



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, November 13, 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	Walton	Vehicle Maint/Santa Rosa County Weekly Mtg/NWS Weekly Mtg/RC Mtg
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Calhoun	RC Meeting / County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Region 3 EMPA/G Grants Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Region 4 EMPA/G Grants Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Osceola	Hopsital FSE / EM Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Lee	Sanibel Island EM / Stakeholders Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Highlands	Okeechobee COG Meeting / L-449 Pre-Course Meeting
Region 8: Amber Durden	Martin	County EM Introductory Meeting / RC Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Sanibel Island EM / Stakeholders Meeting / FGCU EM Visit
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward / St Lucie	County EM Partners Meeting / Executive Ops Coord Support

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

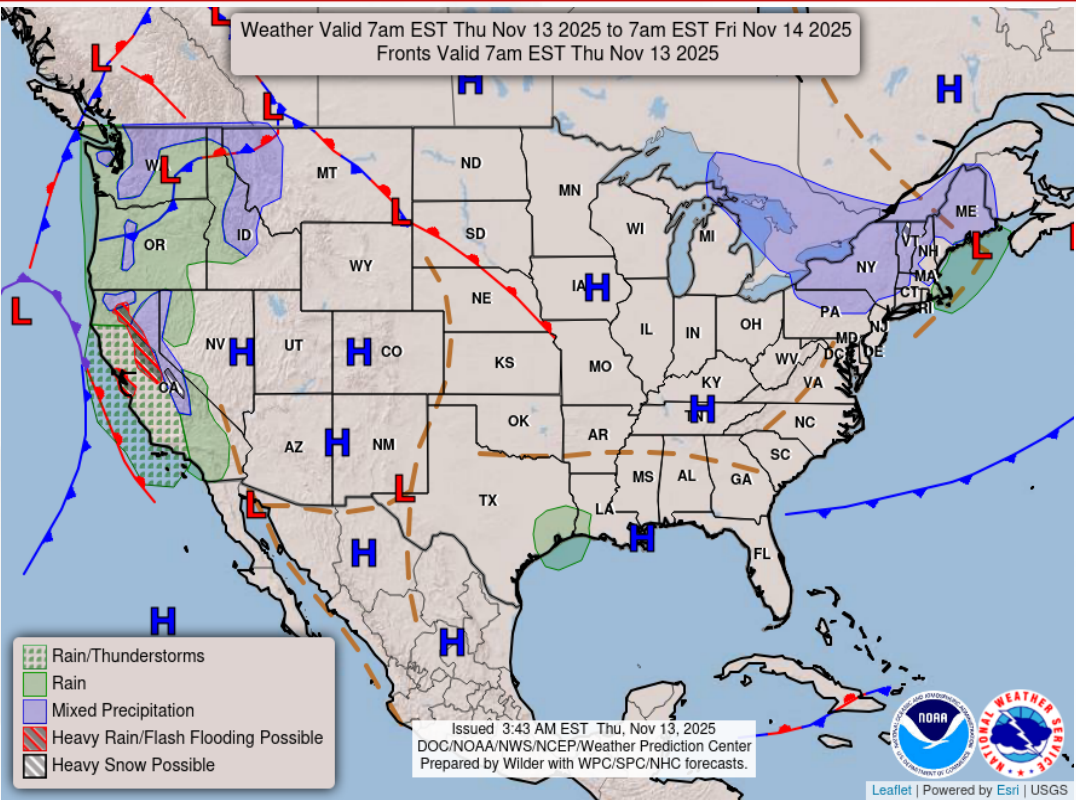
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Administrative Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leave	See Coverage
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Regional Preparedness Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	EMAC Deployment	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pasco	LMS Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Desoto	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	FGCU Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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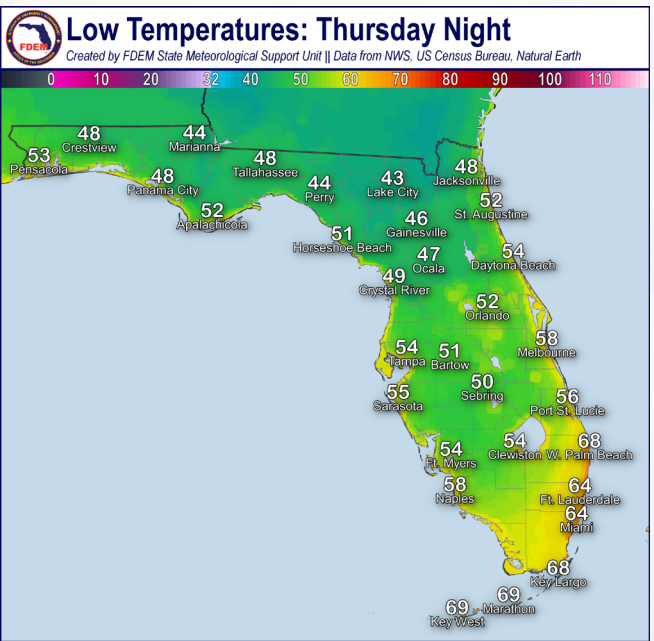
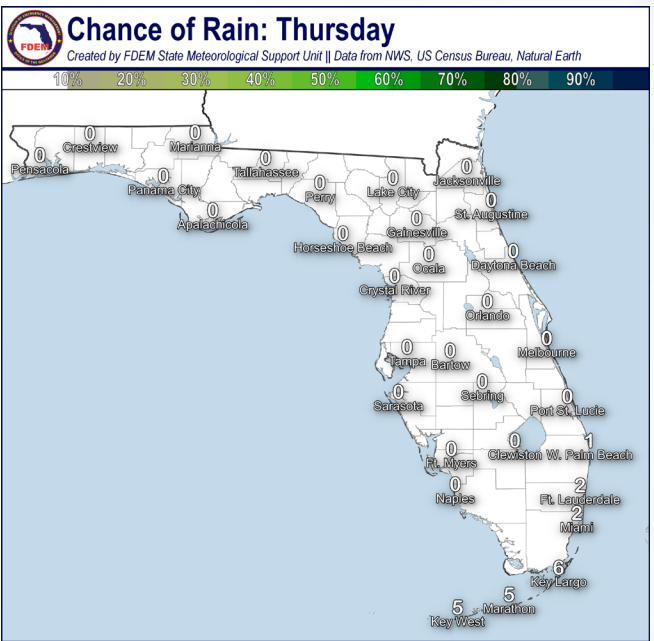


