Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, March 29, 2026

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2: Partial 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
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
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

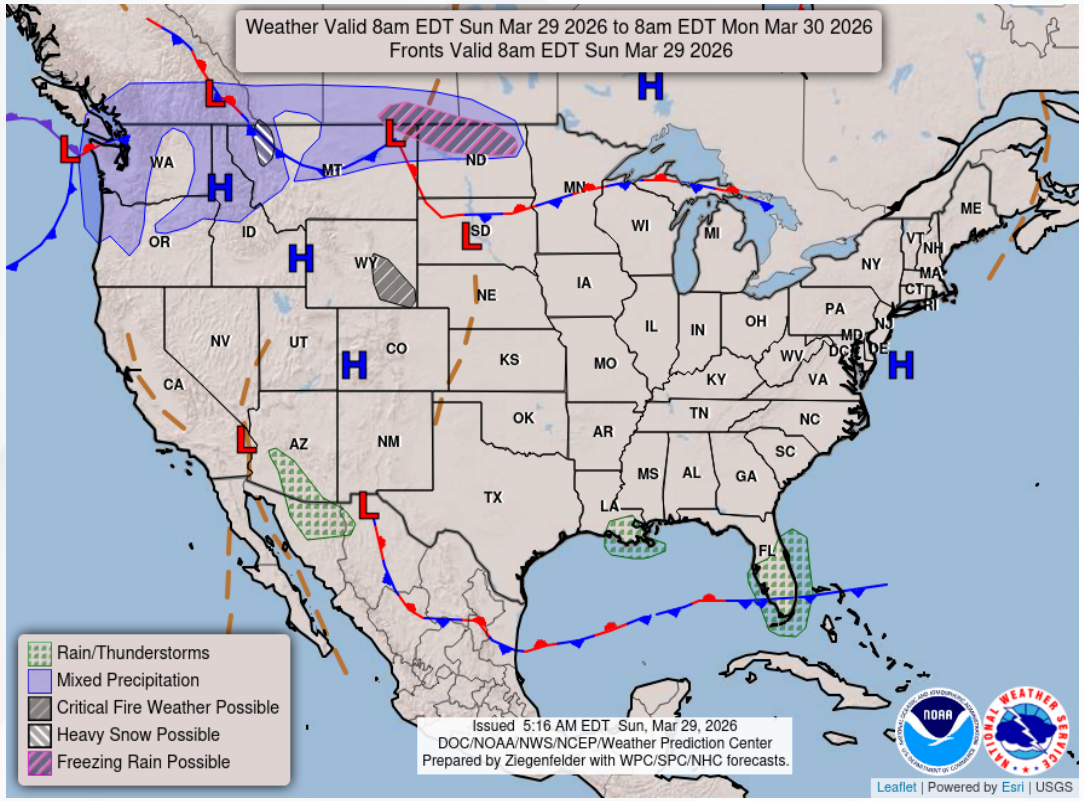
Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

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	Not Available
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

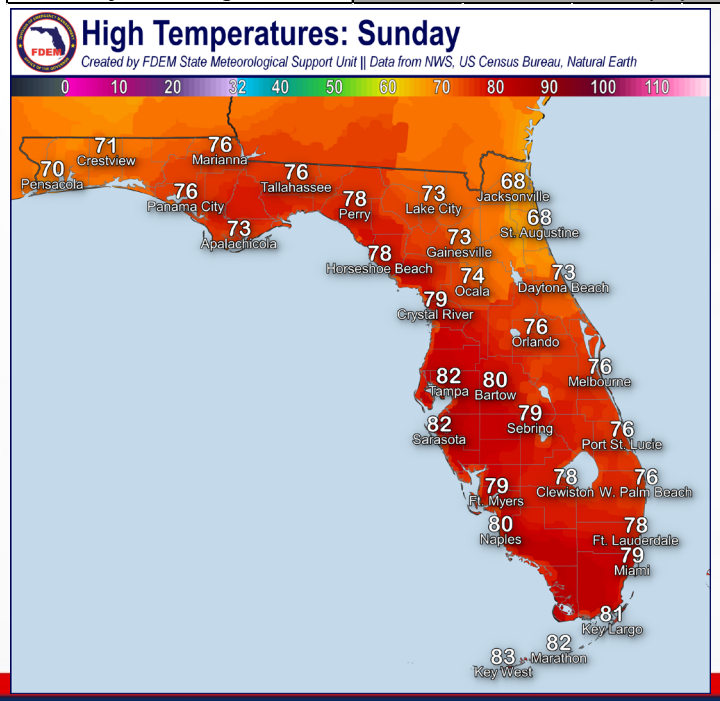
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

