



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, December 16, 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	Washington, Leon	County EM Visit / Response All Hands Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Response All Hands Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon	Response All Hands Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval, Leon	RDSTF Meeting / Travel to R2 / Response All Hands Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Response All Hands Meeting (V)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Vehicle Maintenance / Response All Hands Meeting (V)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	SWFLHCC Pediatric Care Task Force Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Monroe	USCG Key West Area Committee Meeting



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

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Quarterly Meeting Prep.
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Leave
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	RDSTF Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Instructor Prep.
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hernando	MGT-312 Training
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	LMS Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2/4

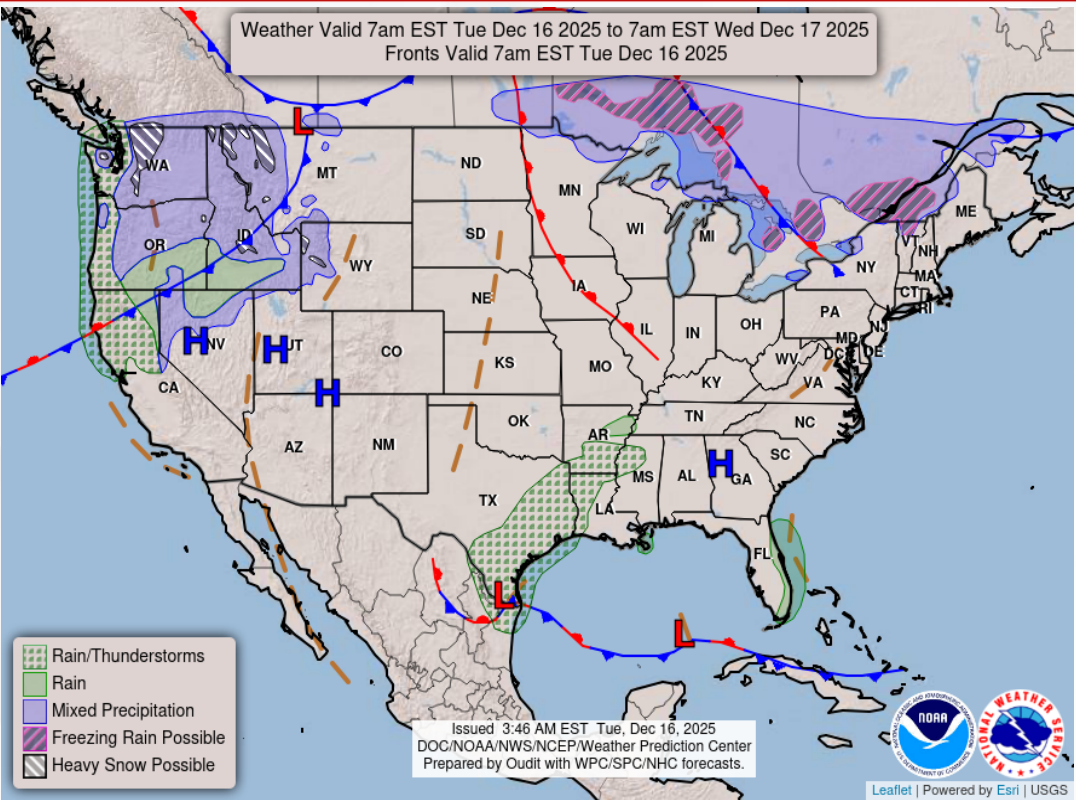
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6/8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

