



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, January 12, 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	Gadsden	Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance/FDEM/County/Statewide EM Meetings
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Vehicle Maintenance/FDEM/County/Statewide EM Meetings
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	NDEMU National Emergency Management Advanced Academy
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	G-141 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco, St Lucie	Pasco HMPC / FDEM, County, Statewide EM Meetings / Travel to Region 8
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings
Region 8: Amber Durden	St Lucie	FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami Dade, St Lucie	FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings / Travel to Region 8



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NEMAA Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Osceola	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Statewide EM Directors Calls / Team Meeting

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

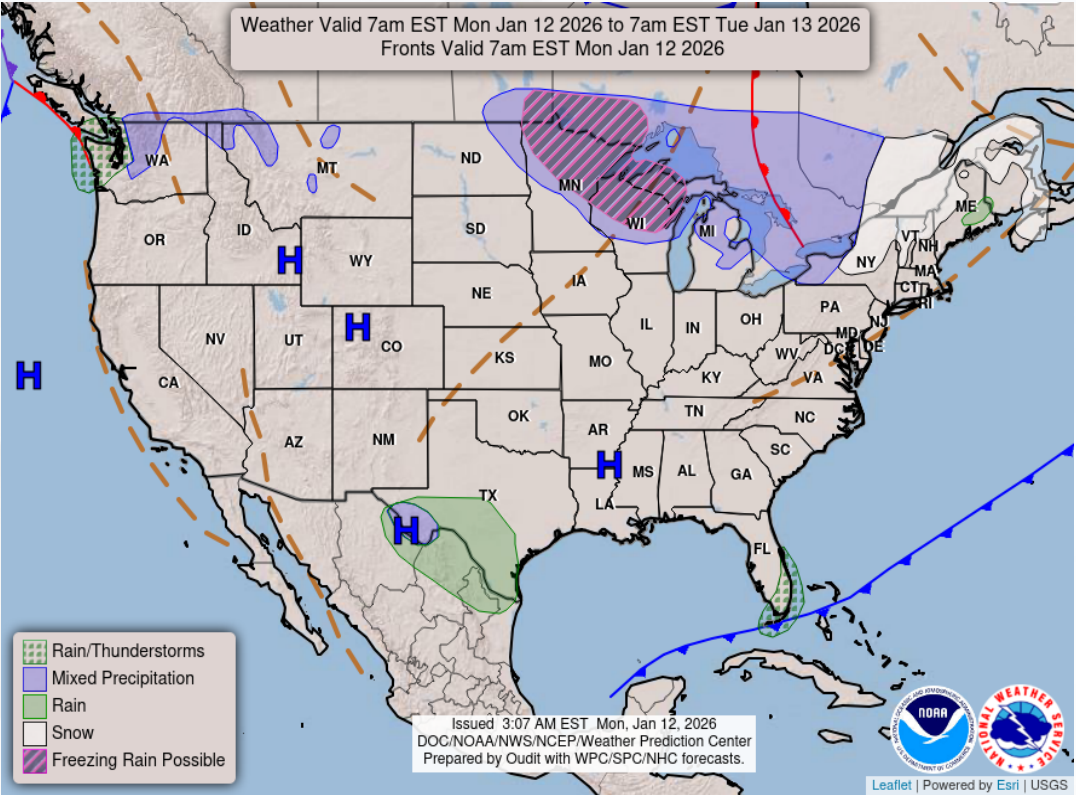
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

