



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, January 30, 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	Vehicle Maintenance / Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	SRT Assessment
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	UF Shands MCI Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Lake	Weather EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Hillsborough	Office Admin / Travel to Region 6
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Walton, Miami-Dade	FEPA Annual Conference / Return to Region 10 Travel



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6
Region 10 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference / Executive Director Support
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Walton	FEPA Annual Conference / Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	New Employee Onboarding
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In State	FEPA Annual Conference / Internal Meeting / Return Travel
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In State	FEPA Annual Conference / Internal Meeting / Return Travel
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In State	FEPA Annual Conference / Return Travel to Region
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In State	FEPA Annual Conference / Return Travel to Region
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Executive Director Support

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

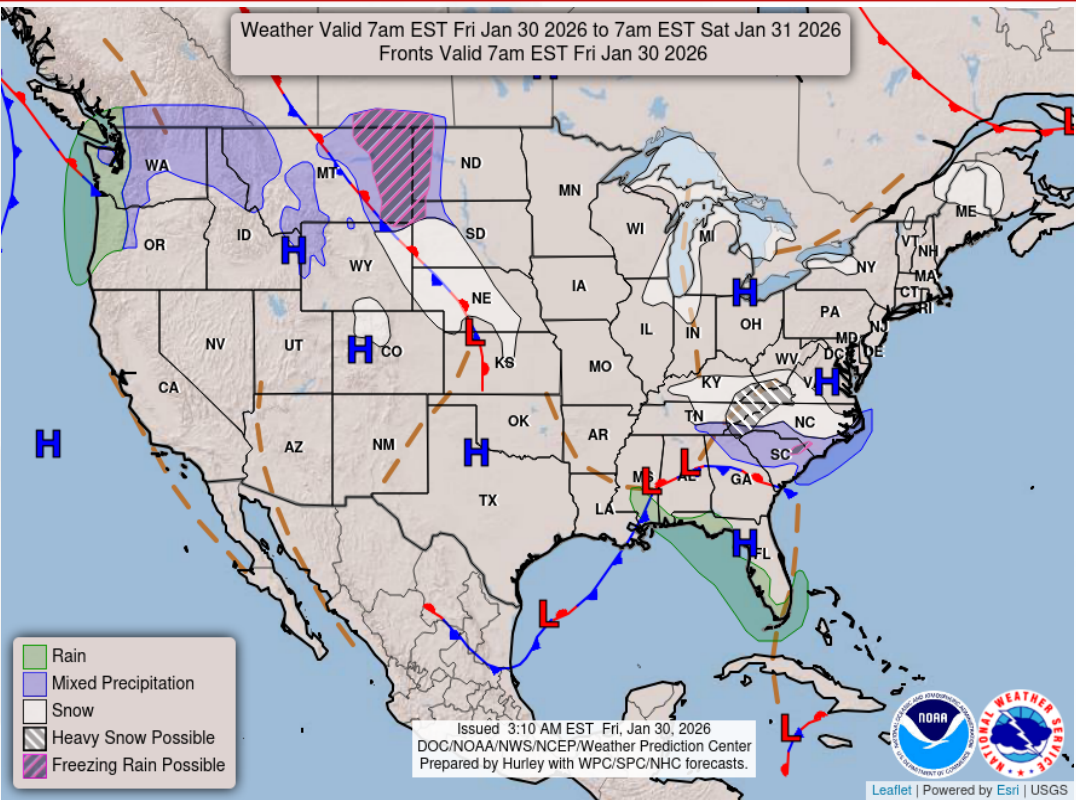
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

