



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, July 19, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Miami-Dade, Clay	Travel to Region 4 / On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	FIFA Meeting / On-Call Status

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6, 9

Region 8 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	On call Response Region 2
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	Out of Region	Leave (See 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

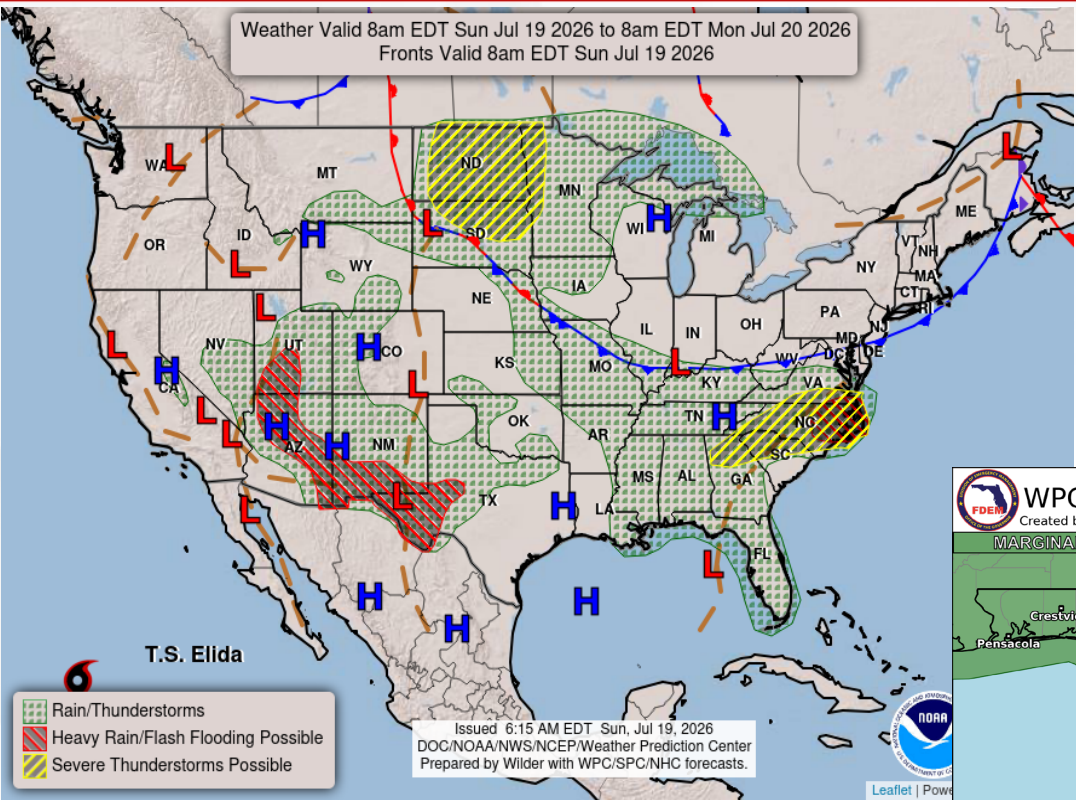
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

