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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday January 19, 2024

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week






- **Another round of cold temps (10-20 degrees below normal) for E NM, OK, AR, TX, LA Friday into Sunday.**
- **Light freezing rain expected from the Red River Valley of OK/TX into N OK and W AR Sunday night into Monday morning before temperatures rise above freezing.**
  - **Up to 0.15” of freezing rain possible**
- **Heavy rain/flood potential for SE/E TX, LA late Sunday into early next week.**



# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 19, 2024 - Jan 23, 2024

| DAY / THREAT                | Fri                  | Sat                  | Sun                     | Mon                     | Tue           |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Severe Storms               |                      |                      |                         |                         |               |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding |                      |                      | STX                     | SE/ETX, W LA            | SETX, LA      |
| Fire Weather                |                      |                      |                         |                         |               |
| Cold                        | E NM, OK, AR, TX, LA | E NM, OK, AR, TX, LA | OK, AR, TX, LA          |                         |               |
| Winter Weather Impacts      |                      |                      | Far N TX, OK, AR (P.M.) | Far N TX, OK, AR (A.M.) |               |
| River Flooding              | NE AR                | NE AR                | NE AR                   | S/SETX, SW LA           | S/SETX, SW LA |
|                             |                      |                      |                         | NE AR                   | NE AR         |

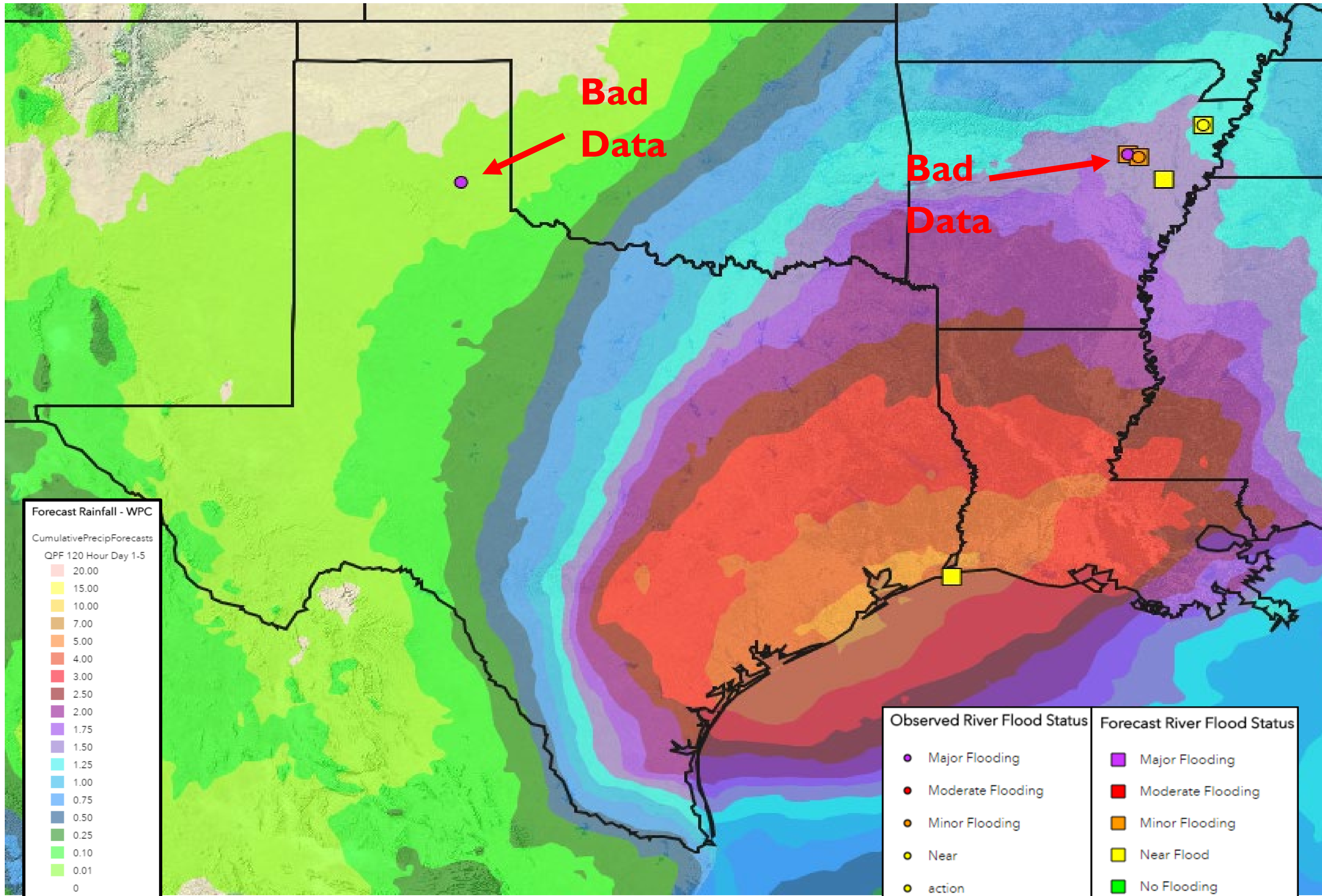
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|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | No Weather Threats Expected       |
|  | Very Common – Happens Often       |
|  | Common – Happens Frequently       |
|  | Uncommon – A Few Times a Year     |
|  | Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years       |
|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



**Minor river flooding in NE AR. Pastures and low swampy timberland along the river are flooded.**

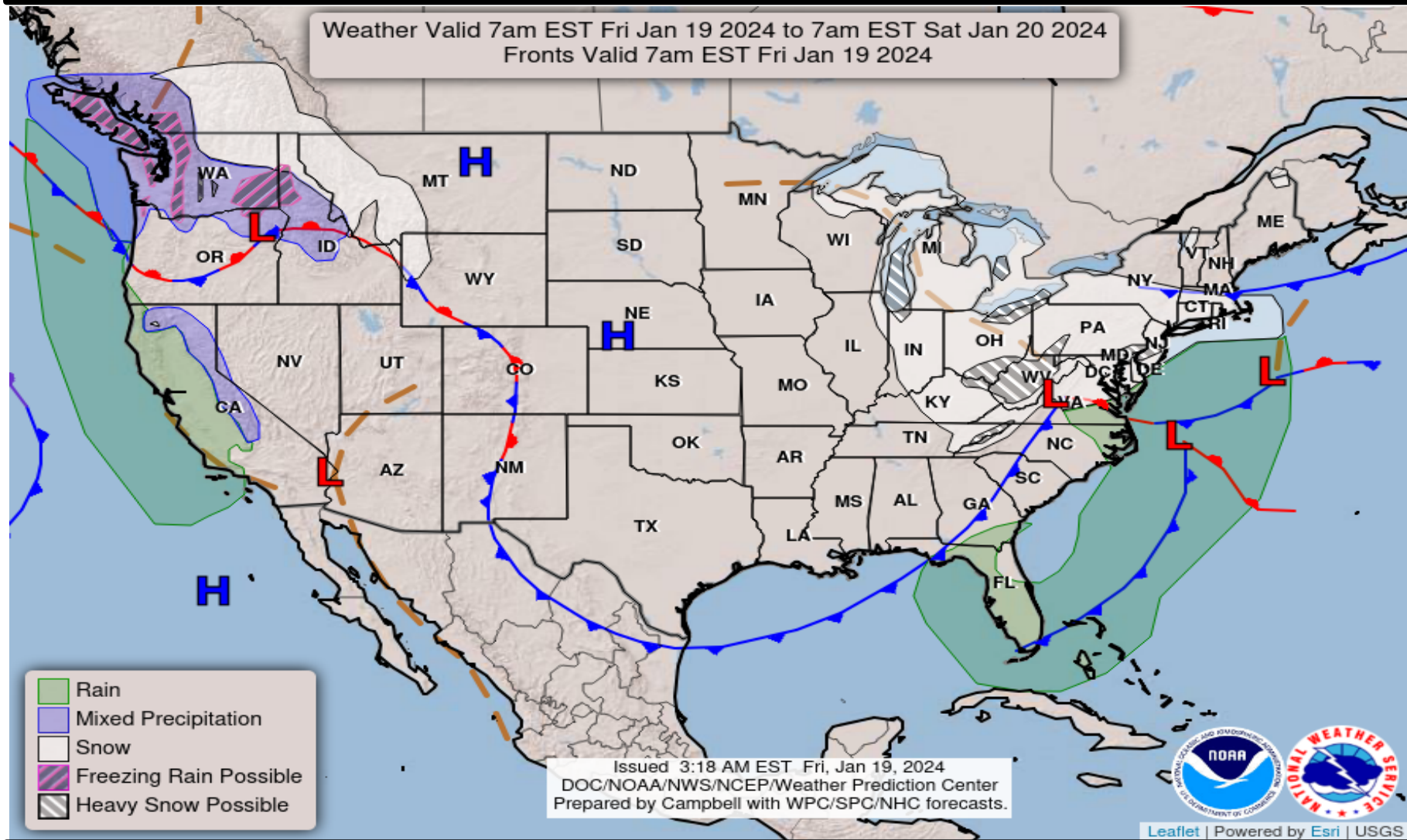
**Rain early to mid next week in TX and LA likely to generate river flooding.**

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

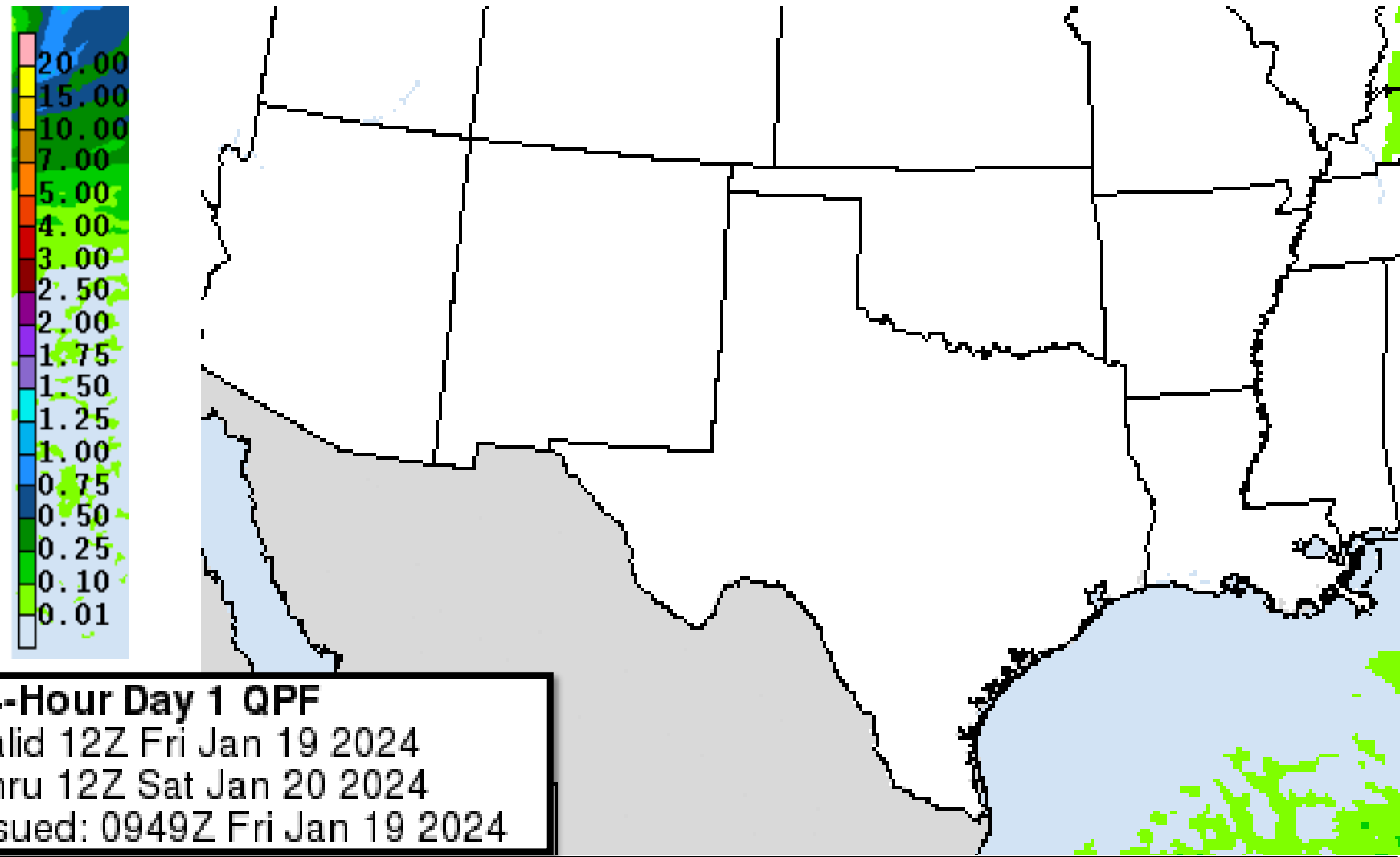


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart

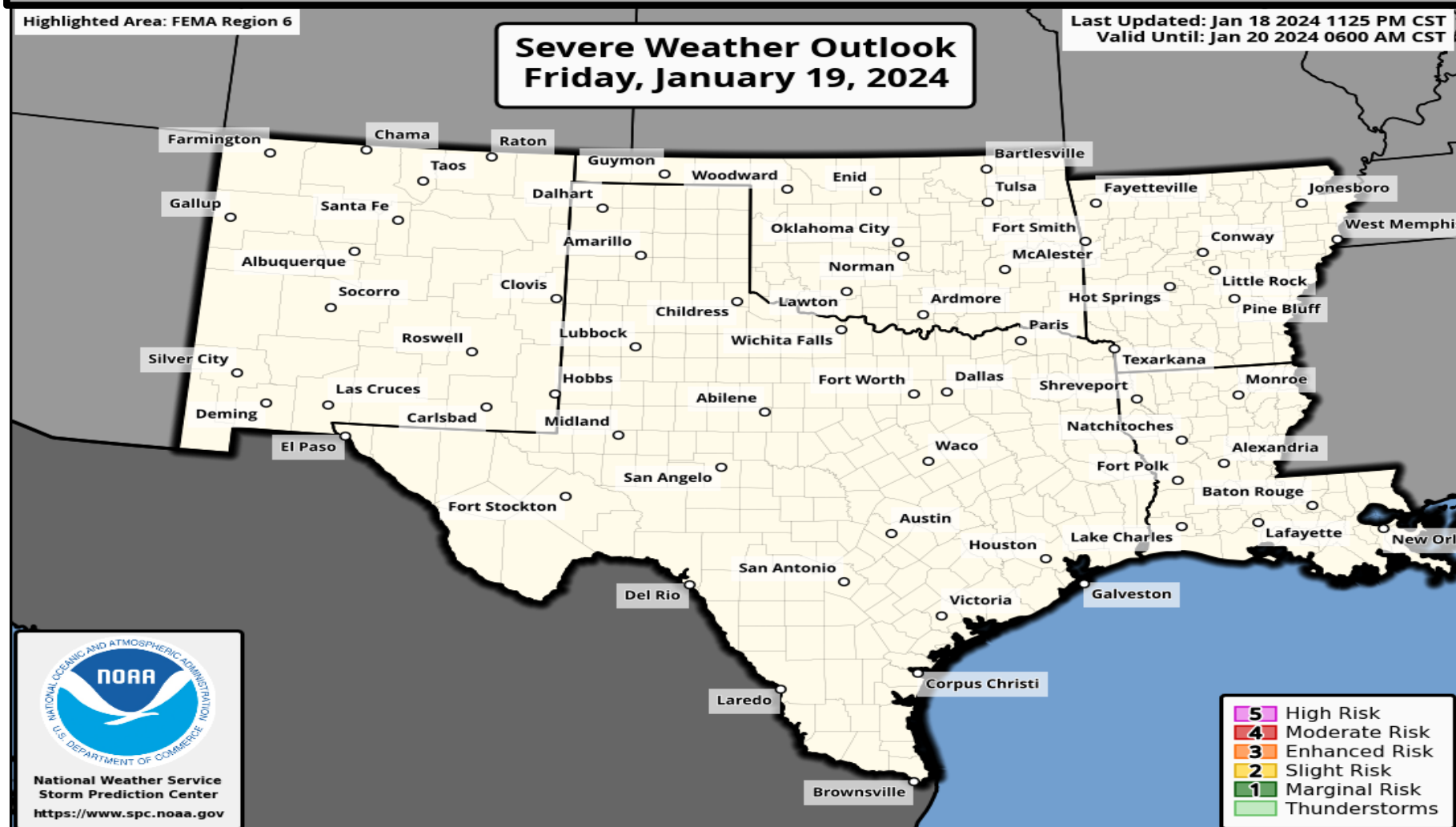


## Forecast Rainfall

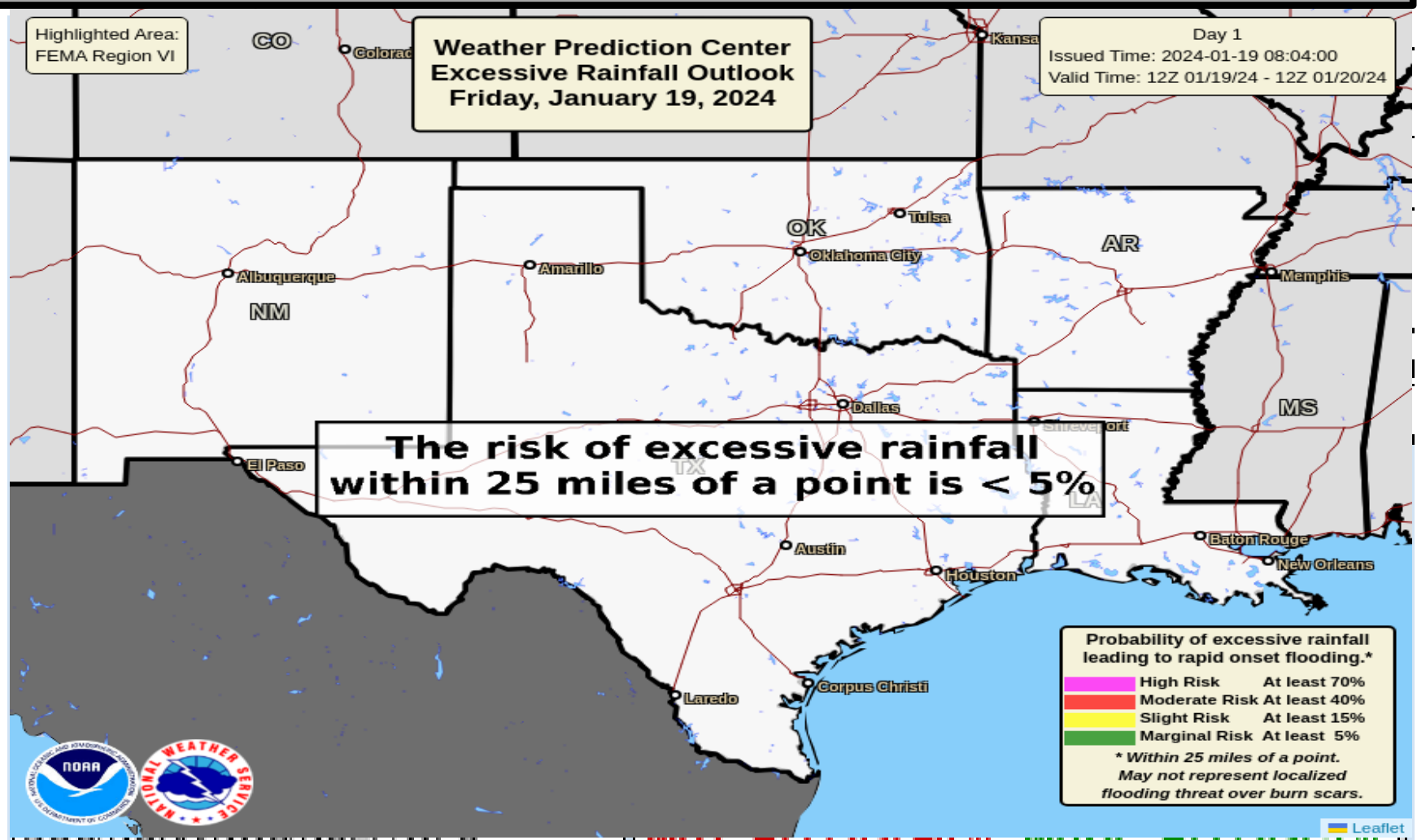


**Cold temperatures (10-20 degrees below normal) for E NM, OK, AR, TX, LA.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

