



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, July 16, 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	Support Services Meeting / LMS Meeting / Weather Monitoring
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Support Services Meeting / FSU EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Bradford	Support Services Meeting / LSA Walkthrough Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval, Bradford	Everbank Stadium TTX / LSA Walkthrough Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Sumter	G-300 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco	Hurricane Tabletop Exercise
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Okeechobee	EM Visit / Support Services Meeting
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Monroe	Travel to Monroe (TPNPP CRC Exercise)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FDOT Visit / Healthcare Coalition Meeting

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8
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	Walton	Admin Duties / Wx Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Internal Stakeholders & FEMA CA Meetings / Wx Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	Jaguars TTX / Wx Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Sumter	Instructing G300 / Wx Monitoring
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	DeSoto	LMS Meeting / Wx Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	IA Staff Meeting / Wx Monitoring
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	County EM Meeting / Wx Monitoring
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

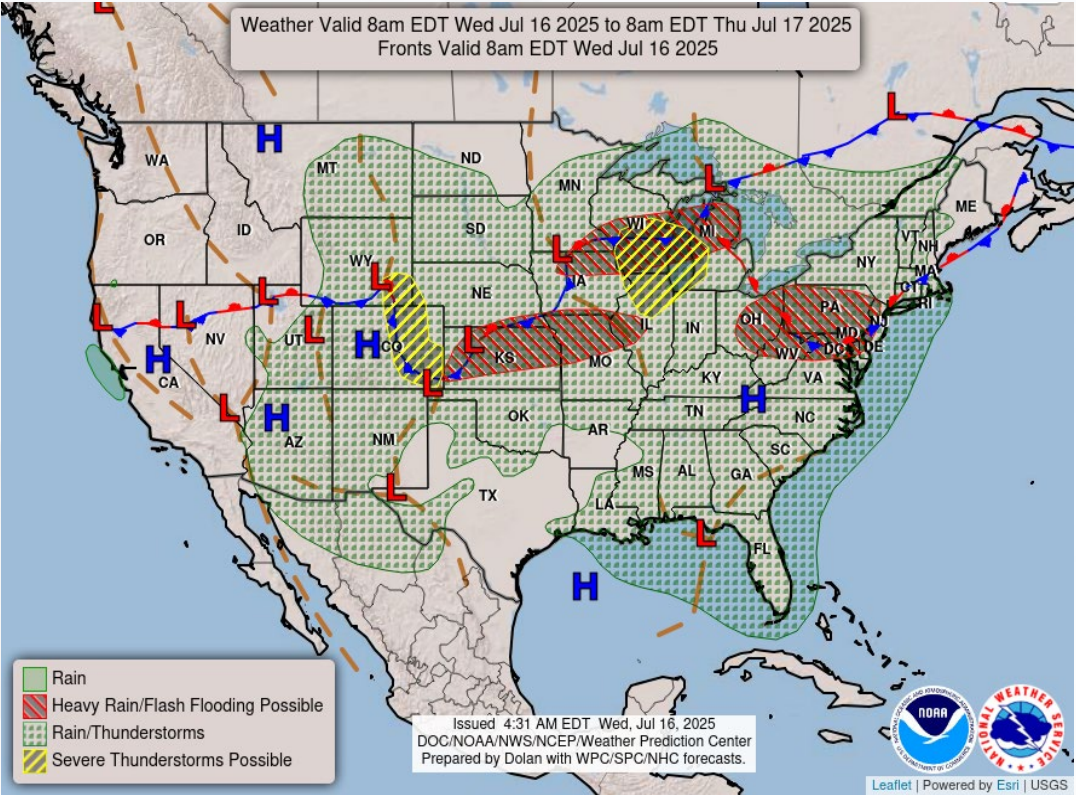
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

