



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, July 25, 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	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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6, 9

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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	Out of Region	Leave
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	Leave
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	On Call Response Reg 10

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

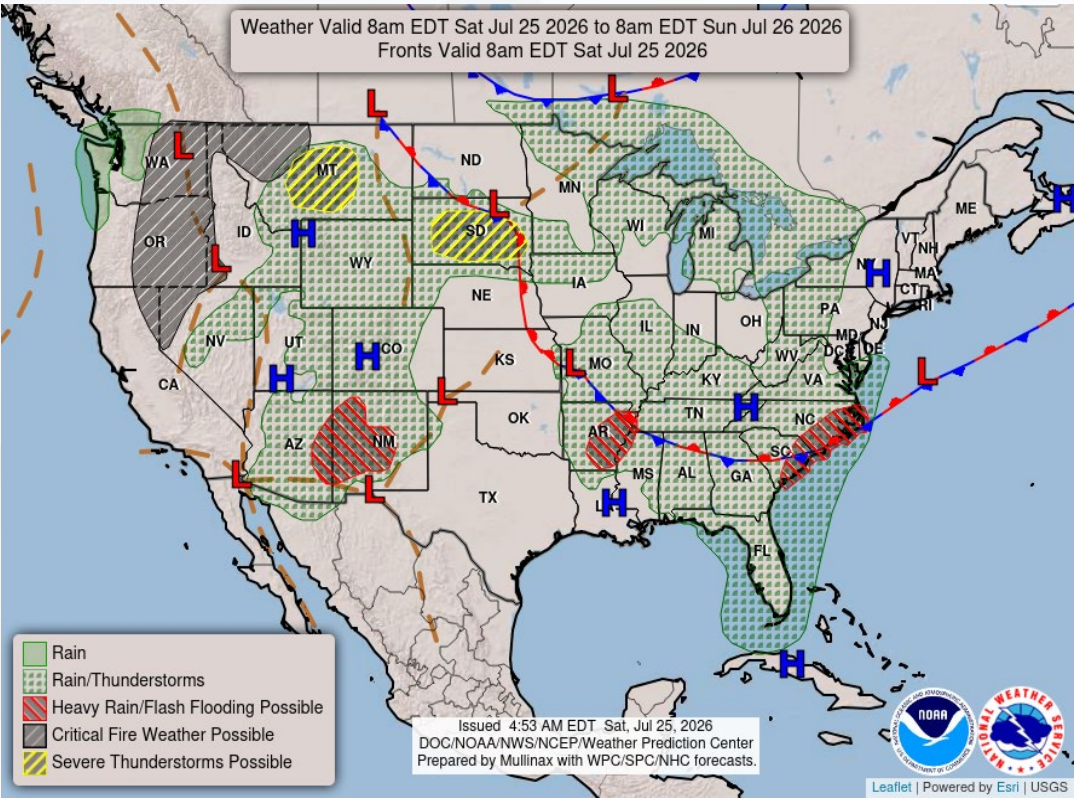
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

