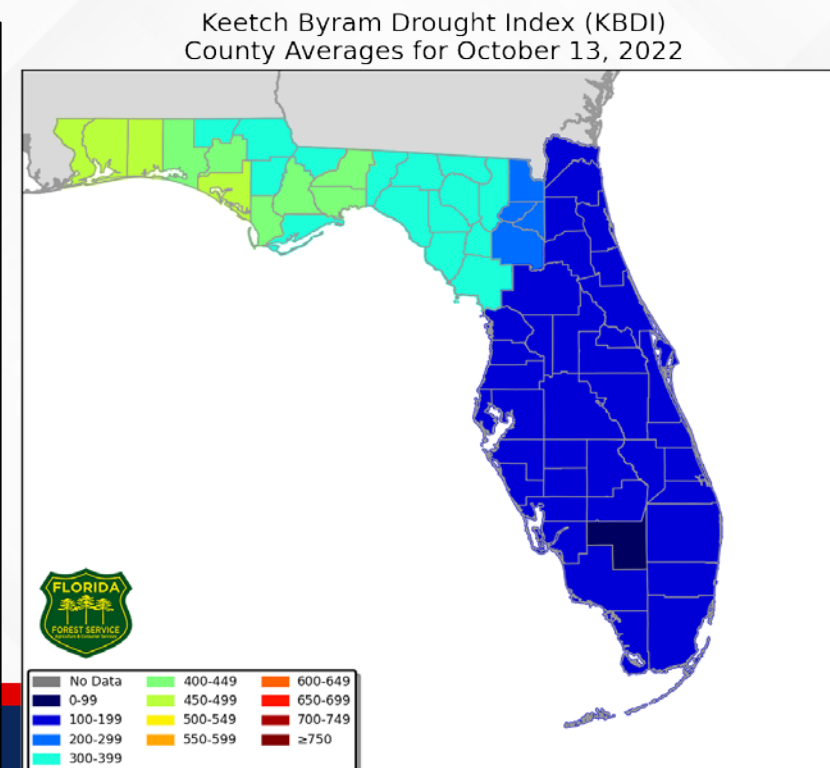
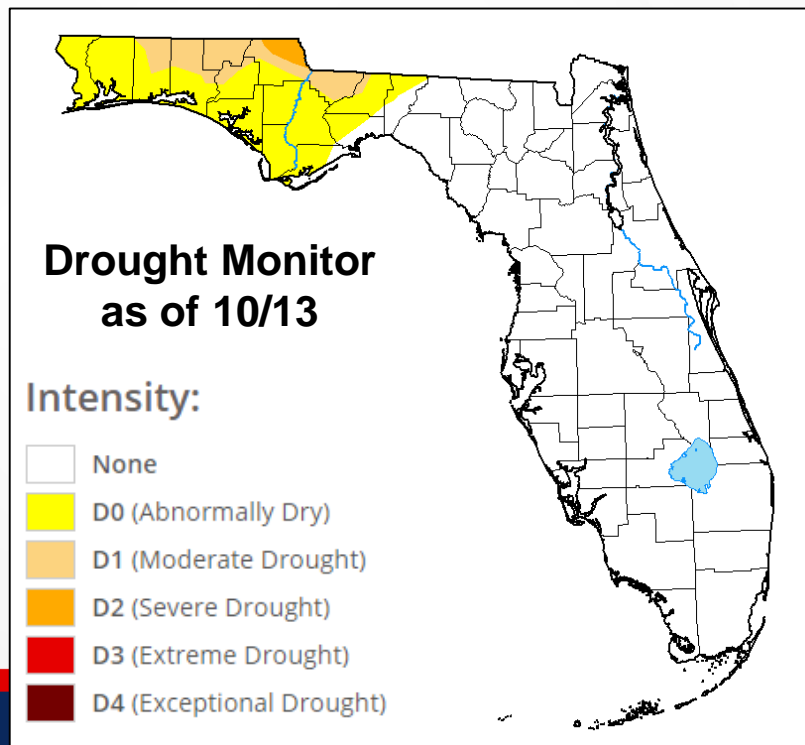
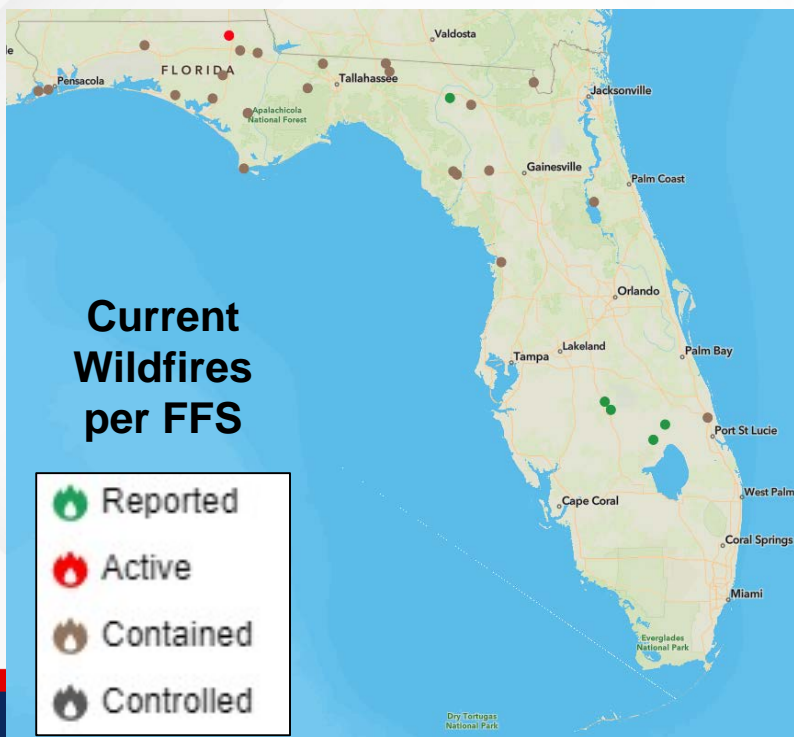


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: In the wake of yesterday's cold front, northerly winds will usher in a drier air mass across North Florida, with relative humidity values reaching 20-40% this afternoon. Despite increasing drought and drying soils/fuels, a lighter wind regime and yesterday's wetting rains will work to keep the wildfire threat lower. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 25 active wildfires across the state, burning an approximate 200 acres.

Drought: The lack of rainfall across the Panhandle has resulted in an expansion of Abnormal Dryness (*emerging drought*) and **moderate drought** across the Panhandle on this week's updated Drought Monitor. Drying soils and vegetation, combined with increasing 30-day rainfall deficits, have supported the introduction of **severe drought** across interior Jackson County. Elsewhere drought-free conditions continue across the state following historic rainfall from Hurricane Ian.

