



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Sunday, July 5, 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  | In Region       | On-Call Status     |
| Region 6: Paul Siddall    | In Region       | On-Call Status     |
| Region 7: Vacant          | N/A             | N/A (See Coverage) |
| Region 8: Vacant          | N/A             | N/A (See Coverage) |
| Region 9: Brittany Bremer | In Region       | On-Call Status     |
| Region 10: Claudia Baker  | In Region       | On-Call Status     |

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6 & 9

Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5

## Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



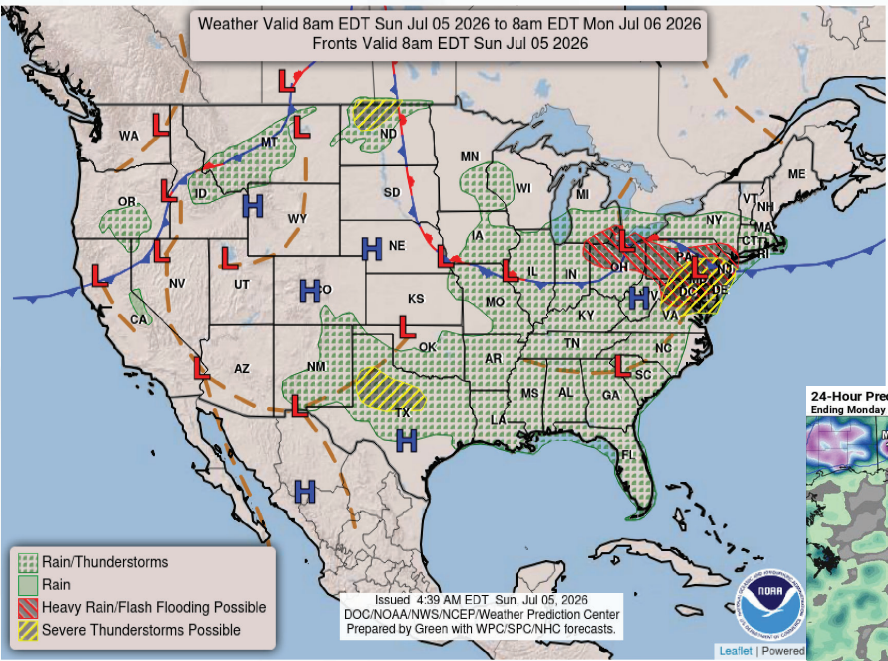
# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

| 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 |

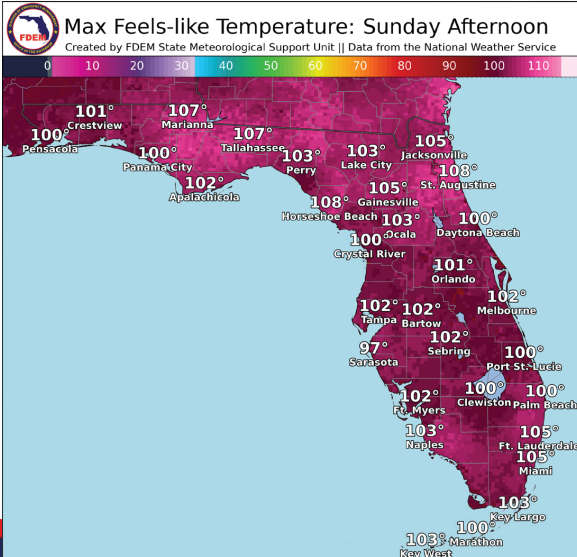
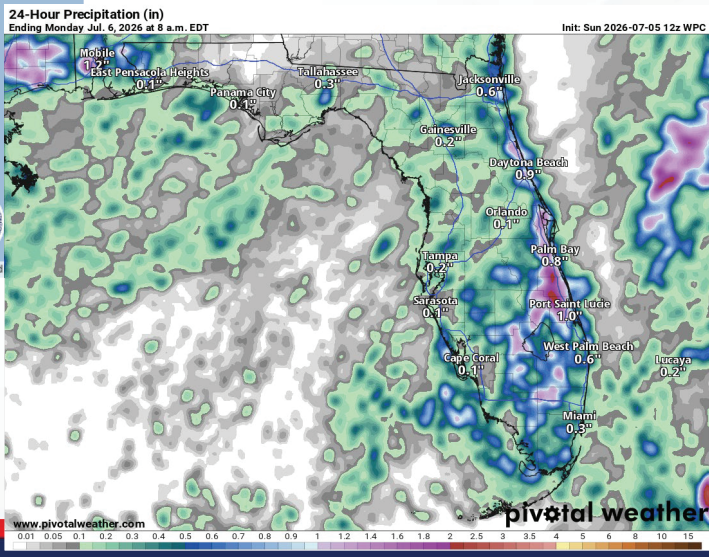


