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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday January 26, 2024

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Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Heavy rain/flash flooding continues across LA, SE AR today.**
- **Marginal risk area for isolated strong/severe storms in SE LA tomorrow.**
- **Minor to moderate river flooding for E/SE TX, S LA, AR. Isolated major river flooding in SE TX.**



FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 26, 2024 - Jan 30, 2024

DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms		SE LA			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	LA, SE AR				
Fire Weather					
Cold					
Winter Weather Impacts					
River Flooding	SETX, S LA	SETX, S LA	SETX, S LA	SETX, S LA	SETX, S LA
	ETX, AR	ETX, AR	ETX, AR	ETX, AR	ETX, AR

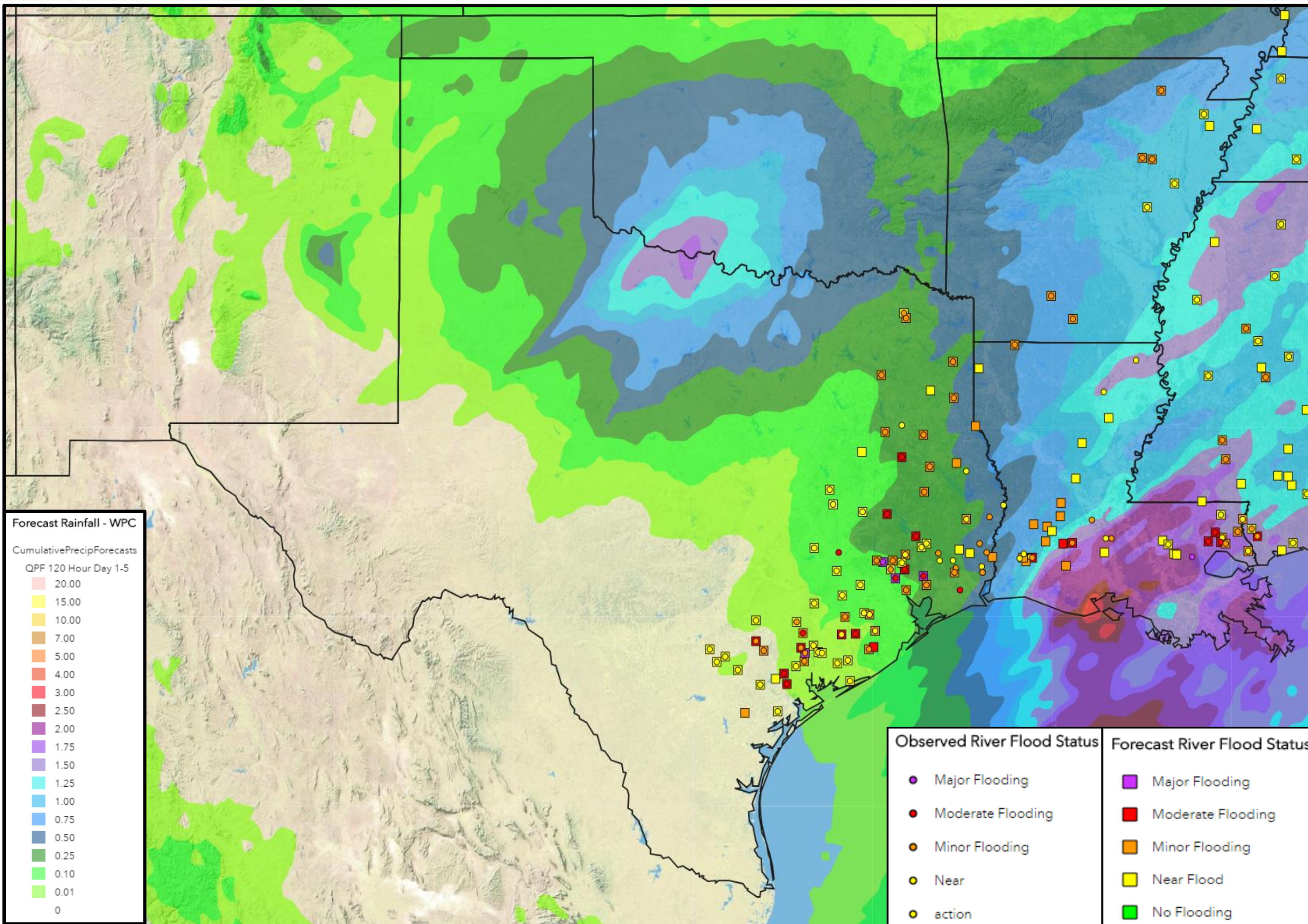
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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 to moderate river flooding across E/SE TX, S LA, AR into next week. Flooding of secondary roads, agricultural areas, recreational areas.

Southeast Texas

- Trinity River at Liberty and West Fork San Jacinto River near Humble forecast to reach major later today, several homes may experience flooding. Liberty forecast to remain in major into next week.
- Guadalupe River near Bloomington forecast to reach near major tomorrow, many homes and livestock may be cut off.

Southern Louisiana

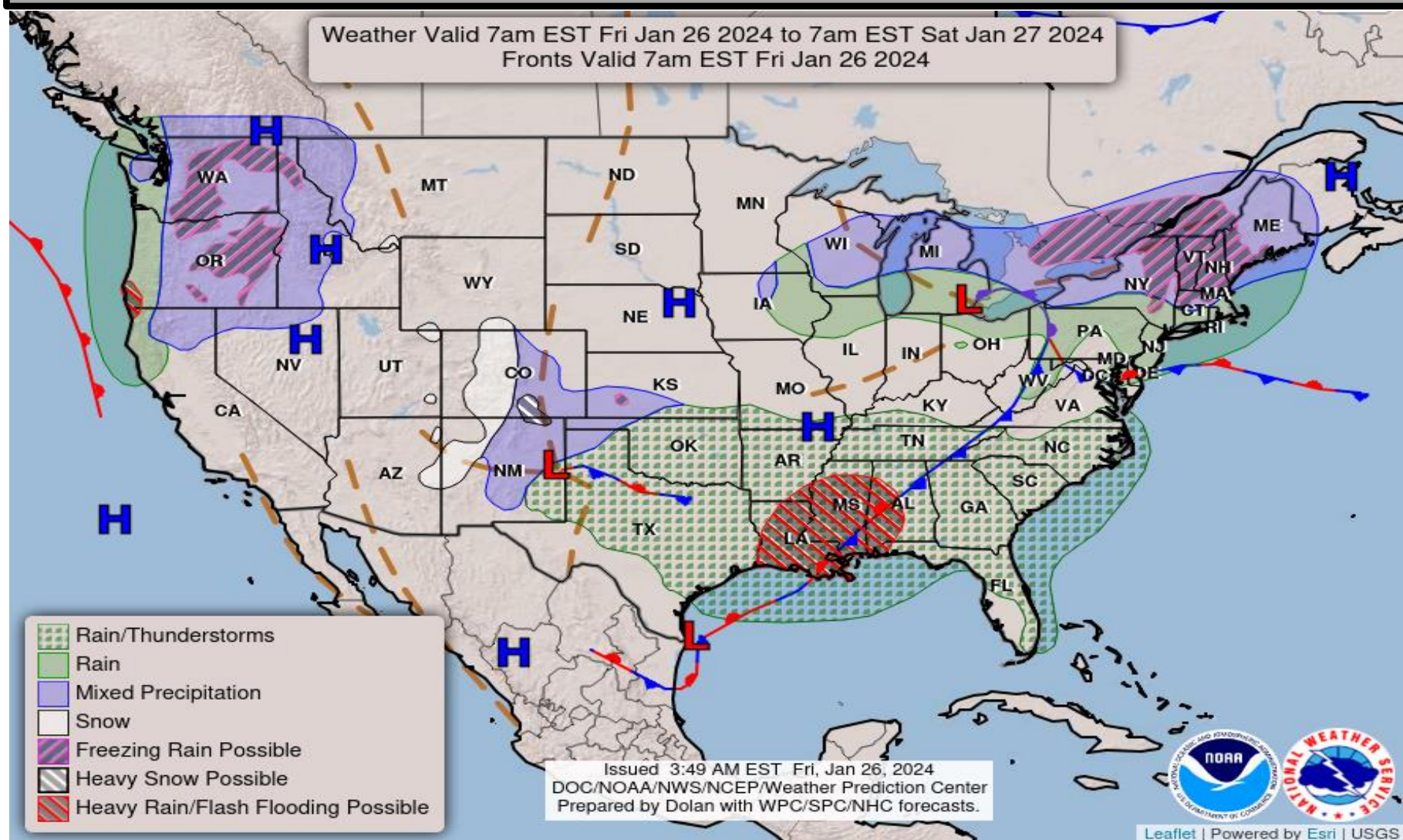
- Tangipahoa River at Robert cresting in moderate today, evacuation of trailers may be necessary.
- Bayou Nezpique at Basile forecast to reach moderate late Sunday/early Monday, a few homes may flood.

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

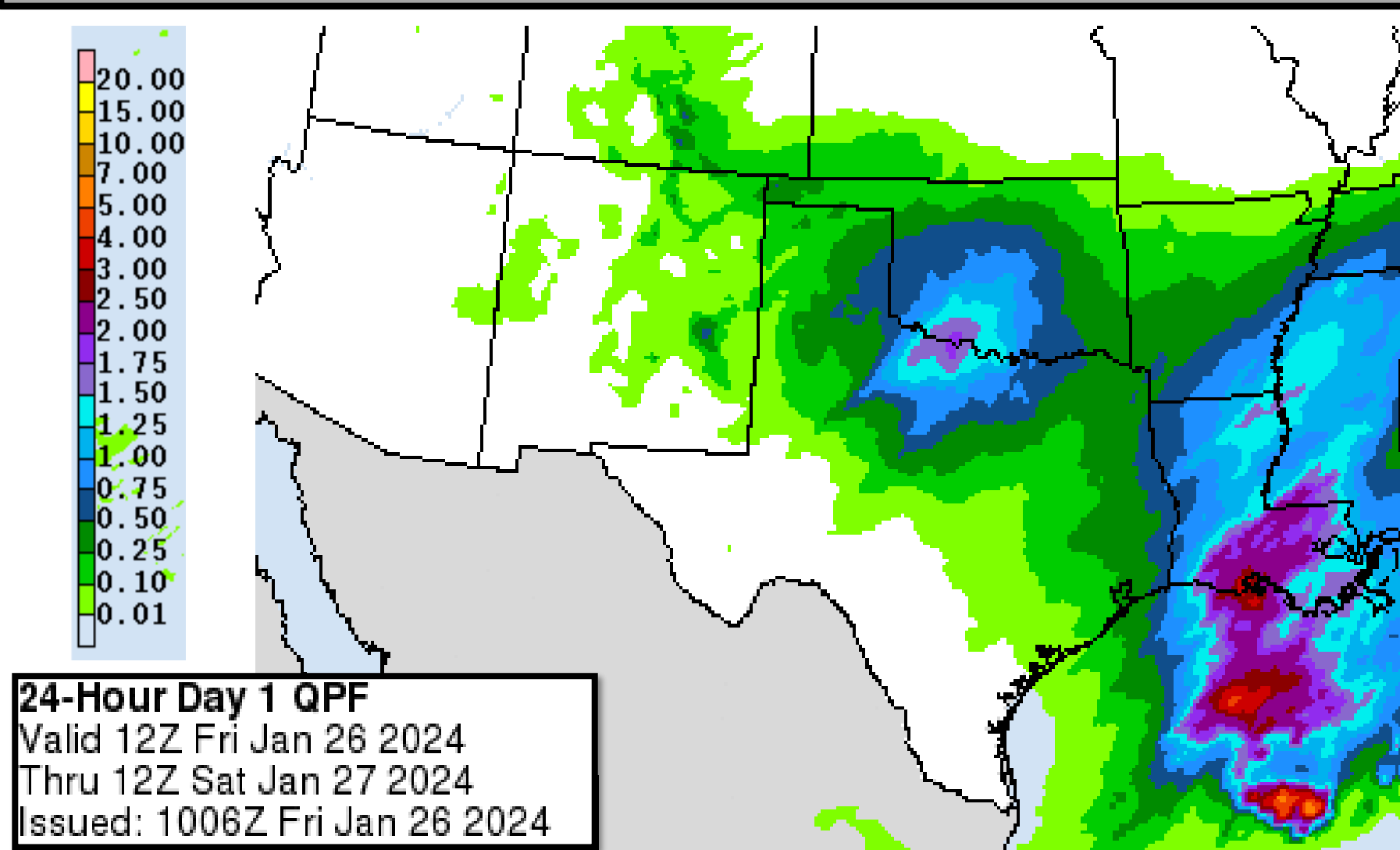


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

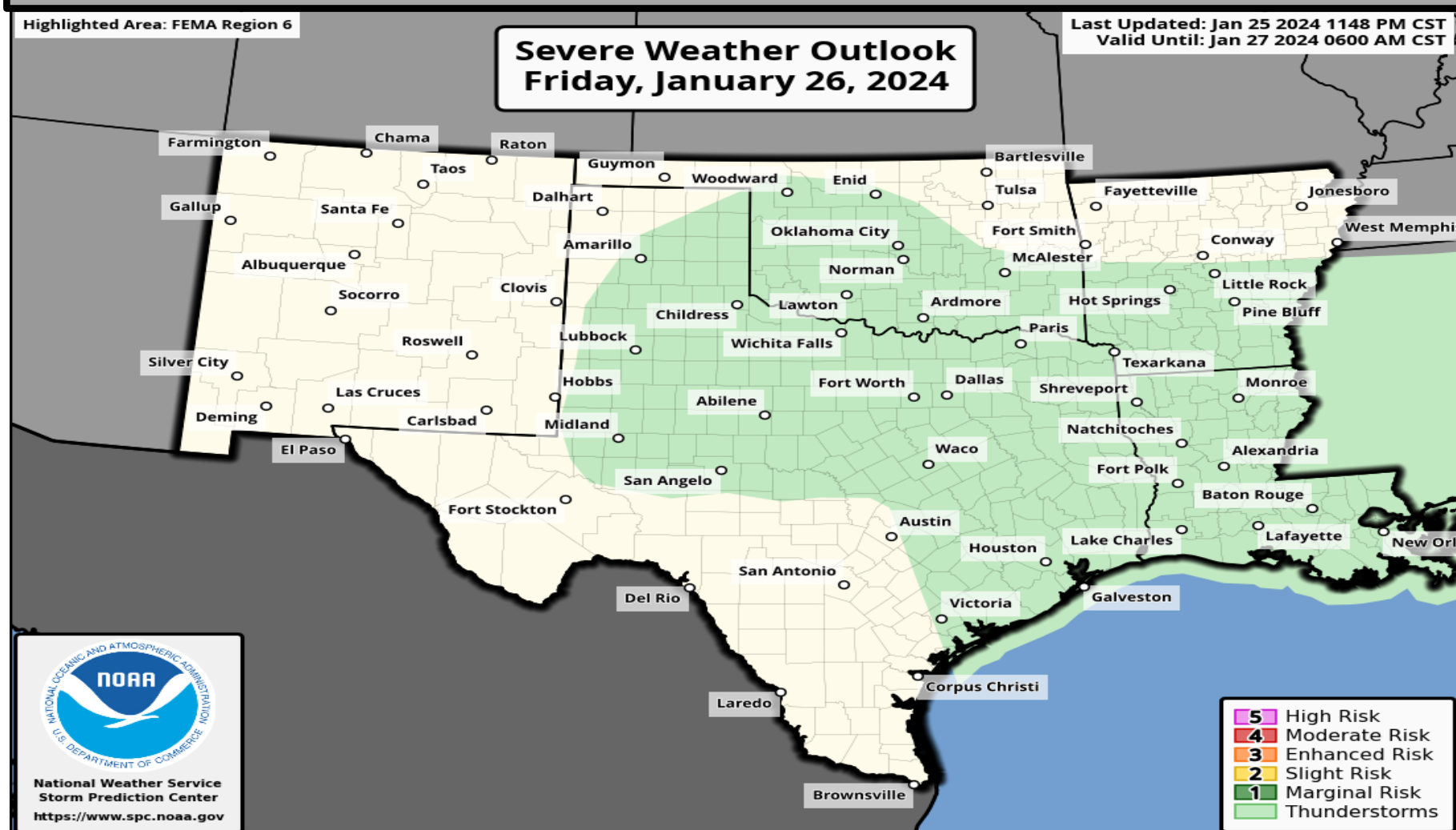


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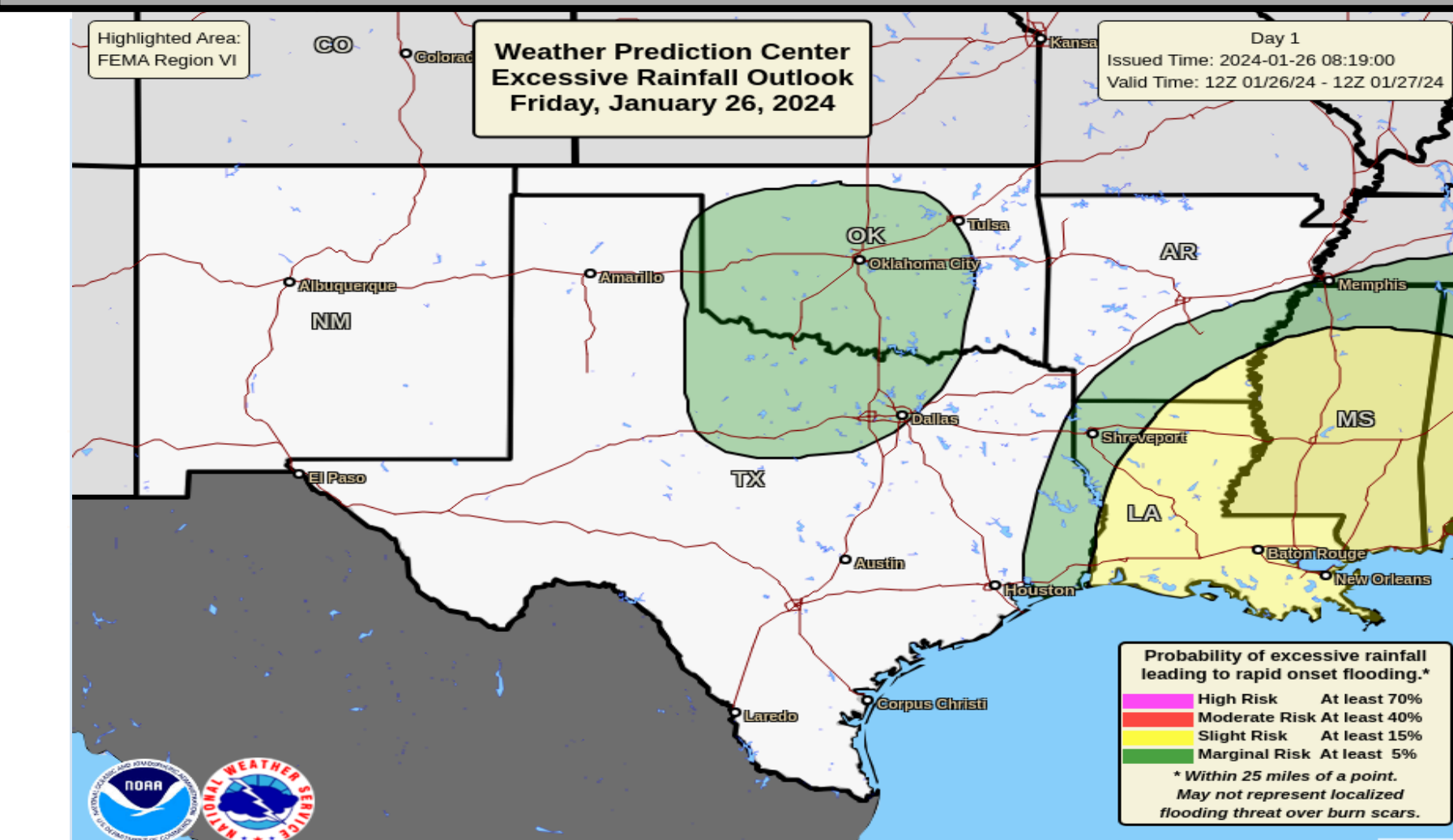


Heavy rain/flash flood threat continues for LA, SE AR.

