



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, July 15, 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 Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Gadsden	County EM Visit
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Lake	The Villages CIRT Planning Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Sumter	G-300 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	SERT Call / City EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	SERT Call / County EM Visit
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Indian River	Office Admin
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	USCG Exercise / Regional PIO Meeting

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	LMS Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange / Sumter	MCO Meeting / Course Instruction
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Broward	Administrative Duties
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Glades	County EM Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

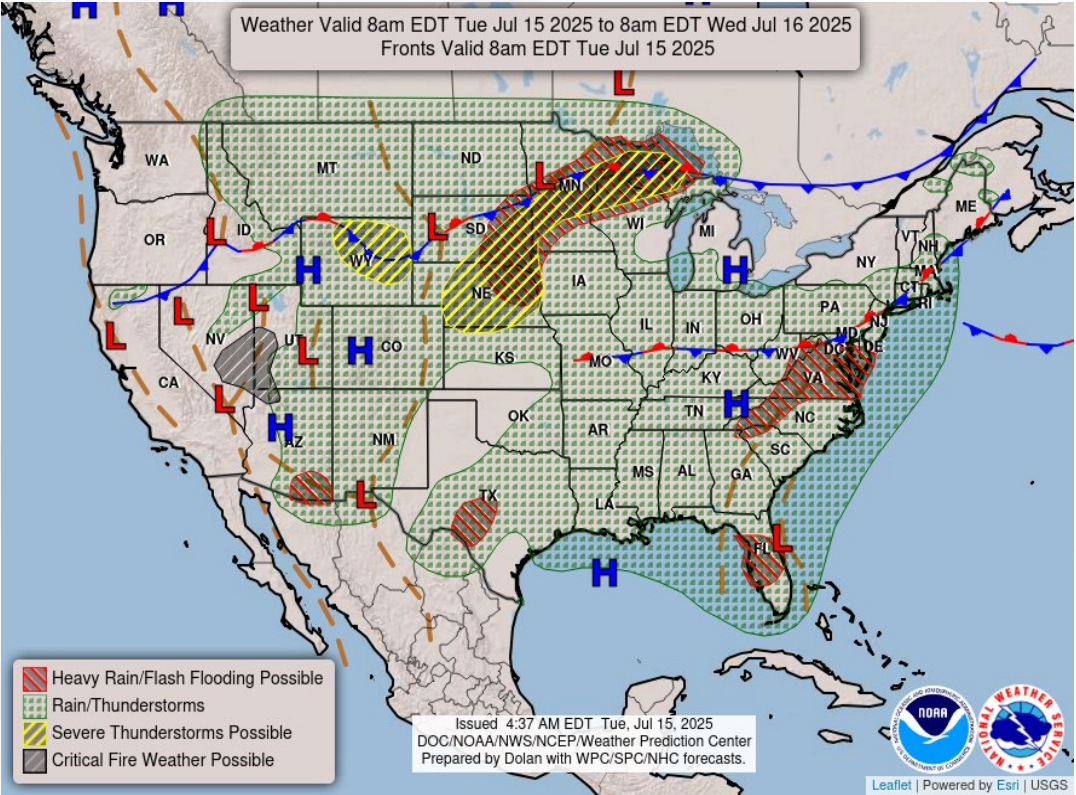
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

