



# Drought Information Statement for South Florida

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- Severe Drought has returned to a portion of South Florida.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/mfl/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

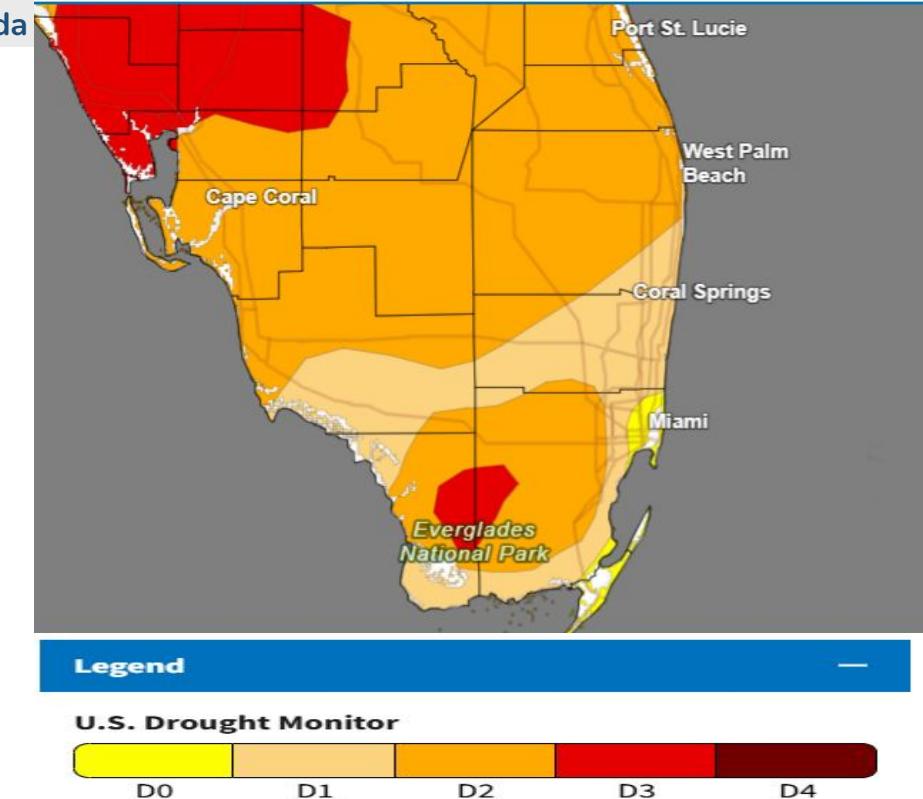




# U.S. Drought Monitor

[Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for South Florida](#)

- Below-average rainfall continued across South Florida for the month of January into early February 2026 which has resulted in a worsening of drought conditions across the region. Widespread Severe drought conditions have developed across the majority of our area with the introduction of Extreme drought over portions of Southern Everglades.
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of Southern Everglades.
  - D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of South Florida
  - D1 (Moderate Drought):** Metro Broward, SE metro Palm Beach, and metro Miami-Dade.



U.S. Drought Monitor valid 10AM EDT February 5th, 2026.



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# Precipitation

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since November 1st, 2025

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to February 4th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
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Palm Beach Intl	1.66	-9.34	15%
Naples Municipal	1.85	-2.78	40%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	6.08	-3.70	62%
Miami Intl	4.12	-3.28	51%

Secondary Observation Sites

Moore Haven (Glades)	1.01	-4.74	18%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	3.71	-3.57	51%
HomeStead (Miami-Dade)	2.82	-3.49	45%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	5.95	-3.20	65%
Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach)	2.42	-8.97	21%
North Miami Beach (Miami-Dade)	4.28	-5.63	43%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	0.92	-5.37	15%

