



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, July 7, 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	Holmes	County EM Visit / Florida National Guard Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Calhoun	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Lafayette	County EM Visit / Florida National Guard Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Florida National Guard Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Florida National Guard Meeting / County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Florida National Guard Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Turkey Point Ingestion Pathway Workshop / FIFA Meeting

Region 6 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 9

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 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	Escambia	F-ROC Training Tour
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Union	Instructor Prep / Admin
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Instructor Prep
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Sumter	Field Training for R9
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Caoverage)
Region 9: Brian Geoghegan	Sumter	Field Training for R9
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	County Ingestion Pathway (Impacts to Livestock, Horticulture, Agriculture, etc.)

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1

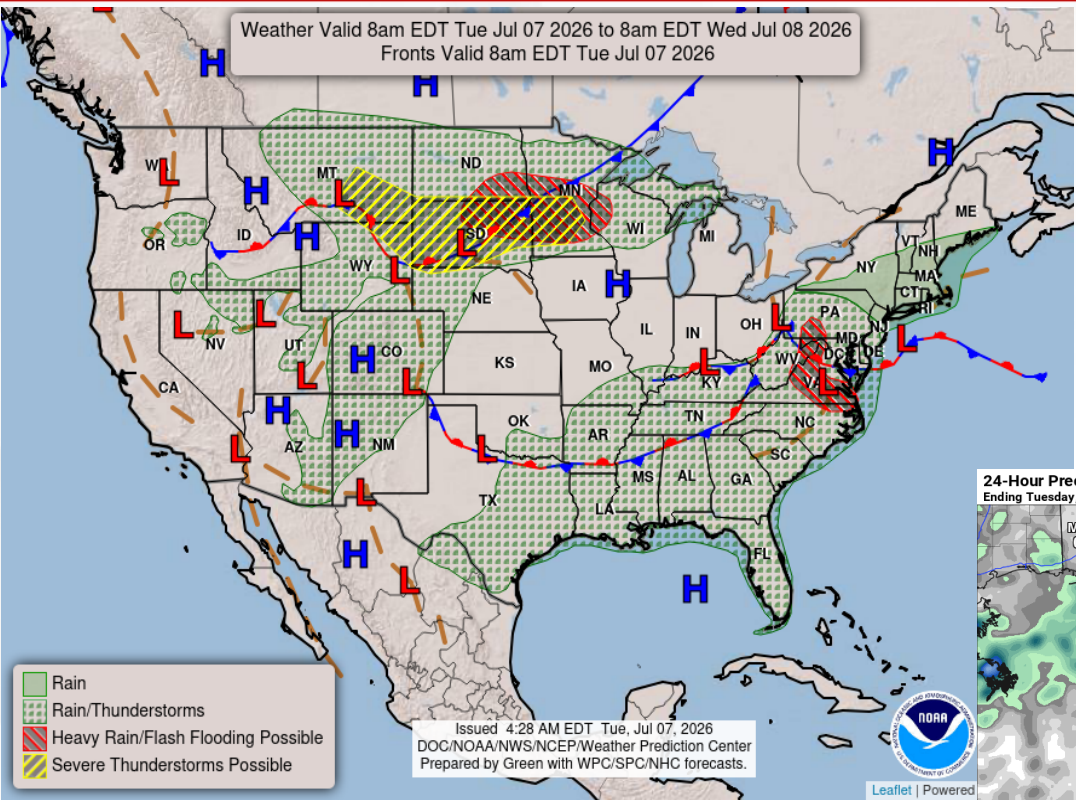
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