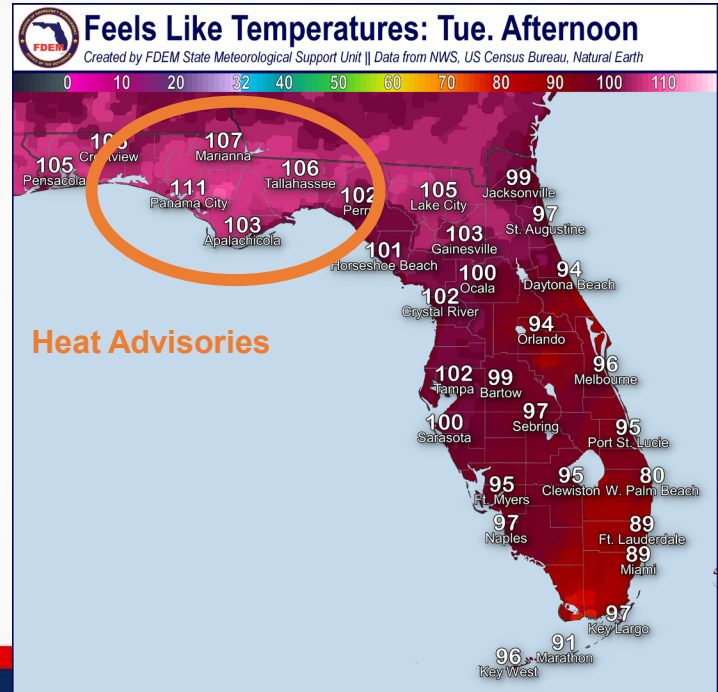
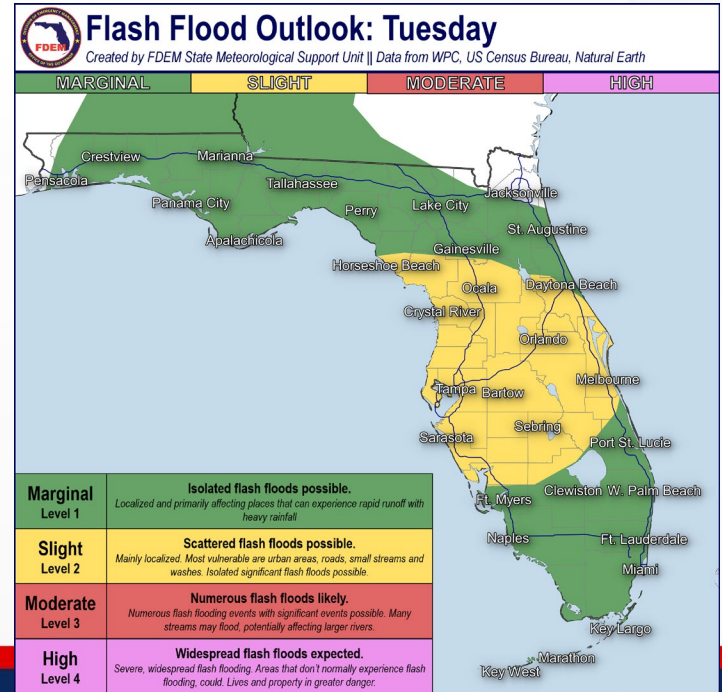


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Excessive Heat	H	H	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	L	L		L	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.67 ft. (1.91 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Inde	196 (-9) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





