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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Increasing concern for critical to extreme (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather conditions today through Tuesday for portions of NM east through OK. Significant fires more likely with a low to medium chance of wildfire outbreak.**
- **Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) of severe weather today through Tuesday as front moves east from TX Panhandle across OK, N TX into AR and LA. A few tornadoes possible.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for heavy rain leading to flash flooding in AR on Tuesday.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 4) river flooding forecast through next week in E TX, AR, LA. Rain not expected to create significant river flooding, but may lead to new minor river rises.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Mar 2	Monday, Mar 3	Tuesday, Mar 4	Wednesday, Mar 5	Thursday, Mar 6	Friday, Mar 7	Saturday, Mar 8
Severe Storms	W OK, ETX Panhandle	NW TX, C OK	SAR, N LA E OK, AR, ETX, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			AR				
Fire Weather	NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, W OK	E NM, WTX NM, WTX, TX Panhandle	NM, W/C/NW TX, TX Panhandle, W OK		NM, WTX		
Winter							
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.

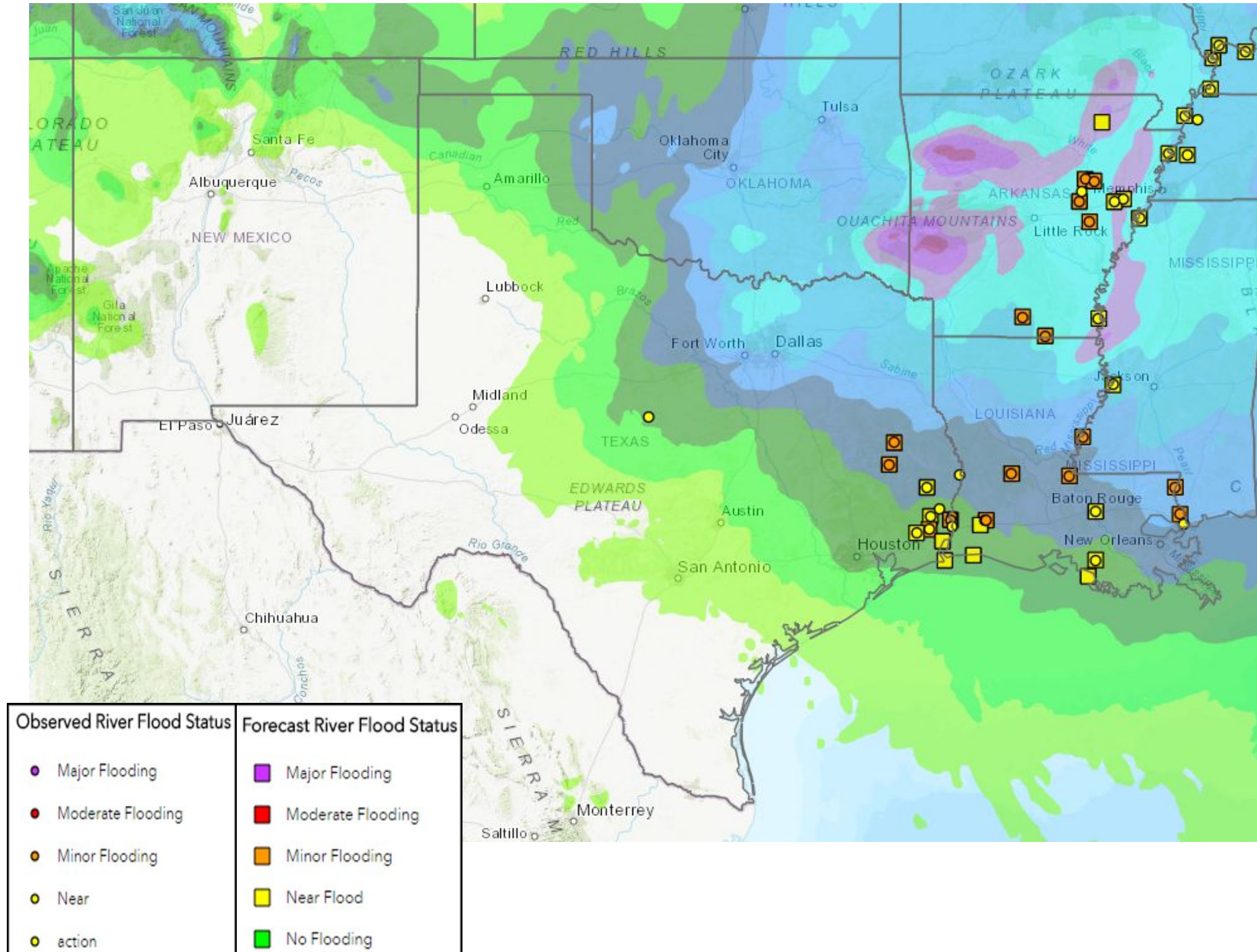
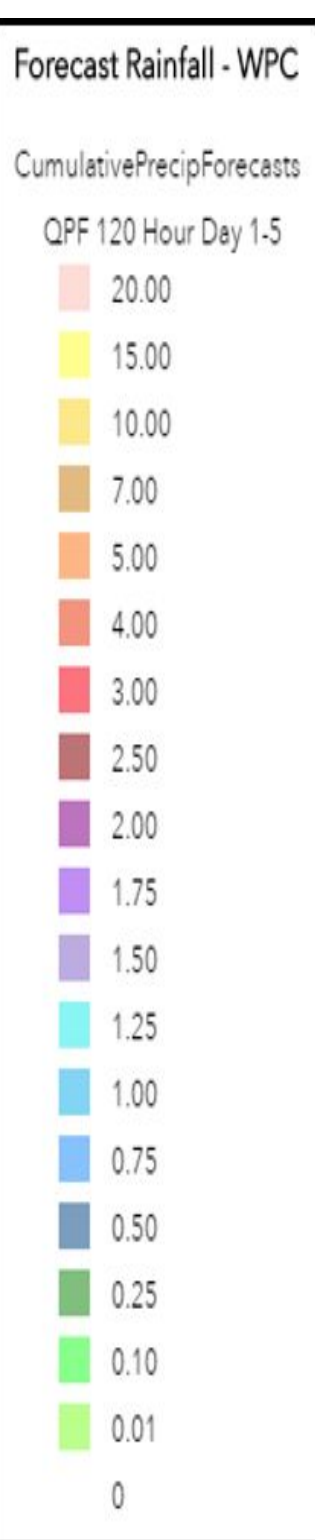
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



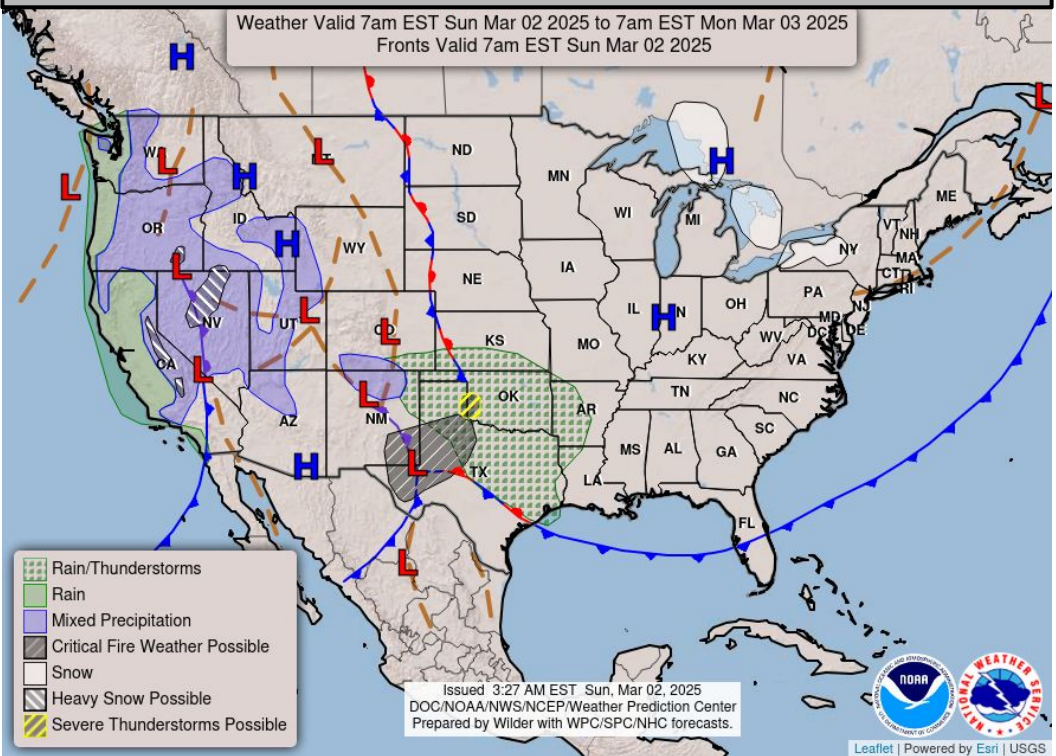
Minor river flooding will continue in E TX, AR, LA through the week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.



