



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Thursday, November 24, 2022



# State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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# Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Jim Roberts	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 2: Willie Bouie	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 3: Pam Bergstrom	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 4: Paul Siddall	In Region	Off and Monitoring
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	Off and Monitoring
RC Manager	N/A	N/A
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Claudia Baker	In Region	Off and Monitoring



RC 7 is providing coverage for Collier, Hendry, Okeechobee, and Glades.  
RC 4 is providing coverage for Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Highlands, Charlotte, and Lee.

RC Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Out of Region / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
RRCT Manager	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 5: Shannon Hagan	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: VACANT	N/A	Not Available / See Coverage
Region 7: Dana McGeehan	In Region	Off & Monitoring

RRC 1 is covering for RRC 2

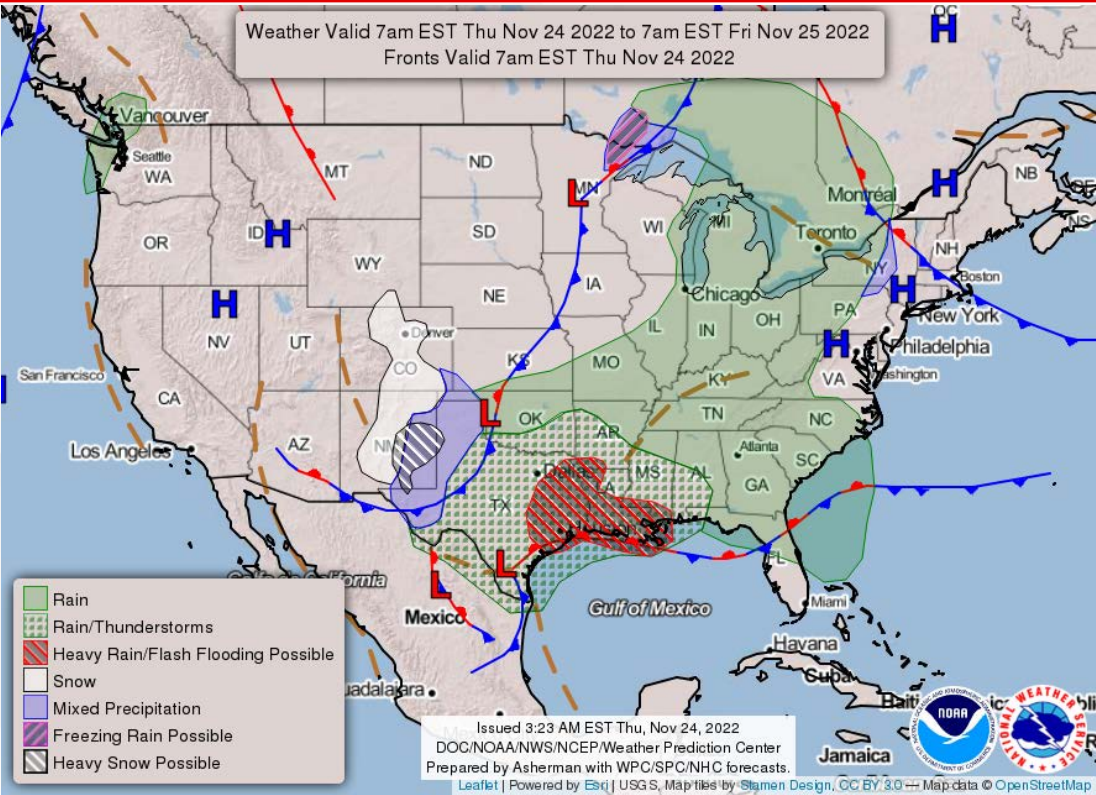
RRC 2 is covering for RRC 6

RRC Status
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Out of Region / Delayed Response
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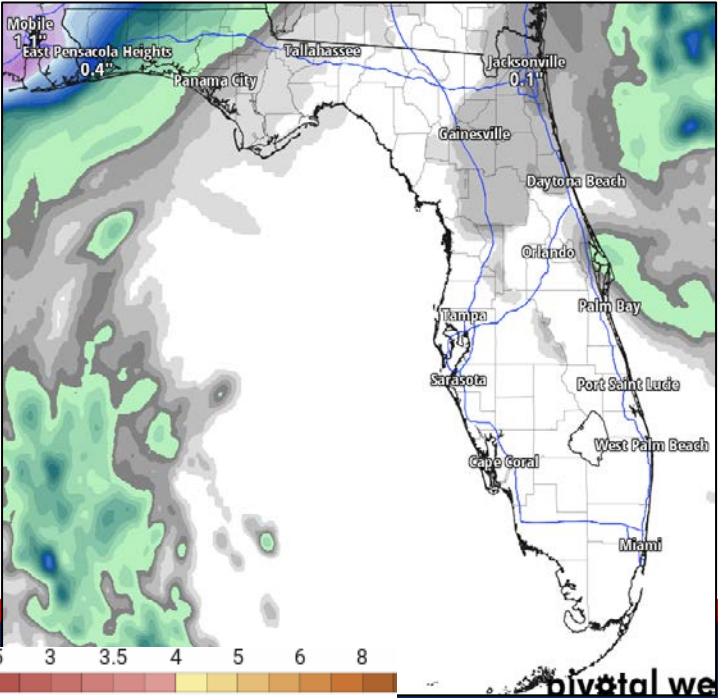
# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

24-Hour  
Rainfall Totals

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning	L		L		L		
Tornado							
Damaging Wind							
Fog		M	H	M	H	L	L
Flash Flooding							
Freeze							
River Flooding			M		H		
Wildfire	L	L					
Rip Currents	M	M	H	L	H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	16.37 ft. (1.48 ft. Above Normal)						
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	225 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)						



