Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, October 30, 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	Office Admin / RCT Hot Wash
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	County EM Meeting / RCT Hot Wash
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Alachua	County EM Visit / RCT Hot Wash / End of Month Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	MCI Planning Meeting / RCT Hot Wash
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia, Seminole	CFCC Meeting / POTUS County / City EM Support / RCT Hot Wash
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin / RCT Hot Wash
Region 7: Brian Carey	Highlands	Infectious Disease Public Helath Exercise / RCT Hot Wash
Region 8: Keila Puello	Miami-Dade, St Lucie	SERDSTF Meeting & Presentation / RCT Hot Wash
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Quarterly Meeting Prep / G-141 Course Prep / RCT Hot Wash
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	SERDSTF Meeting & Presentation / RCT Hot Wash

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa/Walton	Hurricane Isaias Recovery
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	Wildfire Mitigation Training
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Alachua	CWMBP Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Santa Rosa/Citrus	Traveling to Region 6
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	SERDSTF Regional Meeting

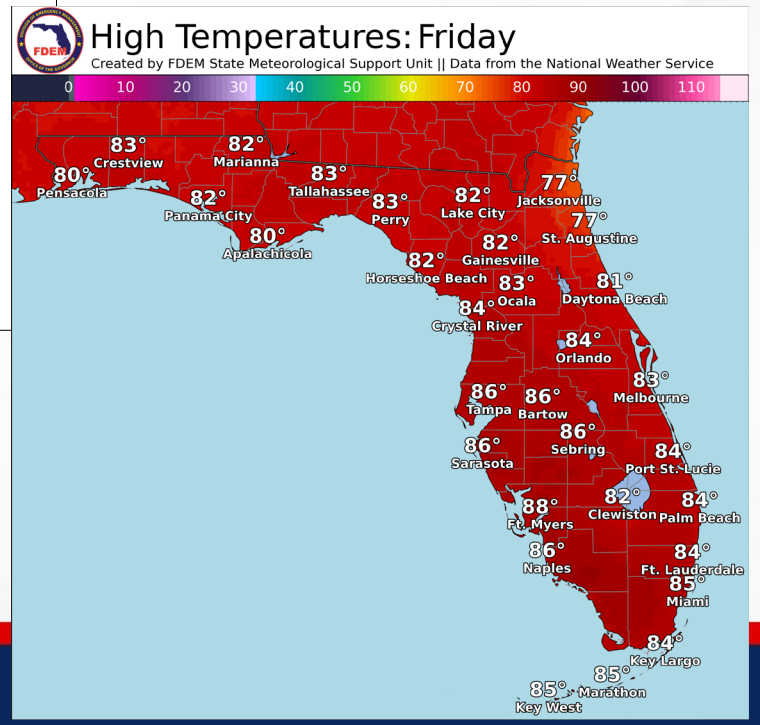
Region 2 & 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 6, 7, 8, & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

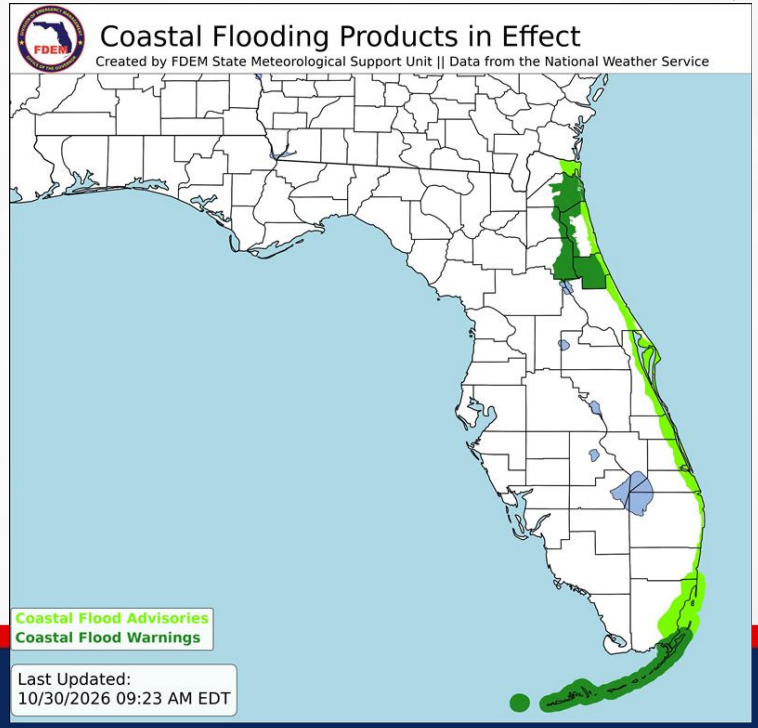
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

