



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, May 10, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
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



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	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 5 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

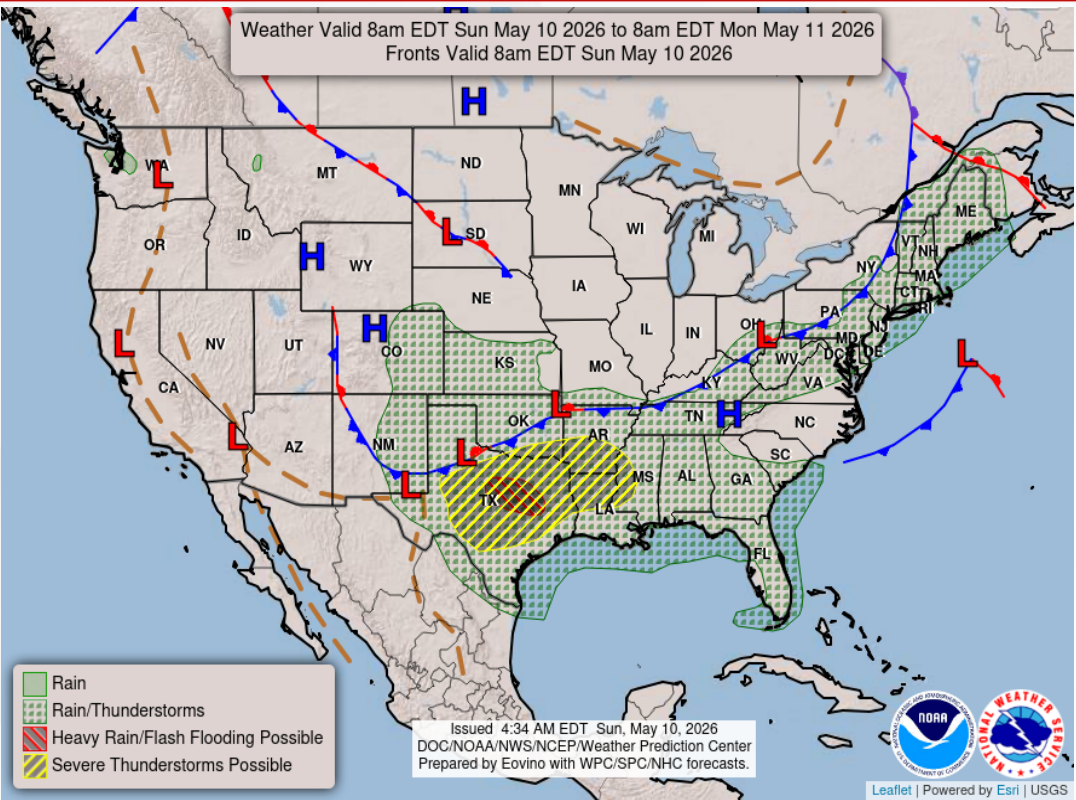
Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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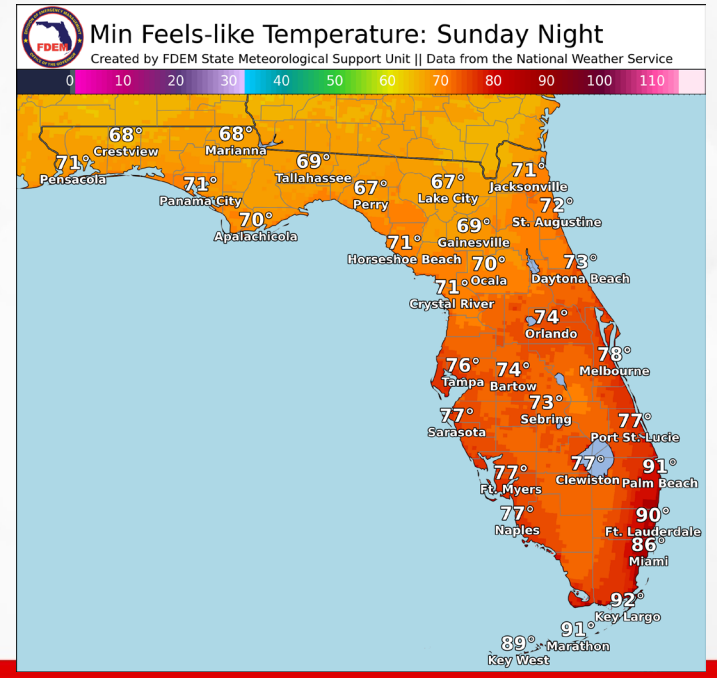
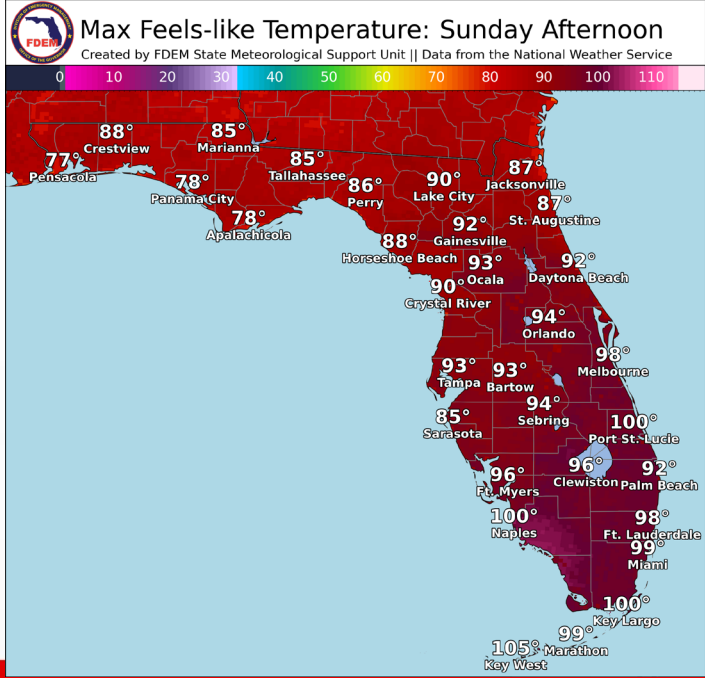


