



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

**Thursday, February 12, 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	Bay	Pulsara Training / FTEM Meeting / Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	TLH Airport FSE FPM / Red Cross Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Region 5 Annual Hurricane Readiness Session
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Lee	SRT Assessment (Cape Coral FD)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Response Coordinators Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota, Lee	North Port EOC Ground Breaking Event / SRT Assessment (Cape Coral FD)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	LMS Meeting / Response Coordinator Meeting



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Instructors Best Practices Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	HQ Admin / Onboarding
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Instructors Best Practices Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Regional Hurricane Readiness Session
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Administrative Duties
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Charlotte	R9 Quarterly Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	LMS Meeting

Region 3 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

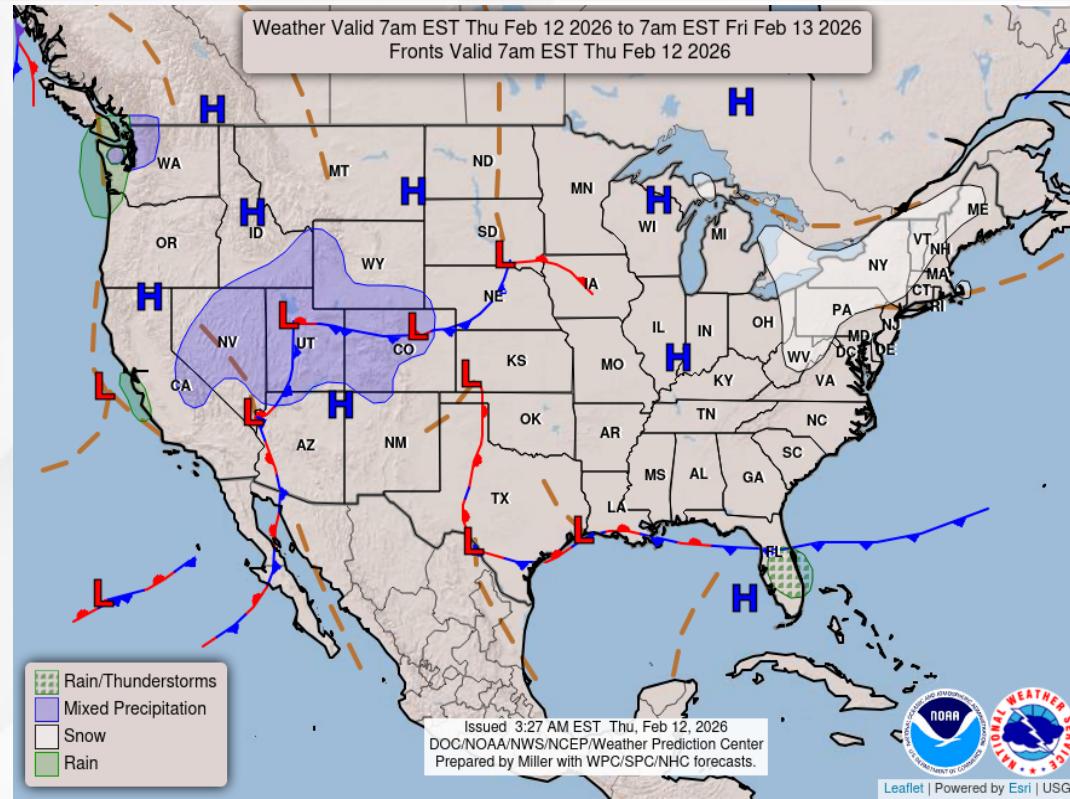
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Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

