



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Tuesday, March 11, 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	Leon	Region 7 Response Coordinator Onboarding Orientation
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Gilchrist	EM Visist
Region 4: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Leon	EM Day at the Capitol
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Leon	Response Coordinator Onboarding Orientation
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St Lucie, Leon	EM Day at the Capitol
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Sarasota	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Office Admin



Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4  
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 3  
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9  
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7  
Region 8 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Service	Leave ( See Coverage)
Region 3: Patrick James	Alachua	Instructor Preparation
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Instructor Preparation
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leon	EM Day
RRCT Manager	In Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Okeechobee	LMS Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Administrative Duties
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	Broward	Administrative Duties

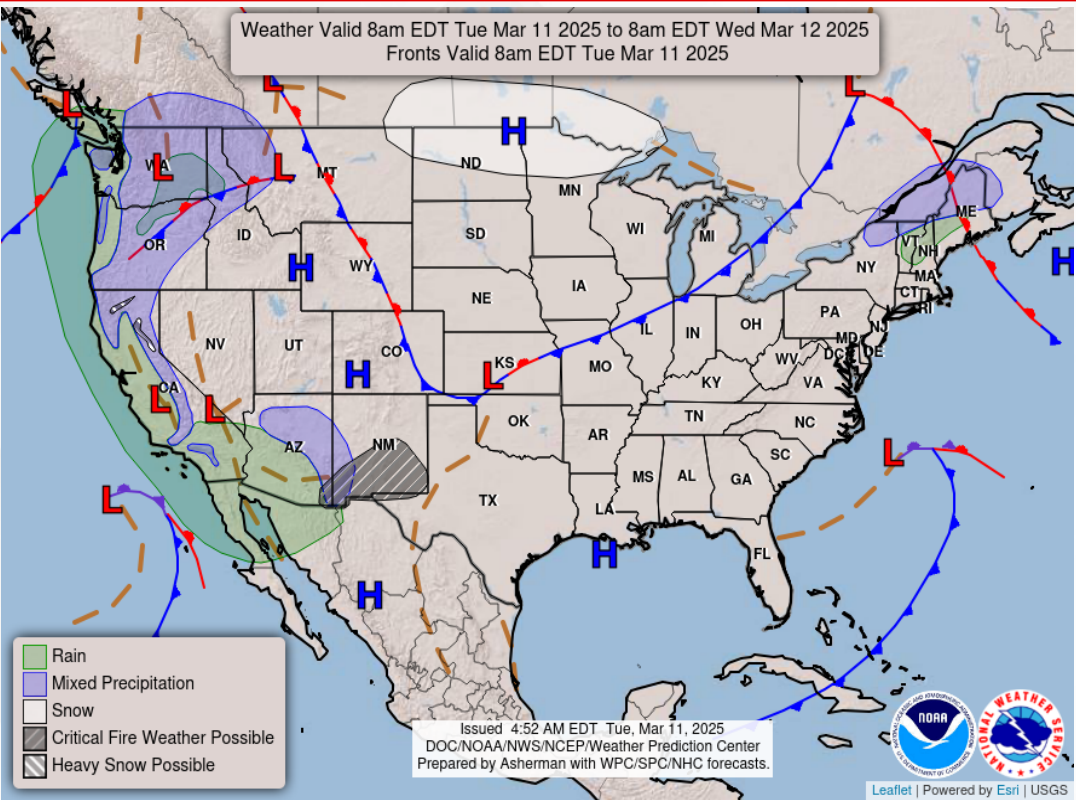
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



