



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, February 1, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
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	Hillsborough, Lee	Travel to Region 9 / On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 2 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 1

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 8



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



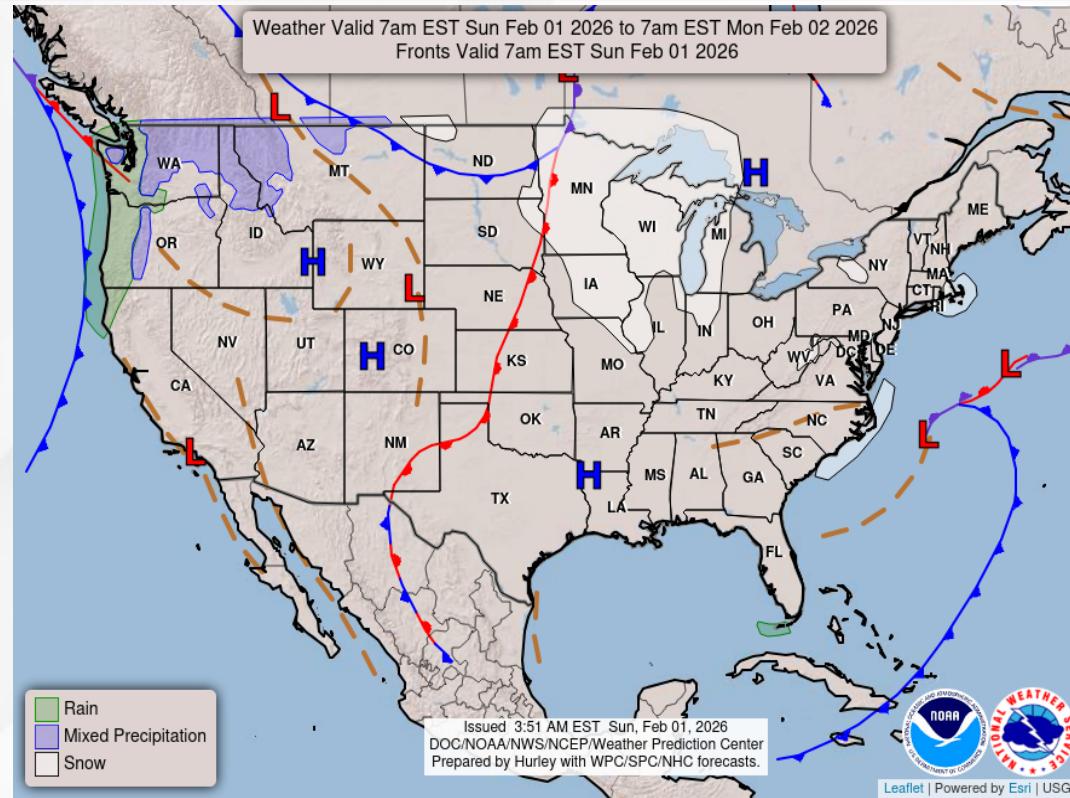
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R2
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Off
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R8 & R9
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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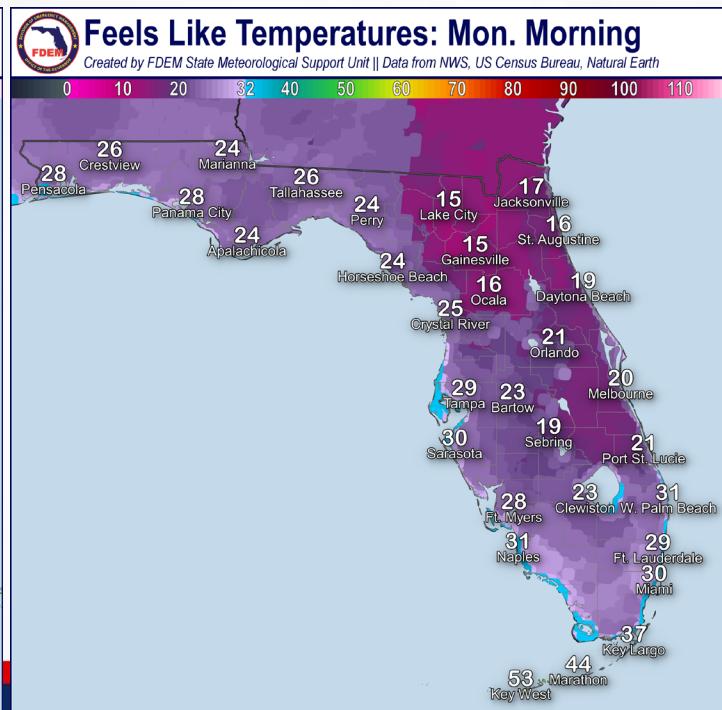
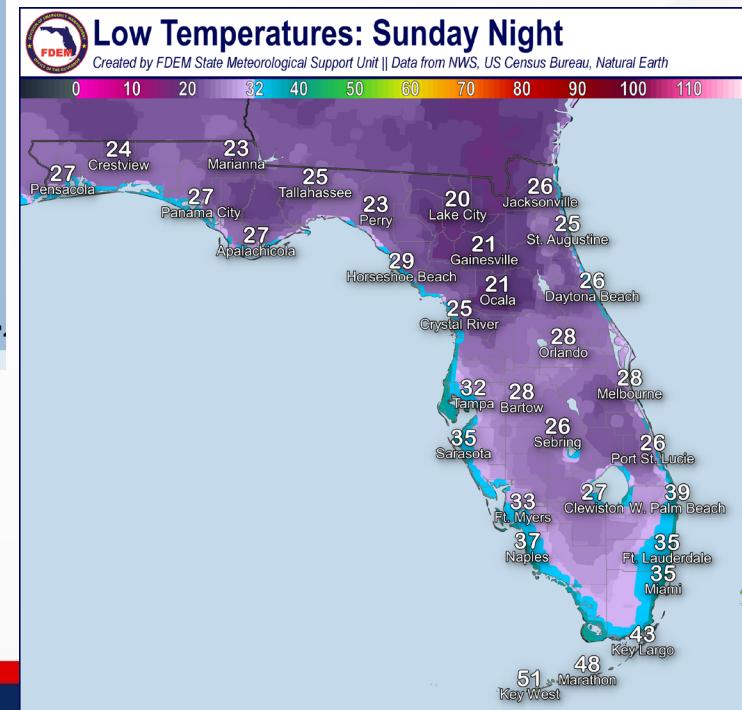