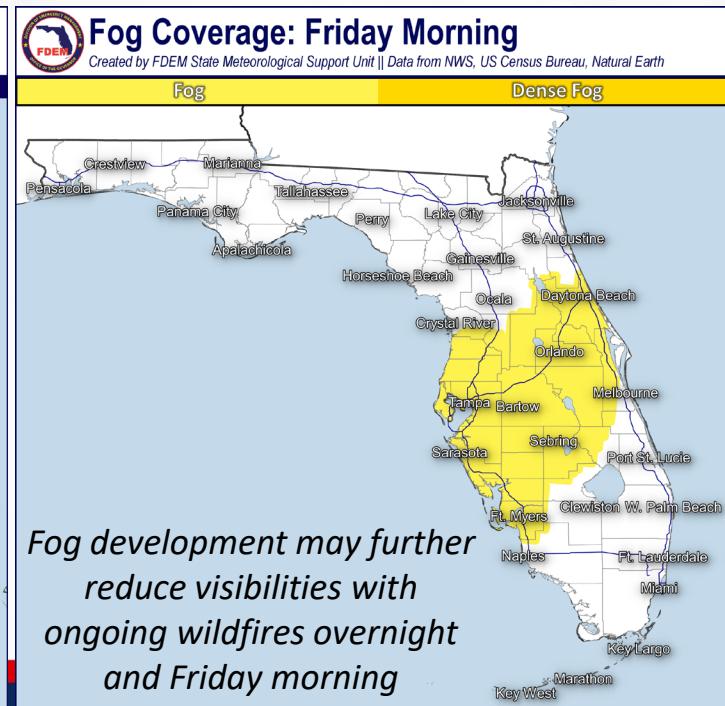
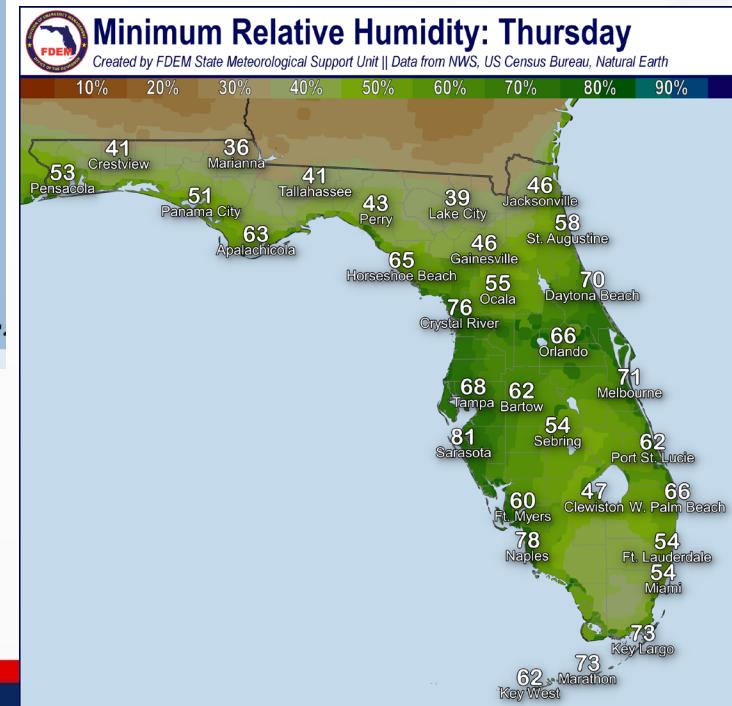


# Meteorology Summary



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)					L	L	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	L	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L	M	L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.63 ft. (1.96 ft. <u>Below Normal</u> )									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	491 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





