



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Tuesday, July 29, 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	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Update / Hurrevac Training
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Orange, Leon	Vehicle Equipment Update / Return to R2 Travel
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Town of Orange Park Hurricane Exercise
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinnellas	Healthcare Coalition Directors Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Warehouse Ribbon Cutting Event
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St Lucie	Office Admin
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Fire Rescue Hurricane Exercise



Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

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	HERricane Activities
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	Applicant Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Municipality TTX
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	External Stakeholders Meeting
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	SpN Warehouse Opening
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Updating
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Admin Duties / Instruction Prep
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

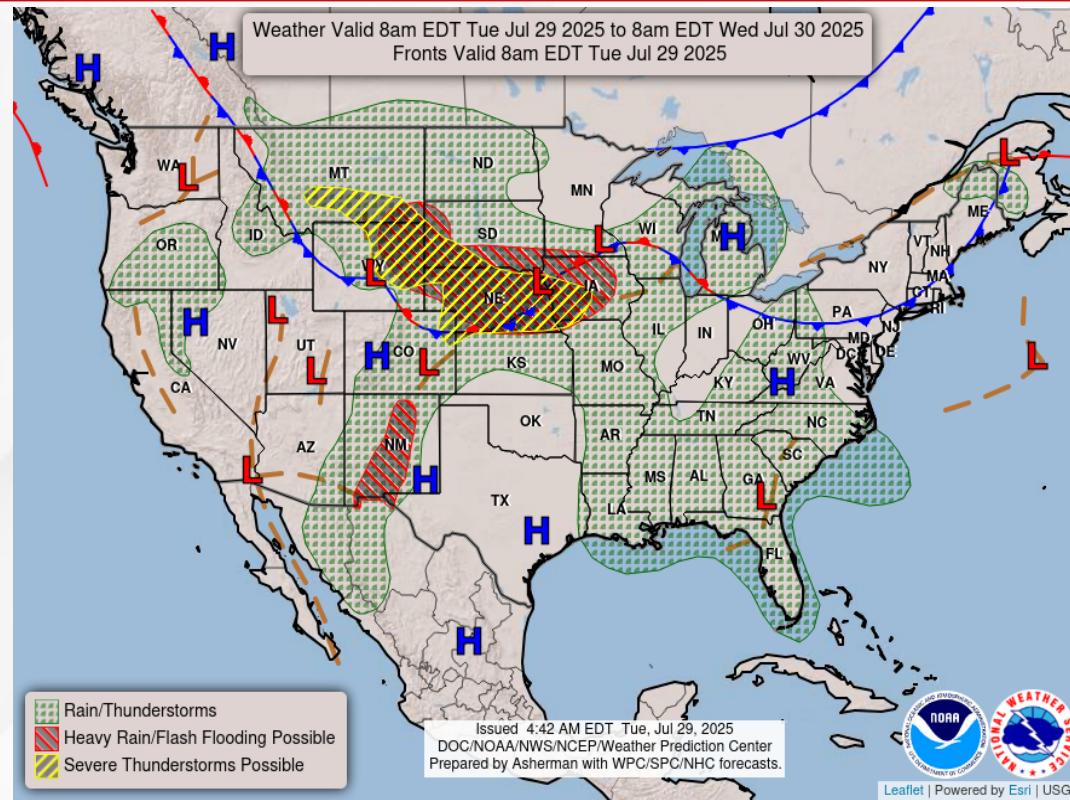
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