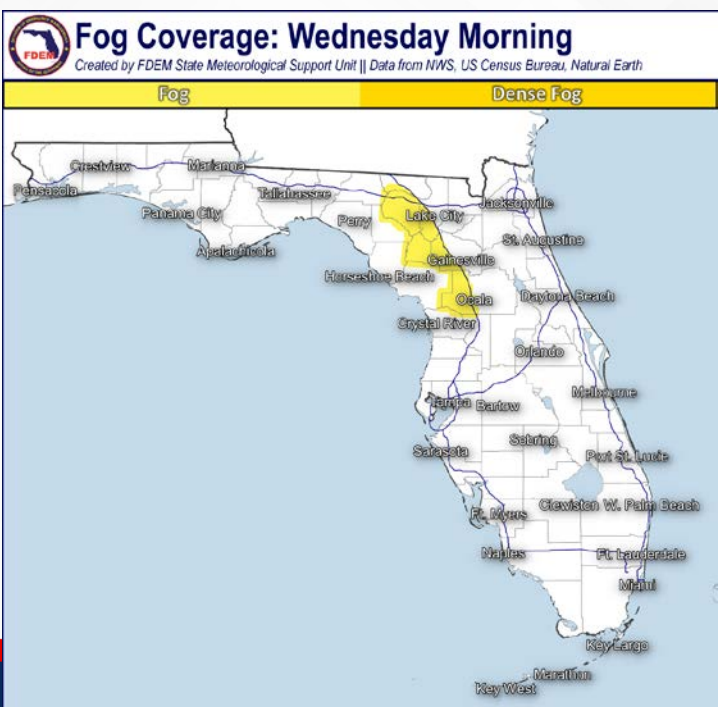
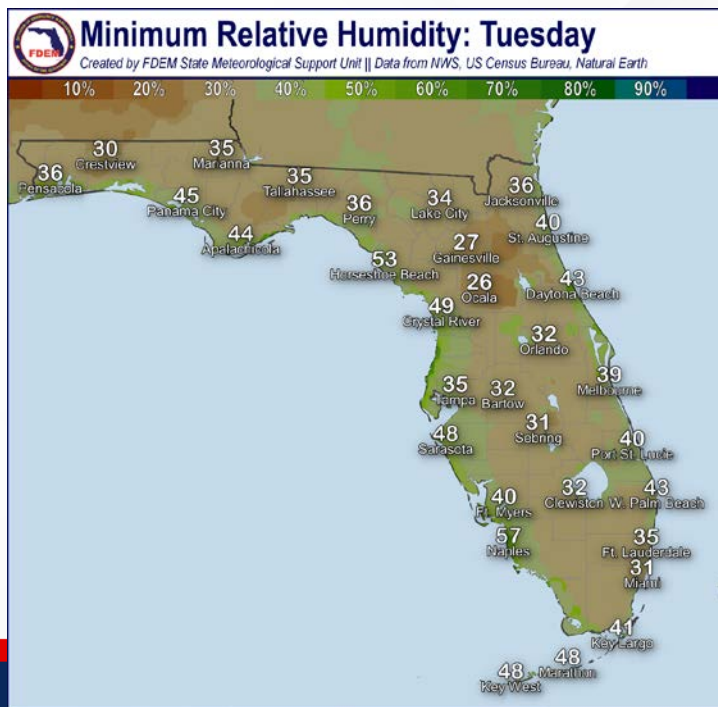