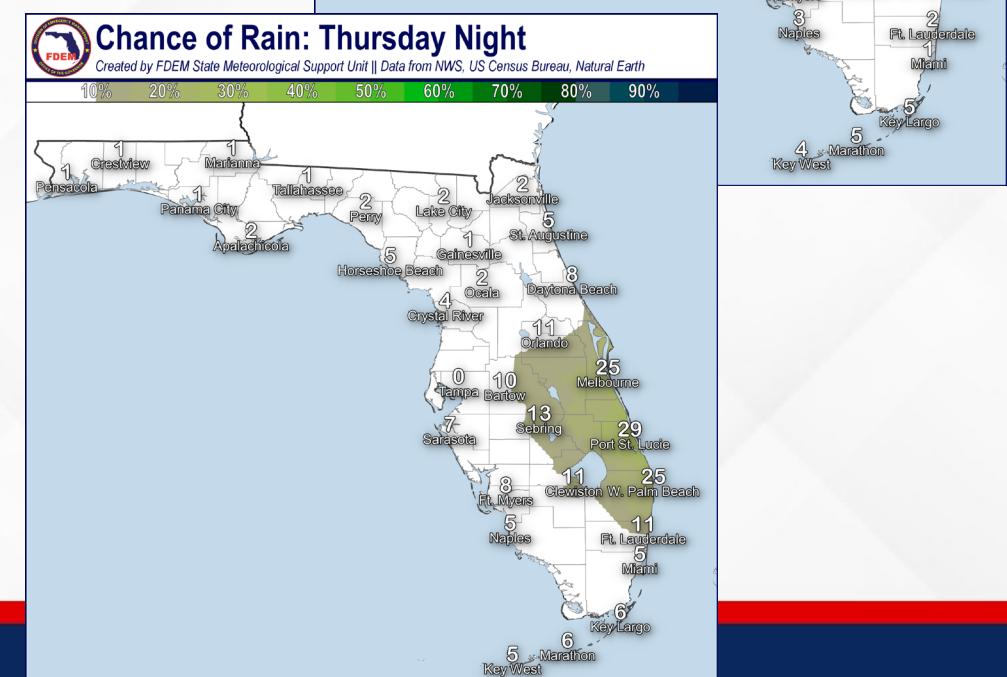
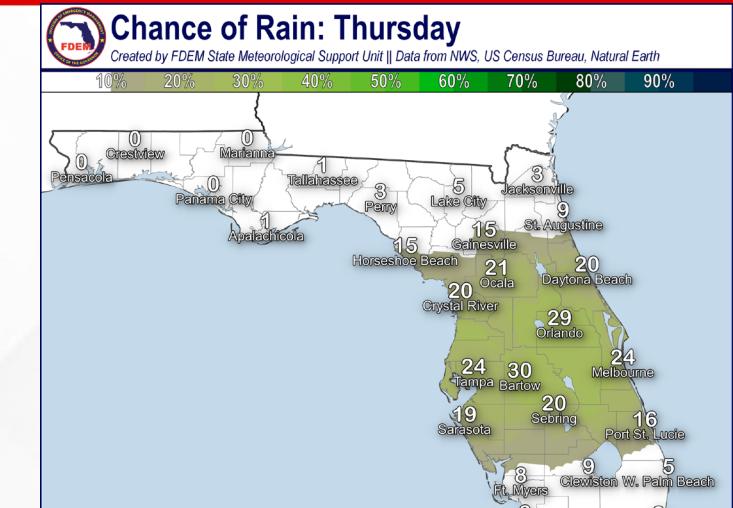
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

**Dense Fog Advisories** are in effect until mid-morning for much of Central and South Florida, as well as the adjacent Gulf coastal waters, for areas of **patchy dense fog** that will shortly dissipate after sunrise. *Some areas of fog may linger longer, especially near the coast.* A mostly sunny day is expected for both North and South Florida where chances of rain will remain near zero. However, across Central Florida, a weak frontal boundary will remain draped over the region promoting cloudy skies and an isolated chance of a shower this afternoon (20-30% chance of rain). Any of this activity is expected to be brief and light in nature. To the north of this front, drier air will attempt to filter into the state with relative humidities dipping to **near critical thresholds**, mainly north of the I-10 corridor (**30-40% RH values**). Given the ongoing **severe to extreme drought**, this will encourage **elevated wildfire conditions** this afternoon. Elevated conditions can also be expected across South Florida in areas experiencing the most severe drought.

Higs will reach the 70s for much of the state this afternoon, with areas of coastal Northeast Florida staying in the middle to upper 60s and interior South Florida creeping into the lower 80s.

