



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, March 30, 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	Gadsden	Vehicle Inspection / Meeting Follow-up
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Office Admin
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Alachua	Logistics Support
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Putnam	Shelter Survey / IMT Discussion/Meeting Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	Community Outreach
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	FAU FRC Meeting / Region 10 T&E Meeting



Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	EM Partner Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Recovery Meeting/Admin
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	EM Partner Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Internal Stakeholders Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Recovery Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Recovery Meeting/Admin

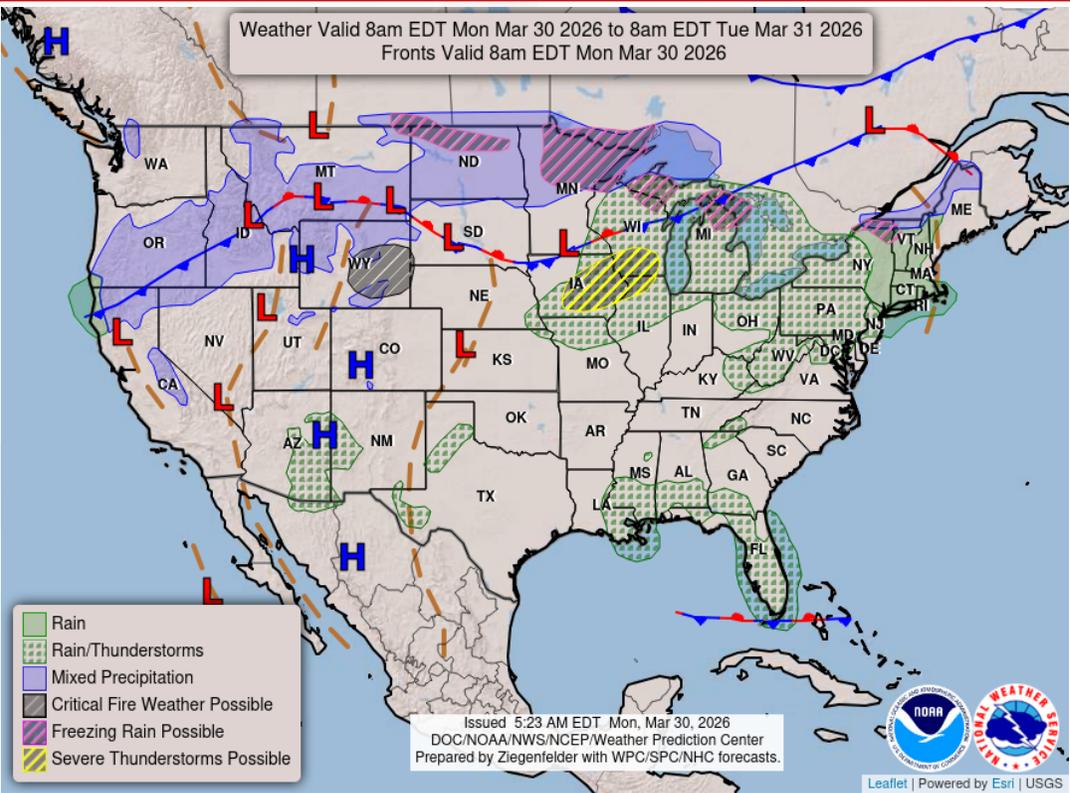
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 6 & 8

