Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, November 4, 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	Jackson	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jefferson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	Cyber Florida TTX
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	G-400 Course Instruction
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Brevard, Seminole	Flood Response
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Manatee	County EM Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	DeSoto	Flood Response
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach	Plane Crash & Flood Response
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Pinellas, Lee	G-141 Course / Return to Region 9 Travel
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Palm Beach, Broward	Plane Crash & Flood Response / OVS UC Meeting

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Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	Isaias Recovery
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jefferson	LMS Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Bradford	COAD Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Brevard	Fall Flooding Deployment
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Okeechobee	EOC - Recovery Liaison
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Region 4, 5, 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
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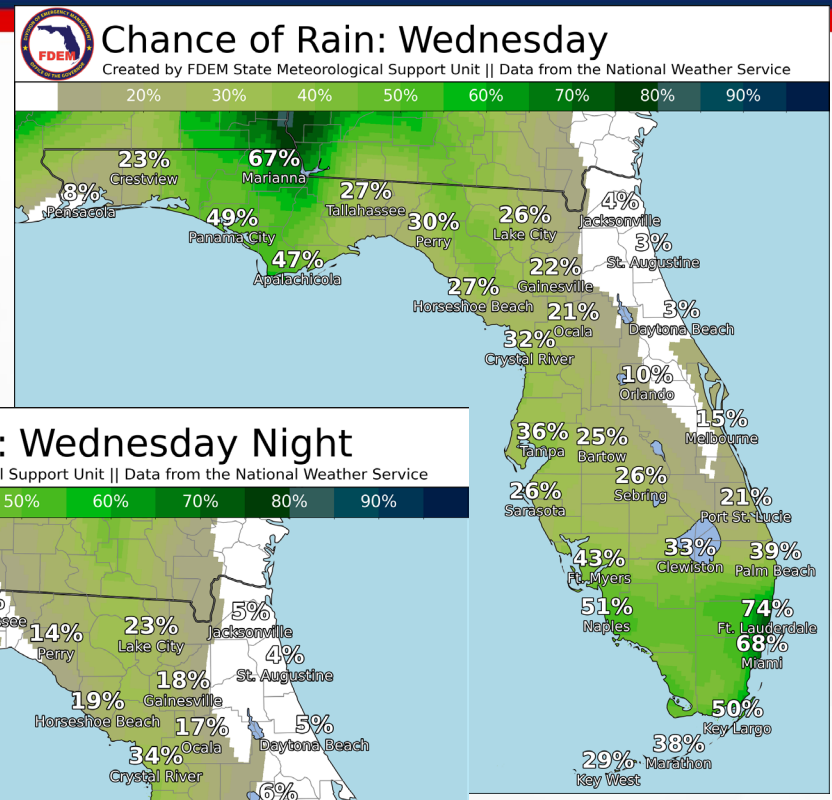

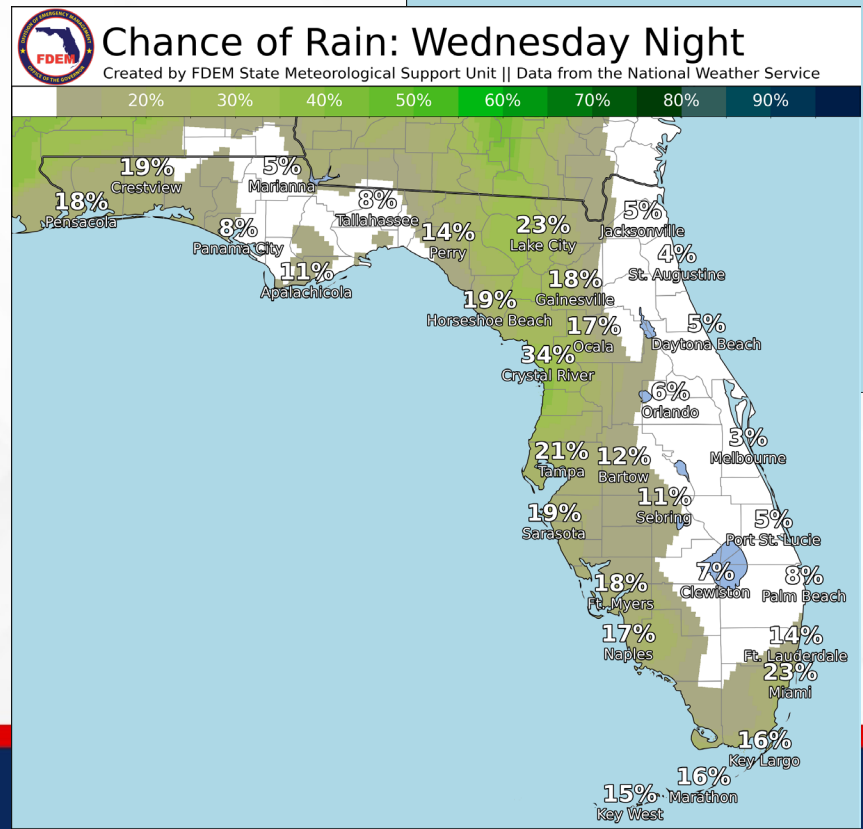

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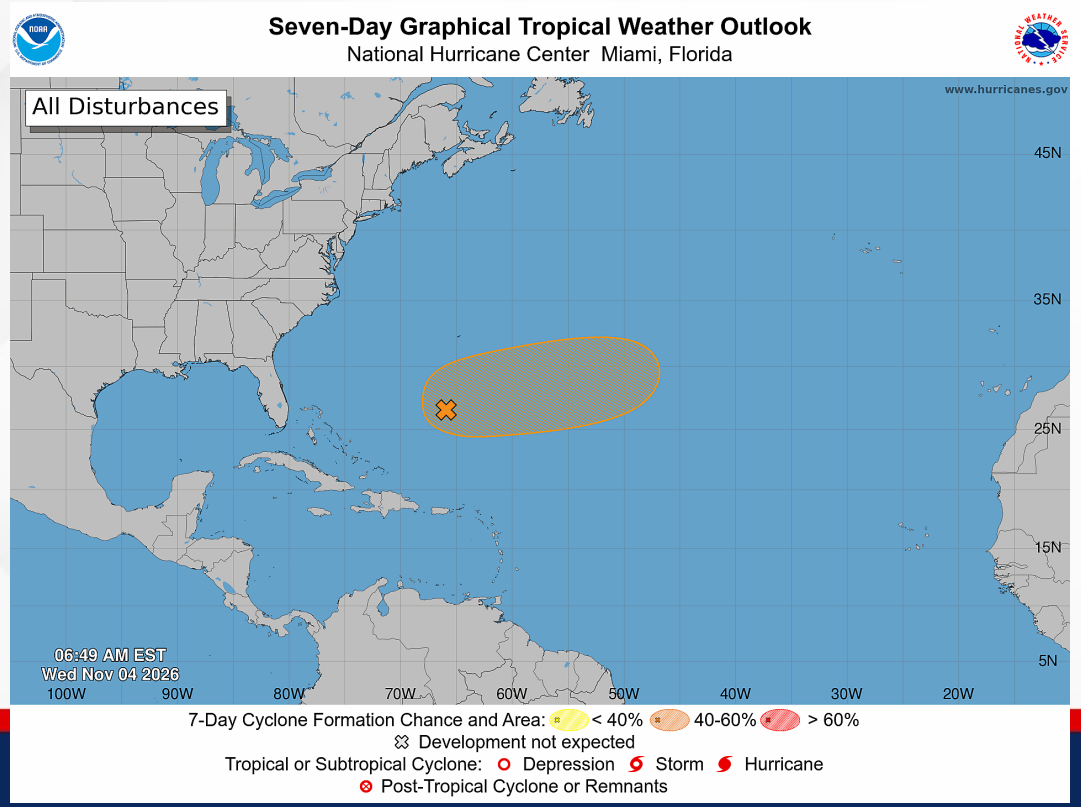