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	12.69ft. (2.34 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	225 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map





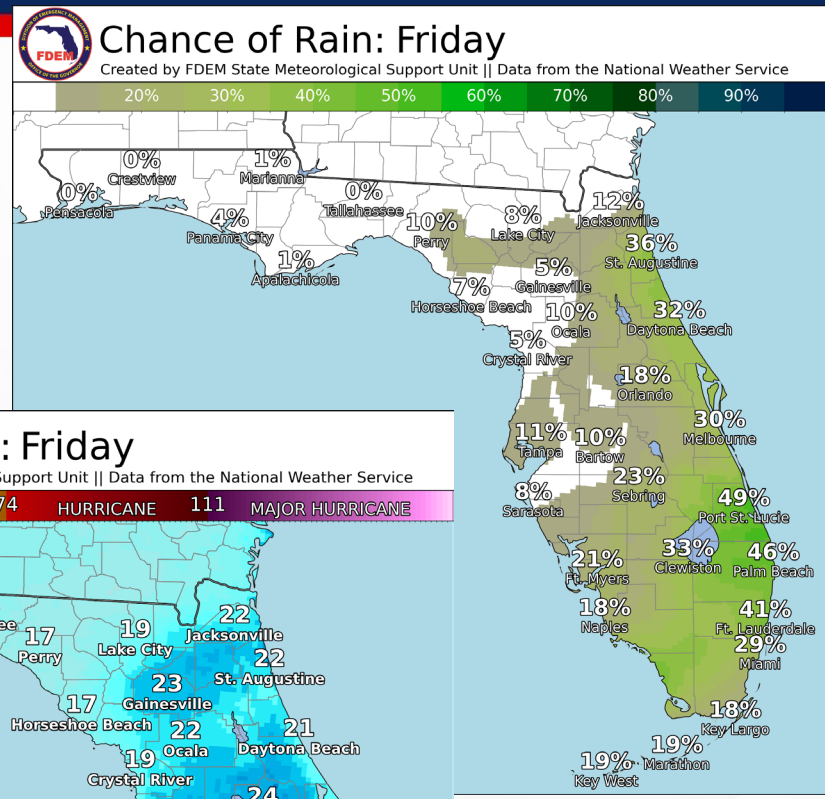
Meteorology Summary

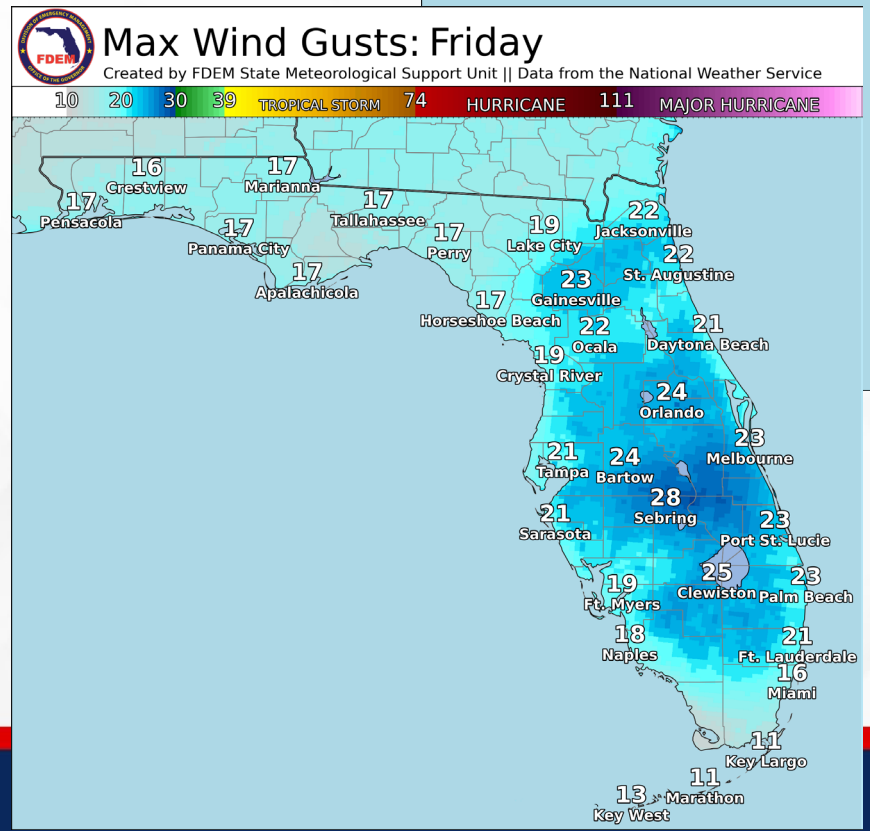
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Weak high pressure continues to build over the Deep South this morning. Clockwise flow around this high pressure continues to bring easterly onshore flow across Florida's East Coast. While this flow has declined considerably compared to early this week, it will still promote lingering coastal flooding hazards and some scattered showers and thunderstorms (30-50% chance) across the Eastern Peninsula. Increasingly moist air will help limit the extent of fire weather concerns, although dry fuels from a lack of recent rainfalls still makes for a low-end wildfire threat across North FL.