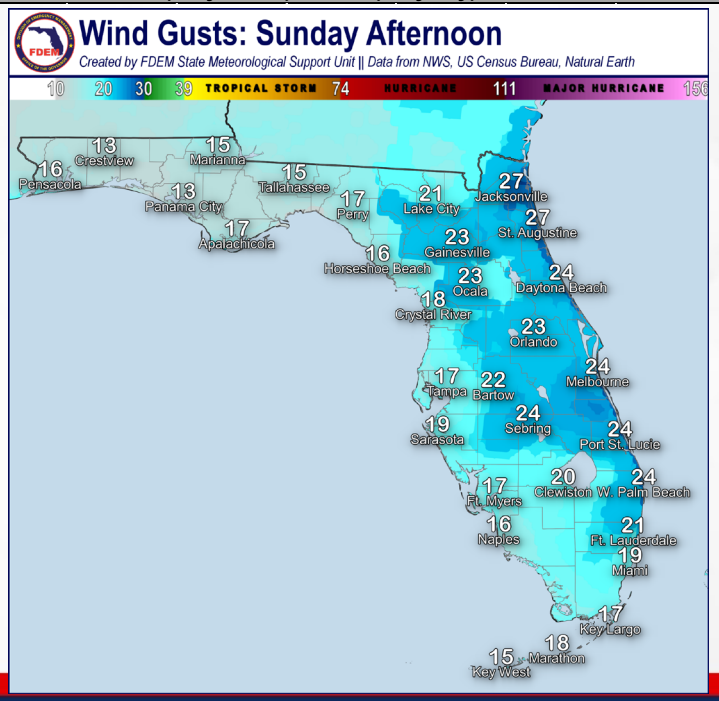
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning					L	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L		L
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.92 ft. (2.41 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	483 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



