



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, August 3, 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	End of Month Admin / Vehicle Inspection / HAB in Brief Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Franklin	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	End of Month Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Leon	Travel to Region 2 (SEOC)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	FEMA Online IS Courses (FLCOCO)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	POD Workshop Instruction Prep

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Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	End of Month Reports / Farley Exercise Brief
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Team Meeting & Travel Admin
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	EM Meeting Taylor / Travel
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	PDMG Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Leon	Travel to Leon
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Regional Recovery Coordination Meeting
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	Leon	Travel to HQ

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

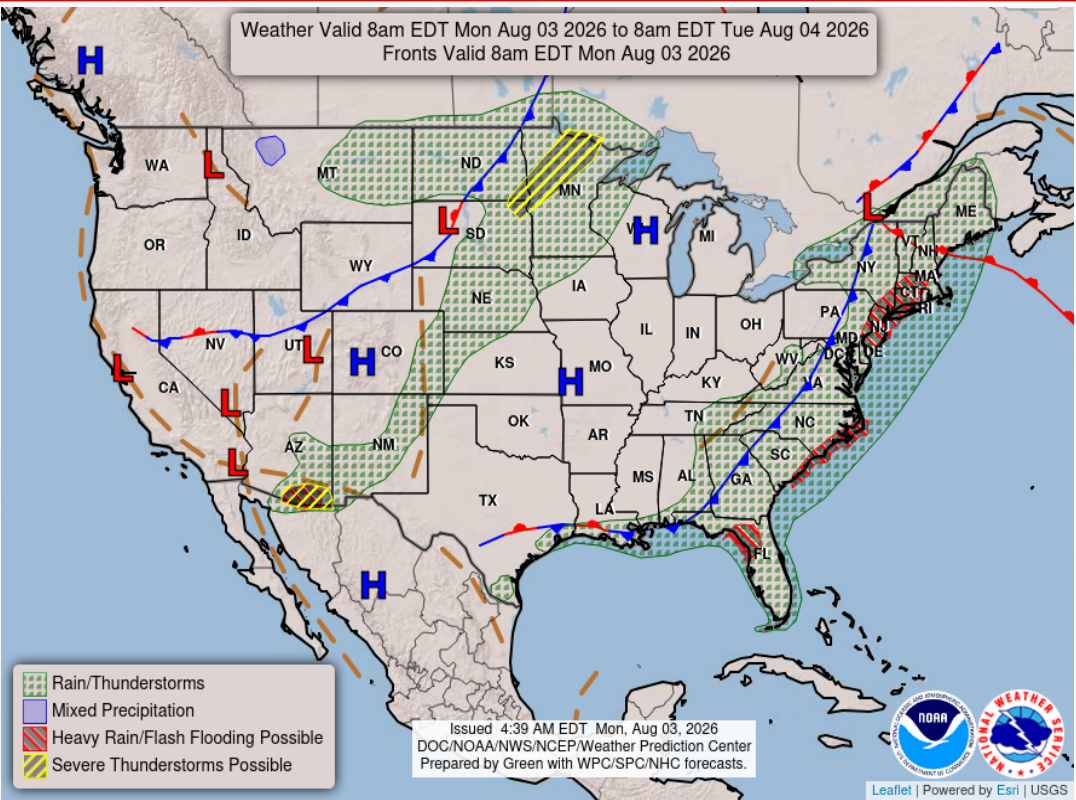
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