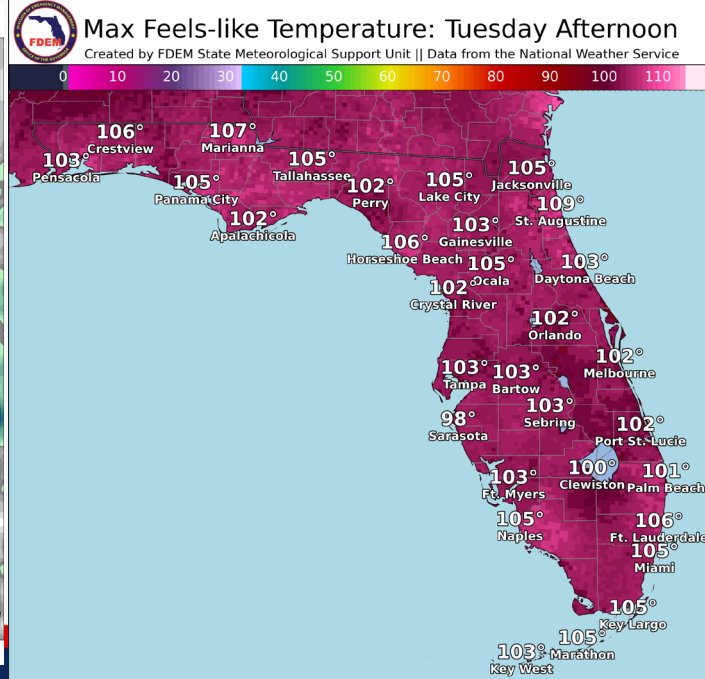
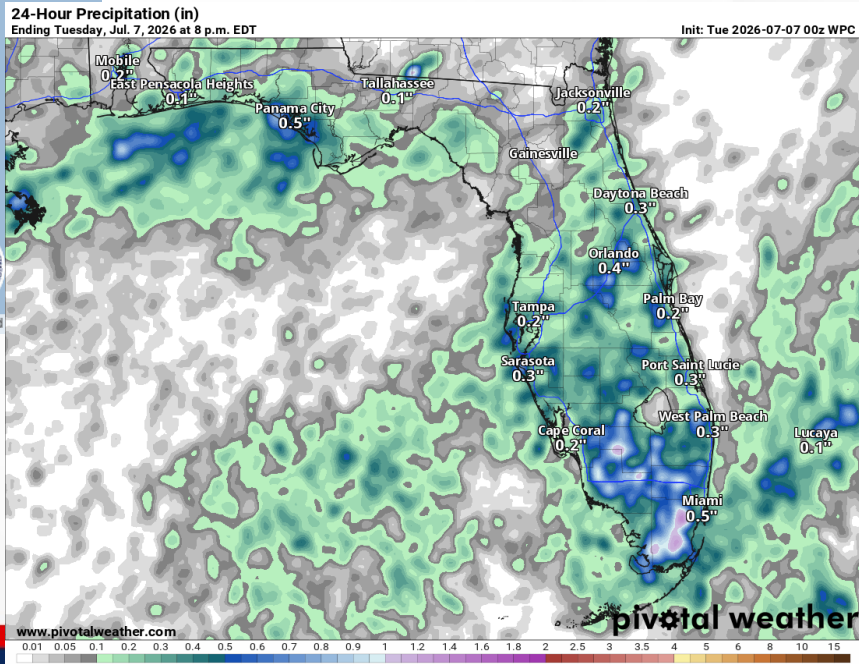


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding									L	L
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.96 ft. (2.54 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	373 (-5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





