



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, May 31, 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

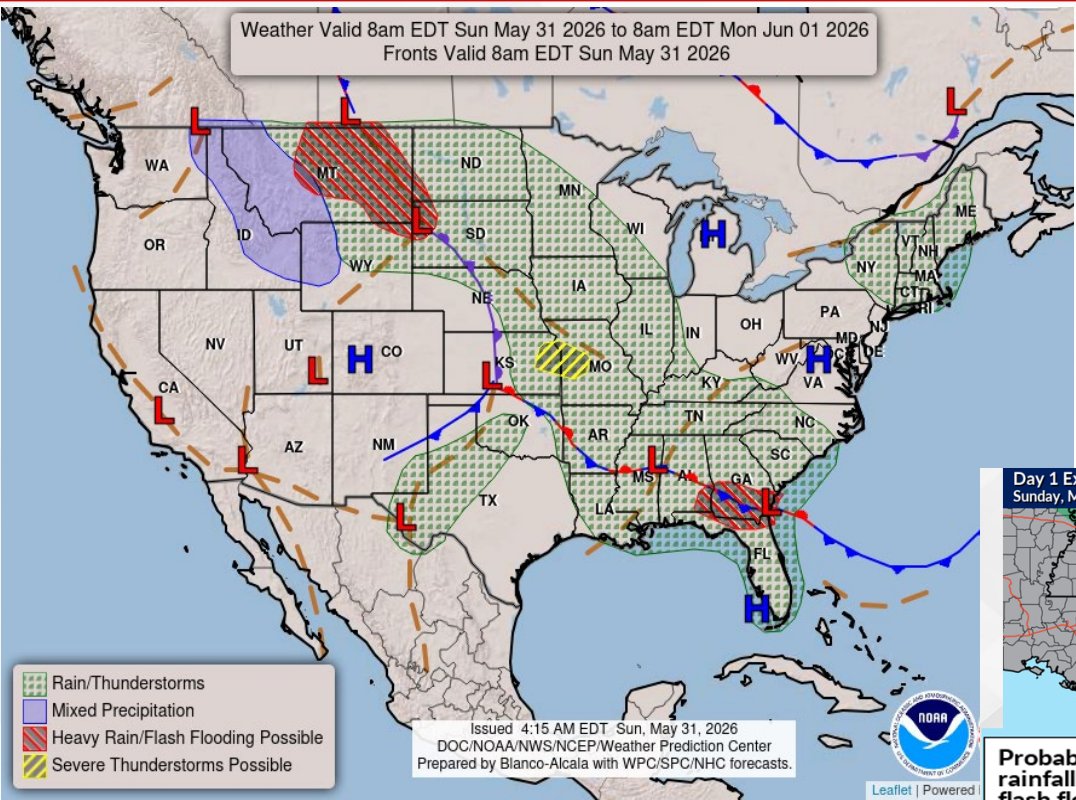
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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

