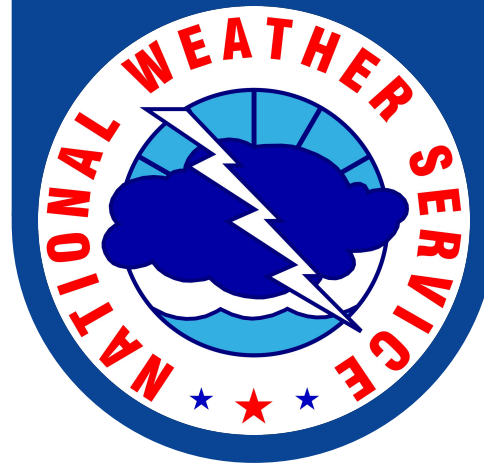




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Sunday, December 29, 2024

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# Summary

- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX on Monday.**
- **Minor river flooding will continue in AR, E TX, LA into next week.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Sunday, Dec 29	Monday, Dec 30	Tuesday, Dec 31	Wednesday, Jan 1	Tuesday, Jan 2
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather		E NM, WTX			
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	AR, ETX, LA	AR, ETX, LA	AR, ETX, LA	AR, ETX, LA	AR, ETX, LA

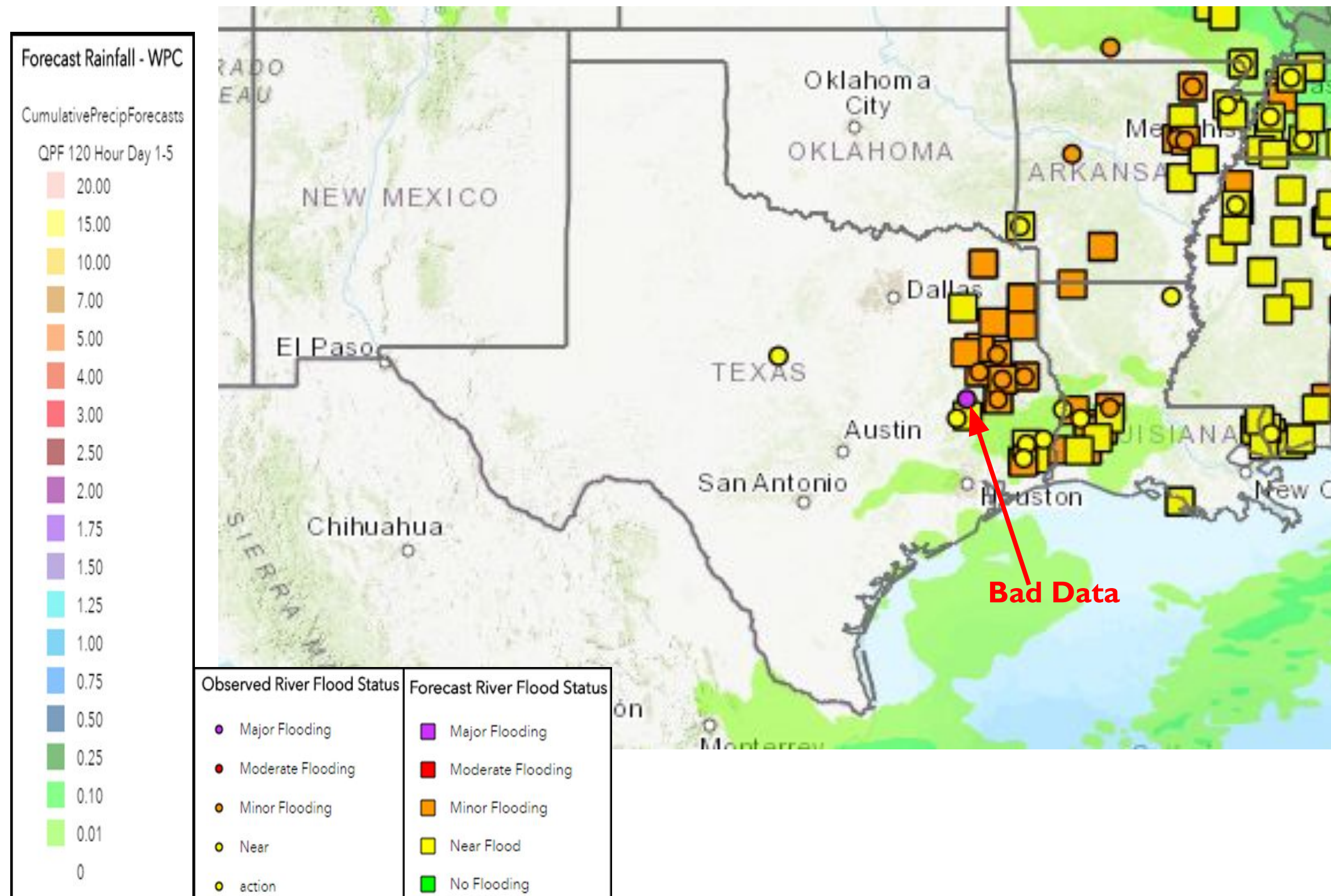
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

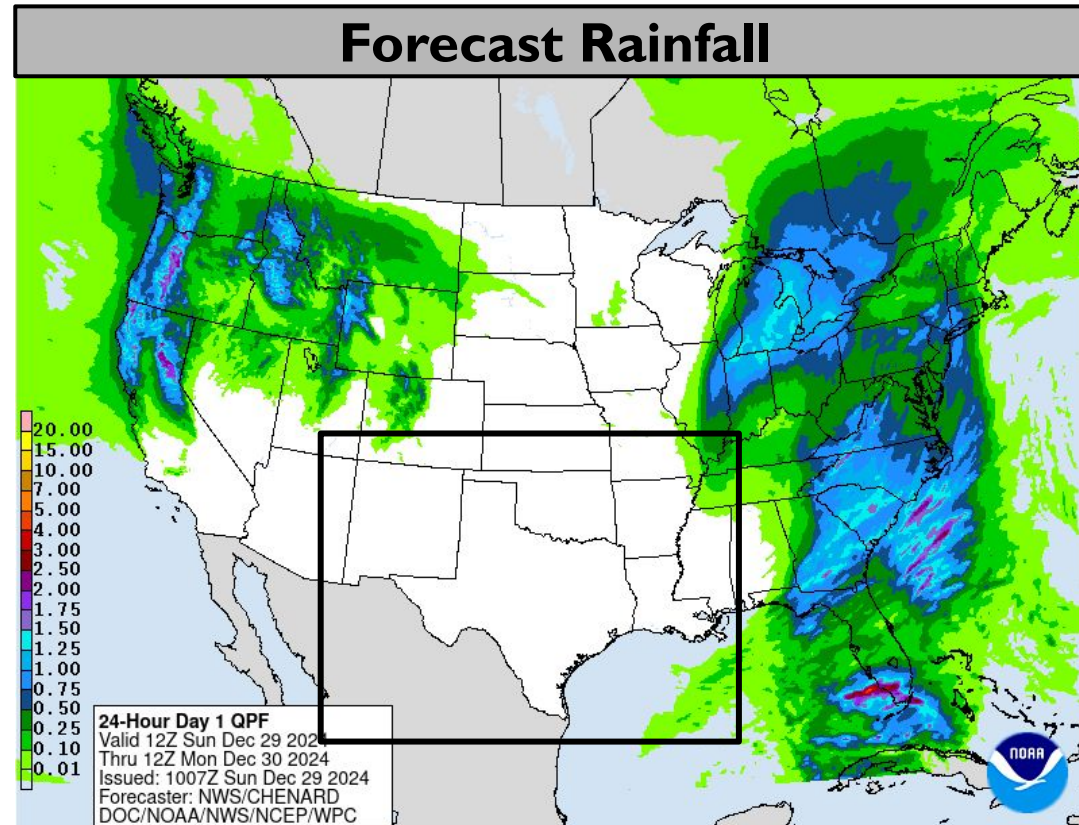
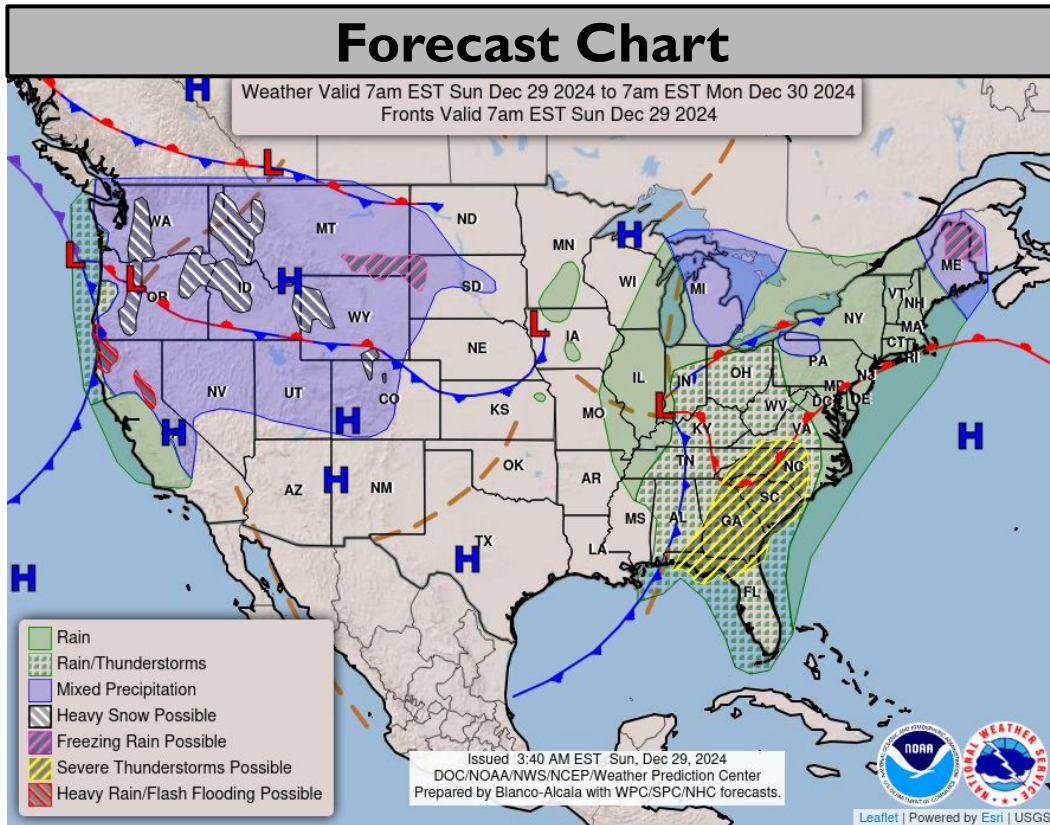
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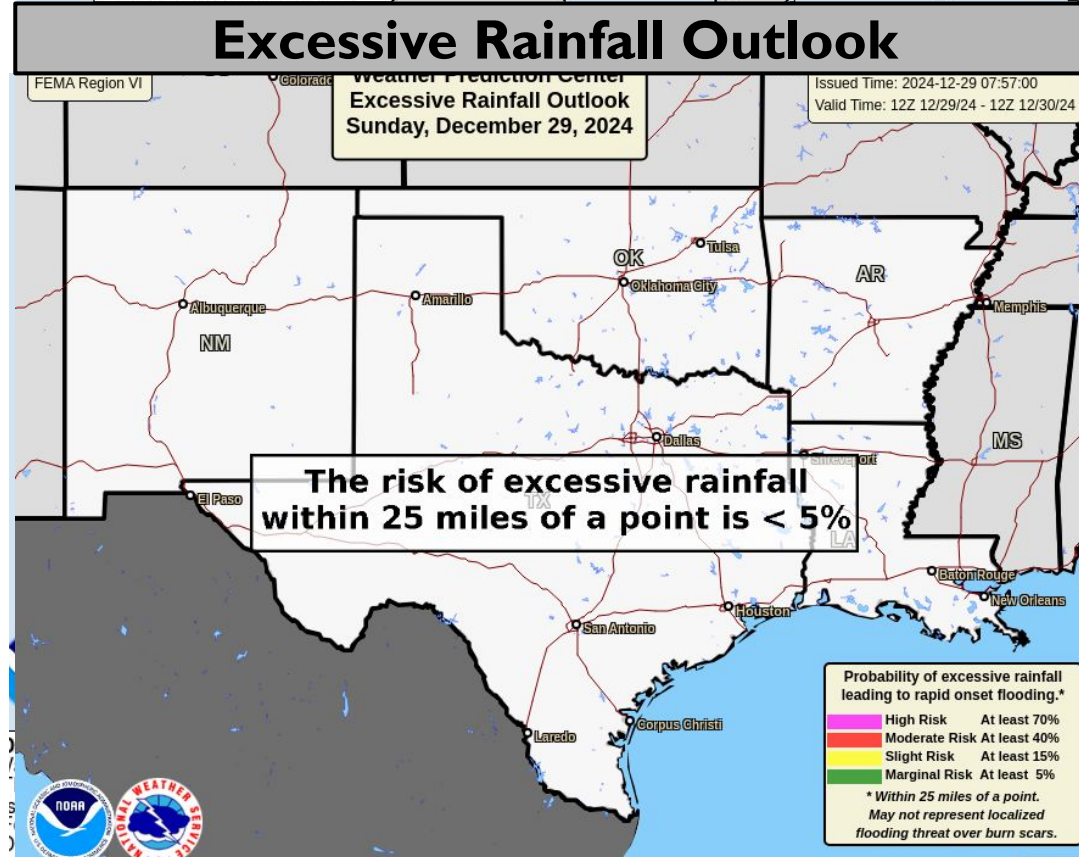
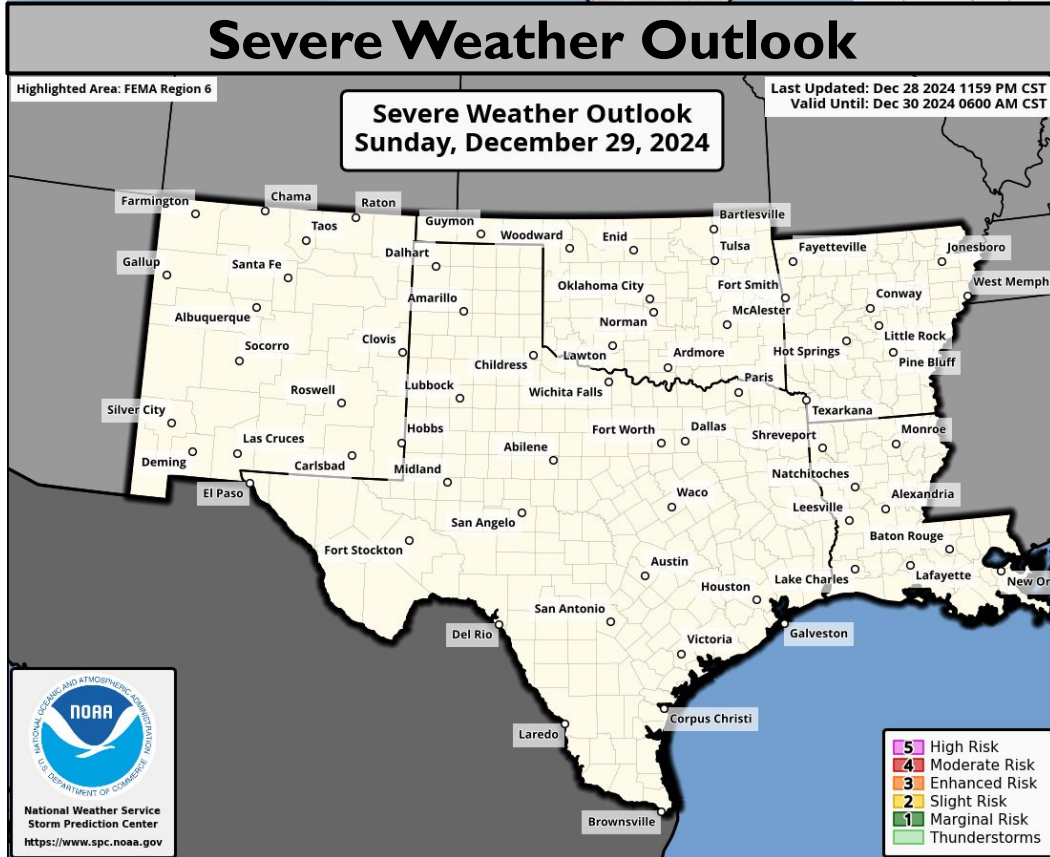
**Minor river flooding in AR, E TX, LA with flooding of low-lying pastures and swampland as well as inundation of secondary roads.**



