



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, November 18, 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, Polk	Travel to Region 7 (FLCOCO)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Polk	First Aid/CPR & EVOC Training
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Polk	First Aid/CPR & EVOC Training
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Admin
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Polk	First Aid/CPR & ECOV Course Instructuion
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Citrus	ESF 8 Meeting / FLANG Exercise Planning / EM Director Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Lee	L-449 Course
Region 8: Amber Durden	Polk	First Aid/CPR & EVOC Training
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Polk	First Aid/CPR & EVOC Training
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	DEMES RM Training / LSA Meeing

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
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	CPR Cert / EVOC Training
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Taylor	FEMA/FDEM Steinhatchee Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Nassau	Instructing G205
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	EMAC Deployment	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Polk	CPR Cert / EVOC Training
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Desoto	County Partners Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Monroe	FROC Training Tour
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Polk	CPR Cert / EVOC Training
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

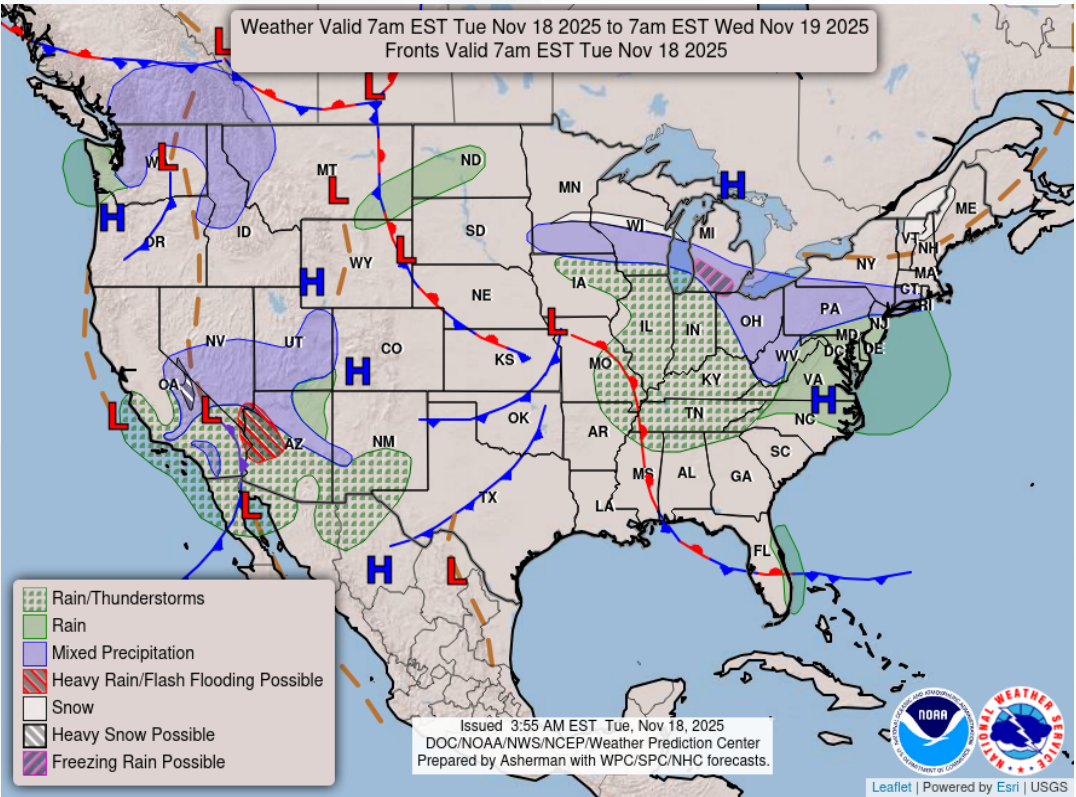
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