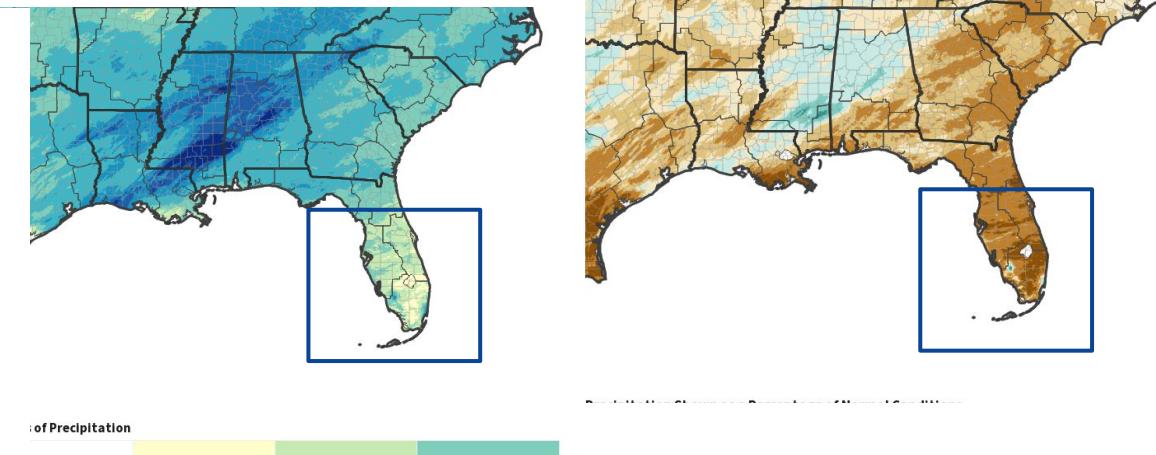


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Left - Precipitation Amount for [area]  
Right - Percent of Normal Precipitation for [area]  
Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center.  
Data over the past 30 days ending February 4th, 2025



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# 90 day Observed Precipitation & Rainfall Departure (Since 11/7/2025)

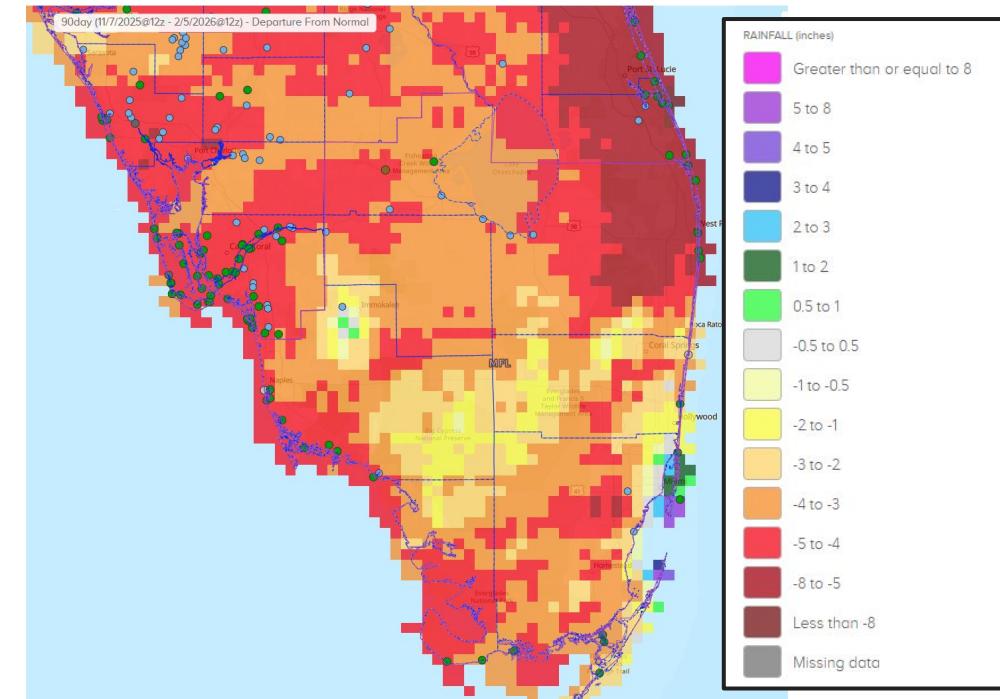
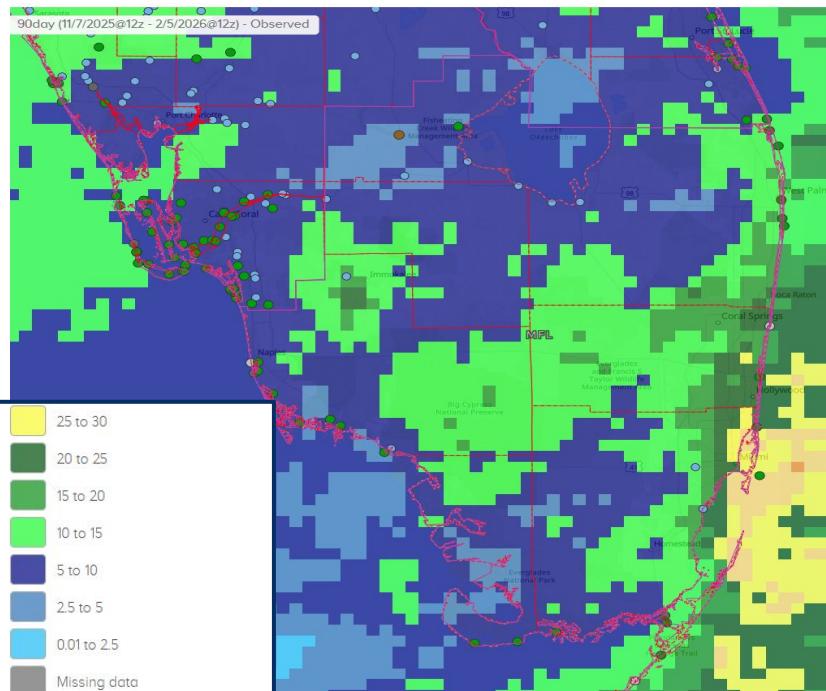