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

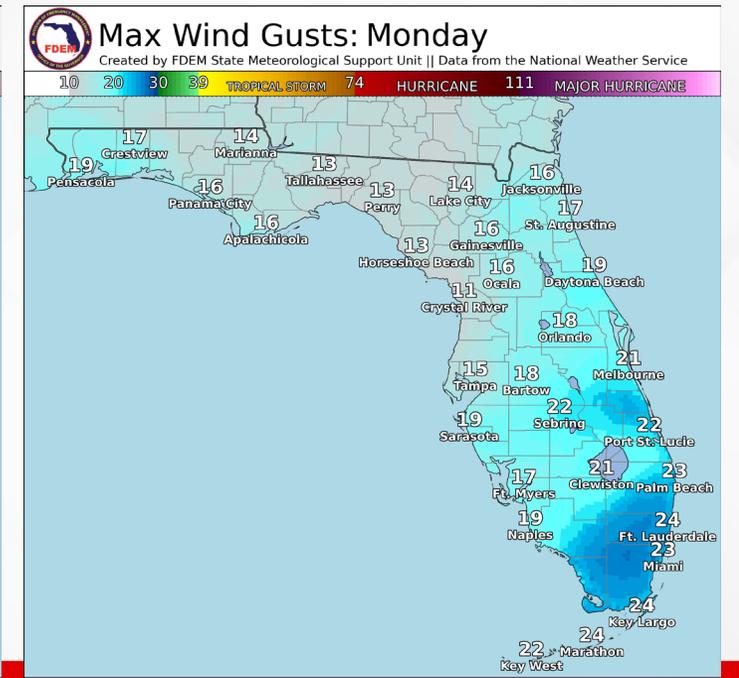
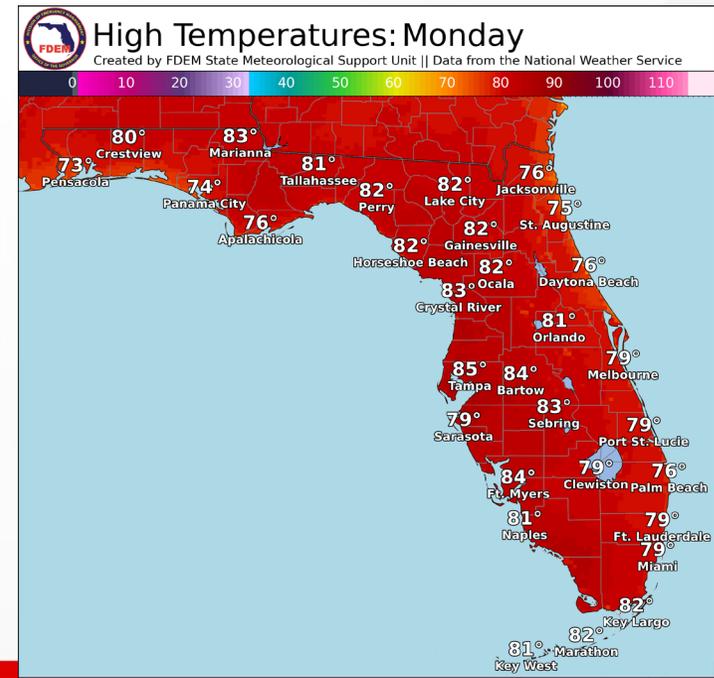


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L		L
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Wildfire	L	L	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.00 ft. (2.32 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	480 (-3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



