



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, February 8, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 2 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Region 10 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



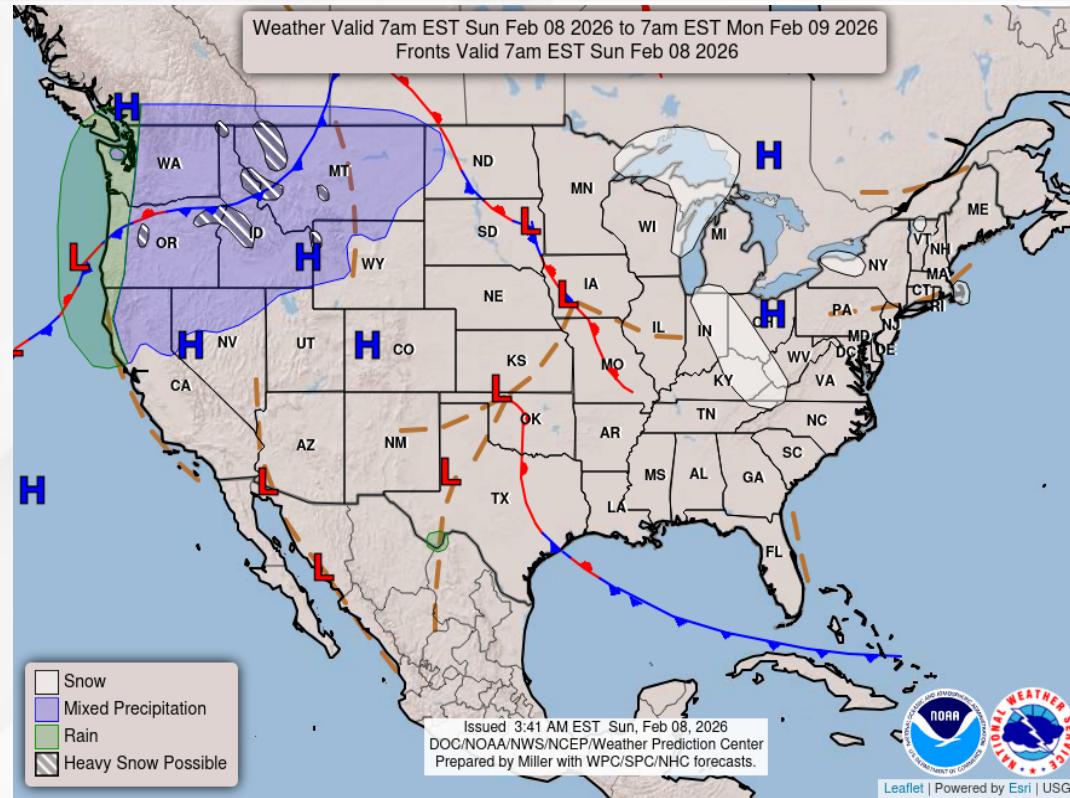
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	On Call Coverage for R2
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	N/A
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Out of Region	Unavailable
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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

