



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, July 14, 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	Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Calhoun	Planning Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	County EM Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	IMT Meeting / County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Brevard	L-449 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hardee, Pasco	Logistical Equipment Movement
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA Meeting / OVS Meeting

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Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	HERicane Prep
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Calhoun	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Suwannee	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Region 4T & E Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Regional Recovery Coordinator Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pinellas	FROC Tour
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	Regional Recovery Coordinator Meeting / Professional Development

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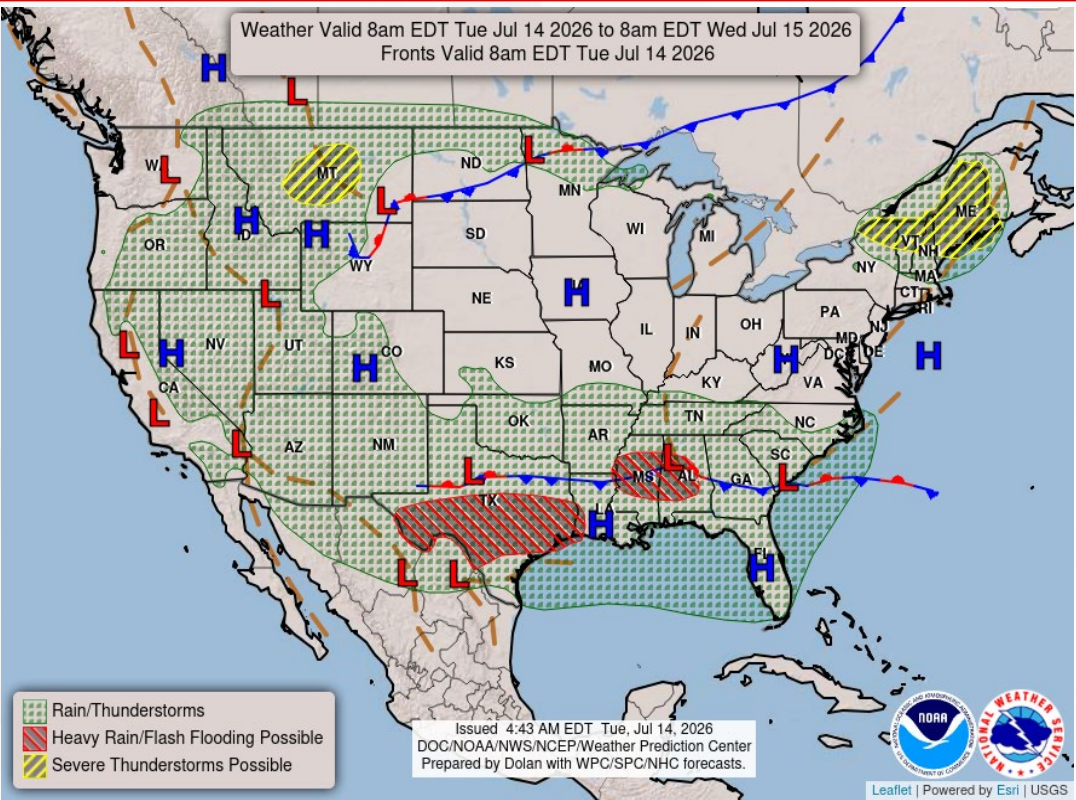
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Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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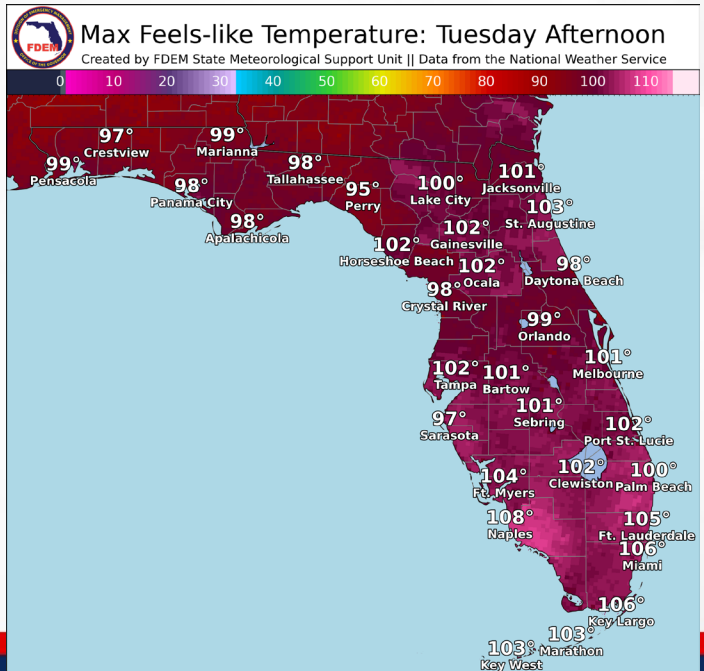
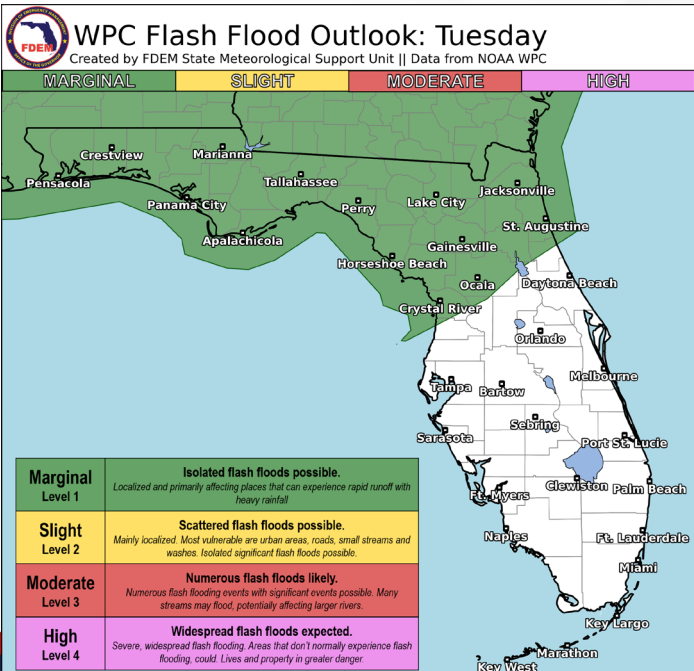