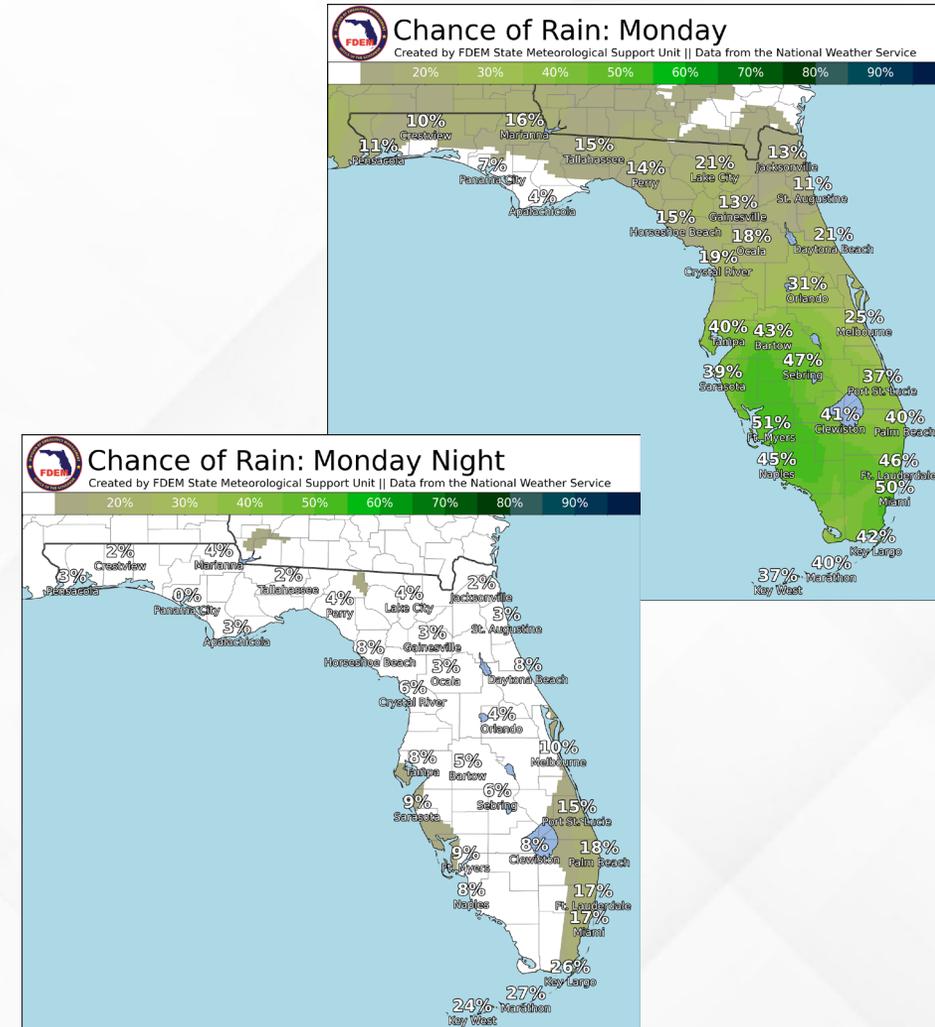


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Moist south and east flow around an area of high pressure over the western Atlantic will continue to promote spotty chances for showers and thunderstorms today across much of the Peninsula. A few onshore moving showers are ongoing this morning across South Florida, and coverage will increase this afternoon across South and Central Florida with the east coast sea breeze (35-50% chance of rain). An isolated shower or even embedded thunderstorm cannot be ruled out further north across North Florida (15-25% chance of rain). Much of this activity is expected to diminish shortly after sunset, though some showers may linger along the Southeast coastline overnight (15-20% chance of rain). There is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding today, however any of this activity across the Peninsula could bring an occasional lightning strike or two and **locally heavy downpour** capable of producing a **quick 1-3" of rain**. This onshore flow will be accompanied by breezy wind gusts **upwards of 25 mph** along the I-95 corridor with locally higher gusts **upwards of 30 mph** across Southeast Florida. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds today, though ongoing drought will keep **locally sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** in place.

High temperatures will reach the middle 70s to lower 80s throughout much of the state this afternoon. Lows will reach the upper 50s to middle 60s throughout North Florida and middle 60s to lower 70s in Central and South Florida. With plentiful moisture sticking around overnight, areas of **fog and low clouds** are possible, especially throughout North and West-Central Florida. The greatest chances for **locally dense fog** will be across the western Panhandle and Northeast Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy to 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 along the Treasure Coast. **Wave heights of 6-8'** persist at Atlantic Coast beaches, with **locally higher breakers** upwards of **10'** possible along the southern Space Coast and Treasure Coast. Wave heights of 1-3' continue for most Florida Gulf Coast beaches, with **locally higher wave heights of 4'** possible for the western Florida Panhandle coastline.

