



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, October 29, 2026



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 1: Full Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden	SR EM Meeting / NWS Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	Planning Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	UNF Hurricane TTX
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	RCT Meeting / Agency Representative FQS Application Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	48th CST Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Response Coordination Team Meeting / Sun N' Fun Planning Meeting
Region 8: Keila Puello	St Lucie, Miami-Dade	Treasure Coast Food Bank Bldg Ceremony / RCT Mtg / Travel to Region 10
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Collier	County Public Safety / EM Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Response Coordination Team Meeting



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

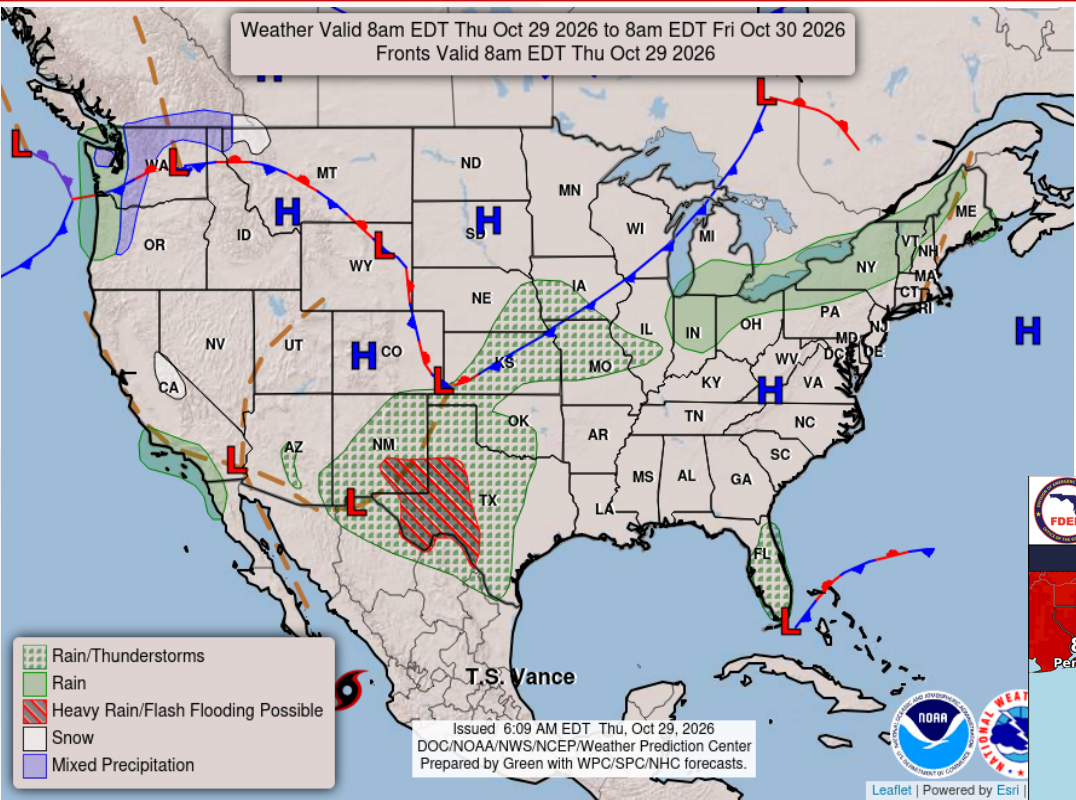
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa	Hurricane Isaias Recovery
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Walton	Hurricane Isaias Recovery Liason
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Alachua	CWMBP Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	FEPA Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Santa Rosa	Hurricane Isaias Recovery Liason
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	Vehicle Maintenace