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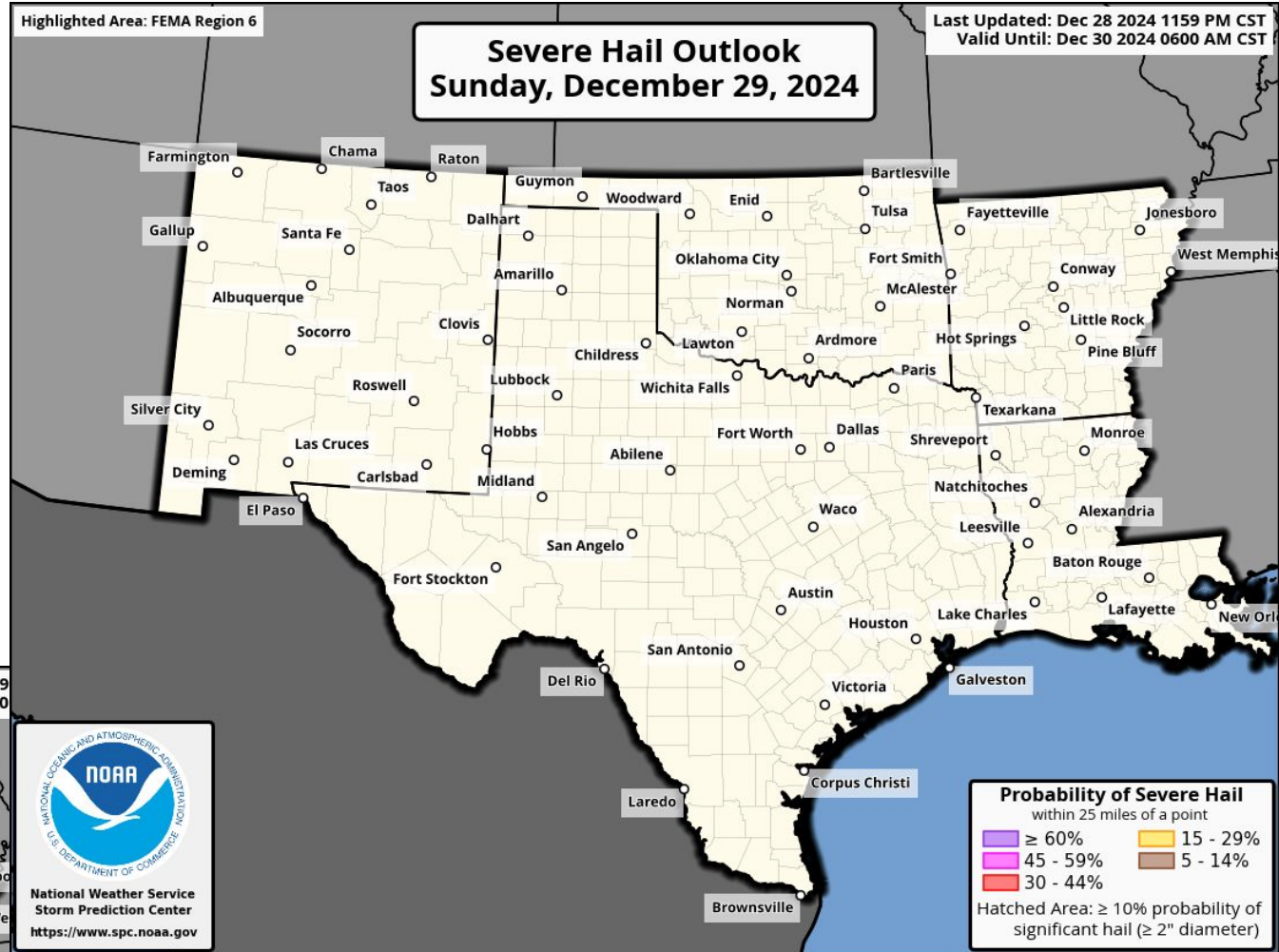
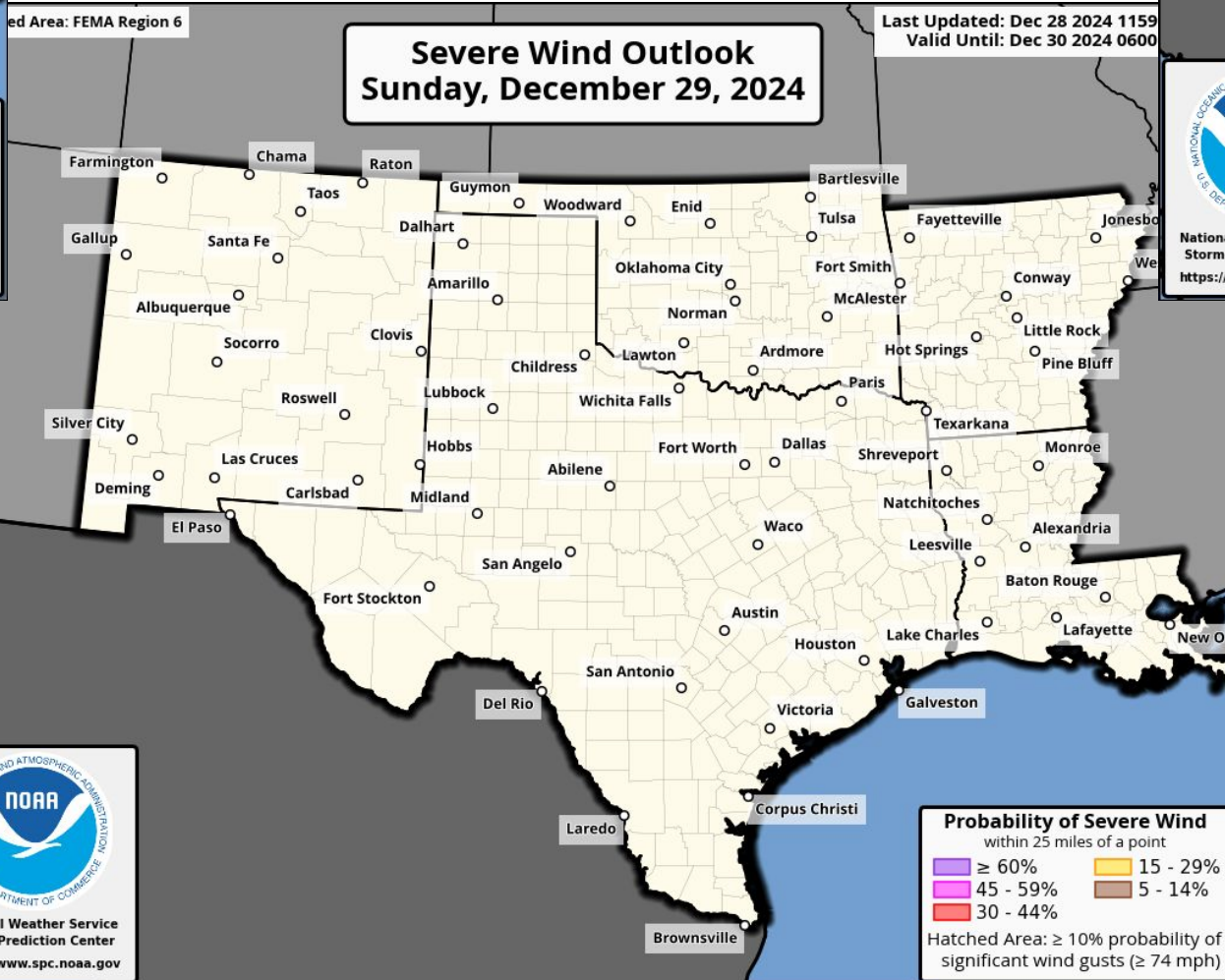
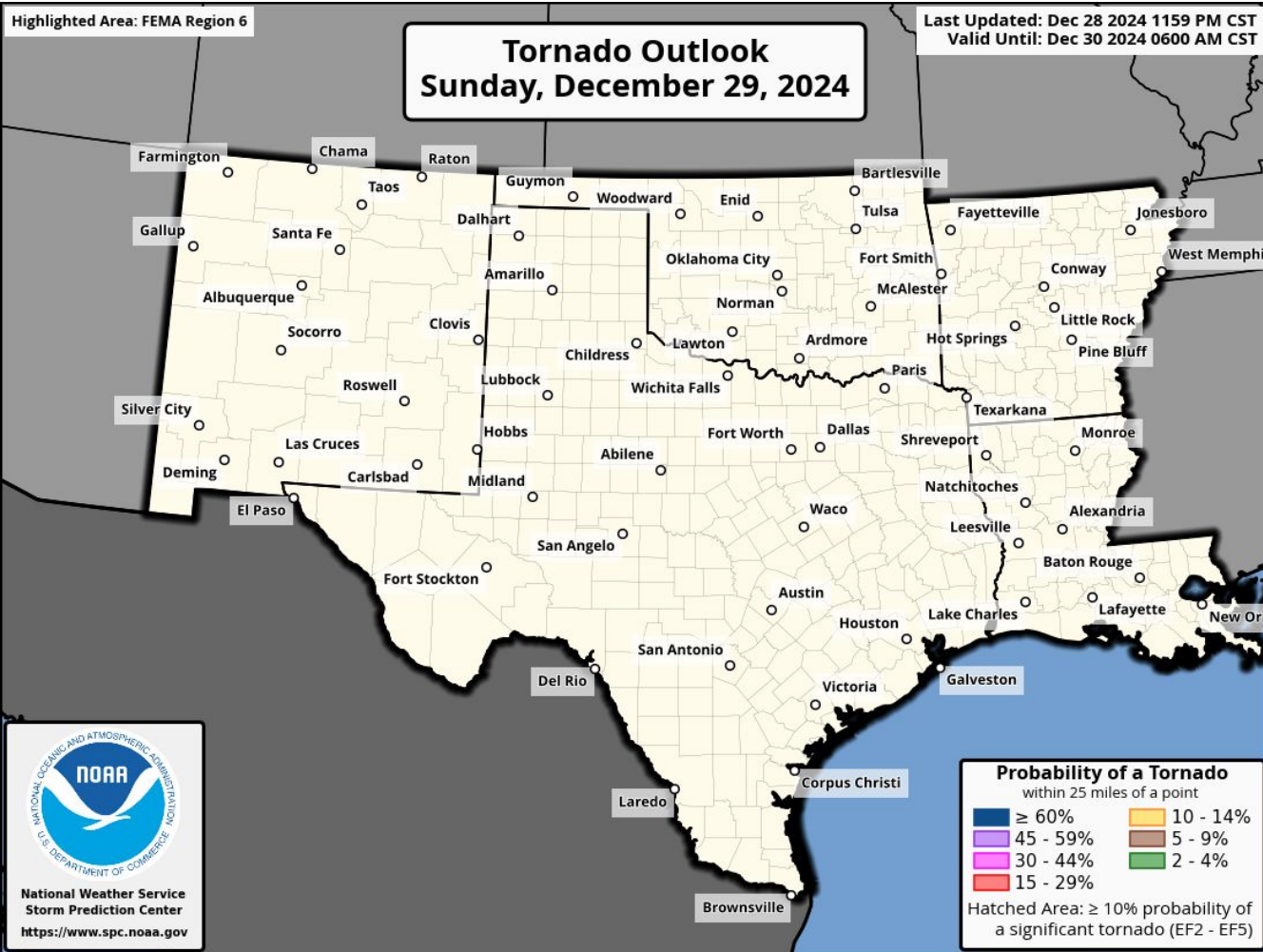


