



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, November 17, 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	Travel Prop / Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Polk	Travel to R7 (FLCOCO)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Polk	Travel to R7 (FLCOCO)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	G-2300 Course Instruction
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	First Aid/CPR & EVOC Course Instruction Prep
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Polk	Computer Maintenance
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Lee	L-449 Course
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River, Polk	Travel to R7 (FLCOCO)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Polk	Travel to R7 (FLCOCO)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	EMOA/G Grants Meeting / FDOT Hurricane TIME Model Meeting

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 10
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	Polk	EVOC/CPR Training
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Administrative Duties
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	G-205 Instructor Prep
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	EMAC Deployment	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Polk	Administrative Duties
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Recovery Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Monroe	Travel to Monroe
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	FGCU Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

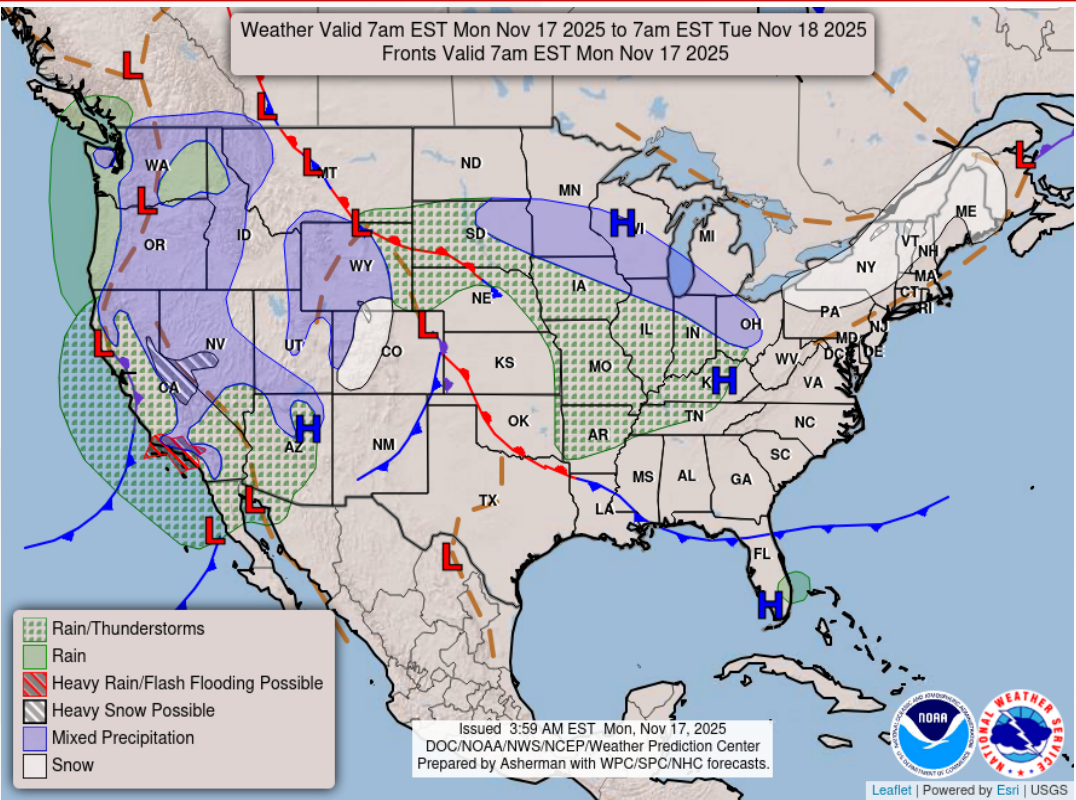
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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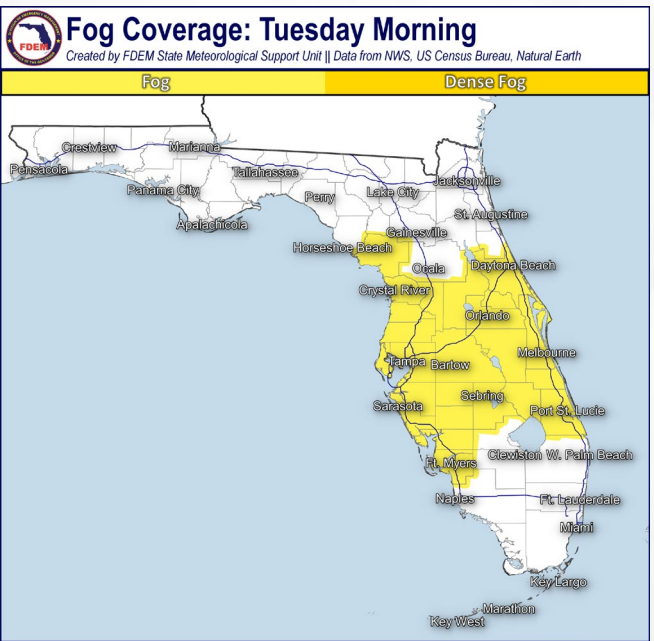
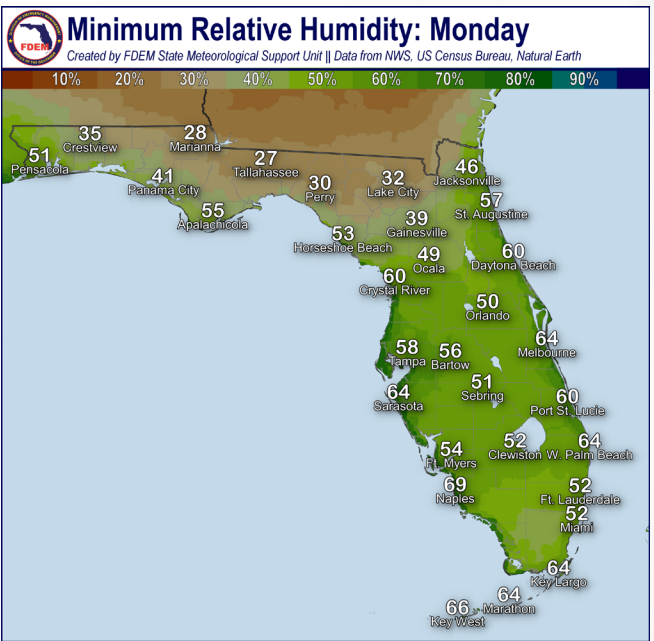


