



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, March 27, 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	Washington	SERT/County Disaster Needs Assessment Meeting
Region 2: Willie Bouie	Leon	Response Meetings / Fleet End to End Solution Build Demo
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Region 3 Quarterly Meeting
Region 4: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	FTEM Support / Log Mission
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	Region 6 Quarterly Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Pinellas	Healthcare Coalition Meeting / Response Coordinators Meetings
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Indian River, St Lucie	WebEOC / Response Coordinators Meetings
Region 9: Theresa Hendry	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Response Coordinators Meeting



Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

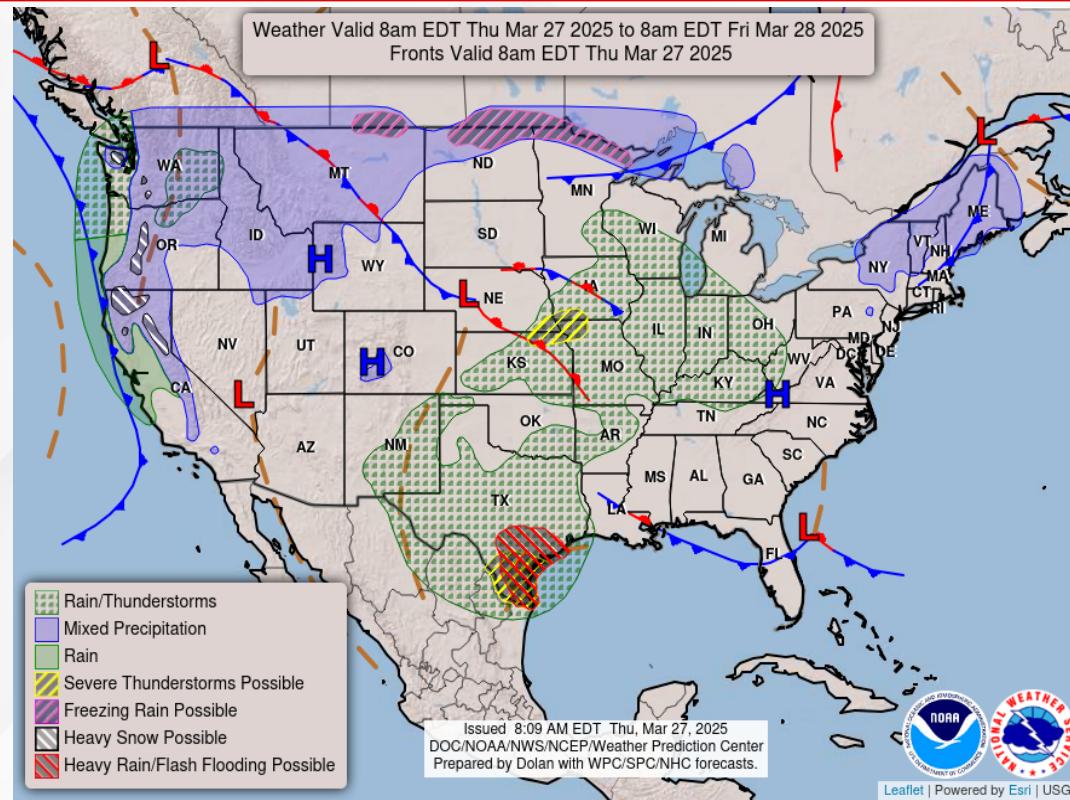
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	Administrative Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	HQ Admin
Region 3: Patrick James	Columbia	Regional Quarterly Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	Co-Instructing FEMA Basic Academy
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Pinellas	Regional (R6) Quarterly Meeting
RRCT Manager	Leon	HQ Admin / Exit Meetings
Region 6: Jeremy O'Dell		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Lee	FWC Rally
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Dana McGeehan	Broward	Instructing G-358

