



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, July 23, 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	Training Meeting / IPP Planning
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Response Section Meetings
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	LSA Follow-ups / IPPW Planning
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Exercise Prep / IPPW Planning
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	EM Visit
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	City EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Okeechobee	EM Director Meeting
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Lee	FEPA REP Workshop
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Lee, Miami-Dade	FEPA REP Workshop / Return to R10 Travel

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9

Region 10 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	Leon	Instructing G400
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jackson	Active Shooter FSE
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Flagler	Instructing FL653
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Lee	FEPA Mid-Year Conference
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Okeechobee	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Miami-Dade	MDFR Recovery Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Administrative Duties
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

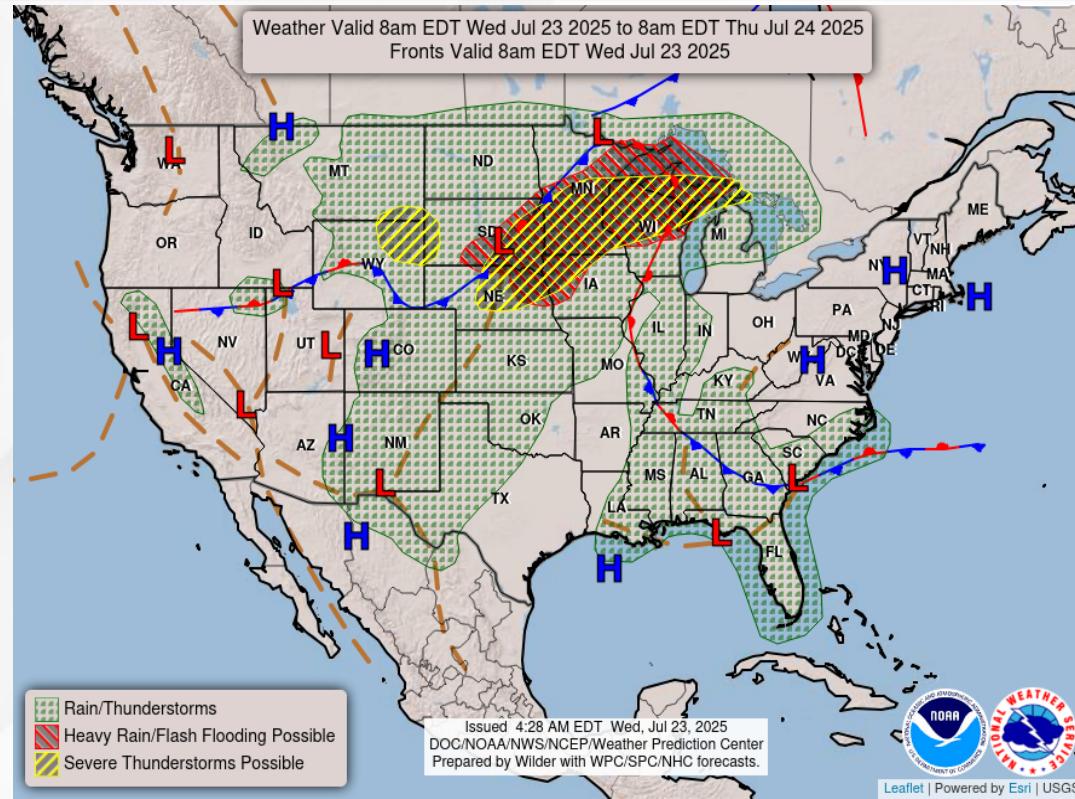
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

