



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, December 11, 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, Bay	Santa Rosa Partners Mtg / NWS Weekly Mtg / FFS DM Funeral / LMS Mtg
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Jefferson	TLH Airport Exercise Meeting / County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	REC Meeting / FEMA Review Council Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	St Johns	Region 4 Quarterly Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin / Vehicle
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin (AM) / On-Call Status (PM)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Hardee	L-146 Course
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River, St Lucie	County EM Introductory Meetings
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	G-358 Course
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FWCC Event



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Holmes	External Partners Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St Johns	Regional Quarterly Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Internal Partners Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Internal Partners Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

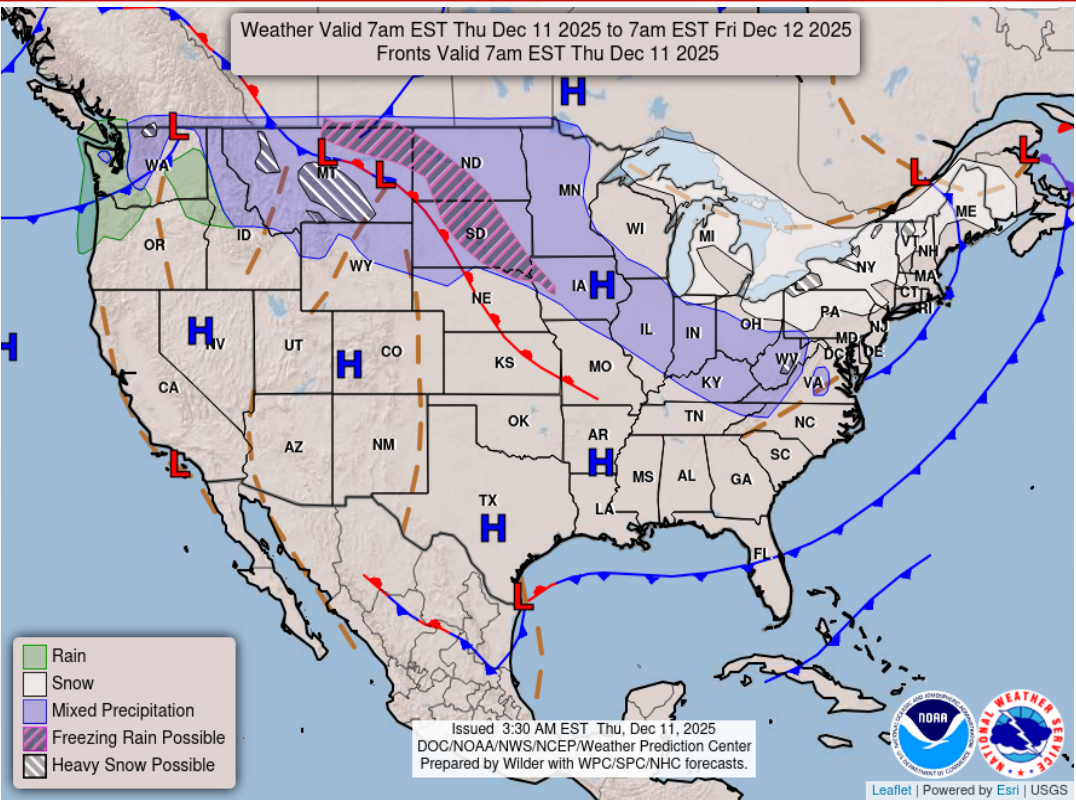
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

