



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, February 2, 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	End of Month Admin / Readiness Session Prep
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Office Admin / Readiness Session Prep
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Suwanee, Columbia	County EM / BOCC / Forestry Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	OIG University Training
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hernando	Comms Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	St Lucie	City of Port St Lucie Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance / Collier Public Health Call
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	End of Month Admin



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

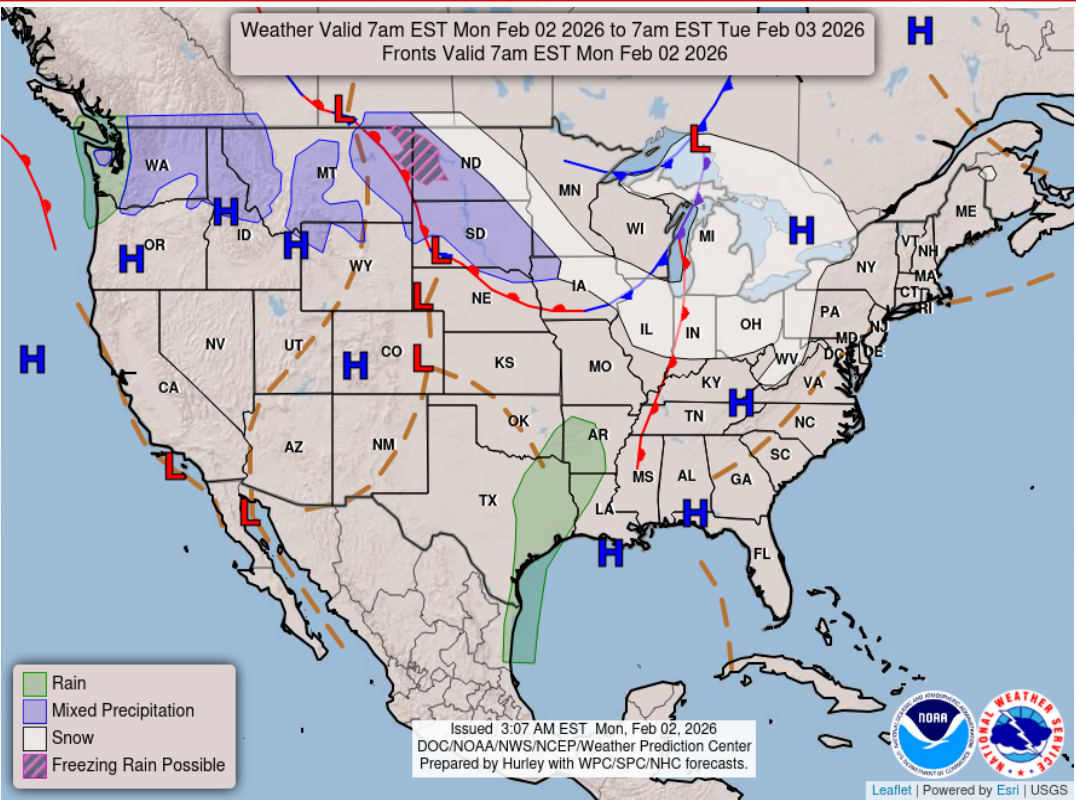
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	County Event / Team Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	End of Month Admin / Team Call
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Clay	Meetup with 804 / Team Call
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Meetup with 803 / Team Call
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	End of Month Admin / Team Call
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hernando	Starlink Demo / Team Call
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	End of Month Admin / Team Call
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	End of Month Admin / Team Call

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 2 & 4
 Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6 & 8
 Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6 & 8