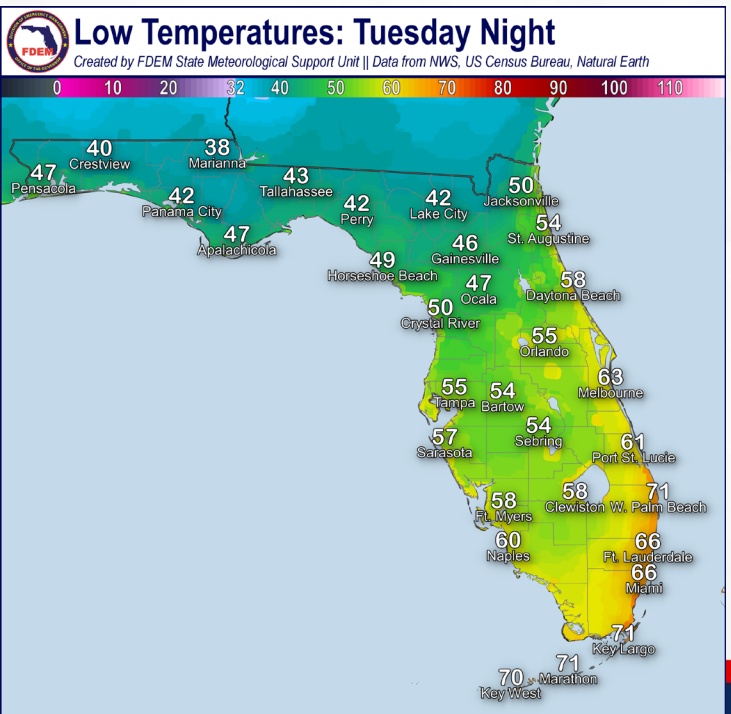
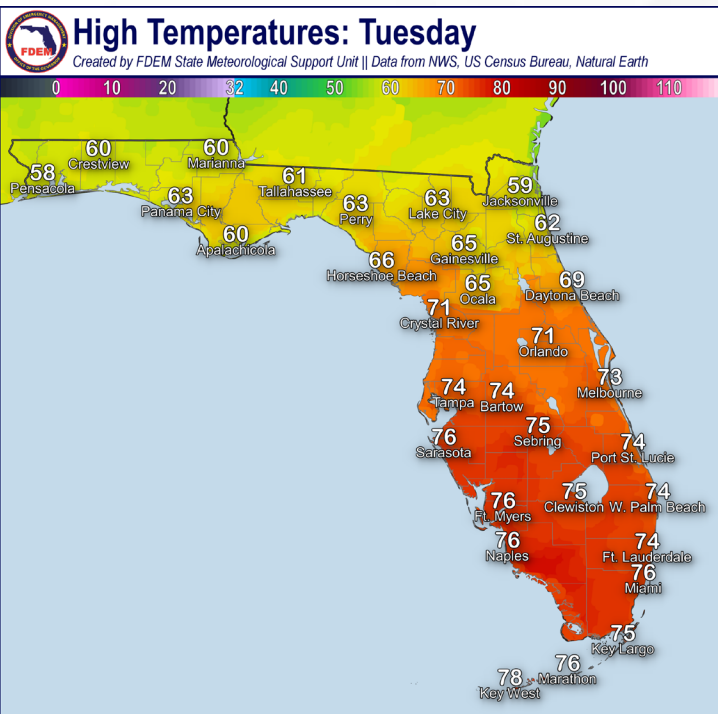