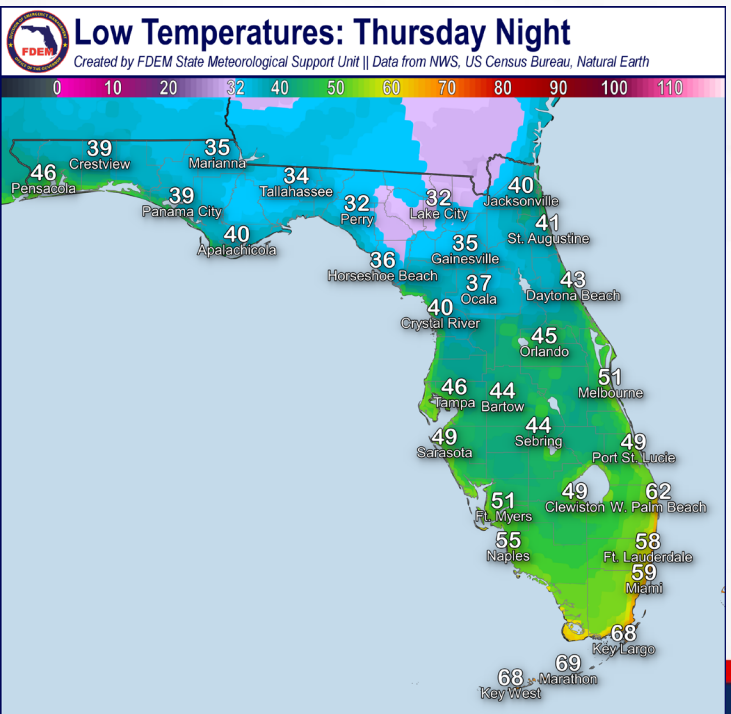
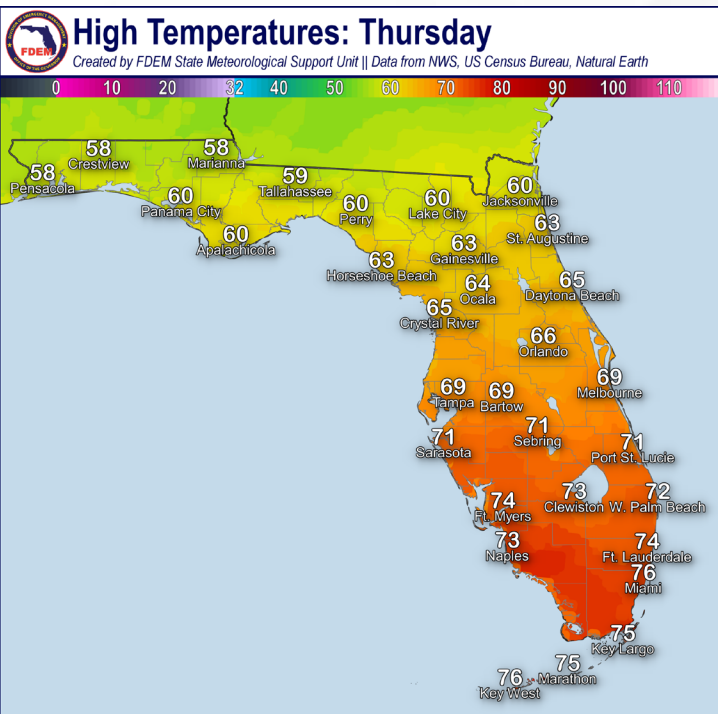


Meteorology Summary



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	M	M	M	L					
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L				
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	M	M		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.63 ft. (1.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	396 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





