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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Localized freezing fog, drizzle, and light snow in the higher terrain of NM could create isolated transportation impacts this morning. Otherwise, no significant hazards are expected.**
- **Minor river flooding across E TX, AR, and LA.**



# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Saturday, Feb 17	Sunday, Feb 18	Monday, Feb 19	Tuesday, Feb 20	Wednesday, Feb 21
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather					
Cold					
Winds					
Winter Weather	Ctrl / N NM (Morning)				
River Flooding	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, 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

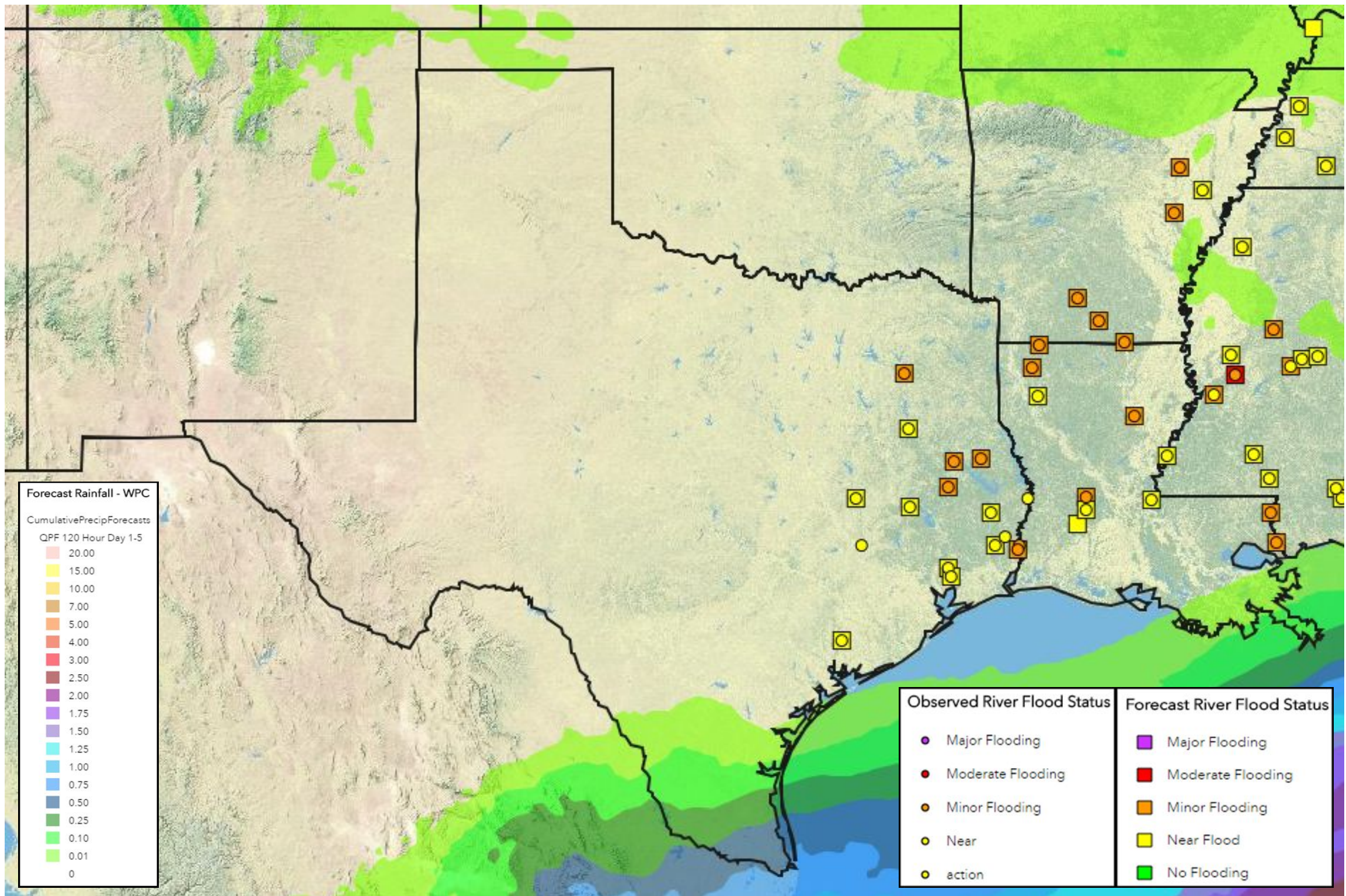
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.  
 State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
 For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# 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 river flooding across E/SE TX, AR, LA. Impacts to secondary roads and agricultural and recreational areas.**

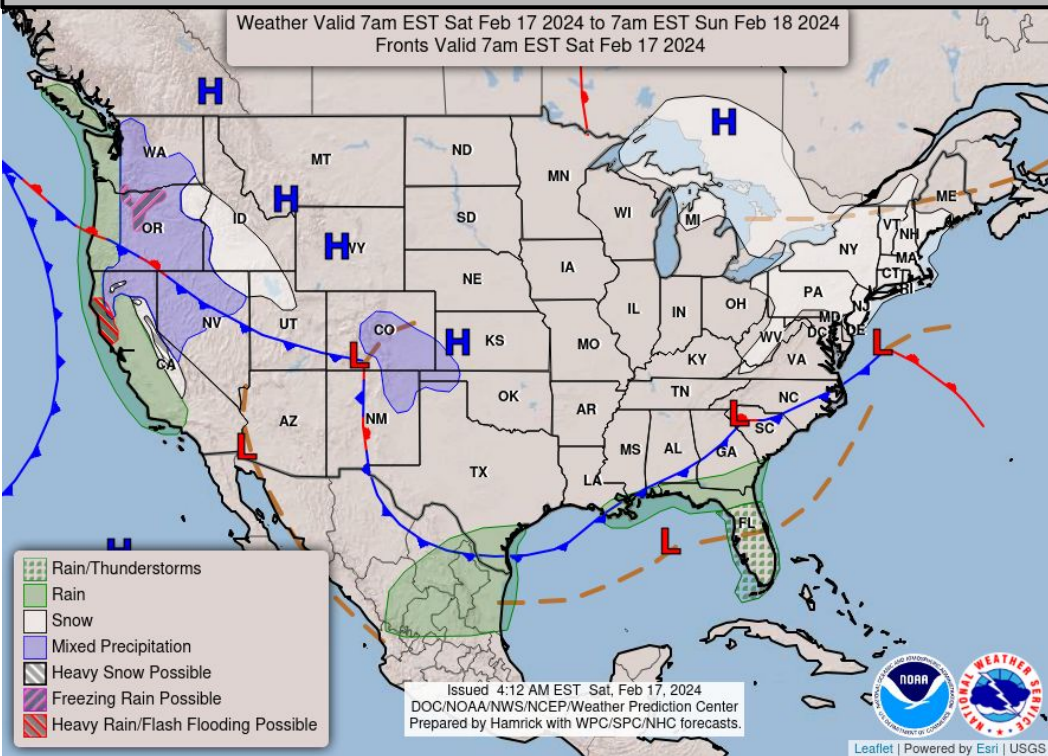


See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding

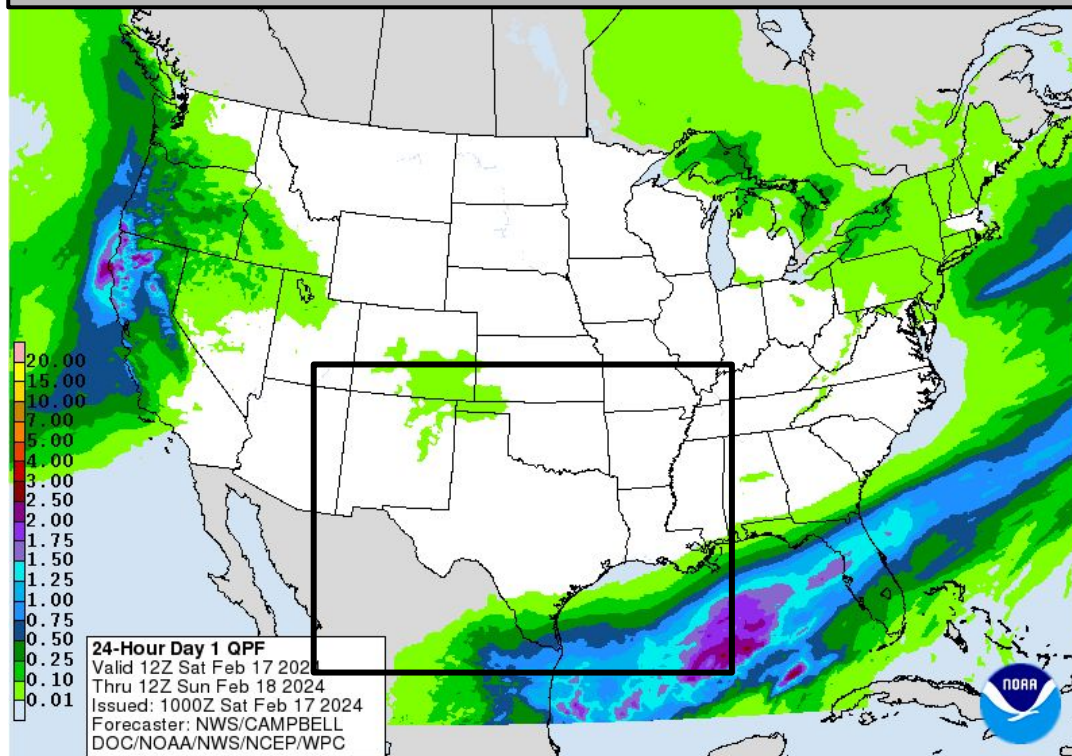


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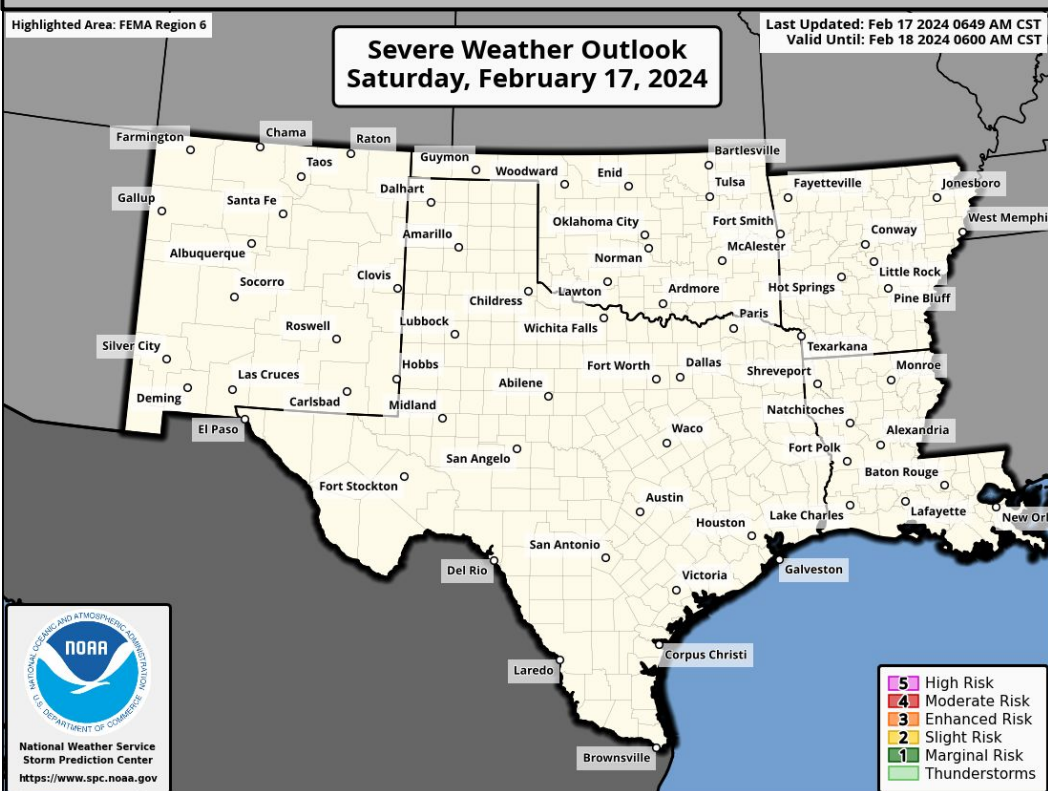
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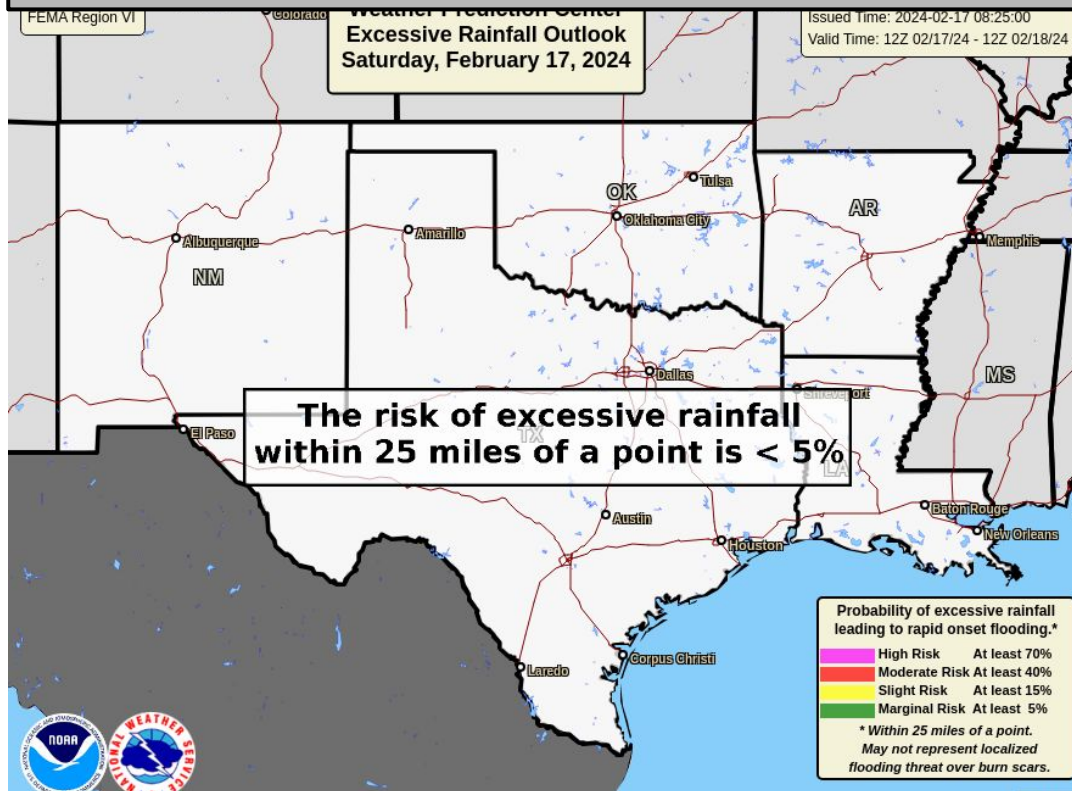
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