Temperature continue their upward climb to unseasonably warm values. High temperatures rise into the lower to middle 80s across the entire state this afternoon. Low temperatures will range from the middle to upper 60s across North Florida to the lower to middle 70s across South Florida. Most areas across the state will remain dry overnight outside of some isolated scattered showers (20% chance) across the East Coast relating to persistent onshore flow.

A **Coastal Flood Warning** is in effect for the tidal St. Johns River and Coastal Duval County for **minor to moderate** coastal flooding and for the Florida Keys for **moderate to major** coastal flooding. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect for the rest of the East Coast for **minor to moderate** coastal flooding. **Poor Marine conditions** will continue during high tide and remain elevated through Saturday. A **High Risk of Life-Threatening Rip Currents** remains in effects across all East Coast Beaches.

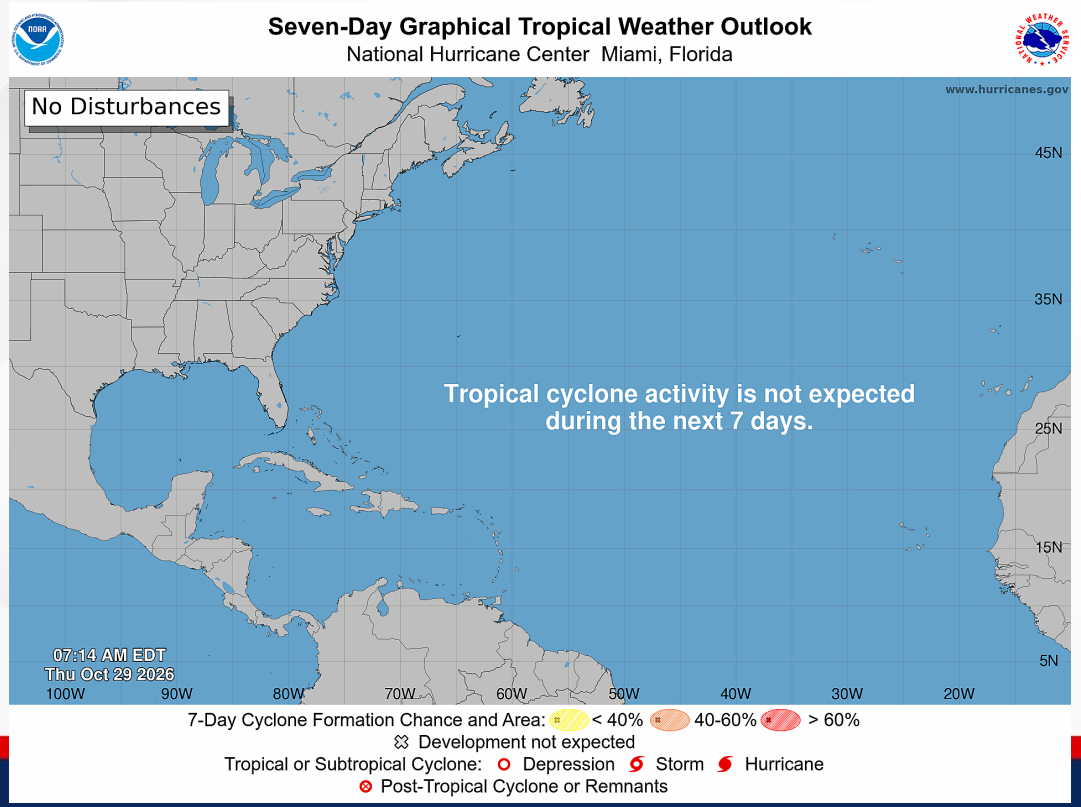


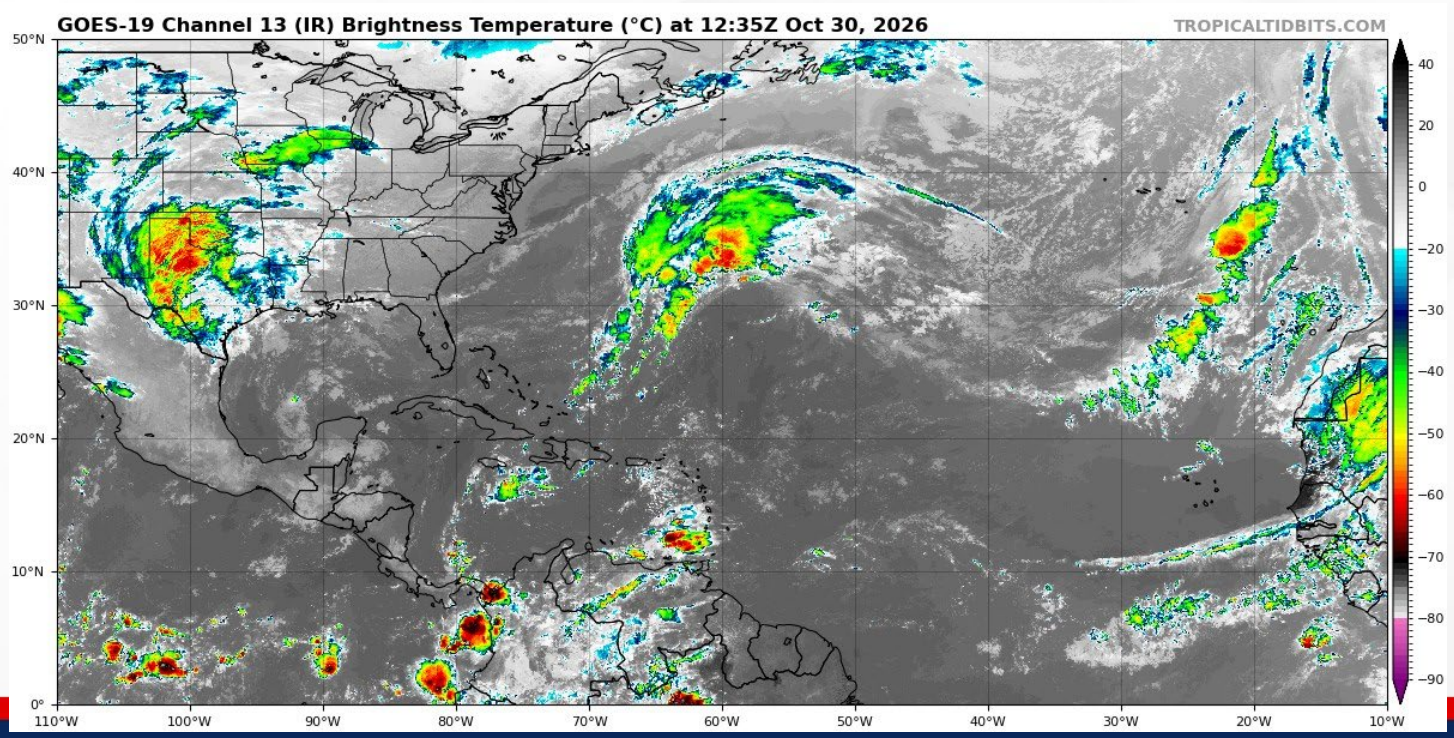


Tropical Weather

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 **6-7'**. Wave heights will be lower across South FL at **4-6',** with **1-3'** are expected for all other Florida beaches.

