



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, February 6, 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	Jackson	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Alachua	LSA Walkthroughs
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	EOC Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Marion	CFCC Meeting / CFMDC FSE Meeting / EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Sarasota	Airport EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Martin	County EM Visit
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	Airport EM Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



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	Administrative Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Flagler	EM Partners Meeting w/804
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Flagler	EM Partners Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Training Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Charlotte	County EM Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Leave	See Coverage
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Administrative Duties

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 2 & 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6

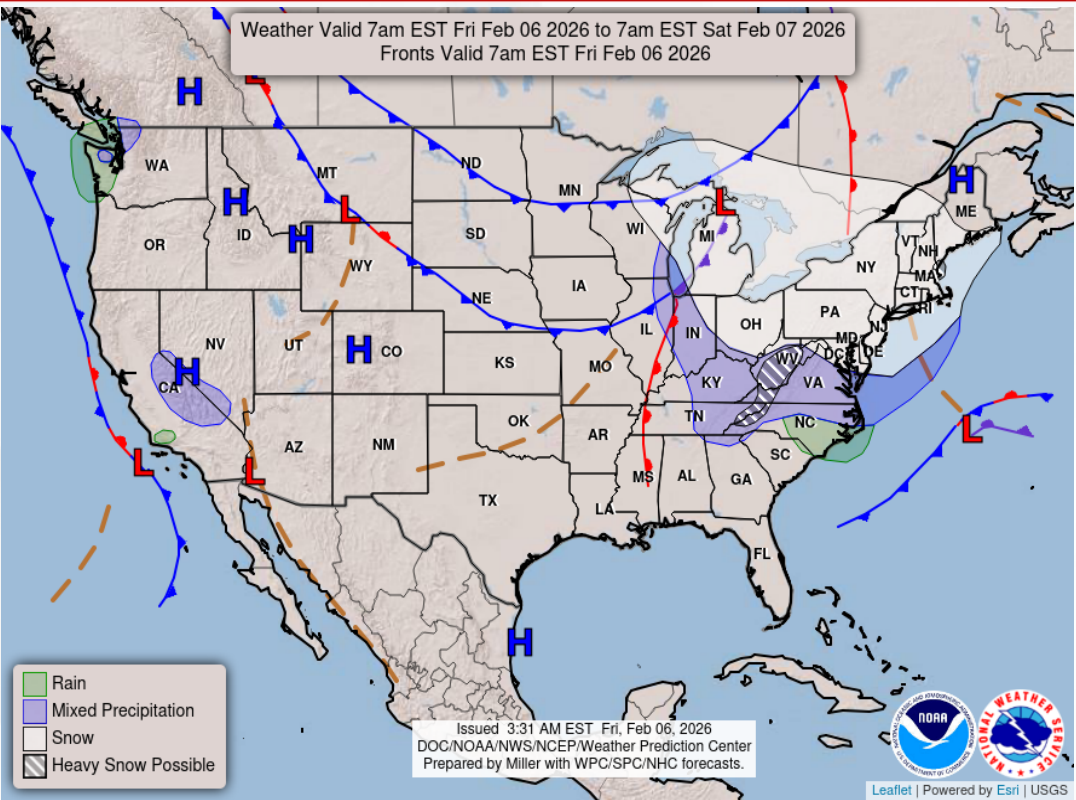
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Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Team 6