Region 6, 7, 8, & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

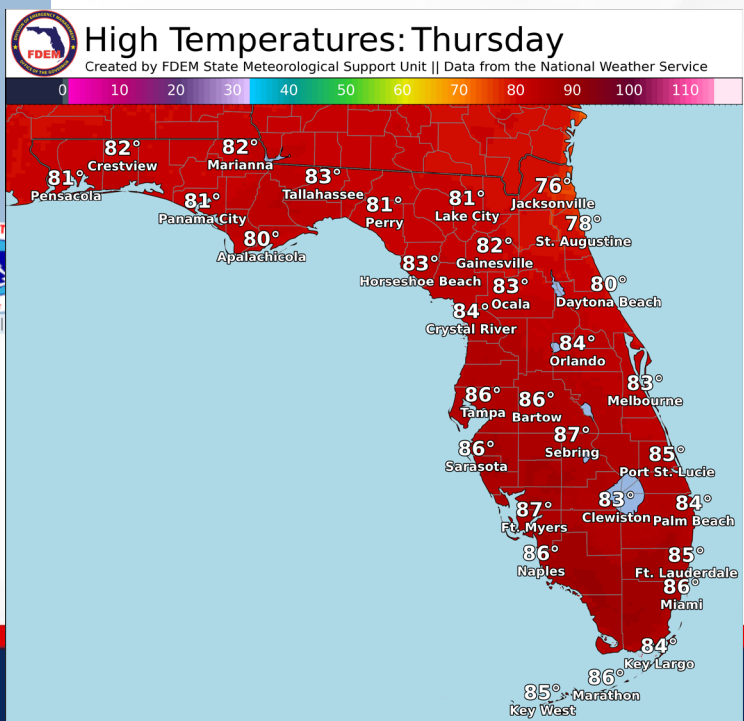
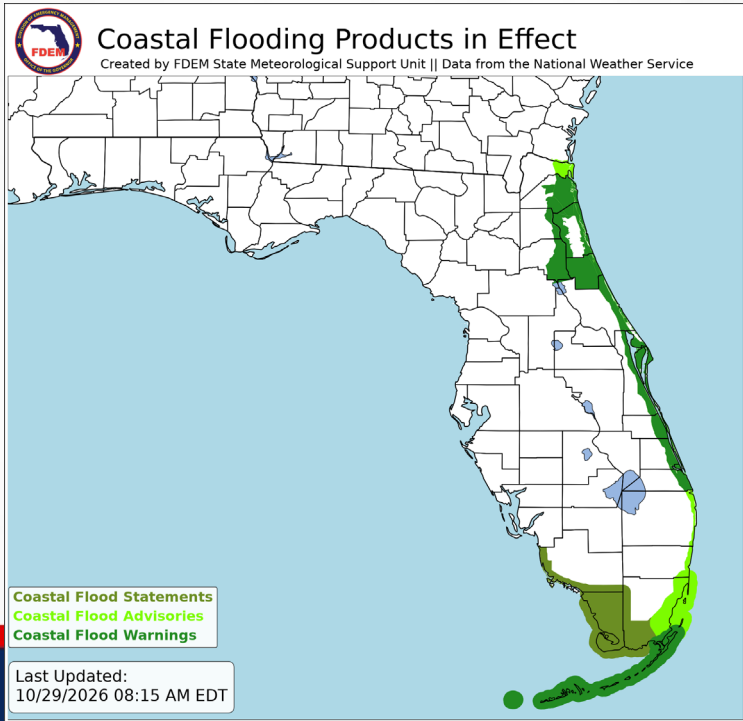


Meteorology Summary



Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	L		L	L	L	
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L								
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.65ft. (2.39 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	219 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map





Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Wind conditions continue today but are weaker as the state of Florida remains anchored between an area of low pressure over the Bahamas and a high pressure across the Eastern United States. Winds across Central and Northeast Florida will gust to **25+ mph**, while regions across North and South Florida have lower wind gusts of **15-20 mph**. Some locations, particularly along Central Florida coastal locations, may infrequently gust to **30+ mph**. Rain chances today are confined to Central East Coast Beaches, including the Space Coast, with chances of 40-60% today through this evening. Elevated onshore flow will help produce persistent onshore-moving scattered showers and a chance for thunderstorms.

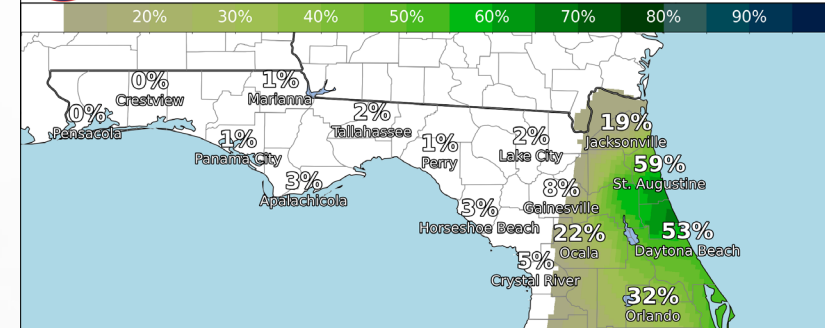
Across the Panhandle, another pleasant day is in store with highs in the lower 80s, with coastal areas of Northeast Florida in the mid-70s, and overnight lows in the mid 60s across the Western Panhandle. Warmer temperatures are expected across Central and South Florida with highs generally in the lower to middle 80s and overnight lows in the low to mid 70s across Central Florida, and middle to upper 70s across South Florida.

