



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Sunday, November 24, 2024



# State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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# Response Regional Coordination Team

<b>Region 1:</b> Jim Roberts	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
<b>Region 2:</b> Willie Bouie	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 3:</b> Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 4:</b> James Carter	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 5:</b> Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
<b>Region 6:</b> Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 7:</b> Cristian Rivera	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 8:</b> Mason Kozac	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 9:</b> Theresa Hendry	In Region	On-Call Status
<b>Region 10:</b> Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 1 Coverage Provided by RC 2  
 Region 5 Coverage Provided by RRC 5

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

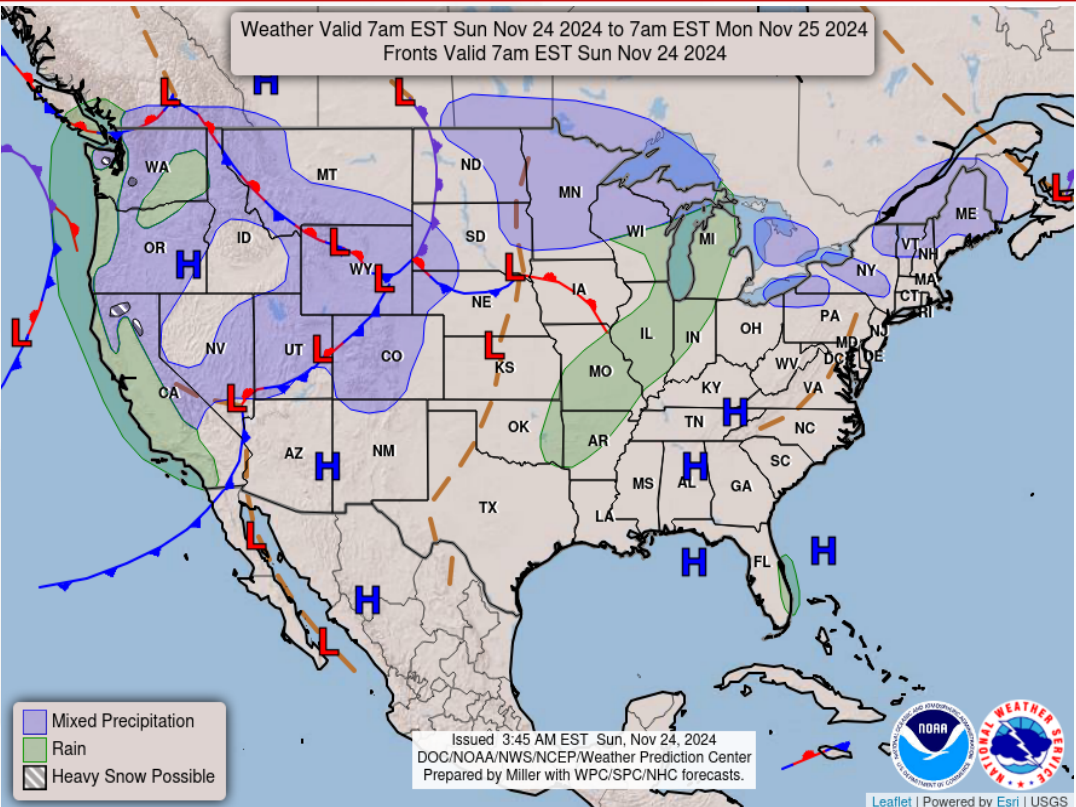
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Out of Region	Leave
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Patrick James	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
RRCT Manager	Out of Region	Leave
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Kathryn Thompson	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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



