Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, November 5, 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, Taylor	SR EM Meeting / NWS Meeting / FSG TTX
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Taylor	County EM Meeting / FSG TTX
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	RCT Meeting / FSG TTX
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	IMT Working Group Meeting / RCT Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Charlotte, Manatee	Travel to Region 9 / RCT Meeting / County EOC Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Okeechobee	Flood Response
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach, St Lucie	Plane Crash & Flood Response / G20 Planning Meeting / RCT Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	RCT Meeting / Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Palm Beach	Plane Crash & Flood Support G20 Planning Meeting

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Santa Rosa/Walton	Isaias Recovery
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	County/City EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Lafayatte	Recovery 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
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	Palm Beach	EOC - Recovery Liaison

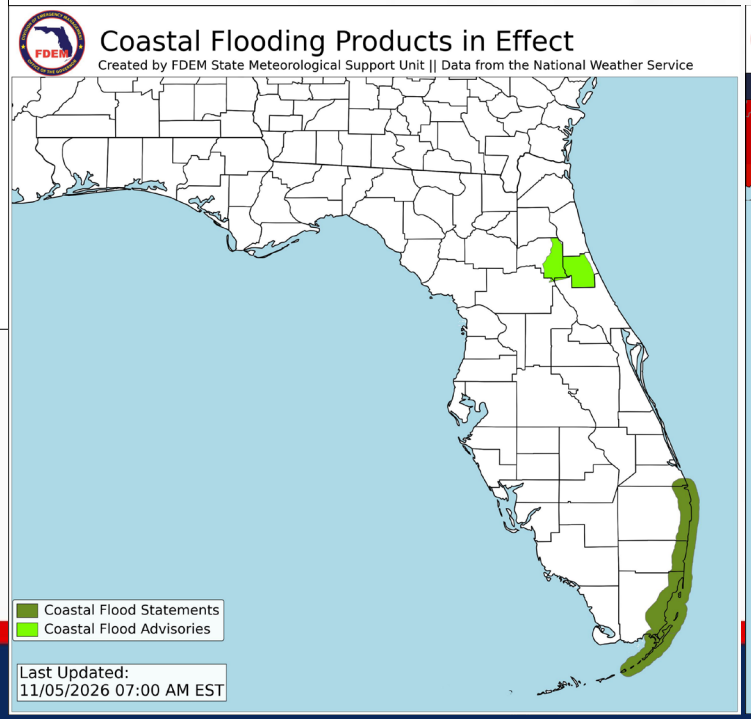
Region 4, 5, 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 10
Region 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

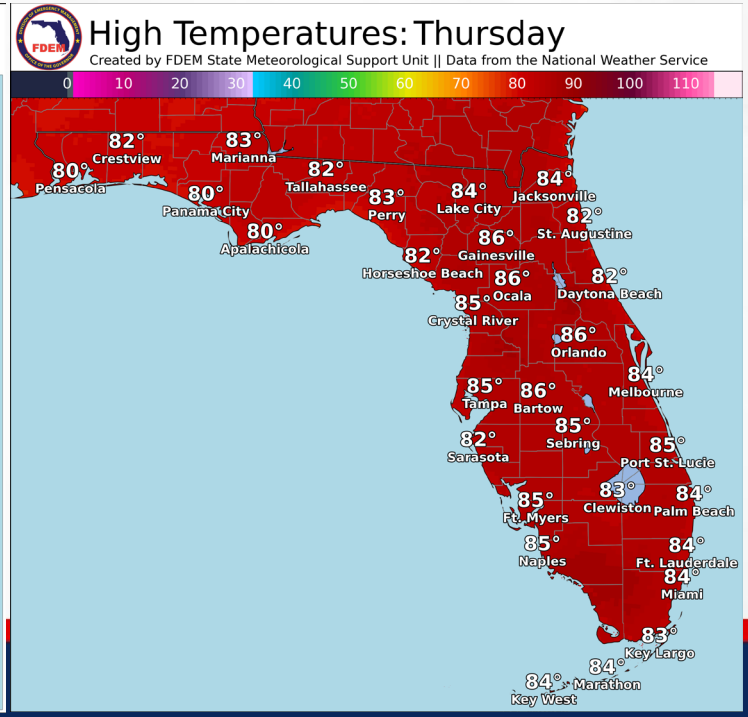
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

