



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, November 20, 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	Polk, Out of Service	Forklift Training / Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Polk, Leon	Forklift Training / Return to Region 2 Travel
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Polk, Columbia	Forklift Training / Return to Region 3 Travel
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Admin
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Polk	Forklift Training
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Polk	Forklift Training
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Lee	L-449 Course
Region 8: Amber Durden	Polk, Indian River	Forklift Training / Return to Region 8 Travel
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Polk, Lee	Forklift Training / Return to Region 9 Travel
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	DEMES RM Training

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa	DRA Assistance Workshop
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Equipment Maintenance / Admin Duties
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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Community Outreach Event
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

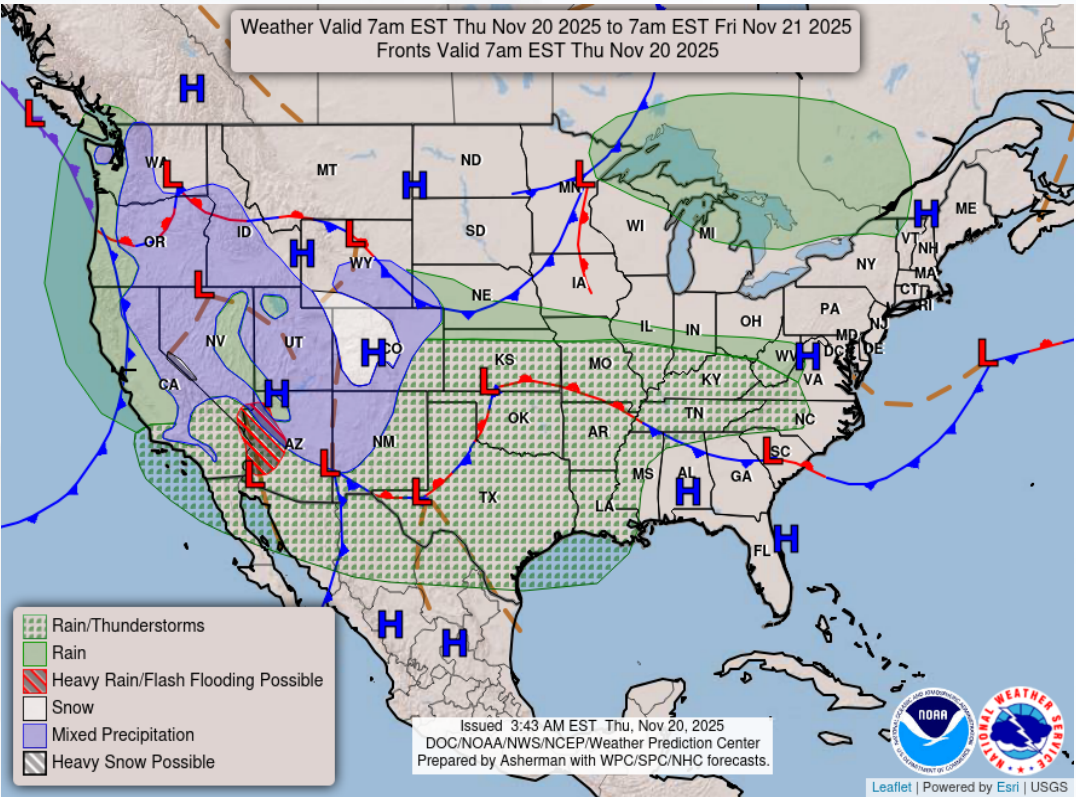
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

