



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Monday, July 28, 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, Orange	Hurrevac Training / Travel to R5
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Orange	Travel to R5
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Orange	Vehicle Equipment Update
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Hurrevac Training
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Fuels Call / IPPW Call
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Region 7 Training Meeting / Office Admin
Region 8: Mason Kozac	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Update
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



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	Walton	HERricane Activities
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	FEMA PDA Call / Team Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NWS Jax Exercise / Team Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	County Partners Meeting / Team Call
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Regional IPPW Meeting / Team Call
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Vehicle Maintenance / Team Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

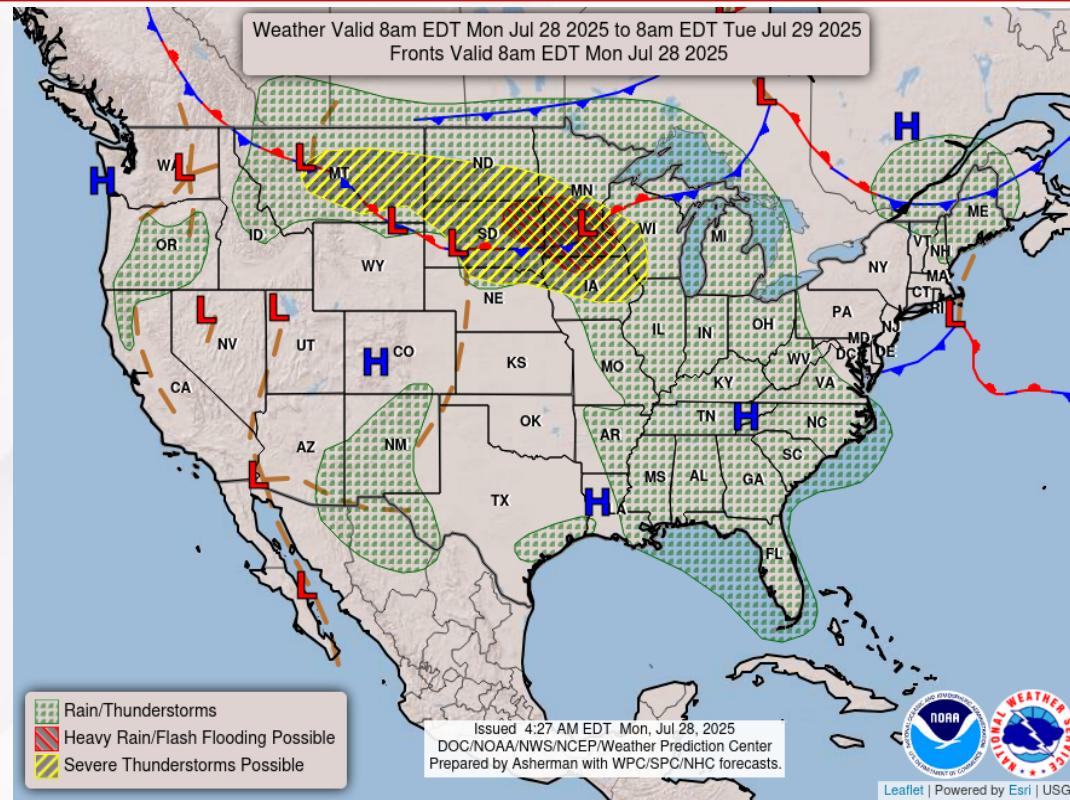
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