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	L	L	L							
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	M	L	L	L		L				
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.53 ft. (1.10 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	414 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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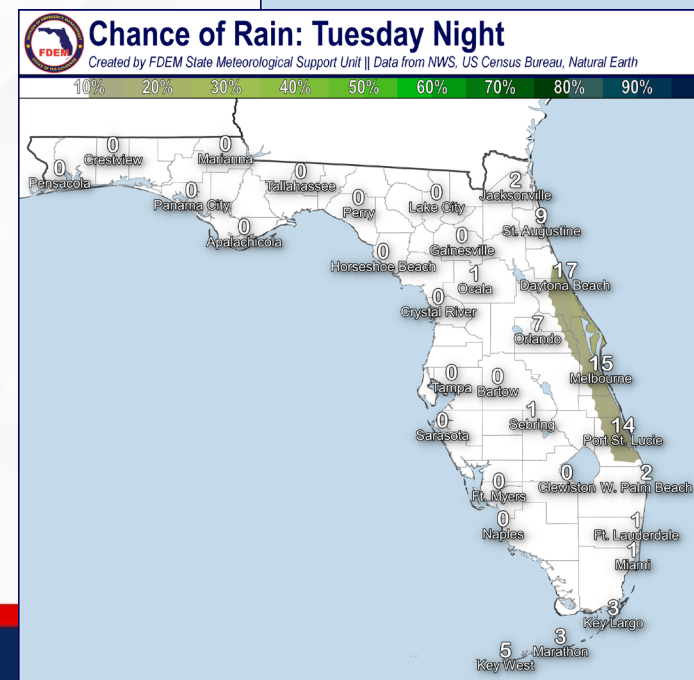
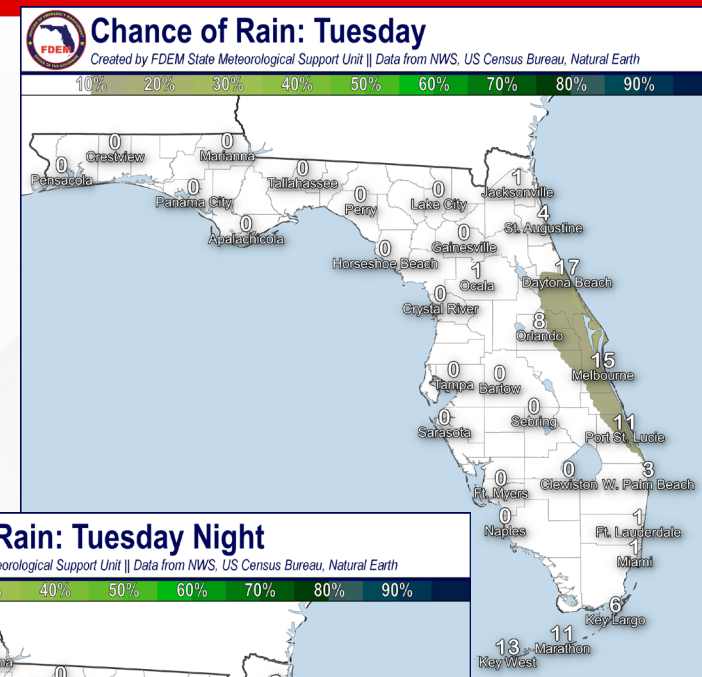
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

One **final cold start** this morning across North Florida from the recent arctic cold front. High pressure over the southeastern states will weaken and allow for conditions to warm up nicely throughout the day and lead to dry conditions. An upper-level feature off the eastern coastline of Florida and onshore winds may lead to a few brief sprinkles or a light shower closer towards the coast throughout the day, but any activity that develops will remain light and brief (15-20% chance of rain). With ongoing dry conditions across North Florida due to lack of rainfall and longer-term drought conditions, **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** will be possible. Breezy winds will linger throughout the Peninsula today reaching **upwards of 15-20 mph**. Stronger **gusts upwards of 25 mph** cannot be ruled out along the eastern coastline.

Temperatures will warm up nicely into the upper 50s to middle 60s across North Florida, lower to middle 70s across Central Florida and middle to upper 70s across South Florida.

Dry conditions will continue throughout the overnight hours with some linger sprinkles along the Space Coast. Moisture recovering across the state may help lead to instances of **patchy fog** early Wednesday morning, especially within low-lying areas, as calm conditions can be expected.

Low temperatures will fall into the upper 30s to upper 40s across North Florida, 50s across Central Florida and upper 50s to upper 60s across South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** continues along all Florida East Coast beaches due to onshore winds and elevated surf. A **moderate risk** returns along the Panhandle. West Coast beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Onshore winds and large **ocean swells of 4-7'** will linger along the Florida East Coast through today, with larger breaking waves **upwards of 8'** possible off the Southeast Florida coast. Northeasterly winds continue to push ocean swells away from the Panhandle and West Coast keeping wave heights near 1-2' with breaking waves off the Southwest Florida coast near 3'.

