



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, January 21, 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, Leon	Bi-Monthly Support Services Meeting / Course Materials P/U
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Gadsden	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Bi-Monthly Support Services Meeting / Alert Florida Working Group Call
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Miami-Dade	Turkey Point NPP Off Year Exercise
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Bi-Monthly Support Services Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Miami-Dade	Turkey Point NPP Off Year Exercise
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Bi-Monthly Support Services Meeting / Office Admin
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Miami-Dade, Lee	Turkey Point NPP Off Year Exercise / Return to Region 9 Travel
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Monroe	Turkey Point NPP Off Year Exercise



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	Walton	Support Services MTG / Admin Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden	LMS Meeting / Support Services Mtg
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NAS Jacksonville EM Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Support Services MTG /Inventory Admin
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Support Services MTG / Admin Duties
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	St Lucie	County EM Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Monroe	County EM Meeting

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

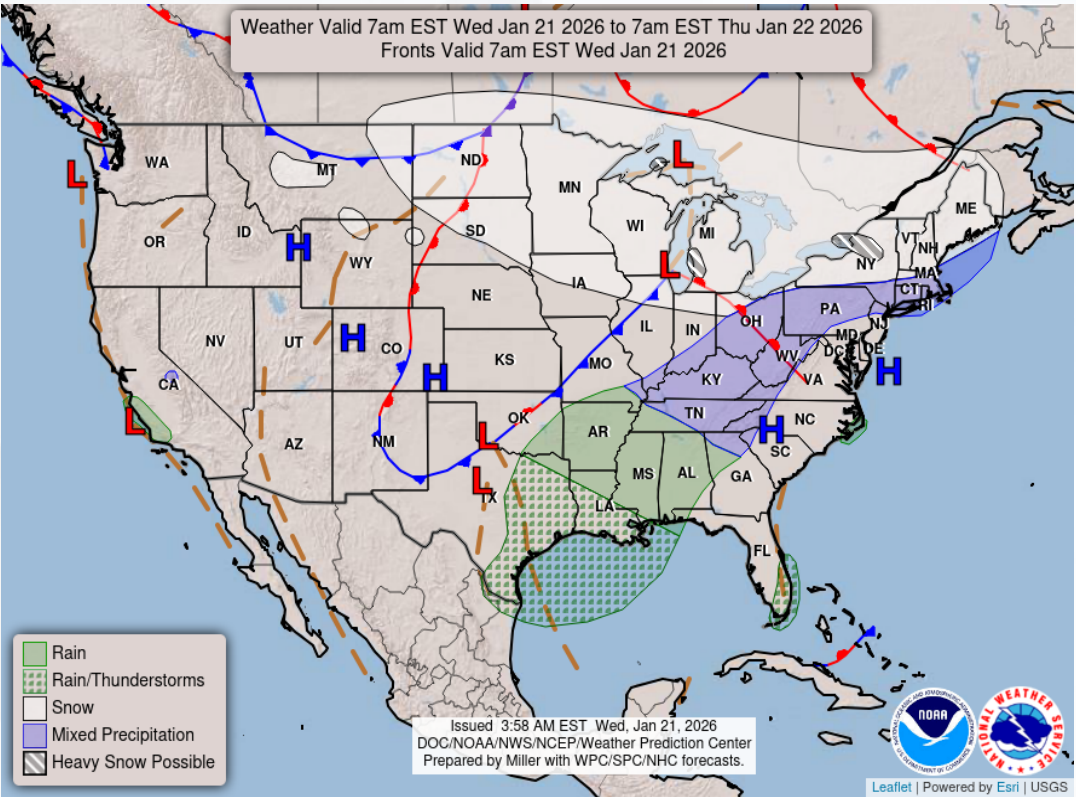
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

