



## **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

### **Morning Situation Report**

Sunday, January 25, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 7 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 State	Travel to Walton
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In State	Travel to Duval
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	Travel to Walton
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In State	Travel to Walton
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

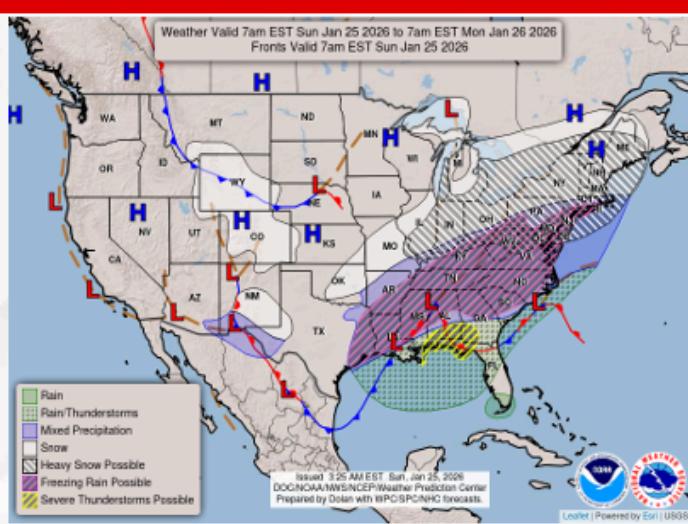
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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



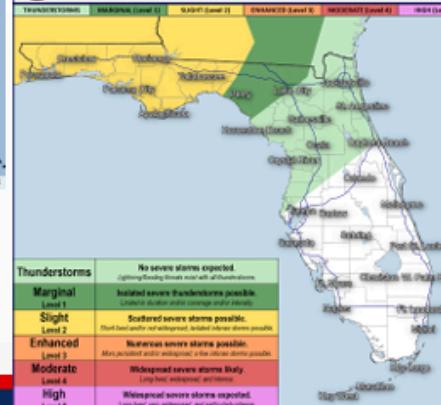
Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	L	L				
Tornado	M	M	L	L						
Damaging Wind	M	M	L	L						
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L								
Freeze (Overnight)	H	M	L							
Wind Chills (Overnight)	H	M	L							
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L	H	L	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation										
Keetch-Byram Drought Index										

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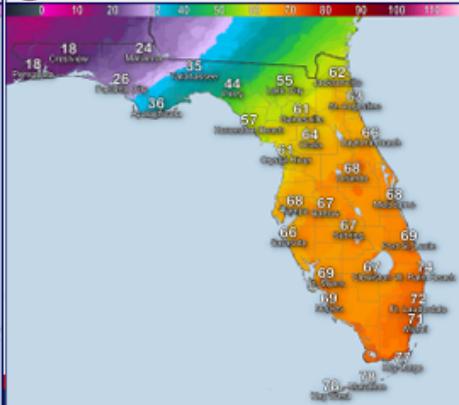
## Severe Weather Outlook: Sunday

Created by FDEM State Meteorological Support Unit | Data from SPC, US Census Bureau, Natural Earth



## Feels Like Temperatures: Mon. Morning

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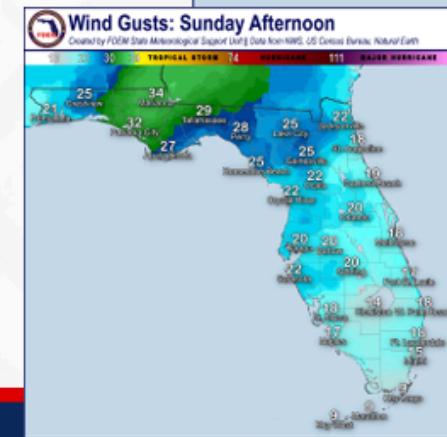
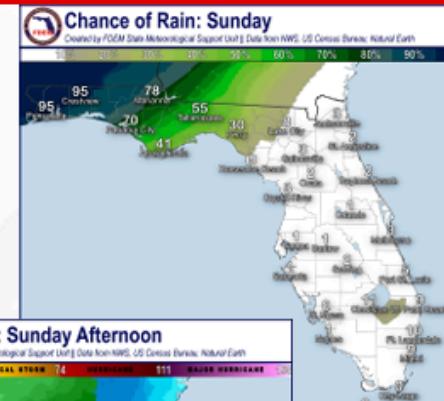
# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A complex and active weather day is on deck across the Sunshine State. Areas of dense fog this morning along East-Central and South Florida will slowly lift and dissipate this morning, especially as winds begin to increase ahead of an approaching cold front. While conditions will remain mostly dry this morning, a few pre-frontal showers may develop along the Panhandle late this morning as a strong cold front approaches from the west. Ahead of and along this strong cold front a line of showers and thunderstorms is expected to push eastward into the Panhandle late in the morning and near midday, then follow the I-10 corridor quickly throughout the rest of the daytime hours and into the evening (70-near 100% chance of rain). The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) is outlooking a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for Severe Weather** extending from the Panhandle and through the Capital City, with a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5)** through the upper Suwannee Valley as **embedded strong to severe thunderstorms** will be possible. The main hazards associated with these **strong to severe thunderstorms** include frequent lightning, damaging wind gusts (55-65 mph), isolated embedded tornadoes and locally heavy rainfall. The ongoing cloud cover this morning, and quick nature of the front itself, may hinder some of the potential for severe thunderstorm development this afternoon and evening. Breezy southerly to southeasterly winds can be expected to develop statewide reaching 10-15 mph across the Peninsula and 20-25 mph throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend outside of thunderstorm activity. On top of that wind **gusts will reach 15-25 mph** statewide, with stronger wind **gusts of 25-40 mph** across the Panhandle and Big Bend. **Wind Advisories** will go into effect late this morning along the Panhandle for those elevated **winds of 15-25 mph** and **wind gusts upwards of 35-45 mph** through the early evening hours. Locally higher gusts cannot be ruled out.