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

| Threat                     | R1                                                        | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Lightning                  | L                                                         | L  | L  | L  | M  | M  | M  | H  | H  | H   |
| Tornado                    |                                                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Damaging Wind              |                                                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Hail                       |                                                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Flash Flooding             |                                                           |    |    |    | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L   |
| Extreme Heat               | M                                                         | M  | M  | M  | M  | L  | L  | M  | M  | M   |
| Fog (Overnight)            |                                                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Wildfire                   | L                                                         | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L   |
| Rip Currents               | M                                                         | M  | L  | M  | H  | L  |    | M  | L  | L   |
| Lake Okeechobee Elevation  | 10.91 ft. (2.56 ft. Below Normal)                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Keetch-Byram Drought Index | 381 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |





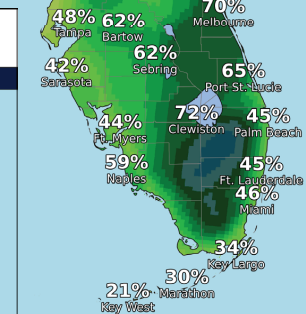
# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Showers and thunderstorms are ongoing along the West-Central and Southwest Florida coast this morning as south to southwesterly flow prevails around weakening high pressure. These showers and storms will begin to push into Central and South Florida this morning, eventually favoring interior locations along the sea breezes in East-Central and interior Southeast Florida this afternoon (50-80% chance of rain). Rainfall chances will drop off north of the I-4 corridor where drier air in the mid-levels of the atmosphere remain. Still, isolated to widely scattered showers and storms cannot be ruled out throughout North and North-Central Florida this afternoon (25-45% chance of rain), especially along the I-95 corridor in Northeast Florida and the far western Panhandle. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding today, any thunderstorm could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent lightning**, isolated damaging wind gusts, a brief funnel cloud or waterspout, and **torrential downpours**.

Afternoon high temperatures will once again rise quickly into the middle to upper 90s across North Florida under clearer skies, and in the lower to middle 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 Northeast Florida and the Jacksonville metro region due to the risk for excessive heat. Additional short-fused heat advisories cannot be ruled out later today.

Shower or thunderstorm activity will begin to dissipate around 9 PM, but could linger along the East Coast until midnight. West coast areas should be clear of thunderstorms by 7PM, but will get an early start on Monday 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.

