



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, May 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	Bay	G-300 Course Co-Instruction / Shelter Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Dixie	Wildfire Coordination / IMT Briefing
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	DOH Clay Presentation
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Marion, Orange	FTEM / EM Meeting / Senior Officials Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Healthcare Coalition Meeting / NOAA Presentation Prep
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	IMT TTX Evaluator Briefing / Vehicle Inventory / Maintenance
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin / Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	FIFA Meeting / Exercise Planning Meeting

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 1
 Region 6 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	Teaching G-300
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	LMS Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	LMS Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Marion	EM Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Professional Development
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	(See Coverage)
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	(See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami Dade	LMS Meeting

Region 4 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 3

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

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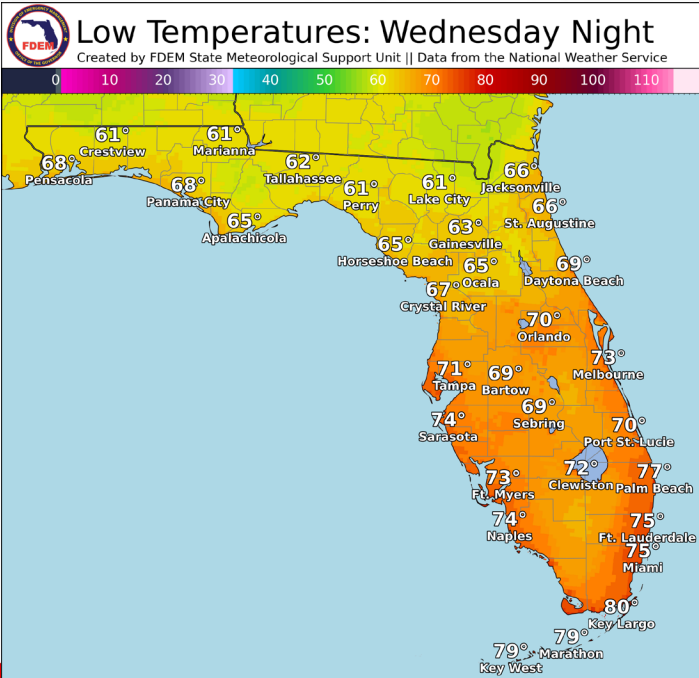
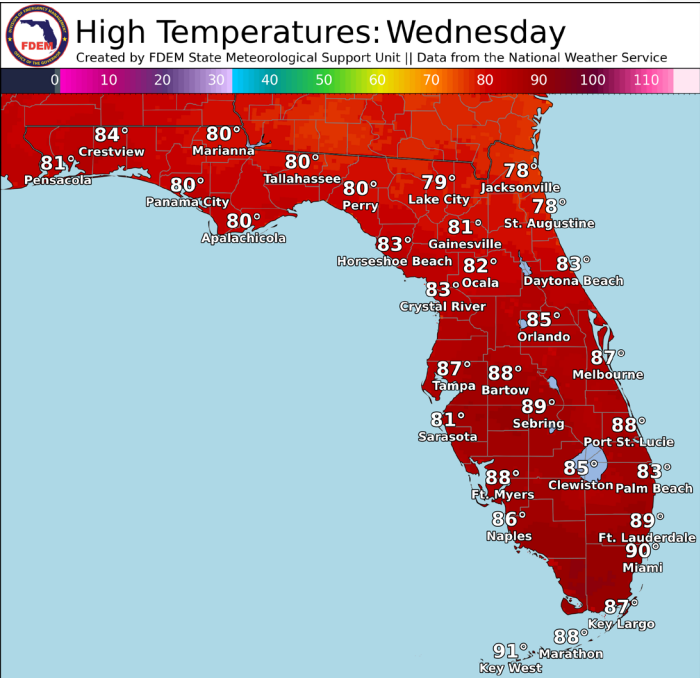
Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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



Meteorology Summary

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	L	L	M	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind					L			L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat							L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)				L	L	L	L			
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	M	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.41 ft. (1.93 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	491 (-7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



