



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, March 10, 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	Response & Finance Meeting / Statewide Exercise MSEL Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Response & Finance Meeting / Statewide Exercise MSEL Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	Response & Finance Meeting / Statewide Exercise MSEL Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	SRT Assessment (JFRD FL-TF5) / RDSTF Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange, Seminole	Community Outreach Event / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Martin	G-141 Course
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	St Lucie	Response & Finance Meeting / Statewide Exercise MSEL Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Glades	G-300 Course
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Warehouse Fire Response / Turkey Point NPP Ingestion Pathway Workshop

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 7

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Holmes	Partners Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Mitigate FL
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Mitigation Quarterly Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leave	See Coverage
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pasco	Expo Planning Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Mitigate FL
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Mitigate FL

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

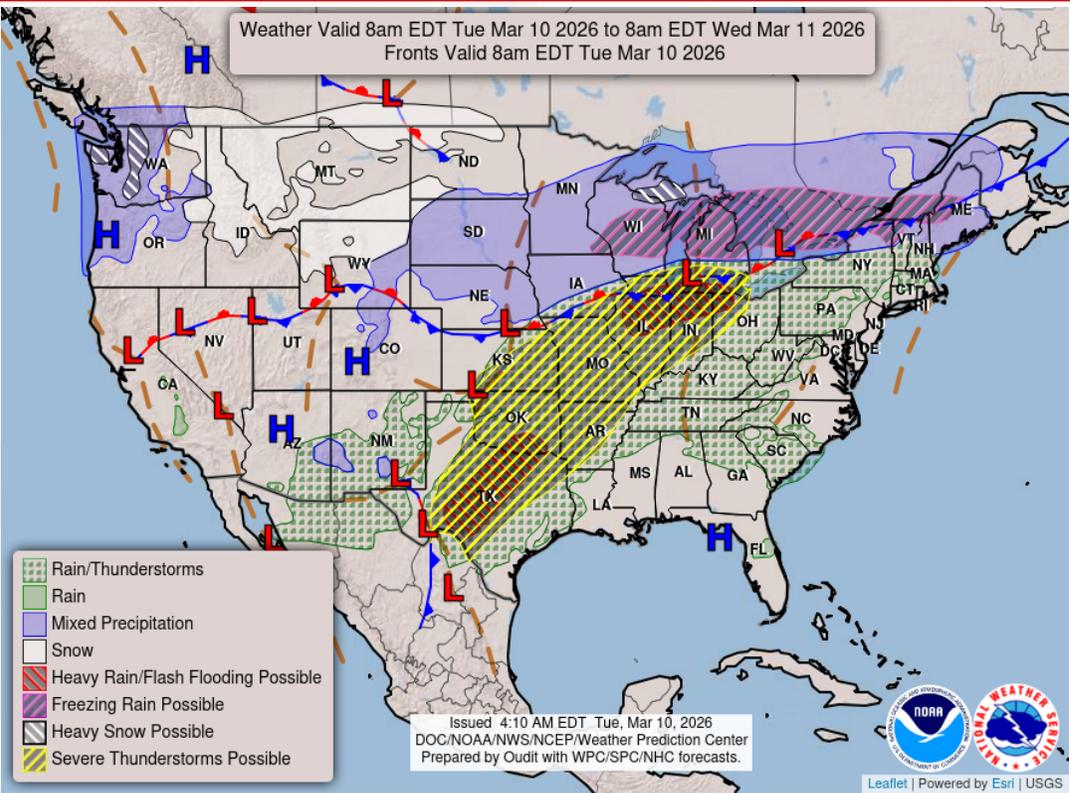
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