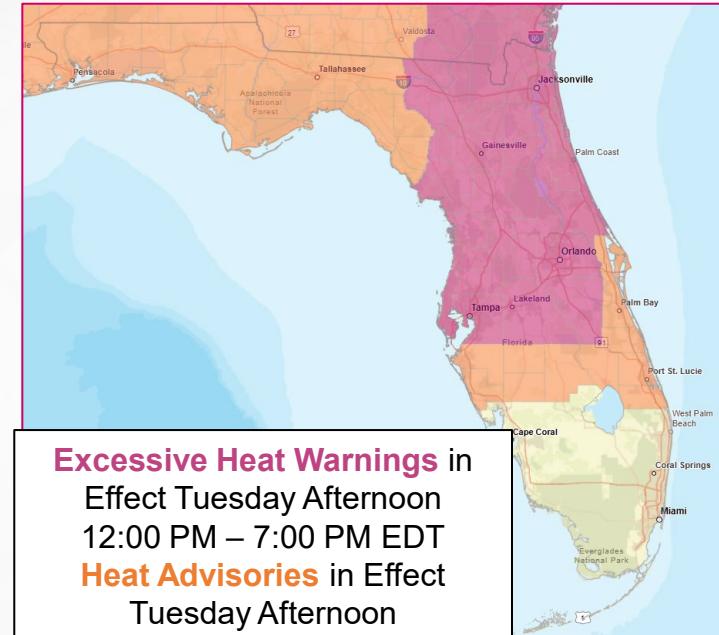
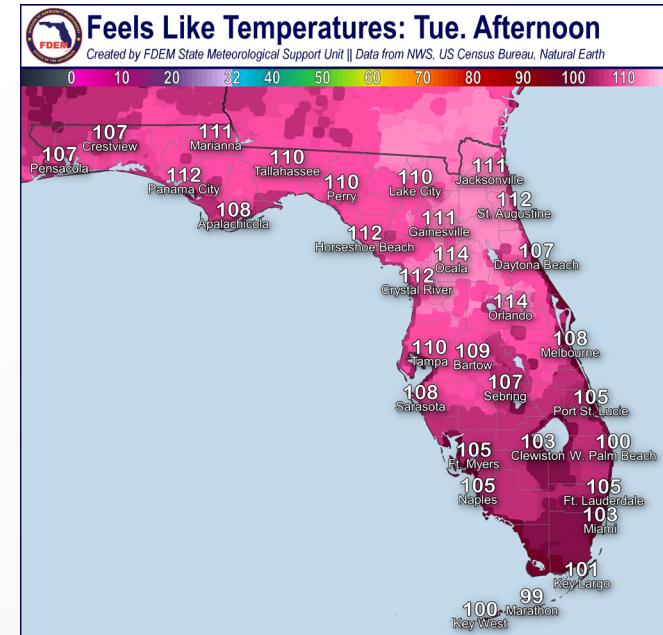


# Meteorology Summary



## Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
<b>Lightning</b>	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L
<b>Tornado</b>										
<b>Damaging Wind</b>	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
<b>Hail</b>										
<b>Flash Flooding</b>	L	L	L	L						
<b>Excessive Heat</b>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	M
<b>Wildfire</b>										
<b>Fog (Overnight)</b>										
<b>Rip Currents</b>	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
<b>Lake Okeechobee Elevation</b>	12.06 ft. (1.67 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )									
<b>Keetch-Byram Drought Index</b>	295 (+24) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