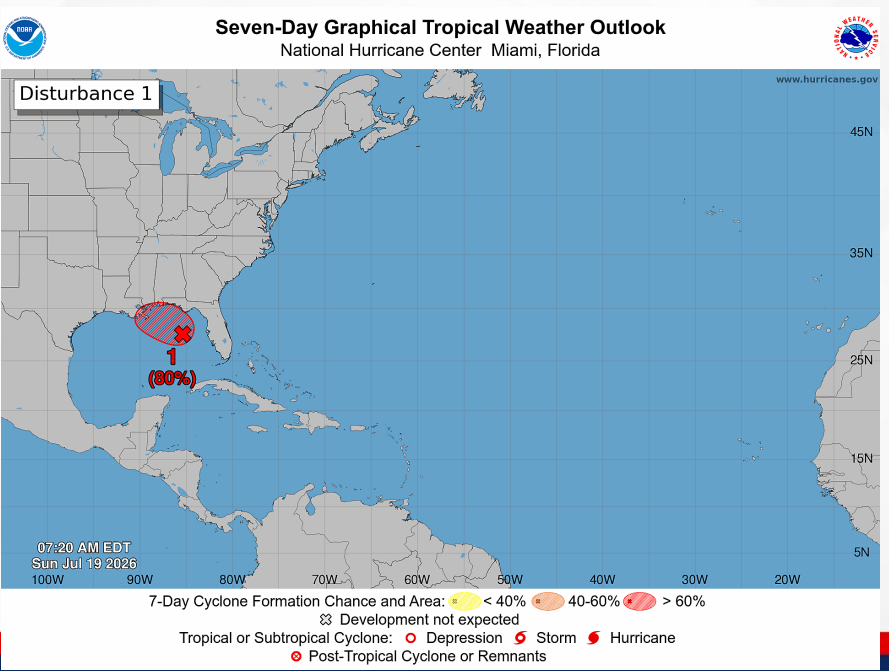
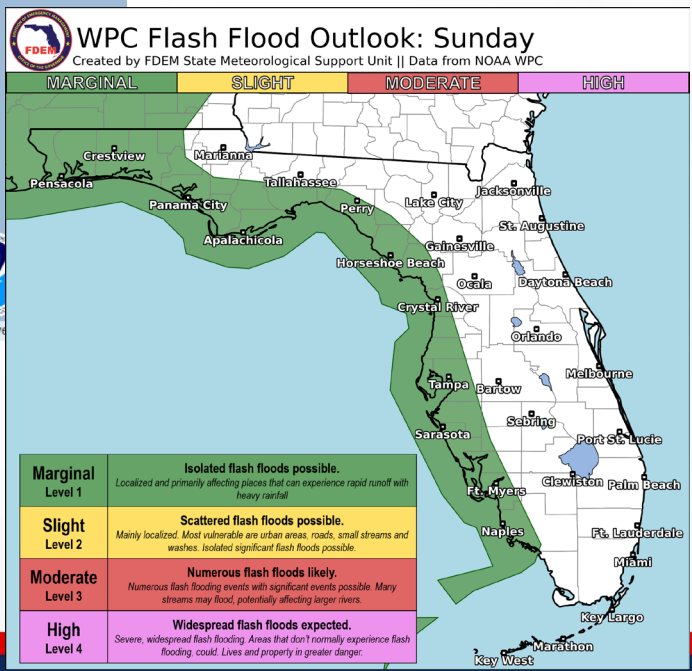


Meteorology Summary



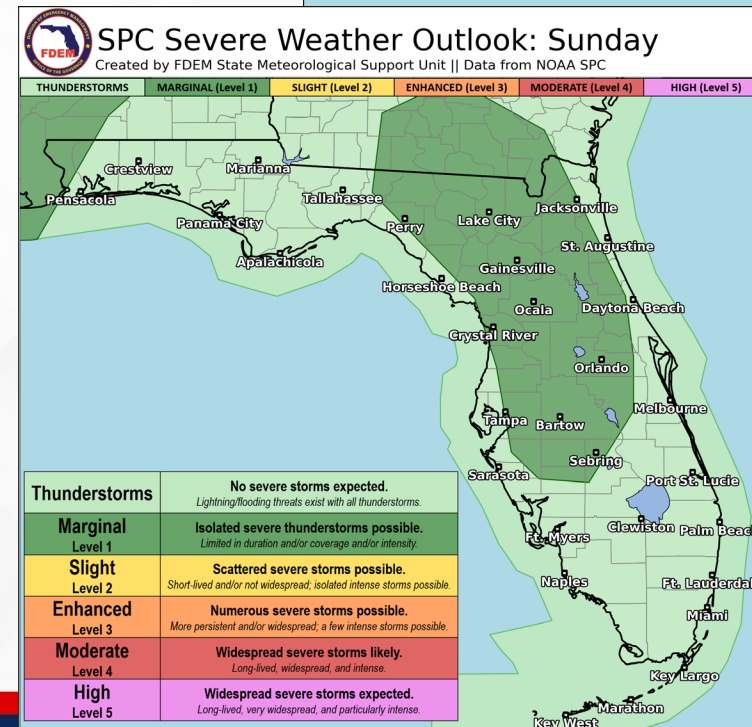
Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	H	H	H	M	M	H	M	M	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L			L	L		L	
Extreme Heat	L			L	L		L	M	L	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire				L	L		L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	M	M	M	H		M	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.95 ft. (2.68 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	353 (-22) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map