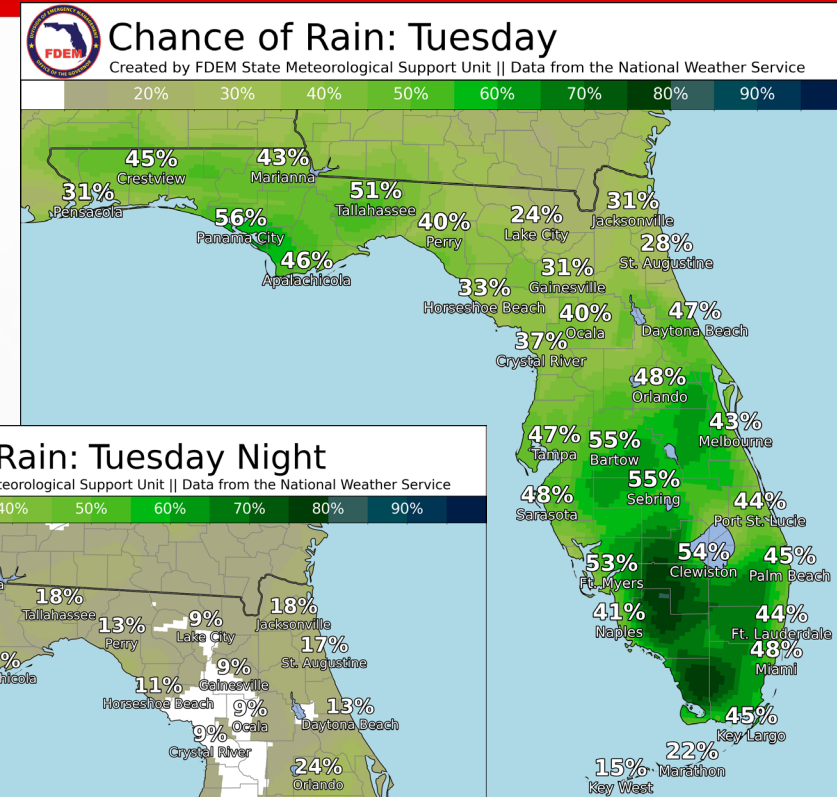
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Moist south to southwesterly flow persists across much of the Sunshine State today pinned between building high pressure over the western Atlantic and a decaying low-pressure system over the Mississippi River Valley. Showers and embedded thunderstorms are already spreading onshore across the Panhandle this morning where additional scattered activity is expected to develop throughout the day during peak heating hours (35-50% chance of rain). Throughout the Peninsula, scattered to locally numerous showers and thunderstorms will develop along the sea breezes later this morning and afternoon, focused mainly south of the I-4 corridor (50-70% chance of rain) with isolated activity throughout Northeast and North-Central Florida (25-40% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding statewide, any thunderstorm activity could become **locally strong** and capable of producing **frequent lightning**, gusty winds (30-50 mph), and **torrential downpours**. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 1" for most locations, however locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out especially in interior South Florida.

With ample humidity around, **hot and muggy conditions** will persist. Highs will climb into the **lower to middle 90s** statewide with peak afternoon heat indices reaching the **lower to middle 100s** for most. A few locations could see feels-like temperatures reach the **upper 100s**; **Heat Advisories** are in effect for Collier County and the coastal Southeast Metro where these probabilities are highest. Any developing cloud cover and rainfall will dictate just how hot locations get this afternoon.

Tonight, any lingering showers and thunderstorms across the state will generally dissipate or push offshore before midnight. A few showers with embedded thunderstorms may develop along the Panhandle coast before daybreak Wednesday. Lows will only fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide.