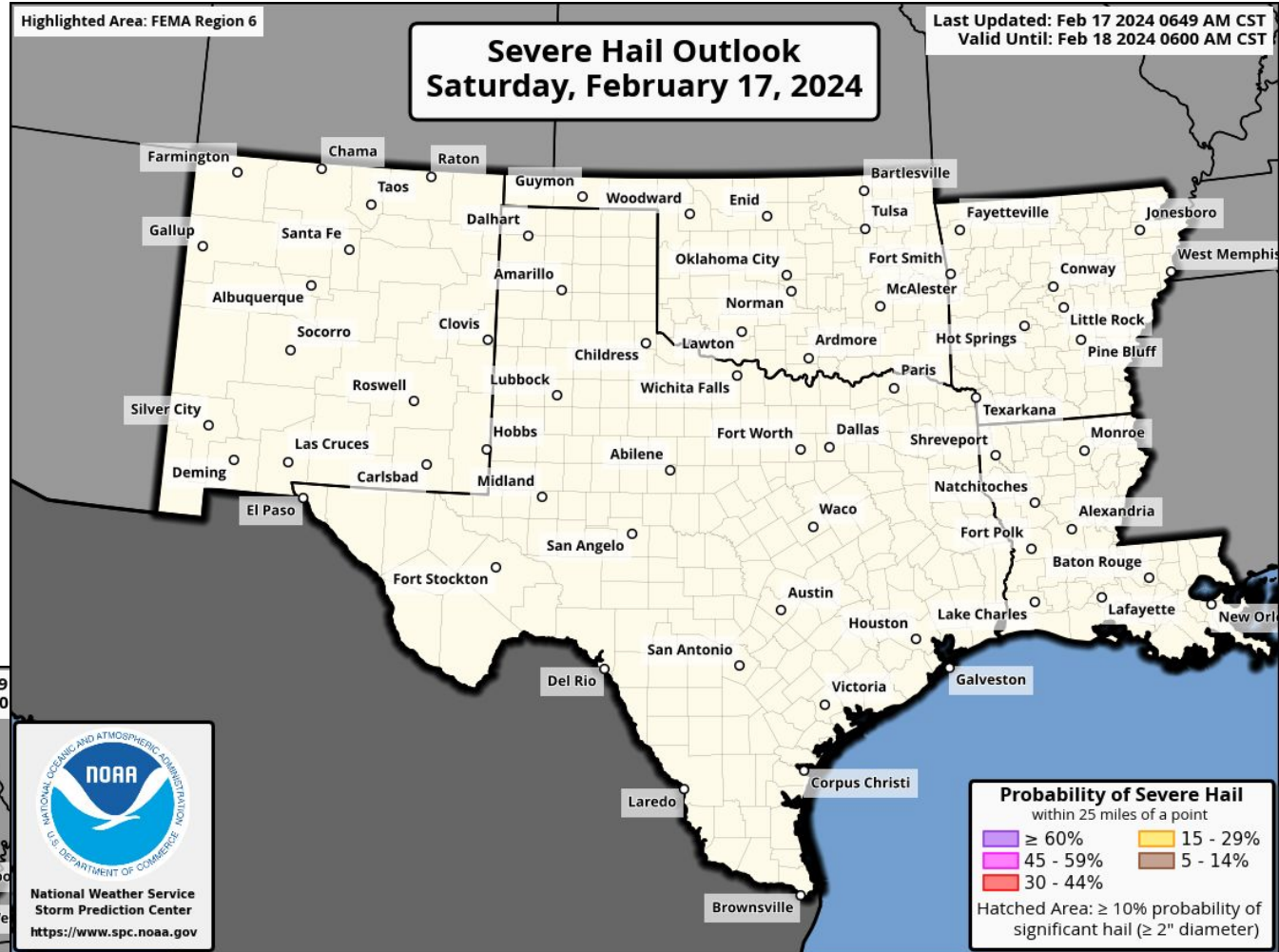
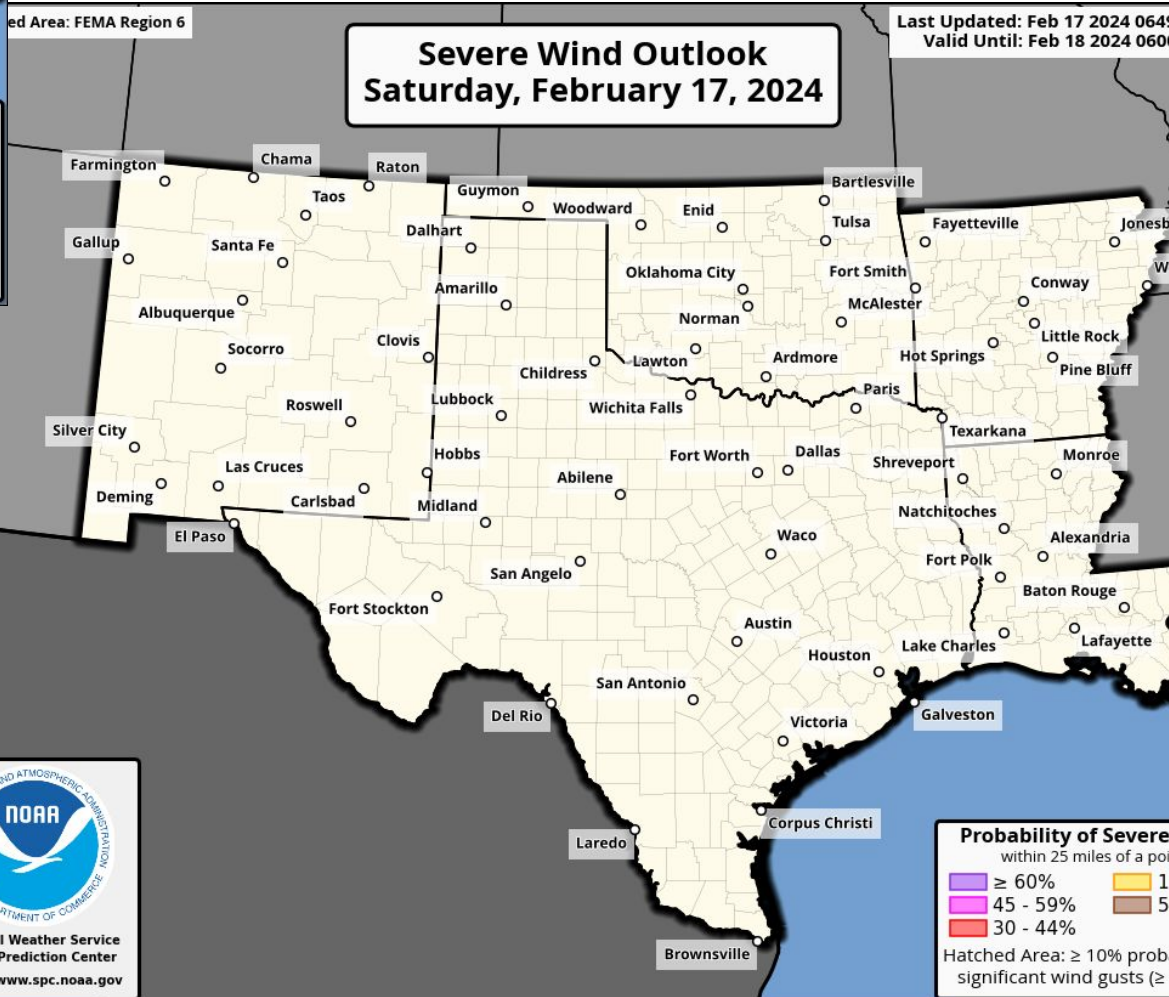
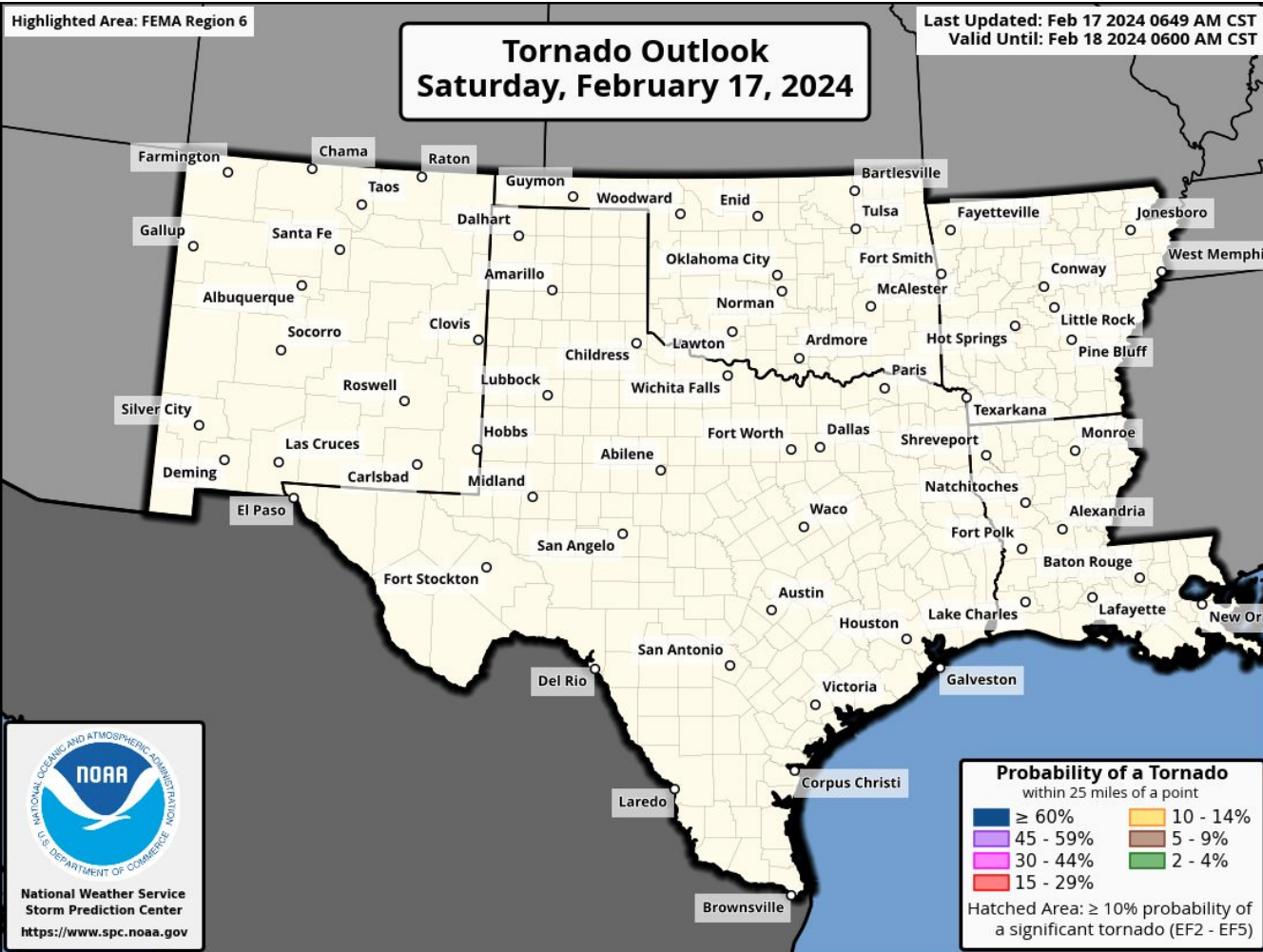
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# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

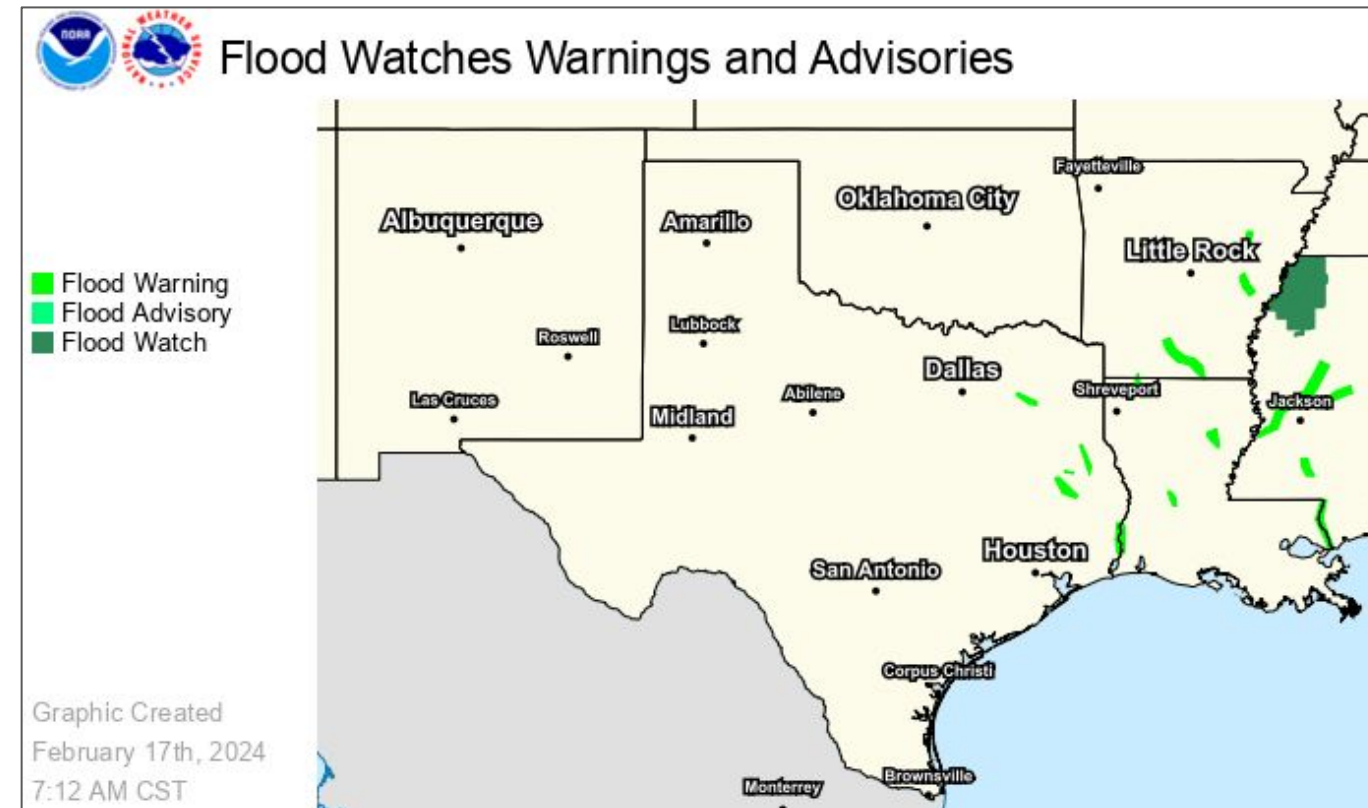
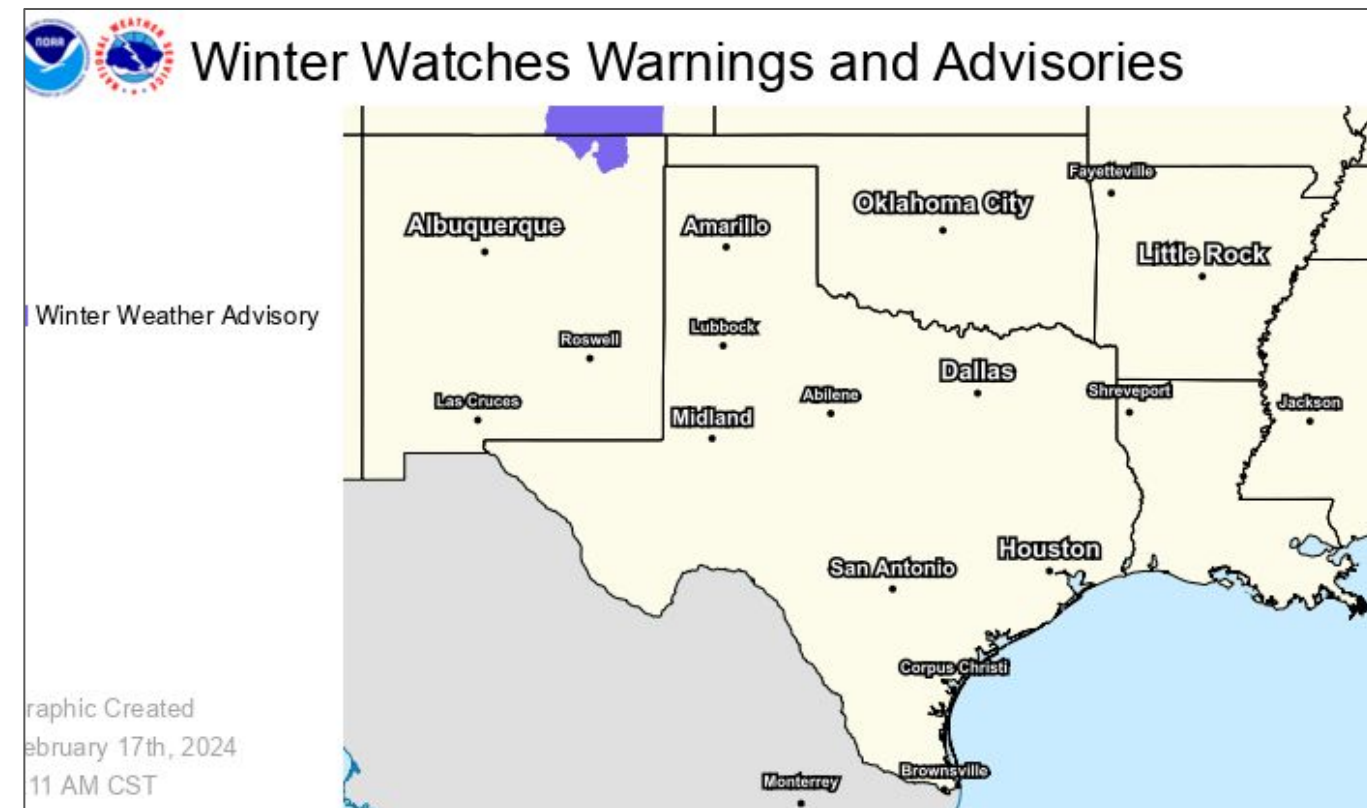
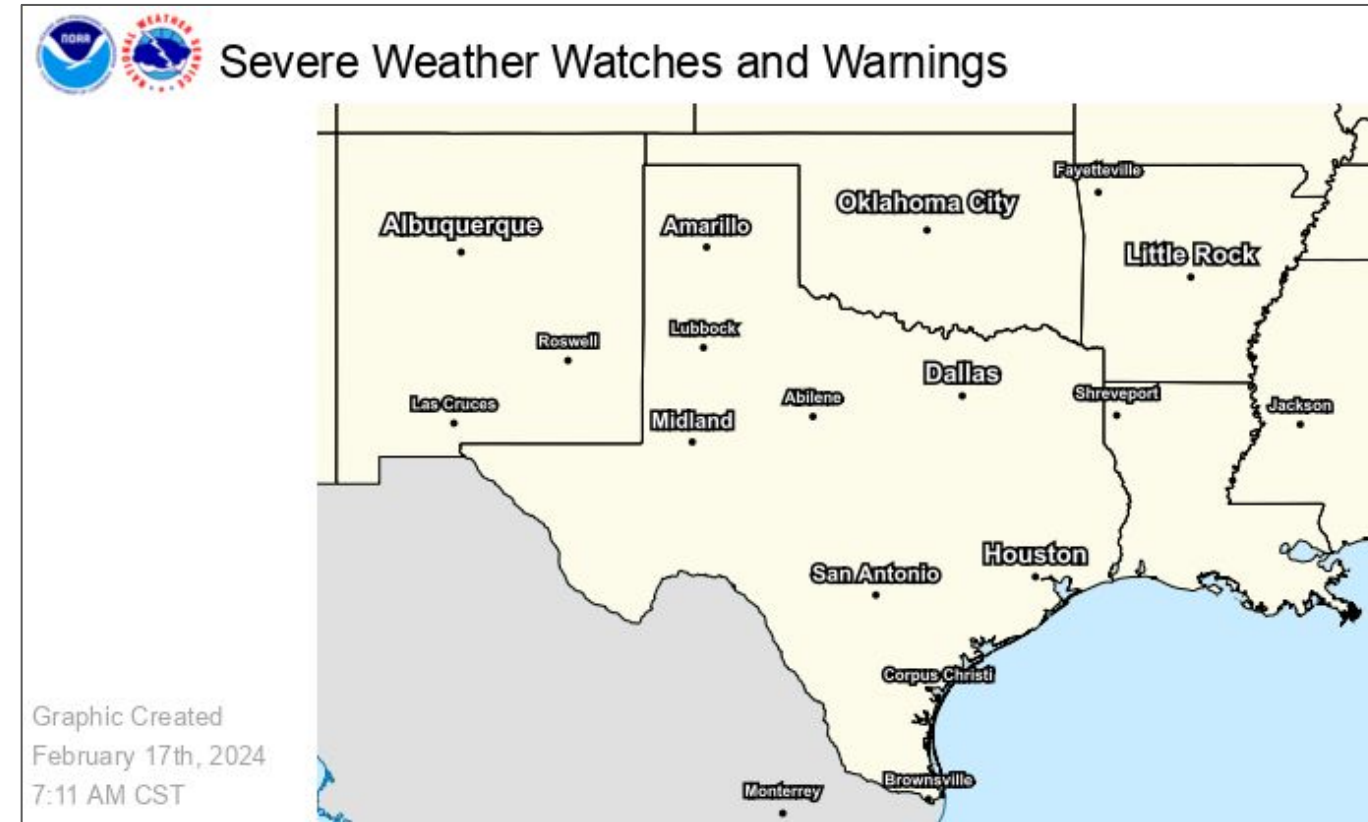
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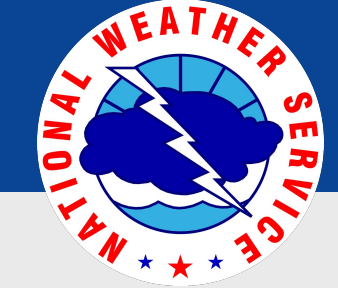
# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



