



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, January 10, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
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	In Region	On-Call Status



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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

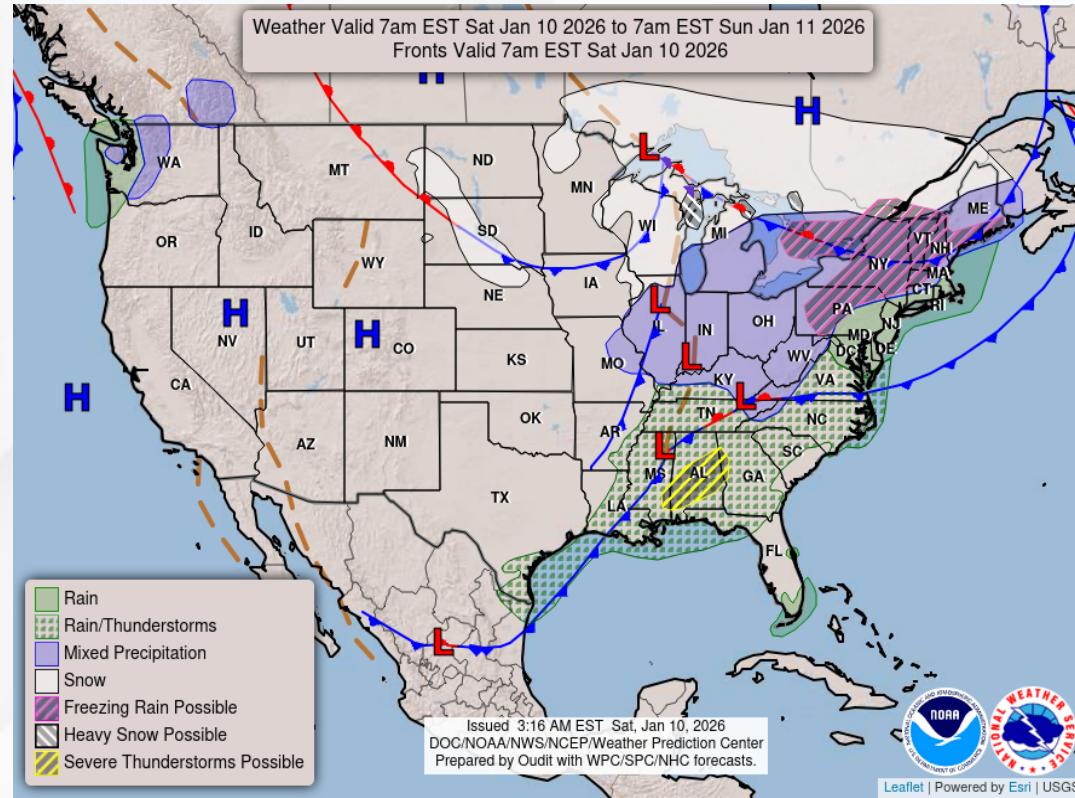
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

