



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, July 9, 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	Bay	FROC Meeting / County EM Meeting / NWS Mtg / RC Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Response Coordinator Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	St Johns	County EM Visit
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	FEMA RFO FSE (Lake Mary RFO)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hernando	ESF-8 Meetng / Response Coordinator Meeing
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA Meeting / Response Coordinator Meeting



Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5
Region 9 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	FROC Tour
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Instructing FL 601
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	COAD Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	COAD Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	FEPA Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	FL-656-FROC Forms
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Friends & Relatives Center & Family Assistance Center Training

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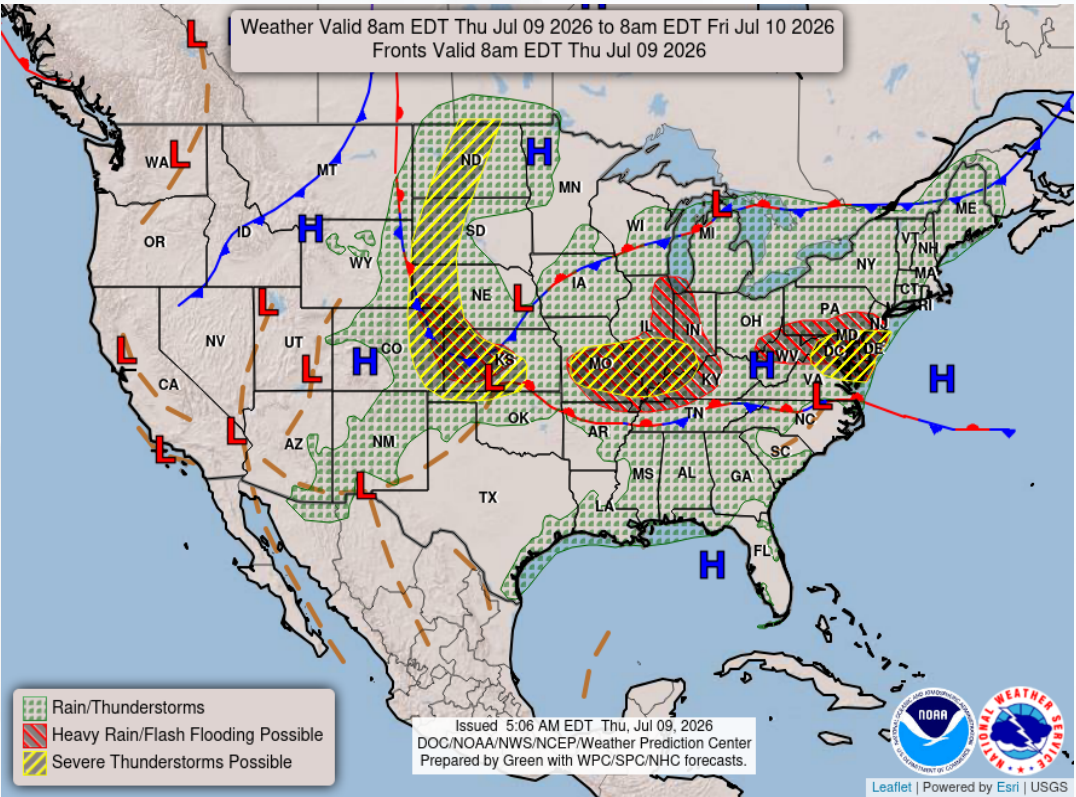
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

