



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Monday, April 13, 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	Gadsen	Statewide Exercise/Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Statewide Exercise
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Gilchrist, Madison	Statewide Exercise
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Lake	Statewide Exercise
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hernando	Statewide Exercise
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Statewide Exercise
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Hendry, Glades	Statewide Exercise / EM Visit
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Statewide Exercise / FIFA Meeting

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4  
 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	Out of Region	Leave
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	Com Meeting/State EX
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Hamilton	State EX
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	State EX/NWS Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Lake	State EX
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	State EX
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Administration Day
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	State EX

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 / Justin Lazzara

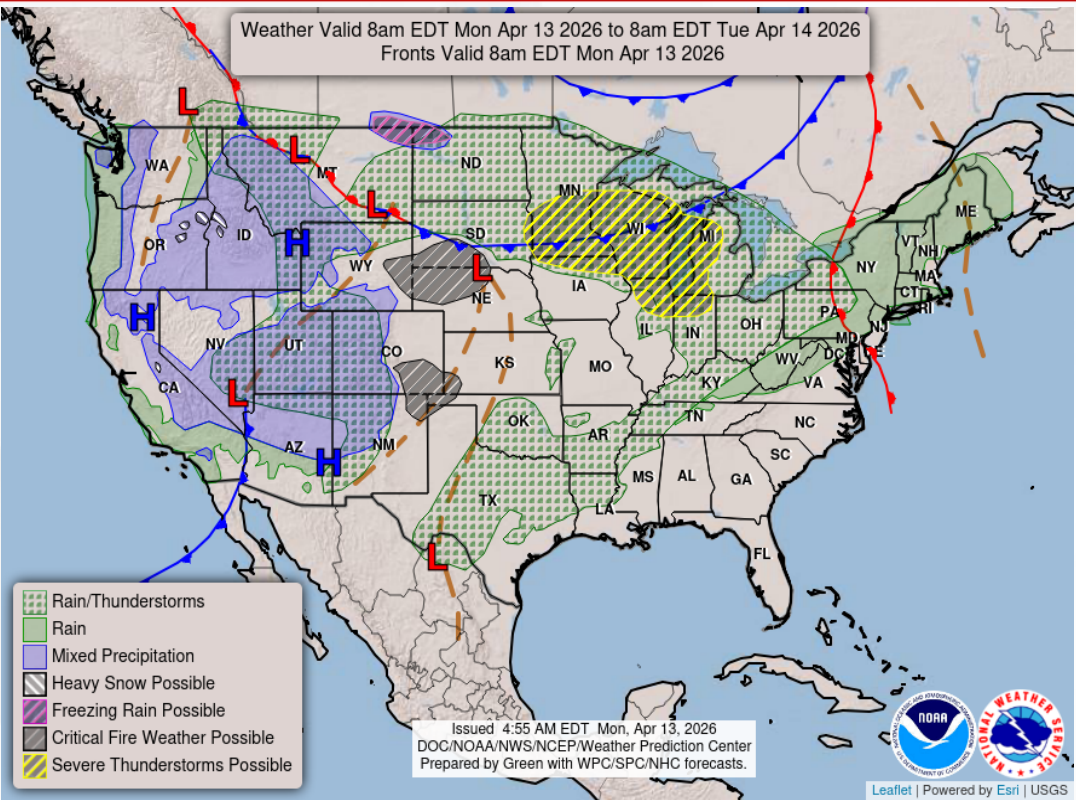
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 / Tenisha Taylor