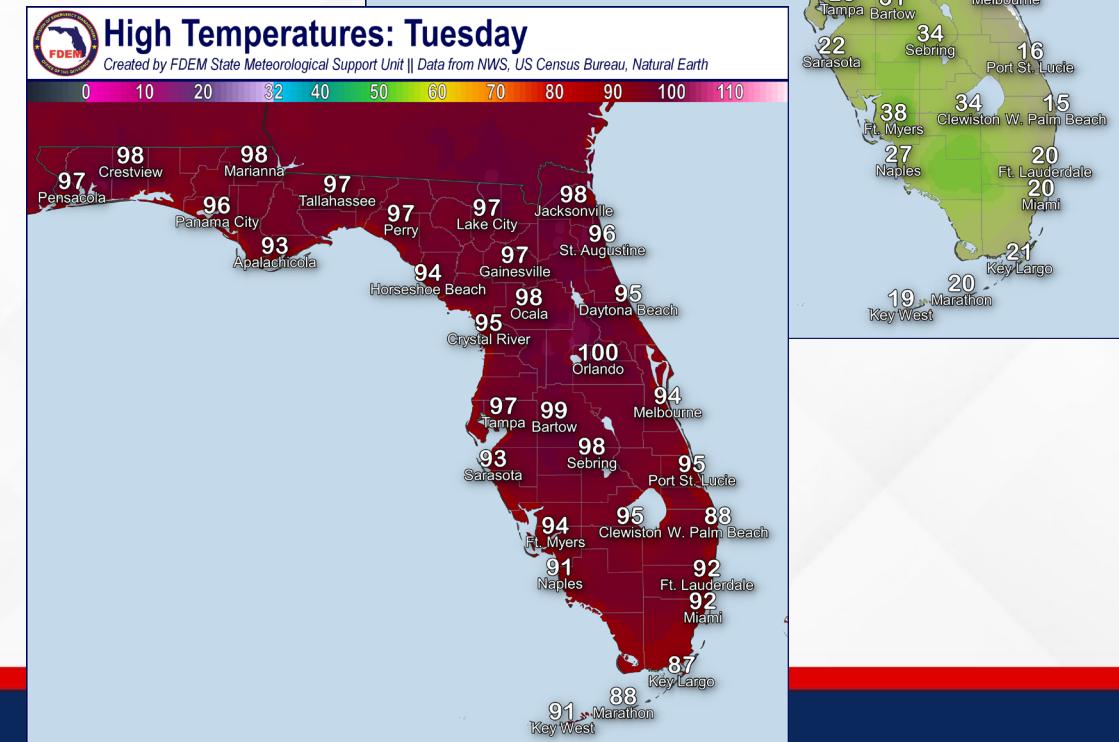
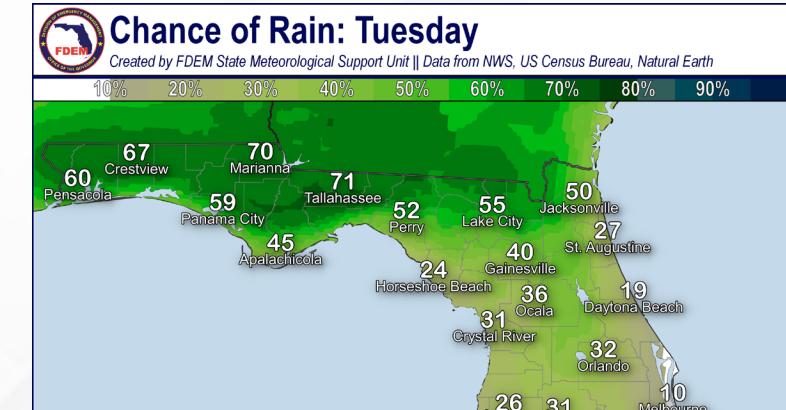
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

**Dangerously hot and humid conditions** will develop throughout the day across the Sunshine State as high pressure over the central and eastern U.S. continues to dominate. An upper-level disturbance over the Deep South will help to increase shower and thunderstorm activity later this afternoon and evening across the Panhandle and I-10 corridor, leading to more scattered to widespread activity than the last few days (50-70% chance of rain). The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the I-10 corridor where locally heavy downpours and slow-moving thunderstorms could lead to instances of **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. Rain chances across the Peninsula will continue to remain isolated to widely scattered along the sea breeze during the peak heating hours of the day. Regardless, **embedded locally strong to severe thunderstorms** cannot be ruled out later in the day and will be capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds and heavy downpours.

Heat building throughout the day with plenty of sunshine will give way to high temperatures in the middle to upper 90s across the state, with portions of North and Central Florida possibly **reaching 100-degrees** before thunderstorm activity. **Dangerous heat index values** in the **100s and 110s** can be expected throughout the state again by the early to mid-afternoon hours. **Extreme Heat Warnings** will go into effect midday across Northeast and Central Florida where **heat index values of 112-116-degrees** can be expected. **Heat Advisories** extend across North and Central Florida towards Lake Okeechobee, and will go into effect midday, for **heat index values of 108-112-degrees** expected.

Showers and thunderstorms that develop in the afternoon and evening hours will continue to slowly wane and dissipate heading into the overnight hours. The upper-level disturbance over the Deep South may allow for showers and thunderstorms to linger overnight across the Panhandle before shifting offshore early Wednesday morning (20-40% chance of rain). Low temperatures will remain mild in the upper 70s to lower 80s, giving little relief from daytime heat and humidity.