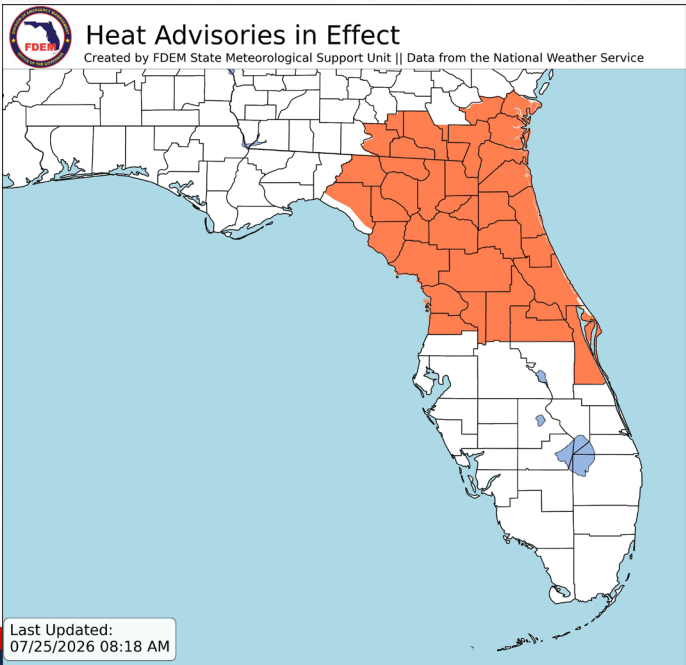
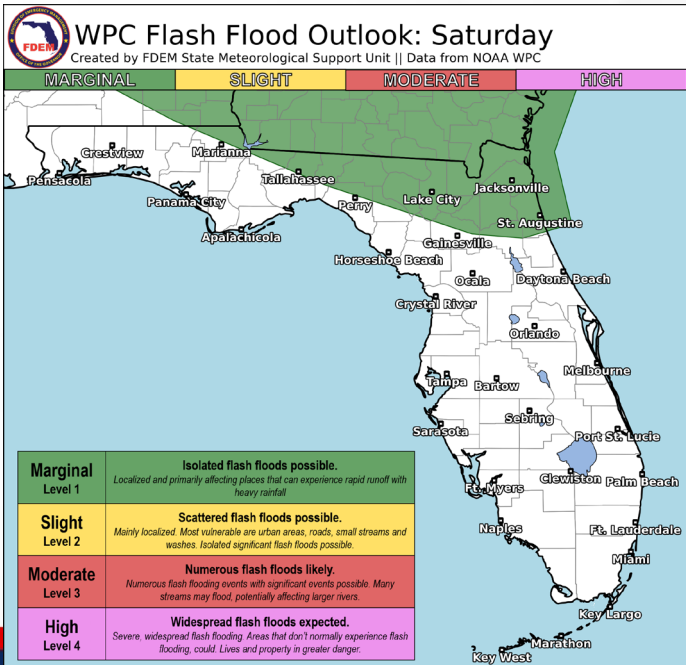


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	M	L	M	M	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding		L	L	L				L	L	L
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	H	M	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.86 ft. (2.83 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	386 (+17) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