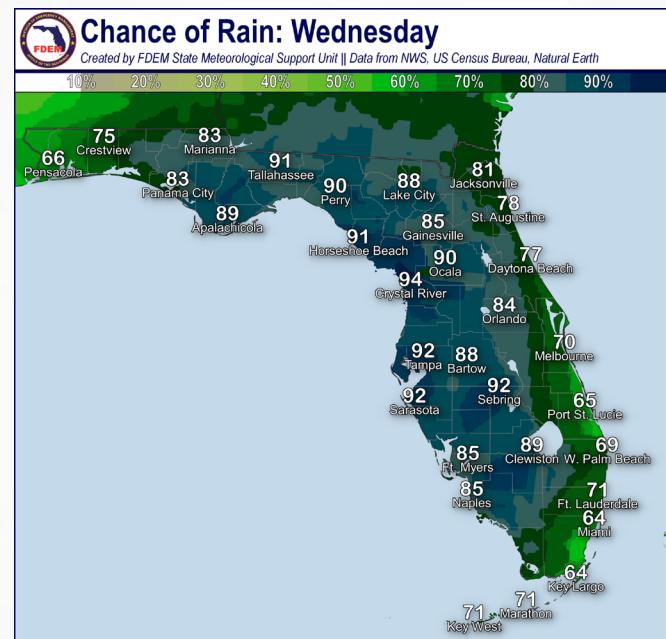
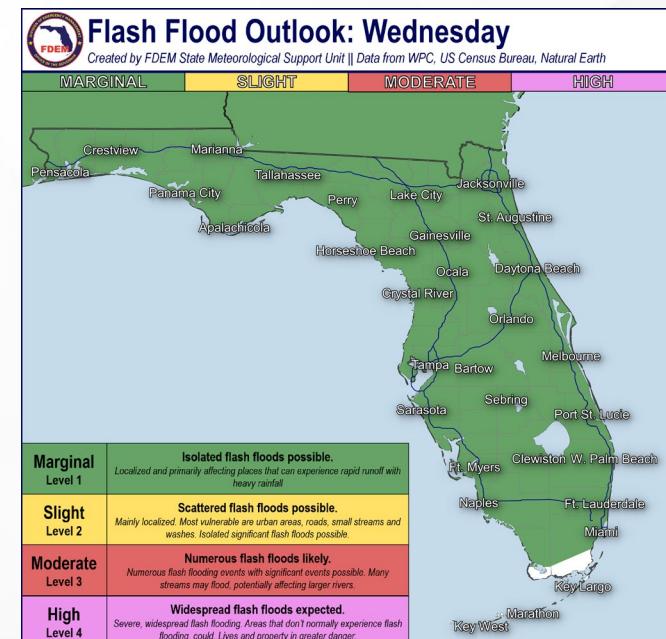


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	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	L	L	L	L	L	L
Excessive Heat	H	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.96 ft. (1.70 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	295 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





