



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, July 11, 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	Miami-Dade	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 Match Activation

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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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	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	Broward	FIFA Game Support

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

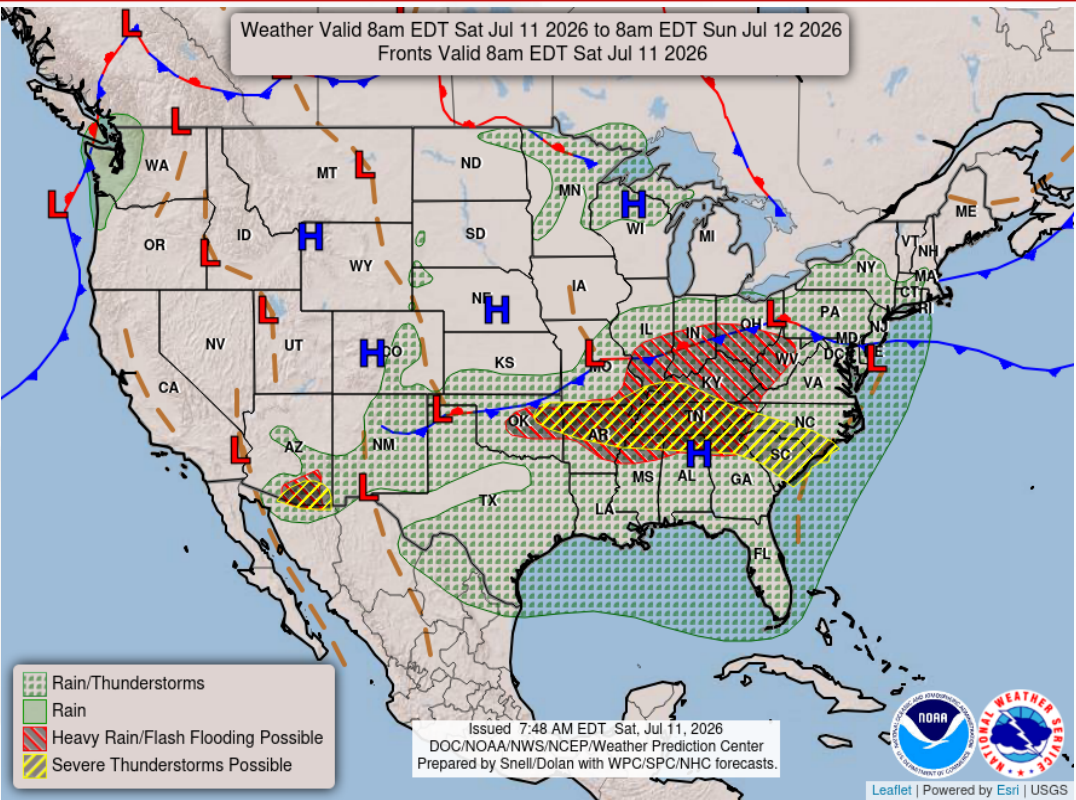
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