A **Coastal Flood Warning** is in effect for the Florida East Coast north of Martin County including the St. Johns Tidal Basin and the FL Keys for **moderate** coastal flooding. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect for Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami Dade Counties for **moderate** coastal flooding. **Poor Marine conditions** will continue during high tide and remain elevated through Friday. **High surf advisories** remain in effect for areas north of Palm Beach counties along with a **High Risk of Life-Threatening Rip Currents** for all East Coast Beaches.



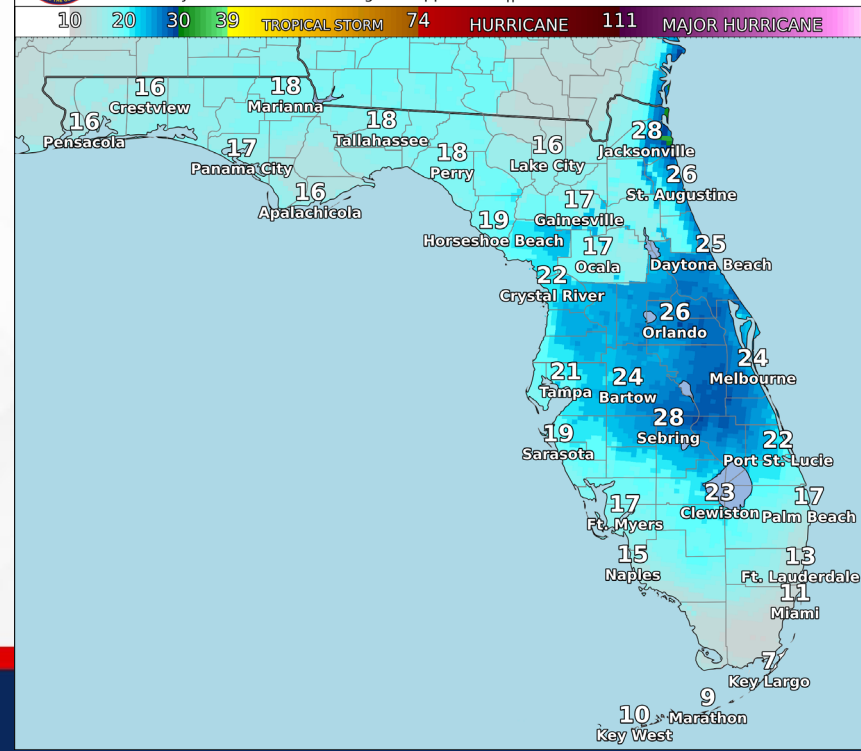
Chance of Rain: Thursday

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Max Wind Gusts: Thursday

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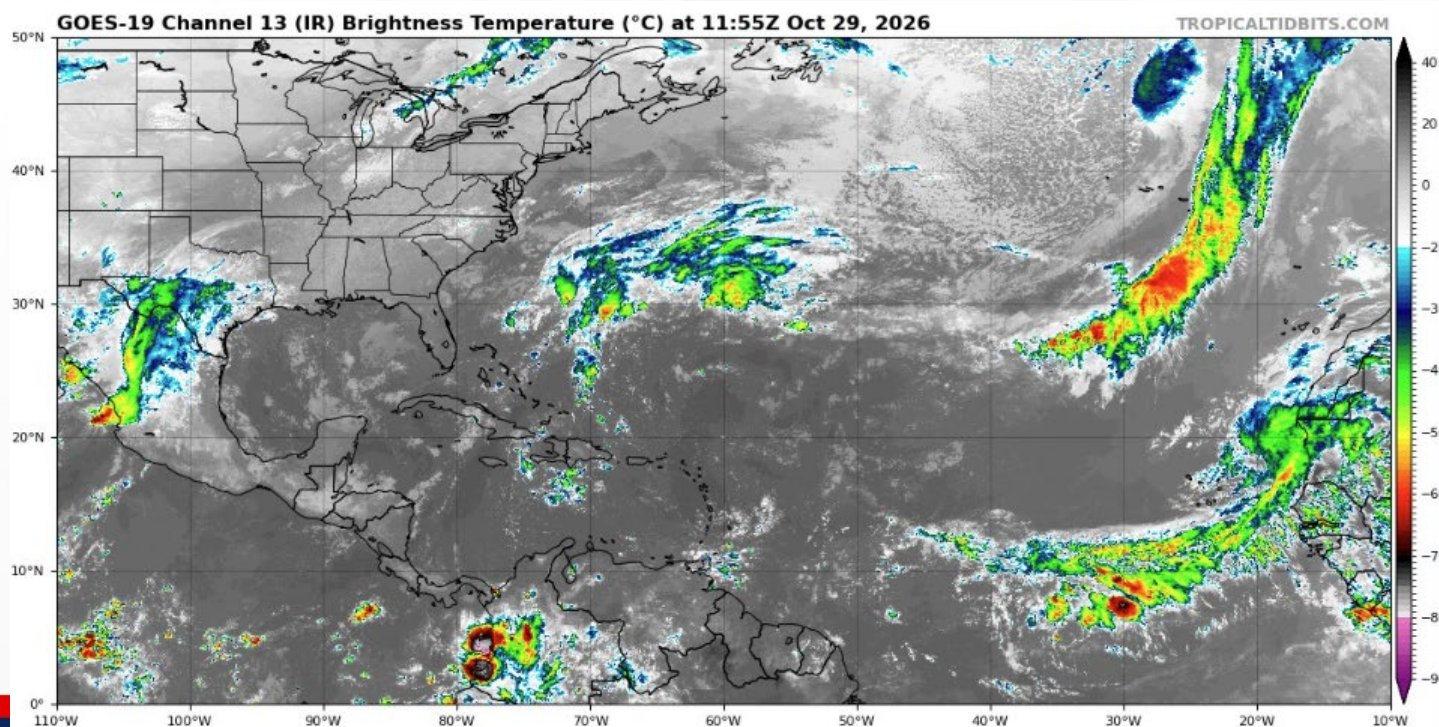




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Cyclone Development is NOT EXPECTED over the next 7-days





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today across all East Coast Beaches and Franklin County Beaches. A **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** is outlooked for the Florida Panhandle. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked for Northwest beaches and Big Bend. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Poor marine conditions** continue today with easterly-northeasterly winds of **15-20 knots** along the Atlantic Coast. A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect for all East Coast Waters north of Martin County, as well as offshore waters of the Panhandle. Wave heights will be highest across Central East Coast FL today, at **7-10'**. Wave heights will be lower across South FL at **4-6'** and **1-3'** are expected for all other Florida beaches as northeasterly winds remain across the state.

