



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, December 21, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On- Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On- Call Status
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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

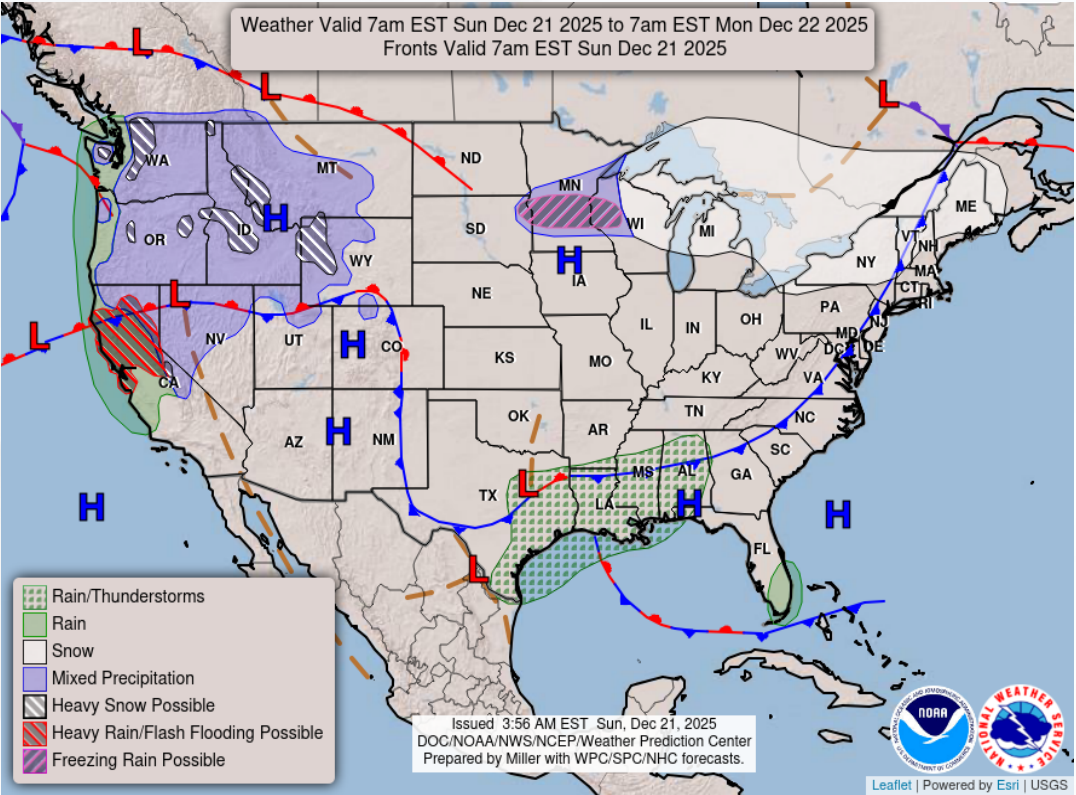
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	See Coverage
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	On-call Coverage for R5
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On-call Coverage for R10
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