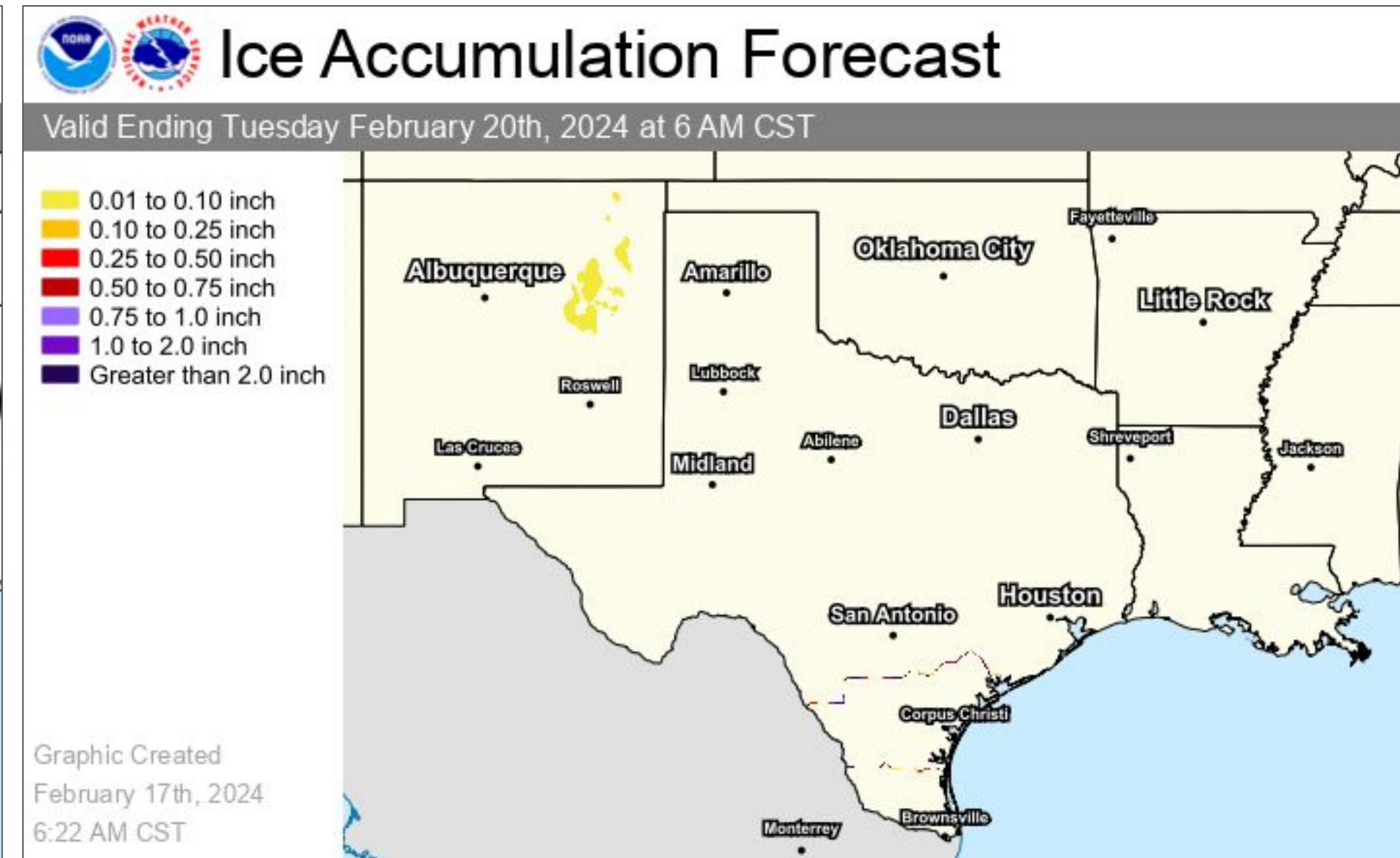
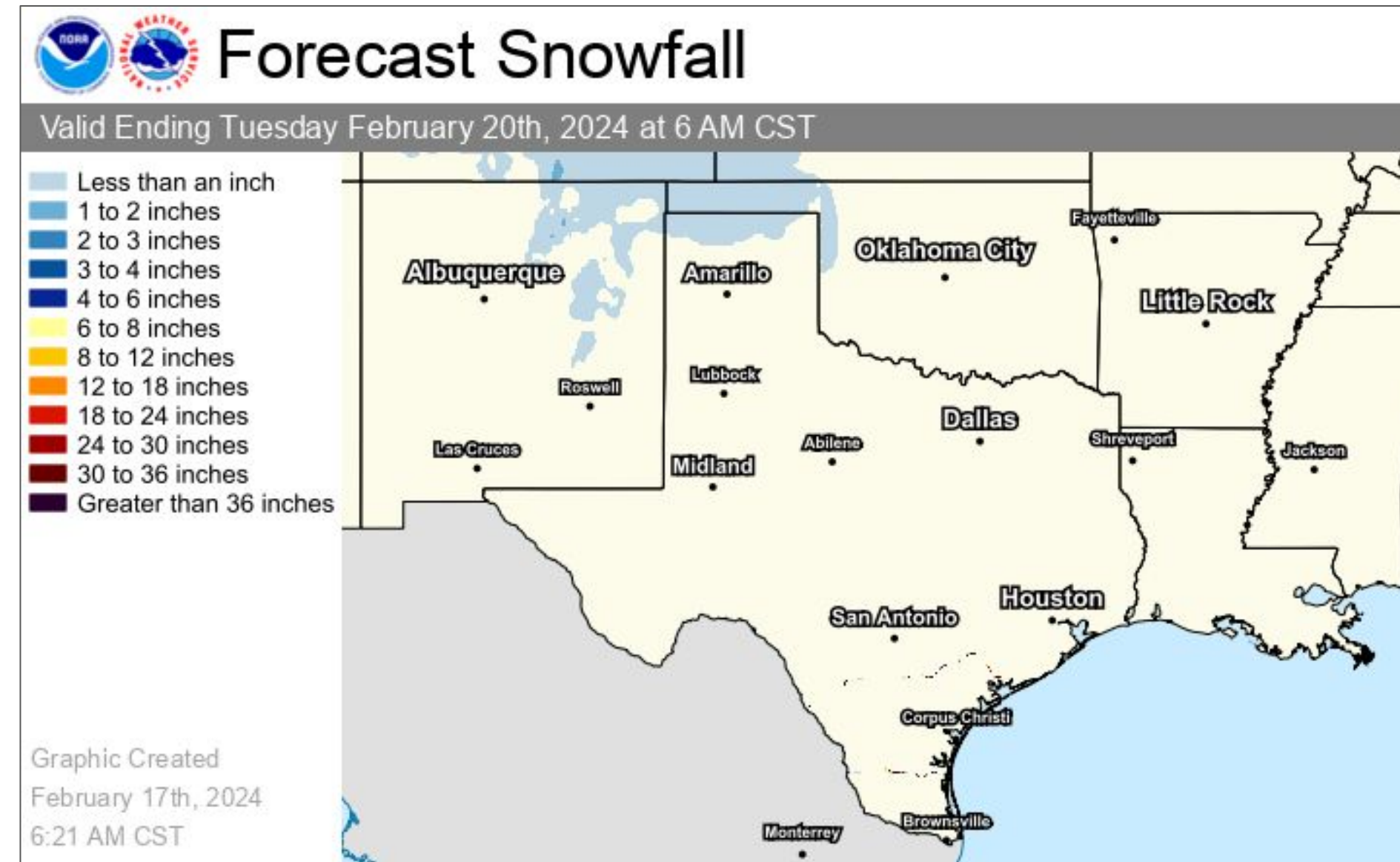
**Winter Weather Advisory in effect for N NM through 12 PM CST.**

