



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, January 27, 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	Office Admin / Vehicle Inspection
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	SRT Assessment
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Leon, Clay	FDLE Liason Course / Return to Region 4 Travel
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	FDLE Meetin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	Fuels Planning Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	St Lucie	County EM Visit
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	County DOH Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	County & USCG Exercise Planning Meetings



Region 4 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 3

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

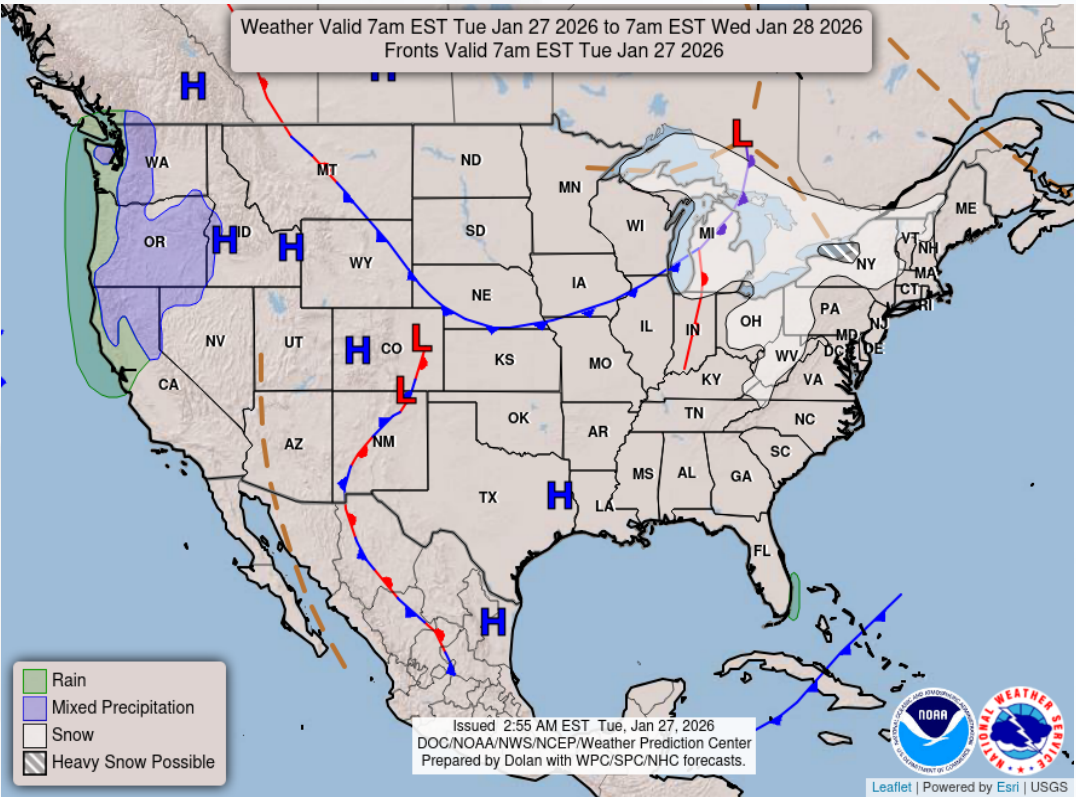
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