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

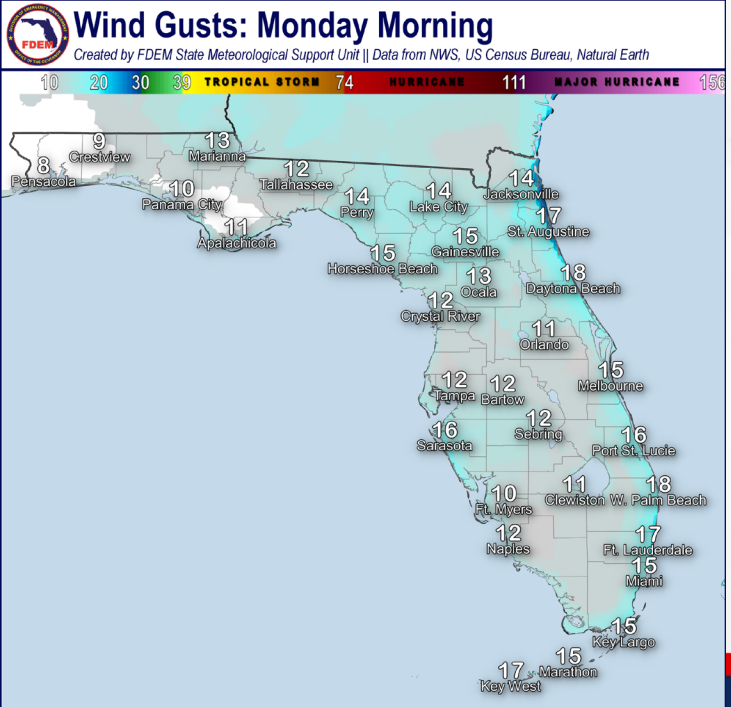
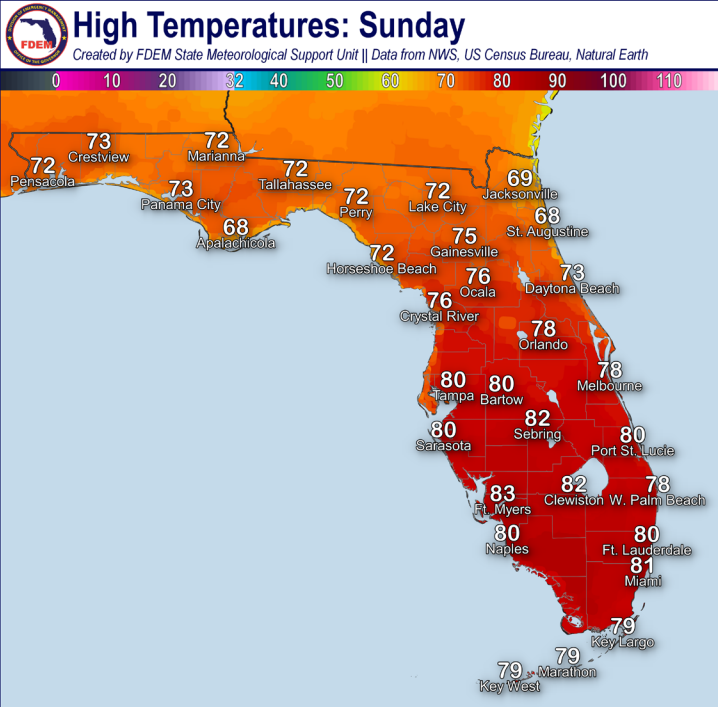