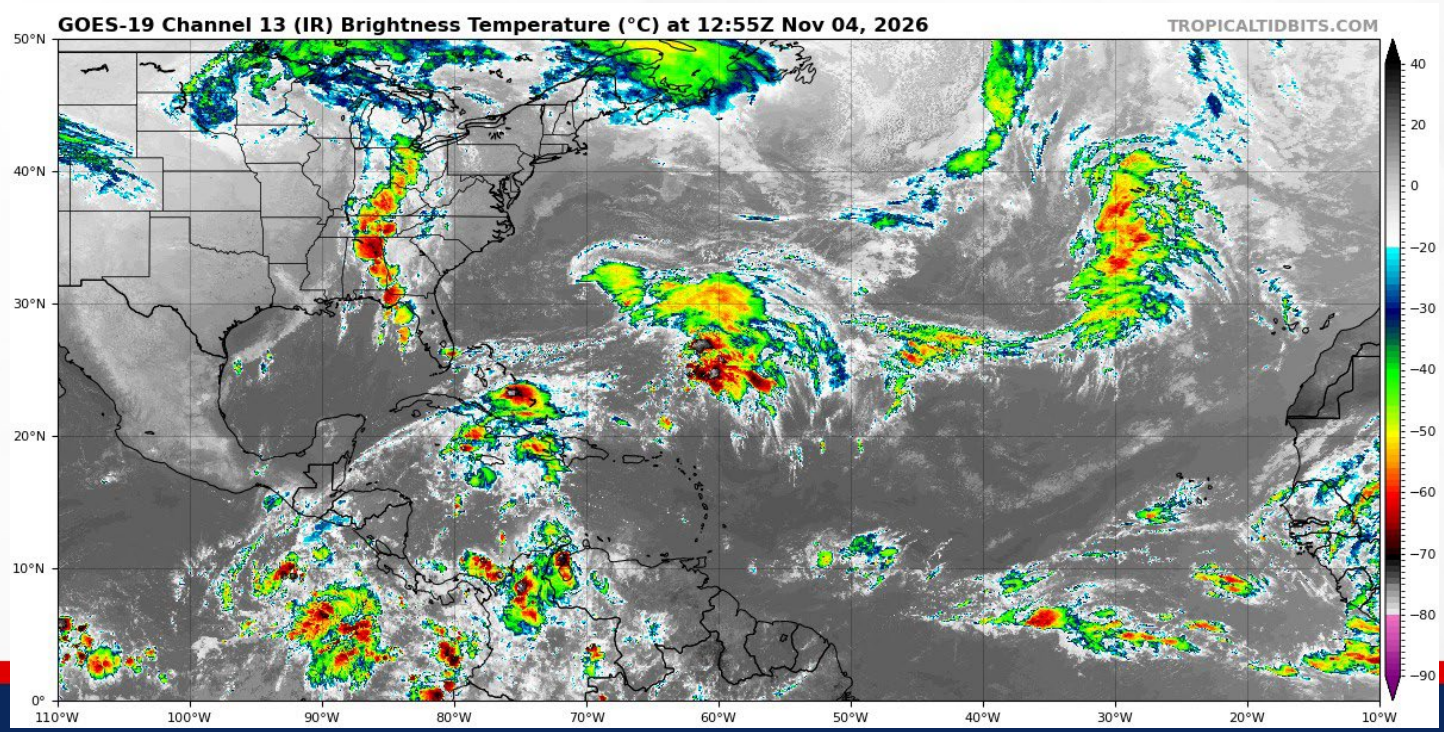

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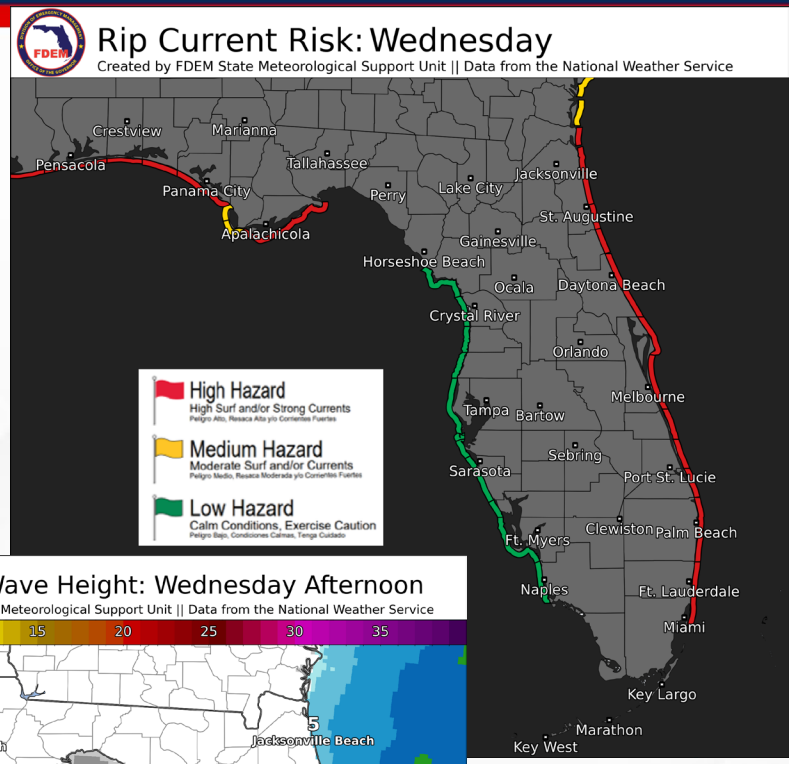

