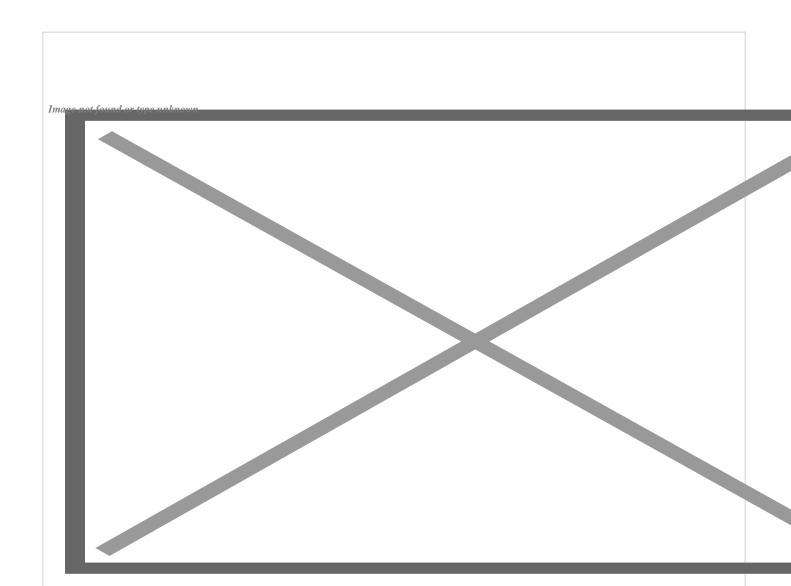
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According to reports from the U.S. state of Florida, nearly 530,000 homes, businesses and other customers in the state still did not have power as of Monday evening, according to PowerOutage.us. Power may not be restored on Fort Myers Beach for 30 days due its electrical infrastructure being destroyed, Lee County Manager Roger Desjarlais said.

Many residents are reportedly without clean tap water, with well over 100 boil-water advisories in places around the state, according to Florida Health Department data.

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