



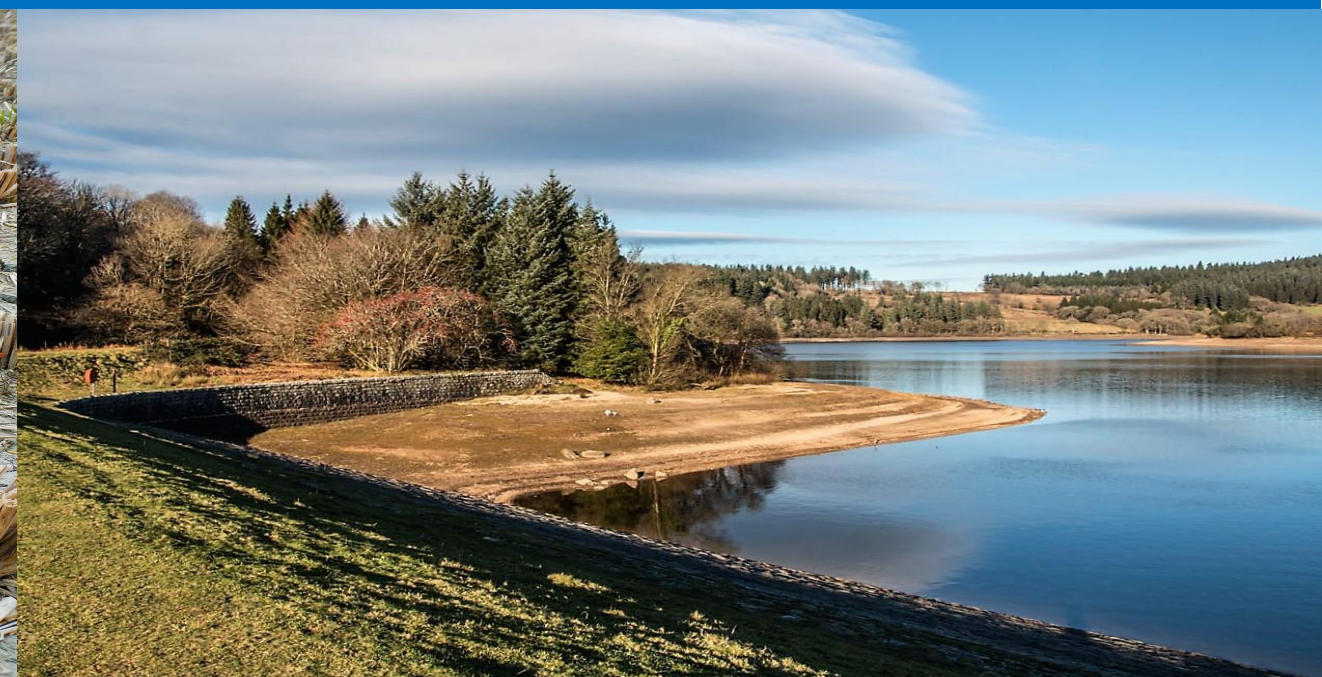
Drought Information Statement for South Florida

10 15 2026

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- Gradual Improvement In Drought Across South Florida
- Please see all available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Visit our local interactive drought page at <https://nws-miami-drought-page-noaa.hub.arcgis.com/>



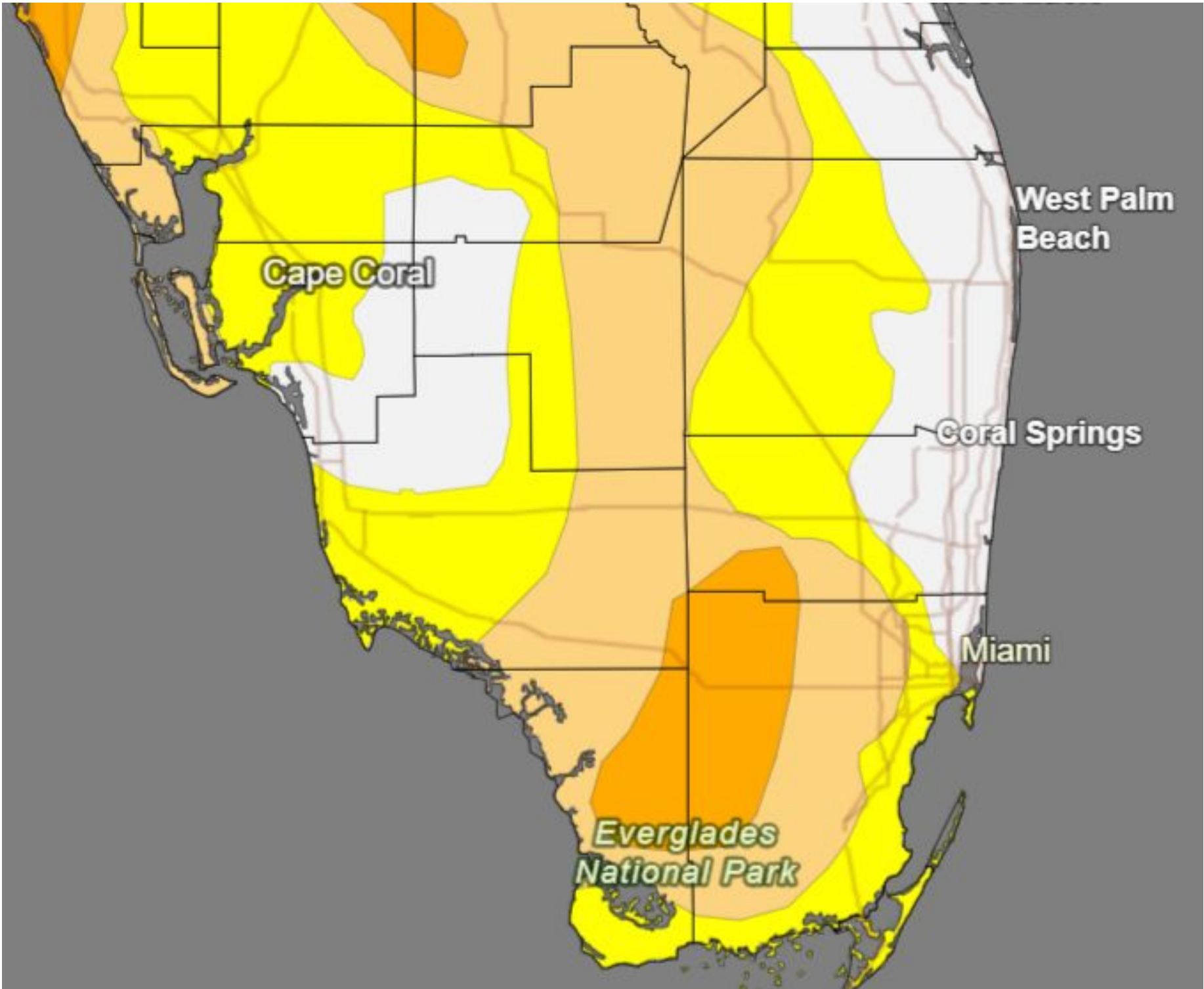


Drought Update - 10/15/2026

October 15, 2026
10:00 AM

Key Messages

- Recent Rainfall Across South Florida**
Lake Okeechobee is starting to see water enter from Kissimmee River due to the heavy rainfall over South Central Florida. This has help to increase the Lake level and allow for improvement in the drought conditions around the lake. Rest of South Florida saw only isolated scattered showers and storms which kept the drought status mostly steady.
- Update On Drought Intensity & Extent Across South Florida**
 - D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Western Collier County, western Palm Beach County, western Broward County and most of metro Miami-Dade County along with portions of Glades and Hendry Counties.
 - D1 (Moderate Drought):** Eastern Collier County, eastern Everglades, far western metro areas of Miami-Dade County, and Lake Okeechobee region.
 - D2 (Severe Drought):** Western Everglades of Miami-Dade County into Mainland Monroe County.

