



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, January 19, 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 (State Holiday)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status (State Holiday) / CFP Championship Game Monitoring



Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 8

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	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R8
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Out of Region	Off

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

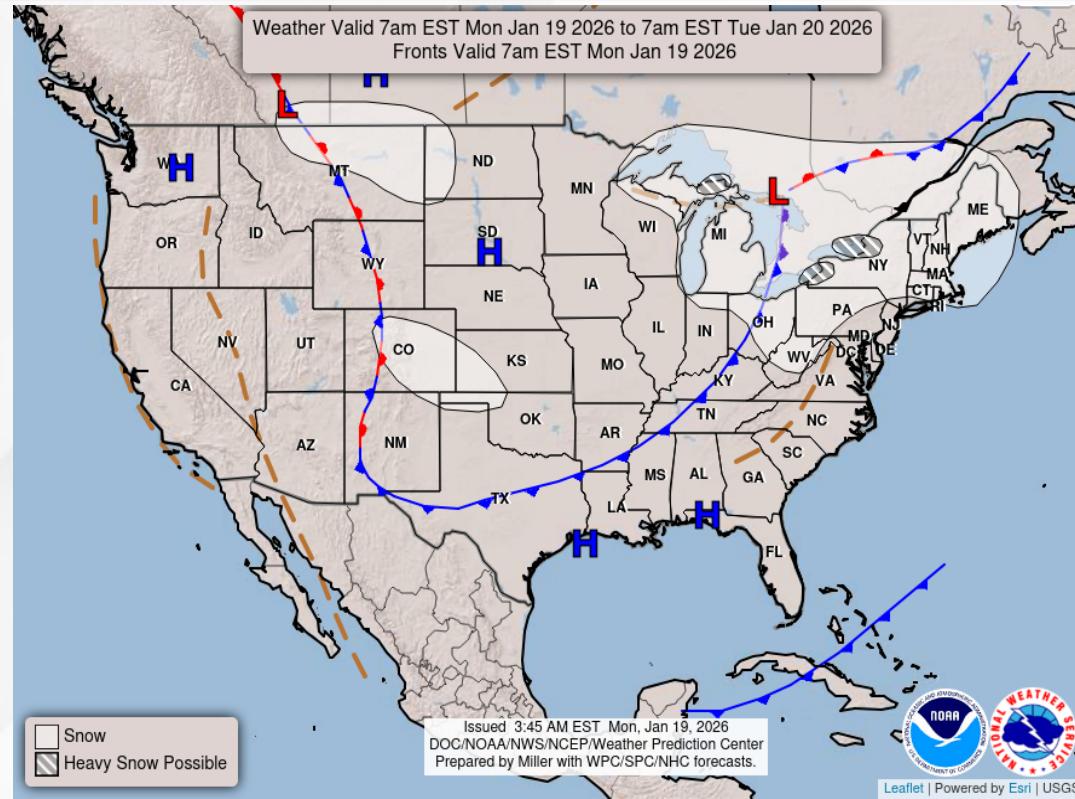
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

