



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, August 10, 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	Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance / FDEM County EM Directors Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	City of Jax Wildfire Task Force MTG/FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Exercise Site Prep / FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting / Online IS Courses
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Response Meeting / FDEM & County EM Directors Meeting

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	Walton	Professional Development
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	State Directors Call / RC Meetng
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Levy	EM Recovery Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	Recovery Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	State Directors Call / RC Meetng
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	State Directors Call / RC Meetng
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	State Directors Call / RC Meetng

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

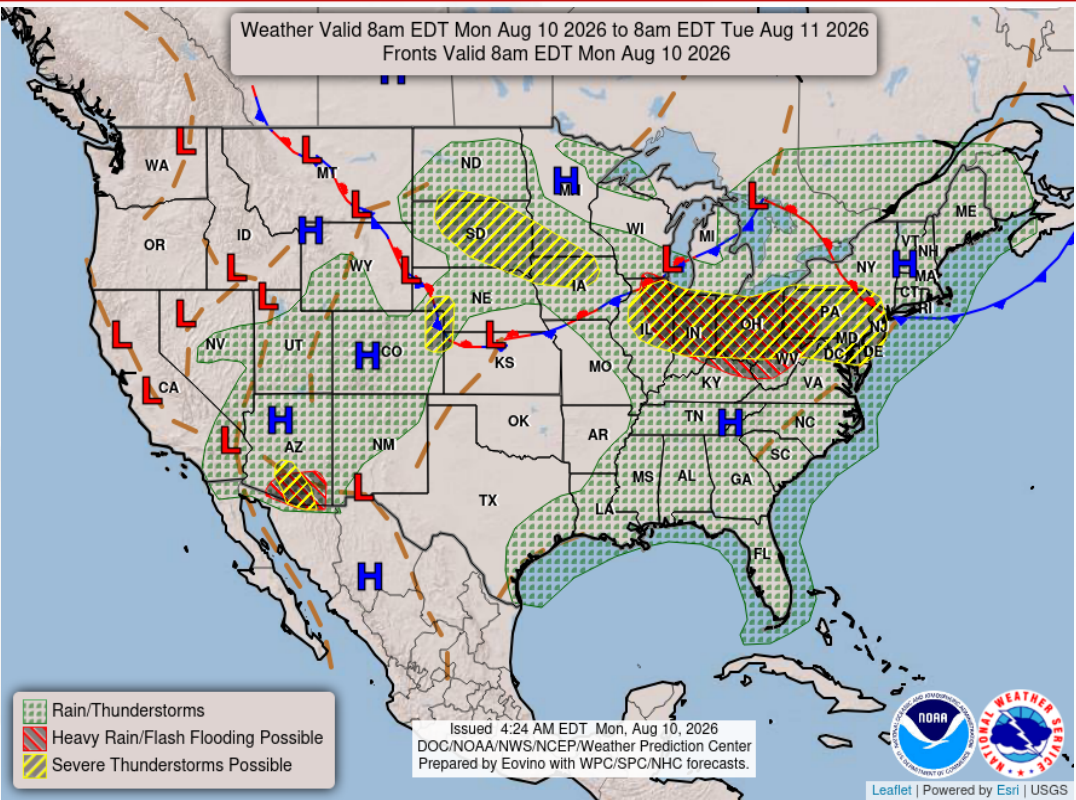
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

