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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, September 01, 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

- Threat for excessive rainfall over NM burn scars and for portions of TX, LA, AR. Biggest threat is Monday for S NM burn scars and TX.
- Tropical Weather Outlook:
  - Medium (40%) chance of tropical development in the central Atlantic/Antilles by early to mid next week. No tropical impacts to FEMA 6 in the next 7 days.
  - Low (20%) chance of tropical development near the TX/LA coasts. Regardless of development, flash flooding is primary hazard for coastal TX and LA through mid week.
  - Low (20%) chance of a new wave over Africa seeing tropical development in the eastern Atlantic. No impacts.





## FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

**Next 5 Days** 

|  | Sunday, Sep I         | Monday, Sep 2 | Tuesday, Sep 3 | Wednesday, Sep 4 | Thursday, Sep 5 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Severe Storms  |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding   | S NM,WTX,TX/LA coasts | S NM,TX       | TX             | SE/STX, LA, AR   | NE NM, LA       |
| Fire Weather   |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| Wind   |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| Heat   |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| Tropical   |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| River Flooding   |                       |               |                |                  |                 |
| *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. |                       |               |                |                  |                 |

Moderate

Minor



**Little to None** 

**Risk Levels** 

**Extreme** 

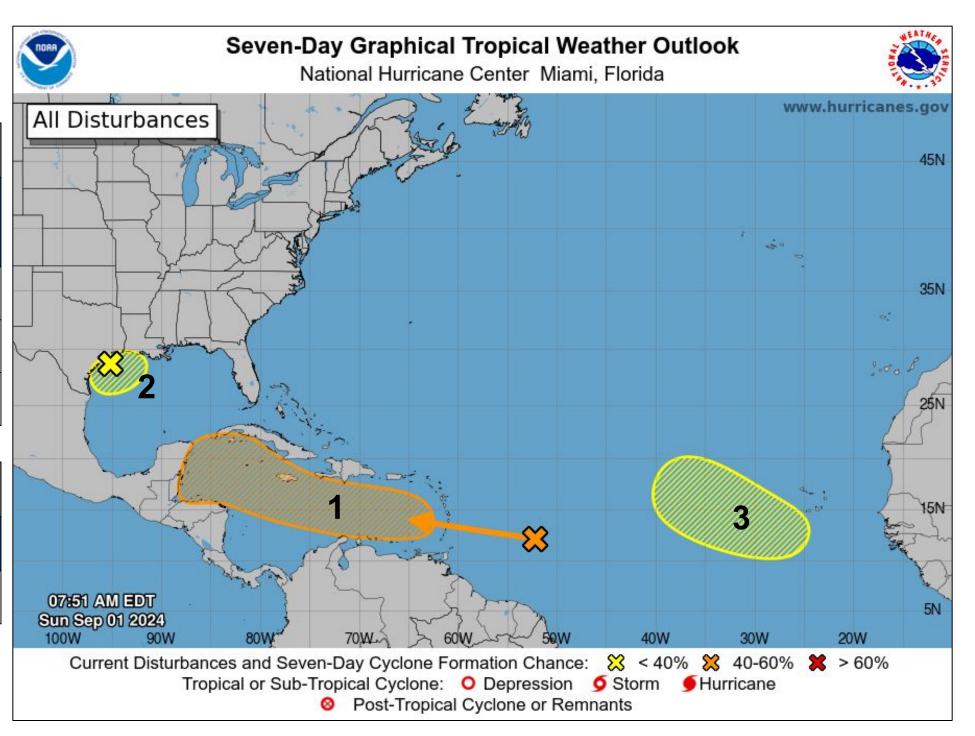
Major



## Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

| Areas of Possible Development |                       |                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Area                          | Chance of Development | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6   |  |  |
| 1                             | Medium (40%)          | None in next 7 days.          |  |  |
| 2                             | Low (20%)             | Heavy rain in coastal TX, LA. |  |  |
| 3                             | Low (20%)             | None in next 7 days.          |  |  |

| Active Tropical Cyclones |                                   |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Storm                    | Storm Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |  |
|                          |                                   |  |