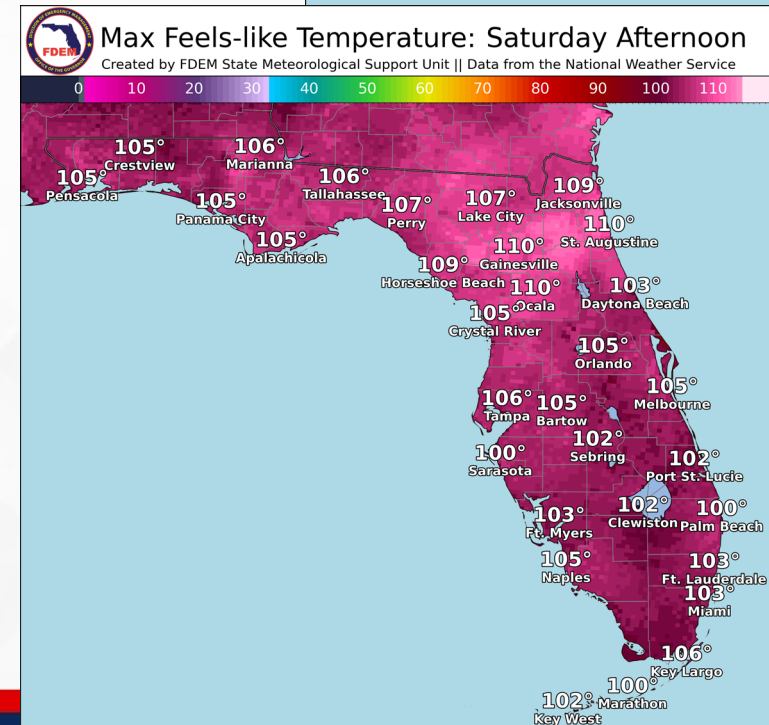
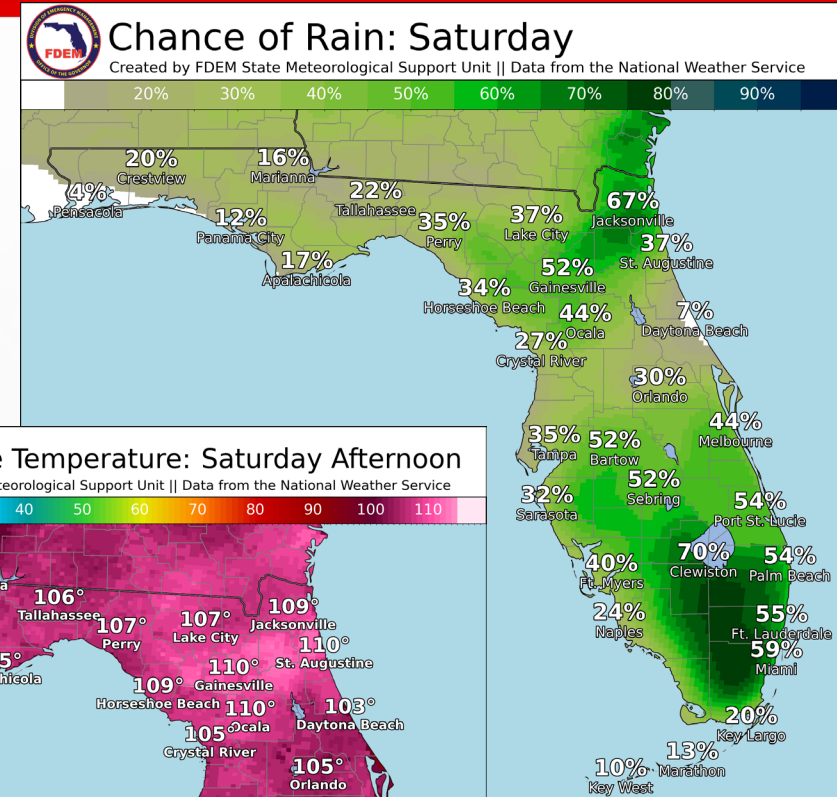
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Surface high pressure over the Sunshine State will begin to slowly shift southeastward towards the western Atlantic waters today, allowing for a bit more tropical moisture to creep northward across the state. As such, a few isolated to widely scattered showers and storms may develop across the Panhandle today, focused mainly south of the I-10 corridor given northwesterly flow pinning the sea breeze towards the coast (15-30% chance of rain). Across Northeast Florida, this northwesterly flow will begin to filter in a pocket of deeper moisture currently residing over Georgia just south of a front. Here, scattered to locally numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected this afternoon, some of which may become **locally strong to severe** and accompanied by **lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked across the Suwannee River Valley and Northeast Florida today for localized instances of **flooding and ponding of water** with this activity. Scattered showers and storms will also develop across Central and South Florida this afternoon, with the highest moisture levels south of the I-4 corridor. Any activity that develops along the inland advancing sea breezes, as well as due to outflow boundary collisions, across South-Central and South Florida could become **locally strong to severe**.

Ample sunshine is expected before afternoon shower and storm activity arrives across North Florida late today. A **Heat Advisory** has been issued for much of the Suwannee River Valley, Northeast Florida, and North-Central Florida where heat indices are expected to reach **106-112 degrees** this afternoon. Any prolonged exposure to the heat without adequate cooling may lead to **heat related illnesses**. Although Heat Advisories are not in effect throughout the remainder of the state, afternoon feels-like temperatures are still expected to reach the **lower to middle 100s**.

Tonight, shower and thunderstorm activity will begin to wane after sunset and finally dissipate or push offshore before midnight. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s by daybreak Sunday, bringing little relief from the daytime heat.

