



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Thursday, December 4, 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	Escambia	Region 1 RDSTF Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Apalachee LEPC Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Suwannee	County EM Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Leon	USF EM Meeting / Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	USCG Sector Miami Area Committee Meeting

Region 5,6,7,8,and 9 Coverage Provided by Response RC 10

## Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	LEPC Meeting / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In State	Travel to Leon / Recovery Bureau Meeting
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

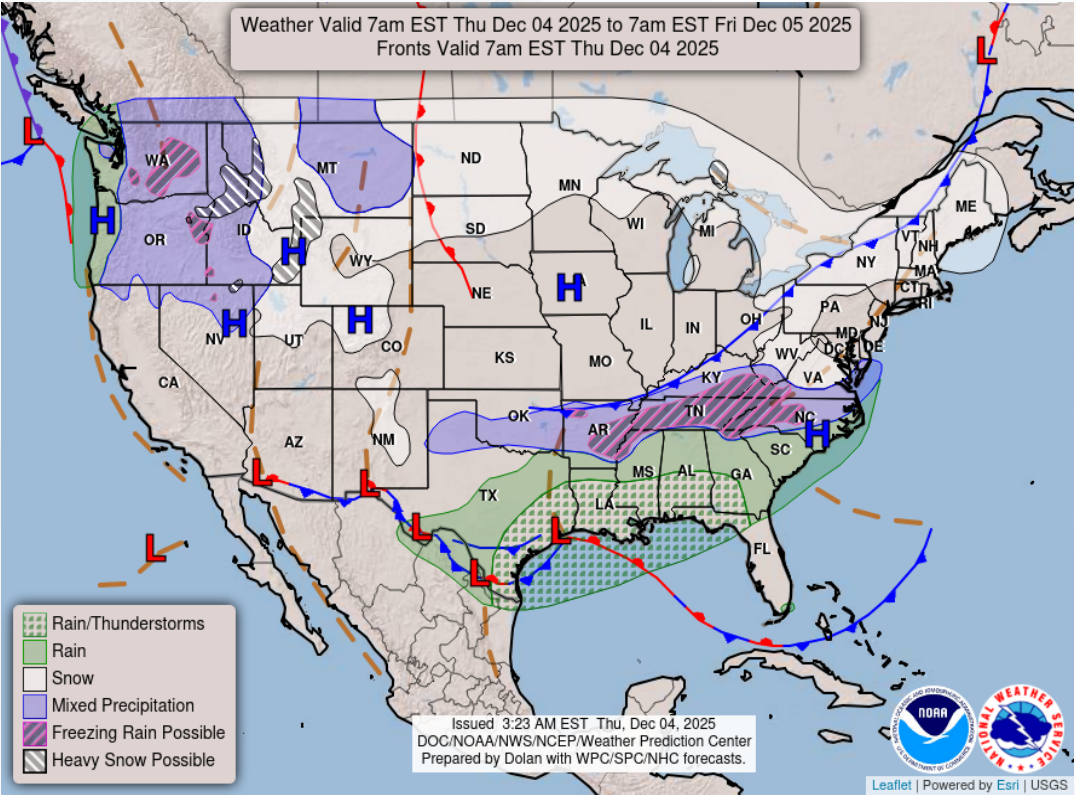
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



