



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, February 11, 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	LMS Meeting / Region 1 T&E Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	LEPC Hazmat TTX
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Nassau	Region 4 Annual Hurricane Readiness Session
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Lake	County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	St Lucie, Lee	Travel to Region 9
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Office Admin
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Charlotte	SRT Assessment (Charlotte County FR)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Exercise Planning Meeting



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Instructing G400
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jackson	Instructing FL601
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Jackson	Attending FL601
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Nassau	Hurricane Readiness Session
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Leadership Training
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Administrative Duties
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Broward	Instructing FL601
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	Attending FL601

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

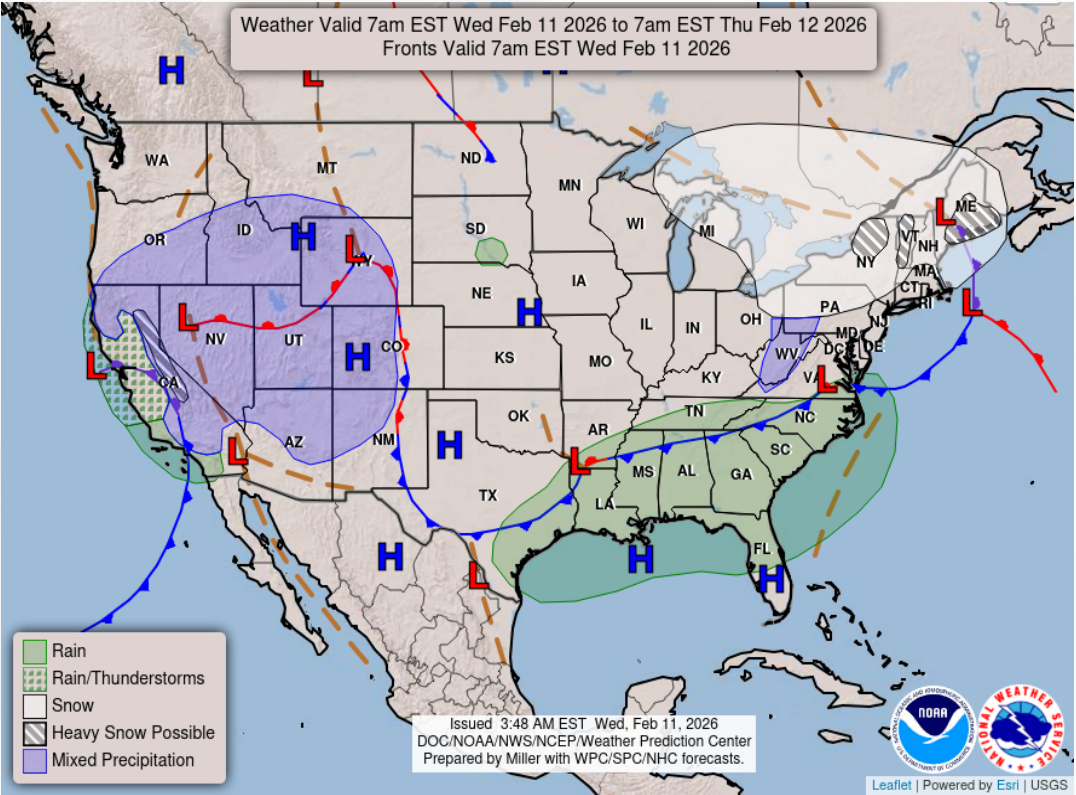
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Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

