



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, July 10, 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	Gadsden, Leon	Everbridge / IPAWS Meeting / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Everbridge / IPAWS Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Everbridge / IPAWS Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	NWS / LEPC Hurricane Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	G-400 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Miami-Dade	Travel to Region 10 (FIFA Match Activation)
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

Region 6 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6
Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5
Region 8 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 5
Region 9 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	Walton	Mitigation Discussion
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Leave
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	HQ Visit/Admin
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Not Available	Leave
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Not Available	Leave
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	FEPA Mitigation Meeting 6/7 Response Coverage
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	Admin/Career Development

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

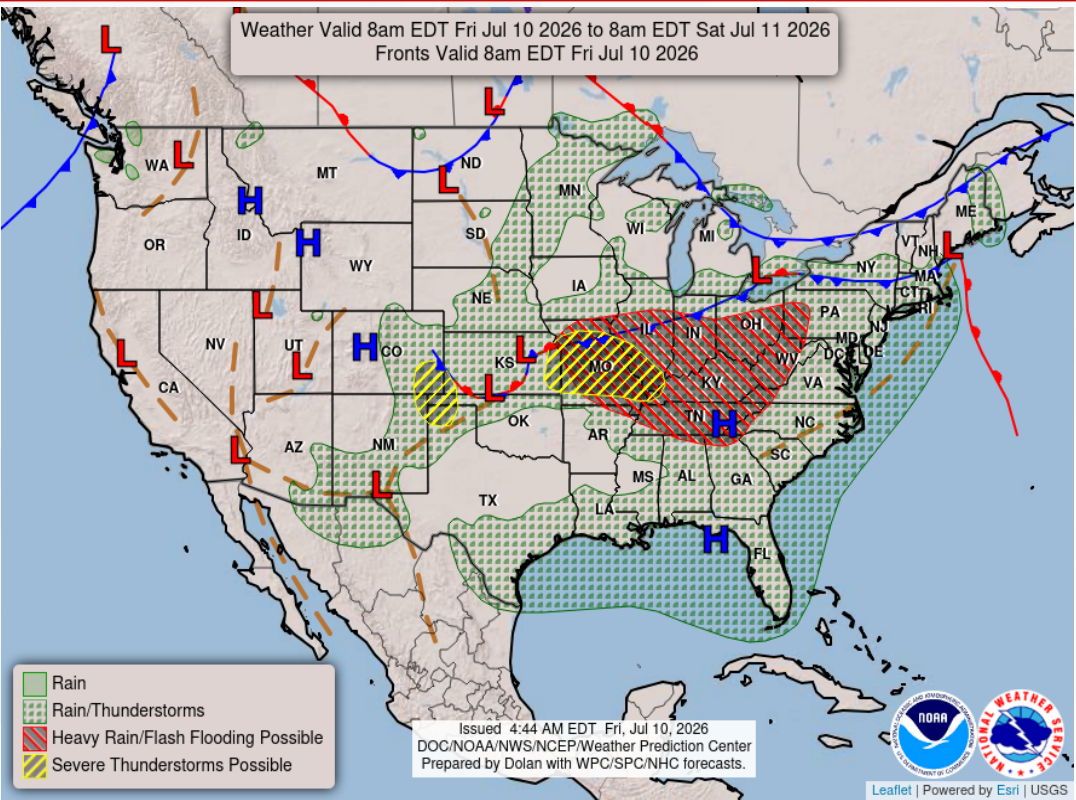
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

