



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, December 13, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R4
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7

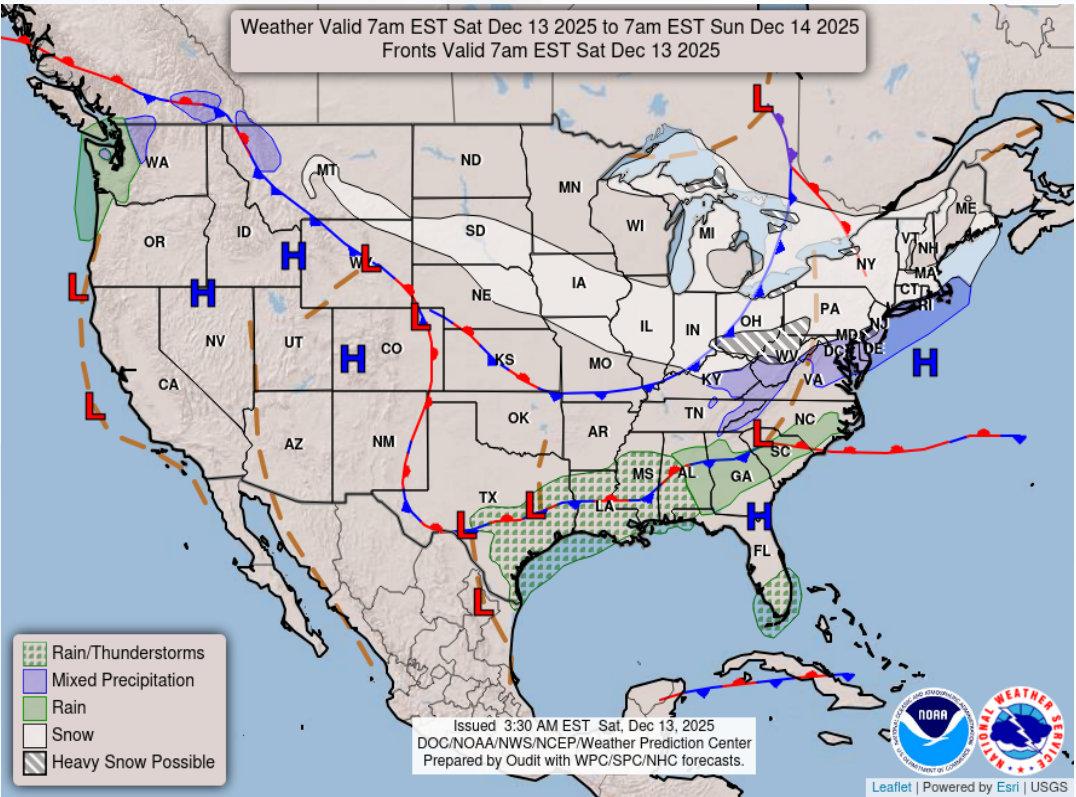
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

