



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, July 20, 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	Okaloosa	G-300 Course Instruction/TD 2 Monitoring/FDEM/County/Statewide EM Mtgs
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FDEM/County/Statwide EM Meetings/County EM Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	NDEMU Advanced Academy
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia	Community Hurricane Outreach Event
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	FDEM/County/Statewide EM Meetings
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDEM/County/Statwide EM Meetings
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA Equipment Demobilization/FDEM/County/Statewide EM Meetings

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	Okaloosa	Instructing G-300
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	State Directors Call & Trop Weather Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Hamilton	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NEMAA
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
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	Miami-Dade	Florida Atlantic Family Reunification & ACA Review

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

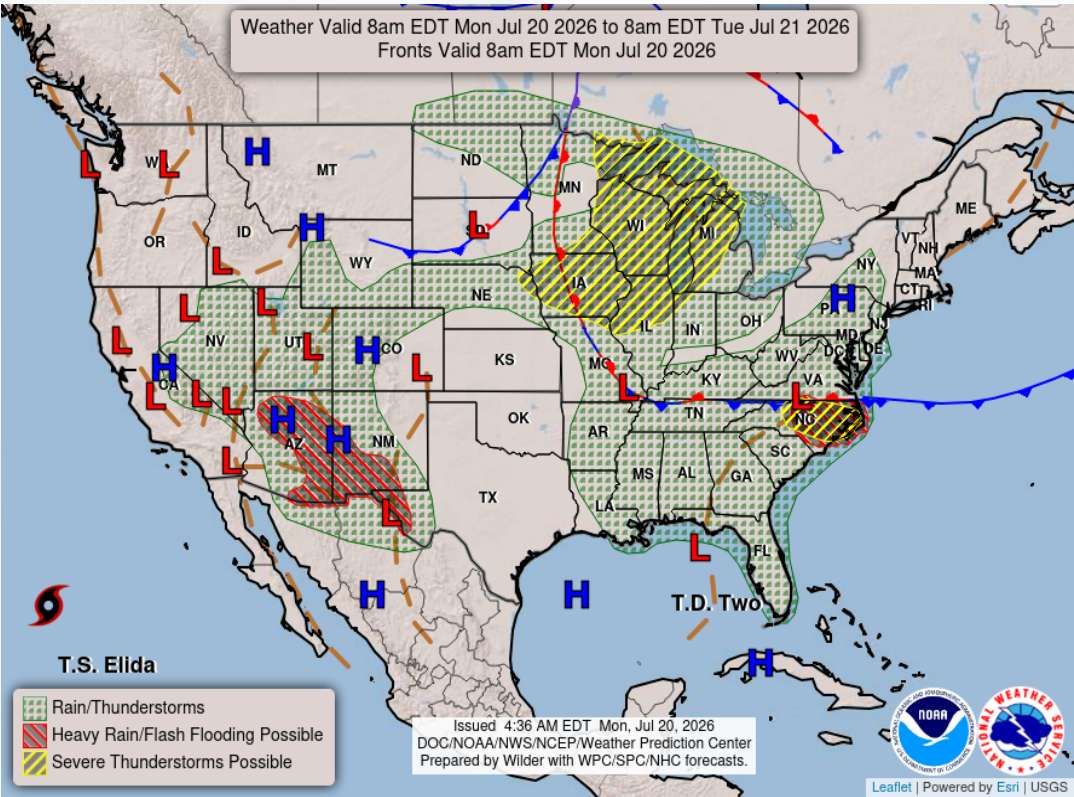
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

