



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, December 9, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Gadsden	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Response & Finance Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	MGT-310 Course
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Osceola	Region 5 Quarterly Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Family Reunification Training
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	County EM Introductory Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	Response & Finance Meeting / FFS Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	World Cup Exercise Planning / OVS LNO Call



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	LMS Meeting / FROC Virtual Training
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	County Partners TTX / FROC Virtual Training
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	FROC Virtual Training / Mitigate FL Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Osceola	Regional Quarterly Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	FROC Virtual Training / Mitigate FL Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	FROC Virtual Training / Mitigate FL Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

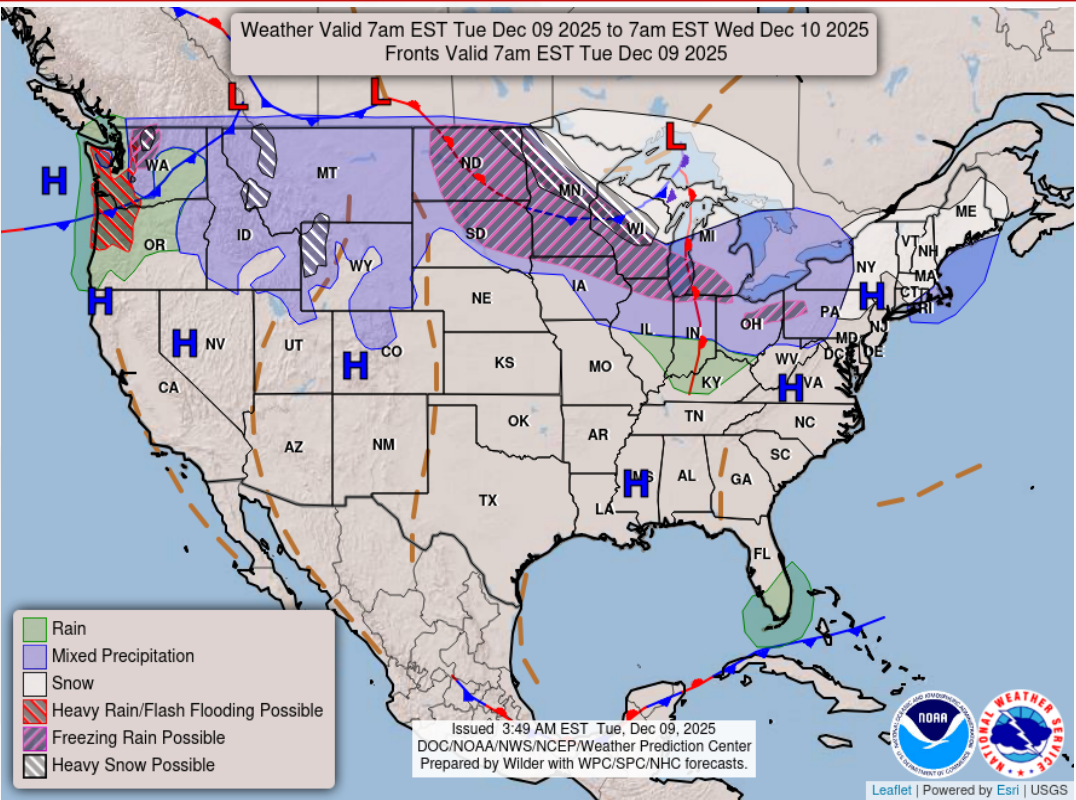
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7 & 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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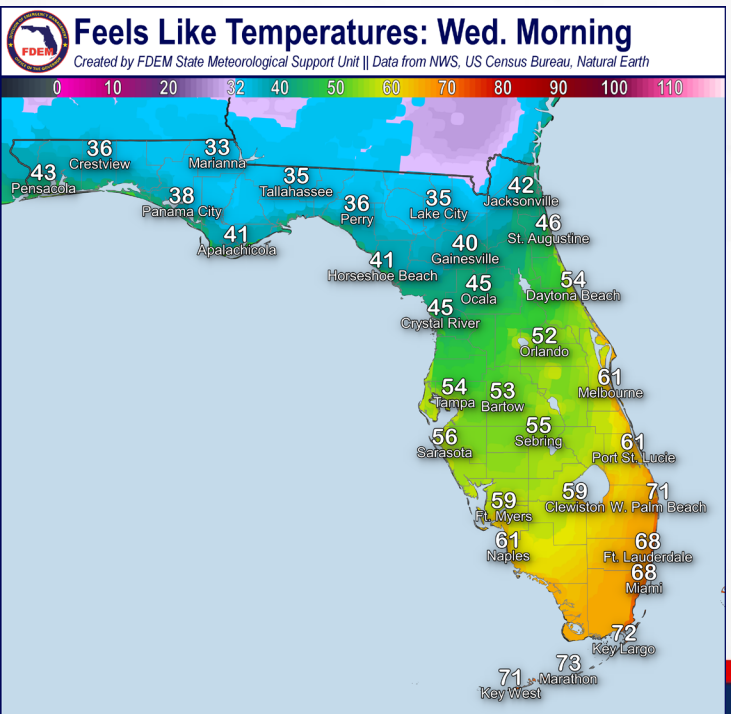
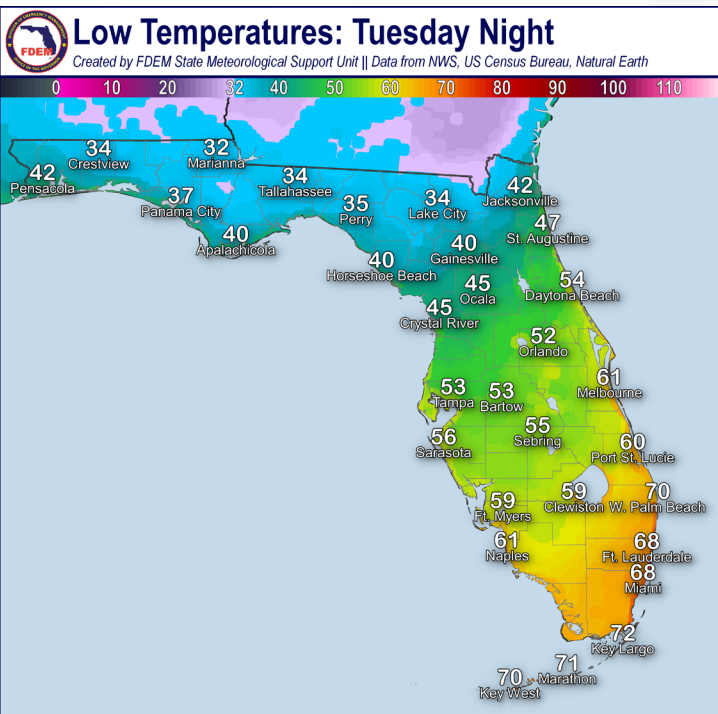