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

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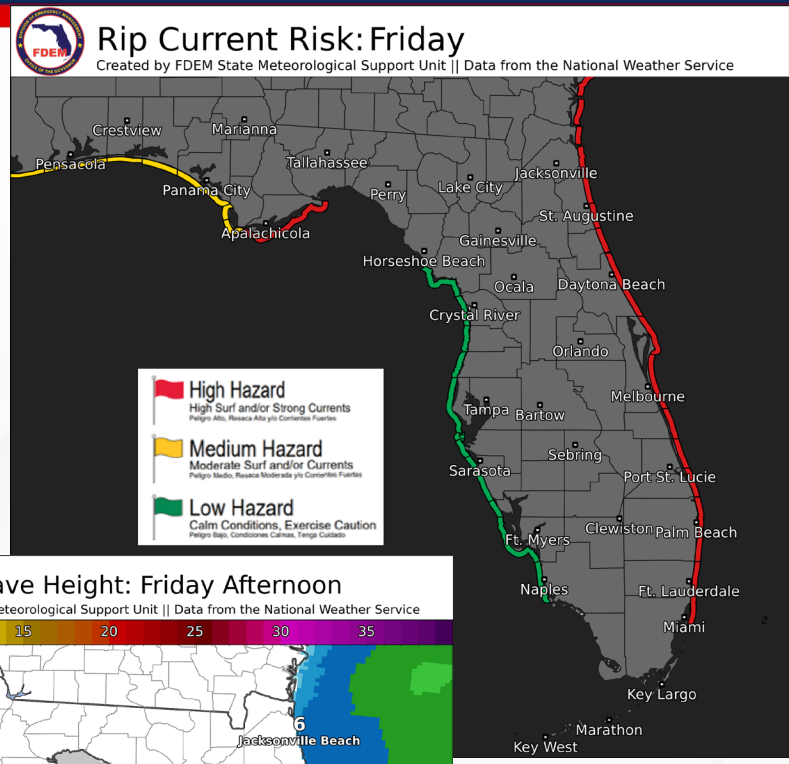
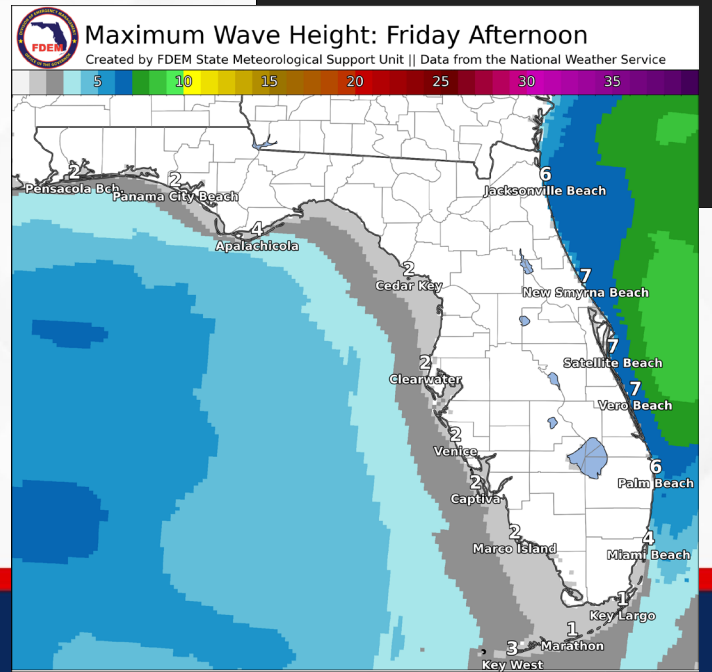
Flash Flooding: There is no threat of flash flooding today. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

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.



