



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, November 4, 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	Inventory Update / End of Month Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Putnam	Active Assailant Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Regional T/E Call / CPR/First Aid Course Prep
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco, Hillsborough	County THIRA / Port Spill Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	EM Visit
Region 8: Amber Durden	St. Lucie	EM Director Introductory Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	EM Director Introductory Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	OVS Calls

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

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	Leon	Recovery Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	Exercise Planning Mtg / Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Recovery Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Recovery Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Lee	County EM Mtg / Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

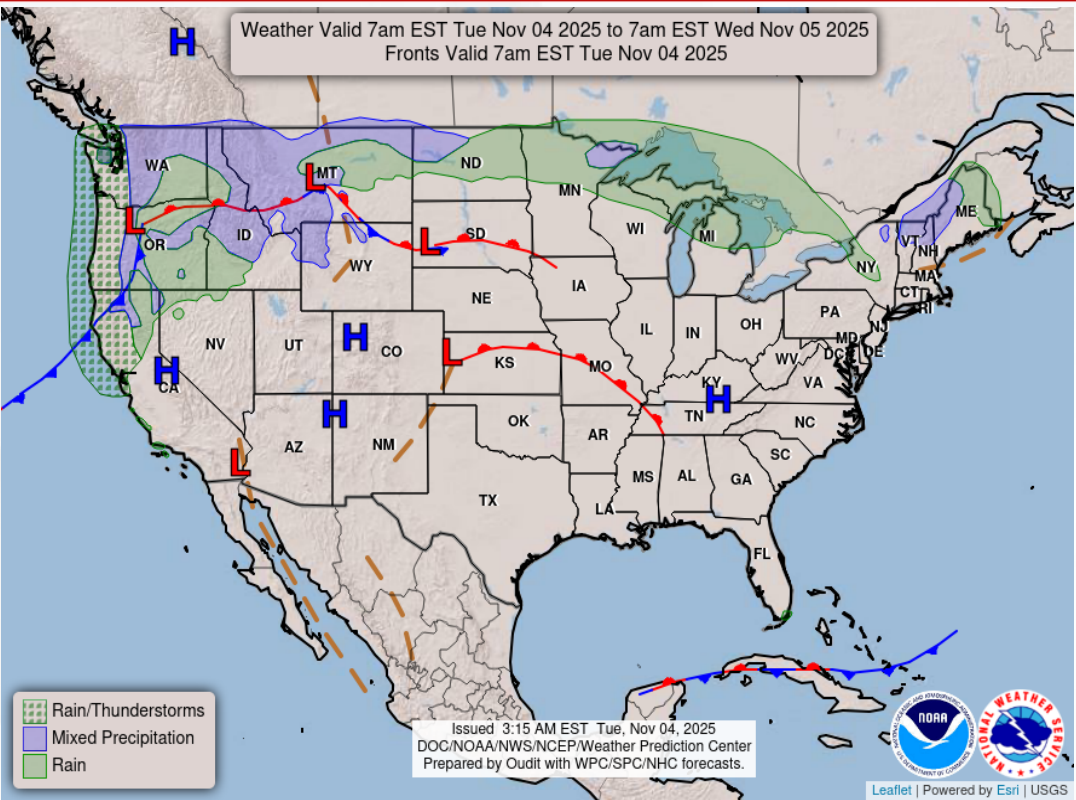
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 2 & 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

