



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, July 4, 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 / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 9 /On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA / On-Call Status / Fourth of July Events Monitoring



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6 & 9

Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



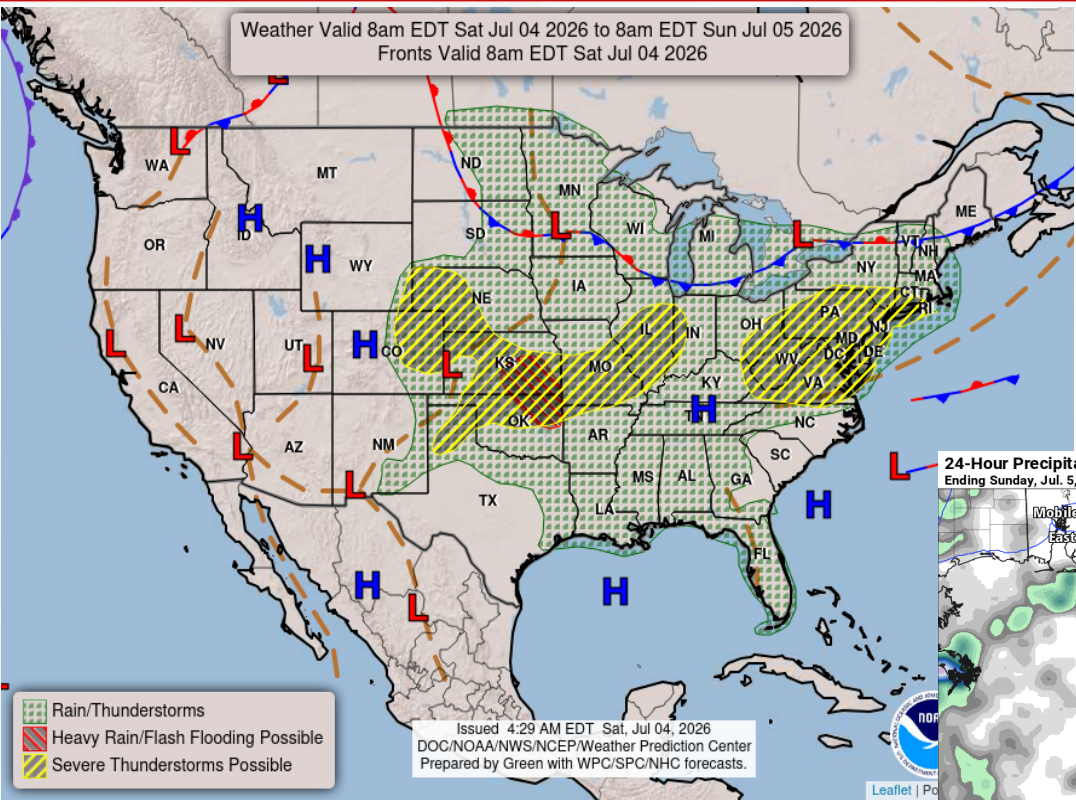
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Not Available
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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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