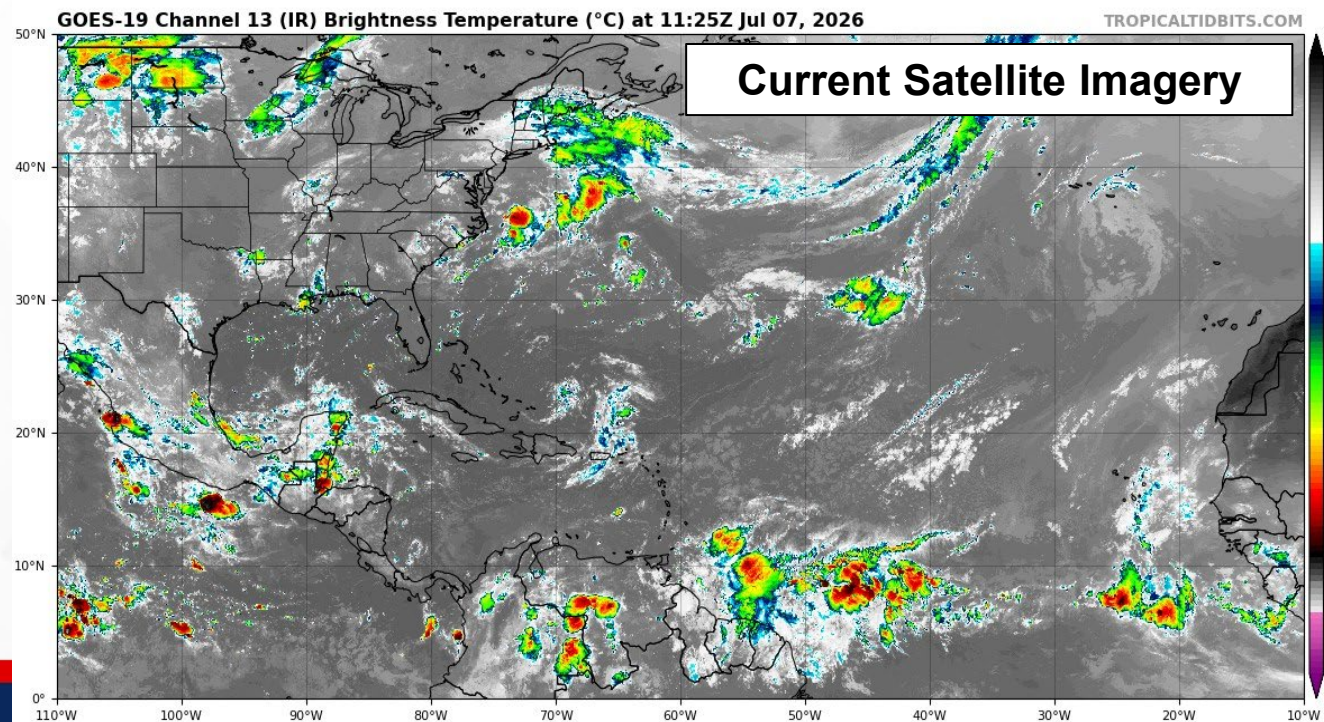
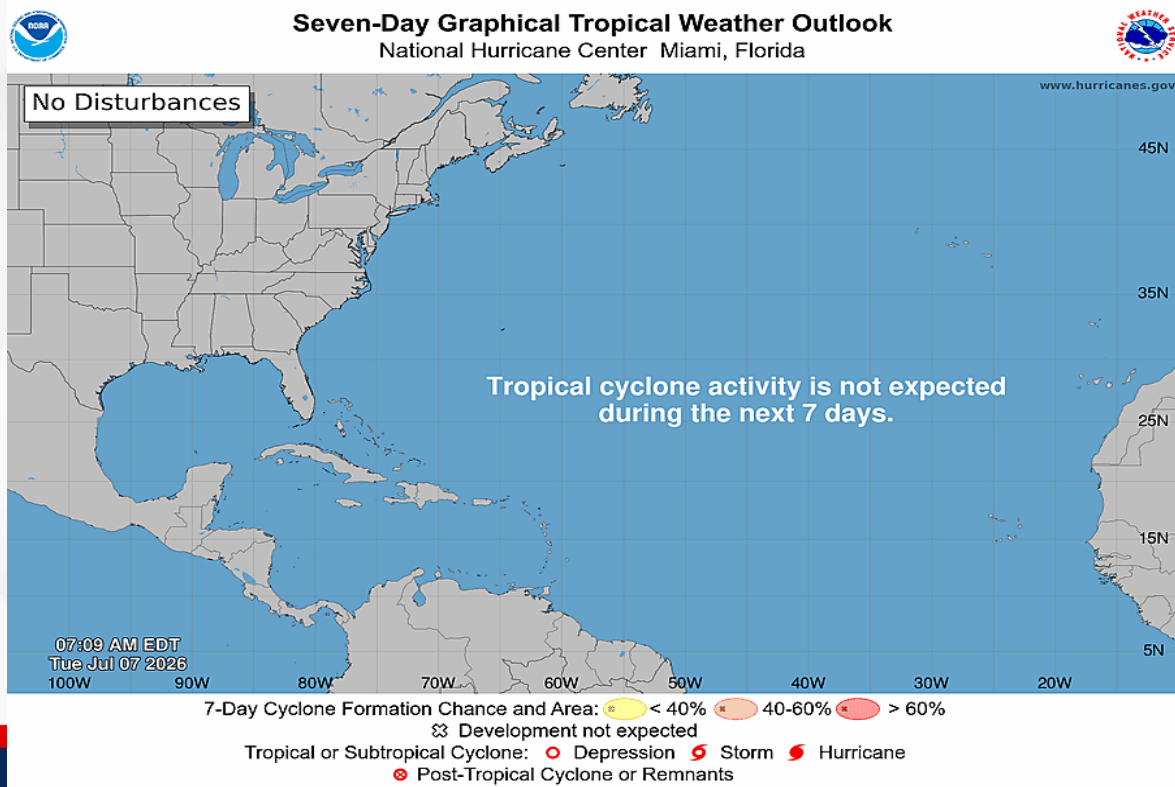




Tropical Weather

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





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is expected at all Panhandle beaches today, with a **moderate risk for rip currents** also expected across Northeast Florida. A low risk will persist for all other beaches along the West Coast and East Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf heights will remain near the 1-3' range statewide today.

