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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday January 8, 2024

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Strong storm system moving across FEMA Region 6 through Tuesday with blizzard warnings across NM, OK/TX Panhandles. Slight to enhanced risk for severe thunderstorms with heavy rain/flash flooding (damaging wind, hail, tornadoes) across S LA and SE TX. Red Flag warnings for fire conditions across W and SW TX.**
- **Another storms system is expected to bring similar conditions to FEMA Region 6 Thursday into Friday.**



# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 8, 2024 - Jan 12, 2024

DAY / THREAT	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Severe Storms	SE LA SE TX				ETX, LA SAR
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE LA				
Fire Weather	W, STX	STX			
Winter Weather	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandle, NW OK	TX/OK Panhandles N OK, NW AR			N NM, 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.\**

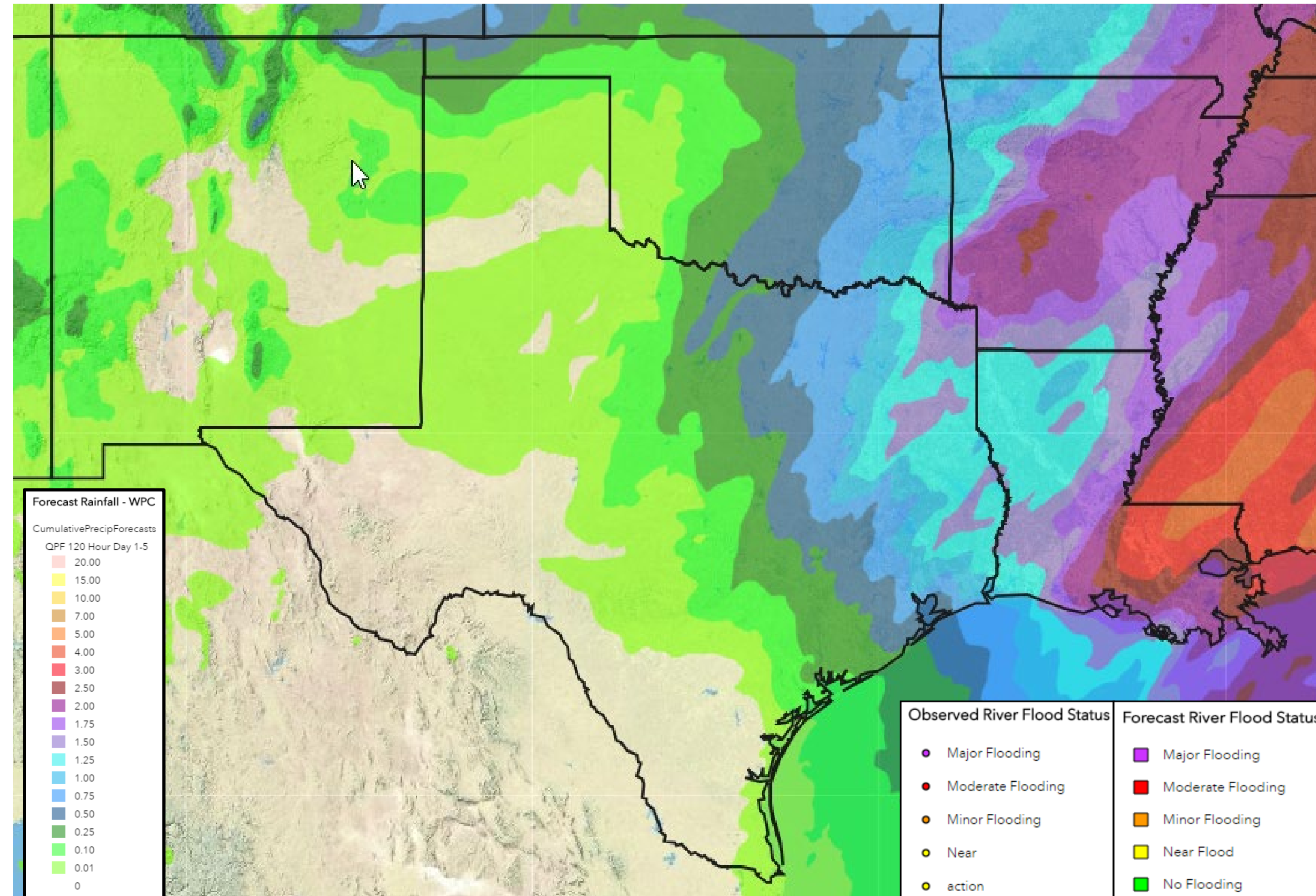
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*





# 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



**Isolated minor river flooding in LA.**

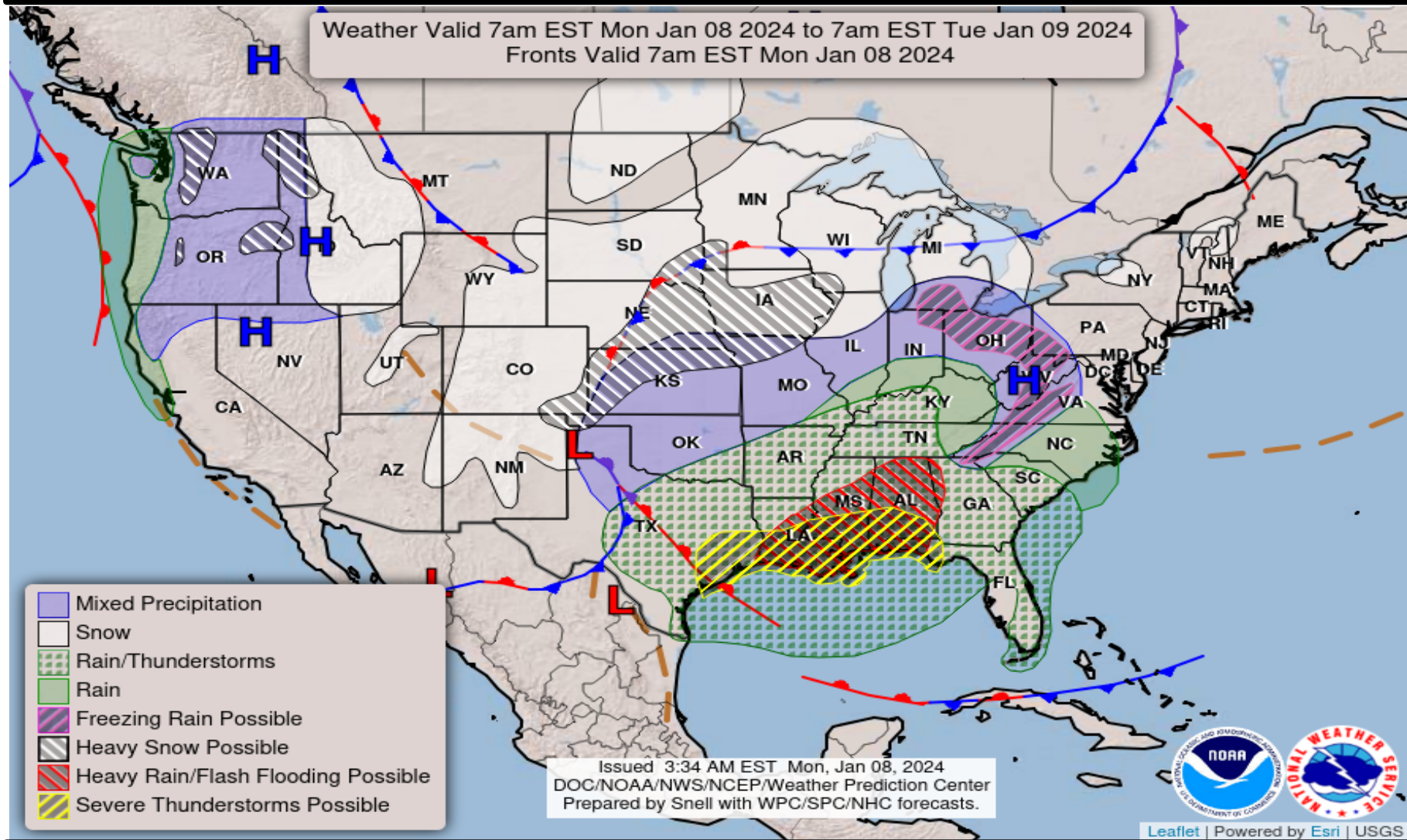
<http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding



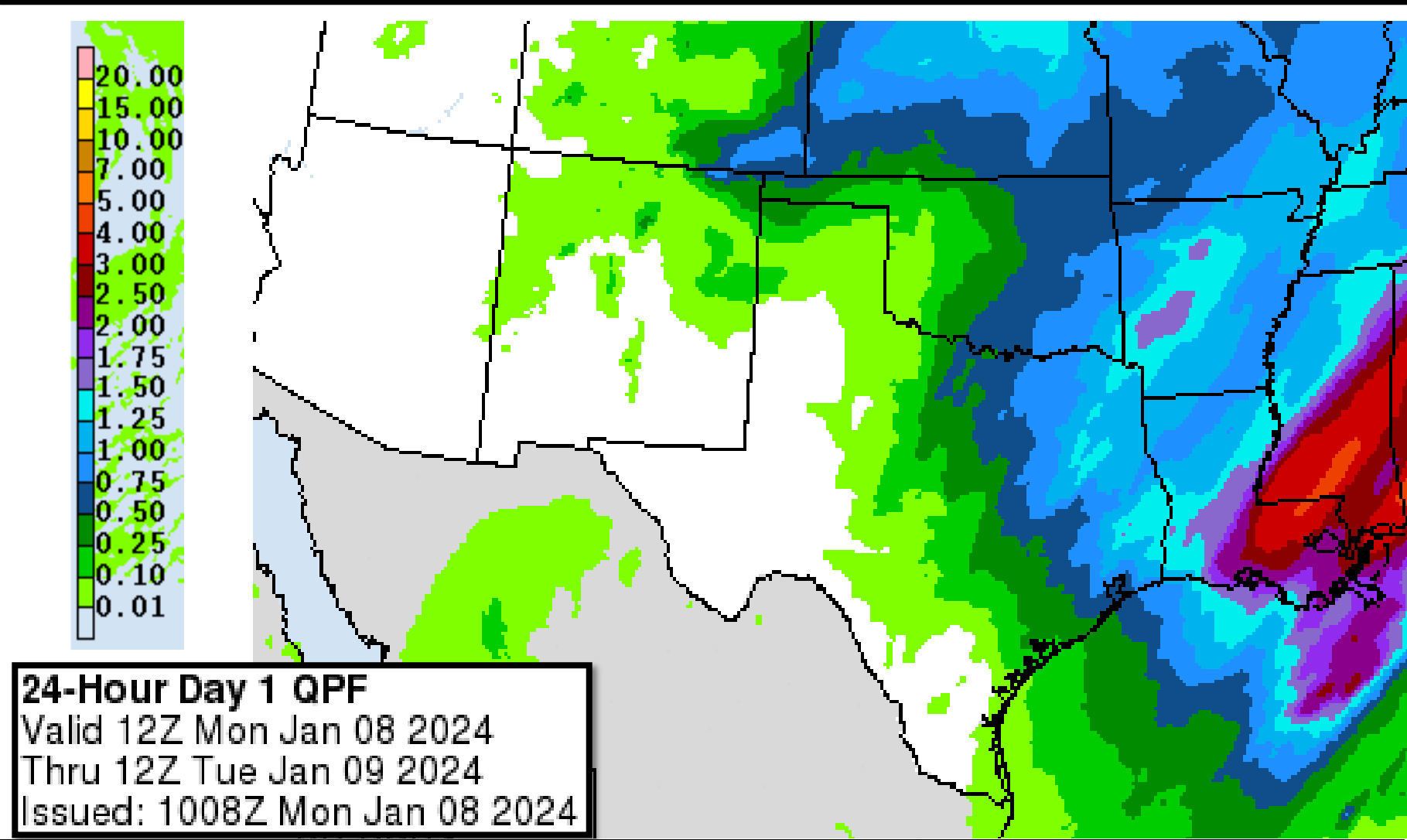


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall



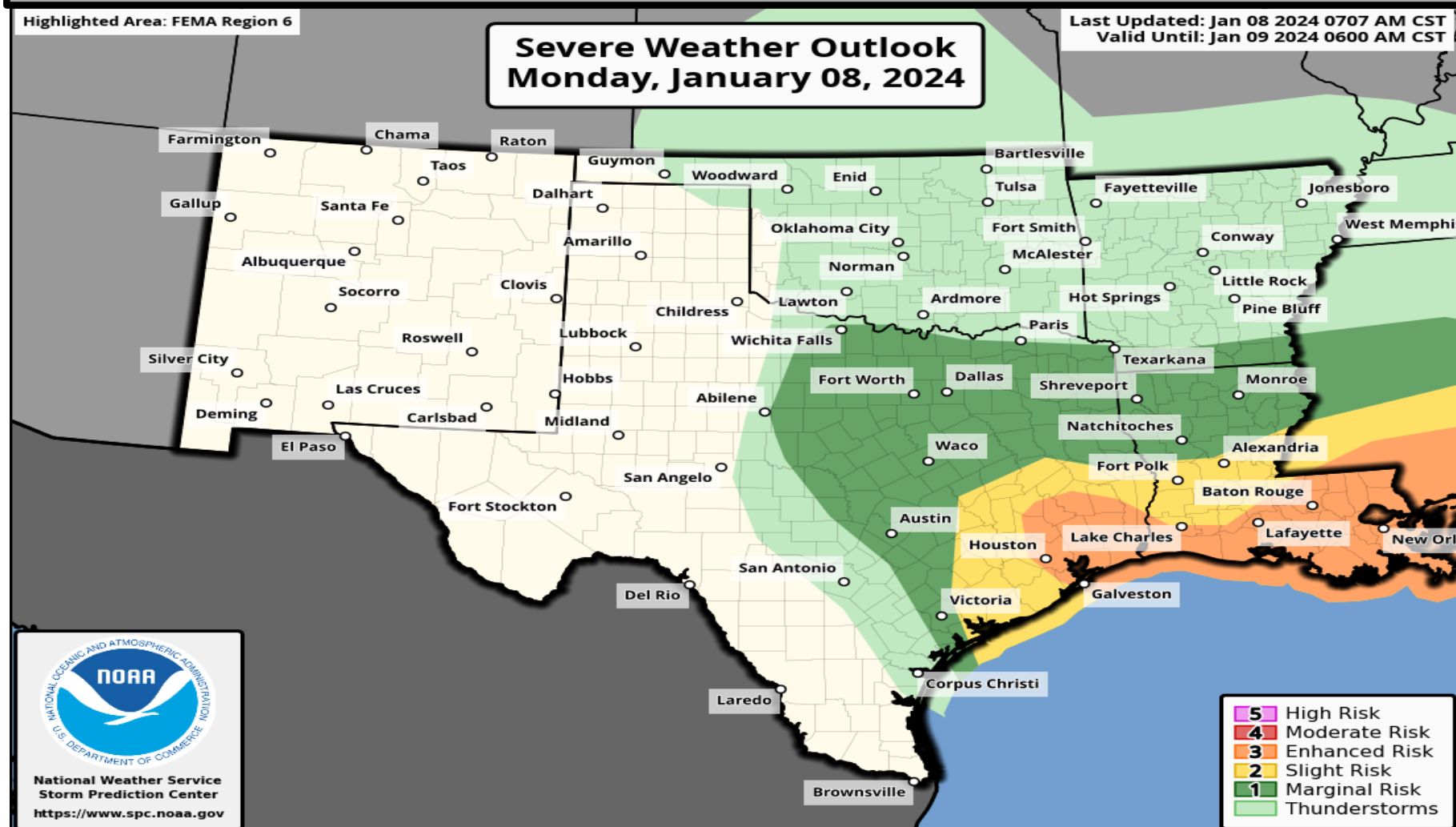
**Moderate risk for heavy rainfall/flash flooding over SETX and LA.**

**Blizzard conditions across NE NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.**

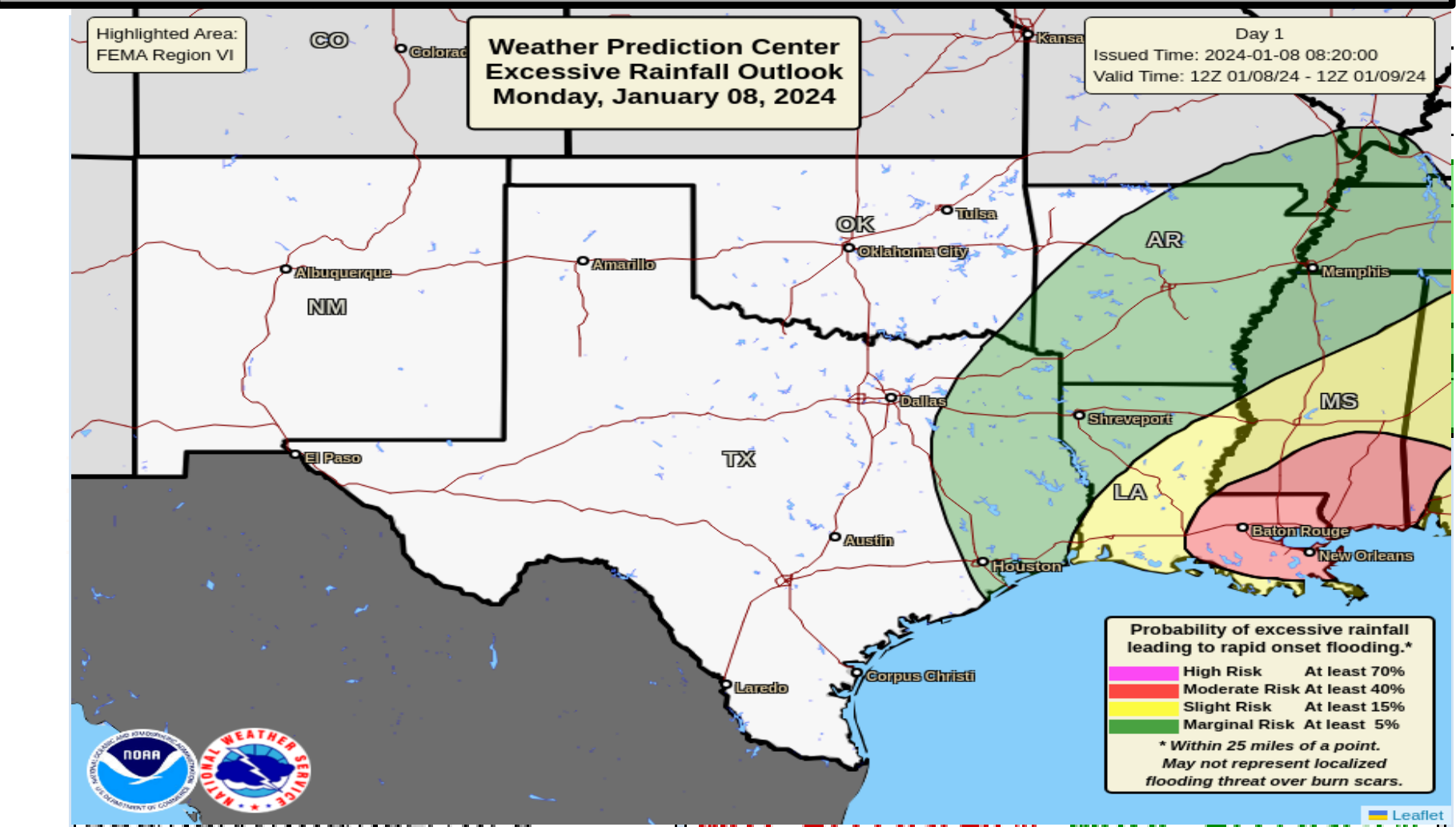
**Enhanced risk area for (tornadoes, hail and damaging wind) across severe storms in SE LA.**