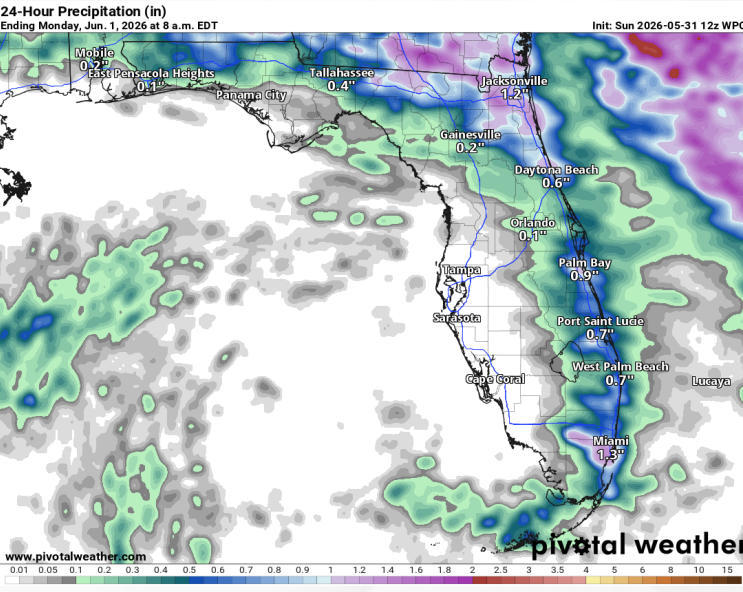
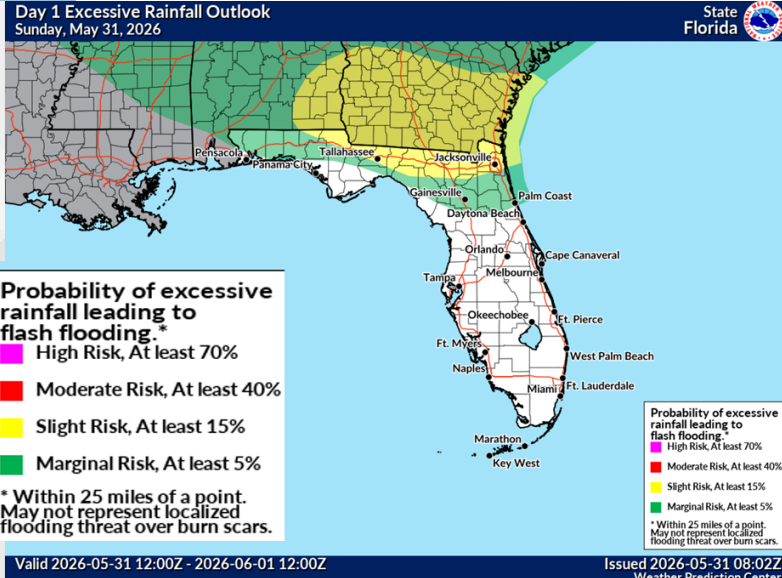


Meteorology Summary



Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	L		L	L		L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	M	M	L					
Extreme Heat						L			L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L	L								
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.43 ft. (2.71 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	336 (-23) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map



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Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

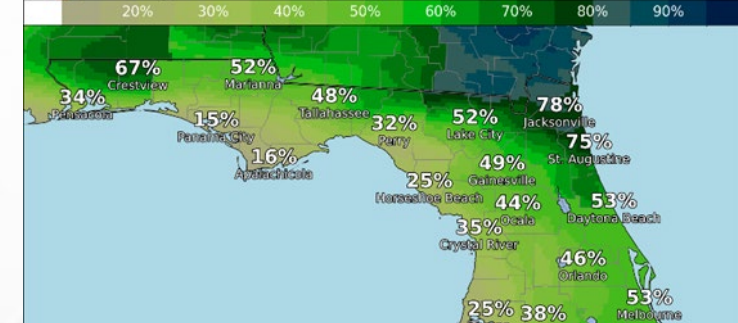
A frontal boundary currently located over Central GA will slowly sag southward towards the FL state line today. This will provide a source of focused lift for shower and thunderstorms development, primarily over the Panhandle and Northeast FL regions today and tonight. Storm activity will likely initiate in the late morning to early afternoon hours and persist through the evening across Northern Florida. Coverage of today's activity will be scattered to widespread (50-80% chance of rain), aided by the very moist air mass overtop. Elsewhere in the state, the Eastern half of the peninsula will be another focus for late afternoon shower and thunderstorm activity, driven by interactions with the West Coast sea breeze (that will quickly be pushed inland along large-scale westerly flow) and the pinned east coast sea breeze. Central and Eastern Florida carries a medium chance (40-60%) for rain today, whereas the West Coast and Coastal Panhandle regions carry a low (10-20%) chance for rain. While no organized risk of severe weather is expected with any of today's thunderstorm activity, a few **locally strong storms** cannot be ruled out, capable of producing frequent lightning and gusty winds (40-50 mph).

A **Marginal (level 1 of 4) to Slight (level 2 of 4) Risk for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across much of North Florida today - a region that has already seen multiple inches of rain and isolated instances of flash flooding over the past few days. Any areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** or **slow-moving/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 3-5"** cannot be ruled out.

