



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, May 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	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	Orange	FTEM Support
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 6 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6
 Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 8 & 9
 Region 10 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 10

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	Out of Region	Leave
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Hurricane Expo/On Call Response Reg 6
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Not Available	Leave
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	FDEM Outreach/On Call Response Reg 10

Region 2 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 3

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

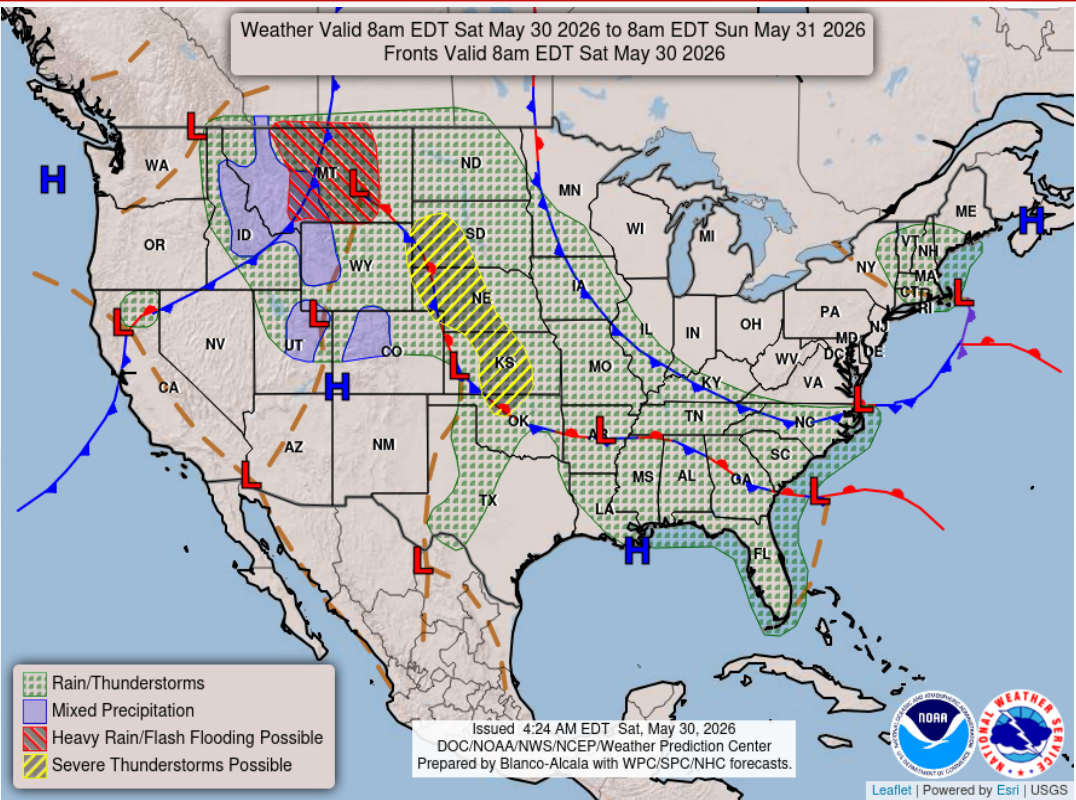
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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

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

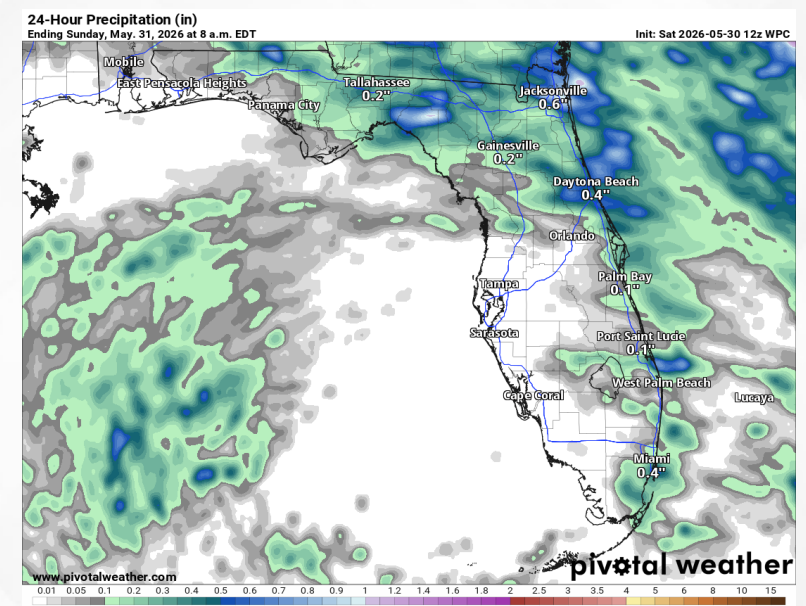
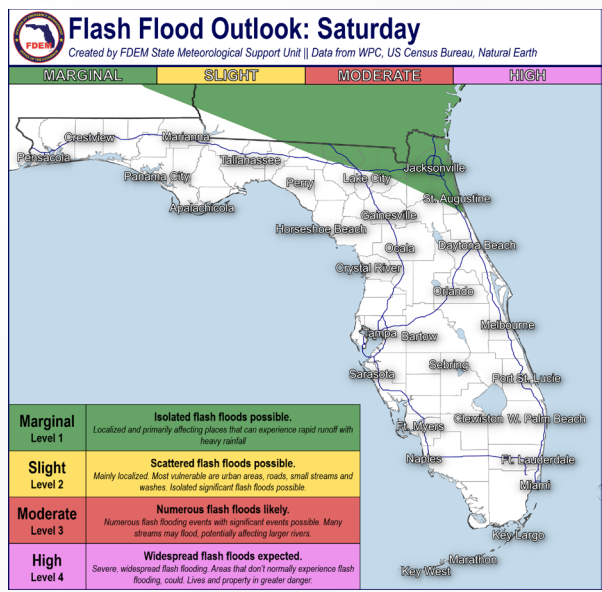