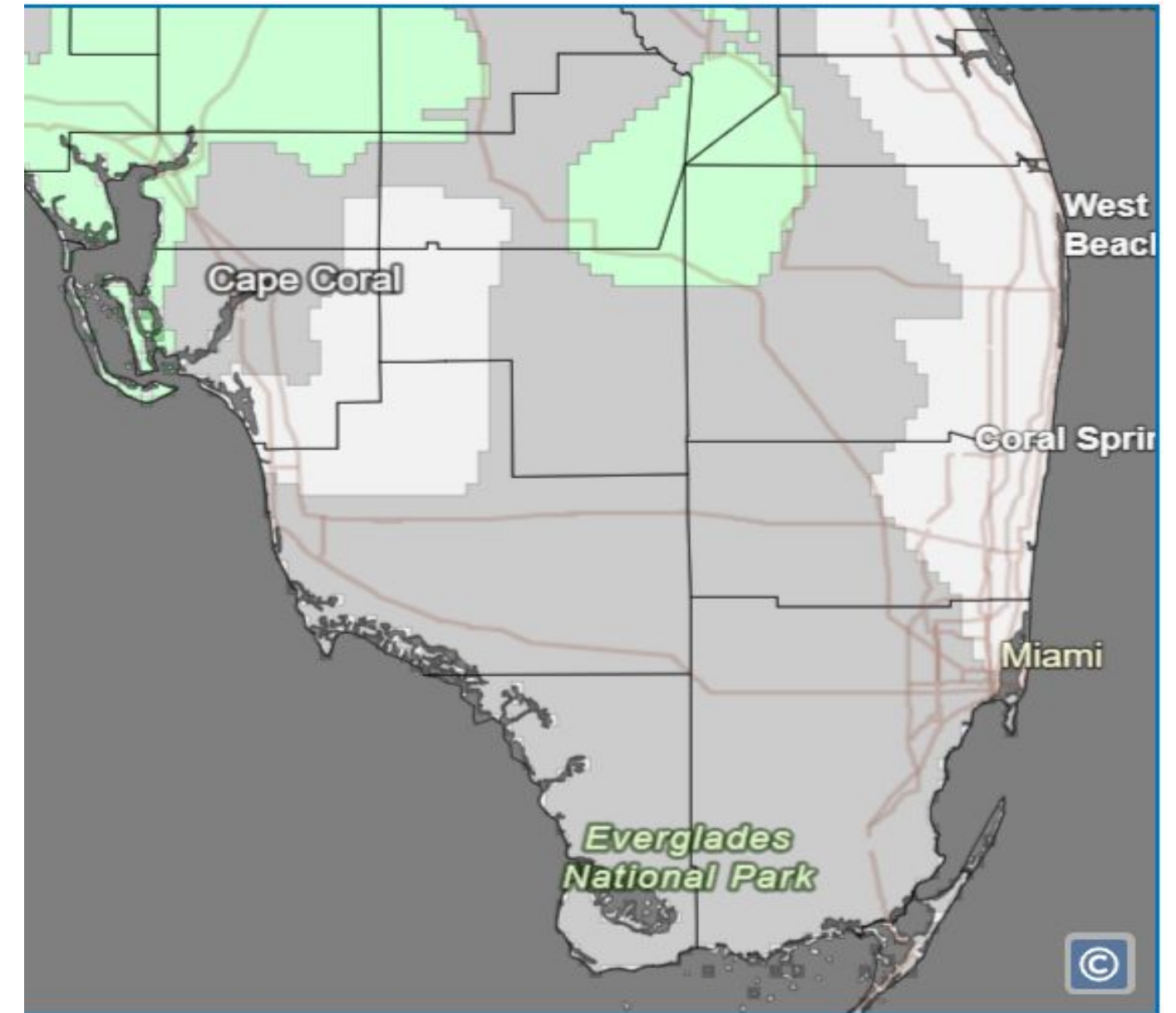




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

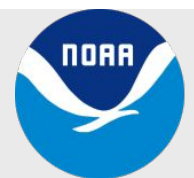
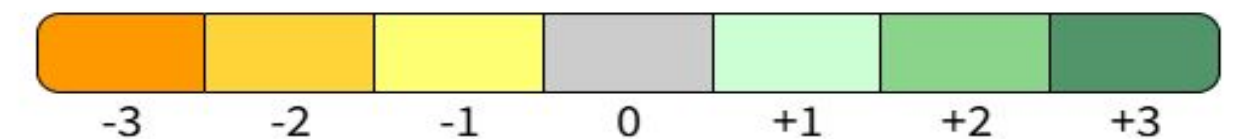
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) and [1-week change map](#) for South Florida

- **One Week Drought Monitor Class Change**
 - Drought has improved slightly (+1) across Lake Okeechobee region.
- Coverage and placement of showers and thunderstorms through the early dry season of 2026/2027 will determine how the drought conditions improved across South Florida.



Legend

Drought Change Since Last Week





Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures(Since 05/01/2026)