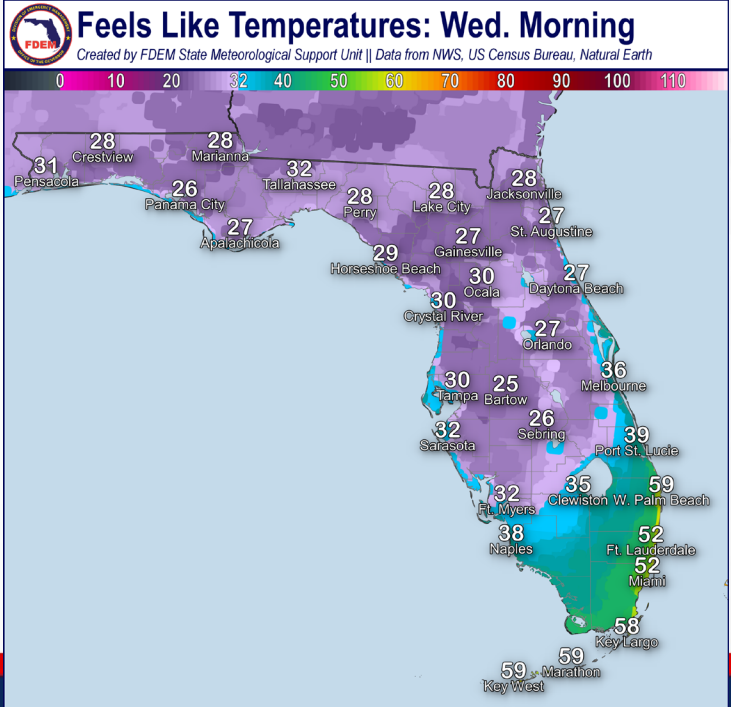
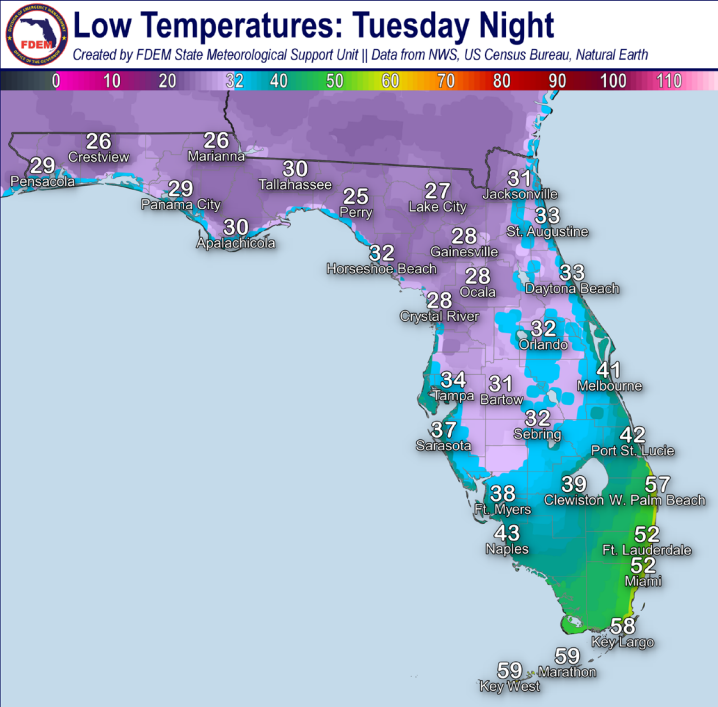


Meteorology Summary



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)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	
Wildfire	L	M	L	L	L	M	M	L	M	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	H		H	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.97 ft. (1.72 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	474 (-8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





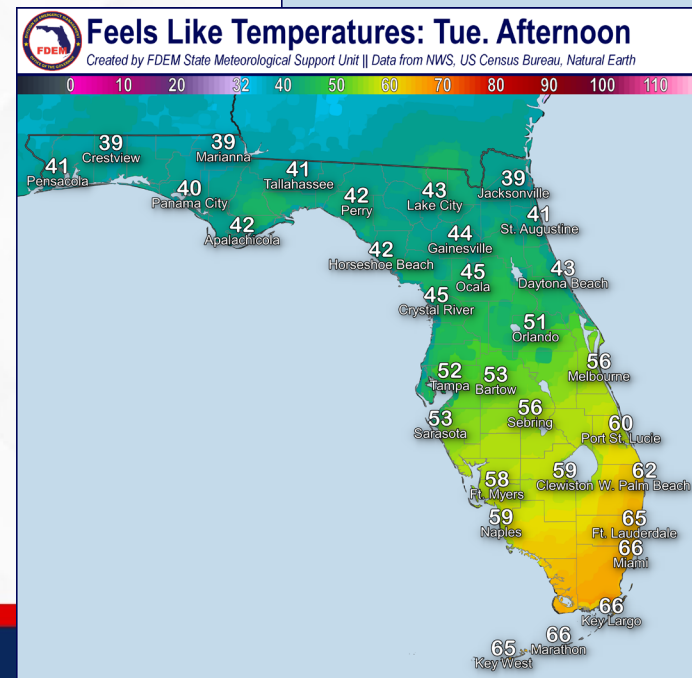
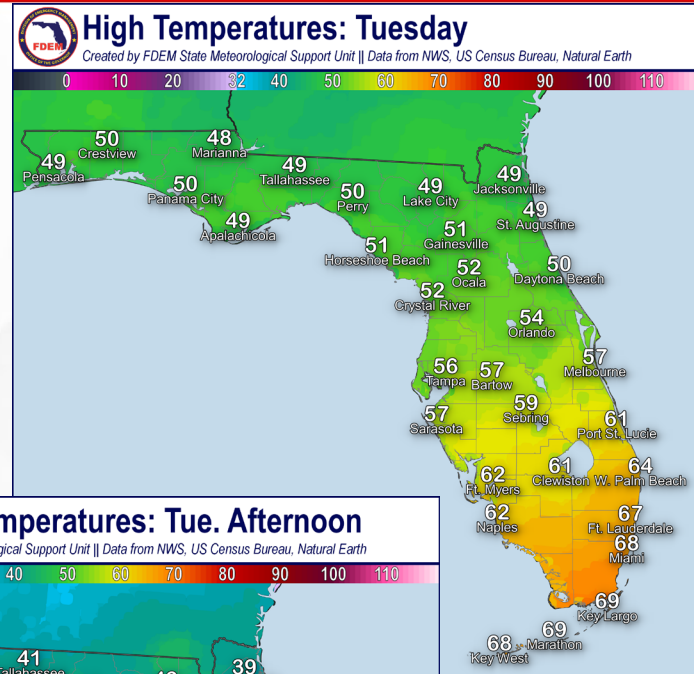
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A **cold start** this morning across the state this morning as arctic air has made its way through the state. Observations this morning show **wind chills** near sunrise were well into the **teens and lower 20s** across North Florida and even the **20s** and into the **30s** across Central Florida and northern portions of South Florida. Lingering breezy winds and very cold temperatures will prevent conditions from warming up quickly this morning. **Extreme Cold Warnings** will remain in effect until 11:00 AM EST/10:00 AM CST across the Panhandle and Big Bend as temperatures and wind chills will remain below freezing for much of the morning and slowly warm up. **Cold Weather Advisories** throughout the rest of the state will remain in effect until the mid-morning hours with conditions slowly warming up.