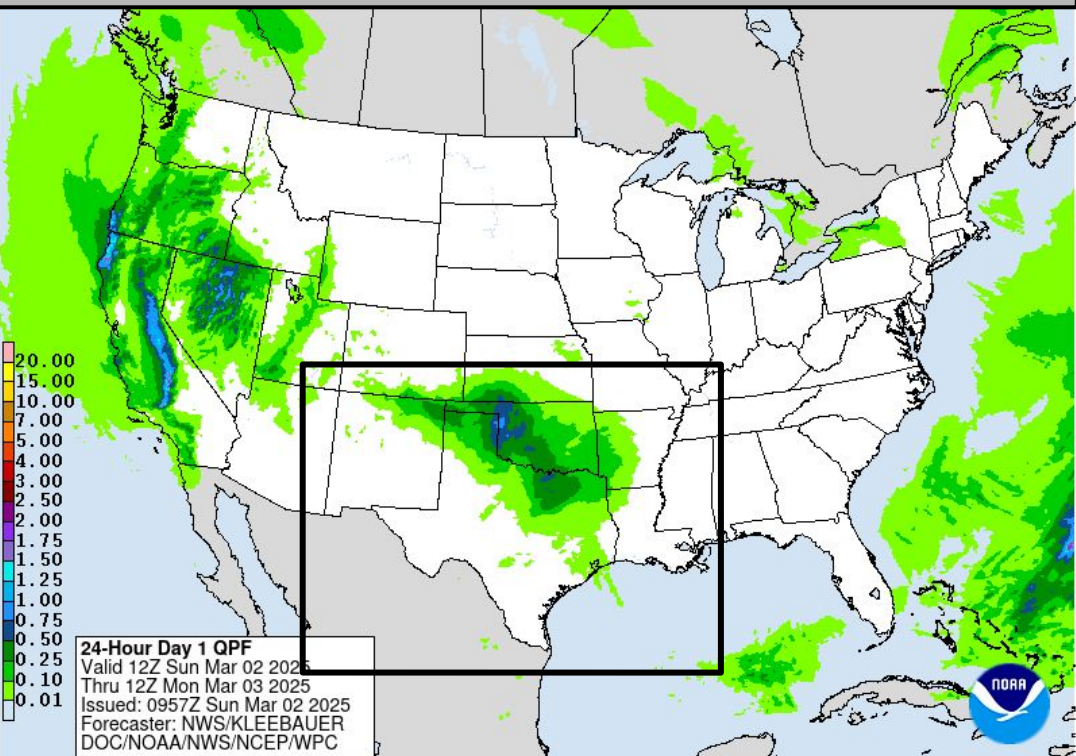


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



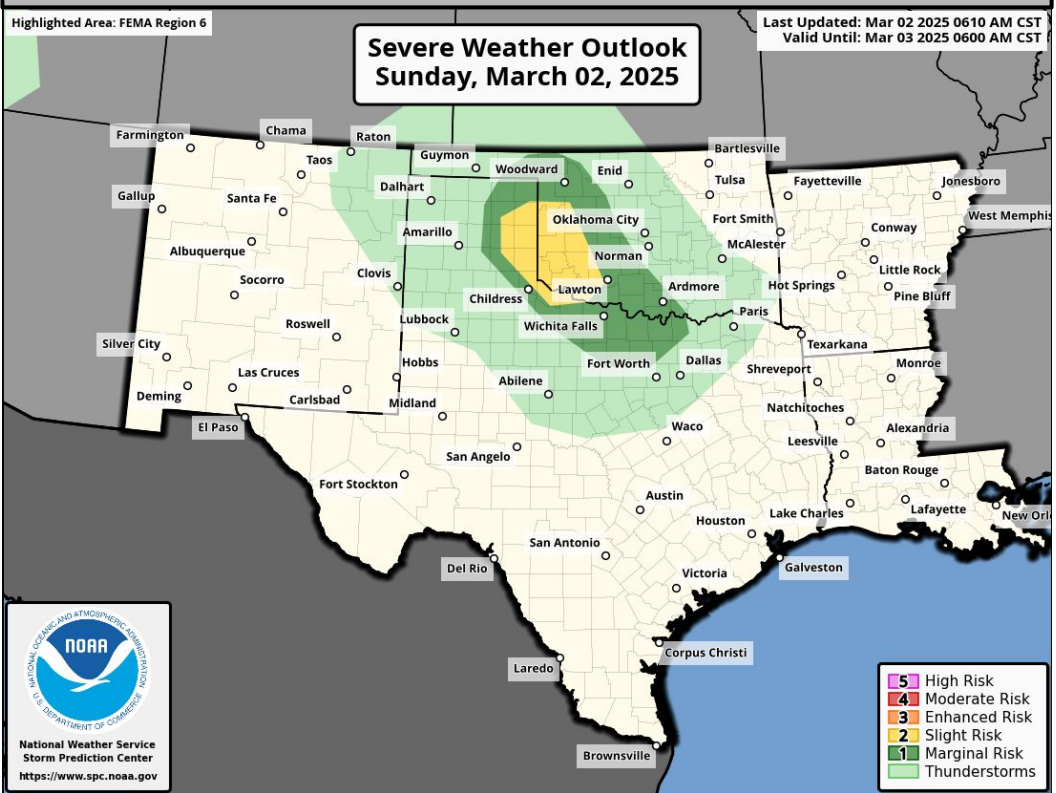
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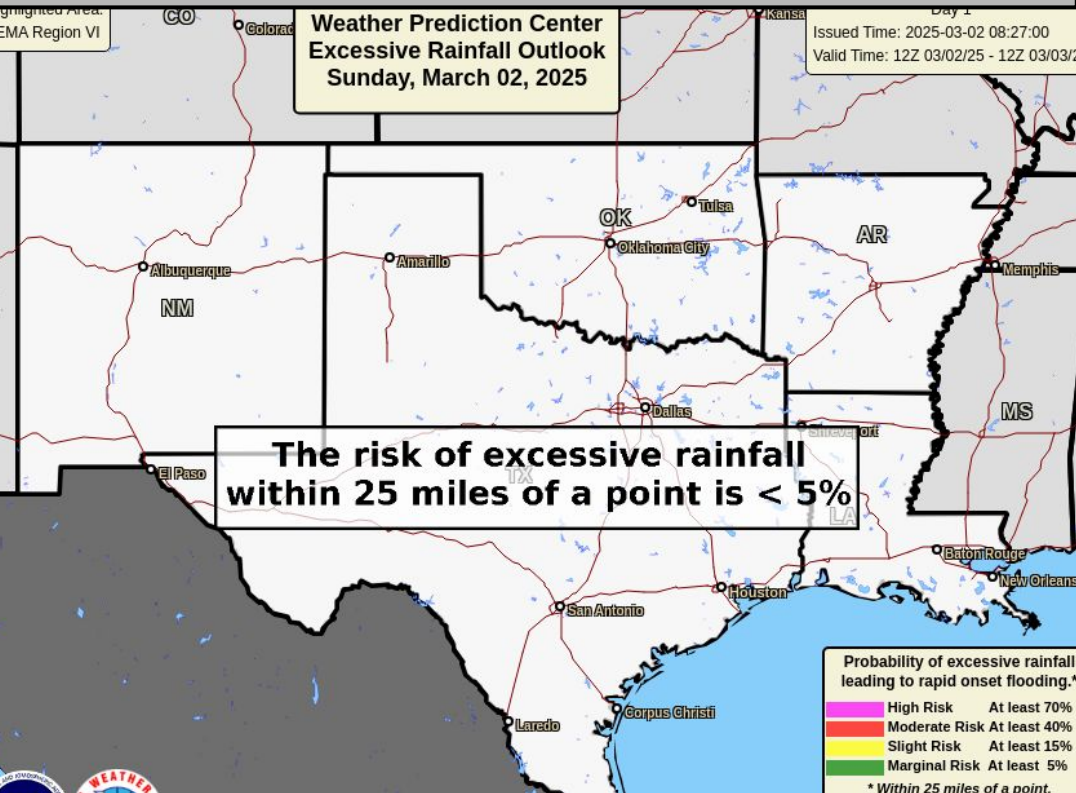
Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, W OK.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather in W OK, E TX Panhandle. Timing for severe threat: noon-7pm.

Severe Weather Outlook

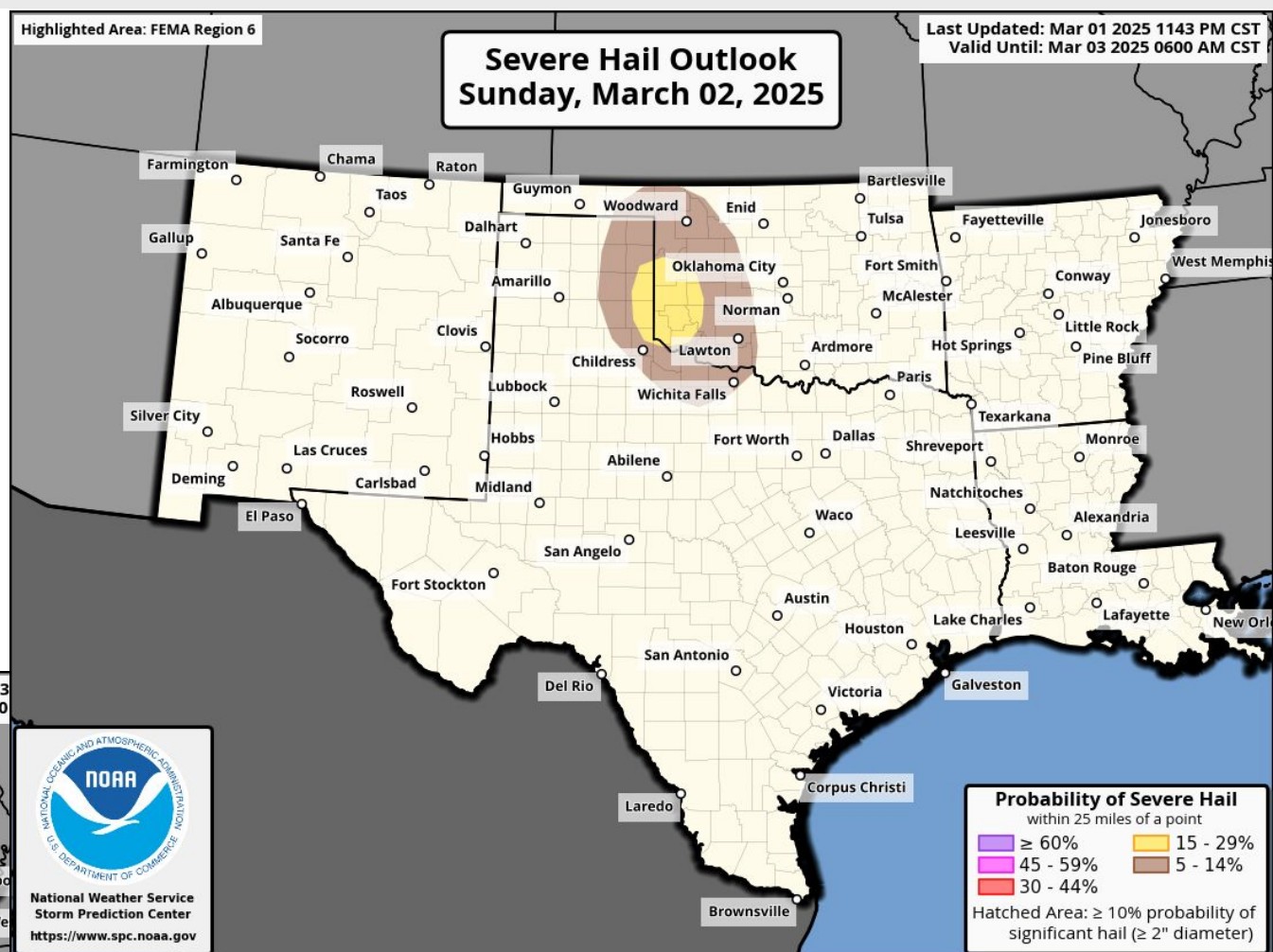
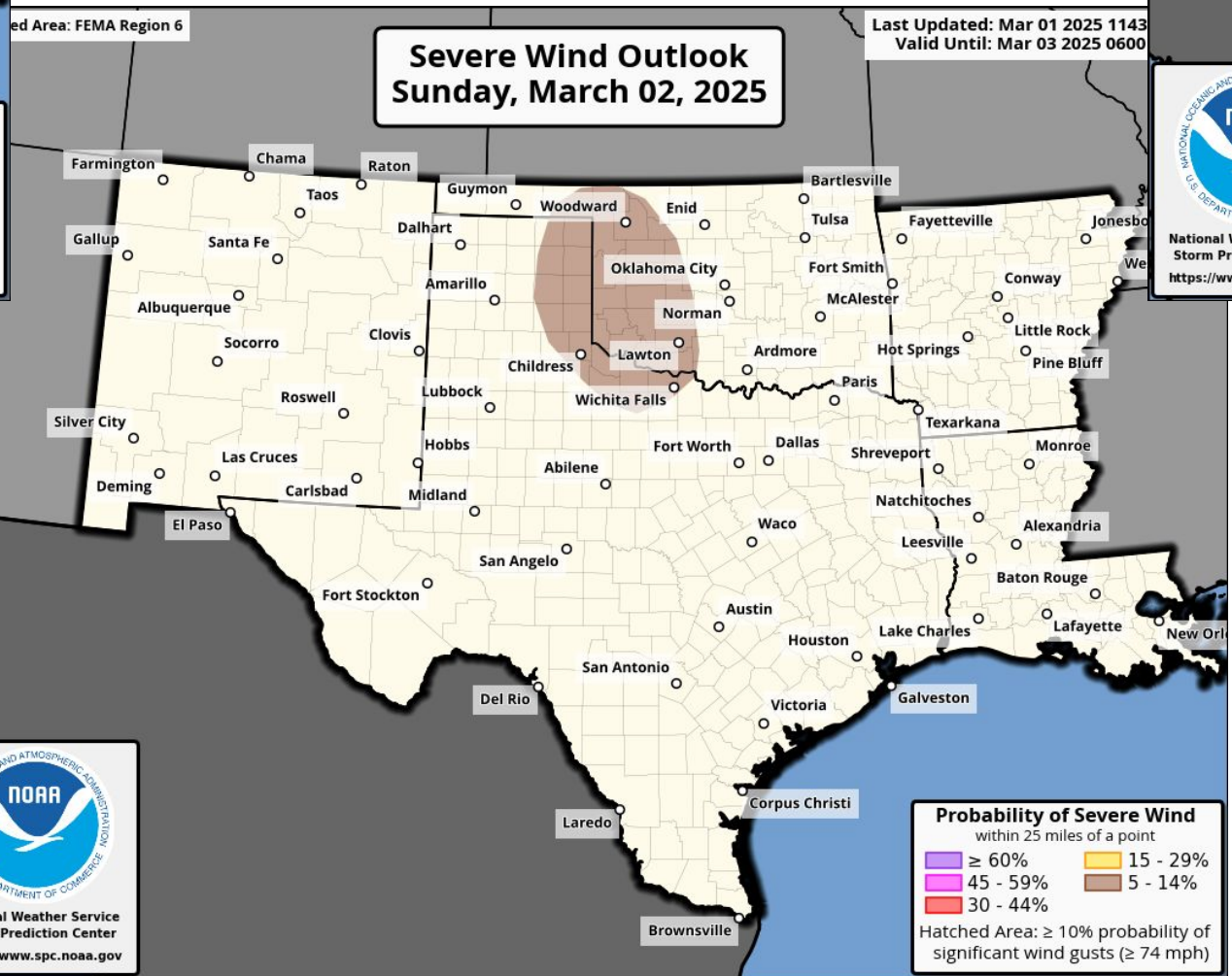
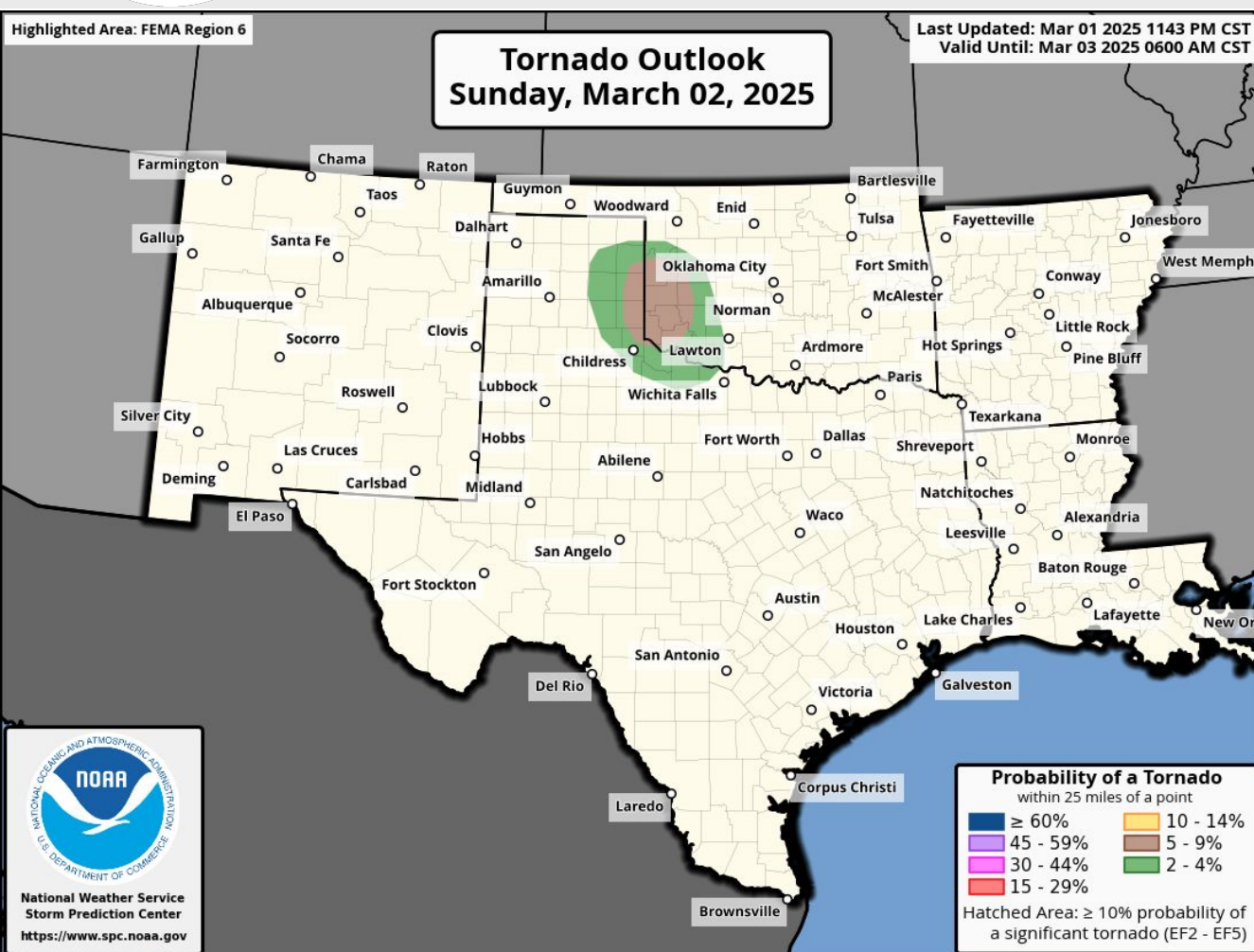


