



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Monday, February 9, 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	Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Vehicle Maintenance / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	County EM Meeting / FDEM & County EM Meting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Office Admin / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, St Lucie	Travel to Region 8 / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Palm Beach	Boca Raton EM Meeting / Ececutive Director Support
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin / FDEM & County 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	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Hamilton	FEMA LTR Plan Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Suwanee / Hamilton	FEMA LTR Plan Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Suwanee / Hamilton	FEMA LTR Plan Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Statewide Directors Meeting / Team Call

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

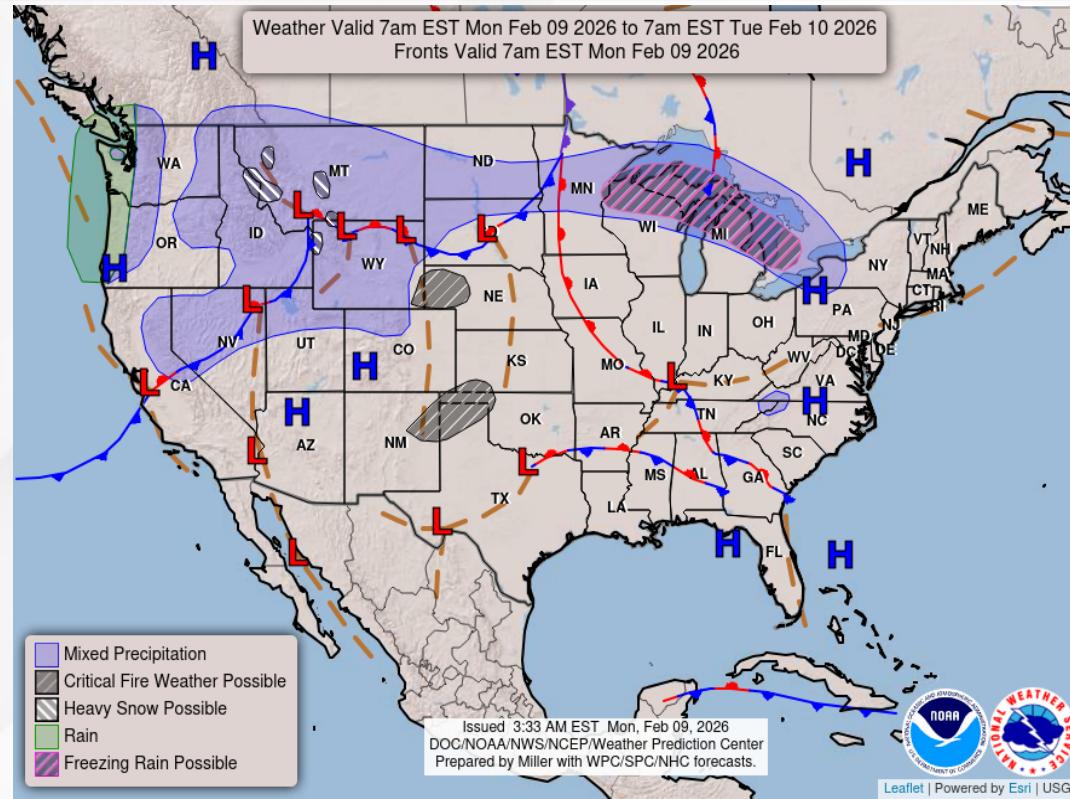
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Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 9