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

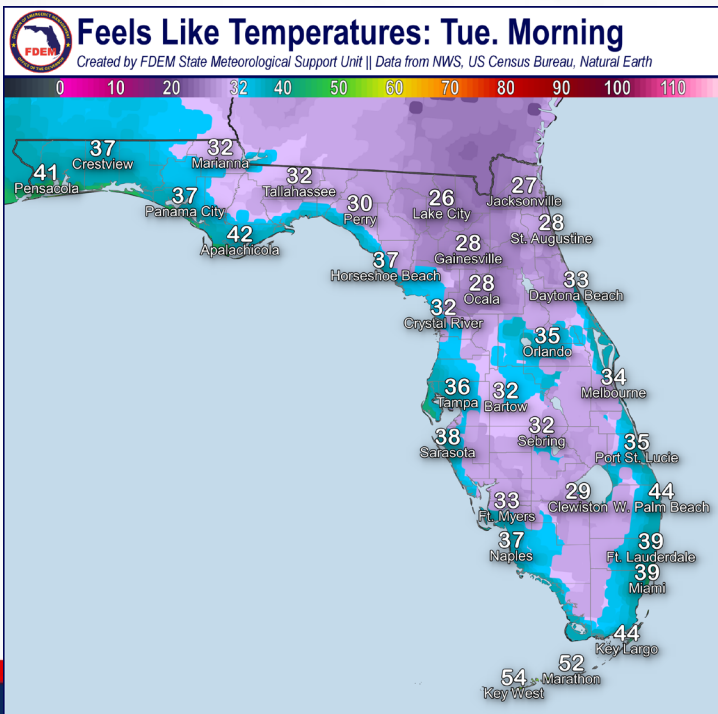
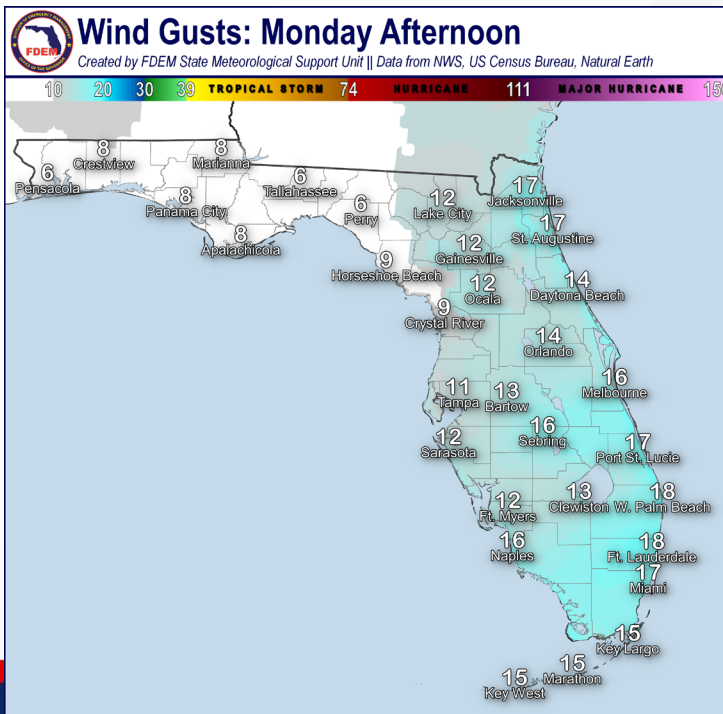


