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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, February 07, 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 NM, OK/TX Panhandles today and then across S NM, W TX Saturday and through the first half of next week.
- Marginal risk (level I out 4) for heavy rainfall/flash flooding over the ArkLaTex Monday through Wednesday.
- Monitoring for potential winter weather impacts late Monday night through Wednesday in N NM, N OK, and N AR.
- Minor river flooding will continue into next week in ETX,AR, LA.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

#### Next 7 days

	Friday, Feb 7	Saturday, Feb 8	Sunday, Feb 9	Monday, Feb 10	Tuesday, Feb 11	Wednesday, Feb 12	Thursday, Feb 13
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding				AR, N LA, NE TX, E OK	AR, ETX, LA	AR, ETX, LA	
Fire Weather	NM,TX/OK Panhandles	S NM,WTX		S NM,WTX	S NM,WTX	S NM,WTX	
Winter				N OK (late)	N NM, N OK, N AR	TX Panhandle, N OK, N AR	
River Flooding	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA,AR	ETX, LA,AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX,AR	ETX,AR	ETX,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.

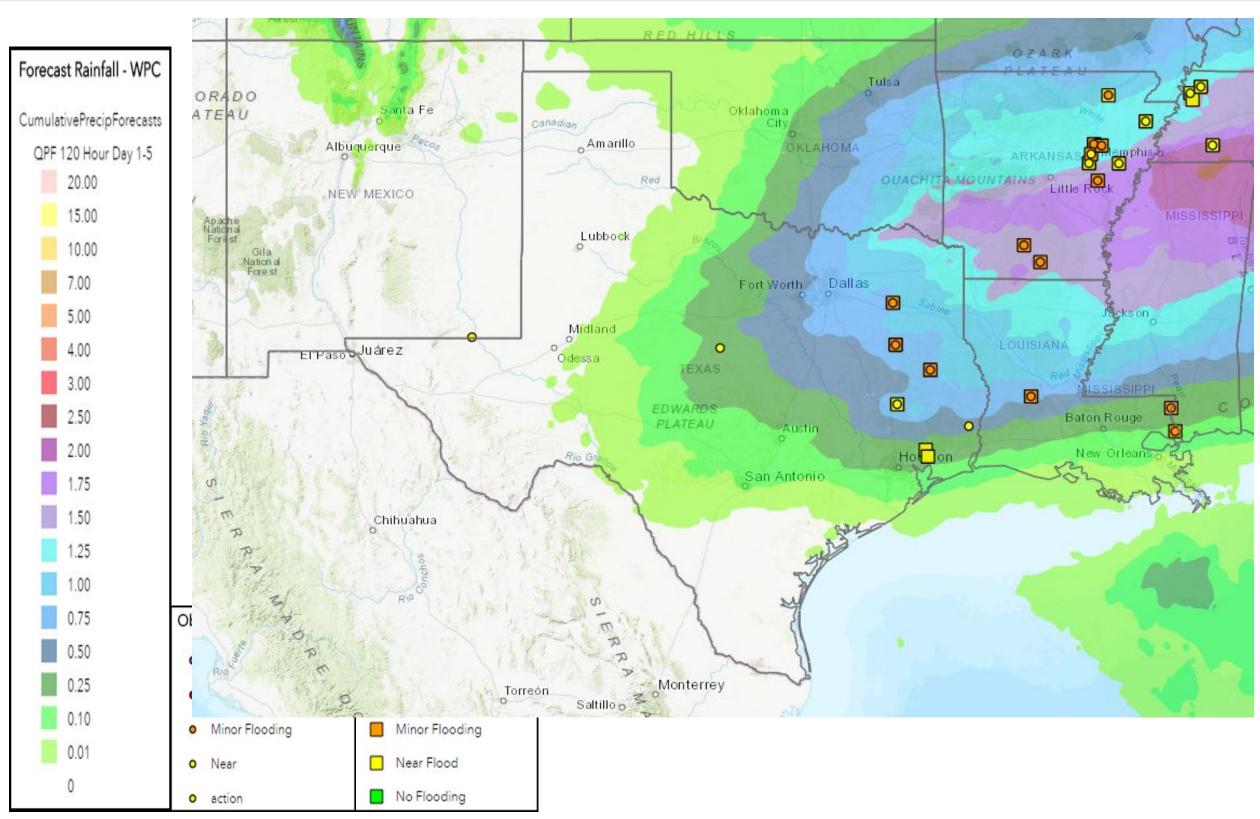
Risk Levels Little to None Minor Moderate Major Extreme





