



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Sunday, January 26, 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	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 2: Willie Bouie	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 4: James Carter	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On - Call Status
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Hillsborough, In Region	Return Travel to R8
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	In Region, Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 10 (L8324 Course)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



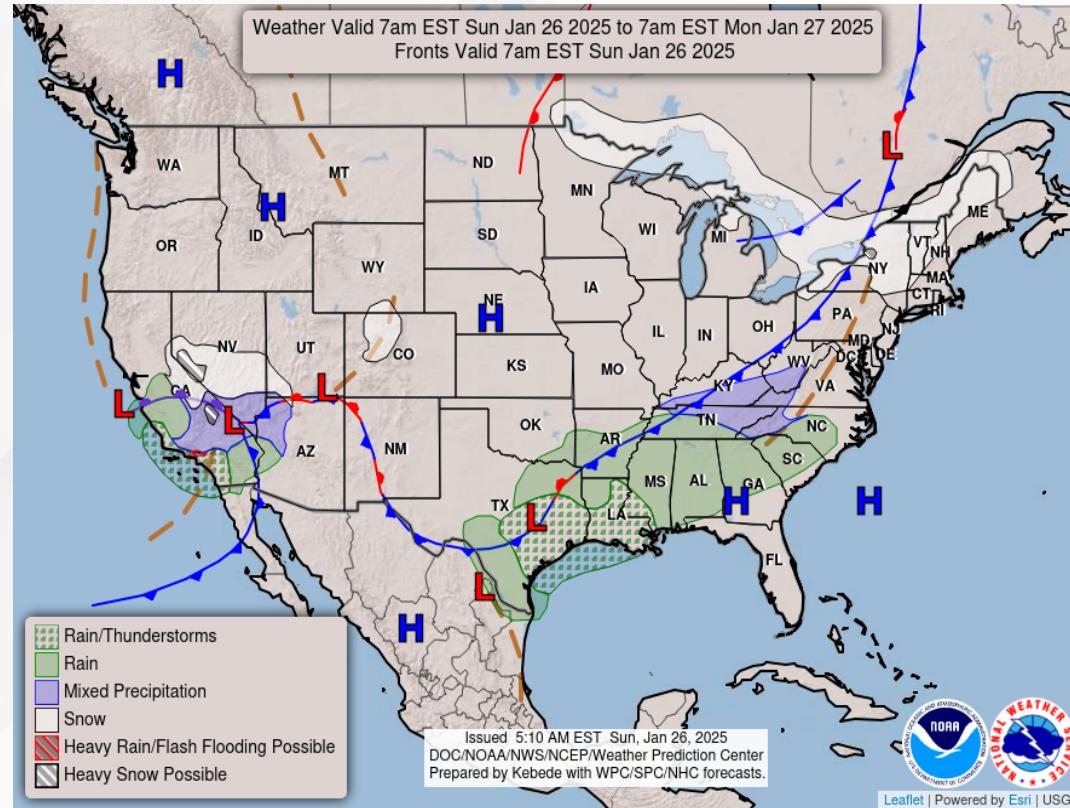
# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Patrick James	In Region	On - Call Coverage for Region 3
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
RRCT Manager	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On - Call Coverage for Region 8 & 10
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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