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 / Tenisha Taylor

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

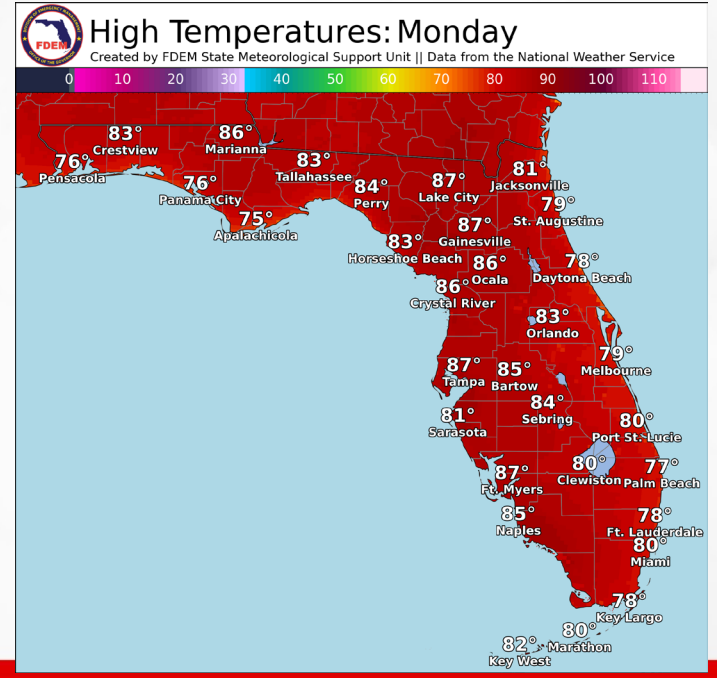
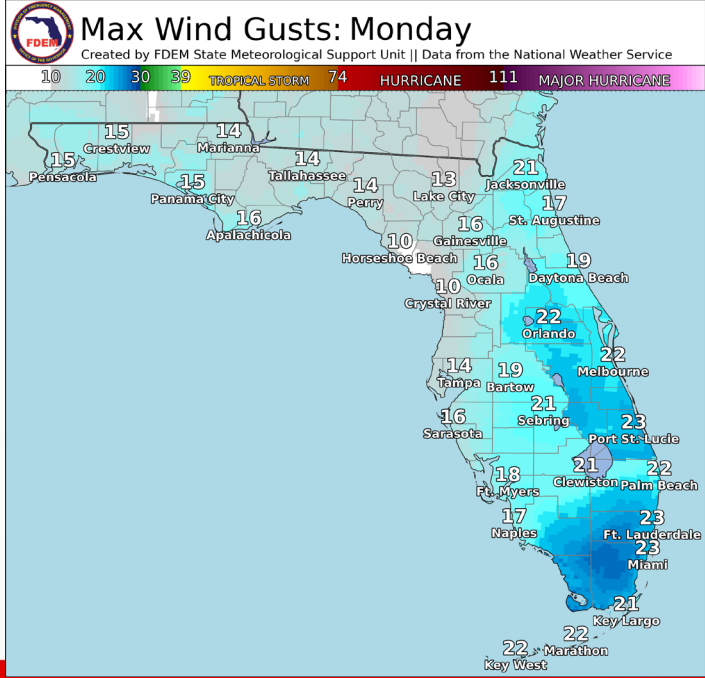


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L		
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	M	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.18 ft. (1.97 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	428 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									







# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Breezy onshore winds and elevated surf will bring a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** to all East Coast and Panhandle beaches today. A low risk is expected for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** The sea state will continue to diminish today along the East Coast, though will still remain elevated with surf of **4-6'** expected from the First Coast to Southeast Florida. A few waves **upwards of 7'** cannot be ruled out for the Treasure Coast. Waves near 1-2' can be expected for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today.