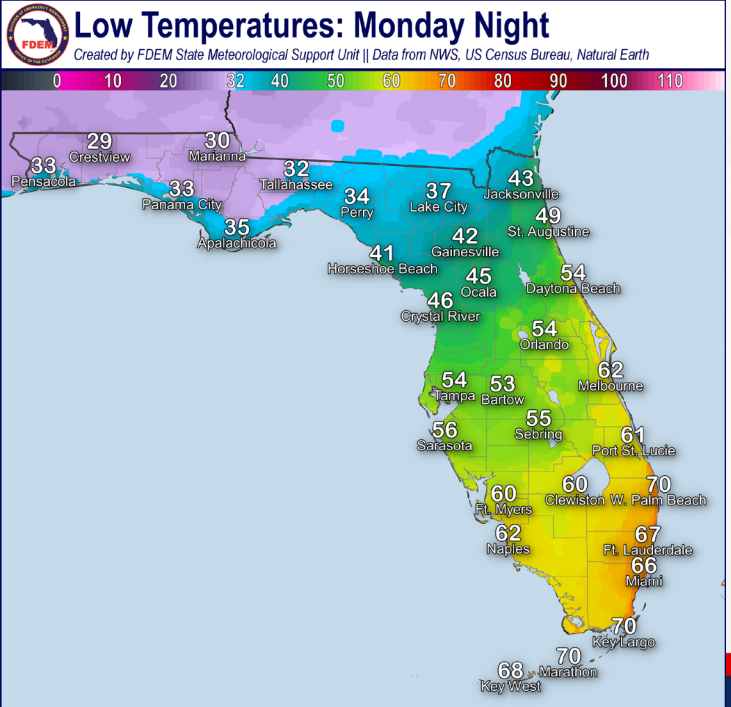
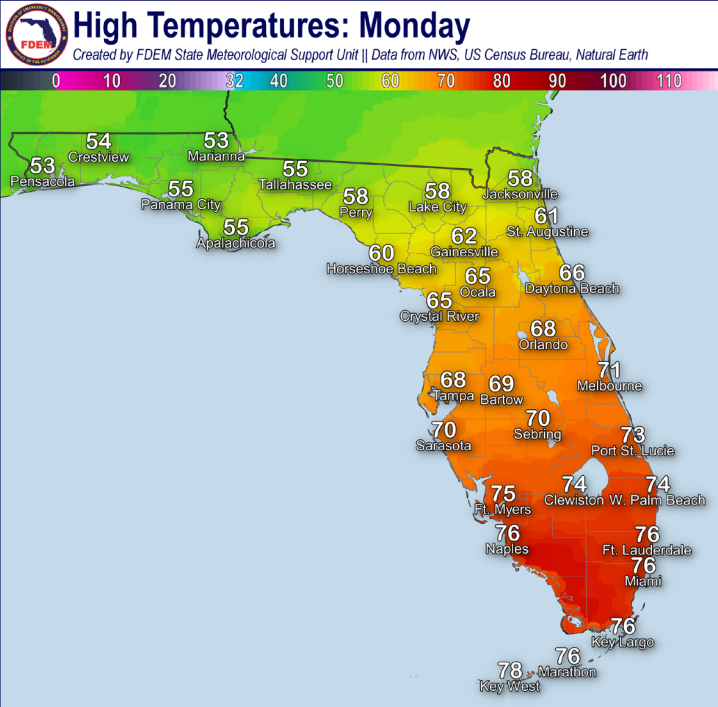