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

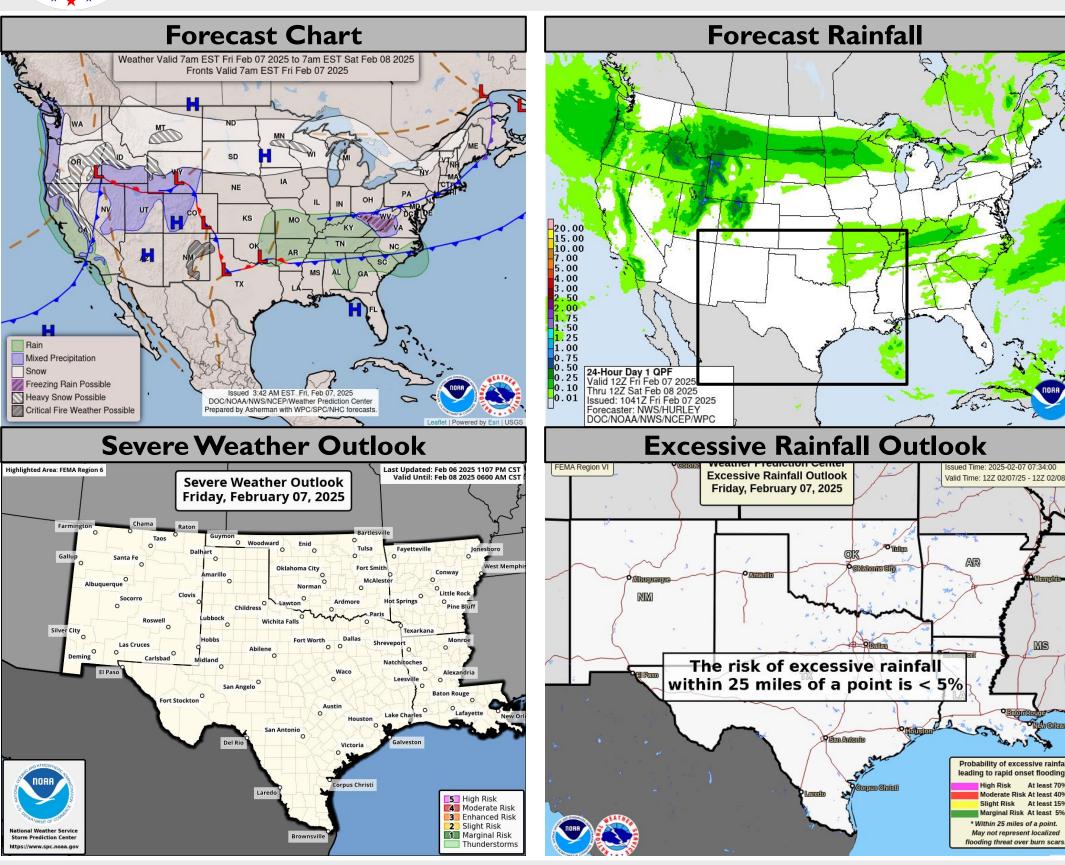
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Minor river flooding will continue in N/E TX, AR, LA into next week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.



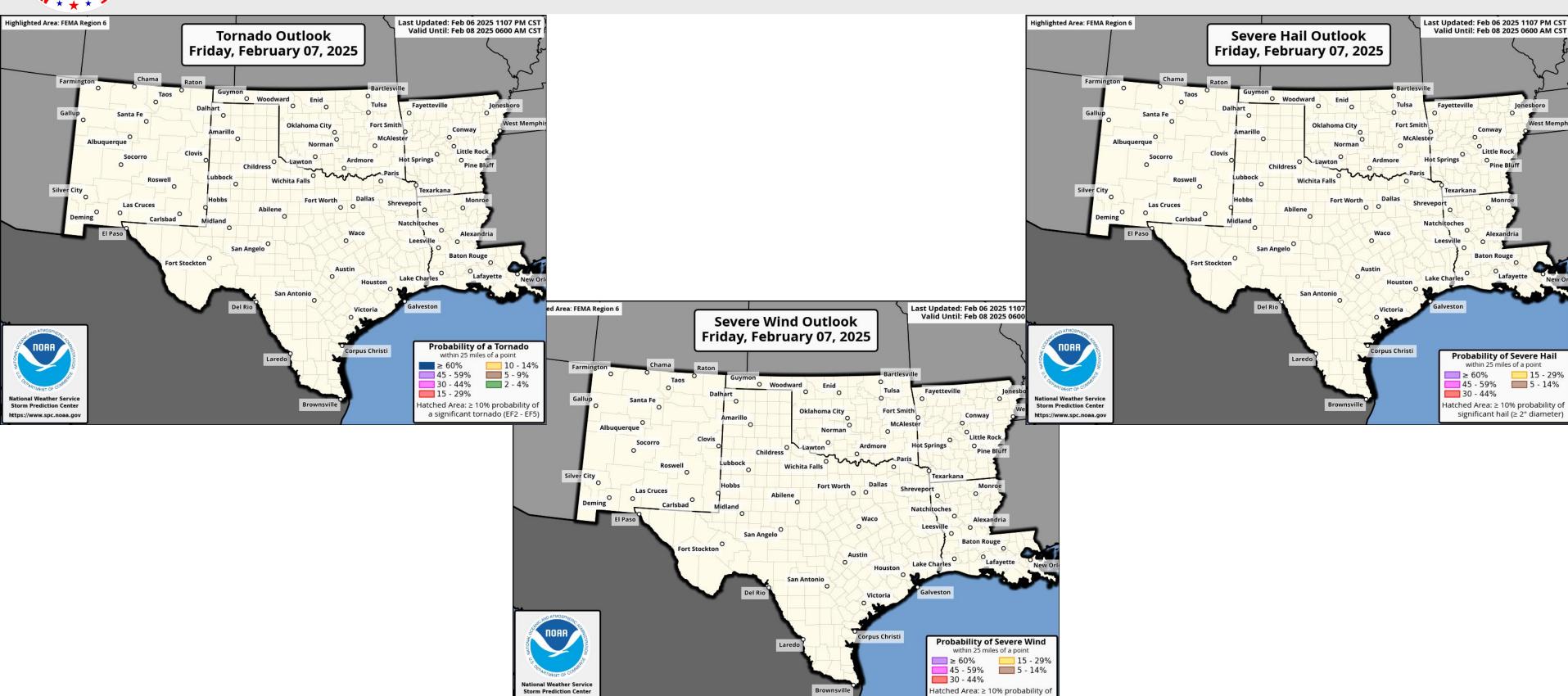
## Today's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across NM,TX/OK Panhandles.