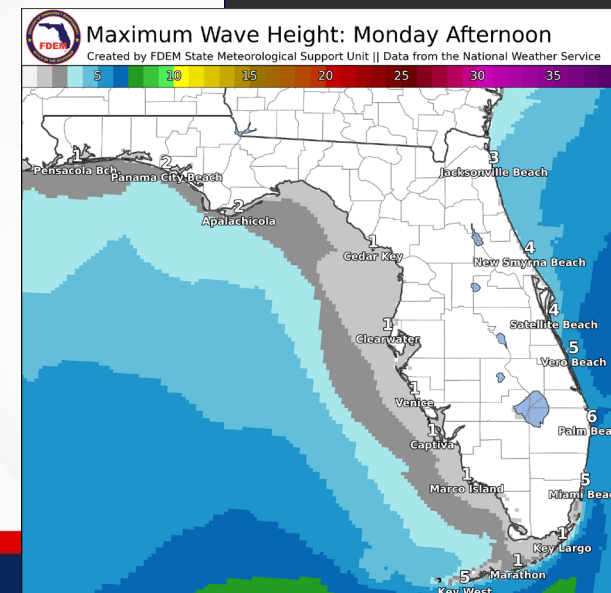
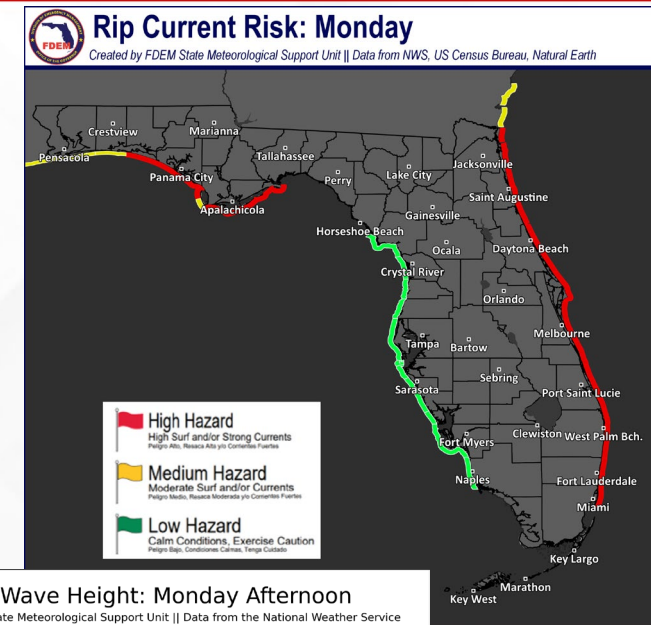
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Bay and Gulf County (valid 4/10/26).

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today across Florida.

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

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.08 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.97 feet below normal for this time of year.



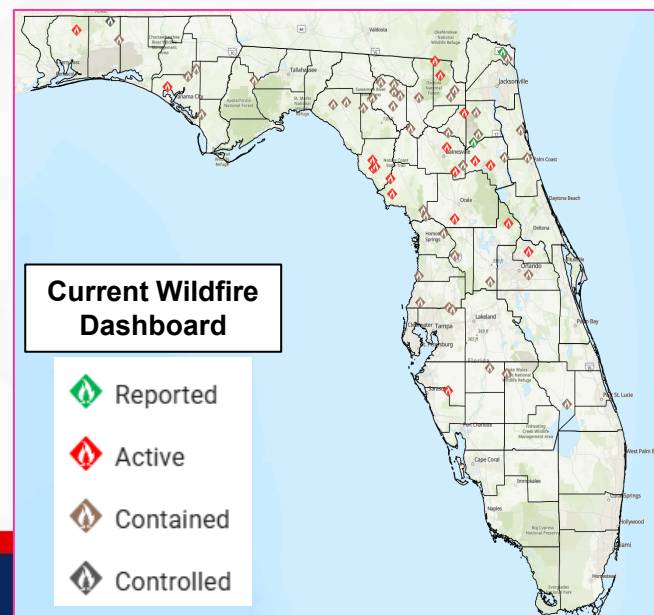
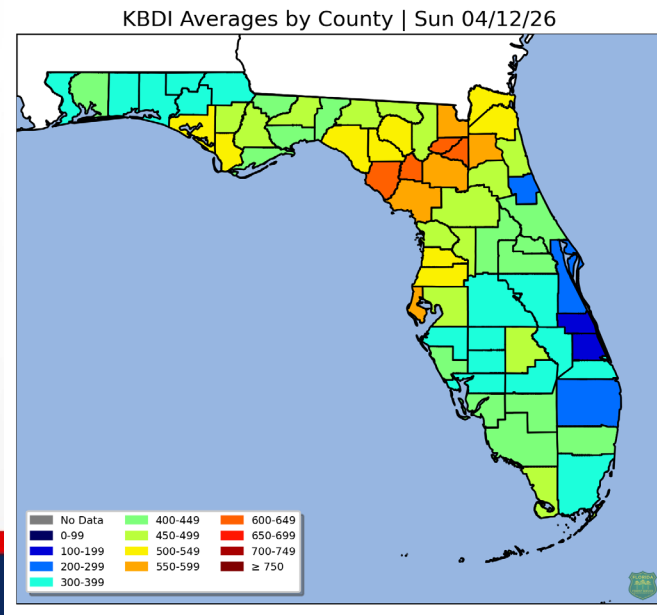
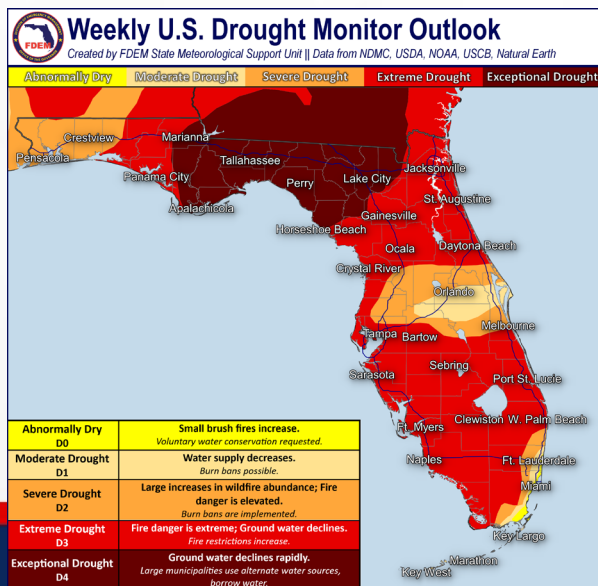


