



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Tuesday, February 3, 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        | Okaloosa        | Farley NPP Meeting / Region 1 Annual Hurricane Readiness Session |
| Region 2: Enrique Gaston     | Okaloosa        | Region 1 Annual Hurricane Readiness Session                      |
| Region 3: Glen Hammers       | Hamilton, Leon  | County EM Visit / Equipment Pickup                               |
| Region 4: Tara Kostich       | Baker           | County EM Visit  |
| Region 5: Austin Beeghly     | Seminole        | Region 5 T&E Meeting / EMAC Training                             |
| Region 6: Paul Siddall       | Polk            | FFS Meeting  |
| Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck | Out of Service  | Leave (See Coverage)   |
| Region 8: Amber Durden       | Indian River    | Vehicle Maintenance / County EM Visit                            |
| Region 9: Brittany Bremer    | Lee             | Hydrology Basics Course  |
| Region 10: Claudia Baker     | Miami-Dade      | SRT Assessments / G-141 Course Monitoring                        |



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        | Okaloosa        | Hurricane Readiness Session                       |
| Region 2: Justin Lazzara         | Leon            | Recovery & Mitigation Bureau Coordination Meeting |
| Region 3: Kevin Blom             | Madison         | County EM Mtg / Bureau Coordination Meeting       |
| Region 4: Joshua Saunders        | Madison         | County EM Mtg / Bureau Coordination Meeting       |
| Region 5: Elizabeth Caison       | Seminole        | Recovery & Mitigation Bureau Coordination Meeting |
| Region 6: Rick Rogers            | Hernando        | MGT-452 Training                                  |
| Region 7: Vacant                 | N/A             | See Coverage                                      |
| Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller | Hardee          | LMS Meeting / Bureau Coordination Meeting         |
| Region 9: Vacant                 | N/A             | See Coverage                                      |
| Region 10: Brian Lee             | Miami-Dade      | G-141 Training                                    |

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 2 & 4

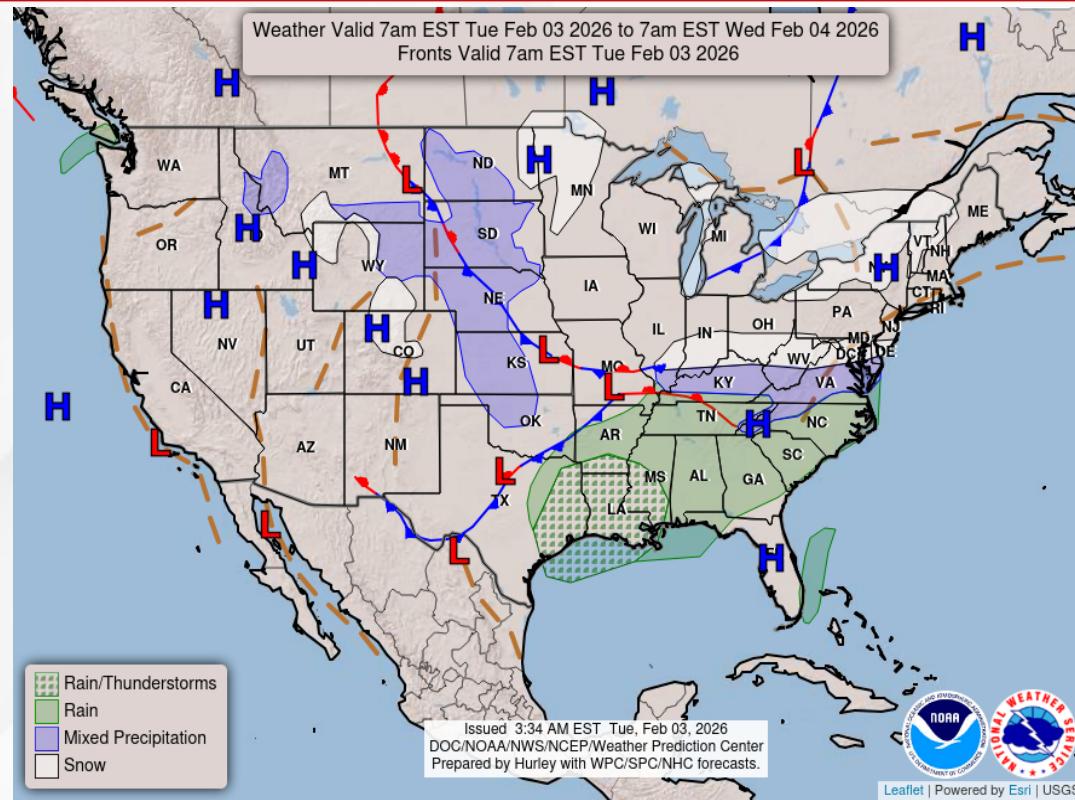
Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6 & 8