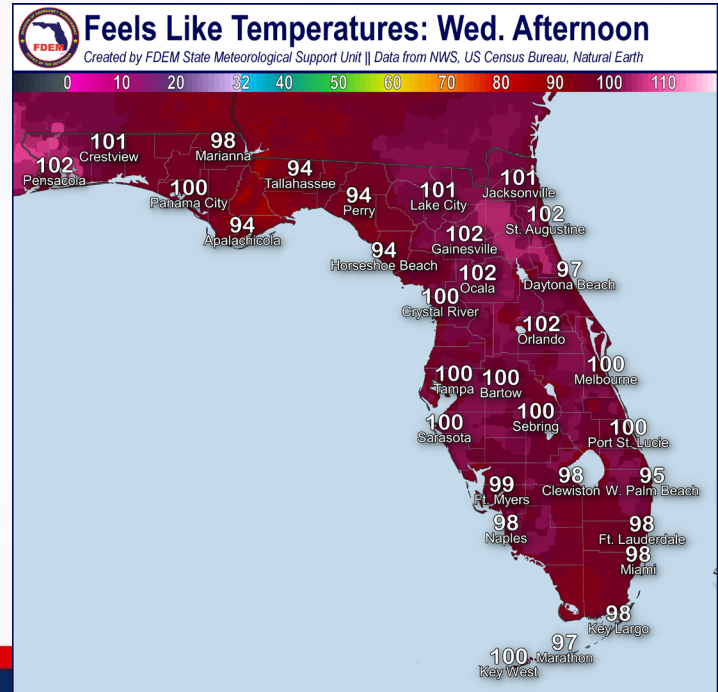
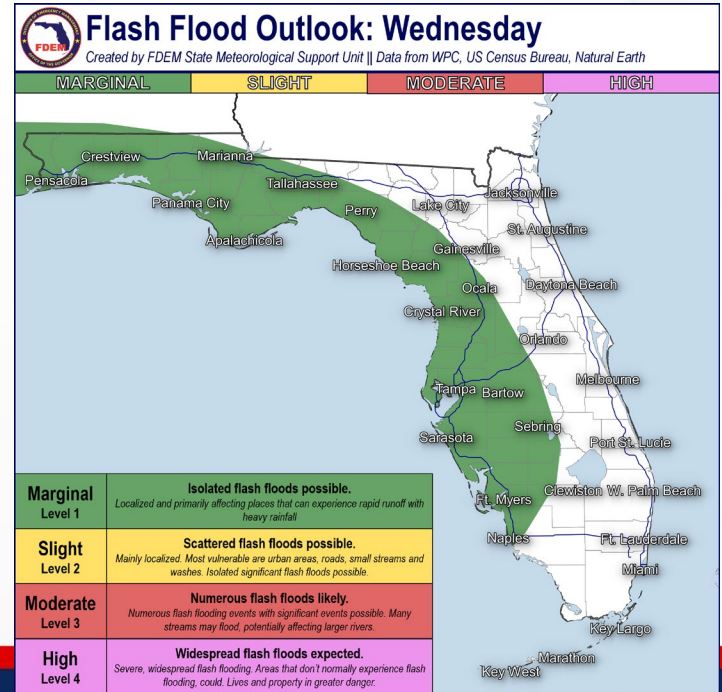


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	M	M	M	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	M	L	M	M	M	L	M	M
Excessive Heat	H	M	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	M		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.76 ft. (1.83 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Inde	164 (-32) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