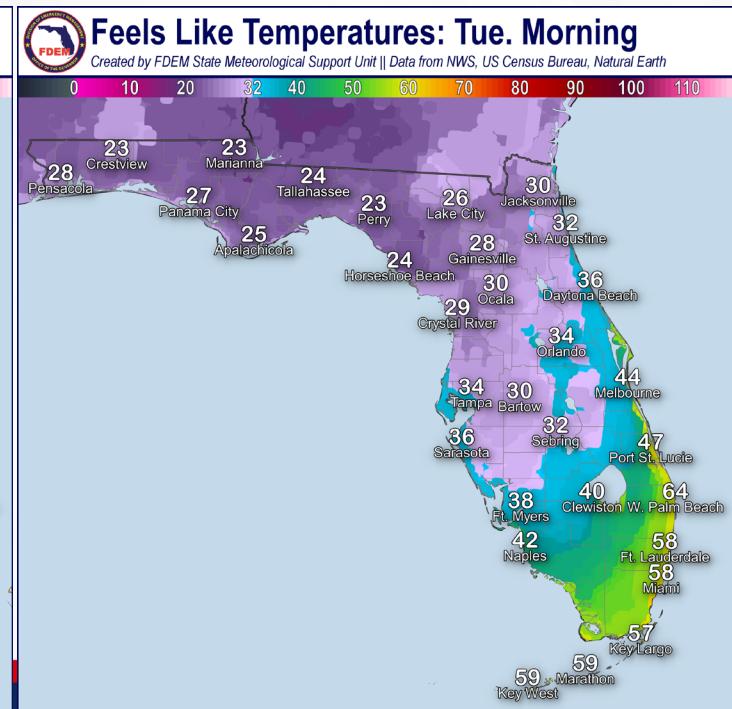
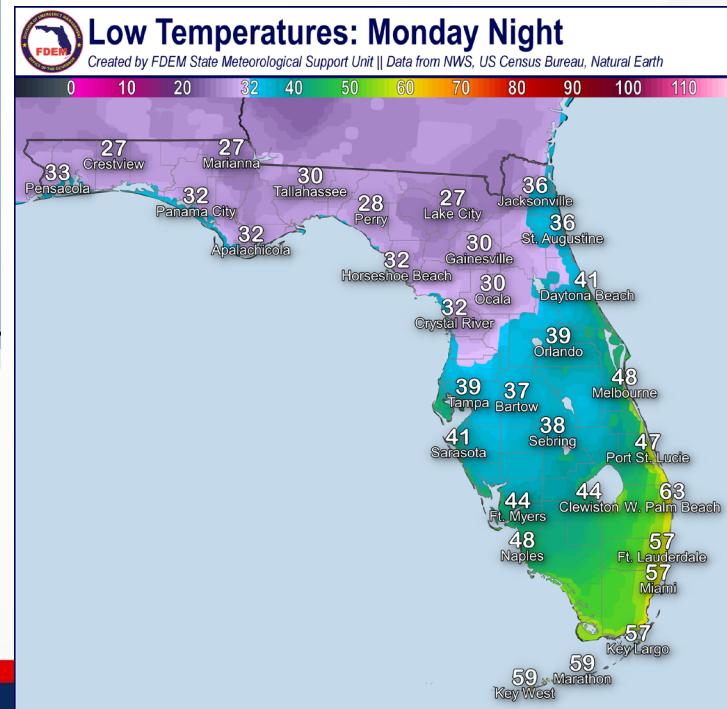