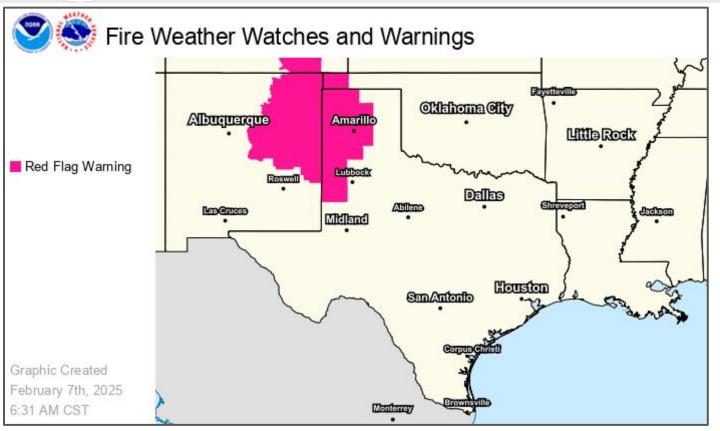
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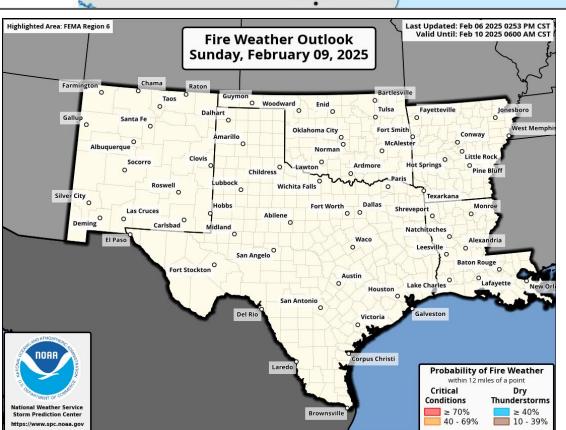


