



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, July 30, 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, Gadsden	Return Travel / Hurrevac Training
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	End of Month Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Update
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Logistics Mission
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco	ESF-8 Call / EM Visit
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Update
Region 8: Mason Kozac	St. Lucie, Leon	Travel to R2 (Offboarding)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	County Hurricane Exercise

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	Bay	County Partners Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Pasco	Instructing FL601
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Vehicle Equipment Upgrade
Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 6: Vacant		
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Pasco	Co-Instructing FL601
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Broward	Operation Safe Haven FSE
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Pasco	Co-Instructing FL601
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

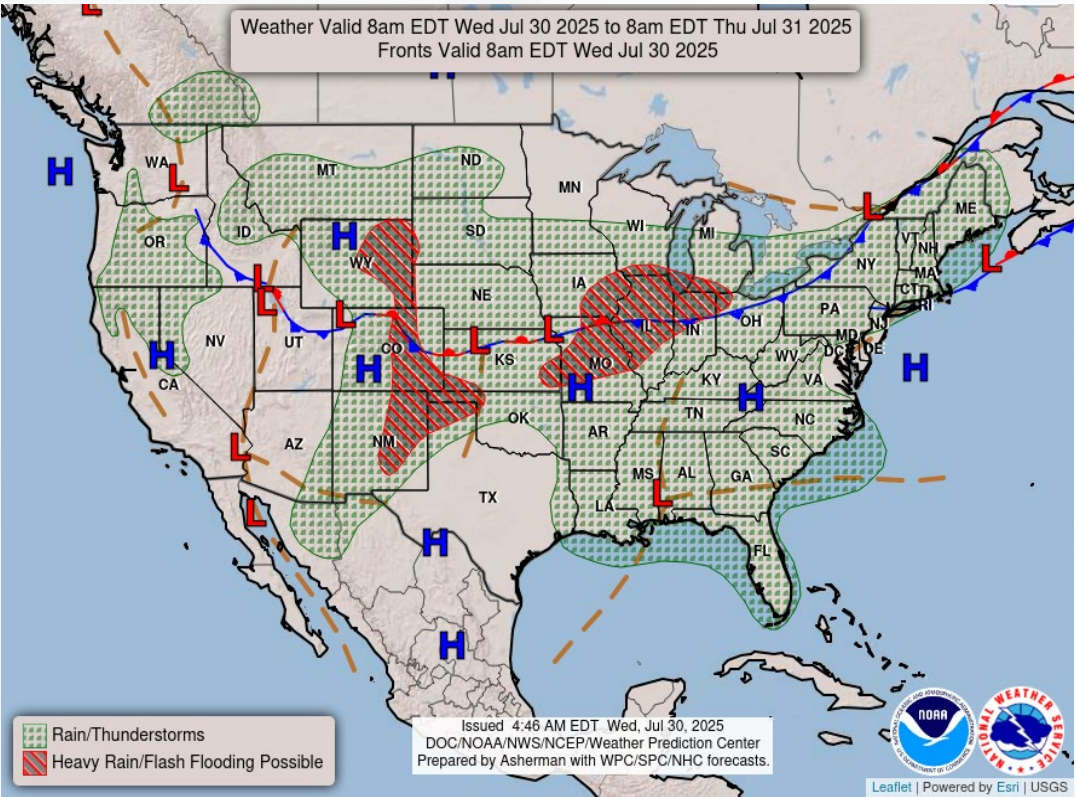
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