Rain chances remain in the forecast for most Gulf coastal locations tonight as Invest 91L continues to churn over the Gulf. Coverage and intensity will likely be somewhat muted compared to the daytime, with the highest rain chances confined to the immediate coastal locations (50-70% chance) along the Eastern Panhandle and down the West Coast. Inland rain chances are notably lower (10-30% chance). Overnight low temperatures will be seasonable, in the upper 70s to lower 80s.





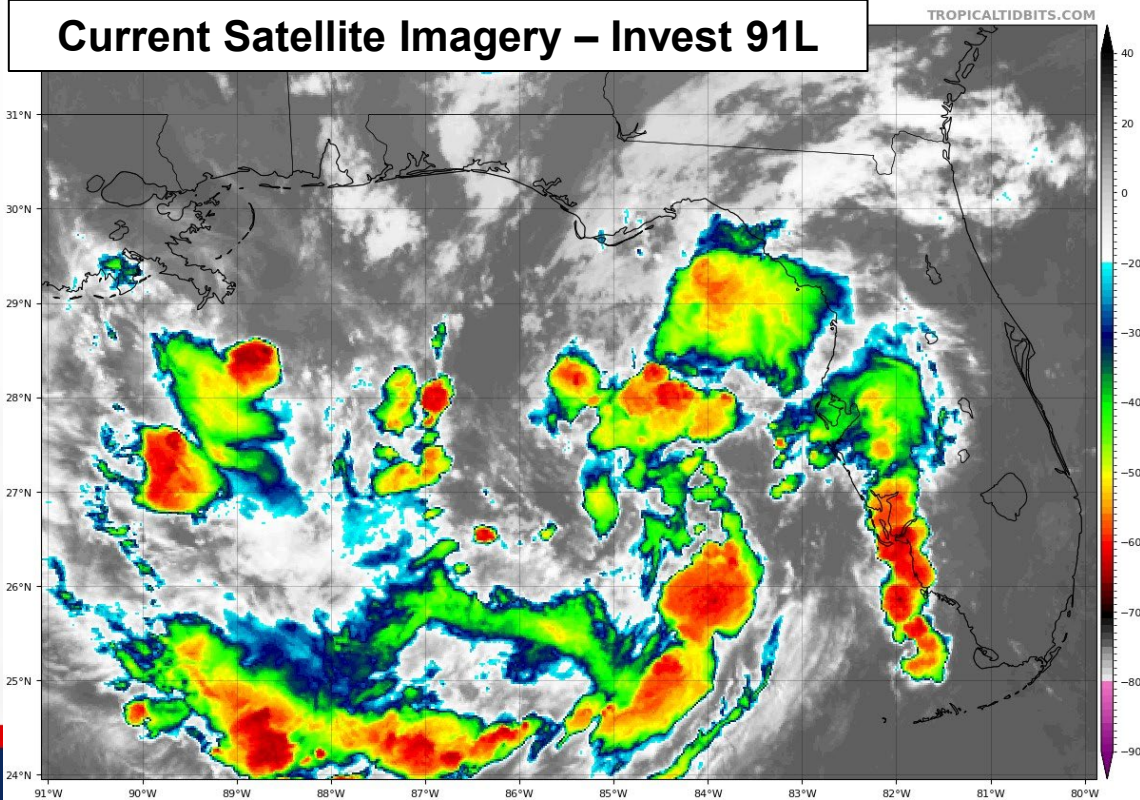
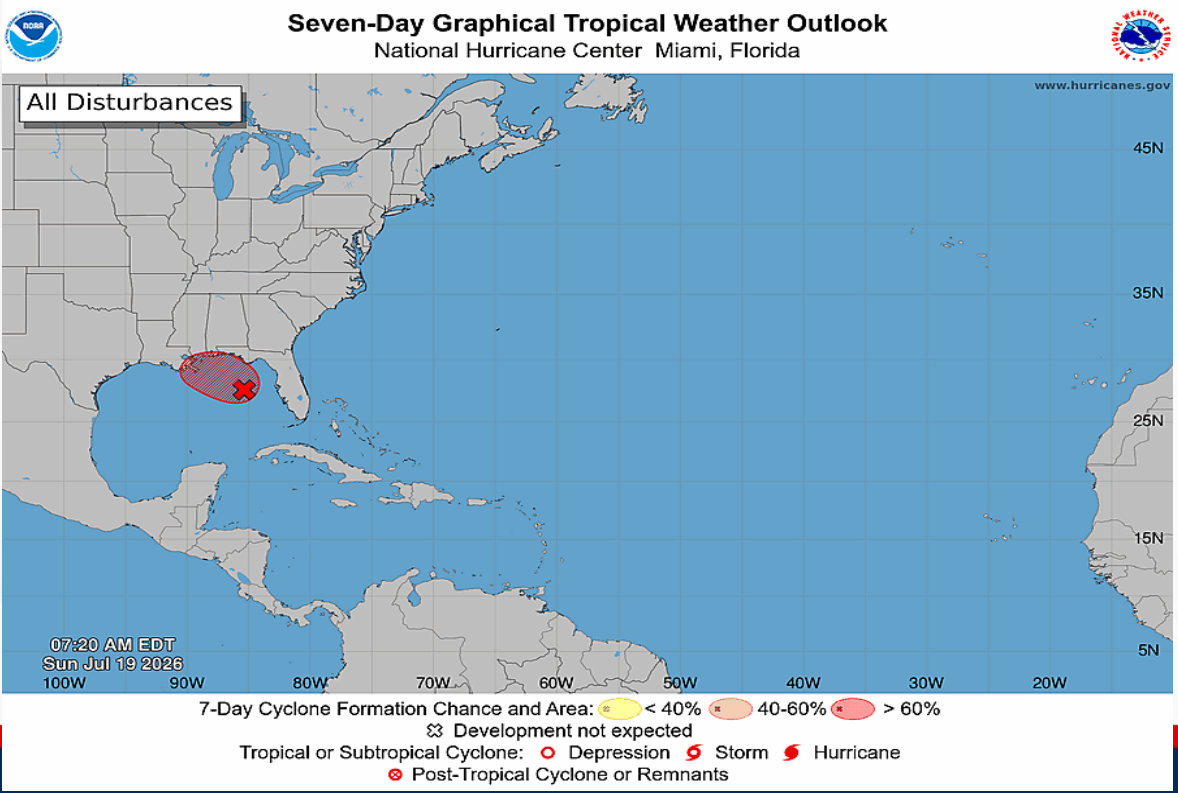
Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Northern Gulf of America and near Florida (AL91):

