



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, January 6, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	MGT-452 Course
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Orange	Region 5 T&E Call / Course Instruction Prep / FFCA Conference
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Highlands	EM Visit
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	St Lucie NPP Exercise Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDOH Charlotte Introductory Meeting
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 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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	Leon	HQ Admin / Rec & Mit Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Onboarding Assistance for 810 / Rec & Mit Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Leon	HQ Admin / Rec & Mit Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery & Mitigation Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery & Mitigation Bureau Coordination Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Okeechobee	LMS Meeting / Rec & Mit Bureau Coordination Mtg
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Leon	New Employee Onboarding / Rec & Mit Bureau Coordination Mtg

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

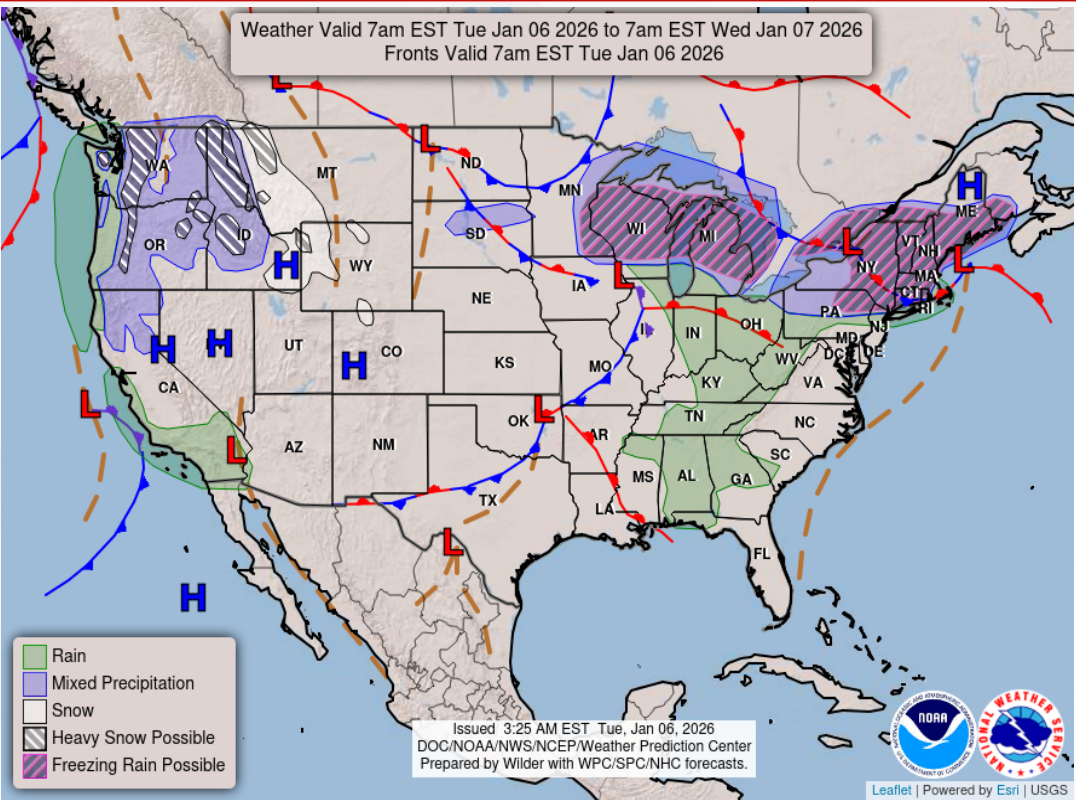
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