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	M	L	M	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind			L	L	L		L	L		
Hail			L	L	L		L			
Flash Flooding			L	L			L	L		
Extreme Heat						L	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.40 ft. (2.01 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	511 (-7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





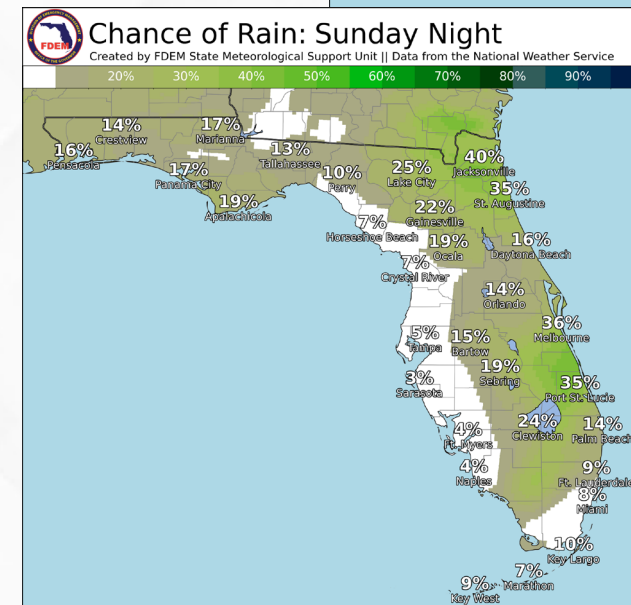
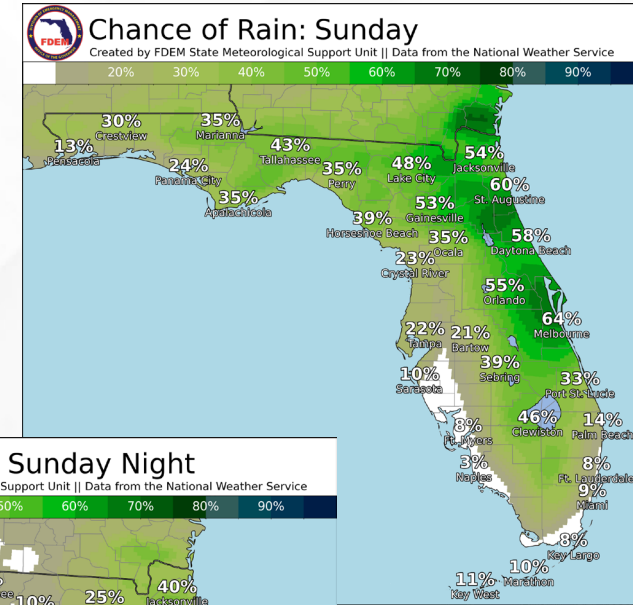
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy dense fog** have developed across the western Panhandle this morning and will slowly lift and dissipate by mid-morning. Otherwise, a mostly cloudy day is expected throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend with isolated showers and thunderstorms this afternoon (30-45% chance of rain). Further east, the East Coast sea breeze will help to spark scattered showers and thunderstorms across the I-95 corridor this afternoon, especially across Northeast and East-Central Florida where a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** is outlooked. The primary hazards with any thunderstorm activity will be frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and small hail. A few isolated storms may develop throughout interior South Florida as well (30-45% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for flash flooding, a few **locally heavy downpours** capable of producing **nuisance street flooding** cannot be ruled out in urban and poor drainage locations that see repeated rounds of heavy rainfall. Winds will remain light across the state today, though **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire danger** will still persist throughout interior Southwest Florida where lower relative humidities are expected (40-45%).

High temperatures will soar well into the lower to middle 90s in Central and South Florida today, with feels-like temperatures reaching the **lower to middle 100s** in Southwest Florida. Abundant cloud cover will keep temperatures cooler in the middle to upper 80s in North Florida this afternoon.

Showers and thunderstorms will linger into the evening and overnight hours across the eastern Peninsula before dissipating before midnight (30-40% chance of rain). Otherwise, a mostly calm night is expected across the state. Areas of **patchy dense fog** may develop across North Florida by daybreak Monday and **Dense Fog Advisories** may be issued if conditions warrant. Low temperatures will fall into the upper 60s to middle 70s for much of the state, with upper 70s to lower 80s across metro Southeast Florida and the Keys.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Surf conditions will relax along the Panhandle coast today, allowing for a return to a **moderate risk for rip currents**. A **moderate risk** is also expected for most East Coast beaches with a low risk persisting along the Southeast beaches and the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: A mostly calm sea state is expected for all beaches today with surf near 1-2'. Some waves may reach near 3' for the Treasure Coast.