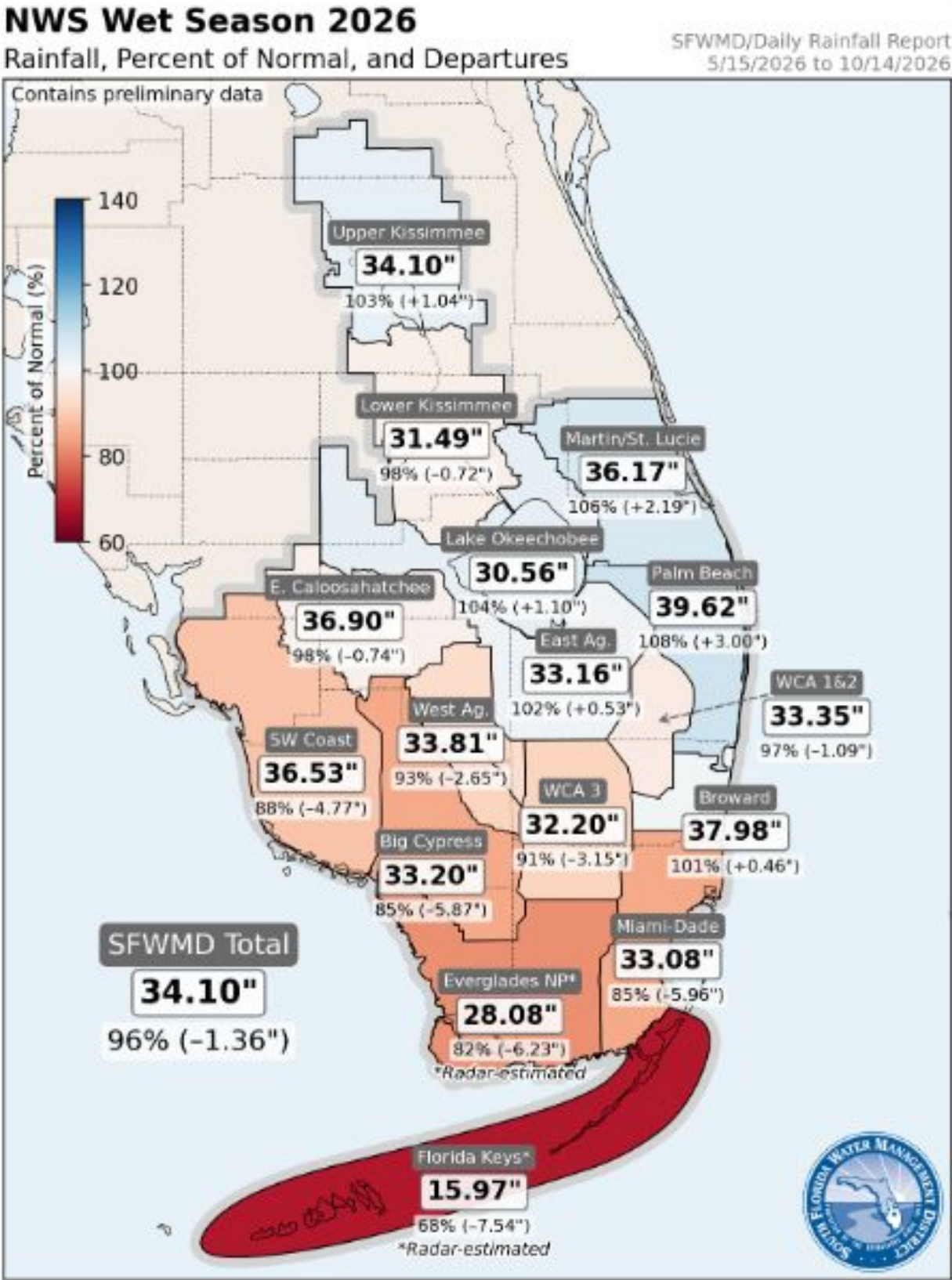
Wet Season 2026

- Rainfall observed with the departure and percent of normal since May 1st, 2026

The following table gives the rainfall from May 1st, 2026 to October 14th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	35.69	-2.99	92%
Naples Municipal	34.00	-3.69	90%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	41.65	+1.44	104%
Miami Intl	28.91	-19.28	60% (14th driest wet season so far)
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	27.34	-7.80	78% (18th driest wst season so far)
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	42.35	-1.89	96%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	37.99	-6.56	85% (7th driest wet season so far)
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	44.85	-6.81	87%
Miami Beach	36.78	-1.46	96%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	33.97	-5.39	86% (12th driest wet season so far)

Image
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from May 15th
through
October 14th,
2026



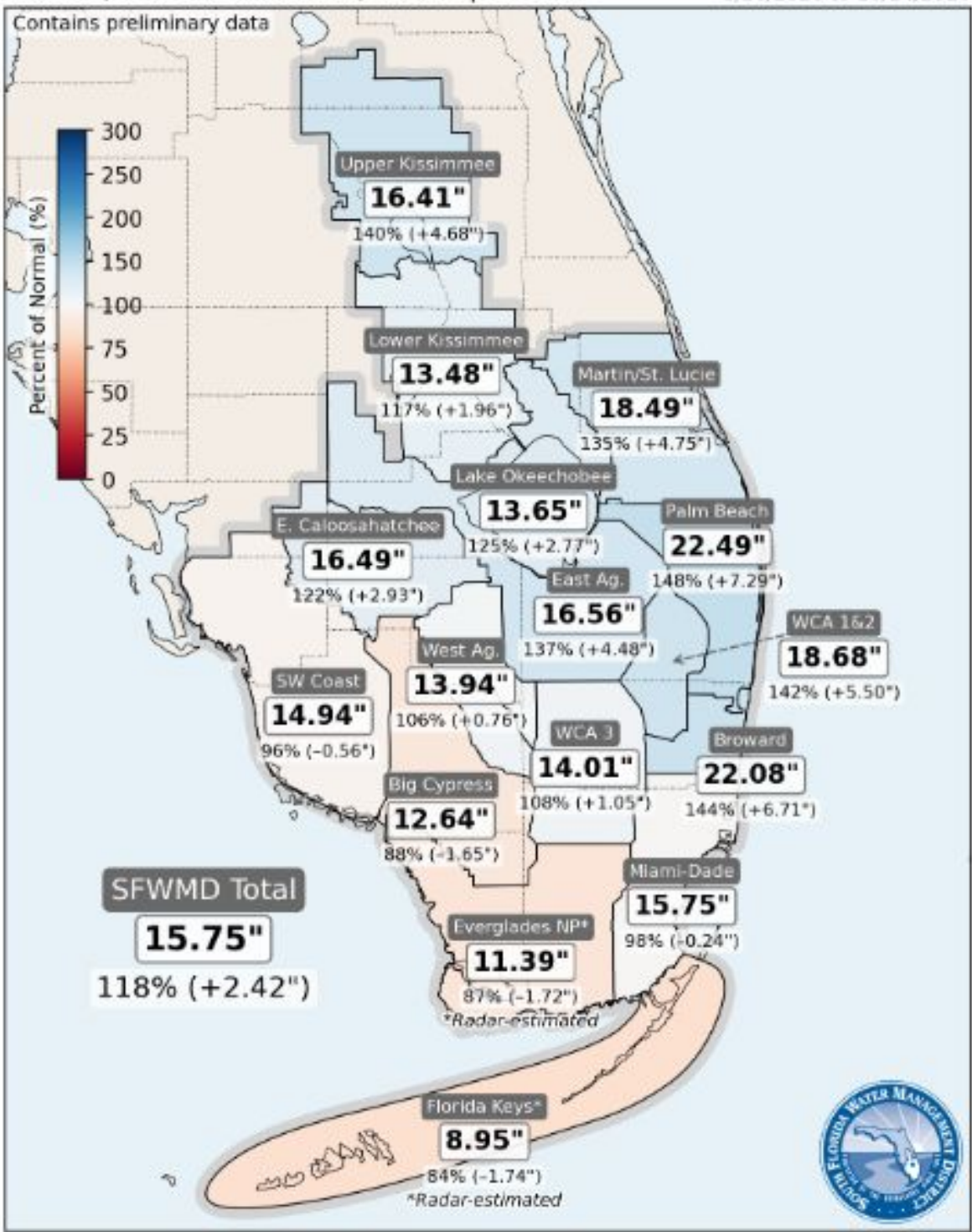


Rainfall Totals, Percent of Normal and Departures (60 & 90 Days)

