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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, February 05, 2025

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>.



- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions for E NM,TX/OK Panhandles today, NM on Thursday, E NM and W TX on Friday, SW OK and NW TX Saturday.
- Heavy rain/flash flood potential for AR, LA on Monday.
- Minor river flooding will continue through the week in ETX,AR, LA.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Feb 5	Thursday, Feb 6	Friday, Feb 7	Saturday, Feb 8	Sunday, Feb 9	Monday, Feb 10	Tuesday, Feb 11
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding						AR, LA	
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles	NM	E NM,WTX	SW OK, NW TX			
Winter							
River Flooding	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA,AR	ETX, LA,AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA,AR

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 4 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.

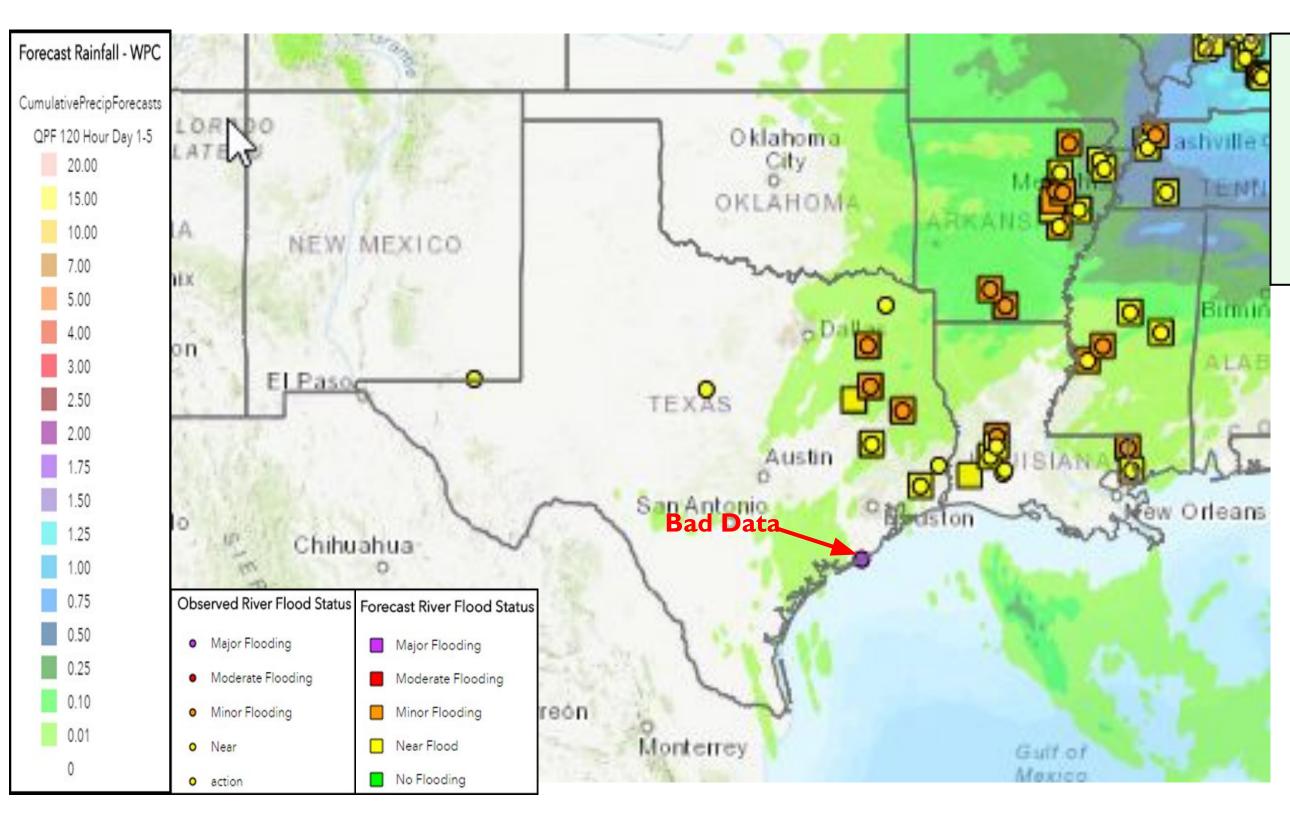
Risk Levels Little to None Minor Moderate Major Extreme





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

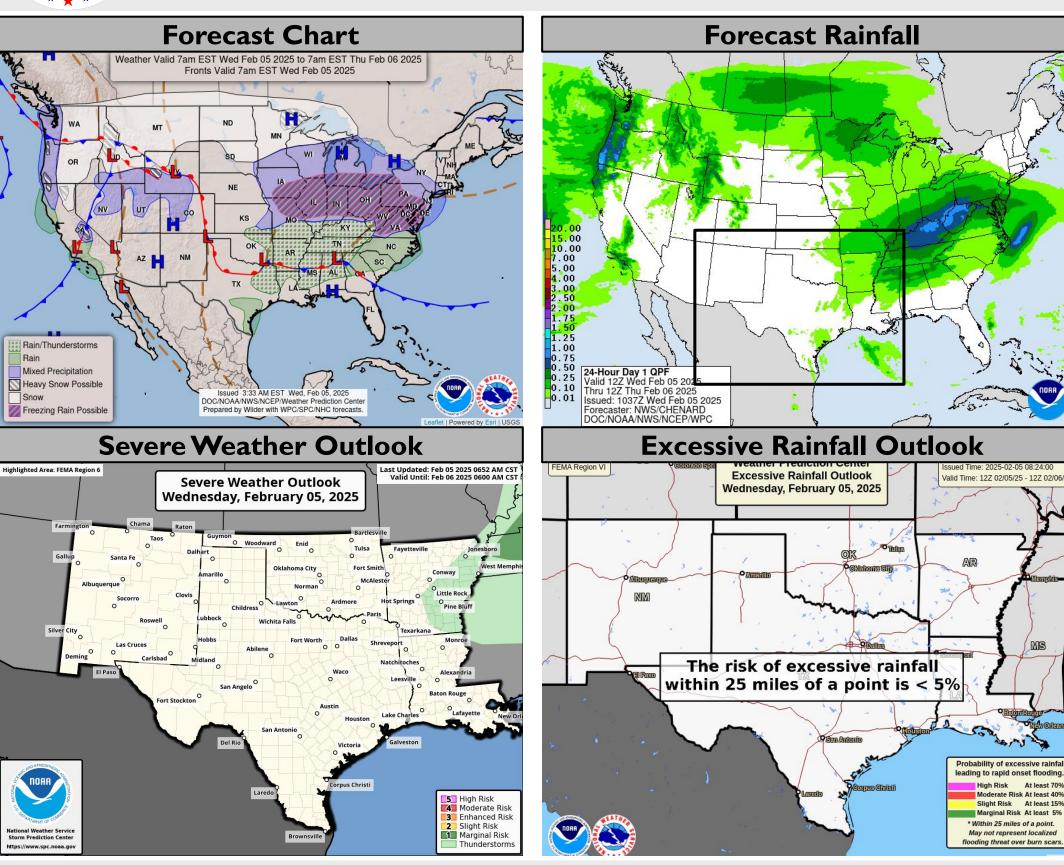
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Minor river flooding will continue in N/ETX, AR, LA through the week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.