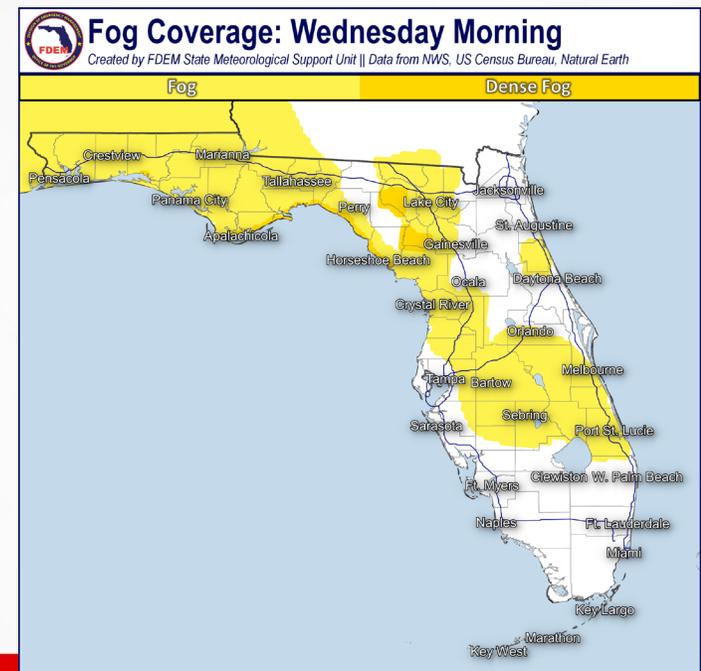
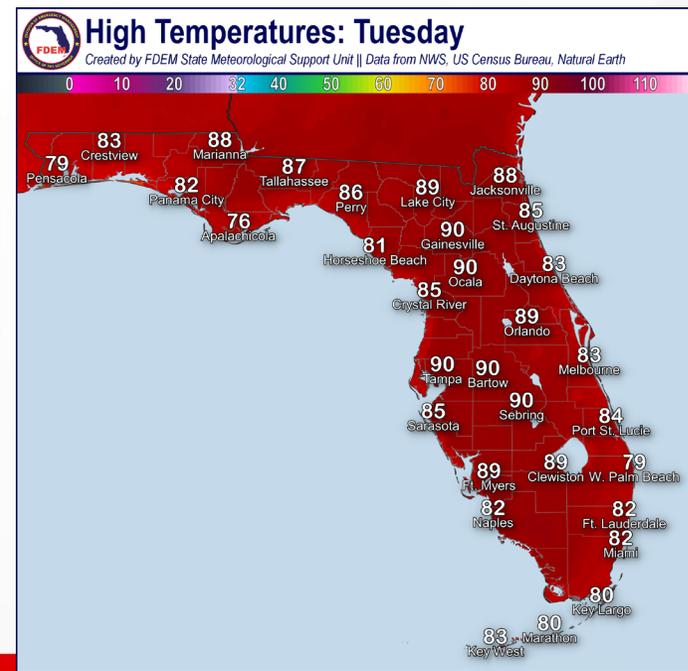