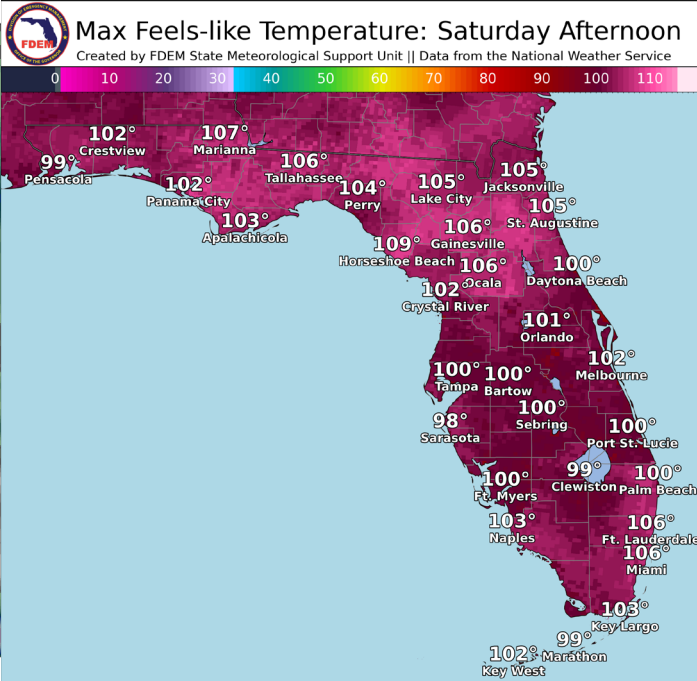
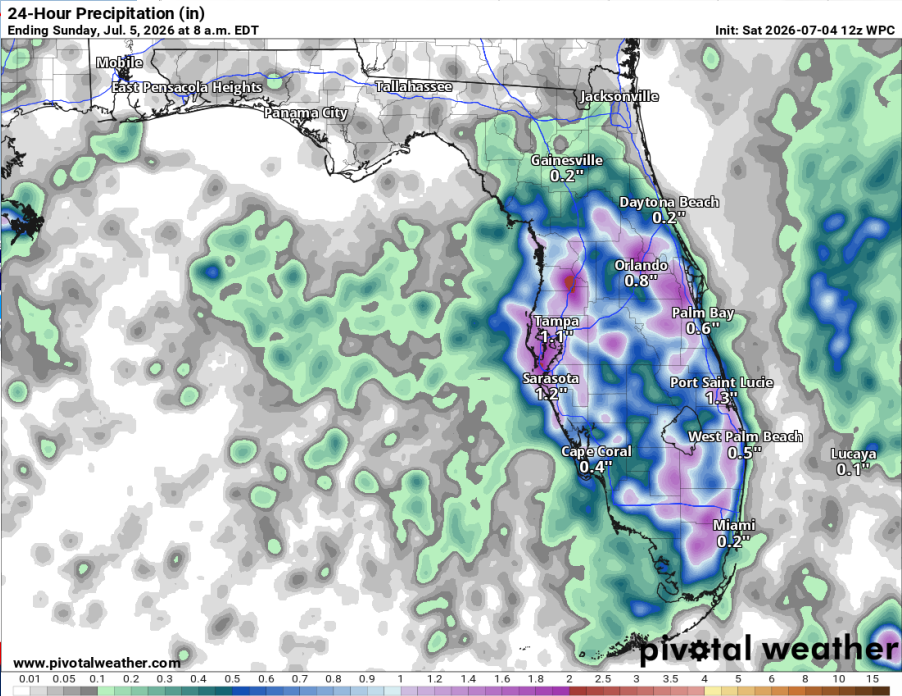


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding					L	L	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	M	H
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.90 ft. (2.55 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	378 (+11) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





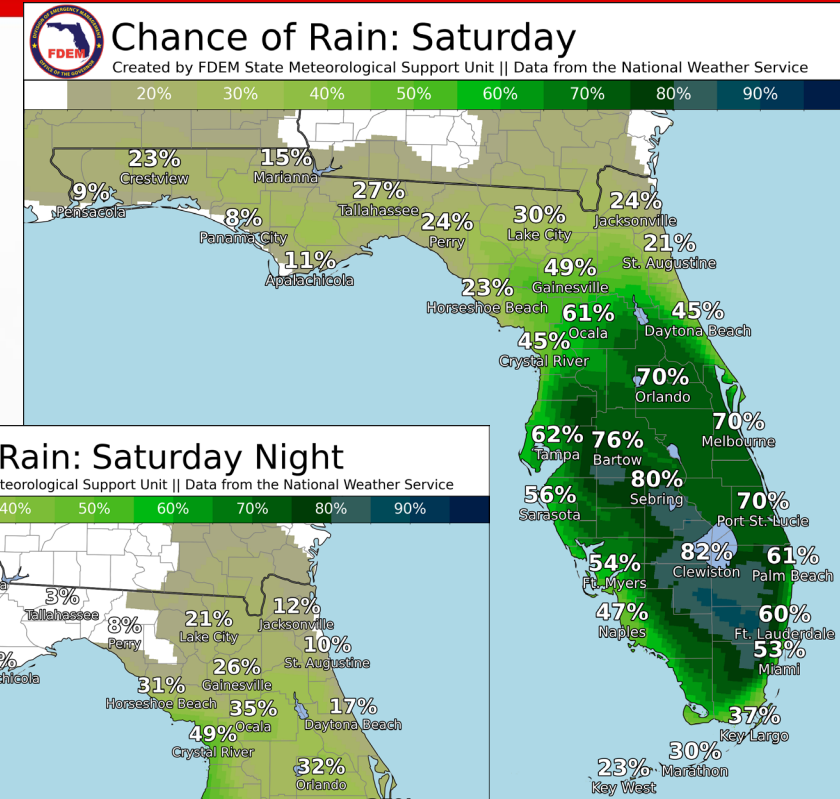
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Weather conditions for Independence Day will be similar to yesterday and could impede some local celebrations. Weakening high pressure and increasing moisture will again result in isolated showers and storms this afternoon and evening across North Florida and scattered to numerous storms across Central and South Florida as the seabreezes move onshore. The highest chances for storm coverage and intensity will be over interior and eastern areas of Central and South Florida, where showers and storms will develop initially along both coasts between 12-2PM today and collide near the I-95 corridor between 6 and 8 PM. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather today, any thunderstorm could become **locally strong to severe**, capable of producing **frequent lightning**, isolated damaging wind gusts or a brief funnel cloud or waterspout.