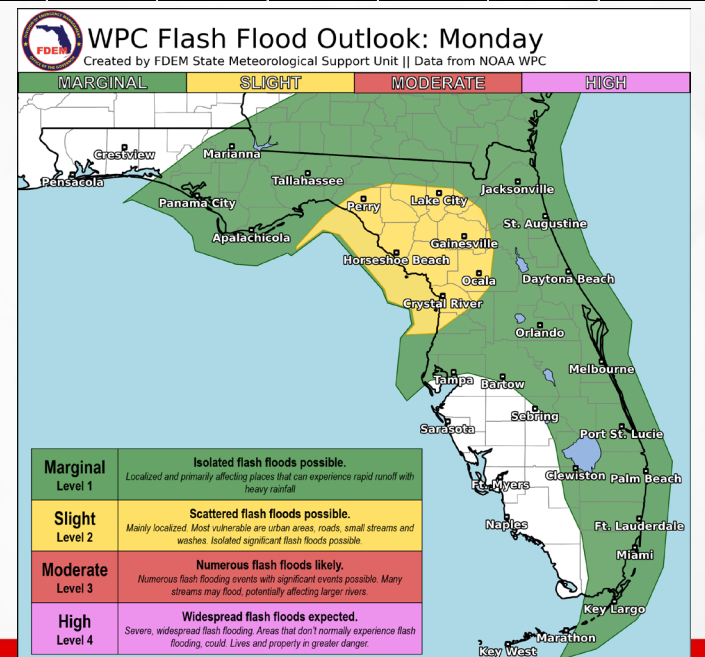
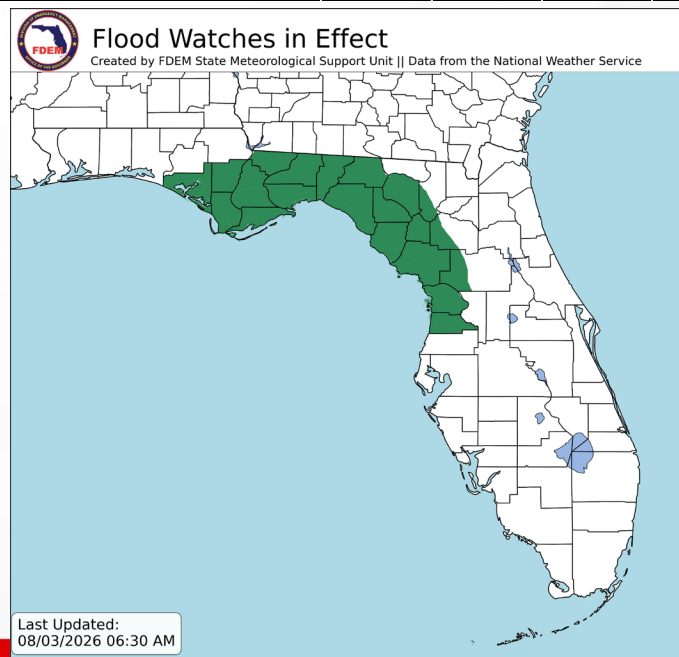


