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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

To find your local NWS forecast office, go to <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.





Summary of the Upcoming Week

- Elevated fire weather conditions today and critical conditions on Wednesday for E NM, W TX, W OK.
- Marginal risk of severe thunderstorms across NE OK on today and E OK, NTX on Wednesday.
- Slight risk of severe thunderstorms and excessive rainfall across E OK, NETX, AR, N LA on Thursday and possibly continuing into Friday.
- Minor river flooding lingers in NW LA.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Tuesday, Mar 12	Wednesday, Mar 13	Thursday, Mar 14	Friday, Mar 15	Saturday, Mar 16
Severe Storms	NE OK	E OK, NTX	E OK, N/ETX,W AR, NW LA	ETX, SAR, LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			SE OK, NETX, AR, N LA	ETX, SE AR, LA	ETX, LA
Fire Weather	S/E NM,WTX,W/N OK	E NM,WTX,W OK			
Cold					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	NW LA	NW LA	NW LA	NW LA	NW LA

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.*

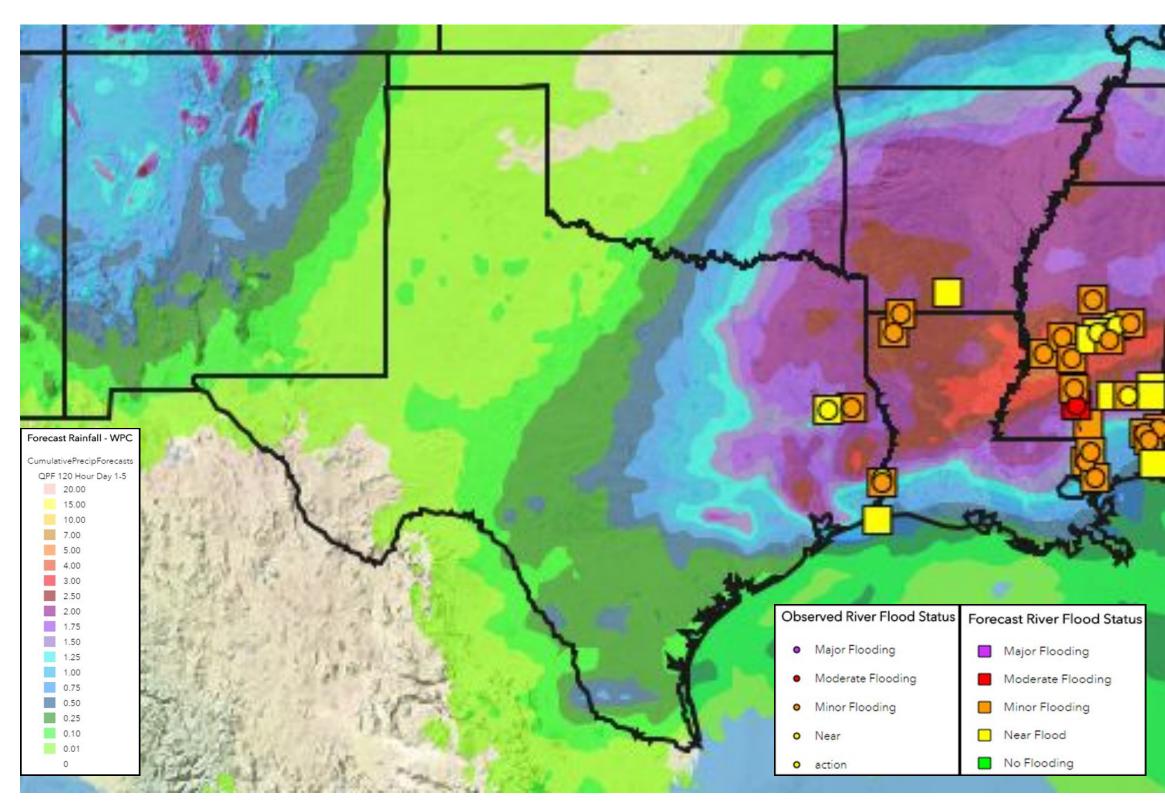
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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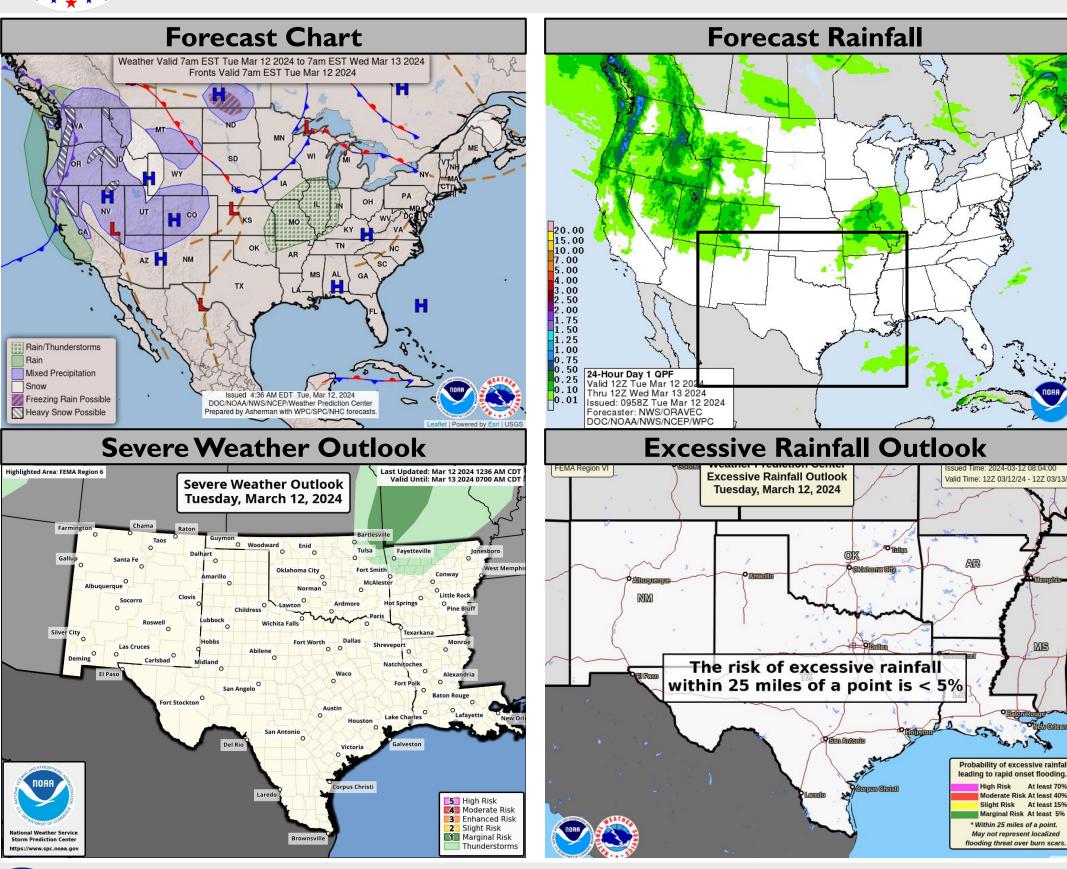
Minor river flooding in NW LA with no significant impacts.