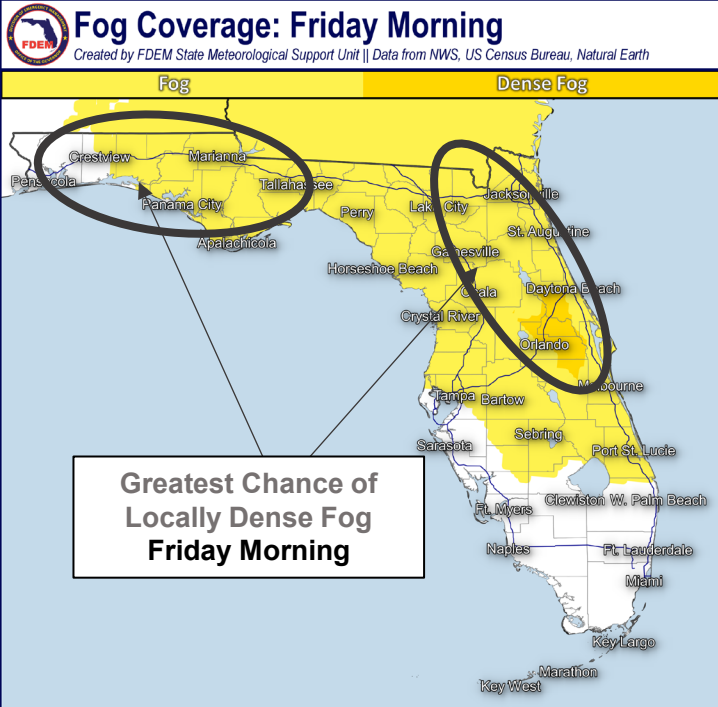
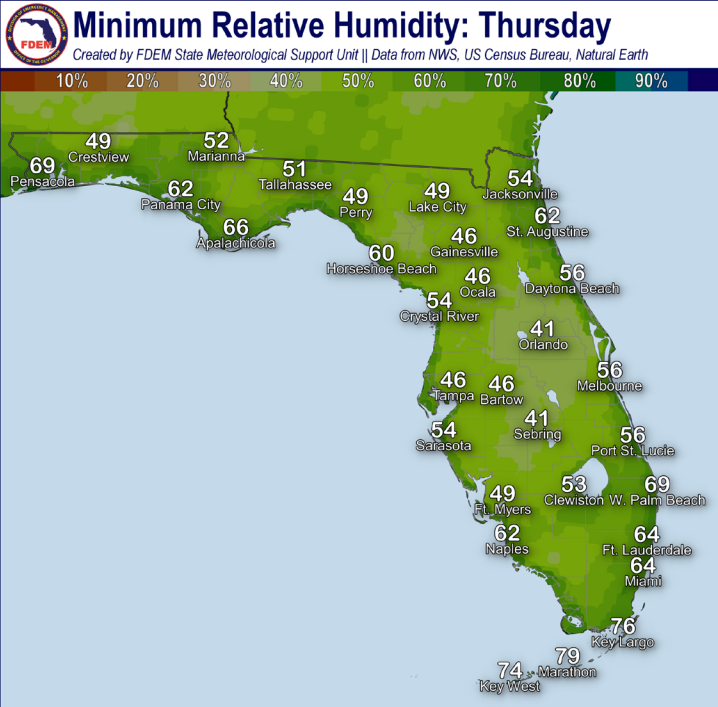


Meteorology Summary



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	H	H	M	H	L	L	L
Wildfire	L	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.77 ft. (1.16 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	488 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