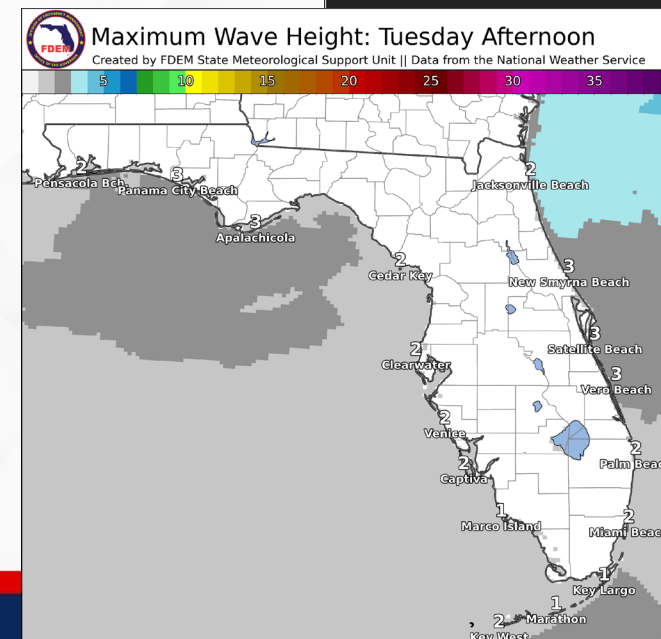
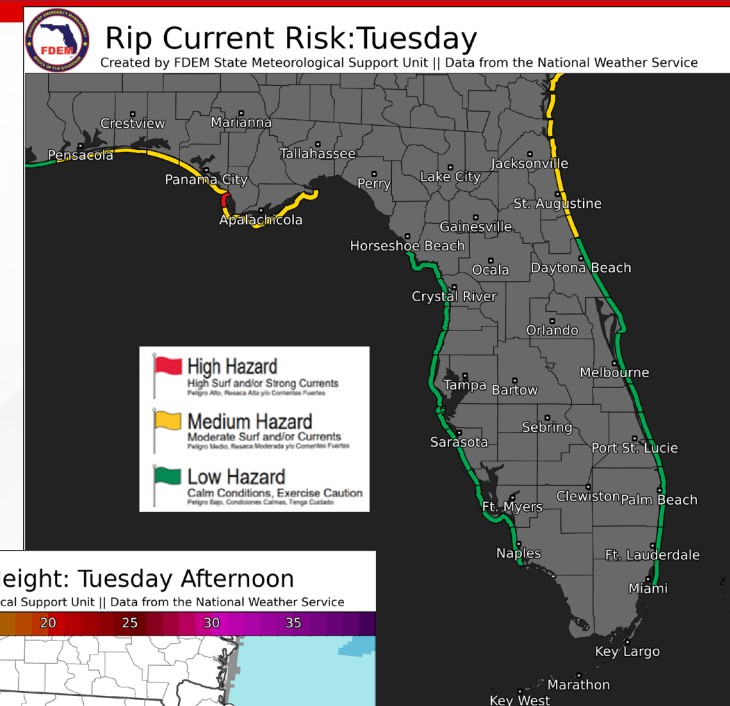
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau and Monroe counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 7/1/26).

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is anticipated today.

Flash Flooding: Another day of scattered to locally numerous showers and thunderstorms is expected across the state today, some of which may become **locally strong** and accompanied by **heavy downpours**. Rainfall amounts will generally remain below 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, especially in South Florida. 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 10.96 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.54 feet below normal for this time of year.