Severe Weather Outlook

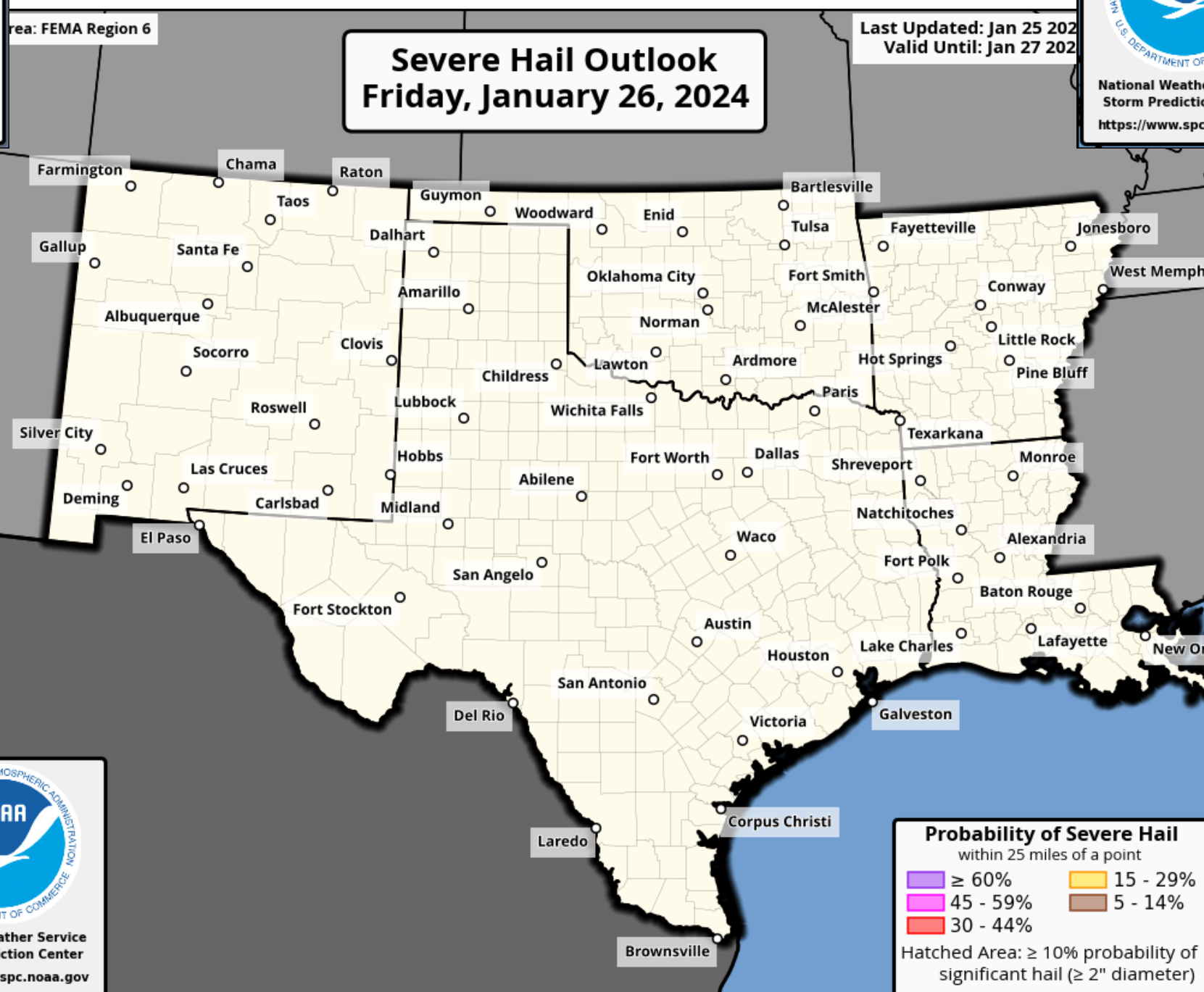
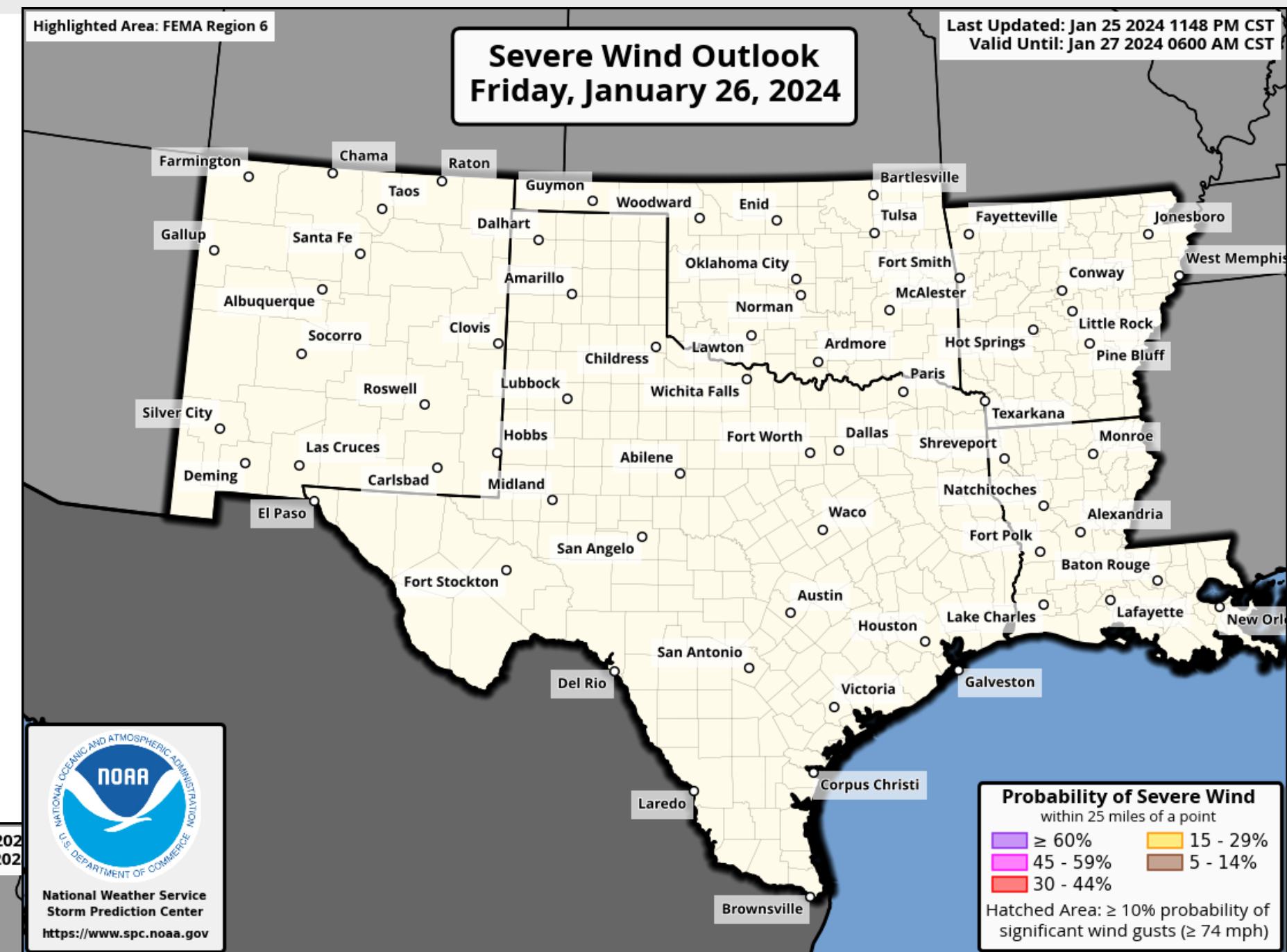
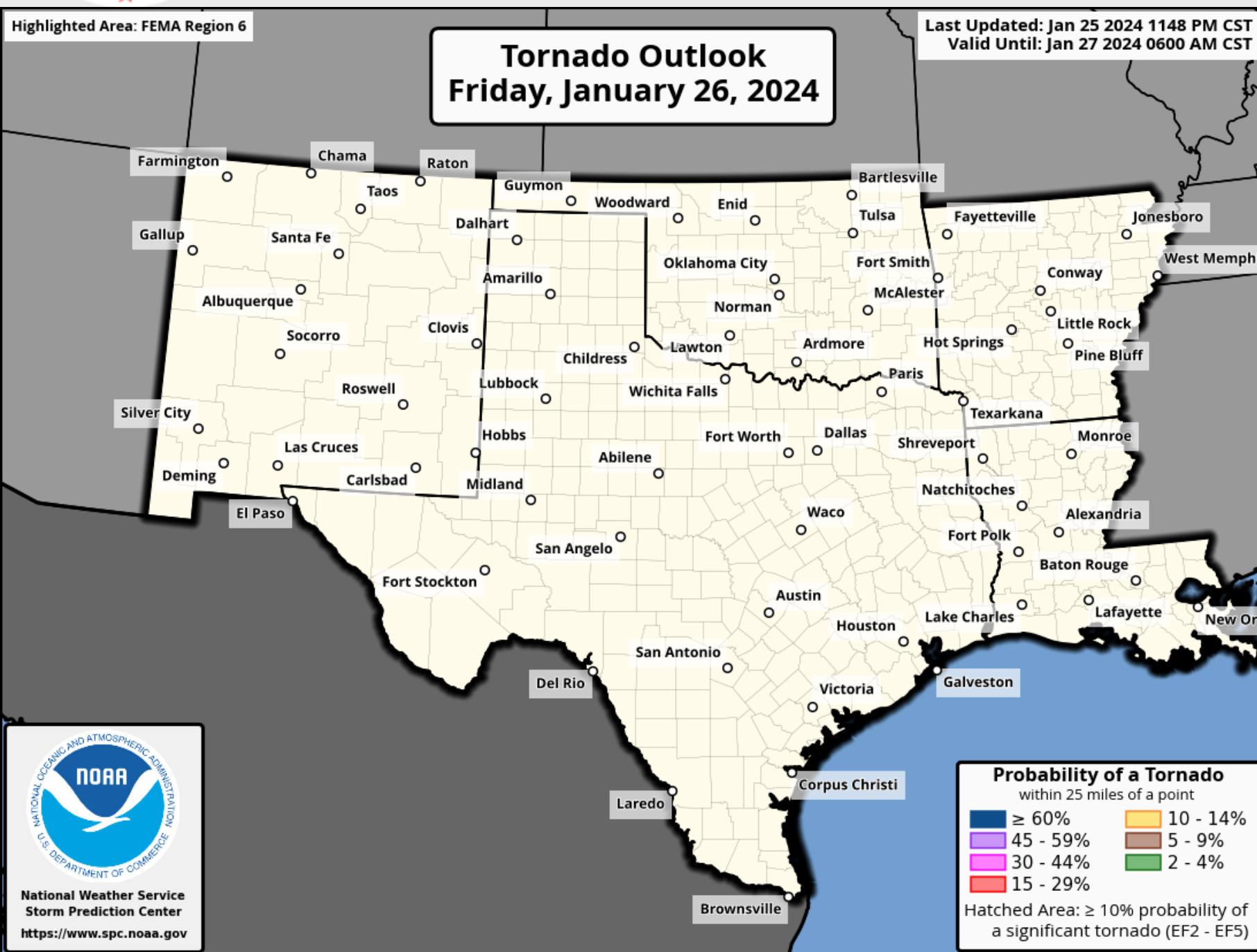