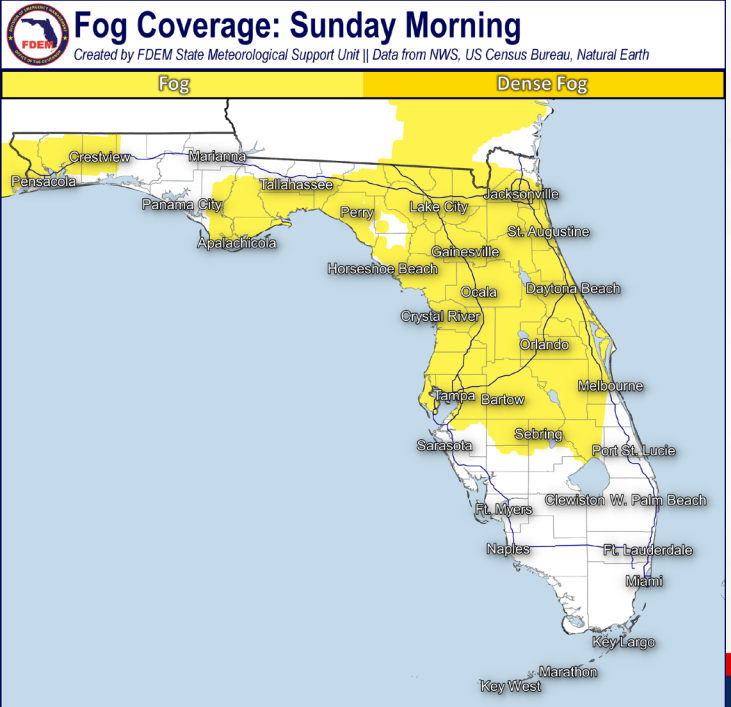
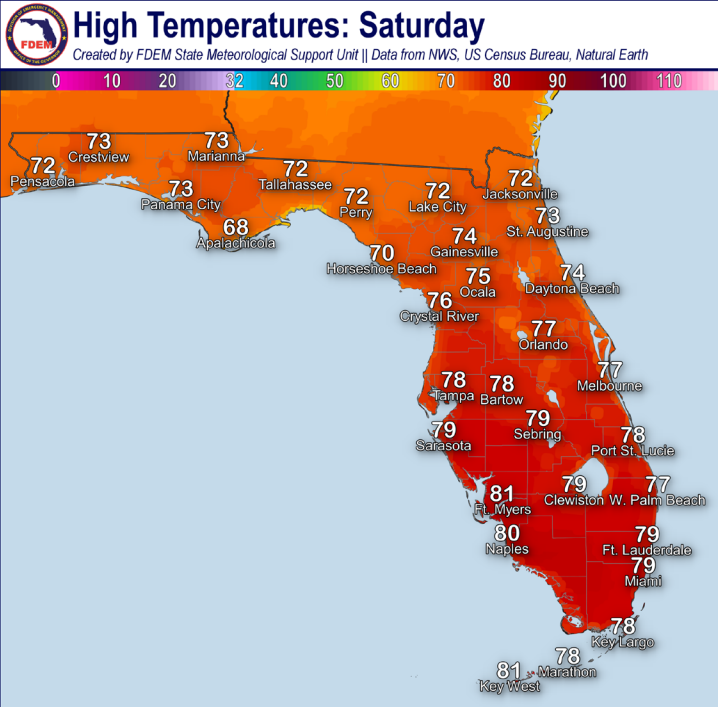


