



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, March 18, 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	Regional Meeting Prep / Office Admin
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	FTEM/FDEM Liason Training Meeting / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	SERT Disaster Needs Assessment Meetings (V - Bradford, Union, Lafayette)
Region 4: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Lake, Osceola	EM Meetings
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Tampa Steering Committee Meeting / ESF 8 Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Highlands	EM Visit
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St Lucie	Office Admin
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Lee	Lee Health Forum
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	G-300 Co-Instruction / EM Meeting

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Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

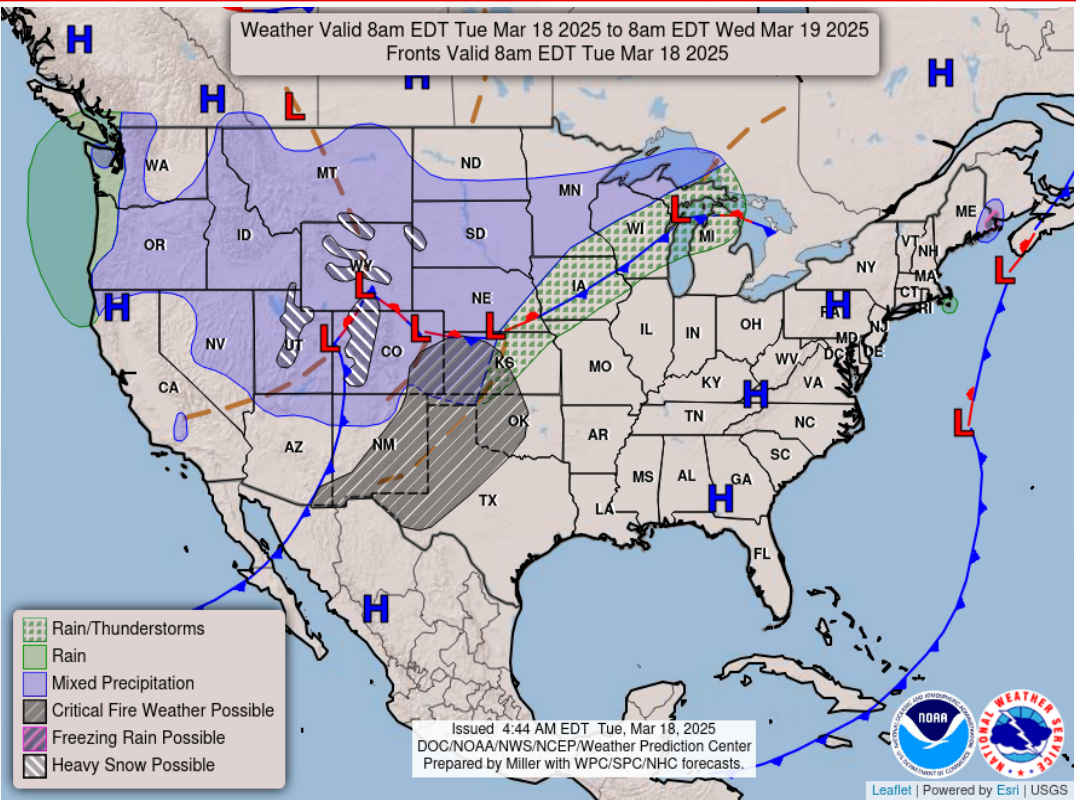
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Holmes	FROC Abatement Assistance
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	FEMA CA Meeting
Region 3: Patrick James	Madison	HSEEP Training
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
RRCT Manager	Pasco	Instructing FL608 & FL609
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Highlands	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	External Stakeholders Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	Broward	External Stakeholders Meeting