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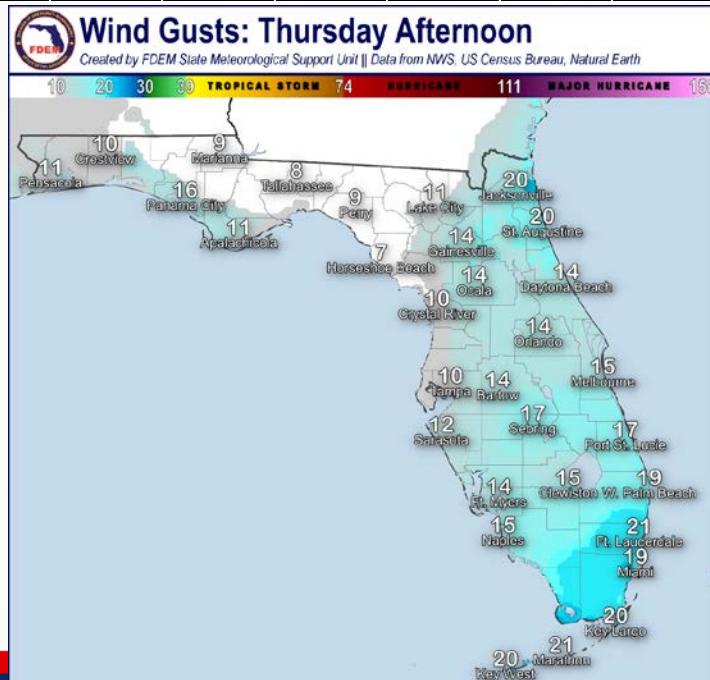
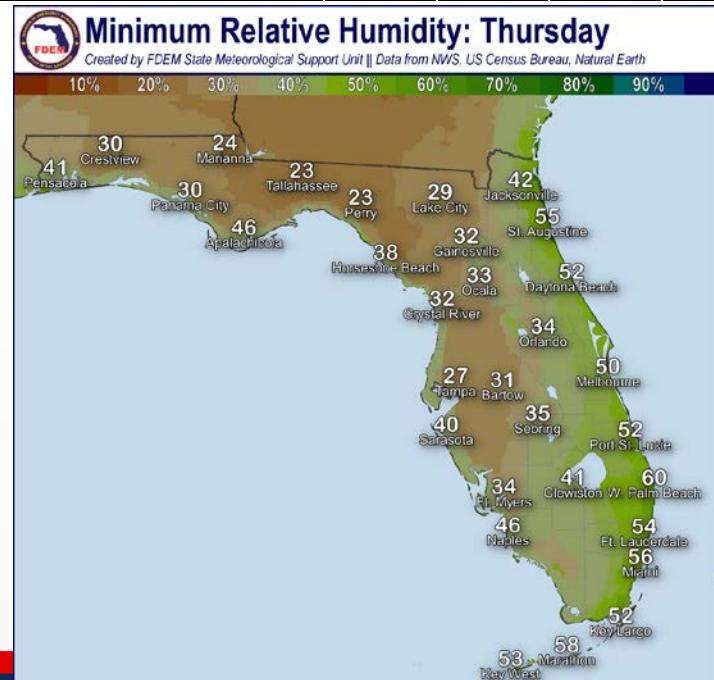
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map





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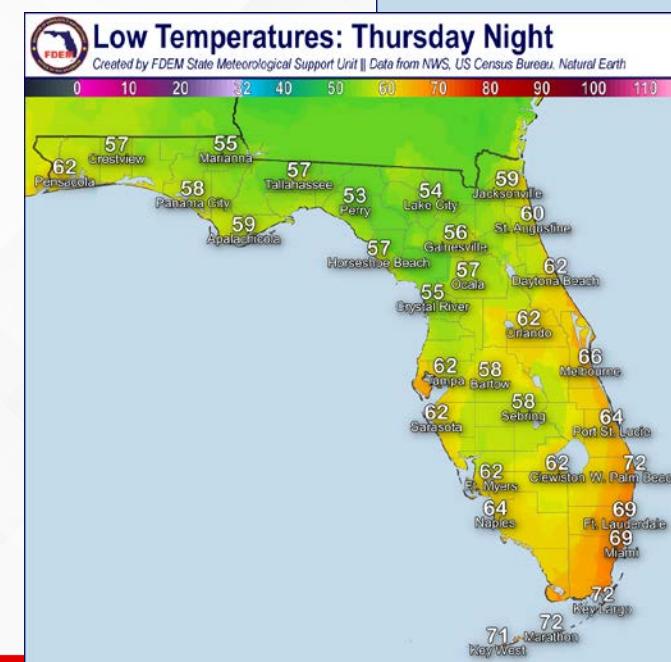
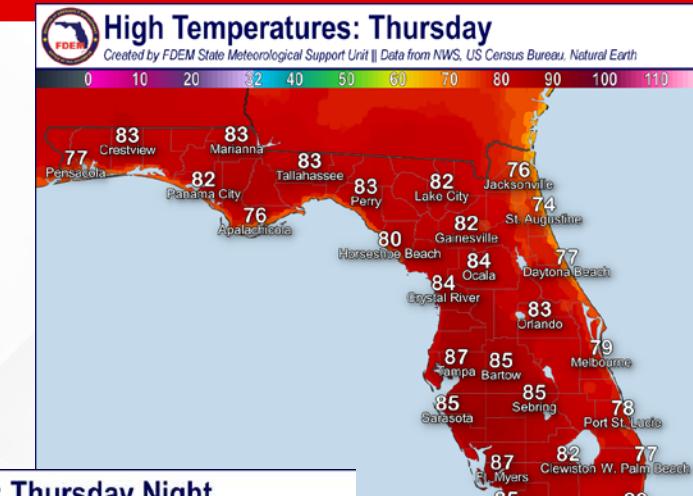
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Mostly dry conditions and mostly clear skies can be expected across the Sunshine State today and tonight under high pressure (near 0-5% chance of rain). Cloudier conditions will gradually develop along the Florida Panhandle throughout the day and overnight as the next frontal system develops to the west.