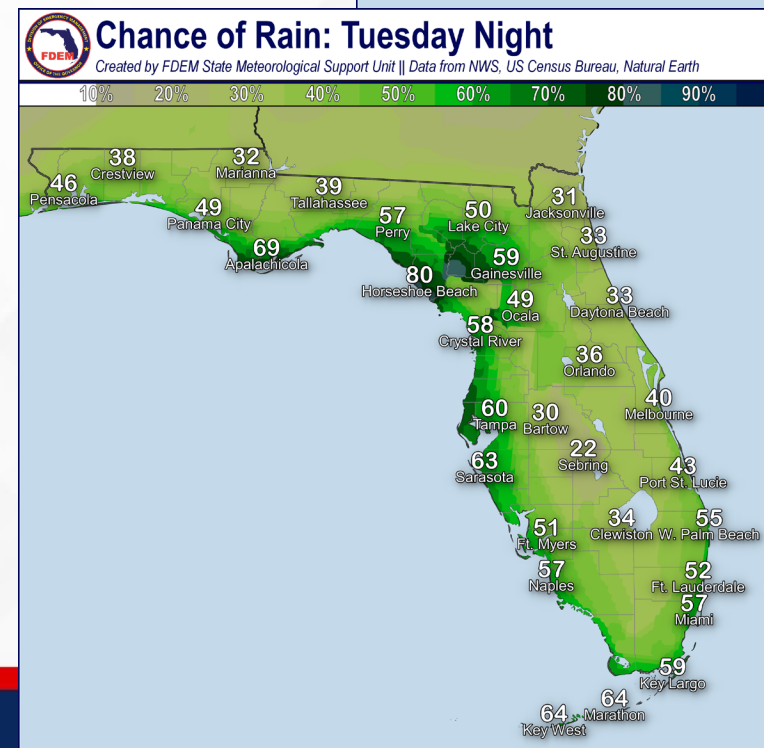
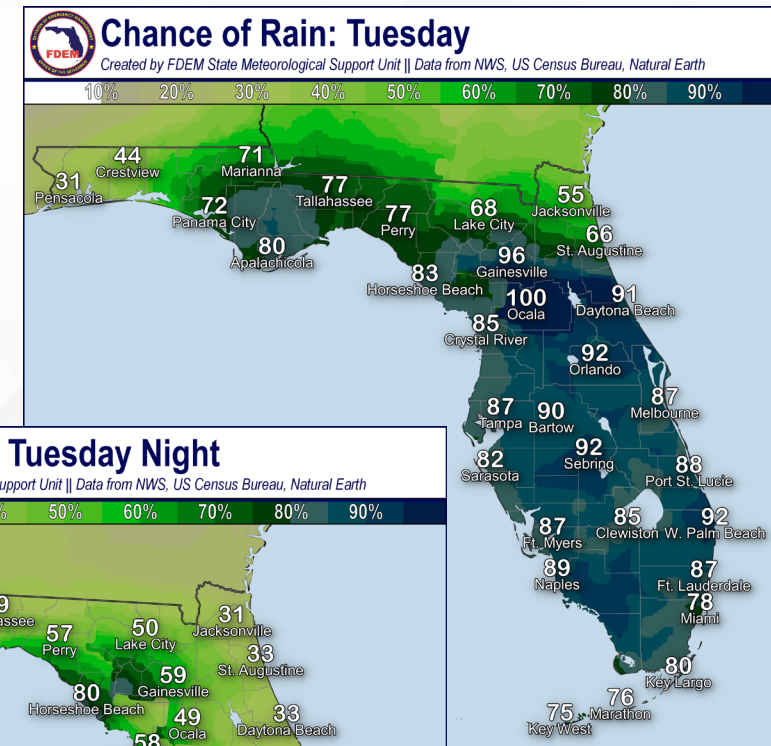
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A disorganized area of showers and embedded thunderstorms is moving onshore the Space Coast this morning associated with Invest 93L. This will set the stage for an active weather day across the state. These showers and thunderstorms will trek across the central Peninsula throughout today from east to west (90-near 100% chance of rain). Sea breeze thunderstorms will initiate across North and South Florida this afternoon, especially with the help of daytime heating (70-90% chance of rain). A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for the central Florida peninsula associated with Invest 93L heavy rains. Ingredients will support **flash flooding and ponding of water** throughout the state of Florida today, especially in urban and poor drainage locations that experience prolonged **heavy rainfall rates**. Embedded **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** may be possible, especially during the peak heating hours of the day and along the sea breeze. These **stronger thunderstorms** may be capable of producing frequent lightning, damaging wind gusts (45-60 mph) and heavy downpours.

Hot and humid conditions persist across the Sunshine State, with afternoon high temperatures reaching the middle 80s to middle 90s statewide. **Triple digit heat index values (98 to 105-degrees)** can be expected across North and Central Florida before shower and thunderstorm activity increases. **Heat Advisories** to go into effect across portions of the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend this afternoon where heat index values **upwards of 108-degrees** can be expected. South Florida can expect to see **heat index values** in the **middle to upper 90s** with increased cloud cover and rain chances.

Typical afternoon shower and thunderstorm activity across the I-10 corridor and South Florida will largely taper off after sunset. However, rain chances remain elevated into the evening and early overnight across West-Central Florida as Invest 93L begins to emerge into the Gulf waters overnight (60-80% chance of rain). Low temperatures will remain in the 70s and 80s statewide.