Meteorology Summary



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		M	M	M	M	L	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.79 ft. (1.17 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	473 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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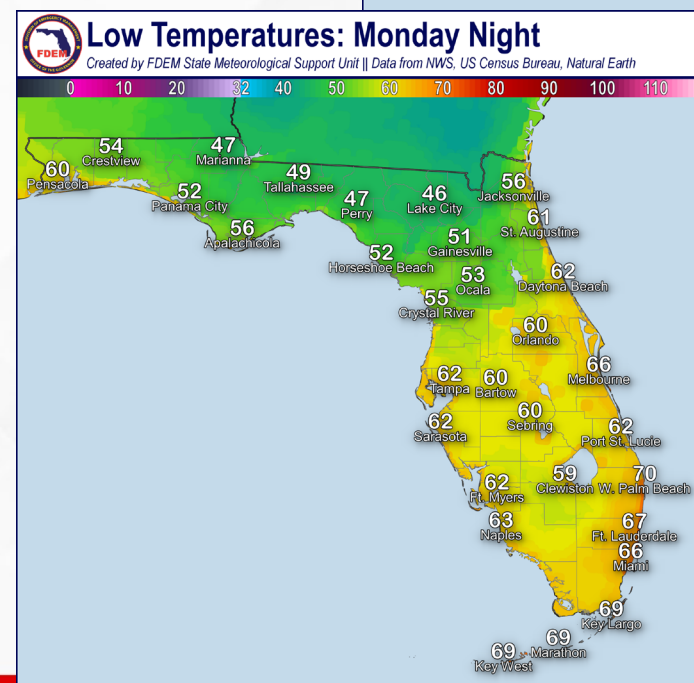
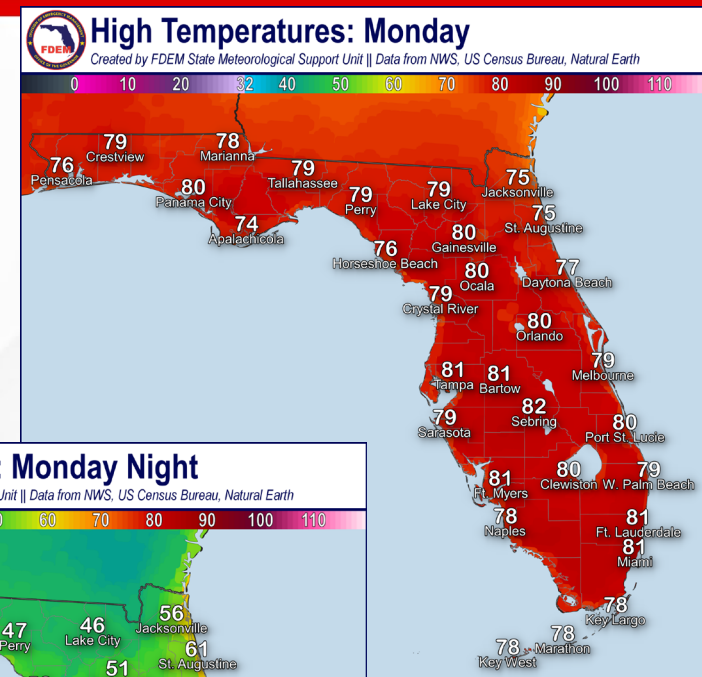
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Locally dense fog has developed this morning throughout the Big Bend and Central Florida leading to reduced visibilities at times. **Foggy conditions and low clouds** will gradually lift and dissipate throughout the mid-morning hours as the sun continues to rise this morning. Another day of dry and pleasant conditions for the Sunshine State can be expected as a weak frontal boundary slowly moves through North Florida and into Central Florida today before stalling out. Unfortunately, this front will not bring any rainfall with it as it remains weak. A few light sprinkles may attempt to develop just offshore from the Treasure Coast later this afternoon and evening, but confidence is low. Drier air will move in behind the cold front across the northern Panhandle, mainly along and north of the I-10 corridor, allowing for relative humidity values to fall **near and below critical thresholds (25-30%)** this afternoon creating **locally elevated wildfire conditions** with the ongoing drought conditions. **Sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist throughout North Florida given the ongoing drought conditions and warm temperatures.

High temperatures will reach the upper 70s to lower 80s statewide this afternoon.

The frontal boundary will stall over Central Florida this evening and overnight which will allow for **fog development** by early Tuesday morning across the region and possibly extending into South Florida. Elsewhere across the state, dry and clear conditions can be expected.

Low temperatures will fall into the upper 40s to middle 50s across North Florida, 60s throughout Central Florida, and middle 60s to near 70-degrees across South Florida overnight.