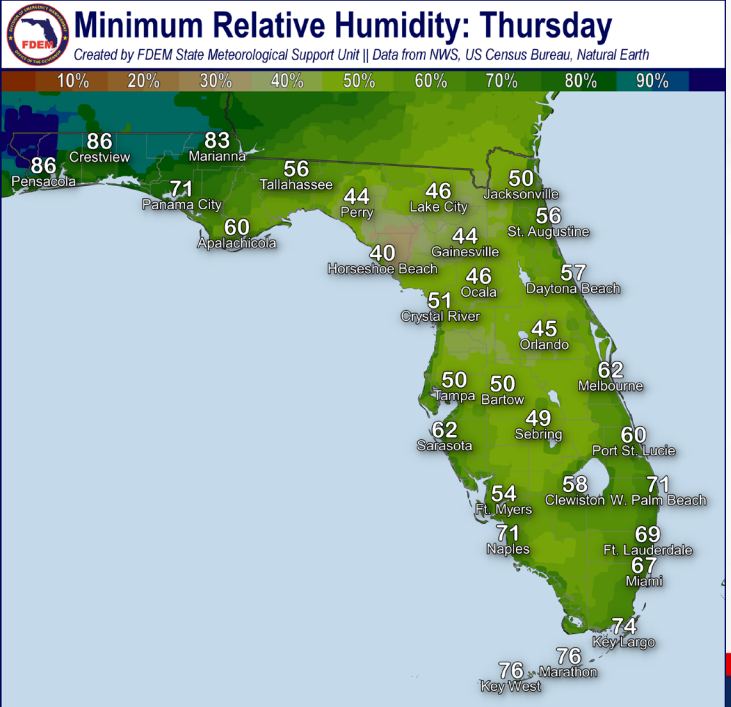
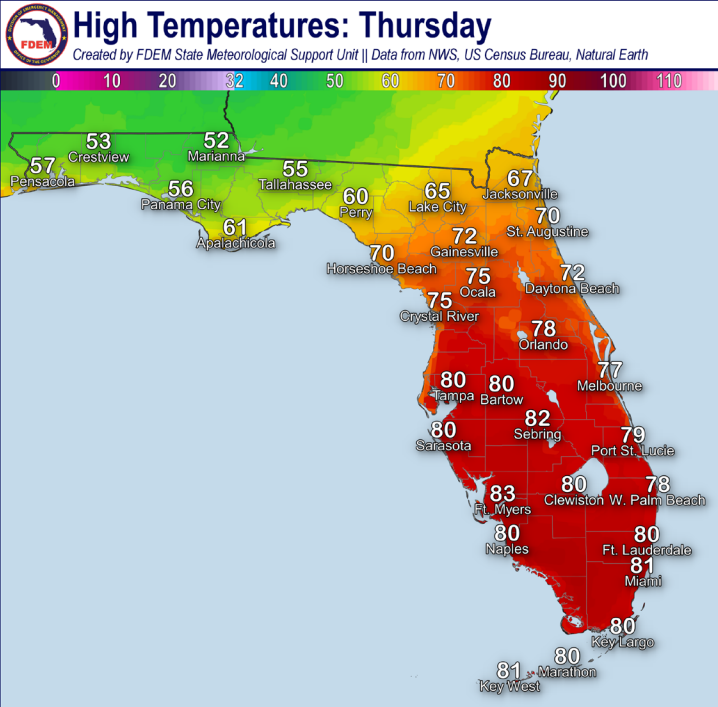


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L								
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L									
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L								
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire				L	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.66 ft. (1.14 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	511 (-3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





