



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, November 26, 2024



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team

Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden	Airport Exercise Planning Mtg / Vehicle Maintenance / Regional Mtg Prep
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor, Gilchrist	EM Visits
Region 4: James Carter	Duval	End of Month Admin
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	On-Call Status
Region 7: Cristian Rivera	Hillsborough	Logistics Trailer Movement
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Indian River	FPL Hazmat Facility Visit
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Lee	FRC Meeting / EM Visit
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	End of Month Admin

Region 2 coverage provided by Region 2 Recovery Coordinator

Region 5 coverage provided by Region 5 Recovery Coordinator



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	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Patrick James	Out of Region	Leave
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	County / FEMA Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Lake / Seminole	CA Introductions
RRCT Manager	In Region	Leave
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Okeechobee	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 9: Kathryn Thompson	Lee	USDA Meeting
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	In Region	Leave

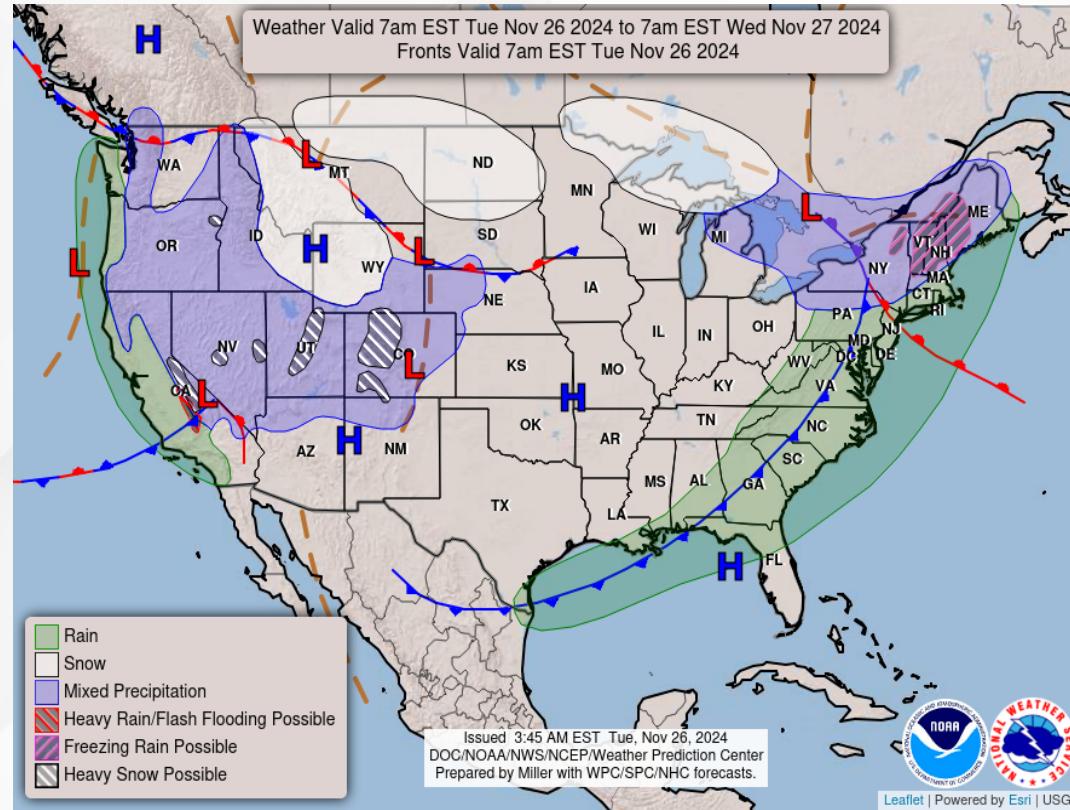
Region 1 and 3 coverage provided by Region 4 Recovery Coordinator