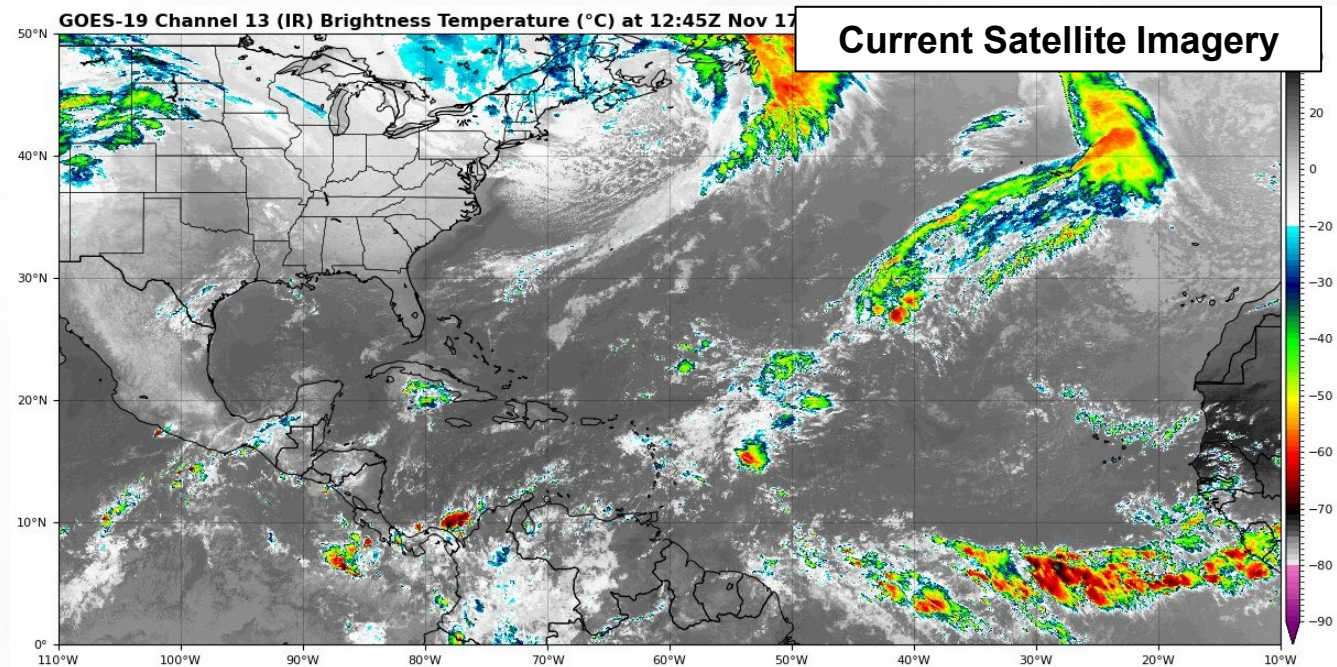
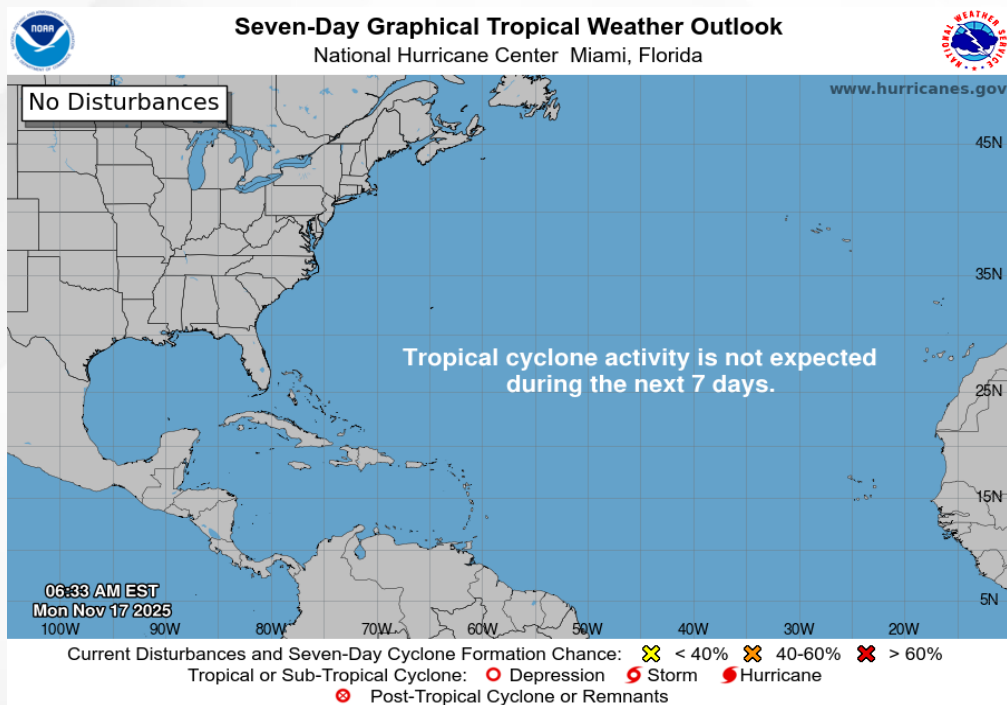




Tropical Weather

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** returns along the Panhandle as well as for numerous East Coast beaches. All other beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Calm marine conditions are expected statewide with surf around 1-2' for East Coast beaches. Isolated breaking waves of 3' for Treasure Coast beaches are possible during the afternoon.