**Red flag warnings in effect across W and STX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



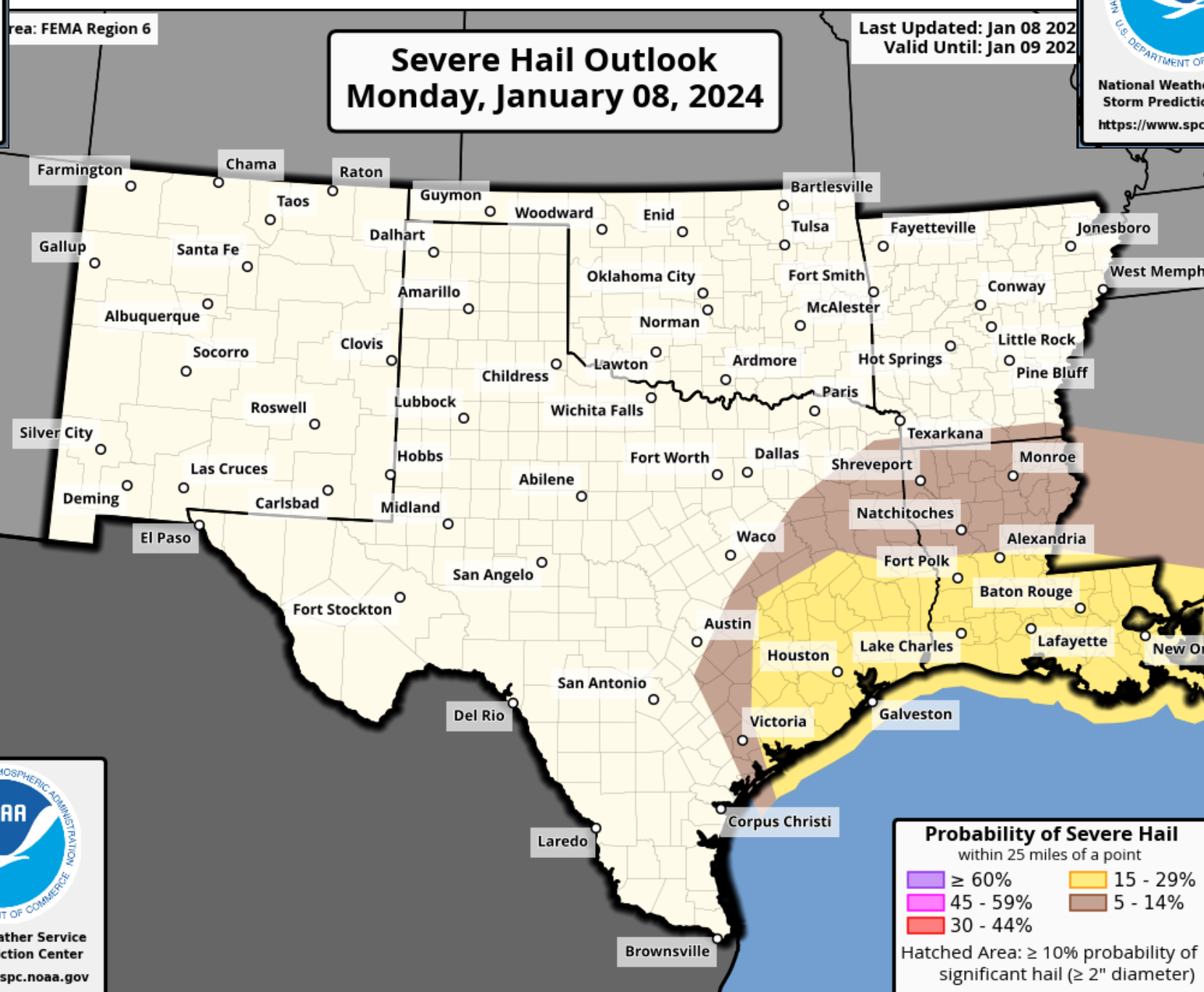
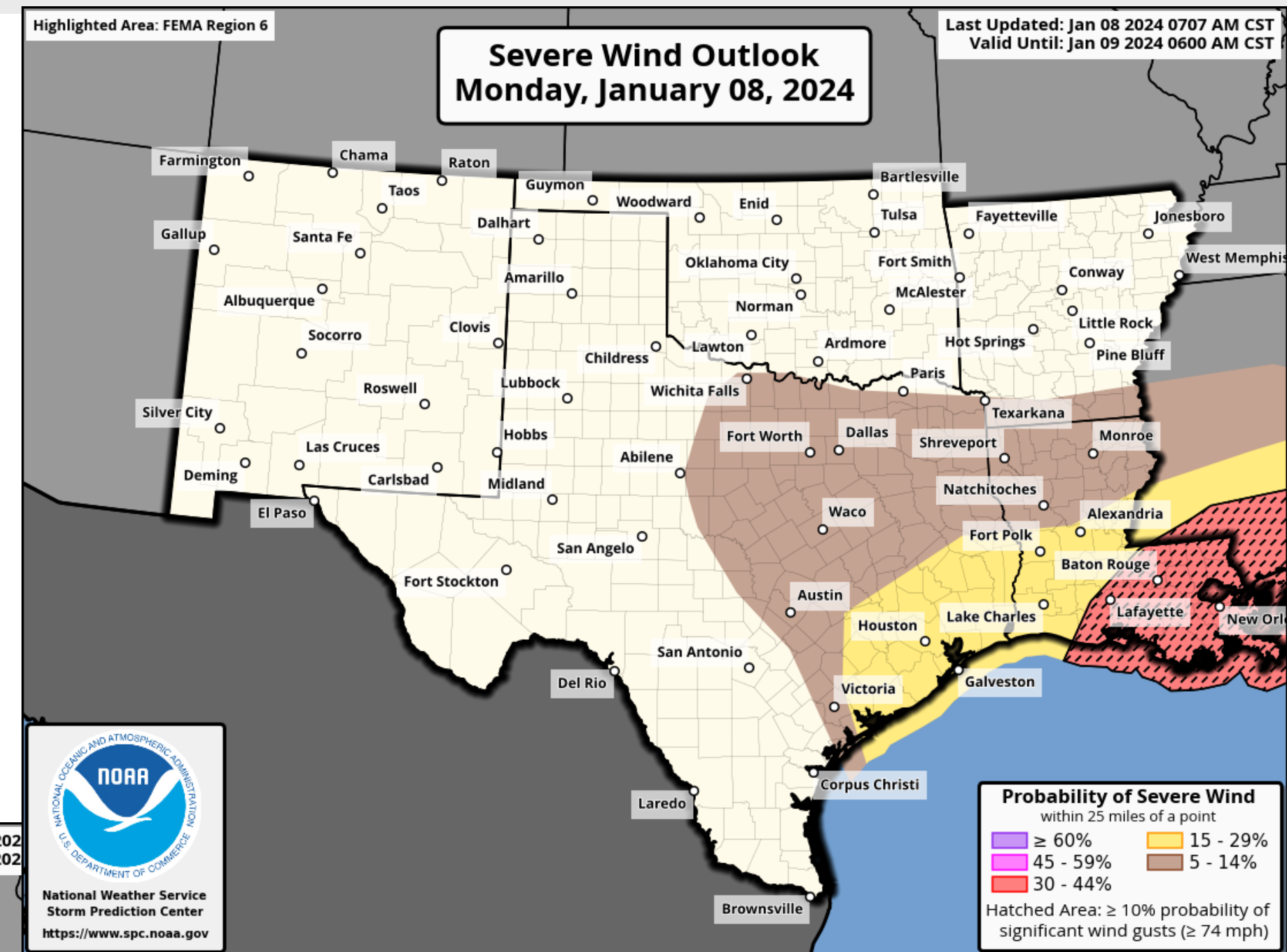
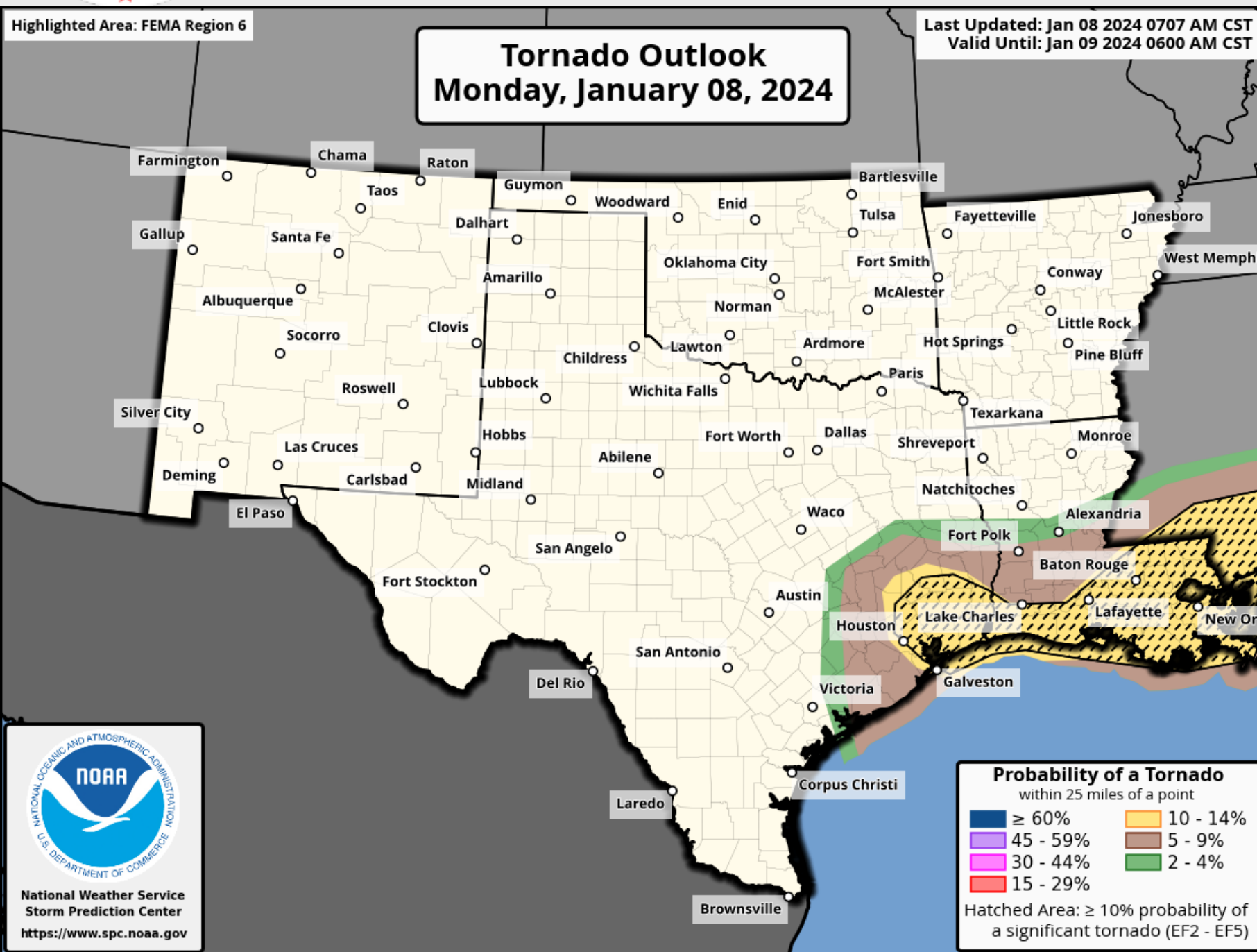
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook







# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



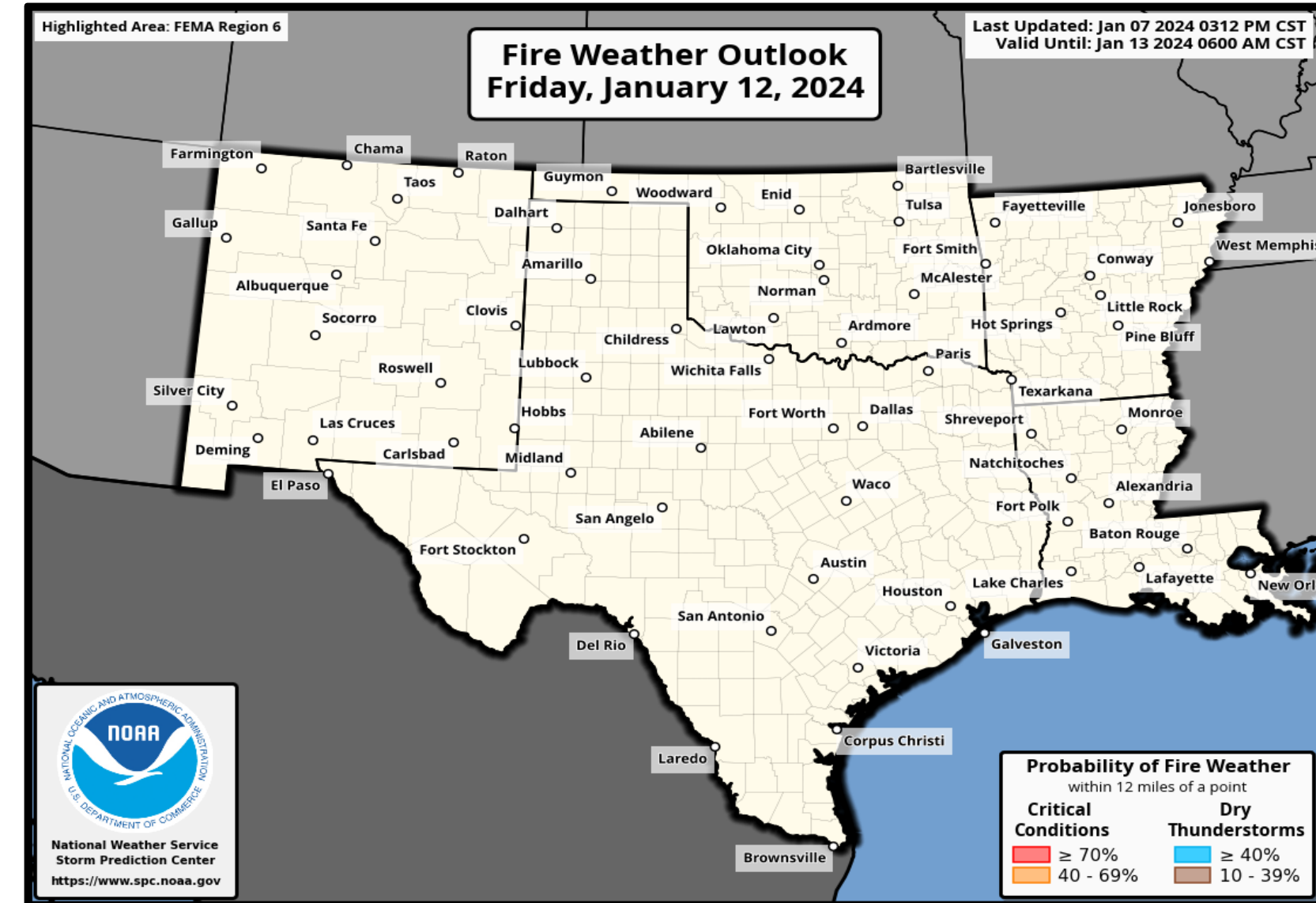
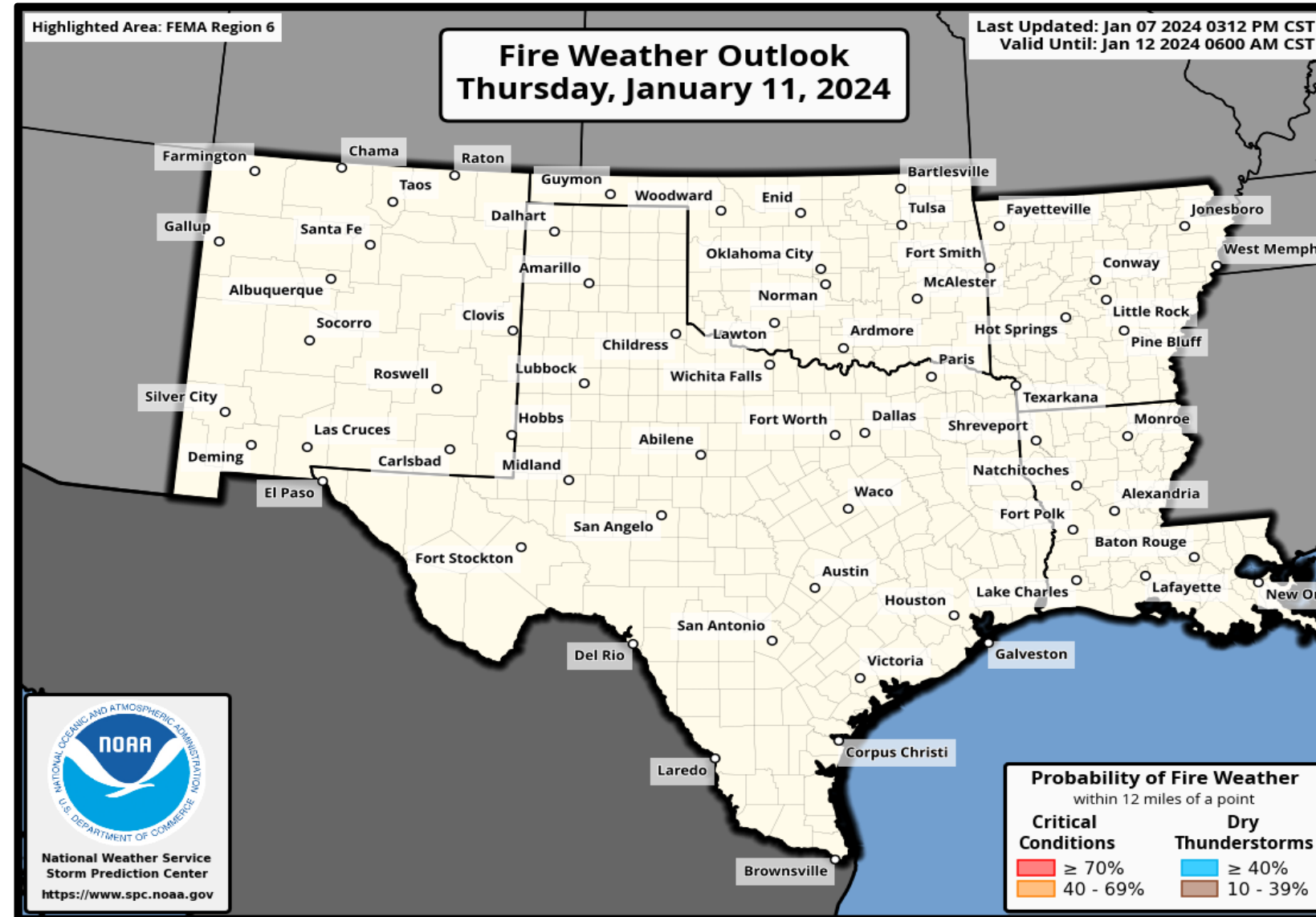
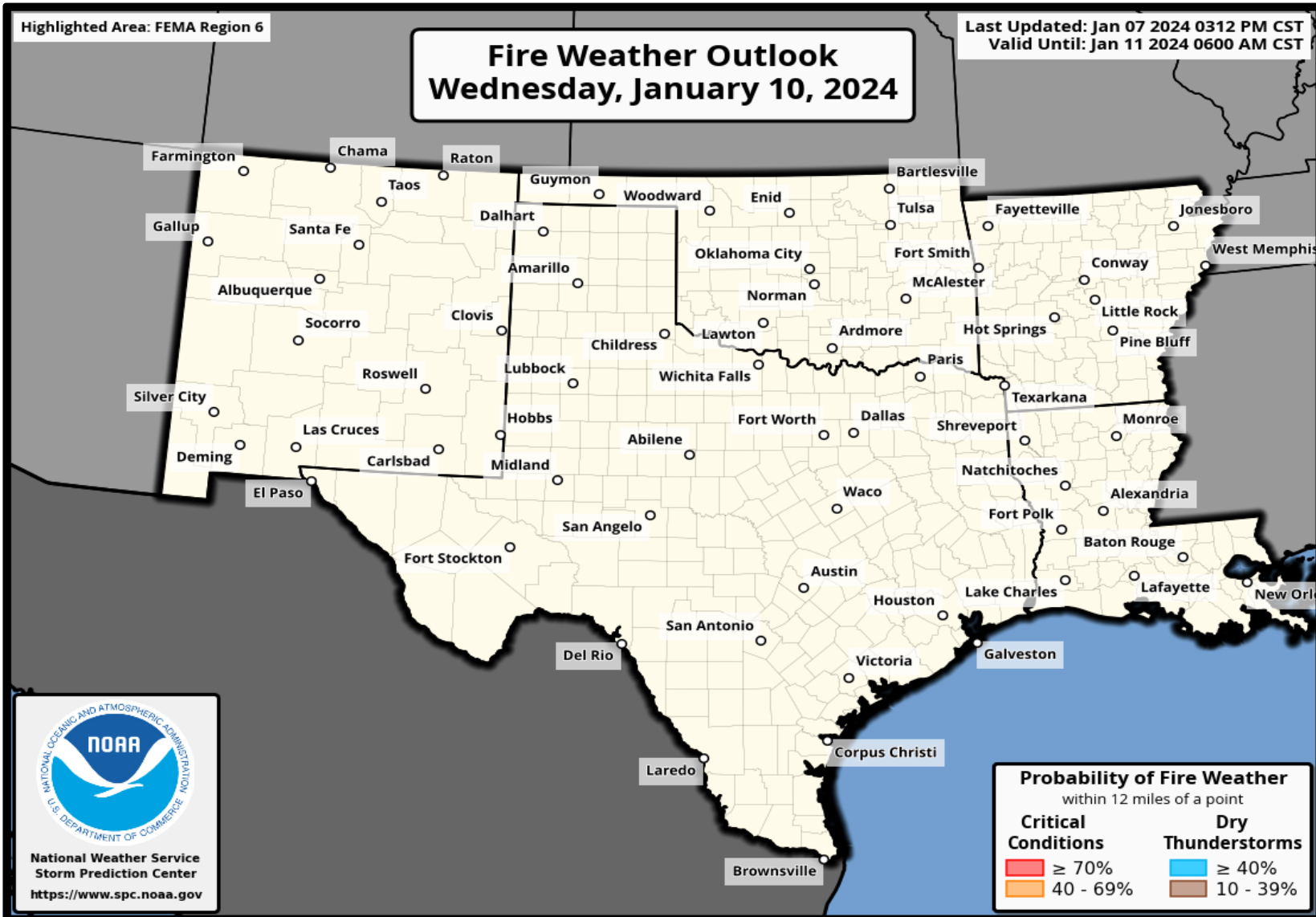
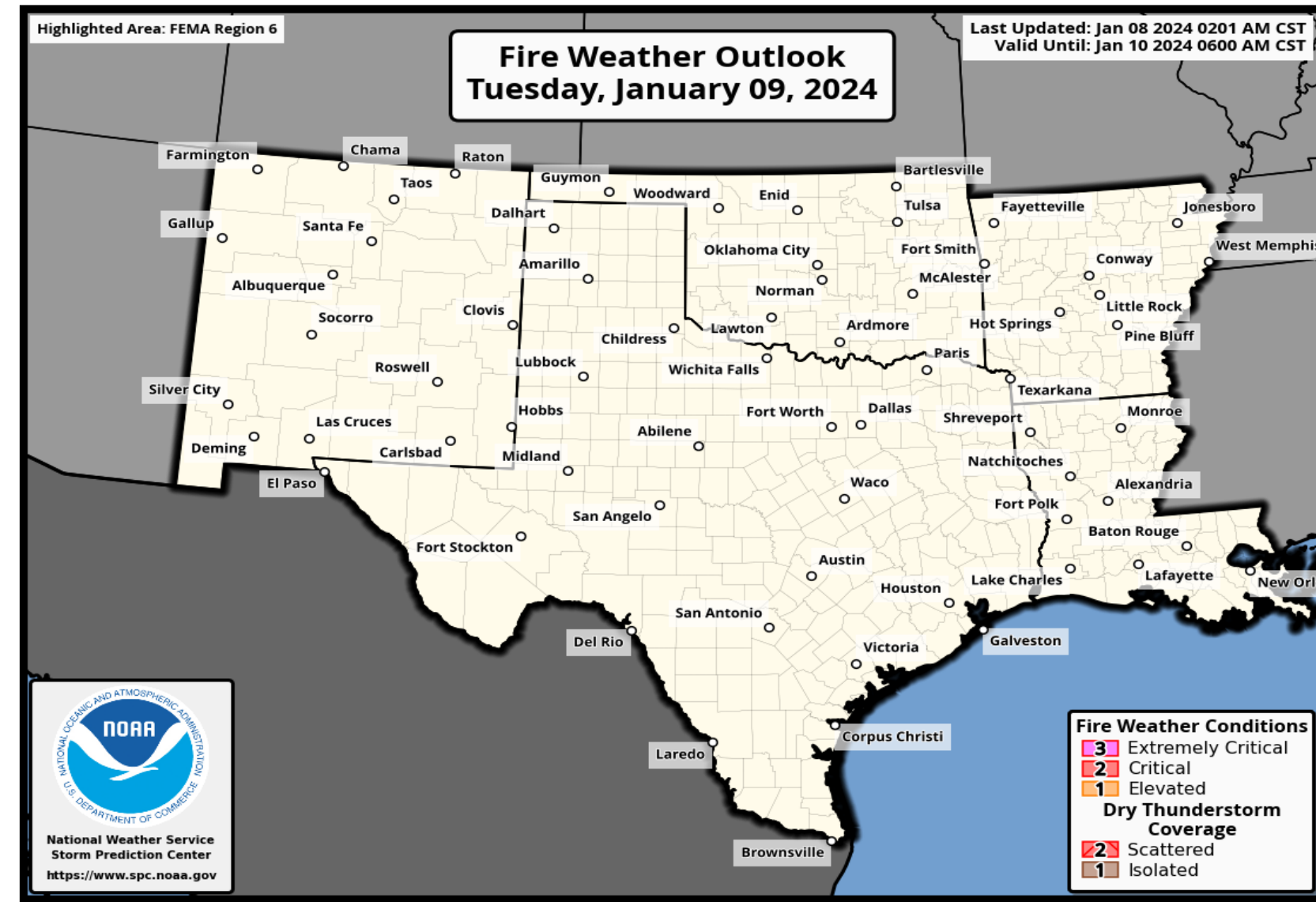
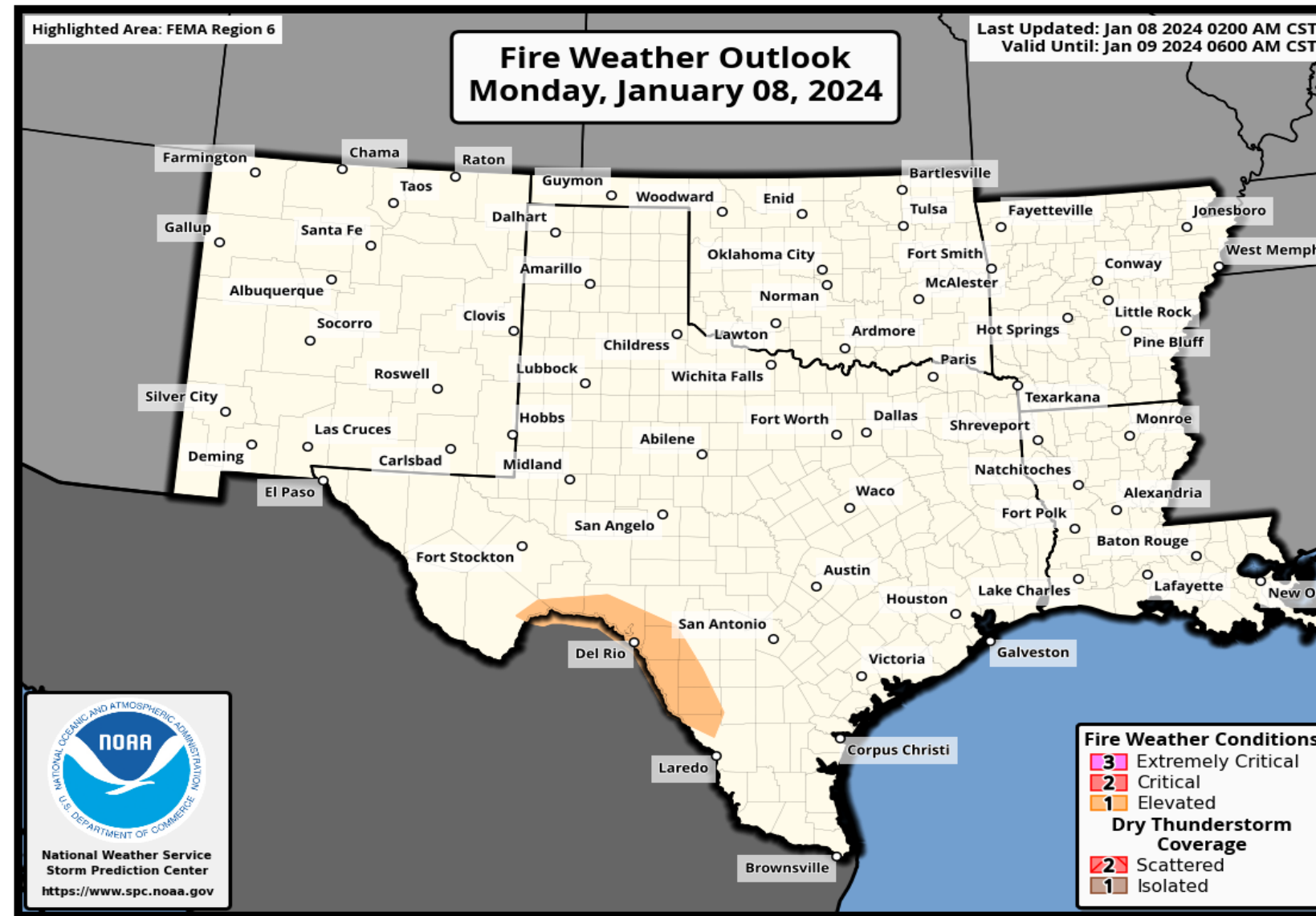
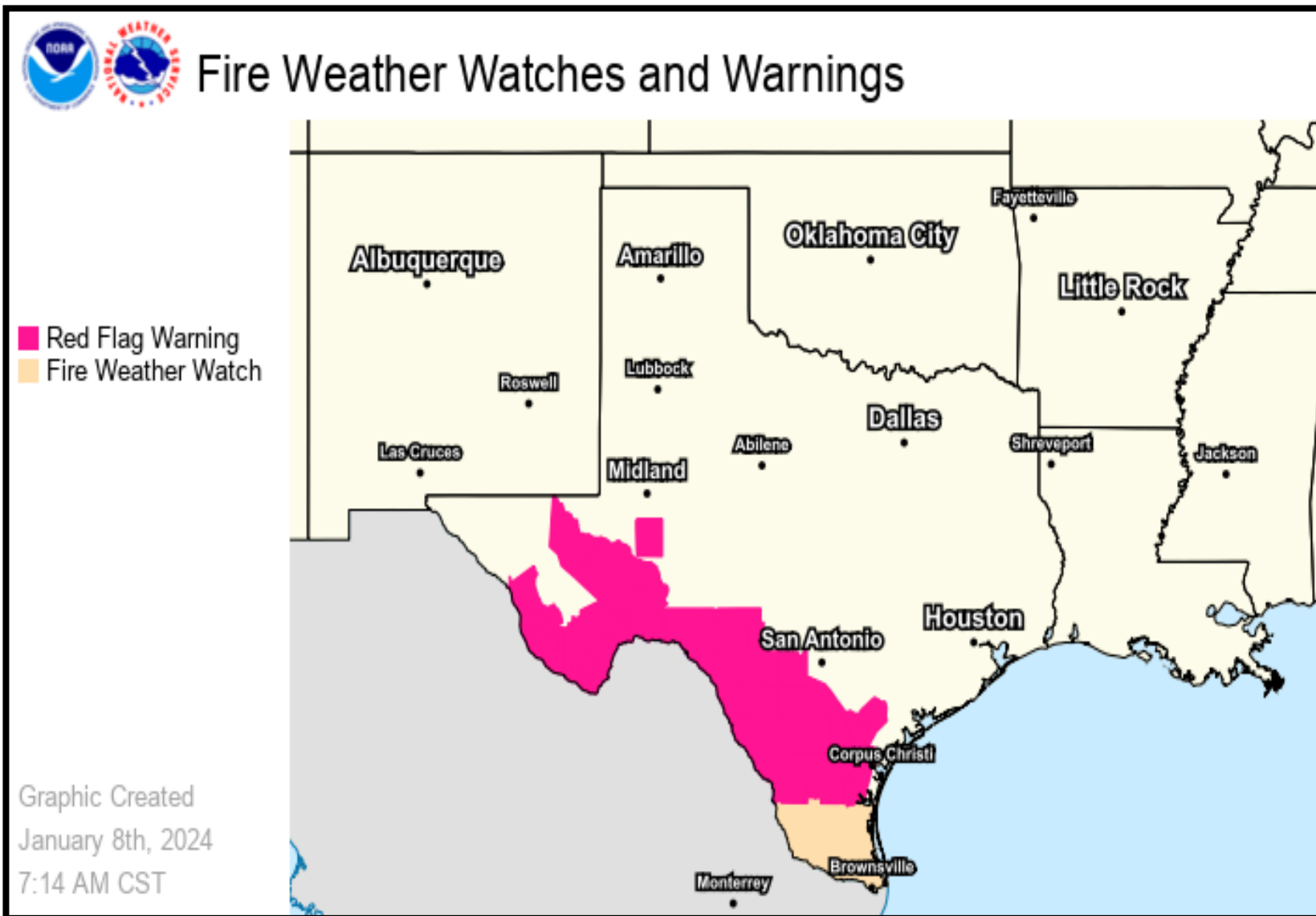
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# Fire Weather Outlooks







