



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, March 6, 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 / Travel / End of Month Admin
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	Response Meetings / EMAC Training
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Full Scale Exercise / Response Coordination Team Mtg
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	TBHMP Call / Full Scale Exercise / Response Coordination Team Mtg
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St. Lucie	L-958 Course
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Sarasota	Waterway Debris Removal Meeting/Response Coordination Team Mtg
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Disaster Expo / Response Coordination Team Meeting



Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

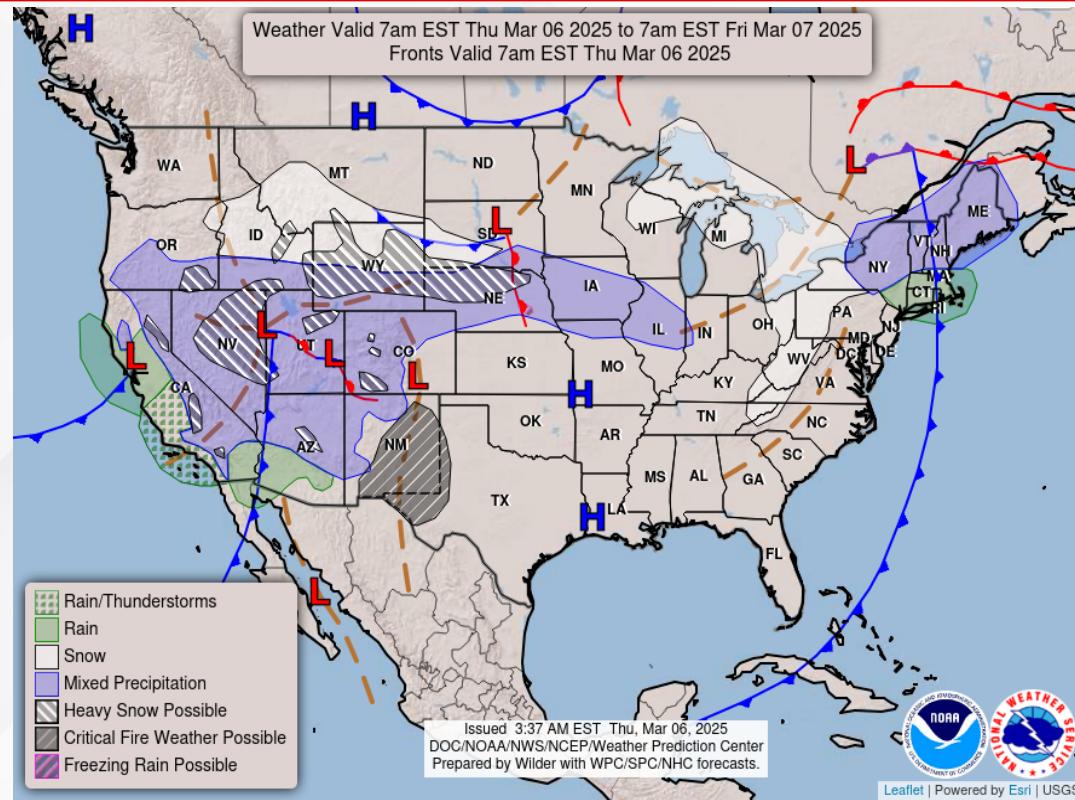
Team	County Location	Status / Activities	Status
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)	Out of Service / Unavailable
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring	In Region / Delayed Response
Region 3: Patrick James	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)	Out of Service / Unavailable
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Instruction Prep	Normal Operations
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Osceola	Volunteer FL Annual Convening	Normal Operations
RRCT Manager	Osceola	Volunteer FL Annual Convening	Normal Operations
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell			
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Hardee	County EM Meeting	Normal Operations
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Administrative Duties	Normal Operations
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage	In Region / Delayed Response
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	Miami-Dade	County EM Meeting	Normal Operations