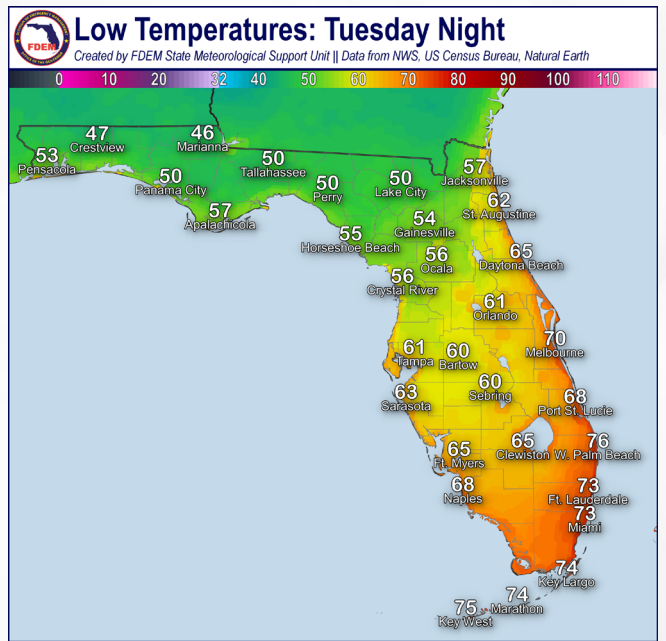
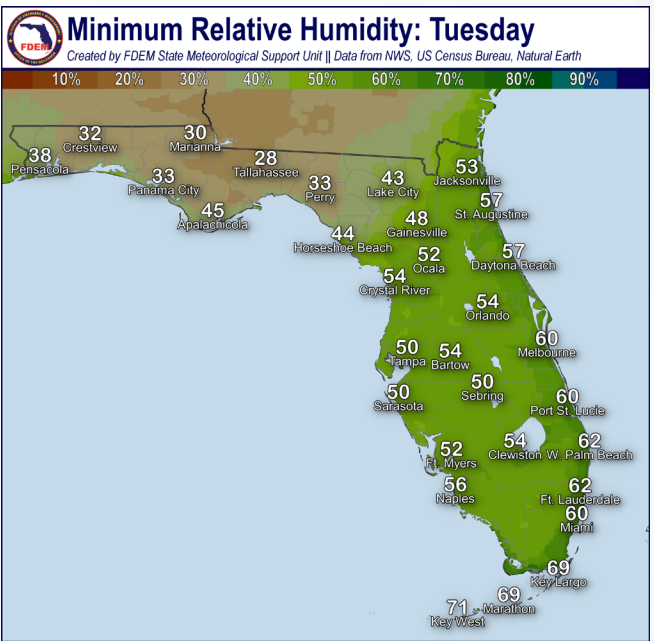


Meteorology Summary



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	L						
Fog (Overnight)		L	L	L						
Coastal Flooding			L	L				L		
Rip Currents	L	M	L	H	H	L		H	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.90 ft. (1.12 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	412 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





