



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, January 5, 2026



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	Lee	G-141 Course
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Lee	G-141 Course
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	End of Month Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	On-Call Status (AM) / Meeting Coordination & G-141 Prep (PM)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin / Equipment Checks/Test
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	EM Visit
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Office Admin



Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1
Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6
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	Walton	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Medical Leave (AM) / Team Meeting (PM)
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St Johns	County Exercise / Team Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	EM Meeting / Team Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Admin Duties / Team Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Leon	New Employee/Coordinator Onboarding

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

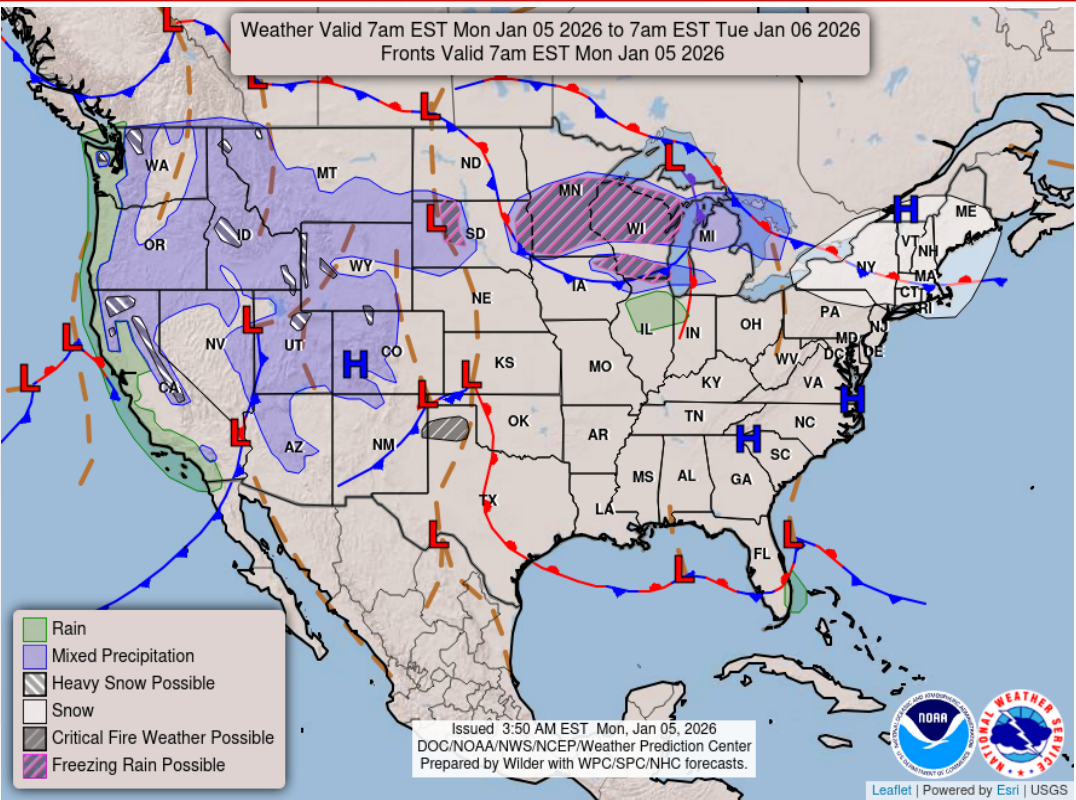
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

