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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Moderate winter impacts (level 3 of 4) over N OK and N AR today from heavy snow. Further south, light freezing rain/drizzle may produce minor impacts (level 2 of 4) across cntrl/srn OK/AR into nrn TX/LA. Extreme cold across OK, AR, TX and LA with temperatures 25-35 degrees below normal through Thursday gradually moderating Friday and into Saturday.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today for SE TX, S LA today.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE TX, LA today.**
- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions S NM and W TX today.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 4) river flooding will continue into next week in E TX, AR, LA.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Feb 18	Wednesday, Feb 19	Thursday, Feb 20	Friday, Feb 21	Saturday, Feb 22	Sunday, Feb 23	Monday, Feb 24
Severe Storms	SE TX, S LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE TX, LA						
Fire Weather	S NM, W TX						
Winter	N OK, N AR	Extreme Cold OK, AR, TX, LA	Extreme Cold OK, AR, TX, LA	Cold OK, AR, TX, LA			
	OK, AR, N TX, N LA						
River Flooding	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA

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.

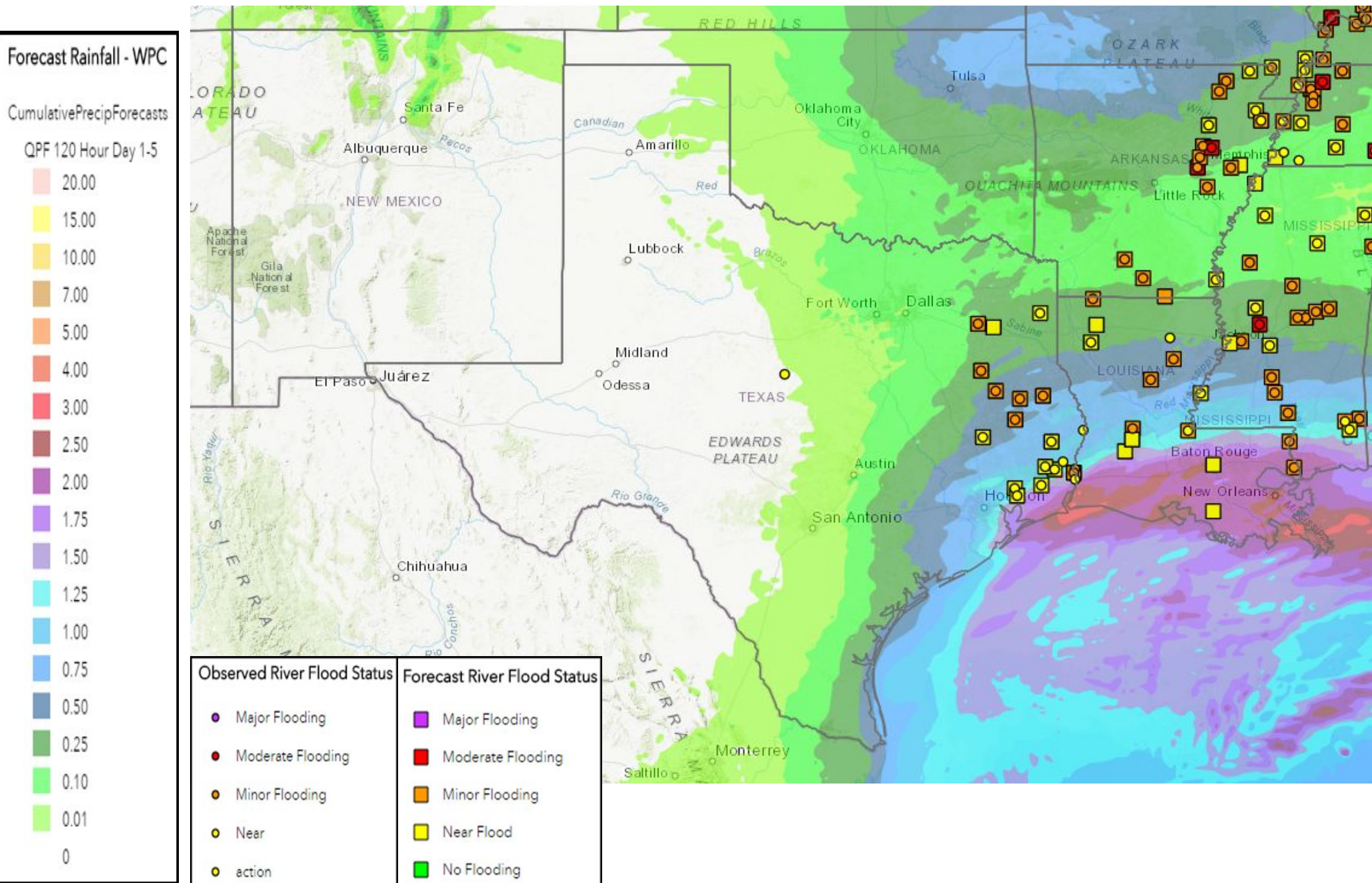
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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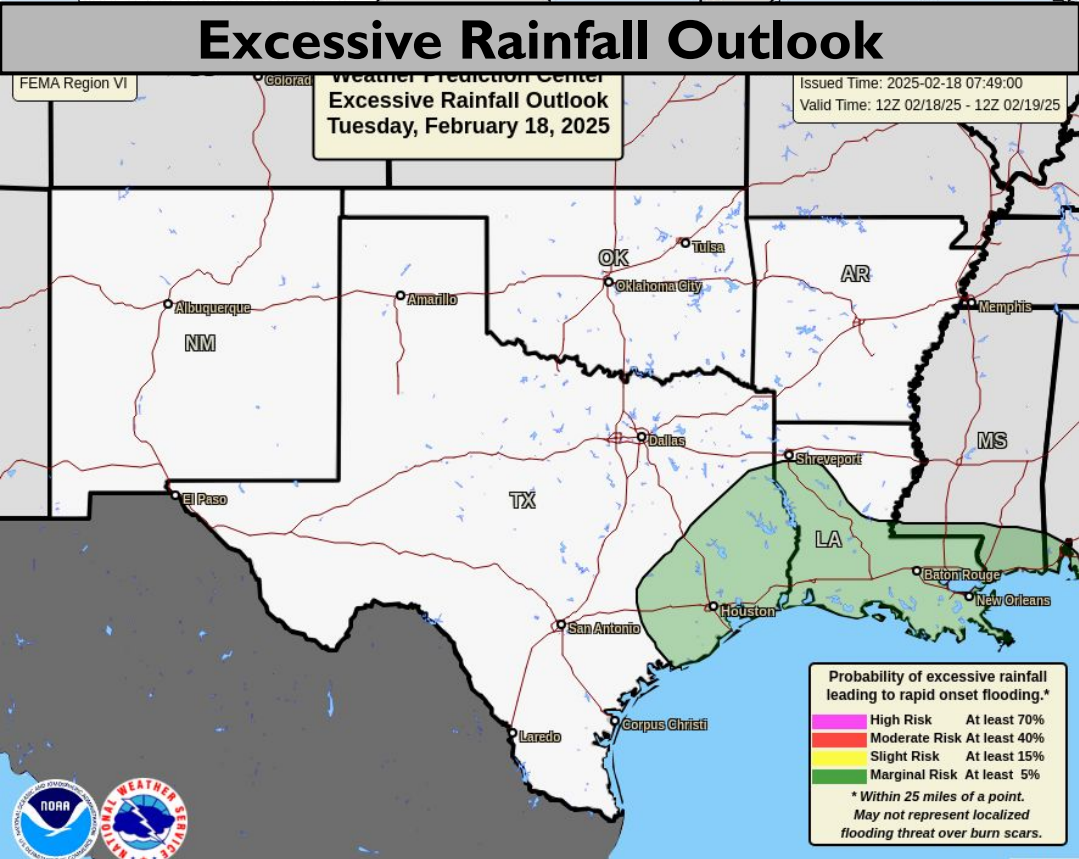
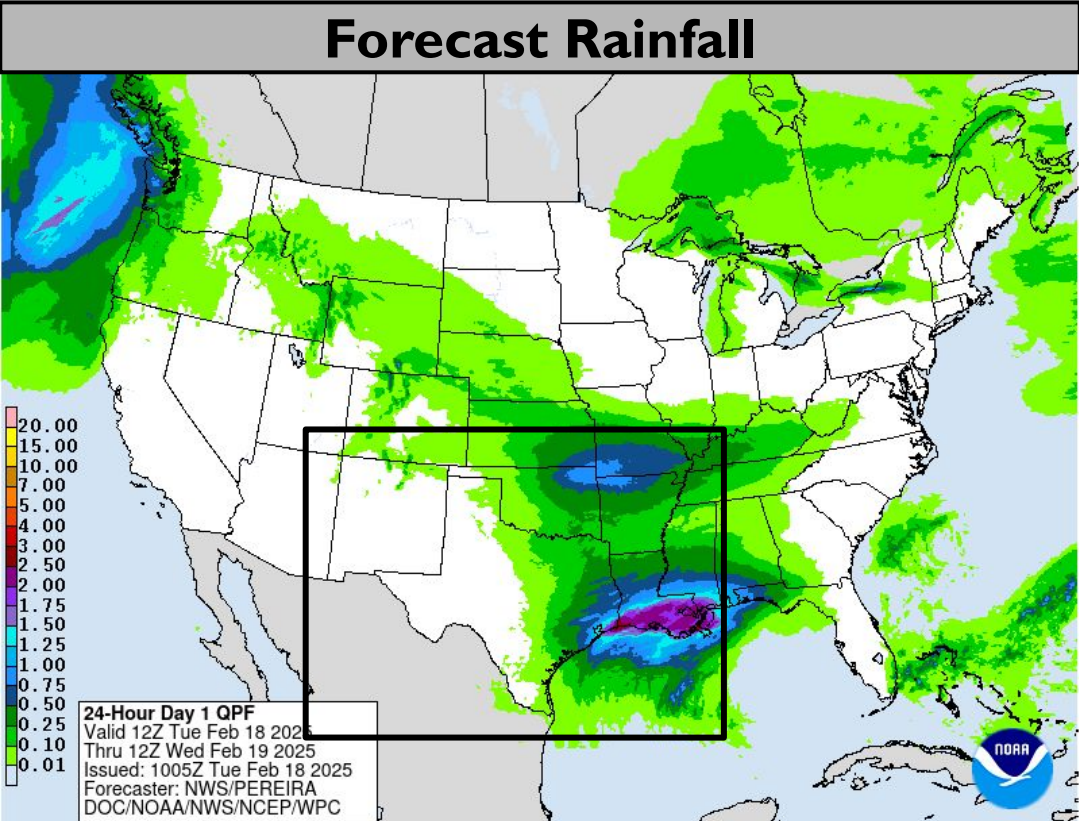
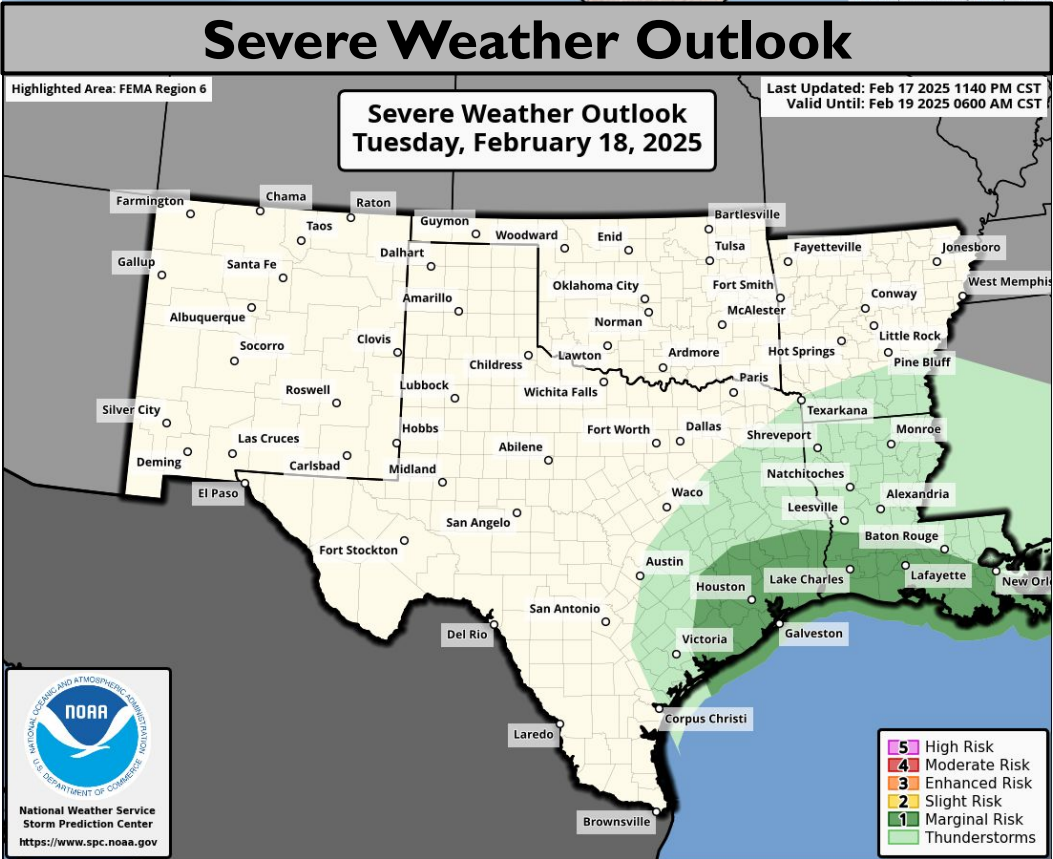
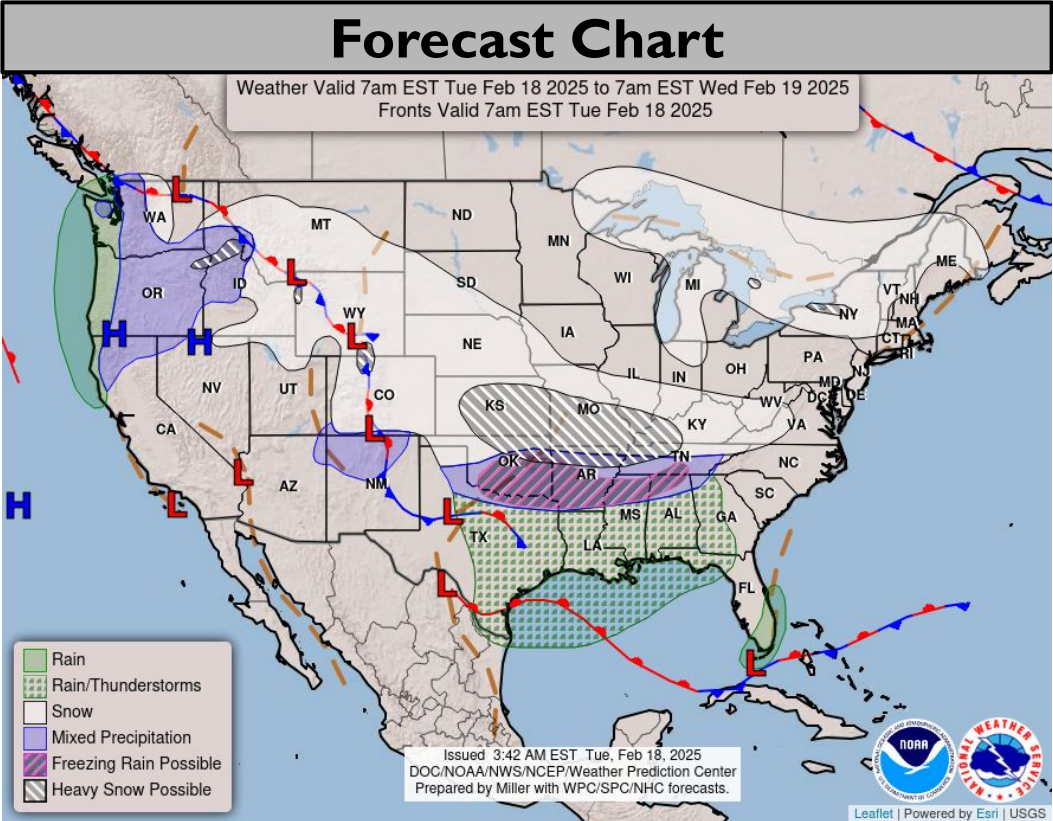


Minor river flooding will continue in N/ETX, AR, LA through the week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads. The Cache River at Patterson, AR is at moderate flood stage with water near homes on Pine Street.





Today's Weather



Moderate (level 3 of 4) impacts from heavy snow over N OK and N AR, particularly north of I-40 and east of I-35.

Minor (level 2 of 4) impacts from light freezing rain/freezing drizzle OK/AR into N TX and N LA.

Marginal Risk (Level I of 4) for Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding in SE TX, LA.