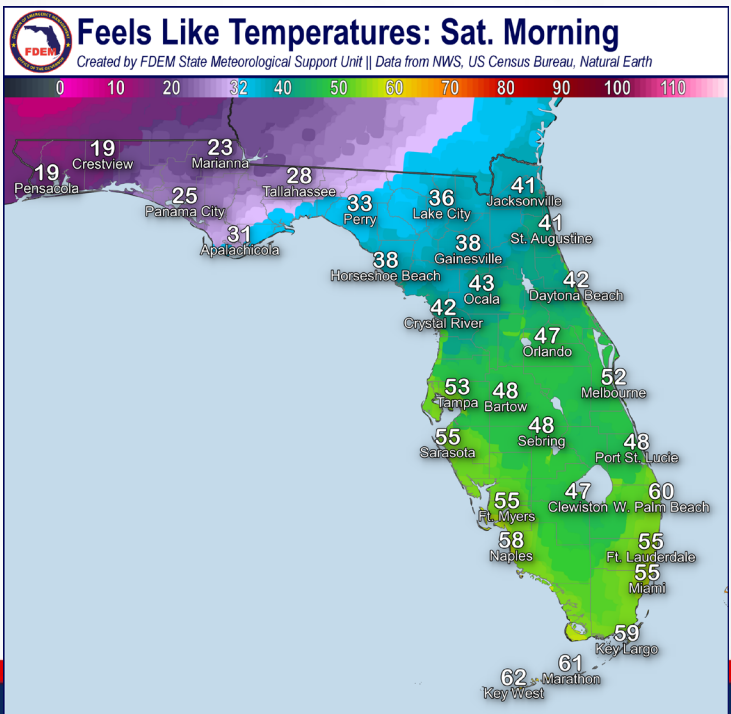
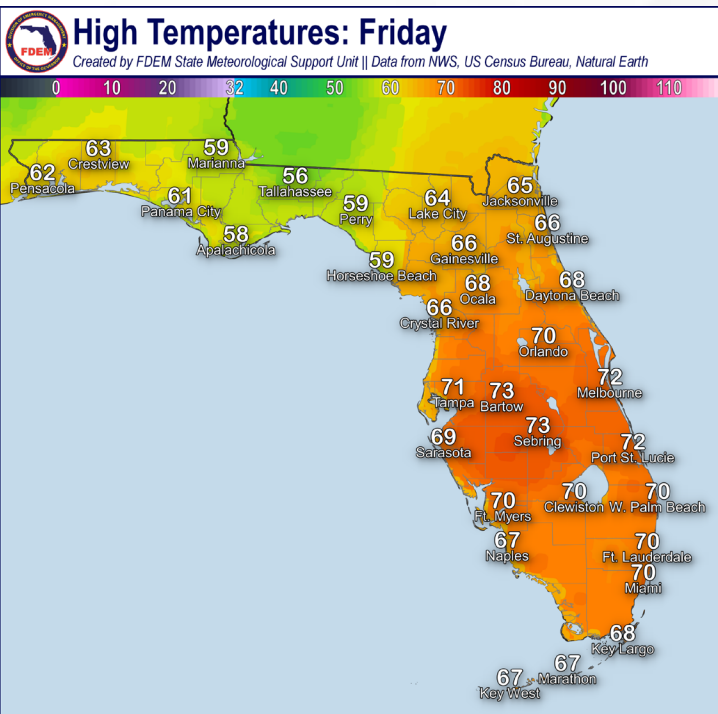


Meteorology Summary



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	M	L							
Wind Chills (Overnight)	H	M	L							
Wildfire	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.83 ft. (1.84 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	476 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another chilly start to the day today after clear skies overnight allowed temperatures to dip into the **20s** and **30s** across North and Northeast Florida. These temperatures will begin to slowly warm up this morning as a low-pressure system tracks across the northern Gulf today. An attendant cold front draped south of this front will encourage a few isolated to widely scattered showers currently over the Gulf waters to move onshore across the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend later this morning (20-30% chance of rain). Any of this activity is expected to be light and brief in nature. The warm southerly flow ahead of this front will also allow some isolated to widely scattered showers to stream onshore over the Florida Keys and Southeast Florida later this morning and into the early afternoon hours (25-40% chance of rain). Otherwise, a mostly sunny and dry day is expected across the state. Winds will remain generally light today, though ongoing drought will still encourage **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions**.