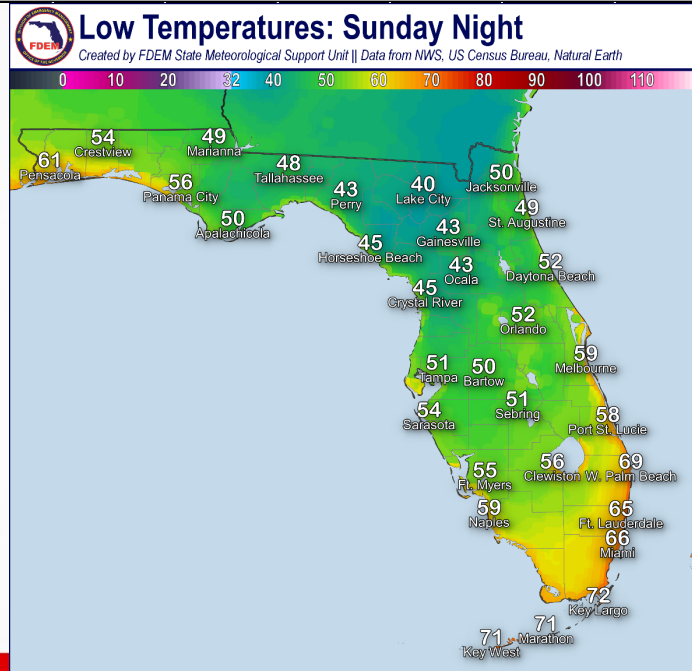
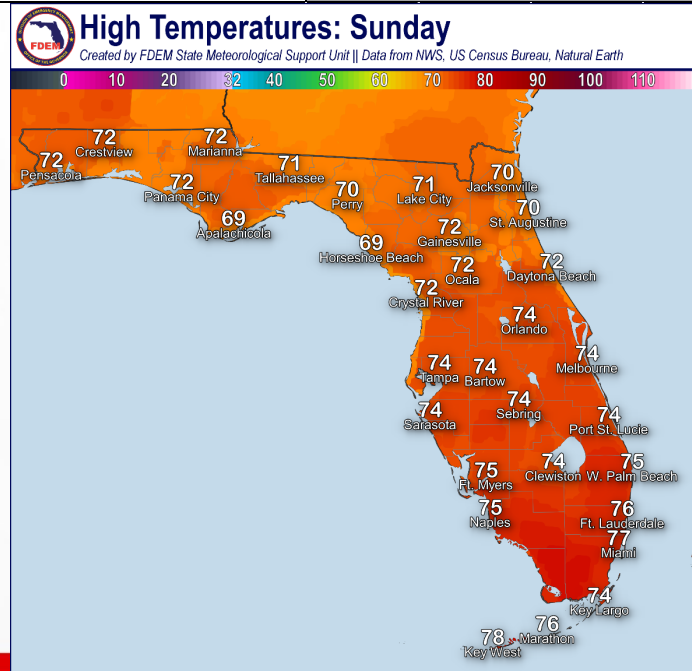


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind/Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Coastal Flooding										
Riverine Flooding					L	L				
Fire Weather		L	L	L	L	L				
Freeze (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	M	L	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	15.93 ft. (1.04 ft. Above Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	339 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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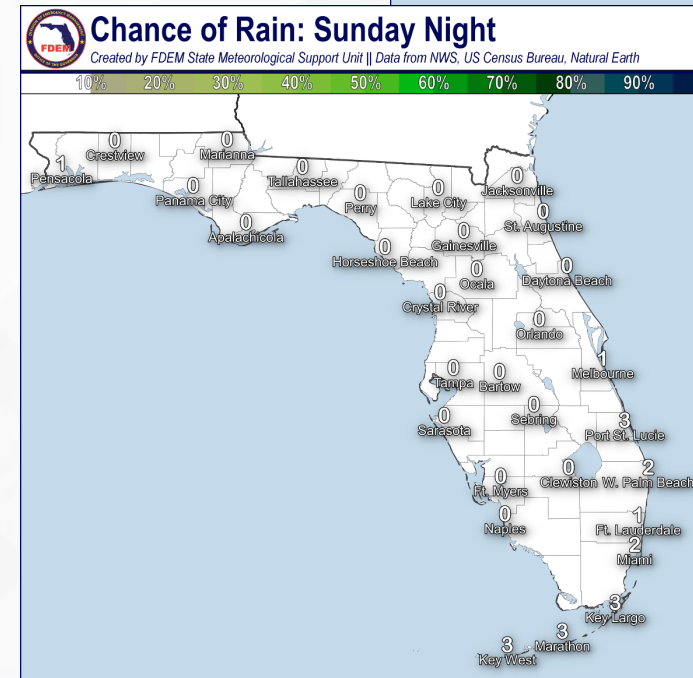
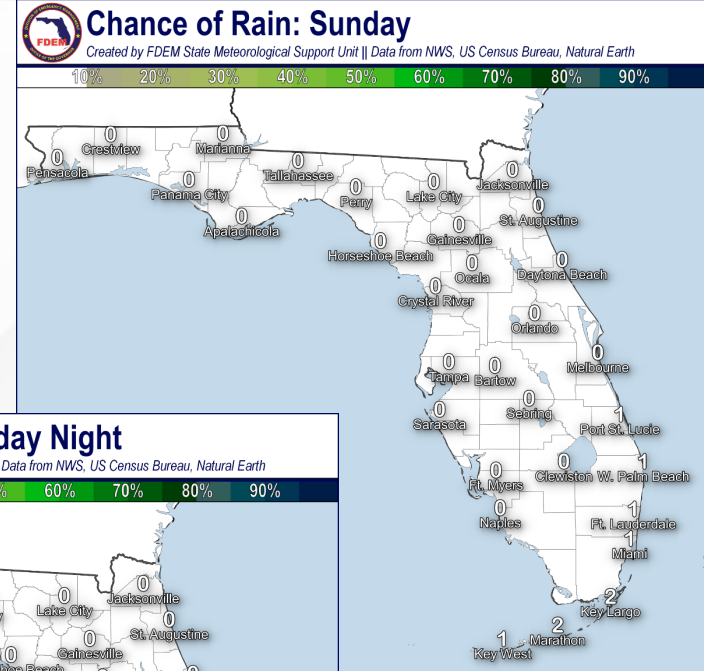
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will settle in across the Southeast U.S. today keeping conditions mostly dry and sunny throughout the state (near 0% chance of rain). Calm winds and wind gusts will return statewide keeping conditions pleasant. **Locally sensitive to sensitive wildfire conditions** can be expected to develop throughout the Big Bend and extend southward into Central Florida this afternoon as relative humidity values will fall **near or below critical thresholds (30-45%)**.