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L	L	L
Freeze (Overnight)	L	L	L	L						
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	M		H	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.66 ft. (1.10 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	393 (-77) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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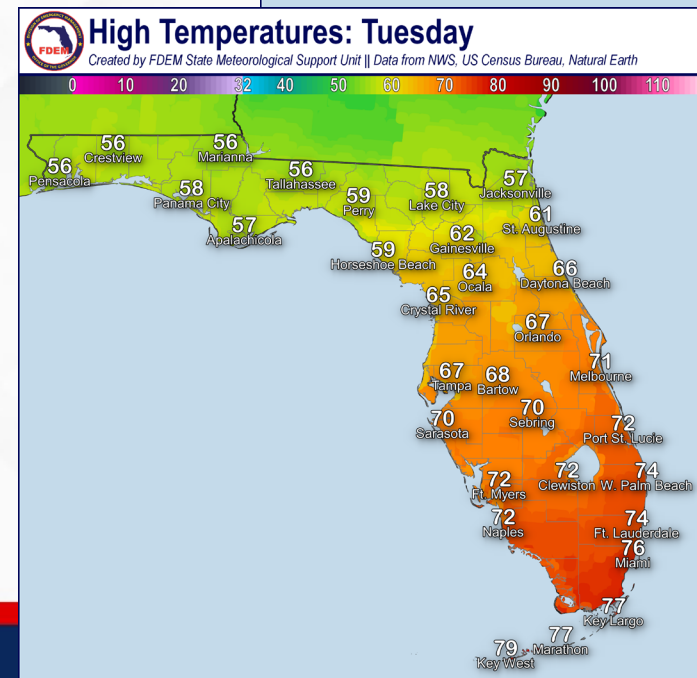
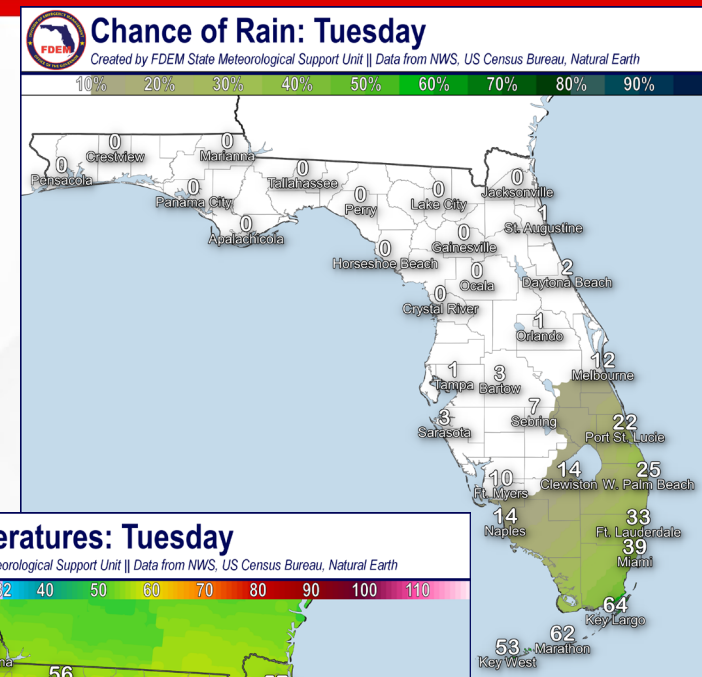
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A **chilly start** this morning across North Florida in the wake of yesterday's passing cold front. Mostly sunny skies and dry conditions return across North and Central Florida today in the wake of the wet and active weather pattern. Yesterday's cold front remains draped near the Florida Keys and south of the Peninsula, but just enough moisture will allow for isolated to scattered showers to develop across Treasure Coast and through the Keys throughout the day (20-40% chance of rain). **Embedded thunderstorms** may develop this afternoon and evening across portions of South Florida and the Keys or may even remain just offshore. Similarly, the heaviest rainfall today should remain over the adjacent coastal waters, but any thunderstorm or heavier shower activity that drifts onshore could lead to **nuisance ponding of water** over urban corridors.