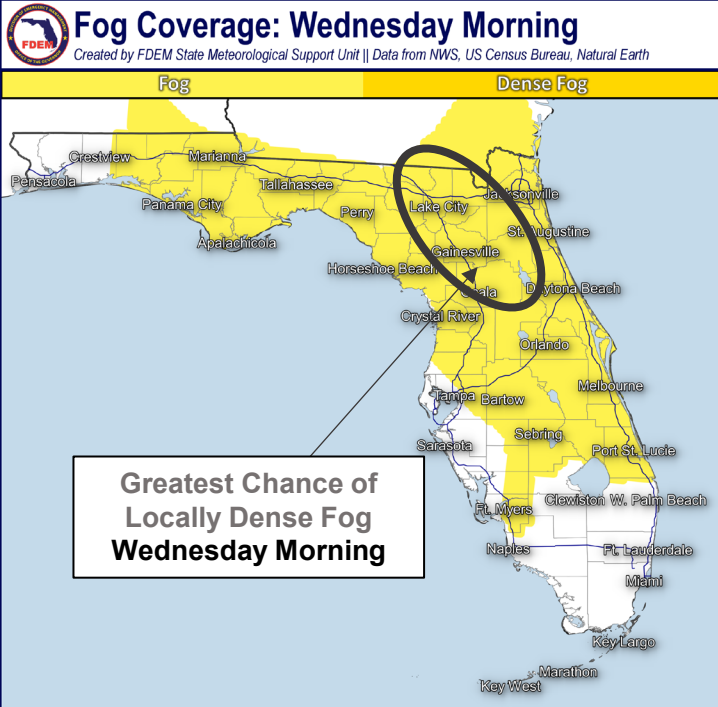
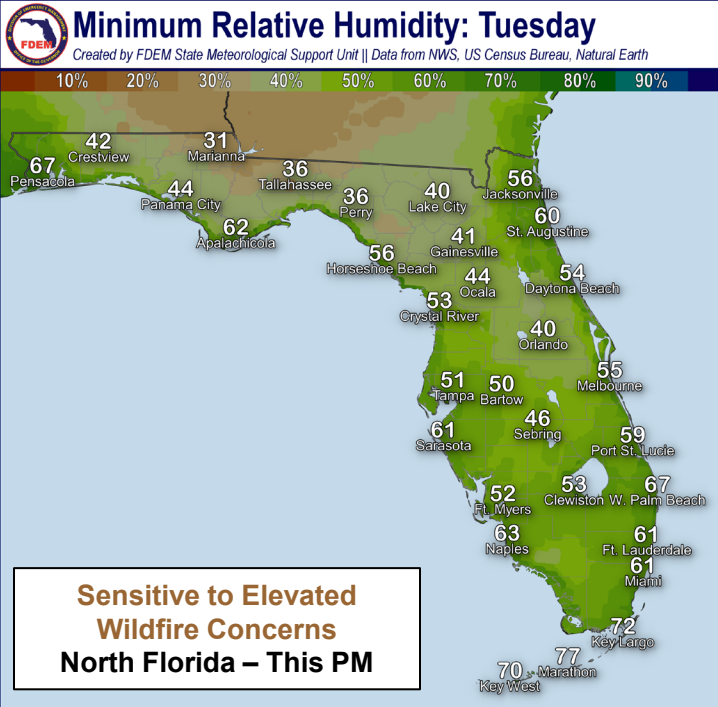


Meteorology Summary



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)	L	L	M	M	M	L	M	L	L	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		H	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.76 ft. (1.18 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	477 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





