



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Saturday, February 14, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
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	In Region	On-Call Status



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

## Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

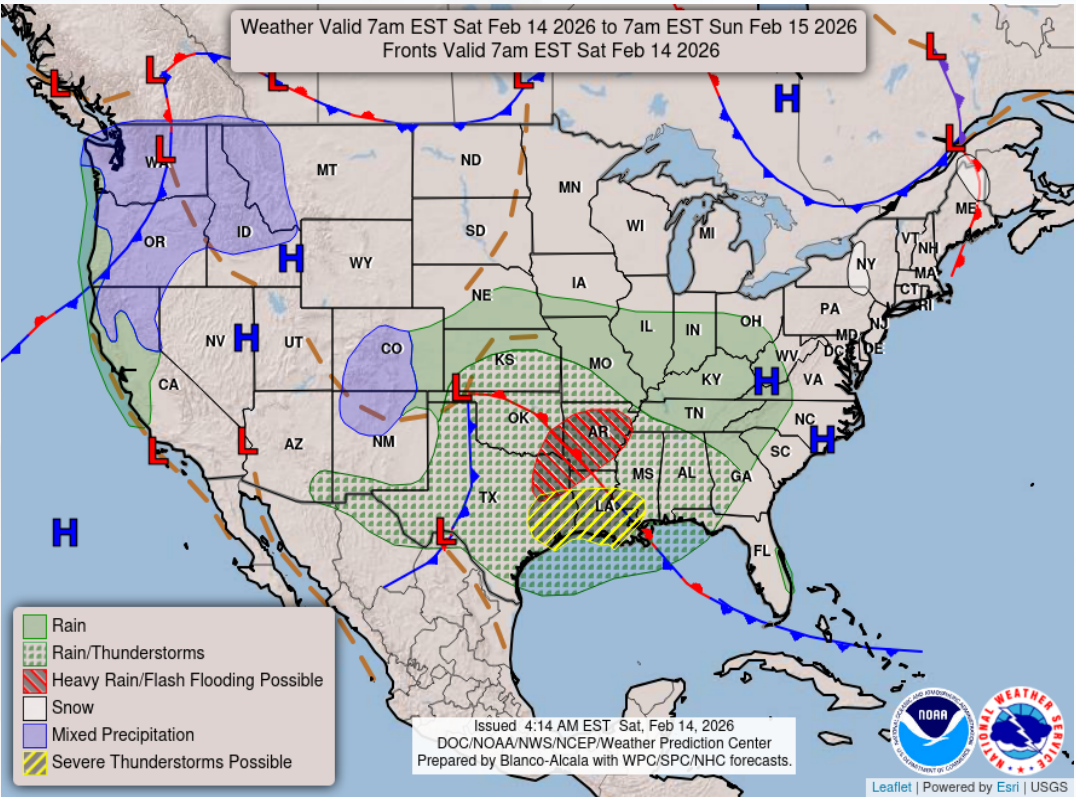
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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