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





Today's Weather



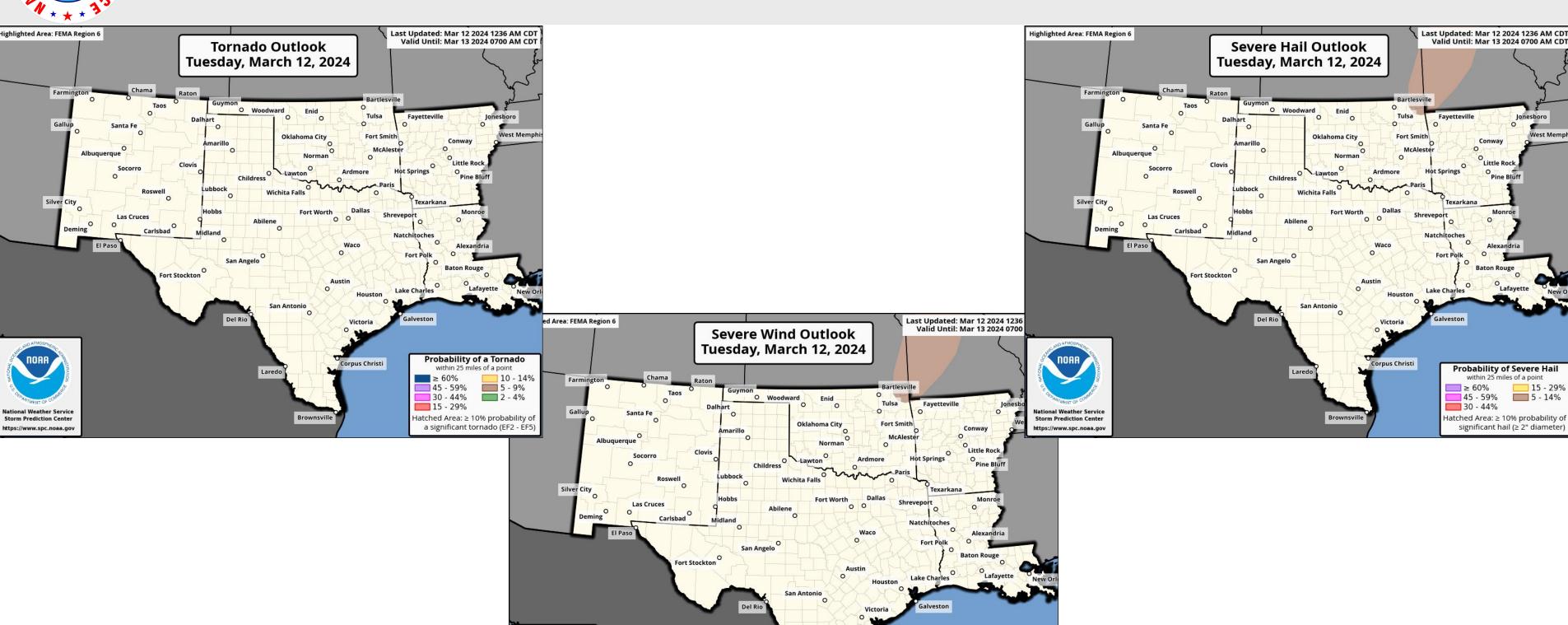
Elevated fire weather conditions over S/E NM,WTX,W/N OK.