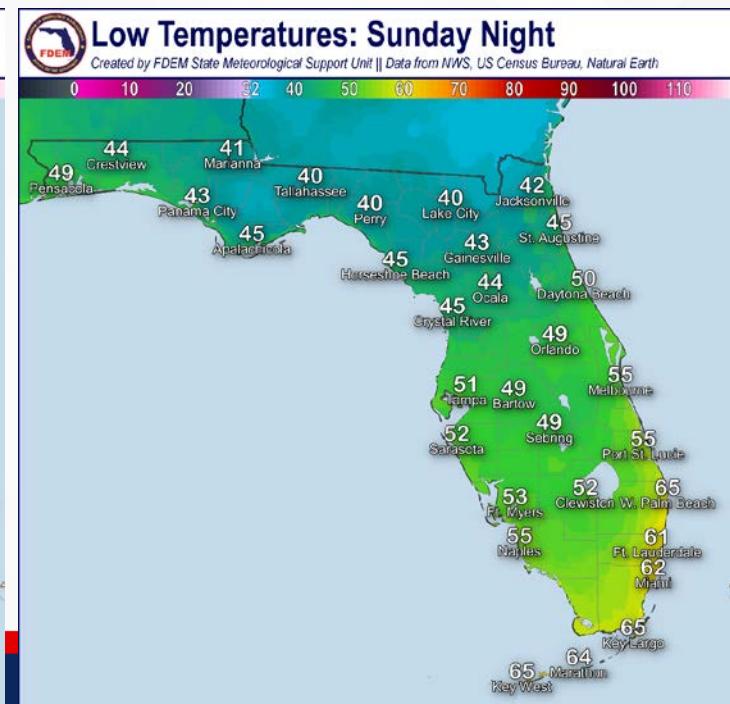
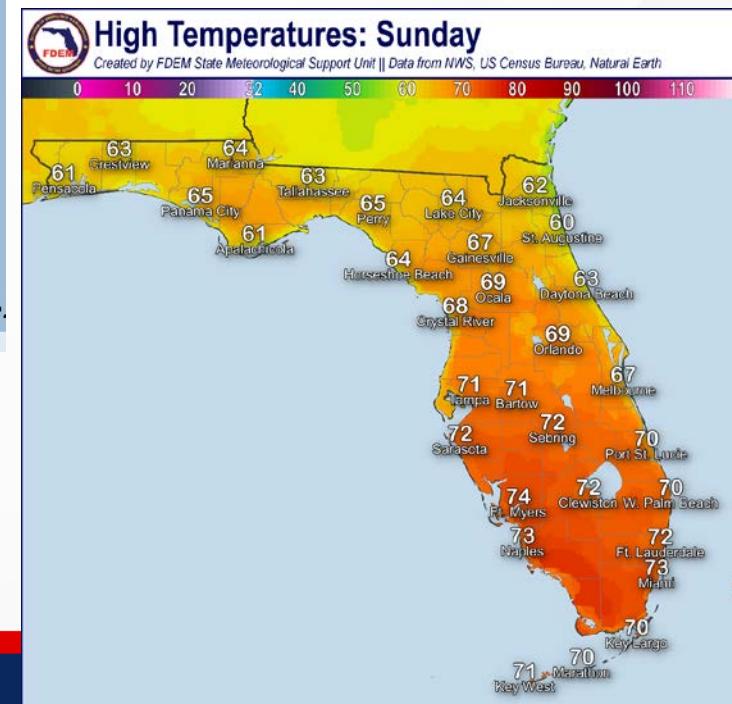


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
<b>Lightning</b>										
<b>Tornado</b>										
<b>Damaging Wind/Hail</b>										
<b>Flash Flooding</b>										
<b>Fog (Overnight)</b>					L	L	L	L	M	M
<b>Black Ice (Overnight)</b>										
<b>Freeze (Overnight)</b>										
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>										
<b>Rip Currents</b>	M	M	L	L	M	L		H	L	H
<b>Lake Okeechobee Elevation:</b>	14.69 ft. (0.15 ft. Below Normal)									
<b>Keetch-Byram Drought Index:</b>	281 (-44) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





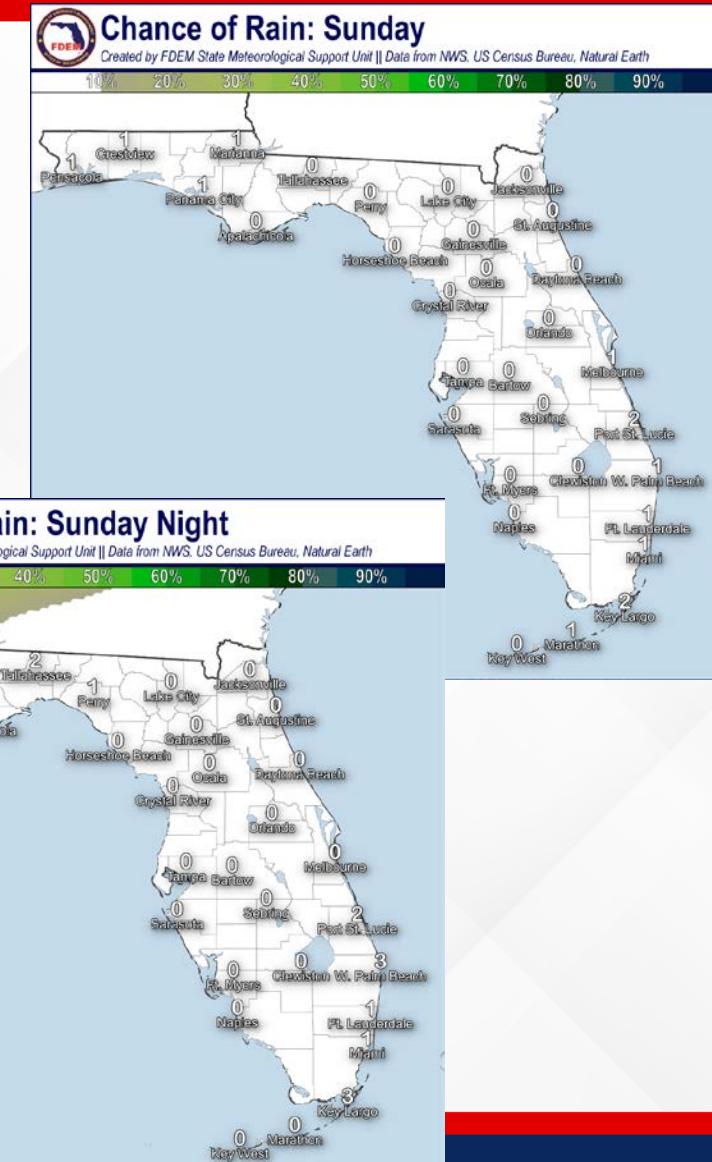
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