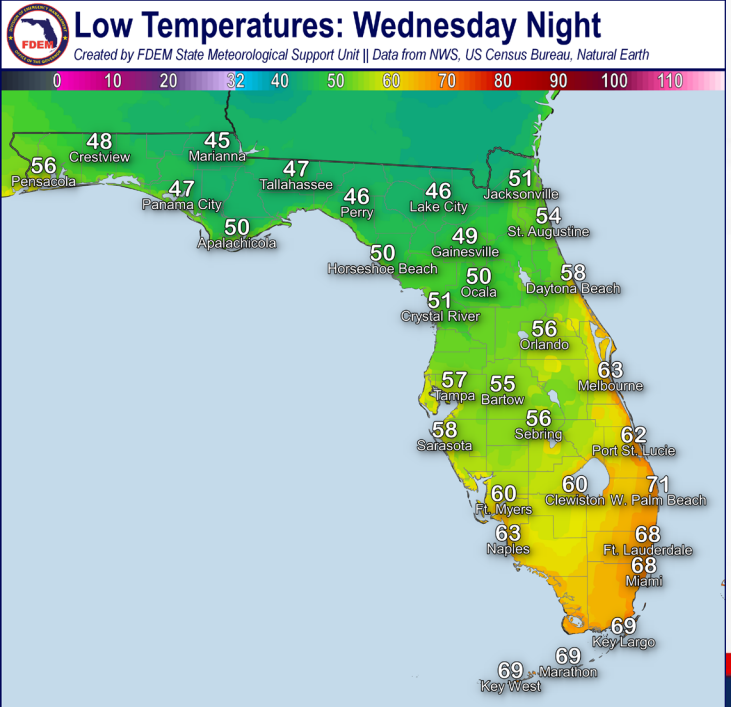
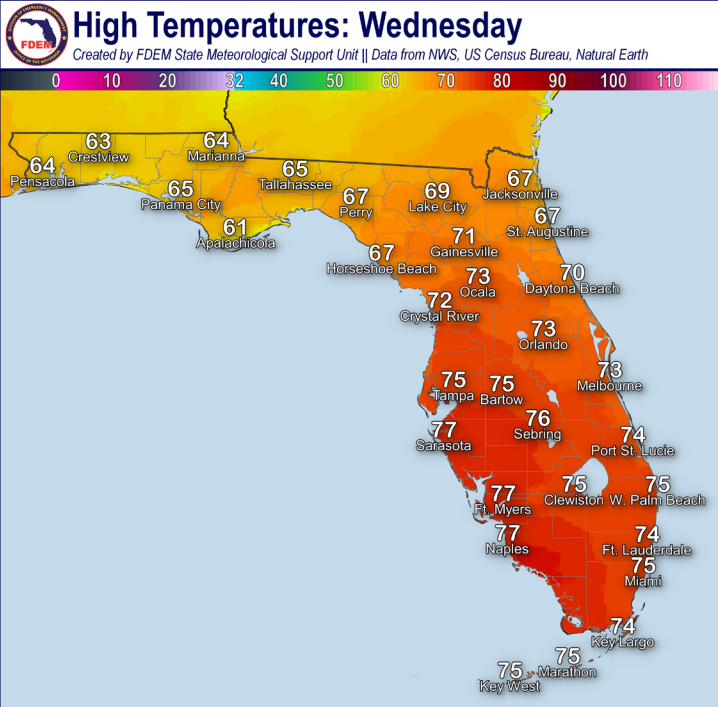