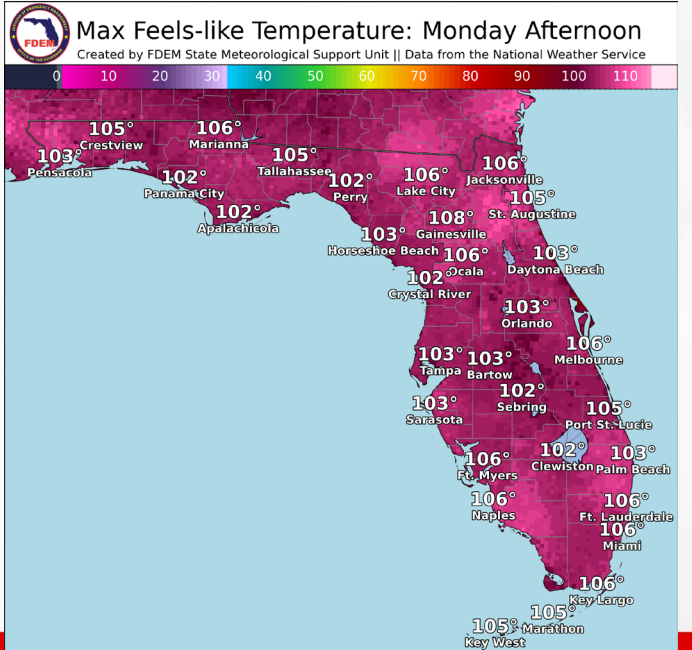
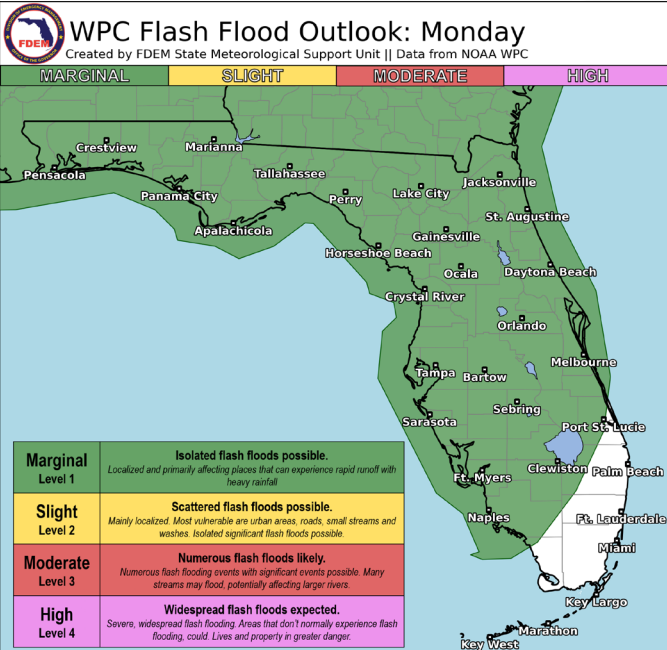


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.04 ft. (2.85 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	254 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