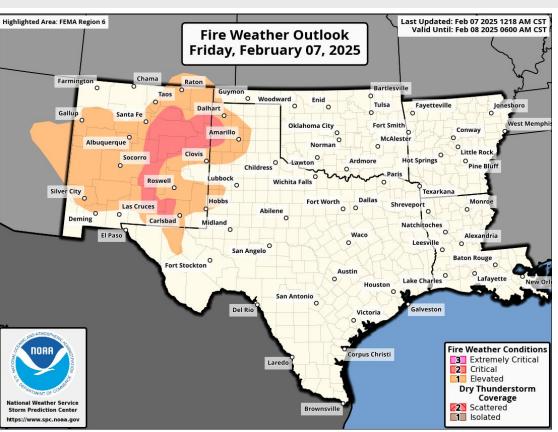


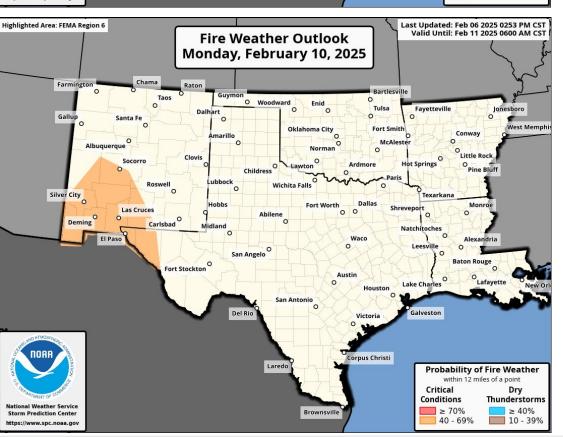


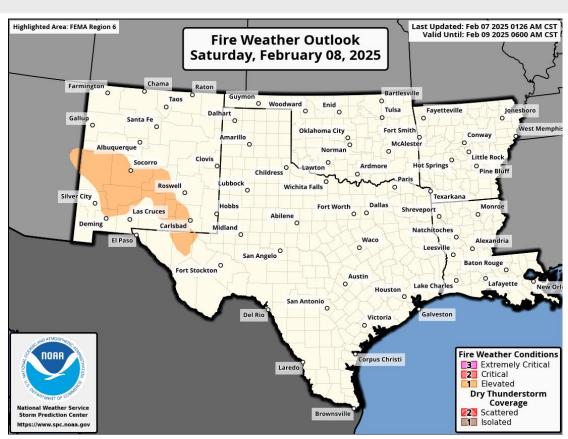
#### Fire Weather Outlooks

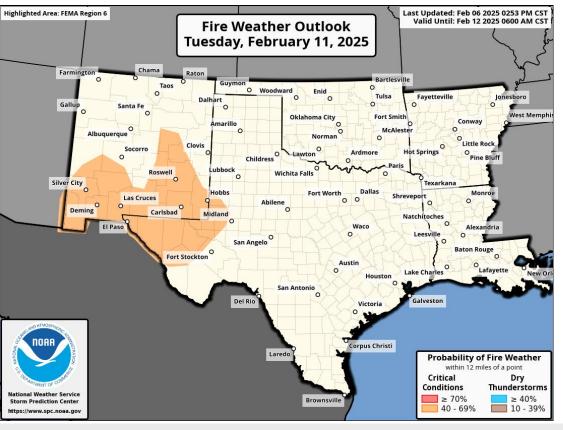










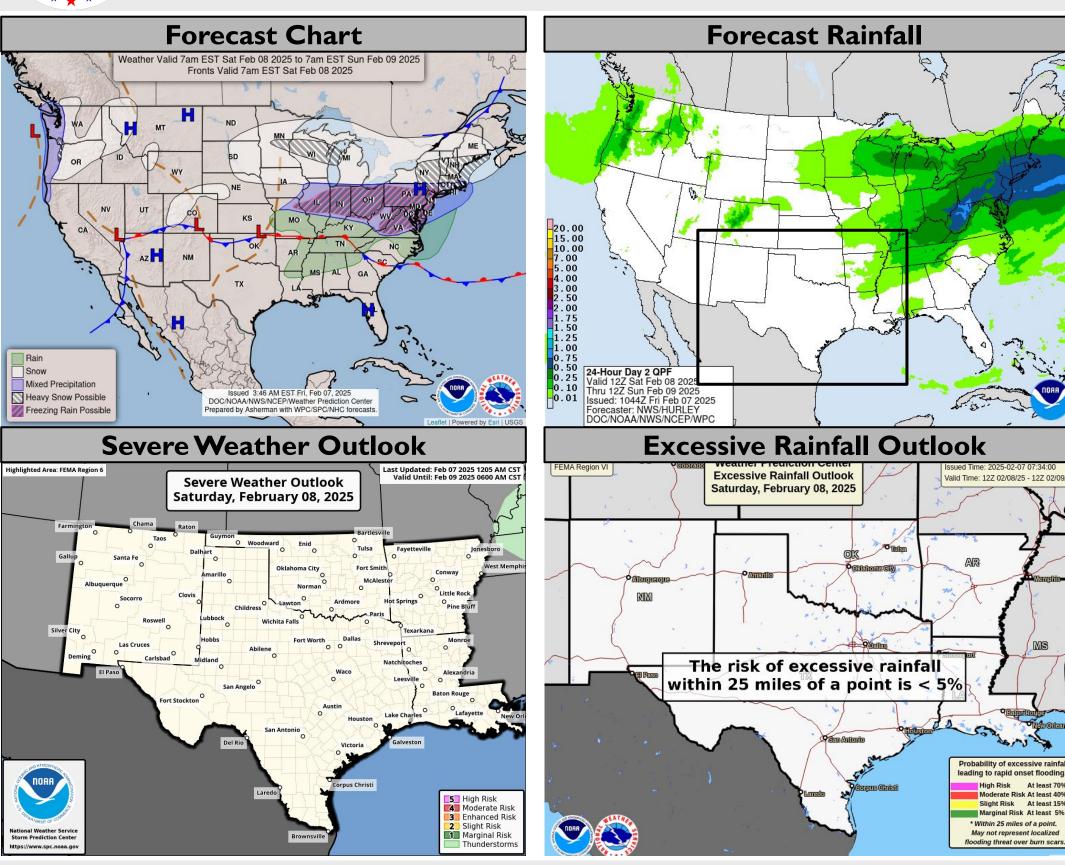




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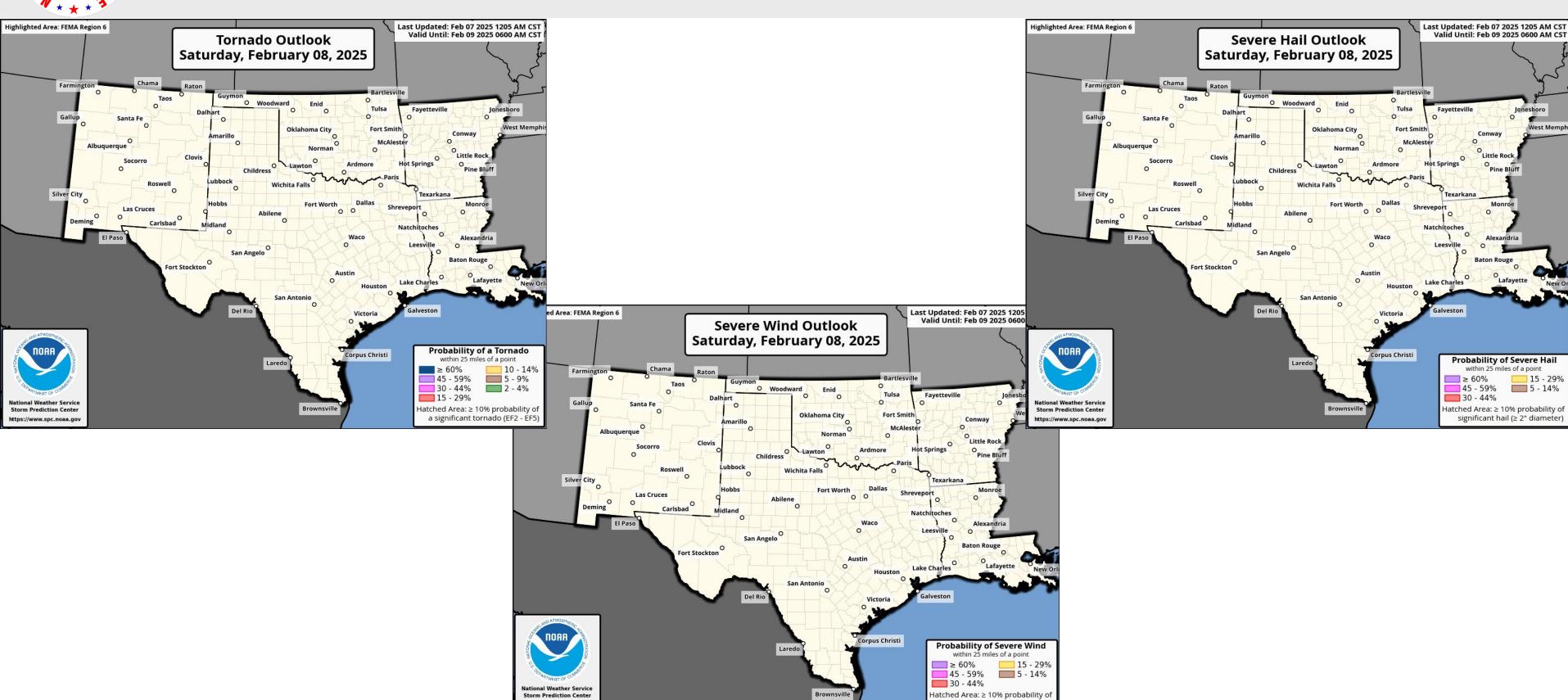
#### Tomorrow's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions in S NM, W TX.



