Weekly Weather Update
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• High pressure will build into the region beginning on Tuesday this week and this will bring quite a change in our temperatures. After intervals of clouds and sun on Tuesday, the entire state will be under sunny skies for the rest of the work week.

• The biggest weather concern for this week will be the temperatures. Despite abundant sunshine, high temperatures will feel quite chilly as we move through the work-week. Highs will only peak in the upper 50s to low 60s throughout North Florida through Thursday and will also stay below seasonal throughout the Peninsula. By Friday, it will start to gradually warm up with highs reaching the upper 60s to low 70s.

• With the high pressure pushing very cold northerly winds over the South, our overnight lows will feel rather wintry this week. Lows will plummet into the 40s and 50s statewide by Tuesday night. Wednesday night temperatures will be bitter as lows fall into the upper 20s to low 30s in some of the normally coldest locations of North Florida. Expect these biting temperatures to fall as low as the upper 40s to low 50s southward through the southern Peninsula. Areas of frost and possibly a light freeze will be possible across North Florida by Thursday morning.

• When temperatures reach such frigid levels, it is important to remember the 5 P’s of Cold Weather Safety.

• It will begin to slightly warm up Thursday and Friday nights with lows forecast to stay above freezing each night and rising into the 40s and 50s by Friday night.

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• Strong westerly winds over the Gulf Coast waters will generate rough ocean conditions with breaking waves reaching heights up to four to six feet along the Emerald Coast and the Western Big Bend beaches. These strong winds and rough surf will lead to a high rip current risk and minor beach erosion along this portion of the Northern Gulf Coast through Tuesday. As these conditions subside along the Northern Gulf Coast, the Peninsula Gulf Coast will continue to see a moderate risk of rip currents into Wednesday. Onshore winds along the Atlantic Coast will be prevalent on Tuesday and also on Friday and this will bring a moderate risk of rip currents from the First Coast southward through the Gold Coast. Although it will be chilly outside, anyone who plans to enter the surf should check the warning flag signs before entering the water and swim within sight of a lifeguard.

• The 2011 hurricane season ends on this Wednesday, November 30. This year was a record breaking year and ties for 3rd busiest year having produced a total of 19 tropical storms of which seven became hurricanes, including three major hurricanes. Just because hurricane season has ended, does not mean that Floridians can forget about their disaster plans or supply kits. It is important to always have them up to date.

• For more information on disaster plans, supply kits or to find cold weather safety tips, you can come right back here to www.FloridaDisaster.org and click on the Division’s homepage.

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