



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, July 12, 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, In Region	Travel to Region 6 / 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

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	In Region	Off & Monitoring

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



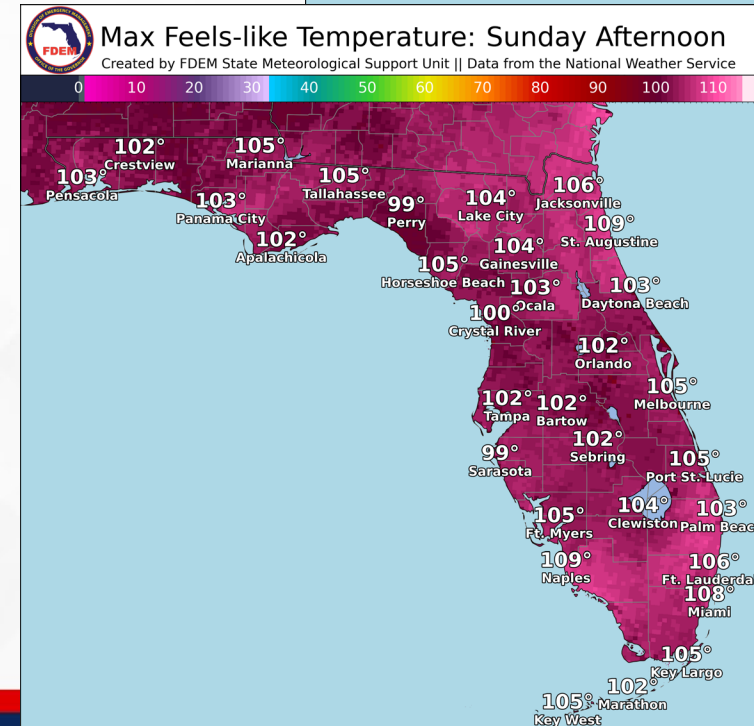
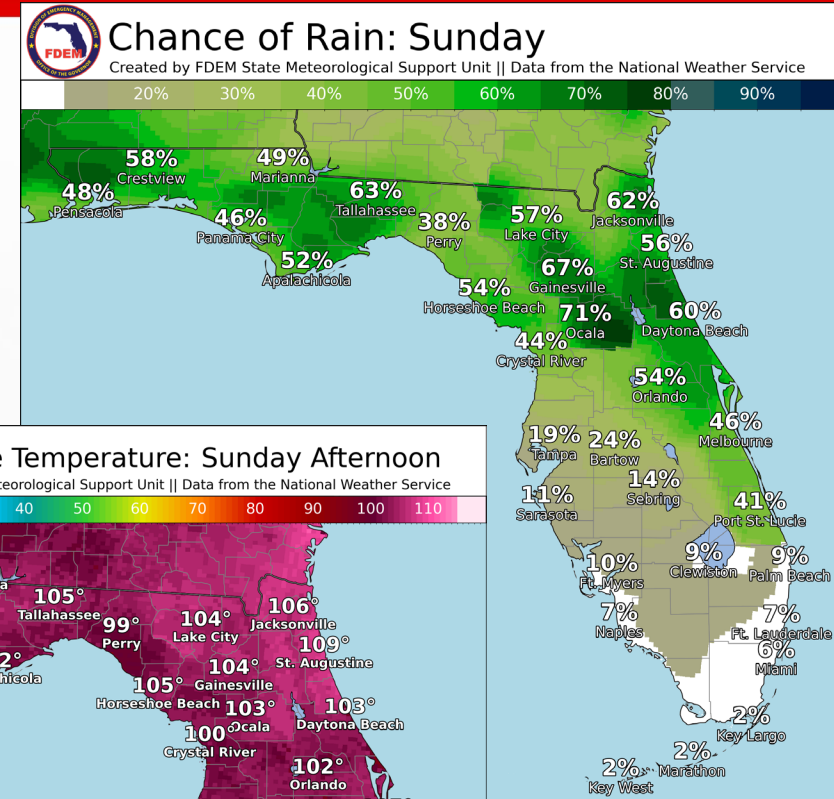
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another day of wet and unsettled conditions is on tap for North Florida today as an upper-level disturbance and its associated frontal boundary continues to sag southward. Well above-normal column moisture from persistent south/southwesterly flow as of late will allow for scattered to widespread showers and storms to develop and spread eastward as the day progresses. Current high-resolution guidance indicates the bulk of today's activity will likely develop around 12-2PM today, although this morning's radar imagery is already tracking swaths of showers and storms beginning to move onshore from the Gulf into some Big Bend and Western Panhandle regions. Like yesterday, an expansive **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** has been outlooked across portions of the Panhandle, Big Bend, and the East Coast of 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** and **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**. Today's storms may be very efficient rain-makers given the high atmospheric moisture and multiple sources of lift present (frontal boundary, sea-breezes, outflow boundaries). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding** has been outlooked for the entirety of North Florida and portions of North-Central Florida today to highlight this risk. The southern half of the state is set to be comparatively much drier as a plume of Saharan Air Layer (SAL) continues to spread through the area. This will help limit typical shower and storm development as the SAL and background high pressure work to suppress convection.