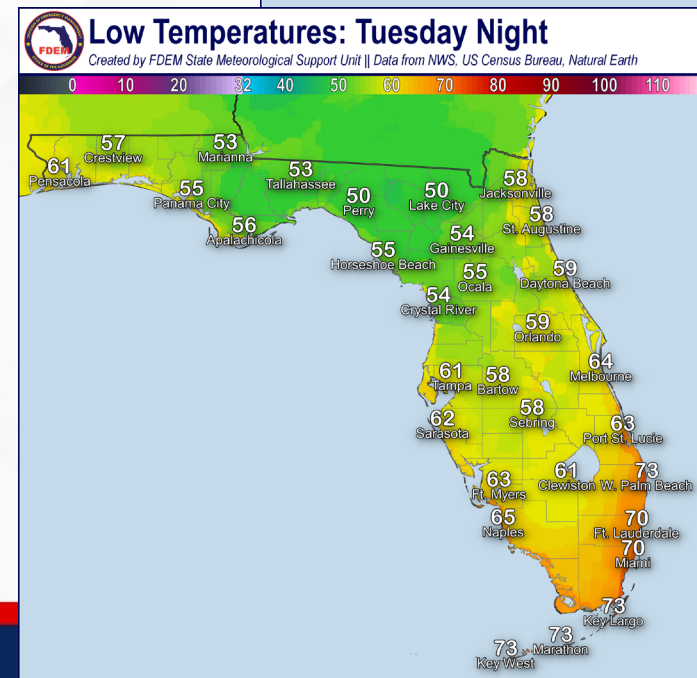
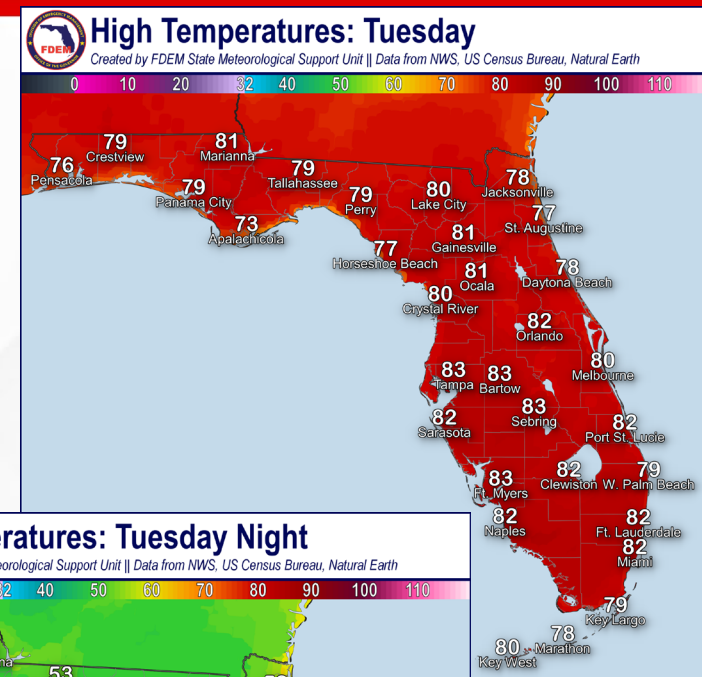
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another dry and sunny day can be expected across the Sunshine State. Onshore winds along the Atlantic Coast may prompt an isolated shower or two to develop along the Treasure Coast and Florida Keys this afternoon (10-15% chance of rain); however, any shower activity that approaches the coastline will be light and brief in nature. Afternoon high temperatures will rise into the upper 70s to lower 80s statewide, with a few inland West-Central Florida locations possibly reaching the middle 80s.

The main weather headline today will continue to be **sensitive to elevated wildfire concerns** as relative humidity values dip to **30-40%** across North Florida and the interior Florida Peninsula. While winds will generally remain light statewide (less than 10 mph), ongoing significant drought and extremely dry soils/vegetation can lead to easier wildfire ignitions. *Please use extreme caution when dealing with any activities involving flame, or with materials that can cause sparks.*

Clear skies and calm conditions can be expected tonight, allowing for another round of **fog and low clouds** early Wednesday morning across North and Central Florida; the greatest chance for areas of **locally dense fog** will reside along portions of the I-10 corridor, the Suwannee River Valley, and into the central Florida Peninsula. Low temperatures tonight will fall into the 50s across North Florida, with some inland locations potentially reaching the **middle to upper 40s**. Elsewhere, lows in the 50s and 60s can be expected across Central Florida and the 70s throughout South Florida and the Florida Keys.