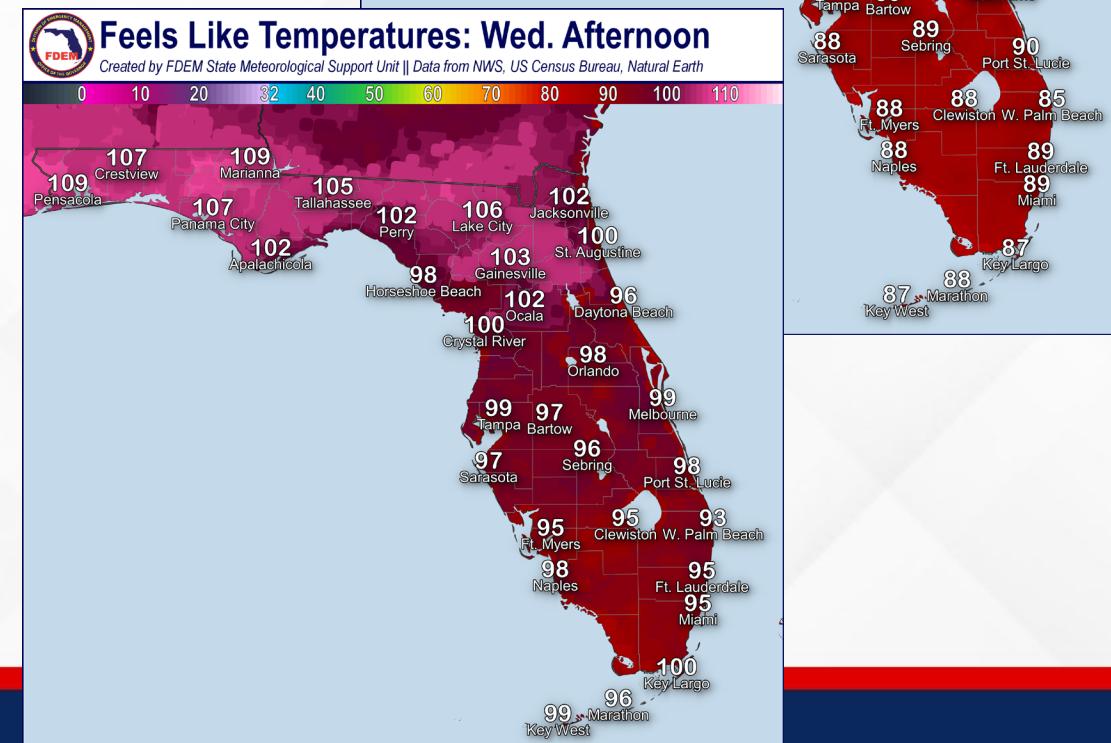
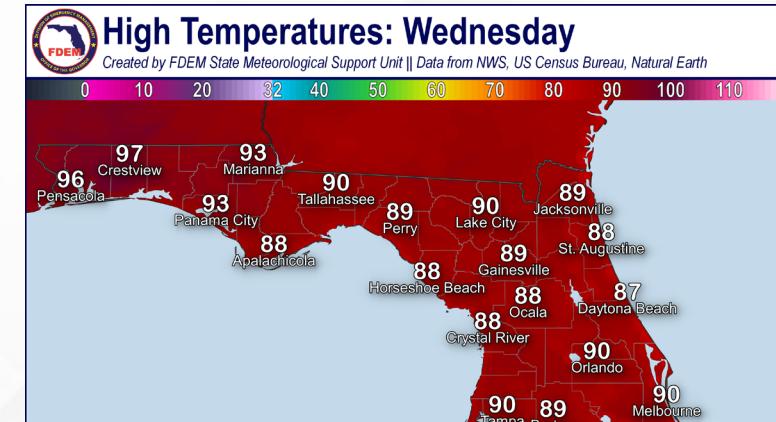
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are found just off the northeastern coast of Florida this morning as an upper-level disturbance moves towards the state. This disturbance will trek across the Florida Peninsula today, setting the stage for another wet and active weather day. Numerous to widespread showers and thunderstorms will initiate this afternoon across the state with help from this disturbance, the daily sea breeze boundaries, and deep tropical moisture (70-near 100% chance of rain). These showers and thunderstorms will generally move east to west across the state. Any breaks in cloud cover may promote **locally embedded strong to severe thunderstorms** which will be capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds, and heavy downpours. There is an increased risk for **flash flooding and ponding of water** across the state today associated with the tropical moisture and already saturated soils, leading to a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** being outlooked. Any prolonged or repeated rounds of thunderstorms may lead to localized flash flooding, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations.

Warm and Muggy conditions remain across the state today as high temperatures reach the upper 80s to lower 90s. More widespread cloud coverage and rainfall will limit the overall magnitude of the heat. However, **heat index values** will still reach into the **upper 90s in South Florida to triple digits (100-110-degrees)** across North Florida and the Panhandle. A later start to shower and thunderstorm activity will allow for the western Panhandle to experience **hot and humid conditions**, and a **Heat Advisory** has been issued for heat index values upwards of 110-degrees.

As the disturbance shifts westward towards the Panhandle and northeastern Gulf waters overnight, shower and thunderstorm activity will also shift westward and may linger along coastlines overnight (40-60% chance of rain). Low temperatures will fall into the middle to upper 70s across the state, with portions of the Southeast Florida and Keys reaching the lower 80s.