Marginal risk of severe storms in NE OK.



Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

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≥ 60%

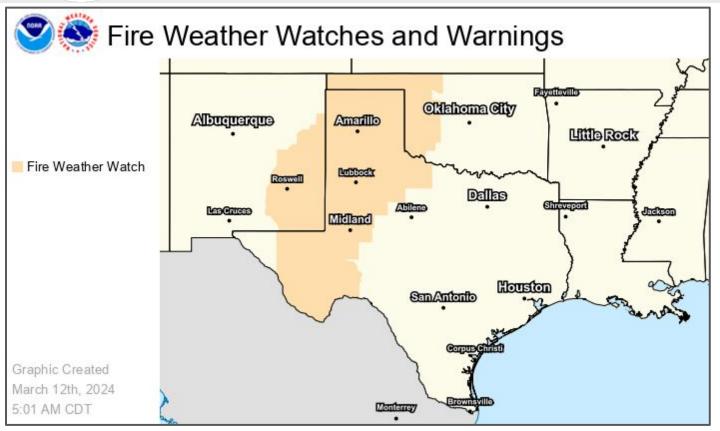
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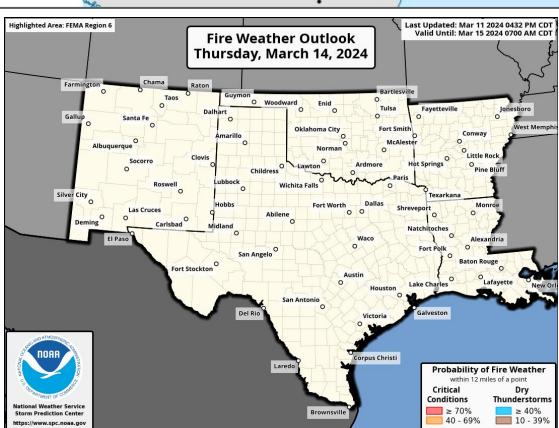
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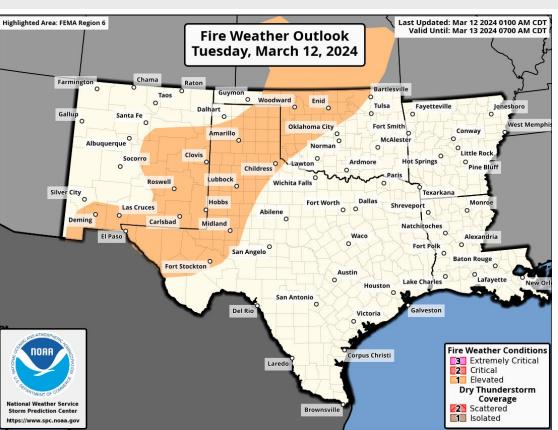
15 - 29% 5 - 14%