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L					
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	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	10.96 ft. (2.61 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	383 (-11) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





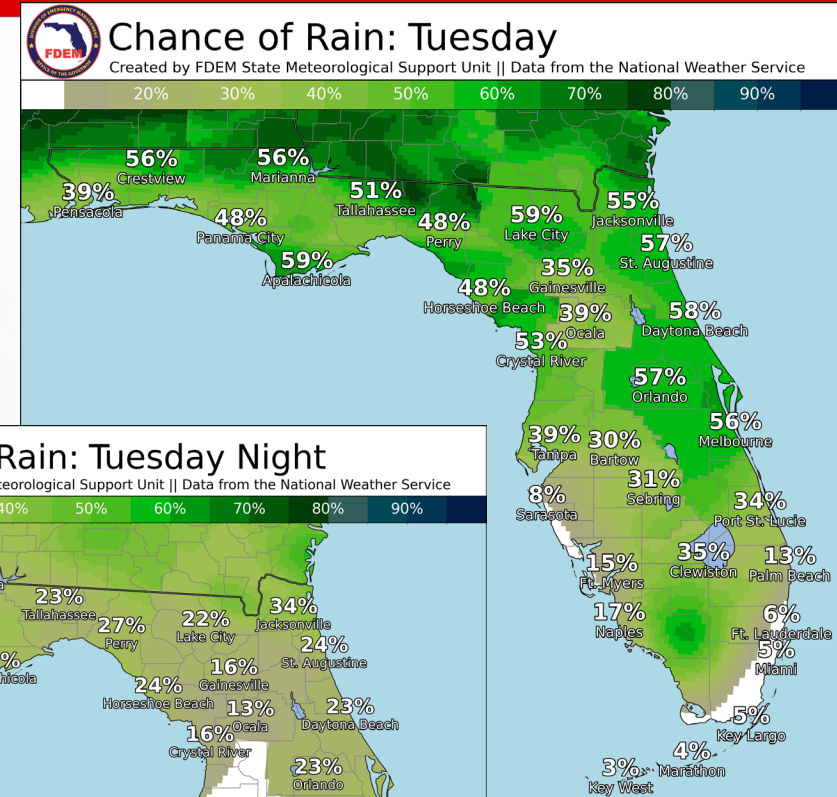
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A few showers with embedded storms are ongoing along the Panhandle coastline this morning as the upper-level disturbance and attendant surface front responsible for yesterday's heavy rainfall remain positioned near North Florida. As such, additional rounds of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will develop later this afternoon across much of North Florida courtesy of these features, favoring a mid to late afternoon initiation (40-60% chance of rain). Given soils remain saturated from yesterday's rainfall and that additional **torrential downpours** today could lead to areas of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across all North and North-Central Florida. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop along the West Coast sea breeze as it pushes inland today over the Peninsula. Activity will generally develop through the central Peninsula before increasing in coverage as it heads eastward and collides with the East Coast sea breeze this afternoon and evening (40-60% chance of rain). However, throughout South Florida, thunderstorm activity will remain isolated as dry Saharan air still lingers (20-35% chance of rain). Any thunderstorm throughout the state today could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent lightning** and **locally damaging wind gusts (40-60 mph)**.

