



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, January 24, 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	Hillsborough	Gasparilla Childrens Parade
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Region 9 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

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 State	Travel to Walton (FEPA)
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	Off
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

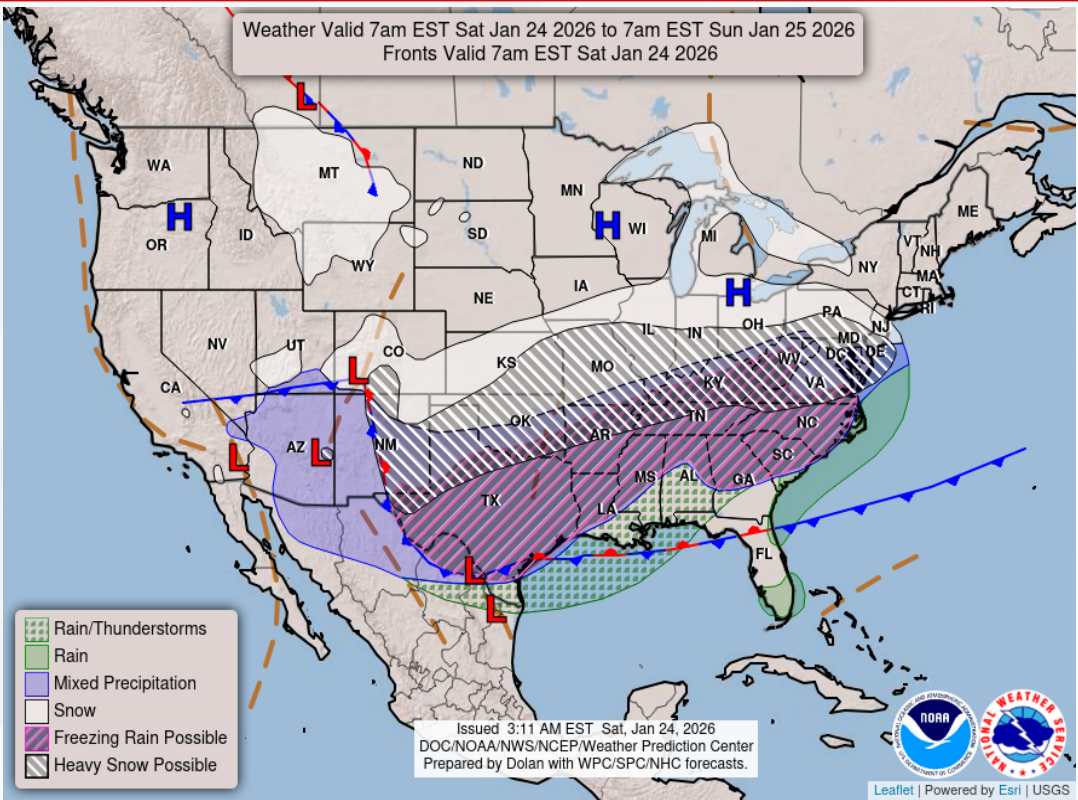
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