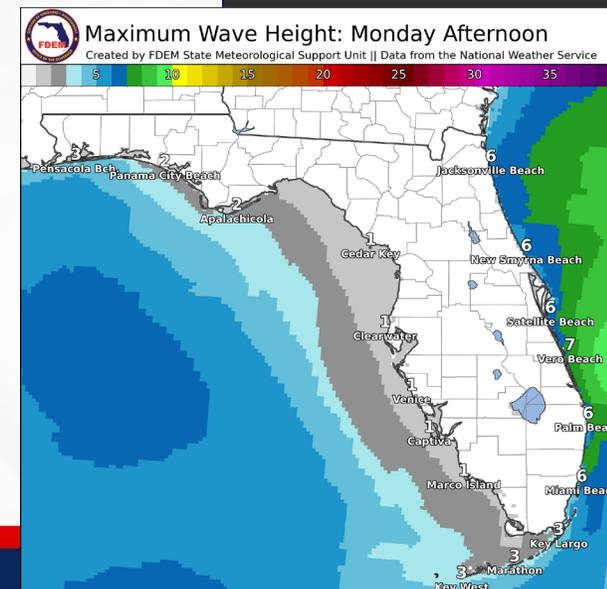
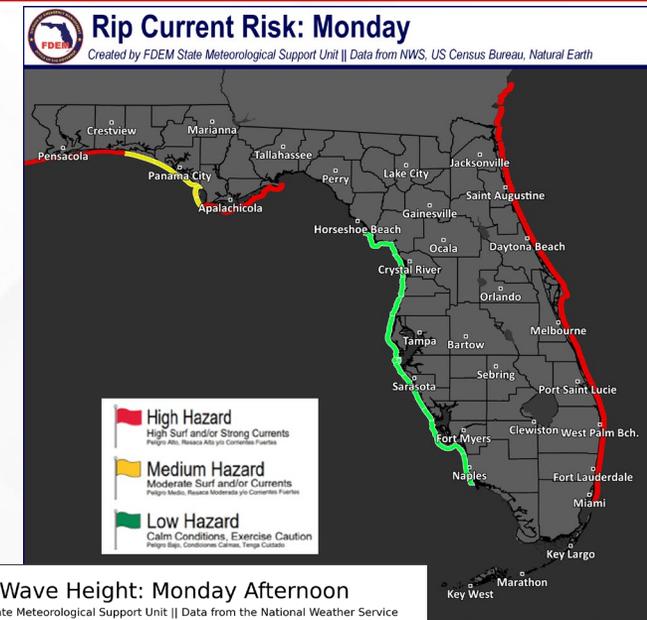
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in and offshore Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf counties. It was also observed at very low concentrations in Brevard County (valid 3/27/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding across Florida today. Isolated to widely scattered showers will continue throughout the Peninsula today, some of which could be **locally heavy** and capable of producing a quick **1-3" of rainfall**. Areas of cannot be ruled out, especially in urban and low-lying/poor drainage locations. **localized flooding and ponding of water**

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.00 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.32 feet below normal for this time of year.