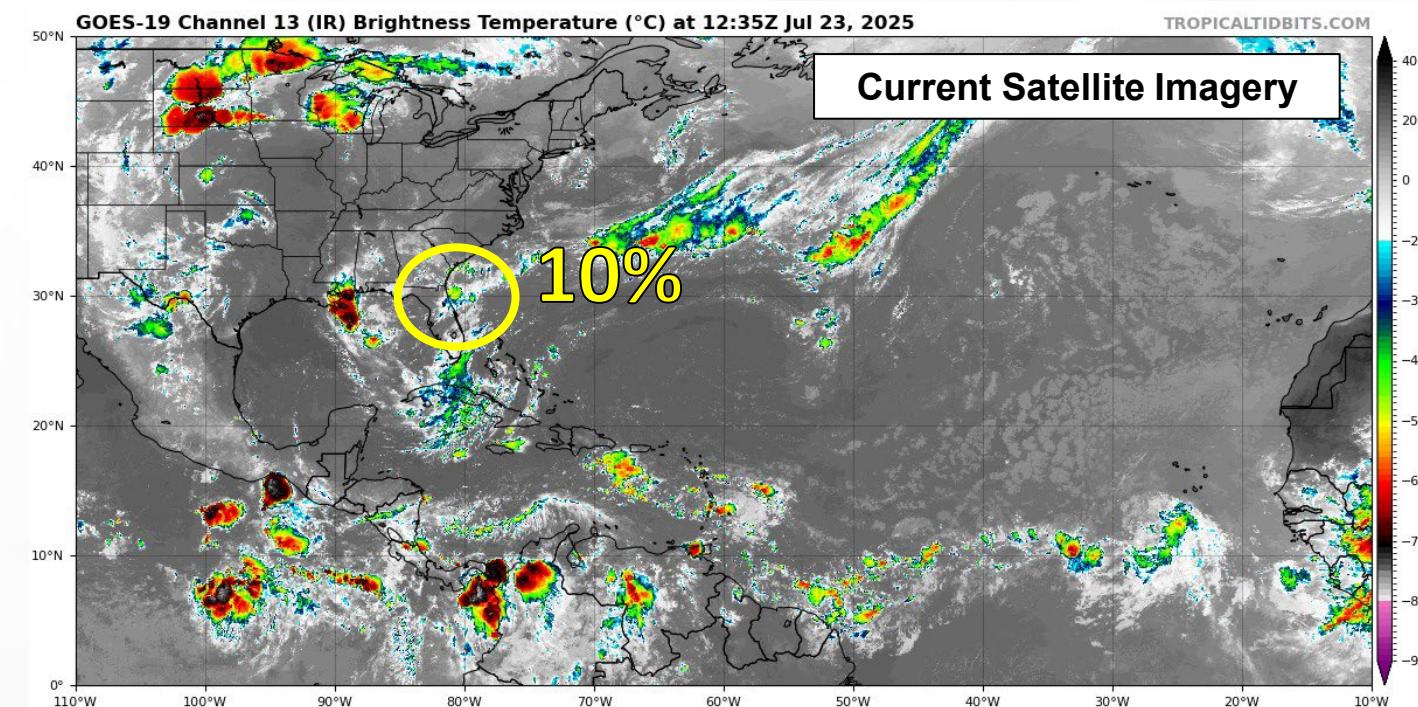
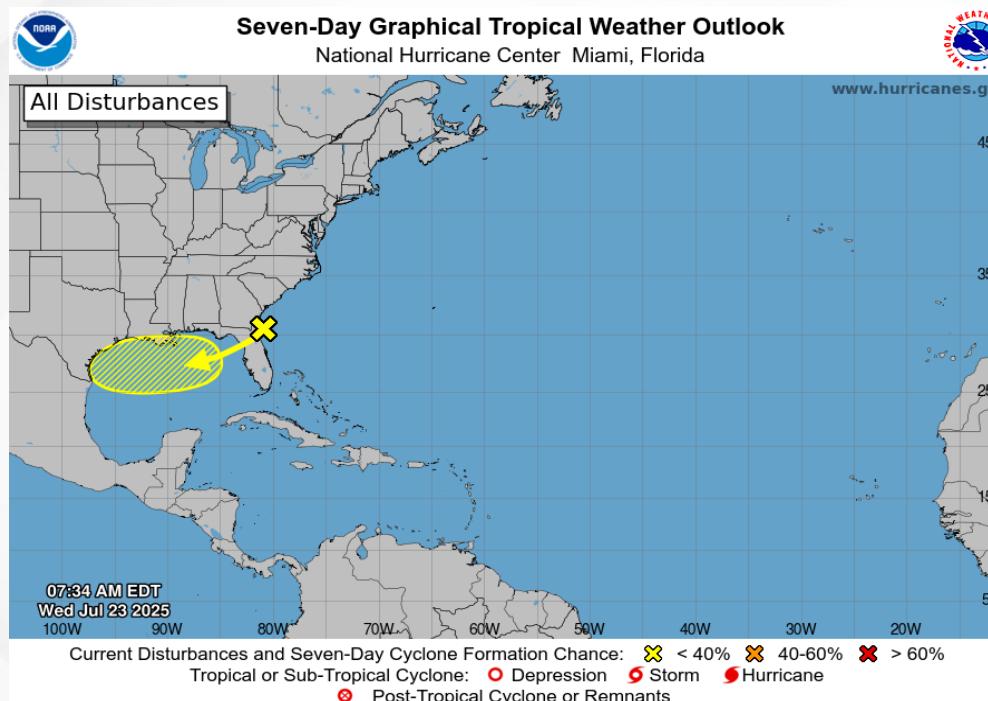
Tropical Weather