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	L	M	H	H	H	M	H	M	M	M
Wind Chills (Overnight)	L	M	H	H	M	M	M	H	H	H
Wildfire	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	H		H	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.72 ft. (1.93 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	480 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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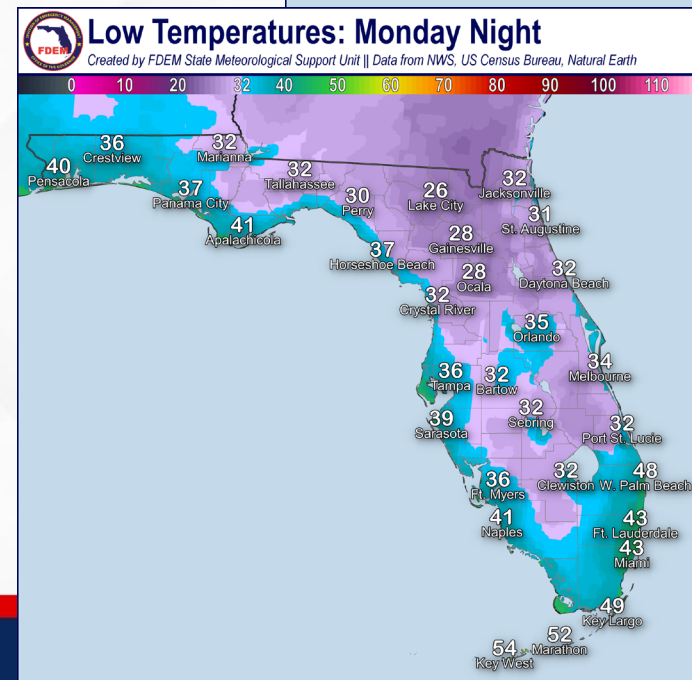
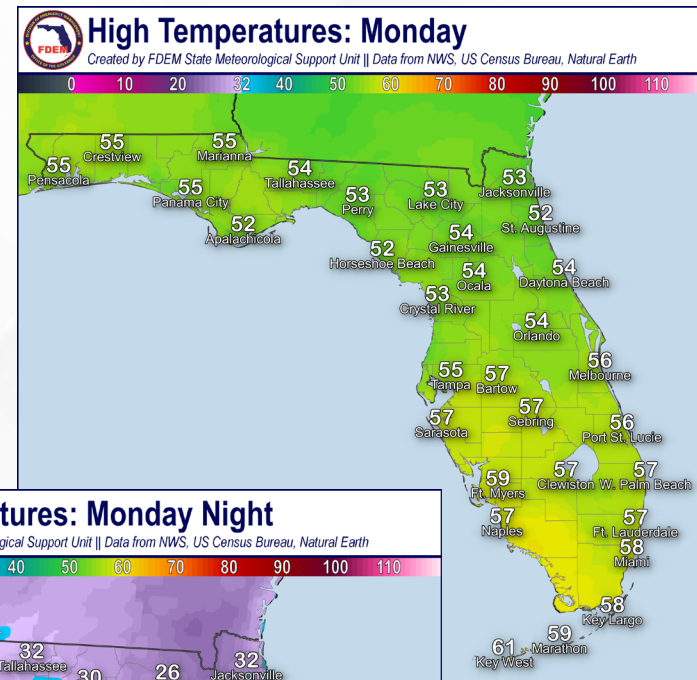
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Happy Groundhog Day! Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, predicting

❄️ **six more weeks of winter** ❄️

Temperatures are slow to rise across the Sunshine State, despite ample sunshine! **Cold Weather Advisories** and **Extreme Cold Warnings** will continue to expire through the mid-morning hours as temperature readings and wind chills rise above the freezing mark. A dominant area of high pressure will gradually sprawl across the Southeast U.S., allowing for temperatures to reach the lower to middle 50s across North and Central Florida and the upper 50s to lower 60s throughout South Florida. Northwesterly winds will further subside today, with lingering wind gusts of 10-20 mph possible throughout the Florida Peninsula.

While not as cold as recent days, another night of **sub-freezing temperatures** can be expected throughout Florida and **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect from the Suwannee River Valley through interior South Florida. The feels-like temperatures improve comparatively to this past, frigid weekend; however, **Cold Weather Advisories** will likely extend from the Florida Big Bend through south of Lake Okeechobee once again tonight for **wind chill values** in the **middle 20s to middle 30s**. The calmer wind regime tonight may promote regions of **frost**, especially on grassy and elevated surfaces.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Lingering breezy northwest winds will maintain a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** for all Florida beaches today. Low risk conditions gradually return along the far western Florida Panhandle and Nature Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **High Surf Advisories** remain in effect along the Florida East Coast until Tuesday morning as winds continue to settle across the Sunshine State. **Wave heights of 6-8'** can be expected within the surf zone from the Florida Space Coast to Treasure Coast. Isolated breakers of **8-9'** cannot be ruled out along Palm Beach County beaches. Elsewhere along Atlantic beaches, **wave heights of 3-5'** can be expected. Waves will remain less than 2' along all Florida Gulf Coast beaches.