A cool day can be expected with high temperatures reaching the middle to upper 50s across North Florida, middle 60 to lower 70s across Central Florida and lower to middle 70s across South Florida this afternoon.

Dry and calm conditions can be expected tonight throughout the state as shower activity pushes eastward and offshore across South Florida. A brief or isolated shower may continue across portions of South Florida and the Keys overnight as the front continues to push further south away from the state (20-35% chance of rain). Clearing skies and light winds will allow for instances of **patchy frost** to develop by the early morning hours on Wednesday along and north of the I-10 corridor. **Frost Advisories** will go into effect at 3:00 AM EST along northern portions of the Suwannee Valley Wednesday morning.

Low temperatures will fall into the **lower to middle 30s** north of the I-10 corridor, **middle 30s** to lower 40s south of the I-10 corridor, upper 40s to upper 50s across Central Florida and upper 50s to lower 70s across South Florida overnight. Isolated spots could see **feels-like temperatures** in the **upper 20s to lower 30s** north of the I-10 corridor in the upper Suwannee Valley by sunrise Wednesday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Northeasterly winds will create onshore flow along the East Coast leading to a **high risk for rip currents** along all beaches. A **moderate risk** can be expected for nearly all Panhandle and Gulf Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Onshore winds from northeasterly flow will create **wave heights of 3-5'** along the East Coast with larger wave **heights of 5-7'** offshore along the Treasure and Southeast Florida coast. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see wave heights return to 1-3'.