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)			L	L						
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.00 ft. (1.71 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	467 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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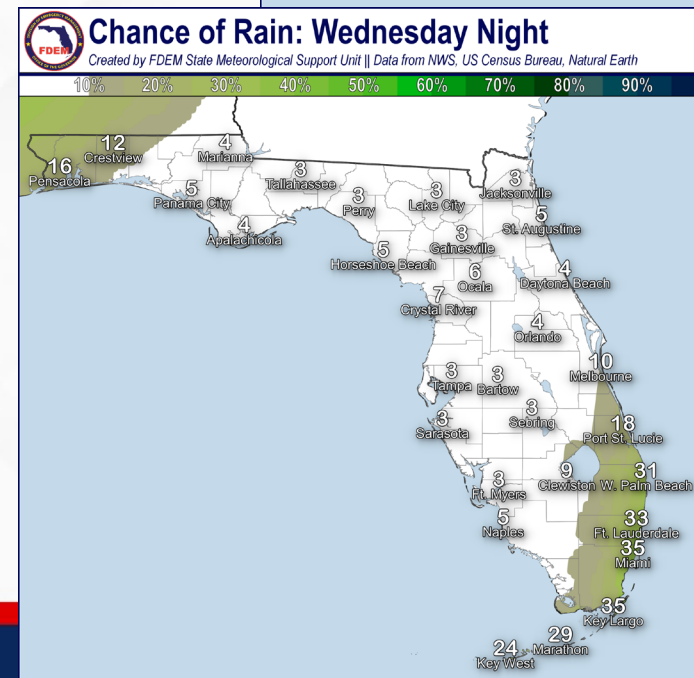
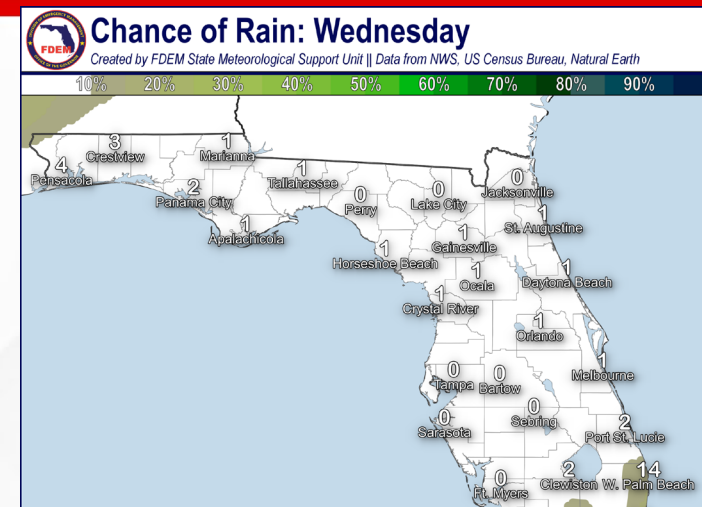
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The last of the Freeze Warnings and Frost Advisories across interior Northeast Florida will be allowed to expire at 9:00 AM EST. Another pleasant day and near repeat of yesterday can be expected for the Sunshine State. High pressure overhead will continue to bring a mixture of sunshine and cloud cover, but mostly dry conditions. A frontal boundary to the south of the Keys, as well as breezy onshore winds, will bring brief showers onshore along the Southeast Florida coastline and the Keys throughout the day (10-20% chance of rain). Breezy wind gusts of 15-20 mph can be expected across the Peninsula, but the strongest **gusts of 20-25 mph** will continue across South Florida.

High temperatures will reach the 60s and 70s throughout the state this afternoon.

Mostly dry and calm conditions can be expected for much of the state overnight. Increasing moisture will help to increase shower activity along the Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida coast this evening and overnight (10-30% chance of rain). Enough moisture may be capable to squeeze out some sprinkles or a shower or two along the far western Panhandle. Instances of **patchy fog** will be possible early Thursday morning along portions of Northeast Florida.

For the first time in several days, low temperatures will finally be above freezing across the state. Low temperatures will be in the middle to upper 40s for North Florida, middle 50s to lower 60s for Central Florida and 60s to near 70-degrees for South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** extends along most of the East Coast due to onshore winds and lingering surf. North Florida beaches can expect a **moderate risk**. West Coast beaches will return to a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Hazardous surf of 6-9'** extends along the Southeast Florida coast, which will slowly decline this evening and overnight. The rest of the East Coast will see elevated **surf near 3-5'** throughout the day. Panhandle and West Coast beaches can be expected to see surf of 1-3'.

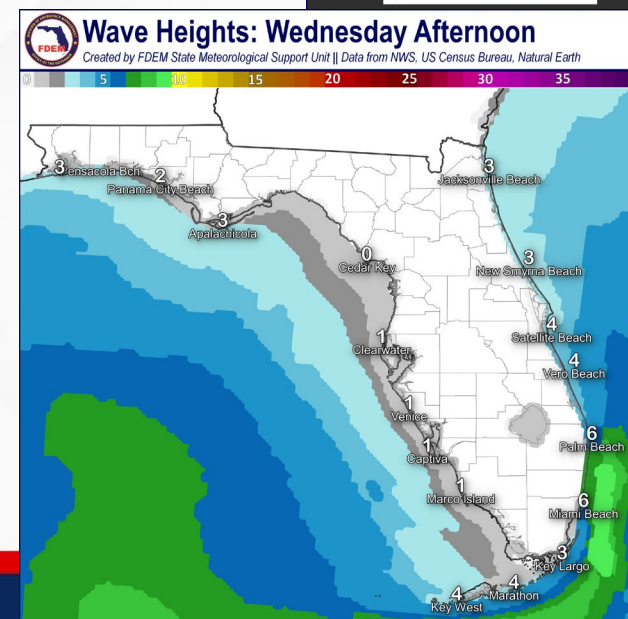
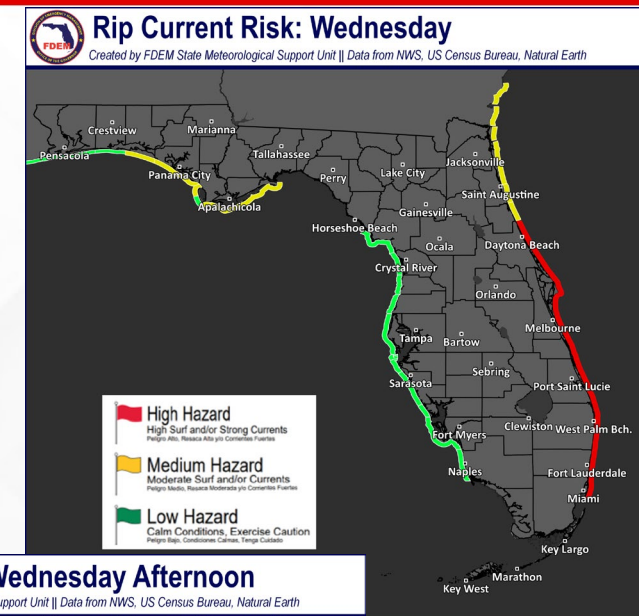
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay and Gulf counties and background to very low concentrations in Franklin and Walton counties. In Southwest Florida, red tide was also observed at background concentrations in Sarasota and Charlotte counties and offshore Collier County. 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 13.00 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.71 feet below normal for this time of year.