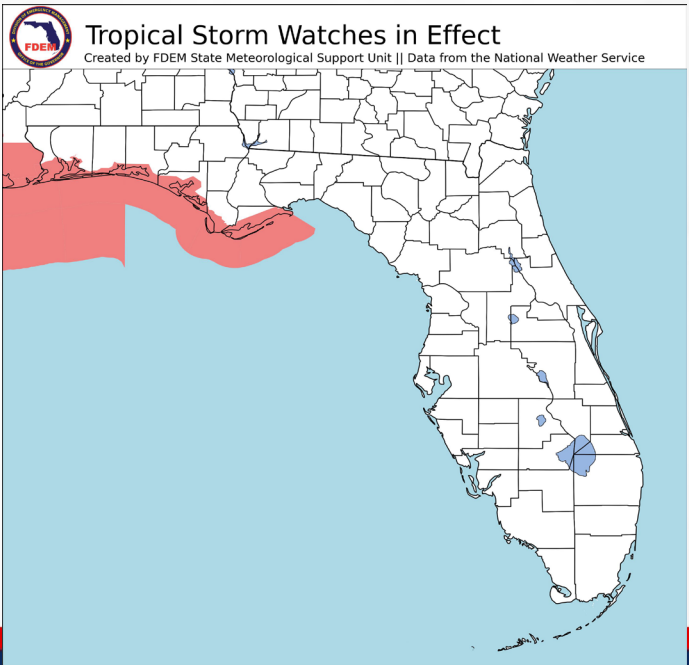
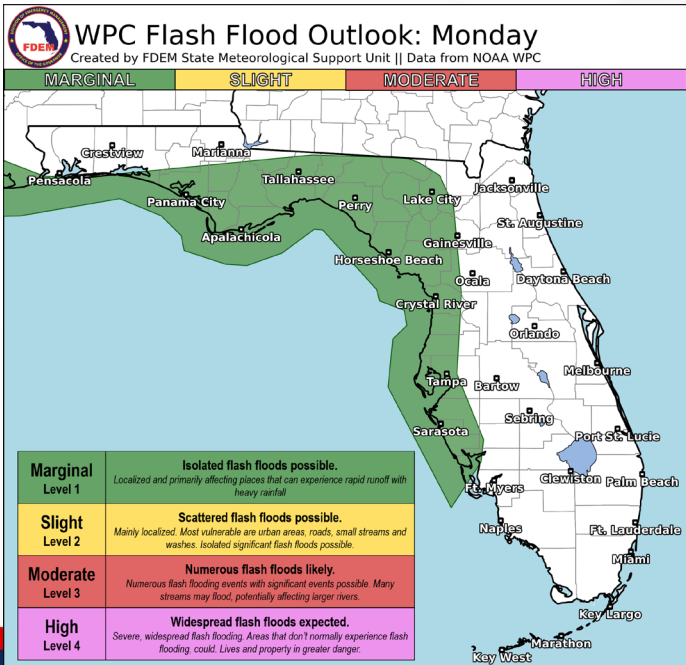


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T hreat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	H	H	M	M	M	M	L	L	L
Tornado		L	L							
Damaging Wind		L	L							
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L			L			L	
Extreme Heat			L	L	L	L	L	M	L	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	M	M	M	H		M	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.96 ft. (2.68 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	354 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