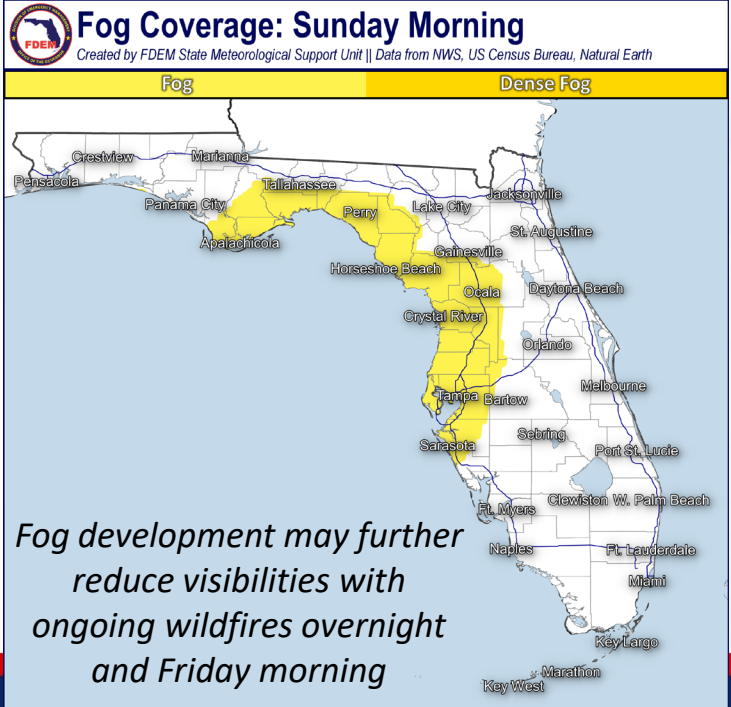
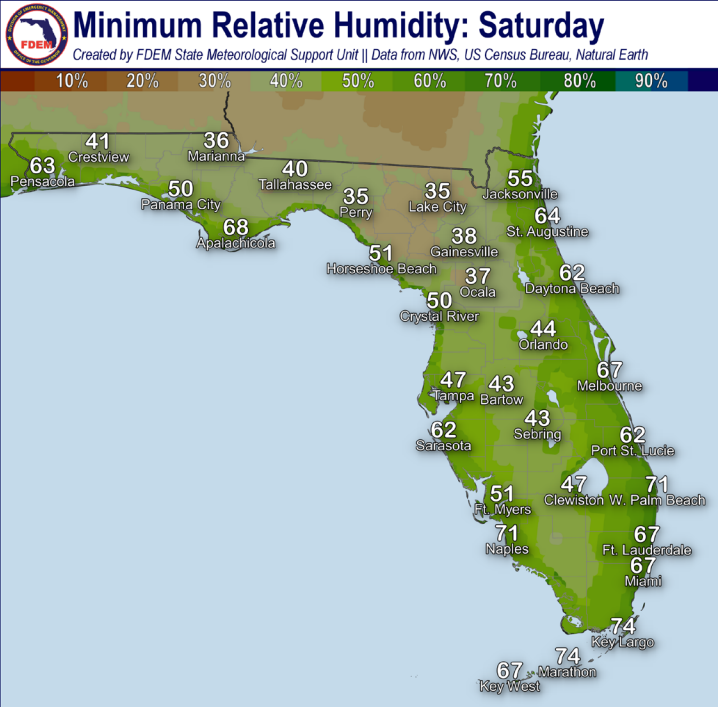


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L									
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	M	L	M	M	M		L	
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.59 ft. (1.99 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	499 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will remain centered over the Southeast U.S. today ahead of an approaching upper-level disturbance still a distance away over the lower Mississippi River Valley. This high pressure will bring another sunny, dry, and pleasant day to the state. A localized chance of a light sprinkle exists along the immediate Treasure Coast this afternoon with some coastal shower activity, though any activity will be very brief in nature (15-20% chance of rain). Pockets of **near critically low** relative humidities are expected this afternoon across North Florida and the spine of the Peninsula which, paired with ongoing drought, will continue to promote **elevated wildfire conditions**.

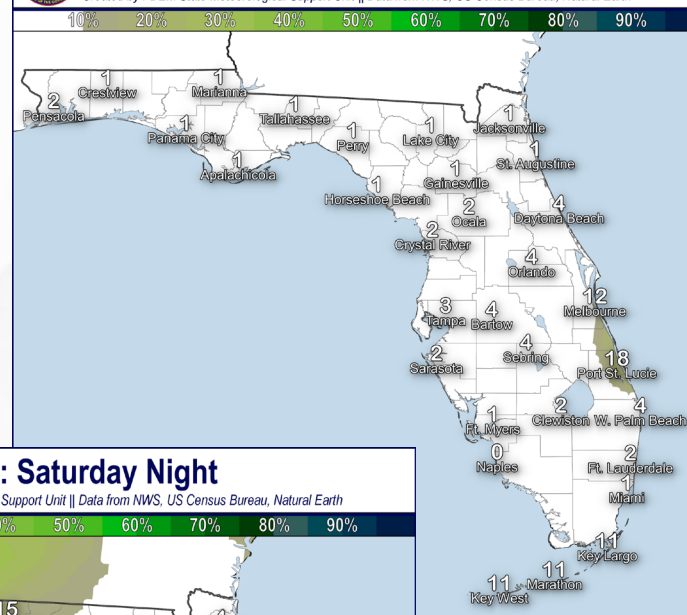
High temperatures will climb into the middle to upper 70s across North Florida this afternoon and upper 70s to lower 80s throughout Central and South Florida. Coastal and beach locations of North Florida will remain cooler with onshore flow where highs in the middle to upper 60s are expected.