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	L	L								
Wildfire	L	L	L	L		L	L		L	
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		H	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.74 ft. (1.25 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	456 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





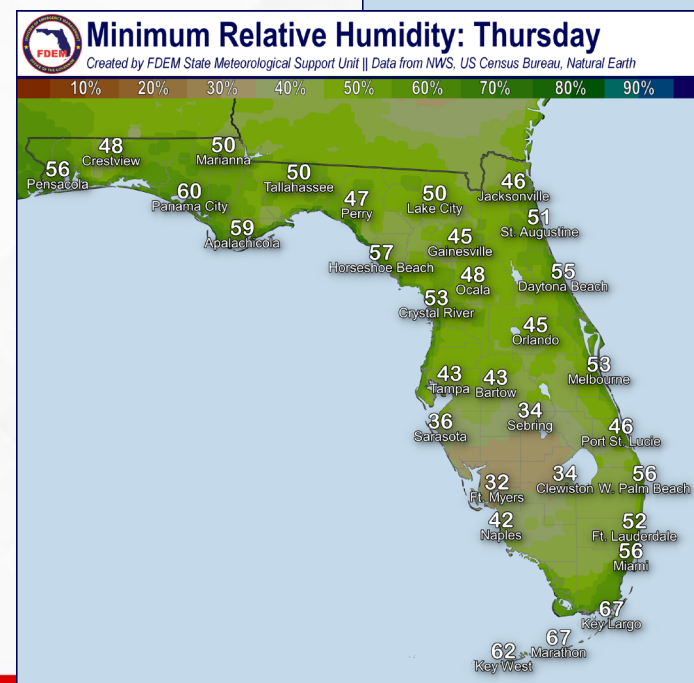
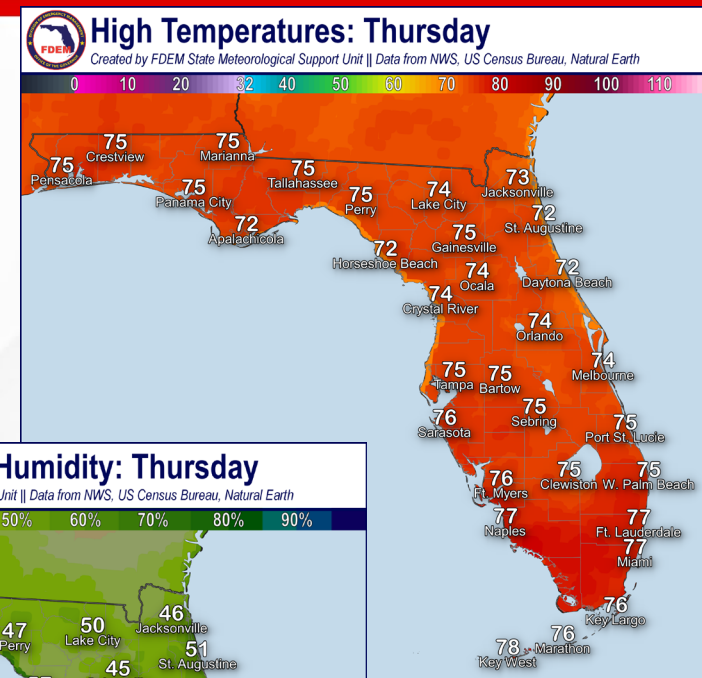
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A clear and seasonably cool morning will give way to another sunny and pleasant day across Florida today as high pressure remains anchored over the Southeast U.S. A dry airmass will remain in place today, though relative humidities will increase a bit from yesterday across North Florida (40-50% RH values). Still, the ongoing drought and very dry vegetation across North Florida may lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** this afternoon. Relative humidities will approach critical thresholds across parts of West-Central Florida (30-35% RH values), though winds will remain generally light keeping the overall wildfire threat low. However, a few wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** cannot be ruled out across Southeast Florida this afternoon.