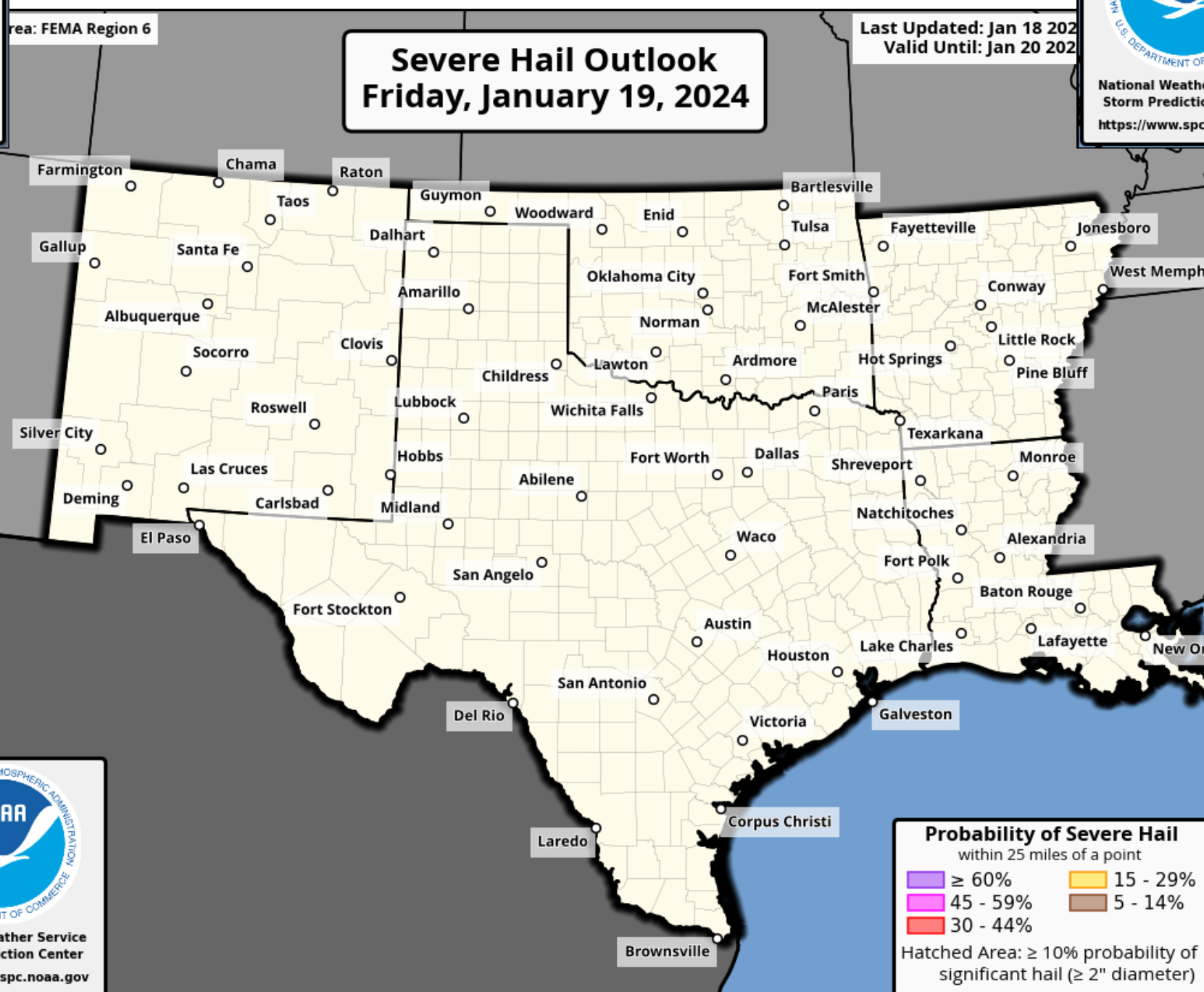
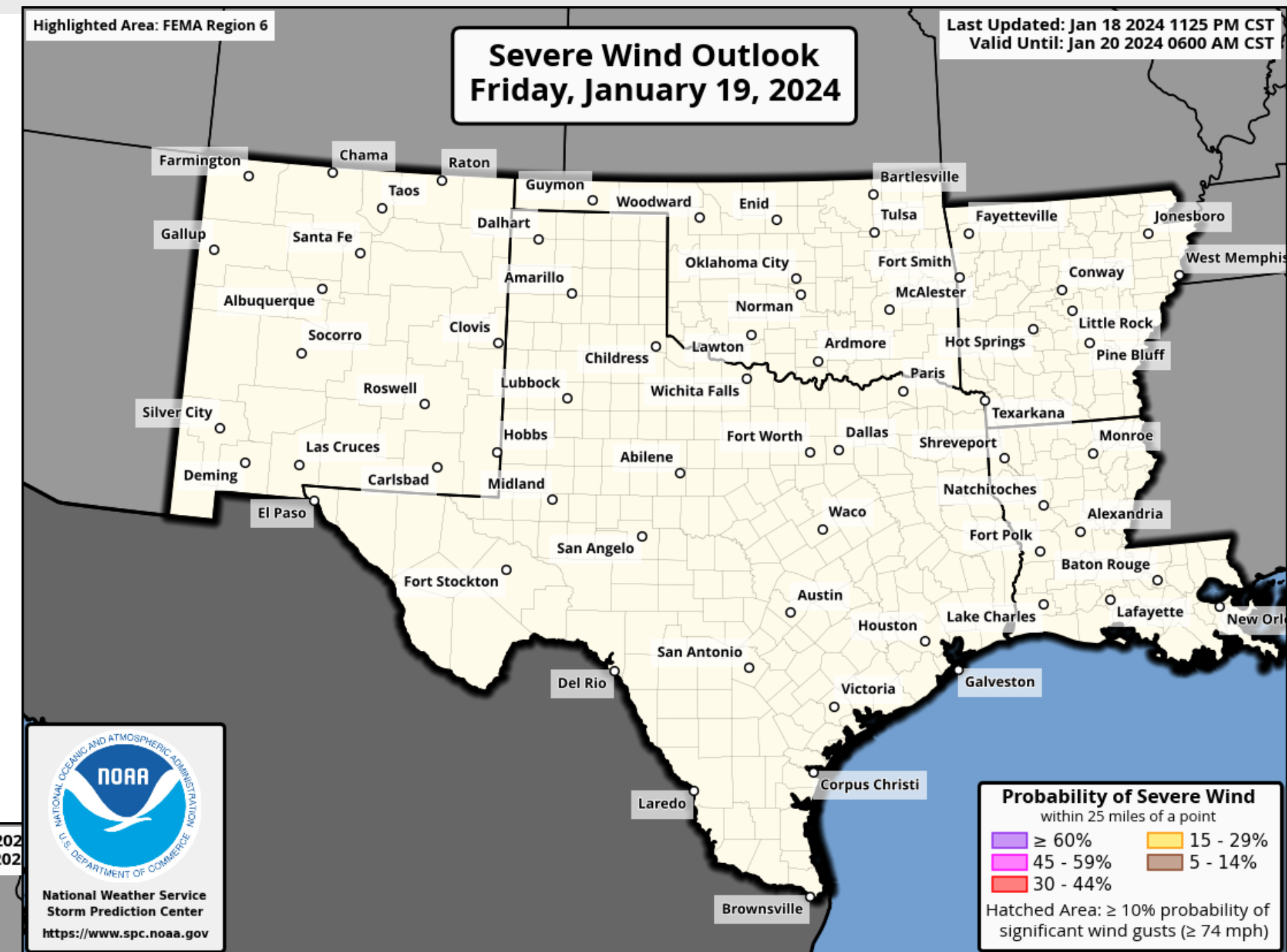
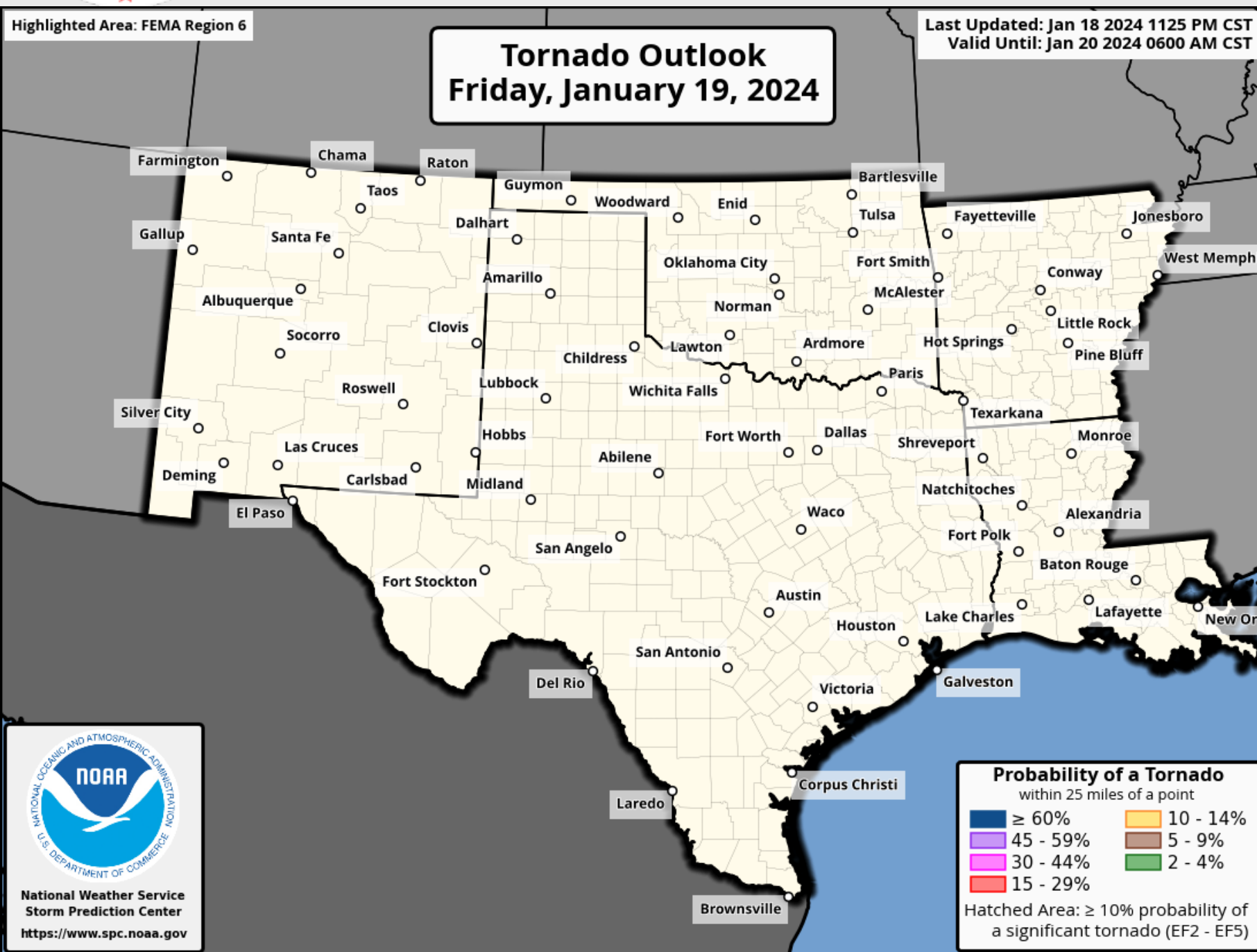


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Winter Weather

Friday - Sunday

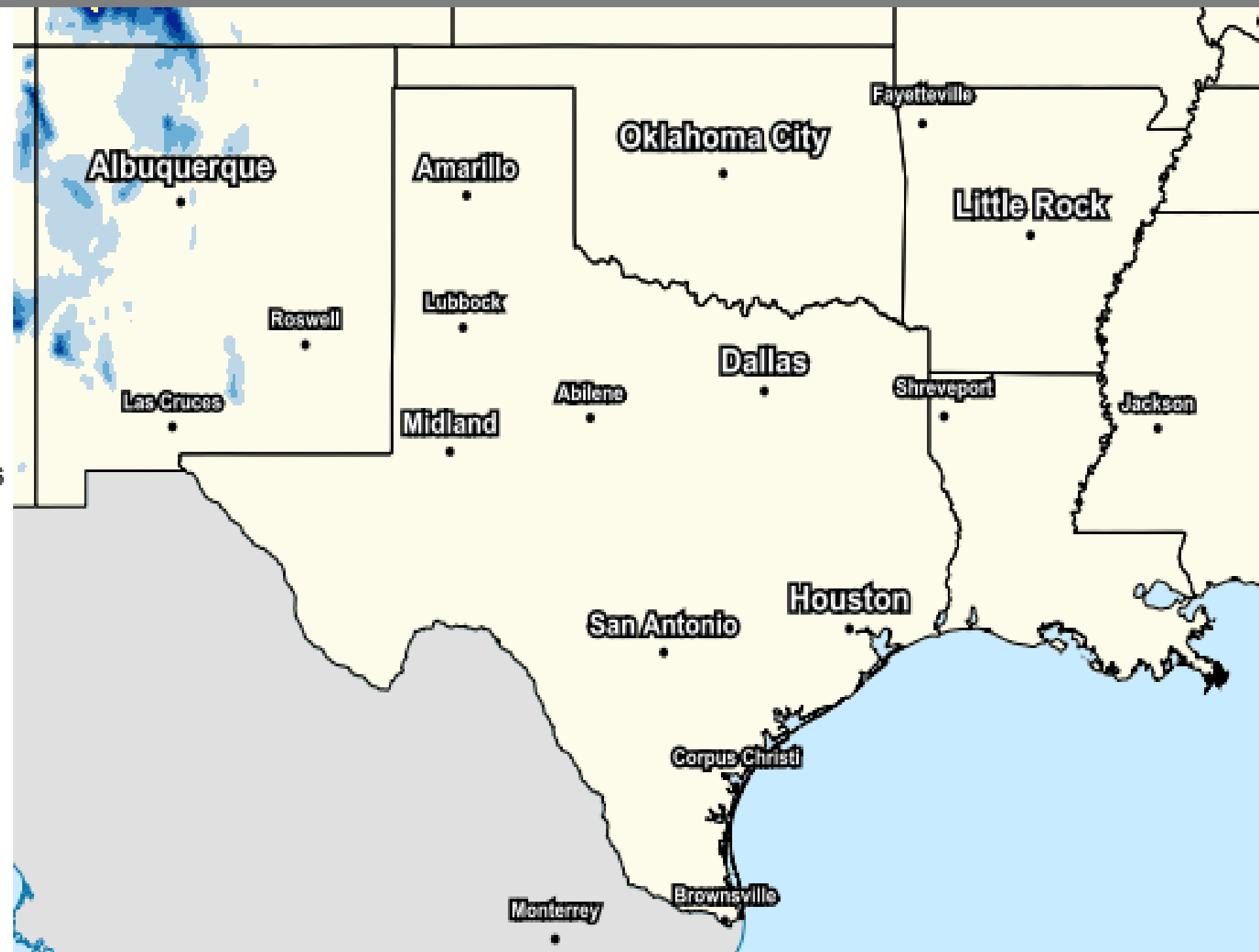
## Forecast Snow Amounts



### Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Monday January 22nd, 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