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

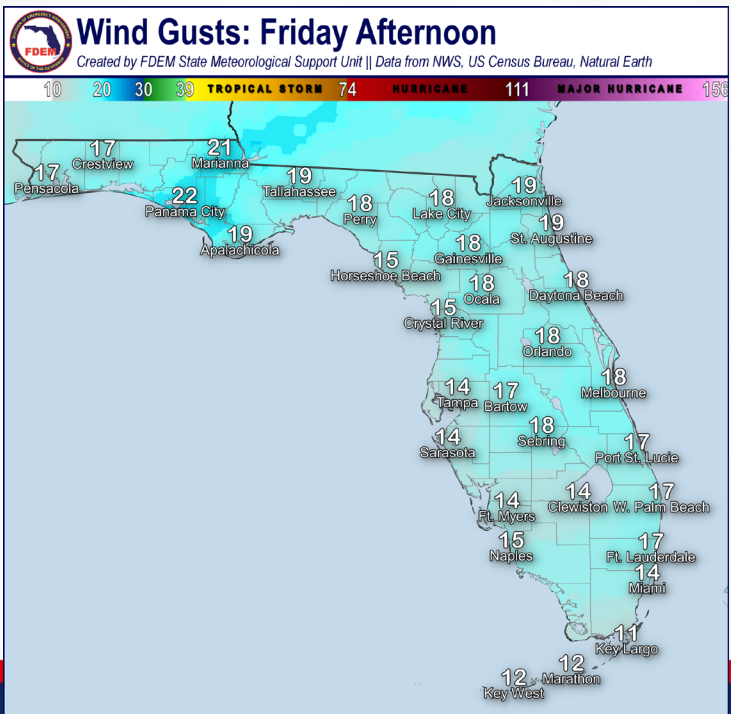
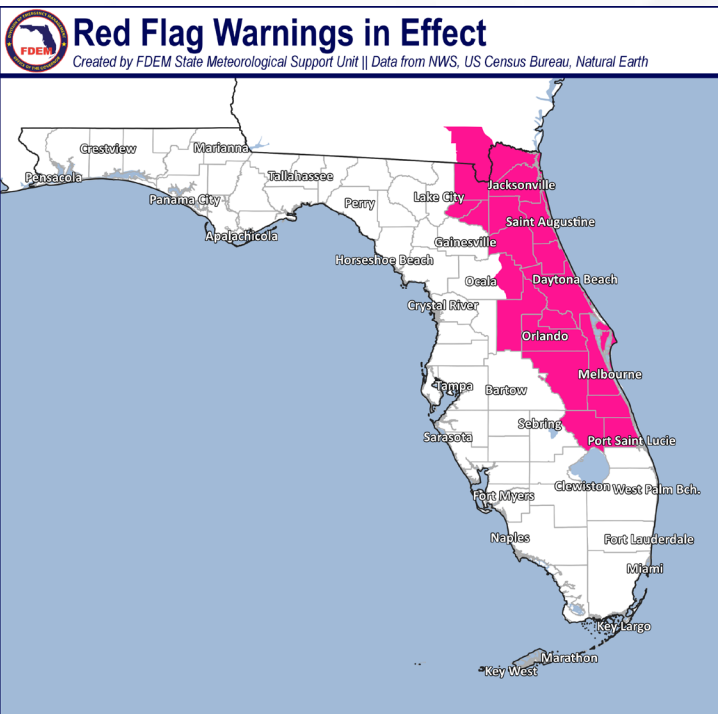


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Wind Chills (Overnight)										
Wildfire	M	M	H	H	H	M	H	H	M	M
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	M	H		H	H	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.67 ft. (1.95 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	478 (-5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





