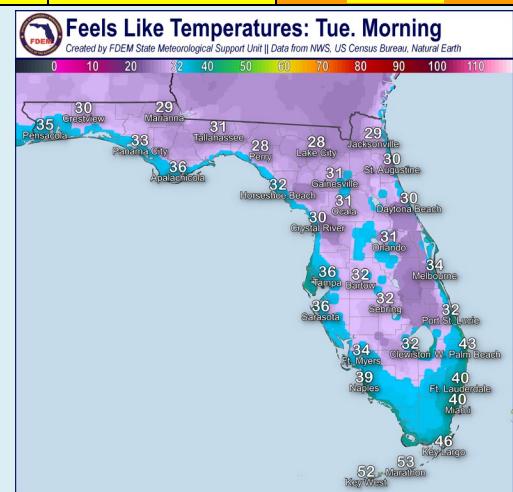
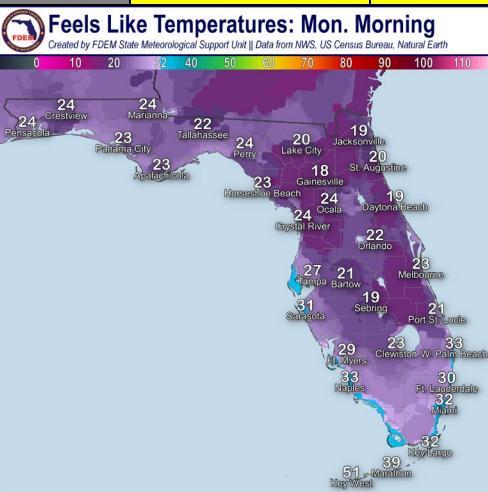
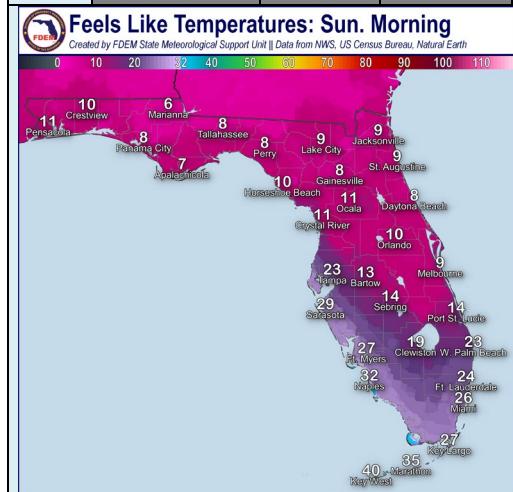


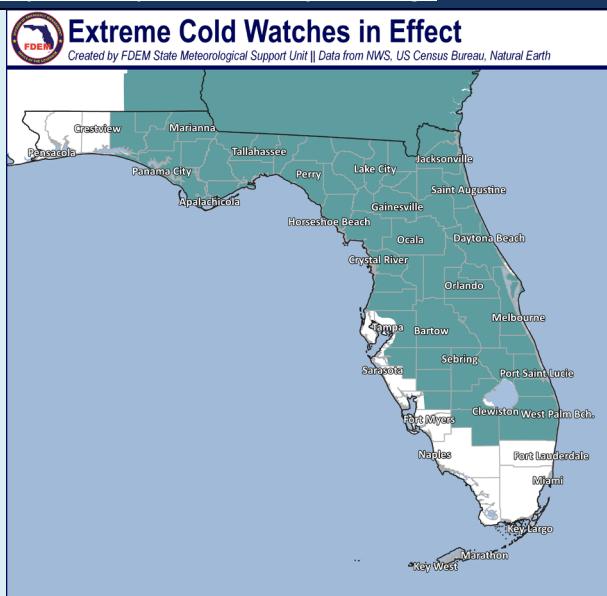
Friday, January 30, 2026

5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri					Western Panhandle Eastern Panhandle Big Bend	Panhandle Big Bend	Locally Statewide	Southeast FL Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sat					North & Central FL South FL	Statewide	Locally Panhandle & Big Bend Peninsula	Panhandle & Northeast FL West Coast East-Central & Southeast FL
Sun					Statewide Coastal South & Central FL	Statewide	Locally North & East-Central FL Southwest FL	Statewide
Mon					North & Interior Central FL Interior South FL	Locally North & Central FL	Locally Statewide	West & East Coast Panhandle
Tue					Locally North & Interior Central FL	Locally	Locally Statewide	East Coast Panhandle West Coast



