



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, November 15, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 9

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

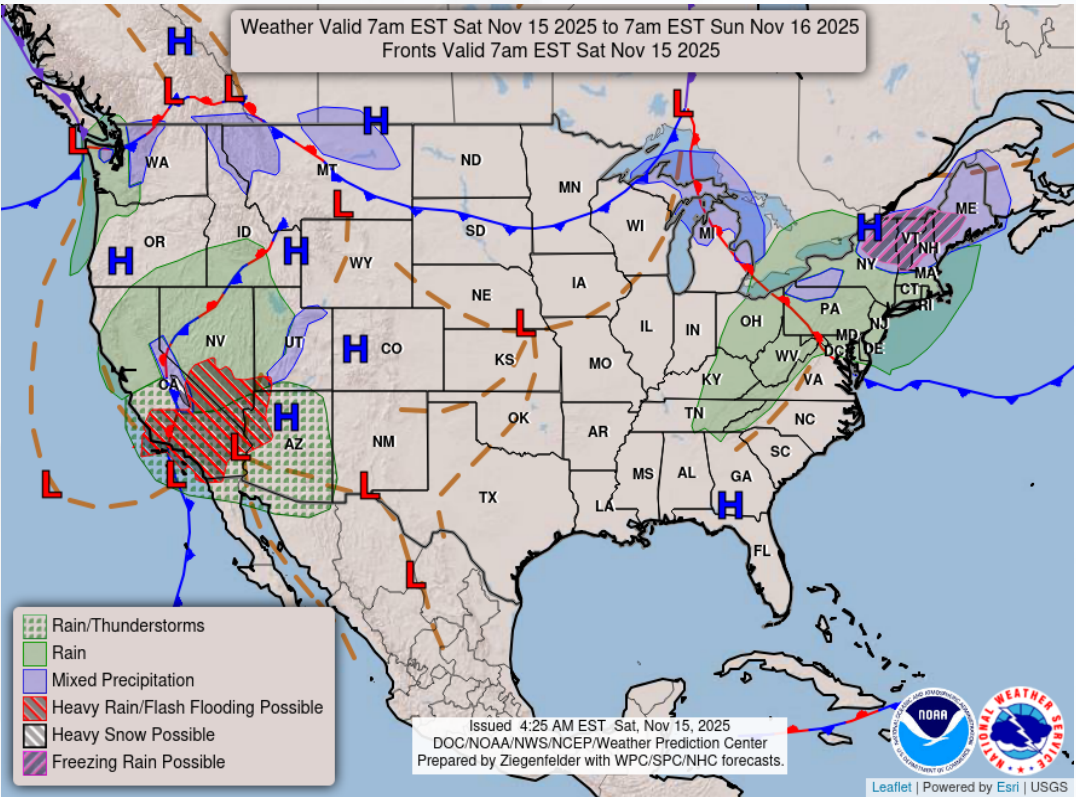
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Off
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	EMAC Deployment	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R9
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