Temperatures will continue to warm today towards seasonable levels for this time of year. Highs will climb into the middle to upper 70s statewide.

Low temperatures will remain cooler across North Florida, dipping into the lower to middle 40s overnight. Lows in Central Florida will reach the upper 40s to lower 50s, while South Florida will only reach the upper 50s to middle 60s. Some isolated **patchy fog** is possible towards daybreak Friday across the western Panhandle.

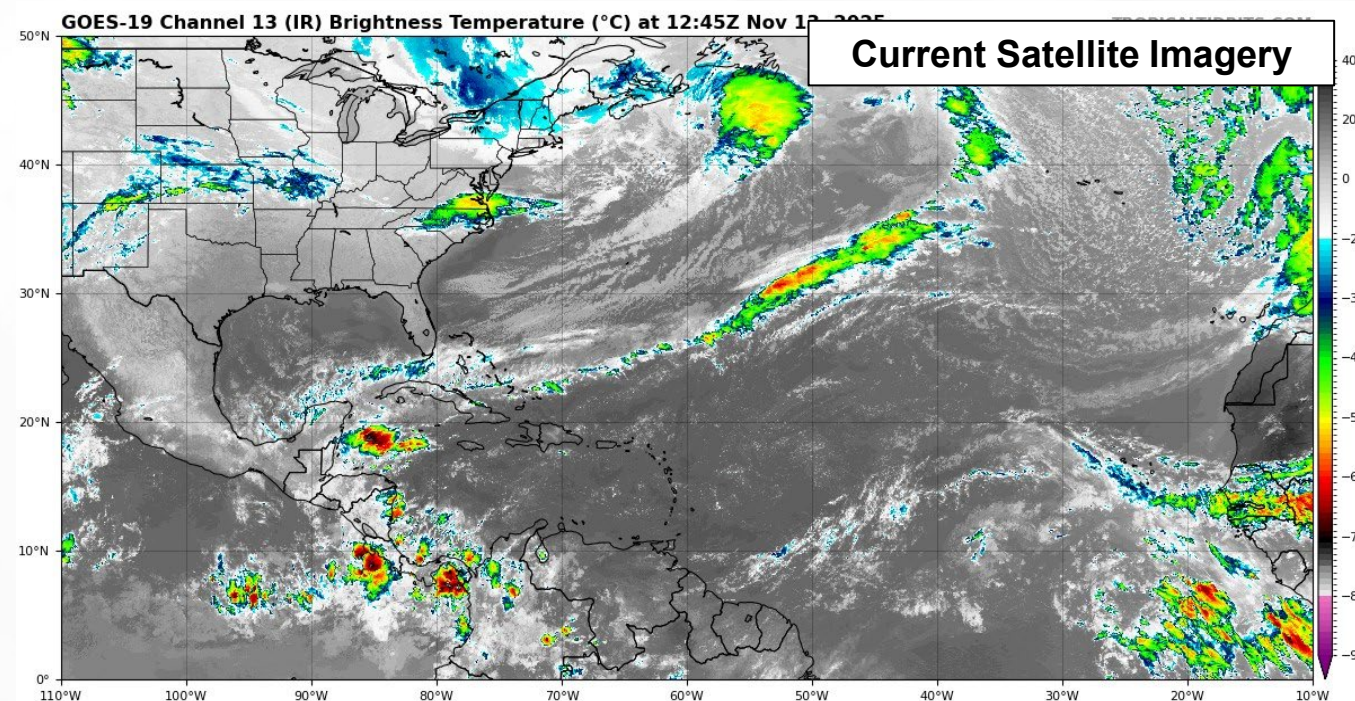
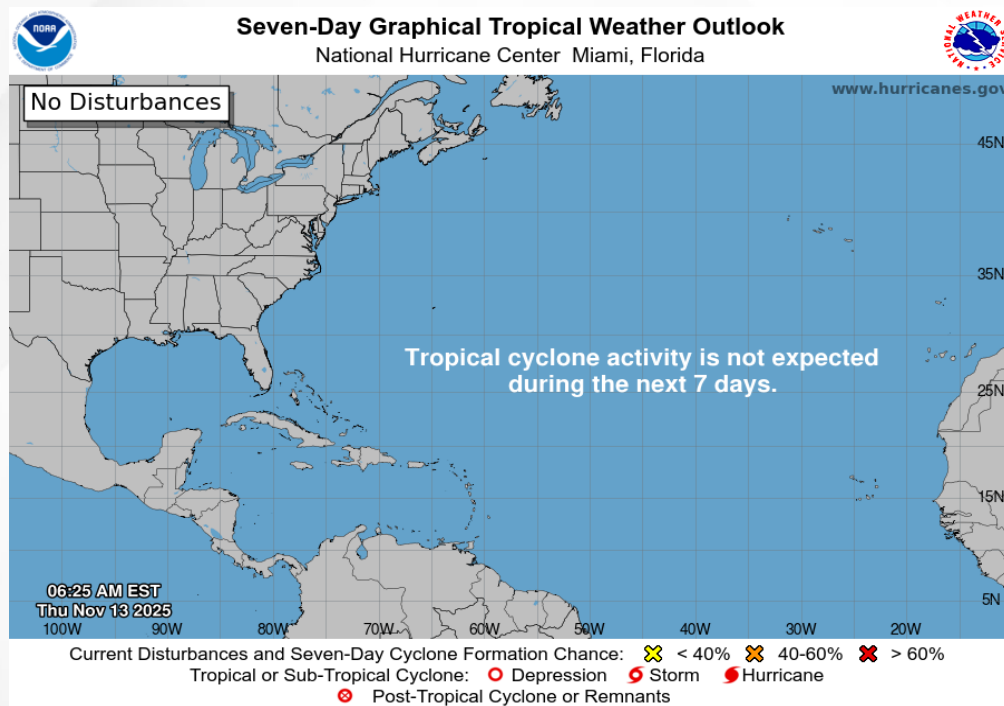




Tropical Weather

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 **moderate risk for rip currents** returns for the Panhandle and most East Coast beaches today; however, there is a lingering **high risk** along Palm Beach County beaches. A low risk can be expected for all West Coast and Northeast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: North Florida beaches can expect mostly calm marine conditions with wave heights remaining near 1-2'. Ocean swells will stay a bit more elevated across Southeast Florida beaches, with surf of **2-4'** expected.