**Wind Advisory for gusts of 35 MPH across extreme SE TX, SW LA through 6 PM CST.**



# Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

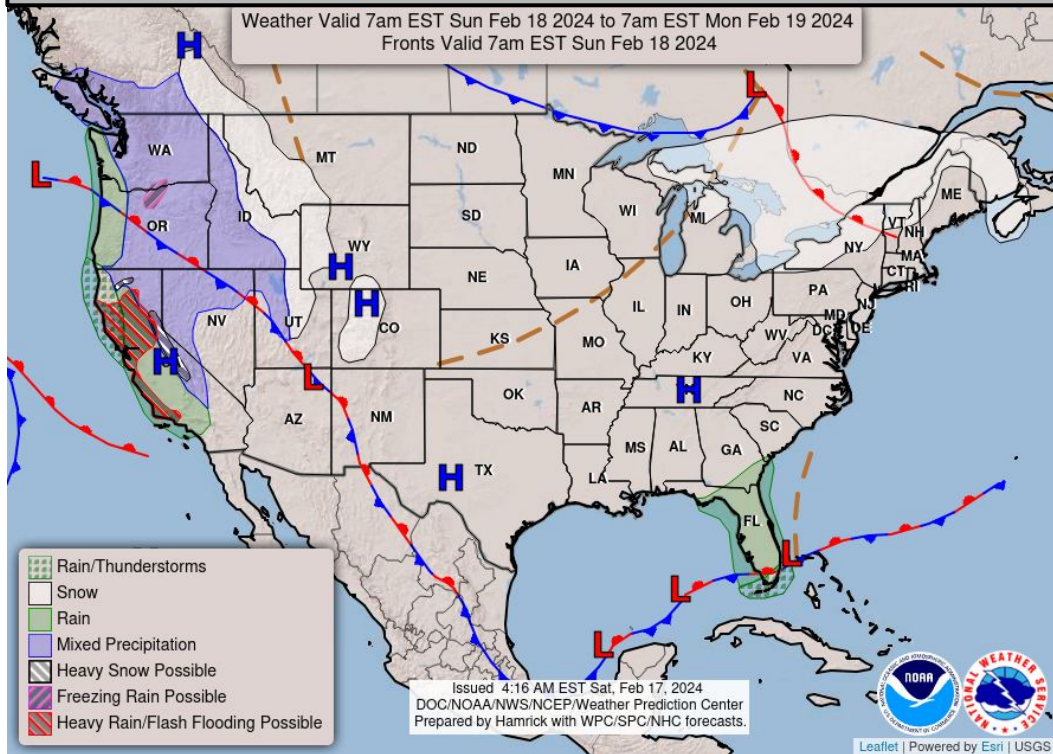




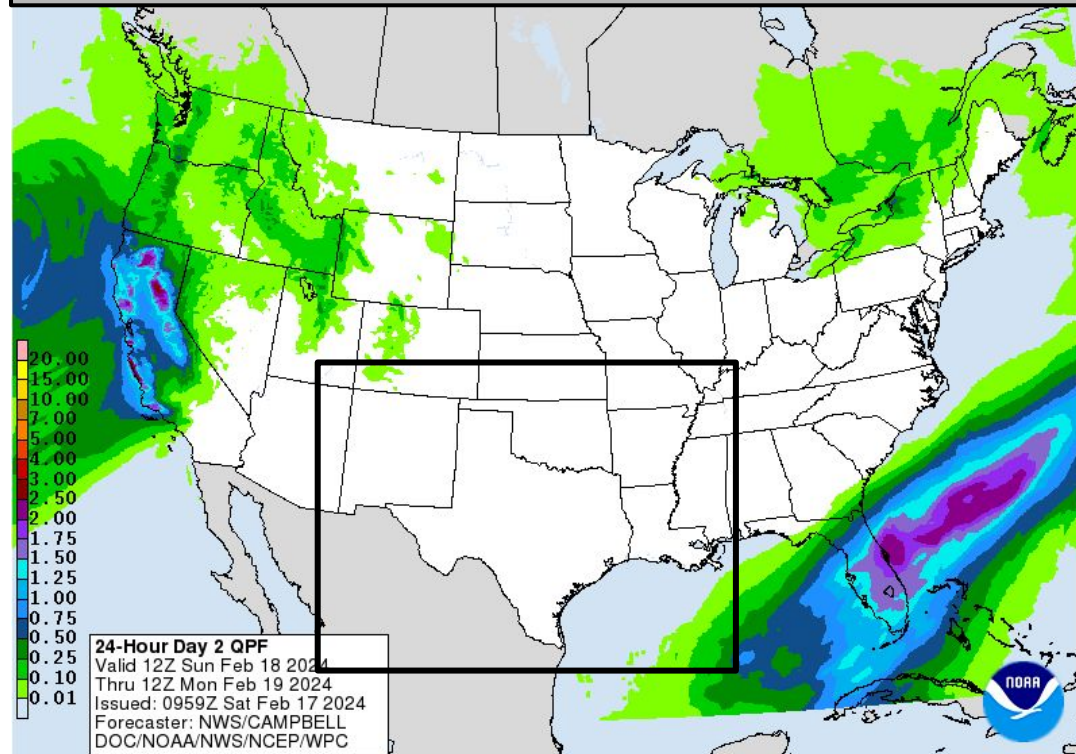


# Tomorrow's Weather

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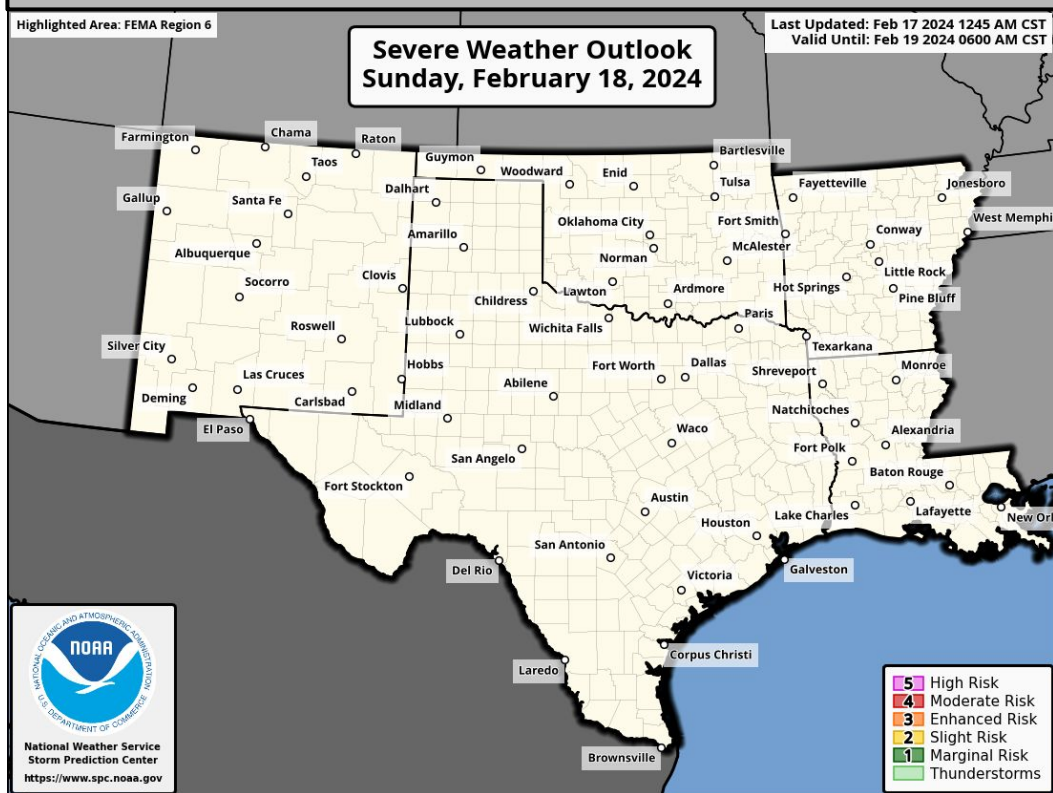


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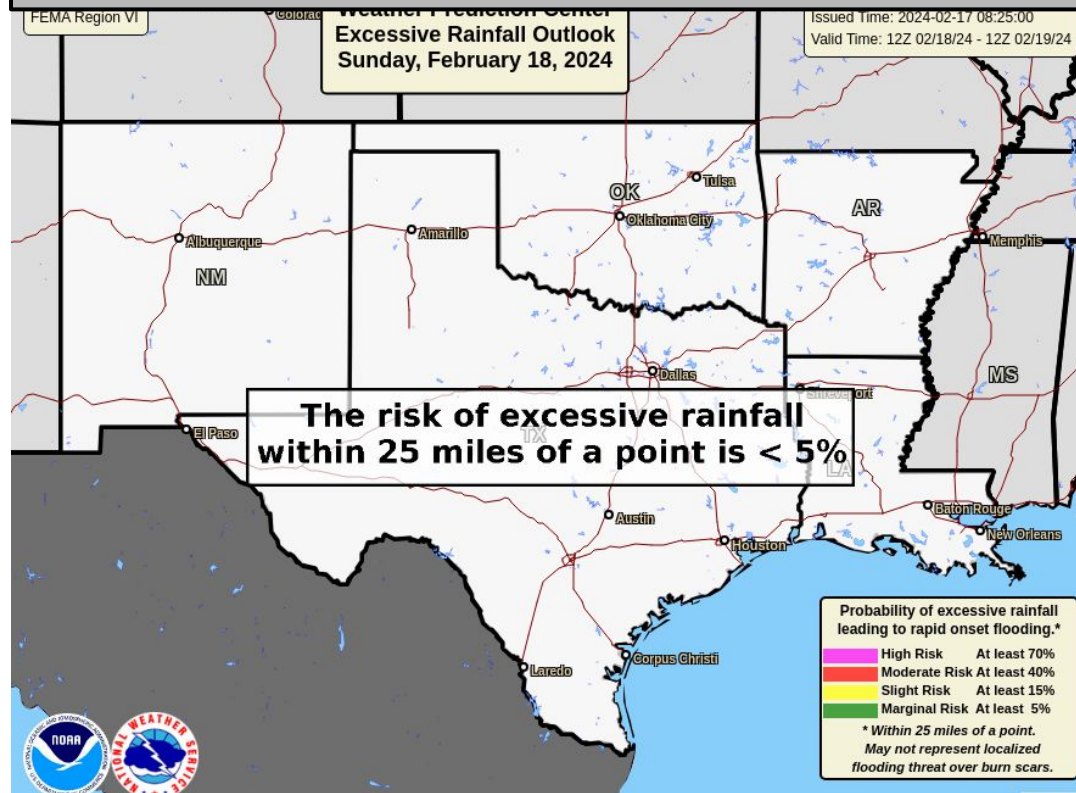


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## Severe Weather Outlook

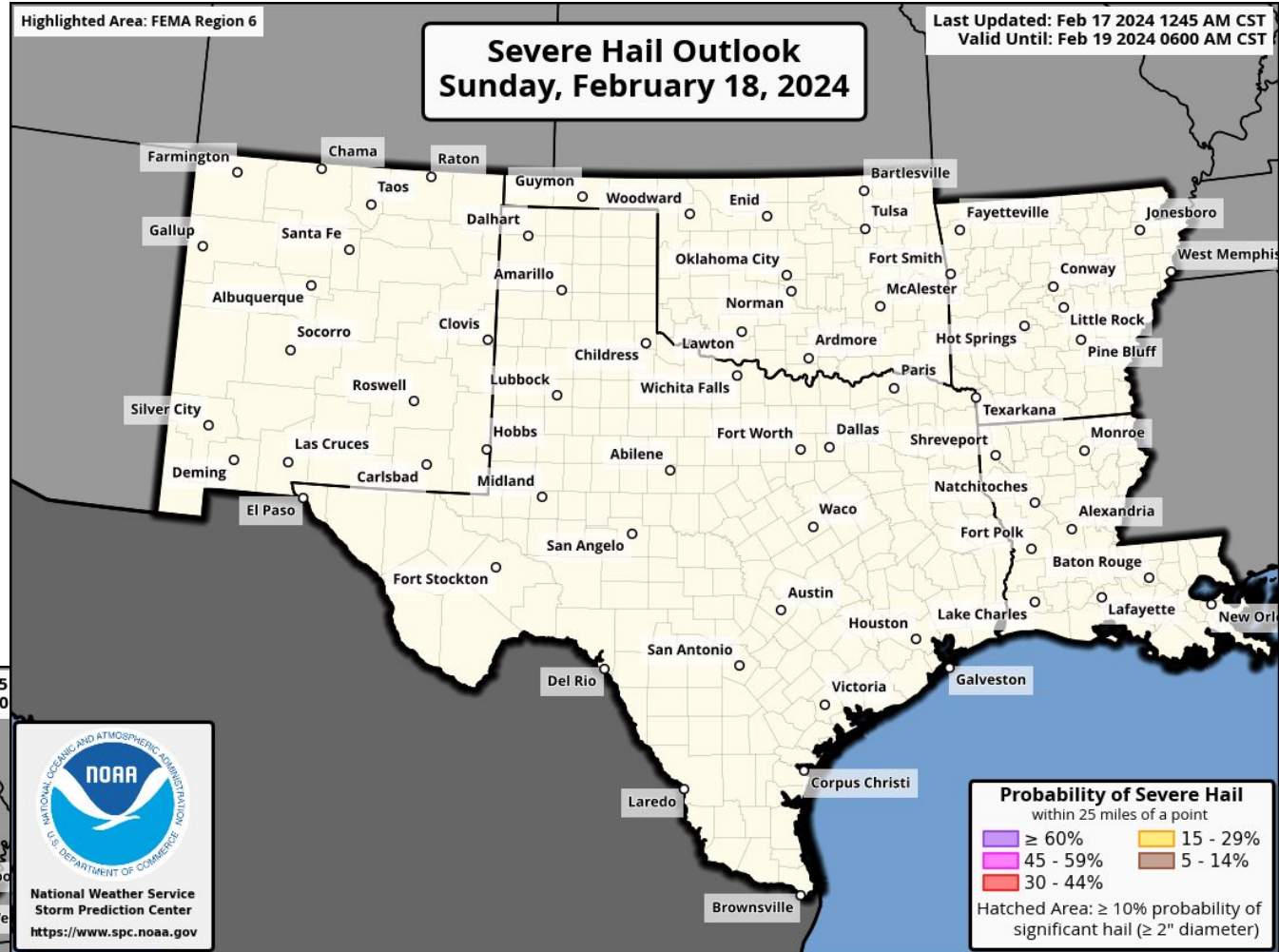
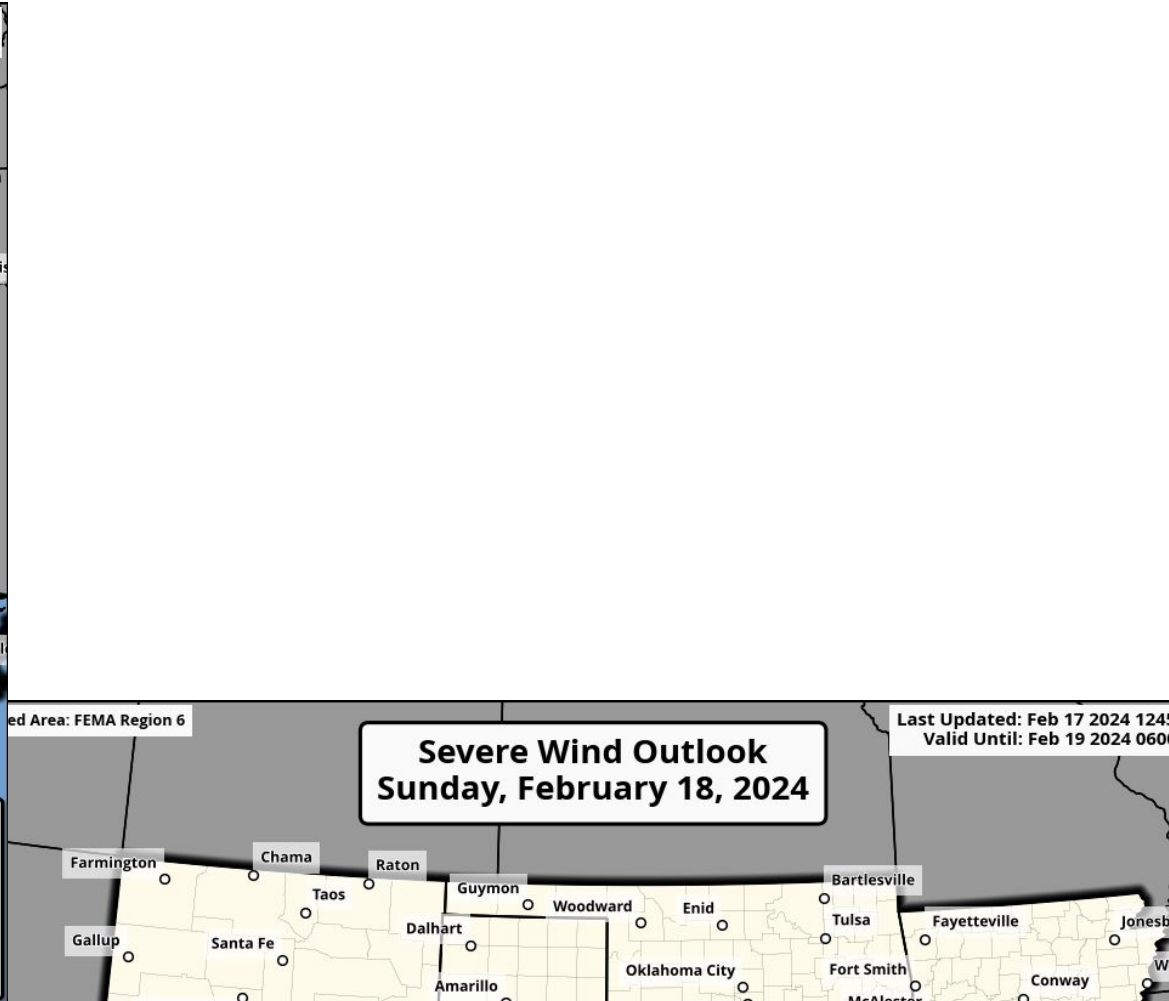
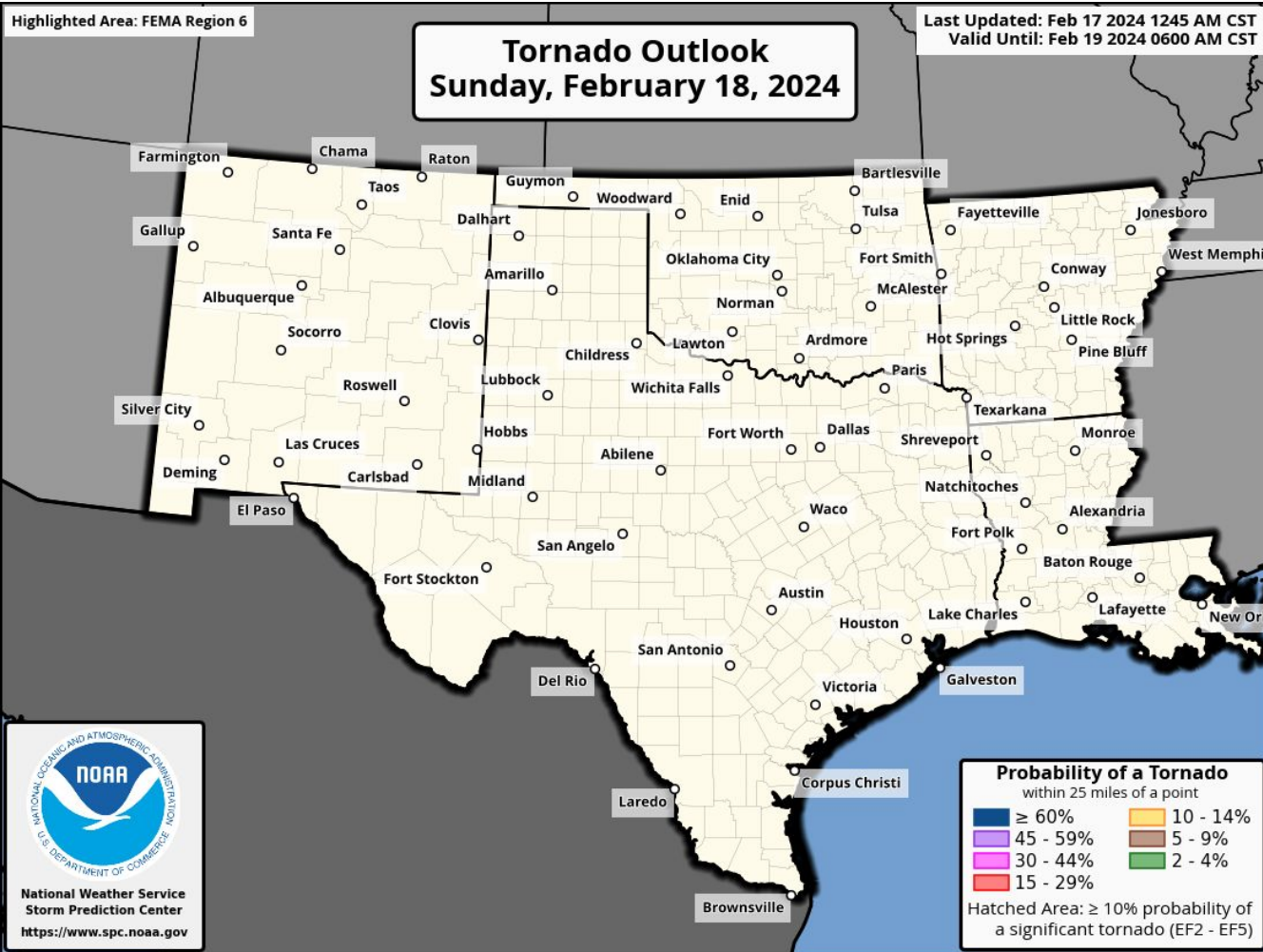