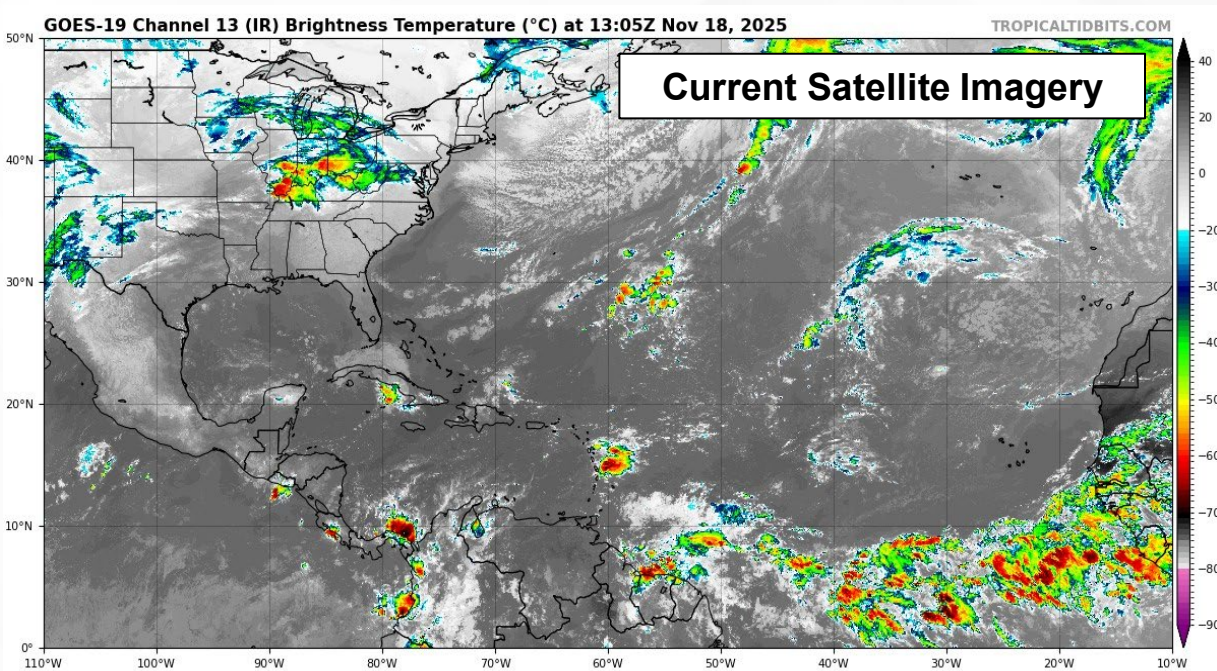
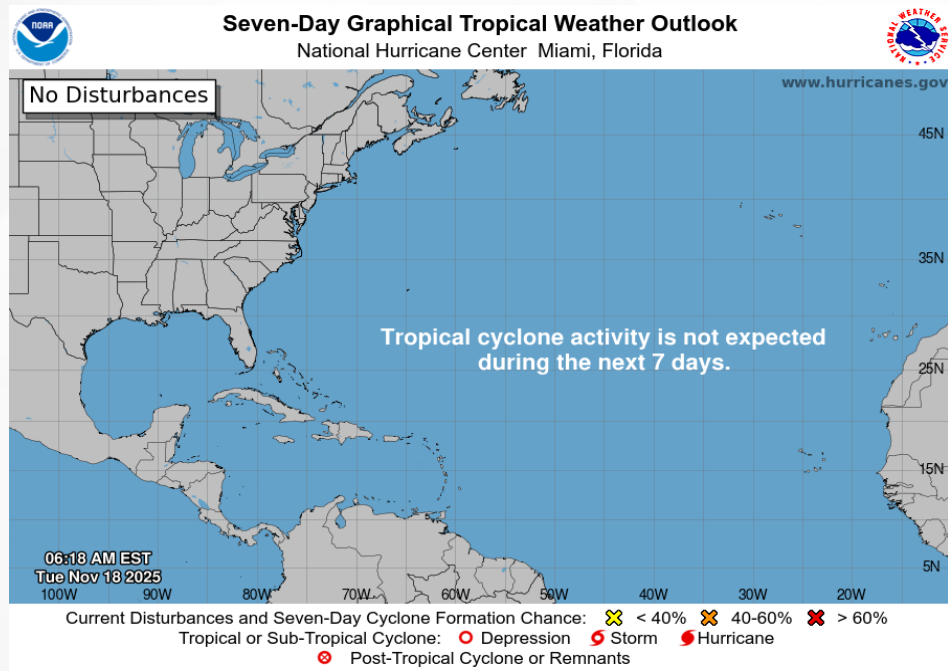




Tropical Weather

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 of rip currents** can be expected for most Florida Panhandle and Florida East Coast beaches, with a locally **high risk of rip currents** outlooked for Palm Beach County. Low risk conditions are expected for all remaining Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected along statewide beaches. An isolated breaker in the surf zone of 3' cannot be ruled out along the Treasure Coast late this afternoon or evening.