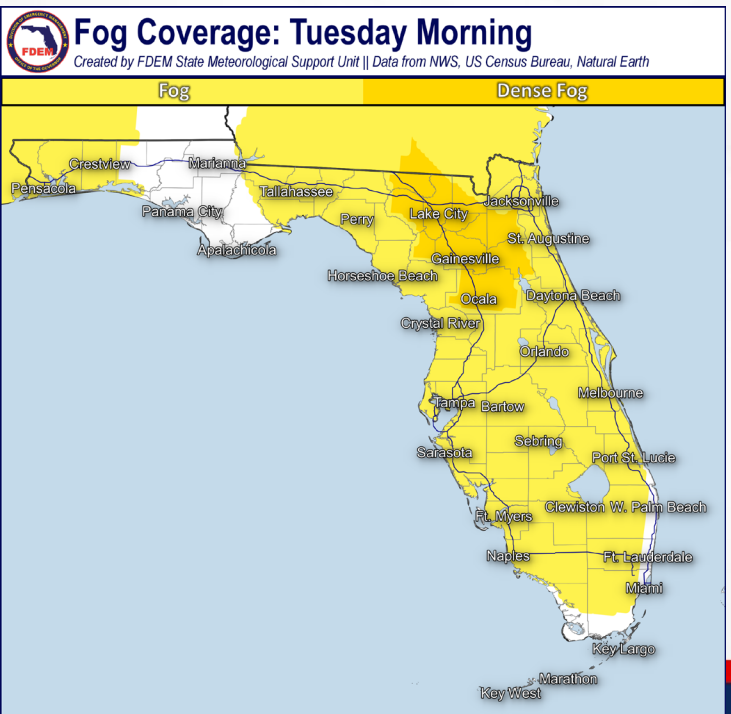
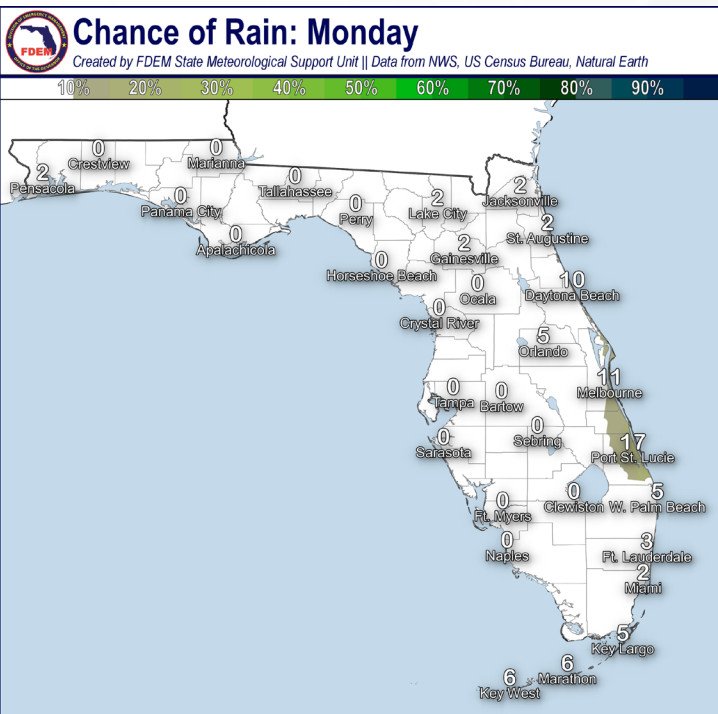


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	H	H	M	M	H	H	H	M
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	M	M	M	H		M	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.30 ft. (1.30 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	448 (-27) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