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning									L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L				
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.60 ft. (1.14 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	402 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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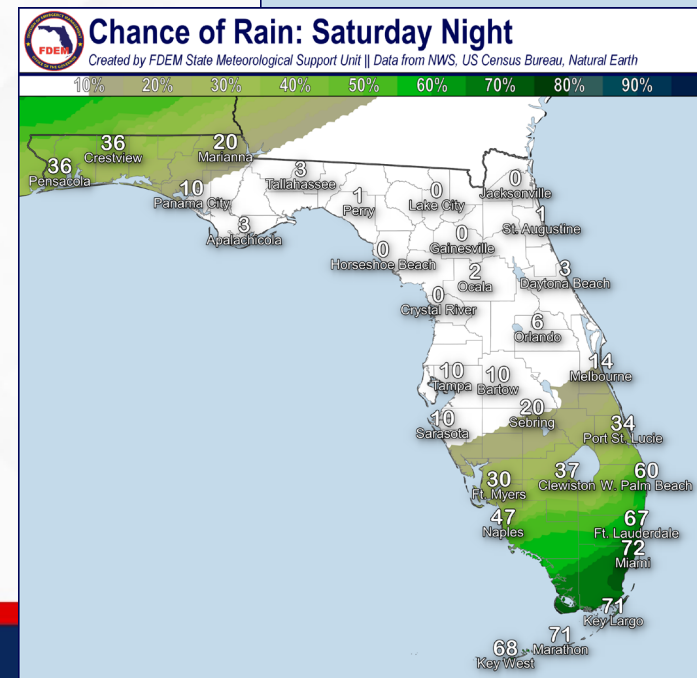
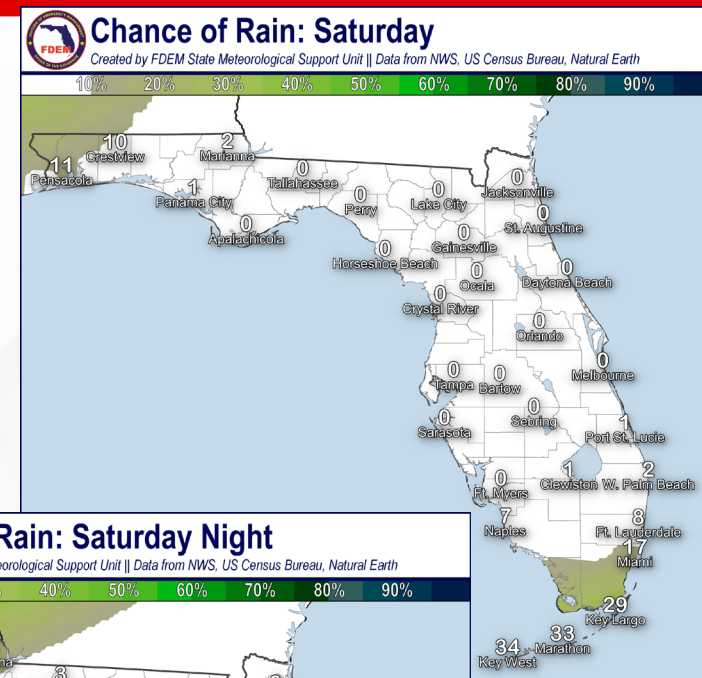
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy dense fog** have developed this morning across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, and **Dense Fog Advisories** will remain in effect through mid-morning. Any area of **patchy fog** should dissipate later this morning as sunny and dry conditions prevail. Surface high pressure will continue to linger across the Sunshine State which will help to keep rainfall chances near zero nearly statewide. However, across the Florida Keys and the southern Peninsula, an upper-level disturbance will emerge out of the Gulf and approach later today. A few isolated to widely scattered showers may break out late this afternoon, mainly across the Florida Keys (25-35% chance of rain).

High temperatures today will warm into the lower to middle 70s across North Florida and the middle to upper 70s in Central and South Florida. A few areas across coastal Southeast Florida may reach the lower 80s this afternoon.

The upper-level disturbance will continue to traverse across the southern Peninsula overnight bringing scattered showers and a few embedded thunderstorms, mainly south of Lake Okeechobee (40-70% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for flash flooding, a few **locally heavy downpours** cannot be ruled out in any embedded thunderstorm activity. Mostly dry conditions will continue across North and Central Florida, however the next potent cold front will begin to approach the western Panhandle by daybreak Sunday morning. Although moisture will be limited out ahead of this front, a few isolated showers may develop across the western Panhandle after midnight tonight (25-35% chance of rain). Calm conditions will promote another night of **patchy dense fog** development, especially across the Big Bend, Suwannee Valley, and Central Florida.

Low temperatures will dip into the upper 40s to lower 50s for North Florida, middle to upper 50s in Central Florida, and lower to middle 60s in South Florida. Coastal Southeast Florida will see lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for most Panhandle, Space Coast, and Treasure Coast beaches today with a **high risk for rip currents** expected for Southeast Florida beaches where some lingering elevated surf will remain. A low risk will return to West Coast and Northeast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells will diminish today along much of the entire East Coast with surf of 1-3' expected. A few waves **upwards of 4'** cannot be ruled out in the surf zone off Southeast Florida. Wave heights around 1' can be expected for all West Coast and Panhandle beaches.