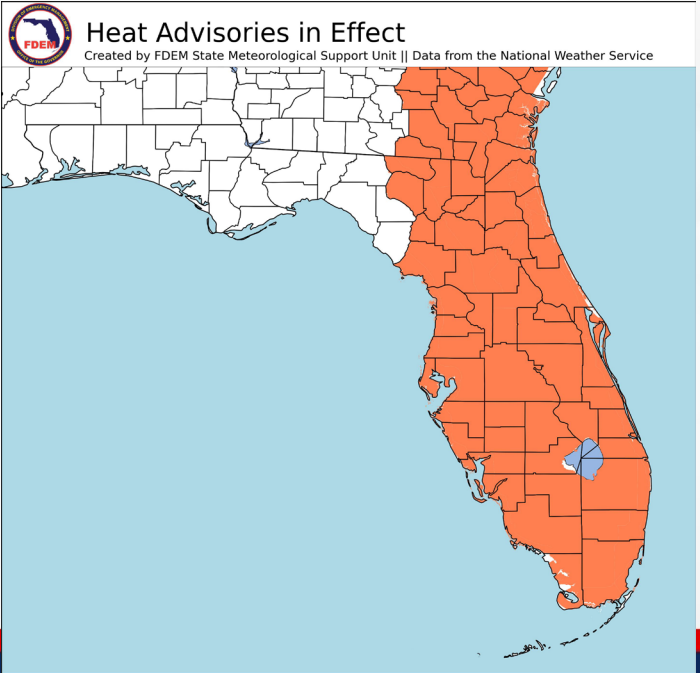
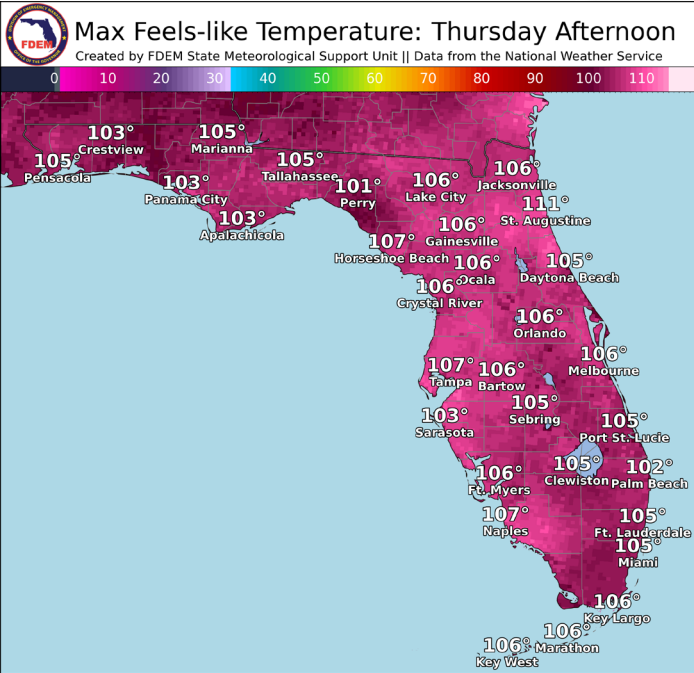


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L		L	L				L	
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	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	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.00 ft. (2.53 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	360 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