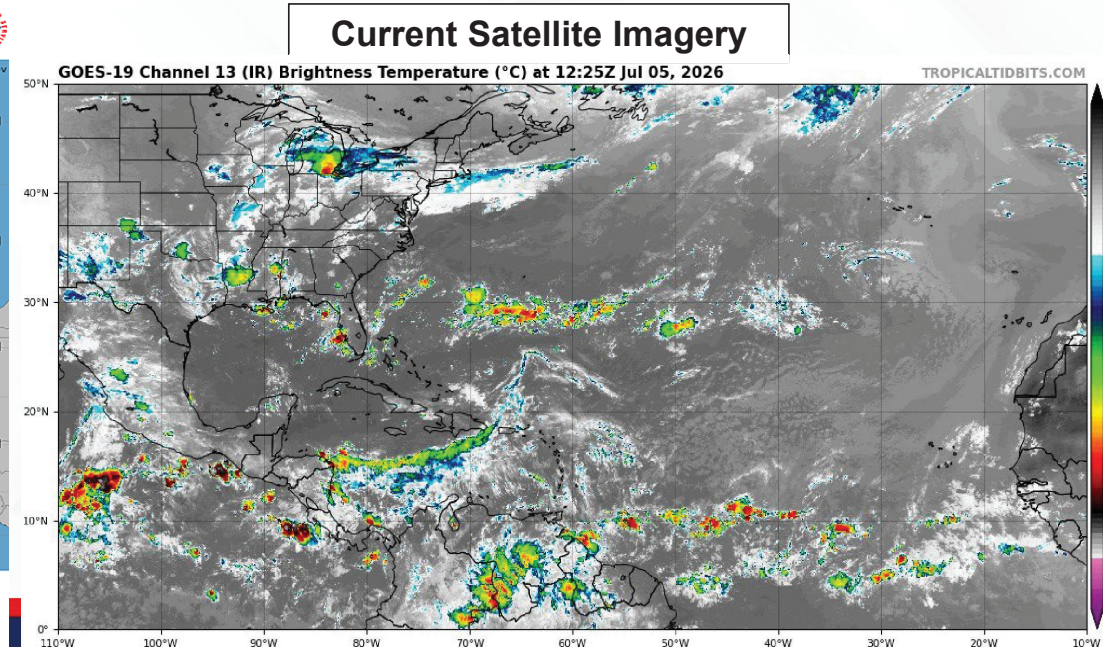
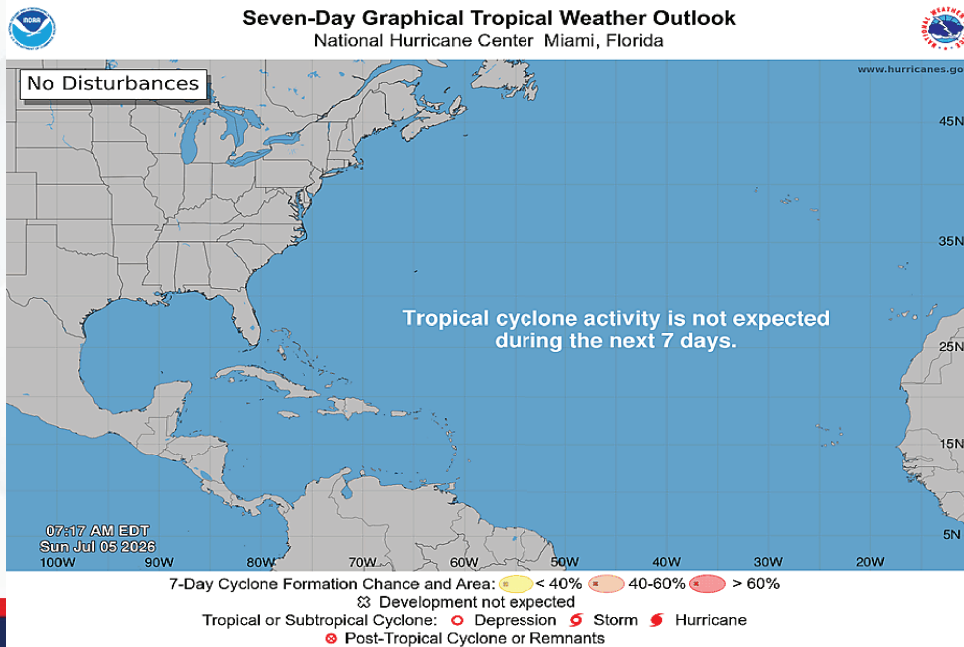




# Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).

**Tropical Cyclone Development is NOT Expected Over the Next 7 Days**





# 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](http://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](#).

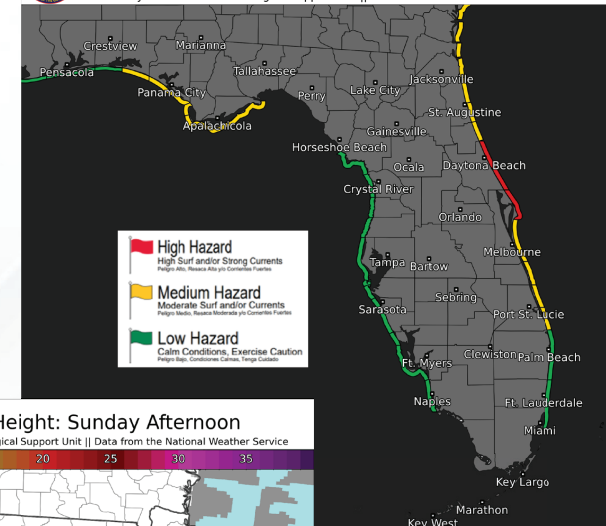
**Riverine Flooding:** All Florida rivers are below flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 10.91 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.56 feet below normal for this time of year.