High temperatures will once again remain "cooler" compared to recent days and only reach the upper 80s to lower 90s in North Florida courtesy of abundant cloud coverage and rainfall. Highs in the **middle 90s** can be expected throughout much of Central and South Florida. Clouds and rainfall will keep afternoon heat index values below advisory thresholds across much of the state, the exception being coastal Southwest and Southeast Florida where a bit more ample sunshine will bring feels-like temperatures into the **middle to upper 100s**. A **Heat Advisory** is in effect here this afternoon to reflect this threat where **heat-related illnesses** will be possible with prolonged exposure to the heat.

Tonight, any shower and thunderstorm activity will generally dissipate or push offshore before midnight statewide. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s across the state.

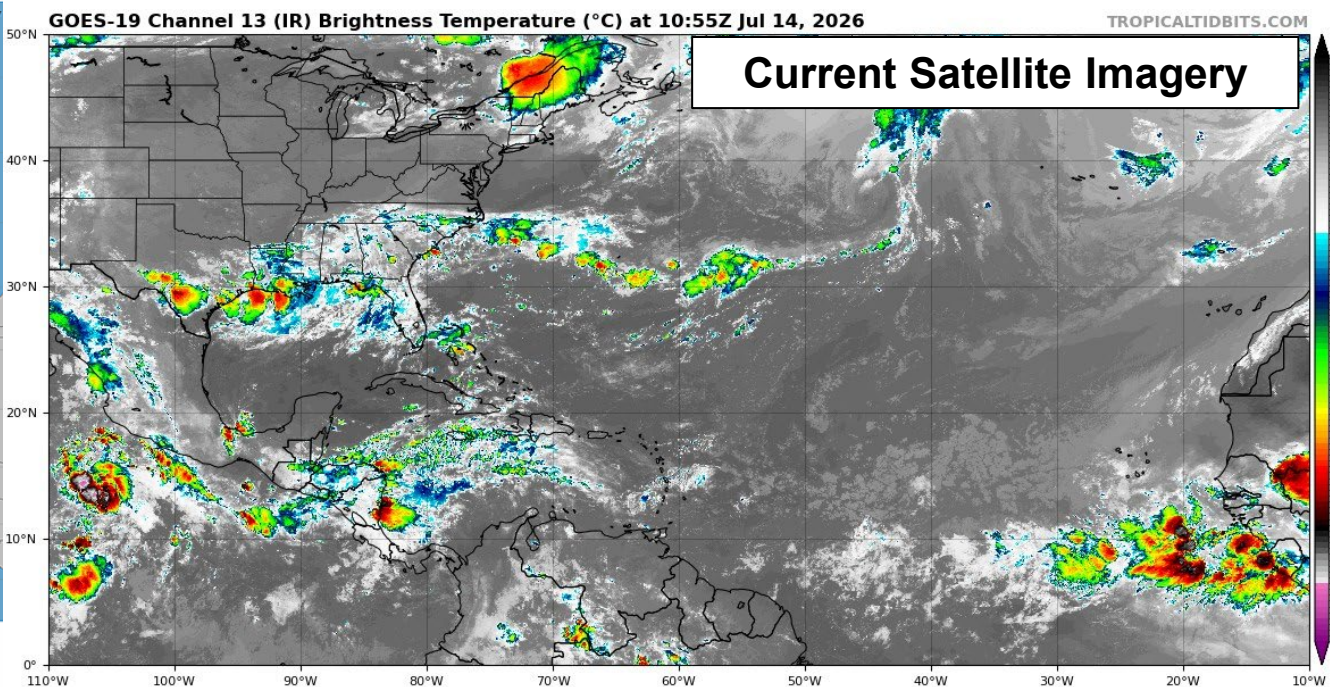
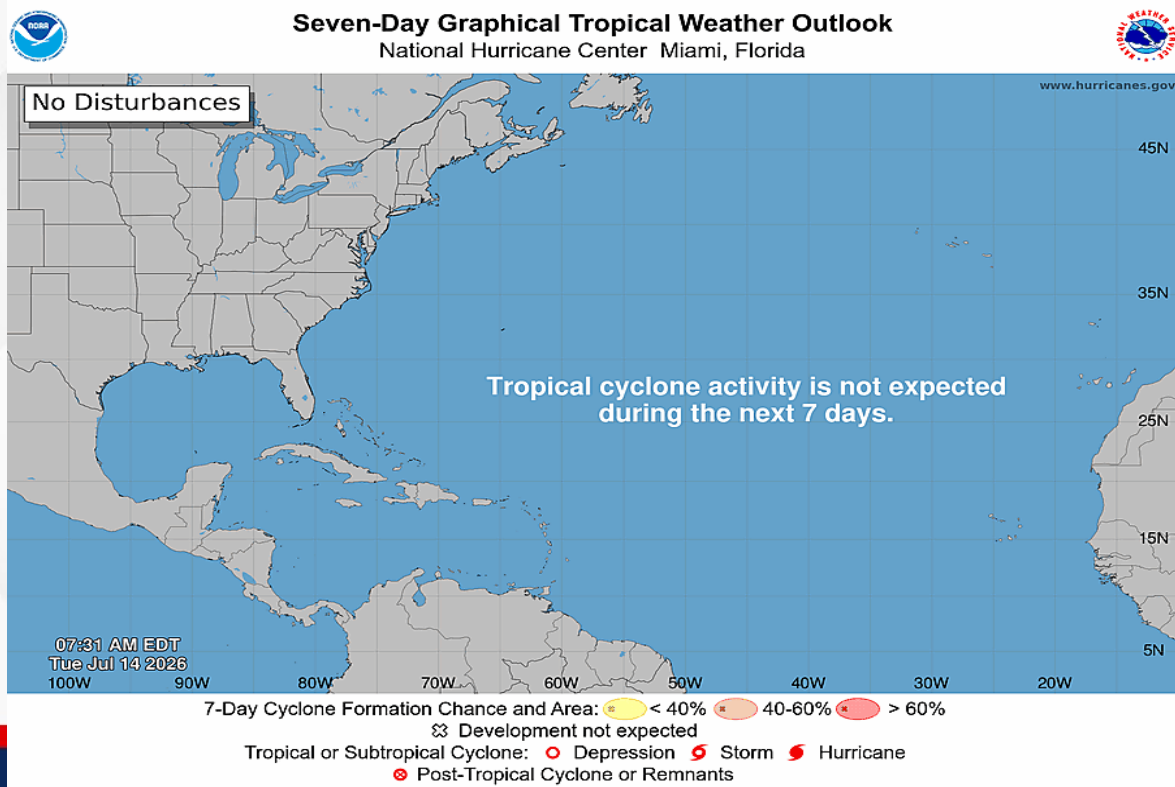




Tropical Weather

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. Surf will remain slightly elevated along the Emerald and Forgotten Coasts where waves of **3-4'** are likely today.