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

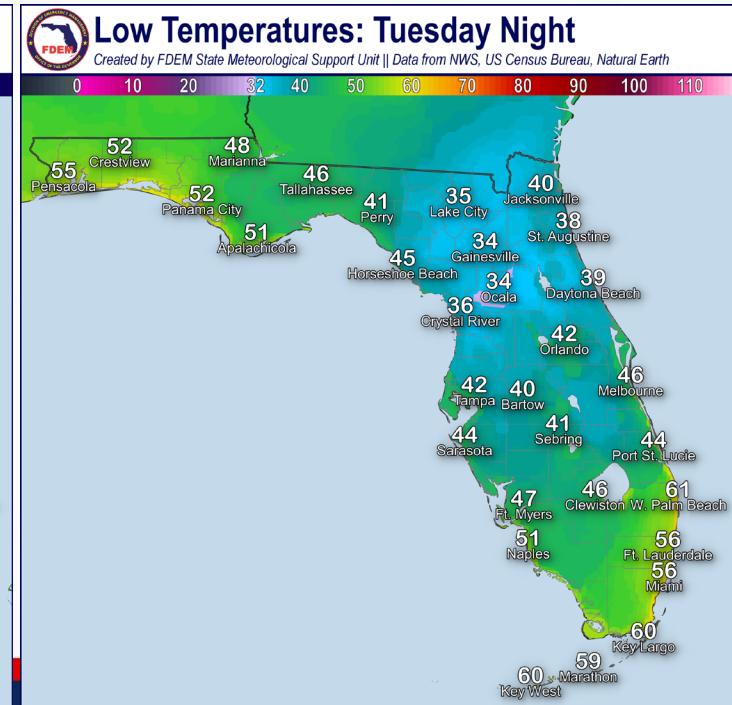
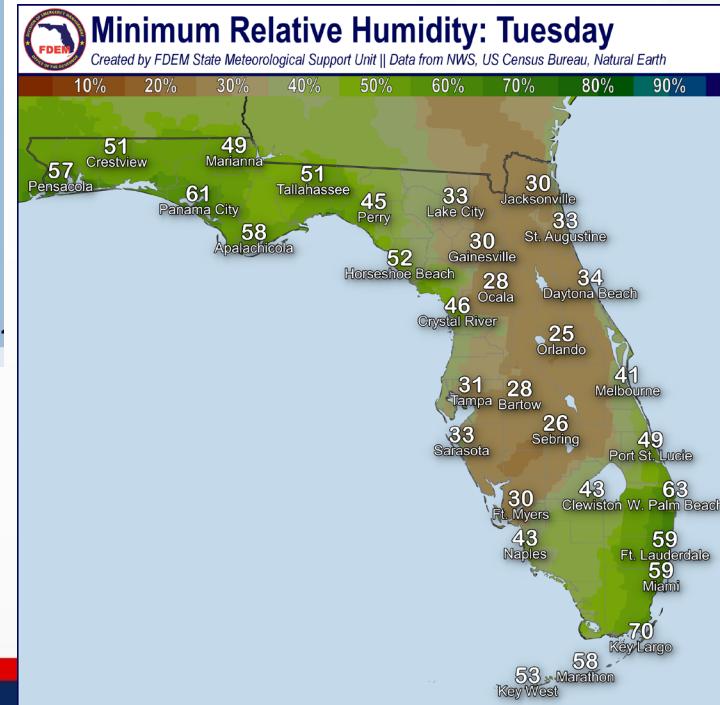