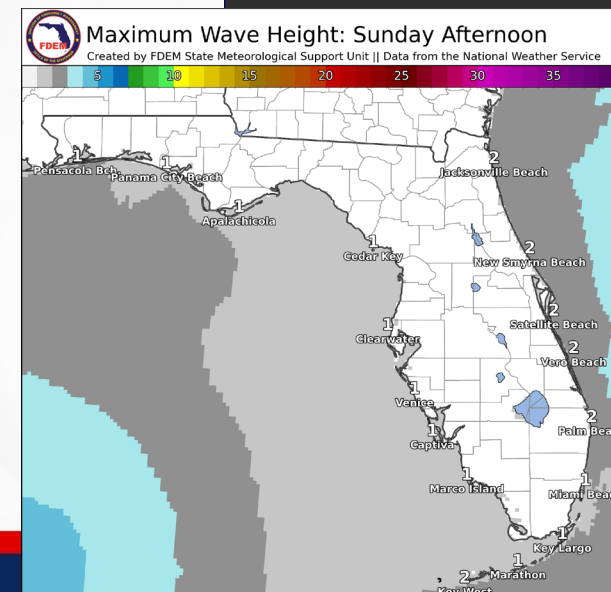
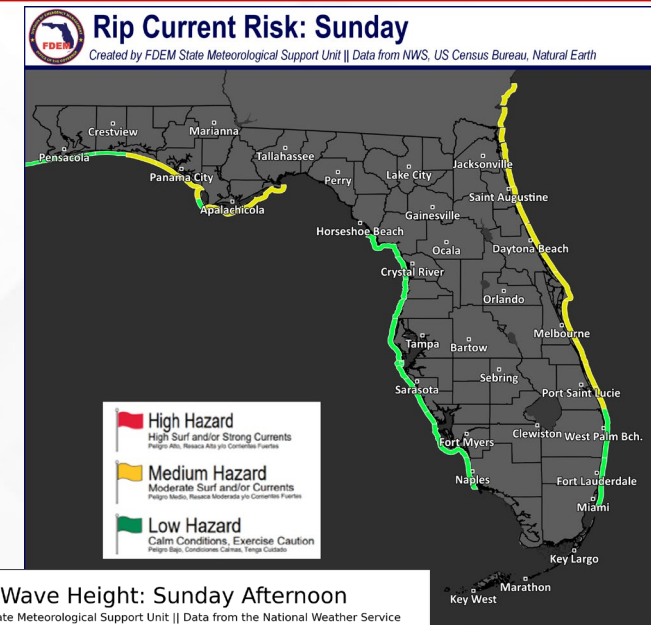
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Sarasota counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/8/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding across the state today. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop along the East Coast sea breeze pinned along the I-95 corridor today, some of which may become **locally heavy**. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 1" for any locations that do see rainfall, though localized amounts **upwards of 2-3"** 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 11.40 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.01 feet below normal for this time of year.



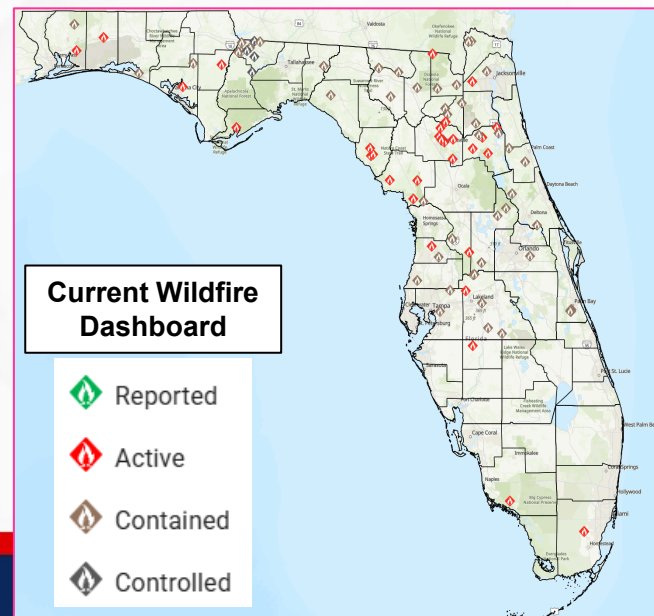
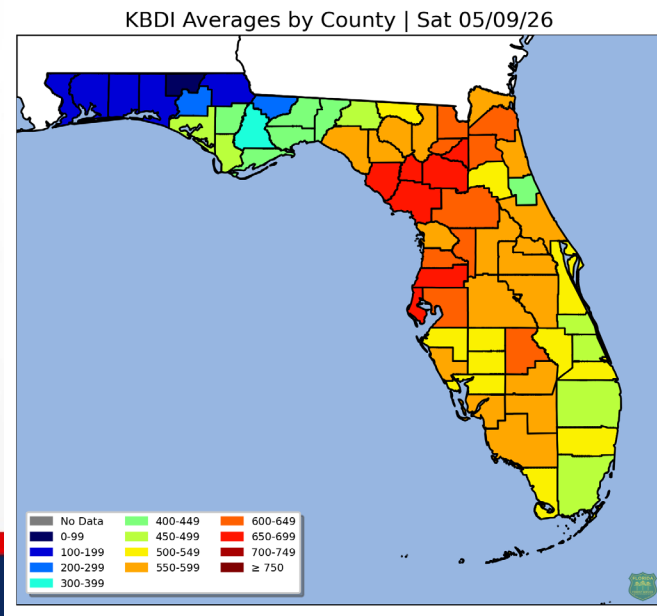
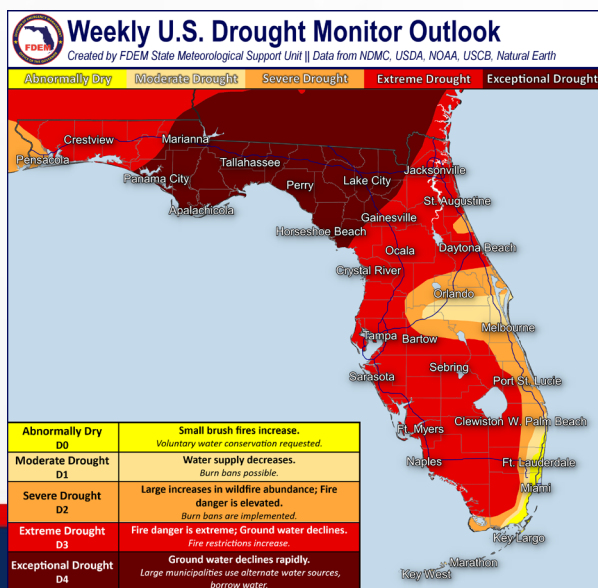