Mostly dry conditions will continue to prevail tonight for much of the state as the potent upper-level disturbance to the west approaches. Southerly flow ahead of this disturbance will usher in moist, cool air from the Gulf onshore across the Big Bend, Nature Coast, and portions of West-Central Florida which may lead to **fog and low clouds** to develop after midnight. Some of this fog could be **locally dense** and **Dense Fog Advisories** may be issued if conditions warrant. Closer to the actual frontal disturbance, scattered showers will begin to develop well ahead of the front across the western Panhandle after midnight (60-80% chance of rain), spreading across the eastern Panhandle and western Big Bend before sunrise (25-50% chance of rain). Overall coverage of these showers and locally embedded thunderstorms will increase towards daybreak as a more organized line of activity enters the Panhandle around sunrise. Breezy southerly winds will begin to develop ahead of the front, with wind gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** expected across the western Panhandle by early Sunday morning. Low temperatures tonight will remain in the 50s for most, with middle 60s to lower 70s along coastal Southeast Florida and the Keys.



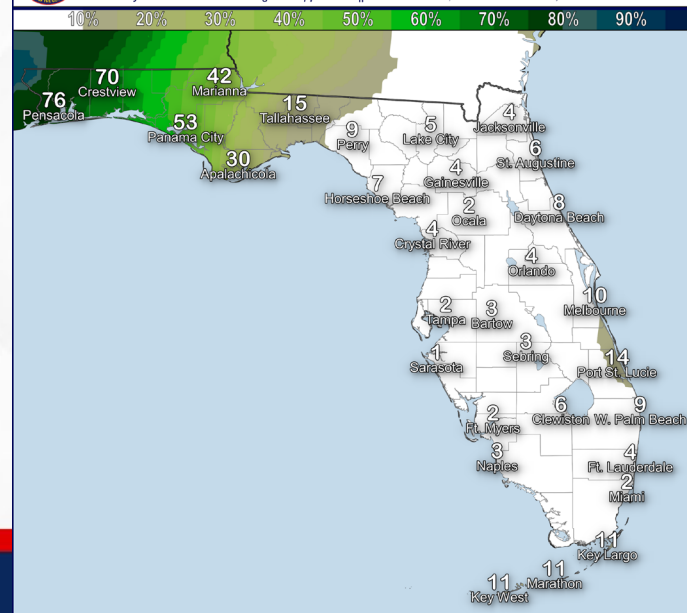
### Chance of Rain: Saturday

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### Chance of Rain: Saturday Night

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# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Lighter onshore winds and relatively calm seas will continue to bring a **moderate risk for rip currents** to all Panhandle and East Coast beaches today. 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' are possible along East Coast beaches this afternoon. Tonight, waves will begin to increase along Panhandle beaches ahead of our next frontal system. Surf of **4-6'** is expected by daybreak Sunday and a **High Surf Advisory** will go into effect at 3 AM CST tonight for Escambia, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa County beaches.

