



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, January 11, 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	Out of Region	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

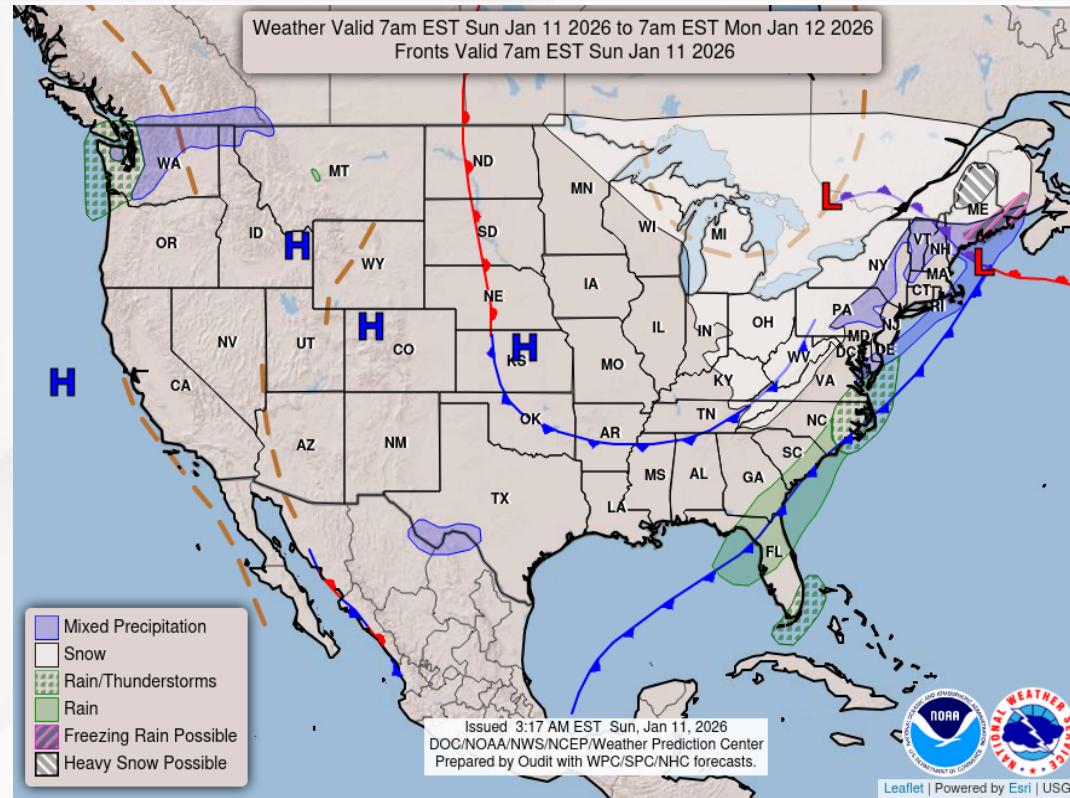
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