Afternoon high temperatures will once again rise quickly into the mid to upper 90s across North Florida under clearer skies, and in the low to mid 90s across Central and South Florida due to increased cloud cover. **Heat-related illnesses** will be possible with prolonged exposure due to heat index values reaching the **100-110 degree range** this afternoon statewide. A **Heat Advisory** has been issued for coastal Palm Beach , Broward and Miami-Dade Counties due to the risk for excessive heat.

Shower or thunderstorm activity will begin to dissipate around 9 PM, but could linger until 11PM near the Treasure and Space Coasts. West coast areas should be clear of thunderstorms by 7PM, but will get an early start on Sunday morning. Overnight low temperatures will continue to be warm and mild statewide, only dropping into the mid 80s after sunset and then in the mid to upper 70s after midnight.

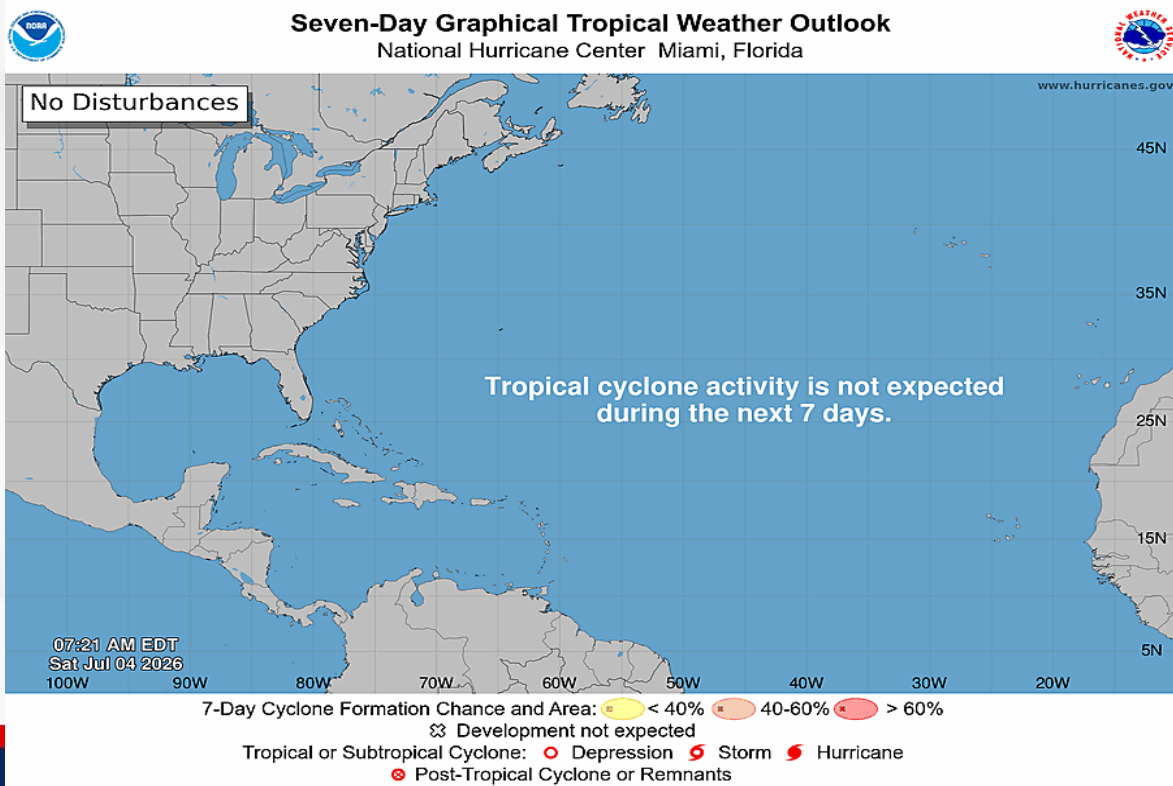




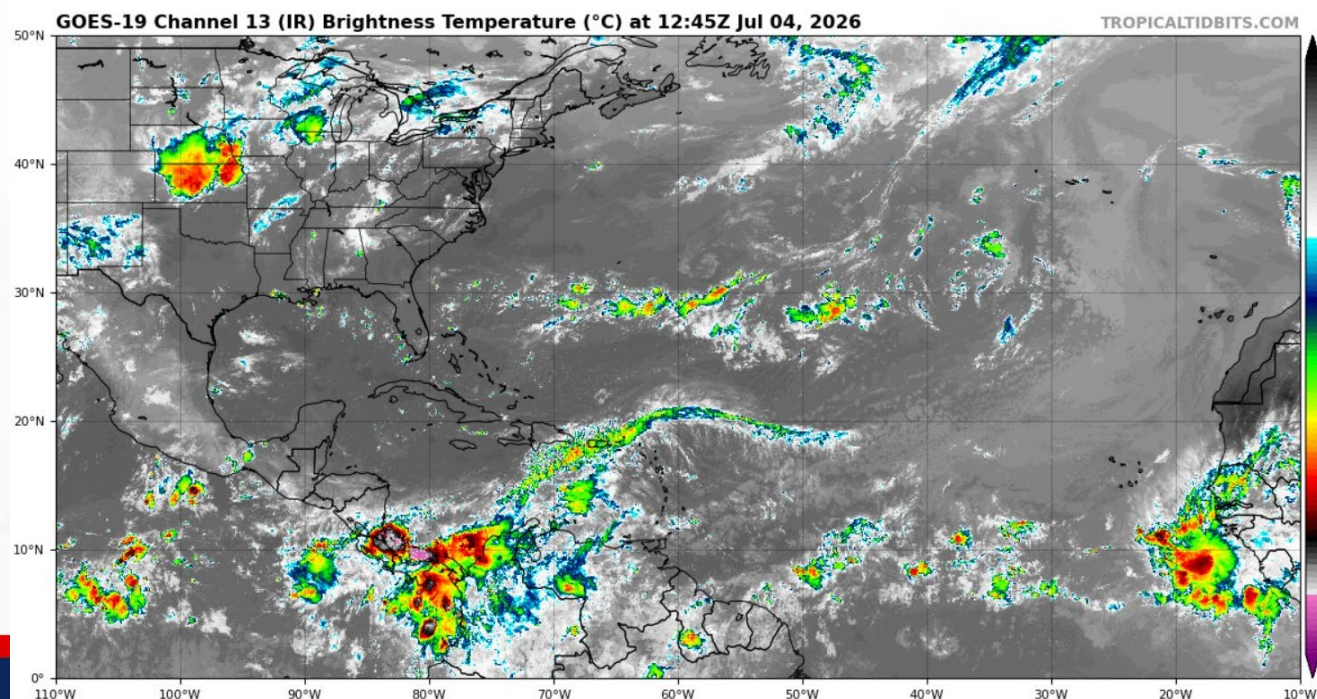
Tropical Weather

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 to high risk for rip currents** is expected again today at Northeast and East Central Florida beaches, with a **moderate risk for rip currents** also expected across much of the Florida Panhandle. A low risk is expected for beaches along the West Coast, Southeast Florida, and the Western Panhandle. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights will be lower today, with surf heights in the 1-3' range statewide.