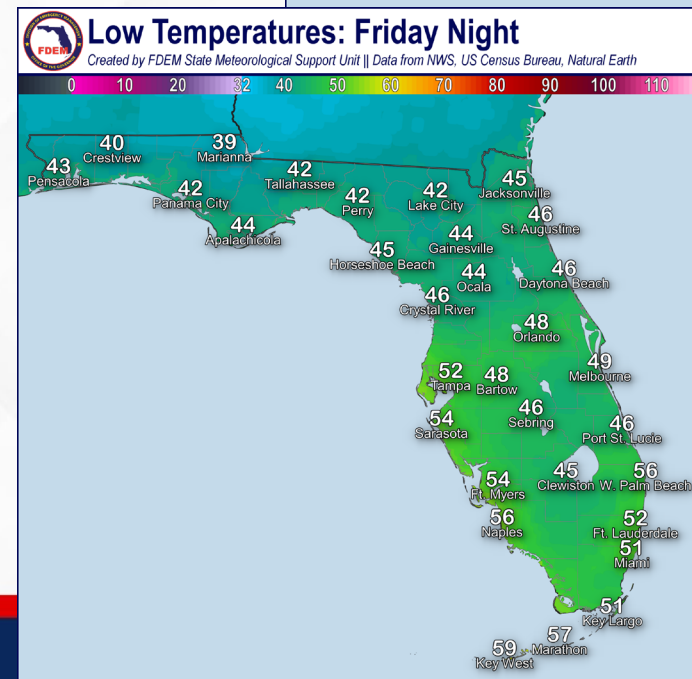
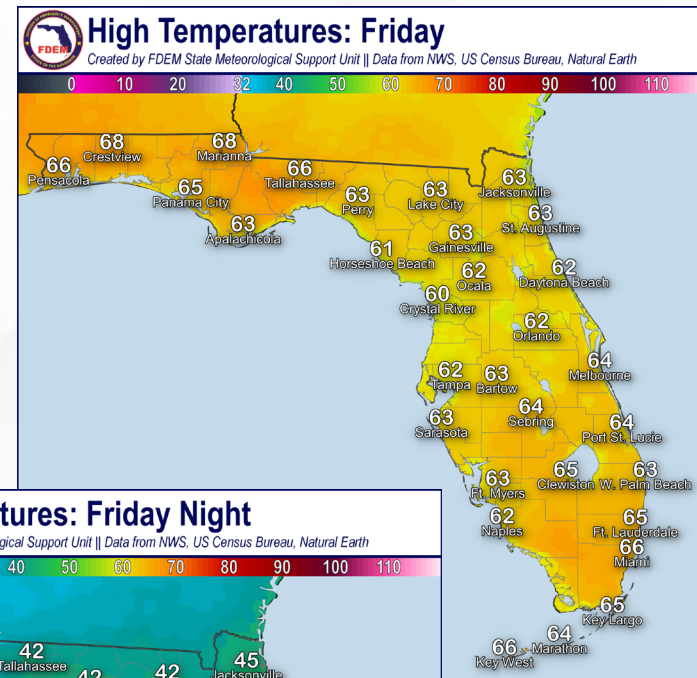
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will begin to settle across the region today in the wake of yesterday's cold front, welcoming a sunny and dry day across the Sunshine State. A much drier airmass will filter into the state today with relative humidities dipping to **near or below critical thresholds (25-35% RH values)** this afternoon across much of Northeast and East-Central Florida. Paired with breezy winds gusts **upwards of 30 mph**, this will lead to **elevated to critical wildfire conditions**. A **Red Flag Warning** is in effect for much of Northeast and East-Central Florida this afternoon until 6:00 PM EST for this **critical wildfire risk**. Although much of the rest of the state will see relative humidities remain well above critical thresholds, breezy wind gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** may still lead to **locally elevated wildfire conditions**.

High temperatures this afternoon will reach the middle to upper 60s statewide, though will only feel like the upper 50s to lower 60s given elevated winds.

Dry conditions will continue to prevail overnight. Winds will begin to subside tonight across much of the state, though some gusts **upwards of 20 mph** will still linger. Relative humidities will quickly recover across the state though with the wildfire risk diminishing overnight. Low temperatures will reach the **upper 30s** to middle 40s throughout North Florida, upper 40s to lower 50s in Central Florida, and upper 40s to middle 50s in South Florida. Feels-like temperatures may approach the **lower to middle 30s** across the northern Big Bend and Panhandle by daybreak Saturday.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy winds and elevated surf will bring a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for most East Coast beaches, with a local **high risk** for Palm Beach County beaches where locally higher surf and onshore winds are expected. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Wave heights of 2-4'** is expected for all statewide beaches this afternoon as breezy winds and a building ocean swell keep the surf elevated. Locally higher waves **upwards of 6'** are possible across Southeast Florida and the Treasure Coast. Tonight, waves will slowly increase with waves of **3-5'** expected for all statewide beaches. Locally lower waves are expected for the south facing Florida Keys shorelines.