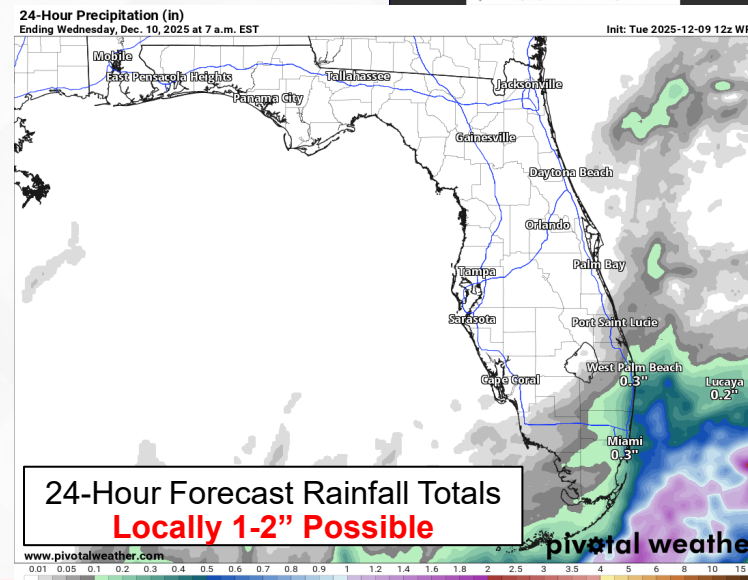
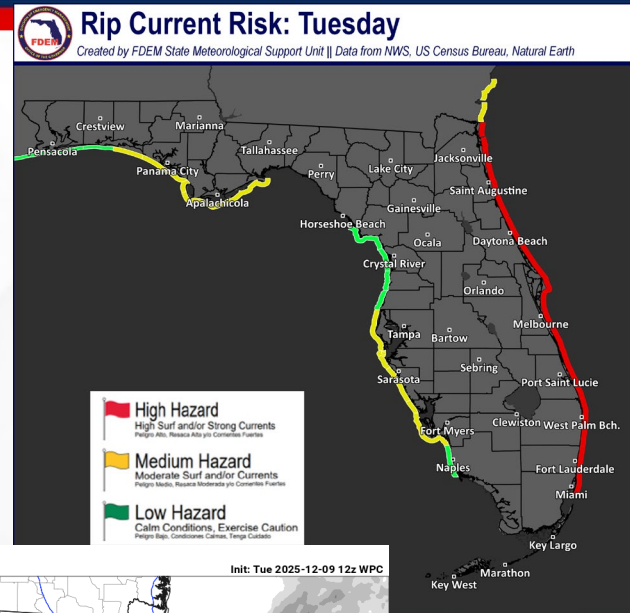
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. The heaviest rainfall today will remain just offshore from the Keys and the Southeast Florida coast today; however, any thunderstorm that develops could produce locally heavy rainfall if it moves inland and lead to **nuisance ponding of water** for urban areas. Any heavier shower activity that shifts inland or over the coast may also lead to greater accumulation totals. Rainfall total are forecast to remain below 0.5", but a **quick 1-2"** cannot be ruled out closer towards the coast.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.66 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.10 feet below normal for this time of year.