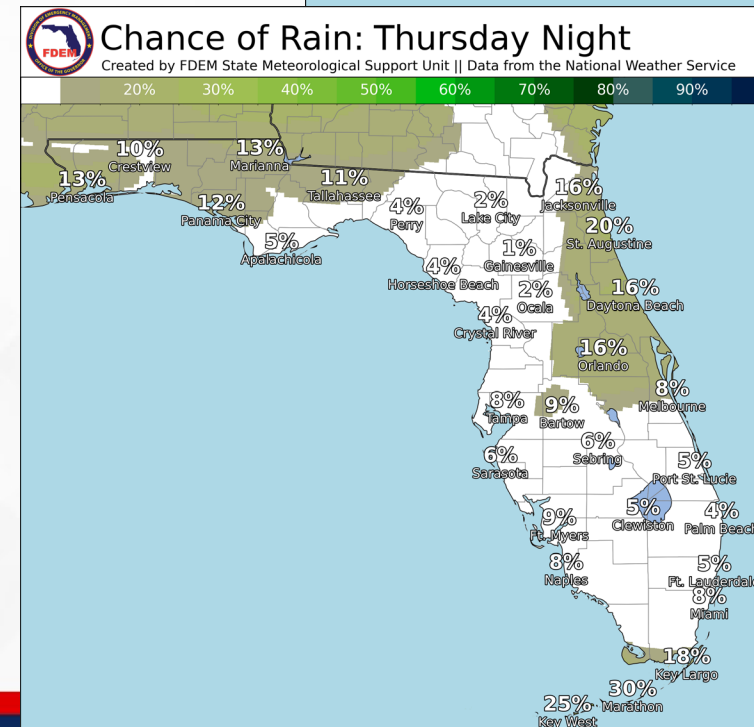
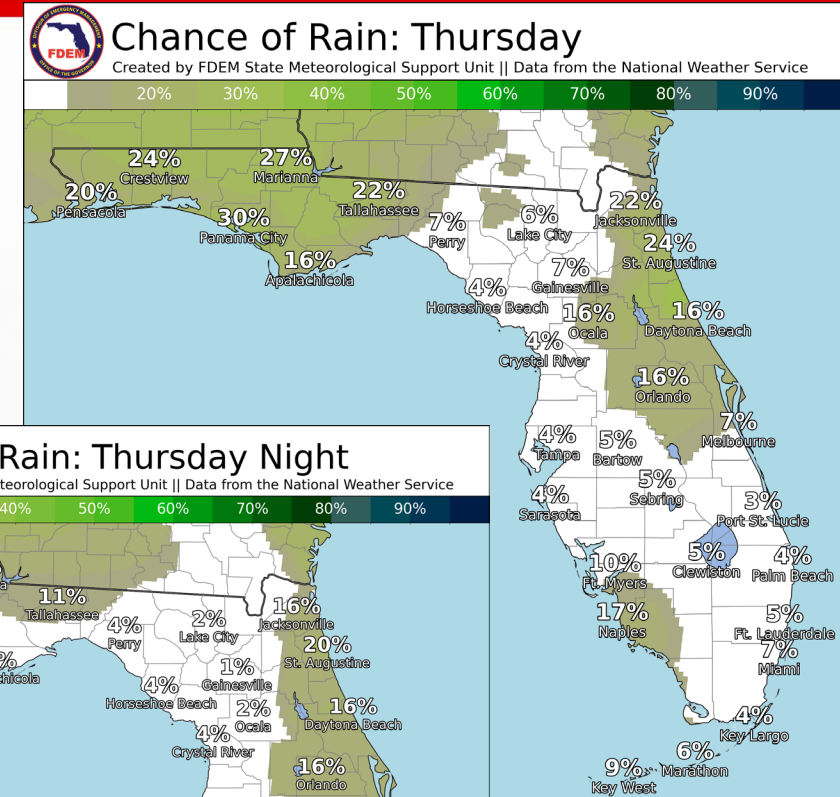
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Dry Saharan air, rotating around a building area of high pressure over the western Atlantic, will filter across much of the state today bringing mostly sunny and dry conditions to much of the Sunshine State. However, southwesterly flow off the Gulf will filter just enough moisture across the Panhandle and Big Bend to encourage isolated showers and thunderstorms today, some of which have already gotten an early start along the Emerald Coast (20-30% chance of rain). Similarly, an isolated storm or two cannot be ruled out along and near the Northeast Florida coastline (15-25% chance of rain). **Brief torrential downpours** and **lightning** are the primary hazards with any thunderstorms that do develop.

The hot and humid conditions will continue to be the main headline today. **Heat Advisories** have been issued throughout all of the Peninsula today, stretching through Northeast Florida, where afternoon feels-like temperatures will soar well into the **middle to upper 100s**. **Heat-related illnesses** will be possible with prolonged exposure due to these dangerous heat indices. There remains uncertainty in the magnitude of heat indices across the Panhandle and Big Bend given higher chances of cloud cover and rainfall, however temperatures will still feel like the **lower to middle 100s**.

Temperatures will hardly cool off after sunset, remaining in the middle to upper 80s across the state around midnight and only falling into the middle 70s to lower 80s by daybreak Friday. Any lingering showers or storms will quickly dissipate or push offshore after sunset this evening.