Image Captions:

Left - Precipitation since 11/7/25 To Date (Inches)  
Right - Departure From Normal since 11/7/25 To Date (+/- Inches)



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# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- **Lake Okeechobee level currently at 12.66 feet which is -1.97 feet below normal of 14.63 feet.**
- **Fisheating Creek is at 0.65 ft which is -1.82 feet below the normal level of 2.47 ft for this time of year.**
- The underground level water conservation area 1 in Interior Palm Beach County is at 16.35 feet and it should be at 16.79 feet which is **-0.44 feet** below normal for this time of year.
- The Underground level water conservation area 2 in Interior Broward County is at 12.71 feet and its normal level is 11.00 feet which is **+1.71 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level water conservation area 3 in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 8.76 feet and its normal level is at 10.27 feet which is **-1.51 feet** below normal for this time of year.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- KBDI index is 600 to 650 over most of South Florida, except for Broward County where it is in the 550 to 600 range.
- **There is a Very High Risk of wildfires over the Southern portions of the Everglades, with High Risk of Wildfires over rest of South Florida. The only area that is in a moderate risk of wildfires is over Metro Broward and metro Miami-Dade Counties.**
- **There is also a Burn Ban in effect for the counties of Collier, Glades and Hendry.**

## Other Impacts

- N/A





# Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture over South Florida is running below normal.
- Most of South Florida is running at 1 to 5 percentile, except for portions of the southern Everglades where it is in the 5 to 10 percentile.