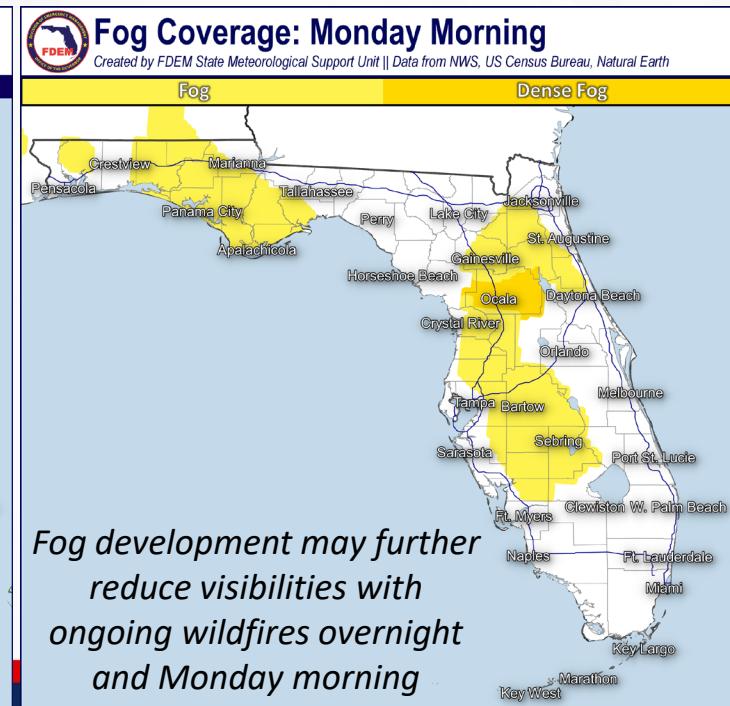
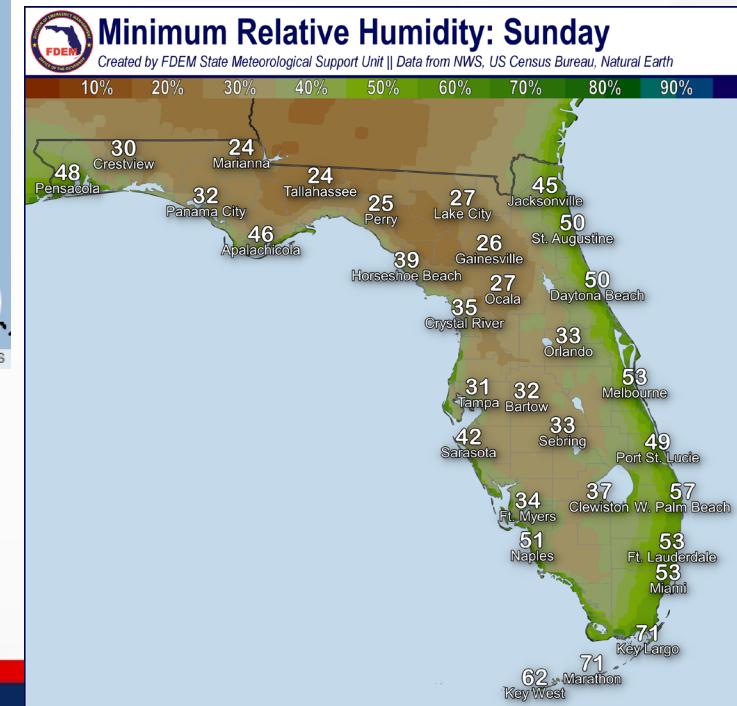


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)					L					
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	M	H	M	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.65 ft. (1.96 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	478 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





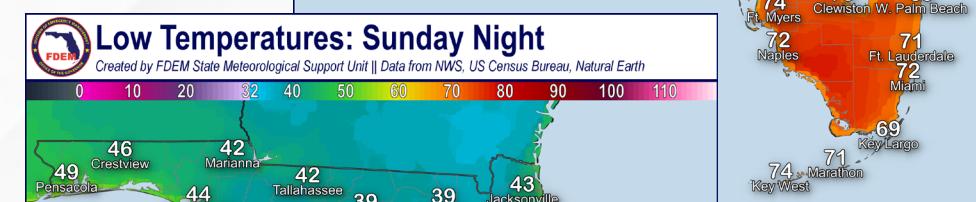
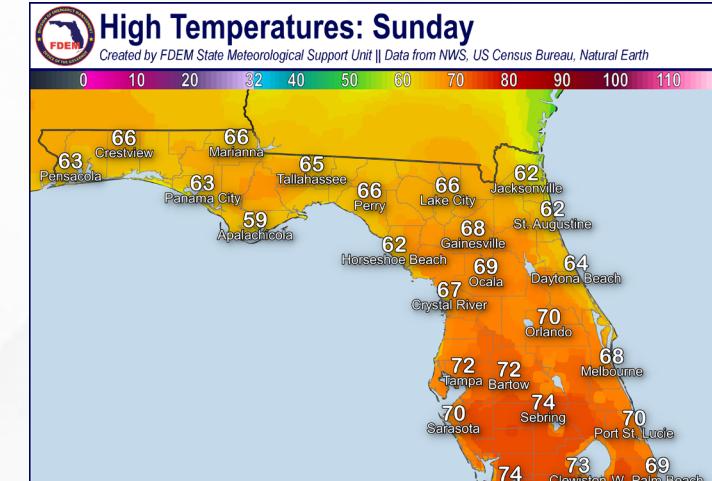
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Behind yesterday's dry cold front, a **chilly start** this morning across much of the state. **Freeze Warnings** and **Frost Advisories** across Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley will expire mid-morning as conditions warm up.

Another day filled with plenty of sunshine can be expected across the state as high pressure conditions dominate. While lighter winds will return today, relative humidity values for much of the state will fall back **near or into critical thresholds (20-35%)** this afternoon. This will continue to keep the **elevated wildfire conditions** in place today, especially with the expanding and worsening drought from the winter season. Ongoing smoke from the Buggy Fire in South Florida may create **reduced visibilities and hazy conditions** across the region throughout the day. High temperatures will reach the 60s to middle 70s across the state this afternoon leading to a pleasant day.