Tonight, a few isolated showers may linger along the Treasure Coast this evening before clearing overnight (15-25% chance of rain). Another round of **patchy fog and low clouds** is expected across Central and South Florida tonight, especially along the Gulf-facing coasts and adjacent interior locations where areas of **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.* Lows will cool off into the lower to middle 40s across North Florida, middle 50s in Central Florida, and upper 50s to lower 60s in South Florida.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Lighter winds and declining ocean swells will allow Panhandle beaches to return to a **moderate risk**. Similarly, a **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected to return to East Coast beaches with lighter winds and declining long-period ocean swells. A low risk is expected for West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Calm marine conditions are expected statewide with waves near 1-2' for all beaches. A few waves upwards of 3' cannot be ruled out for Treasure Coast and First Coast beaches.

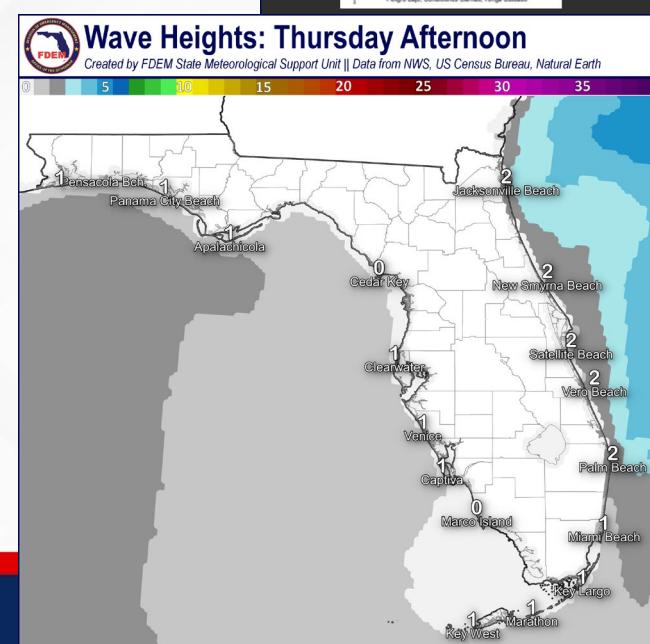
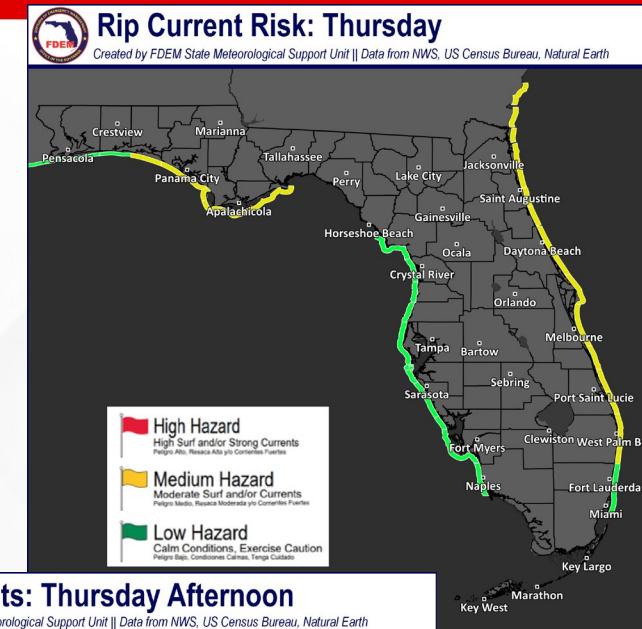
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Okaloosa County, background to low concentrations in Bay County, and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at very low concentrations from Palm Beach County. It was not observed 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 12.63 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.96 feet below normal for this time of year.