**Freeze Warnings** remain in effect across the Suwannee River Valley and Northeast Florida through 9:00 AM EST for temperatures as low as 26-degrees are expected this morning. **Areas of slick and icy conditions** continue to be possible this morning across portions of North Florida where melting snow was able to re-freeze, primarily in locations that are mostly shaded. *Use caution when driving this morning!*

High pressure settling in across the Southeast U.S. will bring mostly sunny and dry conditions throughout the state (near 0% chance of rain). Pleasant conditions can be expected to develop throughout the day in the wake of a cold week last week. Plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures will continue to allow for melting of any remaining snow and ice across shady areas in North Florida. Moving into the overnight hours, a weak frontal boundary will approach the Panhandle from the west increasing chances for isolated showers overnight and into the Monday morning hours (20-30% chance of rain). Cloud cover will increase overnight across North Florida moving in from west to east. Ahead of the frontal boundary, calm onshore winds will bring moisture inland across the Big Bend and along much of the eastern Peninsula. Areas of **patchy fog** will be possible throughout much of the state early Monday morning, with instances of more **locally dense fog** possible across South Florida.

High temperatures will return to the 60s across North and Central Florida and 70s across South Florida. After a week of seeing low temperatures below freezing across North Florida, low temperatures will remain above freezing tonight! Low temperatures will fall into the upper 30s to low 40s across North Florida overnight, with the western Panhandle seeing low temperatures in the middle to upper 40s. Throughout Central Florida, low temperatures will reach the upper 40s to low 50s. South Florida can expect low temperatures in the middle 50s to middle 60s.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate risk of rip currents** can be expected across Panhandle and East-Central Florida beaches, with a **high risk of rip currents** continuing for the Southeast 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 across Panhandle and West Coast beaches. East Coast beaches can expect **wave heights of 3-4'** with **larger waves** upwards of **3-5'** along Atlantic-facing beaches.

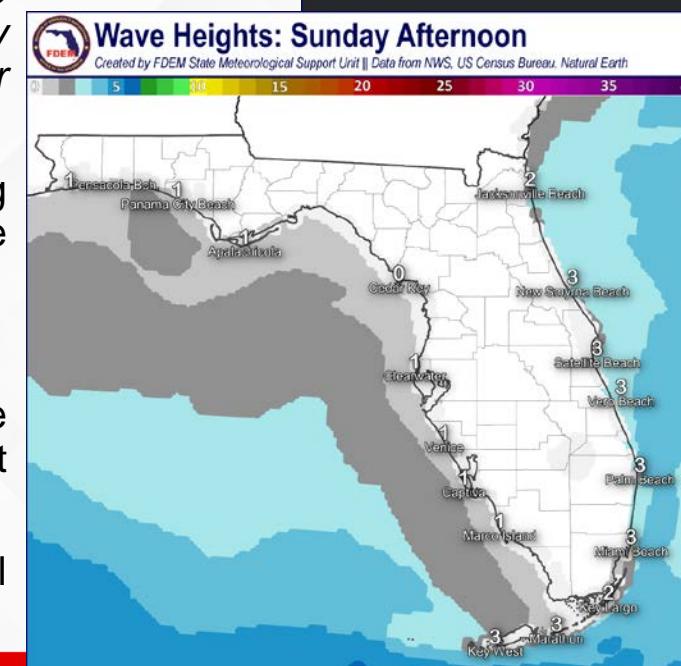
**Red Tide** has been observed in **27** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast (valid 1/24). Background to **low concentrations** have been observed in and offshore of Pinellas, Sarasota, and Levy Counties. Background to **medium concentrations** have been observed in Manatee, Charlotte, and Lee Counties. *Fish kills and respiratory irritation have been reported in along Sarasota and Lee Counties and offshore of Collier County.*

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no organized risk for coastal flooding today. Lingering instances of **minor coastal flooding and beach erosion** may be possible along the Northeast Florida coast near and during times of high tide.