Past 60 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
8/16/2026 to 10/14/2026



Past 90 Days

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
7/17/2026 to 10/14/2026

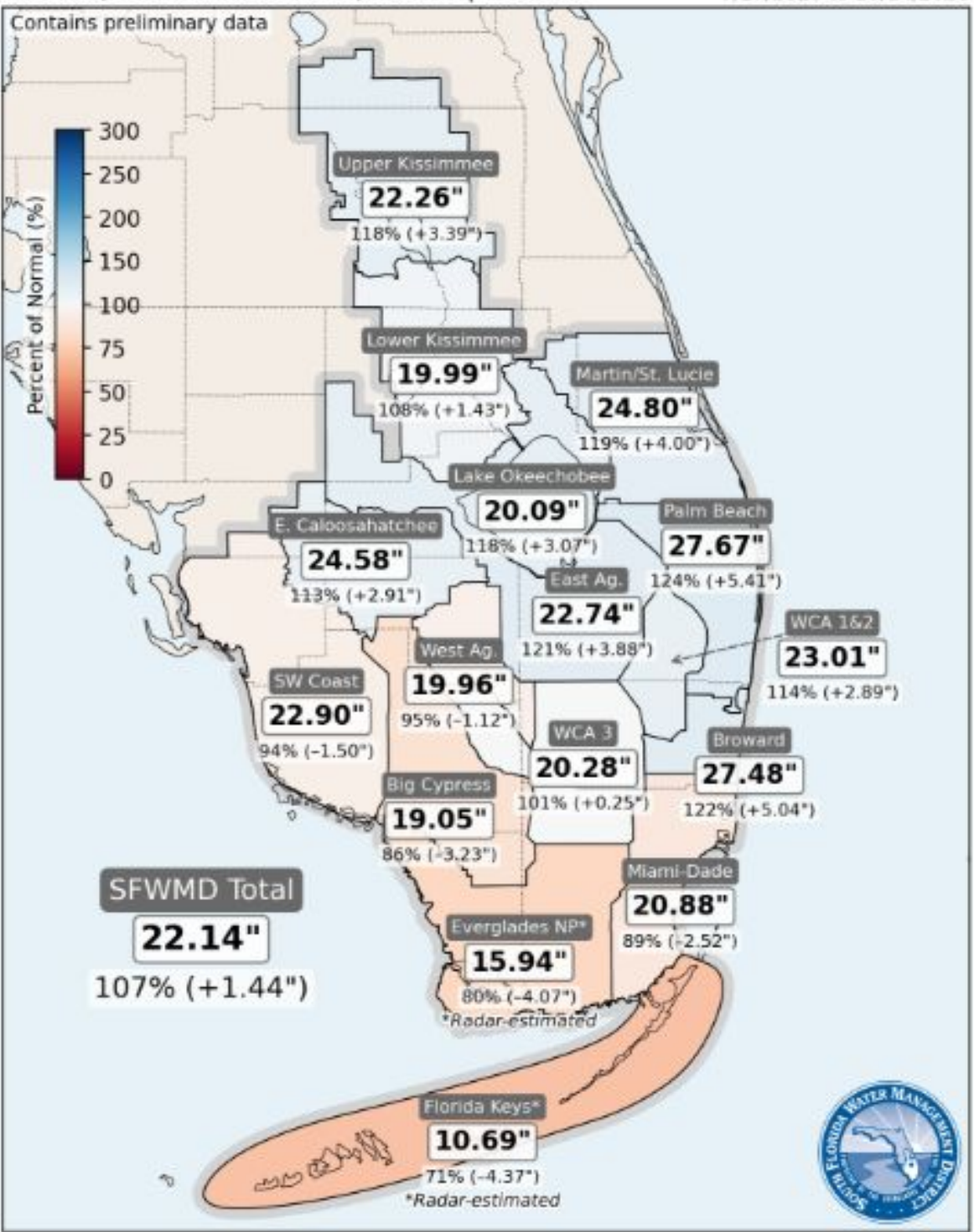


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- Past 60 Days (Since 8/16/2026)
- Past 90 Days (Since 7/16/2026)





180 Day Precipitation & Percent of Normal (Since 1/01/2026)

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

The following table gives the rainfall from November 1, 2025 to October 14th, 2026:

Airports:	Observed Rainfall	Dep fm Normal	Percent of Normal
Donald J. Trump International Intl.	52.21	-6.66	89%
Naples Municipal	41.36	-6.52	86%
Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl	57.71	+0.35	100%
Miami Intl	40.82	-23.14	64%
Secondary Observation Sites			
Moore Haven (Glades)	35.00	-12.46	74%
Opa Locka (Miami-Dade)	51.55	-7.67	78%
Homestead (Miami-Dade)	48.84	-8.70	85%
Hialeah (Miami-Dade)	58.86	-10.64	85%
Devils Garden (Hendry)	40.90	-11.32	78%

Calendar Year 2026

Rainfall, Percent of Normal, and Departures

SFWMD/Daily Rainfall Report
1/1/2026 to 10/14/2026 (to date)