Plenty of sunshine can be expected throughout the daytime, but temperatures are still expected to remain below seasonal normals throughout the state. High temperatures will struggle to reach the 40s across North Florida this afternoon. Central Florida will remain in the 50s and South Florida will be in the 60s. With temperatures struggling today and lingering winds, **feels-like temperatures** will be in the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida this afternoon and the upper 40s to middle 50s through the I-4 corridor.

Another **cold night** can be expected, but calmer winds will return across North Florida preventing wind chills from being extremely cold like last night. Low temperatures will fall into the **20s** throughout North Florida, **lower to middle 30s** across Central Florida and **upper 30s** to lower 50s across South Florida. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect again tonight across Northeast Florida and portions of Central Florida for **sub-freezing to near freezing** temperatures expected again. **Feels-like temperatures** will fall into the **20s** and **lower 30s** across North and Central Florida towards Okeechobee by sunrise Wednesday morning. Even portions of interior Southwest Florida will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **30s**. **Cold Weather Advisories** will go into effect tonight across the Peninsula, including interior Southwest Florida, for elevated wind chills in the **20s** and **30s**. These **Cold Weather Advisories** may extend northward into Northeast Florida or portions of the Suwannee Valley despite the lighter winds.





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: Large ocean swells across the Peninsula beaches will create **wave heights of 3-5'** along the West Coast and **4-8'** along the East Coast. Larger **breaking waves upwards of 9-11'** can be found just offshore from Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida beaches this afternoon.