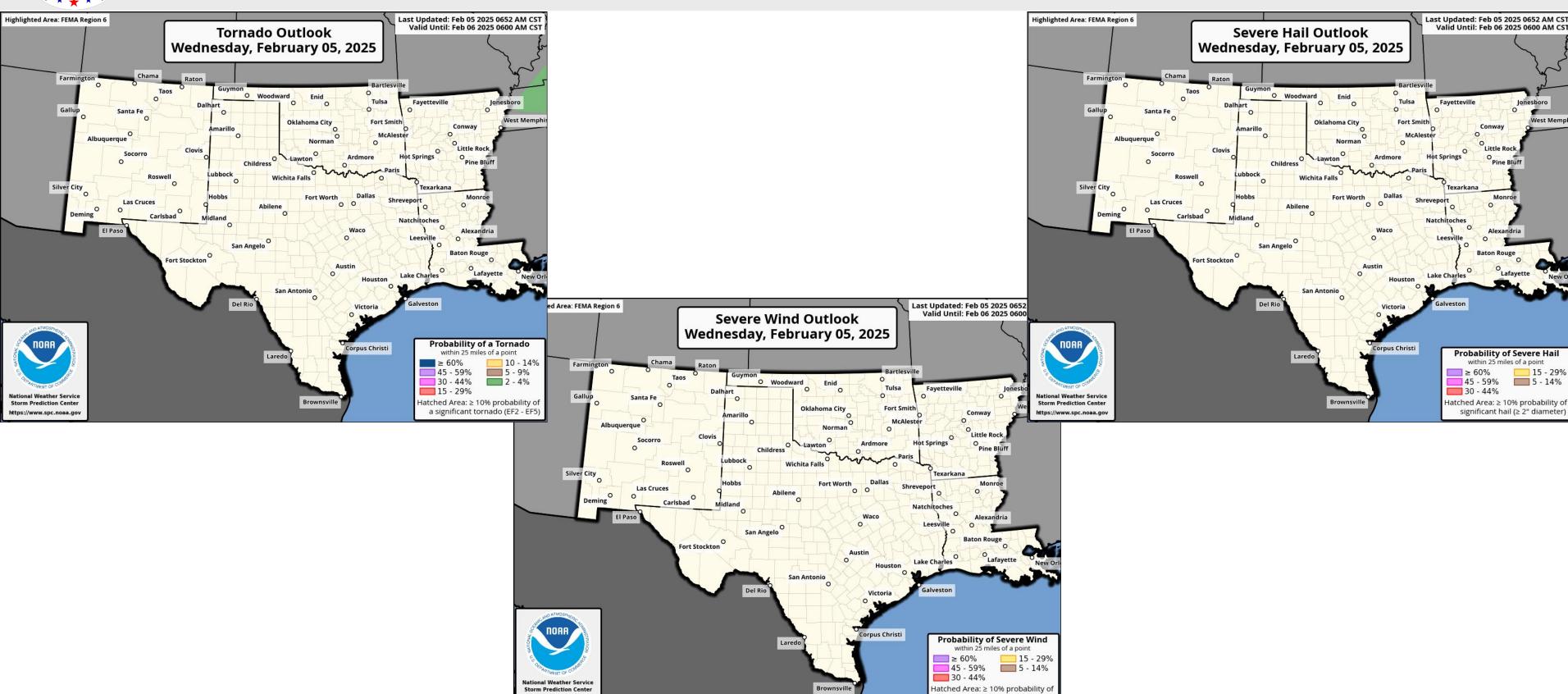
Today's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across E NM and the TX/OK Panhandles.



Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

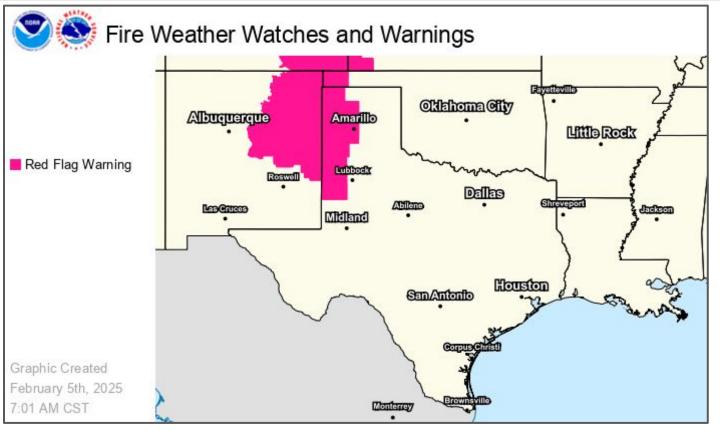


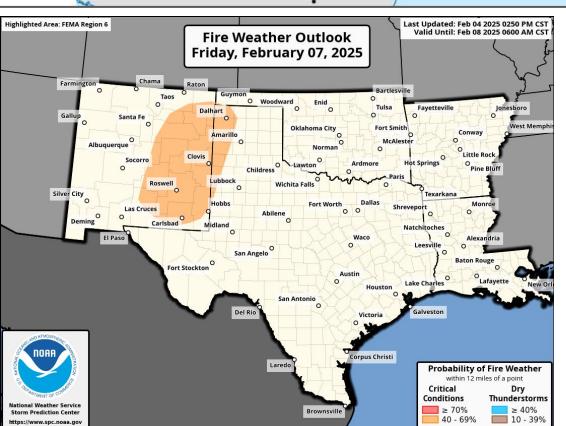
significant wind gusts (≥ 74 mph)