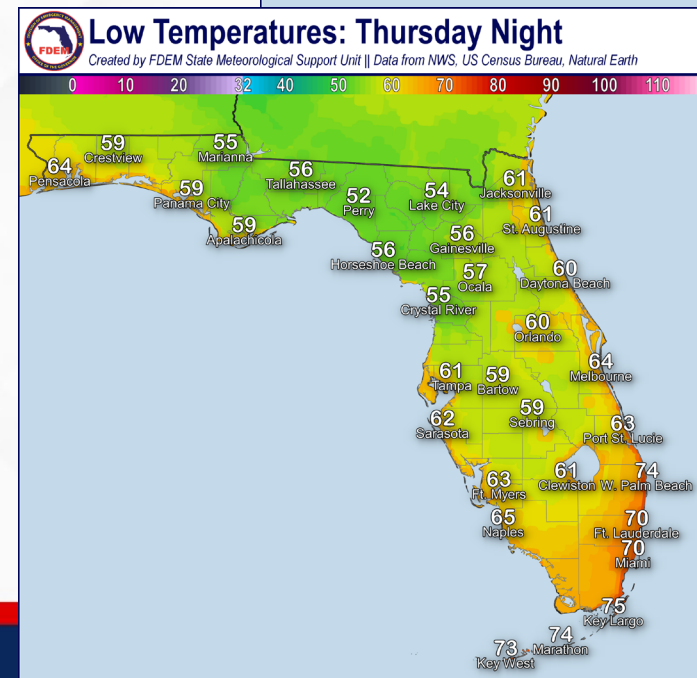
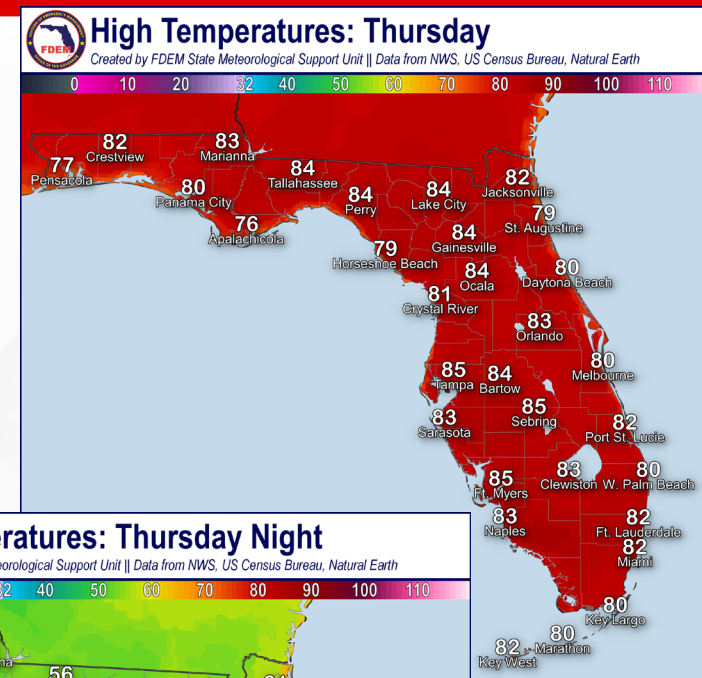
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Locally dense fog has developed across much of the Panhandle and interior Northeast Florida this morning and **Dense Fog Advisories** will remain in effect until mid-morning. This morning fog will dissipate during the morning hours giving way to another sunny and dry day across the Sunshine State as an area of high pressure continue to dominate the local weather. High temperatures will remain **above average** for mid to late November standards, reaching the lower to middle 80s statewide. A few locations may **approach record high temperatures** this afternoon across North Florida.

Although winds will remain light and relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds this afternoon (40-50% RH values), **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** may develop this afternoon across North Florida where ongoing drought and extremely dry soils/vegetation may lead to easier wildfire ignition. *Please use extreme caution when dealing with any activities involving flame, or with materials that can cause sparks.*

Clear and calm conditions overnight will encourage another round of **fog and low clouds** early Friday morning across portions of North and Central Florida. **Locally dense fog** cannot be ruled out, especially across interior Northeast and East-Central Florida, and the western Panhandle. Low temperatures will fall into the lower to middle 50s across the Big Bend and eastern Panhandle, with upper 50s to lower 60s throughout the remainder of the Panhandle and Florida Peninsula. Lows will only reach the lower to middle 70s across coastal Southeast Florida and the Florida Keys.

