



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, January 26, 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, Jackson	Office Admin / Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Office Admin / Equipment Testing
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	ARC Sheltering Exercise
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay, Leon	Travel to Region 2
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia	DEMES Resource Management Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Manatee	Fuels Planning Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Office Admin
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Office Admin



Region 3 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 4

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	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	New Employee Onboarding
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Duval	Mid-Level Leadership Program Kickoff
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference & Training
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Professional Development

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

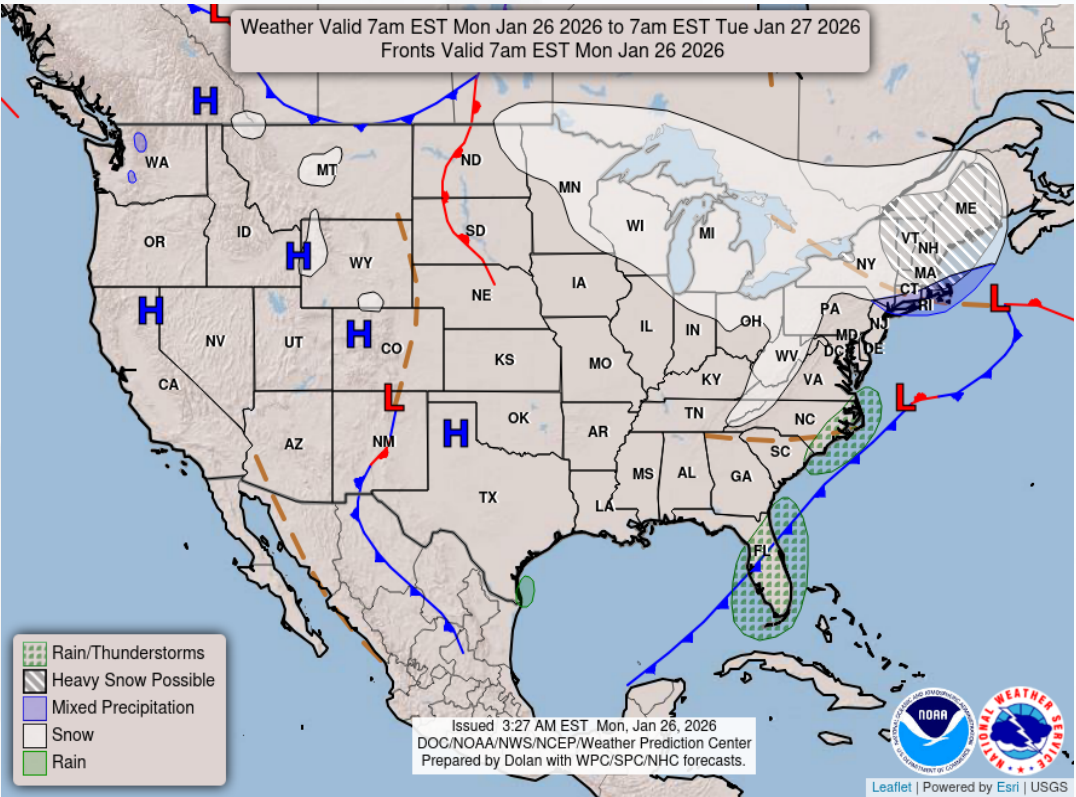
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