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

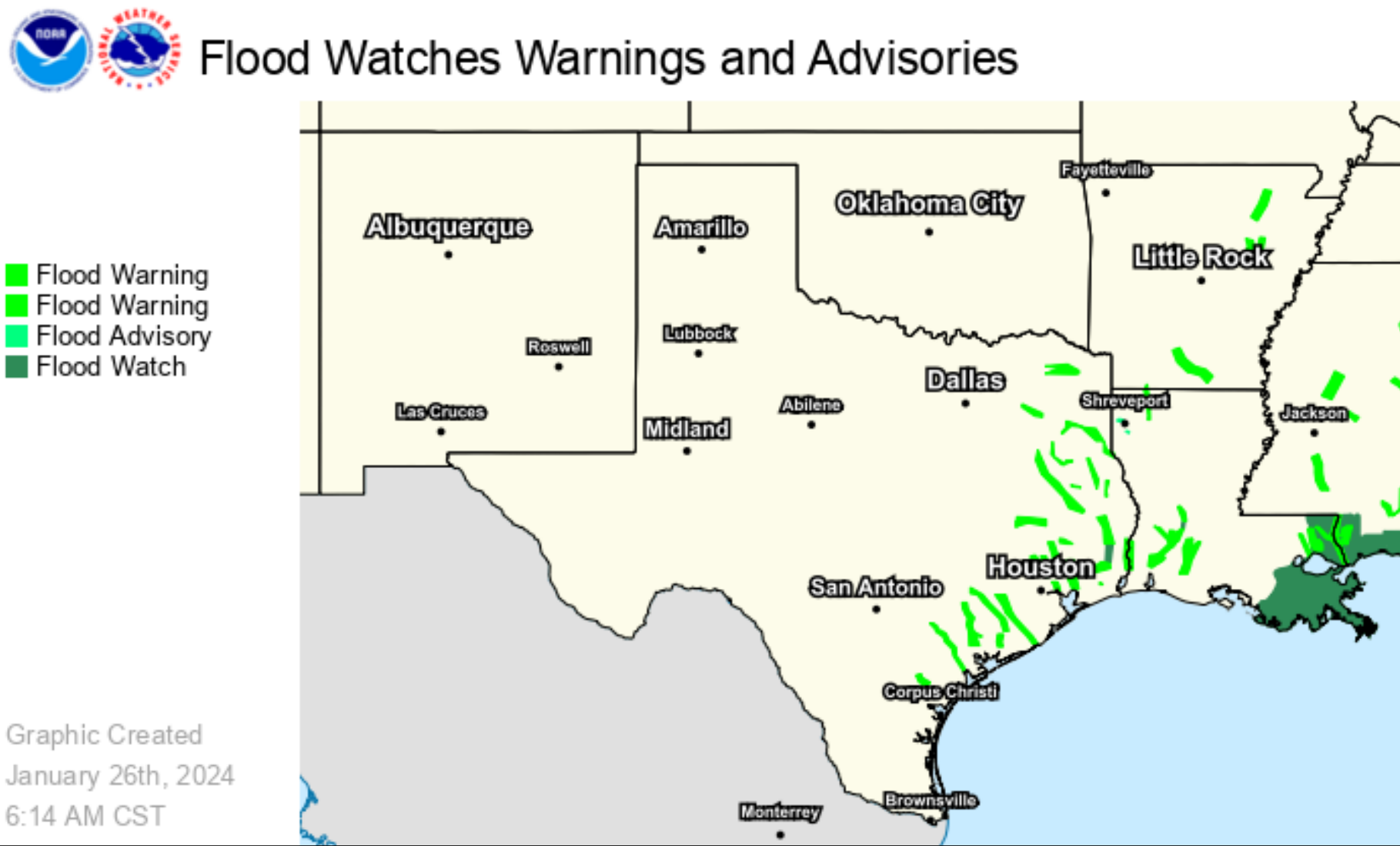
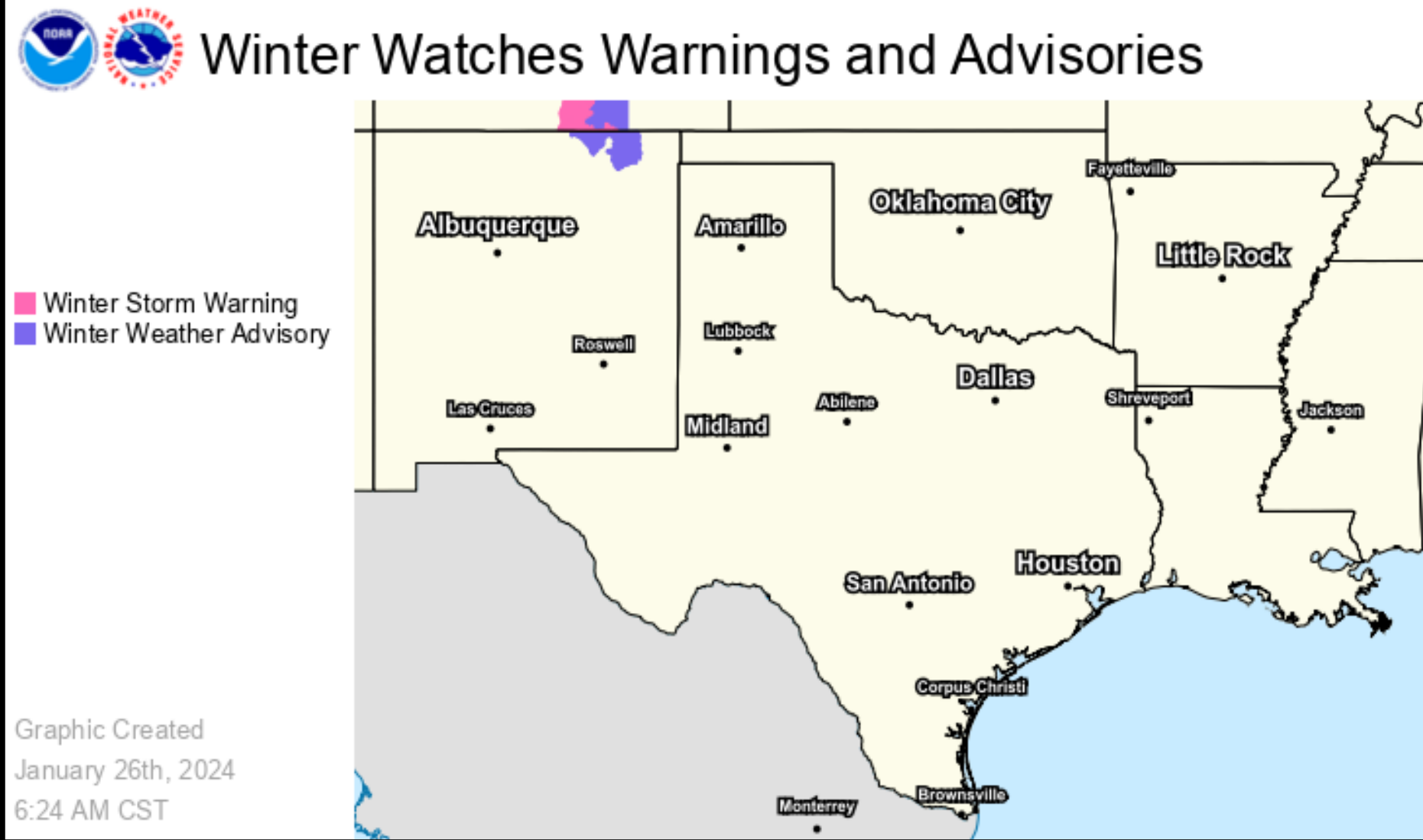
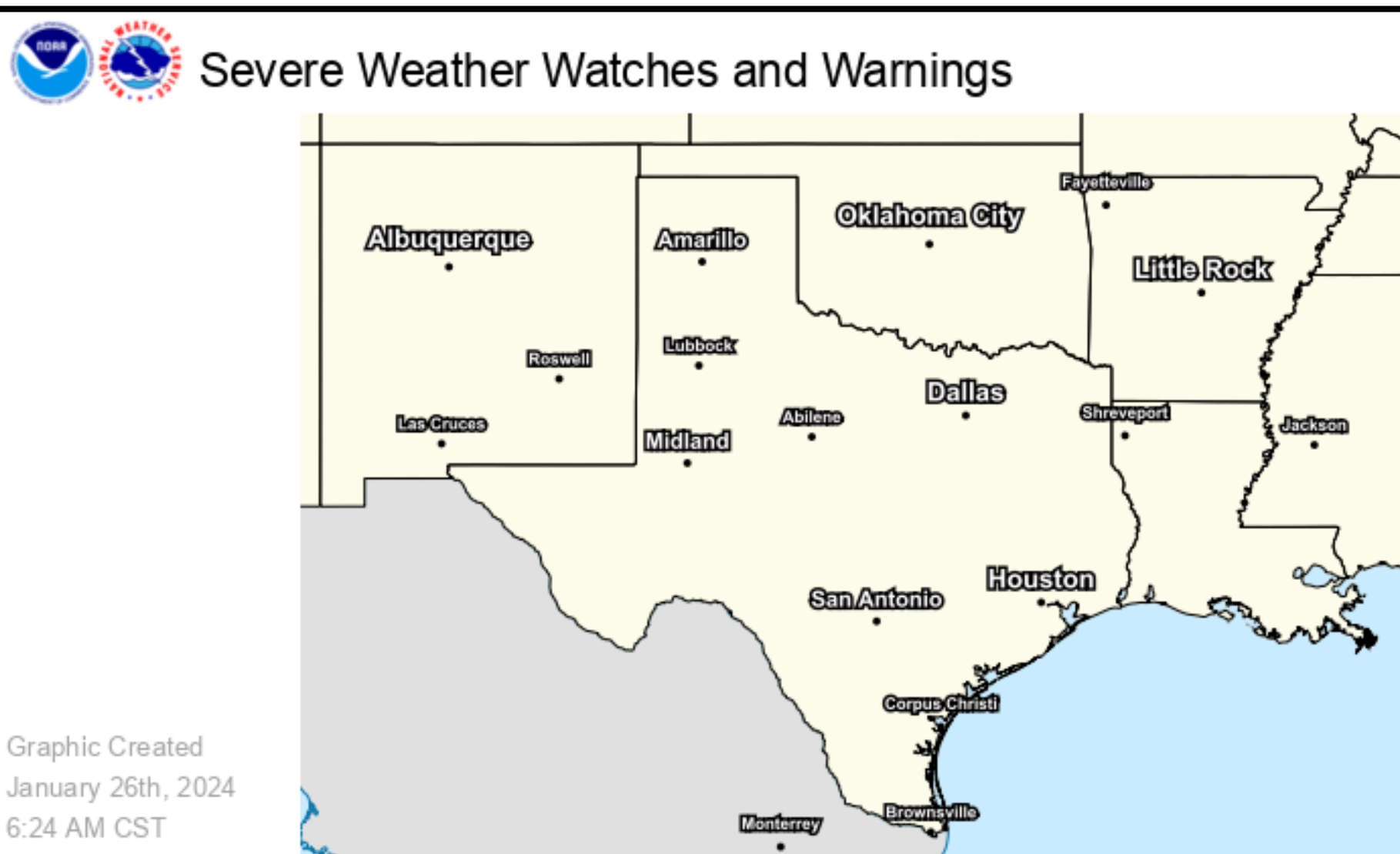
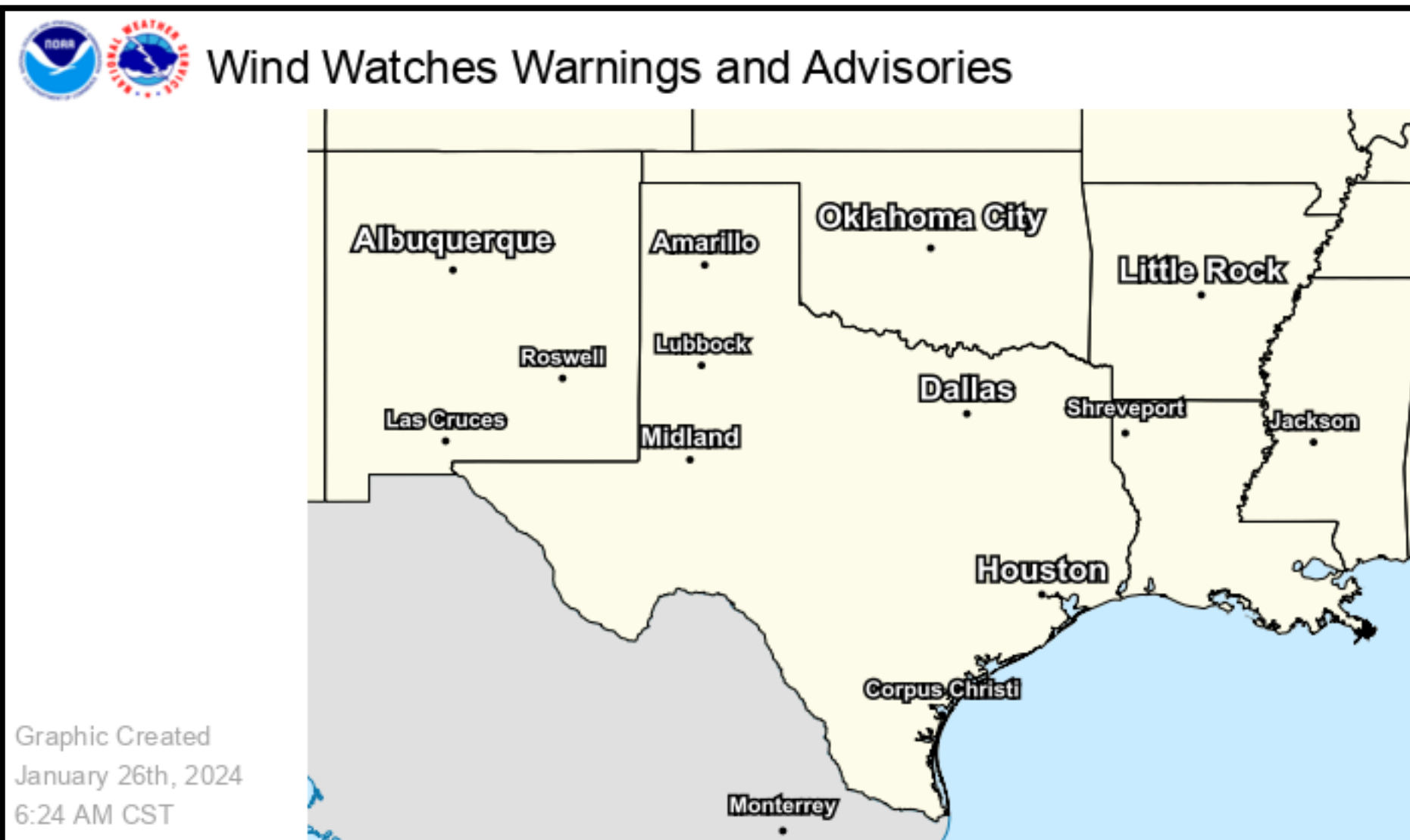




Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

Flood watch continues through this afternoon for SE LA.





Winter Weather

Friday - Sunday

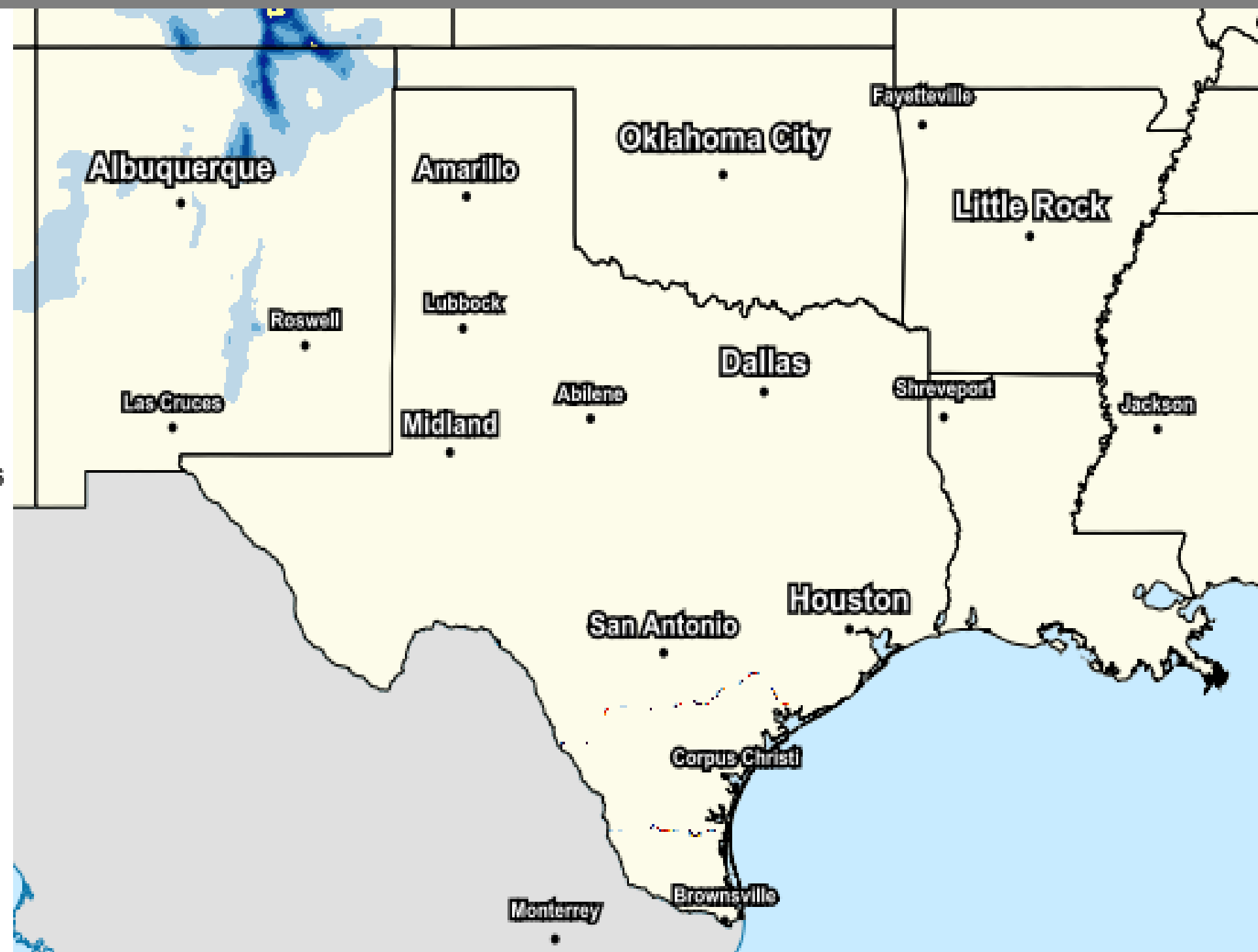
Forecast Snow Amounts



Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Monday January 29th, 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 26th, 2024
6:21 AM CST

Forecast Ice Amounts



Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Monday January 29th, 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

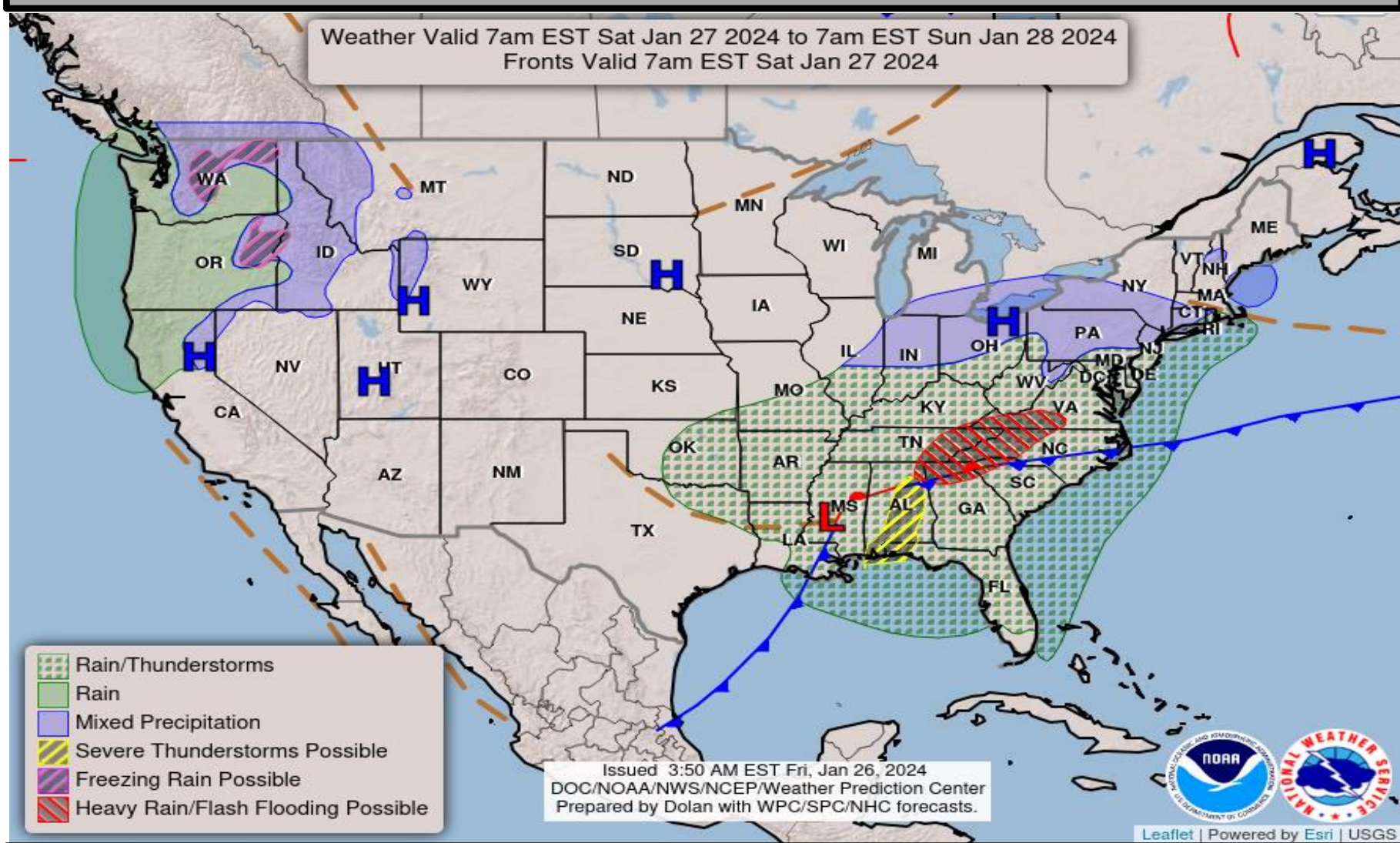


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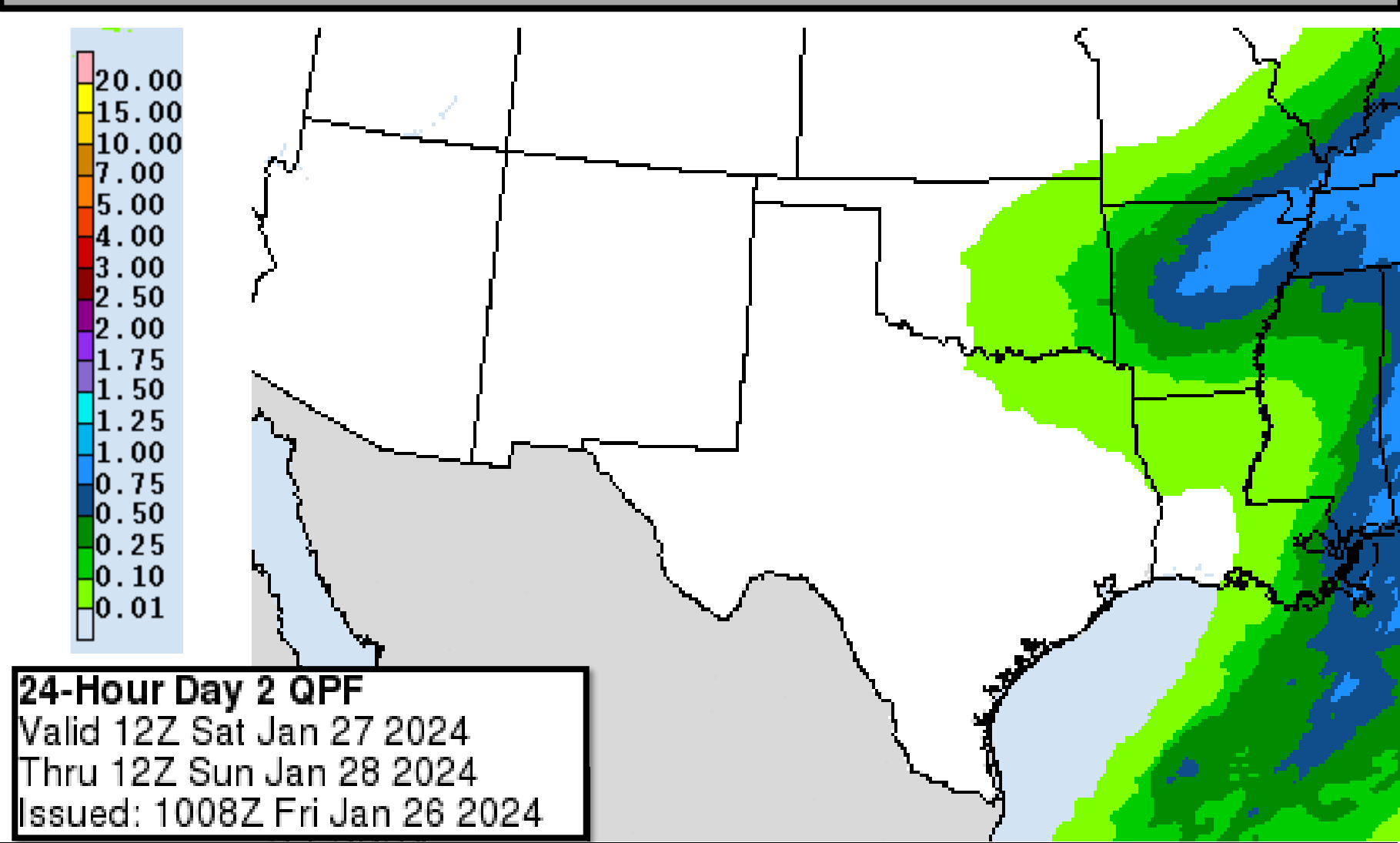


