



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, December 3, 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 | Henry (AL), Escambia | USCG Area Committee Meeting / UAS Coordination Meeting |
| Region 2: Enrique Gaston | Calhoun | EM Meeting |
| Region 3: Glen Hammers | Columbia | G-400 Course Instruction |
| Region 4: Tara Kostich | Flagler | G-400 Course Instruction |
| Region 5: Austin Beeghly | Orange | Fire Chief Presentation |
| Region 6: Paul Siddall | In Region | On-Call Status |
| Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck | Okeechobee | County LTRG Meeting |
| Region 8: Amber Durden | Martin | Partners Meeting |
| Region 9: Brittany Bremer | Lee | Office Admin |
| Region 10: Claudia Baker | Broward | Ft. Lauderdale Airport EOC Visit w/ SIP |

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

| Team | County Location | Status / Activities |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Region 1: Allison Blevins | Mobile | USCG Area Committee Meeting |
| Region 2: Justin Lazzara | Calhoun | County EM Meeting |
| Region 3: Vacant | N/A | See Coverage |
| Region 4: Joshua Saunders | Bradford | Vehicle Maintenance |
| Region 5: Elizabeth Caison | Orange | FFCA Presentation |
| Region 6: Rick Rogers | Citrus | Administrative Duties |
| Region 7: Antonio Zapata | Polk | Medical Leave |
| Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller | Martin | County EM Meeting |
| Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg | Sarasota | Vehicle Maintenance |
| Region 10: Vacant | N/A | See Coverage |

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

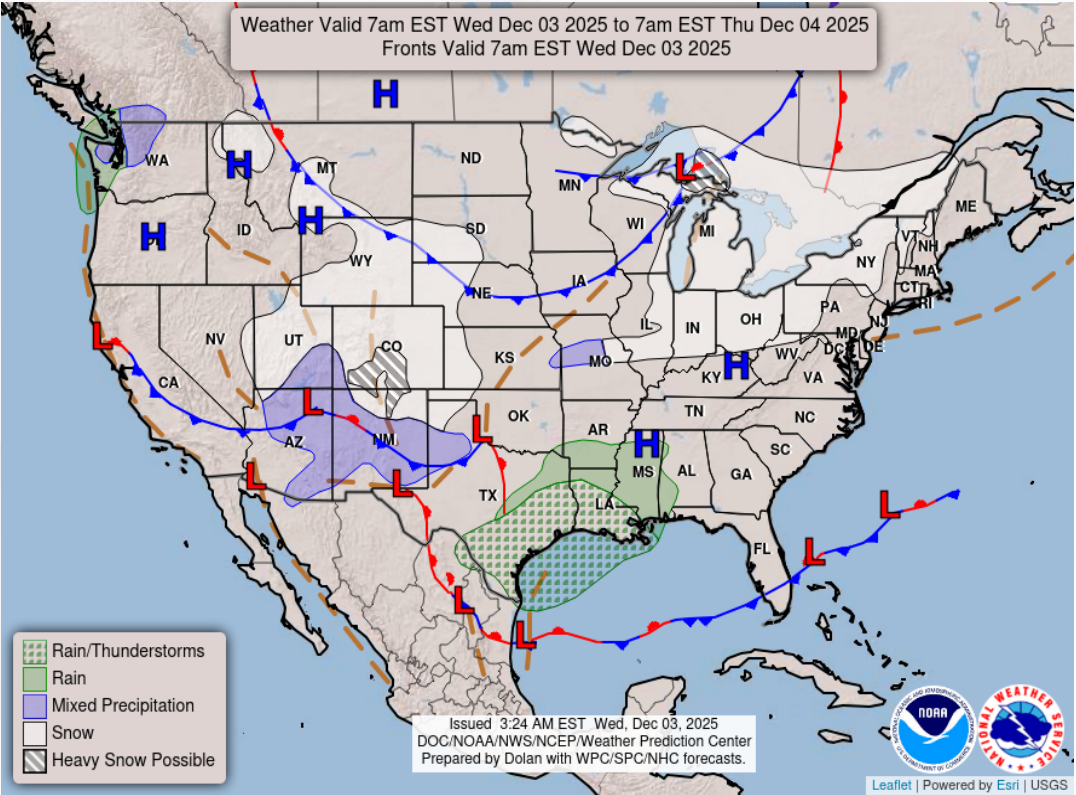
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

