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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday December 14, 2023

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Heavy snow / hazardous travel across the higher terrain in N-Ctrl/NE NM into the western TX/OK Panhandles today.**
- **Isolated heavy rain / flash flooding potential across W/NW TX, SW OK today and for Ctrl/N/E/SE TX on Friday.**



# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 14, 2023 - Dec 18, 2023

DAY / THREAT	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	W/NW TX, SW OK	Ctrl/N/E/SE TX			
Fire Weather					
Winds					
Winter Weather	N-Ctrl/NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles				
River Flooding					

- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

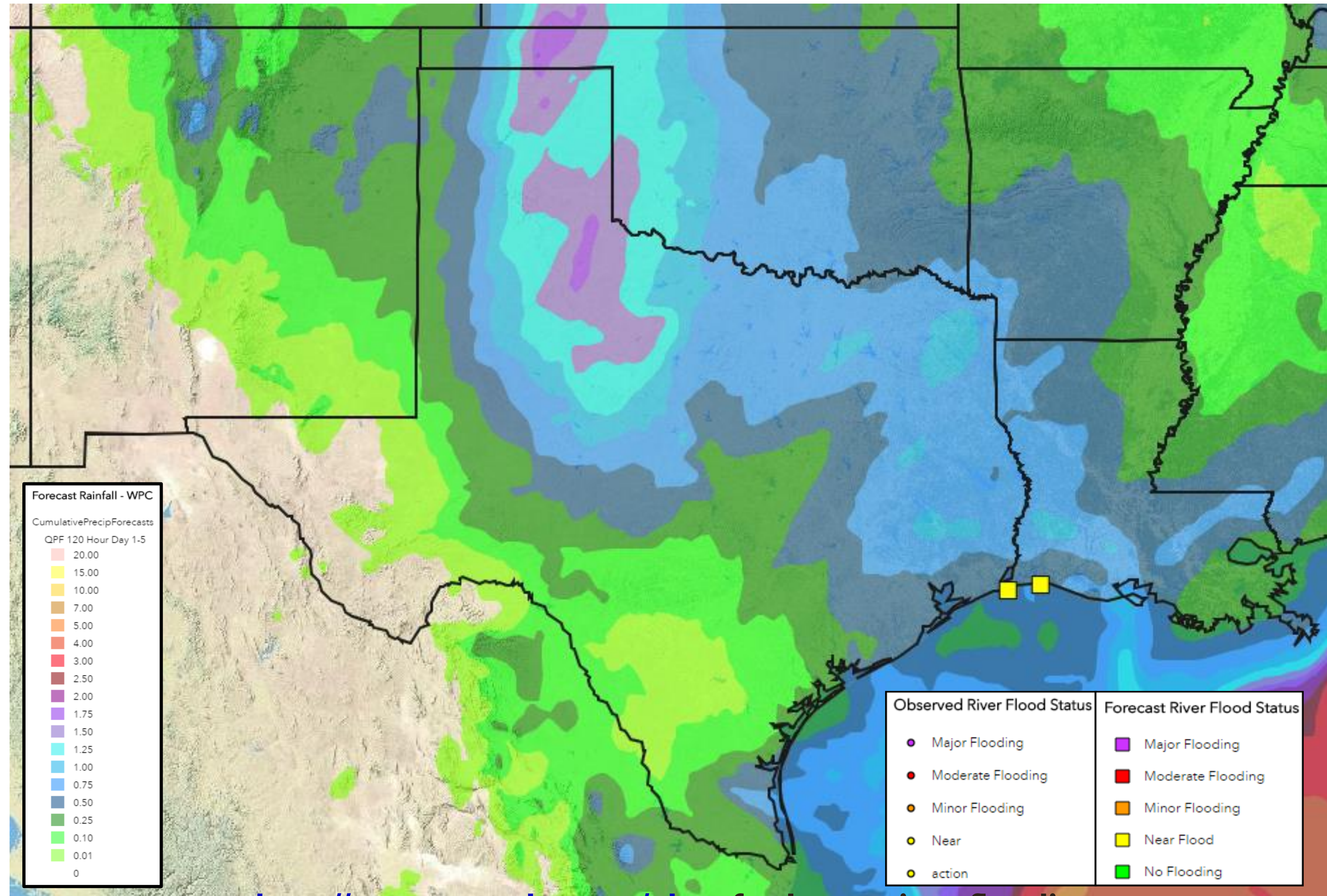
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



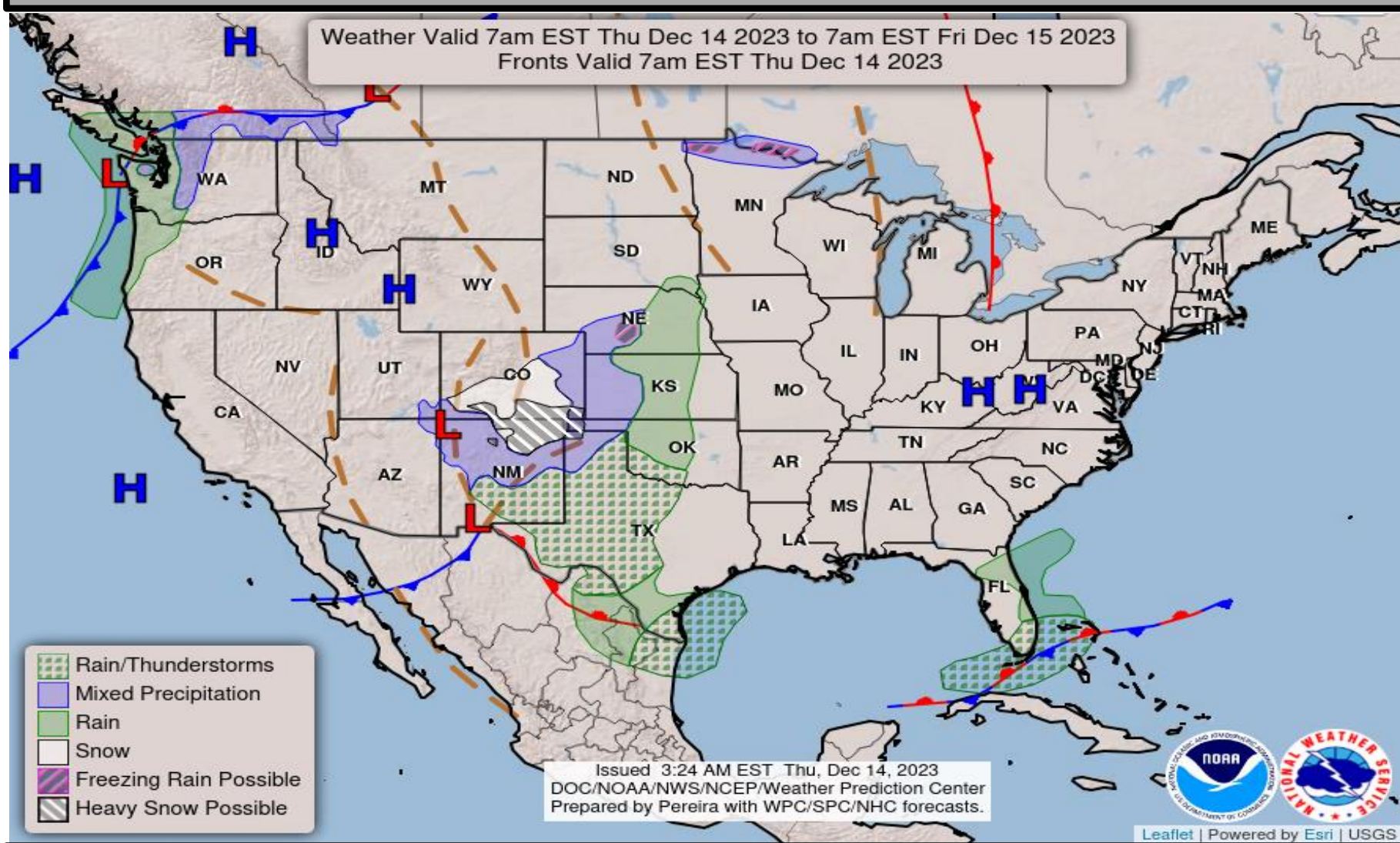
**No significant river flooding expected.**

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding

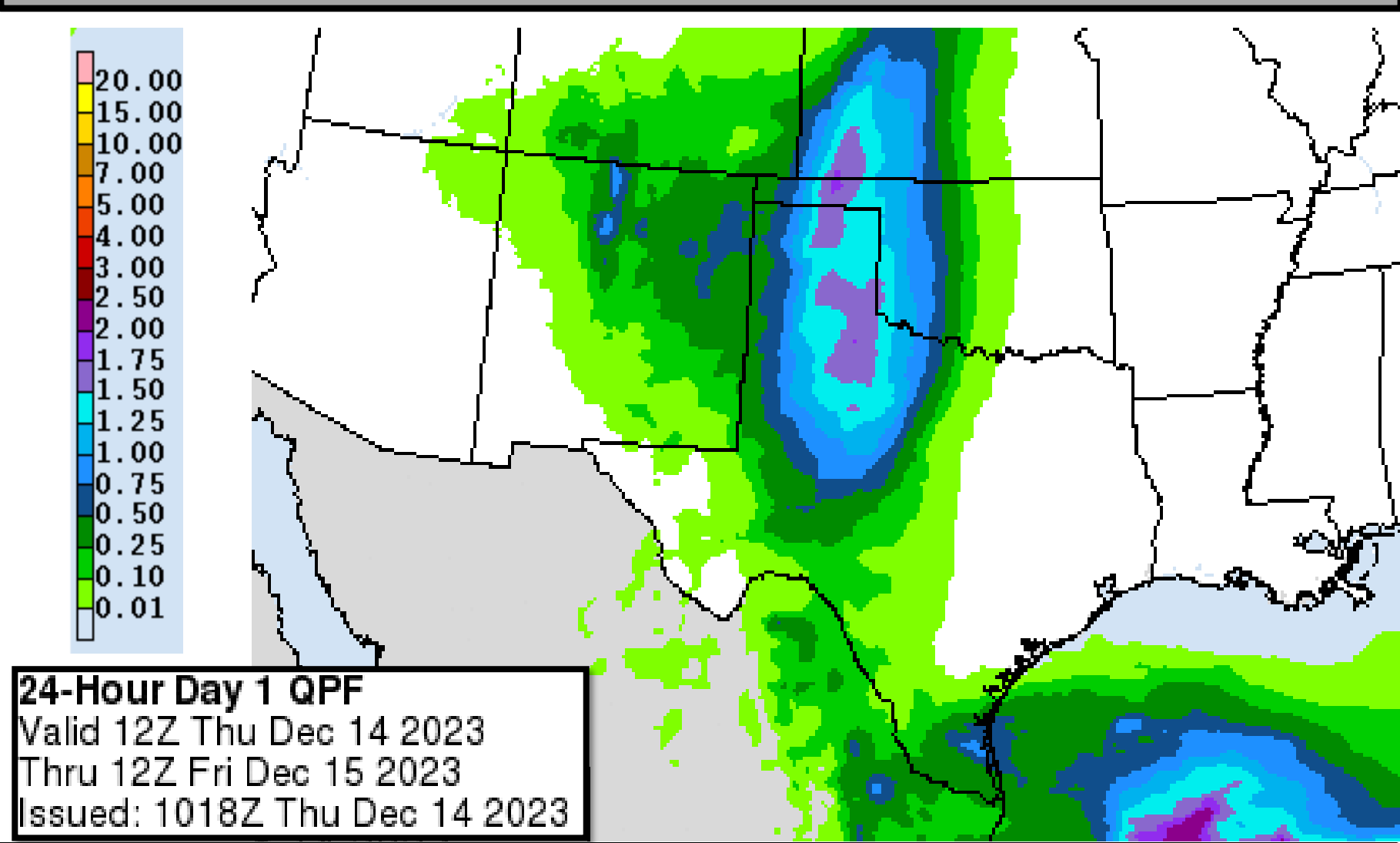


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



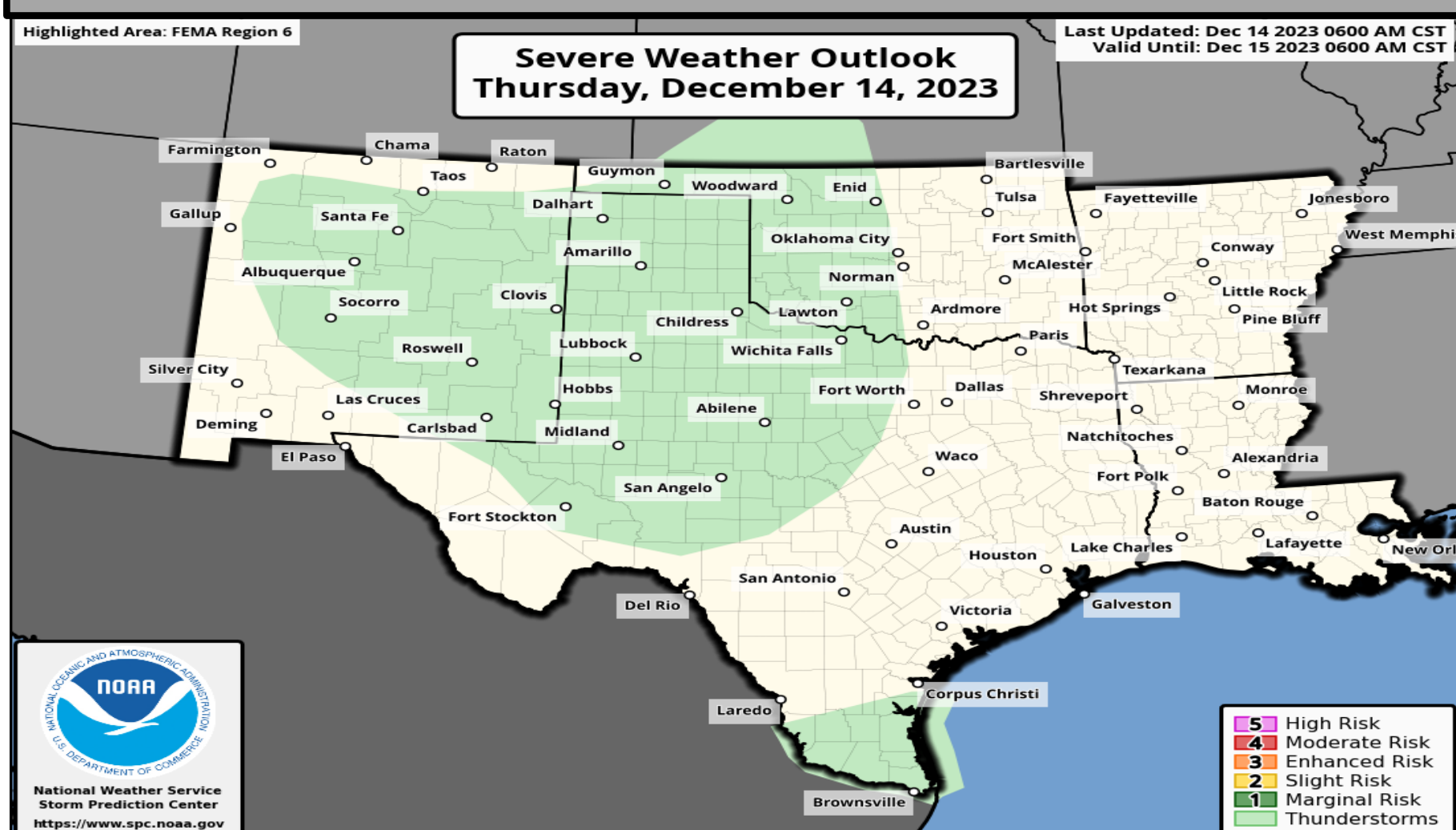
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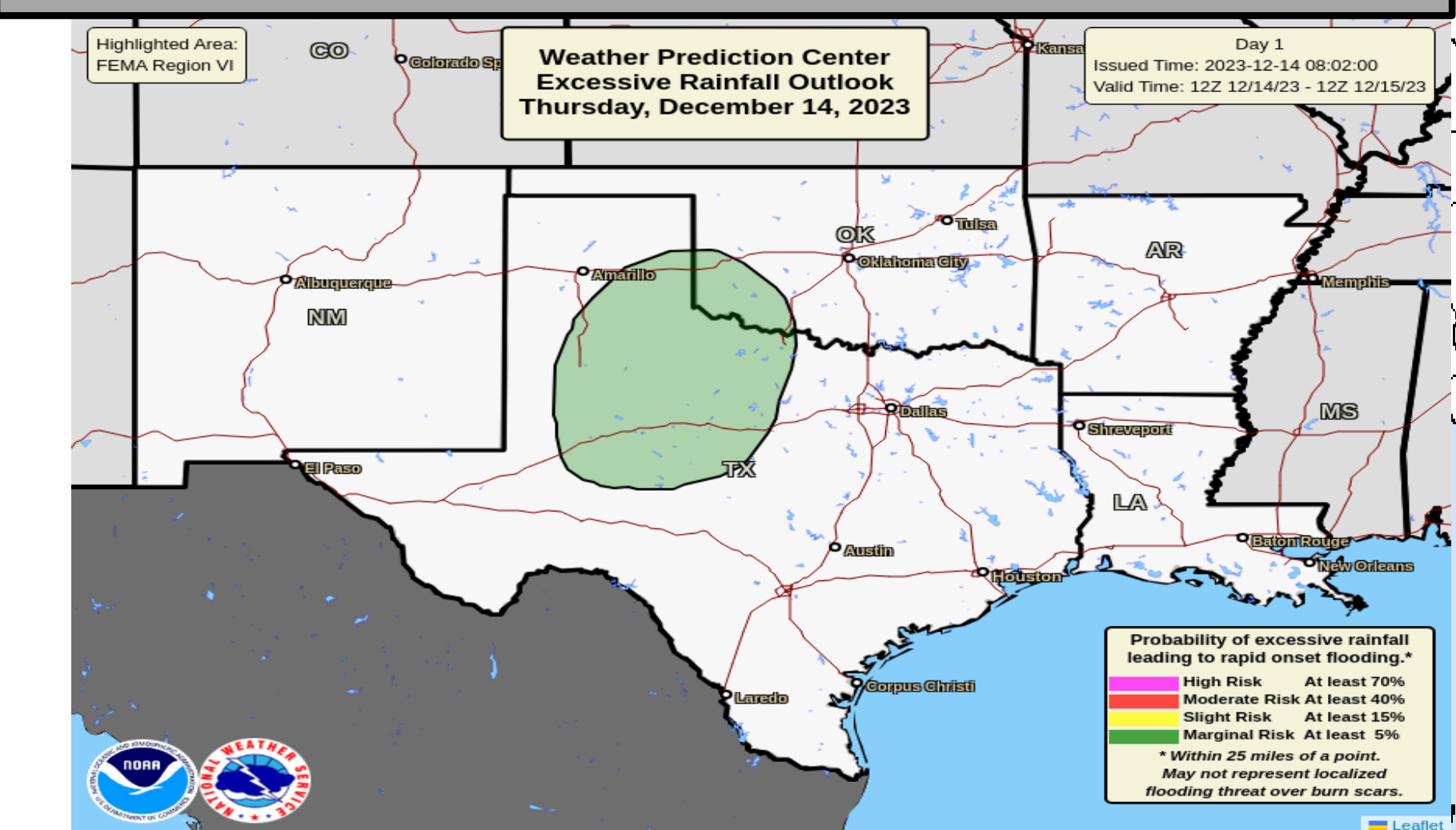
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## Severe Weather Outlook