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** A dry airmass will remain entrenched across much of the state as high pressure settles overhead. A mostly sunny and dry day is on tap throughout the Sunshine State. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds throughout the eastern Peninsula, though will reach **near critical thresholds (30-40%)** across interior North and West-Central Florida. Given the ongoing **extreme** to **exceptional drought (level 3-4 of 4)**, **elevated wildfire conditions** can be expected today. Stronger winds will reside across the Peninsula today, with gusts of **20-30 mph** expected. Areas of **patchy fog** may develop tonight across Northeast Florida and the western Panhandle, some of which could become **locally dense**. *Areas of fog may further reduce visibilities in areas experiencing active wildfire smoke.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 60 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 6,395 acres.

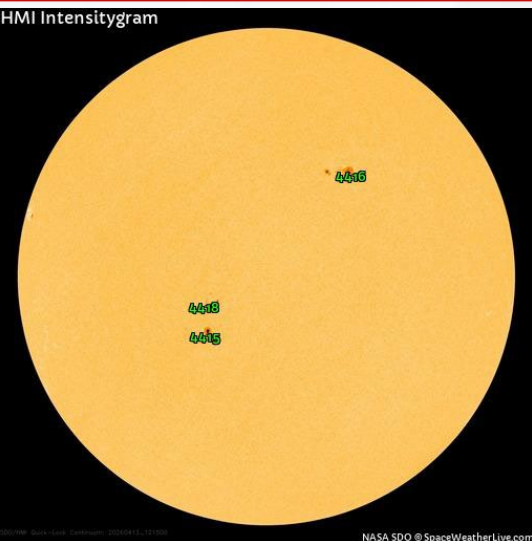
**Drought (4/9/26):** Although it was a rather wet start to the week across much of the Florida Peninsula, very little improvements were introduced on this week's Drought Monitor update. A general 1-3" of rainfall fell throughout Central and South Florida since last update, with some localized areas picking up 5-8" of rainfall, especially along the immediate East Coast. These rainfall totals have improved some of the short-term drought indicators, such as KBDI and 30-60 day rainfall departures, though were not enough to provide real relief to the long-term drought and seriously dry soil moisture conditions. An **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place throughout much of South Florida, the exception being the immediate Southeast coastline where a general **moderate (level 1 of 4)** to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** are found. There were no additional changes throughout Central Florida where a **moderate (level 1 of 4)** to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains along the I-4 corridor and through the Orlando metropolitan area and **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** elsewhere. Throughout North Florida, **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** expanded to include the remainder of the Big Bend region and much of the Suwannee River Valley. Although there were some light rain totals throughout North Florida, it was only in very localized pockets that exceeded 2"+. Rainfall departures over the past 90 to 120 days (3-4 months) or longer are really driving the persistent drought throughout North Florida. In fact, since September 1 (8 months ago), Tallahassee has found itself in a rainfall deficit nearly 20 inches below normal! About 11 inches of rain has been tallied up since Sept 1, 2025 in Tallahassee, which is 5 inches below the previous record over a similar stretch. Record low streamflows and bone dry soils/grounds have resulted in the additional exceptional drought expansion this week. Looking ahead, unfortunately a very dry and warm stretch of weather is expected through at least the next week as high pressure settles overhead and allows for mostly sunny skies. Additional drought expansion is expected throughout North Florida on next week's update, though there could be some drought reduction throughout Central and South Florida given lots of rainfall since the Tuesday cutoff time for this week's update.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **428 (+8)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **18** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