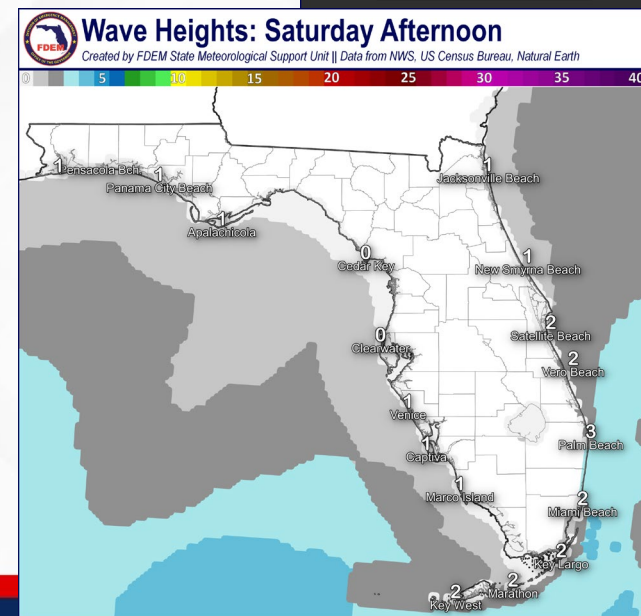
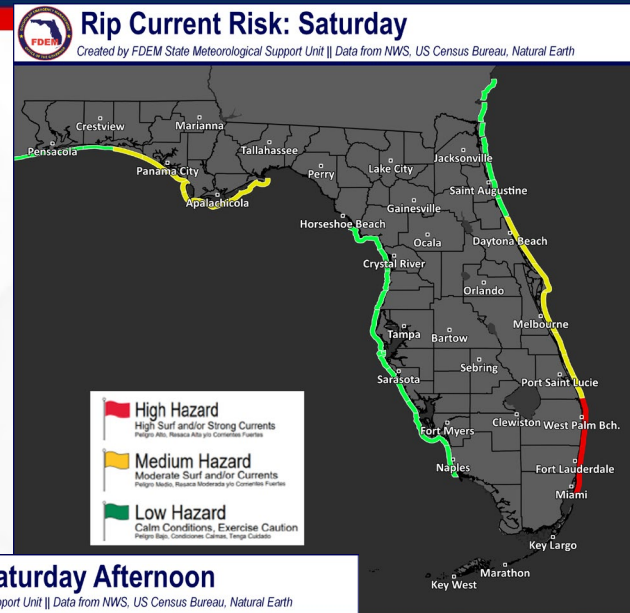
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in both Bay and Gulf counties and background to **low concentrations** in Franklin County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/12).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. An upper-level disturbance will bring scattered showers and a few embedded thunderstorms to South Florida late today and overnight. A few **locally heavy downpours** cannot be ruled out in any of the heavier activity. Rainfall totals will remain generally below 0.5", however a few localized totals **upwards of 1-1.5"** cannot be ruled out if any areas receive repeated rounds of heavy downpours.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.60 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet below normal for this time of year.