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

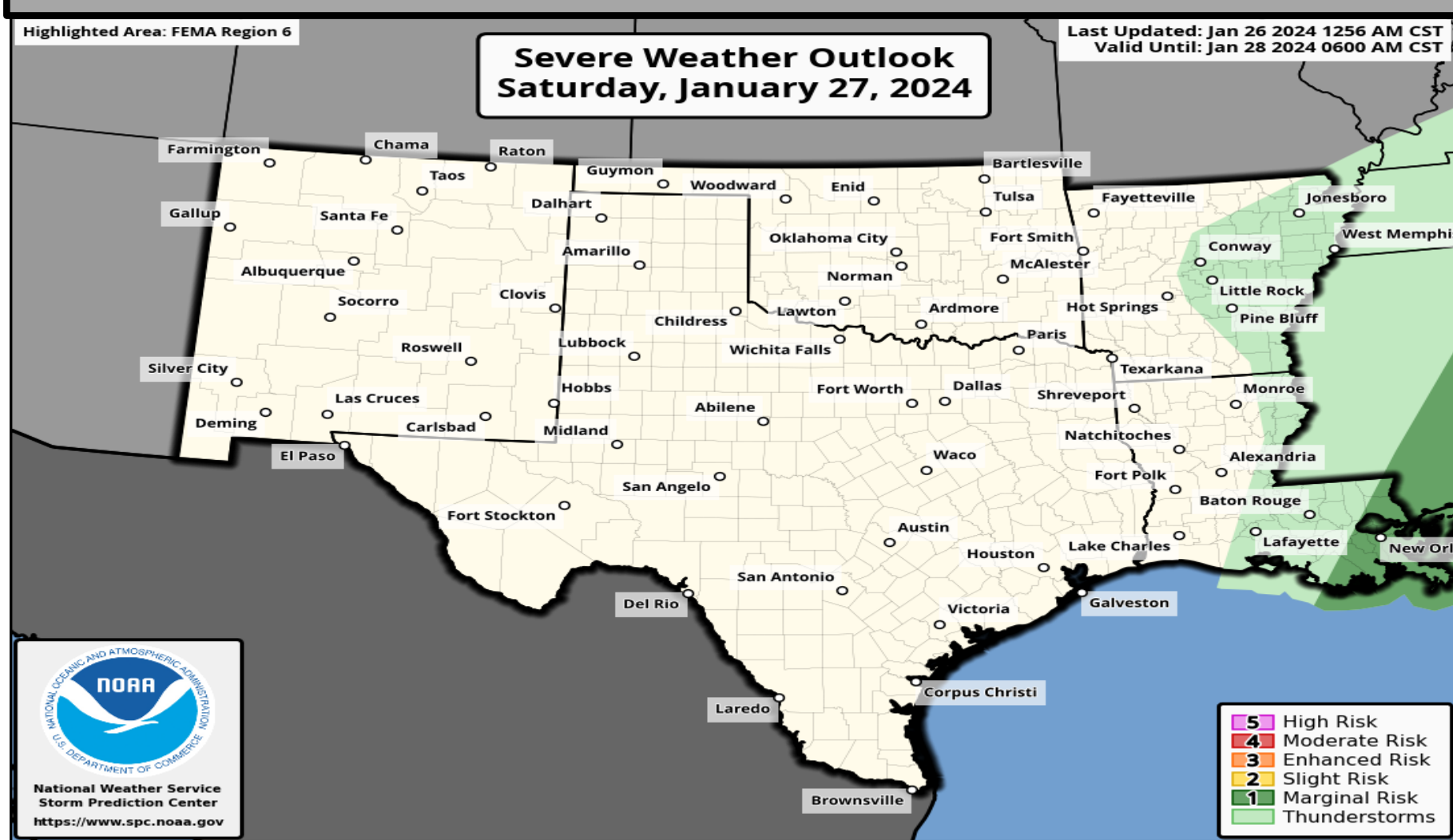


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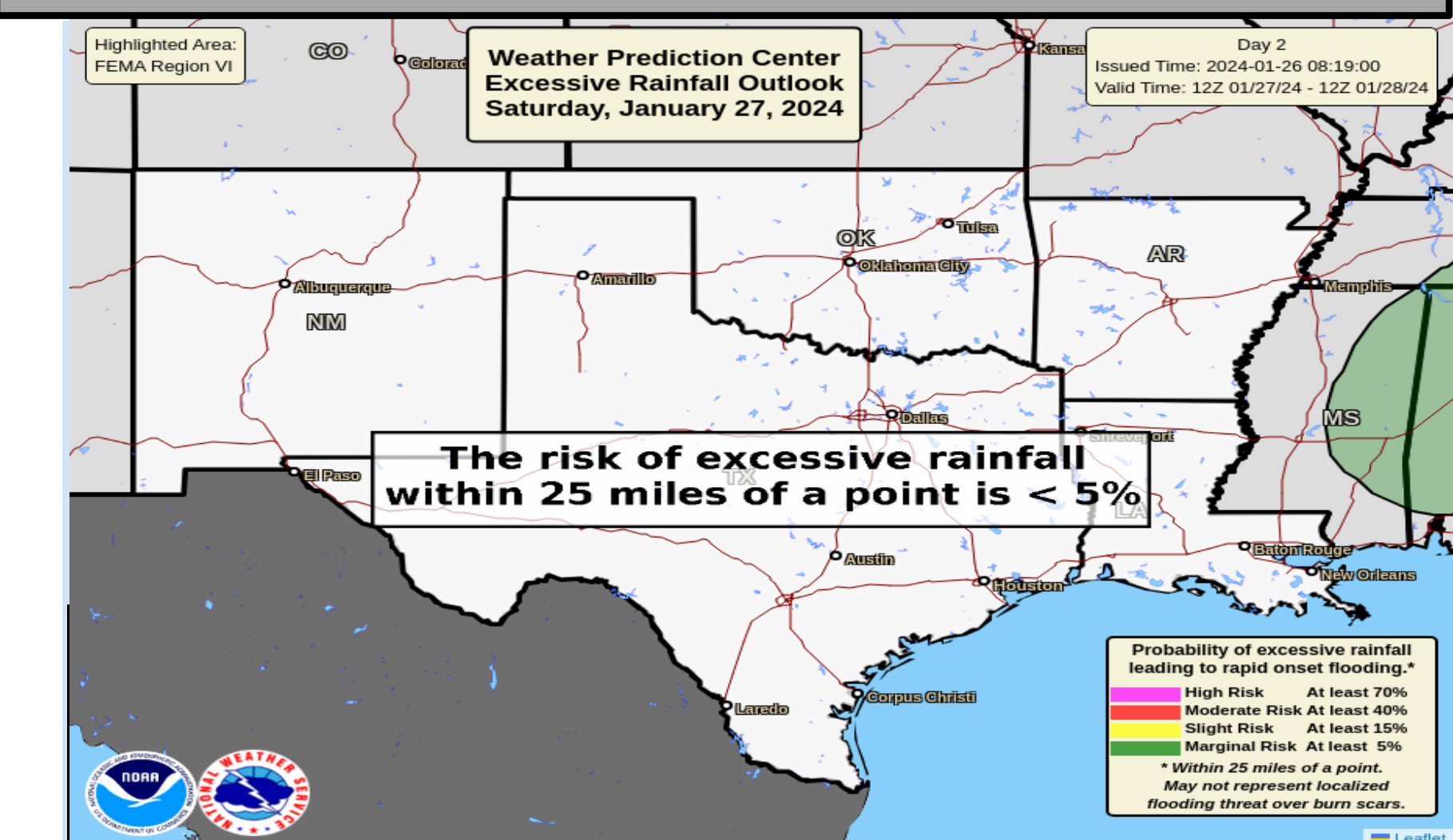


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Severe Weather Outlook

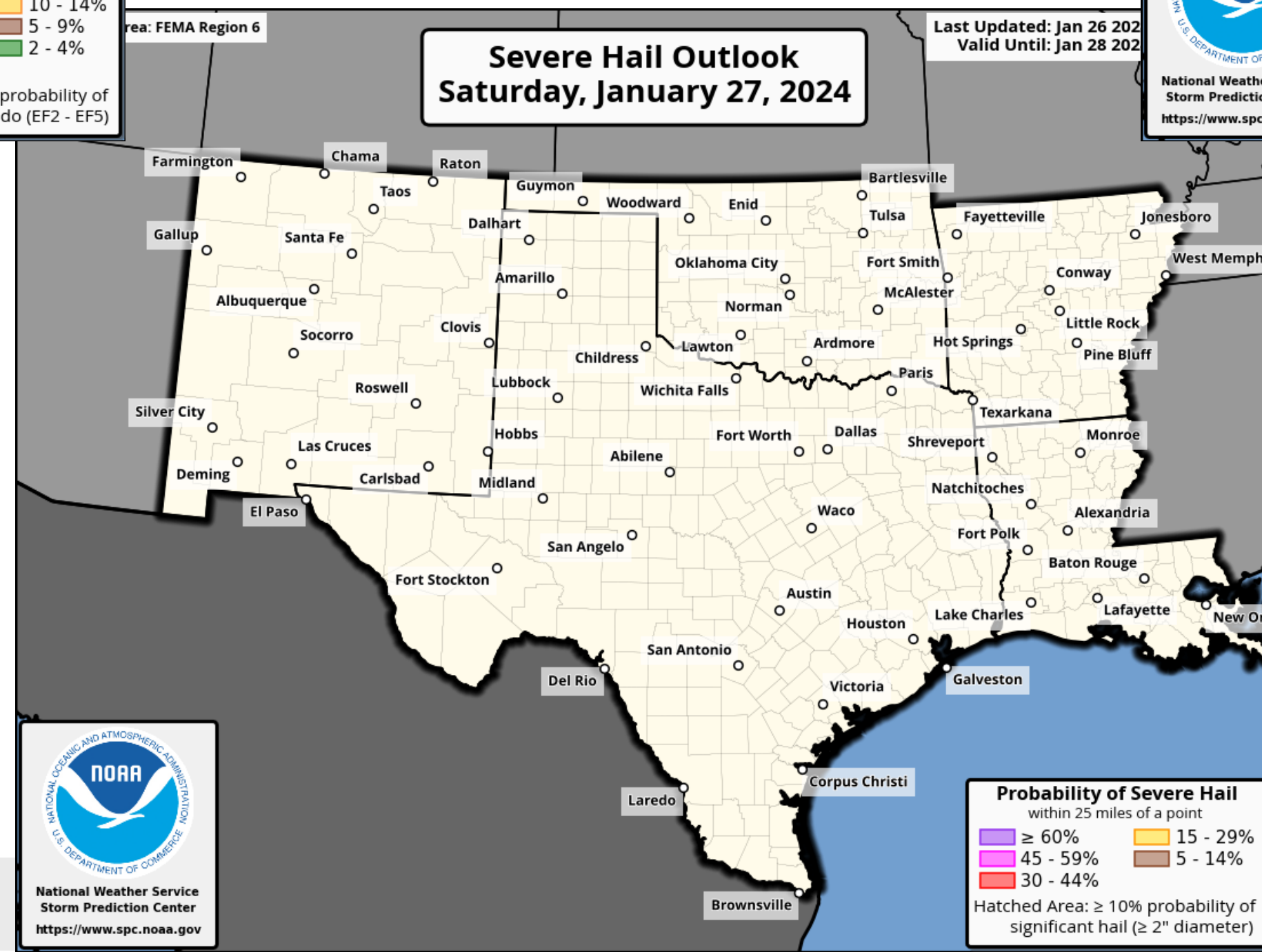
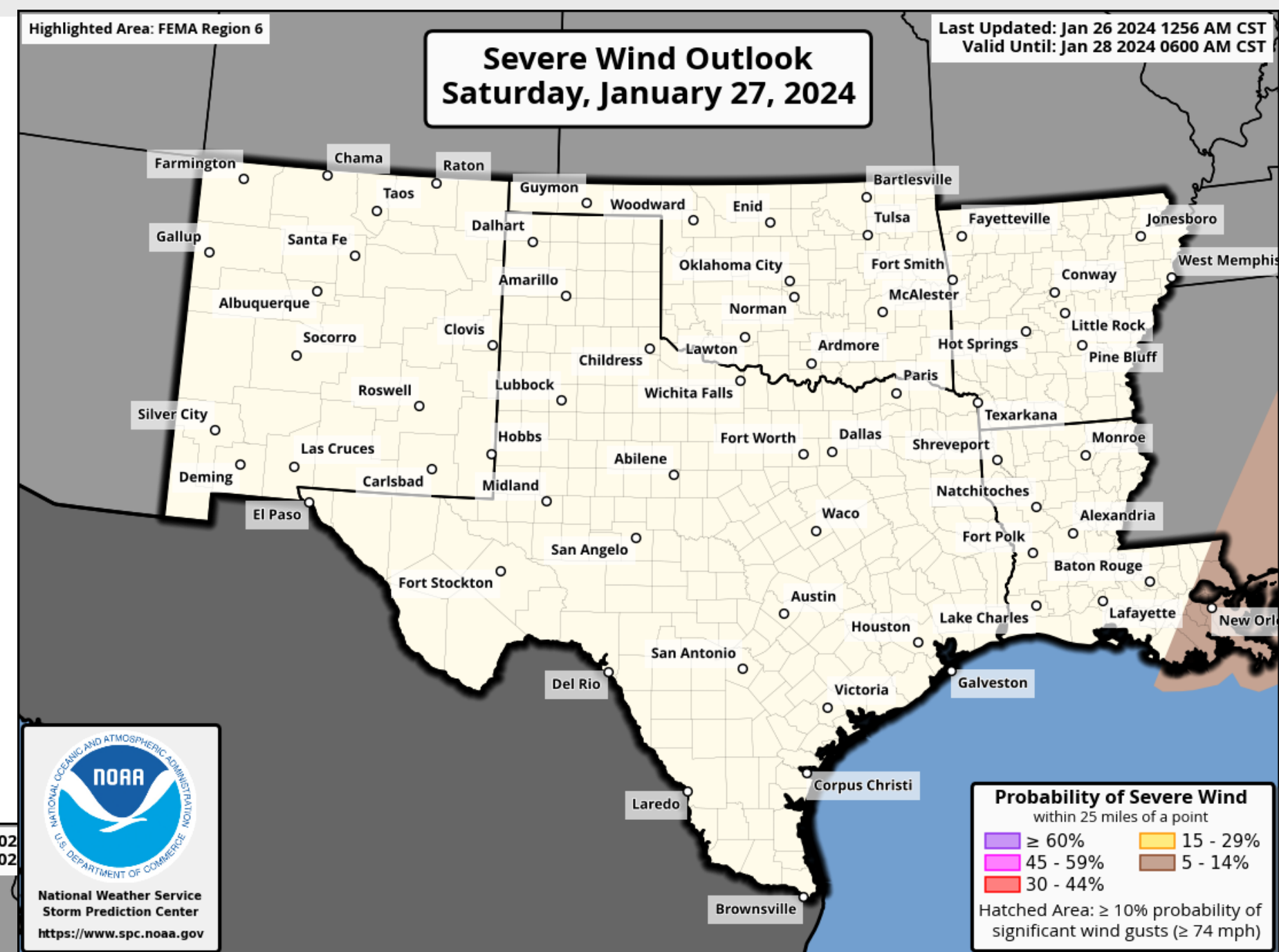
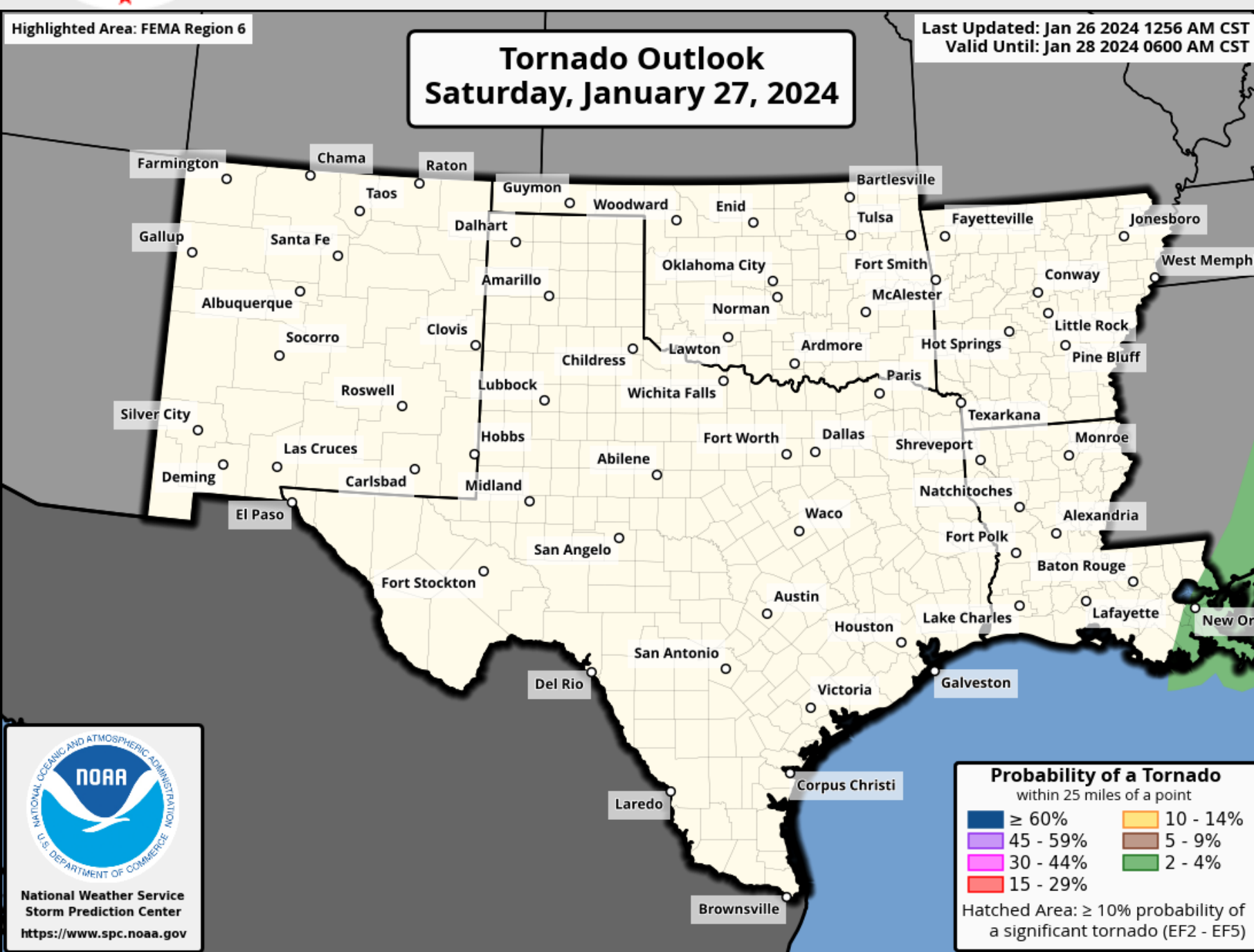