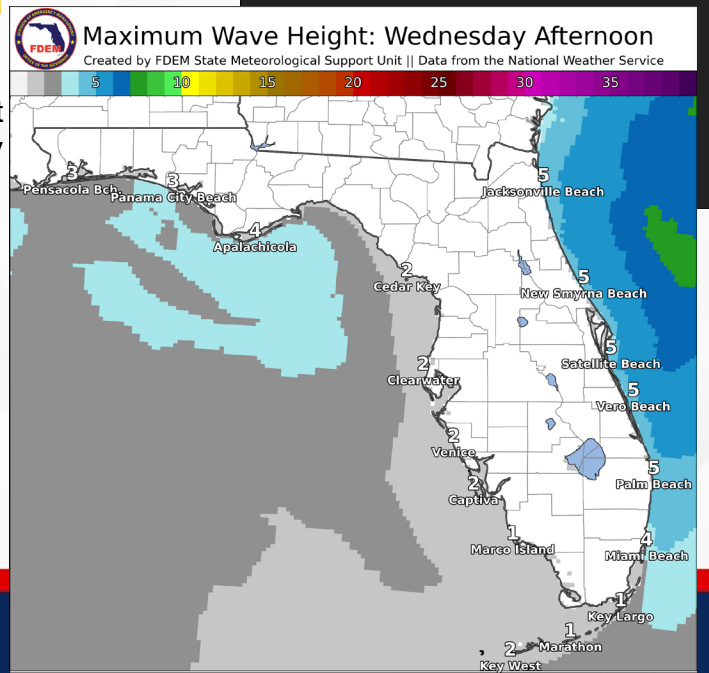

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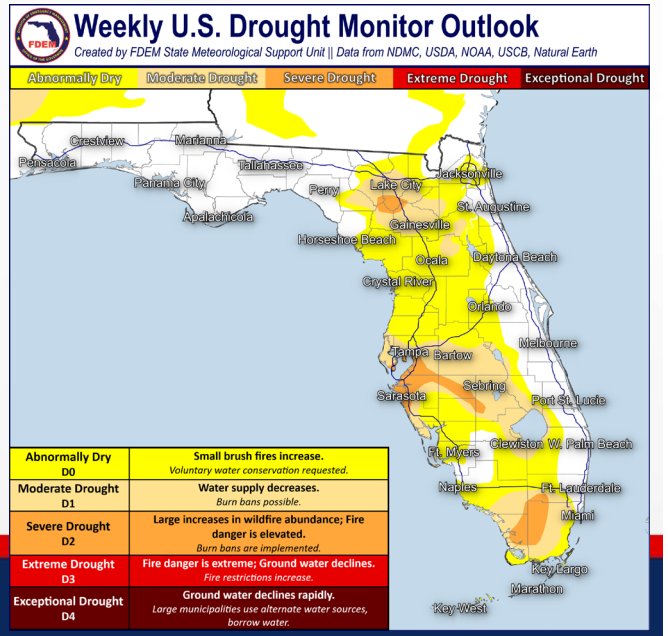

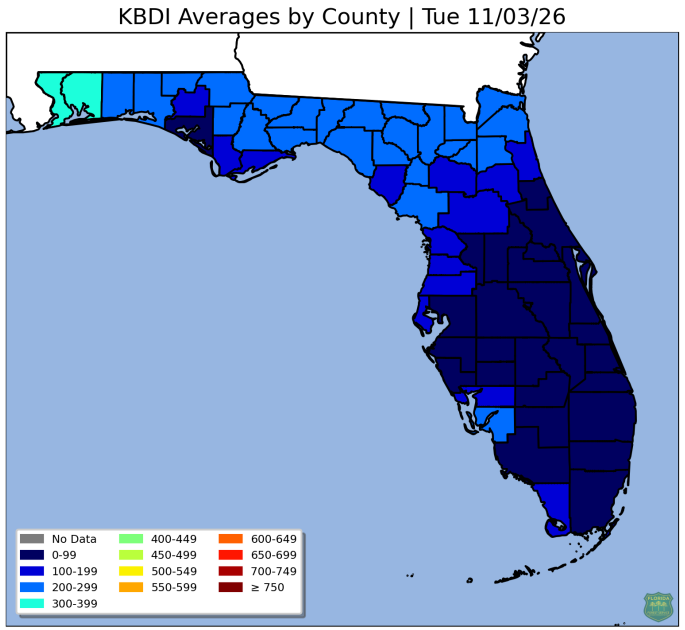

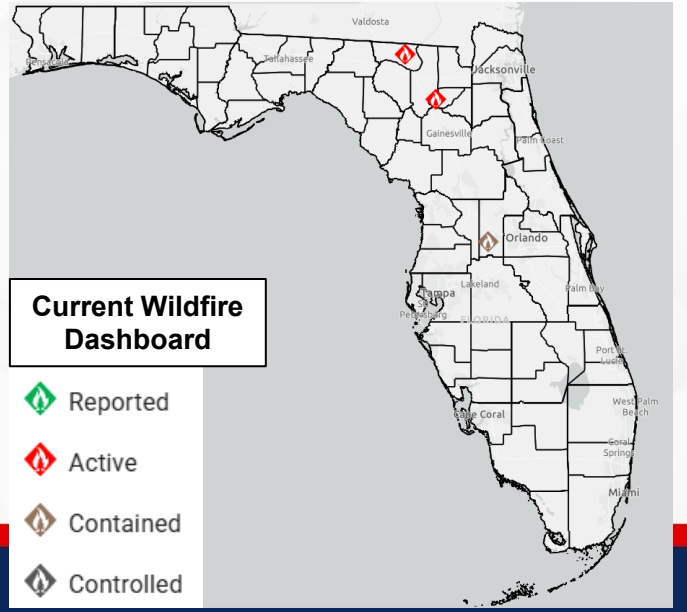

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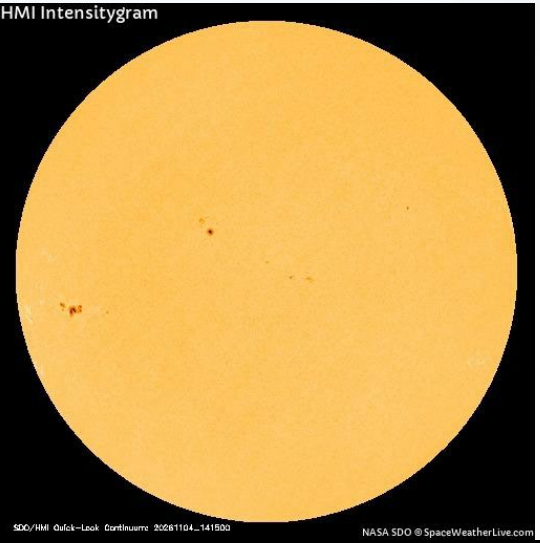