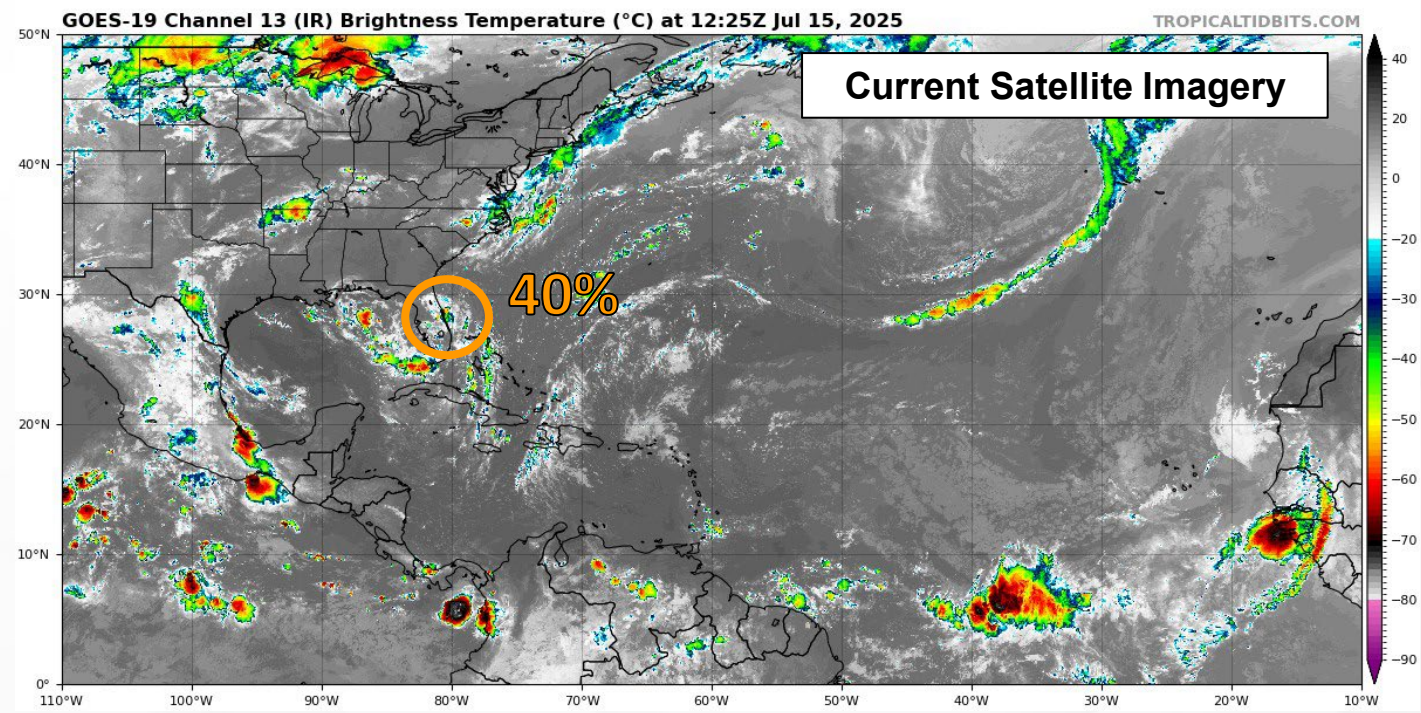
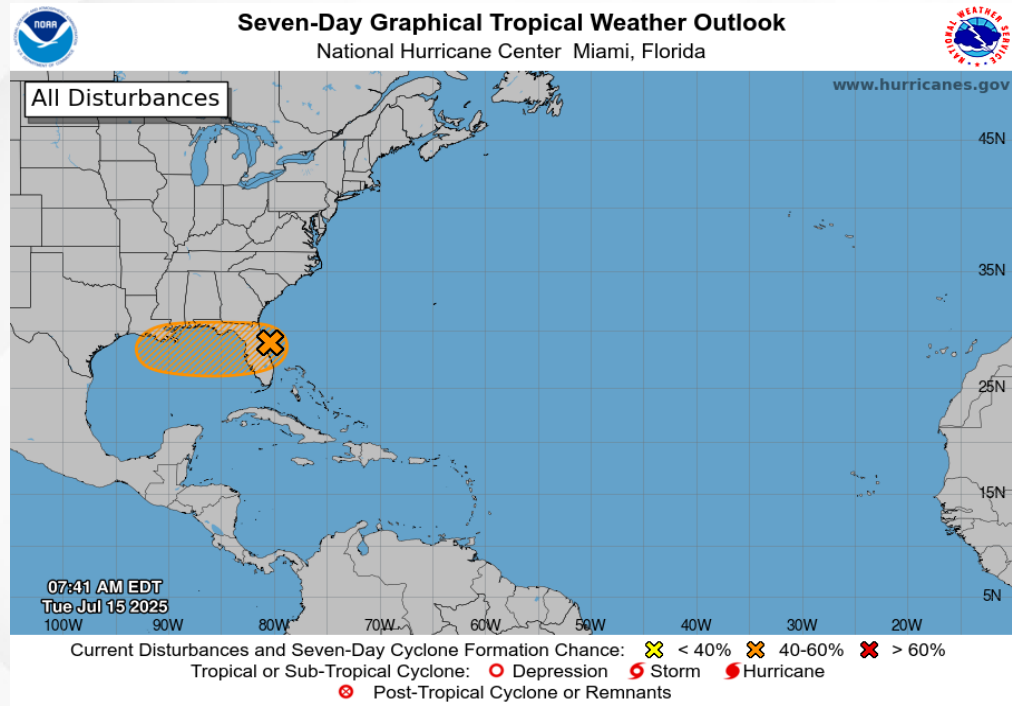
Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Invest 93L (East of Florida Peninsula and Into Northeastern Gulf): The area of low pressure, located offshore the East Coast of Florida, has been designated as Invest 93L as it continues to produce disorganized showers and thunderstorms this morning. This disturbance is forecast to move westward across the Florida peninsula today, reaching the northeastern Gulf by Wednesday. Conditions appear favorable and some gradual development into a tropical depression is possible while it moves westward to west-northwestward across the northern Gulf during the middle to latter parts of the week. **Regardless of development, heavy rainfall could produce localized flash flooding over portions of Florida and the north-central Gulf Coast through the week.**