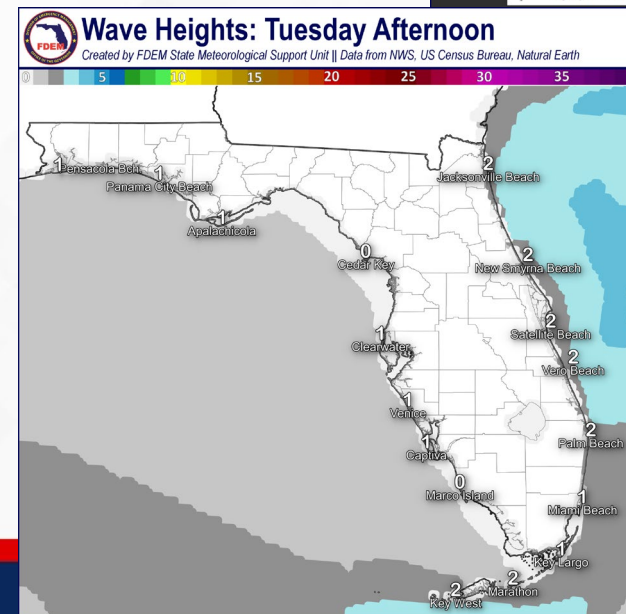
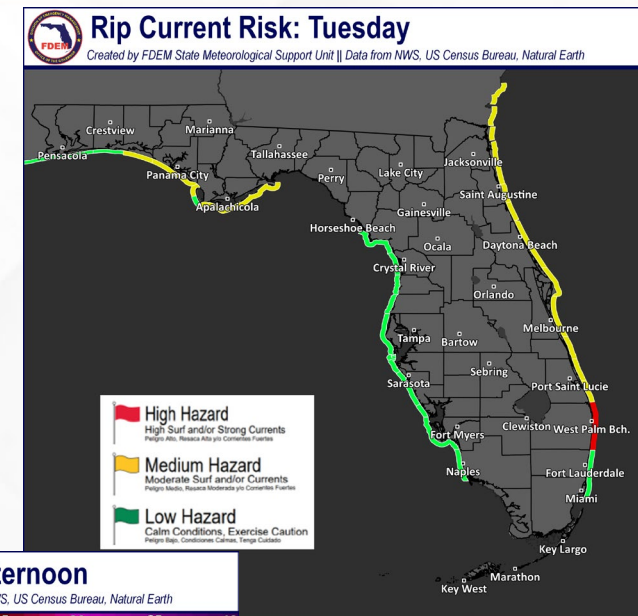
Red Tide was observed at background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf and Franklin Counties. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast over the past 7 days (*valid 11/14*).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding across Florida.

Flash Flooding: Flash flooding is not expected across Florida.

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 13.76 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.18 feet below normal for this time of year.