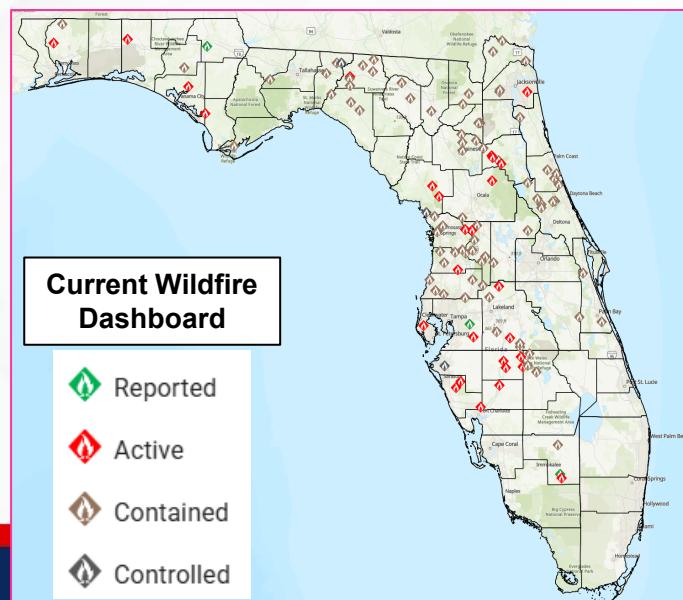
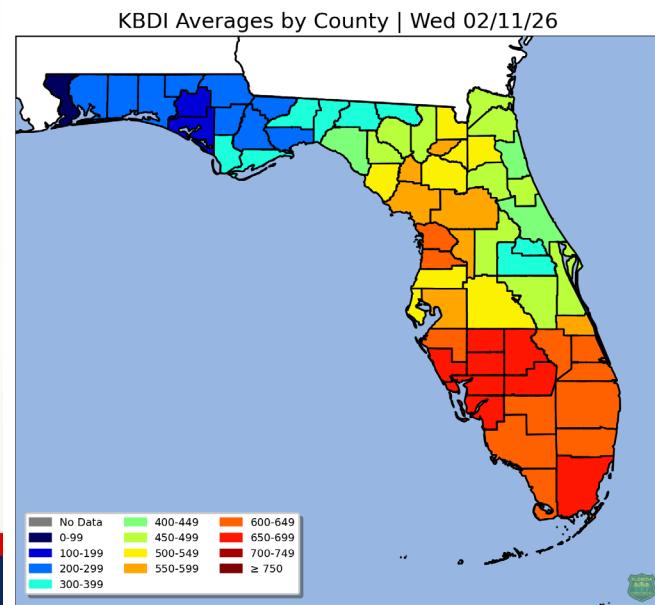
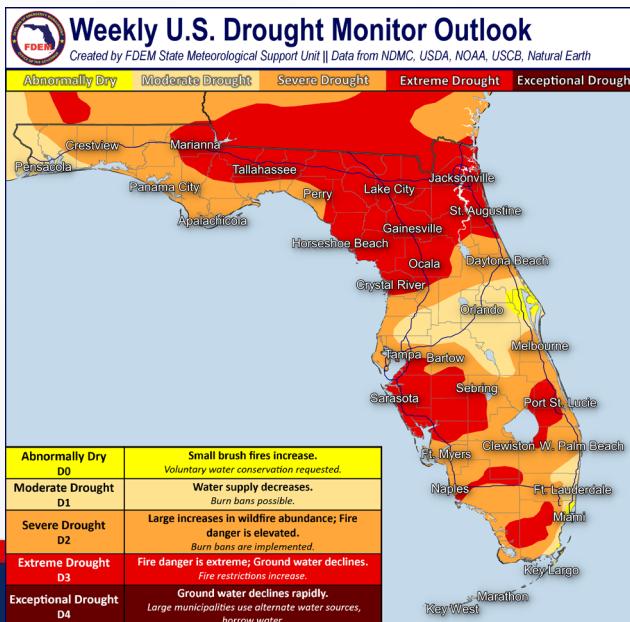