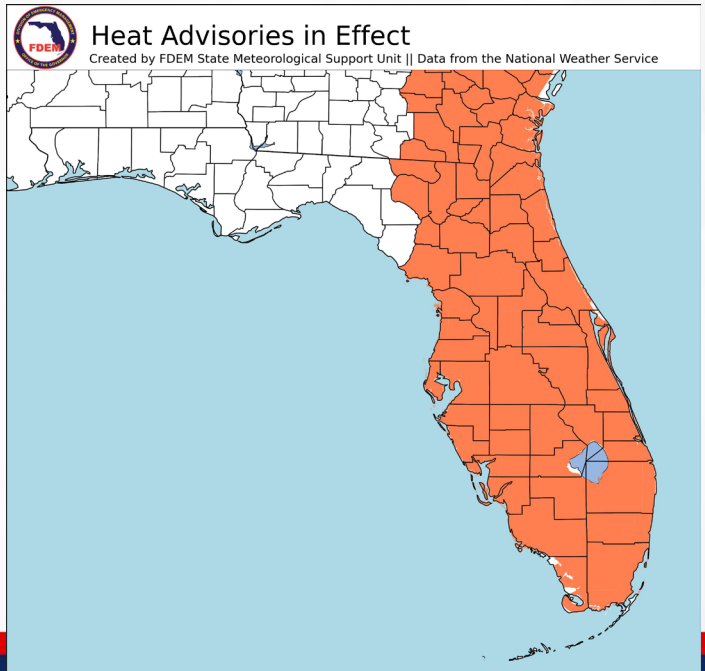
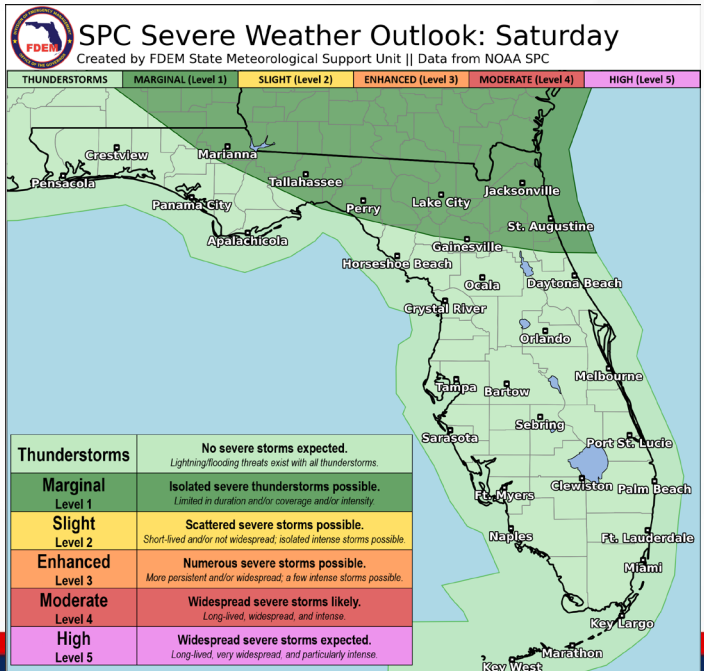


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	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		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.98 ft. (2.57 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	392 (+18) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



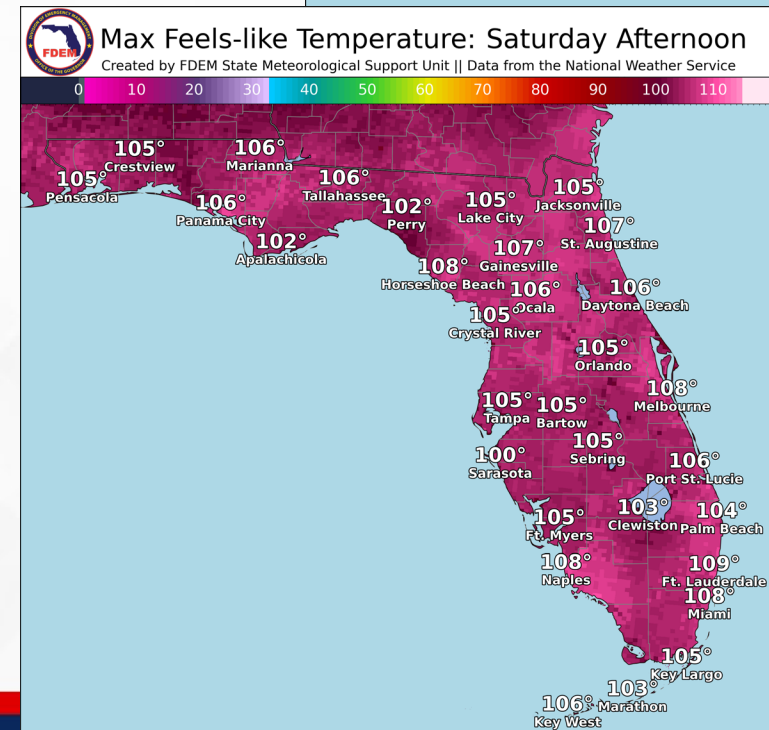
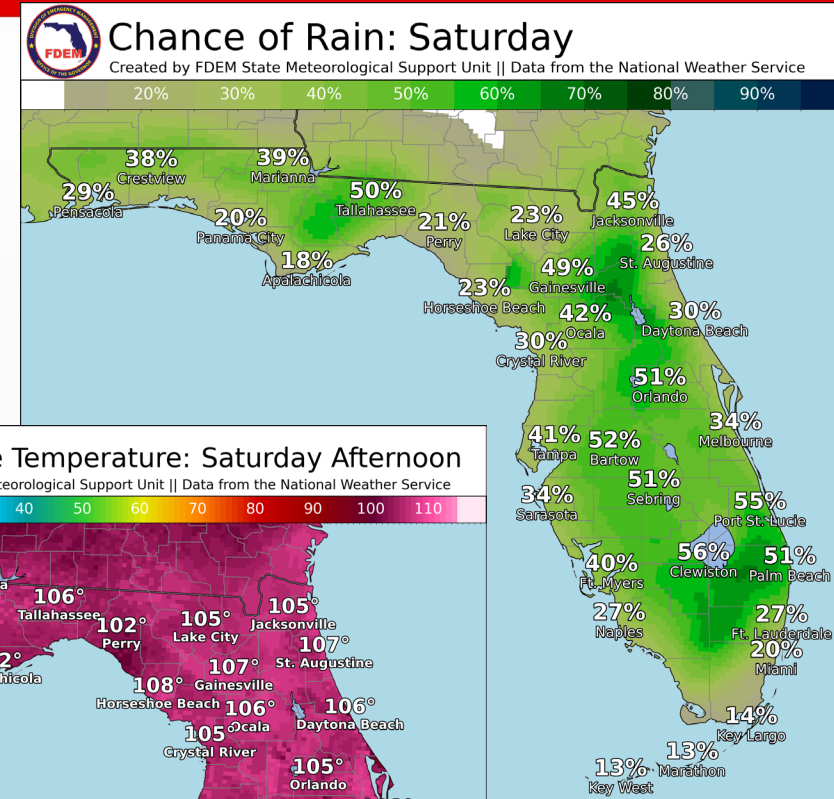