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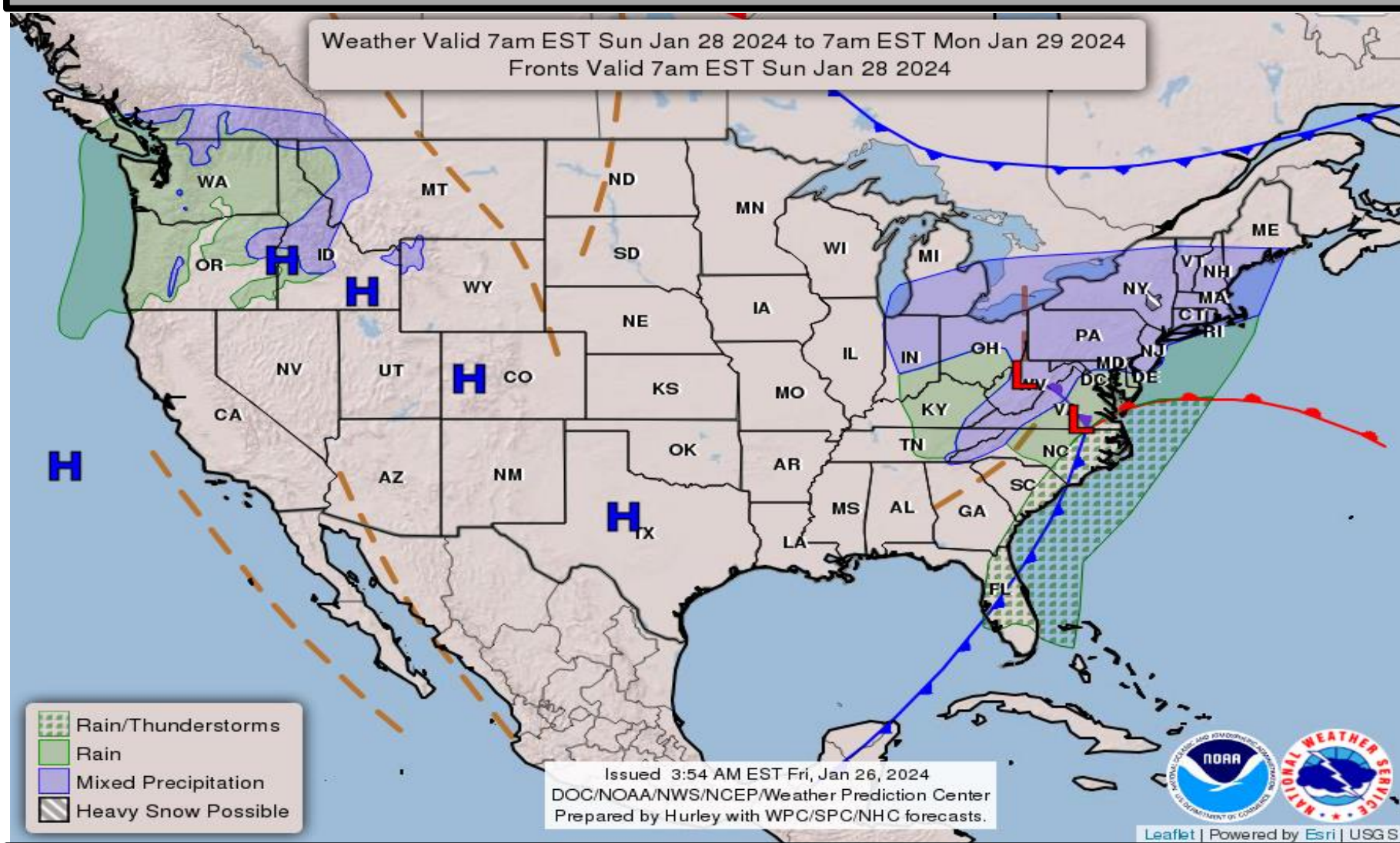
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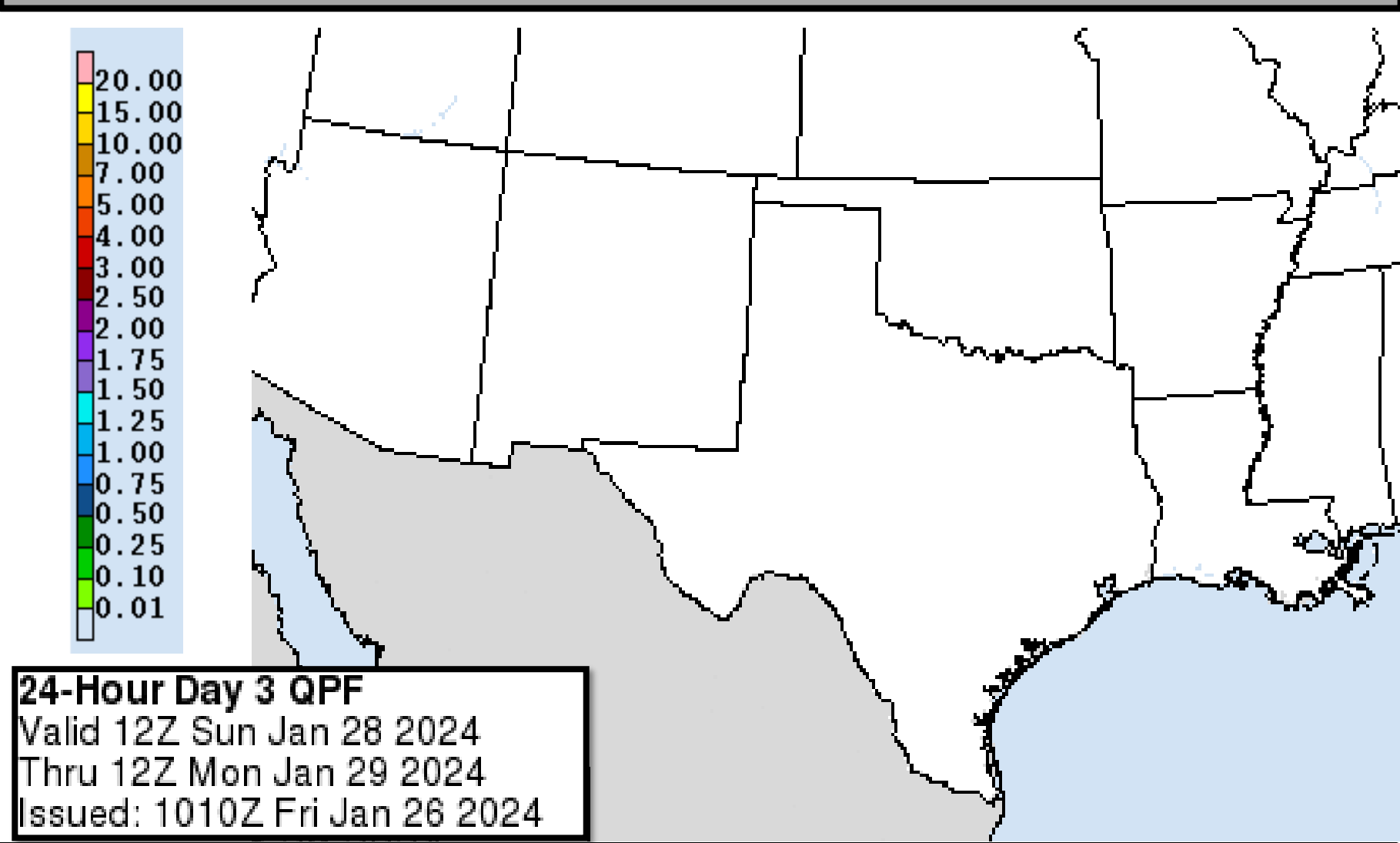


Sunday's Weather

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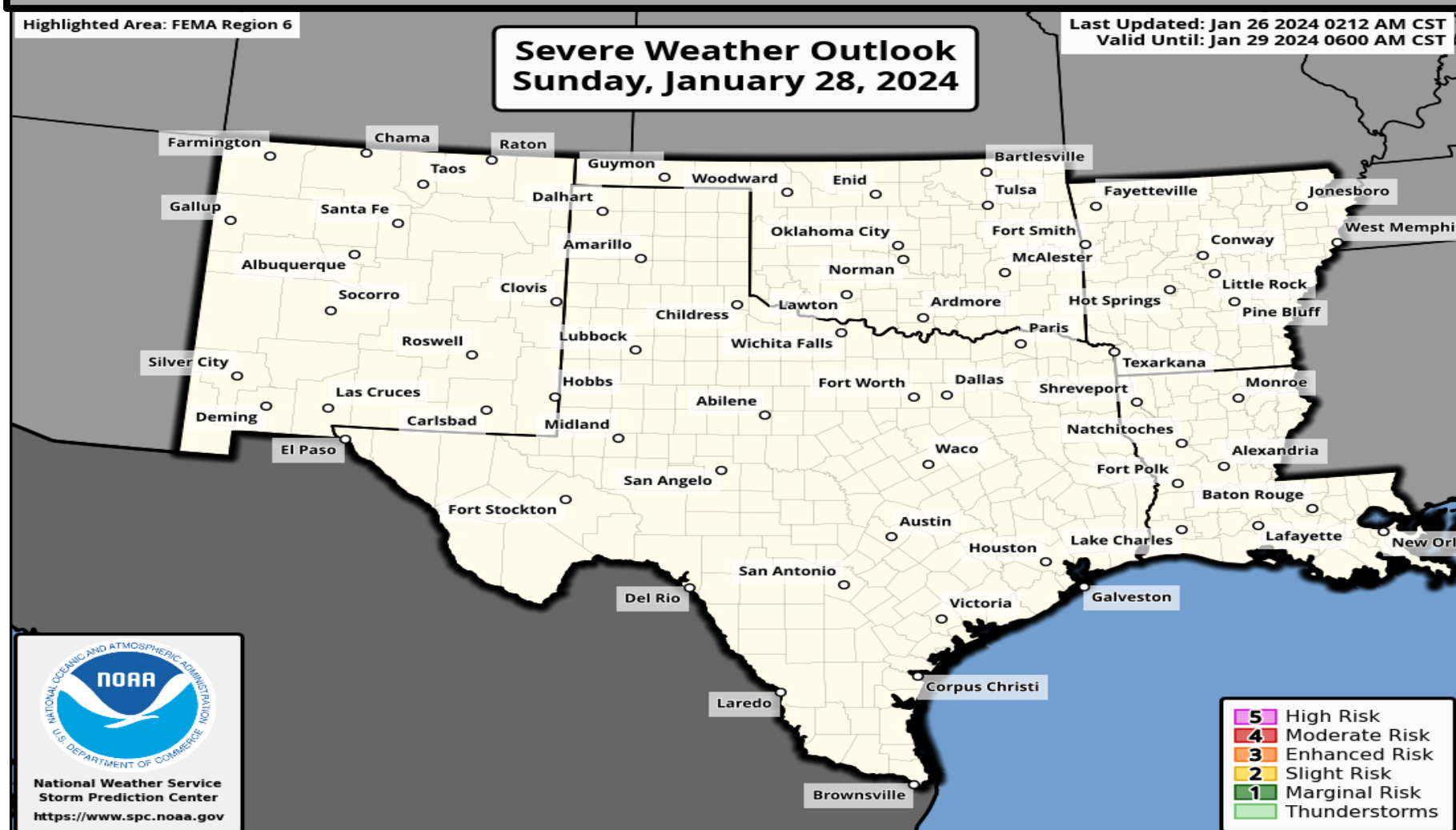


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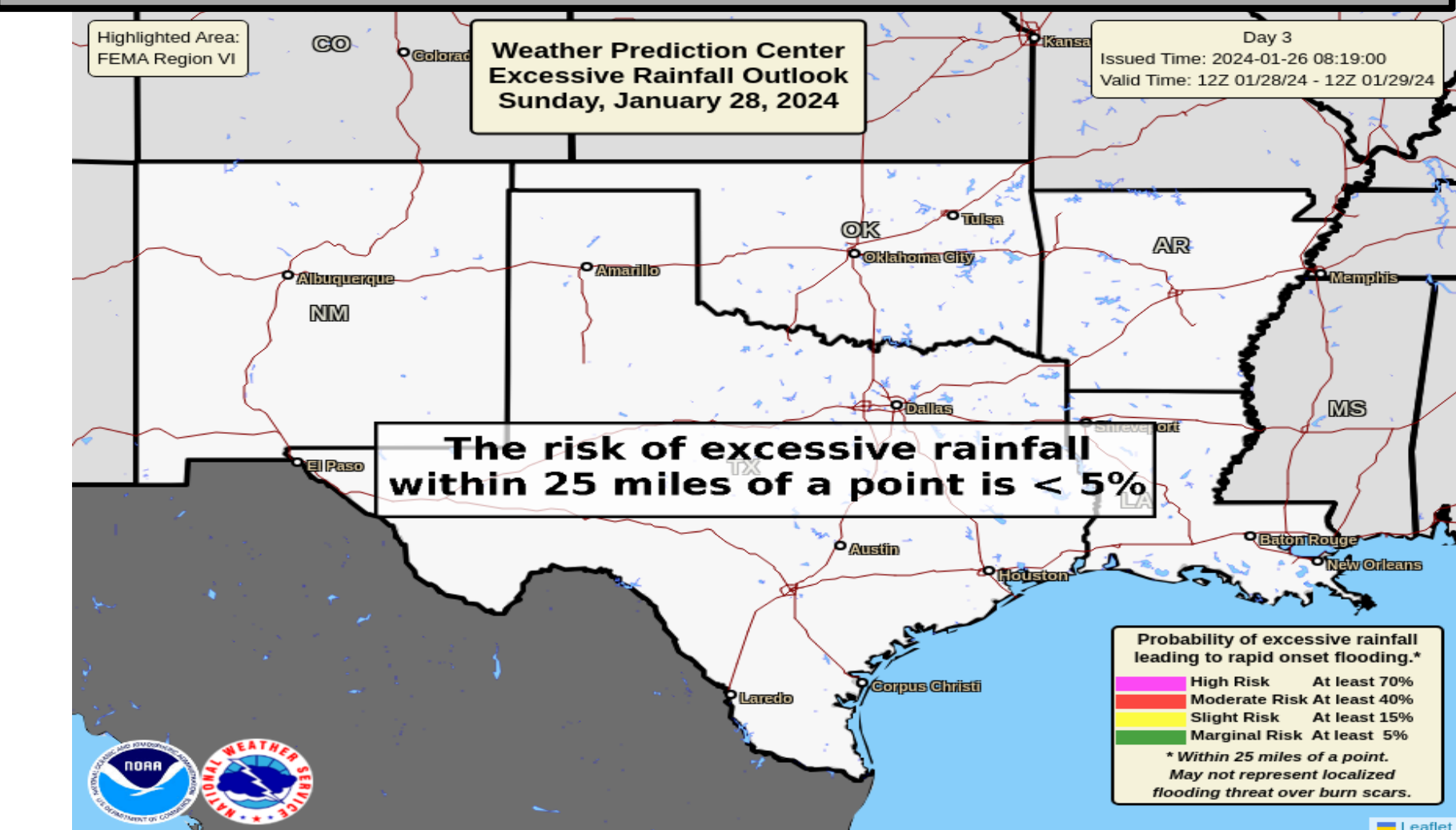


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



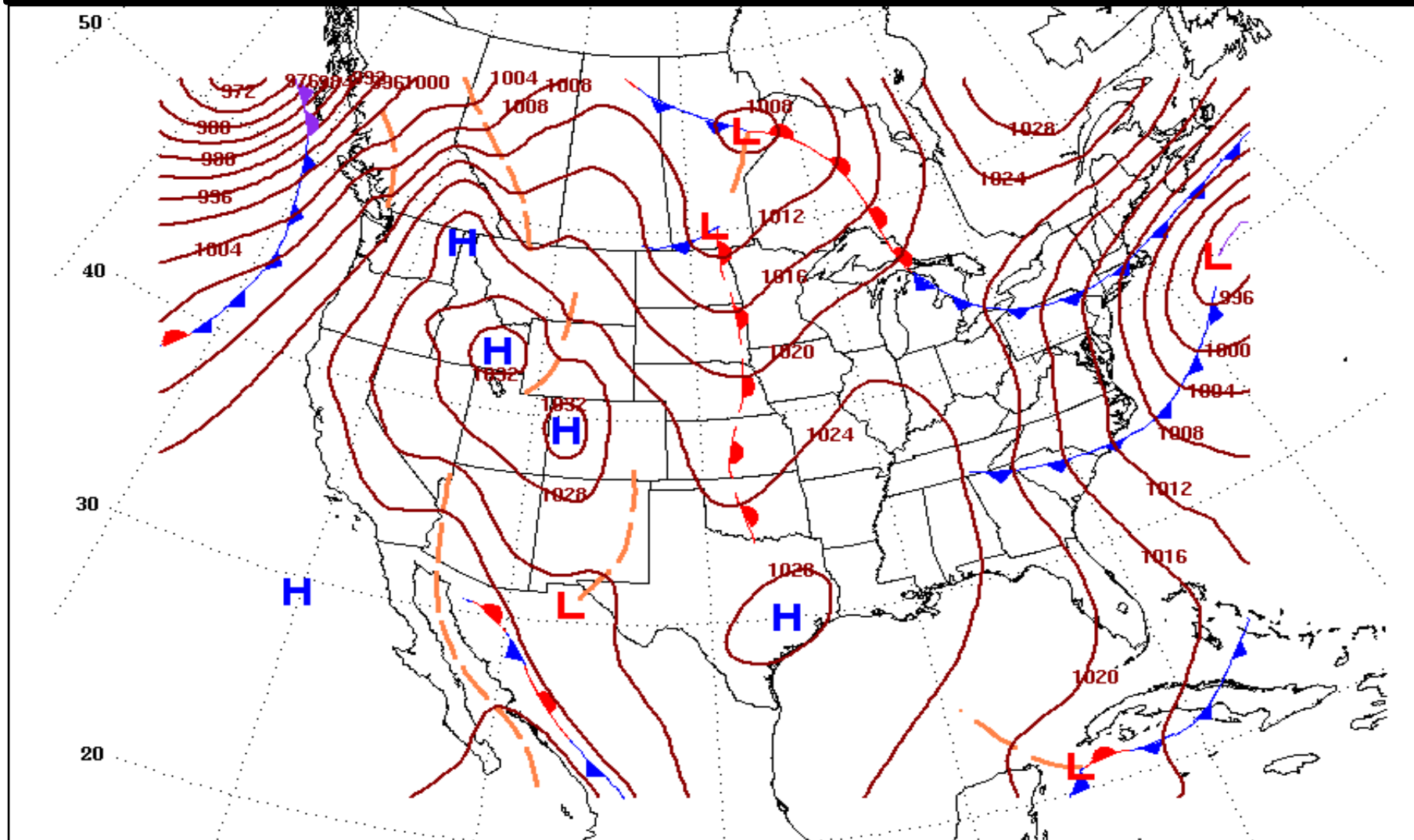
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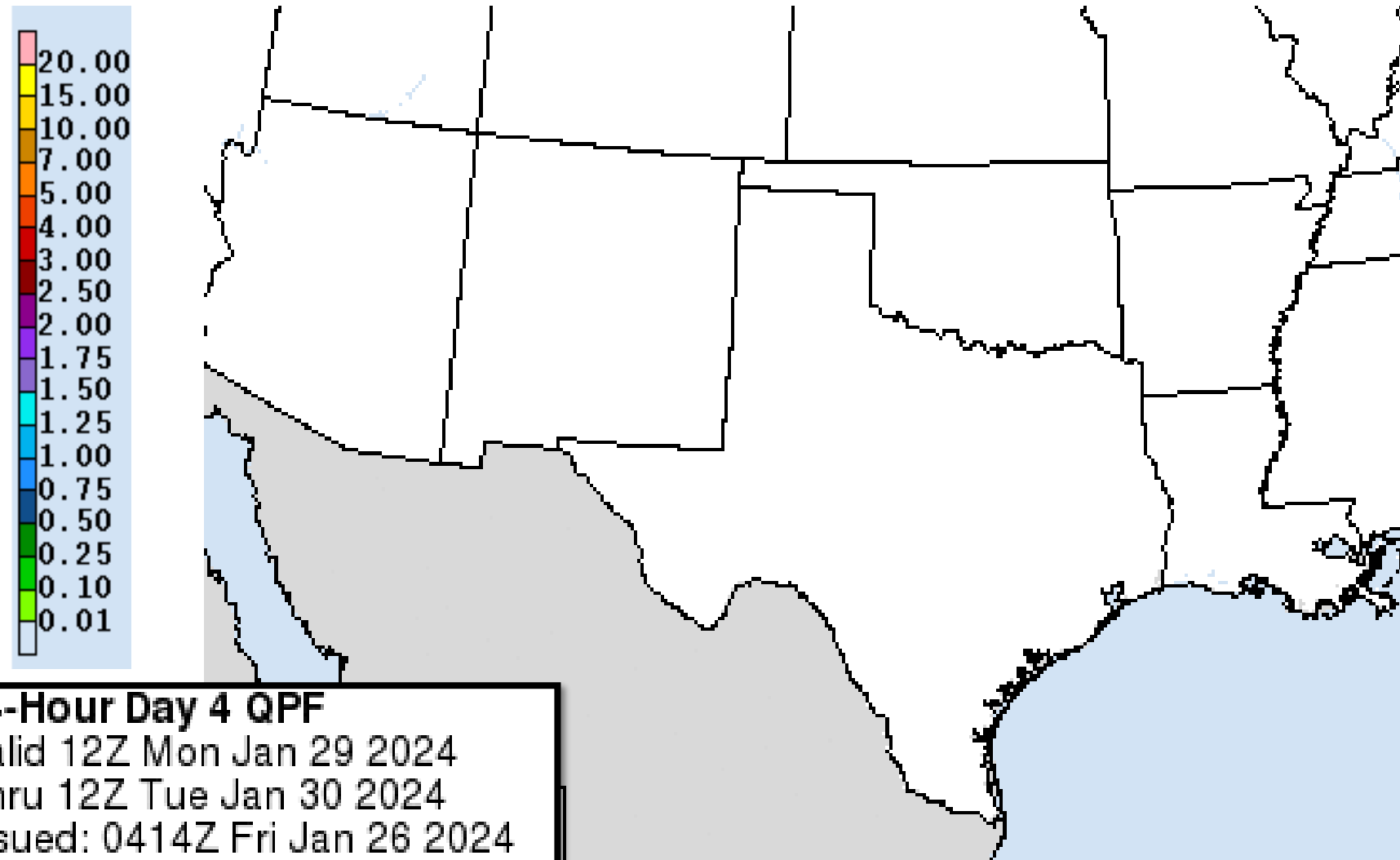


