



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, August 9, 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	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status
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 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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	Union	On Call Response R3
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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	On Call Response R10

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

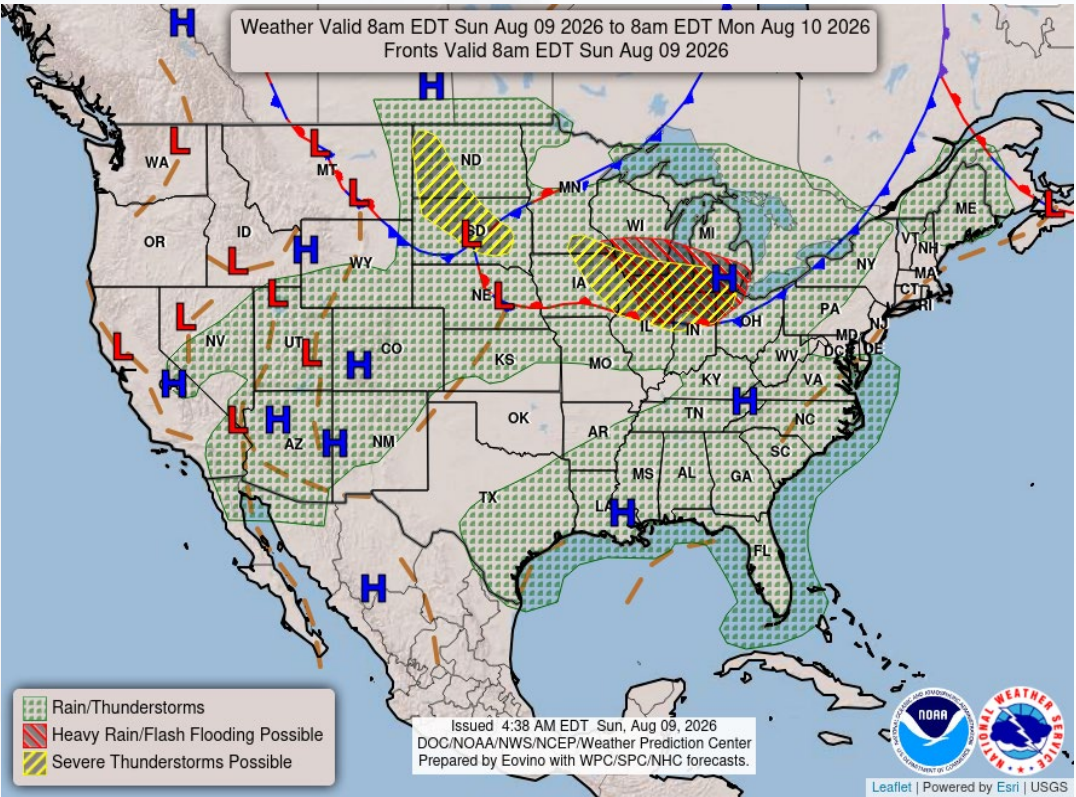
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Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