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	M	L	L							
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	H		H	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.22 ft. (1.50 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	477 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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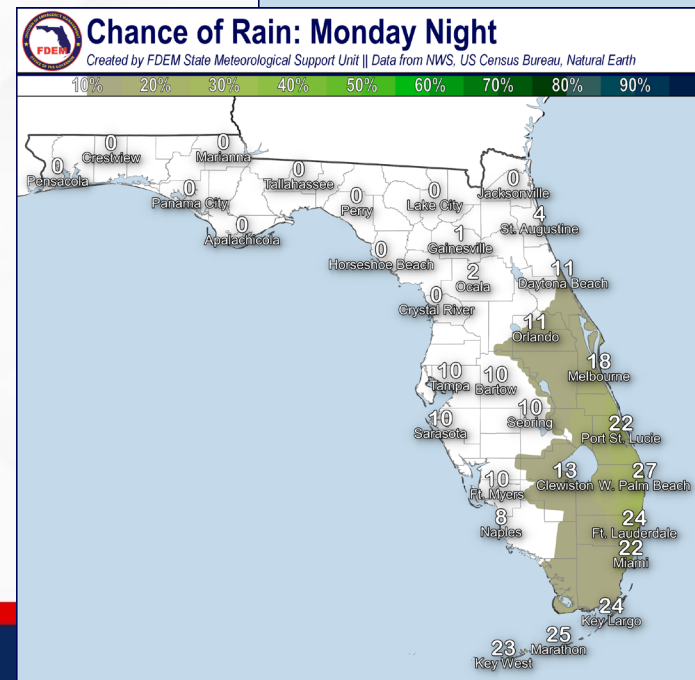
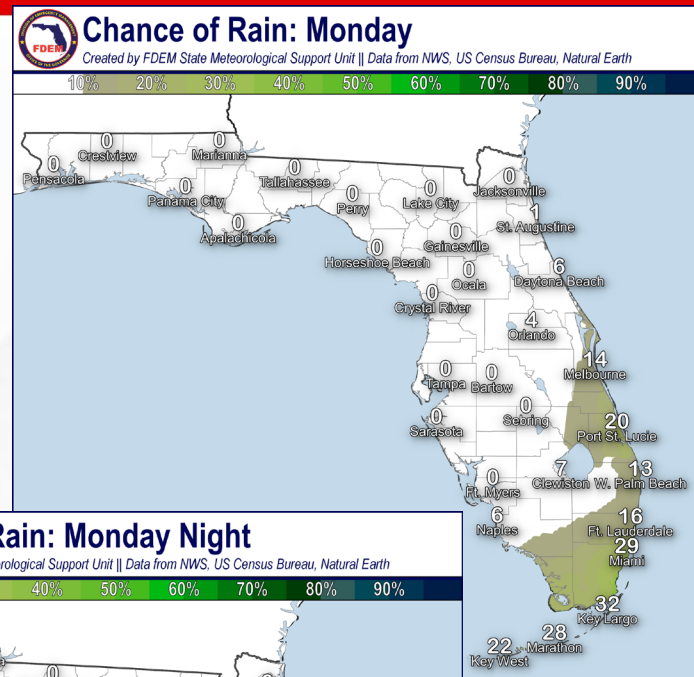
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A **chilly start** this morning for much of North Florida with temperatures in the 20s and 30s. Showers just remain offshore along the southeastern coastline this morning as yesterday's cold front remains just south of the Straits. Additional isolated to scattered showers will move onshore from the Space Coast and southward throughout the day with the help of onshore winds (15-30% chance of rain). Elsewhere across the state mostly dry and pleasant conditions can be expected with a mixture of sunshine and cloud cover.

High temperatures will warm up into the 50s across North Florida, middle 60s to lower 70s across Central Florida and middle 70s across South Florida this afternoon.

Showers will linger near the Atlantic Coast and the adjacent coastal waters throughout the overnight hours, but rainfall is expected to remain light and brief (15-30% chance of rain). Cool and dry conditions will persist for the rest of the state overnight as high pressure shifts eastward and cloud cover dissolves. Clearing skies and light winds will likely lead to **frost development** over interior portions of North Florida early Tuesday morning and also lead **light freeze conditions**. **Frost Advisories** may be needed tonight near portions of the eastern I-10 corridor.

Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 20s to middle 30s** across much of North Florida, 40s to lower 50s across Central Florida and upper 50s to 60s across South Florida overnight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Large ocean swells and onshore winds will lead to a **high risk for rip currents** for nearly every Peninsula beach. Panhandle beaches will see a **moderate risk**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Ocean swells of 3-6'** have developed along the Atlantic Coast in the wake of this weekend's cold front. Isolated breaking waves further offshore along the Treasure Coast could reach **upwards of 7-8'** at times. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see 2-3' with breaking waves **upwards of 4'** possible along the western Peninsula.