Region 6 and 10 coverage provided by Region 5 Recovery Coordinator

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

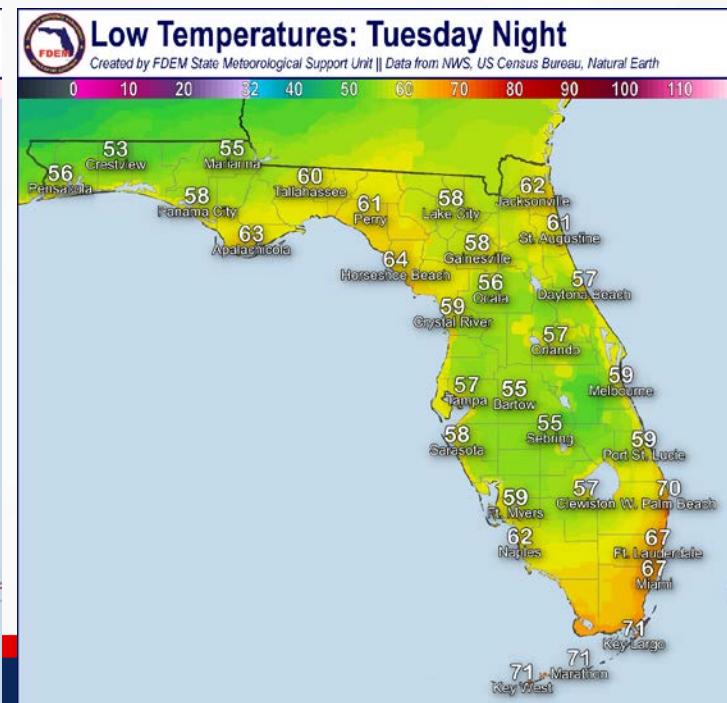
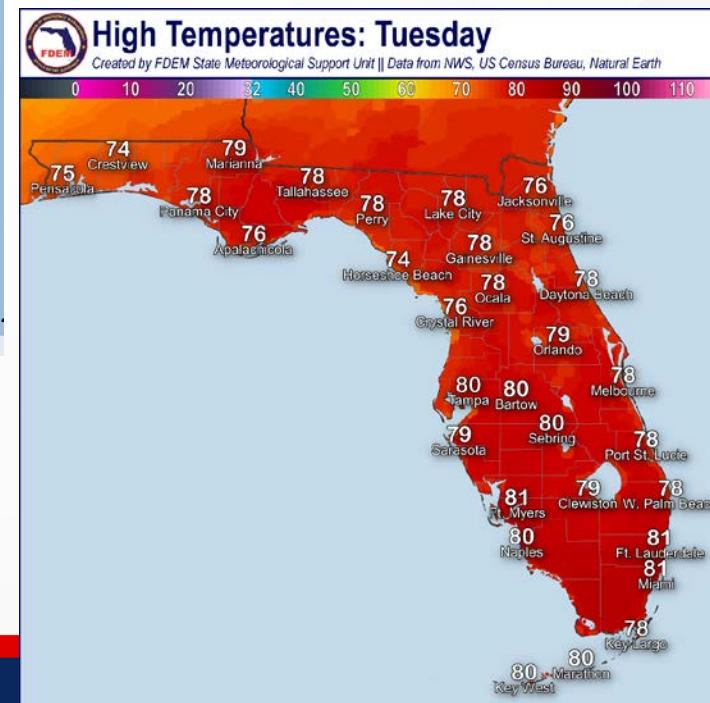


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind/Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Riverine Flooding					L	L				
Fire Weather			L	L						
Freeze (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	M	L	M	L	M	L	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	15.87 ft. (1.01 ft. Above Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	346 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





