



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, July 13, 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	Leon, Gadsden	CORE Pipeline Safety Training / Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Franklin	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Hamilton, Madison	County EM Visits
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Nassau	County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Brevard	L-449 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
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 / ESF-4/9 Support

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	Walton	Leave in AM / Building Workshop
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Internal Stakeholder Mtg
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	External Stakeholder Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	PDMG Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Regional Recovery Coordinator Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	RRC Meeting / Orlando Wiregrass Hospital Tour 6/7 Response coverage
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Caoverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Regional Recovery Coordinator Meeting

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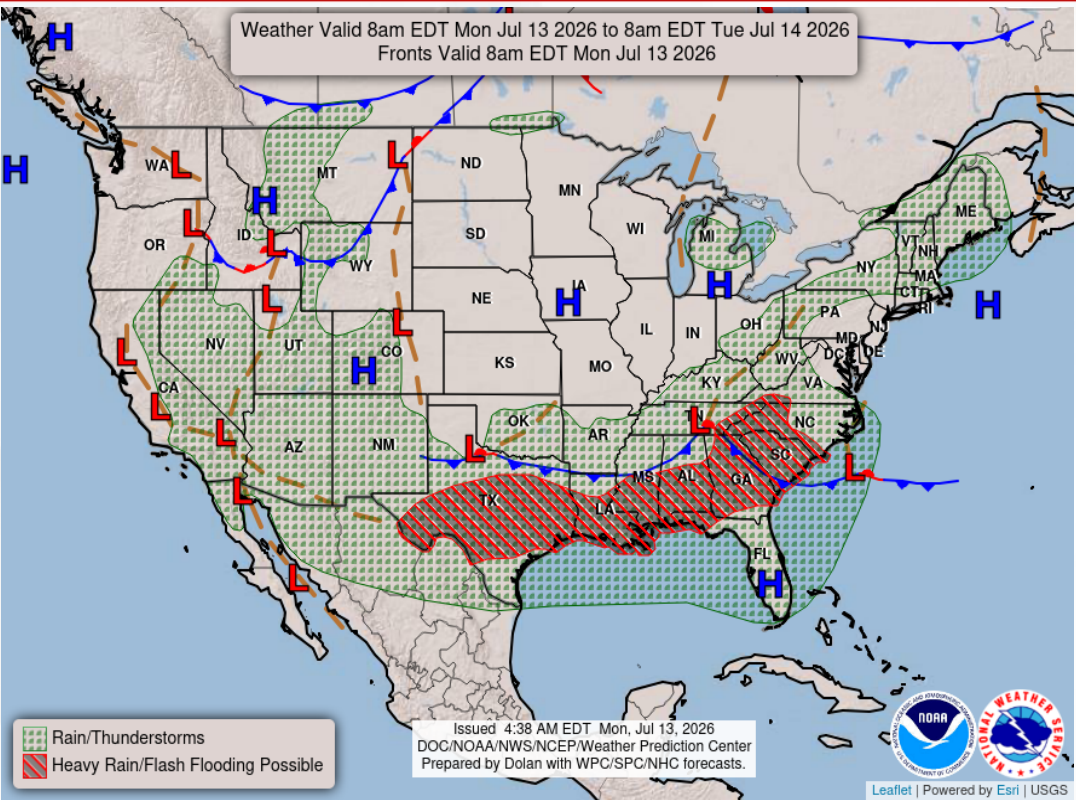
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