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

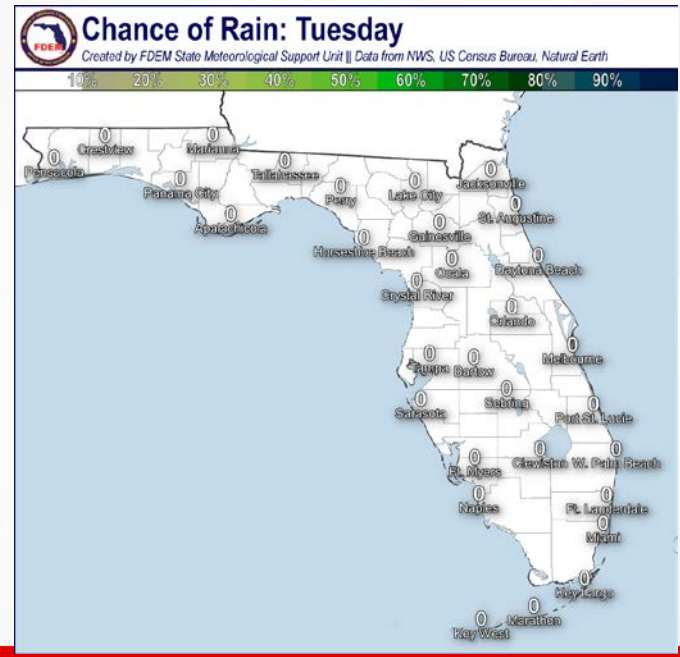
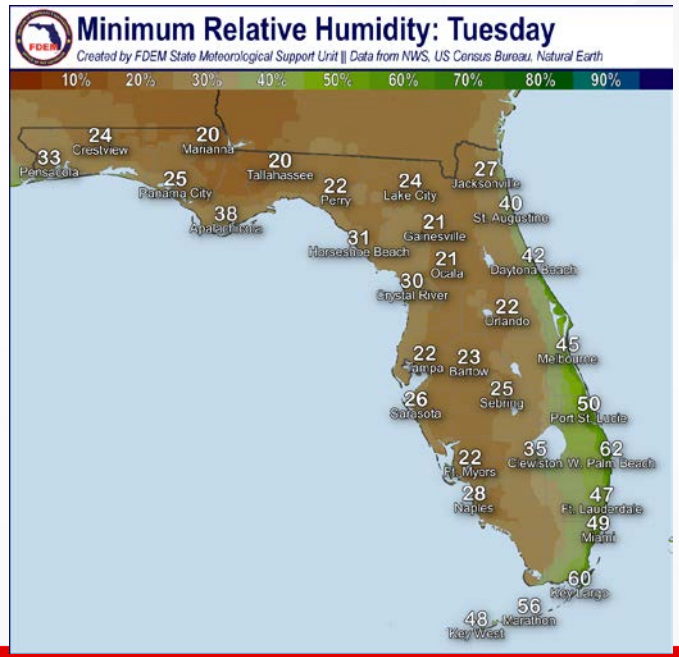


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Fire Weather	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	L	M	L
River Flooding		L	L							
Fog (Overnight)									L	
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	H		M	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation:	13.11 ft. (1.31 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index:	299 (-15) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