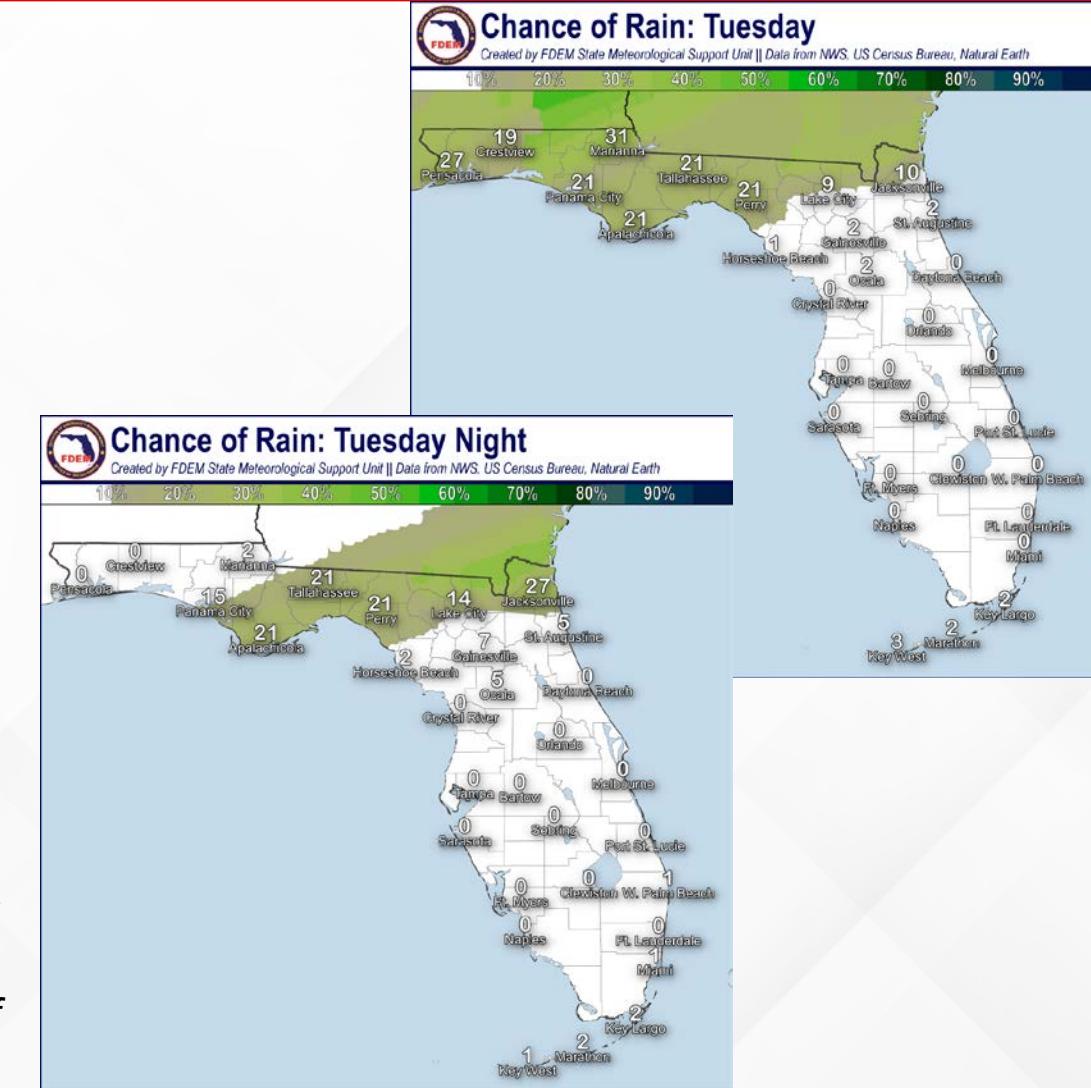
Meteorology Summary

Seattle, Washington, 2024

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of fog throughout the Florida Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley will gradually dissipate through the mid to late morning hours, giving way to a mixture of clouds and sun. A weak cold front will enter the western Florida Panhandle this morning, and advance eastward along the I-10 corridor through the day. Only isolated light showers will develop along and ahead of the front, with rain chances reaching 20-30% along the Florida Panhandle. Rain chances remain near zero throughout the remainder of the Sunshine State, leading to warming temperatures during the afternoon. High temperatures will reach the middle 70s to the lower 80s.

The cold front is expected to stall across North Florida tonight, bringing isolated rain chances to Northeast Florida (15-25% chance of rain) overnight. Residual moisture along and ahead of the stalled frontal boundary will lead to the development of **patchy to locally dense fog** by early Wednesday morning; the greatest chance for **dense fog** looks to reside once again across the Florida Big Bend, Suwannee River Valley, and the interior Nature Coast. Temperatures will remain mild in the 50s and 60s tonight, with some South Florida locations not dropping below the 70-degree mark. If plan on travelling for the Thanksgiving Holiday early Wednesday morning, low visibility could make driving conditions hazardous. *Please slow down, use your low-beam headlights, and leave plenty of distance ahead of you.*