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Fire Weather					M	L	M	M	L	M
River Flooding			L	L						
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	L		L				
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	H		M	H	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	13.42 ft. (1.07 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	294 (-18) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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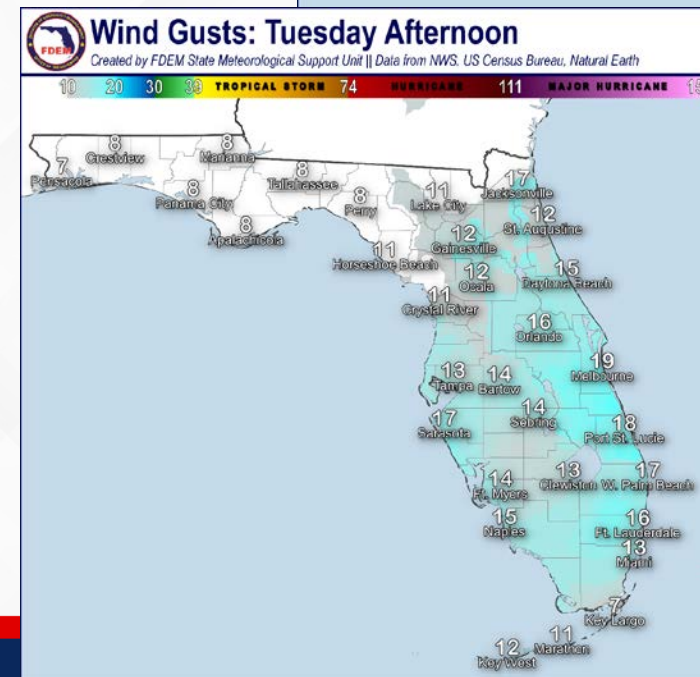
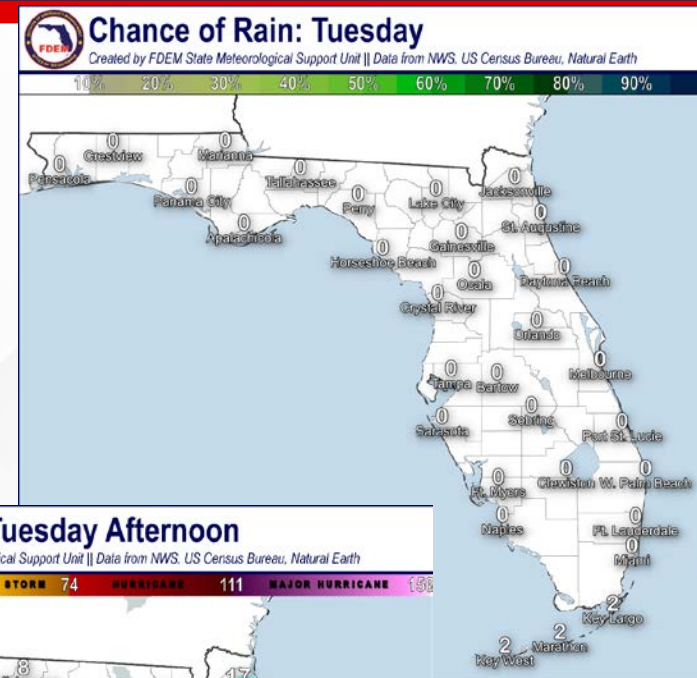
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Instances of fog this morning across the Panhandle and Big Bend will gradually lift and dissipate as the sun continues to rise. After an active few weather days, mostly sunny and dry conditions will return across the Sunshine State. High pressure will shift eastward and settle over the northern gulf waters and the Gulf Coast states keeping conditions pleasant throughout the day (near 0% chance of rain). Linger breezy **wind gusts upwards of 20 mph** will continue across the Peninsula, mostly along the eastern Peninsula, this afternoon. Much drier air filtering southward will create **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** this afternoon throughout the interior Peninsula as relative humidity values will fall **near and below critical thresholds (25-35%)**. *With elevated winds and dry conditions across portions of East-Central Florida, a short-fused **Red Flag Warning** cannot be ruled out this afternoon.* Despite drier conditions returning across North Florida, recent rainfall will help to limit wildfire conditions.

Slightly below normal high temperatures in the upper 60s to upper 70s can be expected across the state this afternoon.

Calm and quiet conditions will persist through the evening and overnight hours, and winds along the eastern Peninsula will let up. As onshore winds return along the Panhandle and Big Bend, instances of **patchy fog** will be possible overnight and into early Wednesday. **Locally dense fog** cannot be ruled out in some areas early Wednesday morning.

Low temperatures will fall into the middle 40s to lower 50s across North and Central Florida and upper 40s to upper 50s across South Florida.







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected for numerous beaches across the state. A low risk will return for portions of Northeast Florida beaches and Nature Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** West Coast beaches will gradually see ocean swells over the eastern gulf waters diminish throughout the day; however, beaches can still expect to see elevated **surf upwards of 3-6'**. Panhandle and Big Bend beaches will see wave heights return to 1-3' through the late afternoon hours. **Dangerous surf upwards of 4-7'** can be expected along Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida beaches, with locally greater **wave heights upwards of 8-10'** in the surf zone. All other East Coast beaches will see **wave heights of 3-5'**.