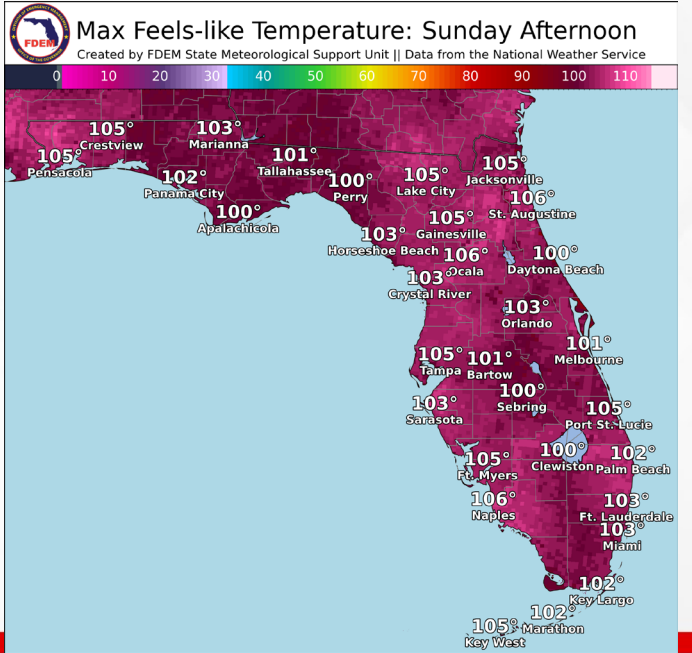
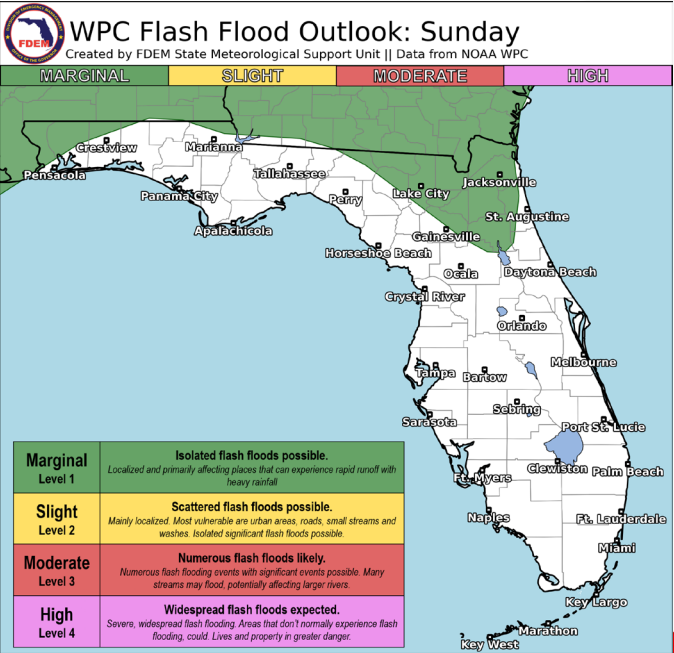


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	H	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L		L	L						
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	L	M	L	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.03 ft. (2.84 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	253 (+0) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





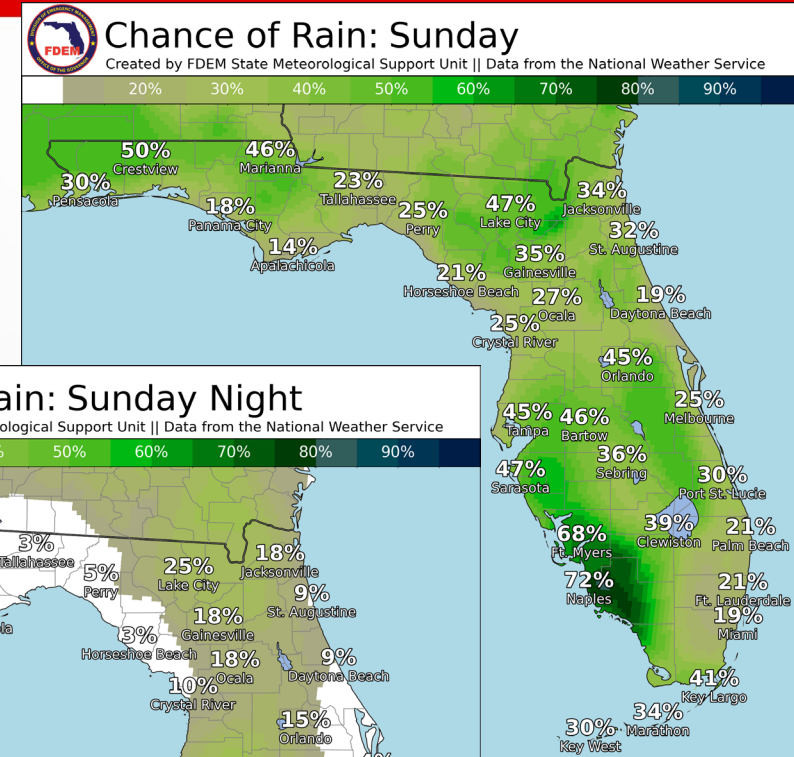
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A routine summer-like day is in store for the state today as an upper-level ridge and associated surface high pressure continue to build over the state. Primarily south-southeasterly flow over the state is bringing a swath of unseasonably dry mid-level air. This, in combination with large-scale sinking motion associated with the building high-pressure, will act to limit typical afternoon shower and thunderstorm development to only a scattered chance (20-50%). Southwest Florida is an exception to this (50-70% chance of rain), where converging sea-breeze boundaries will likely create an area of focused lift for thunderstorm development. Scattered storms that do develop today across the state will likely initiate along the east-coast sea in the early-mid afternoon and push north/northwestward into the early evening hours. While there is no organized risk of severe weather with any of today's activity, a few storms may become **locally strong to severe** capable of producing **gusty winds** and **frequent lightning**. A localized **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across portions of Northeast FL and the Western Panhandle, where some locally moister air may allow for efficient rain-makers overtop already highly saturated soils, leading to isolated **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Instances of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out in the heaviest storms.