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10



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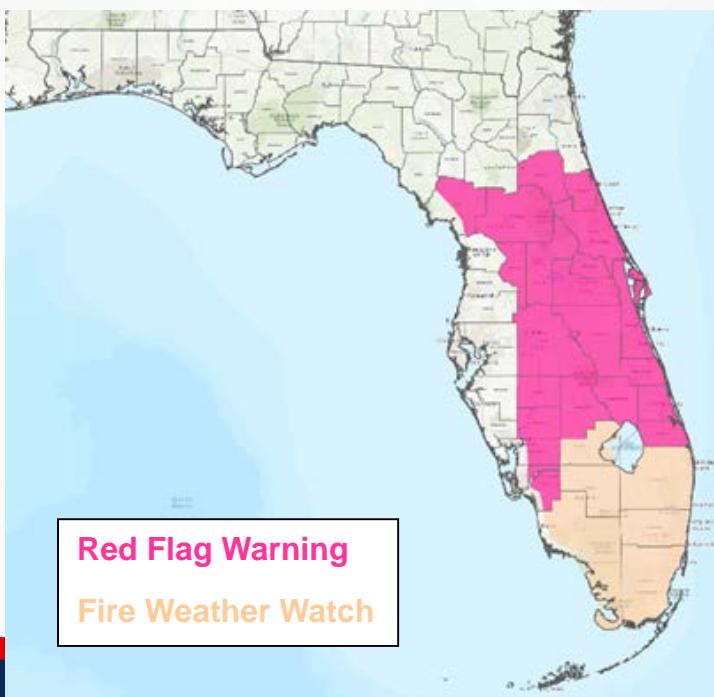
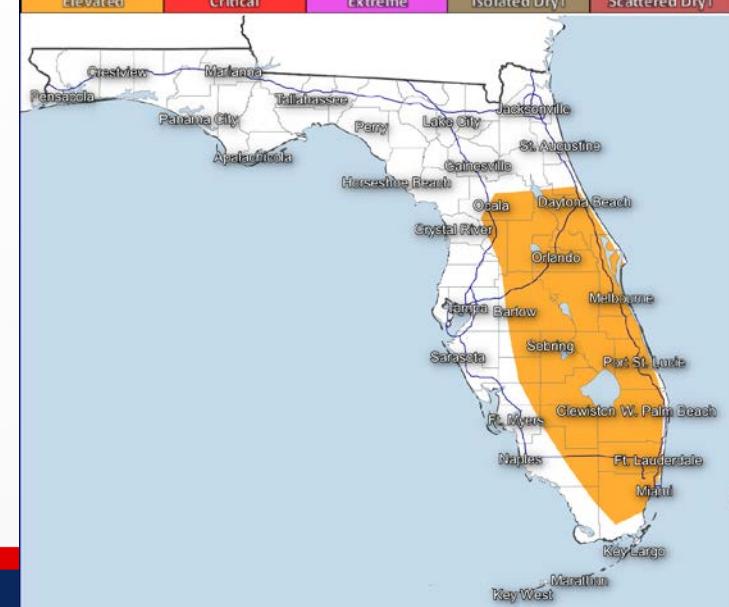


Today's Weather Map

 Fire Weather Outlook: Thursday

Created by EDEM, State Meteorological Support Unit II, Data from SPC, US Census Bureau, Natural Earth