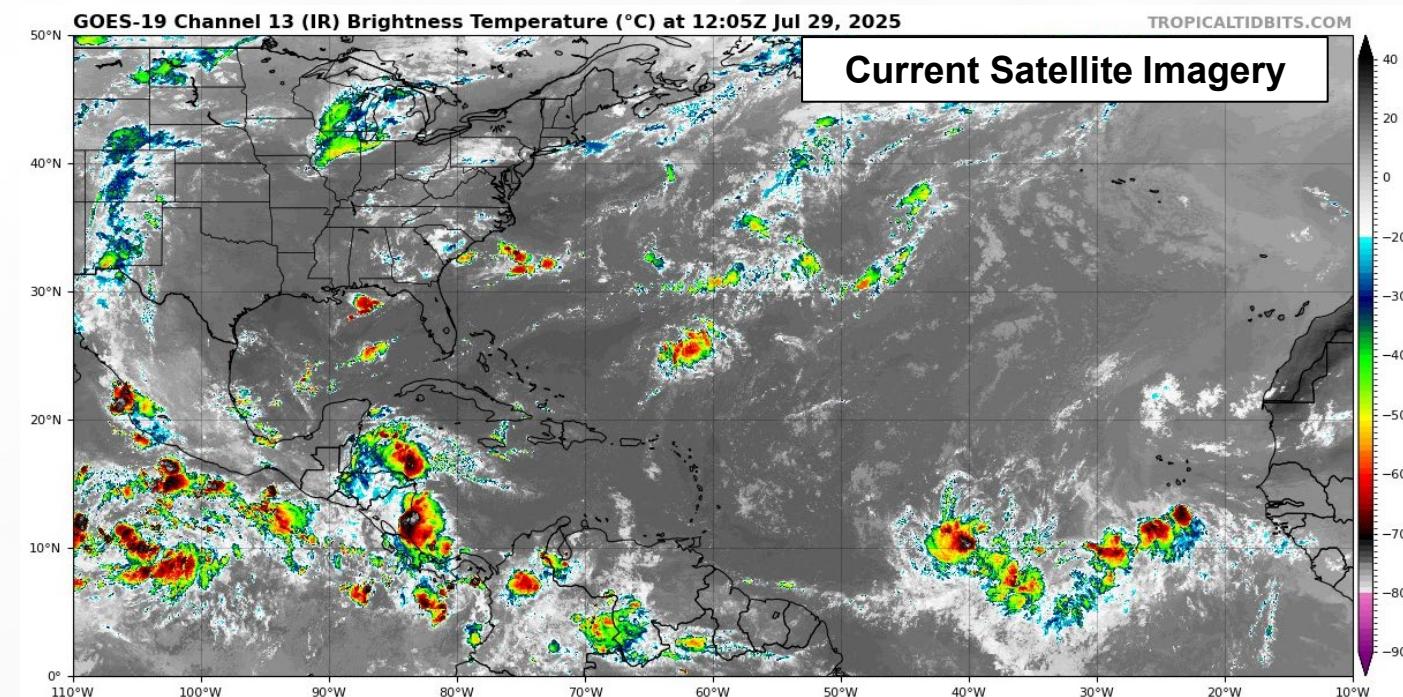
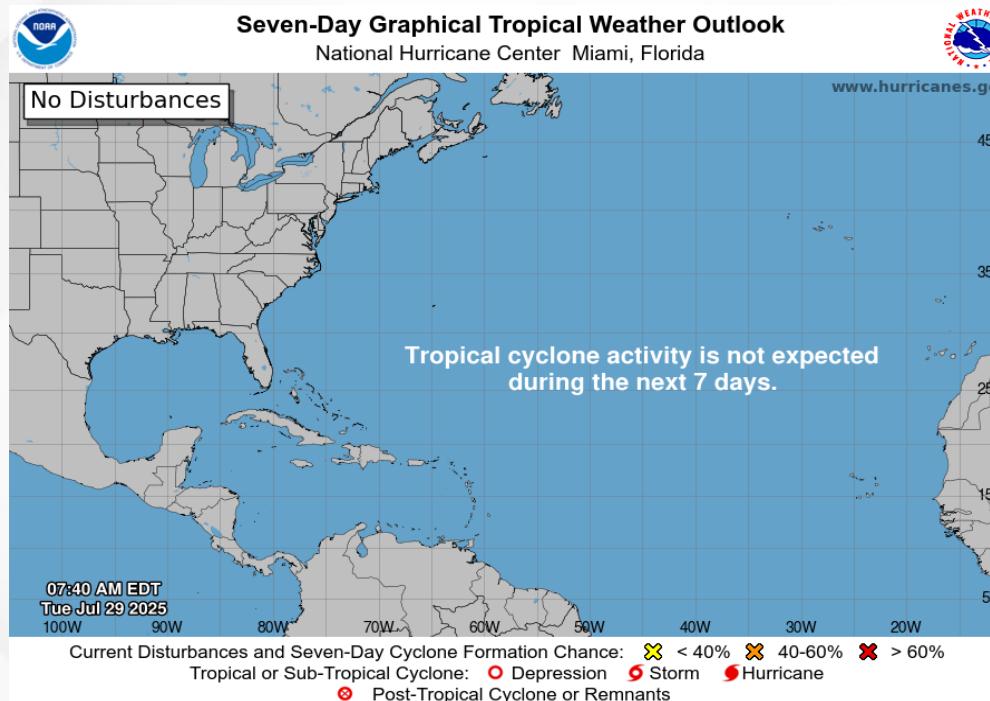




# Tropical Weather

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 beaches. 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.