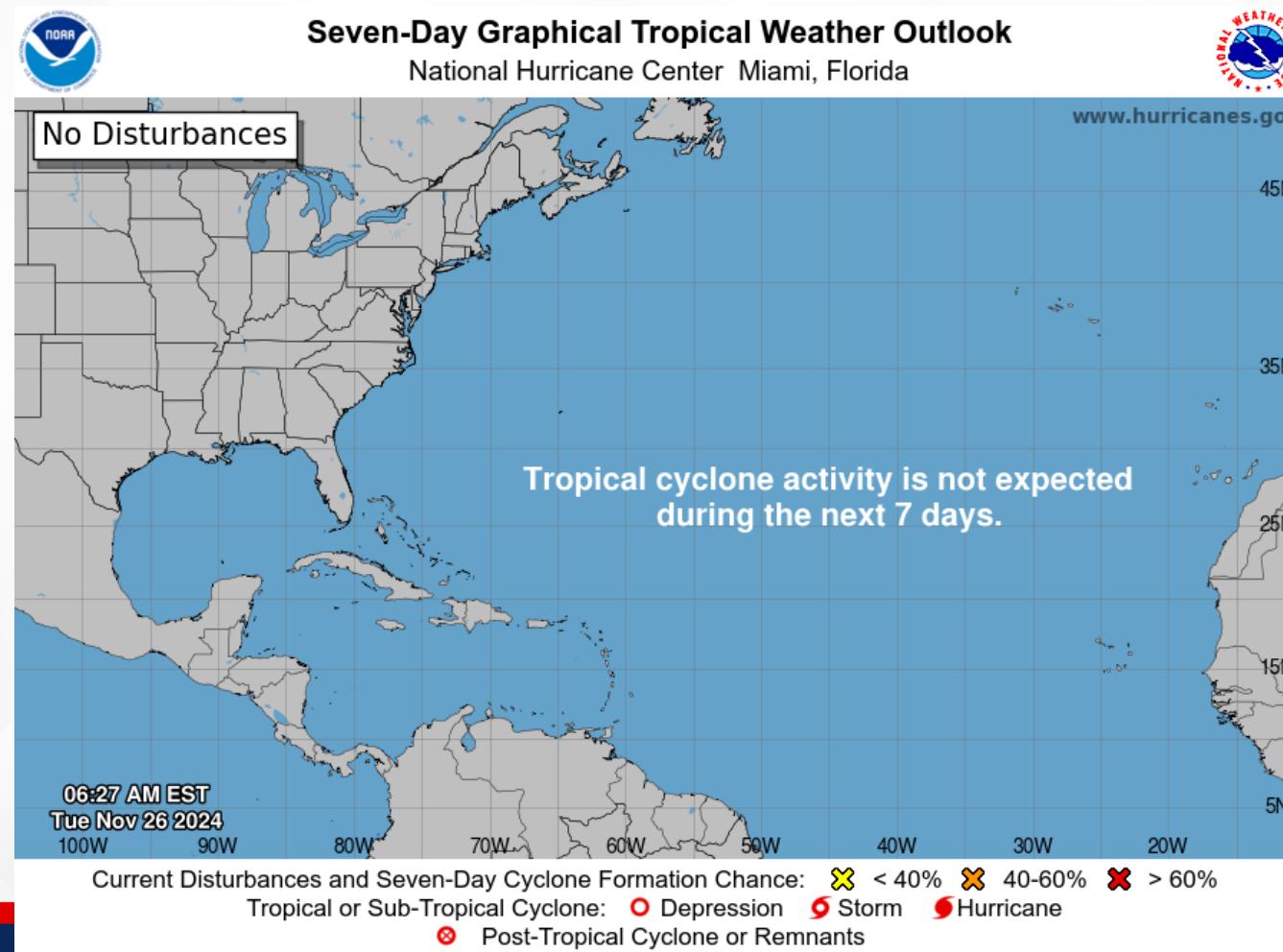




Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at 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 Florida Panhandle and East-Central Florida beaches. Low rip current risk conditions continue for Northeast, Southeast, and West Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected statewide today.