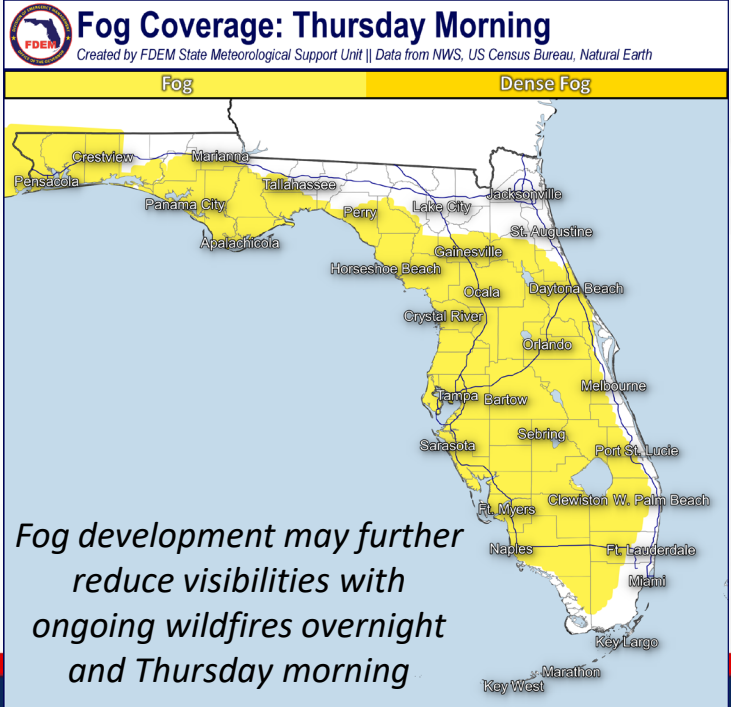
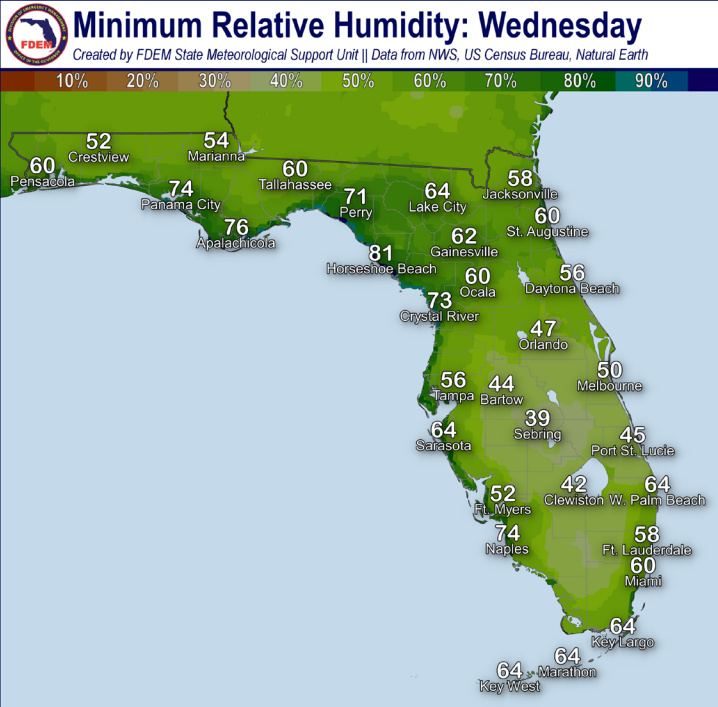


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	L	L	M	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.64 ft. (1.96 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	487 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