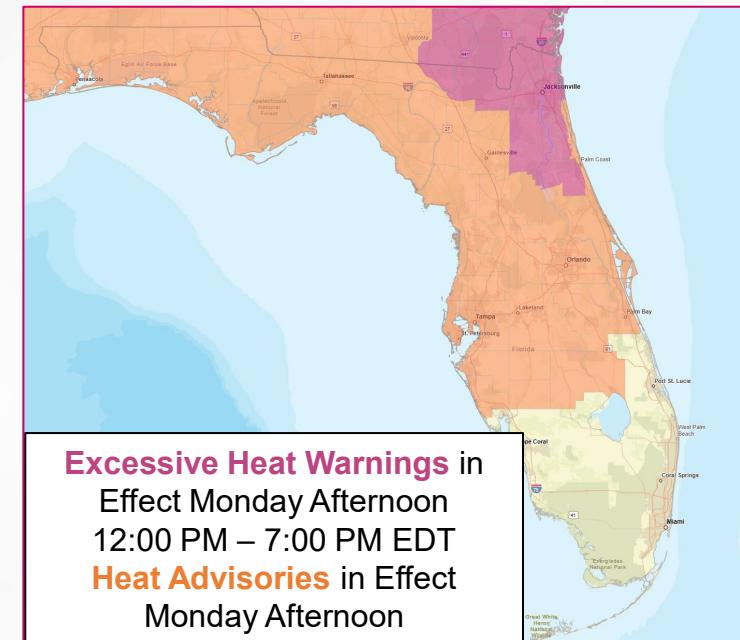
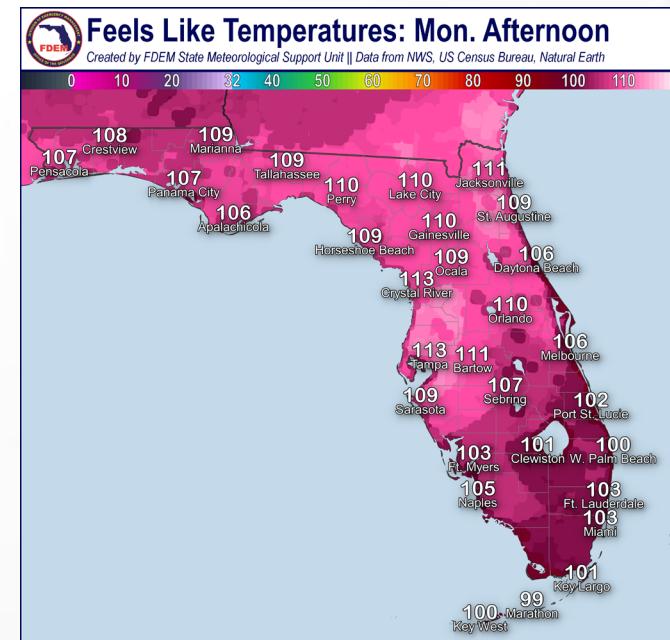


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind		L	L		L	L			L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Excessive Heat	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.04 ft. (1.68 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	271 (+24) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