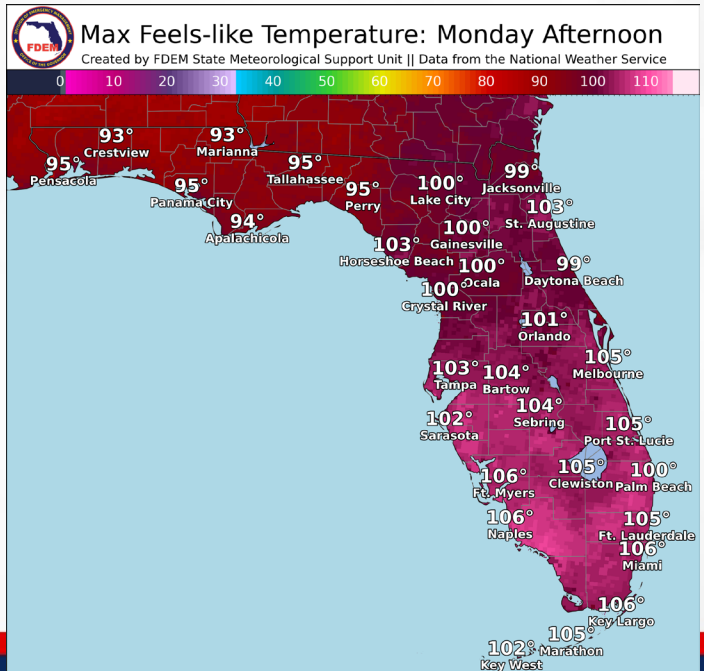
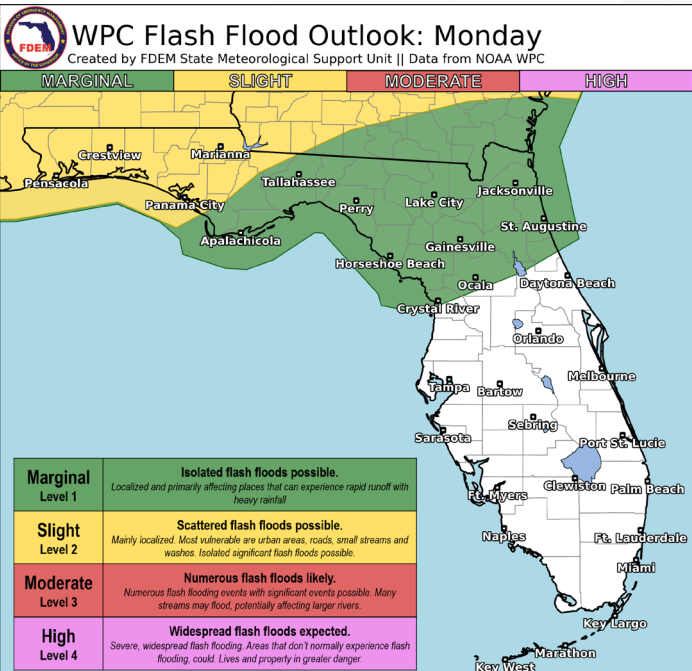


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	H	M	M	M	L	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L					
Hail										
Flash Flooding	M	M	L	L	L	L				
Extreme Heat			L	L	L	L	L	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	L	L	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.90 ft. (2.67 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	394 (+8) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





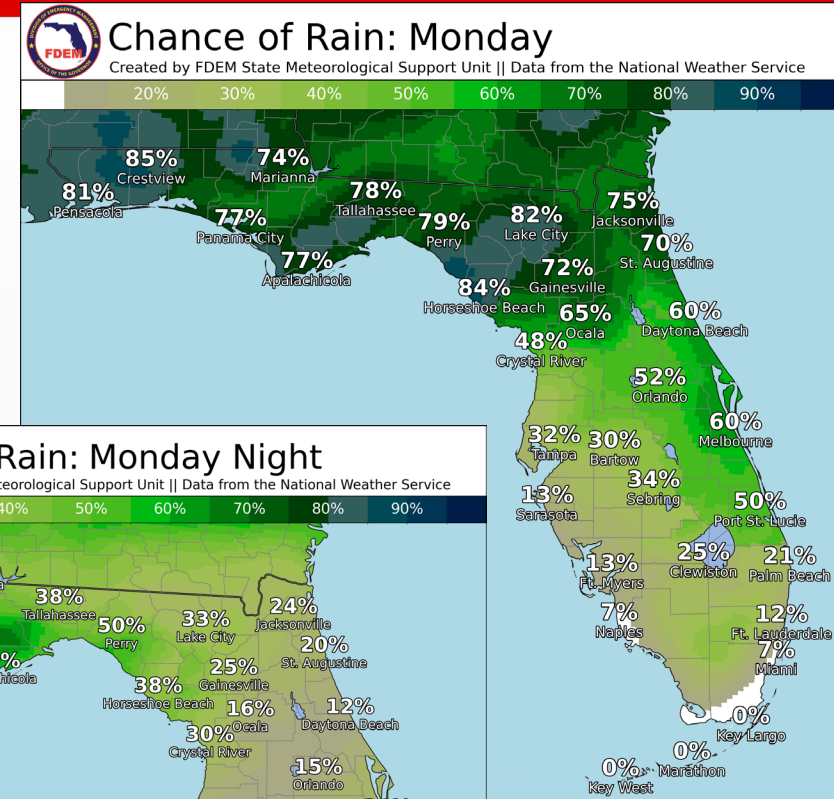
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