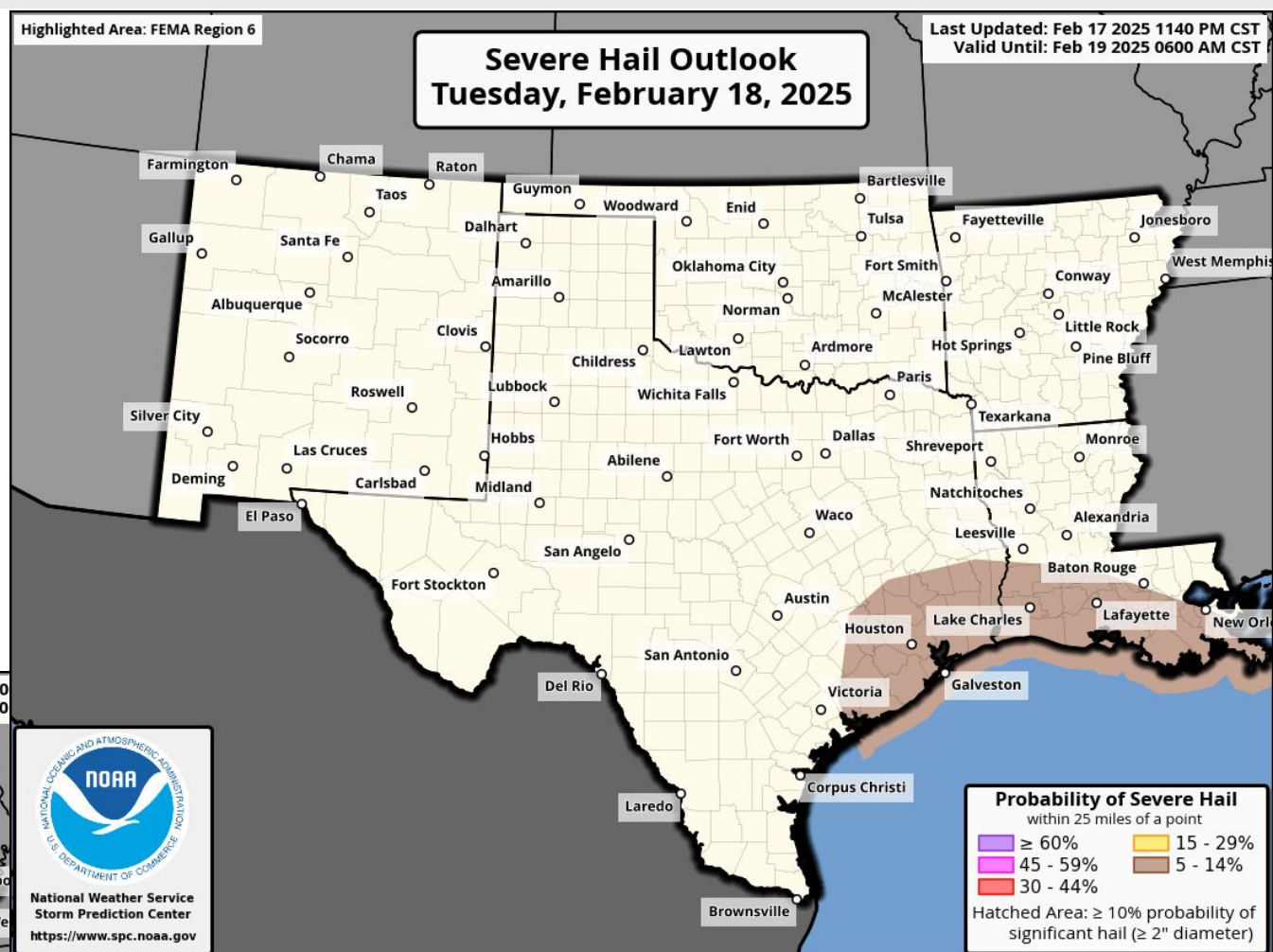
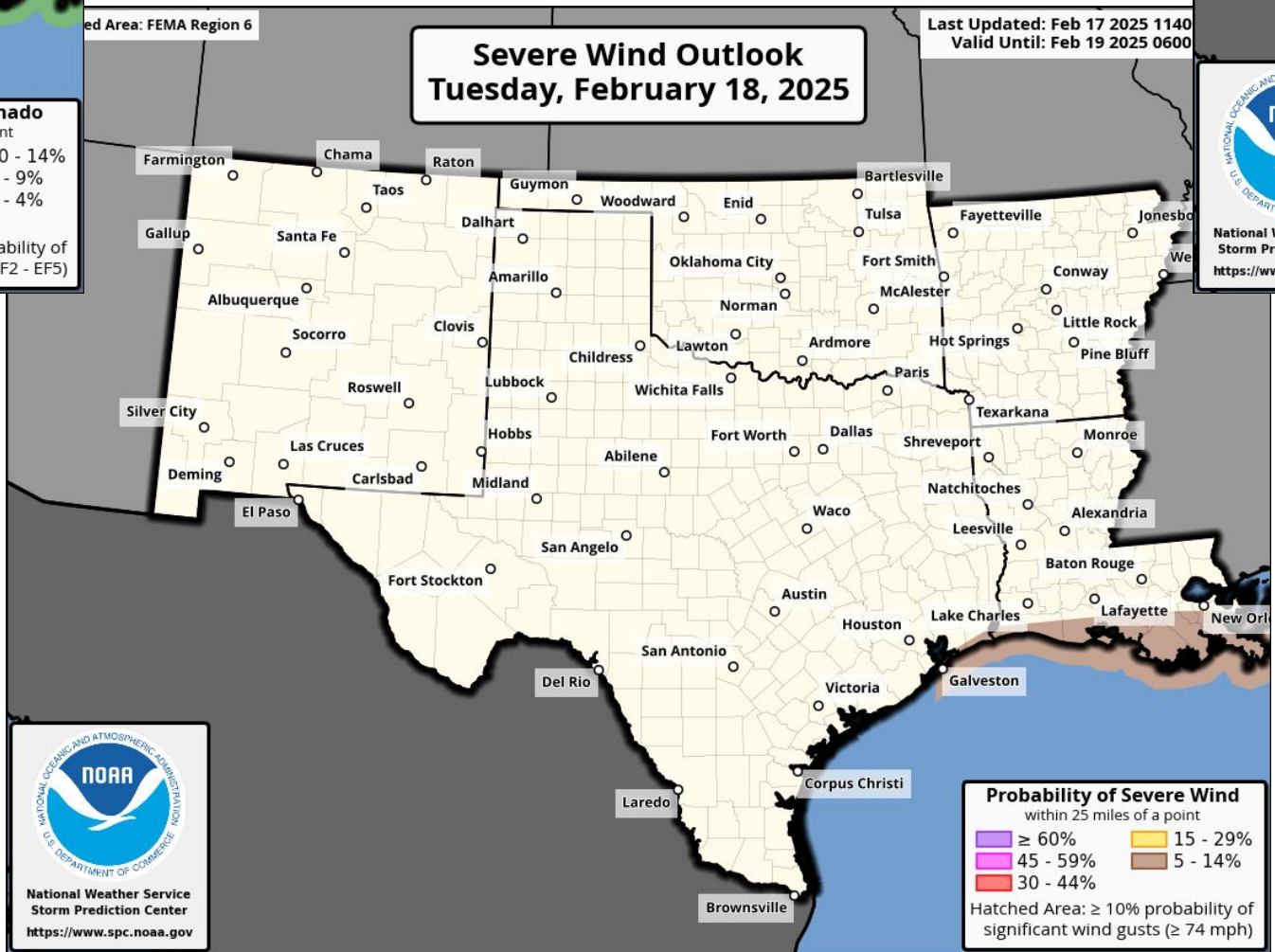
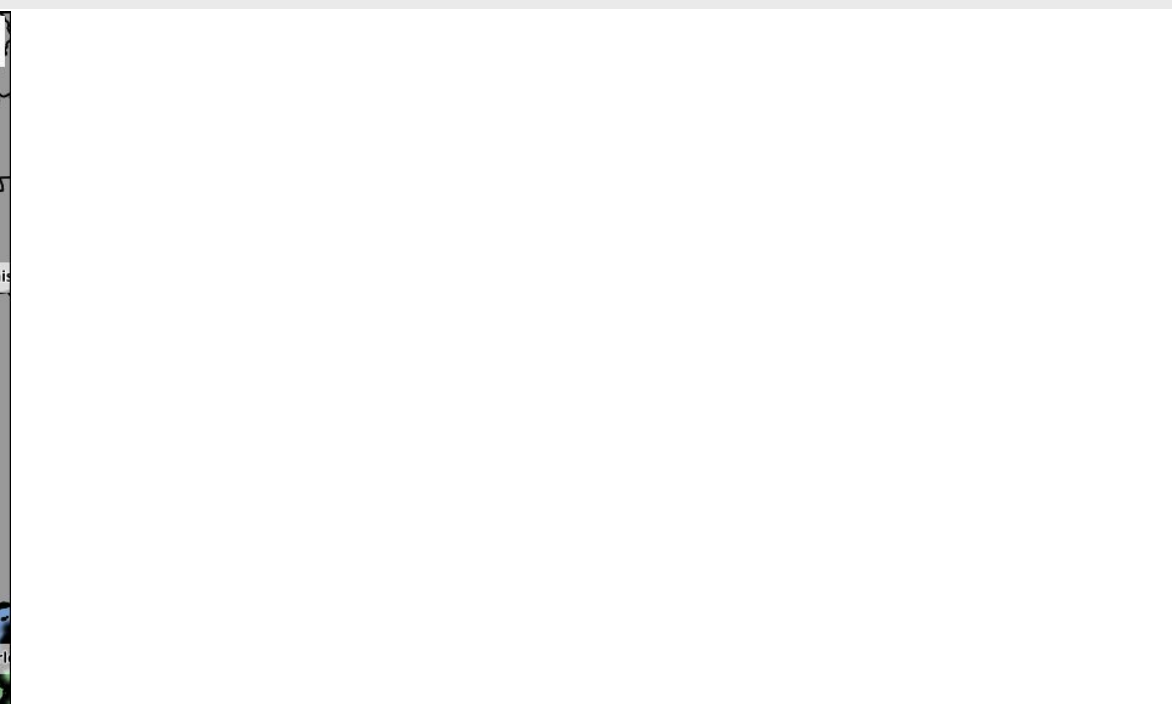
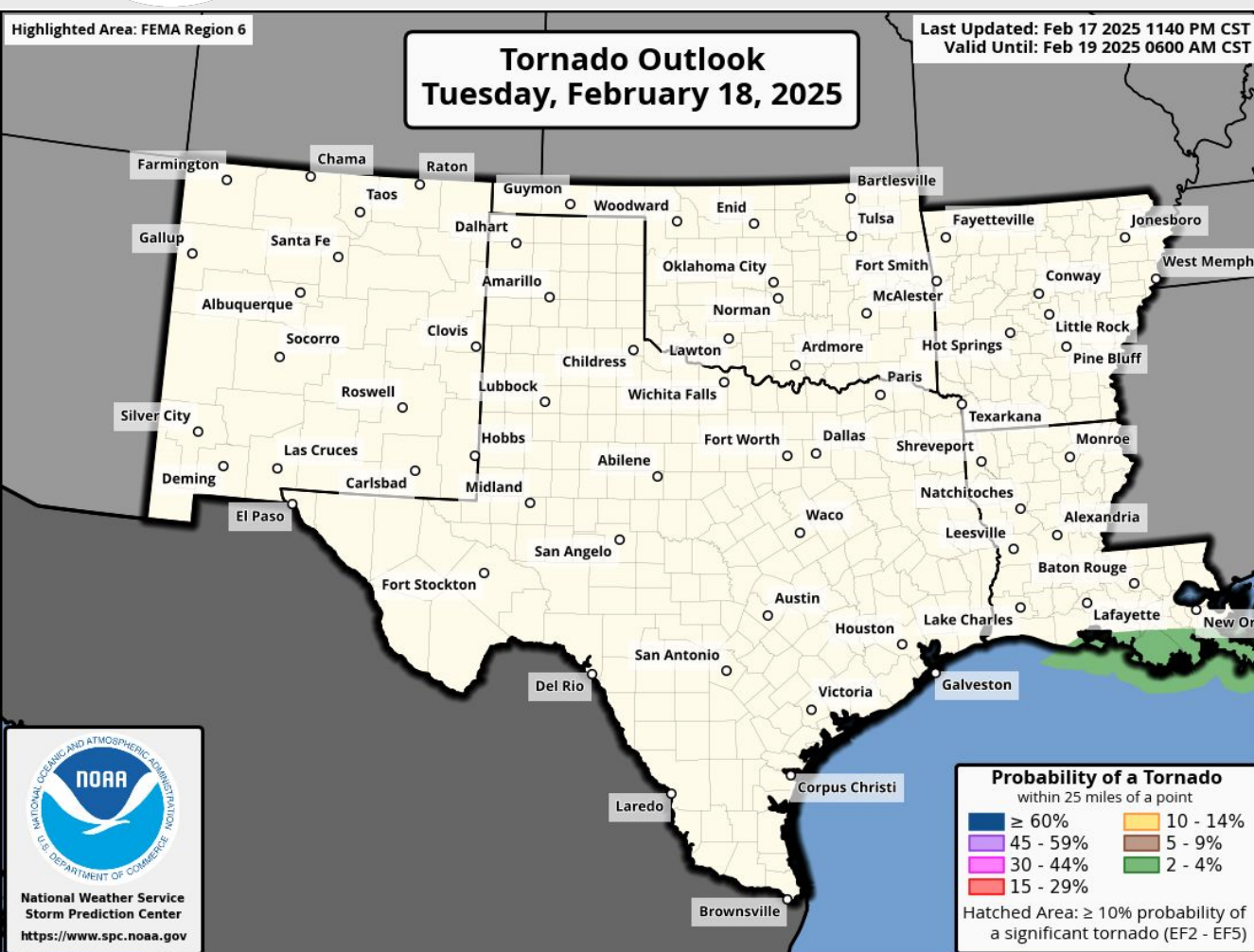
Marginal Risk (Level I of 4) for severe storms in SE TX, S LA.

Elevated Risk (level I of 3) for fire weather concerns S NM, W TX.



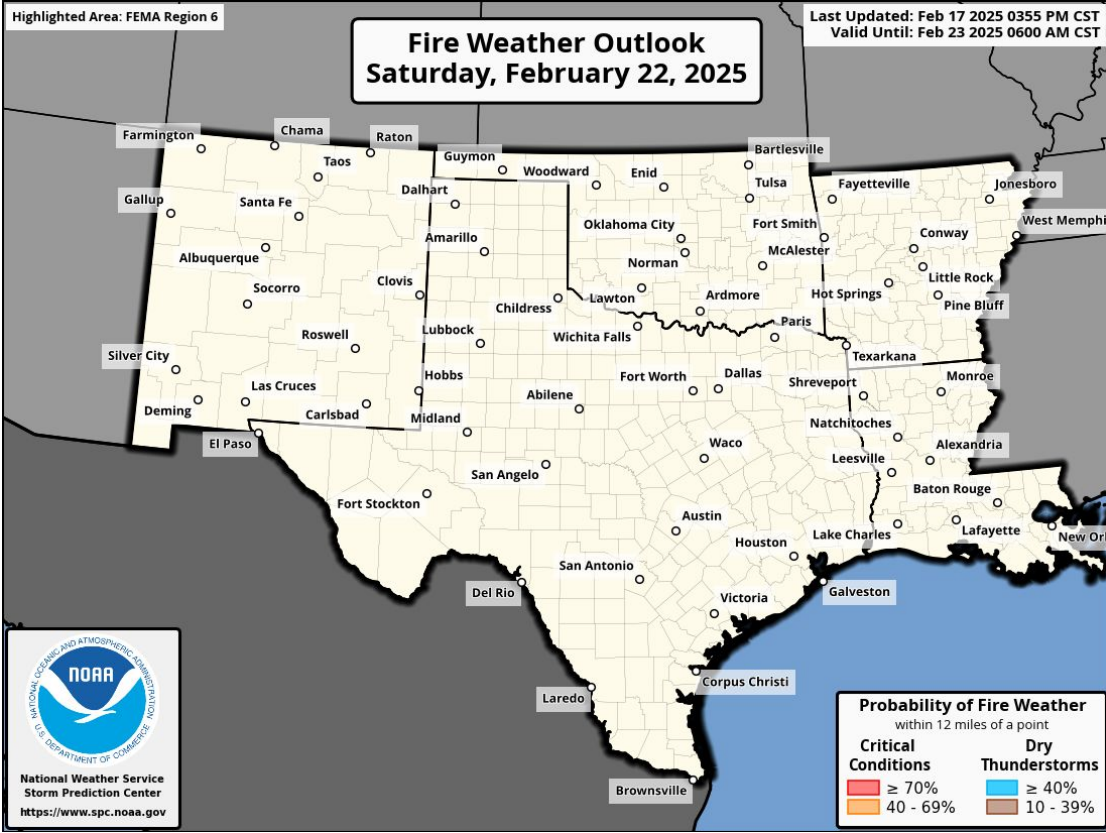
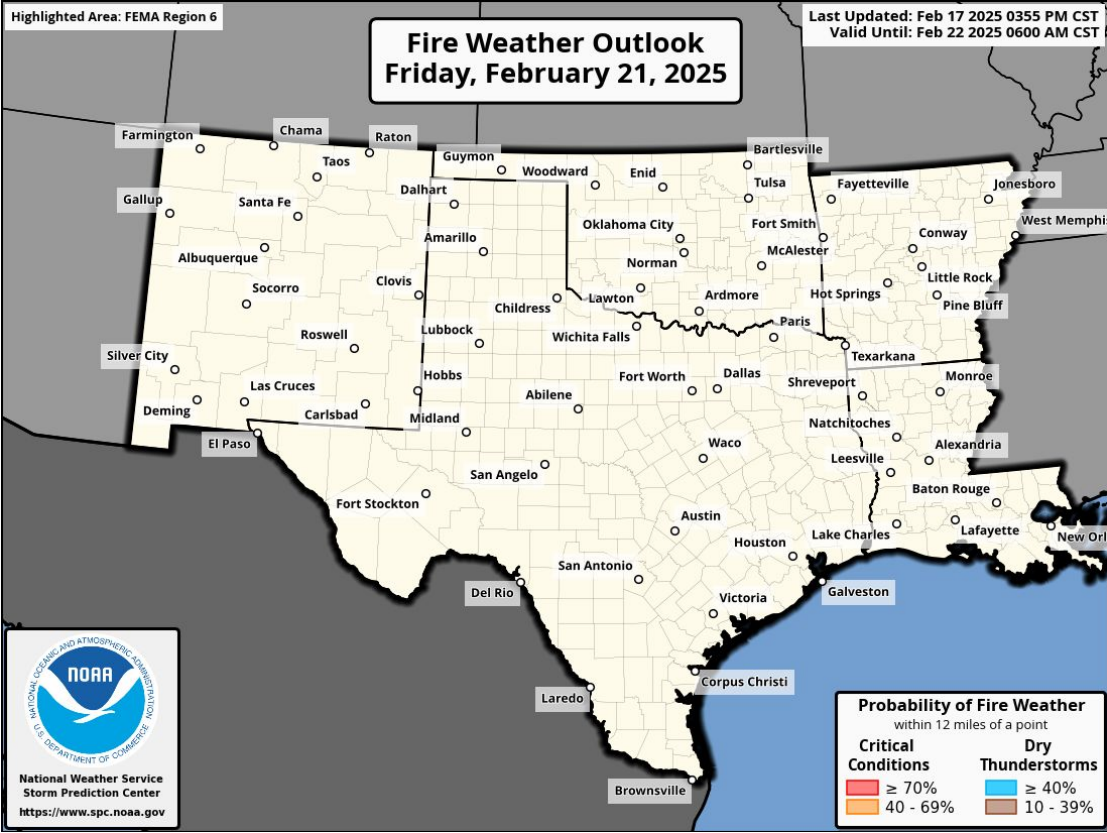
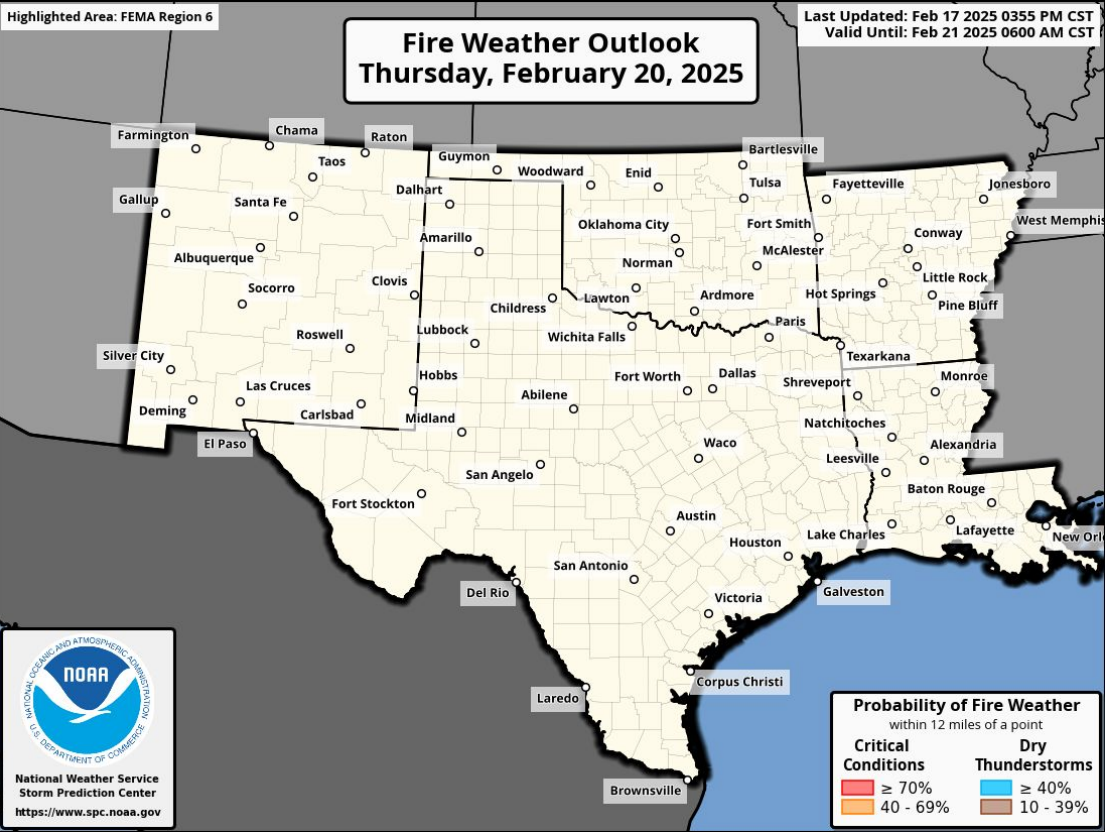
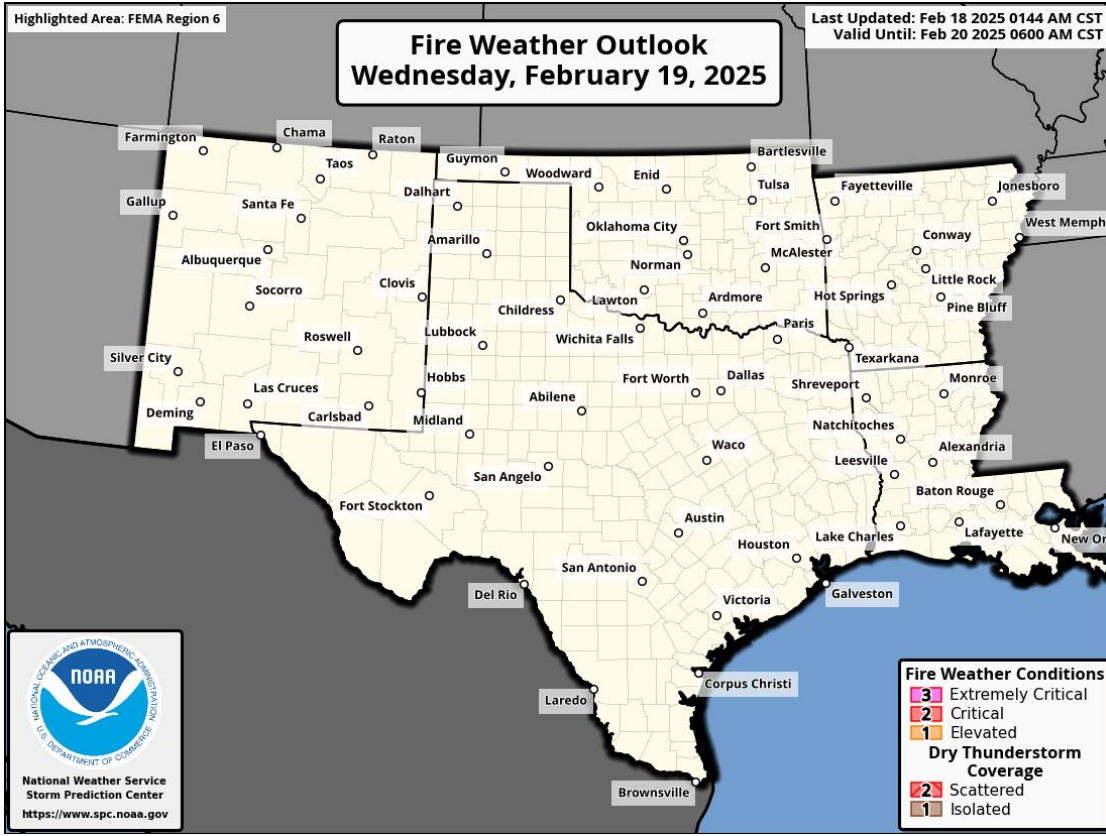
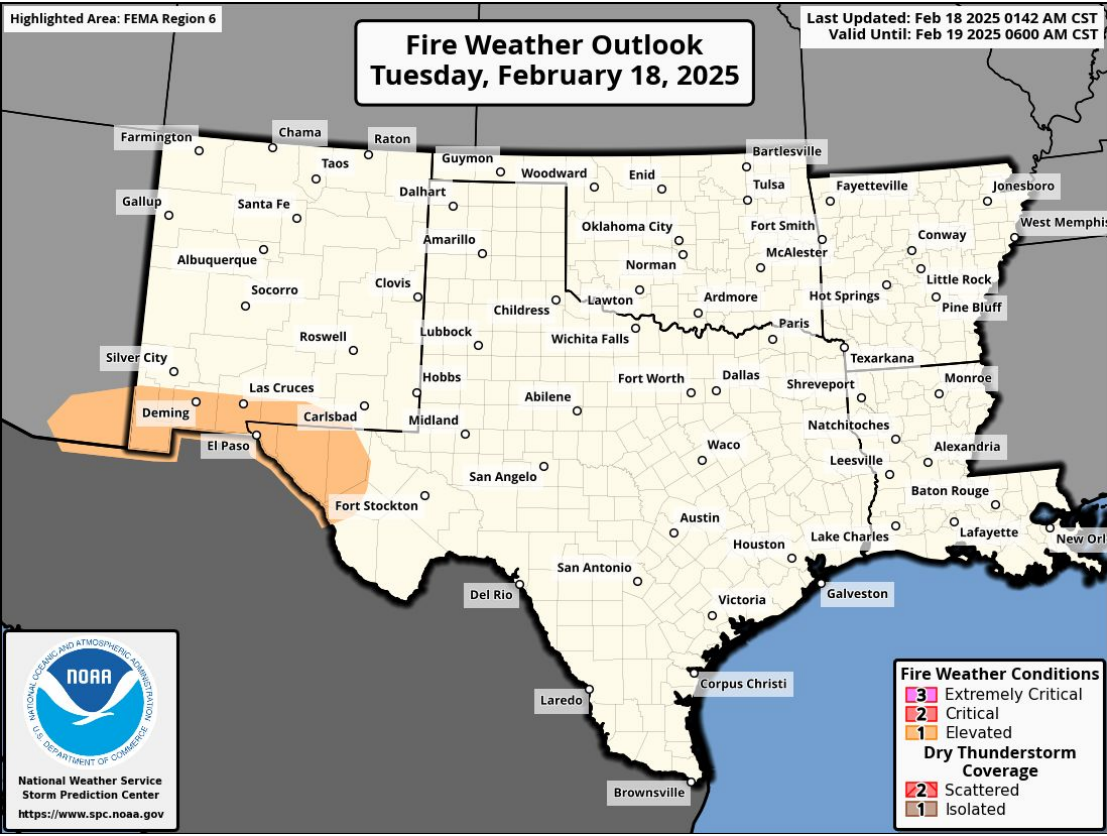
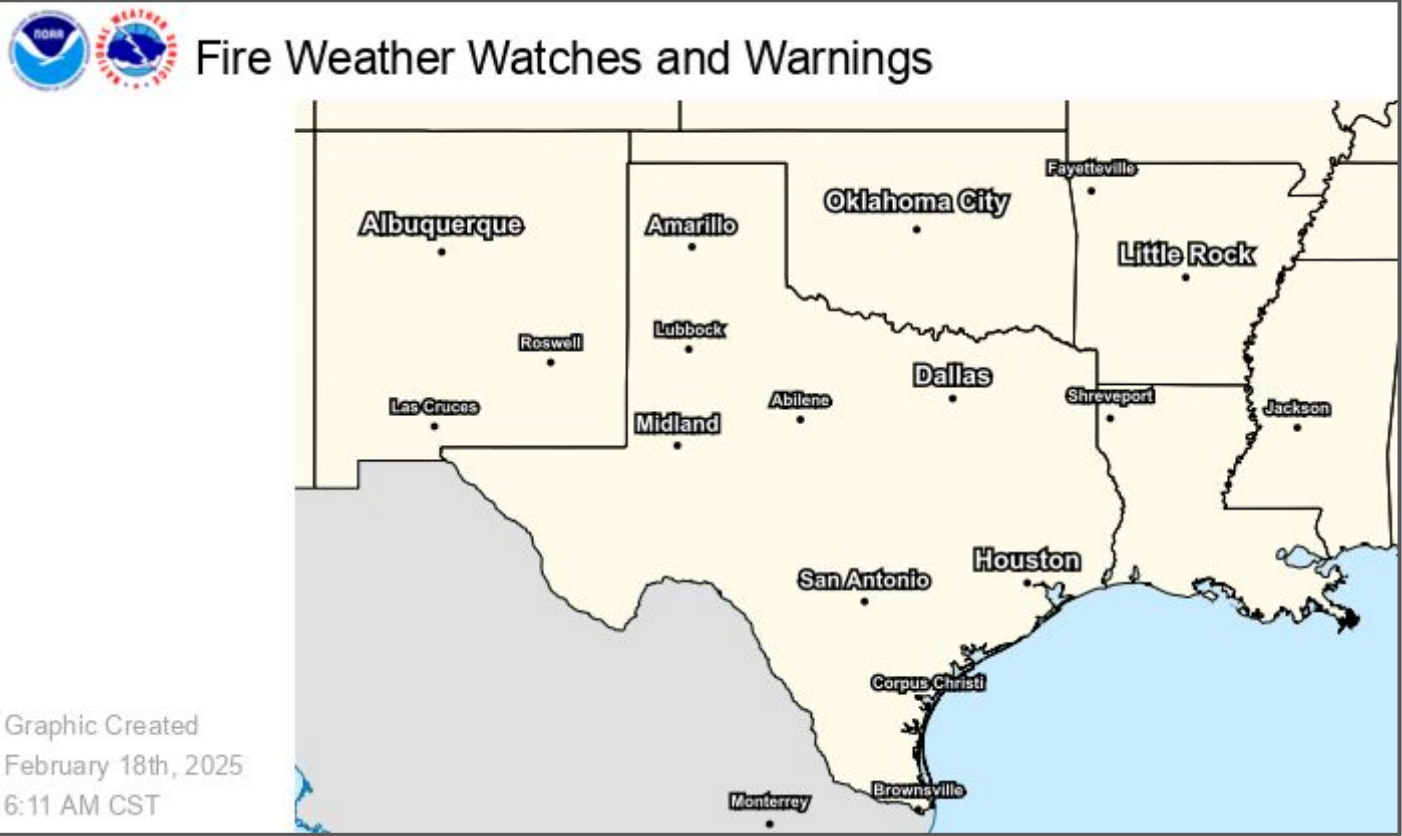