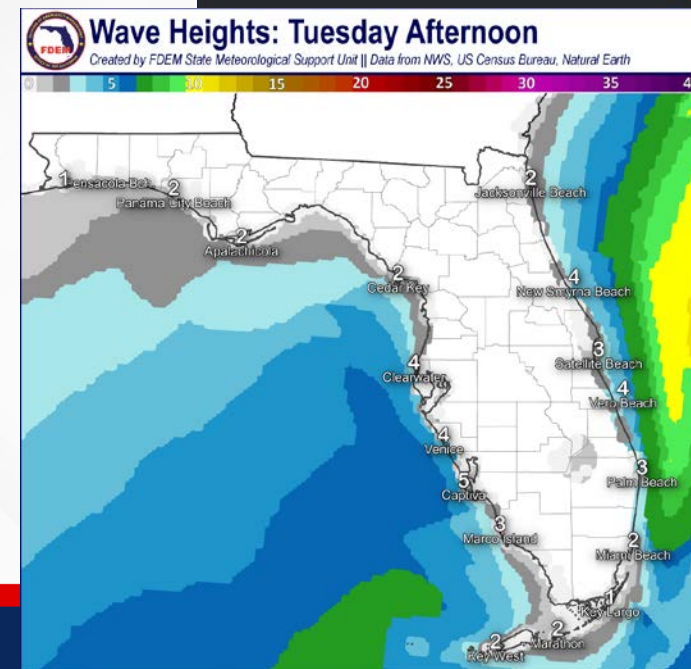
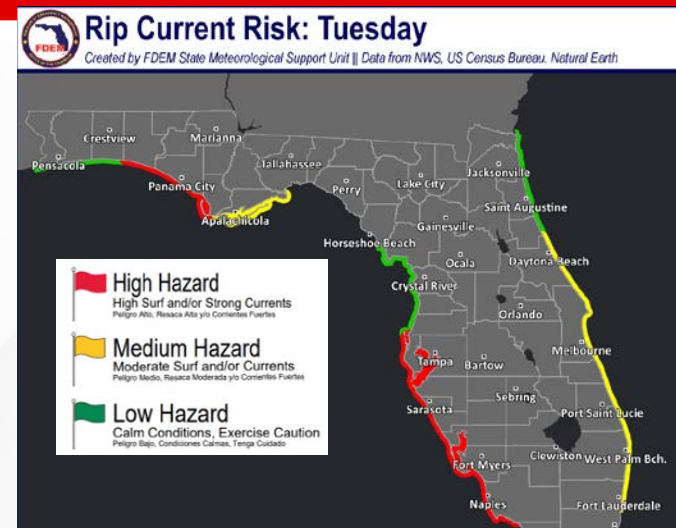
**Red Tide** has been observed in **16** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast (valid 3/7). Background to **low concentrations** have been observed in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Charlotte Counties. A *fish kill suspected to be related to red tide was reported in Sarasota County at Turtle Beach on 2/27. There have been no reports of respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide over the past week.*

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

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

**Riverine Flooding:** Repeated rounds of widespread rainfall over the weekend has led to water level rises within river basins across the Big Bend and Suwannee Valley. **River Flood Warnings** have been issued for the [Aucilla River at Lamont](#) as water levels have risen into **minor flood stage**. The [St. Mary's River at Macclenny](#) is forecast to rise into **moderate flood stage** within the next few days, likely cresting mid-to-late week. Additional river basins, such as the Ochlockonee, St. Marks, Withlacoochee and Santa Fe, are all forecast or have already risen into Action Stage (bank-full). Rises within the Santa Fe River basin may lead to backwater flooding within lower portions of the basin as elevated waters meet. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#). For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 13.42 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.07 feet **below** normal for this time of year.