Meteorology Summary



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	H	H	H	M	M	M
Wind Chills (Overnight)	M	M	H	H	M	H	M	H	H	H
Wildfire	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	H	H	H	H	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.77 ft. (1.88 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	479 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





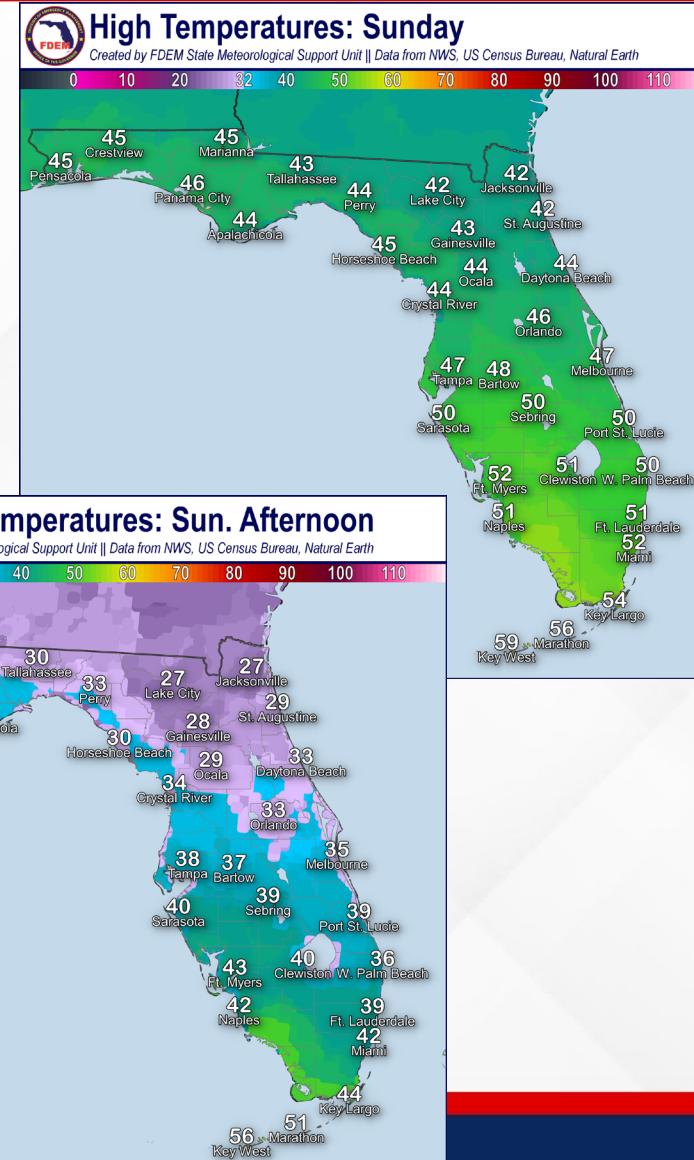
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

