



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, January 13, 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	Bay	Airport Exercise Meeting / NWS Hydrology Training
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Gadsden	Vehicle Maintenance / FDEM / County / Statewide EM Meetings
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Gilchrist	County EM Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	NDEMU National Emergency Management Advanced Academy
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	G-141 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	St Lucie	St Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Practice Exercise
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	County EM Visit
Region 8: Amber Durden	St Lucie	St Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Practice Exercise
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Hendry	FDOH Hendry and Glades Introductory Meetings / R9/10 T&E Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Martin, Miami-Dade	St Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Practice Exercise / Return to R10 Travel



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay / Okaloosa	County Partners Meetings
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NEMAA Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	SLNPP Practice FSE
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	County Exercise
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	SLNPP Practice FSE
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	ST Lucie	Equipment Maintenance & SWAP

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

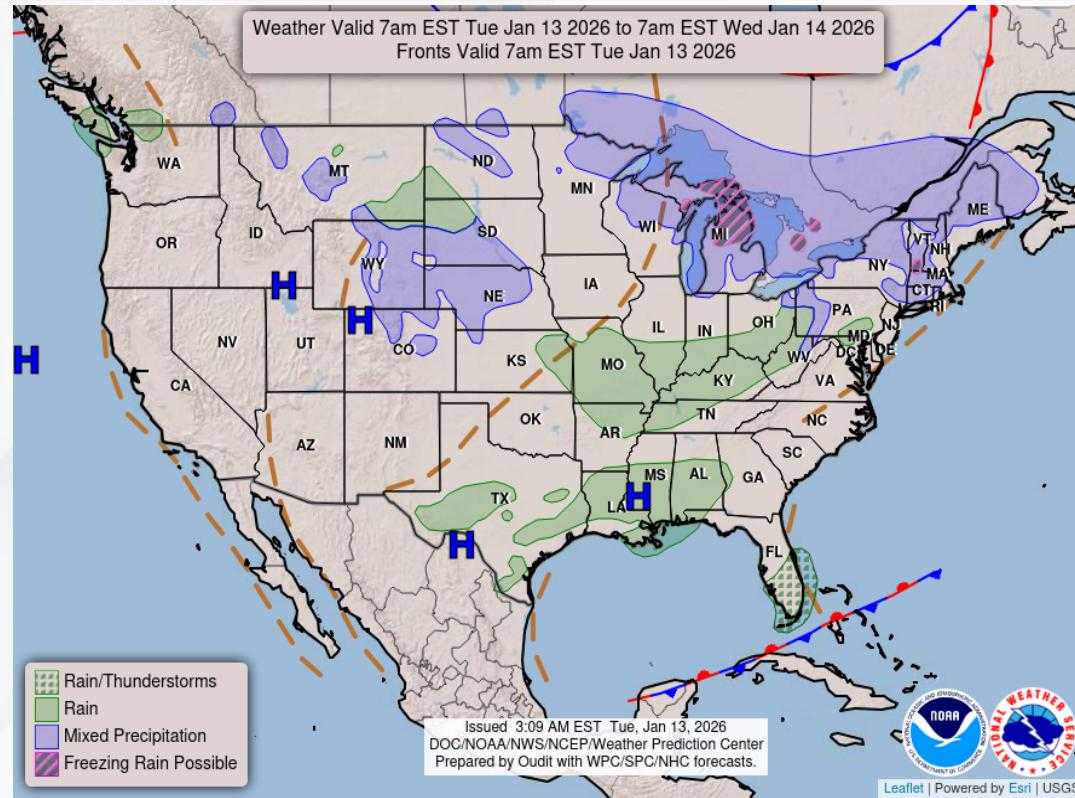
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