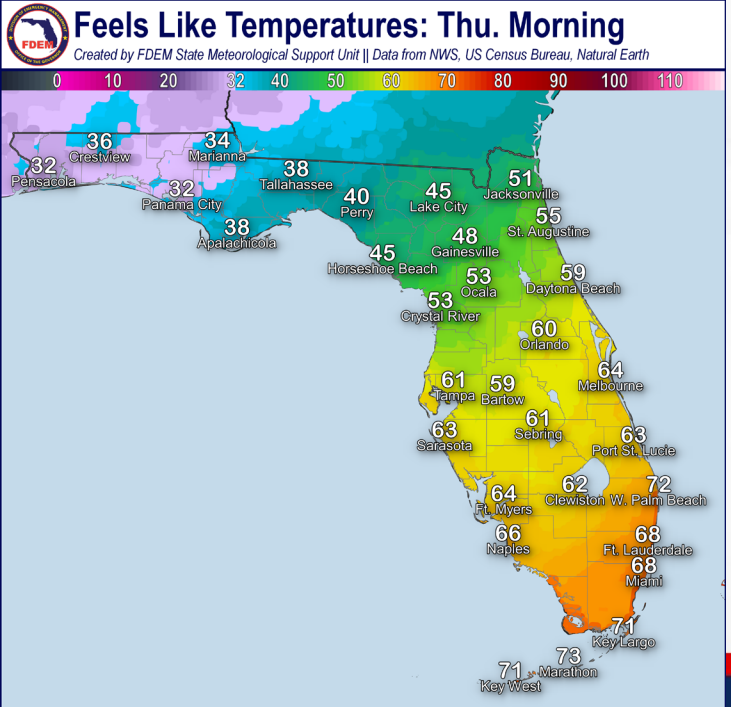
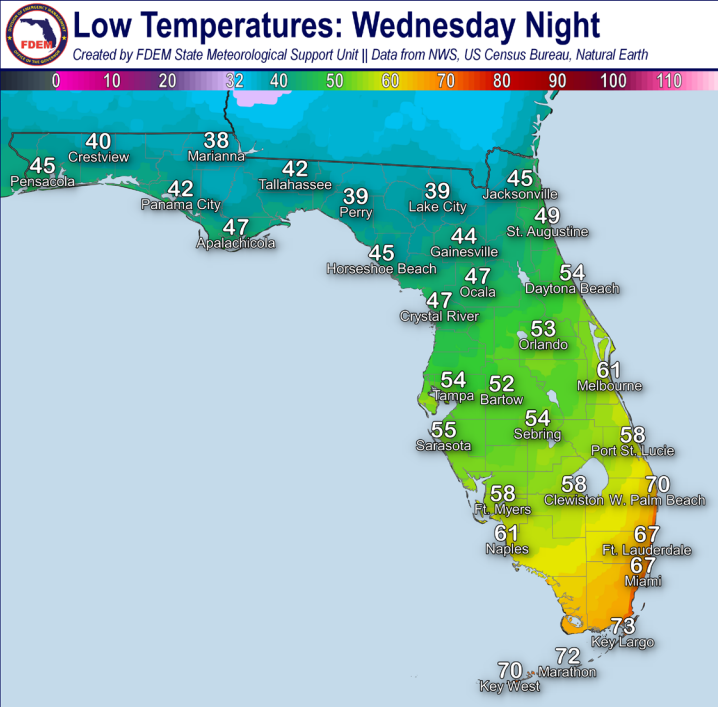