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding			L	L						
Extreme Heat									L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L	L								
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	H	H	L	L	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.04 ft. (2.10 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	359 (-25) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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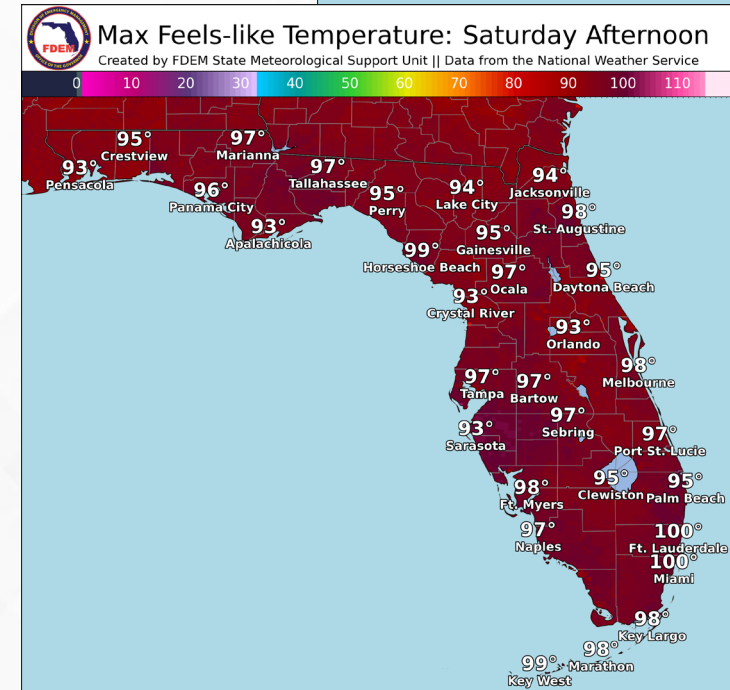
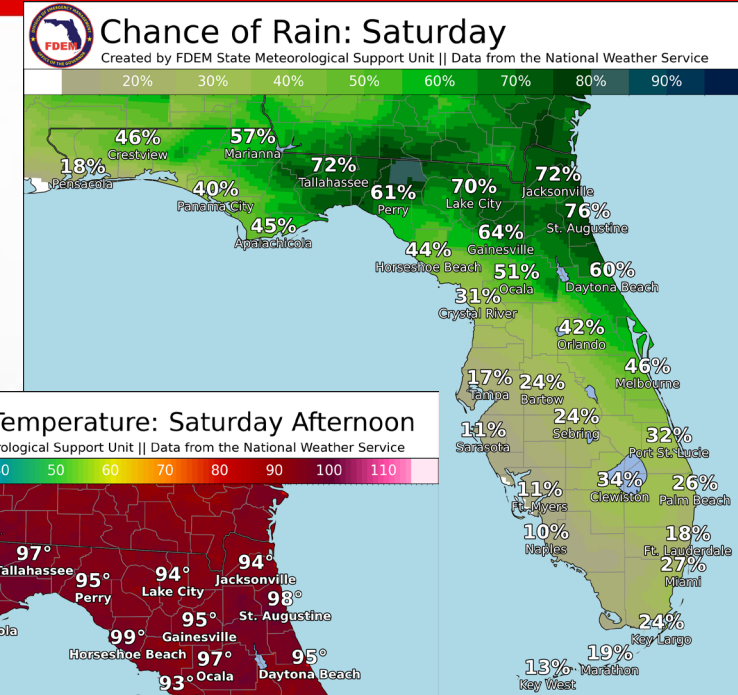
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another day of primarily southwesterly to westerly flow is in store for the state of Florida as the state is still positioned between an upper-level disturbance to our northeast and a ridge axis to the south. The spatial distribution of showers and thunderstorms today will favor the I-10 Corridor owing to this surface flow orientation. Coverage of showers and storms are expected to be widespread (50-80% chance of rain) along the I-10 Corridor today as the deeply moist tropical airmass still overtop much of the state will likely promote the quick development of storms during the daytime hours. Elsewhere in Florida, chances for rain are favored along the East Coast, however probabilities decrease with southward extent due to some drier air that has filtered in. Rain chances vary from medium (40-60%) along the Treasure and Space Coasts to low (20-30%) along the Gold Coast. Chances for rain are very low (10%) for the West Coast today. While there is no organized risk for severe weather with any storms today, a few **locally strong storms** cannot be ruled out, capable of producing frequent lightning and gusty winds (40-50 mph).