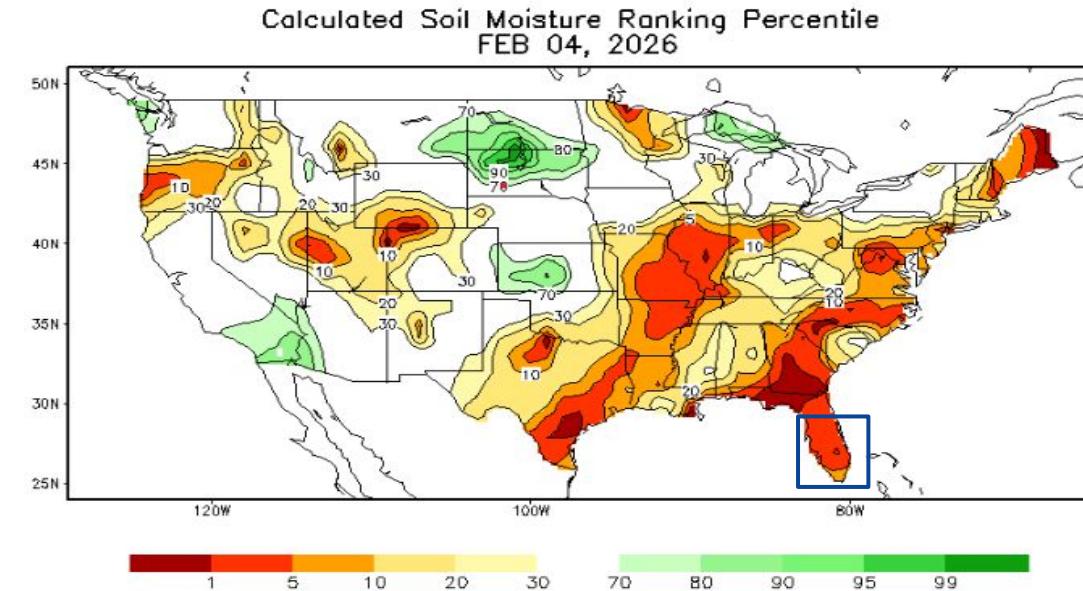


Image Captions:  
CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)  
valid February 4th, 2026



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# Wildfire Impacts



Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.](#)

- Currently Glades, Hendry, and Collier Counties are in a burn ban.
- South Florida has an above normal chance of wildfires for the month of February.

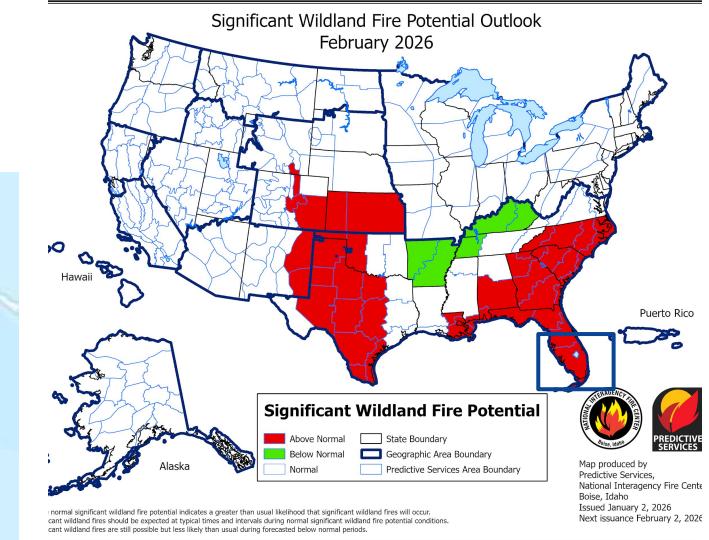
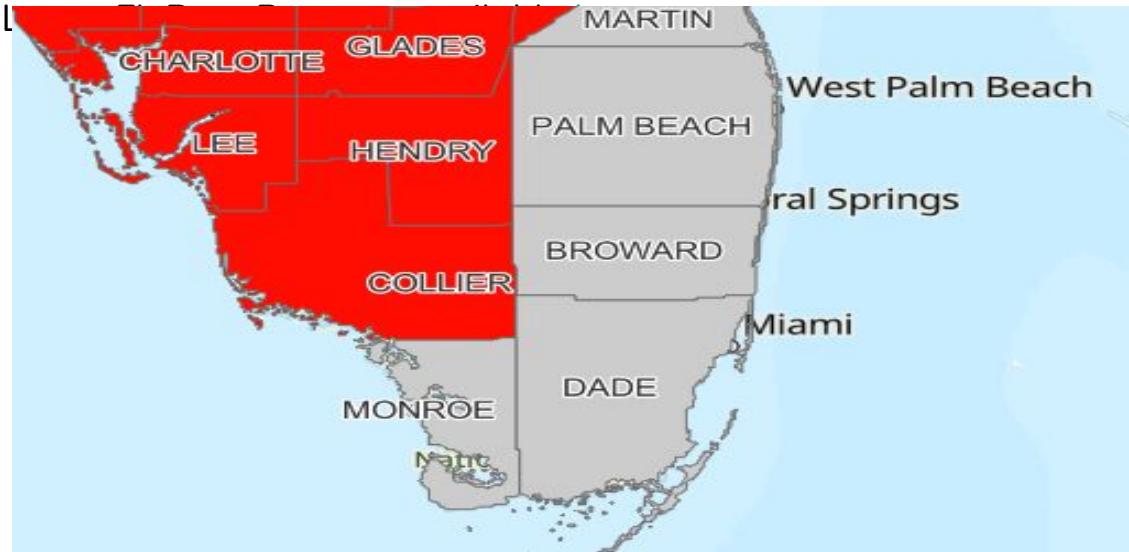


Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for February 2026



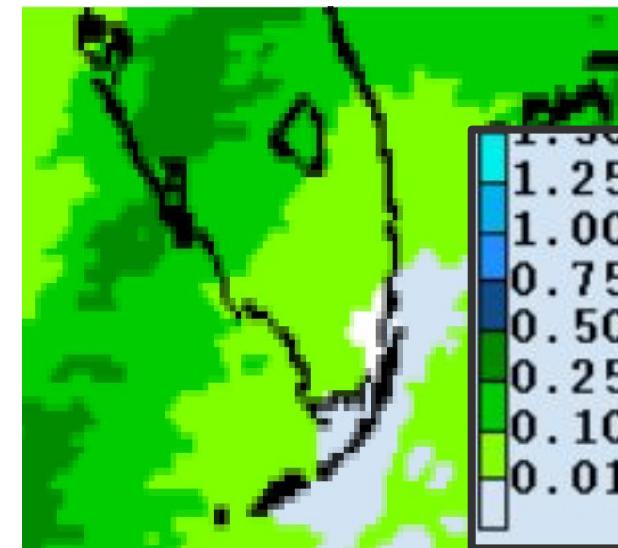
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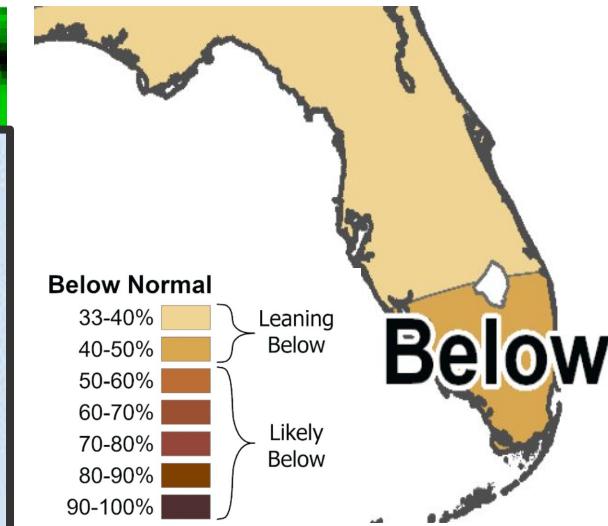


# Precipitation Outlook

- Rainfall accumulations across the region will mostly remain below 0.10 inches through February 11th.
- CPC's [8-14 day outlook](#) precipitation outlook is forecast to be 40 to 50 percent below normal.



7 day rainfall total from February 4th through February 11th, 2026



Rainfall outlook for the next 8 to 14 days (February 12th through 18th 2026).



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# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Climate Prediction Center is forecasting above normal temperatures for Feb 2026 - Apr 2026.
- Climate Prediction Center is forecasting below normal rainfall for Feb 2026 - Apr 2026.

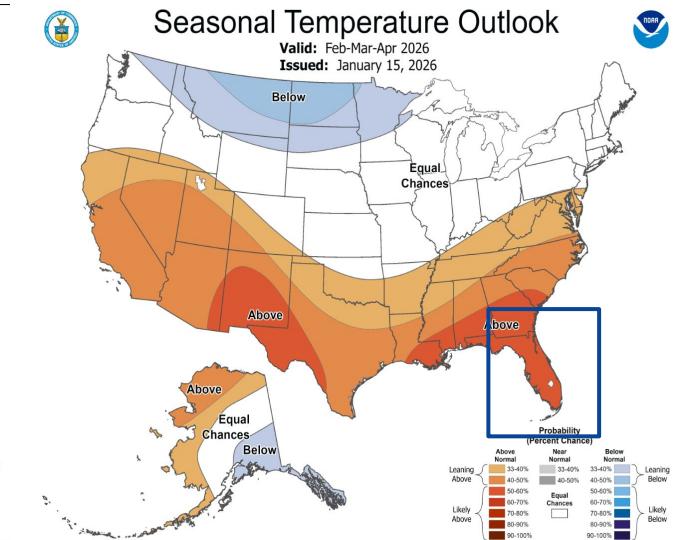
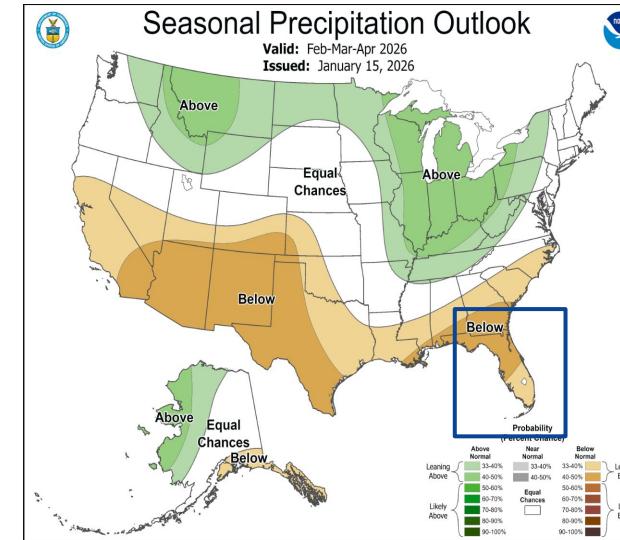