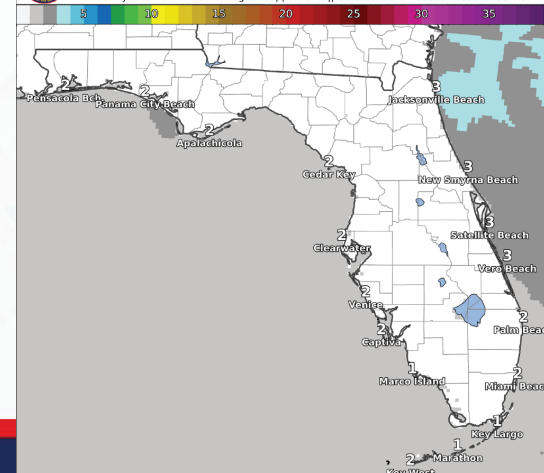
## Rip Current Risk: Sunday

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## Maximum Wave Height: Sunday Afternoon

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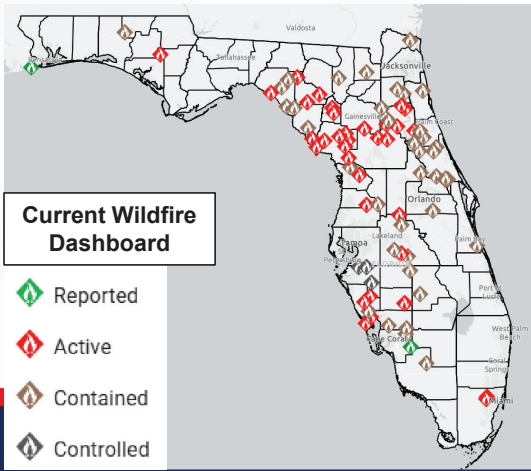
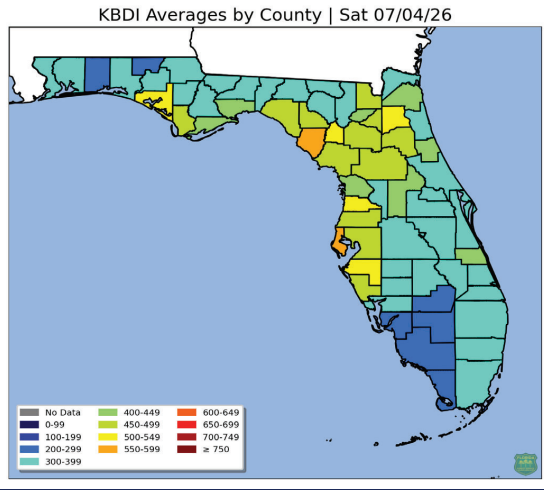
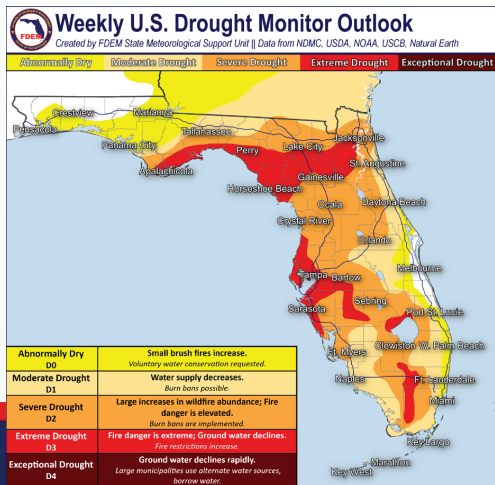


# Drought & Fire Weather

**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 82 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 28,327 acres.