High temperatures continue their upward trend today amidst building high pressure. Afternoon high temperatures will range from the **lower to middle 90s** across the state. With ample surface moisture in place, afternoon feels-like temperatures will soar into the **lower to middle 100s** statewide.

Tonight, showers and storms will generally begin to wane and push offshore before midnight. A few coastal showers or storms may linger overnight along the West Coast. Lows will fall into the 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.

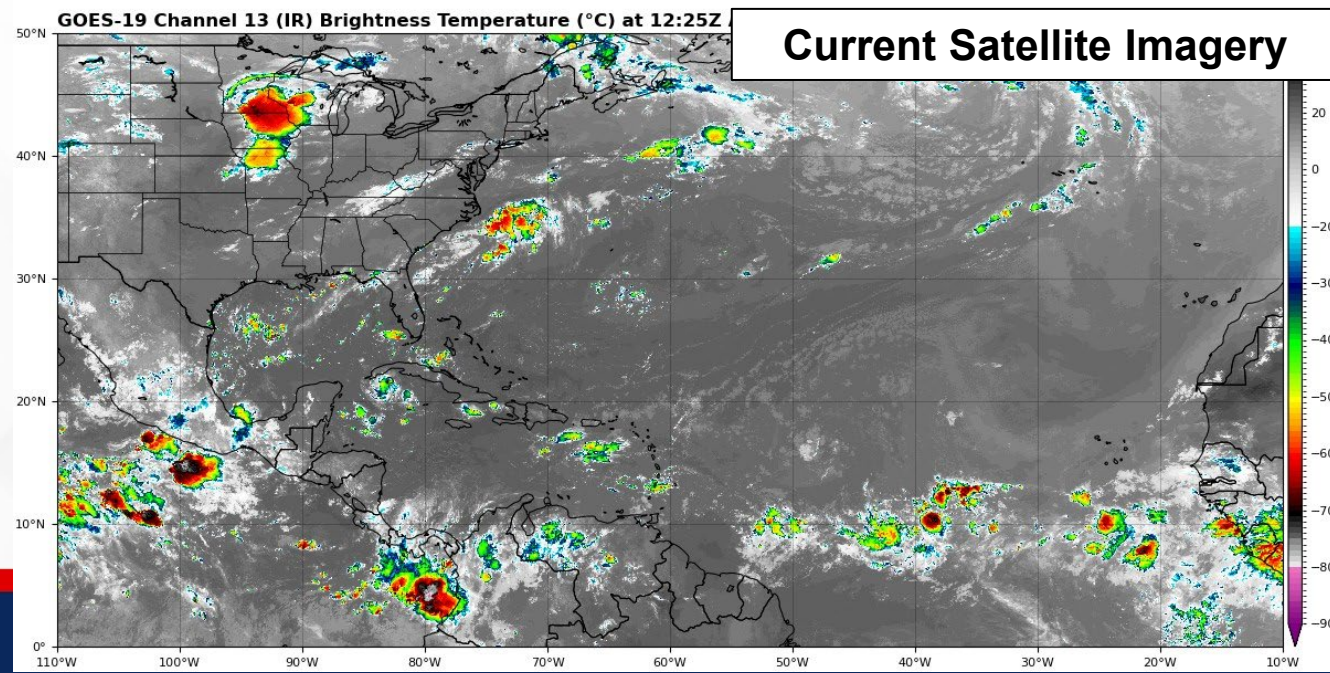
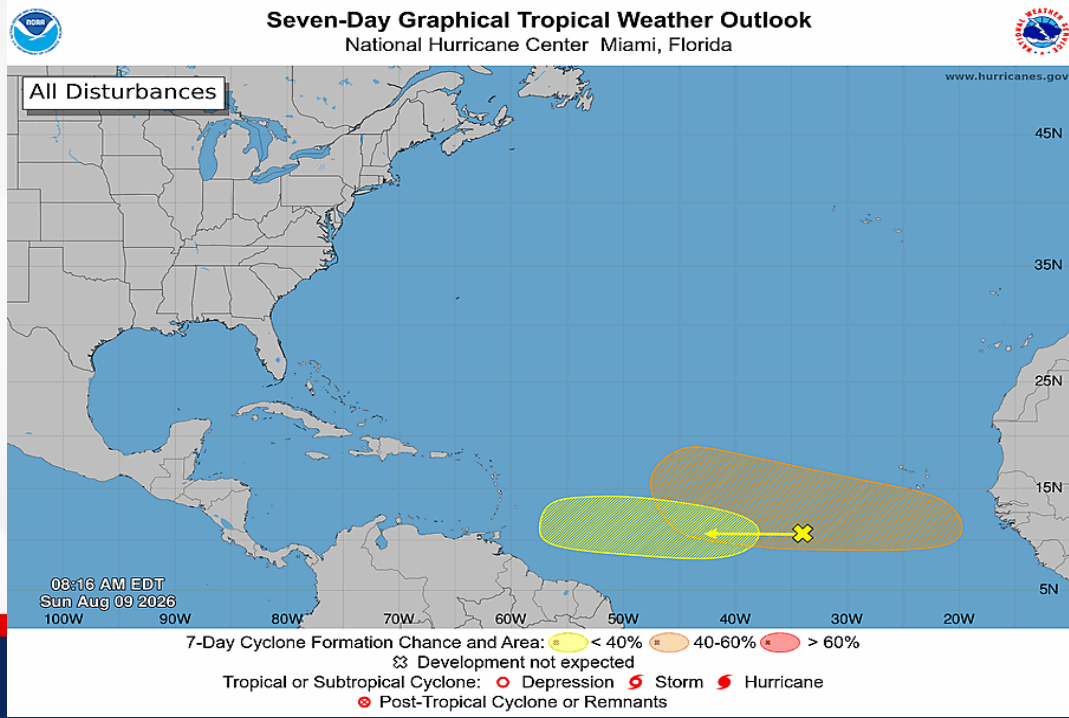
Eastern and Central Tropical Atlantic:

Another tropical wave is expected to move off the west coast of Africa early this week. Environmental conditions are forecast to be conducive for gradual development thereafter and a tropical depression could form during the latter half of this week while the system moves generally westward across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... near 0%.**
- Formation chances through 48 hours... **medium... 40%.**

Central Tropical Atlantic: A broad area of showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical wave is located several hundred miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. Some gradual development of this system is possible during the early to middle part of this week while it moves westward across the central tropical Atlantic. Upper-level winds are expected to become less conducive for development later in the week when the system approaches the Lesser Antilles.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... near 0%.**
- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 20%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** remains for all East Coast beaches today as elevated onshore winds and surf linger from a departing offshore disturbance. A **moderate risk for rip currents** persists for all Panhandle beaches, with a low risk along the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf continues to diminish along East Coast beaches today, reaching near **3-4'** for most beaches. Surf near 1-3' is expected for all other statewide beaches.