Despite the developing cloud cover over portions of the state, high temperatures will reach the middle 70s to upper 80s statewide this afternoon. Easterly winds near 5-10 mph with gusts near 10-15 mph can be expected nearly statewide today. Breezier conditions with winds near 10-15 mph and **gusts near 15-25 mph** can be expected across South Florida and the Keys.

Low relative humidity values (20-40%), increasing winds, and dry fuels will continue to create **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** across North Florida and western and interior portions of the Peninsula this afternoon and evening.

Low temperatures will return to the 50s across North Florida, upper 50s to middle 60s across Central Florida, and middle 60s to low 70s across South Florida tonight. Breezy winds will persist along and south of the I-4 corridor and through the Keys overnight, reaching upwards of 5-10 mph with **gusts upwards of 10-20 mph**. Localized areas of **patchy fog** will be possible across portions of the state overnight into early Friday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy onshore winds along the East Coast will give way to **high risk for rip currents** along the Space, Treasure, and Gold Coasts and a **moderate risk for rip currents** along the First Coast today. A **moderate risk for rip currents** can continue to be expected along the Florida Panhandle while a low risk persists elsewhere. With spring break season is full-swing, messaging regarding **rip currents and dangerous surf** conditions should be maintained for visitors and tourists. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Mostly calm marine conditions with **1-3' waves** can be expected along the Florida Panhandle, West Coast, and First Coast today. Breezy easterly winds will produce **poor to hazardous beach and boating conditions** along Space, Treasure, and Gold Coasts and Atlantic-facing Keys today. Ocean swells can be expected to develop, allowing **large breaking waves to reach upwards of 4-7'** by this evening and continuing overnight. **High Surf Advisories** may be issued as conditions warrant.