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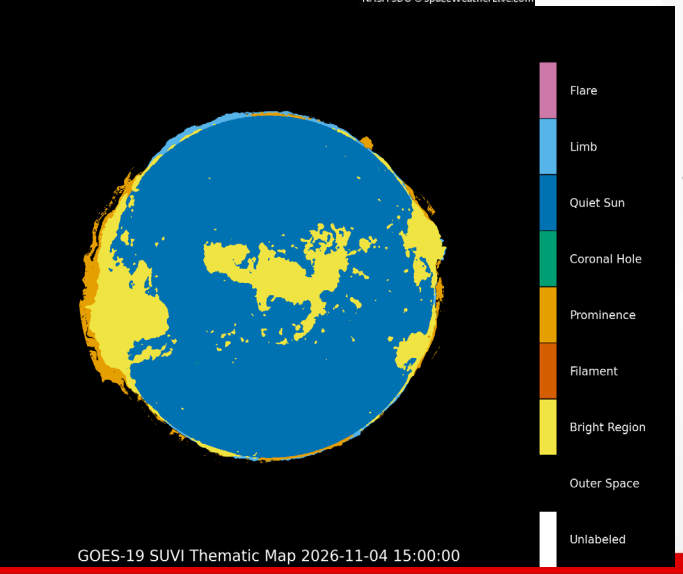

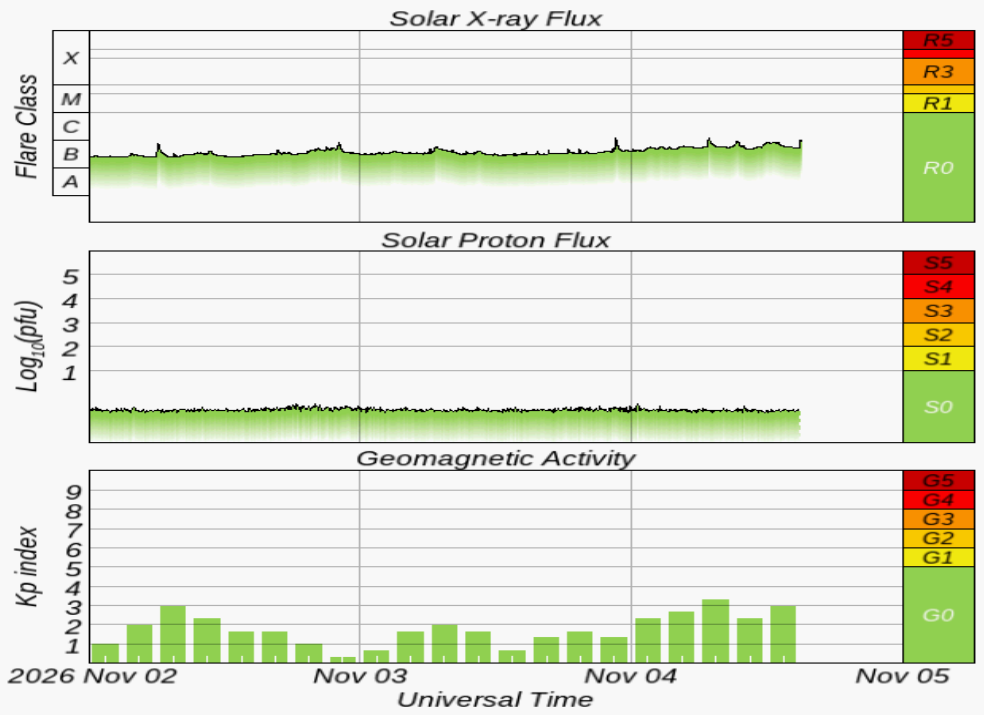

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48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/4	11/5
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for M-class flares and slight chance for X-class flares through 6 Nov. The solar wind near-Earth is expected to remain under undisturbed conditions today, with mild disturbances expected through 6 Nov. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet levels today due to waning +CH HSS influences. More active conditions are expected, although with low confidence, through 6 Nov due to +CH HSS influences. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

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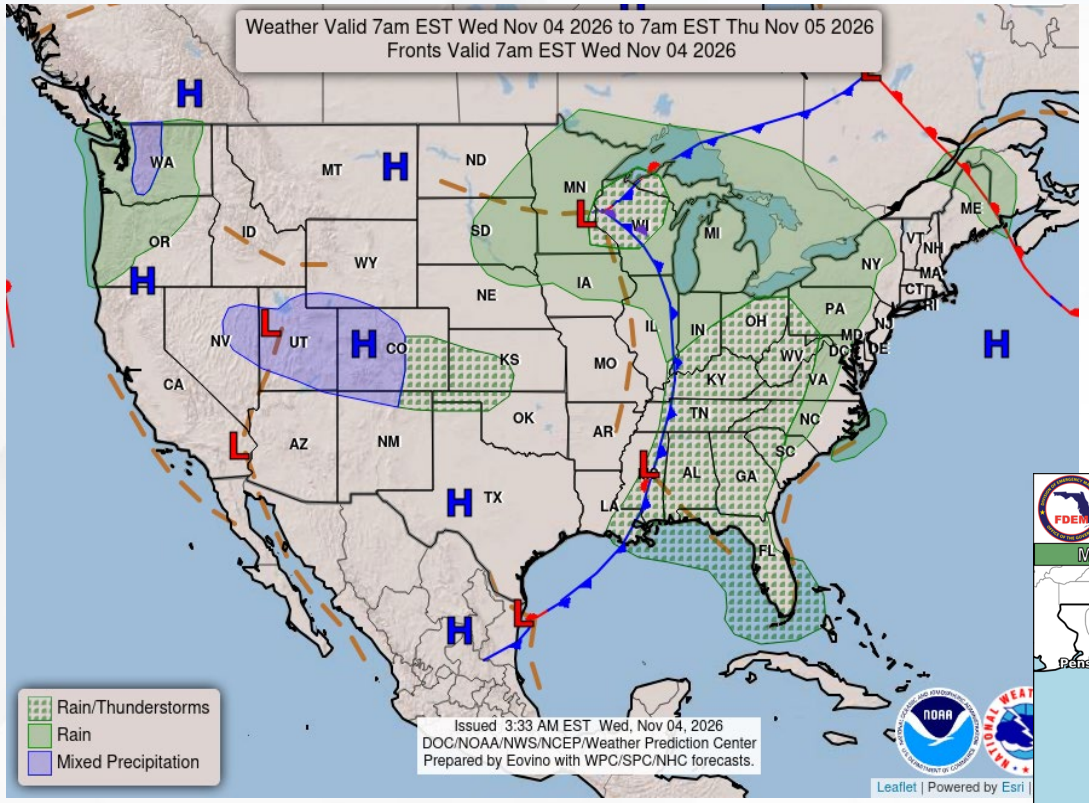

