



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, October 31, 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	Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Franklin	Outreach Event
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Region 4 IPPW Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Hospital COOP FSE
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Collier, Hillsborough	Return to R6 Travel / Airport Ops Mission / Exec Director Support
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami	Regional PIO Workshop / FDOT Visit

Region 8 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	Leave	See Coverage
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	Flooding Event Recovery
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Admin Duties (AM) / Off & Monitoring (PM)
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Desoto	County EM Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Administrative Duties
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Policy Review Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

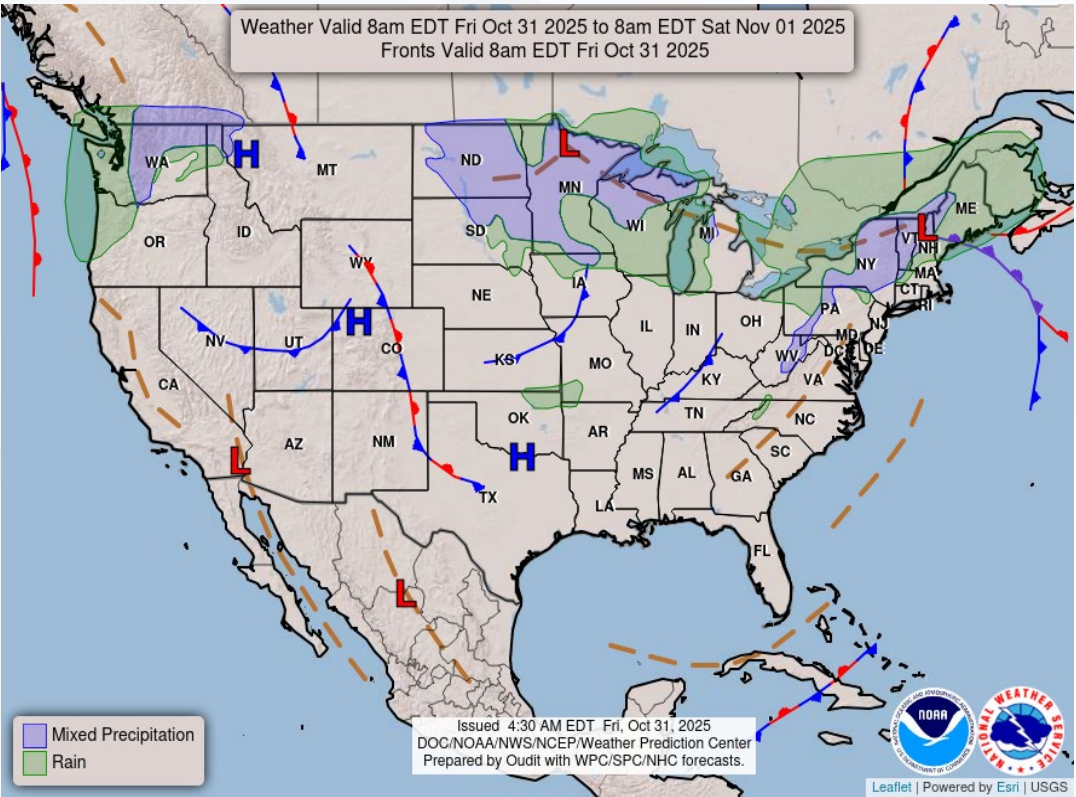
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 2 & 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