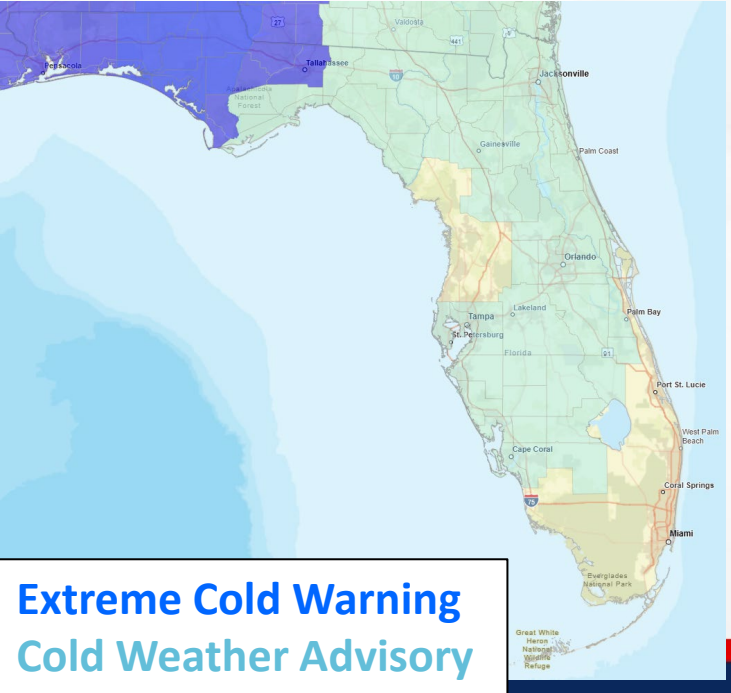
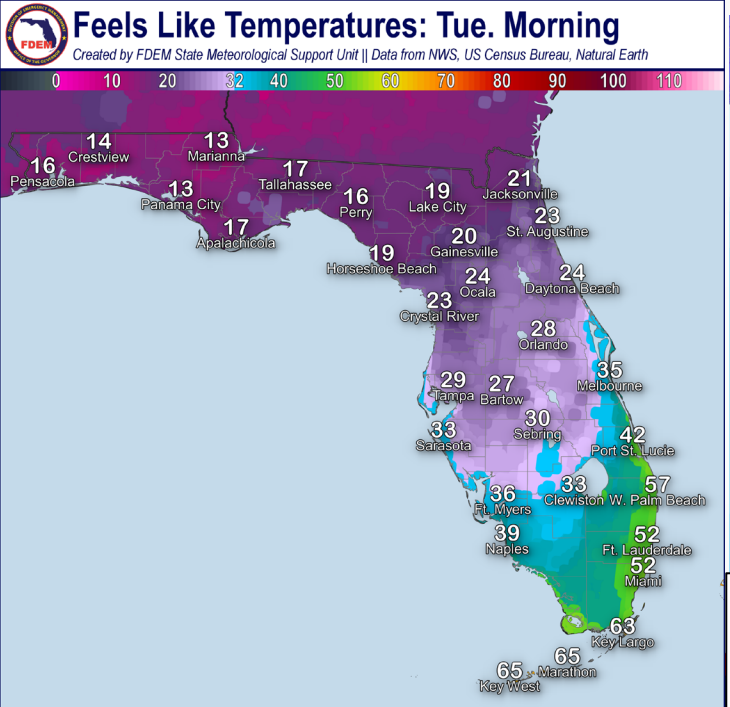