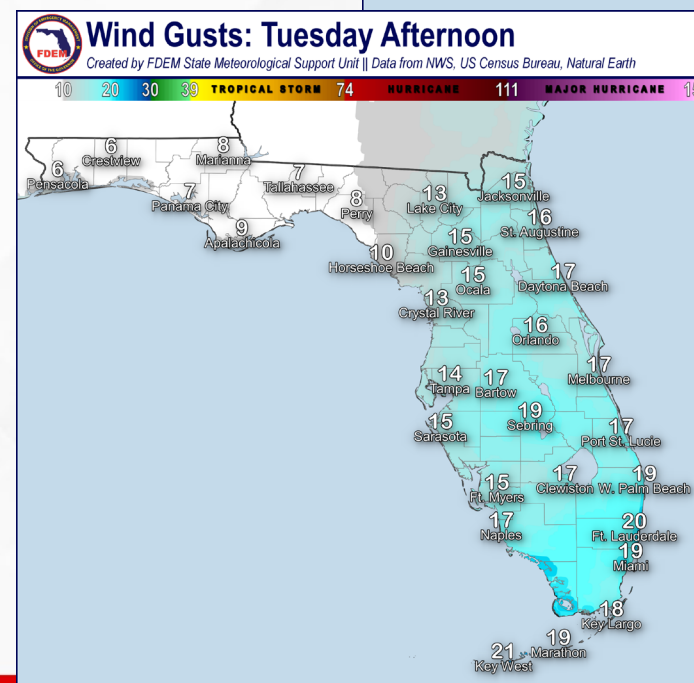
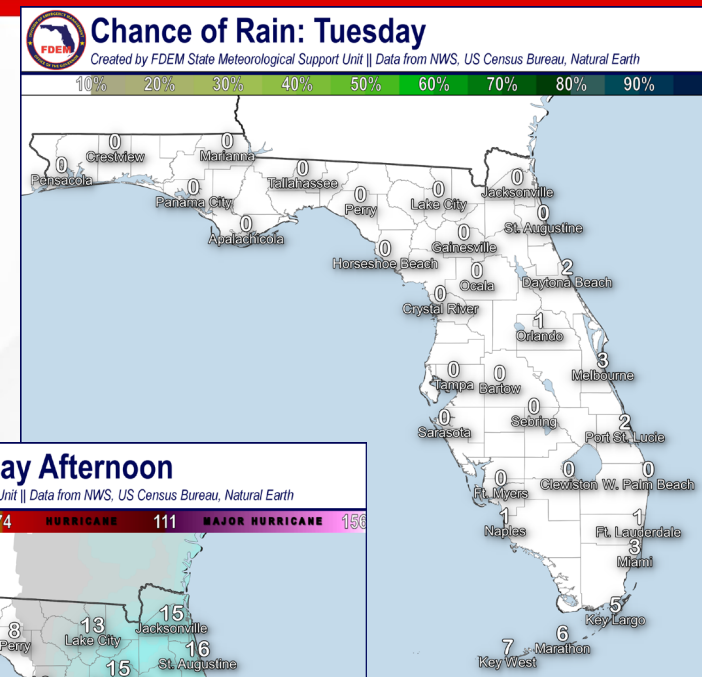
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Near-zero chances of rain return across the Sunshine State as high pressure settles in over the southeastern U.S. Mostly sunny and clear skies can be expected throughout the day creating a pleasant fall day. As dry conditions persist and relative humidity values fall **near and below critical thresholds (25-40%)** across the Panhandle and Big Bend this afternoon, **sensitive wildfire conditions** can be expected to persist as well. **Locally elevated conditions** cannot be ruled out along the northern Panhandle where the worst drought conditions exist, and rainfall deficits continue to worsen. Breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will develop from Northeast Florida and throughout the Peninsula, with stronger wind **gusts upwards of 25-30 mph** closer towards the coasts.

Mostly clear and calm conditions will persist into the overnight hours throughout the state with winds calming down as well. Instances of **patchy fog** may develop overnight or early Wednesday morning throughout portions of the Big Bend and interior Northeast Florida.

High temperatures will reach the middle 70s to lower 80s throughout the state this afternoon. Low temperatures will fall into the middle 40s to middle 50s across North Florida, 60s throughout Central Florida and upper 60s to middle 70s across South Florida.

