



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, January 7, 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	Putnam	School Reunification Planning Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Osceola	G-2300 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	SLNPP Coordinators Meeting / Equipment Inspection / Office Admin
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Okeechobee	County LTRM
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	SLNPP Coordinators Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDOH Collier Introductory Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	HazMat Meeting / OVS UC Meeting

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa	EM Partners Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Onboarding Assistance for 810 / HQ Admin
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Equipment & Inventory Management
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Medical Leave	See Coverage
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Leon	New Employee Onboarding / HQ Admin

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

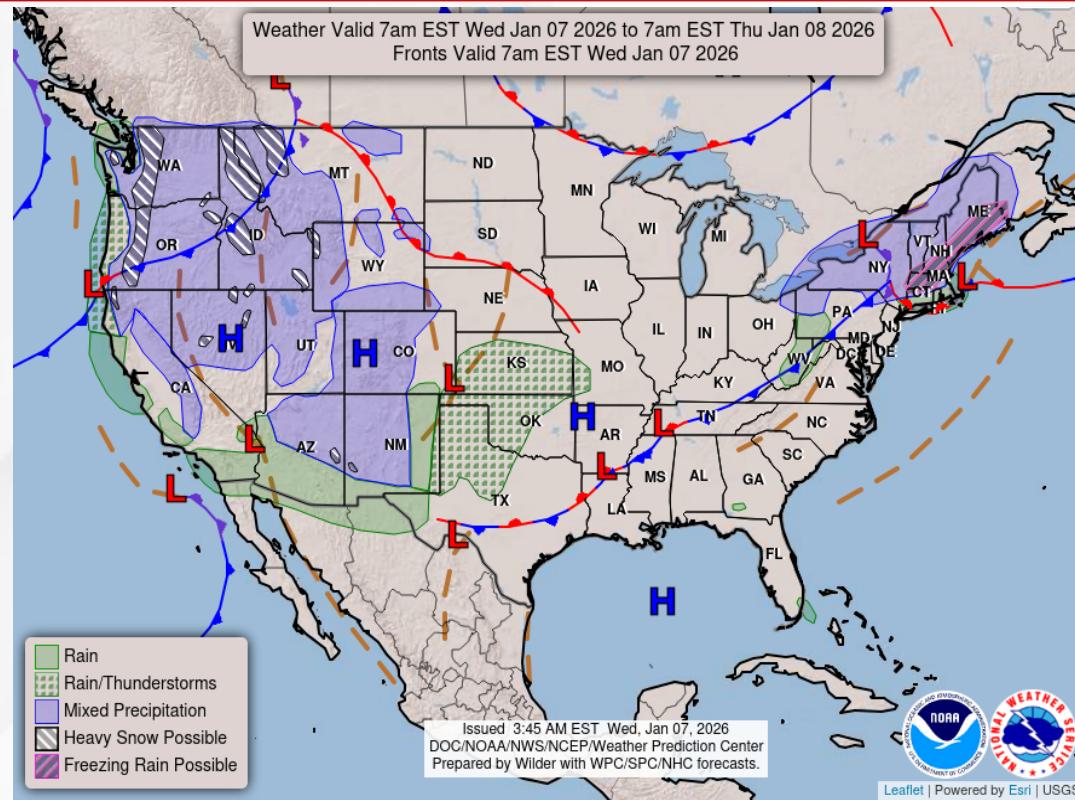
Region 7 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 8 & 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