Image Captions:

Left - [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Temperature Outlook](#).

Right - [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Precipitation Outlook](#).

Valid Feb 2026 - Apr 2026



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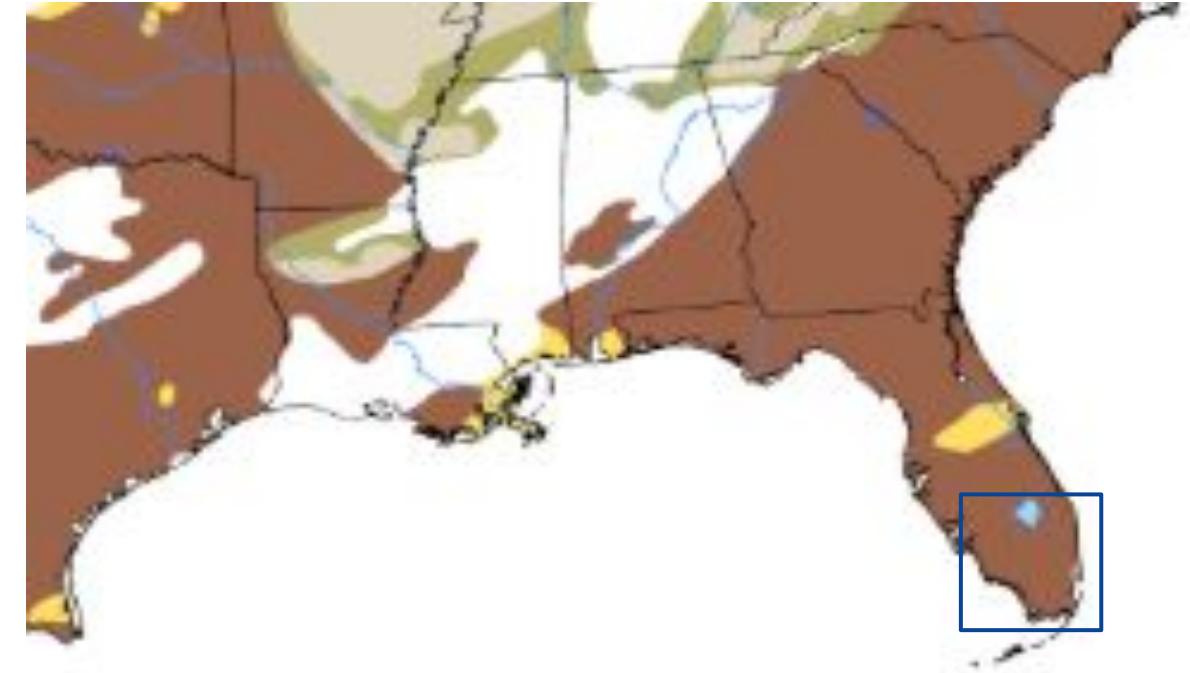
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# Drought Outlook

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- The drought over South Florida should continue through the spring of 2026.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

Image Caption:

Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released  
01 31, 2026 valid through April 30, 2026.



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