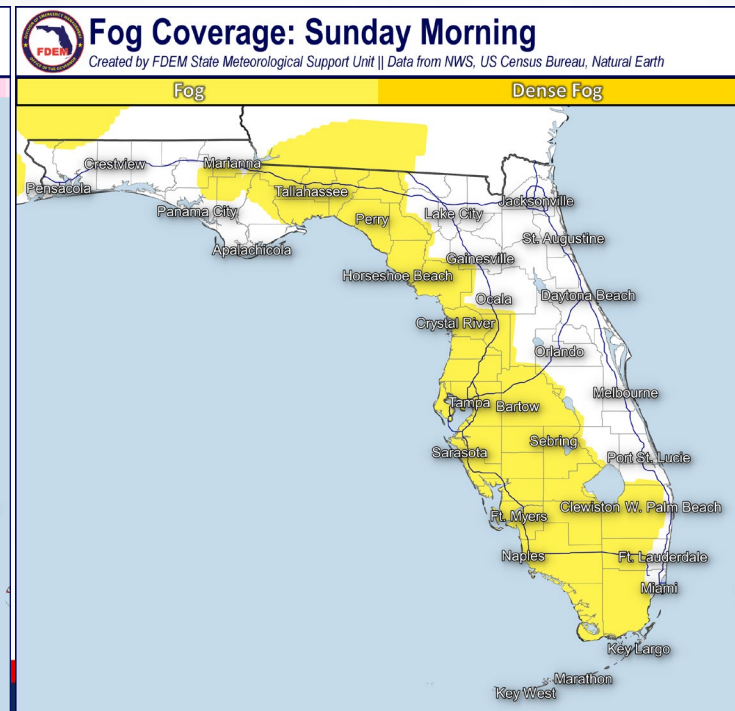
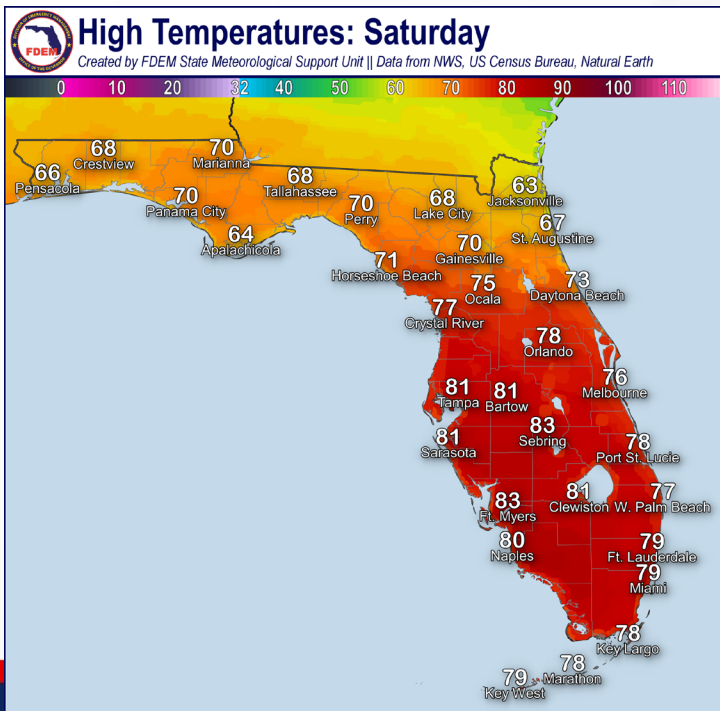


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L								L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										L
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)		L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.00 ft. (1.70 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	476 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