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)						L	L	L		
Wildfire		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.52 ft. (1.17 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	423 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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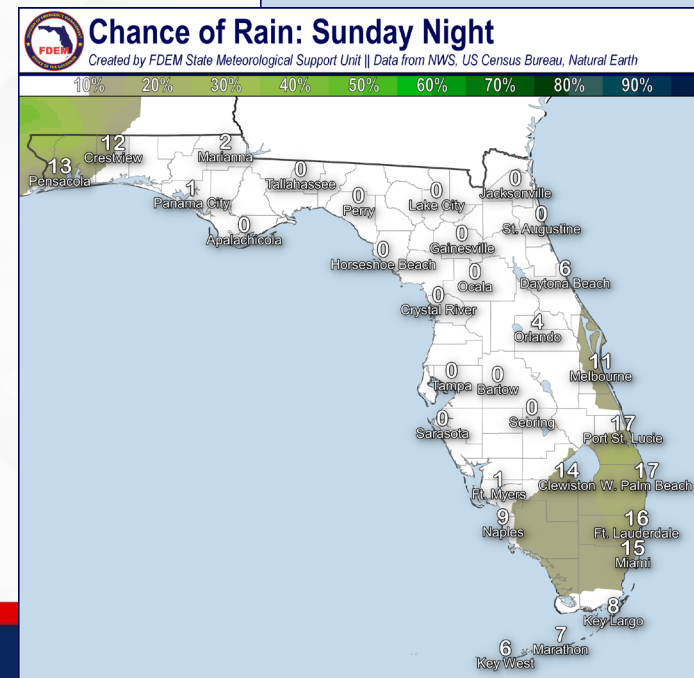
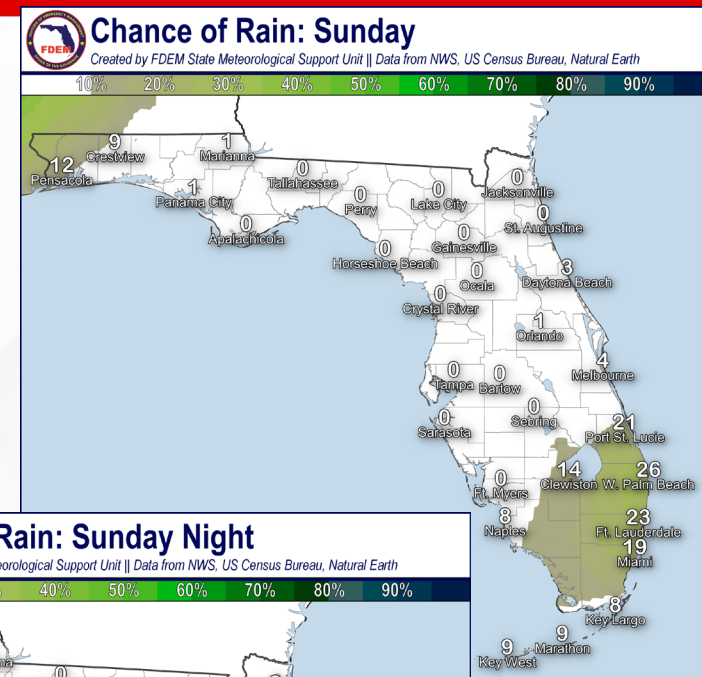
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Clear and calm conditions overnight have promoted **patchy dense fog** development across portions of South and Northeast Florida and **Dense Fog Advisories** will remain in effect until mid-morning when any fog should dissipate. Otherwise, another sunny and mostly dry day is on tap for much of the Sunshine State as high pressure dominates. However, a weak coastal front lingering across coastal Southeast Florida may encourage a few slow-moving showers to develop today, mainly along the immediate coastline and I-95 corridor (20-30% chance of rain). Any of this activity is expected to remain light, however a brief **heavier downpour** cannot be ruled out. Across the far western Panhandle, a few brief sprinkles are possible later this afternoon as an upper-level disturbance slides north across the lower Mississippi Valley (10-15% chance of rain). Dry conditions across Northeast Florida will allow relative humidities to dip **near critical thresholds (30-35% RH values)** this afternoon with **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** possible in any areas experiencing the most severe long-term drought.

High temperatures will climb into the lower to middle 70s across North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s in Central and South Florida this afternoon.

A few showers may linger across Southeast Florida this evening before dissipating (10-15% chance of rain). Similarly, a shower or two is possible across the far western Panhandle early this evening (15-25% chance of rain), however dry conditions will prevail elsewhere across the state. A strong high-pressure system will slide southeastward towards the eastern U.S. tonight sending a cold front through the northern tier of Florida. No sensible impacts are expected from this frontal passage in the way of rainfall; however, winds will increase after midnight over much of North Florida with a few wind gusts **upwards of 30 mph** possible along the Northeast Florida coast.

Low temperatures will dip into the upper 40s to lower 50s across North Florida, middle 50s to lower 60s in Central Florida, and middle 60s to lower 70s in South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected for most Panhandle and East Coast beaches today with lingering breezy coastal winds and onshore flow. A low risk will return for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights along the East Coast will diminish back down to the 2-3' range today, with Southeast Florida beaches seeing surf of 1-2'. Surf of around 1' can be expected for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today.

