



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Friday, January 3, 2025



# State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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# Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden	Office Admin
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: James Carter	In Region	On- Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Indian River	HazMat Meeting
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Sarasota	RCC Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami Dade	Office Admin



Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2  
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3  
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 4  
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

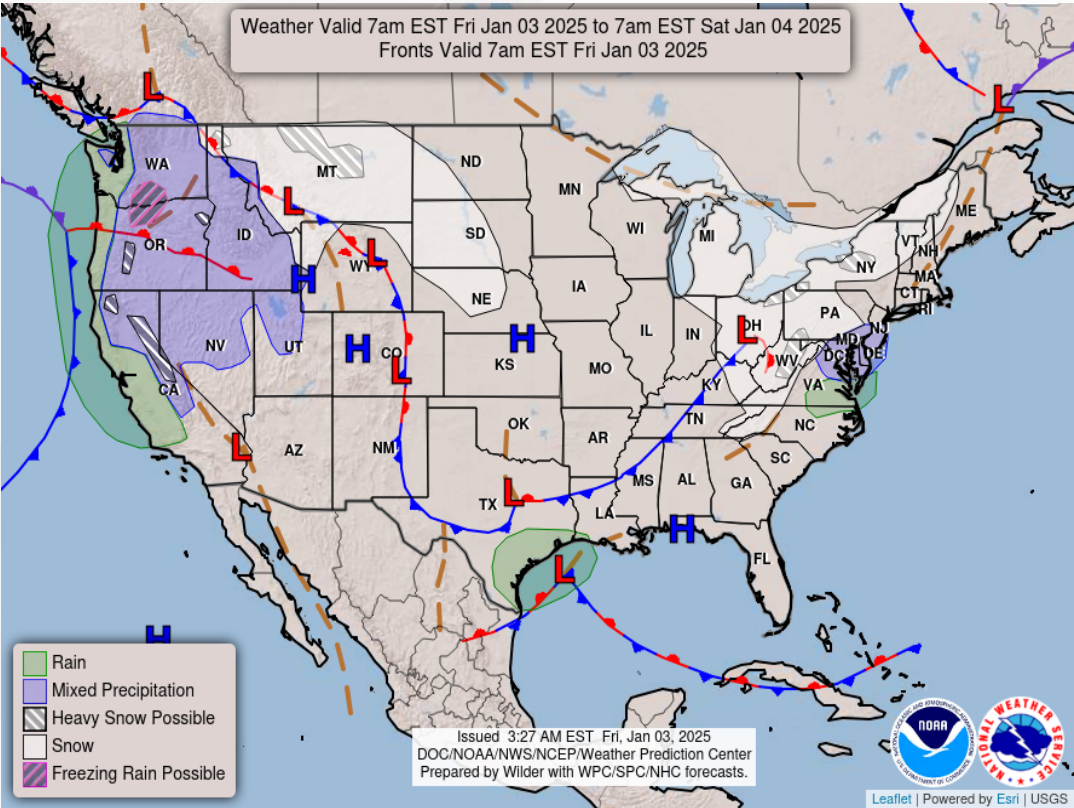
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	End of Month Admin. Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	End of Month Admin. Duties
Region 3: Patrick James	Alachua	Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St. Johns	External Stakeholder Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
RRCT Manager	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	End of Month Admin. Duties
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Out of Service	Military Duty (See Coverage)
Region 9: Kathryn Thompson	Sarasota	End of Month Admin. Duties
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

R5 and R6 coverage provided by Recovery RC 4  
R8 and R10 coverage provided by Recovery RC 7