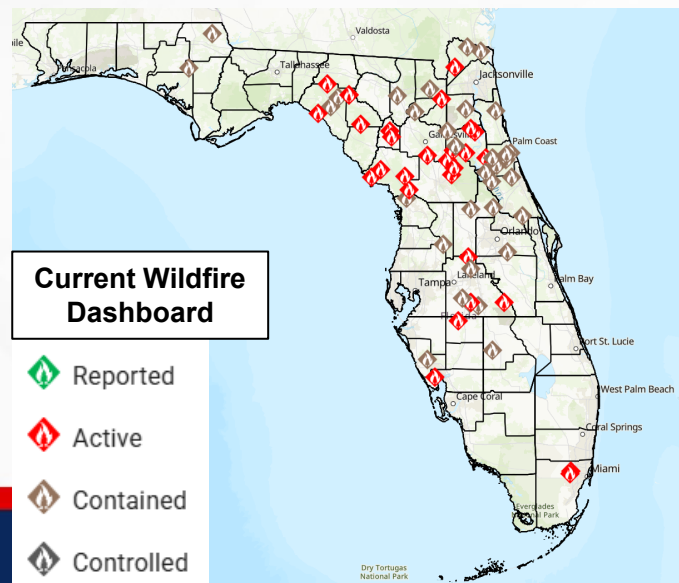
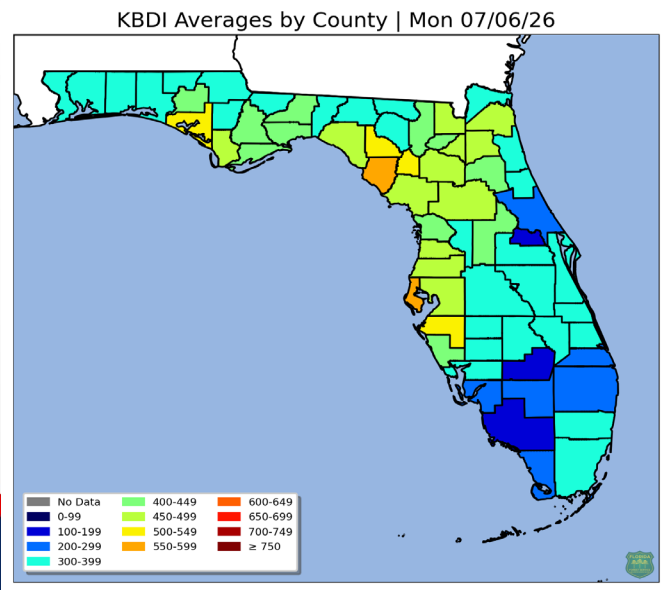
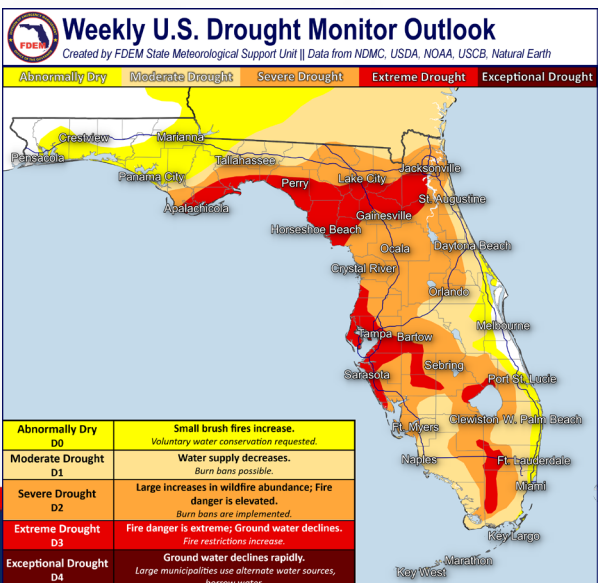


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Though the overall wildfire threat will remain low across the state given light winds and high humidity, afternoon thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 63 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,177 acres.