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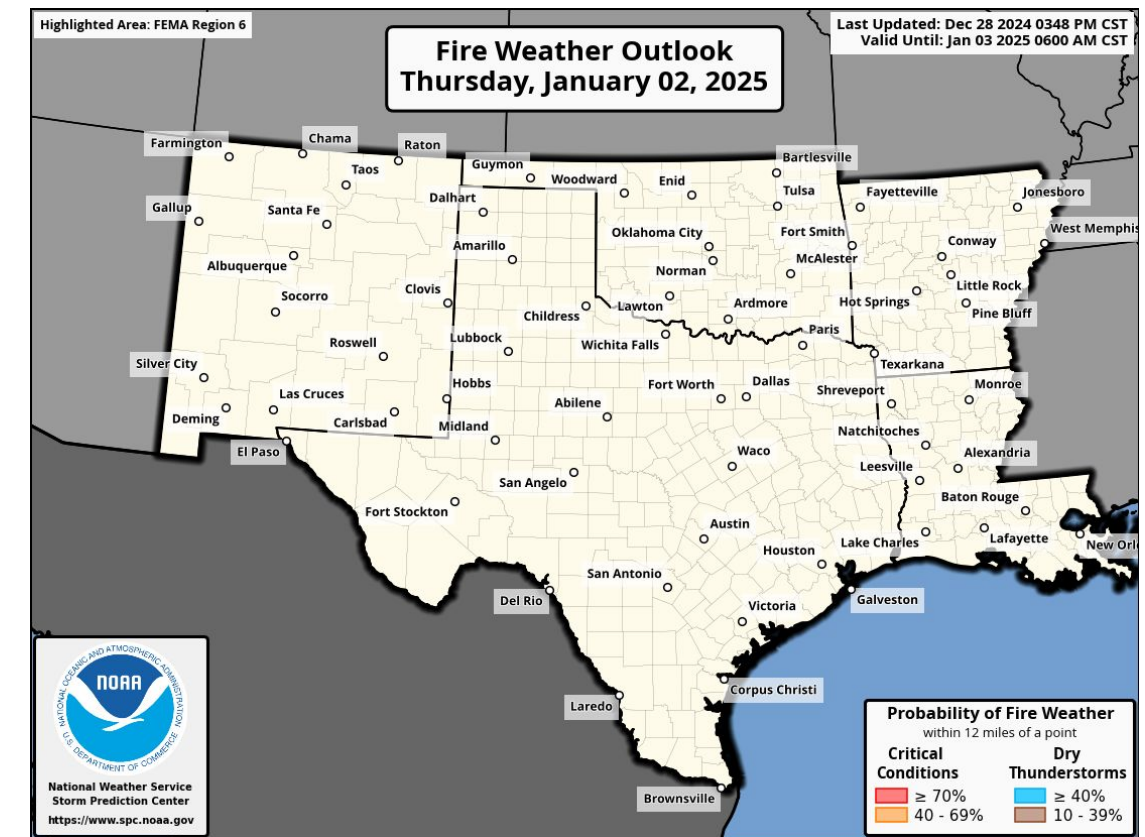
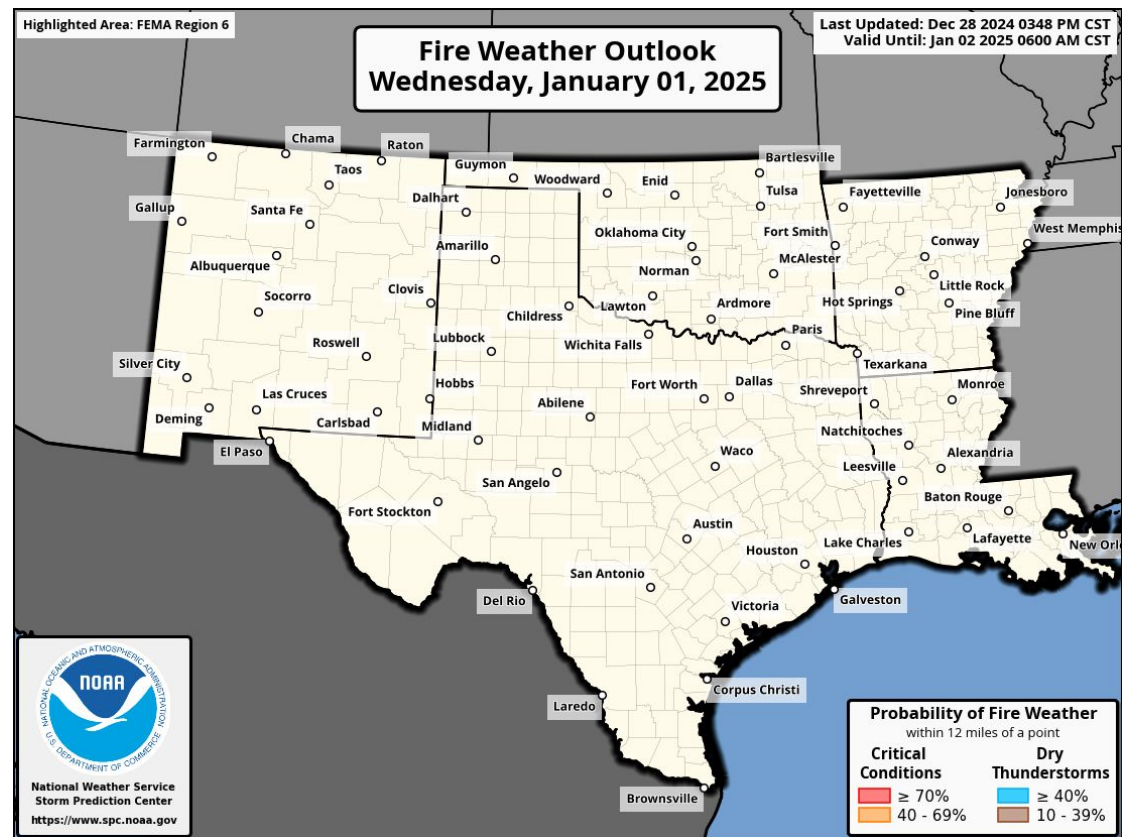
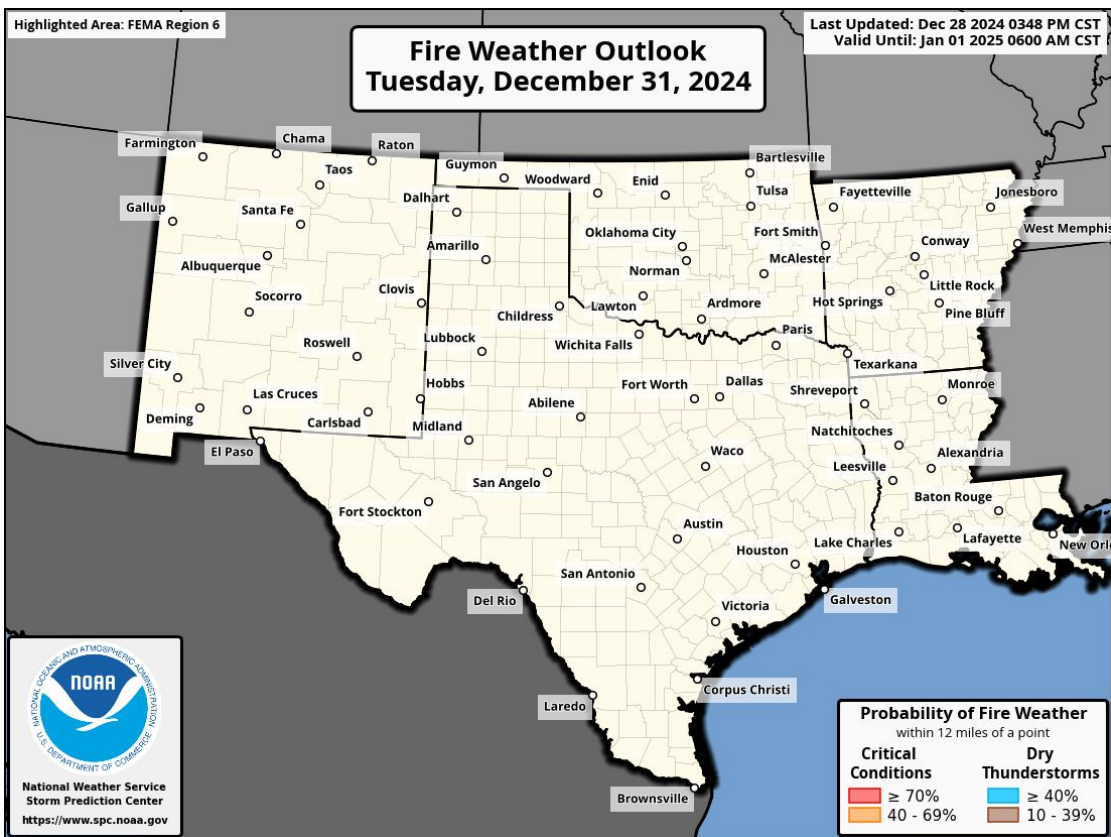
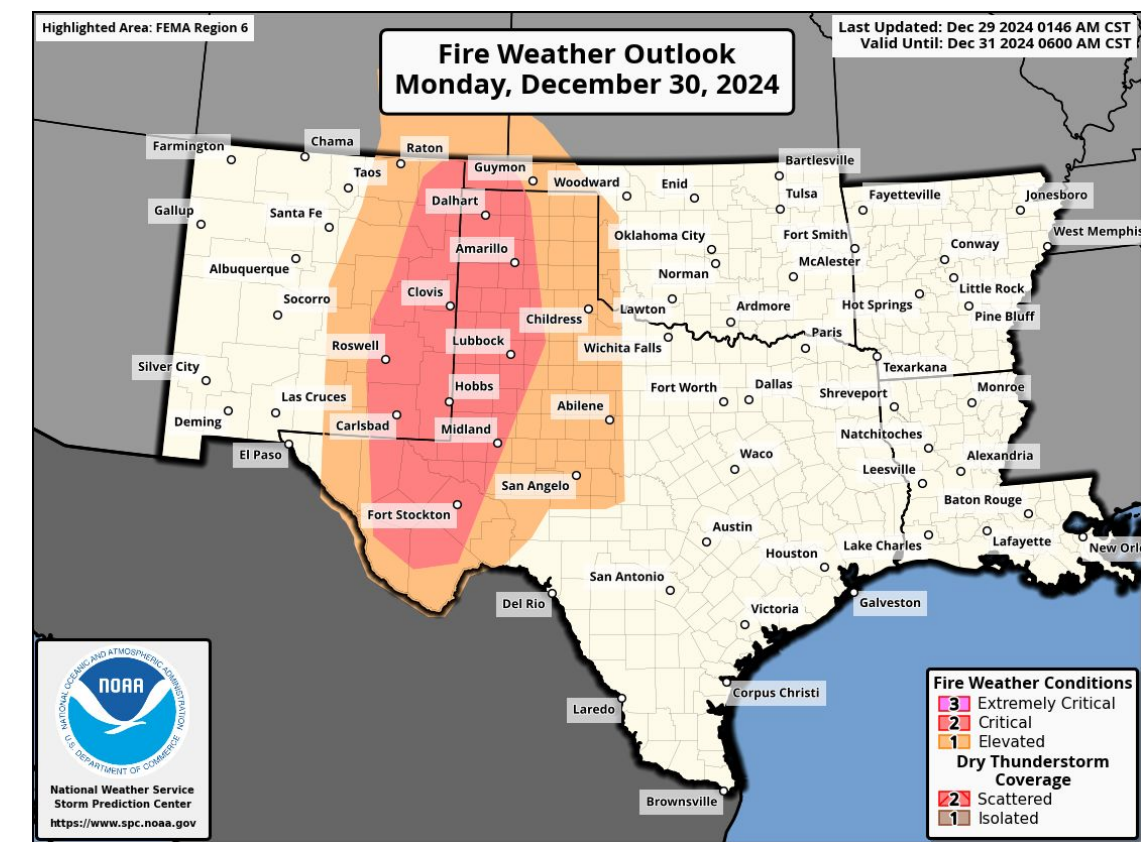
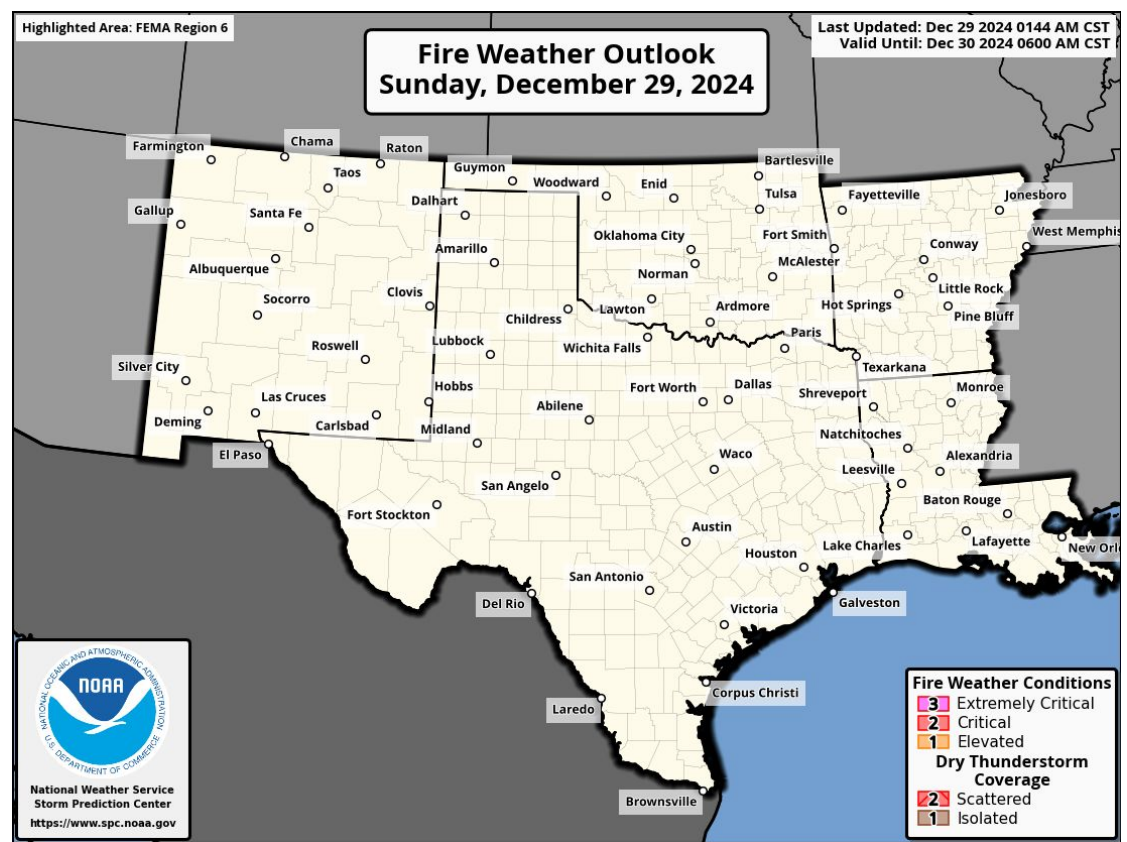
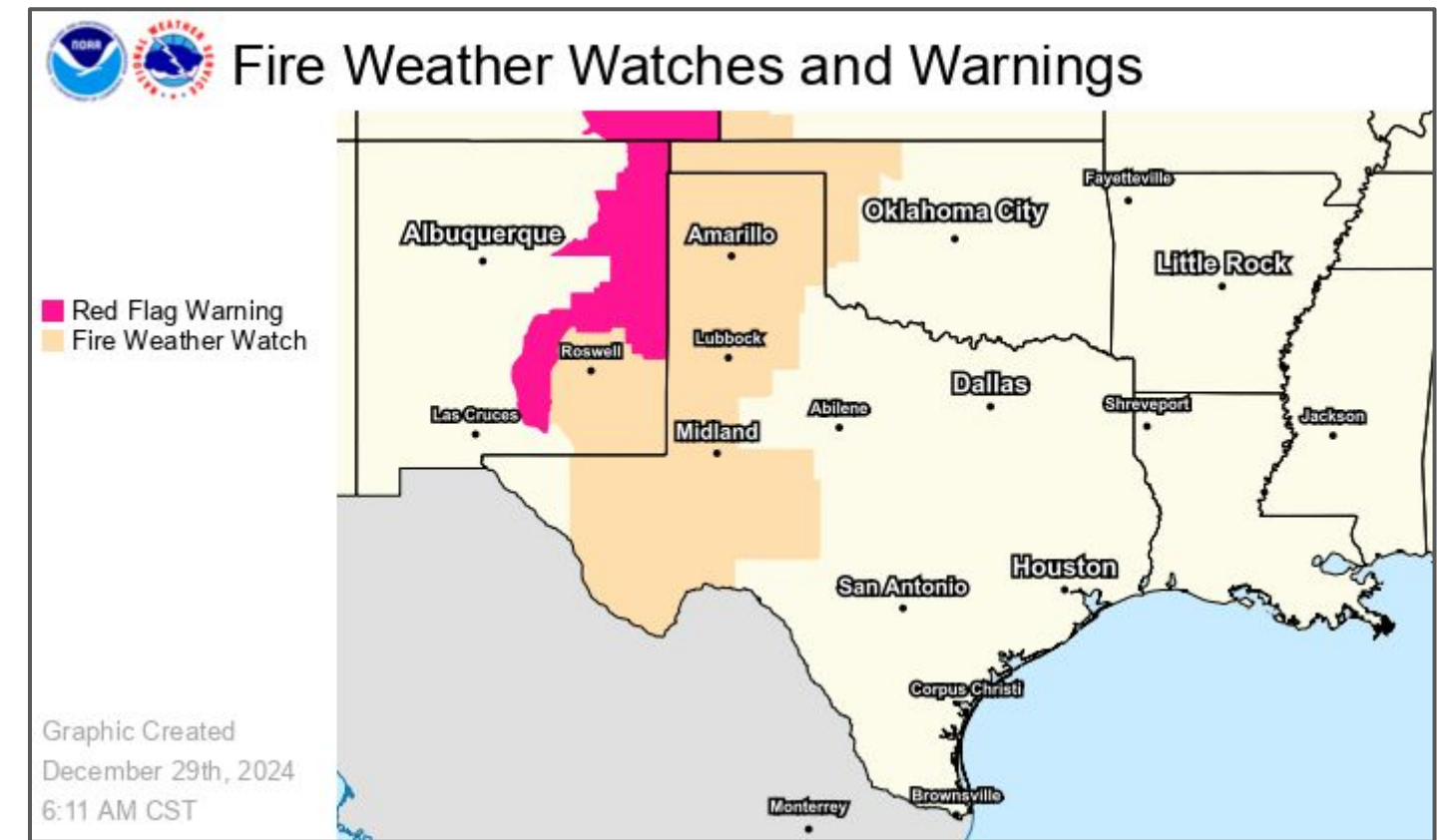