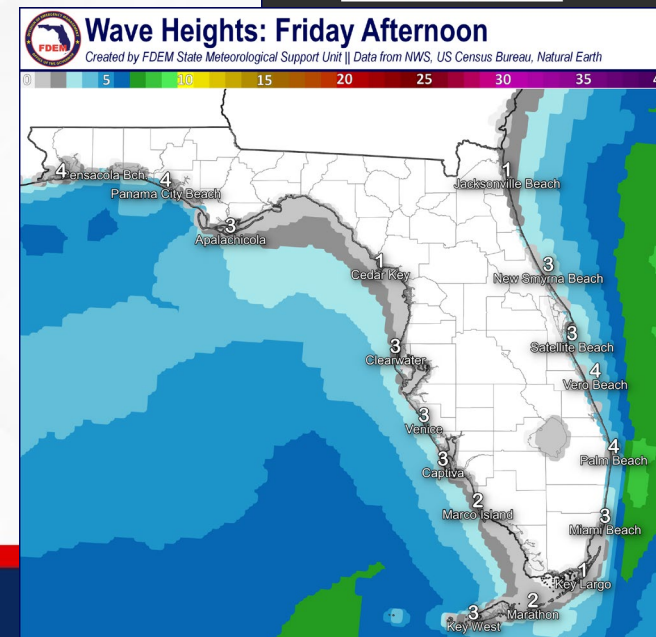
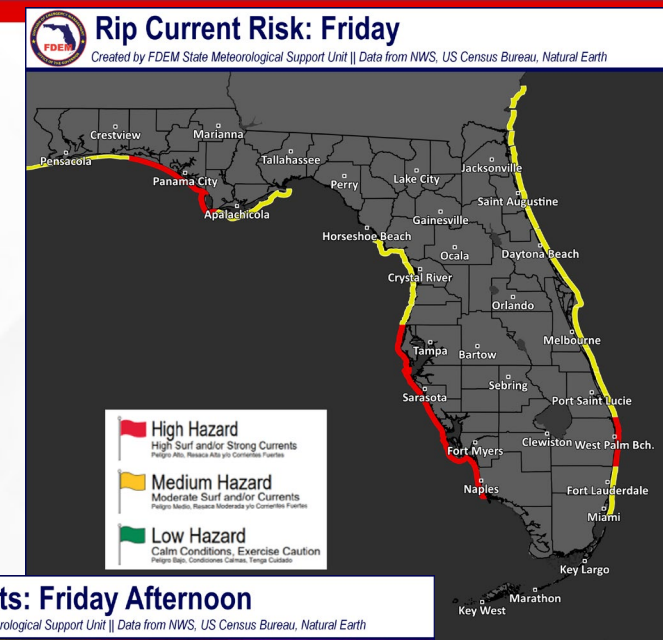
Red Tide was observed at background to very low concentrations in Walton County, background to medium concentrations in Bay County, and low concentrations in Gulf County across the Panhandle. In Southwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to very low concentrations offshore Hillsborough and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

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized 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 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



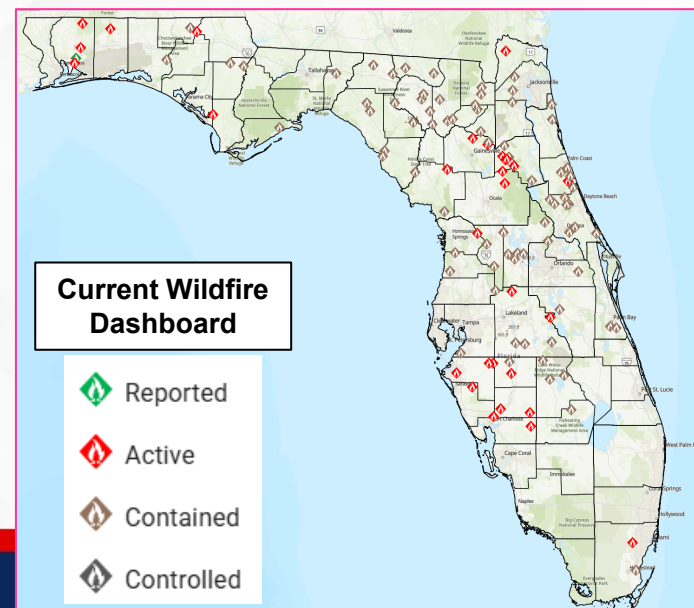
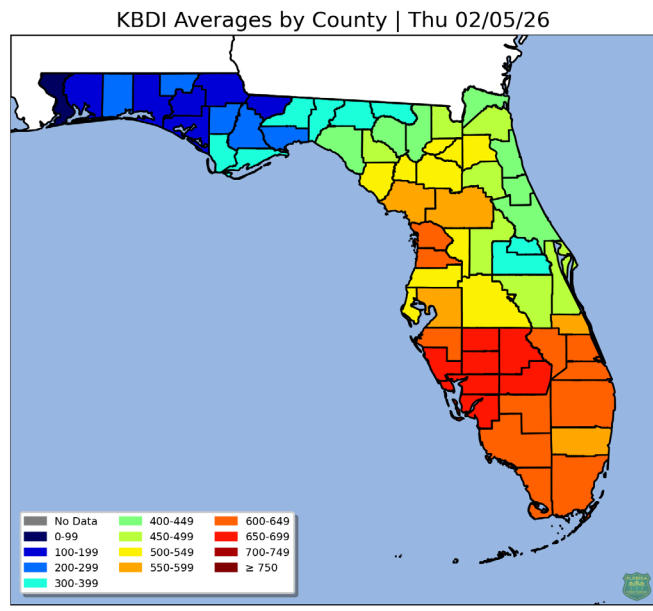
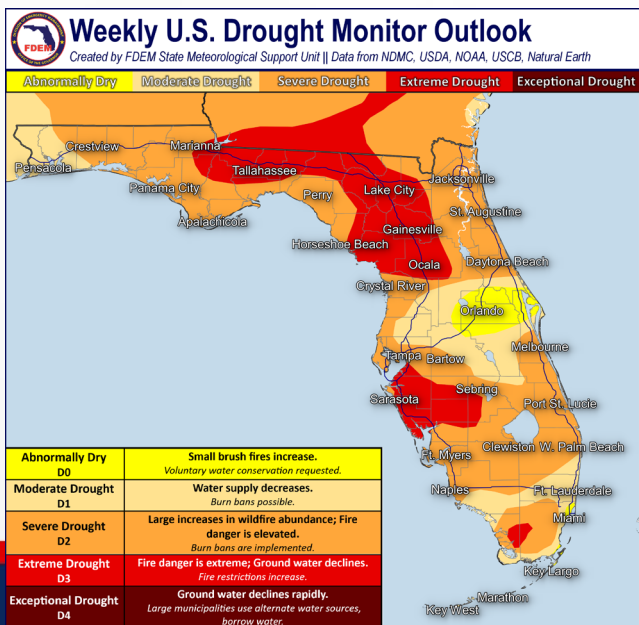