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

North-Central Gulf: A weak low-pressure system near the southeastern U.S. coast is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Over the next day or two, this system will move westward into the north-central Gulf where some slow development is possible before it moves inland, ending its chances for development. *Regardless of development, local heavy rainfall is possible for portions of Florida over the next day or so, and for the northern Gulf coast through this weekend.*

*Formation chance through 48 hours...**low...10%**.

*Formation chance through 7 days...**low...10%**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

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

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected statewide.

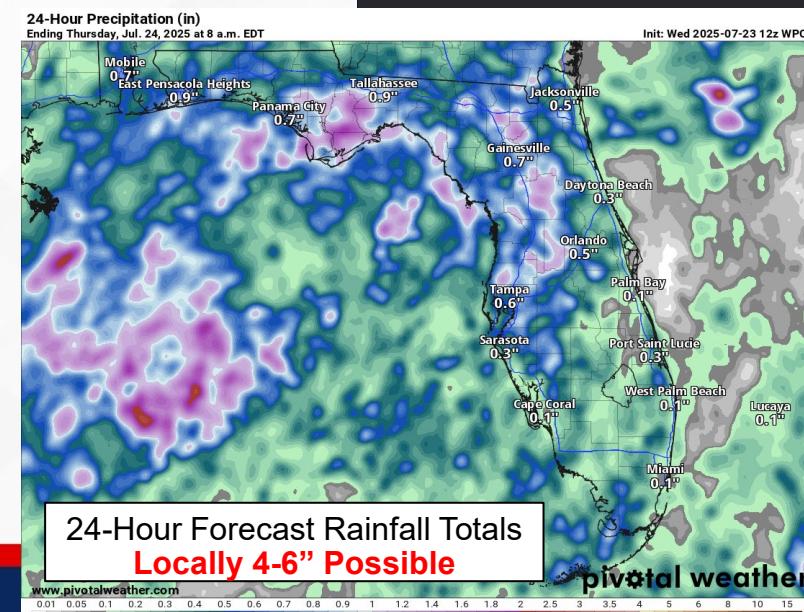
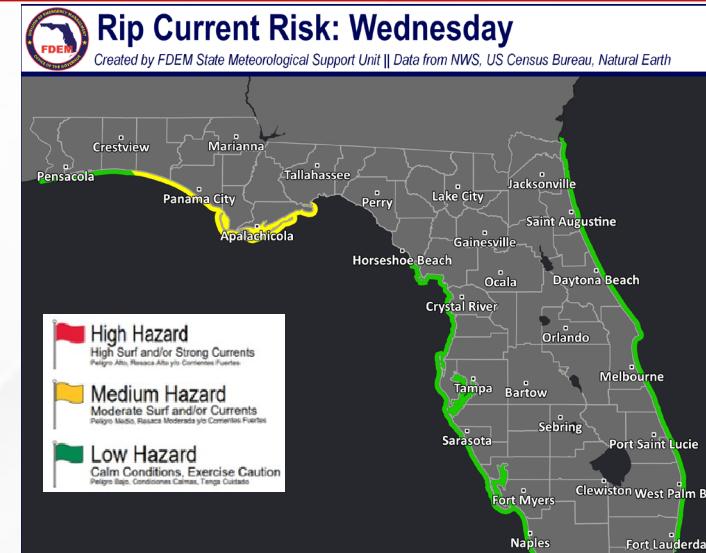
Red Tide has not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/18).

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

Flash Flooding: There is a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** statewide today as an upper-level disturbance moves across the Florida Peninsula bringing widespread showers and thunderstorms. **Locally heavy downpours** could produce quick rainfall totals of 1-3", with isolated amounts of 4-6" where any repeated thunderstorms occur. Instances of **ponding of water or flash flooding** is possible across the entire state today, especially in urban and poor-drainage areas. Locations that received rainfall previously this week and have already saturated soils will be most prone to localized flash flooding.