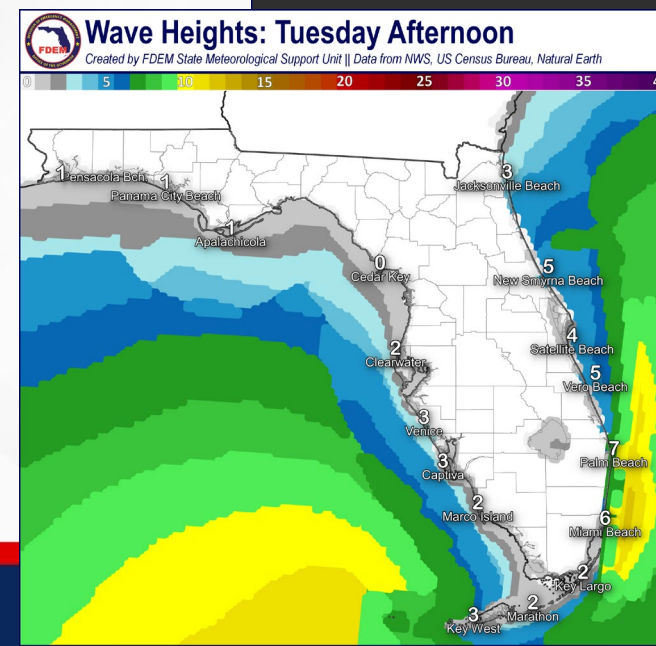
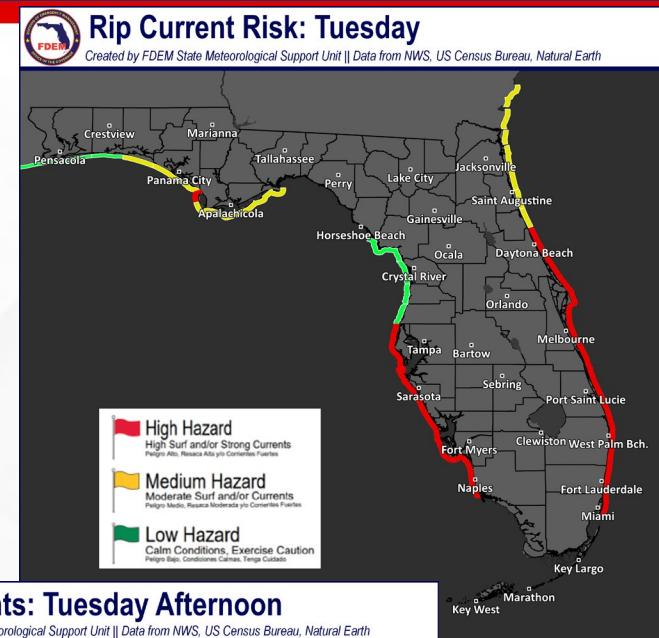
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Bay and Franklin counties and very low concentrations in Walton and Gulf County. It was not observed along the East Coast or in Southwest Florida (valid 1/23/2026).

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 12.97 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.72 feet below normal for this time of year.



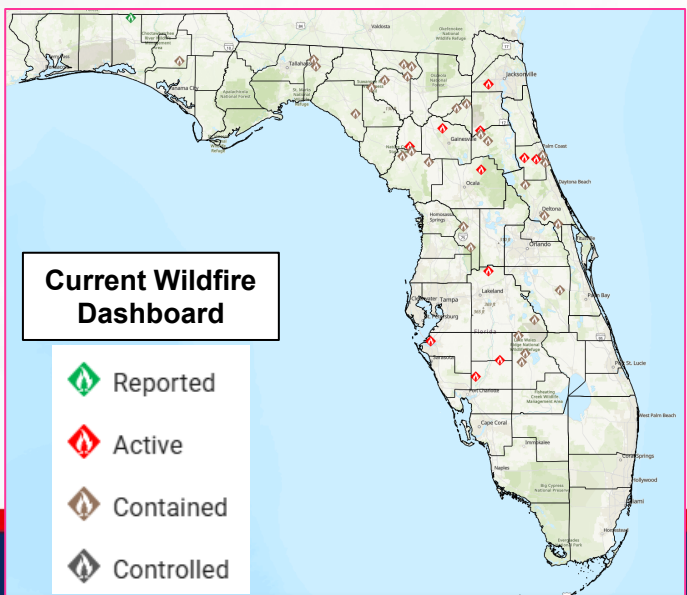
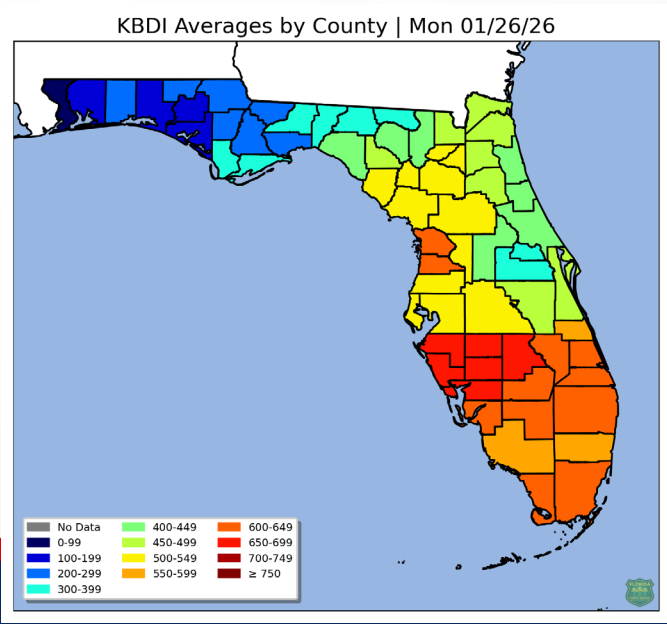
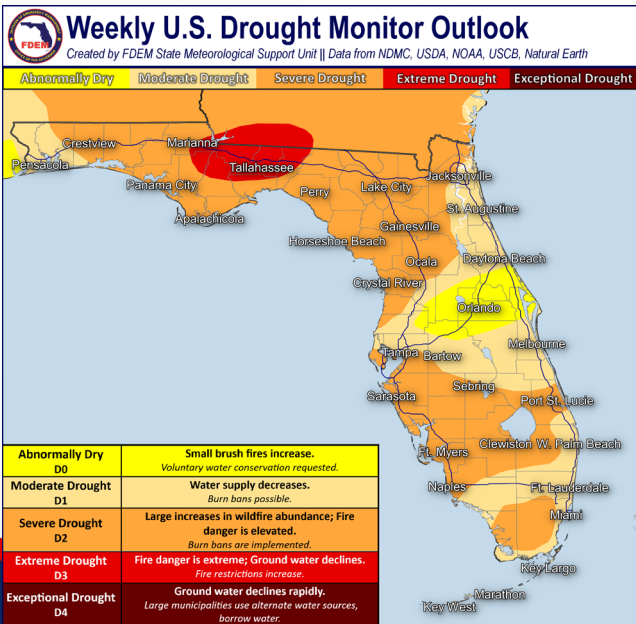