Seasonable heat is expected today. High temperatures will range from the **lower 90s** across North Florida to the **middle 90s** across South Florida. Differing moisture between the northern and southern portions of the state will yield largely uniform heat indexes today in the **middle 100s**. The hottest areas across the state appear to be Northeast Florida, where afternoon showers and storms are unlikely to reach until later in the day, and across Southeast Florida. Heat indexes in these areas may reach into the **upper 100s**, and **Heat Advisories** are currently in effect to reflect this threat.

Showers and storms across the state should taper off quickly following sunset, although a few lingering showers and storms are possible tonight across the Western Panhandle (30-60% chance) and across Northeast Florida (15-30%). Lows tonight will fall into the upper 70s to lower 80s.

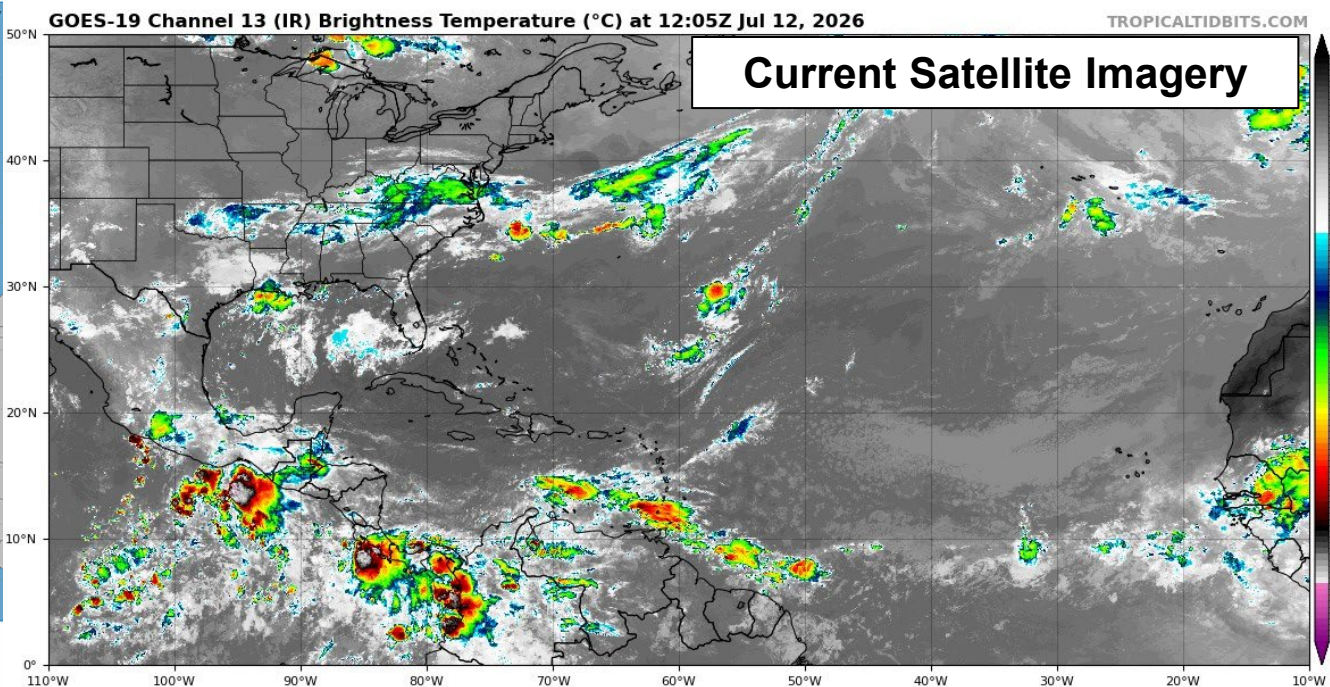
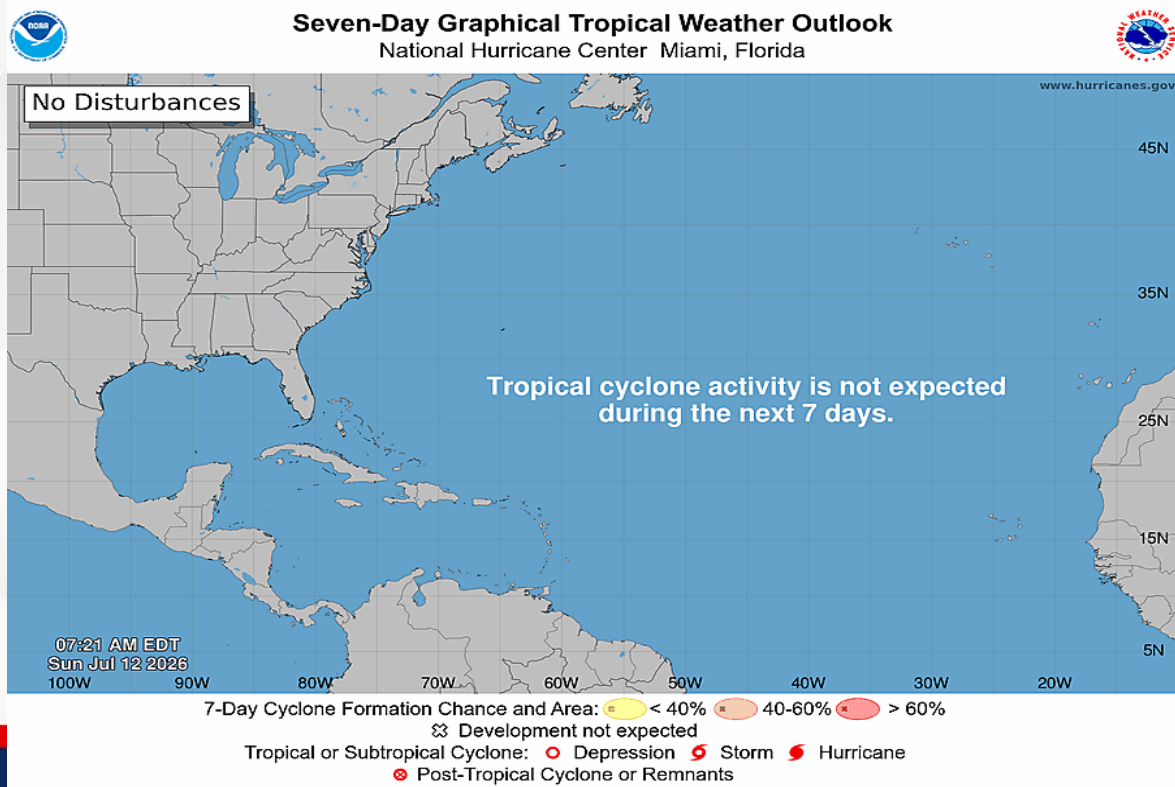




Tropical Weather

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.

