WEEKLY REPORT
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• Cool and comfortable conditions early this week will slowly be replaced by a more summer-like feel by this weekend. We will have a disturbance pass through the Peninsula today and this will allow our cloud cover and rain chances to increase this afternoon.

• By tomorrow and into the later part of this week, high pressure will build in with sunny skies and minimal rain chances.

• As the high pressure system builds in and decreases our chances for rain, the very dry conditions across the state will keep our wildfire threat elevated statewide this week. It is important to remember to protect your house from wildfire before one threatens your area. You should trim all tree branches that overhand our house and remove leaves and other debris such as pine needles and palm fronds from your yard. Be sure to keep firefighting tools in a safe place such as a shed or garage. Your grass should be mowed and remember to keep it well irrigated.

• As the high pressure system builds in and we start to see plenty of sunshine, our temperatures will gradually rise. We’ll start off today rather cool and well-below normal for this time of year with highs only in the 70s across North Florida and low 80s in Central and South Florida. We’ll see a slight warm-up tomorrow and by Thursday and Friday our temperatures will soar to be close to 90 degrees throughout the Sunshine State by this weekend.

• It will generally be the same story with our overnight low temperatures.

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as they increase from the 50s and 60s tonight and tomorrow night into the 60s and 70s later this week and into the weekend.

- Since it will be a great week to head out to the beach, we want to remind everyone that it is important to look for warning flags and signs before entering the surf. There will be a moderate rip current risk along the Peninsula Gulf Coast today and tomorrow so we encourage everyone to check out www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov to learn more about this beach hazard before leaving for your beach destination.

- We encourage everyone to stay up-to-date on the latest wildfire threat and to find more information on how to keep your home and business wildfire safe you can come right back here to www.FloridaDisaster.org, and click on our Division’s homepage.

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