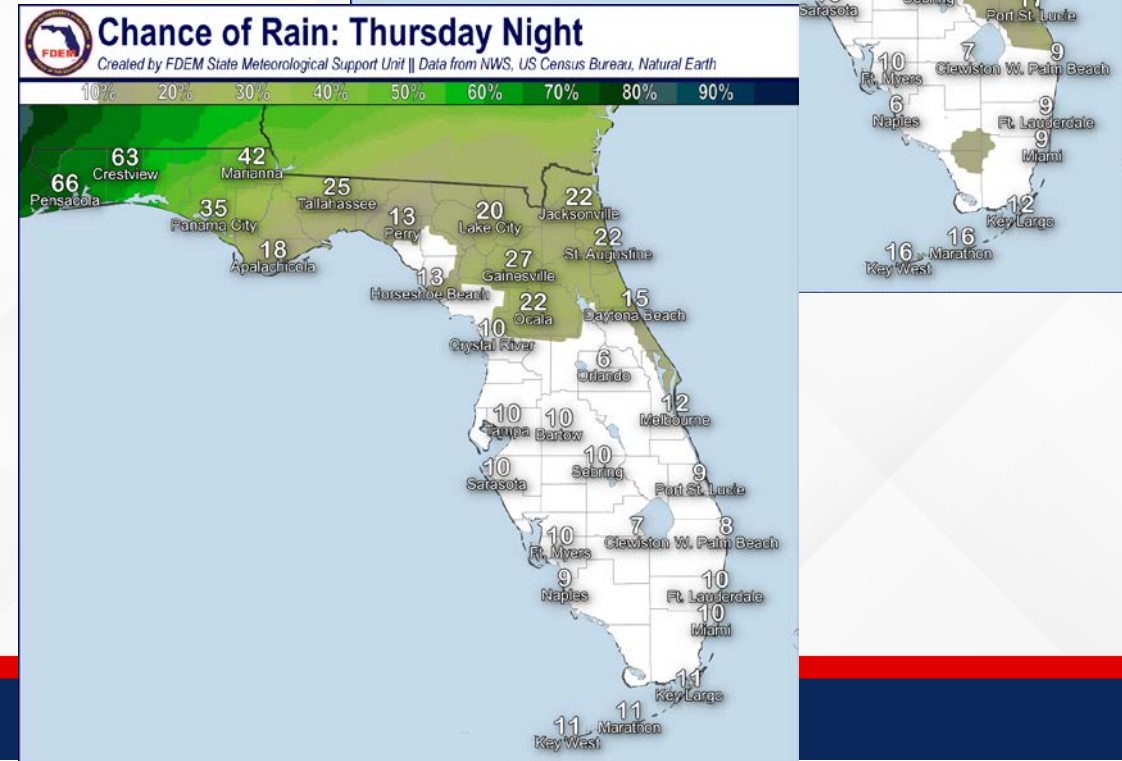
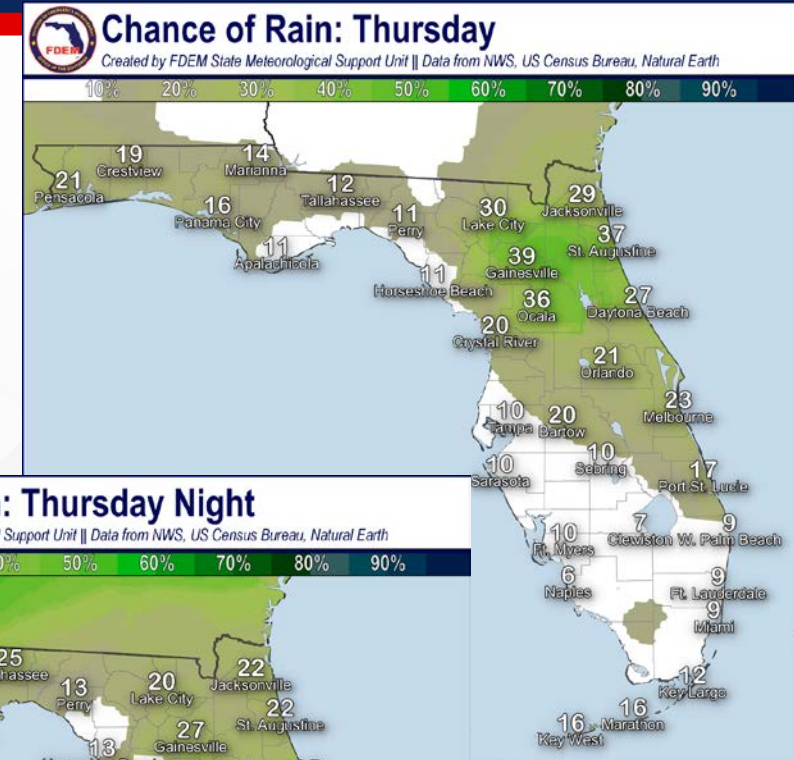


# Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Ongoing foggy conditions across the Peninsula will gradually dissipate mid-morning and give way to a partly cloudy day in the Sunshine State. Scattered showers will continue to expand across the eastern Peninsula, courtesy of a weak warm front slowly lifting northward along the I-75 corridor. Rain chances of 25-40% can be expected regionwide, with the heaviest rainfall chances residing along the East Coast and over the Suwannee River Valley. A thunderstorm or two cannot be ruled out during the peak heating hours of the day, especially for locations closer to the coastline; however, severe weather is not anticipated to accompany this activity. Given the scattered rain chances and increased cloud cover, high temperatures this afternoon will remain in the 70s across North Florida and will reach the lower to middle 80s across Central Florida.

Rain chances will gradually increase over the western Panhandle through the overnight hours as a frontal boundary begins to move onshore (45-65% chance of rain). This will ultimately set the stage for a wet and stormy Friday in the Panhandle. The primary concern tonight will be the development of low clouds and **patchy to locally dense fog** stretching from the Suwannee River Valley through the Peninsula as lingering moisture and light winds yield rather favorable conditions. Be alert for rapidly changing and reducing visibilities across many Florida roadways, especially with the increase in holiday traffic. Temperatures tonight will remain relatively mild, with lows reaching the 50s to 60s across North and Central Florida, and the 70s across South Florida.