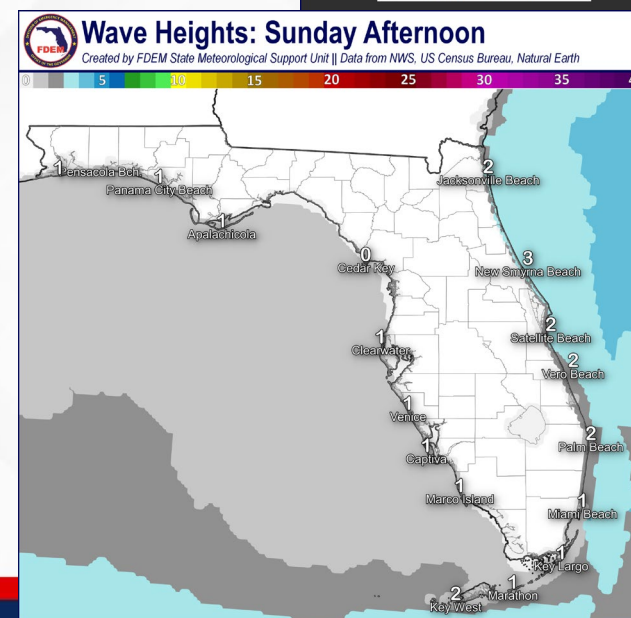
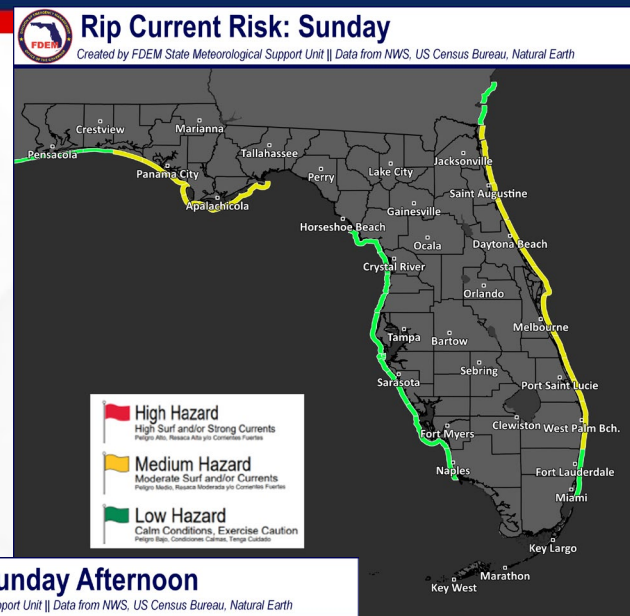
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County, very low to **low concentrations** in Gulf County, and background to very low concentrations in Franklin County. Across Southwest Florida, it was also observed at background concentrations offshore Hillsborough, Manatee, and Monroe counties. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/19).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. A few slow-moving coastal showers may develop across coastal Southeast Florida, though activity is not expected to be widespread or heavy in nature. Should a few heavier slow-moving showers develop, rainfall totals **upwards of 0.5-1"** cannot be ruled out.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.52 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.17 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