An area of low pressure located over the northeastern Gulf of America continues to become better defined and the associated shower and thunderstorm activity is gradually increasing. Continued gradual development is expected, and a tropical depression is likely to form later today or on Monday as the system moves slowly northward or northwestward. Interests along the northern Gulf coast from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana should monitor the progress of this system, as tropical storm watches or warnings could be required for portions of the area later today. In addition, this system is expected to bring heavy rains to portions of the northern Gulf coast during the next several days. An Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft is scheduled to investigate the low pressure area later today.

- Formation chance through 48 hours...**high...80%.**
- Formation chance through 7 days...**high... 80%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for most Gulf-facing beaches in association with Invest 91L. A low **to moderate risk for rip currents** is outlooked across East Coast beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Elevated surf is expected for most Gulf beaches today, with wave heights of **3-5'** possible. East Coast beaches will see wave heights in the **2-4'** range.

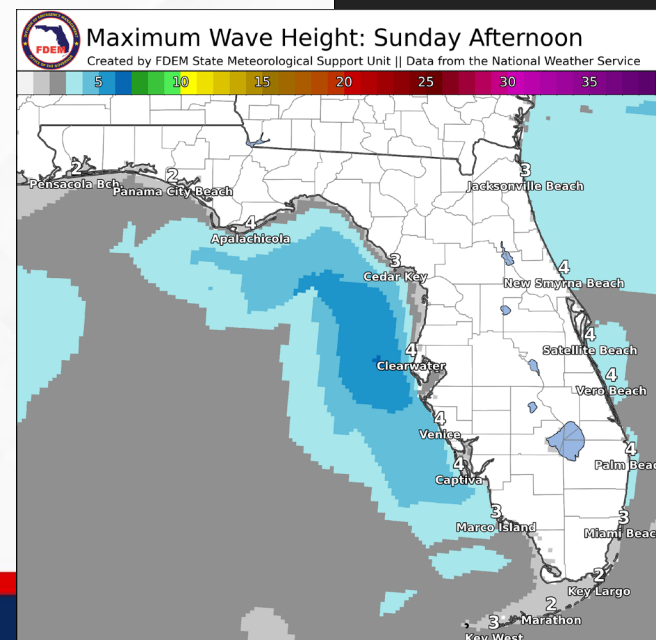
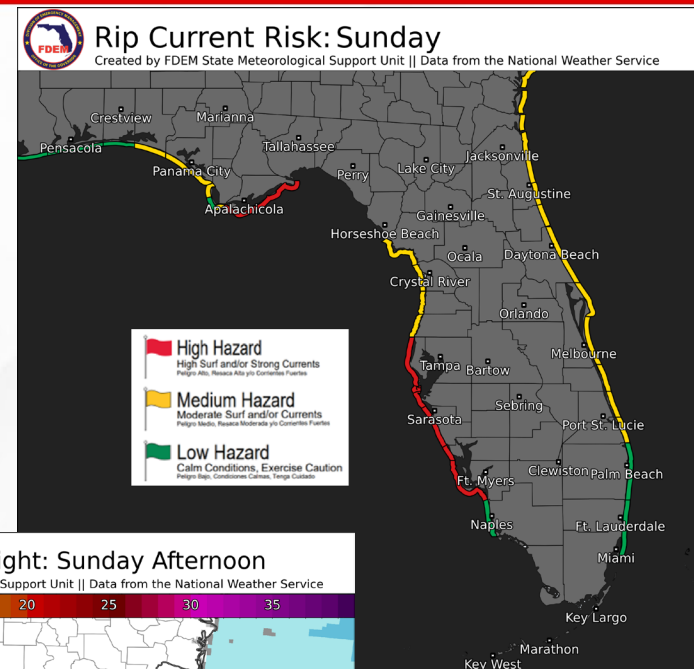
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations from St. Johns County (valid 7/17/26).

Coastal Flooding: There is no coastal flooding occurring across Florida.

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked along the West Coast and Panhandle today. Scattered to numerous heavy showers and thunderstorms will develop and rotate cyclonically about Invest 91L over the Northeast Gulf. Instances of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out in areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours**. Rainfall totals will generally remain around 1" in areas that do receive rainfall, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-4"** cannot be ruled out (especially along immediate coastal locations). Throughout the remainder of the state, isolated to widely scattered activity may bring rainfall amounts upwards of 1". 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 10.95 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.68 feet below normal for this time of year.