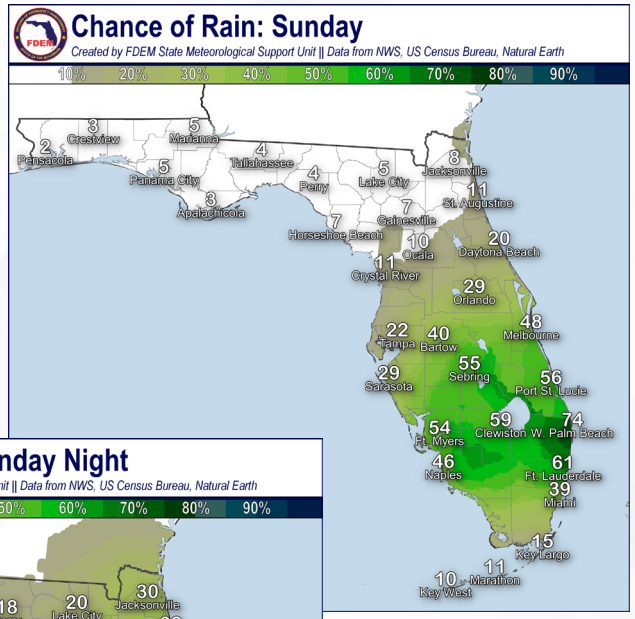


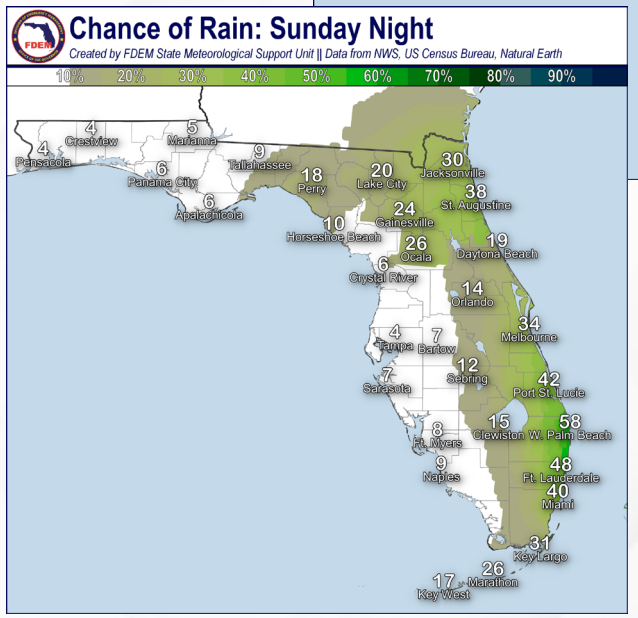
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A stalled frontal boundary is promoting the development of morning showers over the southern Florida Peninsula this morning and will further support an unsettled weather day south of the I-4 corridor (45-65% chance of rain). The greatest rain chances again today will reside along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline as onshore flow funnels ample moisture to the I-95 corridor (65-80% chance of rain). While there is no organized risk of severe weather or flash flooding, a **locally strong thunderstorm** cannot be ruled out later this afternoon. Lightning, gusty winds, and **heavy downpours** may accompany any of the more organized shower and thunderstorm activity; any location that sees multiple rounds of shower and thunderstorm activity may experience instances of **ponding water and flooding** over the urban and metro Southeast Florida corridor. The breezy easterly wind regime will continue for much of the Sunshine State, with **Wind Advisories** remaining in effect along the Florida East Coast until 4:00 PM ET this afternoon for **wind gusts** reaching upwards of **30-40 mph**. Easterly winds will also work to filter moisture back to North and Central Florida north of the frontal boundary leading to isolated showers initiating today and this evening (10-30% chance of rain). While rain and thunderstorm activity becomes less widespread after sunset, lingering shower activity can be expected through the Florida Peninsula tonight (30-60% chance of rain).

Windy conditions and increased cloud cover will keep temperatures on the cooler side this afternoon, with highs remaining in the 70s nearly statewide. Shielded from the easterly flow, afternoon highs will be able to reach the lower 80s along the Florida West Coast prior to any arriving rain and thunderstorm activity. Clouds slightly clear tonight, allowing for overnight temperatures to fall into the 50s across North Florida; however, lows remain in the 60s and 70s throughout the remainder of the state.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Windy conditions will maintain rough surf and dangerous swimming conditions to many Florida coastlines. A **moderate to high risk of rip currents** can be expected for all Florida Panhandle and East Coast beaches, with low risk conditions residing along the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Dangerous beach and marine conditions** continue along the Florida East Coast today, with **High Surf Advisories** remaining in effect until late Monday afternoon. **Wave heights** of **6-10'** persist at Atlantic Coast beaches, with **locally higher breakers** upwards of **11-12'** possible along the southern Space Coast and Treasure Coast. Wave heights of 2-3' continue for most Florida Gulf Coast beaches, with **locally higher wave heights** of **4'** possible for the western Florida Panhandle coastline.

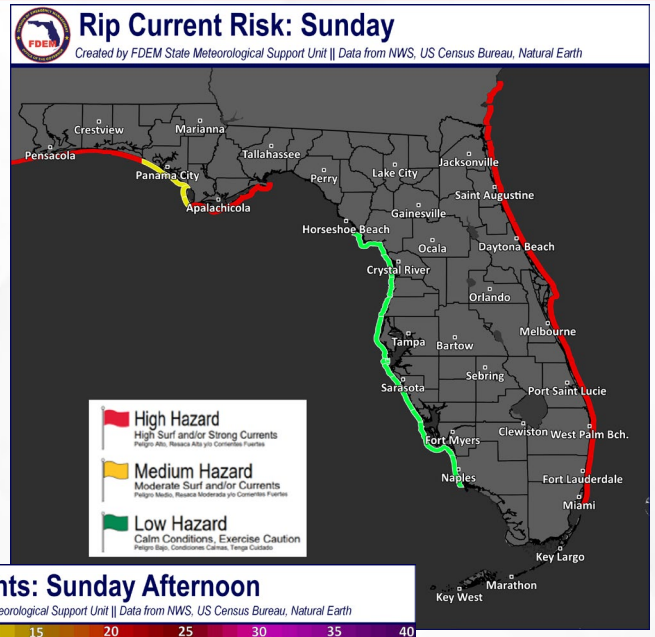
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in and offshore Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf counties. It was also observed at very low concentrations in Brevard County (valid 3/27/26).