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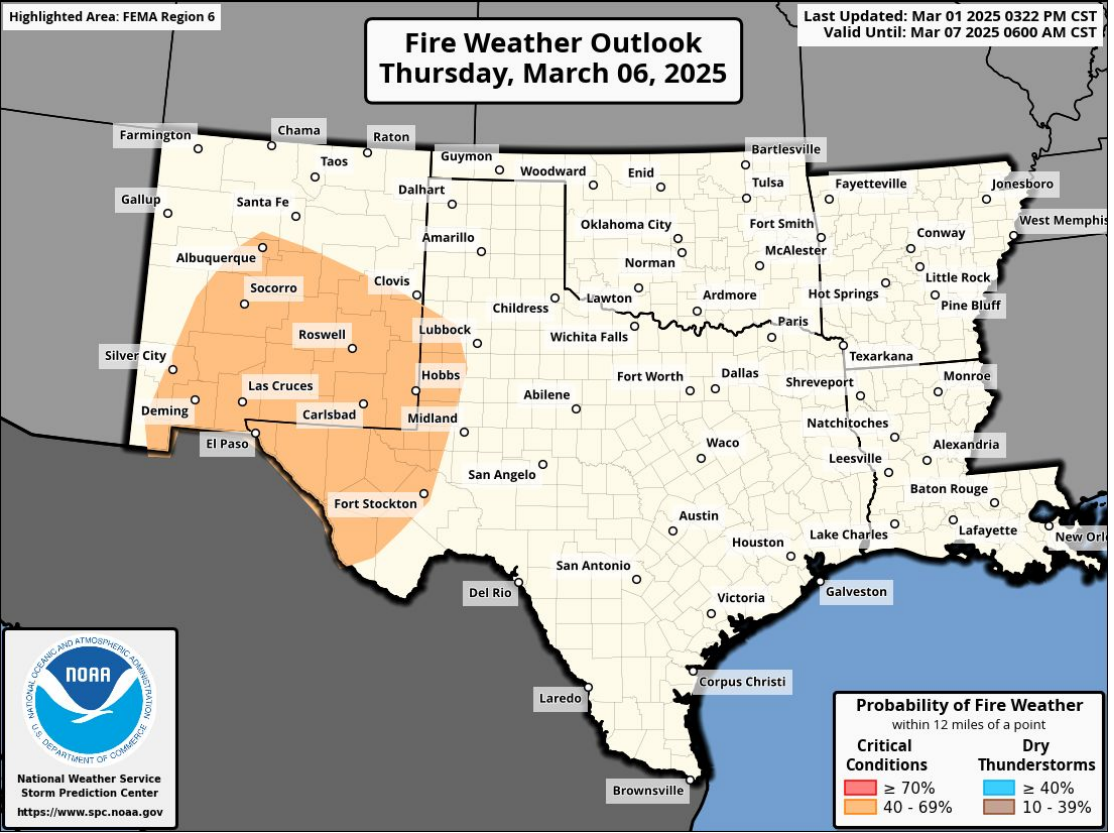
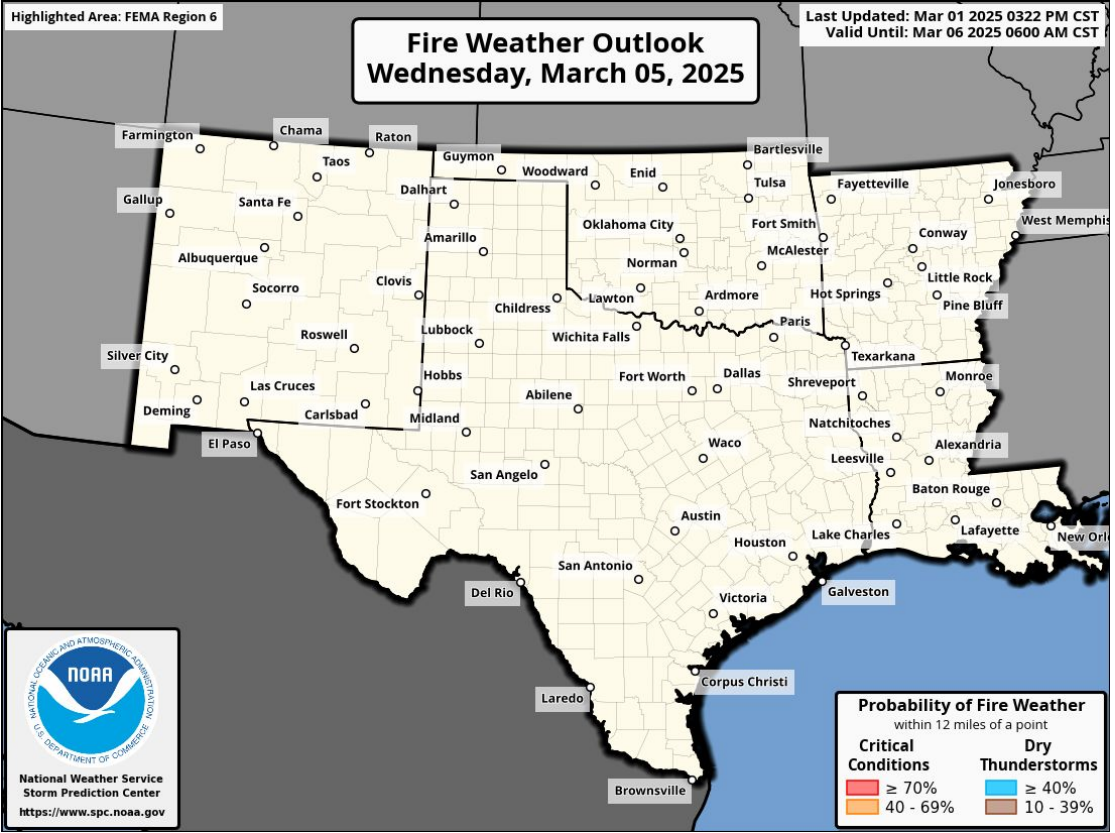
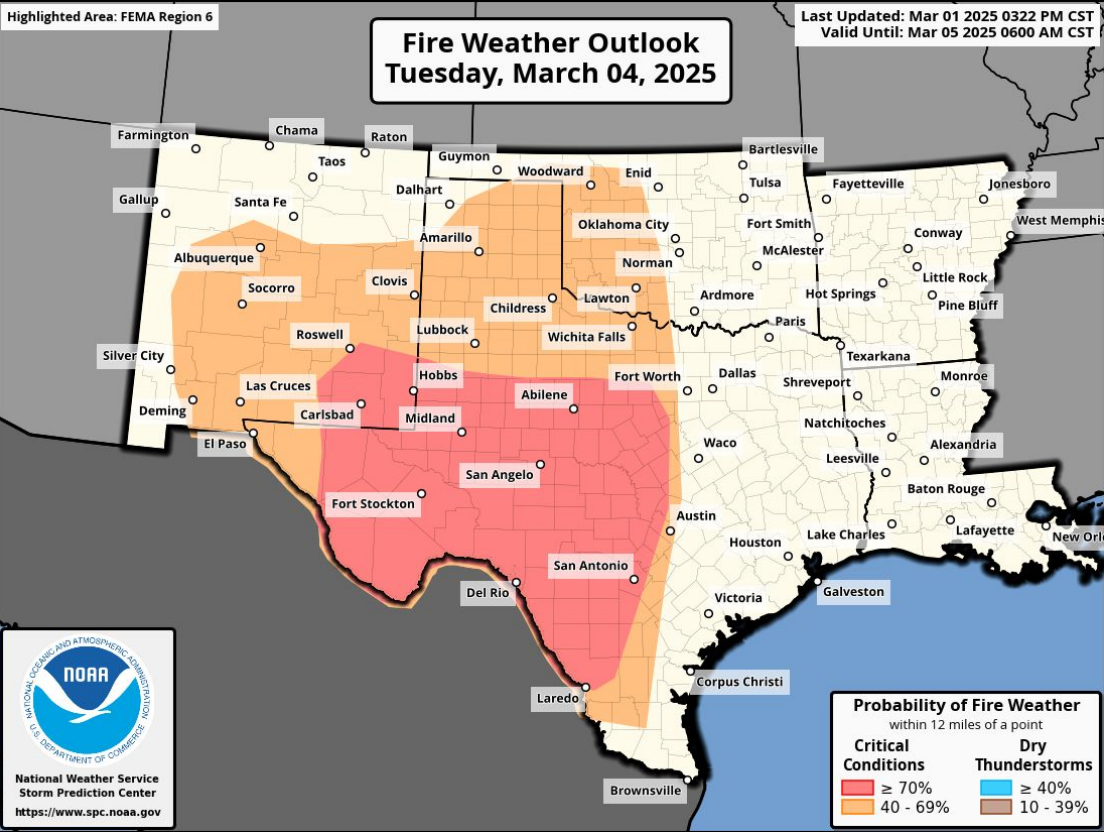
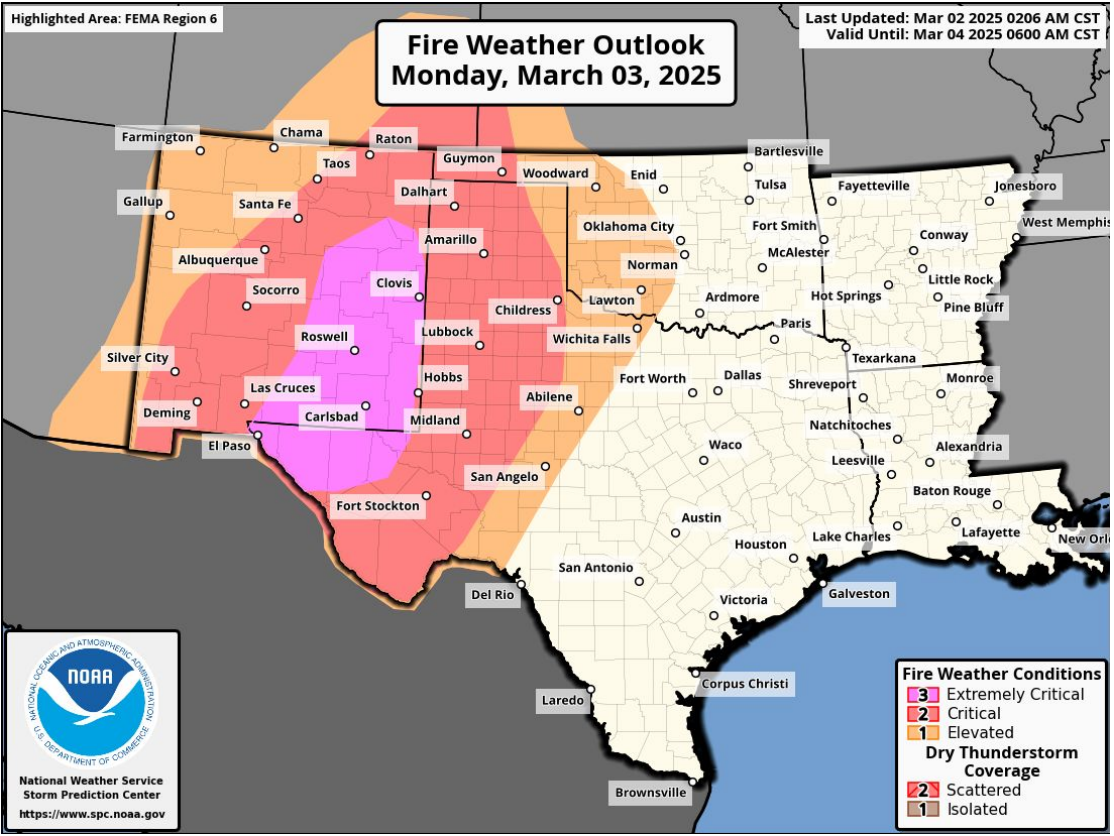
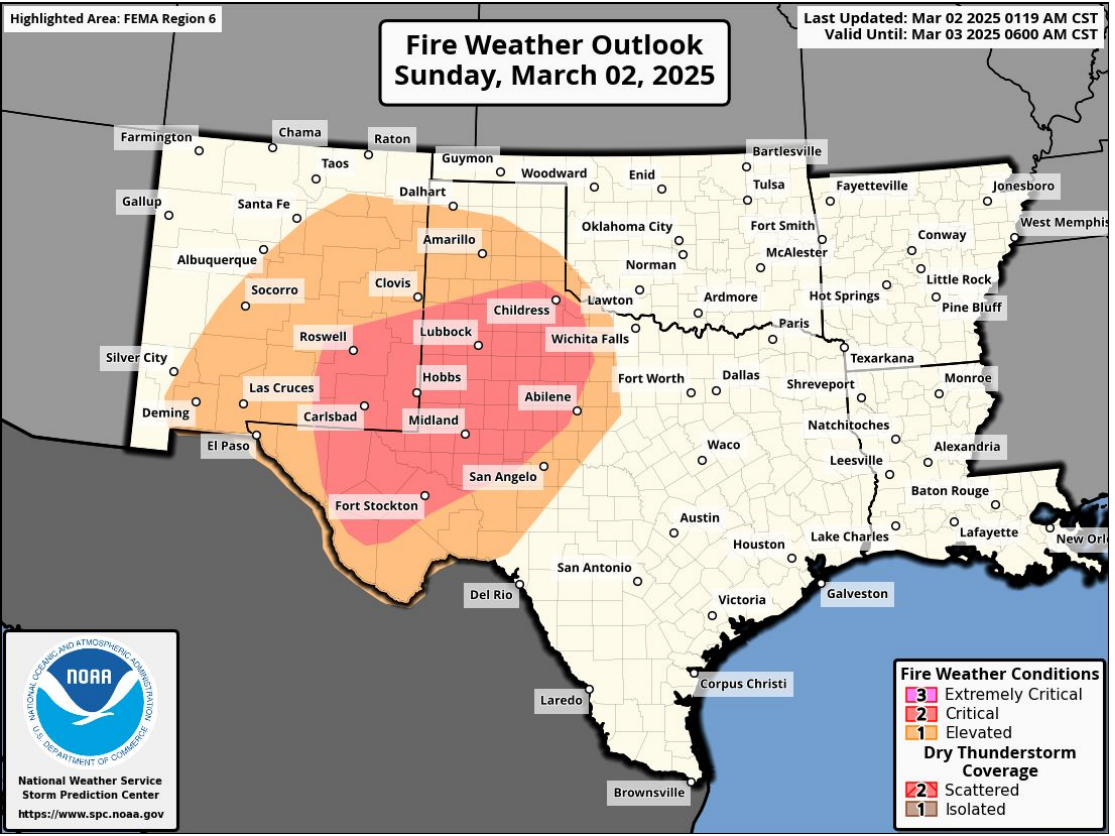
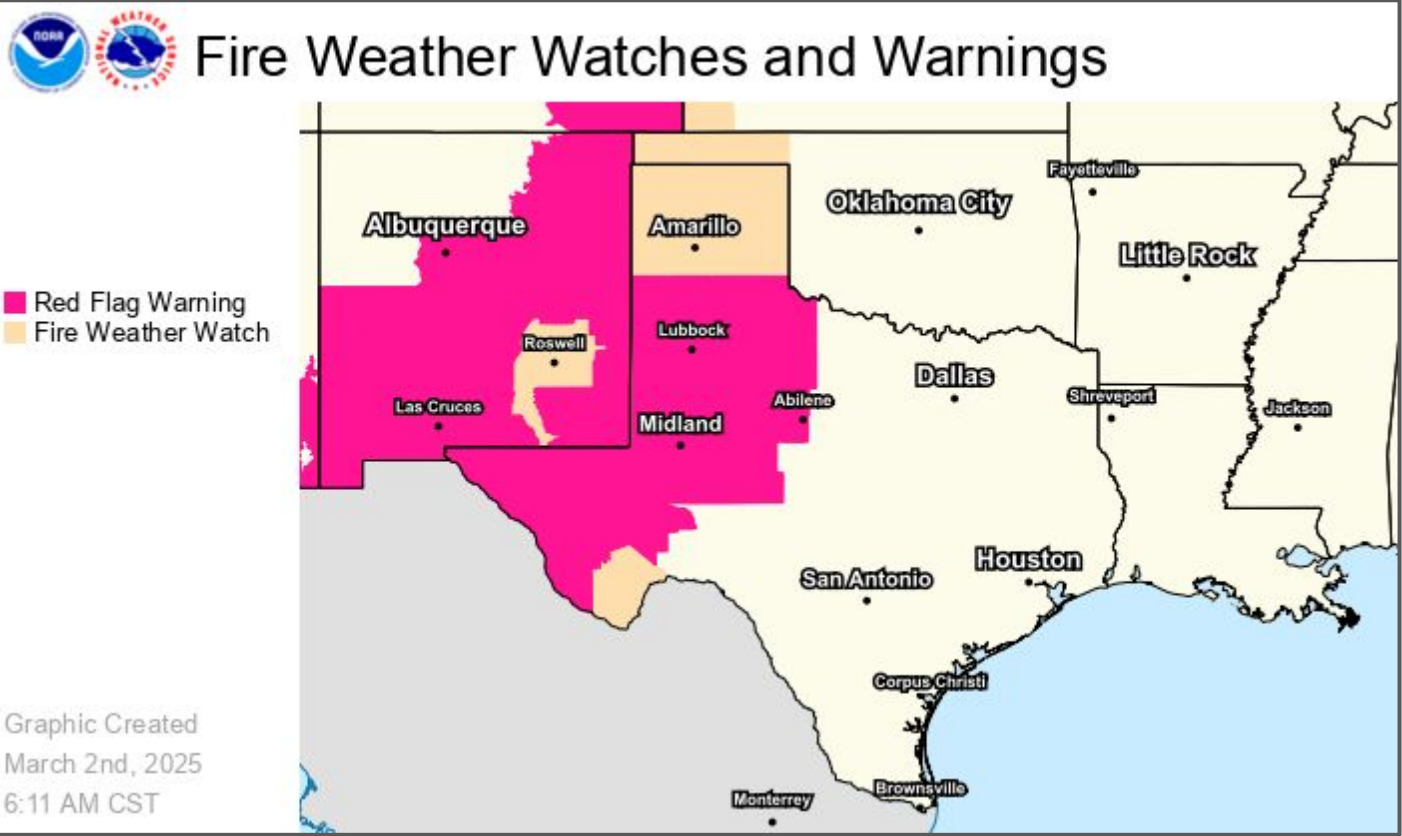