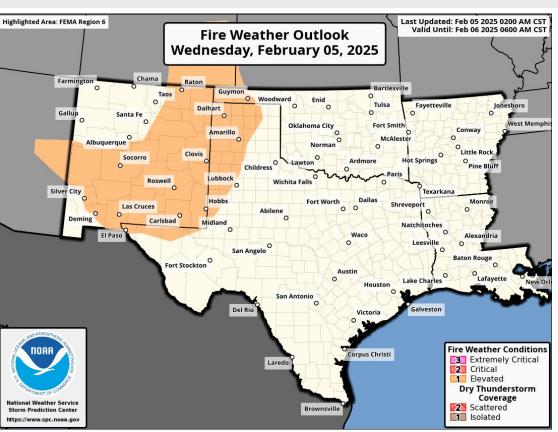


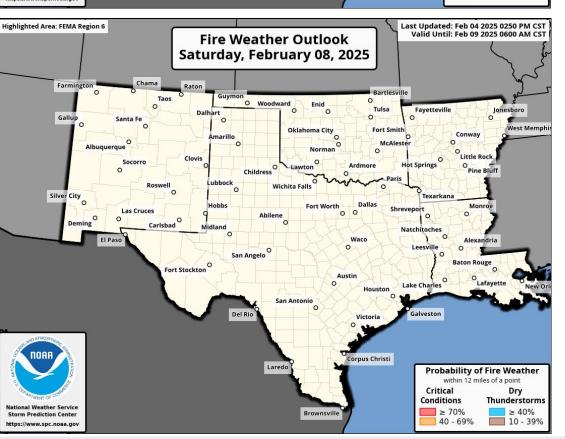


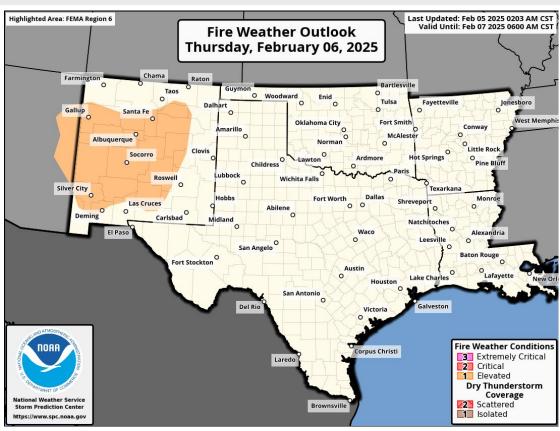
Fire Weather Outlooks

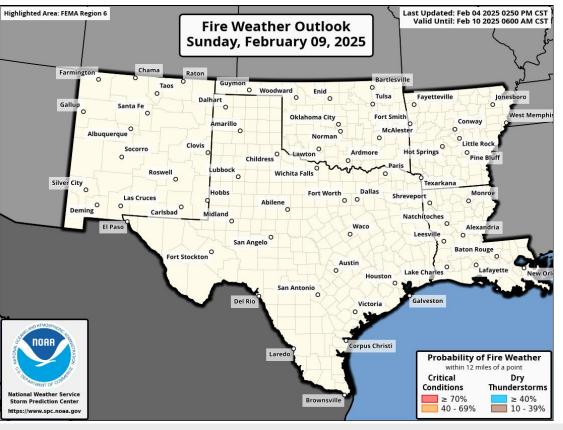














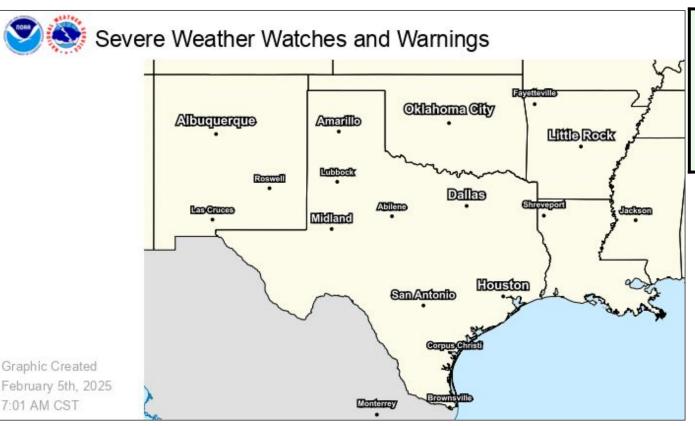
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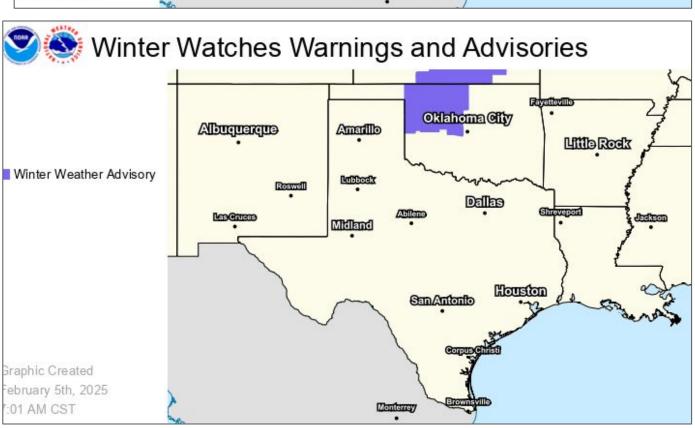
Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards





Winter Weather Advisory for NW OK through 9am for freezing drizzle.