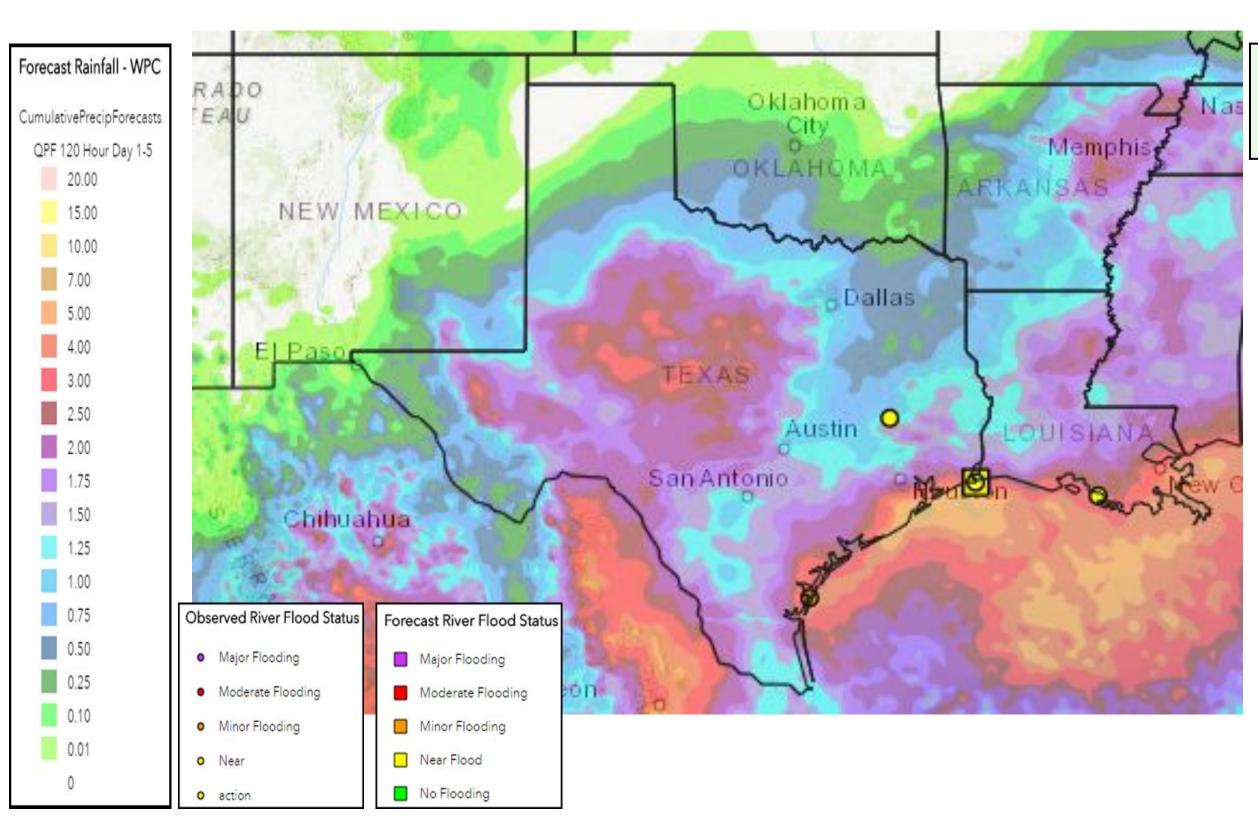
See <a href="http://www.hurricanes.gov">http://www.hurricanes.gov</a> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