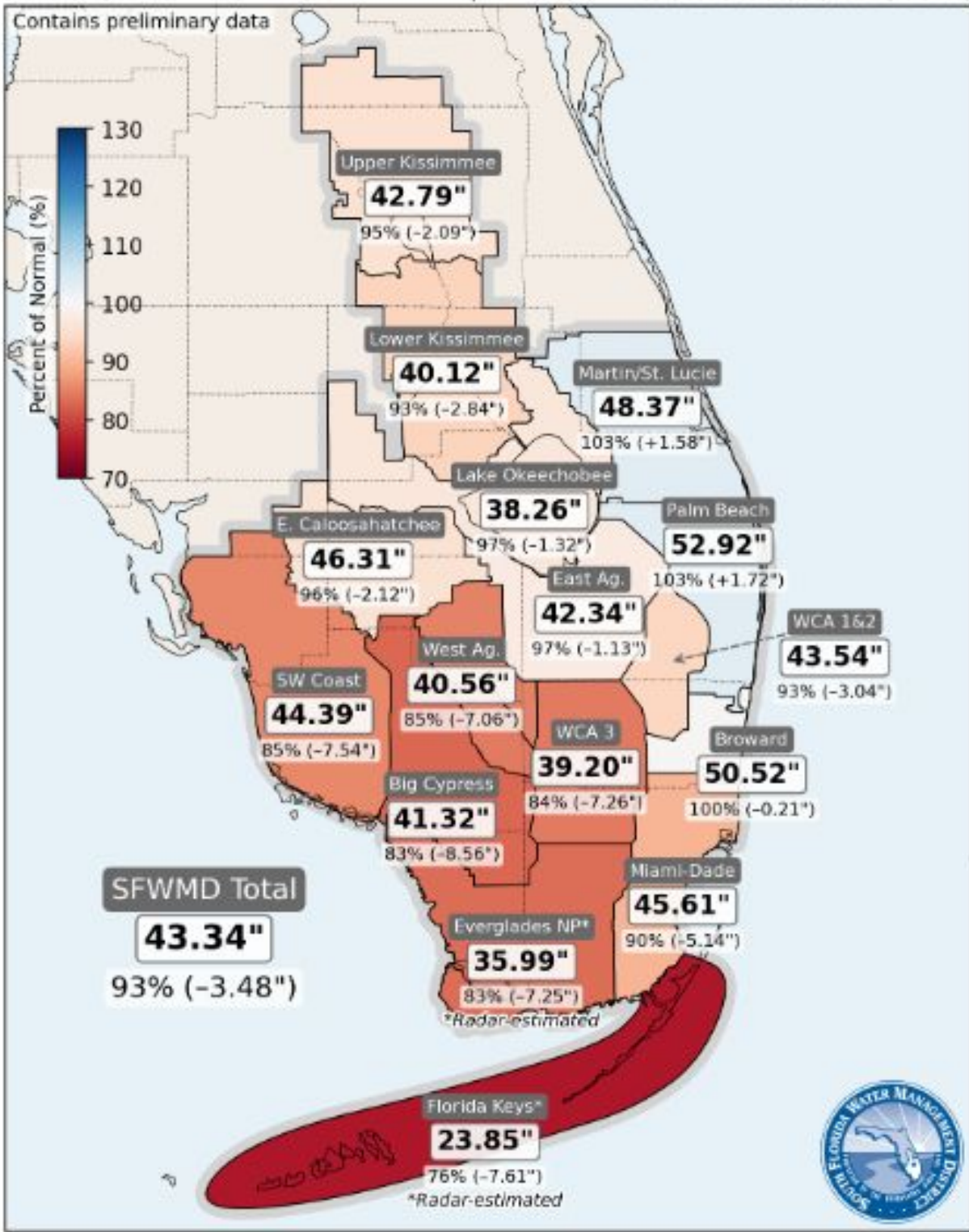
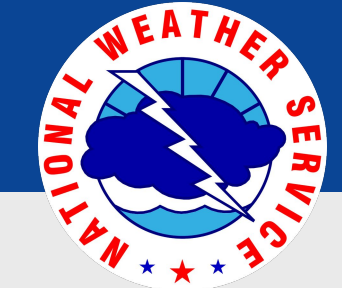


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Data since beginning of January 1st,
2026





Hydrologic Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- (10/15/26) Lake Okeechobee water level is currently at 12.39 feet which is **-2.65 feet** below the normal value of 15.04 feet.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 1** in Interior Palm Beach County is at 17.62 feet. Compared to the normal value of 17.48 feet, this is **+0.12 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 2** in Interior Broward County is at 14.29 feet. Compared to the normal value of 12.77 feet, this is **1.52 feet** above normal for this time of year.
- The underground level for **Water Conservation Area 3** in Interior Miami-Dade County is at 9.84 feet. Compared to the normal value of 10.38 feet, this is **-0.54 feet** below normal for this time of year.





Hydrologic Impacts on Lake Okeechobee

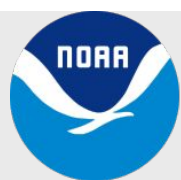
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Hydrologic Impacts

- Locks that are closed due to low Lake Okeechobee water levels include:
 - S-135 Boat Lock J&S Fish Camp in Martin County
 - G-36 Boat Lock on Hendry Creek in Okeechobee County
 - S-127 Boat Lock at Buckhead Ridge in Glades County
 - S-131 Boat Lock in Lakeport in Glades County



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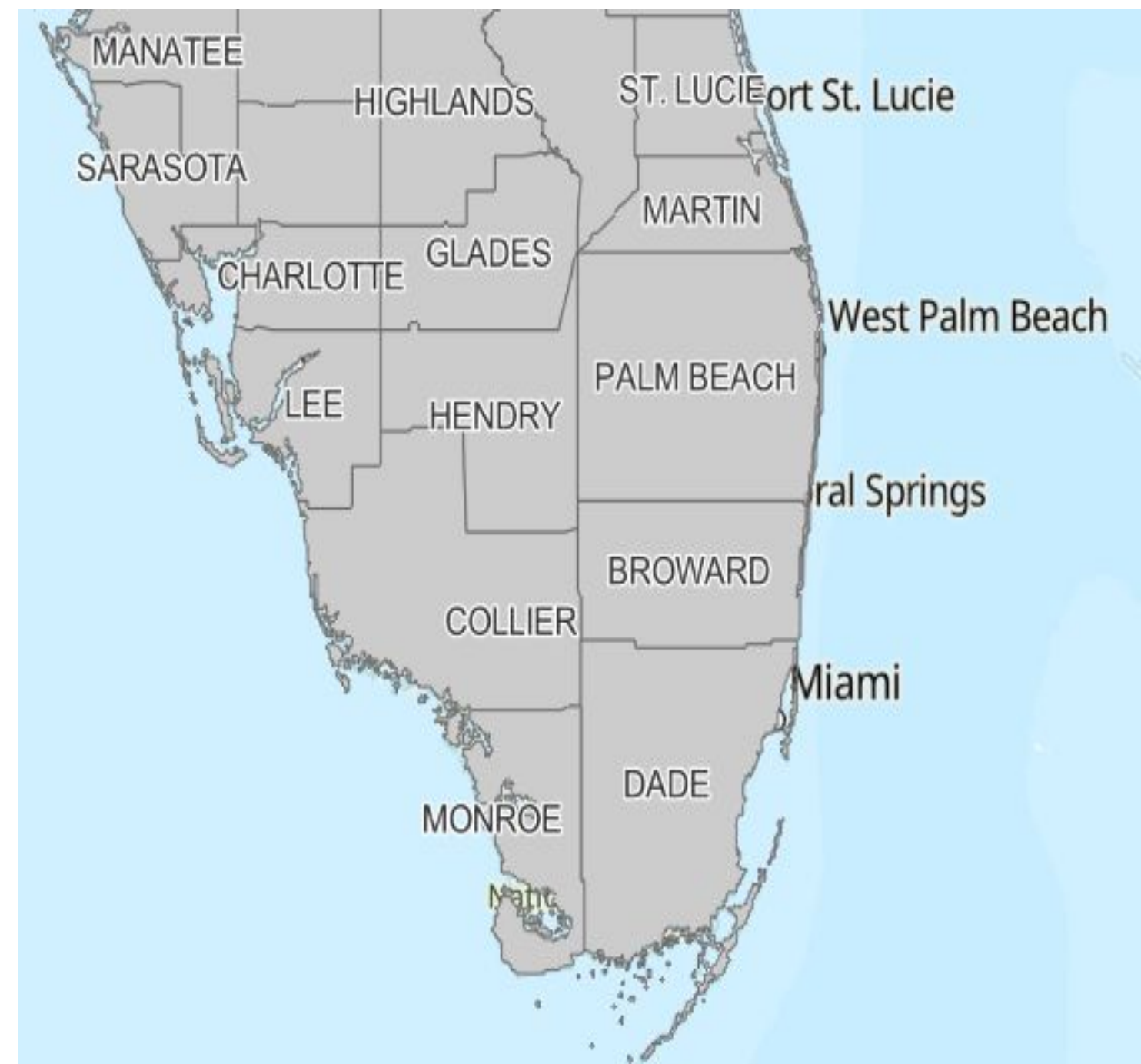


Burn Bans

Link: [County Burn Bans](#)

Current Burn Bans

- *No burns are currently in effect for South Florida.*





Soil Moisture

- Soil moisture values have increased a little bit over metro Palm Beach and Metro Broward Counties from last week.
- Soil moisture values are now in the 70th-90th percentile over metro areas of Palm Beach and Broward Counties
- Rest of South Florida are still in the 30th-70th percentile range.