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure centered over the western Atlantic continues to nose into the Florida Peninsula today, bringing a predominate south-southeasterly onshore wind to South and Central Florida and southwesterly flow to North Florida. Despite some lingering Saharan air across the region, shower and thunderstorm activity will increase in coverage compared to recent days as a bit more tropical moisture attempts to filter into the state. A few showers with embedded thunderstorms are already ongoing along the Panhandle coast this morning, and additional activity will develop along the inland advancing Gulf sea breeze today across North Florida (35-50% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** has been outlooked across portions of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and Northeast Florida today where the highest chances are of a few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms**. The primary hazards with any activity will be **frequent lightning**, **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. Throughout the Peninsula, a fairly typical summertime distribution of scattered showers and thunderstorms is expected as the West Coast and East Coast sea breezes push inland later this afternoon (40-60% chance of rain). Any thunderstorm throughout the Peninsula could also become **locally strong to severe**. Shower and thunderstorm activity will largely dissipate or push offshore before midnight across the state.

Another **hot and humid** day is on tap 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 70s to lower 80s by daybreak Sunday.

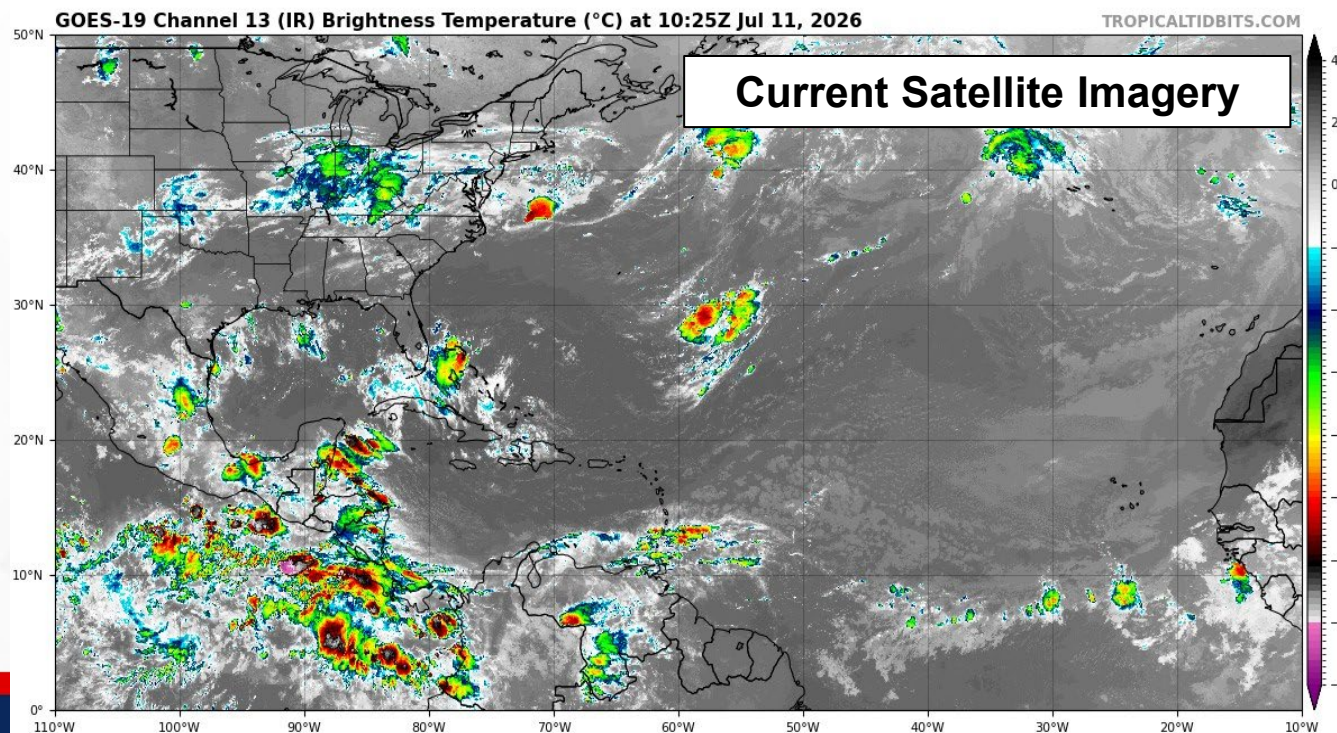
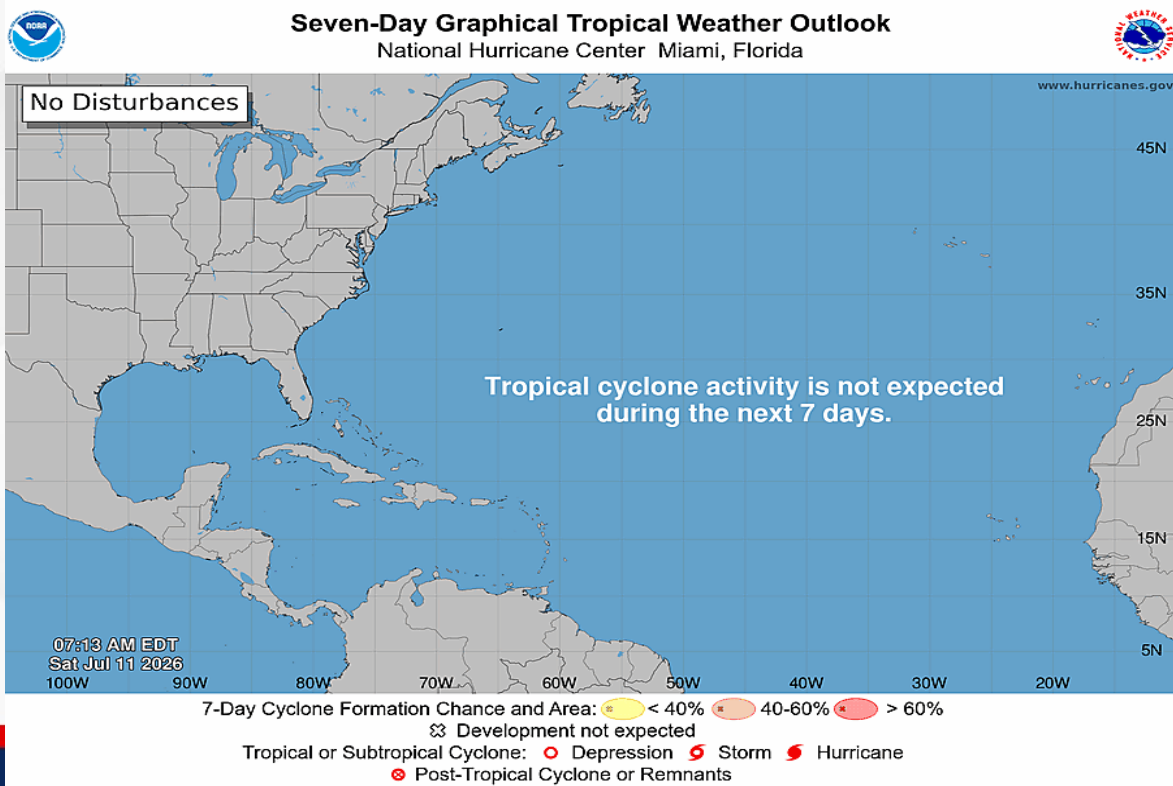