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

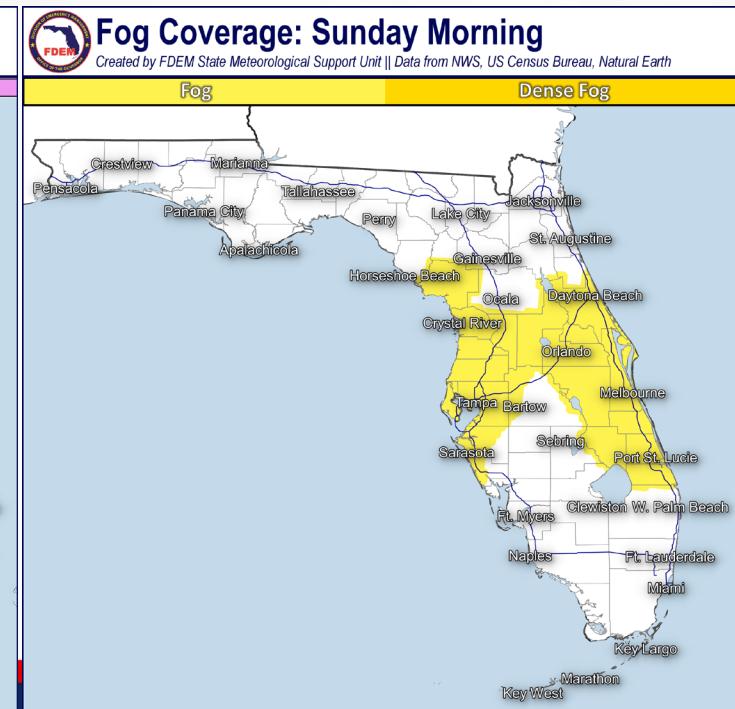
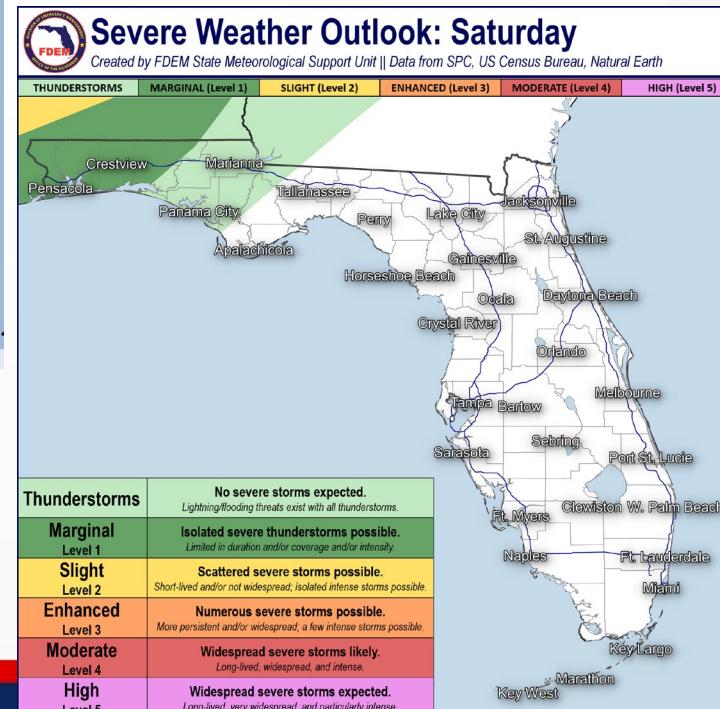