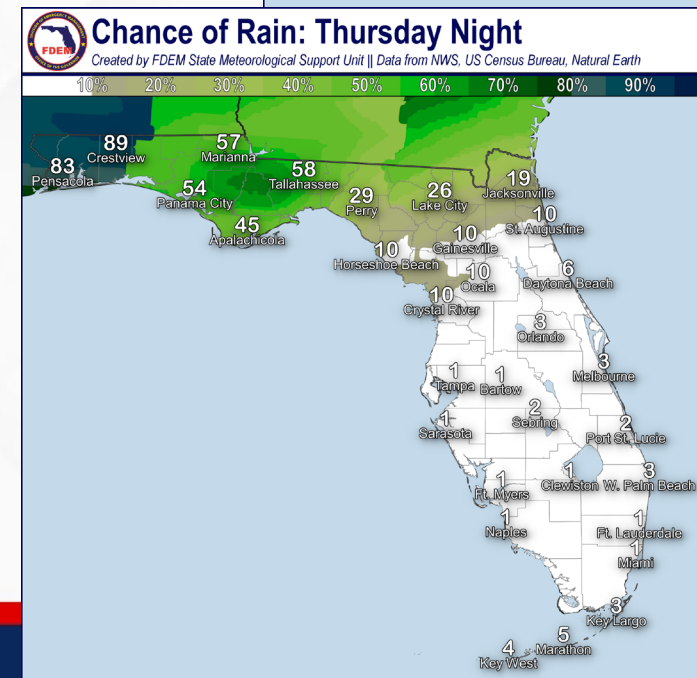
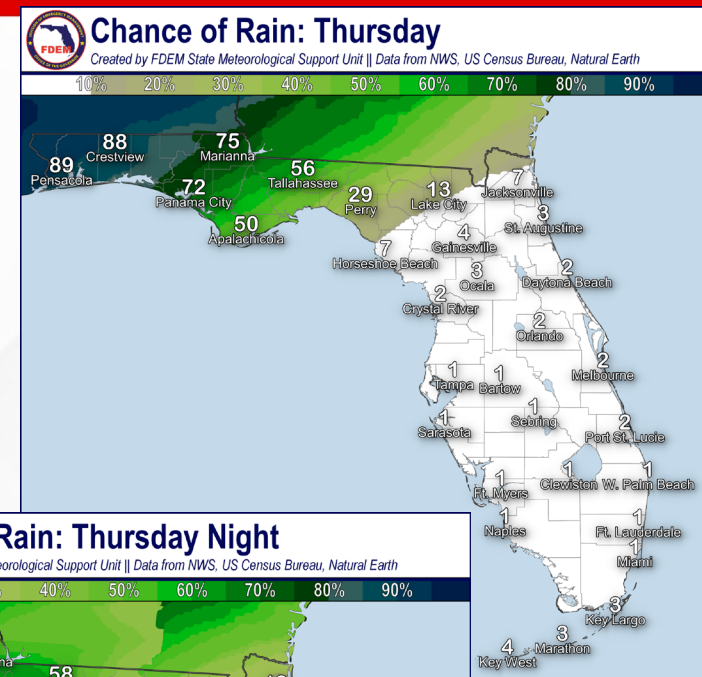
# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Showers and embedded thunderstorms are ongoing this morning across the western Panhandle as an upper-level disturbance passes north of the state and an attendant cold front sags southward across the Deep South. Abundant tropical moisture will pool along and ahead of this slow-moving front, bringing scattered to widespread showers and embedded thunderstorms to much of the Panhandle today (55-90% chance of rain). The activity this morning will slide eastward across the rest of the Panhandle later this afternoon, eventually spreading across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida this evening and early tonight (15-30% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for flash flooding, **locally heavy rainfall** may lead to some **instances of nuisance flooding** across the western Panhandle, especially in urban and low-lying/poor drainage locations. A few **embedded thunderstorms** could be **locally strong** and capable of heavy downpours and lightning. Before any shower activity approaches Northeast Florida and the Big Bend region later this evening, relative humidities will **approach critical thresholds (35-40% RH values)** which may lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** given the ongoing severe drought.

Shower activity may subside across the Panhandle overnight as the upper-level disturbance departs northeastward out of the region, though a few isolated to widely scattered showers will linger (40-60% chance of rain) before another round of activity develops towards daybreak Friday morning across the western Panhandle (75-90% chance of rain). Across Central and South Florida, high pressure and dry conditions will continue to prevail. As such, high temperatures will remain the warmest across the central and southern tiers of the state reaching the **middle 70s to lower 80s**. Cloud cover and rainfall will keep temperatures much cooler across the Panhandle today, only reaching the 50s.

Low temperatures will remain the coolest over the Panhandle overnight, hovering in the middle 40s to lower 50s as the shower activity lingers. Lows will dip into the upper 50s to lower 60s across Northeast and Central Florida, with coastal Southeast Florida only reaching the lower 70s.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all Panhandle and East Coast beaches today where breezy onshore winds are expected. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