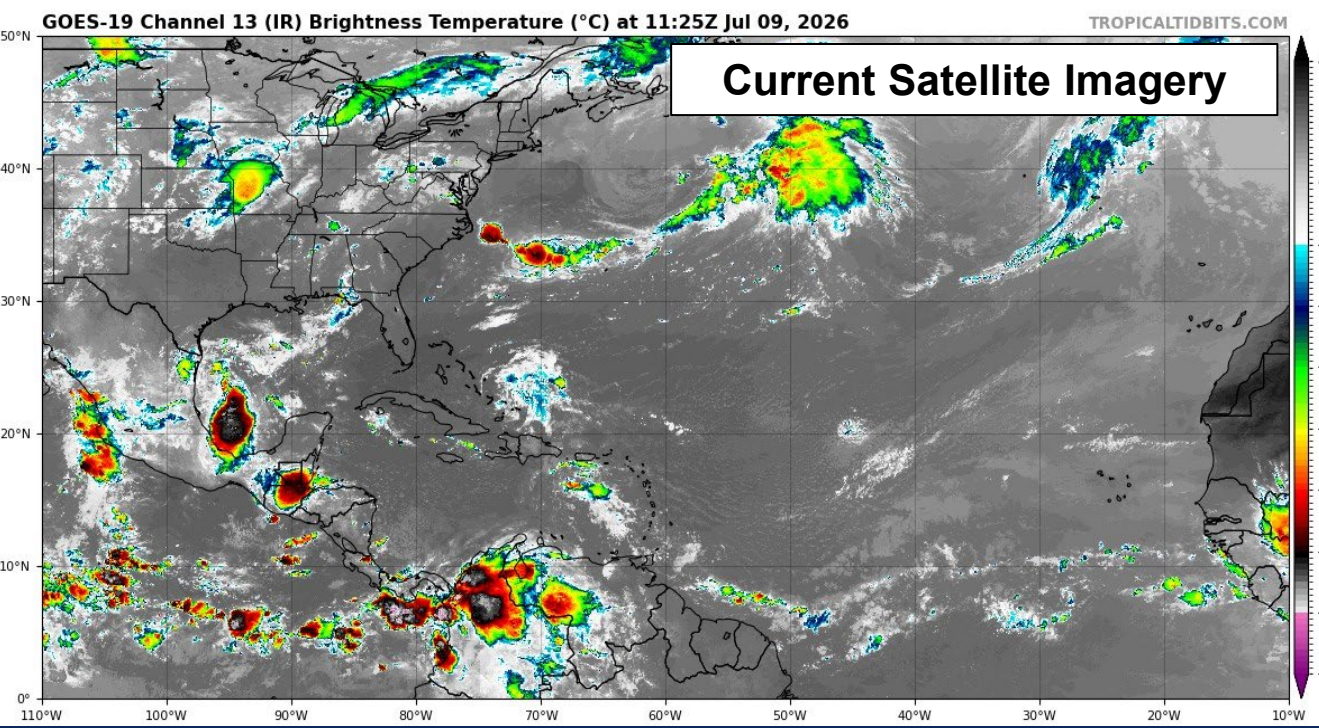
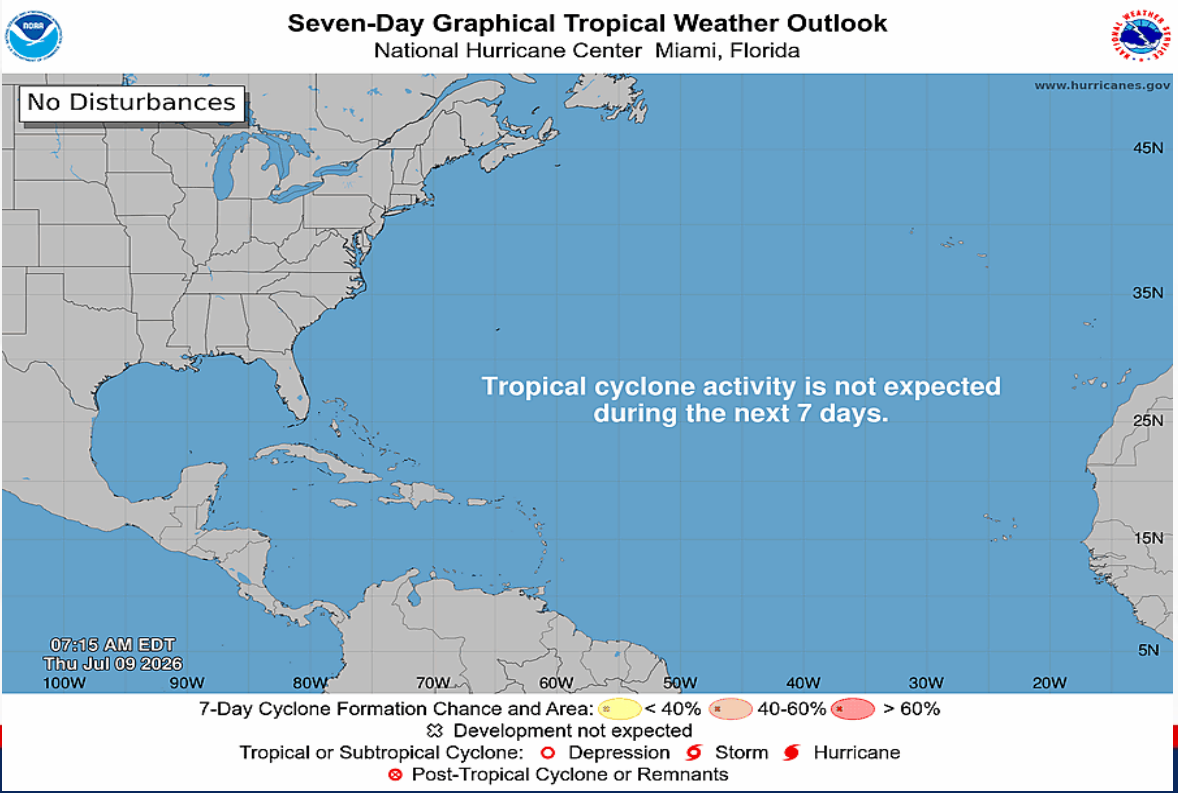