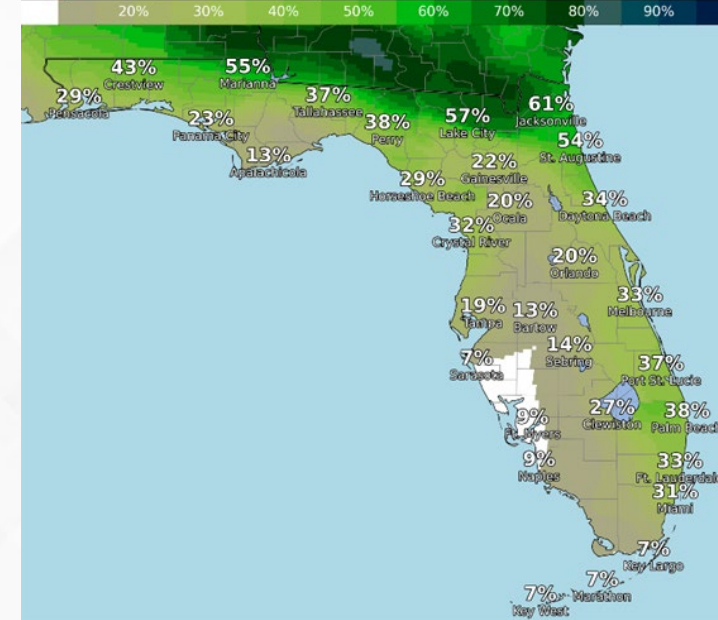
High temperatures will remain mostly in the 80s statewide today with partly to mostly cloudy skies and plentiful rainfall. However, peeks of sunshine may bring temperatures into the lower 90s across the interior Peninsula. **Hot and muggy conditions** are expected statewide regardless as humidity increases. Feels-like temperatures will approach the **upper 90s** throughout Central and South Florida this afternoon. A few locations may **briefly reach or exceed 100 degrees** this afternoon.

Shower and thunderstorm activity is expected to linger well past sunset tonight across inland North Florida (40-60% chance) as the front continues its southward march tonight. A few isolated showers cannot be ruled out elsewhere across coastal peninsula location overnight as well (20-40% chance of rain). Low temperatures will fall into the 70s to lower 80s throughout the state. Areas of **patchy fog** may develop in the Western Panhandle overnight and towards daybreak on Monday.

Chance of Rain: Sunday
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Chance of Rain: Sunday Night
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Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Onshore winds and elevated surf will continue to bring a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** for all Panhandle beaches today. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is in effect for much of the Northeast/East-Central coastlines. A low risk will return to all West Coast beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

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

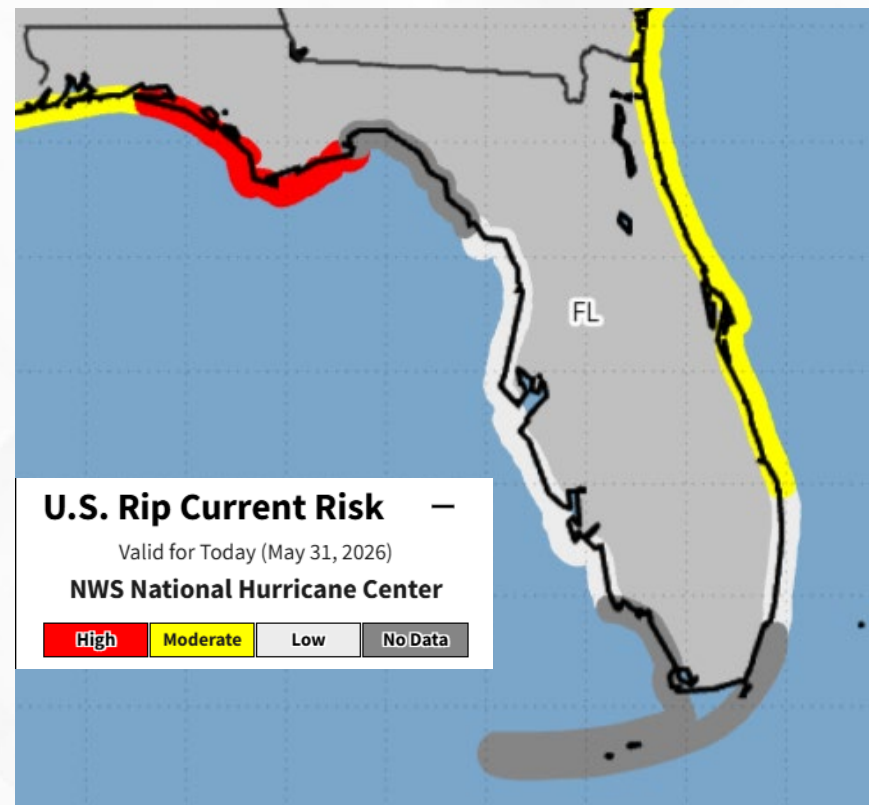
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Sarasota, Monroe, and Bay Counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/29/26).

