



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, January 28, 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	Capabilities Assessment Admin Completion / Office Admin
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	Turkey Point NPP Exercise / Branch Director SME - PTB Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Capabilities Assessment Coordination / Office Admin
Region 4: James Carter	Duval	Office Admin
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Monroe	Turkey Point NPP Practice Exercise
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Miami-Dade	Turkey Point NPP Practice Exercise
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Miami-Dade	L8324 Course
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Turkey Point NPP Practice Exercise



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Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

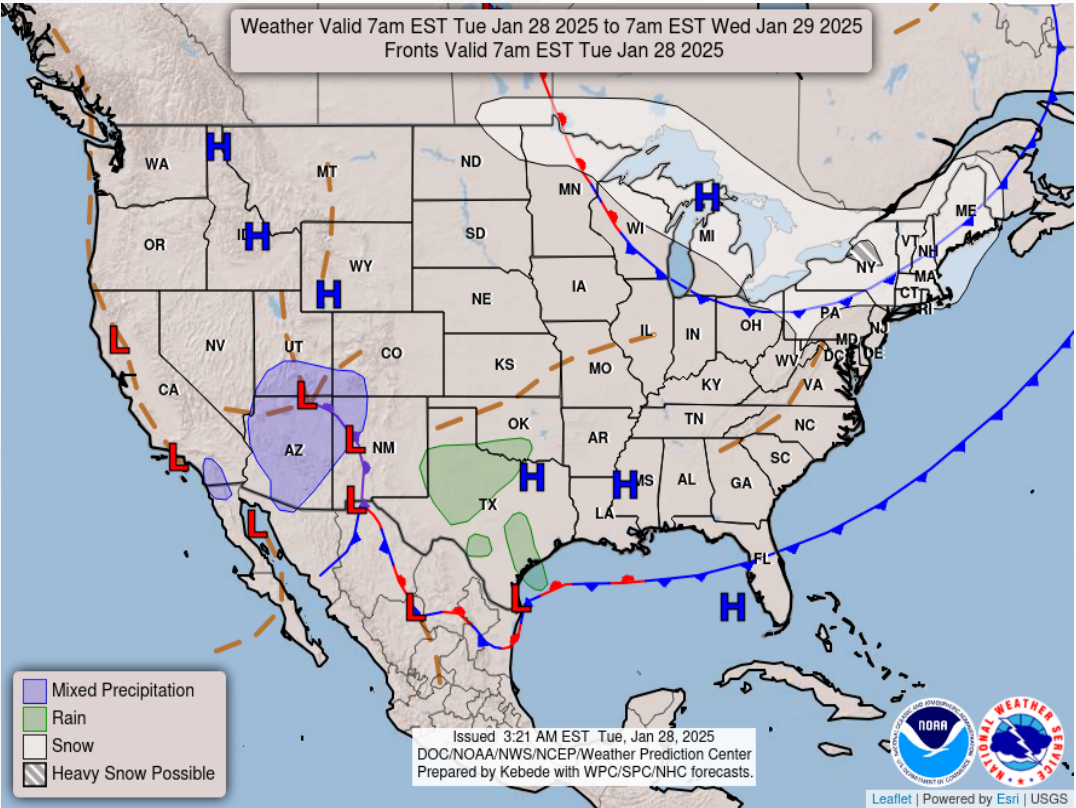
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Holmes	LMS Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Patrick James	Hamilton	LMS Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	FEPA Annual Meeting
RRCT Manager	Orange	FEPA Board Meeting
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Hardee	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Brevard	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	In State	FEPA / Return Travel to Region