Meteorology Summary



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	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Wind Chill (Overnight)	H	H	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	
Wildfire	L	M	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	H	M	H	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.09 ft. (1.62 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	477 (-4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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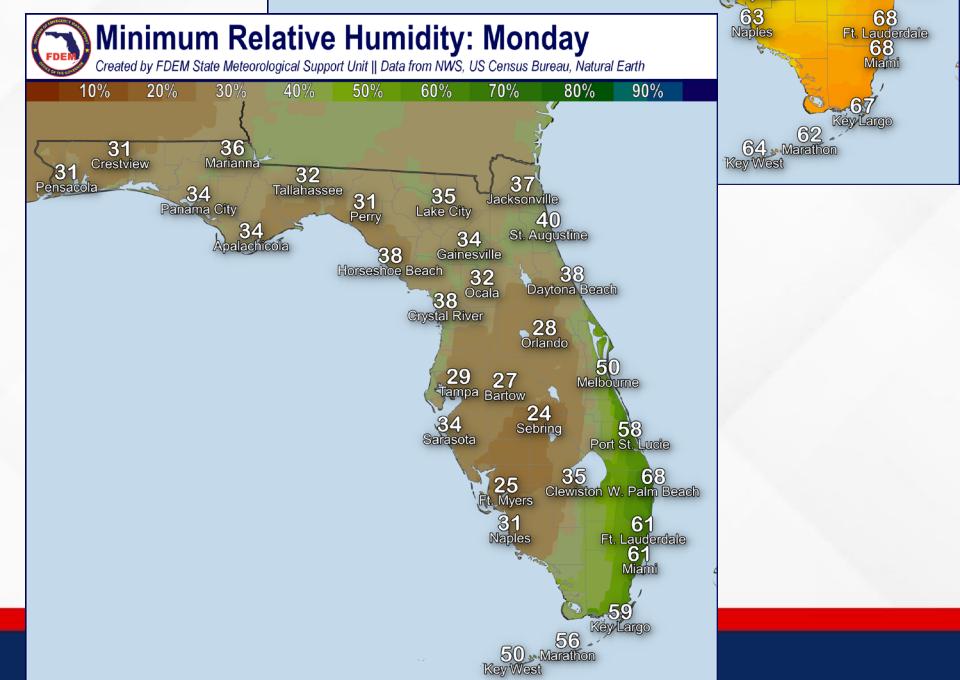
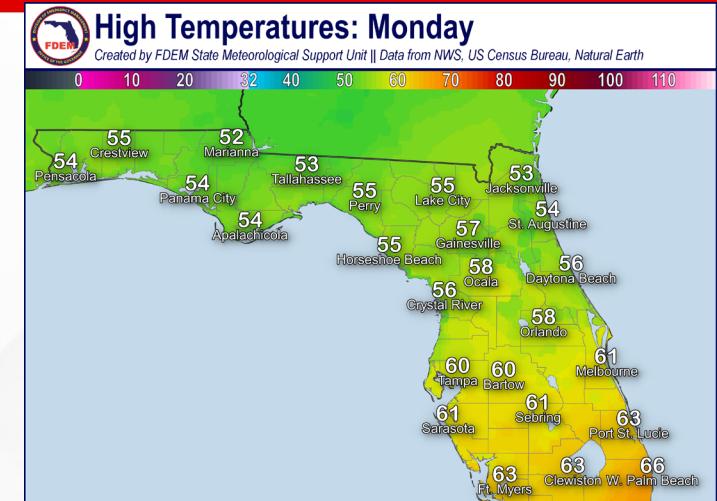
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Temperatures in the **20s** and **30s** were felt across the Sunshine State this morning following yesterday's potent cold front. Freeze Warnings and Cold Weather Advisories will remain in effect nearly statewide through the mid-morning hours as temperatures slowly warm up. Luckily, dry air and high pressure will lead to plenty of sunshine and a near-zero chance of rain statewide. This also means that relative humidity values across much of the state will fall **near or below critical thresholds** leading to **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** due to ongoing drought. Lingering breezy wind gusts of **15-20 mph** will also persist throughout the daytime hours across the Peninsula

High temperatures will struggle in the 50s across North Florida this afternoon. Central and South Florida can expect to see temperatures warm up into the upper 50s to upper 60s.

Clear skies will allow for temperatures to cool off quickly tonight statewide but will be a touch warmer than last night. Low temperatures will fall into the **middle to upper 20s** for much of North Florida and **lower 30s** along the coasts to Nature Coast, **middle 30s** to lower 40s across Central Florida, and middle 40s to upper 50s across South Florida.

Freeze Watches will become **Freeze Warnings** tonight for **Feels-like temperatures** will fall into the **20s** across North Florida again by sunrise Tuesday morning, **upper 20s** to **middle 30s** throughout Central Florida and **upper 30s** to middle 40s across northern portions of South Florida. **Cold Weather Advisories** may be needed again tonight for portions of North and Central Florida for **dangerous sub-freezing wind chills**. **Patchy to widespread frost** will likely develop across North Florida and into portions of Central Florida towards the I-4 corridor.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Northwesterly winds and lingering ocean swells will create a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** nearly statewide. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Swells of 4-6'** will linger along numerous Peninsula beaches today, with larger breaking waves **upwards of 7'** offshore from the Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida coast today. Panhandle beaches will see calmer wave action near 1-2'.

