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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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

- AL 91 has a high (90%) chance of tropical development in the western Gulf of Mexico.
 - Heavy rainfall/flash flooding increases into Monday across deep STX
 - Tropical impacts including coastal flooding, damaging winds, heavy rainfall expand along the TX coast into S LA on Tuesday and into SE TX, LA on Wednesday
- Medium (60%) chance of tropical development in the central-tropical Atlantic over the next 7 days. No impacts to FEMA 6.
- Medium (50%) chance of tropical development in the east-tropical Atlantic over the next 7 days. No impacts to FEMA 6.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Sunday, Sep 8	Monday, Sep 9	Tuesday, Sep 10	Wednesday, Sep 11	Thursday, Sep 12
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	Deep STX	Deep STX	TX Coast, S LA	SETX, LA	EAR, ELA
Fire Weather					
Heat					
Tropical	Deep STX	Deep STX	TX Coast, S LA	SETX, LA	
River Flooding			TX Coast, S LA	SETX, LA	SETX, LA

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.

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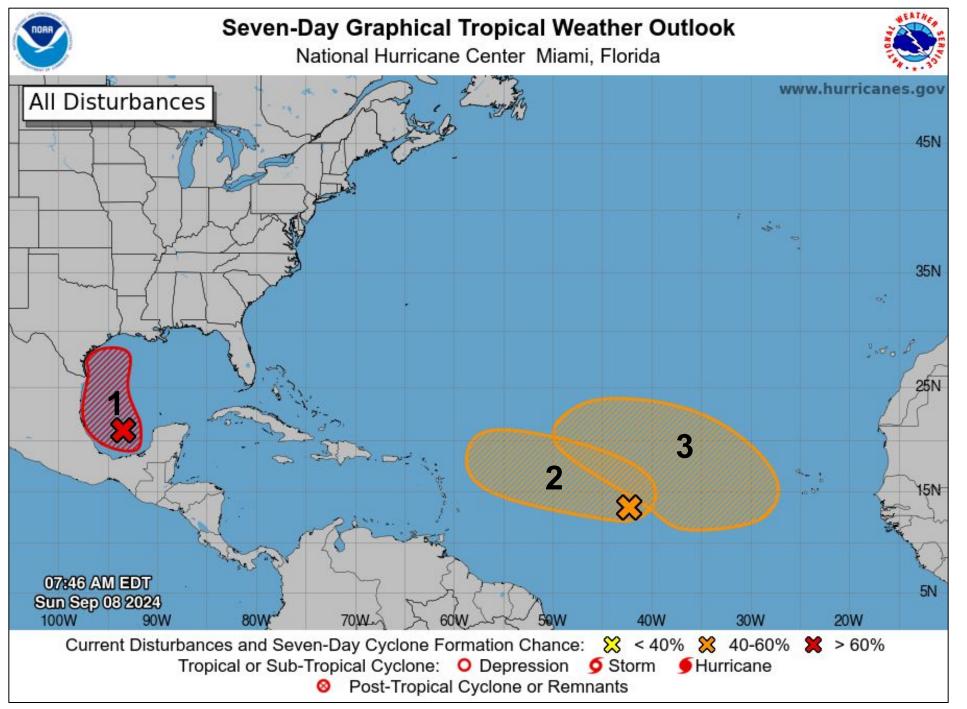




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development			
Area	Chance of Development Potential Impacts to FEMA 6		
1 (AL 91)	High (90%)	Heavy rainfall/damaging winds coastal TX and LA, coastal flooding TX/LA.	
2	Medium (60%)	None in the next 7 days.	
3	Medium (50%)	None in the next 7 days.	