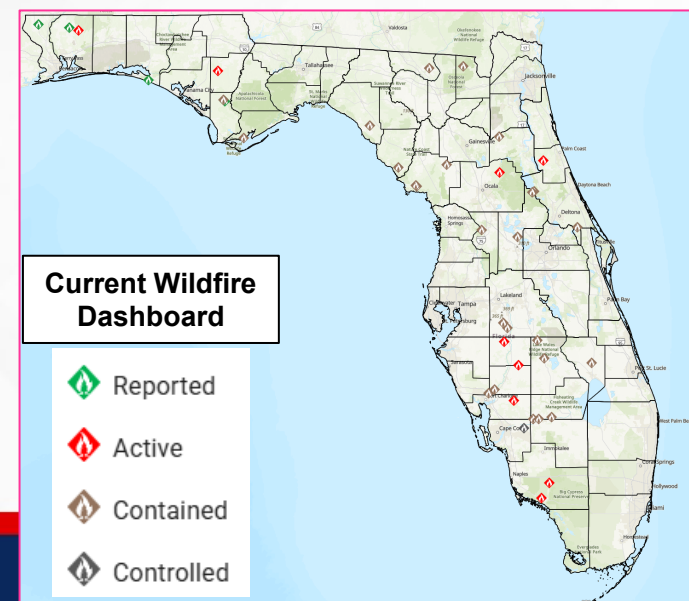
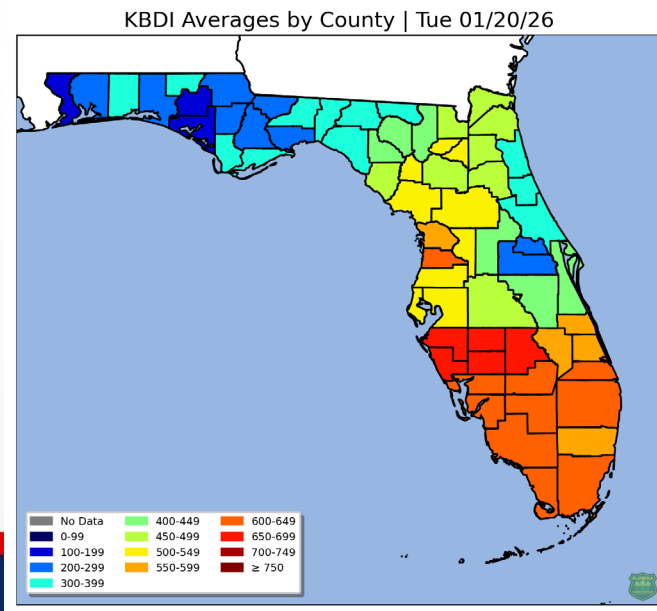
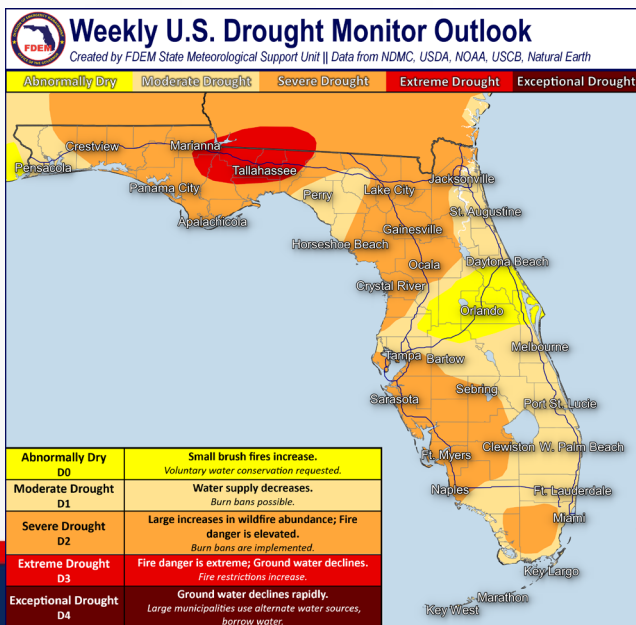