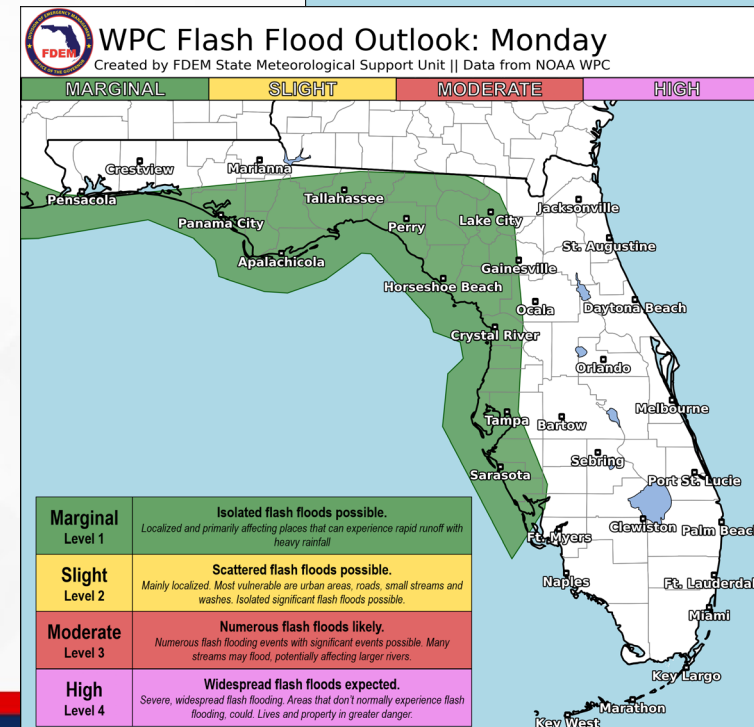
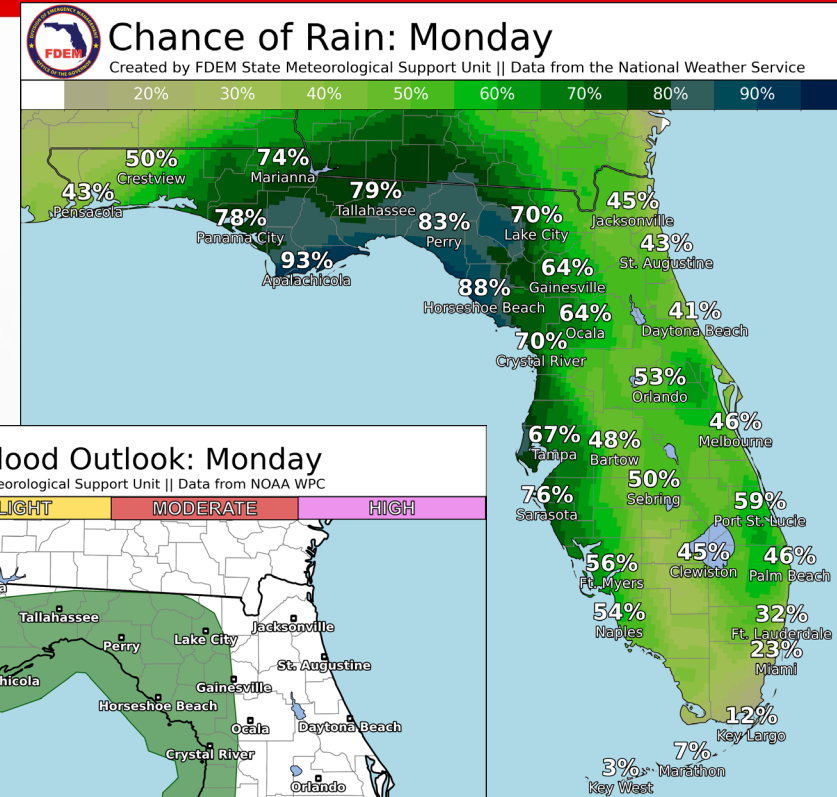
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Tropical Depression Two (TD 2) continues to swirl around the northeastern Gulf this morning as it slowly drifts off to the northwest. A **Tropical Storm Watch** remains in effect for the entire Panhandle coastline from Franklin County to Escambia County. Bands of showers with embedded thunderstorms pivoting around TD 2 are evident across the Nature and Forgotten Coasts this morning as they come onshore. Additional bands of activity are expected throughout the day today along the entire Gulf Coast of Florida, with the highest chances of rain focused across the Nature Coast, Big Bend, and eastern Panhandle (75-95% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked along much of the Gulf Coast and interior Big Bend where rounds of **heavy tropical downpours** associated with these bands may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Rainfall totals here will likely amount to 1-3" in most locations, with locally higher amounts **upwards of 3-5"** or more. Throughout the remainder of the Peninsula, a few scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected as they develop this afternoon on the periphery of TD 2 and along the sea breezes (40-60% chance of rain). **Breezy wind gusts** outside of thunderstorm activity are expected along the Gulf Coast today as well, gusting **upwards of 25-35 mph** at times. However, wind gusts **upwards of 40-50 mph** may accompany the strongest thunderstorm activity, as well as **frequent lightning**. An isolated brief waterspout or tornado cannot be ruled out across the Big Bend today with any of these bands as well.