Riverine Flooding: The [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#) remains at **Minor Flood Stage** this morning and the [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) remains at **Action Stage (bank-full)** this morning as well. Although additional riverine responses are not expected, conditions will be heavily dependent upon where any prolonged thunderstorm activity occurs across each basin. Areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy thunderstorms today may experience riverine responses. 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 11.96 feet, which is within the operational band and is **1.70 feet below** normal for this time of year.



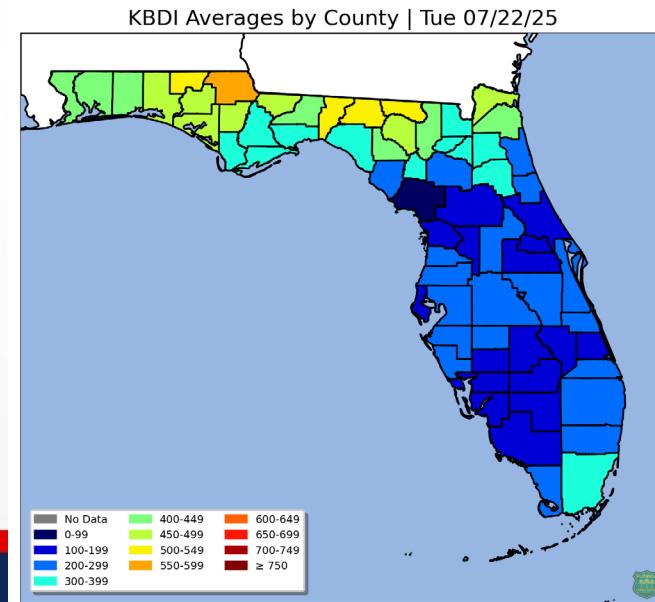
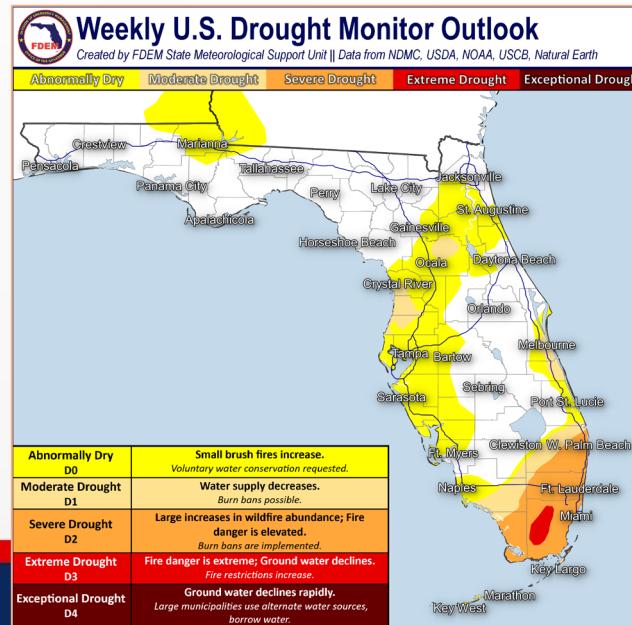


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: An upper-level disturbance off the Southeast U.S. coast will move westward across the Florida Peninsula today bringing widespread shower and thunderstorm activity. Relative humidity values will remain well above critical thresholds statewide associated with deep tropical moisture (60-80% RH values). Widespread shower and thunderstorm activity, as well as improving soil/vegetation saturation, will keep the overall wildfire threat low today. However, 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. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 30 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,263 acres.

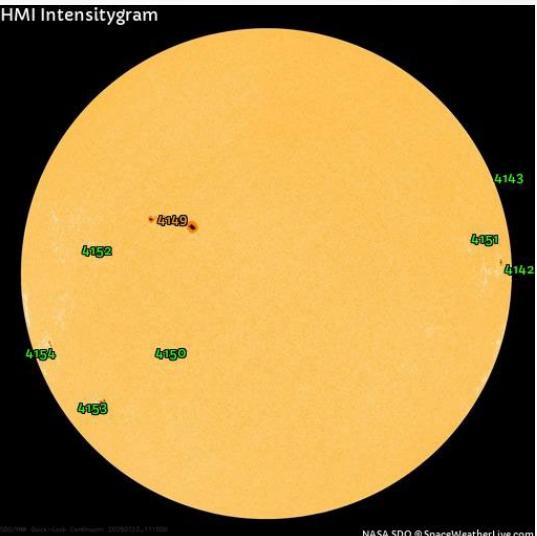
Drought: Improvements continue to be made along the Treasure Coast with the recent active weather pattern that brought plentiful rainfall last week of 1-3". **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** and **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** were nearly removed completely within this region. The Nature Coast and portions of central Marion County remain in **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** where longer term drought conditions and lower streamflow persists, however recent heavy rainfall may lead to further improvements and be reflected in next weeks drought update. Conditions largely remain unchanged along the I-95 corridor, with **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** persisting across Southeast Florida. Central Palm Beach County was removed from **Extreme drought conditions (level 3 of 4)**, though western Miami-Dade county has been upgraded to this drought level.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **295 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Five Florida counties have an average KBDI over 500 (drought/increased fire danger) including Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, and Madison counties.