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

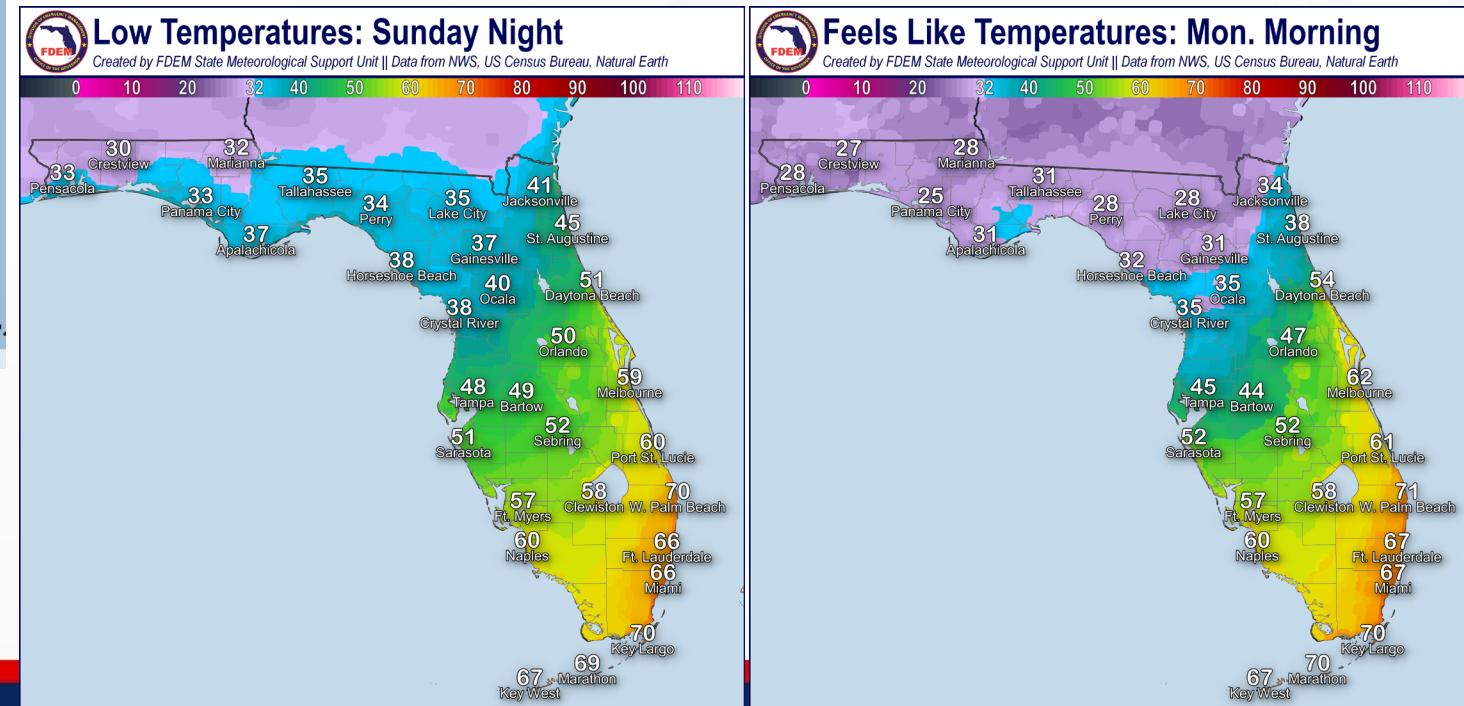


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	M	L	L							
Wind Chill (Overnight)	M	M	M	L			L	L	L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	L	L	M	M	M	L	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.24 ft. (1.48 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	474 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