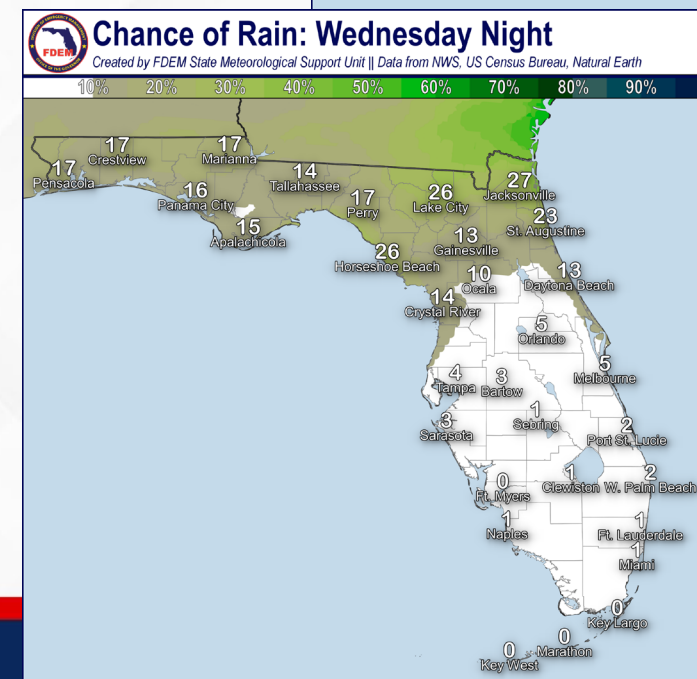
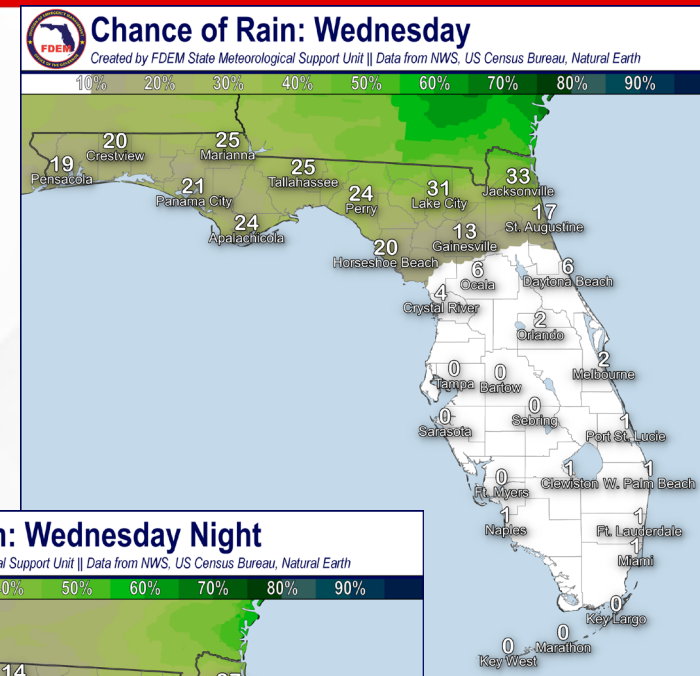
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Foggy conditions across the state will gradually lift and dissipate across the state throughout the morning. An upper-level feature moving towards and into North Florida has brought some isolated shower activity this morning, and this shower activity will continue throughout the morning and into the early afternoon (20-30% chance of rain). For the rest of the state, dry conditions can be expected to persist as shower activity will really struggle to make it further south. Pockets of dry air throughout the interior Peninsula will lead to relative humidity values falling **near critical thresholds (35-40%)** this afternoon. Slightly more elevated wind gusts will return across North Florida this afternoon reaching 10-15 mph, but by the late afternoon hours the Suwannee Valley could **see gusts upwards of 20 mph**. As warm and dry conditions persist, along with the ongoing drought, **elevated wildfire conditions** will also persist. High temperatures will warm up into the 70s throughout the state this afternoon and possibly eclipse 80-degrees in some spots.

A cold front will push through North Florida this evening and overnight bringing an additional round of brief showers (15-25% chance of rain). Calm 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 Thursday morning. Instances of locally **dense fog** cannot be ruled out. *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 50s across the state, with coastal areas seeing low temperatures near the lower 60s.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Lighter winds and declining ocean swells will allow Panhandle beaches to return to a **moderate risk**. Lingering long-period ocean swells 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.

Marine Hazards: Calm marine conditions continue to gradually return across the state; however, elevated surf upwards of 3' will linger along the East Coast. The largest wave action will remain along the Treasure Coast.