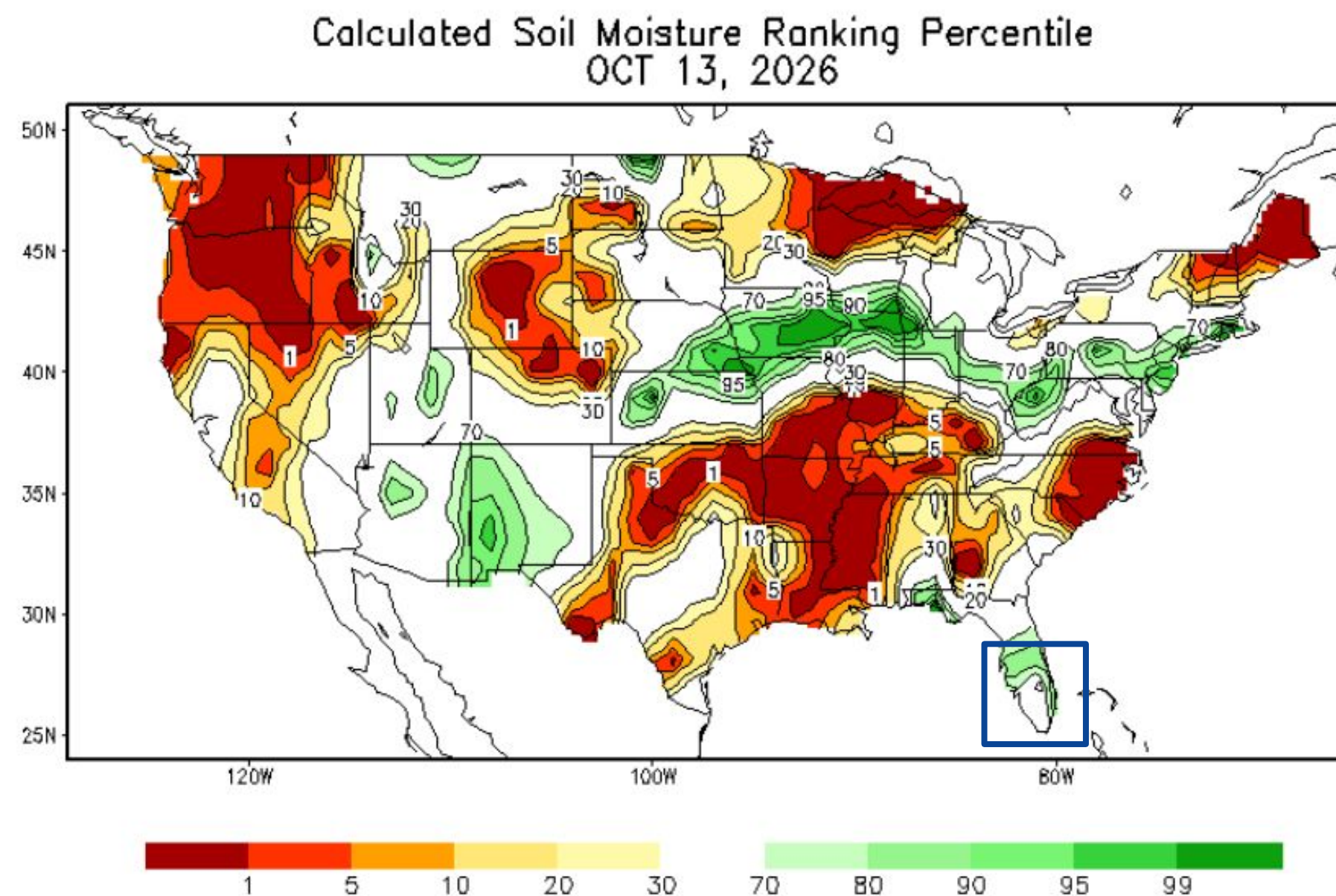
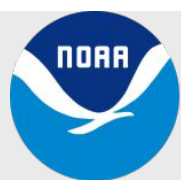


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CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#)
valid October 13th, 2026





Precipitation Outlook

6-10 Day Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Outlook

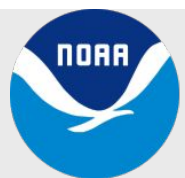
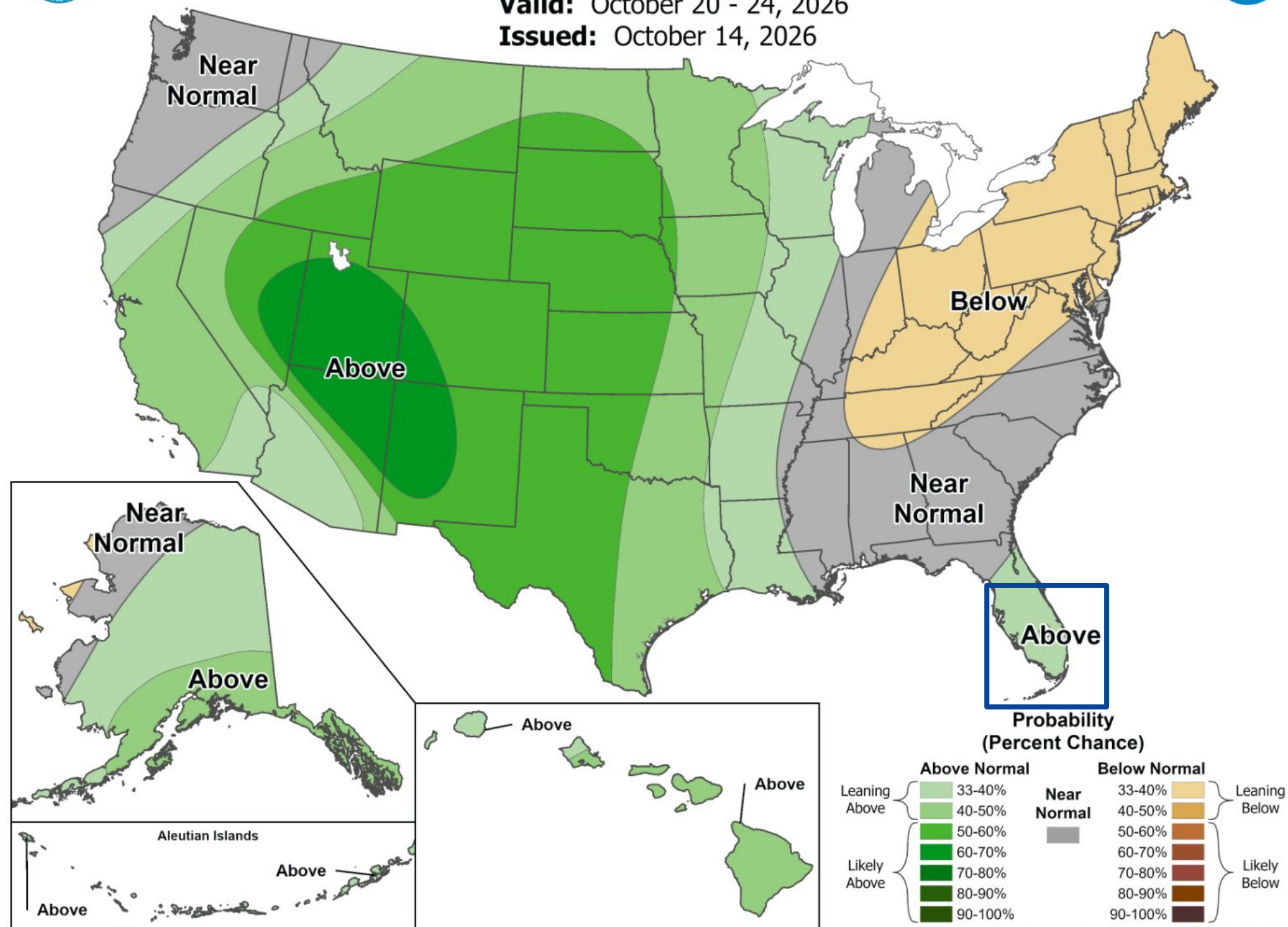
- A frontal boundary is forecast to move southward and stall over South Florida this weekend before slowly washing out early next week.
- This pattern will lead to scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms each day with the highest chance over the eastern areas of South Florida.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** forecasting **“Leaning above normal rainfall” (33 to 44 percent)** for our area over the next 6-10 days.