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	M	L	M	M	M	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat								L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire					L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	H	M	L	H		L	H	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.89 ft. (2.90 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	329 (-31) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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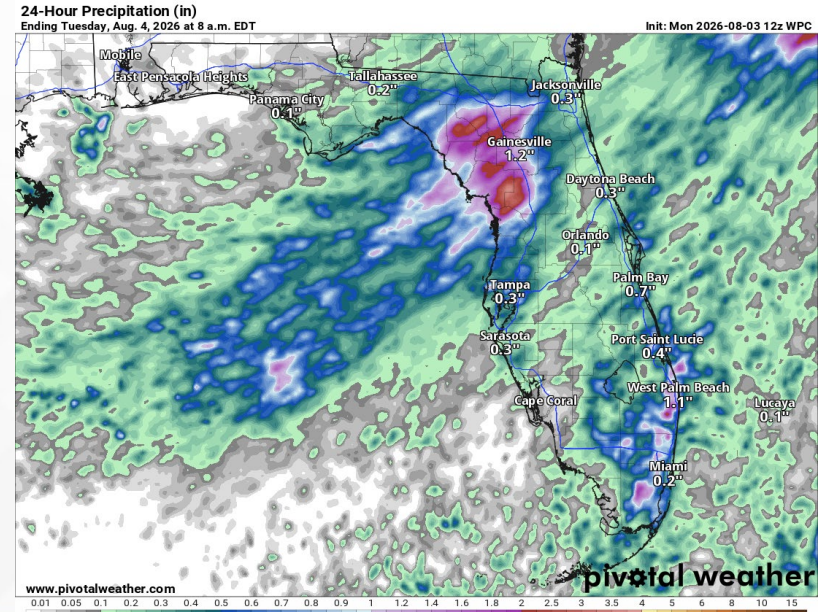
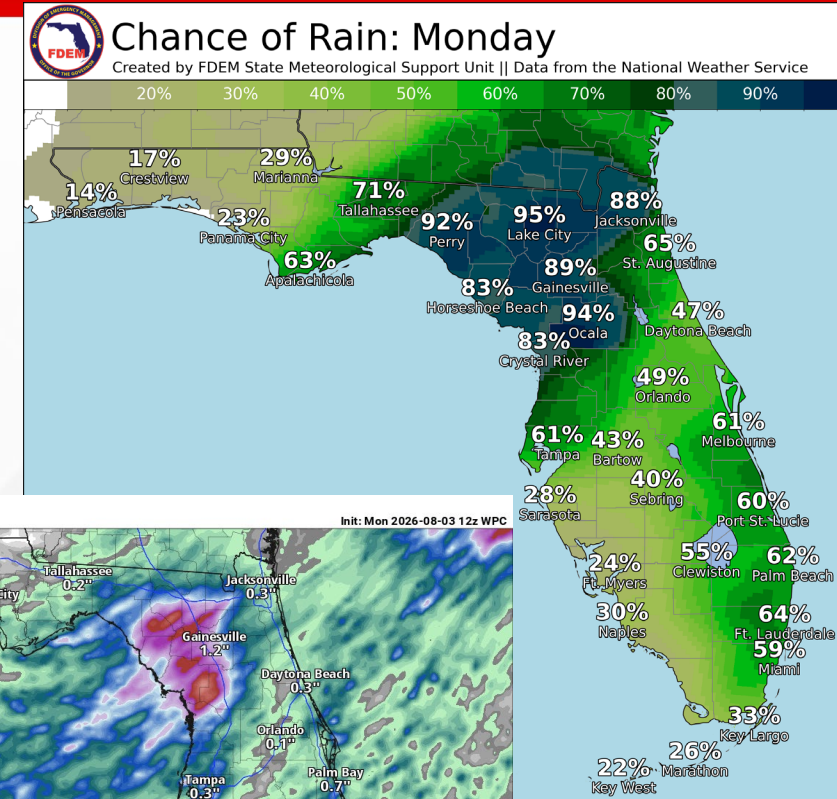
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The cold front and upper-level low pressure system responsible for the wet and unsettled weekend will begin to slowly lift northeastward out of the Deep South today. Still, richly moist southwest flow will continue across much of the eastern Big Bend, Northeast Florida, and Nature Coast today where scattered showers and storms ongoing this morning will begin to increase in coverage and become widespread this afternoon (70 – near 100% chance of rain). A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Southeast Big Bend, Nature Coast, and Suwannee River Valley where additional rainfall amounts of **1-3"**, with locally higher totals **upwards of 5"+**, may lead to instances of **flash flooding**. A **Flood Watch** remains in effect from the eastern Panhandle through the Nature Coast today. As the system begins to lift northeastward away from the Sunshine State, drier air will begin to filter in behind the system across the western Panhandle where only a few isolated showers or storms are possible this afternoon (15-25% chance of rain).

Throughout the Peninsula, prevailing southwesterly flow will bring the highest chances of sea breeze shower and thunderstorm activity to central and eastern areas as the West Coast sea breeze advances inland and eventually collides with the Atlantic sea breeze (45-65% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout much of Central and Southeast Florida today where instances of **flooding and ponding of water** cannot be ruled out. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather today, any thunderstorm throughout the Peninsula could become **locally strong** and capable of producing **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (30-50 mph)**.

High temperatures will remain in the middle 80s to lower 90s statewide today as abundant cloud coverage and rainfall help to keep the heat muted. Feels-like temperatures will struggle to reach into the 100s across much of the state, outside of South Florida where **lower to middle 100s** are expected with a bit more sunshine.