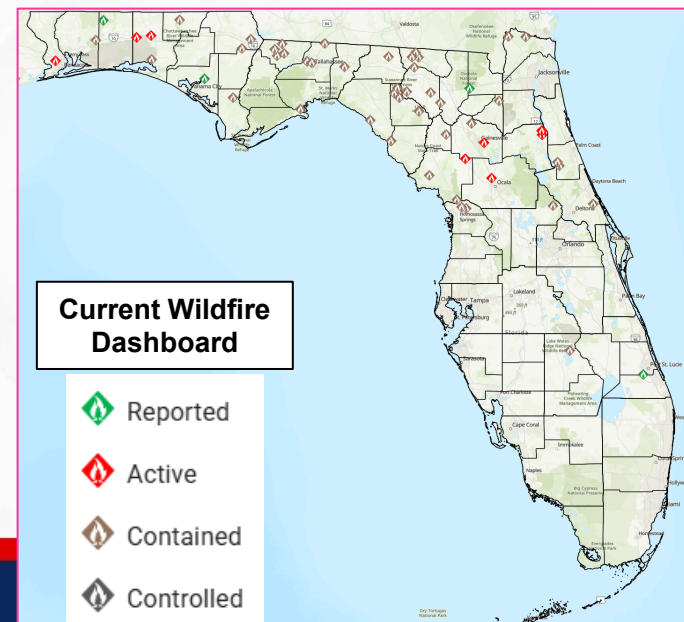
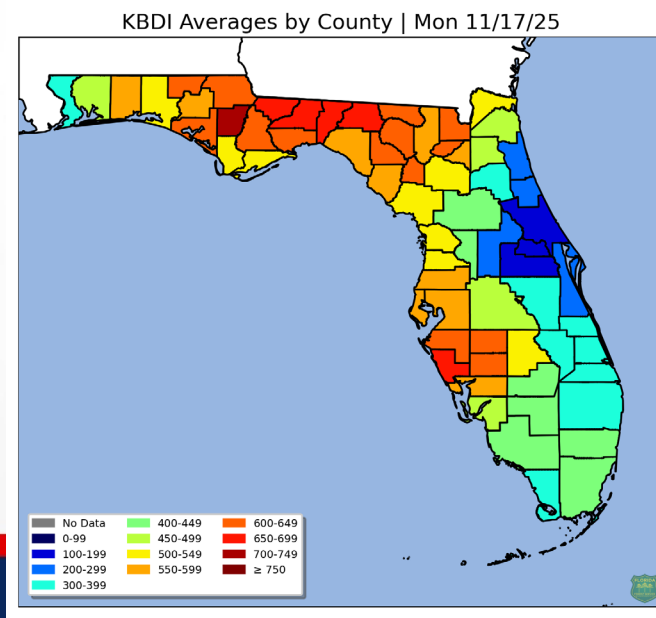
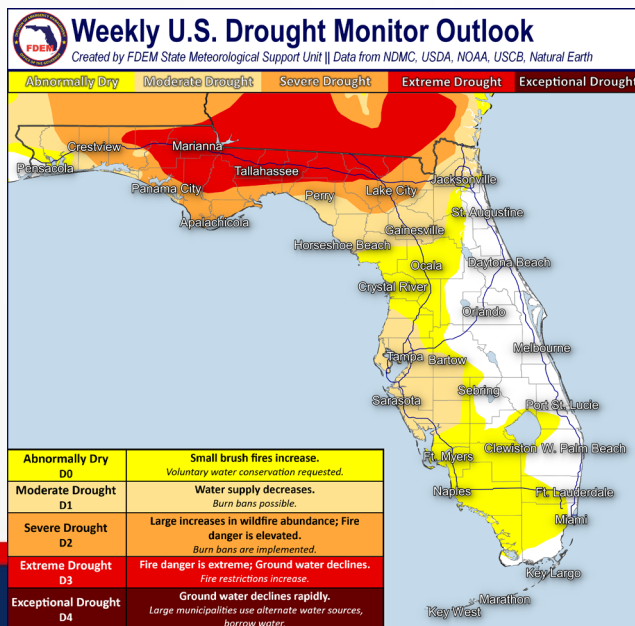


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry air will continue across the Sunshine State, courtesy of a dominant area of high pressure. Relative humidity values will fall to **30-40%** across North Florida and the interior Florida Peninsula, with some interior North Florida locations approaching **critical thresholds** in the **upper 20%** range. **Sensitive to elevated wildfire concerns** can be expected this afternoon, especially for North Florida locations that experiencing long-term significant drought. While winds will generally remain light statewide, extremely dry soils/vegetation can lead to easier wildfire ignition. Areas of **fog** that develop near any ongoing wildfires or active burns may locally further reduce visibilities. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 58 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 450 acres.