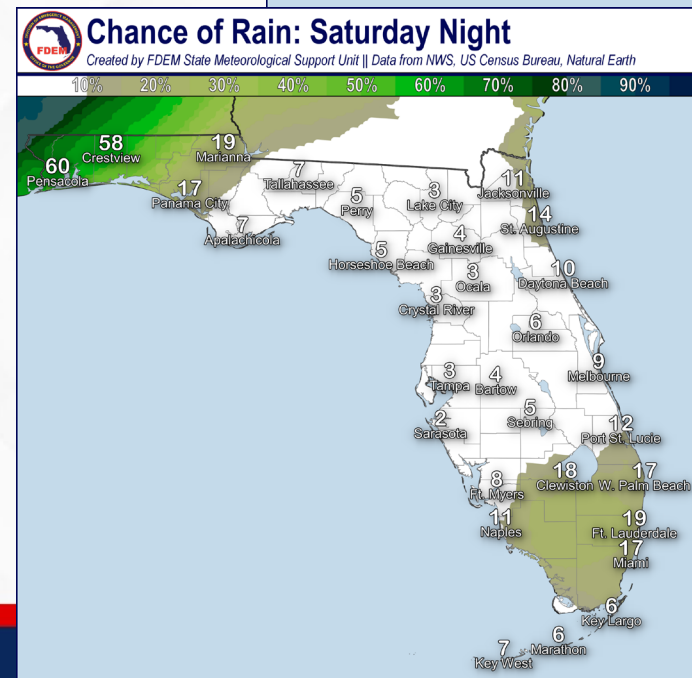
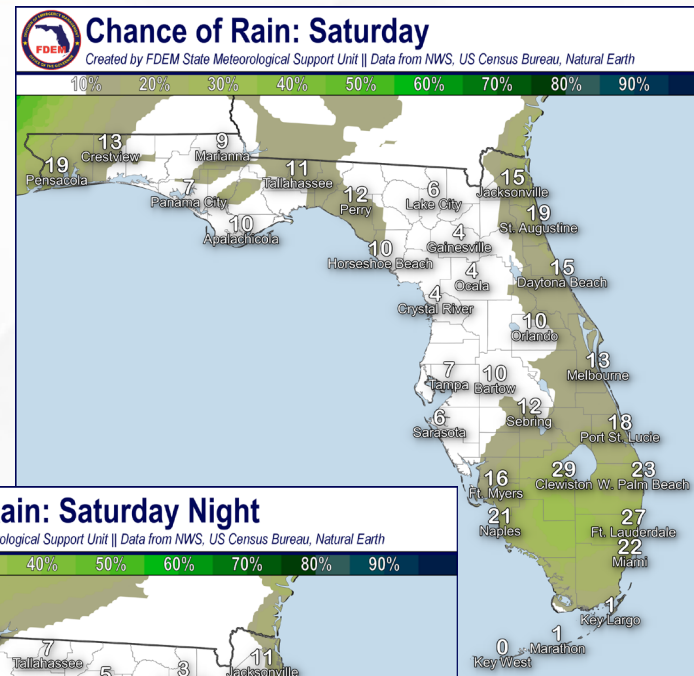
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy dense fog** have developed across East-Central Florida this morning and will slowly dissipate by mid-morning. Otherwise, another mostly dry day is expected across the state. With warmer temperatures expected, the sea breezes across South Florida will reawaken this afternoon and push inland, which may promote a few isolated to widely scattered showers to develop (15-30% chance of rain). While widespread activity is not expected, some of this activity could be **locally strong**, slow moving, and lead to **localized nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. A few light coastal showers will remain pinned along the East Coast this afternoon as well, however activity is expected to remain confined to the coastal waters or east of the I-95 corridor (near 15% chance of rain). A few isolated showers may also develop across the far western Panhandle by the evening hours ahead of the next frontal system (20-30% chance of rain). Breezy winds with gusts **upwards of 30 mph** are possible this afternoon along the Northeast Florida coastline.

The warming trend will continue across the Sunshine State today as warm southerly flow increases ahead of our next frontal system. Afternoon temperatures will trend above normal for this time of year, especially across Central and South Florida which will find itself on the southern side of a stationary front draped across North Florida. Highs will climb into the middle 70s to lower 80s throughout Central and South Florida, while North Florida will be cooler with highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. A few locations across South Florida could reach the **middle to upper 80s** this afternoon.

Temperatures continue to moderate tonight, with lows in the middle 50s to lower 60s across North Florida and lower to upper 60s throughout Central and South Florida. A few showers may linger into the evening across South Florida, though will quickly dissipate before midnight (15-25% chance of rain). Scattered showers will begin to spread across the western Panhandle late this evening and overnight (40-60% chance of rain). Moist southerly flow ahead of our next cold front will usher in plenty of Gulf moisture for additional **fog and low cloud** development by daybreak Sunday across the Big Bend, West-Central Florida, and Southwest Florida, some of which could be **locally dense**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** for all Florida East Coast beaches today due to onshore winds and lingering elevated surf. A **moderate risk of rip currents** continues for many Florida Panhandle beaches, with a low risk persisting along the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights will remain a bit elevated along the Florida East Coast today, with surf of **2-4'** expected for Northeast and East-Central beaches. Locally higher waves upwards of **5'** cannot be ruled out along portions of the First Coast. Elsewhere, wave heights of 1-2' can be expected. Waves will increase overnight to **2-4'** for all Panhandle beaches and **3-5'** for the First Coast.