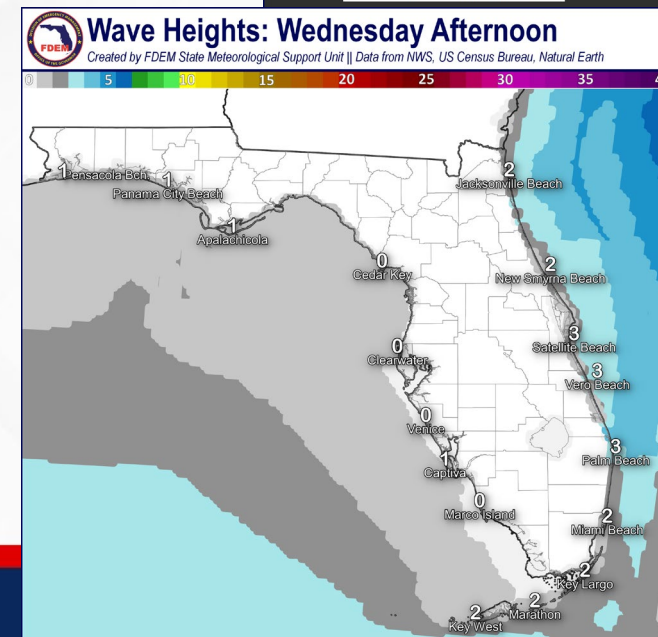
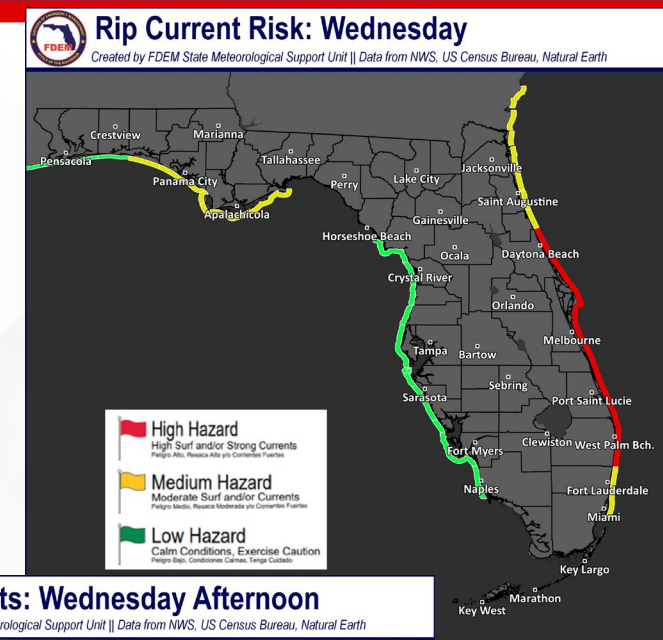
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Okaloosa County, background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at very low concentrations from Palm Beach County. It was not observed in 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 12.64 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