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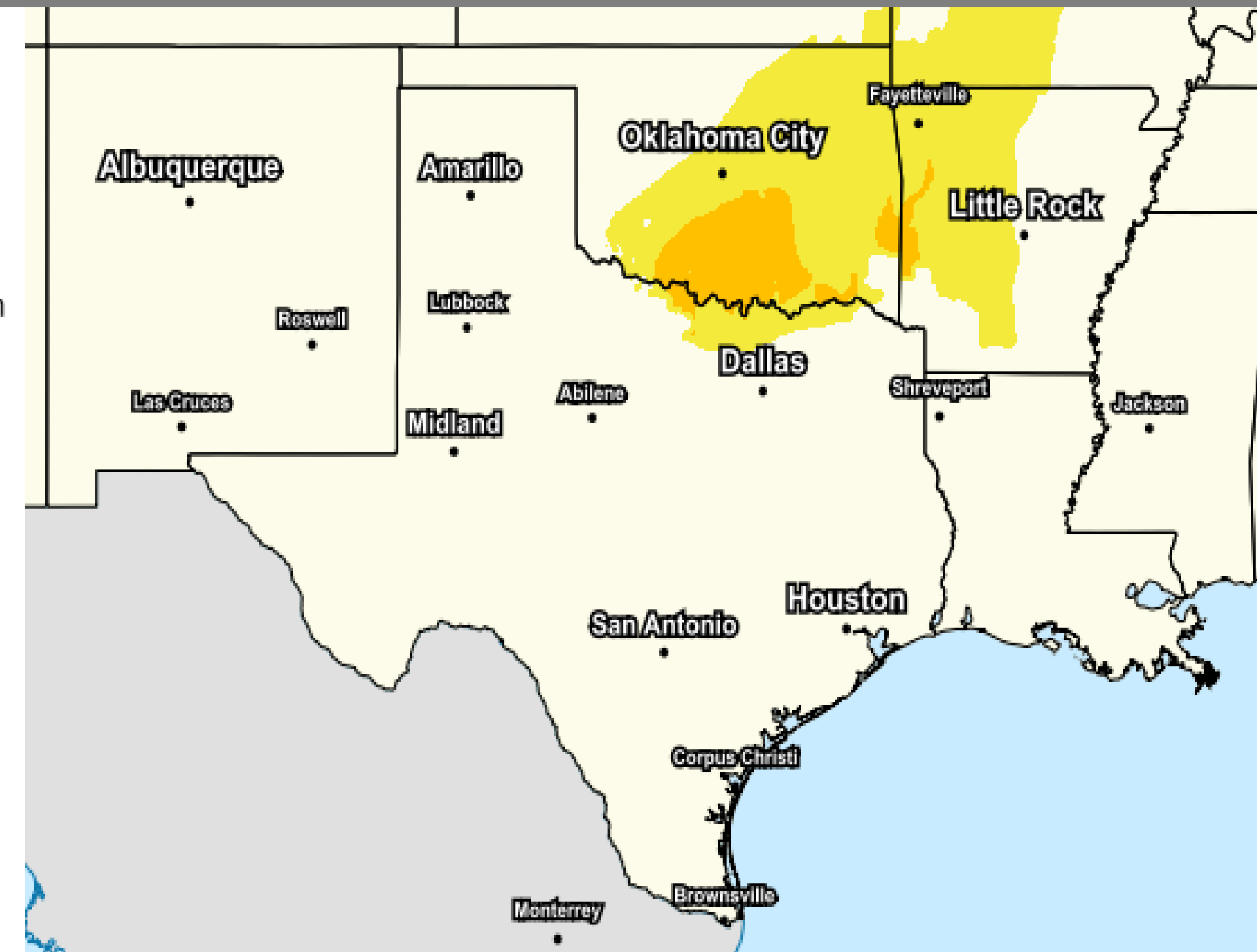
## Forecast Ice Amounts



### 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

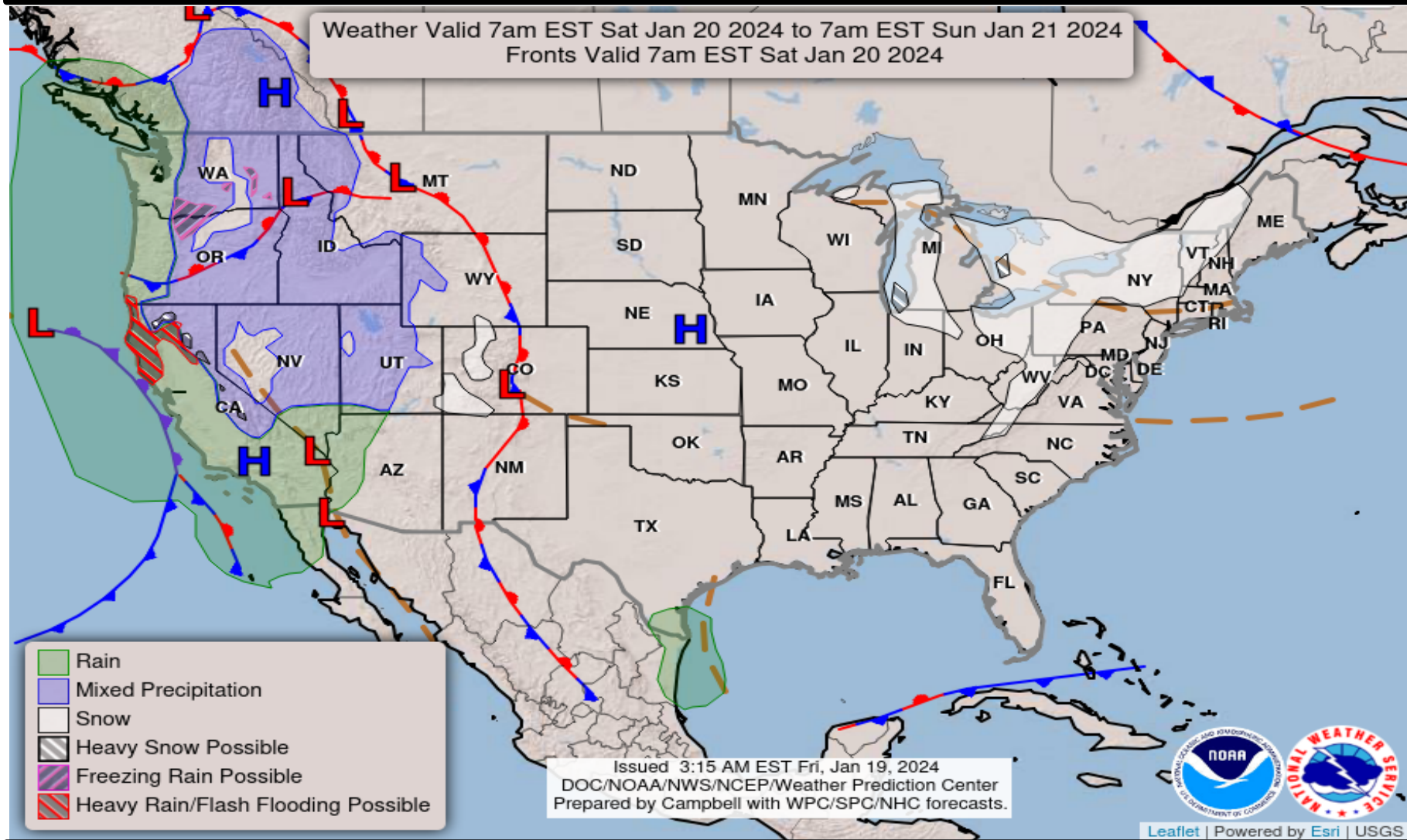


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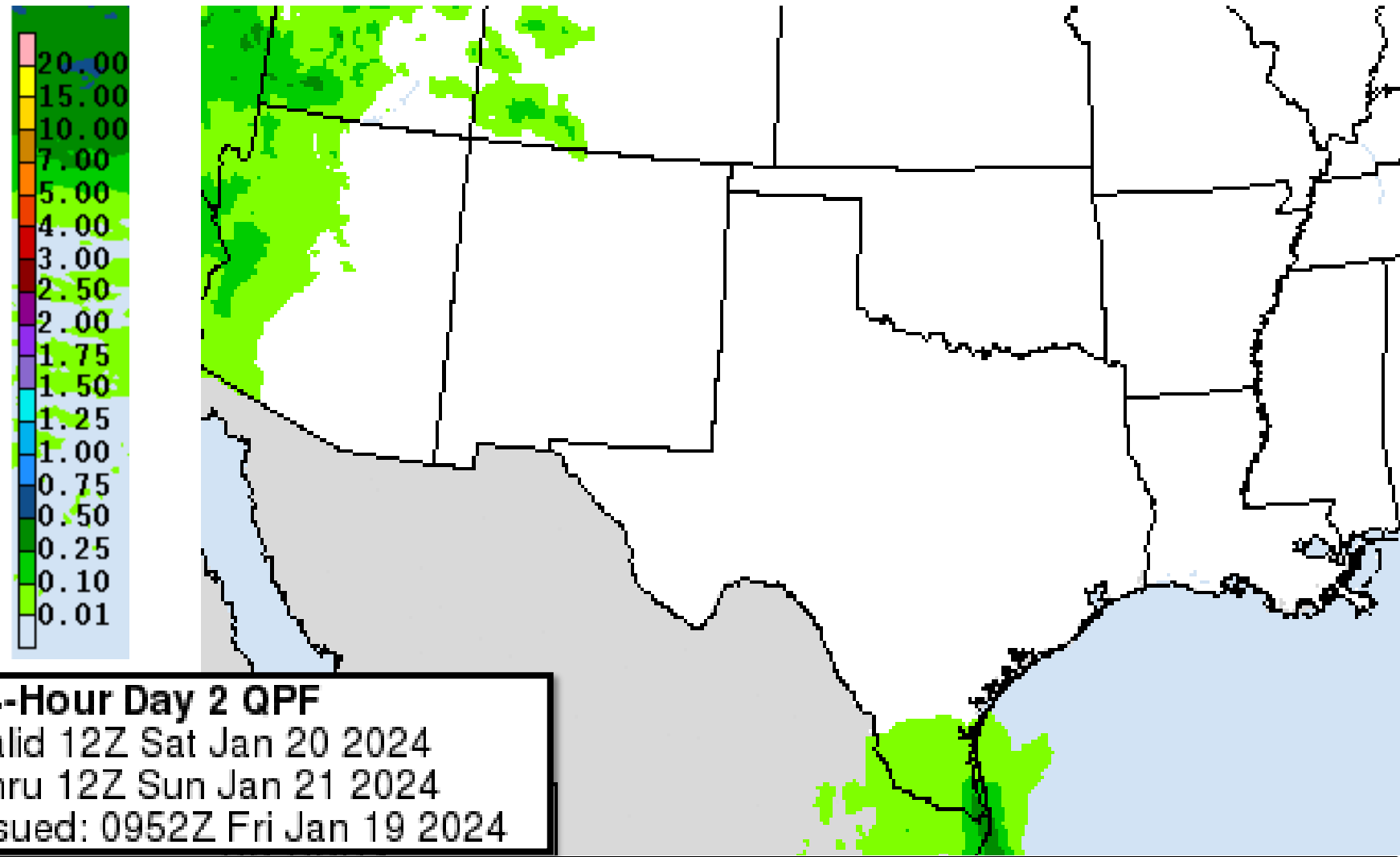