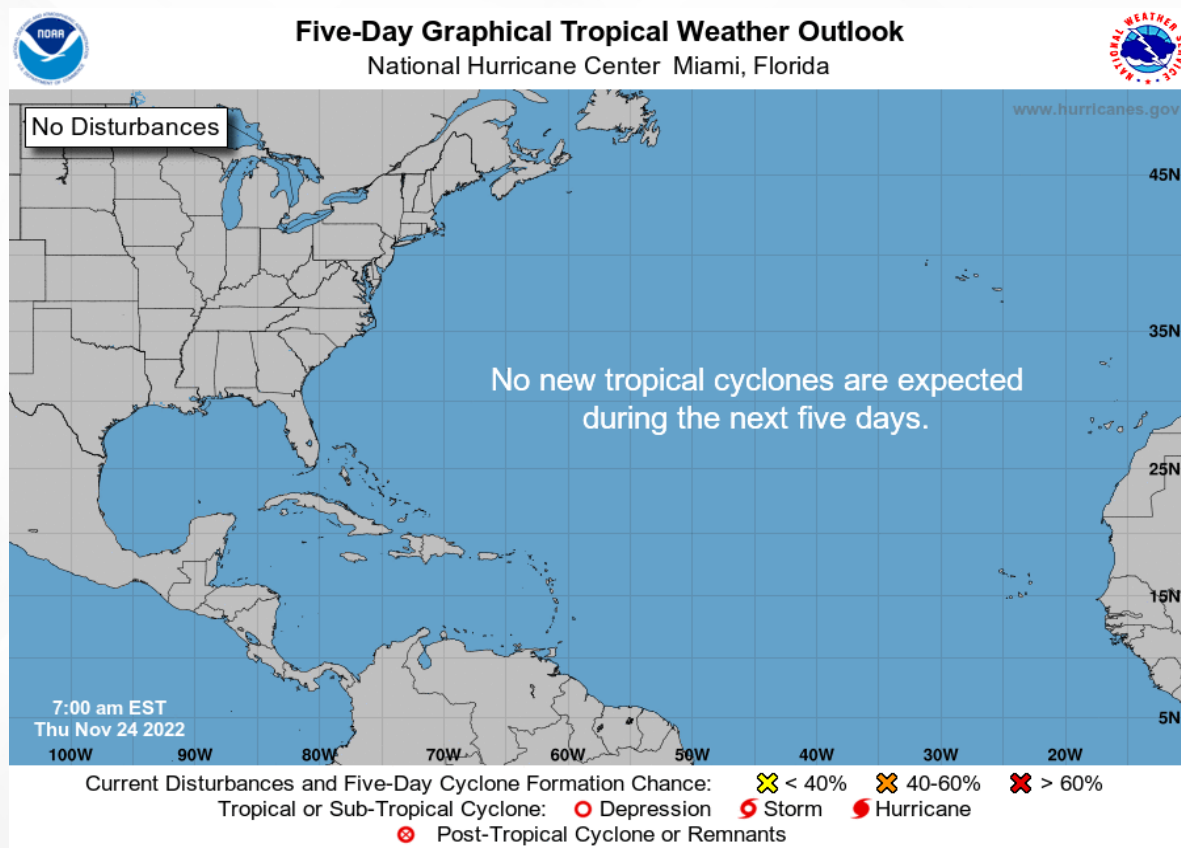




# Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).

## Tropical cyclone development is not expected over the next 5 days.







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **high risk for rip currents** continues for many Atlantic Coast beaches. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is in effect for portions of Southeast Florida and the Panhandle. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