Tropical Weather

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 risk for rip currents** is expected at most Panhandle and Forgotten Coast beaches today as onshore winds persist. Along the East Coast, increasing surf and winds will also bring a **moderate risk for rip currents** to all beaches, with a localized **high risk** for Broward and Miami-Dade County beaches. A low risk is outlooked for the West Coast and western Panhandle. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will generally remain near 1-2' for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today. However, across the East Coast and Florida Keys, wave heights will increase to **3-5'** as the western edge of high pressure builds into the region.

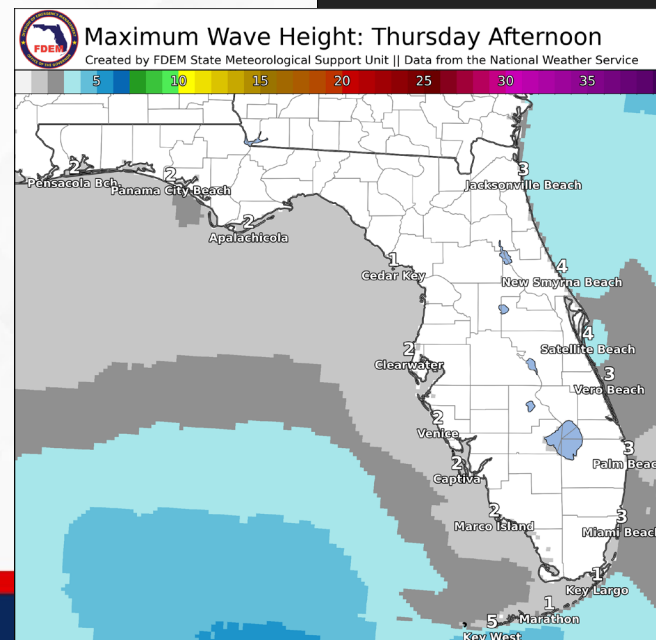