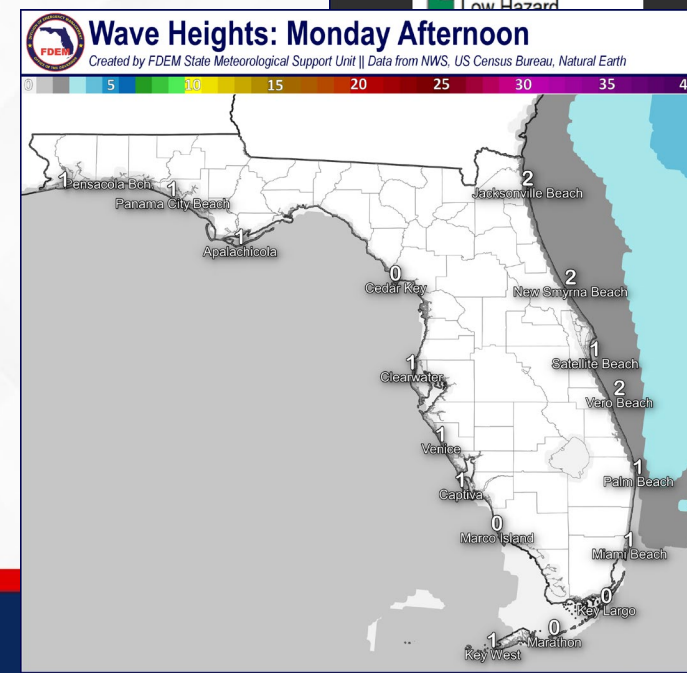
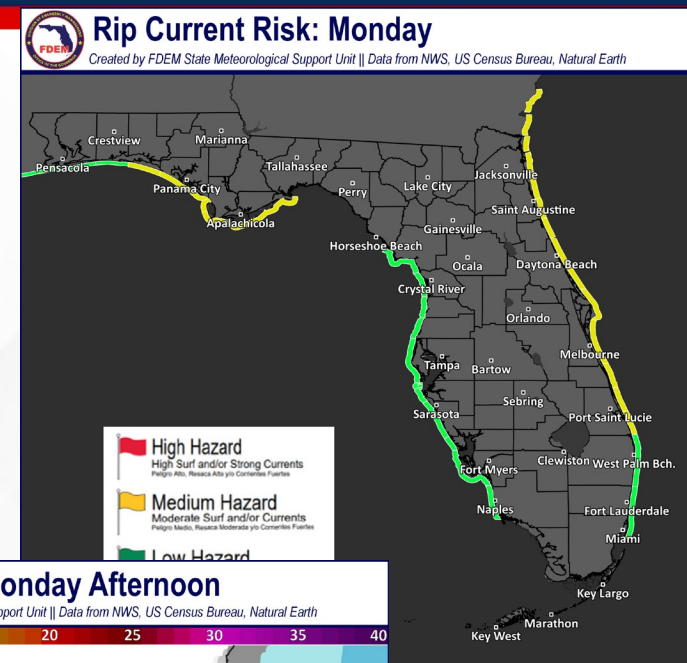
Red Tide was observed at background to low concentrations in Bay County, very low concentrations in Gulf County, and background to very low concentrations in Franklin County across Northwest Florida. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast (11/14).

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

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

Riverine Flooding: 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 1.16 feet below normal for this time of year.