Tonight, showers and storms will generally push offshore the East Coast or dissipate before midnight. A few showers will likely linger along the Nature Coast overnight before spreading onshore before sunrise Tuesday (40-60% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s.

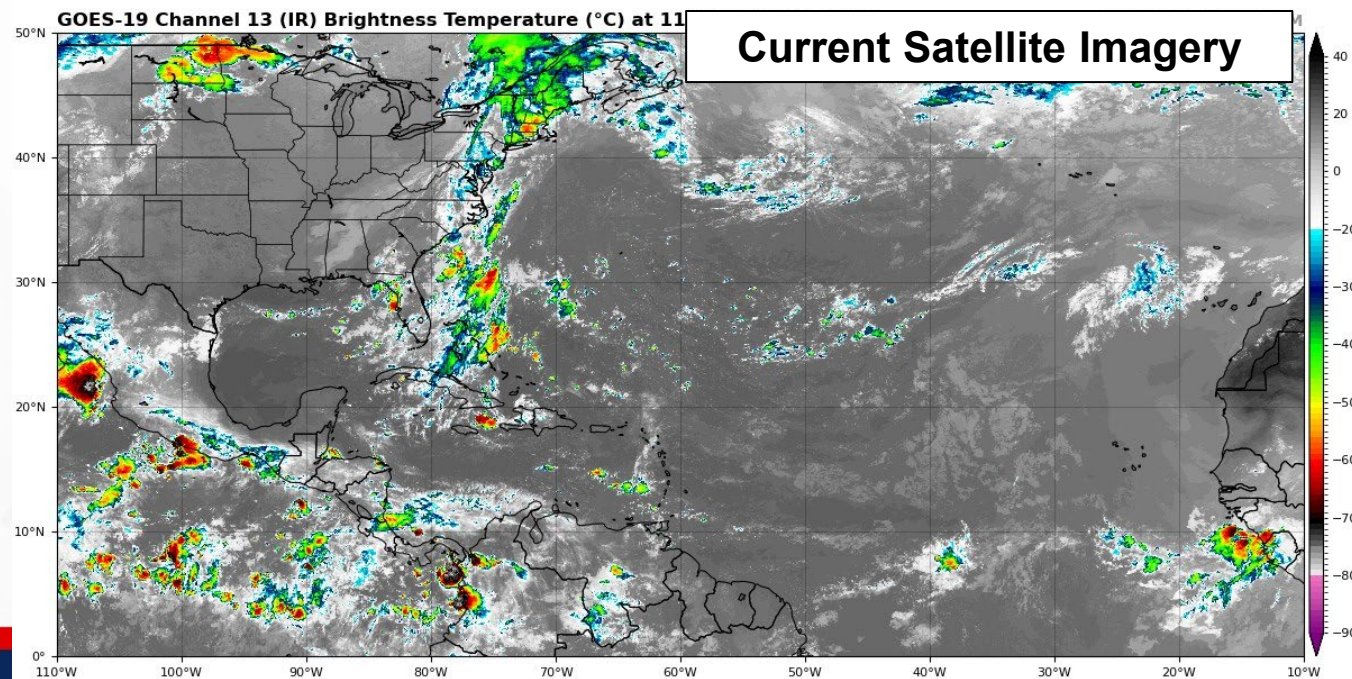
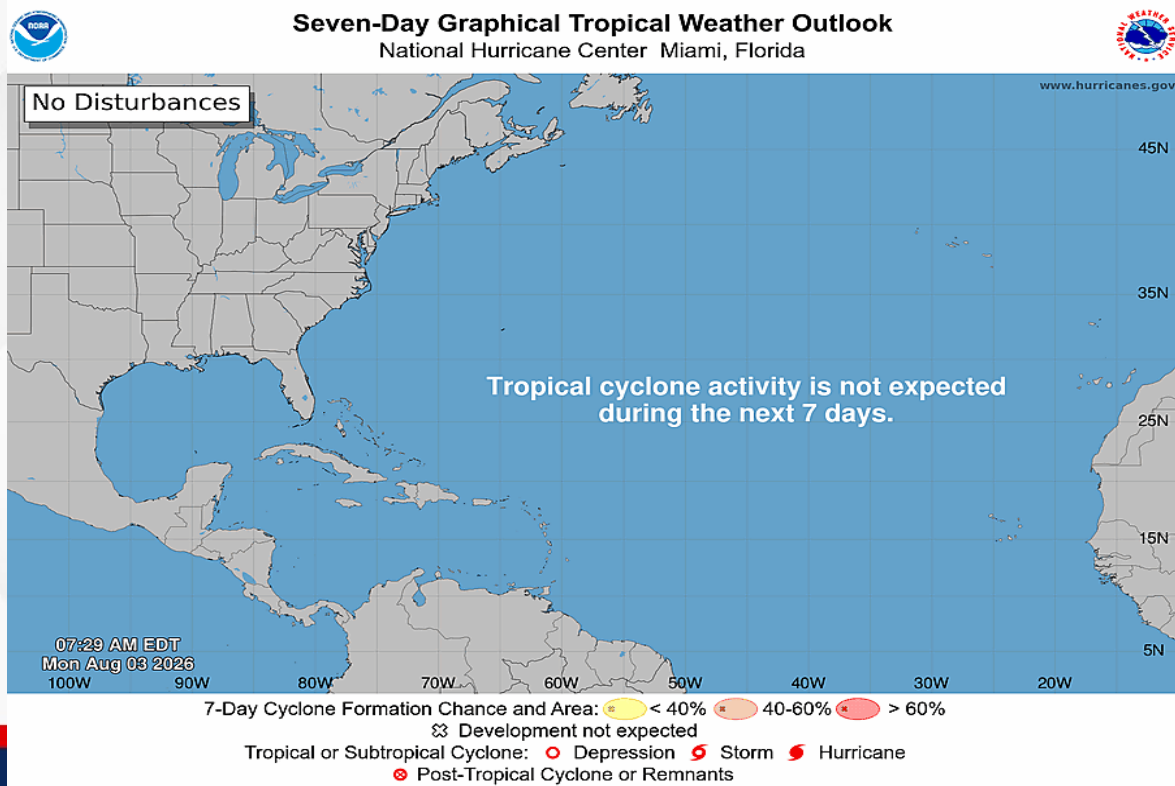