#### 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

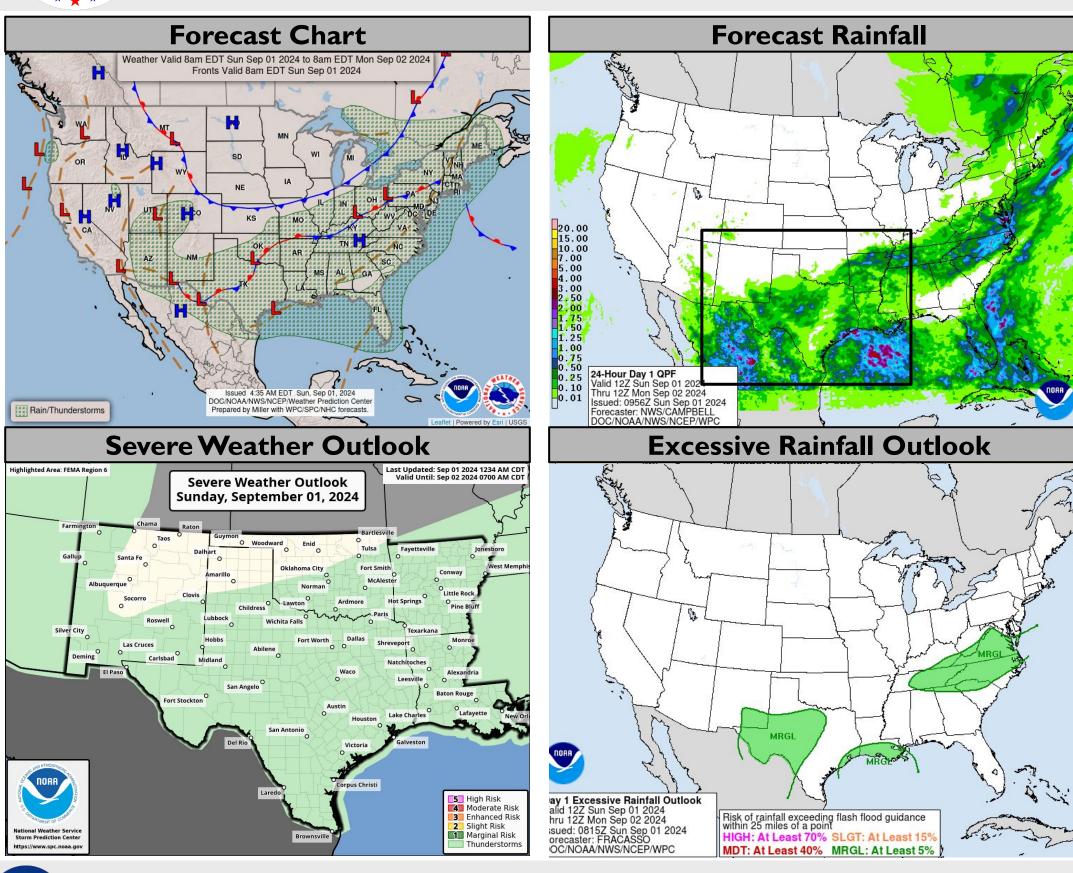
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No significant river flooding is forecast.