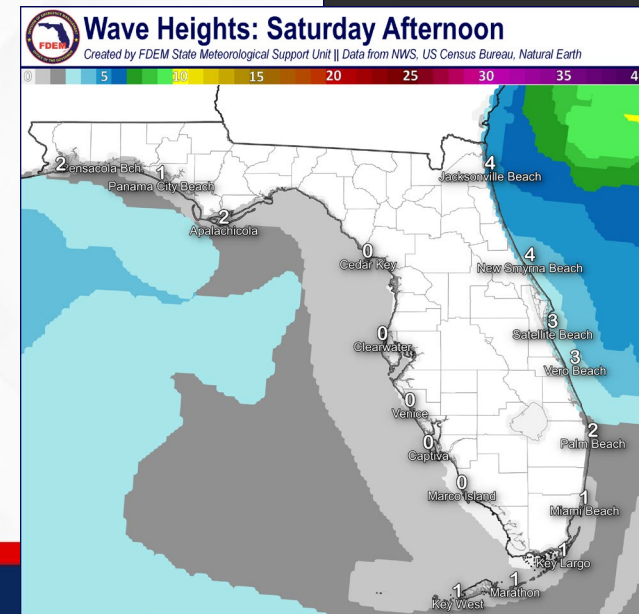
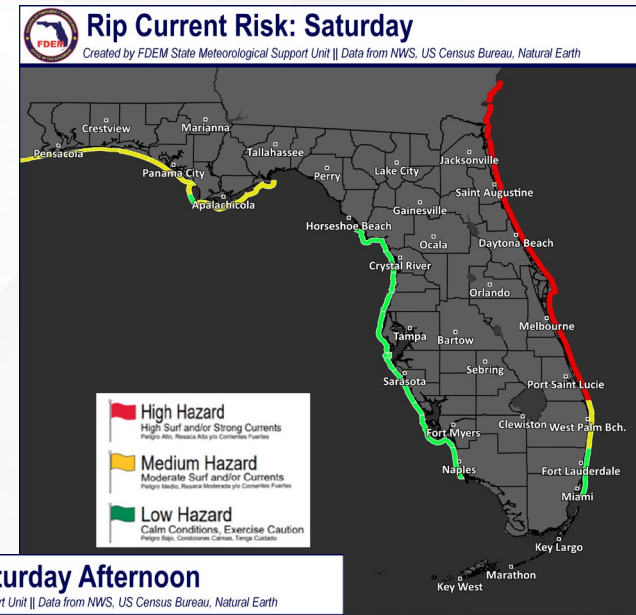
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Bay and Franklin counties and very low concentrations in Walton and Gulf County. It was not observed along the East Coast or in Southwest Florida (valid 1/23/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Rainfall rates will be the primary trend to monitor as shower and thunderstorm activity will be slow-moving across South Florida this afternoon and evening as activity develops along the sea breezes. The main forecast uncertainty is how far inland rain activity may advance versus remain just offshore within the coastal zones, as well as how widespread the activity becomes. Should heavier rainfall move onshore, **minor street flooding and ponding water** cannot be ruled out across South Florida. Localized rainfall totals in excess of 3" are possible.

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 1.70 feet below normal for this time of year.