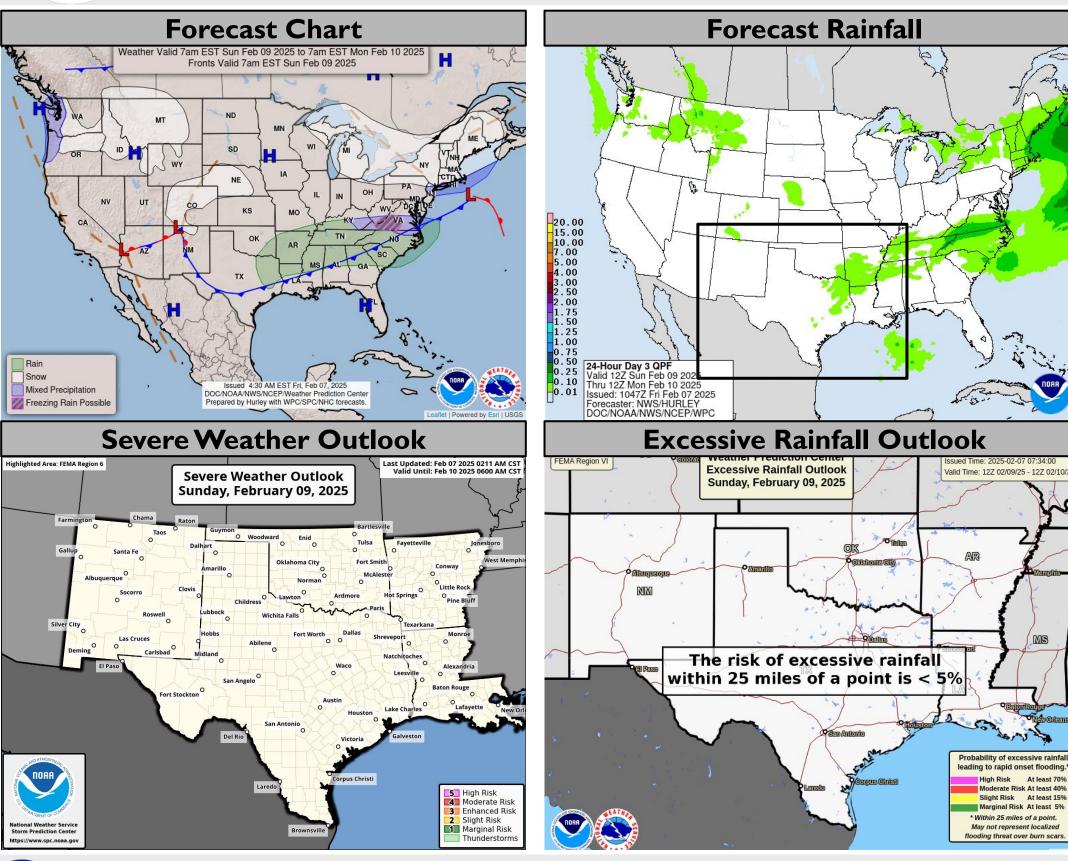
#### Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



significant wind gusts (≥ 74 mph)



# Sunday's Weather

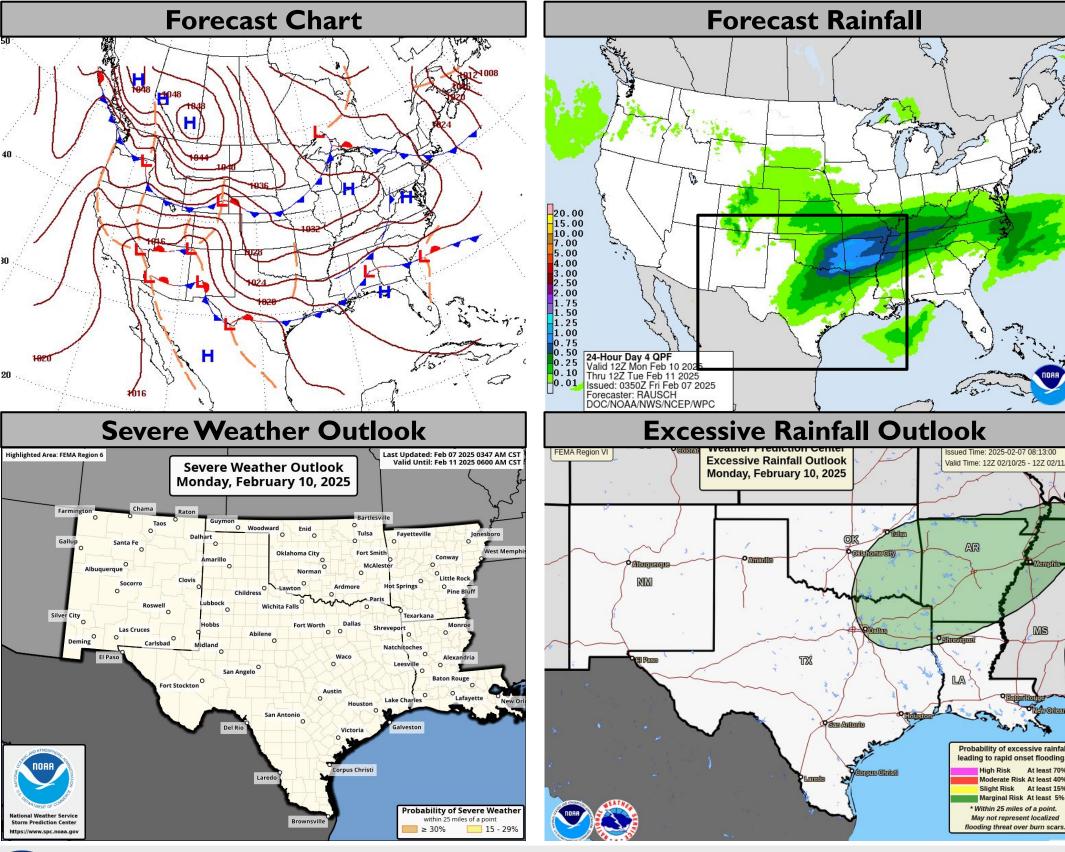


No significant weather.