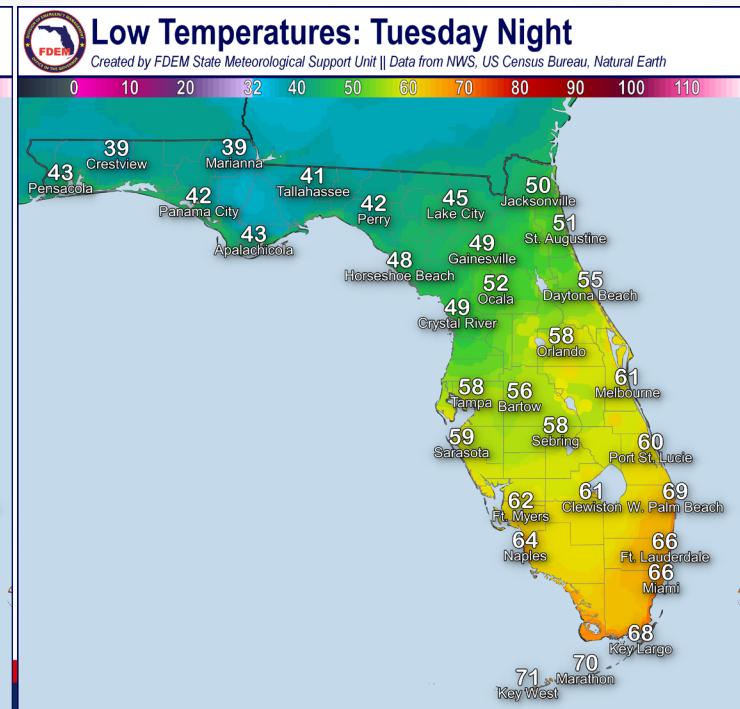
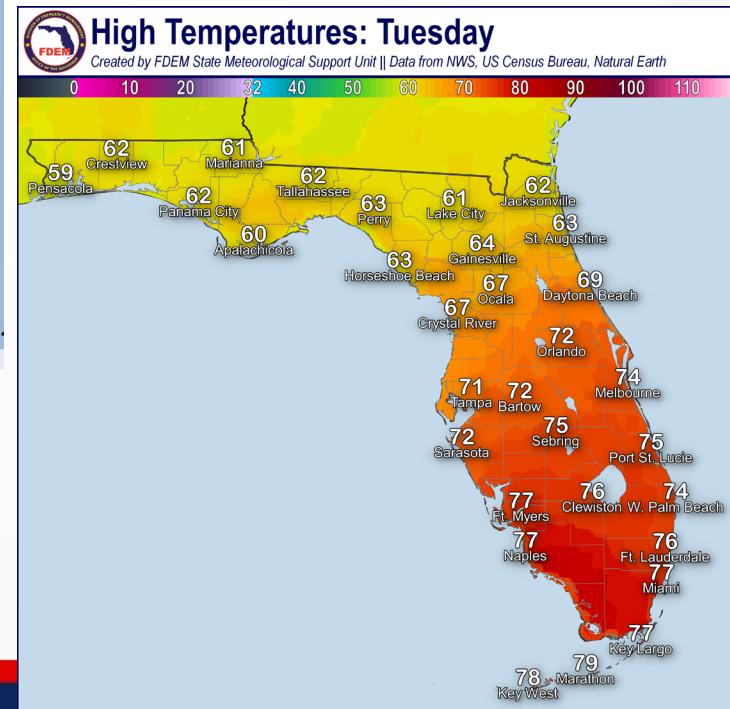