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L								
Tornado	L									
Damaging Wind	L									
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L									
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)			L	L	M	M	M	M	L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	M	L	M	L	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.24 ft. (1.50 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	468 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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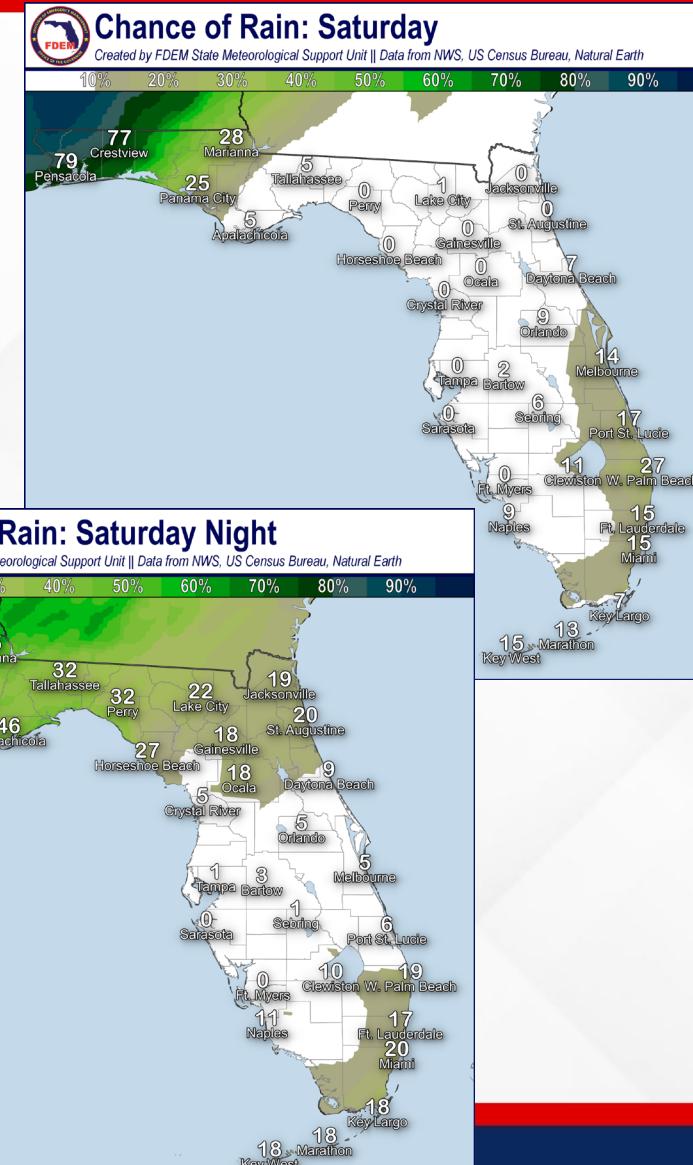
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will begin to slide eastward into the local Atlantic waters today as the next frontal system approaches from the west. Areas of **locally dense fog** across Northeast Florida and the coastal Panhandle will dissipate mid to late morning, giving way to a warm and mostly dry day statewide. A few light coastal showers will be possible along the I-95 corridor of East-Central and Southeast Florida today, though any activity will be brief in nature (15-25% chance of rain). The greatest chance of rain exists across the western Panhandle where a few scattered showers or embedded thunderstorms are likely later this afternoon and evening as a cold front approaches (50-80% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Thunderstorms** is outlooked for the western Panhandle where a few **locally strong to severe storms** could produce gusty winds, heavy downpours, and possibly a brief tornado. Any areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy downpours could see **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, though in general the rainfall will be beneficial to the ongoing drought. This activity will remain mostly confined to west of US-331 during the daytime hours today, though a brief shower cannot be ruled out as far east as the Chattahoochee River. Southerly winds ahead of this approaching cold front will increase today, with wind gusts **upwards of 25 mph** possible across the Panhandle this afternoon.

High temperatures will remain warm to possibly **near record warmth** across North Florida this afternoon, with highs in the upper 70s to middle 80s expected statewide.

The broken line of showers and embedded thunderstorms will trek eastward across the Panhandle early overnight, weakening as the greatest dynamics of the larger storm system pass north of the state. As such, only a few scattered showers are expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend (30-50% chance of rain), though a rumble of thunder cannot be ruled out. This line of showers will begin to approach Northeast Florida by daybreak Sunday. A few lingering coastal showers are also possible across coastal Southeast Florida and the Keys overnight (15-25% chance of rain). With moist southerly flow ahead of the cold front across Central Florida, another night of **fog and low clouds** will be possible, some of which could be **locally dense**.

Low temperatures will cool off in the wake of the front across the Panhandle tonight, reaching the upper 40s to middle 50s. Warmer overnight lows in the upper 50s to middle 60s can be expected across the Peninsula, with coastal Southeast Florida and the Keys only reaching the upper 60s to lower 70s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for all Panhandle beaches as breezy onshore winds bring dangerous swimming conditions. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all East Coast beaches today, with a low risk for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Southerly winds will bring an increase in wave heights across the Panhandle beaches today, with surf of **2-4'** expected. West Coast and East Coast beaches will see waves of 1-2', with some Florida Keys beaches seeing waves near 3'.