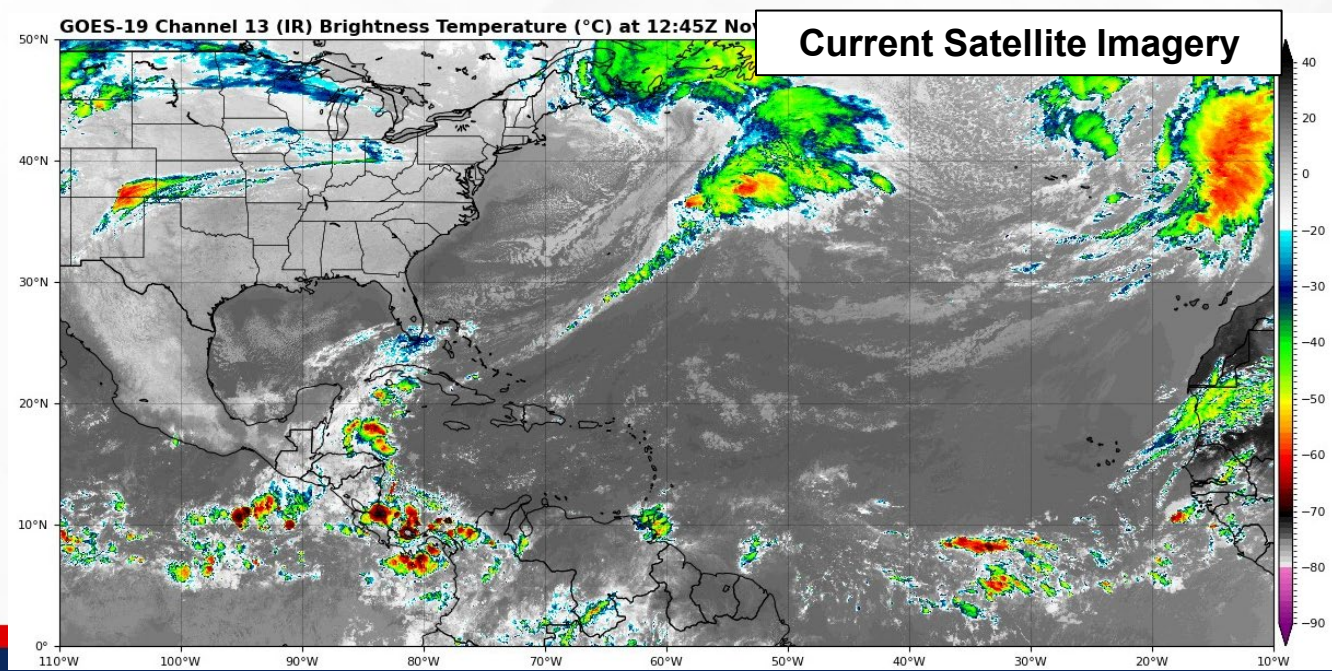
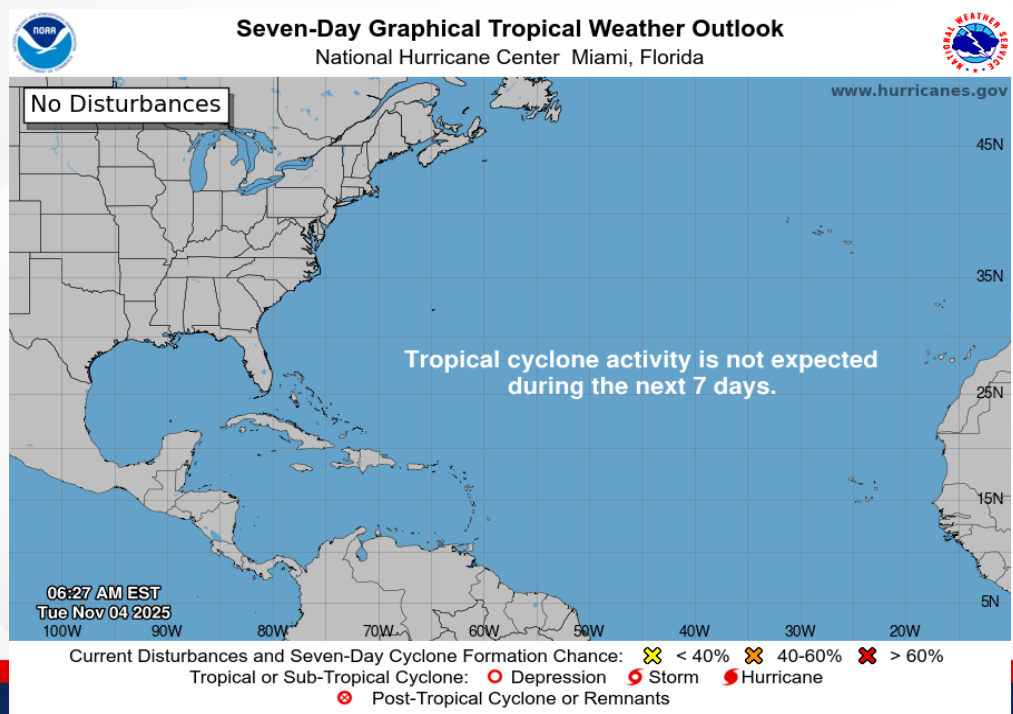




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** has returned along all East Coast beaches due to breezy onshore winds. Portions of the eastern Panhandle and Southwest Florida will see a **moderate risk for rip currents**. All other beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Ocean swells of 4-6'** extend along all Florida East Coast and Atlantic-facing Key beaches creating hazardous beach conditions. Wave heights along the Panhandle and Gulf Coast continue to slowly decline and move southward keeping surf near 1-2' with breaking waves upwards of 3' in the surf zone.