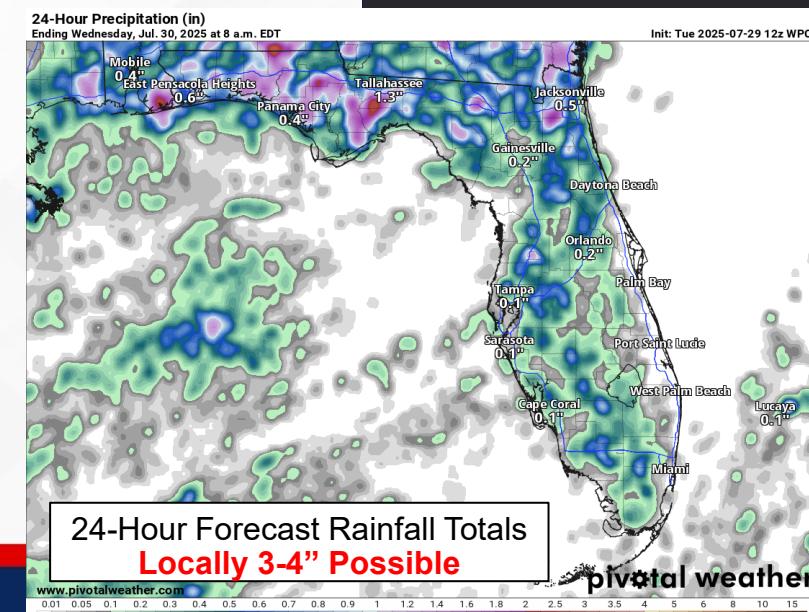
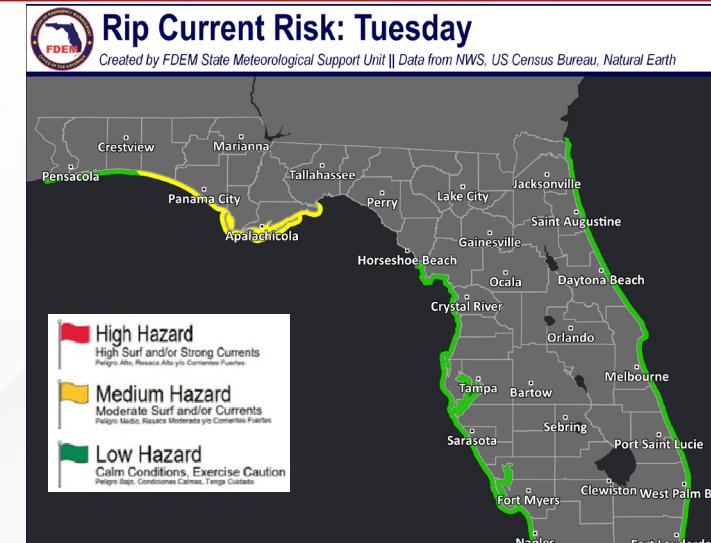
**Red Tide** has not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/18).

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

**Flash Flooding:** The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Panhandle and along the I-10 corridor for thunderstorms capable of producing locally heavy downpours that could lead to **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. Increased shower and thunderstorm activity can be expected this afternoon and evening with the help of an upper-level disturbance. Any slow-moving thunderstorms will also be capable of producing locally heavy downpours, especially over urban and low-lying/poor drainage areas. Rainfall totals of 1-2" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4" possible.

**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 12.06 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.67 feet below normal for this time of year.