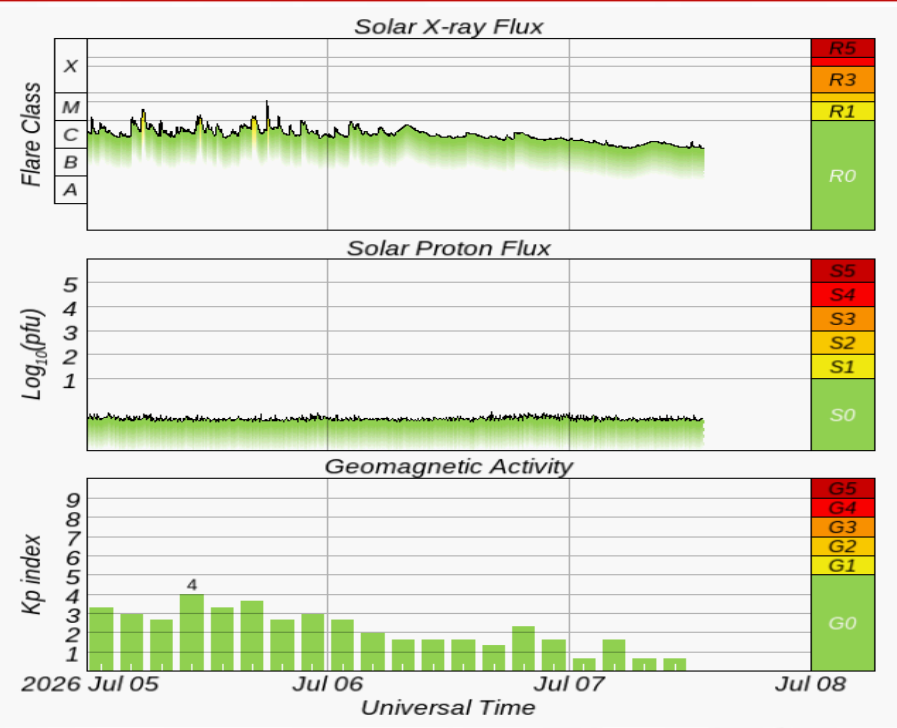
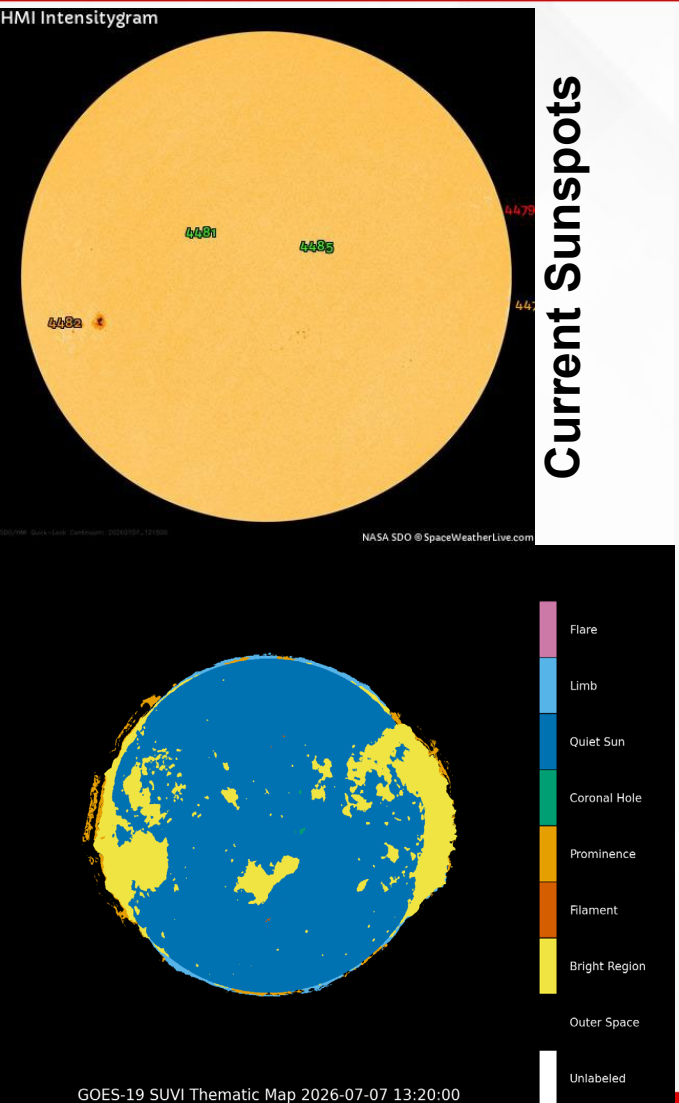
Drought (6/30/26): A more seasonal distribution and amount of rainfall over the past week driven by sea breeze showers and thunderstorms brought near normal rainfall to much of the state, resulting in very few changes to the Drought Monitor update this week. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** 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 **373 (-5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **6 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: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/7	7/8
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at moderate levels with a slight chance for an X-class flare through Wednesday. Solar activity will slowly begin to wane 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. Nominal background solar wind conditions are expected through Wednesday before enhancements on Thursday ahead of a negative polarity coronal hole high solar stream (CH HSS). Mostly quiet to unsettled geomagnetic levels are expected with some enhancements possible on Thursday. 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	
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