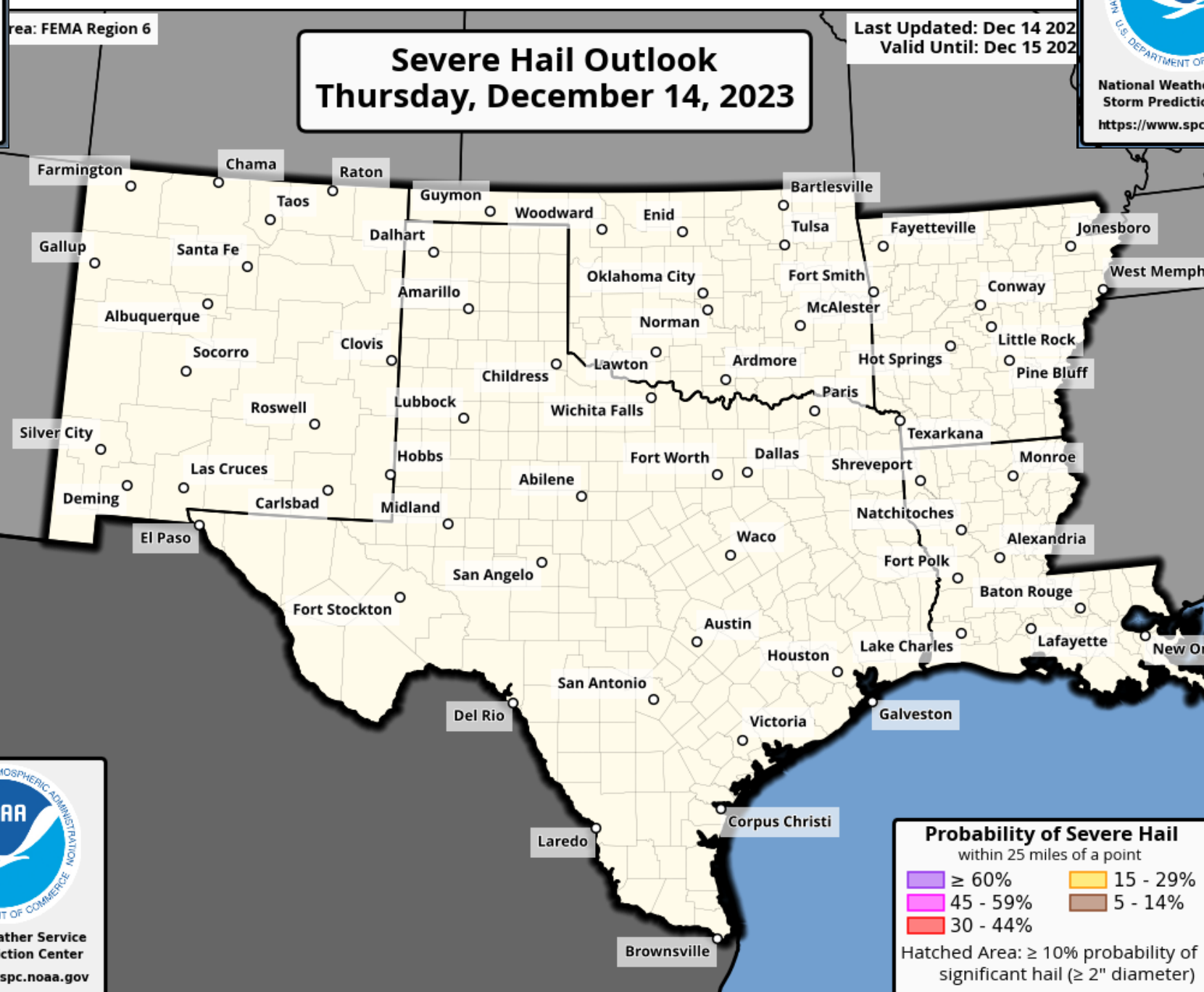
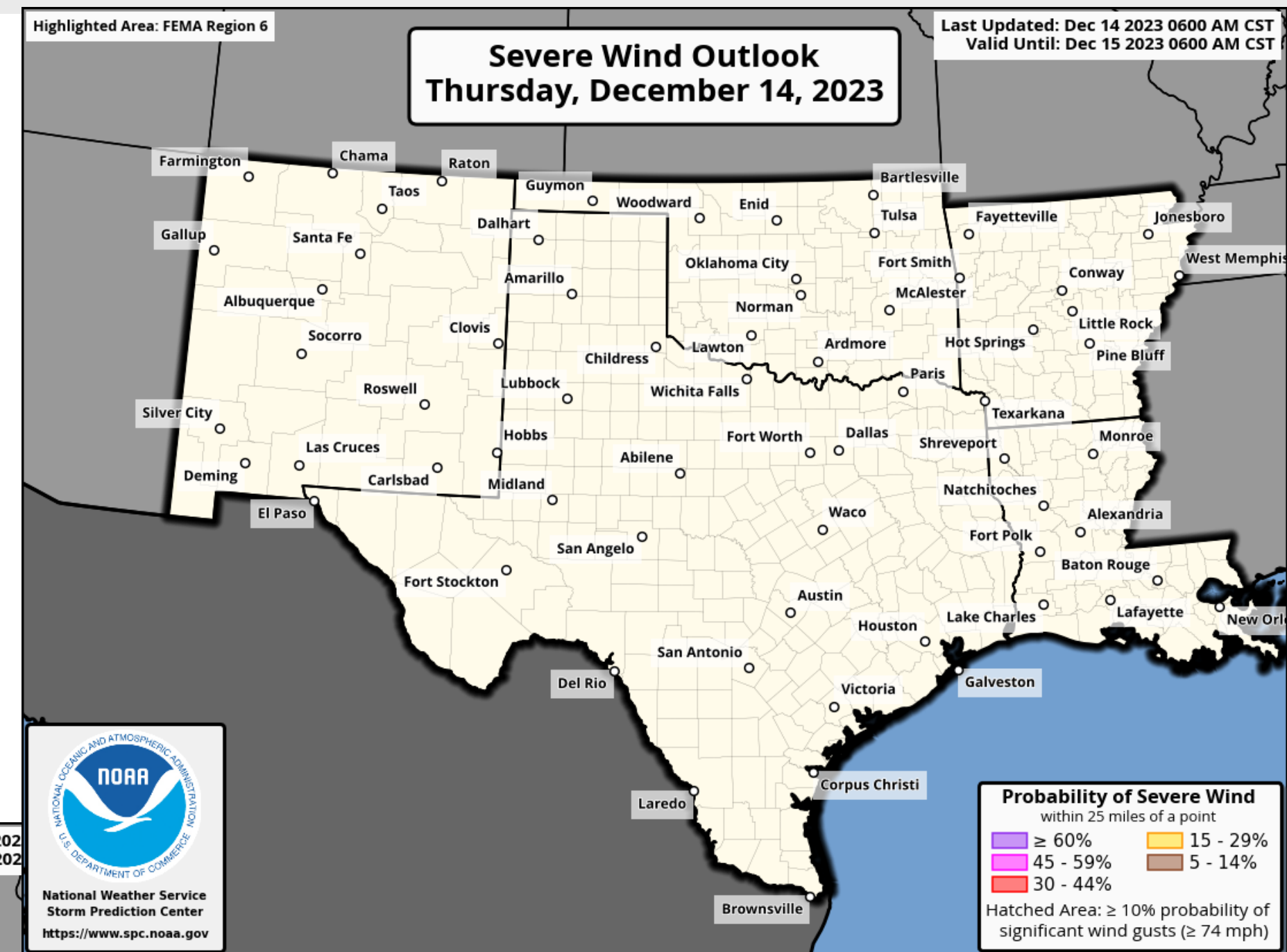
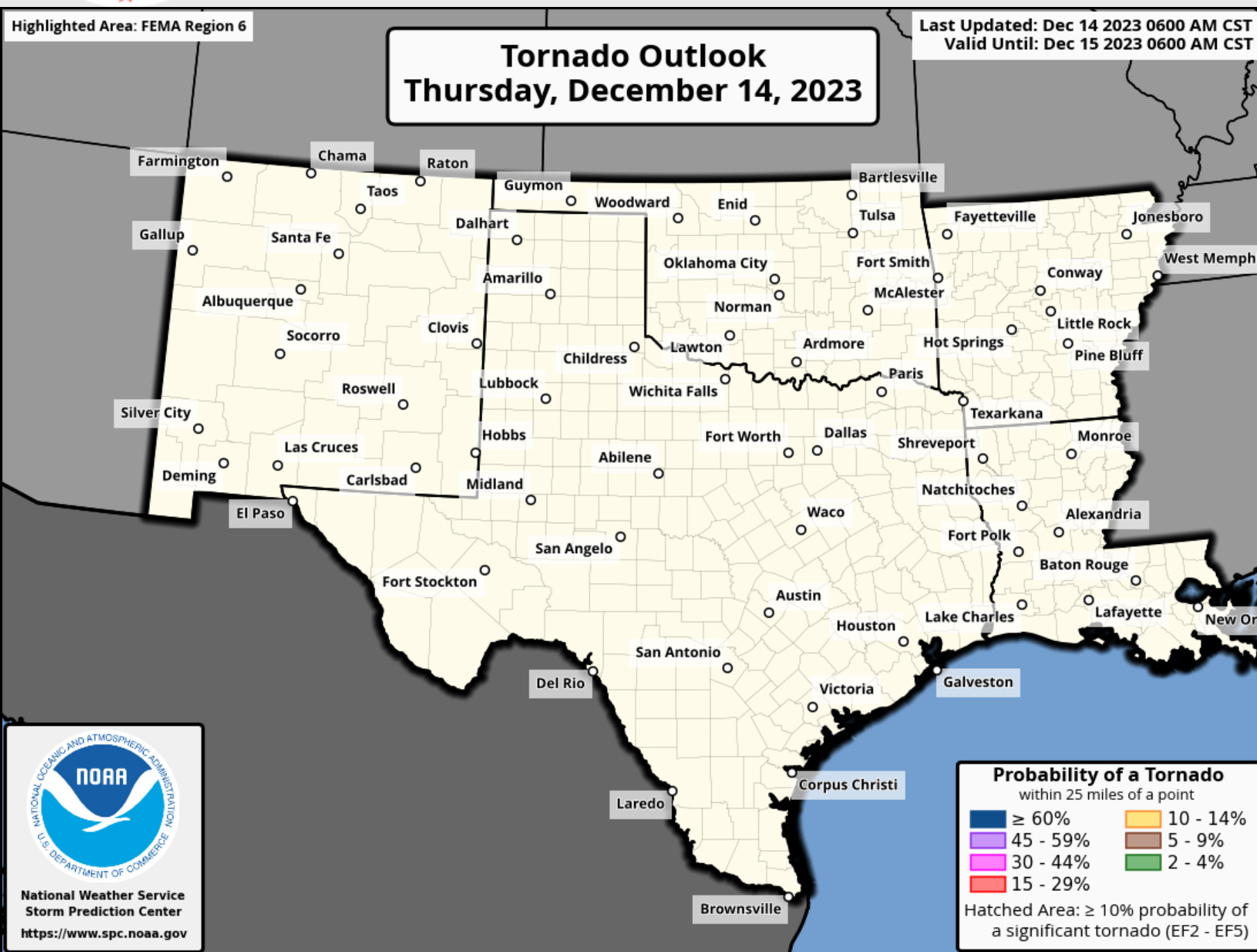


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



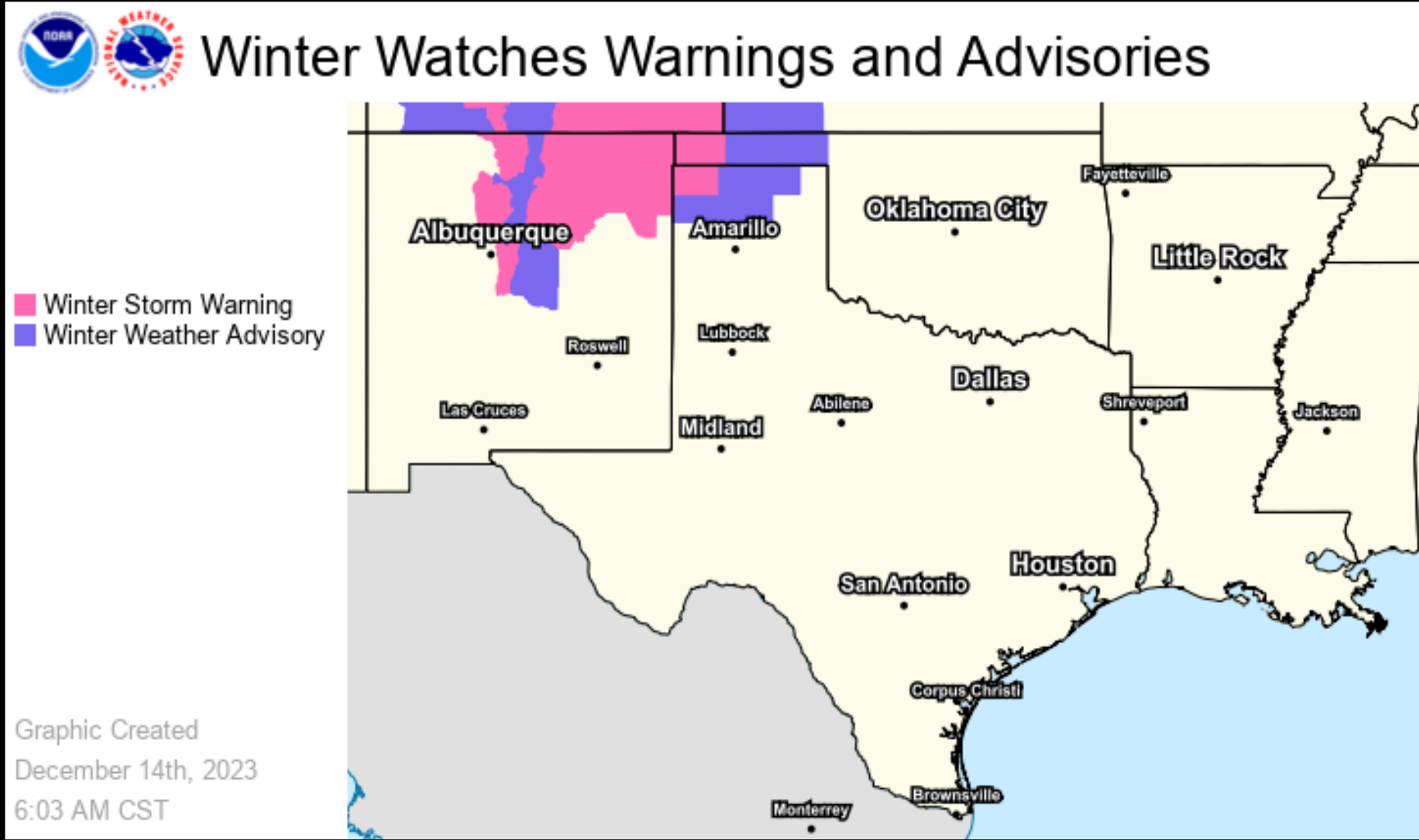
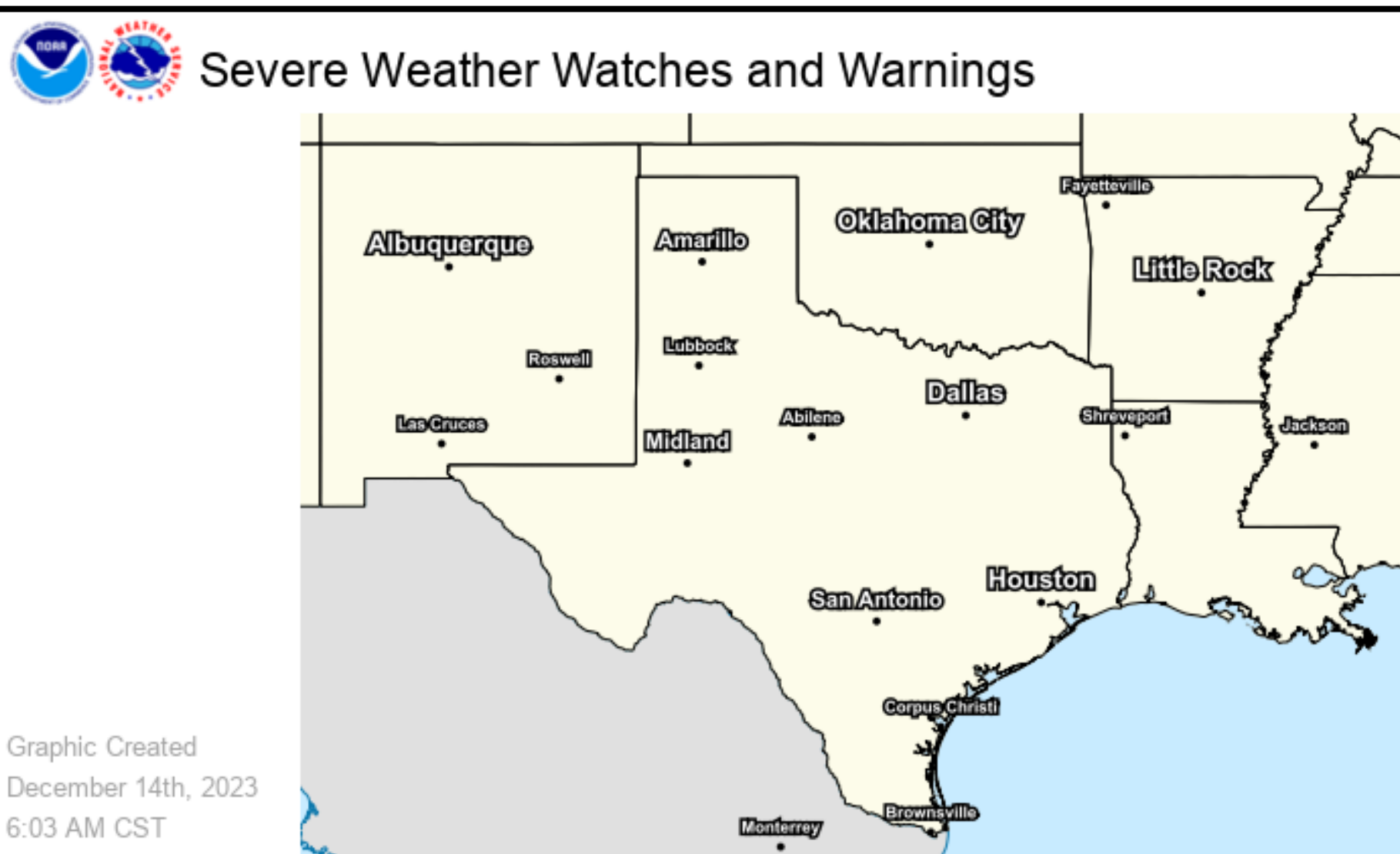
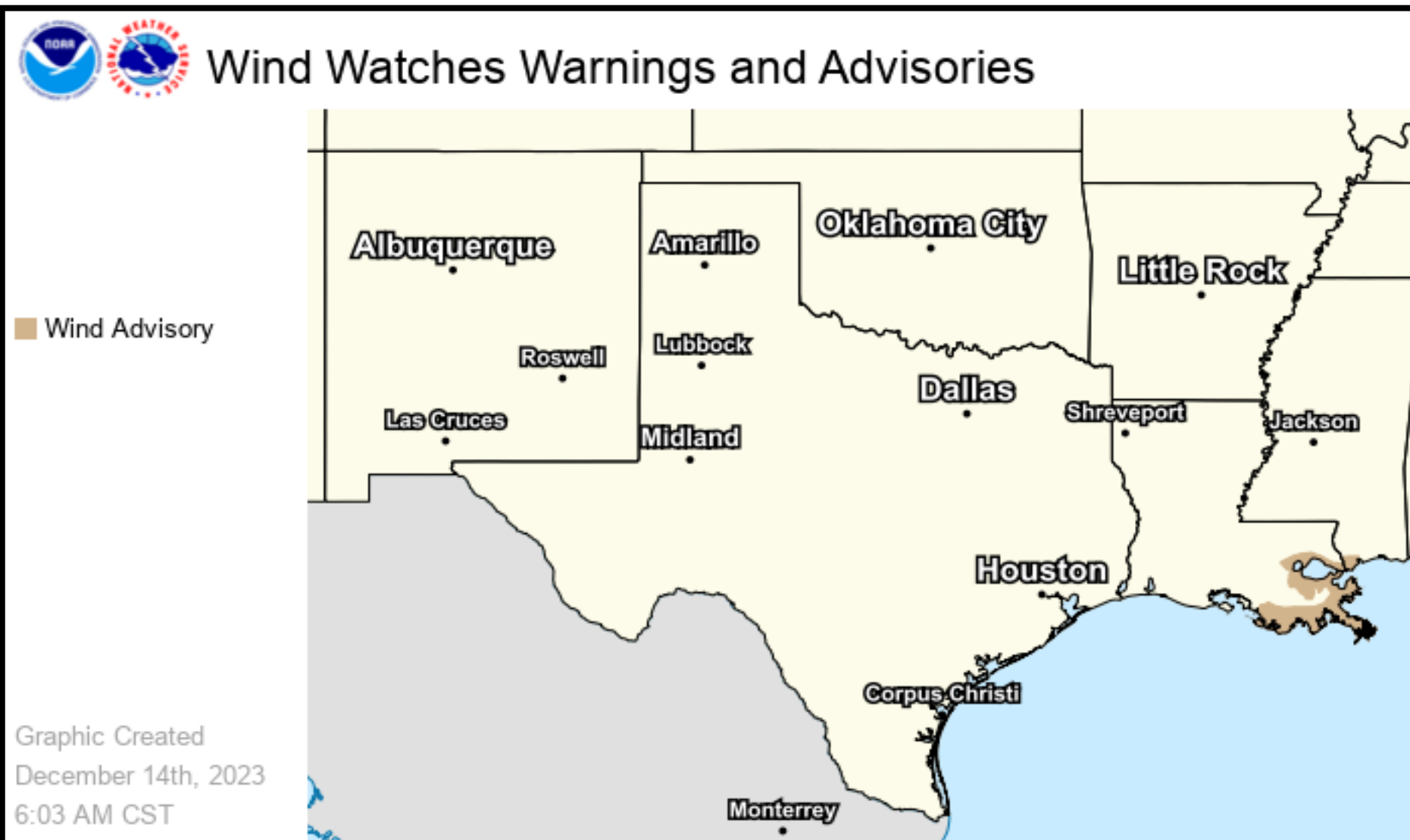


# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

**Winter Storm Warning across the higher terrain in N-Ctrl/NE NM into the western TX/OK Panhandles through tonight. Hazardous travel likely.**

**Wind Advisory in effect for SE LA through Saturday for wind gusts up to 40 MPH.**





# Winter Weather

Thursday - Saturday

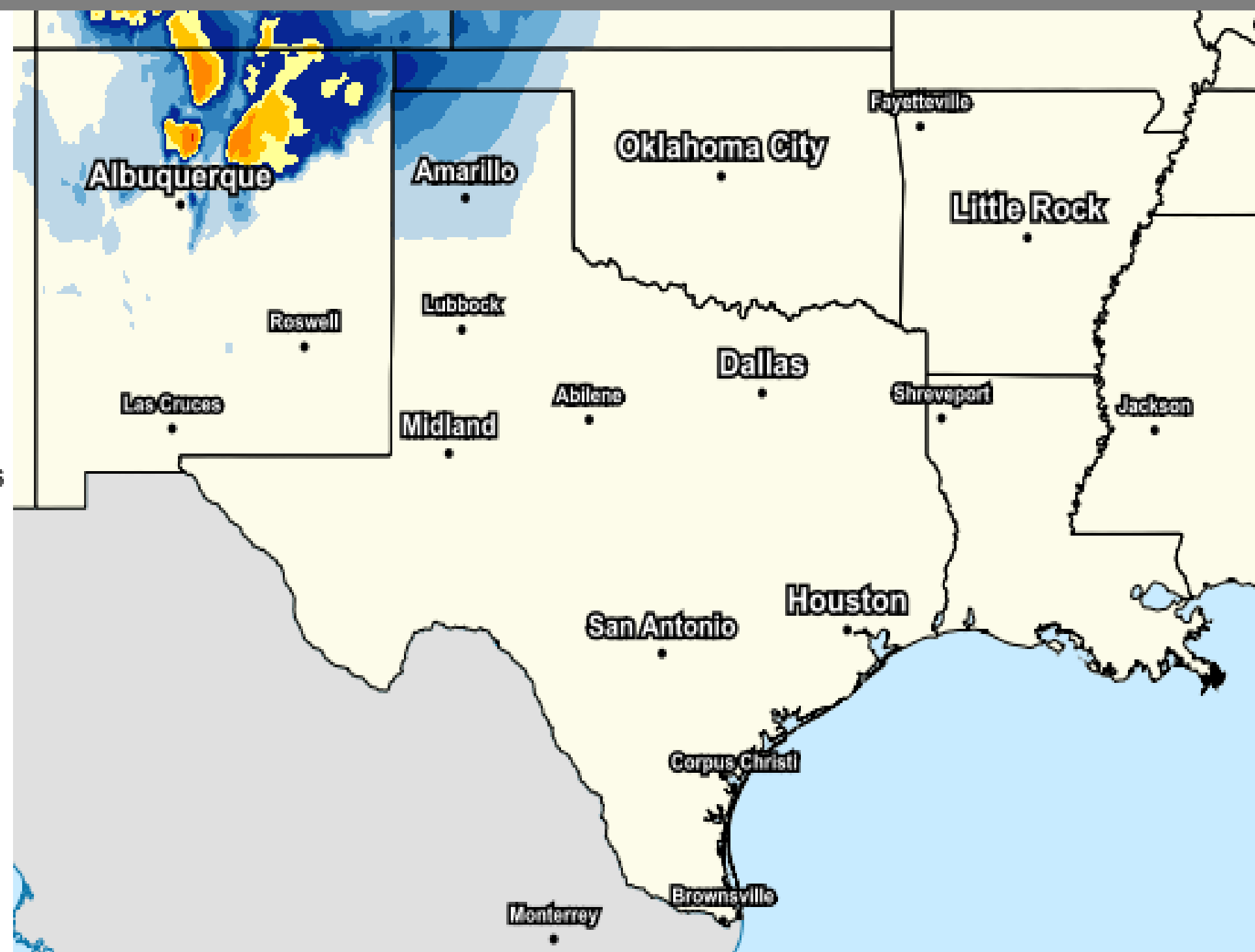
## Forecast Snow Amounts



### Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Sunday December 17th, 2023 at 6 AM CST

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches



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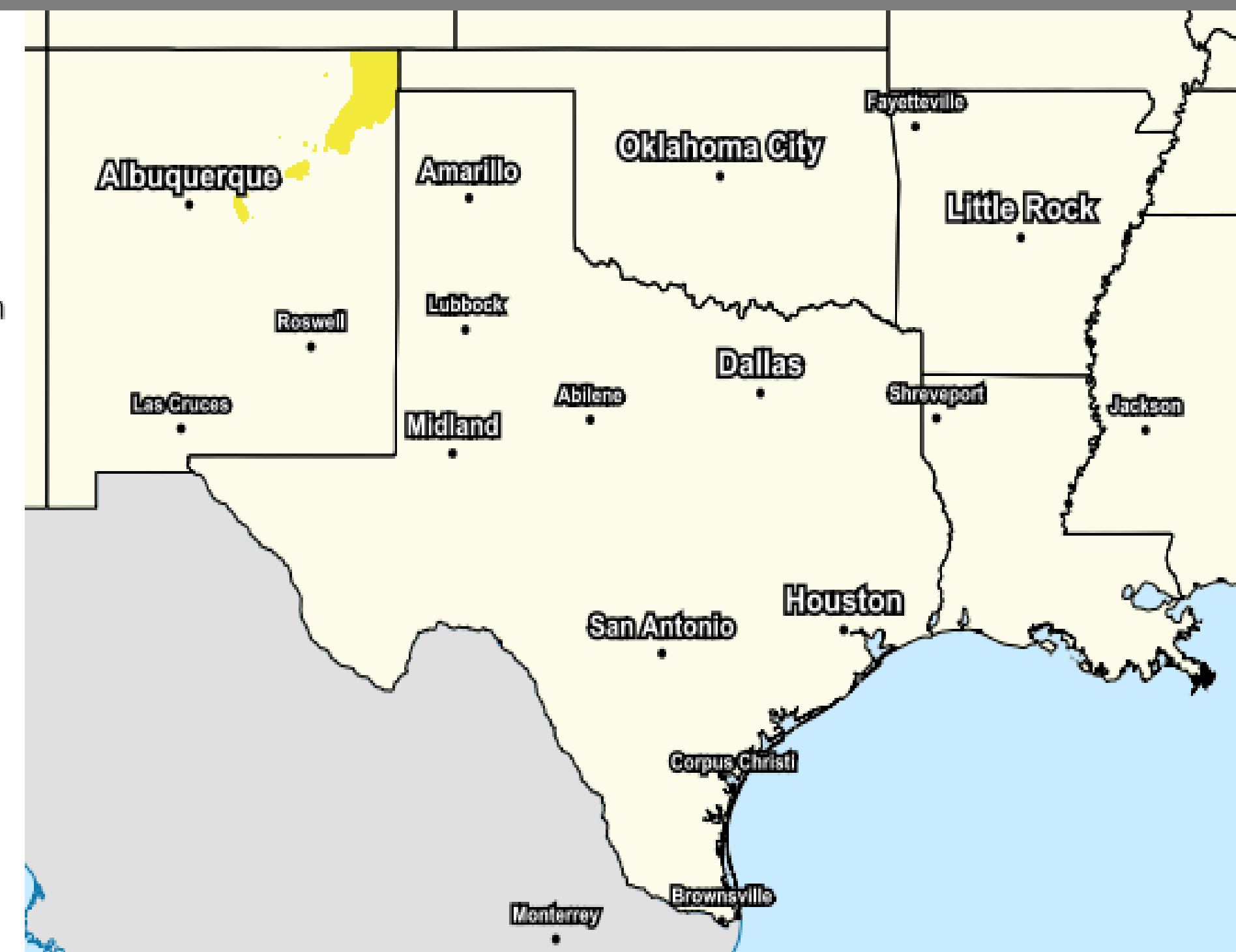
## Forecast Ice Amounts



### Ice Accumulation Forecast

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- 0.01 to 0.10 inch
- 0.10 to 0.25 inch
- 0.25 to 0.50 inch
- 0.50 to 0.75 inch
- 0.75 to 1.0 inch
- 1.0 to 2.0 inch
- Greater than 2.0 inch



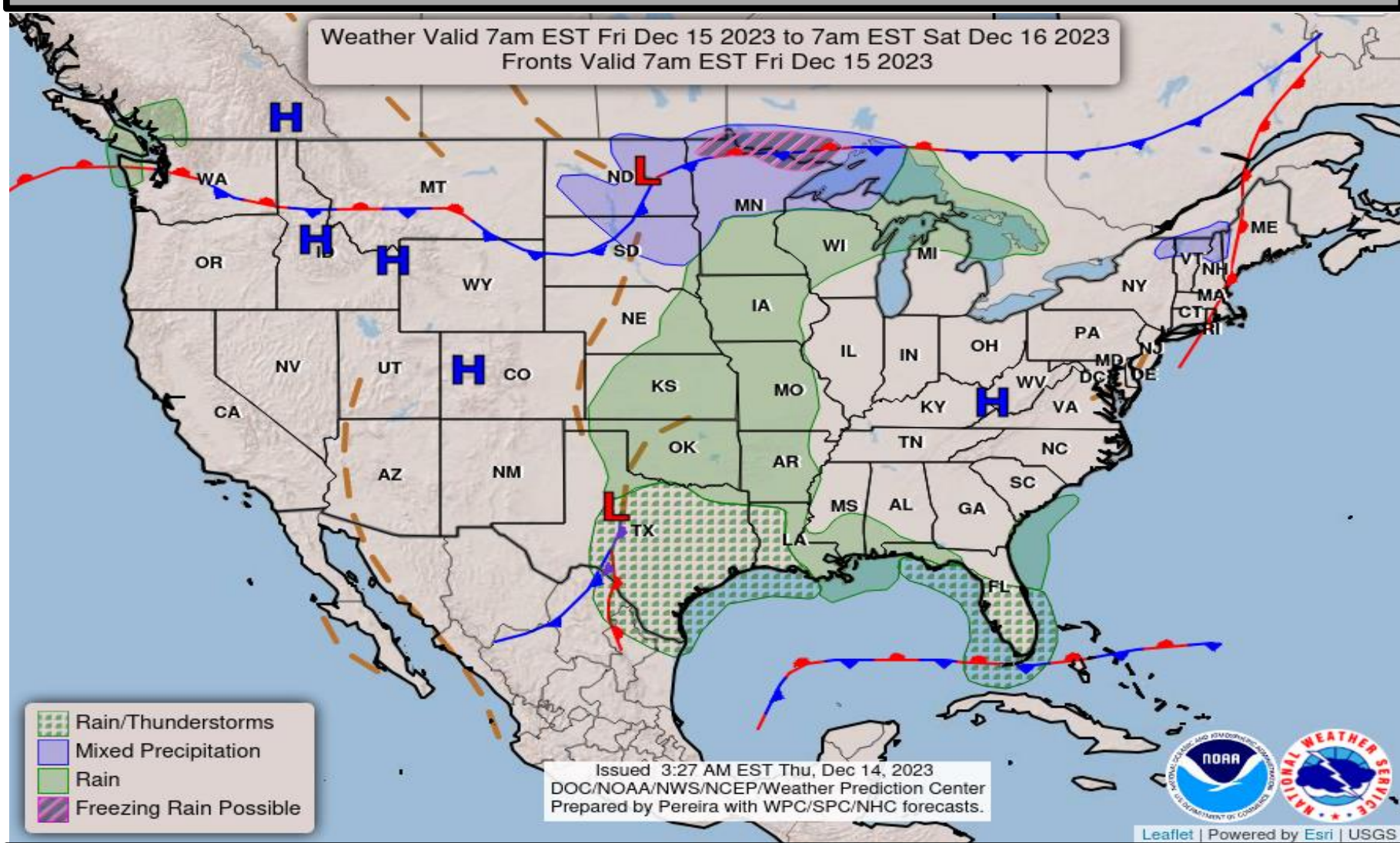
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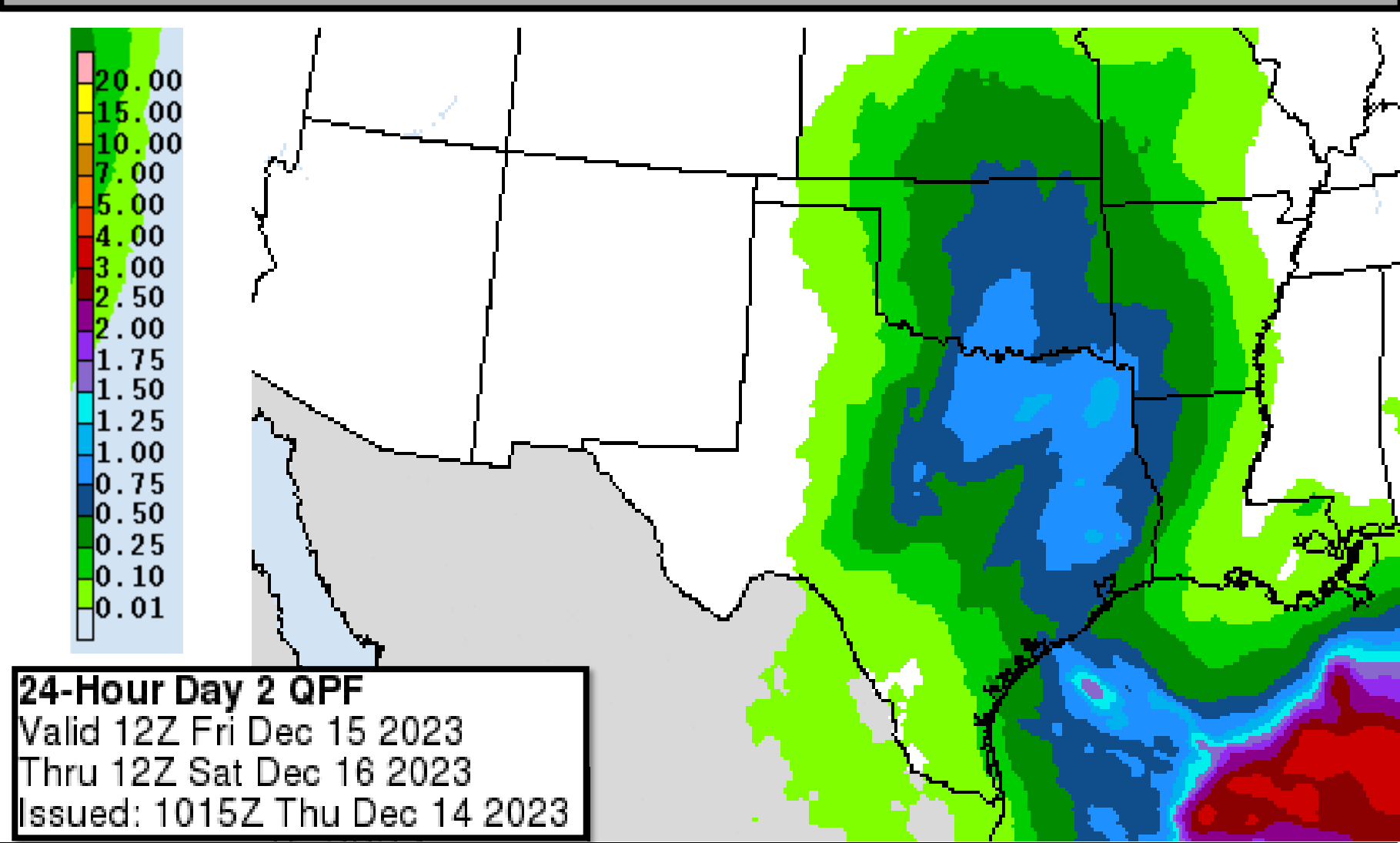