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

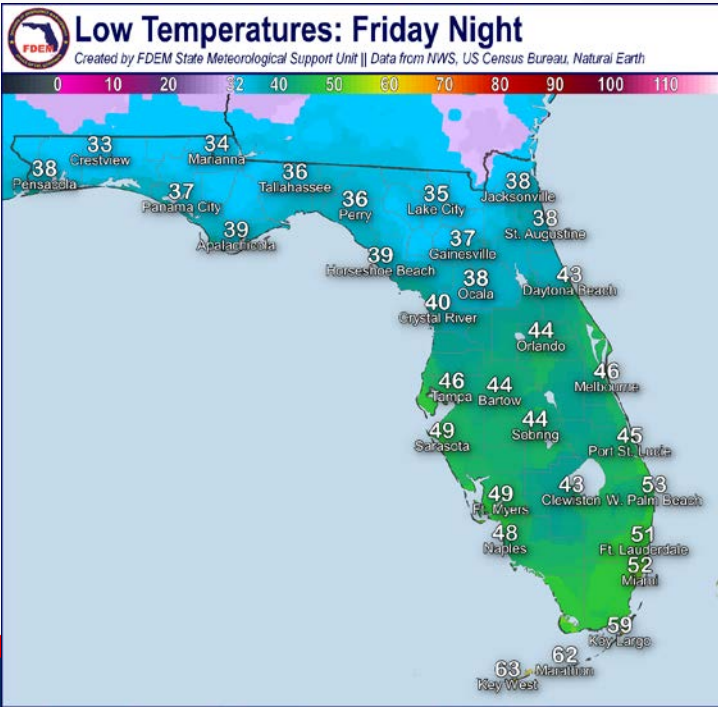
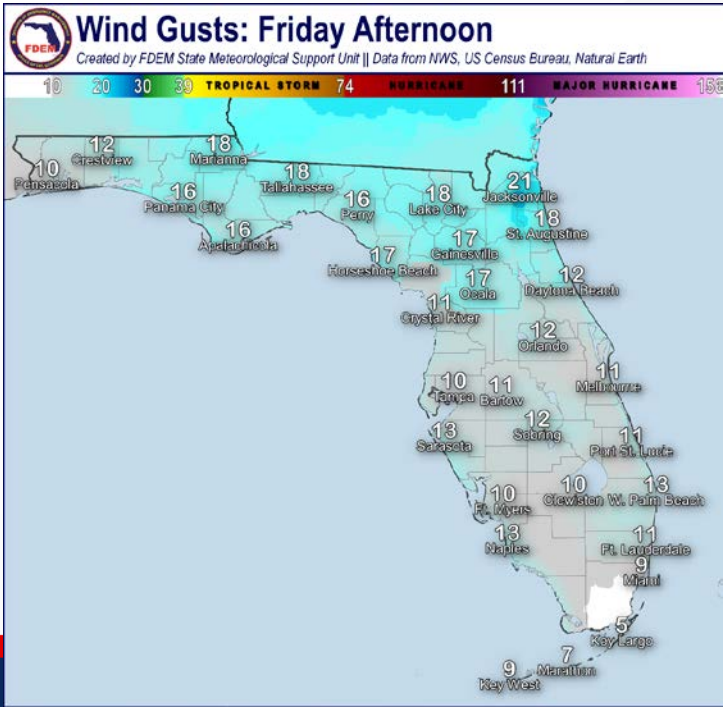


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Fog (Overnight)										
Freeze (Overnight)	L	L	M	L						
Fire Weather	L	L	L	M	M	L	M	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	15.07 ft. (0.09 ft. Lower Over the Past 7 Days)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	345 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



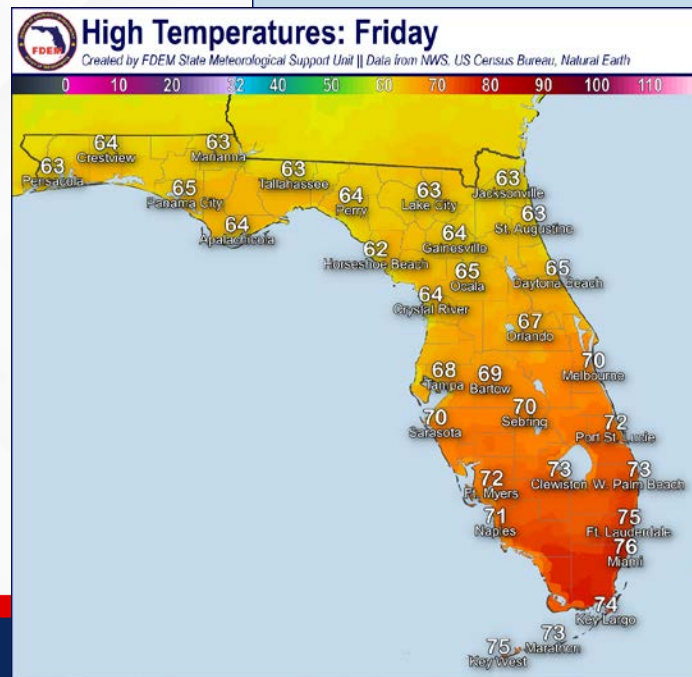
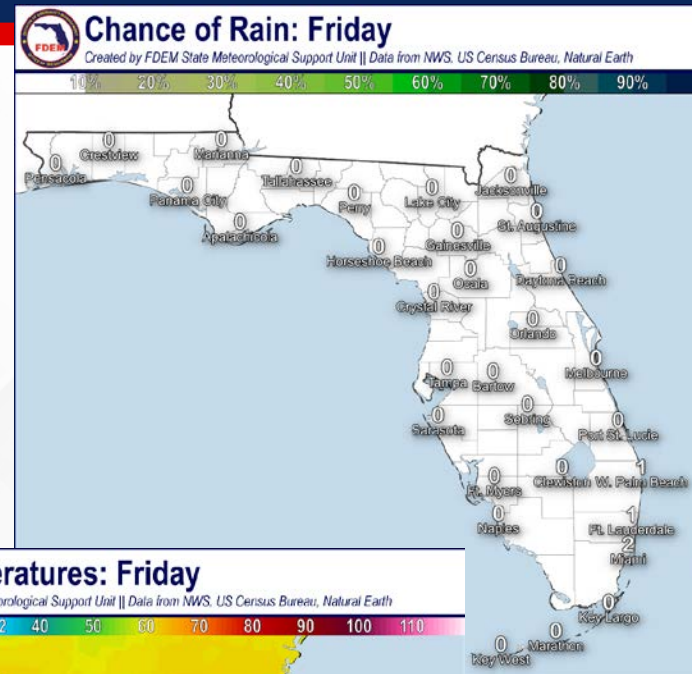


# Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Mostly sunny skies and near-zero rain chances expected across Florida today, courtesy of a dominant area of high pressure. A quick-moving dry cold front will reinforce the current pattern of cool and rain-free conditions into the weekend as the frontal boundary advances eastward toward the I-4 corridor tonight. Northwest winds of 5-10 mph can be expected to build in the wake of the cold front, with **wind gusts of 15-20 mph** possible across North Florida this afternoon. Afternoon high temperatures will reach the lower 60s throughout North Florida, the middle to upper 60s across Central Florida, and the lower to middle 70s through South Florida and the Florida Keys.

Clear skies and light northerly winds will allow for low temperatures to drop tonight once again across North Florida, with **Frost Advisories** in effect for the Suwannee River Valley. Temperatures will be in the **lower to middle 30s** for much of North Florida, and **approaching freezing** over the interior Florida Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley Saturday morning. Low temperatures in the 40s can be expected across Central and interior South Florida, with 50s reaching along the South Florida coastlines and the lower 60s across the Florida Keys.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate risk of rip currents** can be expected for most Florida Panhandle and Florida East Coast beaches. Low risk conditions have returned to the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected along all Florida Gulf Coast beaches, with wave heights of 2-3' expected along the Atlantic Coast. Wave heights will be increasing through the evening and overnight hours, and breakers in the surf zone reaching **4-6'** can be expected along the Florida East Coast Saturday morning.