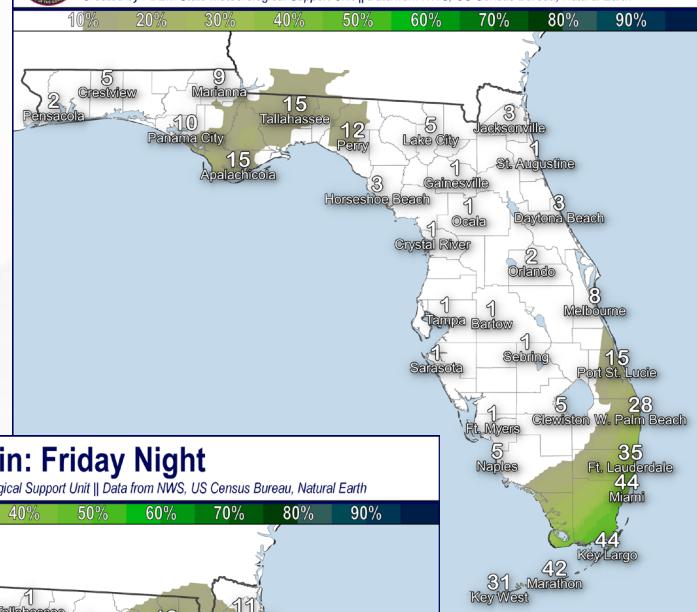
High temperatures this afternoon will be closer to seasonal levels amidst the warmer southerly flow. Upper 50s to middle 60s can be expected in North Florida and lower 70s in Central and South Florida.

The cold front will continue to sweep across the state tonight with a few isolated showers possible across Northeast and Central Florida (15-30% chance of rain). In the wake of the frontal passage, lows will quickly drop into the **middle 20s** to **lower 30s** across the Panhandle. Lows in the **middle** to **upper 30s** are also expected across the Big Bend and interior Northeast Florida. Breezy winds will develop after midnight across the Panhandle, with gusts **upwards of 30 mph** by daybreak Saturday. These winds will bring **wind chills** into the **middle teens** to **lower 20s** across the western Panhandle where an **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect. A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for portions of the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend tonight. Lows in the upper 40s to upper 50s are expected through Central and South Florida.



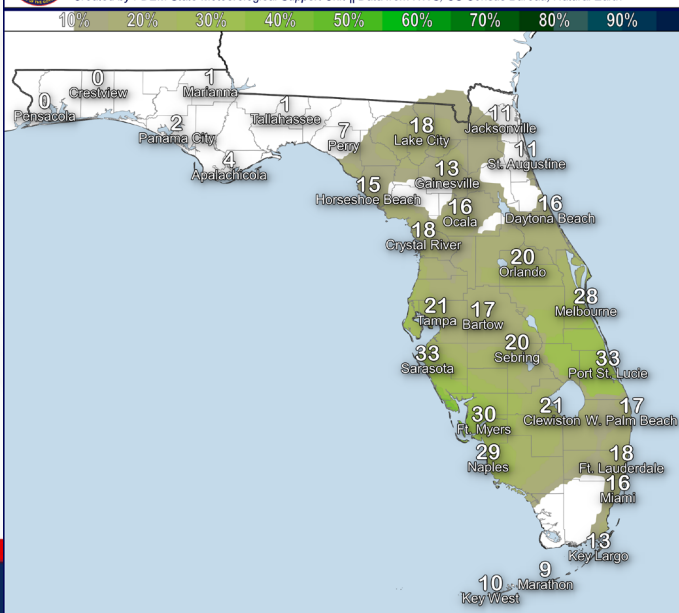
Chance of Rain: Friday

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Chance of Rain: Friday Night

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Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy onshore winds will continue to create a **moderate risk for rip currents** for numerous Panhandle and East Coast beaches. A localized **high risk** is expected for Palm Beach County beaches where the strongest onshore winds and elevated surf remains. A low risk is expected for West Coast and Northeast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will diminish today with waves of 1-2' expected for most Florida beaches. Some higher surf of **2-3'** is possible across coastal Southeast Florida and the Keys this afternoon. By late tonight, a building ocean swell across the Gulf will build surf to **2-3'** for Panhandle beaches.