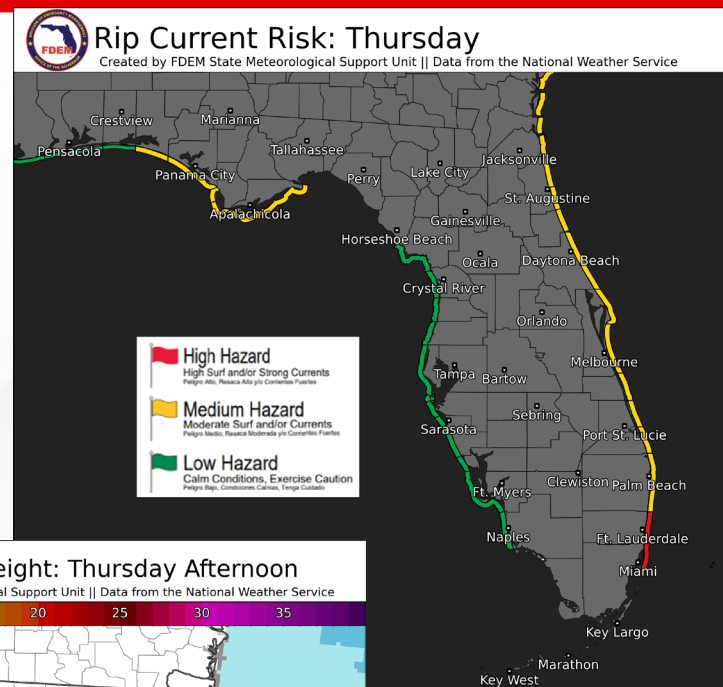
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau and Monroe counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 7/1/26).

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is anticipated today.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding statewide today. Any isolated thunderstorm that develops across the state could be accompanied by brief **torrential downpours** which could drop a quick 1-2" of 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 11.00 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.53 feet below normal for this time of year.



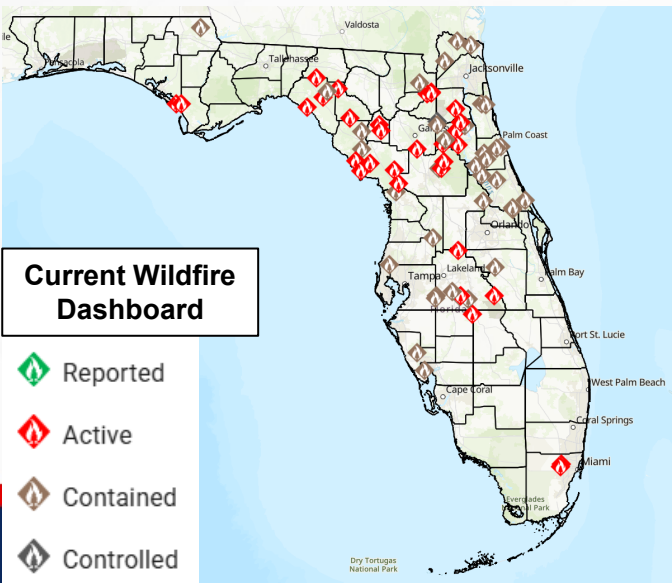
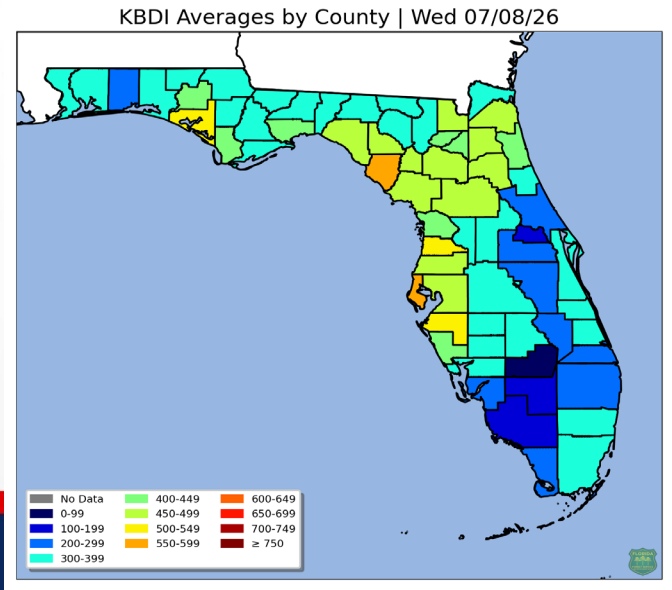
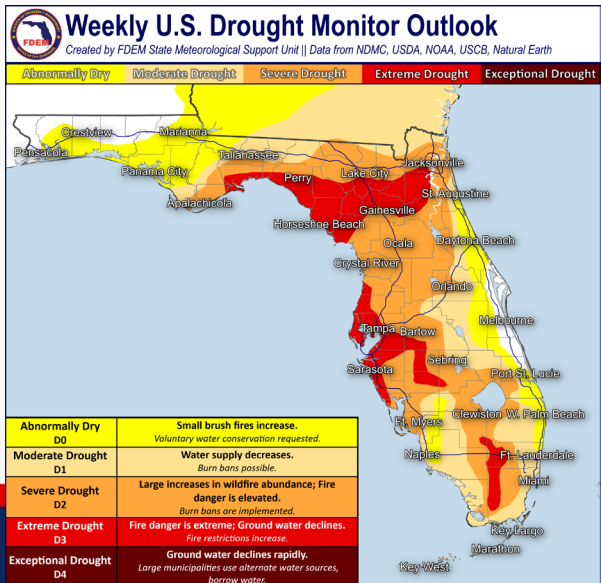