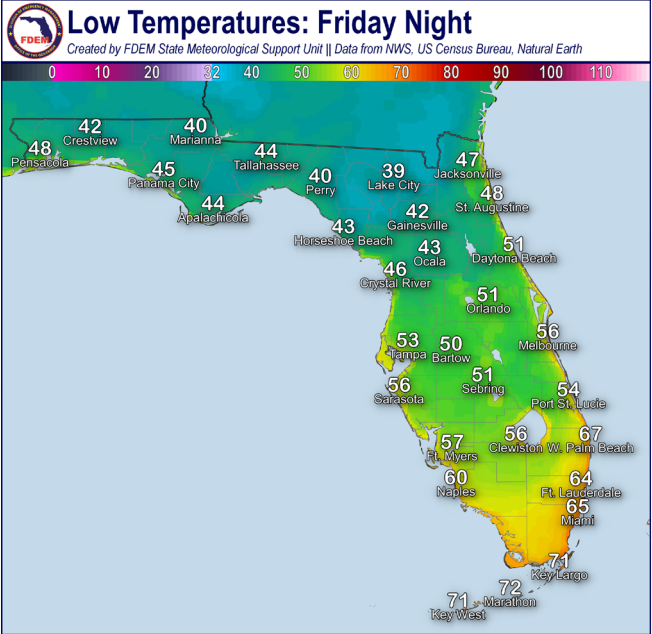
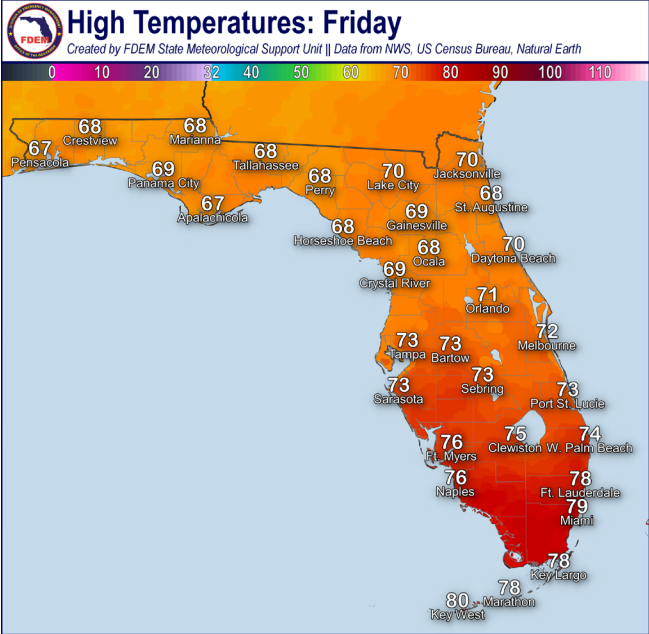


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Wildfire		L	L	L						
Fog (Overnight)			L	L						
Coastal Flooding										L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	H		H	H	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.93 ft. (1.10 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	394 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

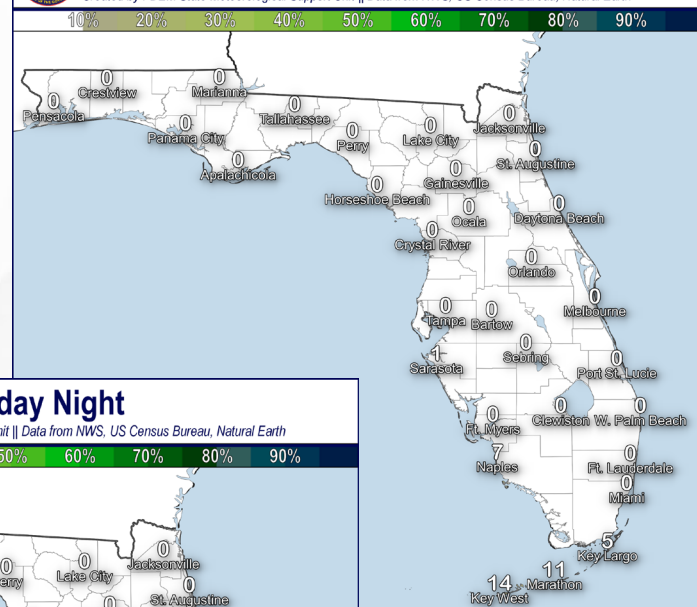
A cool, dry, and sunny day is on tap for the Sunshine State as a high-pressure system begins to build back across the Southeast U.S. Winds will remain light today, though relative humidities will approach critical thresholds this afternoon across North Florida which may lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions**, especially given the ongoing drought conditions. Some very minor low-level moisture could allow for a brief sprinkle across the Florida Keys, though any activity will remain very light and brief (10-15% chance of rain). Temperatures will remain much cooler than normal for this time of year, with middle to upper 60s expected across North Florida. Highs will reach the lower to middle 70s across Central and South Florida, with coastal areas of South Florida and the Keys reaching the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Dry conditions will continue to prevail statewide tonight. Low temperatures will dip into the upper 30s to middle 40s for North Florida, with a few locations possibly getting into the middle 30s. Instances of **patchy frost** cannot be ruled out for rural and elevated locations across the Panhandle. Additionally, some **patchy fog** may develop in the fog-prone areas of the Suwannee Valley by daybreak. Upper 40s to lower 50s are expected across Central Florida and upper 50s to middle 60s for South Florida. The Florida Keys will remain the warmest overnight with lows only reaching the lower 70s.