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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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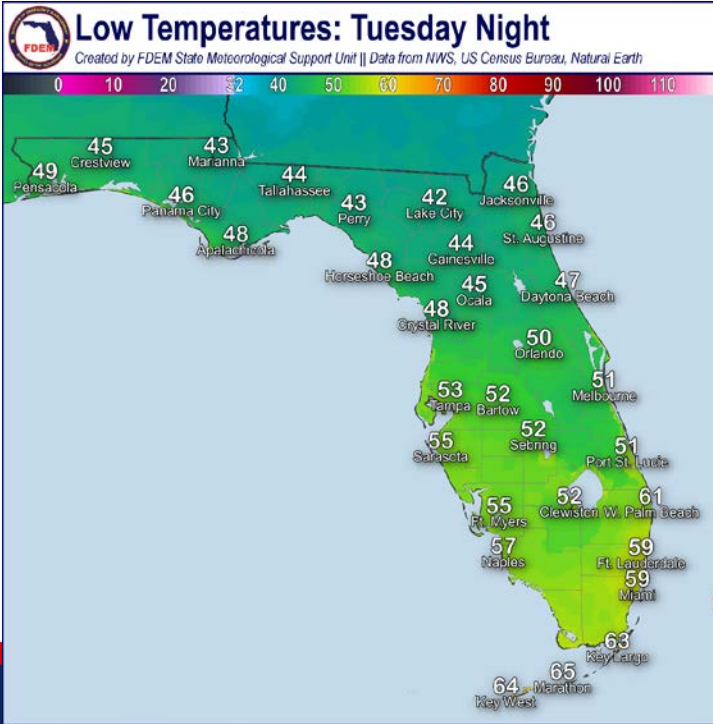
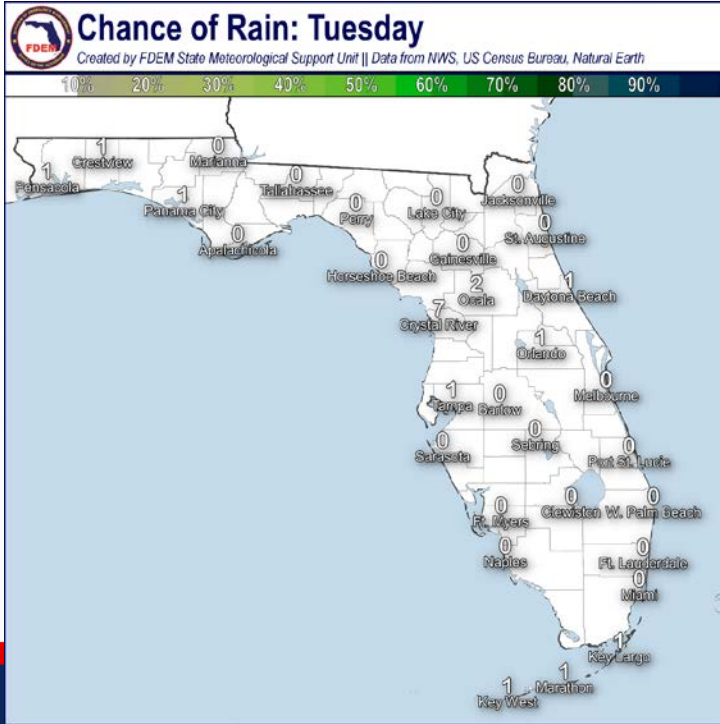


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	M
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	14.51 ft. (0.18 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	294 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