High temperatures are expected to reach the upper 80s to middle 90s throughout the state today, with feels-like temperatures peaking in the **lower to middle 100s** for most. A **Heat Advisory** is in effect for Southeast Florida where locally hotter heat index values into the **upper 100s** will be possible this afternoon.

Tonight, bands of showers and thunderstorms spiraling around TD 2 will continue across the Big Bend (50-80% chance of rain). Otherwise, any lingering activity will generally dissipate or push offshore after sunset across the state. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide.

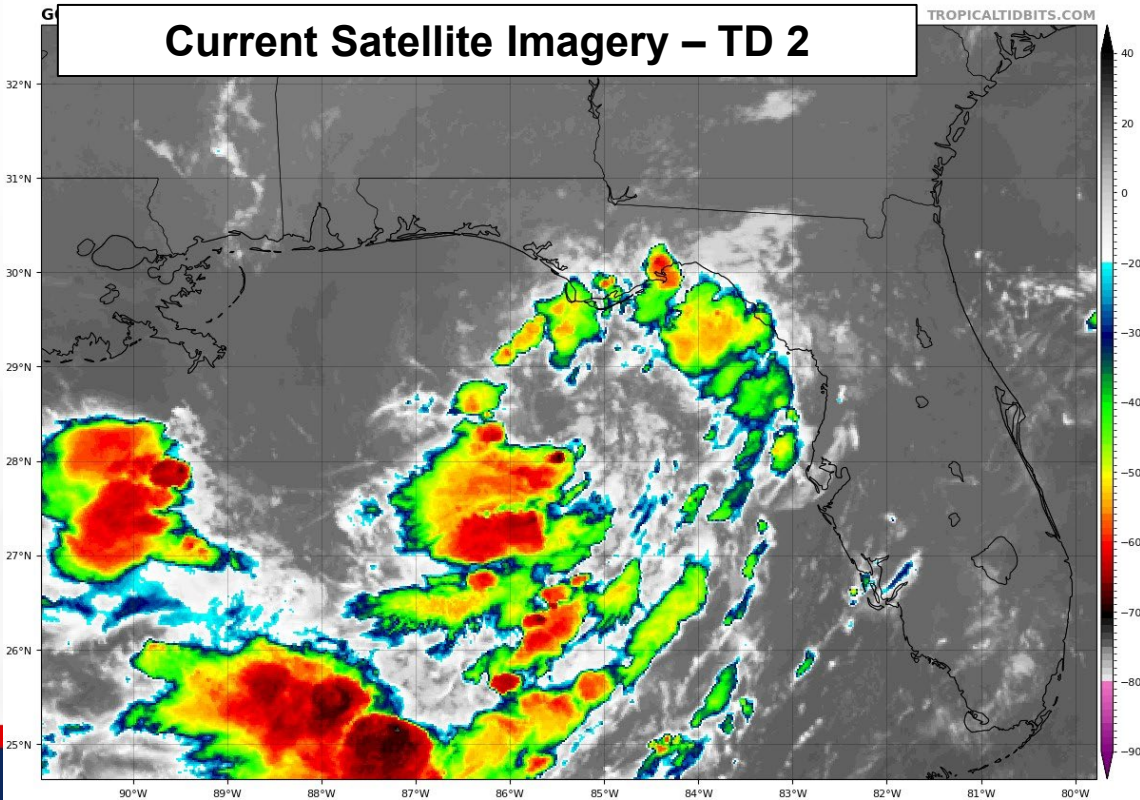
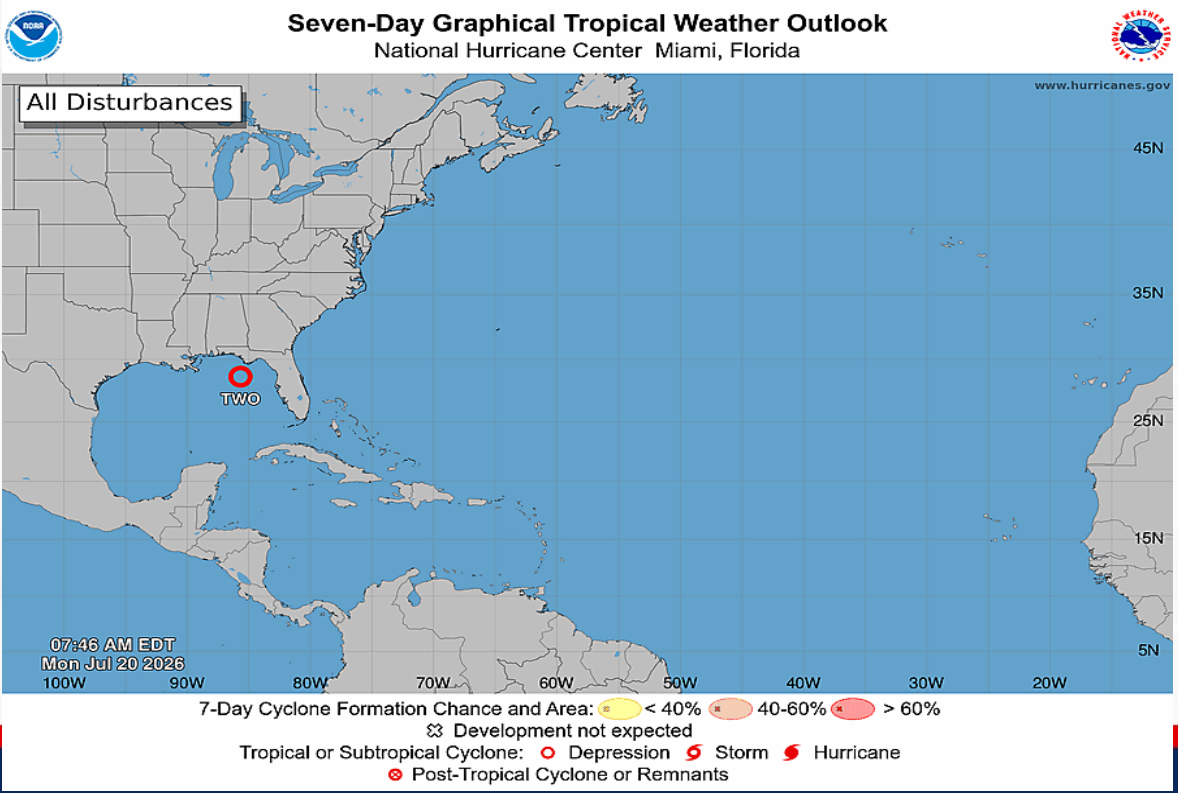