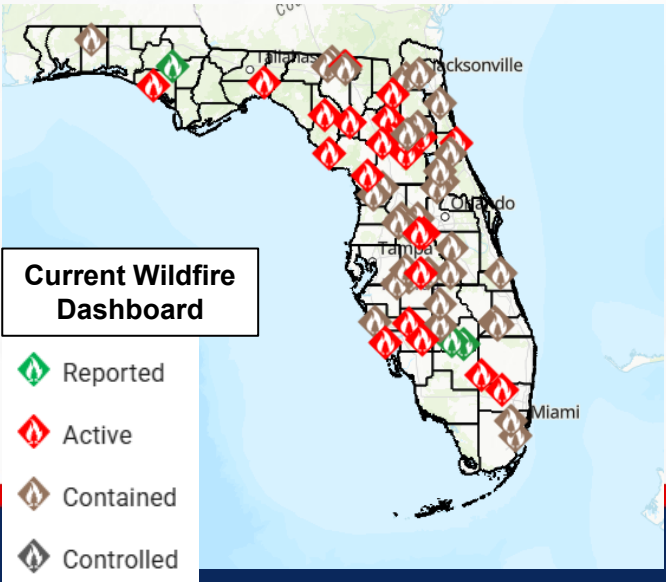
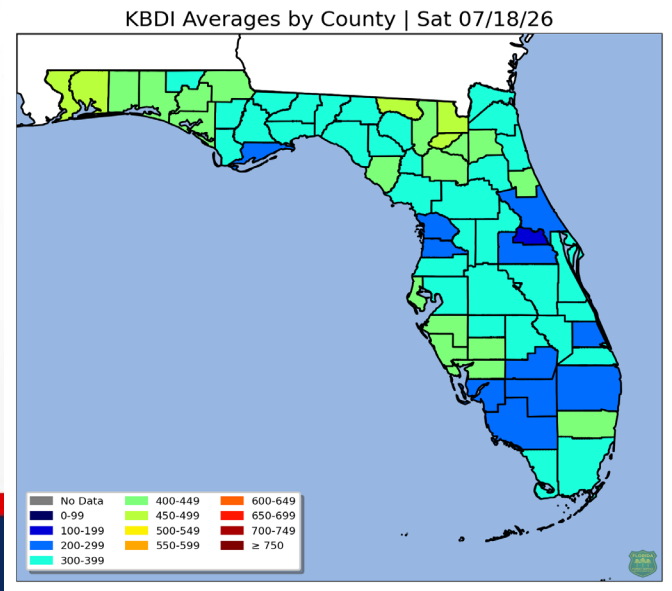
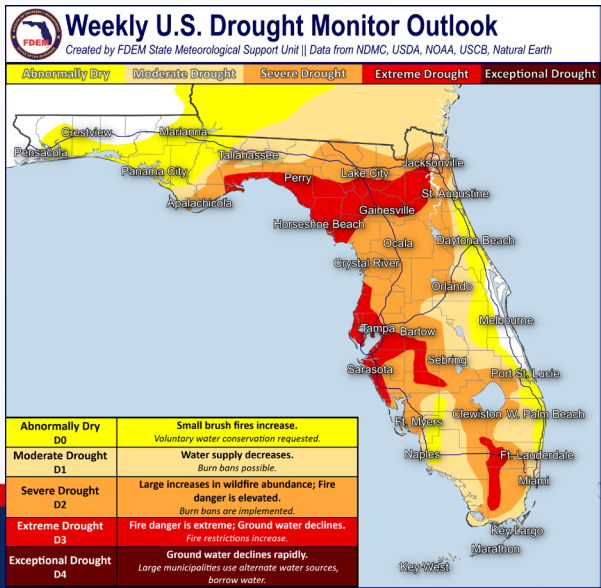


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Scattered to numerous afternoon showers and thunderstorms are expected throughout much of the state this afternoon and evening, some of which may be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds would could ignite new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 64 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 23,991 acres.

Drought (7/14/26): Another week of fairly seasonal rainfall brought very few changes to the larger drought picture across the Sunshine State. A general 0.5-2" of rainfall was observed across the state with locally higher totals upwards of 3-5" in pockets. 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. **Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4)** still surrounds most of the Peninsula, affecting about 55% of the state. Only slight changes were observed in interior Miami-Dade and Broward counties where **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** expanded slightly eastward and in southern Leon/northern Wakulla counties where **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** has returned. 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 no changes this week. Looking ahead, daily rounds of showers and thunderstorms are expected across much of the Peninsula to end the week, bringing seasonal rainfall activity to the area. Beginning this weekend, and into early next week, an upper-level disturbance will dive into the northeastern Gulf with a potential low-pressure system developing briefly before being pulled northward by a few cold fronts sliding across the East Coast. Numerous rounds of heavy rainfall are possible throughout the state as a result, with the Big Bend, Northeast Florida, and Central Florida the focus right now for the heaviest rainfall. Significant drought improvements are possible on next week's update in the Big Bend and West-Central Florida where the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** still persists.