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

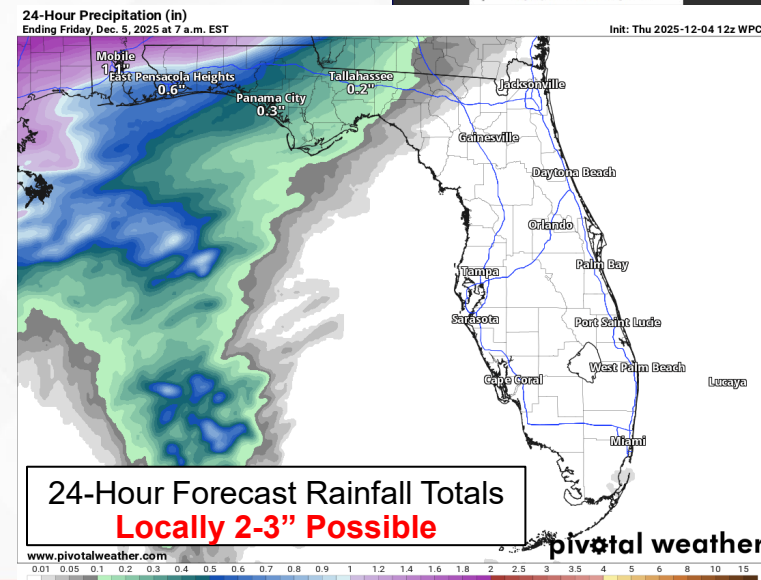
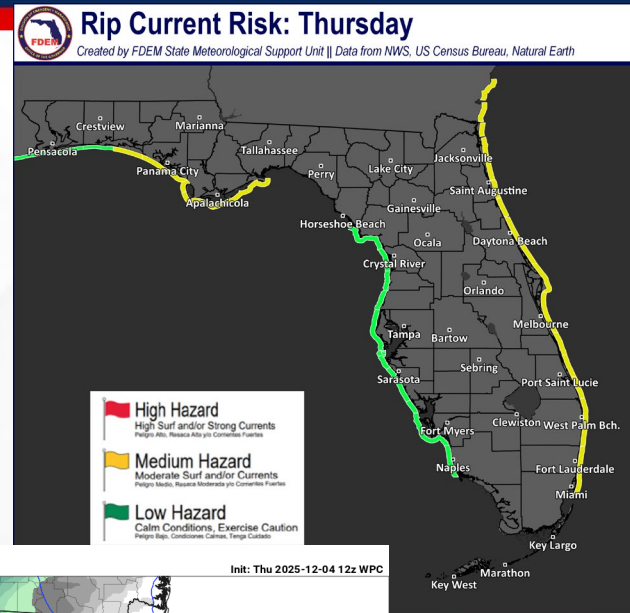
**Red Tide** was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along Bay and Gulf counties along the coastlines. **Low concentrations** were observed offshore from Franklin county. Background conditions will be observed along coastal Pinellas and Lee County.

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. However, **locally heavy rainfall** across the Western Panhandle may lead to **nuisance flooding**, especially in urban and poor drainage/low-lying areas. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 0.5" across the eastern Panhandle with rainfall totals up to 1" across the Western Panhandle. **Locally higher amounts** upwards of 3" cannot be ruled out in any areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy downpours.

**Riverine Flooding:** There are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://River Forecast Center).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 13.66 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet below normal for this time of year.