Today's Weather Map



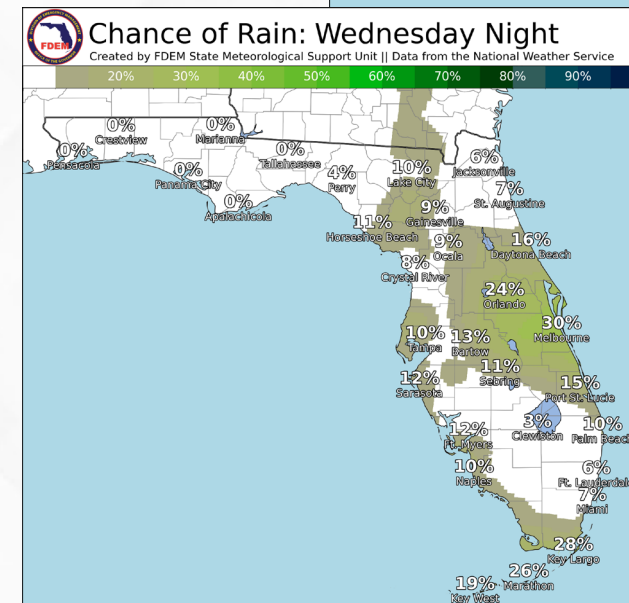
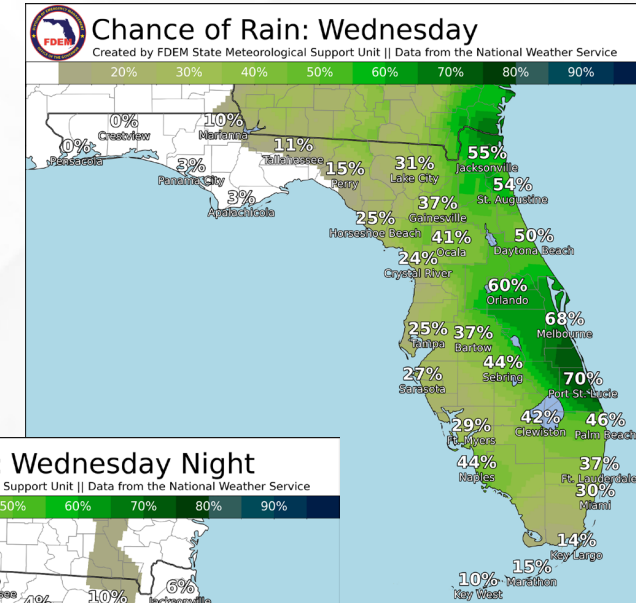
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The frontal boundary from yesterday's heavy rainfall will remain draped across Central Florida today, slowly dissipating. Ample tropical moisture will remain pooled across the state today as a result, with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms expected throughout the Peninsula this afternoon (35-70% chance of rain). The I-95 corridor and East Coast will be favored today for a few **locally strong thunderstorms** that could produce frequent lightning, gusty winds (30-50 mph), and **heavy downpours**. Wildfire danger will be low today as relative humidities remain well above critical thresholds, though thunderstorm activity can bring lightning and gusty/erratic winds capable of sparking new wildfires or reigniting existing ones. Winds will turn breezy across South Florida this afternoon, gusting **upwards of 25 mph**. A mostly dry day is expected throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend as clouds slowly start to clear out from west to east, with a sprinkle or isolated shower possible (10-20% chance of rain).

High temperatures will reach the upper 70s to lower 80s throughout North Florida, with middle 80s to lower 90s in Central and South Florida. Feels-like temperatures will approach the **upper 90s** to **near 100-degrees** across coastal Southeast Florida today.

Tonight, activity will begin to dissipate after sunset with just a few lingering showers across East-Central Florida (25-30% chance of rain). Areas of **patchy dense fog** cannot be ruled out across Northeast Florida and near the I-4 corridor overnight and towards daybreak Thursday. Lows will fall into the lower to middle 60s in North Florida with lower to middle 70s in Central and South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Increasing surf will bring a **high risk for rip currents** to most East Coast beaches today. A **moderate risk** is expected for most Panhandle beaches, as well as Southwest and Palm Beach County beaches. A low risk is expected for all other statewide beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Seas will remain elevated today along the East Coast, with waves reaching **3-5'**. Waves will remain near 1-2' for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today.