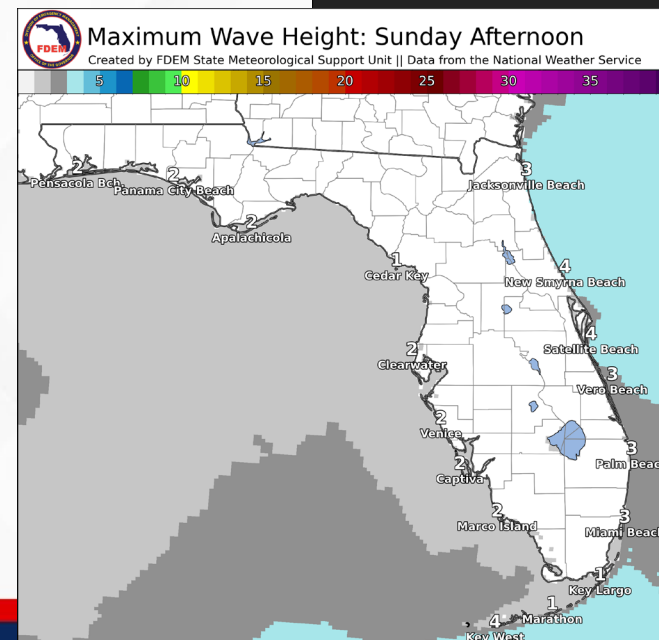
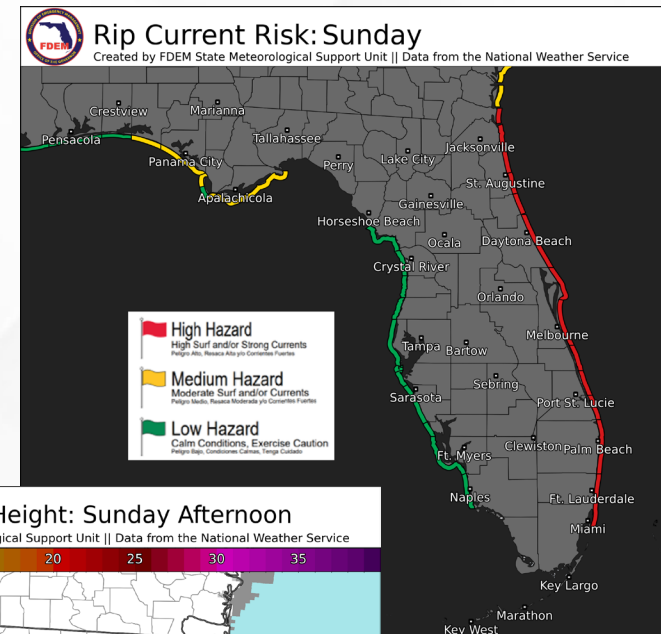
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, and Wakulla counties and background to low concentrations in Nassau and Duval counties (valid 8/7/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A localized **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across portions of Northeast FL and the Western Panhandle, where some locally moister air may allow for efficient rain-makers overtop already highly saturated soils, leading to isolated **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Instances of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out in the heaviest storms. Forecast rainfall accumulations are generally around 0.5-1", although isolated locations may see higher totals, upwards of **2-3"**. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The [Little Manatee River near Wimauma at US 301](#) has risen into Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning in response to the recent days of heavy rainfall, though is slowly diminishing back towards nominal levels. No other riverine concerns exist across the state. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 11.03 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.84 feet below normal for this time of year.