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Depression Two (TD 2): is located about 110 miles south of Panama City, Florida, moving towards the northwest at 3 mph. A slow northwestward motion is expected during the next day or so, followed by a turn toward the west-northwest or west. On the forecast track, the depression will move near or along the northern Gulf coast during the next several days. Aircraft data indicates that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 35 mph with higher gusts. Gradual strengthening is forecast, and the depression is expected to become a tropical storm later today. ***TD 2 will continue to bring periods of heavy rainfall, gusty winds, dangerous surf, and life-threatening rip currents to the Florida Gulf Coast as it moves off to the northwest early this week.***





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for all Gulf-facing beaches in association with TD 2 in the northeastern Gulf. 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 all Gulf Coast beaches today, with waves of **3-6'** along most beaches. Locally higher surf nearer to the center of TD 2 is expected across Walton, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties where waves may reach **upwards of 6-7'** in the surf zone. Surf will begin to increase tonight for all Panhandle beaches up to **5-8'**, which may lead to instances of **minor beach erosion** along the most susceptible beaches. For East Coast beaches, waves of **3-5'** are expected throughout the day.

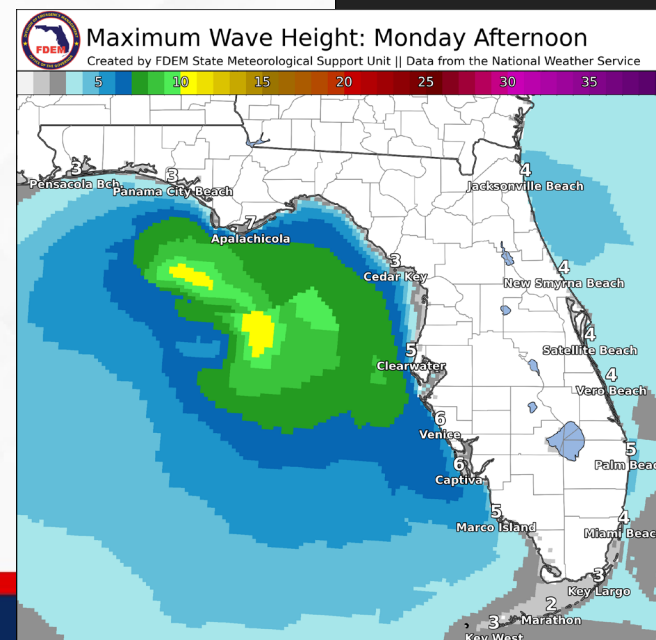
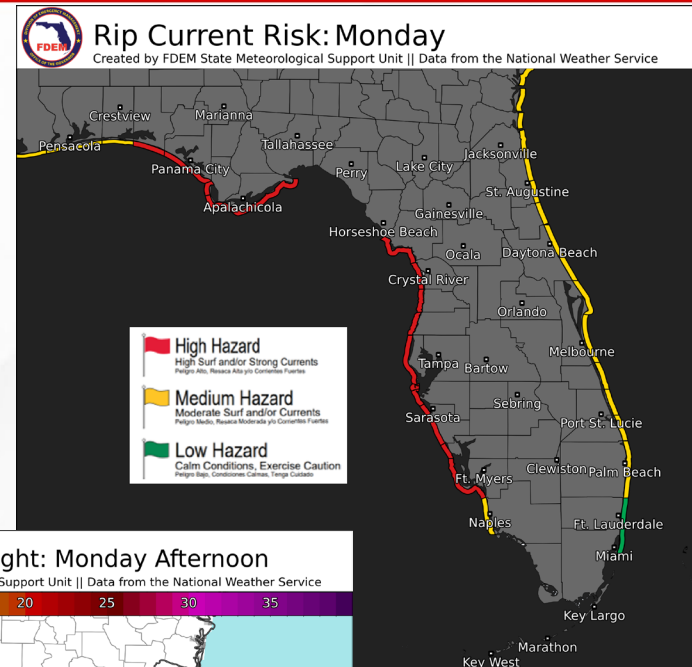
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations from St. Johns County (valid 7/17/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no coastal flooding alerts in effect across Florida. Areas of **minor coastal flooding** cannot be ruled out for Apalachicola Bay shorelines today near and during times of high tide, with waters reaching up to 1-1.5 feet above normally dry ground.

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked across much of the Gulf Coast today and into the interior Big Bend where the heaviest rains associated with offshore Tropical Depression 2 are expected. Bands of heavy showers and thunderstorms will continue to spiral around the center of TD 2, coming onshore across much of the Gulf Coast where areas of **flooding and ponding of water** cannot be ruled out, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Rainfall totals will generally remain around 1-3" for most locations, however locally higher totals **upwards of 3-5"** cannot be ruled out. Throughout the remainder of the state, isolated to widely scattered activity may bring rainfall amounts upwards of 1-2". 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 2.68 feet below normal for this time of year.