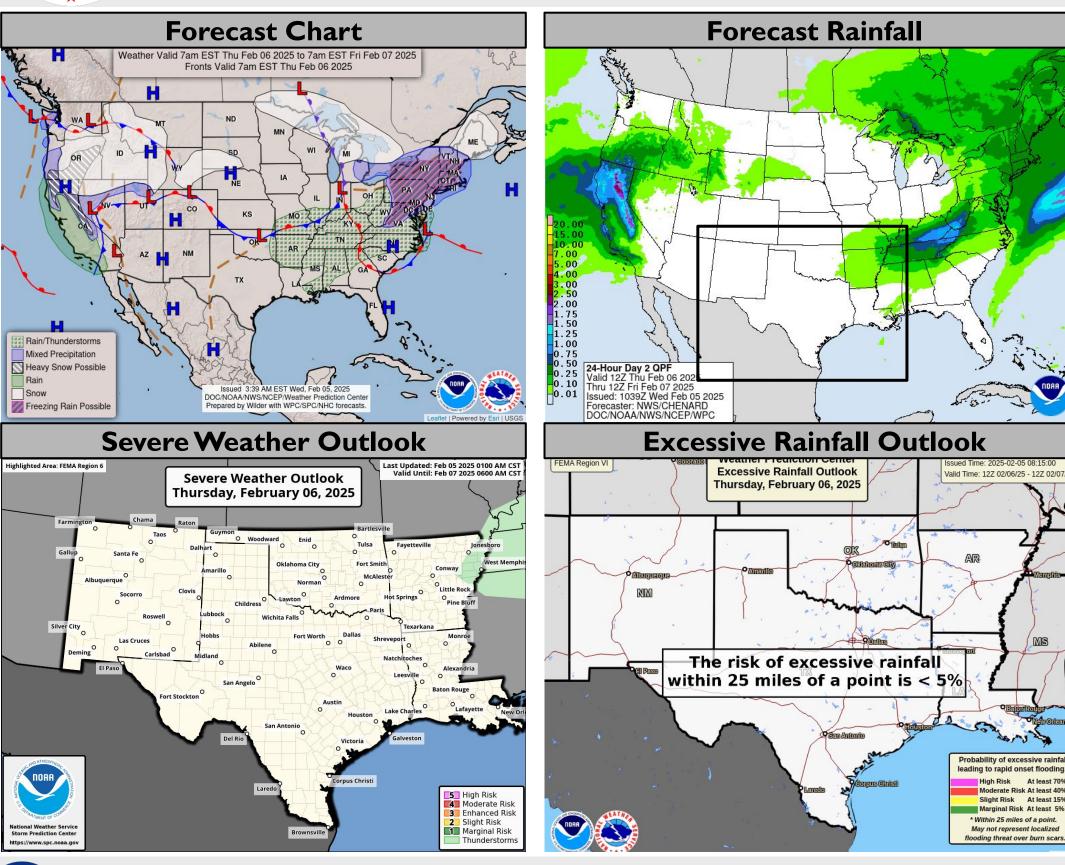








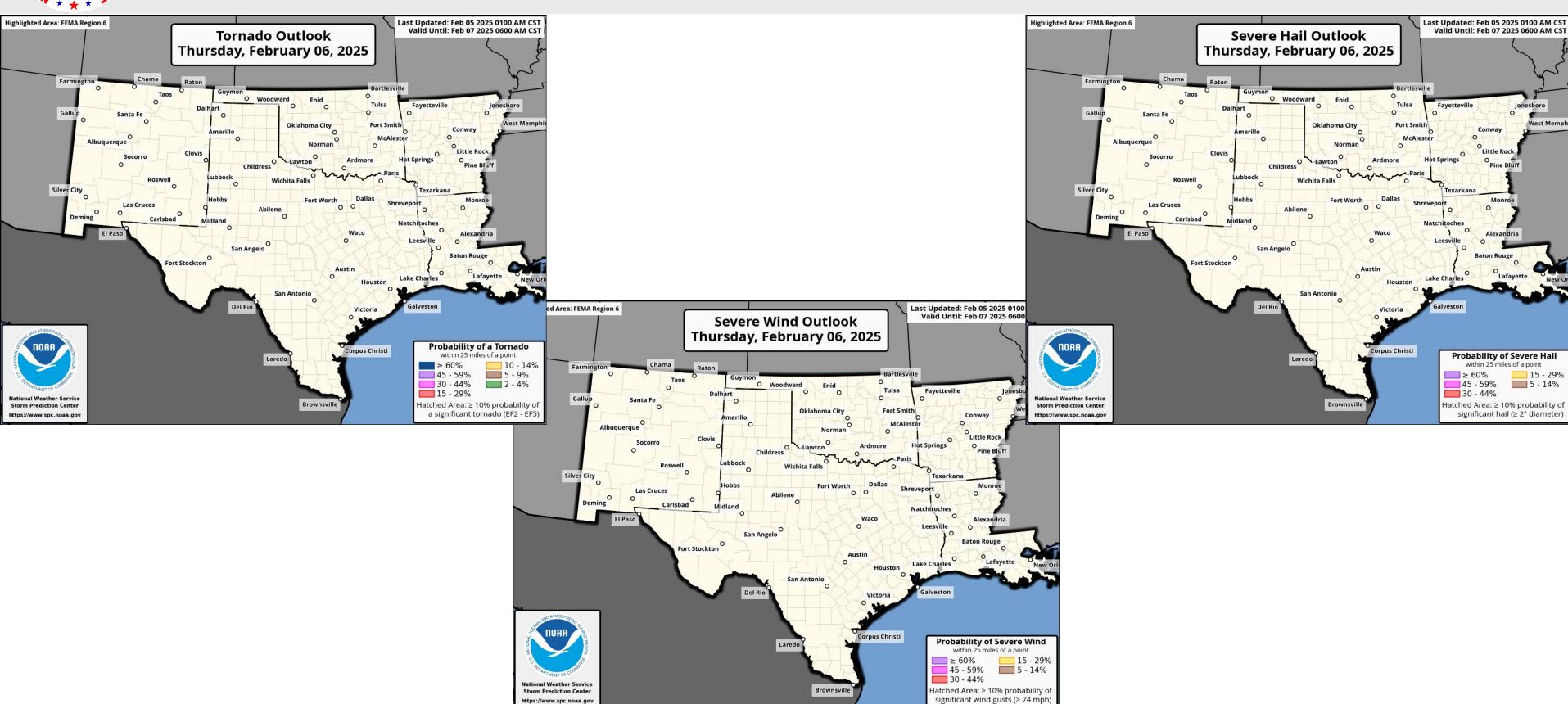
Tomorrow's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across NM.