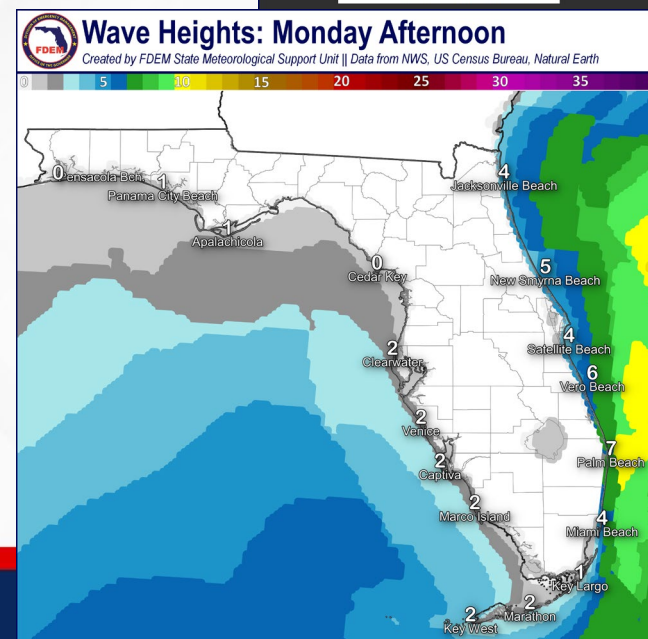
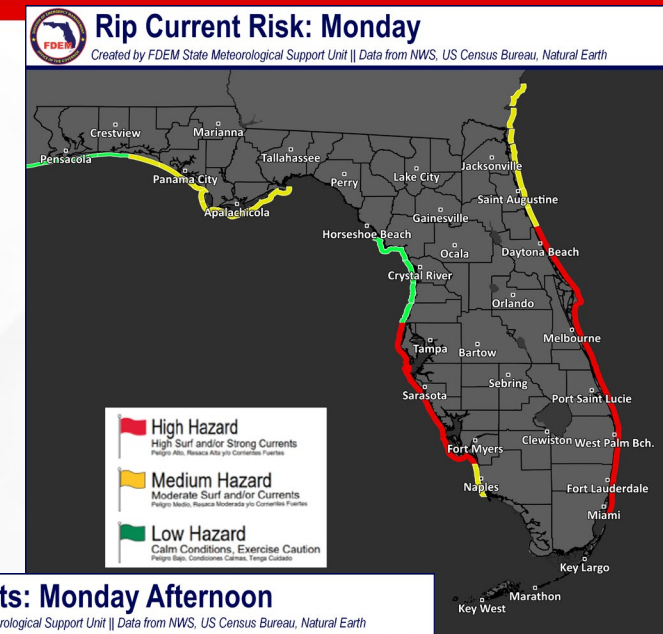
Red Tide was observed at background to very low concentrations in Walton County, background to medium concentrations in Bay County, and low concentrations in Gulf County across the Panhandle. In Southwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to very low concentrations offshore Hillsborough and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

Coastal Flooding: Northwesterly winds will continue to ease, allowing for Coastal Flood Statements to expire along the Florida Keys; however, brief periods of **elevated water levels** cannot be ruled out at or near times of high tide for the next 12 hours or so.

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 12.72 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.93 feet below normal for this time of year.