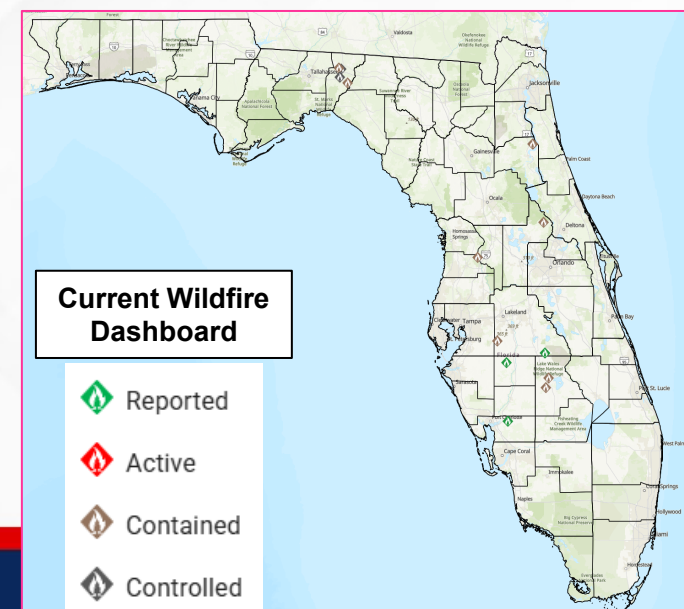
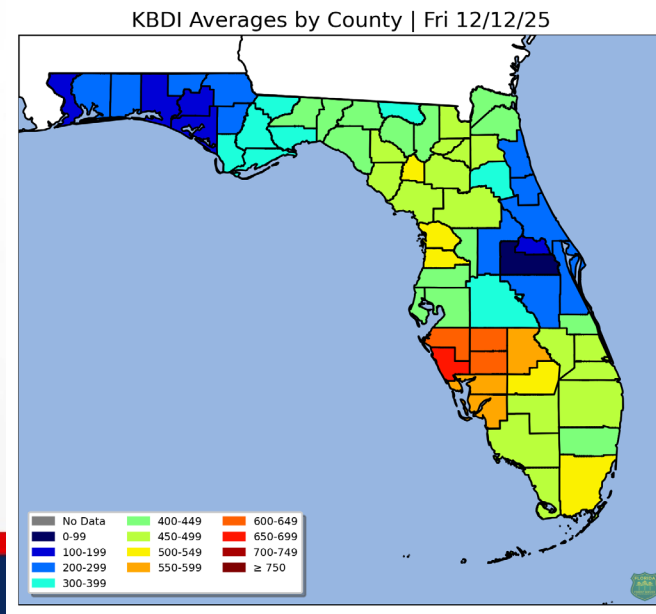
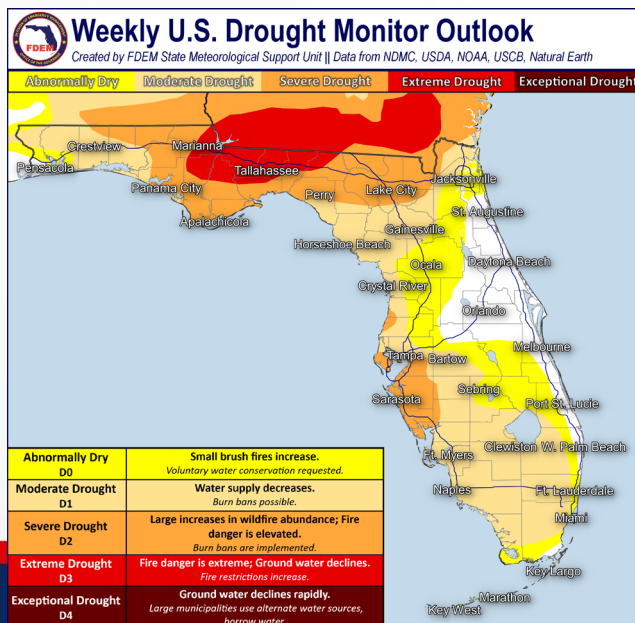


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will remain across much of the state ahead of the next frontal system on Sunday. Generally light winds and relative humidities above critical thresholds will keep the overall wildfire threat low today. However, ongoing long-term drought across much of North Florida, and developing drought across South Florida, may still lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** this afternoon. Winds across coastal Southeast Florida may gust **upwards of 20 mph** this afternoon. Some beneficial rainfall will begin to spread across South Florida later this evening and overnight. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 405 acres.

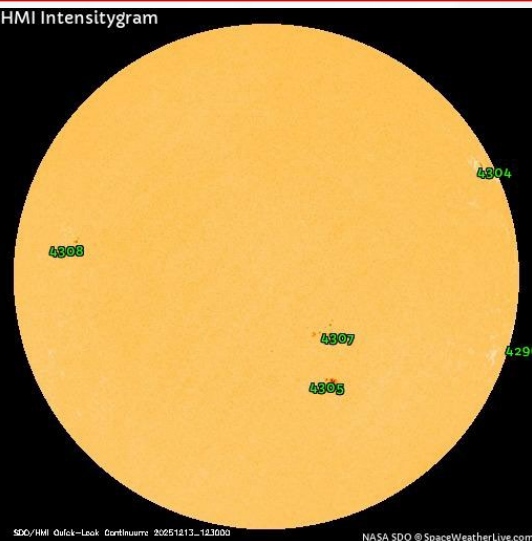
Drought (12/11): Widespread rainfall totals of 2-4 inches were observed across the Panhandle and North Florida over the past week as numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms rolled through the area the last weekend and early last week. As a result, this week's Drought Monitor outlook features some 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 **402 (+3)** 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).