An upper-level disturbance and attendant frontal boundary will remain draped across the Southeast U.S. today with a predominate south to southwesterly flow pumping ample tropical moisture into North Florida. These features, along with the typical sea breezes and remnant outflow boundaries, will encourage multiple rounds of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across North Florida throughout the day (65-85% chance of rain). A few showers and thunderstorms are already ongoing across the Panhandle where a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked for instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in areas that receive multiple rounds of training **heavy downpours** today. A few cases of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out should any locations see multiple rounds of **torrential downpours**. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for the remainder of North Florida. Rainfall totals will generally remain around 1-2" throughout North Florida today, however locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-5"** or more cannot be ruled out. A predominate westerly flow across the Peninsula will keep the East Coast sea breeze pinned to the I-95 corridor where a few scattered showers and storms will develop this afternoon (40-60% chance of rain). Otherwise, dry Saharan air will linger across West-Central and the majority of South Florida today keeping rainfall activity more isolated in nature (15-30% chance of rain). Any thunderstorms statewide could become **locally strong to severe** and accompanied by **frequent lightning** and gusty winds (30-50 mph).

Ample cloud cover and rainfall will keep high temperatures "cooler" compared to recent days in the middle to upper 80s across North Florida. Lesser cloud coverage and drier air will allow highs to reach the **lower to middle 90s** in Central and South Florida. Heat indices will remain below advisory criteria throughout the state, however will approach the **lower to middle 100s** regardless in South-Central and South Florida where the least amount of cloud coverage is expected.

Tonight, shower and thunderstorm activity will largely dissipate or push offshore before midnight statewide. However, some lingering storms may remain through the night along the Panhandle and Big Bend coastlines (60-80% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the lower 70s in North Florida and middle 70s to lower 80s in Central and South Florida.