# Meteorology Summary



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  | L  | L  |    |    |     |
| Wind Chills (Overnight)    |   |    |    |    | M  | L  | L  |    |    |     |
| Wildfire                   | L   | L  | L  |    | M  | M  | M  | L  | M  | L   |
| Rip Currents               | M   | M  | L  |    | M  | H  | L  | H  | M  | H   |
| Lake Okeechobee Elevation  | 12.67 ft. (1.98 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Keetch-Byram Drought Index | 480 (+/-0) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |



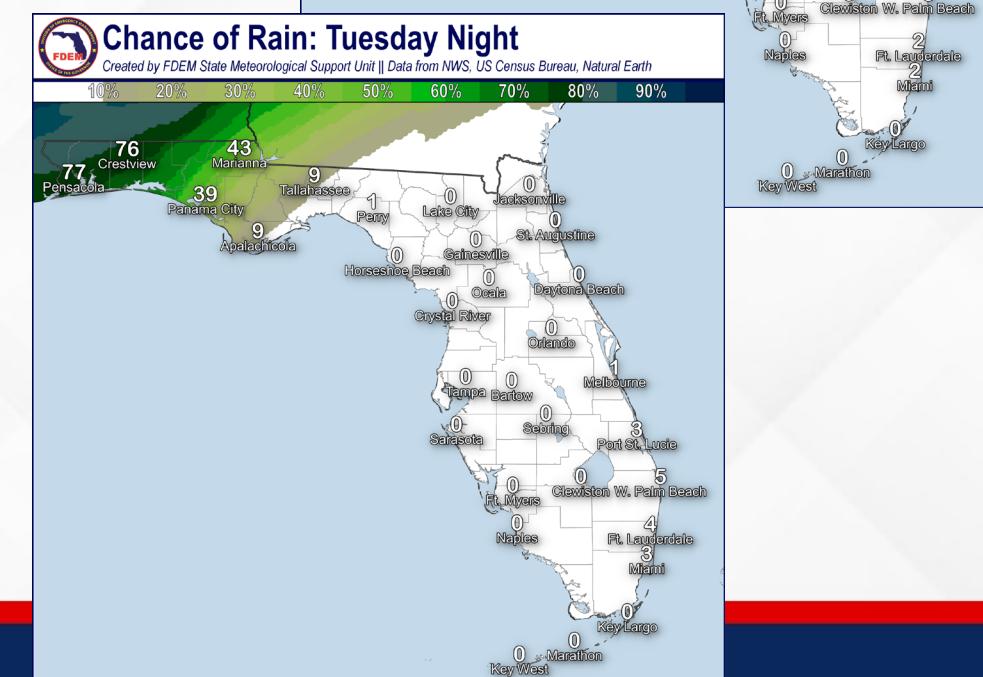
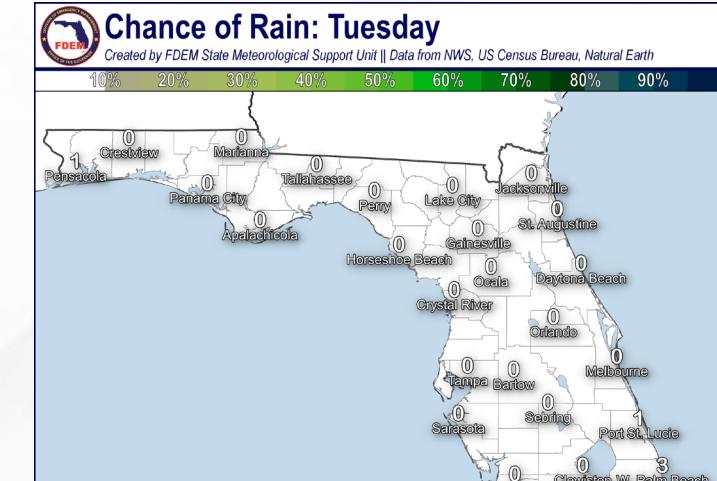