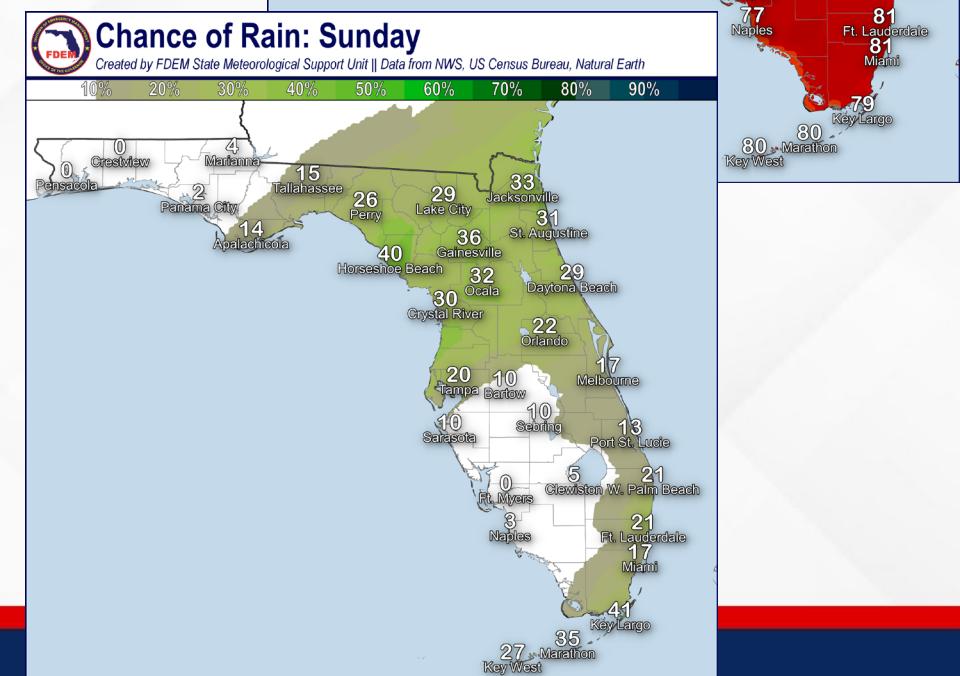
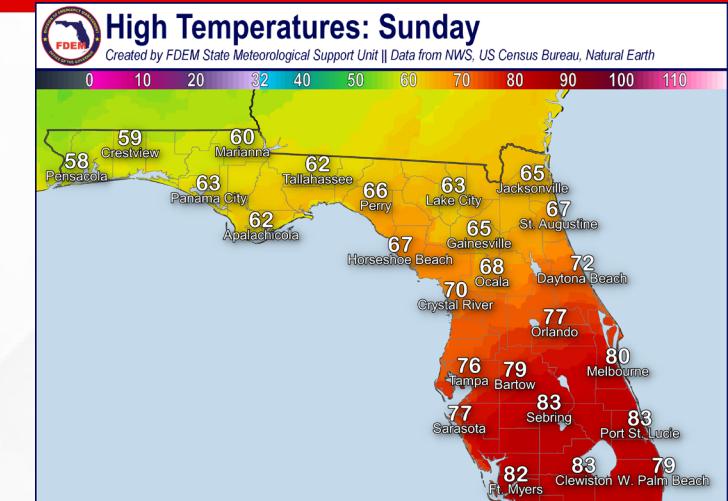


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Dense Fog conditions have developed this morning across Northeast Florida and North-Central Florida, and should gradually lift and dissipate by the mid-to-late morning hours. A pattern change can be expected today as a cold front continues to push southward through the state today and tonight. The cold front is currently moving over the Suwannee River Valley bringing isolated showers over the northern I-75 corridor and Northeast Florida and will continue to push southward into Central Florida during the daytime hours. With not much moisture content, rain chances will remain isolated, to possibly widely scattered at best, as the cold front pushes into the Peninsula through the rest of the day and overnight (15-35% chance of rain). Behind the cold front, cooler and drier air will move in from the northwest accompanied with breezy winds. Wind gusts will reach upwards of 15-20 mph across North Florida by this afternoon, with **stronger wind gusts upwards of 25 mph** along the coasts. Eventually throughout the overnight hours these breezy wind gusts will extend into the Peninsula once the cold front pushes through.

High temperatures will reach the upper 50s to upper 60s across North Florida, middle 70s to lower 80s across Central Florida and lower to middle 80s across South Florida. **Much cooler air** compared to the last week will arrive tonight across North Florida and portions of Central Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 20s to middle 30s** across North Florida, upper 40s to middle 50s across Central Florida, upper 50s to upper 60s across South Florida. **Feels-like temperatures**, or wind chills, will dip into the **middle 20s to lower 30s** across North Florida and **30s** along Nature Coast and North-Central Florida by sunrise Monday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy winds moving in behind a passing cold front will create ocean swells and a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** along the Panhandle and West Coast. Numerous East Coast beaches can expect a **moderate risk**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: North and North-Central Florida beaches can expect to see wave heights near 1-3' throughout the day, with Panhandle beaches seeing **breaking waves upwards of 4'** further offshore. The rest of the Peninsula will see wave heights of 1-2'.