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										L
Freeze (Overnight)	L									
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L	M	L	H	
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.19 ft. (1.52 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	480 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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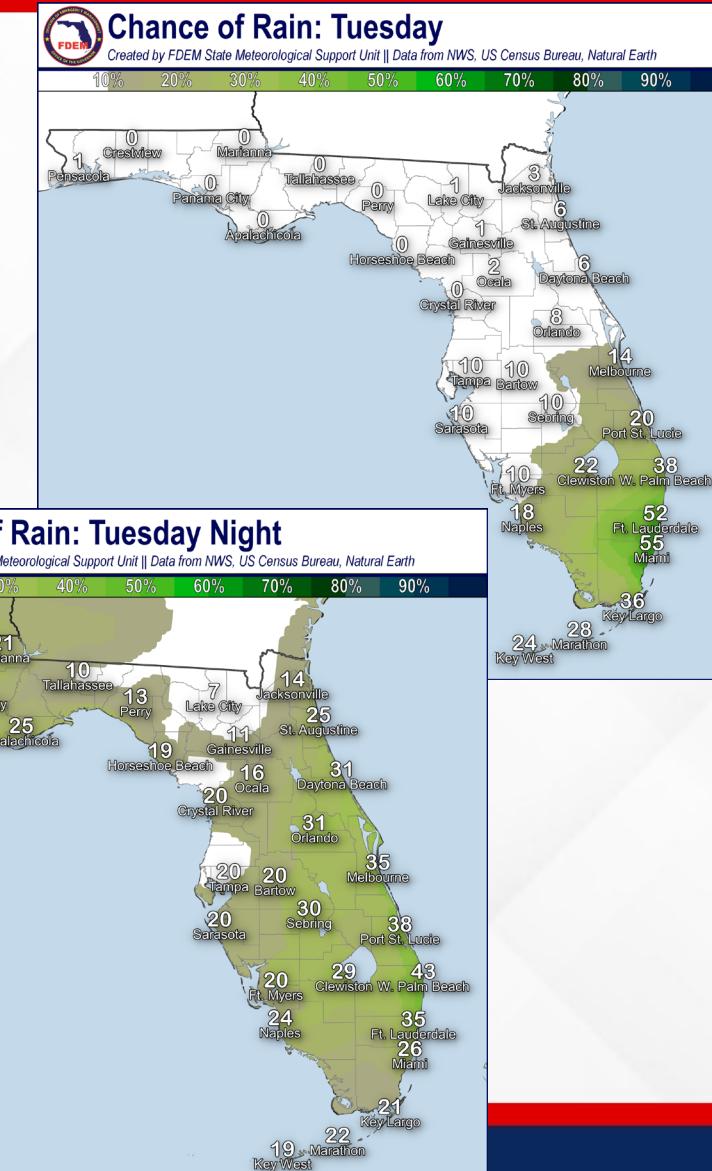
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Frost Advisories remain in effect along the northern Suwannee Valley through 9:00 AM EST this morning due to frost development from the early morning hours. The lingering front from this weekend and yesterday remains draped along the Straits of Florida and will give way to isolated to scattered showers across South Florida and portions of the Atlantic Coast (20-40% chance of rain). The heaviest activity looks to remain just offshore over the adjacent southeast coastal waters, but some may drift just onshore along the Southeast Florida coast throughout the day. An isolated rumble of thunder cannot be ruled out. Overall activity should remain light and brief, especially for areas further inland. Throughout the rest of the state, dry conditions can be expected during the daytime hours as the cooler air mass begins to warm back up.

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

As the front lingers across South Florida and the Straits, this will continue to help keep shower activity ongoing and extend further north along the Atlantic Coast overnight. As well, an upper-level feature will move overhead across the state tonight and into early Wednesday bringing some light and brief showers across the Panhandle and the state (15-35% chance of rain).

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected along Panhandle and East Coast beaches nearly statewide. West Coast beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Ocean swells of 3-5'** will persist along the Florida East Coast with the greatest wave heights along the Treasure Coast. Panhandle and West Coast beaches can expect wave heights of 1-2'.