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart

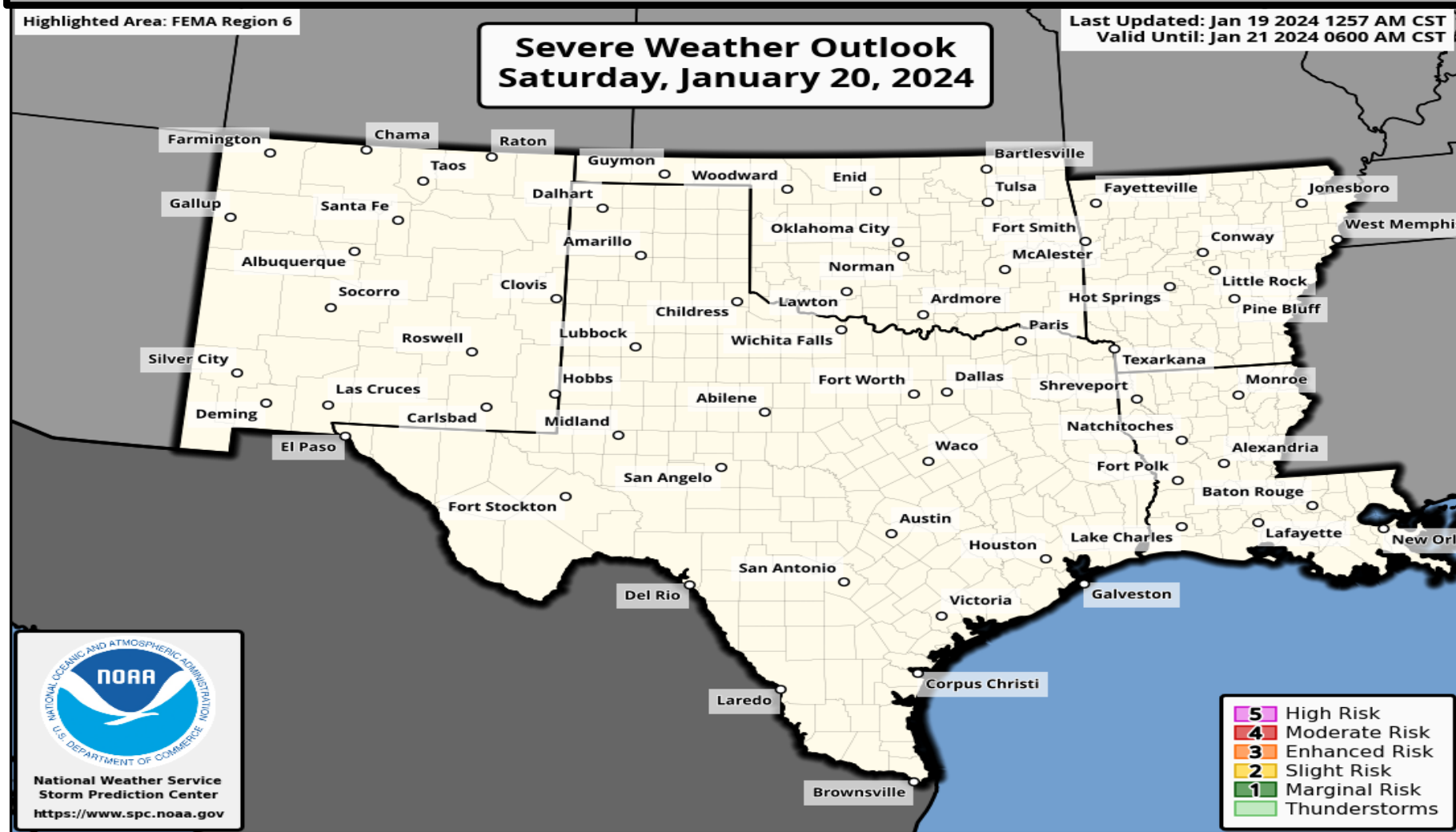


## Forecast Rainfall

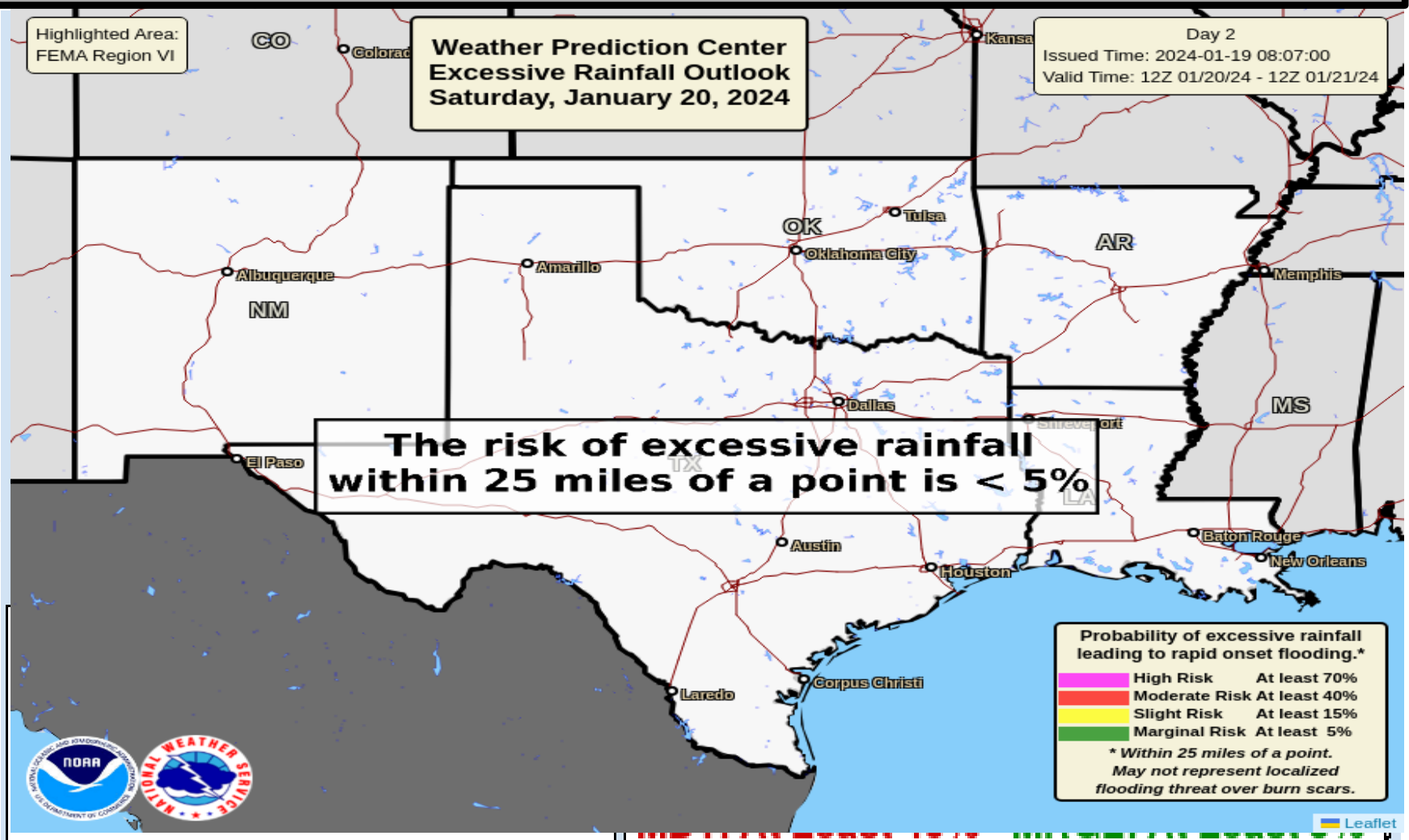


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## Severe Weather Outlook



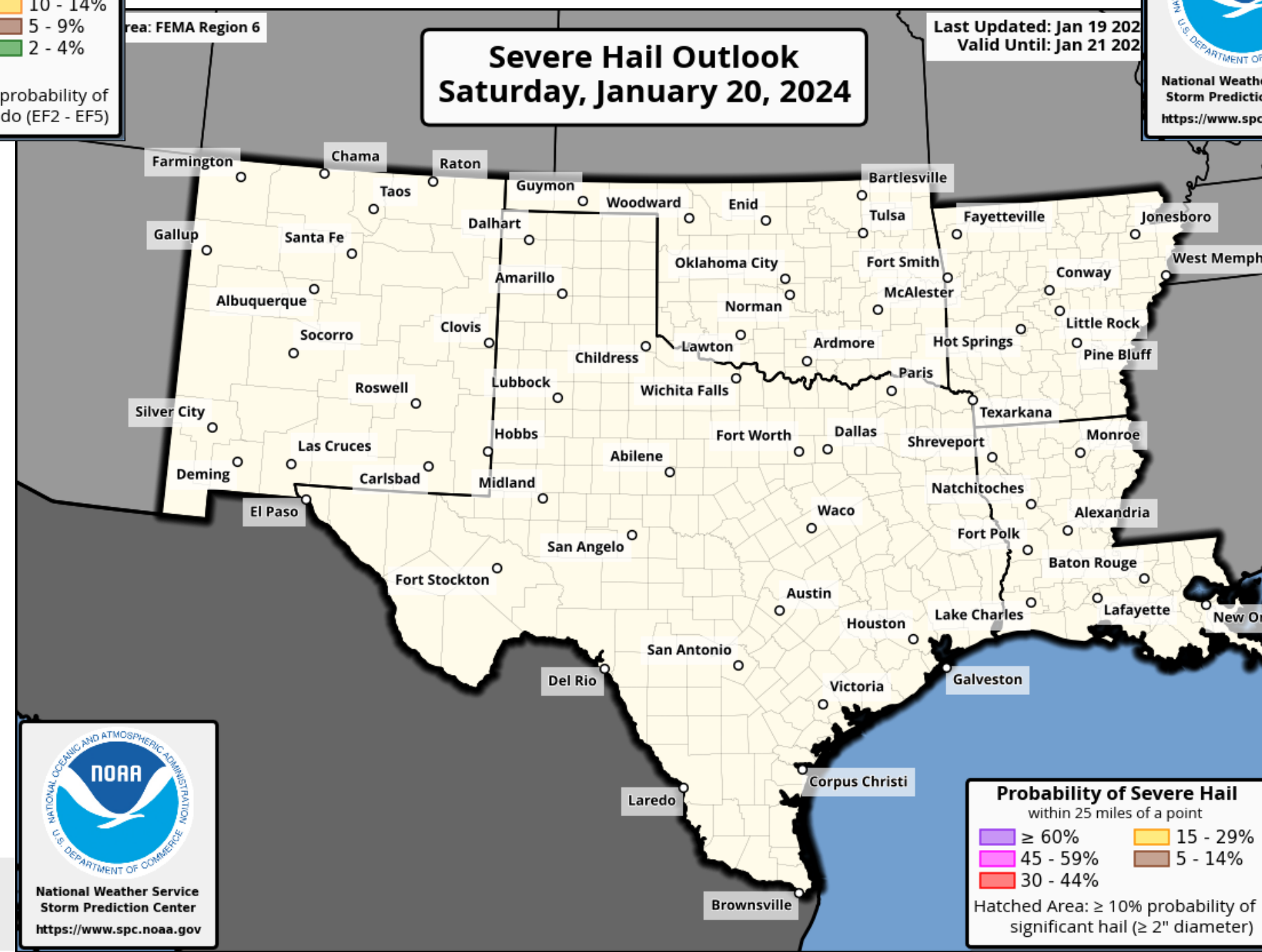
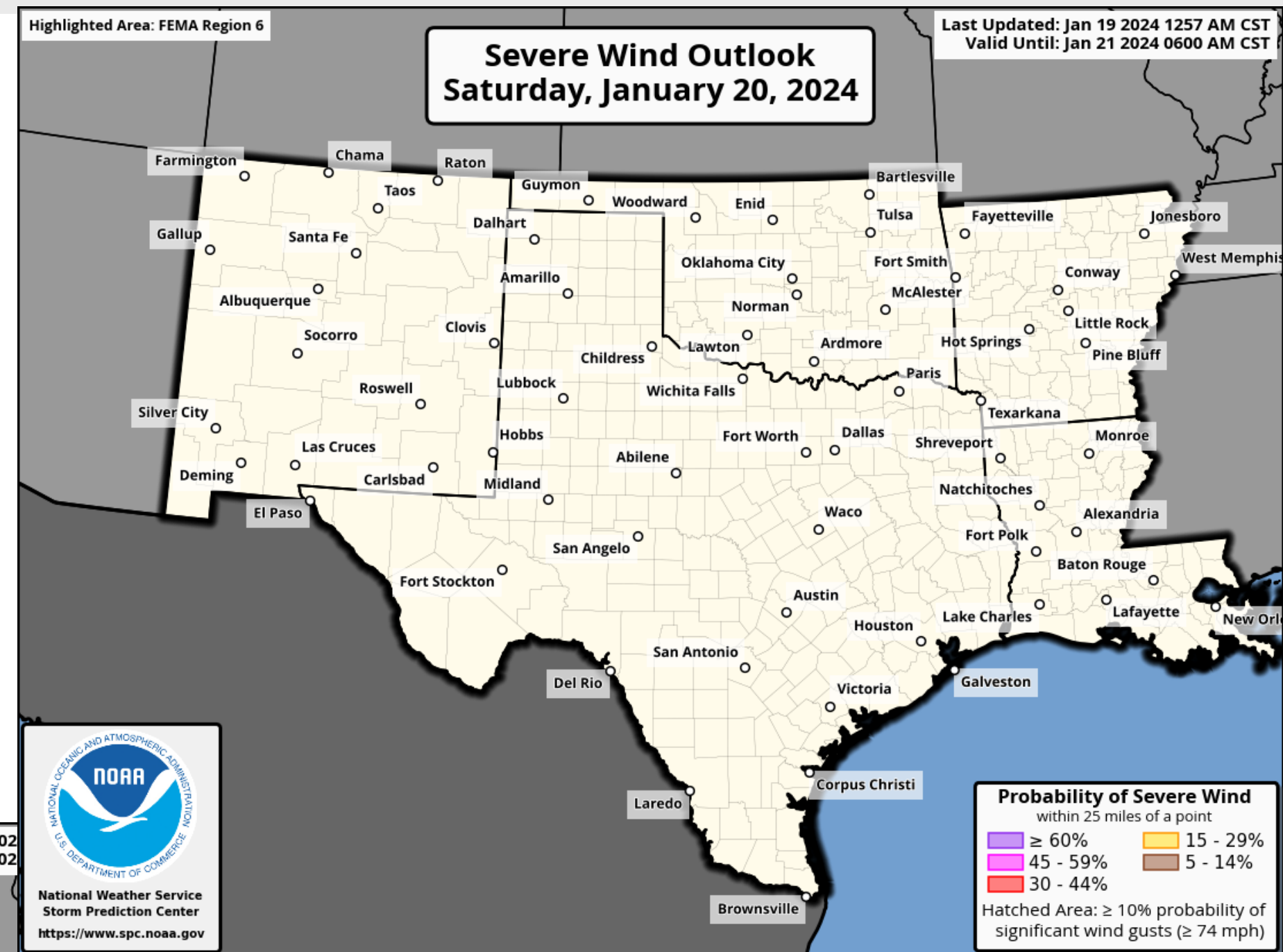
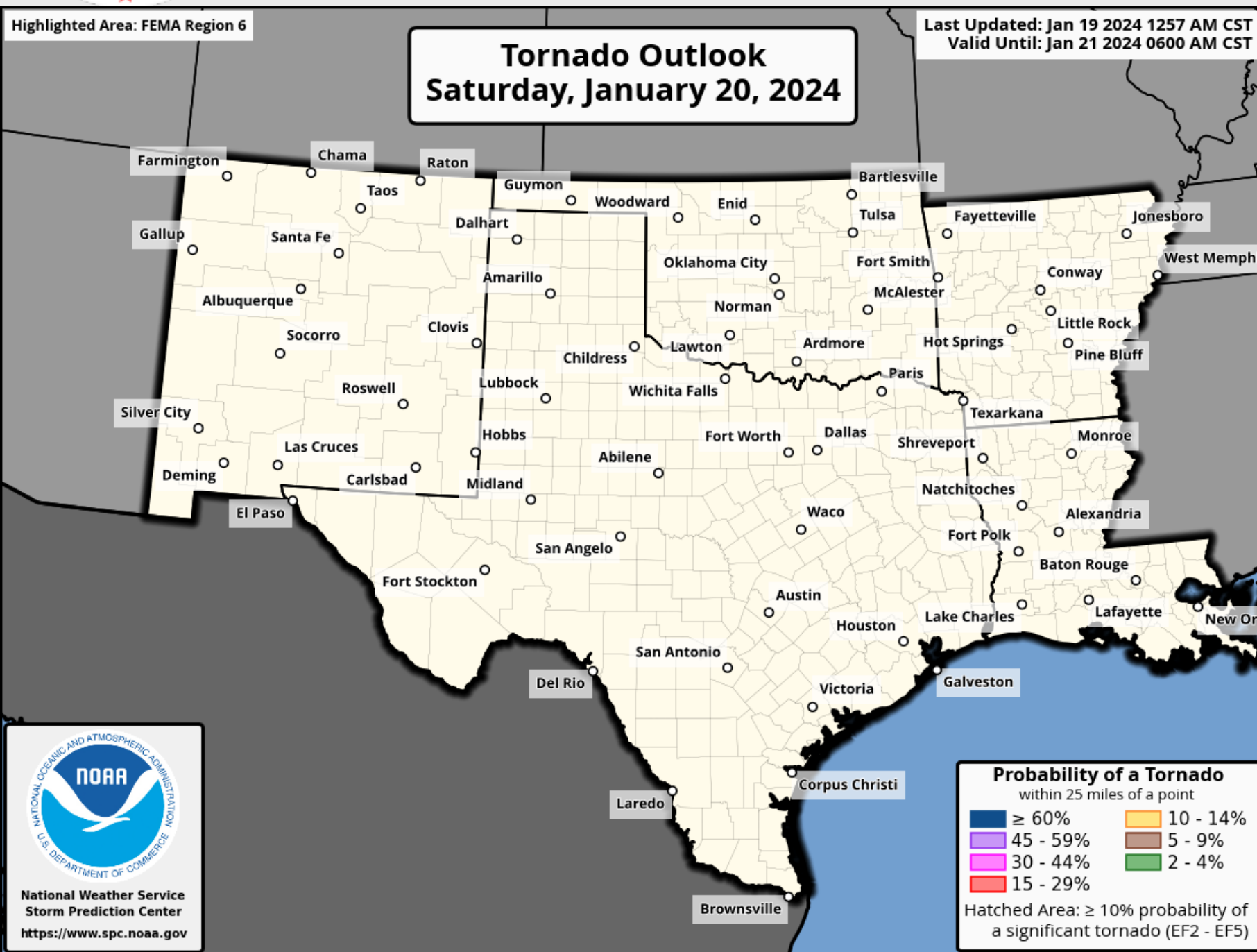
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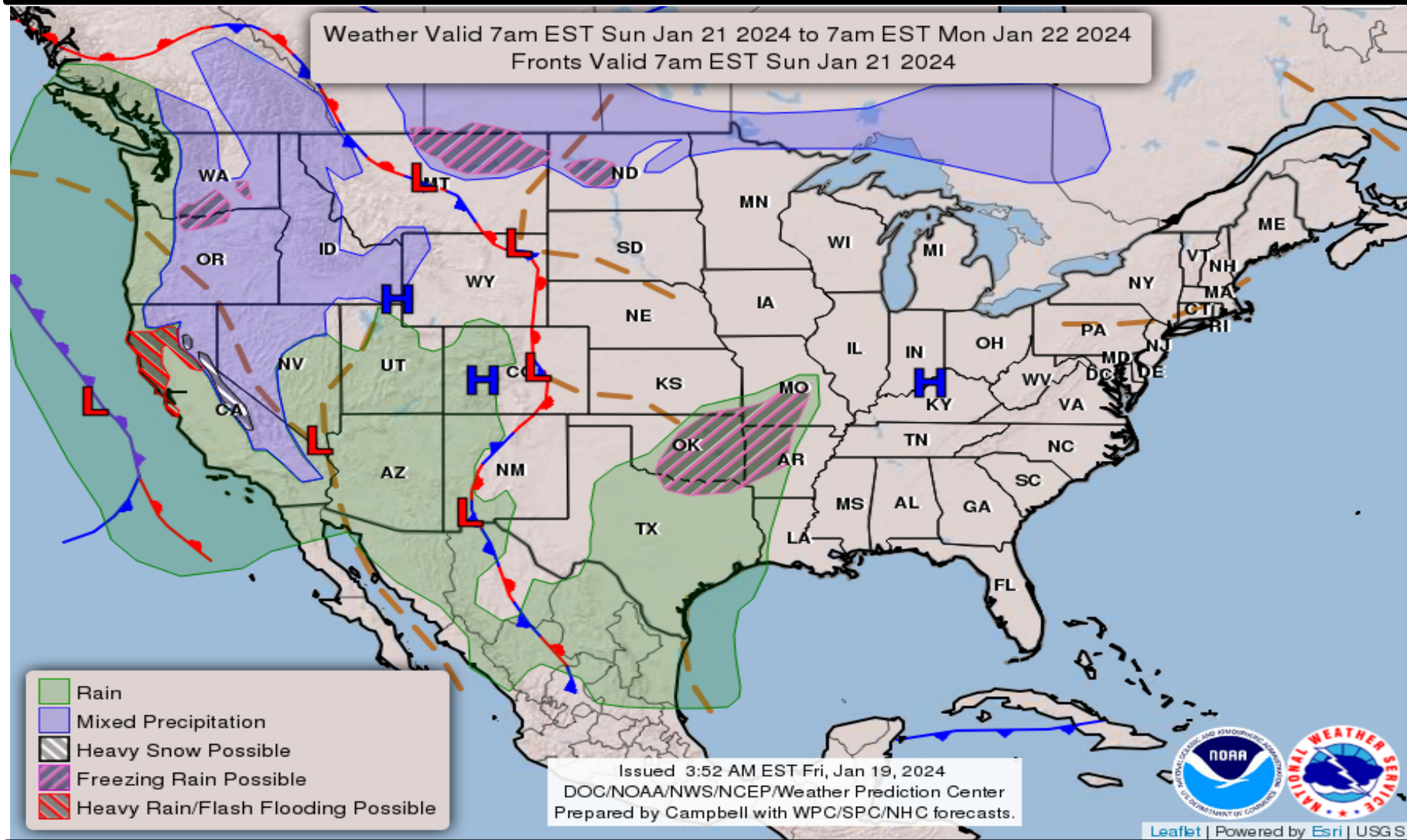
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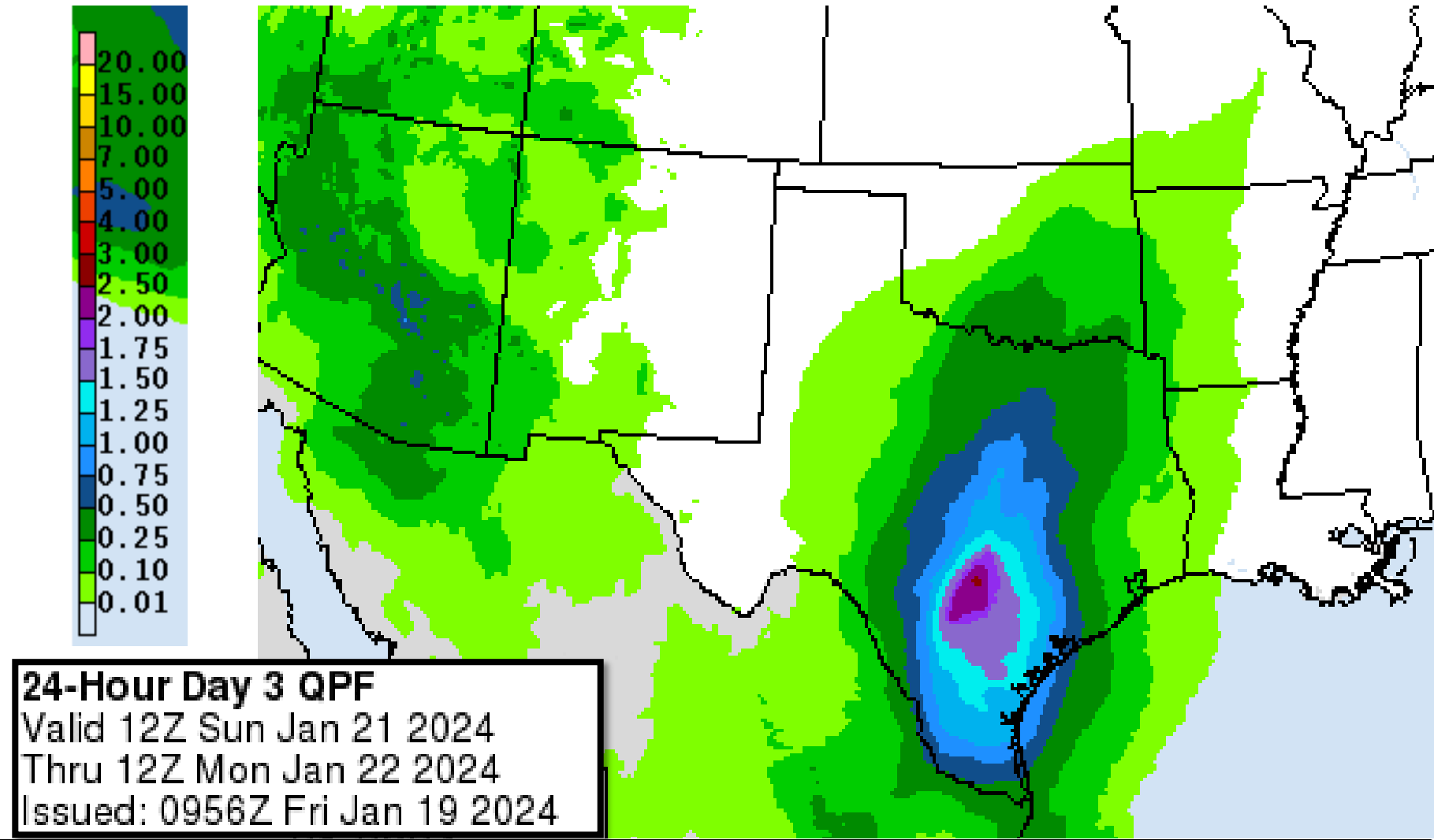