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





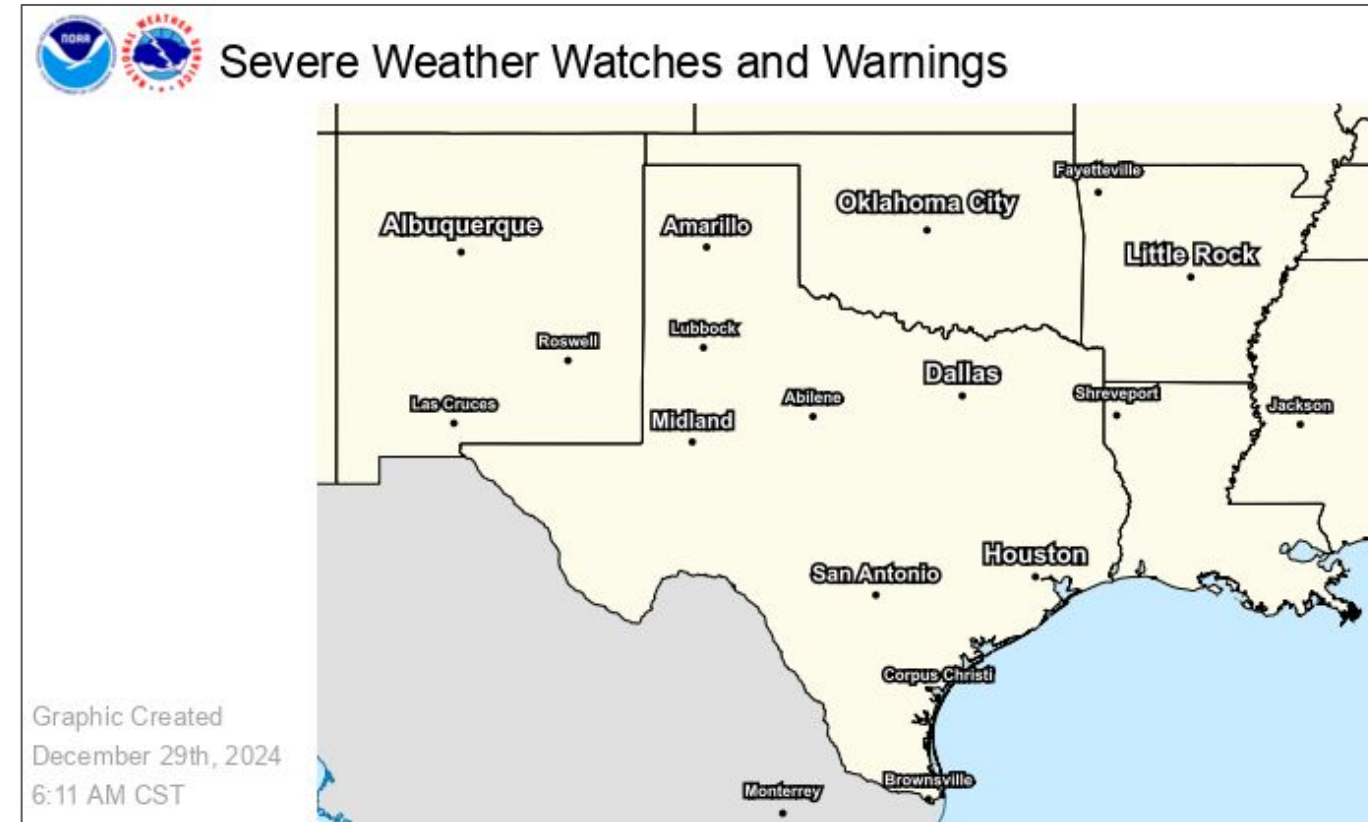
# Fire Weather Outlooks





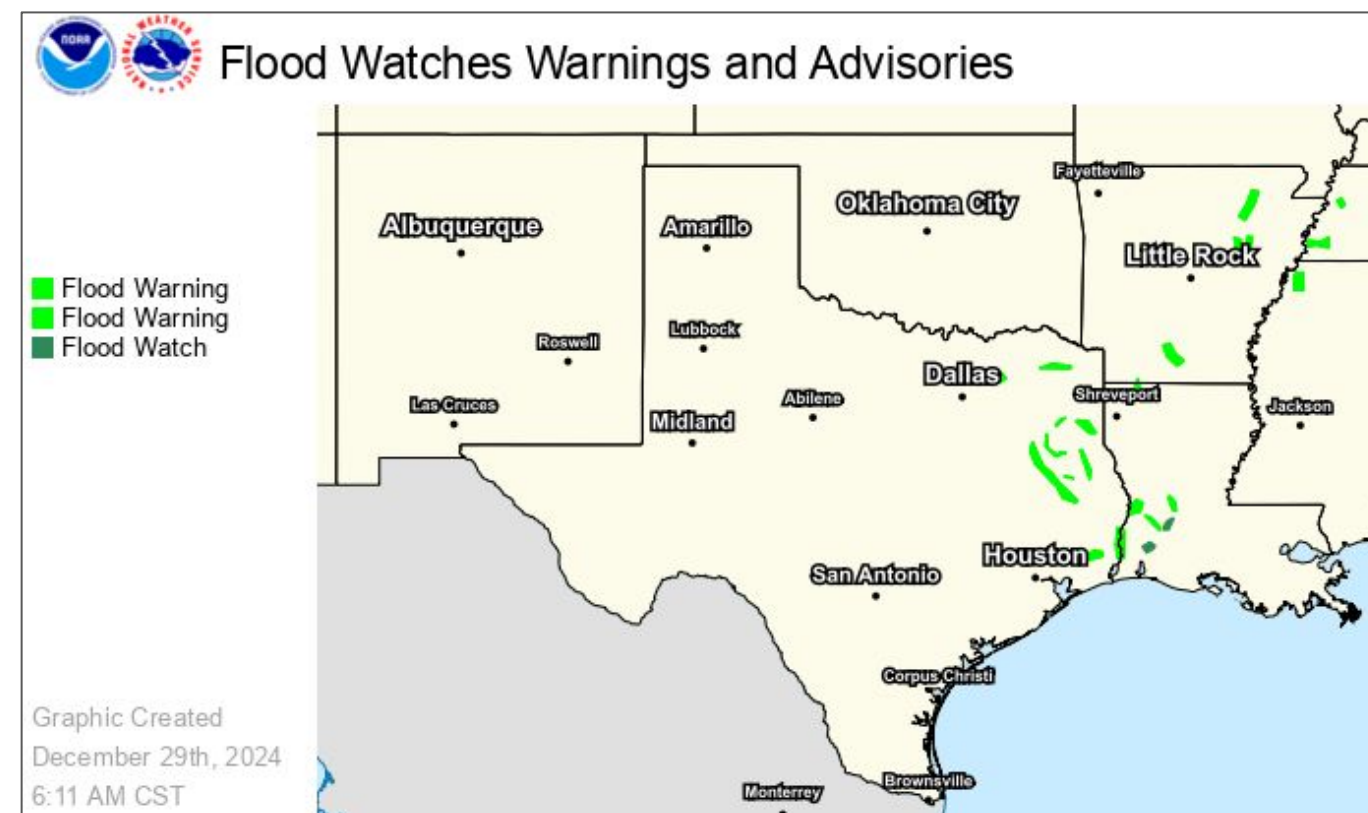
# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