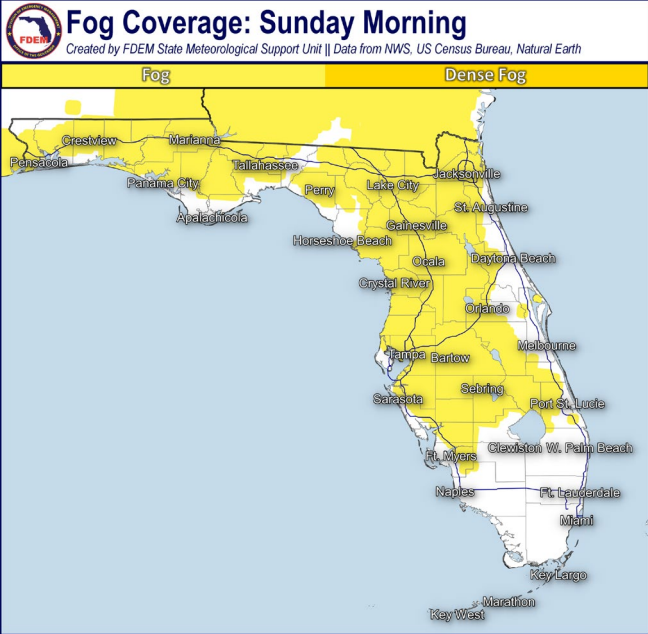
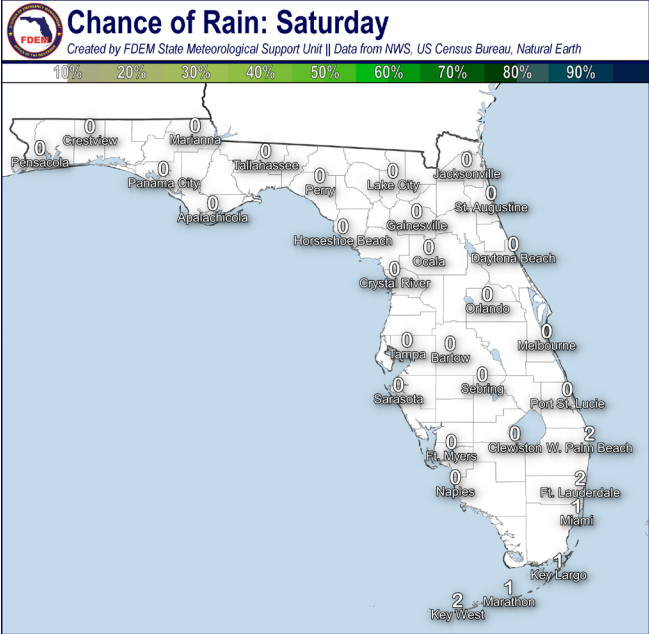


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.79 ft. (1.17 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	463 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





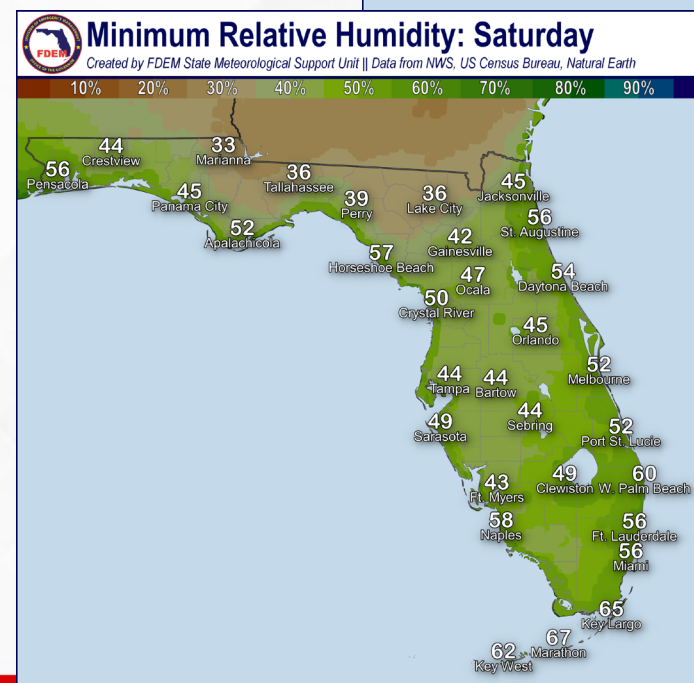
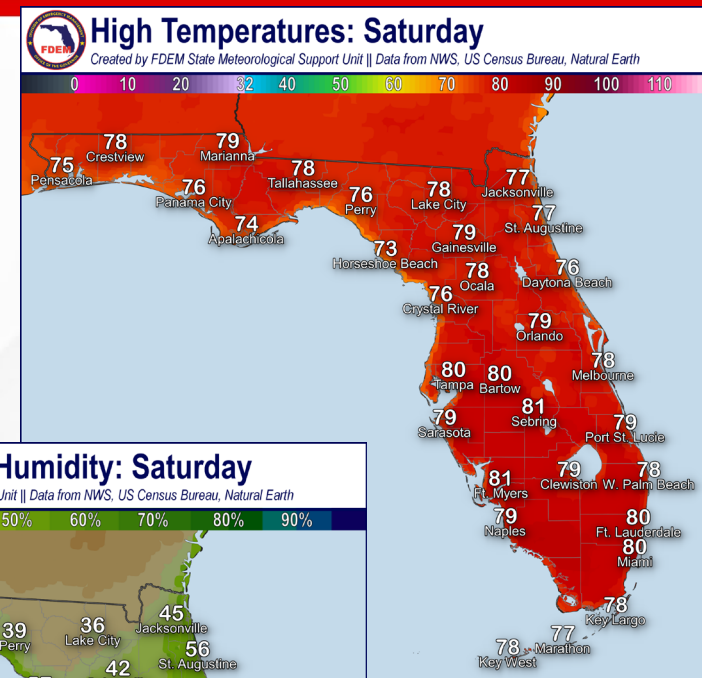
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Patchy dense fog has developed overnight across the western Panhandle, and a **Dense Fog Advisory** will remain in effect until 8 AM CST this morning. Patchy fog across the western Panhandle and localized areas of Northeast Florida will quickly dissipate after sunrise this morning giving way to another sunny and dry day across Florida (near-0% chance of rain statewide). Although winds will remain light, relative humidities will continue to dip near critical thresholds across North Florida this afternoon (30-35% RH values) which may lead to **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions**, especially given the ongoing drought.