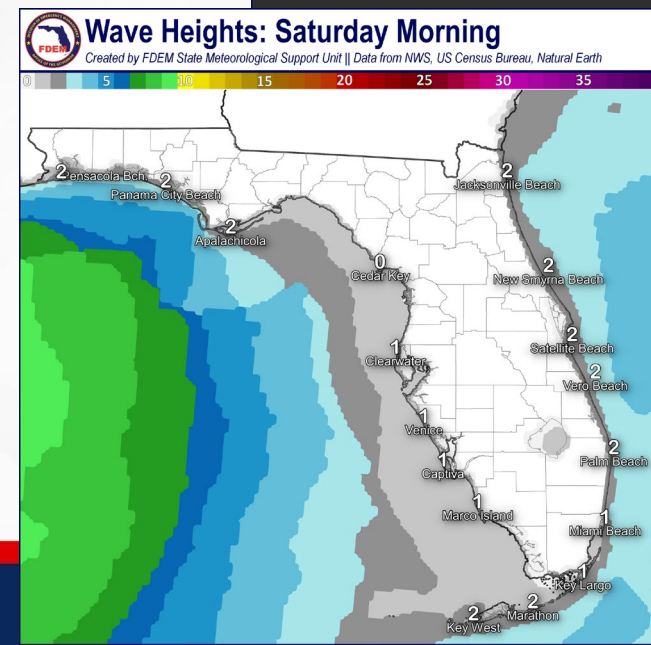
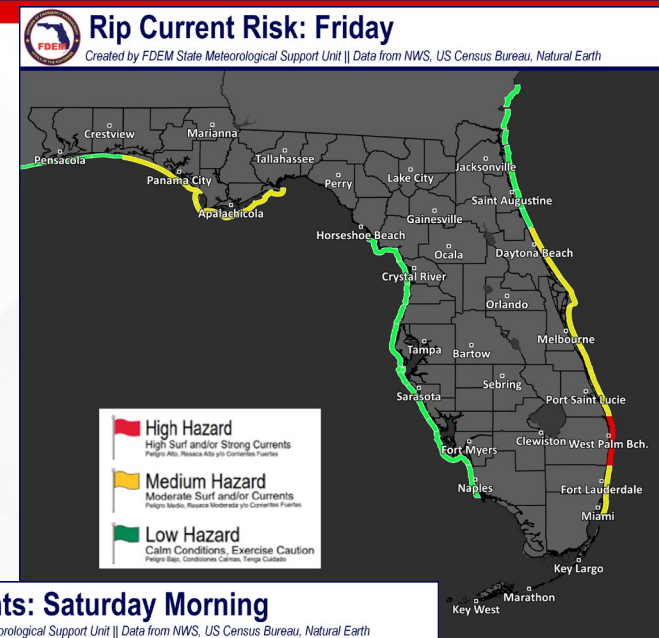
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Bay and Franklin counties and very low concentrations in Walton and Gulf County. It was not observed along the East Coast or in Southwest Florida (valid 1/23/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. A few scattered showers will begin to move onshore the Panhandle and Big Bend this morning which may bring some light rainfall. However, rainfall totals will generally remain below 0.1-0.2", at most. A few light showers will also stream across coastal Southeast Florida this morning and early afternoon, with activity expected to remain light.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.83 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.84 feet below normal for this time of year.