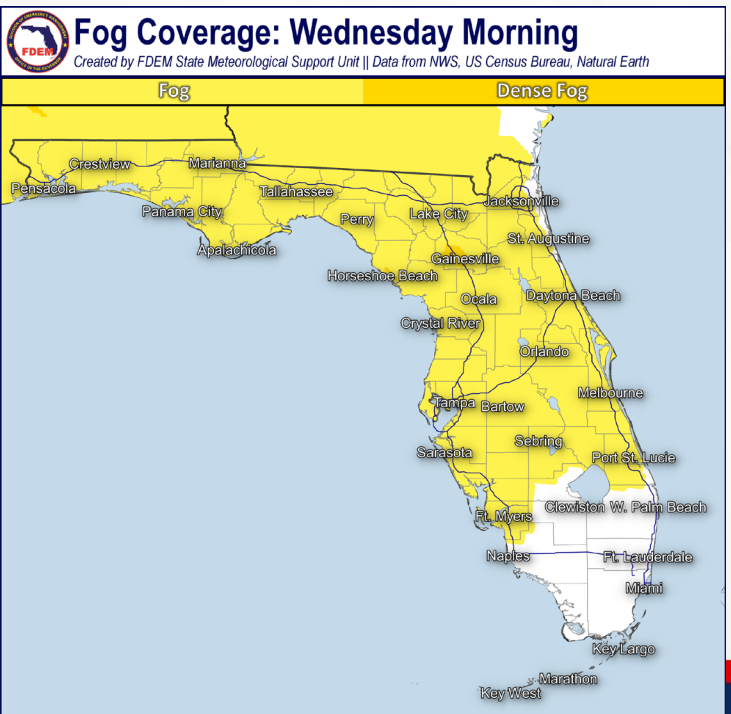
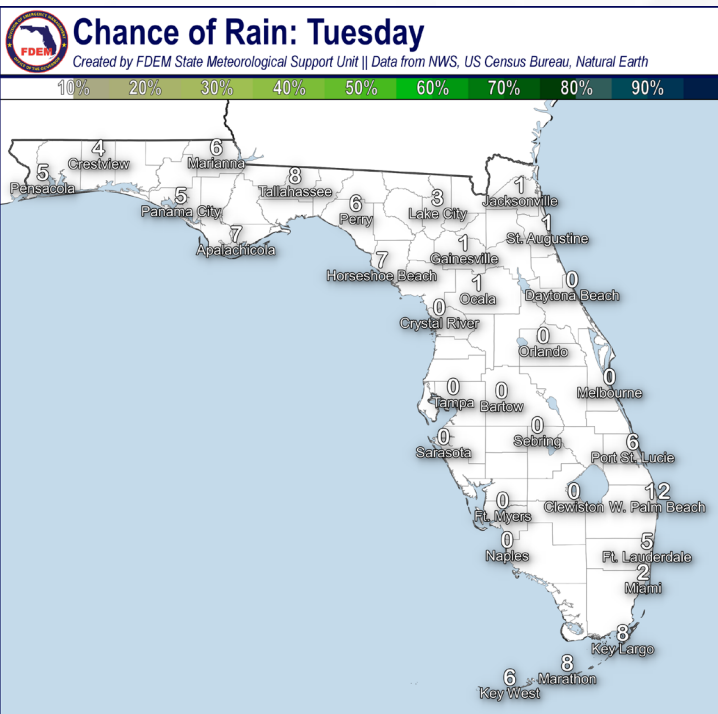


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	H	H	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.29 ft. (1.30 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	450 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