## Today's Weather

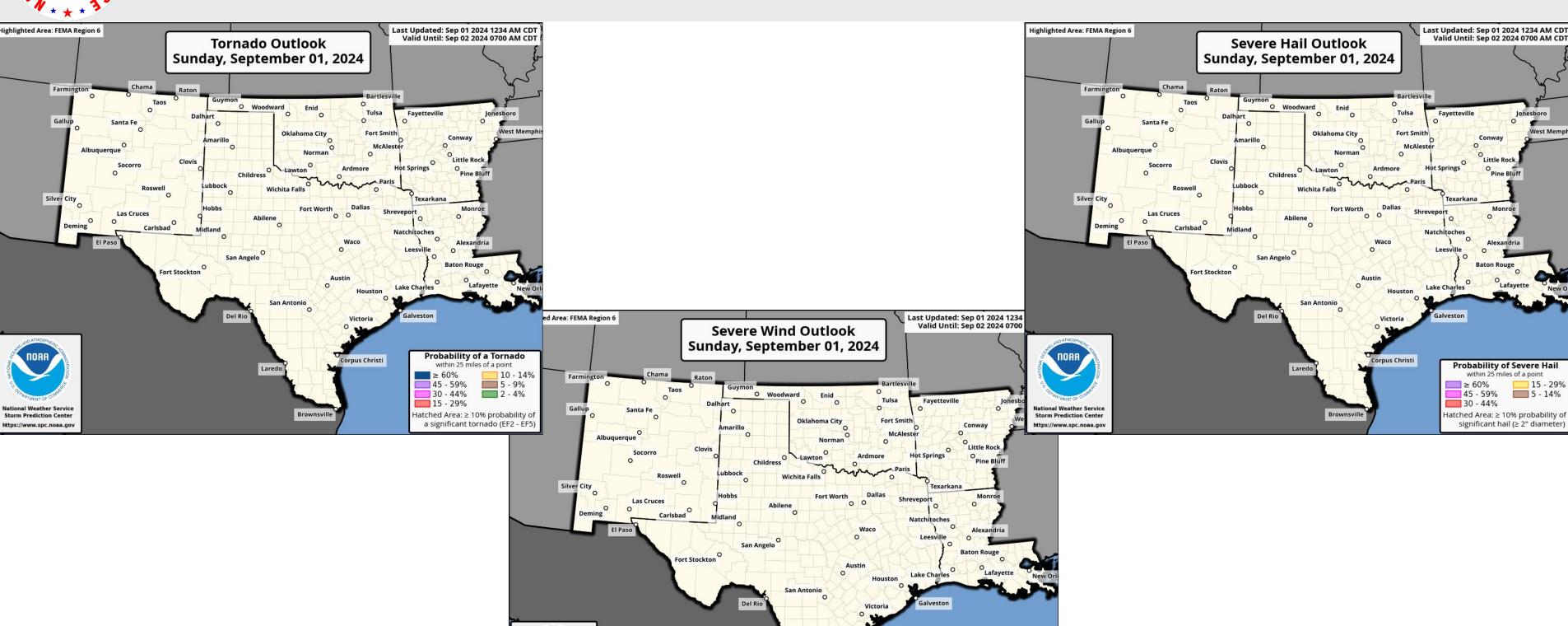


Heavy rainfall may produce flash flooding across burn scars in NM, WTX, coasts of LA,TX.



### Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

#### September 1, 2024



≥ 60%

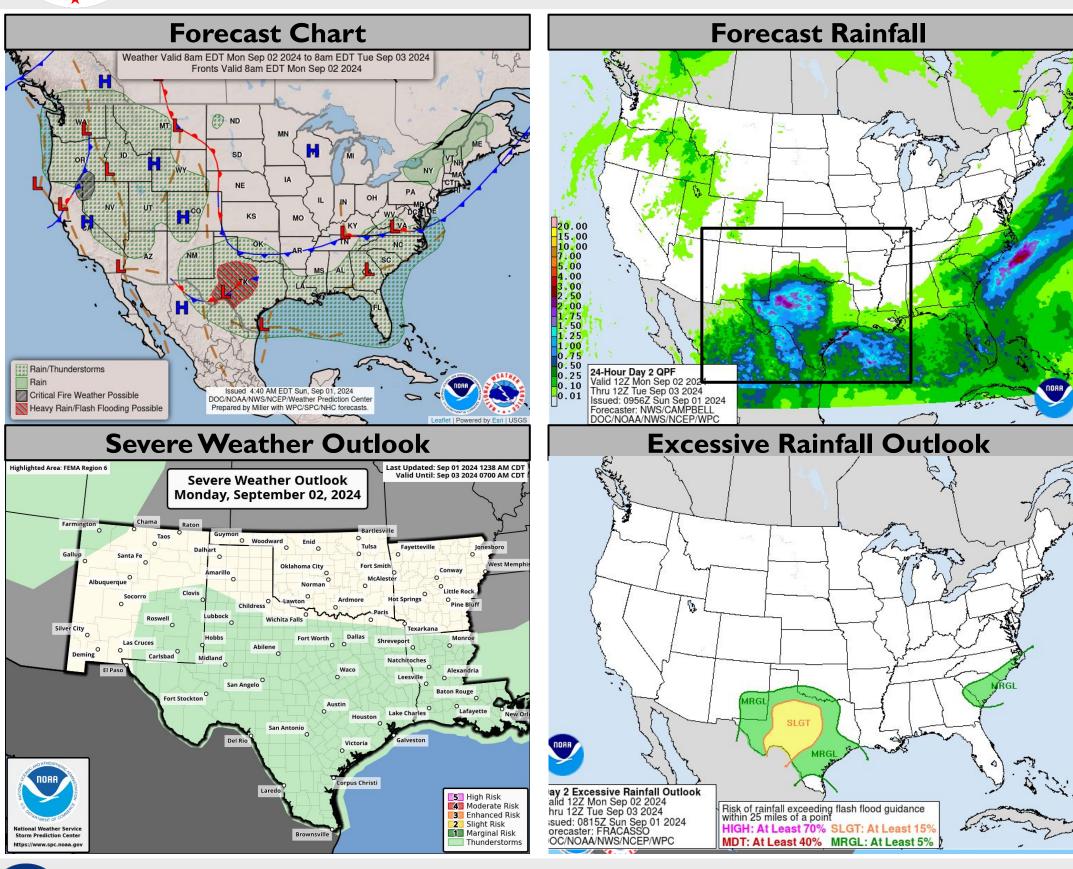
45 - 59% 30 - 44%

Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability o

15 - 29% 5 - 14%



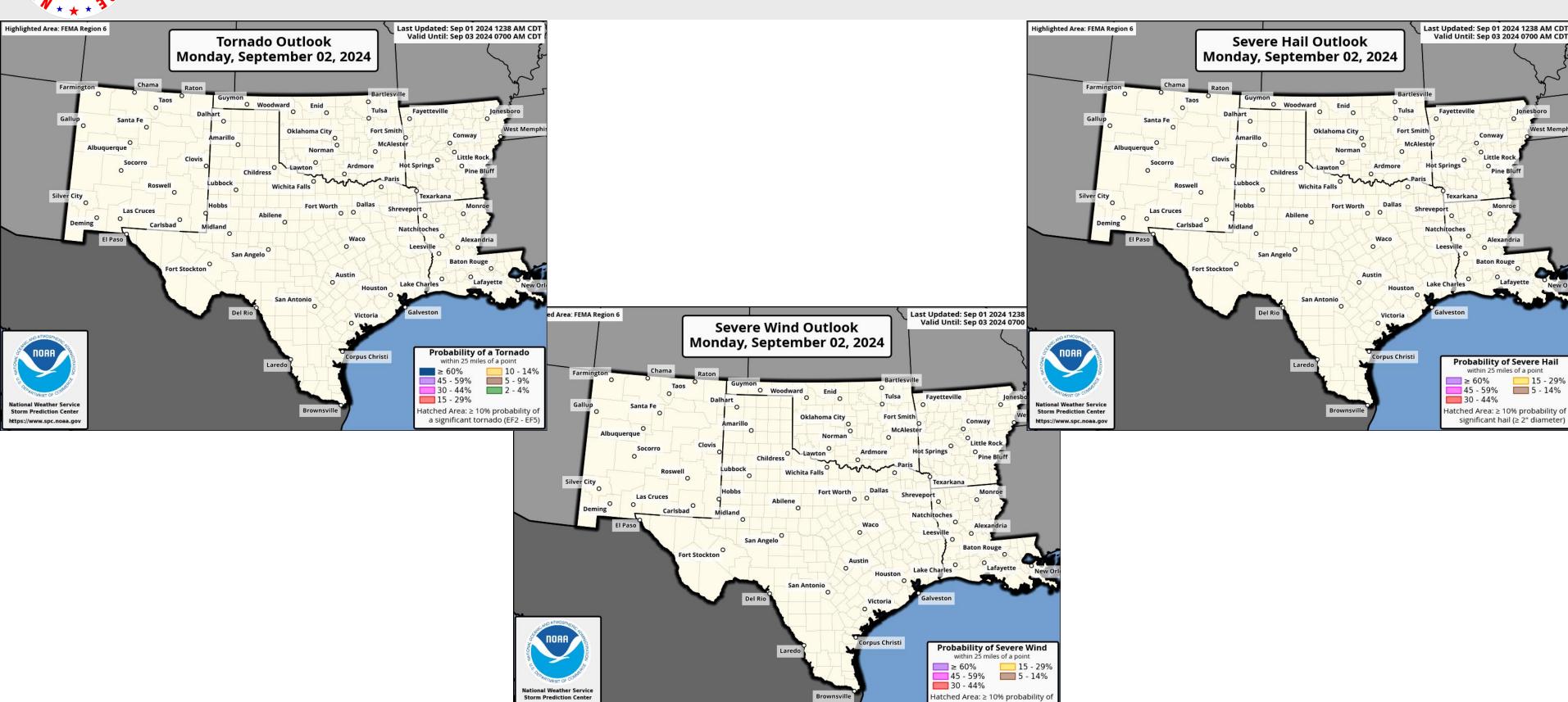
#### Tomorrow's Weather



Heavy rainfall may produce flash flooding across burn scars in S NM and across TX.