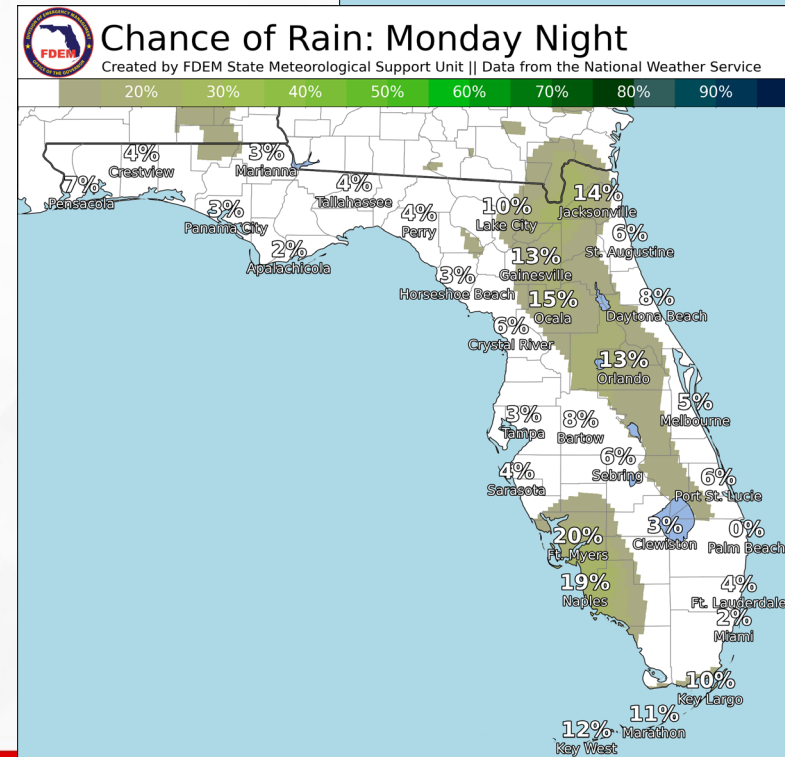
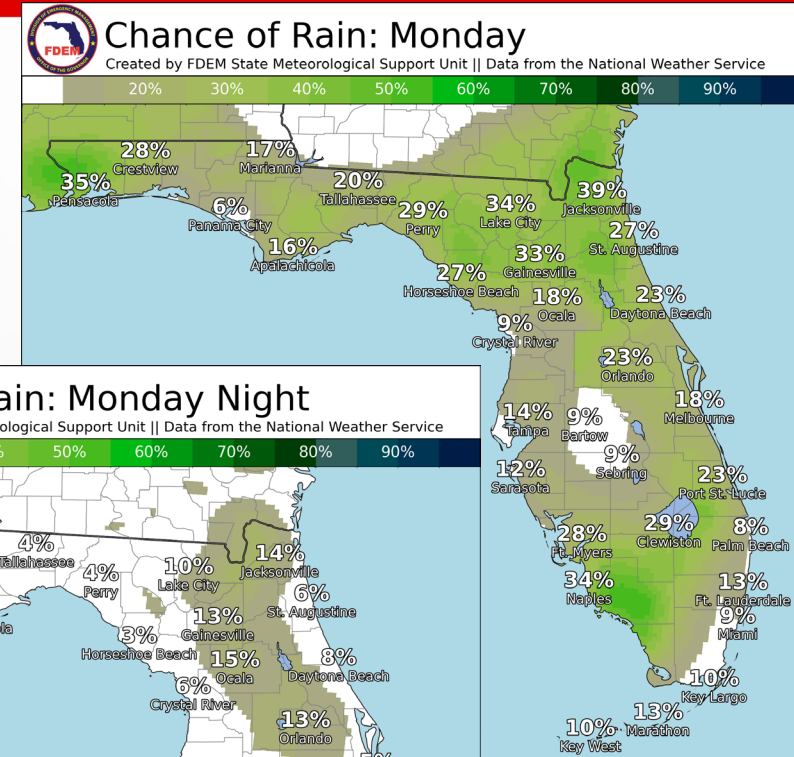
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another routine summer-like day is on tap for the Sunshine State today as area of high pressure over the western Atlantic continues to extend across the local region, helping to filter in drier air and suppress overall convective activity. Still, enough low-level moisture will exist for isolated to widely scattered showers and storms to develop across interior portions of the state this afternoon courtesy of daytime heating and the sea breezes (15-40% chance of rain). Activity will begin to develop around 1-3 PM this afternoon during peak heating hours, before advancing inland across the state. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout the state today, except Southeast Florida, for instances of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water** from any slow-moving thunderstorms capable of a **quick 1-2" of rain**. Urban, low-lying, and poor drainage locations will be most susceptible to isolated flooding. The strongest thunderstorm activity will contain **lightning** and **gusty winds (30-50 mph)**.

With less cloud coverage expected today, temperatures will be on the rise into the **lower to middle 90s** statewide. Combined with the humidity, afternoon feels-like temperatures will peak in the **lower to middle 100s** across the state, with **upper 100s** across portions of Southeast and Southwest Florida where a **Heat Advisory** is in effect this afternoon.

Tonight, any lingering showers or thunderstorms will begin to wane and dissipate after sunset. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s, 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.

Eastern and Central Tropical Atlantic: A small area of low pressure located a few hundred miles south of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. As this system moves slowly westward, a tropical wave currently over west Africa is expected to merge with it in a couple of days. Environmental conditions are forecast to be more conducive for development by midweek, and a tropical depression could form during the latter half of this week while the system moves westward to west-northwestward across the central tropical Atlantic.