Red Tide was observed at background concentrations from Pinellas County and offshore Lee County in Southwest Florida. In Northwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to high concentrations in Bay County and medium to high concentrations in Gulf County. It was also observed at background concentrations from Flagler County along the Florida East Coast (10/31).

Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Statements** have been issued along portions of the Treasure Coast given elevated tides due to tonight's Supermoon, elevated surf and breezy onshore winds creating instances of **nuisance and minor tidal flooding** near and during times of high tide. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** may be needed later today or tonight along the Northeast Florida as elevated high tides and onshore winds could lead to **minor tidal flooding** through the next couple of days.

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

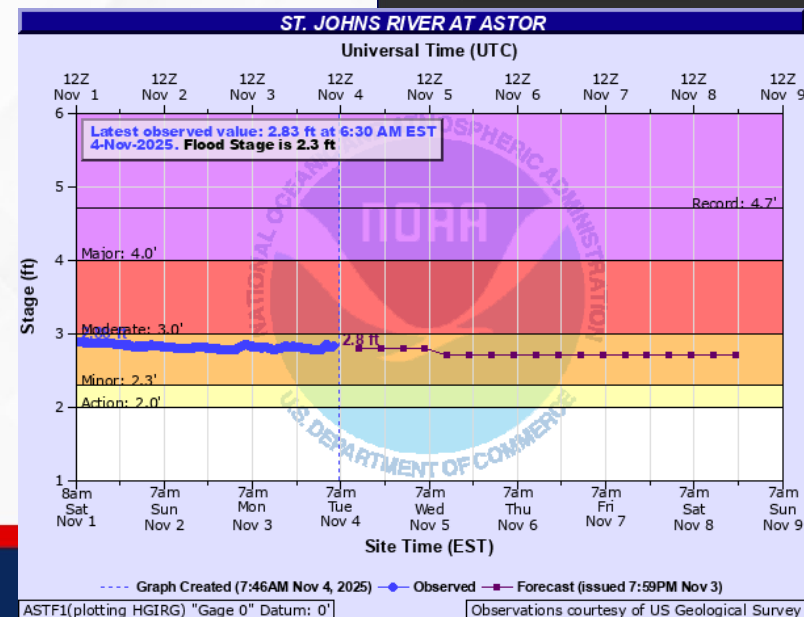
Riverine Flooding: Water levels have slowly begun to discharge across the St. Johns River after last weekend's heavy rainfall and recent coastal action. The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) has fallen back into **minor flood stage** and is forecast to hover in minor flood stage for at least the next week, with additional rises possible as onshore winds return early next week. Additional points along the headwaters of the St. Johns River including [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Lake Harney](#) also have elevated water levels, with Lake Harney in **minor flood stage**. A **River Flood Warning** is in effect for the St. Johns River above Lake Harney and at Astor as water levels remain in **minor flood stage**. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.90 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.12 feet below normal for this time of year.