Monday's Weather

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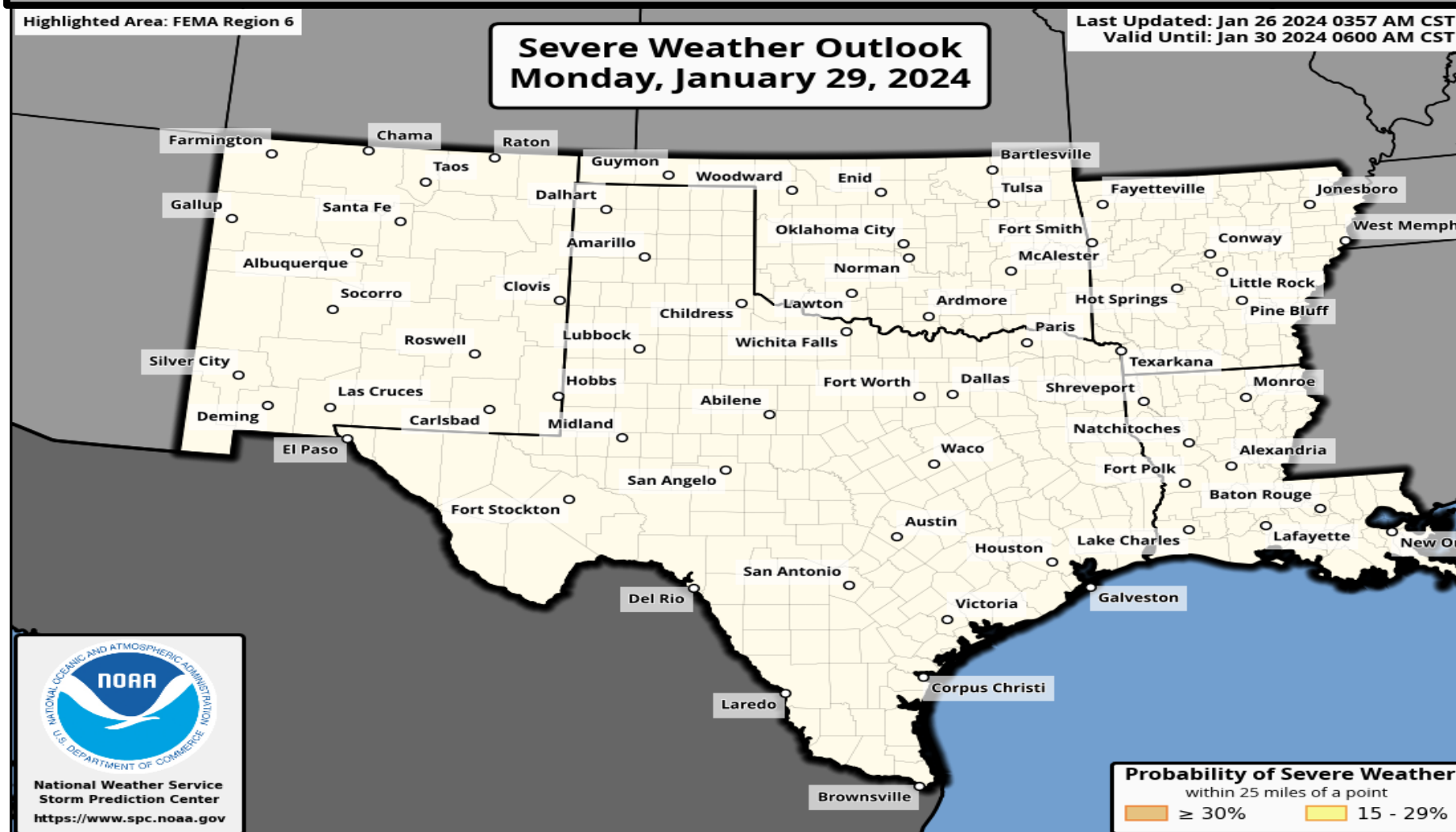


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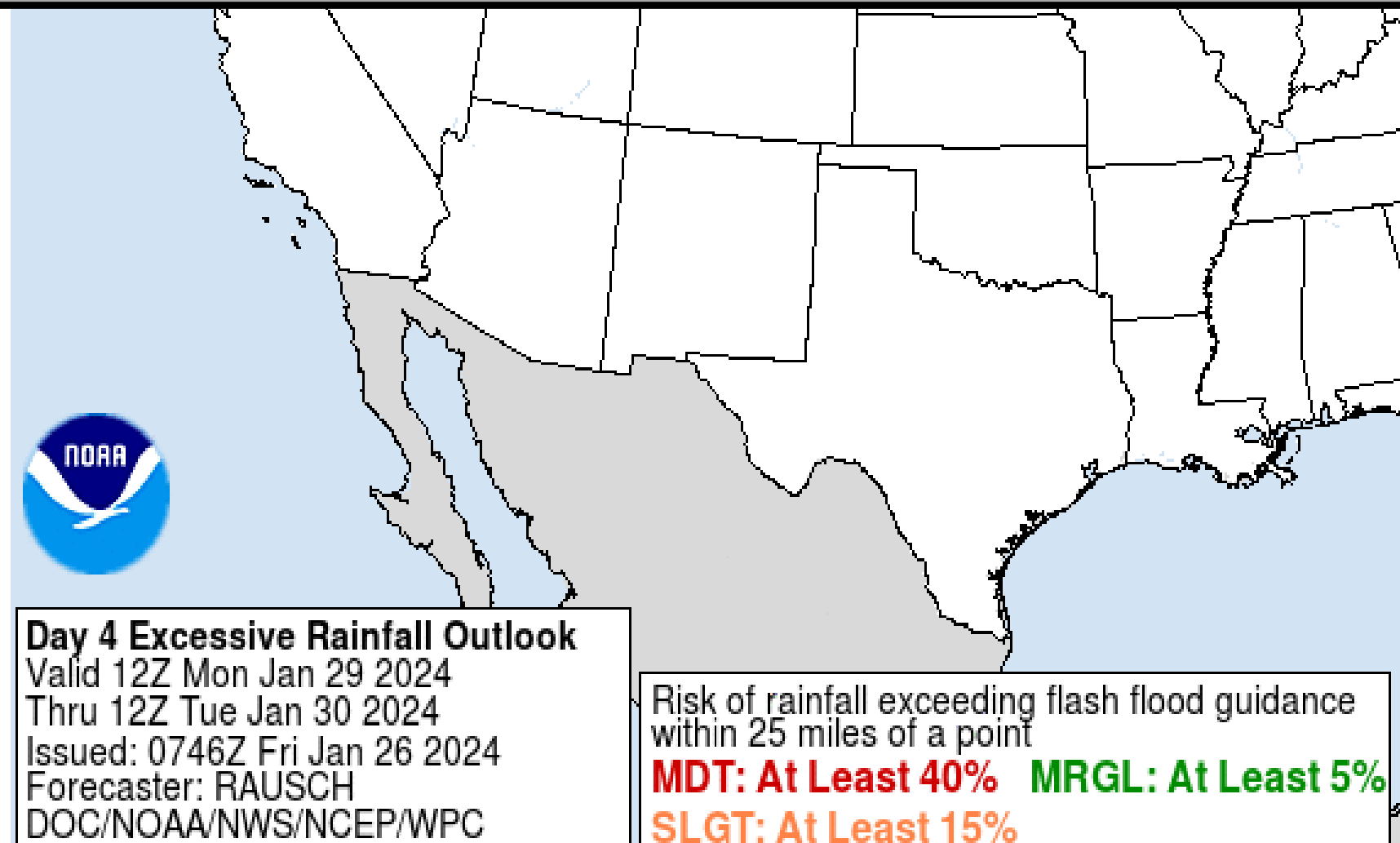


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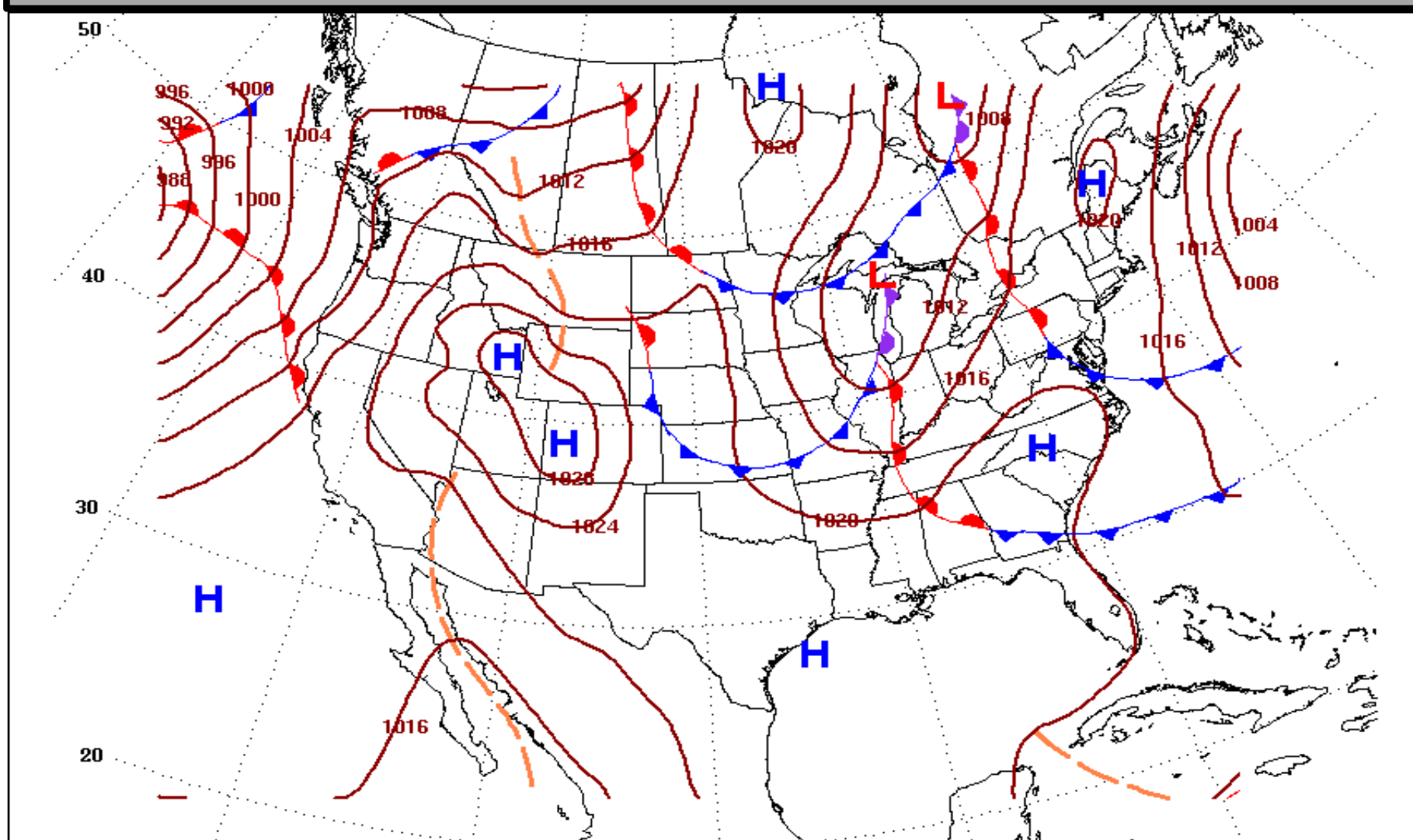
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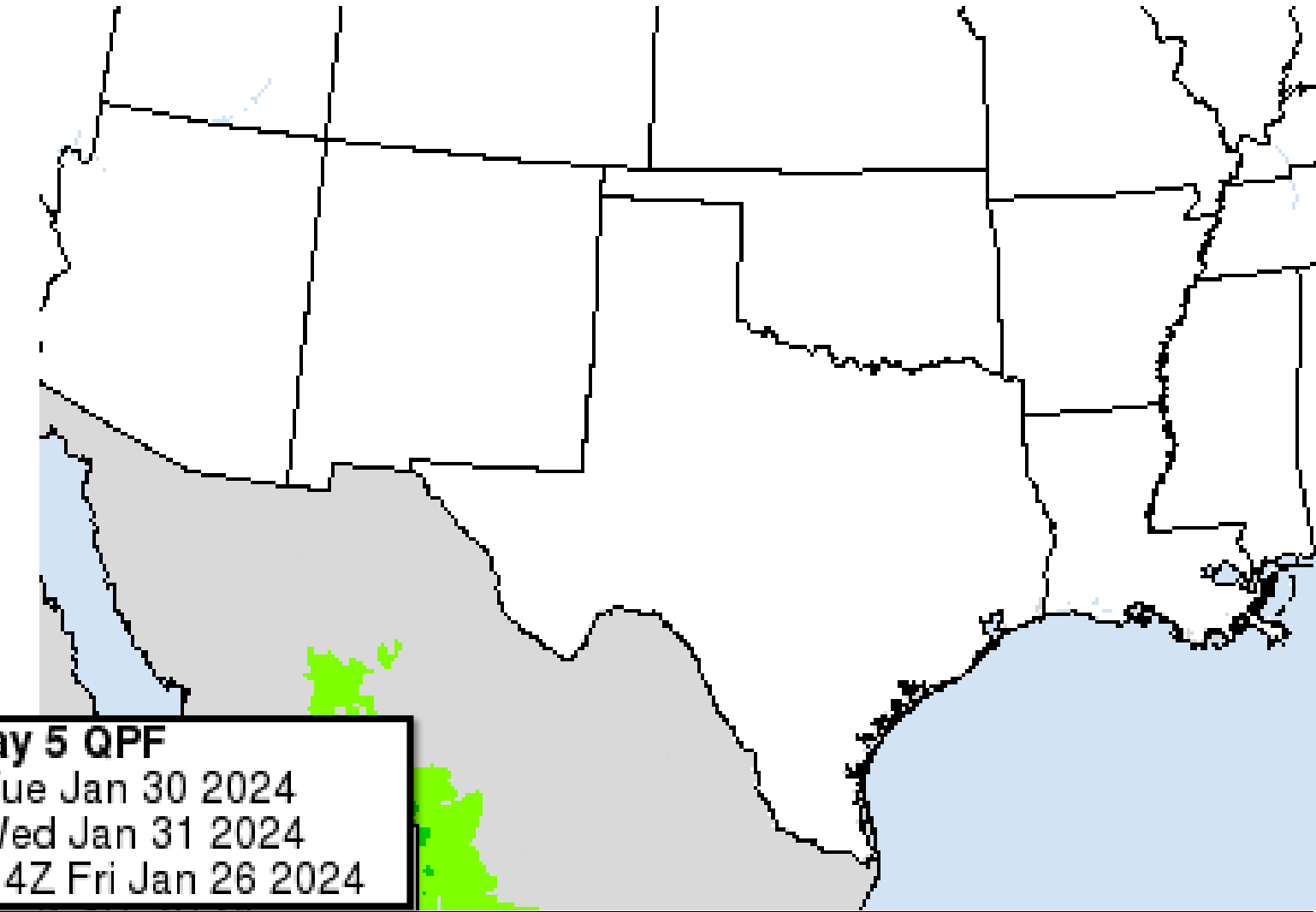
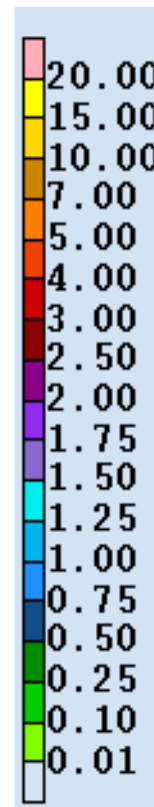