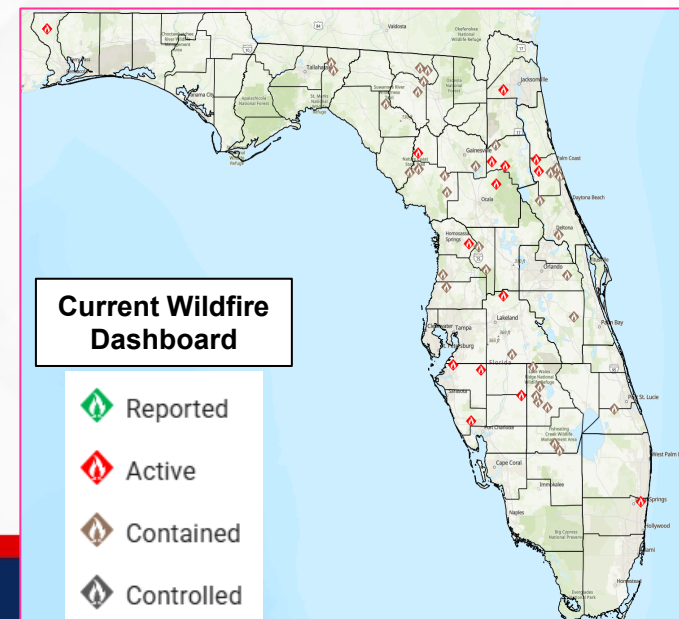
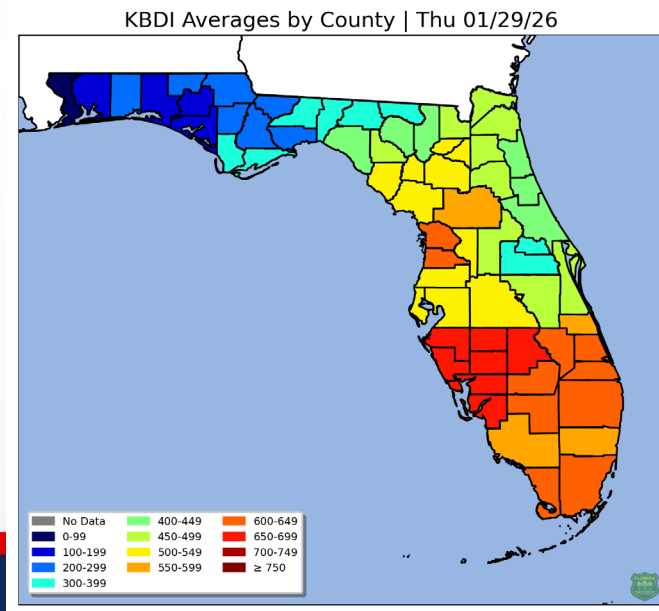
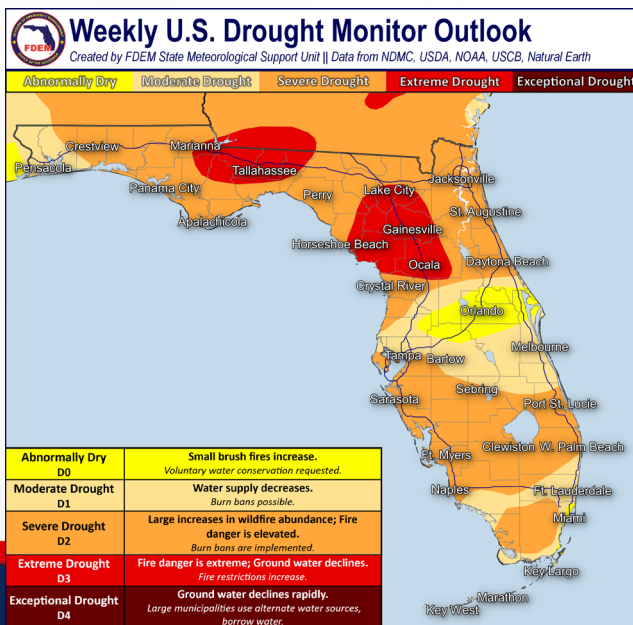


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Mostly dry conditions are expected for much of the state today ahead of our next frontal system. A few showers are possible across the Panhandle and Big Bend with the frontal passage, as well as coastal Southeast Florida with onshore moving coastal showers. Given moist southerly flow ahead of our next cold front, relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds statewide today. Generally light winds will also limit the overall wildfire threat. However, ongoing drought will still lead to **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions**. Breezy winds will develop after midnight across the Panhandle, where gusts **upwards of 30 mph** are possible. **Cooler than normal temperatures** can be expected to continue, especially during the overnight period across the Panhandle, where near-freezing conditions will develop through Saturday morning. These cooler temperatures will temper the wildfire risk. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 49 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1270 acres.

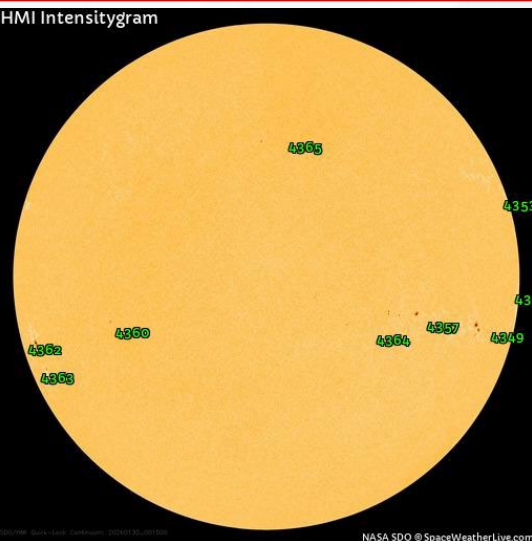
Drought (1/29/26): We saw the greatest rainfall over the past week mainly across the Panhandle and north of the I-10 corridor with our frontal passage last weekend (1/25). Here rainfall totals of 0.5-2" fell, yet the ongoing long-term drought was hardly impacted. On the latest Drought Monitor outlook, **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** persists across much of North Florida and the I-10 corridor, expanding eastward to include the entire First Coast. Long-term (60 day) rainfall departures across the Nature Coast and North-Central Florida have neared 3-4" below normal, which has prompted the addition of an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** category. The **extreme drought** also remains untouched across the northern Big Bend region where, despite some rainfall, soil moisture levels and streamflows are well below normal. Across Central and South Florida, very little changes were made to this week's outlook. Some slight expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was added across coastal Palm Beach and Martin counties where rainfall departures continue to dip below normal. Some slight improvement in drought conditions were found along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline with recent coastal shower activity. As of this outlook, 94% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **476 (+1)** 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).