#### Monday's Weather



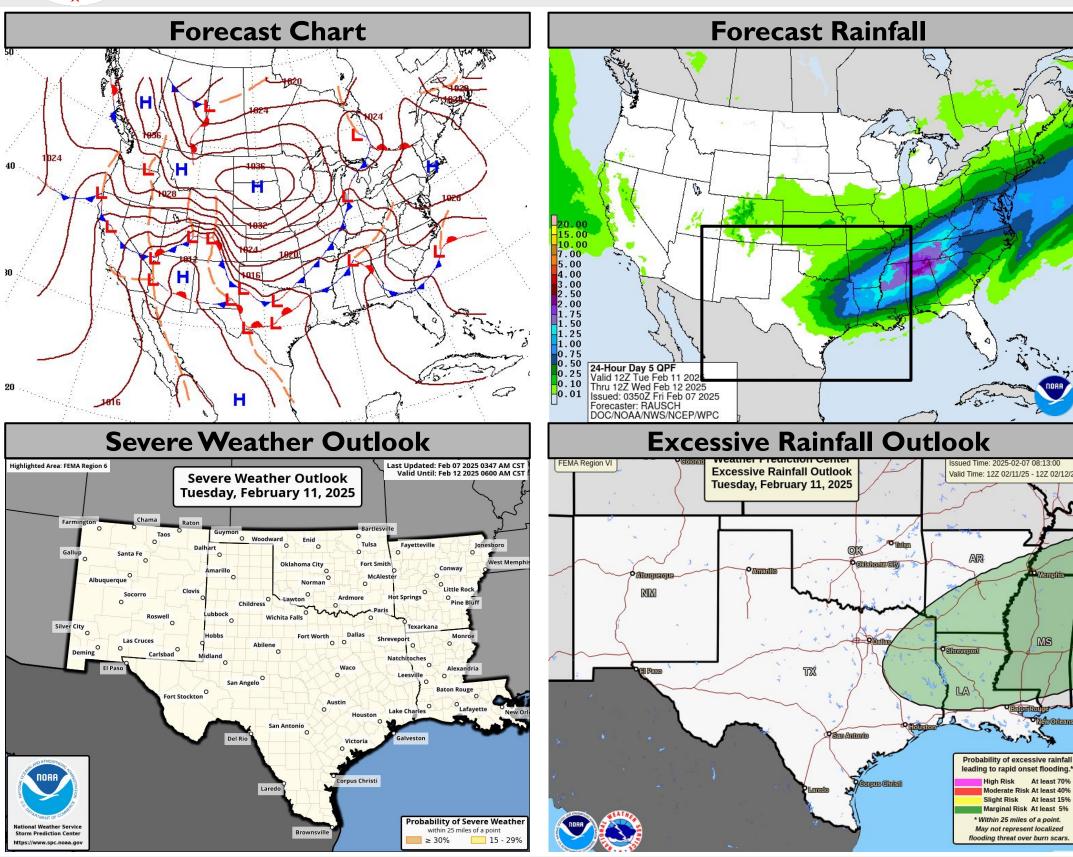
Elevated to critical fire weather conditions in S NM, W TX.

Monitoring for potential winter weather impacts in N OK overnight.

Marginal risk (level I out of 4) for heavy rainfall/flash flooding over AR, N LA, NETX, E OK.



# Tuesday's Weather



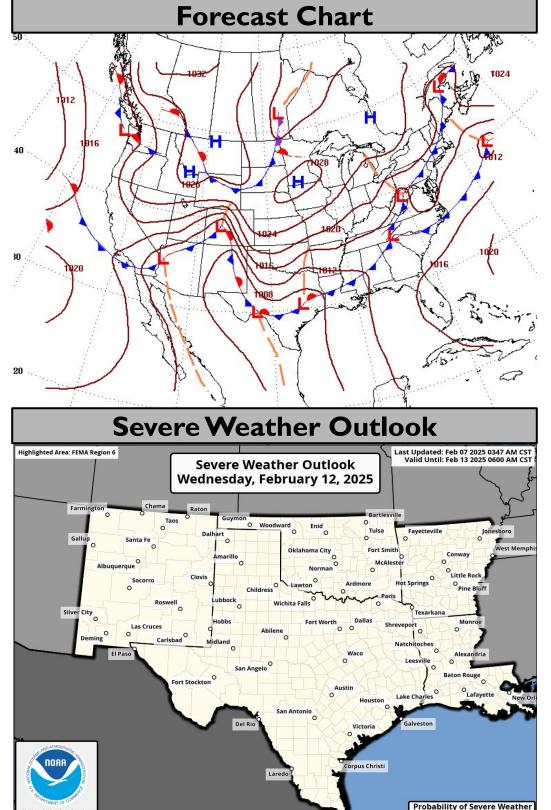
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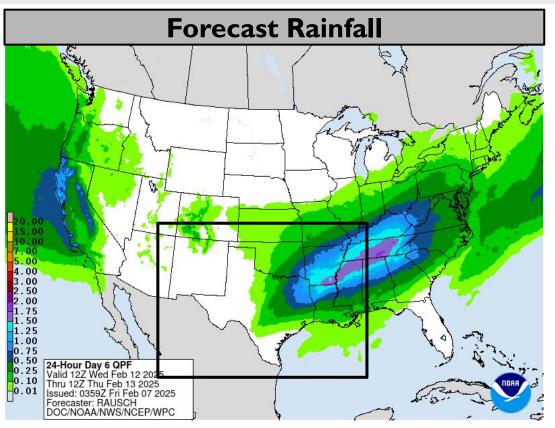
Monitoring for potential winter weather impacts in N NM, N OK, N AR.

Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for excessive rainfall in AR, ETX, LA.