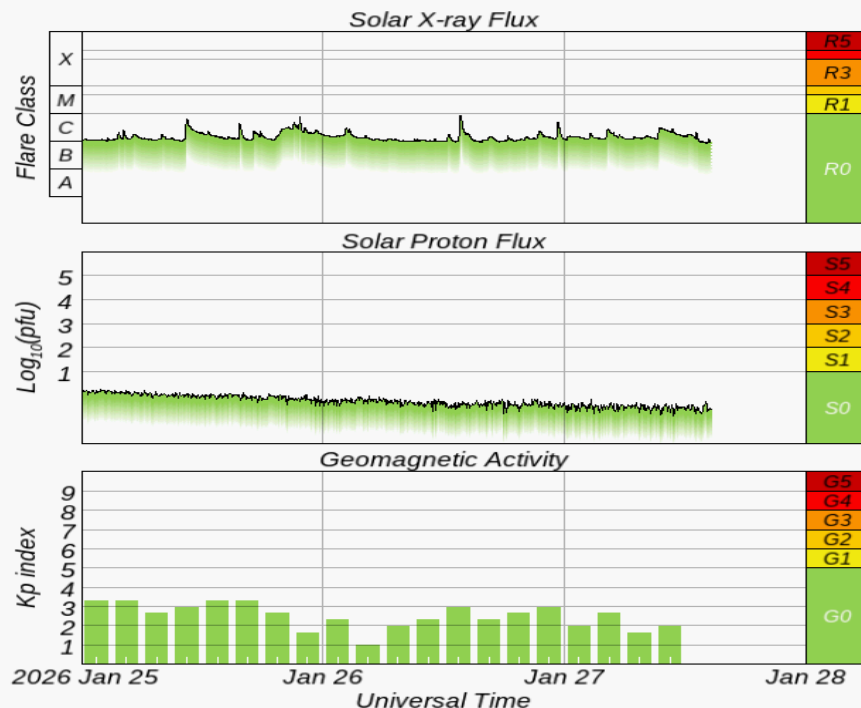
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Arctic cold and dry air has moved and settled into the state and will lead to no chances of rain today. Relative humidity values will fall into **critical thresholds** across North and West Florida this afternoon (**15-25%**). Northerly to northwesterly winds will remain light near 5-10 mph across the state with the strongest winds across South Florida. Gusts will gradually ease up from north to south today leading to wind gusts of 10-15 mph across North Florida and **15-20 mph** across South Florida. Due to ongoing drought conditions and very dry air, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** will persist. **Widespread freezing temperatures** can be expected through the I-4 corridor tonight. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 41 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1209 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 **31** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

1/27	1/28
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance of strong (M-class) solar flares. Currently all sunspots that are Earth-facing have relatively stable magnetic fields that pose little threat for M-class solar activity. Should one develop, it will produce minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will gradually diminish through the first half of today then another round will develop later today and tonight bringing enhanced solar wind conditions. As a result, mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions can be expected through the first half of the day before becoming unsettled with the new round of CH HSS conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is 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	
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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