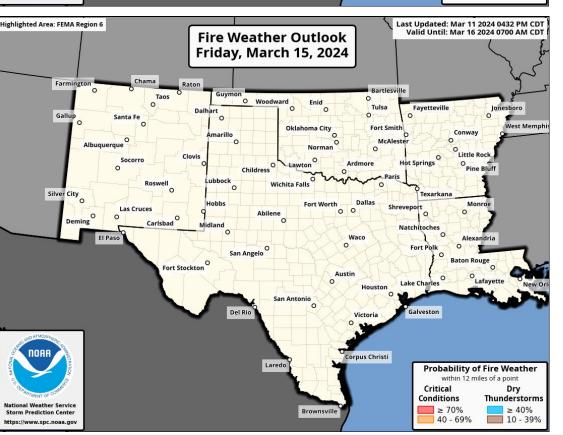


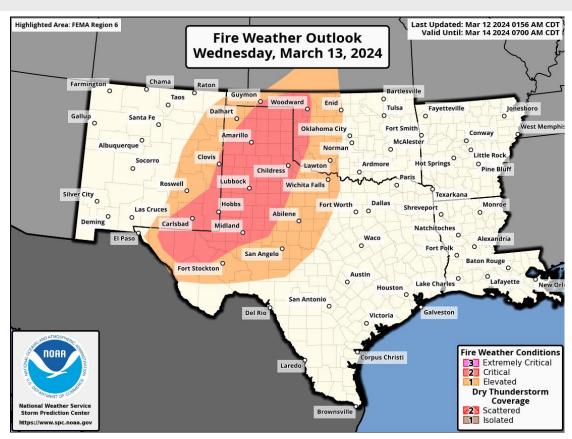
Fire Weather Outlooks

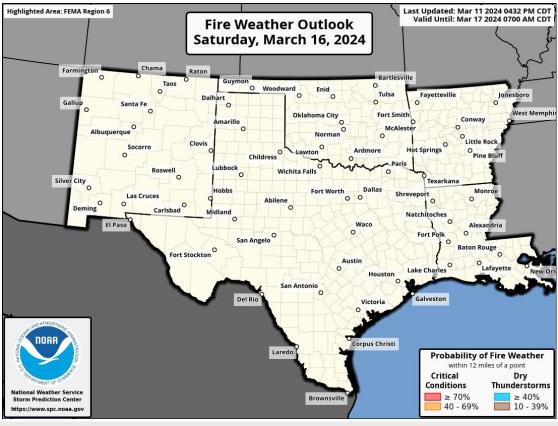










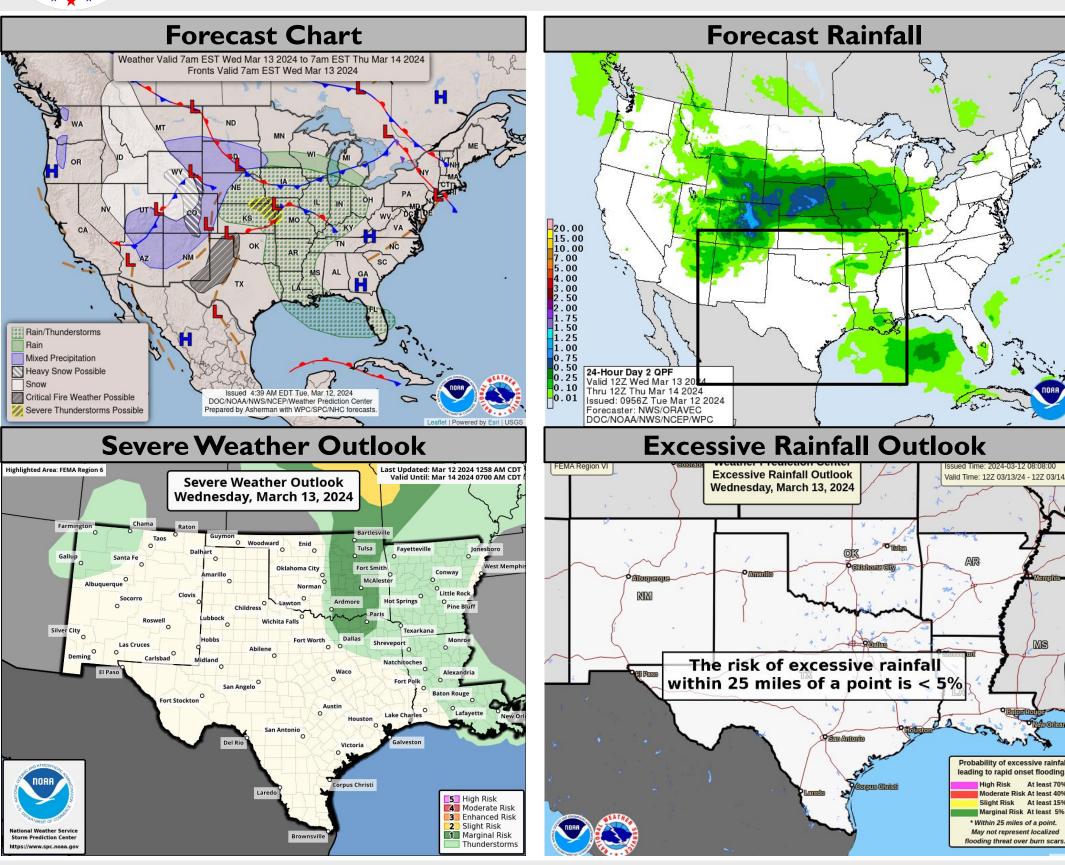




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Tomorrow's Weather

