



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, July 1, 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	Escambia	Air Show Planning Meeting / UAS Coordination Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor, Madison	County EM Meetings
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Administration
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	FEMA Training
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	RDSTF Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)



Region 5 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 4
Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 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	Washington	LMS Meeting
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	HQ Visit
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	TBLEPC Trademark Nitrogen TTX Final Planning Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	Lee	Regional RDSTF Meeting
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Administration Duties / Response Coverage R10

Region 4 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 5

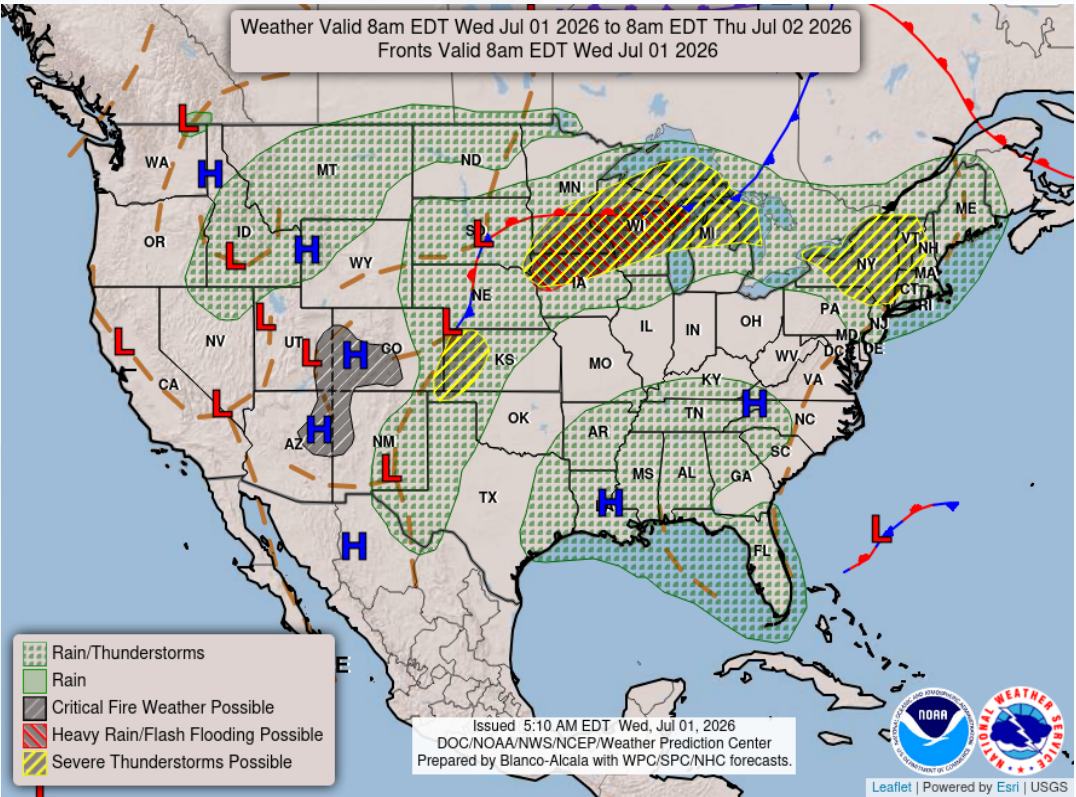
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Status
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Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