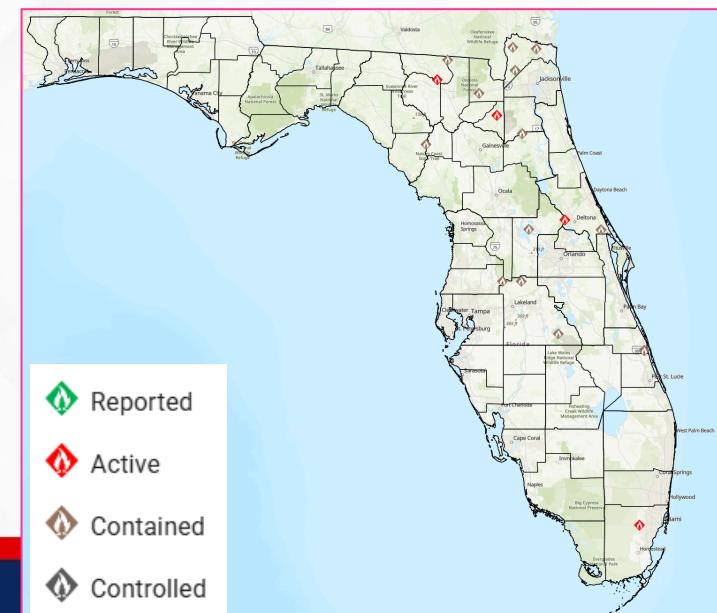
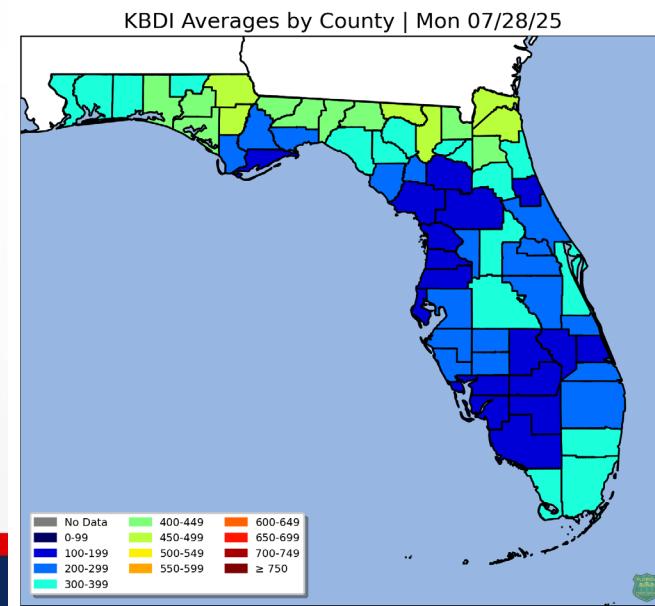
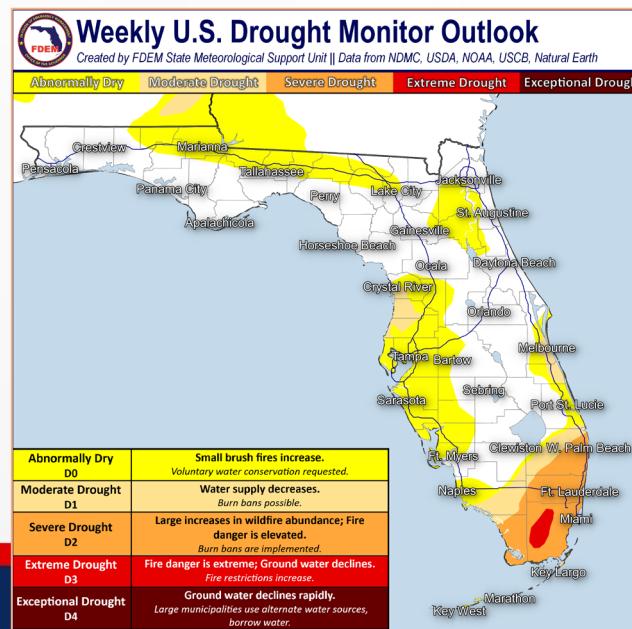


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Increased rain chances return across North Florida with an upper-level disturbance over the Deep South. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will return this afternoon throughout the rest of the state, mostly concentrated along the sea breeze. Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds. Hot and humid conditions can be expected statewide, with high temperatures reaching the middle 90s to lower 100s, helping to dry out vegetation and soils. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 1 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 229 acres.