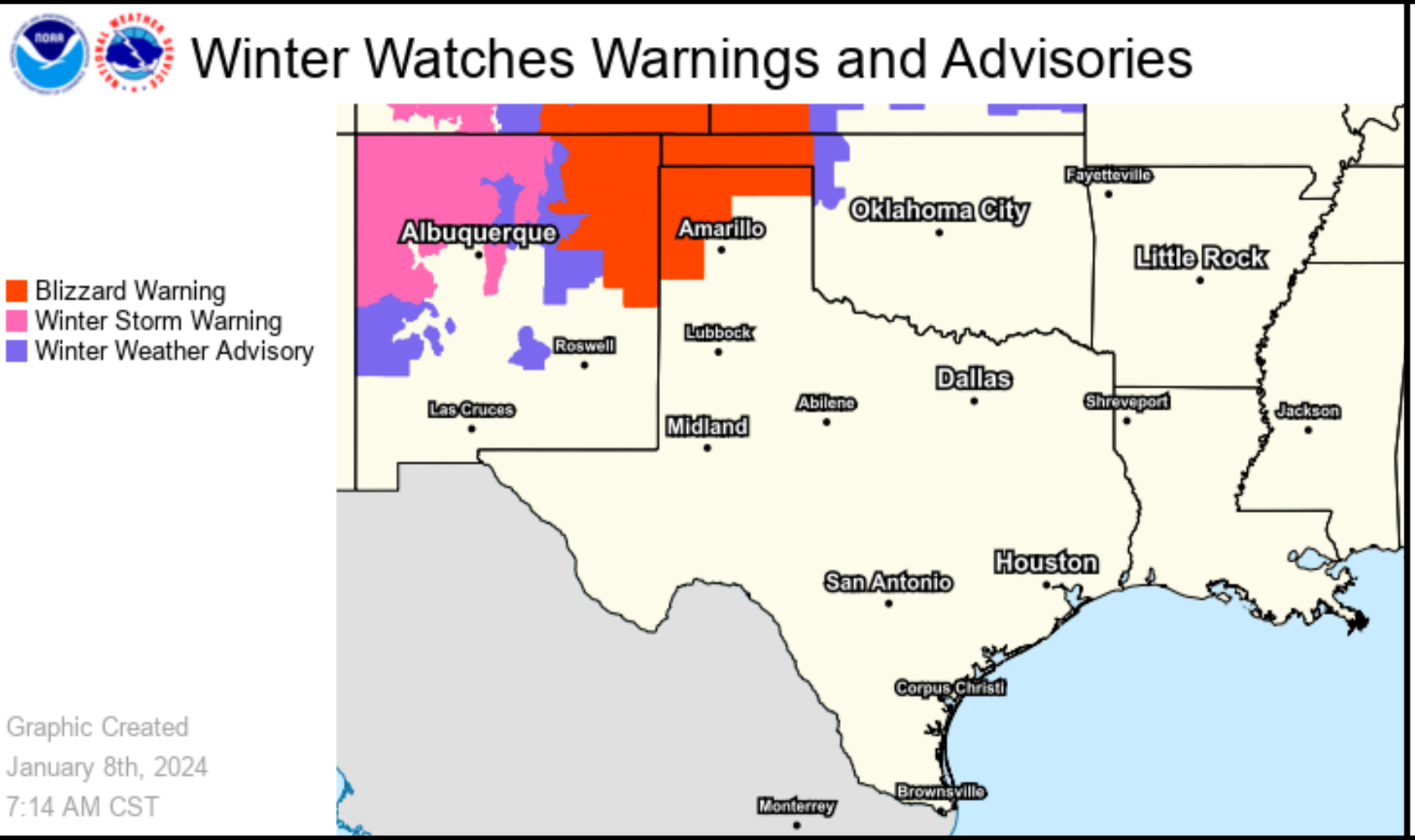
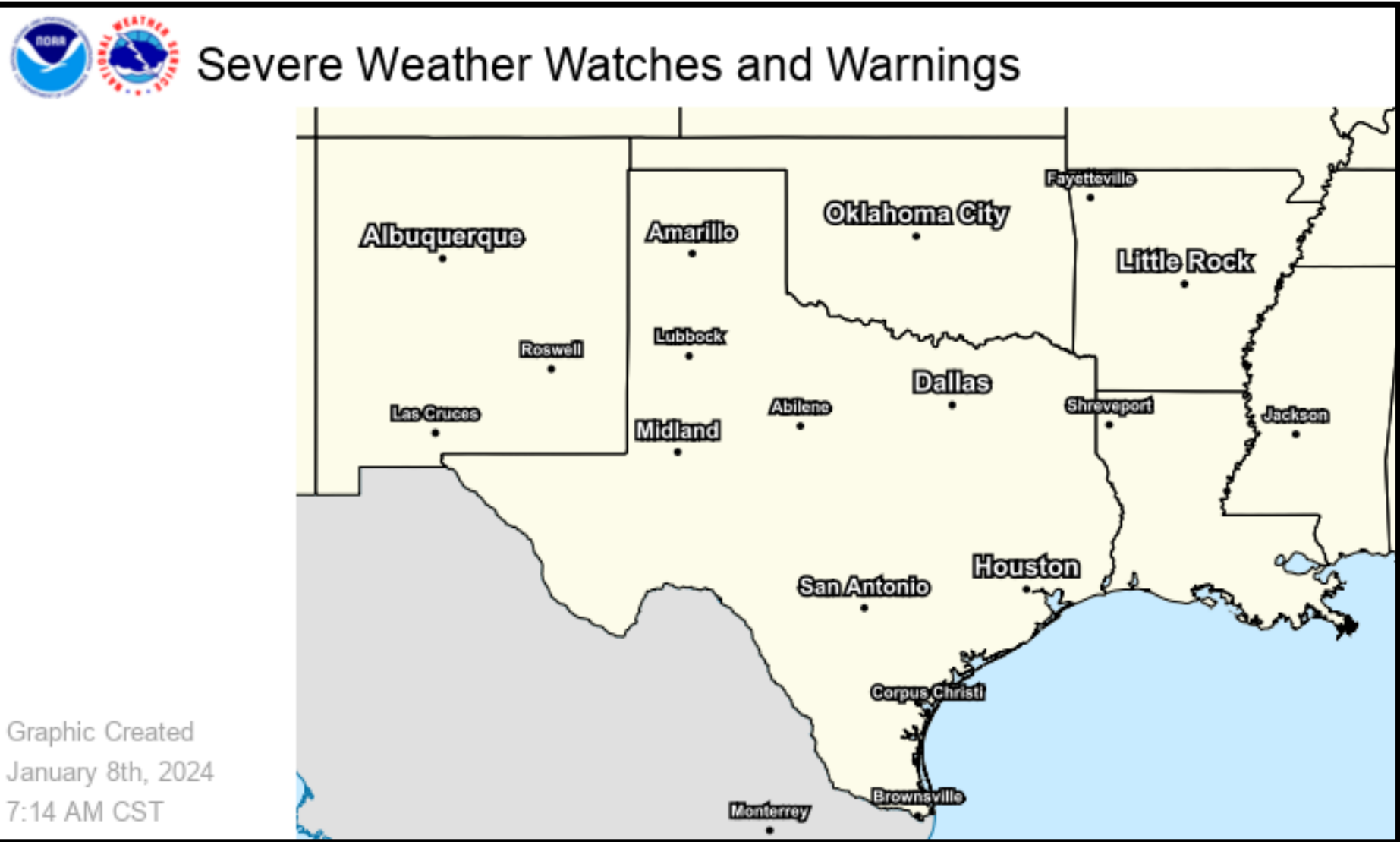
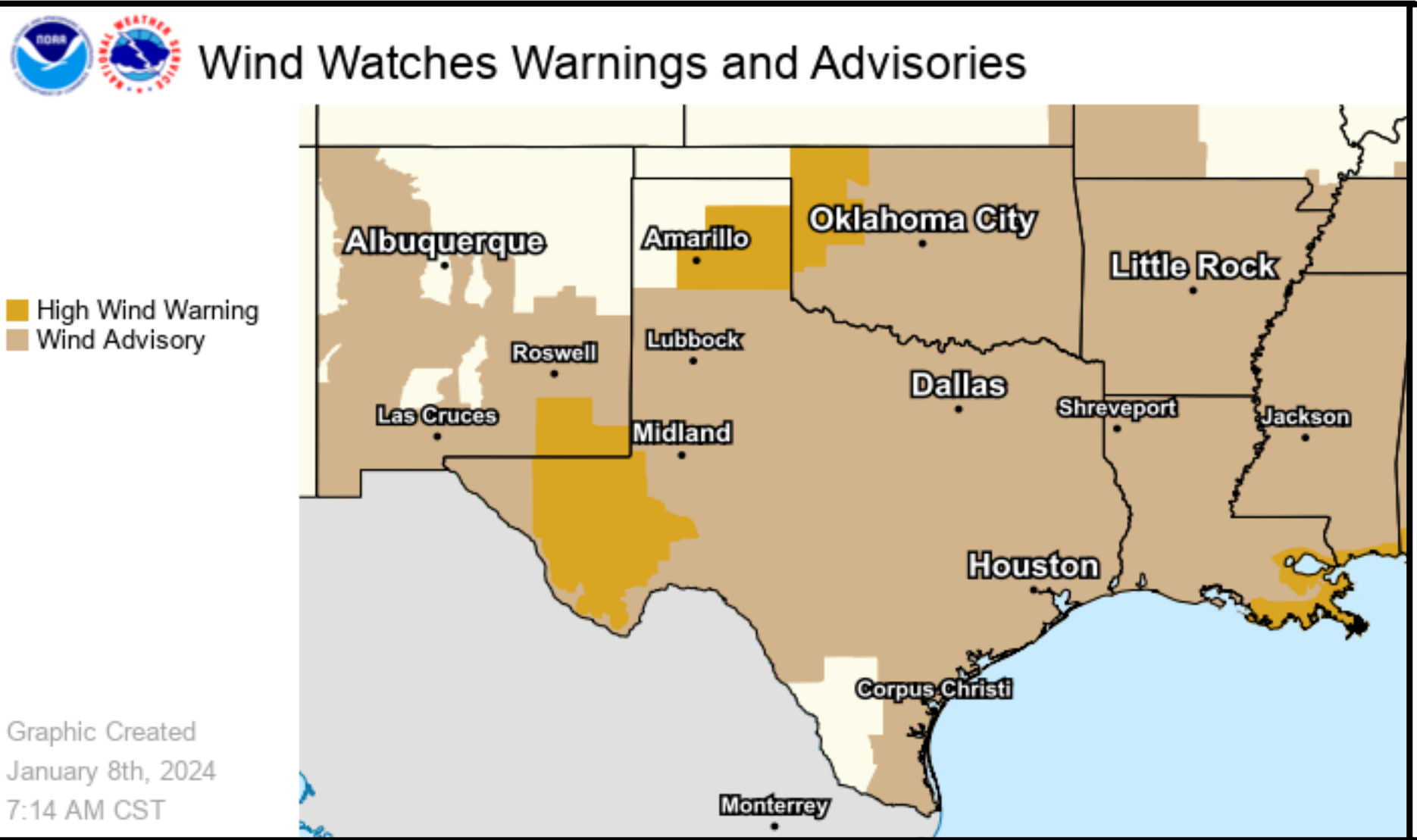
# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

**Blizzard Warnings in effect through Tuesday for NM and the TX/OK Panhandles.**

**Flood Watch in effect for SE LA through Tuesday morning.**

**Wind Advisories and High Wind Warnings in effect for FEMA Region 6 through Tuesday morning.**





# Winter Weather

## Monday - Wednesday

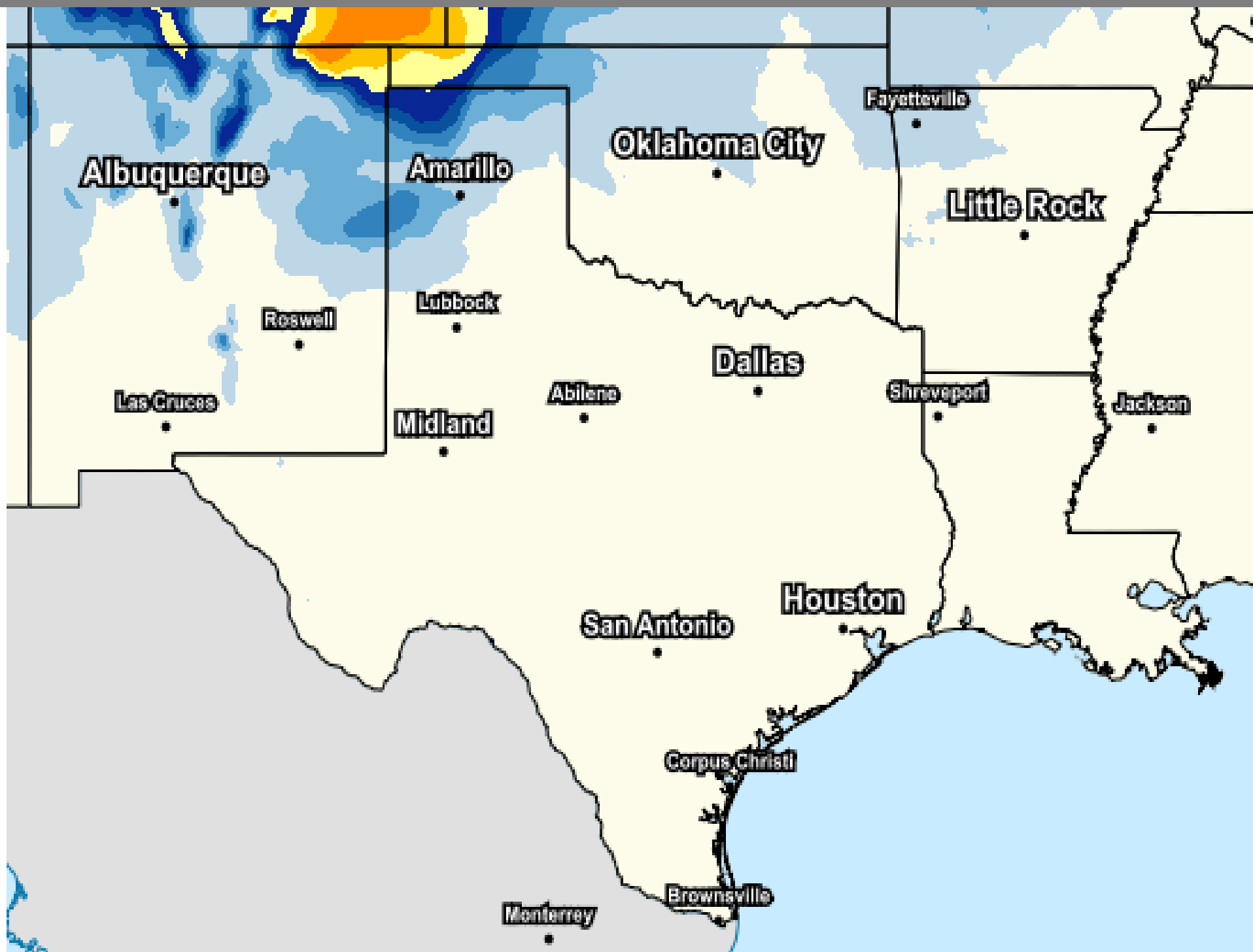
### Forecast Snow Amounts



### Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Thursday January 11th, 2024 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



Graphic Created  
January 8th, 2024  
6:21 AM CST

### Forecast Ice Amounts



### Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Thursday January 11th, 2024 at 6 AM CST

- 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



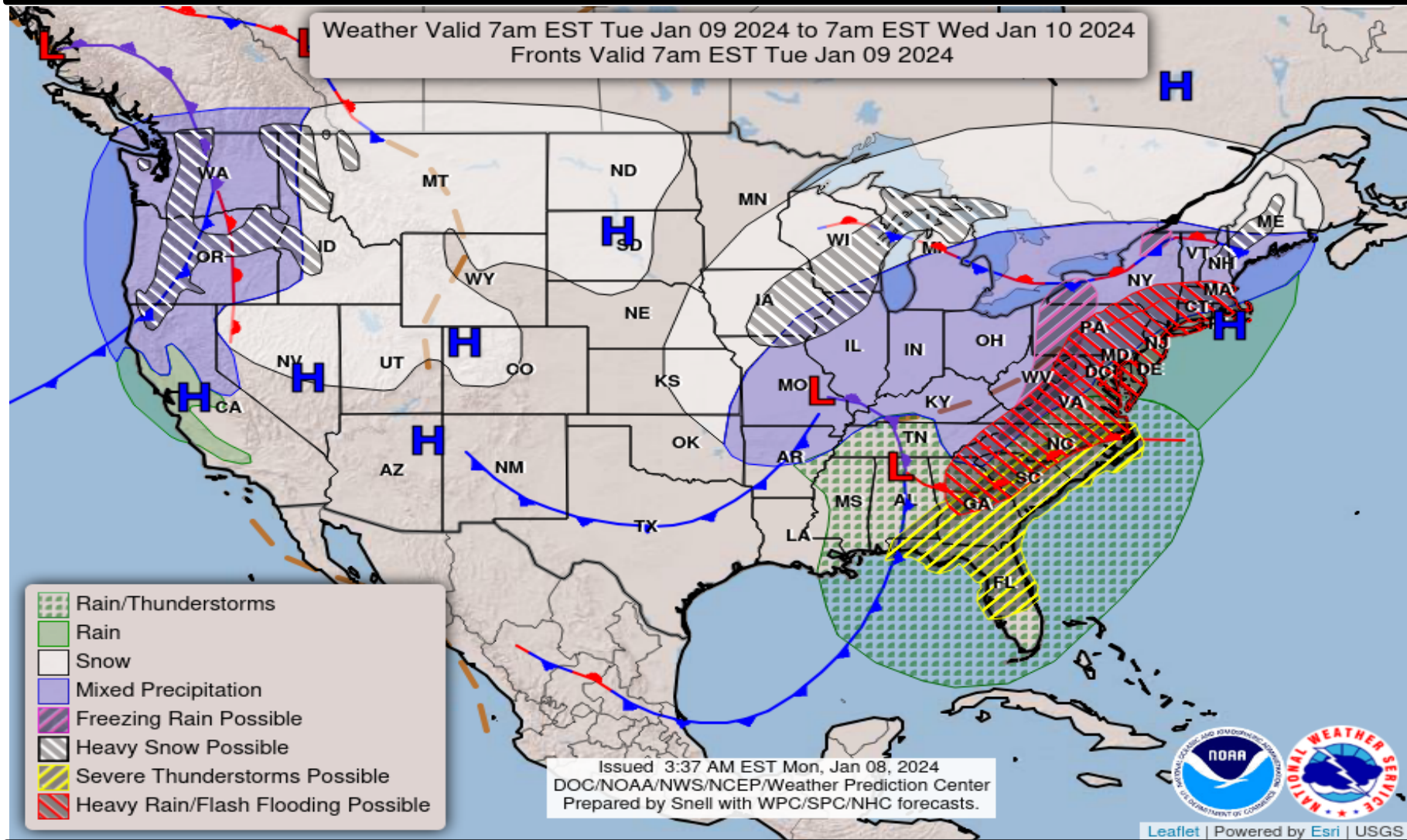
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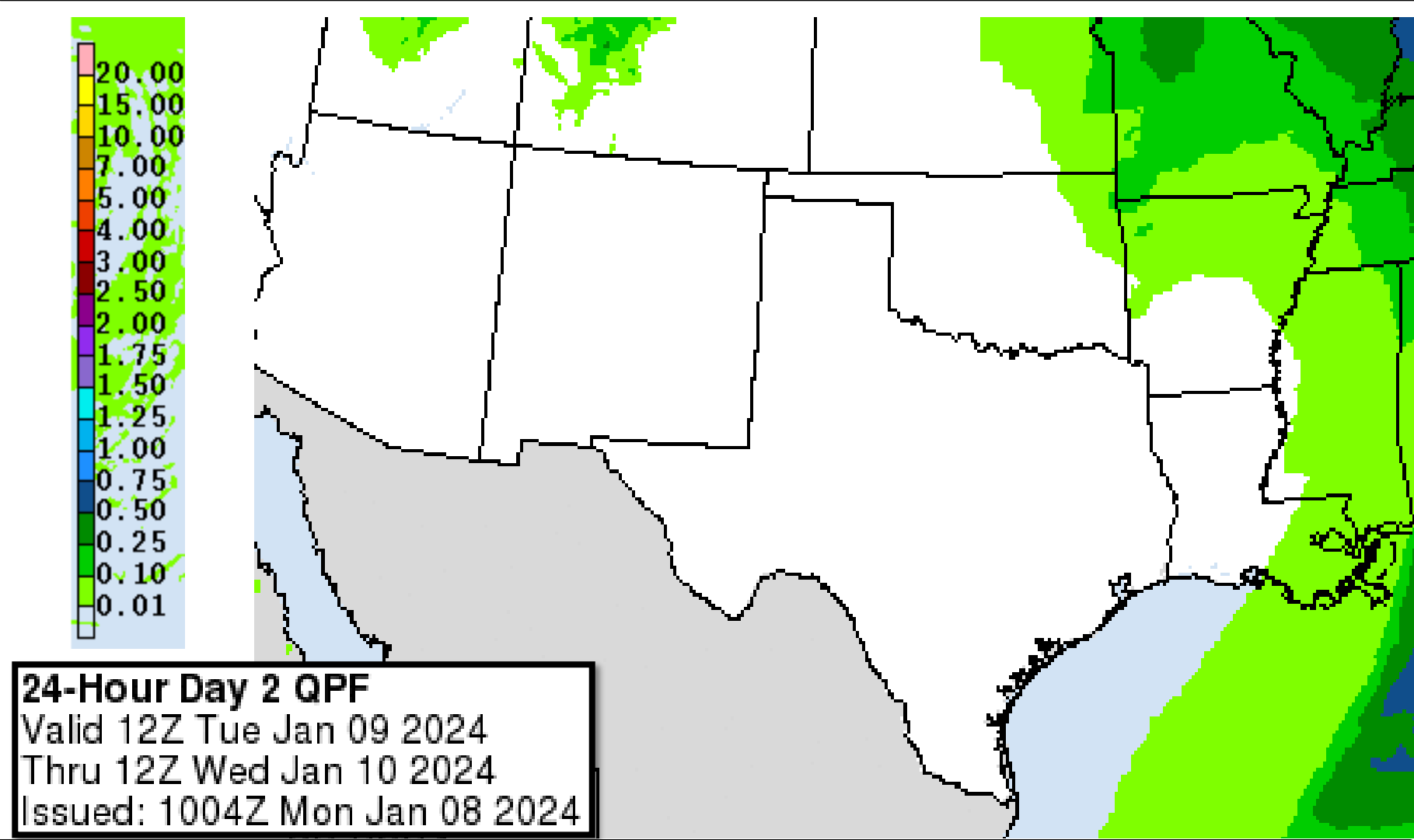