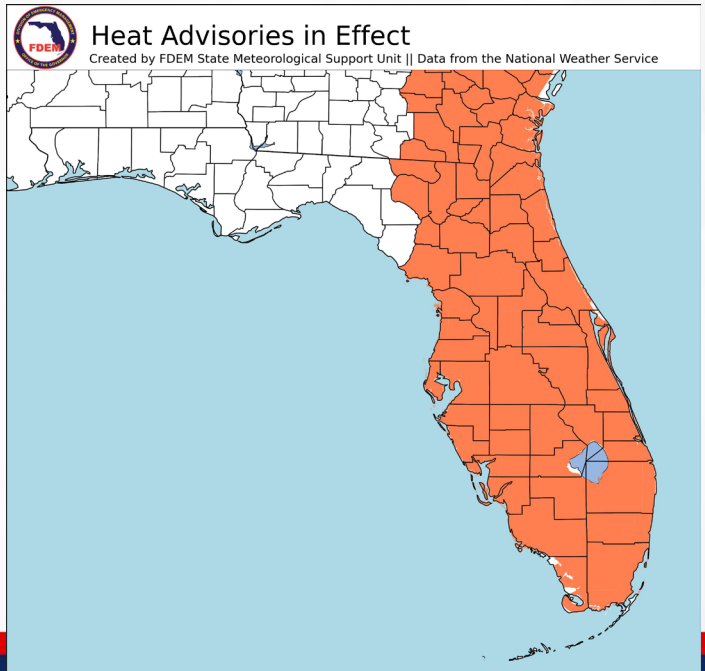
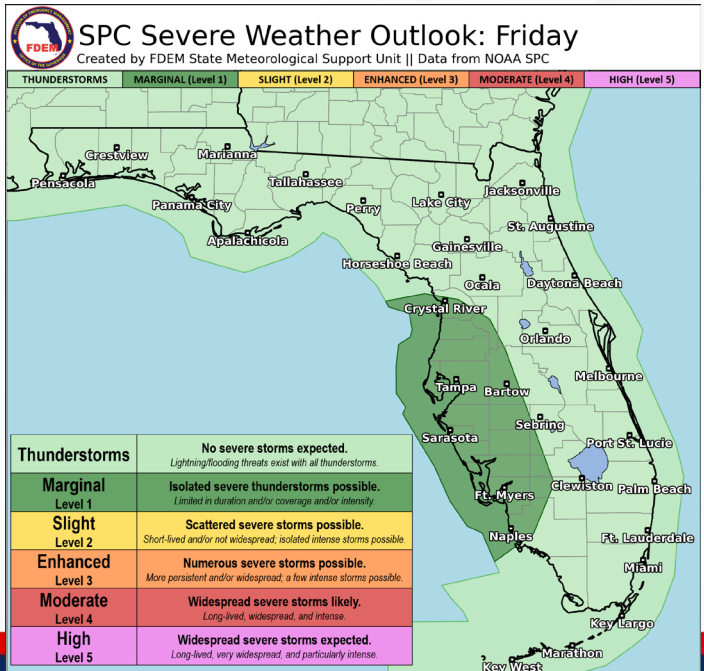


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	M	M	L	H	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind						L	L		L	
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		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.99 ft. (2.55 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	374 (+14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