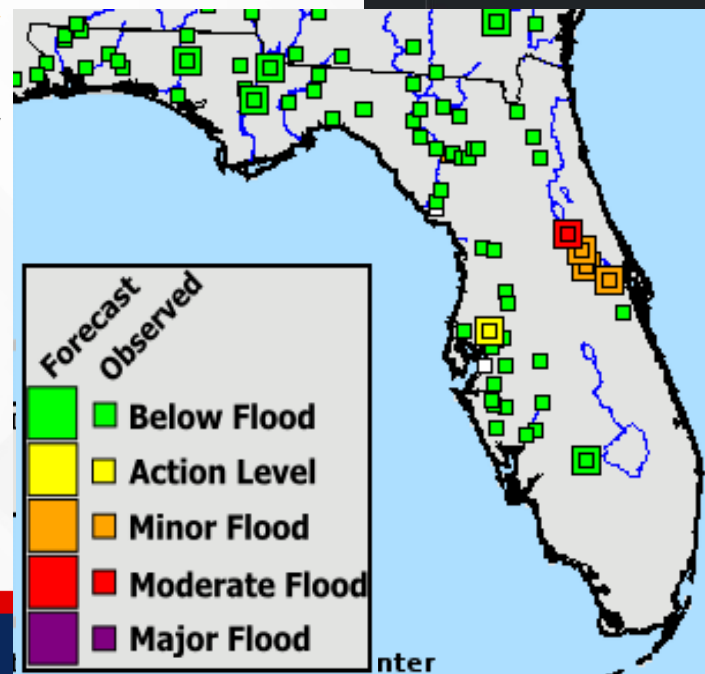
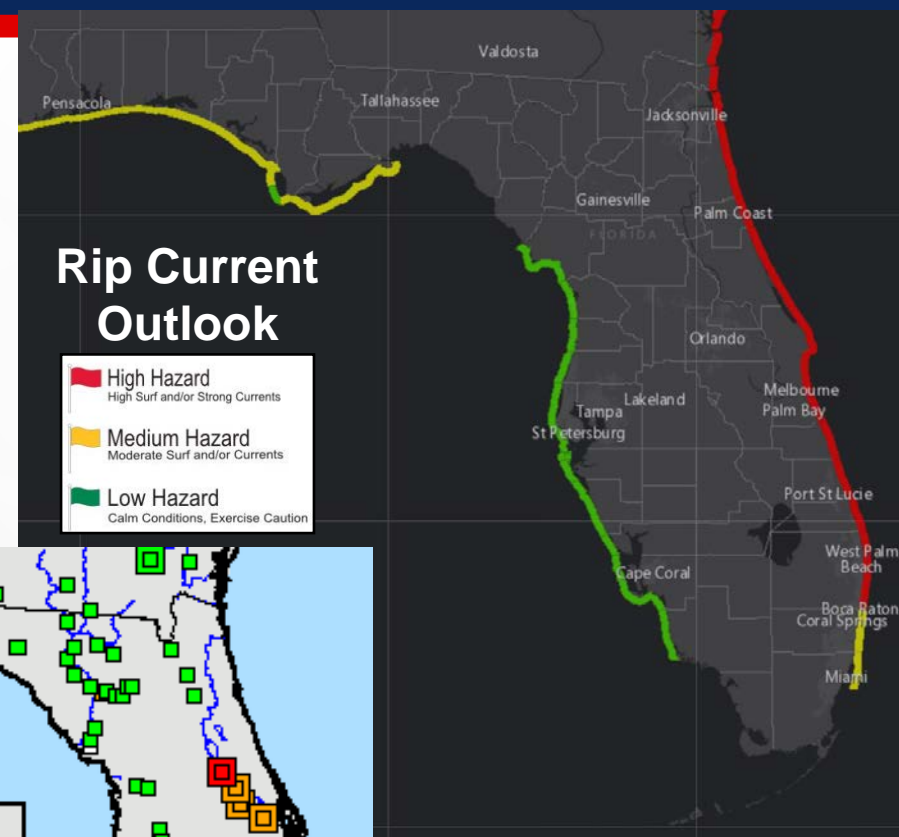
**Marine Hazards:** Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected in the Gulf. Breakers in the surf zone may reach 3-5' along portions of Northeast Florida, with an isolated wave height reaching 6'. Elsewhere along the East Coast, wave heights of 2-4' can be expected. **Red Tide** has been observed at **medium to high concentration** along Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties.

**Coastal Flooding:** A **Coastal Flood Statement** remains in effect for portions of South and East Florida as tides are running 1-1.5' above normal. **Minor flooding** will be possible at times of high tide.

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today as shower and thunderstorm activity today will generally be falling over the drought-affected regions of the western Panhandle. Localized rainfall totals tonight of 0.5-1" cannot be ruled out within the more organized activity.