**High Wind Watches in effect in NM on Monday for winds 35-45 mph with gusts up to 60 mph.**

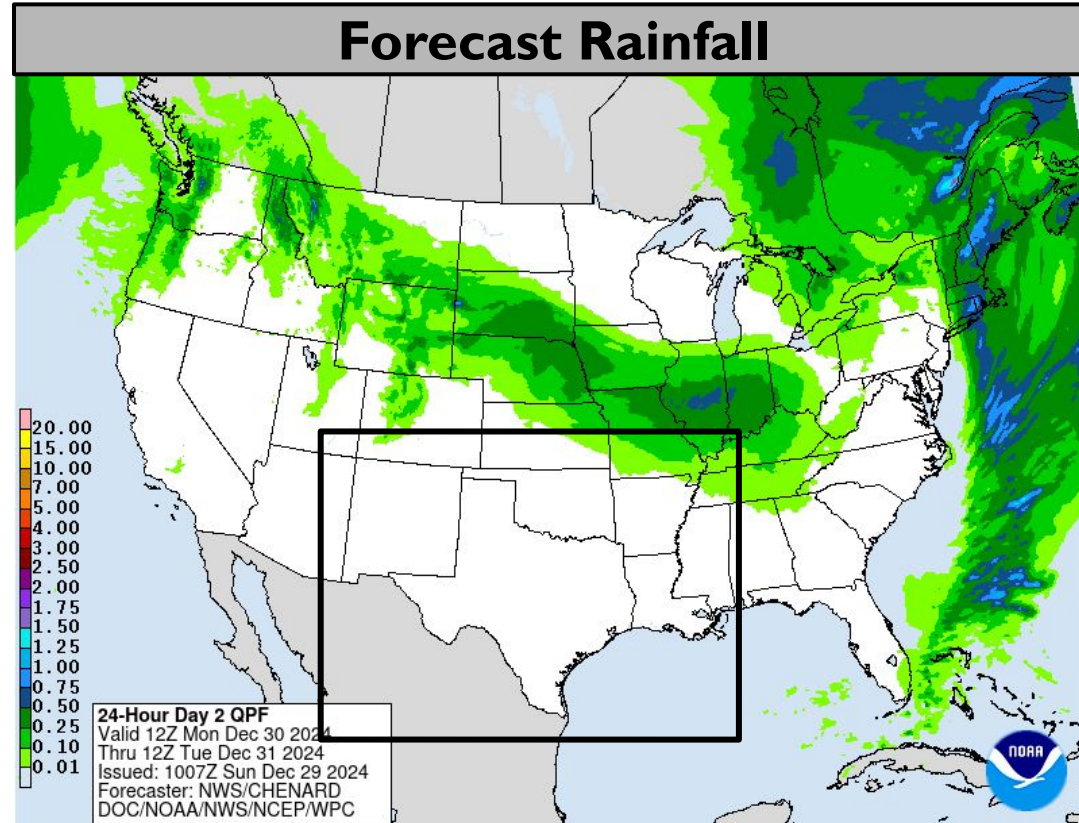
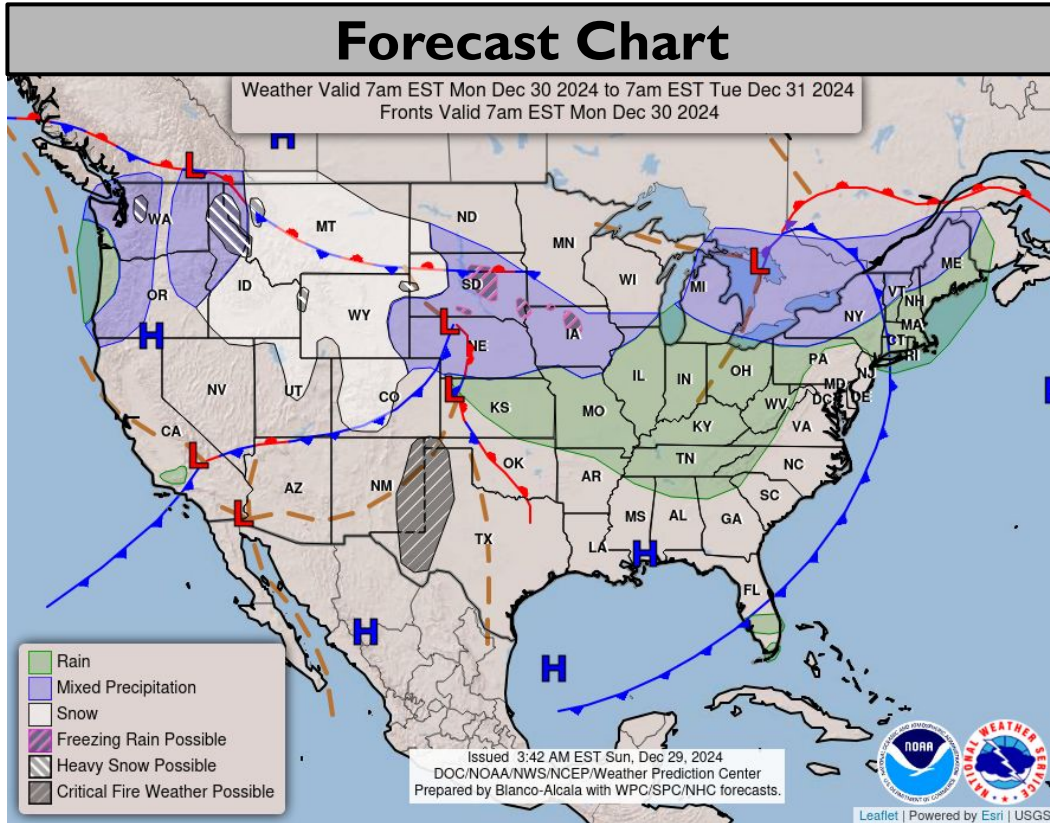
**Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches for Monday in NM and W TX.**



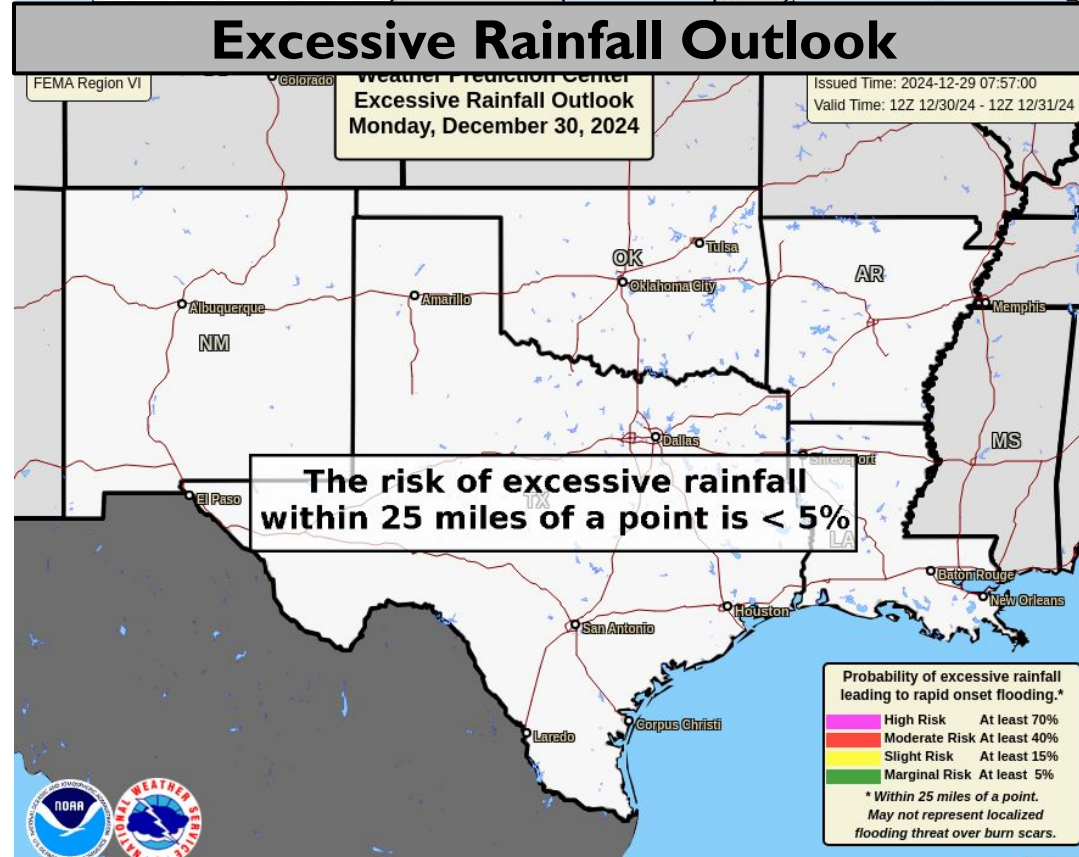
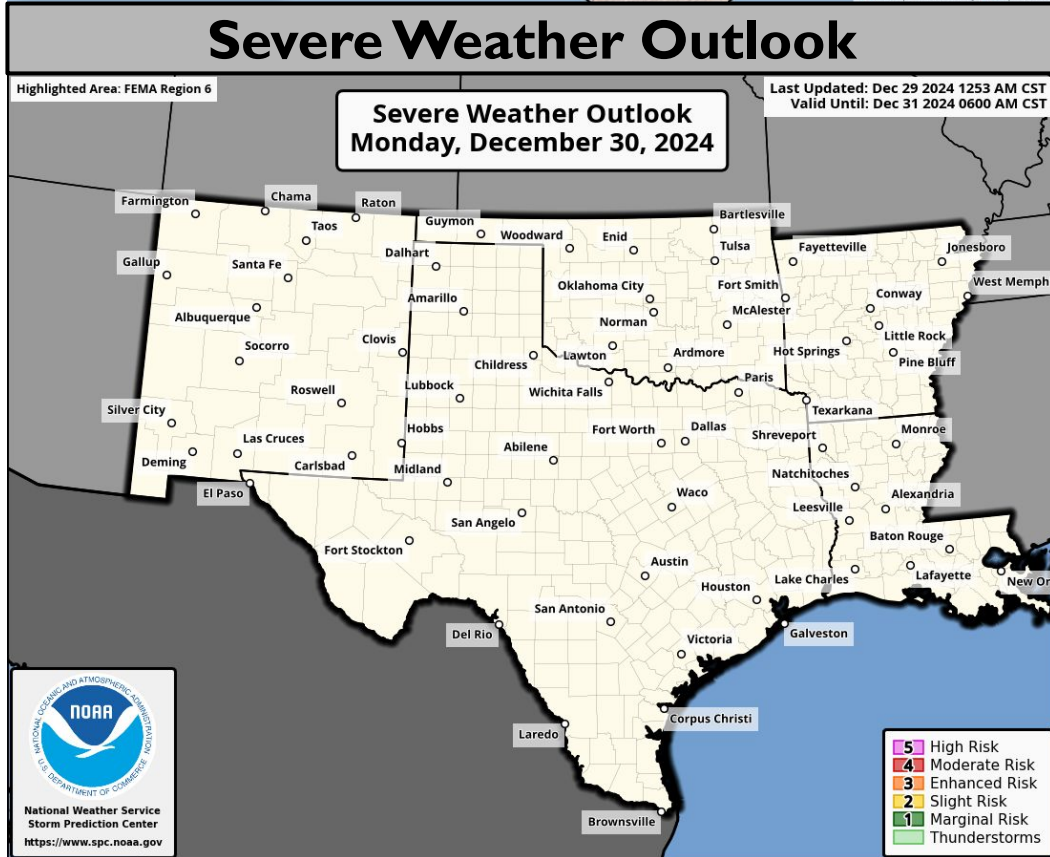