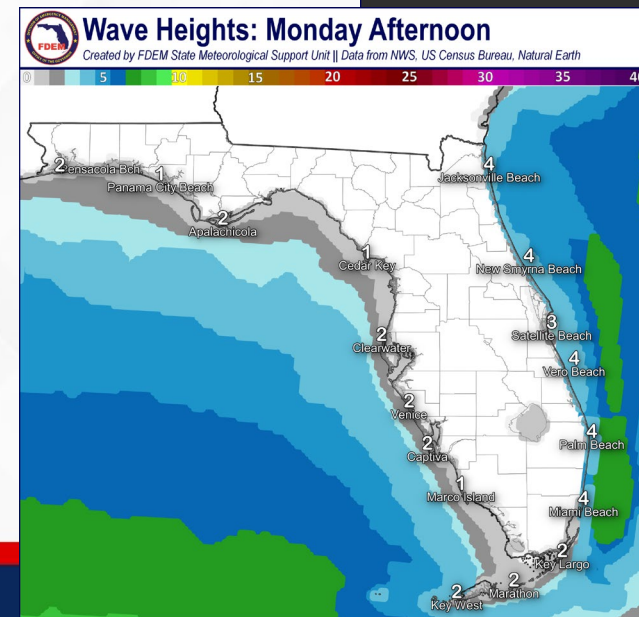
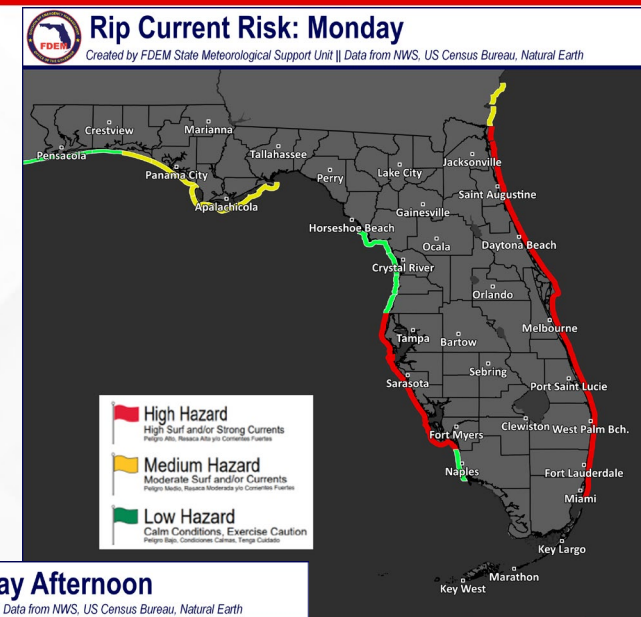
Red Tide was observed at background to **high concentrations** in Bay County and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County along the Panhandle. It was also observed at background to very low concentrations in Charlotte County in Southwest Florida. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida 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 shower activity along much of the Atlantic Coast is not expected to exceed 0.5" as the heaviest activity should remain offshore.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.22 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.50 feet below normal for this time of year.