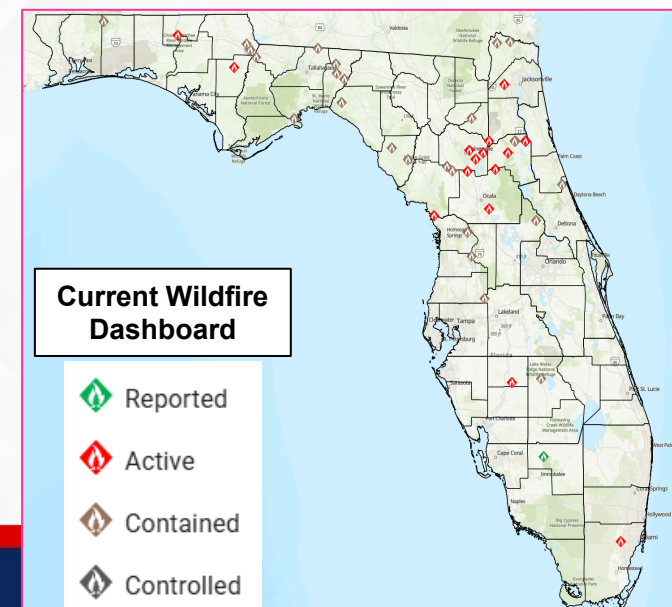
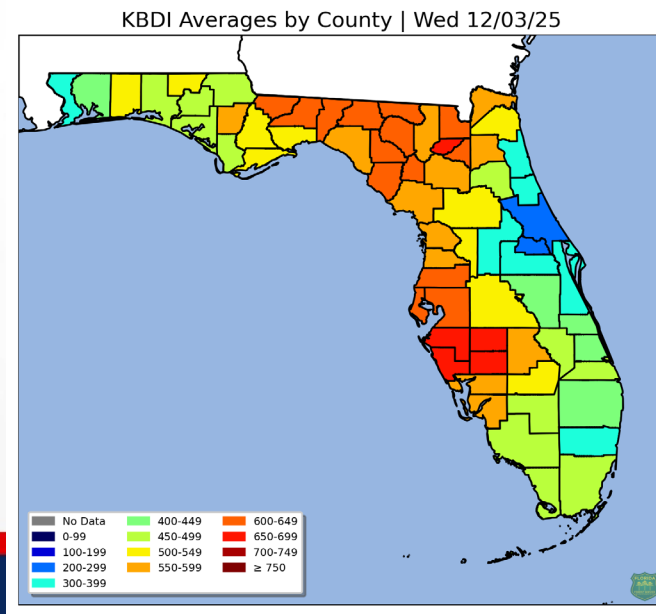
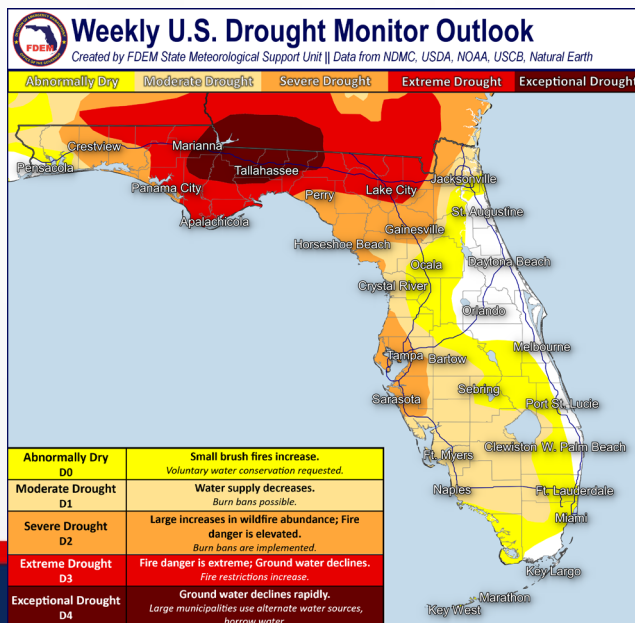


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** The next frontal system will begin to approach Florida today with scattered to widespread shower and embedded thunderstorm activity across the Panhandle. This will keep the wildfire risk very low across the drought-stricken Panhandle today. However, relative humidities will approach critical thresholds across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida this afternoon (35-40% RH values) which will allow for some **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** to develop, especially in any areas experiencing the most severe drought. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 42 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 538 acres.

**Drought (12/4):** Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. An introduction of **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added to coastal West-Central Florida around the Tampa Bay metropolitan area where 60-day rainfall departures remain near 3-5 inches below normal. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was expanded southeastward across much of interior South Florida with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) continuing to stretch towards the Southeast Florida coastline. Across North Florida where the worst drought in 14 years is occurring, **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** remains in place across Leon, Gadsden, western Calhoun and Jackson, and northern Jefferson, Wakulla, and Liberty counties. **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** also remains in place across much of the I-10 corridor and southward along the Forgotten and Nature Coast. Long-term rainfall departures, despite the recent rainfall, remain well below average and streamflows across the northern tier of the state are very low. Additional rainfall this week and weekend will hopefully provide some reduction of the drought for next week's outlook. However, Central and South Florida may continue to see deteriorating drought conditions moving forward where cold fronts will struggle to reach.