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Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	L			L	L	M	M	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
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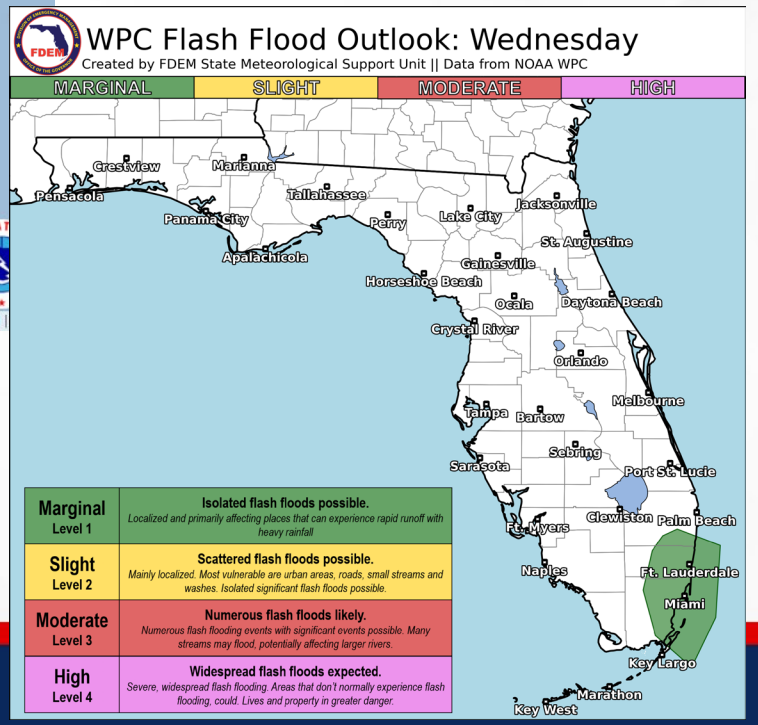

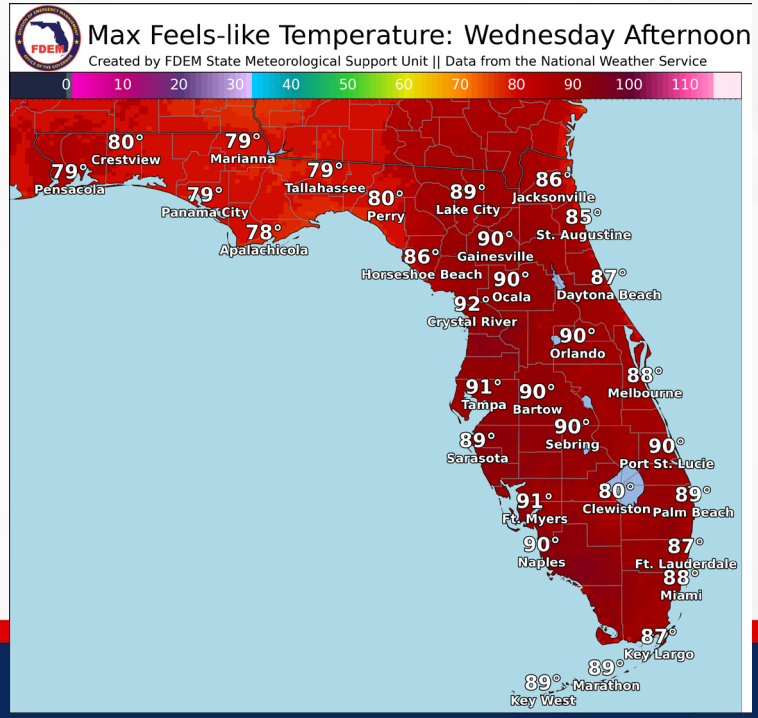

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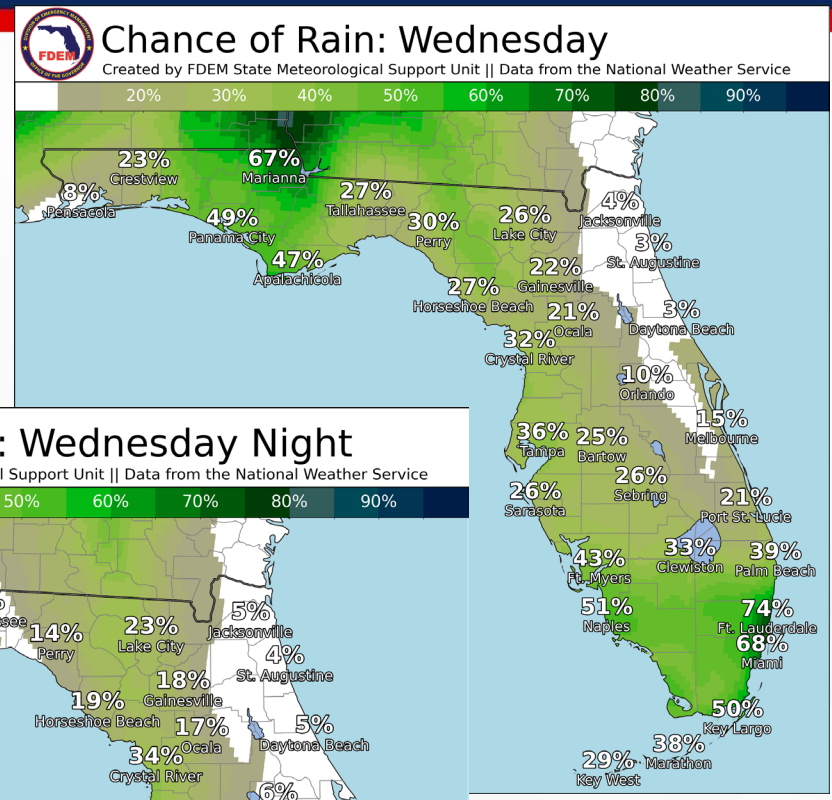