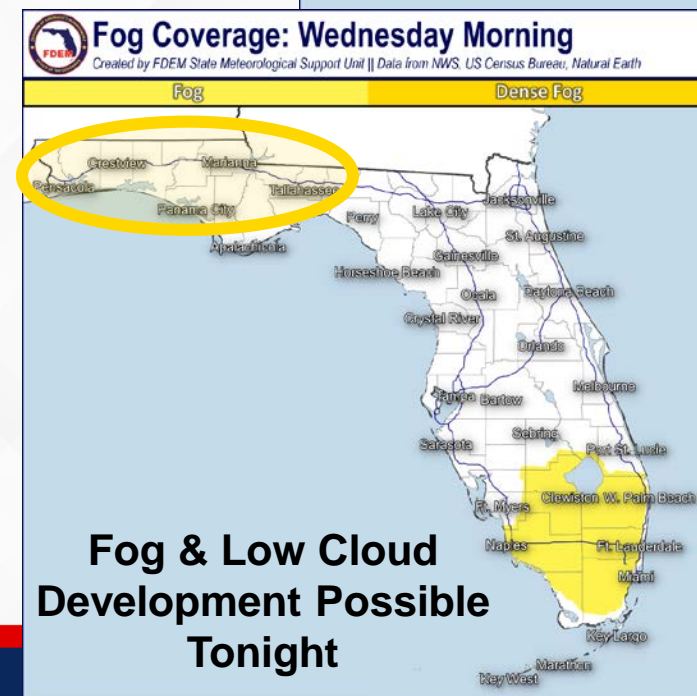
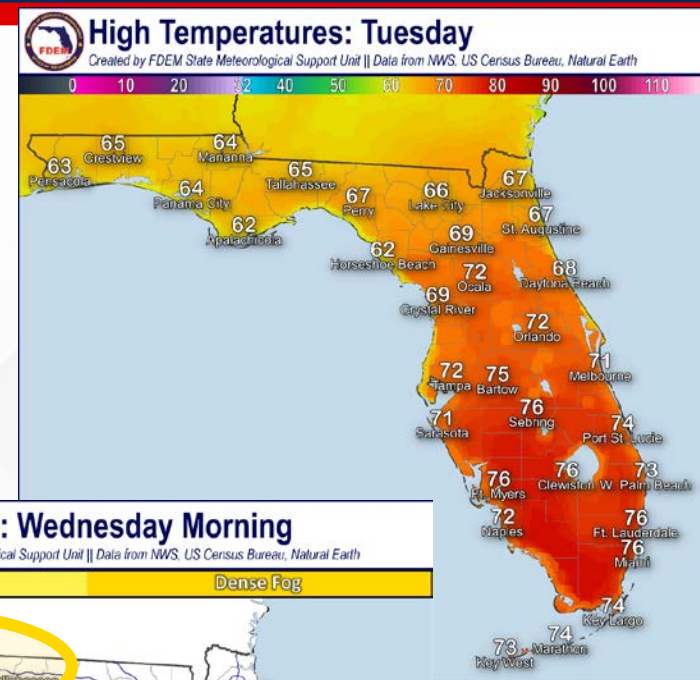


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy fog and low clouds** continue to impact interior portions of the Florida Panhandle this morning, with visibility of one-quarter mile or less in locations. Foggy conditions will give way to partly cloudy skies and warming temperatures statewide. Afternoon high temperatures will reach the middle to upper 60s across North Florida, the lower to middle 70s through Central Florida, and the middle to upper 70s for some South Florida locations. Rain chances remain near-zero across the Sunshine State, courtesy of a building area of high pressure along the central Gulf Coast.

Lingering low-level moisture and light winds tonight will once again allow for areas of **fog and low clouds** to develop through the inland southern Florida Peninsula into the mid-Wednesday morning hours. While chances for more widespread visibility concerns remain generally low, instances of **patchy dense fog and low clouds** cannot be ruled out across the Florida Panhandle early Wednesday morning. Low temperatures continue to moderate after last week's Arctic air; overnight lows in the lower to middle 40s can be expected across North and interior North-Central Florida, the upper 40s to middle 50s throughout the central Florida Peninsula, and the middle 50s to lower 60s across South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk of rip currents** can be expected along Florida Panhandle and East-Central Florida beaches. A low risk for rip currents can be expected elsewhere. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected all Florida beaches today.