Forecast Feels-like Temperatures: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday Mornings



Cold Weather Preparedness

Extreme Cold Watches in Effect – Saturday Night

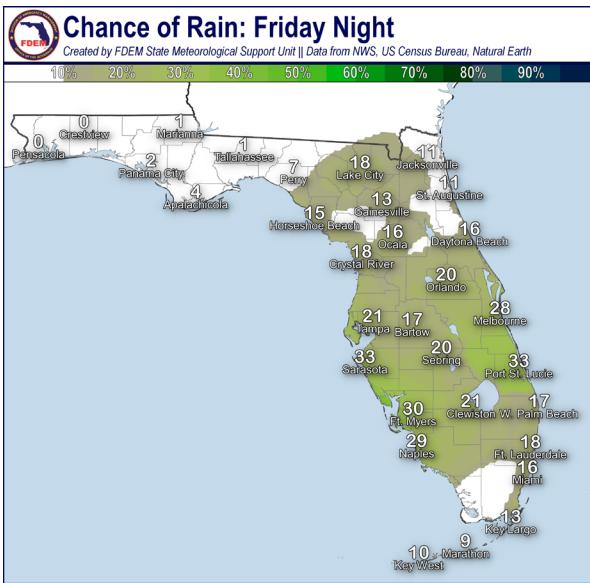


FDEM Statewide 5-Day Weather Outlook
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...An Arctic Cold Blast to Follow in the Wake of a Frontal Passage Today and Tomorrow... A Few Showers Possible Throughout the State with this Cold Front... Gusty Winds in its Wake to Bring Elevated Wildfire Conditions... Dangerously Cold Low Temperatures and Wind Chills Expected to Last For a Few Days Statewide... Freezes to Extend as Far South as Interior South Florida... Elevated Marine Conditions to Develop Amidst Breezy Winds and Large Ocean Swells... Temperatures Begin to Warm Up by Tuesday Next Week...

Friday – Saturday:



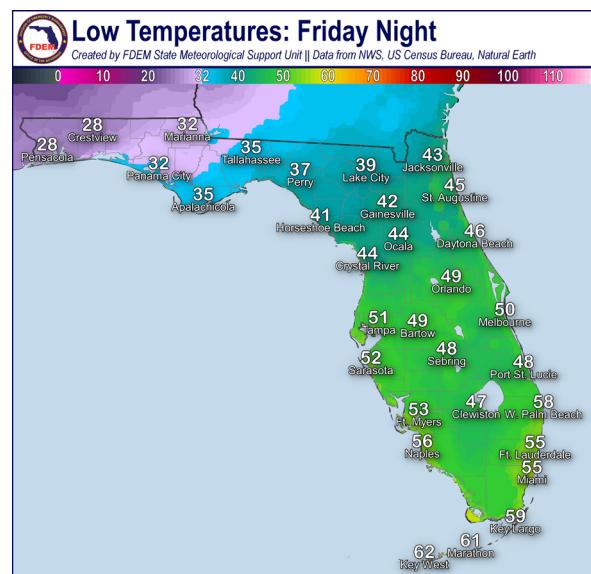
A low-pressure system tracking across the Southeast U.S. will continue to slide eastward towards the Carolinas today with an attendant cold front draped southward across the northern Gulf and Panhandle. Some locally available moisture ahead of this front may allow for a few isolated to widely scattered showers to spread across the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend this morning (25-35% chance of rain). Current radar and observations indicate that the few light rain showers currently across the Panhandle are having trouble reaching the ground from dry air aloft in the atmosphere. However, within the heaviest activity, some brief light rain is expected through the morning hours. These light rain showers will push into Northeast Florida later this afternoon and evening (15-25% chance of rain). Southerly flow ahead of our front will also allow some isolated to widely scattered showers to stream northward across the Florida Keys and