Tropical Weather

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 all Panhandle and most East Coast beaches today. A low risk is outlooked for the West Coast and Southeast Florida. 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 and around 2-3' for East Coast and Florida Keys beaches today.

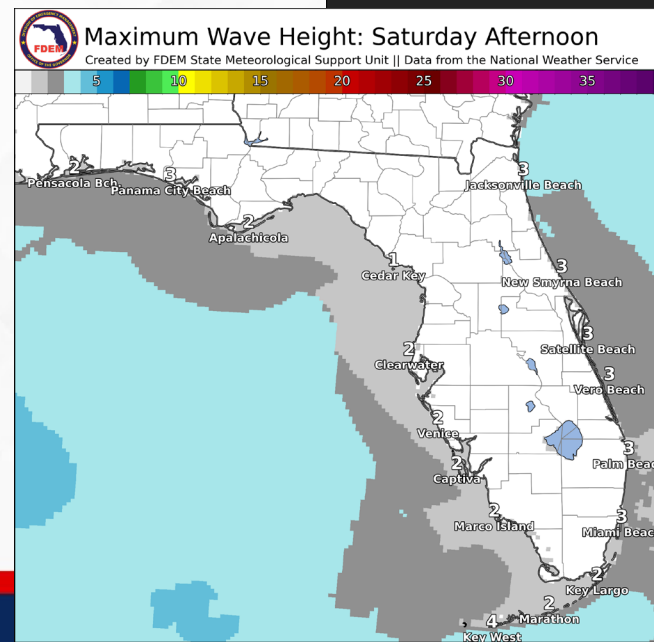
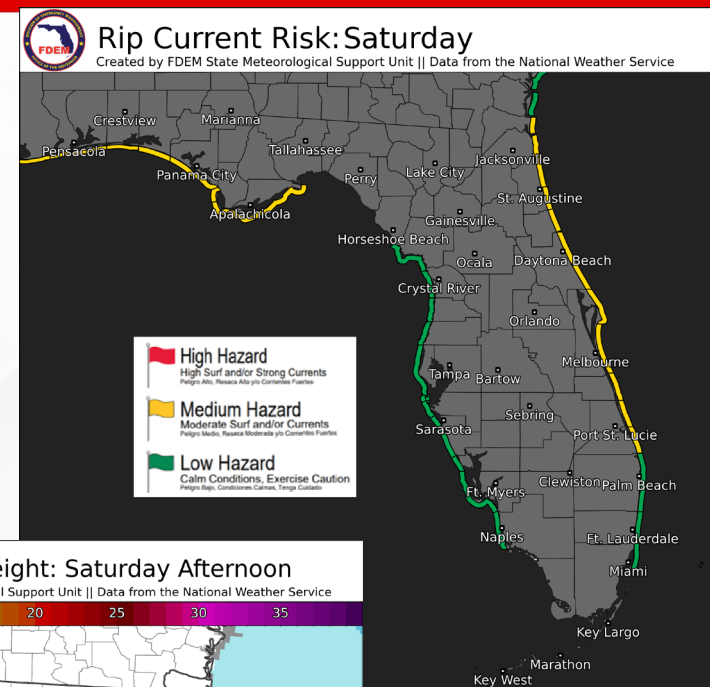
Red Tide: was not observed statewide over the past week (valid 7/10/26).