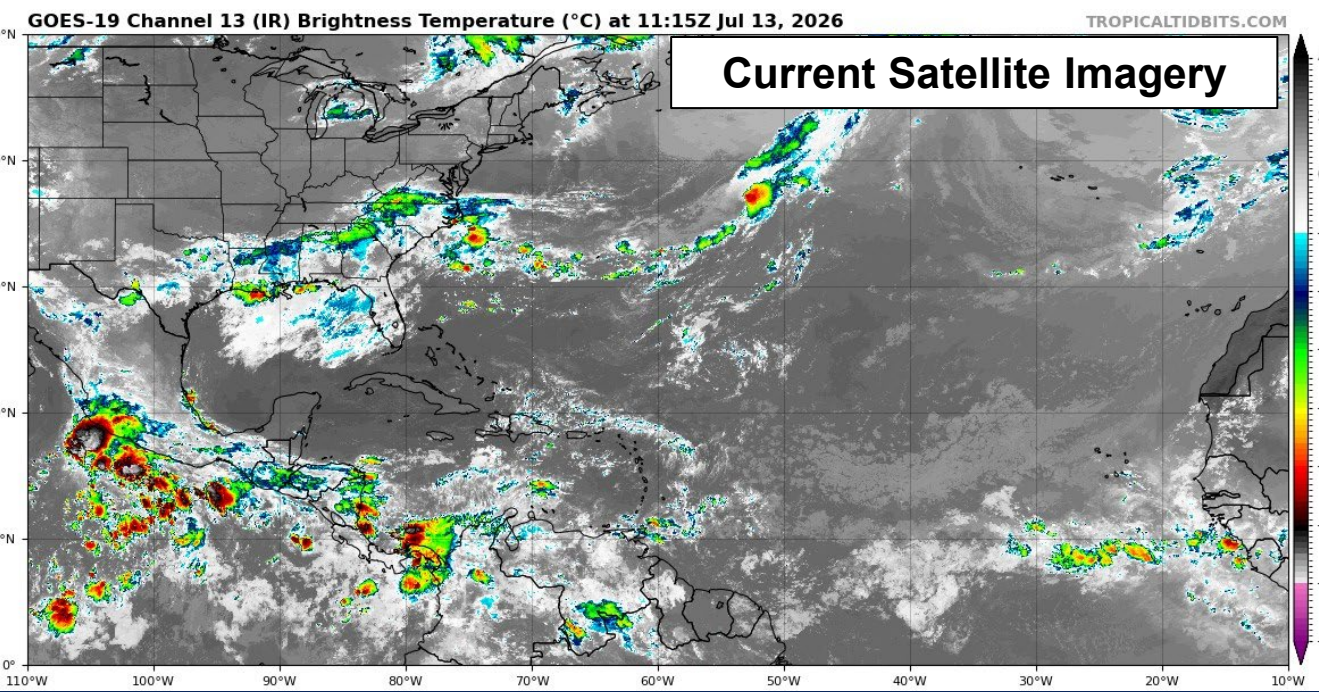
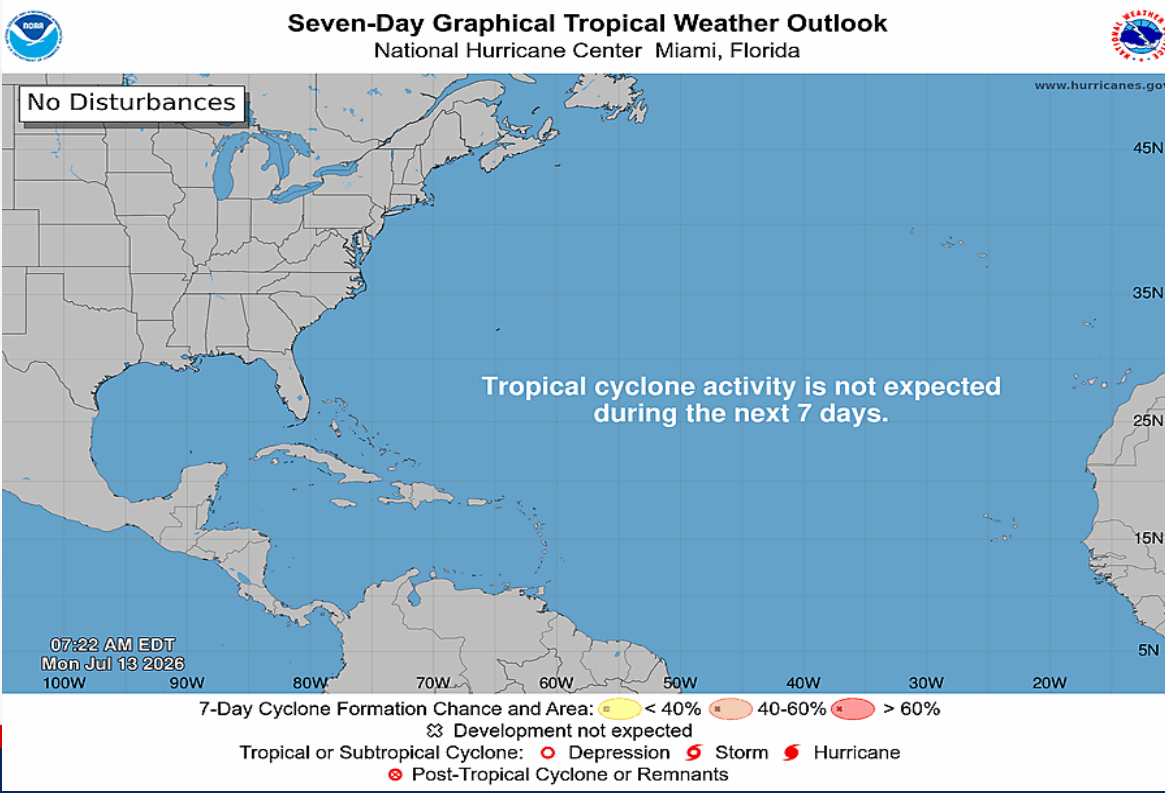




Tropical Weather

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 **high risk for rip currents** is expected at all Panhandle beaches today where choppy surf and breezy onshore winds will remain. A low risk is outlooked for East and West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will generally remain near 1-2' for all East and West Coast beaches today. Increasing surf is expected along the Emerald and Forgotten Coasts where waves of **3-5'** are likely today.