Tropical Weather

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 expected for nearly all Gulf-facing beaches today as breezy west to southwesterly flow continues south of an upper-level disturbance and cold front draped across the Deep South. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is also outlooked for Northeast Florida beaches today. A low risk is expected for all other beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will begin to decrease again for Gulf Coast beaches today, back down to **2-4'** for most shorelines. Surf will remain near 1-3' for all East Coast and South Florida beaches today.

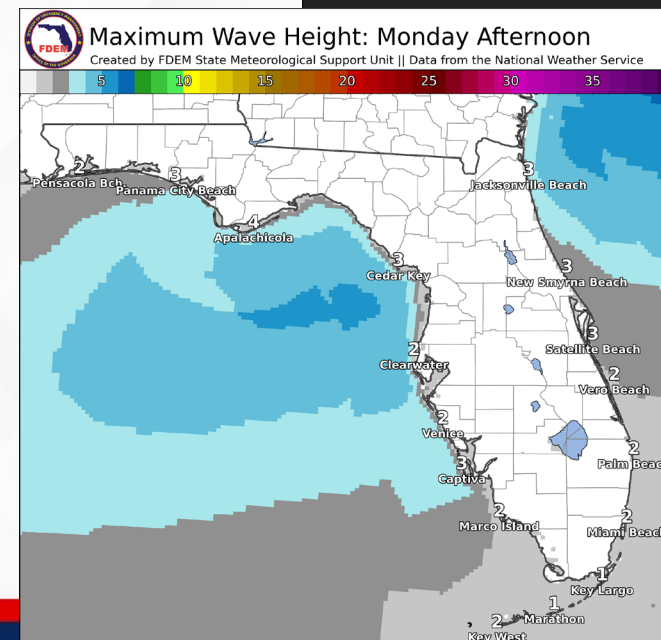
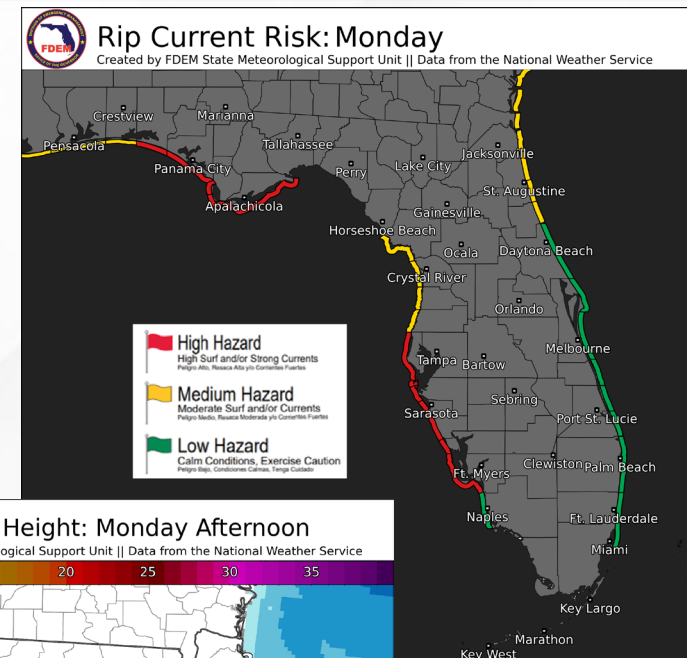
Red Tide: was observed at low concentrations from Nassau County and background to very low concentrations from Duval and Charlotte counties (valid 7/31/26).

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

Flash Flooding: The Weather Prediction Center has maintained a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across the Southeast Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley today in anticipation of many areas seeing an additional **1-3" of rainfall** on