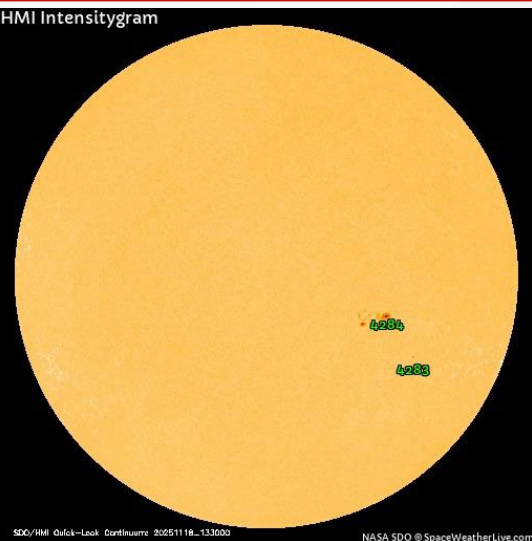
Drought (11/13): A frontal passage from 11/9 was the only rainfall of significance across much of the Sunshine State with rainfall totals remaining generally below 1 inch and spotty in nature. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor. Across South Florida, some expansion of the 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 have grown to 4-6 inches. 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 developed. 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. Rainfall is not anticipated for the next week, at least 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 at bay.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **477 (+4)** 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).

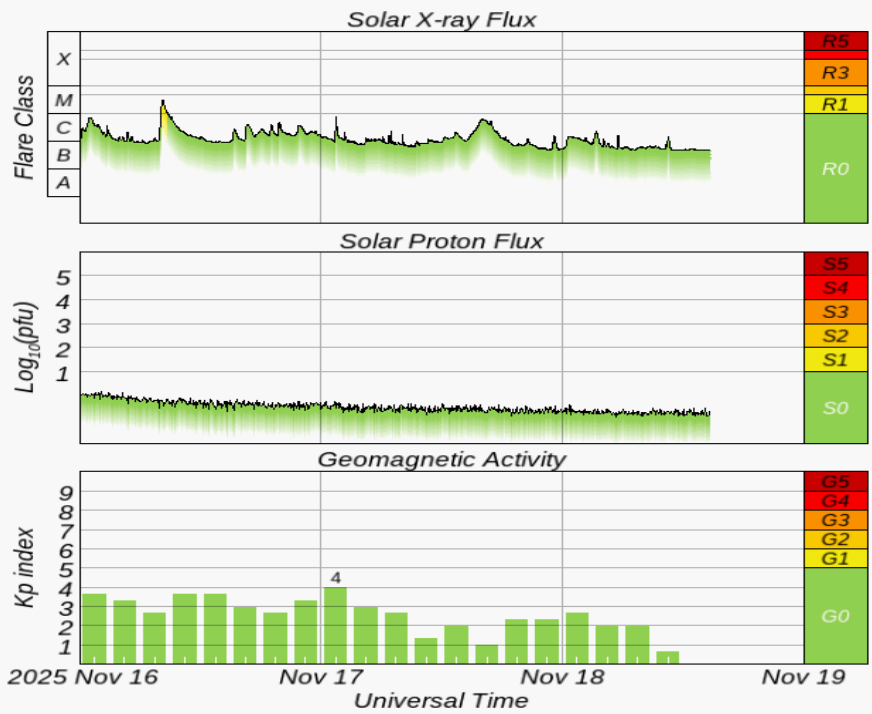
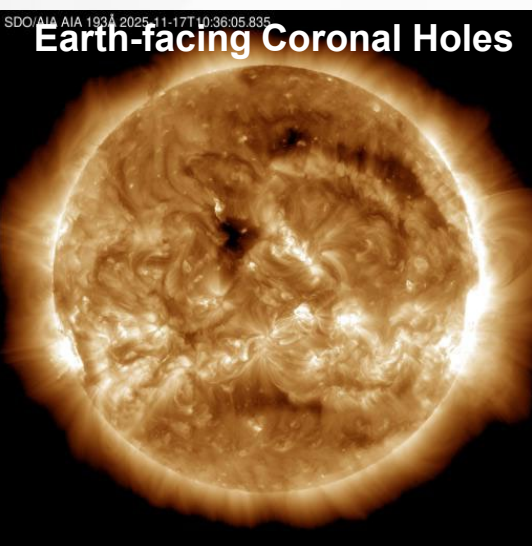




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/18	11/19
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels today, with a slight chance for moderate levels returning for the remainder of the week. R1-R2 (minor to moderate) radio blackouts may accompany any organized solar flare, particularly from sunspot #4284 that is undergoing a growth phase. Solar wind parameters are forecast to remain elevated over the next 24 hours, with a more nominal regime expected late this week. Unsettled to active geomagnetic levels are expected today; however, widespread and organized geomagnetic storming is not anticipated today. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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