Scattered, Critical, Extreme, Indirect Pmt, Scattered Pmt





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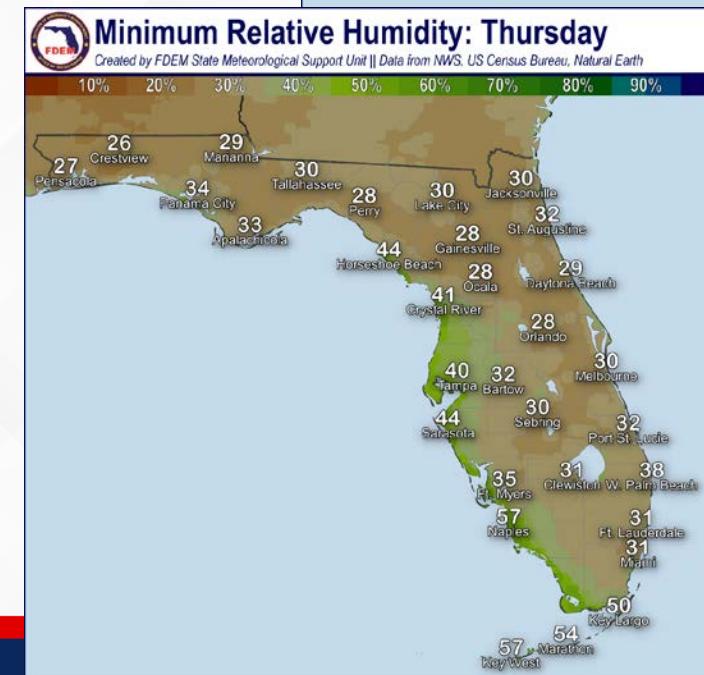
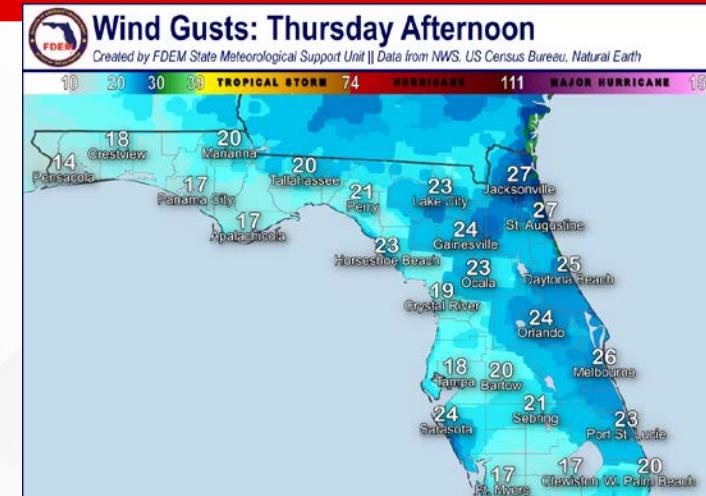
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A dry-reinforcing cold front across Central Florida will continue to sink southward and off the Southern Florida Coast this morning. High pressure building in over the Southeastern U.S. behind the recent cold fronts will give way to near-zero rain chances and mostly clear skies across the Sunshine State today and tonight.

High temperatures will remain in the middle 60s across North Florida and upper 60s to low 70s across Central Florida this afternoon while South Florida continues to rise into the middle to upper 70s. Dry northwesterly winds near 10-20 mph with **gusts near 15-30 mph** can be expected today behind the departing cold front.

Across much of the Florida Peninsula, which has seen relatively little rainfall, breezy northwesterly winds will overlap with **relative humidity values below critical thresholds (20-30%)** in areas with dry fuels this afternoon and evening. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) is outlooking an **Elevated Risk (level 1 of 3) for Fire Weather** across much of the Peninsula today as these conditions will likely allow any fires that develop to spread rapidly. **Red Flag Warnings** have been issued across portions of North-Central Florida, Interior and Eastern Central Florida, and into Southwest Florida from late this morning through 6:00 PM EST this evening as **high fire danger/critical fire weather conditions** are expected. **Fire Weather Watches** expand across South Florida from 11:00 AM EST to 7:00 PM EST and may be upgraded to **Red Flag Warnings** later today. Remember to avoid open flames or sparks, keep vehicles off dry grass, and properly discard cigarettes. North Florida will also see **elevated fire weather concerns** this afternoon and evening; however, recent wetting rains will help to minimize the overall wildfire threat.

Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida, middle 40s to low 50s across Central and South Florida, and upper 50s to low 60s along the Keys tonight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** will persist along the Florida Panhandle and West Coast today while a **moderate risk** returns along the East Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Hazardous beach and boating conditions** will persist statewide today as breezy winds and ocean swells continue. **High Surf Advisories** are in effect until 10:00 AM EST/9:00 AM CST this morning along the Eastern Emerald Coast as **large breaking waves near 6-8'** are expected in the surf along the Florida Panhandle. **Wave heights** along the Florida Panhandle will likely return to **near 3-6'** this afternoon and to **near 1-3'** tonight. Additional **High Surf Advisories** are in effect along the Sun Coast until 7:00 PM this evening as **large breaking waves of 2-9'** are expected in the surf zone along the West Coast. West Coast beaches will likely see **large breaking waves remain near 4-8'** this afternoon but return to **near 3-6'** overnight. East Coast beaches will see **large breaking waves near 3-7'** generally persist through the afternoon and overnight hours. The Florida Keys will see **wave heights** remain **near 2-6'**.