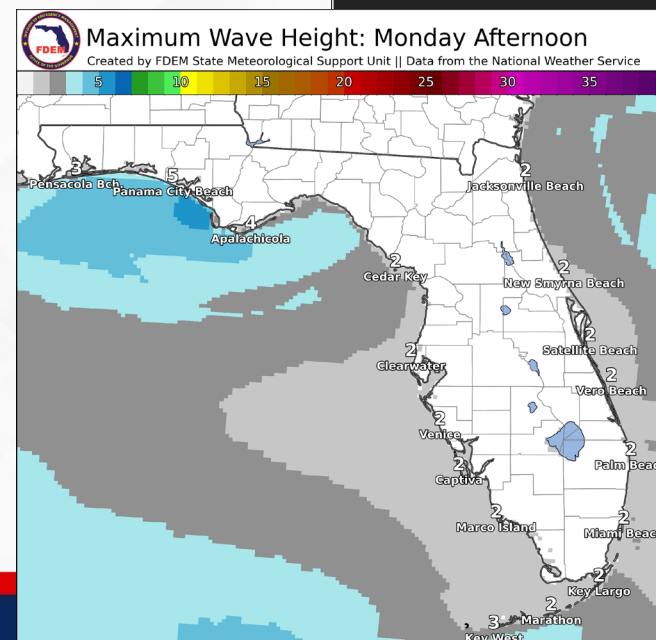
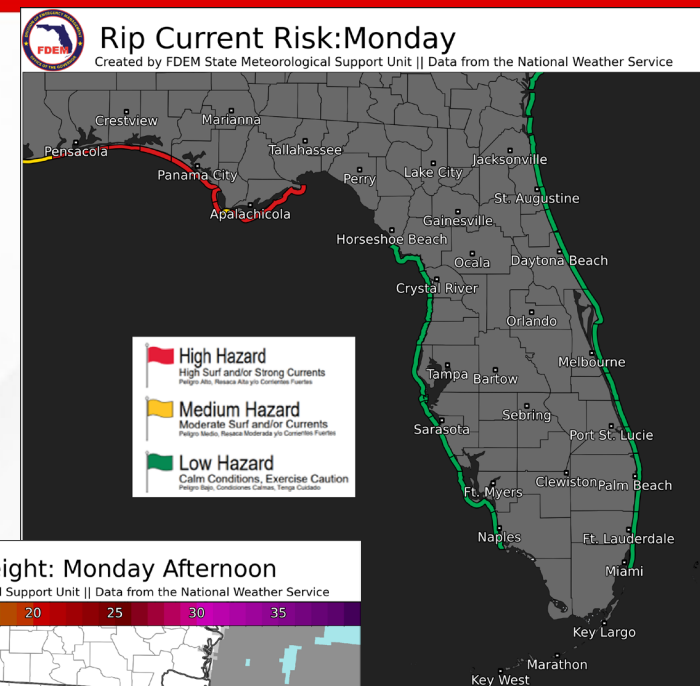
Red Tide: was not observed statewide over the past week (valid 7/10/26).

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 and North-Central Florida today, with a local **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** across the Panhandle. 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. Any areas that receive multiple rounds of heavy downpours may receive upwards of **3-5" of rain or more**. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The [Shoal River near Crestview](#) is forecast to reach Action Stage (*bank-full*) by the end of the week in response to the heavy rainfall early this week. All other rivers are below and forecast to remain below flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 10.90 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.67 feet below normal for this time of year.