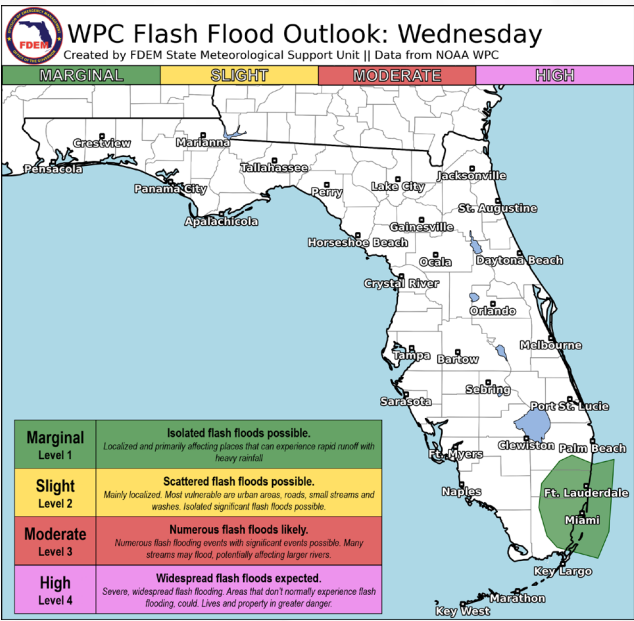
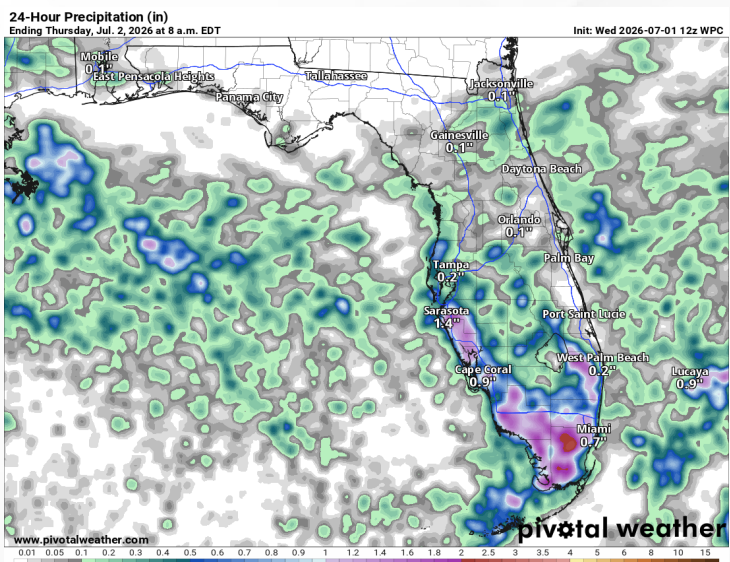


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	L	M	M	M	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L		L
Extreme Heat	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	L	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.93 ft. (2.46 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	377 (+14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





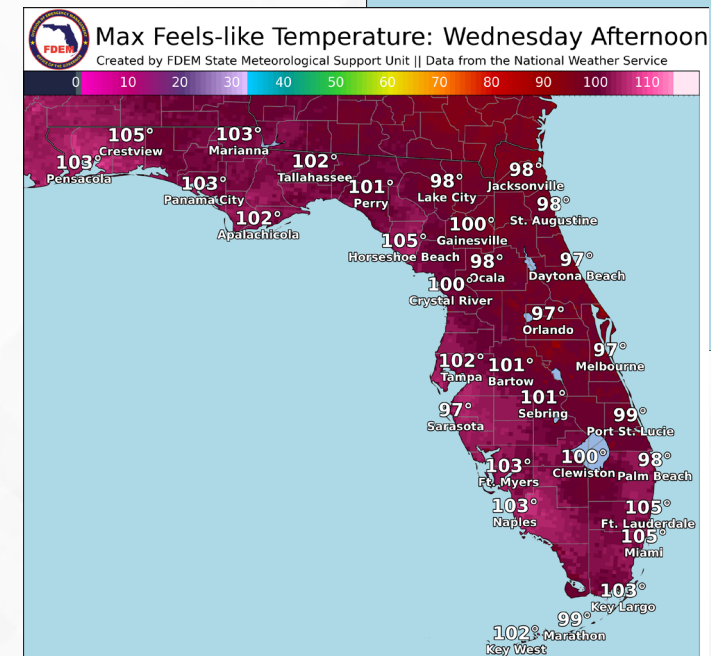
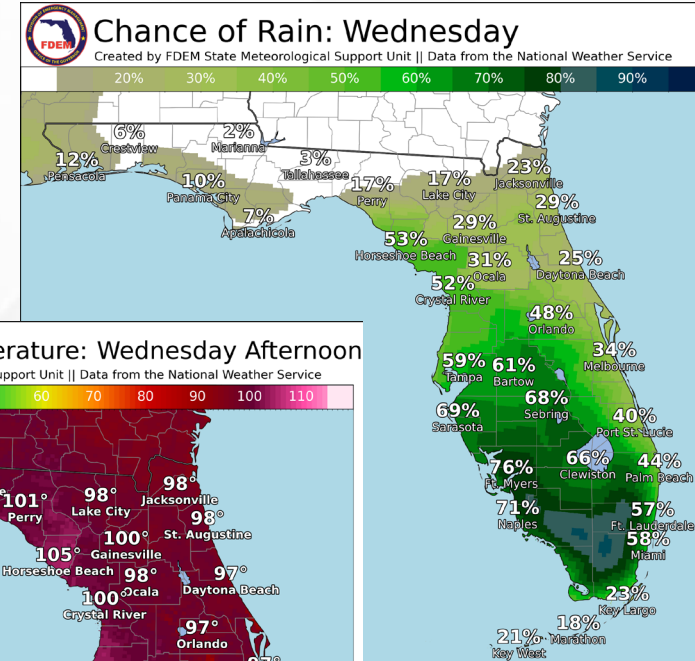
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