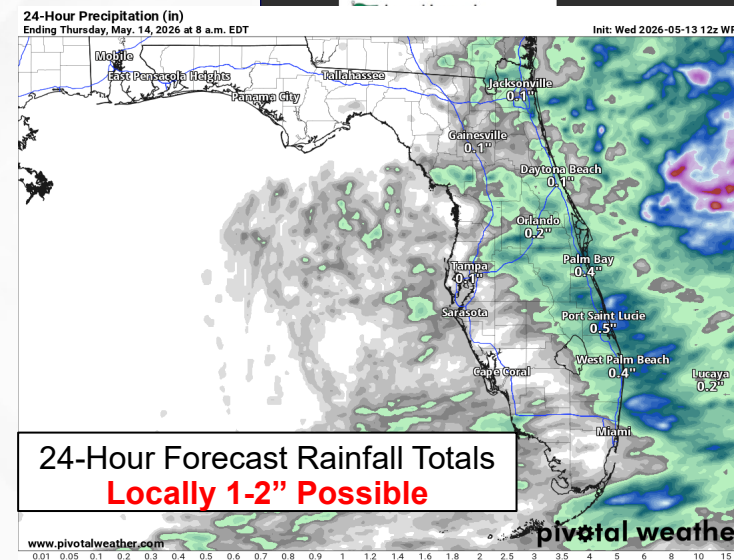
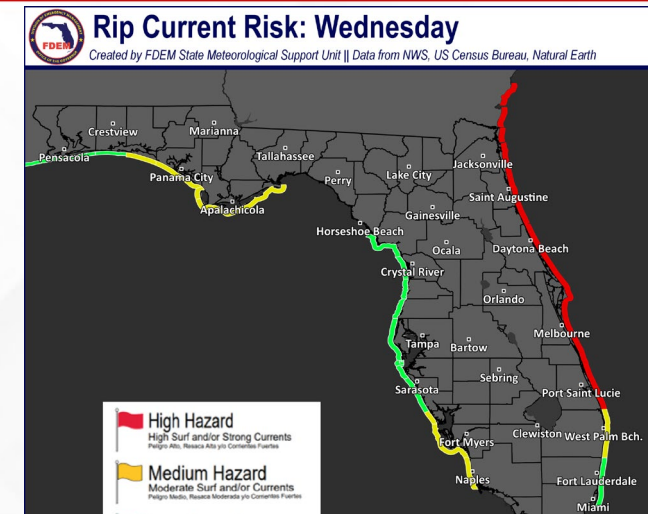
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Sarasota counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/8/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across the Peninsula this afternoon, some of which may be **locally heavy**. Rainfall totals are expected to remain spotty and mainly below 1", though localized amounts **upwards of 1-2"** cannot be ruled out.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns across the state. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://www.riverforecastcenter.com).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.41 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.93 feet below normal for this time of year.