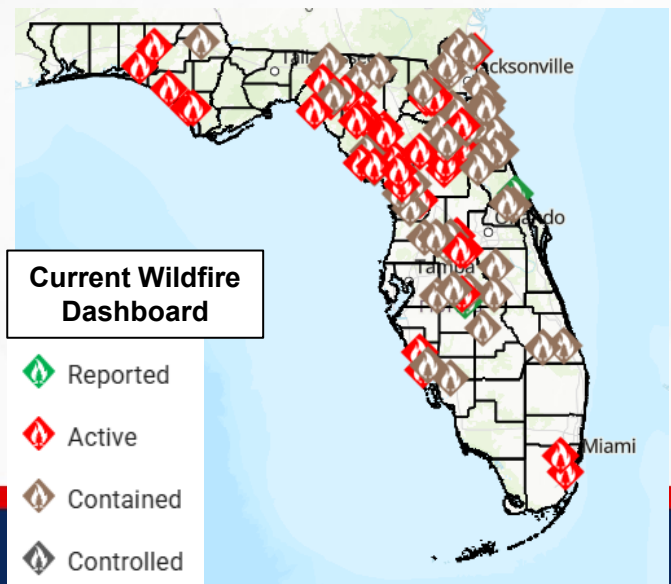
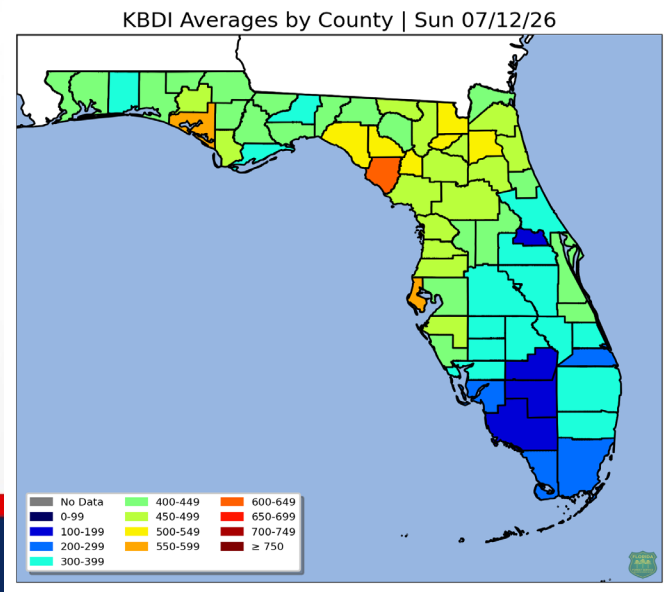
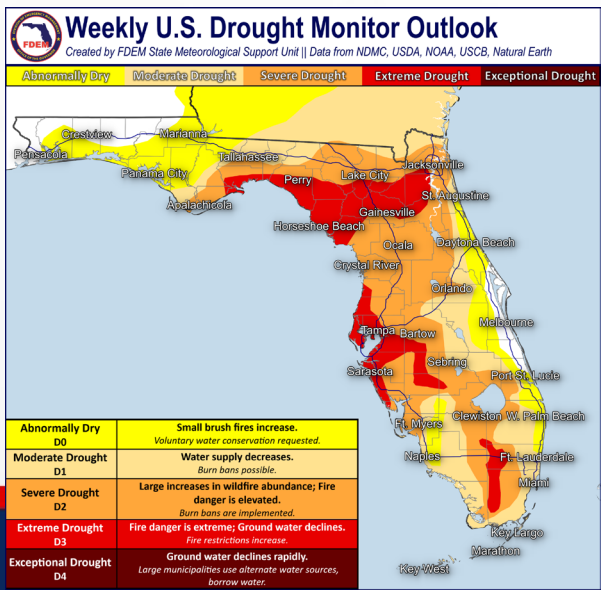


Drought & Fire Weather

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 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 106 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,244 acres.