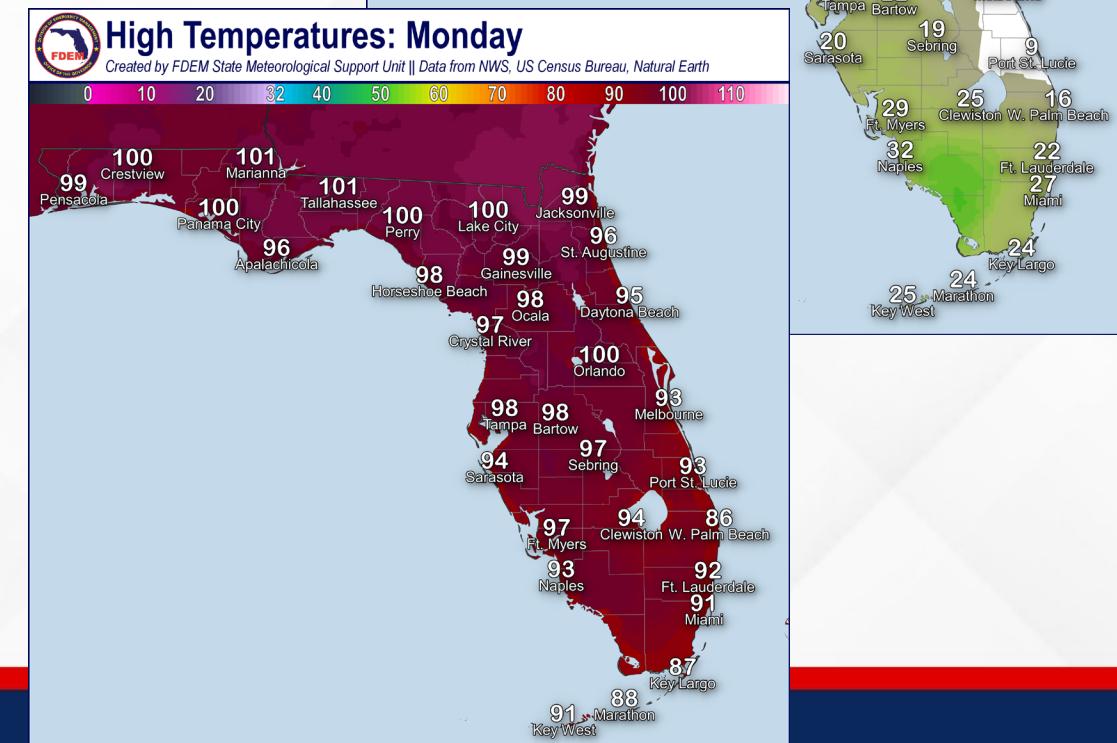
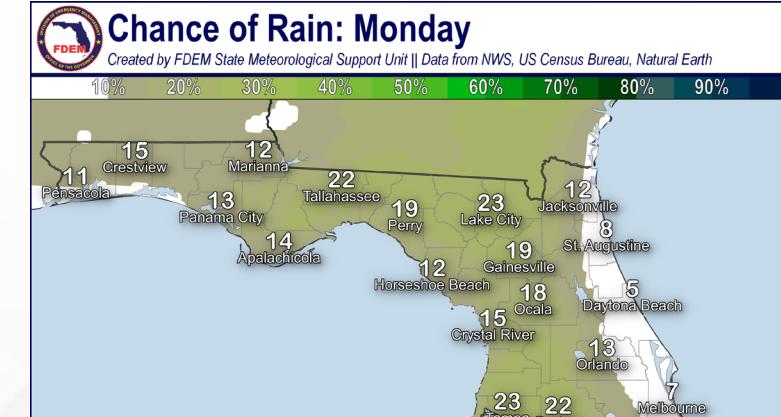
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Strong high pressure over the Central and Southeast U.S. will dominate across the Sunshine State today. Drier conditions will keep shower and thunderstorm activity isolated to where the sea breeze meets, with the greatest chance along Southwest Florida (15-35% chance of rain). Despite drier conditions, a **locally strong to severe thunderstorm** cannot be ruled out along the immediate sea breeze boundary. Mostly any shower and thunderstorm activity that develops should be relatively brief in nature. Overall, plenty of sunshine with some clouds mixed in can be expected statewide throughout the day.

**Dangerous heat and humidity** will build across the state today leading to some of the highest temperatures of the summer so far. High temperatures across the state will reach the middle to **upper 90s to lower 100s** across North and Central Florida this afternoon and could lead to some **breaking some daily high temperature records** again. **Heat index values** will reach **triple digits statewide**, with North and Central Florida seeing values in the **upper 100s to lower 110s (108-115-degrees)**. **Excessive Heat Warnings** have been issued across portions of Northeast Florida as **heat index values upwards of 110-degrees** can be expected. **Heat Advisories** have been issued throughout North and Central Florida for **dangerously hot and humid conditions** creating **heat index values** upwards of **108-112-degrees** can be expected this afternoon.

Dry conditions can be expected overnight as any shower and thunderstorm activity that developed earlier in the day dissipates and shifts offshore. Isolated showers and embedded thunderstorms may move southward into the Panhandle and Big Bend from Georgia overnight (15-20% chance of rain). Low temperatures overnight will fall into the upper 70s and lower 80s throughout the state, which may create little relief from daytime heat and humidity.