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Despite drier air filtering into the region today, limiting rainfall chances statewide, the overall wildfire threat will remain low as relative humidities remain well above critical thresholds and winds stay light. However, any isolated afternoon thunderstorm may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 68 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,636 acres.

Drought (7/7/26): Another week of fairly seasonal rainfall brought few changes to the larger drought picture across the Sunshine State. A general 0.5-2" of rainfall was observed across North Florida and 1-3" throughout Central and South Florida, with locally higher amounts. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain in place across 16% of the state, including along the Forgotten Coast and extending inland into the lower Suwannee River Valley and lower St. Johns River basin, as well as some areas of West Central Florida near Tampa Bay and interior South Florida. Locally higher rainfall totals of around 2-3" were observed across southern Gulf and Franklin counties, resulting in the extreme drought being reduced to a **moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)**. Upwards of 5-7" of rainfall this past week along the north and western shorelines of Lake Okeechobee has also brought extreme drought down to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. **Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** still surrounds most of the Peninsula, affecting about 55% of the state. The remainder of the state across the Florida Panhandle, Space Coast, Treasure Coast, Southeast Florida, and interior Southwest Florida are in abnormally dry to no drought conditions with some small improvements this week. Looking ahead, drier air will slowly filter out of the state today and tomorrow, bringing a return of seasonal sea breeze rainfall by the weekend. An approaching cold front will also begin to settle across the Deep South this weekend bringing elevated rainfall chances to North Florida beginning on Sunday. Some drought improvements are expected throughout the state in areas that receive beneficial rainfall, especially across North Florida given closer proximity to the frontal boundary this weekend and early next week. However, with hot summertime temperatures also expected, any areas that fail to see scattered rainfall throughout the state will see local drought conditions persist or worsen.

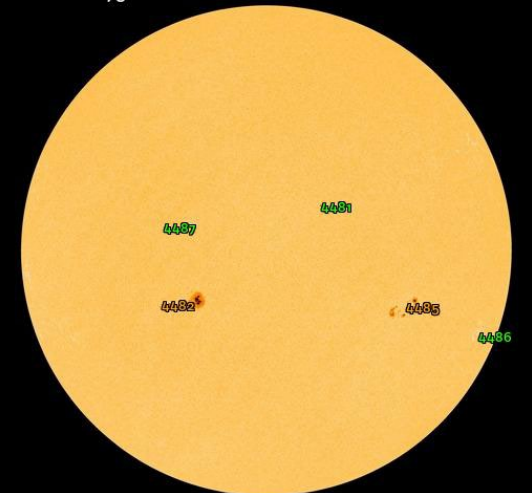
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **360 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **5 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