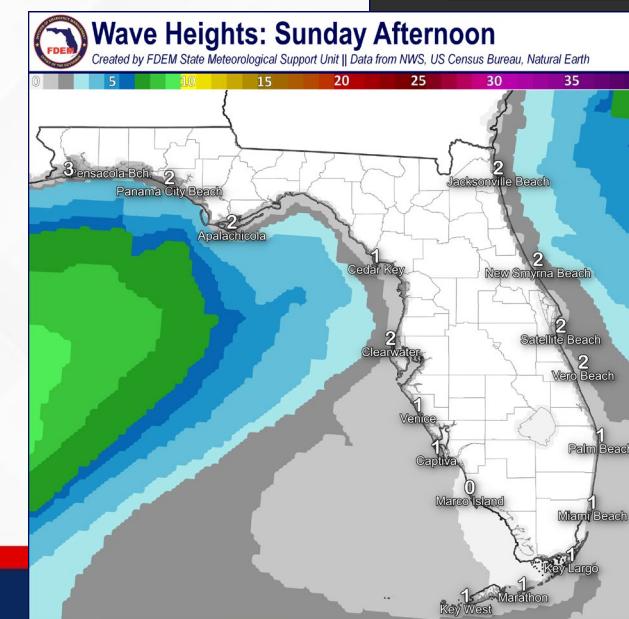
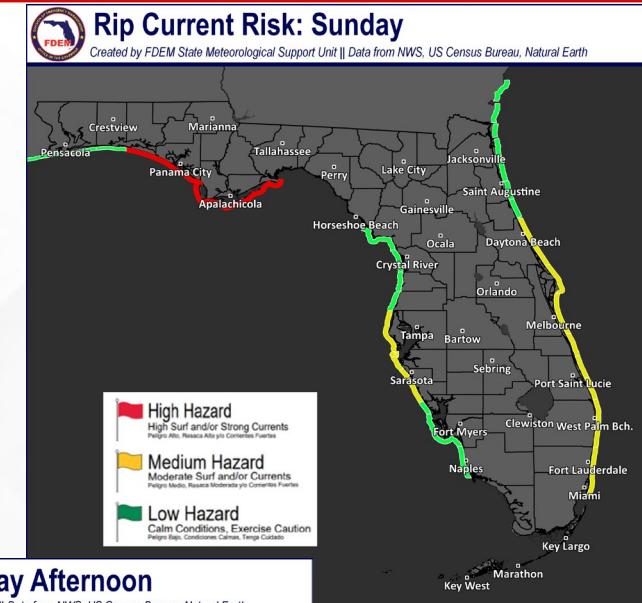
Red Tide was observed at background to **high concentrations** in Bay County and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County along the Panhandle. It was also observed at background to very low concentrations in Charlotte County in Southwest Florida. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida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

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

Flash Flooding: There is no risk for flash flooding today. Rainfall totals associated with the cold front moving through the state are expected to remain below 0.5"; however, coastal Southeast Florida could approach that amount by early Monday morning.

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 1.48 feet below normal for this time of year.