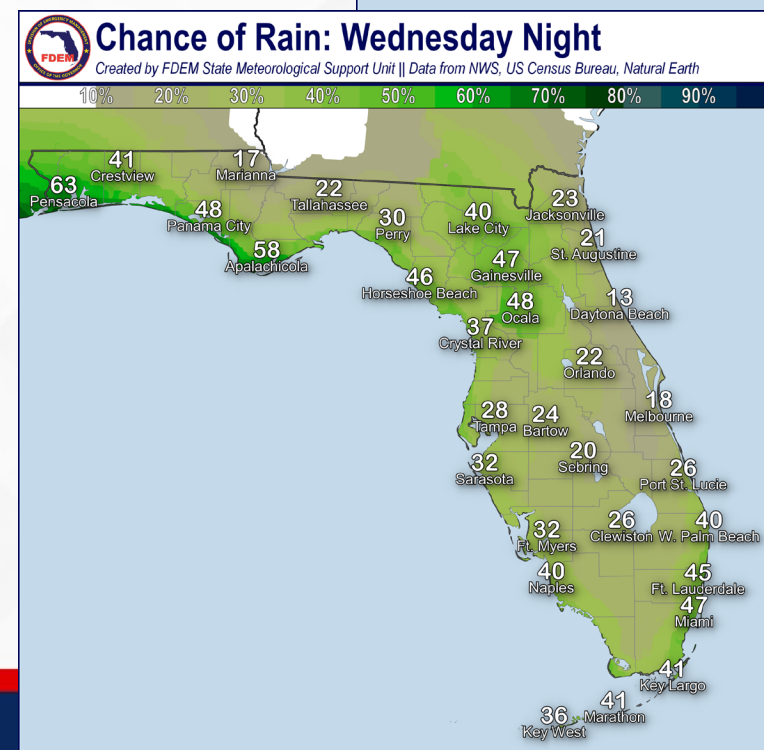
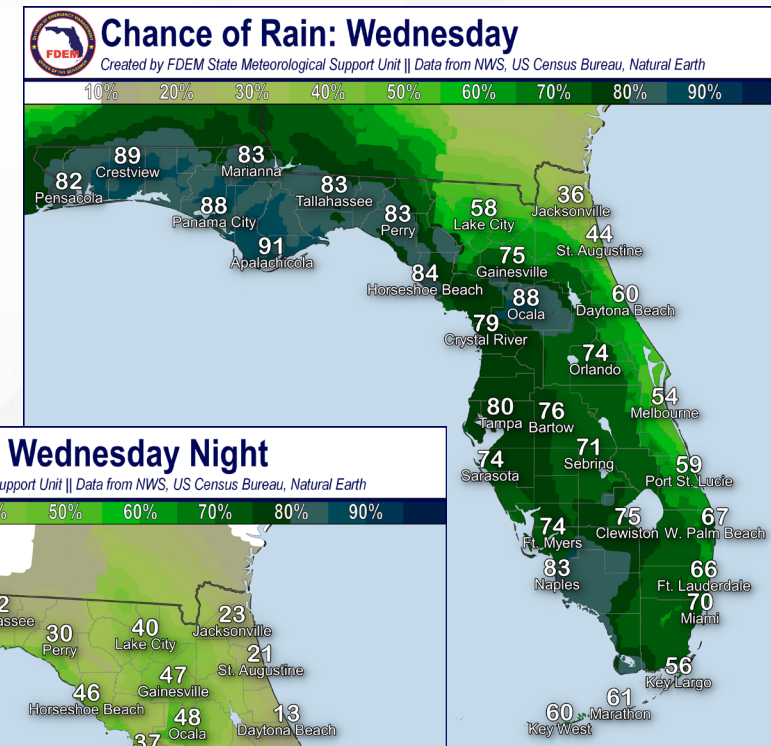
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Invest 93L (40%) will move westward along the Florida Panhandle away from the state today as disorganized shower and thunderstorm activity remains displaced south of the center of the disturbance this morning. Drier air behind the system will result in more scattered shower and thunderstorm activity compared to the last few days across the state. However, enough tropical moisture will remain in place for daily afternoon thunderstorm chances, with more widespread activity across West Florida (60-95% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for the western portion of the state where recent rainfall and already saturated soils will exacerbate flooding concerns. **Flash flooding and ponding of water** may occur with any prolonged heavy rainfall rates associated with these afternoon thunderstorms. 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.

Warm and muggy conditions persist across the Sunshine State, with afternoon high temperatures reaching the middle 80s to low 90s statewide. **Triple digit heat index values (98 to 104-degrees)** can be expected across North and Central Florida before shower and thunderstorm activity increases. 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 state will largely taper off after sunset. However, rain chances remain elevated into the evening and early overnight across far the Western Panhandle coastlines associated with Invest 93L (50-60% chance of rain). Low temperatures will remain in the 70s and low 80s statewide.