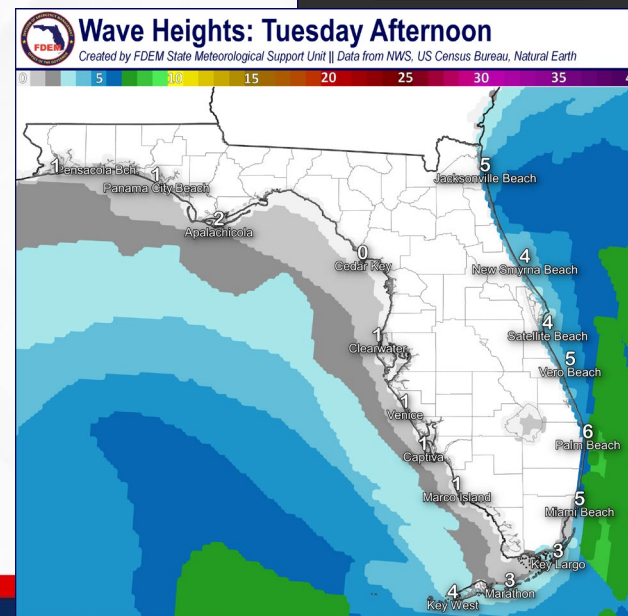
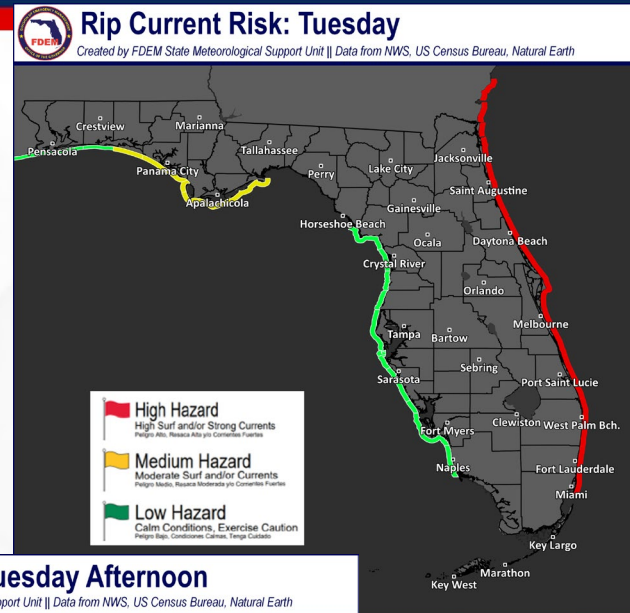
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in both Bay and Gulf counties and background to **low concentrations** in Franklin County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/12).

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

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

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.53 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.20 feet below normal for this time of year.