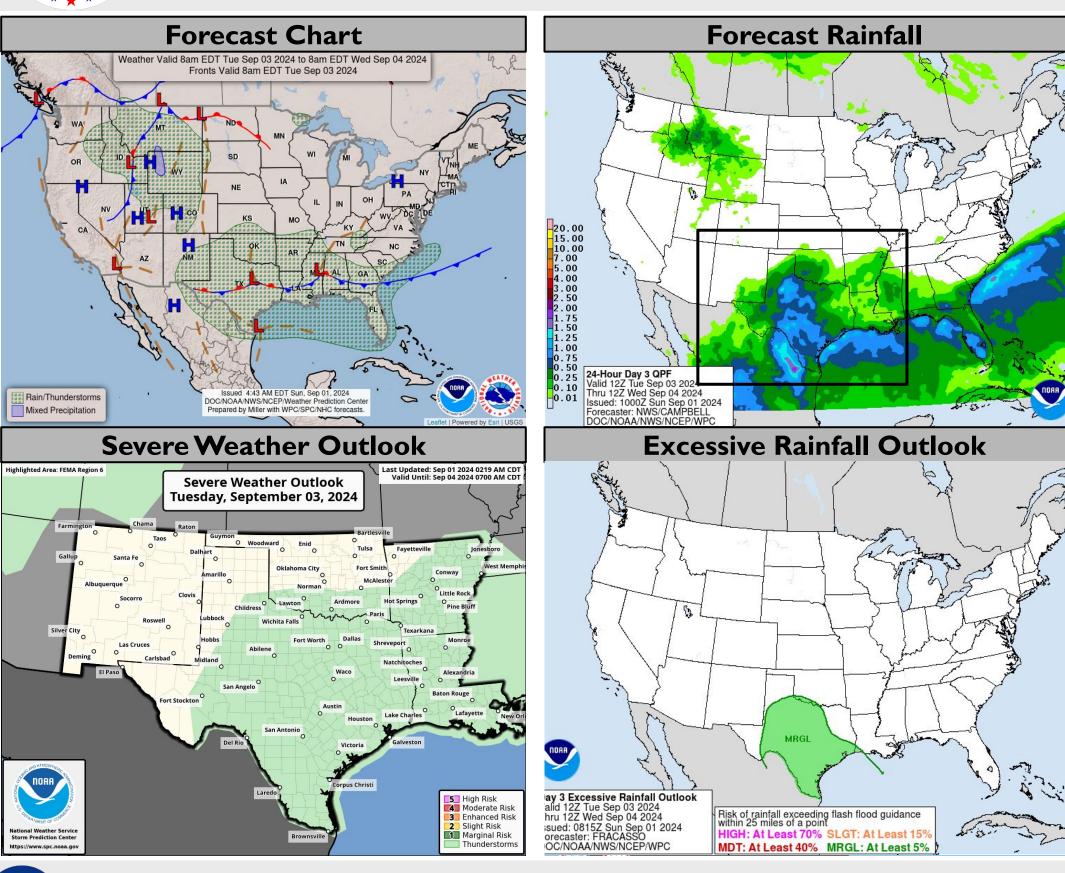
#### Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