Rip Current Risk: Tuesday

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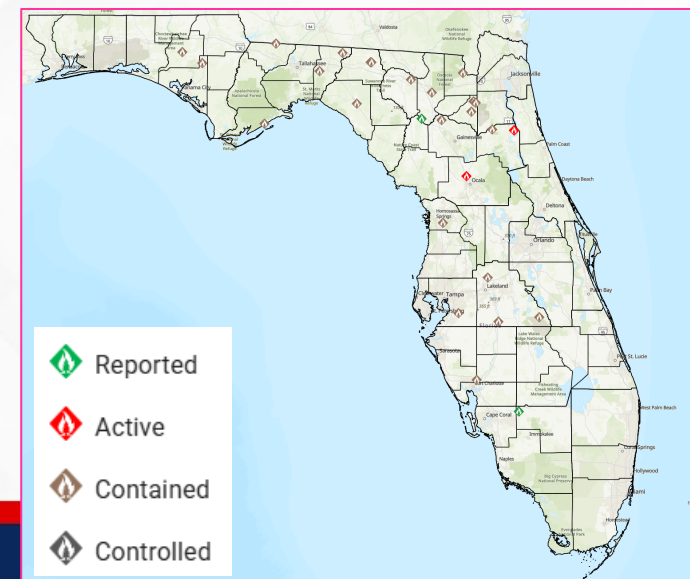
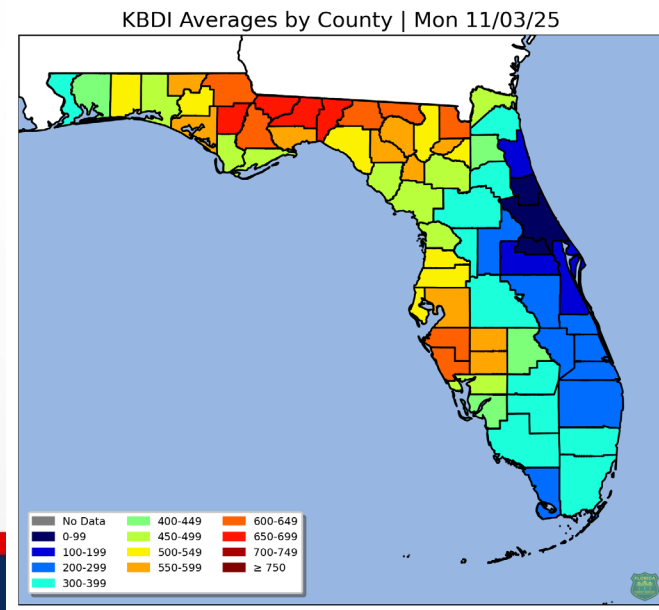
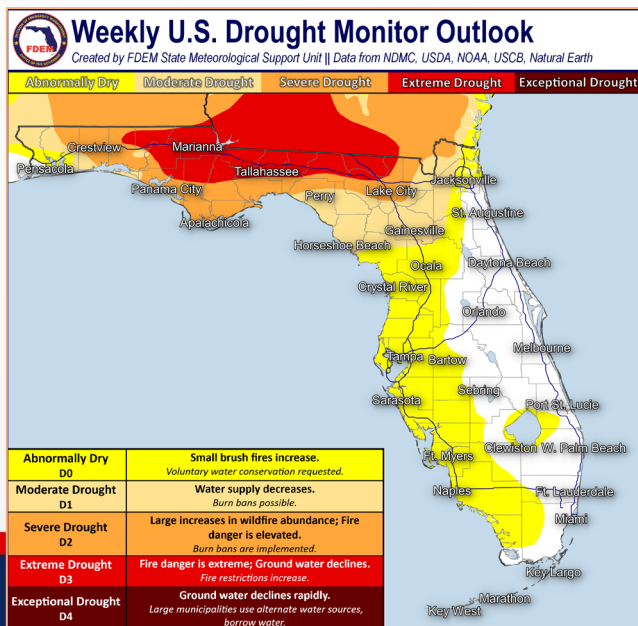


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry and sunny conditions will lead to relative humidity values falling **near and below critical thresholds (25-40%)** this afternoon throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend keeping **sensitive wildfire conditions** in place. **Locally elevated wildfire conditions** cannot be ruled out along the northern Panhandle given the growing rainfall deficits and worsening drought conditions. Breezy wind **gusts will reach 15-20 mph** from Northeast Florida and throughout the Peninsula this afternoon with stronger wind **gusts reaching upwards of 25-30 mph**. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 28 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 188 acres.

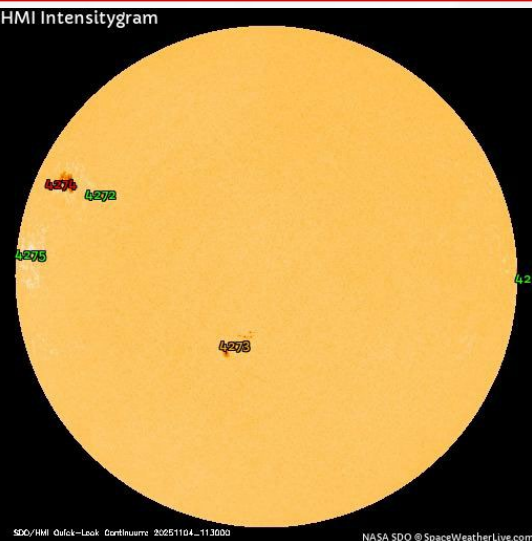
Drought (10/30): Widespread rainfall was unfortunately not found across the state in the past week or so, though some beneficial rainfall did occur in parts of the state. However, this rainfall generally fell in areas that were already saturated and above normal in rainfall for the month. Across South 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 **412 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **29** Florida counties (Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