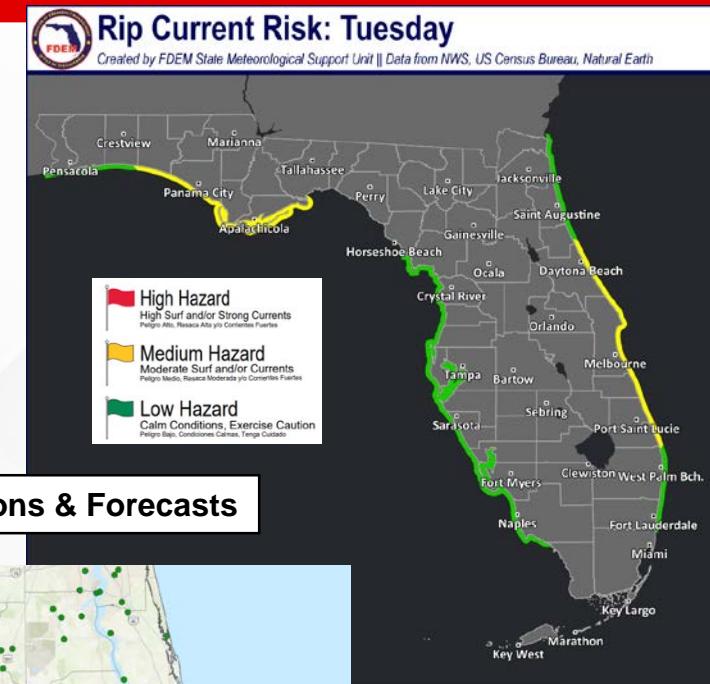
Red Tide has been observed in **65** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast over the past week (as of 11/22). Background to **medium concentrations** have been observed along and offshore of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties. **Low concentrations** have been sampled along and offshore portions of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Charlotte, and Lee Counties, with background concentrations observed offshore of Monroe 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.

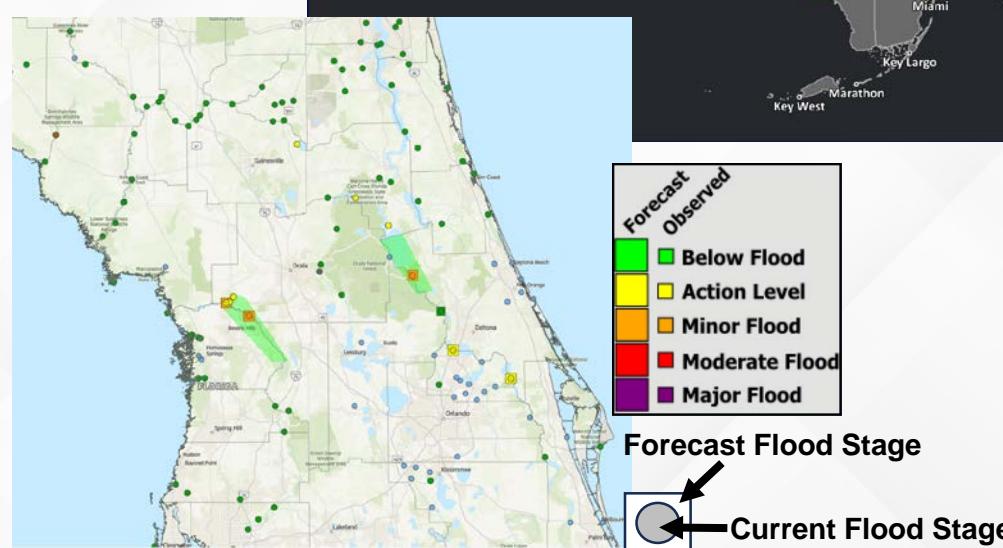
Flash Flooding: There is no risk for flash flooding today.

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. The [Withlacoochee River at Dunnellon](#) is hovering between Action Stage (bank full) and minor flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 15.87 feet, which is within the operational band and 0.99 feet above normal for this time of year.