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	H	H	H	H	M	M	M	L	L	
Wind Chills (Overnight)	H	H	H	H	M	M	M	L	L	
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	M	M	H	H		H	M	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.98 ft. (1.71 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	482 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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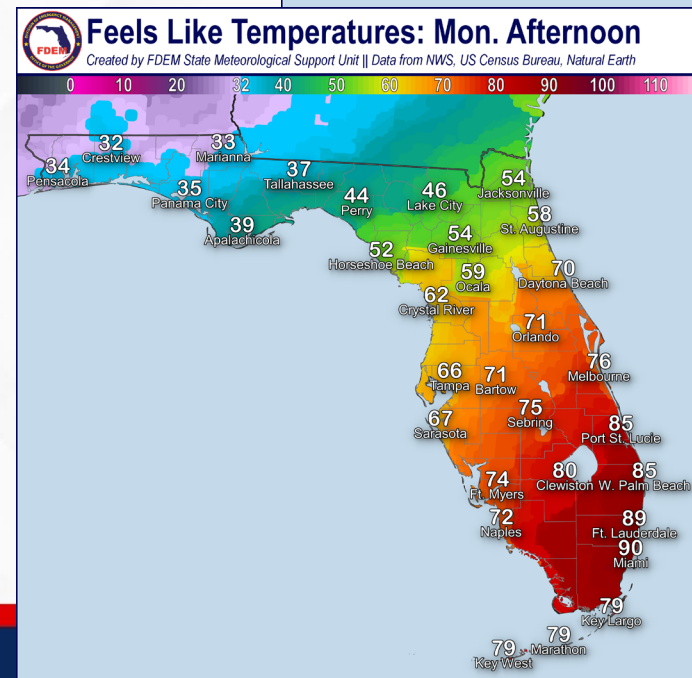
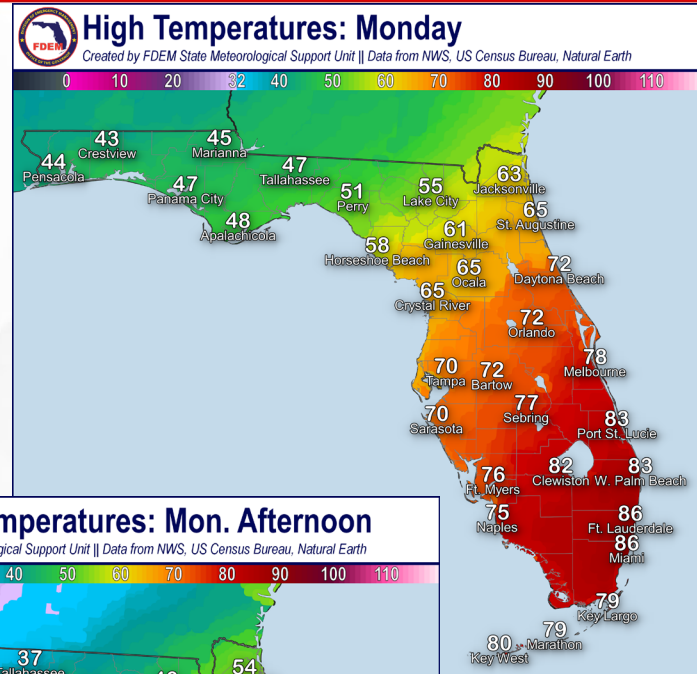
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Today will continue to serve as a transition day to a much colder and drier weather pattern for the next several days across the Sunshine State. Isolated to widely scattered showers accompany a cold front that is pushing through the Peninsula today but will dry up by the time it reaches South Florida (25-45% chance of rain). **Patchy to locally dense fog** this morning across interior South Florida should gradually lift and dissipate as the cold front approaches bringing elevated wind gusts. Behind the cold front very cold and arctic air will filter into the state courtesy of strong high pressure over the U.S. Plains. In fact, the very cold air has already made its way into the Panhandle this morning as **feels-like temperatures** were well into the **teens** this morning. An **Extreme Cold Warning** remains in effect for the far western Panhandle counties until 12:00 PM CST where feels-like temperatures will struggle to reach above the teens and 20s until this afternoon. Elevated **wind gusts** behind the cold front will reach **20-30 mph** across the Panhandle and Big Bend, keeping temperatures this afternoon much cooler than normal. Even **feels-like temperatures** this afternoon will remain in the **30s** and 40s through the northern I-75 corridor across North Florida.

High temperatures this afternoon will struggle to eclipse 50-degrees along the Panhandle and Big Bend, while the rest of North Florida will remain in the 50s to near 60-degrees before the colder air chases in from behind. Central and South Florida will warm up quickly into the 70s and 80s this afternoon as the colder air will be delayed until the overnight hours.

Clearing skies and northwesterly winds will help to push colder air through the state this evening and tonight. Temperatures will begin to drastically decline for the northern half of the state once the sun begins to set and we head into the overnight period. Elevated winds can be expected to linger overnight as well, helping to make feels-like temperatures much colder than they are.