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

| Threat | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 |
|----------------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Lightning | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tornado | | | | | | | | | | |
| Damaging Wind | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hail | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flash Flooding | | | | | | | | | | |
| Freeze (Overnight) | L | L | L | | | | | | | |
| Fog (Overnight) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wildfire | M | M | M | M | | L | | | L | |
| Rip Currents | M | M | L | M | M | M | | M | M | L |
| Lake Okeechobee Elevation | 13.67 ft. (1.14 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal) | | | | | | | | | |
| Keetch-Byram Drought Index | 514 (-17) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry) | | | | | | | | | |





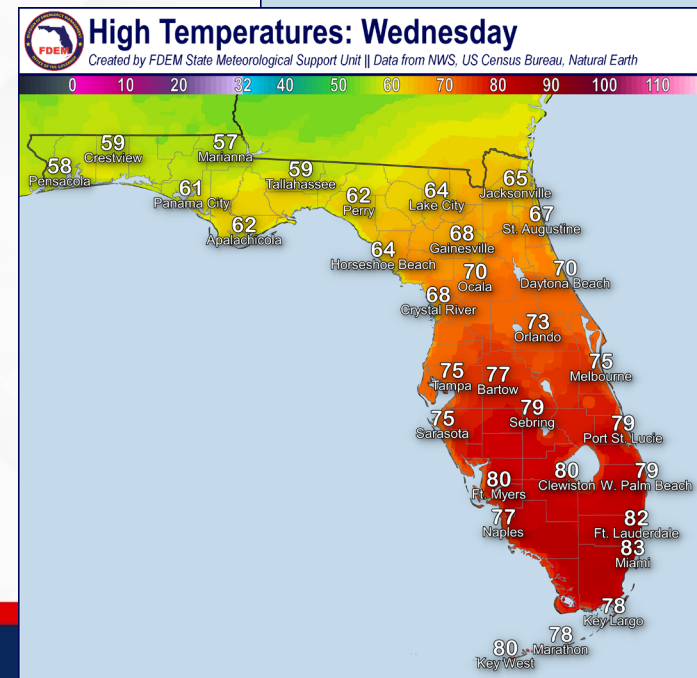
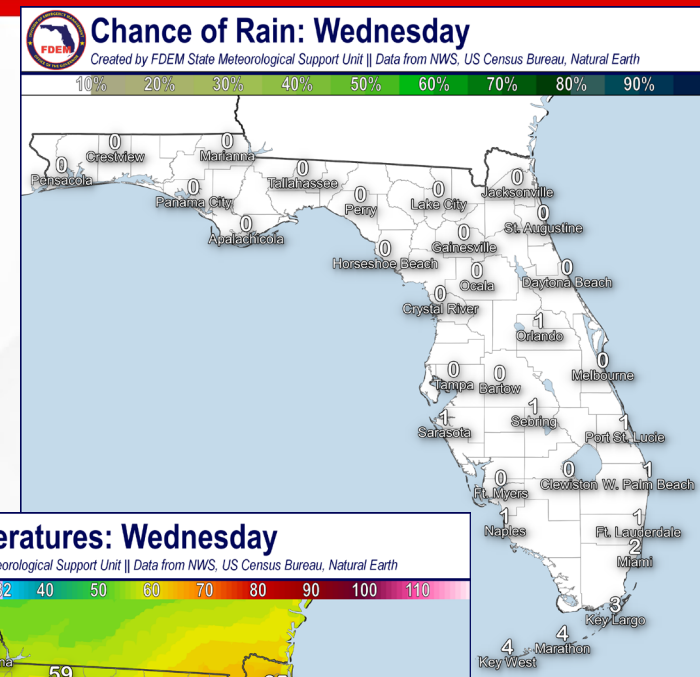
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Sunshine will return to the Sunshine State as yesterday's cold front will continue to push offshore from South Florida and the Keys this morning. Some clouds will linger throughout the morning, and possibly into the early afternoon hours, before sunshine breaks through. Behind the cold front, high pressure over the Southeast U.S. states will bring a near-zero chance of rain statewide. Dry conditions returning to North Florida today will lead to sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions persisting due to ongoing drought conditions and lack of widespread rainfall with yesterday's frontal system.