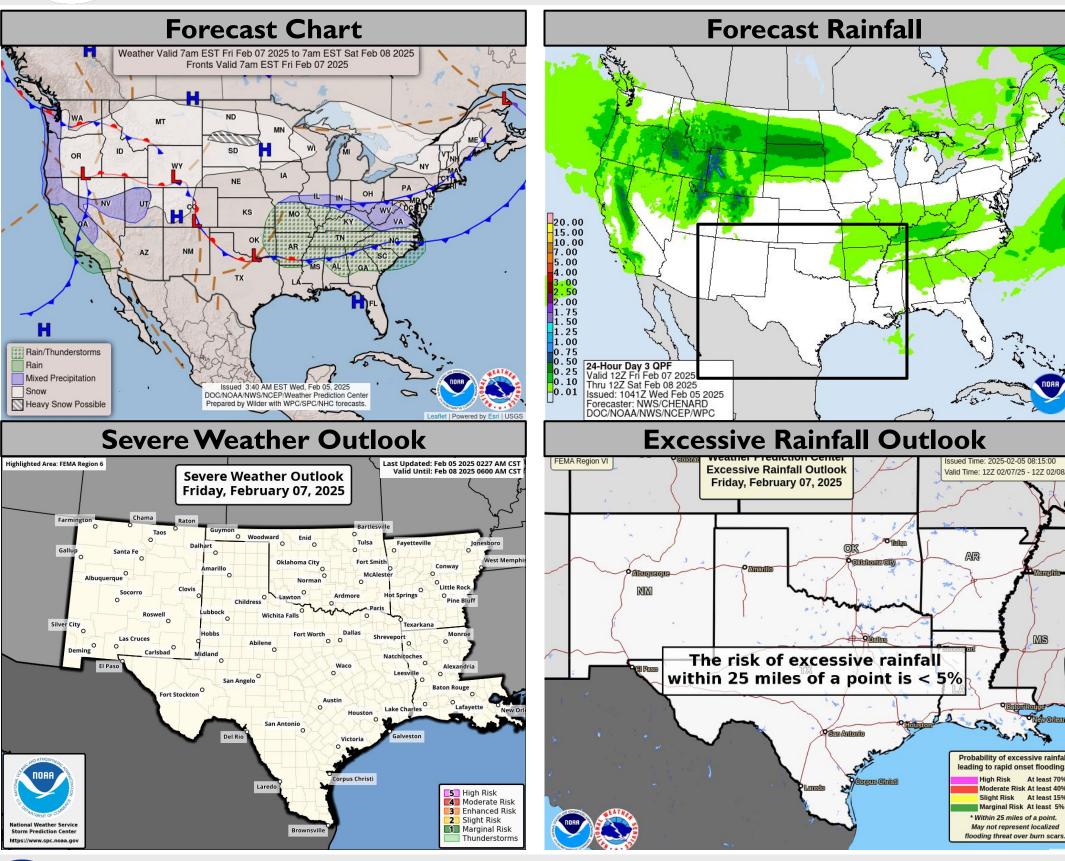


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





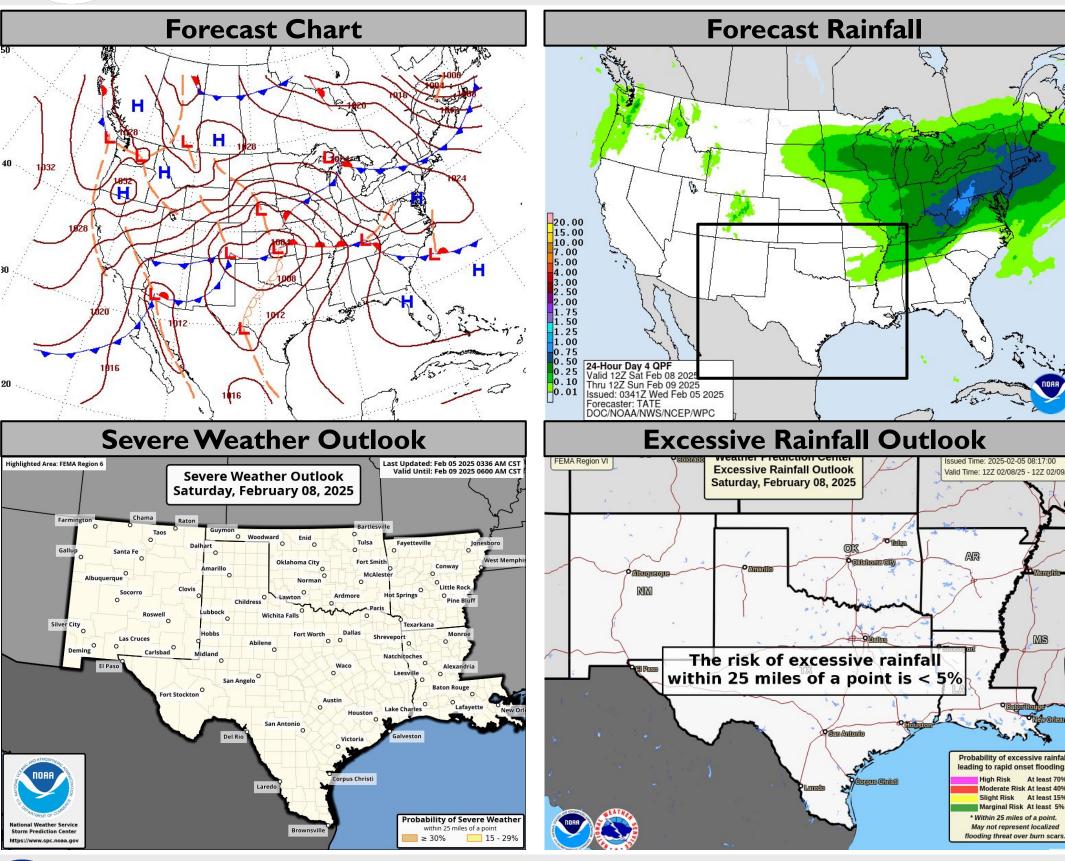
Friday's Weather



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



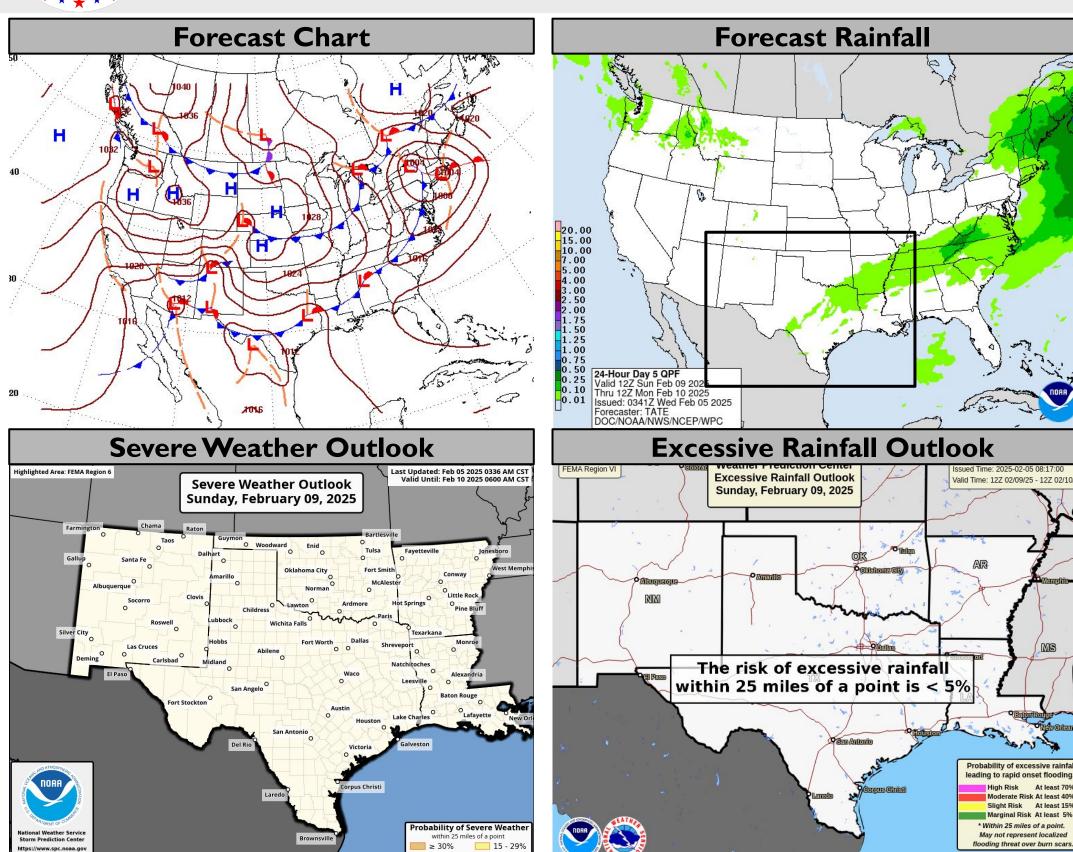