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidities are expected to remain above critical thresholds throughout the state today as moist southerly flow increases ahead of a frontal system. However, drier air will still linger near the surface across interior Southwest Florida this afternoon (40-45% RH values) which will continue to promote **elevated wildfire conditions** given the ongoing drought. Winds will remain generally light today, which will keep the overall wildfire threat lower. Across North Florida, scattered showers and thunderstorms may be accompanied by lightning which can spark new fires or reignite existing ones. Areas of **patchy dense fog** may also develop across the state before daybreak Monday, which could lead to significantly reduced visibilities in and around active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 63 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 17,629 acres.

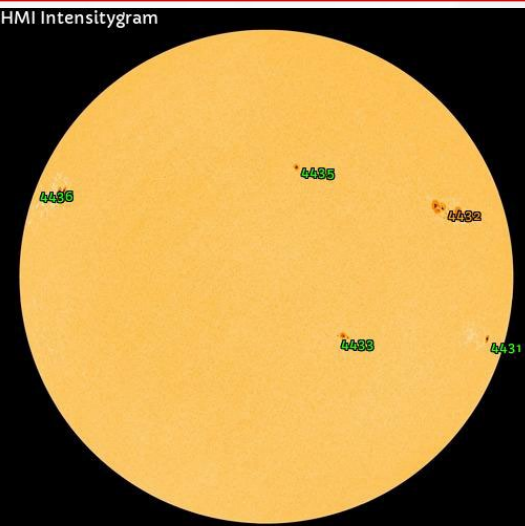
Drought (5/5/26): No improvements to the drought were made on this week's latest update, with last weekend's rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though streamflows and soil moisture levels remain paltry and near or surpassing record lows. Lighter rainfall fell throughout the Peninsula, with spotty showers and storms bringing rainfall totals of 0.5-1.5" to most locations. Increasing temperatures with this lighter rain brought worsening drought conditions throughout the Peninsula. Expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across West-Central Florida, further inland to include all of Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties. Some expansion eastward was also made throughout South Florida, closer to the Southeast metro region. Along the I-4 corridor in Central Florida, the area of **moderate (level 1 of 4)** to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has shrunk even further. **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** to **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** was untouched throughout North Florida on this week's update where rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are still near 12-18 inches across the area. 98% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 25% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought. Looking ahead, some additional waves of showers and thunderstorms may bring beneficial rainfall to North Florida through the weekend and early next week. However, a widespread slow drenching rainfall is not expected.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **511 (-7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **45 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