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





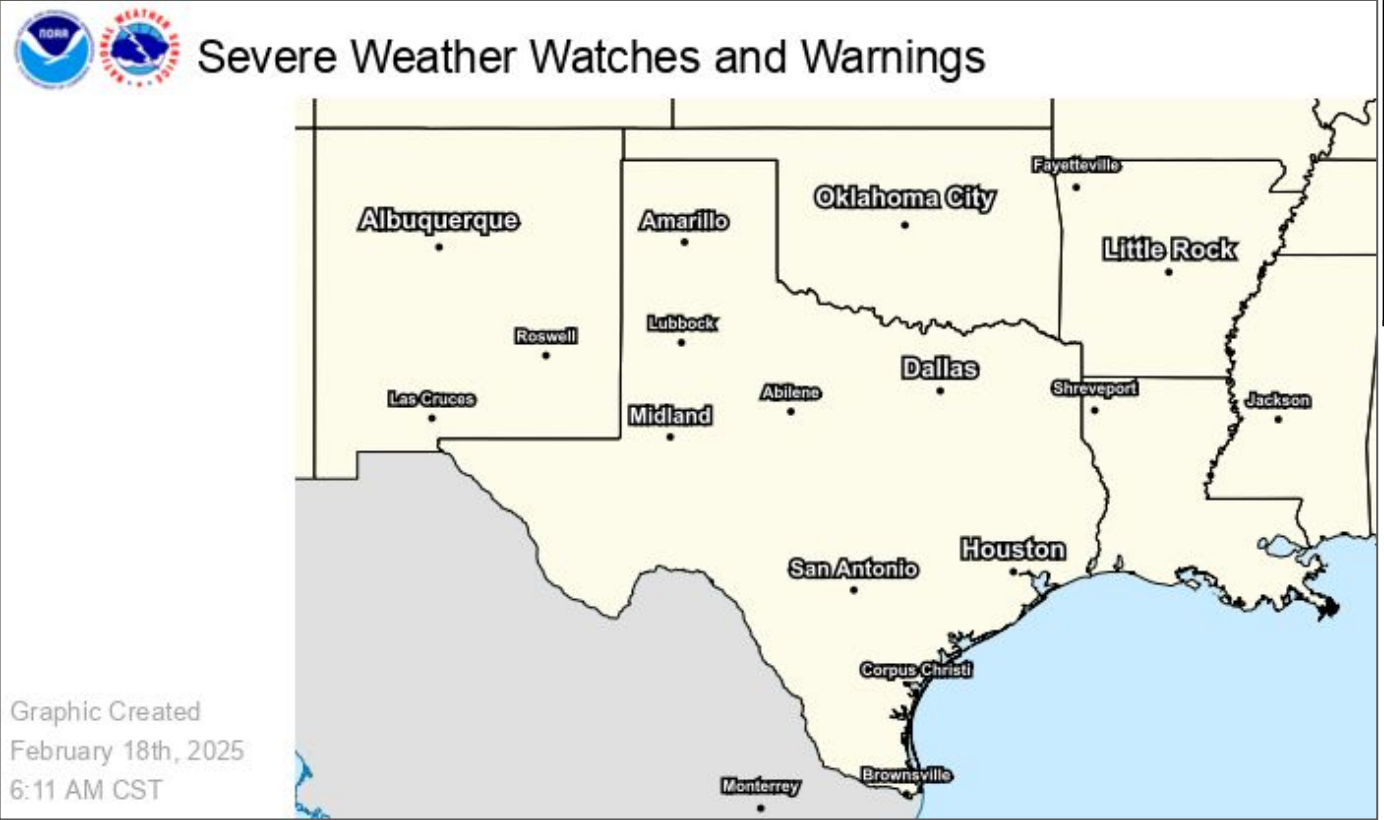
Fire Weather Outlooks



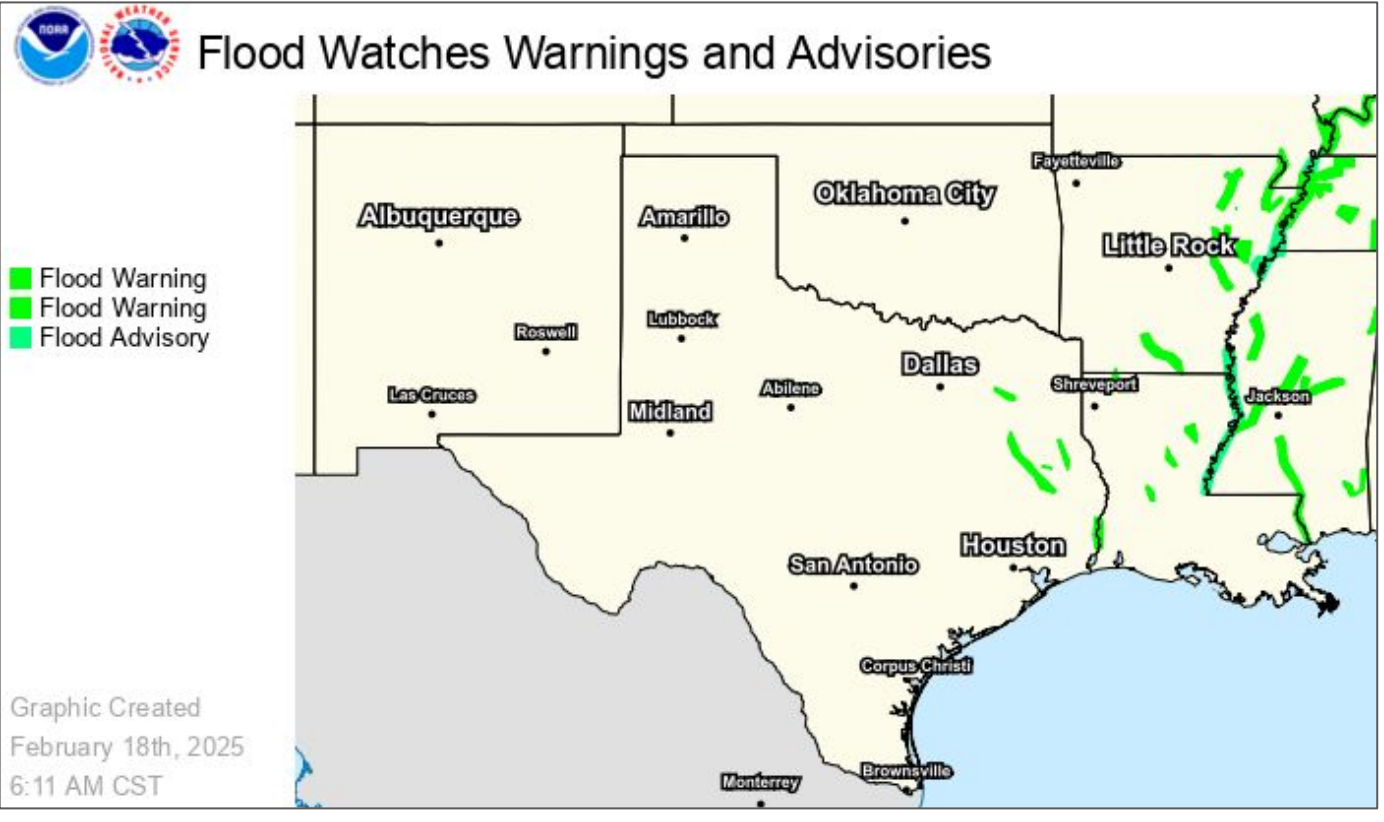
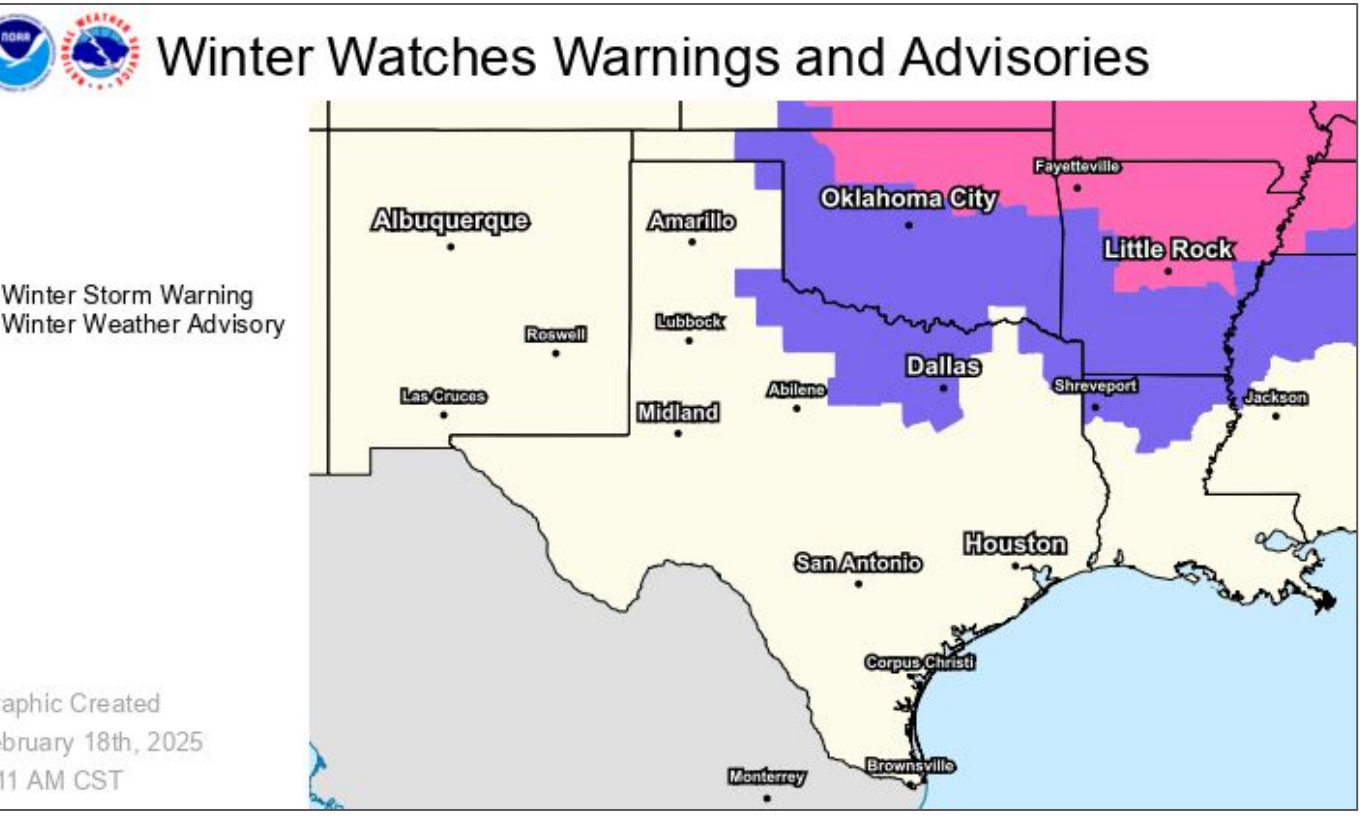