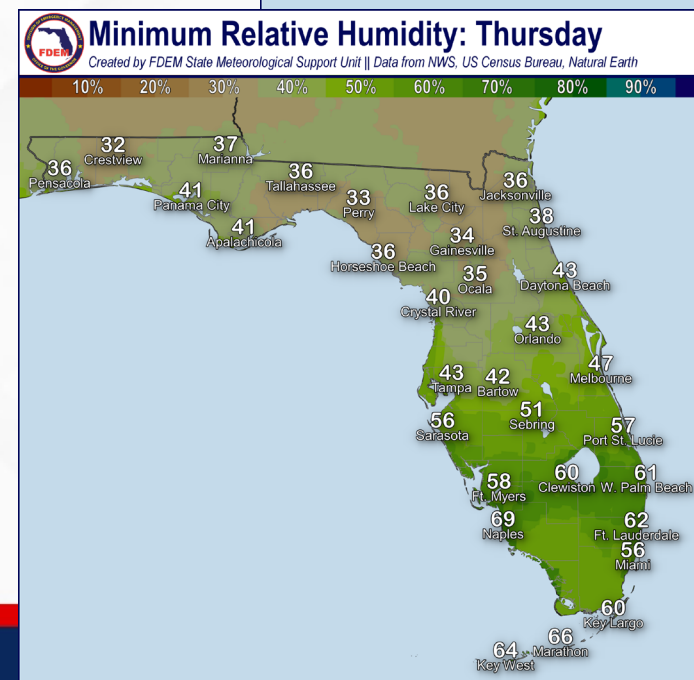
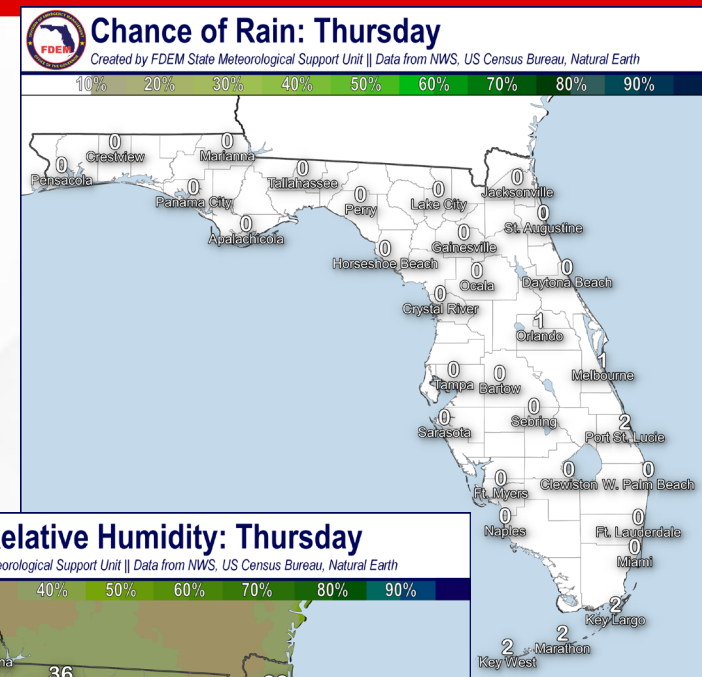
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Clear skies this morning will give way to another sunny and dry day across the Sunshine State as high pressure builds into the northern Gulf and Southeast U.S. A cold front will continue to sag southward through the state this afternoon, though any moisture will remain very limited ahead of this front and no rainfall is expected statewide. Relative humidities will dip to **near critical thresholds** behind this front across North Florida this afternoon (30-35% RH values) which will lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** given the ongoing severe drought. Winds will remain generally light across the state, though a few **wind gusts upwards of 20 mph** are possible across coastal Southeast Florida this afternoon.

Highs will remain seasonably cool today, reaching the upper 50s to lower 60s across North Florida, middle to upper 60s in Central Florida, and lower to middle 70s in South Florida.

A clear and calm night will promote cool temperatures across much of North and Central Florida overnight. A **Freeze Warning** is in effect for portions of Northeast Florida bordering the Georgia border where lows will dip into the **upper 20s to lower 30s**. A **Frost Advisory** is in effect for counties just south of that in the lower Suwannee Valley. Lows will reach into the lower to middle 30s across interior portions of the Panhandle and upper 30s to lower 40s along coastal areas. **Patchy frost or freeze** cannot be ruled out across interior portions of the Panhandle overnight. In Central Florida, lows in the upper 30s to middle 40s can be expected. Cool temperatures will also reach into interior South Florida overnight with lows dropping into the upper 40s near Lake Okeechobee and lower 50s elsewhere. Coastal regions of South Florida and the Keys will only reach the upper 50s to upper 60s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all East Coast and Panhandle beaches today, with local **high risks** across Gulf County along the Panhandle and Palm Beach County in Southeast Florida. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is also expected for West Coast beaches as an ocean swell develops with onshore winds. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean **swells of 3-5'** will linger through today along the entire East Coast with breaking **waves upwards of 6'** off the Treasure Coast. A building ocean swell will increase surf to 2-3' for West-Central Florida beaches today, with 1-2' waves expected across all other Gulf-facing beaches.

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.