Shower chances extend across much of the state during the evening and overnight period as the cold front continues to push eastward bringing scattered activity with embedded thunderstorms. The greatest chances will remain across the Big Bend and towards the I-4 corridor through the overnight period (45-80% chance of rain). As the line of showers and thunderstorms reaches Northeast Florida and the northern Peninsula its structure becomes more disorganized leading to the line of activity to become more scattered. Across South Florida, enough moisture ahead of the front may be able to help create some isolated showers late in the overnight and into the early morning hours on Monday. Behind the cold front much drier and colder air will move in leading to temperatures dropping quickly. **Elevated winds and enough time between the rain leaving and delay of the colder air moving in will not create any potential for flash freeze conditions at this time.** Winds will calm down some overnight, but breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** can still be expected to continue overnight across North and Central Florida through the I-4 corridor, with stronger **gusts of 25-30 mph** along the coasts. Slightly lighter winds and elevated moisture may lead to instances of patchy fog developing along Southwest Florida by the early morning hours on Monday.

High temperatures will reach the 70s to lower 80s across North Florida this afternoon with well above normal temperatures in the 80s across Central and South Florida. Low temperatures will drop into the **middle to upper 20s** for the western Panhandle, **30s** across the eastern Panhandle and western Big Bend and **40s** to **middle 50s** for the rest of North Florida. Cold air racing into the Panhandle and elevated winds will lead to **wind chills** dropping into the **teens and 20s** across the Panhandle and lower to **middle 40s** across the western Big Bend by sunrise Monday morning. An **Extreme Cold Warning** will go into effect overnight and continue through Monday morning for **very dangerous wind chills as low as 10-degrees expected** along the far western Panhandle (Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties). **Cold Weather Advisories** will go into effect early Monday morning for the rest of the Panhandle and through the US-231 corridor for **wind chills as low as 17-25-degrees**. Central and South Florida will see low temperatures in the upper 50s to upper 60s and near 70-degrees.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A **high risk for rip currents** extends along all Panhandle and East Coast beaches due to gusty winds and elevated surf. A low risk persists for the West Coast of Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Large ocean swells associated with breezy wind conditions will lead to ocean **swells of 2-5'** developing statewide. Larger ocean swells of **upwards of 6-7'** will develop along the Panhandle coastline late this afternoon and remain in the surf zone along much of the First and Space Coasts.

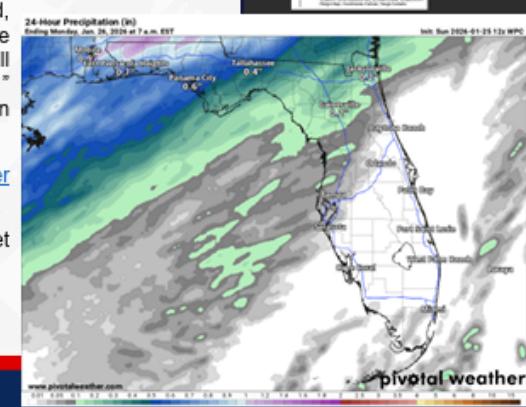
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Bay and Franklin counties and very low concentrations in Walton and Gulf County. It was not observed along the East Coast or in Southwest Florida (valid 1/23/2026).

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Shower and thunderstorm activity associated with a cold front today will help to bring much needed rainfall for the Panhandle and Big Bend, which at times may be locally heavy. Any of this heavier rainfall that occurs quickly may lead to some **nuisance or localized ponding of water** for stubborn low-lying or poor drainage areas. Most of this rainfall should be allowed to soak into the dry topsoil but could also run-off if its too intense. Rainfall totals of 0.5-1" can be expected through this evening, with **locally greater** totals upwards of 2" possible within thunderstorm activity.

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

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.99 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.70 feet **below normal** for this time of year.