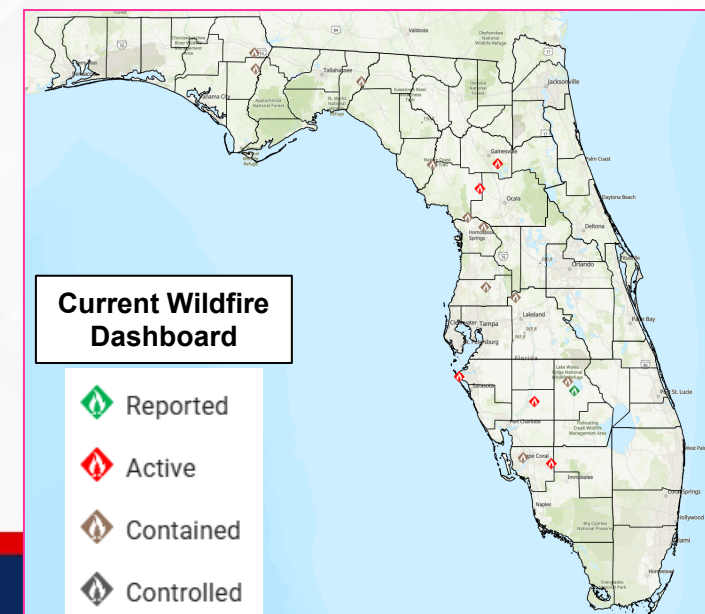
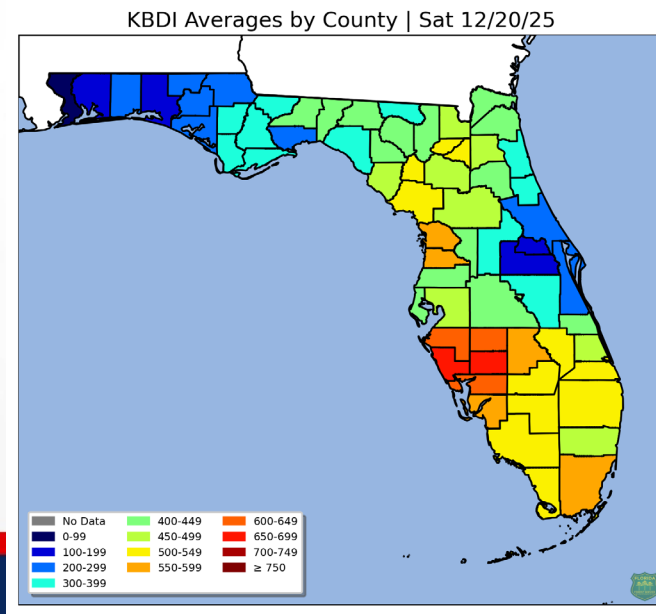
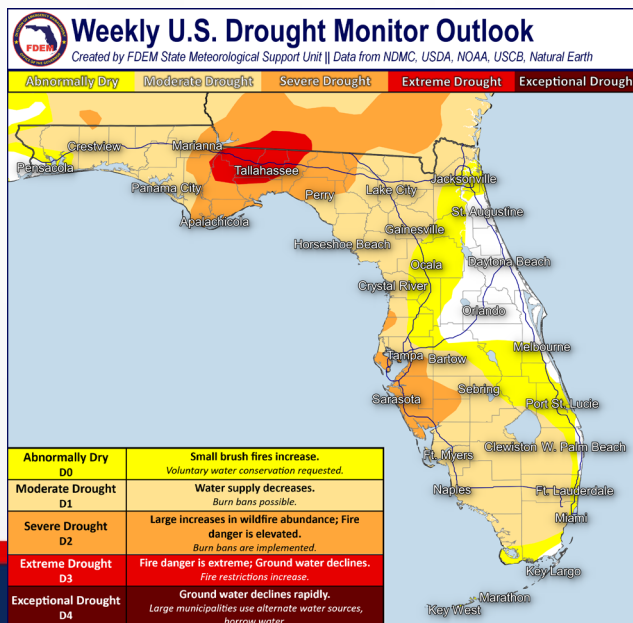


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Mostly dry conditions will persist across the state today as temperatures warm to seasonable to slightly above normal levels. Relative humidities will dip **near critical thresholds (30-35% RH values)** across Northeast Florida where **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop, especially in any areas experiencing the most severe long-term drought. Although relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds across West-Central Florida, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may also develop this afternoon given shorter term drought development. Winds will remain light today, though a few breezy gusts **upwards of 20 mph** are possible across along the immediate Florida East Coast. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 16 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 137 acres.

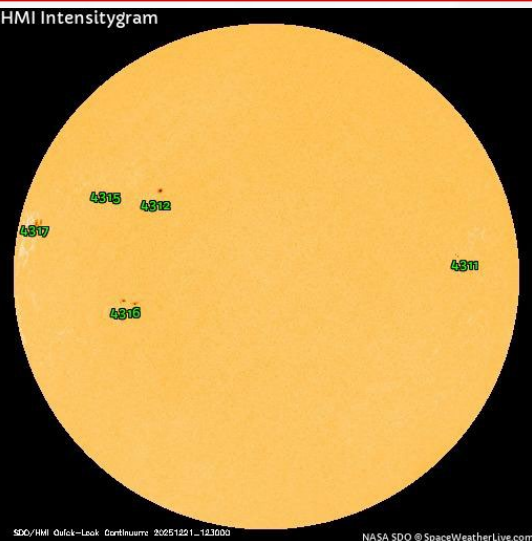
Drought (12/18): Plentiful rainfall of 3-6 inches has fallen over much of the Panhandle over the past two weeks which has allowed for some modest relief in the long-term drought conditions, outlined in this week's latest Drought Monitor outlook. West of SR 231, any severe drought from last week's outlook has been reduced to a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where the heaviest rainfall has fallen. A **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** is still in place across the Big Bend region, though has been reduced back to a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** over the I-10 corridor across Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley. **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across northern Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties where 2-4-inch rainfall totals have fallen in the past two weeks, with parts of Jackson, Calhoun, and Madison counties reduced to a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)**. However, 60 to 90-day rainfall departures remain below normal (3-5 inches below normal) over all North Florida which has kept at least some drought category in place despite the recent rainfall. On the contrary, rainfall has been harder to come by across West-Central Florida near the Tampa Bay metro where a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** has been slightly expanded to include more of Hardee and DeSoto counties. Here, 3-month rainfall departures have begun to near 7 inches in some localized areas. A **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** remains in place across nearly all South Florida south of Lake Okeechobee, with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions in place along coastal Southeast Florida. Additional rainfall is expected on Thursday (12/18) across the Panhandle which may lead to additional drought relief, though will be reflected in the next week's outlook. Dry and warm conditions will return across the state this weekend and early next week, which may bring additional drought deterioration, especially over Central and South Florida.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **423 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **21** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