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

One more **chilly start** to the morning across the Sunshine State as conditions continue to gradually improve today from the brutally cold weekend. **Freeze Warnings** and **Cold Weather Advisories** for much of the state will gradually expire through the mid-morning hours as temperatures steadily rise. High pressure centered over the state will slowly drift eastward but continue to promote dry conditions throughout the day. Relative humidity values for Northeast and Central Florida will fall back **into critical thresholds (20-30%)** this afternoon, but lighter winds are expected today. However, with ongoing drought conditions **elevated wildfire conditions** will persist. Relative humidity values should recover for the rest of the state gradually. High temperatures will return to the 60s across the state this afternoon.

Cool conditions can be expected tonight, but not anywhere as cold as they have been. The area of high pressure will continue to push eastward as our next cold front approaches from the west this evening and overnight. This cold front will bring scattered to widespread showers to the Panhandle by the early morning hours on Wednesday (45-75% chance of rain). For the rest of the state calm conditions can be expected, with **instances of frost possible** along Northeast and Central Florida. **Frost Advisories** may be needed, but confidence is too low to say for sure. Calmer conditions also means **instances of fog** may be possible throughout the Suwannee Valley early Wednesday morning. For the first time in several days, cold weather watches and warnings are not expected tonight. Low temperatures will fall into the **middle to upper 30s** for Northeast Florida, 40s across the rest of North and Central Florida and upper 40s to upper 50s across South Florida. **Feels-like temperatures** will remain in the **lower 30s** for the Suwannee Valley near sunrise on Wednesday.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Onshore winds and lingering ocean swells along the Space and Treasure Coasts will continue to create a **high risk for rip currents**. A **moderate risk** continues for much of North and Southwest Florida as winds return onshore for the Panhandle. A low risk returns for most of the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** **Wave heights of 3-5'** will continue along the East Coast throughout the day, with Treasure Coast beaches seeing **wave heights upwards of 6-8'**. A **High Surf Advisory** remains in effect along Palm Beach County through late this afternoon for **dangerous beach and boating conditions**. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see wave action near 1-2'.

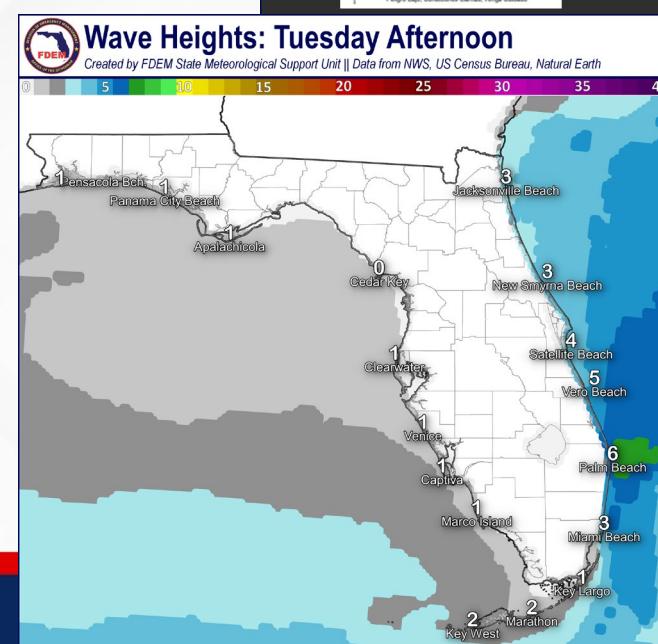
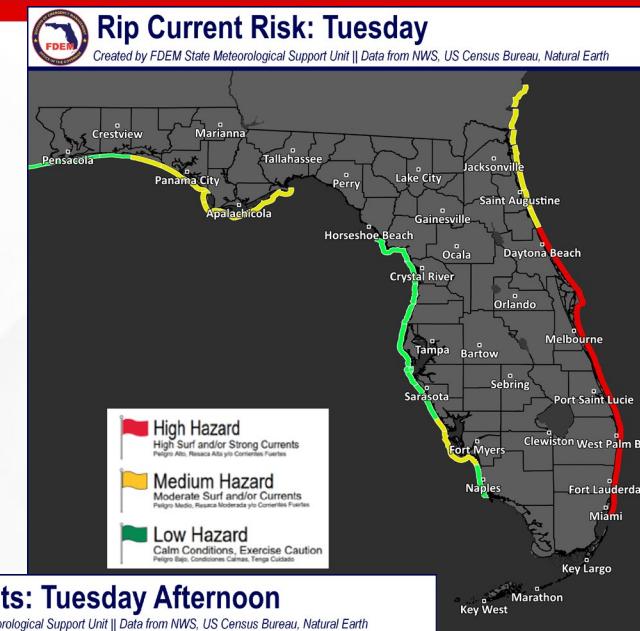
**Red Tide** was observed at background to very low concentrations in Walton County, background to medium concentrations in Bay County, and low concentrations in Gulf County across the Panhandle. In Southwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to very low concentrations offshore Hillsborough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