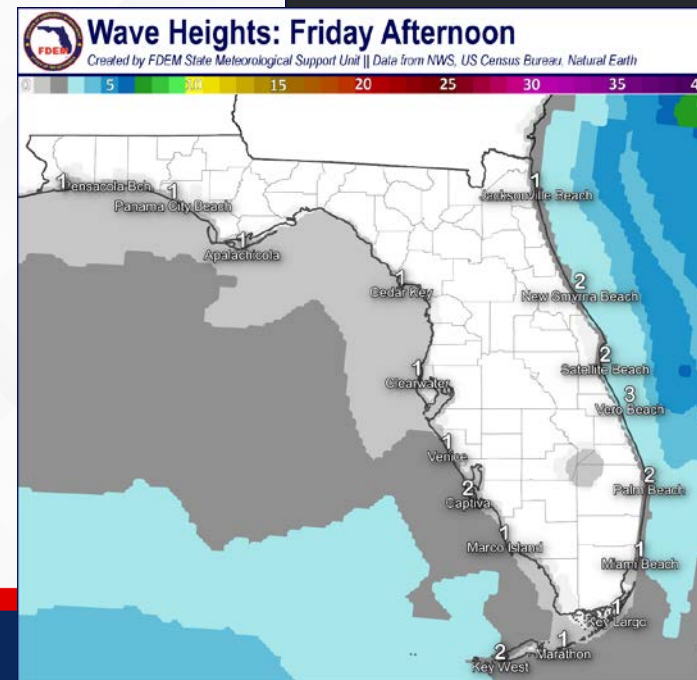
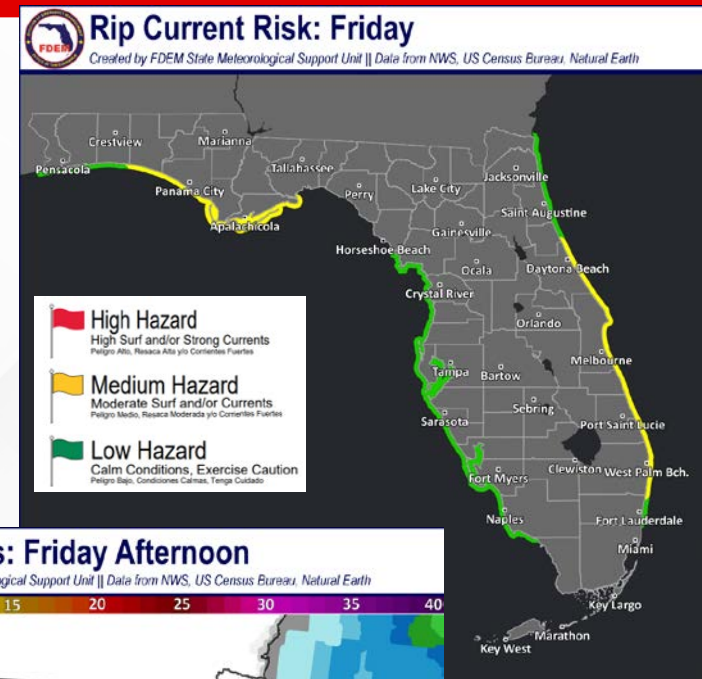
**Red Tide** has been observed in **35** samples collected Southwest Florida over the past week (as of 12/27/2024). Background to **low concentrations** were observed in and offshore of Pinellas County, with background **concentrations** in Hillsborough County, background to **medium concentrations** in Manatee County, background to **low concentrations** Sarasota County, background to **very low concentrations** in Charlotte County, **low to medium concentrations** in and offshore of Lee County, background to **very low concentrations** in Collier County, and background concentrations offshore of Monroe County. **Fish kills** suspected of being related to red tide were reported along Lee County and **respiratory irritation** suspected to be related to red tide was reported in Sarasota County.

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

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

**Riverine Flooding:** There are no river flooding concerns across Florida. All quick-response river basins over the western Florida Panhandle have fallen below Action Stage (bank-full). For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://River Forecast Center).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 15.07 feet, which is 0.09 feet lower than lake elevations from 7 days ago.