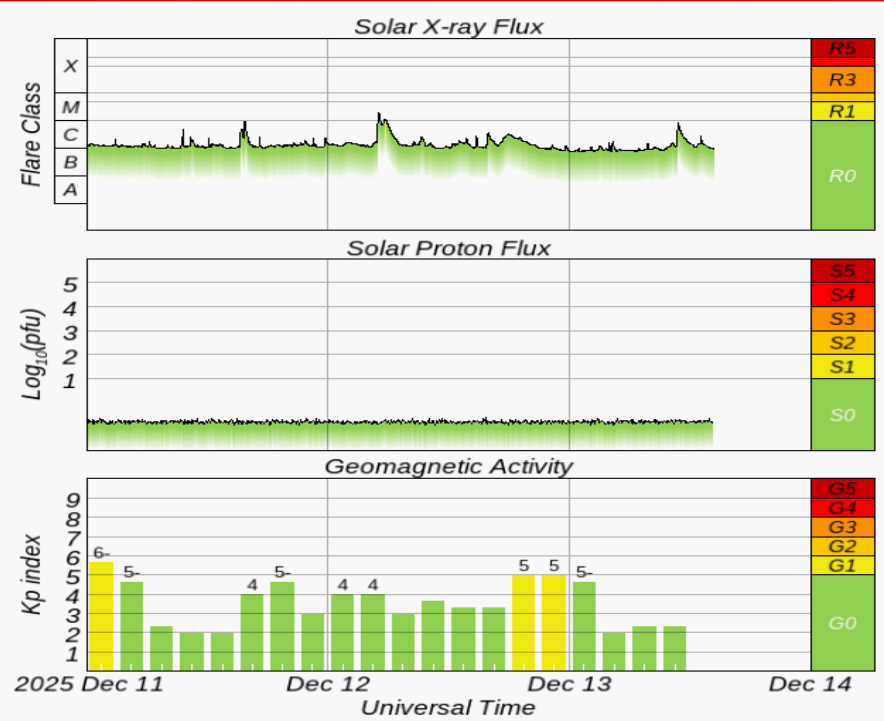
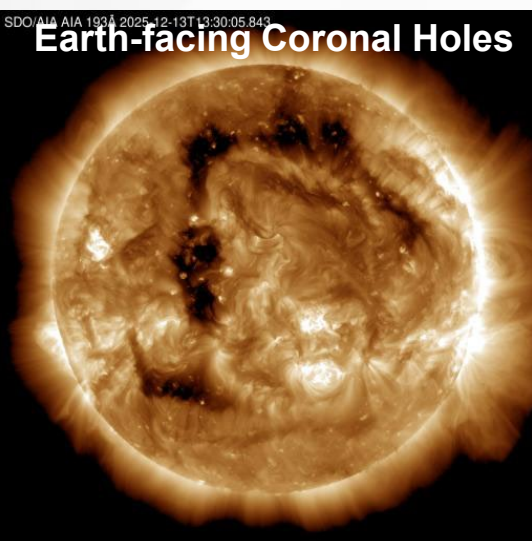




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C8 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/13	12/14
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: A few active sunspots near the west limb, namely regions #4296 and #4294, will continue to provide opportunity for a few strong (M-class) solar flares with a slight chance for a significant (X-class) solar flare. 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 flare activity will decrease through the weekend as these regions rotate beyond the west limb. Solar wind conditions will likely remain enhanced as influences from coronal hole high solar stream (CH HSS) winds persist. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to reach Minor (G1) storming levels on Saturday due to the CH HSS influences. Active to unsettled conditions remain through Sunday before conditions wane on Monday as CH HSS influences diminish. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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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