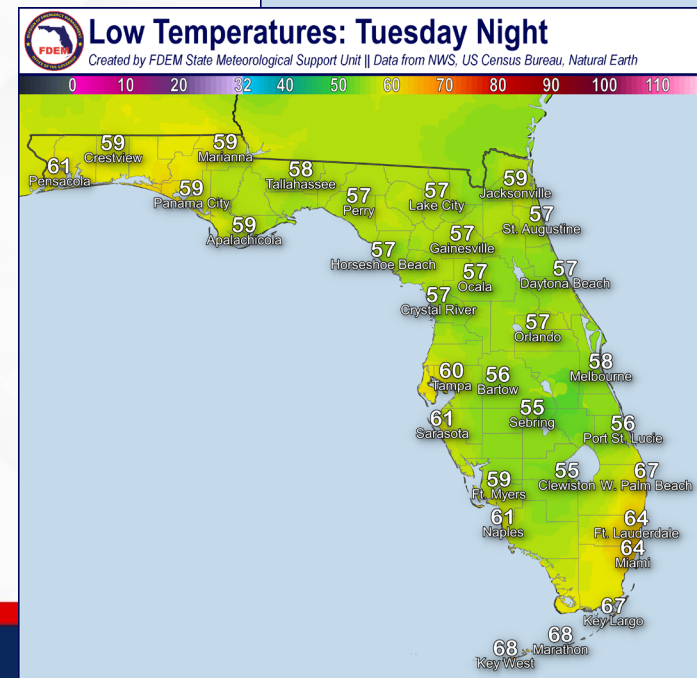
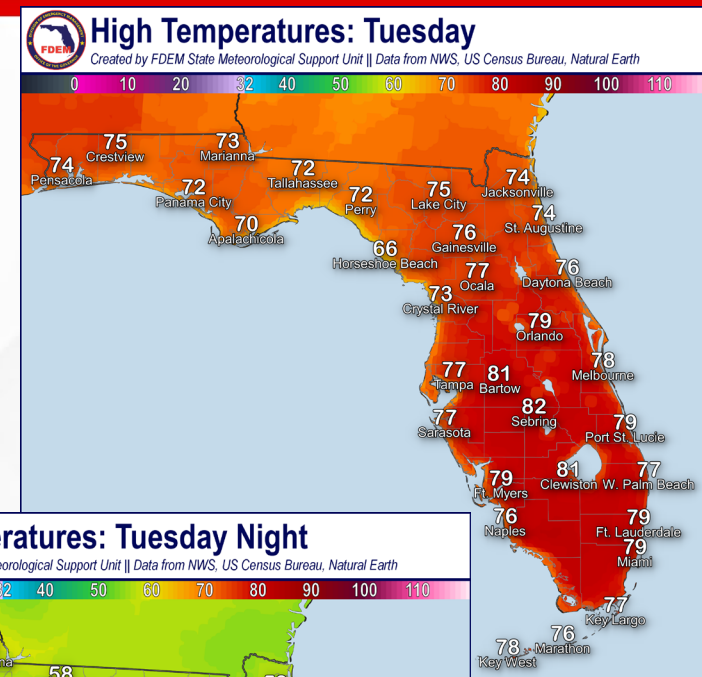


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another round of **widespread fog** has developed this morning throughout the state, with **Dense Fog Advisories** in effect for portions of the state through 9:00 AM EST. Fog and low clouds should continue to gradually lift and dissipate this morning but could linger in coastal areas where it is slower to burn off. Instances of **sea fog** may linger closer towards the coast and coastal waters longer than inland areas this morning. As cloud cover and fog dissipates, mostly sunny and dry conditions can be expected statewide. There is a very slim chance for brief sprinkles along the Panhandle and portions of the coastlines where localized moisture is available, especially with any lingering fog, but overall conditions remain dry (less than 10% chance of rain). Clear, calm and dry conditions will persist into the overnight hours across the state leading to another chance for **widespread fog development** by early Wednesday morning. Instances of **locally dense fog** will be possible at times, and **Dense Fog Advisories** may be issued as conditions warrant.

High temperatures will continue to **gradually warm up** into the 70s and lower 80s throughout the state this afternoon. Any lingering fog or cloud cover may keep temperatures slightly cooler than other areas. Low temperatures will fall into the middle 50s to middle 60s statewide overnight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Calmer marine conditions and winds will create a **moderate risk for rip currents** along numerous Panhandle and East Coast beaches. West Coast beaches will return to a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights will return to 1-2' statewide, with isolated breakers of 3' along portions of the East Coast.