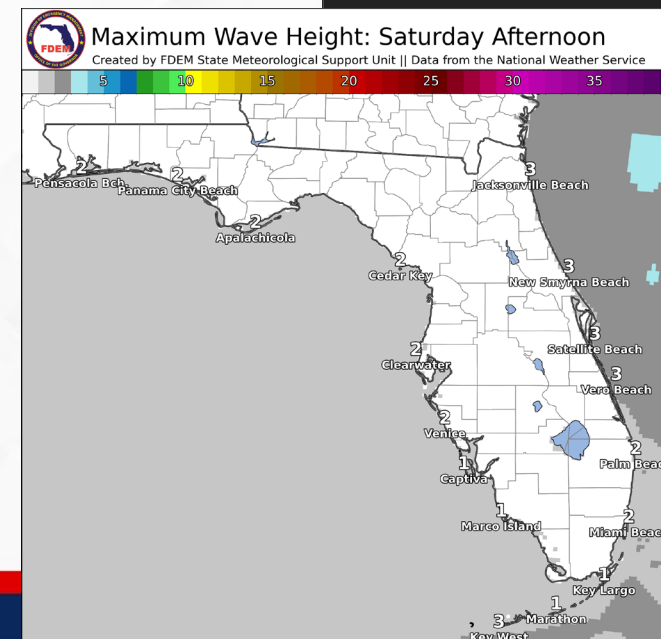
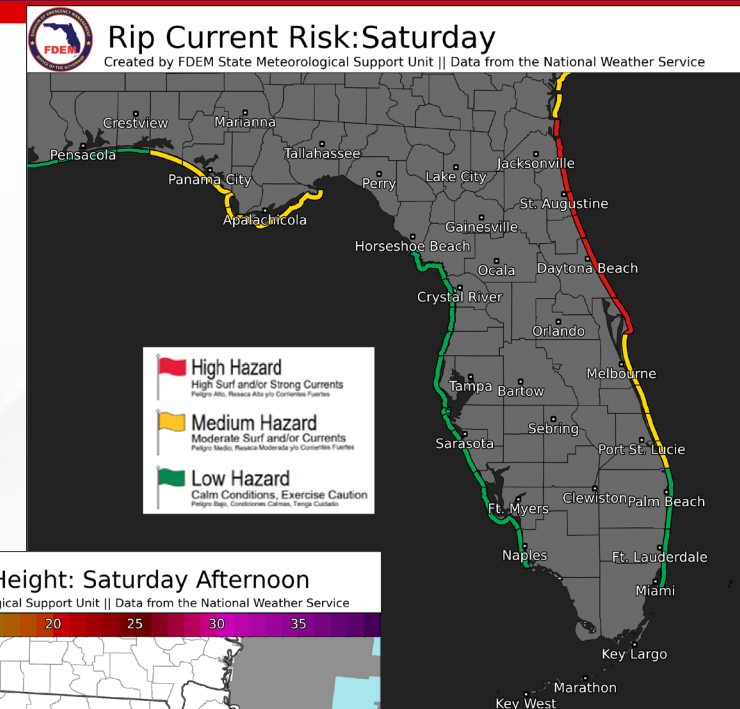
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau and Monroe counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 7/1/26).

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is anticipated today..

Flash Flooding: Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will develop today across Central and South Florida, some of which may become **locally strong** and accompanied by **heavy 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 Florida rivers are below flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.90 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.55 feet below normal for this time of year.