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 Shoal River near [Crestview](#) and [Mossy Head](#), [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 10.43 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.71 feet below normal for this time of year.



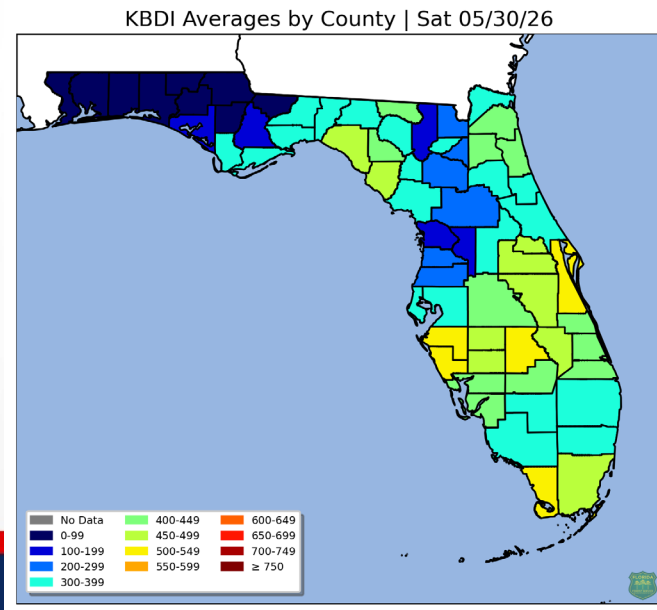
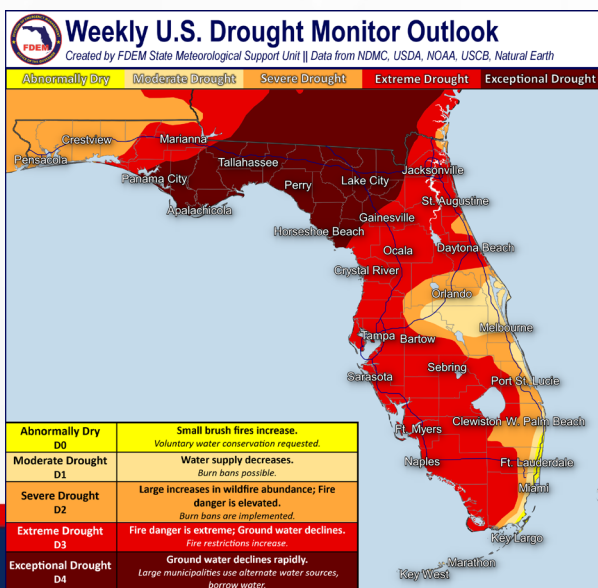


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall fire weather threat is low today due to increasing humidity values and rain chances. As winds shift out of the southwest today, rain chances will increase statewide with winds diminishing from previous days. 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 41 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 14,749 acres.

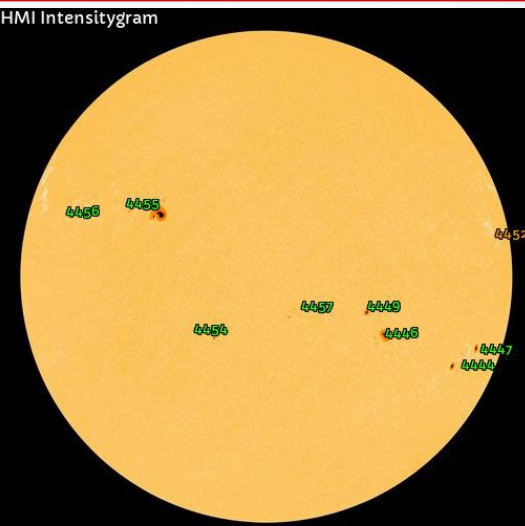
Drought (5/26/26): Localized categorical improvements were made on this week's Drought Monitor update across the Western Panhandle and portions of Southwest and Central Florida. In the Panhandle where the highest rainfall totals (4-6") were observed last week, the exceptional drought (level 4 of 4) was 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 Gadsden 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 **336 (-23)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **5 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

