



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, July 2, 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 - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status - Governor Declared State Holiday
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 10 (FIFA Match Activation)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5
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/Holiday
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Not Available
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off/Holiday
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off/Holiday
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off/Holiday
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off/Holiday
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	In Region	Off/Holiday
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Response Coverage R10

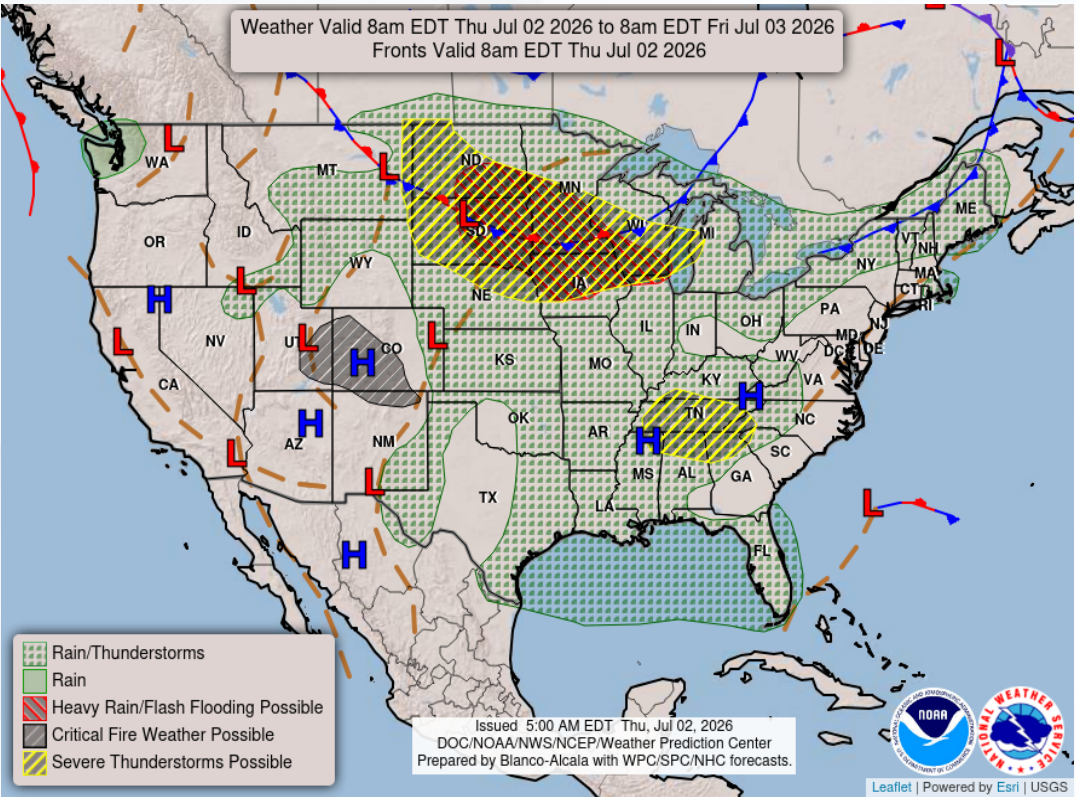
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