Temperatures will remain warm today for mid-November standards, reaching 6-10-degrees **above normal** in parts of North Florida and near seasonable levels across Central and South Florida. Highs will climb into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide this afternoon.

Dry conditions will prevail overnight. Low temperatures will continue their warming trend this weekend, only reaching the upper 40s to middle 50s across much of North and Central Florida. Widespread **patchy fog**, which could be **locally dense**, may develop across much of North and Central Florida overnight and towards daybreak Sunday. **Dense Fog Advisories** cannot be ruled out if conditions warrant. Lows will only dip into the lower to middle 60s for South Florida overnight.

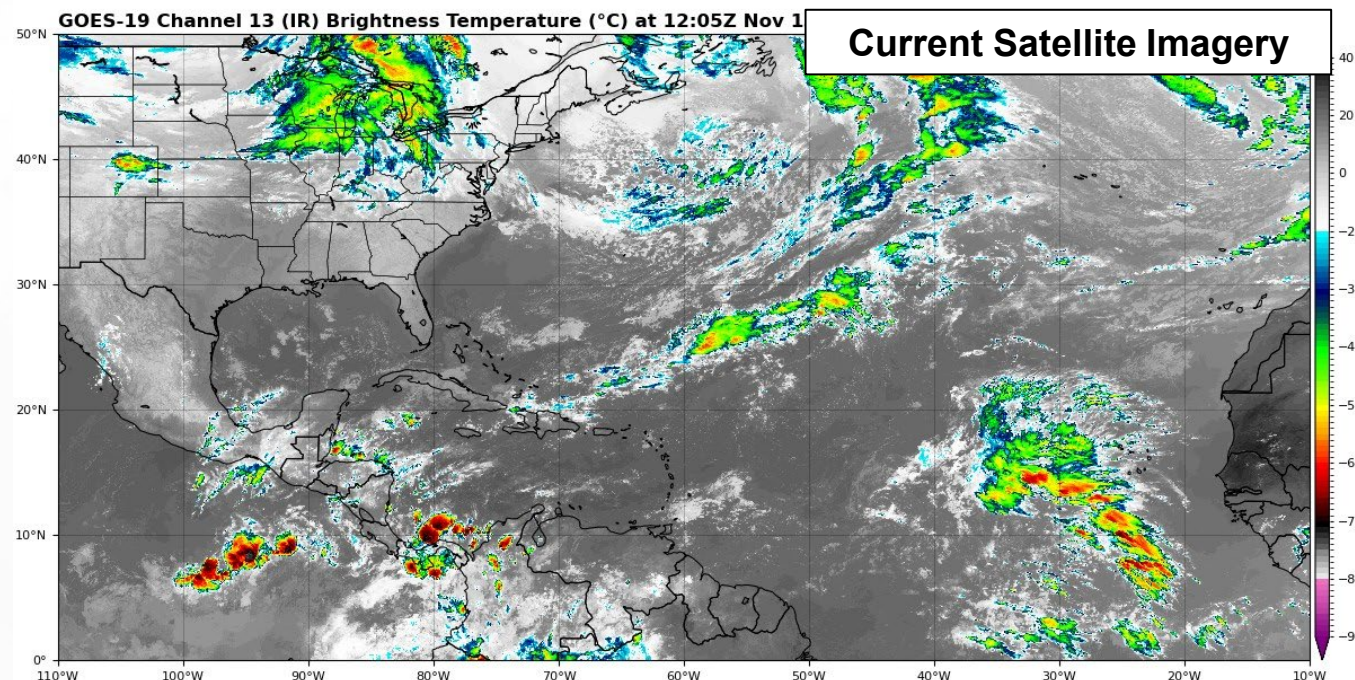
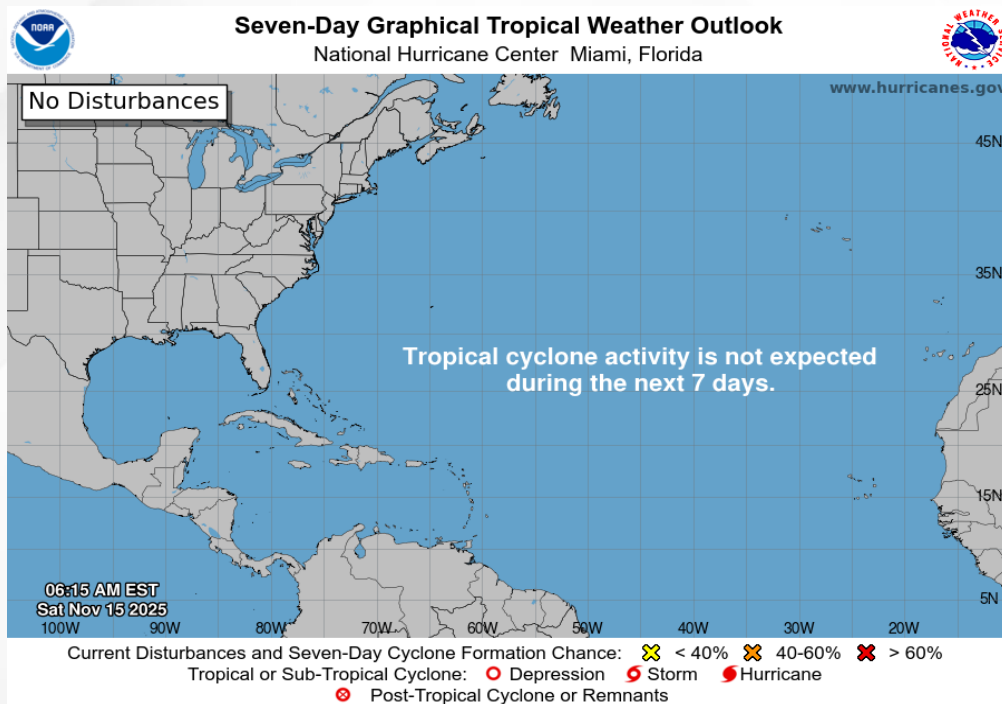




Tropical Weather

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** is expected for most Panhandle and East Coast beaches today as onshore winds develop from the sea breeze this afternoon. 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: Calm marine conditions are expected statewide with surf around 1' for all West Coast and Panhandle beaches, and near 1-2' for East Coast beaches.

