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## NASA ANNOUNCES SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS LANDING TIMES FOR FRIDAY

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- Space shuttle Atlantis' crew members are spending an extra day in orbit after weather Thursday at the prime landing site at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla., prevented them from coming home.

Presumably an afternoon KSC landing in the summer is always likely to be waved off if the rule is no showers within 30nm of the runway.

Historically, why was the main space facility built in Florida anyway – wouldn't it have been better to have it in the better climate of the west?

It's a money and time thing. If you can land the shuttle withing 10nm of the OPF/VAB/Launch pads, the return time will be a lot shorter.  
When the shuttle needs to land in California, is has to be transported back to Florida, this can take up to a week.

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