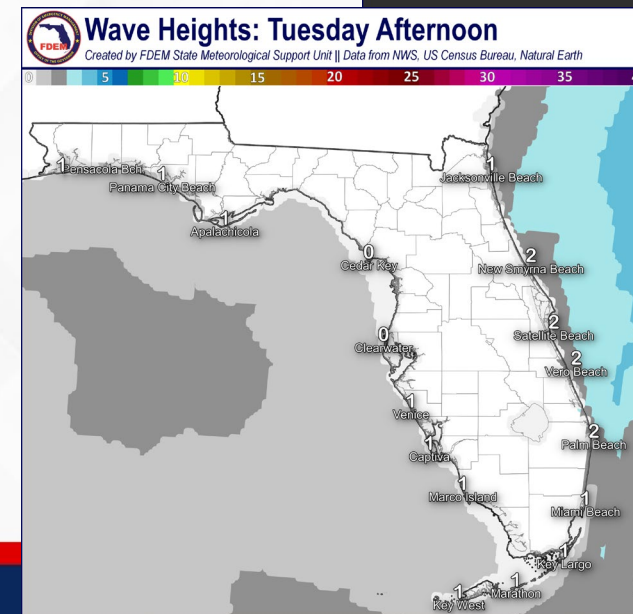
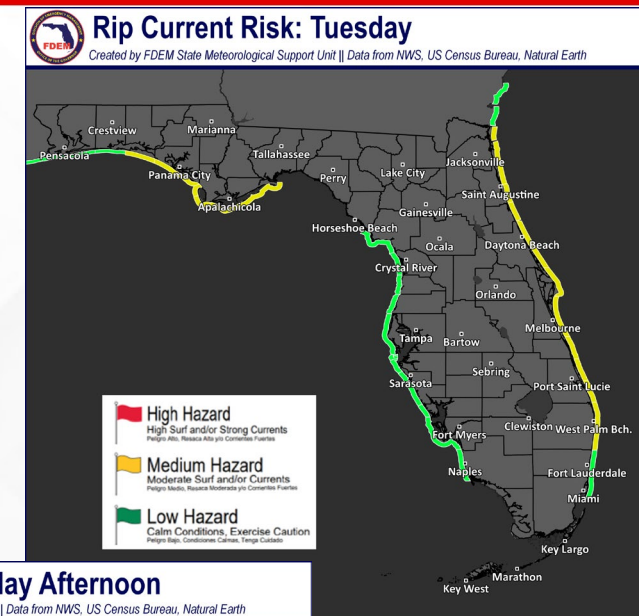
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast or Gulf Coast (valid 12/31/2025).

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 1.29 feet below normal for this time of year.