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





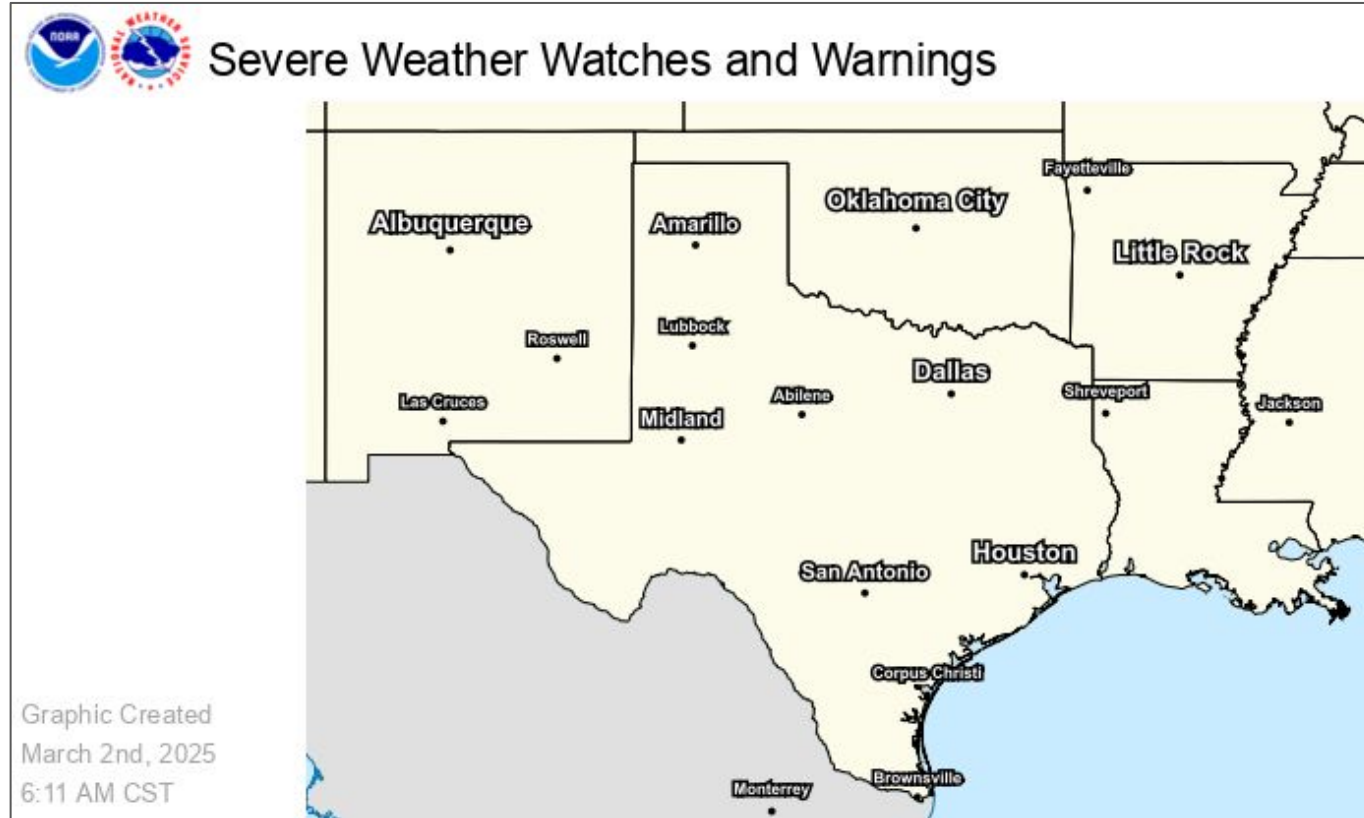
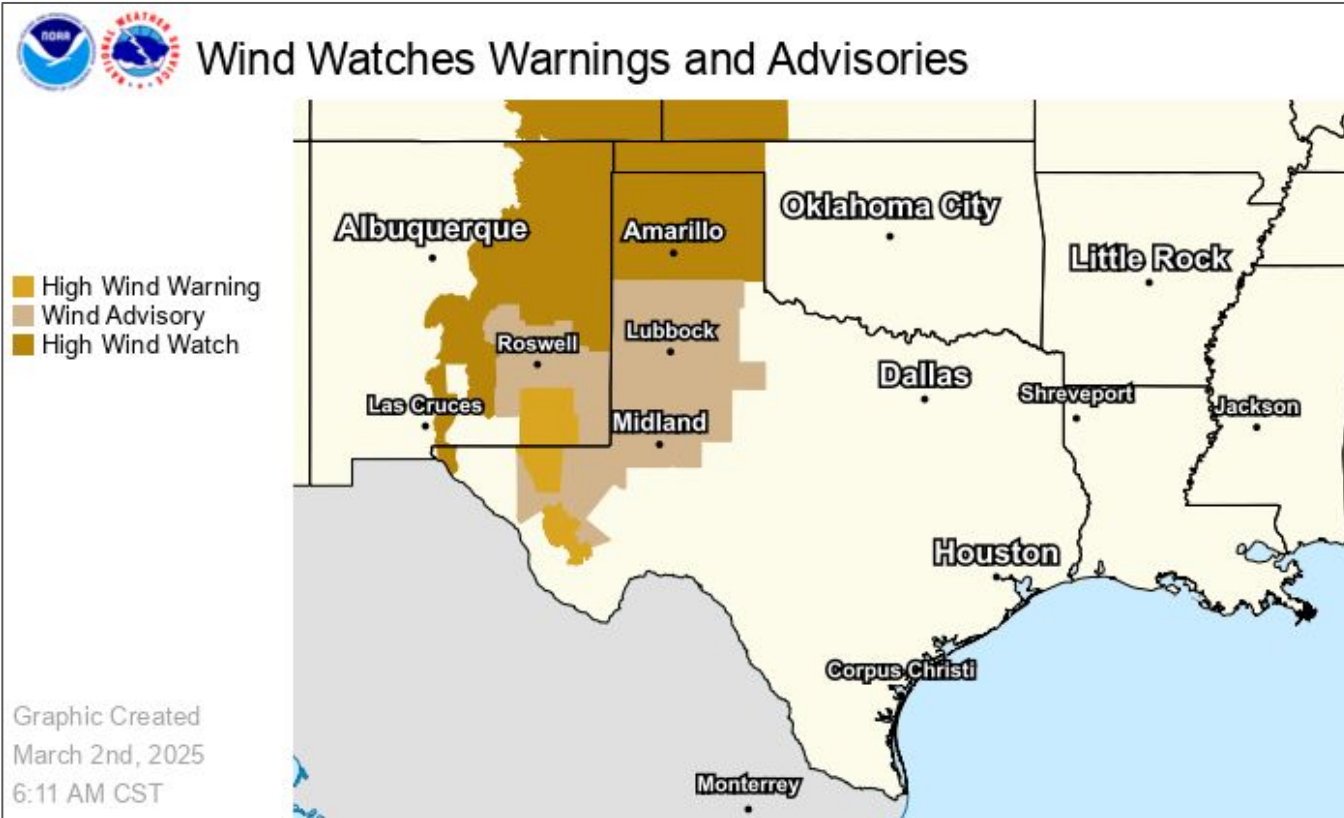
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