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

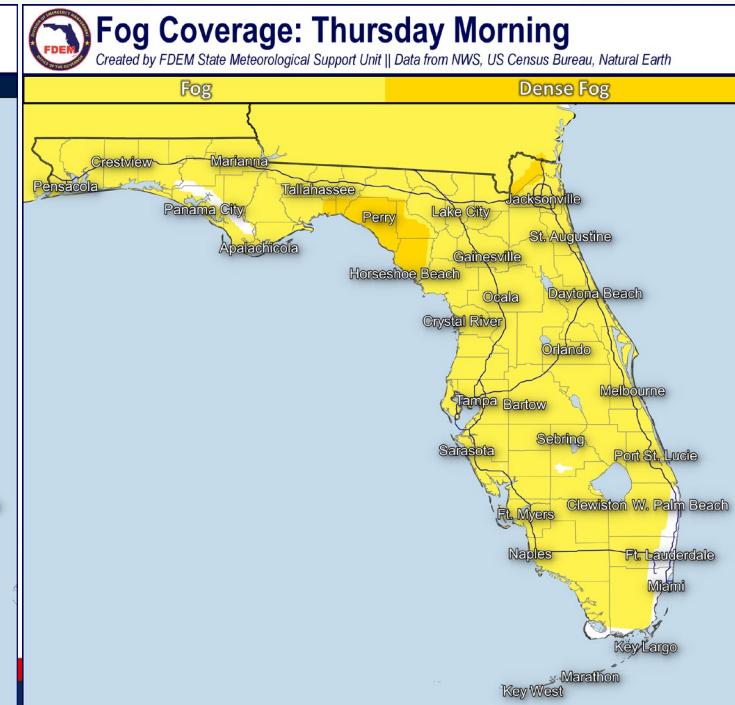
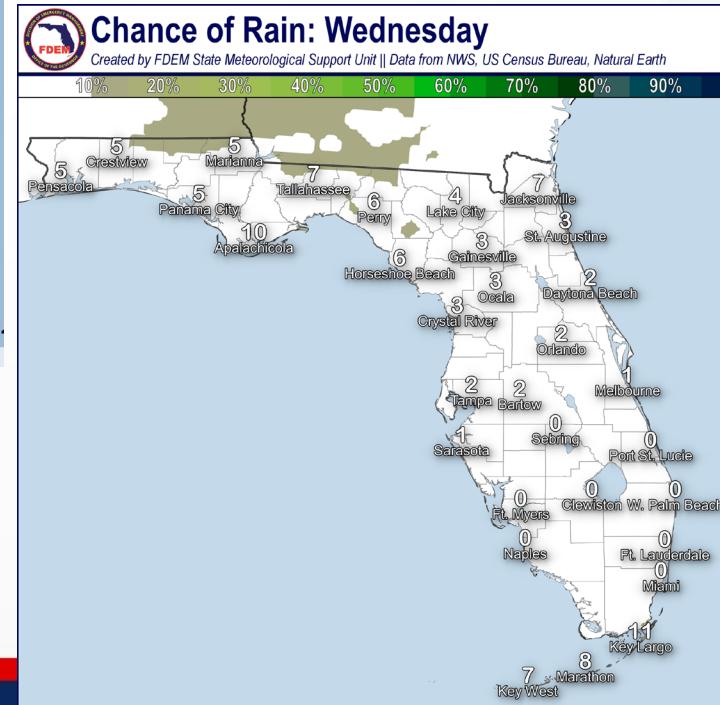


Meteorology Summary



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	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	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.28 ft. (1.29 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	454 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

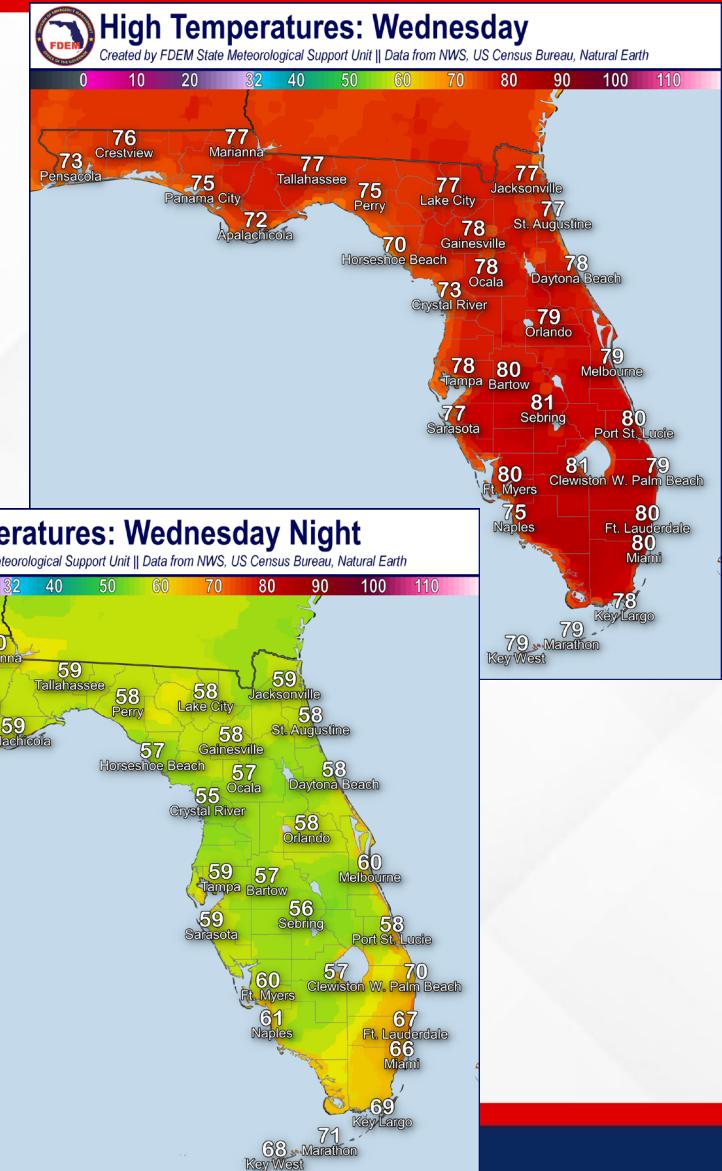
A rinse and repeat of yesterday can be expected with the current weather pattern holding steady across the state. **Widespread fog** this morning will slowly lift and dissipate, and **Dense Fog Advisories** throughout the Peninsula are set to expire at 9:00-10:00 AM EST. **Sea fog** along the Big Bend and West-Central Florida coast may linger longer this morning and towards the midday hours due to the warmer air over the cooler waters.