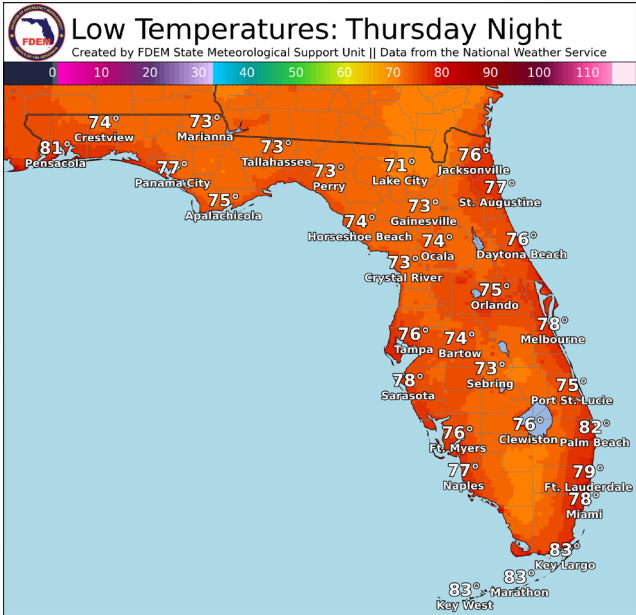
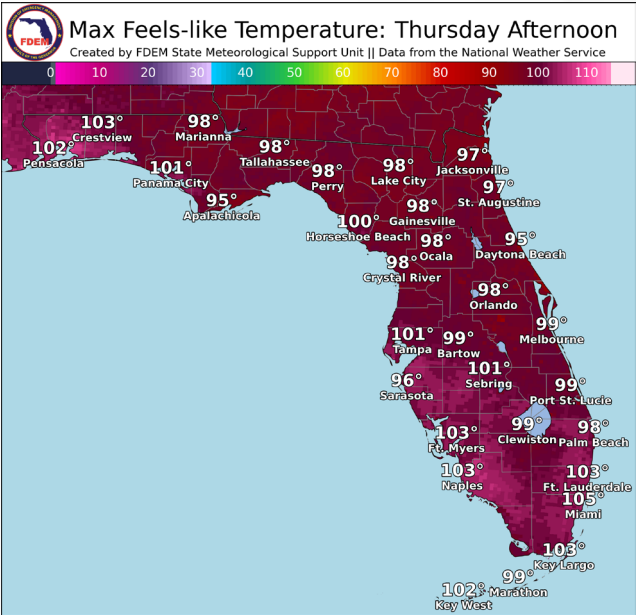


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning					L	M	M	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat	M	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	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. (2.48 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	360 (-17) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





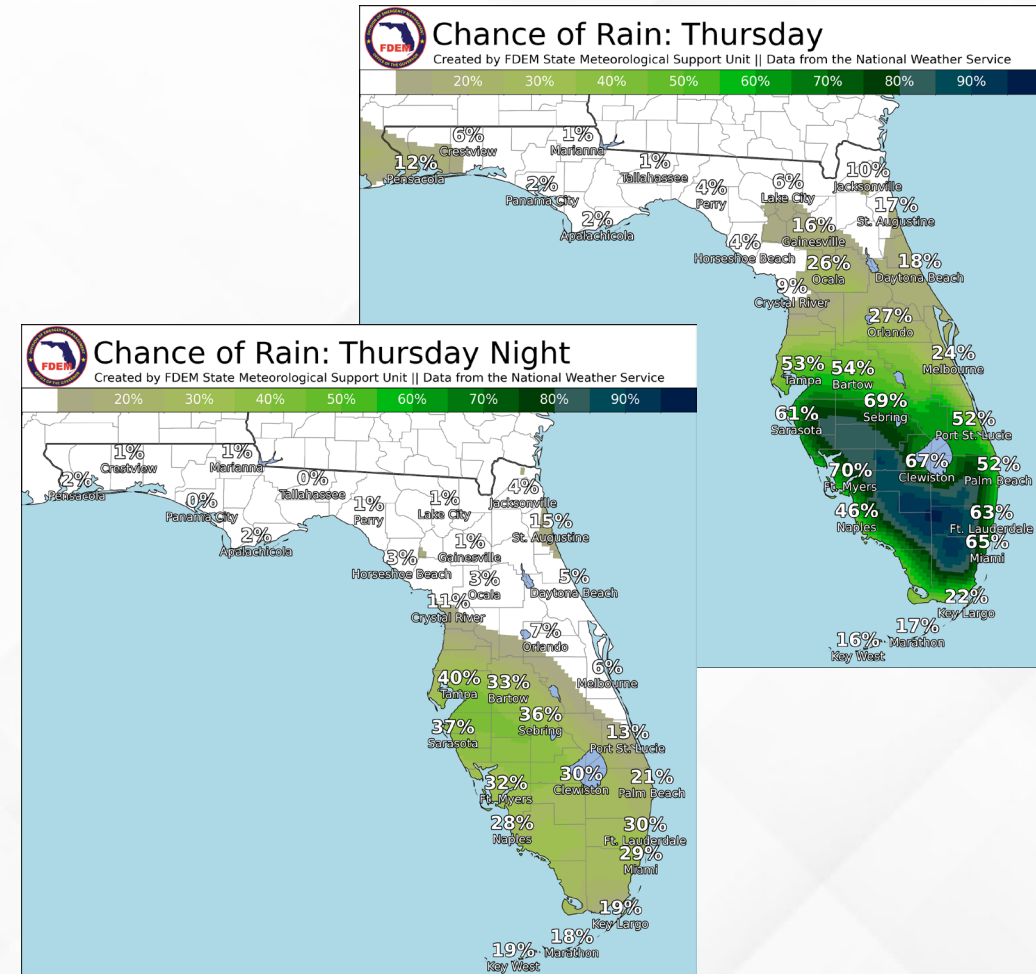
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A large area of high pressure sprawling across the eastern U.S. will continue to dominate the local pattern here in the Sunshine State. East to northeasterly flow around this area of high pressure will filter in a pocket of very dry air (relative to this time of year) across much of North Florida today, inhibiting any shower and thunderstorm development. Throughout the Peninsula, tropical moisture will remain focused across South-Central and South Florida where sea breeze driven showers and thunderstorms will develop this afternoon (50-90% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding, any thunderstorm could become **locally strong** and capable of producing frequent lightning and **torrential downpours**, which could lead to **nuisance flooding** in urban areas. Chances of rain will remain isolated along and near the I-4 corridor (15-30% chance of rain), diminishing with northward extent. Given the easterly flow across the Peninsula, most activity will initially develop along the East Coast sea breeze before pushing westward and colliding with the Gulf sea breeze over West-Central and Southwest Florida this evening.