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	L	L	M	L	M	L	M	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.24 ft. (2.24 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	490 (-2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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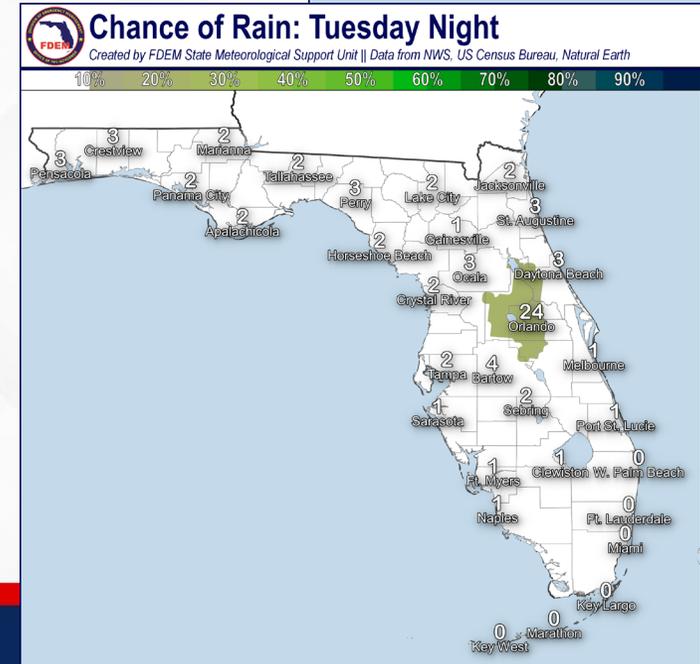
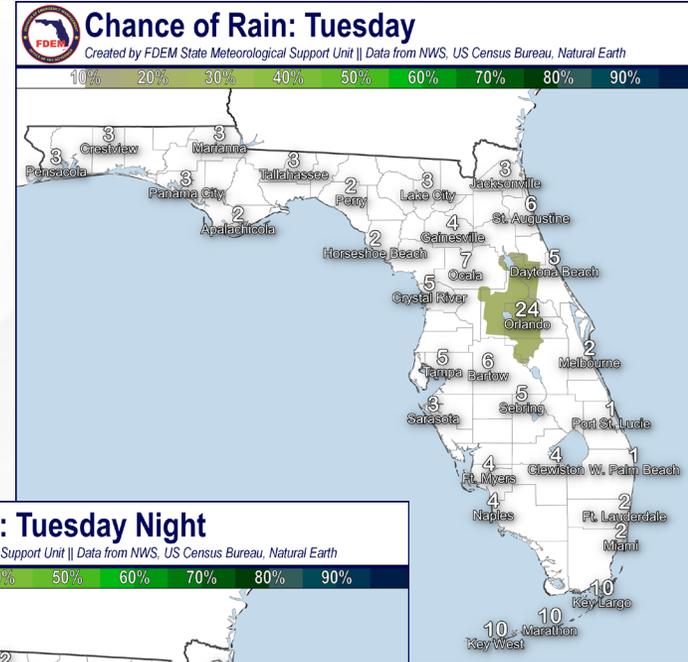
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Low clouds and fog this morning across the state will slowly and gradually lift leading to a mixture of sunshine and cloud cover today. High pressure extending over the state will keep rain chances minimal today, but the sea breeze may allow for a few brief showers along East-Central Florida this afternoon and evening (10-20% chance of rain). Dry air aloft will help to limit thunderstorm activity from becoming embedded within any shower activity. Drier air will also lead to relative humidity values dipping **near critical thresholds (35-40%)** this afternoon across the interior Big Bend and Peninsula leading to more **sensitive wildfire conditions**.

High temperatures will extend well into the 80s and **lower 90s** across the state, with several areas anticipating **record-breaking high temperatures** for the day.

Calm and dry conditions can be expected to persist throughout the overnight hours. Low-level moisture will help **widespread fog** develop again overnight and into Wednesday morning, with instances of **dense fog** possible.

Low temperatures will fall into the 60s and lower 70s throughout the state, with the Keys only falling into the middle 70s overnight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Numerous beaches across the state can expect a **moderate risk for rip currents**, with a **locally high risk** along Palm Beach County. West Coast beaches can still expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights of 1-3' can be expected statewide.