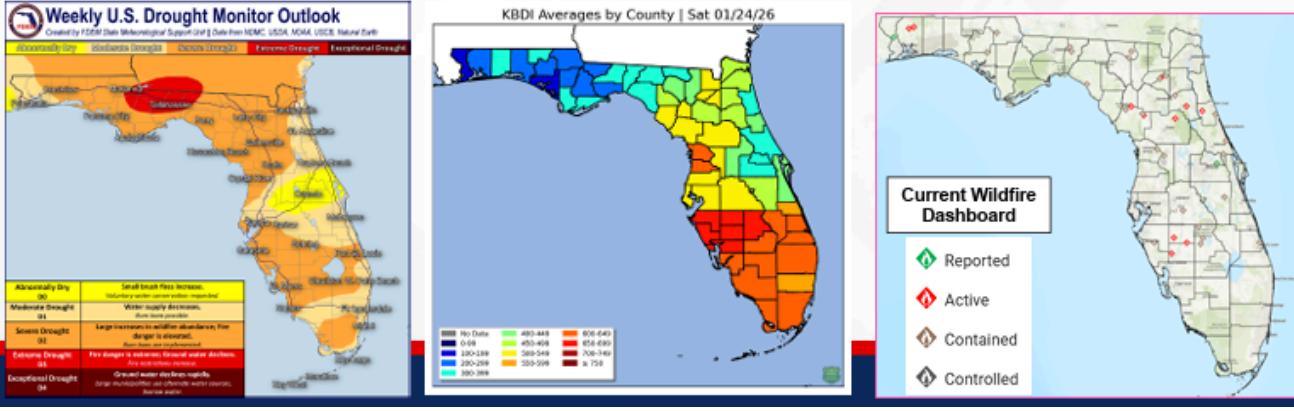


# Drought & Fire Weather

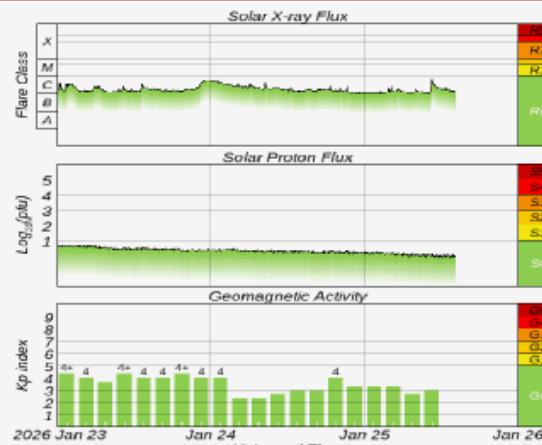
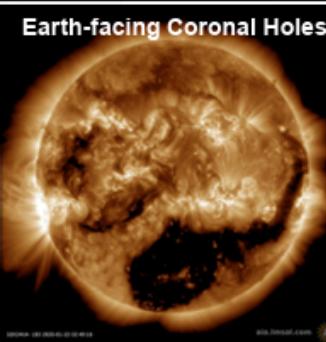
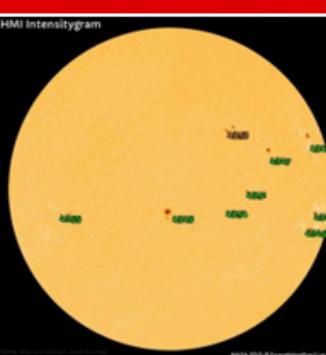
**Fire Weather:** Southerly to southeasterly winds ahead of an approaching strong cold front will keep pulling moisture northward across the state today keeping relative humidity values above critical thresholds. This cold front is also expected to bring scattered to widespread showers and embedded thunderstorm activity across the Panhandle and Big Bend this afternoon and into the evening hours helping to increase soil moisture. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing lightning and erratic winds.* Drier conditions will persist over the Peninsula today, with a slight chance for some showers ahead of the main frontal boundary. Elevated winds of 10-15 mph can be expected across the state, with stronger winds of 20-25 mph along the Panhandle late this afternoon. On top of that wind gusts will reach **15-25 mph** statewide, with stronger wind **gusts of 25-35 mph** across the Panhandle and Big Bend. **Wind Advisories** will go into effect late this morning along the Panhandle for those elevated winds and wind gusts upwards of 35-45 mph through the early evening hours. With elevated winds, little chance for rain and ongoing drought conditions, **sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist south of the I-4 corridor today. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 37 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1548 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 480 (+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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
<b>48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast</b>		
1/25	1/26	
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	

**Space Weather:** As of late yesterday, the 9 active sunspots facing Earth have stable magnetic field and pose little threat for solar activity. There remains a chance for an isolated strong (M-class) solar flare or even a significant (X-class) flare. Any M-class flare that develops will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class flare will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds are expected to gradually diminish over the next day or so leading to more ambient solar wind conditions. The Earth's magnetic field is likely to be at quiet to unsettled levels given the lowering chances for solar flare activity and CH HSS winds. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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<b>Fax:</b>	850-815-4979	Operational	
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
<b>SWO Tracker:</b>	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	Operational	
<b>SLERS:</b>	DEM Statewide	Operational	
<b>FNARS:</b>	WGY974	Operational	
<b>Federal NAWAS:</b>	State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>EMnet Message:</b>	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>EMnet Voice:</b>	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
<b>IPAWS:</b>	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
<b>FIN:</b>	SOFEOC	Operational	
<b>Satellite Phones:</b>	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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