Active Tropical Cyclones			
Storm Potential Impacts to FEMA 6			



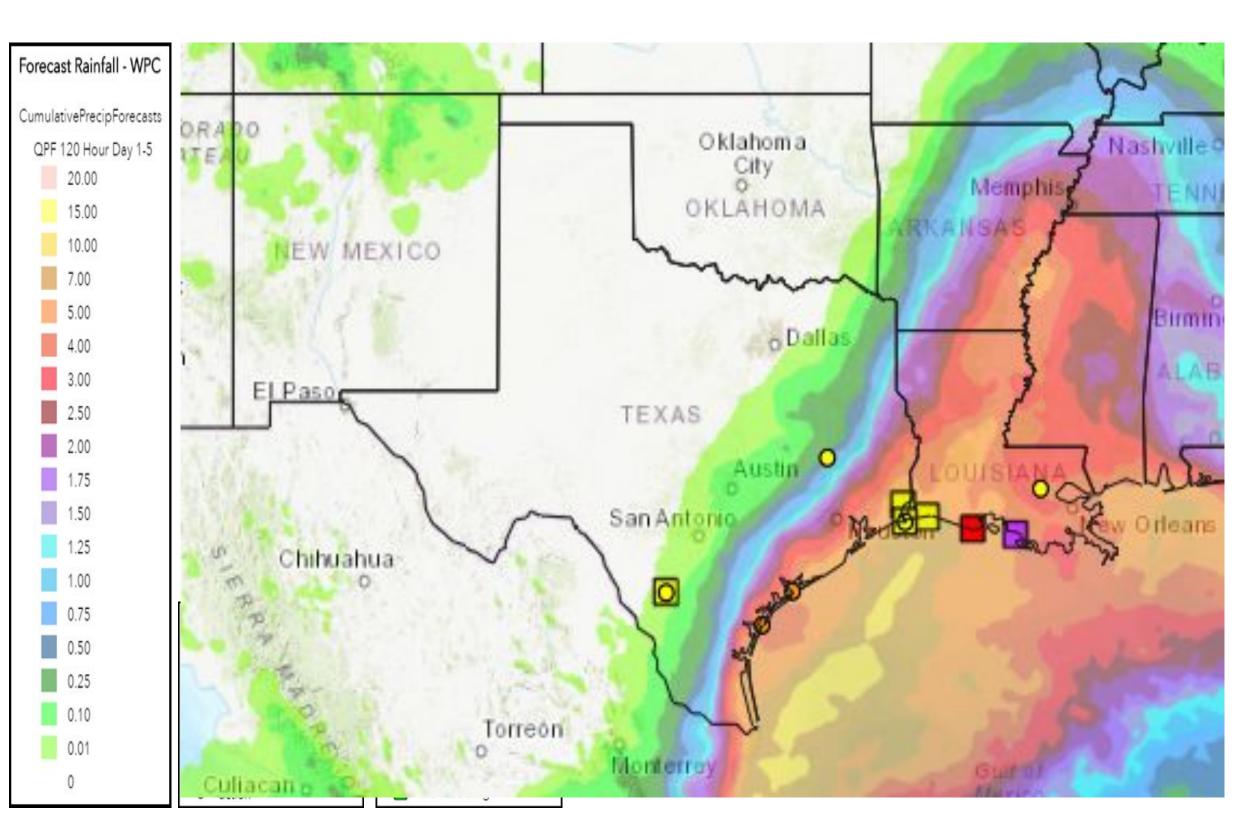
See http://www.hurricanes.gov for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