top of very saturated soils. Some locations, especially across the Nature Coast, may see upwards of **5"+** of rainfall today. A **Flood Watch** remains in effect across the eastern Panhandle, Big Bend, and Nature Coast to highlight this threat. Throughout the remainder of the state, a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked where coverage of heavy rainfall is expected to be less. Nevertheless, areas of **flooding and ponding of water** will remain possible in areas that receive any slow-moving **heavy downpours** today. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The [Bear Creek at US 231](#) briefly reached minor flood stage yesterday before diminishing into Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning. The [St. Marks River near Newport on Old Magnolia Rd](#) is also at Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning with the downstream [St. Marks River at Leckinger](#) in **minor flood stage**. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 10.89 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.90 feet below normal for this time of year.



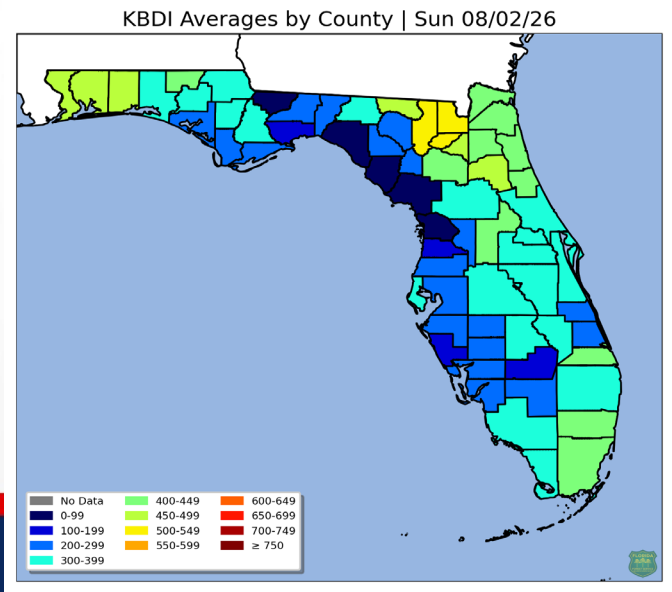
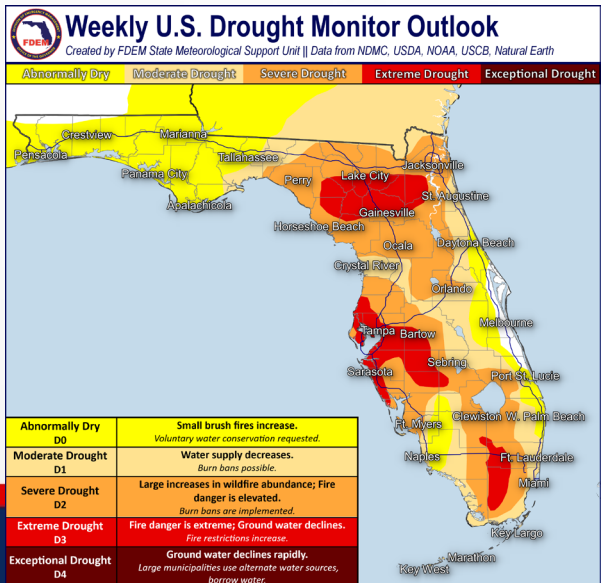