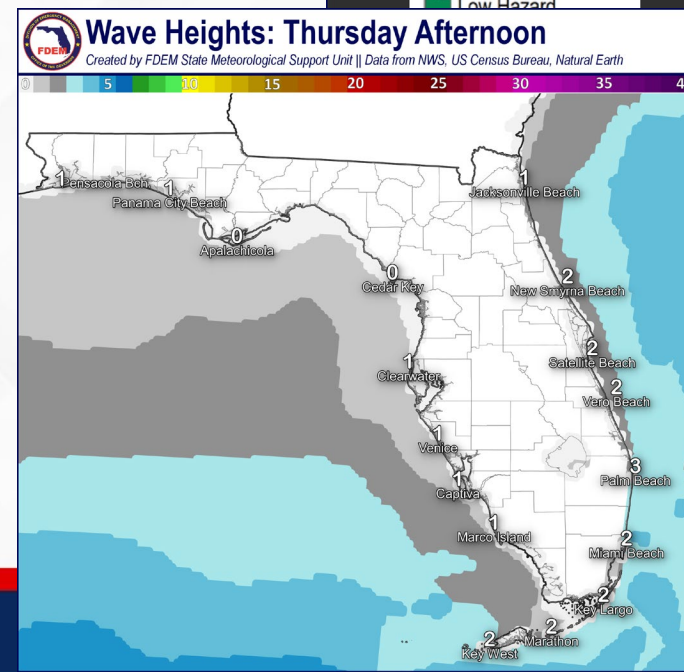
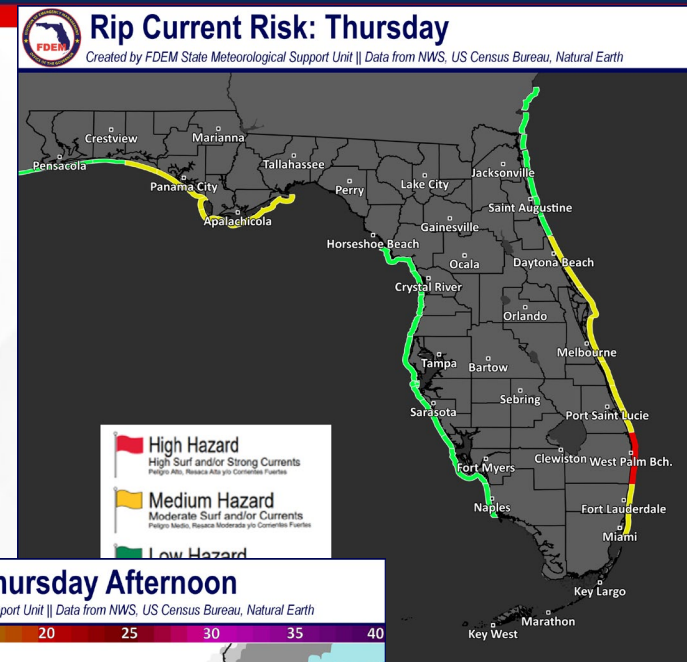
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Franklin County, background to very low concentrations in Bay County, and low to high concentrations in Gulf County across Northwest Florida. It was also observed at background concentrations from Volusia County along the Florida East Coast. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida (11/7).

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

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

Riverine Flooding: The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) has finally dropped below minor flood stage allowing for the River Flood Warning to expire. However, water levels remain at Action Stage (bank-full), as well as at the headwaters of the St. Johns, [Lake Harney](#) and [Sanford](#). There are no other riverine concerns statewide. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.74 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.25 feet below normal for this time of year.