It is a **dangerously cold morning** for Floridians after the coldest temperatures and wind chills have reached the state. Observations this morning have shown wind chills in the **single digits and lower 10s** across North Florida, **10s and lower 20s** across Central Florida and **20s to lower 30s** across South Florida. Even the Florida Keys have seen wind chills in the **30s**.

The abundance of sunshine across the state will be deceiving today as temperatures will very slowly warm up throughout the day. Temperatures across North and Central Florida won't get **above freezing (32-degrees)** until the late morning to near midday timeframe. Even plenty of sunshine, lingering winds of 10-15 mph and **gusts upwards of 15-30 mph** can be expected to continue throughout the day making temperatures feel colder than they are. **Wind Advisories** remain in effect until the mid-morning hours across portions of the Panhandle and Big Bend and the Florida Keys. Feels-like temperatures are not expected to rise above freezing until midday to the early afternoon hours across North and parts of Central Florida. **Extreme Cold Warnings** will remain in effect across the Panhandle and Big Bend until 12:00PM -1:00PM EST/11:00AM-12:00PM CST, the Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida until 11:00 AM EST, and across Central and portions of South Florida until 10:00 AM EST. High temperatures will reach the 40s across North and North-Central Florida and lower 50s across the rest of Central and through South Florida this afternoon. The Florida Keys will see high temperatures in the middle to upper 50s. **Feels-like temperatures** are expected to remain in the **upper 20s to middle 30s** across North and Central Florida towards the I-4 corridor in the early part of the afternoon and the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across the rest of the state.

Winds will gradually calm down throughout the day but expected to still reach 5-10 mph throughout the evening and overnight period. Wind gusts should also ease up overnight but continue at 5-15 mph with the strongest gusts along the coastlines. Stronger **wind gusts of 20-25 mph** cannot be ruled out along portions of the eastern coastline overnight. **Widespread freeze conditions** can be expected again tonight, but it won't be quite as cold as Saturday night. Low temperatures are expected to fall into the **upper teens to middle 20s** across North Florida, **upper 20s to lower 30s** across Central Florida and **lower to upper 30s** across South Florida. *Interior portions of Central and South Florida will remain colder compared to its coastal areas.* The Florida Keys will see low temperatures in the 40s to lower 50s. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect again for much of the state again later this evening and continuing through much of Monday morning for **dangerously cold temperatures well below freezing**. **Feels-like temperatures** will plunge again tonight, but not as cold as Saturday night. By sunrise Monday morning, feels-like temperatures will be in the **middle 10s to lower 20s** across Northeast and portions of East-Central Florida where there are the strongest winds continue. The rest of North Florida will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **lower to middle 20s**. West-Central and South Florida can expect to see **feels-like temperatures** in the **middle 20s to lower 30s** early Monday morning. Portions of the Upper Keys will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **upper 30s**. Widespread **Cold Weather Advisories** can be expected again overnight for **very cold wind chills**. An **Extreme Cold Warning** will go into effect tonight along East-Central Florida, and may extend northward into Northeast Florida or into South Florida for **dangerous wind chills**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy northwesterly winds and large ocean swells will continue to create a **moderate to high rip current risk** statewide. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Large ocean swells will linger throughout the state today leading to **wave heights of 4-8'** across the Peninsula. Larger breaking **waves of 8-12'** will be possible within the surf zones along the Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida beaches. **High Surf Advisories** remain in effect along the West-Central and Southwest Florida coastlines through this evening for **dangerous surf and beach conditions**.