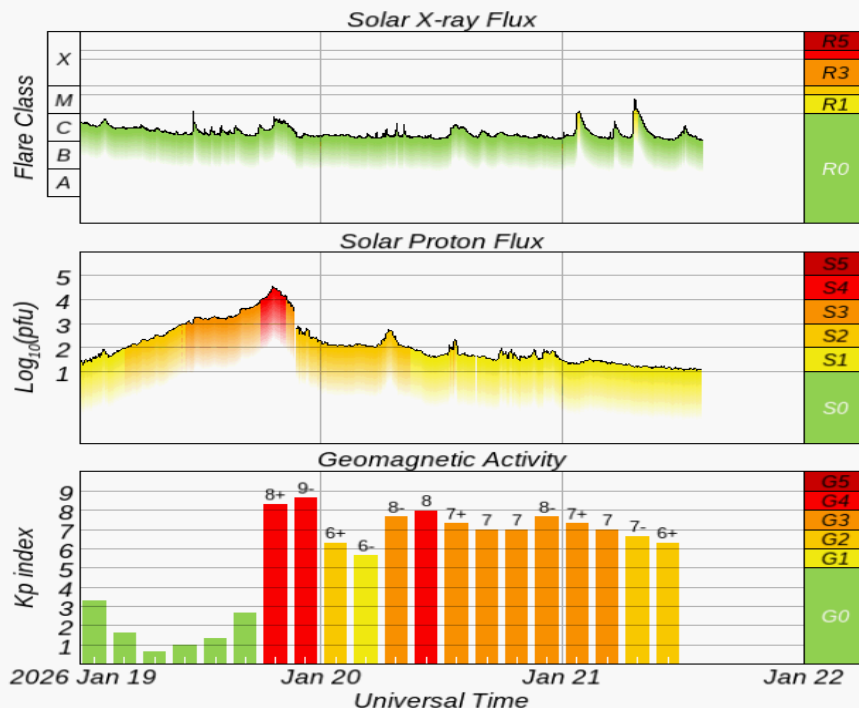
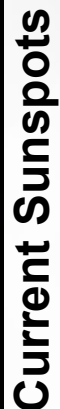
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Mostly dry conditions will persist across the state throughout the day with a chance for showers along the Southeast Florida coast. Dry air will allow for relative humidity values to approach critical thresholds across interior portions of the Big Bend and the Suwannee Valley. Moisture will gradually increase with warming temperatures over the next few days. Lingering breezy winds will continue across the Peninsula, but especially South Florida where wind gusts of 20-25 mph are expected. Instances of patchy fog may develop early Thursday morning along a portion of Northeast Florida. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 39 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1881 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 **467 (+1)** 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).





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

1/21	1/22
Max Kp= 7 (G3)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 50%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity will remain moderate due to several active sunspots creating a complex (4341-45). This sunspot complex will lead to a continued threat for significant (X-class) solar flares. Strong (R3) radio blackouts can be expected to accompany additional X-class solar flare activity. Strong (M-class) solar flares will also be possible if conditions don't quite reach X-class levels, which would bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Enhanced solar wind conditions can be expected to persist today but will gradually decrease due to ongoing Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. Geomagnetic activity will continue following the Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) on Monday, leading to moderate to severe (G2-G4) storm conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is low.

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Earth-facing Coronal Holes



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	
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