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



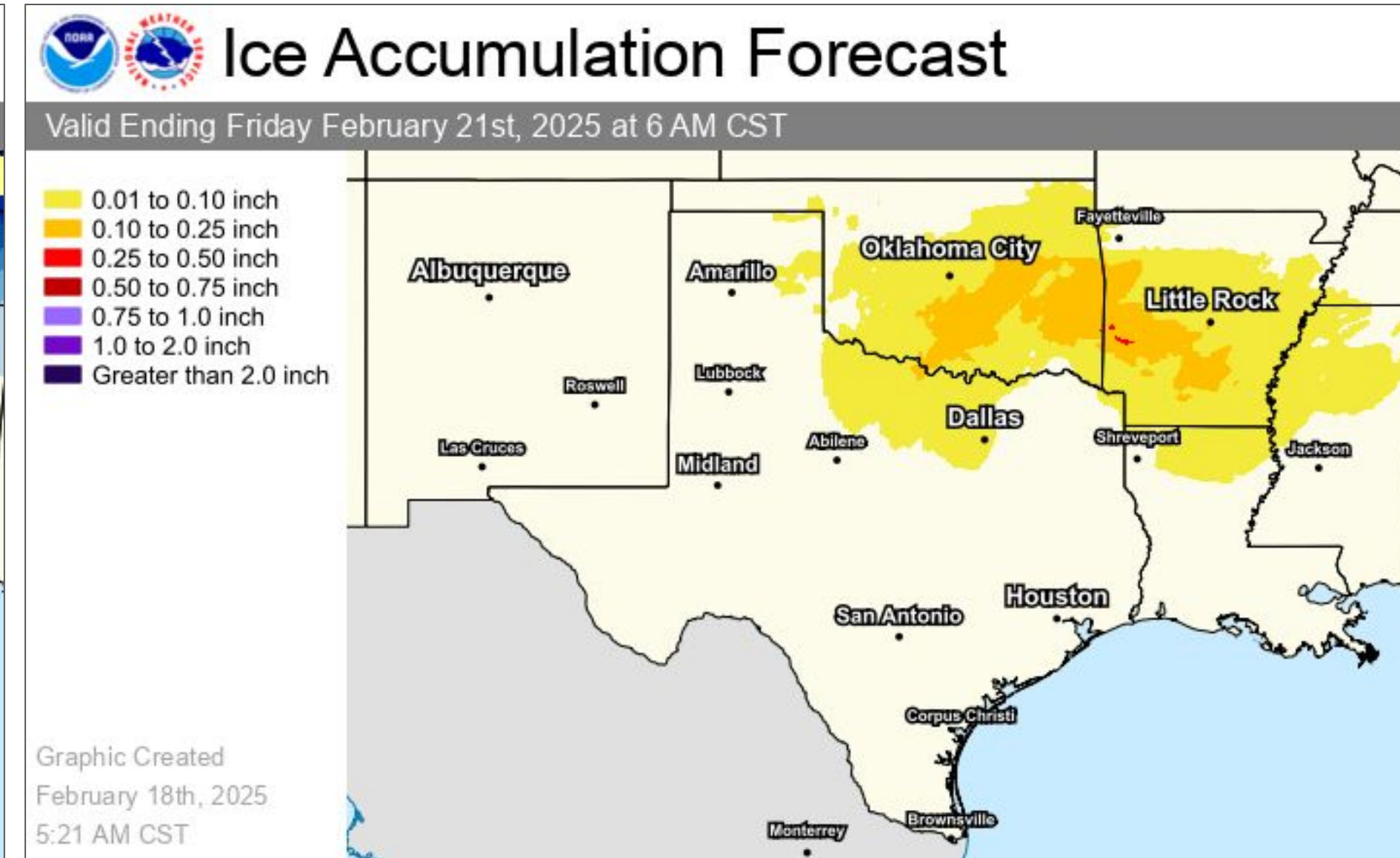
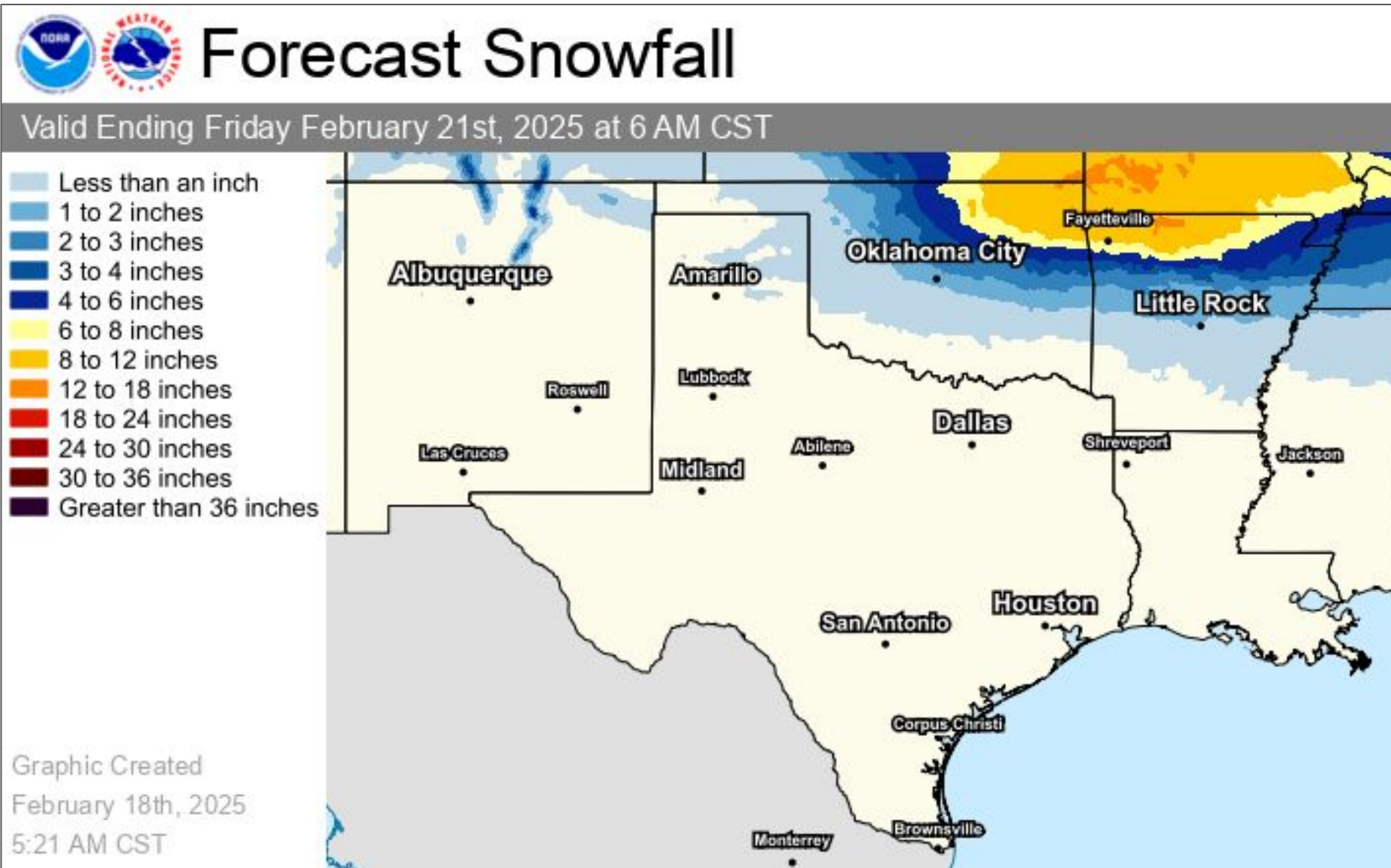
Winter Storm Warnings and Advisories for OK, AR, N TX, N LA.





Winter Weather

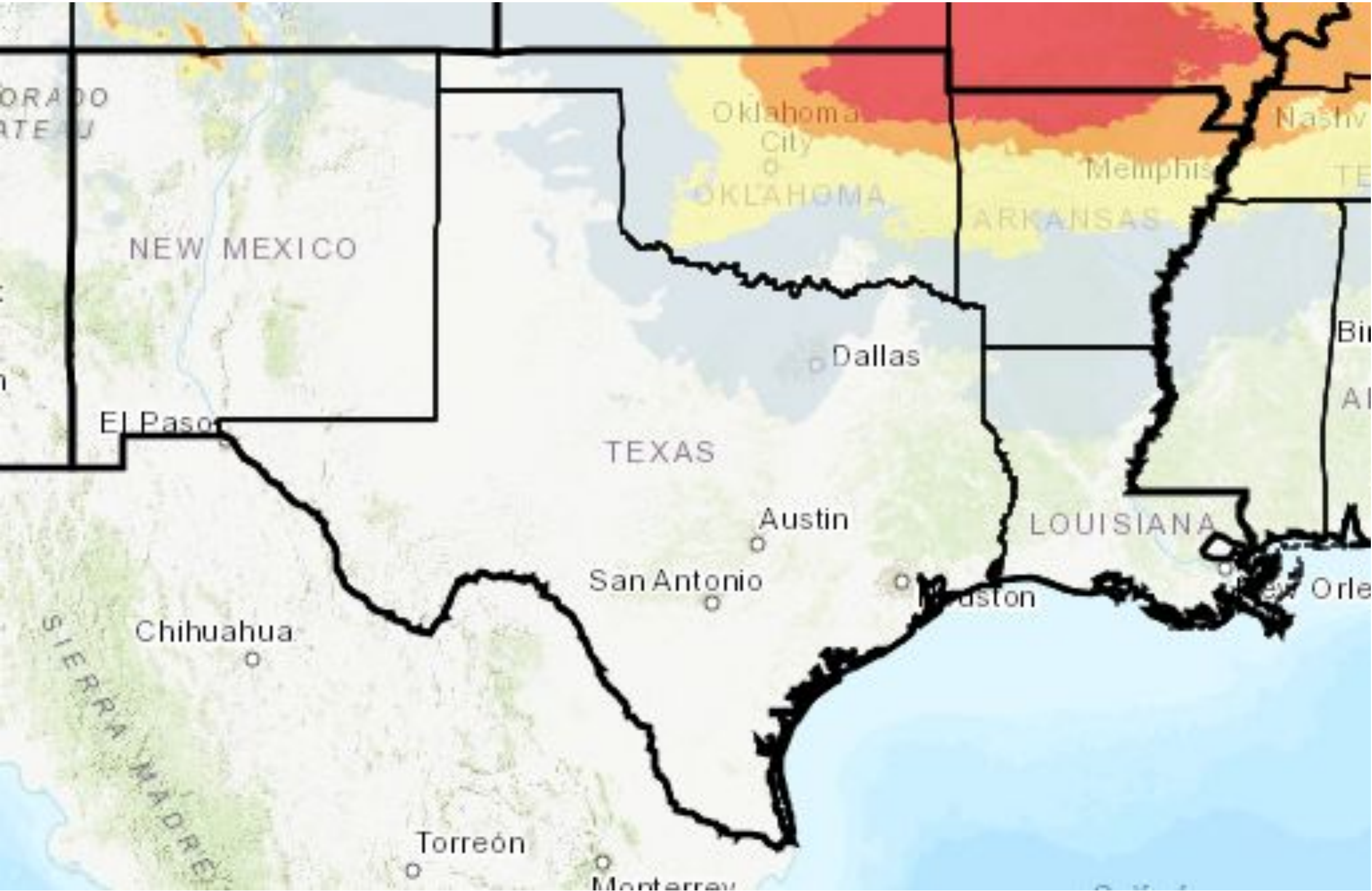
Through the next 3 days





Winter Storm Severity Index

Next 3 Days



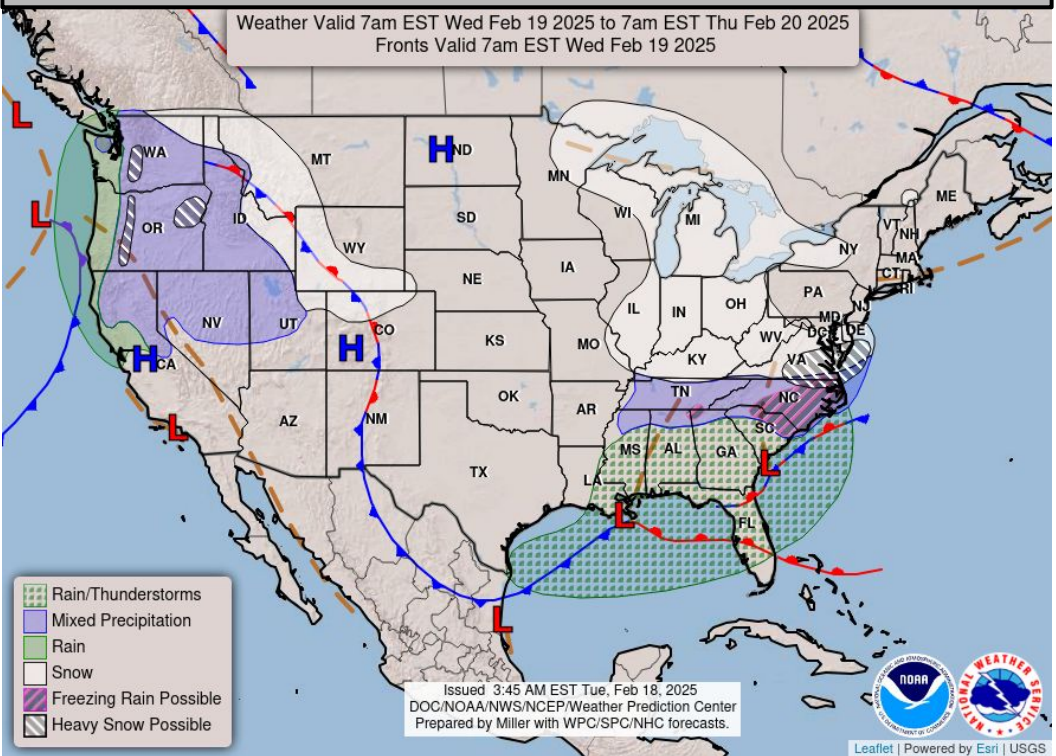
Potential Winter Storm Impacts	
	Winter Weather Area Expect Winter Weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.
	Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.
	Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
	Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. • Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. • Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
	Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. • Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. • Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. • Life-saving actions may be needed.



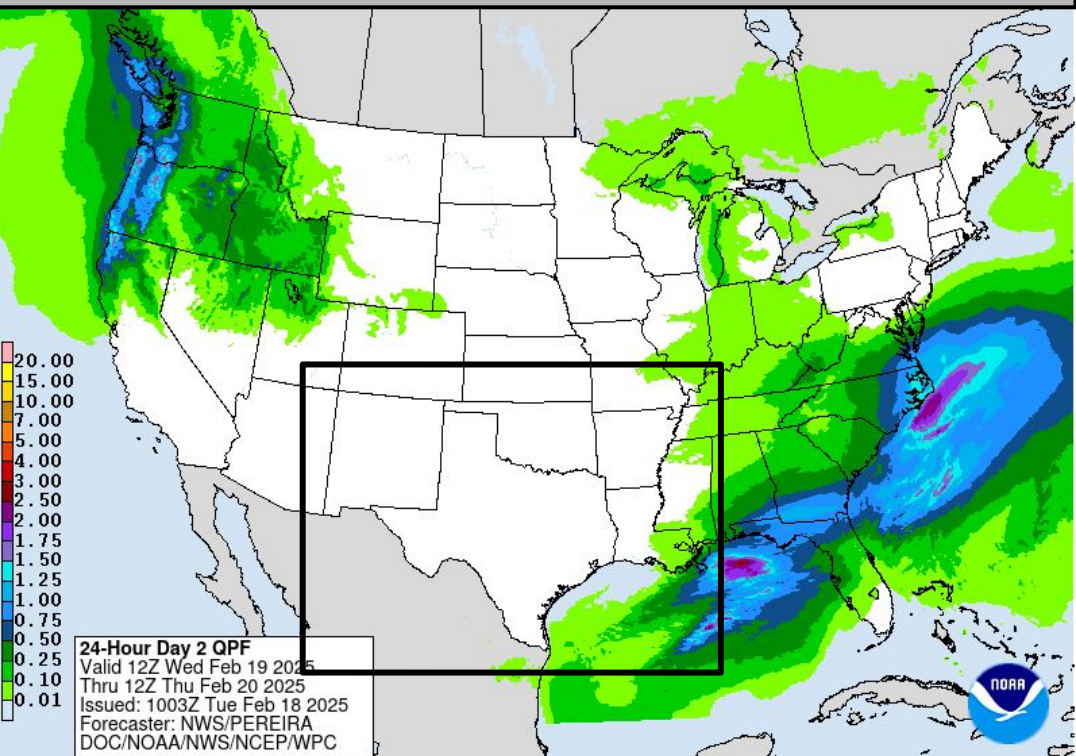


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

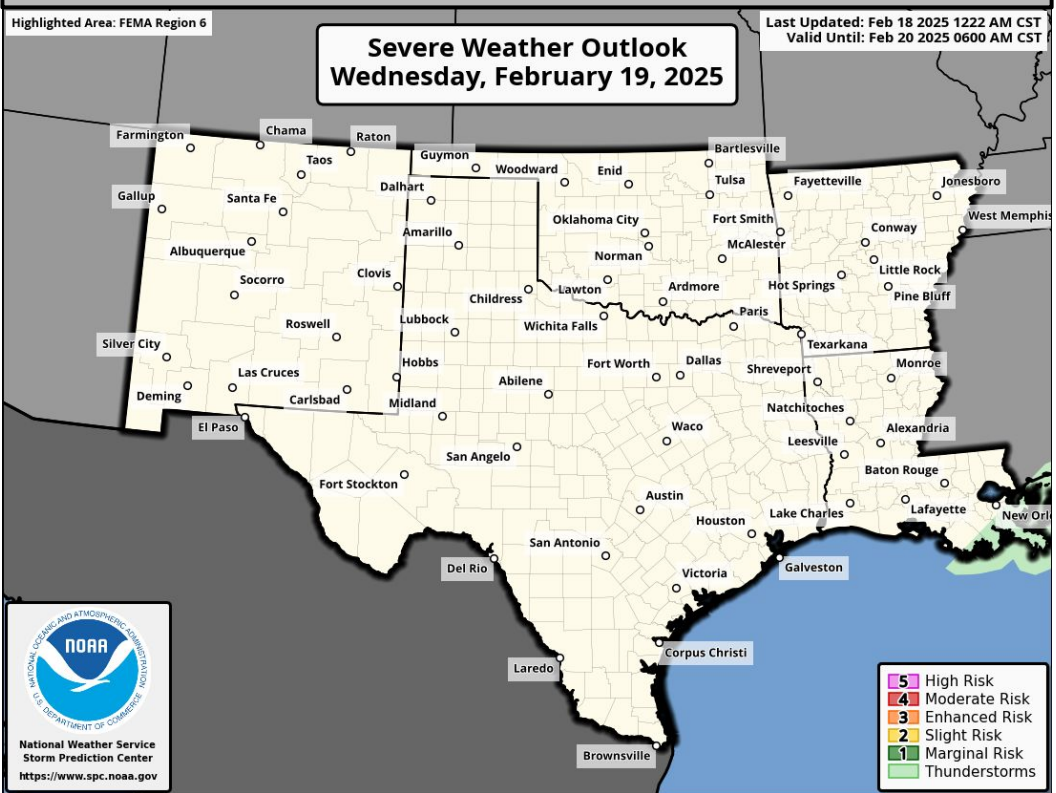


Forecast Rainfall



Extreme cold across OK, TX, LA and AR with temperatures 25-35 degrees below normal.