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

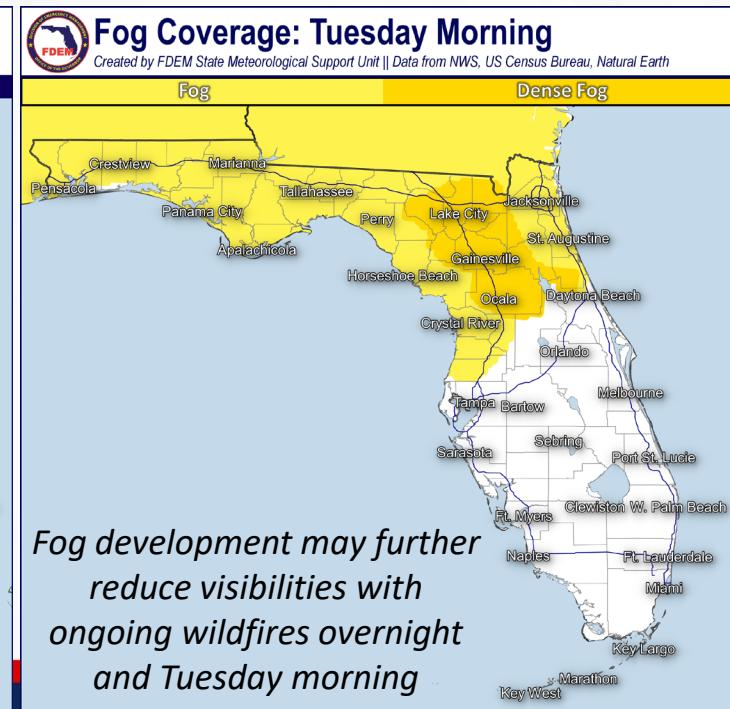
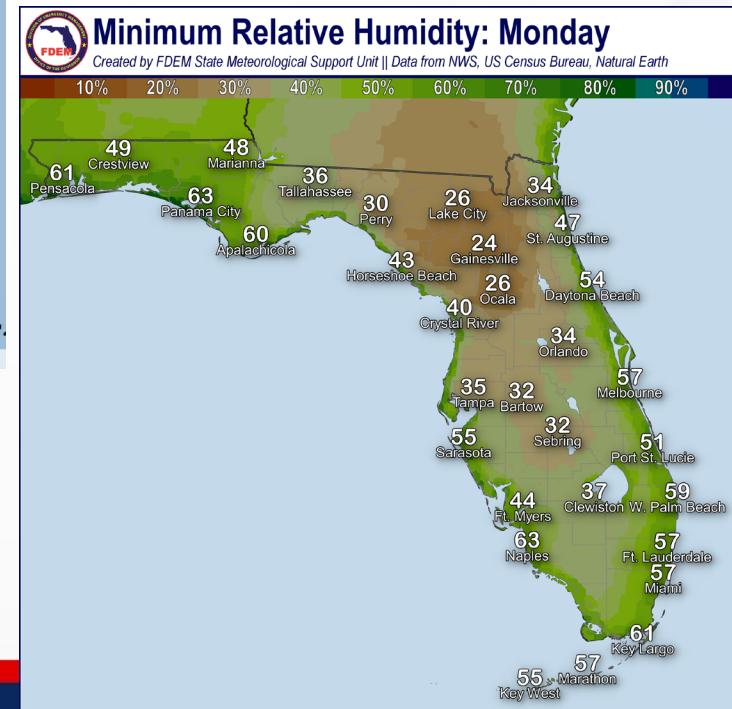