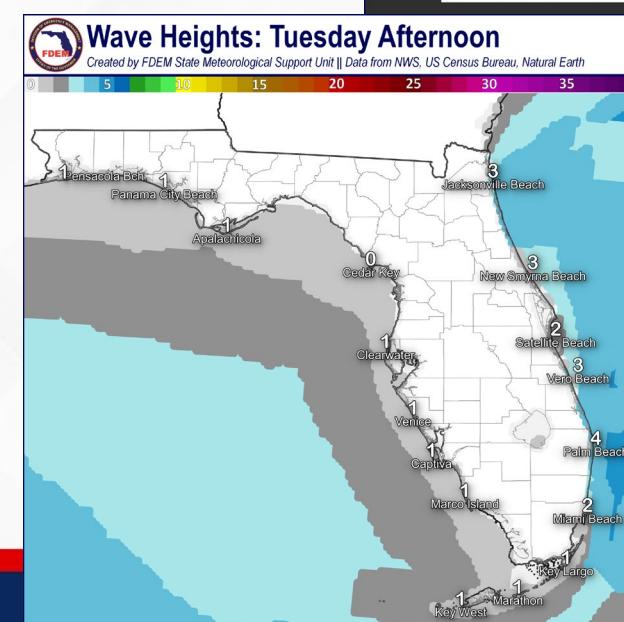
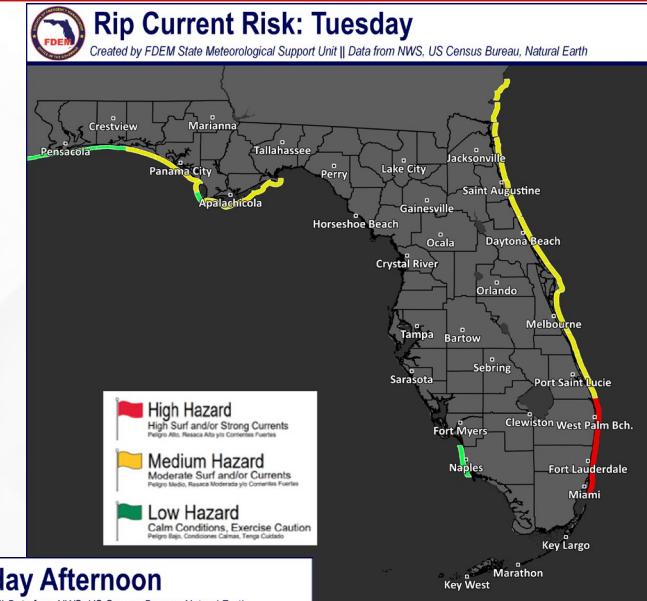
Red Tide was observed at background to **high concentrations** in Bay County and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County along the Panhandle. It was also observed at background to very low concentrations in Charlotte County in Southwest Florida. Red Tide was not observed along the Florida 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 of 0.5" are likely along the immediate Southeast Florida coast, with the heaviest totals remaining just offshore. Should any heavier or repeated shower activity shift onshore closer towards the coast and urban areas, then rainfall totals could reach totals closer to 1-2". **Nuisance ponding of water** cannot be ruled out for urban corridors and areas.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.19 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.52 feet below normal for this time of year.