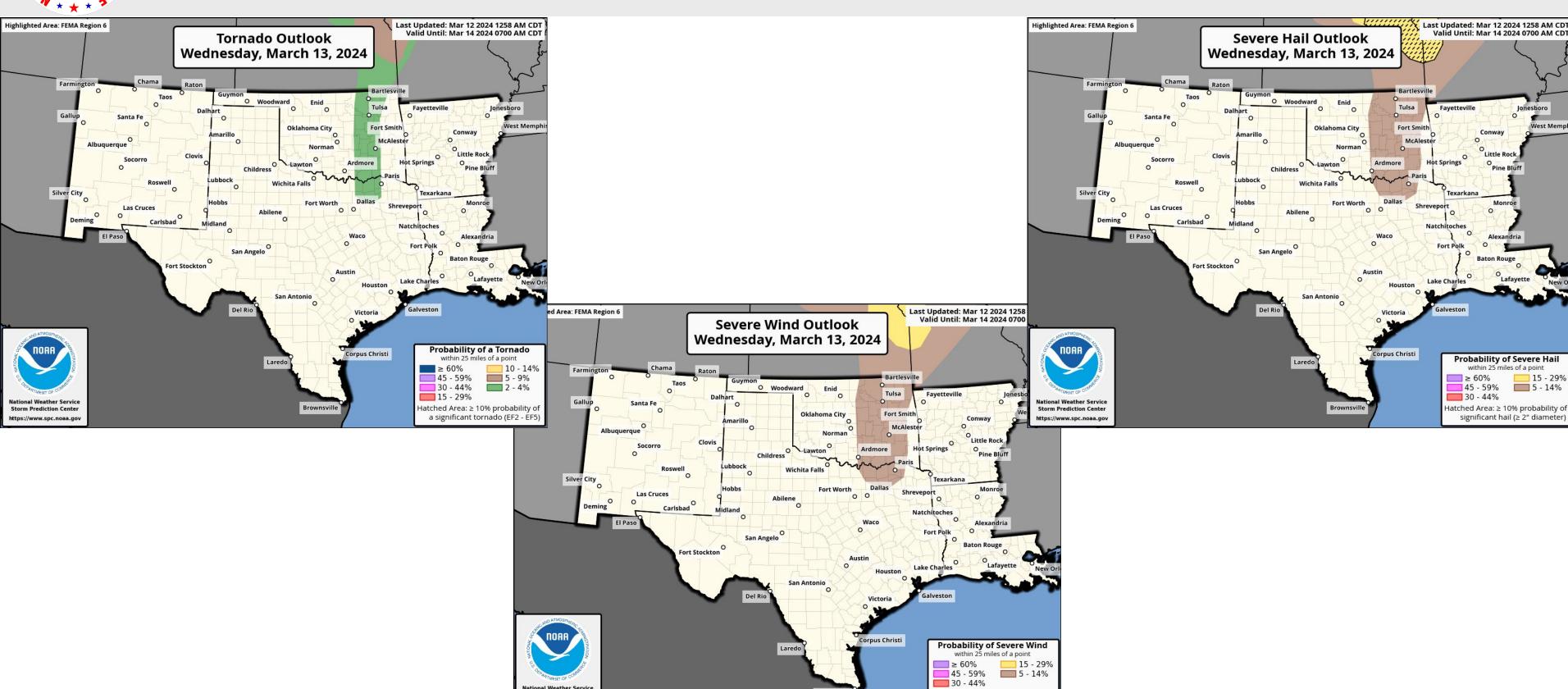


Elevated to critical fire weather conditions over E NM,W TX,W OK.

Marginal risk of severe storms in E OK, NTX.



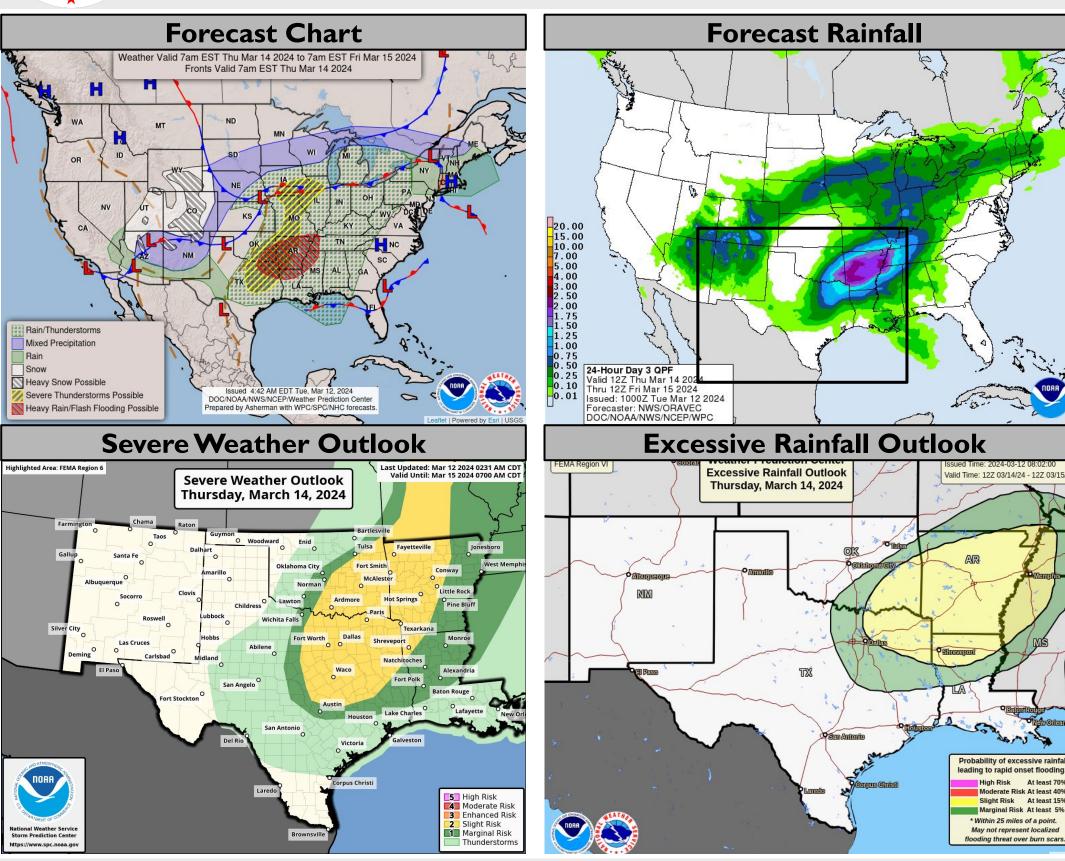
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