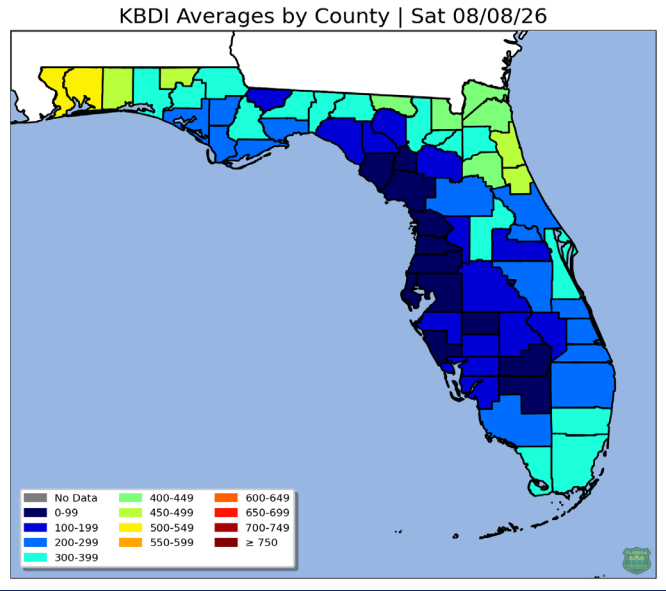
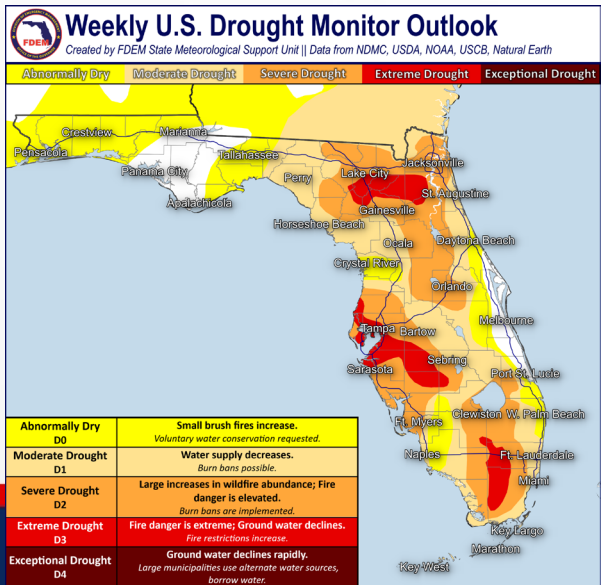


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected throughout much of the state today. Any thunderstorm activity may 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 11 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,781 acres.

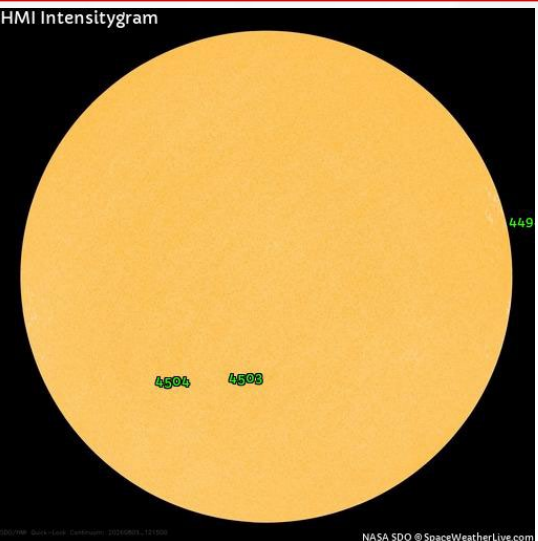
Drought (8/4/26): Notable categorical drought improvements were observed for many across the state this week as a slow-moving frontal boundary interacted with richly moist air to promote widespread heavy rainfall over the weekend. Widespread categorical improvements were observed within the Big Bend, with nearly all counties seeing a decrease of one categorical drought level. Large areas of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** within North-Central Florida was reduced to a **moderate to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** - particularly along the western edge of its area. The area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along the West Coast was trimmed down to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** in areas of Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk, and Sarasota counties. Localized areas of Nassau, Okeechobee, Highlands, and Glades counties saw a reduction from **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Drought designation was removed entirely for areas along the Apalachicola River basin. D0 (*abnormally dry*) remains in place for the rest of the Florida Panhandle. The **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was increased to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** within localized areas of Orange and Osceola counties. Little-to-no categorical drought changes were made elsewhere within the Eastern and Southern Peninsula where a more seasonable distribution of rainfall occurred over the past 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. 9% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~5% reduction from last week. 10% of the state is now under no drought designation, a ~6.5% increase from last week. Looking ahead, the state will settle into a more typical pattern of daily showers and thunderstorms, with most activity focused along the West Coast as easterly flow prevails. Drought improvements within this pattern will likely be minimal (if at all), with localized areas likely seeing gradual categorical drought degradations (*worsening drought*), especially along the East Coast and Western Panhandle.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **253 (+0)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **2 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