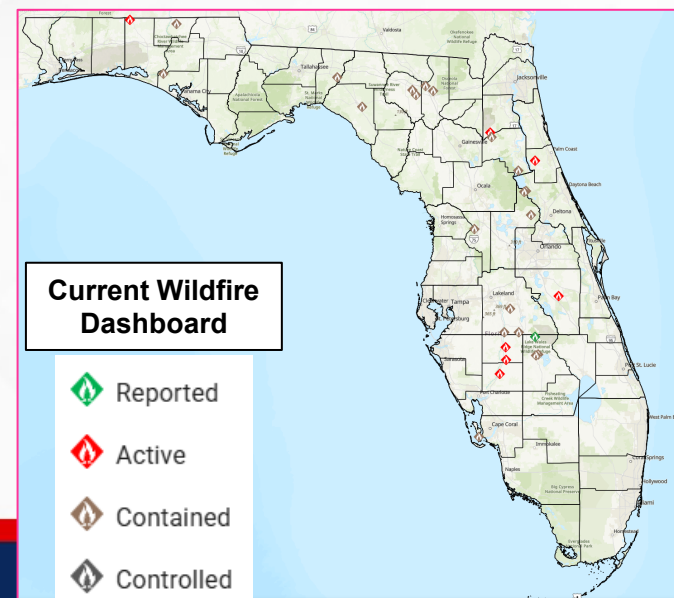
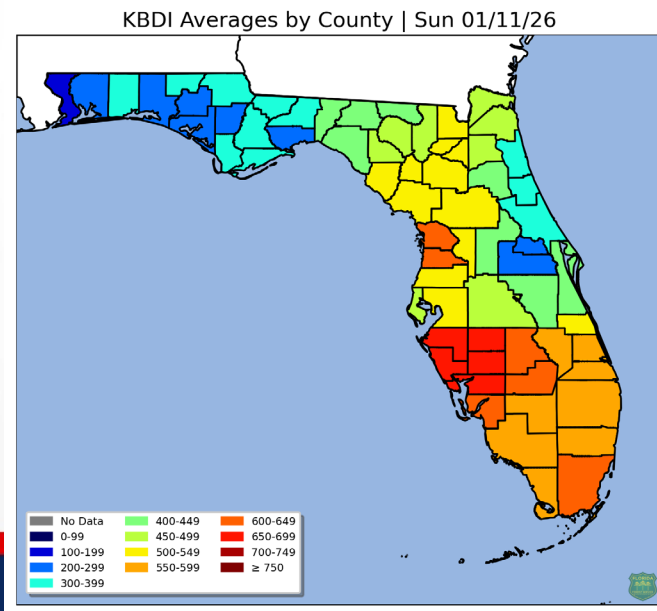
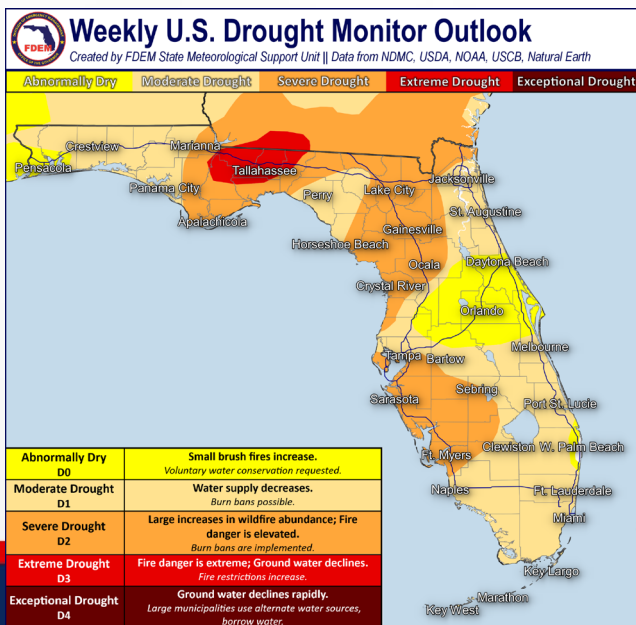


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Northerly to northeasterly winds will help usher in cooler and drier air throughout much of the state. Only the Panhandle and western Big Bend will see relative humidity values fall **near or below critical thresholds** this afternoon (**25-35%**). Isolated to scattered showers will continue along the Atlantic Coast, extending from the Space Coast and southward, as this weekends cold front stalls. Winds will remain light near 5-10 mph, with the First Coast seeing winds upwards of 15 mph later this afternoon. Wind gusts will keep below 20 mph across the state. **Long term drought conditions** and little rainfall from the last week will continue to create **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** across the state. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 28 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 659 acres.

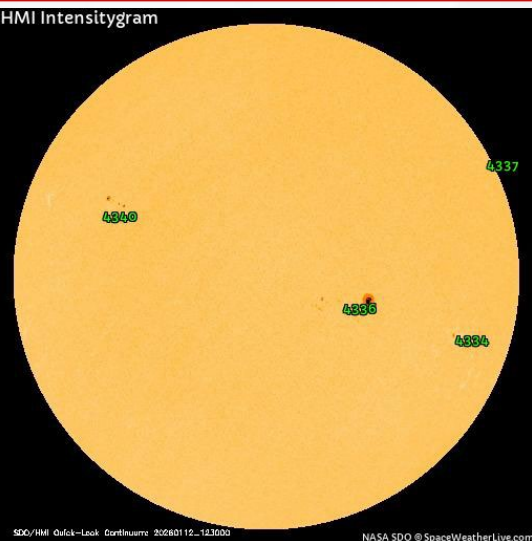
Drought (1/8/26): Some beneficial rainfall fell across North Florida this past weekend, bringing widespread 1-2" totals to the Panhandle and Big Bend. However, very little change was made to this weeks Drought Monitor outlook due to long-term drought and **above normal temperatures** keeping drought 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 **477 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **31** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