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Thursday's Weather

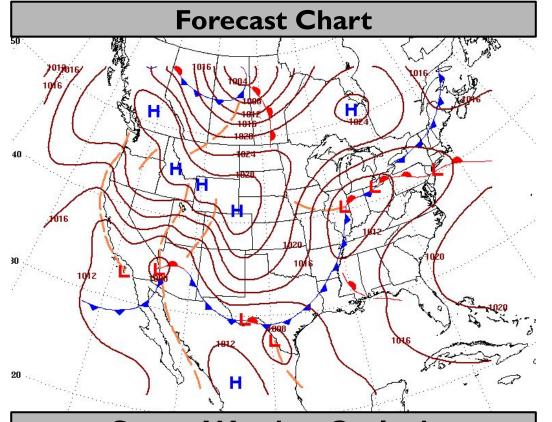


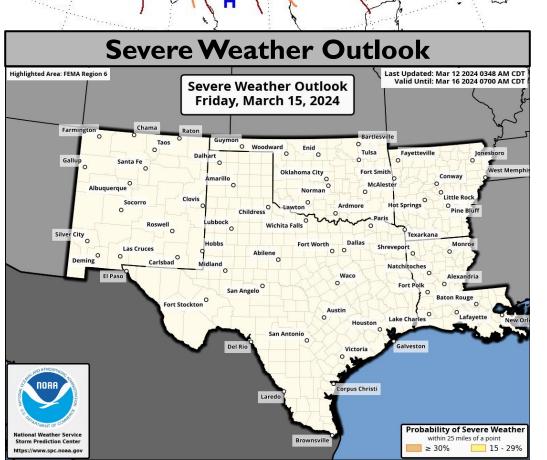
Slight risk of severe thunderstorms across E OK, N/E TX, W AR, NW LA.

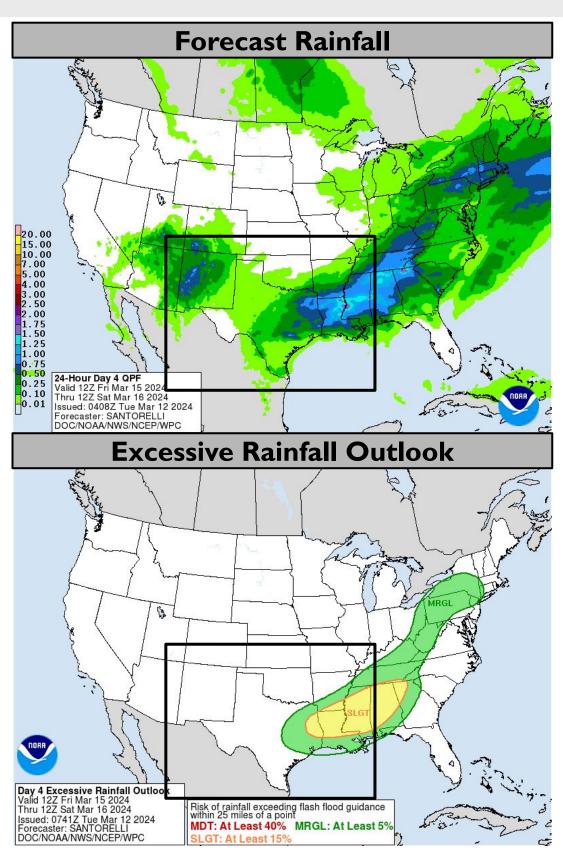
Slight risk of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding across SE OK, NETX, AR, N LA.