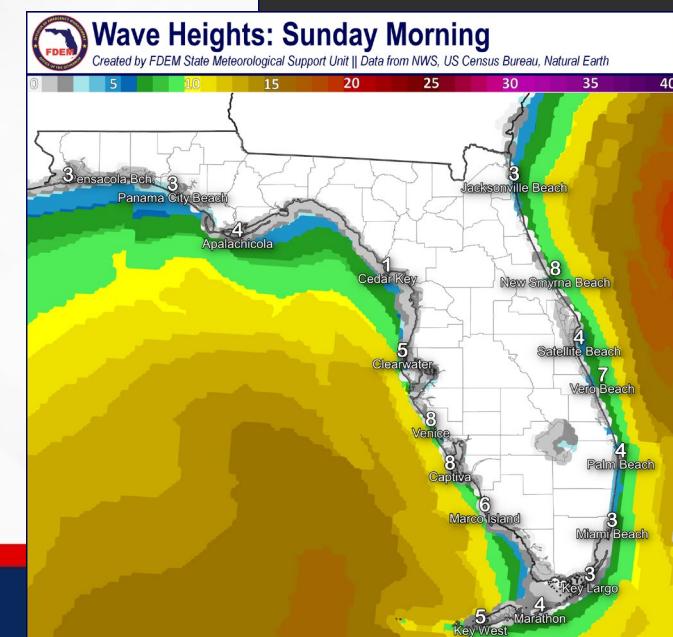
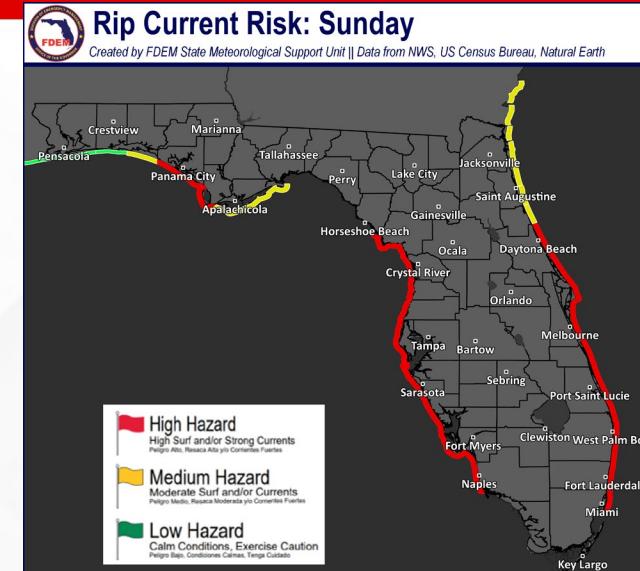
Red Tide was observed at background to very low concentrations in Walton County, background to medium concentrations in Bay County, and low concentrations in Gulf County across the Panhandle. In Southwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to very low concentrations offshore Hillsborough and Lee County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at background concentrations from Brevard County (valid 1/31/2026).

Coastal Flooding: Strong northwesterly winds and large ocean swells may continue to lead to **instances of minor coastal flooding** along the Florida Keys through the morning hours, and a **Coastal Flood Statement** remains in effect.

Flash Flooding: There is no 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 12.77 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.88 feet below normal for this time of year.