*Formation chance through 48 hours... **medium... 40%.**

*Formation chance through 7 days... **medium... 40%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate risk of rip currents** along most Florida Panhandle, Northeast Florida, and Gold Coast beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected along beaches statewide today. Wave heights will **increase to 3-4'** for Northeast Florida beaches late this evening and overnight.

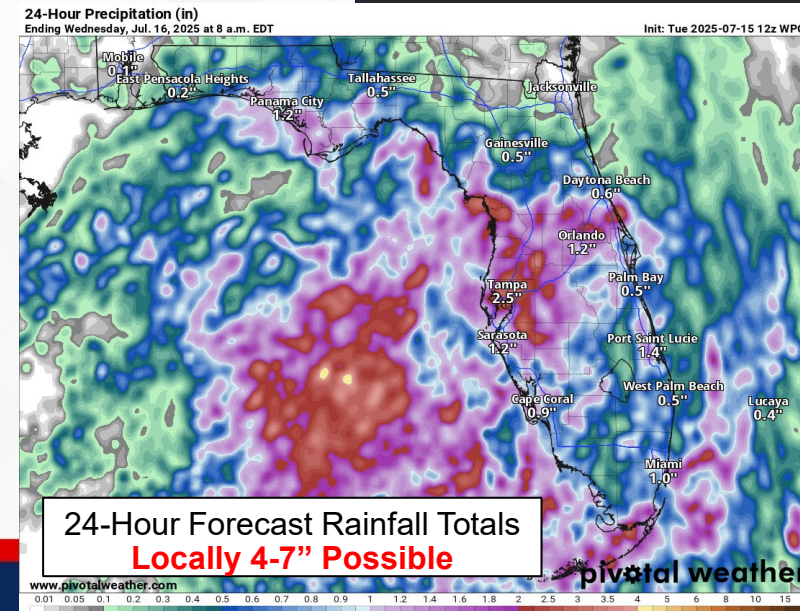
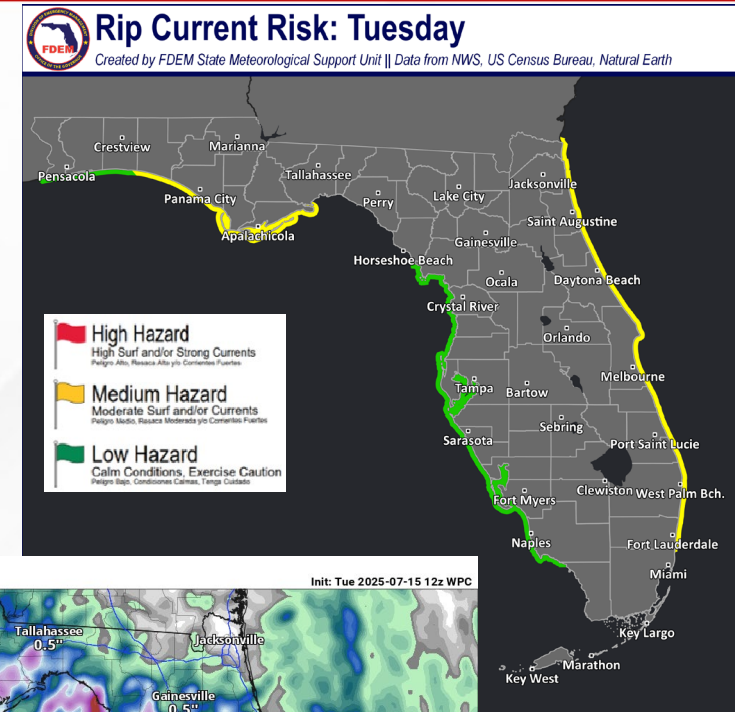
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/11).

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

Flash Flooding: Multiple rounds of heavy rain and thunderstorm activity can be expected across much of the Florida Peninsula today. A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been issued across central Florida where the greatest rainfall is expected from Invest 93L. Already saturated soils from yesterday's rainfall may lead to an earlier onset to **flash flooding and ponding water** this afternoon, especially for urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas. Elevated rain chances remain nearly statewide, with a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** covering the rest of the state. Widespread 2-3" of rain can be expected across the Florida Peninsula, mainly south of the Suwanee Valley; locally higher amounts upwards of 4-7" are possible for locations along the I-4 corridor where Invest 93L tracks along. Typical summertime thunderstorms across North Florida will have the ability to produce a quick 1-2" of rainfall.

Riverine Flooding: A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for [Horse Creek near Arcadia at SR 72](#) until further notice as **minor riverine flooding** is forecast later this week and weekend due to recent and forecast heavy rainfall. Forecast heavy rainfall across the Florida Peninsula may lead to a riverine response for several other West Florida rivers, creeks/streams, and waterways through the week, including portions of the Alafia, Myakka, and Peace Rivers. These rivers may reach Action Stage (bank-full) by the middle of this week. Quicker-response creeks including Fisheating Creek may rise into **Minor Flood Stage** with multiple rounds of heavy rain and thunderstorm activity. Riverine conditions will be heavily dependent upon where the greatest rainfall totals occur in each basin, additional updates to these forecasts will be likely through the week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.67 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.91 feet below normal for this time of year.