Meteorology Summary

Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	L							
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	L							
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	L	L		M	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.81ft. (1.22 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	128 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





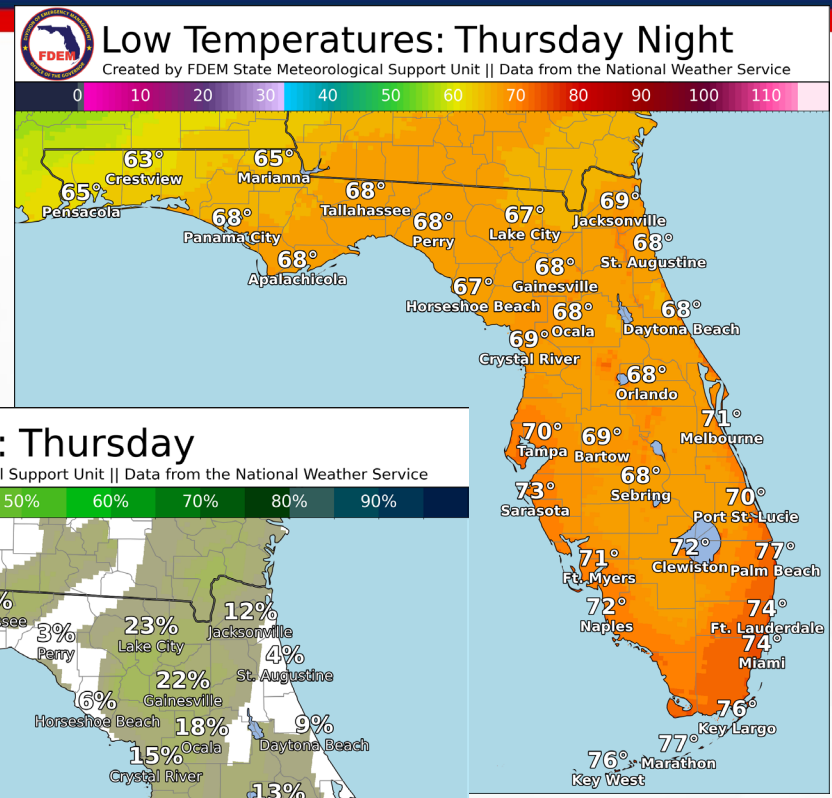
Meteorology Summary

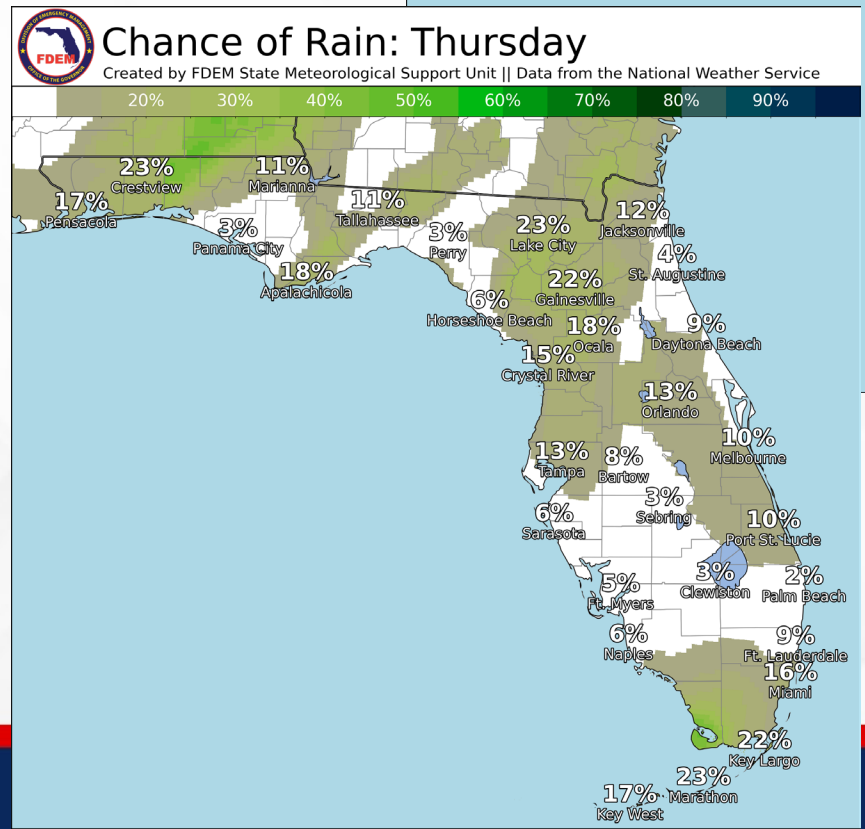
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