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart

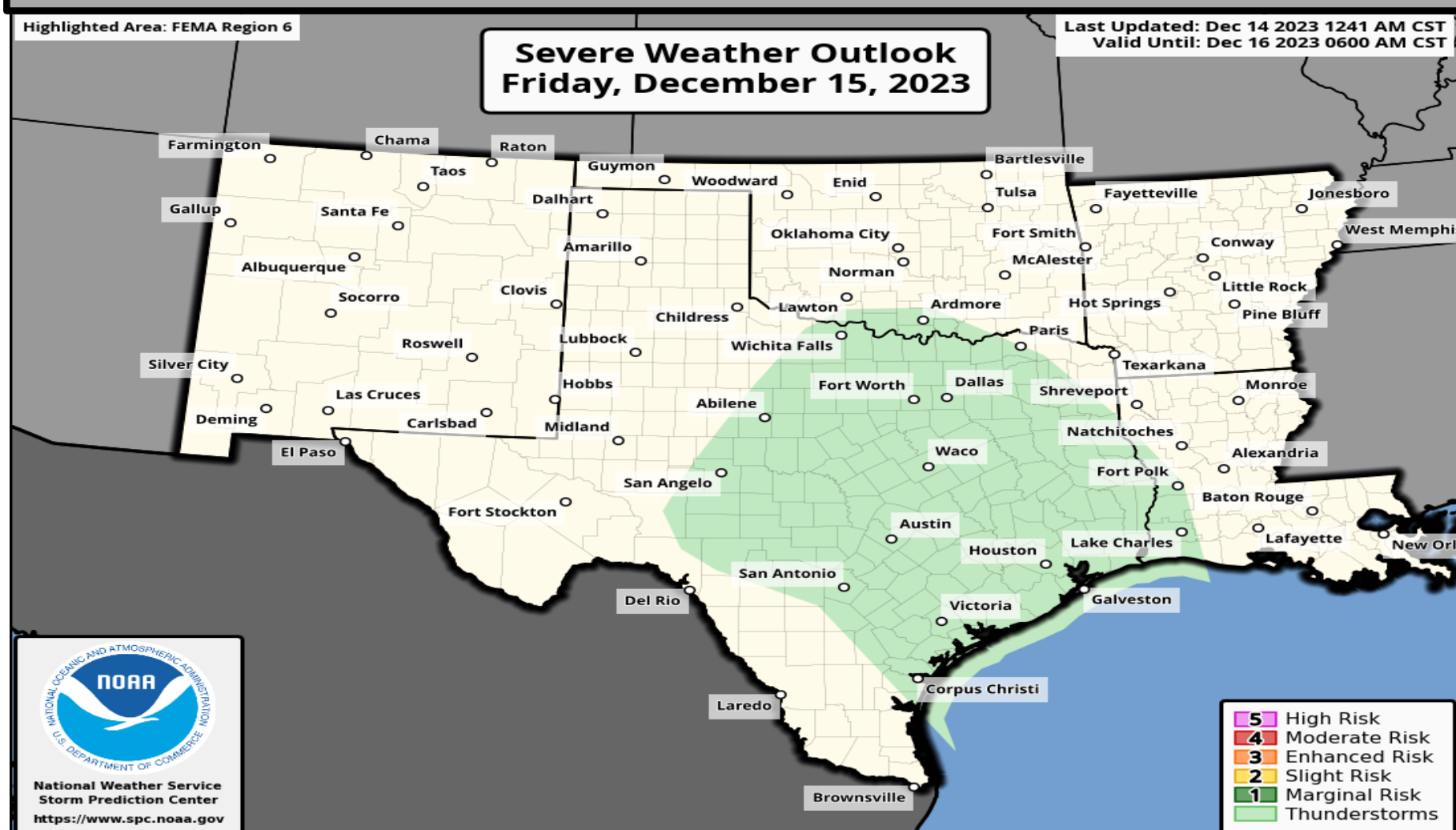


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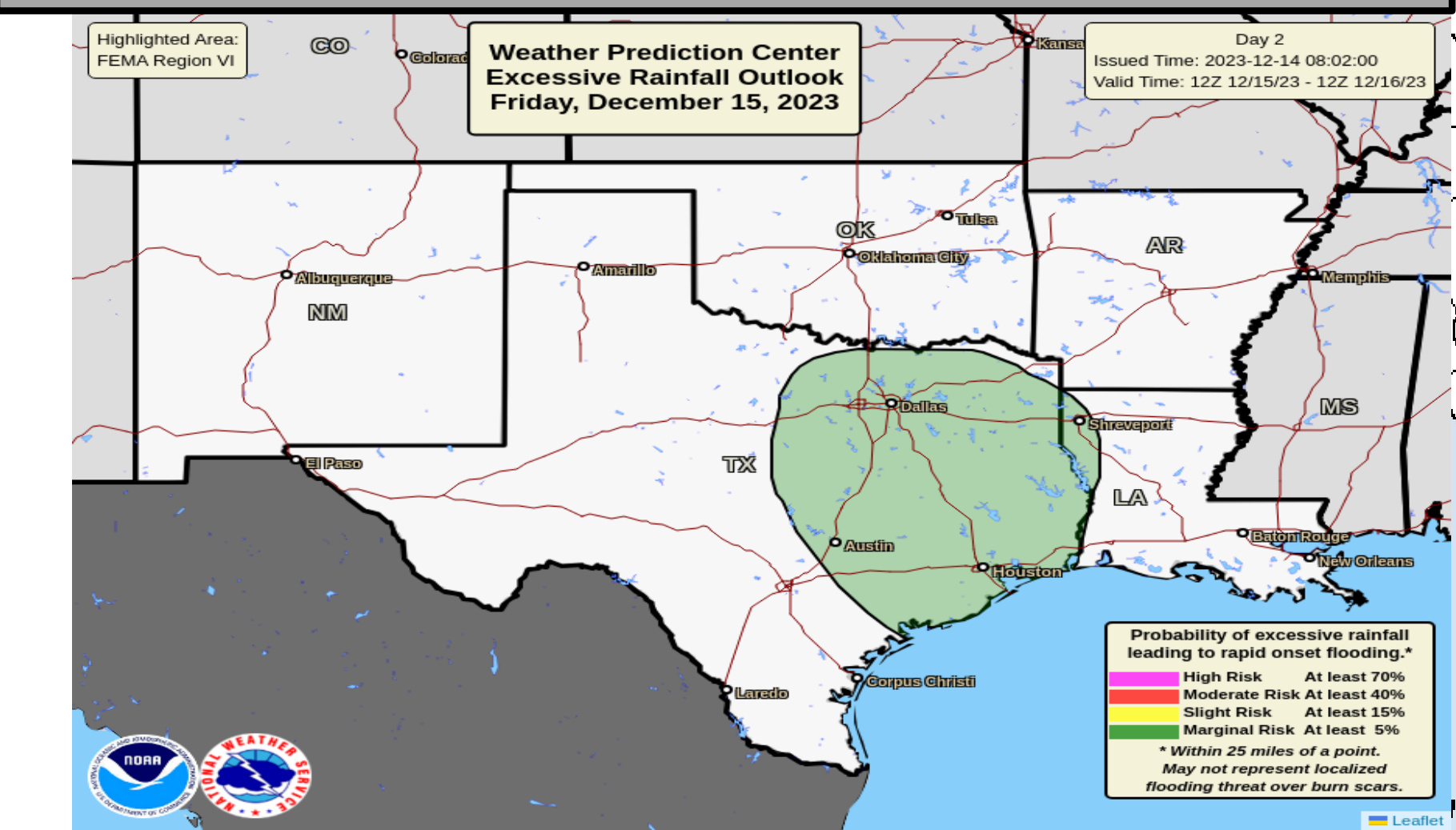


Isolated heavy rain / flash flooding potential across Ctrl/N/E/SE TX.

## Severe Weather Outlook

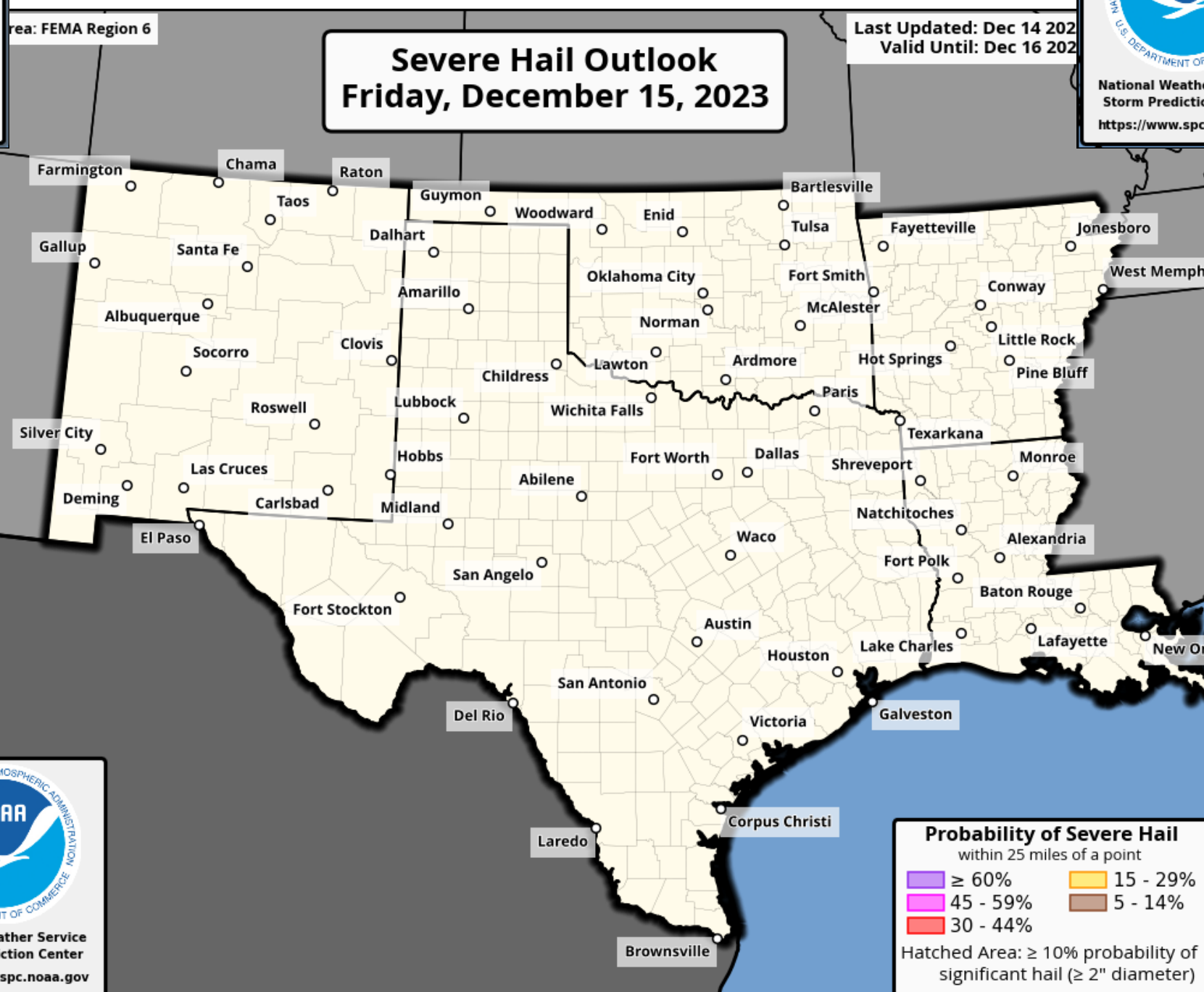
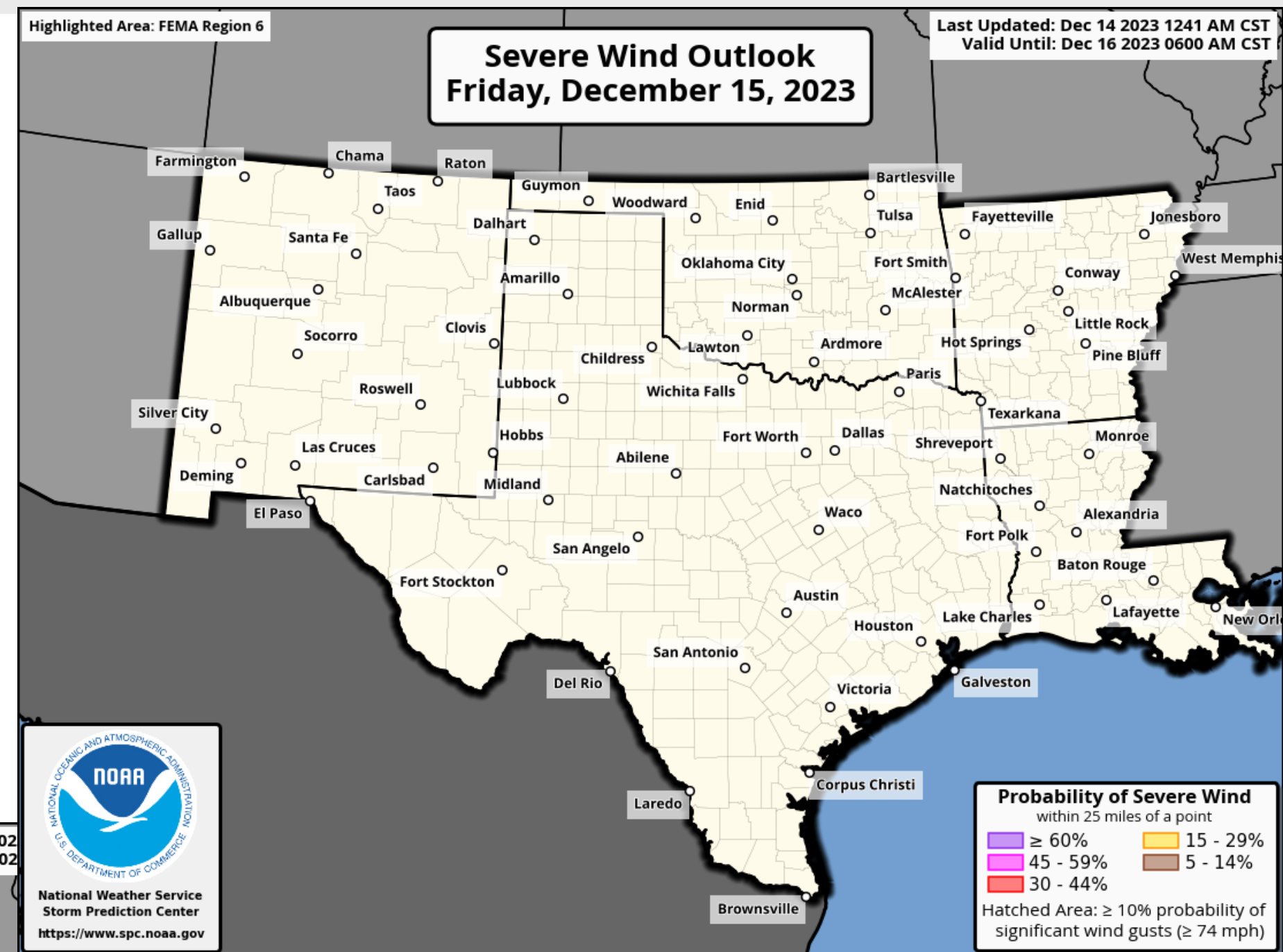
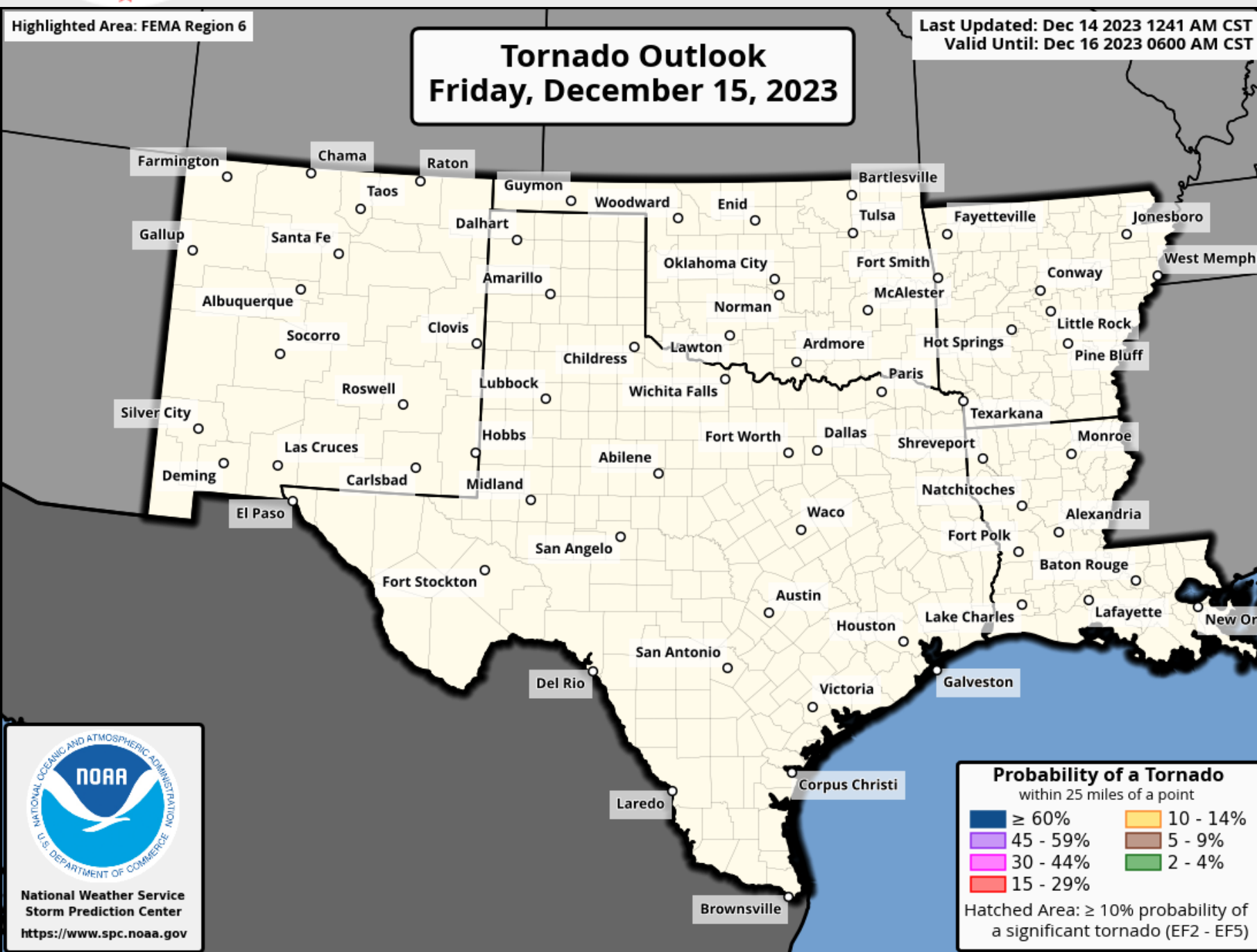