A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across Northeast Florida today. Any areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** or **training thunderstorms** could experience **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. Forecast rainfall amounts are expected to remain around 1-2" for most locations, though locally higher amounts **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out.

High temperatures will remain in the upper 80 to **lower 90s** statewide today with partly to mostly cloudy skies and plentiful rainfall. **Hot and muggy conditions** are still expected statewide as high humidity values remain in place. Feels-like temperatures will approach the **middle to upper 90s** throughout much of the state, with a few isolated locations likely **approaching or exceeding 100 degrees**.

Shower and thunderstorm activity may linger past sunset tonight across Northeast Florida before eventually waning or pushing offshore around midnight (40-60% chance of rain). A few isolated showers cannot be ruled out elsewhere across the state overnight as well (15-25% chance of rain). Low temperatures will fall into the 70s to lower 80s throughout the state. Areas of **patchy fog** may develop along the Western Panhandle overnight and towards daybreak on Friday, some of which could become **locally dense**.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Onshore winds and elevated surf will continue to bring a **high risk for rip currents** for most Panhandle beaches today. A **moderate risk** for rip currents is in effect for portions of the Space and Treasure Coasts. A low risk remains in effect for all West Coast and Southeast beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will further diminish along the East Coast and Panhandle today, with waves near **2-3'** expected. Surf near 1' is expected for West Coast and Southeast beaches.

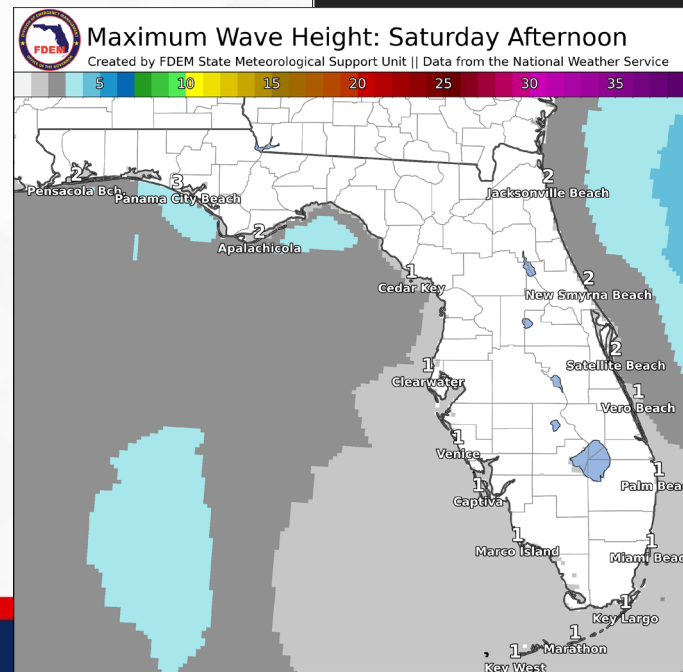
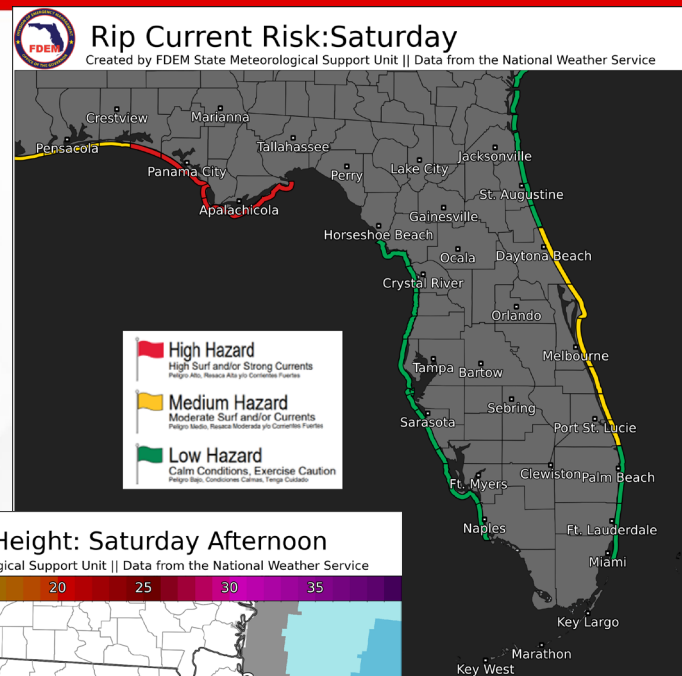
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Sarasota, Monroe, and Bay Counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/29/26).