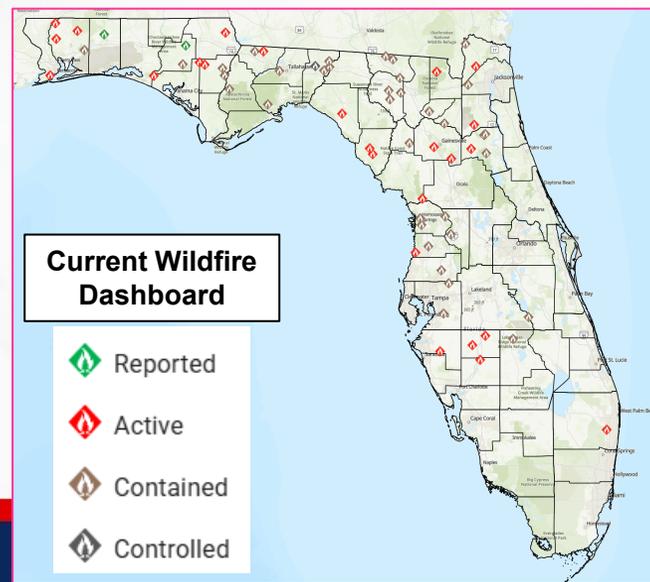
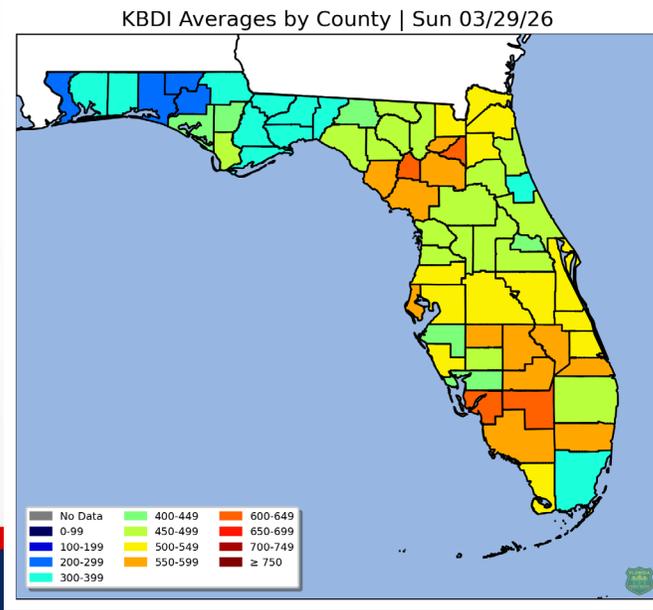
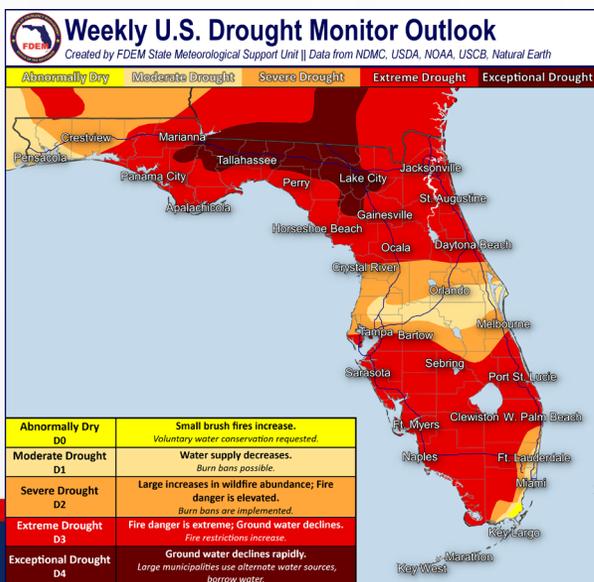


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Moist onshore flow around an area of high pressure over the western Atlantic will continue to bring plentiful low-level moisture throughout the state, keeping relative humidities above critical thresholds. However, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** continue statewide, courtesy of **breezy easterly winds** and ongoing severe to extreme drought. **Wind speeds of 10-20 mph** look to develop through the day throughout the Florida Peninsula, with **wind gusts of 20-25 mph** likely along the immediate coast. Locally higher wind gusts reaching upwards of **30 mph** will be possible across Southeast Florida. 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. Tonight, areas of **patchy to locally dense fog** are possible throughout the western Panhandle and Northeast Florida. *Fog may significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 63 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 4,158 acres.

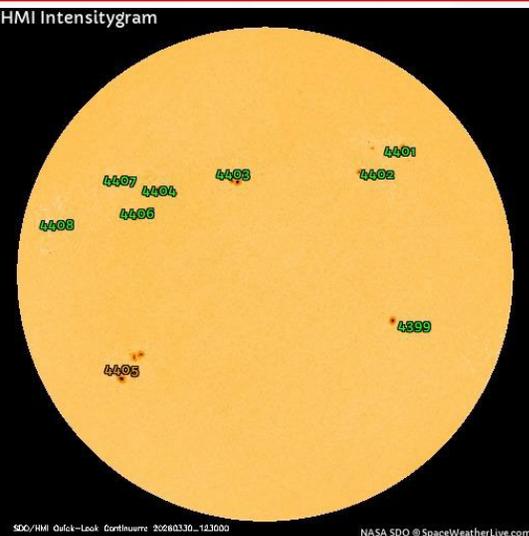
Drought (3/26/26): Very little in the way of any beneficial or meaningful rainfall was observed over the past week across the state with status quo drought conditions continuing. The heaviest rainfall over the past week was observed along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline and portions of East-Central 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 **480 (-3)** 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).