## Tuesday's Weather

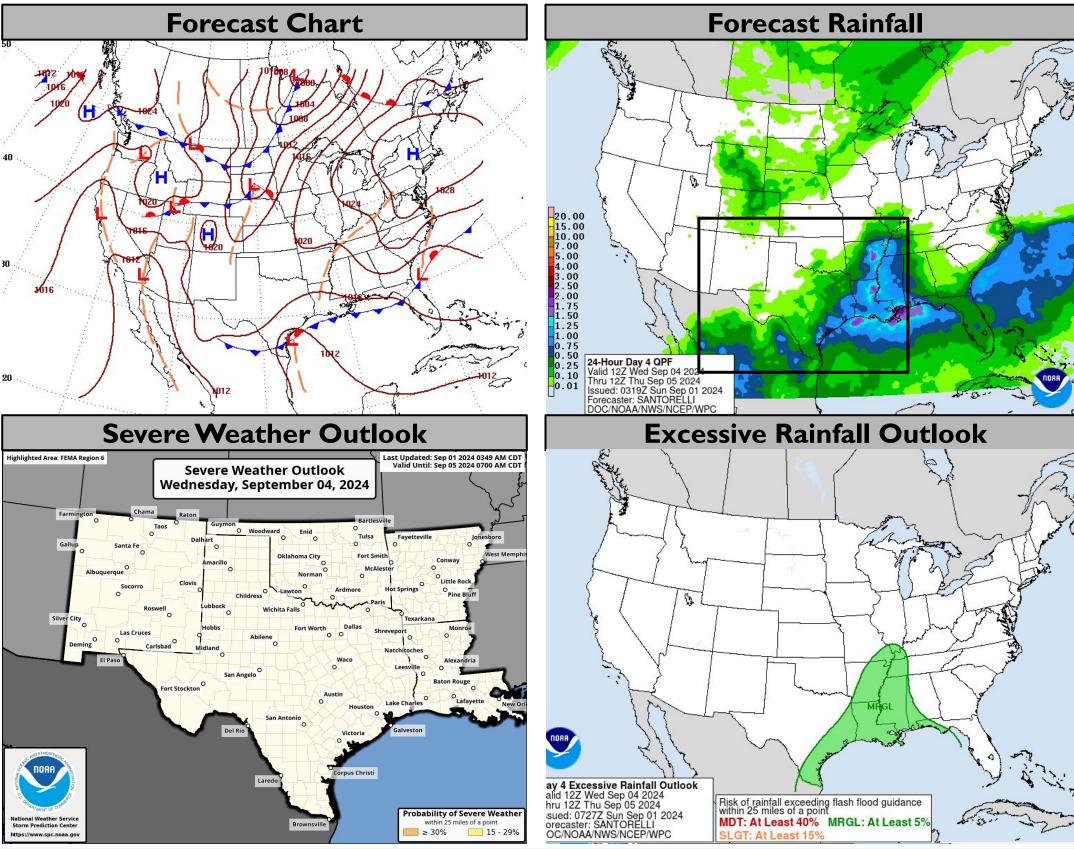


Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across TX.