Mostly dry conditions can be expected today with a mixture of sunshine and cloud cover throughout the state. There may be a very slight chance for some light sprinkles or mist along the northern Panhandle today, especially this morning with foggy conditions (less than 10% chance of rain). Similarly, Big Bend and West-Central Florida coastal areas could see some mist or sprinkles with the lingering sea fog near the coastlines.

High temperatures will continue their warming trend this week reaching the middle 70s to lower 80s across the state this afternoon. *If foggy conditions and cloud cover lingers longer, then high temperatures may be slightly cooler than forecast.*

Dry and calm conditions overnight will persist allowing for another round of **widespread fog coverage** throughout the state by early Thursday morning. **Dense Fog** conditions will be possible for many areas, and **Dense Fog Advisories** will be issued as needed.

Low temperatures will fall into the upper 50s to upper 60s overnight statewide.





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 continue to see 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 Treasure Coast Coast.

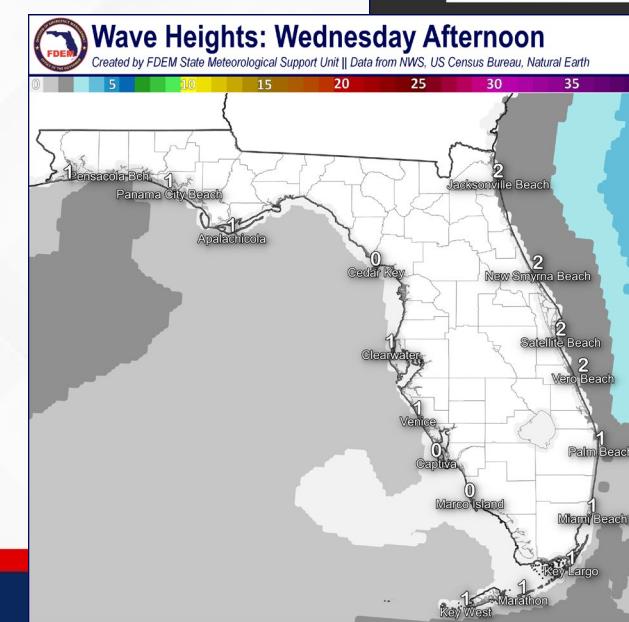
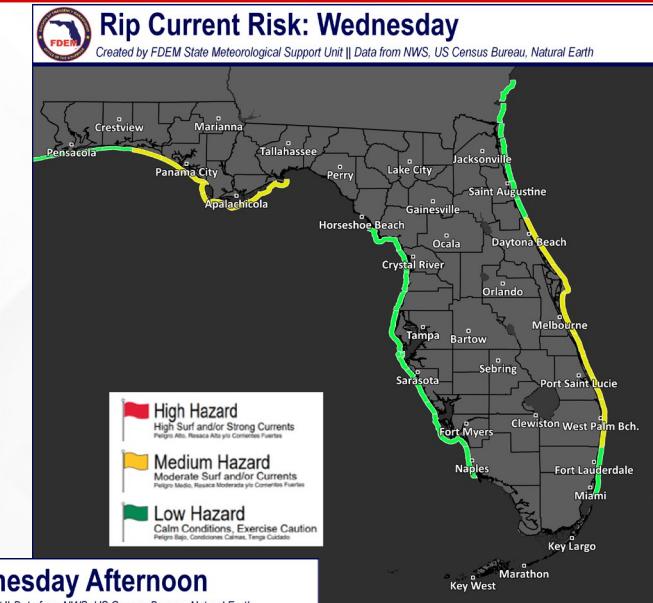
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay County. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast or Gulf Coast (valid 12/31/2025).

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 13.28 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.29 feet below normal for this time of year.