High temperatures will warm up into the upper 60s to low 70s across North Florida, middle 70s across Central Florida and middle to upper 70s across South Florida and the Keys.

Mostly quiet and dry conditions will continue into the overnight hours throughout the state. Calm winds and mostly clear skies may lead to instances of **patchy to locally dense fog and low clouds** across the Big Bend, Northeast Florida and extending into the northern Peninsula overnight and early Monday morning.

Low temperatures will fall into the 40s across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida and southward through the Nature Coast. Across the rest of North Florida and the Peninsula, low temperatures will fall into the 50s throughout interior areas and 60s along the coastlines.

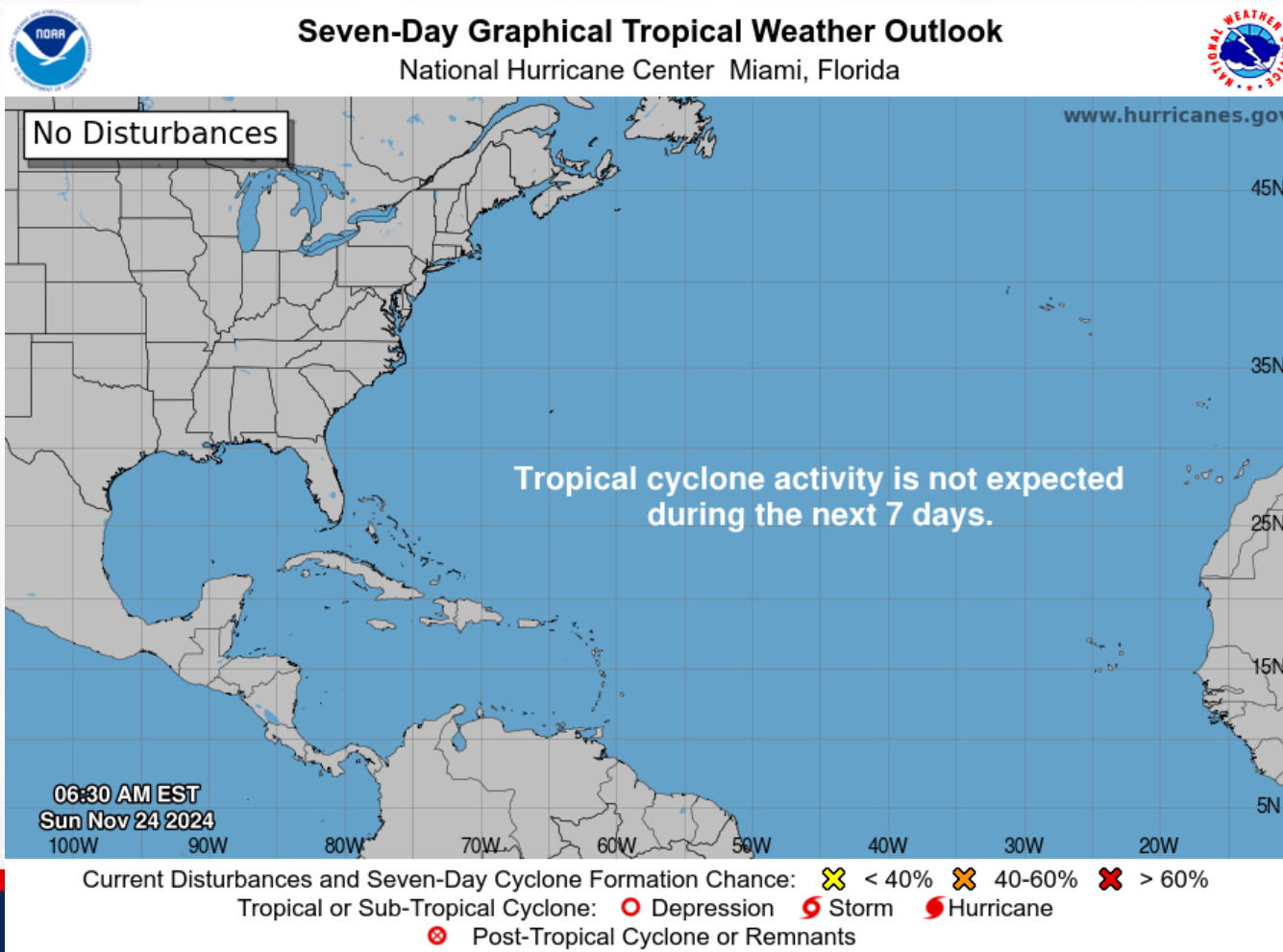




# Tropical Weather

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

**Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.**







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected across numerous Panhandle and East Coast beaches. A low risk returns to the West Coast.. 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 to returns statewide this afternoon.