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 much of the state this afternoon as the sea breezes push inland. Any thunderstorm may be slow-moving and accompanied by **torrential downpours**, which could drop a quick **2-3" of rainfall** in localized areas leading to **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. 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 10.98 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.57 feet below normal for this time of year.



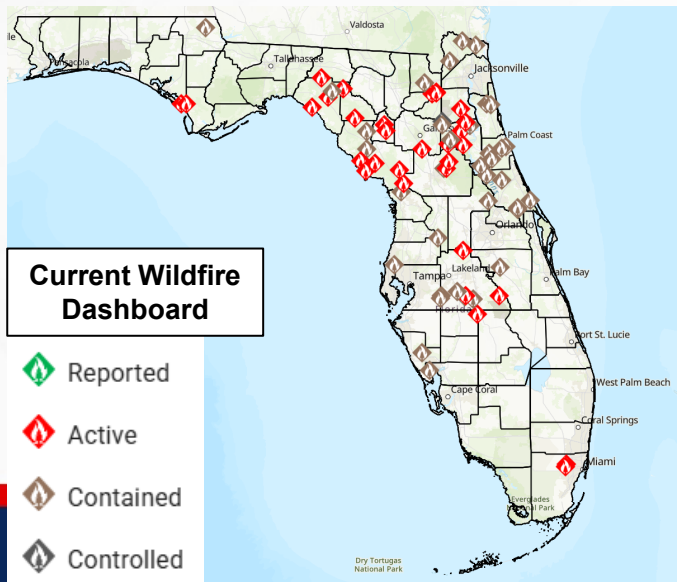
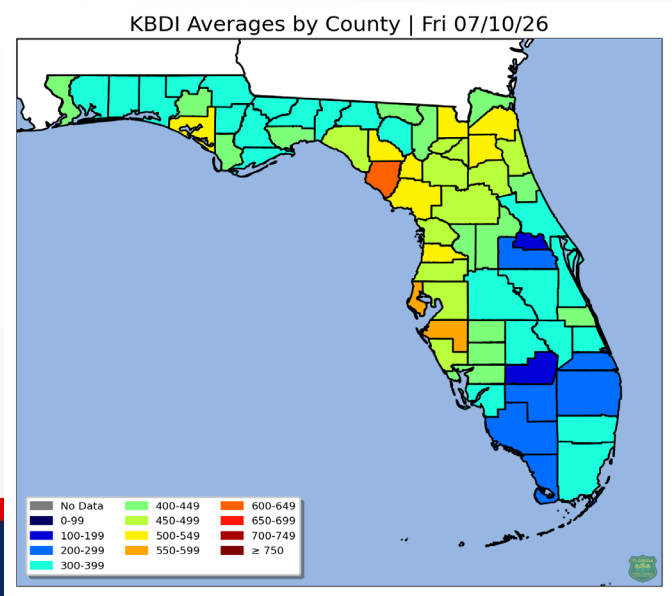
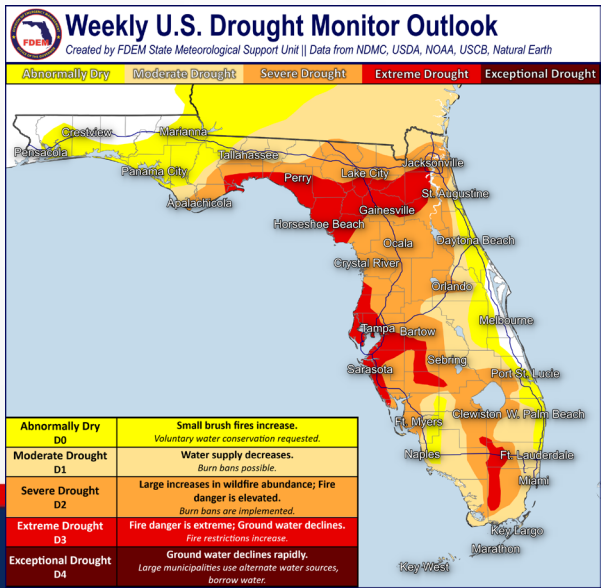


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. However, any afternoon thunderstorm may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds would could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Locally drier conditions have developed along the Nature Coast in recent days where areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persist, encouraging **locally sensitive wildfire conditions**. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 94 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,062 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.