6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

Valid: October 20 - 24, 2026

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Monthly Outlook

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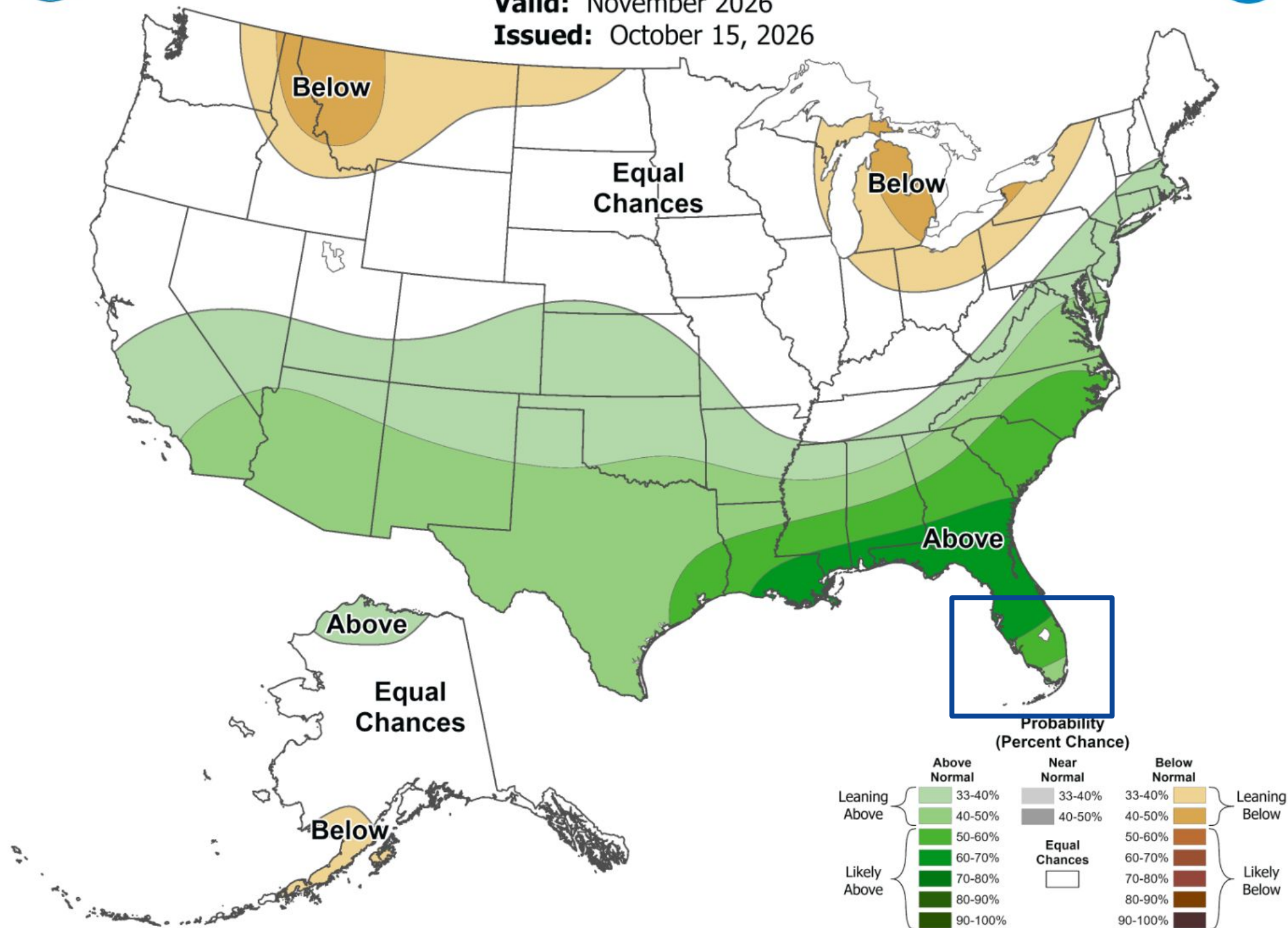
- The **Climate Prediction Center** is forecasting “**Likely above normal rainfall**” (50 to 60 percent) north of Alligator Alley for the month of November.
- The **Climate Prediction Center** is Forecasting “**Leaning above normal rainfall**” (40 to 50 Percent) south of Alligator Alley for the month of November.



Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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Long-Range Outlooks