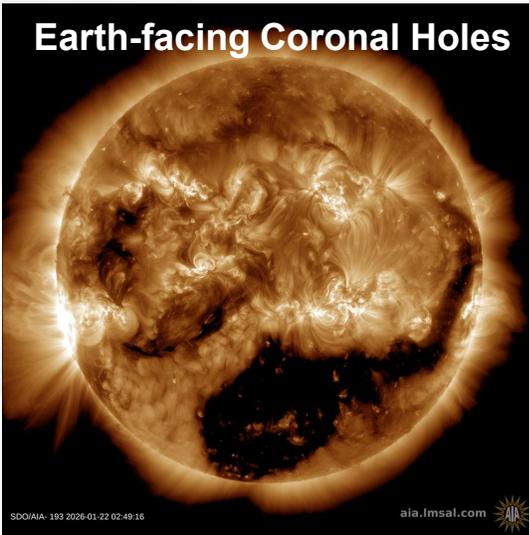
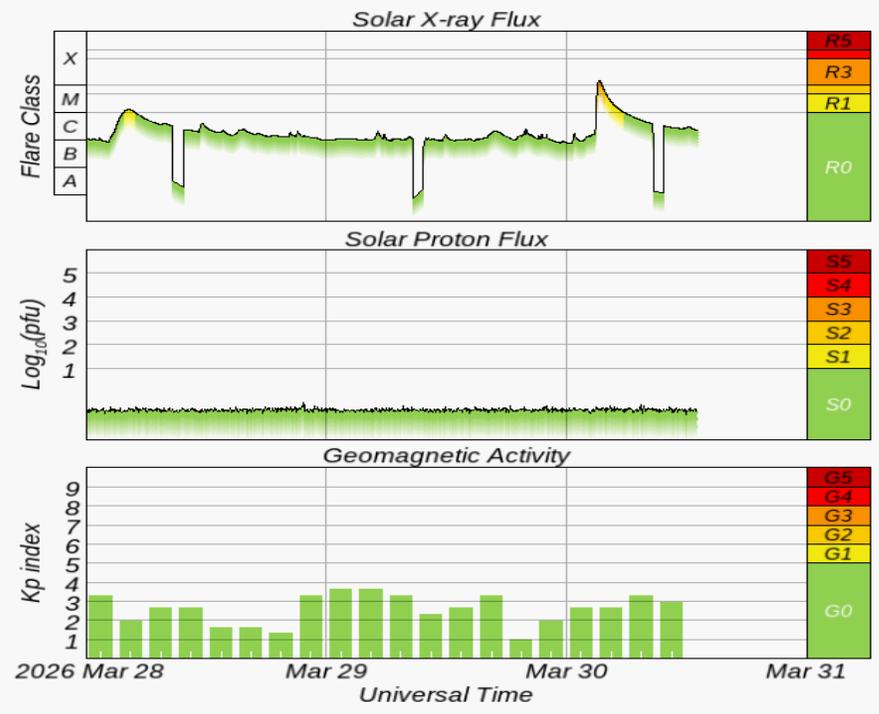




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	X1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
3/30	3/31
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is forecast to remain low with a high 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 persist today and will likely last through Tuesday before diminishing on Wednesday. Minor (G1) geomagnetic storming is likely today due to the recurrent coronal hole influences before slowly diminishing to quiet to unsettled levels by Wednesday. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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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	
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