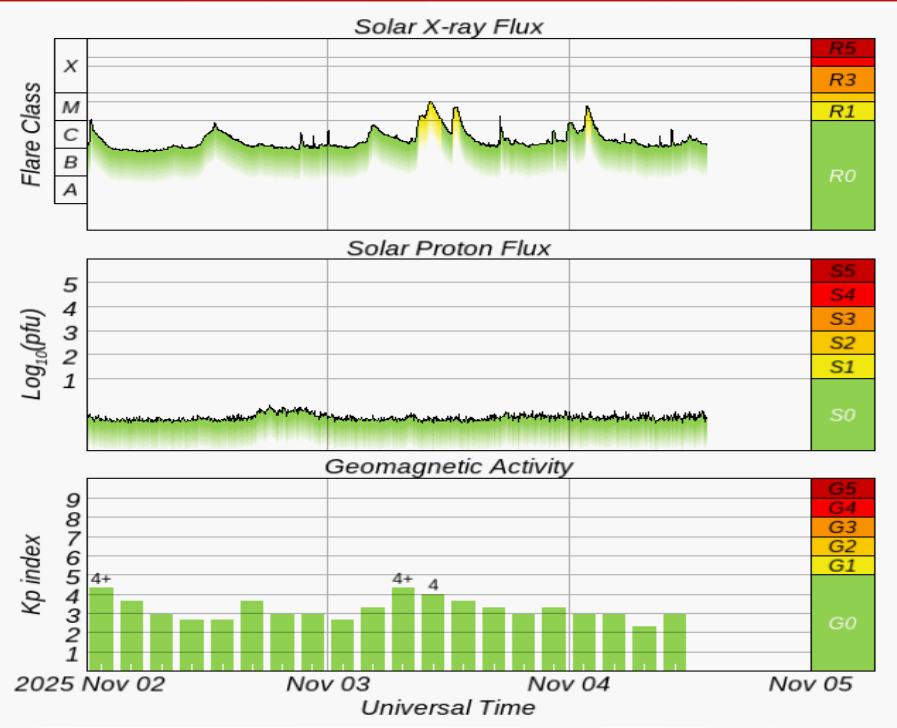
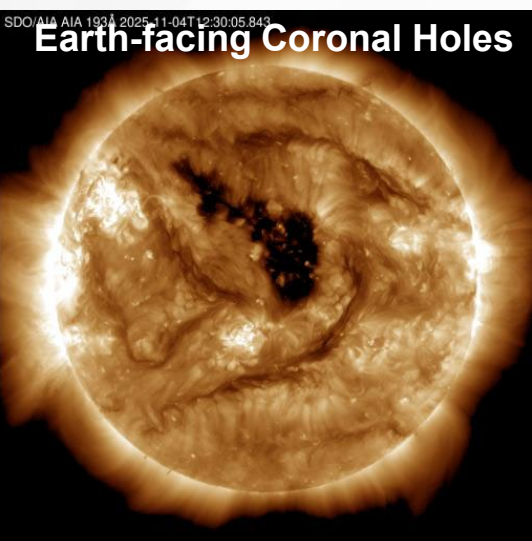




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

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

Space Weather: Solar activity will continue to low to moderate levels given that sunspot complex (#4272-74) continues to maintain energy for strong (M-class) solar flares. An isolated significant (X-class) solar flare cannot be ruled out. Any M-class solar flares will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class solar flare that develops will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions continue to wane through midweek before another round of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds return later in the week. As well, a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) associated with yesterday's M-class solar flare eruption is forecast to arrive later this week. The combination of returning CH HSS winds and a CME will increase solar wind conditions later in the week. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain at quiet to unsettled levels through midweek before increasing. 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	
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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