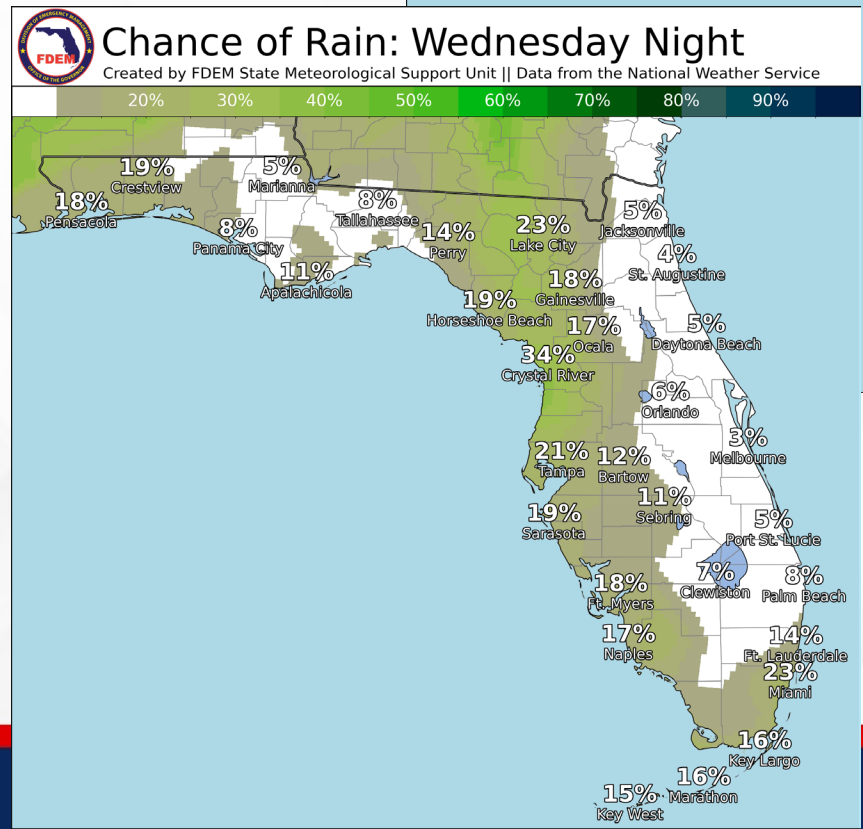

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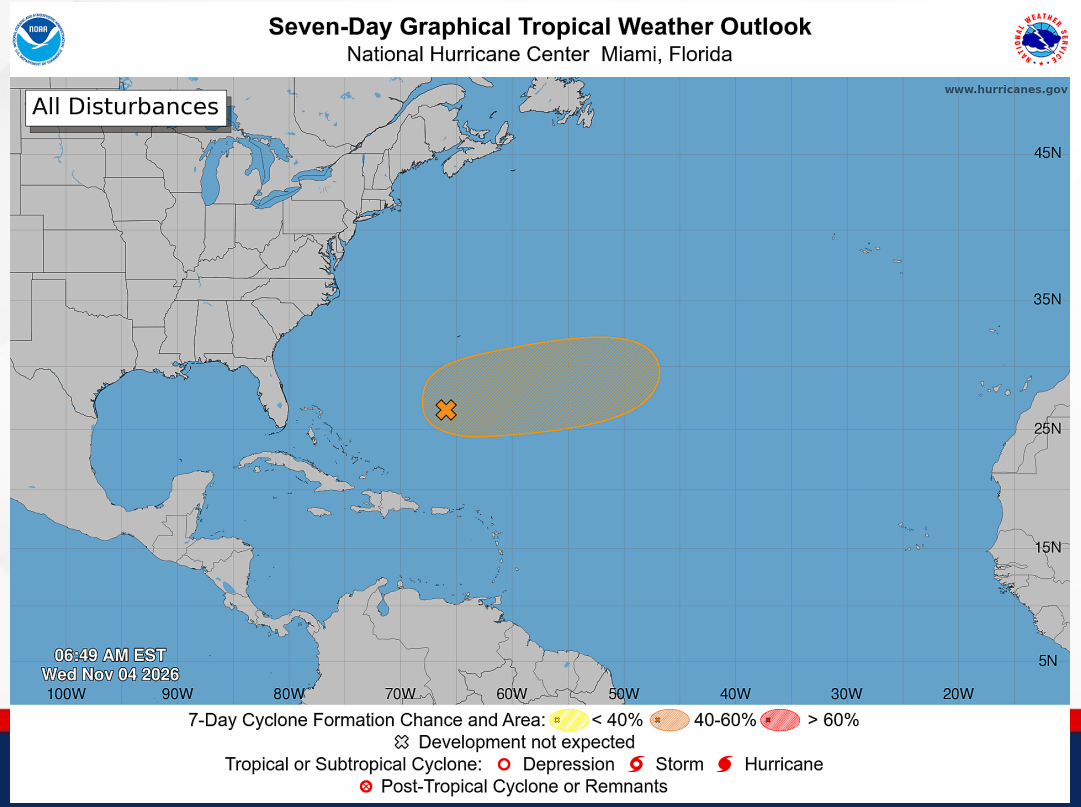