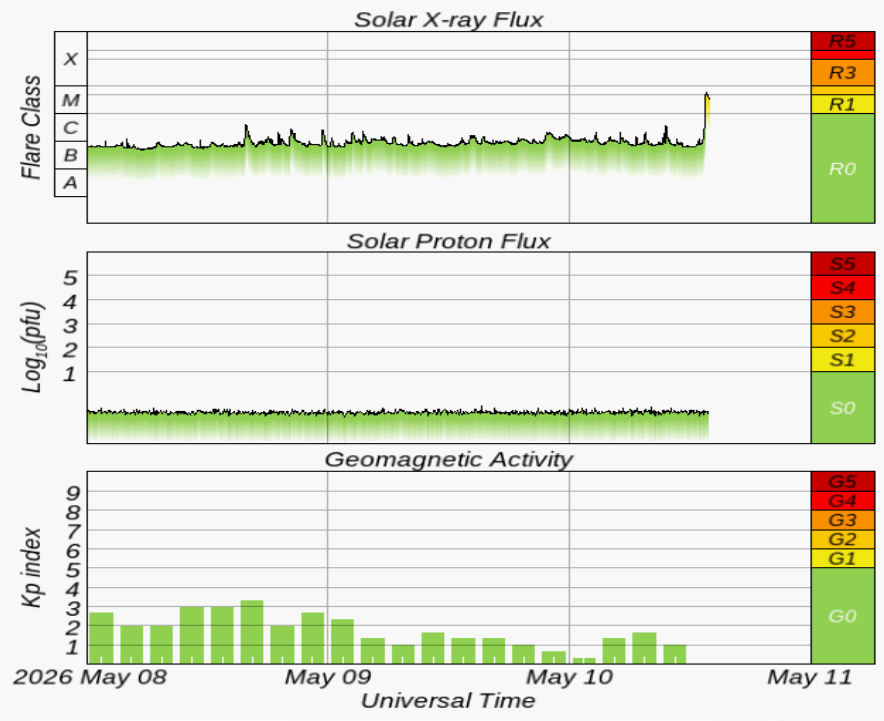




Space Weather

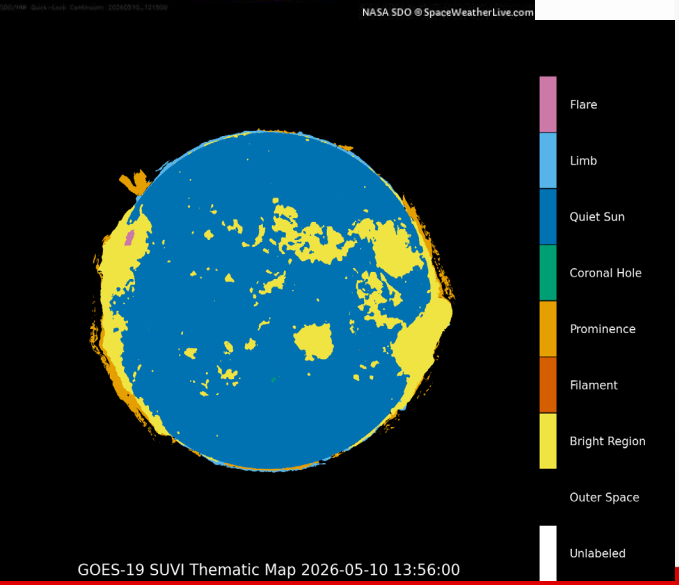


Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

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



Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for a significant (M-class) flare through the weekend and a slight chance for a severe (X-class) flare. Any M-class flares that do develop will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class flares accompanied by strong (R3 or greater) blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain mildly enhanced under positive coronal hole influences. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels through the weekend. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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
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Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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