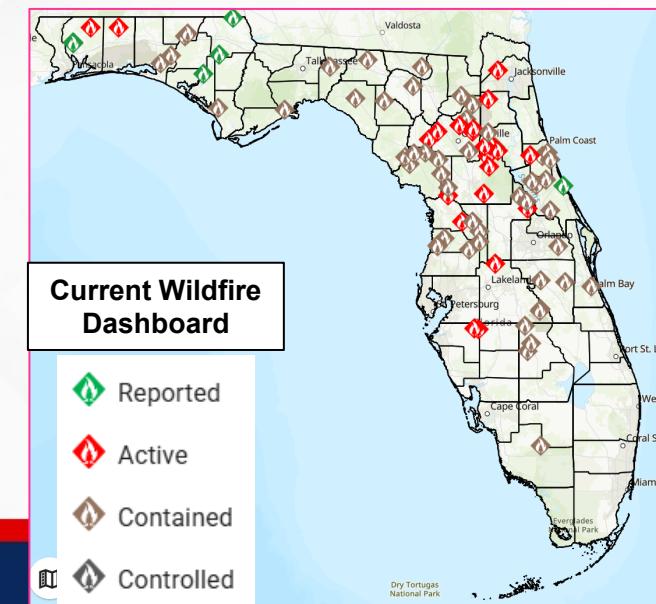
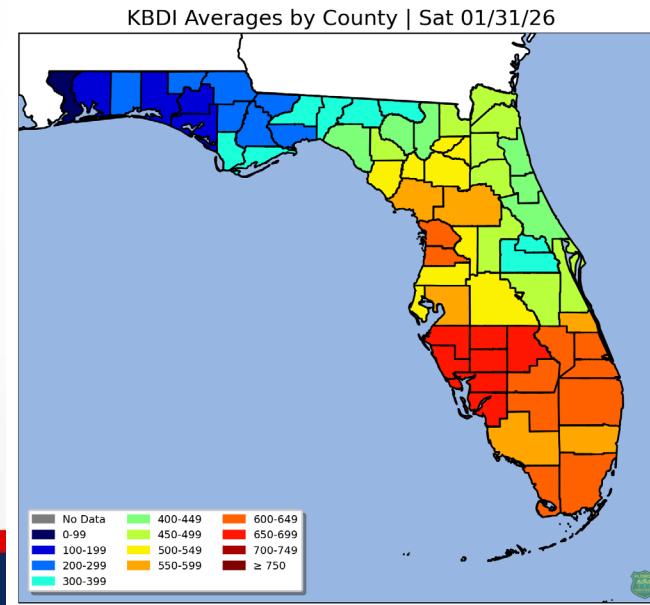
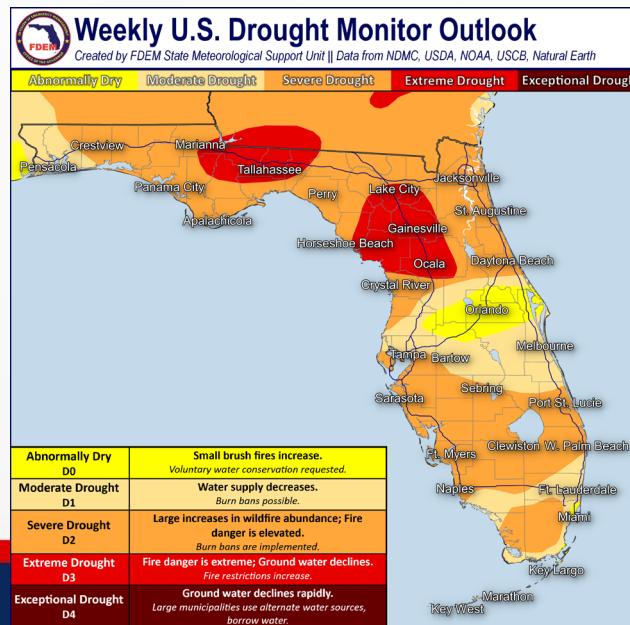


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry air continues to intrude across the state creating relative humidity values **near or at critical thresholds** for most of the state this afternoon (20-35%). Breezy northwesterly winds from yesterday will slowly calm down today and tonight, but will continue to reach upwards of 10-15 mph throughout the state today. Along with this, **wind gusts of 15-25 mph, possibly stronger upwards of 35-40 at times**, can be expected to persist throughout the day. A **Wind Advisory** remains in effect across portions of the Panhandle, as well as across the Keys, until the mid-morning hours. Gusty winds may help further spread new or existing wildfires. Another round of **widespread freeze conditions** can be expected tonight which also lowers the wildfire risk. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 80 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,021 acres.