The high pressure will shift closer to the state overnight and weaken leading to clearing skies with some high-level clouds passing over. A few showers may drift back into the western Panhandle near sunrise with the next frontal system approaching from the west (15-25% chance of rain).

High temperatures will reach the middle 50s to middle 60s across North Florida, upper 60s and 70s throughout Central Florida and upper 70s and lower 80s across South Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida, upper 40s to middle 50s across Central Florida and upper 50s to upper 60s across South Florida. **Feels-like temperatures** will be in the **lower to middle 30s** across the Panhandle and **middle to upper 30s** along the western Big Bend near sunrise Thursday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Northerly northwesterly winds will lead to a **moderate risk for rip currents** statewide today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf of 1-3' can be expected for all beaches across the state.

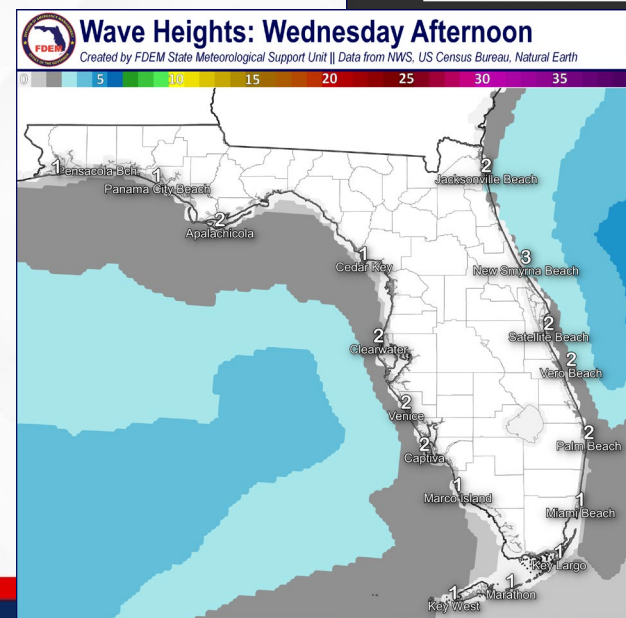
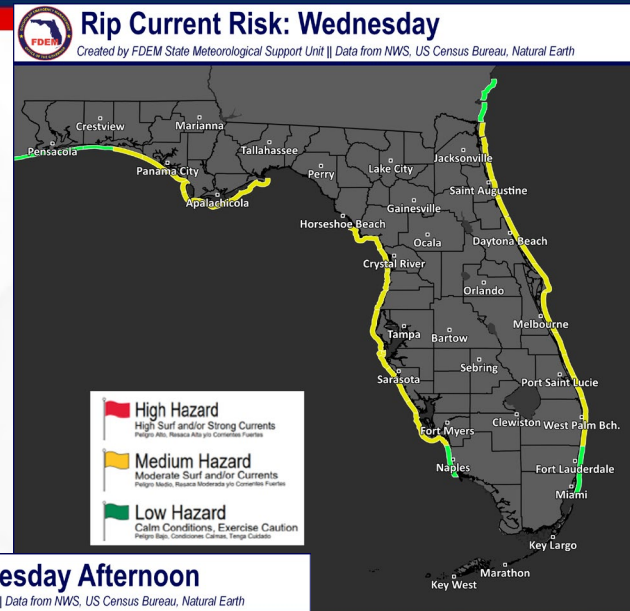
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along Bay and Gulf counties along the coastlines. **Low concentrations** were observed offshore from Franklin county. Background conditions will be observed along coastal Pinellas and Lee County.

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

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

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.67 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet below normal for this time of year.