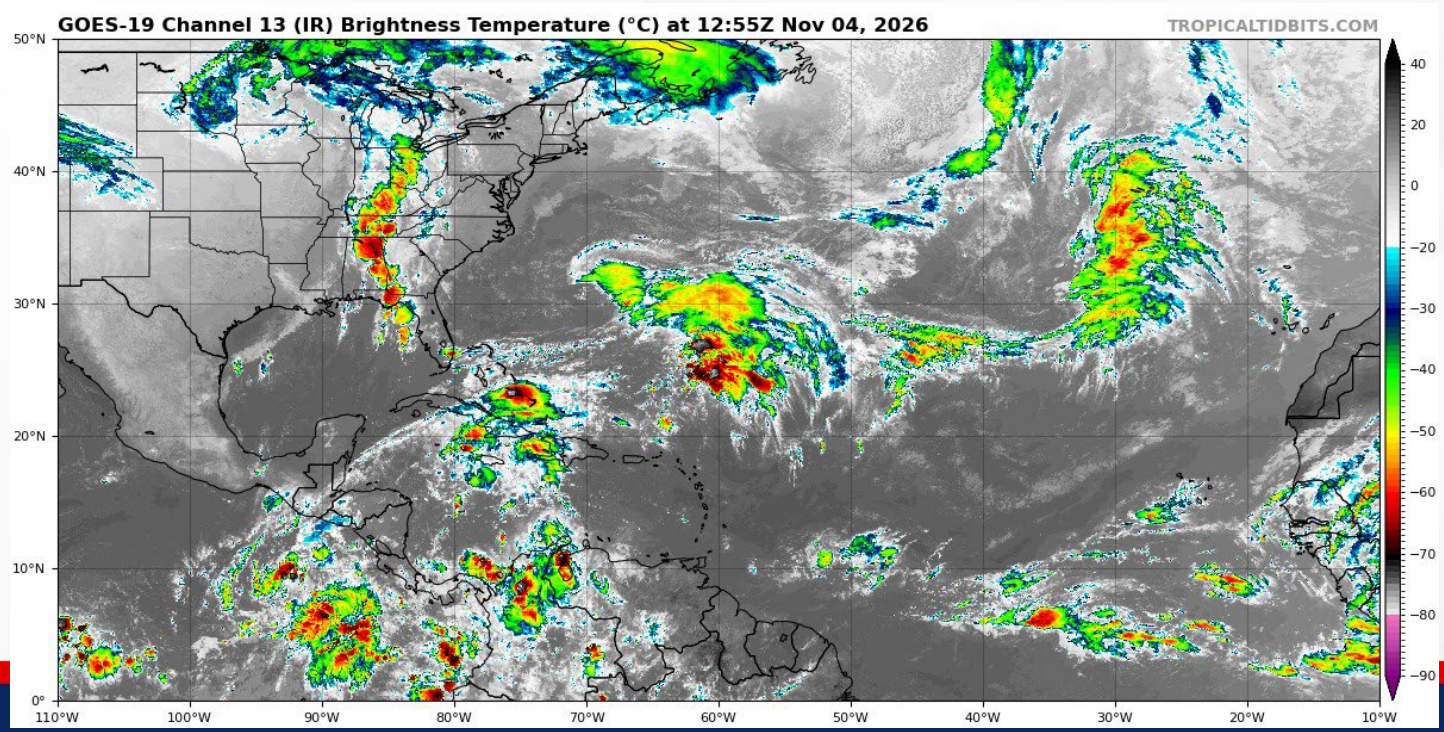

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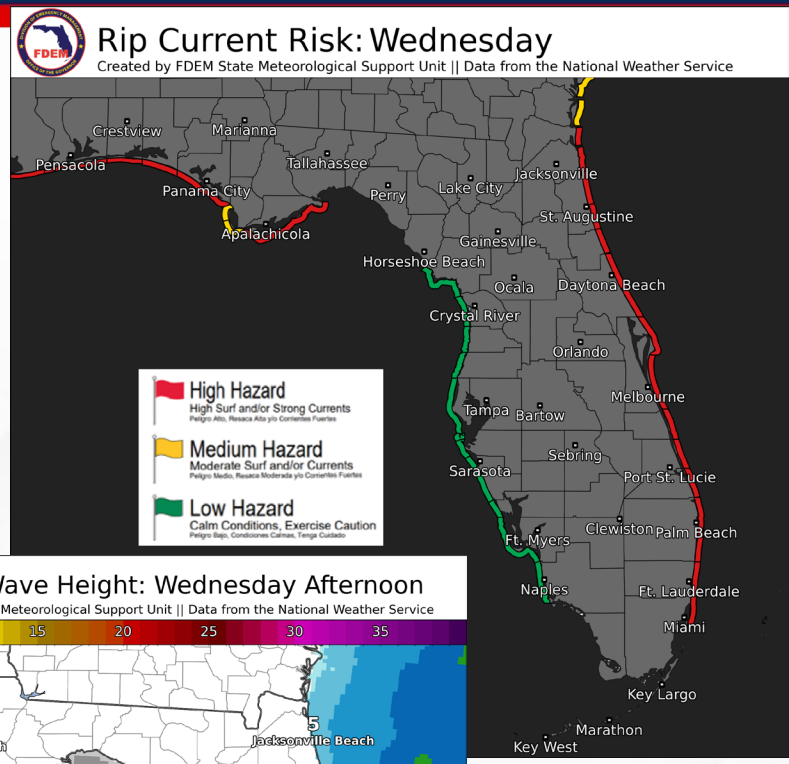

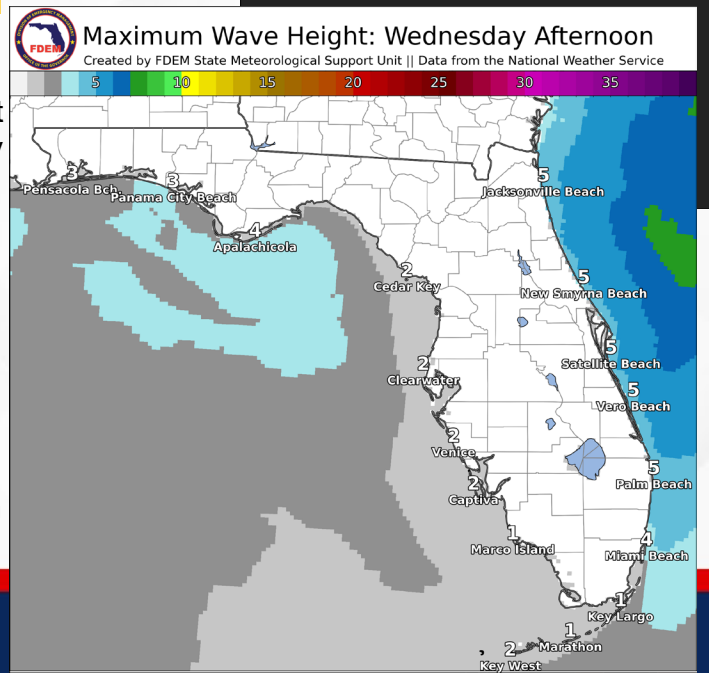

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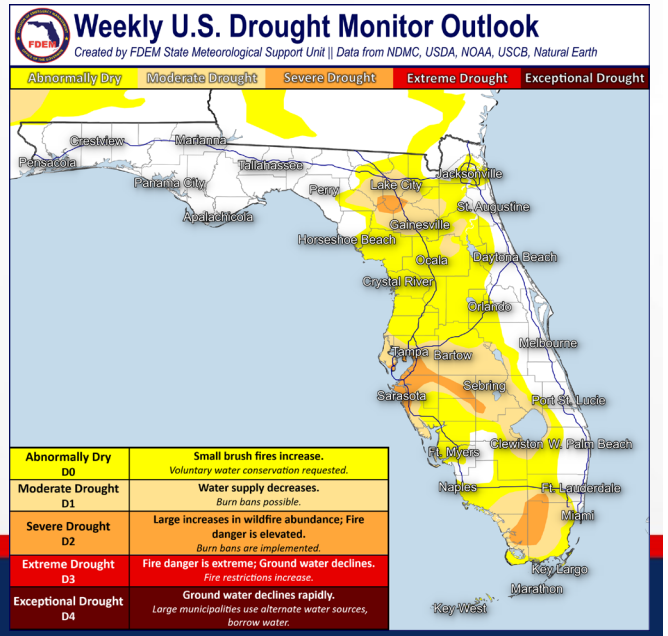