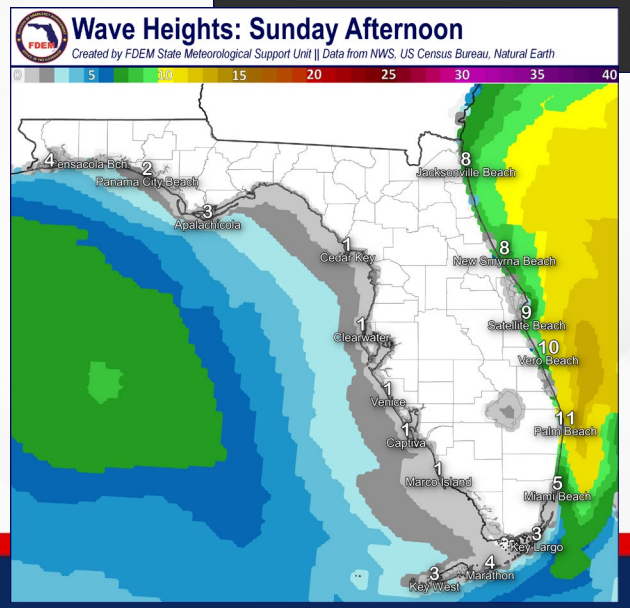
Coastal Flooding: Strong onshore winds and high surf along the Florida East Coast will allow for instances of **minor to locally moderate beach erosion** at or near times of high tide today through Monday.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding across Florida today. A cold front will remain stalled across South Florida later tonight. Sufficient moisture will allow for isolated to widely scattered showers to develop this afternoon along this front. A few **locally heavy downpours** cannot be ruled out and any areas that receive repeated rounds of heavier activity could see **localized flooding and ponding of water,** especially in urban and poor-drainage areas of Southeast Florida. Rainfall totals will generally remain between 1-2" through tonight, though locally heavier totals **upwards of 3-5"** 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 11.92 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.41 feet below normal for this time of year.