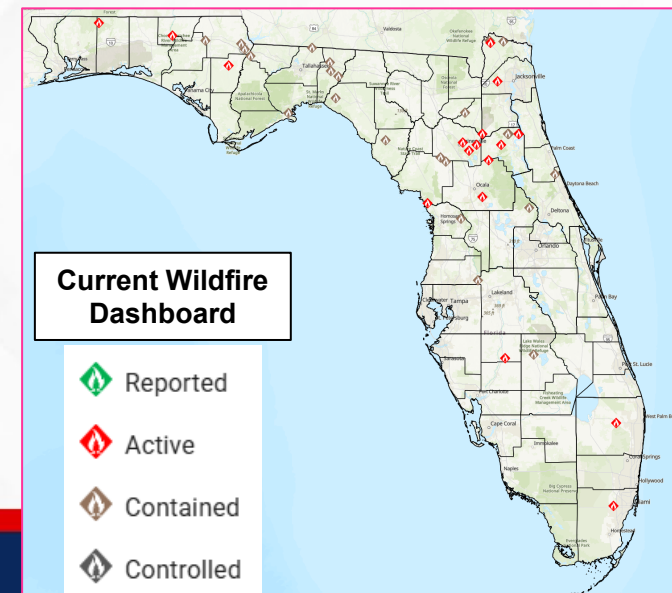
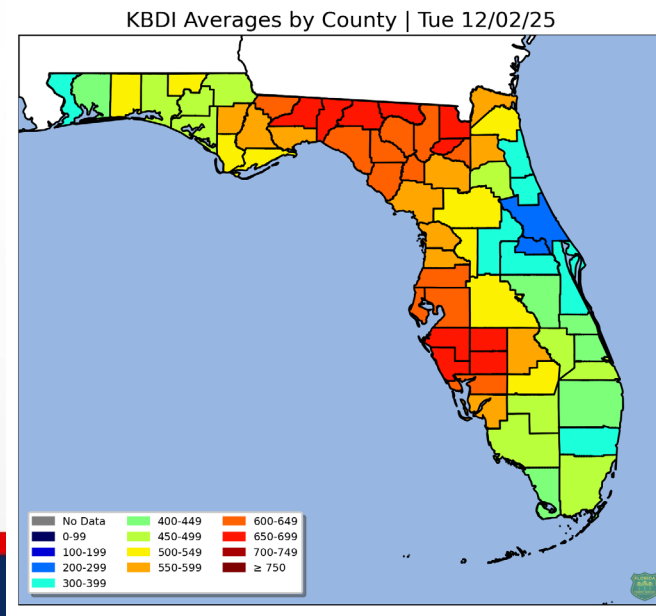
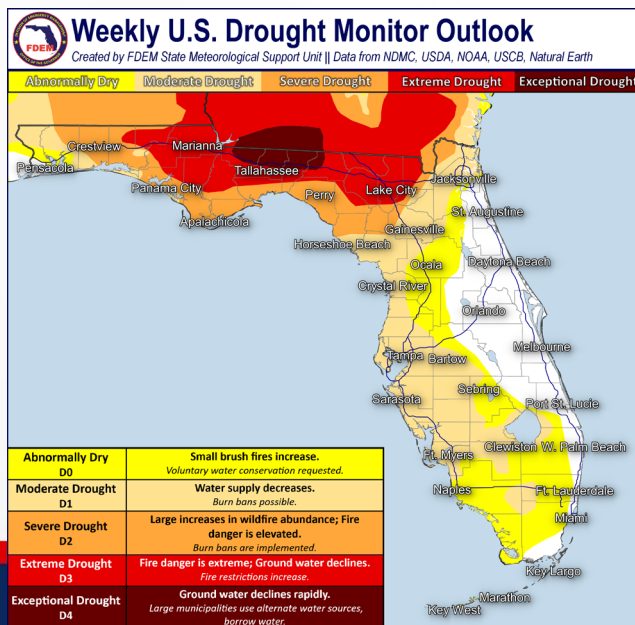