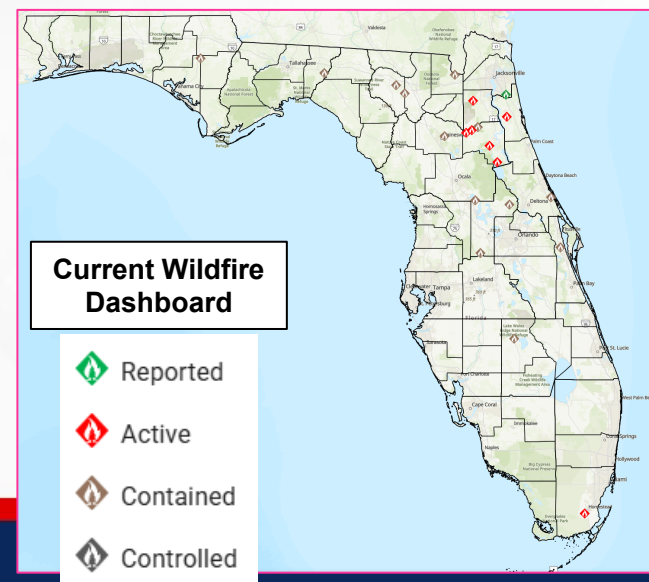
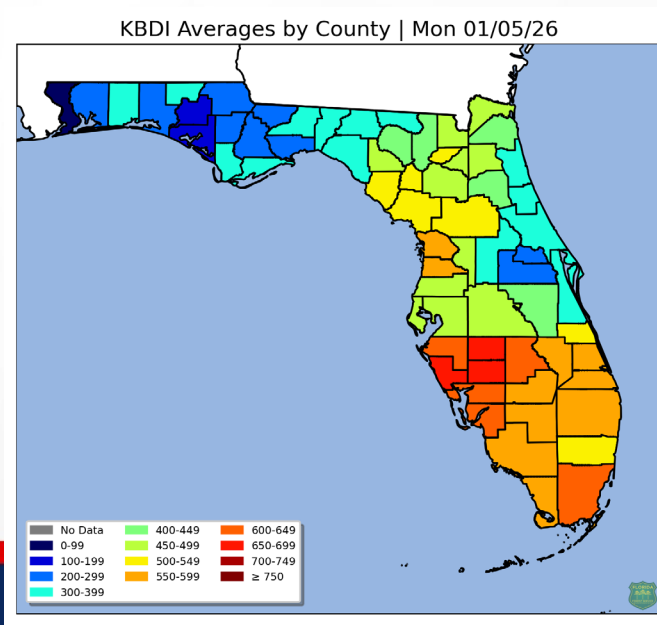
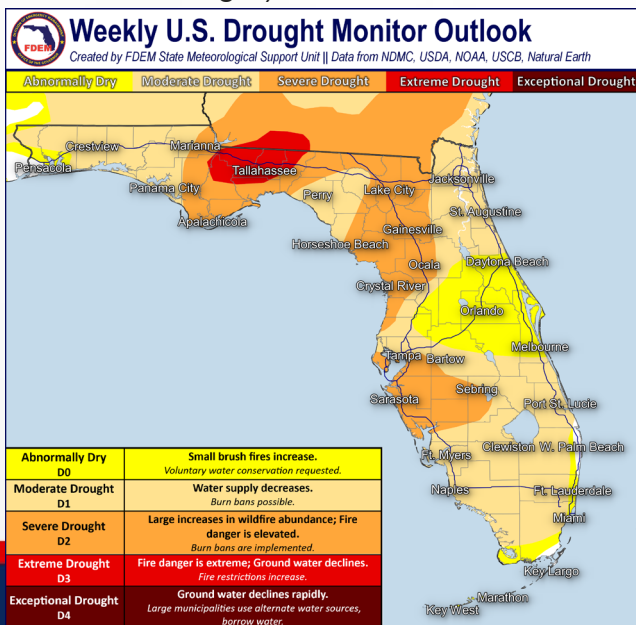


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Florida can expect an overall low wildfire threat given the warm temperatures and relative humidity values keeping above critical thresholds. Wildfire conditions will be locally conditional based on lack of recent rainfall from the latest frontal passage and long-term drought conditions over areas. **Widespread fog development** can be expected statewide overnight and into Wednesday morning, with areas of locally dense fog possible. Low clouds and foggy conditions can further **reduce the visibilities** in areas where there is smoke from ongoing wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 21 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 270 acres.

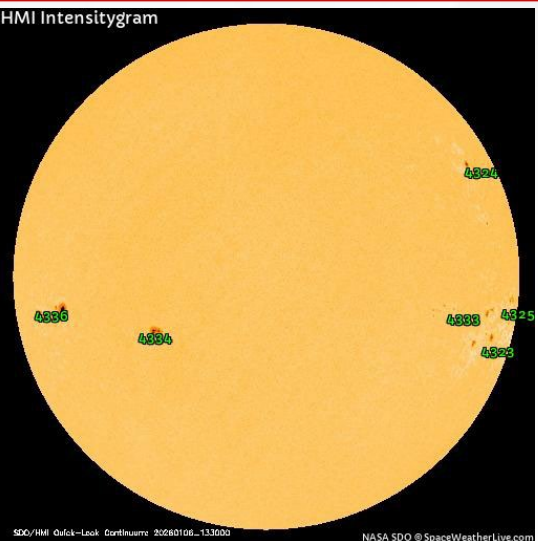
Drought (12/31/2025): Rainfall was once again held to a minimum and **above normal temperatures** were recorded across the Sunshine State despite a frontal system moving across the region. Short-term rainfall departures continue to run 0.5-2" below normal for this time of year nearly statewide, with 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 **450 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **25** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