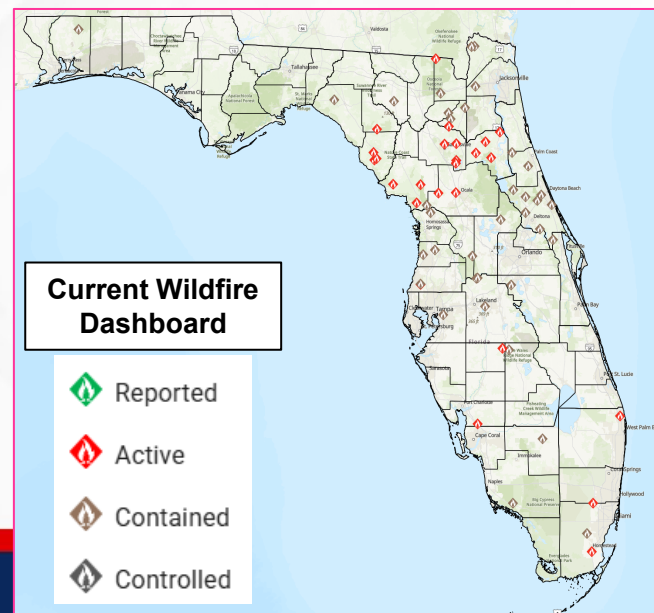
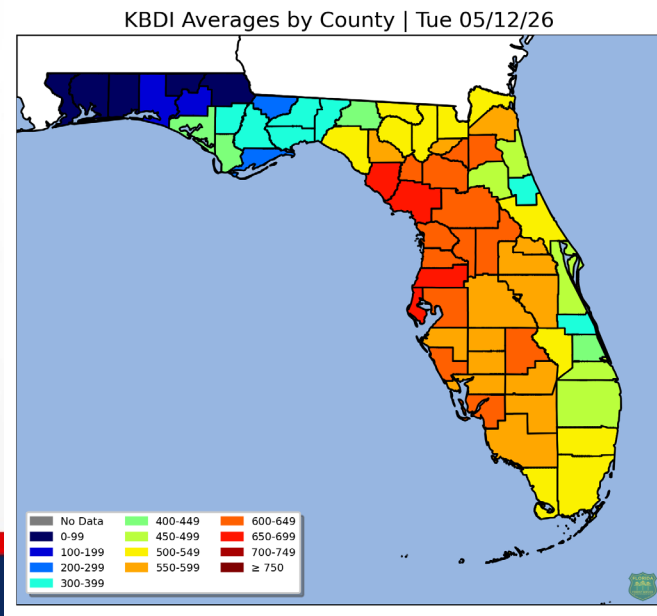
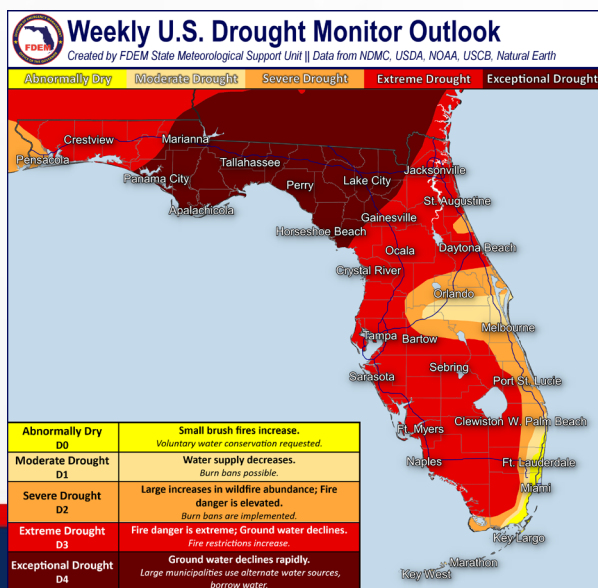


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Wildfire danger is expected to be low today given relative humidities above critical thresholds with scattered showers and thunderstorms throughout the Peninsula. Winds will turn breezy across South Florida today, gusting **upwards of 25 mph** this afternoon. Thunderstorms may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Areas of **patchy dense fog** may also develop across Central and Northeast Florida before daybreak Thursday, which could lead to significantly reduced visibilities in and around active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 53 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 29,209 acres.

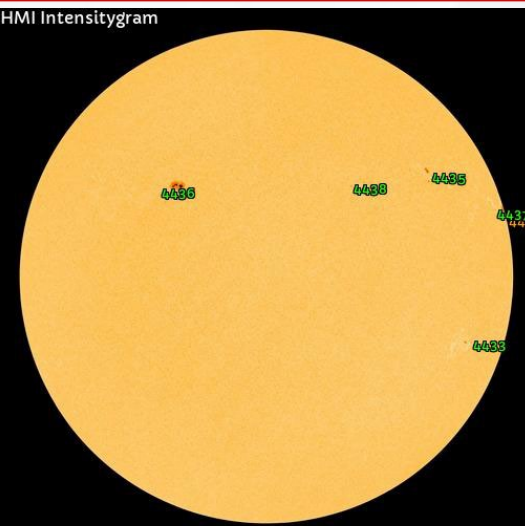
Drought (5/5/26): No improvements to the drought were made on this weeks latest update, with last weekends rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though 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 **491 (-7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **41 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