Cool and calm conditions can be expected overnight across the state. Low-level moisture beginning to return across the state will lead to **instances of fog** developing late overnight and into the early morning hours on Monday. With ongoing wildfires, fog development combined with wildfire smoke may lead to a **further reduction of visibilities** Monday morning. Low temperatures overnight will fall into the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida, middle to upper 40s across Central Florida and 50s across South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** persist nearly statewide where ocean swells continue to linger. Onshore winds return along the Florida East Coast creating that **higher risk for rip currents**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Onshore winds along the Florida East Coast will keep surf **elevated near 4-7'**, with the largest waves off the Treasure Coast. Panhandle and Gulf Coast beaches will start to see wave heights near 1-2' return along all beaches.

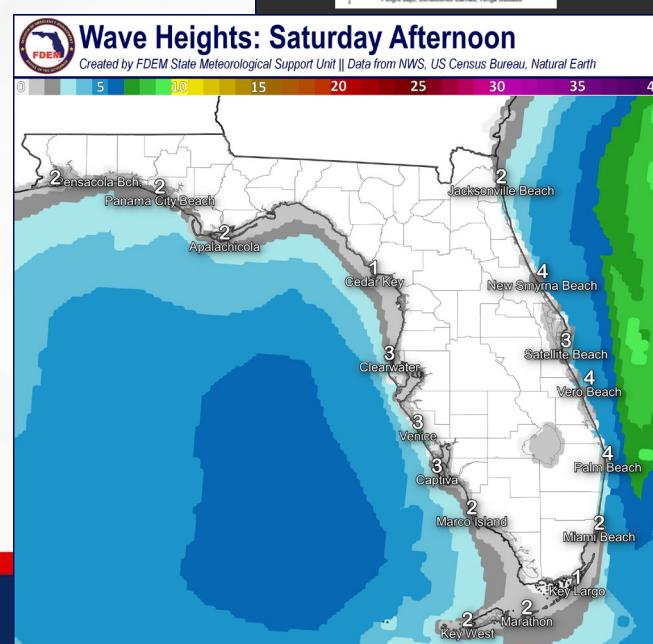
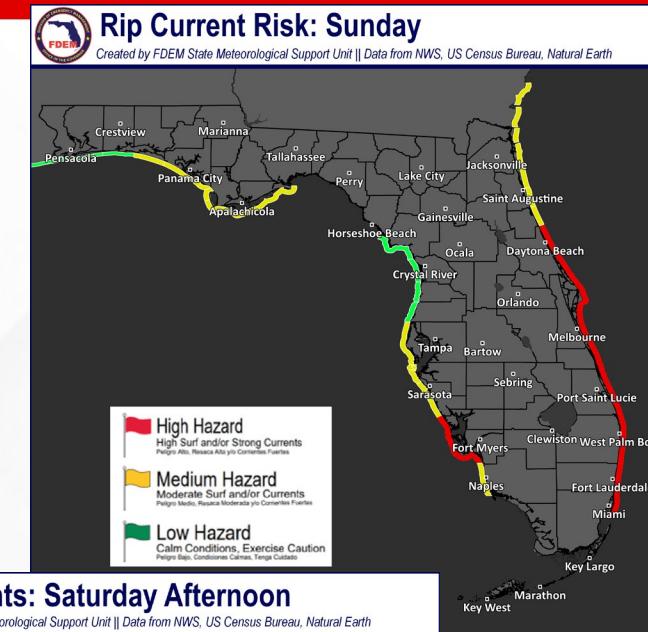
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Okaloosa County, background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at very low concentrations from Palm Beach County. It was not observed in Southwest Florida over the past week (valid 2/6/2026).

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 12.65 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.96 feet below normal for this time of year.