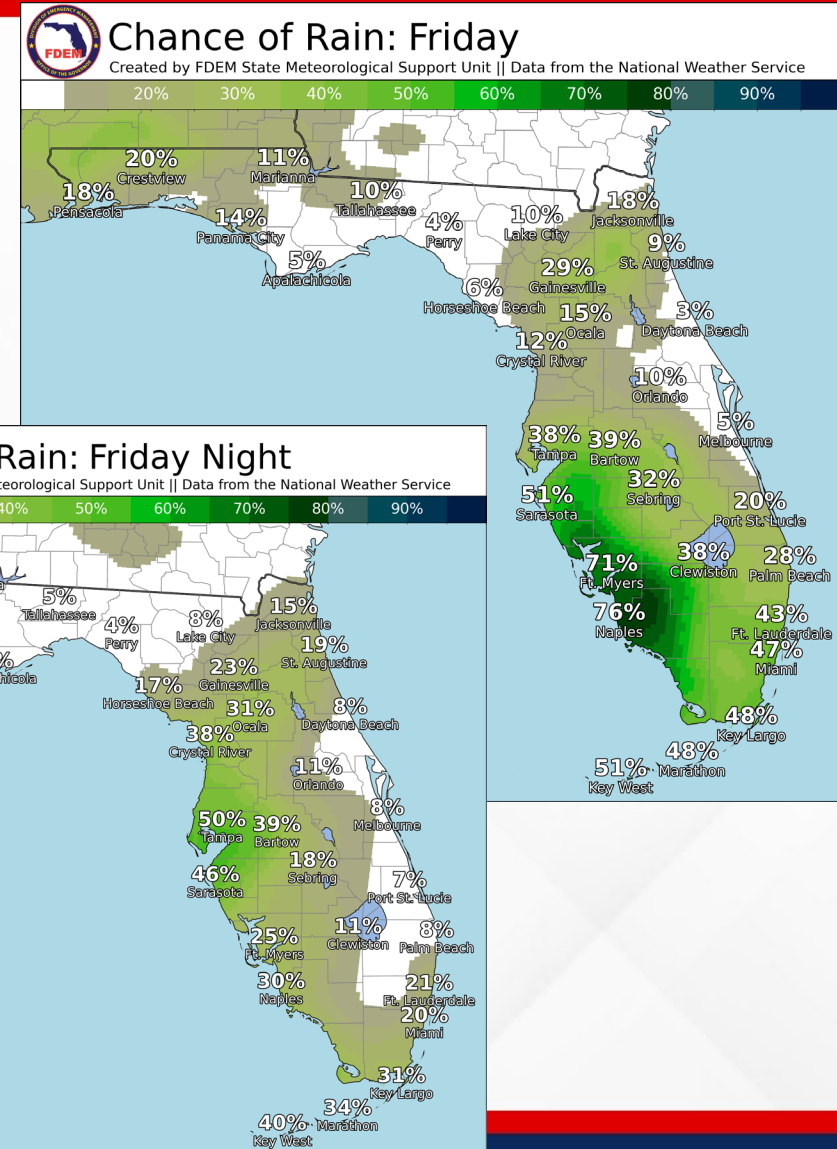


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure over the western Atlantic will continue to nose into North Florida today, suppressing rainfall chances mainly north of the I-4 corridor where some lingering Saharan air also persists. Rainfall chances will not be zero, though isolated in nature and mainly focused across the western Panhandle and interior Northeast Florida (15-25% chance of rain). South of the I-4 corridor, tropical moisture will begin to filter back into the region encouraging much greater coverage of afternoon showers and thunderstorms compared to recent days. A predominate east to southeasterly flow around the periphery of high pressure will send the East Coast sea breeze well inland into West-Central and Southwest Florida where scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will be focused. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** has been outlooked across West-Central and Southwest Florida today where a few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** could be accompanied by **frequent lightning**, locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph), and **torrential downpours**. Any thunderstorm activity will largely dissipate or push offshore before midnight tonight across the Peninsula.

Another **hot and humid** day is expected statewide with ample sunshine expected and humidity remaining elevated. High temperatures will climb into the **middle to upper 90s**, with feels-like temperatures soaring into the **middle to upper 100s**. As such, **Heat Advisories** have been issued throughout the Peninsula this afternoon where heat indices are most likely to exceed **106-108 degrees**. Any shower or thunderstorm activity across the state will bring some relief from the heat this afternoon and evening. Low temperatures will only fall into the middle to upper 80s by midnight and the middle 70s to lower 80s by daybreak Saturday.