Severe Weather Outlook

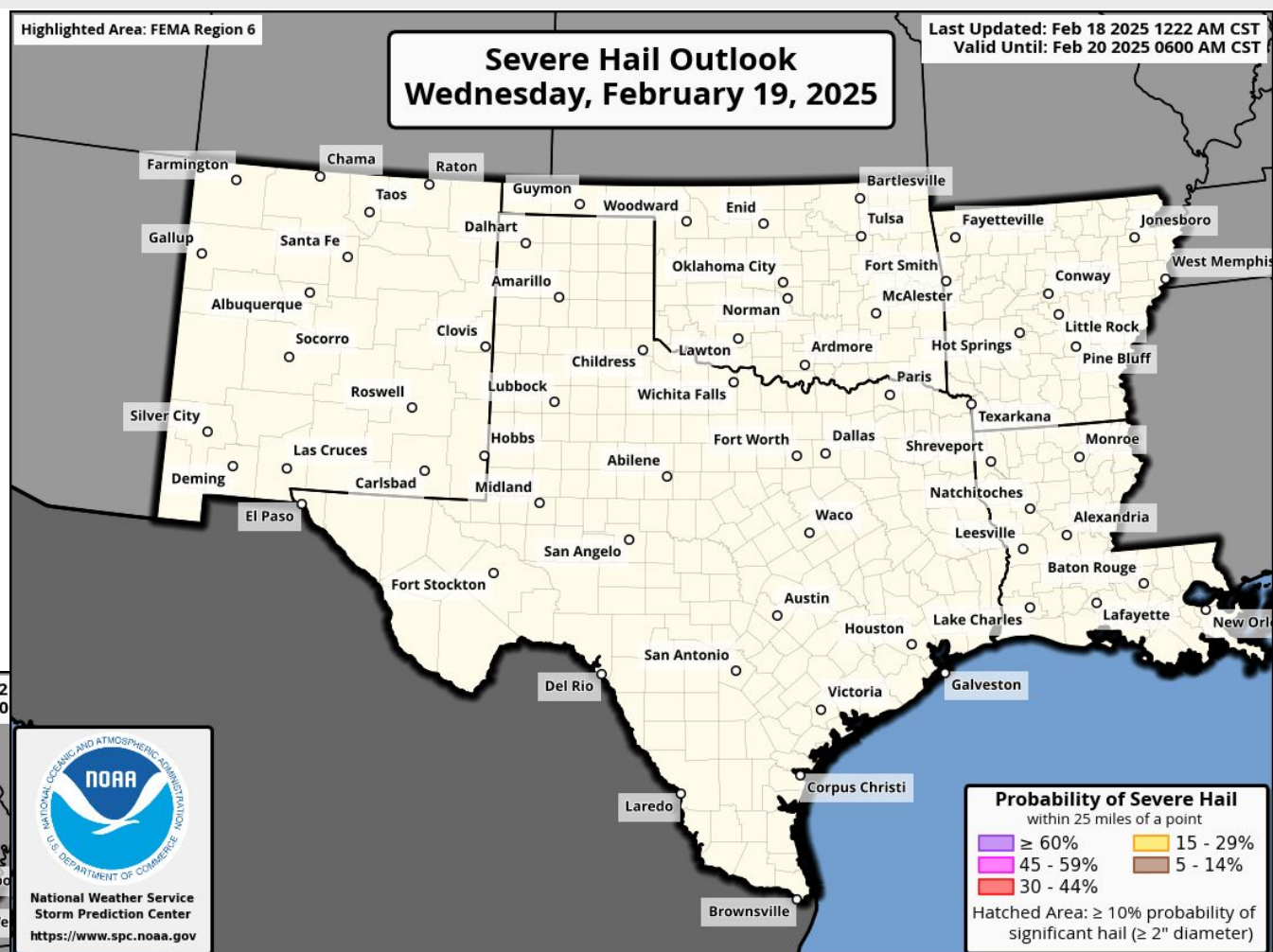
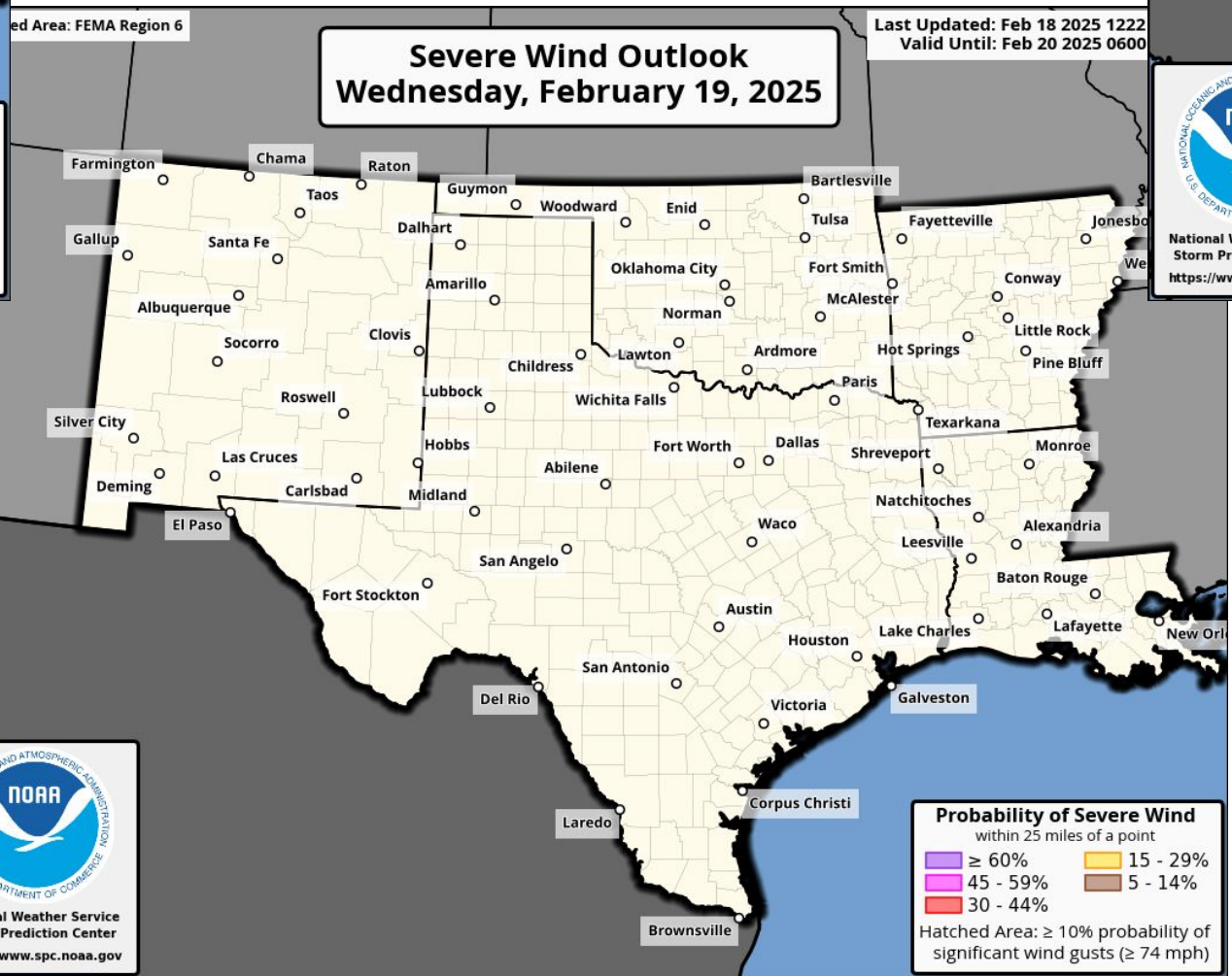
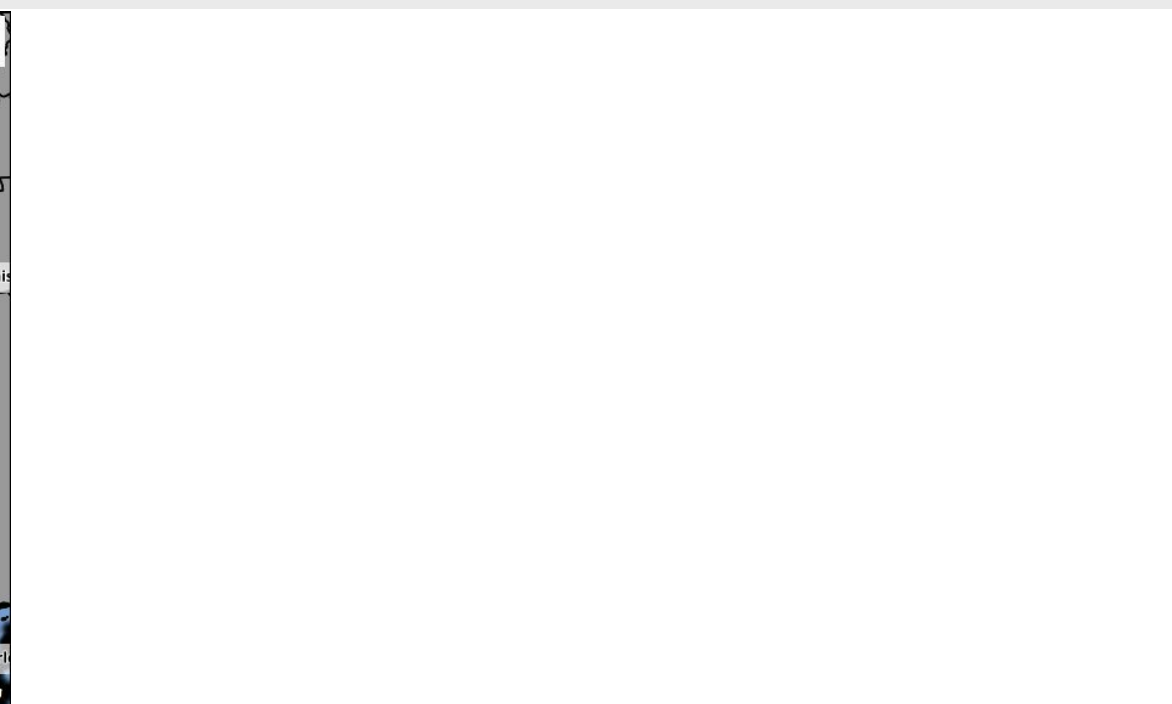
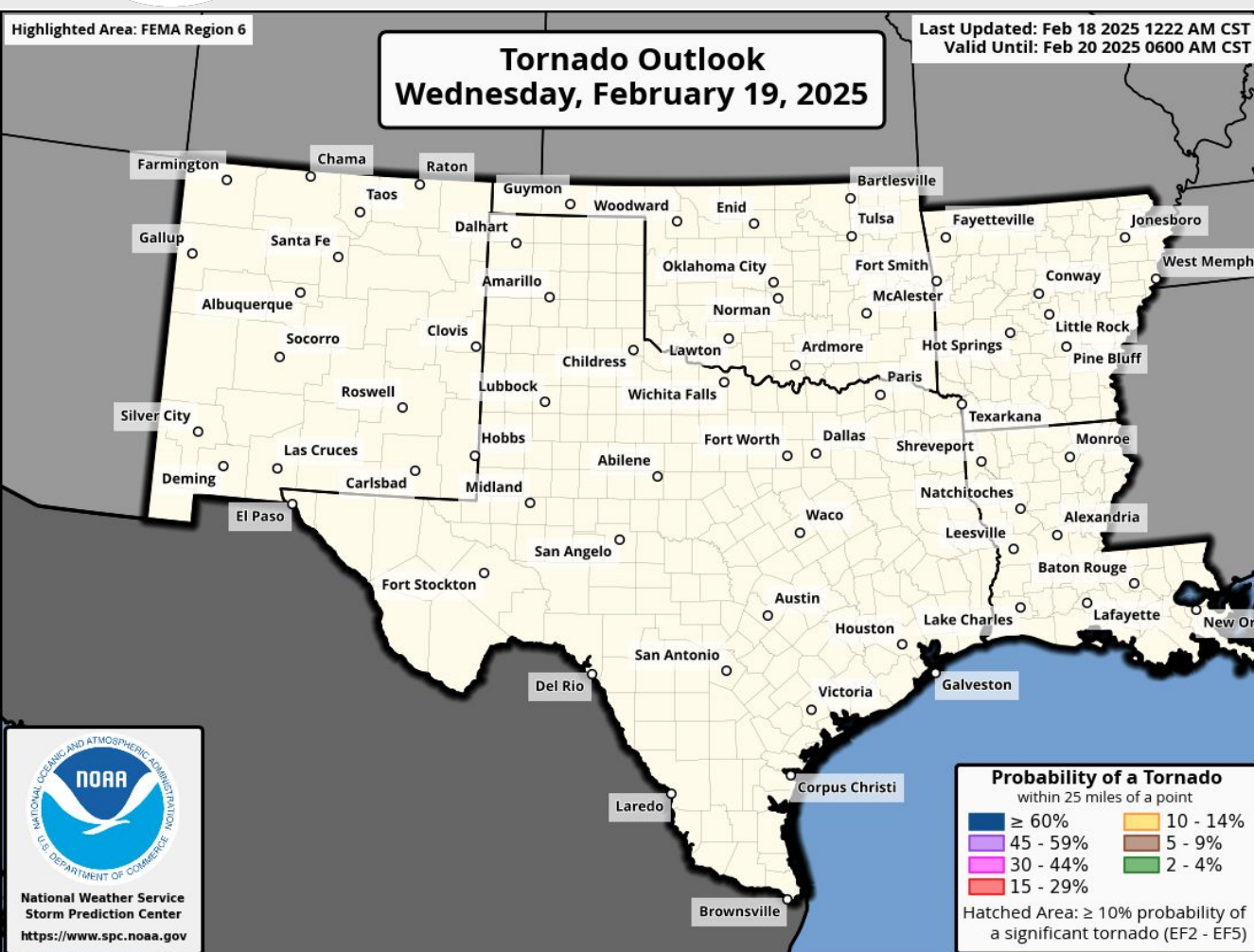


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





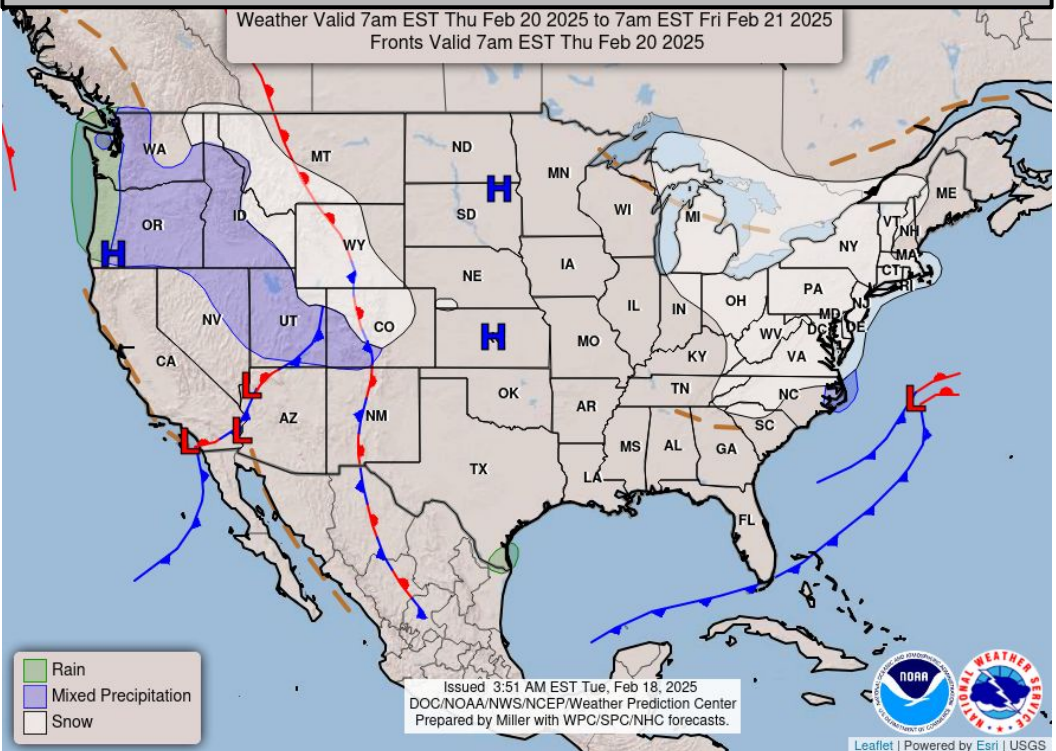
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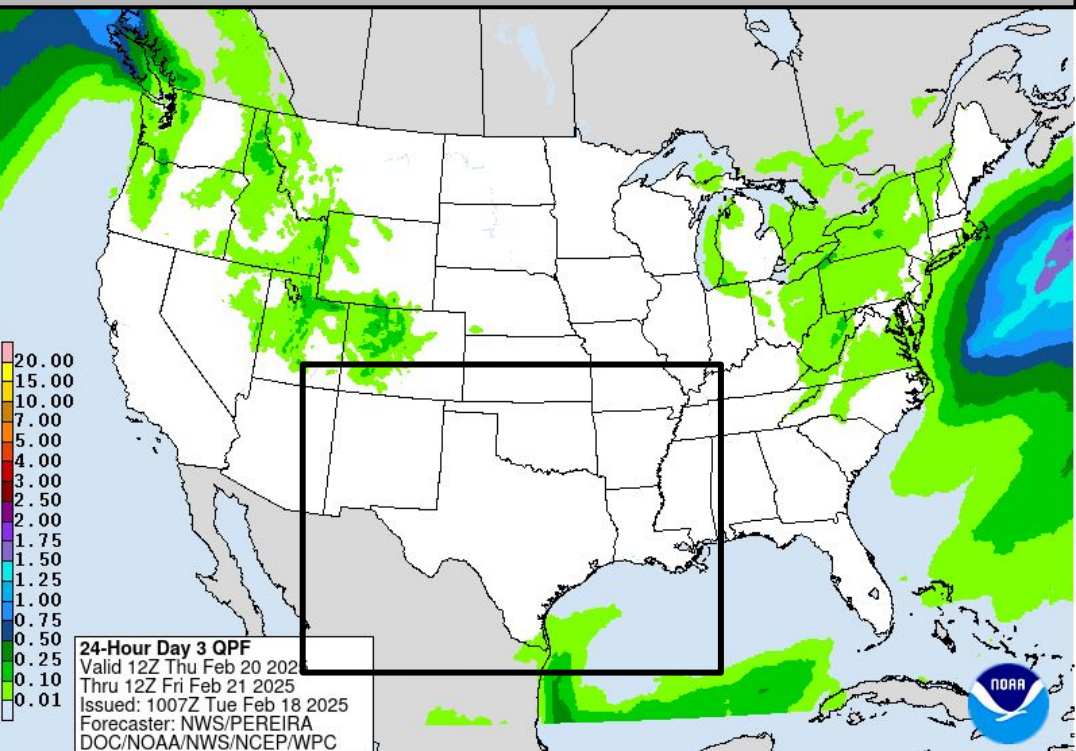


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart

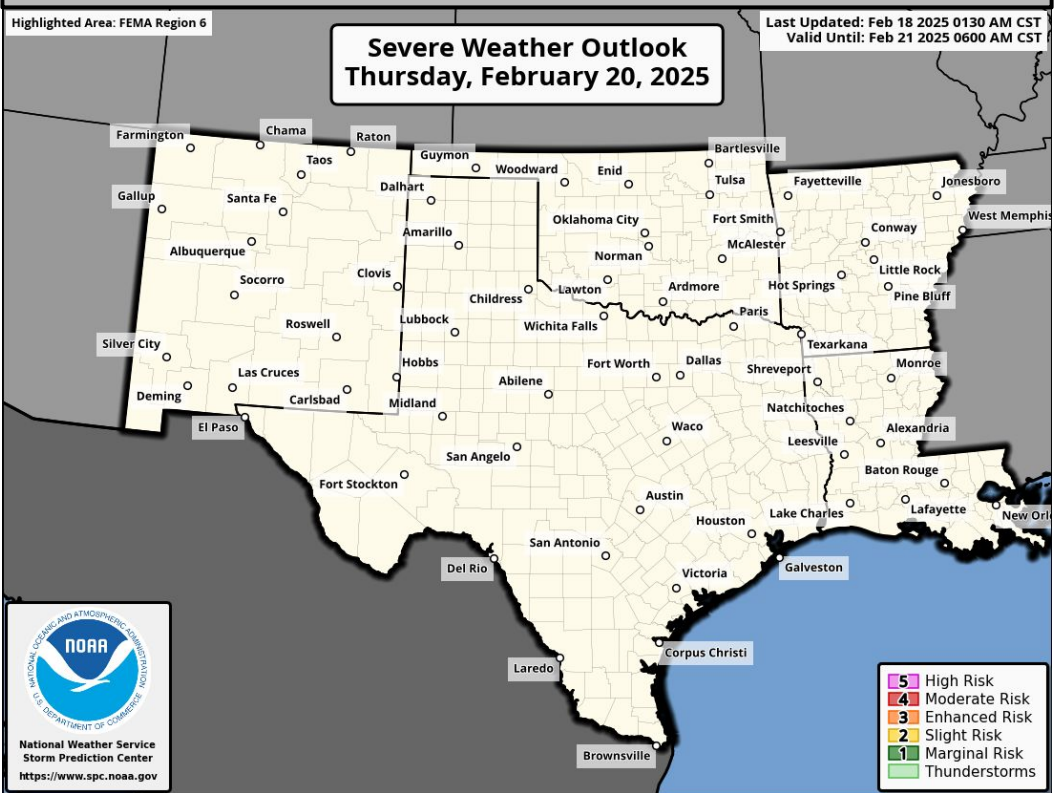


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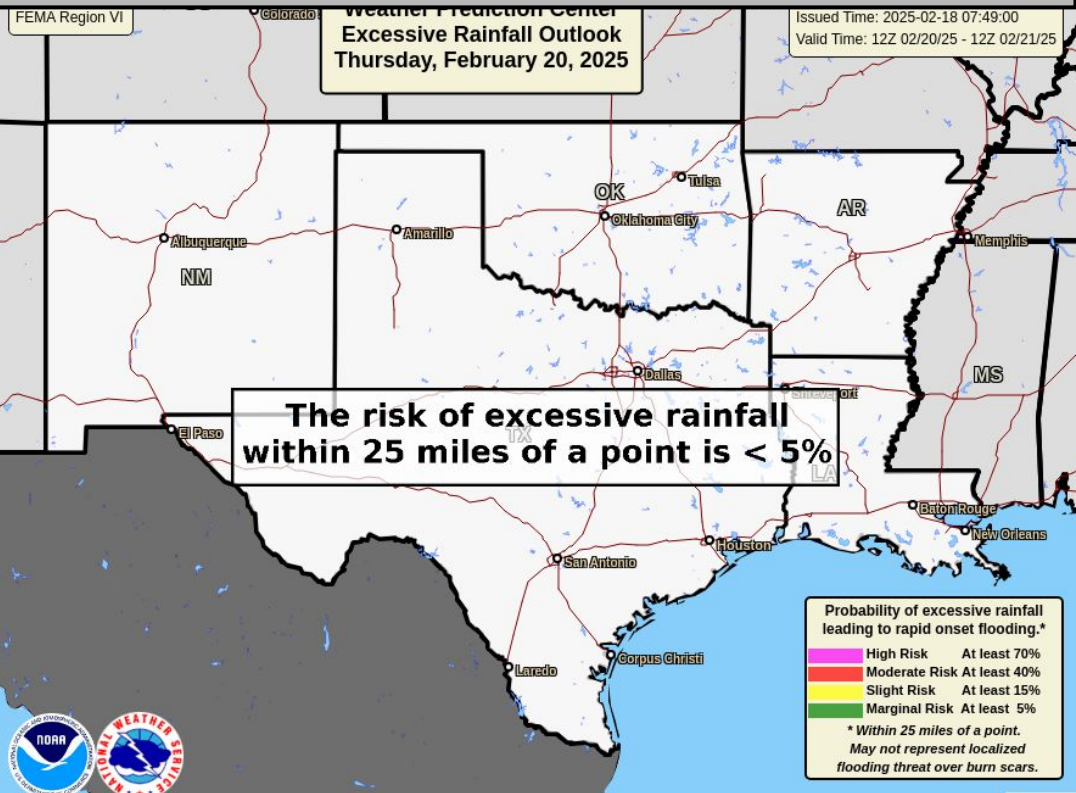