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart



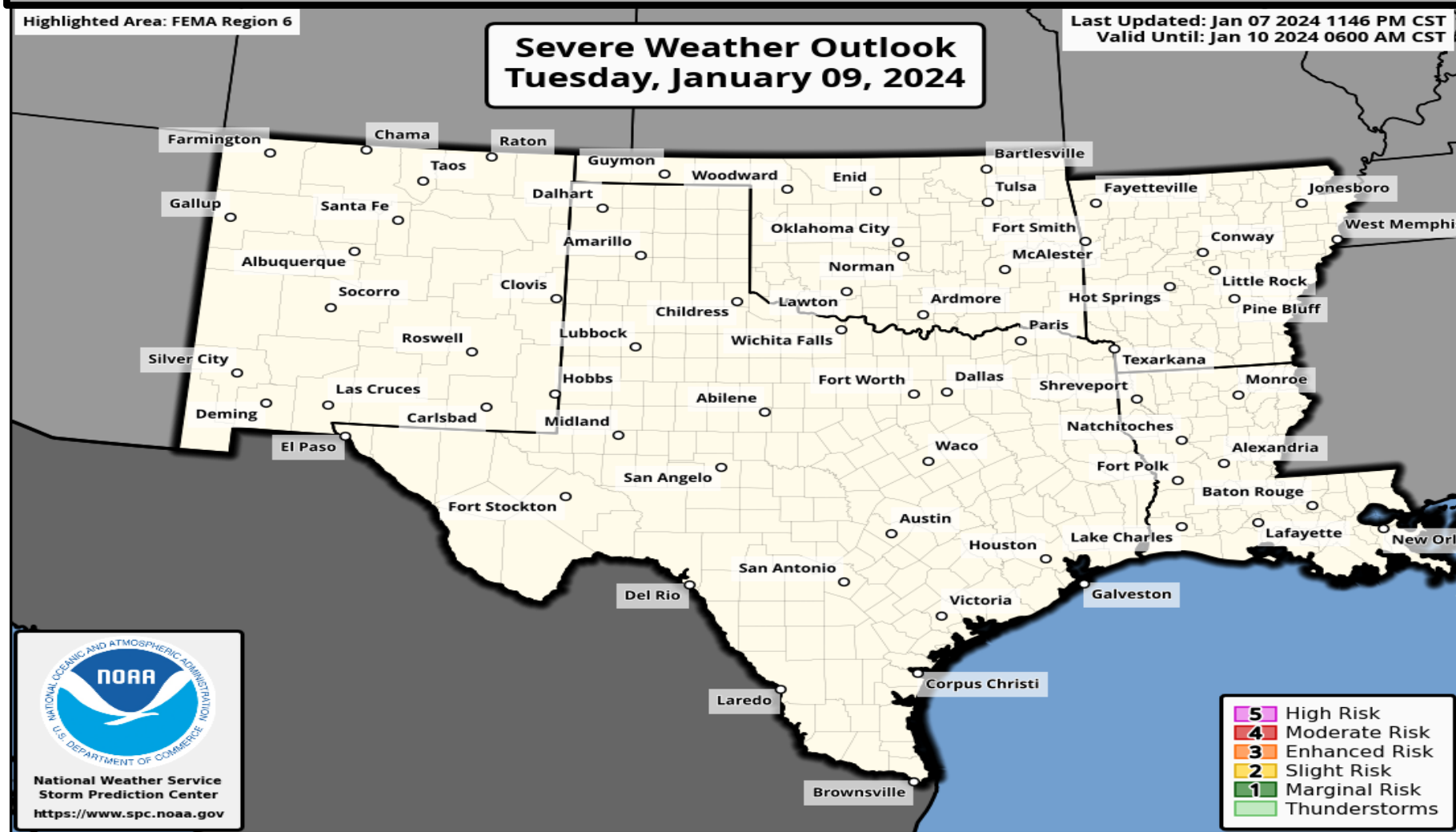
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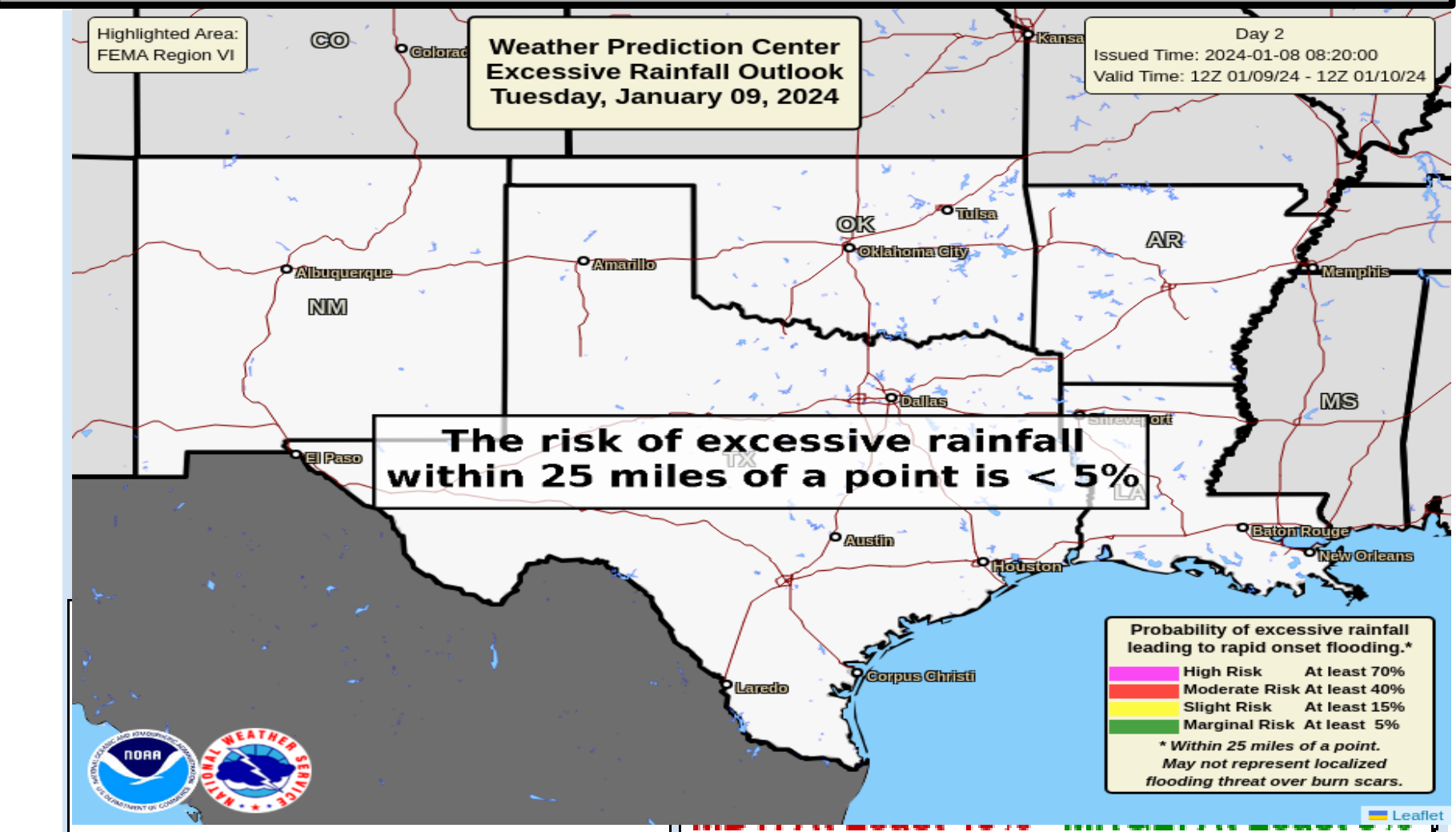
**Light snow/gusty winds over TX/OK Panhandles, N OK, NW AR on Tuesday morning.**

**Red flag warnings across SW and STX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



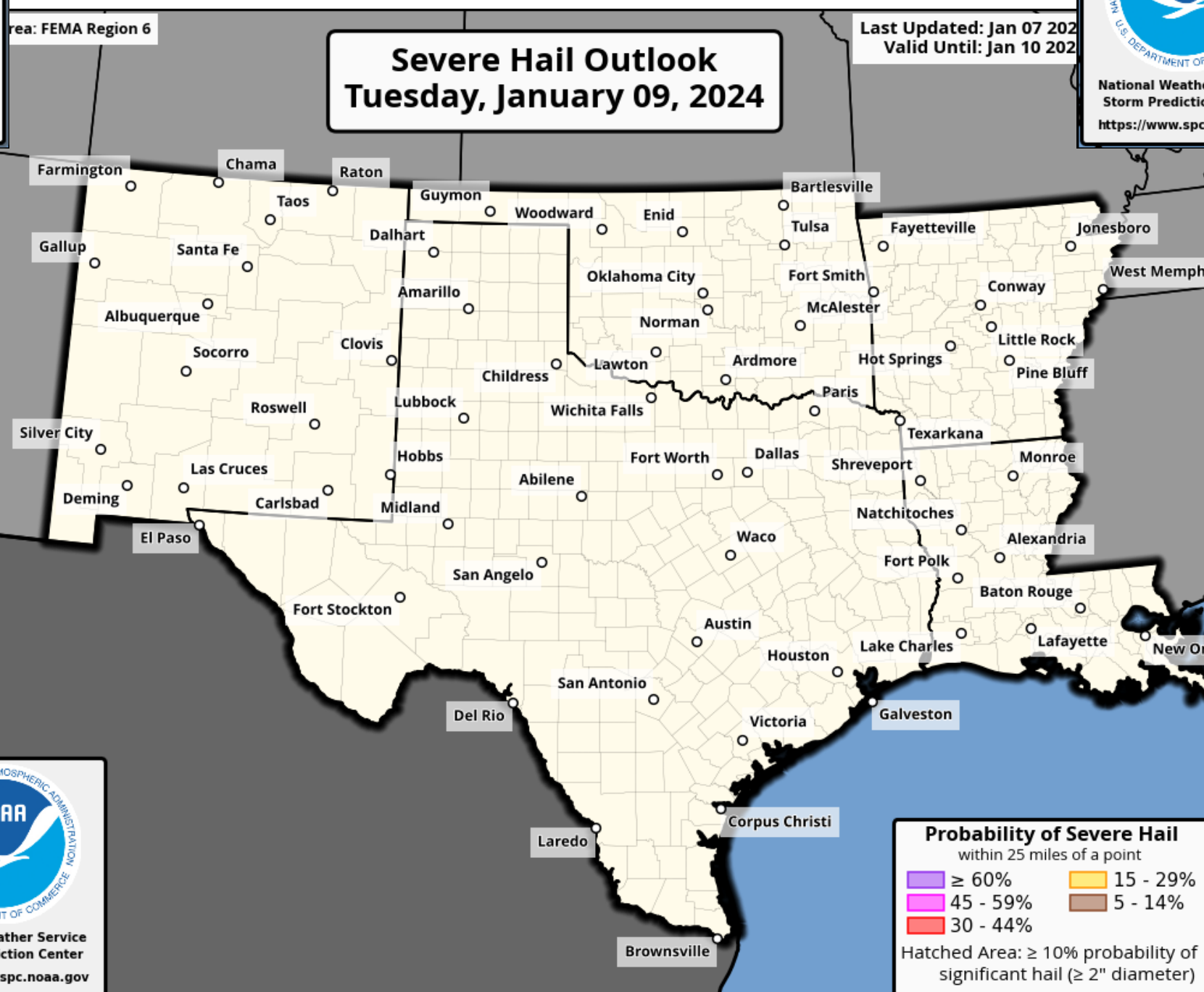
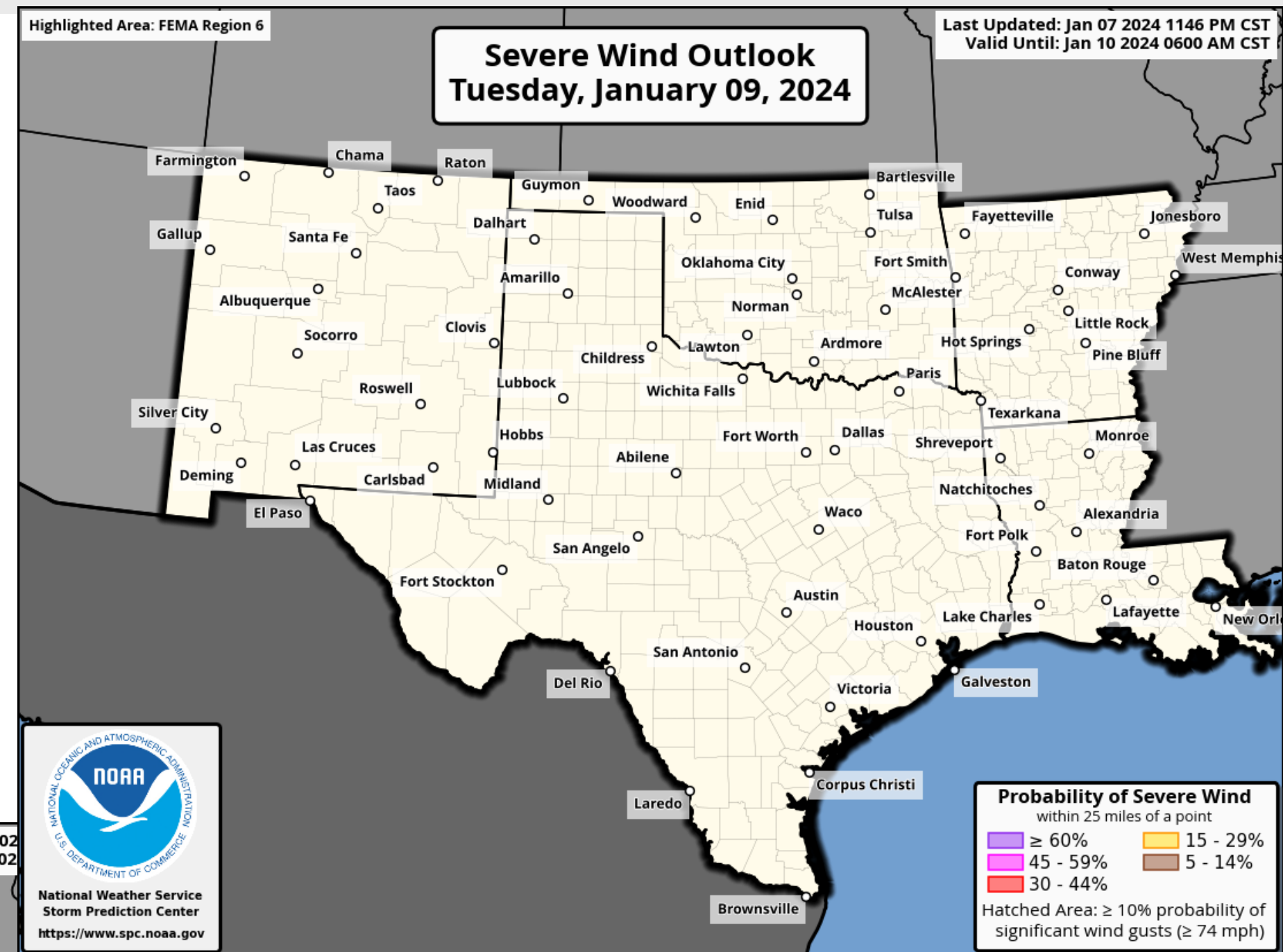
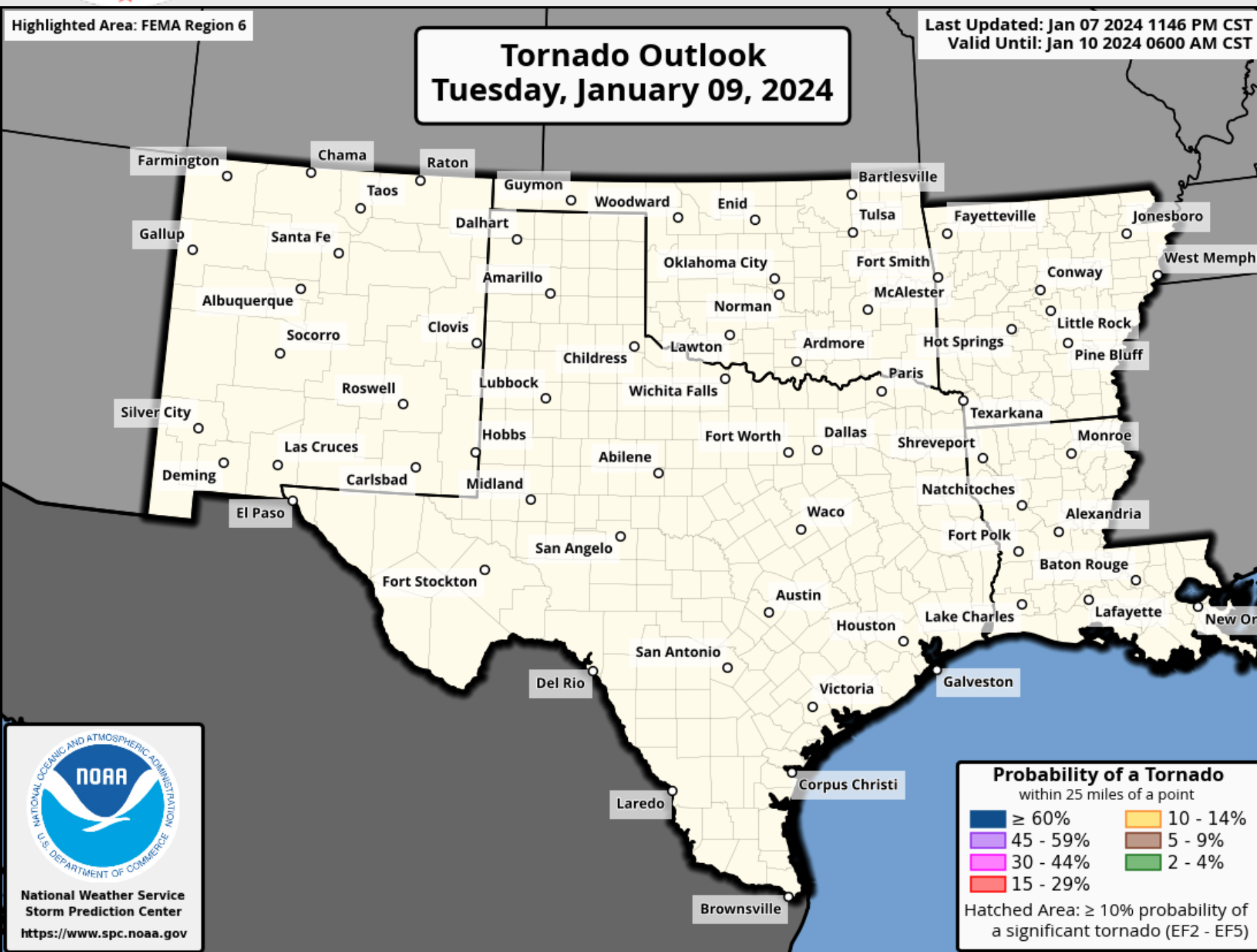
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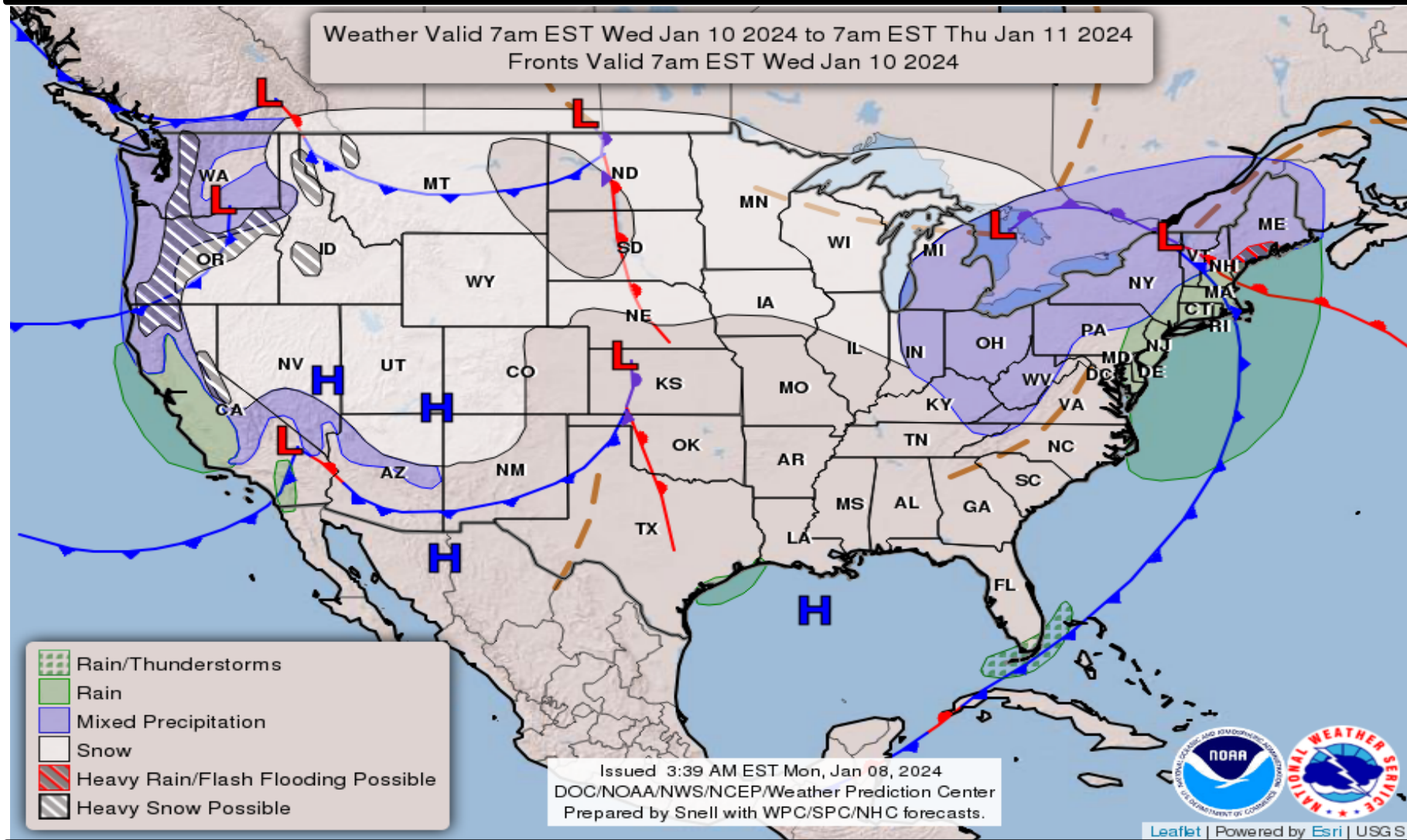