Southeast Florida this morning and afternoon (25-40% chance of rain). Widespread activity is not expected. Otherwise, a mostly sunny and dry day is expected across the state.

High temperatures will remain seasonable this afternoon, with temperatures reaching the upper 50s to lower 60s across the Panhandle and Big Bend and middle 60s to lower 70s throughout the Peninsula.

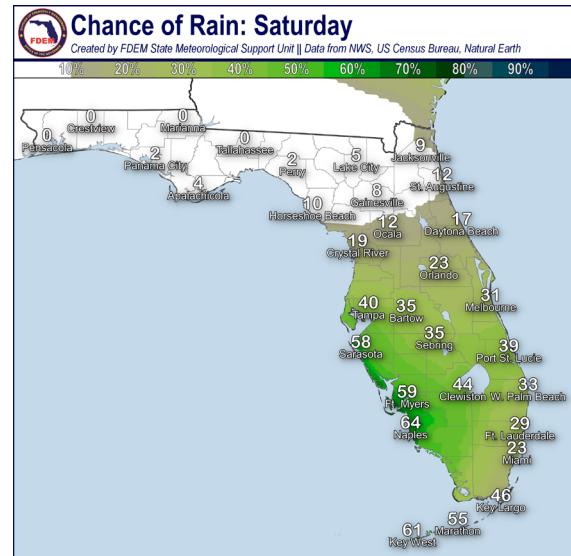
Tonight, the cold front will continue to sweep through Northeast and Central Florida, increasing in speed after midnight as the low-pressure system begins to rapidly strengthen off the Carolina coast. A few isolated showers are expected across portions of Central Florida tonight ahead of the front (15-30% chance of rain), however any activity is expected to be light and brief in nature. In the wake of the front, the pressure gradient will begin to tighten encouraging breezy winds to develop across the Panhandle. Winds will begin to gust **upwards of 30 mph** after midnight across the Panhandle and a **Wind Advisory** is in effect for coastal portions of the Panhandle beginning at 12:00 AM CST tonight.

Temperatures will also begin to plummet in the wake of this front as an arctic high pressure quickly noses in. Low temperatures will dip into the **middle 20s to lower 30s** across the Panhandle, with **middle to upper 30s** extending into the Big Bend and Northeast



Florida. Paired with the breezy winds, feels-like temperatures by daybreak tomorrow will be in the **middle teens to middle 20s** throughout the Panhandle. The Big Bend can expect wind chills in the **upper 20s to lower 30s**. As a result of these **dangerously cold wind chills**, an **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect for the western Panhandle and a **Cold Weather Advisory** for the eastern Panhandle and portions of the Big Bend. Lows in the upper 40s to upper 50s are expected throughout Central and South Florida.

On Saturday, widely scattered showers will begin to push south and eastward across Central and South Florida as the cold front quickly passes through (30-60% chance of rain). Much of this activity will exit off the Peninsula by the early afternoon hours, however chances of rain will not diminish immediately along the West-Central and Southwest Florida coast. Here, a few showers may develop over the Gulf waters due to the very cold arctic air aloft in the atmosphere and the warmer ocean waters below. This stark contrast will encourage shower development which, with the gusty northwesterly winds, may stream onshore along the Florida West Coast Saturday evening and into the early overnight hours. Moisture will be limited, but if any can overlap with the cold air rushing in behind the front, a few **light snow flurries** cannot be ruled out (less than 15% chance).