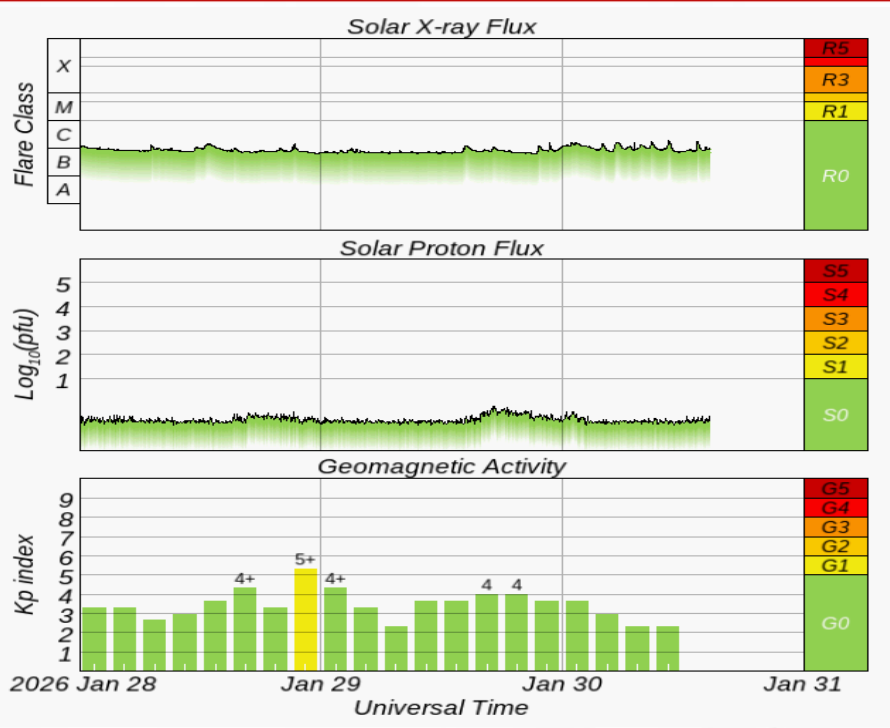
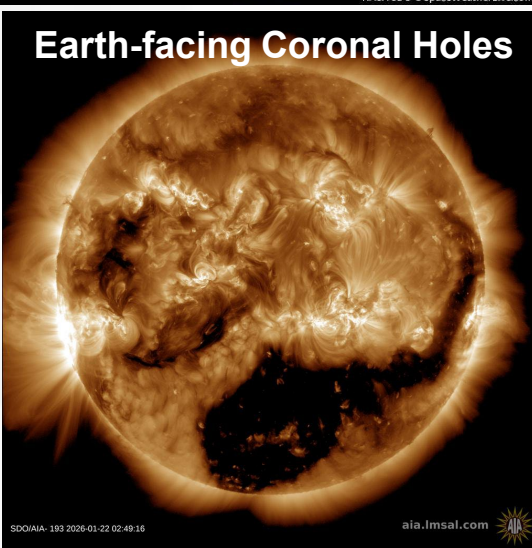




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/30	1/31
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Despite the 9 sunspots on the surface of the sun, all of them contain magnetic fields that pose little threat for solar activity. Should solar activity develop, a strong (M-class) solar flare may erupt and bring minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind enhancements are expected to begin today due to a new round of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic levels are expected, with isolated active period, due to the coronal hole influences. Mostly quiet levels will return by Sunday as conditions wane. 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	
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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	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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