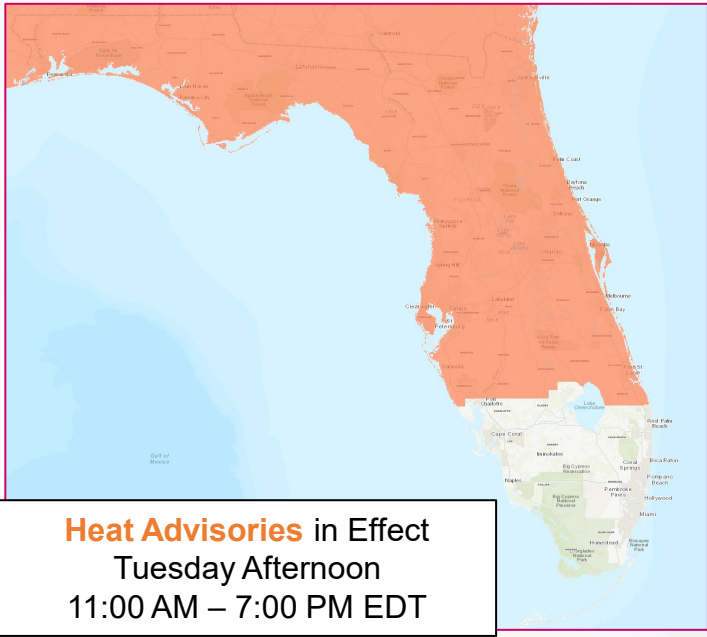
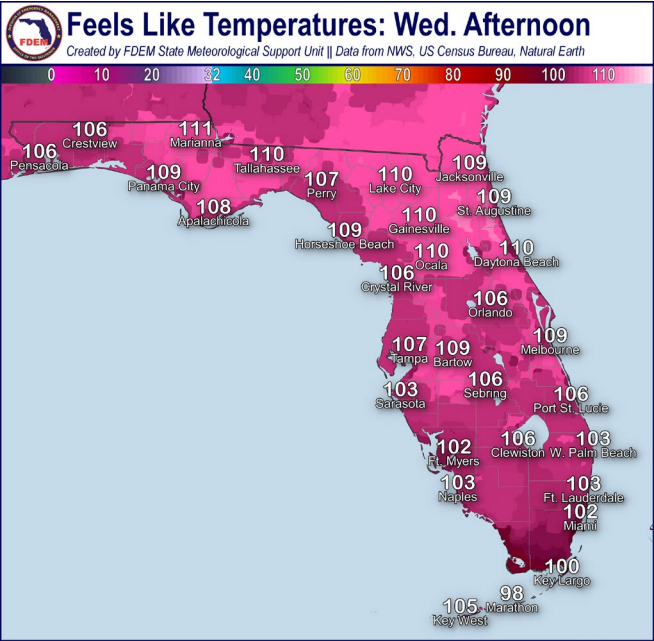


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L									
Excessive Heat	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	M
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.09 ft. (1.65 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	318 (+23) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