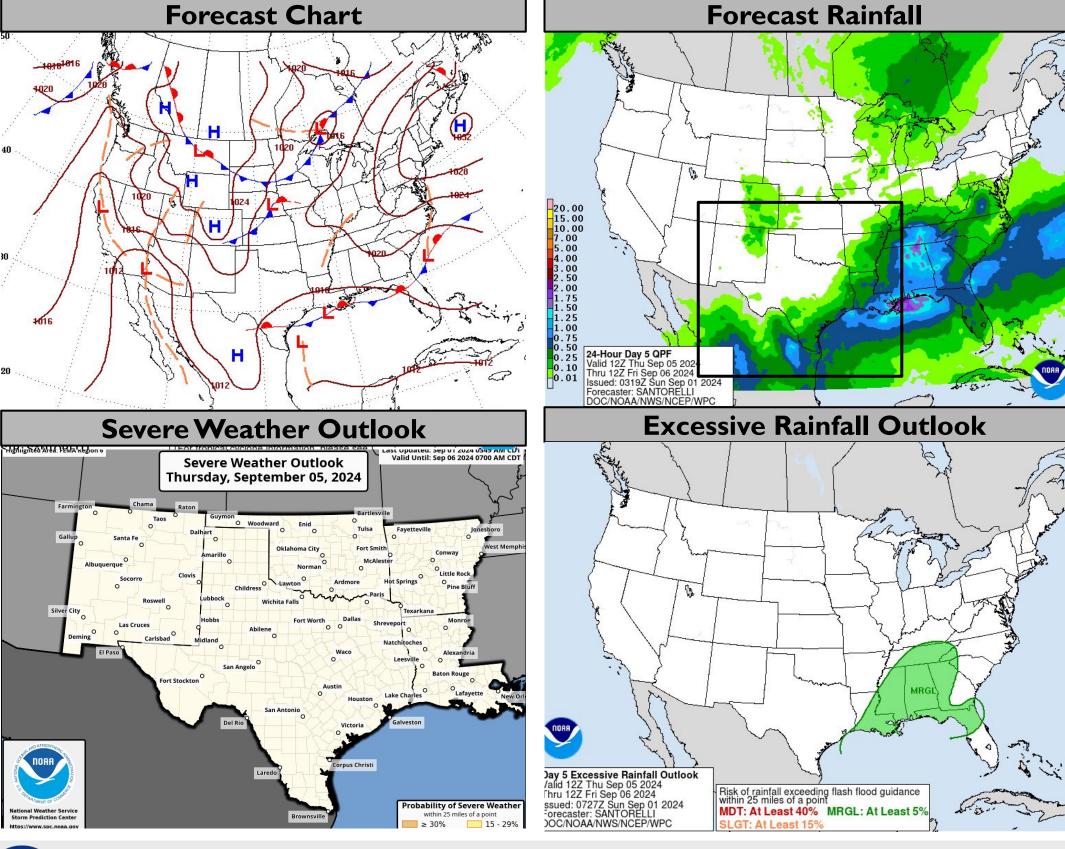
## Wednesday's Weather



Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across SE/STX, LA, AR.



## Thursday's Weather



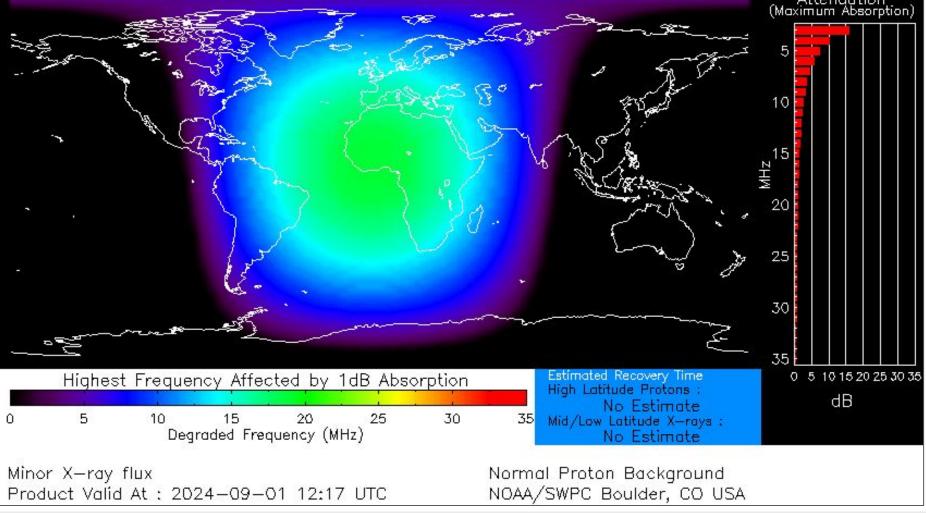
Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across NE NM burn scars and LA.





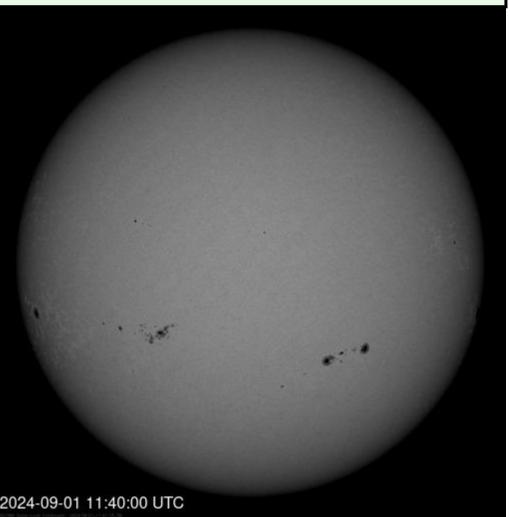
## Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                               | Sunday, Sep I         | Monday, Sep 2         | Tuesday, Sep 3        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms            | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) | Quiet<br>(Max Kp = 2) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 10%                   | 10%                   | 10%                   |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2)        | 60%                   | 60%                   | 60%                   |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5)        | 10%                   | 10%                   | 10%                   |



**Space Weather Storm Scales** 

**Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast** 





| Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Color                                      | Definition  | Criteria   | Example(s)   |  |
| Green                                      | Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little 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 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 seabreeze storms in coastal TX  |  |
| Yellow                                     | Minor 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   | <ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some mino (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                                     | Moderate 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 | <ul> <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  | Major 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  | <ul> <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                                     | Extreme 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                            | <ul> <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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