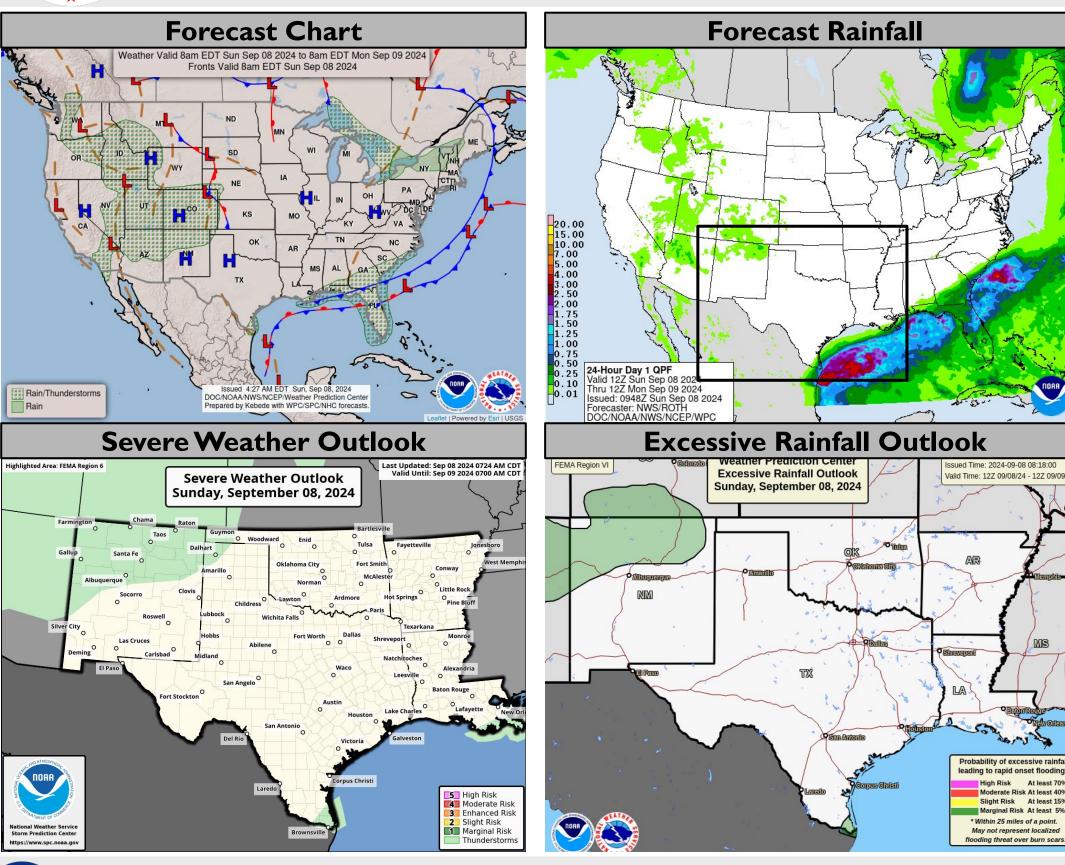
Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Monitoring for potential river flooding next week from deep S TX into LA from AL 91.