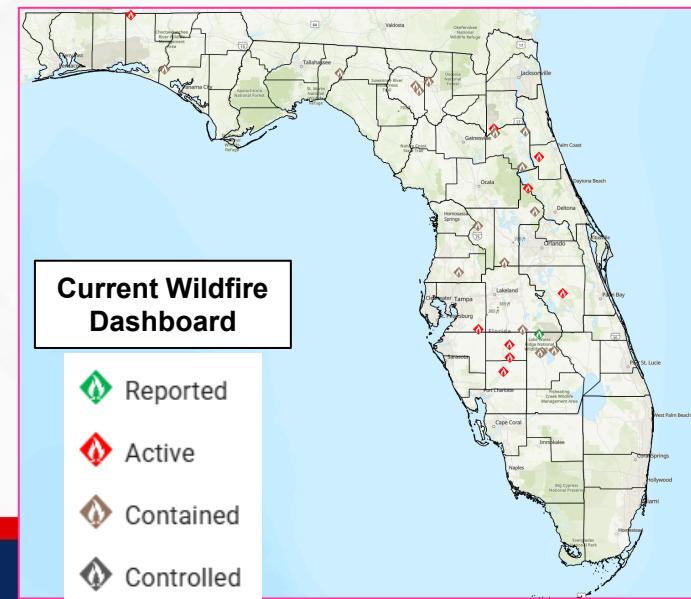
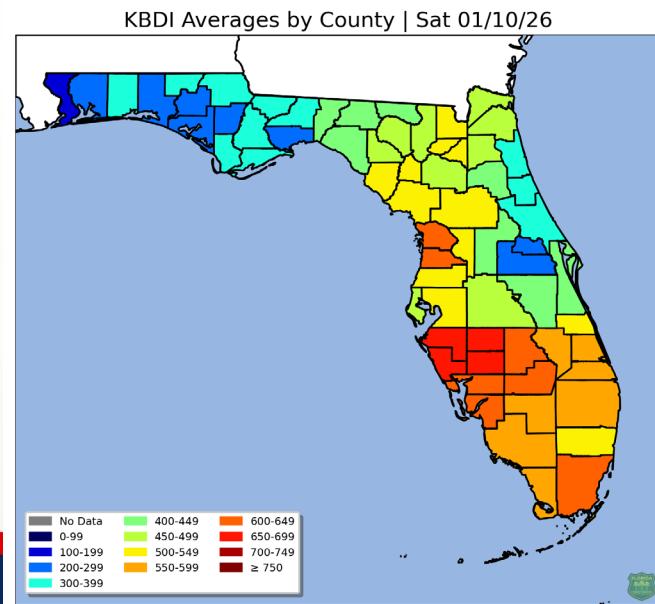
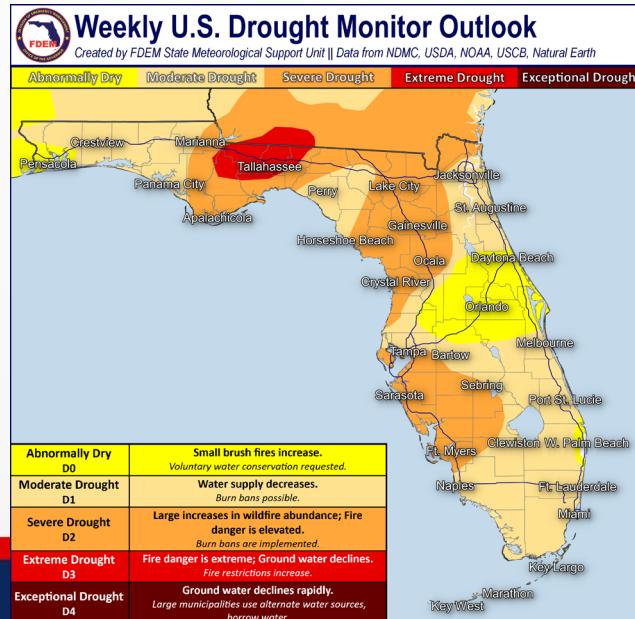


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A cold front will continue to pass through the state today bringing isolated to widely scattered showers as it moves southward. Behind the cold front, drier and cooler air will move in from the northwest, especially along the Panhandle and Big Bend by the late afternoon and early evening hours. Relative humidity values across portions of the Big Bend and Suwannee Valley are forecast to **approach critical thresholds** this afternoon (30-35%). Accompanying the drier air will be breezy wind gusts of 15-20 mph, with isolated stronger **wind gusts near 25 mph** along the North Florida coasts. With the recent warm and dry week, as well as ongoing drought conditions, **sensitive wildfire conditions** can be expected to persist statewide. **Localized patchy fog** may be mixed within morning showers across South Florida early Monday morning, which may reduce visibilities with any ongoing fires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 26 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 595 acres.