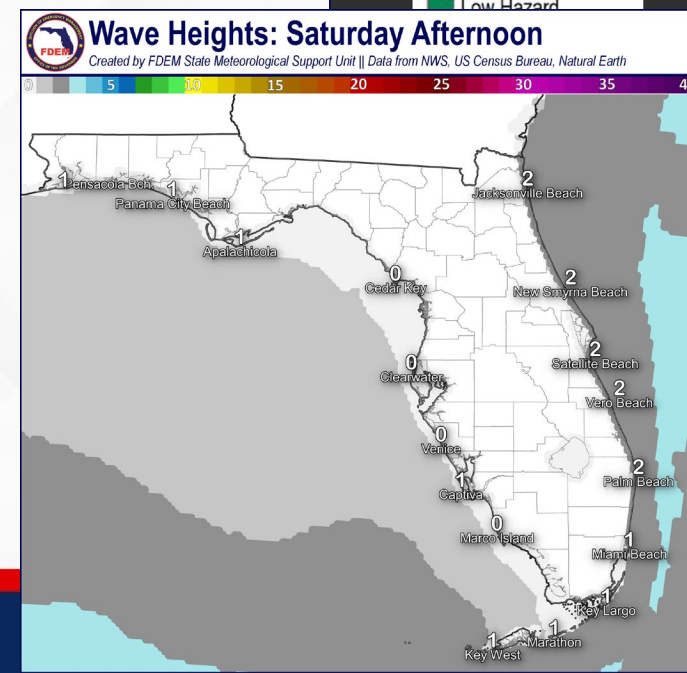
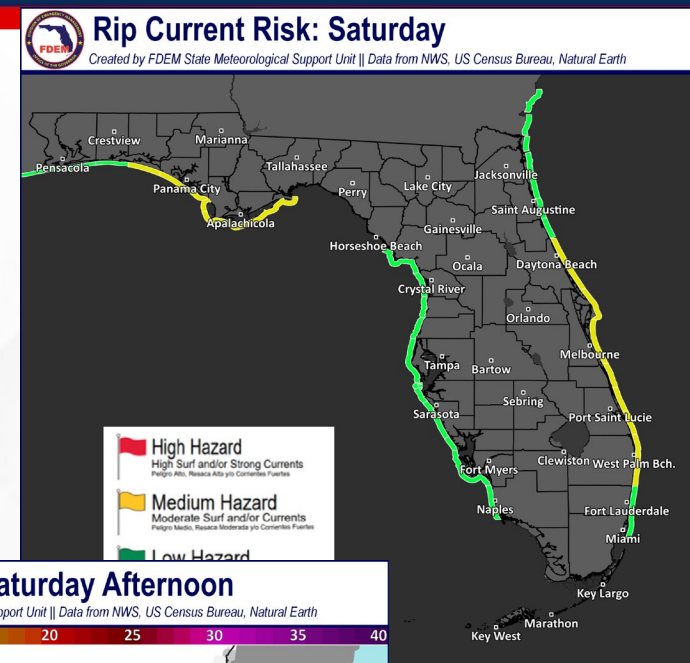
Red Tide was observed at background to low concentrations in Bay County, very low concentrations in Gulf County, and background to very low concentrations in Franklin County across Northwest Florida. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast(11/14).

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 returned to nominal background levels, though water levels at the headwaters of the St. Johns, including [Lake Harney](#) and [Sanford](#), remain at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning. There are no other riverine concerns statewide. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.79 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.17 feet below normal for this time of year.