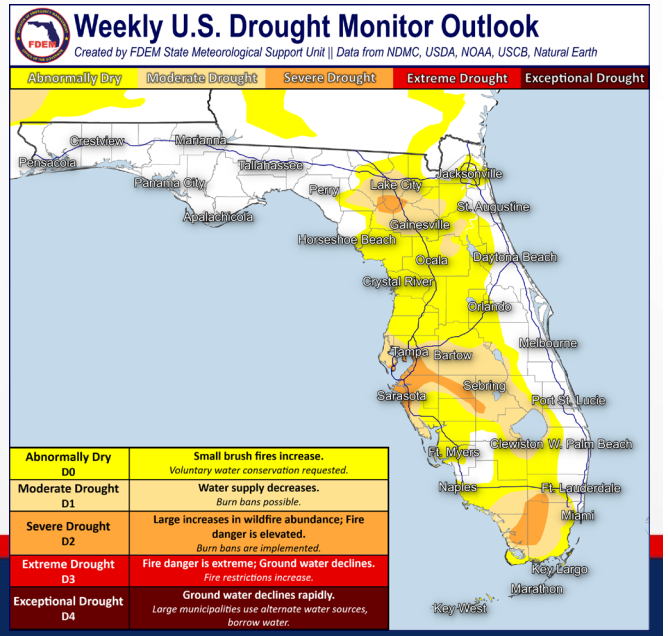


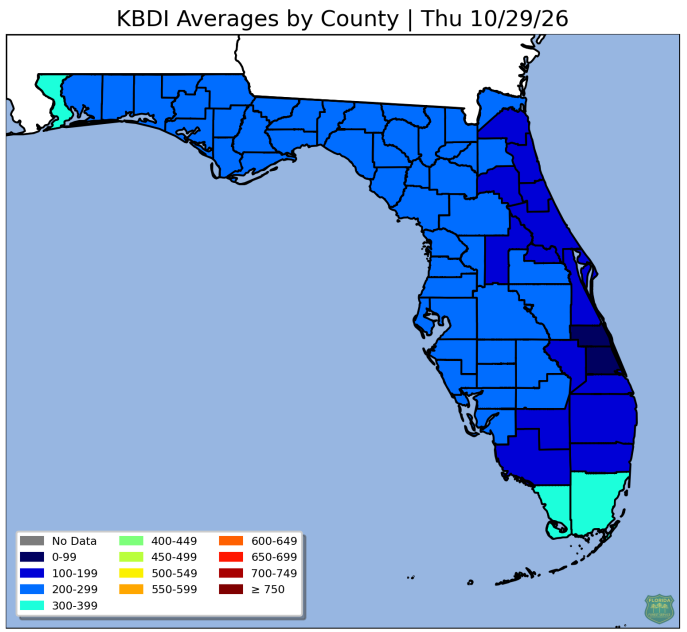
Drought & Fire Weather

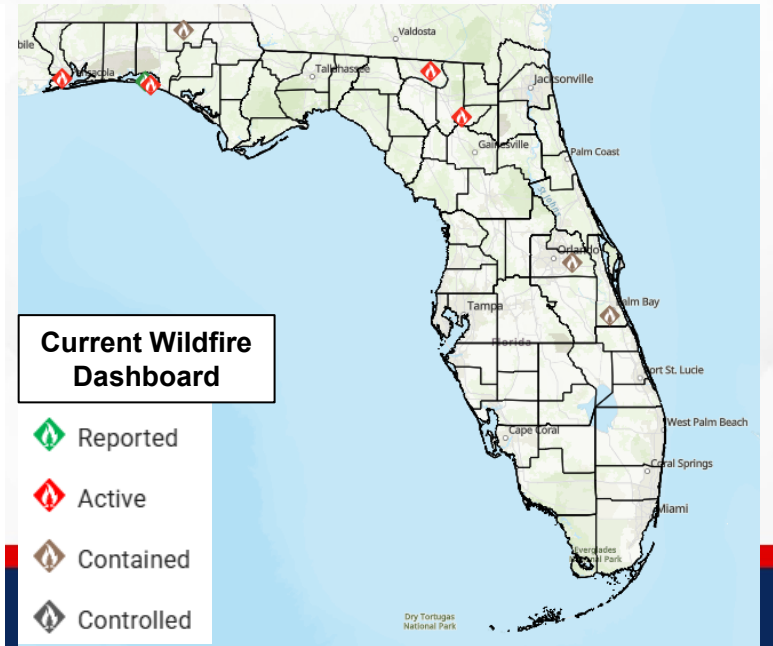
Fire Weather: Low-end fire weather concerns exist today across North Florida courtesy of the ongoing dry spell and recent wildfire activity, although increasingly moist air will help limit this somewhat. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 5 active wildfire, a decrease from 8, across the state burning approximately 2096 acres.

Drought (10/27/26): 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.

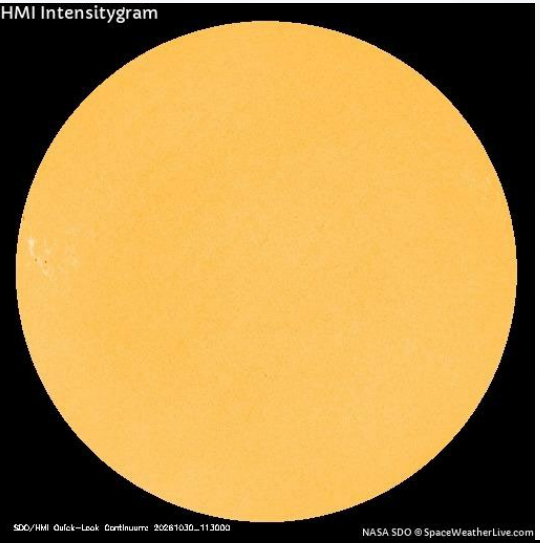
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **225 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Most increases occurred across the Florida Panhandle and Southwest Florida. There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