Red Tide has been observed in **44** samples collected from Southwest Florida (valid 3/5). Background to **low concentrations** have been observed in and offshore of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Monroe Counties. **Fish kills and respiratory irritation** have been reported from and/or offshore of **Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties**.

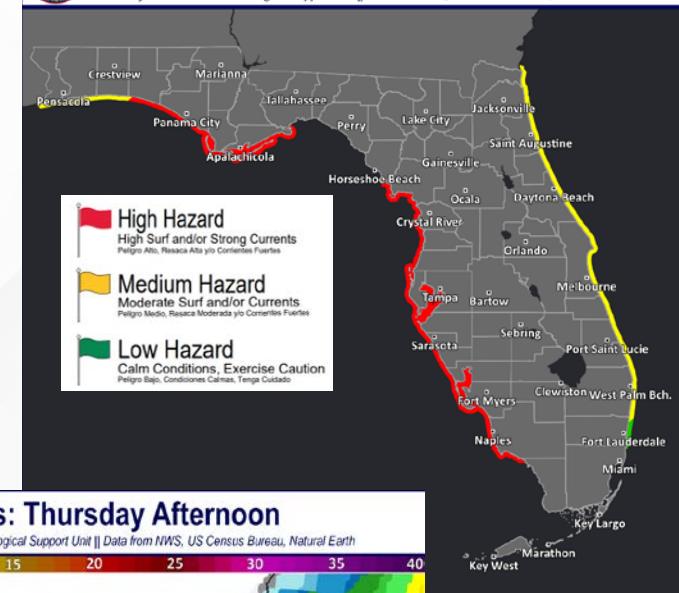
Coastal Flooding: While there is no organized risk for coastal flooding today, **elevated water levels (0.25-0.5' above normally dry ground)** and isolated instances of **minor coastal flooding** and **coastal erosion** will continue to be possible near and at times of high tide due to breezy winds and ocean swells impacting the coastlines.

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

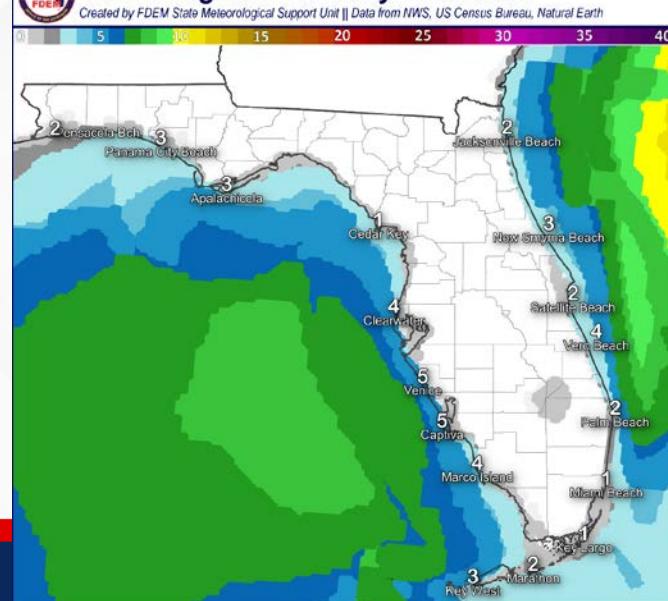
Riverine Flooding: The [Aucilla River at Lamont](#) remains within Action Stage (bank-full) as water levels continue to gradually decline following rises with recent heavy rainfall. The river is forecast to fall below flood stage later today. There are no additional riverine concerns at this time. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.62 feet, which is within the operational band and is 0.88 feet below normal for this time of year.