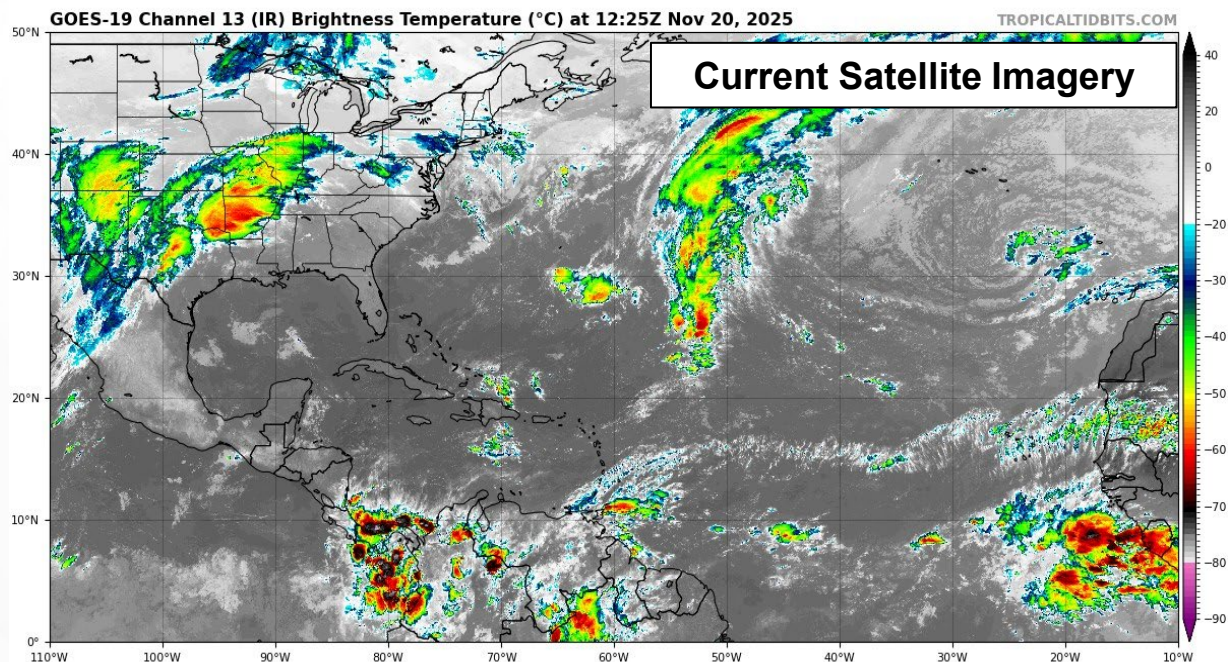
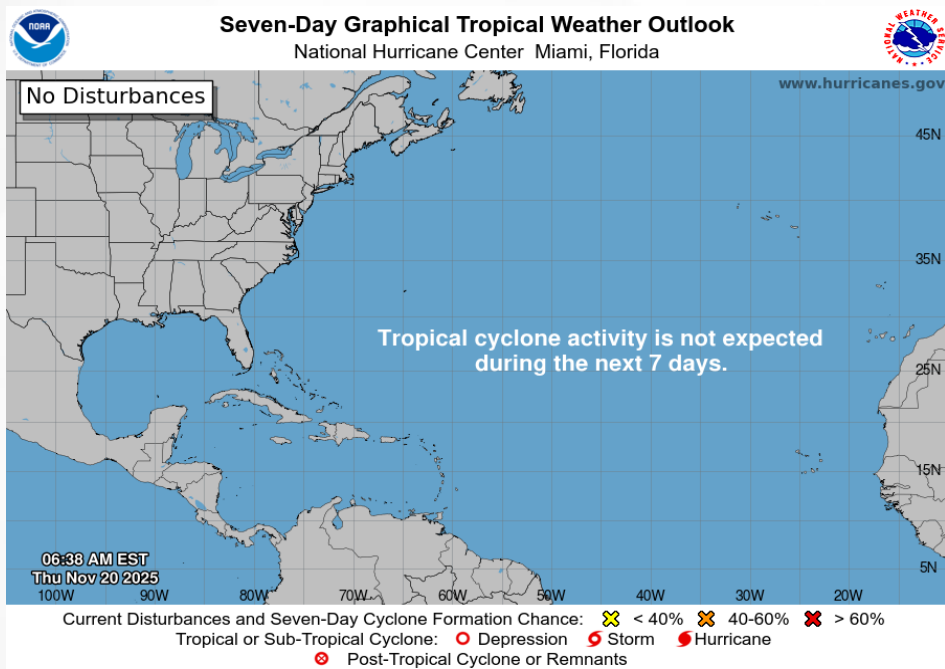




Tropical Weather

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 East Coast beaches this afternoon. Low risk conditions are expected for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of around 1' can be expected for all Gulf facing beaches today, with waves of 1-2' along all East Coast beaches.