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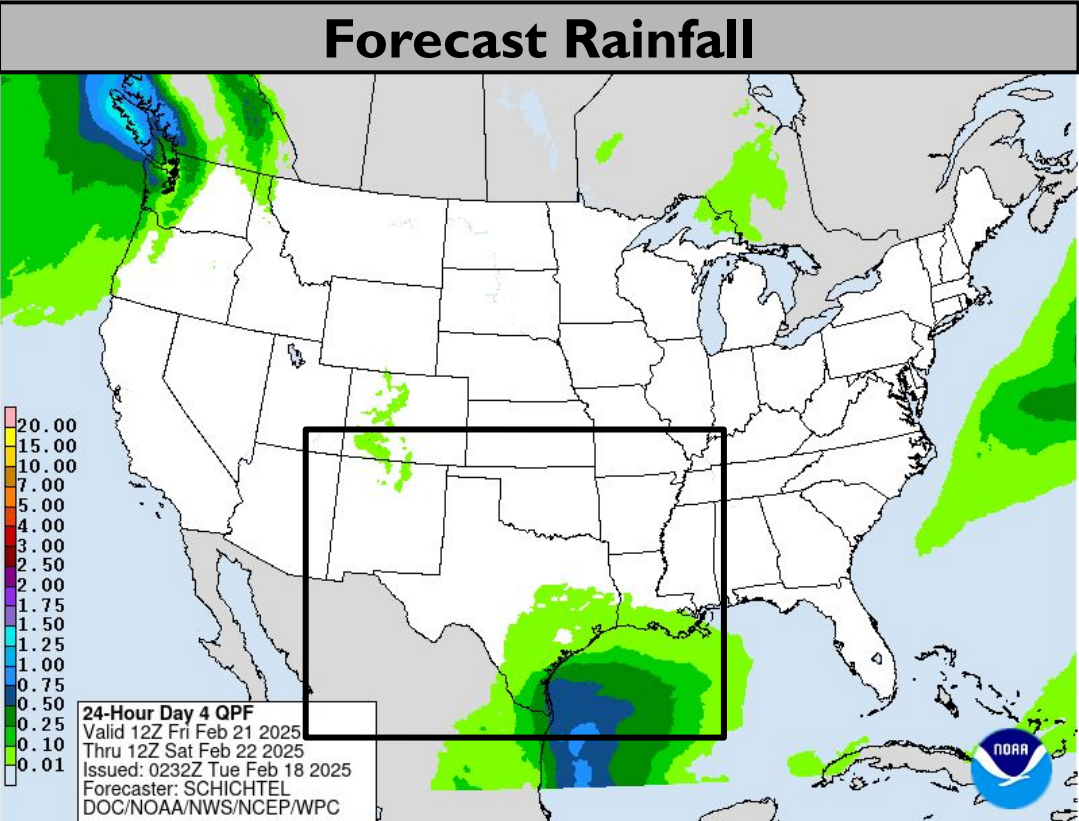
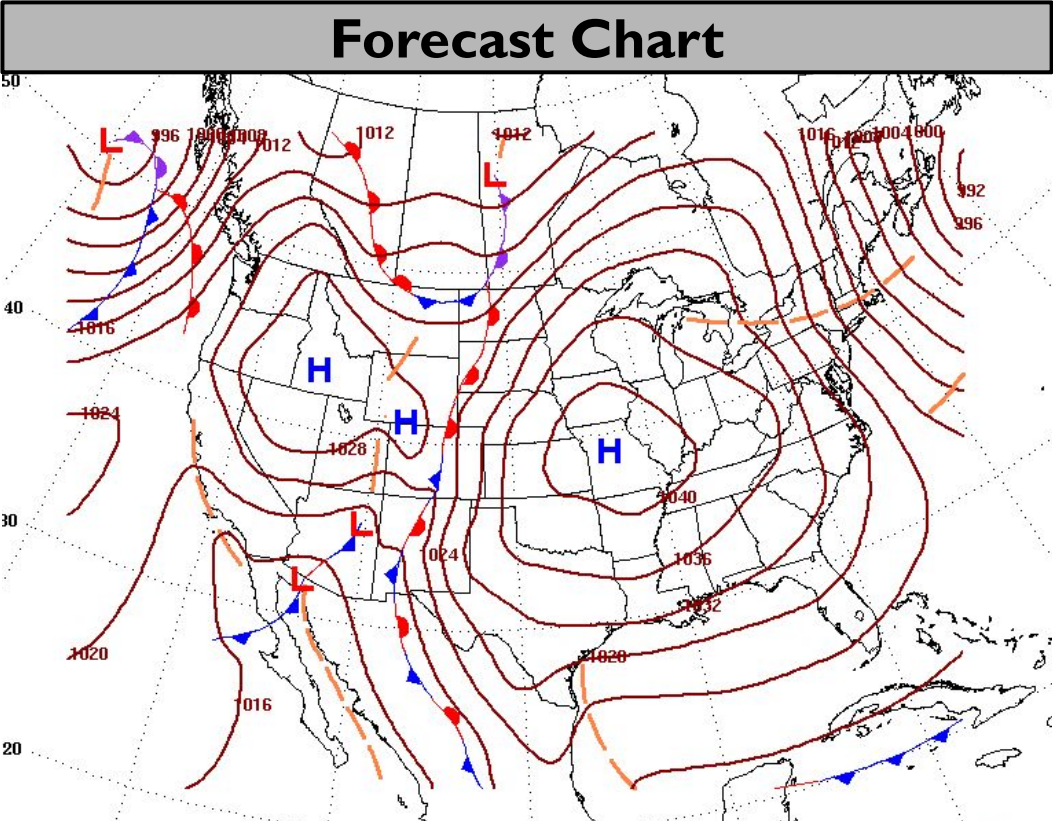


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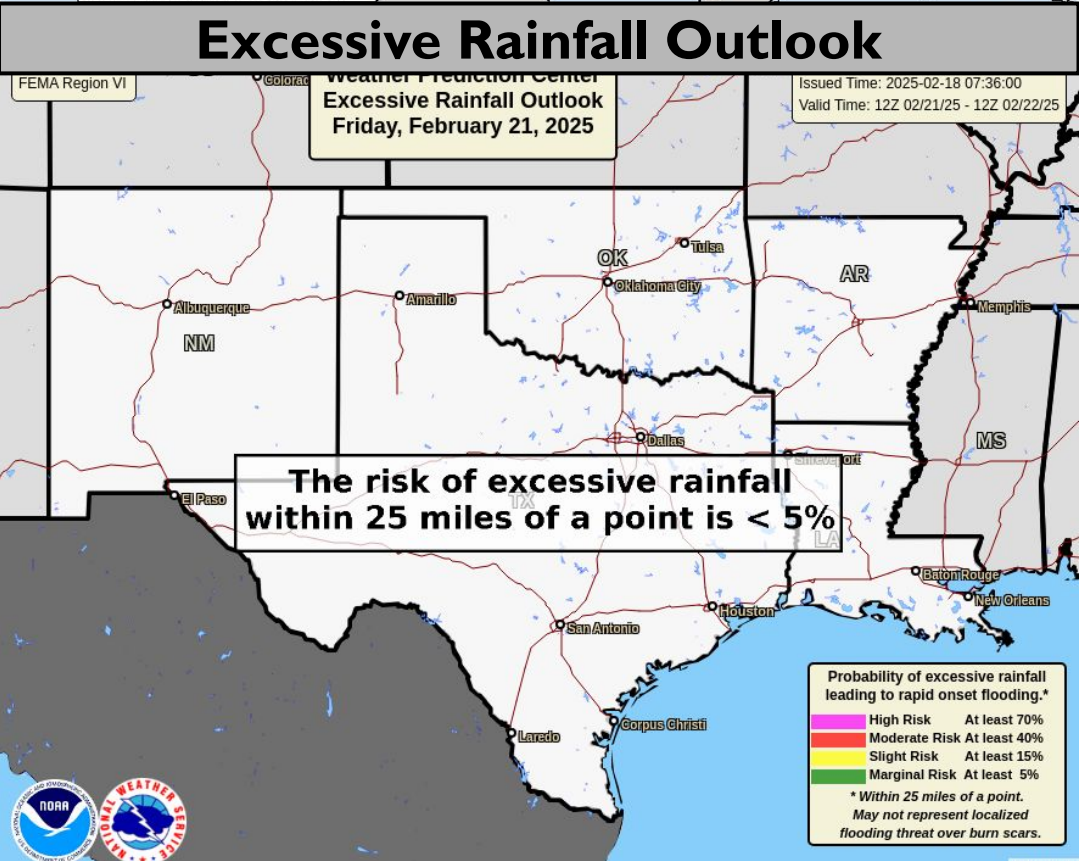
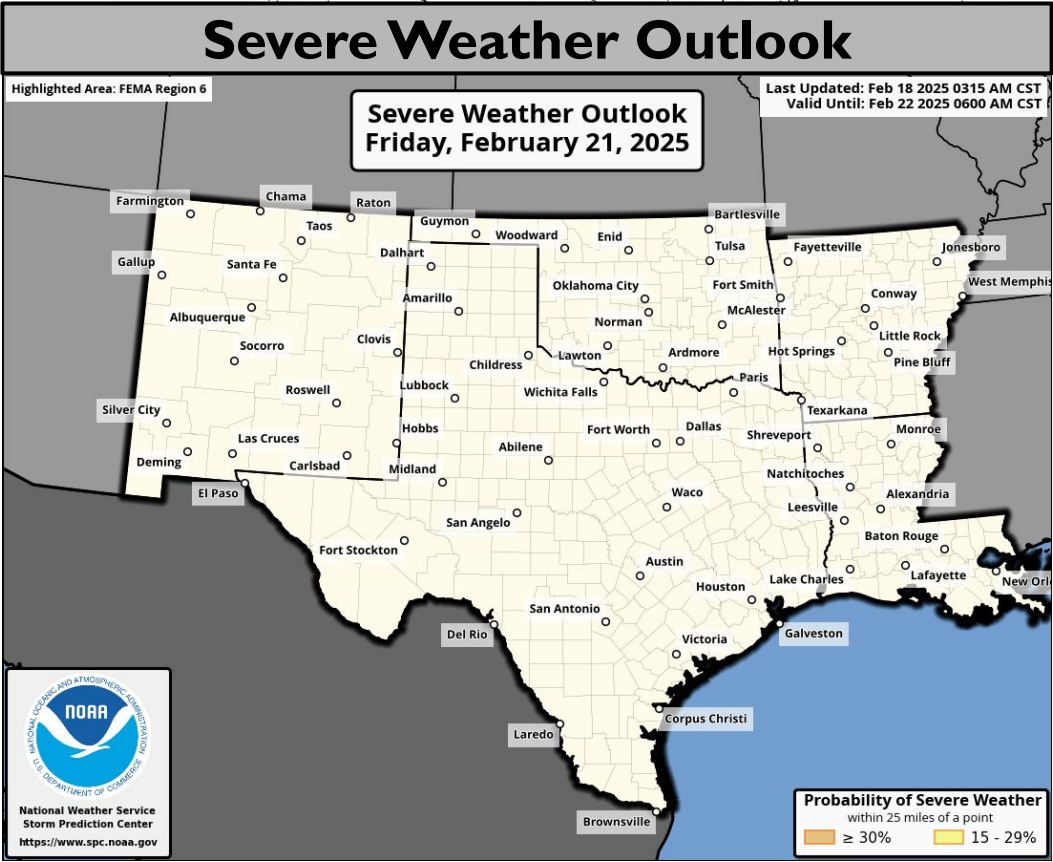




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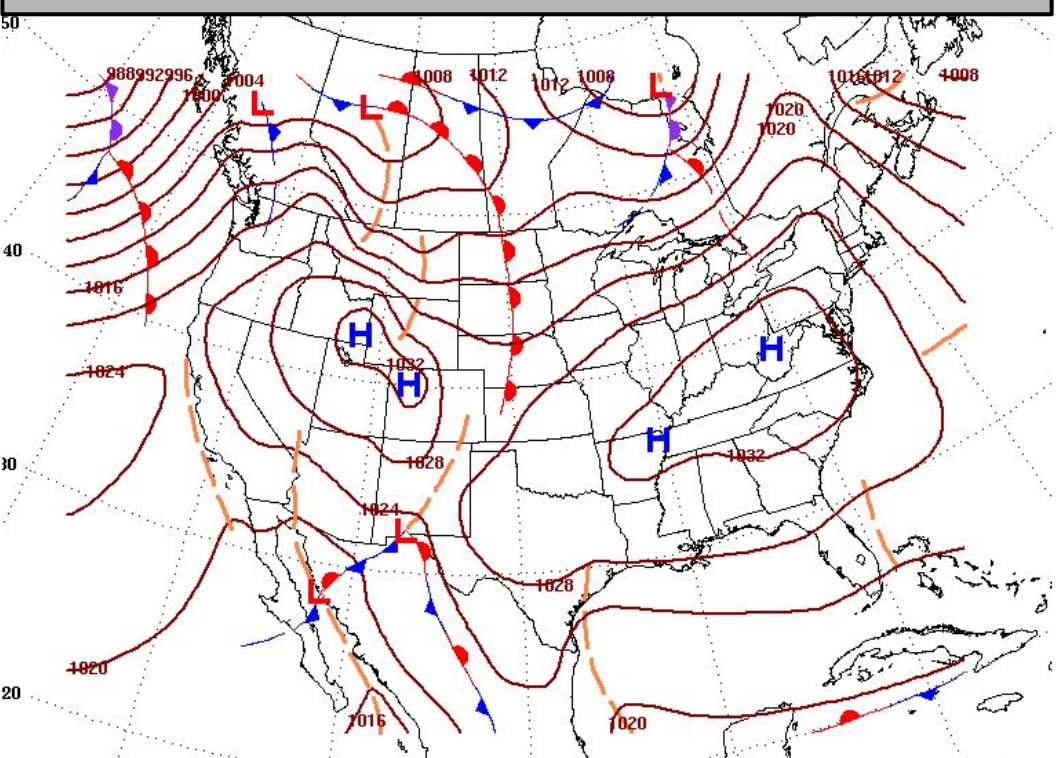
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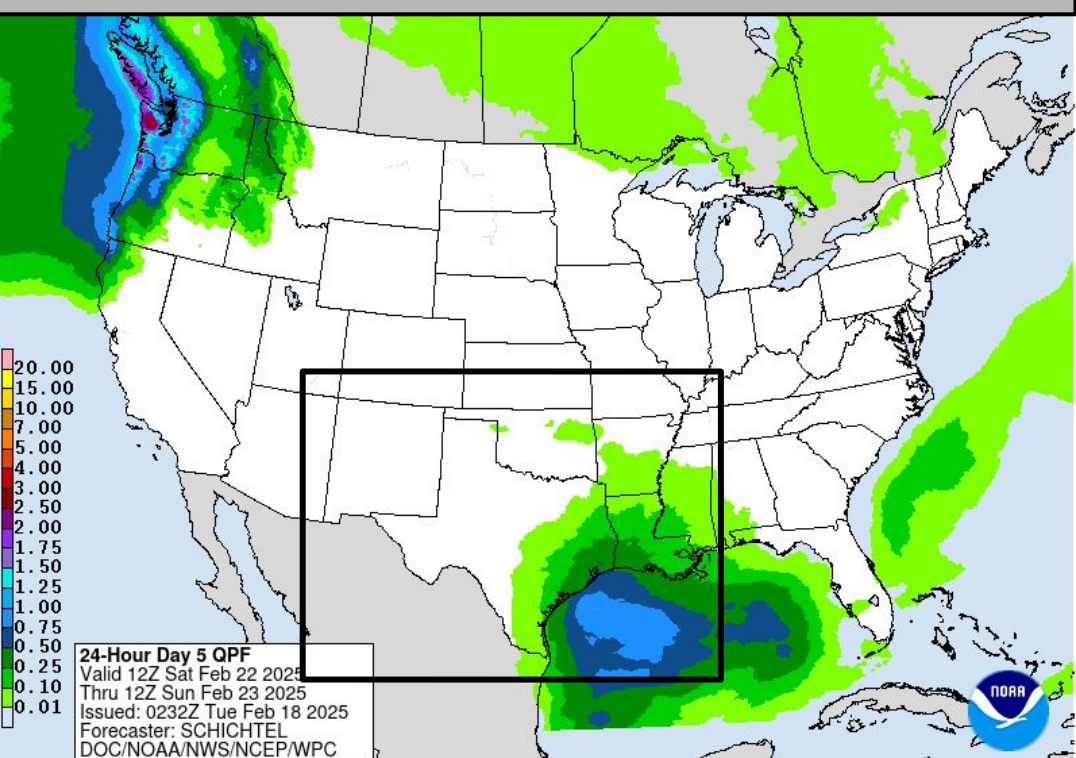


Saturday's Weather

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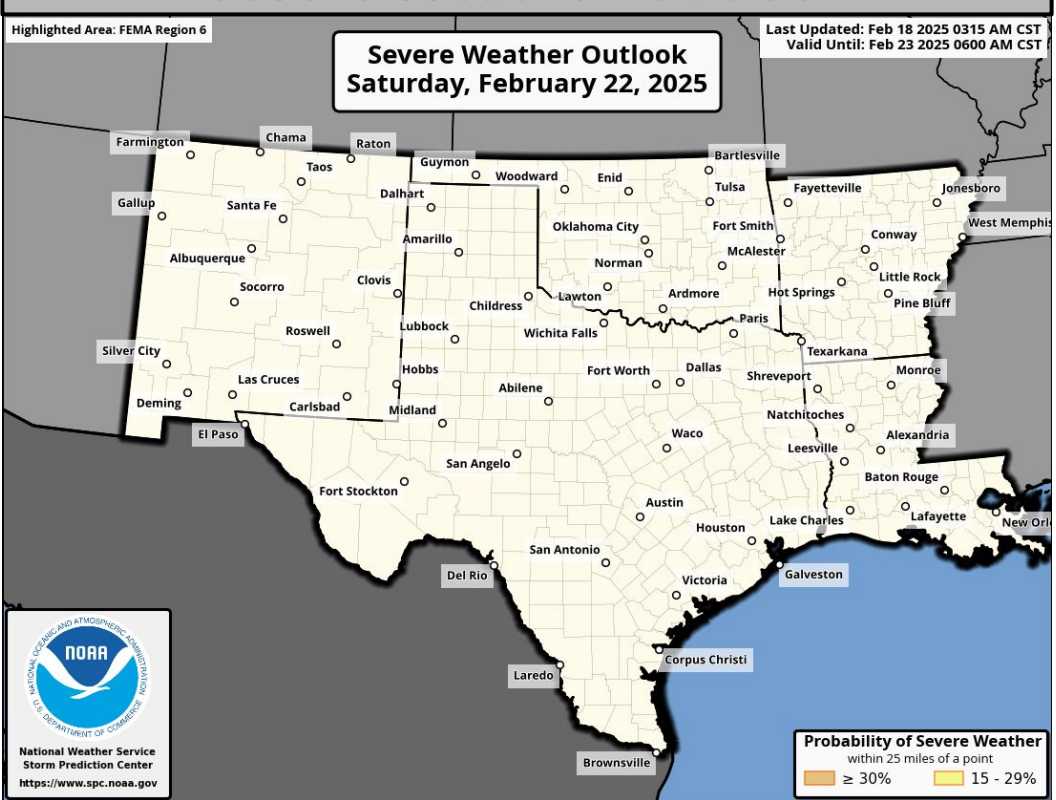


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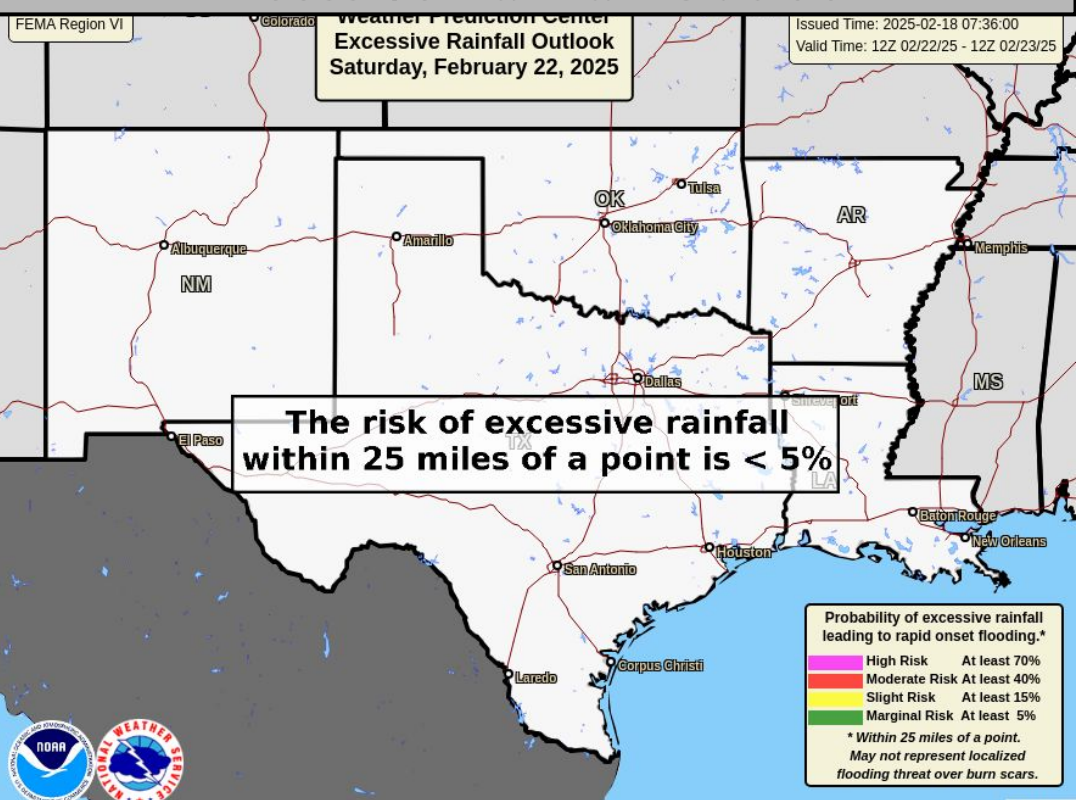