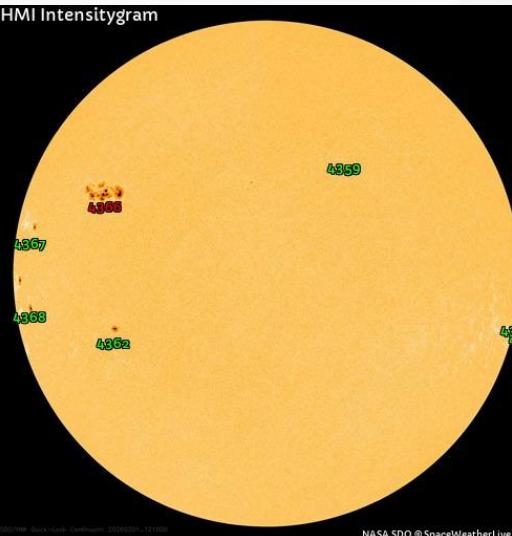
Drought (1/29/26): We saw the greatest rainfall over the past week mainly across the Panhandle and north of the I-10 corridor with our frontal passage last weekend (1/25). Here rainfall totals of 0.5-2" fell, yet the ongoing long-term drought was hardly impacted. On the latest Drought Monitor outlook, **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 **479 (+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).

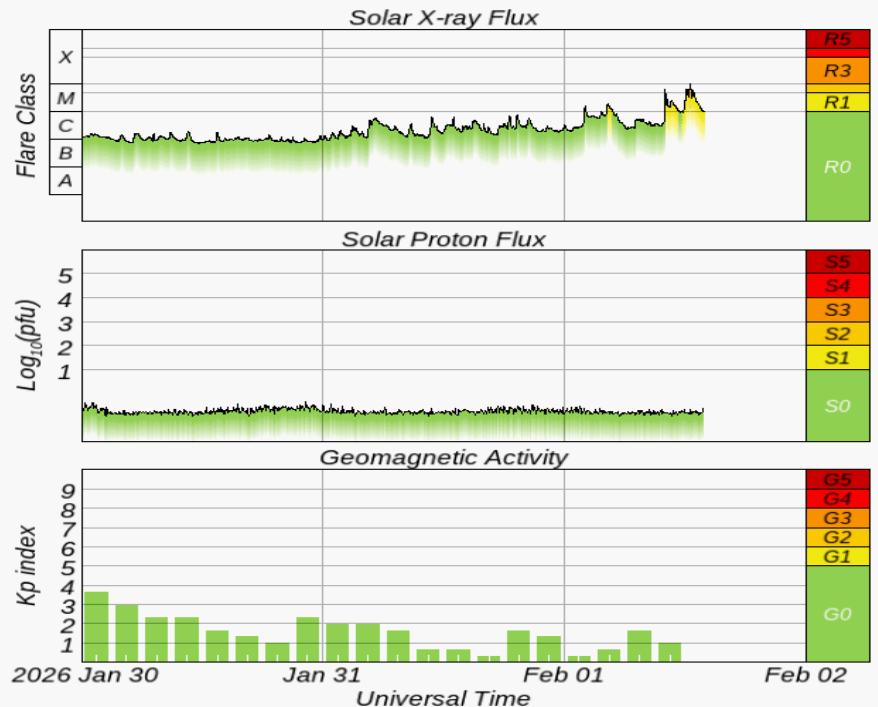
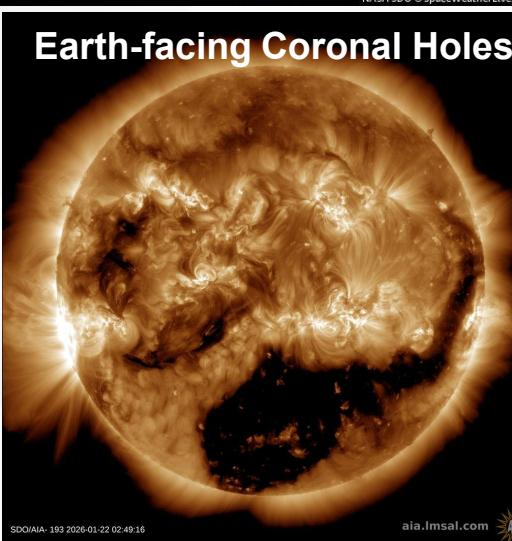




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
2/1	2/2	
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	

Space Weather: Despite all the current sunspots having a low chance for solar activity, a strong (M-class) solar flare erupted early this morning producing moderate (R2) radio blackout conditions. Solar activity is expected to remain low with a chance for additional M-class solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will also accompany any additional solar flares. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) conditions continue to diminish and are expected to reach or remain at background levels. Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions can also be expected. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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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	
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