An approaching weak slow moving cold front approaches the Western Panhandle this morning. Radar imagery is tracking a weak broken line of showers moving south to north out ahead of the front in the Central Panhandle. Rain chances (10-30%) across the Panhandle still remain low due to the weak nature of the front. Across the rest of the state, rain chances remain low as well with a few possible quick showers across the Peninsula. During the overnight hours, as the front progresses, rain chances increase to 30-40 % across the Panhandle and remain near 0% in the Peninsula.

Temperatures remain unseasonably warm across much of the state. Highs today across the area will be in the lower to mid 80s and could reach the upper 80s in Central Florida. Across the Panhandle, overnight lows in the Western Panhandle will be in the lower 60s but remain in the upper 60s for the Central Panhandle. Across the Peninsula, low will range from the upper 60s across Central FL to the lower and middle 70s across South Florida, with coastal spots trending warmer.

Onshore winds continue to weaken, which have diminished coastal flooding concerns at this time. **Coastal Flood Advisories** are in effect for the Southern Tidal St. Johns River Basin for **minor coastal flooding**. Additionally, a **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the Florida Keys for **minor coastal flooding**.





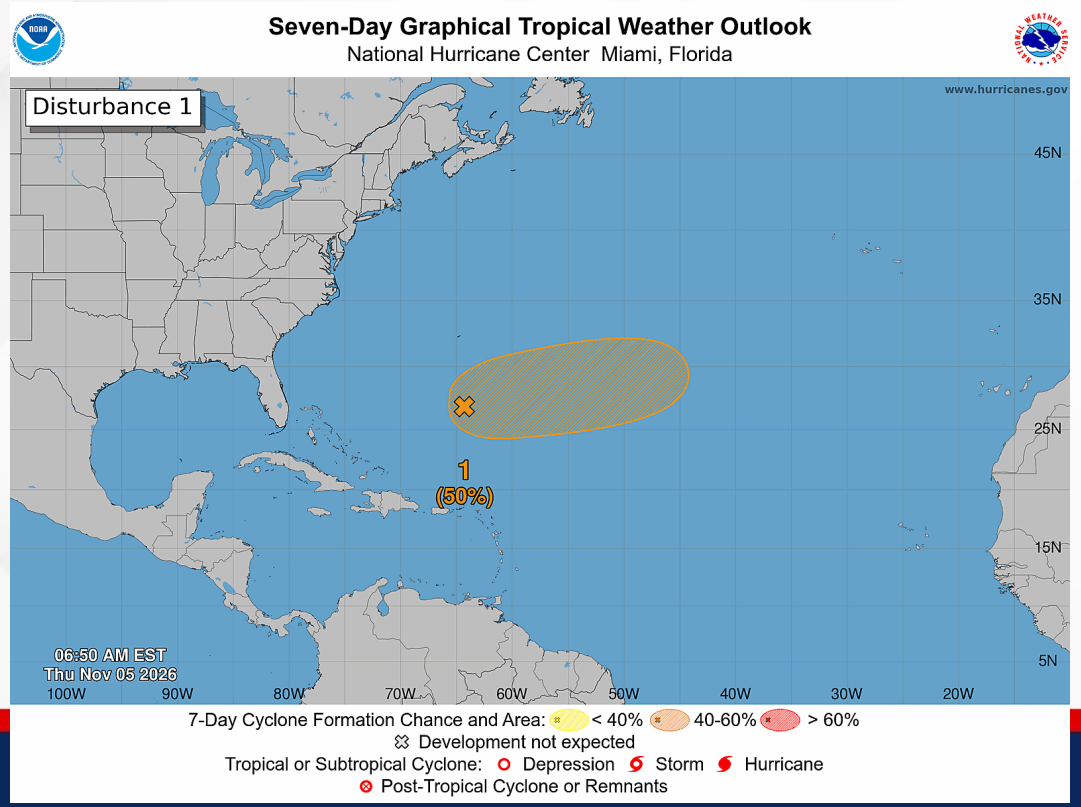
Tropical Weather

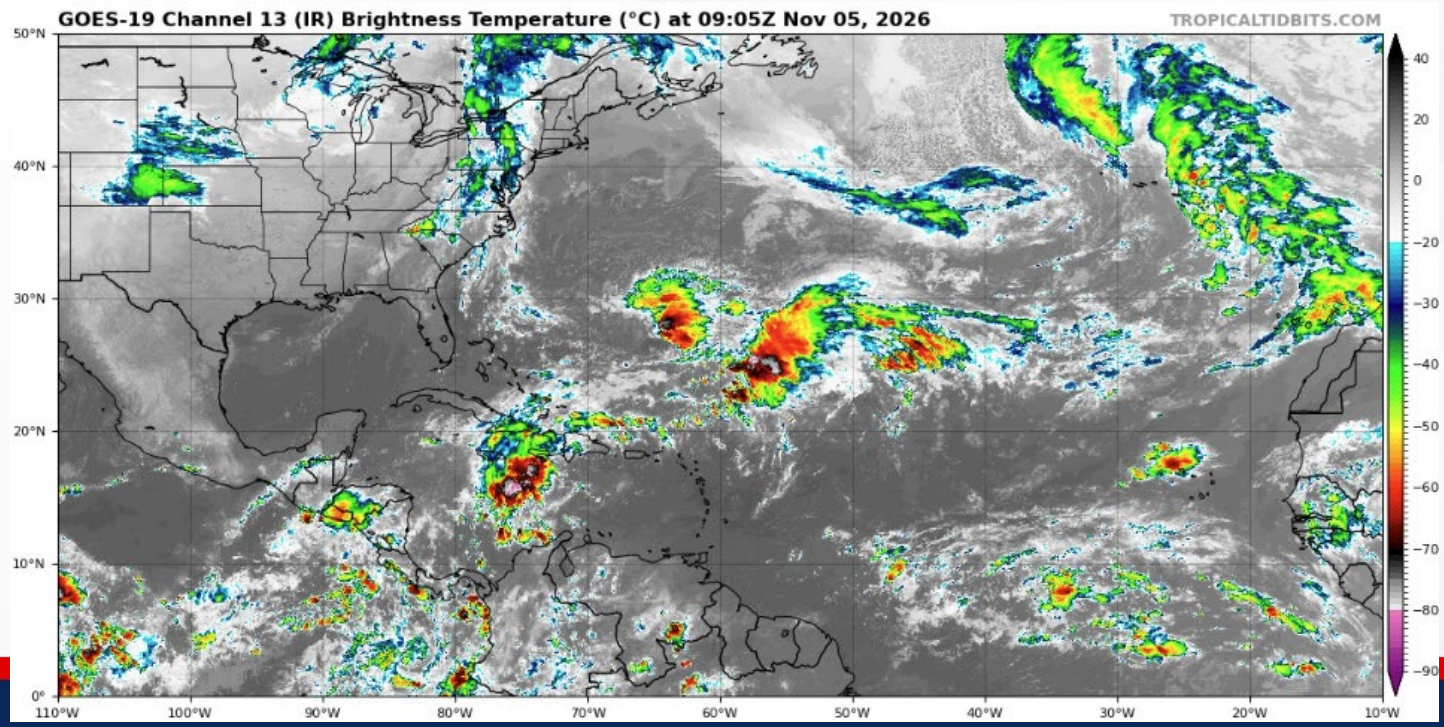
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Western Atlantic:

A broad, non-tropical low-pressure area located a few hundred miles south of Bermuda is producing some disorganized convection mainly to the east of its center. Environmental conditions could support this system gradually acquiring subtropical characteristics through this weekend while it moves slowly eastward over the western and central subtropical Atlantic. By early next week, environmental conditions are forecast to become unfavorable for further development. ***This system poses no threat to Florida.***

- Formation chance through 48 hours...**low...30 percent.**
- Formation chance through 7 days...**medium...50 percent.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today only for Palm Beach county beaches. A **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** is outlooked for beaches north of Palm Beach and Central Panhandle Beaches. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked across the West Coast, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Western Panhandle Beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Marine conditions improve today with light winds and calmer seas. Light winds are expected today with easterly winds of **5-10 knots** along the Atlantic Coast. Wave heights will be highest across the East Coast FL today, at **3-5'**. Wave heights will lower along the Panhandle with lighter winds of 5 knots, at around **1-3',** and along the West Coast of Florida, at **1-3'.**

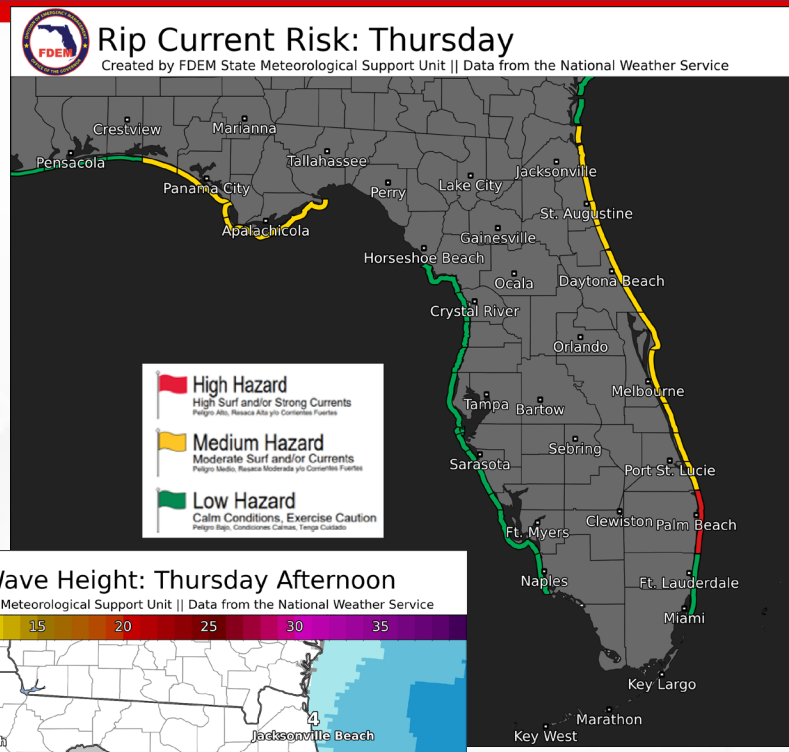
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Okaloosa, and Franklin Counties and medium concentrations in Gulf and Bay County. (10/30).