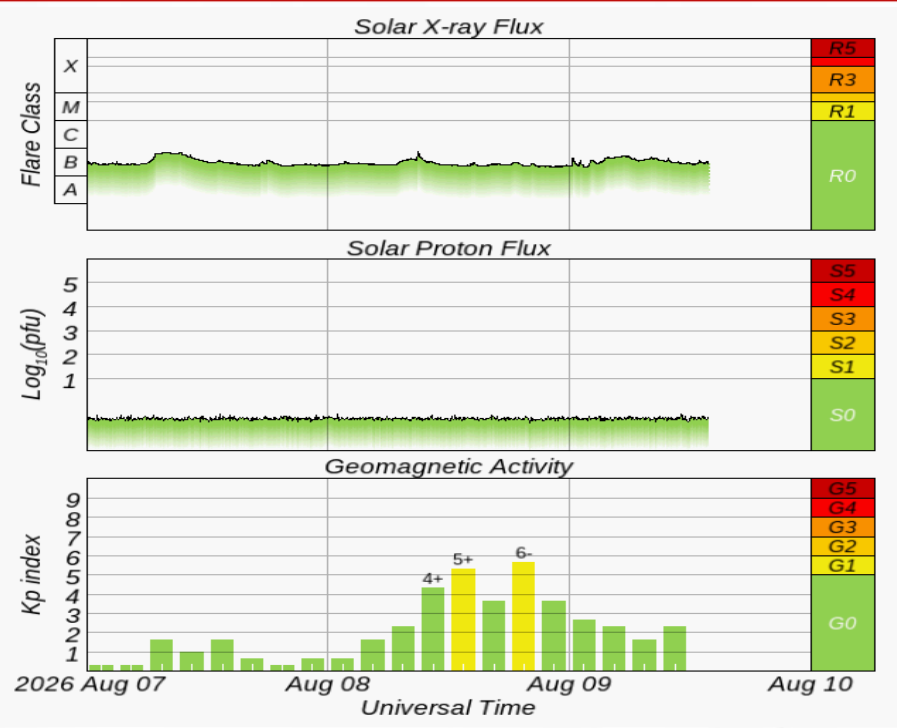
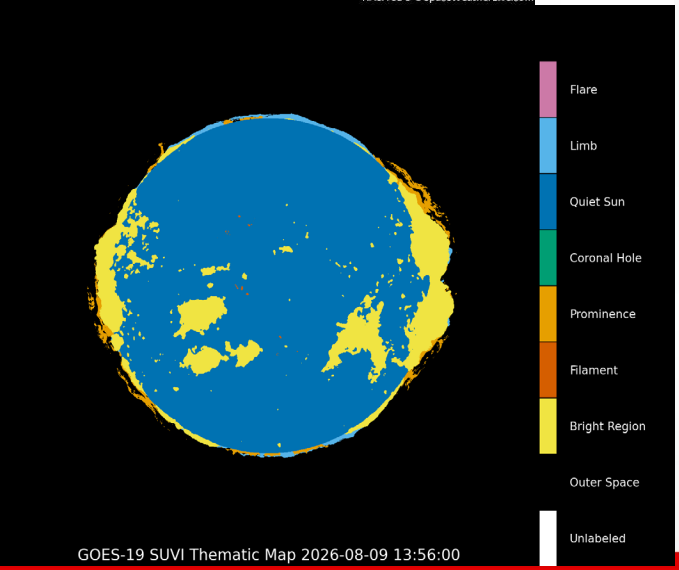




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 5%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B5 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/9	8/10
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 very low levels. Solar wind conditions may remain slightly enhanced through the evening today as influences from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the sun last week linger. Some active geomagnetic periods are expected today from glancing CME impacts. The geomagnetic field is expected to return to quiet to unsettled conditions through Tuesday, with an isolated chance for an active period. 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	
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