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Severe Weather Outlook



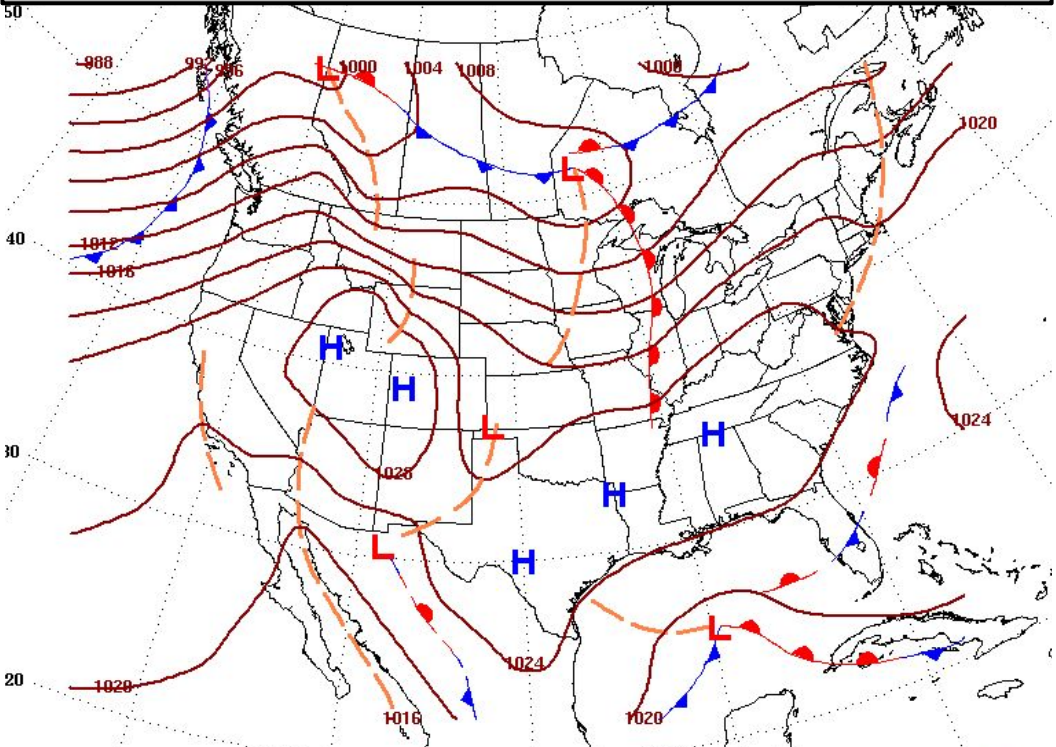
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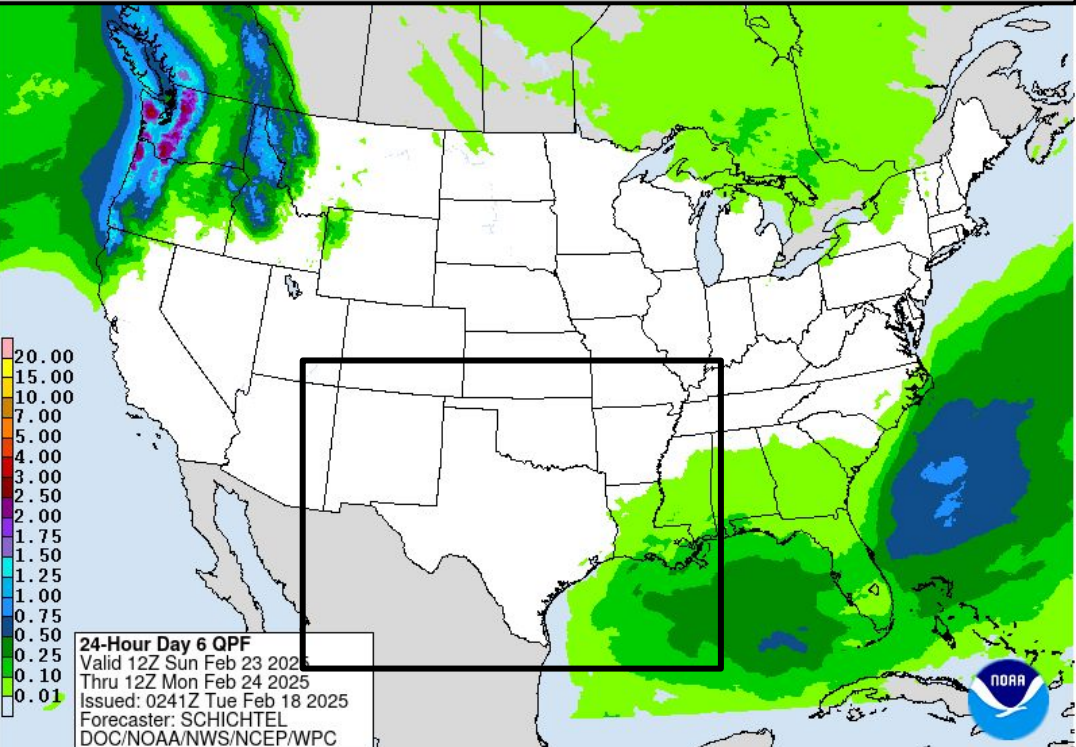


Sunday's Weather

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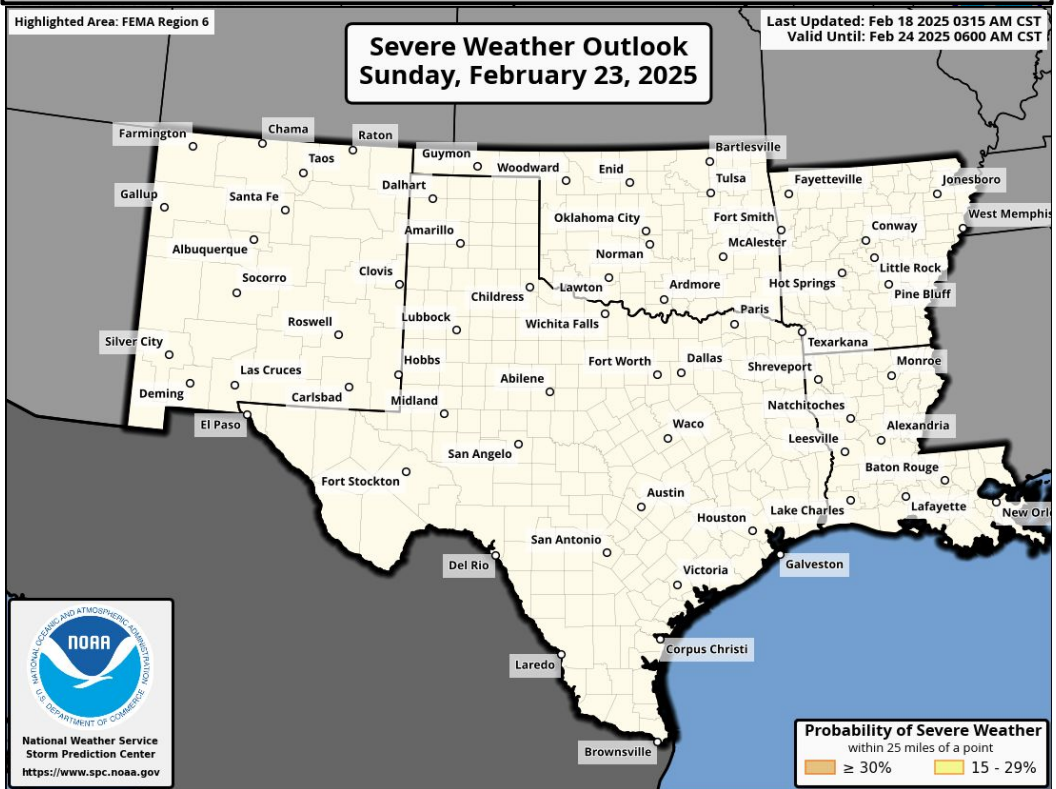


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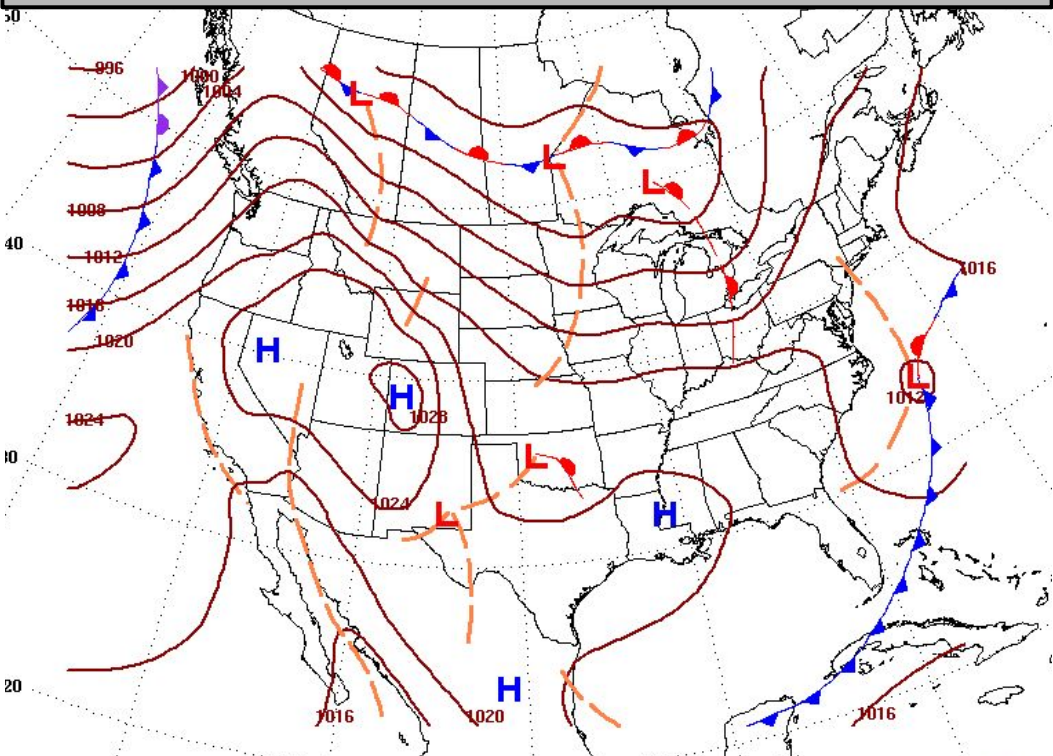
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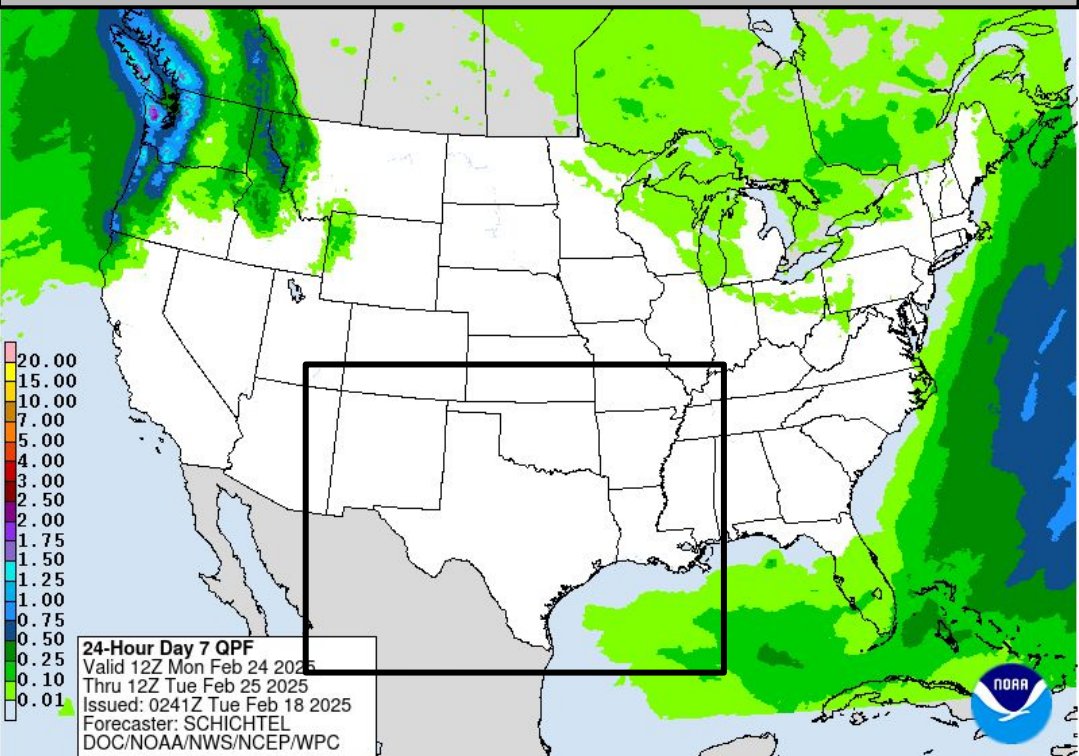


Monday's Weather

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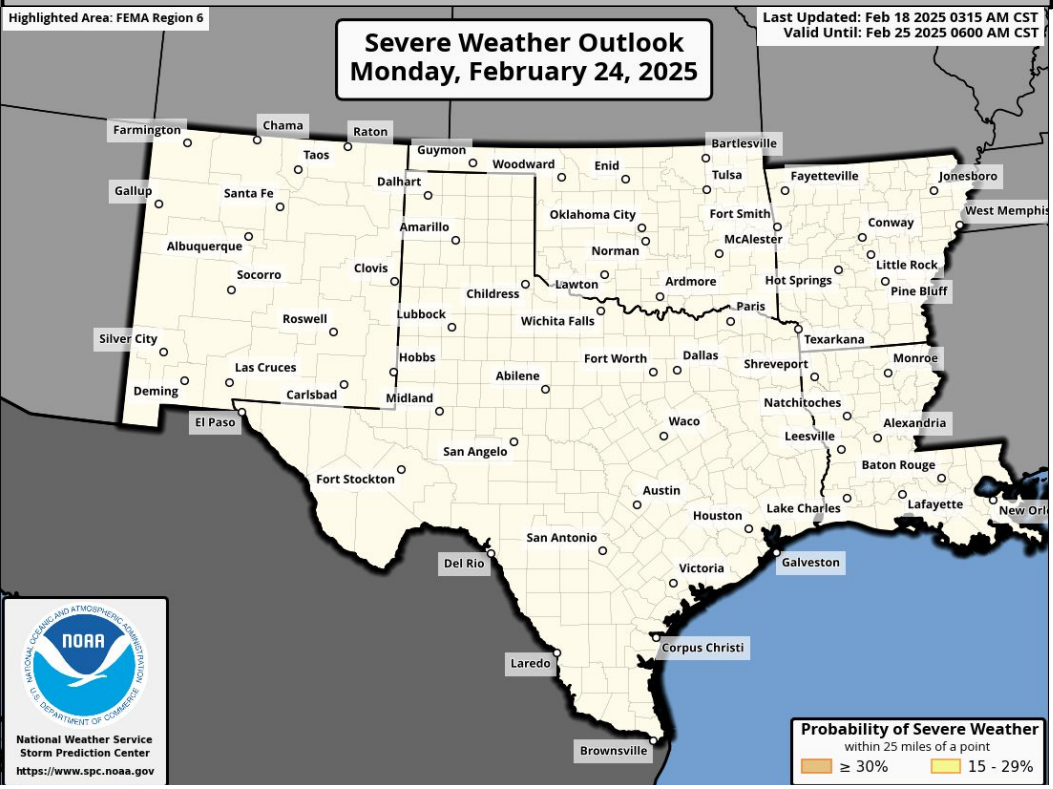