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



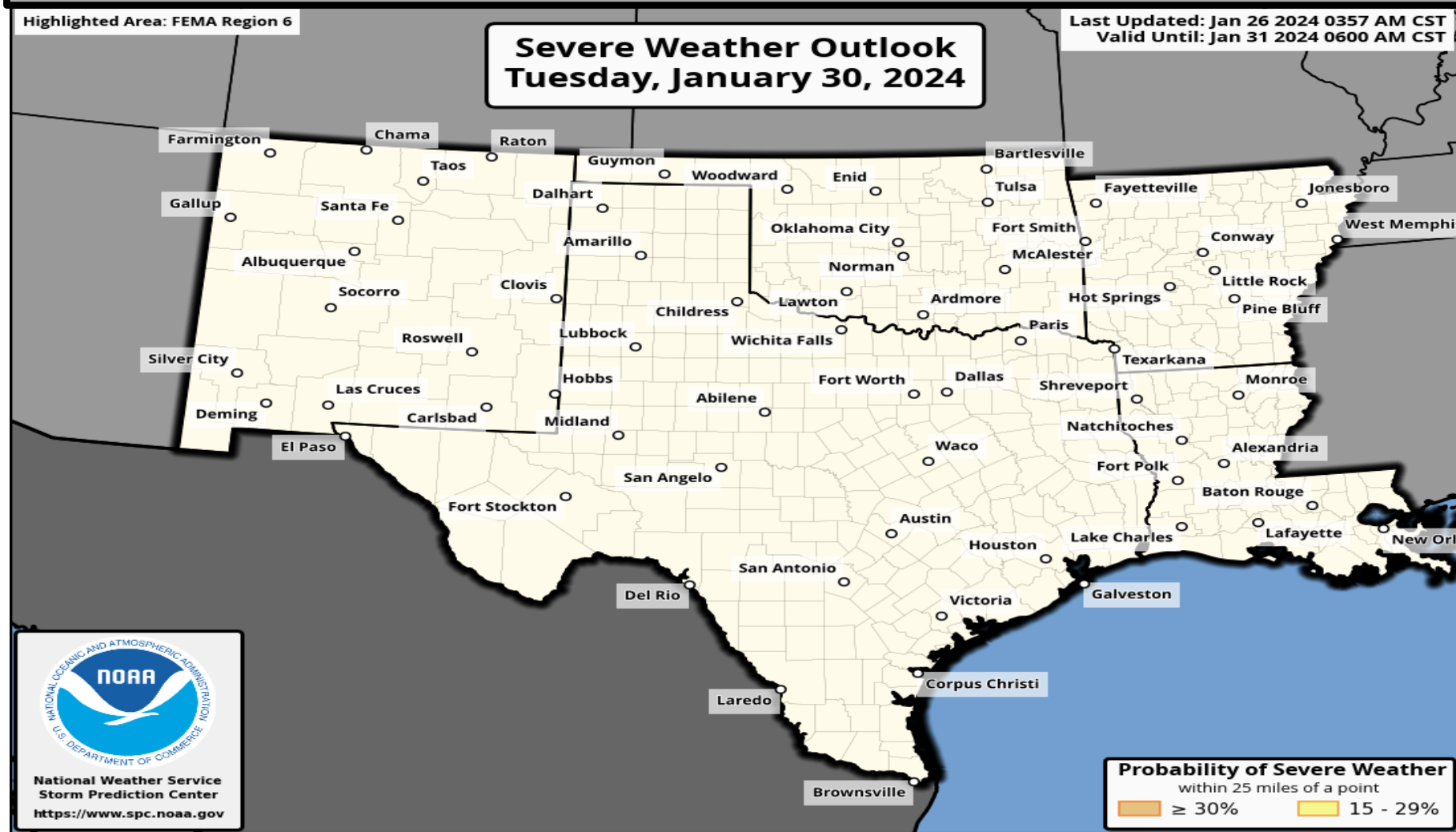
Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

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Thru 12Z Wed Jan 31 2024
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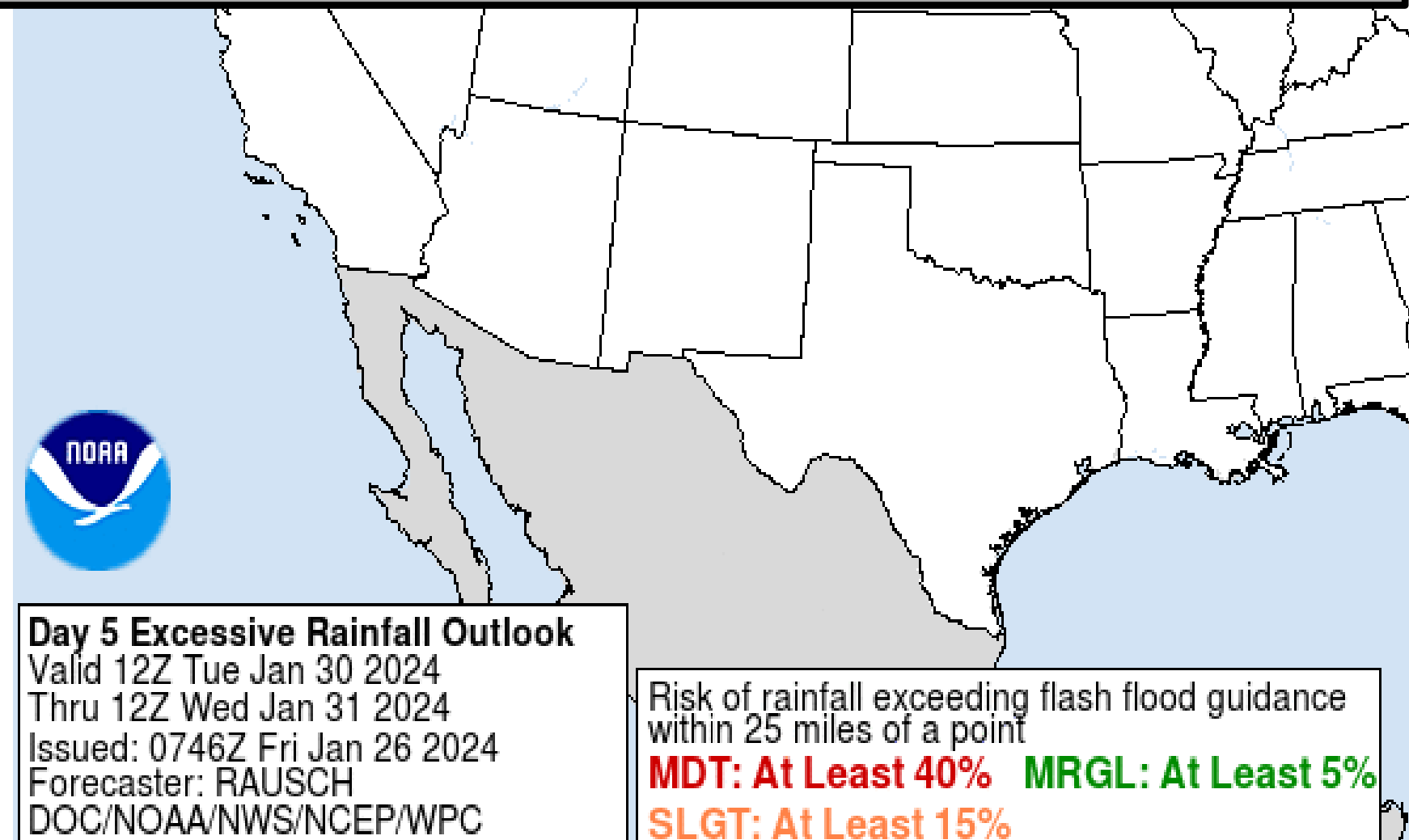
Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Last Updated: Jan 26 2024 0357 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 31 2024 0600 AM CST



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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



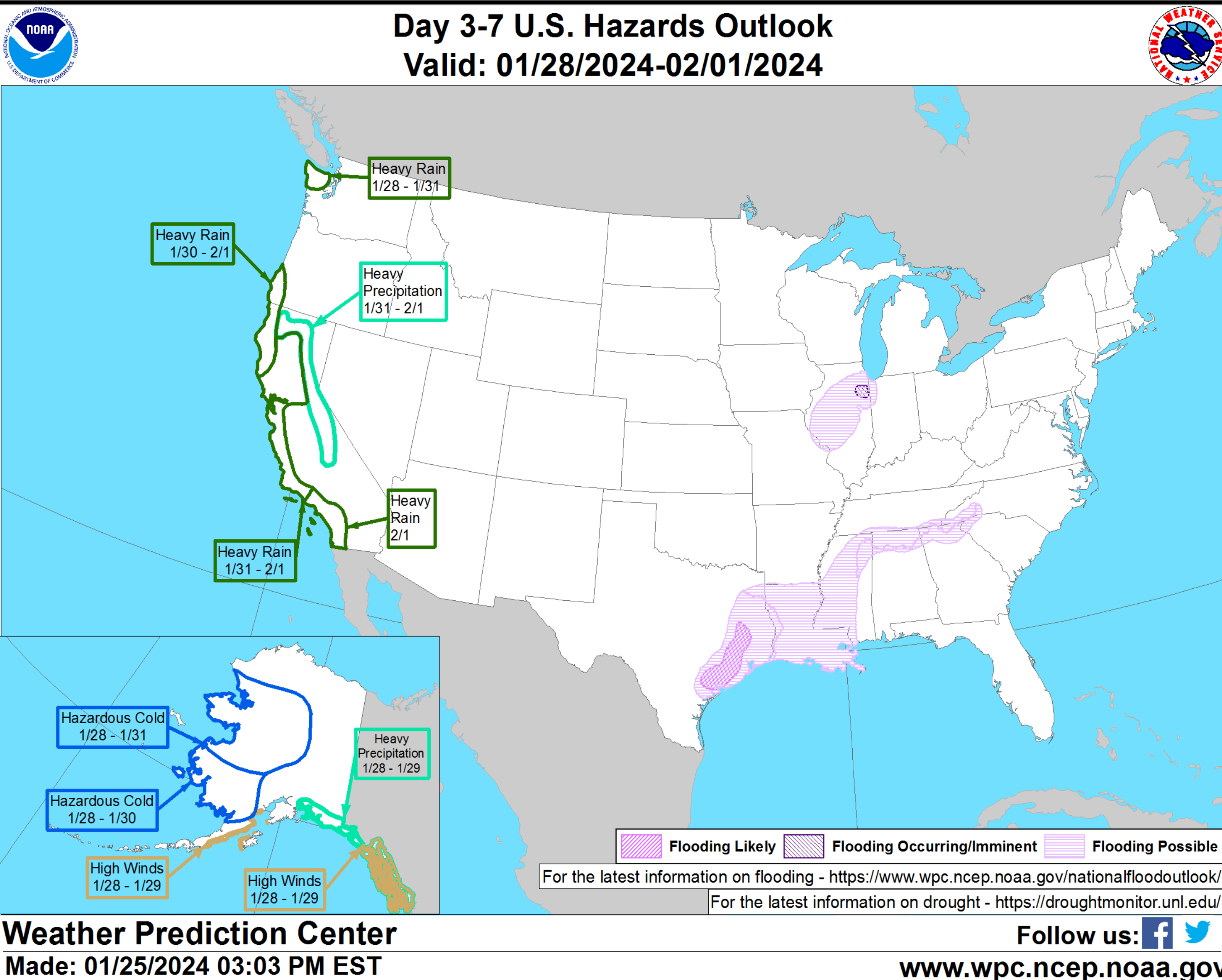
Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Valid 12Z Tue Jan 30 2024
Thru 12Z Wed Jan 31 2024
Issued: 0746Z Fri Jan 26 2024
Forecaster: RAUSCH
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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance
within 25 miles of a point
MDT: At Least 40% **MRGL: At Least 5%**
SLGT: At Least 15%