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

**Riverine Flooding:** Isolated portions of the Aucilla River, St. Mary's River, and Santa Fe River remain in Action Stage (bank-full); however, further riverine flood concerns are not anticipated. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.69 feet, which is within the operational band and is 0.15 feet below normal for this time of year.



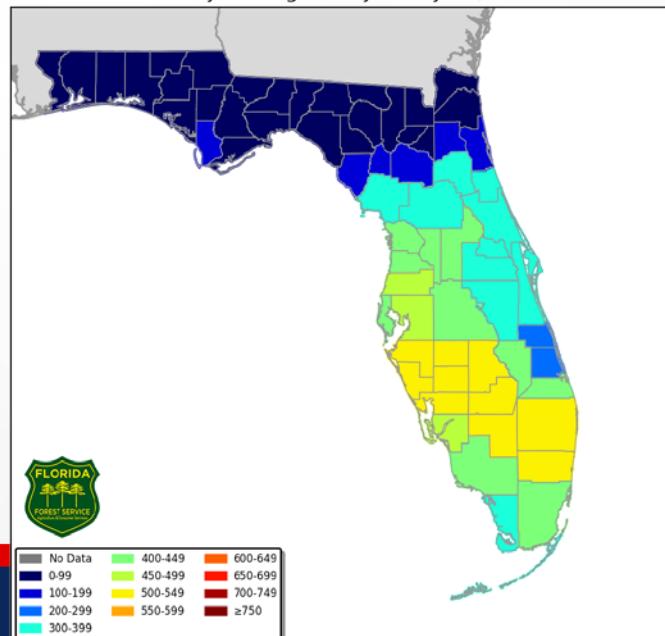
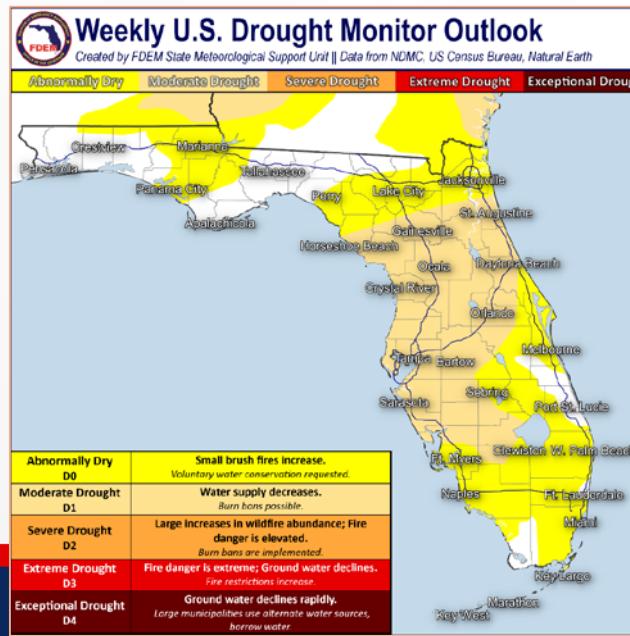


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Mostly dry conditions can be expected across the state today with the help of high pressure. Relative humidity values across the Panhandle and Big Bend will fall **near critical thresholds** this afternoon (35-45%). With recent snow and ice melting, grounds and soils have become more saturated. Throughout the Peninsula, relative humidity values will remain above critical thresholds this afternoon. Wind gusts will reach upwards of 8-12 mph during the afternoon hours. **Locally sensitive wildfire conditions** will be possible with the expansion of moderate drought conditions throughout most of the Suwannee Valley and along the western Peninsula. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 19 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 190 acres.