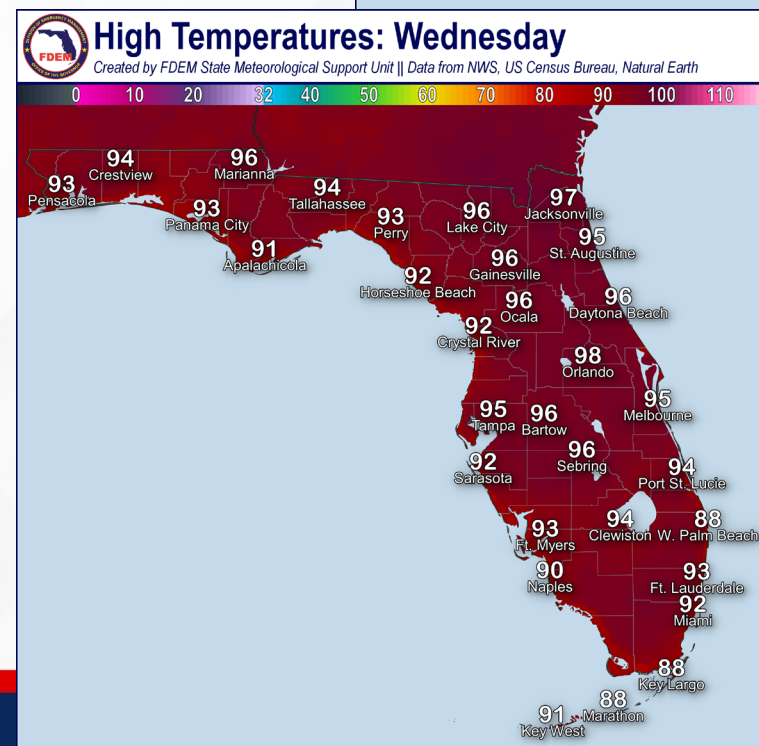
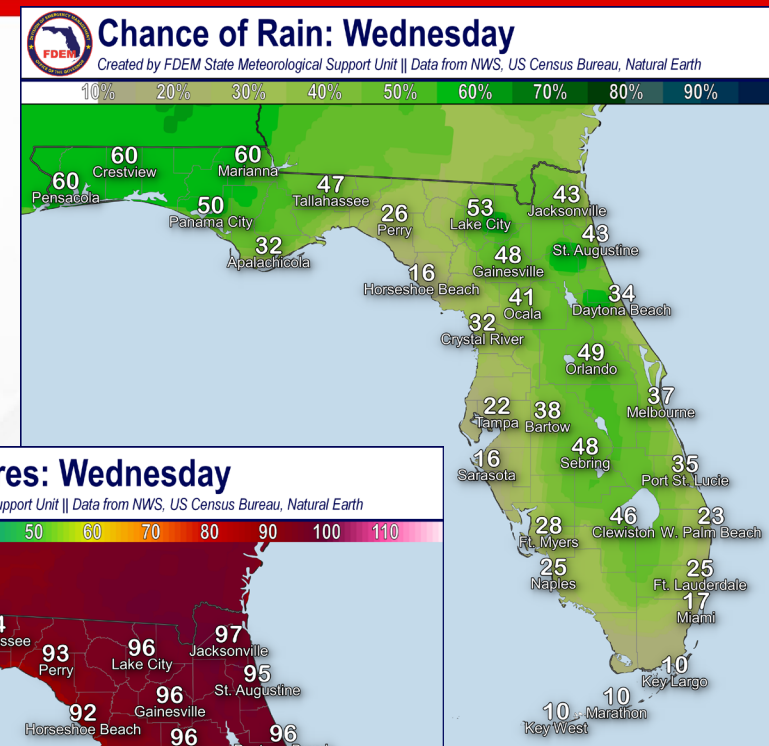
Meteorology Summary

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. The upper-level disturbance will linger near the Panhandle, which will help to increase shower and thunderstorm activity over there this afternoon and evening (50-60% chance of rain). The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has maintained a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the western Panhandle for locally heavy downpours and intense rainfall rates that could lead to **instances of flash flooding and ponding of water**. Across the state, the typical summertime thunderstorm pattern can be expected with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms developing along the sea breeze during the peak heating hours of the day (25-50% chance of rain). Slightly drier air moving into the state will keep thunderstorm activity isolated and limited across portions of the Peninsula. Regardless, any thunderstorm that develops may become **locally strong to severe**, bringing frequent lightning, gusty winds and torrential 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. Increased rain chances will keep temperatures a couple degrees "cooler" than the last couple of days, but that doesn't take away from how hot it will be. **Dangerous heat index values** in the **100s and 110s** can be expected throughout the state again by the early to mid-afternoon hours. **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 throughout the afternoon hours.

Showers and thunderstorms that develop in the afternoon and evening hours will continue to slowly wane and dissipate heading into the overnight hours. A few showers and embedded rumbles of thunder may linger along the coastal waters across the Panhandle and West Coast before moving onshore early Thursday 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.