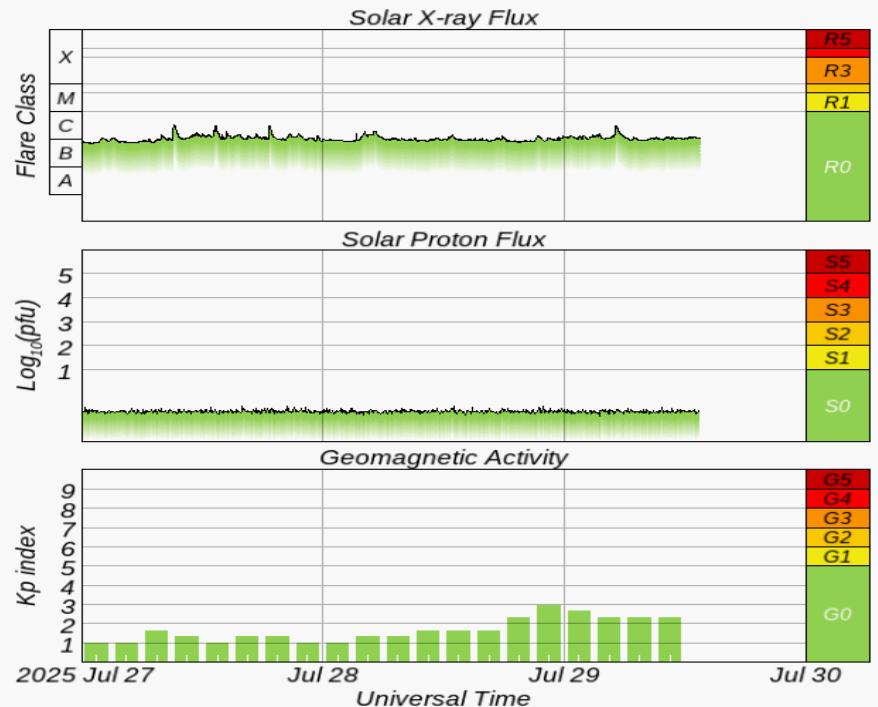
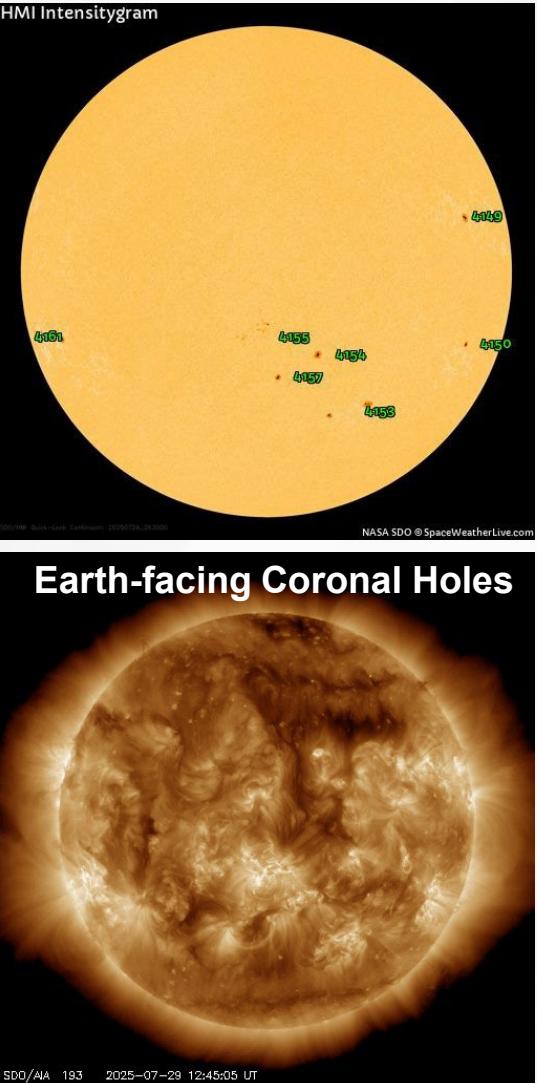
**Drought:** Significant improvements were made over Marion County with the recent active weather pattern that brought plentiful rainfall the past two weeks of 8-14" of rain. A **Moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was completely removed within this region near the Ocala National Forest. Otherwise, no 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 **295 (+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: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
7/29	7/30	
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% 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. Solar wind conditions will maintain near background levels through today before enhancements return tomorrow (7/30) and continue through midweek. The Earth's geomagnetic field will continue at mostly quiet levels, with isolated instances of unsettled conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is very 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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