Saturday's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across SW OK and NW TX.



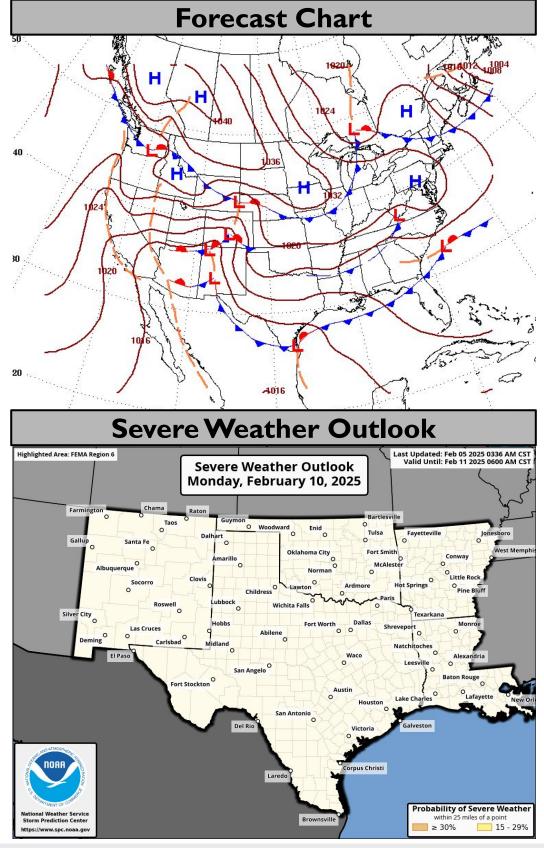
Sunday's Weather

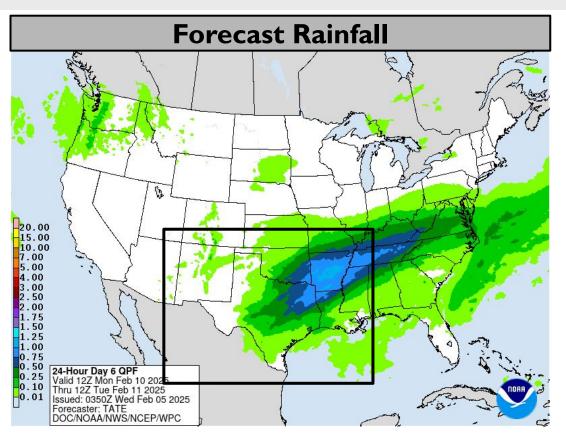


No significant weather expected.