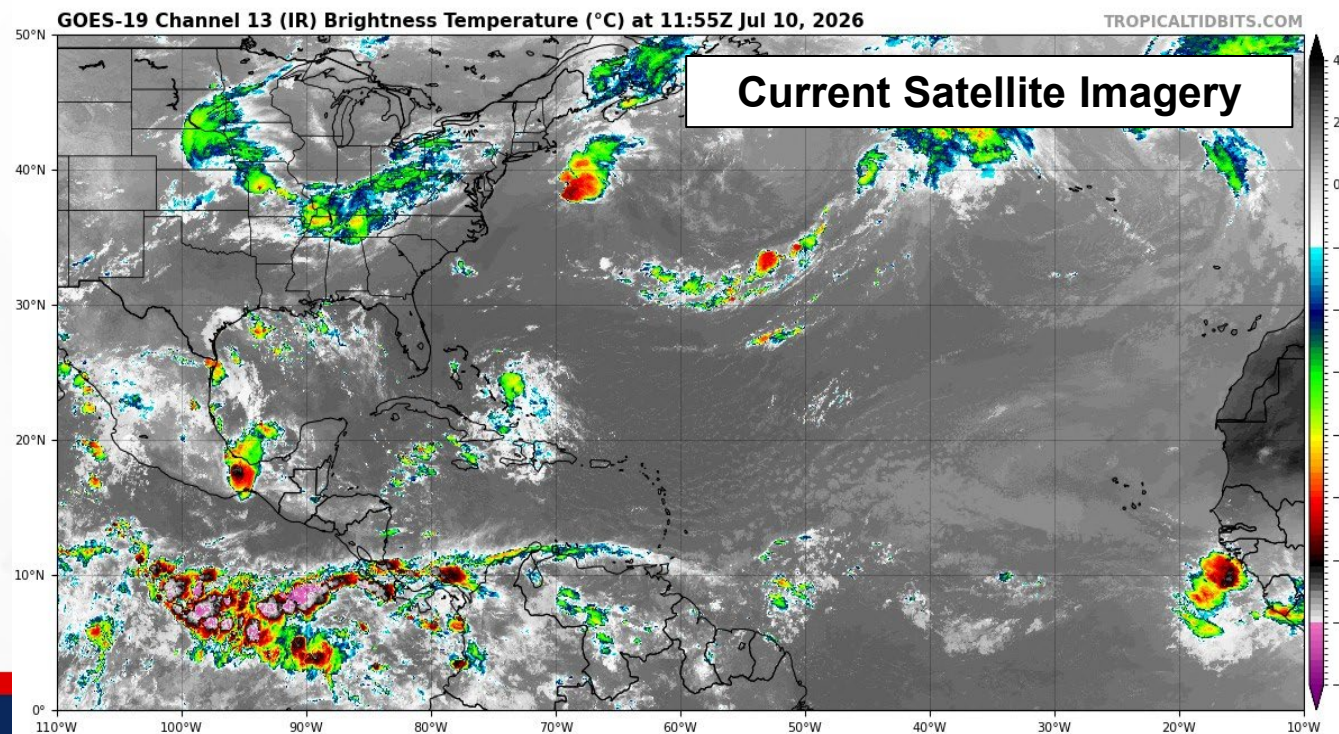
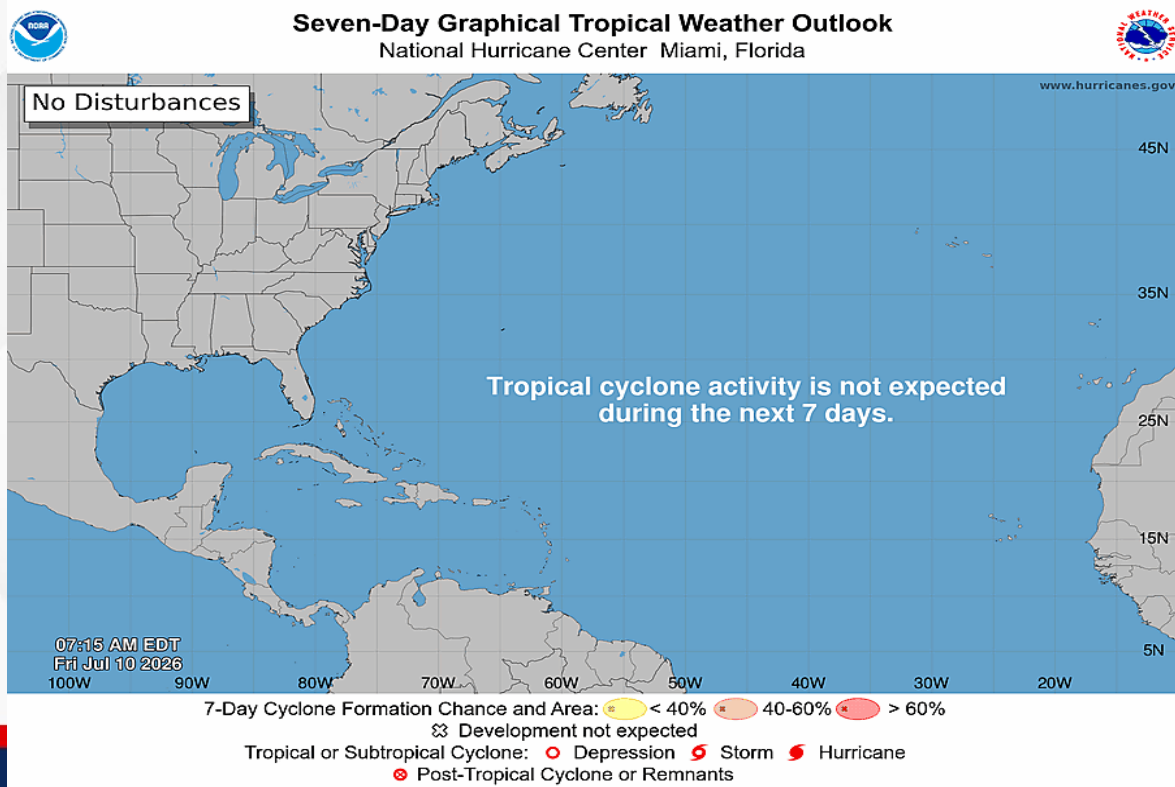