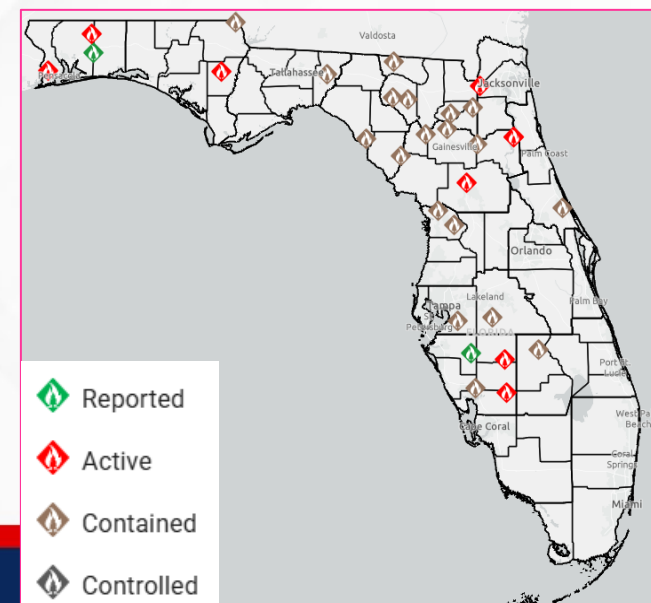
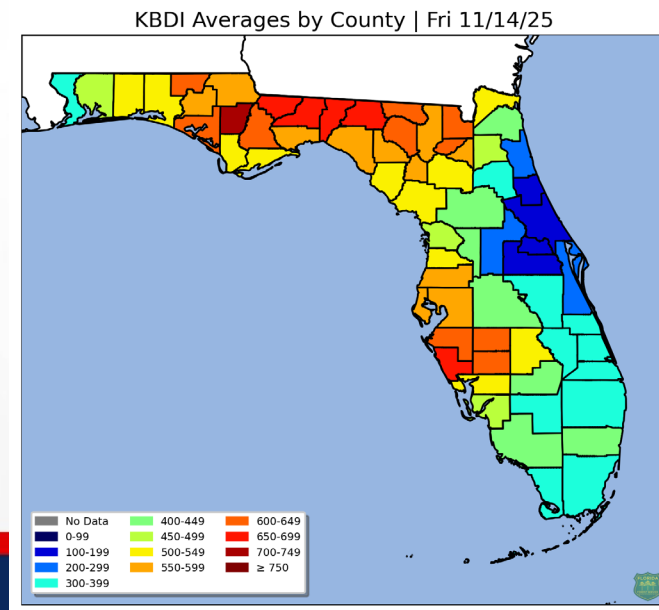
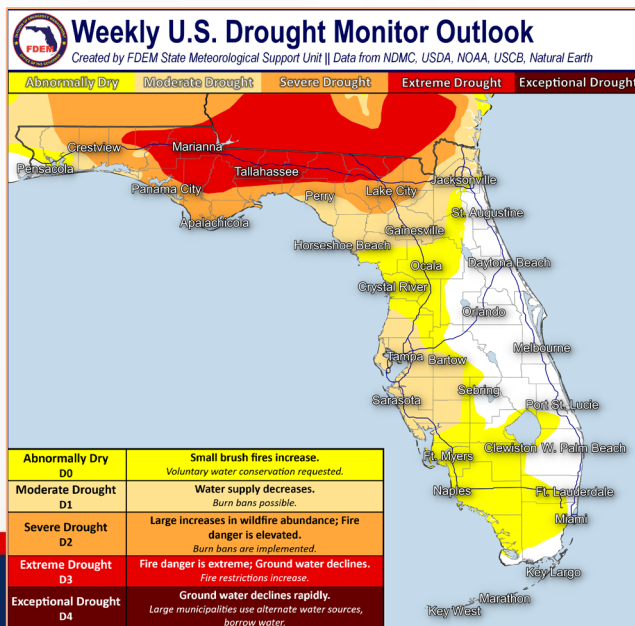


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Another warm and dry day is on tap for Florida as high pressure remains centered over the Southeast U.S. Winds will remain light today for much of the state, with gusts remaining below 15 mph. However, relative humidities will approach critical thresholds across North Florida this afternoon (30-35% RH values), which may lead to **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions**, especially given the ongoing drought. *Patchy fog development overnight can also reduce visibilities where any wildfires are ongoing and active.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 31 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 347 acres.

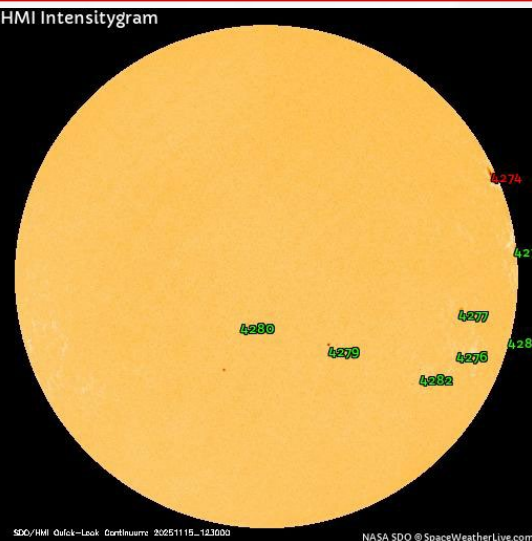
Drought (11/13): A frontal passage from this past Sunday (11/9) was the only rainfall of significance across much of the Sunshine State with rainfall totals remaining generally below 1 inch and spotty in nature. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor outlook. Across South Florida, 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 **463 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **38** Florida counties (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