Today's Weather

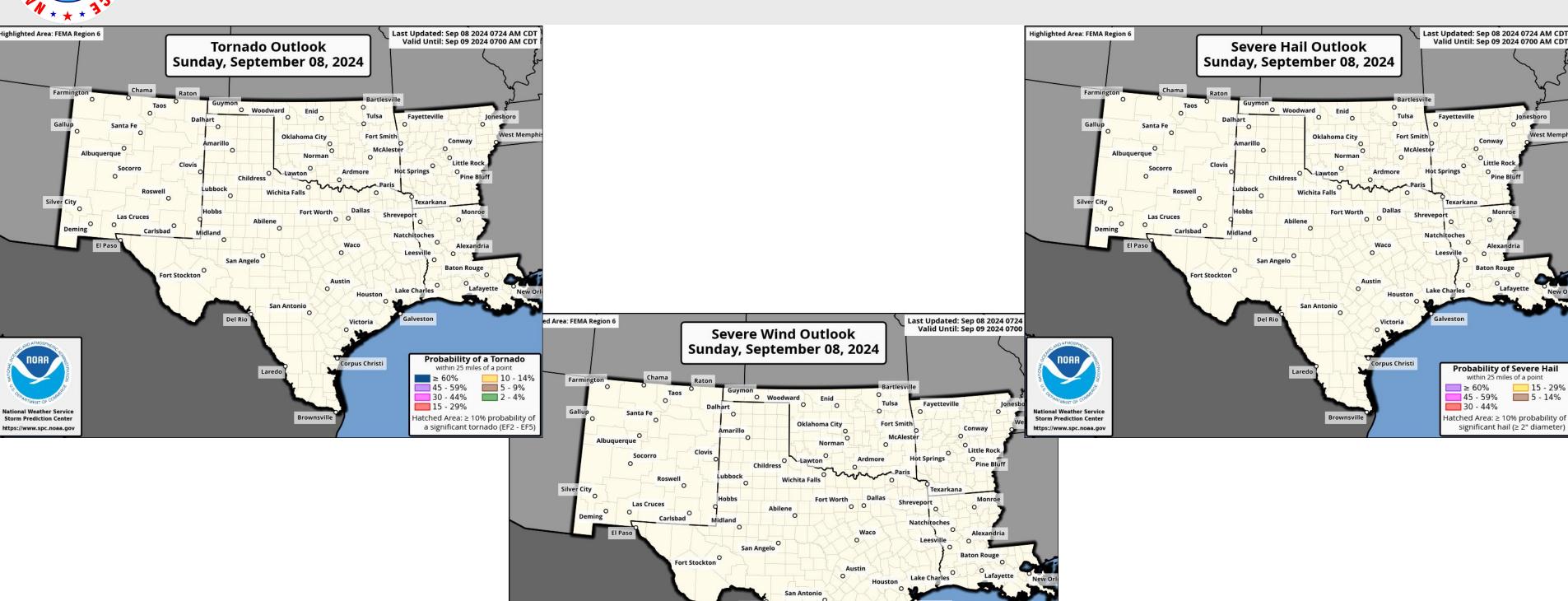


Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across deep STX and N NM



Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

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≥ 60%