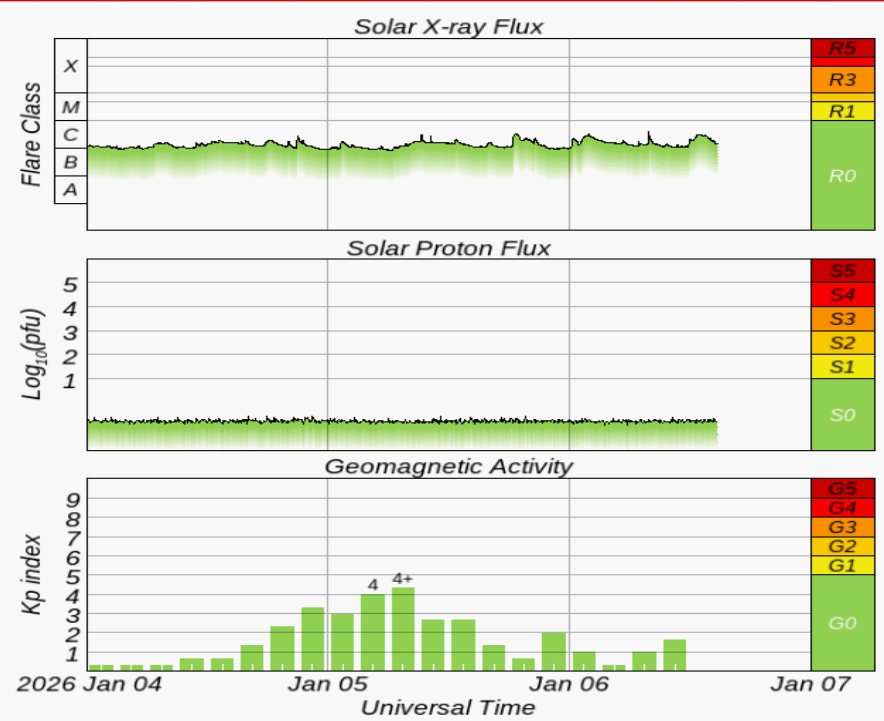
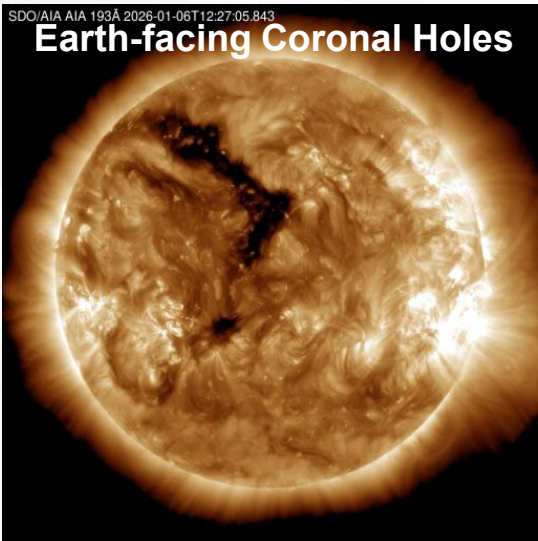




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C4 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/6	1/7
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: All current sunspots contain stable magnetic fields that pose little threat for solar activity; however, a strong (M-class) solar flare cannot be ruled out. Should any M-class solar flare erupt, it will bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts with it. Solar wind conditions will be near nominal levels through the next few days before the next round of solar winds reaches Earth. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be at mostly quiet levels. The overall space threat to Florida is very 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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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