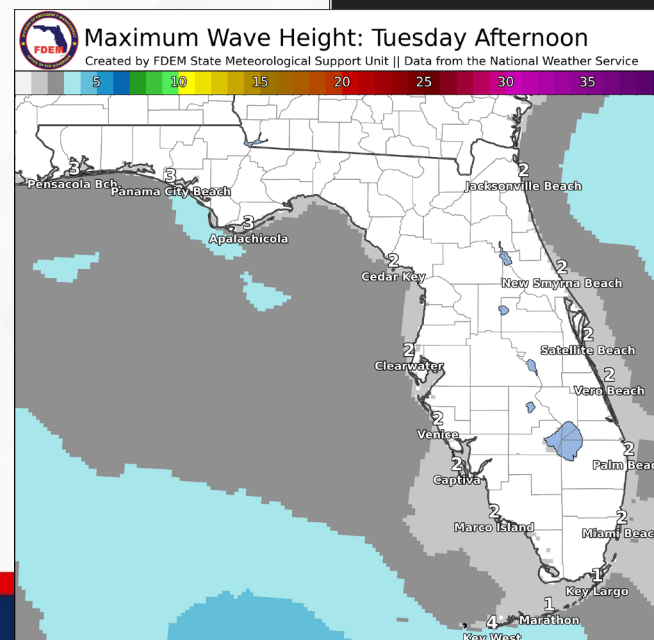
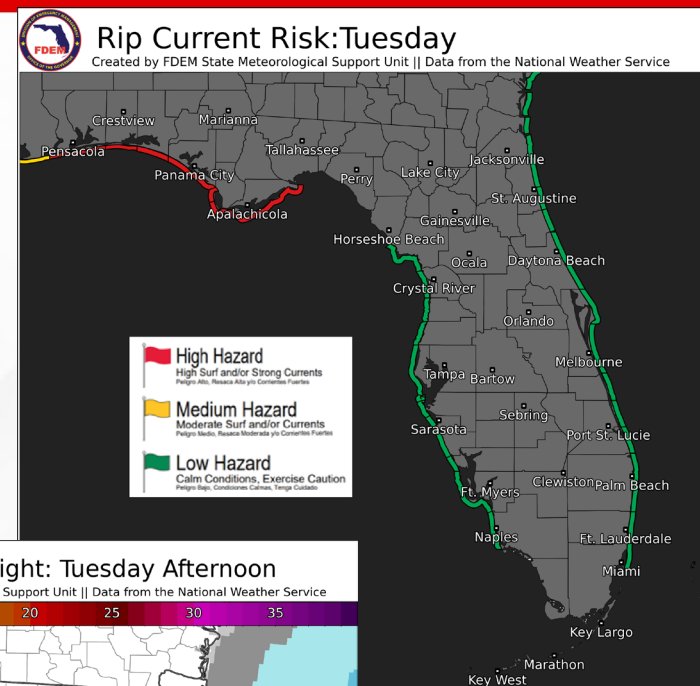
Red Tide: was not observed statewide over the past week (valid 7/10/26).

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. 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 **3-4" of rain or more**. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: All rivers are below flood stage across Florida. 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 2.61 feet below normal for this time of year.