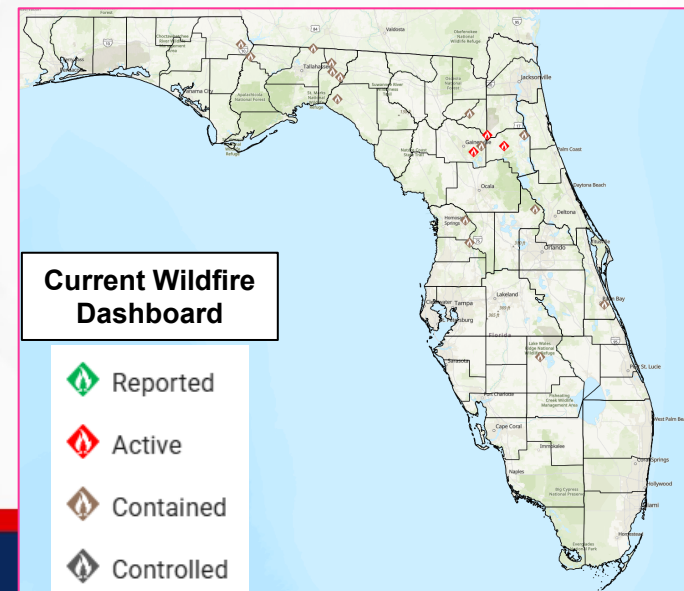
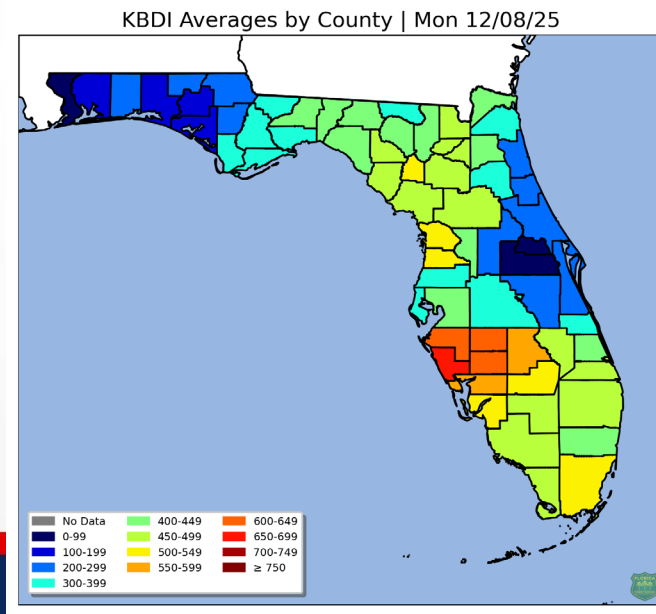
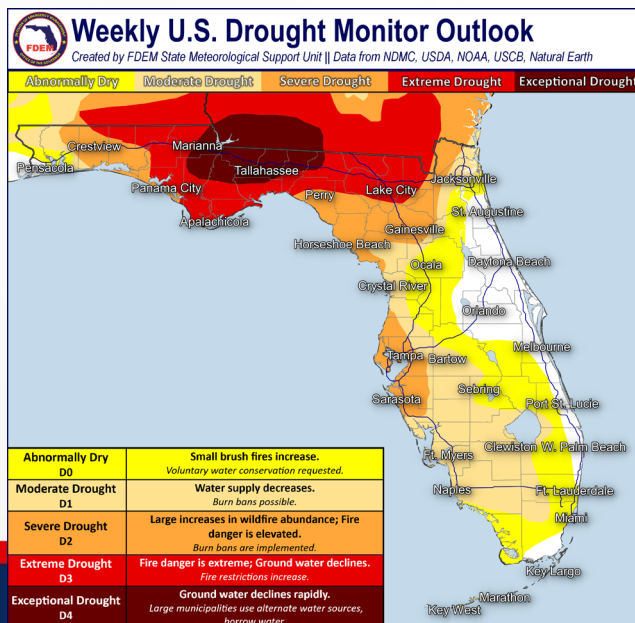


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions return across North Florida after the wet and active weather pattern the last several days. Recent rainfall will benefit ground soils and moisture as it seeps in helping to keep the overall wildfire threat low. With drier conditions returning and longer-term drought conditions in place, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** cannot be ruled out especially for the Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida areas where they did not see as much rainfall compared to areas west. Another round of isolated to scattered showers will be possible from the Treasure Coast and through the Keys throughout the day, and rainfall should generally be light as the heaviest rainfall looks to remain just offshore. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 19 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 323 acres.