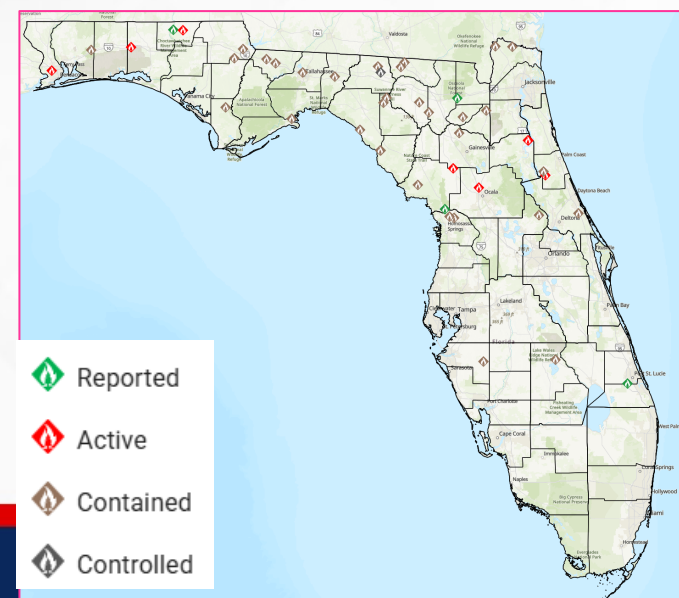
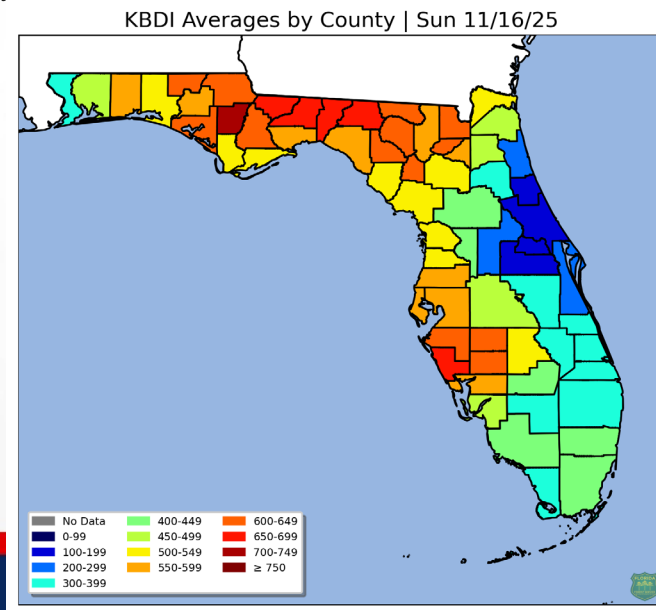
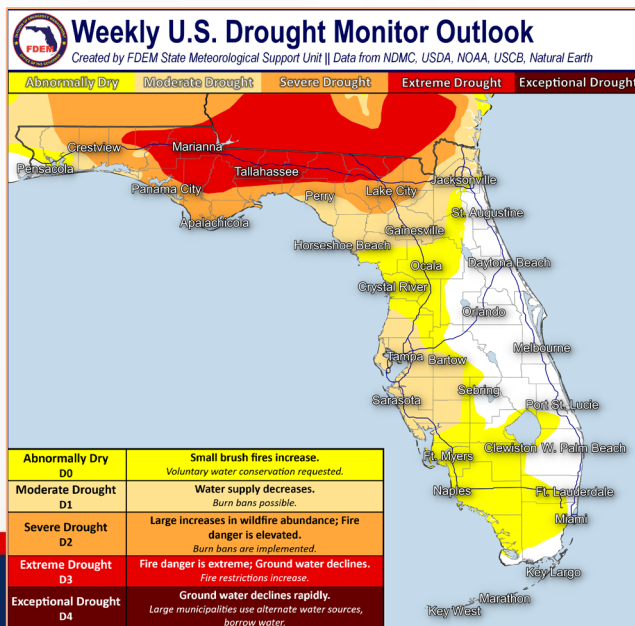


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry air will filter into the northern Panhandle today behind a passing cold front moving into Central Florida allowing for relative humidity values to fall **below critical thresholds (25-30%)** along and north of the I-10 corridor this afternoon. While winds will remain light today, **locally elevated wildfire conditions** will develop for this area as critically low relative humidity values will fall over the **worst drought conditions** across the Panhandle. **Sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist across North Florida given the warm temperatures and ongoing drought conditions. **Areas of fog development** this morning, and again Tuesday morning, may further reduce visibilities where there are ongoing wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 45 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 343 acres.

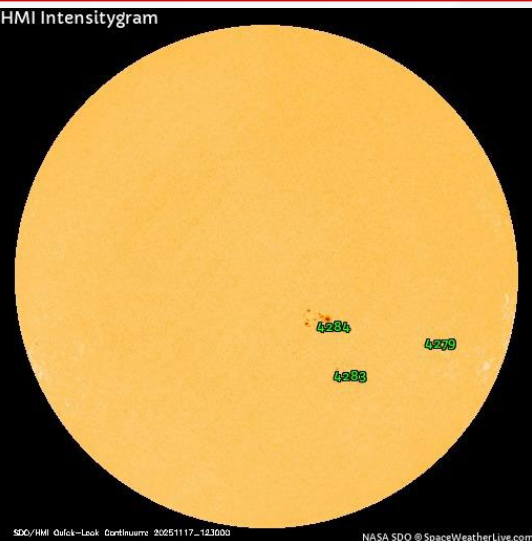
Drought (11/13): A frontal passage from this past Sunday (11/9) was the only rainfall of significance across much of the Sunshine State with rainfall totals remaining generally below 1 inch and spotty in nature. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor outlook. Across South Florida, 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 **473 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **39** Florida counties (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, 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).