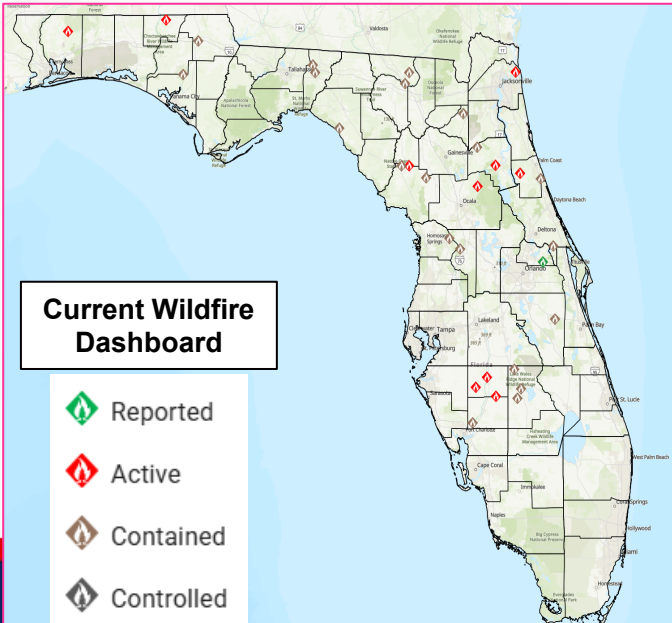
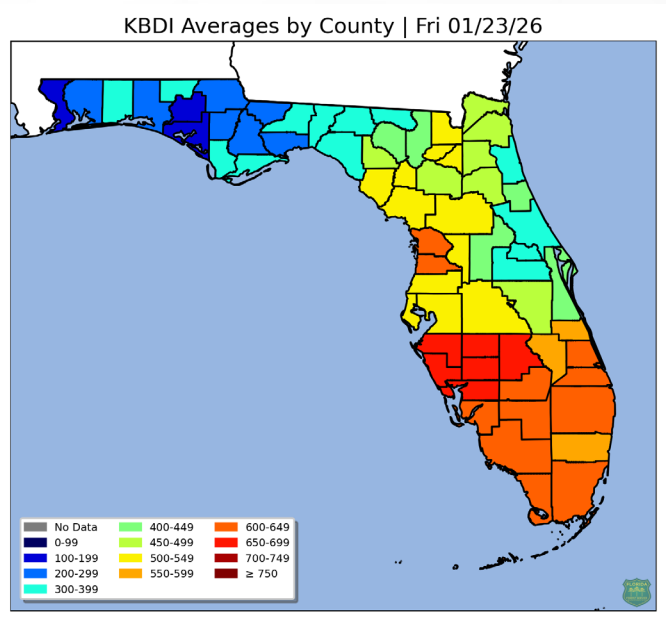
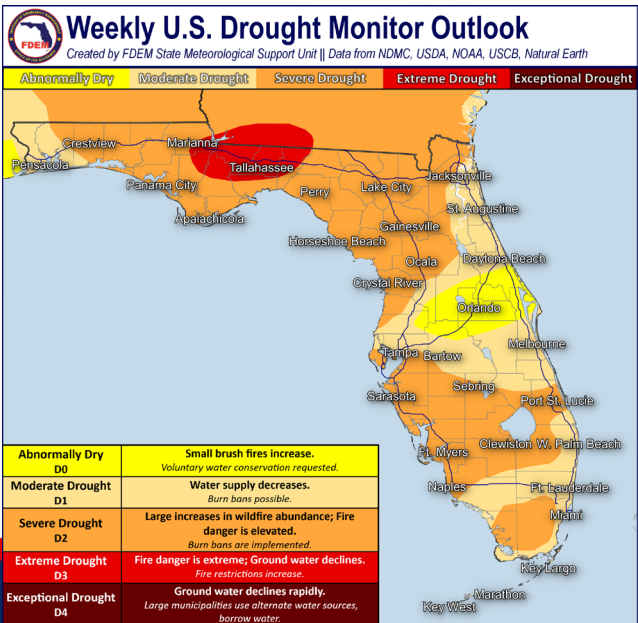


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidity values will remain well above critical thresholds today, courtesy of moist southerly flow ahead of our next frontal system. The overall wildfire threat today will remain low with winds generally low, however a few gusts **upwards of 20 mph** cannot be ruled out across the state this afternoon. With expanding drought and long-term dry conditions, **locally sensitive wildfire** conditions continue in the forecast this afternoon. Areas of **fog and low clouds** may develop tonight, leading to further reductions in visibility near or around any ongoing wildfires or burns. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 31 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 974 acres.

Drought (1/22/26): Light precipitation was observed across Florida over the past 7 days, with portions of the interior Florida Panhandle receiving precipitation as snowfall! However, rain and snow totals of 0.25 to 1” were insufficient to produce meaningful drought improvement. Rainfall totals continue to trend below for this time of year, both in the middle to long-range guidance, and streamflows across North Florida remain below low-flow thresholds. As a result, expansions of both **moderate (level 1 of 4)** and **severe (level 2 of 4) drought** were observed throughout the Sunshine State, particularly for the Florida Big and areas south of the I-4 corridor. **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists over the interior eastern Florida Panhandle and Big Bend as 60-day rainfall deficits continue to run at 2-3.5” below normal for this time of year. This now brings over 92% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse on this week’s Drought Monitor update.