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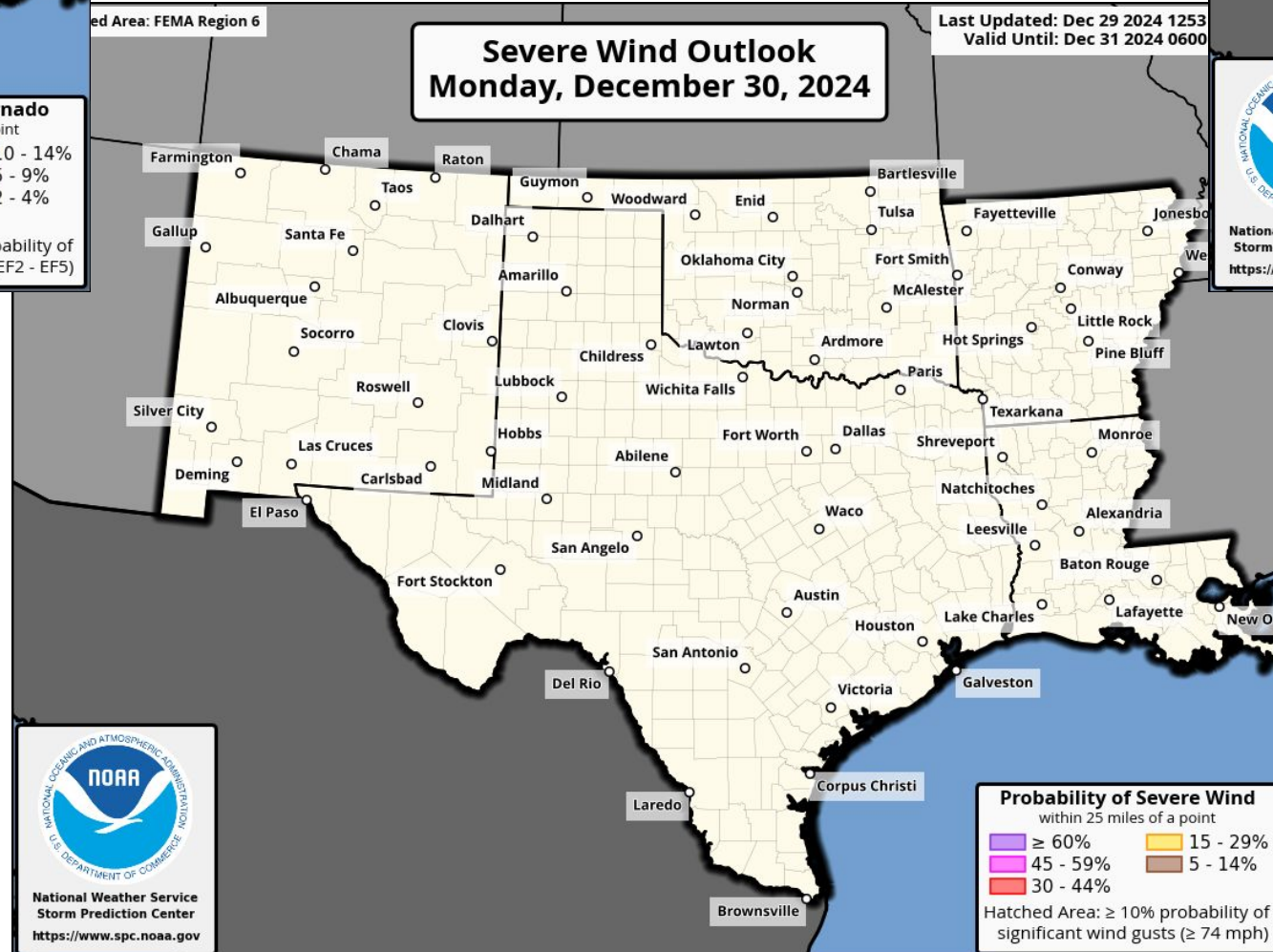
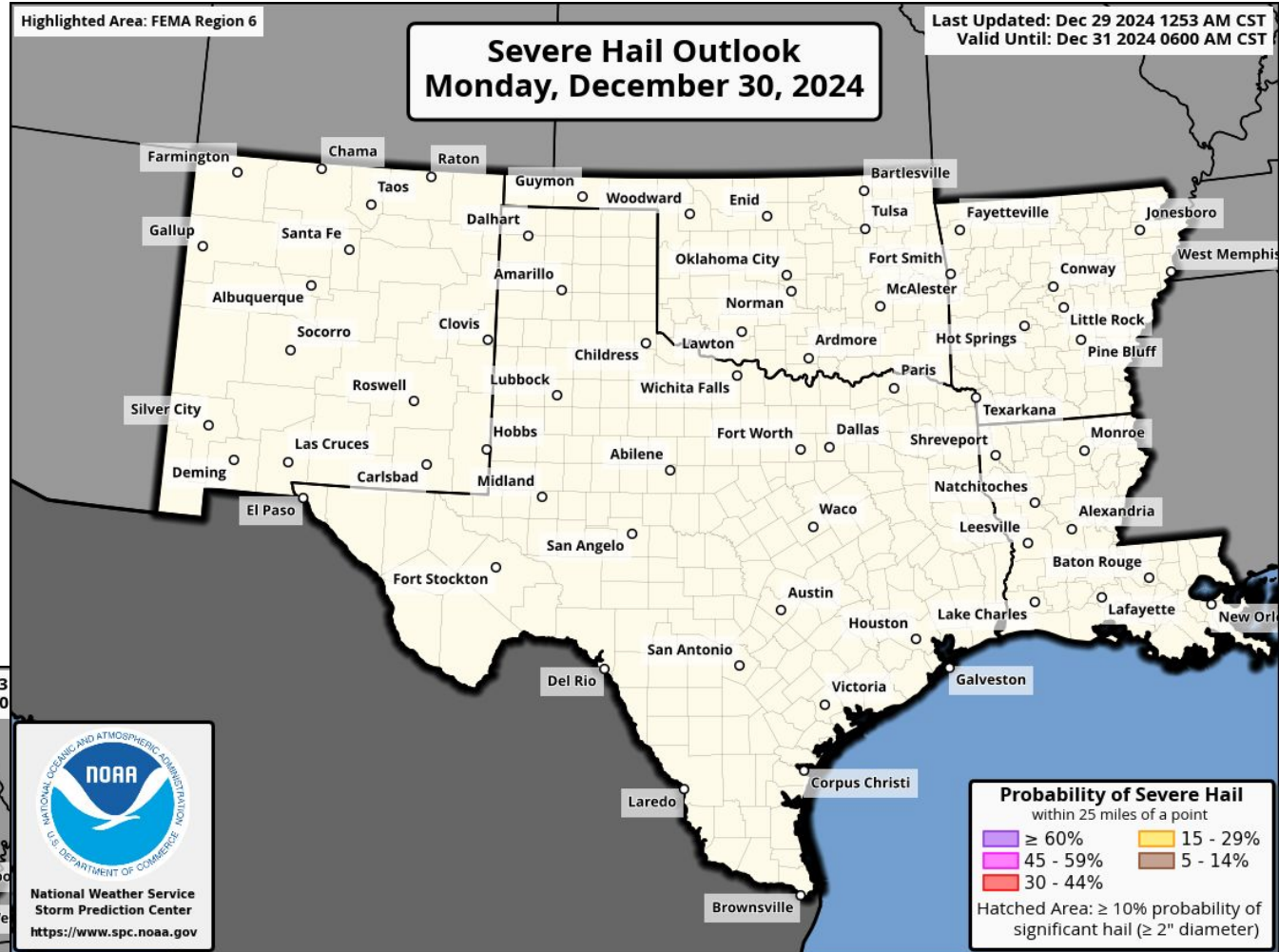
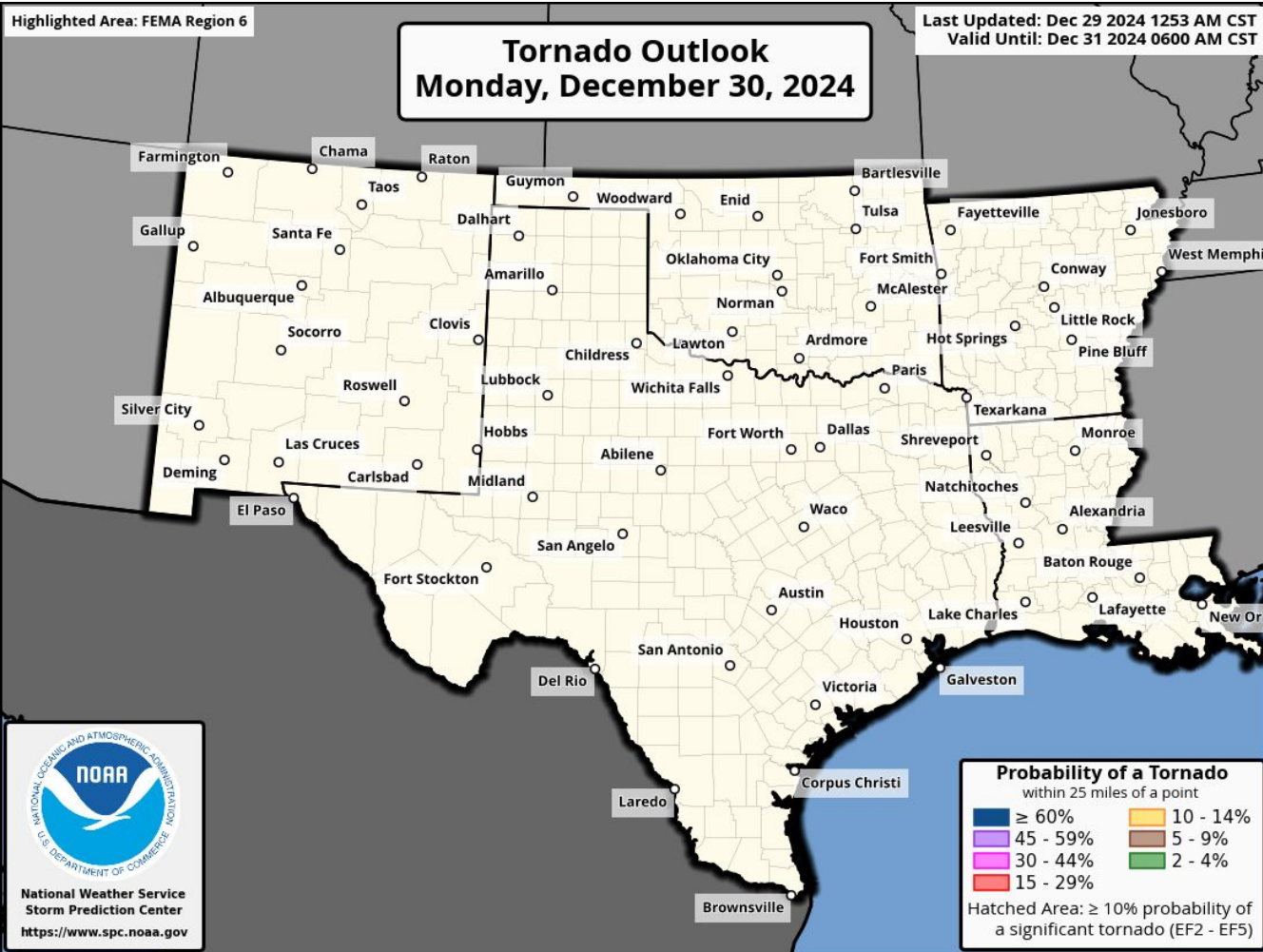


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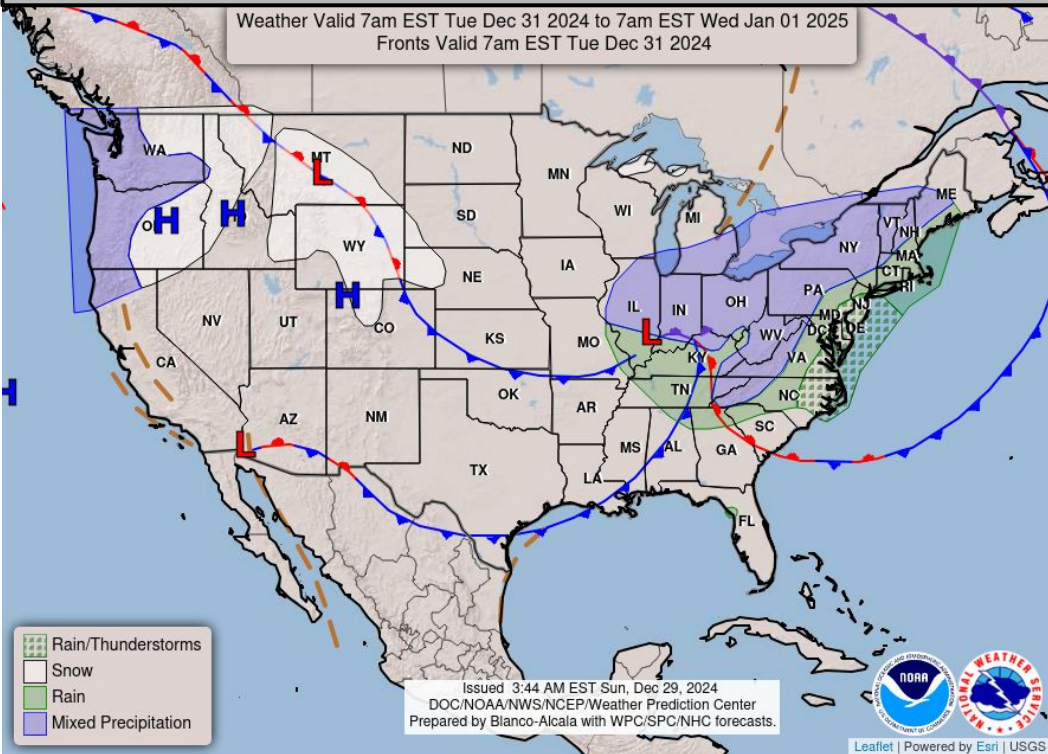
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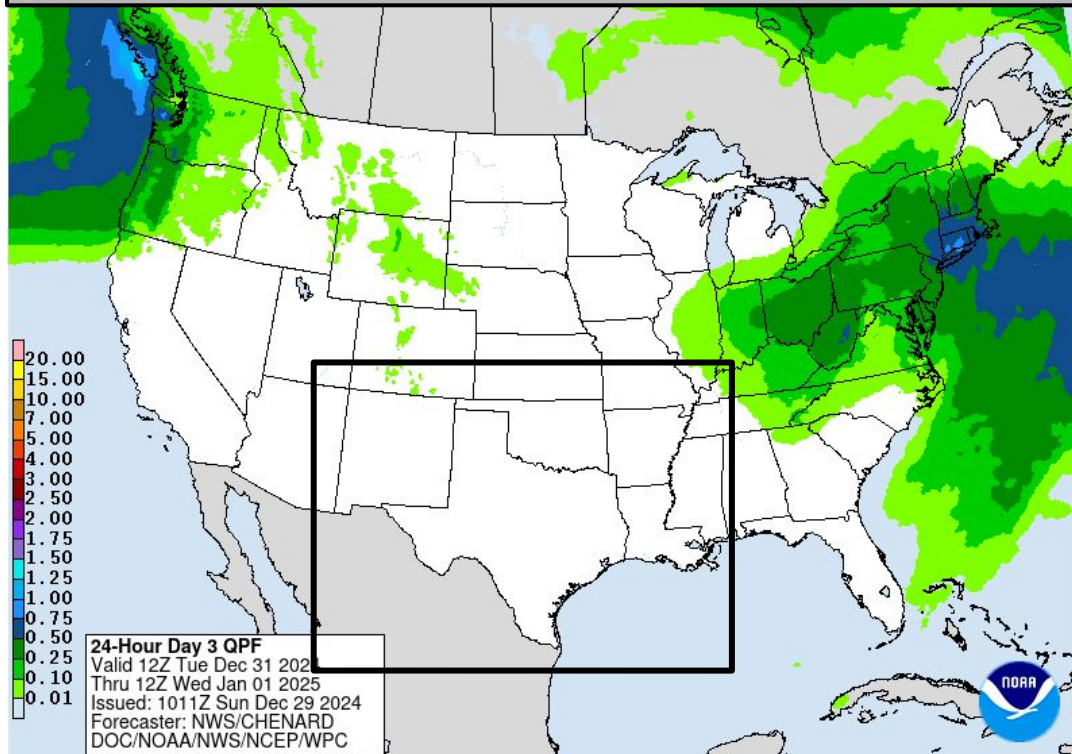


# Tuesday's Weather

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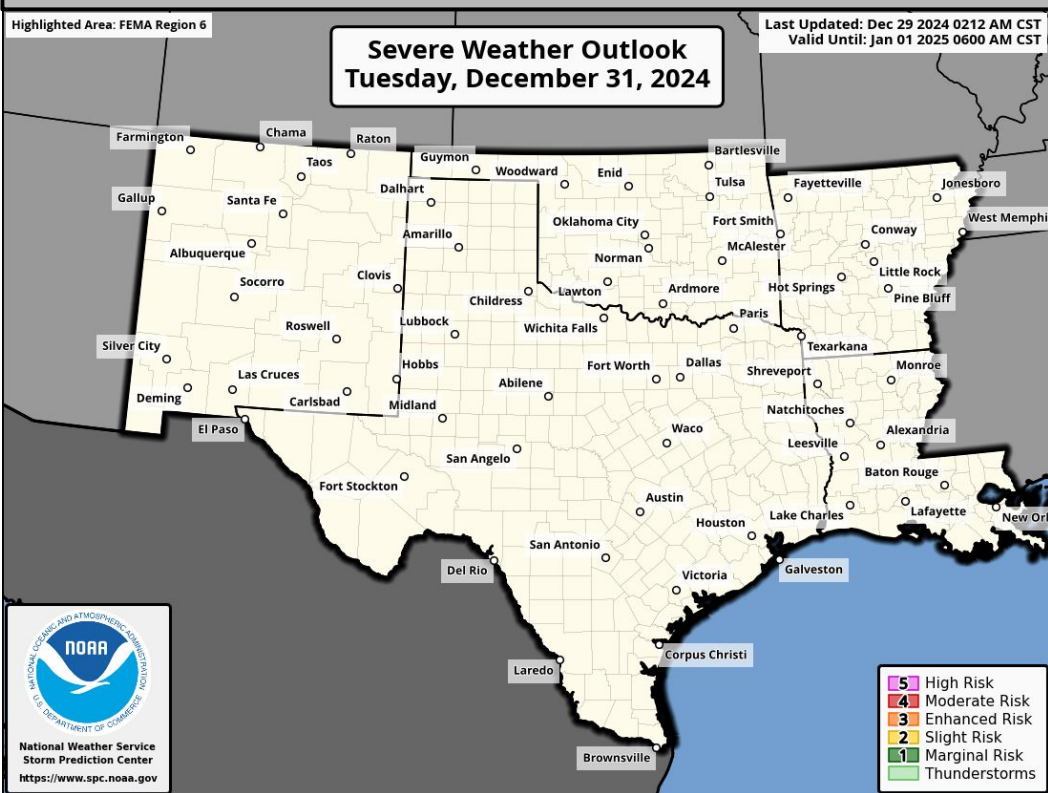