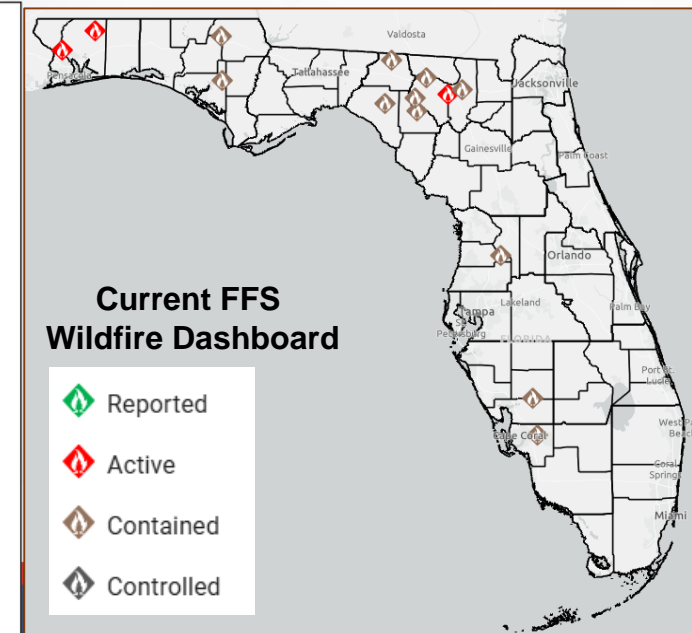
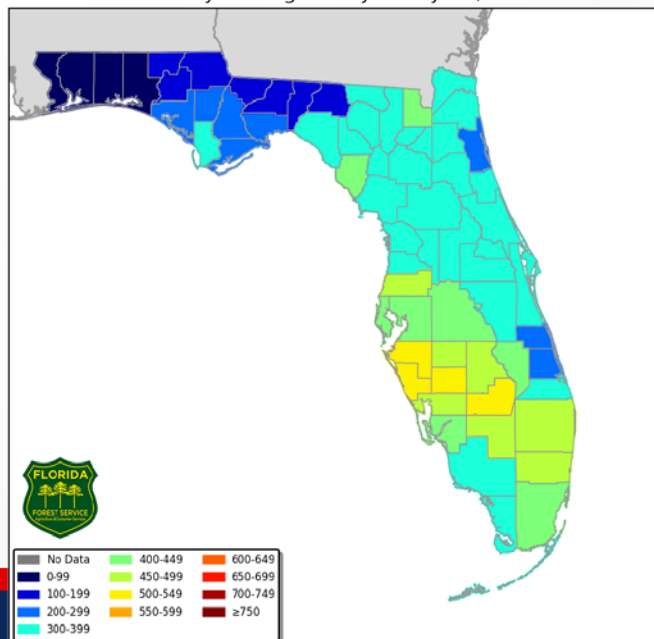
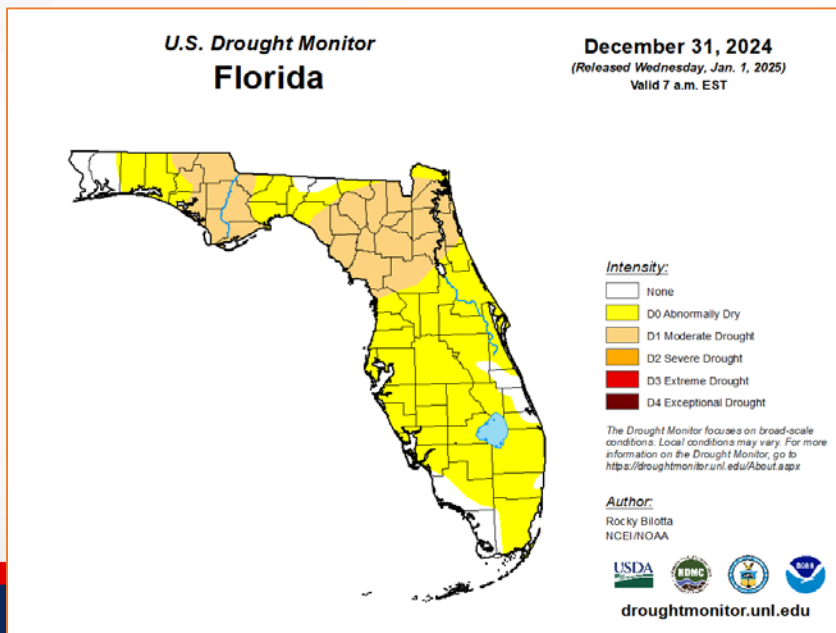
# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Dry air continues to filter across the Sunshine State, and will be reinforced by a quick-moving cold front today. Relative humidity values will fall into the **30s and 40s** nearly statewide, with values **nearing or reaching critical thresholds (20s and lower 30s)** throughout the Suwannee River Valley and the spine of the Florida Peninsula. A general **low wildfire threat** can be expected today given another rain-free day, with **locally enhanced wildfire concerns** for the Suwannee River Valley and interior Central Florida. Northwesterly winds of 5-10 mph can be expected through the afternoon, with gusts of 15-20 mph across North Florida; pockets of high dispersion (ability for a wildfire or burn to spread) will be possible. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 155 acres.

**Drought:** Little change in the drought conditions was observed on this week's updated Monitor (valid 12/31). Weekly rainfall totals of 2" or more were observed across portions of South Florida, leading to improvement in the widespread Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) conditions across portions of the southern Florida Peninsula. Elsewhere, **moderate drought** continues over the Apalachicola River Basin in the central Florida Panhandle as well as across the Florida Big Bend and Northeast Florida. Rainfall departures over the past 60 days continue to run **below normal**, with widespread deficits of 2-3" observed from the eastern Florida Panhandle through the Peninsula. The greatest rainfall deficits of 3-5" reside along the Southeast Florida I-95 corridor and on the western flank of the Apalachicola River Basin.