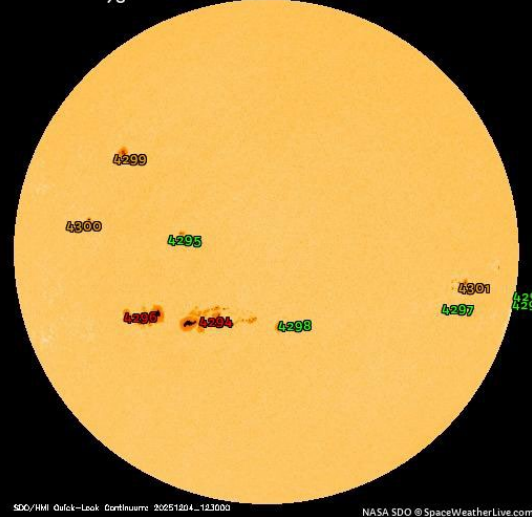
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **511 (-3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **41** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



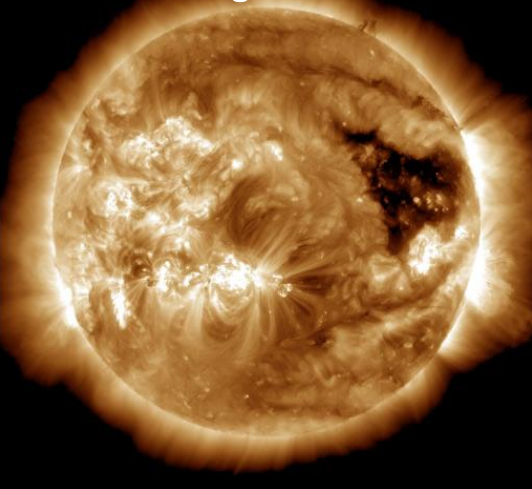


# Space Weather

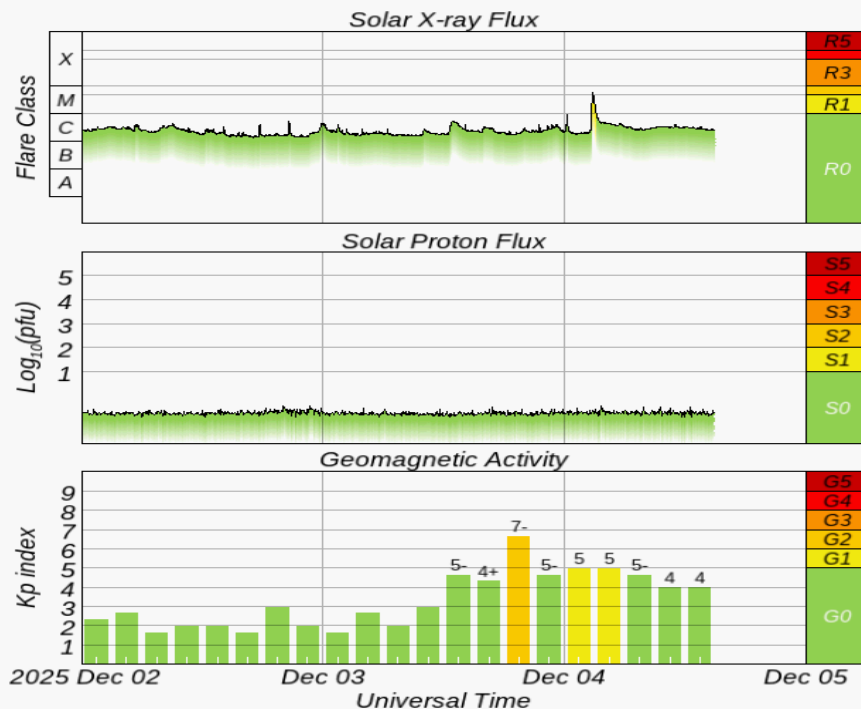
HMI Intensitygram



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



## Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: <b>G2 Watch – 12/4</b>	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 30%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/4	12/5
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 25%	Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 25%

**Space Weather:** Numerous Earth-facing sunspot complexes will continue to create a chance for occasional M-class flares through Saturday, with a few X-class flares possible as well. 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. Solar wind conditions will remain disturbed as coronal hole influences and lingering effects from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) persist through the end of the week. The combination of these two disturbances will lead to minor to moderate (G1-G2) geomagnetic storming conditions today, with a return to active to unsettled conditions by Friday. A G2 Storm Watch is in effect through today. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	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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