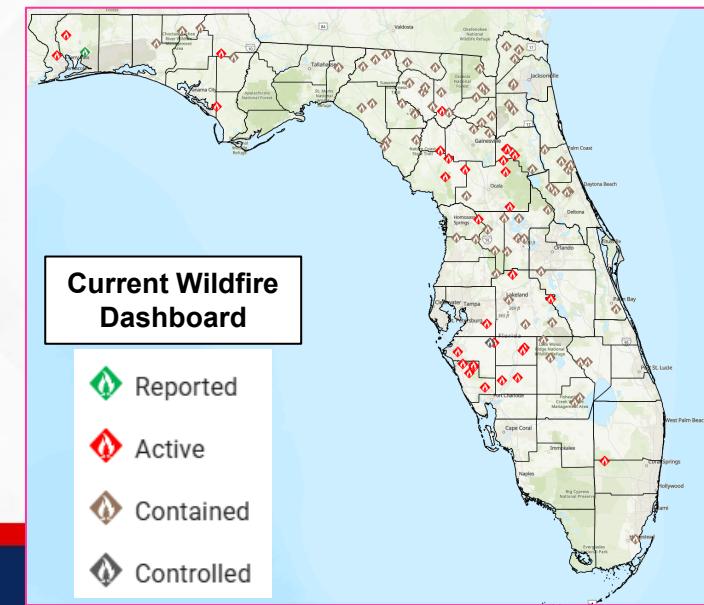
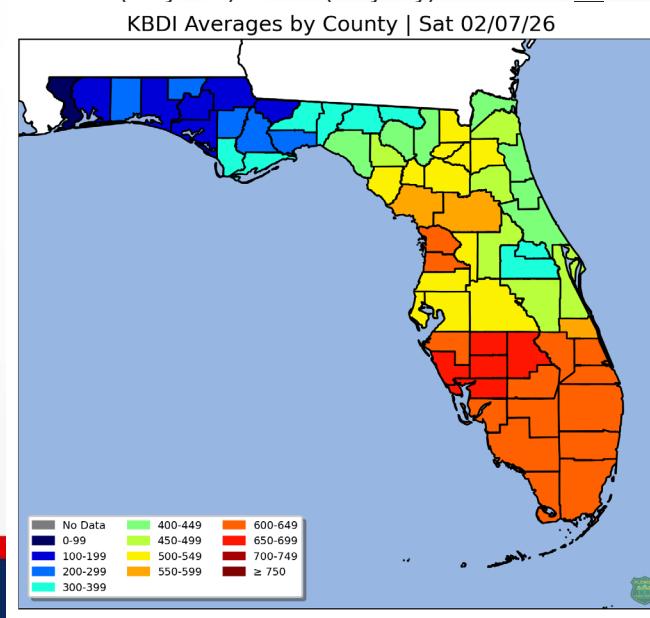
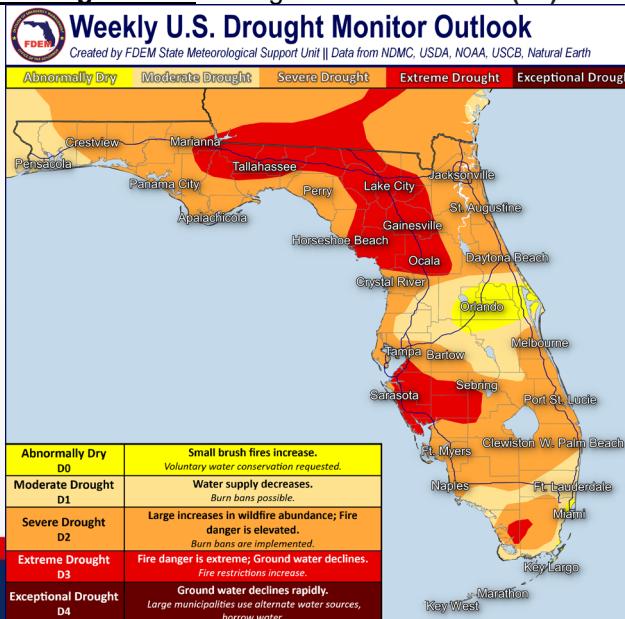


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will persist throughout today with most of the state seeing relative humidity values falling near and below critical thresholds this afternoon (20-35%). Light easterly winds below 10 mph can be expected, as well as gusts. With expanding and worsening drought across the state, **elevated wildfire conditions** can be expected. **Burn bans** have extended into Southwest Florida for Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. The Buggy Fire in South Florida may continue to bring reduced visibilities and hazy skies across the region today. Ongoing fires may lead to reduced visibilities, especially tonight with **fog** developing overnight and early Monday morning. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 105 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,912 acres.