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



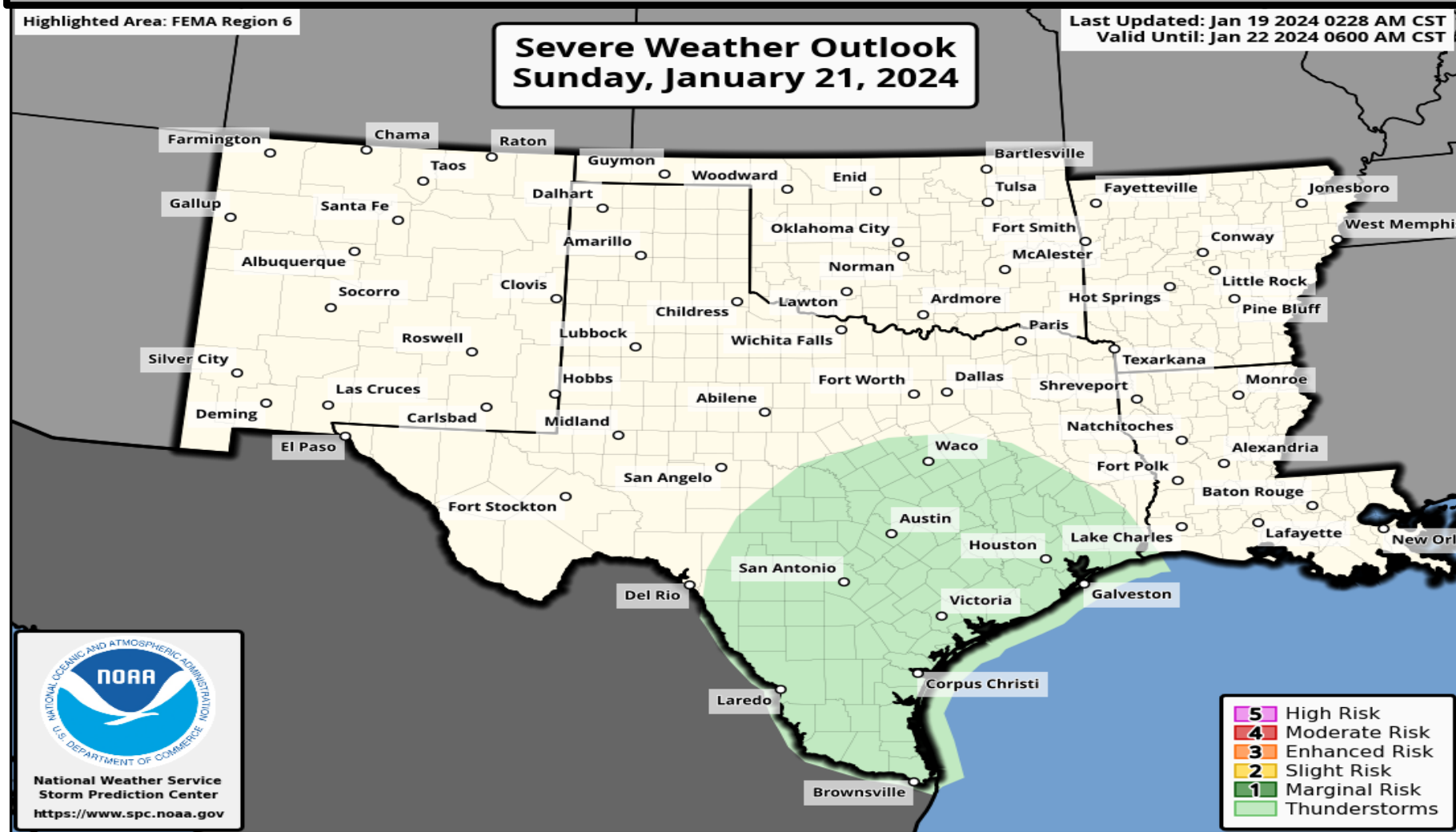
## Forecast Rainfall



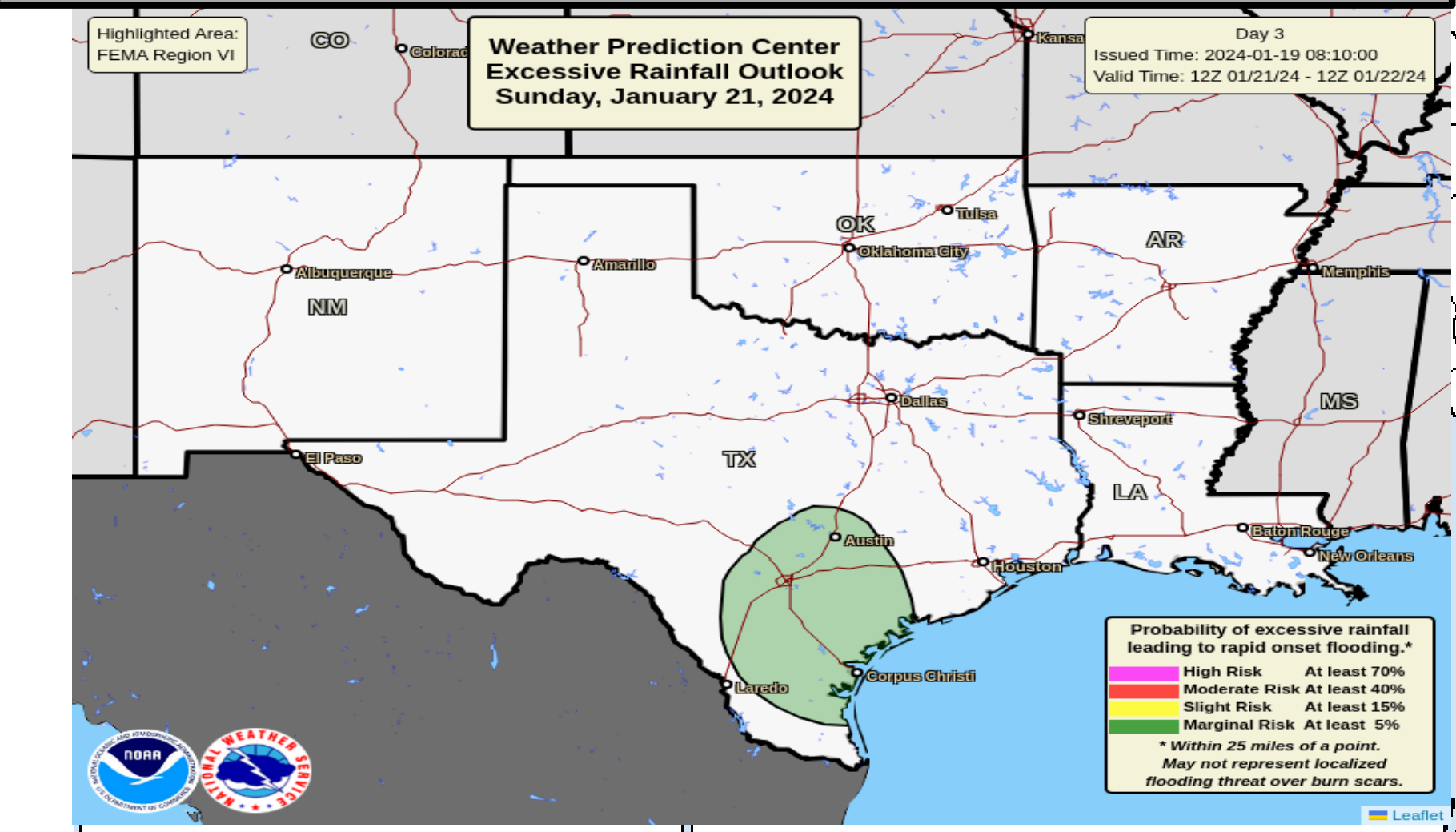
Freezing rain possible over from far NTX into OK and W AR Sunday night.

Heavy rain/flash flood potential late for STX.

## Severe Weather Outlook



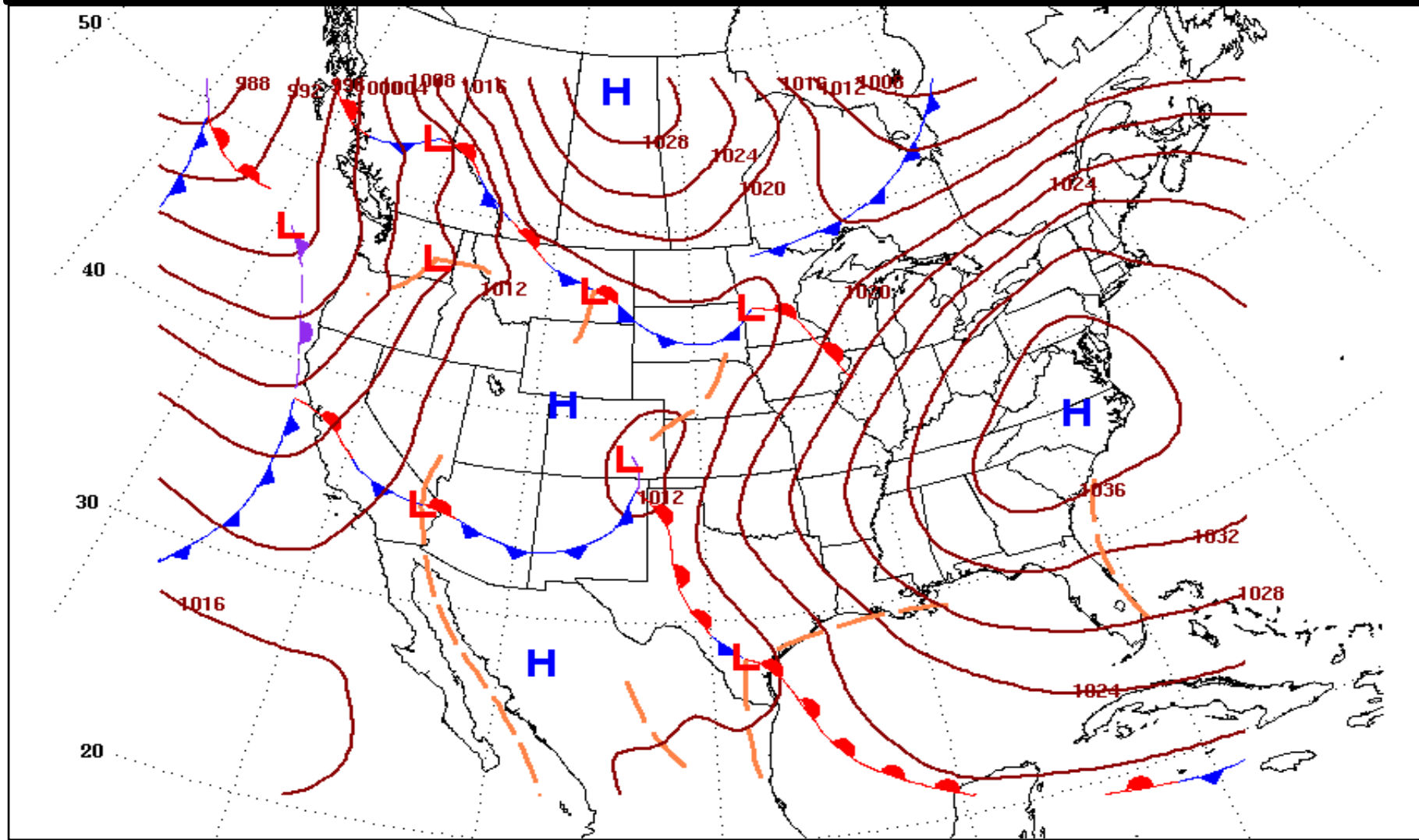
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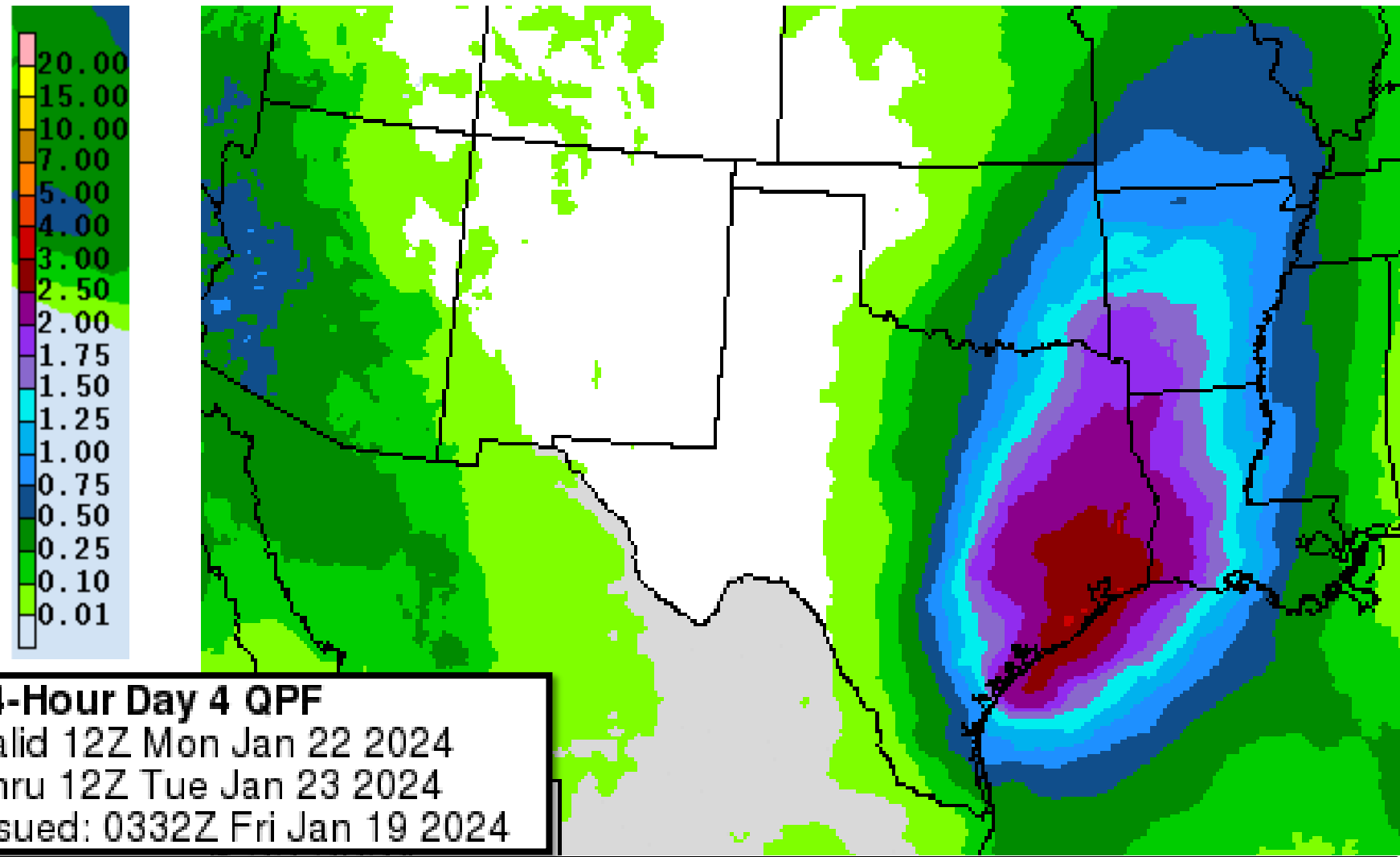


# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

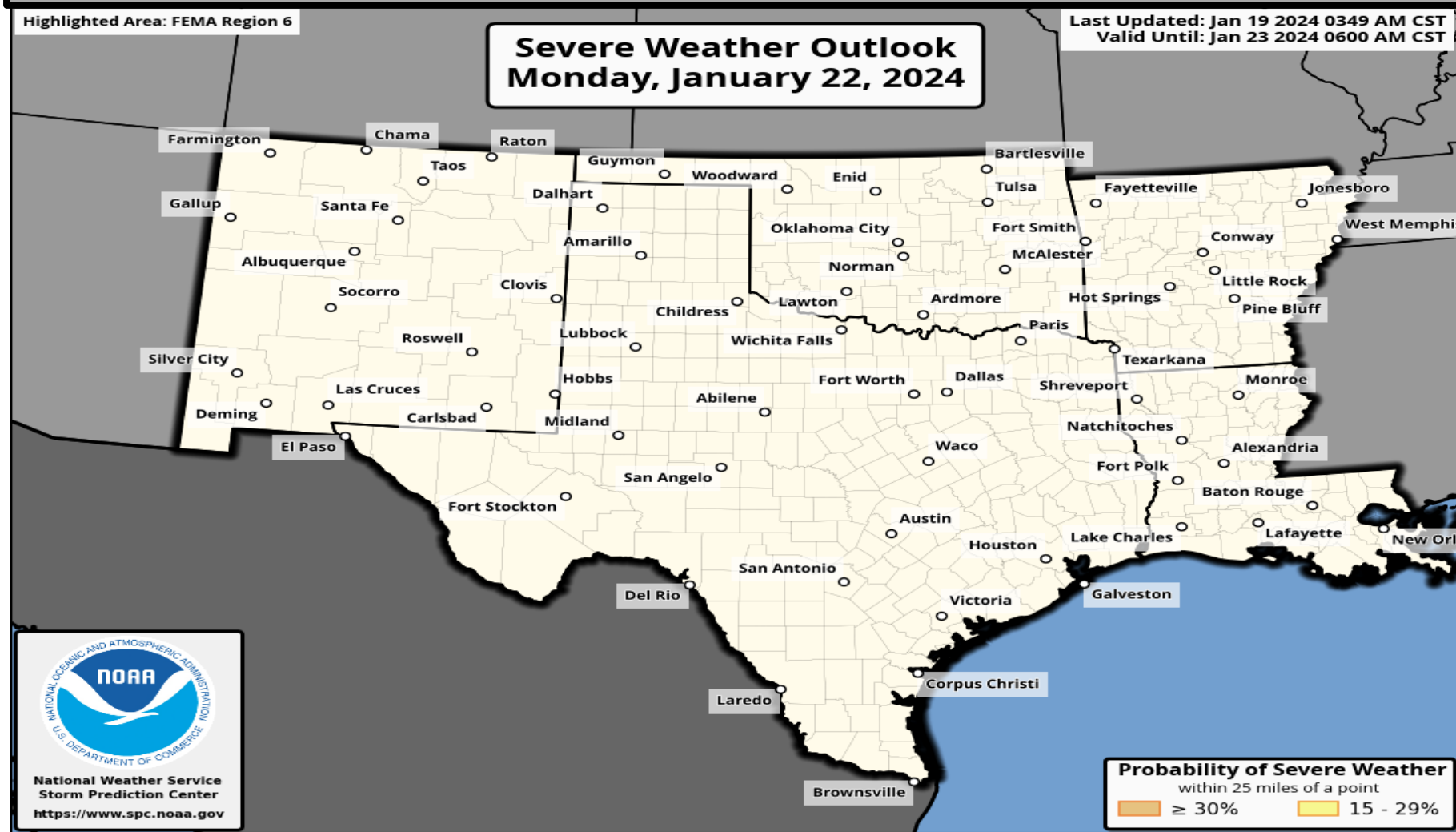


24-Hour Day 4 QPF  
Valid 12Z Mon Jan 22 2024  
Thru 12Z Tue Jan 23 2024  
Issued: 0332Z Fri Jan 19 2024

**Heavy rain/flash flood potential  
SE/ETX, W LA.**

**Freezing rain possible over  
from far NTX into OK and W  
AR Monday morning.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

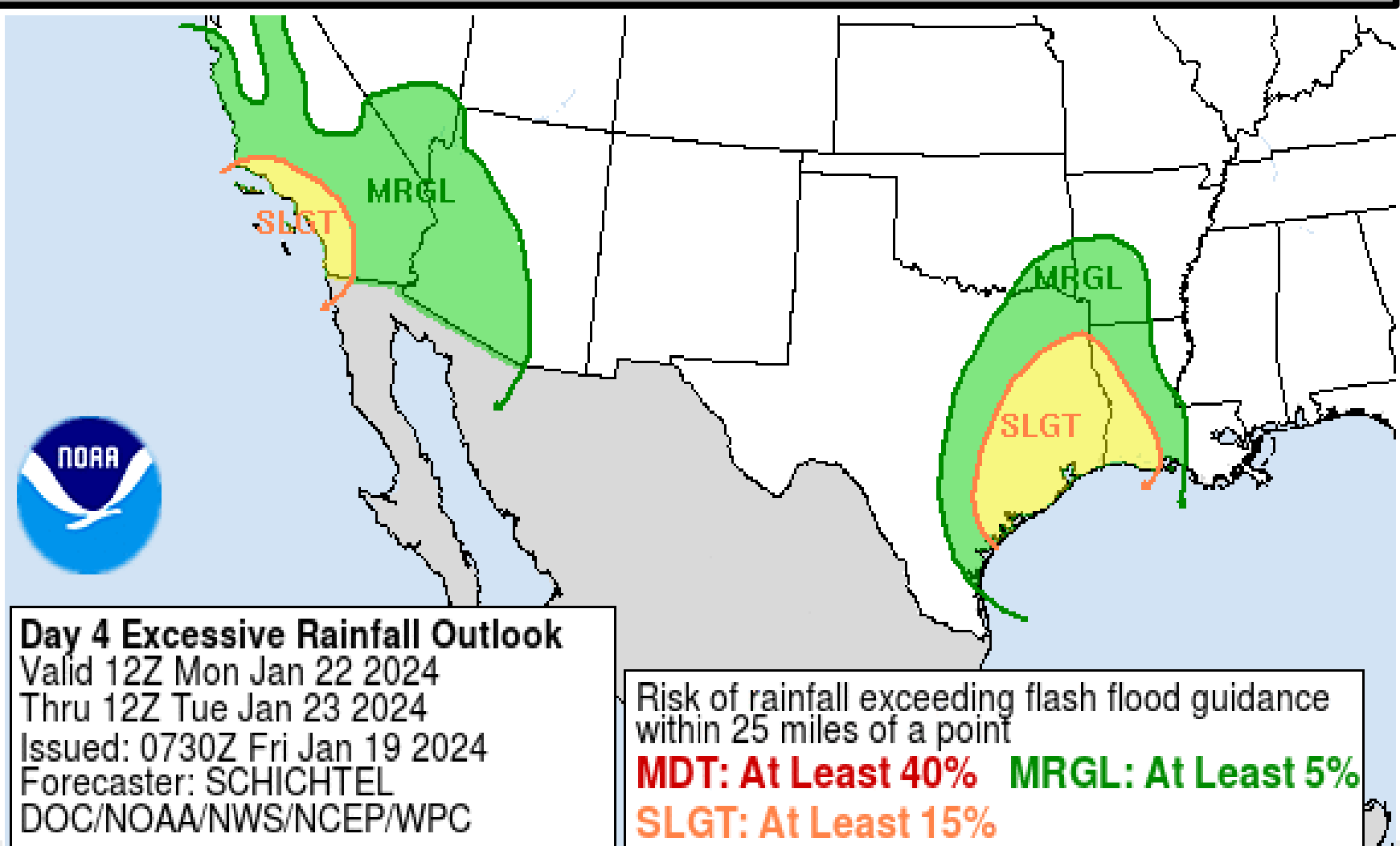


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6  
**Severe Weather Outlook  
Monday, January 22, 2024**

Last Updated: Jan 19 2024 0349 AM CST  
Valid Until: Jan 23 2024 0600 AM CST

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

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



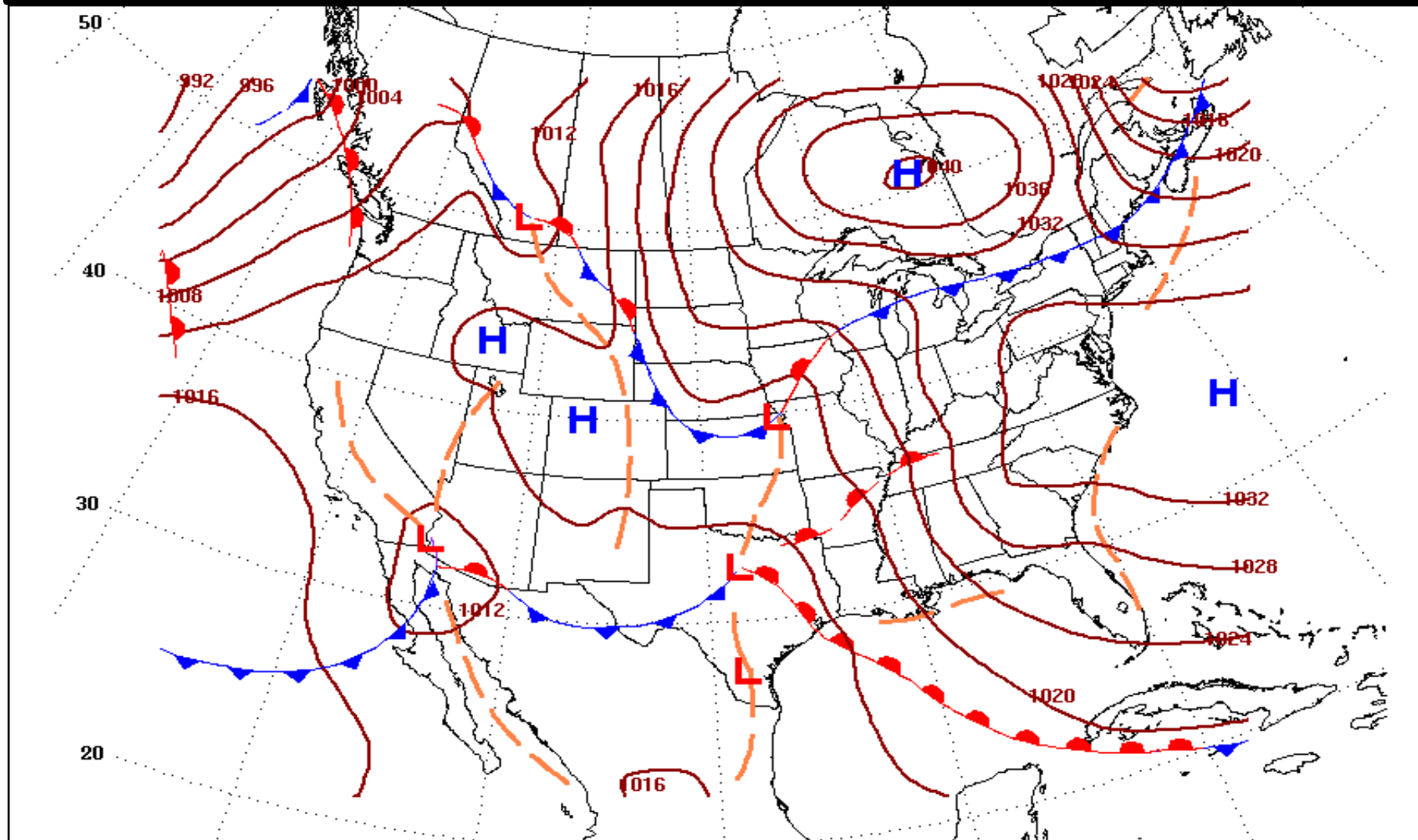
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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance  
within 25 miles of a point  
**MDT: At Least 40%** **MRGL: At Least 5%**  
**SLGT: At Least 15%**