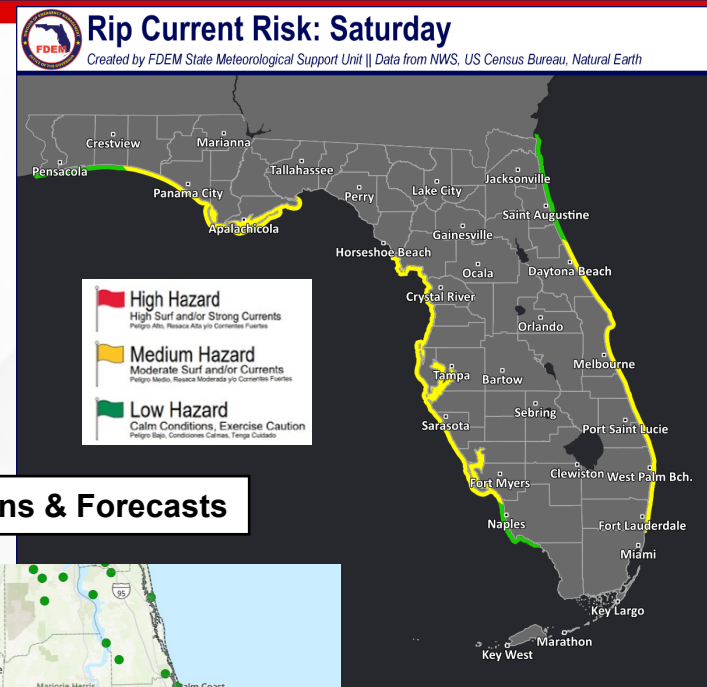
**Red Tide** has been observed in **65** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast over the past week (as of 11/20). Background to **medium concentrations** were observed in and offshore of Pinellas County with **medium concentrations** in and offshore of Hillsborough County, **very low to medium concentrations** in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, background to **low concentrations** in Charlotte County, background to **very low concentrations** offshore of Lee County, background concentrations offshore of Monroe County, **low concentrations** offshore of Citrus County, **very low concentrations** offshore of Hernando County, and background to **low concentrations** offshore of Pasco County. **Fish kills** suspected to be related to red tide were reported along Manatee and Sarasota Counties. **Respiratory irritation** suspected to be related to red tide was reported in Sarasota County.