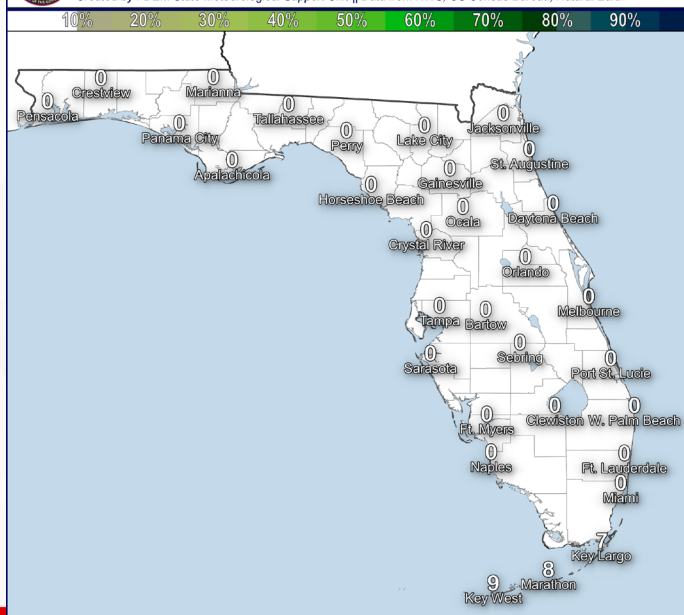
Chance of Rain: Friday

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Chance of Rain: Friday Night

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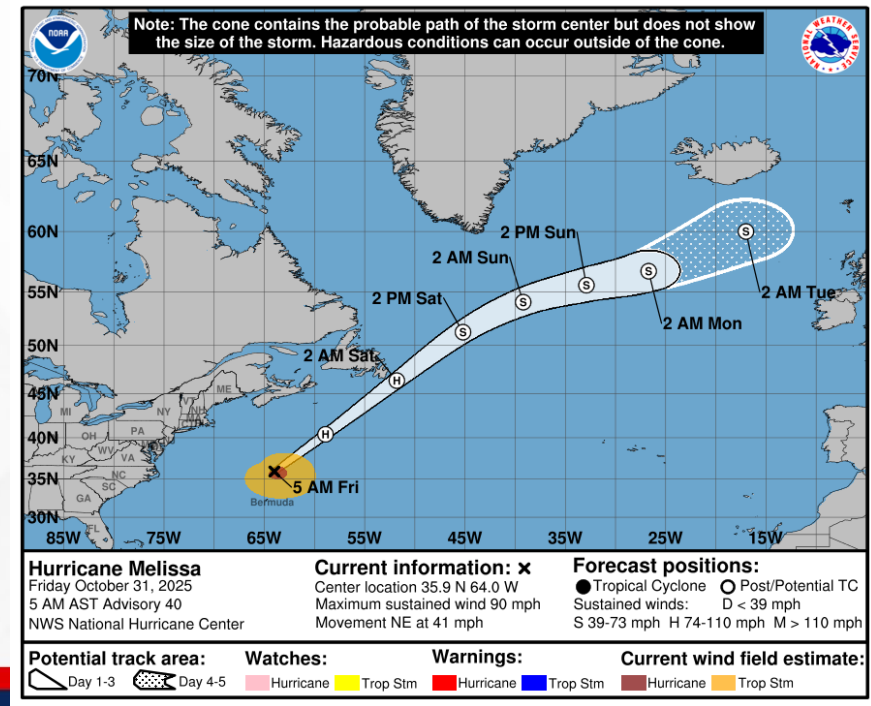
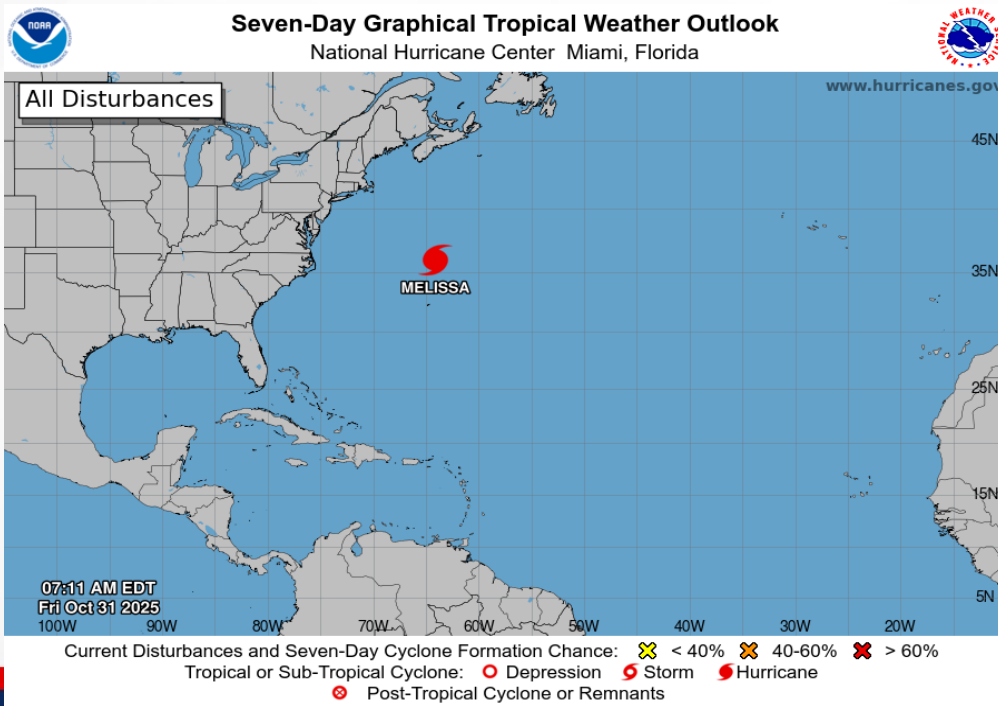