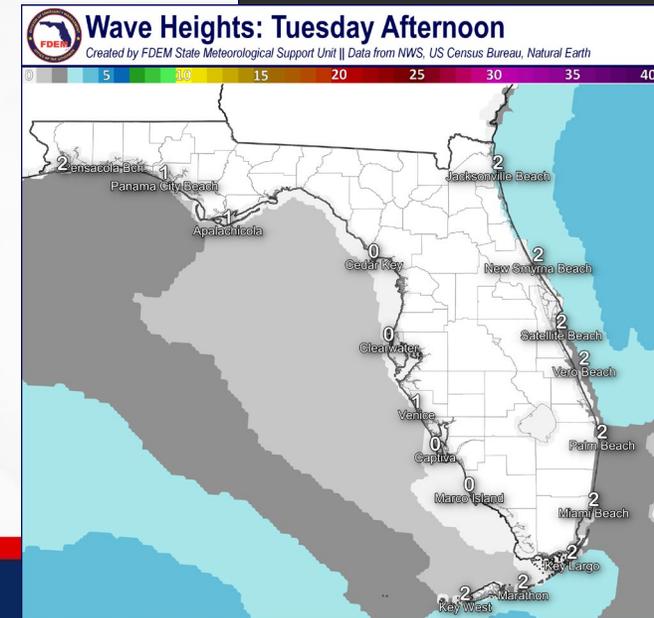
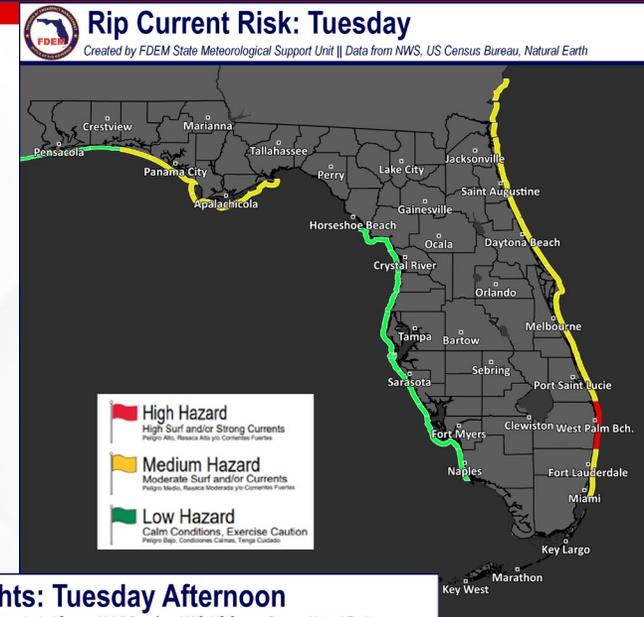
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Bay counties in Northwest Florida. It was also observed at background concentrations from Flagler County and low concentrations in Brevard County along the East Coast. It was not observed in Southwest Florida (valid 3/6/26).

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 12.24 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.24 feet below normal for this time of year.



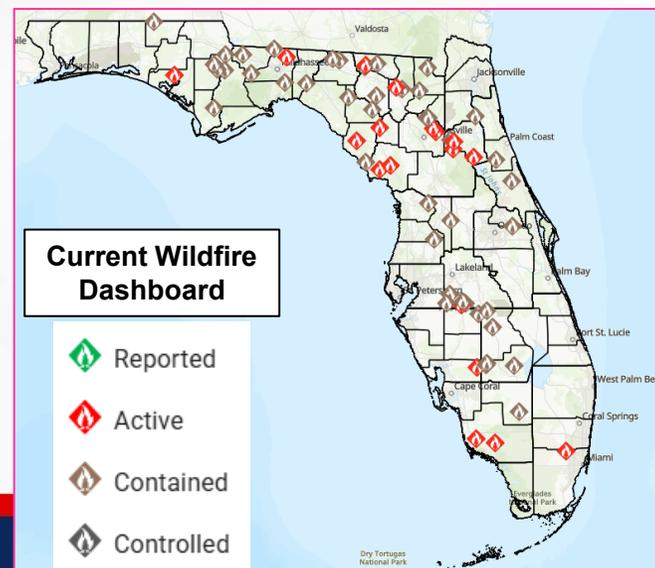
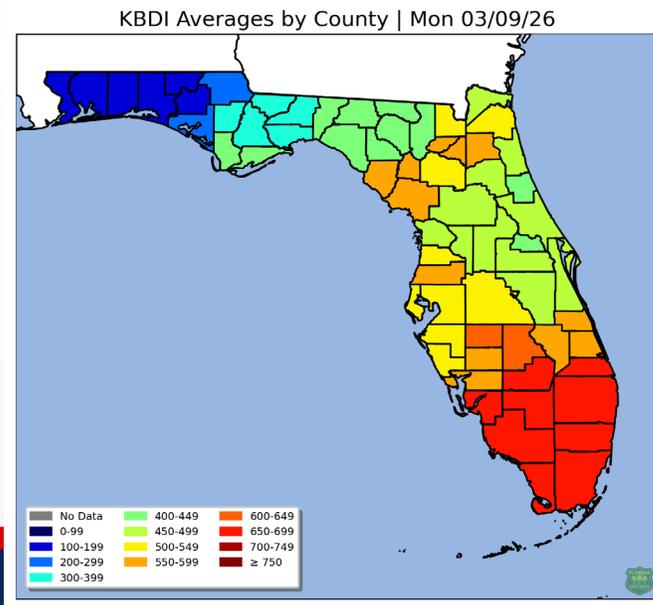
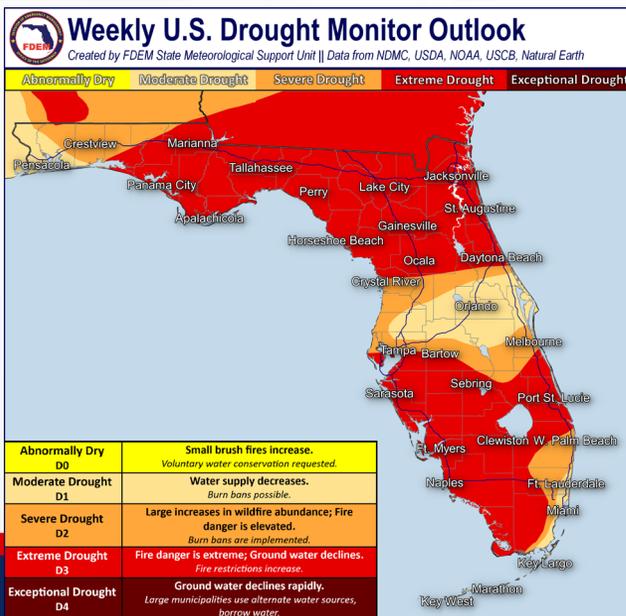