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

**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 12.67 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.98 feet below normal for this time of year.



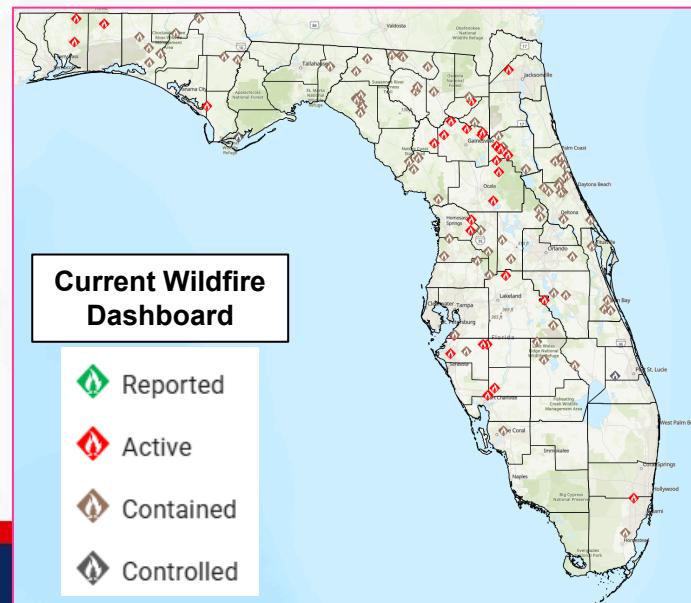
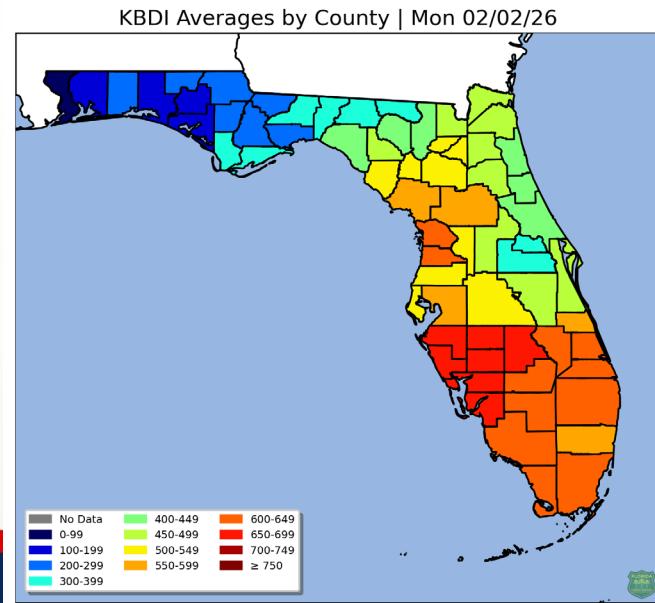
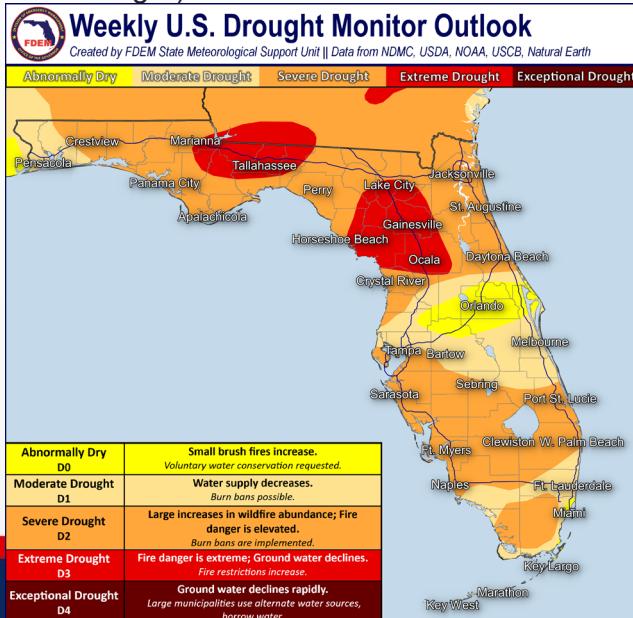