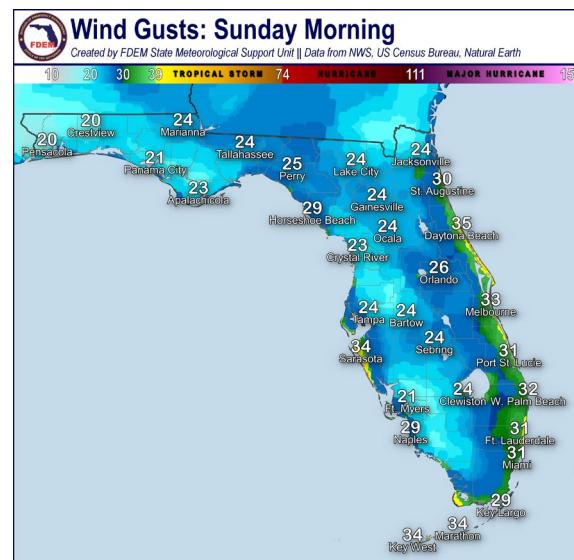


One of the biggest stories on Saturday will be the breezy to gusty winds that spread across the state in the wake of the frontal passage. Wind gusts **upwards of 40 mph** may occur nearly statewide and additional expansion of the **Wind Advisories** may be needed if conditions warrant. Much drier air

filtering into the Panhandle, along with these gusty winds, will bring **elevated wildfire conditions** Saturday afternoon. *Locally higher wildfire risk cannot be ruled out in areas experiencing the most severe drought.* High temperatures will also struggle to climb out of the upper 30s to lower 40s throughout the Peninsula and Big Bend, with feels-like temperatures staying in the **middle 20s to middle 30s**. Highs will be warmer across Central and South Florida, reaching the upper 50s to upper 60s, with the warmest temperatures the further south you go.

Mostly dry and clear conditions will spread across the state Saturday night in the wake of the front. The cold arctic air will plunge deep into South Florida, with **Freeze Watches** and **Extreme Cold Watches** currently in effect for much of the state. These Watches will likely be upgraded to **Freeze Warnings** and **Extreme Cold Warnings** by tonight. Low temperatures will drop into the

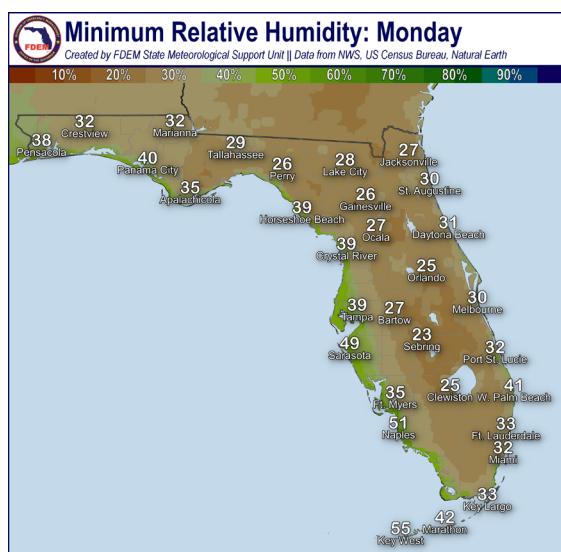
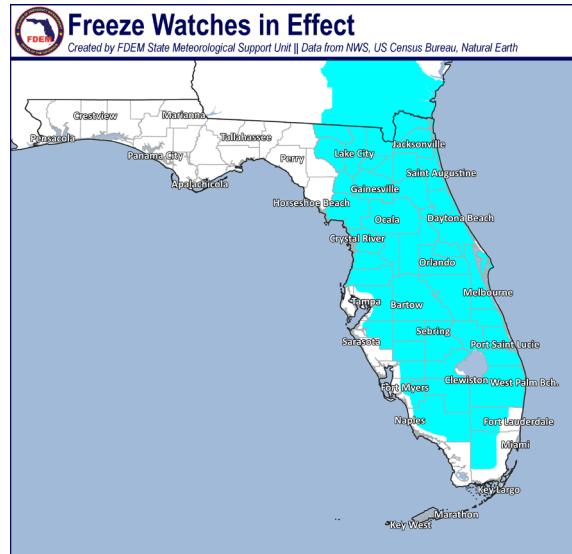
middle teens to lower 20s throughout North Florida, **middle to upper 20s** across interior Central and East-Central Florida, and **upper 20s to lower 30s** throughout interior South Florida. Coastal locations across West-Central, Southwest, and Southeast Florida may only dip into the **middle to upper 30s**. However, the breezy winds during Saturday afternoon will only increase in some locations Saturday night, especially along the coastlines. Wind gusts **upwards of 40 mph** are possible throughout interior regions, with coastal locations potentially gusting **up to 45-50 mph**. These winds will make the temperatures feel like the **single digits and lower teens** across all of North and Central Florida. **Dangerously cold wind chills** in the **upper teens to middle 20s** will even reach South Florida,