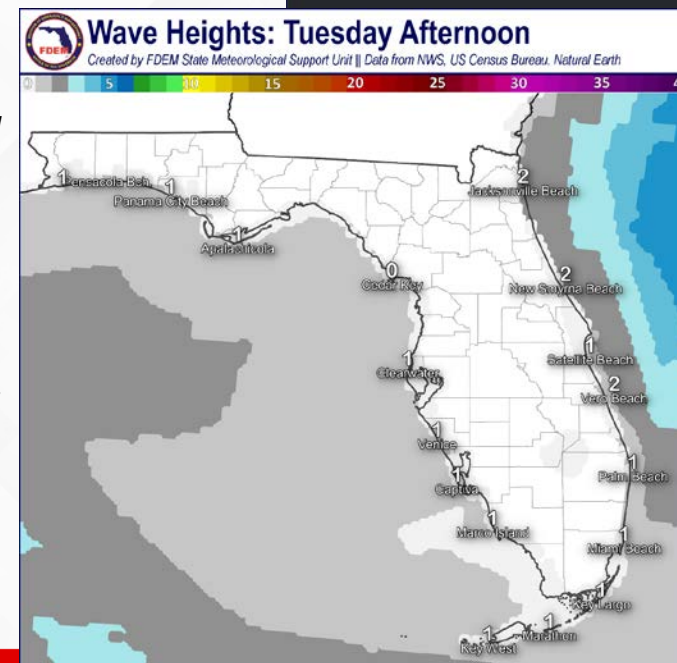
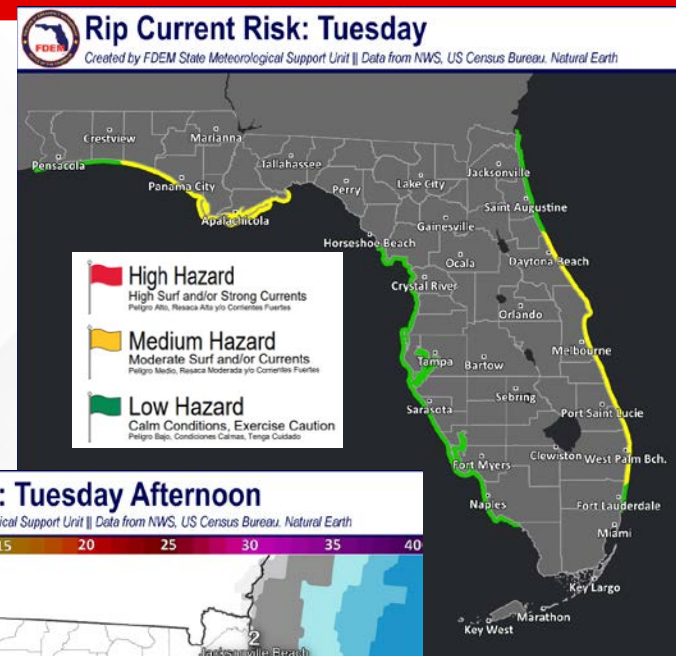
Red Tide has been observed in **27** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast (valid 1/24). Background to **low concentrations** have been observed in and offshore of Pinellas, Sarasota, and Levy Counties. Background to **medium concentrations** have been observed in Manatee, Charlotte, and Lee Counties.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

Flash Flooding: Flash flooding is not expected today.

Riverine Flooding: Isolated portions of the Aucilla 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 14.51 feet, which is within the operational band and is 0.18 feet below normal for this time of year.



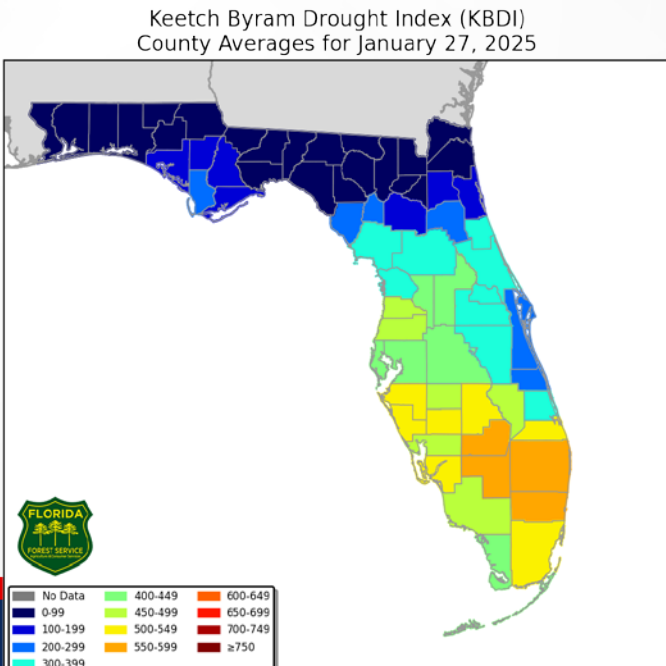
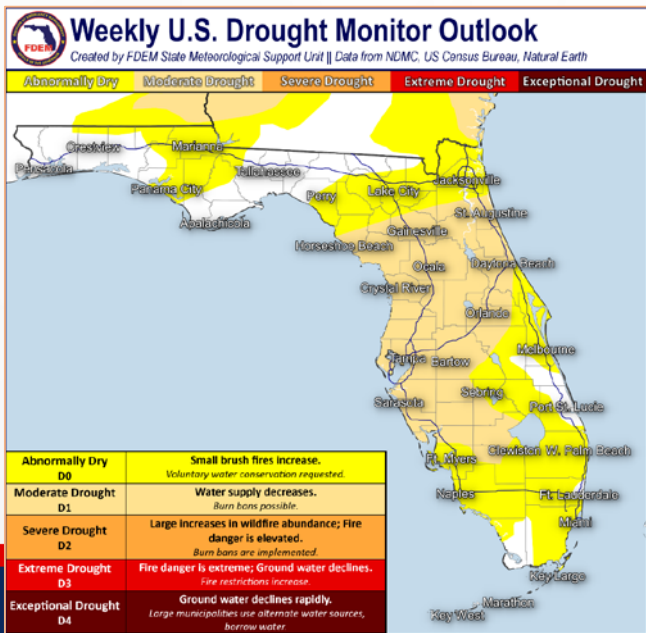