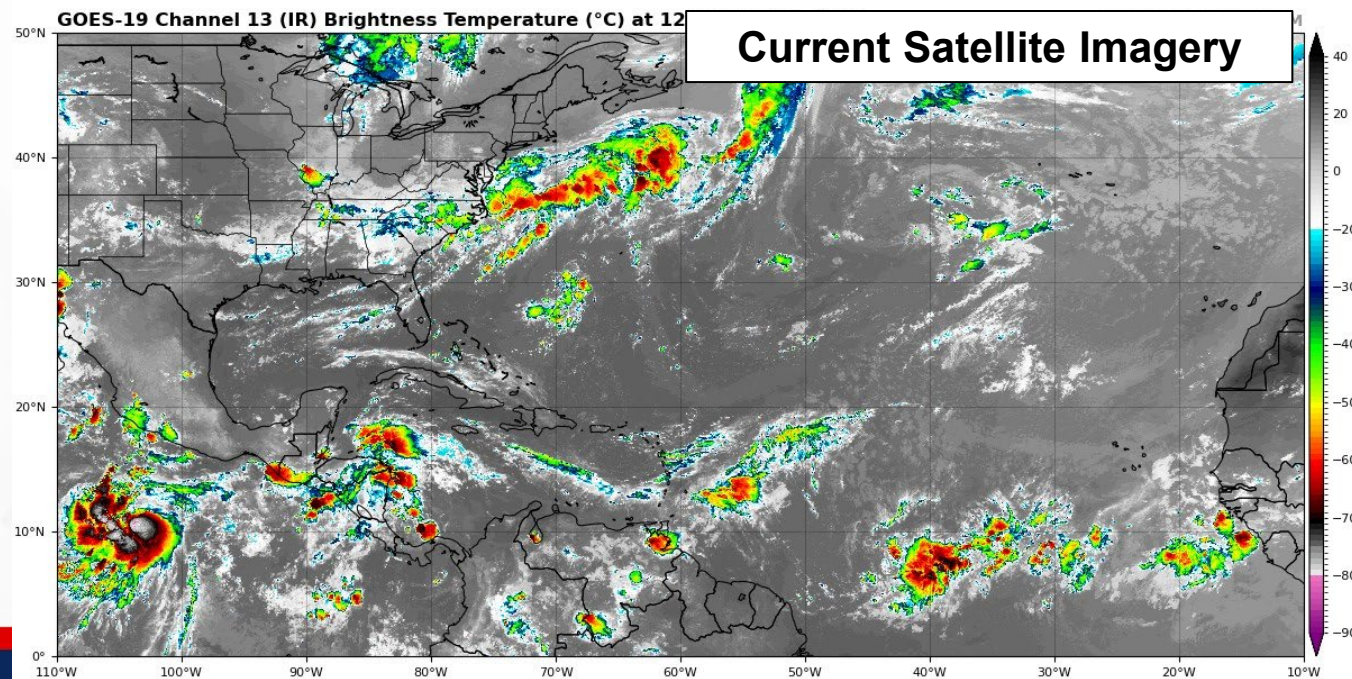
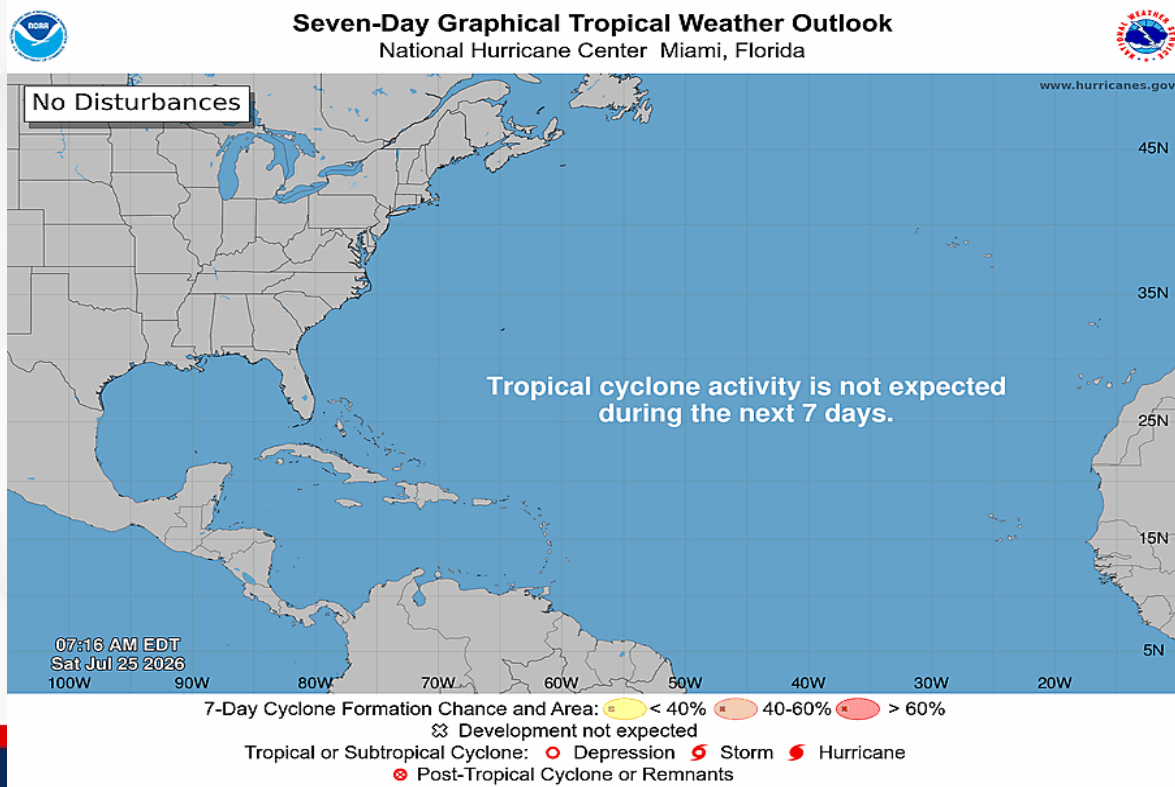