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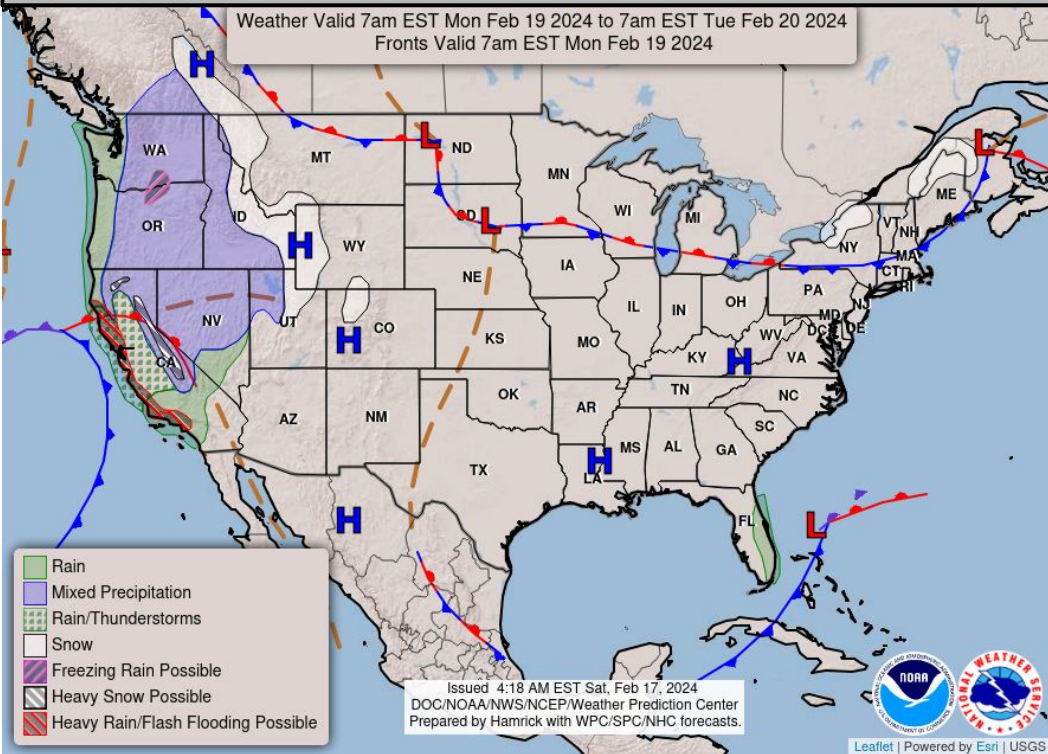
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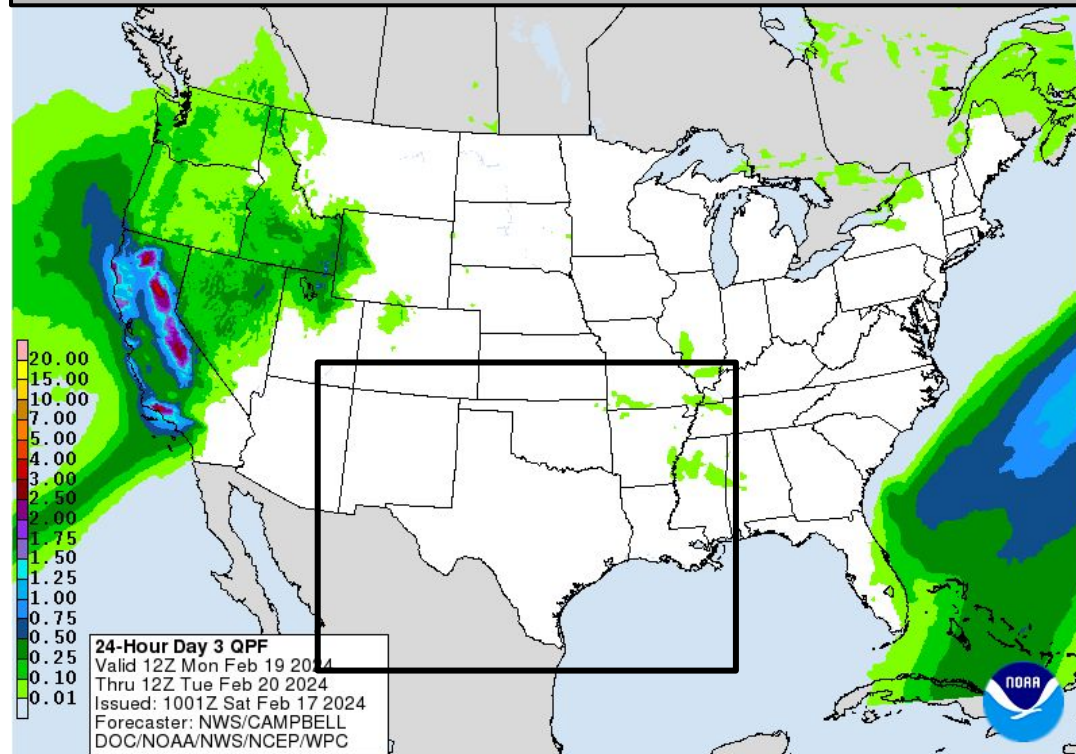


# Monday's Weather

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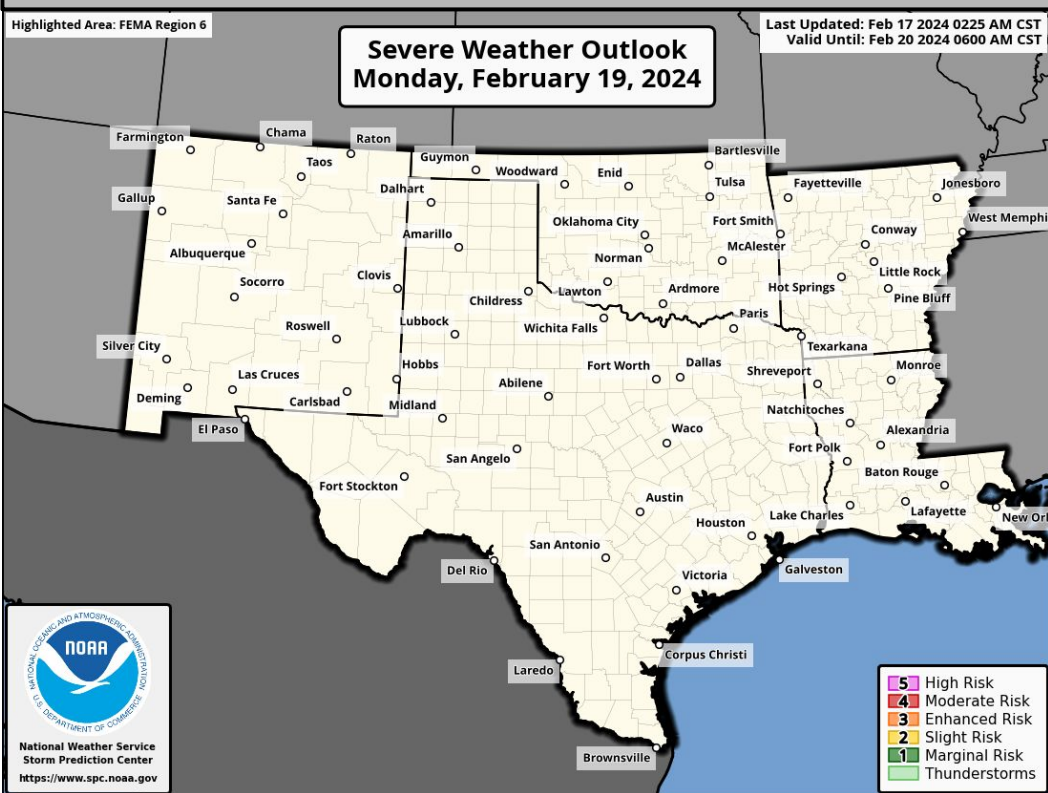


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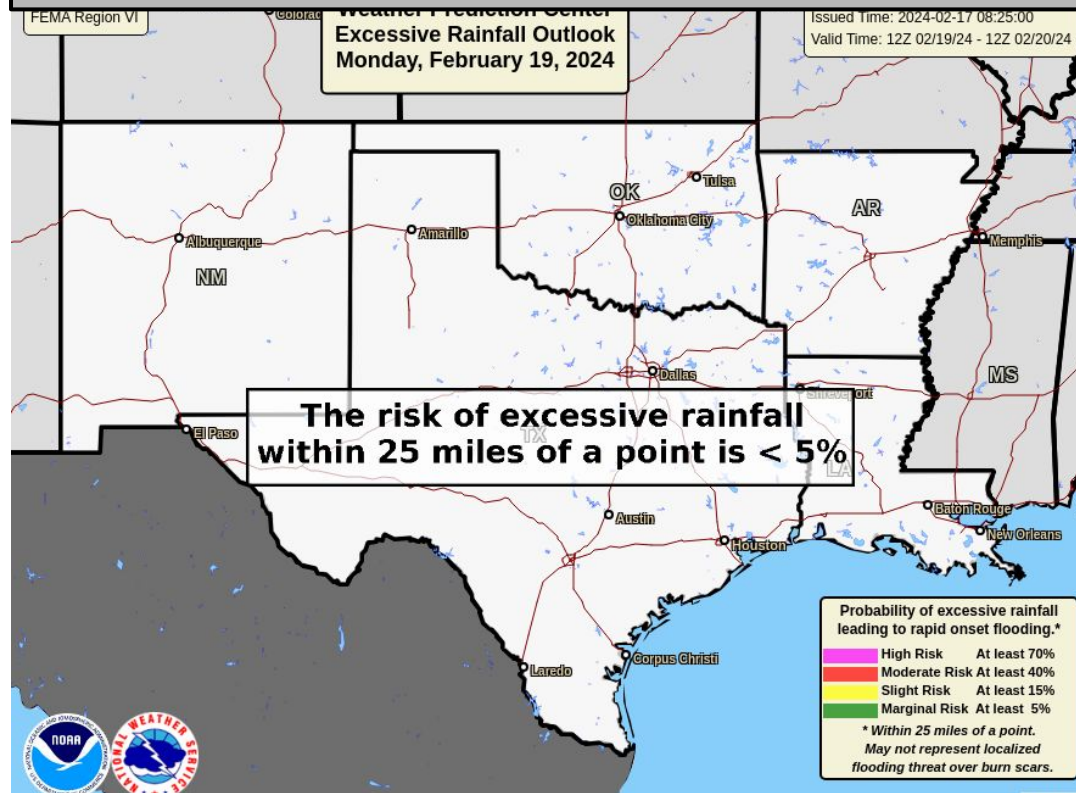