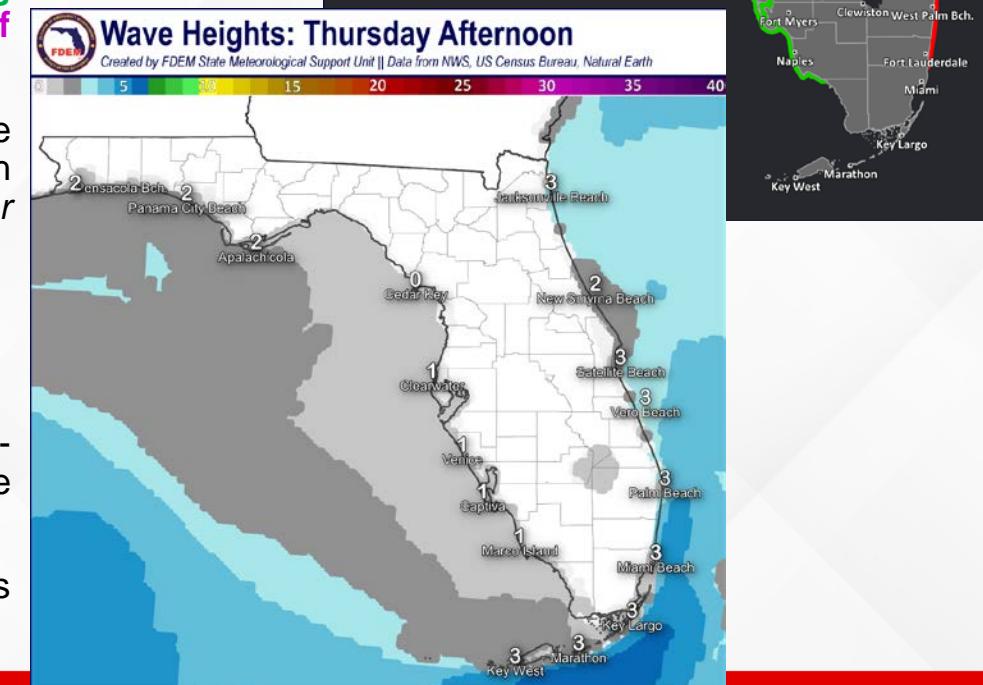
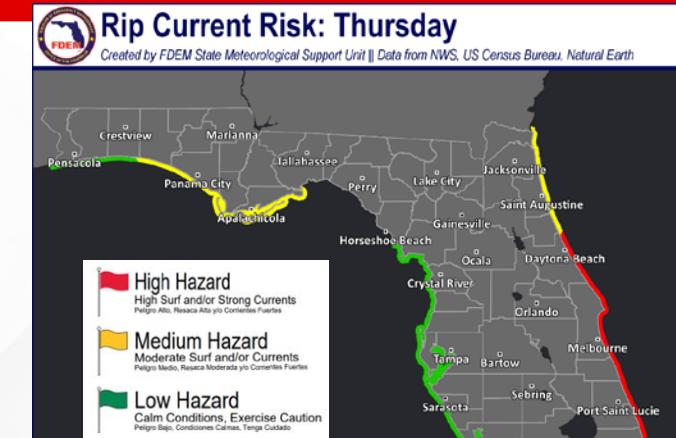
Red Tide has been observed at background levels in **3** samples collected around the state (one sample from Okaloosa County, one sample from Bay County, and one sample from Palm Beach County) over the past week (valid 3/21). *There have been no reports of respiratory irritation or fish kills suspected to be related to red tide.*

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

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

Riverine Flooding: Portions of the Aucilla and Santa Fe rivers remain within Action Stage (bank-full) as water levels continue to slowly decline following rises from recent heavy rainfall. There are no additional riverine concerns at this time. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.72 feet, which is within the operational band and is **1.62 feet below** normal for this time of year.