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will return statewide today in the wake of the cold frontal passage yesterday. Breezy winds will begin to develop this afternoon across much of the state, with wind gusts **upwards of 30 mph** expected. Paired with **critically low relative humidities (25-30% RH values)** and very little rainfall yesterday, **elevated to critical wildfire conditions** are expected this afternoon across Northeast and East-Central Florida where a **Red Flag Warning** is in effect until 6:00 PM EST. Although relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds across the remainder of the state today, still **sensitive wildfire conditions** are expected given the very dry background conditions. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 90 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 3,472 acres.

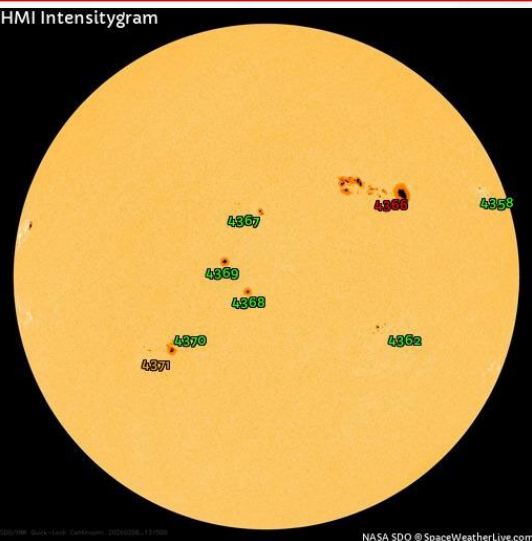
Drought (2/5/26): Over the past 10 days, a few cold fronts have brought scattered showers to portions of the state with some light rainfall. However, rainfall totals have remained very meager, at best, and have been unable to truly alleviate the ongoing drought conditions. As such, we have seen further deterioration of drought across much of the state in this week's Drought Monitor outlook. Across North Florida, rainfall totals of 1-2" were found across the western Panhandle, yet these totals were still not enough to bring much drought relief. The I-10 corridor also saw some light rain, with totals around 0.5-0.75". However, very dry conditions filtered into the state in the wake of the frontal passages which quickly dried out any soils and grounds. This has resulted in worsening drought and expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across Madison, Hamilton, Columbia, and Suwannee counties. This extreme drought remains in place across much of the Suwannee River Valley, Nature Coast, and northern Big Bend. A **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** occupies much of the rest of North Florida, the exception being the far western Panhandle where a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** is still in place. 60-day rainfall departures are still well below normal across all this region, and in some places upwards of 7" below normal. Worsening drought was also found across Central and South Florida in the past week. New areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** have been added to portions of coastal West-Central Florida in Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands counties, as well as interior mainland Monroe County in South Florida. The drought in this portion of the state has now begun to become a longer-term concern, with 3-month rainfall departures nearly 4-6" across all Central and South Florida. Additional expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was added across coastal Indian River and Brevard counties along the East Coast. Across the entire state, streamflows are running well below normal in many rivers, streams, and creeks. Additionally, soil moisture levels are at extremely low levels. Some light rainfall with a few frontal passages are possible this week and next week, however there does not appear to be any real relief coming from the drought. As of this outlook, over 95% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **478 (-5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **33** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