including coastal locations of West-Central and Southeast Florida. These temperatures will rival some of the coldest ever seen in this part of Florida.

Sunday – Tuesday:

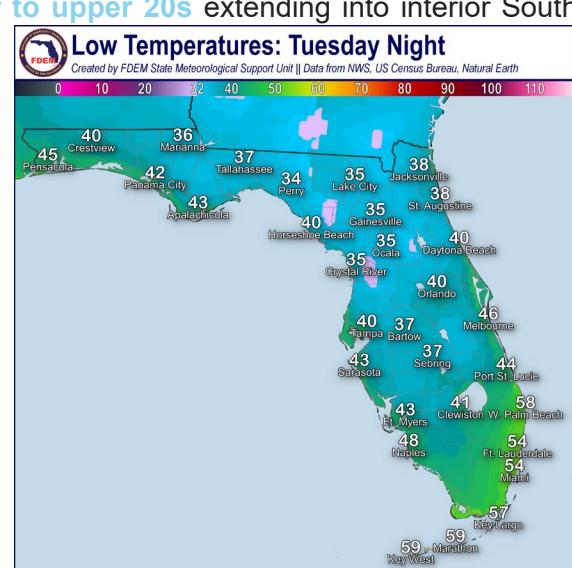
Mostly dry conditions will prevail from Sunday through the end of the forecast period. The arctic high-pressure system will settle across the state through the early part of next week, keeping relatively calm but cold conditions in place. Breezy winds will still linger as the strong low pressure off the Carolinas begins to depart on Sunday. Wind gusts **upwards of 25 mph** are possible across portions of North Florida, especially early on Sunday. Even stronger gusts **up to 30 mph** will be possible across the Peninsula. Relative humidities will dip to **near or below critical thresholds (25-30% RH values)** across much of the state Sunday. As a result,



elevated wildfire conditions are expected statewide and may reach **Red Flag Warning** criteria in some portions of the state. Similarly, **critically low RH values** are expected on Monday which will keep the at least **elevated wildfire conditions** in place statewide. Lighter winds on Monday may limit the overall wildfire risk. Relative humidities will begin to rebound above critically low values on Tuesday, though some locally elevated wildfire conditions may persist across portions of the Peninsula.