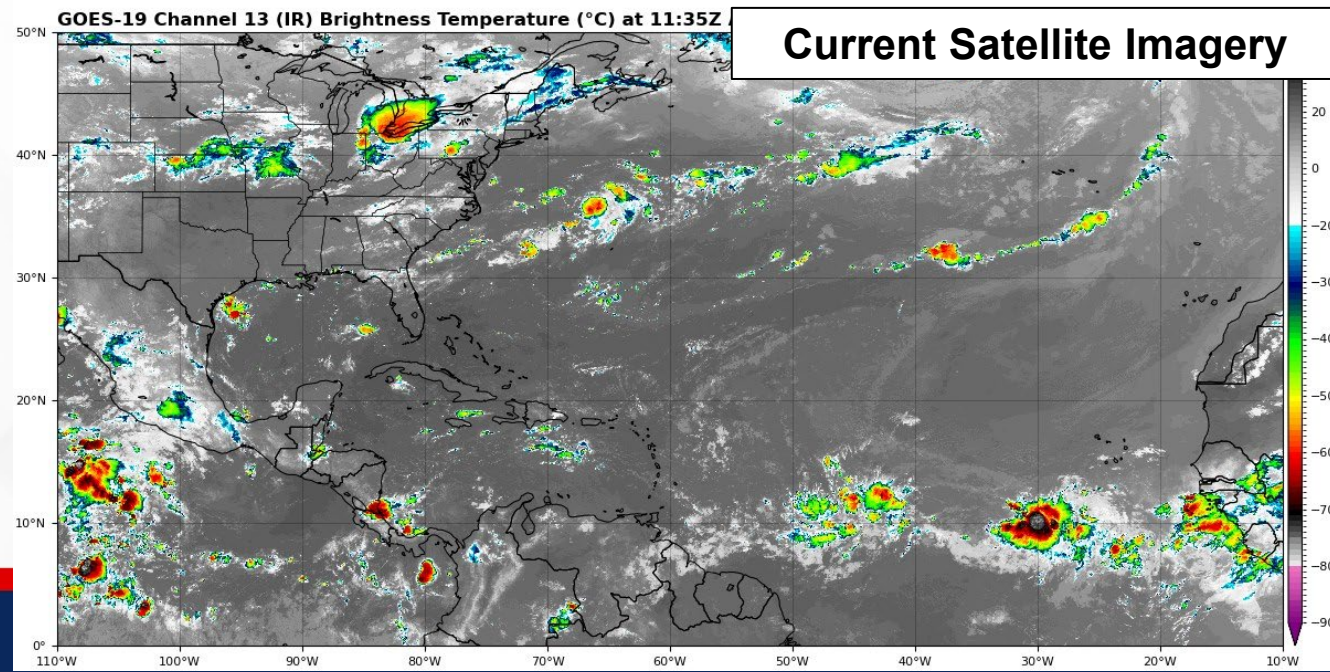
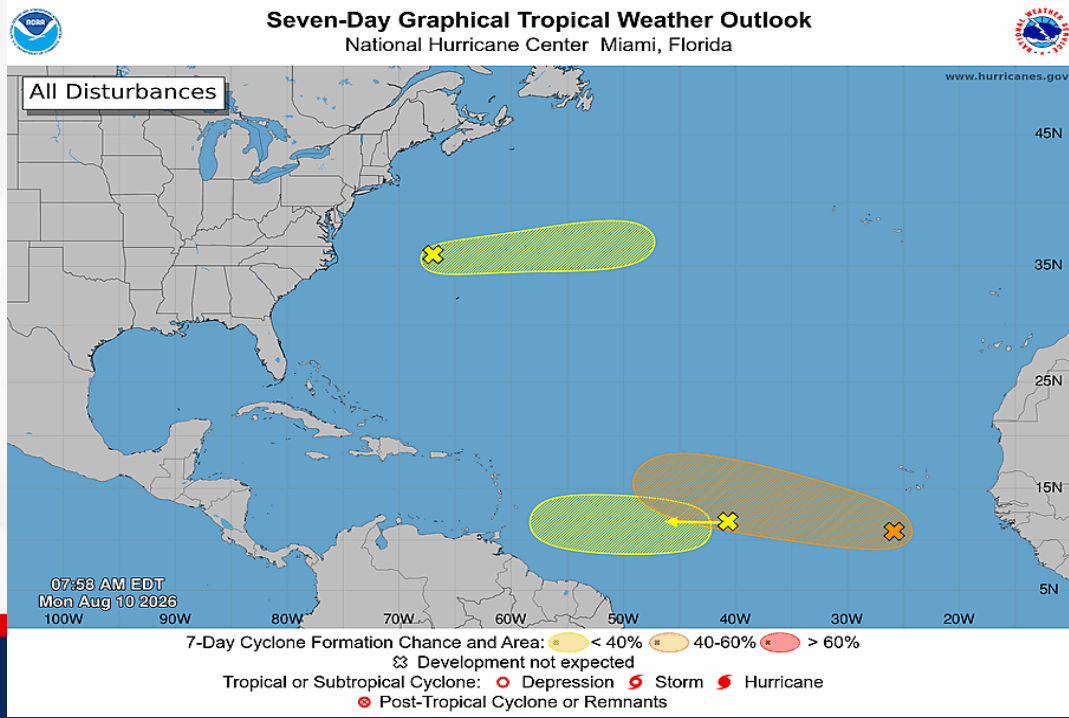
- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 20%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **medium... 60%.**