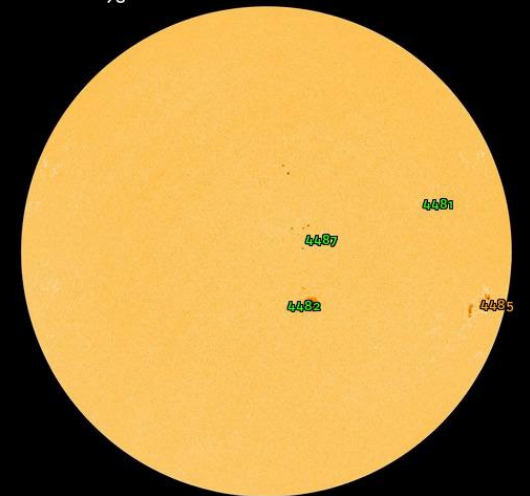
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **392 (+18)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



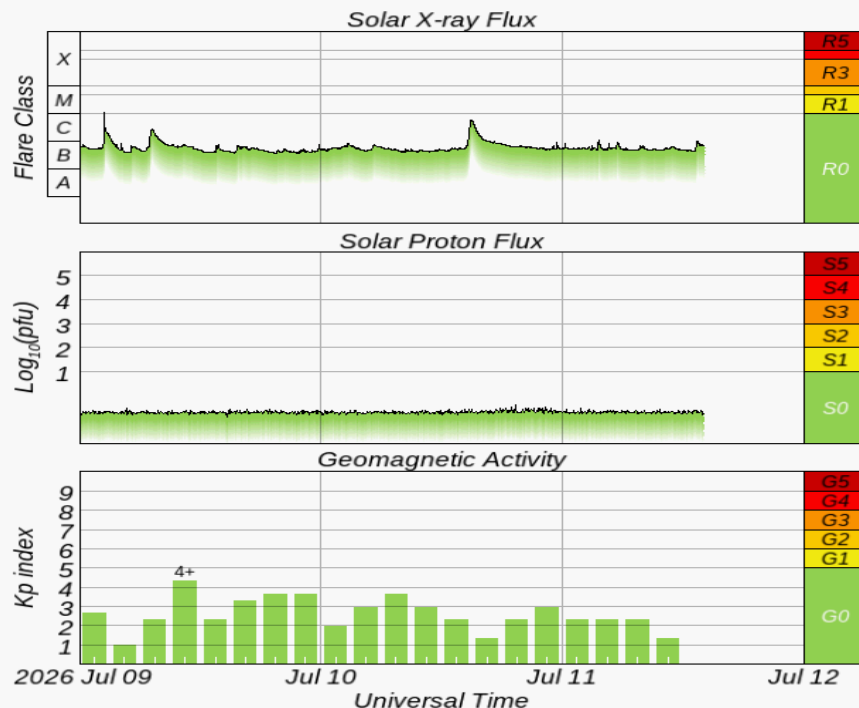
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Current Sunspots



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-11 14:08:00

- Flare
- Limb
- Quiet Sun
- Coronal Hole
- Prominence
- Filament
- Bright Region
- Outer Space
- Unlabeled



Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Monday, with a chance for M-class flares and a slight chance for X-class flares due to sunspot region 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. Solar wind conditions are anticipated to wane today as coronal hole influences taper off. A glancing Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Thursday will bring additional enhancements on Sunday before diminishing on Monday. Geomagnetic conditions will remain slightly elevated under coronal hole influences before the CME passage on Sunday brings conditions to active to isolated G1 (Minor) storming levels. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C6 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/11	7/12
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%



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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