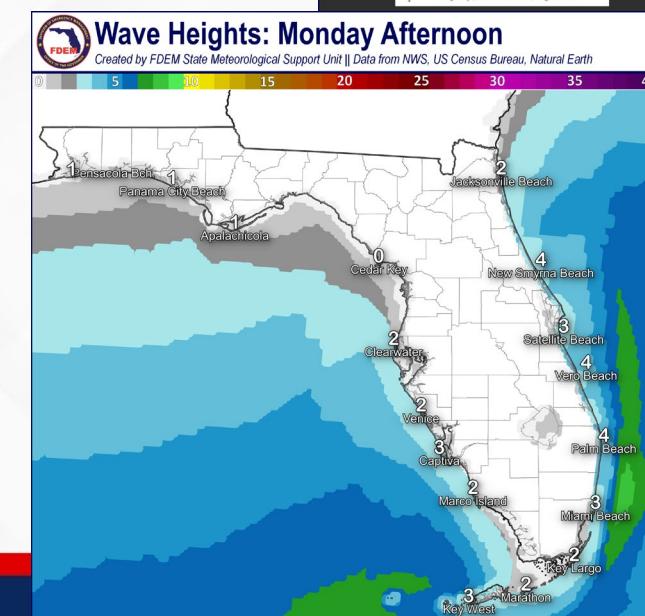
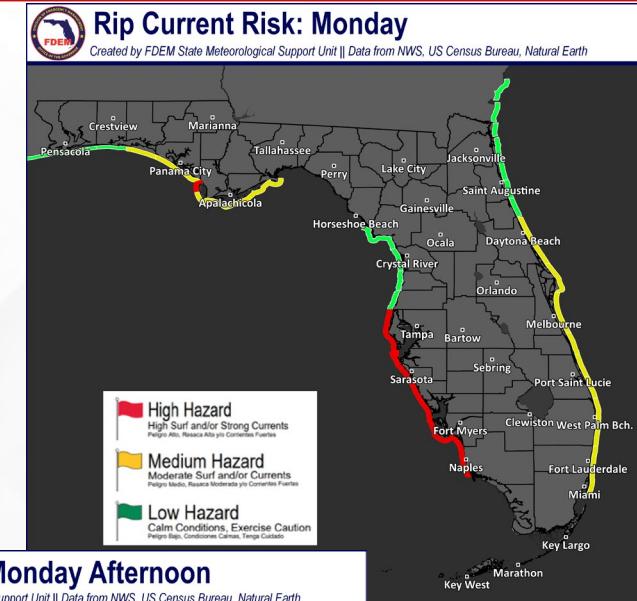
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay and Gulf counties and background to very low concentrations in Franklin and Walton counties. In Southwest Florida, red tide was also observed at background concentrations in Sarasota and Charlotte counties and offshore Collier County. It was observed at low concentrations offshore Monroe County. It was not observed along the East Coast (valid 1/16/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no risk for flash flooding.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.09 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.62 feet below normal for this time of year.