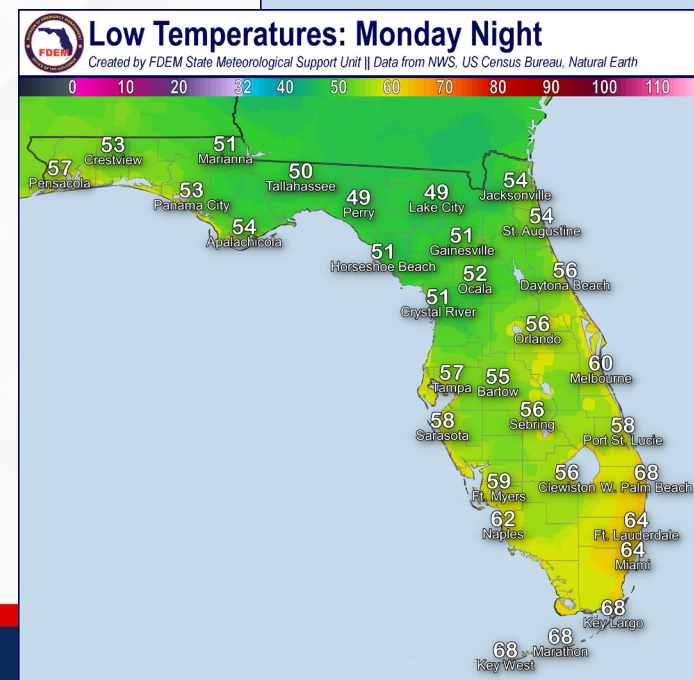
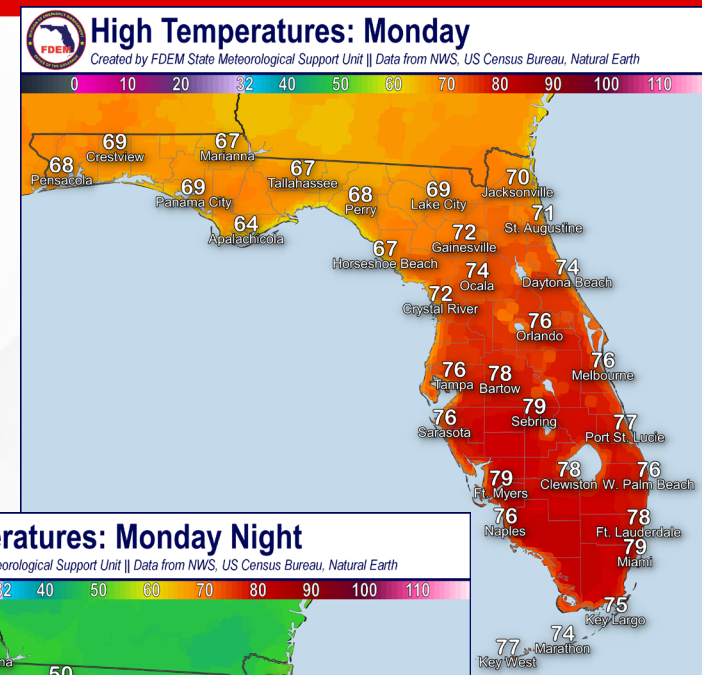


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Widespread fog has developed this morning throughout the Peninsula leading to **reduced visibilities**. This fog and low cloud coverage will slowly lift and dissipate throughout the morning hours. An upper-level disturbance over the state will keep showers mostly over the coastal waters along the Space and Treasure Coasts; however, a few brief showers may drift onshore (10-20% chance of rain). Otherwise, mostly calm and dry conditions can be expected across the Sunshine State. The disturbance will dissipate this evening and overnight allowing for high pressure conditions to dominate for the next few days. Any shower activity that developed earlier in the day will dissipate or shifted offshore. Clear skies and calm winds return overnight, allowing for **widespread fog** development by early Tuesday morning statewide. **Dense Fog conditions** will be possible, especially for portions of the Suwannee Valley and South-Central Florida. Anticipate reduced visibilities with fog coverage, and even further **reduced visibilities** where there is wildfire smoke.

Temperatures will **trend above normal** for the next few days across the state. High temperatures will reach the upper 60s across North Florida, lower to middle 70s across Central Florida and middle to upper 70s and near 80-degrees across South Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the upper 40s to lower 50s across North Florida, middle to upper 50s across Central Florida and 60s across South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected statewide as ocean swells reduce and winds become calm. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Lingering swells of 2-3' can be expected along the Florida East Coast, with **breaking waves** upwards of **4-5'** along the Treasure Coast. Panhandle and West Coast beaches can expect wave heights near 1-2'.