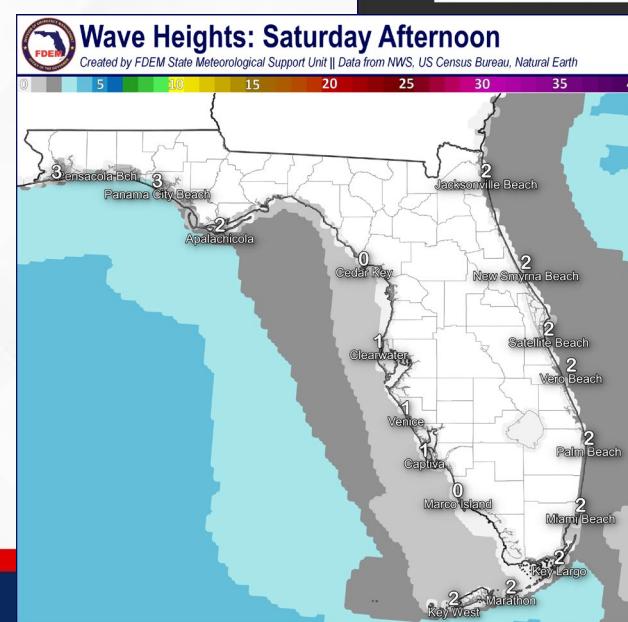
Red Tide was observed at background to **high concentrations** in Bay County and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County along the Panhandle. It was also observed at background to very low concentrations in Charlotte County in Southwest Florida. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (valid 1/9/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. A broken line of showers and embedded thunderstorms will move through the Panhandle later this morning and afternoon, of which a few storms could be **locally strong to severe**. Any stronger activity could produce **locally heavy downpours** and result in **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 0.5" for areas west of US-231, however **locally higher totals** upwards of 1-2" cannot be ruled out in any areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy downpours.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.24 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.50 feet below normal for this time of year.



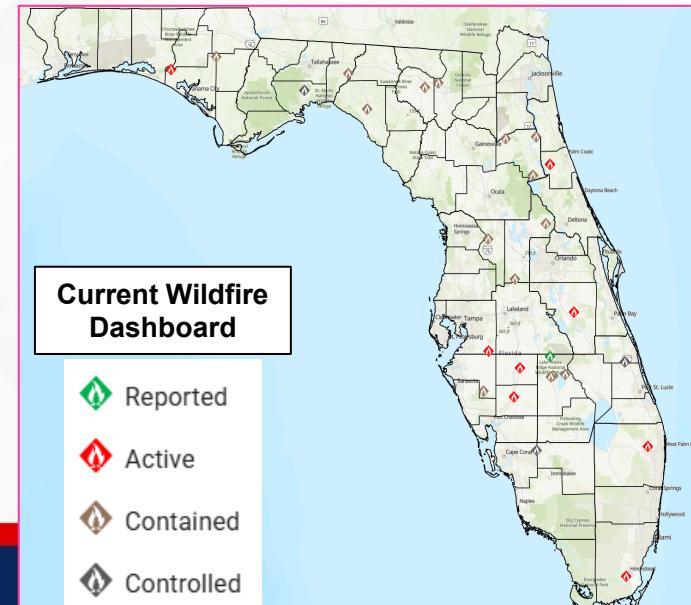
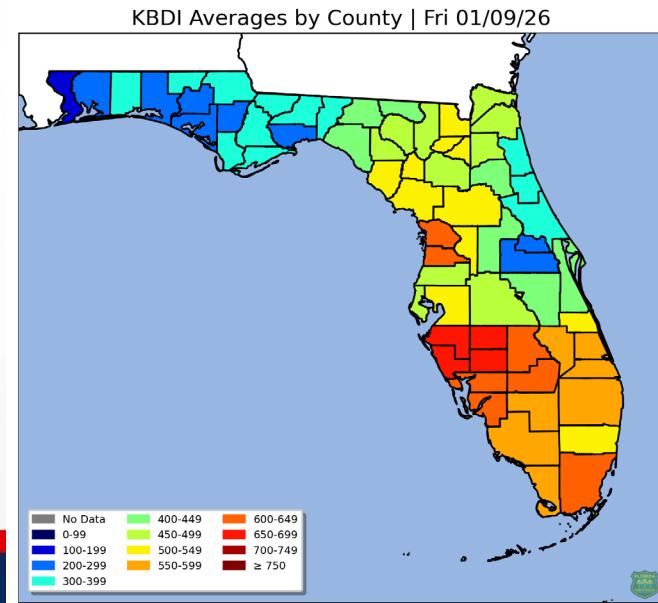
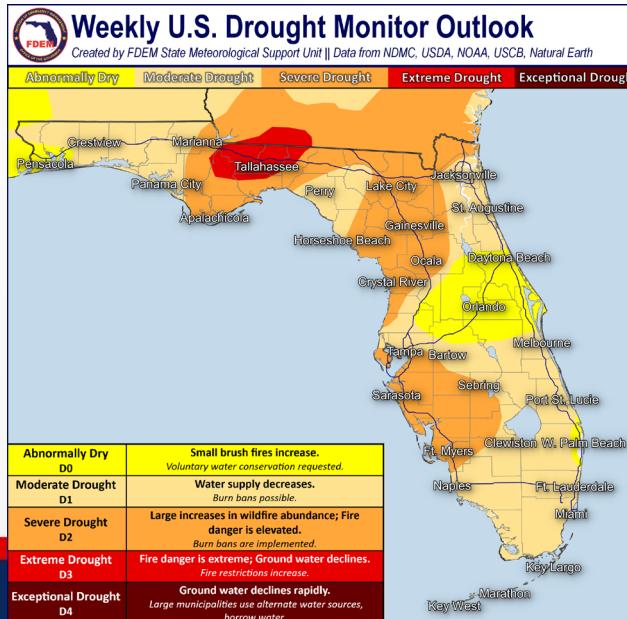