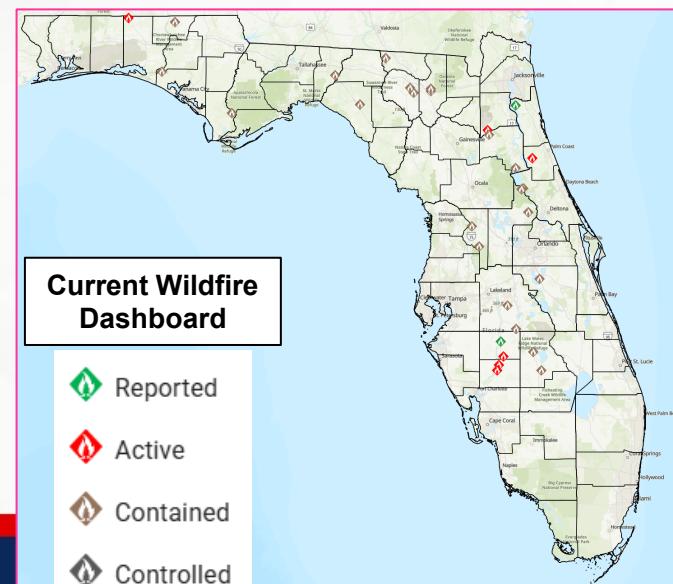
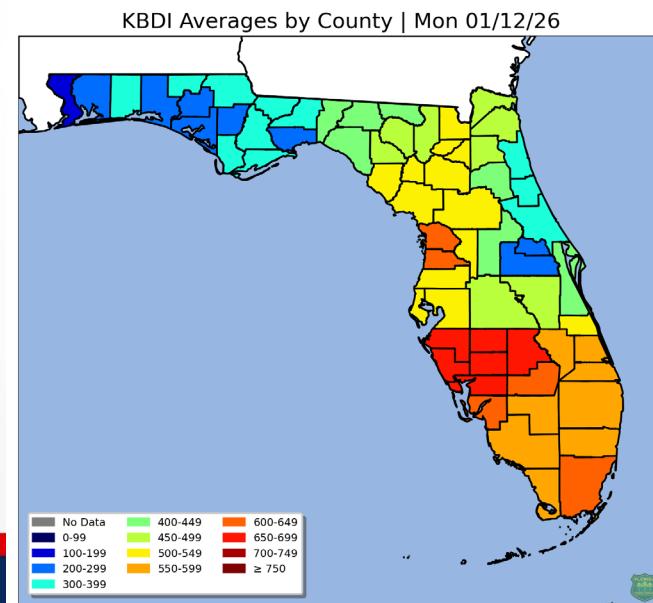
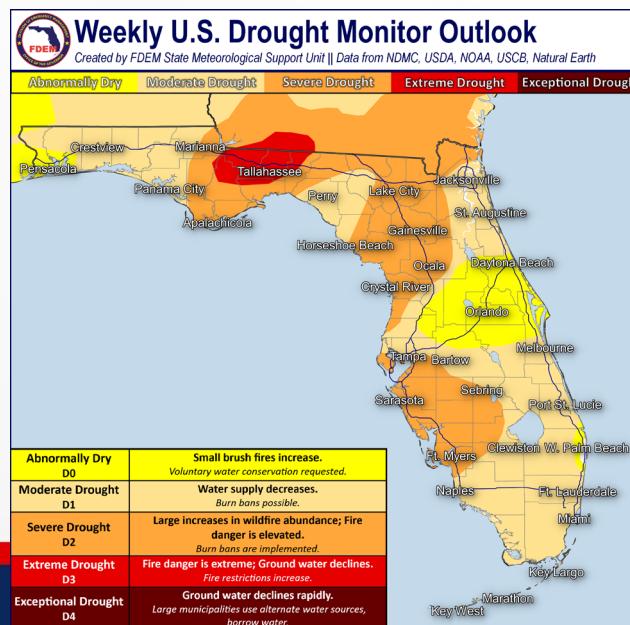


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Mostly dry conditions can be expected throughout North and most of Central Florida today as high pressure remains in place. Relative humidity values are expected to fall **near and below critical thresholds** across the Panhandle and the western Big Bend this afternoon (25-30%). A recent stalled over the Straits will help bring increasing moisture along South Florida and portions of the Atlantic Coast giving way to isolated to scattered showers. An upper-level feature moving overhead during the overnight hours will bring a chance for brief showers nearly statewide by sunrise Wednesday morning. With warmer temperatures and ongoing drought conditions, **sensitive wildfire conditions** can still be expected statewide. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 30 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 321 acres.