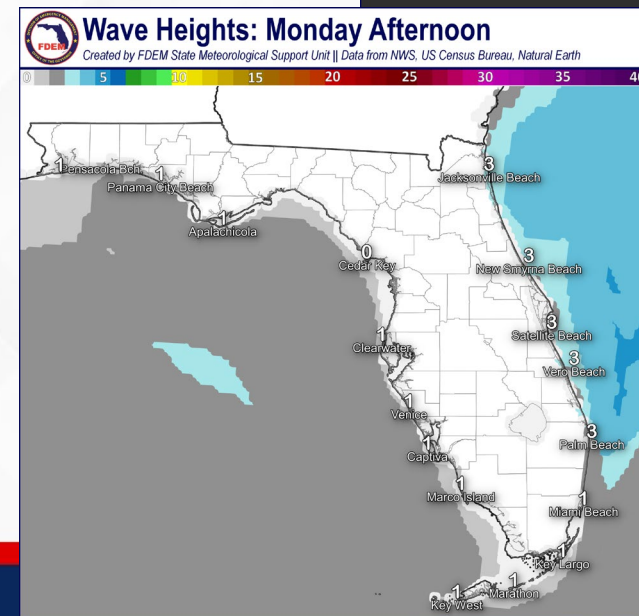
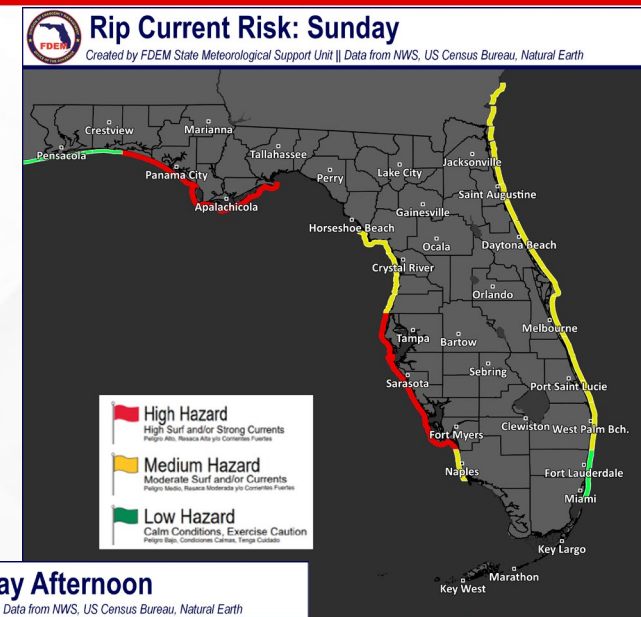
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast or Gulf Coast (valid 12/31/2025).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no 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 13.30 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.30 feet below normal for this time of year.



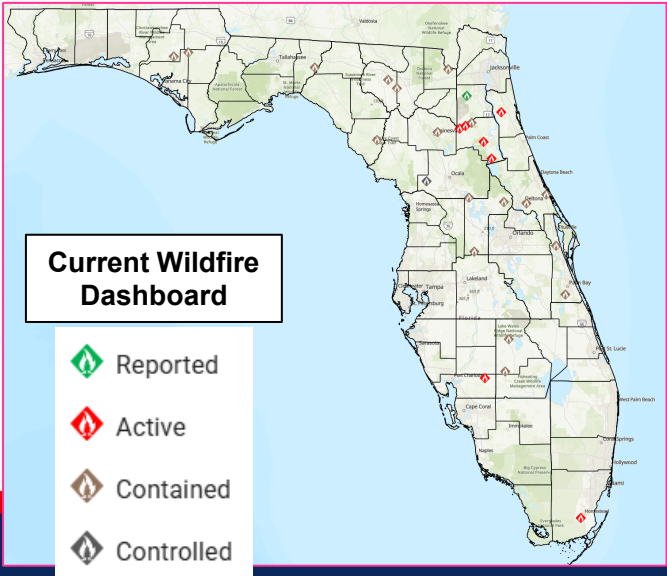
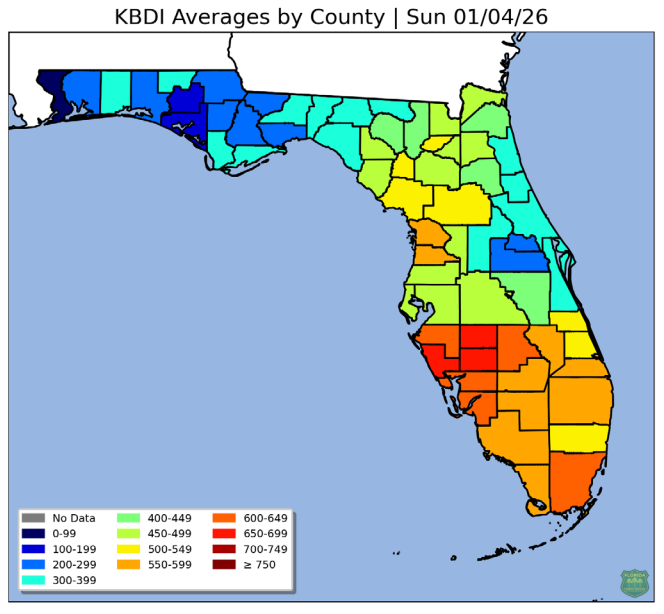
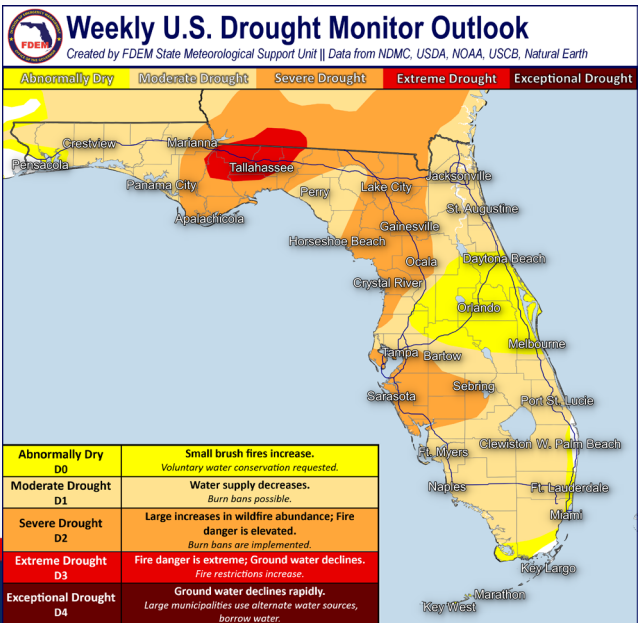