Heat and humidity eases somewhat compared to yesterday. Drier air across North and North-Central Florida, as well as 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.



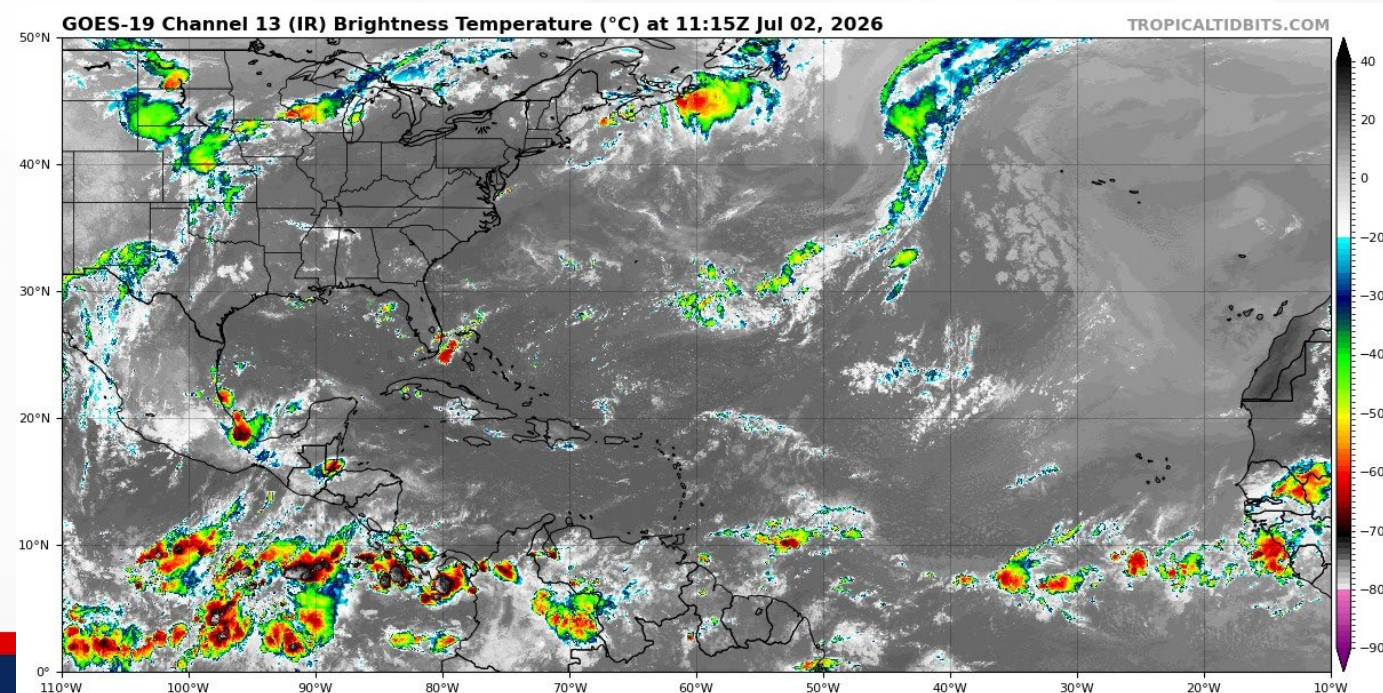
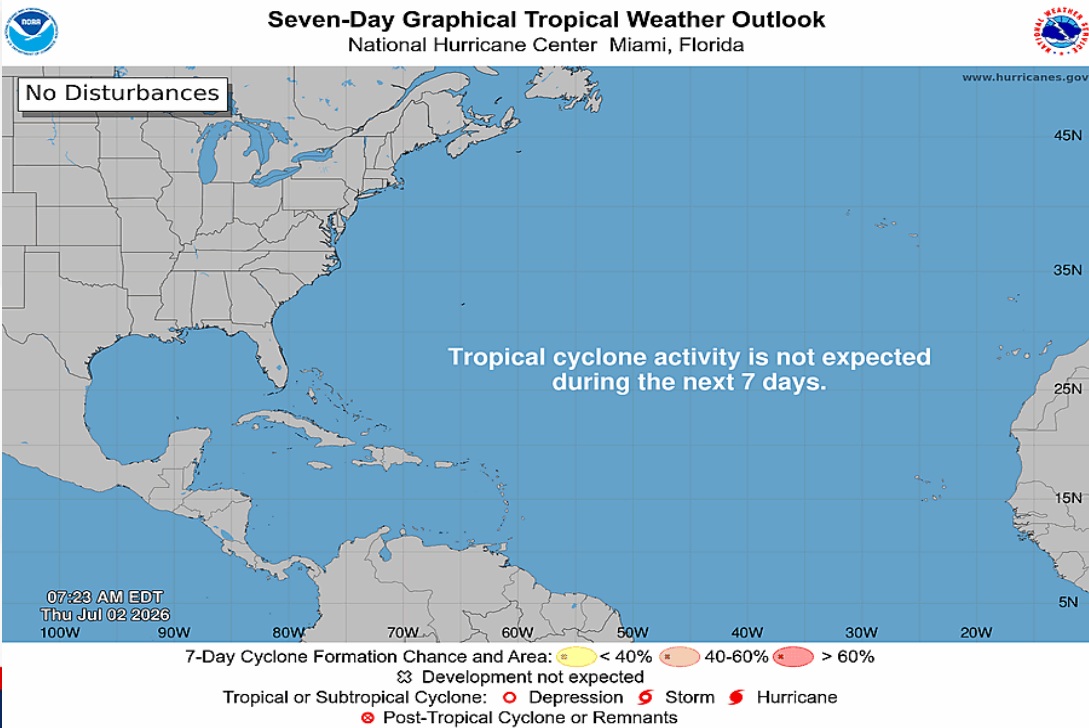


Tropical Weather

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 remain elevated along the East Coast today, with waves of **3-5'** expected. Surf near 1-2' is expected for all other Florida beaches.