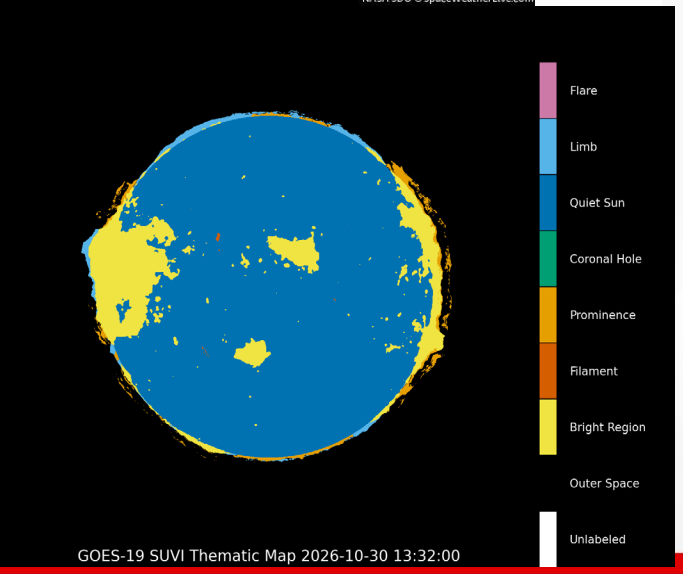


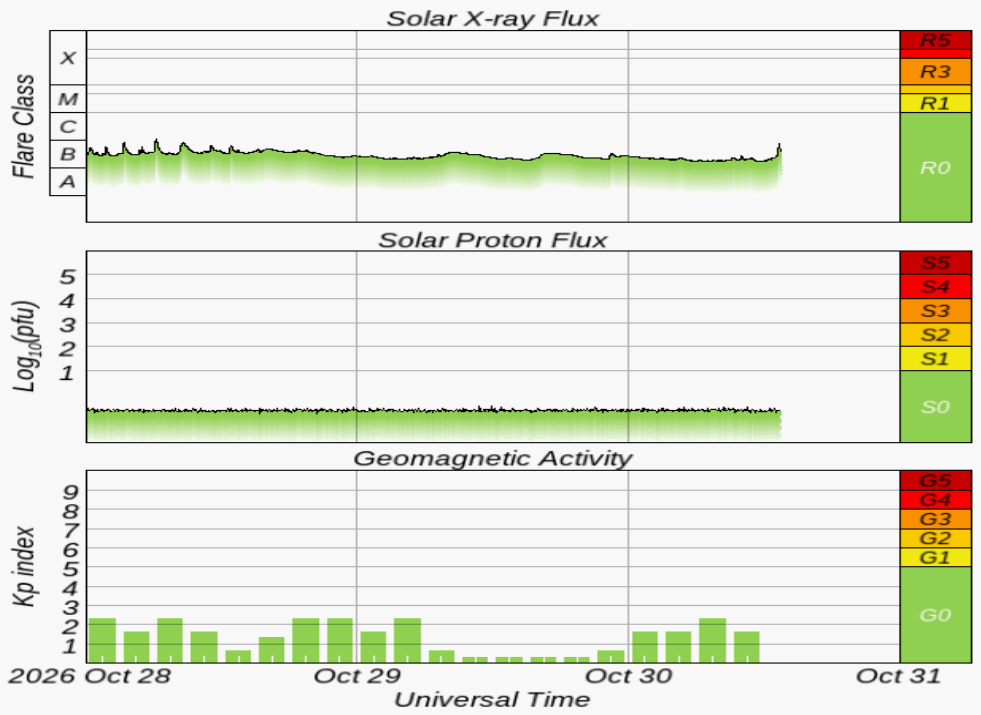


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B4 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
10/30	10/31
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 10%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels through 1 Nov, with an isolated chance for a C-class flare. Disturbances to the solar wind field will begin today and continue through 1 Nov. Unsettled to active geomagnetic conditions will develop late today, with minor geomagnetic storming likely on 31 Oct and 01 Nov. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
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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