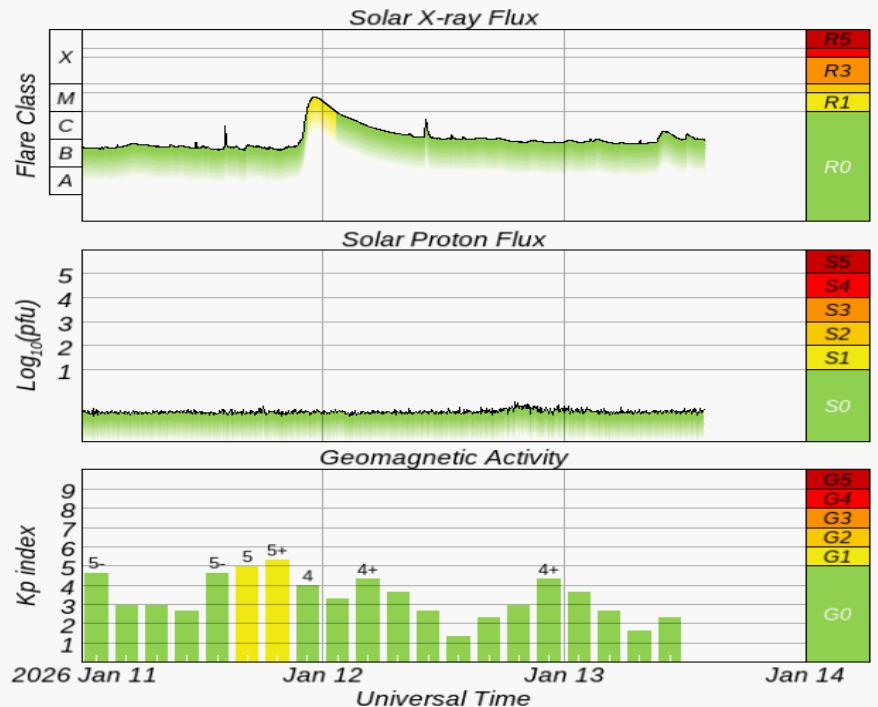
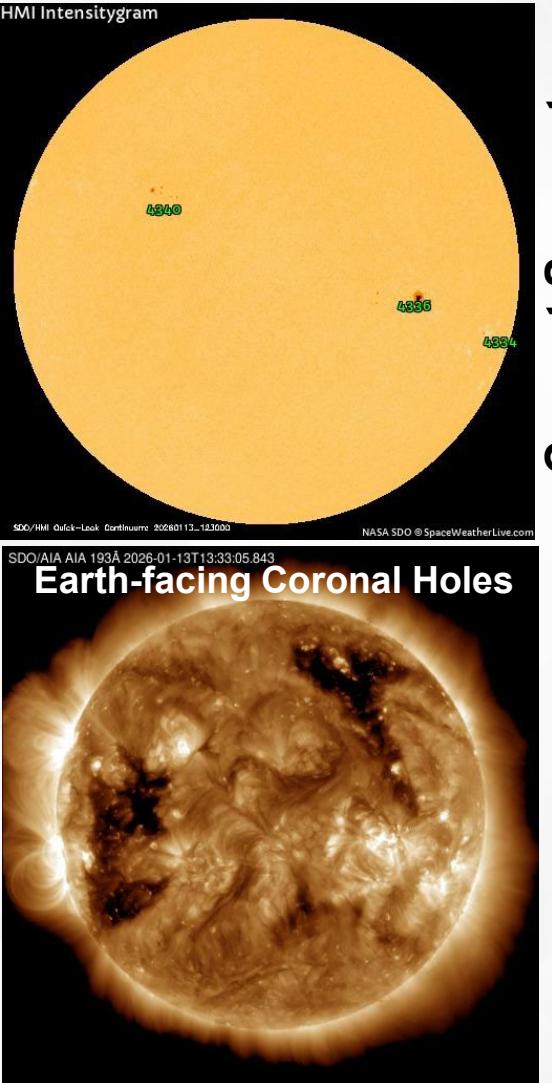
Drought (1/8/26): Some beneficial rainfall fell across North Florida this past weekend, bringing widespread 1-2" totals to the Panhandle and Big Bend. However, very little change was made to this weeks Drought Monitor outlook due to long-term drought and **above normal temperatures** keeping drought 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 **480 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** 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: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
1/13	1/14	
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	

Space Weather: Solar activity continues to remain low due to possible activity from sunspot #4336 and a new and possibly active sunspot group emerging off the western limb of the sun. Strong (M-class) solar flares will be possible with solar activity and will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Elevated solar wind conditions will continue today as Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds become the dominate feature for solar wind conditions. Active geomagnetic condition levels are likely through tomorrow due to CH HSS influences. The overall space threat to Florida remains 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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