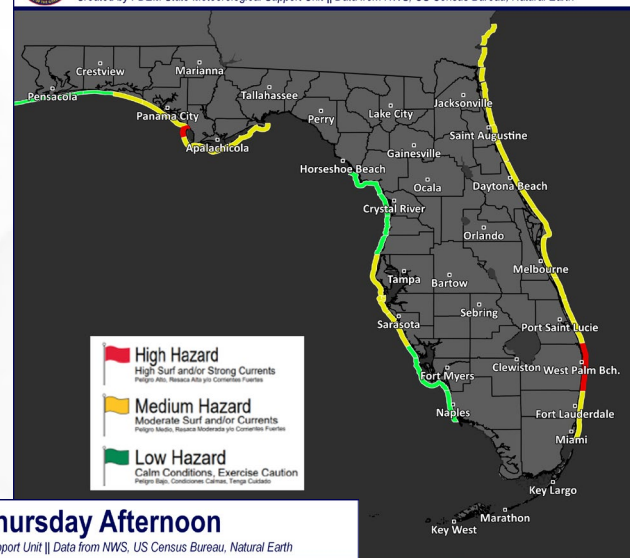
Riverine Flooding: The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) is hovering near Action Stage (bank-full) this morning, though is expected to dip back below Action Stage later this afternoon or tomorrow. There are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.63 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.13 feet below normal for this time of year.



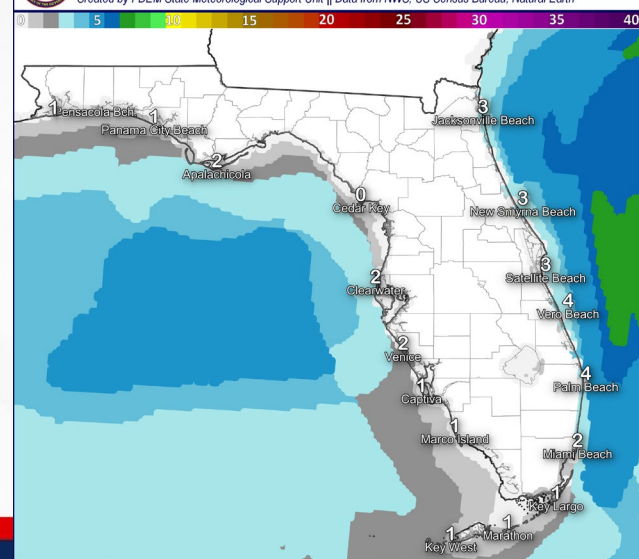
Rip Current Risk: Wednesday

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Wave Heights: Thursday Afternoon