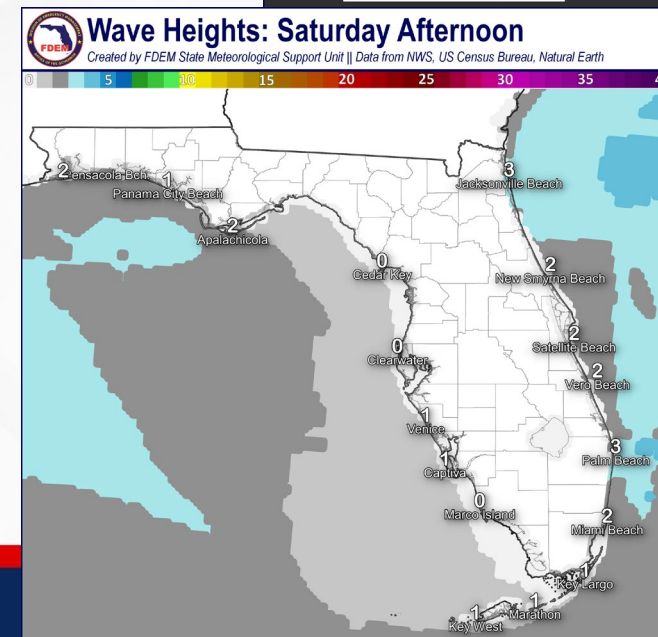
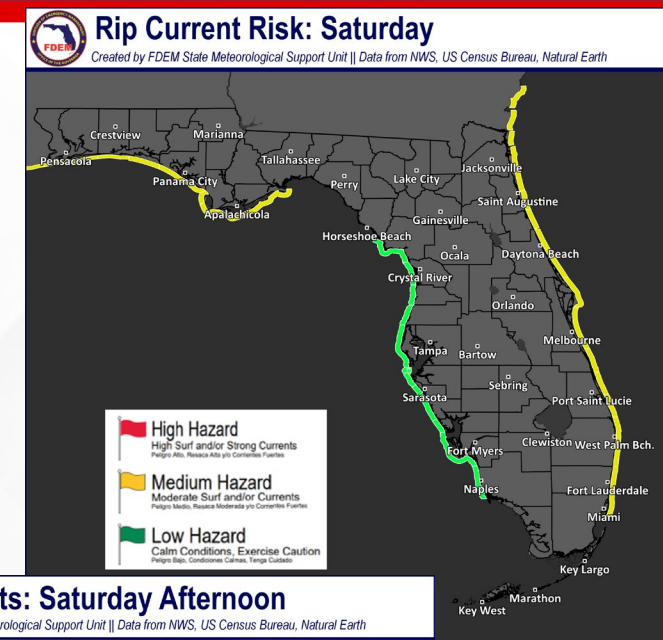
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Bay County and background to very low concentrations in Gulf County. Along the Florida East Coast, red tide was observed at background to very low concentrations from Palm Beach County. It was not observed in Southwest Florida over the past week (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 or tonight. Scattered showers streaming from south to north are expected to develop after midnight across the Panhandle ahead of an approaching cold front traversing along the Gulf Coast. Rainfall totals will remain mainly below 0.5" before daybreak Sunday, though locally higher amounts **upwards of 1"** cannot be ruled out.

**Riverine Flooding:** There are no riverine concerns across Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.59 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.99 feet **below** normal for this time of year.