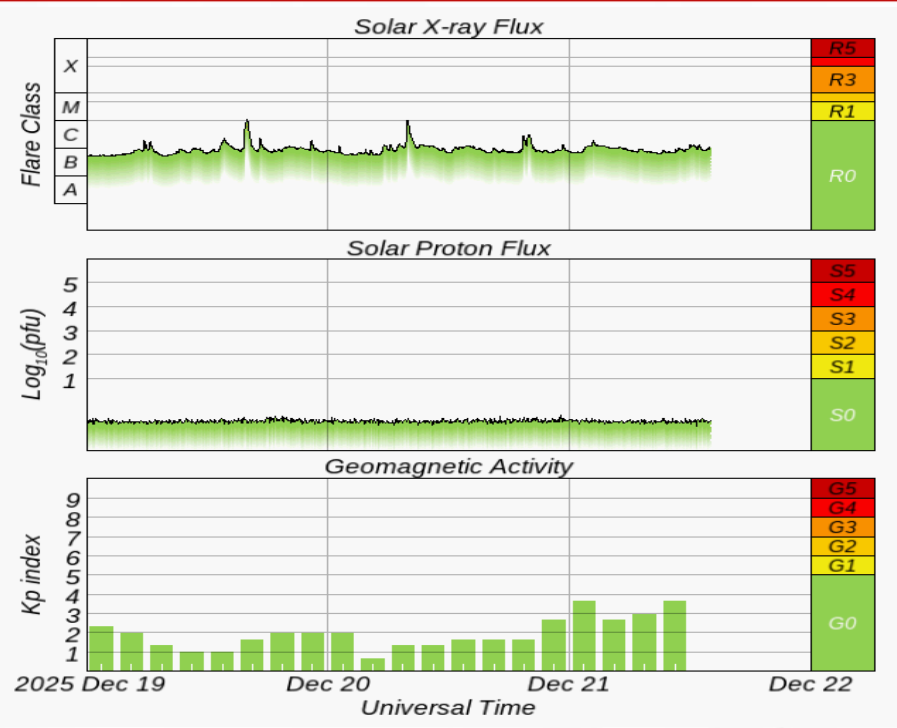
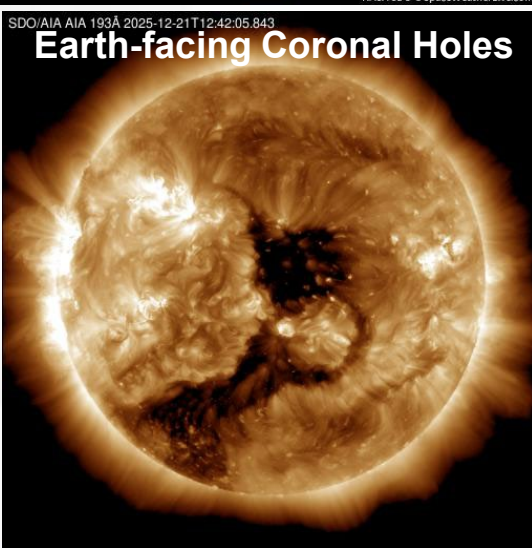




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/21	12/22
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels through the next few days with only a slight chance of an isolated strong (M-class) flare. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced, though as coronal hole influences increase with a return of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to reach active levels, with a chance for Minor (G1) storming, on Sunday due to the coronal hole influences. Periods of Minor (G1) storming are likely to continue through Monday and Tuesday, with a chance for Moderate (G2) storming periods as well. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



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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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