An ill-defined and weakening frontal boundary is currently located near North-Central Florida this morning. Unseasonably dry air has filtered in behind the front across the Panhandle, greatly limiting the extent of chances for rain this afternoon. Some isolated showers are possible along the immediate Panhandle coastline (10-20% chance); with all other inland Panhandle locations carrying zero or near-zero rainfall chances today. Chances for rain steadily increase with southward extent in the Peninsula today, coinciding with a steady increase in moisture as you go south. Weak easterly flow will generally favor the western half of the Peninsula for higher rain chances today. However, the weak nature of this flow will allow for both coast's sea breeze boundaries to develop, push inland, and collide over the central portions of the Peninsula. Storm motion will generally be slow and erratic, with outflow boundaries from other storms helping spawn new storms. All this to say, scattered to numerous storms are expected for most locations today within the Peninsula, with coverage and intensity greatest in the southern and westernmost regions. A small **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across metro Southeast where high-resolution guidance continues to indicate the possibility for a localized zone of enhanced convergence and rainfall developing over these locations. No other organized risk of flash flooding or severe weather is expected today across the state, however a few storms could become **strong to severe** capable of isolated damaging wind gusts and **torrential downpours**.

Heat and humidity eases somewhat compared to yesterday. Drier air across North Florida and rain and cloud coverage across the Peninsula will limit heat indexes to "only" the **upper 90s to lower 100s** across the state. Some isolated locations in the Western Panhandle where a little more moisture is present and within Southeast Florida may briefly see heat indexes in the **middle 100s** this afternoon.

Tonight, any shower or thunderstorm activity within the Peninsula will begin to dissipate or push offshore before midnight (25-40% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide. Drier air within North-Central Florida may support some pleasant overnight lows in the upper 60s.