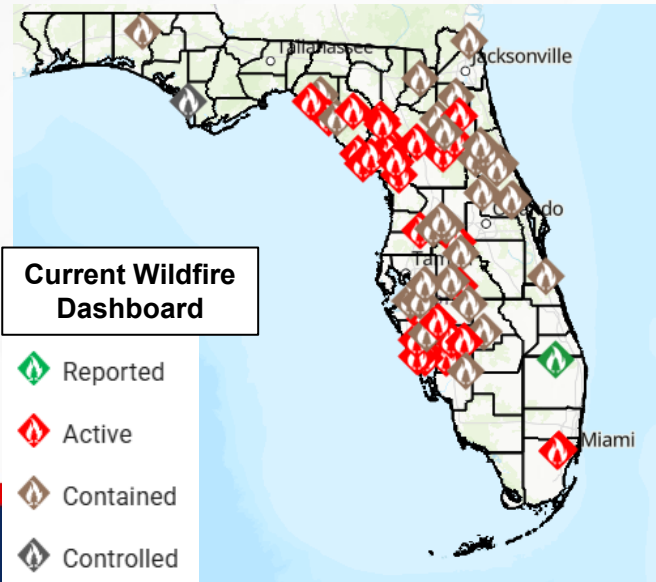
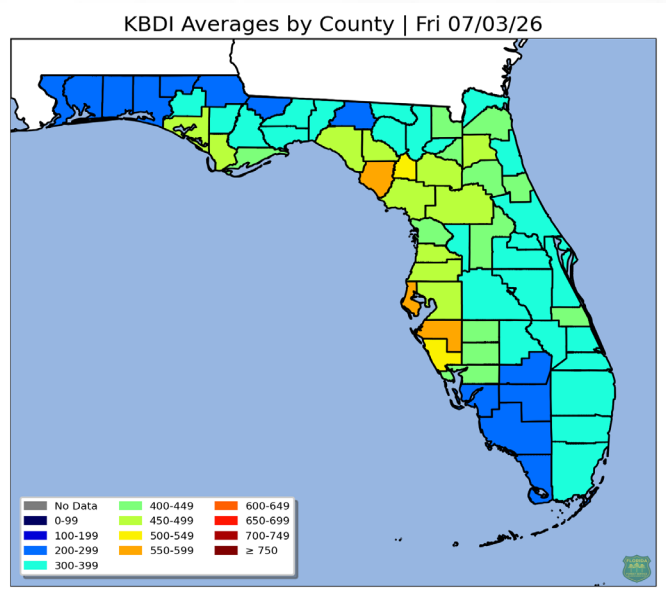
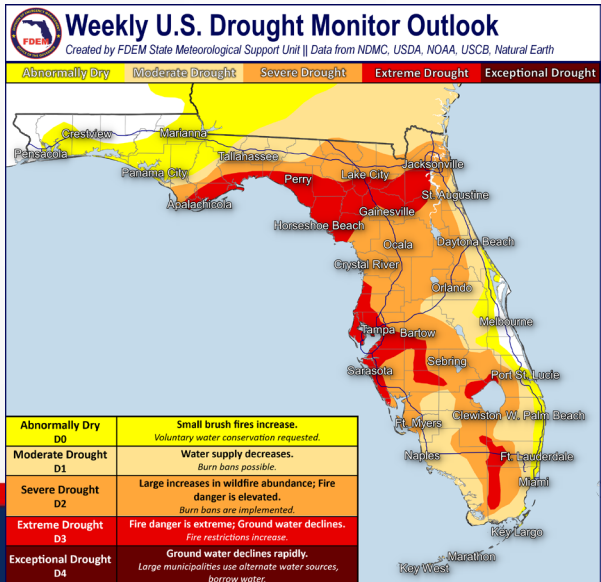


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Though the overall wildfire threat will remain low across the state given light winds and high humidity, afternoon thunderstorms could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 70 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 28,395 acres.