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Foggy conditions and low clouds can be expected throughout the morning hours across Central and South Florida as it slowly lifts and dissipates. Mostly dry conditions are expected across North and South Florida, with a weak frontal boundary bringing a few isolated showers to Central Florida. Pockets of lower relative humidities are expected across North and South Florida this afternoon, especially north of the I-10 corridor where RH values may dip to **near critical thresholds (30-40%)**. Winds will remain light statewide, though the ongoing **severe to extreme drought** across much of the state will encourage **elevated wildfire conditions**. Relative humidities will quickly recover overnight, though another round of patchy dense fog is possible across Central and South Florida. **Foggy conditions combined with wildfire smoke will lead to reduced visibilities.** According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 111 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 6,836 acres.

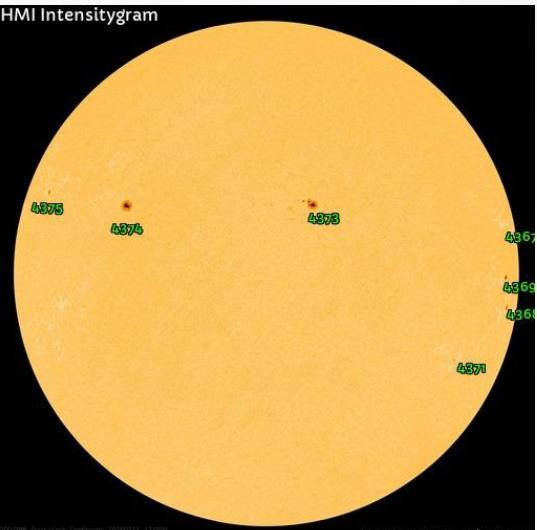
**Drought (2/12/26):** It has become a recent theme in the weather pattern for a frontal passage to sweep through portions of the state every week or so with light to moderate rainfall. However, rainfall totals with these frontal passages have been short of alleviating with very little relief to the ongoing drought. The most recent frontal passage, about a week ago on 2/5, continued this theme with light rain across the state but totals mainly below 0.5". With little rainfall from this system and mostly warm, dry, and even breezy conditions at times in its wake since then, drought has worsened for much of the state as reflected in the latest Drought Monitor outlook. Across North Florida, the "wettest" location in recent weeks has been the far western Panhandle where a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** remains in place. However, across the remainder of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and Northeast Florida, **severe (level 2 of 4)** to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** is still outlooked where 60-day rainfall departures are between 4-7". Streamflows in these areas continue to decline and run well below normal. In this week's most recent outlook, the biggest change was further expansion of the **extreme drought** eastward across the remainder of Northeast Florida to the coastline. Some slight expansion westward into Jackson County was also added as well. Throughout Central Florida and along the I-4 corridor, the abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions have been mostly upgraded to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** in the most recent outlook. Locally heavier rainfall has fallen along the I-4 corridor since late Autumn, though dry conditions in recent weeks have begun to bring further drought deterioration. Worsening of drought was also noted in portions of South Florida with only the coastal areas of Southeast Florida remaining in a moderate drought. Elsewhere, a **severe to extreme drought** is in place, with the newest pockets of extreme drought across interior Martin and St. Lucie counties, interior Monroe and Miami-Dade counties, and Collier/Hendry counties. 60-day rainfall departures throughout South Florida have grown to 2-4" for most locations, with pockets of 5" departures in localized areas. Recent KBDI also indicates short-term "flash drought" has worsened across all South Florida with widespread county-averaged values of greater than 600. A recent uptick in wildfire activity has been observed because of the worsening drought and dry conditions. Over the next week, a strong cold front is forecast to pass through the state Sunday and early Monday (2/15-2/16) with scattered showers and a few embedded thunderstorms. Some of this activity could bring a few locally heavy downpours, and rainfall totals are forecast to reach 1-2" for much of the Panhandle and Big Bend. However, this activity will likely begin to weaken as it treks south and east across the Peninsula with rainfall totals below 1" across Central Florida and below 0.5" in South Florida. Although there could be some *beneficial* rains to North Florida with this front, rainfall totals will not be nearly enough to put much of a dent in the drought. Similarly across Central and South Florida, though even lower rainfall totals will encourage worsening drought which will likely be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor. As of this outlook, nearly 99% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **491 (+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).