High Wind Warning in SE NM, W TX today until 9pm for gusts up to 65-70mph.

High Wind Watch in E NM, TX/OK Panhandle for Monday and Tuesday for gusts up to 60-65 mph.



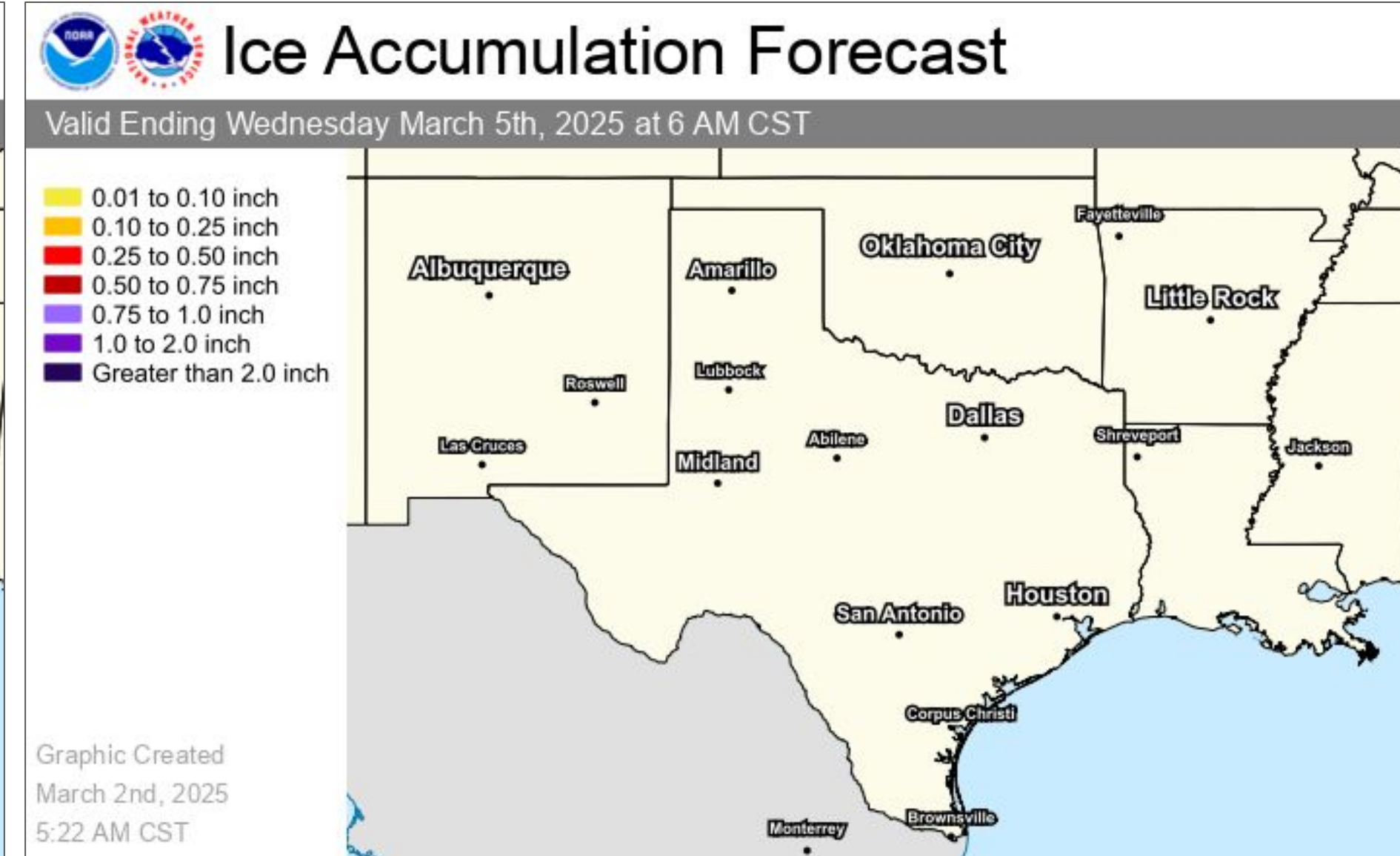
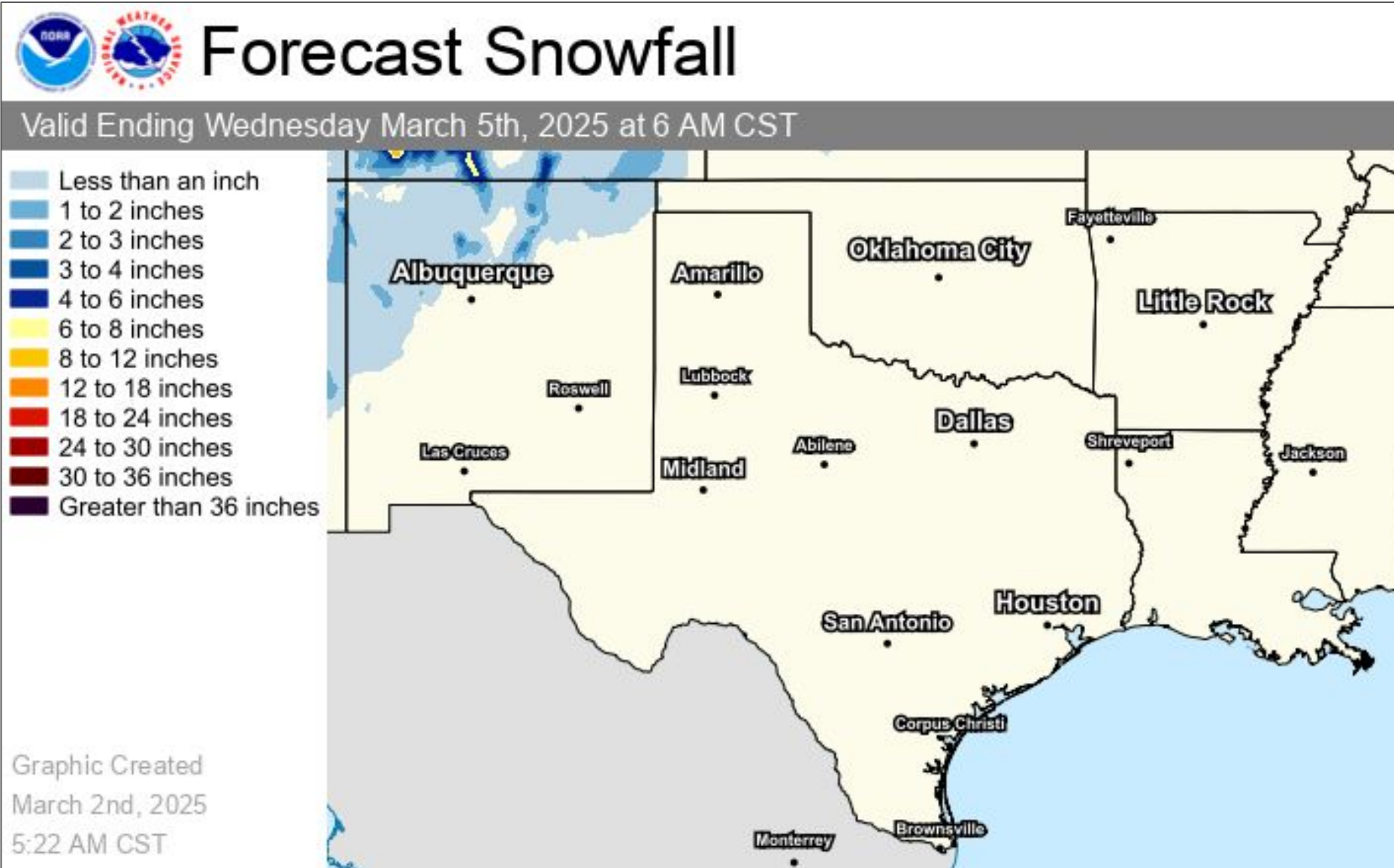
Wind Advisory in S NM, W TX today until 7pm for gusts up to 50-55mph.