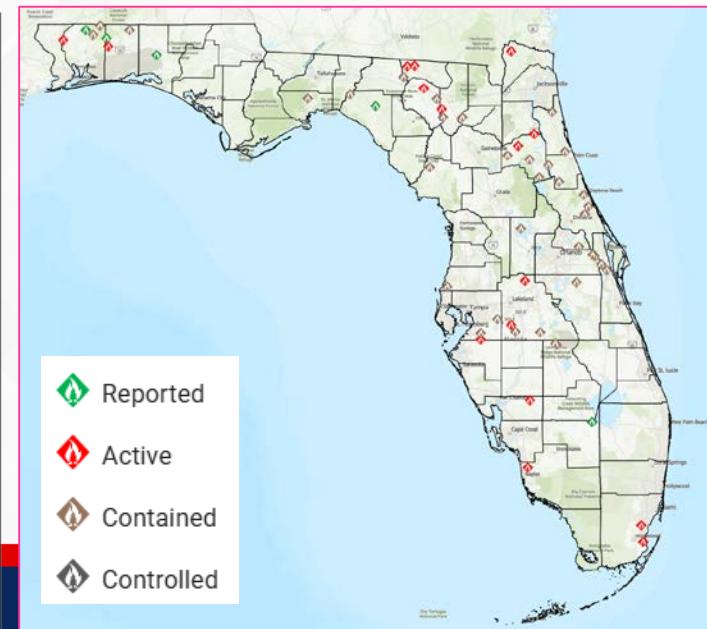
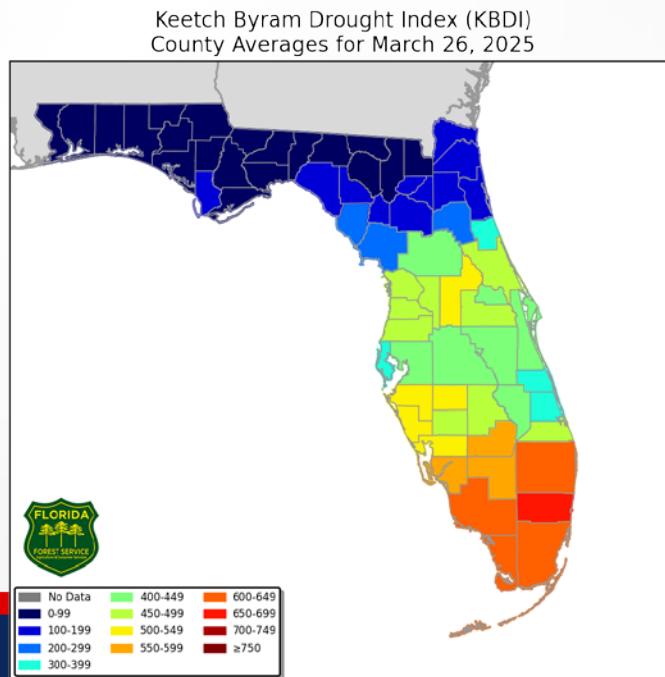
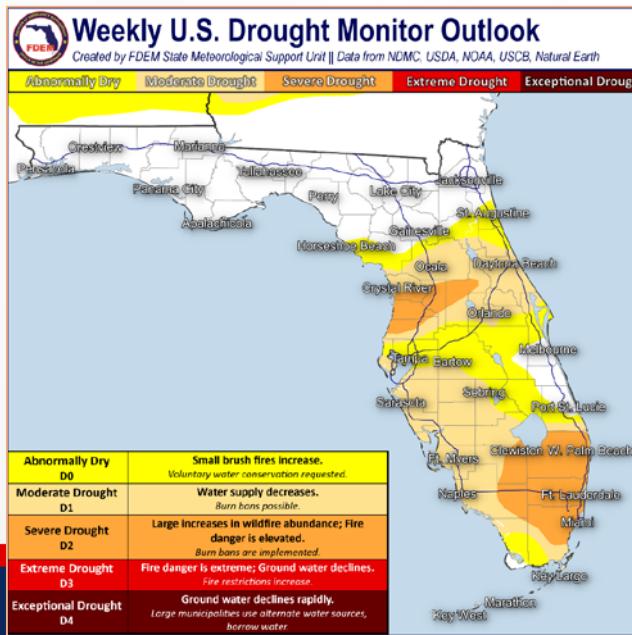


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Mostly dry conditions and mostly clear skies can be expected across the Sunshine State today and tonight under high pressure. Easterly winds near 5-10 mph with gusts near 10-15 mph can be expected nearly statewide today. Breezier conditions with winds near 10-15 mph and **gusts near 15-25 mph** can be expected across South Florida and the Keys. **Low relative humidity values (20-40%)**, increasing winds, and dry fuels will continue to create **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** across North Florida and western and interior portions of the Peninsula this afternoon and evening. Breezy winds will persist along and south of the I-4 corridor and through the Keys overnight, reaching upwards of 5-10 mph with **gusts upwards of 10-20 mph**. Localized areas of patchy fog will be possible across portions of the state overnight into early Friday morning. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 60 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 28,532.26 acres.