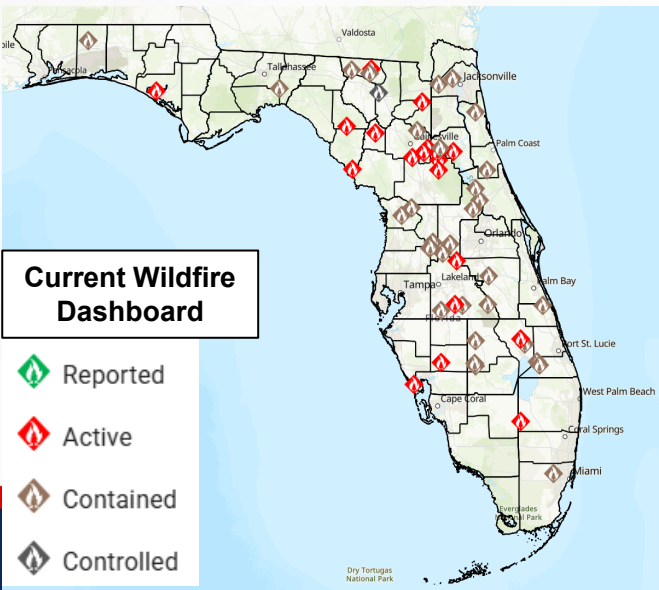
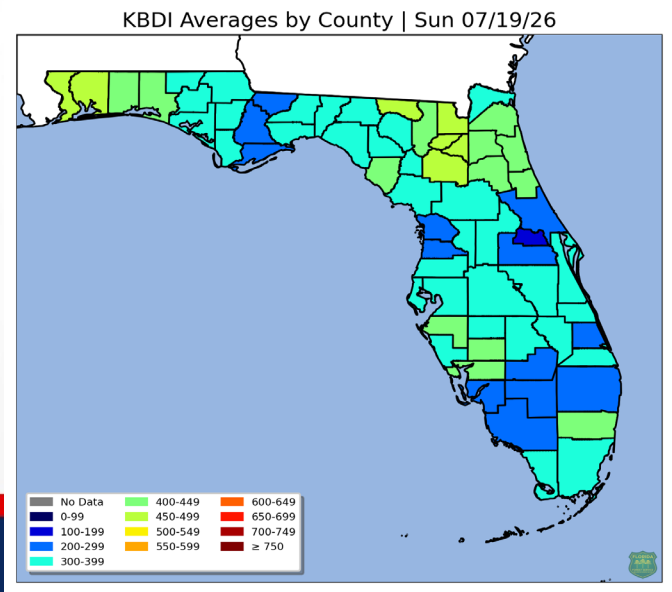
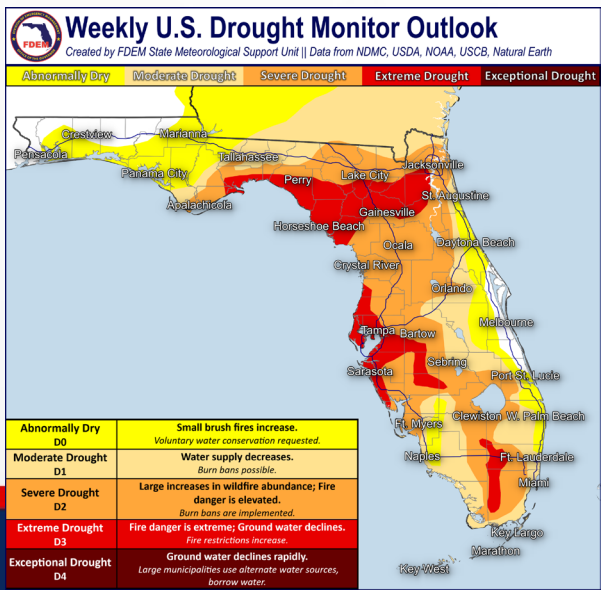


Drought & Fire Weather

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 52 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 19,172 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.