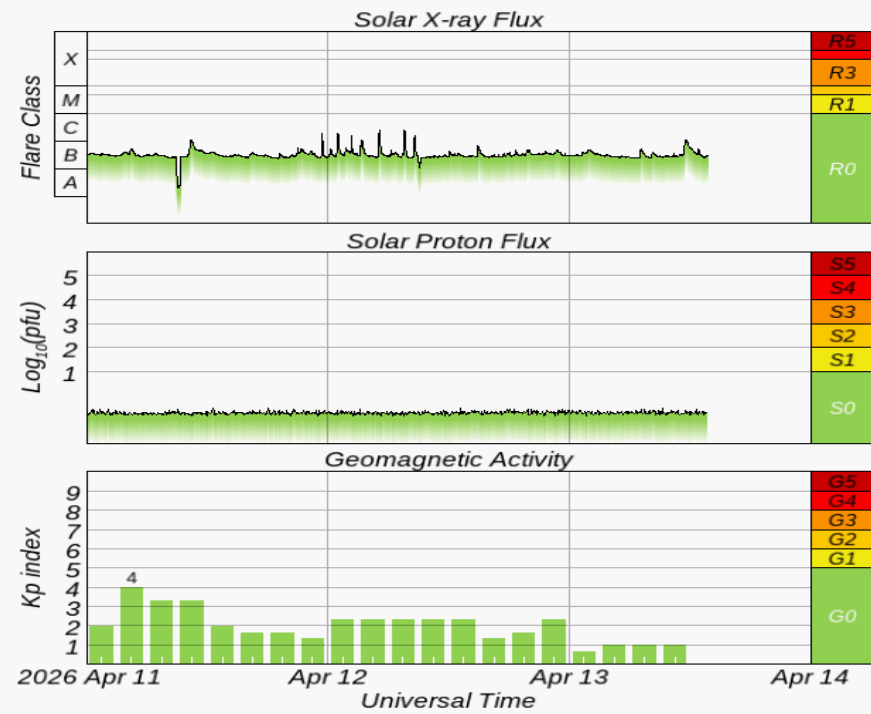
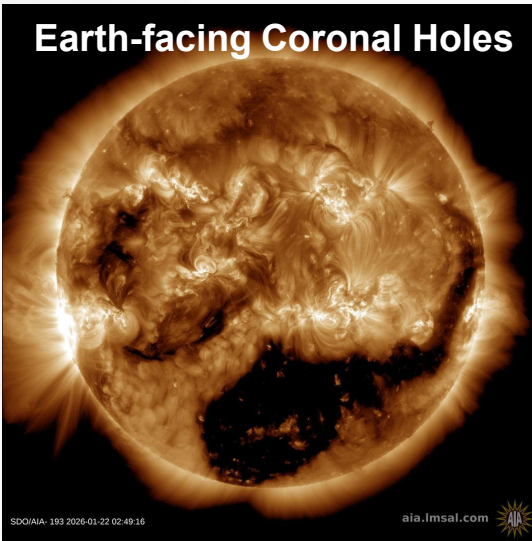




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 10%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	A1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/13	4/14
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is likely to be at low levels with only a slight chance for strong (M-class) solar flares. Should a strong solar flare develop, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany. The solar wind environment will remain enhanced through Wednesday due to recurrent coronal hole influences, which will bring unsettled to active geomagnetic storming conditions. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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<b>SWO Tracker:</b>	<a href="https://swo.floridadisaster.org">https://swo.floridadisaster.org</a>	Operational	
<b>SLERS:</b>	DEM Statewide	Operational	
<b>FNARS:</b>	WGY974	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>Federal NAWAS:</b>	State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>EMnet Message:</b>	FL.000 - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>EMnet Voice:</b>	FL SWP - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>IPAWS:</b>	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
<b>FIN:</b>	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://floridadisaster.org">https://floridadisaster.org</a>	Operational	

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