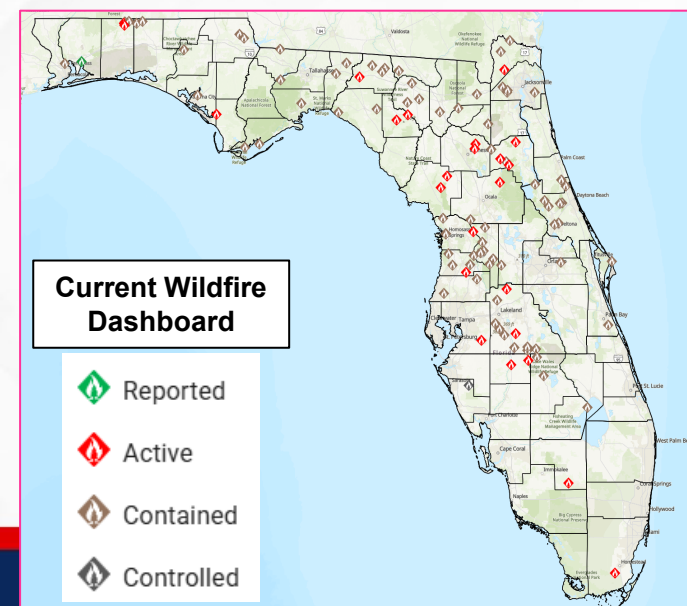
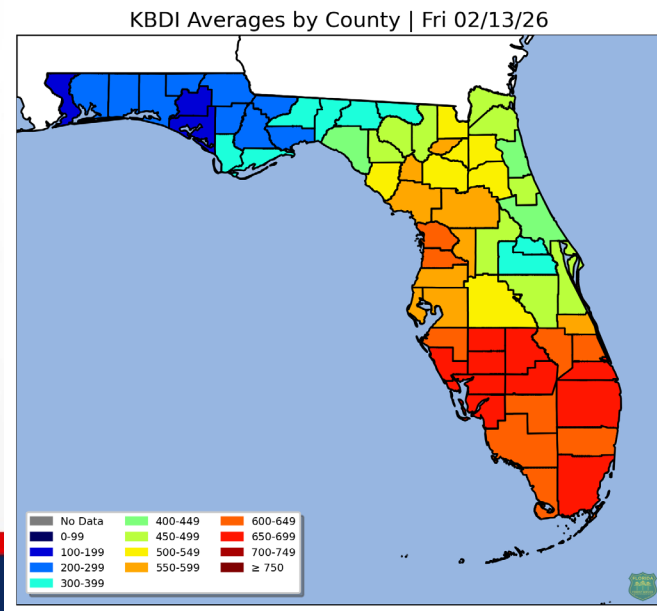
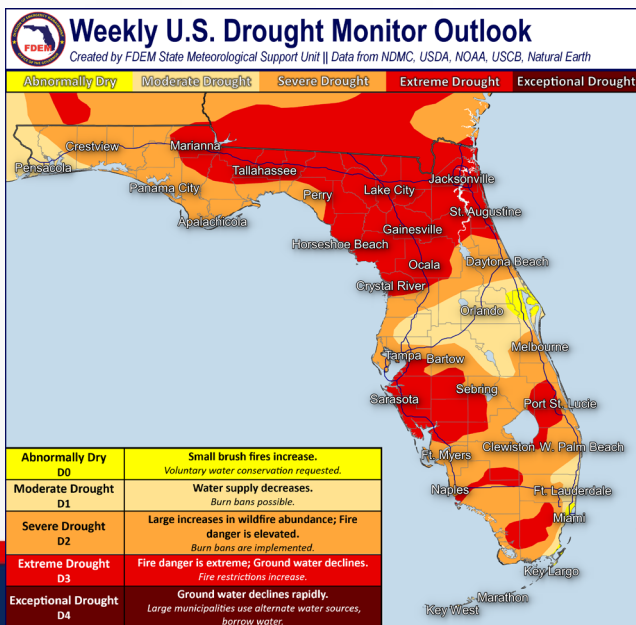


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Another mostly sunny and dry day is expected across the state as dry air filters throughout much of North Florida and the spine of the Peninsula. Pockets of **near critically low** relative humidities are expected (35-40%), especially across interior Northeast Florida. Winds are expected to be generally light today, though a few gusts upwards of 15-20 mph are possible, especially along the I-95 corridor and East Florida. **Elevated wildfire conditions** will persist given the ongoing severe to extreme drought across much of the state. *Locally greater wildfire risk cannot be ruled out.* Relative humidities will quickly recover overnight, though another round of **patchy dense fog** is possible along coastal Big Bend and the Nature Coast after midnight. *Foggy conditions combined with wildfire smoke will lead to reduced visibilities.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 103 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,167 acres.

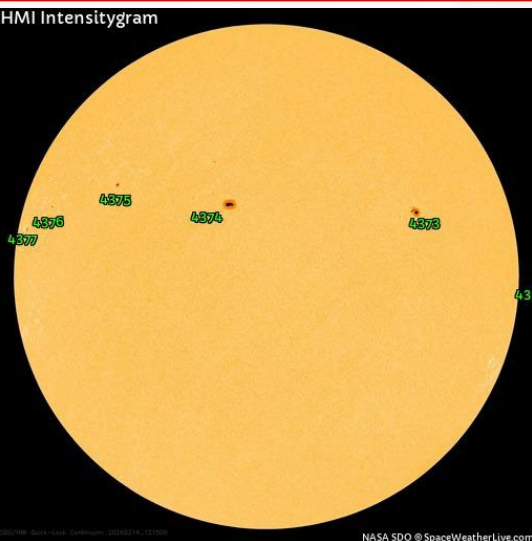
**Drought (2/12/26):** It has become a recent theme in the weather pattern for a frontal passage to sweep through portions of the state every week or so with light to moderate rainfall. However, rainfall totals with these frontal passages have been short of alleviating with very little relief to the 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 **499 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **35** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