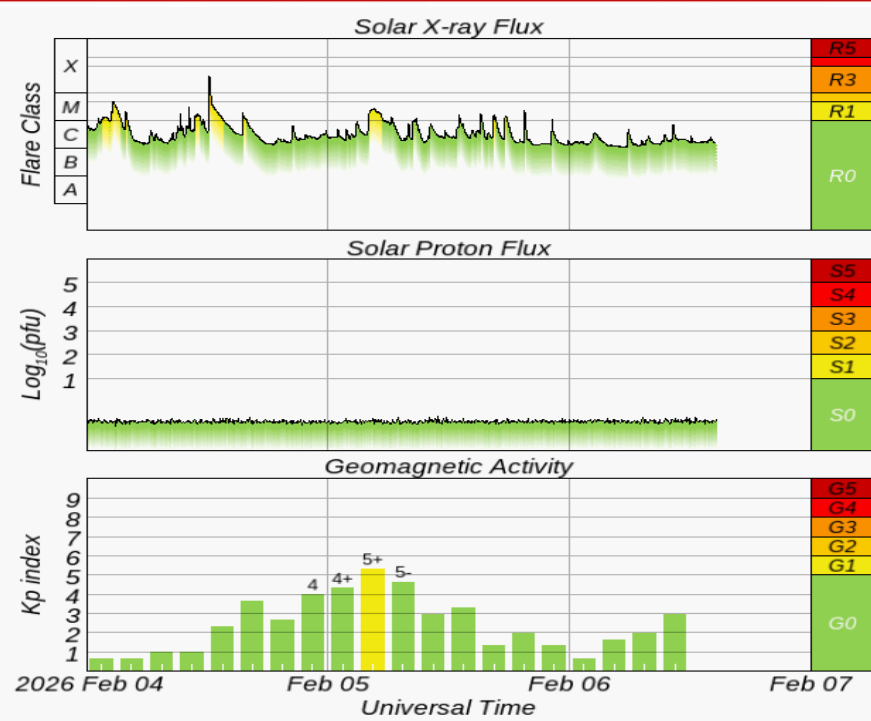
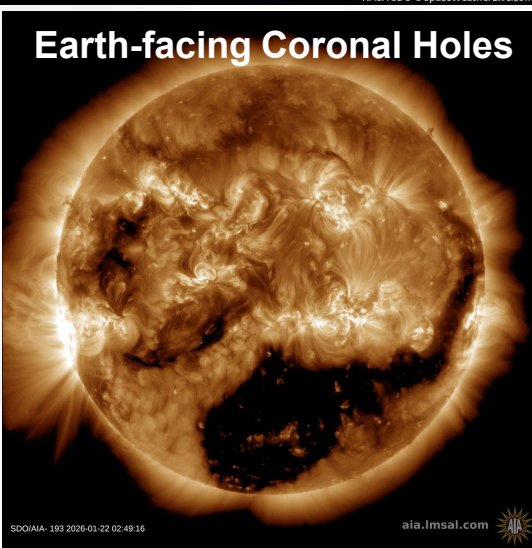




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 80%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 35%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
2/6	2/7
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Moderate to high solar activity can be expected due to recent activity from sunspot #4366 and #4362. These sunspots continue to pose a threat for strong (M-class) to significant (X-class) solar flares as they remain magnetically complex and Earth-facing. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class flares. The solar wind is expected to remain elevated through Saturday as coronal hole influences persist. Additional enhancements are possible on Sunday from a new glancing Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on 2/3. Geomagnetic activity is likely to reach up to Minor (G1) storm levels today due to lingering CME effects coupled with coronal hole influences. Conditions are forecast to remain active on Saturday before a likely return to Minor (G1) storming on Sunday with another glancing CME. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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