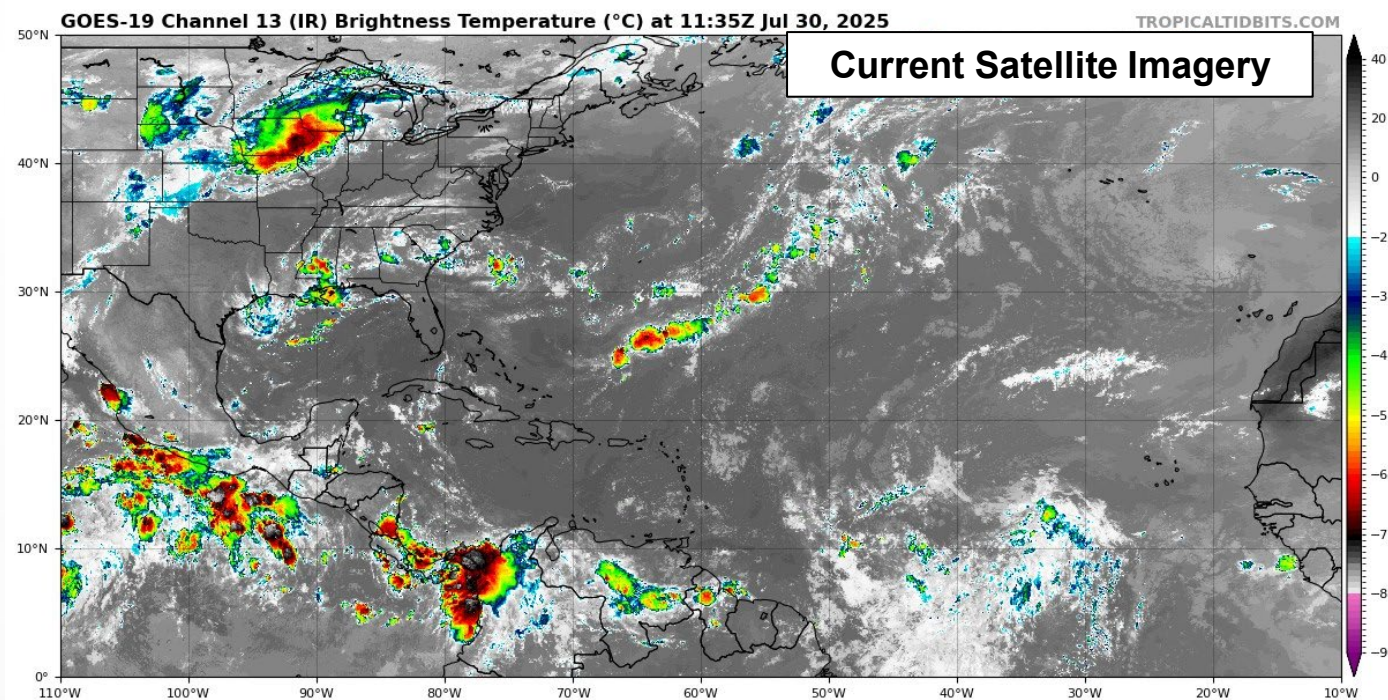
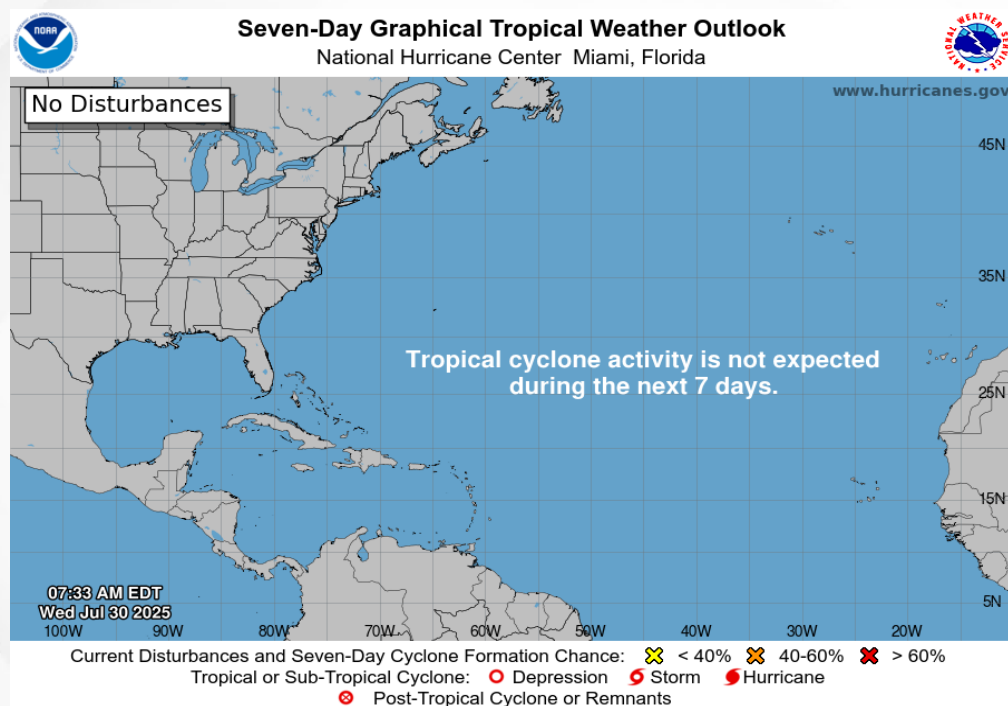