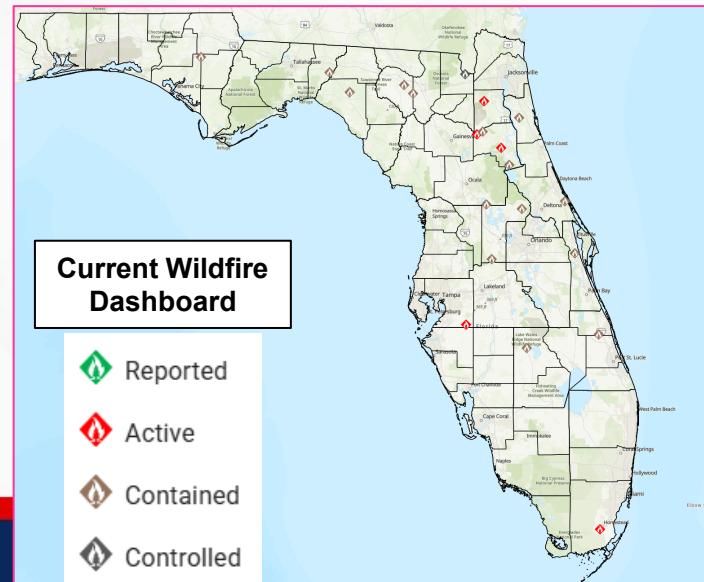
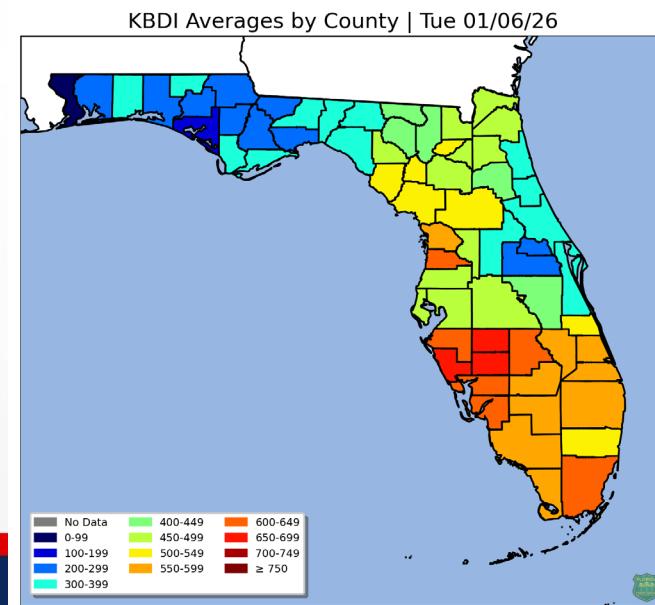
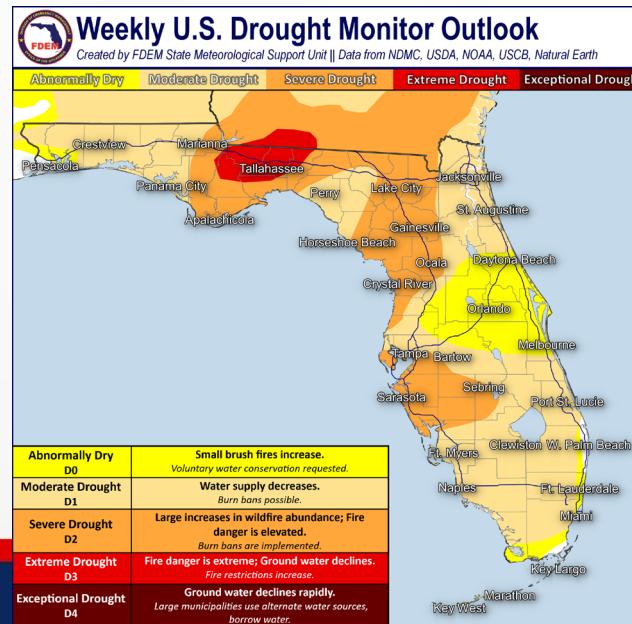


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Warm and mostly dry conditions can be expected across the state once again, which will also help to keep relative humidity values well above critical thresholds statewide. **Sensitive wildfire conditions** will be possible with the ongoing drought conditions and warm temperatures, especially for areas that have seen little to no rainfall recently. Another round of **widespread fog** will be likely overnight and into Thursday morning nearly statewide, with areas of **dense fog** possible. Foggy conditions and low clouds will further **reduce visibilities** where there are ongoing or new fires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 21 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 291 acres.