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





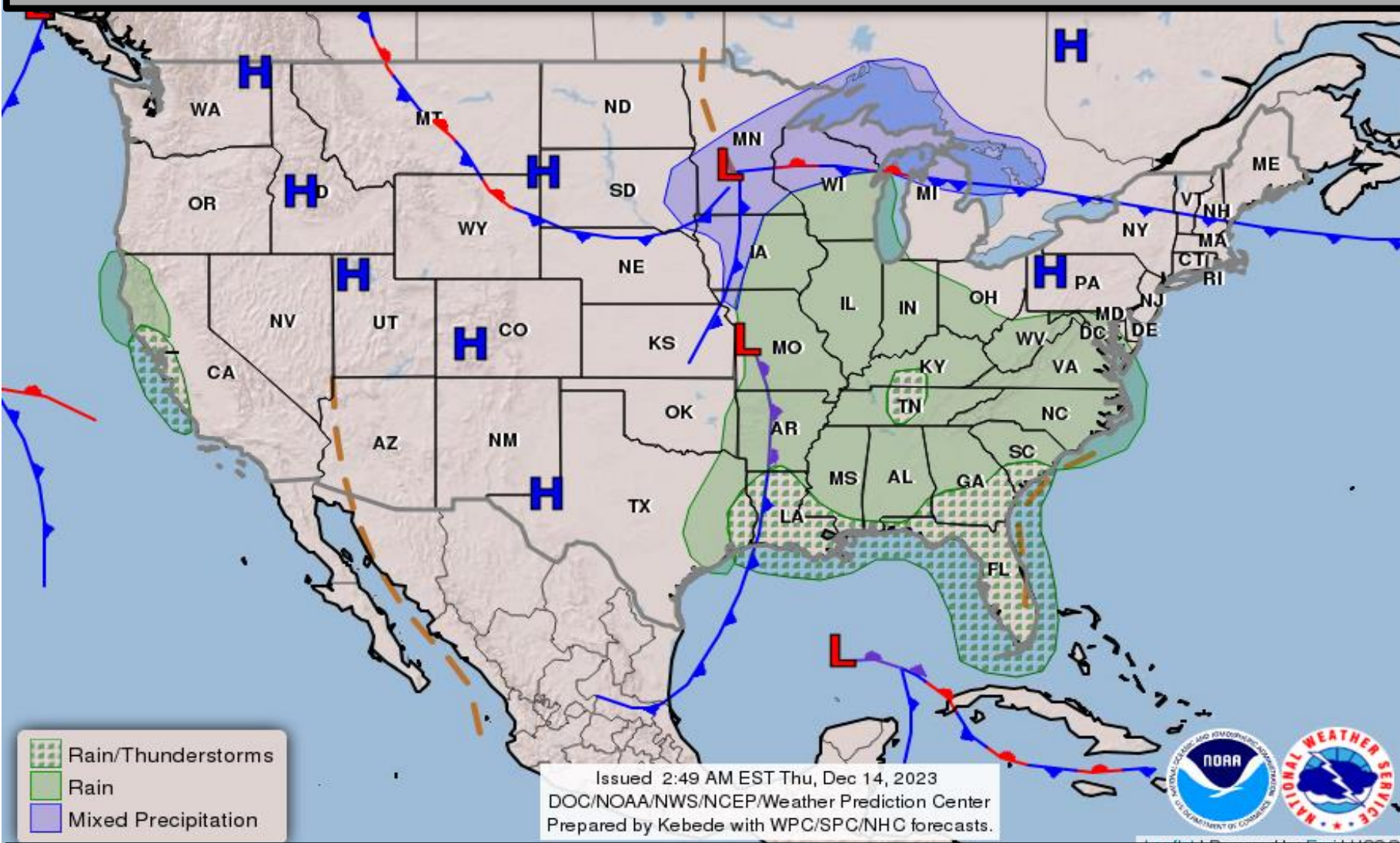
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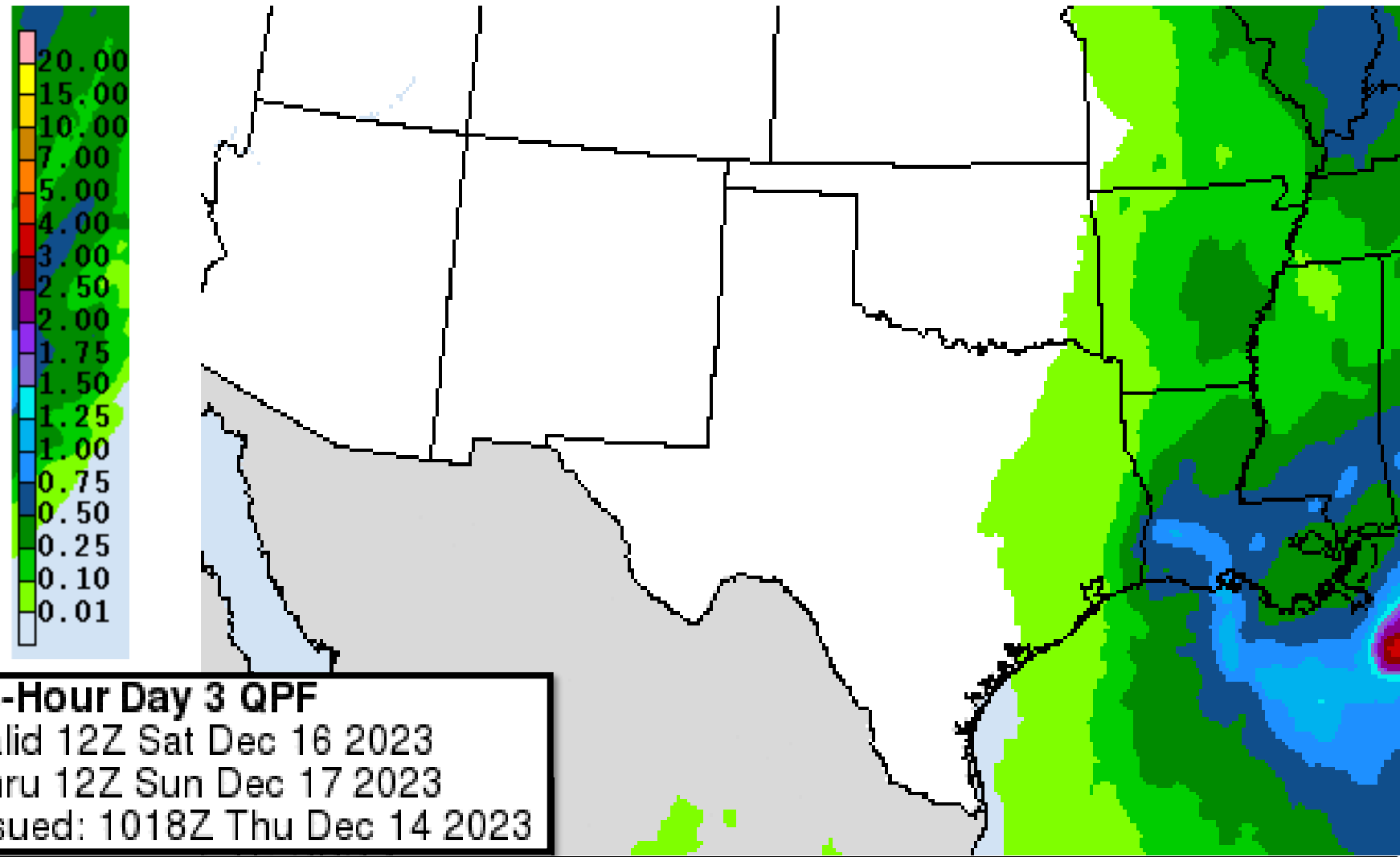


# Saturday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

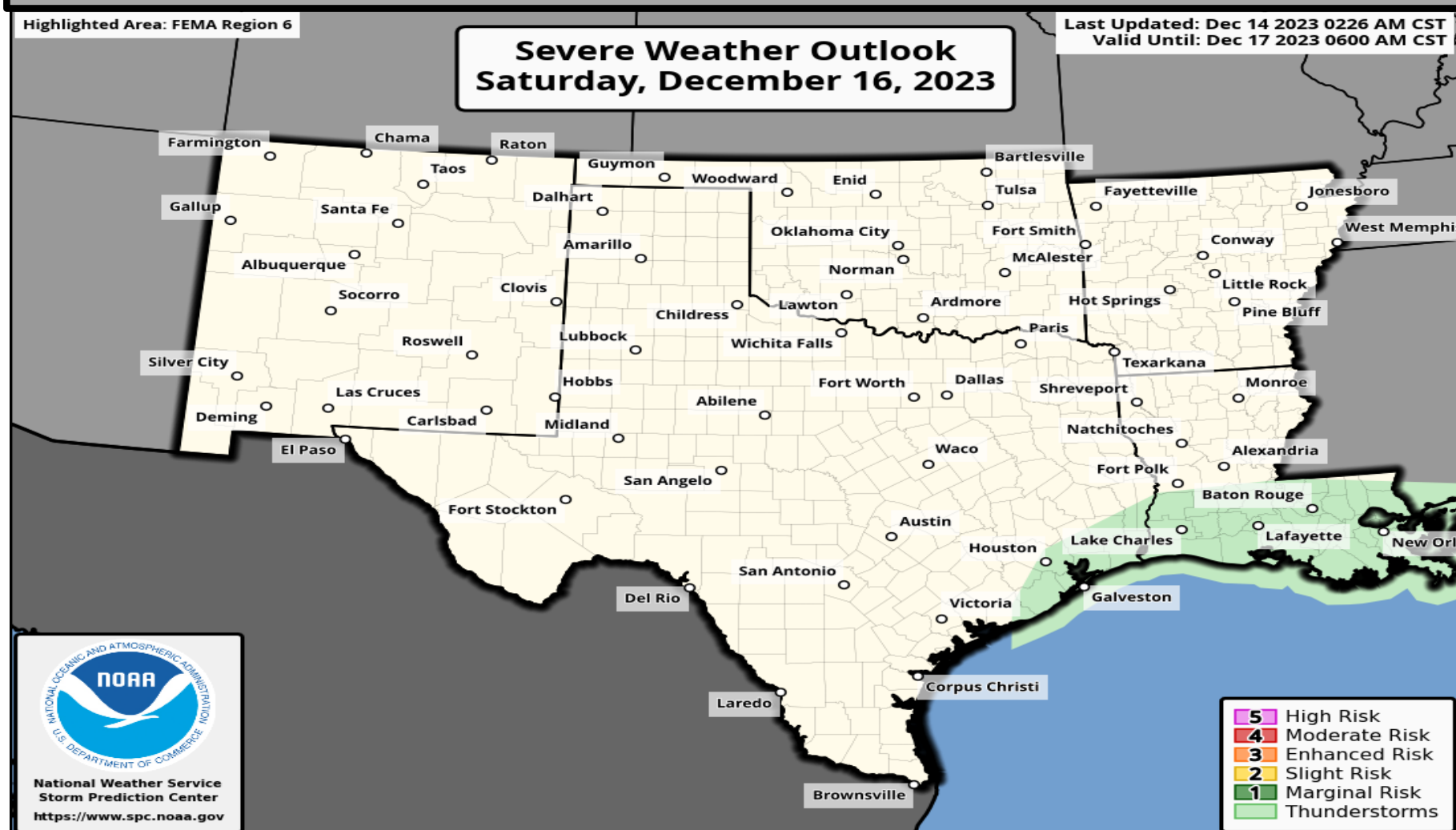


## Forecast Rainfall

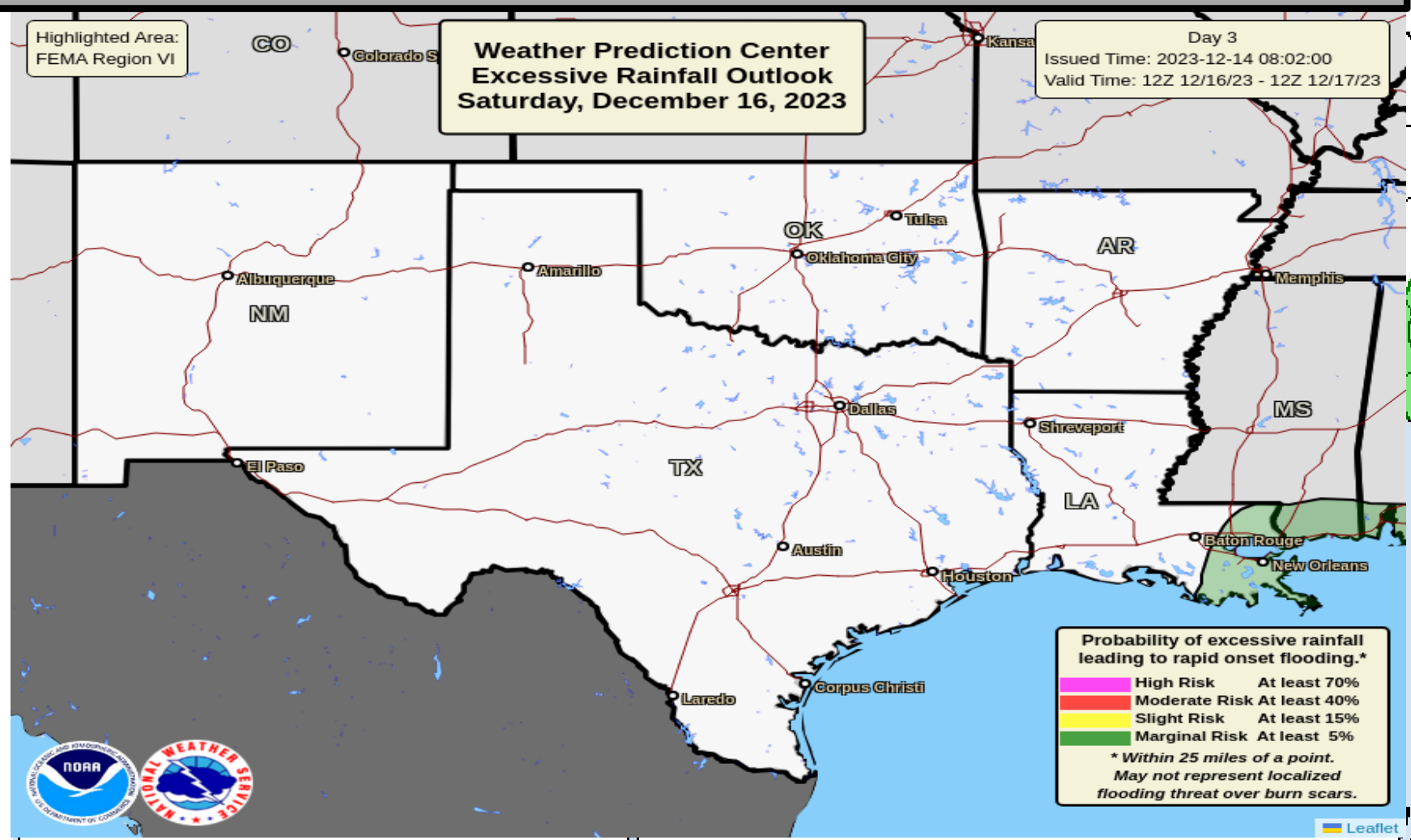


No significant weather expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



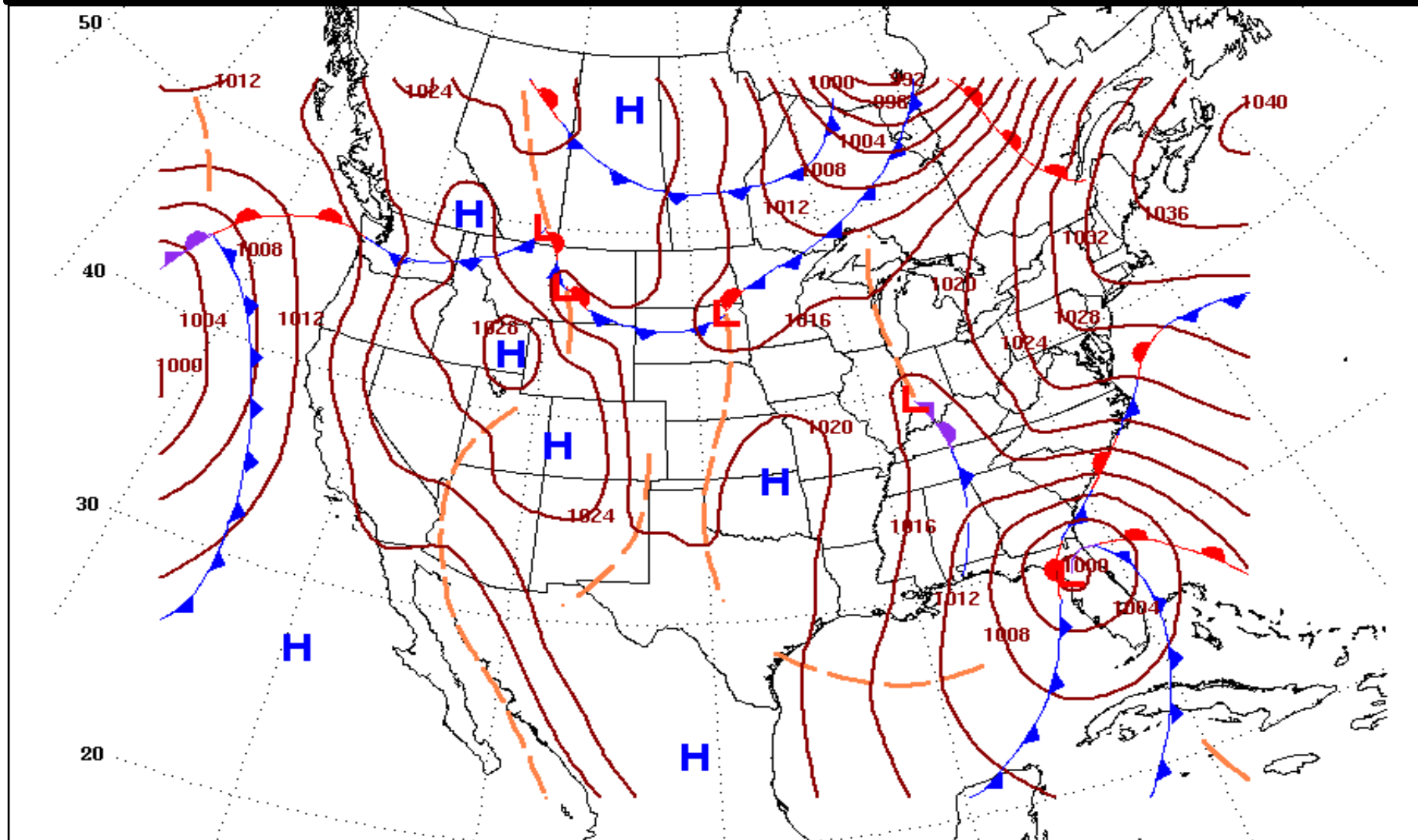
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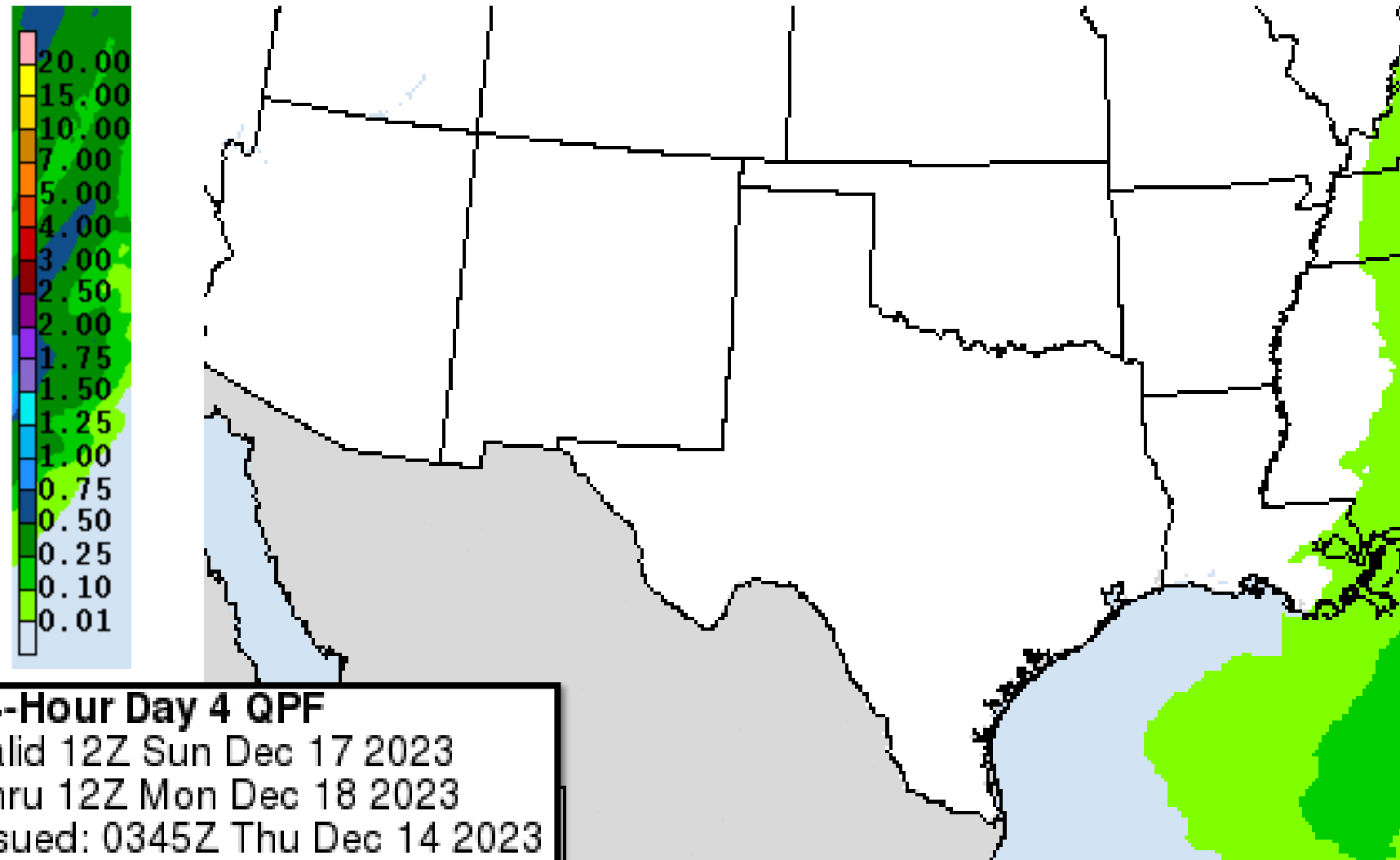