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Dry air continues to linger throughout the state with the help of high pressure. Relative humidity values for Northeast and Central Florida will fall back into **critical thresholds (20-30%)** this afternoon leading to an elevated wildfire risk. Relative humidity values slowly begin to recover for the Panhandle ahead of an approaching cold front bringing showers activity overnight. A much lighter wind regime can be expected today as high pressure sits over the Sunshine State. Wind gusts are expected to remain light near 10 mph for most of the state, with the Panhandle seeing gusts upwards of 15 mph. Instances of **patchy fog** may be possible over the Suwannee River Valley early Wednesday morning. As well **instances of frost** may be possible for Northeast and Central Florida. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 104 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,956 acres.

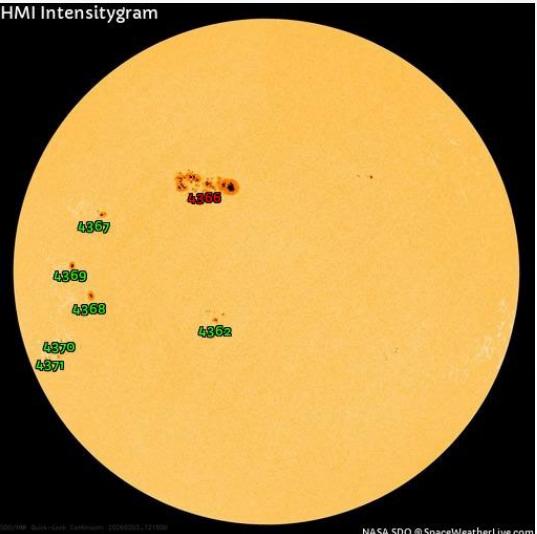
**Drought (1/29/26):** We saw the greatest rainfall over the past week mainly across the Florida Panhandle and north of the I-10 corridor with our frontal passage last weekend (1/25). Here rainfall totals of 0.5-2" fell, yet the ongoing long-term drought was hardly impacted. On the latest Drought Monitor 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 (+/-0)** 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).