Widespread sub-freezing temperatures can be expected from North Florida to just north of the I-4 corridor tonight. Low temperatures in the **middle 10s to middle 20s** can be expected across North Florida and **upper 20s to middle 30s** across most of Central Florida. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect tonight from North Florida towards the I-4 corridor for the very cold temperatures, with **Hard Freeze Conditions** across North Florida. Low temperatures in the **upper 30s** to lower 50s can be expected across South Florida, with the coldest of those temperatures near and west of Lake Okeechobee. **Very dangerous wind chills** can be expected overnight and waking up on Tuesday morning nearly statewide. **Feels-like temperatures** around sunrise Tuesday morning will be in the **teens and lower 20s** across North Florida. **Single digit wind chills cannot be ruled out in isolated portions of the Panhandle.** **Extreme Cold Warnings** will go into effect tonight and through much of the morning hours as **wind chills of 9-15-degrees** are expected. **Sub-freezing to near freezing feels-like temperatures** will extend well southward through the state to Lake Okeechobee, and **Cold Weather Advisories** will go into effect tonight as well.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy northerly to northwesterly winds and elevated surf across the state will create a **moderate to high risk** for all beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Breezy winds associated with a cold front will lead to wave heights of 2-4' nearly statewide, with larger breaking waves upwards of 5-6' offshore from the Panhandle through the West-Central Florida coast as well as along the First Coast.

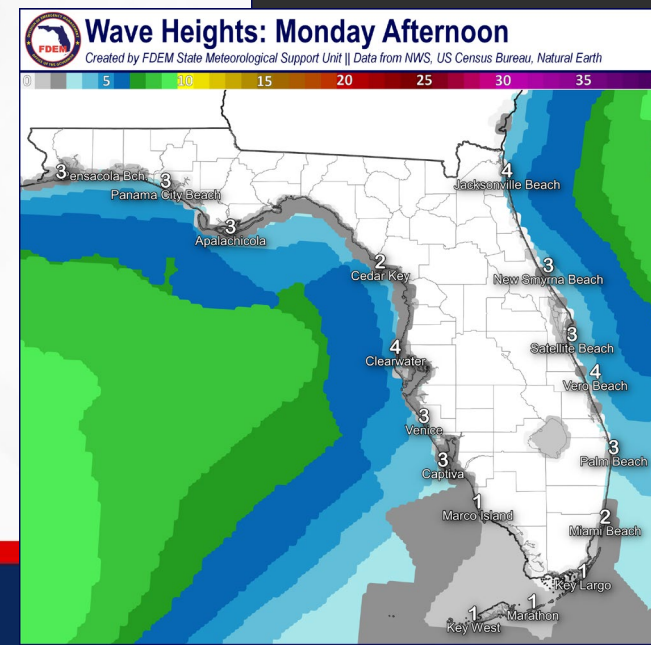
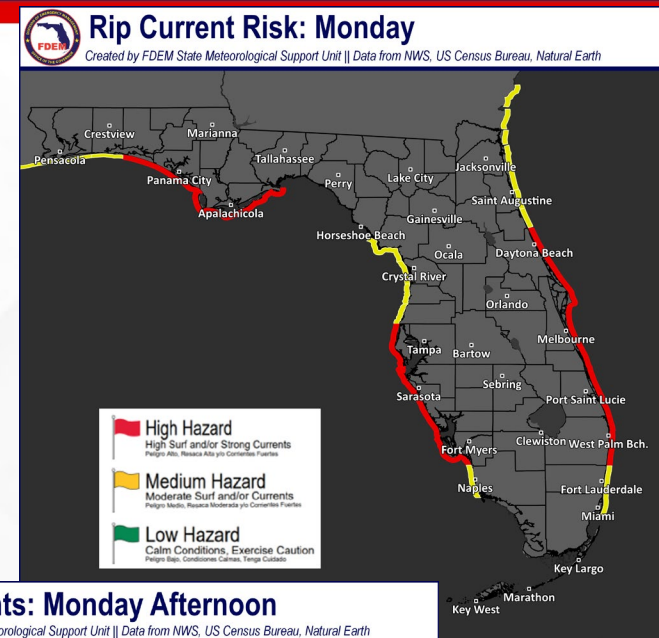
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Bay and Franklin counties and very low concentrations in Walton and Gulf County. It was not observed along the East Coast or in Southwest Florida (valid 1/23/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.98 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.71 feet below normal for this time of year.