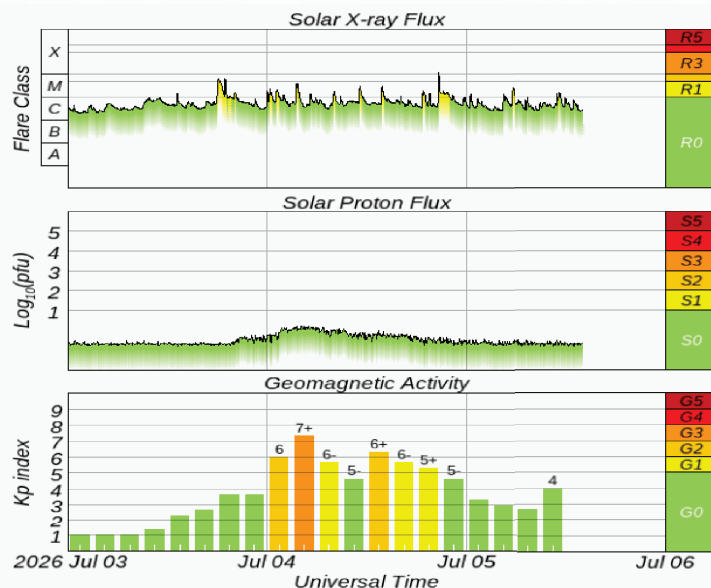
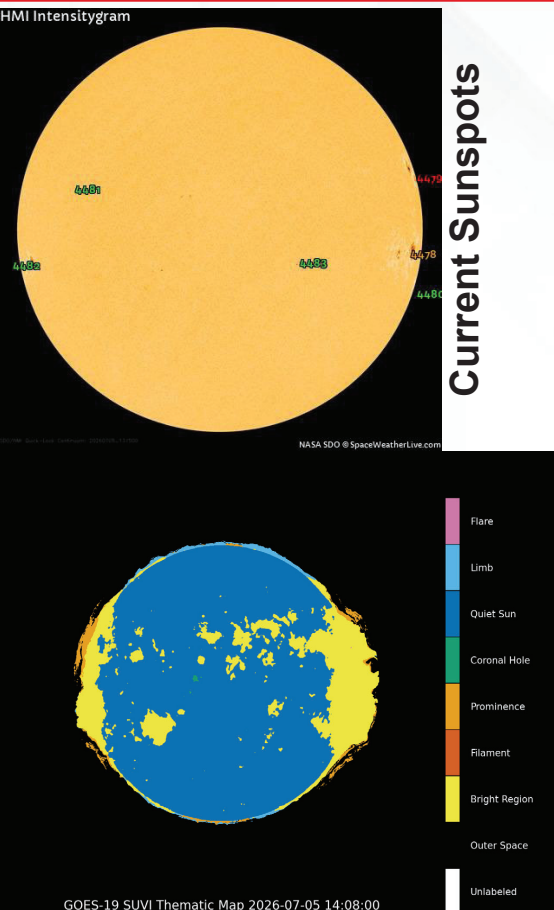
**Drought (6/30/26):** A more seasonal distribution and amount of rainfall over the past week driven by sea breeze showers and thunderstorms brought near normal rainfall to much of the state, resulting in very few changes to the Drought Monitor update this week. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 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 **381 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **7 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: 75%     | Geomagnetic Storm: None   | X1 Solar Flare    |
| X-class: 20%     | Radiation Storm: None     | R3 Radio Blackout |

| 48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast                           |                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/5                                                    | 7/6                                                    |
| Max Kp= 5 (G1)                                         | Max Kp= 4 (G0)                                         |
| Chance of minor activity = 25%<br>severe activity = 5% | Chance of minor activity = 10%<br>severe activity = 1% |

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to remain at moderate levels with a slight chance for an X-class flare through Sunday. Solar activity will begin to wane Monday and Tuesday as sunspot Regions 4479 and 4480 rotate out of view of Earth. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts, and X-class flares strong (R3) radio blackouts. Disturbed solar wind conditions will persist through Sunday before tapering off throughout Monday and into Tuesday. Influence from the July 1-2 Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) is expected Sunday and Monday. Active to G1 (Minor) storming levels are expected, with isolated periods of G2 (Moderate) possible. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

| Equipment         | Contact                                                                       | Status          | Comments             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Phone:            | 850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071                                      | Operational     |                      |
| Fax:              | 850-815-4979                                                                  | Operational     |                      |
| Email:            | <a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>                | Operational     |                      |
| SWO Tracker:      | <a href="https://swo.floridadisaster.org">https://swo.floridadisaster.org</a> | 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:          | <a href="https://floridadisaster.org">https://floridadisaster.org</a>         | Operational     |                      |

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