No significant weather expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



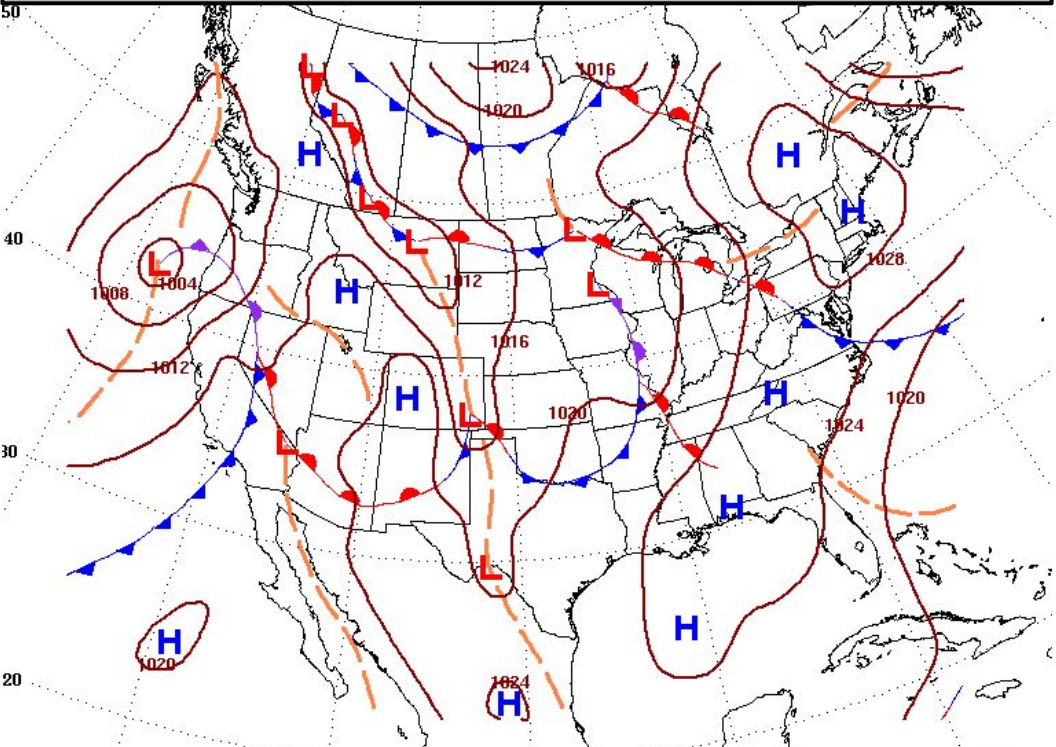
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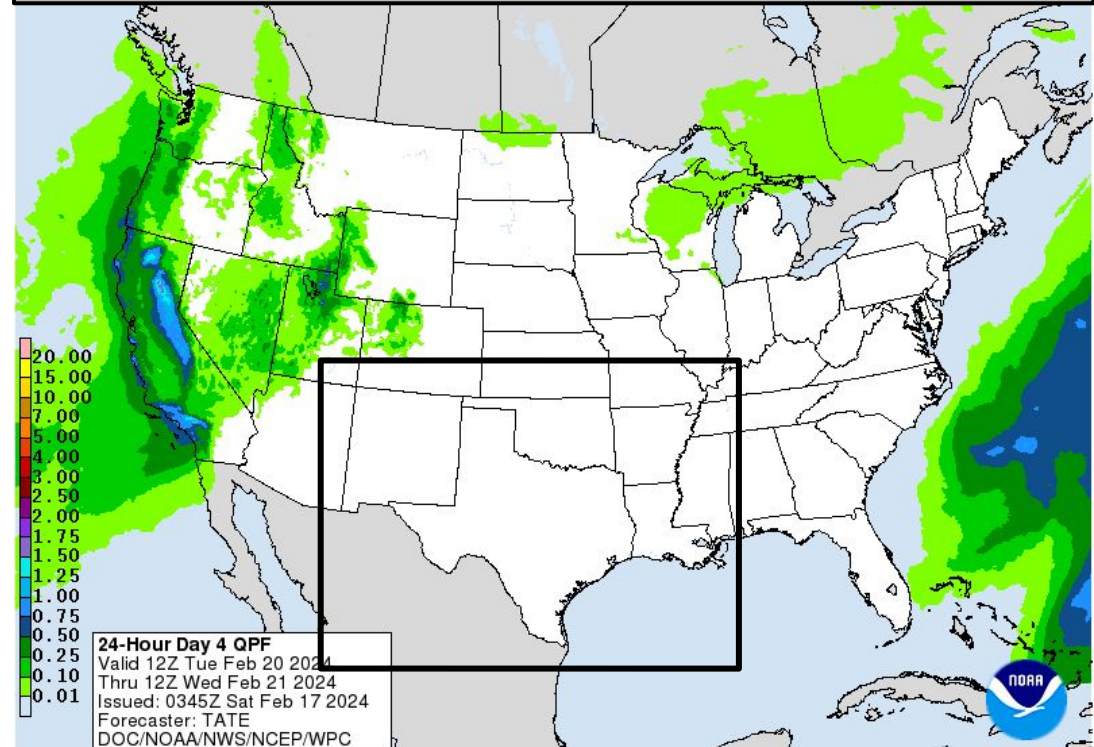


# Tuesday's Weather

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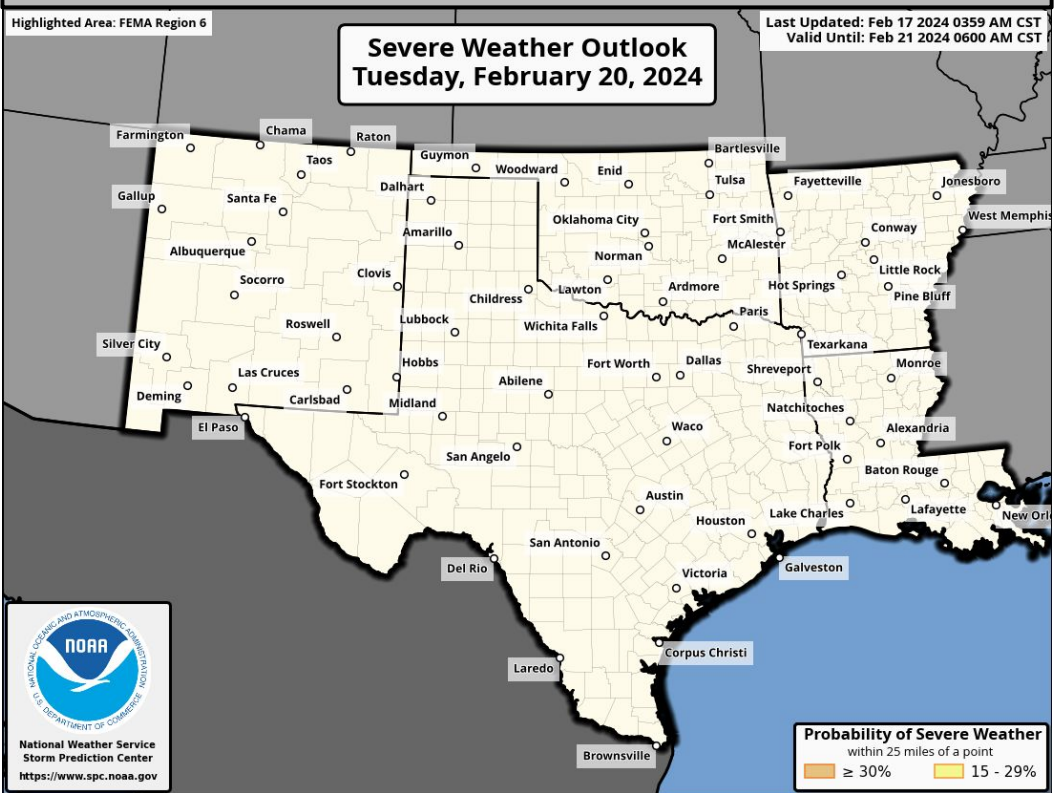


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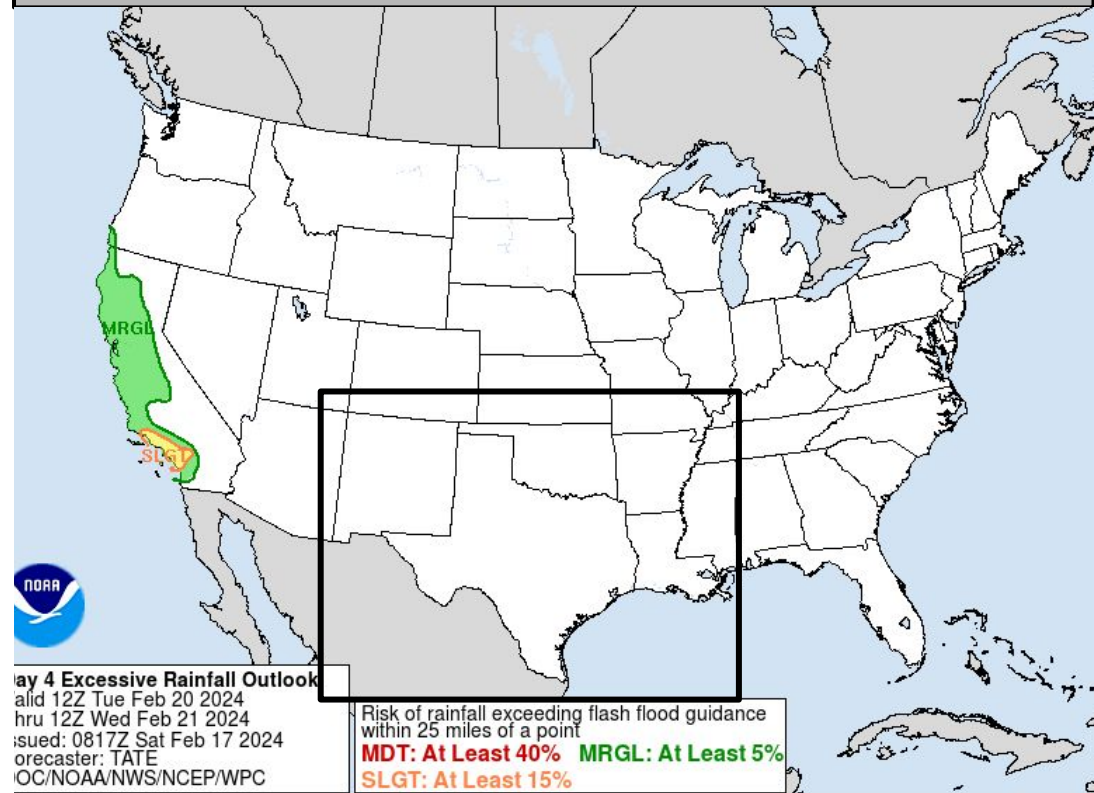


**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



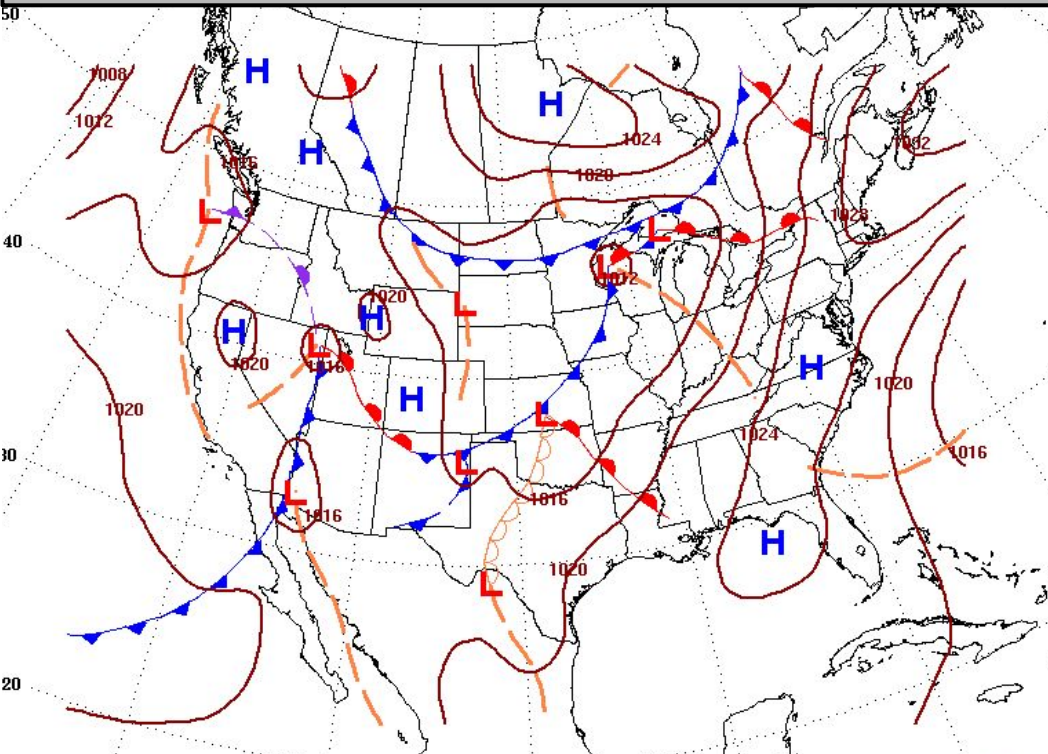
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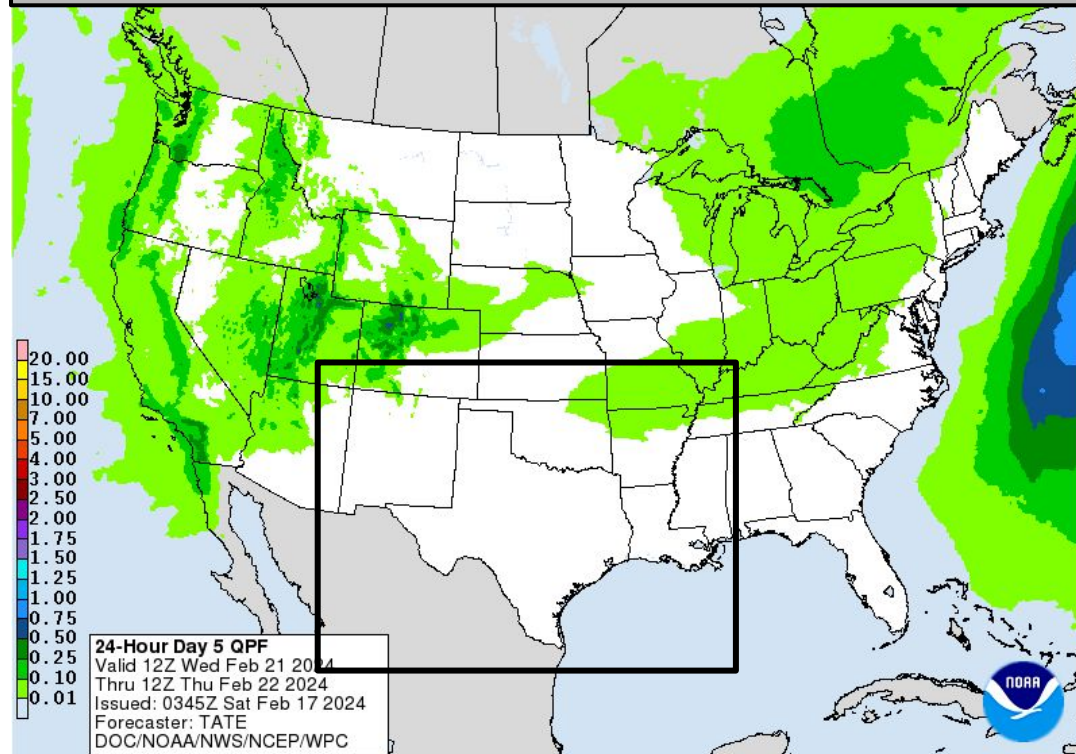


# Wednesday's Weather

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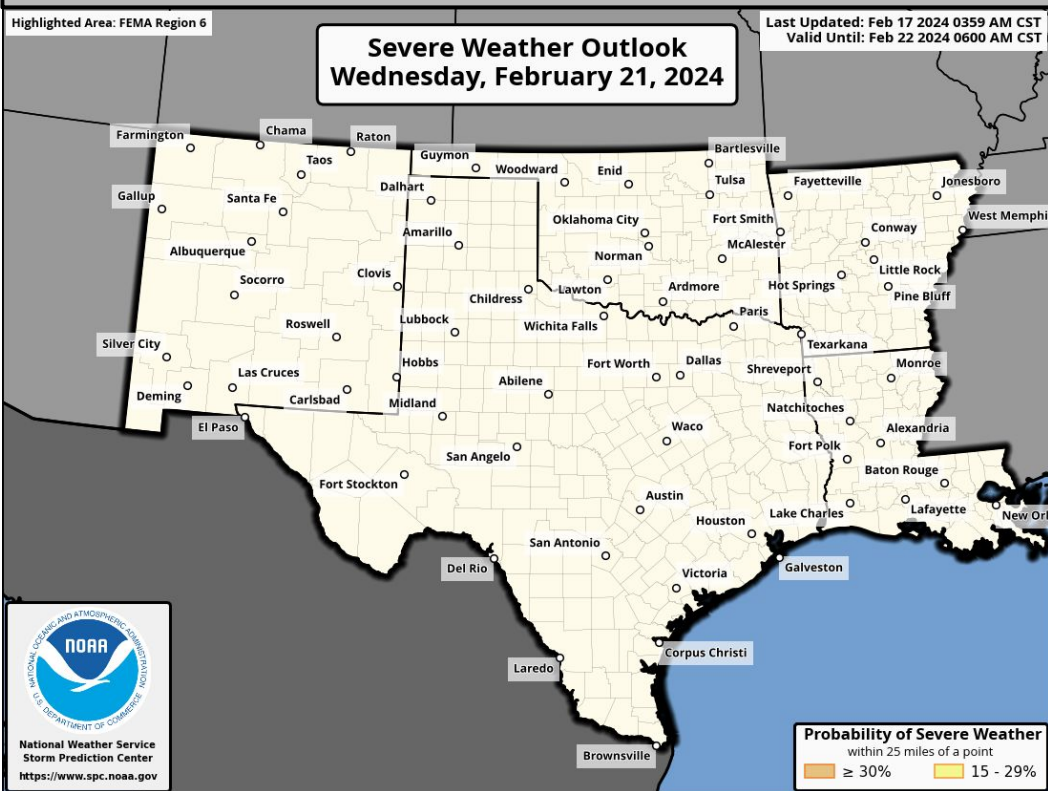