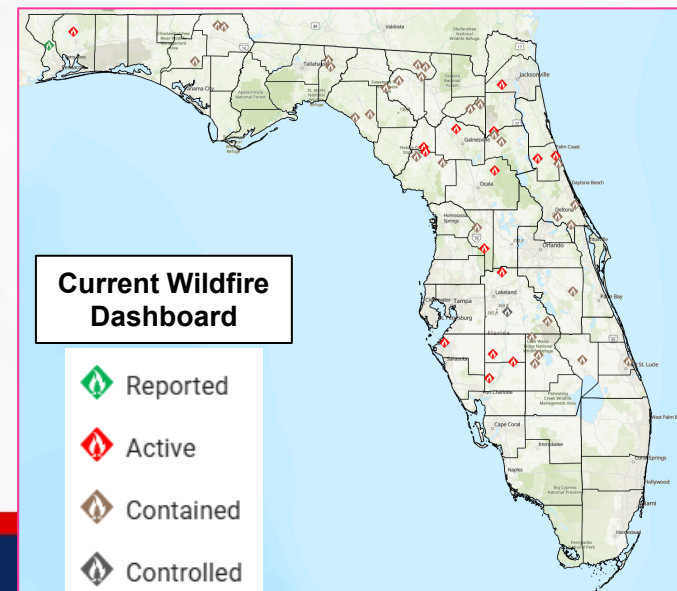
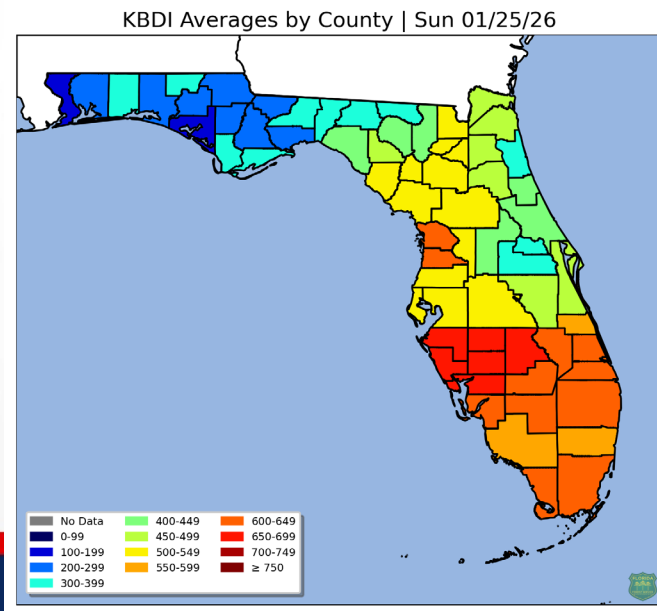
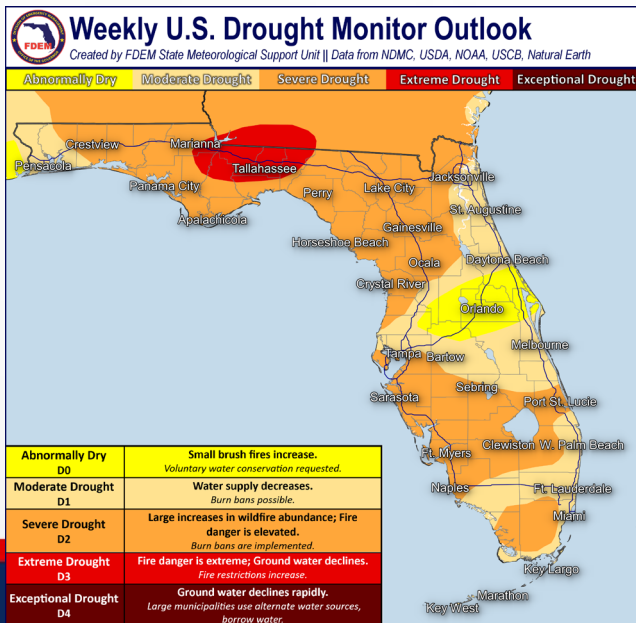