Rip Current Risk: Thursday
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Wave Heights: Thursday Afternoon
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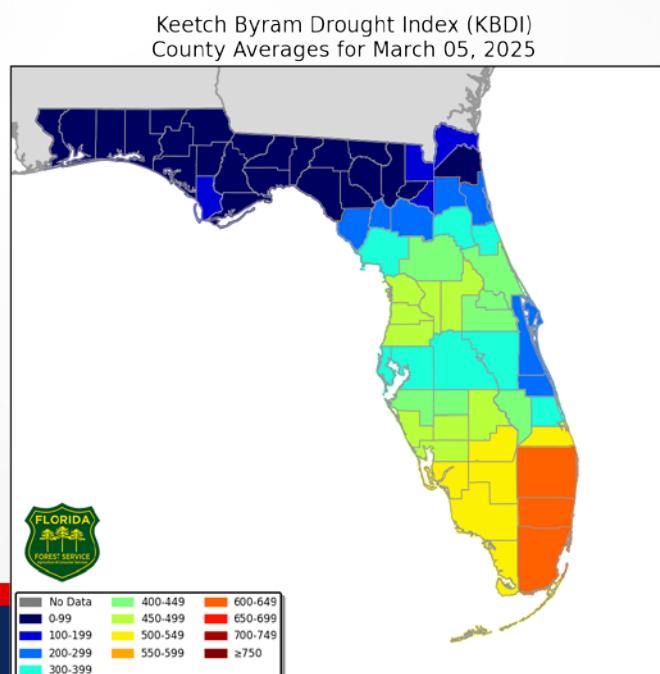
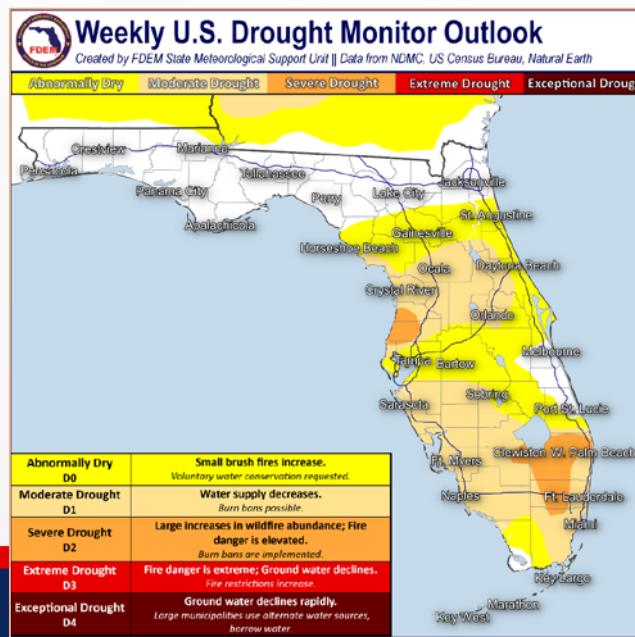


Drought & Fire Weather

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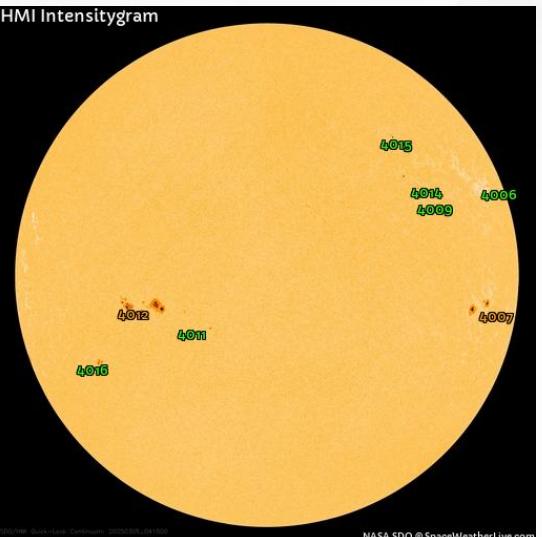
Drought: Temperatures across the Southeast U.S. this week (as of 3/6) were mostly within 5-degrees of normal. Most areas in the region also saw dry conditions. Short-term **Moderate and Severe Drought** expanded slightly in South Florida on this week's Drought Monitor updates (valid 3/6) where fire danger indices have increased recently. Some improvements to short-term **Moderate Drought** occurred in Central Florida following heavy rainfall that fell near last week's Tuesday morning cutoff. Otherwise, **Abnormally Dry (emerging drought)** to **Moderate Drought** conditions remain relatively unchanged elsewhere through the Peninsula with pockets of **Severe Drought** in place in the Northern Tampa Bay Area and south of Lake Okeechobee in Southeast Florida. 60-day rainfall deficits have now reached near 1-3" nearly statewide with higher pockets of 3-5" north of the I-4 corridor into the Northern Peninsula, across the Eastern Panhandle, and in Southeast Florida. The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is outlooking above normal temperatures and near to slightly above normal rainfall statewide over the next week or so which may allow for worsening of drought conditions.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **313 (-3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **9** Florida counties (Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