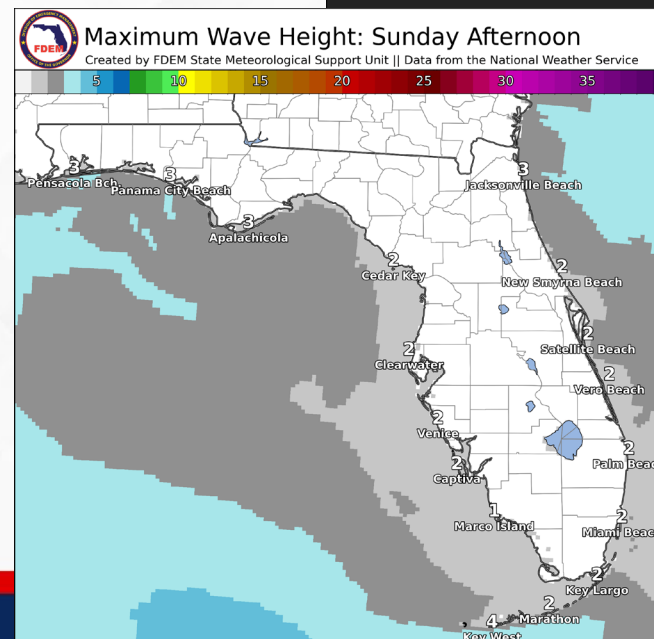
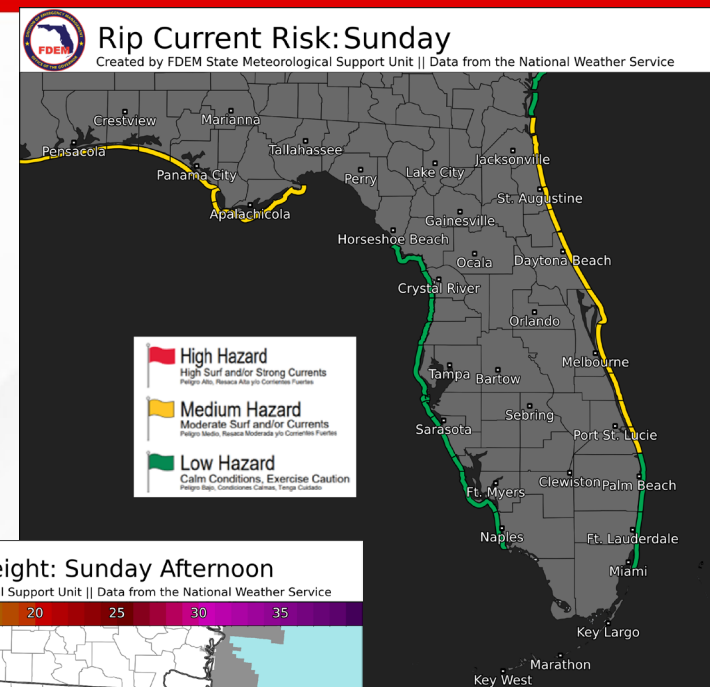
Red Tide: was not observed statewide over the past week (valid 7/10/26).

Coastal Flooding: No coastal flooding is anticipated today.

Flash Flooding: An expansive **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across North Florida and North-Central Florida. Widespread thunderstorms today will likely be accompanied by **torrential downpours**, which could drop a quick **2-3" of rainfall** in localized areas leading to **isolated flash flooding**, 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 10.96 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.60 feet below normal for this time of year.