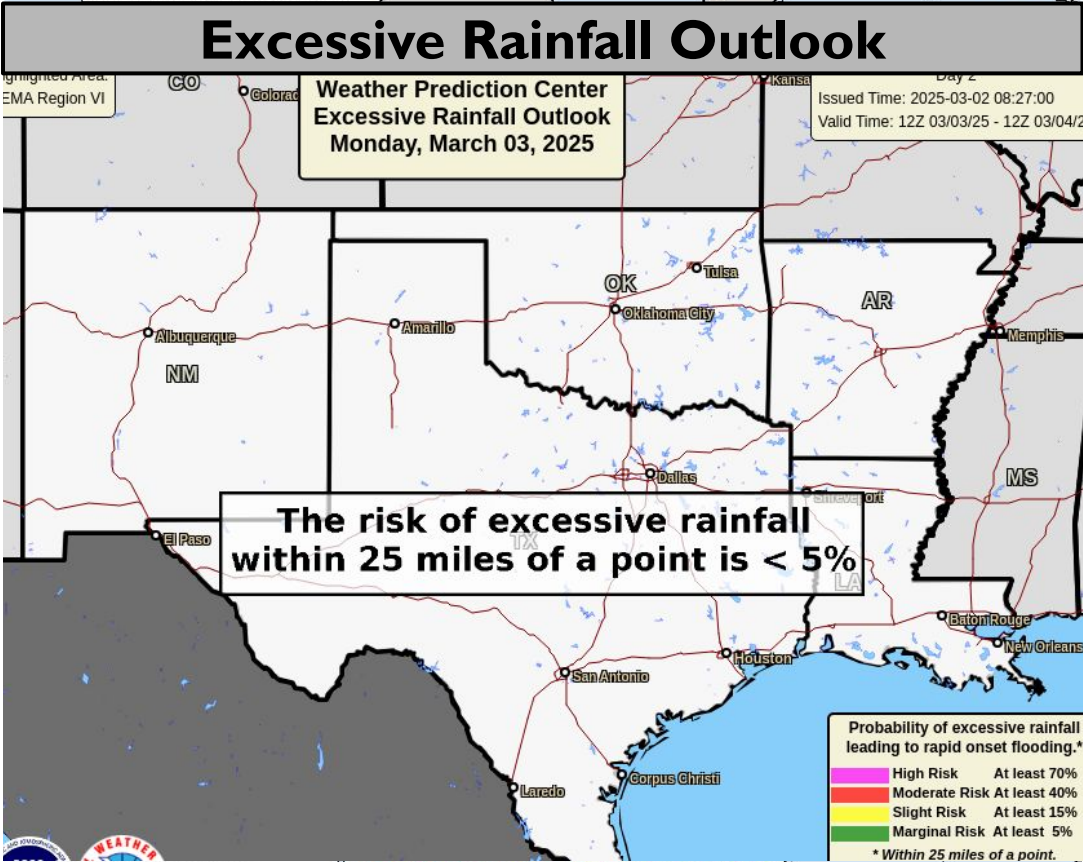
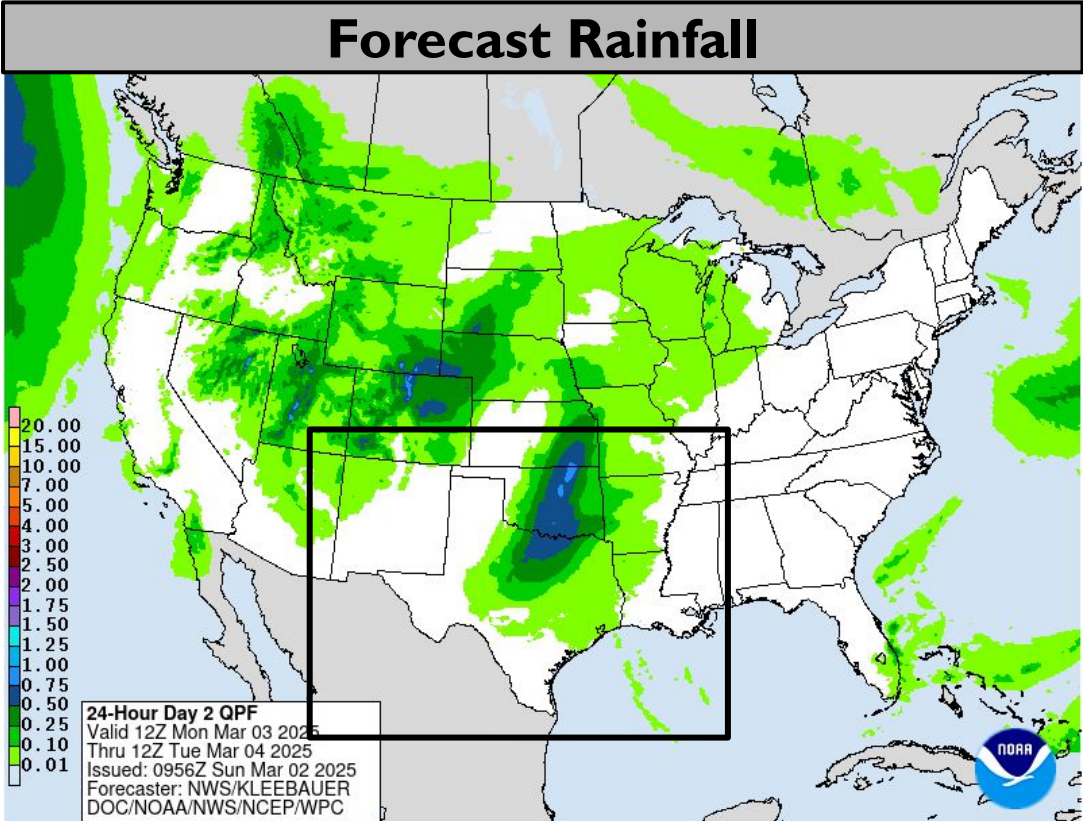
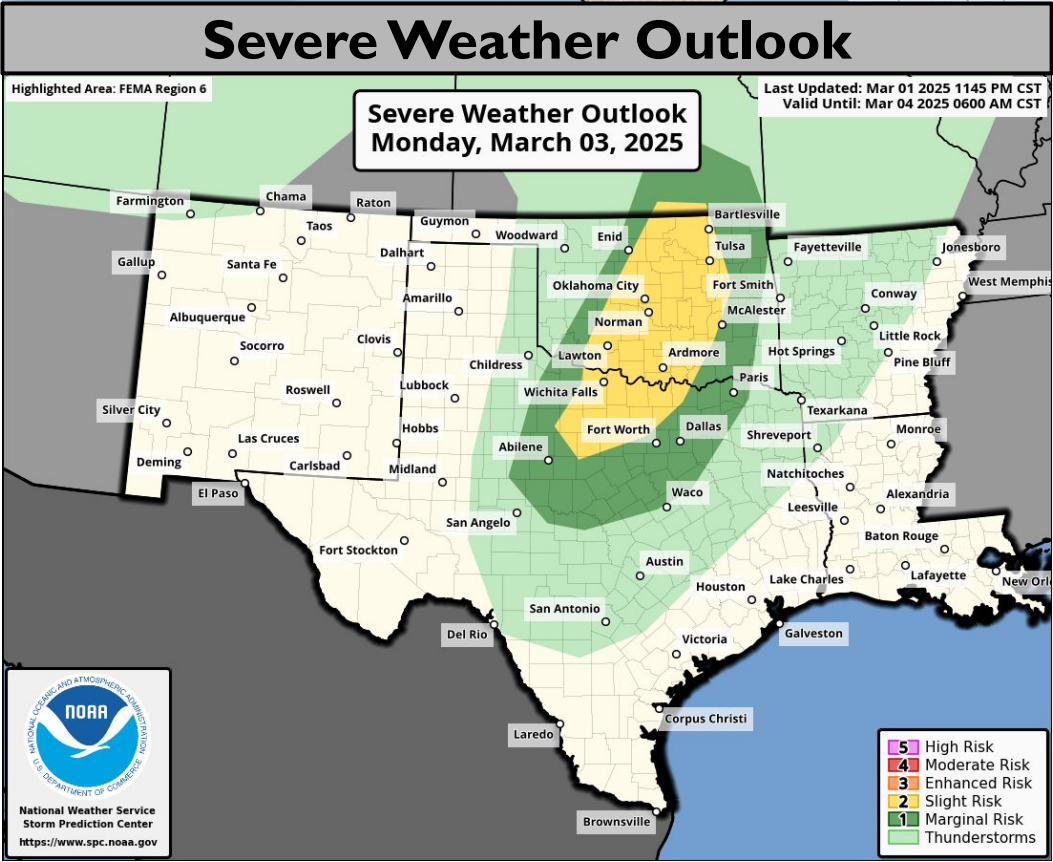
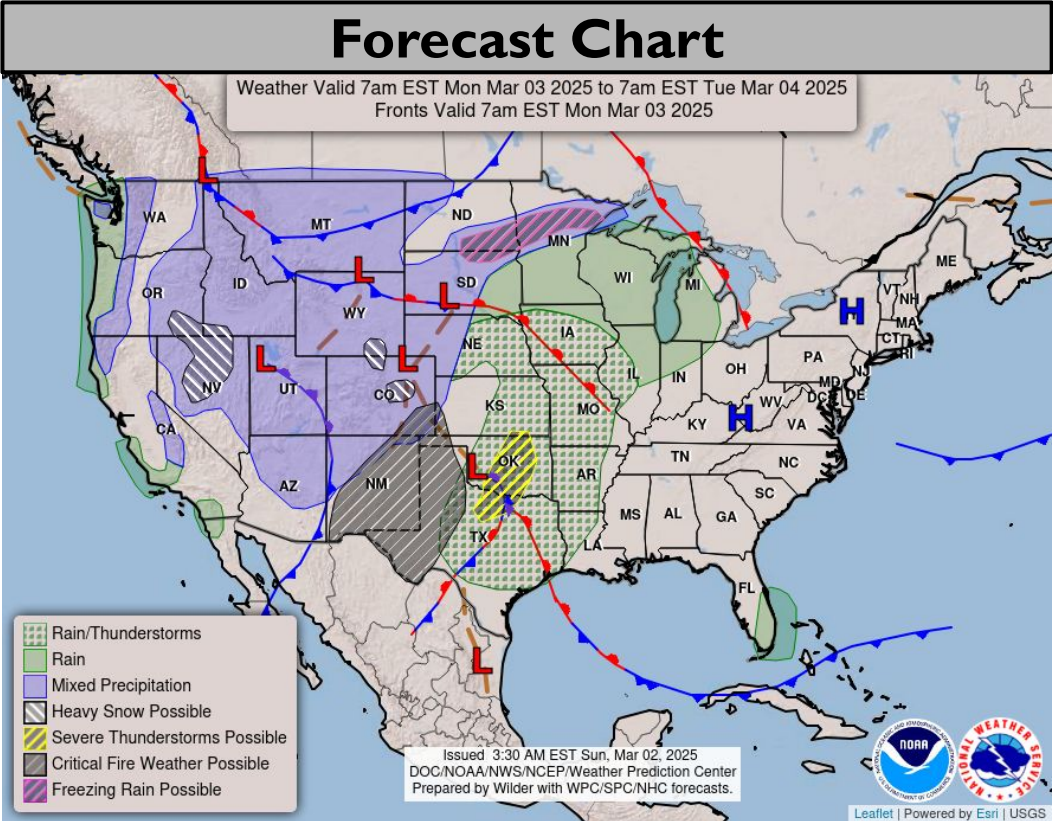
Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days





Tomorrow's Weather



Extreme (level 3 of 3) fire weather conditions in E NM, W TX.