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Foggy conditions this morning throughout the state this morning will linger as it slowly mixes out and lifts. Dry conditions return across the Sunshine State today, leading to relative humidity values across the interior Big Bend and Peninsula falling to **near critical thresholds (35-40%)**. Winds will remain light throughout the day, with wind gusts reaching 10-15 mph. Slightly stronger wind gusts upwards of 20 mph cannot be ruled out across portions of South Florida and the Keys late this afternoon. A few brief showers may develop along East-Central Florida this afternoon, but activity should remain light. Another round of **widespread fog** can be expected to develop statewide overnight and into the morning, with **dense fog conditions** possible. *Foggy conditions will further reduce visibilities where there are ongoing wildfires.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 61 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,464 acres.

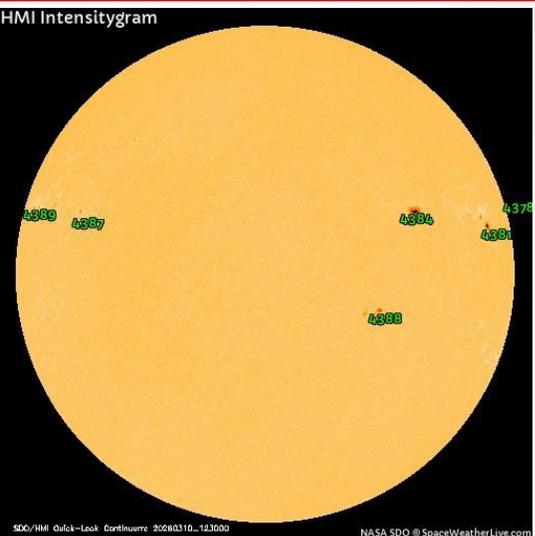
Drought (3/5/26): The cold front that swept through the state last weekend (2/27-2/28) brought some “beneficial” rains to portions of the state, yet totals were still not enough to provide any real relief or alleviation to the ongoing long-term drought that has stricken Florida. The heaviest totals were found across the Panhandle and in pockets throughout Central Florida, generally upwards of 2-2.5” or so. However, other portions of the state, such as interior South Florida, saw negligible rainfall. This was reflected in the latest Drought Monitor update this week where the previous severe drought has been upgraded to an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across the remainder of Collier, Lee, and Hendry counties. As such, all Southwest Florida is now under the extreme drought category as 90-day rainfall departures remain at **3-5” below normal**. Elsewhere, no significant changes were made to the Drought Monitor this week. An **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists across nearly all North Florida, outside of the western Panhandle that remains under a **moderate (level 1 of 4) to severe (level 2 of 4) drought**. The largest rainfall departures in the past 3 months of **5-7” below normal** is found across North Florida where streamflows remain well below normal, recreational and agricultural impacts have worsened, and brush wildfires continue to remain a concern. A **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** remains across much of the I-4 corridor where locally heavier rains have fallen in the past few months. The extreme drought conditions have brought increasing wildfire conditions as well, especially throughout South Florida where a few large wildfires have broken out (i.e. the National Wildfire burning nearly 35,000 acres). As of this update, 100% of the land across Florida remains within a category of drought and 70% of the state under an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. The rainfall forecast through the next week does not look promising for any improvements to the drought. A few isolated showers or embedded thunderstorms could bring pockets of heavier rainfall to portions of the Peninsula as the local sea breezes begin to wake up amidst warmer temperatures, though widespread drenching rains are not expected.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **490 (-2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