Friday's Weather





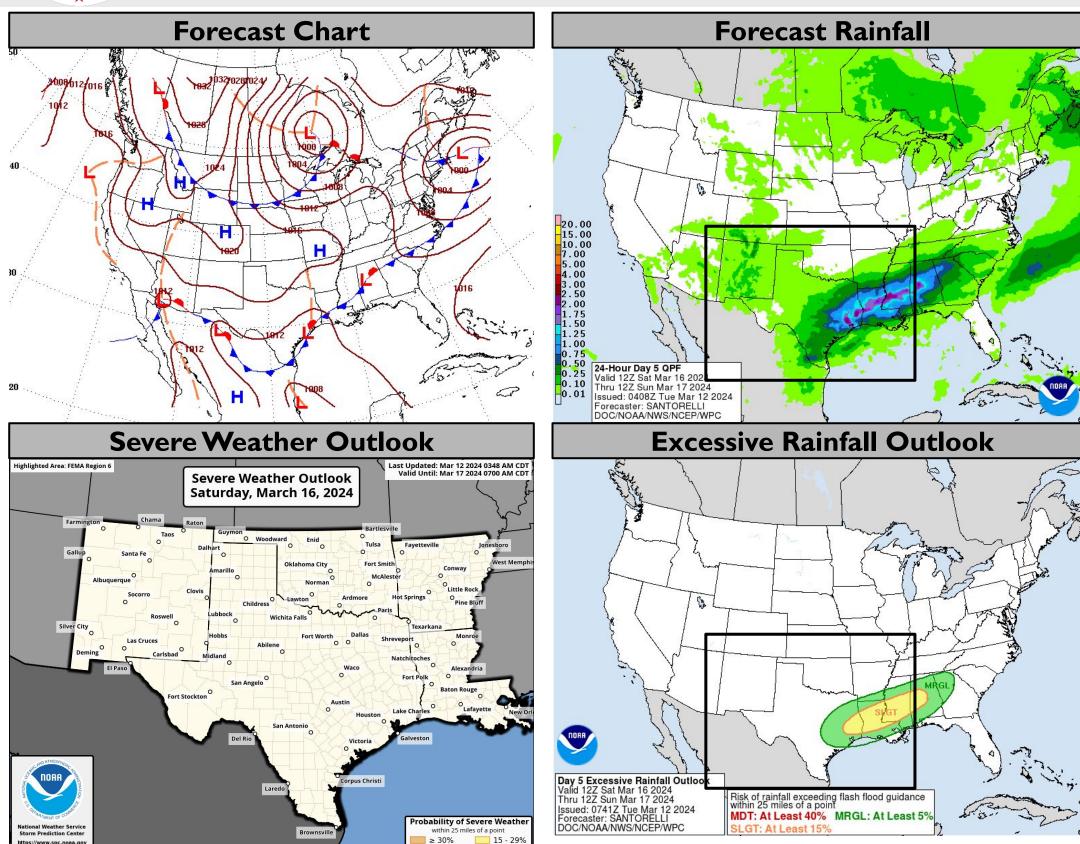


Potential for severe thunderstorms across ETX, SAR, LA.

Slight risk for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding across ETX, SEAR, LA.



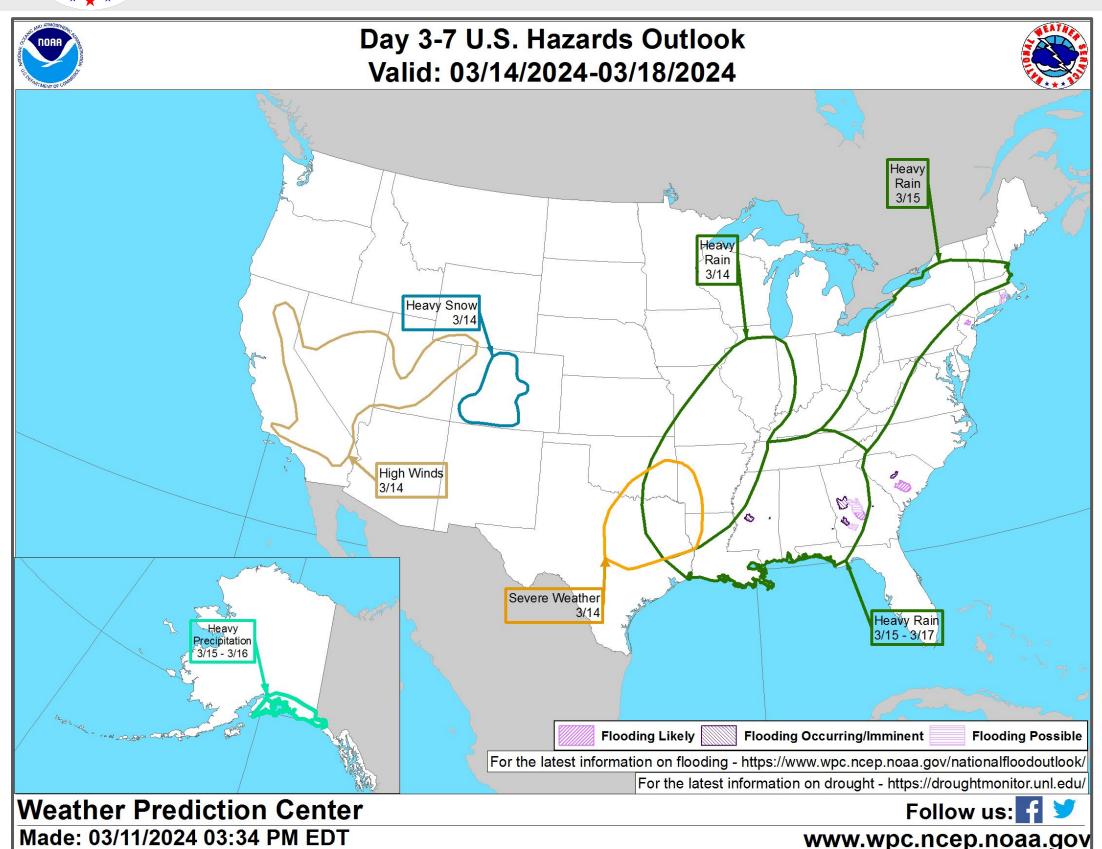
Saturday's Weather



Slight risk for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding across ETX, LA.