Tropical Weather

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

*Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for all eastern Panhandle and Forgotten Coast beaches today. A **moderate risk for rip currents** persists across most East Coast beaches as well with a low risk in Southeast Florida. West Coast and Western Panhandle beaches will also see a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will remain calm today for many statewide beaches, remaining near **2-4'**.

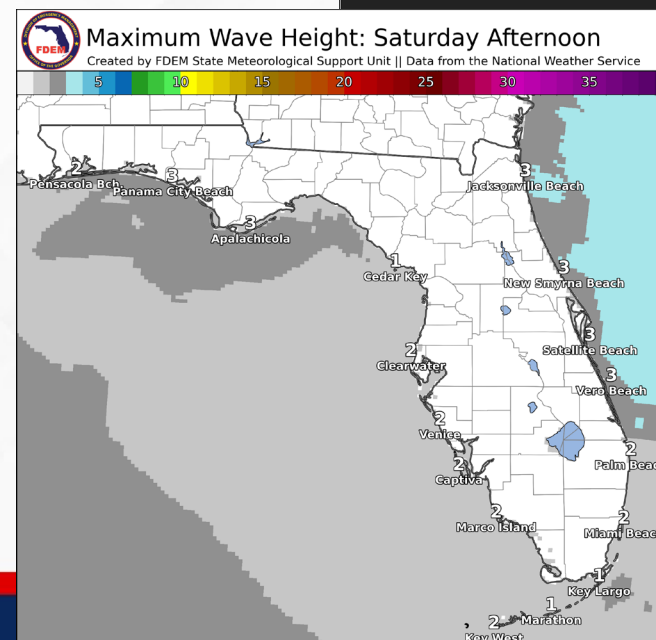
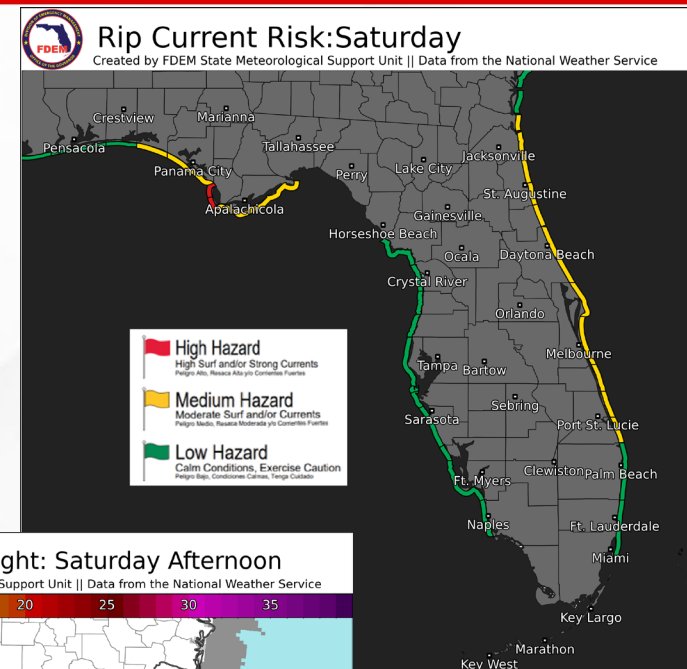
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations from offshore Sarasota County (valid 7/24/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no coastal flooding concerns across Florida.