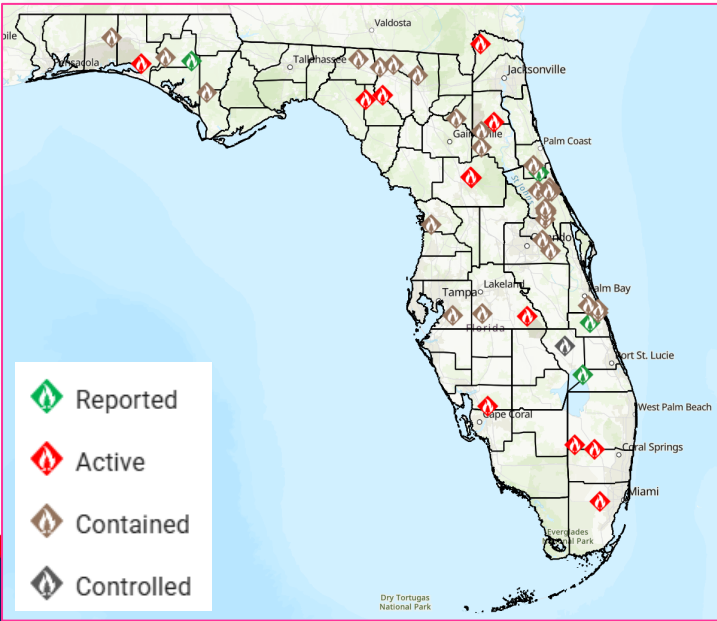
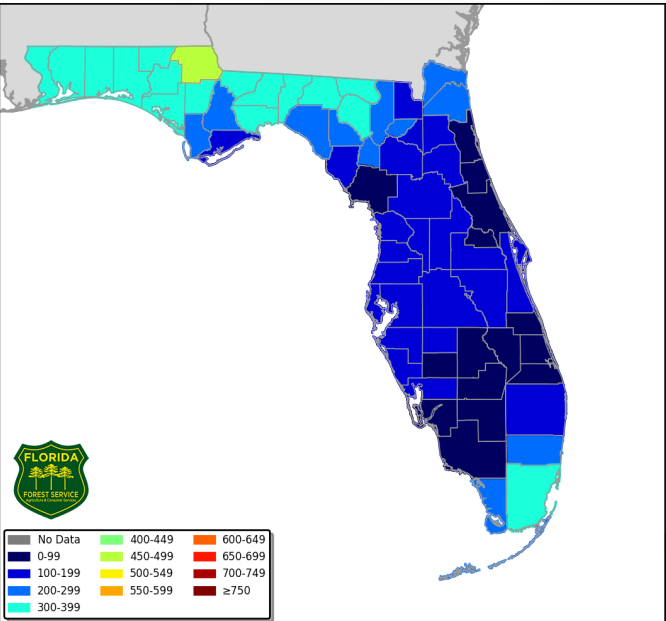
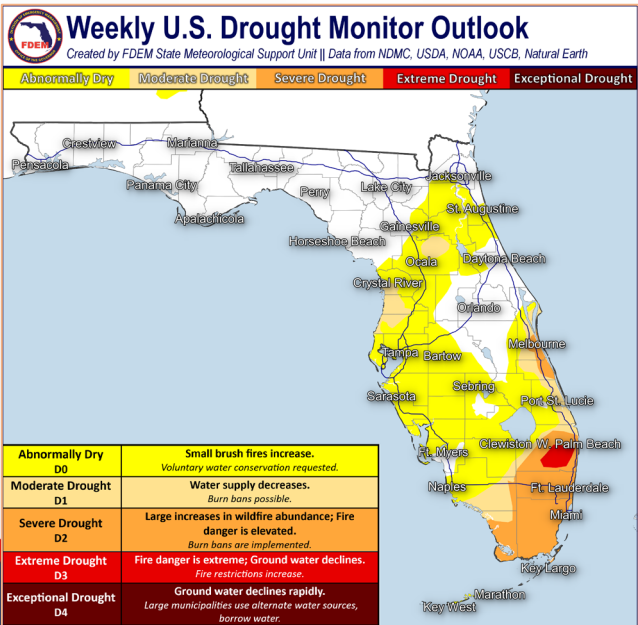
Drought & Fire Weather