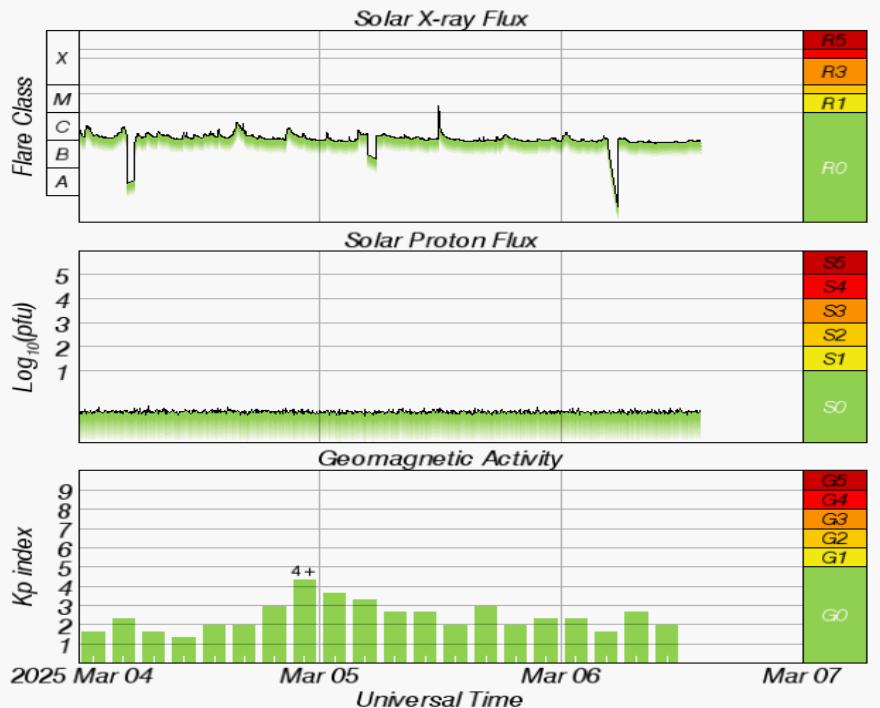




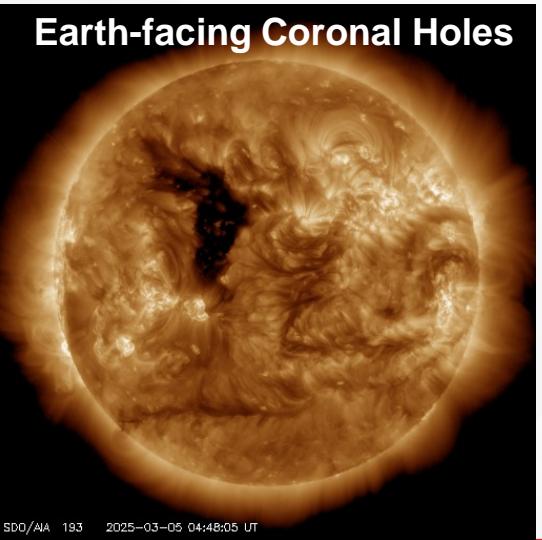
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for an isolated significant (X-class) solar flare event over the next few days primarily due to the flare potential of region #4012 and the evolution presented by region #4016. Sunspot #4012 contains a magnetic field that harbors energy for strong (M-class) solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will likely accompany M-class solar flare activity, and strong (R3) radio blackouts will be possible in the event of any X-class solar flares. Minor (S1) solar radiation storms cannot be ruled out over the next few days in the event of any significant flaring. A gradual decline of solar wind conditions is anticipated through Friday. Corotating Interaction Region (CIR) influences ahead of a recurrent Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS) are expected by late Friday. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions are expected today as weak, glancing Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) effects continue to wane with quiet geomagnetic conditions prevailing on Friday. Unsettled to active geomagnetic conditions are expected on Saturday as CIR effects ahead of the recurrent CH HSS become geoeffective. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

3/6	3/7
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%



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Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
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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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