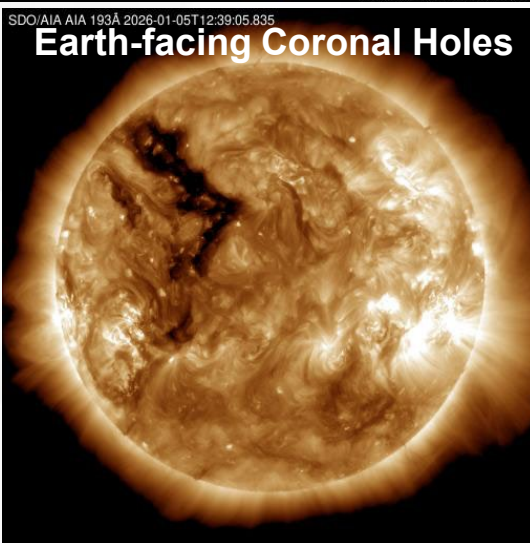
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidity will remain well above critical thresholds throughout the state as conditions remain under high pressure influence. Rainfall from the weekend will continue to soak into groundsoils and vegetation. The wildfire threat will be of a more localized concern given longer term drought conditions for areas that did not receive plentiful rainfall this weekend. **Widespread fog development** will be possibly by Tuesday morning, which will lead to reduced visibilities. Foggy conditions over ongoing or new wildfires will further reduce visibilities due to smoke. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 27 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 490 acres.

Drought (12/31/2025): Rainfall was once again held to a minimum and **above normal temperatures** were recorded across the Sunshine State despite a frontal system moving across the region. Short-term rainfall departures continue to run 0.5-2” below normal for this time of year nearly statewide, with localized pockets of 2-3” below normal along central portions of the Florida Panhandle. The lack of beneficial rainfall has contributed to further degrading the rainfall deficits in the 60-day period as well, with rainfall totals 2-4” inches below normal across Florida (away from the immediate I-4 corridor). Streamflows continue to run at very low levels across Florida Panhandle and interior North Florida rivers and waterways, now expanding into the Suwannee and Santa Fe River basins. **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has expanded along portions of the Florida Gulf Coast and into the Suwannee and Santa Fe River basins on the updated Drought Monitor, with **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** now reaching the southern Space Coast. **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists across interior portions of the eastern Florida Panhandle. Our next chance for rainfall returns this weekend; however, rainfall totals do not appear substantial enough to allow for category improvements.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **448 (-27)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **24** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather: Low solar activity can be expected, although sunspot #4325 contains a magnetic field that harbors energy for strong (M-class) solar flares. Any M-class flares that erupt will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain slightly elevated through today as influences from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) linger. Ambient levels will slowly return beginning tomorrow. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to isolated active levels. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/5	1/6
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%



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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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