**Riverine Flooding:** **River Flood Warnings** remains in effect for the St. Johns River at [Lake Harney](#), [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Astor](#) where **minor to moderate flooding** is ongoing. Elevated river levels are expected to last into next week. For more details on specific river levels, please visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 16.37 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.48 feet above normal for this time of year.



**Current & Forecast River Levels**

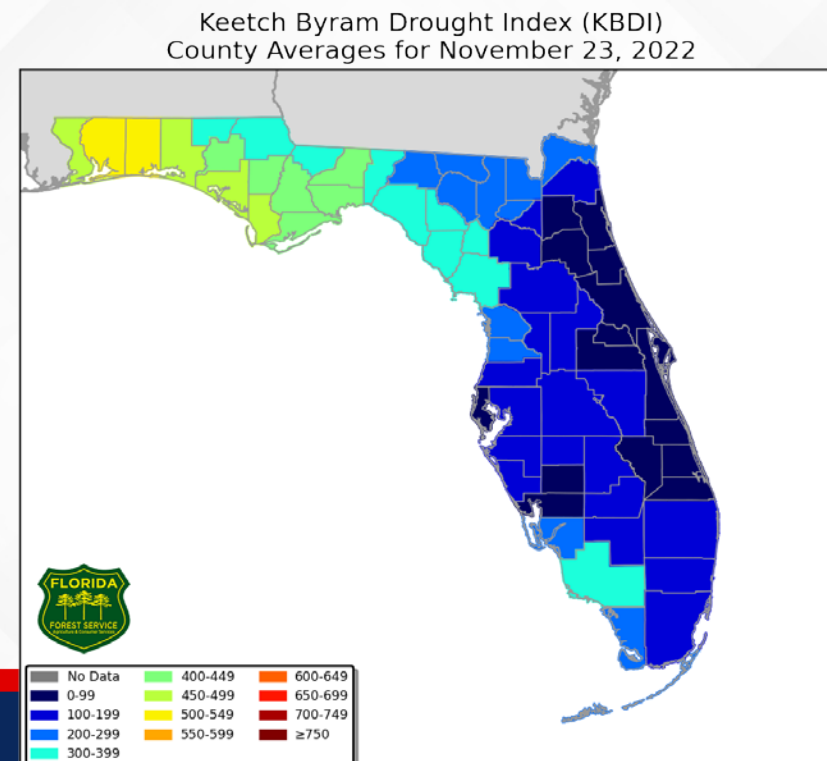
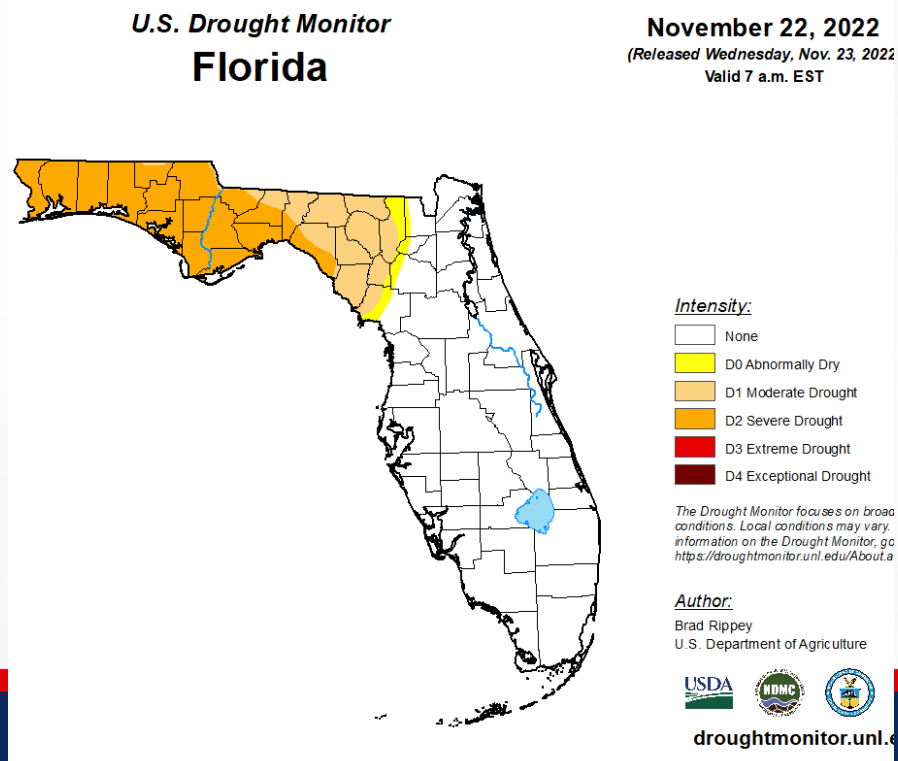
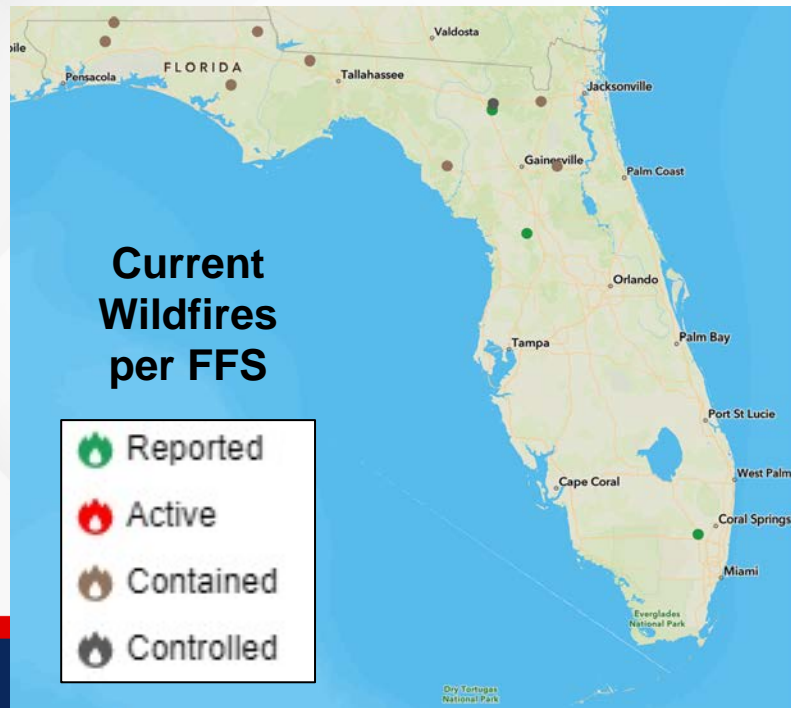