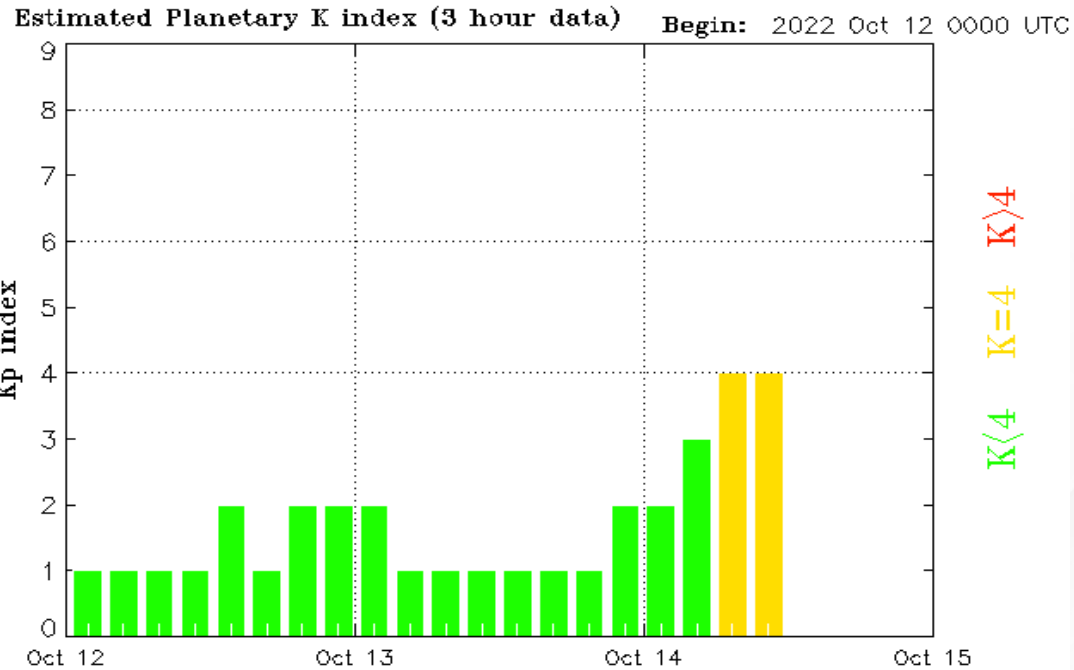
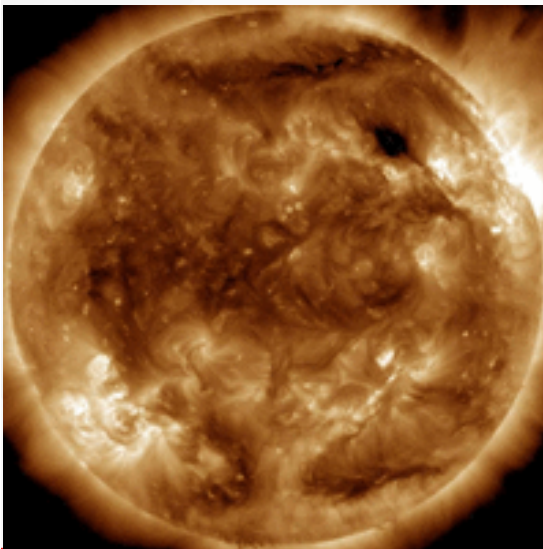
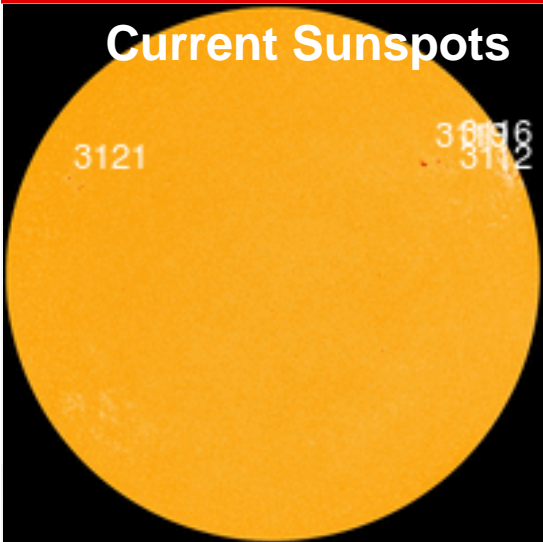
[The Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **231 (-13)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **one** county (Okaloosa County) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts

48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
10/14	10/15
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Low solar activity is expected, with a chance for solar flares (M-class) as Sunspot #3112 transits the northwest limb. Minor to moderate radio blackouts may accompany the strongest solar flare activity. Nominal solar wind conditions are expected through the end of the week, and geomagnetic storming is not anticipated. 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	
Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
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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