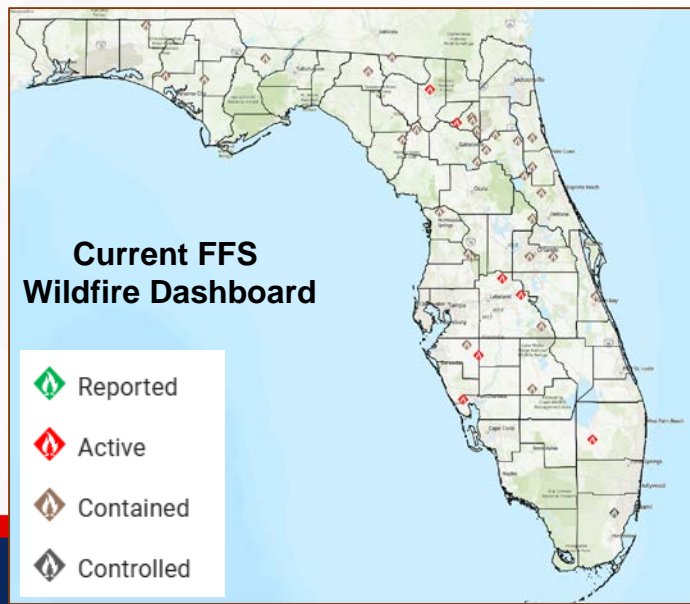
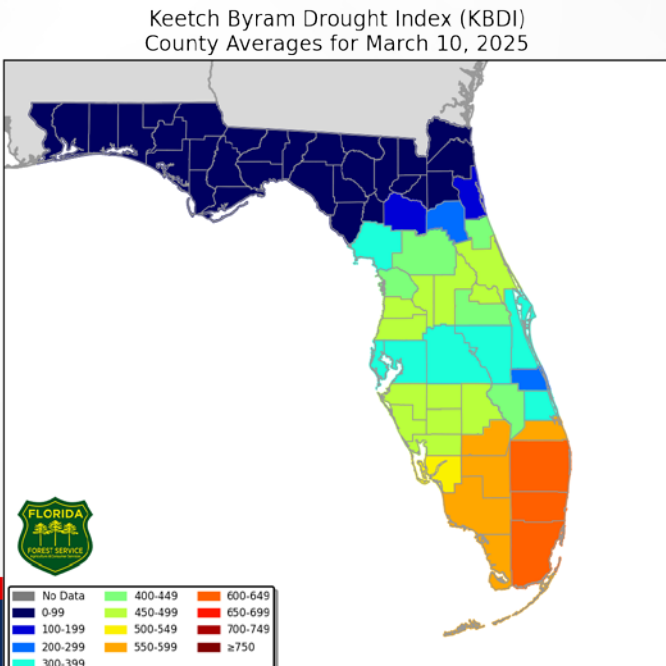
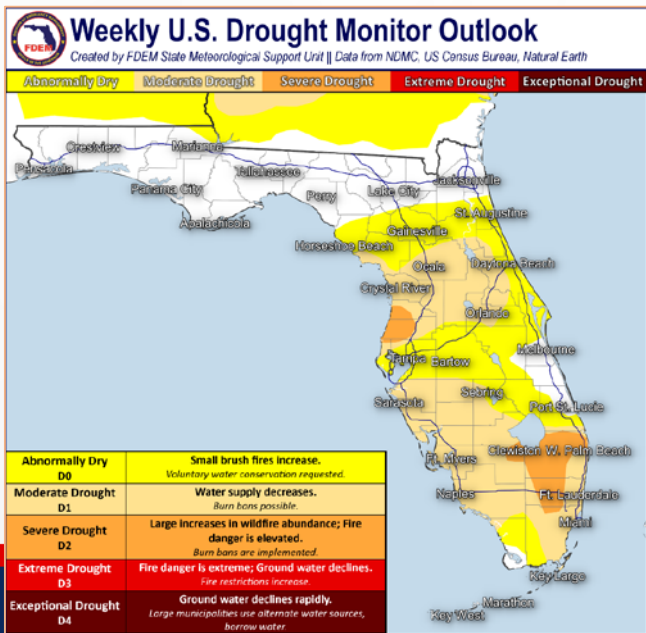