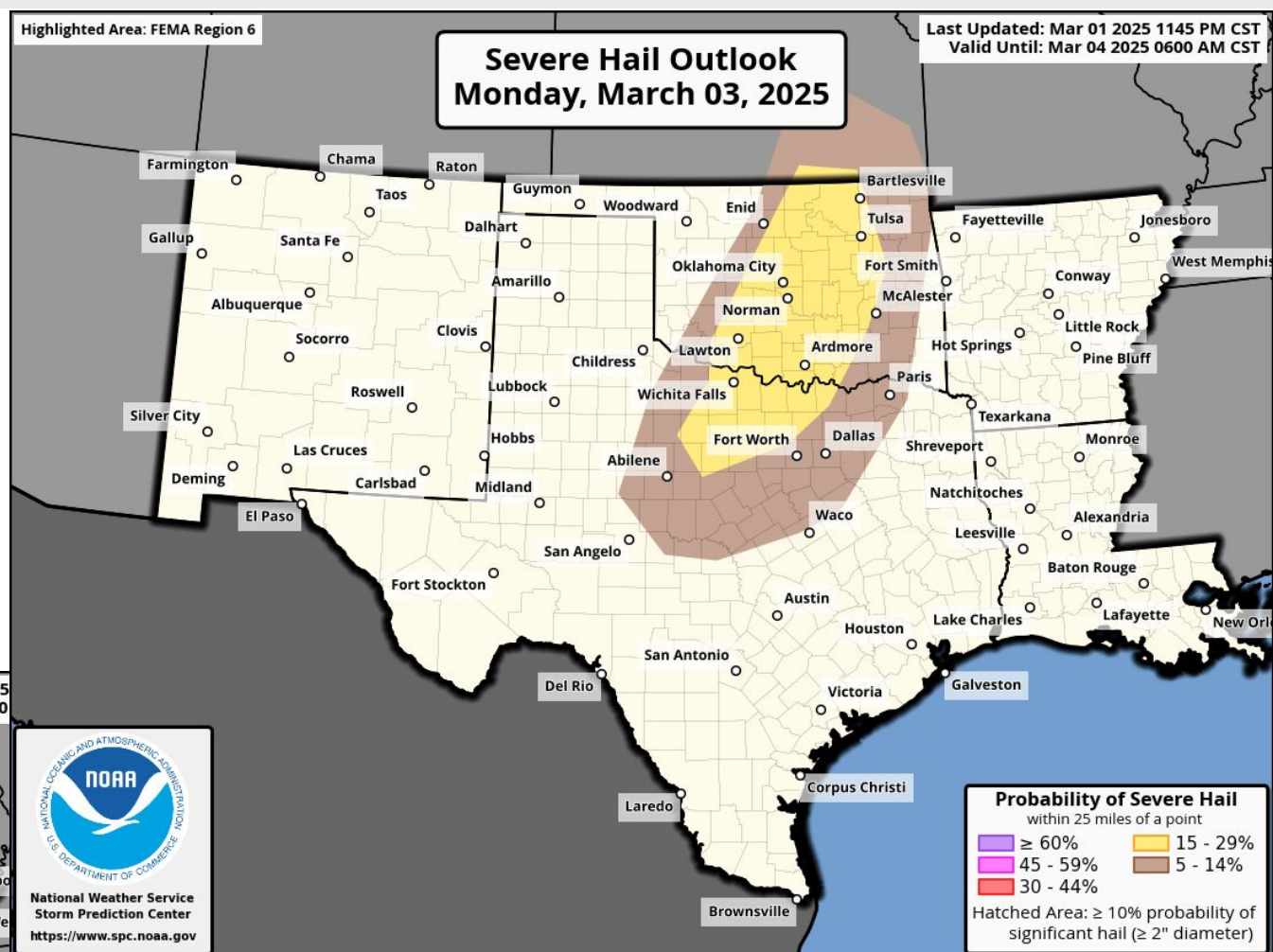
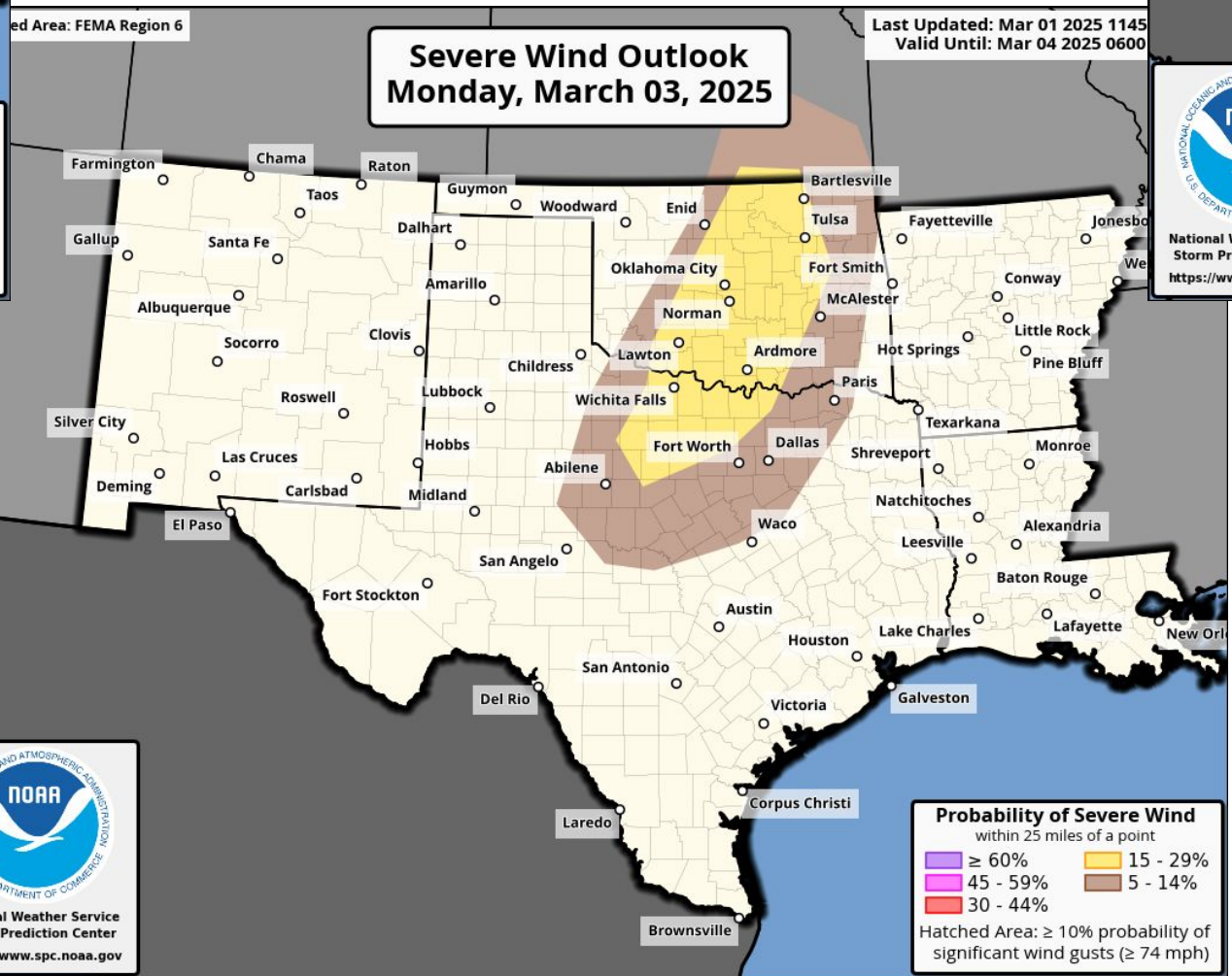
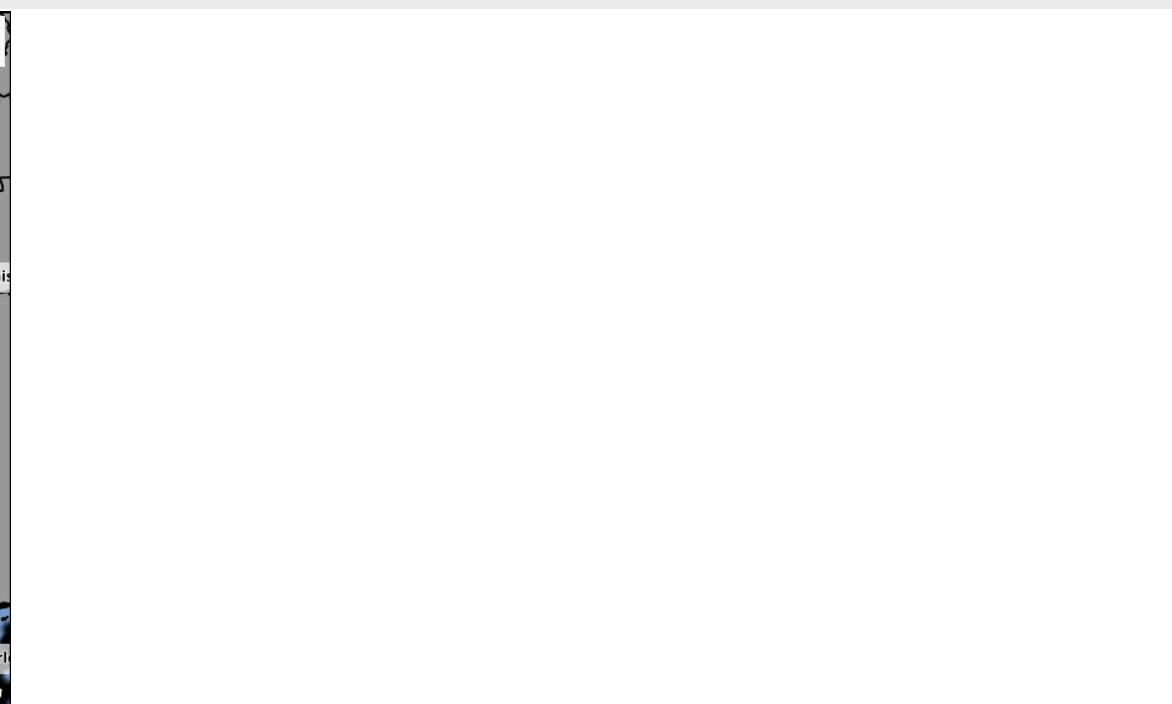
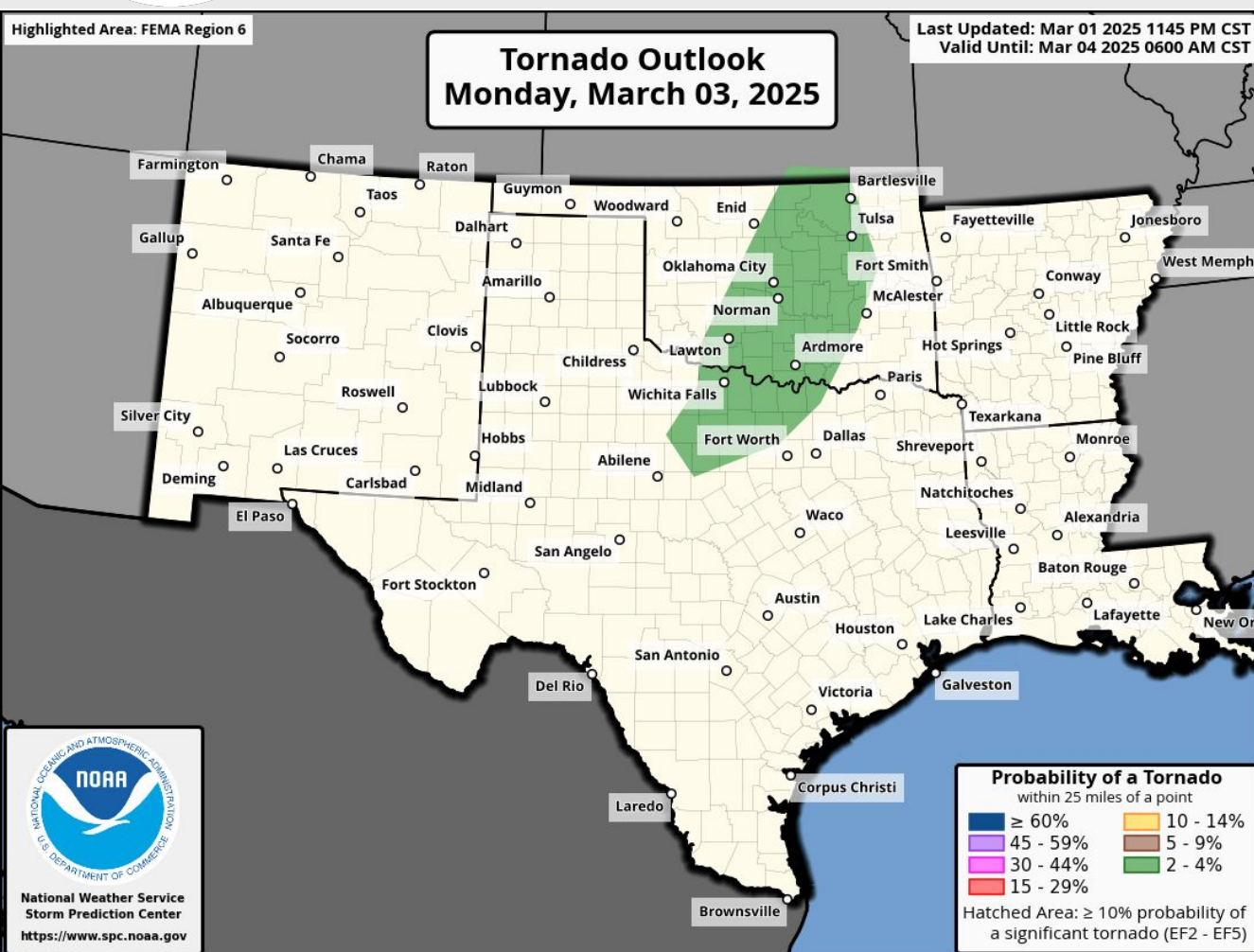
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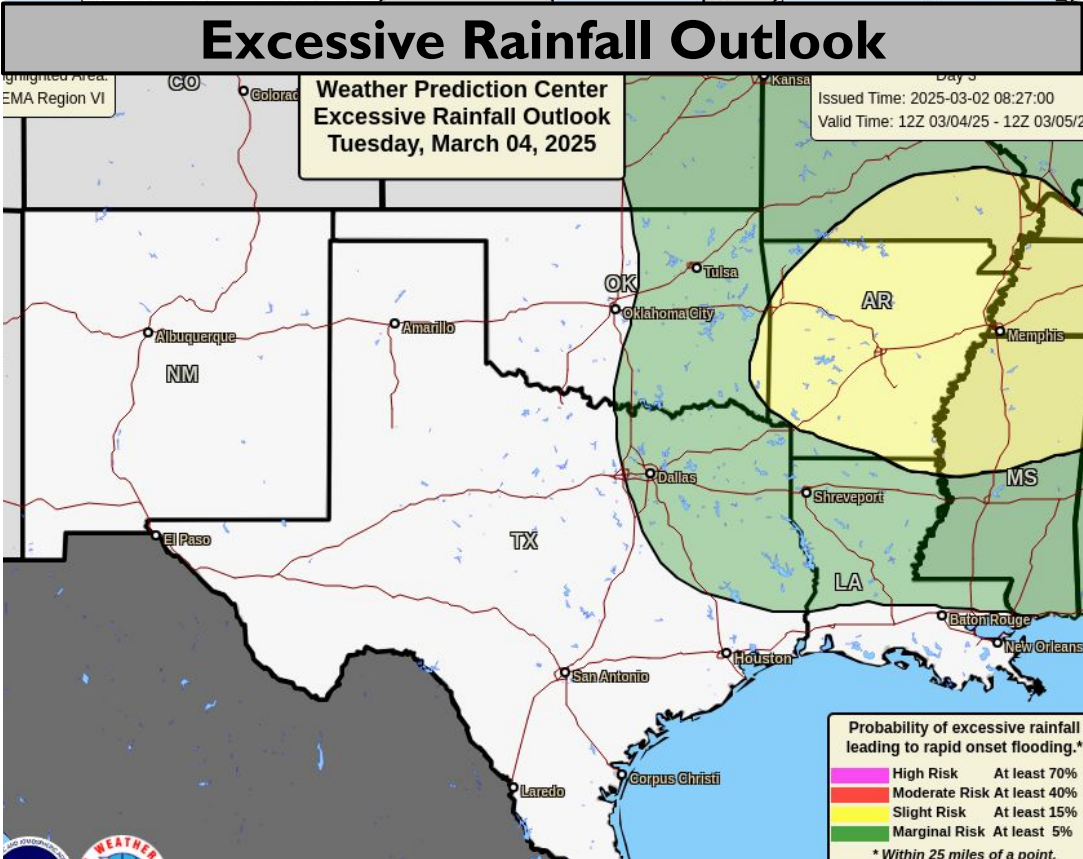
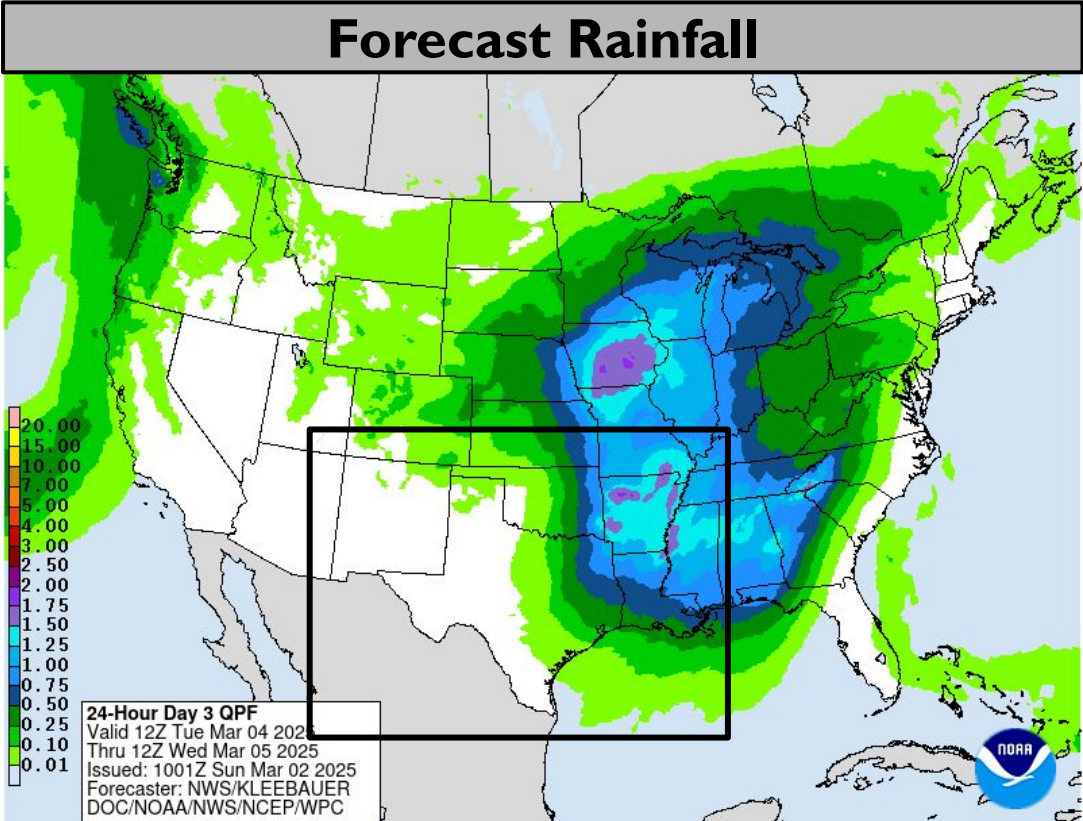
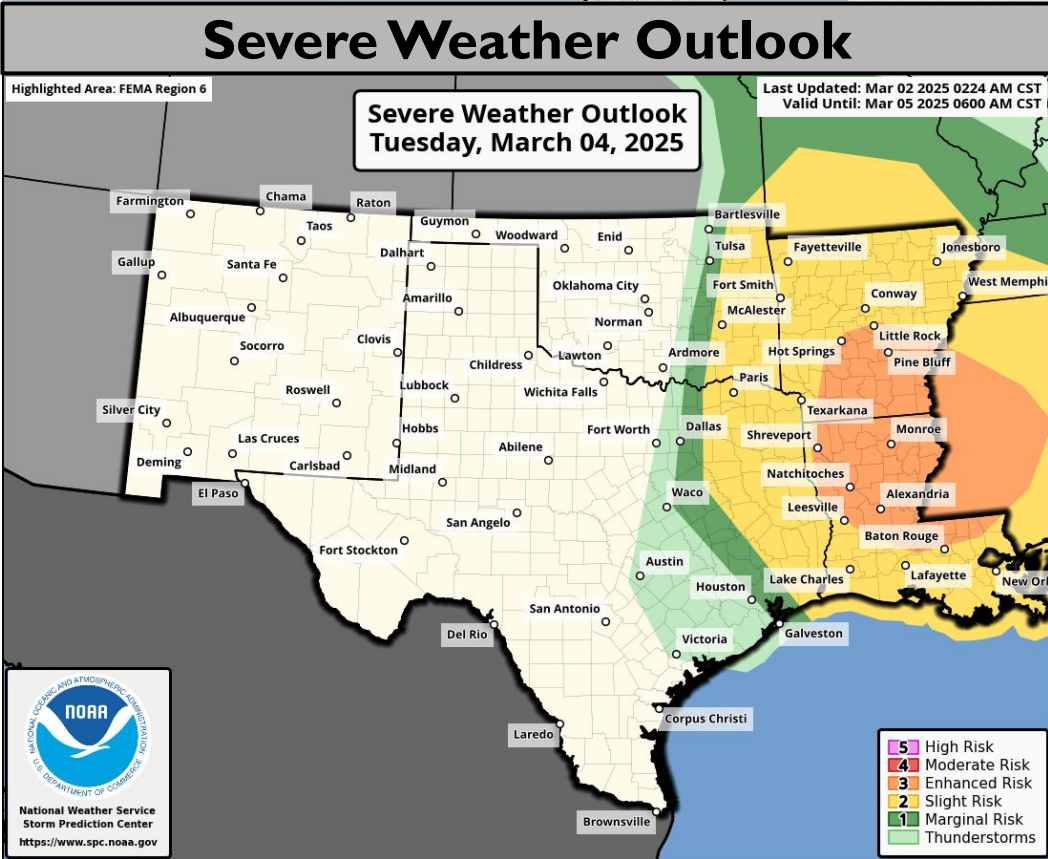
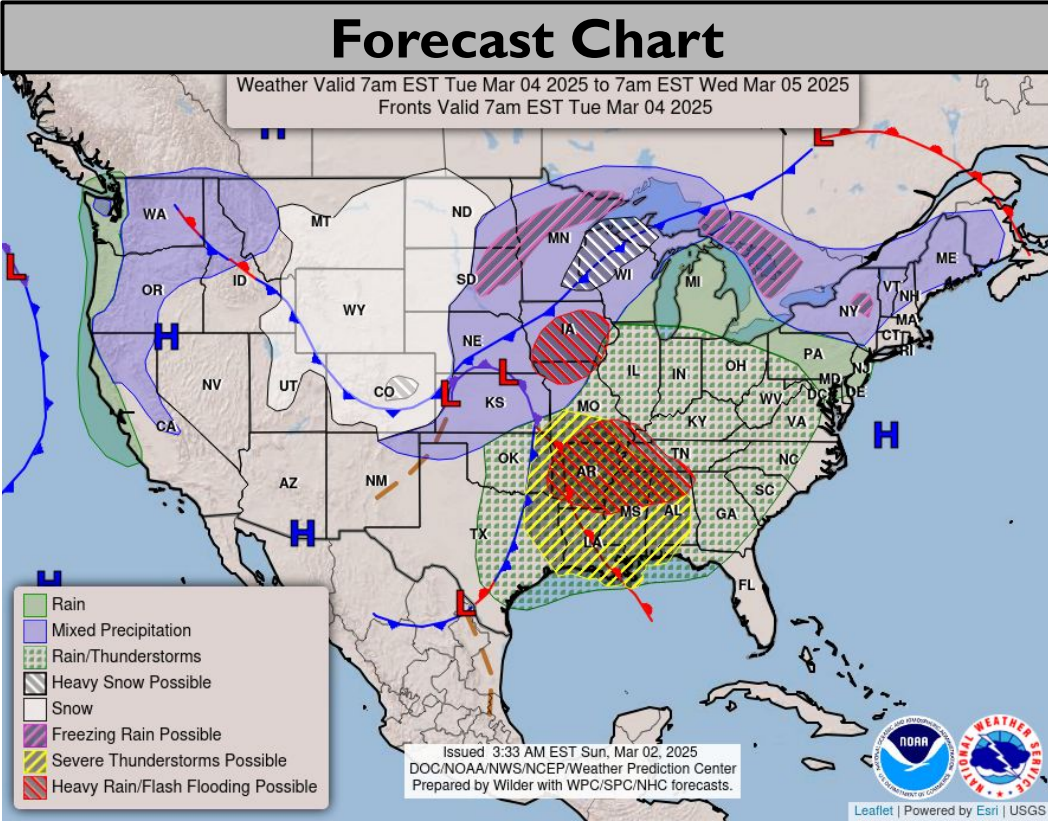