"Day 3-7" Hazards Outlook



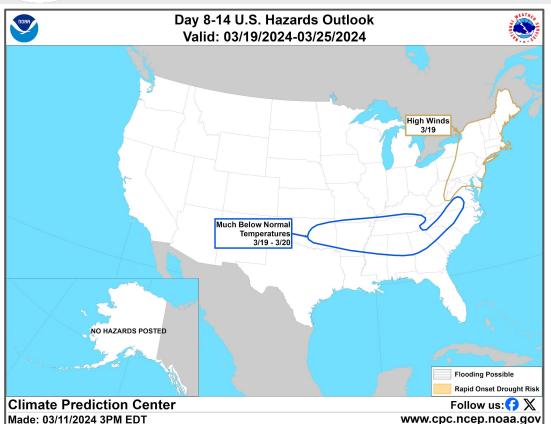
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- 1. The "day 3-7" will really be days 2-6
- 2. This slide will be hidden on Mondays and Sundays so the data/information is not too old

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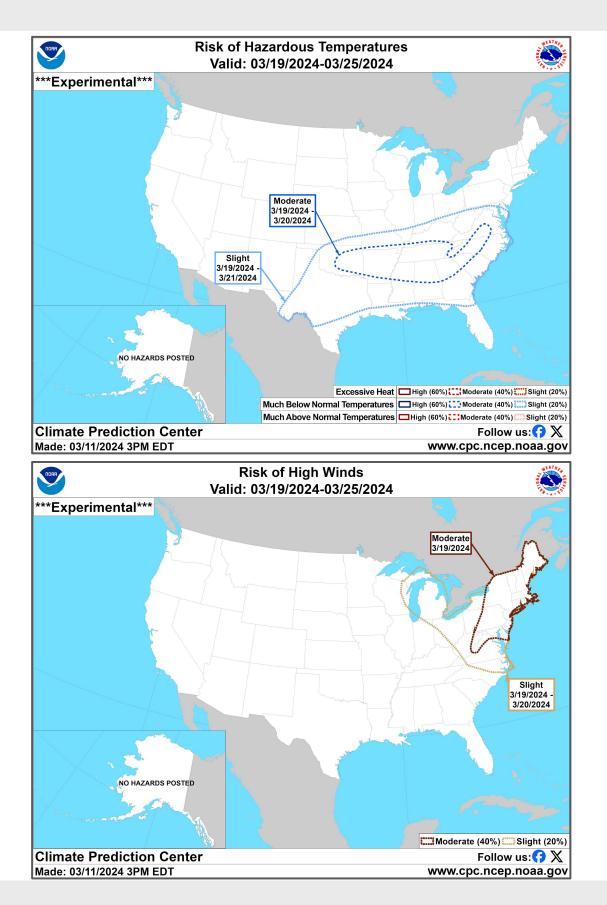
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook



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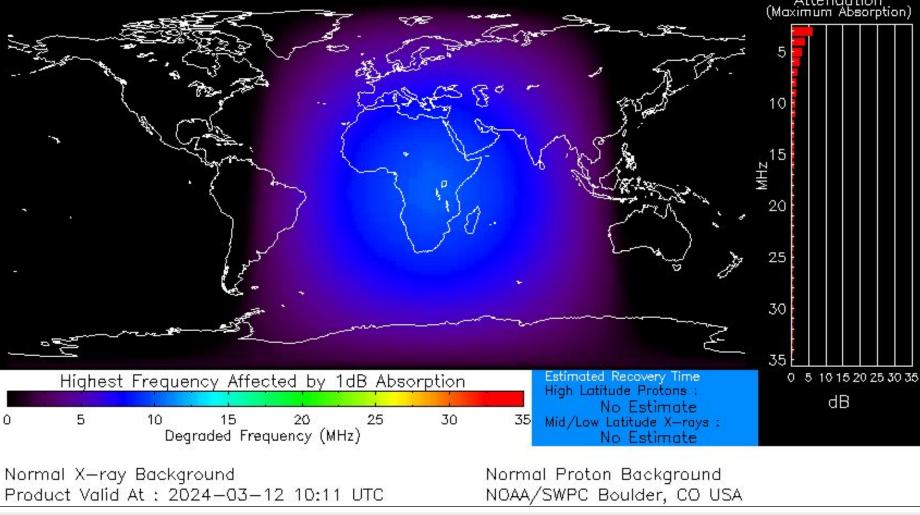






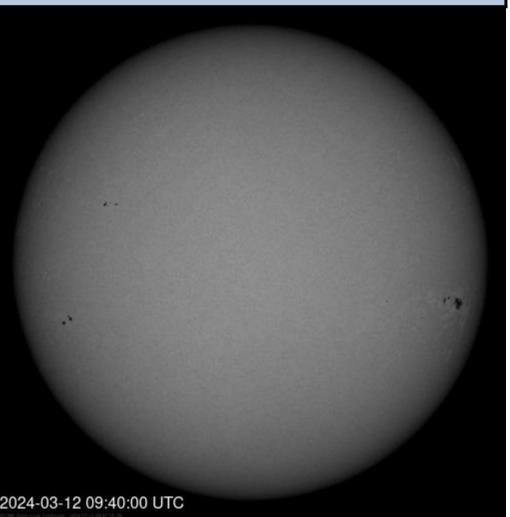
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Mar 12	Wednesday, Mar 13	Thursday, Mar 14
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



Space Weather Storm Scales

Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast





Weather "Threat" Matrix							
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)				
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little to No Inconvenience to Daily Routines	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	Thunderstorms expected over MS 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 FL				
Yellow	Somewhat Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	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	 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AL 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	Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	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	A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the Atlanta 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	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	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	A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NE 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	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years 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	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	A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the Carolinas; 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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