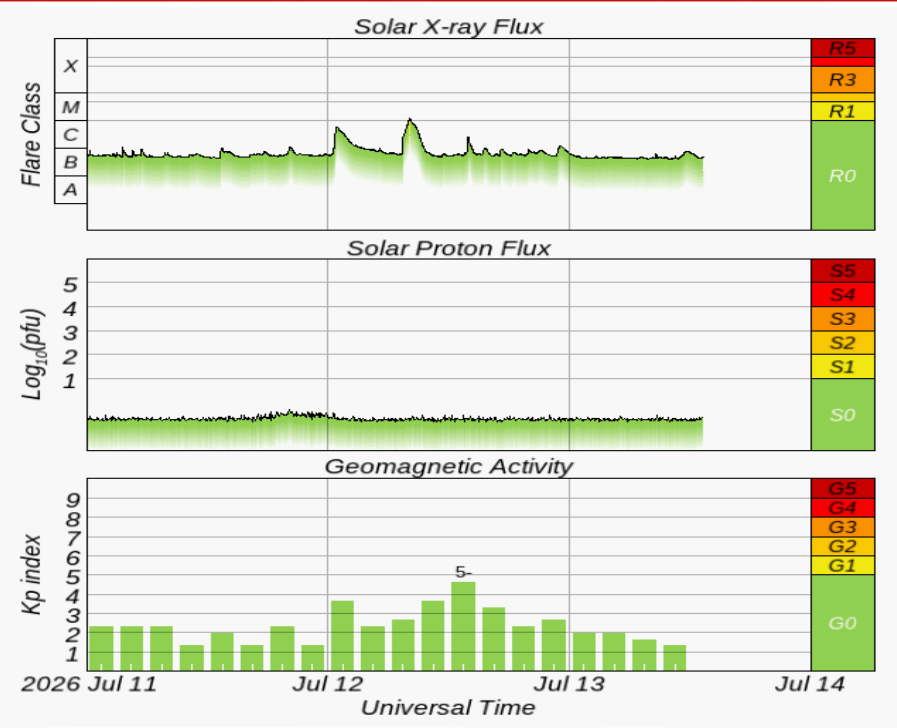
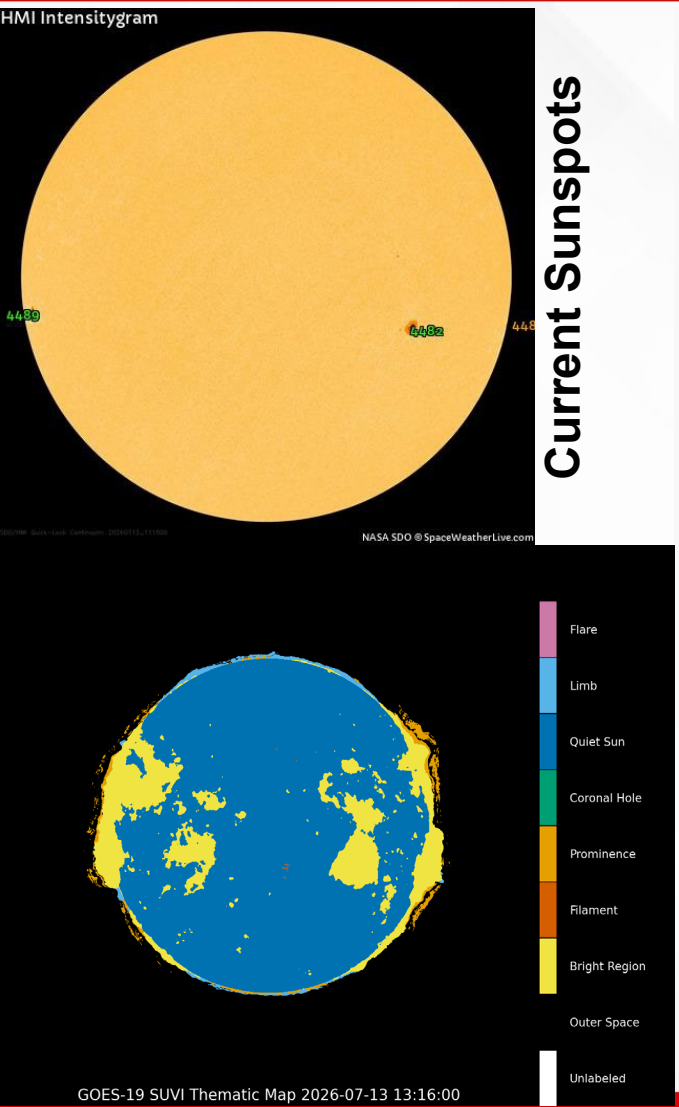
Drought (7/7/26): Another week of fairly seasonal rainfall brought few changes to the larger drought picture across the Sunshine State. A general 0.5-2" of rainfall was observed across North Florida and 1-3" throughout Central and South Florida, with locally higher amounts. Pockets of **extreme drought (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 **394 (+8)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **9 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: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/13	7/14
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 Wednesday, generally decreasing each day as sunspot Region 4485 begins to rotate out of view of Earth on the western limb of the Sun. 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. The combined effects of a glancing Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) and Coronal Hole High Speed Stream (CH HSS) will keep solar wind conditions enhanced through the beginning of the week with a slow return to background levels by late on Wednesday. Geomagnetic activity will largely follow with periods of unsettled to active conditions Monday and Tuesday, and possibly isolated G1 (Minor) storming, eventually waning on Wednesday. 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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