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and heavy rainfall expected for many across the state. Still, thunderstorm activity across the Peninsula today will 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 34 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 3,566 acres.

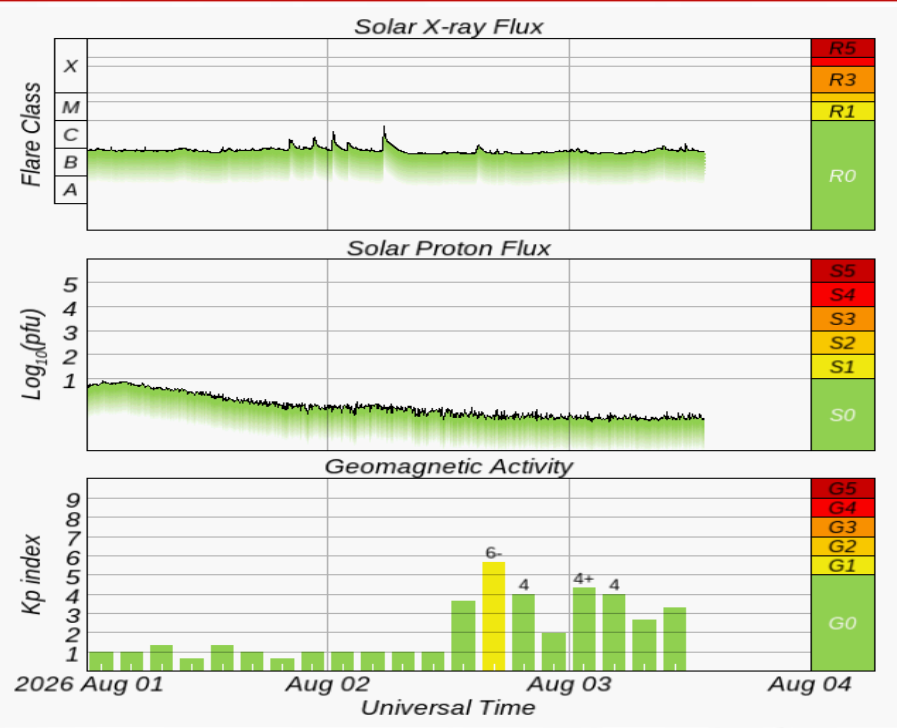
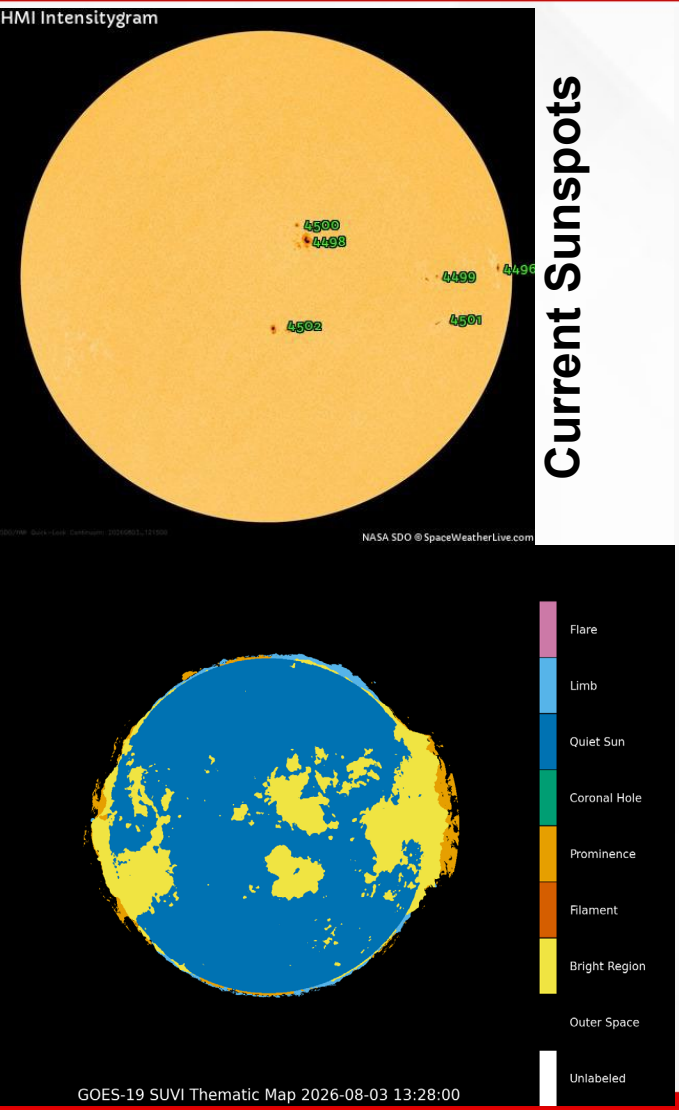
Drought (7/28/26): Some minor drought improvements have been noted across portions of the Big Bend this week, with areas of moderate to severe drought in Leon, Wakulla, and Franklin counties reduced one category to abnormally dry (*receding drought*) or **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. This area has seen a general 1-3" of rainfall over the past week, with additional rains in recent weeks courtesy of Tropical Storm Bertha and other sea breeze activity. Across the Panhandle, however, areas of abnormally dry conditions (*emerging drought*) have returned. 60-day rainfall departures along the Panhandle coast have now reached near 2-4" below normal, with above normal rainfall departures still evident across the northern Panhandle counties from June's Tropical Storm Arthur. Throughout the Peninsula, very few changes were observed this week. Rainfall departures over the past 2 months remain below to well below normal in many locations, including interior Northeast Florida, West-Central Florida, and interior South Florida where pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain with **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** generally surrounding that. Portions of northern Duval and southern Nassau counties have returned to a **severe drought (level 3 of 4)** with coastal St. Johns and Flagler counties upgraded to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Higher rainfall totals of 2-5" in the past week across Citrus and Sumter counties has led to severe drought being reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Some slight drought improvements were also observed across interior Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** with only 3% of the state now under no drought designation, a ~7% decrease from last week. Looking ahead, a frontal boundary and a few upper-level impulses in the atmosphere will help to spark daily rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms across much of North and Central Florida through this weekend. Some drought improvements are expected in areas that receive the heaviest rainfall. Moisture will also begin to make a return to South Florida by this weekend, encouraging scattered shower and thunderstorm activity. Any areas that fail to receive rainfall, however, may see drought conditions endure or even worsen, especially with hot summertime temperatures persisting.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **329 (-31)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **3 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: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/3	8/4
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for M-class flares. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will likely remain at enhanced levels today due to ongoing coronal hole influences and from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that impacted Earth. Enhancements will begin to weaken before returning to background levels on Tuesday and Wednesday. G1 (minor) geomagnetic storming levels are expected to start today, with a slight chance for G2 (moderate) storming. Conditions will slowly wane towards mostly quiet levels by Tuesday and 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
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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