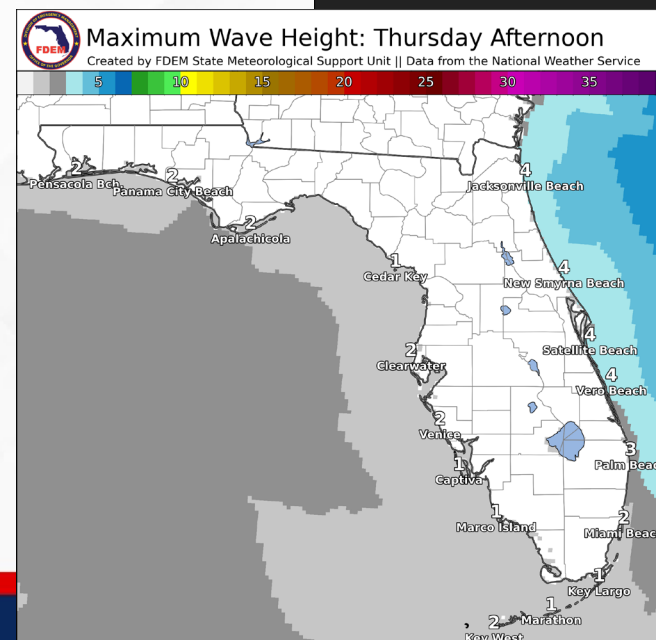
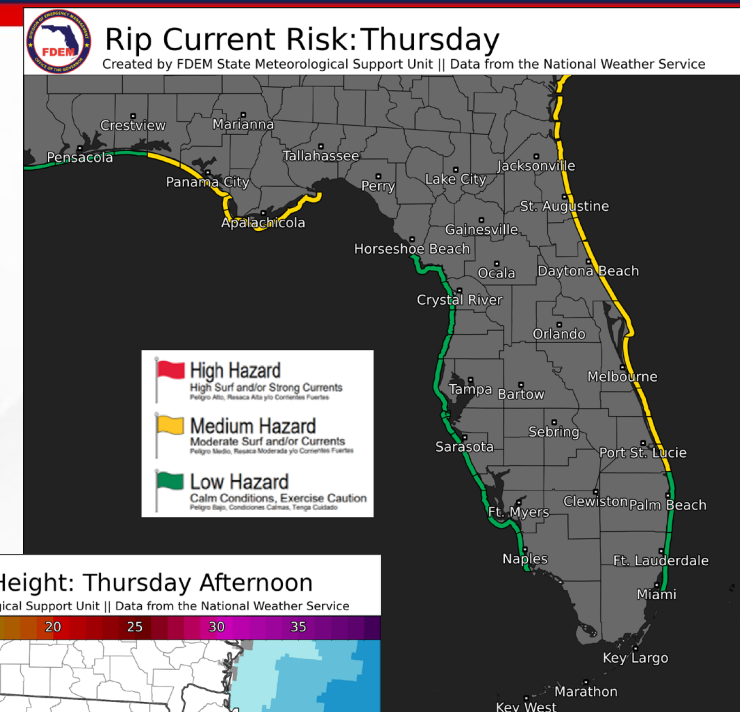
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau county over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 6/26/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding across the state today. Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will remain focused across interior South Florida this afternoon, some of which may become **locally strong** and accompanied by **torrential downpours**. Rainfall amounts will generally remain around 1" for most locations, however locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out in areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy rainfall. 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 2.48 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