Monday's Weather



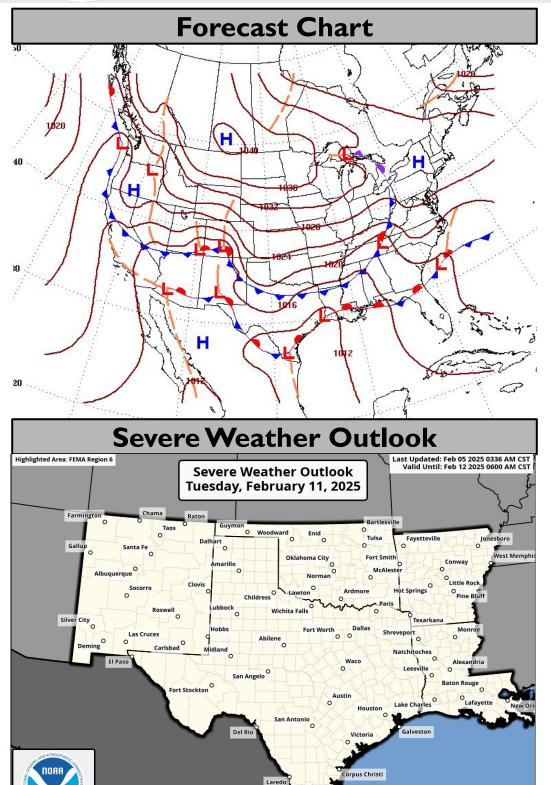


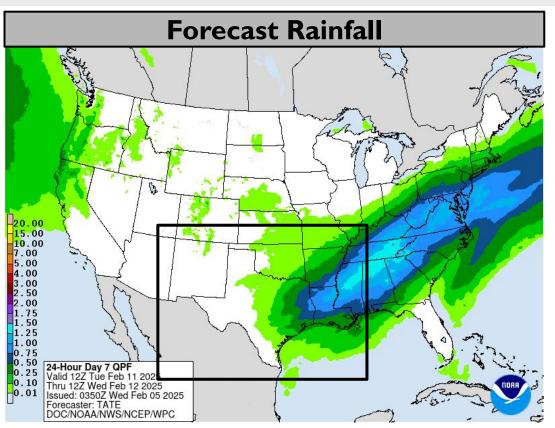
Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

Heavy rainfall possible over AR and LA.