River Observations & Forecasts



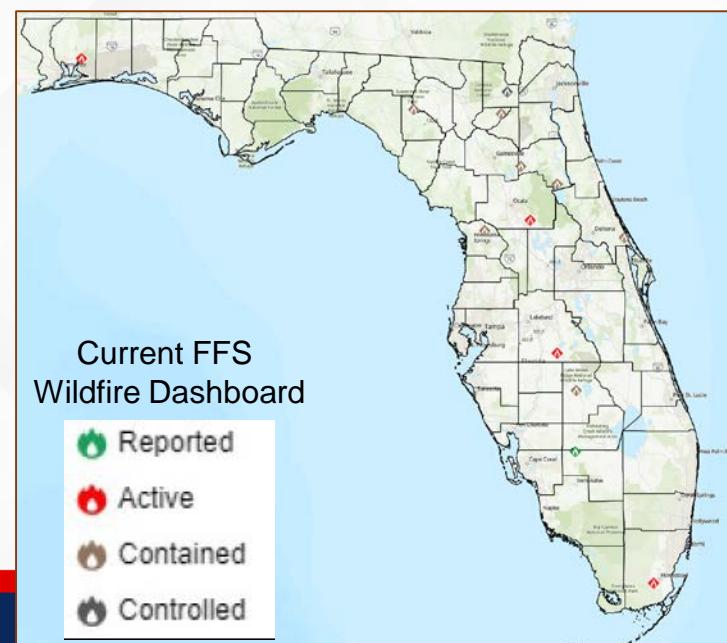
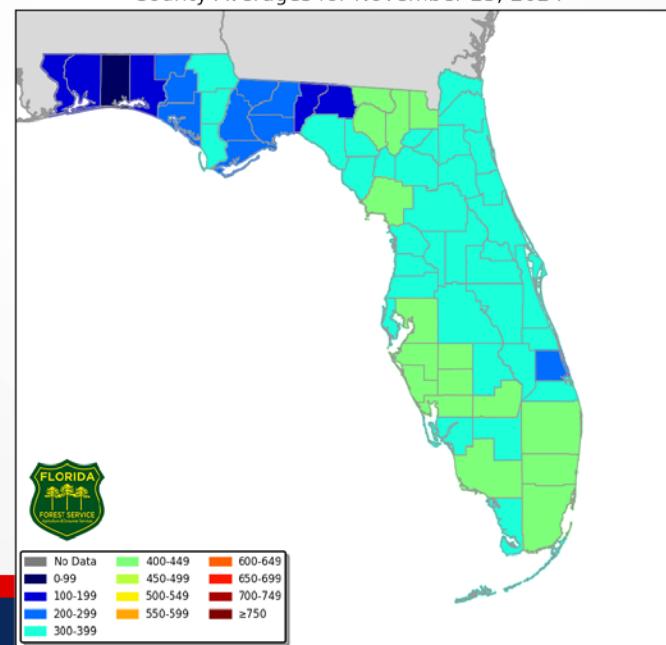
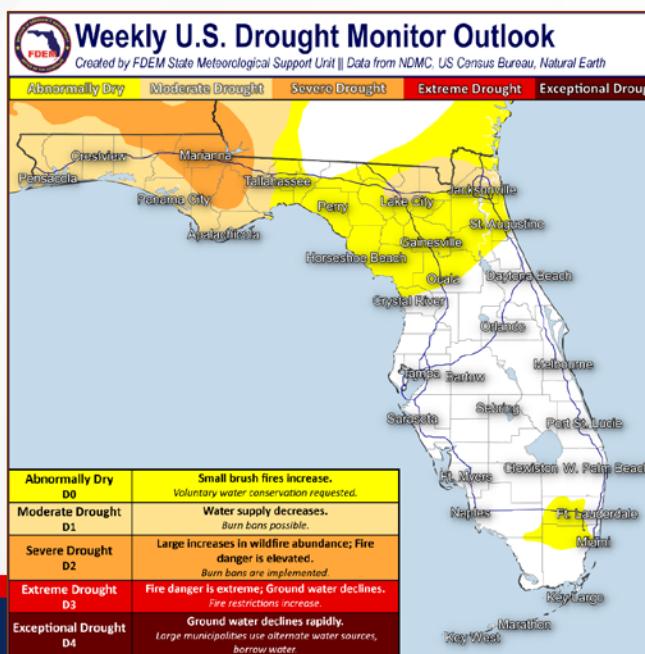


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dense fog has developed this morning across the Big Bend and Suwannee Valley this morning creating reduced visibility of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile or less at times. Foggy conditions and low clouds should gradually lift and dissipate by the mid-morning hours. A weak cold front will attempt to push across the Panhandle and Big Bend bringing isolated and sparse showers throughout the day. Mostly dry conditions can be expected throughout the rest of the state as high pressure remains in place. **Sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist along the 1-4 corridor where relative humidity values will fall near critical thresholds this afternoon (35-45%). Patchy fog will be possible overnight nearly statewide, with more locally dense fog possible for the Big Bend and Suwannee Valley early Wednesday morning. Foggy conditions may further reduce visibility where there are ongoing wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 29 acres.