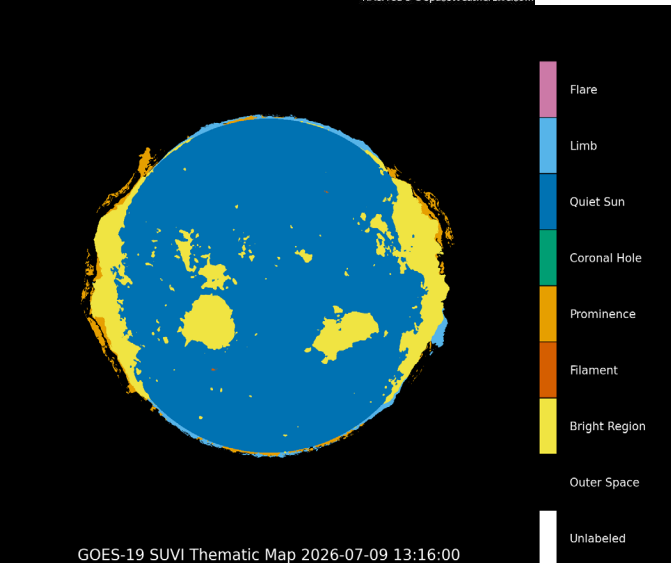
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

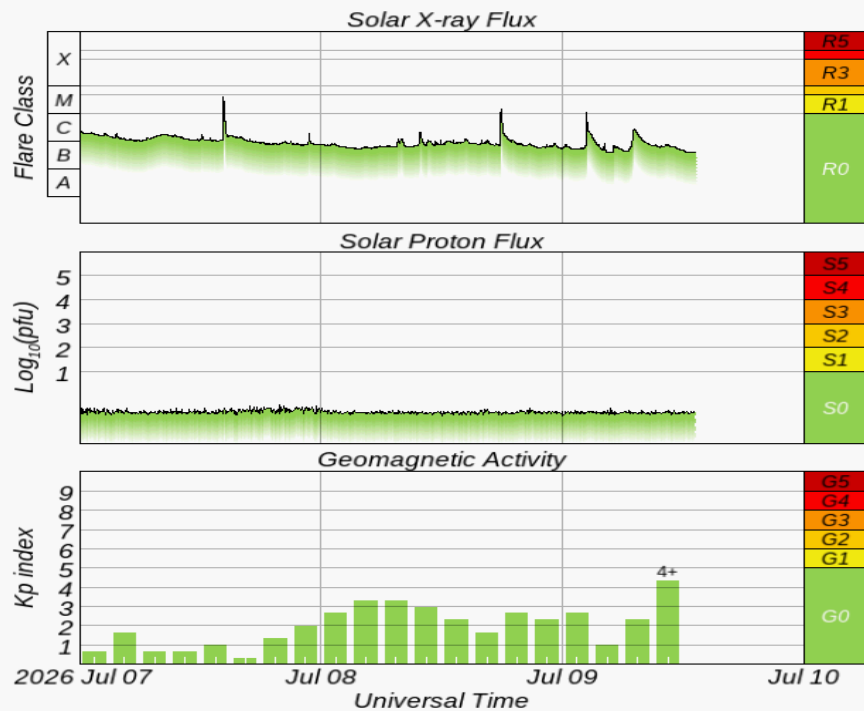


Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-09 13:16:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/9	7/10
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Saturday with a high chance for M-class flares and a slight chance for an X-class flare, primarily due to sunspot Region 4482. Should any M-class flares occur, they will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and X-class flares strong (R3) radio blackouts. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to begin today and continue through Saturday with the arrival of coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) influence. Geomagnetic conditions are anticipated to reach unsettled to active levels, with a slight chance for period of G1 (Minor) storming. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very 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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