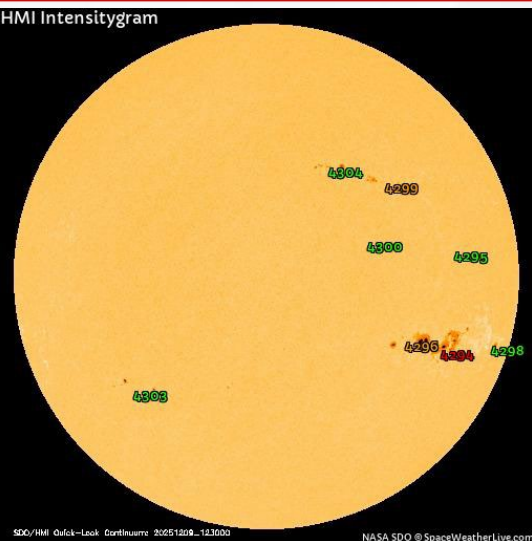
Drought (12/4): Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. 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 persistence of the drought conditions moving forward where cold fronts will struggle to reach.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **393 (-77)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **12** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

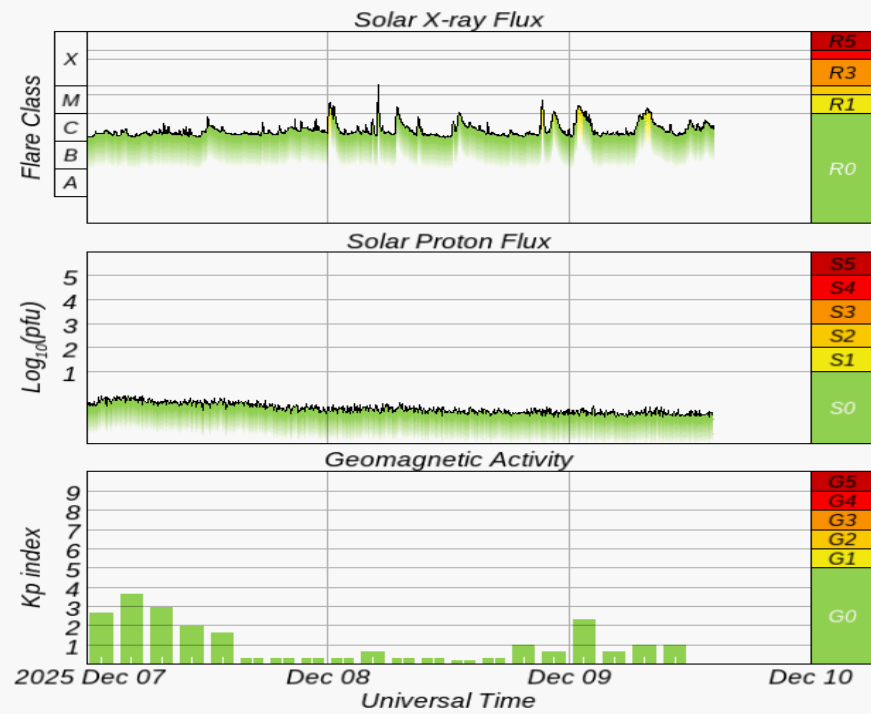
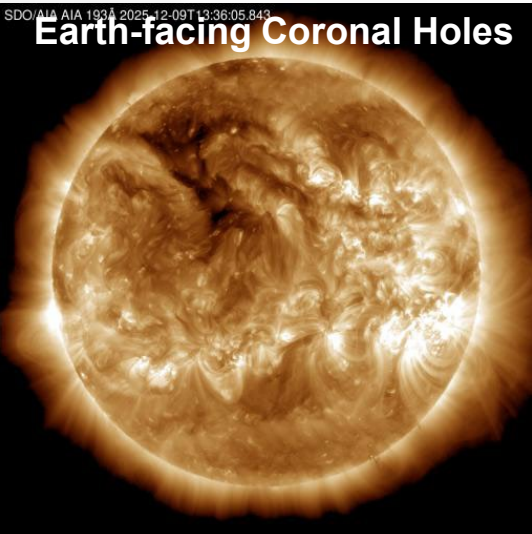




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: G3 Watch – 12/9	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/9	12/10
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 7 (G3)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 50%	Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 20%

Space Weather: Strong (M-class) solar flares are likely to continue through the next couple of days with a chance for significant (X-class) due to recent solar flare potential and history. Any M-class flares that develop will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class solar flares that develop will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced through today due to the arrival of a recent Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that struck the Earth. This also led to strong (G3) geomagnetic storming conditions, which will likely continue through today. The G3 Watch remains in place through today. Minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions will likely continue into tomorrow as conditions wane. 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	
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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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