Temperatures will remain well below normal for much of the state through the beginning of next week, though thankfully there will be a gradual warmup. On Sunday, high temperatures will only reach the middle 40s across North Florida, middle to upper 40s in Central Florida, and lower 50s in South Florida. With the breezy winds in place, feels-like temperatures Sunday afternoon will be in the **30s and 40s** statewide. Another **widespread freeze** is expected Sunday night, with lows in the **lower to upper 20s** extending into interior South

Florida, even inland Miami-Dade County. Coastal areas of West Florida and Southeast Florida will stay in the **middle to upper 30s**, with the Florida Keys reaching the middle to upper 40s. Minimum wind chills Sunday night and Monday morning will reach **below freezing** even into the upper Florida Keys. Wind Chills in the **teens and 20s** are expected for most statewide. Temperatures will warm into the middle 50s to lower 60s statewide Monday, with another **freeze** expected across North and Central Florida overnight. Lows will reach the **middle 20s to lower 30s** into interior Central Florida. Lows in the **upper 30s** to middle 40s are expected across coastal locations of Central and South Florida. Lighter winds will keep wind chills near actual low temperatures. On Tuesday, highs will reach the upper 50s to middle 60s statewide. Lows



will reach the **30s** across North and interior Central Florida. Elsewhere, lows in the 40s and 50s can be expected.

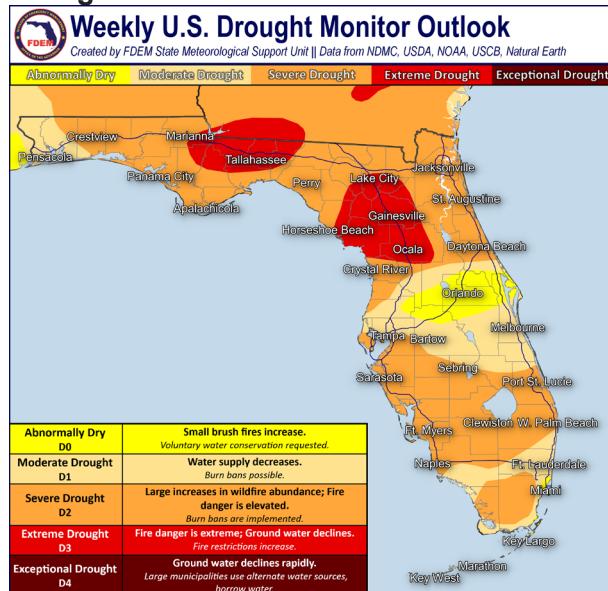
Hydrology & Flooding:

There is no risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. Isolated to widely scattered showers across the state with our frontal passage will only bring very light rainfall totals, mainly below 0.3". If a heavier shower can develop, especially across coastal South Florida, then totals upwards of 1" are possible. However, given the ongoing drought, soil moisture levels are still well below normal so grounds will quickly soak up any rainfall. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine concerns at this time. Rivers and streams across North Florida remain near or below normal with the ongoing long-term drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

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

Drought & Fire Weather:



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.

Looking ahead, very little beneficial rainfall is expected over the next week. Our frontal passage this weekend will only bring light rainfall with meager rainfall totals. As a result, persistence or worsening of drought conditions is expected by next week's Drought Monitor outlook. The breezy and very dry conditions early next week will help to dry soils and grounds even more, though cool temperatures will temper things a bit.

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

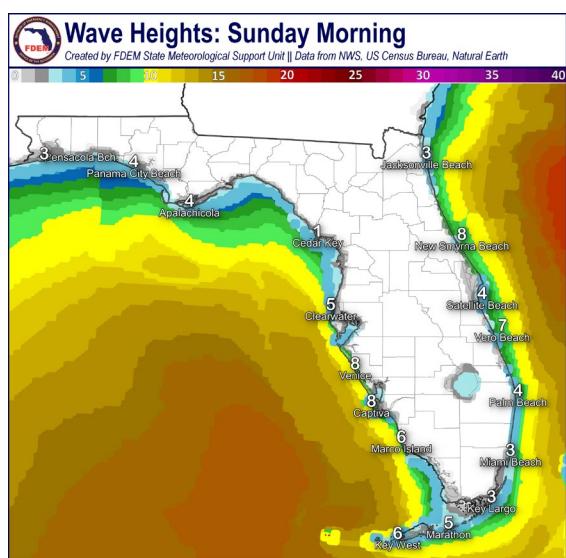
Relatively moist air will remain across the state on Friday ahead of our next frontal system, keeping the wildfire risk low. However, things quickly change behind the front as much drier, arctic air filters into the state. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds Saturday across the Panhandle, though breezy wind gusts **upwards of 40 mph** and ongoing drought will encourage