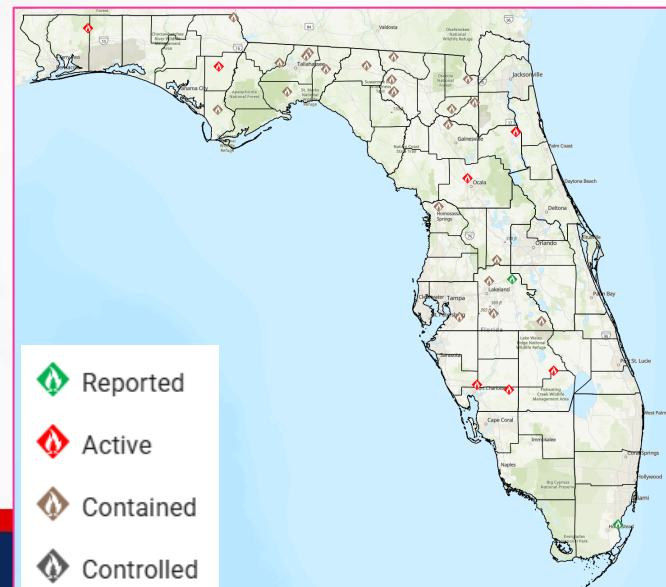
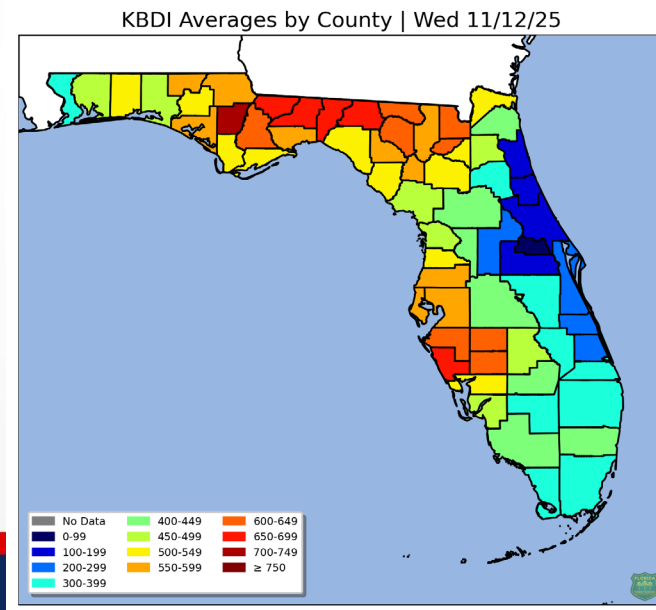
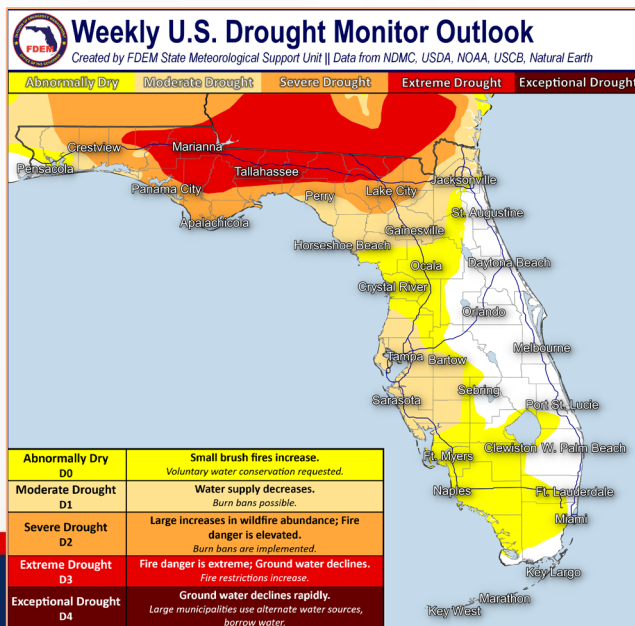


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidities will increase today across North Florida as a bit more moisture creeps into the region. However, given the ongoing drought, locally **sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop this afternoon. Towards West-Central Florida, a pocket of drier air will allow relative humidities to dip closer towards critical thresholds this afternoon (30-35% RH values). However, relatively calm winds will keep the overall wildfire threat lower, though **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may still develop given the growing rainfall deficits. Winds will be the breeziest across coastal Southeast Florida where winds may gust **upwards of 15-20 mph** this afternoon. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 31 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 493 acres.

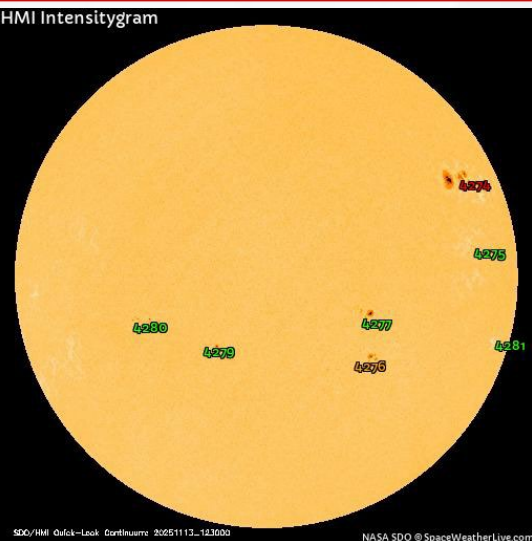
Drought (11/6): A frontal passage from this past Sunday (11/9) was the only rainfall of significance across much of the Sunshine State with rainfall totals remaining generally below 1 inch and spotty in nature. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor outlook. Across South Florida, some expansion of the abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions further into Hendry and Glades counties was introduced where 30-day rainfall deficits continue to grow. Similarly, across the Tampa Bay metropolitan region, rainfall departures from the past 60 days (longer term) have grown to 4-6 inches across the area. Some expansion of **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced to western Pasco and Hernando counties, as well as Hardee and DeSoto, while remaining across Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota. Across North Florida, **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme (level 3 of 4) Drought** remain in place where a significant long-term drought has begun to take shape. In the past 60 days, rainfall deficits have neared 7 inches in some locations along the I-10 corridor. Streamflows in many streams, creeks, and rivers have dropped below their low thresholds. Some slight expansion southward of the drought categories across North Florida was seen in this week's outlook. Rainfall is not anticipated for the next week, at least, across North Florida or the entire state which will continue to expand the current drought conditions. For the I-95 corridor and East Coast, soils remain saturated from heavy rainfall in October keeping any drought in check.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **456 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **34** Florida counties (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