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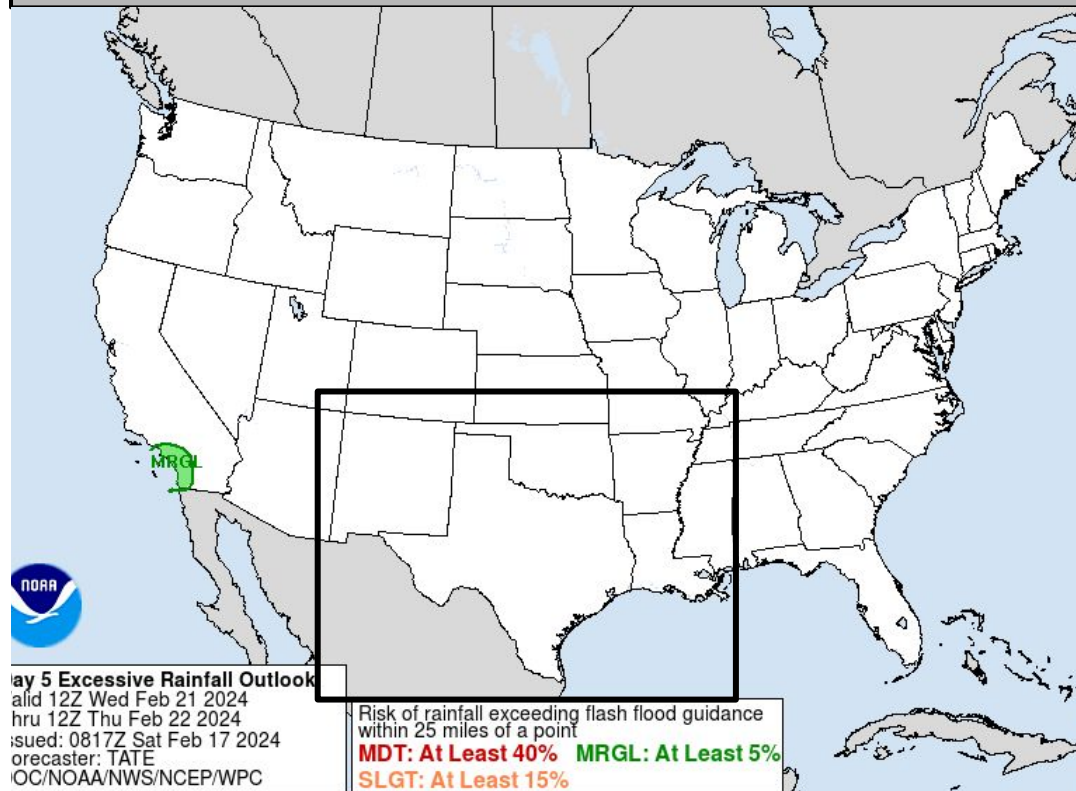


**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

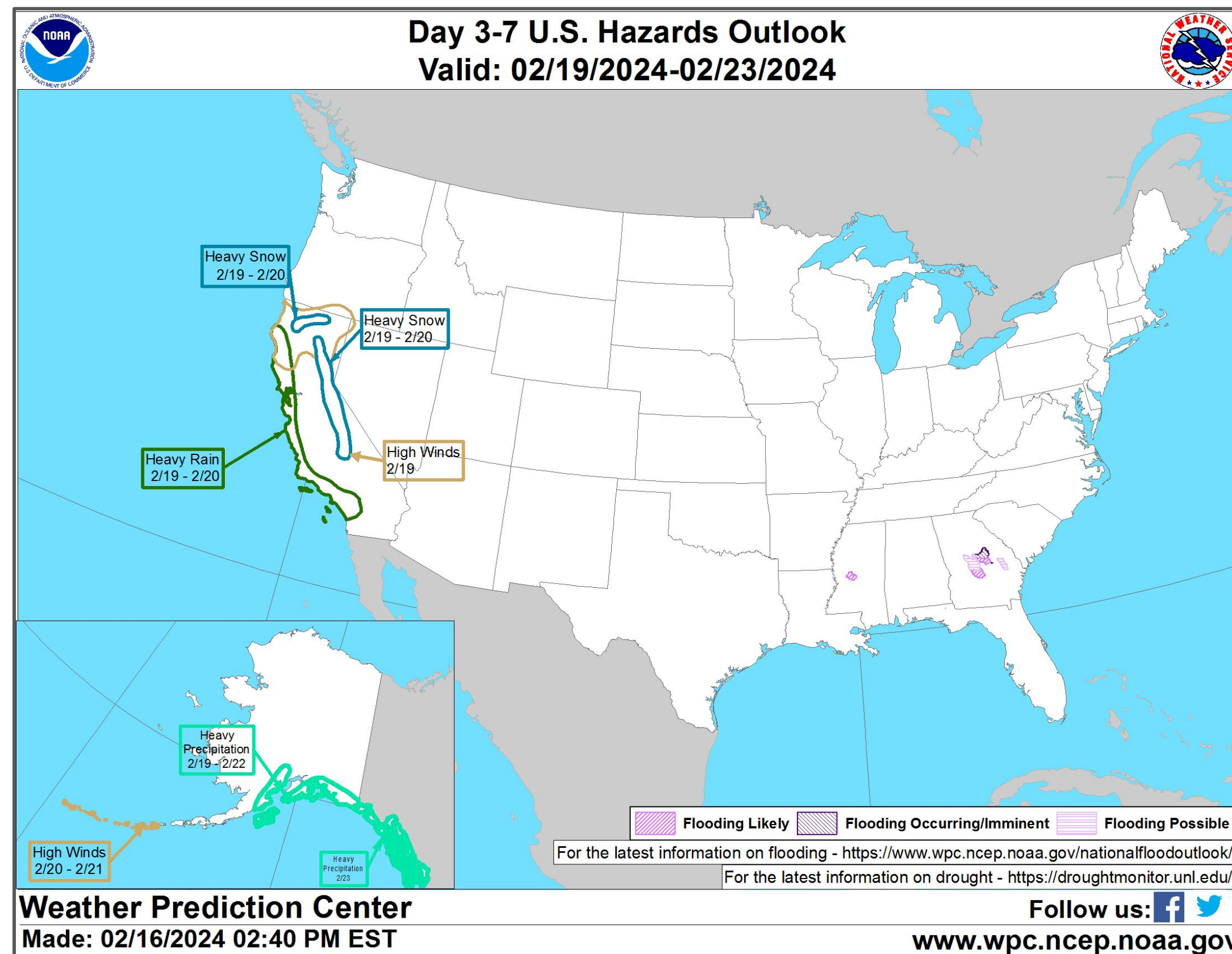


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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



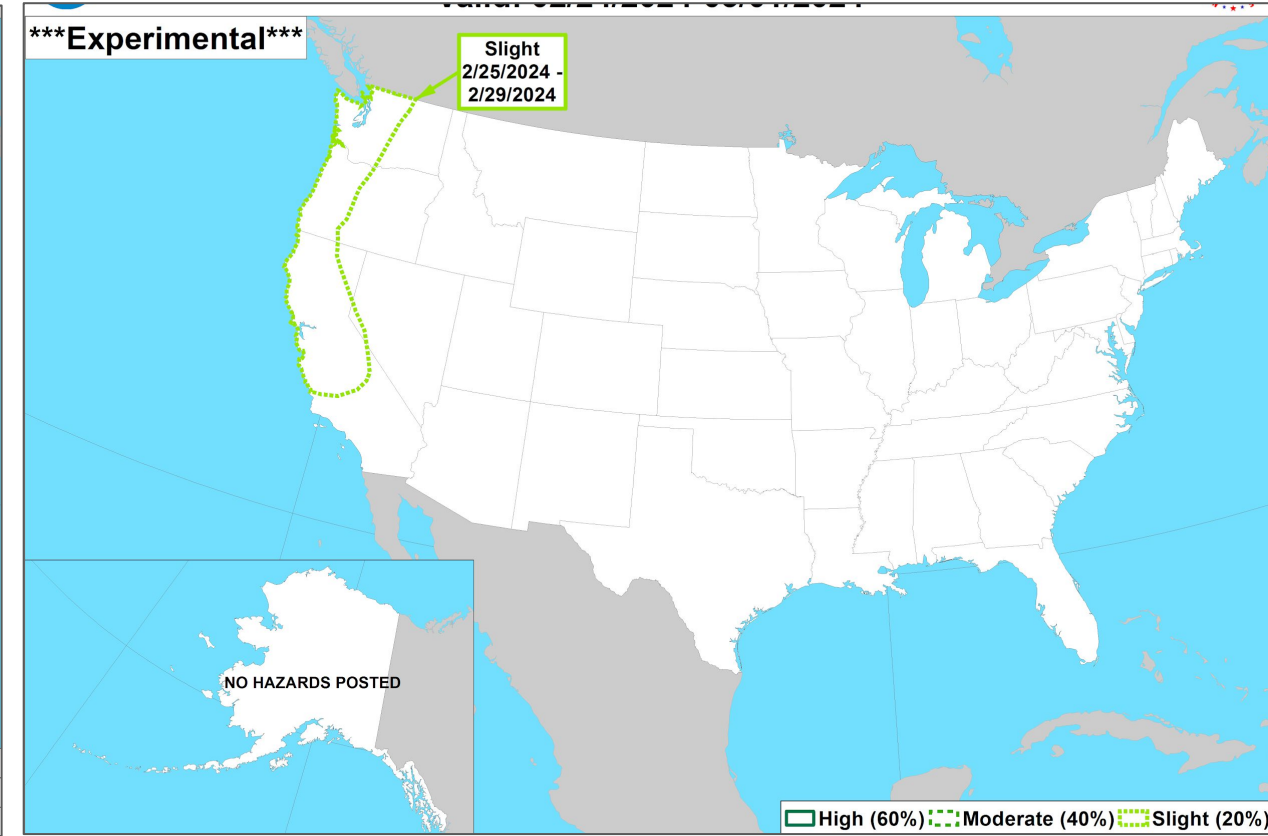
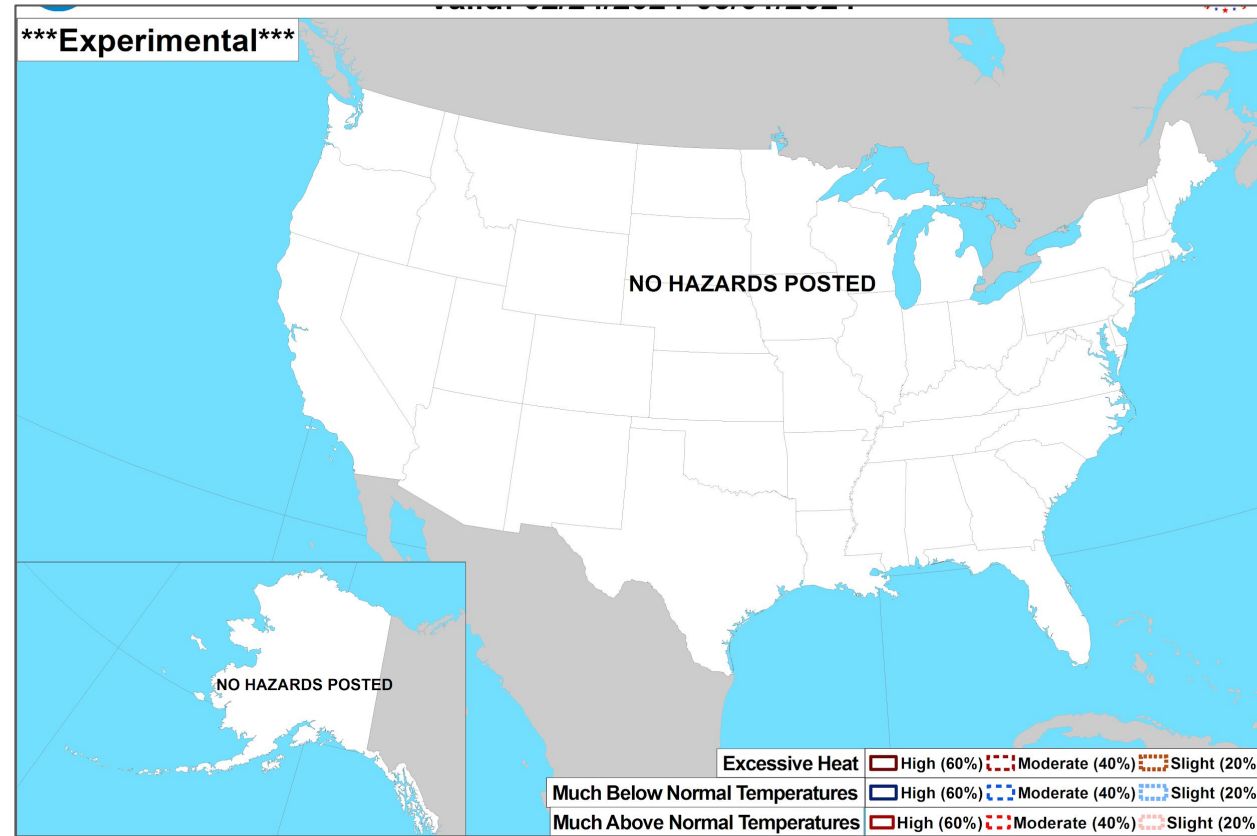
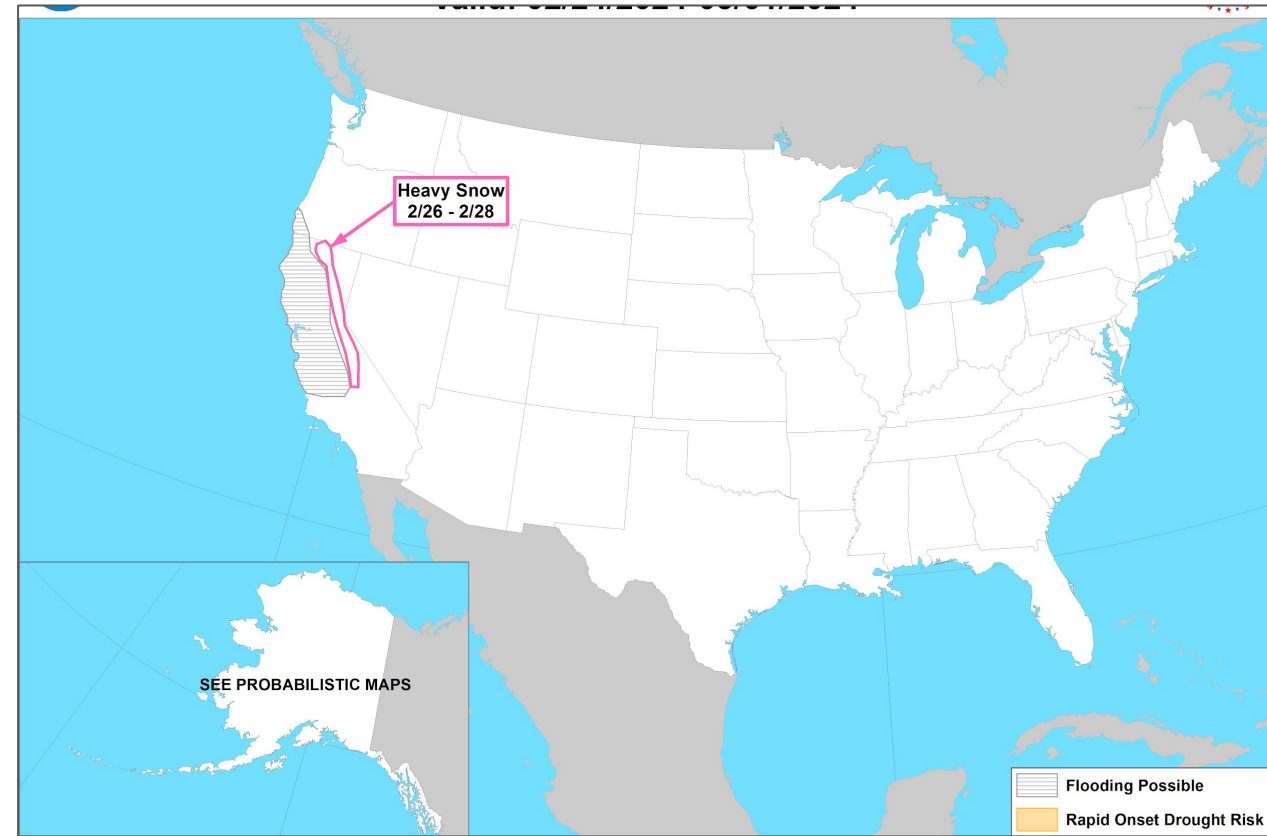
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For additional information on this outlook go to <https://origin.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php>