elevated wildfire conditions. These **elevated wildfire conditions** will spread across the entire state Sunday and Monday with RH values **critically low (20-30%)**. Although temperatures will remain cool, which will help keep the wildfire risk somewhat lower, breezy winds **upwards of 30 mph** will bring localized **Red Flag Warning** criteria to some portions of the state Sunday afternoon. Conditions will continue to be monitored if this risk becomes more widespread. Winds will diminish on Monday, though **critically low RH values** will still bring an elevated wildfire risk. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 49 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1,270 acres.

Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Some lingering elevated surf and onshore winds will continue to bring a **moderate risk for rip currents** to most Panhandle and East-Central Florida beaches today. A local **high risk** is expected across Palm Beach County for locally higher surf and dangerous swimming conditions. Things quickly change on Saturday as very large ocean swell begin to build across both the Gulf and Atlantic. Gusty winds and these building swell will bring a **high risk for rip currents** to all Panhandle, West Coast, and Northeast Florida beaches. Given the frontal passage will not have fully pushed through the state yet by Saturday afternoon, a **moderate risk** is still expected for East Central and Southeast Florida beaches. Large ocean swells and gusty winds will last through Sunday, with a **high risk for rip currents** statewide. Things slowly diminish on Monday for the Panhandle where a return to a **moderate risk** is expected. Otherwise, a **high risk** will remain in place for all other statewide beaches. Finally, on Tuesday, the large Gulf swells will relax bringing a return to a low to **moderate risk** for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches. A **high risk** is still expected to remain across East Coast beaches.



Relatively calm surf of 1-2' is expected statewide on Friday ahead of our next frontal system. In the wake of the front, an ocean swell will begin to build across the Gulf with surf increasing to **2-3'** for Panhandle beaches by daybreak Saturday. This surf will significantly increase throughout the day Saturday, with surf of **3-5'** expected for most Panhandle and West Coast beaches, increasing to **6-8'** overnight and by daybreak Sunday. A few waves **upwards of 10'** cannot be ruled out along West Coast beaches and **High Surf Advisories** will likely be issued. Surf will slowly diminish throughout the day Sunday, with waves of **2-4'** for Panhandle beaches and **5-8'** for West Coast beaches. Sunday night, waves decrease to 1-2' for the Panhandle and **3-5'** for the West Coast. Surf near **1-3'** will then persist Monday and Tuesday for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches. For Atlantic facing beaches, a similar progression of large surf is expected. Surf will

slightly rise Saturday afternoon to **2-4'** for all beaches and then significantly increase overnight to **5-8'** for Northeast and East-Central Florida beaches. Southeast Florida beaches will still remain with **2-4'** waves by daybreak Sunday. On Sunday, large waves of **4-6'** is expected for all East Coast beaches. Some waves **upwards of 8'** cannot be ruled out for Southeast Florida beaches. **High Surf Advisories** will likely be issued for all East Coast beaches. Surf will slowly diminish Sunday night and Monday, though waves of **5-8'** are still expected. By Tuesday, surf of **4-6'** is expected.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) report shows algal bloom conditions were reported at **high levels** along the southern Lake Okeechobee shoreline, at the Lake Placid boat ramp, Gator Slough Canal at the Pomeroy Canal, Georges Lake and Lake Killarney within the Lower St. Johns River, Hobbs Lake, and the Veterans Memorial Park Pond in the Pensacola Bay. **Moderate levels** have been observed within the Upper St. Johns River in Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup, Caloosahatchee River, Lake Avalon in Southwest Florida, and the Tieback Canal.



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