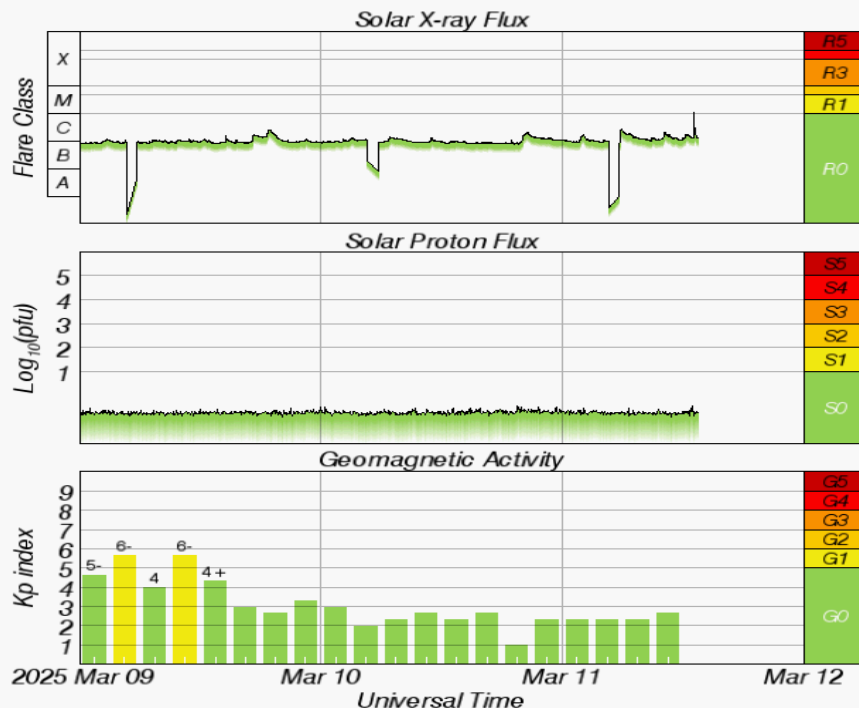
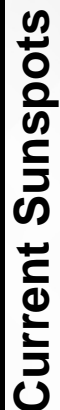
# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Instances of fog this morning across the Panhandle and Big Bend will continue to gradually lift this morning as the sun rises. Much drier conditions will return across the Sunshine State as high pressure settles in over the Gulf Coast. While relative humidity values across North Florida will fall below critical thresholds, recent heavy rainfall will limit the overall wildfire conditions. Throughout the Peninsula, relative humidity values will fall **near and below critical thresholds (25-35%)** this afternoon. **Breezy wind gusts upwards of 20 mph** will linger through today throughout the Peninsula, but especially along the eastern Peninsula this afternoon. The combination of drier conditions, breezy winds and ongoing drought conditions will lead to **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** throughout the interior Peninsula, but mostly along the eastern Peninsula. With elevated winds and critical relative humidity values this afternoon, *a short-fused Red Flag Warning cannot be ruled out over interior portions of East-Central Florida*. Calm conditions and moisture gradually returning across North Florida will allow for instances of **patchy fog** to develop overnight and into Wednesday morning. **Locally dense fog** cannot be ruled out in areas. Foggy conditions may further reduce visibility where there are ongoing wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 37 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,224 acres.

**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 feel 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 **294 (-18)** 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).





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
3/11	3/12
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity will continue at low levels with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares due to sunspot #4019 continuing to grow and develop. Any M-class solar flare that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Waning Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) conditions will lead to instances of unsettled solar wind conditions through today. Another stream of CH HSS conditions will flow towards Earth through Thursday allowing for unsettled solar wind conditions to also continue. No minor (S1) or greater solar radiation storms are expected. Mostly unsettled geomagnetic conditions, with isolated instances of active conditions, can be expected to persist through today. Another enhancement within the geomagnetic field can be expected again with another round of CH HSS conditions later this week. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
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	
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