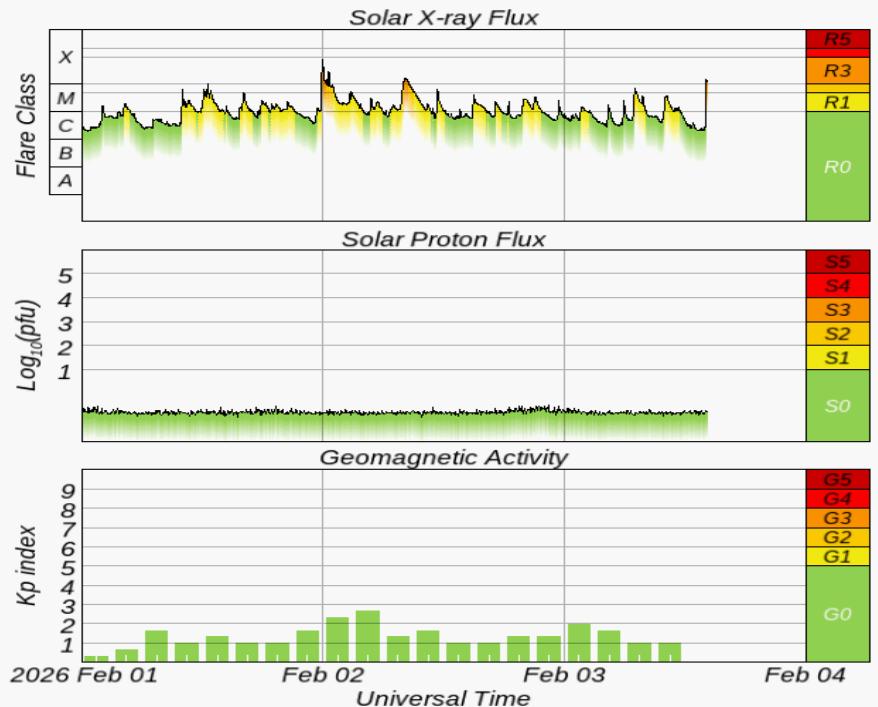
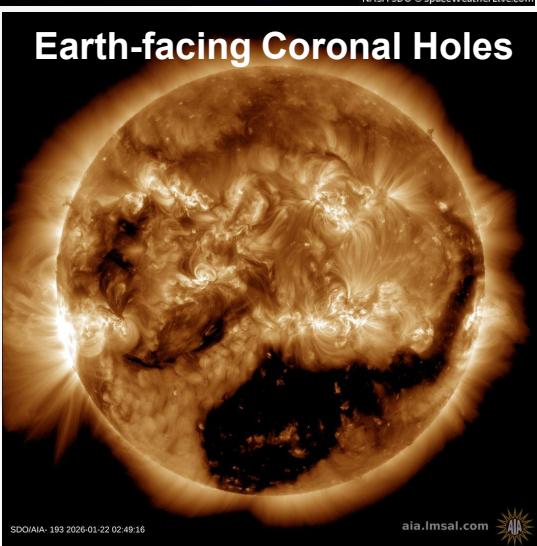




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



| Solar Flare Risk                                      | Active Watches & Warnings                             | Past 24 hours     |
|---|---|-------------------|
| M-class: 80%  | Geomagnetic Storm: None                               | M7 Solar Flare    |
| X-class: 40%  | Radiation Storm: None                                 | R2 Radio Blackout |
| 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast                          |   |                   |
| 2/3   | 2/4   |                   |
| Max Kp= 2 (G0)  | Max Kp= 2 (G0)  |                   |
| Chance of minor activity = 1%<br>severe activity = 1% | Chance of minor activity = 1%<br>severe activity = 1% |                   |

**Space Weather:** Moderate to high solar activity can be expected due to recent activity from sunspot #4366. This sunspot poses a threat for strong (M-class) to significant (X-class) solar flares as it rapidly grows. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class flares. Nominal solar wind conditions can be expected through today. A Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) is forecast to approach Earth in the next day or so due to the impressive X8.1 solar flare from 2/1. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain quiet through today but will start to increase to unsettled conditions ahead of the CME arrival. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

| Equipment                | Contact   | Status      | Comments |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|----------|
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| <b>Fax:</b>              | 850-815-4979  | Operational |          |
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| <b>SWO Tracker:</b>      | <a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a> | Operational |          |
| <b>SLERS:</b>            | DEM Statewide   | Operational |          |
| <b>FNARS:</b>            | WGY974  | Operational |          |
| <b>Federal NAWAS:</b>    | State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>EMnet Message:</b>    | FL.000- State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>EMnet Voice:</b>      | FL SWP- State Watch Office  | Operational |          |
| <b>IPAWS:</b>            | LP.1 Stations via Emnet   | Operational |          |
| <b>FIN:</b>              | SOFEOC  | Operational |          |
| <b>Satellite Phones:</b> | MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838   | Operational |          |
| <b>Website:</b>          | <a href="http://www.floridadisaster.org">http://www.floridadisaster.org</a>               | Operational |          |

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