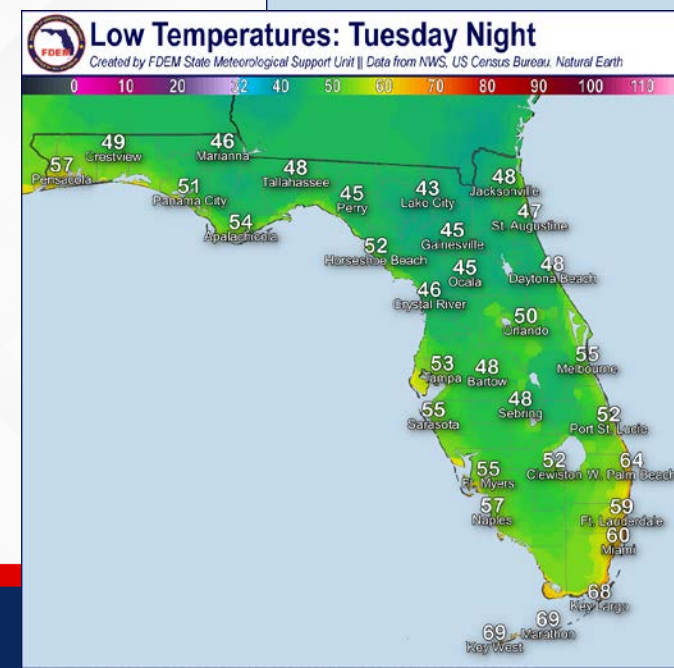
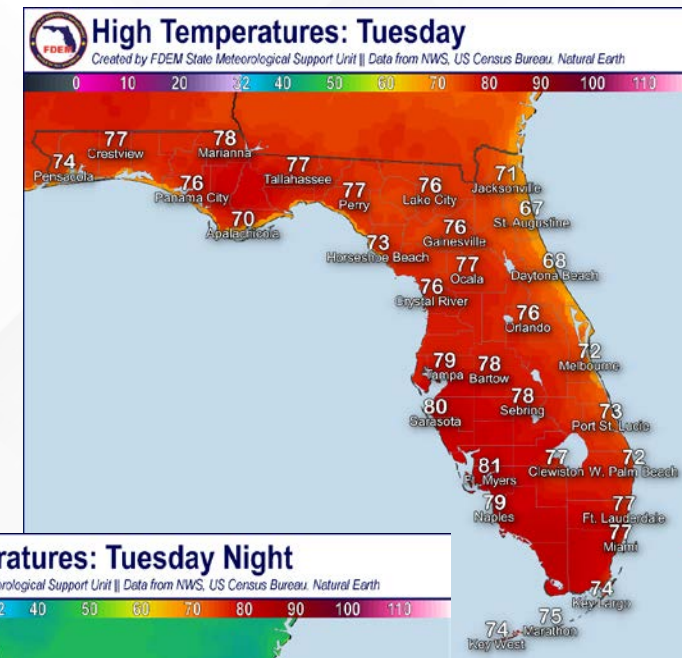
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will settle in over the Sunshine State creating pleasant conditions with mostly sunny skies and a near-zero chance of rain. With dry conditions, **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** will also continue nearly statewide as relative humidity values will fall **below critical thresholds** this afternoon (**20-30%**). Compared to yesterday, winds will be slightly calmer gusting upwards of 10-15 mph, with stronger **wind gusts upwards of 20 mph** along portions of the East Coast, this afternoon. With slightly calmer winds, Red Flag Conditions are not expected this afternoon; however, ongoing drought conditions and dry vegetation across the western Peninsula will create the **locally elevated wildfire threat**. Recent rainfall across the Panhandle and North Florida will help to preclude widespread wildfire conditions.

High temperatures will reach the upper 60s to lower 70s along the Northeast and East-Central Florida coasts this afternoon while the rest of the state can expect high temperatures in the middle 70s to lower 80s.

Calm and dry conditions can be expected heading into the evening and overnight hours across the state. Mostly clear skies will allow for temperatures to cool down overnight. Low temperatures will fall into the lower to middle 40s throughout the interior Panhandle and upper 40s to upper 50s across the rest of the state overnight. Southeast Florida can expect to see low temperatures in the lower to middle 60s overnight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Numerous beaches across the state can still expect a **moderate to high risk for rip currents**. Messaging the **dangerous and life-threatening** risk of rip currents is imperative for tourists and out-of-town Spring Break vacationers. The **highest risk for rip currents** will be along the western Florida Peninsula and Southeast Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells extending from Treasure Coast and southward along the Atlantic-facing Key beaches will create **wave heights of 5-7'** with larger **breaking waves** upwards of **7-9'** in the surf zone, leading to **hazardous beach and boating conditions**. Numerous beaches along the rest of the East Coast and along the western Peninsula will reach **3-5'** this afternoon. Panhandle beaches will see wave heights continue to decline and gradually return to calm marine conditions with wave heights of 1-2'.