**Coastal Flooding:** Coastal flooding is not expected today.

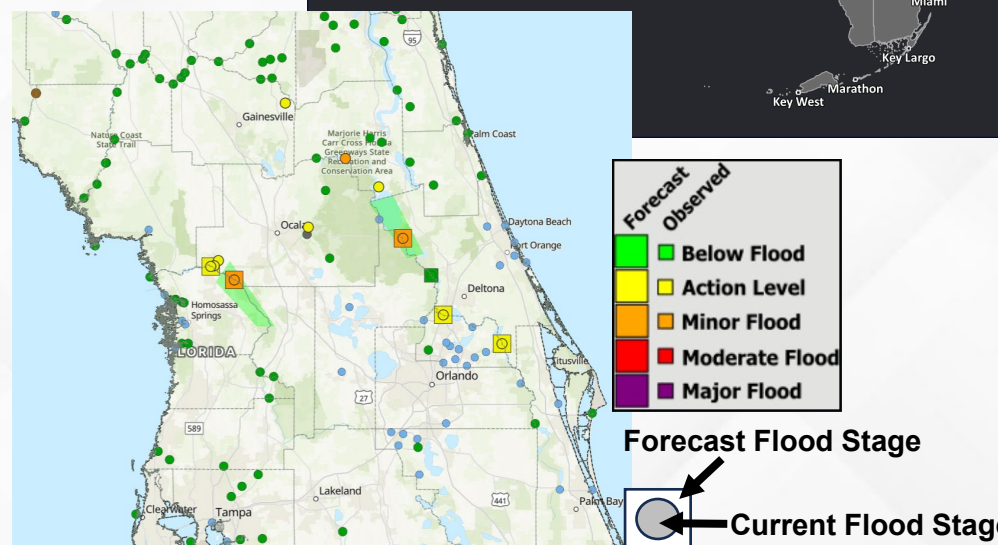
**Flash Flooding:** There is no risk for flash flooding today.

**Riverine Flooding:** **Minor riverine flooding** is ongoing along the [Withlacoochee River near Holder at SR-200](#) and [St. Johns River at Astor](#) in response to Hurricane Milton as water levels slowly decline. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 15.93 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.04 feet above normal for this time of year.