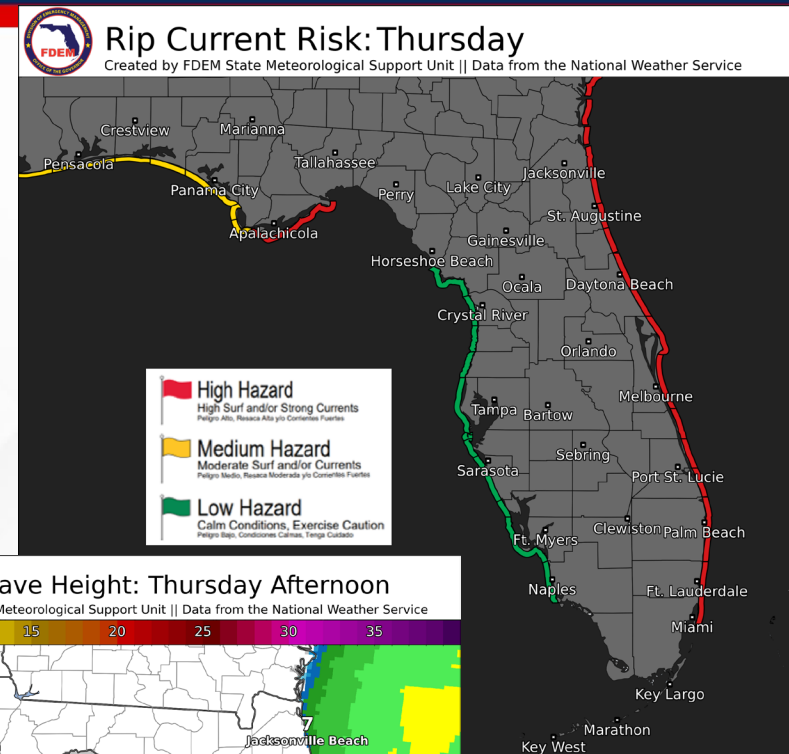
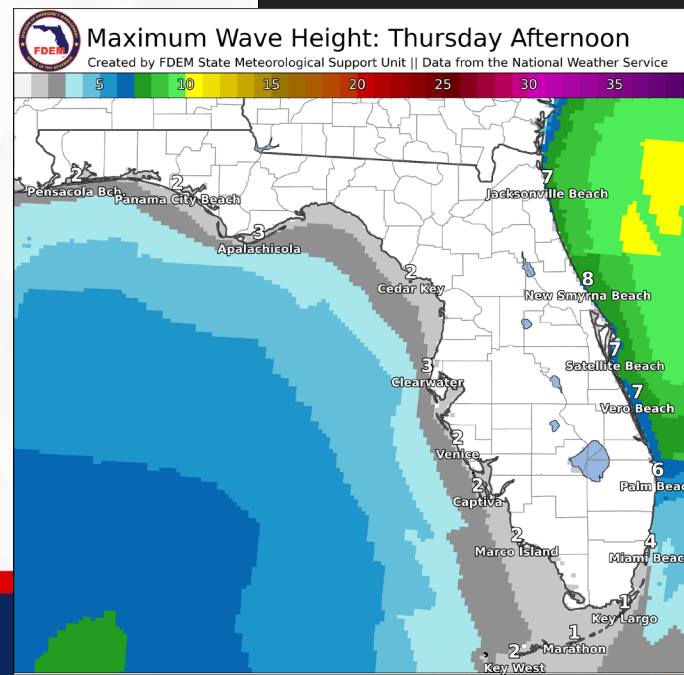
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough and Sarasota Counties and medium concentrations in Gulf County. (10/23).

Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Warning** is in effect for all East Coast Beaches and the Tidal St. Johns River Basin today for **Moderate** Coastal Flooding. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect for Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami Dade for **Moderate** Coastal Flooding. A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for portions of Coastal Southeast FL and Extreme South Florida. Inundation of low-lying areas along coastal locations is expected around the time of high tide.

Flash Flooding: There is no threat of flash flooding today. For more information, visit the [Weather Prediction Center](#).

Riverine Flooding: The [St Johns River at Astor](#) remains in **moderate flood stage** and is expected to remain at moderate stage for the near future from northeasterly winds continuing into this weekend. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 12.65 feet, which is 2.39 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