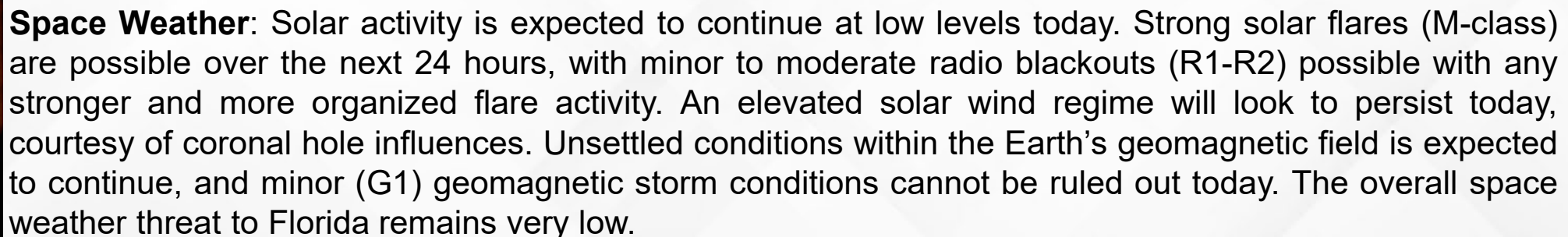
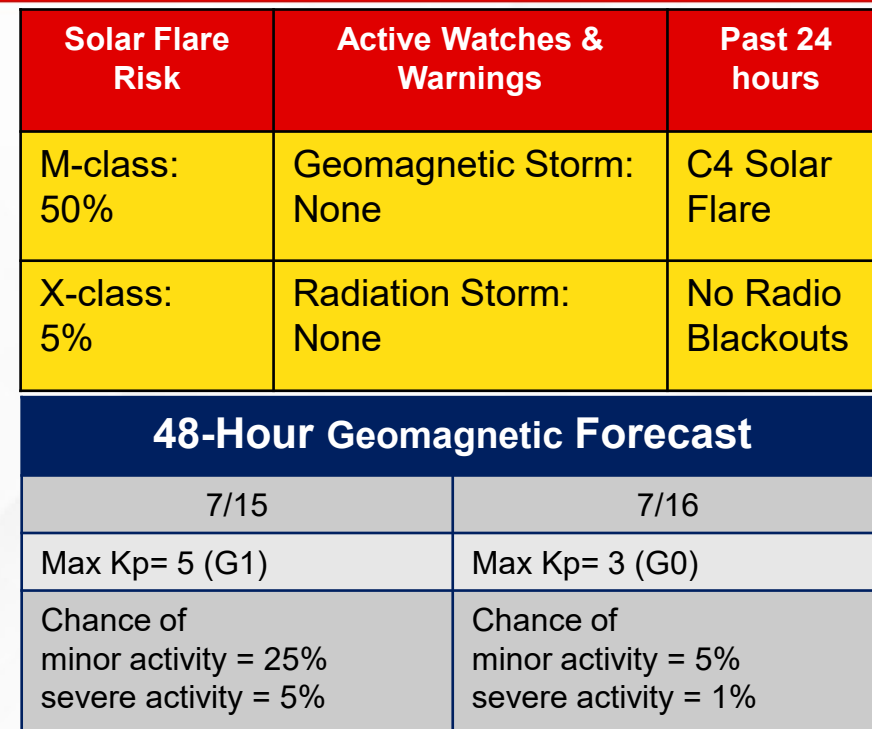
Fire Weather: Invest 93L will trek across central Florida today bringing another day of numerous to widespread shower and embedded thunderstorm activity, keeping relative humidity values above critical thresholds statewide. Northerly to northeasterly winds will filter in slightly drier air to interior portions of the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend (50-55%); however, daily showers and thunderstorms will still develop along the afternoon sea breeze during the peak heating hours of the day. Thunderstorms will be capable of producing very frequent lightning and gusty/erratic winds which may lead to new ignitions or localized spread of existing brush fires. Elevated rain chances and improving soil/vegetation saturation will keep the overall wildfire threat low. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 40 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,586 acres.

Drought: Improvements continue to be made along the Florida West Coast with the wet and active weather pattern that brought plentiful rainfall last week of 2-4". **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was nearly removed along the Florida West Coast through Central Collier County, except for a portion of Nature Coast where longer term drought conditions and lower streamflow persists. Conditions largely remain unchanged along the I-95 corridor, with **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** expanding across Southeast Florida. Central Palm Beach County continues to see **extreme drought conditions (level 3 of 4)** where the heaviest rainfall continues to miss the area.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **196 (-9)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Zero Florida counties have an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Keetch Byram Drought Index (KBDI)
County Averages for July 14, 2025







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	
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