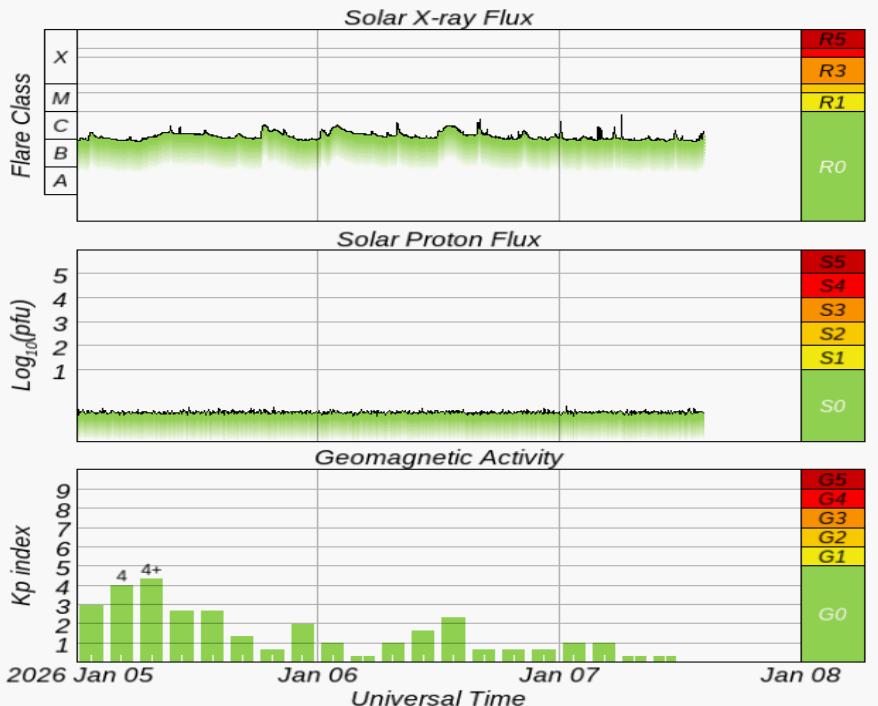
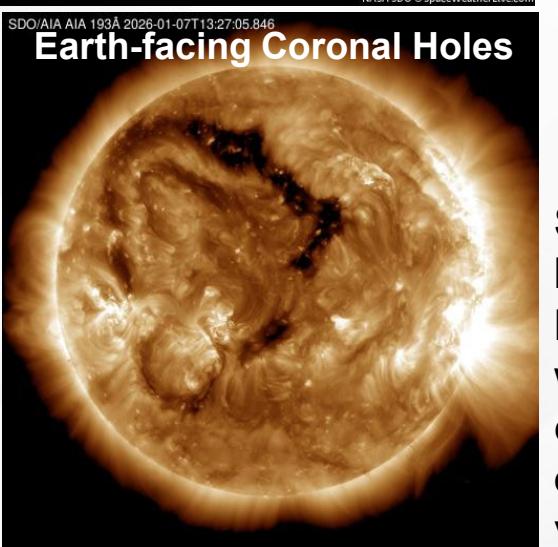
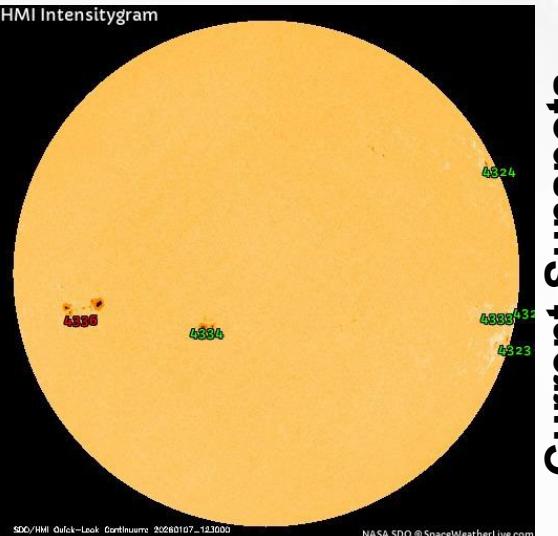
Drought (12/31/2025): Rainfall was once again held to a minimum and **above normal temperatures** were recorded across the Sunshine State despite a frontal system moving across the region. Short-term rainfall departures continue to run 0.5-2" below normal for this time of year nearly statewide, with 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 **454 (+4)** 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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
1/7	1/8	
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: Sunspot #4336 has become increasingly active and now contains a magnetic field that harbors energy for significant (X-class) solar flares. Any M-class flares that develop from this region will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts, and any X-class flares that develop will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. Near nominal solar wind conditions can be expected through Thursday before an enhancement arrives on Friday. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to remain mostly quiet today before becoming unsettled on Friday. The overall space threat 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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