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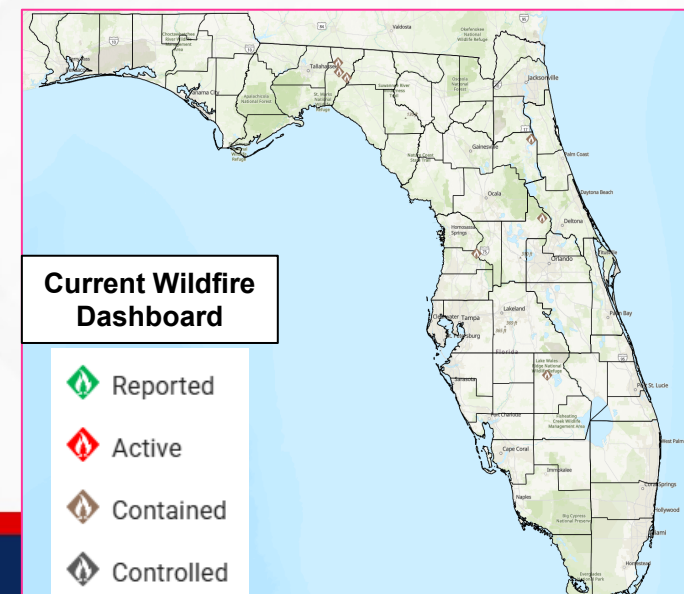
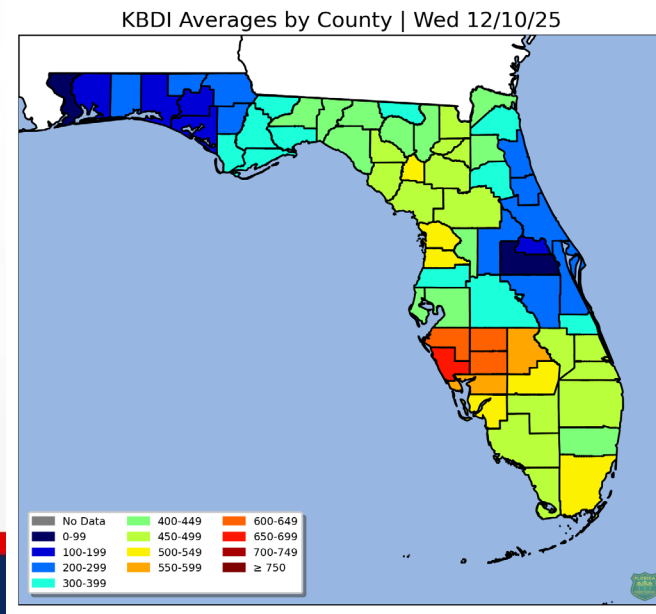
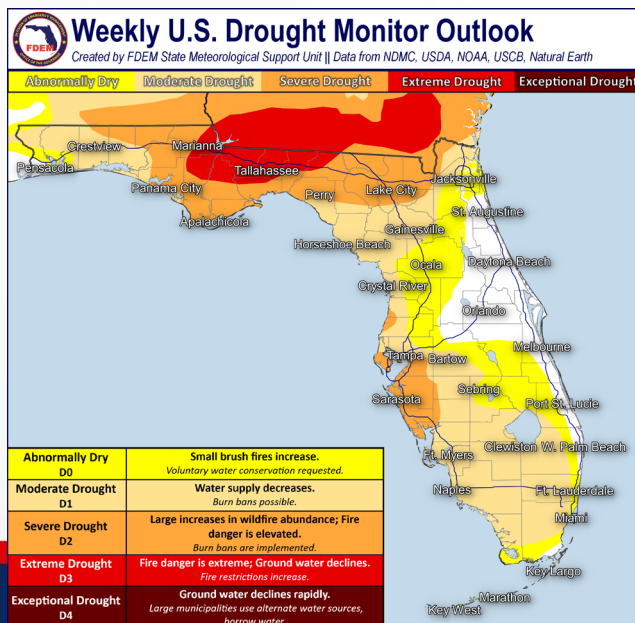


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will return across the state as high pressure builds in across the Southeast U.S. in the wake of the dry frontal passage today. Relative humidities will approach critical thresholds (30-35% RH values) this afternoon across North Florida which will lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** given the ongoing longer-term drought, even with the recent rainfall. Winds will remain generally light, though wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** are possible along coastal Southeast Florida this afternoon. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 8 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 193 acres.

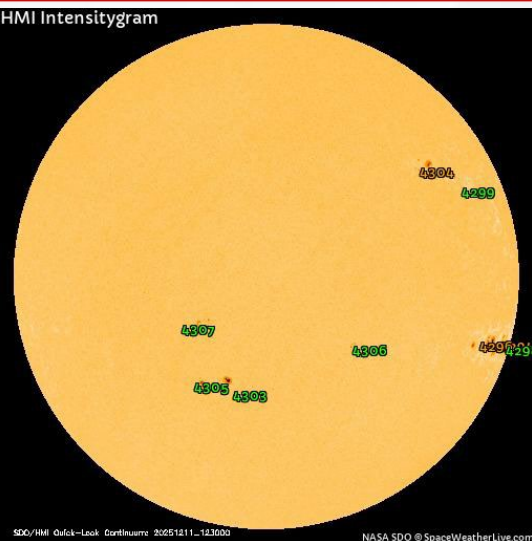
Drought (12/11): Widespread rainfall totals of 2-4 inches was observed across the Panhandle and North Florida over the past week as numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms rolled through the area the past weekend and early this week. As a result, this week's Drought Monitor outlook features some reduction in drought categories across much of North Florida. Last week's Exceptional Drought has been downgraded to an **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** across portions of Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Madison counties. **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place cross much of the I-10 corridor from Baker County to Holmes County in North Florida, with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** across the rest of the western Panhandle and southward across the southern portions of the Suwannee River Valley. Some slight reduction in the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was seen over coastal West-Central Florida of northern Hillsborough and Pinellas County where some localized rainfall totals of 4-6 inches was observed in the past week. However, just south of that, expansion of the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added over southern Sarasota and coastal Charlotte Counties where rainfall largely missed. A general couple of tenths of rain were observed over South Florida in the past week, not enough to curb the developing drought. Expansion of the **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was added to this week's outlook across much of interior South Florida, with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions expanding to the Southeast Florida coastline. Although shorter-term rainfall departures are above normal due to the recent rainfall, portions of North Florida are still under a long-term rainfall deficit (60-90 days) and drought conditions will persist. Additionally, rainfall chances will remain very low over the next week, or longer, which may lead to a resumption of deteriorating drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **396 (+2)** 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).