Tropical Weather

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

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

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

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

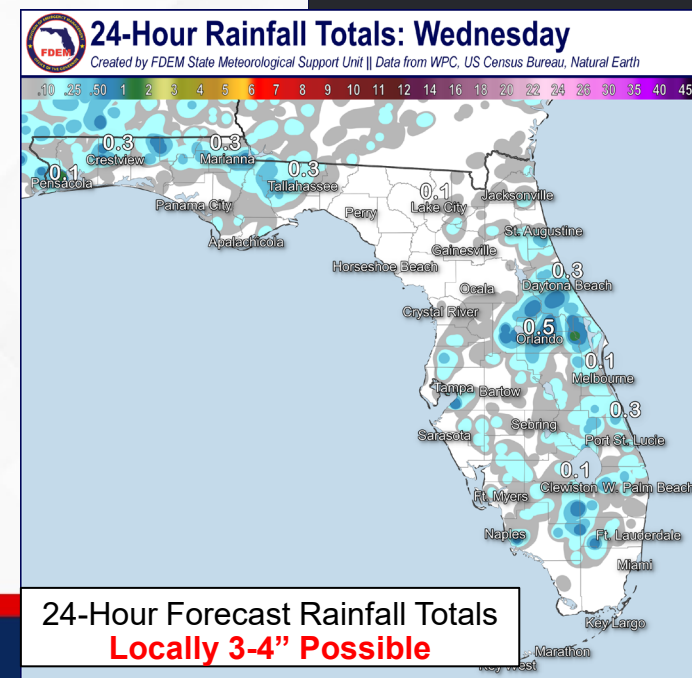
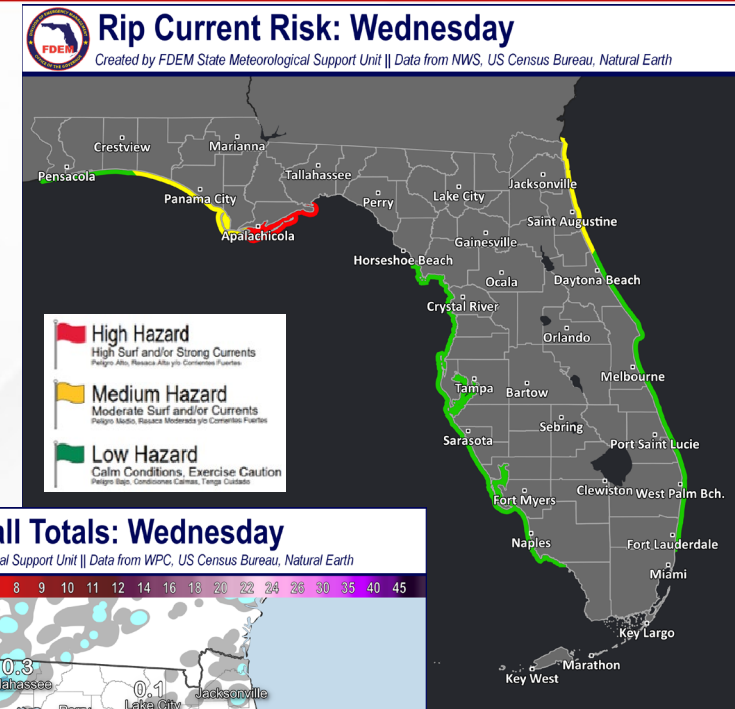
Red Tide has been not been observed along any Florida coastline over the past week (valid 7/18).