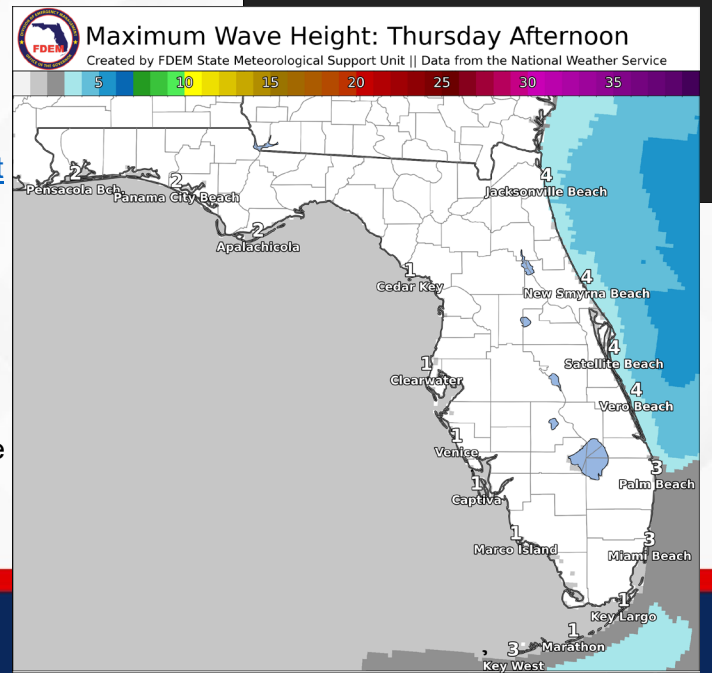
Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Advisories** remain in effect for the Southern Tidal St. Johns River Basin for **minor coastal flooding**. A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for Southeast Florida and the Upper Keys for **minor coastal flooding**.

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

Riverine Flooding: The Peace River at Arcadia continues to rise and is in **Major Flood Stage**. The St Johns River at Astor remains in **Moderate Flood Stage.** This gauge is expected to remain at moderate stage for at least the next week. Due to the recent flooding, the St Johns River above Lake Harney is forecast to reach **Moderate Flood Stage** tomorrow and for the near future. Additionally, the St Johns River near Cocoa is already in **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to crest at **Major Flood Stage** in the morning hours on Friday. The St. Johns River near Sanford is forecast to reach **Minor Flood Stage** with the potential to go higher. The St. Johns River near Deland is forecast to reach **Minor Flood Stage** with the potential to go higher. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.81 feet, which is 1.22 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