Central Tropical Atlantic: A broad area of showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical wave is located about midway between the coast of west Africa and the Lesser Antilles. Some gradual development of this wave is possible through mid-week while it moves quickly 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... 10%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **low... 10%.**

Western Subtropical Atlantic: A broad area of low pressure located a few hundred miles northwest of Bermuda is producing disorganized shower and thunderstorm activity. Some development of this system is possible during the next couple of days while it moves quickly eastward, well to the north of Bermuda across the western and central subtropical Atlantic. The system is forecast to reach cooler waters later this week, ending its chances of formation after Wednesday.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 10%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **low... 10%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all East Coast and eastern Panhandle beaches today. A low risk will persist for West Coast and western Panhandle beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf near 1-3' is expected for all statewide beaches today.

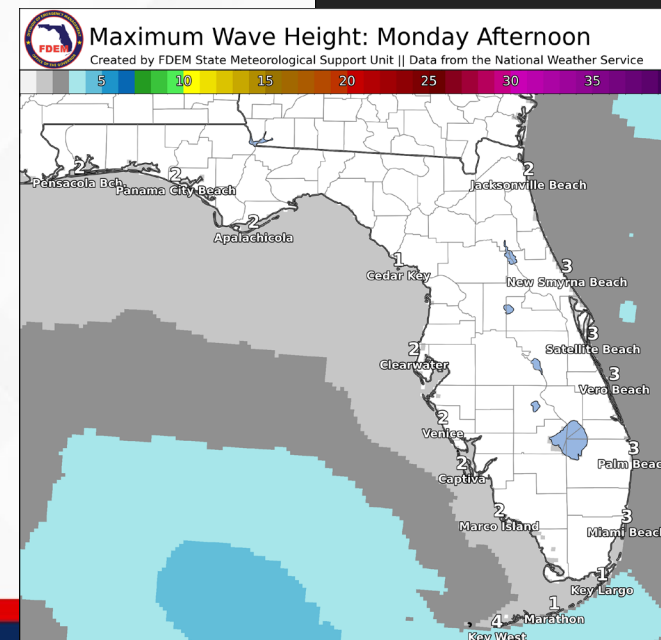
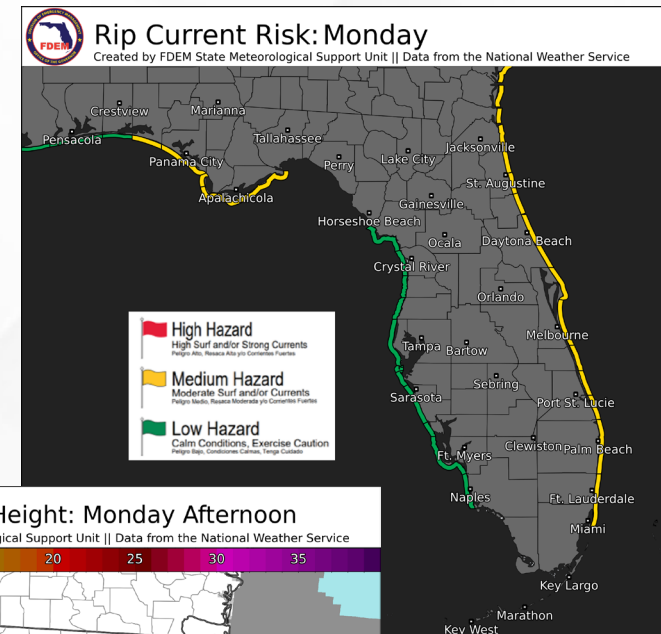
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, and Wakulla counties and background to low concentrations in Nassau and Duval counties (valid 8/7/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked throughout the state today, except Southeast Florida, for slow-moving afternoon **heavy downpours** that could produce a quick **1-2" of rain**. Areas of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water** may result in areas that do receive multiple rounds of **heavy thunderstorms**. 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 11.04 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.85 feet below normal for this time of year.