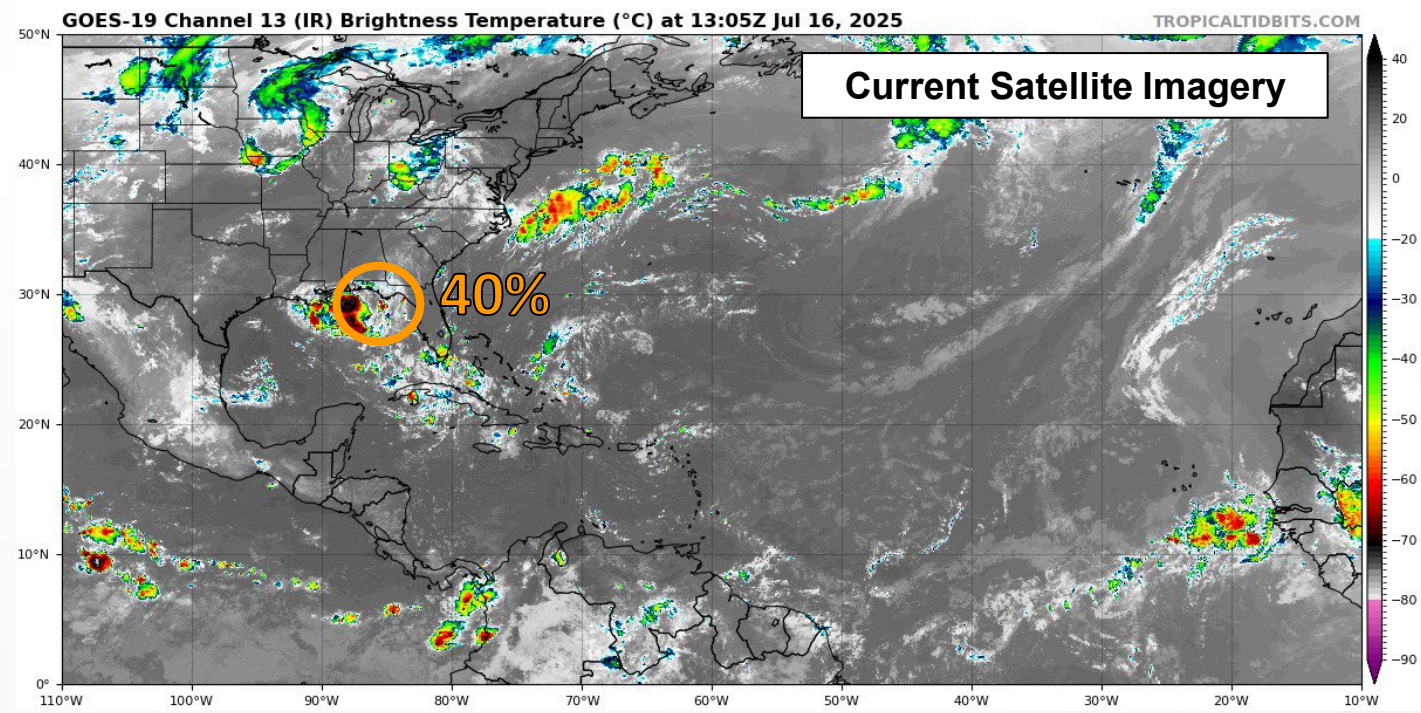
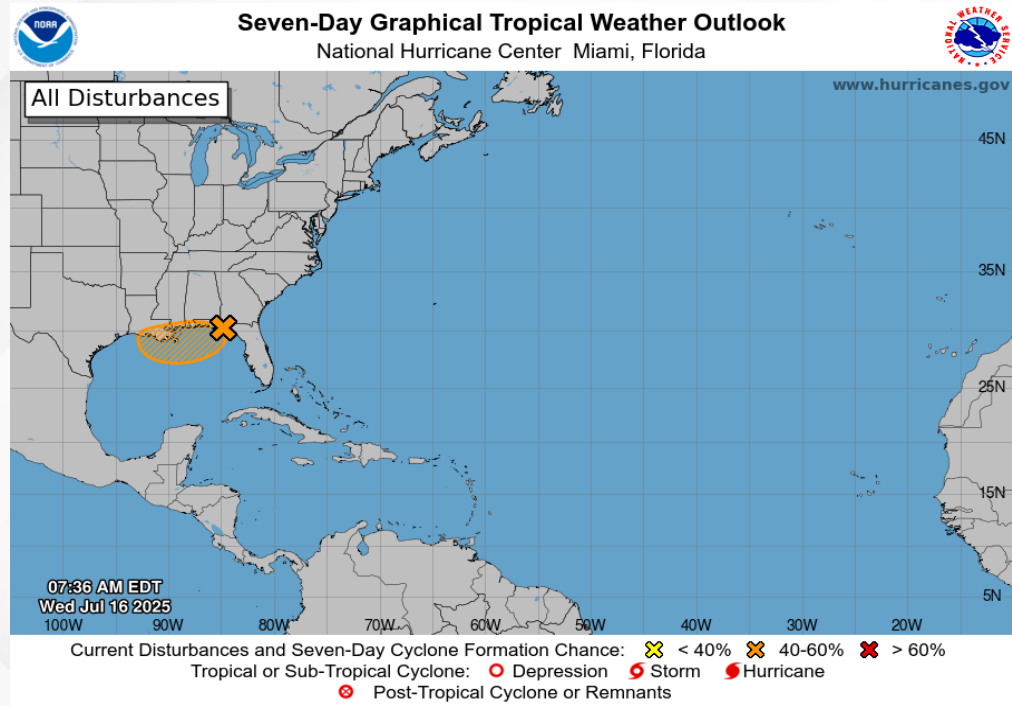
Tropical Weather