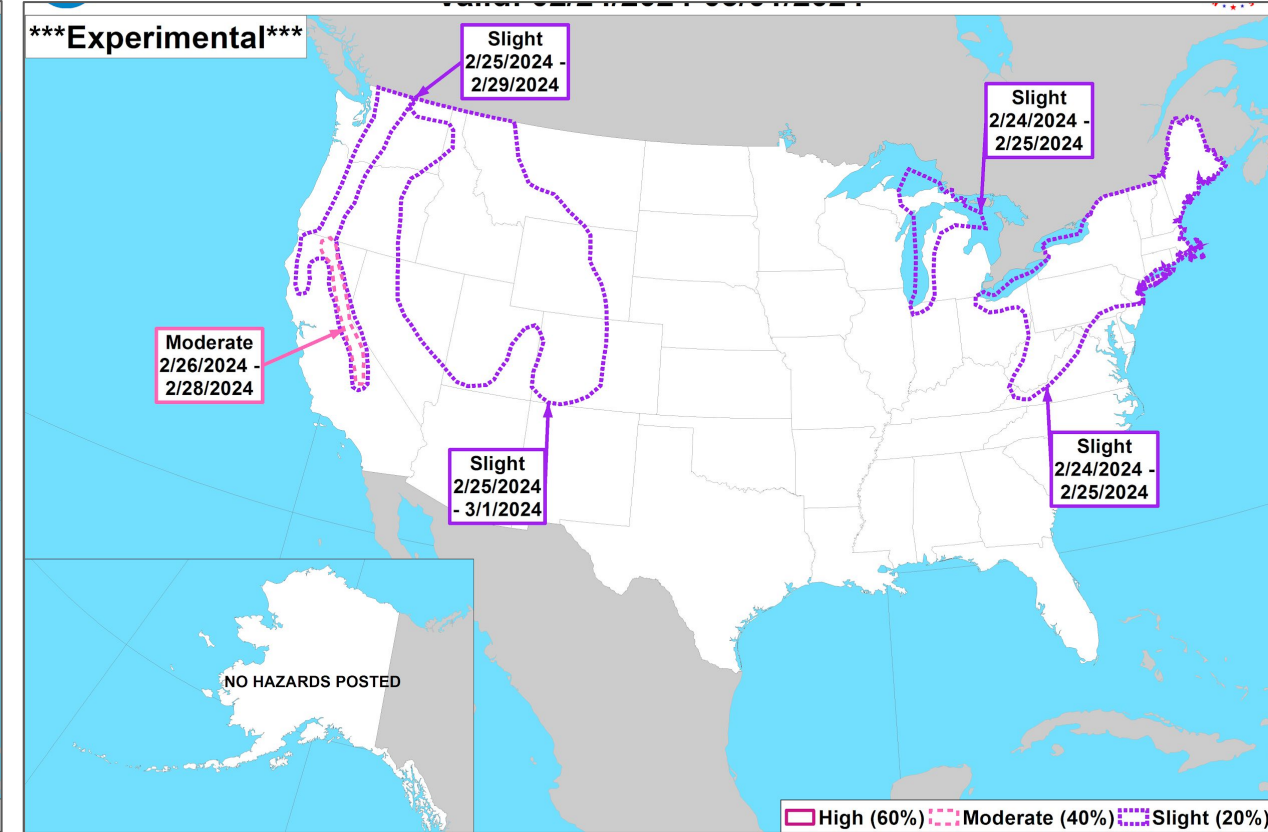
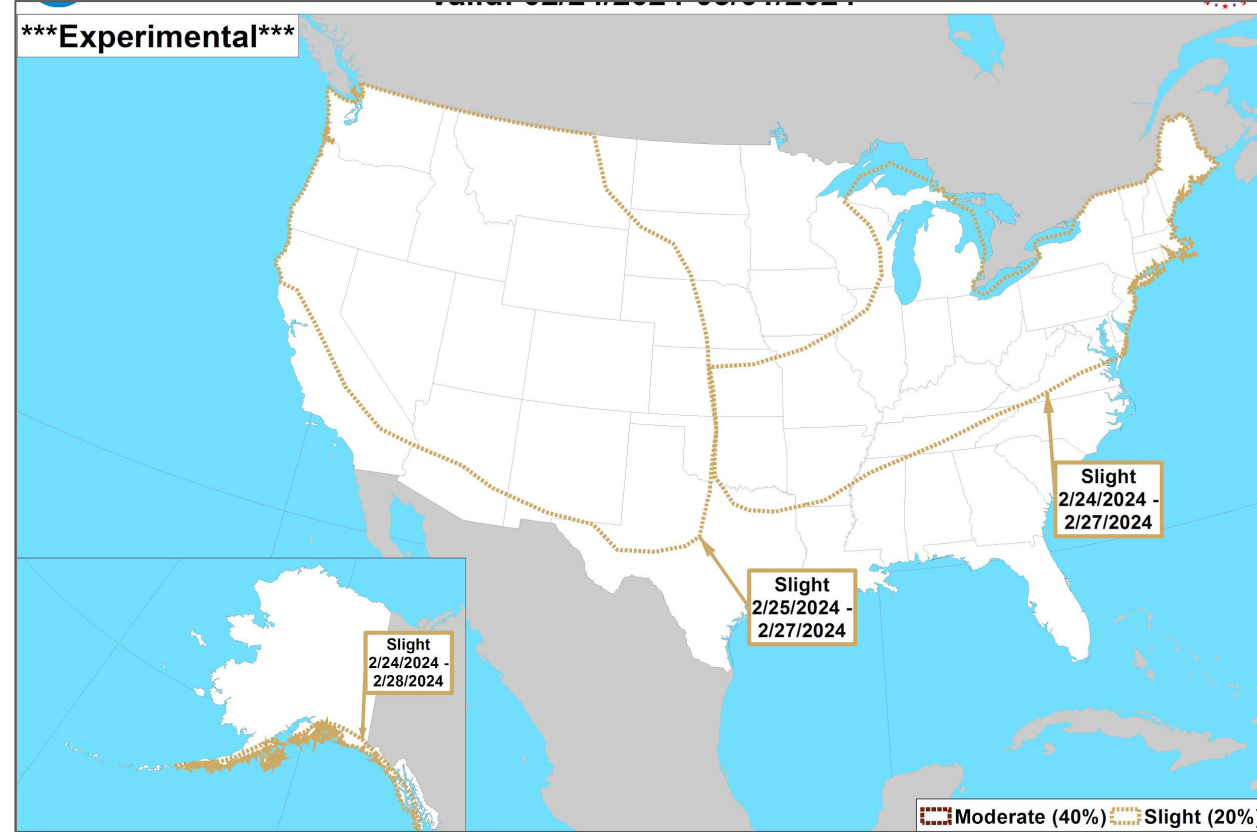
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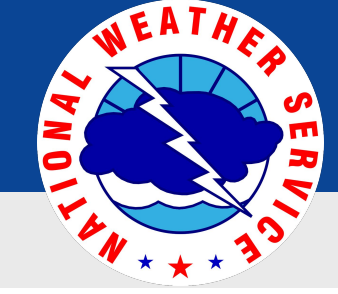


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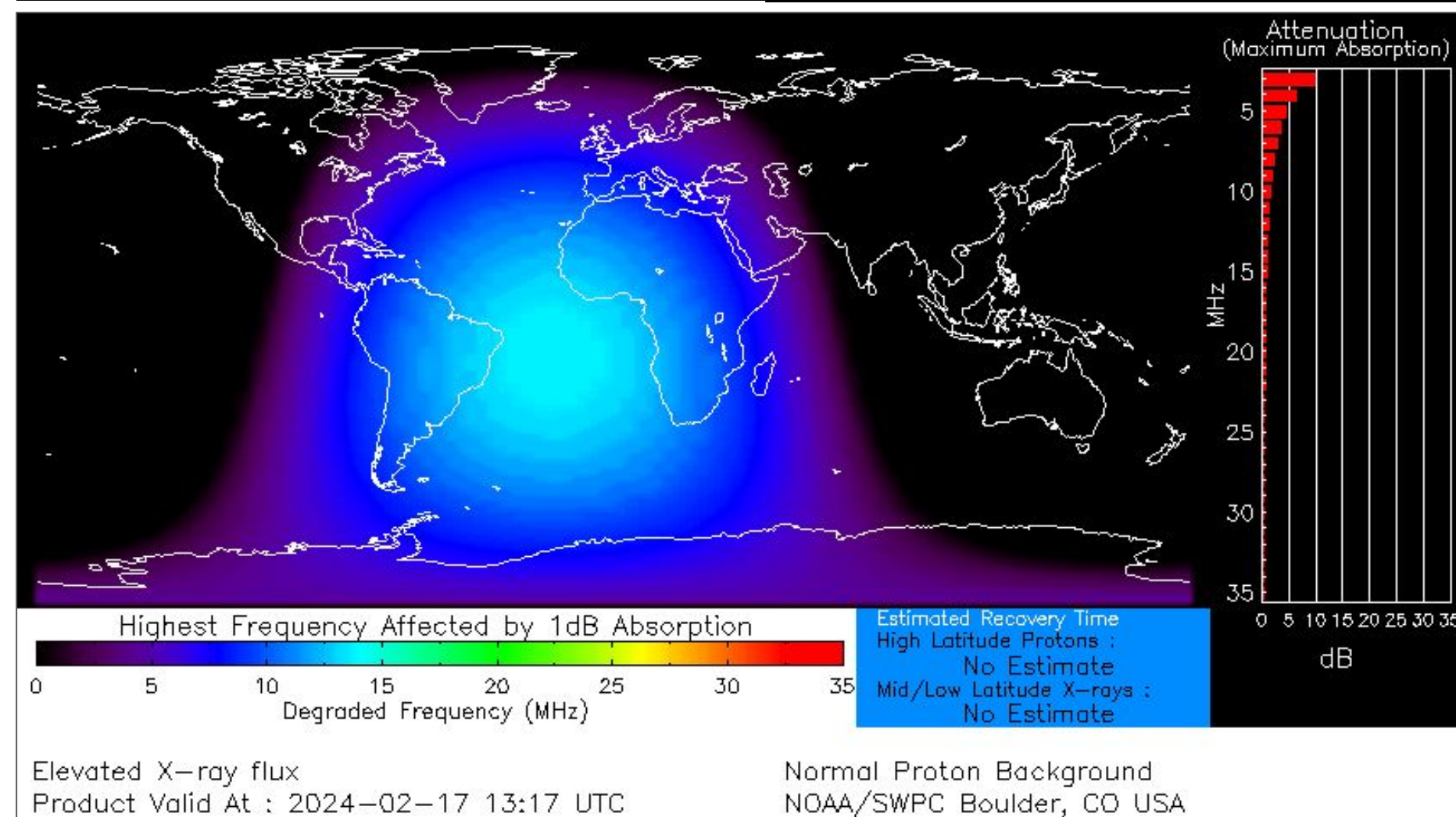
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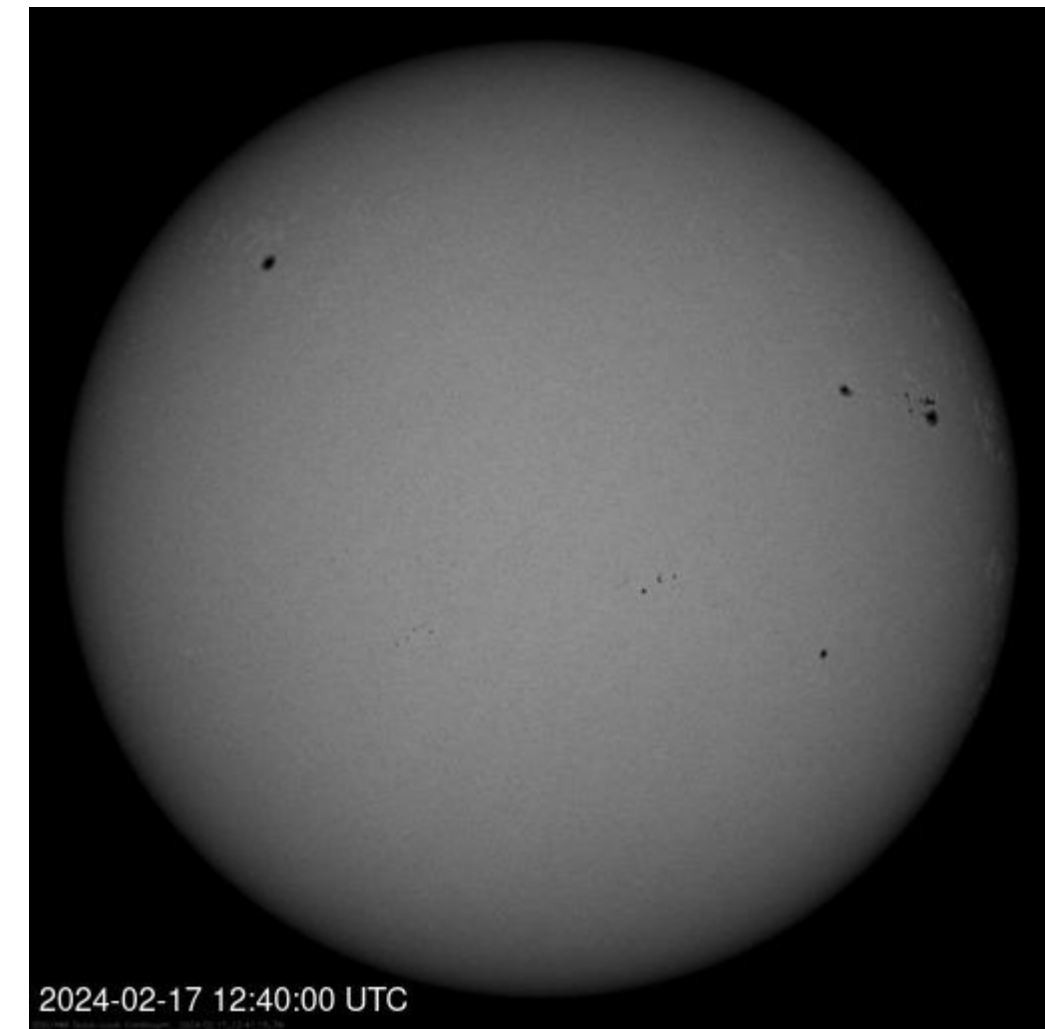
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Feb 17	Sunday, Feb 18	Monday, Feb 19
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp = 3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)





## Weather "Threat" Matrix

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 to No 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 MS 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 FL</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 AL 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 Atlanta 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 NE 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 Carolinas; 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 [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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