Tropical Weather

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 Southeast Florida. 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 continues to build into the region.

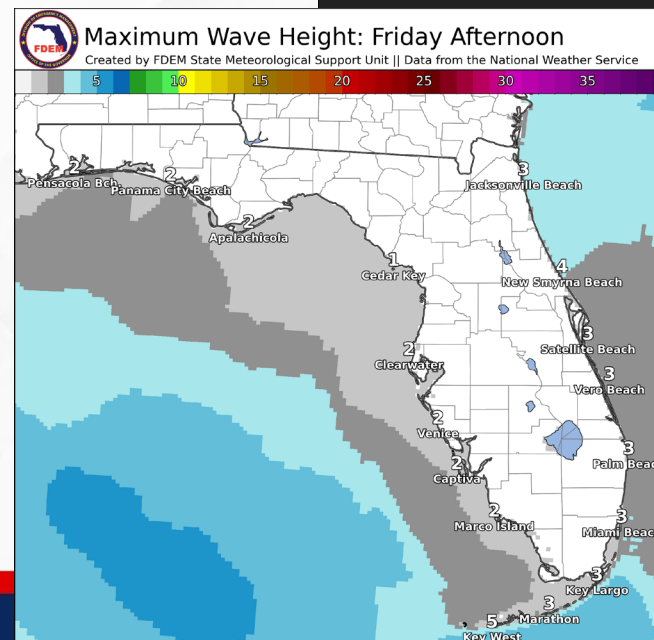
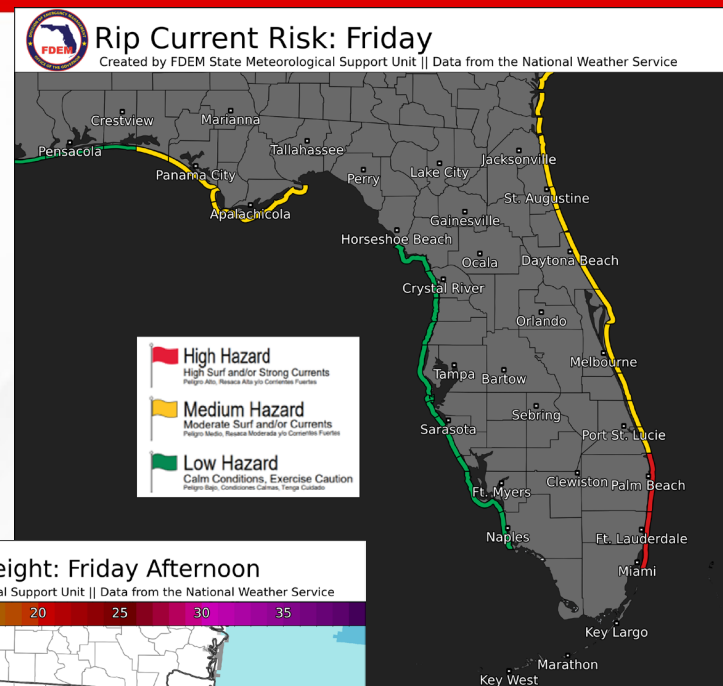
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Nassau and Monroe counties over the past week. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 7/1/26).

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is anticipated today.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding statewide today. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop across West-Central and Southwest Florida today, some of which may become **locally strong to severe** and accompanied by **torrential downpours**. Rainfall totals will generally remain around 1" for areas that do receive rainfall, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out. 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 10.99 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.55 feet below normal for this time of year.