**River Observations & Forecasts**





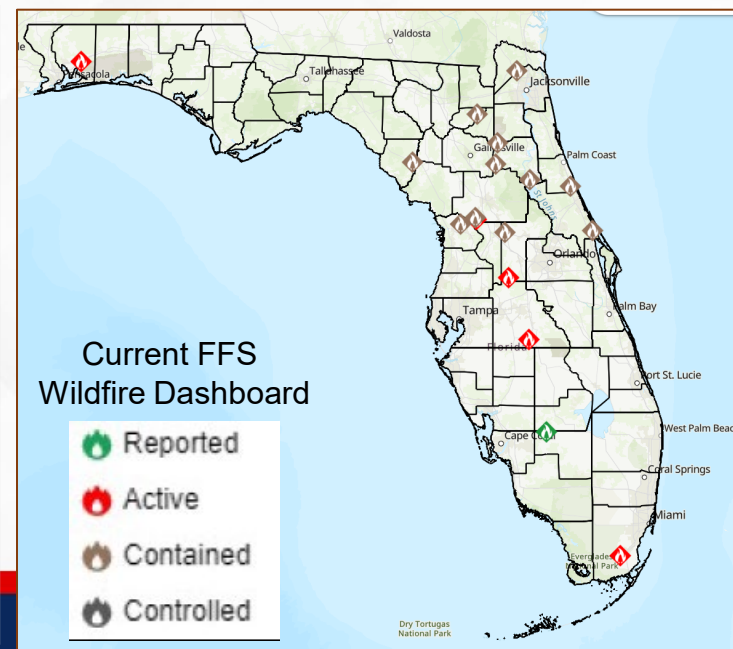
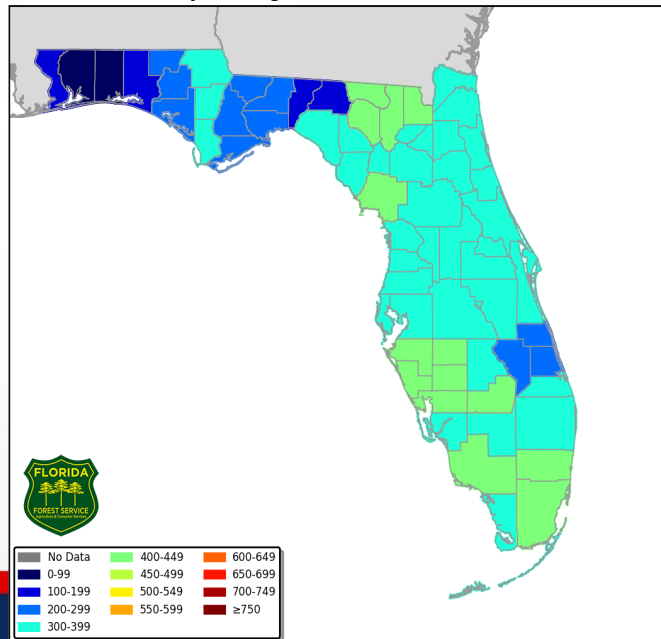
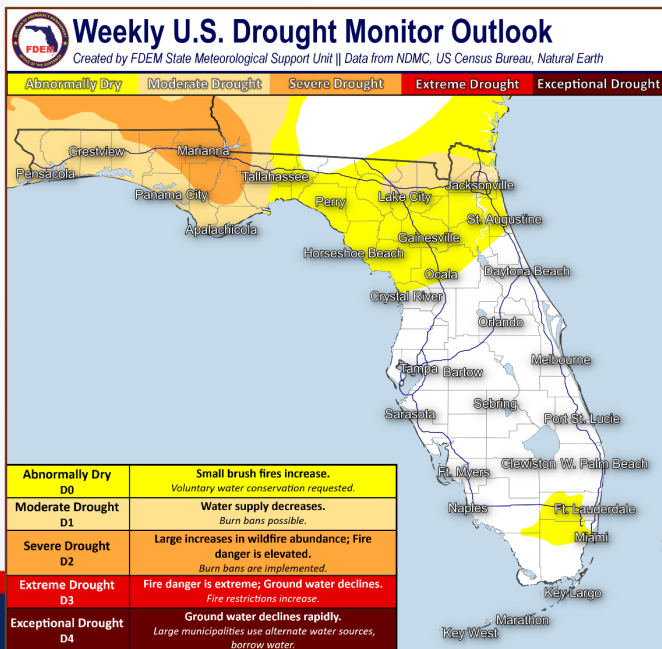
# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** High pressure settle in across the Southeast U.S. states keeping conditions dry statewide. Relative humidity values will fall **near or below critical thresholds** across the Suwannee Valley and extend along the I-75 corridor into Central Florida this afternoon (**30-45%**). **Locally sensitive to sensitive wildfire conditions** can be expected this afternoon across the Panhandle and southward through Central Florida. Calm winds can be expected to return statewide as winds and wind gusts will remain below 10 mph. Patchy to locally dense fog will likely develop overnight and early Monday morning across much of North Florida and the northern Peninsula. Foggy conditions may further reduce visibility where there are ongoing wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 17 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 48 acres.

**Drought:** Dryness and drought conditions persist across North Florida on this week's Drought Monitor update (11/21) as a result of little to no rainfall across the state. **Severe Drought** conditions have shifted eastward and now cover much of the Central Florida Panhandle. **Moderate Drought** conditions remain in place through the rest of the Panhandle and eastward to the Capital City but have also now been introduced in a band along and north of the I-10 Corridor from the I-75 corridor eastward to the East Coast. **Abnormally Dry** (emerging drought) conditions remain in place through the Eastern Big bend and Northern Peninsula and have also been introduced in South Florida in this week's update where rainfall totals ranged from 1/2 to 2/3 of normal for the past couple of months. Above normal temperatures and near to slightly above normal rainfall outlooked over the next week or so may allow for little change in drought conditions over the next week.

**The Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **339 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **no** Florida Counties with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

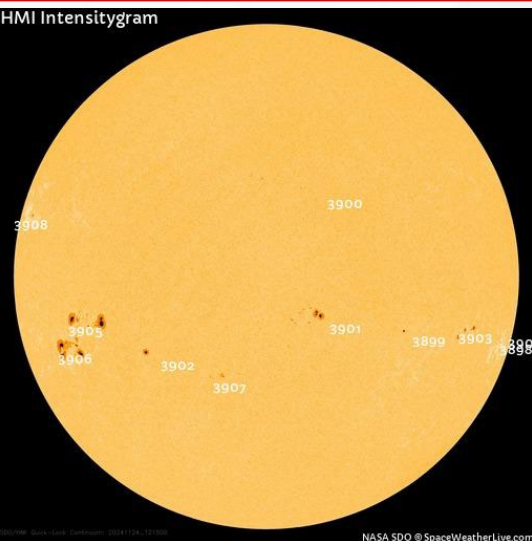
Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)  
County Averages for November 23, 2024