# Meteorology Summary



## 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	H	H	L	M	M	L	M	L
Wildfire	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L	H	L	H	
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.65 ft. (1.96 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	480 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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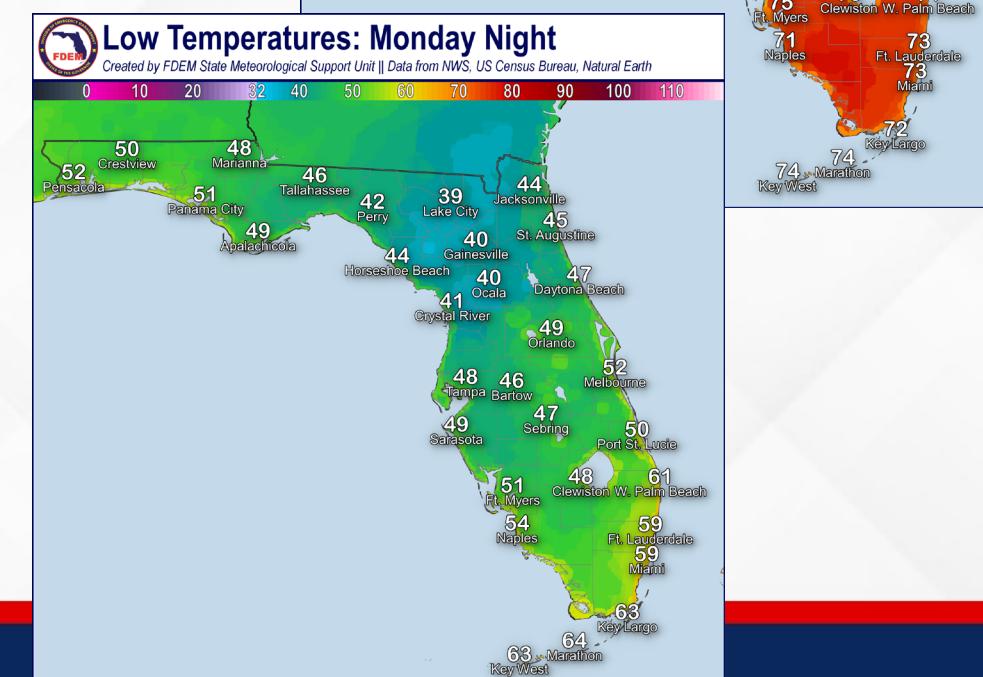
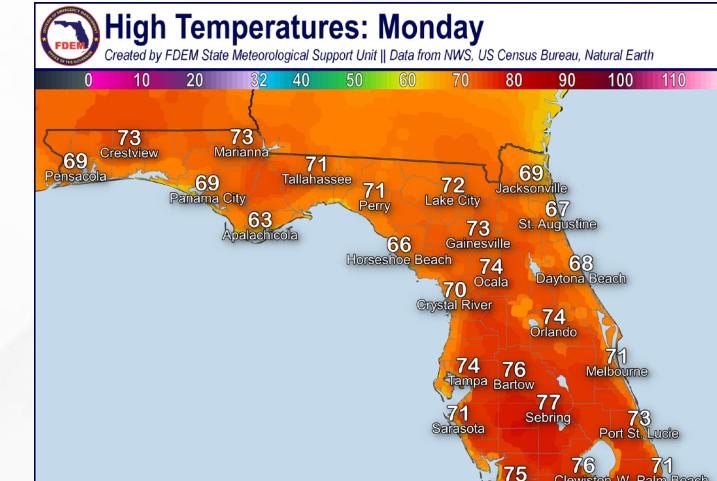
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of patchy to locally dense fog this morning will continue to gradually lift and dissipate throughout the morning. After a cool start, temperatures will warm up nicely leading to pleasant conditions courtesy of high pressure sitting over the state. Plenty of sunshine and a near-zero chance of rain can be expected across the state today as a result of those high pressure conditions. While low level moisture begins to slowly increase from the weekend, pockets of near to below **critical relative humidity values (25-35%)** can be expected across Northeast Florida and extending into the interior Peninsula this afternoon. The ongoing drought and recent very dry couple of days will contribute to an **elevated wildfire risk**.

High temperatures will return to the upper 60s to upper 70s across the state this afternoon.

Calm and dry conditions will persist into the overnight hours across the state as high pressure remains locked in place. Low-level moisture moving onshore and inland from the coastal waters, along with calm winds will allow for **fog development** overnight and into Tuesday morning. Instances of **dense fog**, especially throughout the Suwannee Valley, will be possible. *Foggy conditions combined with ongoing smoke from wildfires will further reduce visibilities, and caution should be advised during the morning commute.*

Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida, middle 40s to lower 50s across Central Florida and 50s to near 60-degrees across South Florida.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Lighter winds and declining ocean swells will allow Panhandle beaches to return to a **moderate risk**. Onshore winds persisting along the East Coast will continue to create a **moderate to high risk for rip currents**. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Long-period ocean swells along the East Coast continue to decline leading to wave heights of 3-5'. Calm marine conditions along the Panhandle and Gulf Coast will create wave heights of 1-2'.