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked for much of the northeastern Big Bend and Northeast Florida today where ample tropical moisture will promote scattered to numerous afternoon shower and thunderstorm development. Some of this activity may be slow-moving and accompanied by **locally heavy downpours** capable of producing **localized flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Additional showers and storms are expected throughout South Florida where a few storms may also become **locally strong** and accompanied by **torrential downpours**. Rainfall totals will generally amount to 1" in many locations that do receive rainfall today, though locally higher totals **upwards of 2-3"** cannot be ruled out. 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 10.86 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.83 feet below normal for this time of year.



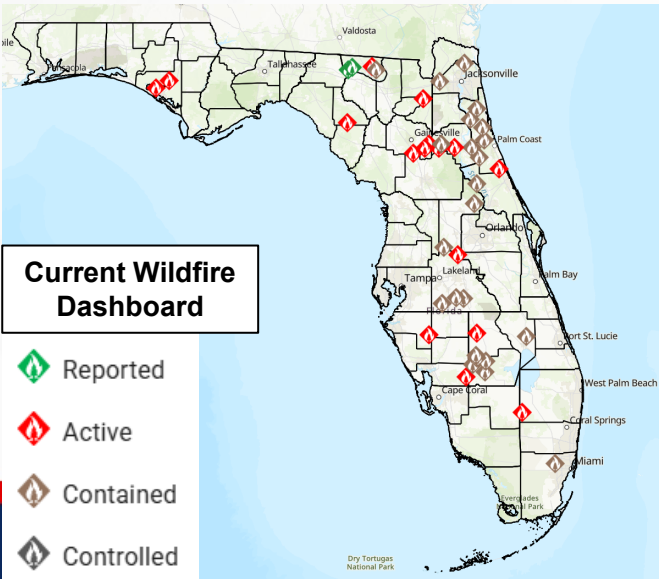
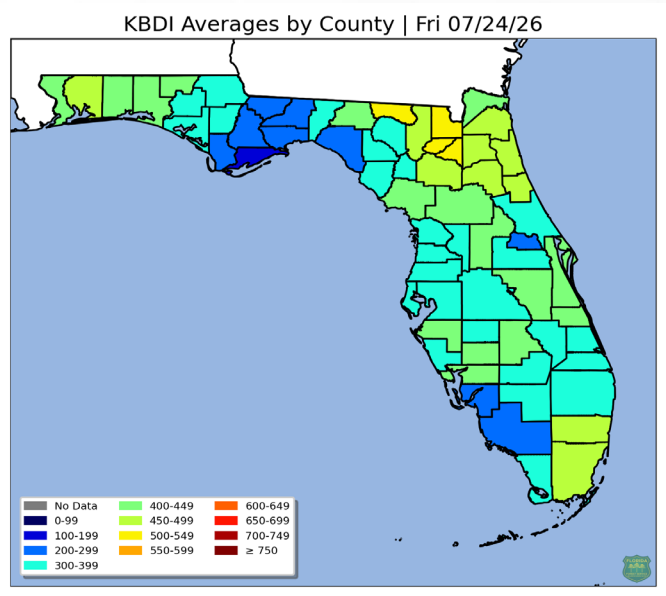
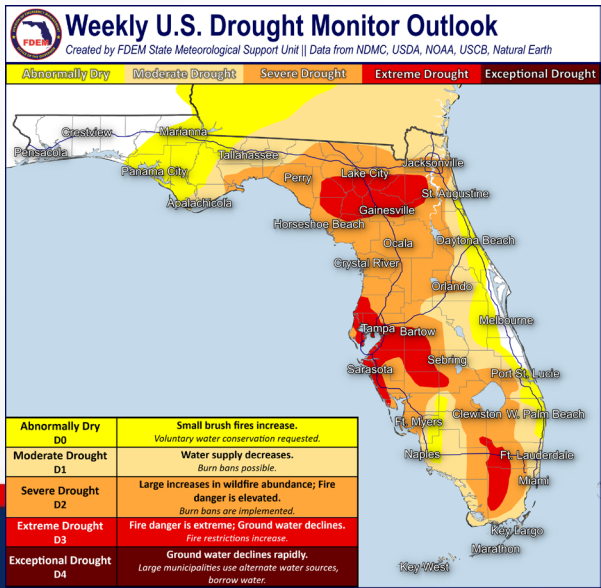