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

Invest 93L (Florida Peninsula and Into Northeastern Gulf):, The center of Invest 93L is located over the Florida Peninsula this morning as it continues to trek westward towards the northeastern Gulf. The heaviest shower and thunderstorm activity is displaced south of the center. This disturbance is forecast to continue moving westward across the Florida peninsula today, potentially emerging into the northern Gulf. If the system moves far enough offshore, conditions appear favorable and some gradual development into a tropical depression is possible across the northern Gulf during the middle to latter parts of the week as it moves towards Louisiana. **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 around 1' can be expected along Gulf coast beaches today, with wave heights of 2-3' across Northeast and Space Coast beaches.

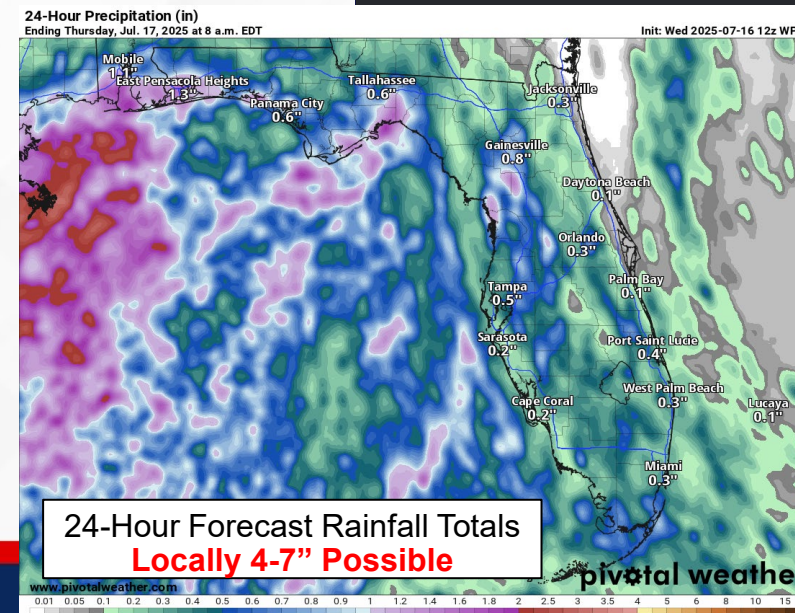
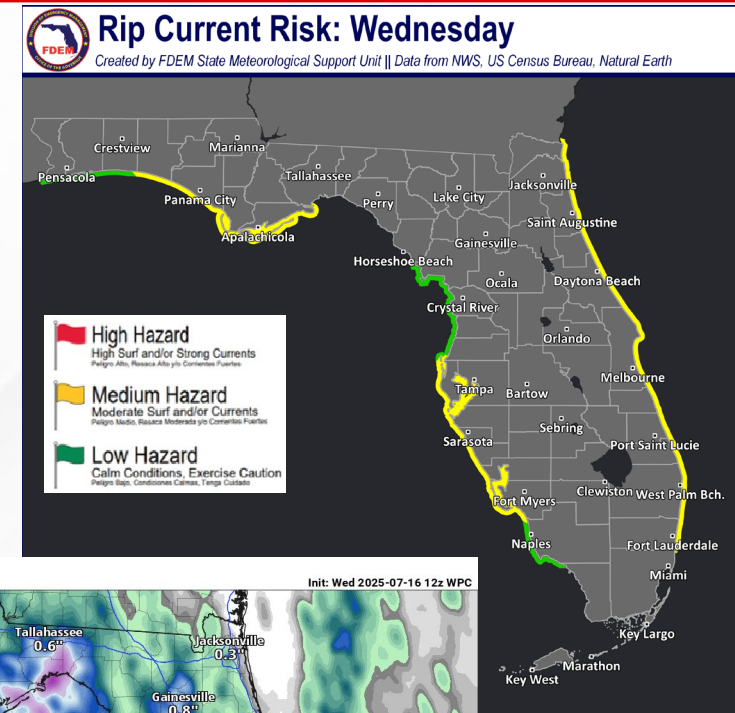
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/11).