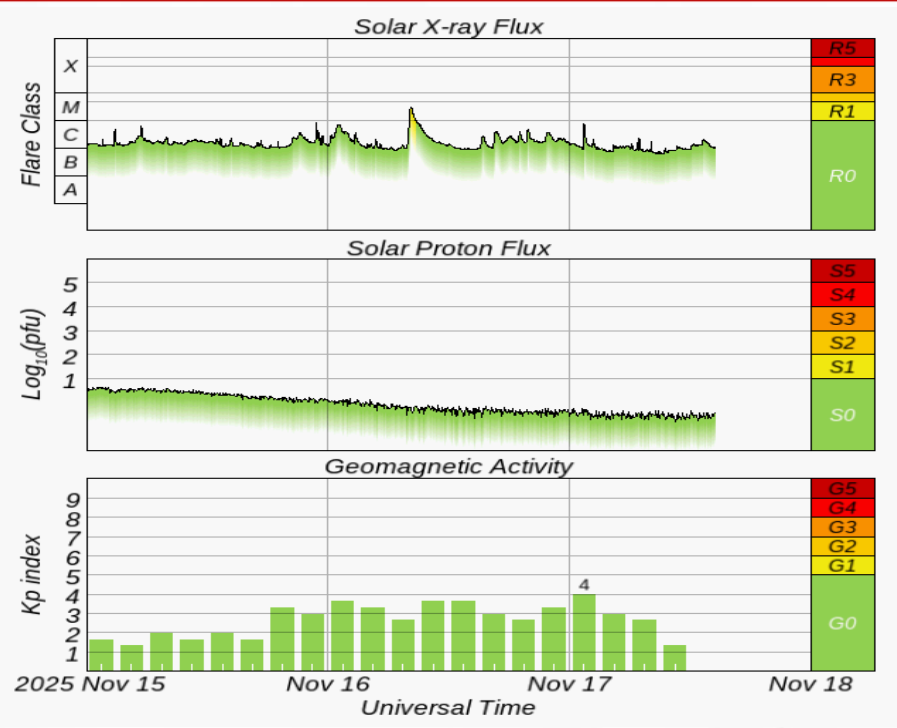
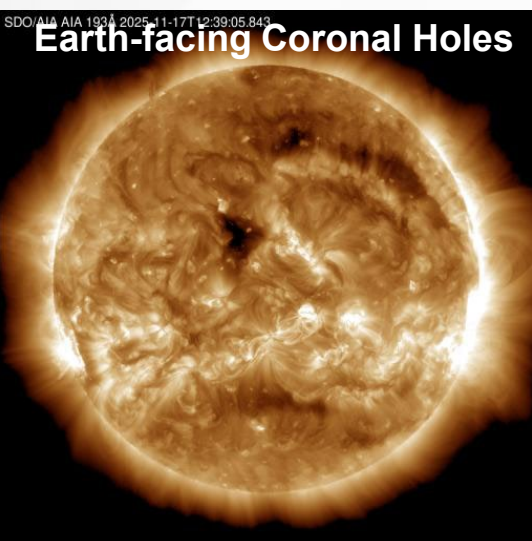




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/17	11/18
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity will return to low levels today as sunspot #4274 has rotated off the western limb and is no longer Earth-facing. Strong (M-class) solar flares may be possible with the other sunspots on the western half of the sun, bringing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts if any develops. Solar wind parameters will remain elevated through today with effects of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) waning. Another enhancement will be possible beginning tomorrow (11/18) due to coronal hole influences. The Earth's geomagnetic field is likely to reach minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions today due to waning CME conditions and winds flowing from a coronal hole. Additional unsettled to active conditions will be possible through midweek. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



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Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
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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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