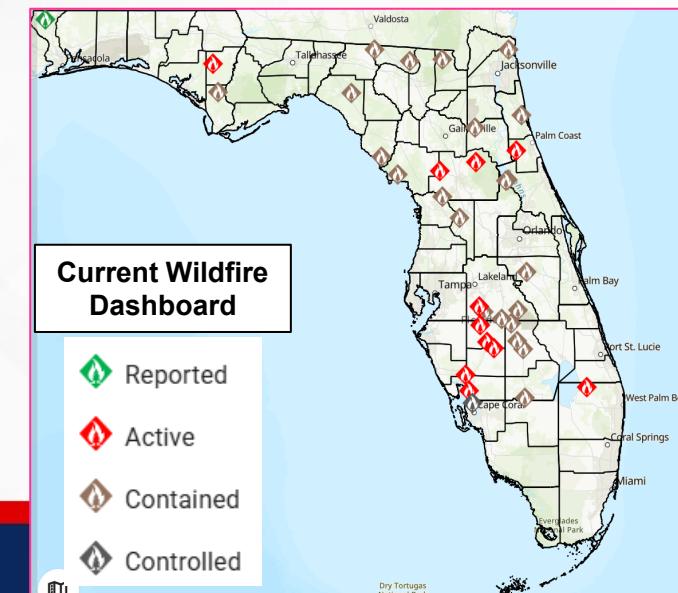
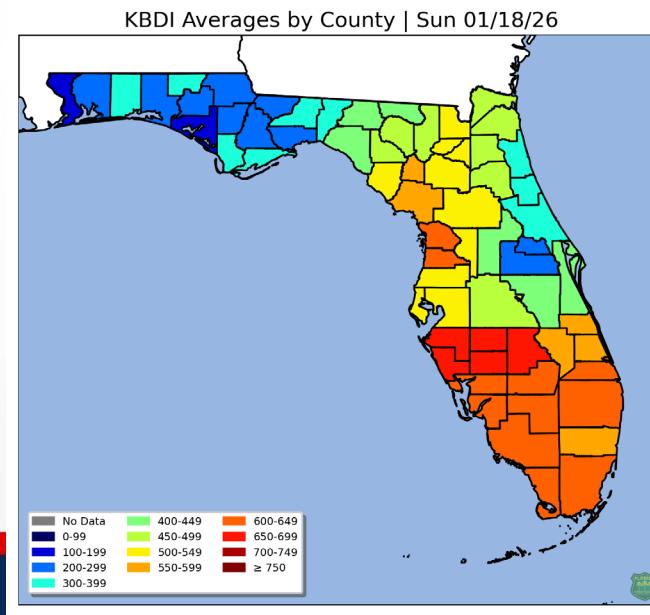
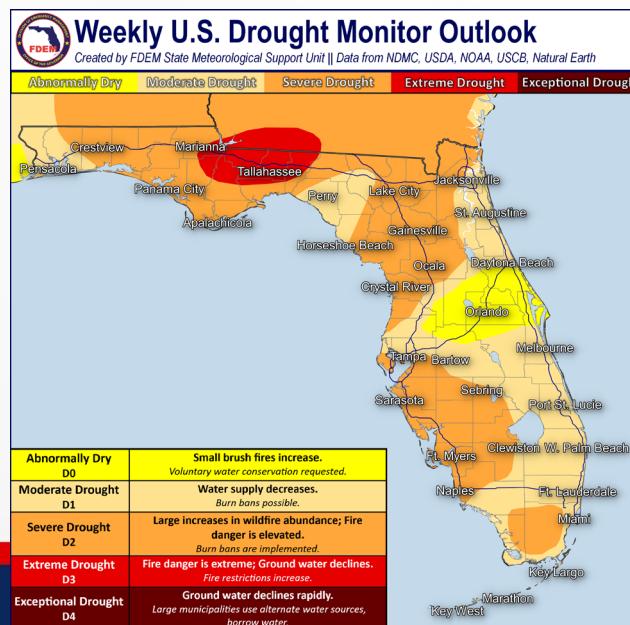
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Much drier air will settle into the state after Sunday's cold front that pushed through. Relative humidity values across West and interior Florida will lead to relative humidity values falling near or below critical thresholds by the afternoon hours. Winds will remain light near 5-10 mph throughout the day, with stronger wind gusts **reaching 15-20 mph** across the Peninsula.

Sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions can be expected, especially across the Peninsula. The Panhandle received beneficial rainfall yesterday with the cold front passing through helping to provide moisture to the soil. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 35 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1584 acres.