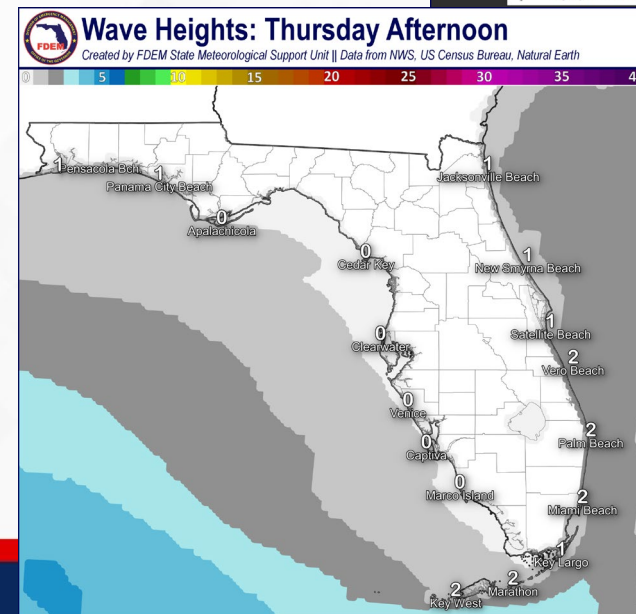
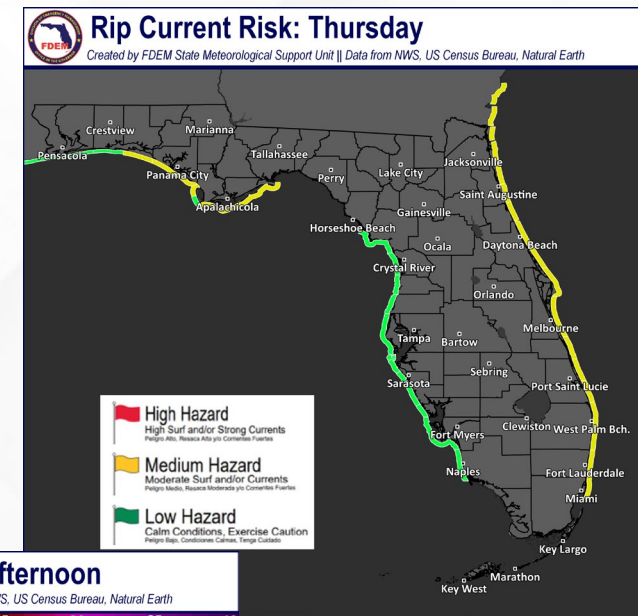
Red Tide was observed at background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf and Franklin Counties. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast over the past 7 days (*valid 11/14*).

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 13.77 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.16 feet below normal for this time of year.