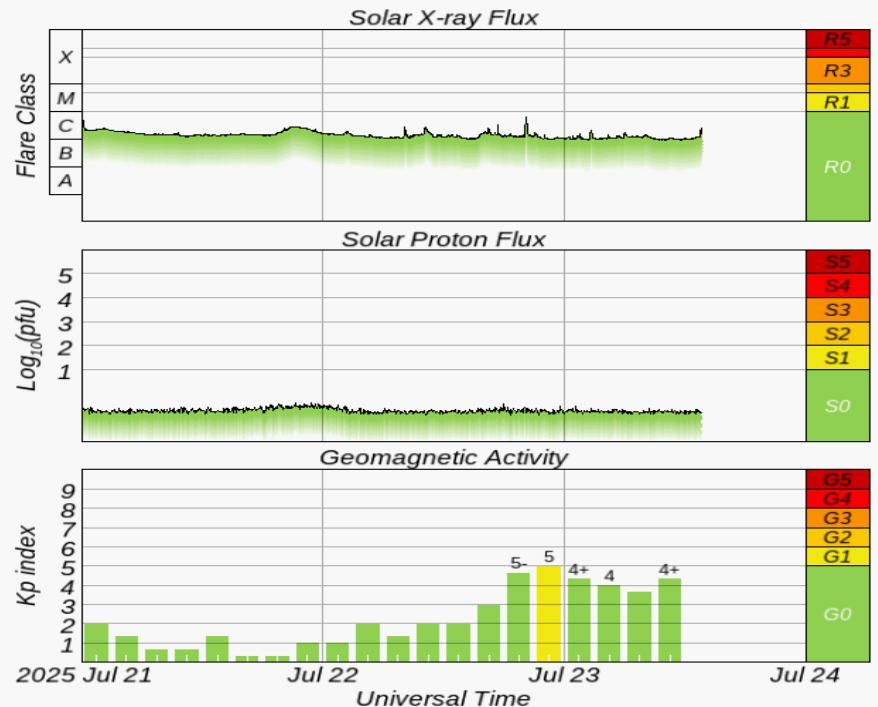
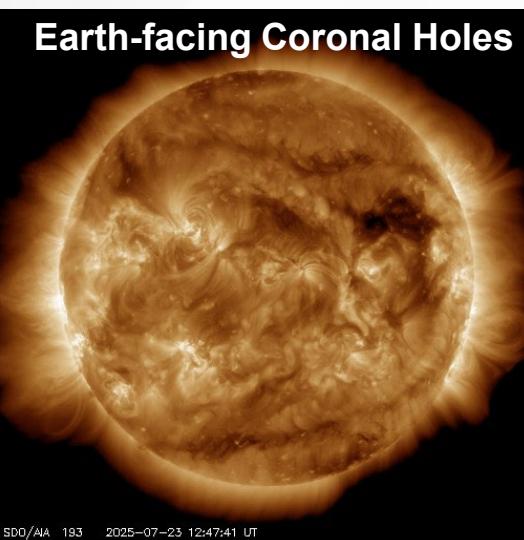




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Space Weather: Solar activity remains low today with a chance for a strong solar flare (M-class) and minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts accompanying any flares that develop. Enhanced solar wind conditions will continue today and remain disturbed through the next couple of days due to coronal hole influences. As a result, unsettled to active geomagnetic activity is expected. G1-G2 (Minor-Moderate) geomagnetic storming is expected today before gradually waning in activity through the week. The overall space weather threat to Florida is low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
7/23	7/24	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	



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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