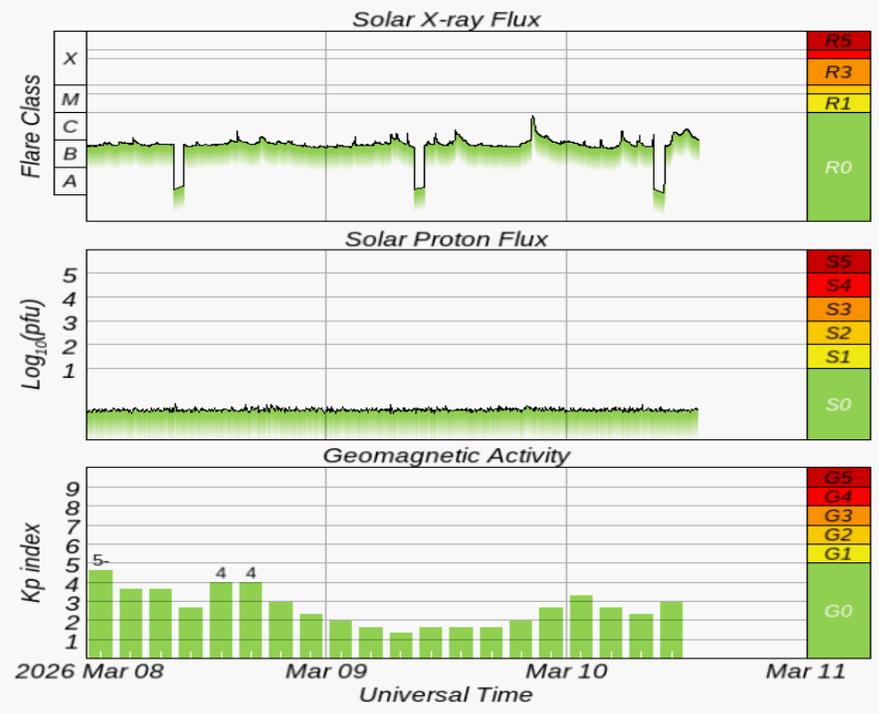
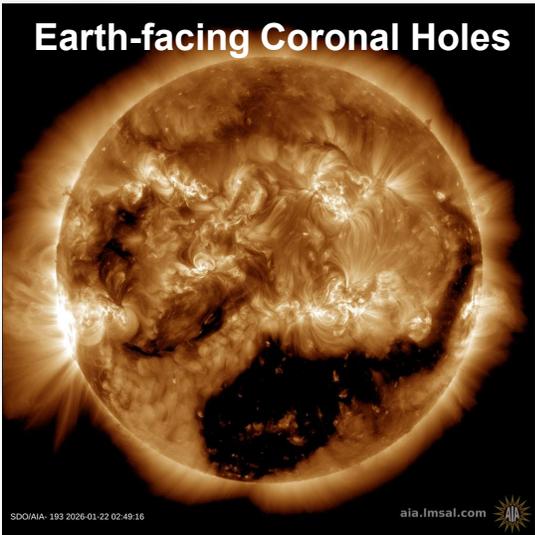




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
3/10	3/11
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity remains low with a slight chance for strong (M-class) solar flares if any of the current sunspots or new ones that develop become active. Should an M-class flare develop it will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain slightly enhanced as Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) conditions continue to wane and transient effects from the Coronal Mass Ejection (CME). The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet to unsettled with ongoing CH HSS and CME influences before returning to mostly quiet tomorrow. The overall space 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	
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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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Operational	
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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