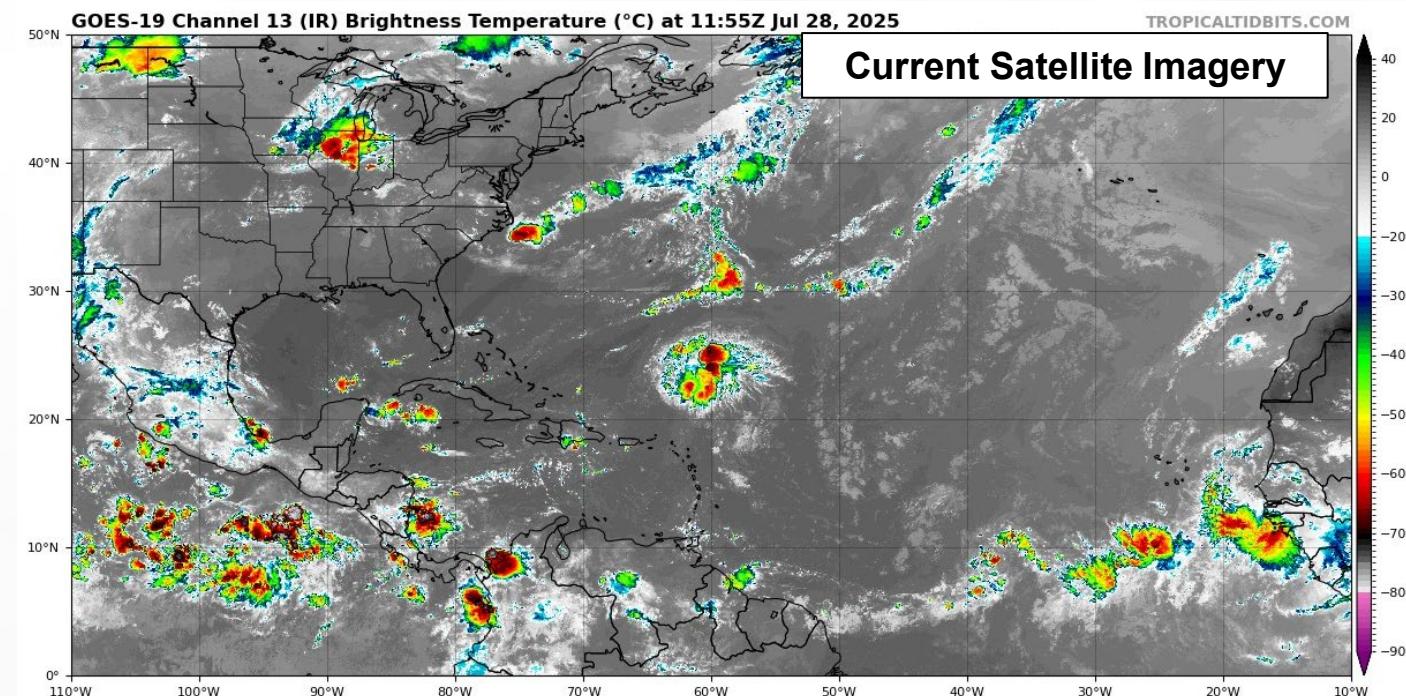
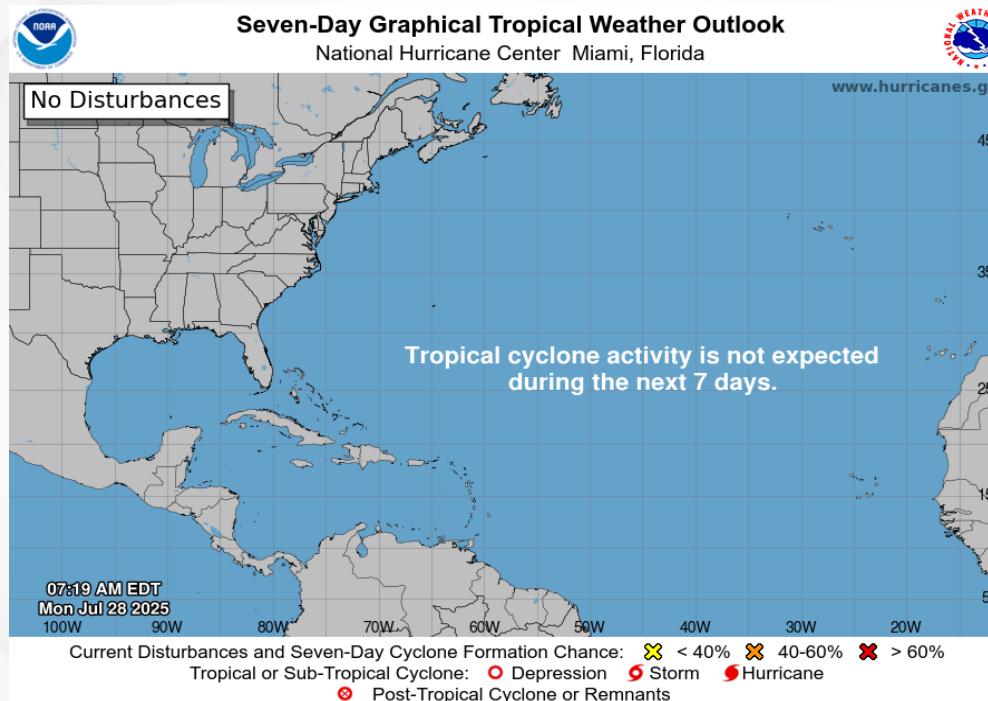




# Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).

**Tropical development is not anticipated during the next 7 days over the Atlantic basin.**





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

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

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

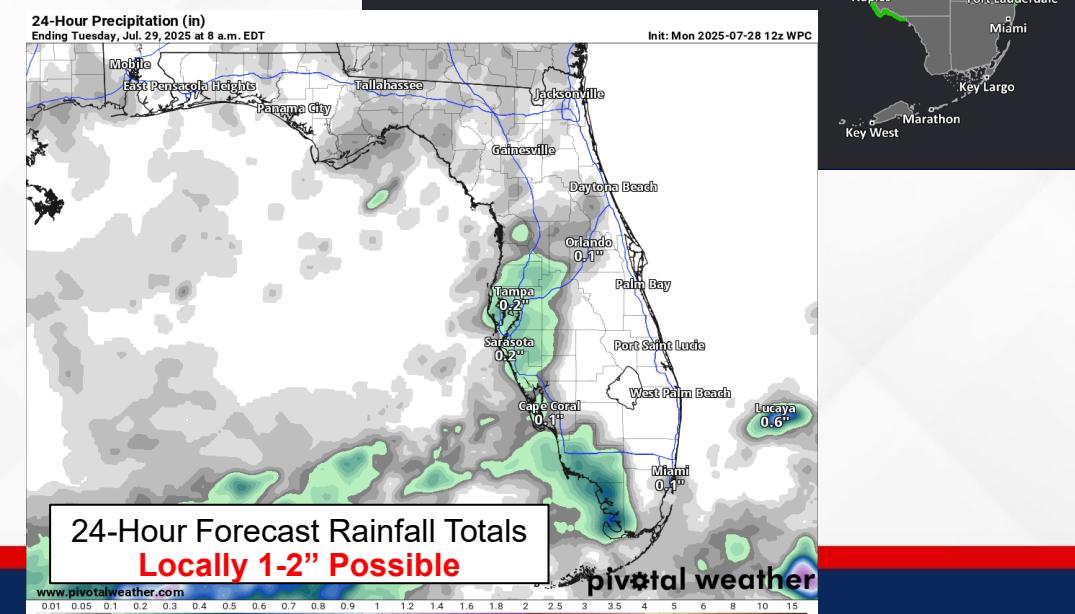
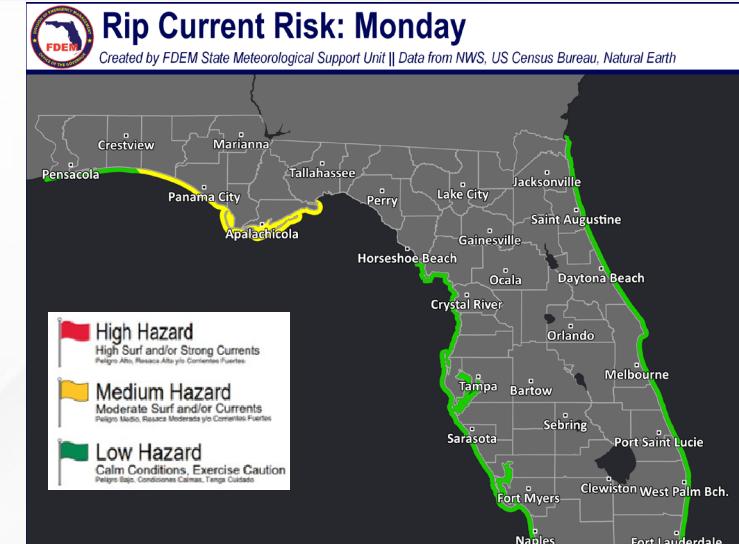
**Red Tide** has not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/18).