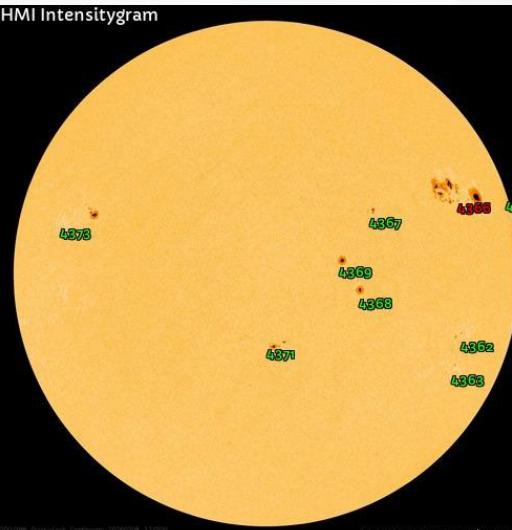
Drought (2/5/26): Over the past 10 days, a few cold fronts have brought scattered showers to portions of the state with some light rainfall. However, rainfall totals have remained very meager, at best, and have been unable to truly alleviate the ongoing drought conditions. As such, we have seen further 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 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **34** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

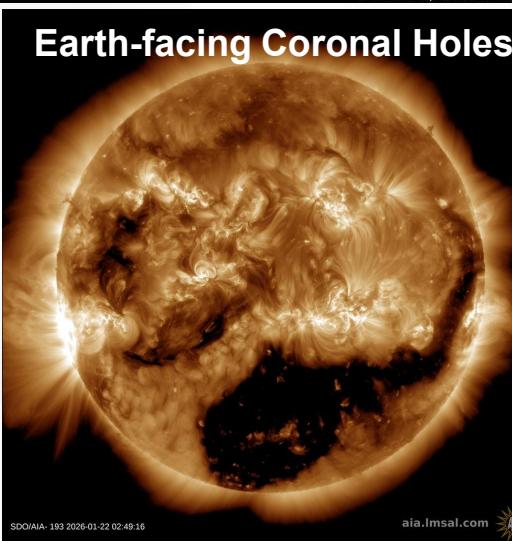




Space Weather

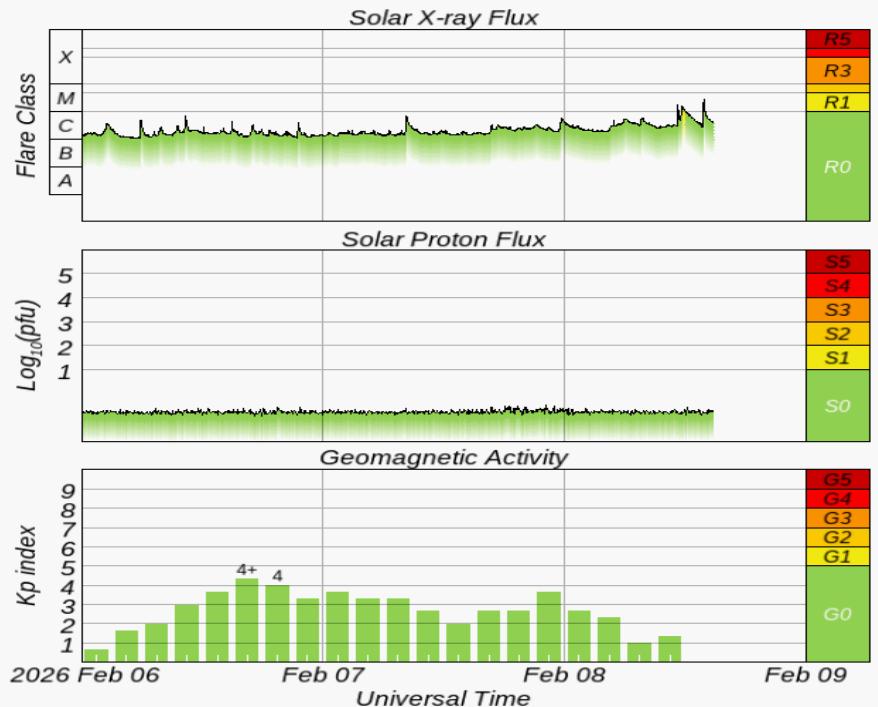


Current Sunspots



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Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 25%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
2/8	2/9	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	

Space Weather: Moderate solar activity will return today as there has been an increase in solar flare potential over the last day or so due to sunspot #4366. Strong (M-class) solar flares are likely, with a chance for significant (X-class) solar flares possible. Any M-class solar flares will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and X-class solar flares will be capable of producing strong (R3) radio blackouts. The solar wind environment is likely to become further enhanced over the next couple of days as a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun on 2/3 approaches Earth, as well as Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds persist. Isolated minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions are likely today with the arrival of the CME and the CH HSS winds. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



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SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
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EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
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