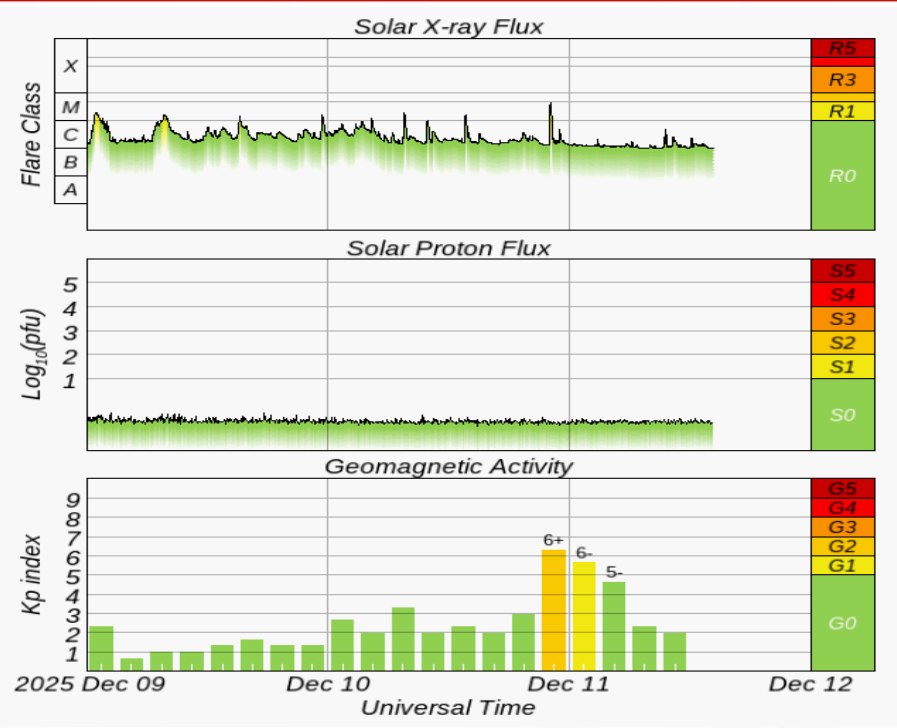
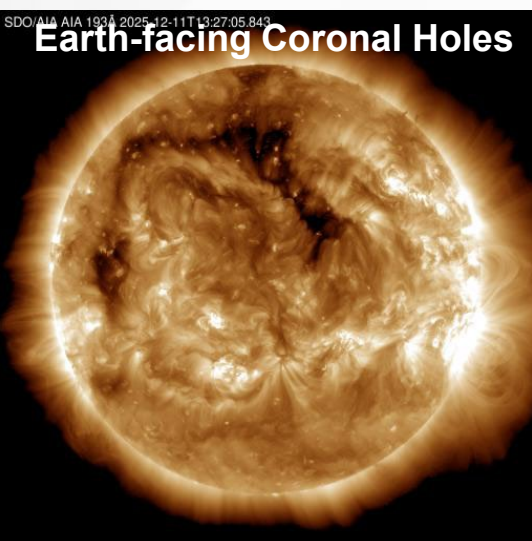




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M4 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/11	12/12
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: The large sunspot complex has moved to the southwestern limb of the sun but still poses a threat for strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares through the end of the week before it rotates off the western limb. A few additional Earth-facing sunspots have rapidly developed in the past day and may contribute to flare activity. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions will likely remain enhanced throughout the rest of Thursday and into Friday before the next coronal hole high solar stream (CH HSS) effects return, keeping conditions elevated. The Earth's geomagnetic storm has returned to mostly quiet conditions and is expected to remain there. 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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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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