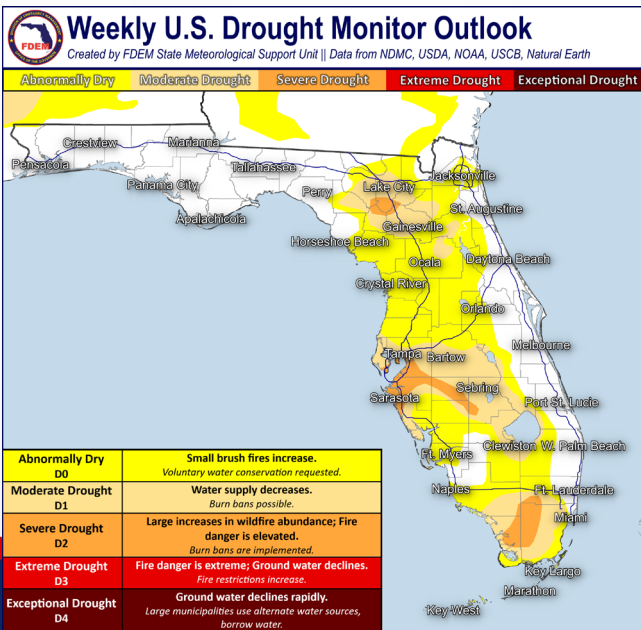
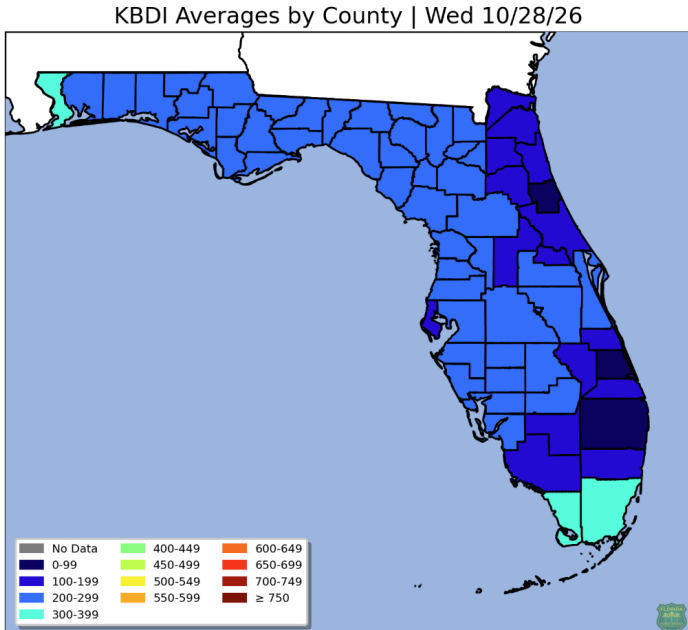
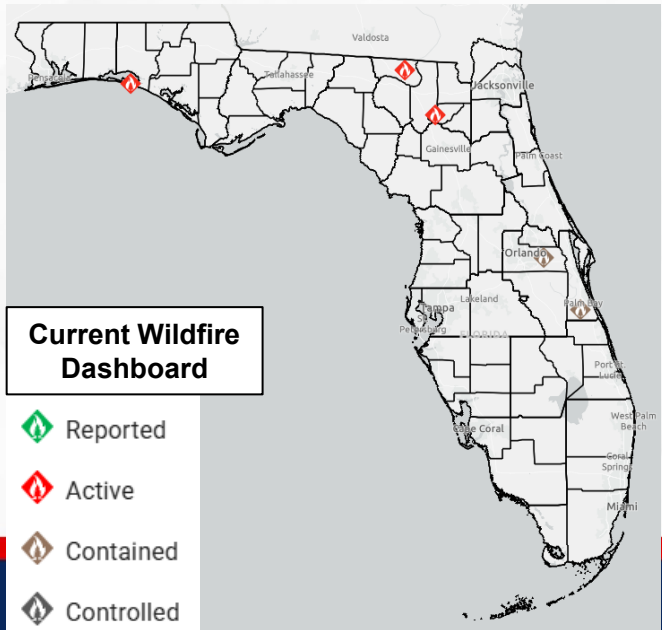


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Fire weather is marginal today across North Florida courtesy of the ongoing dry spell, higher than normal winds, lower relative humidity values, and recent wildfire activity. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 5 active wildfire, a decrease from 8, across the state burning approximately 2096 acres.