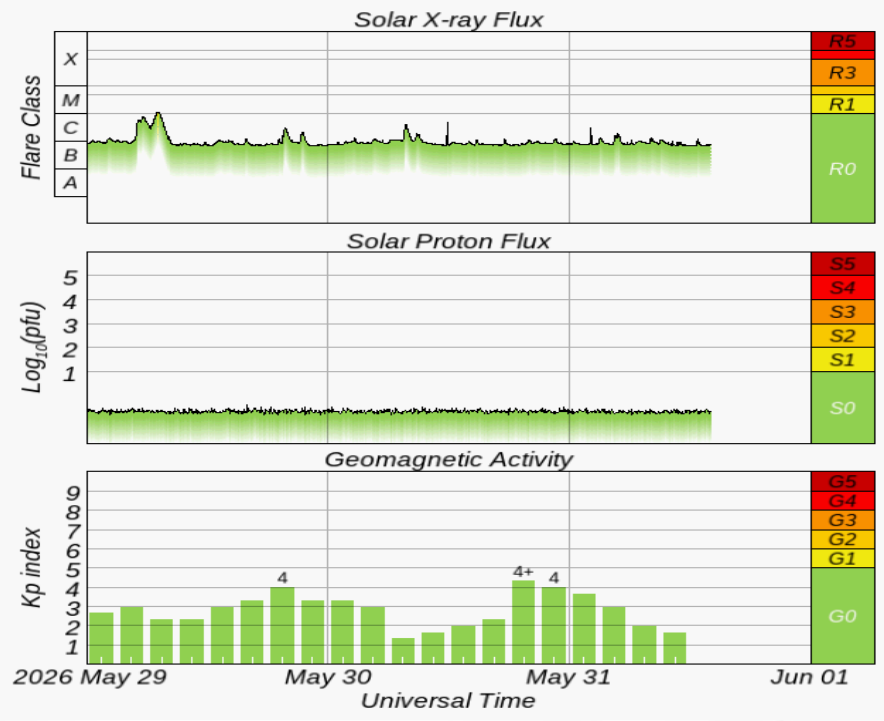
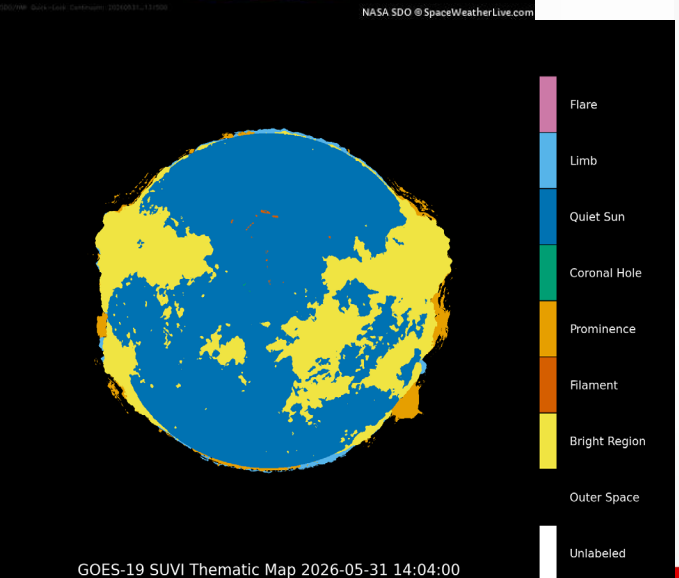




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/31	6/1
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% 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. 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 unsettled to active levels today and tomorrow due to effects from the CH HSS. 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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