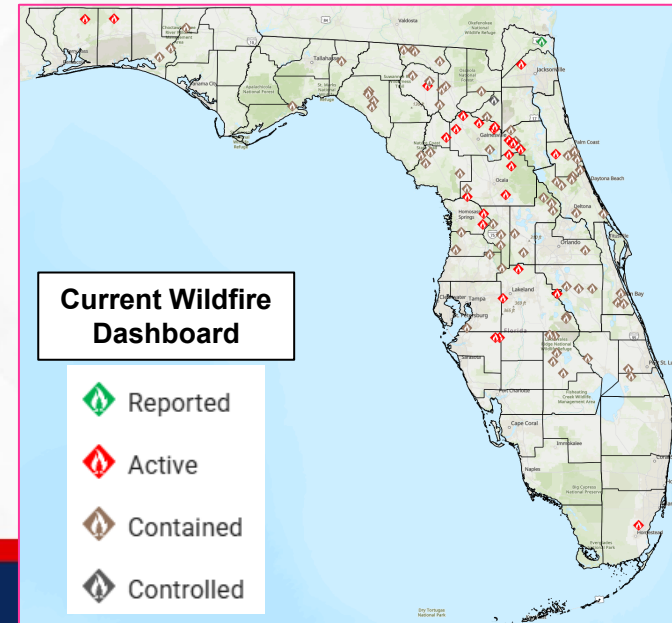
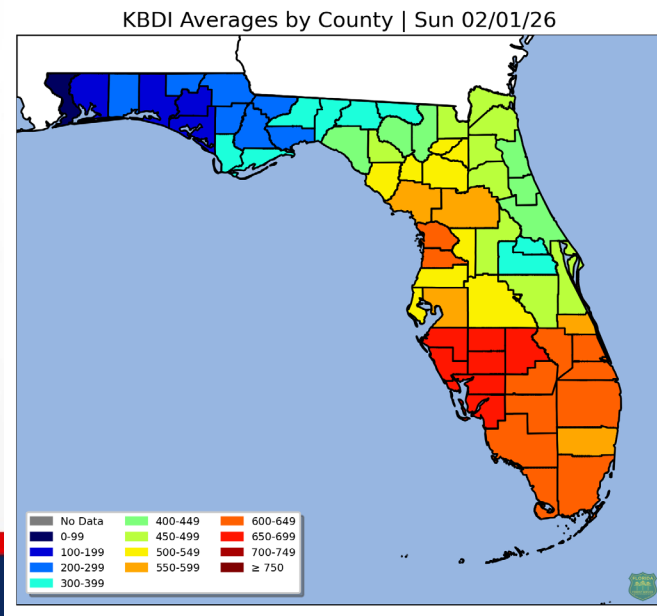
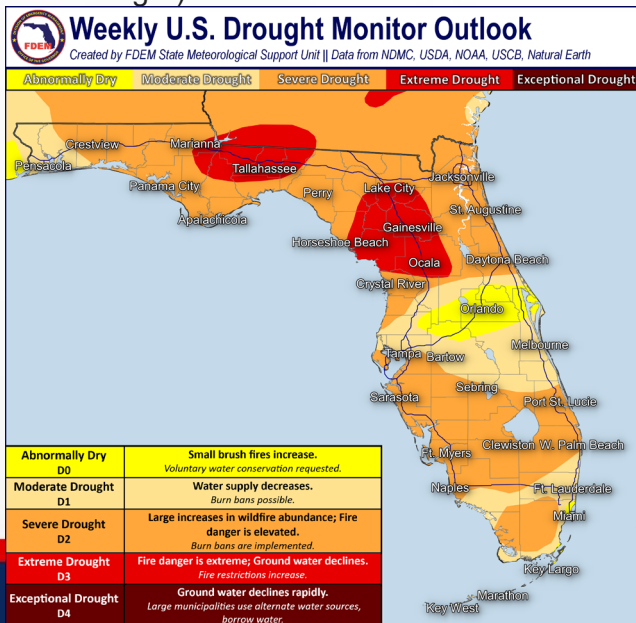


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A very dry airmass will promote **elevated wildfire conditions** statewide, with relative humidity values falling **at or below critical thresholds (20-35%)**. While not as breezy as recent days, lingering north-northwesterly winds gusts of 10-20 mph can be expected throughout much of the Florida Peninsula. Long-term dry soils/vegetation will yield **locally higher wildfire concerns** in areas that continue to see worsening drought. Another round of **freezing temperatures** can be expected throughout much of the Sunshine State tonight into Tuesday morning. A quick pattern change can be expected ahead of our next weather system midweek, with temperatures climbing above freezing and foggy mornings returning to the forecast by Tuesday night. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 99 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,422 acres.

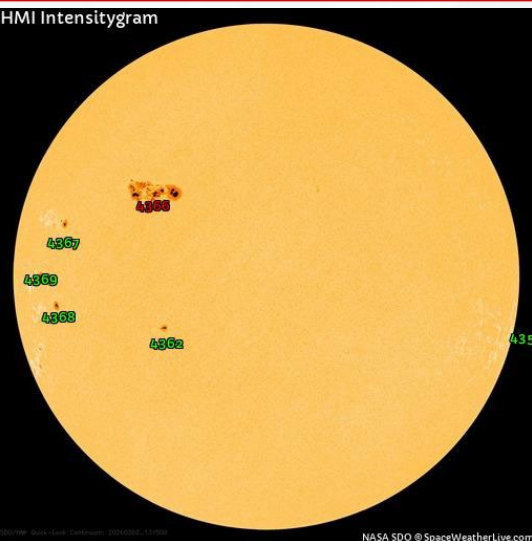
Drought (1/29/26): We saw the greatest rainfall over the past week mainly across the Florida Panhandle and north of the I-10 corridor with our frontal passage last weekend (1/25). Here rainfall totals of 0.5-2" fell, yet the ongoing long-term drought was hardly impacted. On the latest Drought Monitor 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 **480 (+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).