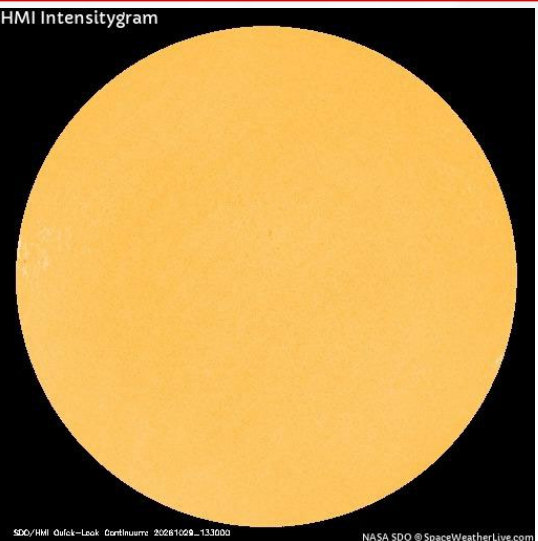
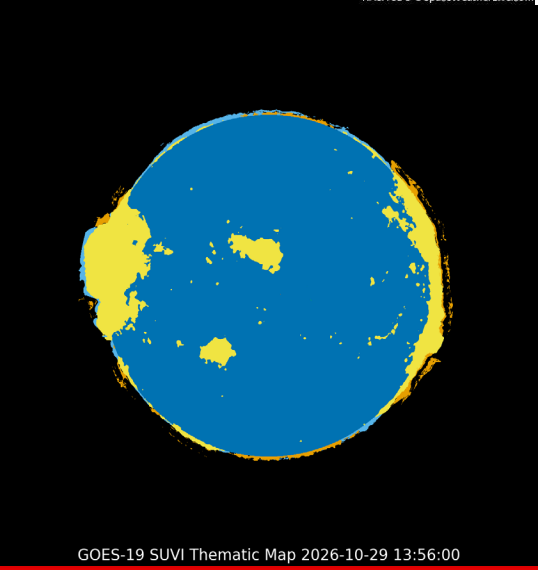
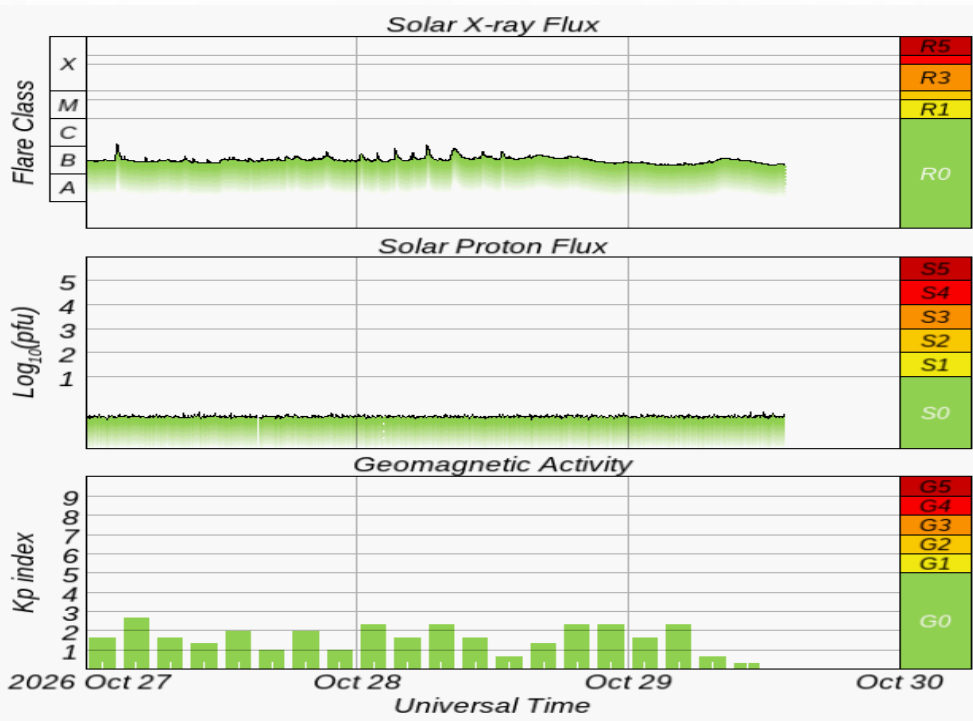
Drought (10/22/26): Minimal drought improvements were made this week across much of the state. 1 category improvement in pockets of Hendry and Collier county led to a smaller area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** in the region. Only a small remaining spot of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** is in place across the lower Santa Fe Basin, surrounded by an area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** across the remainder of the Santa Fe River Basin. Along the Florida West Coast, no category drought improvement was designated through the Tampa metro southward to Fort Myers, resulting in only a small area of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** from Tampa southward to Sarasota and just south of Sebring. Surrounding this area over the Florida interior along the Kissimmee River into Lake Okeechobee is an area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Much of the state remains unchanged this week. Only about 5% of the state remains in **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. About 42% of the state has no drought designation.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida on Tuesday was **219 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Most increases occurred across the Florida Panhandle and Southwest Florida. There are **0 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: 5%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B6 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
10/29	10/30
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels through 30 Oct, with a slight chance for a C-class flare through 31 Oct. Ambient solar wind conditions will continue through 29 Oct, with slight increases by 30 Oct. Mostly quiet to very quiet conditions return today through 29 Oct with a slight uptick on the 30th into 31st. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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