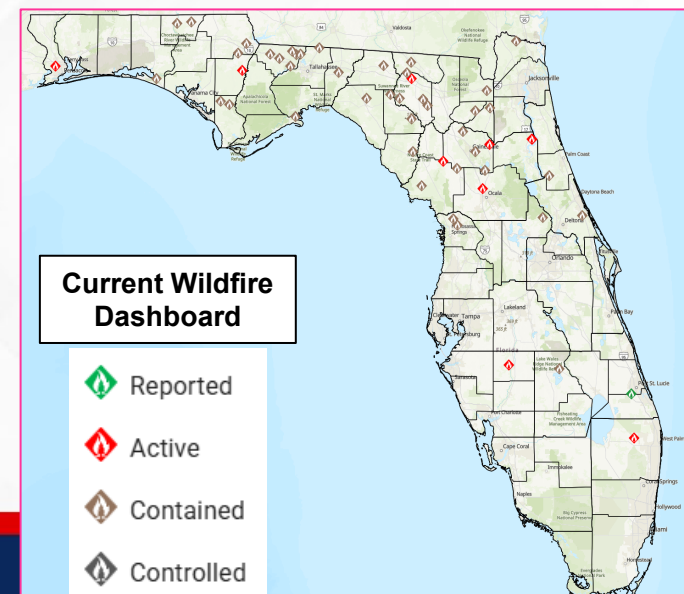
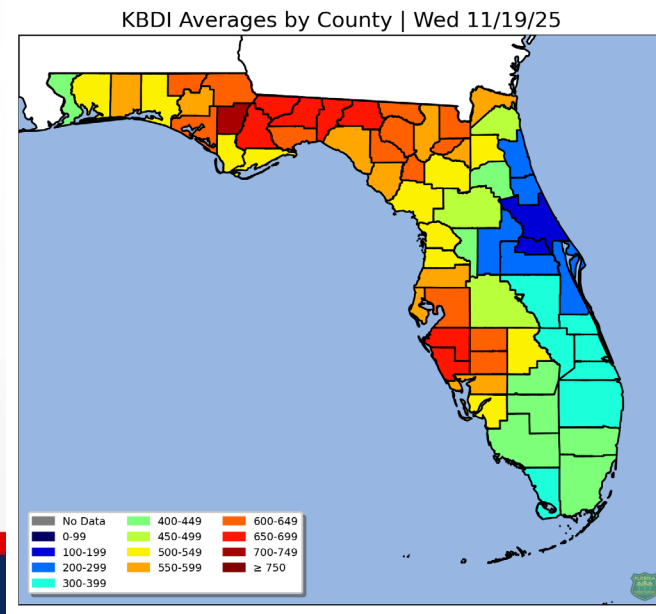
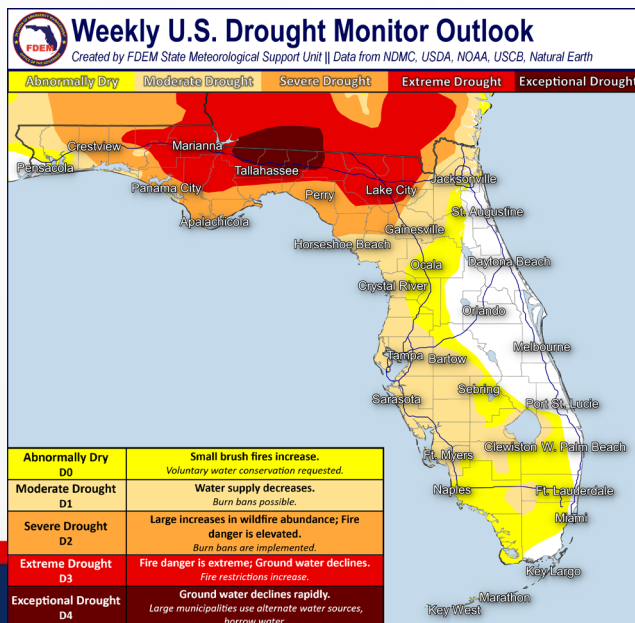


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry air will continue across the Sunshine State, courtesy of a dominant area of high pressure. Relative humidity values will remain above critical thresholds this afternoon across the state (40-50% RH values), though ongoing drought and very dry soils/vegetation may still lead to **sensitive** to **locally elevated wildfire concerns** this afternoon, especially for locations that are experiencing the most significant long-term drought. 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 52 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 432 acres.

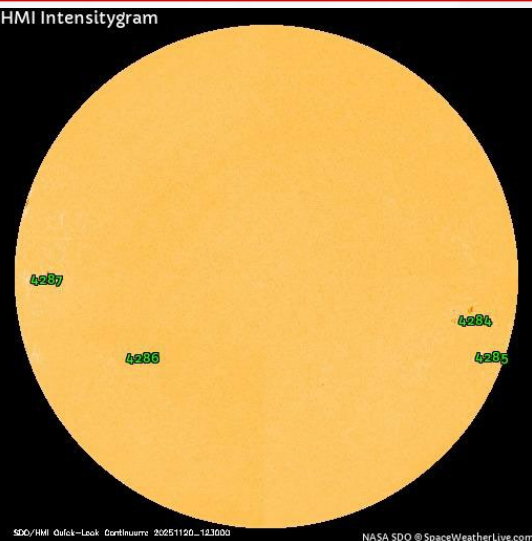
Drought (11/20): The past week was almost entirely dry across the entire Sunshine State as temperatures warmed to above seasonable levels. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor and further degradation was seen. Across South Florida, **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced across interior Collier, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties with expansion of Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) towards the Southeast coastline. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was also introduced across Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades county, as well as around Lake Okeechobee where rainfall departures from the past month have neared 2-3 inches. **Moderate Drought** remains in place across much of West-Central Florida with further expansion into Polk county and northward along the entire Nature Coast. Rainfall departures from the past 60 days have grown to 4-6 inches across West-Central Florida. Across North Florida, **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** have remained in place, with expansion southeastward of the **Extreme Drought** into much of Suwannee, Columbia, and western Baker County. **Severe Drought** was also added to much of the Forgotten Coast along Taylor and Dixie counties. An **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** was introduced to northern Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties where streamflows have reached very low levels, vegetation has become very dry, and agricultural impacts have worsened. This is the first **Exceptional Drought** seen in the state of Florida since February 2012. Long-term rainfall departures continue to decline across the Panhandle, and significant rainfall is not expected over the next week as temperatures remain above seasonable levels. As such, worsening drought conditions are expected over the next week across much of the state.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **488 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **42** Florida counties (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