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 far western Panhandle where a lingering upper-level disturbance may help create heavy and intense downpours in thunderstorms that lead to localized flash flooding and ponding of water. Throughout the state, thunderstorms will be capable of producing heavy and intense downpours that could create **nuisance flooding** at times, especially over low-lying/poor drainage areas. Rainfall totals throughout the state will reach 1-2", with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-4" for any slow-moving thunderstorms or intense downpours over areas.

Riverine Flooding: [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) remains at Action Stage (bank-full) as water levels continue to decline slowly. There are no riverine concerns at this time. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.09 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.65 feet below normal for this time of year.



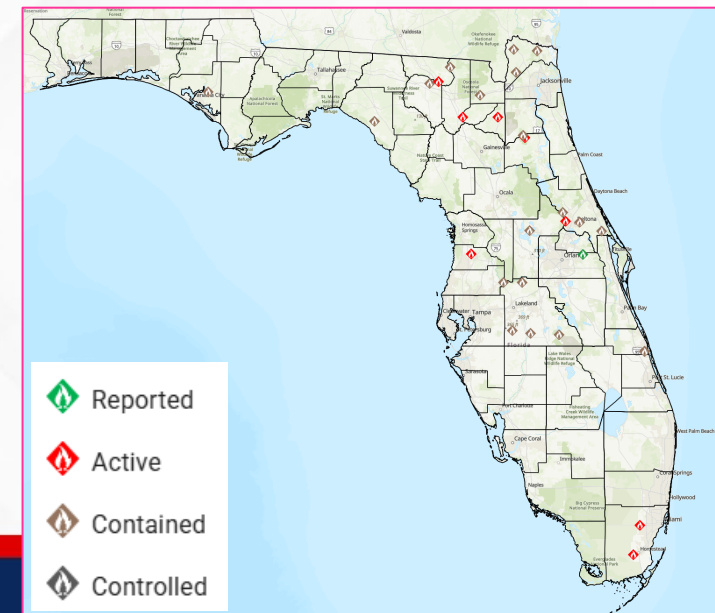
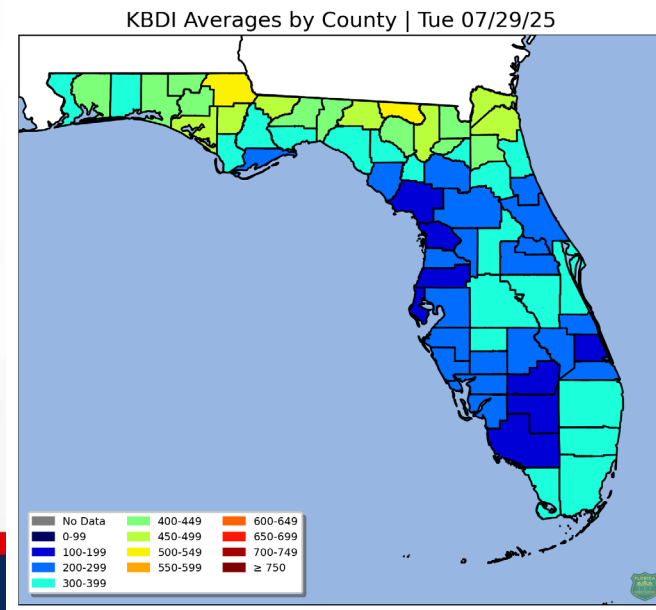
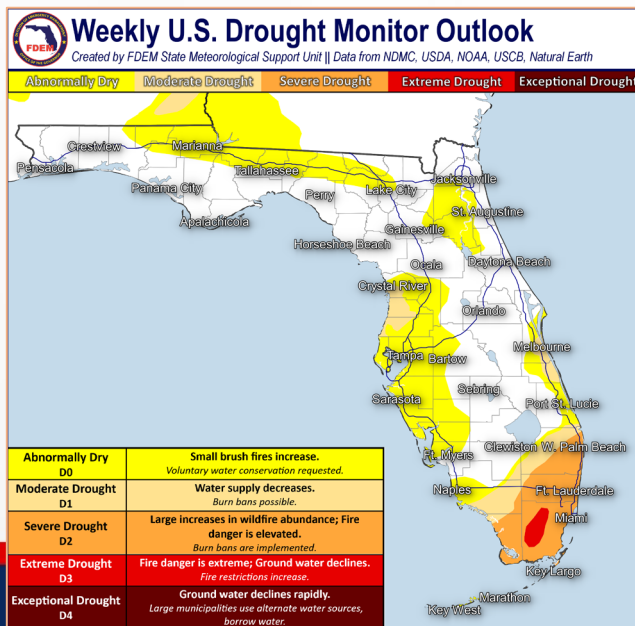