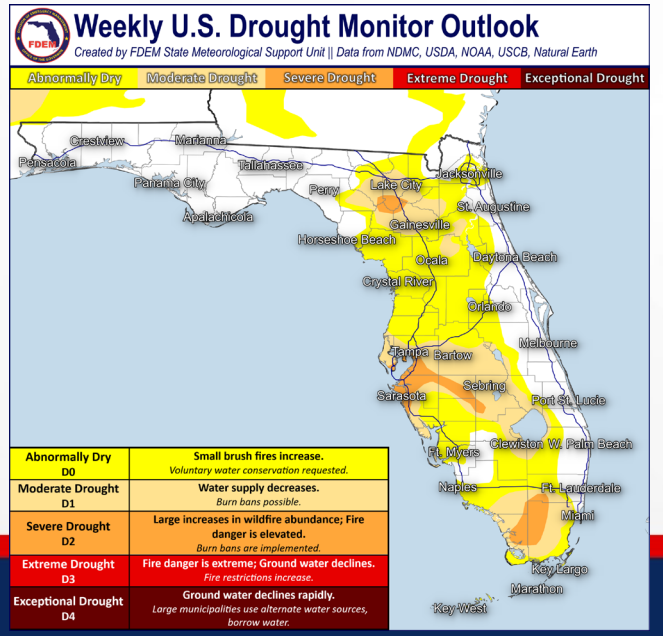


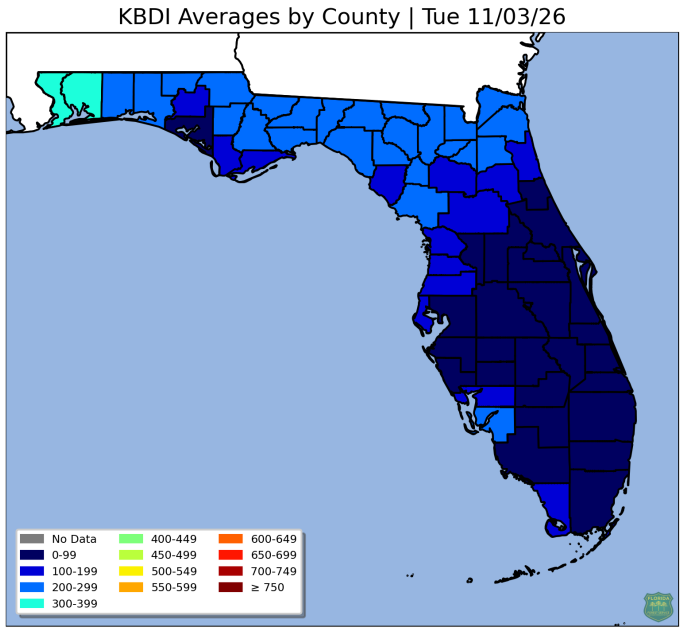
Drought & Fire Weather

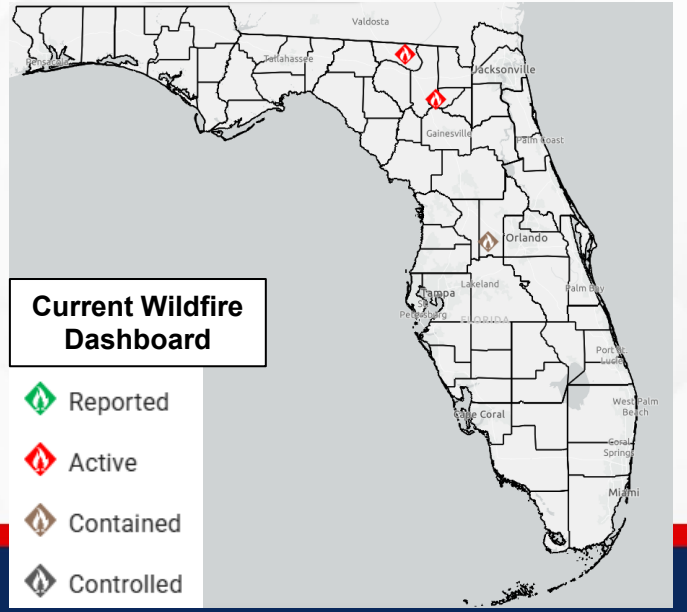
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are in the forecast today as a weak and slow-moving frontal boundary brings widespread rainfall across the Panhandle with higher relative humidities. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 3 active wildfire, across the state burning approximately 2075 acres.

Drought (11/5/26): Significant drought improvements were made this week across much of the Peninsula due to the abundance of rain. 1 category improvement in much of Central Florida led to no drought in the region. 1 and 2 category improvements in South Florida led to a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) and severe drought (level 2 of 4) in the Everglades between Monroe and Miami-Dade County. Along the Florida West Coast, 1 and 2 category drought improvements through the Tampa metro southward to Fort Myers and eastward throughout Polk and Highlands Counties, resulted in only a small area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) near Port Charlotte and Cape Coral. There was not any improvement to the Santa Fe River Basin this week. A small area of in severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains in North Central Florida. Much of the state saw dramatic improvement especially along the Peninsula. Only about 1% of the state remains in severe drought (level 2 of 4). About 63% of the state has no drought designation.

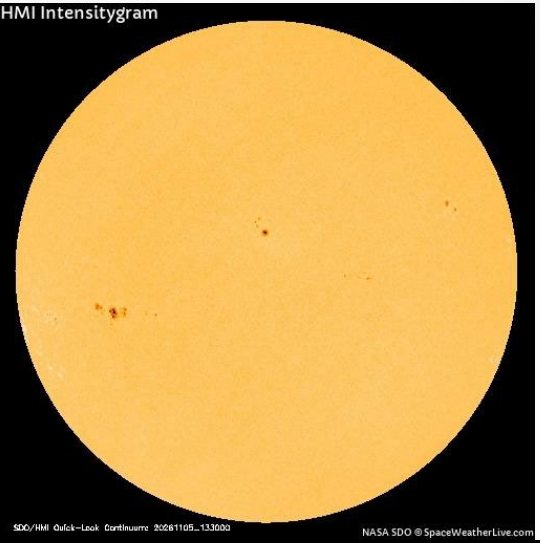
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **128** **(+1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Most increases occurred across Central and South Florida, including the Florida East Coast. There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