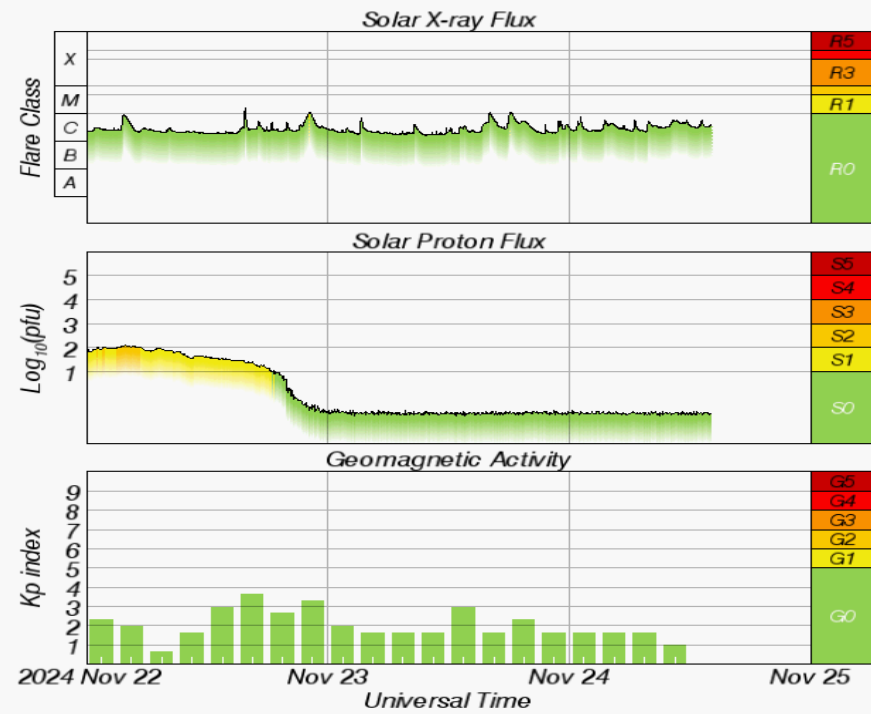




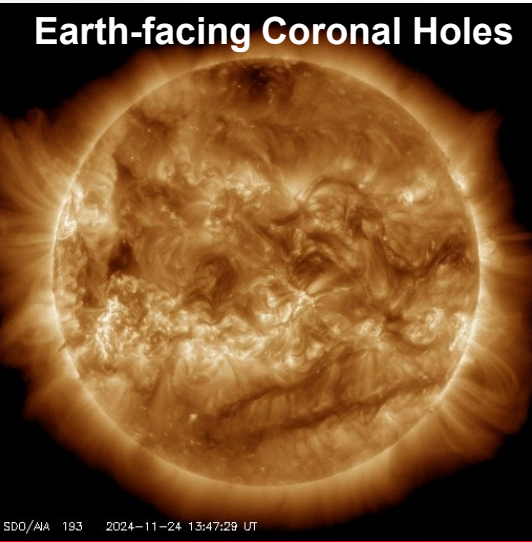
# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
11/24		11/25
Max Kp= 3 (G0)		Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%



**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares through early next week. New sunspots #3905 and #3906 are rapidly growing and could soon pose a threat for M-class solar flares. Any M-class flare that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class flare that develops will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain slightly enhanced through today due to Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) conditions continuing; however, conditions should return to near background levels as the CH HSS wane. Ambient conditions are expected to return on Tuesday. No minor (S1) or greater solar radiation storms are expected. The Earth's geomagnetic field will continue to see quiet to unsettled levels, with a chance for isolated active periods today due to CH HSS conditions. Mostly quiet conditions are expected to return tomorrow and Tuesday. The overall space threat to Florida remains very low.



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<b>Fax:</b>	850-815-4979	Operational	
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
<b>SWO Tracker:</b>	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	Operational	
<b>SLERS:</b>	DEM Statewide	Operational	
<b>FNARS:</b>	WGY974	Operational	
<b>Federal NAWAS:</b>	State Watch Office	Operational	
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