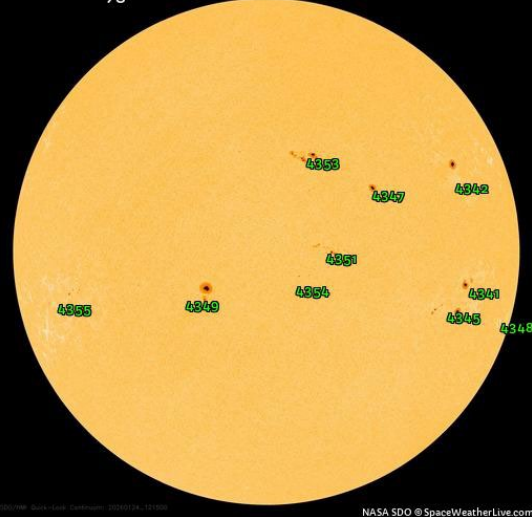
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **476 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





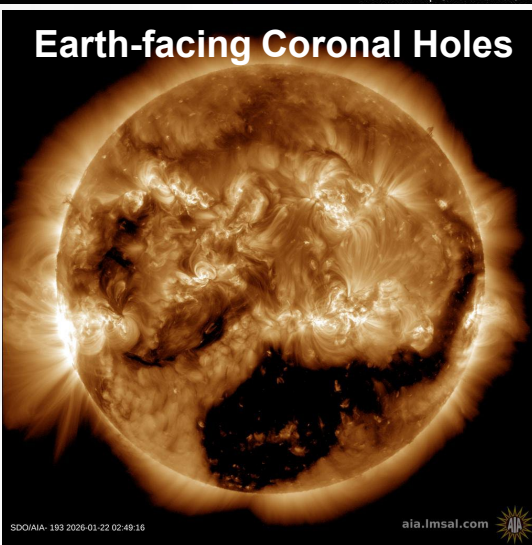
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

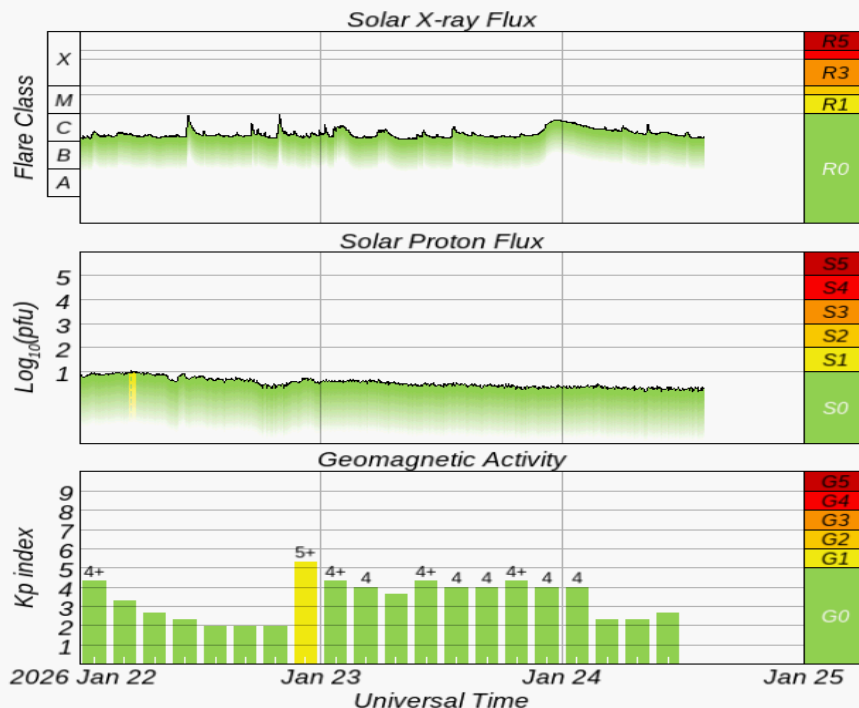


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Current Sunspots



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Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C5 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/24	1/25
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is likely to remain at low to moderate levels today and through this weekend, with a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flare activity. The elevated solar flare risk is primarily due to the potential of active sunspot regions 4351, 4353, and 4345. Minor to moderate radio blackouts may accompany the stronger and more organized flare activity. Solar wind conditions will gradually diminish today with positive coronal hole influences waning through the weekend. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be at unsettled to Minor (G1) levels early today with lingering coronal hole influences. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected through the weekend. The overall space weather 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	
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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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