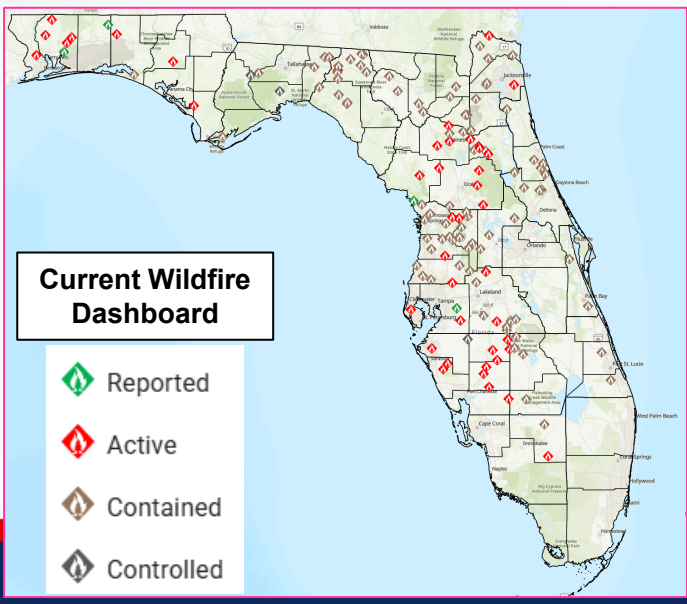
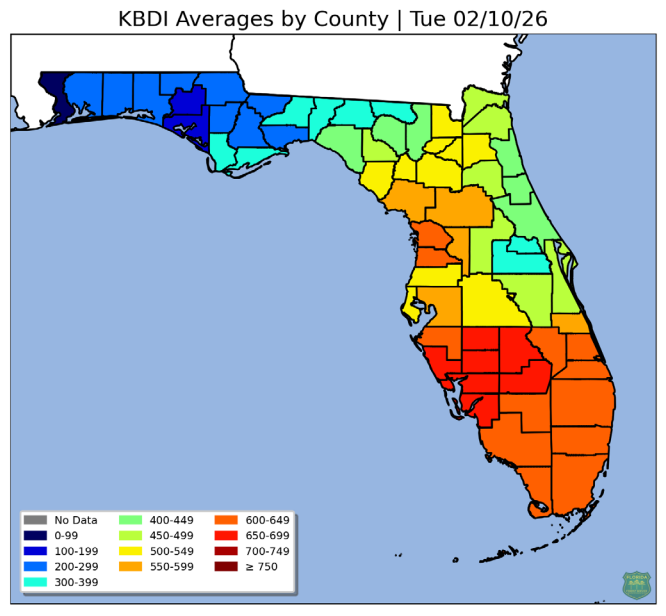
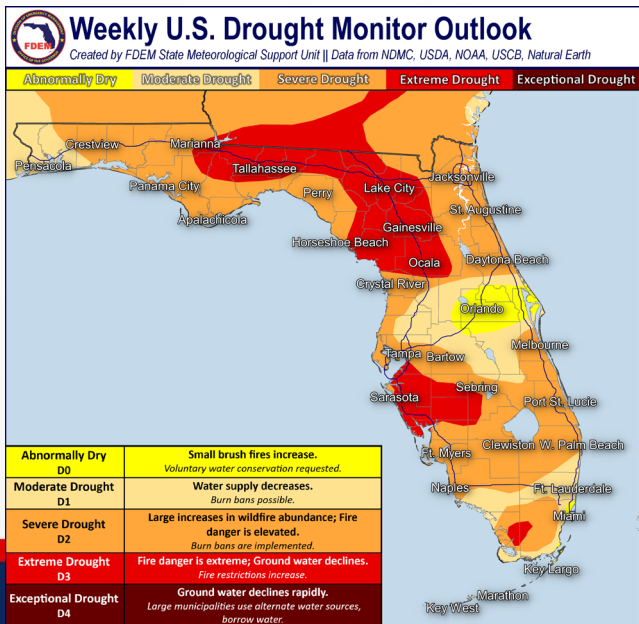


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Foggy conditions and low clouds can be expected throughout the morning hours as it slowly lifts and dissipates. Mostly dry conditions can be expected for much of the state again; however, an upper-level feature looks to bring a few brief showers over the I-10 corridor throughout the day. Relative humidity values across the interior Peninsula look to remain **near critical thresholds (35-45%)**; however, locally they could fall below this afternoon. Southwesterly winds near 5-10 mph can be expected across the state throughout the day, with wind gusts reaching 10-15 across North and Central Florida. Late this afternoon, stronger winds gusts upwards of 20 mph cannot be ruled out within the Suwannee Valley. Another round of **scattered fog** can be expected to develop overnight and into Thursday morning throughout the state. Instances of **locally dense fog** cannot be ruled out by sunrise. *Foggy conditions combined with wildfire smoke will lead to reduced visibilities.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 135 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 6,731 acres.

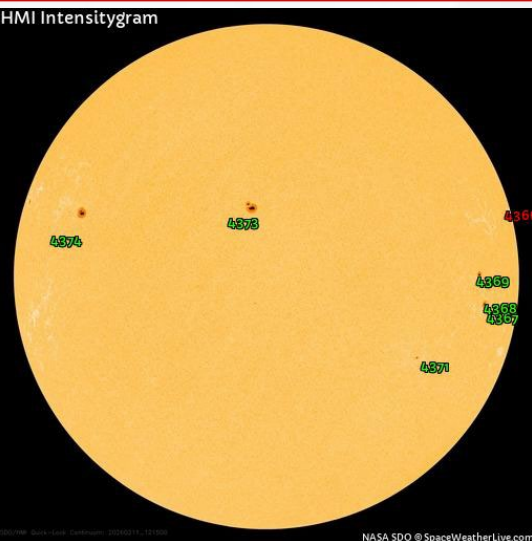
Drought (2/5/26): Over the past 10 days, a few cold fronts have brought scattered showers to portions of the state with some light rainfall. However, rainfall totals have remained very meager, at best, and have been unable to truly alleviate the ongoing drought conditions. As such, we have seen further 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 **487 (+4)** 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).