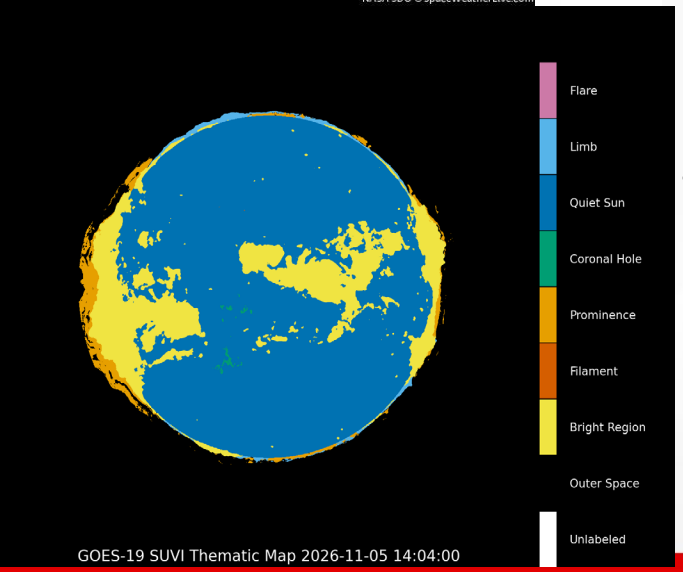


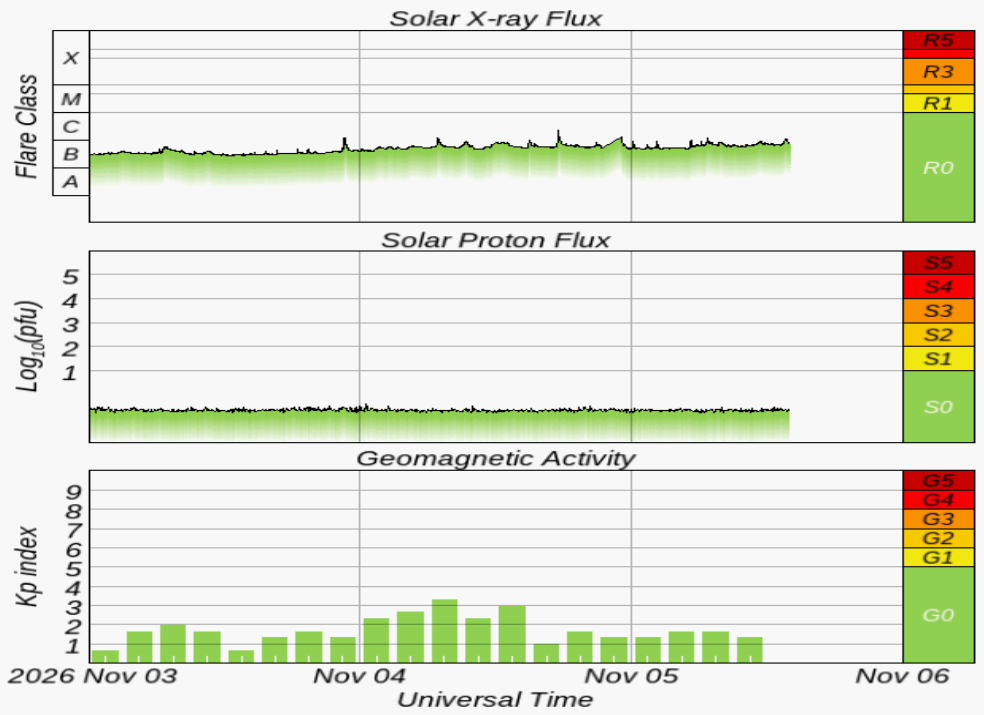


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 30%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/5	11/6
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

•**Space Weather**: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels, with a chance for M-class flares and a slight chance for X-class events on 05-07 Nov. The solar wind near-Earth is expected to remain mildly disturbed on 05 Nov. The geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach unsettled to active conditions on 05 Nov as the currently geoeffective weak +CH/HSS wanes and a possible glancing blow influence of 01 Nov CME occurs. Minor storming (G1) levels are likely on 06-07 Nov (with a slight chance for Moderate Storms - G2 - on 07 Nov).

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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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