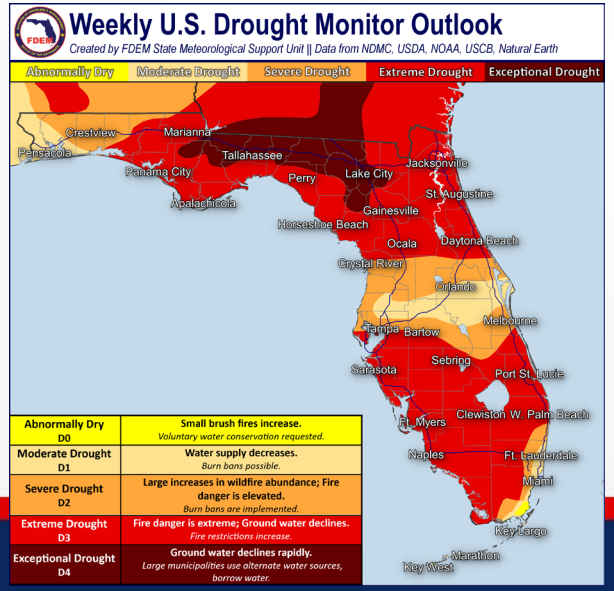


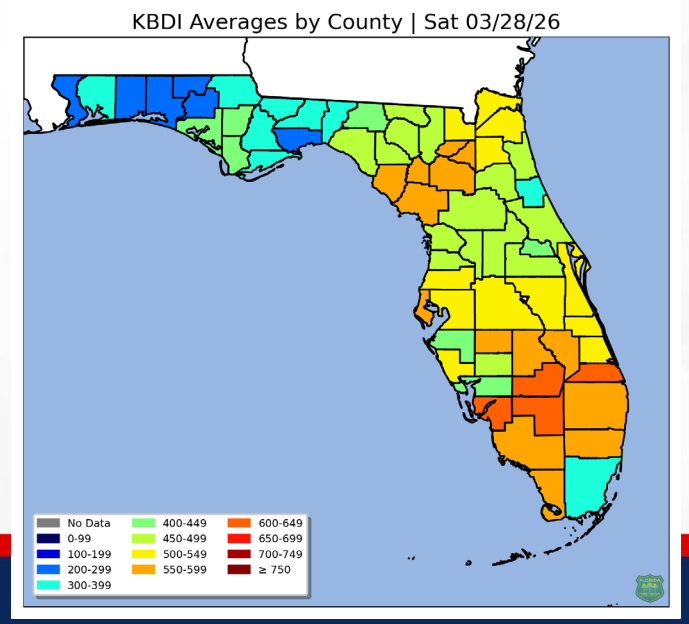
Drought & Fire Weather

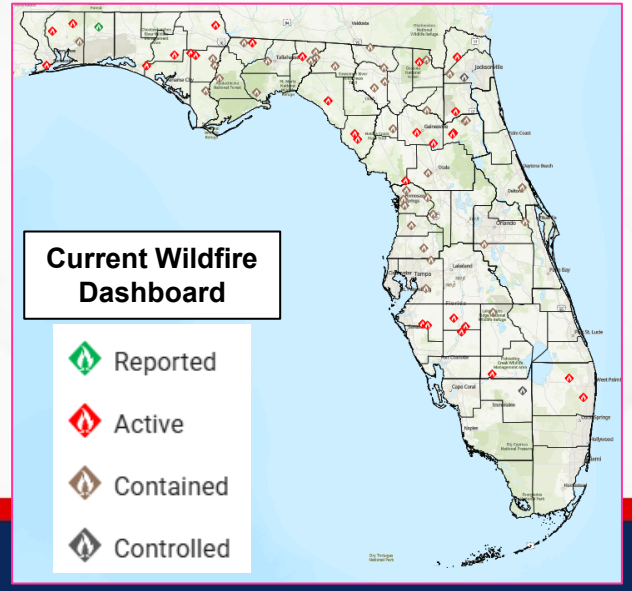
Fire Weather: A frontal system will generally, stall over the southern Florida Peninsula today, allowing for some recovery in the low-level moisture across the Sunshine State. However, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** continue statewide, courtesy of **breezy easterly winds** and sparse rain chances north of the I-4 corridor. **Wind speeds** of **10-20 mph** look to develop through the day throughout the Florida Peninsula, with **wind gusts** of **20-25 mph** likely. Locally higher wind gusts reaching upwards of **30 mph** will be possible along the immediate Atlantic Coast. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be possible in Central and South Florida regions this afternoon; thunderstorms may be capable of producing lightning strikes and gusty winds which may lead to new ignitions or erratic spread, respectively. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 68 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 4,125 acres.

Drought (3/26/26): Very little in the way of any beneficial or meaningful rainfall was observed over the past week across the state with status quo drought conditions continuing. The heaviest rainfall over the past week was observed along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline and portions of East-Central Florida with totals upwards of 1-3". However, these totals were very localized with many locations seeing little to no rain. Widespread **severe (level 2 of 4) to extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** continues nearly statewide, with the largest change occurring across the Big Bend region. **Exceptional (level 4 of 4) drought** has been expanded across much of the I-10 corridor across the Big Bend and into the eastern Panhandle throughout northern Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, northern Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Gilchrist, Columbia, and Union counties. Record low streamflows and precipitation **deficits of 5-8"** persist. Soil moisture levels deep into the ground have also worsened and water management districts statewide remain under some water shortage advisory or warning. Looking ahead, a widespread drenching rainfall is not expected over the next week. Mostly dry conditions will continue throughout North Florida where the afternoon sea breezes will have less of an influence. Throughout the Peninsula, daily shower or thunderstorm activity may return starting this weekend, though activity will be scattered in coverage and drought conditions are not expected to improve.