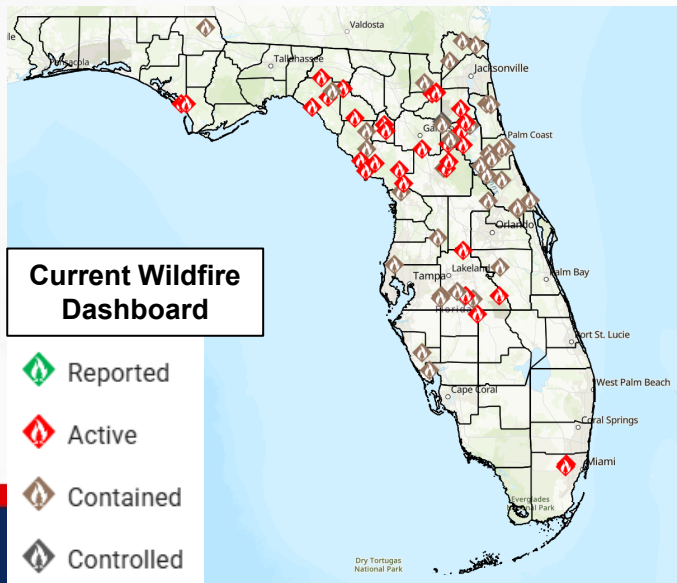
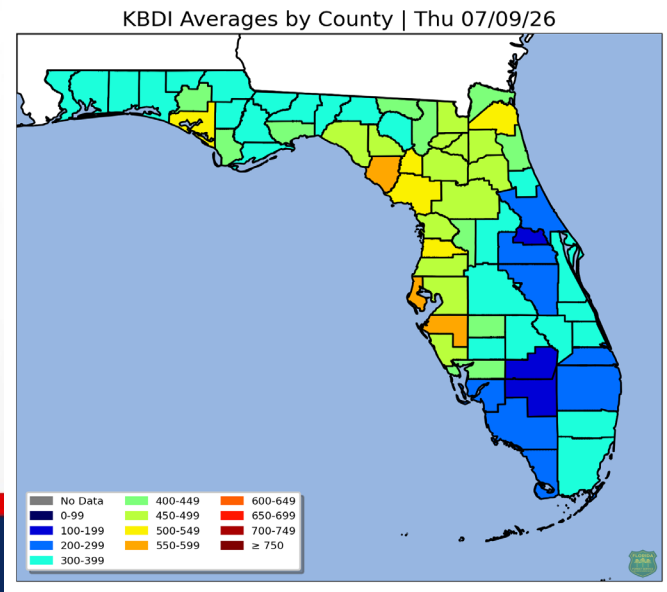
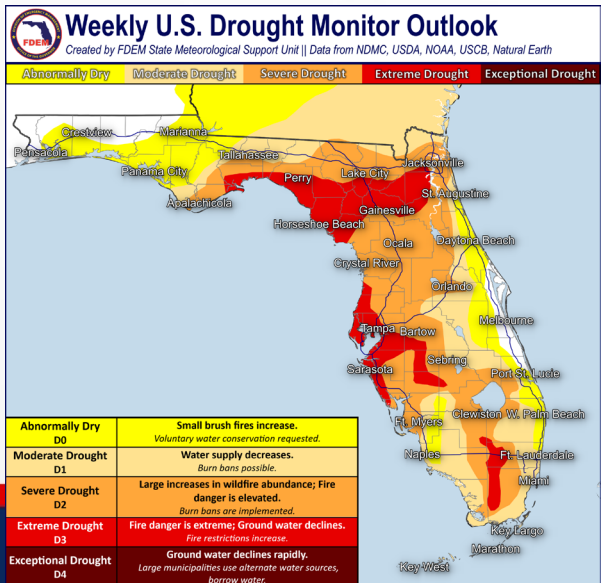


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Despite drier air filtering into North and North-Central Florida today, limiting rainfall chances, the overall wildfire threat will remain low as relative humidities remain well above critical thresholds and winds stay light. However, any afternoon thunderstorm may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones, especially in West-Central and Southwest Florida where a few locally strong to severe thunderstorms are possible today. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 73 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 26,728 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.