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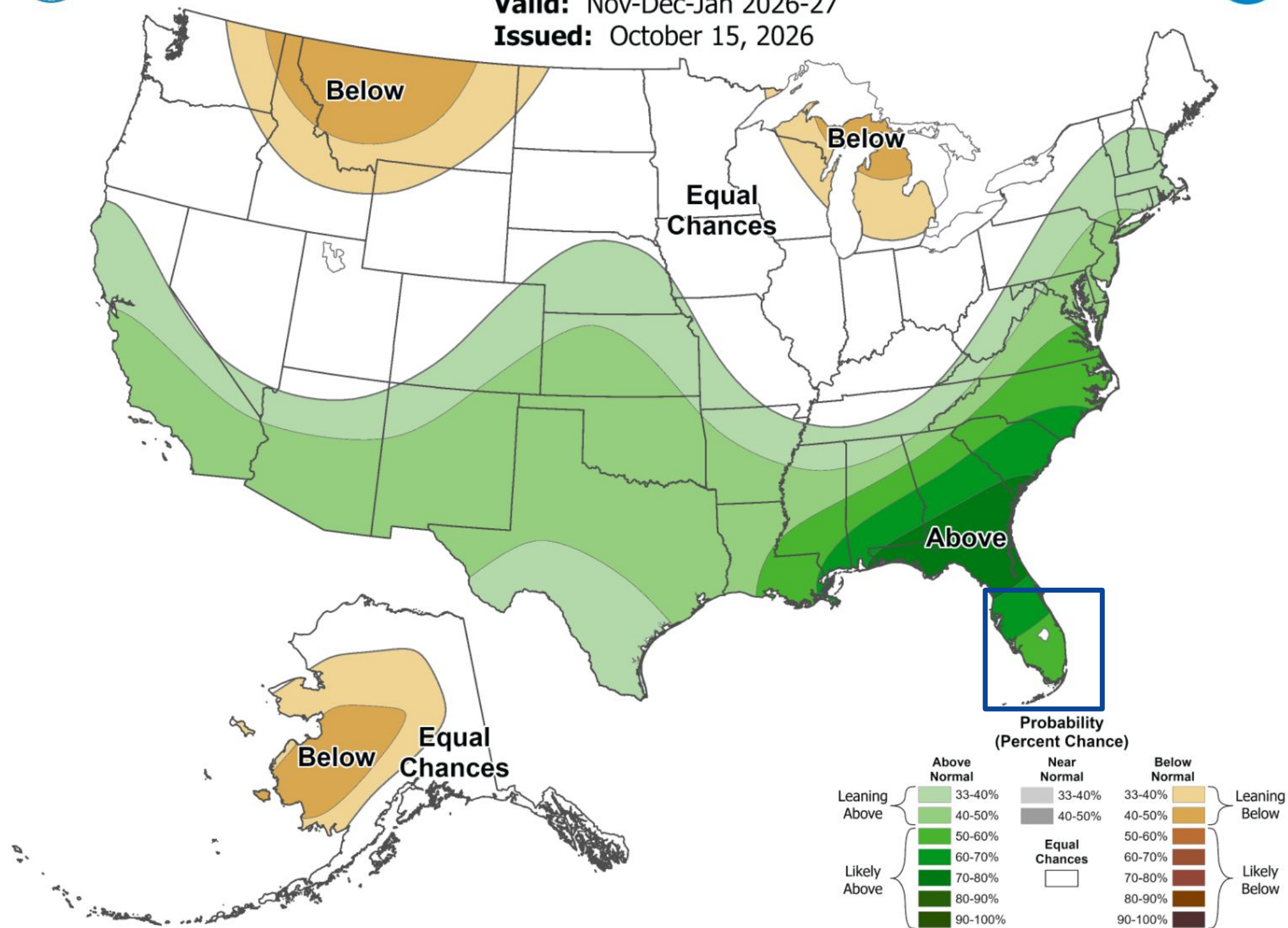
- The **Climate Prediction Center** is forecasting “**Likely above normal rainfall**” (50 to 60 percent) for precipitation for our area for the months of November 2026 through January 2027.



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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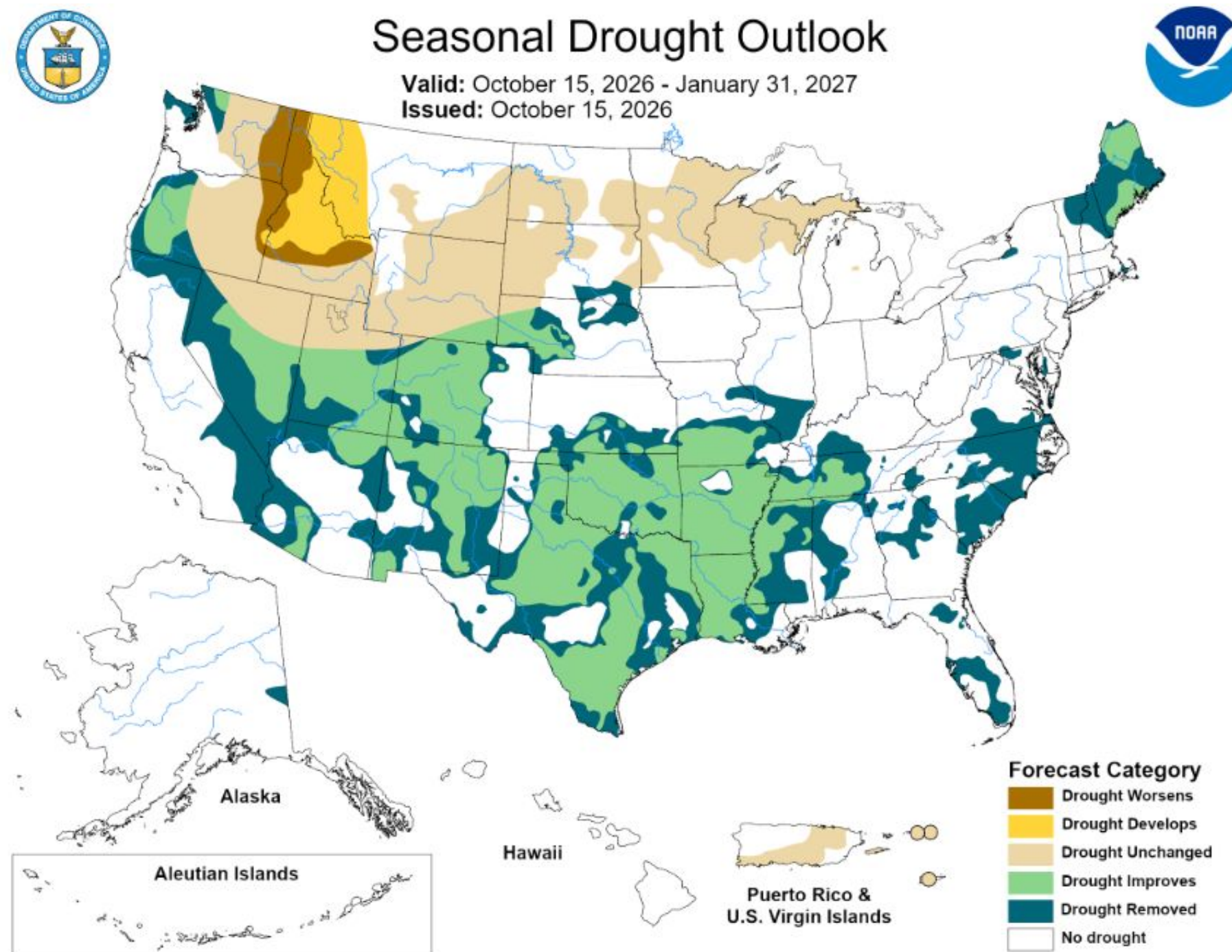
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Drought Outlook

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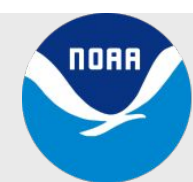
- Drought has persisted for the duration of the wet season with oscillations in severity. The latest seasonal outlook is now calling for the removal of drought conditions across South Florida by the end of January 2027.
- Continued heavy rainfall will be needed to fully alleviate the drought across the region.



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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