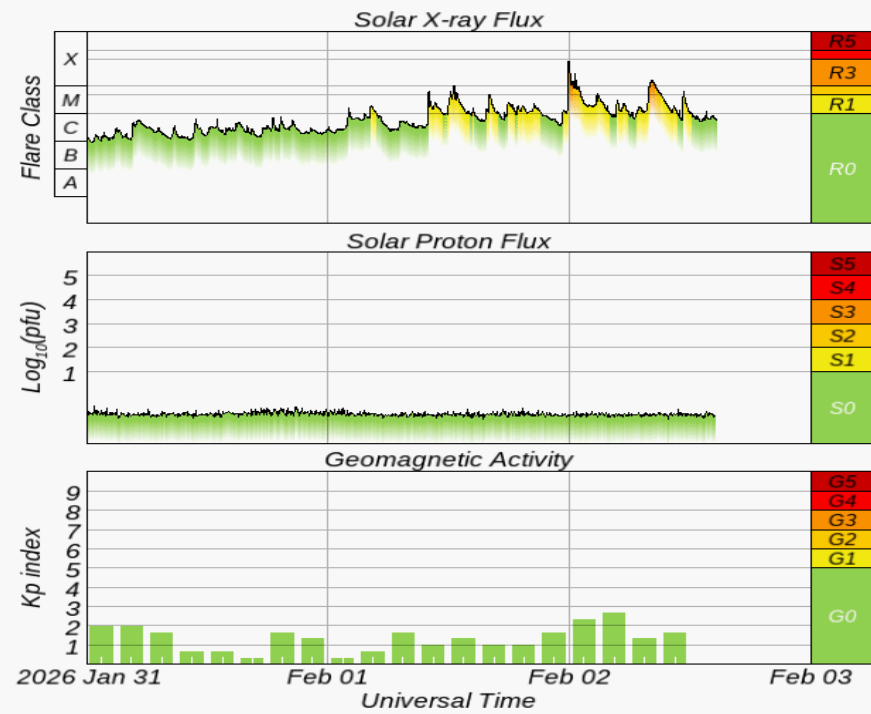




Space Weather

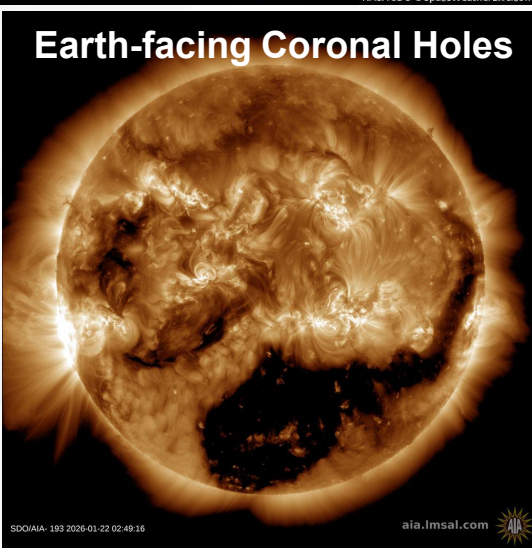


Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	X8 Solar Flare
X-class: 25%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
2/2	2/3
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: Over the past 24 hours, a complex solar flare eruption was identified from sunspot #4366 as significant X-class (X8.1 and X2.8) solar flares may have produced three Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs). Moderate solar activity (M-class) is expected for the next several days, with isolated periods of X-class activity possible from very active sunspot #4366. Otherwise, a dormant solar wind regime can be expected to continue through midweek with no organized geomagnetic storming. Trends in the recent CME activity will be monitored in the coming days. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains 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	
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