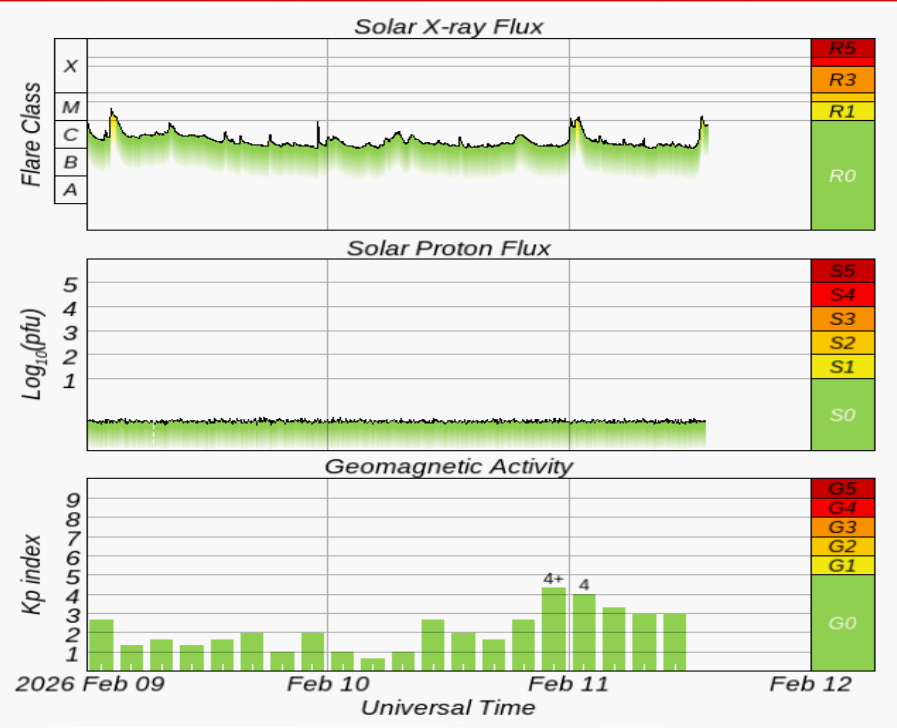
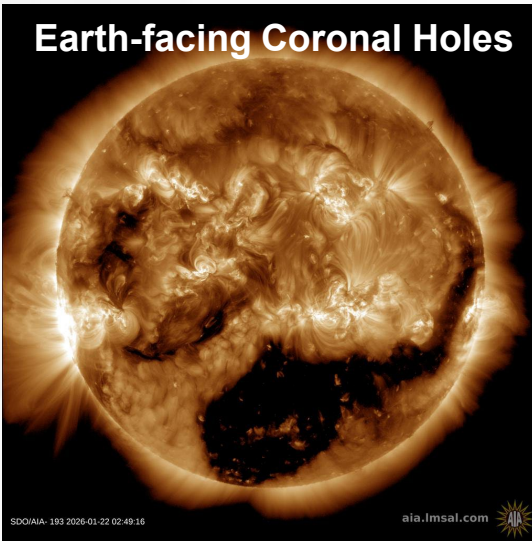




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 25%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
2/11	2/12
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% 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 as sunspot #4336 rotates off the western limb of the sun. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class flares. Background and ambient-like solar wind conditions can be expected through the end of the week as there are no anticipated disturbances within the solar wind field. This will lead to a quiet geomagnetic field. The overall threat to Florida is 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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