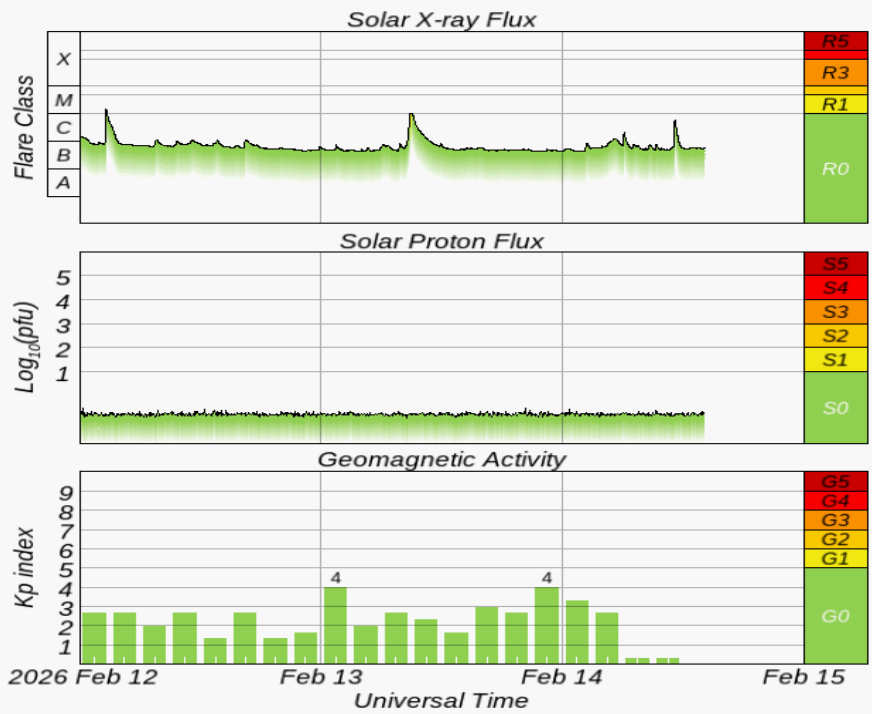
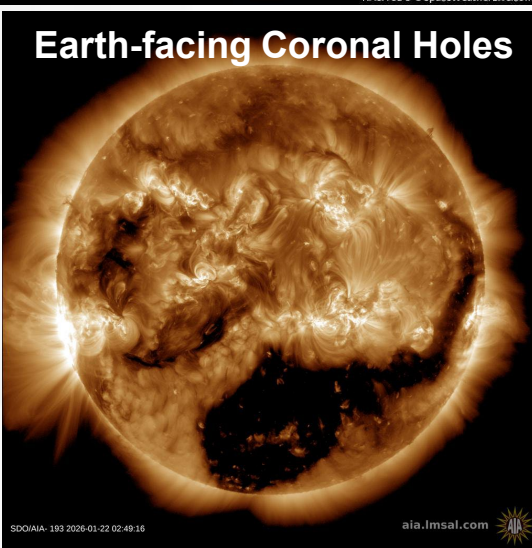




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
2/14	2/15
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Monday with a slight chance for a strong (M-class) solar flare. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class flares that do occur. The solar wind will become increasingly enhanced today as coronal hole influences return. Additional enhancements from a few weak glancing Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) are possible through Monday as well. These influences will also lead to periods of minor (G1) geomagnetic storming Sunday and Monday, with an isolated chance for moderate (G2) storm periods on Sunday. The overall threat to Florida is low.



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Email:	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	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	
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