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Scattered showers and storms are expected throughout much of the Peninsula today as the sea breezes advance inland. Any thunderstorm could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds, which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 40 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,313 acres.

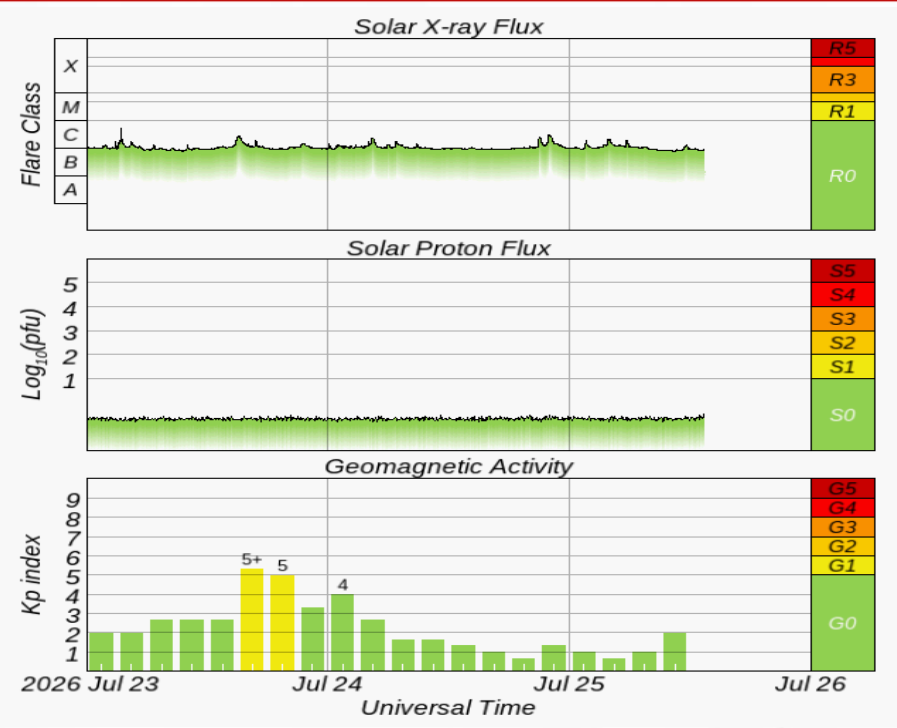
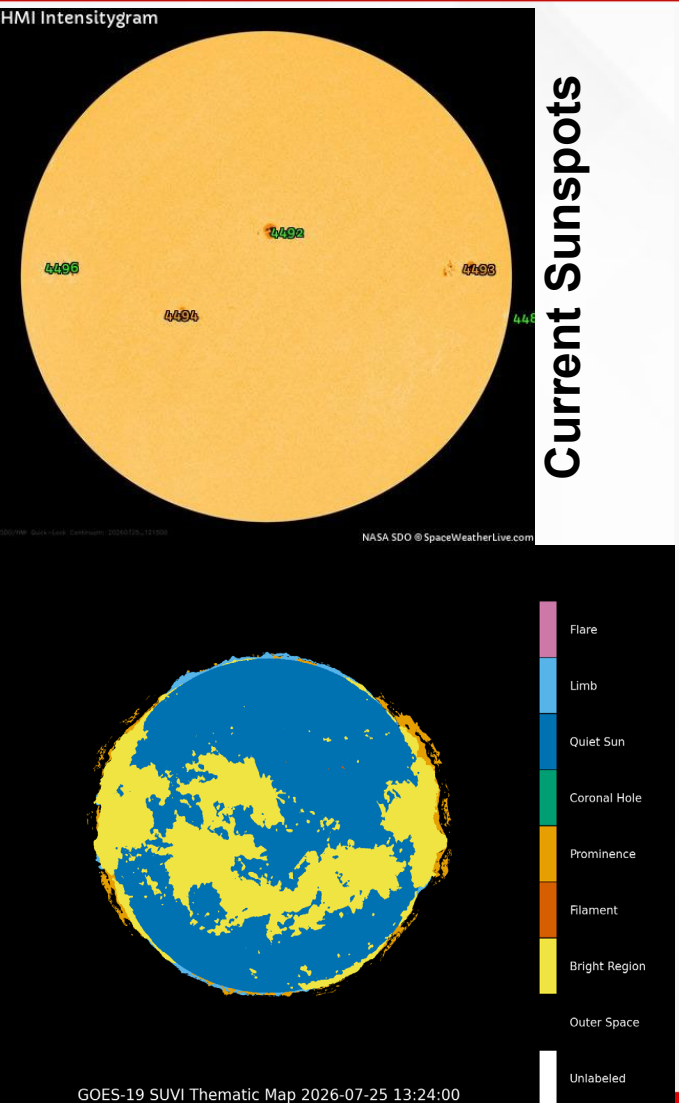
Drought (7/21/26): Higher than normal rainfall from a nearby tropical disturbance (that would eventually become Tropical Storm Bertha) has led to drought improvements across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and localized areas along the West Coast. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along much of the coastal Big Bend, in Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Lafayette, Dixie, and Levy counties have been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Similar reductions from **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were observed in localized areas in Pinellas, Pasco, Duval, Clay, and Putnam counties. Further reductions were observed in the Western Panhandle, with portions of Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, and Leon counties previously in a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The D0 (*abnormally dry*) areas were removed (indicating no drought conditions) for Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. Drier than normal conditions across much of the Peninsula this week has led to localized expansions (*worsening drought*) of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across West-Central and inland Southeast FL. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~2% reduction from last week. 10% of the state has no drought designation, a ~2.5% increase from last week. Looking ahead, drier air will help to suppress most shower and thunderstorm activity across the North Florida through the next 7 days. Isolated to widely scattered activity is expected along the sea breezes in Northeast and North-Central Florida, with higher coverage of storms in South-Central and South Florida, especially towards the end of this coming weekend and early next week. Some drought improvements are possible in areas that receive beneficial rainfall. Otherwise, hot temperatures will continue to cure and dry out sensitive vegetation in areas that fail to receive rainfall.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **386 (+17)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **4 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: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/25	7/26
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for additional moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts from solar flare activity, primarily from sunspot region 4493 and 4494. Solar wind conditions will trend towards background conditions this weekend before becoming enhanced again on Monday as the effects of a Coronal Mass Ejection that left the Sun on Friday arrive. Mostly quiet geomagnetic field levels are also expected. A return to active or Minor (G1) levels is possible on Monday with the arrival of the Friday CME. 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
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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