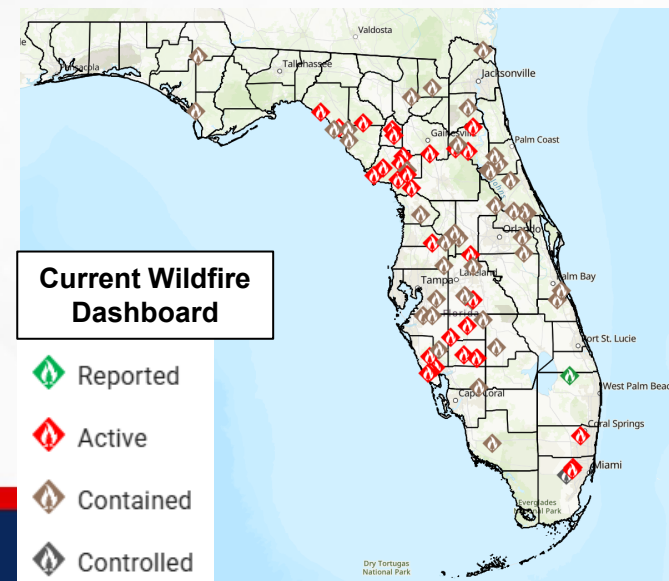
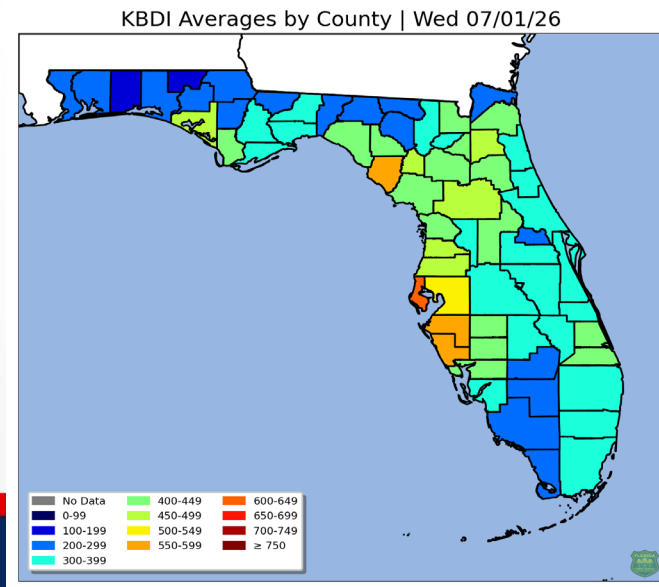
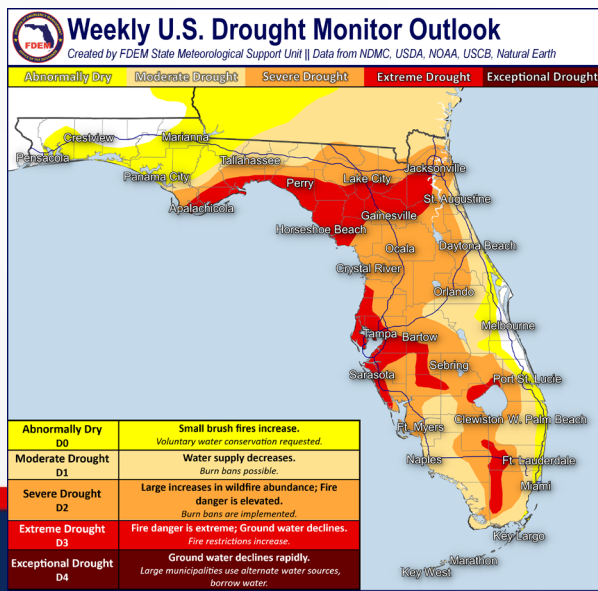


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Drier post-frontal air will remain across the northern portions of the state today where relative humidities will fall to unseasonably low levels, into the middle 30s to lower 40s. Given the lack of rainfall in recent days and multiple days of hot temperatures, **sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop across these locations. The wildfire threat will remain low 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 75 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 35,386 acres.

Drought (6/30/26): A more seasonal distribution and amount of rainfall over the past week driven by sea breeze showers and thunderstorms brought near normal rainfall to much of the state, resulting in very few changes to the Drought Monitor update this week. Across North Florida, a bit more of the Panhandle has been removed from any drought category this week. Across the Big Bend and Northeast Florida, the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place along the Forgotten Coast and extending inland into the lower Suwannee River Valley and upper St. Johns River basin. **Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** still surrounds this area of extreme drought, including in northern Suwannee and Hamilton counties which have been downgraded to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Throughout Central Florida, no changes were observed on this week's update. The West-Central coast remains under an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** with **moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** persisting across much of the I-4 corridor and interior Central Florida. The East-Central coastline remains under no drought category this week, with abnormally dry (*receding drought*) just inland. In South Florida, the only changes this week were observed across interior Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Hendry counties. Some of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** has expanded in interior Miami-Dade and Broward counties and **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** in interior Palm Beach and Hendry counties. Looking ahead, drier air will begin to filter out of North Florida later this weekend bringing rainfall chances back to the area. Typical seasonal sea breeze showers and thunderstorms will persist each day statewide which will bring some localized drought improvements in areas that do receive rainfall, however with hot temperatures expected any areas that fail to see the scattered rainfall will see drought persist or worsen.

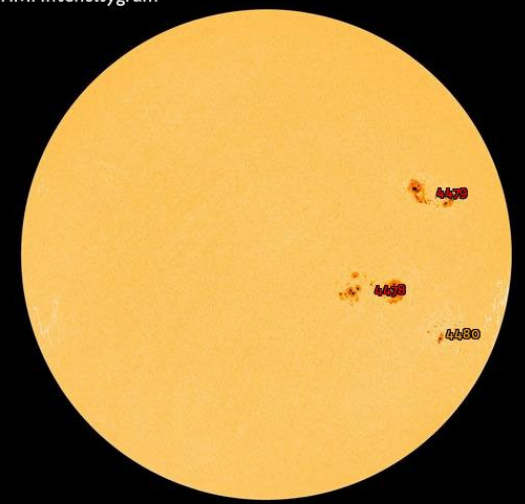
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **360 (-17)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **5 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