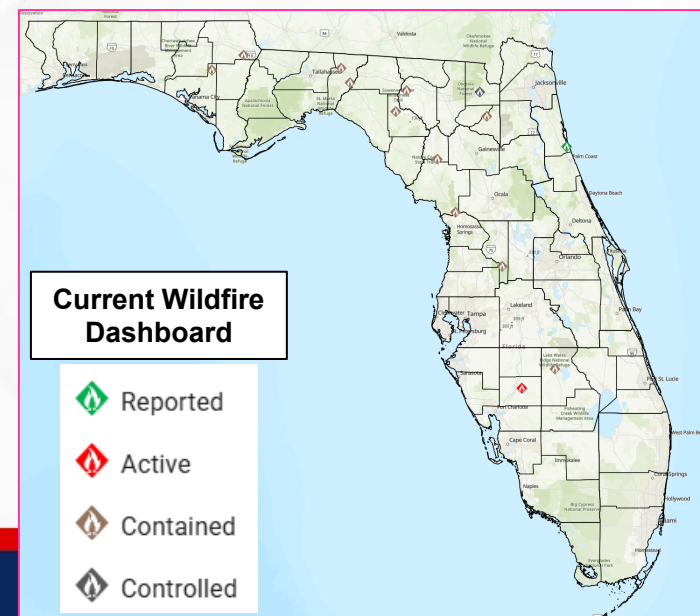
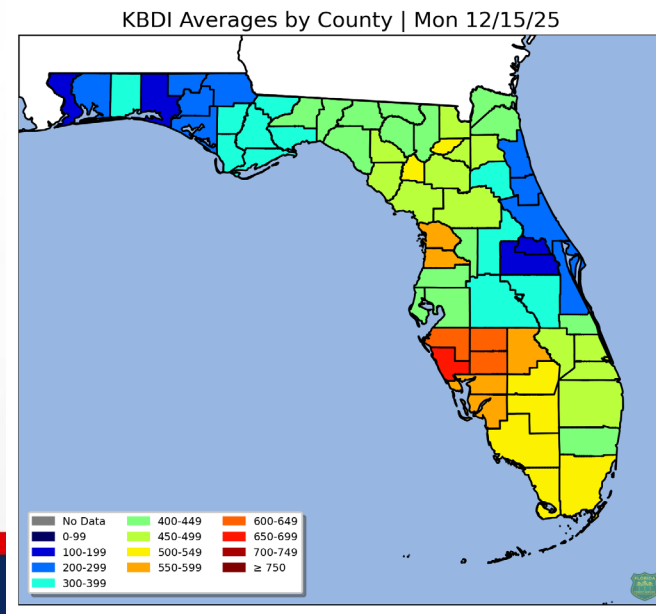
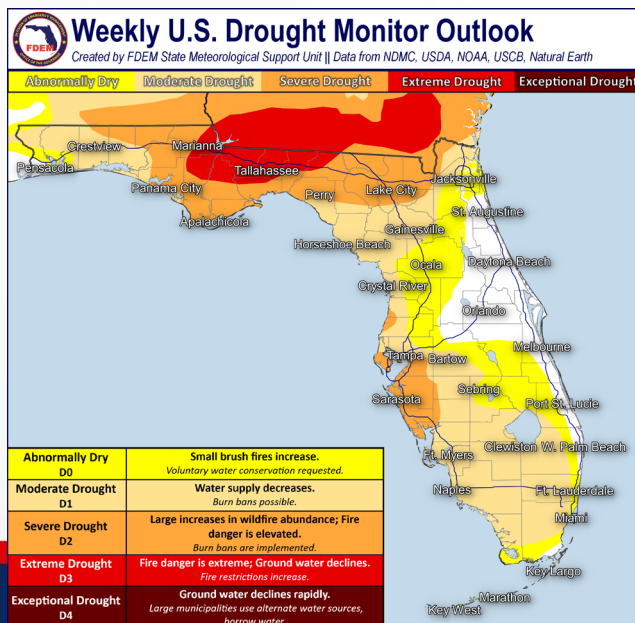


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: High pressure will continue across the state keeping conditions dry throughout the state, except for a few showers along the eastern coastline. Relative humidity values will mostly remain above critical thresholds across the state, except for a portion of the northwestern Panhandle where they could dip **near critical thresholds** this afternoon (**30-35%**). Breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will linger throughout the Peninsula today, but calm winds return to the Panhandle. Ongoing drought conditions will lead to **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** across North Florida today, especially as little to no rainfall has occurred over the last week. **Instances of fog** may be possible early Wednesday morning. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 14 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 92 acres.

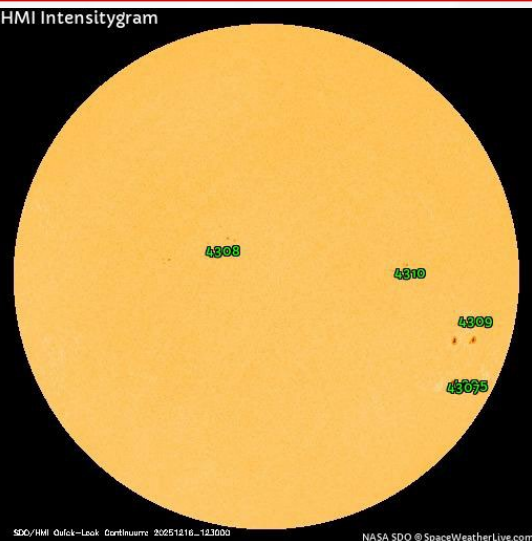
Drought (12/11): Widespread rainfall totals of 2-4 inches were observed across the Panhandle and North Florida over the past week as numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms rolled through the area the last weekend and early last week. As a result, this week's Drought Monitor outlook features some 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 **414 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **16** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