Tropical Weather

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

Hurricane Melissa: As of 8:00 AM EDT, Melissa is located 255 miles north of Bermuda and is moving northeastward at 41 mph. This general motion is expected to continue into Saturday. On the forecast track, the center of Melissa is expected to pass south of the Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland as a post-tropical cyclone tonight. *Melissa poses no direct threat to Florida.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Surf will remain elevated for much of the West Coast and East Coast today keeping a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** for these beaches. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for most Panhandle beaches, with a locally **high risk** for Gulf county. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: As high pressure begins to build over the state, seas will begin to relax from the elevated levels earlier this week. Wave heights will diminish back to around 1' for all Panhandle beaches, and down to 2-3' for all West Coast beaches. Surf of 2-4' can be expected for all East Coast beaches.

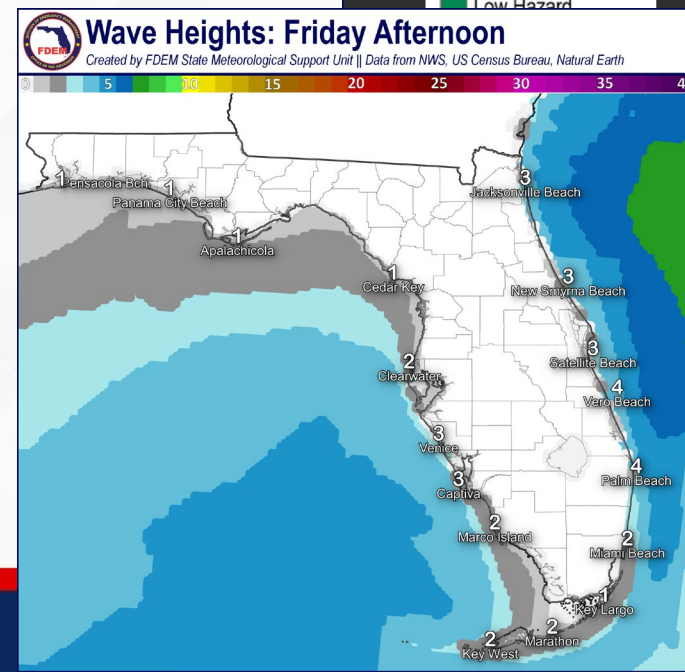
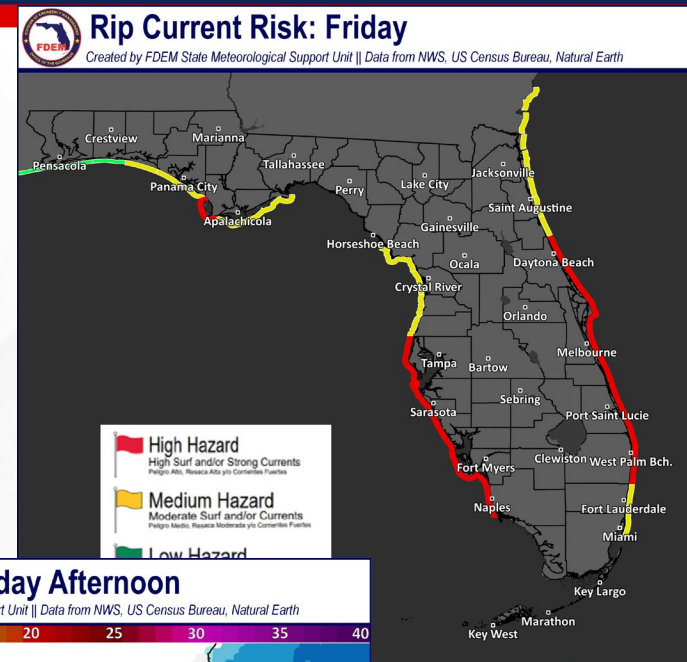
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Sarasota County in Southwest Florida. It was also observed at medium to high concentrations from Gulf County in Northwest Florida. Red tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (10/24).

Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Advisories** have been allowed to expire throughout tidal portions of the St. Johns River as tide gauges have remained below flood stage since yesterday. However, water levels may still rise **1-1.5' above normally dry ground** near and during times of high tide in localized areas which could lead to localized **minor tidal and coastal flooding**. **Coastal Flood Statements** remain in effect for the Florida Keys for **minor tidal flooding**.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today.

Riverine Flooding: Water levels remain elevated for portions of the St. Johns River after heavy rainfall last weekend and recent coastal action. The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) has risen back into **moderate flood stage** and is forecast to remain at this stage through the weekend. Additional points along the headwaters of the St. Johns River including [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Lake Harney](#) are all forecast to rise into, or have already risen into, **minor flood stage** over the next few days. A **River Flood Warning** has been issued for the St. Johns River above Lake Harney as water levels are forecast to reach **minor flood stage** midweek. A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the St. Johns River at Astor. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.93 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.10 feet below normal for this time of year.