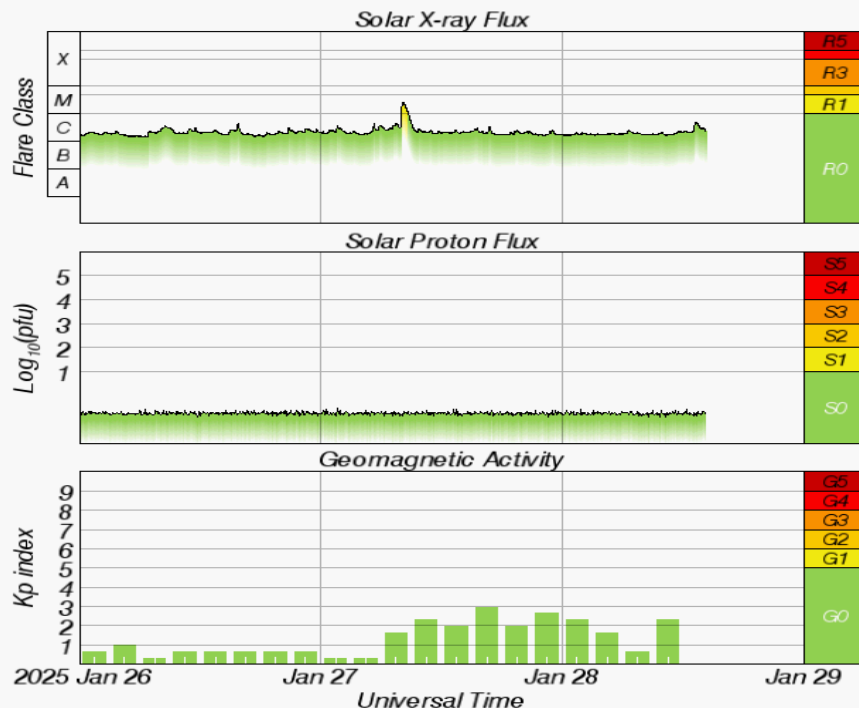
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A drier airmass will filter into the state, bringing **relative humidity values** in the **30s and 40s** across North and interior North-Central Florida this afternoon. Soils and vegetation remain wet from the recent active weather period, and the overall wildfire potential remains low. While relative humidity values will remain above critical thresholds throughout the Florida Peninsula, northerly to northwesterly winds of 5-10 mph (gusts of 10-15 mph) over already drought-ridden and dry soils may lead to a **locally sensitive wildfire threat** this afternoon. Areas of **fog and low clouds** can be expected throughout portions of the Florida Peninsula tonight into Wednesday morning. *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 131 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 last 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 **294 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11** Florida counties (Broward, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Sarasota) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/28	1/29
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: There is a decreasing chance for strong (M-class) solar flares today; probabilities remain low as most of the active regions on the Sun's surface rotate beyond the western limb. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany the stronger, more organized flare activity. Solar wind parameters are expected to continue at nominal levels today. There may be isolated chances for enhancements in the solar wind environment late tonight into early Wednesday morning; however, organized geomagnetic storming is not anticipated. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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