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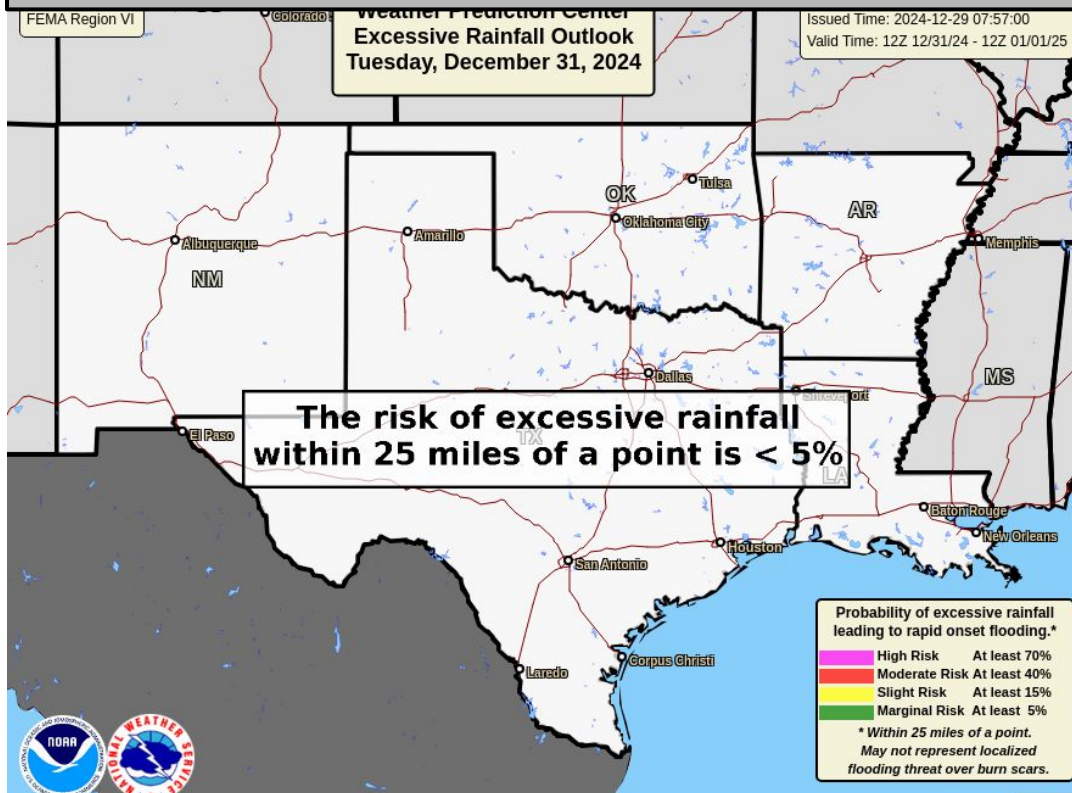


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## Severe Weather Outlook



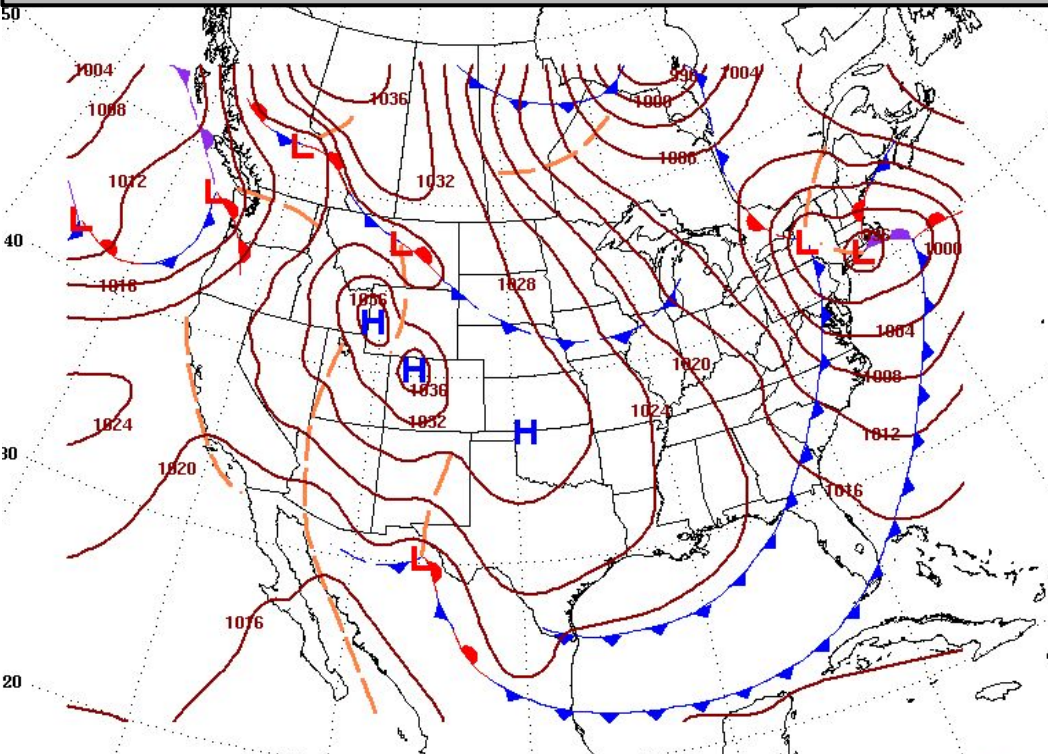
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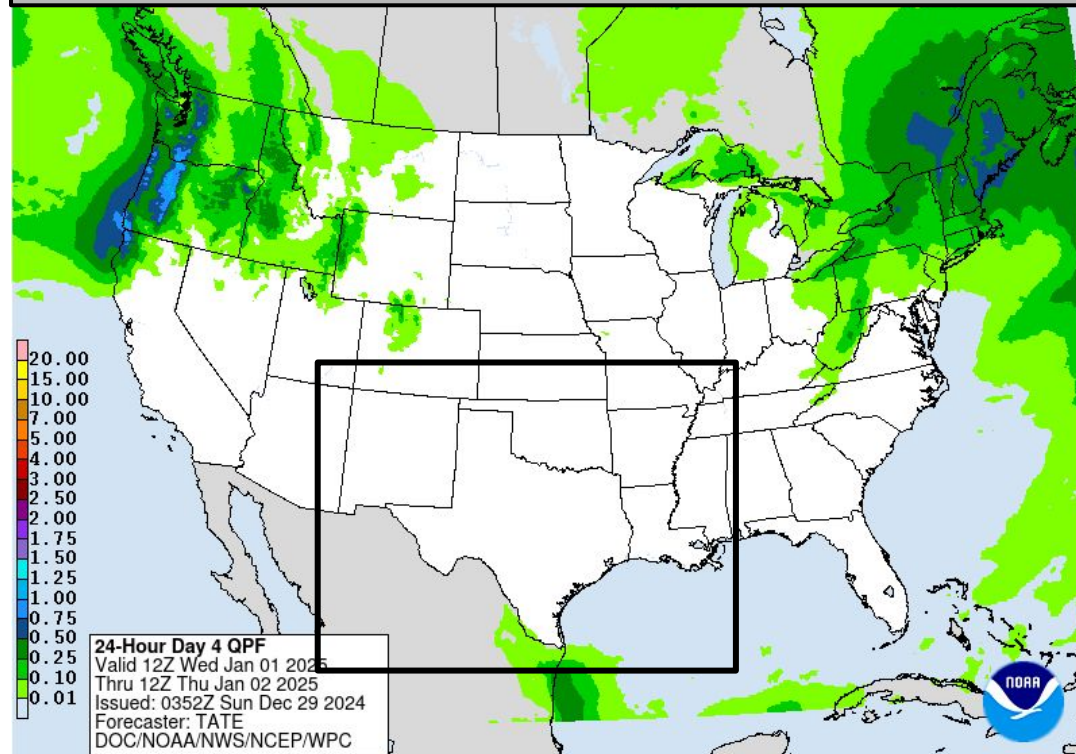


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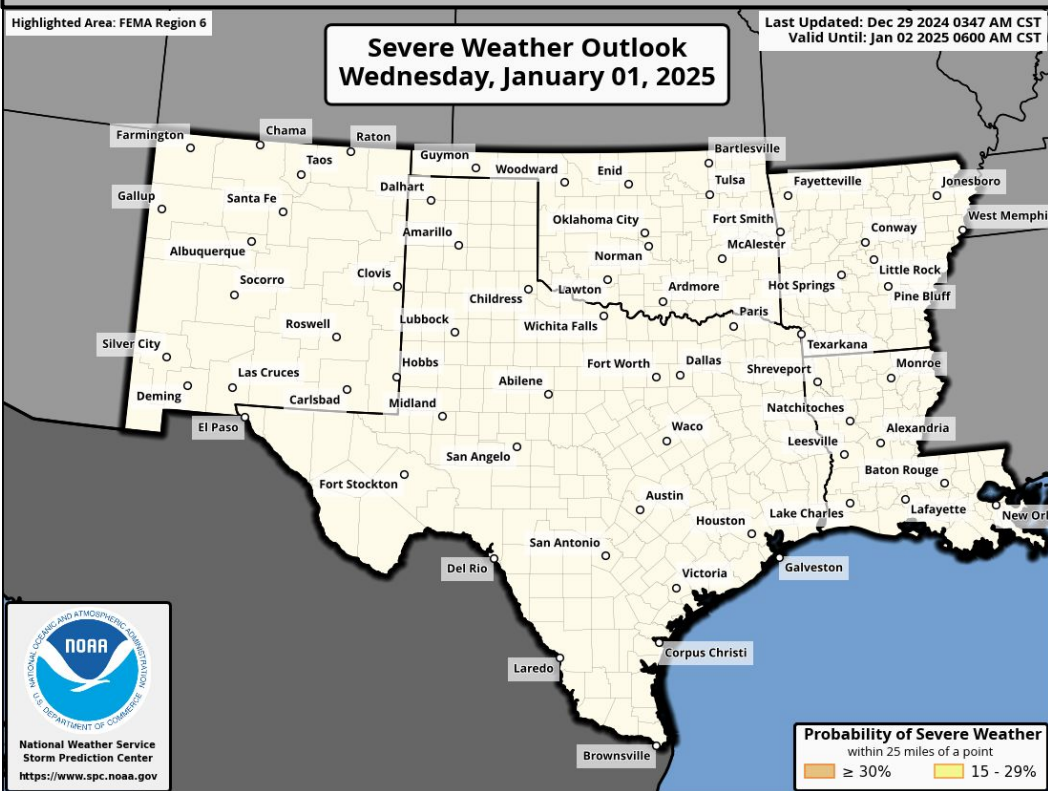


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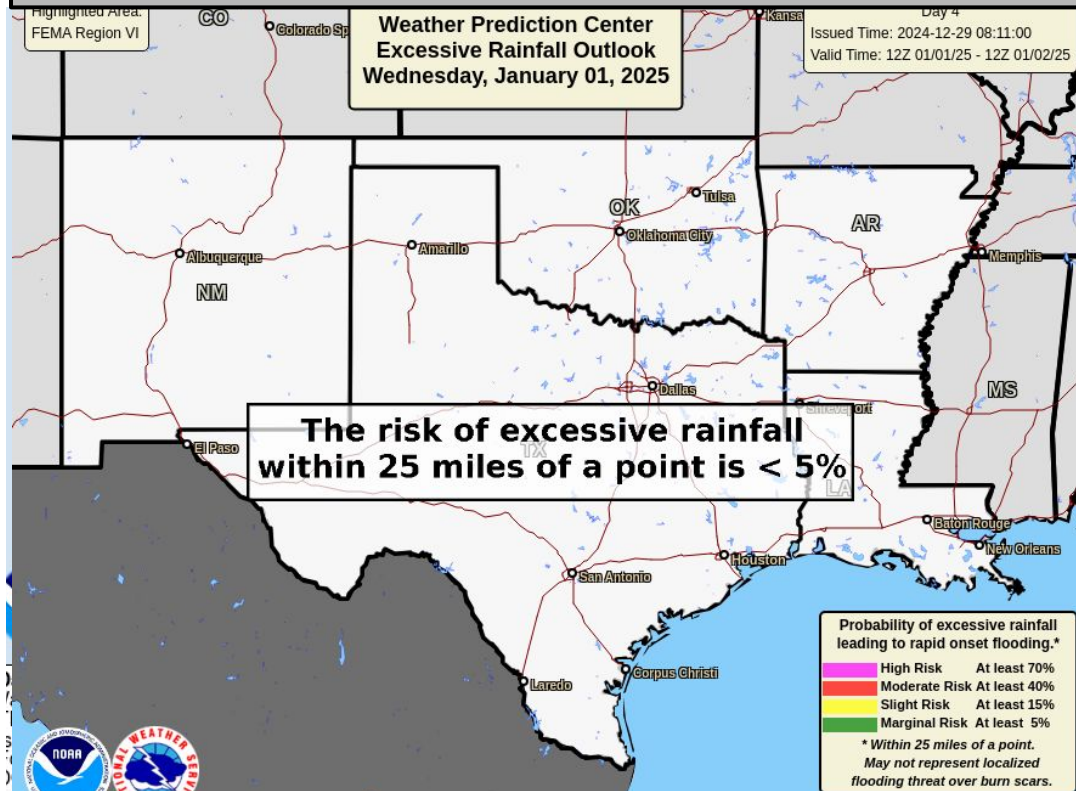