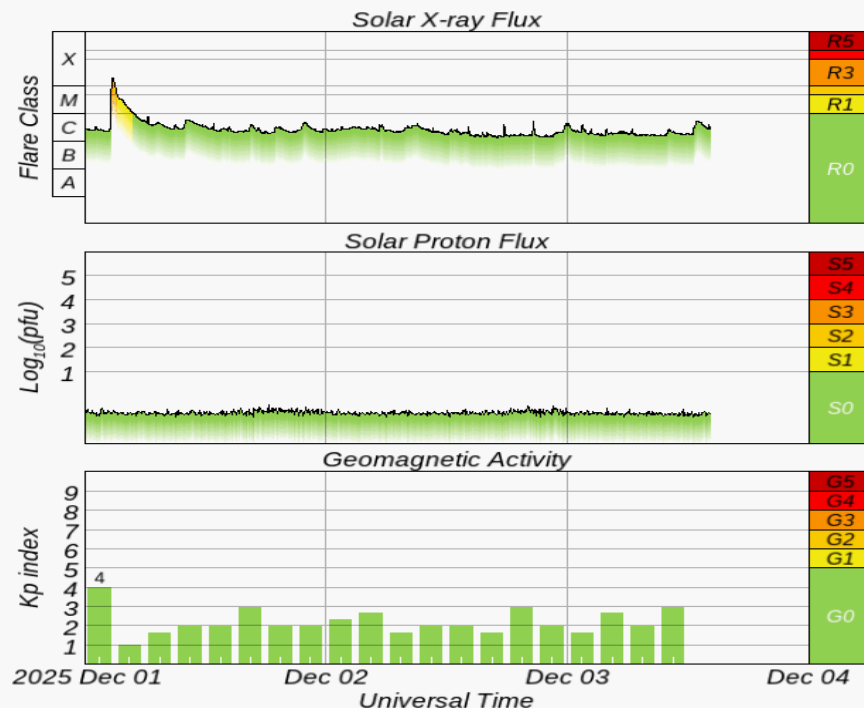
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions return across the Sunshine State in the wake of yesterday's passing cold front. Northerly to northwesterly winds will help to usher drier and cooler air southward through the state throughout the day. Relative humidity values look to remain above critical thresholds throughout the state this afternoon as well as the air mass behind yesterday's cold front won't be as dry as some in previous weeks. Sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions will persist across North Florida due to ongoing drought conditions and yesterday's lack of widespread rainfall for areas that need it most. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 41 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 547 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 **514 (-17)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **42** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Calhoun and Leon counties both have KBDI values over 700.





| Solar Flare Risk | Active Watches & Warnings | Past 24 hours |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
| M-class: 75% | Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Watch – 12/3-4 | C5 Solar Flare |
| X-class: 30% | Radiation Storm: None | No Radio Blackout |

| 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast | |
|--|--|
| 12/3 | 12/4 |
| Max Kp= 6 (G2) | Max Kp= 6 (G2) |
| Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 25% | Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 25% |

Space Weather: Sunspot complex #4294-4296 will continue to create a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares and an isolated chance for significant (X-class) solar flares through the end of the week. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany any X-class solar flares. A pair of co-rotating solar wind ribbons are anticipated to arrive to Earth creating enhanced solar wind conditions later today. Another disturbance, a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME), is also forecast to arrive later today prolonging the enhanced solar wind conditions through the end of the week. The combination of these two disturbances will also lead to minor to moderate (G1-G2) geomagnetic storming conditions developing later today and through tomorrow. A G@ Storm Watch is in effect through tomorrow. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

| Equipment | Contact | Status | Comments |
|-------------------|---|-------------|----------|
| Phone: | 800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell) | Operational | |
| Backup Landline: | 850-487-3234, 850-487-3228 | Operational | |
| 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 | |
| FIN: | SOFEOC | Operational | |
| Satellite Phones: | MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838 | Operational | |
| Website: | http://www.floridadisaster.org | Operational | |

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