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

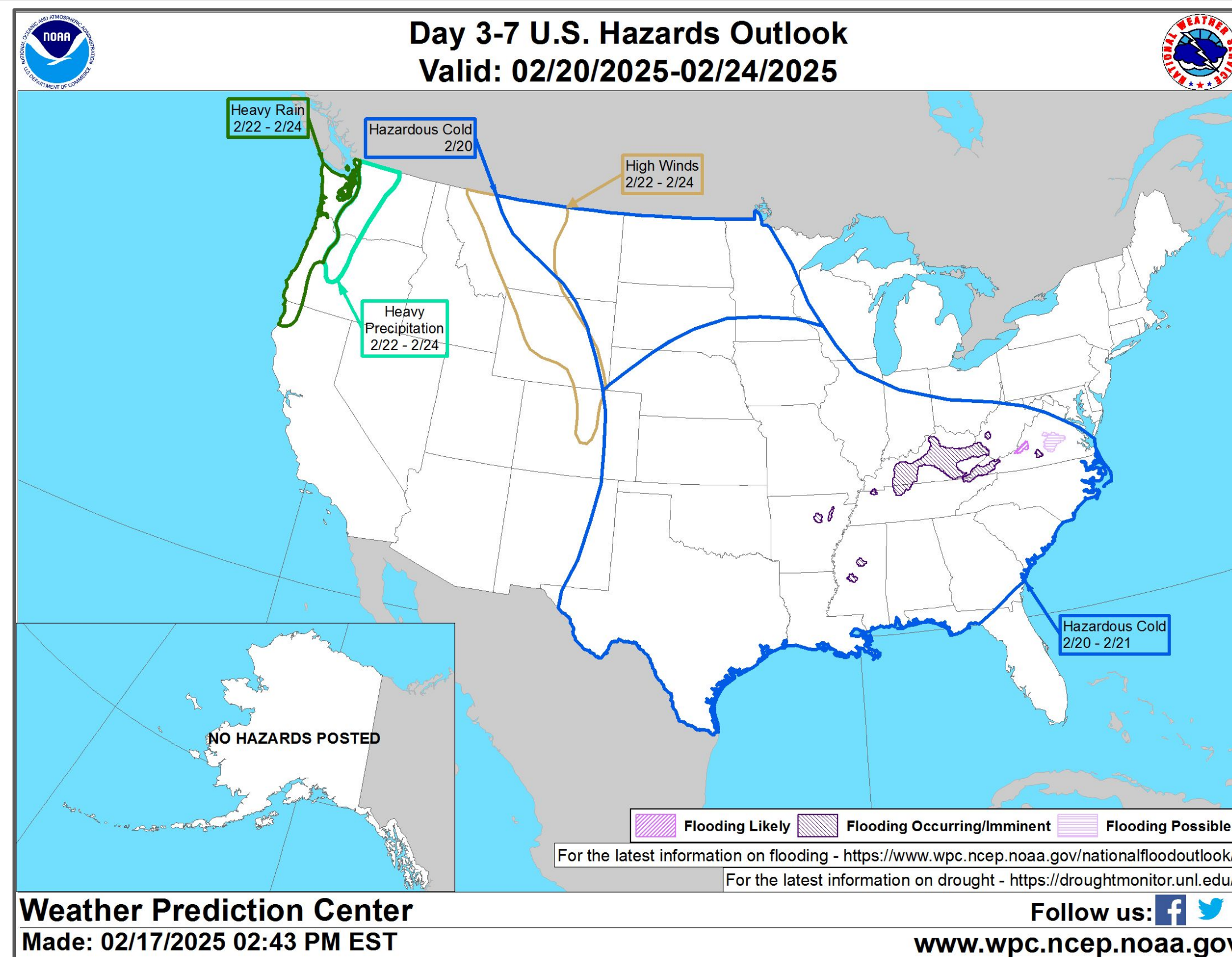


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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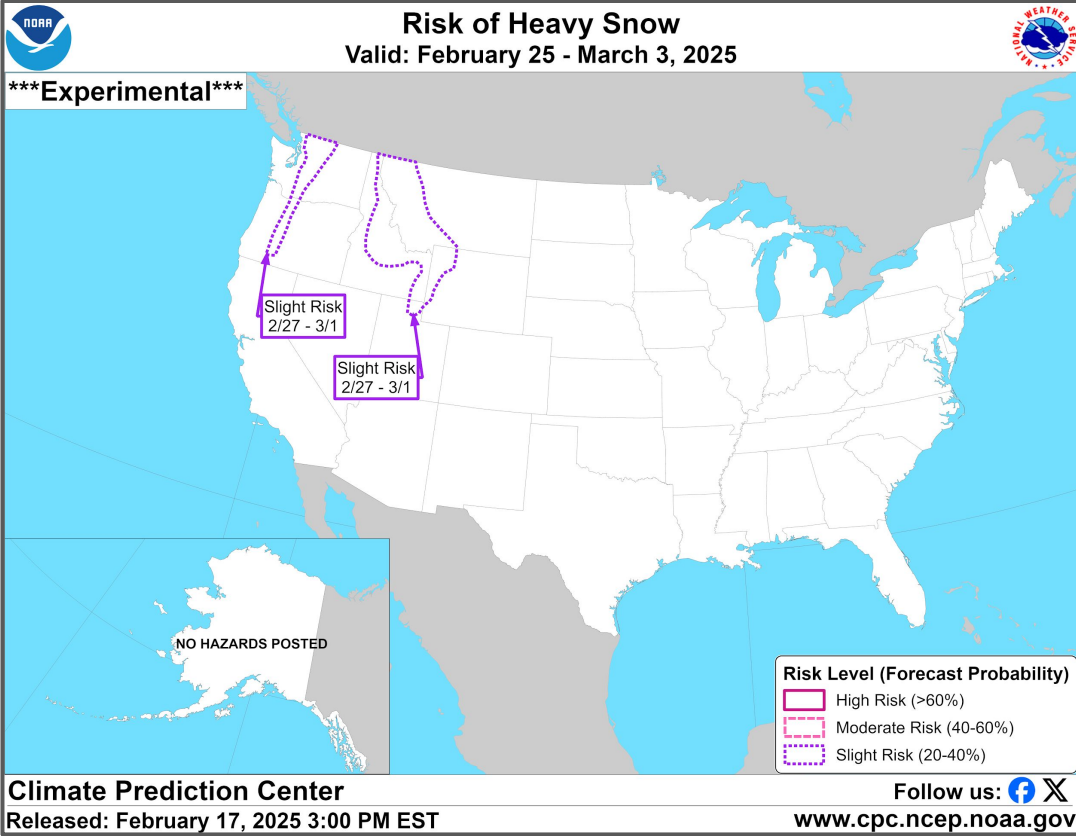
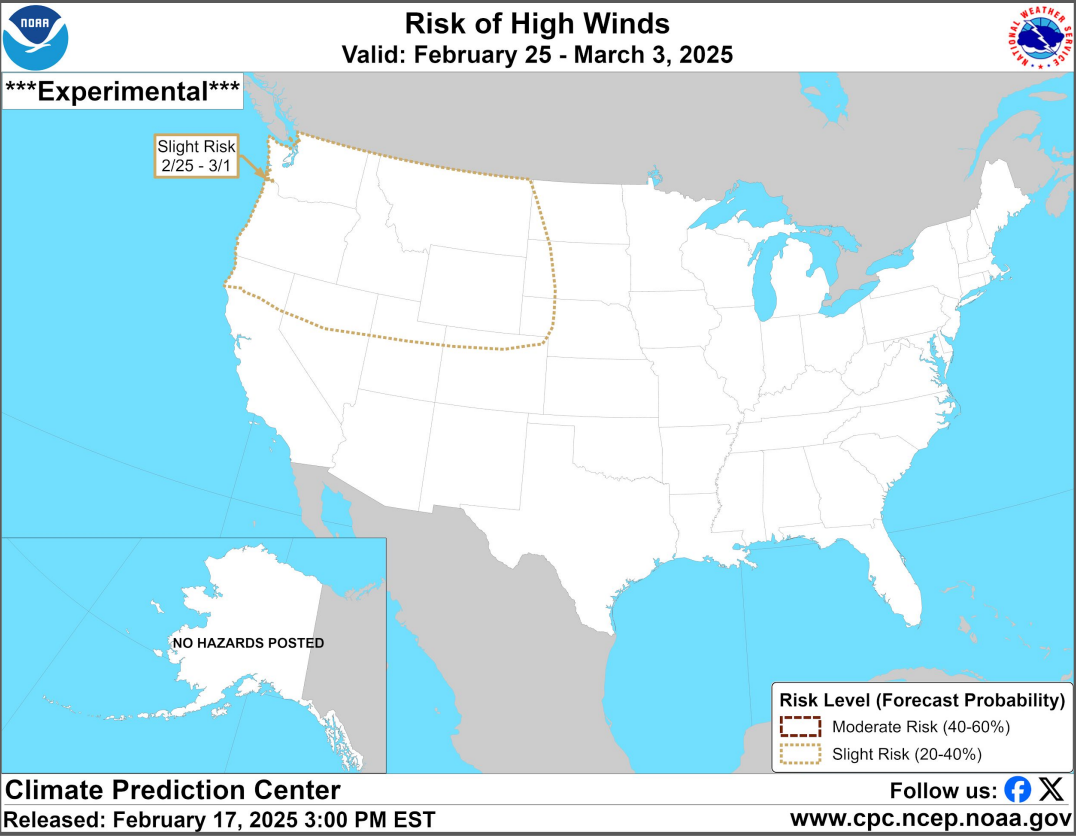
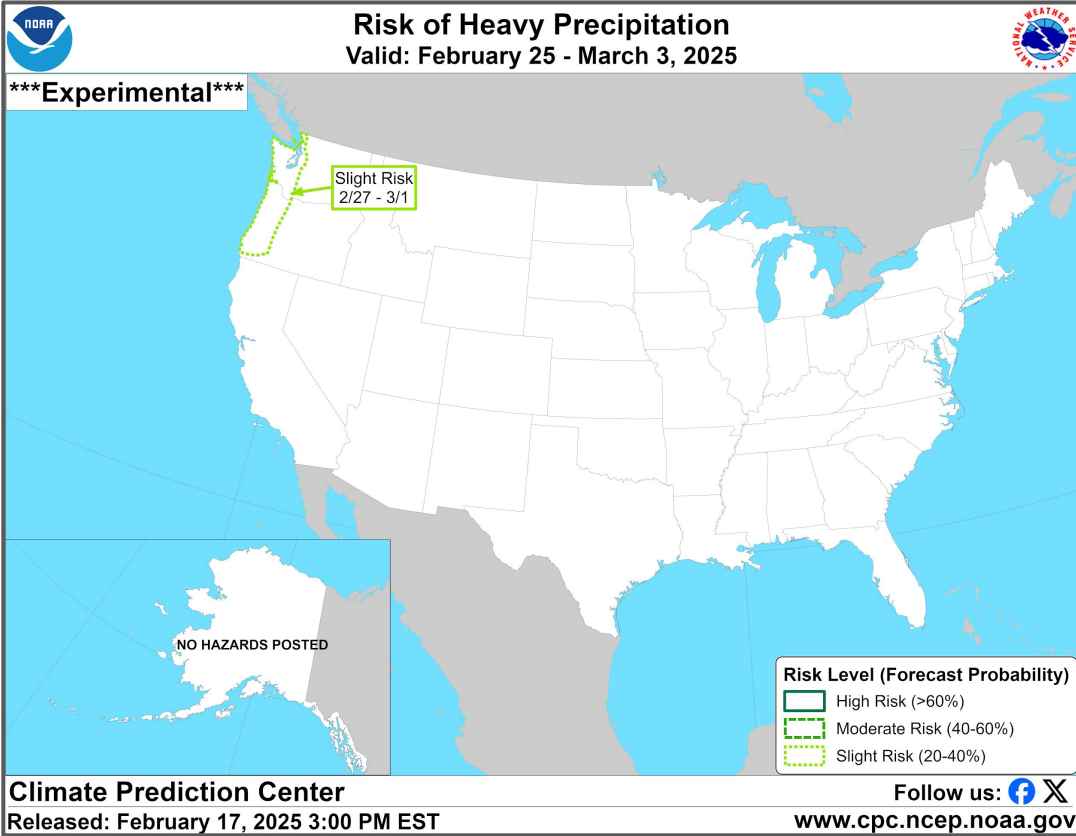
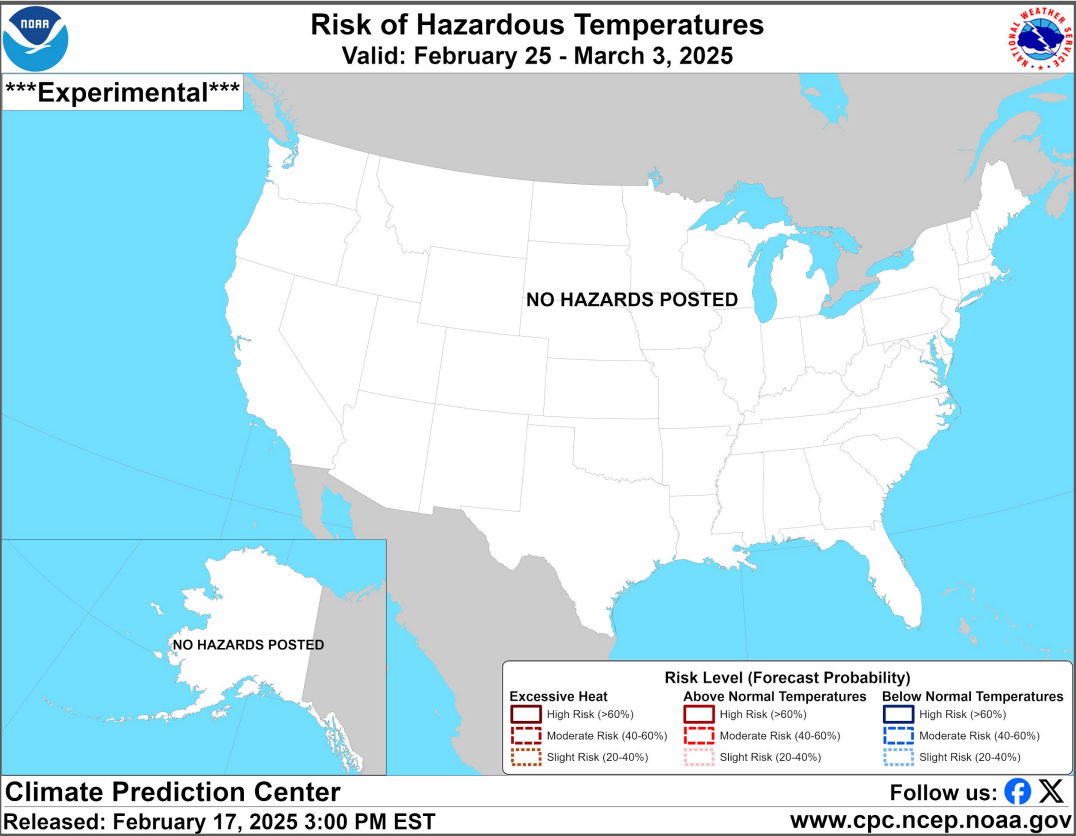
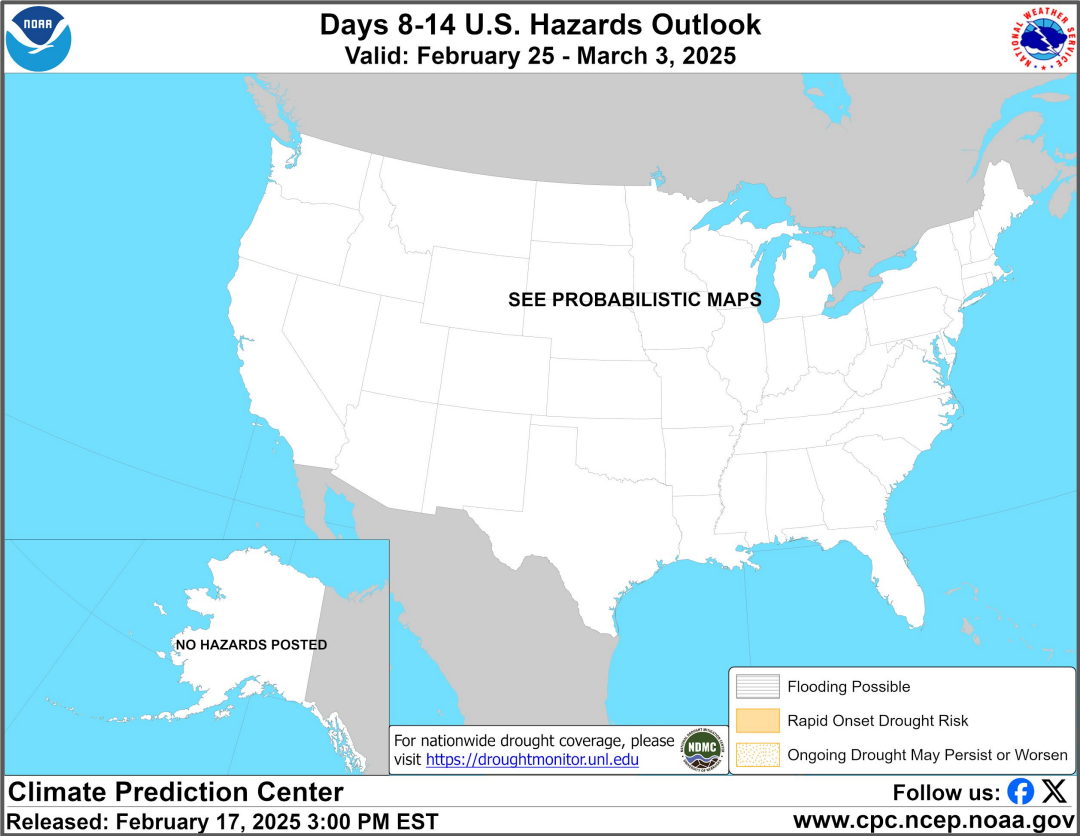
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For additional information on this outlook go to <https://origin.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php>





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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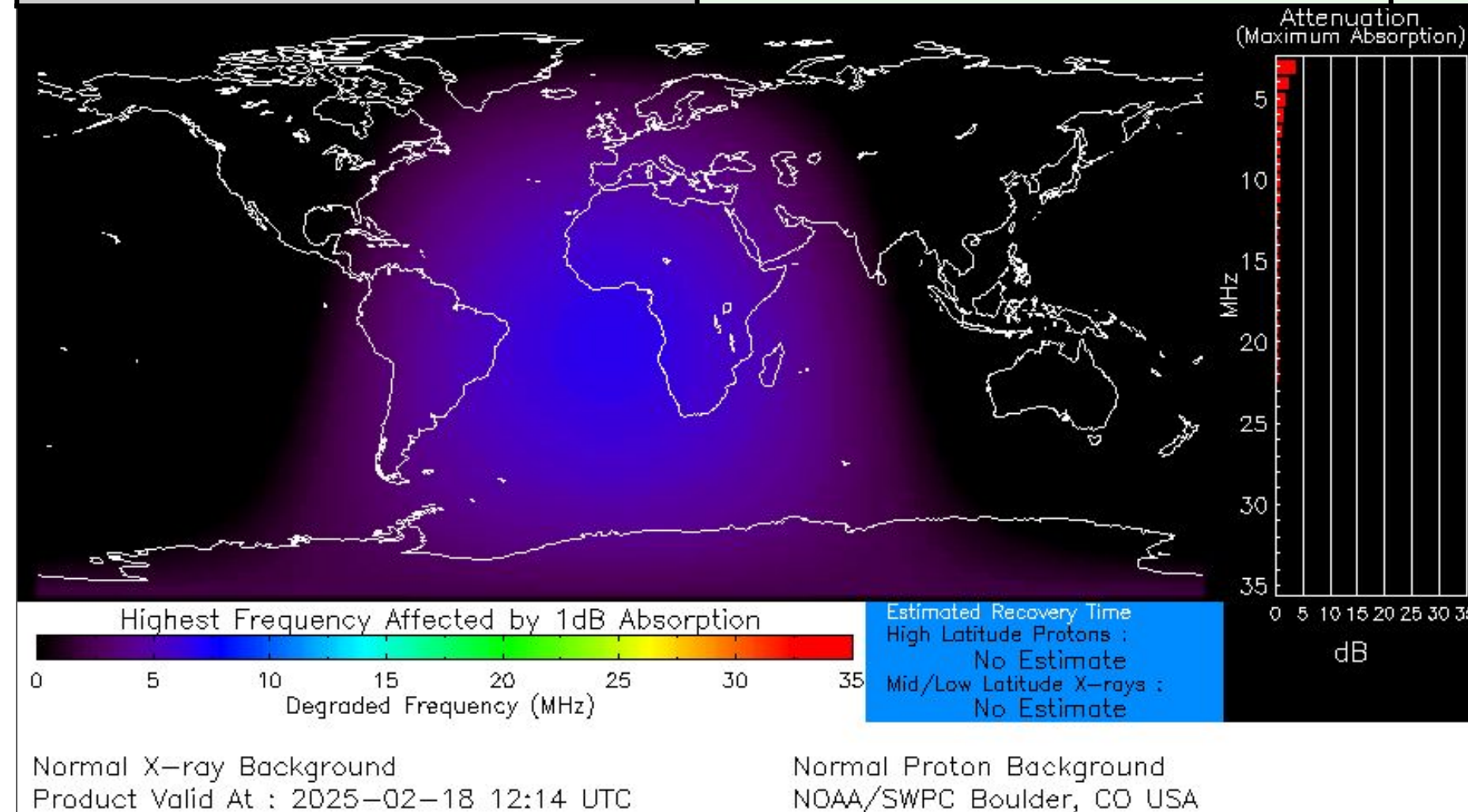
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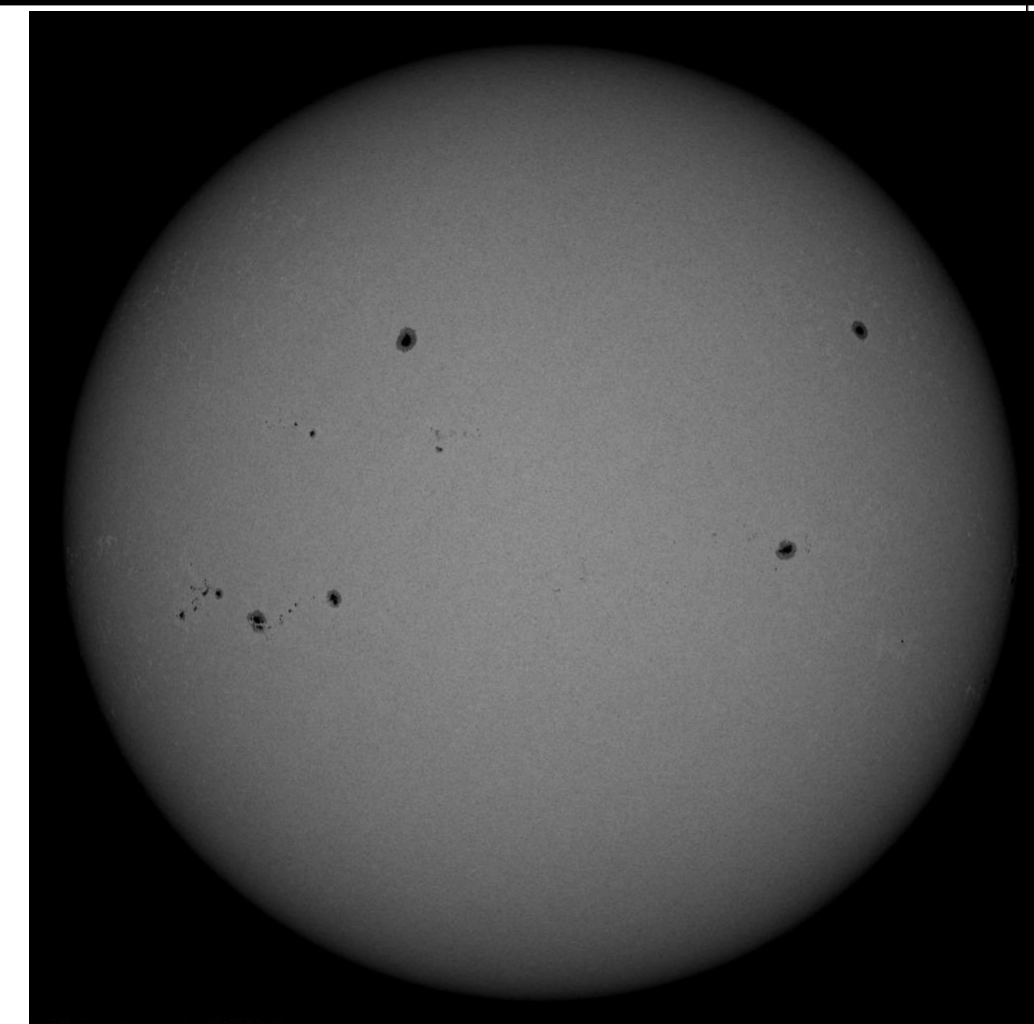
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Feb 18	Wednesday, Feb 19	Thursday, Feb 20
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



[Description of the 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



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