

Florida Division of Emergency Management - State Watch Office

DAILY SITUATION REPORT: 0700hrs EST to 0700hrs EST

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READINESS STATUS

State Emergency Operations Center:		Level - 3 Normal Monitoring	
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Regional Coordination Team	County Location	Status
Team Leader - Roy Dunn:	Leon	Mission Capable
Region 1 - Tom Smith:	In Region	Mission Capable
Region 2 - Bryan Lowe:	In Region	Mission Capable
Region 3 - Jim Britts:	In Region	Mission Capable
Region 4 - Paul Siddall:	In Region	Mission Capable
Region 5 - Jim Roberts:	In Region	Mission Capable
Region 6 - VACANT:	VACANT	See Operations Summary for coverage
Region 7 - John Scott:	In Region	Mission Capable

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SLERS:	DEM Statewide
Twitter:	www.twitter.com/FLStateWatch
EM Constellation:	https://seoc.floridadisaster.org/emconstellation/login.aspx

SECTOR STATUS

Status		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Airports Status:	All Airports open.							
Border Security:	No issues reported.							
Communications:	No issues reported.							
Cyber Security:	No issues reported.							
Energy Status:	No issues reported.							
Nuclear Power Plants Status:	One or More Nuclear Power Plants Are Operating At Less Than Normal Capacity.							
Public Health Advisories:	No Public Health Advisories.							
Seaports Status:	All Seaports are open.							
Transportation Status:	No Major Road Closures Reported.							

OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is at a Level 3 (Monitoring) Activation Status.

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President Obama has declared a National Emergency for H1N1 Flu Virus.

Crystal River NPP Unit 3 is shut down for refueling. Turkey Point NPP Unit 4 is shut down for refueling.

Region 6 Coverage (VACANT): Region 4 Paul Siddall is covering Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto and Charlotte. Region 5 Jim Roberts is covering Okeechobee, Highlands and Glades. Region 7 John Scott is covering Collier, Lee and Hendry.

METEOROLOGY:	STATUS BY REGIONS						
Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Lightning:							
Flooding:	L	L					
Damaging Wind:							
Tornado:							
Hail:							
Fire:	L	L					
Tropical:							
Rip Currents:	L	L	H	L	H	L	H
Space:	Very Low						
Lake Okeechobee Status:	13.75 ft, about 1.2 feet below normal						

METEOROLOGY SUMMARY:

State:
 Today's weather will be almost identical to yesterdays, with high pressure continuing to build across North Florida causing another clear rainless day across the entire state. The only difference is that it may be slightly cooler across the panhandle and Florida Big Bend today due to drier air that has moved into the region. There is no threat of severe weather anywhere in Florida today. However, river flood warnings still remain across much of Northwest Florida and include the Apalachicola River near Blountstown and the Choctawhatchee River at Caryville. Only minor flooding is occurring in both places, but the Choctawhatchee River is expected to fall out of flood state tomorrow and the Apalachicola River is forecast to stay in flood stage for several more days. The flood warnings are in effect for Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Liberty, Holmes and Washington Counties. A red flag warning is in effect for inland portions of the Florida Big Bend and eastern panhandle this afternoon due to long durations of relative humidities staying below 35%.

At the coast, a high rip current risk remains across the all Atlantic Florida Beaches due to long period northeast swells, and the risk will increase during high tide this afternoon. The surf in these areas is extremely dangerous to all swimmers today and should be avoided.

Tropics:
 There are currently no active tropical systems and development is not expected within the next 48 hours.

Drought:
 The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) average for the State of Florida is 430 on a scale from 0 (extremely moist) – 800 (extremely dry).

Lake Okeechobee average elevation is at 13.75 feet today, about 1.2 feet below normal.

Space Weather is very quiet today.

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November 11, 2009 - WCTV.TV - Tallahassee - **Lake Talquin Dam Conflict Continues.** The conflict over the Lake Talquin dam continues. No action has yet to be made. The conflict over the Lake Talquin dam continues, but no action has yet to be made. The federal government is mandating the City of Tallahassee, who manages the dam, to strengthen the design. The concern is that once these changes will be made, it could potentially cause severe down stream flooding in some areas. Leon County Commissioners say it's a catch 22 because although the City has the jurisdiction over the dam, the residents affected by these decisions are out of the city limits. City officials were scheduled to give a presentation to County Commissioners Tuesday night but that's been rescheduled for December 8th.

Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/69731677.html>

November 9, 2009 - South Florida Sun-Sentinel - Miami - **Florida I-95 Express Tolls Cut Travel Times.** Lanes will be extended to Fort Lauderdale. Interstate 95's new express lanes have put the "rush" back into the evening rush hour out of downtown Miami. In 10 months since their debut, Interstate 95's new express lanes have increased travel speeds and reduced the time it takes to make the evening commute out of downtown Miami. In the 10 months since their debut, the northbound express lanes have cut travel times and significantly increased travel speeds. Officials have high hopes the same will be true for commuters headed the other direction when the southbound express lanes open in January. And drivers in both directions as far north as Fort Lauderdale soon could reap the benefits as the express lanes are extended to Interstate 595. Beyond the boost in speed, I-95 is measurably safer. The number of accidents on I-95 in Miami-Dade is down 15 percent this year compared with last year, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. "Any time you have traffic stopping and going, there's always going to be chance to get rear-ended. But we're seeing traffic flowing a lot smoother now," said Lt. James Durden of the Highway Patrol. Drivers seem to agree. In a May survey conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation, 76 percent said the express lanes were more reliable than the regular lanes, and 58 percent said they wanted the express lanes extended to other roads in South Florida. Soon they'll get their wish. Construction is set to begin next year to extend the express lanes between the Golden Glades interchange and Fort Lauderdale. Express lanes also are a key component in construction of I-595 that is about to begin.

Source: http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/florida/fl-95-express-lanes-b110909-20091108_0_1581868.story

11/13/2009 - NewswireToday - Clearwater, FL - **Birds Eye GPS Tracking Device Rated #1 for Tracking Children and Adults with Special Needs Birds.** Eye Global Tracking, LLC, takes top spot in GPS tracking device comparison test for tracking children and adults with special needs, due to its superior indoor tracking capabilities. Birds Eye Global Tracking, Clearwater, Florida, takes top spot in GPS tracking device comparison test for tracking children and adults with special needs, due to its superior indoor tracking capabilities. In two independent online product comparison tests, the Birds Eye GPS Tracking Device scored consistently at the top of its mini-size tracker class. Out of 11 personal GPS tracking devices rated in one test, only 4 were shown to be effective in pin-pointing a target indoors.

Called "the ultimate child/teen/adult/vehicle tracking device" by one reviewer, who went on to applaud the Birds Eye Tracker as a "durable, lightweight, water-resistant, assisted GPS tracking device that works spectacularly well both indoors and out". The device, which is smaller than a set of keys, can locate a person suffering from Alzheimer's or Dementia or a missing child anywhere in less than 60 seconds with amazing pin-point accuracy. According to national statistics, each day in the United States, over 2,000 children are reported missing, and out of that group, 46 go unrecovered. Every year, hundreds of patients suffering from Dementia and Alzheimer's wander away from home or their caretaker's residence. According to statistics from the Alzheimer's Association, up to 60% of all Alzheimer's patients will wander. The report also goes on to state that 50% of those patients that are not found within 8 hours will suffer serious injury or death. According to Birds Eye President and Founder, Jimmy Bitzas, "a miniature GPS tracking device could prevent harm or death for every special needs person who wears one".

Source: <http://www.newswiretoday.com/news/60260/>