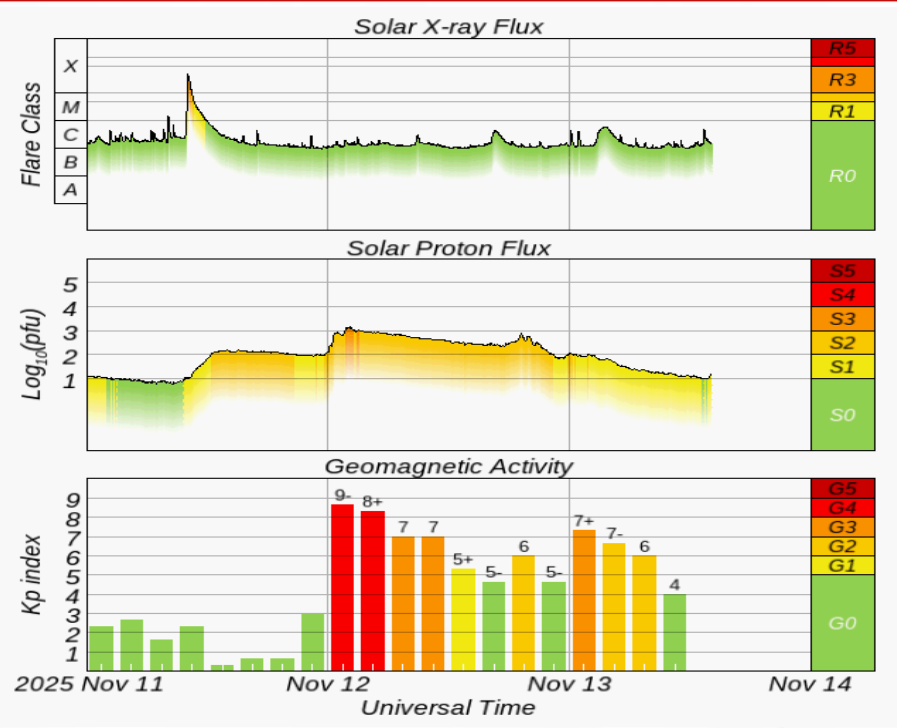
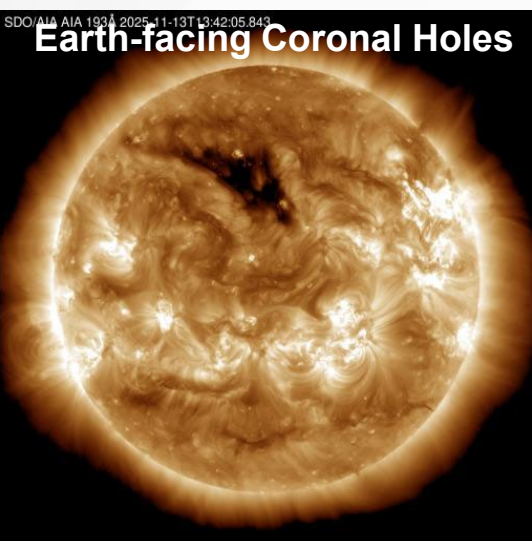




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 85%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Watch – 11/13	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 55%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/13	11/14
Max Kp= 7 (G3)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 50%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is likely to remain high today, with minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts expected and Strong (R3) radio blackouts possible with any X-class flares from sunspot #4274. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced as Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) activity persists and conditions become more favorable for effects to Earth. Activity will gradually subside later today through Friday with a return of nominal solar wind conditions on Saturday. Isolated strong to severe (G3-G4) geomagnetic storming is possible through Thursday. A steady decrease in activity is likely through Friday with a return to quiet levels on Saturday. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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