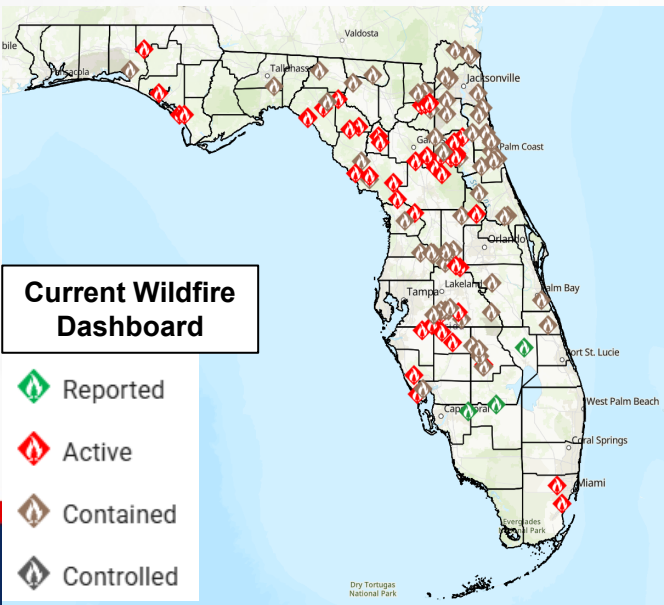
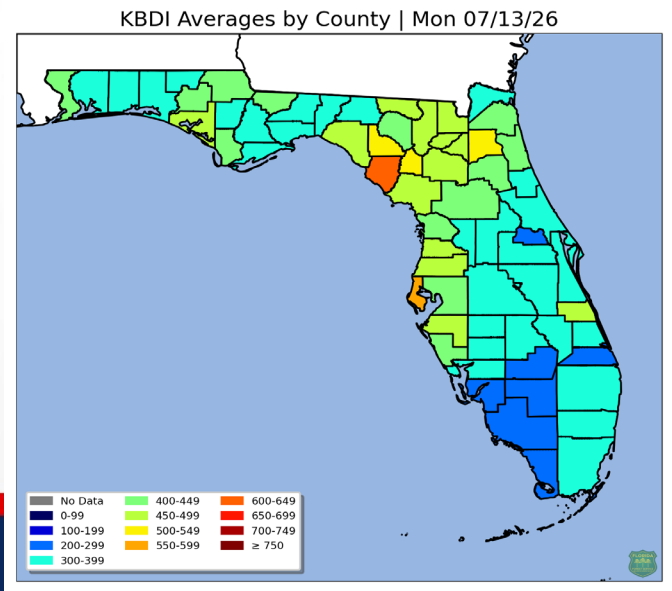
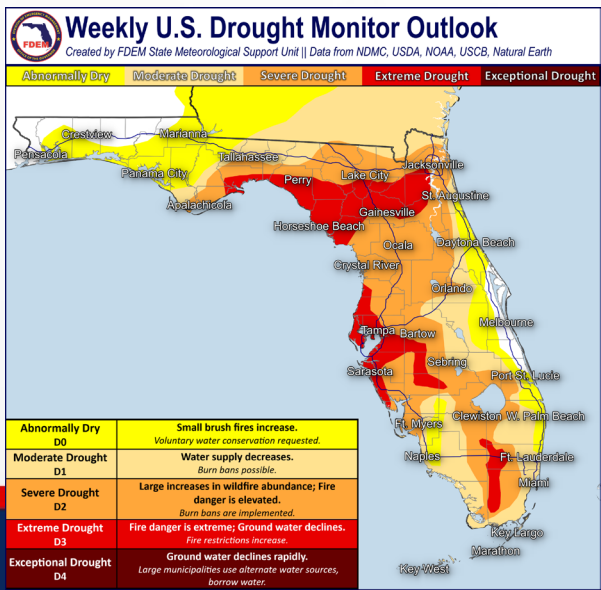


Drought & Fire Weather

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 114 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 8,743 acres.