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

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Riverine Flooding: Numerous river and stream gauges are within Action Stage (bank-full) this morning across the western Panhandle due to recent heavy rainfall. These include the [Escambia River near Century](#), [Shoal River near Crestview](#), [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#), [Perdido River near Barrineau Park](#), [Yellow River at Milligan](#), and the Choctawhatchee River near [Bruce-Ebro](#) and [Caryville](#). These streams are expected to remain in Action Stage through the end of the week, at least. Additional riverine responses into Action Stage are expected today and through the end of the week throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend with more heavy rainfall anticipated. Additional updates to these forecasts will be likely through the week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.04 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.10 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



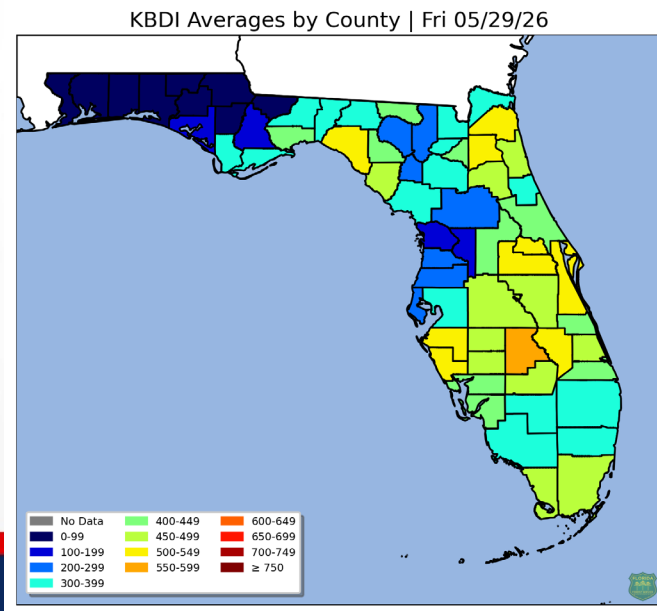
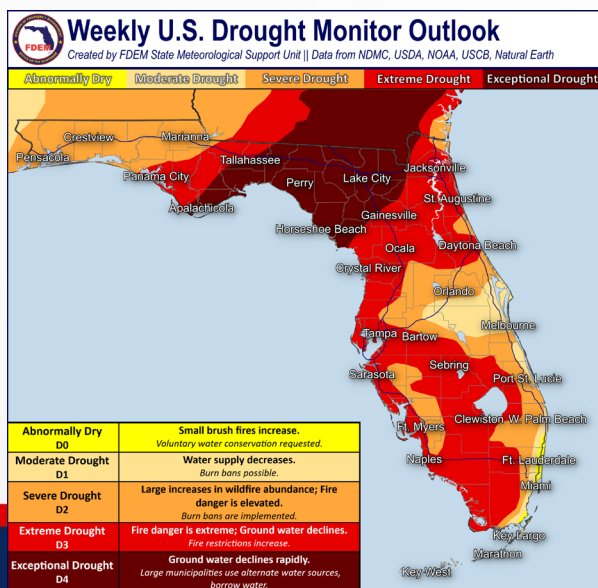


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall fire weather threat is low today due to high humidity values and rain chances. Winds remain southwesterly to westerly today, focusing rain chances to the Panhandle and the Northeast Coast. Wind gusts will generally be limited to <20mph today. Still, the threat of thunderstorms with lightning and brief gusty/erratic winds may spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones, especially in any areas that have seen little rainfall in recent days. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 45 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 14,759 acres.