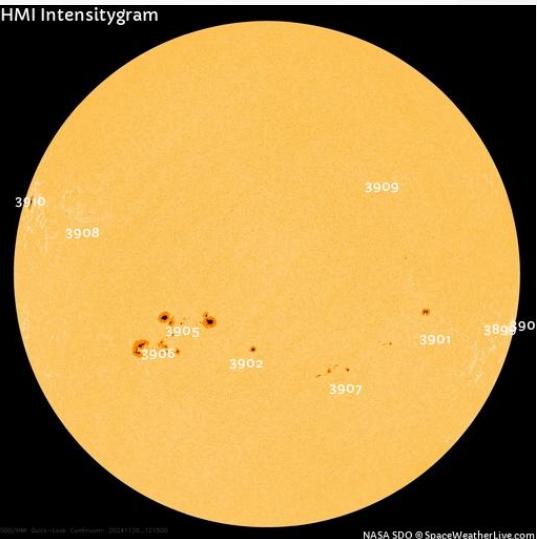
Drought: Dryness and drought conditions persist across North Florida on this week's Drought Monitor update (11/21) as a result of little to no rainfall across the state. **Severe Drought** conditions have shifted eastward and now cover much of the Central Florida Panhandle. **Moderate Drought** conditions 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 346 (+5) 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).

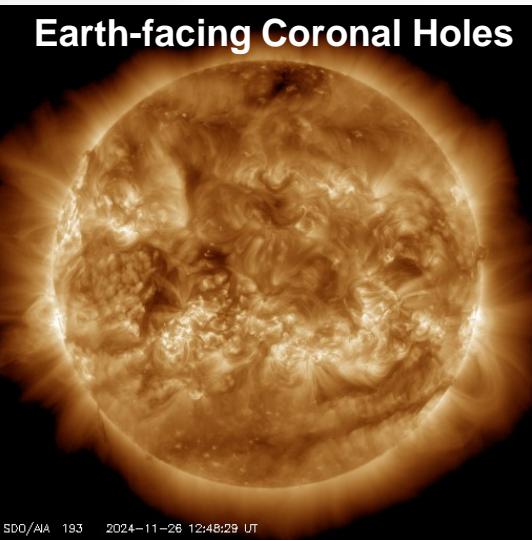




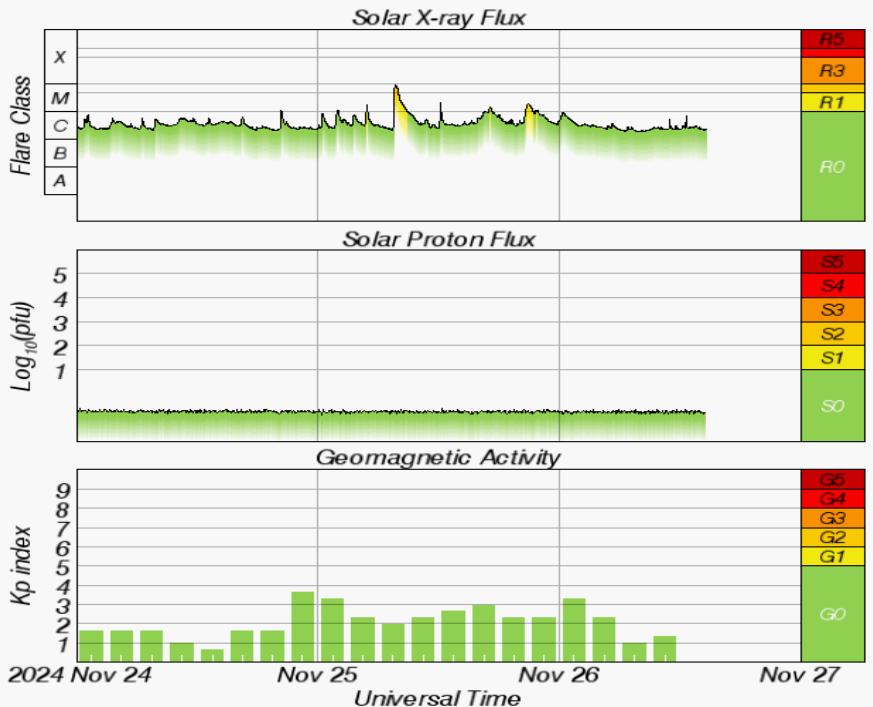
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Solar activity will continue at moderate levels with strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares through the next couple of days. Sunspots #3905 and #3906 contain magnetic fields that harbor energy for X-class solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts can be expected with M-class solar flares, and strong (R3) radio blackouts can be expected with X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions will continue to wane throughout the day with ambient levels returning tomorrow. A Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun yesterday (11/25) will travel through space and could enhance solar wind conditions on Wednesday. No minor (S1) or greater solar radiation storms are expected today. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to remain quiet to unsettled today and through most of Thursday. Should the CME travel close to Earth or create a glancing blow, geomagnetic conditions may become more active. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
11/26	11/27	
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	



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	
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