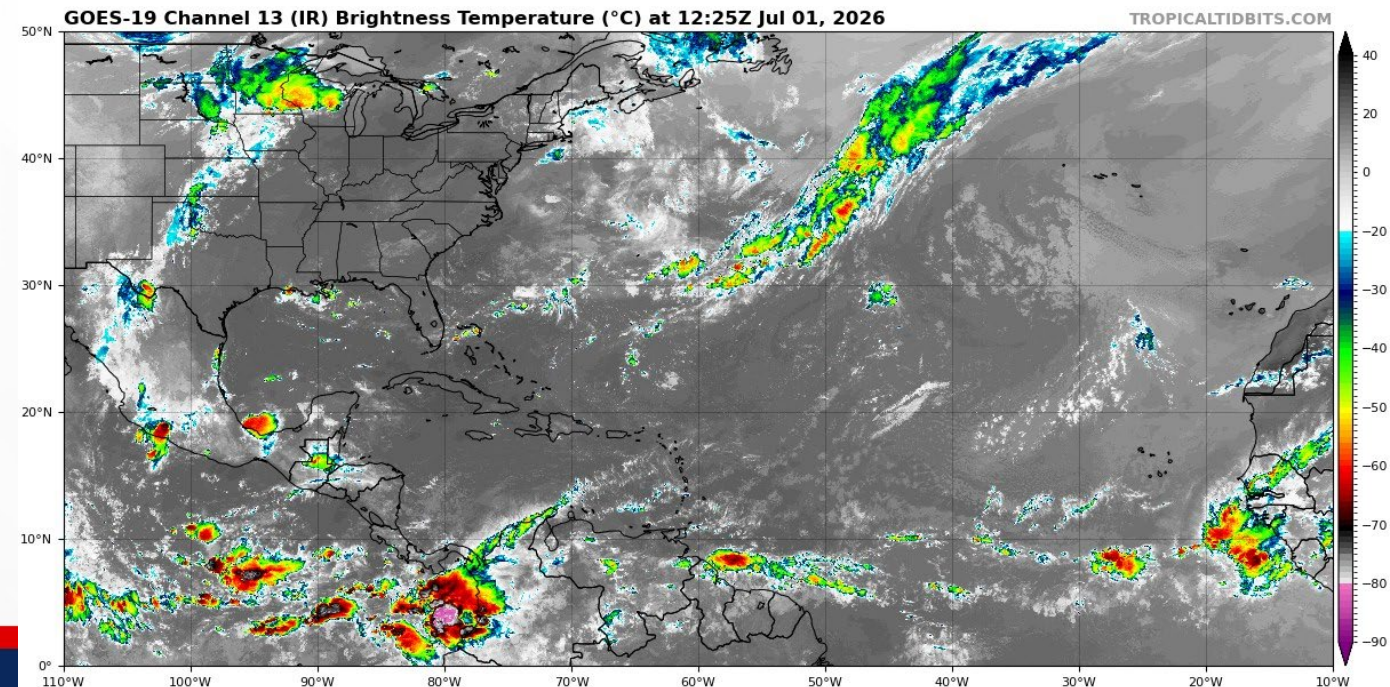
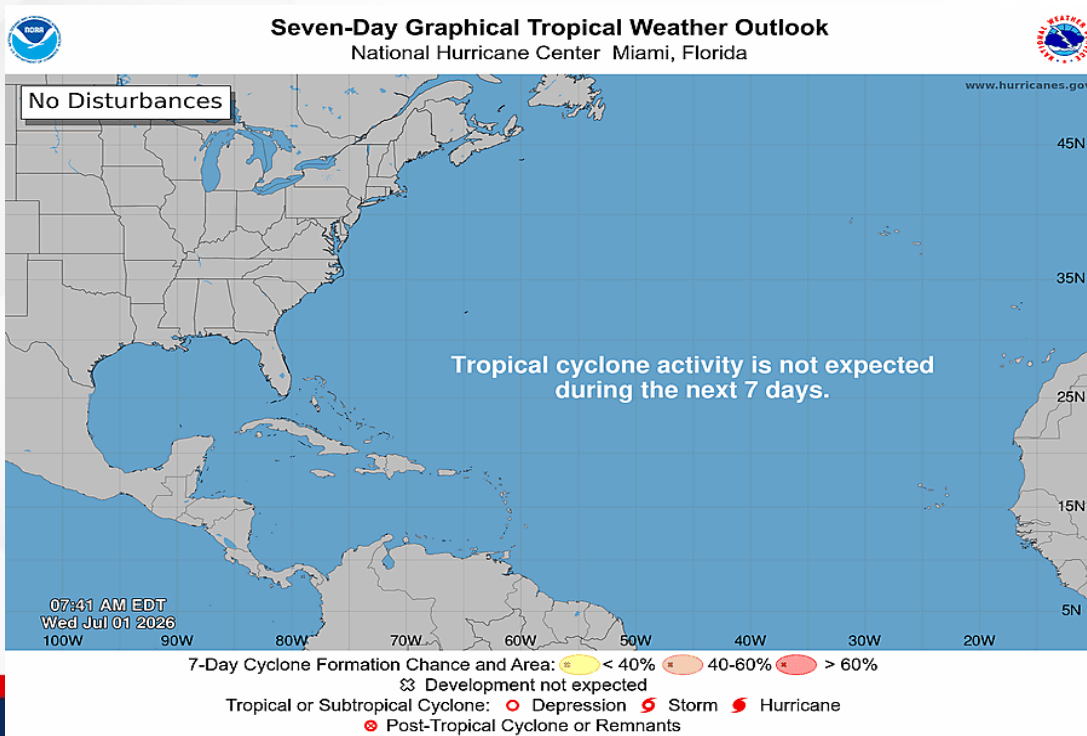


Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Tropical Cyclone Development is NOT Expected Over the Next 7 Days

Current Satellite Imagery





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is outlooked for most East Coast and Panhandle beaches today. A low risk is expected for all other beaches along the West Coast, Southeast Florida, and Northwest Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights elevate somewhat today, with 3-5' surf heights along the East Coast, 2-3' along the Western Panhandle, and surf around 1-2' for West Coast and Southeast Coast beaches.