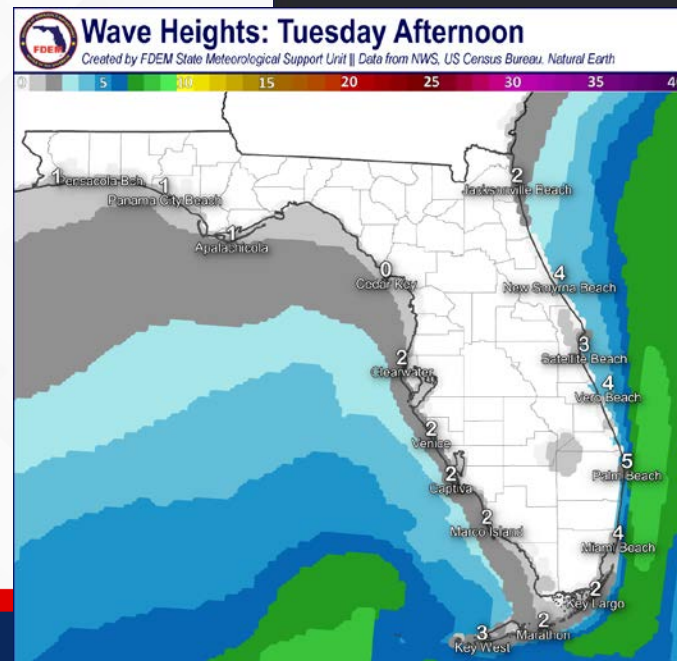
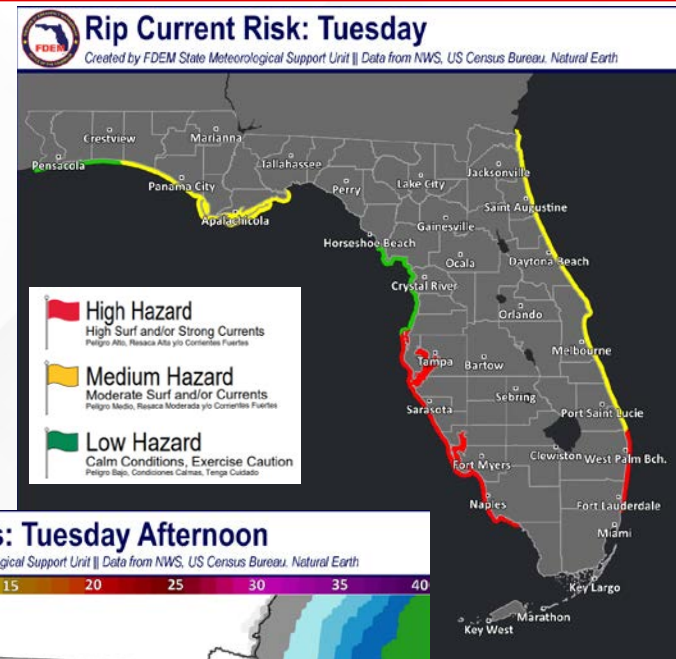
Red Tide has been observed at background levels in **2** samples collected from Florida's Gulf Coast (Pinellas and Gulf Counties) over the past week (valid 3/14). *Fish kills suspected to be related to red tide were reported in Sarasota County. There have been no reports of respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide.*

Coastal Flooding: Coastal flooding is not anticipated.

Flash Flooding: There is no risk of flash flooding across Florida today.

Riverine Flooding: **Minor flooding** continues along portions of the [Aucilla River at Lamont](#) with a **River Flood Warning** remaining in effect through Saturday morning (3/22), respectively. Additional river basins, such as the Ochlockonee, Sopchoppy, Withlacoochee and Santa Fe, are all forecast or have already risen into Action Stage (bank-full). For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.11 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.31 feet below normal for this time of year.