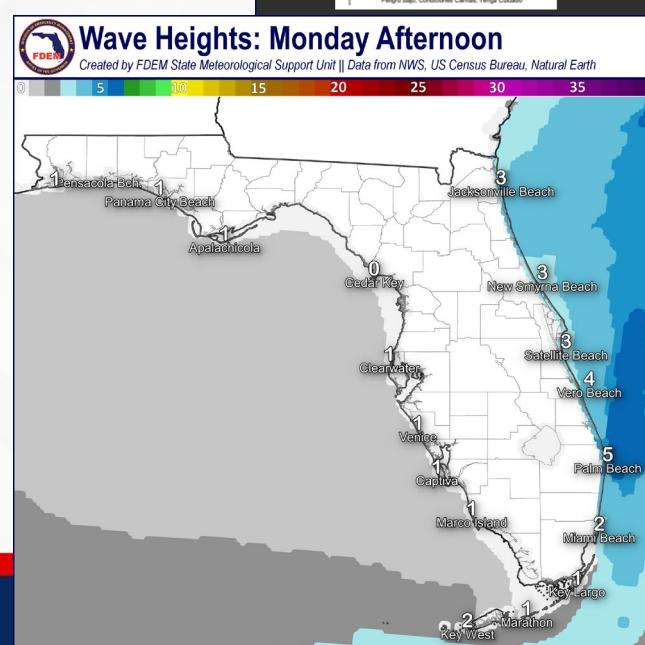
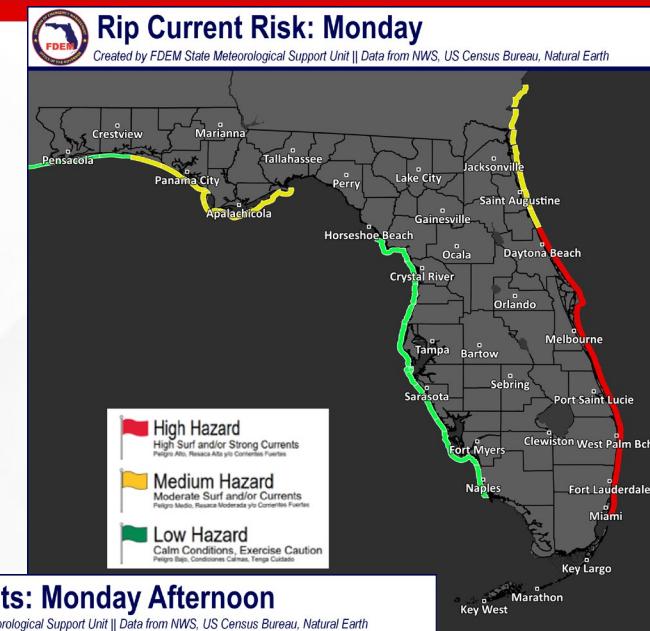
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Okaloosa County, background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at very low concentrations from Palm Beach County. It was not observed 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.