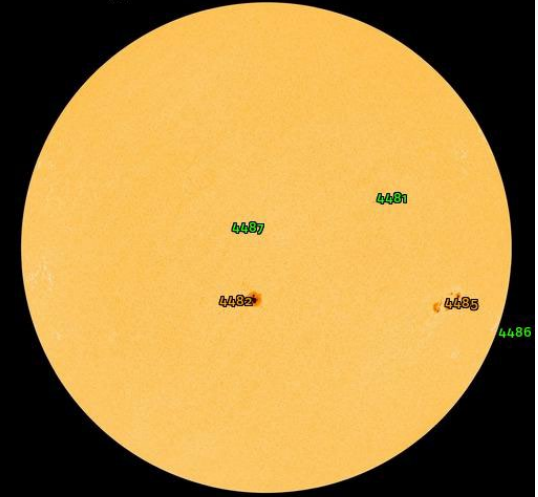
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **374 (+14)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **8 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





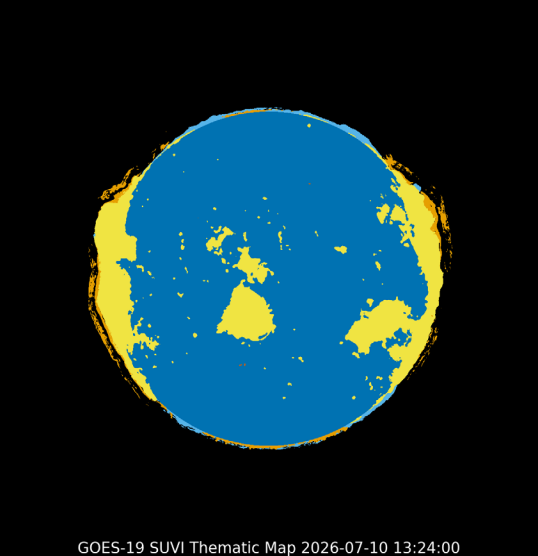
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

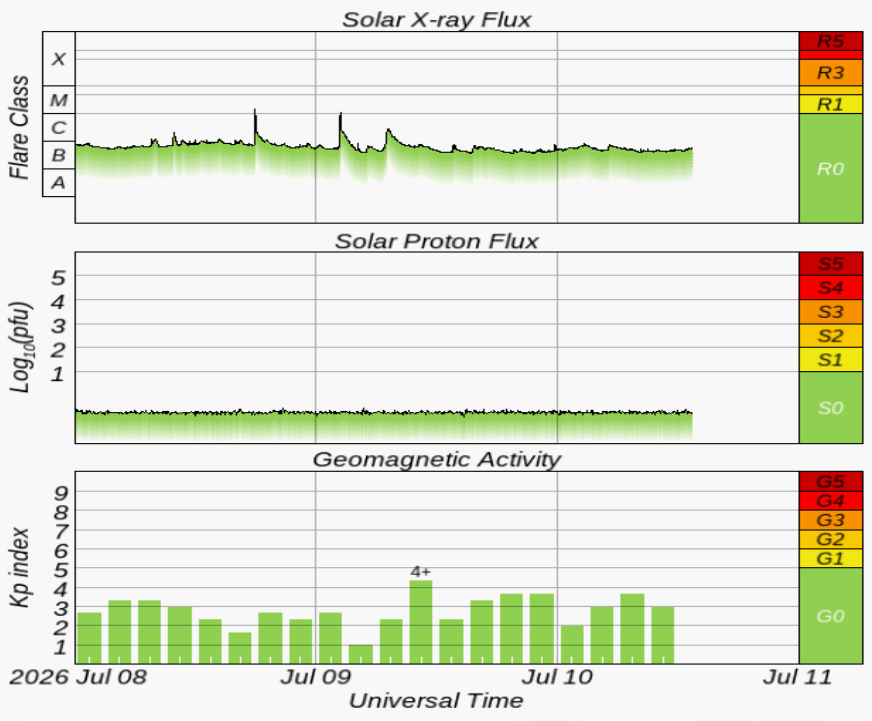


Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-10 13:24:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B7 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/10	7/11
Max Kp= 4 (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 Sunday, with a chance for M-class flares and a slight chance for X-class flares due to sunspot regions 4482 and 4485. 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 Sunday with the arrival of coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) influences. 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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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
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