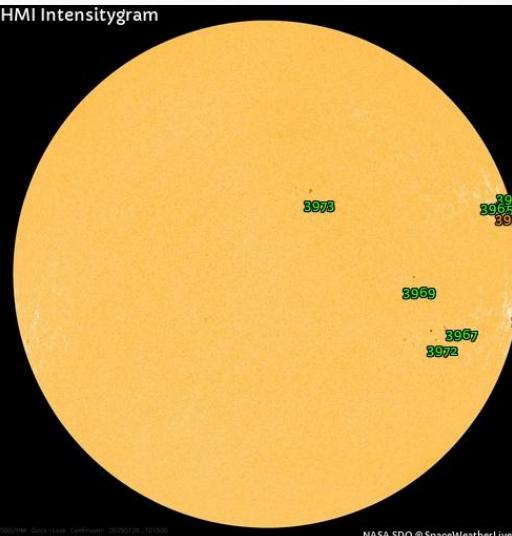
**Drought:** The heavier rains that occurred over North Florida brought rainfall totals upwards of 400% of normal over the past week, leading to large improvements in the Abnormally Dry and Moderate Drought coverage on this week's Drought Monitor update (1/23). Long-term rainfall departures continue to increase through the Florida Peninsula, now reaching widespread 2-4" of below normal rainfall being reported. Locally greater rainfall deficits reside along the immediate Treasure Coast where rainfall totals now reach 3-5" below normal for this time of year. Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) conditions continue, with **Moderate Drought** now expanded south through the Santa Fe River Basin and along the western Florida Peninsula. Temperatures will begin to warm and trend above normal during the next 6-10 forecast period, with below normal rainfall progged for the Florida Peninsula leading to the potential for worsening drought.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **281 (-44)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **10** Florida counties (Broward, Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Manatee, Palm Beach, and Sarasota) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger) **as of 1/19/2025**.

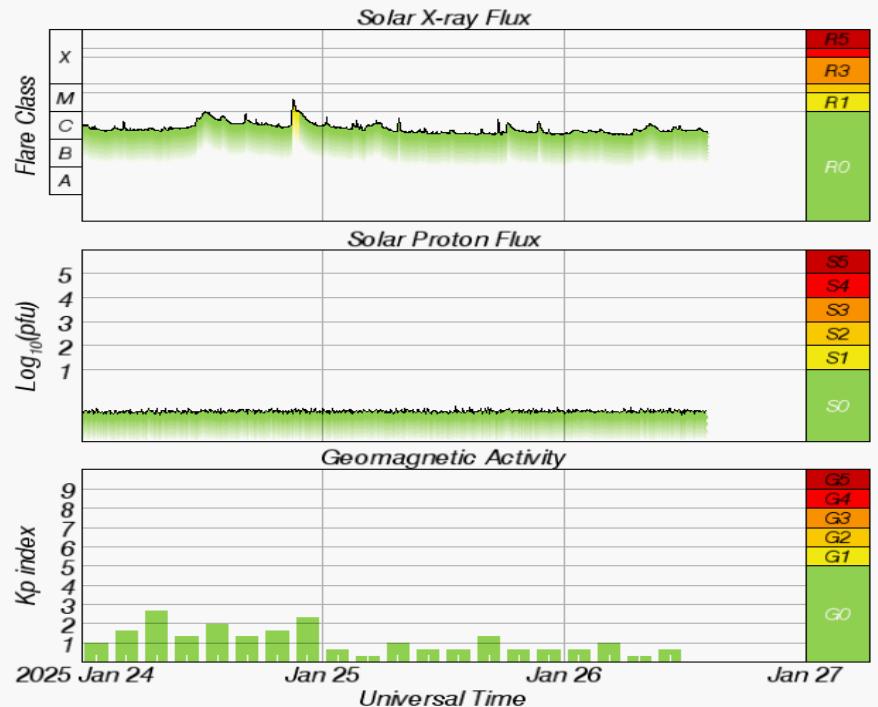
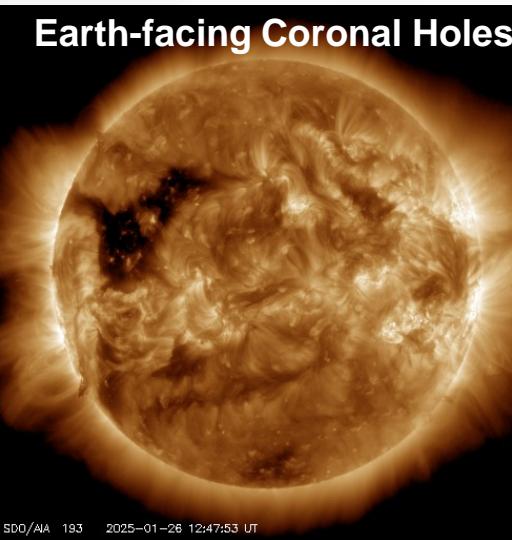




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C5 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

## 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

1/26	1/27
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to be moderate to high with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for significant (X-class) due to flares potential from several active sunspots along the western limb. Minor (S1) solar radiation storms are possible today and tomorrow with flare potential from the active sunspots. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts can be expected with M-class solar flares and strong (R3) flares can be expected with X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions are expected to continue at nominal levels through the weekend and into early next week. Both of the anticipated Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) missed Earth and no longer pose a threat. The Earth's geomagnetic field will likely continue at mostly quiet conditions through the weekend and into next week. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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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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