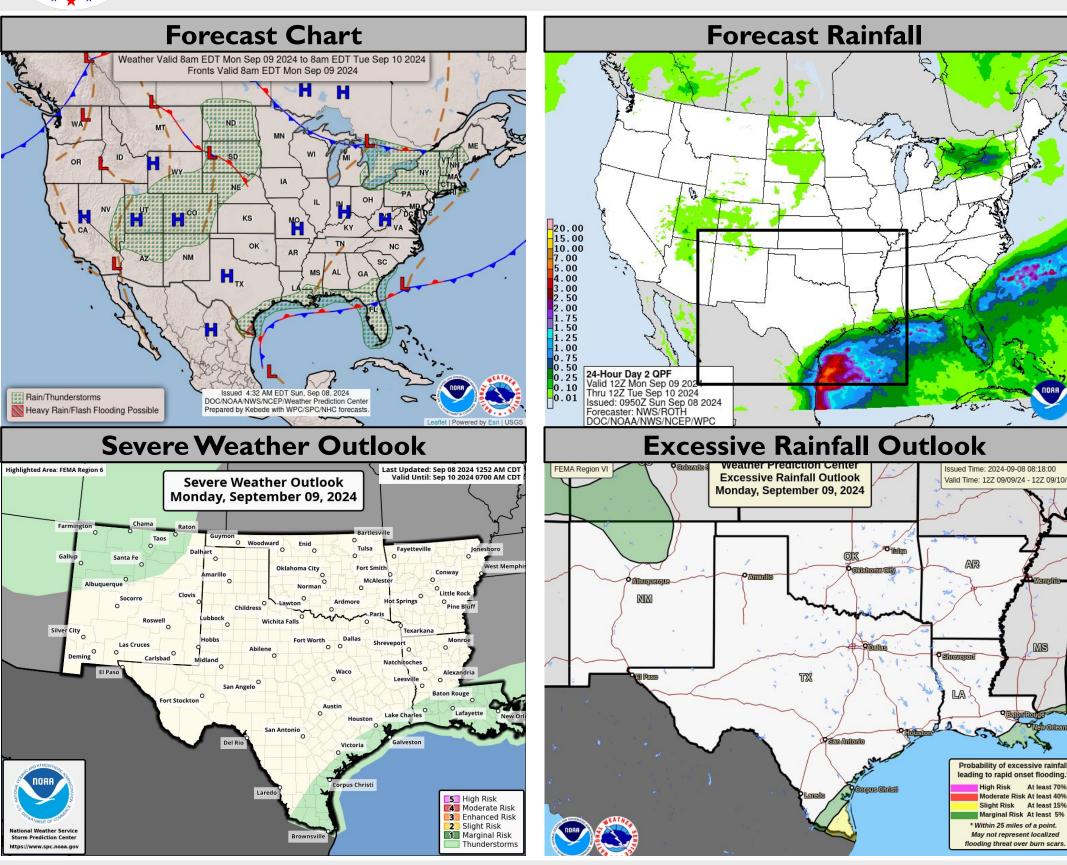
45 - 59% 30 - 44%

Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability o

15 - 29% 5 - 14%



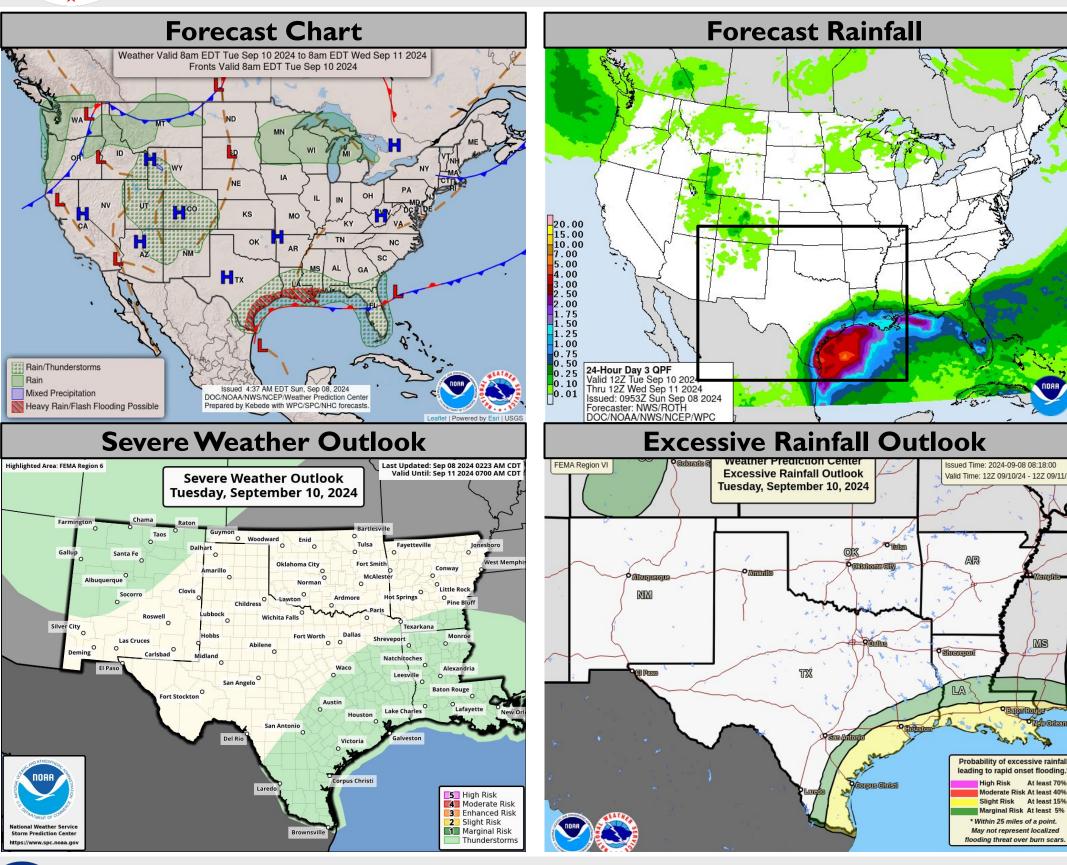
Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding across deep STX.