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

Flash Flooding: Multiple rounds of heavy rain and thunderstorm activity can be expected across the western Florida Peninsula and Panhandle today. Already saturated soils from Invest 93L's passage yesterday, and recent daily thunderstorm activity, may lead to an earlier onset to **flash flooding and ponding of water** this afternoon, especially for urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** remains for the Florida Peninsula and West Florida Coast where the greatest rainfall totals are expected. Widespread 1-3" of rain can be expected across the Florida Peninsula, mainly west of of the I-75 corridor; locally higher amounts upwards of 4-7" are possible for any **repeated rounds of intense downpours**. Typical summertime thunderstorms across Central and Eastern Florida will have the ability to produce a quick 1-2" of rainfall.

Riverine Flooding: The [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#) and [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) were both observed at Action State (bank-full) this morning. Forecast heavy rainfall across the western Florida Peninsula may lead to more riverine response for a few other West Florida rivers, creeks/streams, and waterways through the week, including portions of the Alafia and Myakka. These rivers may reach Action Stage (bank-full) by the middle of this week 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 11.76 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.83 feet below normal for this time of year.





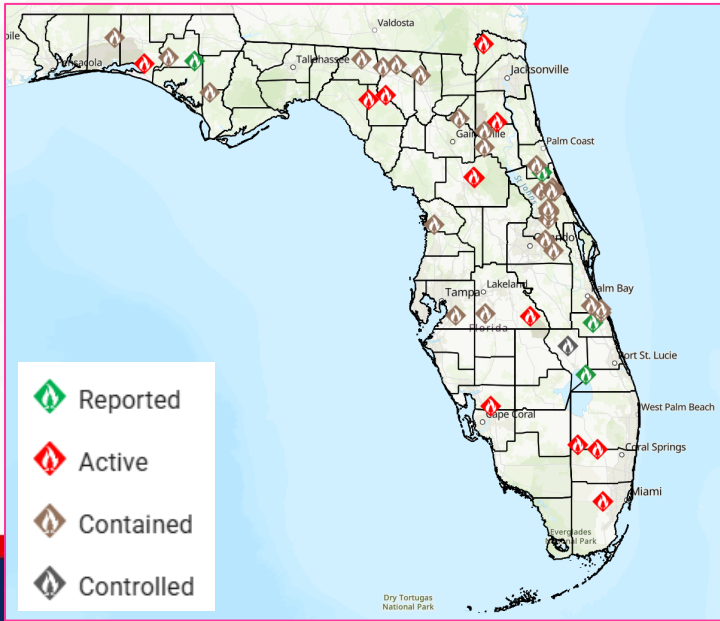
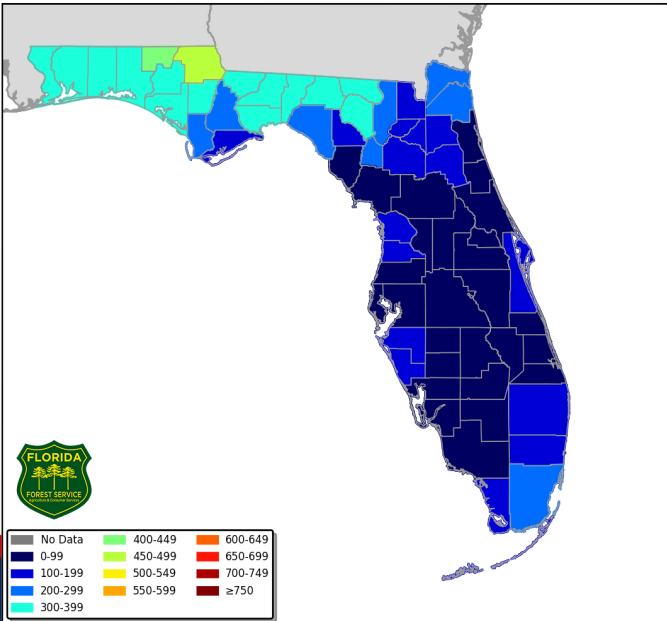
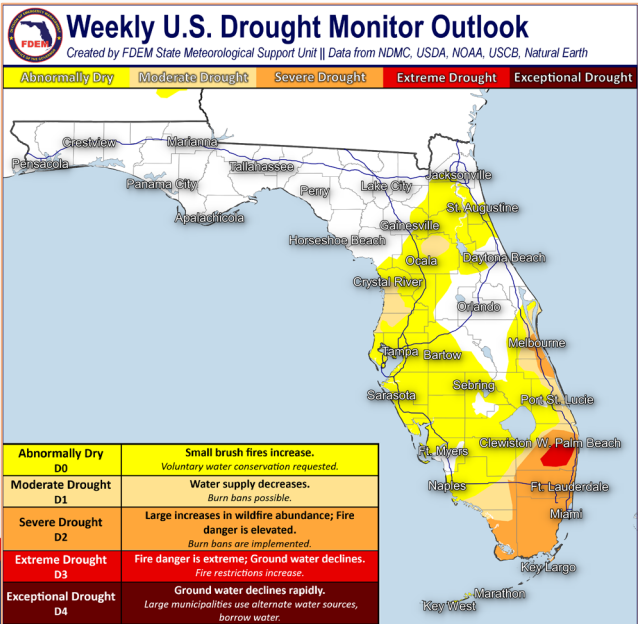
Drought & Fire Weather