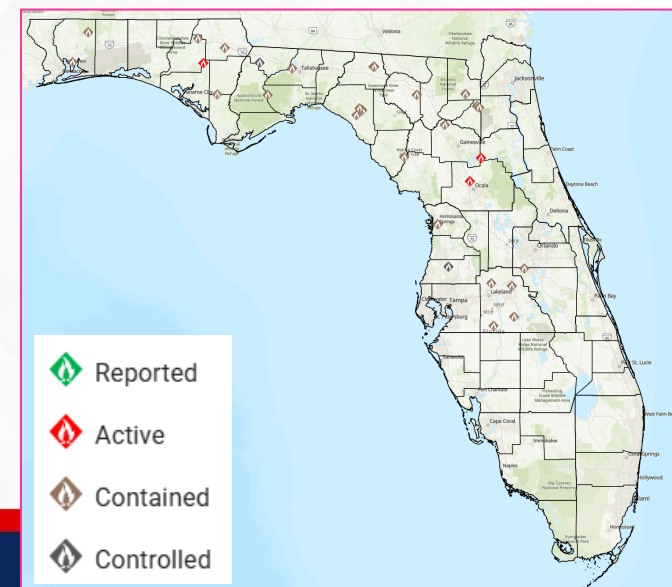
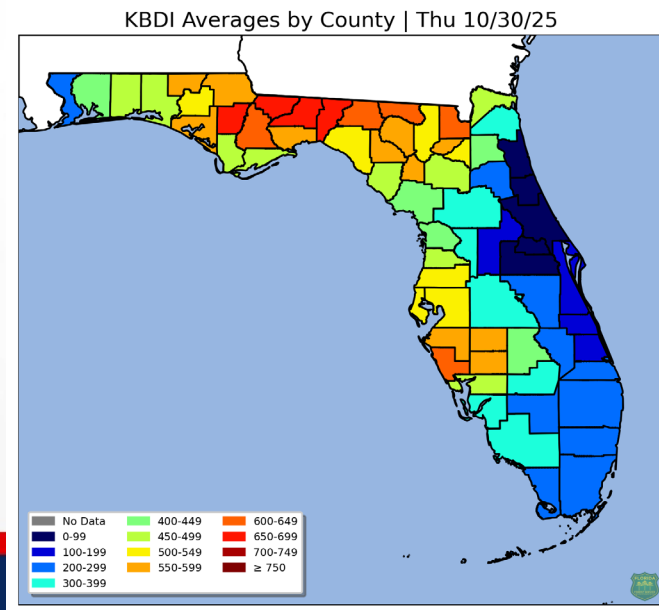
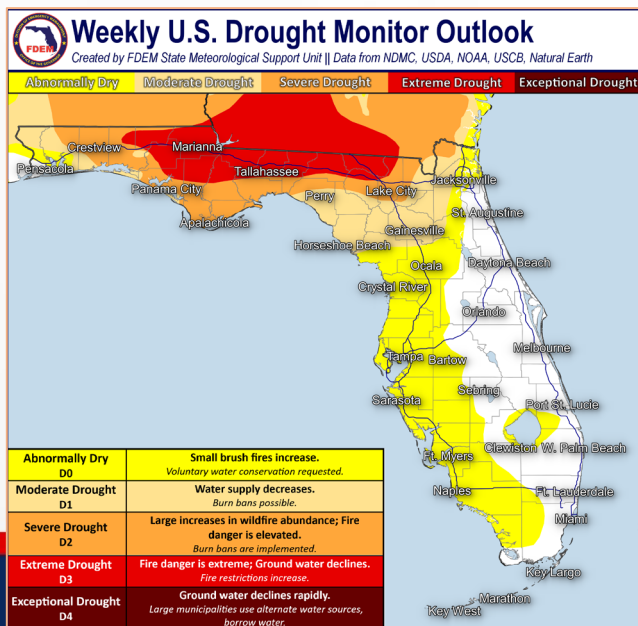


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Lighter winds will return to the Sunshine state today as high pressure builds briefly back across the Southeast U.S. Dry northwesterly winds will persist, and relative humidities may approach critical thresholds across North Florida this afternoon (30-40% RH values). As such, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop this afternoon, especially given the ongoing drought conditions. Dry conditions will prevail across the remainder of the state as well, though relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds keeping the overall wildfire threat very low across Central and South Florida. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 17 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 105 acres.

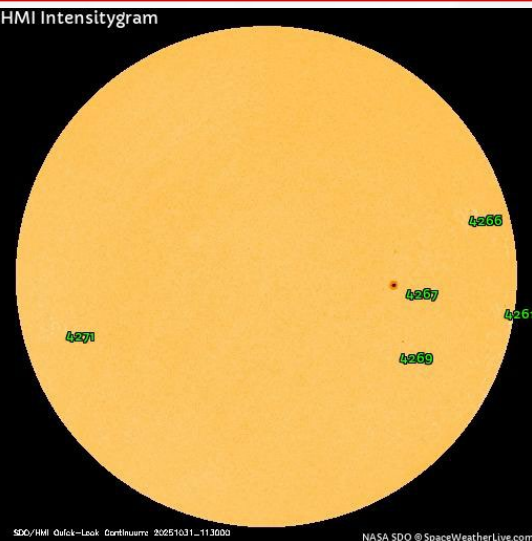
Drought (10/30): Widespread rainfall was unfortunately not found across the state in the past week or so, though some beneficial rainfall did occur in parts of the state. However, this rainfall generally fell in areas that were already saturated and above normal in rainfall for the month. Across South Florida, abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions were expanded further inland across Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Highlands counties and remains in place for the rest of the Florida West Coast. Monthly rainfall departures remain 2-3" below normal for much of West Central Florida and drought conditions are likely to slowly worsen heading into November. A different story is found along the Florida East Coast where persistent onshore winds for much of the month of October have brought above normal rainfall for the month. As such, drought conditions remain in check along the I-95 corridor. Further north, 30-day rainfall departures also remain 2-4" below normal across the I-10 corridor which has resulted in persistence of the worsening drought conditions. **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across much of the Panhandle where a lack of rainfall and very low soil moisture prevails. The frontal passages over the past week were unable to bring enough heavy rainfall to make any real dent in the dry conditions. In fact, some expansion south and eastward of the **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** into Hamilton, Liberty, Calhoun, Washington, and Bay counties was added on this week's drought monitor outlook. No significant changes were made elsewhere across the Panhandle with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** conditions persisting for interior Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **394 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **27** Florida counties (Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