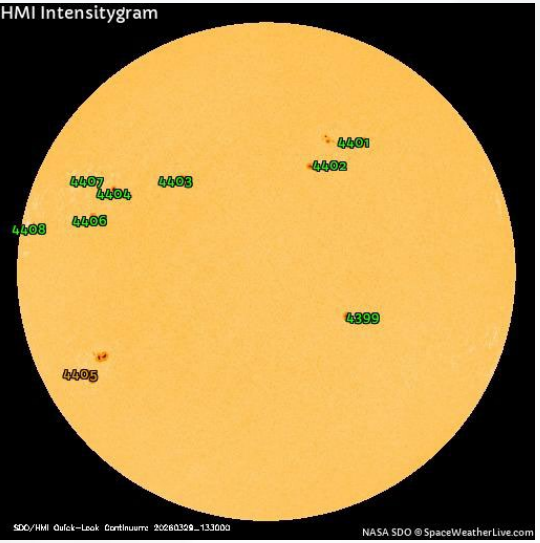
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **483** **(+8)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **30** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



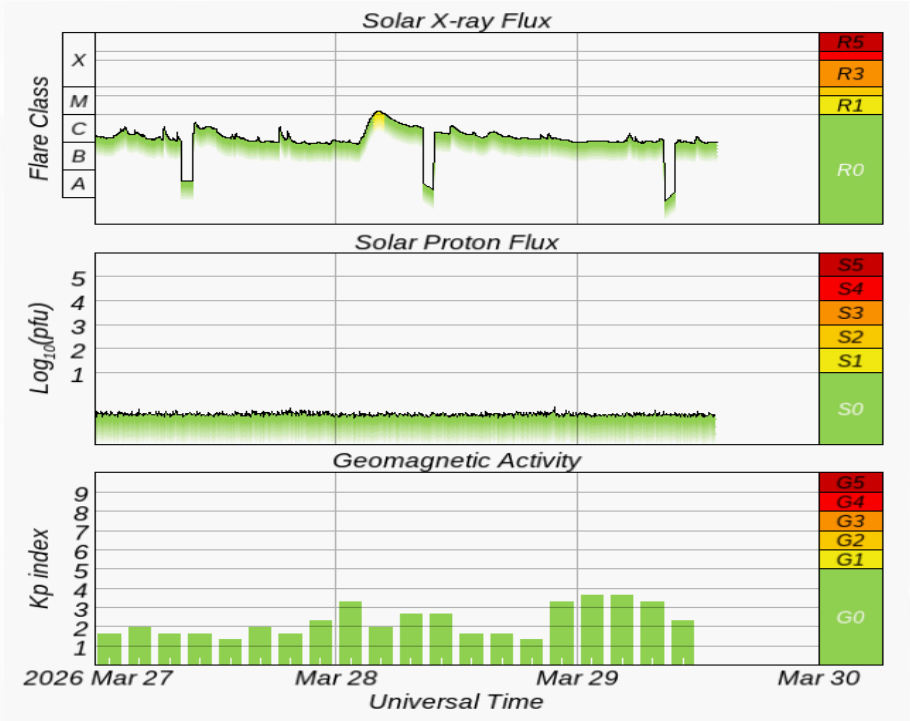




Space Weather



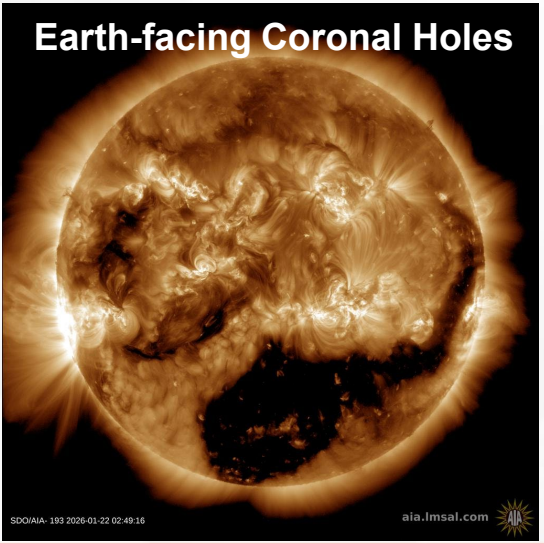
Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 50%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C4 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
3/29	3/30
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Solar activity is forecast to remain low with a chance for strong (M-class) solar flares primarily from sunspots #4401 and #4405. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any stronger flare activity that occurs. Enhancements within the solar wind regime from recurrent coronal hole influences return today and will likely persist into the early week timeframe. Overall, quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions are expected today, with instances of minor (G1) geomagnetic conditions possible late tonight and Monday in response to elevated solar winds. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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SWO Tracker:	https://swo.floridadisaster.org	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Not Operational	System in Transition
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Message:	FL.000 - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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