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



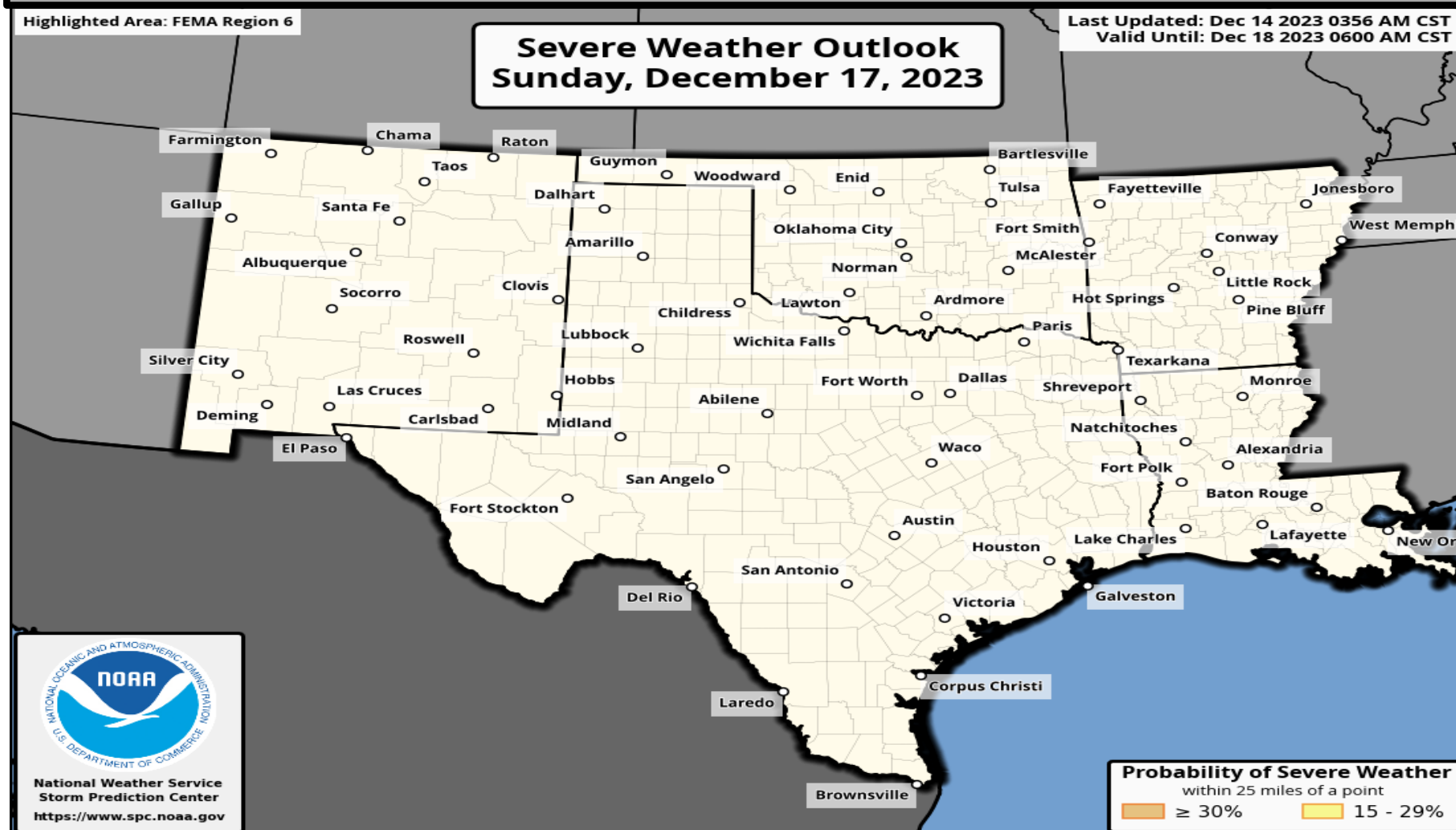
## Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

24-Hour Day 4 QPF  
Valid 12Z Sun Dec 17 2023  
Thru 12Z Mon Dec 18 2023  
Issued: 0345Z Thu Dec 14 2023

## Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

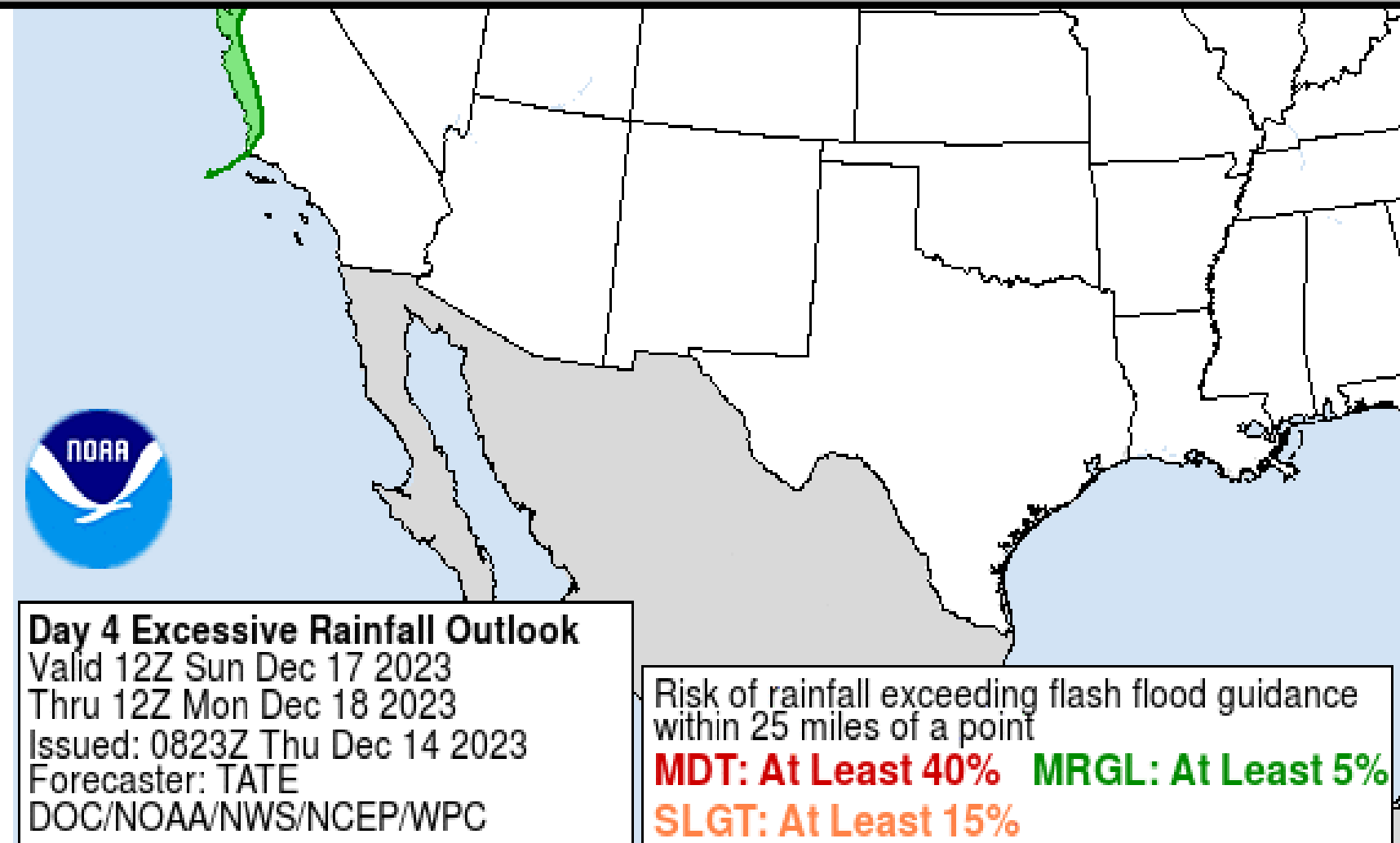
Severe Weather Outlook  
Sunday, December 17, 2023

Last Updated: Dec 14 2023 0356 AM CST  
Valid Until: Dec 18 2023 0600 AM CST



Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30% 15 - 29%

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



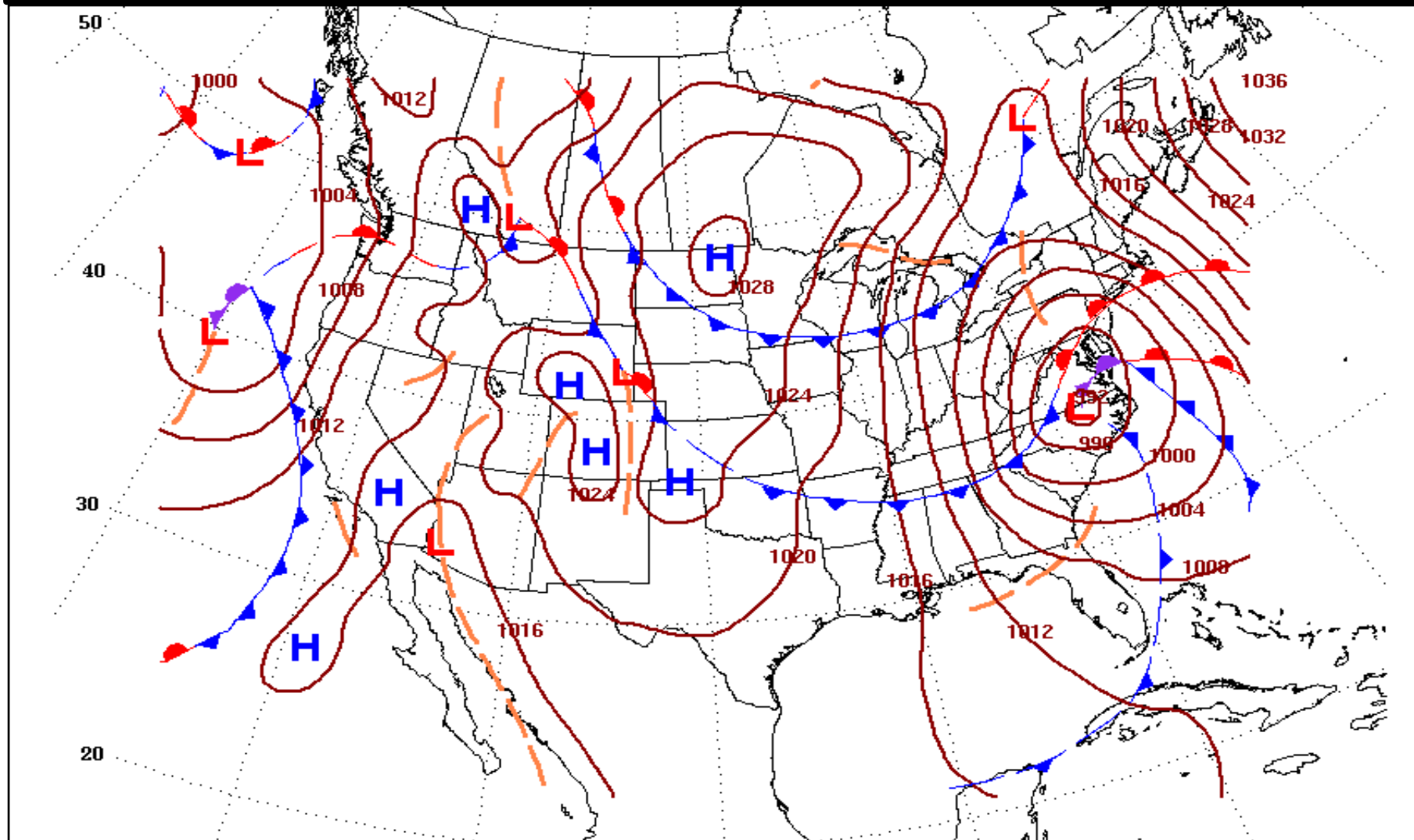
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Valid 12Z Sun Dec 17 2023  
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Issued: 0823Z Thu Dec 14 2023  
Forecaster: TATE  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance  
within 25 miles of a point  
**MDT: At Least 40%** **MRGL: At Least 5%**  
**SLGT: At Least 15%**

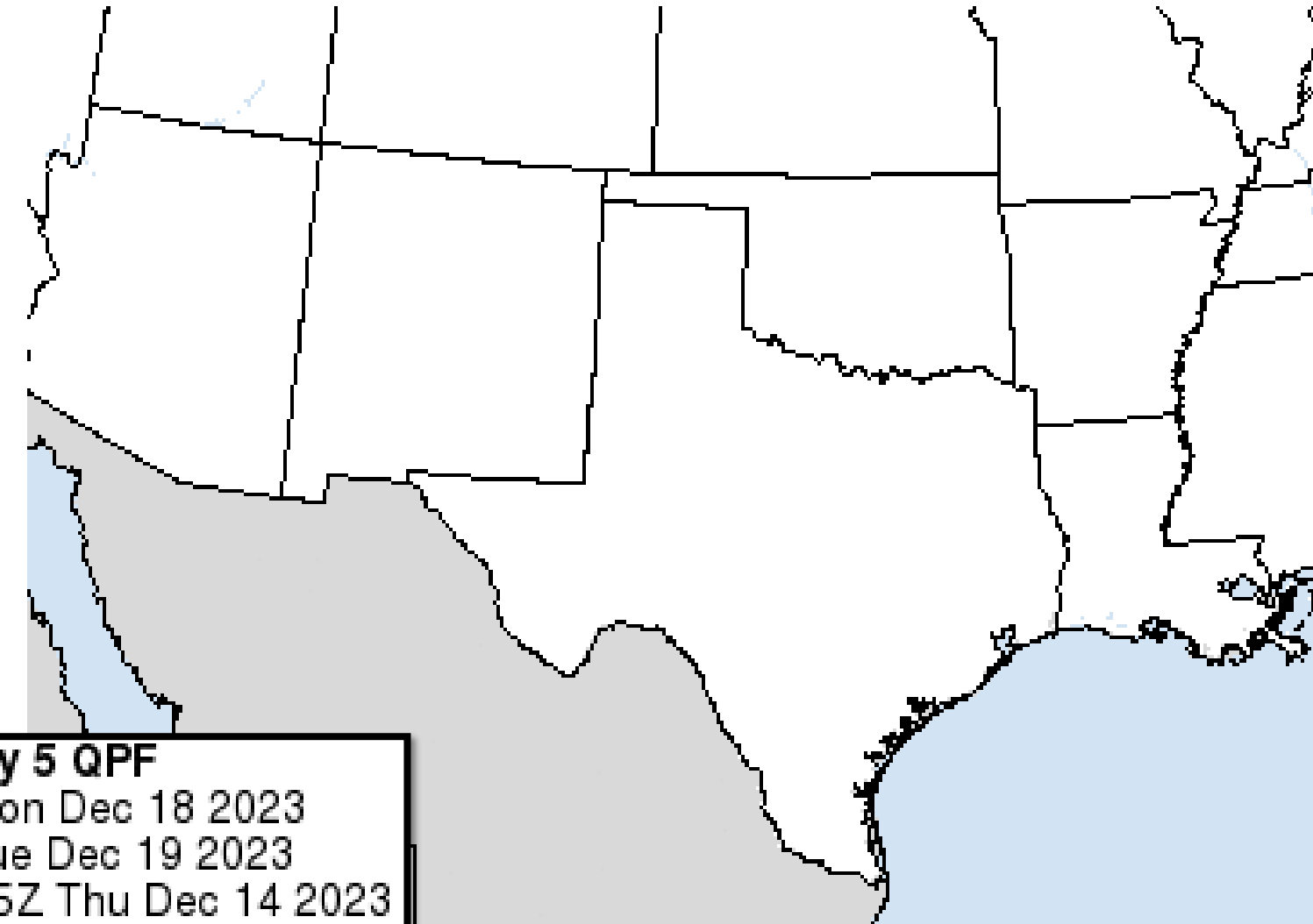
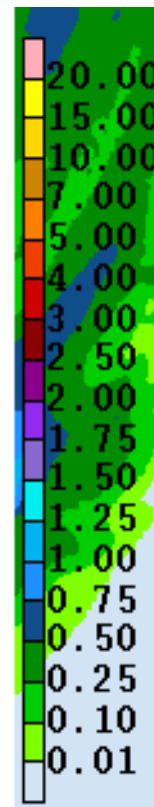


# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



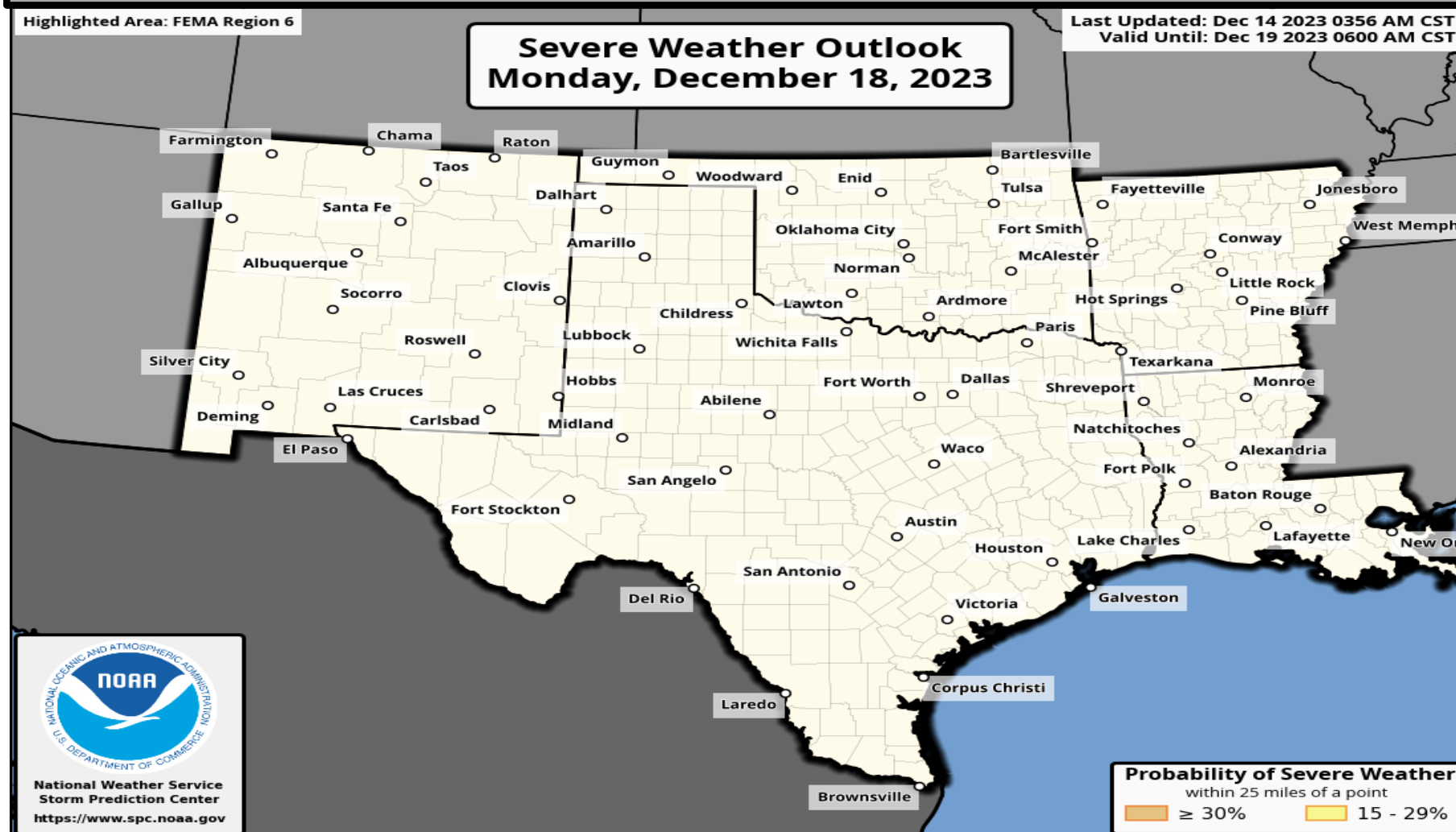
## Forecast Rainfall



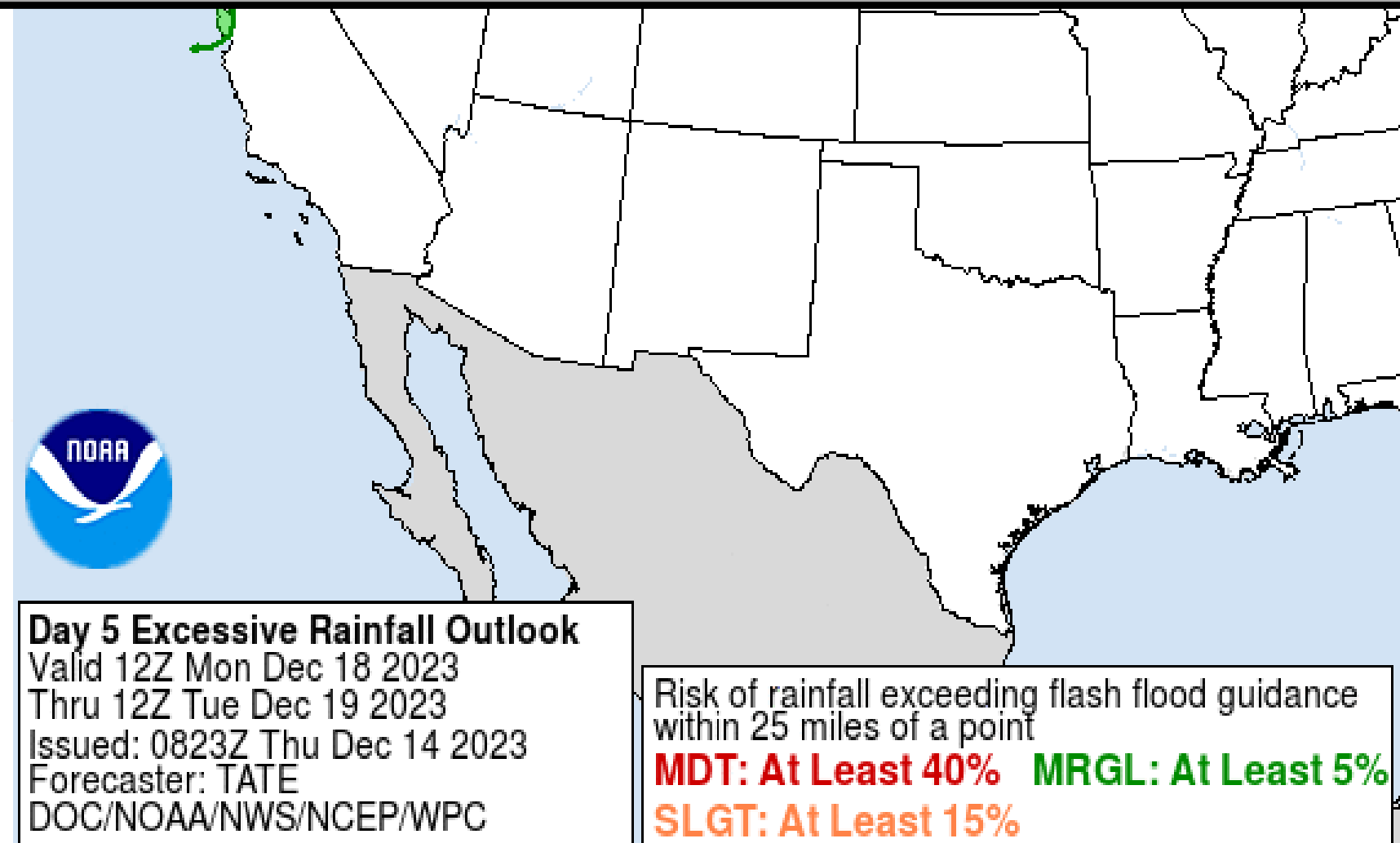
No significant weather expected.

24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

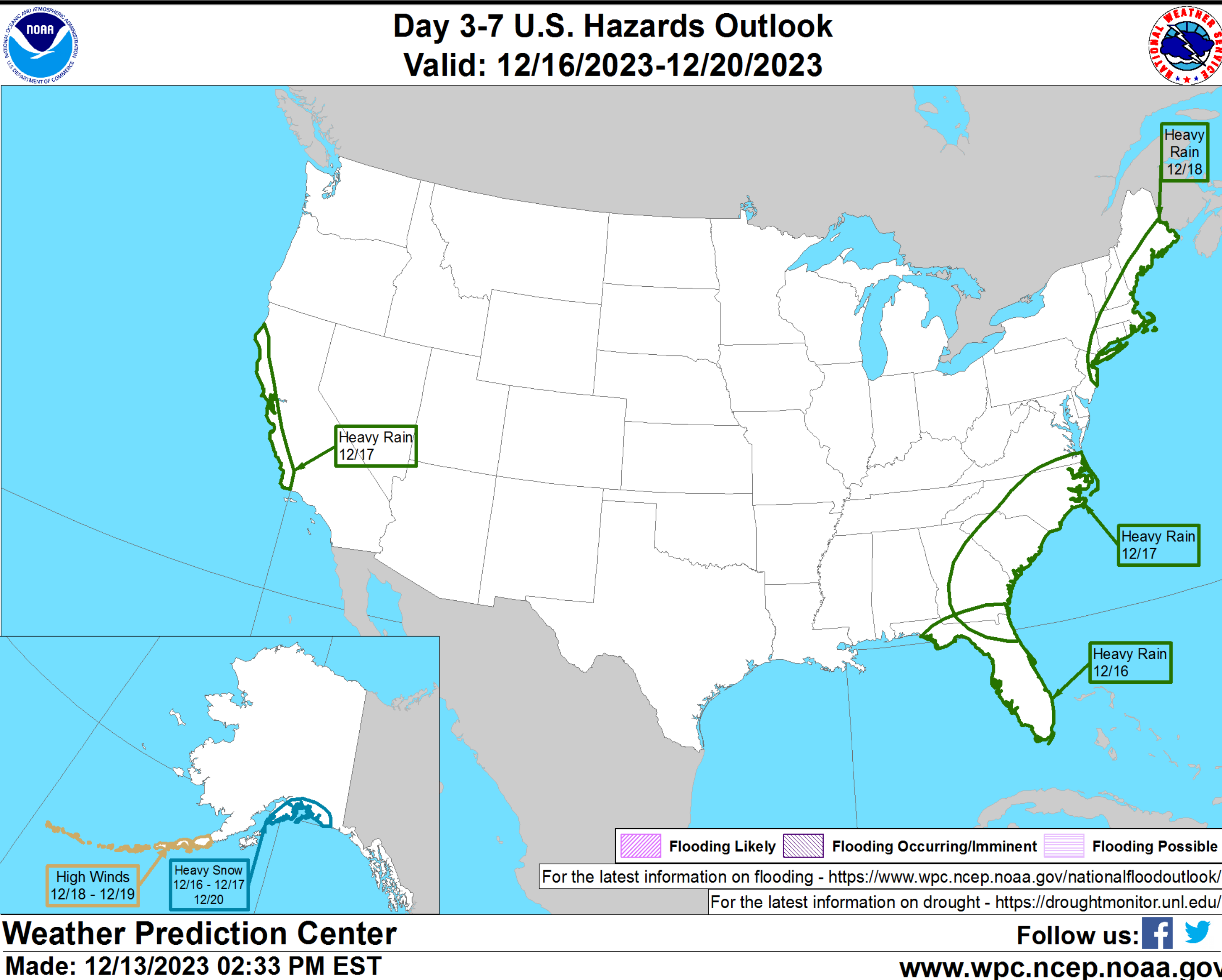


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Forecaster: TATE  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