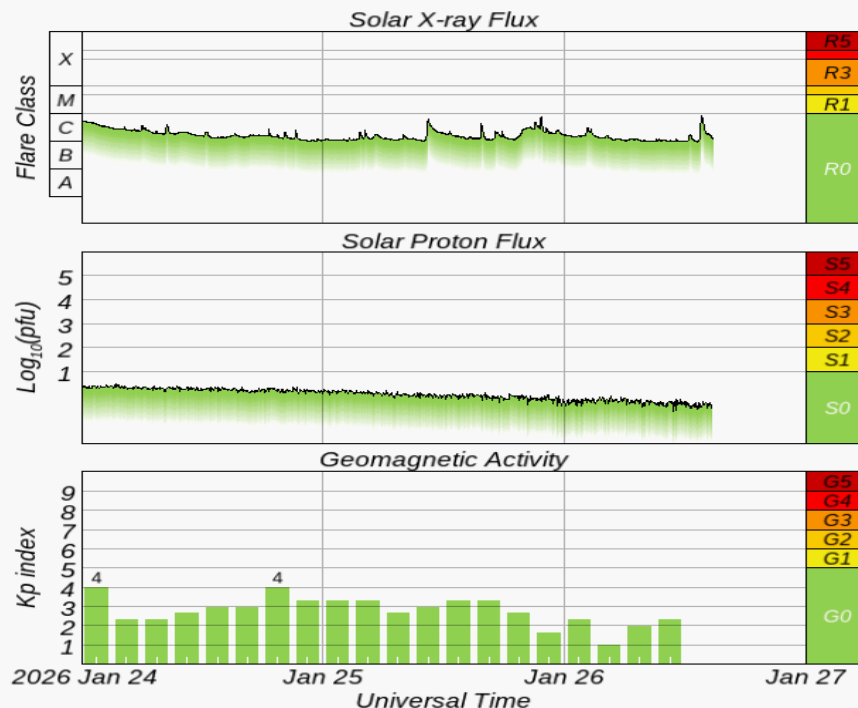
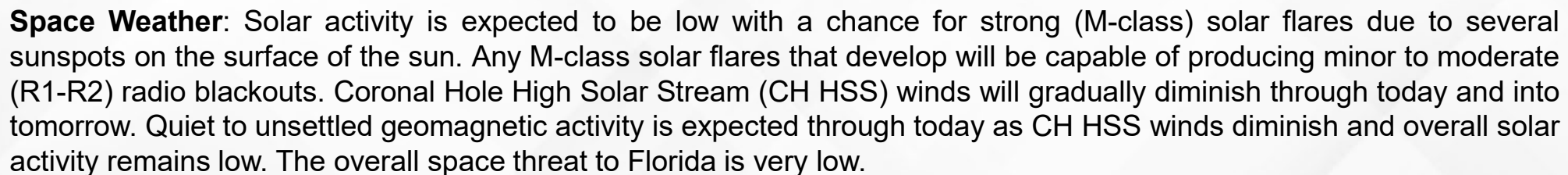
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Much drier and colder air will accompany a cold front as it pushes through the rest of the state today. Ahead of and along the cold front, moisture will help continue to bring isolated to widely scattered shower activity to the I-4 corridor and the central Peninsula before conditions dry out again. Breezy wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** can be expected to persist statewide with the drastic temperature change, with stronger **wind gusts of 20-30 mph** across the Panhandle throughout the day. **Widespread freeze conditions** can be expected through the I-4 corridor and towards Lake Okeechobee overnight and into early Tuesday morning. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 48 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1604 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 **482 (+2)** 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).





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C8 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/26	1/27
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%



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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