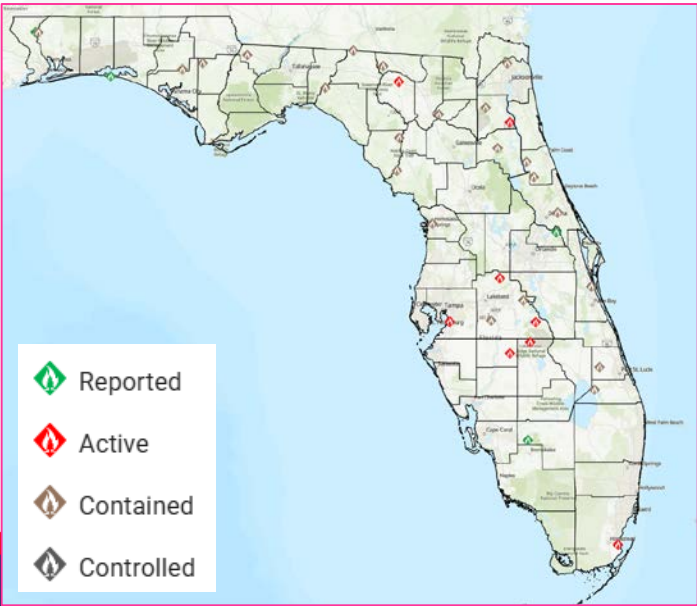
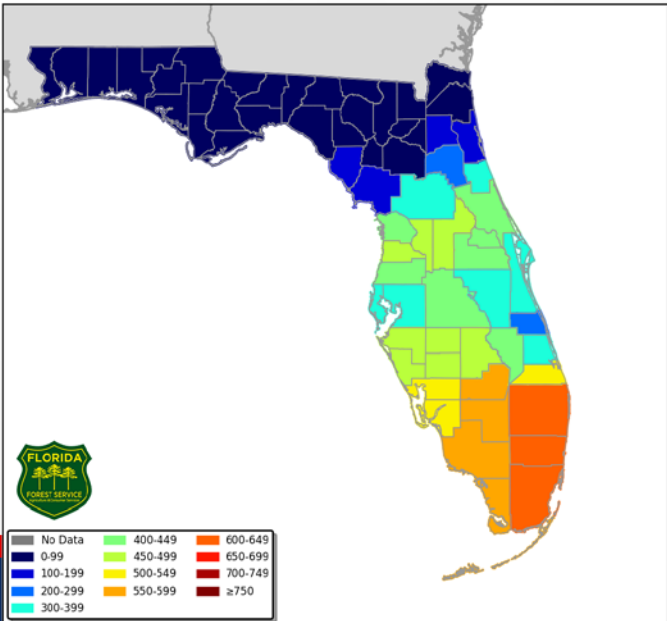
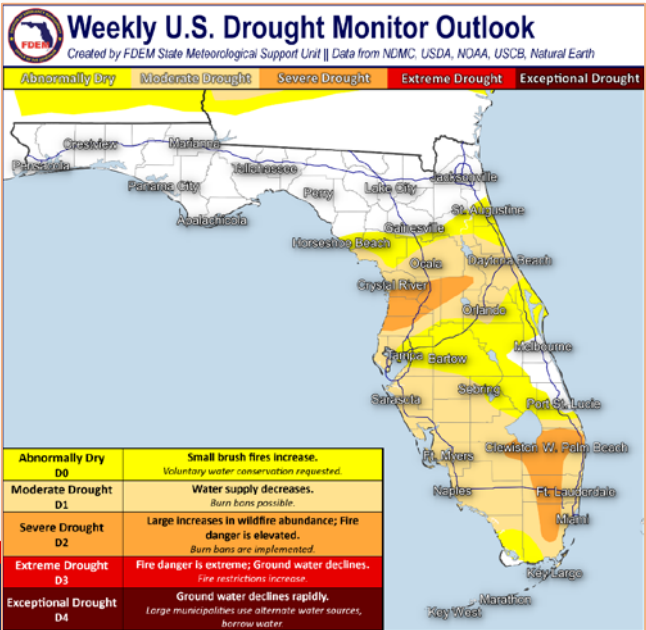
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will persist throughout the state as high pressure remains settled over the Sunshine State. Relative humidity values throughout North and West Florida will fall **below critical thresholds this afternoon (20-30%)** creating **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions**. Compared to yesterday, wind gusts will be slightly calmer this afternoon across the Peninsula reaching upwards of 10-15 mph, with portions of the East Coast seeing **upwards of 20 mph**. Despite calmer winds, ongoing drought conditions and dry vegetation throughout the Peninsula will continue to create a **locally elevated wildfire** threat today. Recent rainfall across the Panhandle and North Florida should help to preclude wildfire conditions. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 34 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,833 acres.

Drought: Near to above-normal rainfall was observed in most areas in the Southeast U.S. over the past week (as of 3/13), although the heaviest totals along and adjacent to North Florida were outside the areas affected by dryness. Dry conditions along the Central and Southern Florida Peninsula have led to some degradations on last week's Drought Monitor update (valid 3/13). *Abnormally Dry (emerging drought)* to **Moderate Drought** conditions remain in place across South and Central Florida northward to a line from Horseshoe Beach to Gainesville to St. Augustine. Expanding pockets of **Severe Drought** persisting across the Nature Coast and extending northeastward towards Daytona Beach and in the Southern Lake Okeechobee region stretching southward to Miami-Dade County.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida is **299 (-15)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **10** Florida counties (Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