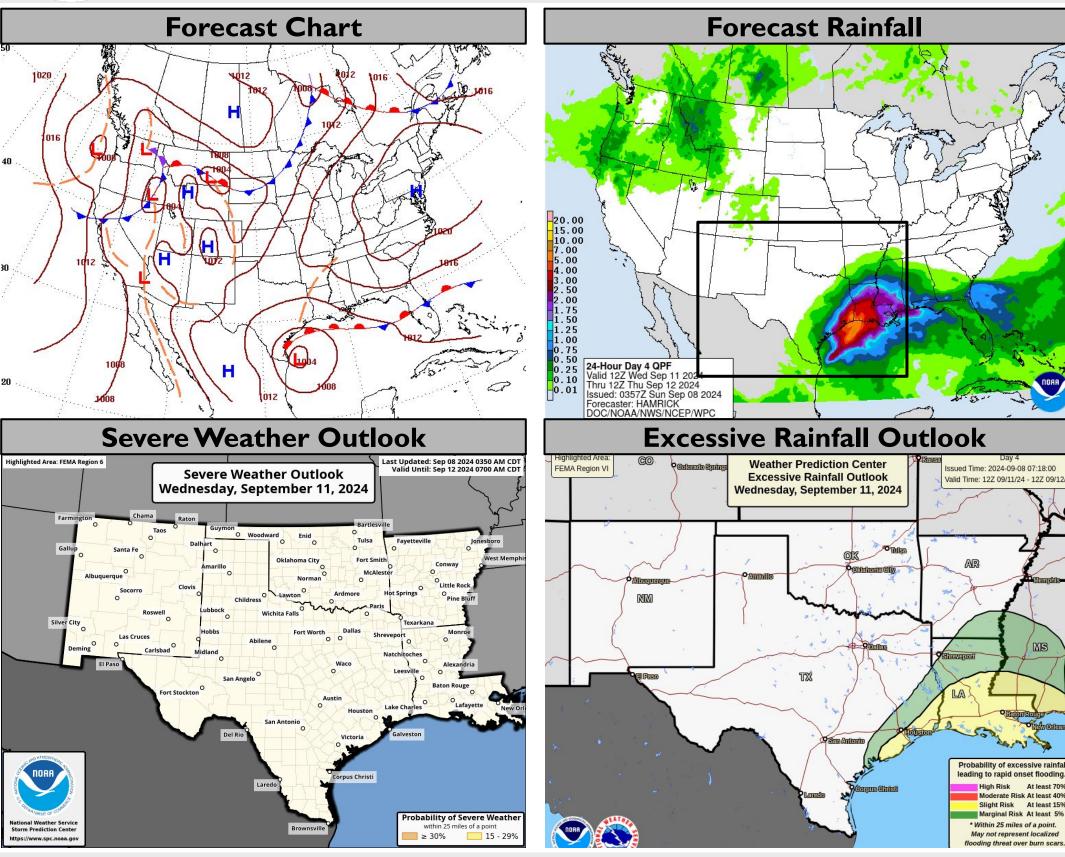
Tuesday's Weather



Tropical impacts including coastal flooding, heavy rainfall and damaging winds along the TX coast into S LA.