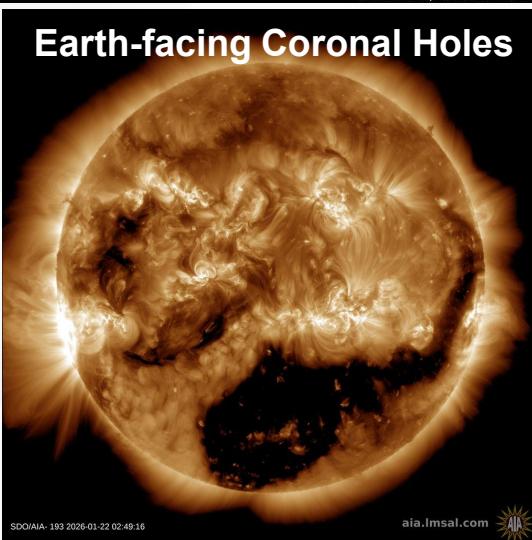




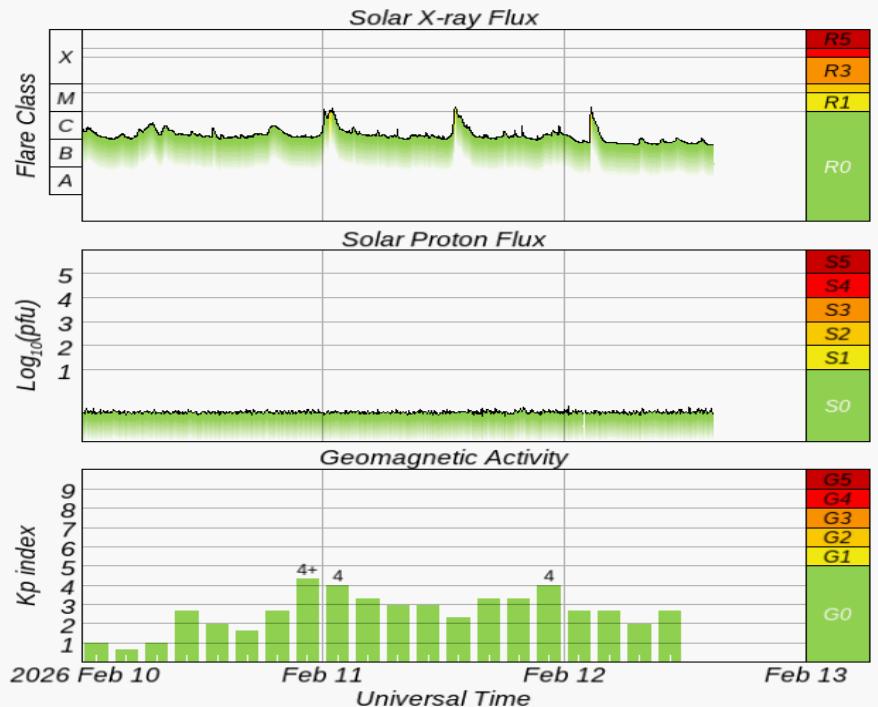
# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to return to low levels as sunspot #4366 has rotated off the western limb of the sun. There remains a slight chance of a strong (M-class) or significant (X-class) solar flare with the current Earth-facing sunspot activity. Should any solar flares occur, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class flares. Solar wind conditions will return to background conditions through the end of the week before some slight enhancements this weekend with a return of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. Geomagnetic activity will also be at mostly quiet levels before unsettled levels return on Saturday from the CH HSS effects and a possible weak Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). The overall threat to Florida is very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
2/12	2/13	
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
<b>Phone:</b>	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
<b>Backup Landline:</b>	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
<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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