## Wednesday's Weather





Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

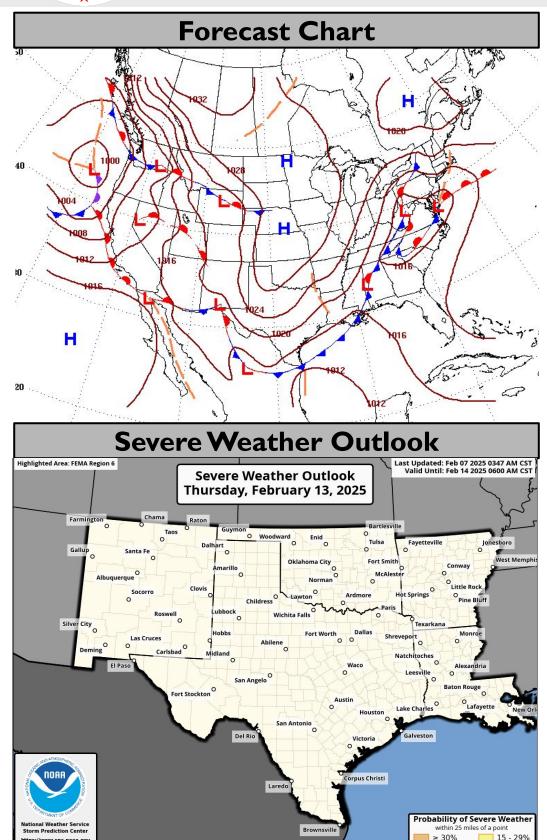
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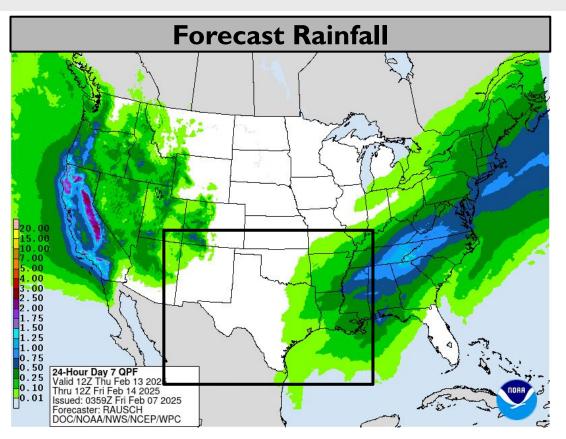
Monitoring for potential winter weather impacts in TX Panhandle, N OK, N AR.

Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for excessive rainfall in AR, ETX, LA.



# Thursday's Weather



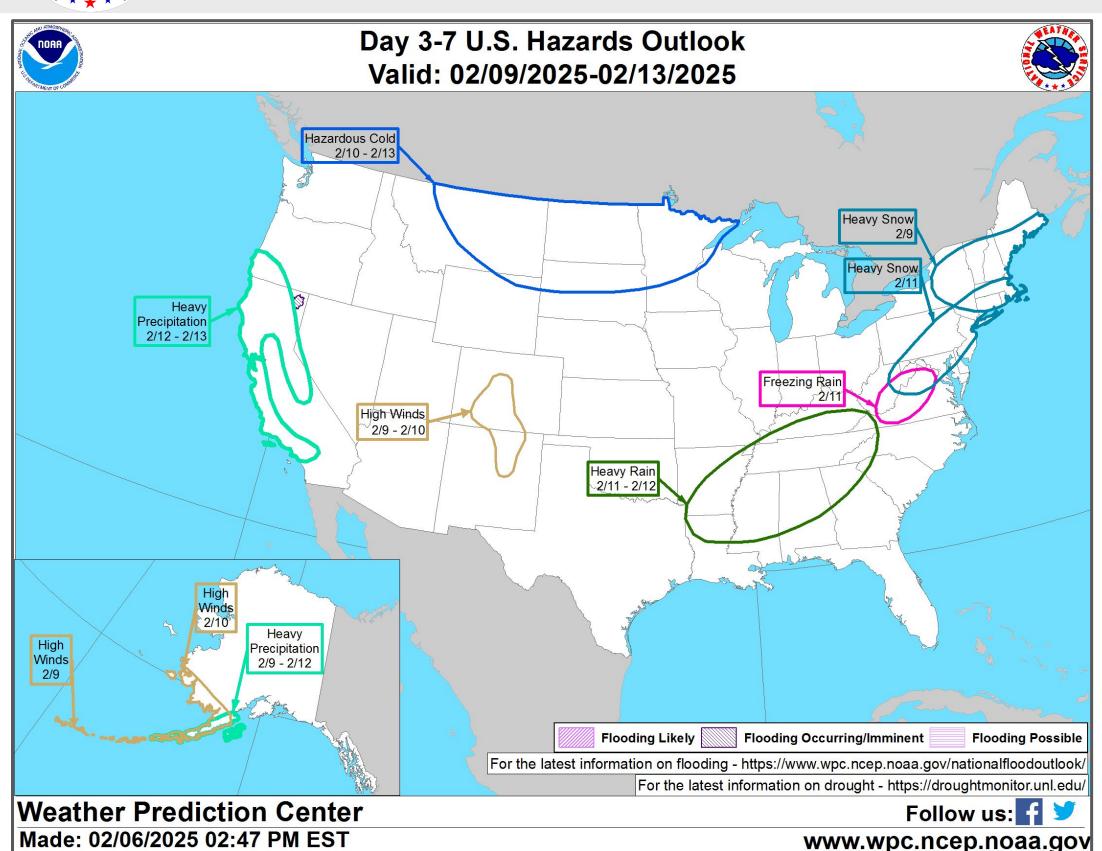


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No significant weather expected.