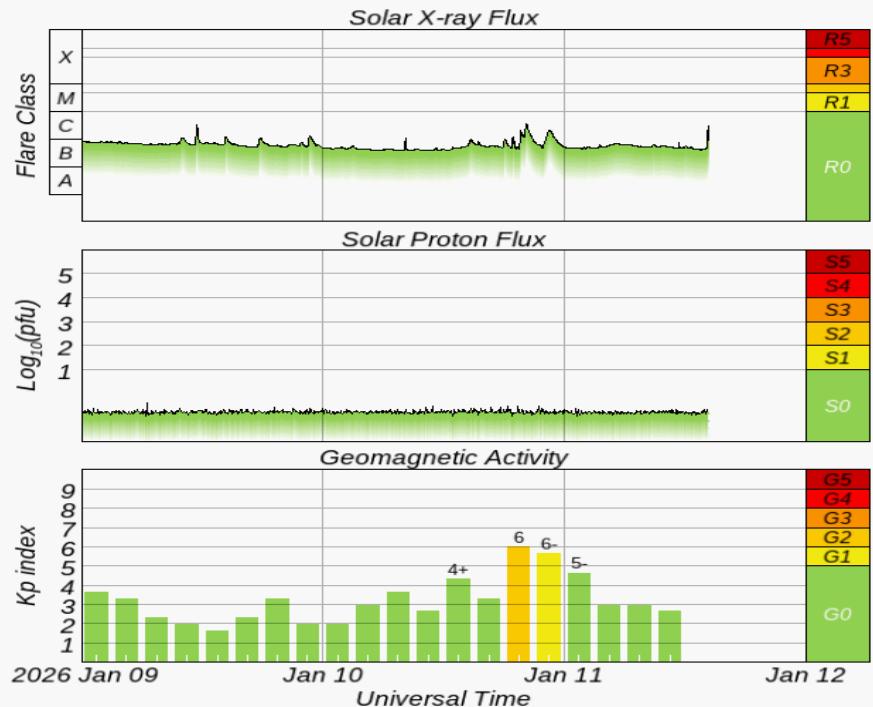
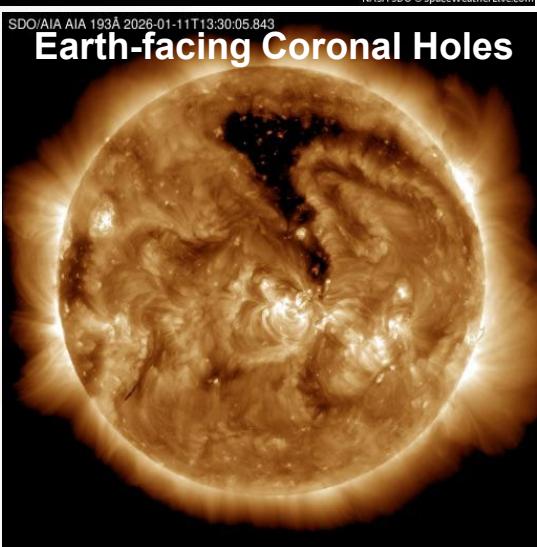
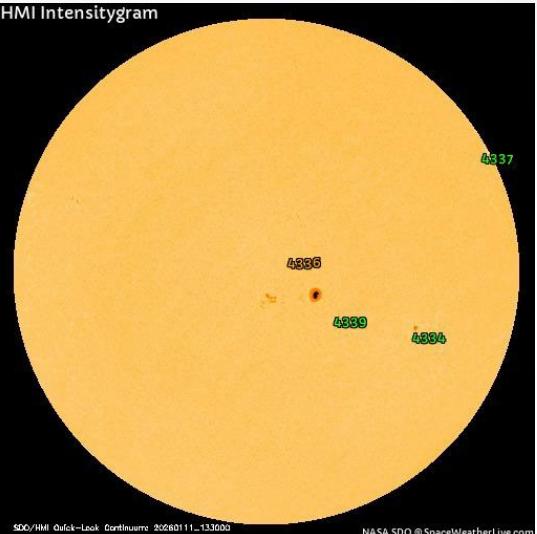
Drought (1/8/26): Some beneficial rainfall fell across North Florida this past weekend, bringing widespread 1-2" totals to the Panhandle and Big Bend. However, very little change was made to this weeks Drought Monitor outlook due to long-term drought and **above normal temperatures** keeping drought 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 **474 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **30** 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	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
1/11	1/12	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)	
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	

Space Weather: Solar activity will be at low levels today with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares due to sunspot #4336. Should any M-class flares develop they will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Elevated solar wind conditions are expected to continue through the rest of today due to enhancements from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) from 1/8. The Earth's geomagnetic field is currently experiencing moderate (G2) geomagnetic storming conditions, which should settle slightly to minor (G1) geomagnetic conditions today as CME influences wane. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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