Tuesday's Weather



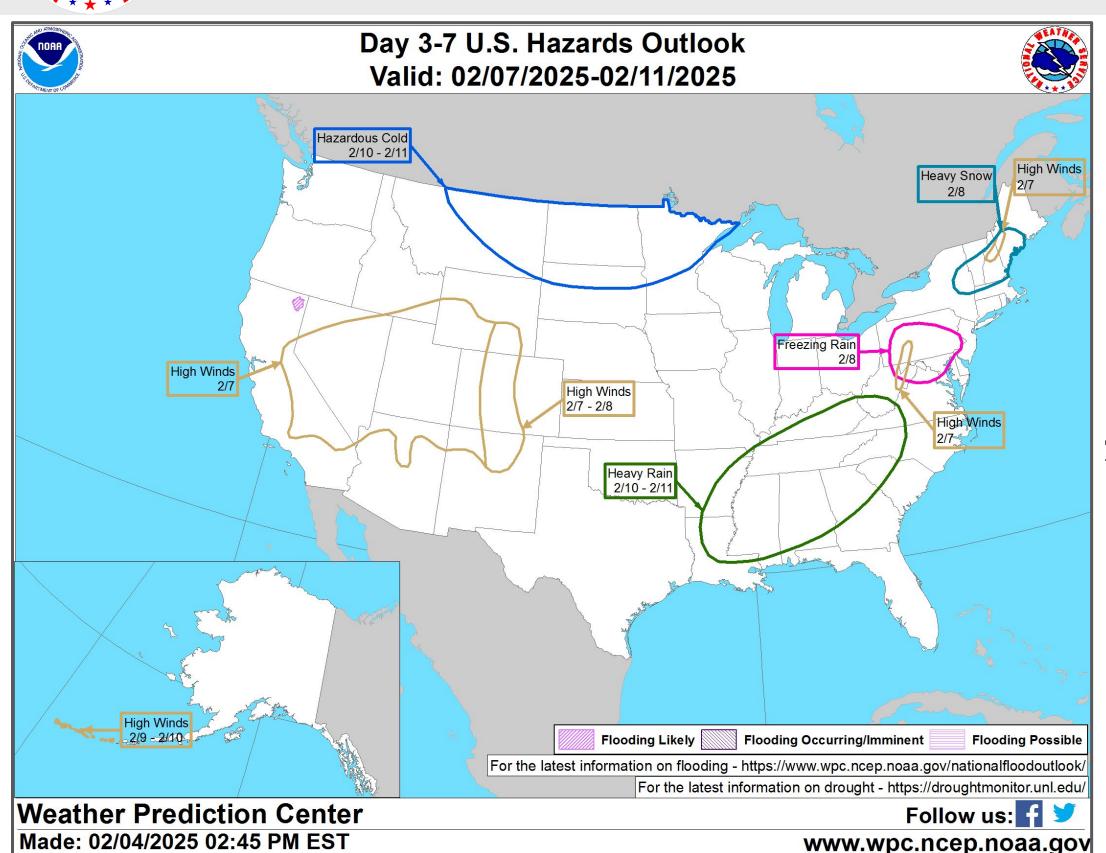


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"Day 3-7" Hazards Outlook



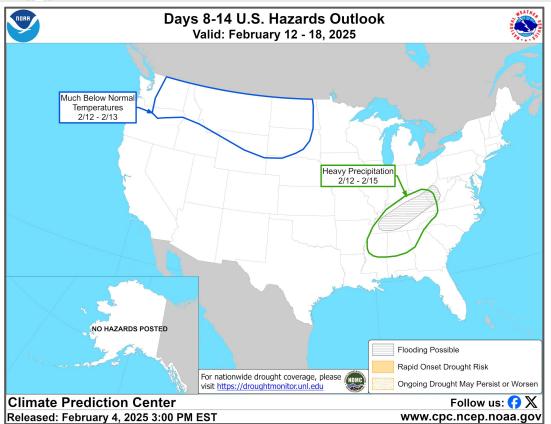
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- I. The "day 3-7" will really be days 2-6
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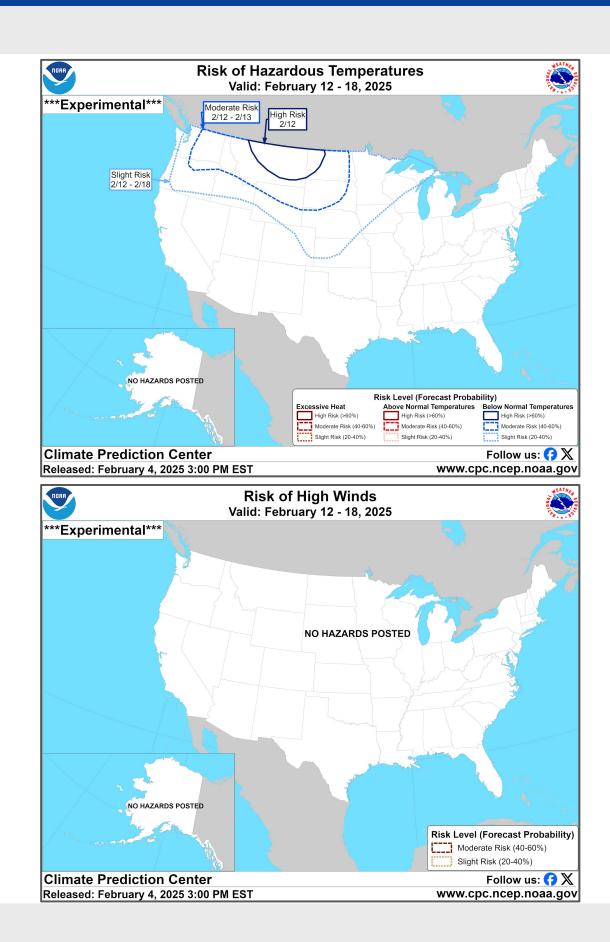
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

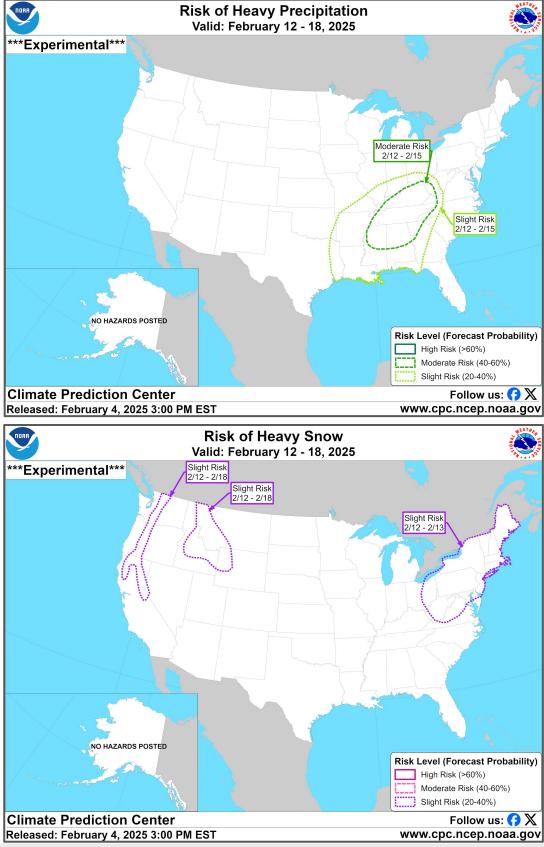


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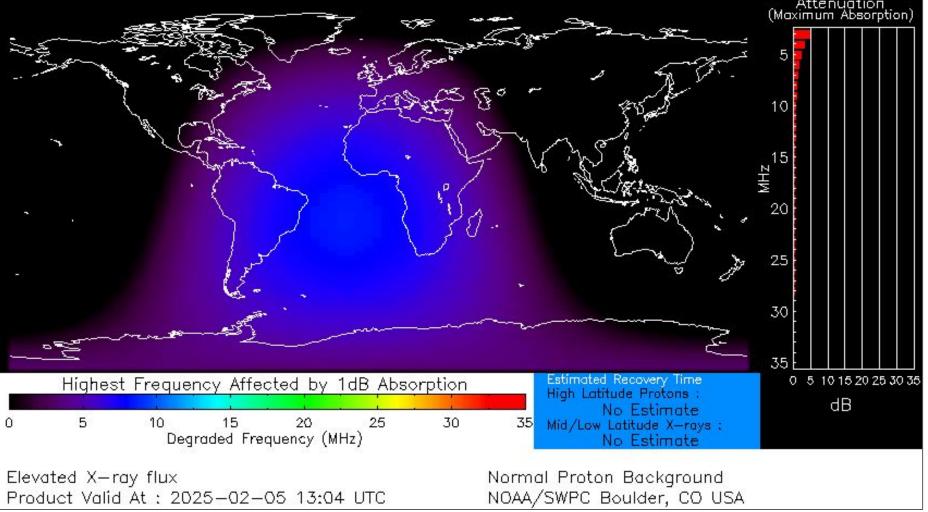






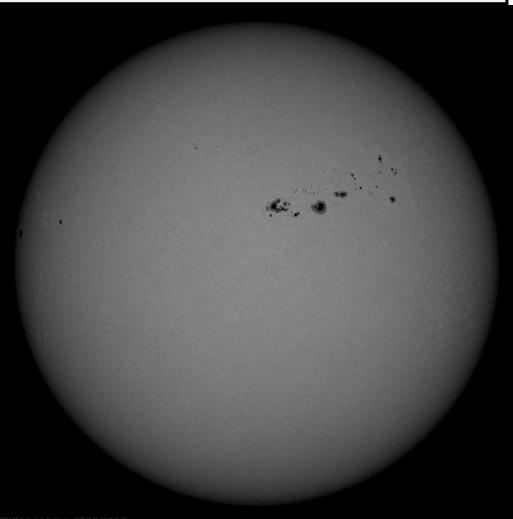
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Feb 5	Thursday, Feb 6	Friday, Feb 7	
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	15%	15%	15%	
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	85%	85%	85%	
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	20%	



Space Weather Storm Scales

Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast



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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 mino (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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