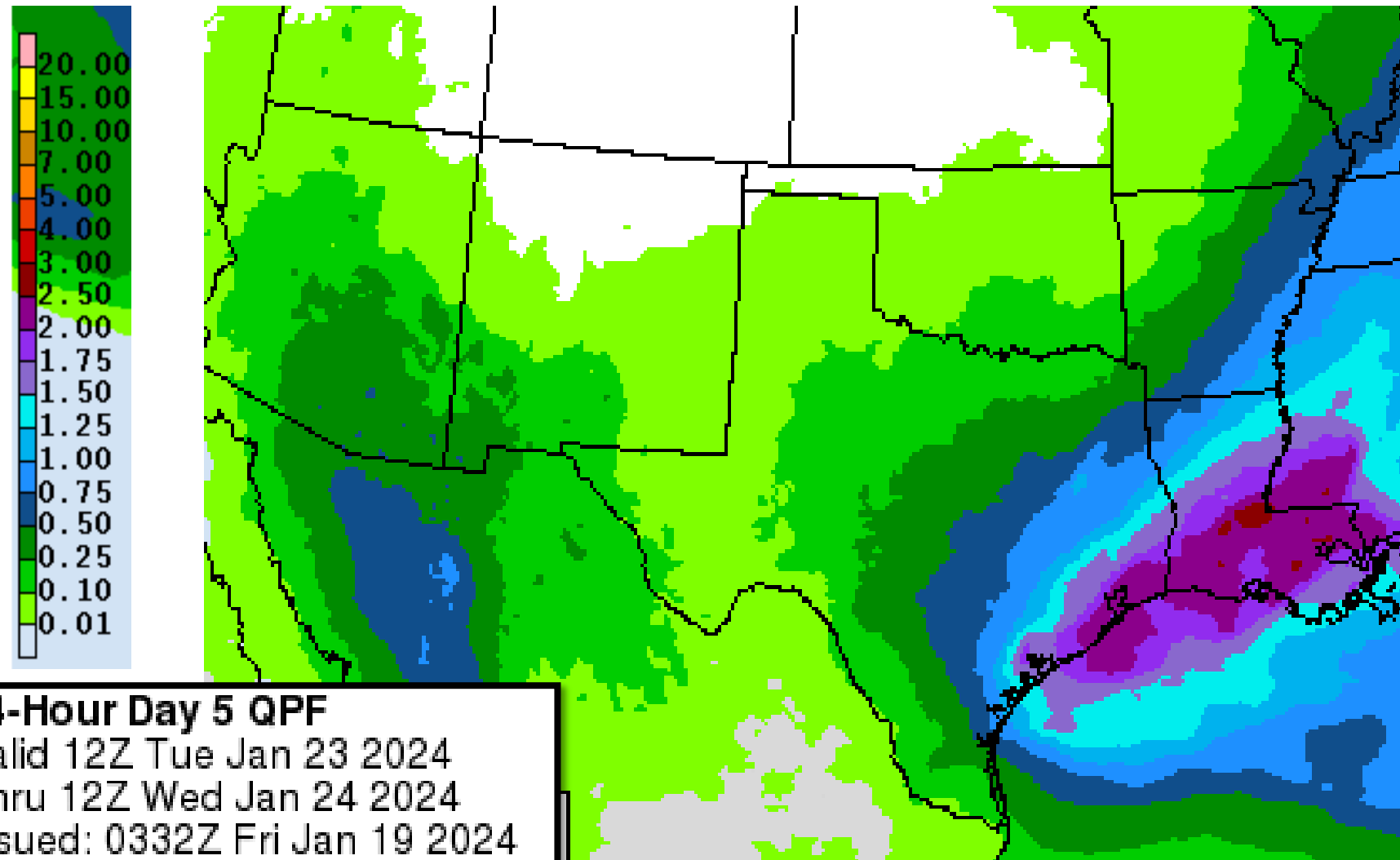


# Tuesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



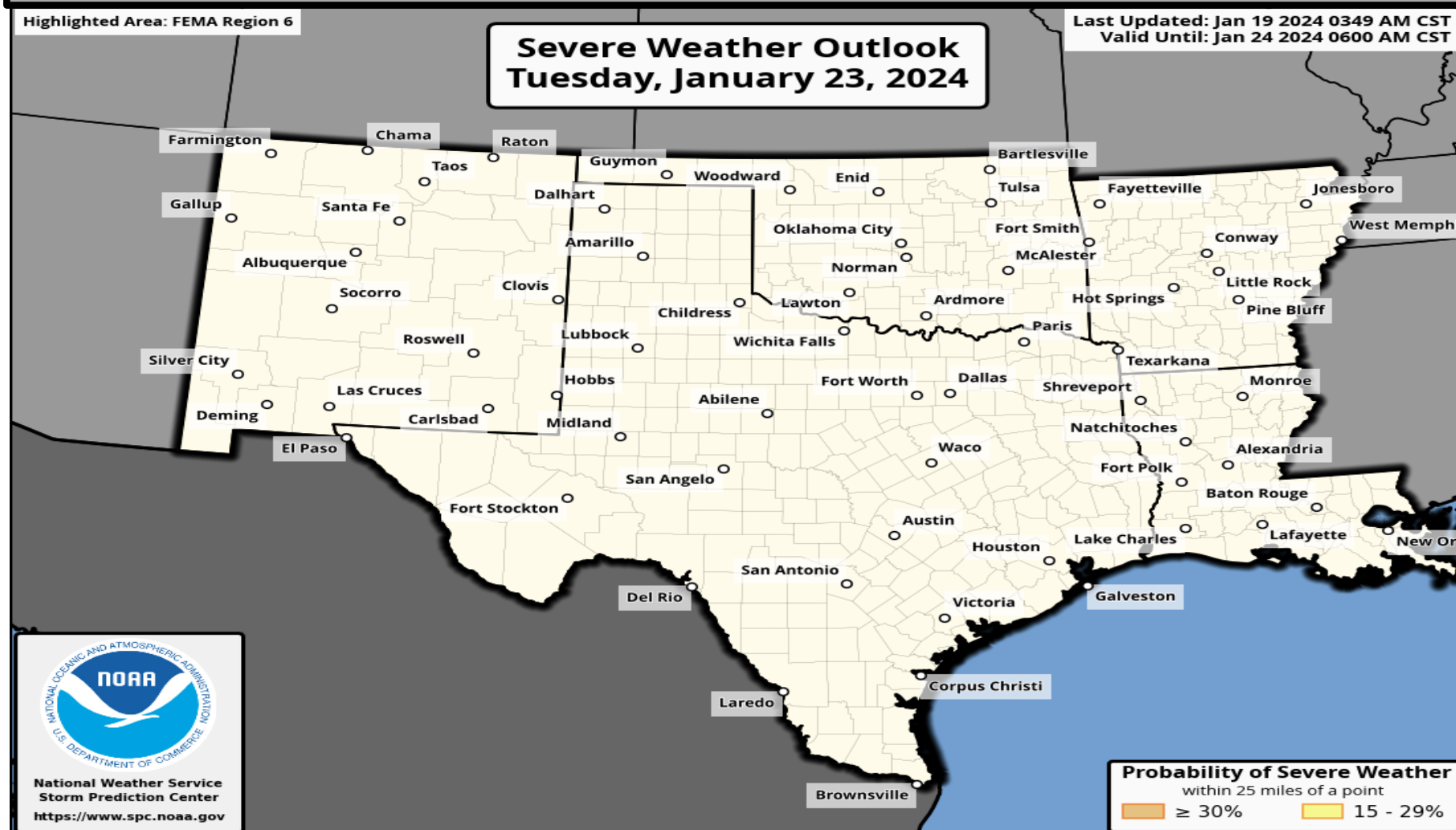
## Forecast Rainfall



**Heavy rain/flash flood potential  
SETX, LA.**

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## Severe Weather Outlook



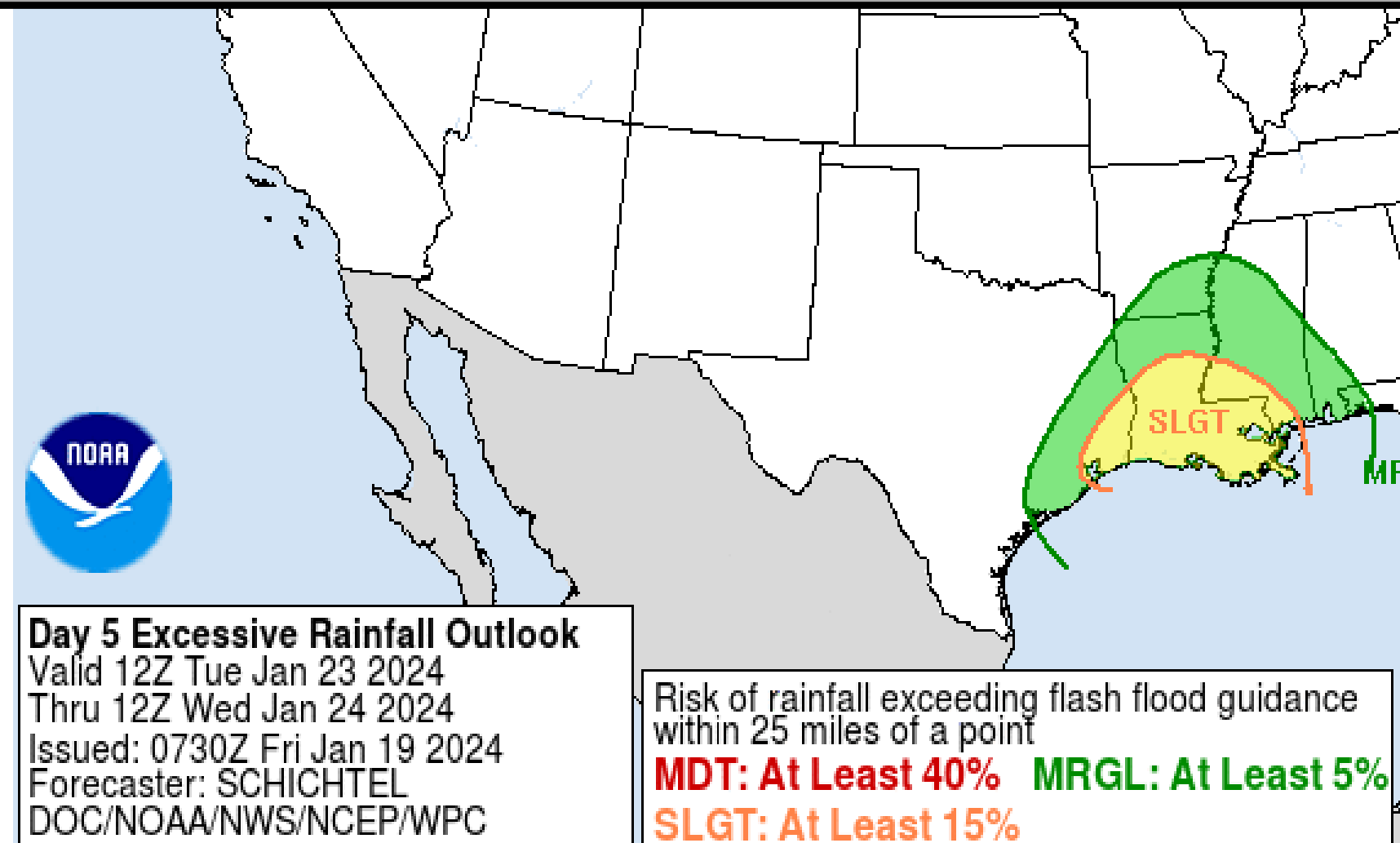
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Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

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**Probability of Severe Weather**  
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## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



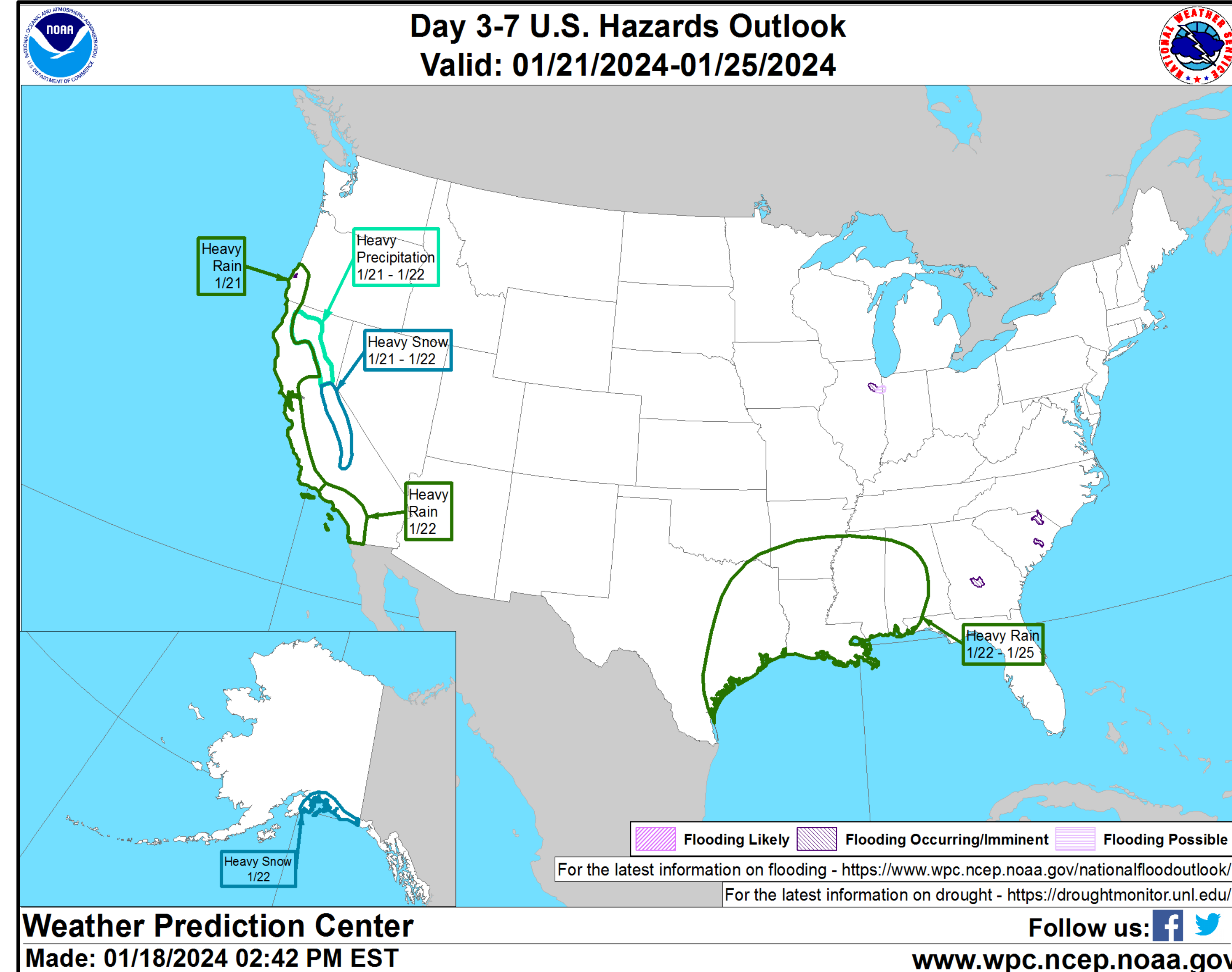
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Forecaster: SCHICHTEL  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance  
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