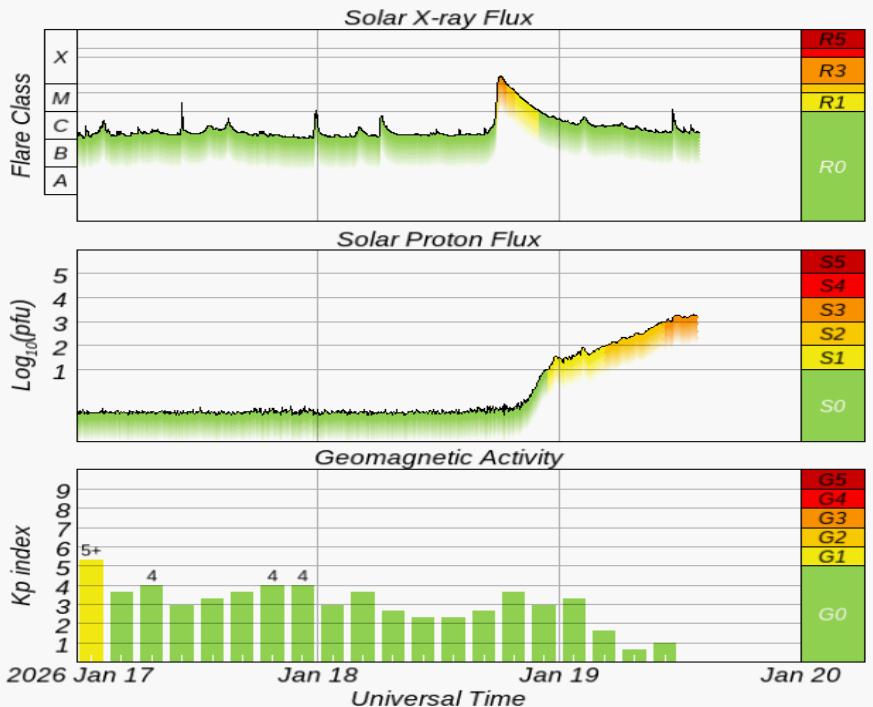
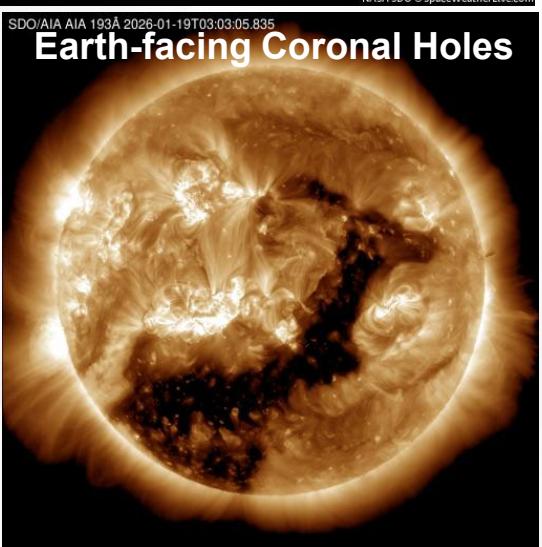
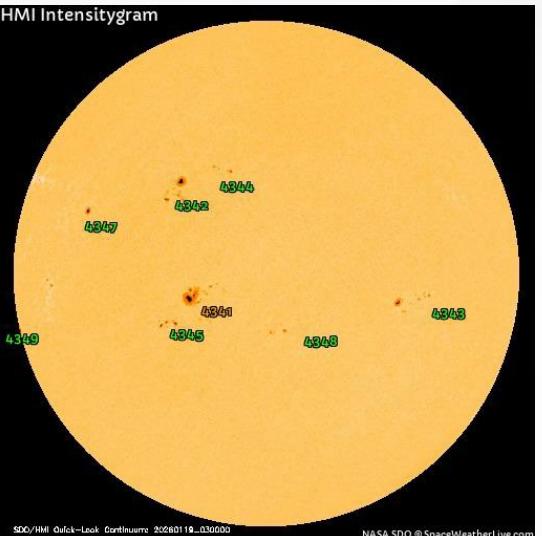
Drought (1/15/26): Although some rainfall fell across portions of the state in the last week, totals were meager and expansion of much of the drought was seen in the past week's drought monitor outlook. Rainfall totals were well below 1" across the Panhandle, which wasn't enough to relieve the very dry soil conditions. Additionally, streamflows continue to diminish to below normal thresholds. As such, a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was expanded to include much of the Panhandle, with only the far western portions remaining in **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The ongoing **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** over the northern Big Bend was slightly expanded this week to include additional portions of Calhoun, Jackson, and Jefferson counties. Rainfall totals over the last week were slim, at best, across the I-10 corridor. A **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place along the northern portion of the I-75 corridor and Suwannee River Valley. Additional expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was introduced to West-Central and Southwest Florida where warm and dry conditions have prevailed. Although coastal Southeast Florida saw some coastal showers with rainfall totals upwards of 2", the developing drought has resulted in additional severe drought across interior Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. As of this drought monitor outlook, over 91% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **477 (-4)** 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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	X1 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

1/19	1/20
Max K _p = 4 (G0)	Max K _p = 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Sunspot #4341 erupted last night with a significant (X-class) solar flare and caused a moderate (S2) solar storm. Increased solar activity is likely to occur today with strong (M-class) flares and a chance for additional X-class flares. M-class flares will bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and X-class flares will bring strong (R3) radio blackouts. Enhanced solar wind conditions will continue today due to the current Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. Additional enhancements are possible with the arrival of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) sometime today or tomorrow. The Earth's magnetic field can expect to reach unsettled to active levels. 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	
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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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