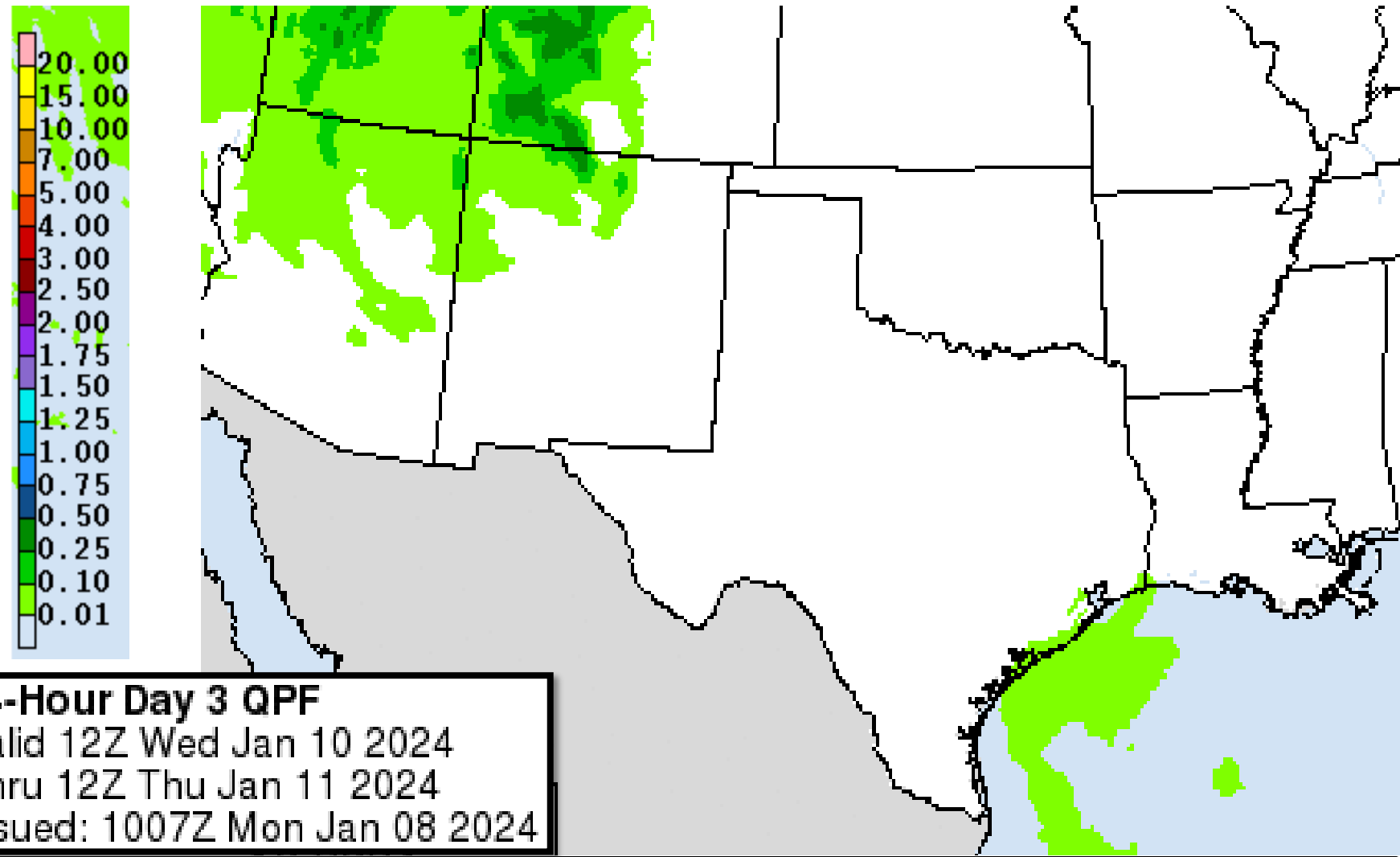


# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

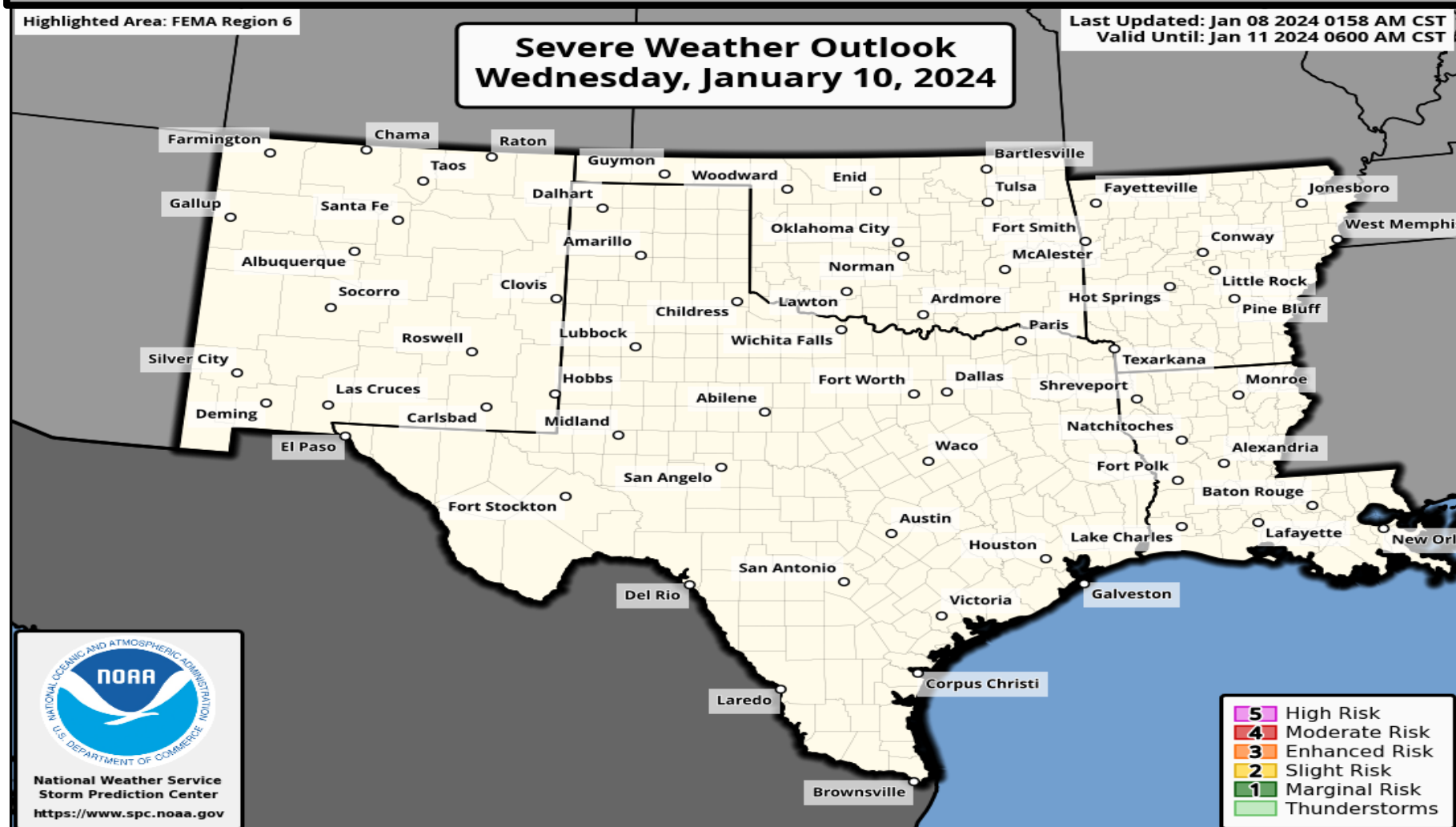


## Forecast Rainfall

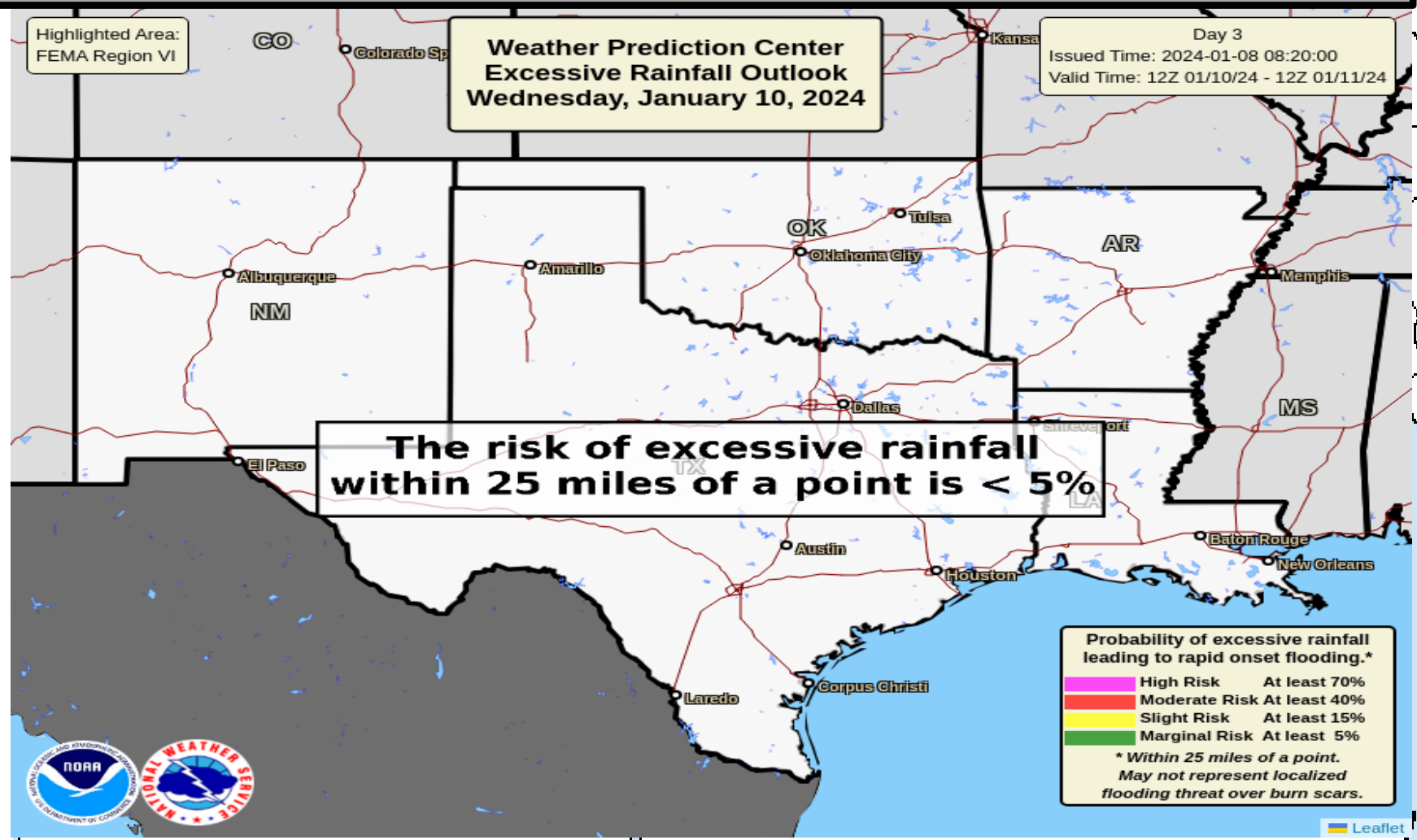


No significant weather expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

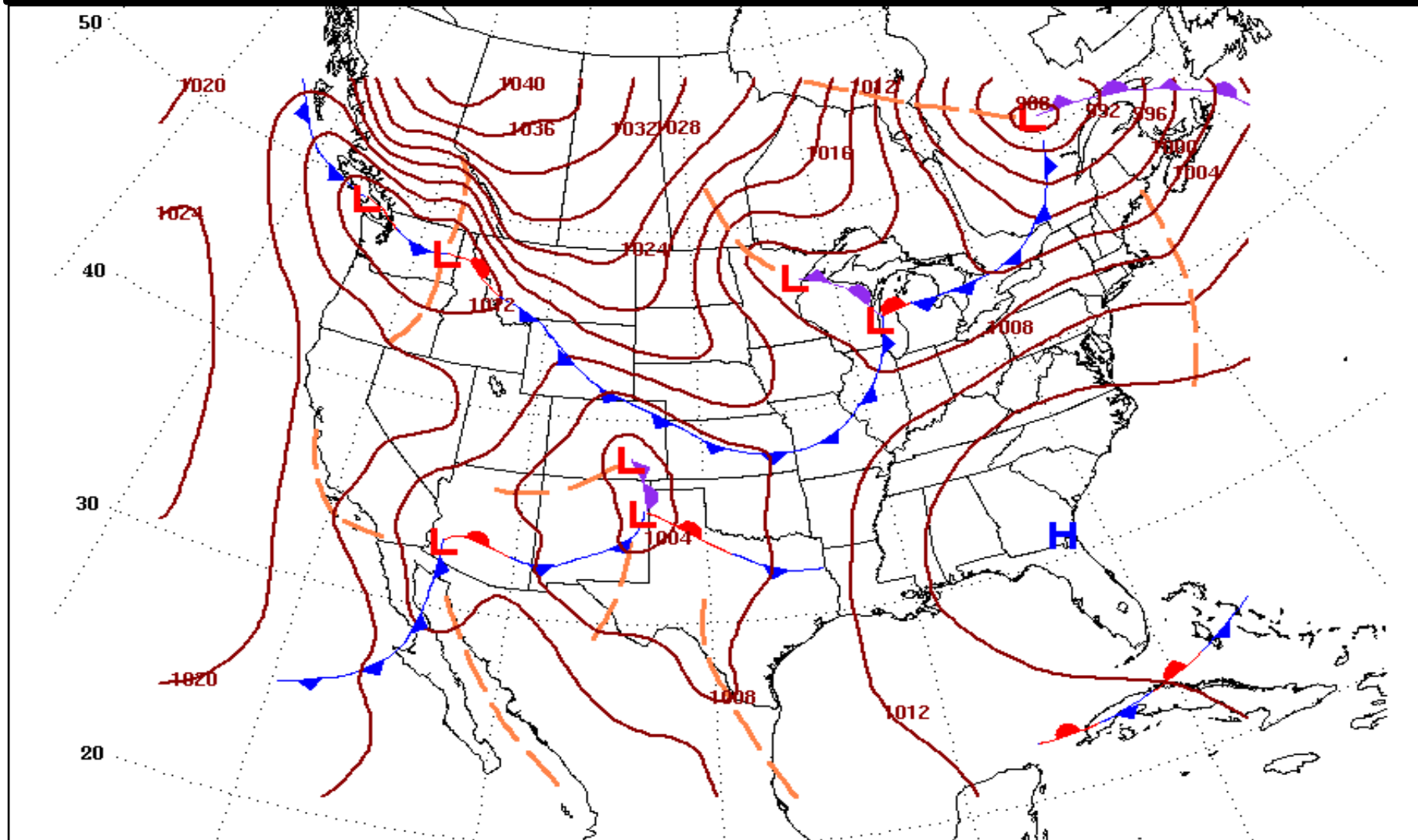




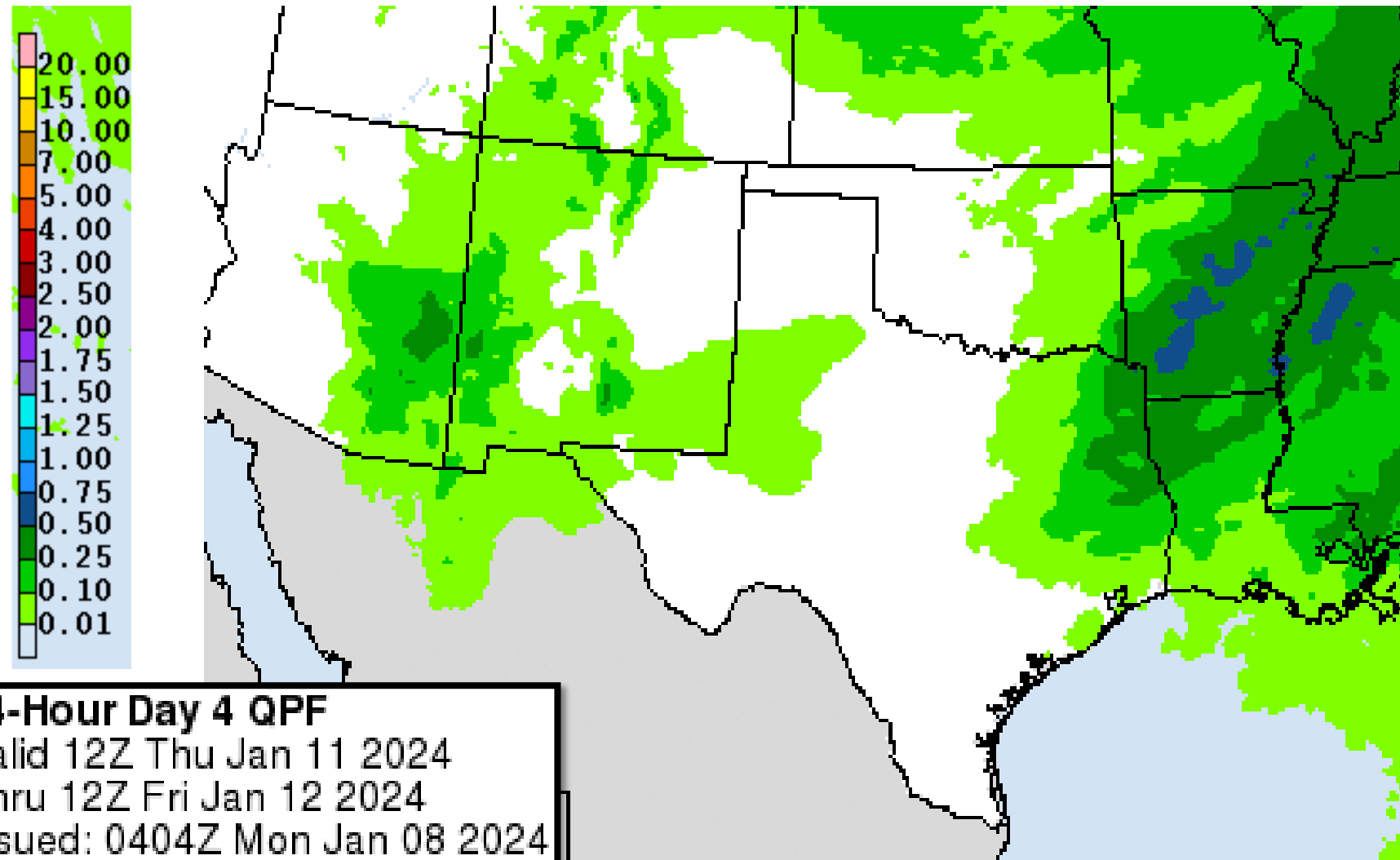


# Thursday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



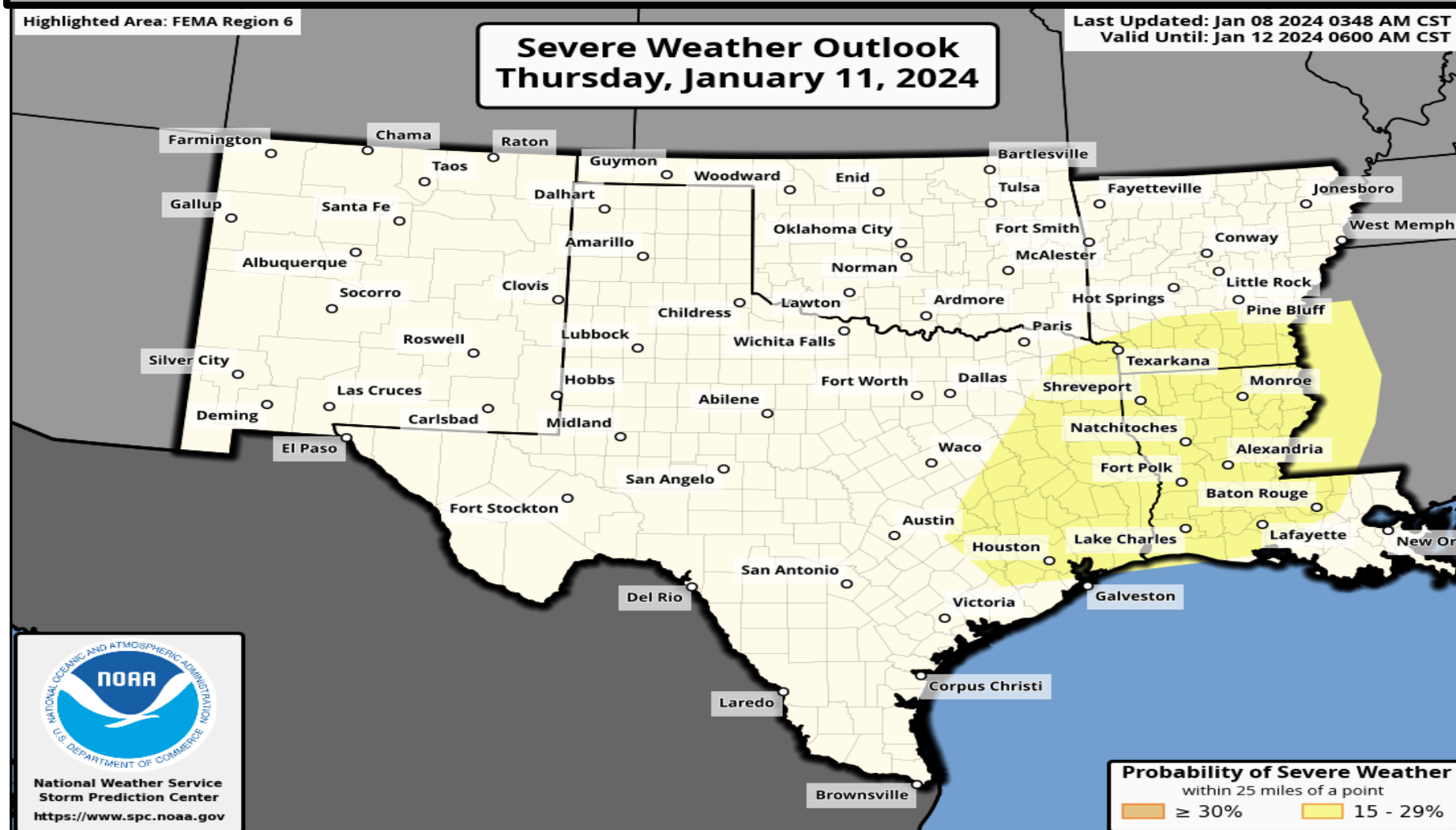
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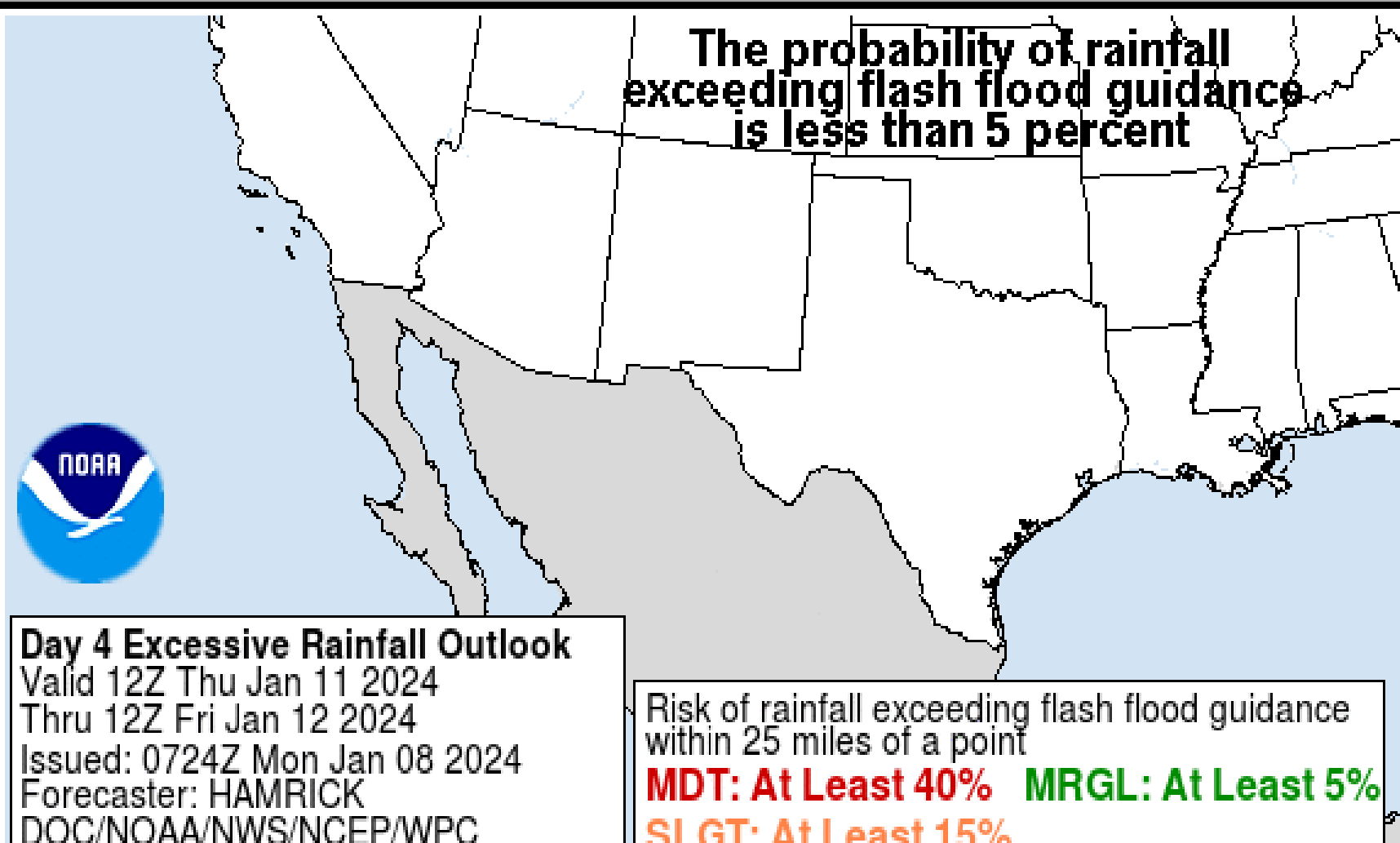