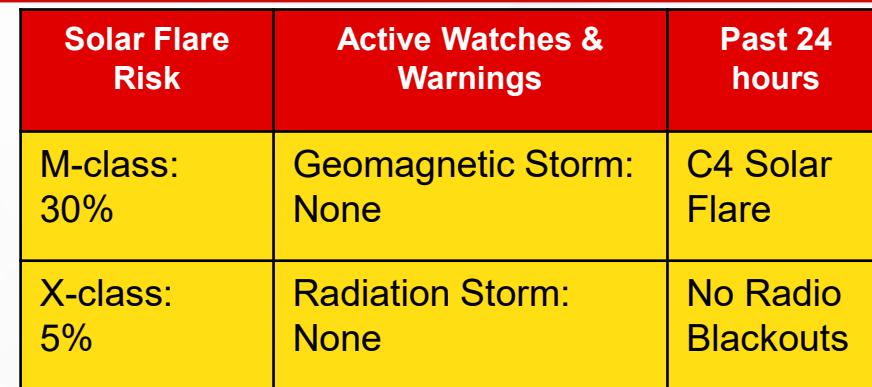
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Hot and humid conditions will continue across the state as high pressure over the eastern U.S. continues to dominate, which will continue to dry out soils and vegetation where rainfall has not occurred over the last couple of days. Scattered to locally widespread shower and thunderstorm activity can be expected to develop along the sea breeze this afternoon and evening, and thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds. Some drier air will filter along eastern Florida, which may keep thunderstorm activity limited later in the daytime hours. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 29 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 682 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.

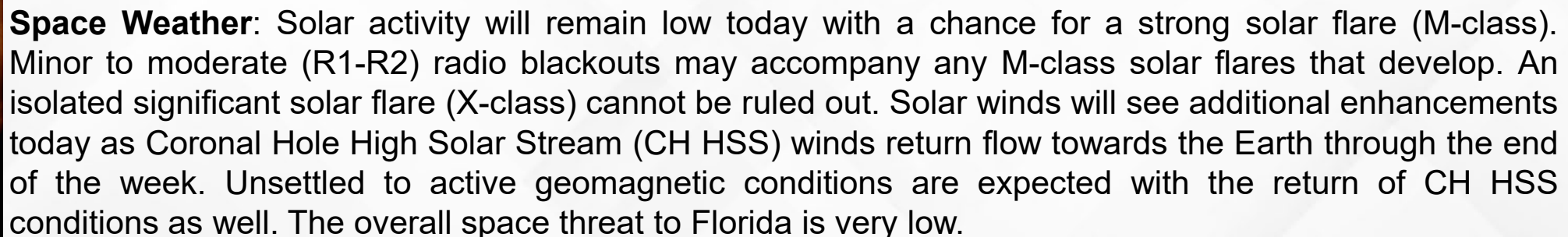
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **318 (+23)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **2** Florida counties (Hamilton and Jackson) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

7/30	7/31
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% 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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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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