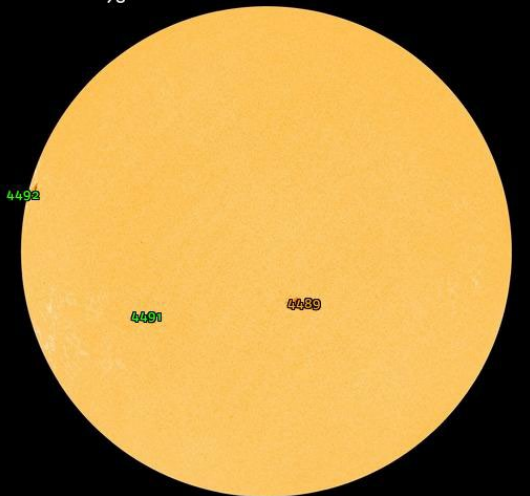
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **353 (-22)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

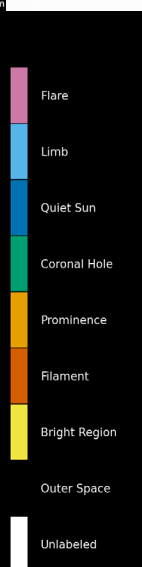
HMI Intensitygram



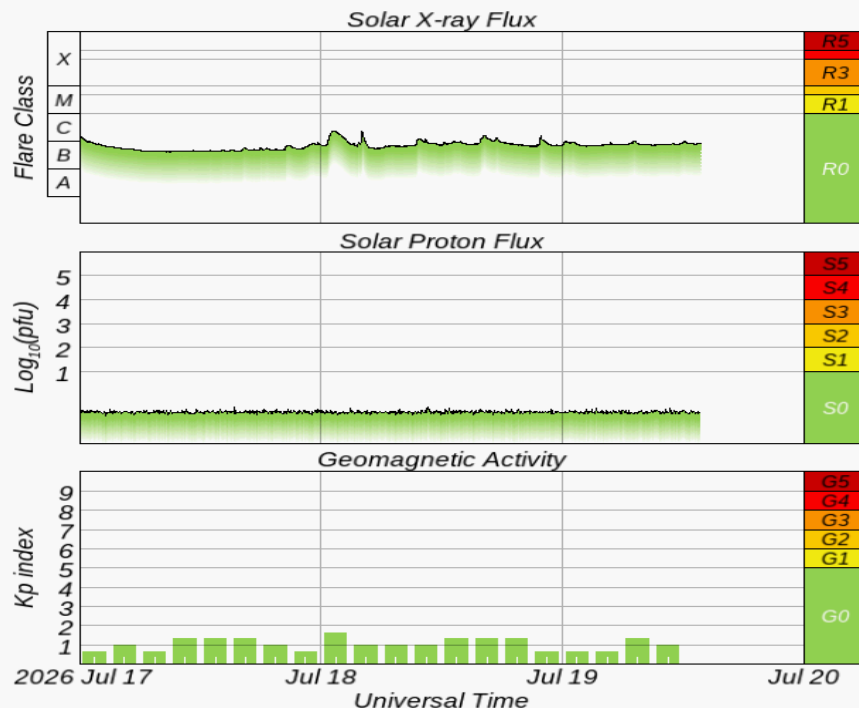
Current Sunspots

2026-07-19 13:44:00

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GOES-18 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-19 13:44:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/19	7/20
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Tuesday, with a slight chance for a M-class flare. Should any M-class flares occur, they will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Background solar wind conditions are set to prevails through Tuesday. The geomagnetic field is likely to be at quiet to unsettled levels through Tuesday. 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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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