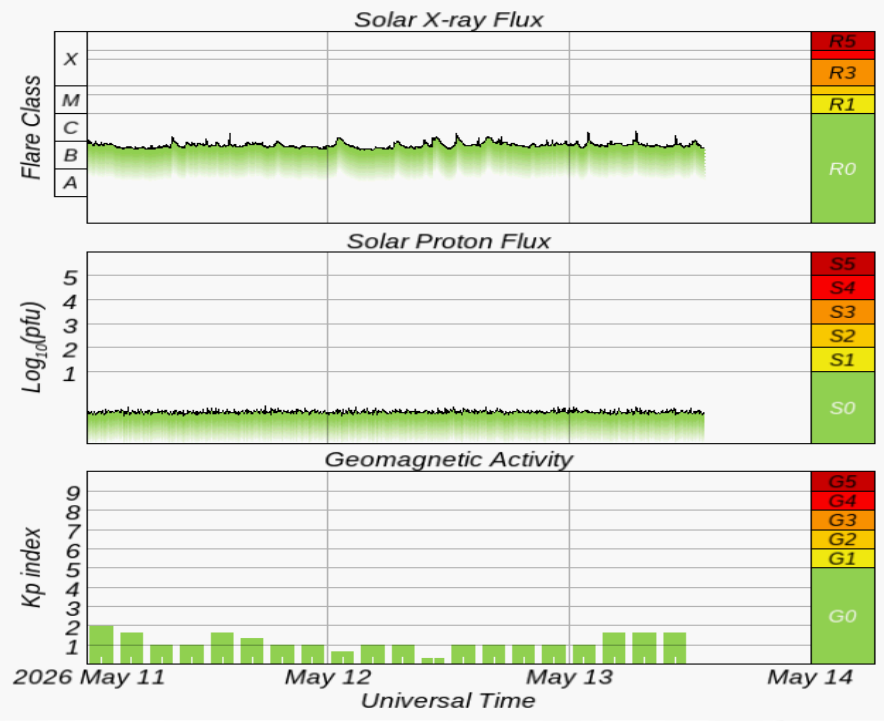
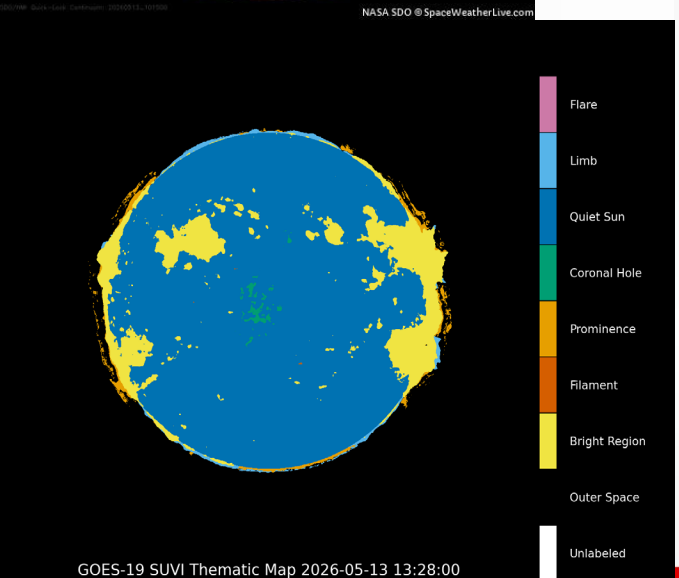




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/13	5/14
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low levels with a chance for a significant (M-class) flare. Any M-class flares that do develop will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain at ambient background levels before a glancing blow from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) arrives today, bringing enhanced solar wind speeds. Thereafter, positive recurrent coronal hole influences will keep solar wind conditions enhanced. The geomagnetic field is expected to reach active levels today with mostly unsettled conditions returning by Thursday. Minor (G1) storming is anticipated on Friday. 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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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