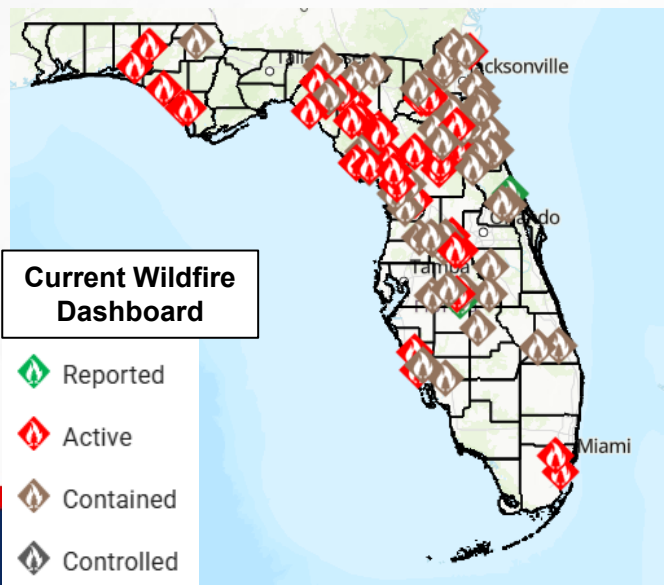
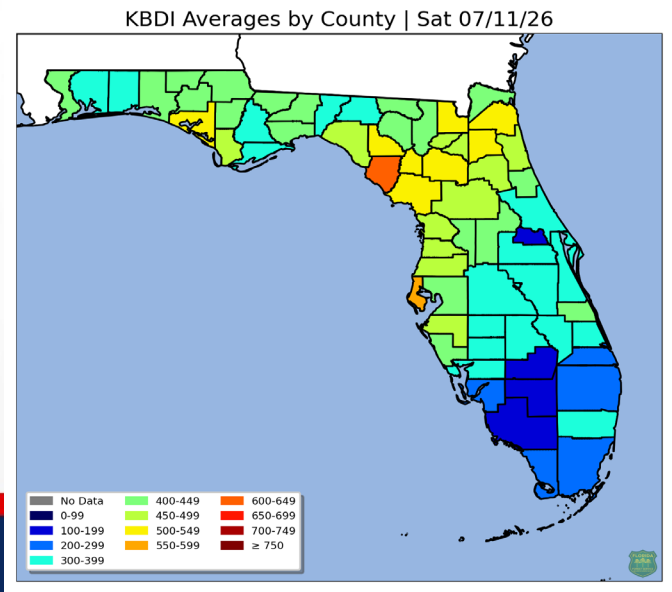
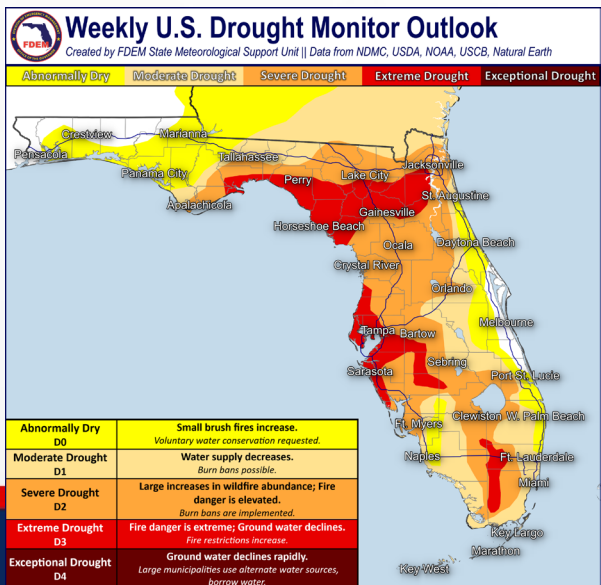


Drought & Fire Weather

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 105 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,094 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.