#### "Day 3-7" Hazards Outlook



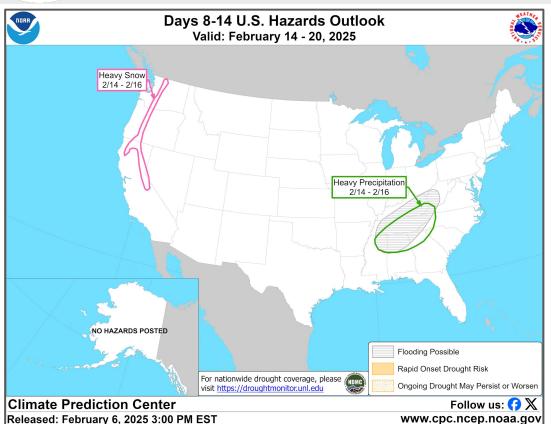
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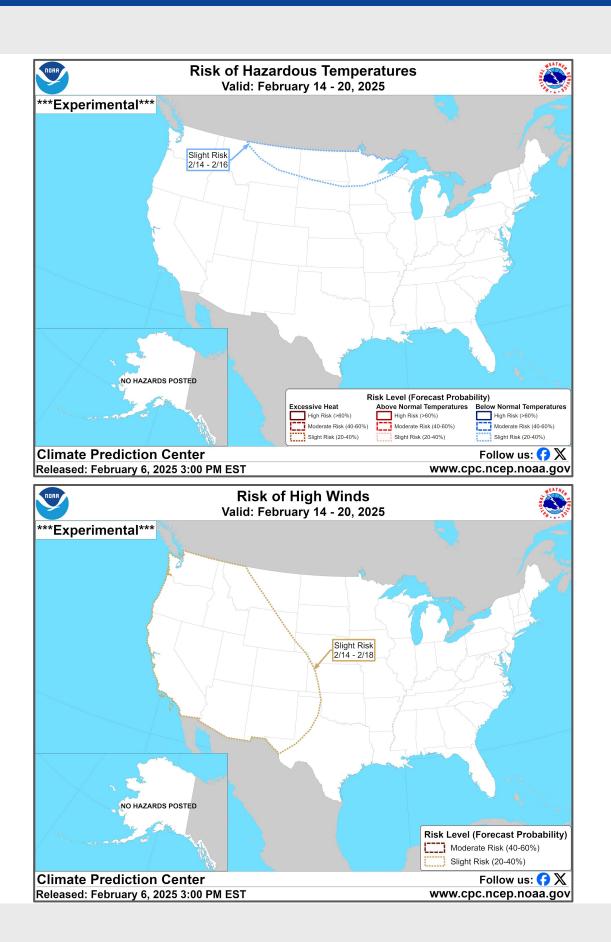
#### "Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

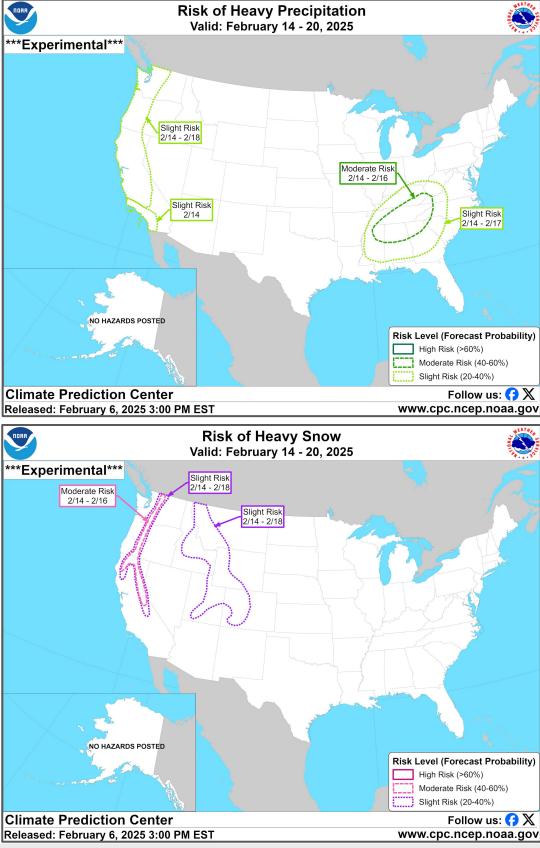


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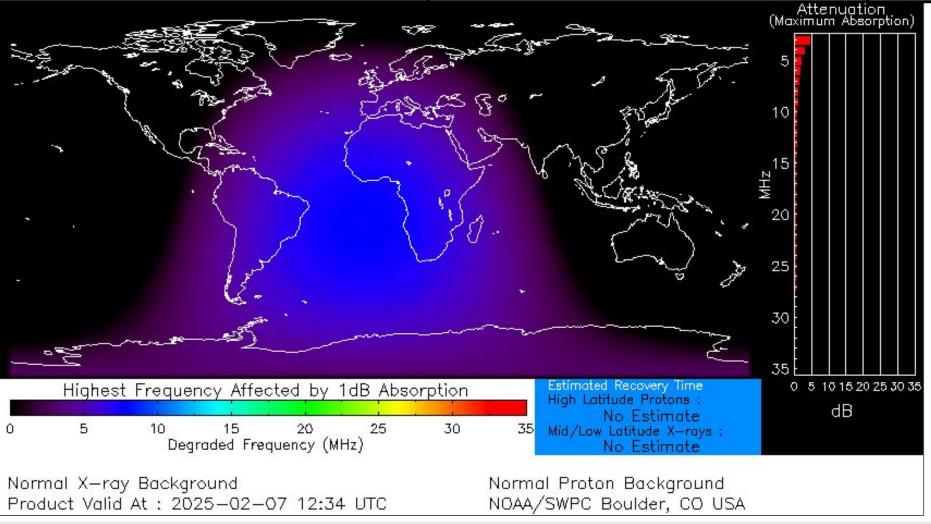






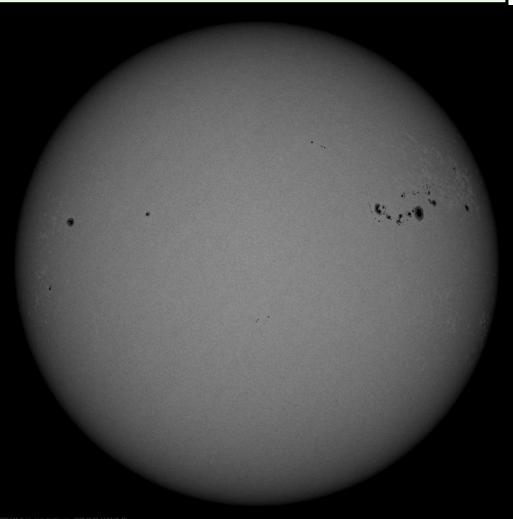
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Feb 7	Saturday, Feb 8	Sunday, Feb 9	
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	25% 25%		25%	
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	80%	80%	80%	
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	25%	25%	25%	



**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	<ul> <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	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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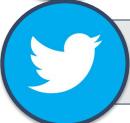
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