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no risk for flash flooding today. Shower and thunderstorm activity this afternoon could produce locally higher rainfall totals upwards of 1-2" that may lead to localized ponding of water for urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas.

**Riverine Flooding:** The [Ocklawaha River at Rodman Dam](#) and [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) remain at Action Stage (bank-full). Drier conditions today will likely continue to help elevated waters continue to gradually decline through the weekend. There are no riverine concerns at this time. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.04 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.68 feet below normal for this time of year.



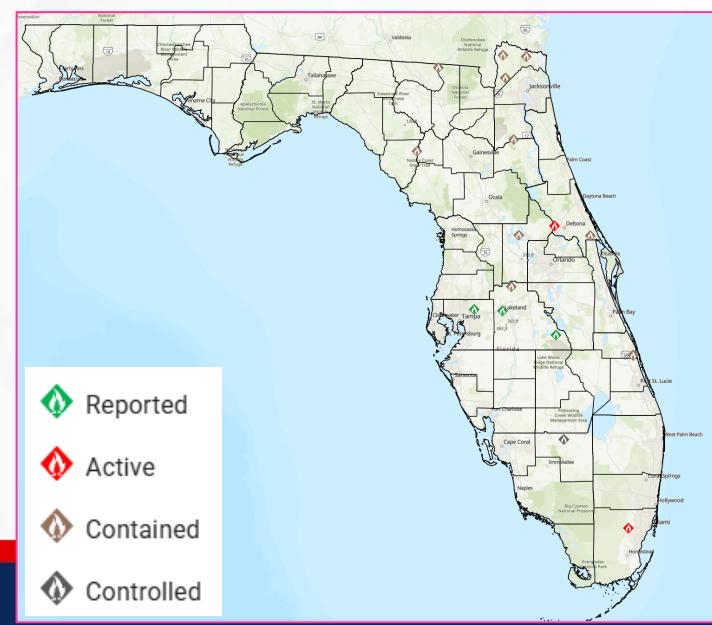
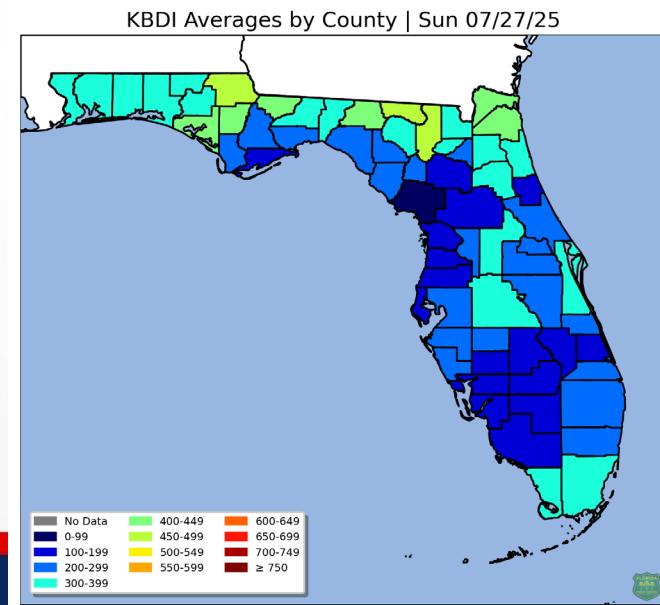
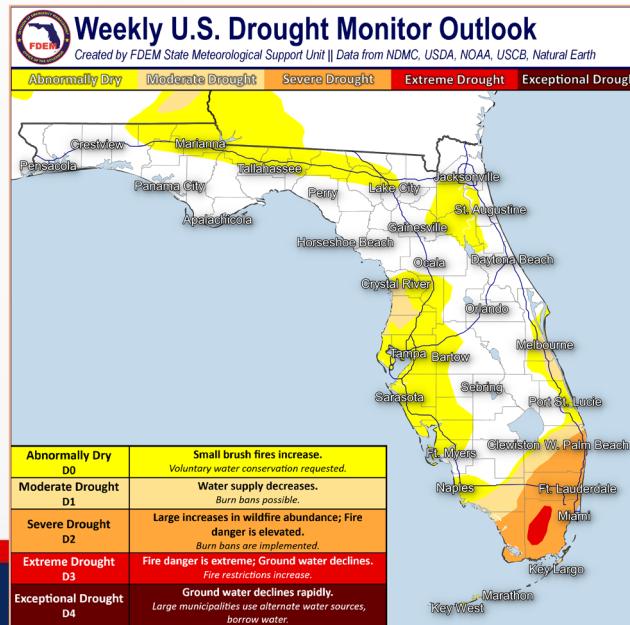