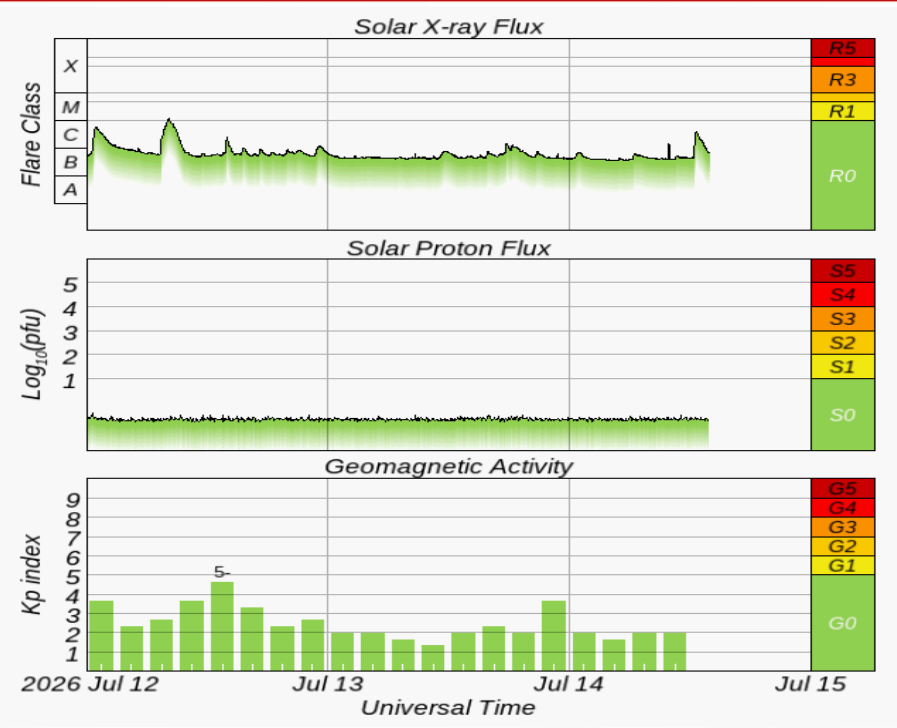
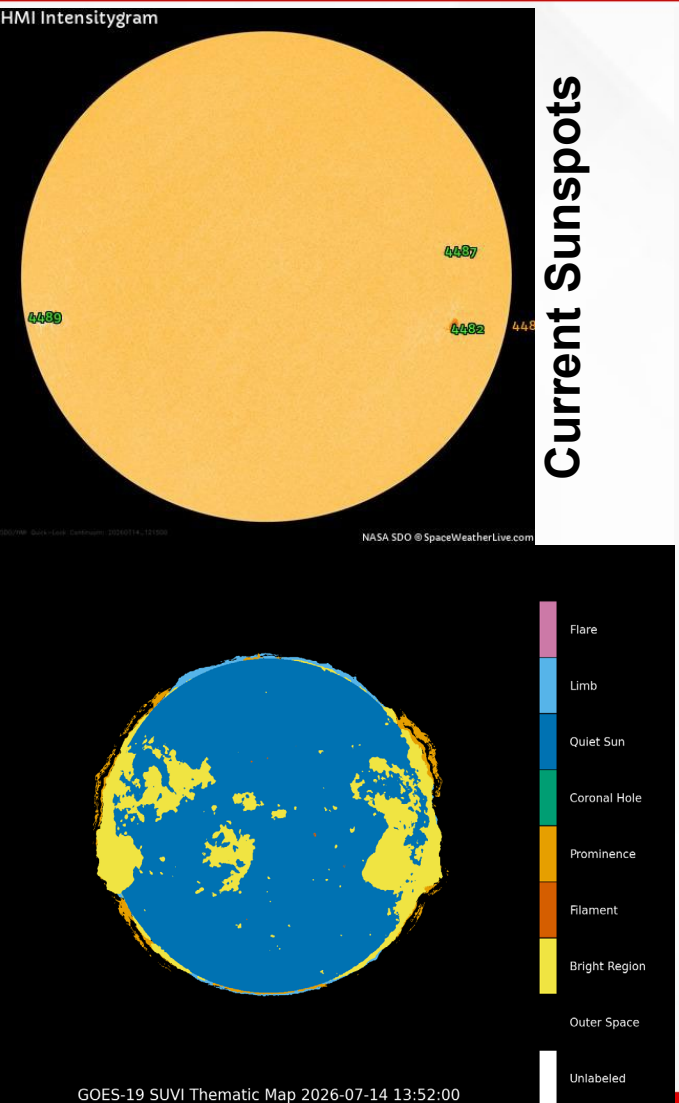
Drought (7/7/26): Another week of fairly seasonal rainfall brought few changes to the larger drought picture across the Sunshine State. A general 0.5-2" of rainfall was observed across North Florida and 1-3" throughout Central and South Florida, with locally higher amounts. Pockets of **extreme drought (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 **383 (-11)** 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



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/14	7/15
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (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 Thursday, 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. 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 Tuesday before waning over the course of Wednesday. Some additional enhancements are possible on Thursday. Unsettled to active geomagnetic field activity is expected today before diminishing to mostly quiet levels on Wednesday. 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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