**Slight risk area for severe thunderstorms (tornadoes, hail and damaging wind) across E TX, LA into SAR.**

**24-Hour Day 4 QPF**  
Valid 12Z Thu Jan 11 2024  
Thru 12Z Fri Jan 12 2024  
Issued: 0404Z Mon Jan 08 2024

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

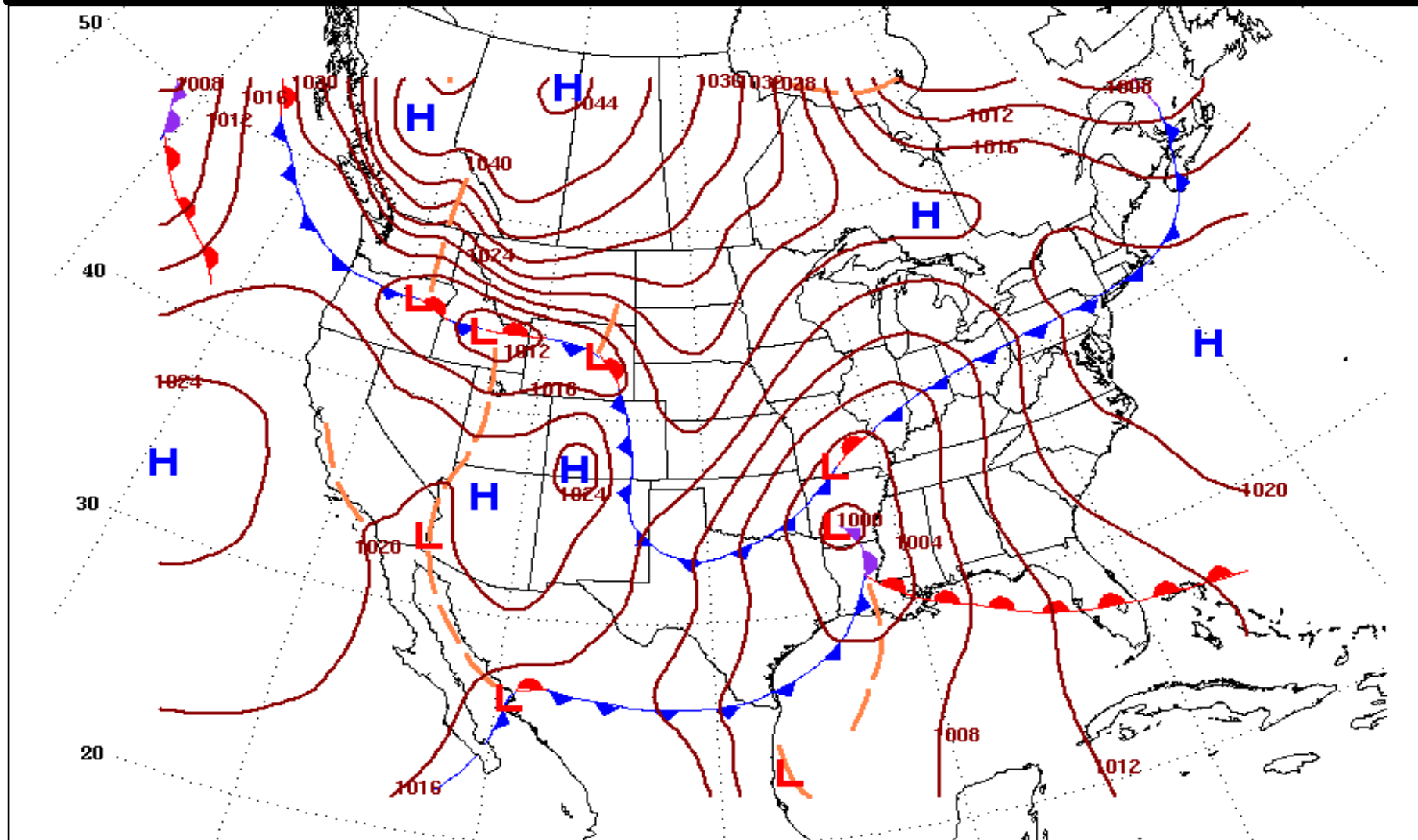




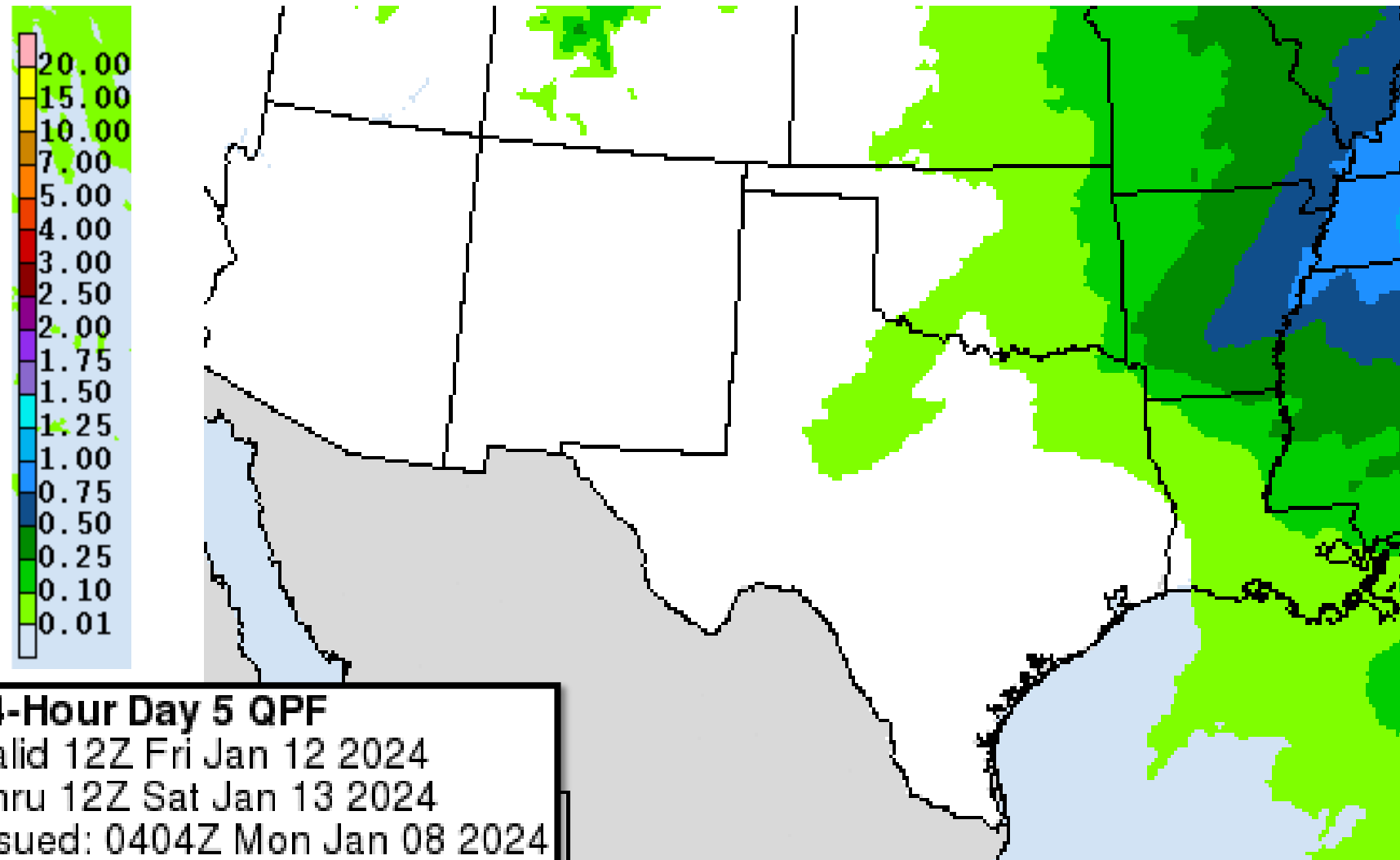


# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

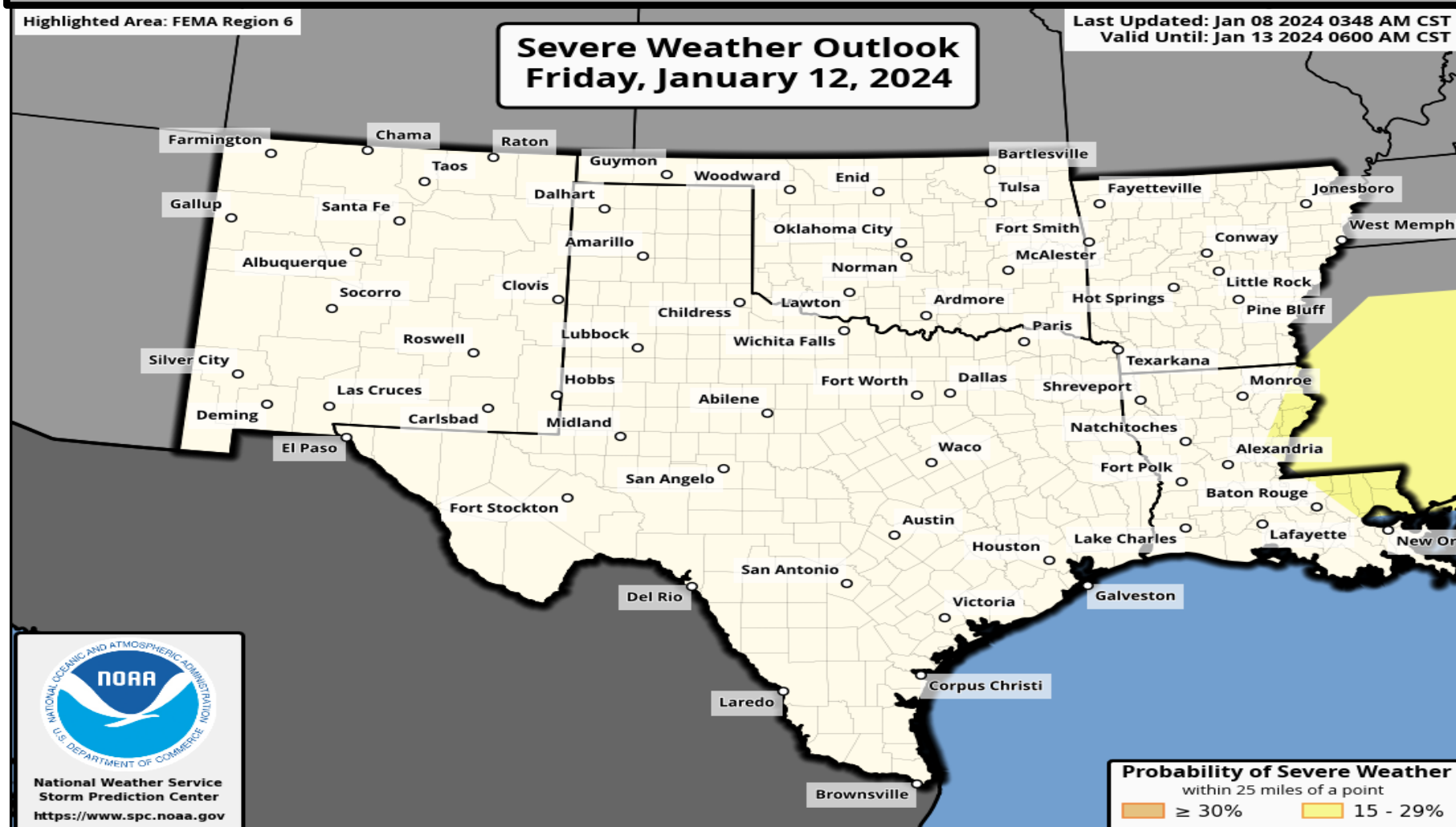


A few severe thunderstorms E LA.