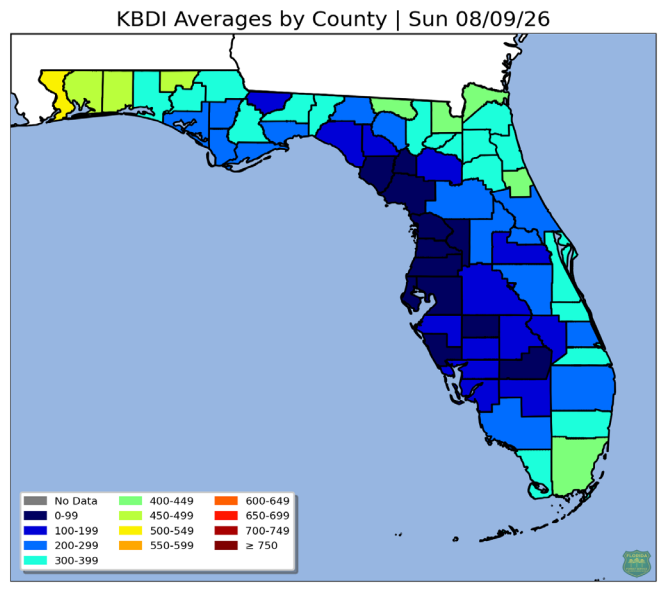
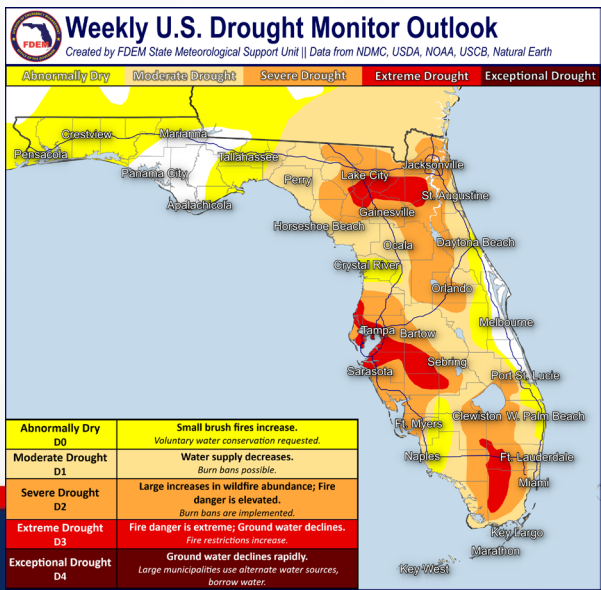


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Isolated to 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 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,710 acres.