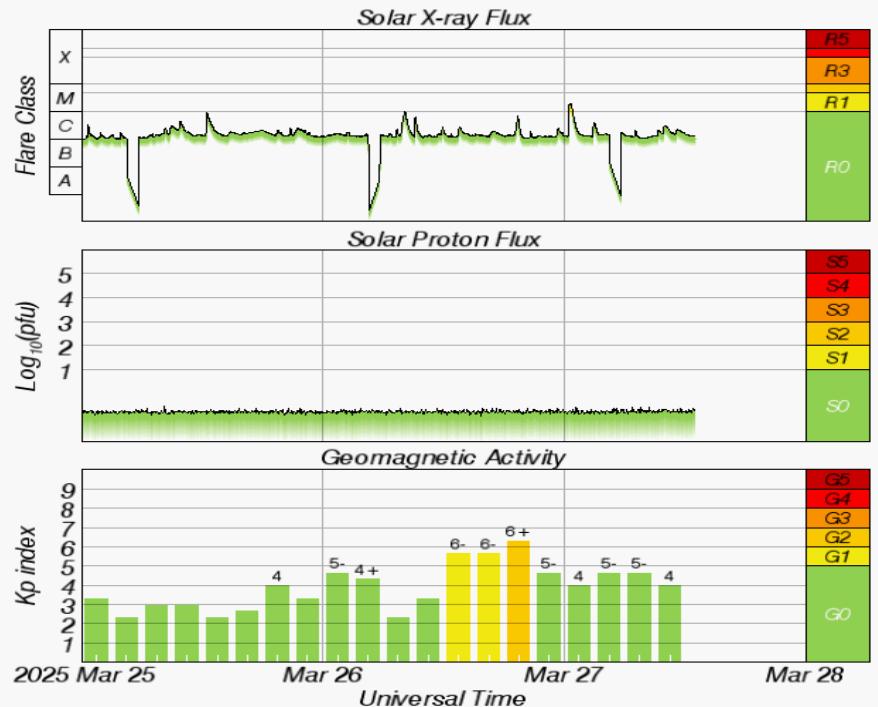
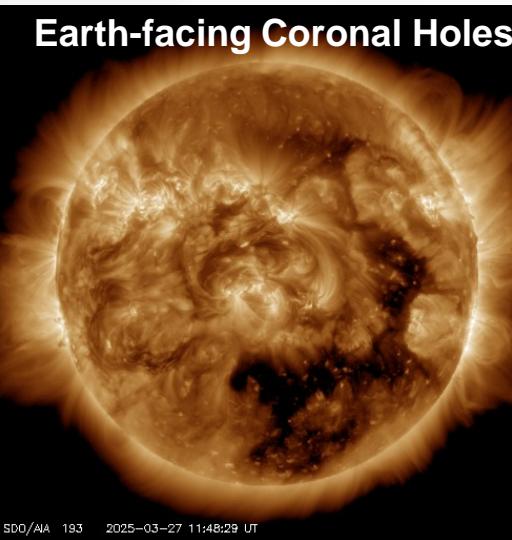
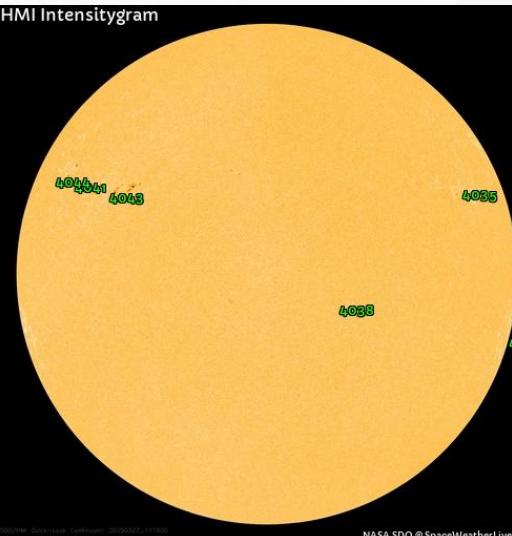
Drought: The March 15-16 severe weather event brought much needed rainfall to portions of the Southeast U.S. this past week (as of 3/20). However, little rainfall was observed across the Florida Peninsula, where several new wildfires burned thousands of acres in typically swampy areas. As a result, **Severe Drought** conditions were expanded in Southern Florida on this week's Drought Monitor update (valid 3/20). **Severe Drought** condition also persists north of the I-4 corridor across portions of the Nature Coast. *Abnormally Dry (emerging drought)* to **Moderate Drought** conditions expand elsewhere across the Peninsula south of the I-10 corridor from a line from Horseshoe Beach to Gainesville to St. Augustine and southward through the far southern Peninsula. The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is outlooked near to above normal temperatures and slightly below to slightly above normal rainfall across the Peninsula over the next week or so which may allow drought conditions to hold steady or continue worsening.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **332 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **13** Florida counties (Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) with an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

3/27	3/28
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Sunspot #4043 is crackling with strong (M-class) solar flares; however, given the reduced number of regions, flare activity is expected to remain low with continued moderate (C-class) solar flares. There is a chance (30%) for isolated M-class solar flare activity through today with chances decreasing as Region #4036 continues to move beyond the western limb. Chances for significant (X-class) solar flares remains very low (1-5%) through Saturday. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will likely accompany M-class solar flare activity, and strong (R3) radio blackouts cannot be ruled out in the event of an isolated X-class solar flare. Earth is inside a stream of solar wind flowing from a large coronal hole in the Sun's atmosphere. Solar wind parameters are expected to remain enhanced due to this continued Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS) influence through Friday with waning effects likely by Saturday. The geomagnetic field will continue to see periods of **minor to moderate (G1-G2) geomagnetic storming** levels into today due to the CH HSS. Waning effects are likely late Friday with active geomagnetic conditions persisting. The overall space threat to Florida is 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	
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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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