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** The wildfire threat remains very low across the Panhandle and North Florida as relative humidity values remain well-above critical thresholds and winds remain light. This trend is expected to continue for the next several days. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 12 active wildfires across the state, burning an approximate 219 acres.

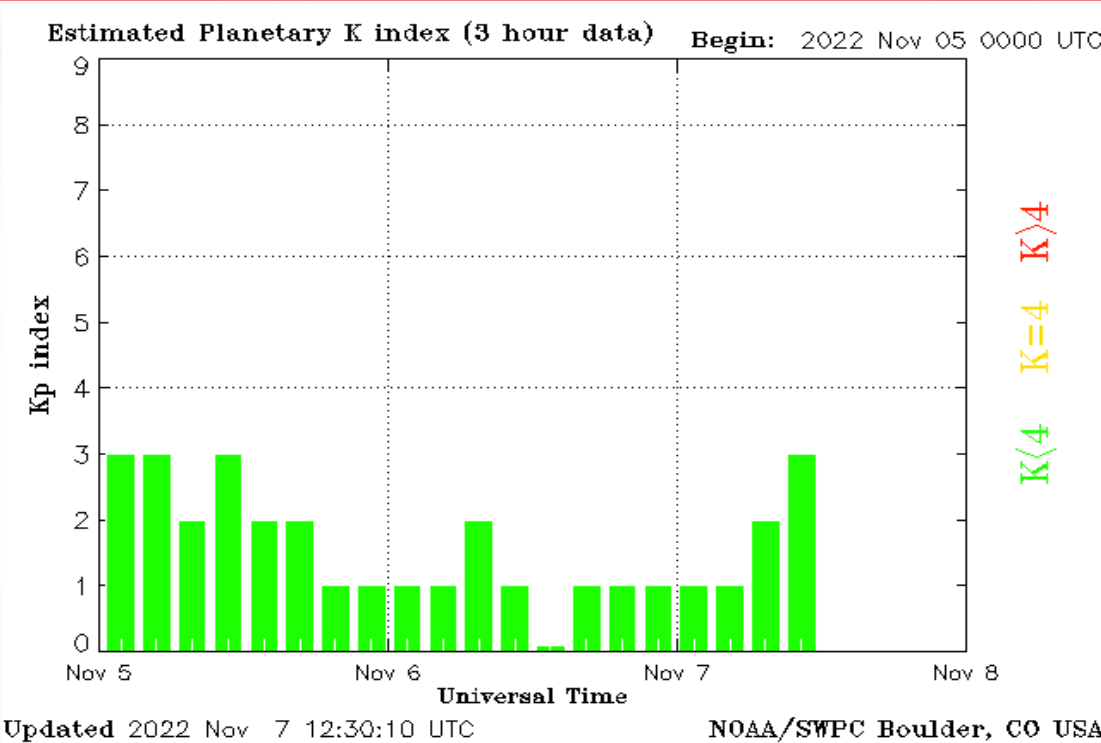
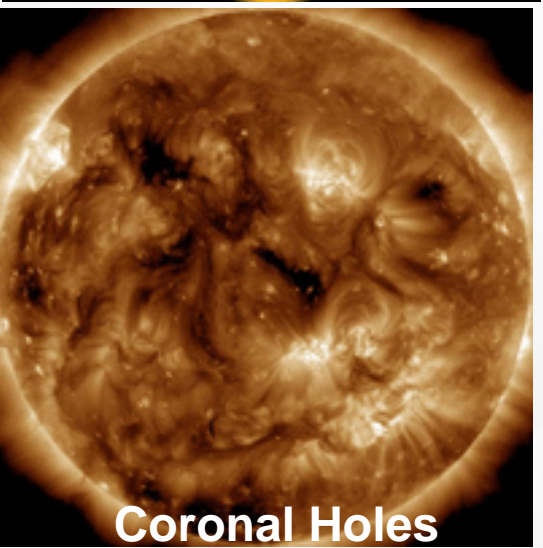
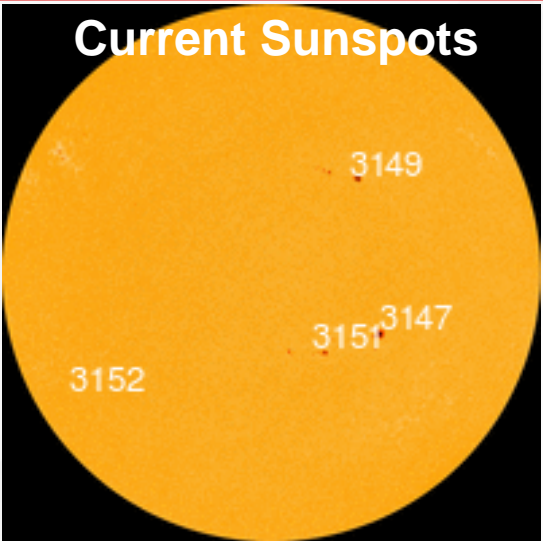
**Drought:** Largely rain-free conditions across the Panhandle has allowed for **moderate to severe drought** to persist on this week's updated Drought Monitor. Rainfall deficits over the past 30 days are now reaching 2-4" over the western portions of the region, with rainfall totals of 1-2" below normal stretching to the Big Bend.

**The Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **225 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **2** counties (Okaloosa, Santa Rosa) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Additional localized areas along the I-10 corridor in the Panhandle have KBDI values over 500.





# Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts
48 Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
11/24		11/25
Max Kp= 4 (G0)		Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is likely to be low, with a slight chance for a strong (M-class) solar flare this week. Solar wind parameters are nominal, with some enhancements likely later today. Isolated minor geomagnetic storms (G1) cannot be ruled out over the next few days, but the space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	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	
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