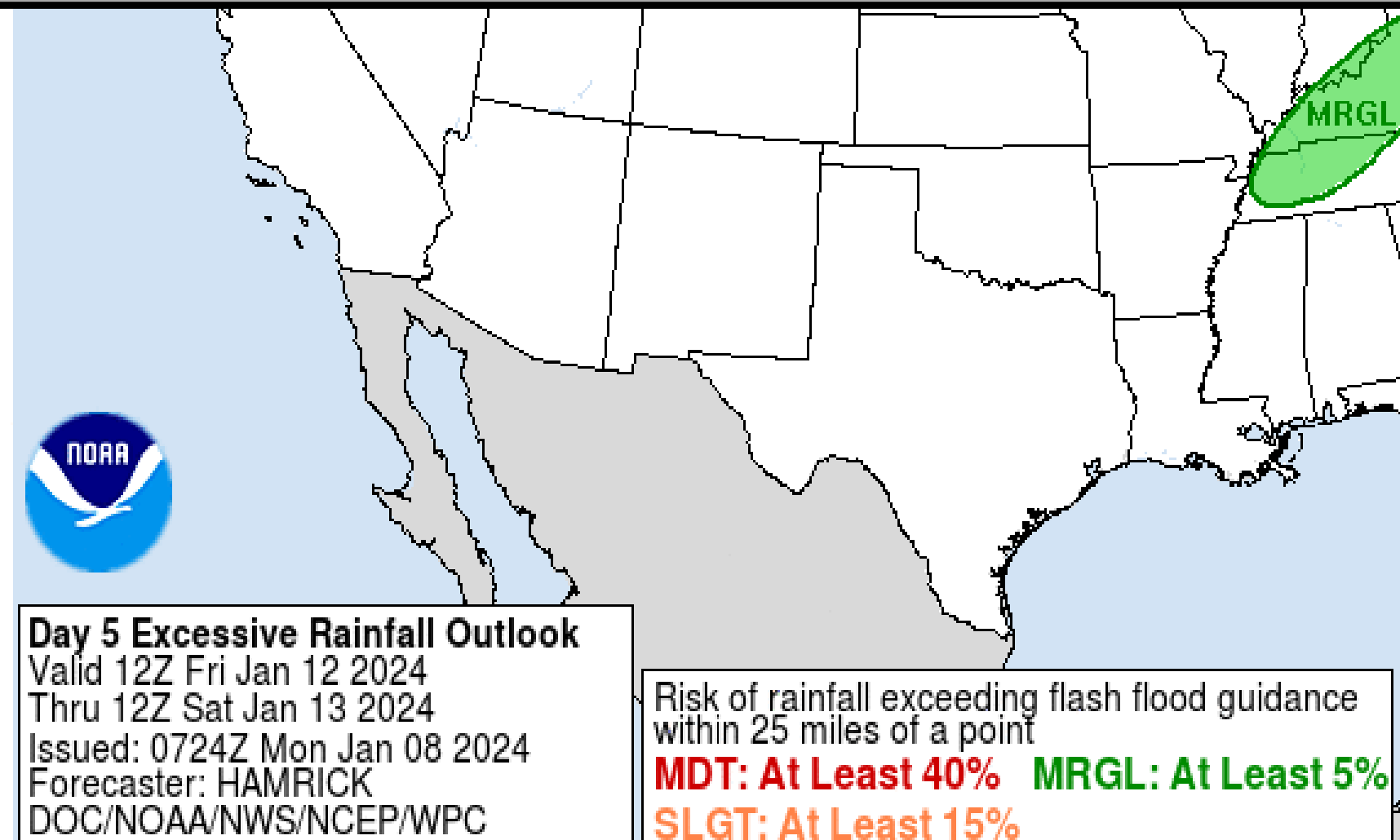
Winter weather across N NM, TX/OK Panhandles.

24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



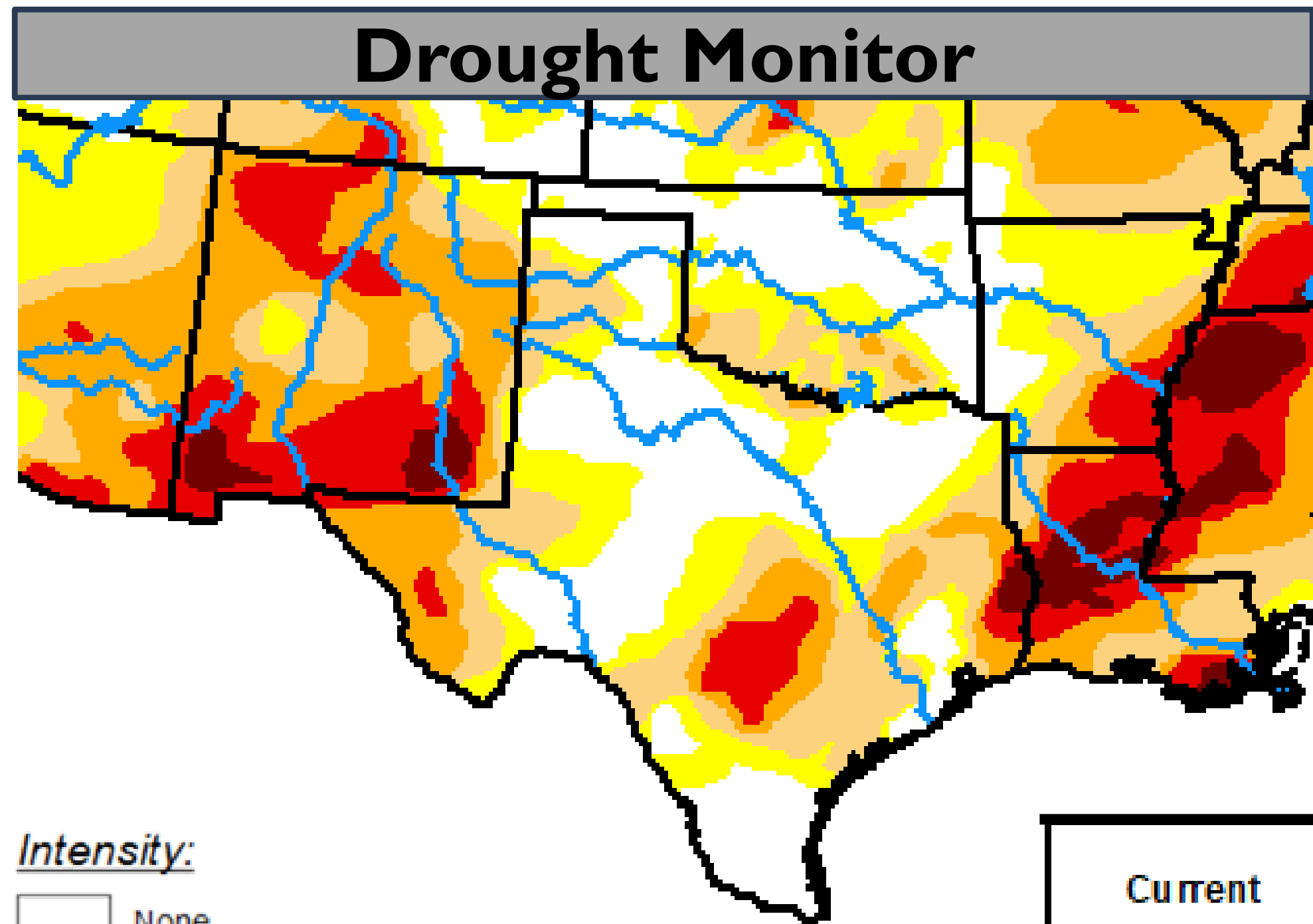
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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point  
**MDT: At Least 40%** **MRGL: At Least 5%**  
**SLGT: At Least 15%**



# Drought Monitor (Released Jan 4, 2024)

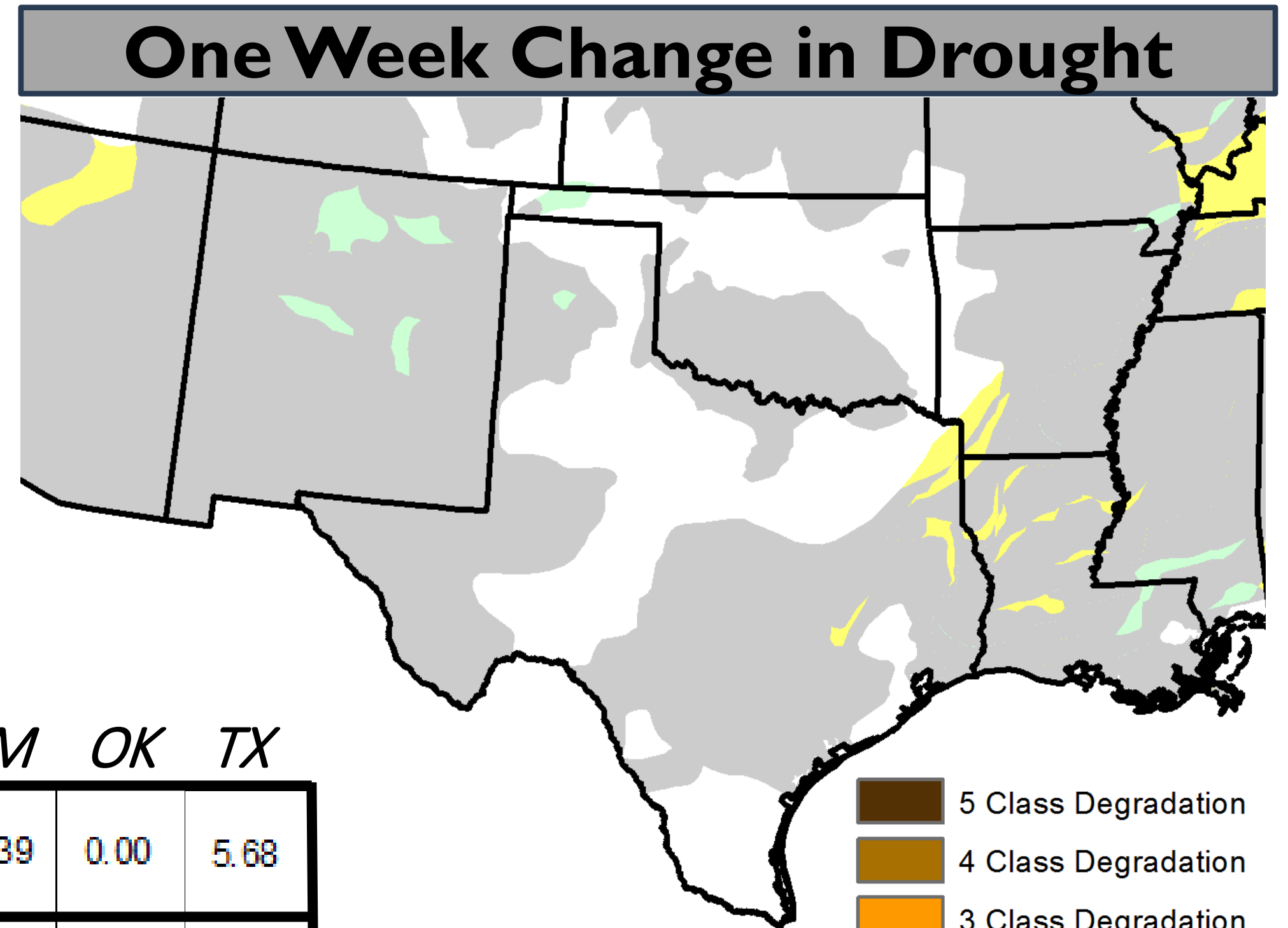
Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, January 2, 2024



### Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
- 4 Class Improvement
- 5 Class Improvement

	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
<b>Current</b>	13.71	54.44	38.39	0.00	5.68
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-26-2023</i>	13.72	53.64	41.16	0.00	5.68
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-03-2023</i>	0.00	85.39	33.19	14.34	37.15
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	0.00	0.00	3.74	56.13	7.41

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

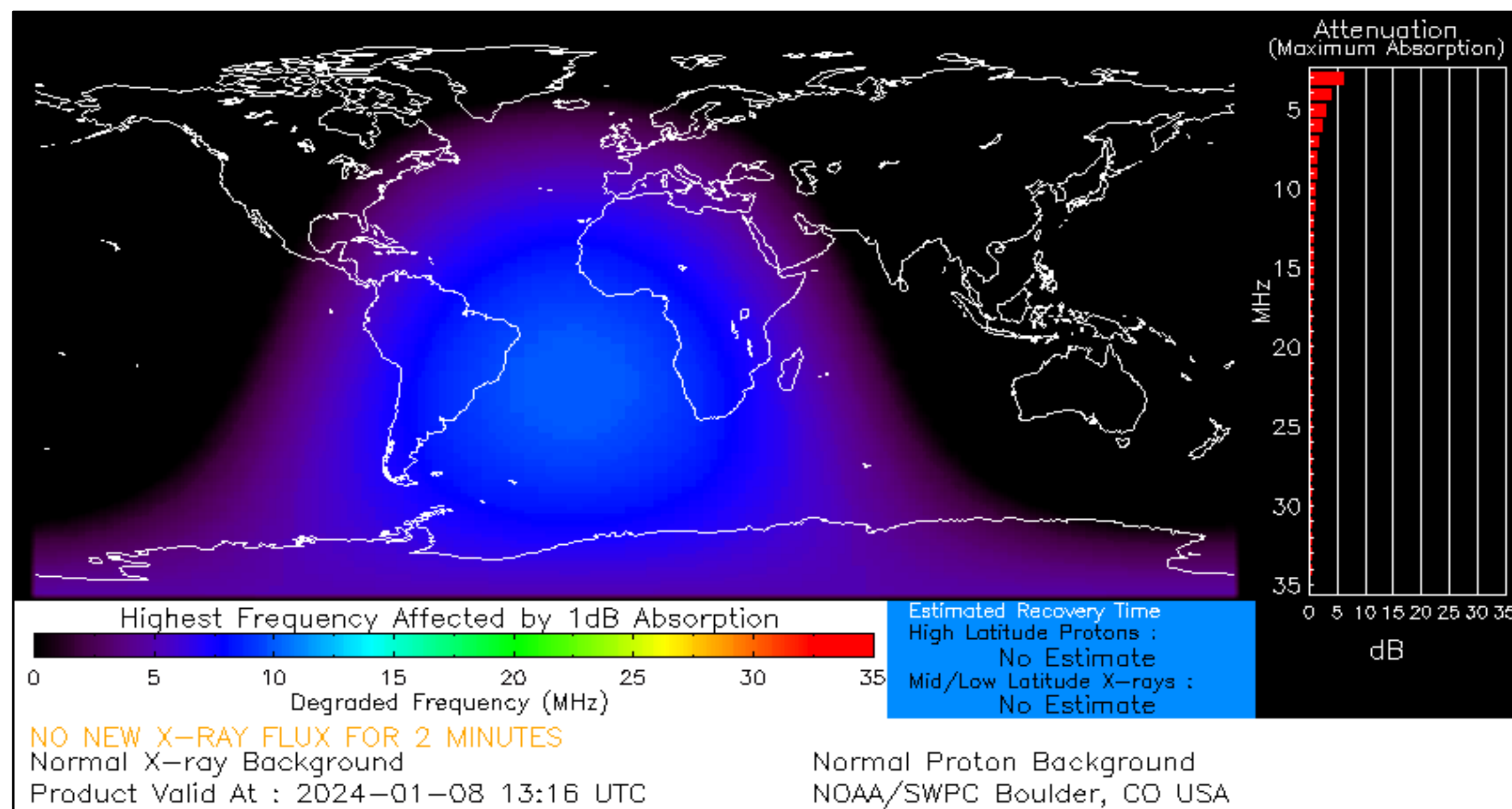
**D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)**





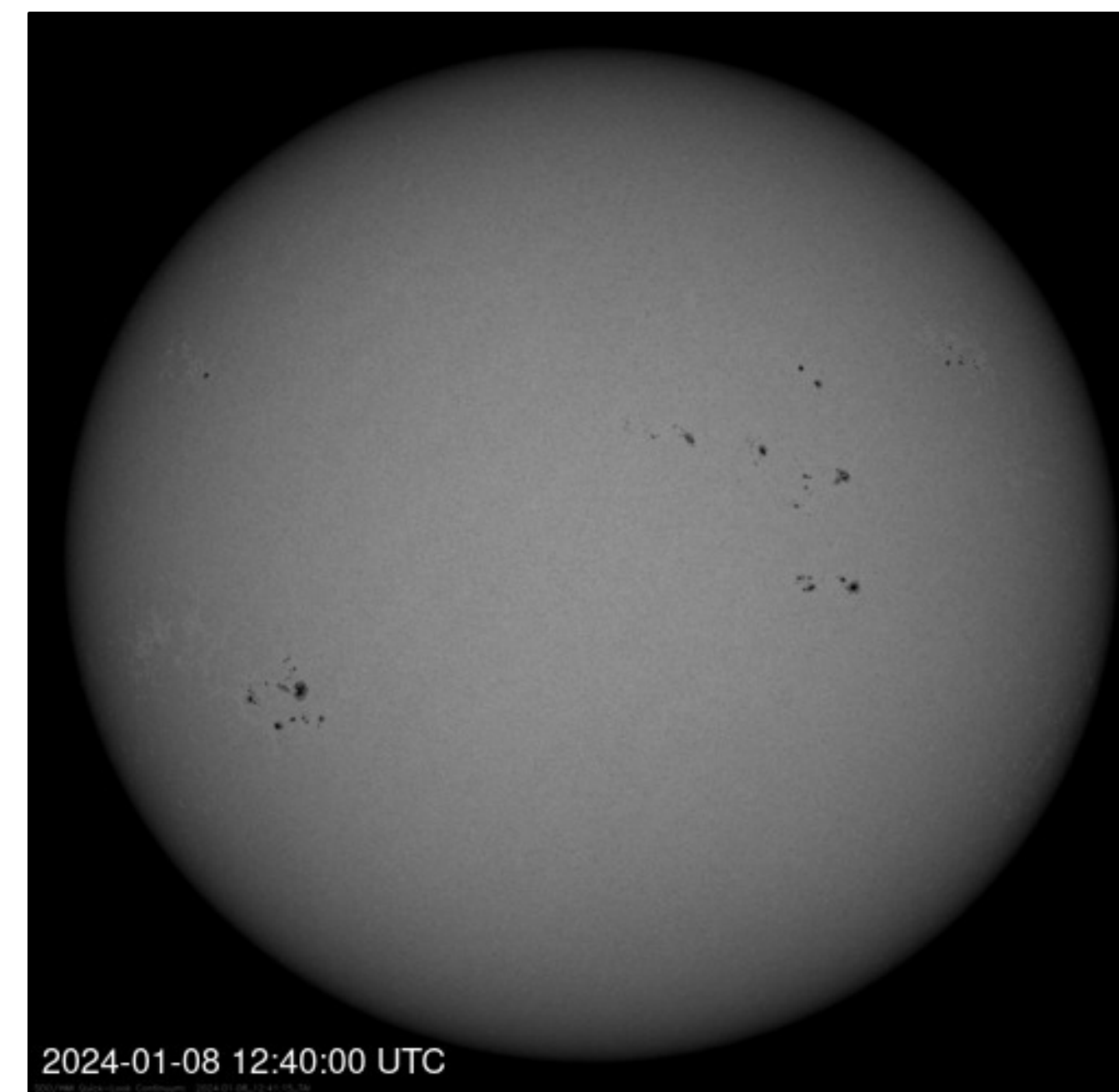
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>



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

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)







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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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