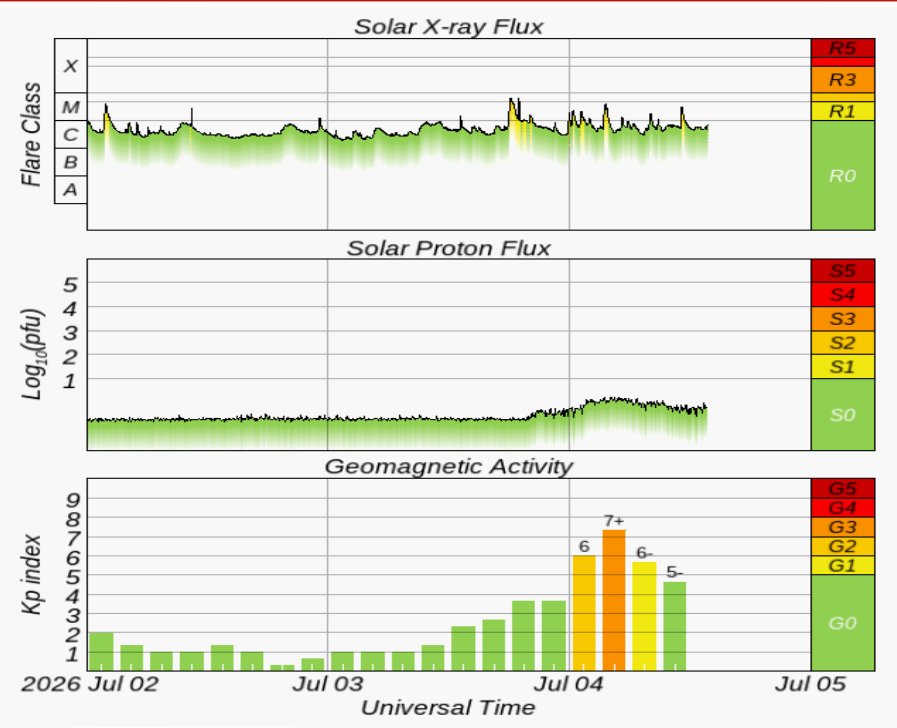
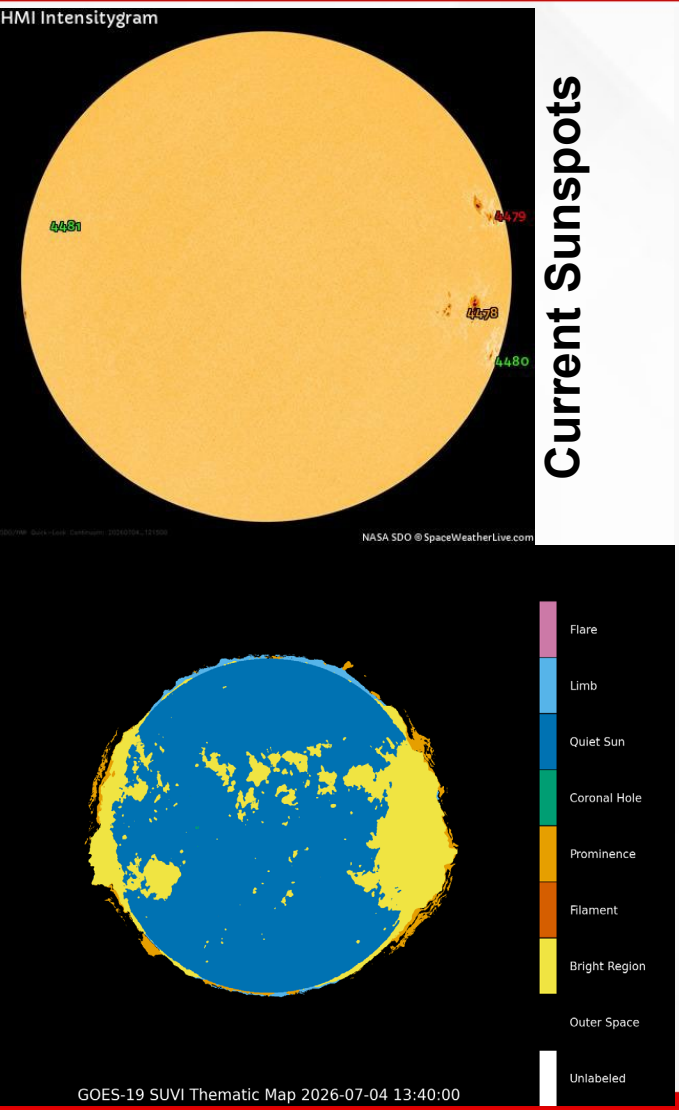
Drought (6/30/26): A more seasonal distribution and amount of rainfall over the past week driven by sea breeze showers and thunderstorms brought near normal rainfall to much of the state, resulting in very few changes to the Drought Monitor update this week. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across 18% of the state, including along the Forgotten Coast and extending inland into the lower Suwannee River Valley and upper St. Johns River basin, as well as some areas of West Central Florida near Tampa Bay and Lake Okeechobee. **Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** still surrounds the majority of the Peninsula, affecting about 60% of the state. The remaining 20% of the state across the Florida Panhandle, Treasure Coast and metro Southeast Florida are in abnormally dry to no drought conditions. 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 **378 (+11)** 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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 70%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Storm Watch	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/4	7/5
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 20%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: A strong G3-class geomagnetic storm is underway as Earth passes through the wake of a CME that struck on July 3rd. Observers in more than 30 US states are reporting auroras--some mixed with 4th of July fireworks. Solar activity will likely remain at moderate levels through Sunday with a slight chance for X-class flares. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts, and X-class flares strong (R3) radio blackouts. Geomagnetic storming will begin to wane on July 5th, with periods of G1 (Minor) storming possible. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains 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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