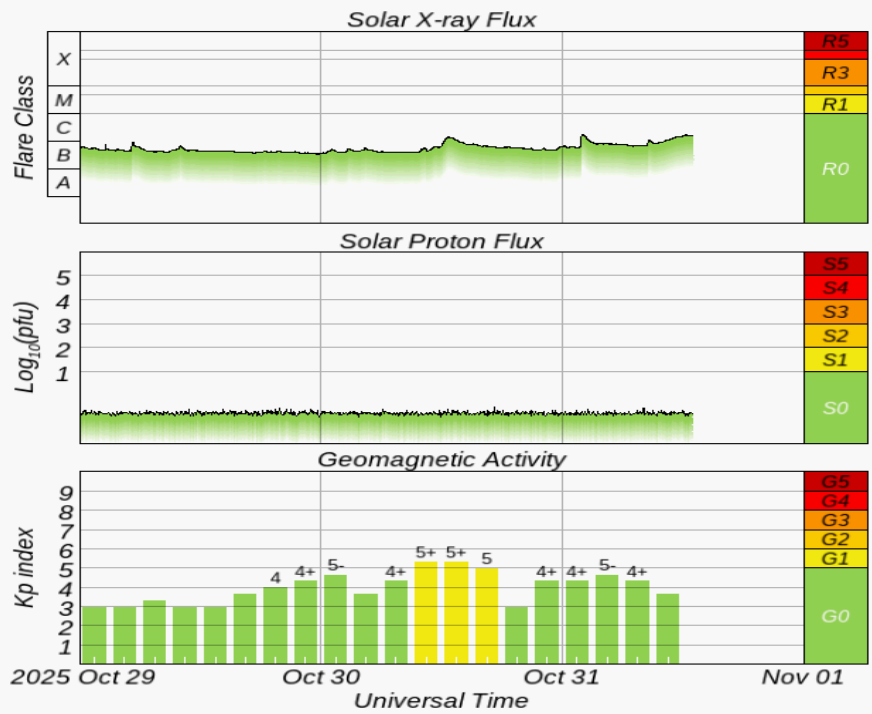
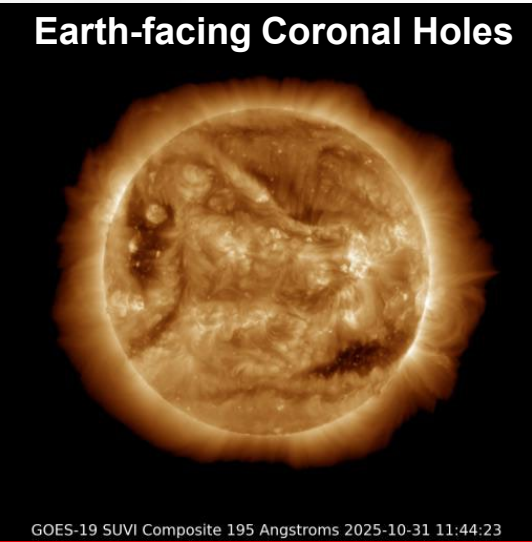




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 5%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
10/31	11/1
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity will remain very low through the start of the weekend with moderate (C-class) solar flares will possible, but all current sunspots remain stable. A slight chance for strong (M-class) flares returns on Sunday as active sunspots rotate into view. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will continue to flow towards the Earth leading to enhanced solar wind conditions, with some slight additional enhancements on Sunday from a glancing coronal mass ejection (CME). The Earth's geomagnetic field will see active conditions on Friday, with minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions possible. Geomagnetic conditions will begin to wane back to unsettled levels on Saturday and Sunday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
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EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
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