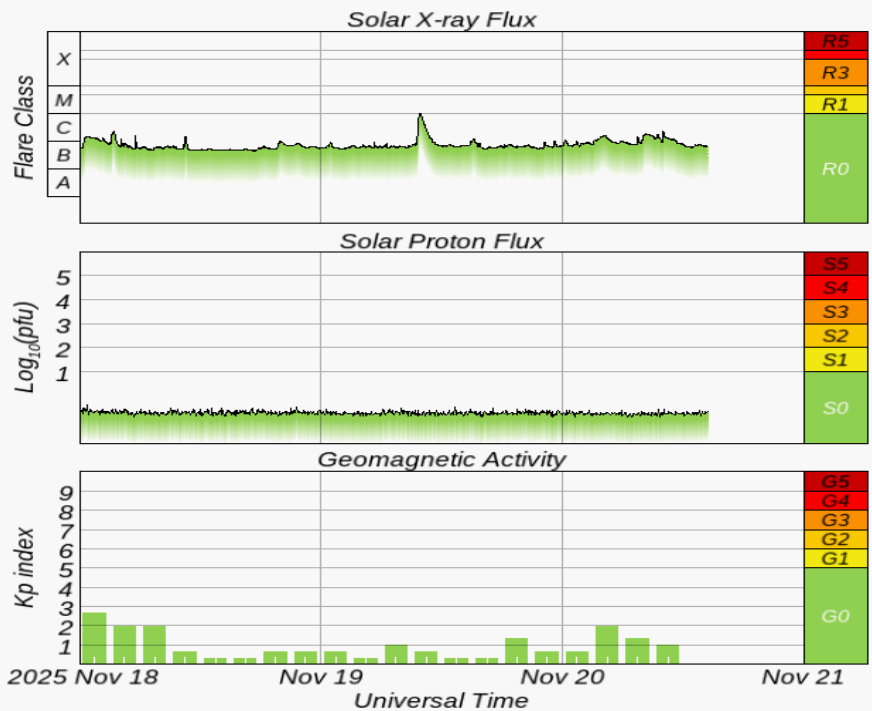
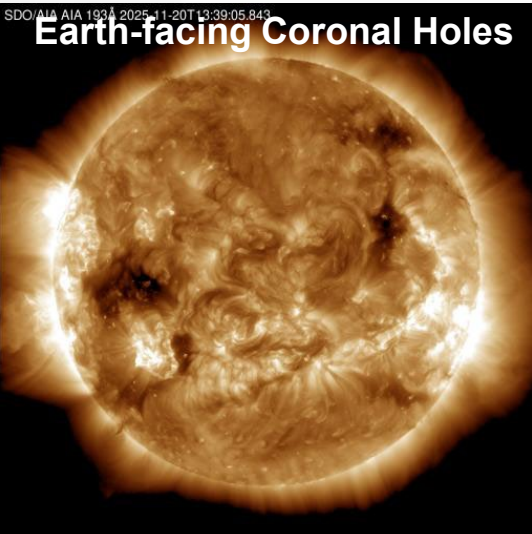




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/20	11/21
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels today, with a slight chance for moderate levels the remainder of the week and into the start of the weekend. R1-R2 (minor to moderate) radio blackouts may accompany any organized solar flare, especially from sunspot #4284. Nominal solar wind parameters are forecast today before a return of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds on Friday bringing some slight enhancements. These influences will continue into the weekend, though waning on Saturday. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be at unsettled to active levels beginning later Thursday and through Friday with the CH HSS onset. Quiet to unsettled levels are then expected to return on Saturday following diminishing coronal hole influences. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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