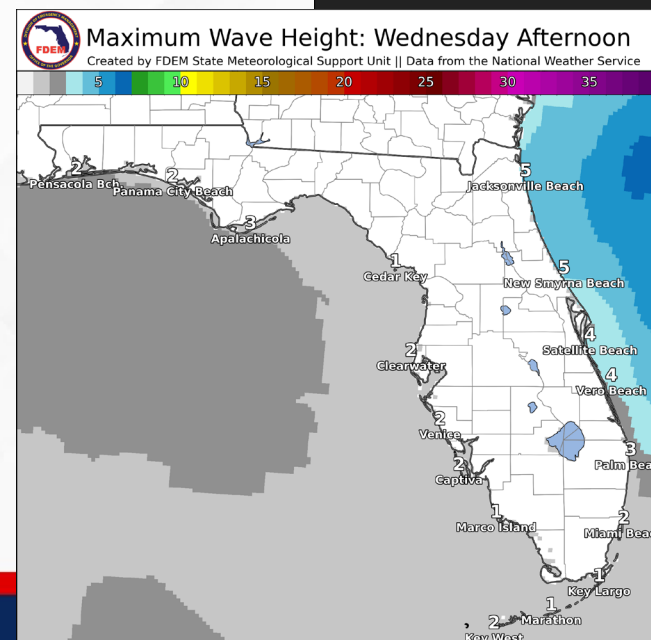
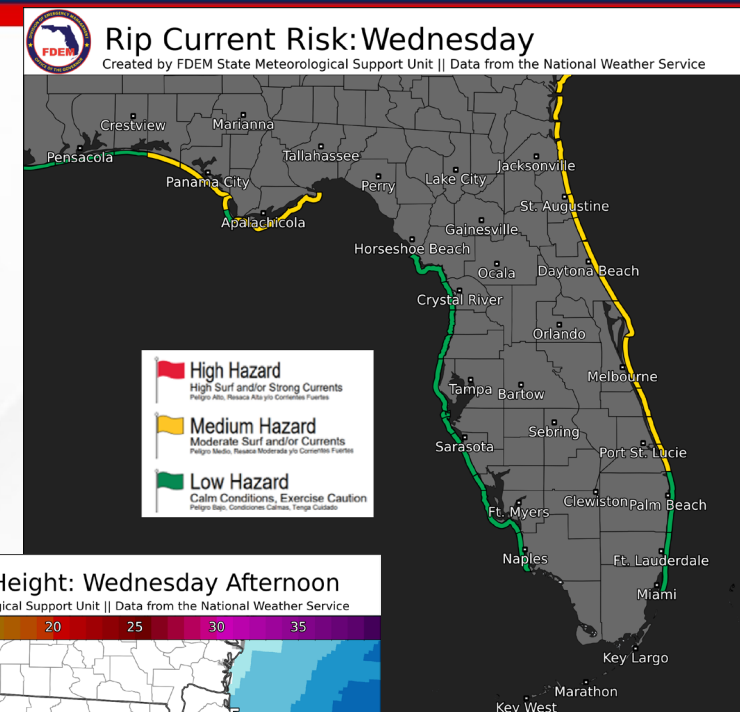
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau county over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/26/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no current coastal flood alerts for the state.

Flash Flooding: A localized **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked along coastal Southeast Florida. High-resolution guidance continues to indicate the possibility for a zone of enhanced convergence to set up somewhere within Southeast Florida. Isolated amounts of **2-3'** appear possible, with rainfall accumulations of 1-2' likely for most other locations across the state. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: All rivers previously in minor to moderate flood stage from previous weeks' flash flooding events have since fallen to Action or no flood stage. All rivers currently in Action stage will recede back to normal heights in the coming days. All river flood warnings have been cancelled. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.93 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.46 feet below normal for this time of year.