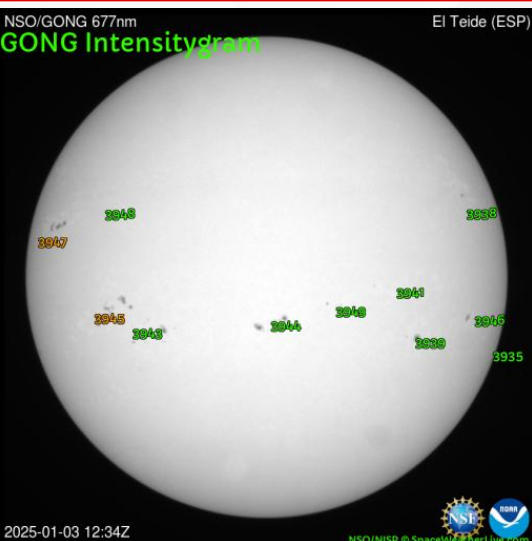
**The Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **345 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **4** Florida counties (DeSoto, Glades, Manatee, and Sarasota) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)  
County Averages for January 02, 2025

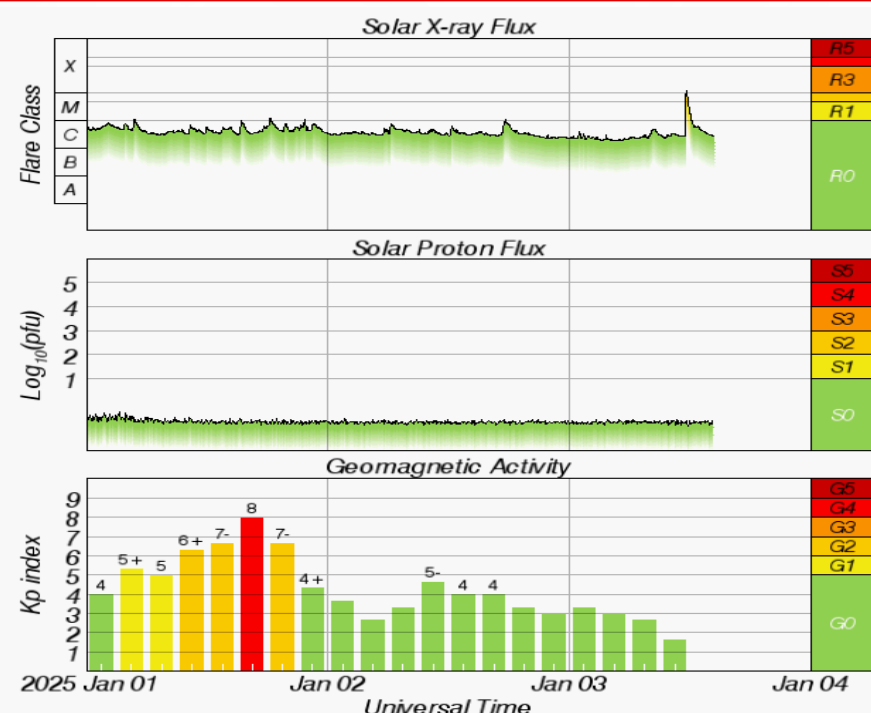




# Space Weather



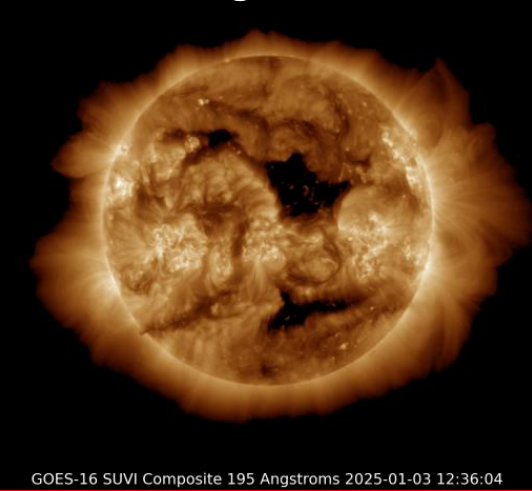
Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	X1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/3	1/4
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Earth-facing Coronal Holes



**Space Weather:** Solar activity reached high levels at the end of the previous 24-hour period when sunspot region #3947 produced an X1.2 (significant) solar flare as it continued to grow. Minor to moderate radio blackouts (R1-R2) will be possible within stronger solar flare activity (M-class) today, with a lingering slight risk for additional significant flares (X-class). Probabilities of increased solar activity arrive this weekend as additional sunspots rotate to approach the western limb. Enhancements in the solar wind environment are expected tonight into Saturday, courtesy of a glancing Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) influence from 1/1. Unsettled geomagnetic levels can be expected today, with increasing chances for widespread and organized storming arriving this weekend. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
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