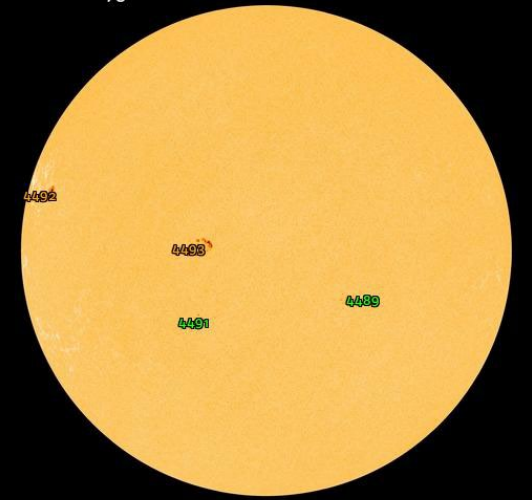
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **354 (+1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





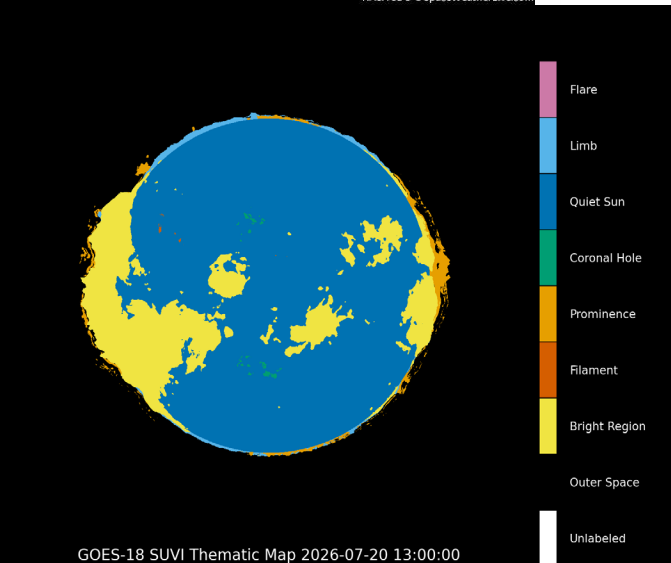
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

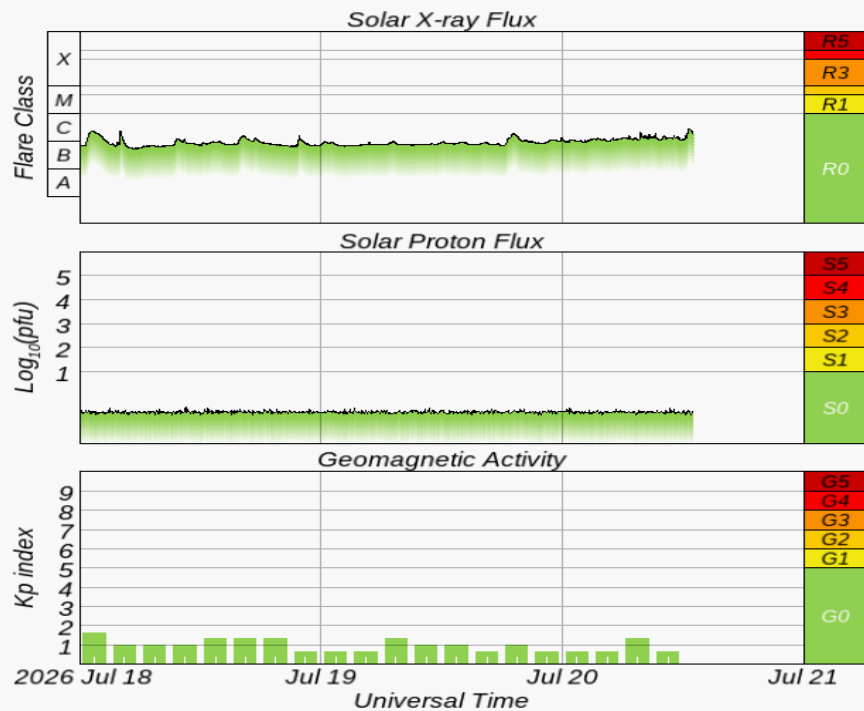


Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



GOES-18 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-20 13:00:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/20	7/21
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Wednesday, 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 prevail through Tuesday before becoming enhanced on Wednesday ahead of coronal hole influences. The geomagnetic field is likely to be at quiet to unsettled levels through Tuesday before periods of unsettled to active conditions on Wednesday with the arrival of the coronal hole influences. Some isolated periods of G1 (Minor) storming cannot be ruled out. 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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Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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