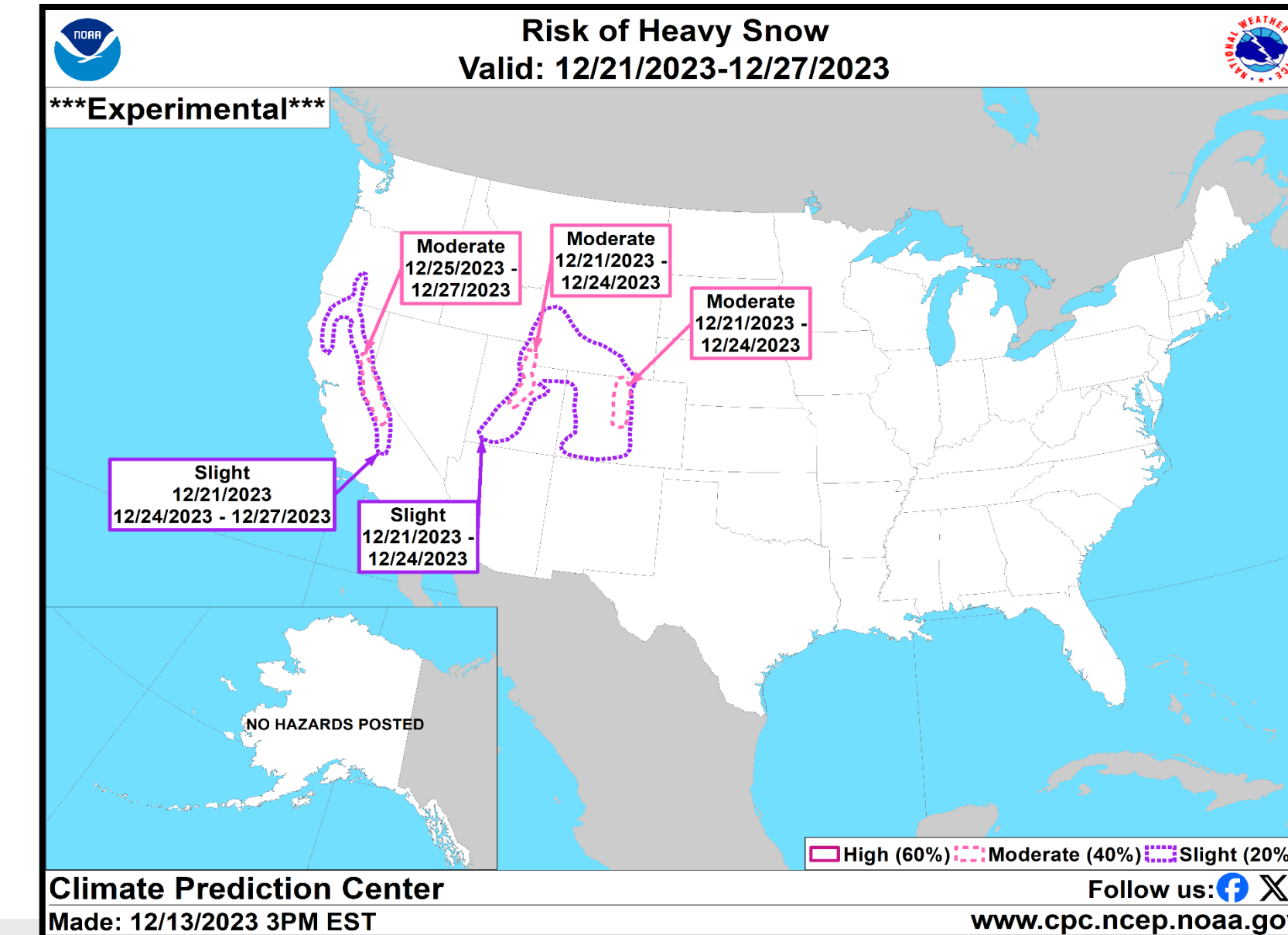
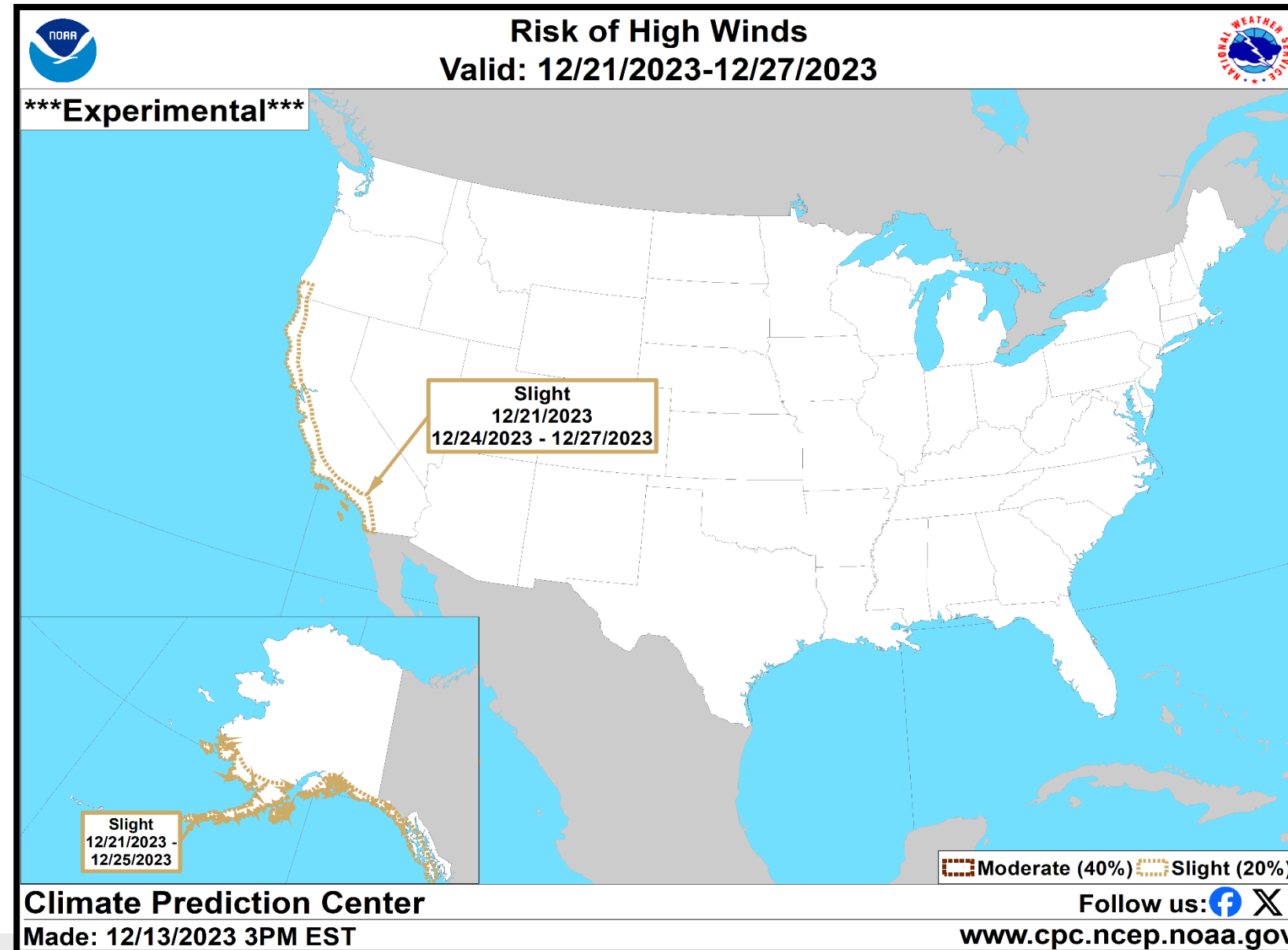
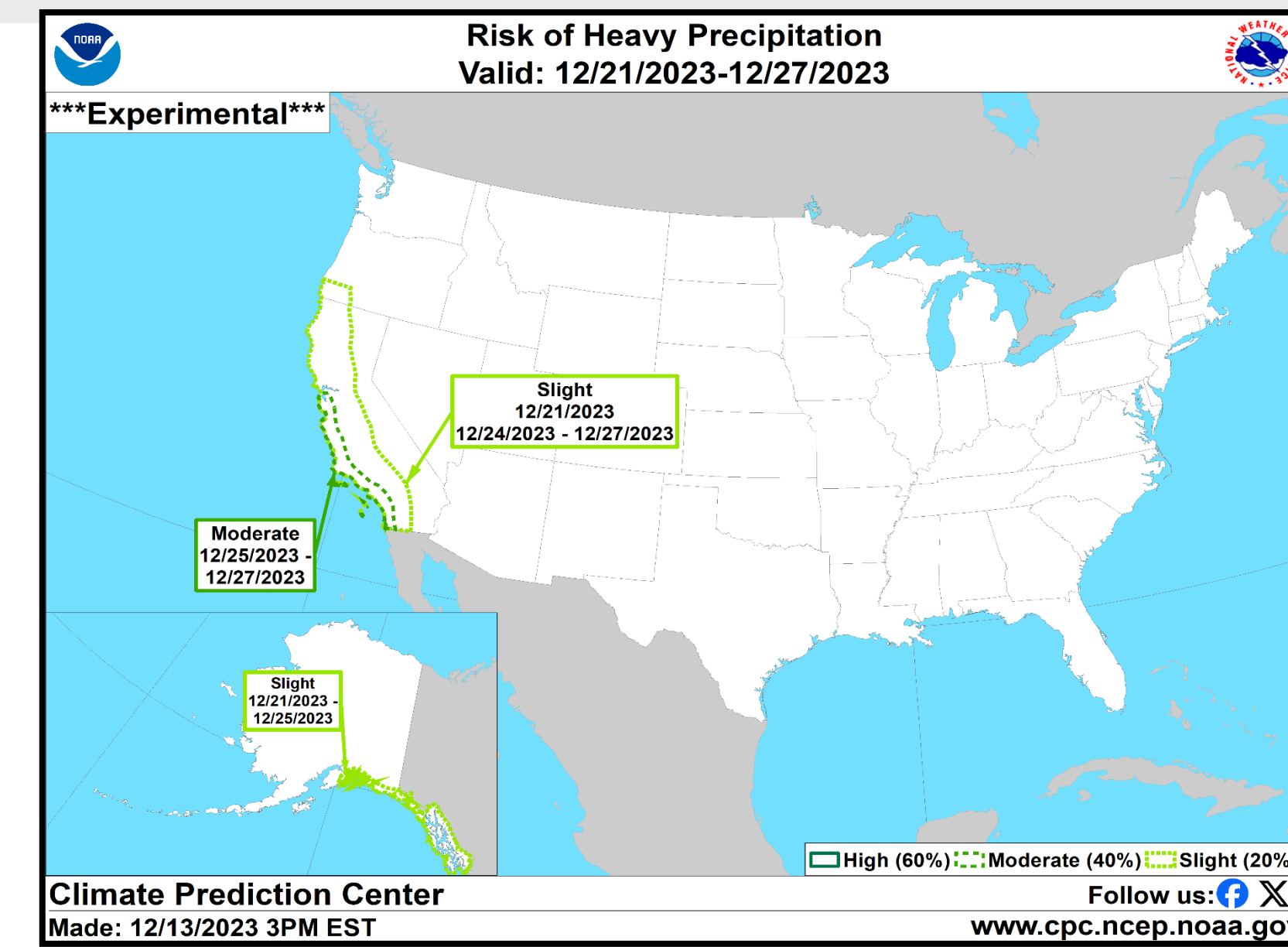
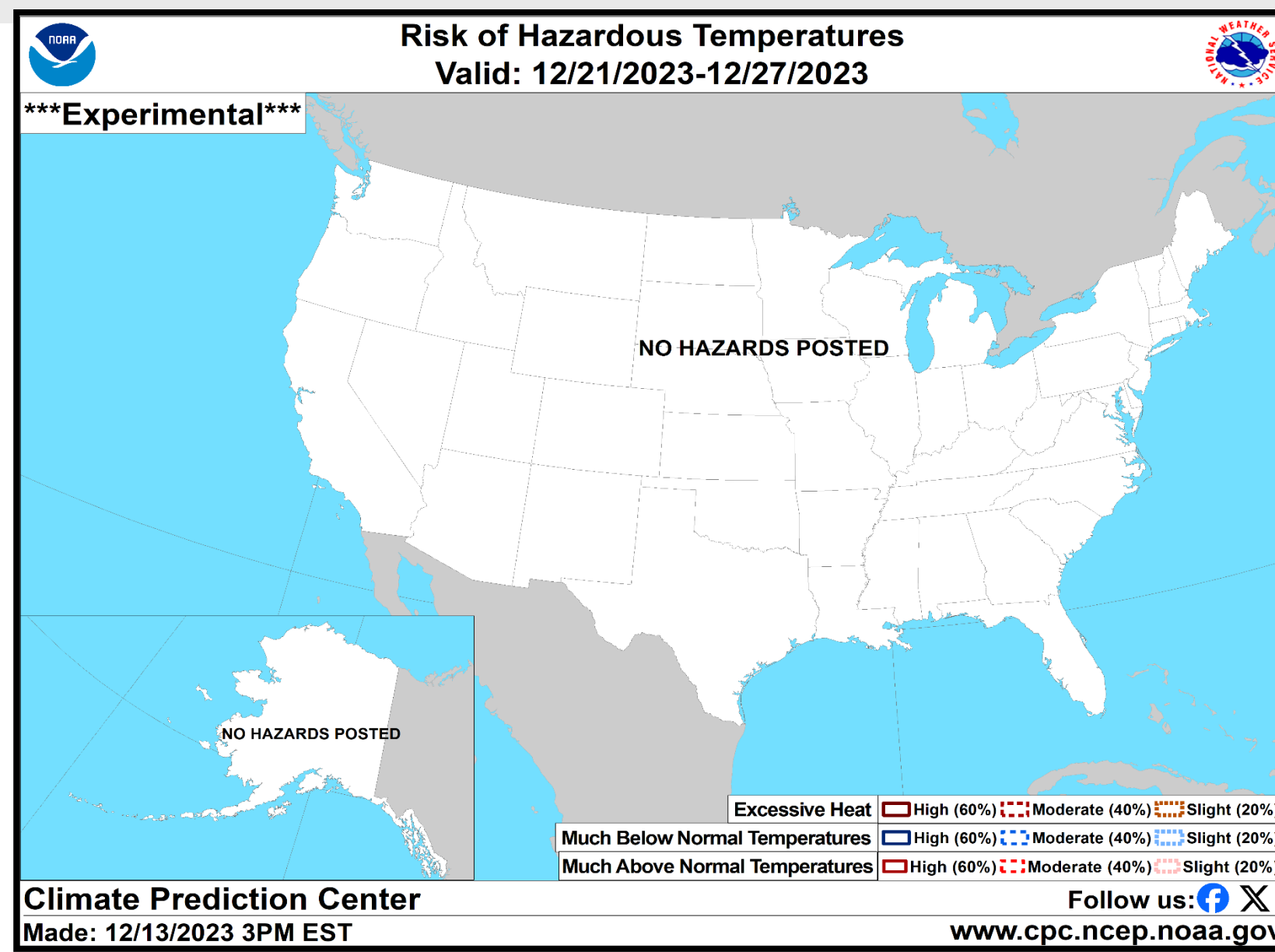
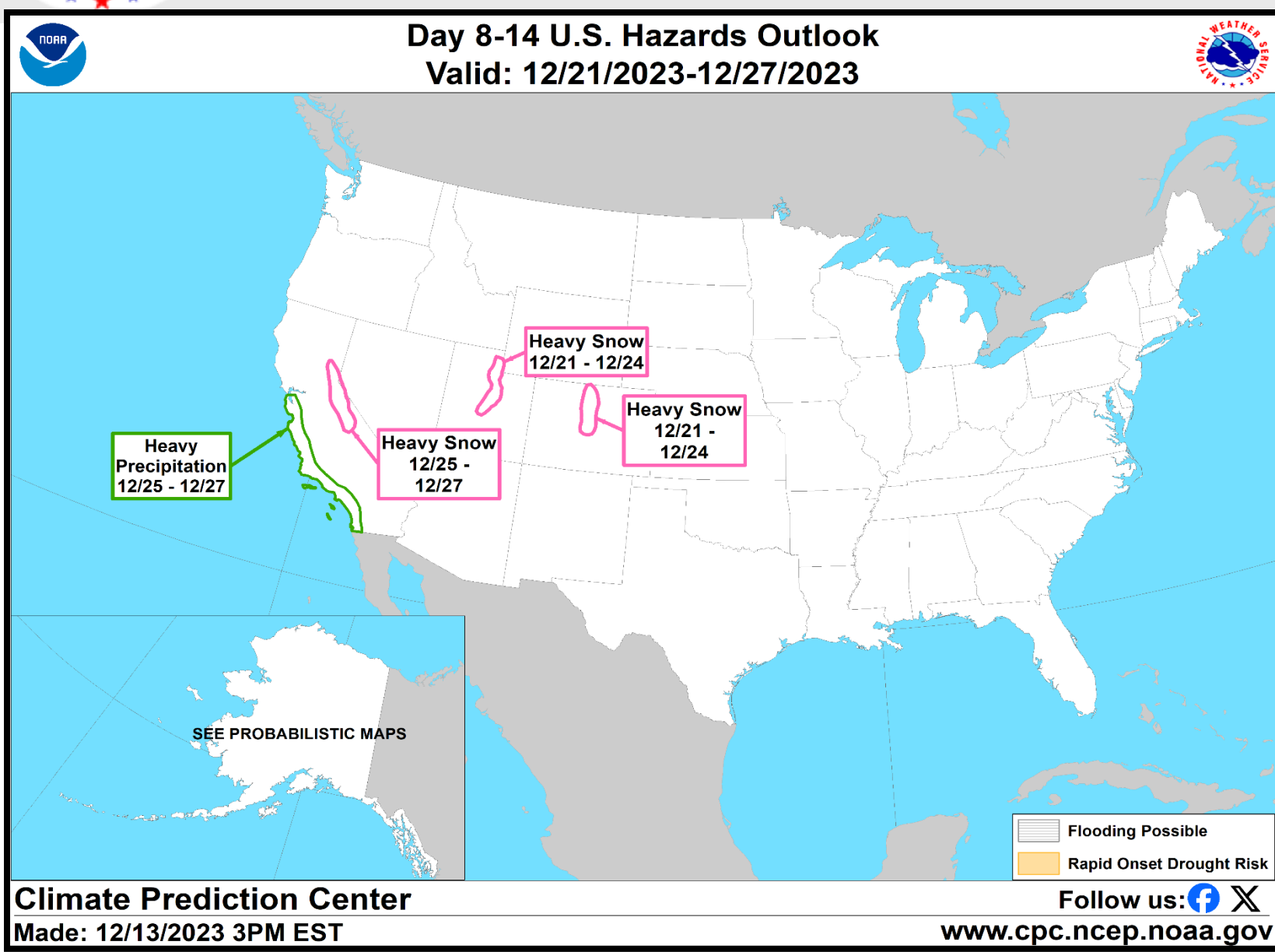
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- 1) The “day 3-7” will really be days 2-6
- 2) This slide will be hidden on Mondays and Sundays so the data/information is not too old

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# "Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook



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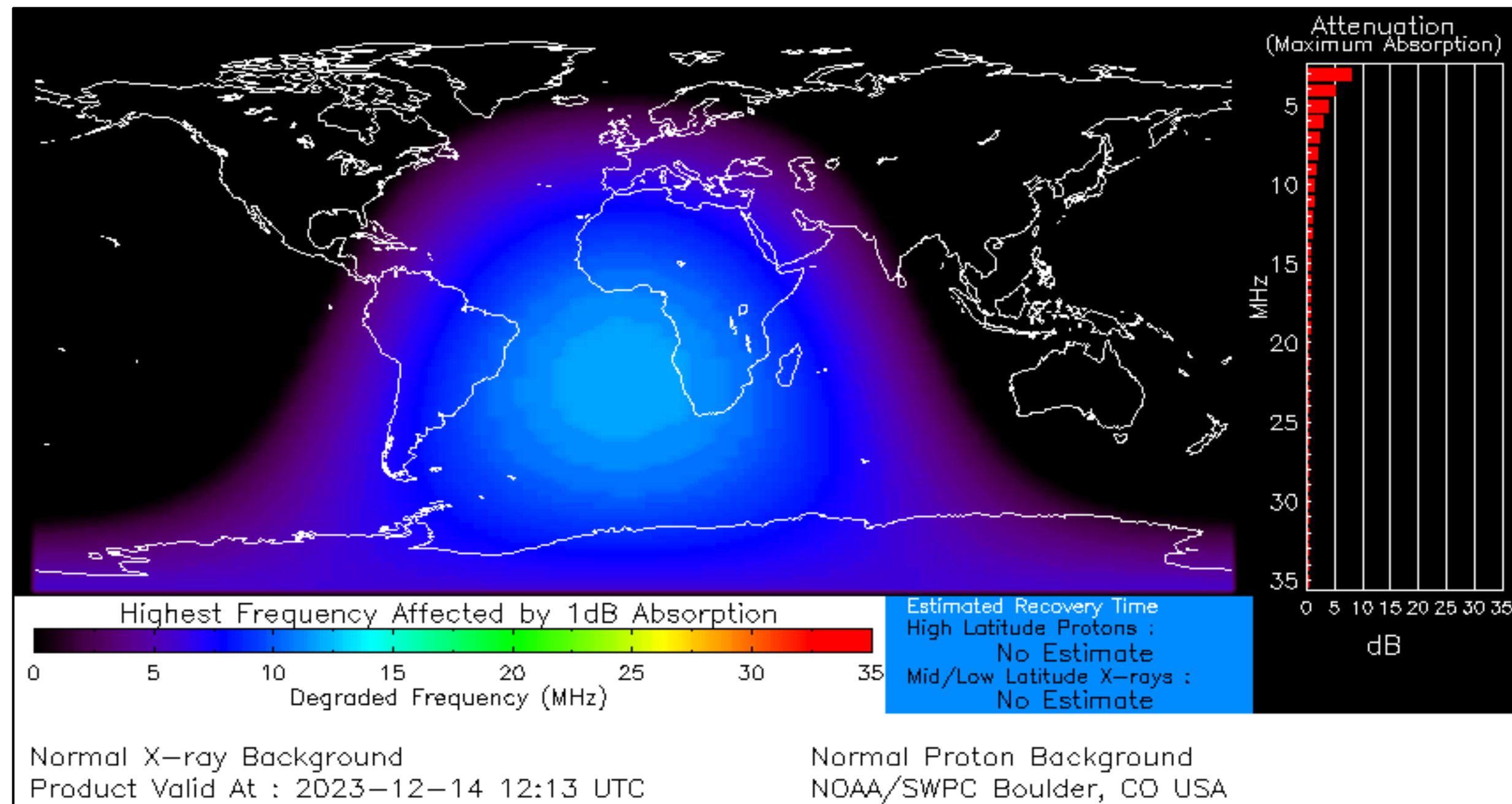
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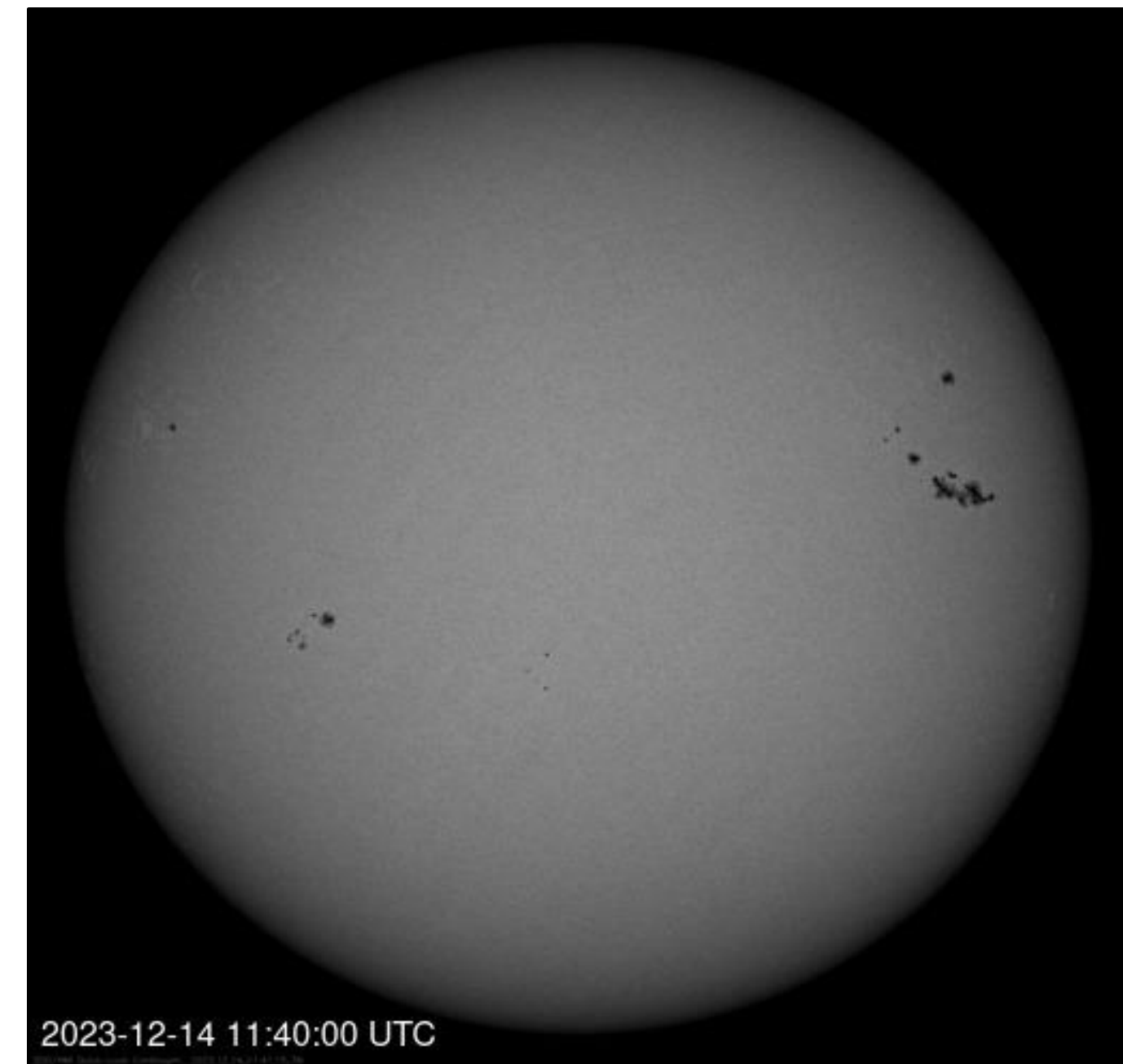
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp = 5)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp = 4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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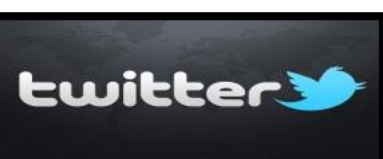
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## Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Very Common</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b></p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b></p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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