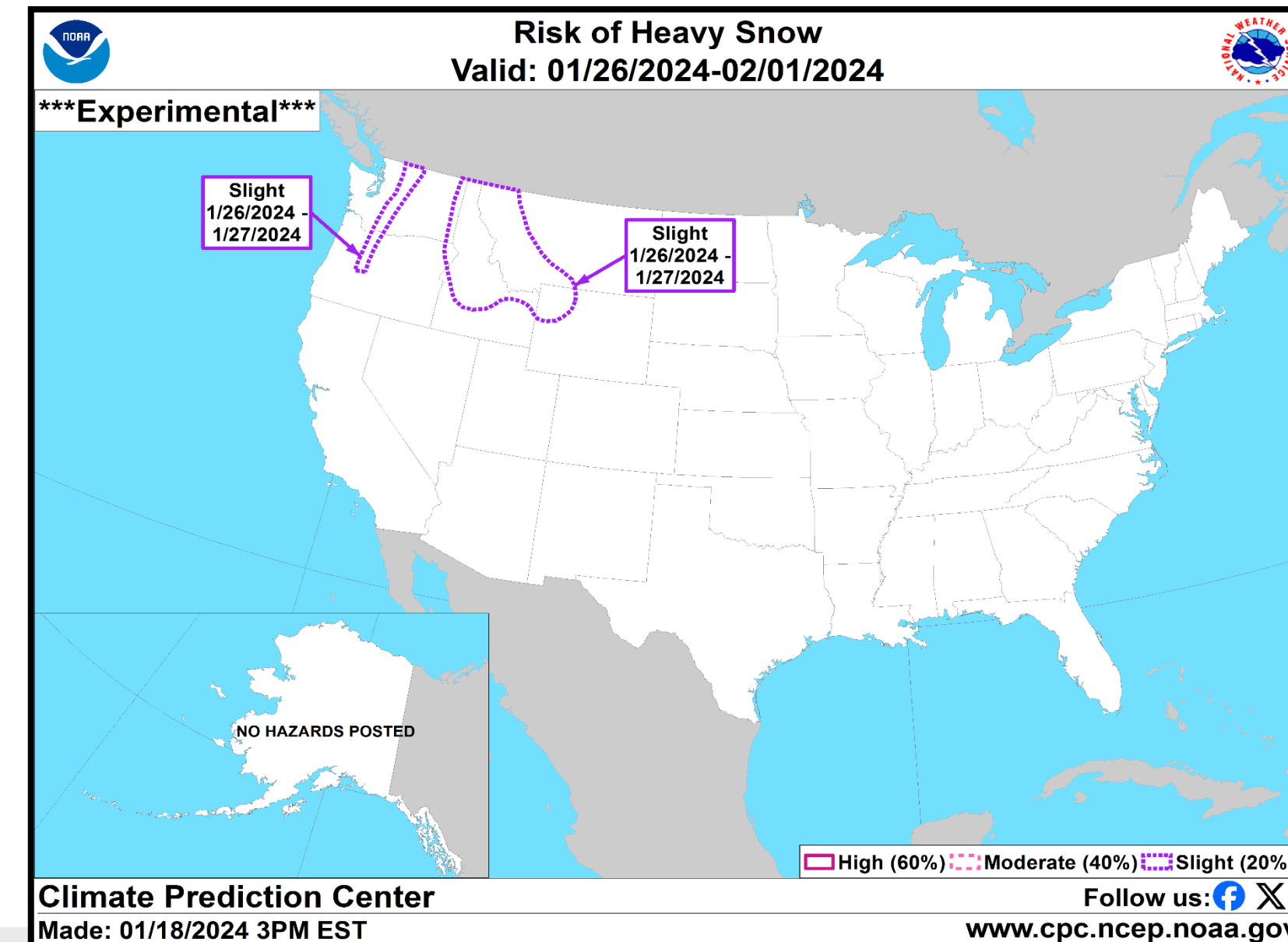
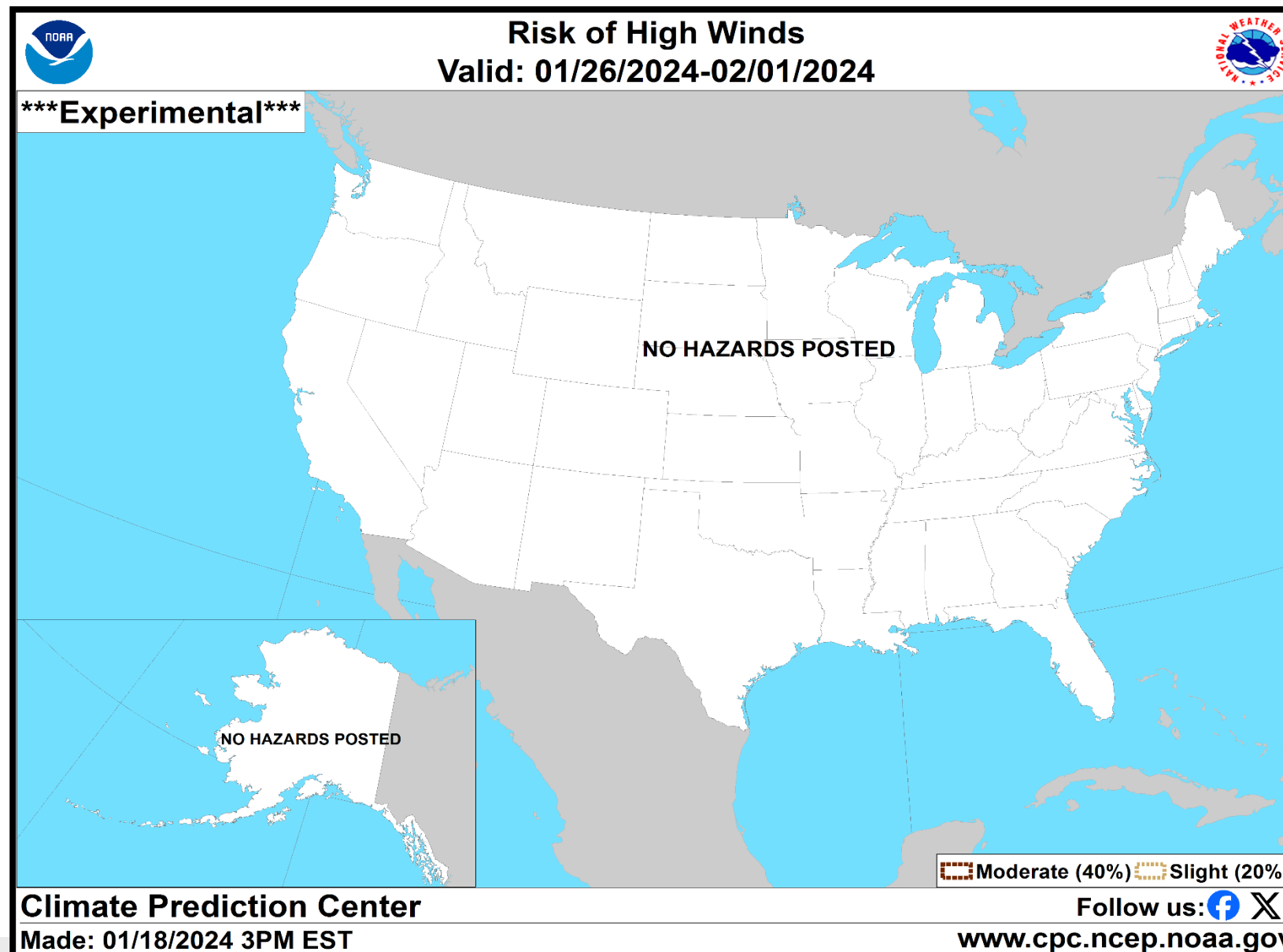
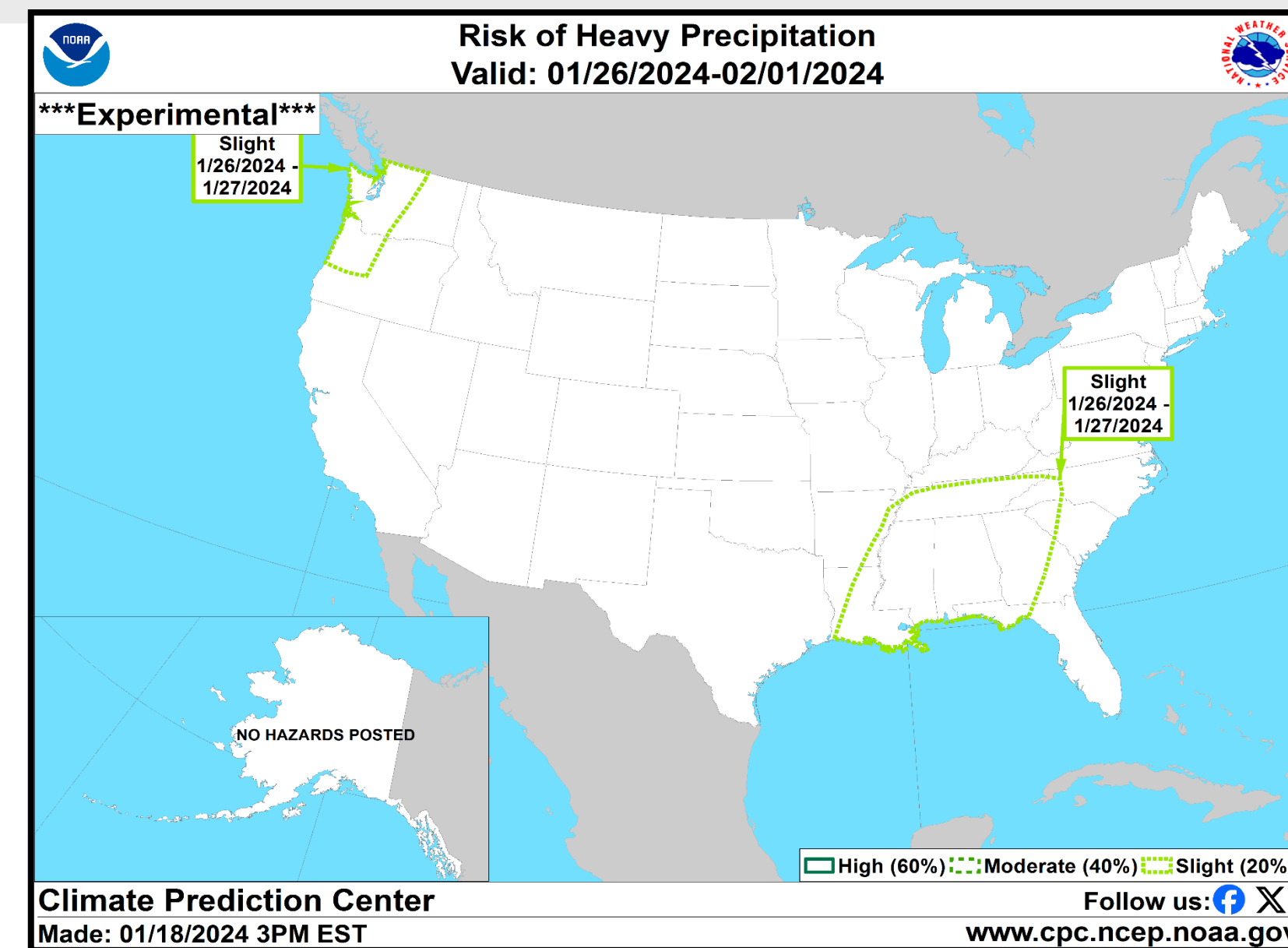
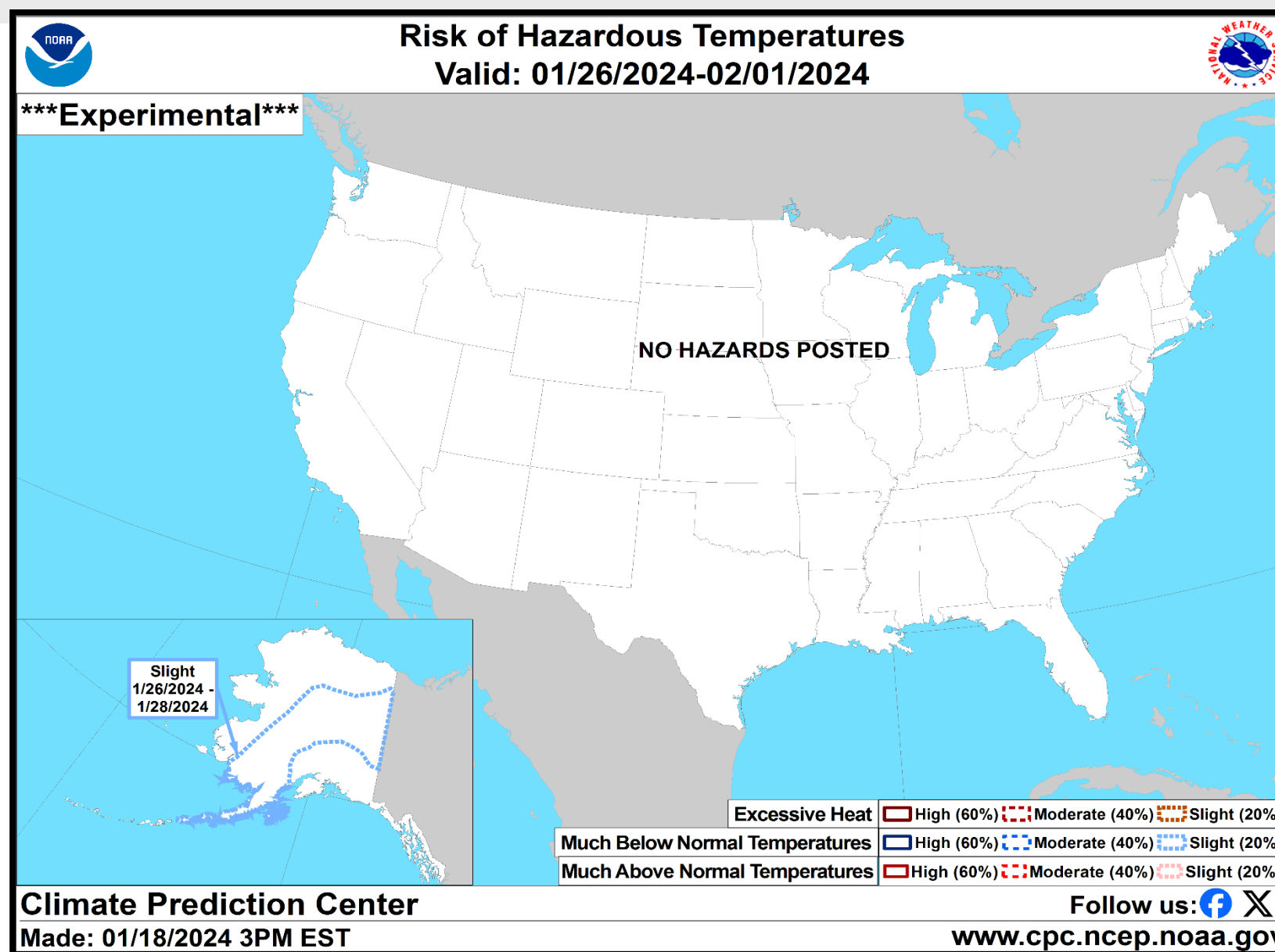
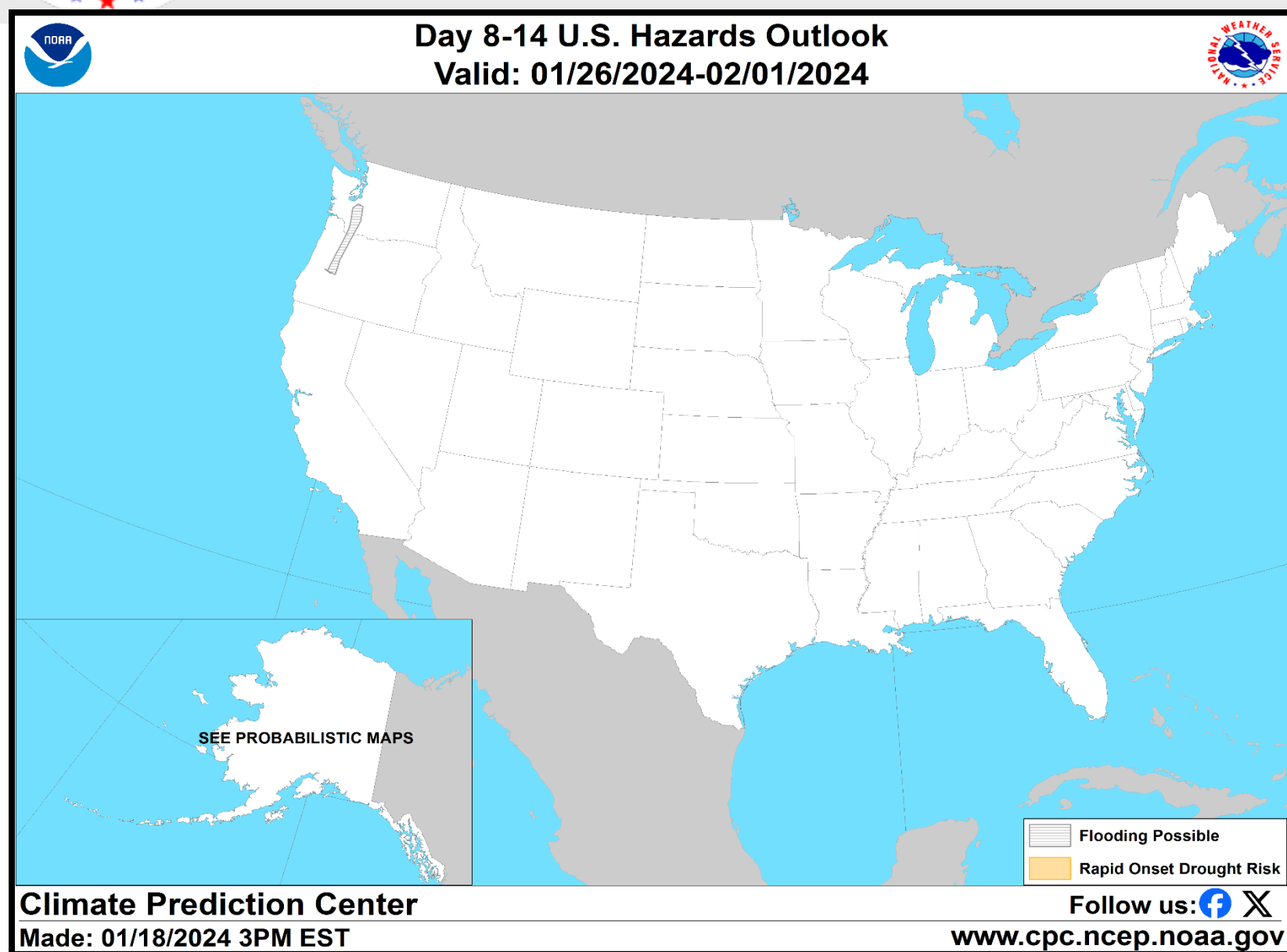
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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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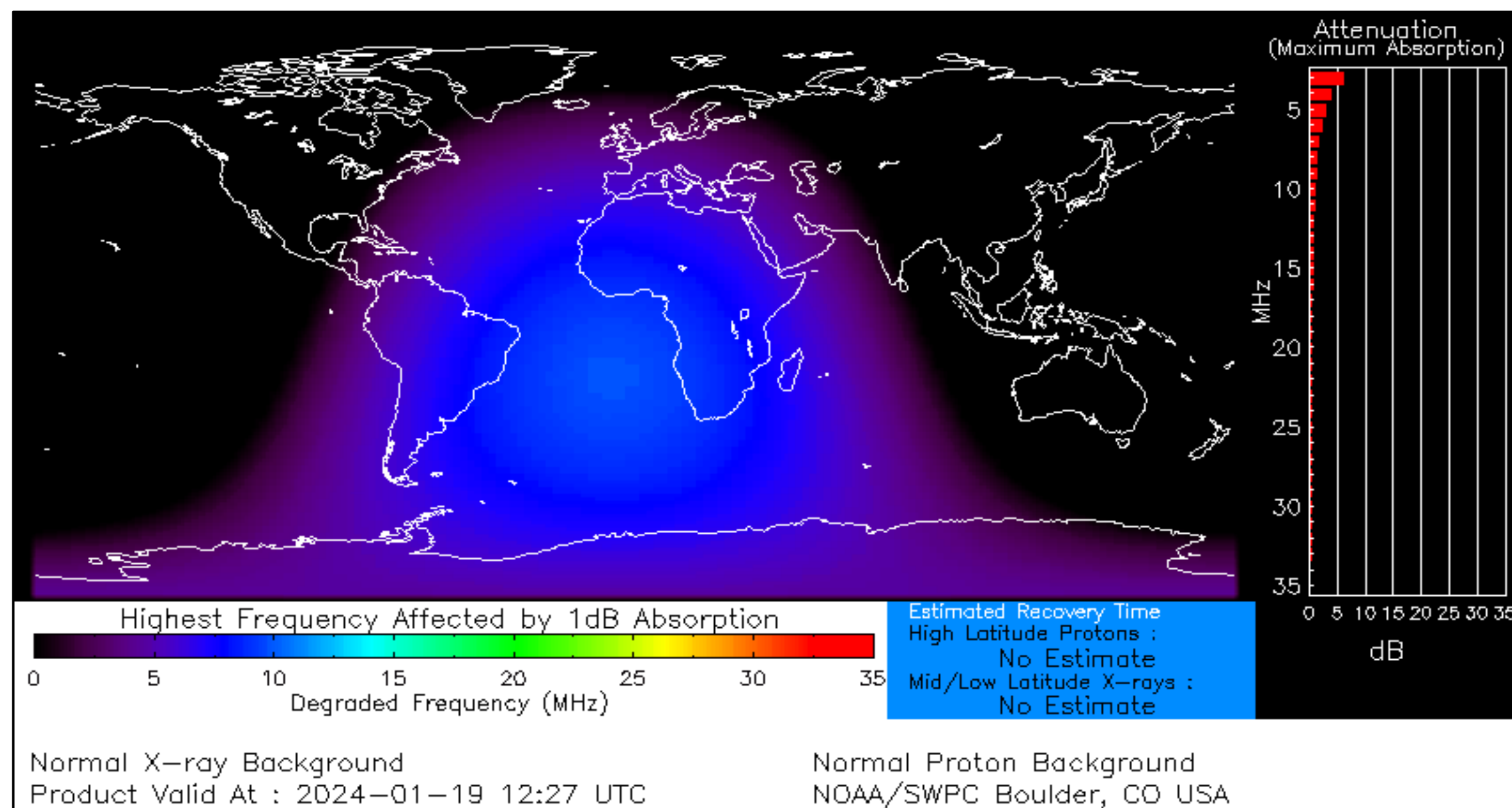
- 1) The “day 8-14” will really be days 7-13
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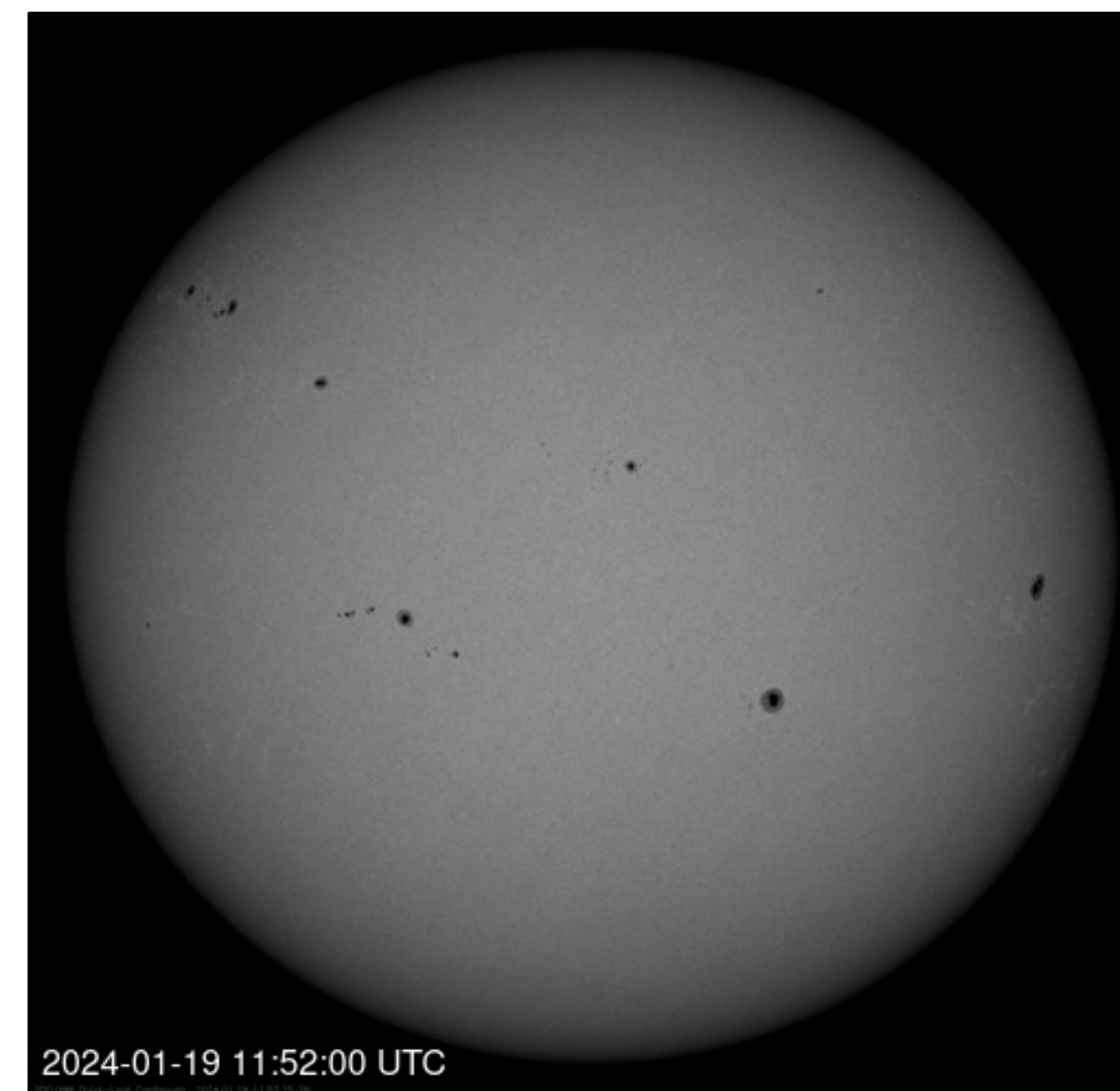
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                                      | Friday                        | Saturday                          | Sunday                            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>            | <b>Quiet<br/>(Max Kp = 2)</b> | <b>Unsettled<br/>(Max Kp = 3)</b> | <b>Unsettled<br/>(Max Kp = 3)</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>30%</b>                        | <b>30%</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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## 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<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>   | <p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br/>Tropical: None<br/>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<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>  | <p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br/>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>                                     | <p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br/>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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<br/>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>                            | <p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br/>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: High Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br/>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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>  |

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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