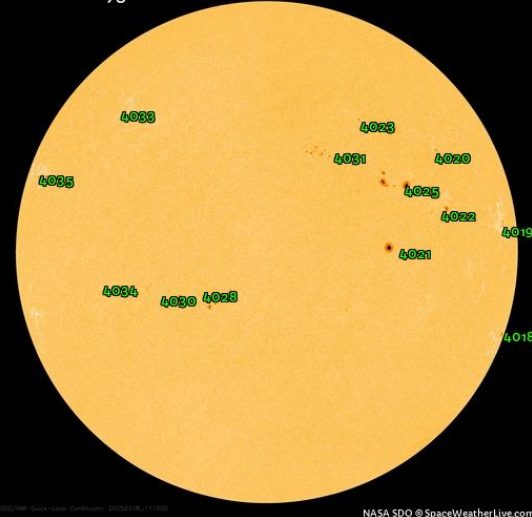
Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for March 17, 2025





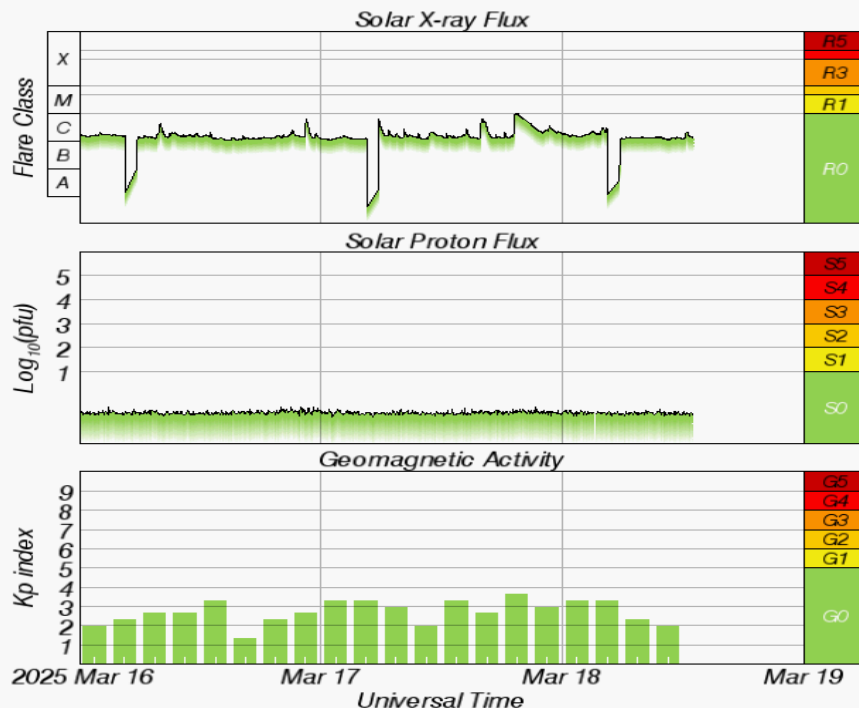
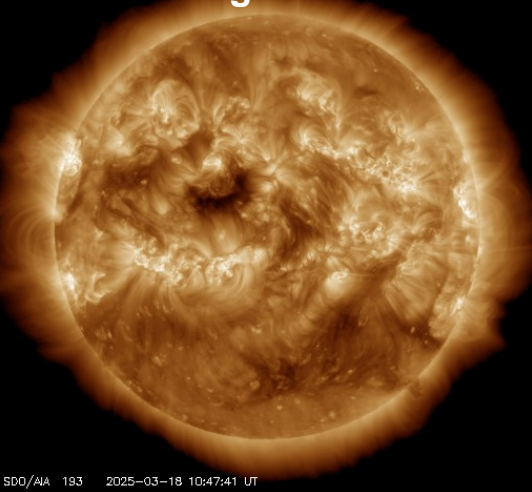
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



Current Sunspots

Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 50%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C9 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
3/18	3/19
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Low solar activity will persist through today as moderate (C-class) solar flares are possible. An isolated strong (M-class) or even a significant (X-class) solar flare cannot be ruled out though due to several active sunspots and their combined flare probabilities. Any M-class flare that develops will likely bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts with it, and any X-class solar flare that develops will likely bring strong (R3) radio blackouts with it. Weak enhancements within the solar wind field will create slightly elevated solar wind conditions through the next couple of days. The Earth's geomagnetic field will continue to see quiet to active conditions due to those weak solar wind enhancements. The overall space threat to Florida remains very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
Backup Landline:	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
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	
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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