“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



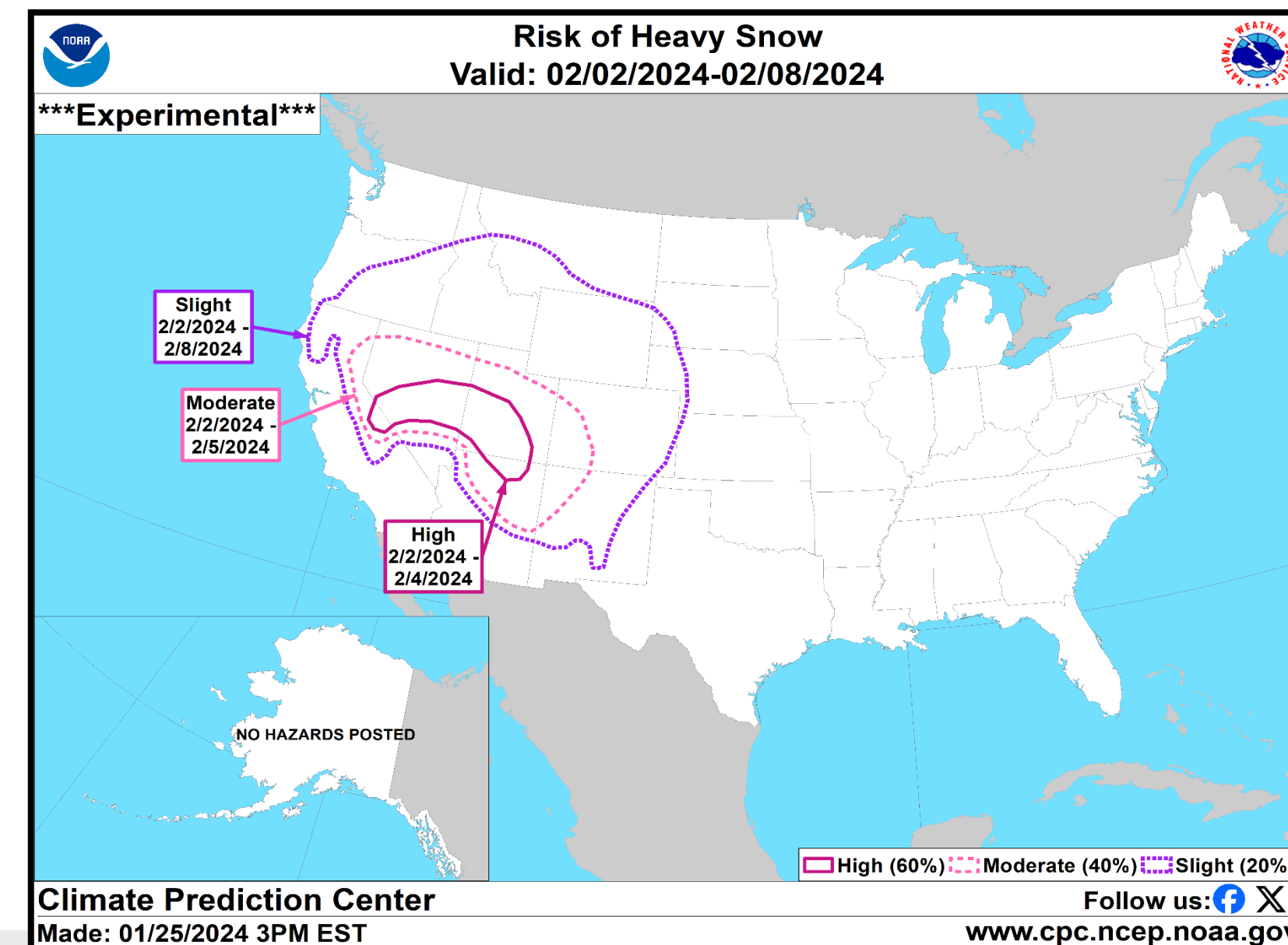
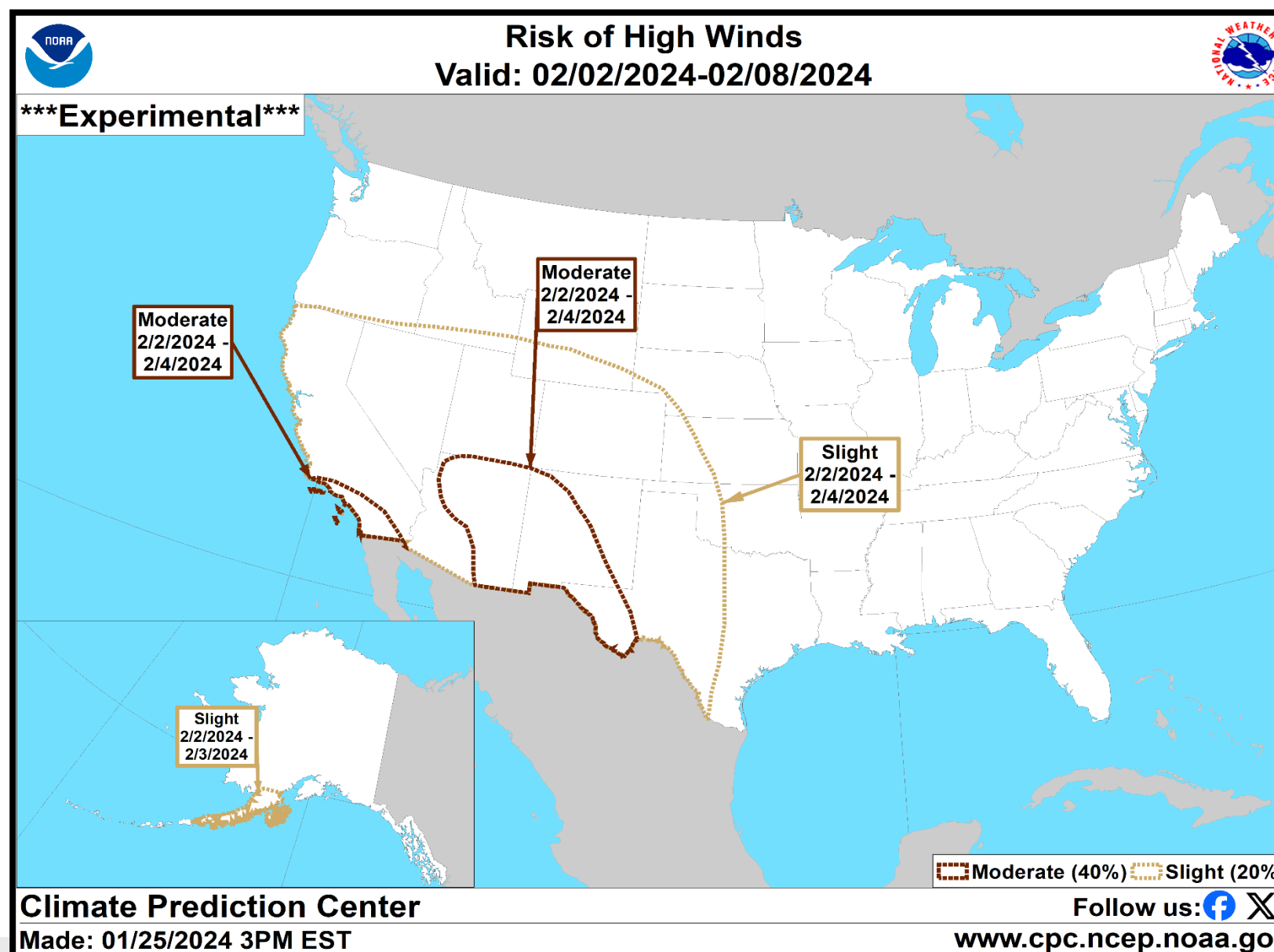
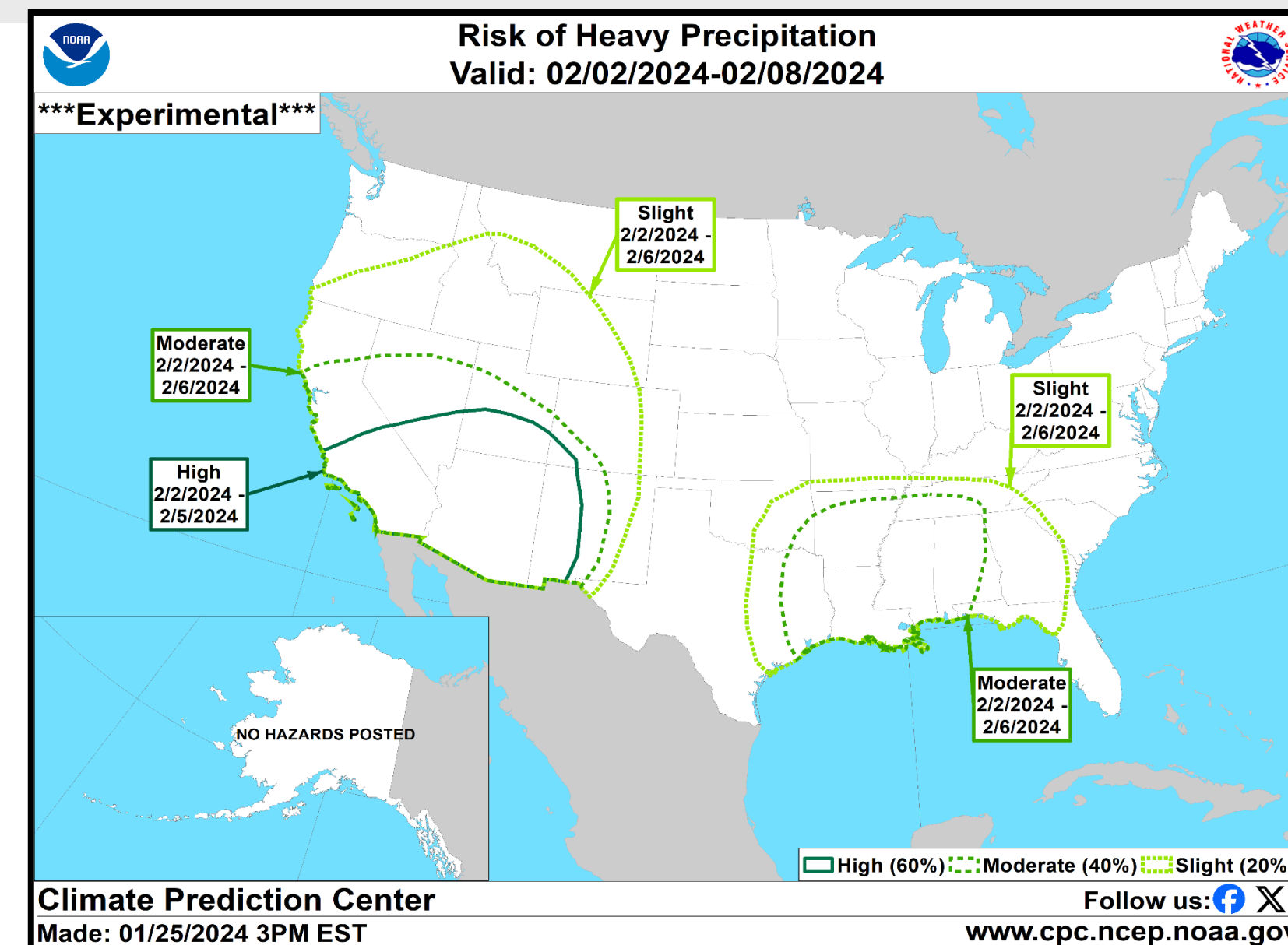
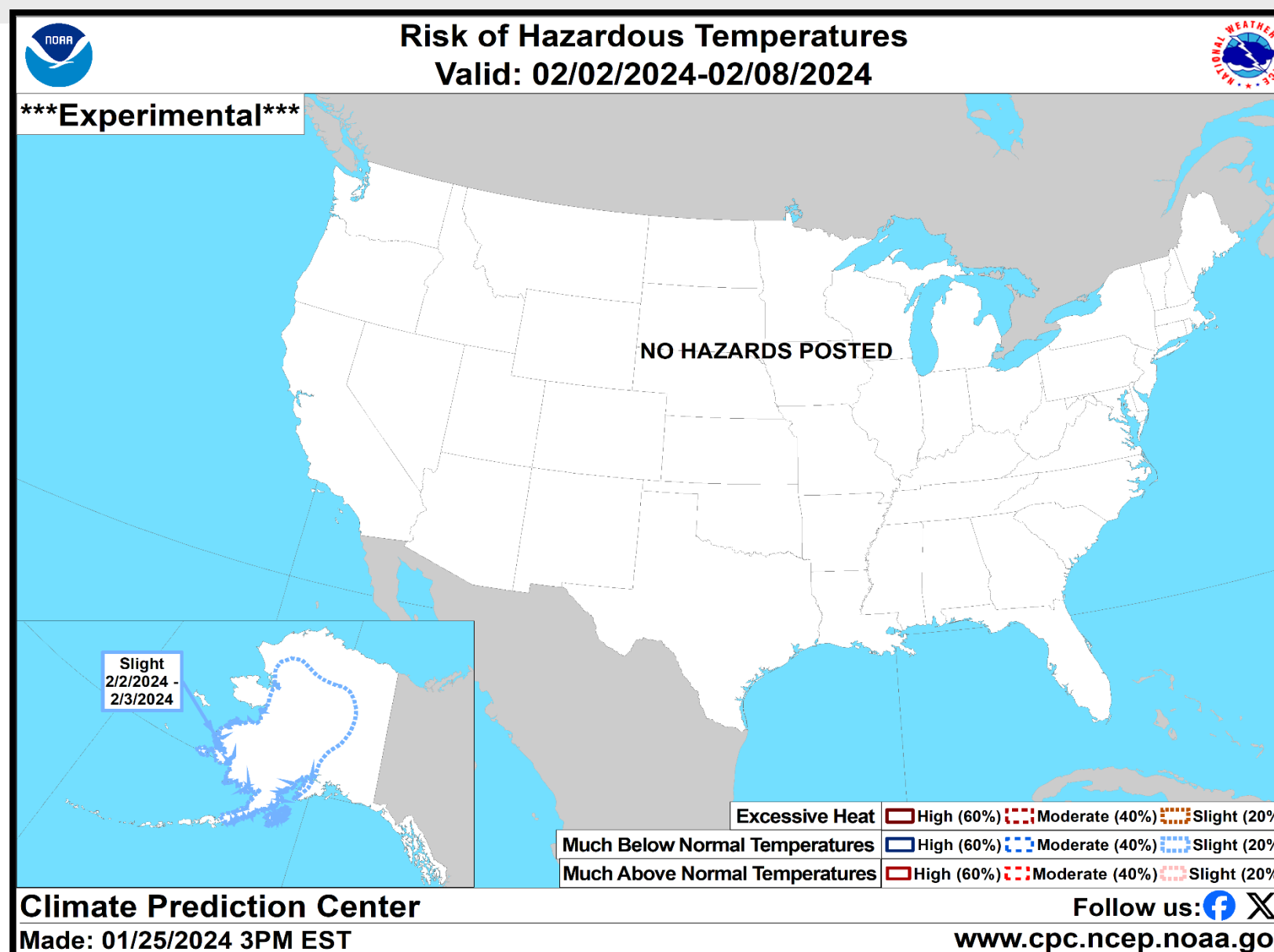
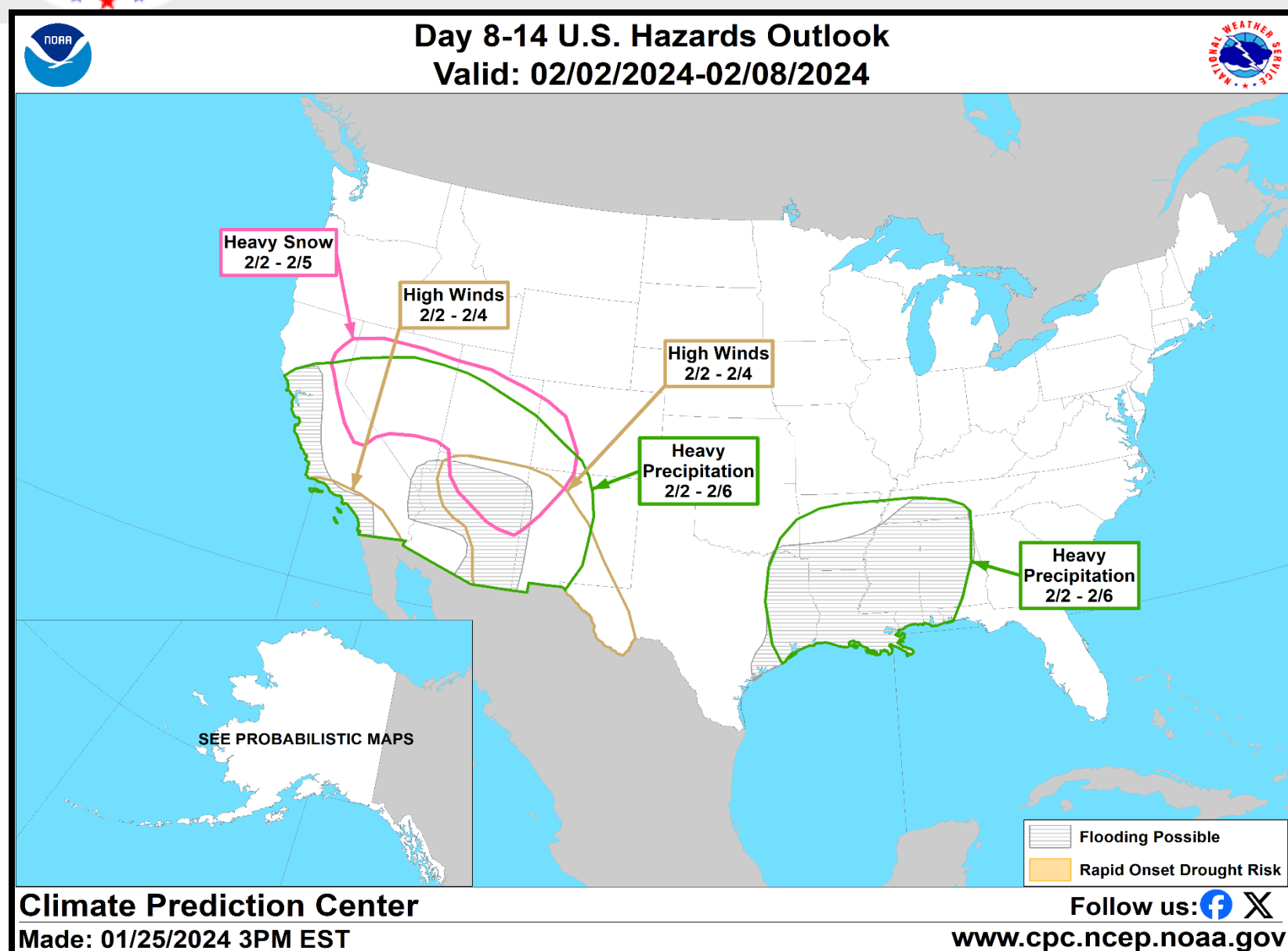
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- 2) This slide will be hidden on Mondays and Sundays so the data/information is not too old

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"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook



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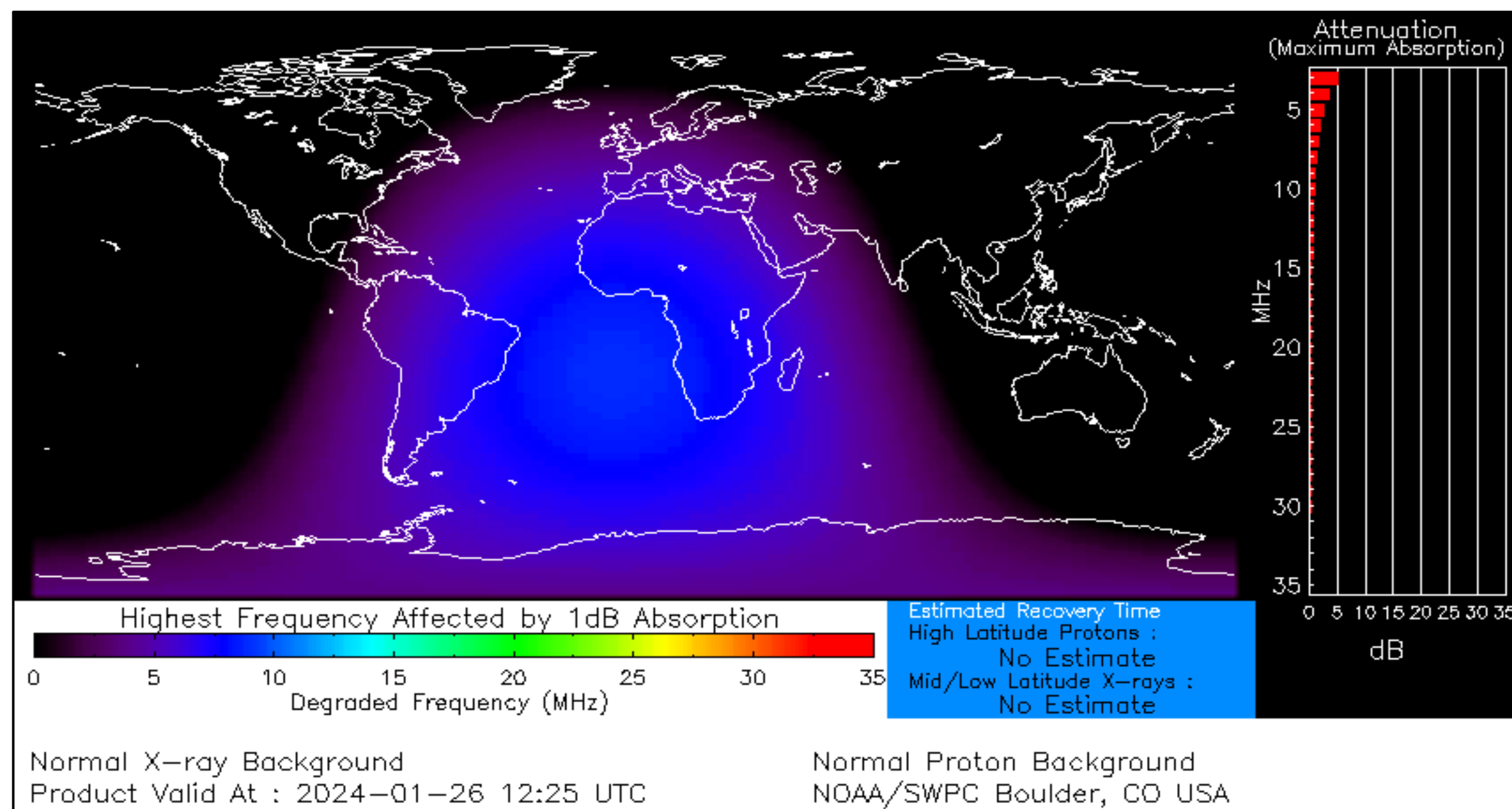
- 1) The "day 8-14" will really be days 7-13
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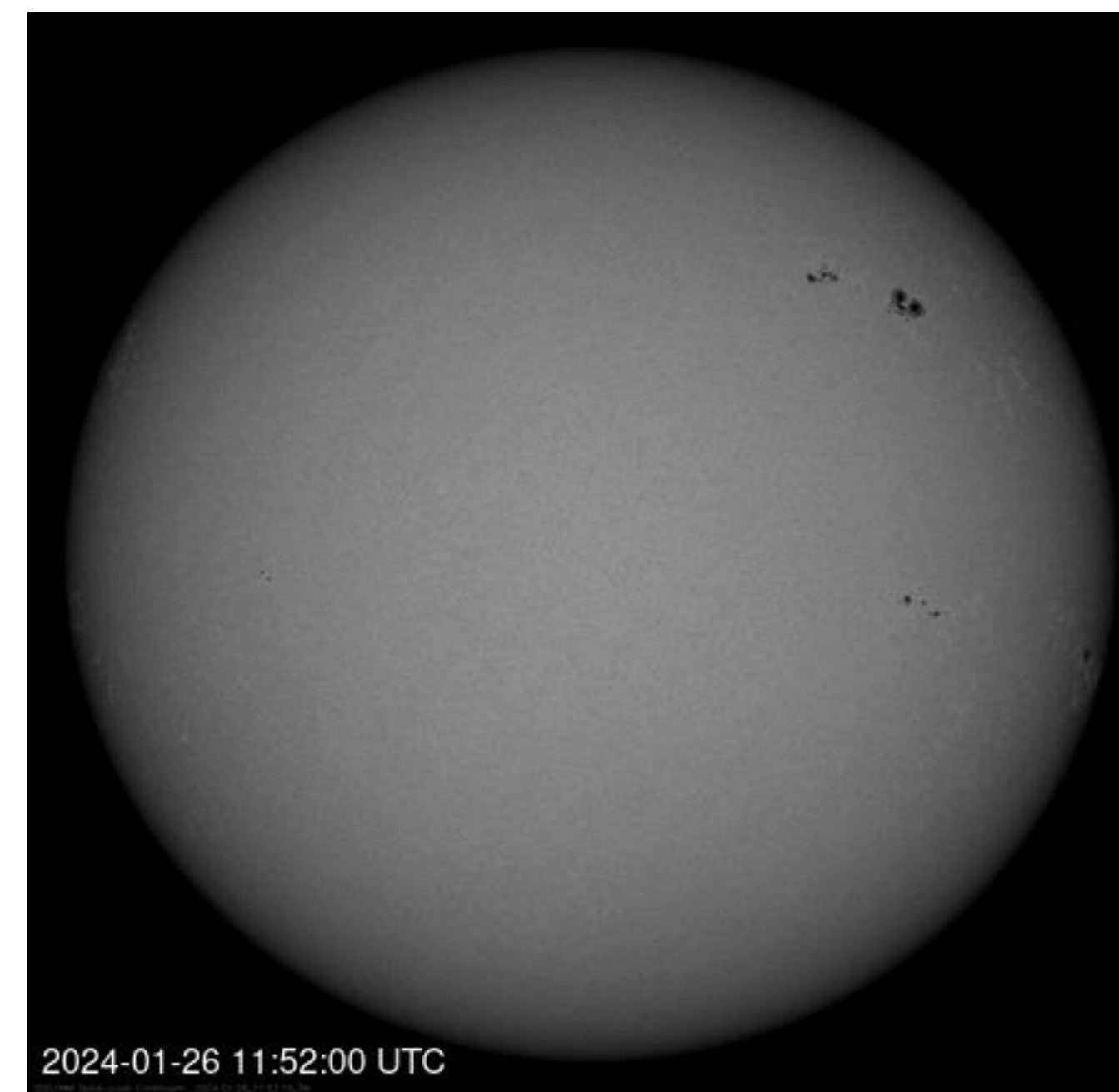
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	35%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	5%



[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;">Very Common</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"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;">Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</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"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;">Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</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"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	<p style="text-align: center;">Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</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"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</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"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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