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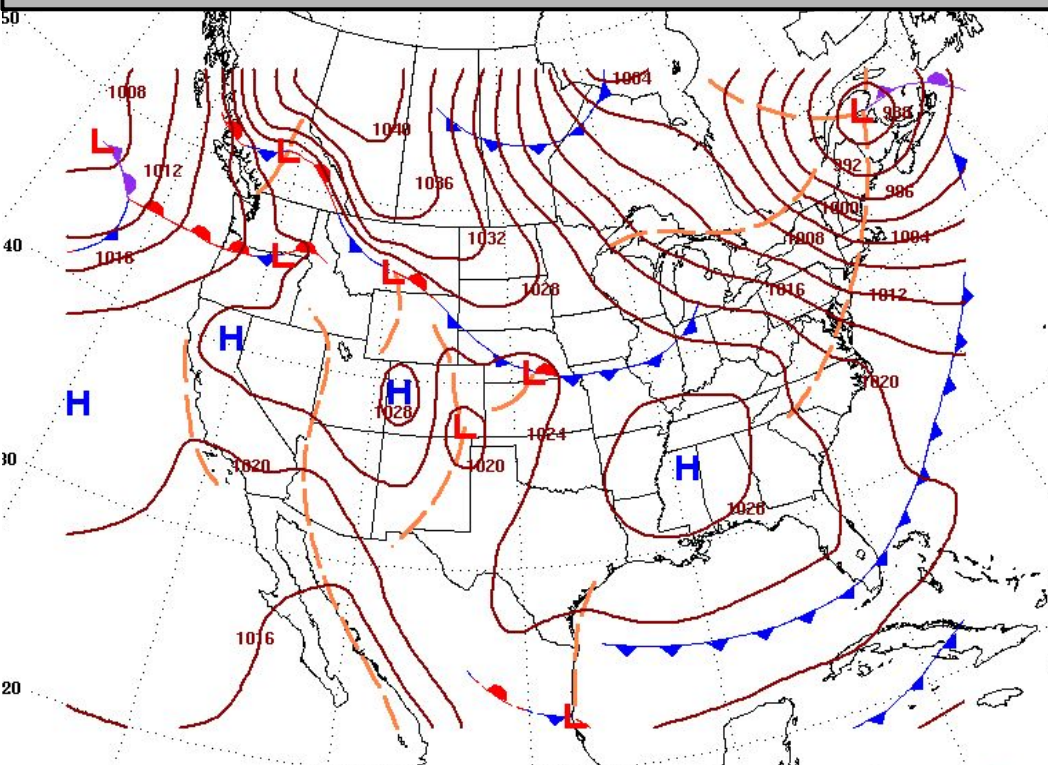
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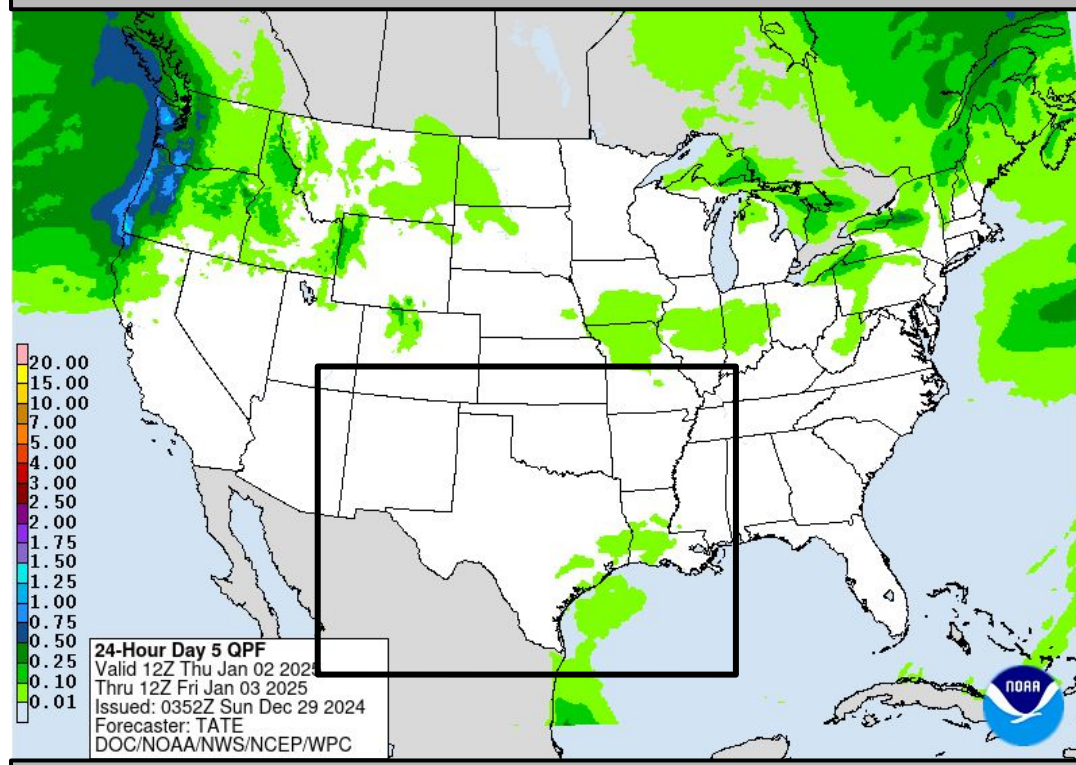


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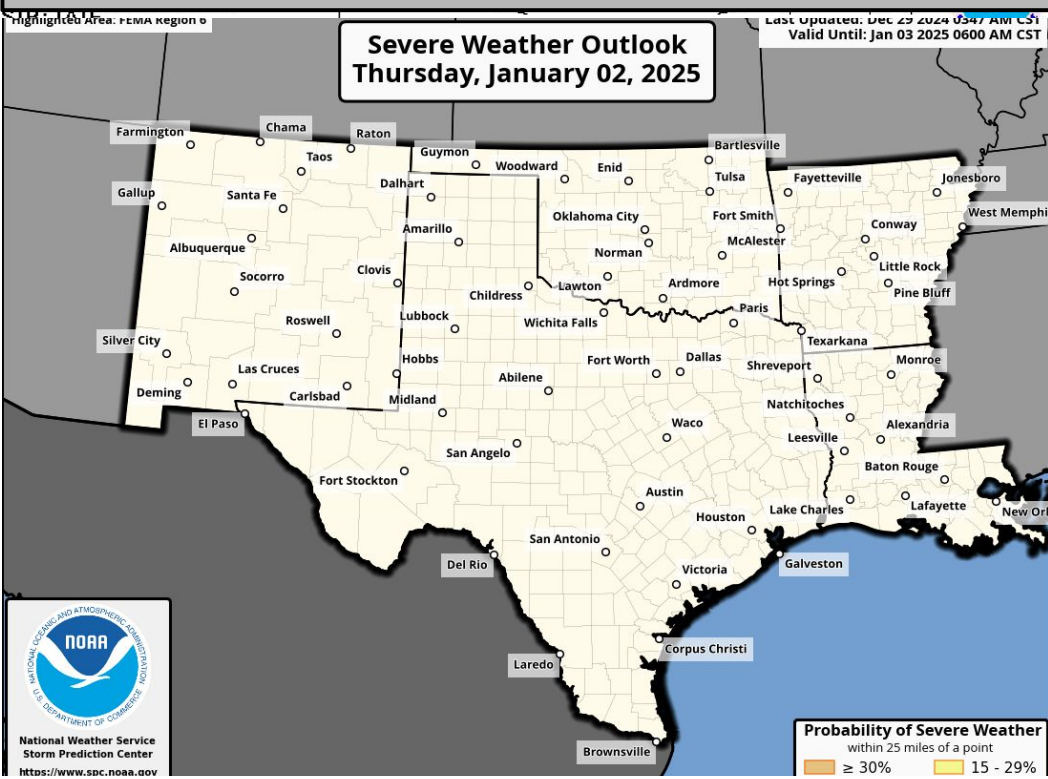


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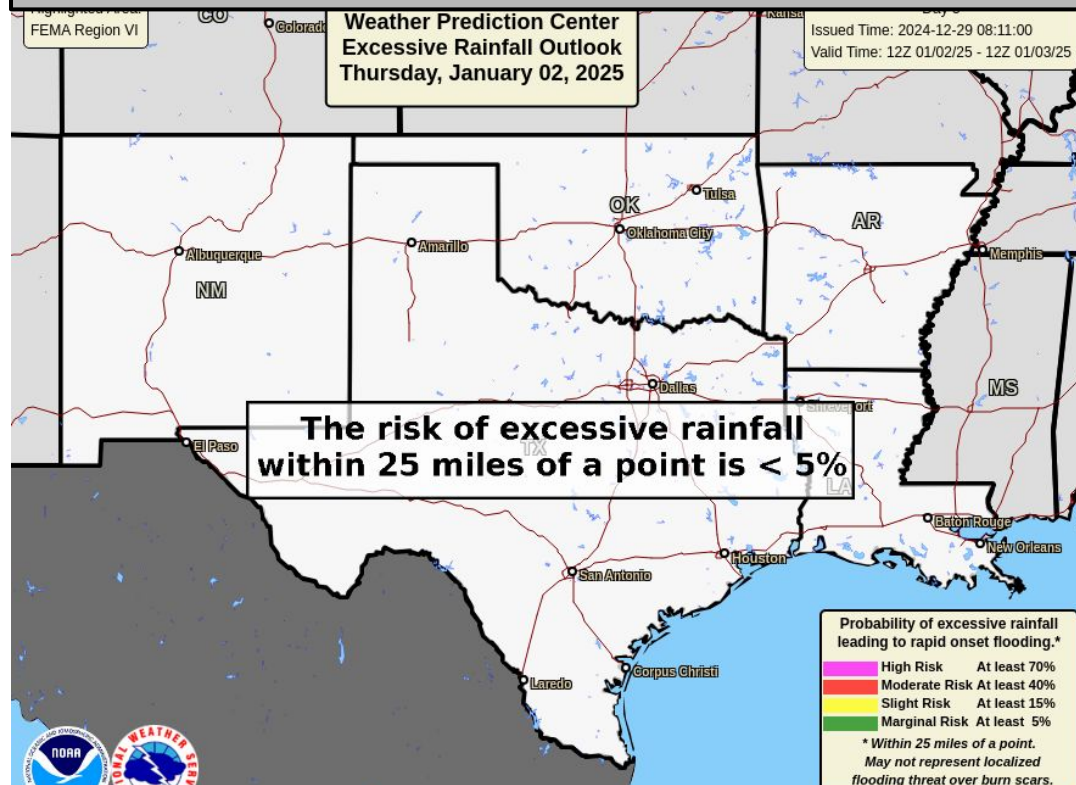


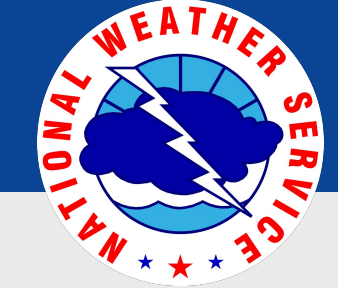
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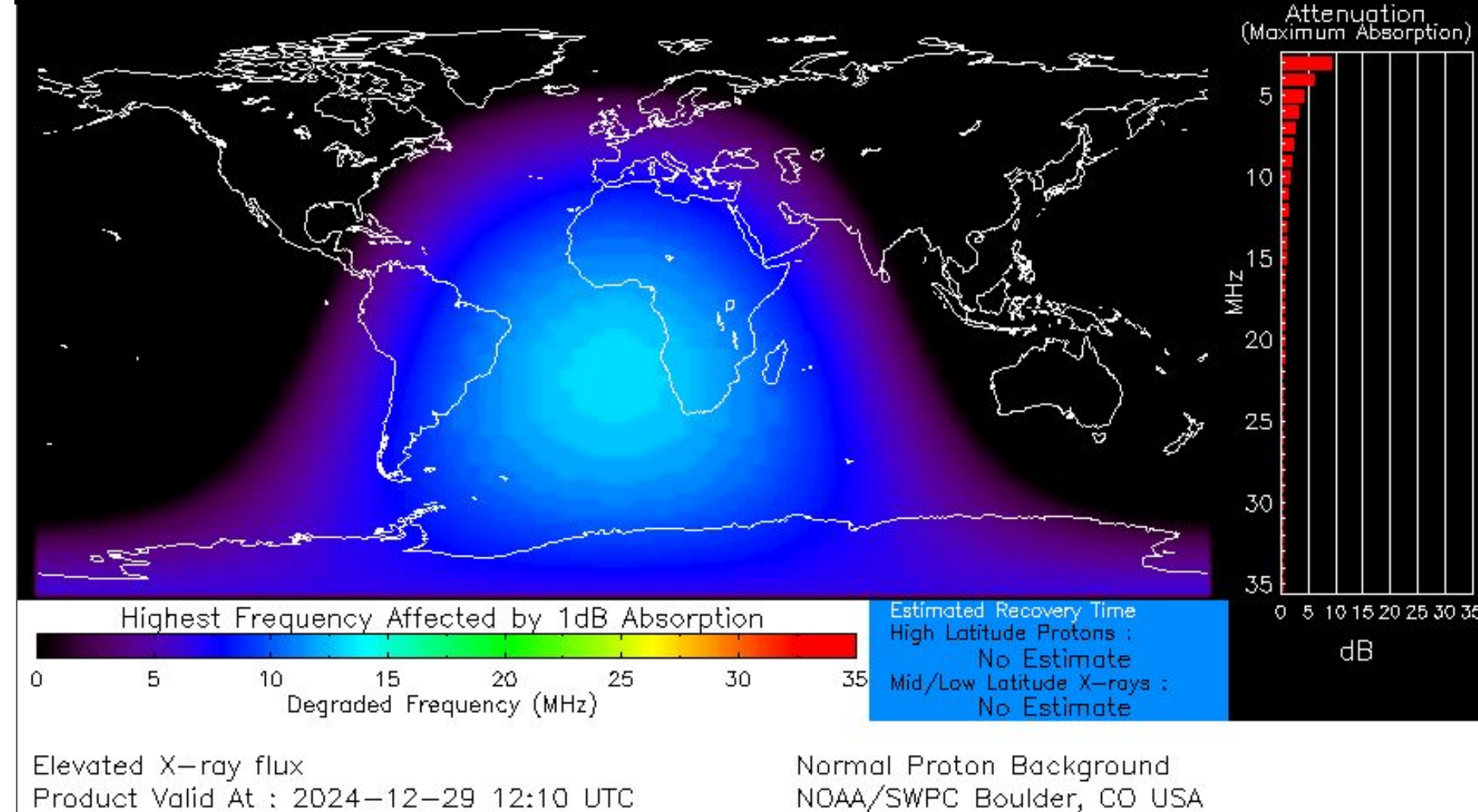
### Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Dec 29	Monday, Dec 30	Tuesday, Dec 31
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>



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

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

Updated SDO/HMI imagery from NASA is currently unavailable.

## Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little to None</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA 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 seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR 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>Moderate</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</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>	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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</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>	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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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>

**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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