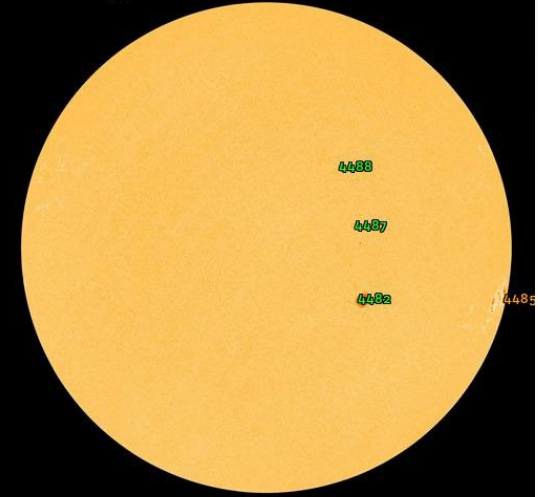
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **386 (-6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





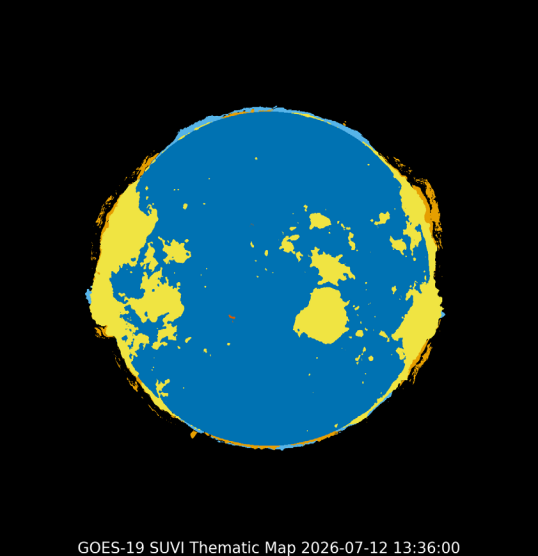
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

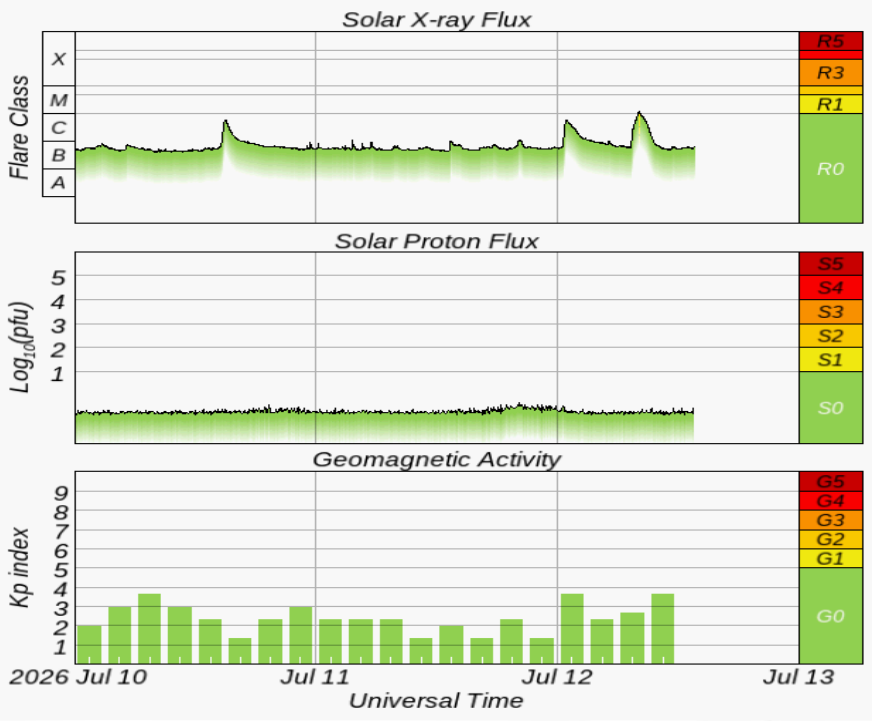


Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-12 13:36:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/12	7/13
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

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. Glancing effects of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Thursday will bring additional enhancements to solar wind conditions before diminishing on Monday. Active geomagnetic conditions are anticipated from glancing CME effects, with isolated G1 (minor) storming conditions possible. Geomagnetic conditions should decline on Monday as the CME exits Earth. 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
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
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