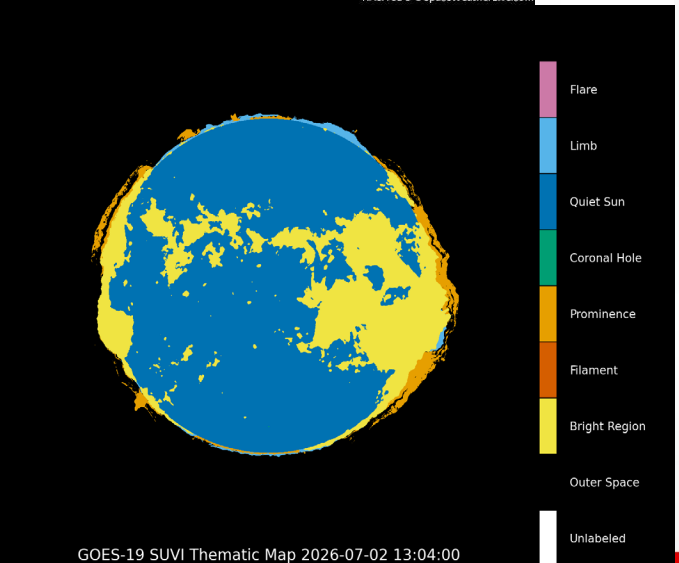
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

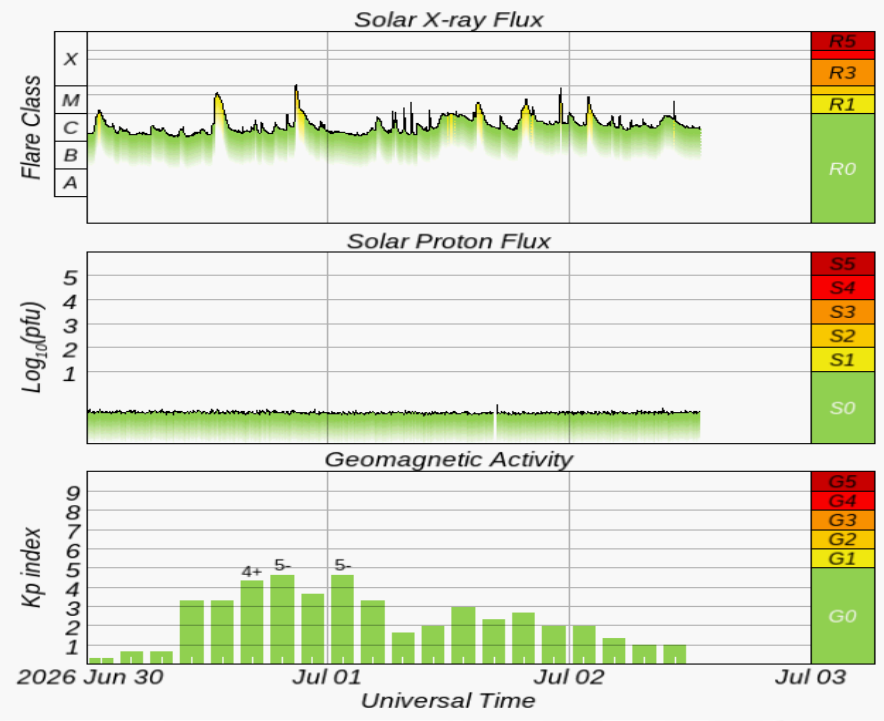


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Current Sunspots



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-02 13:04:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 70%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Storm Watch (7/3)	M8 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
7/2		7/3
Max Kp= 4 (G0)		Max Kp= 6 (G2)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%		Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity will likely remain at moderate levels with a slight chance for X-class flares, particularly from Region 4479. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts, and X-class flares strong (R3) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will briefly return to nominal background levels before the Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on 6/30 arrives early Friday, bringing a return of disturbed solar wind conditions. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field levels are expected before the arrival of the CME, with periods of G1 (Minor) to G2 (Moderate) storming possible thereafter on Friday and Saturday. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains 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
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