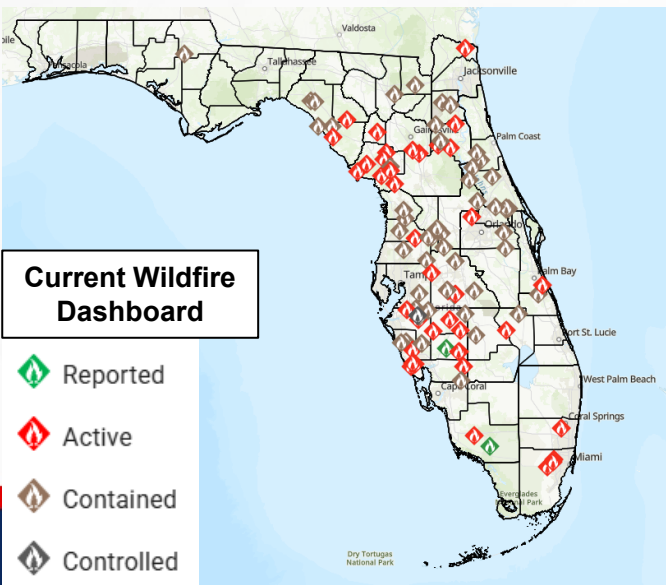
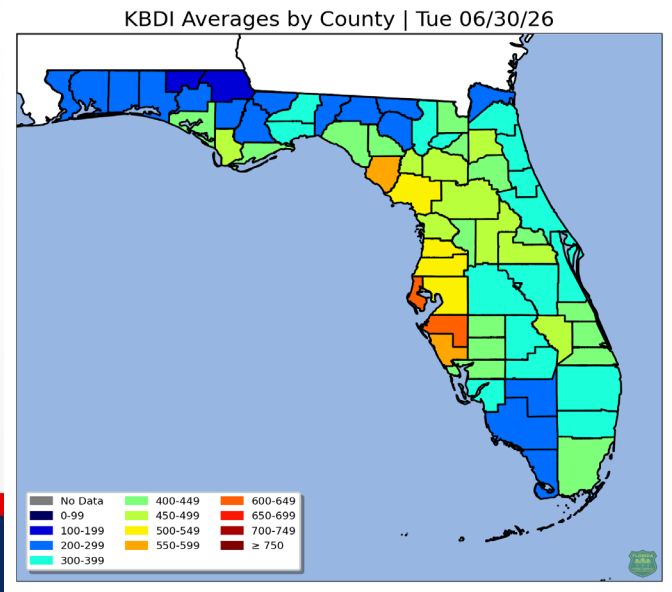
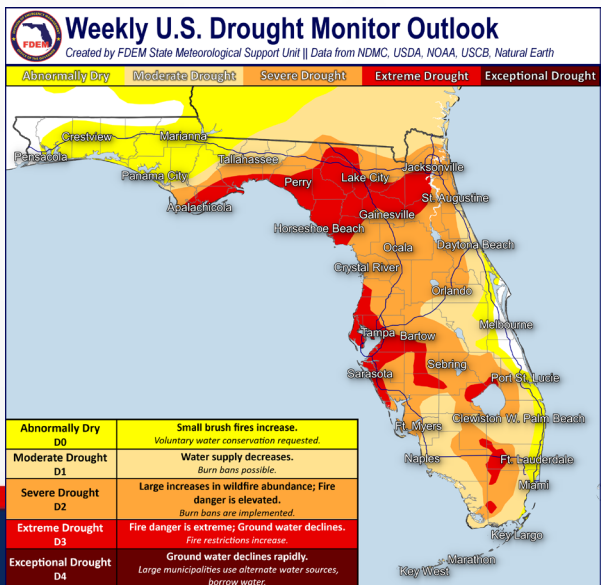


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Drier post-frontal air has filtered in across the northern portions of the state. Relative humidities will be unseasonably low, in the high 30s to low 40s, but will stay well above critical thresholds. Still, hot temperatures and the lack of substantial rainfall over the past few days will induce some **sensitive wildfire conditions** across these locations. The wildfire threat will remain **sensitive** across the Peninsula given light winds and high humidity, but high chances for afternoon thunderstorms could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 95 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 36,483 acres.

Drought (6/23/26): Moderate drought west of the Apalachicola River has been downgraded to abnormally dry conditions. Further east, much of the Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley received between 3-6 inches of rainfall which has resulted in all localized pockets of exceptional drought (level 4 of 4) to be downgraded to **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** conditions. This area of extreme drought extends along the Forgotten Coast and into the upper Suwannee River Valley and interior Northeast Florida. **Moderate to Severe Drought (level 1-2 of 4)** surround this area across the remainder of the Big Bend, Northeast and North-Central Florida. Across the Peninsula, much of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along the West-Central coastline remains and areas of **moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** persist across much of the I-4 corridor and interior Central Florida. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** are also found in southwestern Polk and central Hardee and DeSoto counties. In South Florida, heavy rains focused across the southwestern region bringing severe drought conditions down to **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** along coastal Monroe and Collier counties, as well as interior Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties. Only a small pocket of **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)** persists across interior Miami-Dade, Broward, Collier, and Hendry counties. Looking ahead, sea breeze showers and thunderstorms will largely persist daily across the state, especially focused across the Peninsula.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **377 (+14)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **8 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





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	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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