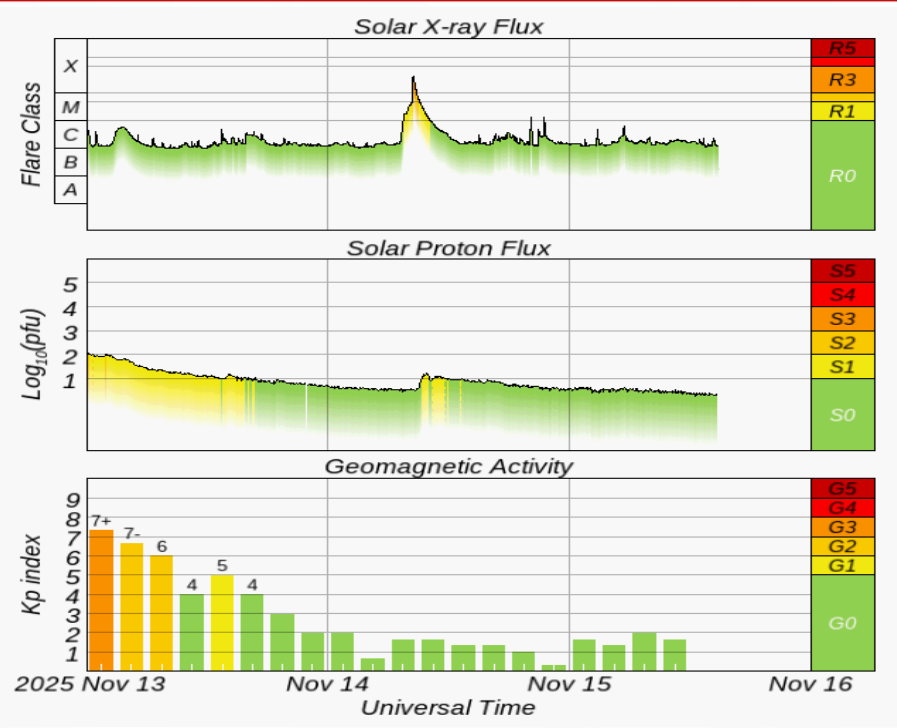
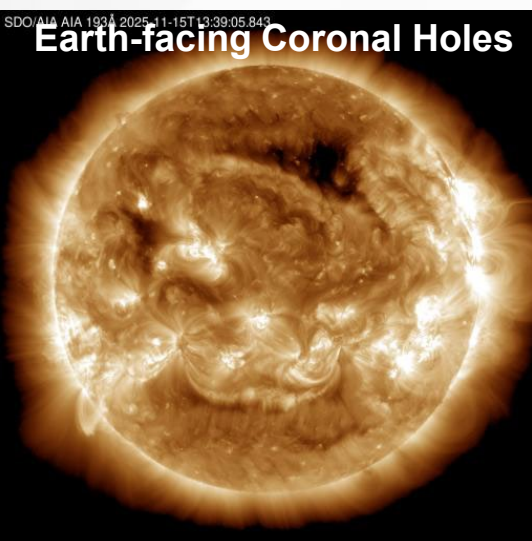




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 70%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 30%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/15	11/16
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity will return to low to moderate levels, with minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts likely and a chance for a strong (R3) radio blackout with any X-class flares from sunspot #4274. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced but wane on Saturday as Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) influences decrease. By Sunday, return of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will bring an increase in solar wind conditions. Geomagnetic activity will return to quiet to unsettled levels on Saturday and continuing through much of Sunday before CH HSS influences begin. Minor (G1) geomagnetic storming is likely late on Sunday and into early Monday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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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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