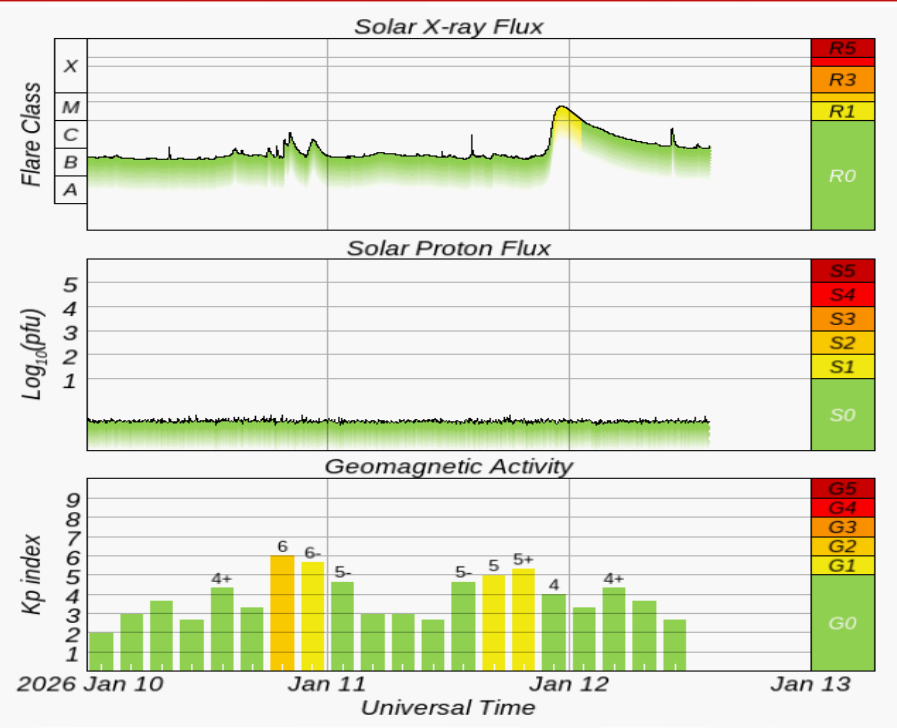
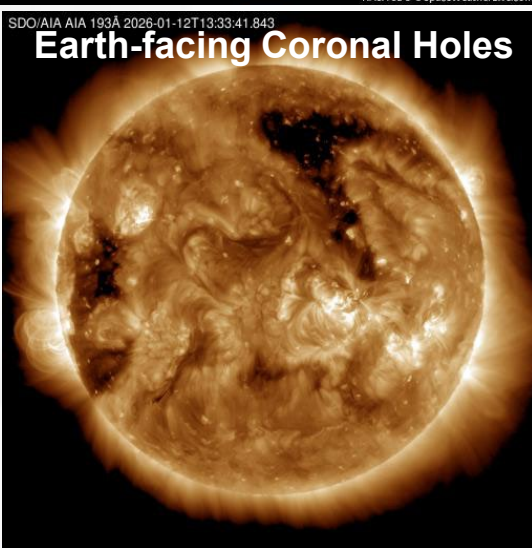




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/12	1/13
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 45% severe activity = 30%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity will remain low with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares from sunspot #4336. This sunspot contains energy that could harbor M-class solar flare activity. As well, a sunspot complex behind the eastern limb of the sun has also been producing M-class solar flares. Any M-class solar flares that develop will bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Elevated solar wind conditions are expected to continue through midweek due to conditions transitioning from Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) related to Coronal High Solar Stream (CH HSS) related. There remains a chance for minor (G1) geomagnetic storming through this morning due to waning CME conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is 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	
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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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