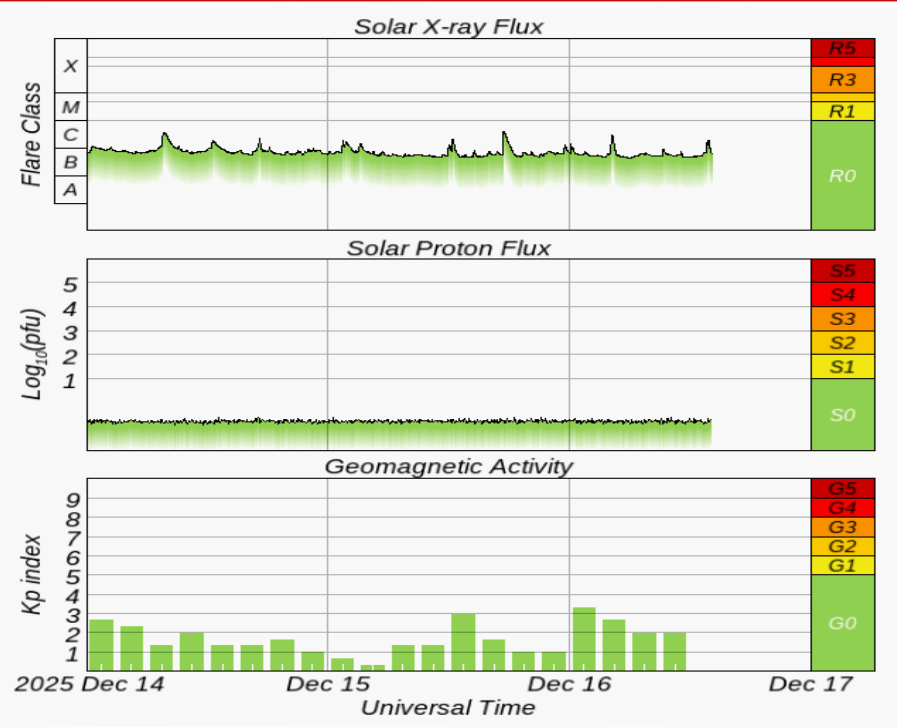
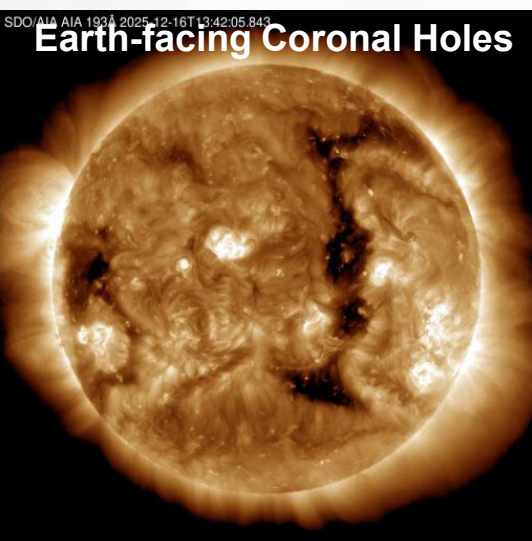




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/16	12/17
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Low solar activity can be expected to persist as all current sunspots remain stable and quiet. Should any of these sunspots see an increase in activity or become unstable, strong (M-class) solar flares could be possible and will bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts with them. Solar wind conditions will continue to slowly wane through today before another round of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds arrives tomorrow. Quiet to unsettled conditions can be expected within the Earth's geomagnetic field. The overall space threat to Florida 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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