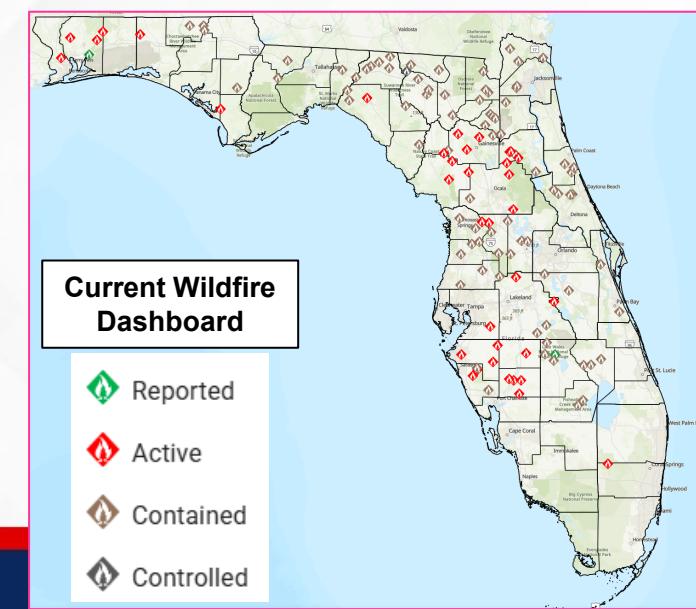
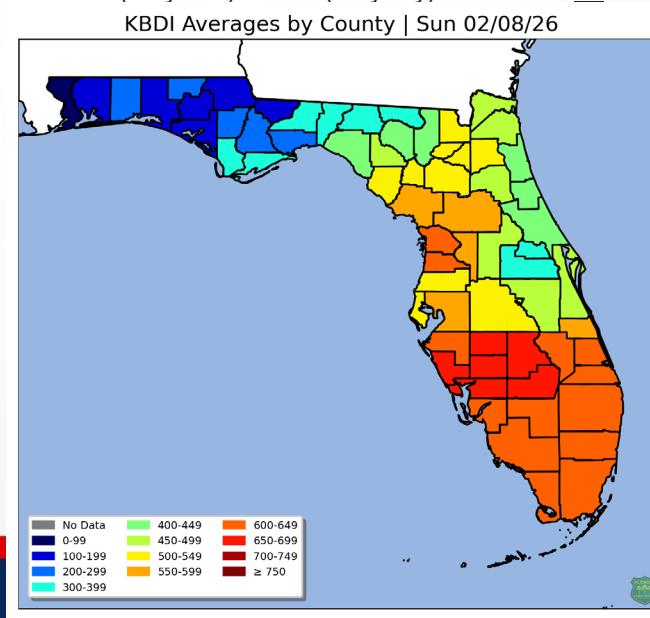
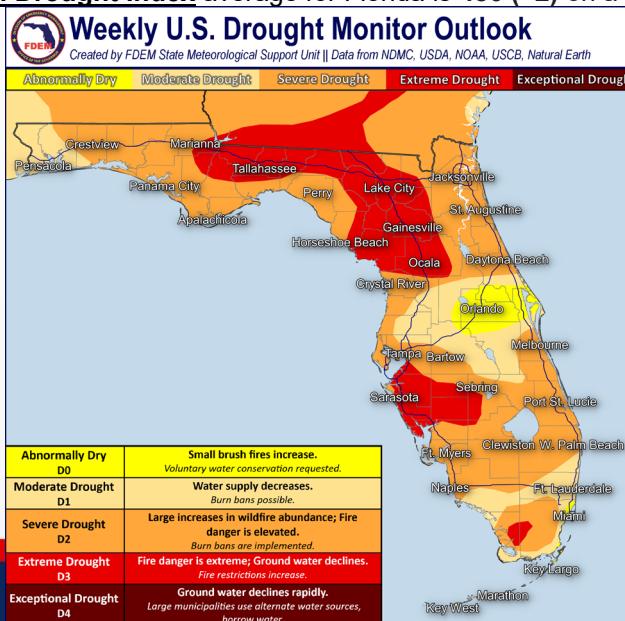


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** A near-zero chance of rain continues across the state courtesy of high pressure conditions. Relative humidity values will gradually recover over the next couple of days, but dry air still lingers throughout the Big Bend and the interior peninsula. Values will fall **near or at critical thresholds** this afternoon (25-35%) from those areas, and the ongoing drought and recent very dry conditions will create those **elevated wildfire conditions**. Foggy conditions can be expected to develop early in the morning hours across the state, with **dense fog conditions** possible. *Fog development with ongoing wildfire smoke will create further reduced visibilities and Super Fog, and caution should be advised.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 120 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 9,704 acres.

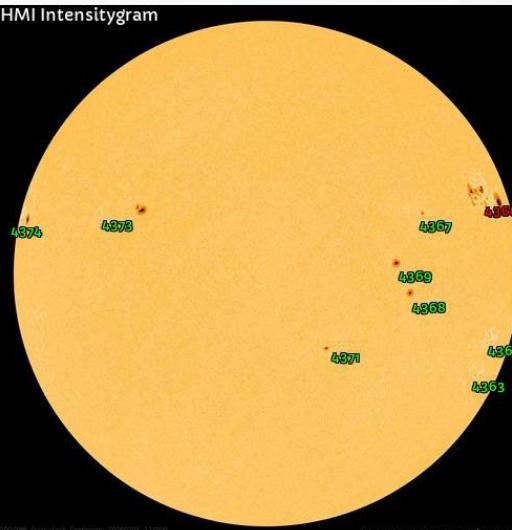
**Drought (2/5/26):** Over the past 10 days, a few cold fronts have brought scattered showers to portions of the state with some light rainfall. However, rainfall totals have remained very meager, at best, and have been unable to truly alleviate the ongoing drought conditions. As such, we have seen further 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 **480 (+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).