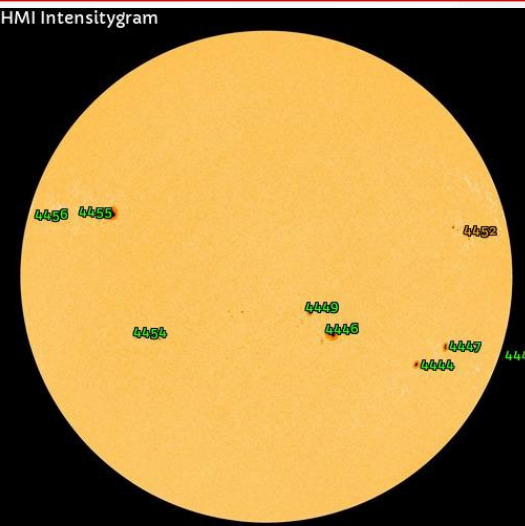
Drought (5/26/26): Localized categorical improvements were made on this week's Drought Monitor update across the Western Panhandle and portions of Southwest and Central Florida. In the Panhandle where the highest rainfall totals (4-6") were observed last week, the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** was reduced to an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** for Bay, Calhoun and Gadsden, and eastern Gulf, Liberty, and Franklin counties. In addition, the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** for Walton, Washington, Holmes, and Jackson counties, as well as portions of eastern Bay, Calhoun, and Gadsen counties. The **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** throughout the eastern Panhandle, Big Bend, and Suwannee River Valley was left untouched following much lower observed rainfall totals last week. Elsewhere, the large area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** in place along the West Coast and Southwest Florida was relatively unchanged except for some small reductions to the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** along the Southern I-75 corridor and portions of Hillsborough, Pasco, Sumter, and Lake Counties. The moderate (level 1 of 4) to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** persists across portions of Central Florida around and just south of the Orlando metro region and along the I-95 corridor of East-Central and Southeast Florida. 99% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 17% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought - a 5% reduction in exceptional drought coverage compared to last week. Looking ahead, widespread showers and thunderstorms resulting in above-normal rainfall amounts should bring localized drought relief and gradual categorical improvements.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **384 (-13)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **10 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

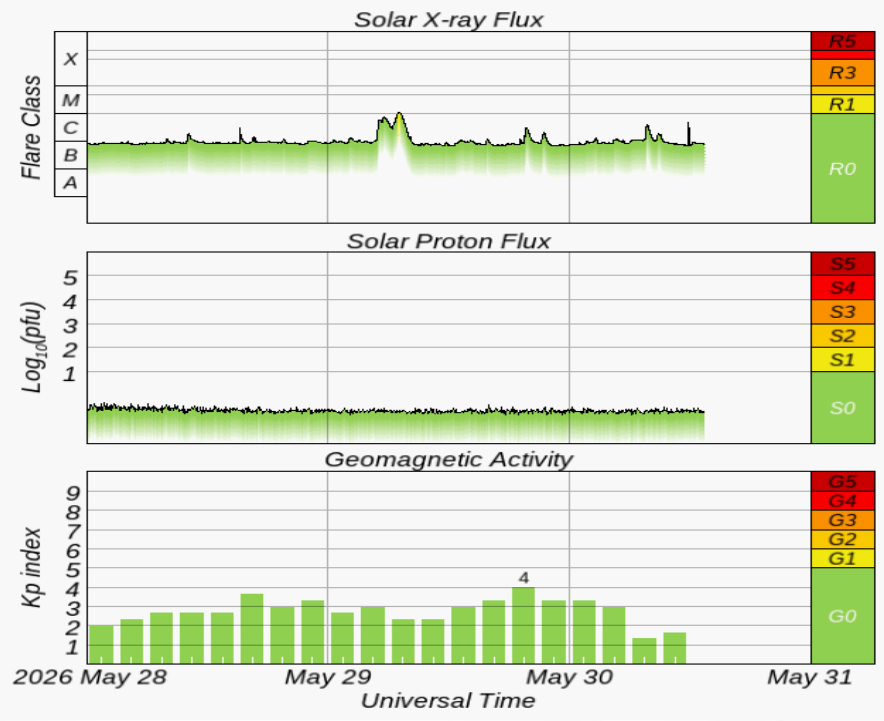




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C4 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

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

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels today with a chance for an isolated M-class flare driven by various sunspot regions. Any M-class flares that do develop will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will be enhanced today and tomorrow with the arrival of weak Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. Geomagnetic field activity will be at quiet to active levels today and tomorrow in response to a new CH HSS and glancing effects from a recent Coronal Mass Ejection. (CME). The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.



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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	
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