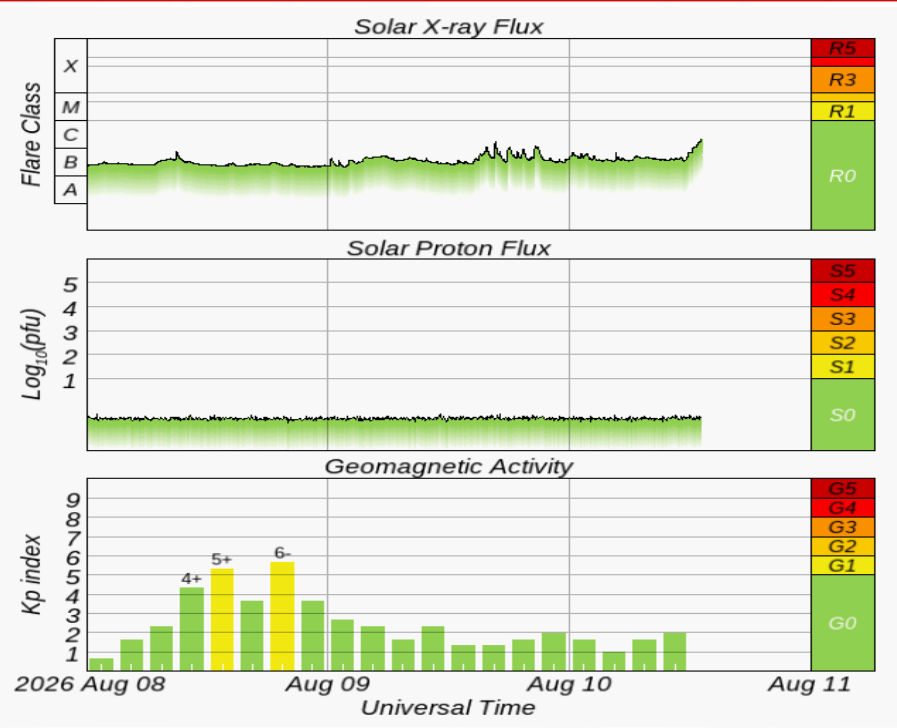
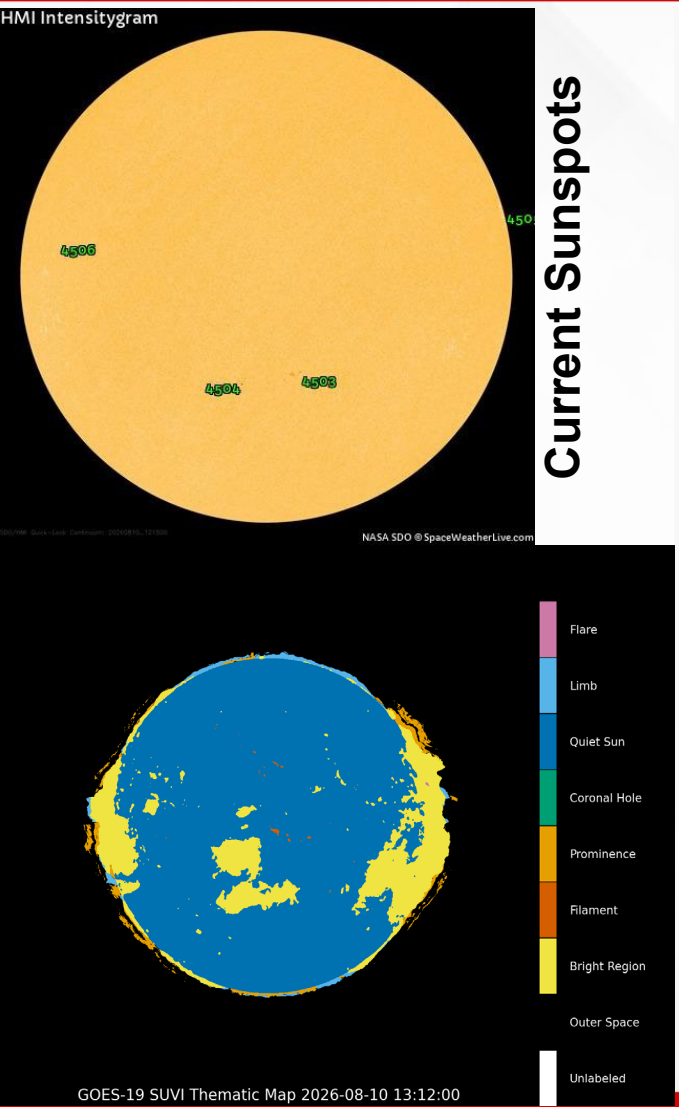
Drought (8/4/26): Notable categorical drought improvements were observed for many across the state this week as a slow-moving frontal boundary interacted with richly moist air to promote widespread heavy rainfall over the weekend. Widespread categorical improvements were observed within the Big Bend, 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 **254 (+1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **1 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: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/10	8/11
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low to very low levels. Moderate solar wind conditions are expected to continue through Monday, with some enhancements on Tuesday and Wednesday from an additional CME that left the Sun on Saturday. Geomagnetic conditions will remain mostly at quiet to unsettled levels through the next 3 days, through a chance for active to G1 (minor) storming is possible by Wednesday due to the arrival of the CME. 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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