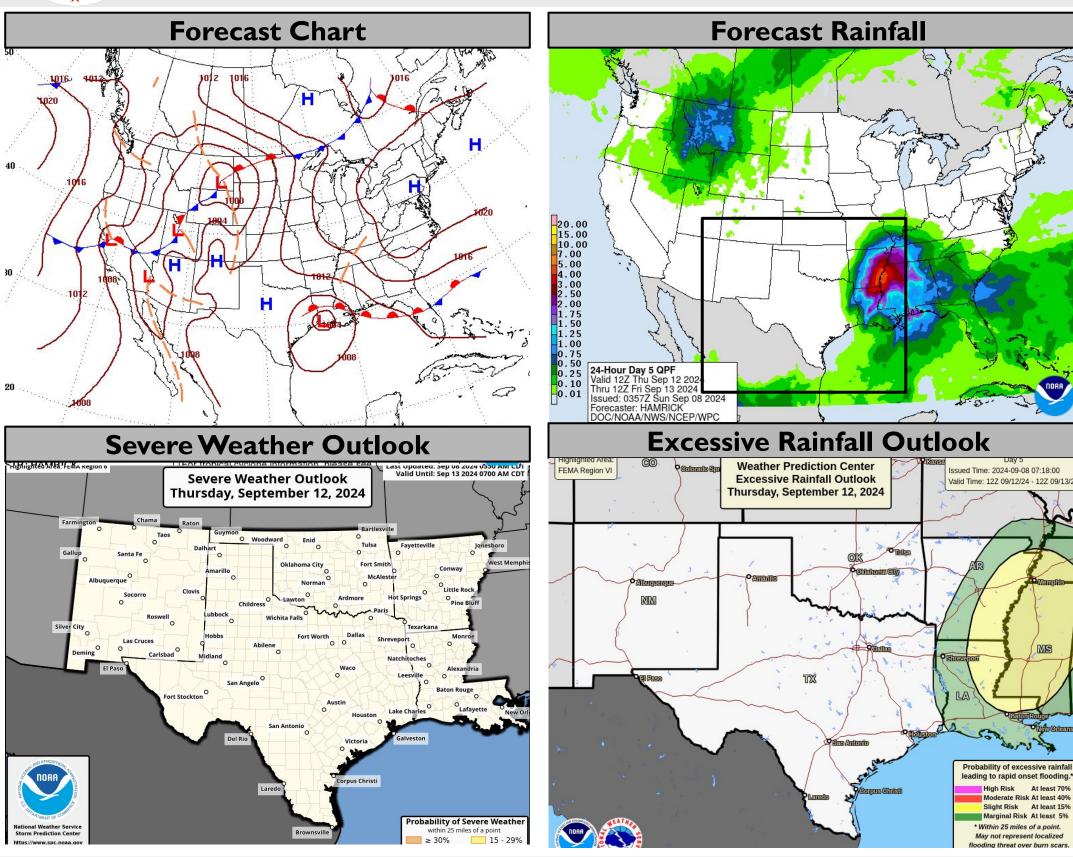
Wednesday's Weather



Tropical impacts including coastal flooding, heavy rainfall and damaging winds over SETX into LA.



Thursday's Weather

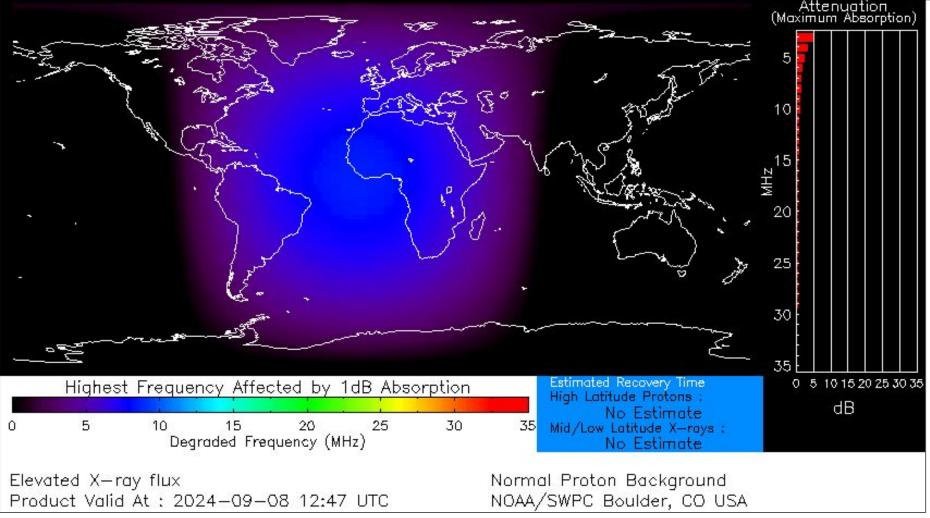


Slight risk of heavy rainfall/flash flooding over EAR and ELA



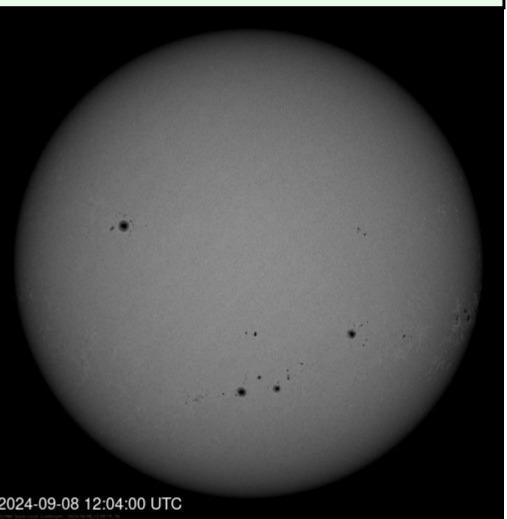
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Sep 8	Monday, Sep 9	Tuesday, Sep 10
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	15%	15%	15%



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	 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	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	 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	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	 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	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	 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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