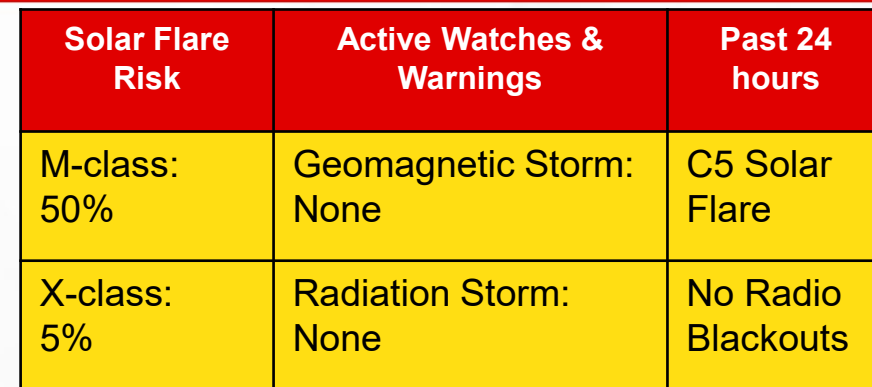
Fire Weather: Disorganized shower and thunderstorm activity across the Florida Panhandle associated with Invest 93L, as well as abundant tropical moisture across the rest of the state, will keep relative humidity values above critical thresholds statewide today. Some drier air will filter in behind the tropical disturbance across northeastern Florida and the Suwannee River Valley; however, scattered shower and thunderstorm activity may develop along the afternoon sea breeze during peak heating hours of the day. Any thunderstorms that do develop 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 30 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,188 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 **164 (-32)** 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 15, 2025

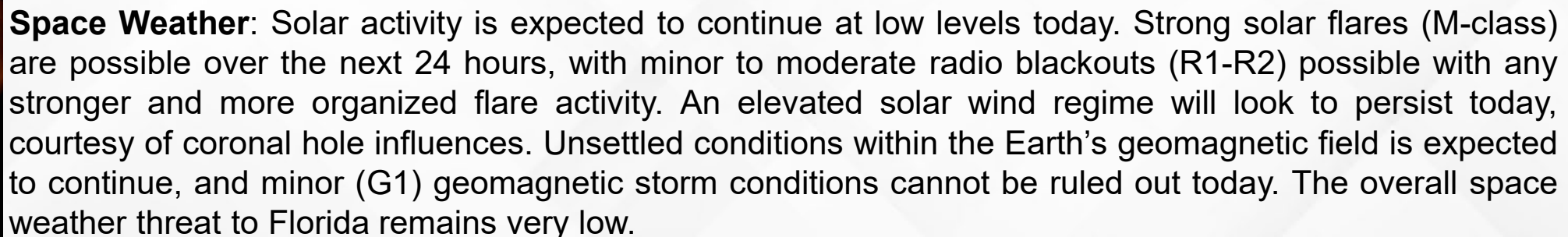




48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

7/16	7/17
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Earth-facing Coronal Holes





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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