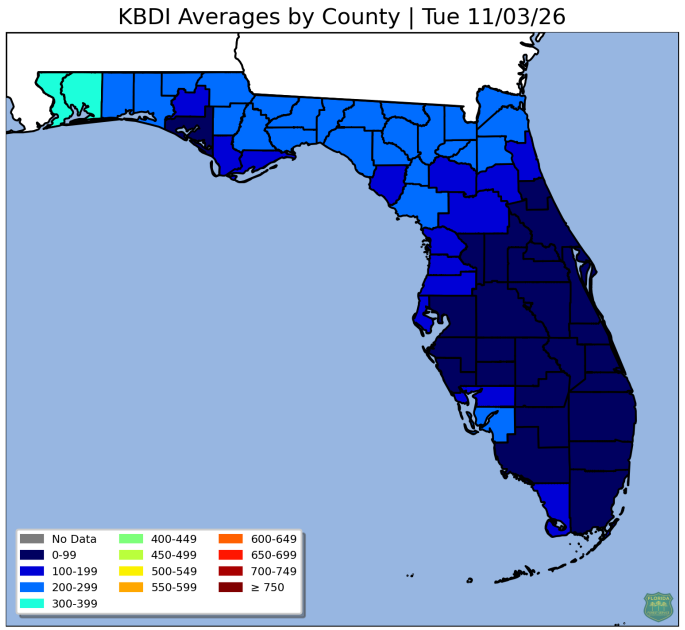

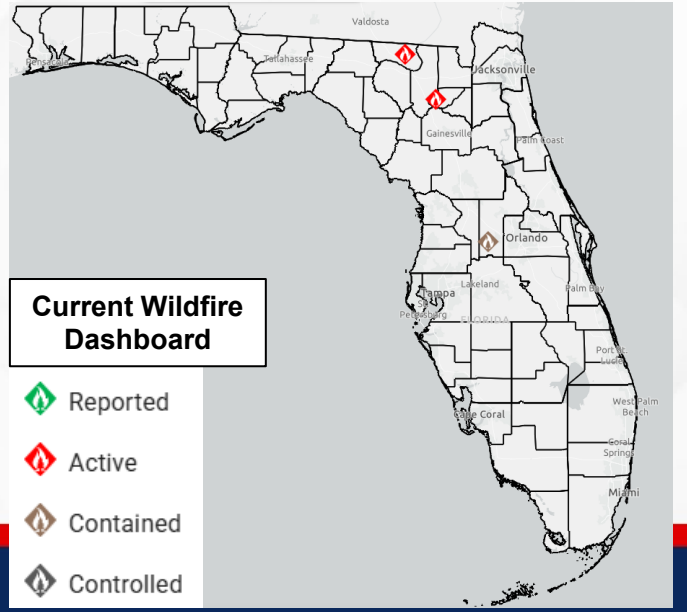

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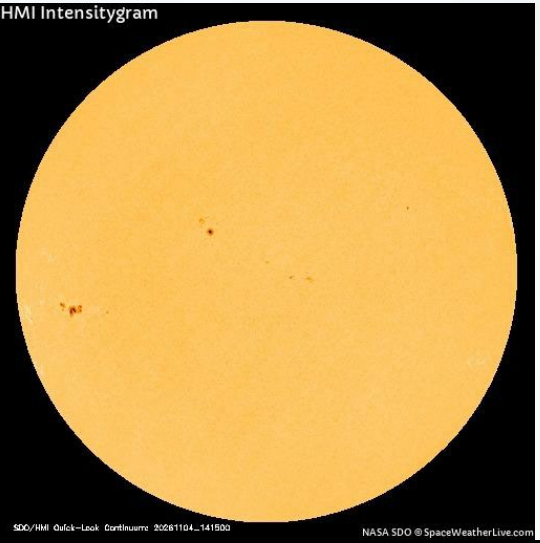

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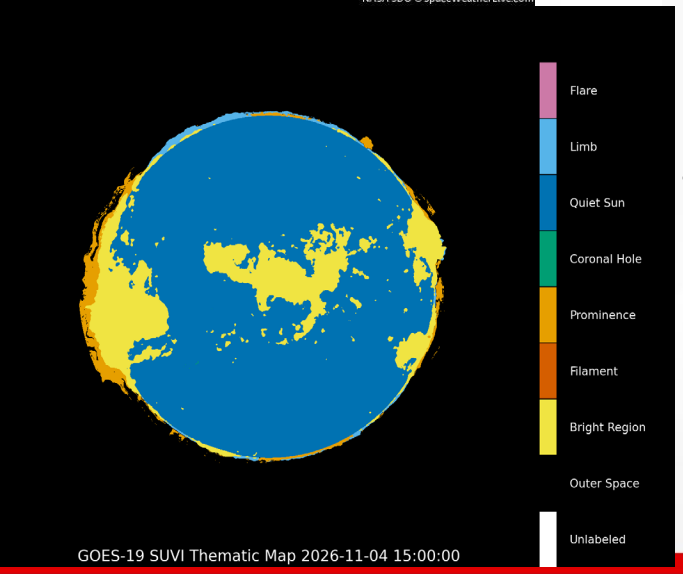

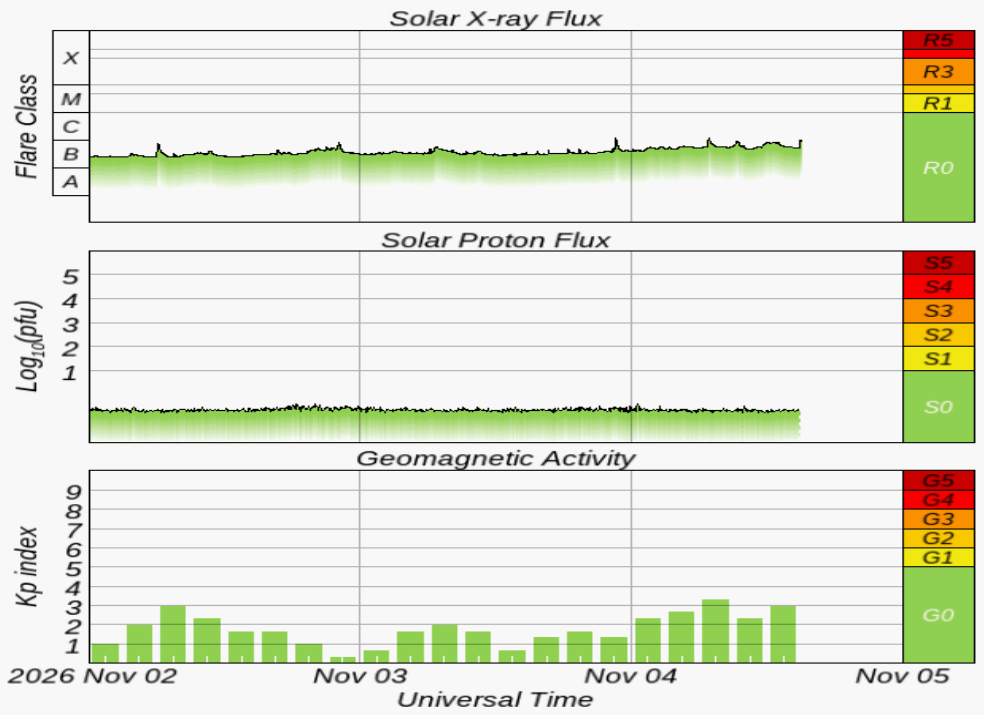

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Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for M-class flares and slight chance for X-class flares through 6 Nov. The solar wind near-Earth is expected to remain under undisturbed conditions today, with mild disturbances expected through 6 Nov. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet levels today due to waning +CH HSS influences. More active conditions are expected, although with low confidence, through 6 Nov due to +CH HSS influences. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

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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
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