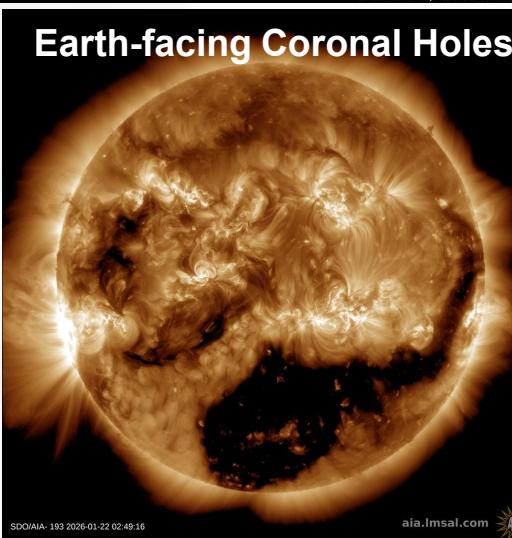




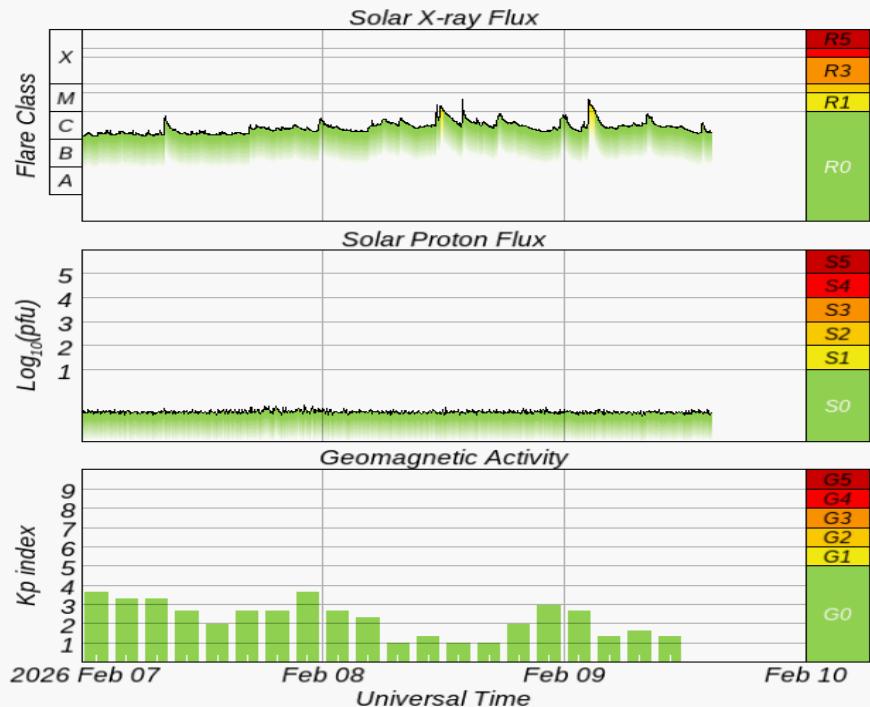
# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 25%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
2/9	2/10	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	

**Space Weather:** Low to moderate solar activity can be expected as strong (M-class) solar flares are likely, with a slight chance for significant (X-class) flares due to recent activity from sunspot #4366. 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 environment will remain enhanced and become further enhanced due to arrival of the anticipated Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) from 2/3 with the ongoing Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. The Earth's geomagnetic field will reach active levels from the anticipated CME and ongoing CH HSS conditions. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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<b>Phone:</b>	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
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<b>Fax:</b>	850-815-4979	Operational	
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
<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	
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