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Warm and mostly dry conditions can be expected across the state once again, with moist southerly flow ahead of an approaching cold front keeping 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. Breezy southerly winds may develop ahead of the approaching cold front, with wind gusts **upwards of 25 mph** possible across the Panhandle. The greatest chances of rain today will be later this afternoon across the western Panhandle, where a few **locally strong thunderstorms** are possible. Any of these thunderstorms could produce lightning and gusty/erratic winds which can spark new wildfires or spread existing ones. Another round of **low clouds and fog** will be likely overnight and into Sunday morning across Central Florida, 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 27 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 534 acres.

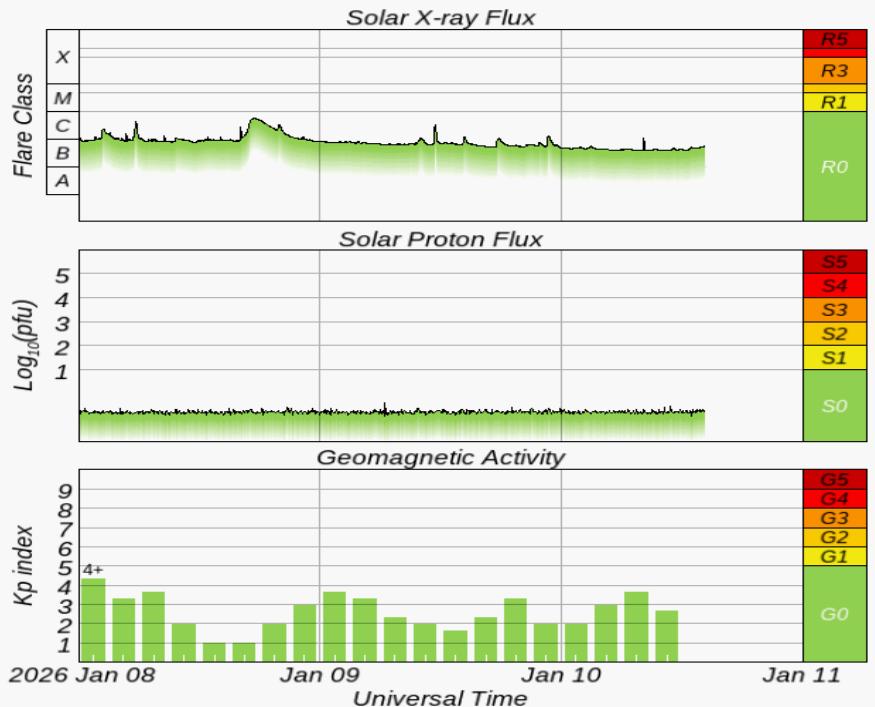
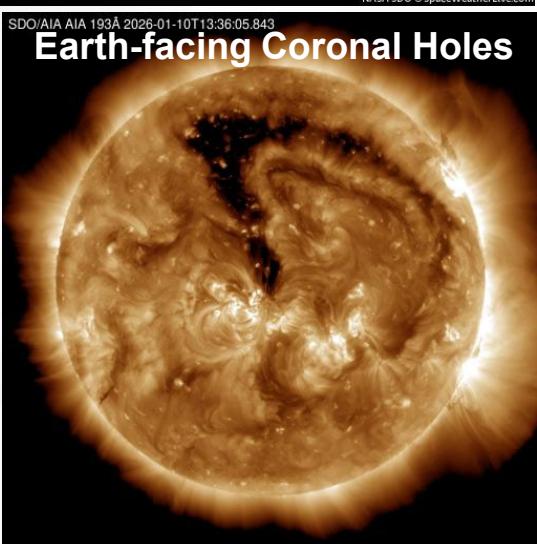
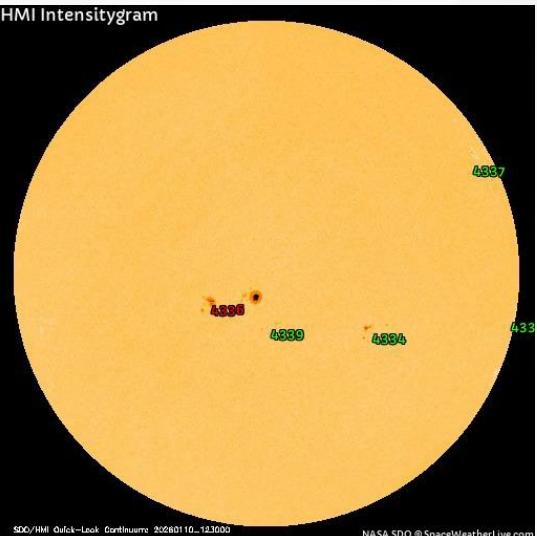
Drought (1/8/26): Some beneficial rainfall fell across North Florida this past weekend, bringing widespread 1-2" totals to the Panhandle and Big Bend. However, very little change was made to this weeks Drought Monitor outlook due to long-term drought and **above normal temperatures** keeping drought in place. Short-term rainfall departures are all below normal across the entire state, with the largest deficits (2-4") over the western Panhandle. Here, **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** remains, with **severe (level 2 of 4)** to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persisting over the interior eastern Panhandle and Big Bend. **Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** also remains in place across the Suwannee River Valley where streamflows are well below normal. Some of the biggest changes in recent outlooks has been across West-Central and South Florida where long-term rainfall departures have reached 4-6" in many locations. The **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has expanded further south along the Gulf coast to include all of Charlotte and Lee counties, and westward to interior Glades and Hendry counties. Expansion of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was also added across coastal Southeast Florida. Nearly 87% of the state of Florida is now under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse. 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 **468 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **29** 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: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
1/10	1/11	
Max K _p = 5 (G1)	Max K _p = 5 (G1)	
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels as all current sunspots exhibit magnetic field decay. There is a slight chance for moderate (M-class) solar flares through the weekend. Any M-class flares that develop will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar activity may increase by Monday as a few active sunspot regions return into view. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced with coronal hole influences persisting through the weekend. Additional enhancements are likely late Saturday and into Sunday from a glancing coronal mass ejection (CME). Periods of minor (G1) geomagnetic storming are likely as a result of the aforementioned coronal hole influences and CME. Chances for moderate (G2) storming cannot be ruled out if the CME impacts Earth in a more favorable orientation. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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