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Rain chances continue to remain isolated across the state courtesy of strong high pressure over the state. Relative humidity values will continue to remain above critical thresholds throughout the day, but drier air will help to limit showers and thunderstorms. Any thunderstorm that develops will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds. Winds will remain light throughout the day, with stronger winds possibly along the Atlantic Coast in the afternoon as the sea breeze develops. Hot conditions can be expected with temperatures reaching the 90s and lower 100s this afternoon. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 17 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 193 acres.

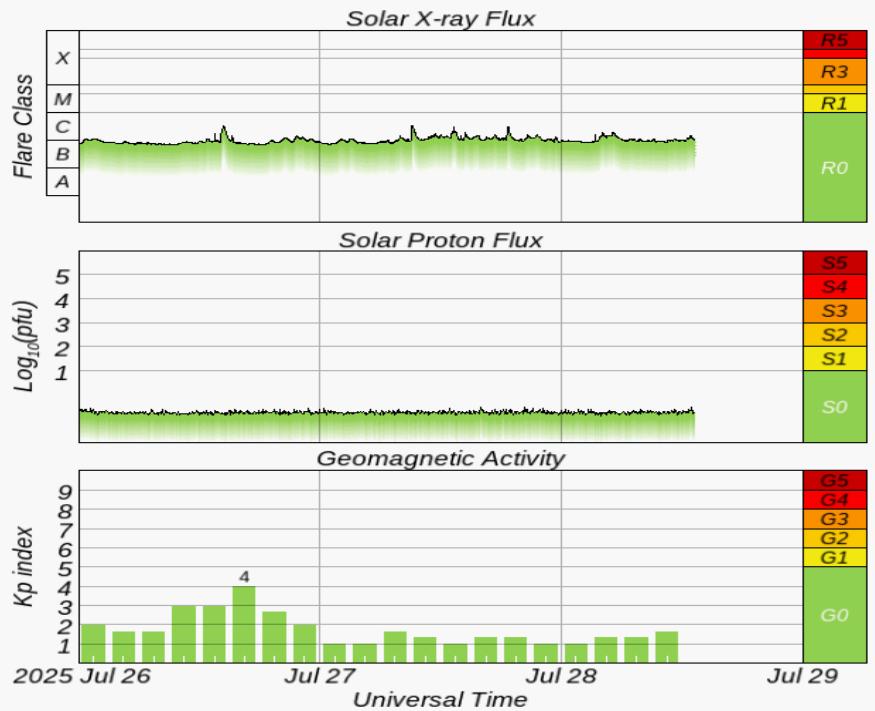
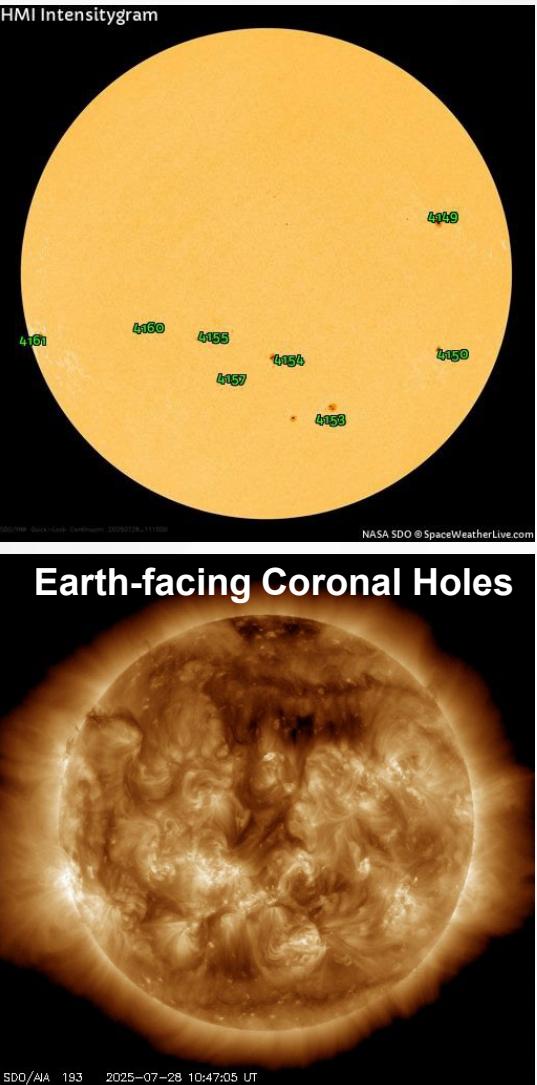
**Drought:** Significant improvements were made over Marion County with the recent active weather pattern that brought plentiful rainfall the past two weeks of 8-14" of rain. A **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was completely removed within this region near the Ocala National Forest. Otherwise, no changes statewide for the drought outlook. A **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** persists across Southeast Florida where monthly rainfall deficits remain 2-4" for many locations and an **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists over western Miami-Dade County. Portions of the Nature Coast remain in **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where monthly rainfall totals similarly remain below average the past month. Although not in an official drought category yet, portions of the northern Panhandle may see an upgrade to Moderate Drought if dry conditions persist through the next week.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **271 (+24)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Zero Florida counties have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





# Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

### 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

7/28	7/29
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity will remain low today with a chance for a strong solar flare (M-class). Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts may accompany any M-class solar flares that develop. An isolated significant solar flare (X-class) cannot be ruled out. Lingering enhancements in the solar wind field from yesterday's Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) will continue to diminish leading to mostly background levels by later today. Enhanced solar wind conditions may return tomorrow with coronal winds flowing towards Earth. Mostly quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions can be expected as CME conditions wane as it moves overhead. If the CME moves close enough it could lead to isolated active conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
<b>Phone:</b>	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
<b>Backup Landline:</b>	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
<b>Fax:</b>	850-815-4979	Operational	
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
<b>SWO Tracker:</b>	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	Operational	
<b>SLERS:</b>	DEM Statewide	Operational	
<b>FNARS:</b>	WGY974	Operational	
<b>Federal NAWAS:</b>	State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>EMnet Message:</b>	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>EMnet Voice:</b>	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>IPAWS:</b>	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
<b>FIN:</b>	SOFEOC	Operational	
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