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tuesday's Weather



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms in S AR and N LA.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in E OK, AR, ETX, and LA.

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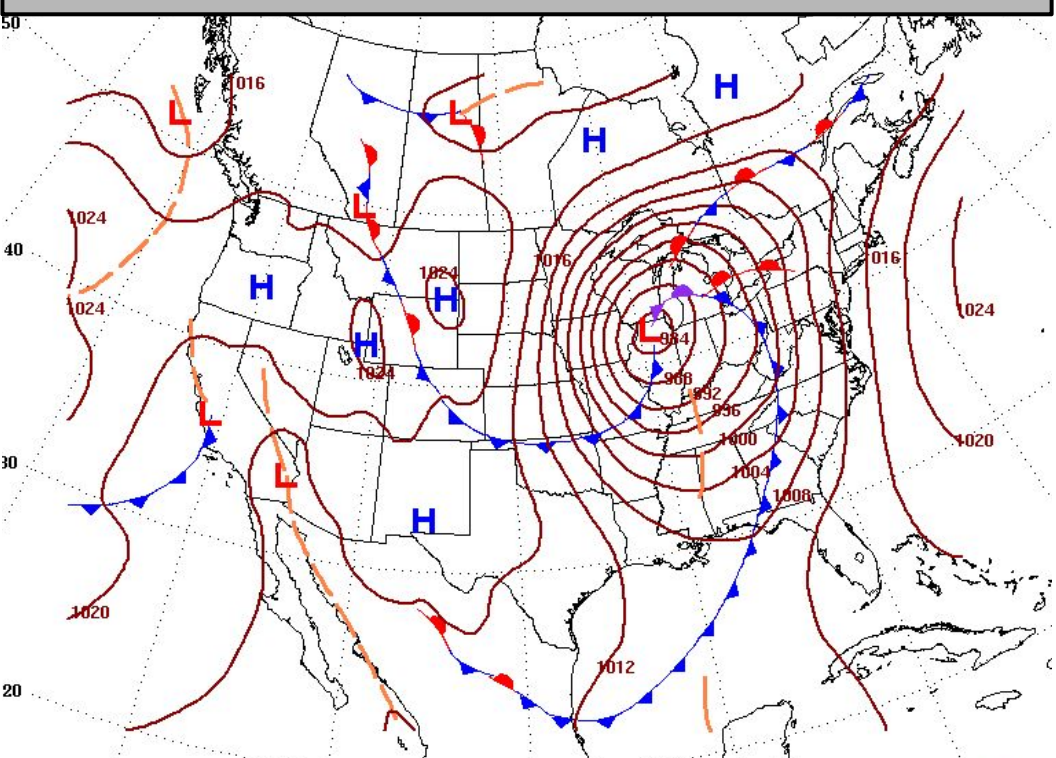
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for heavy rain leading to flash flooding in AR.



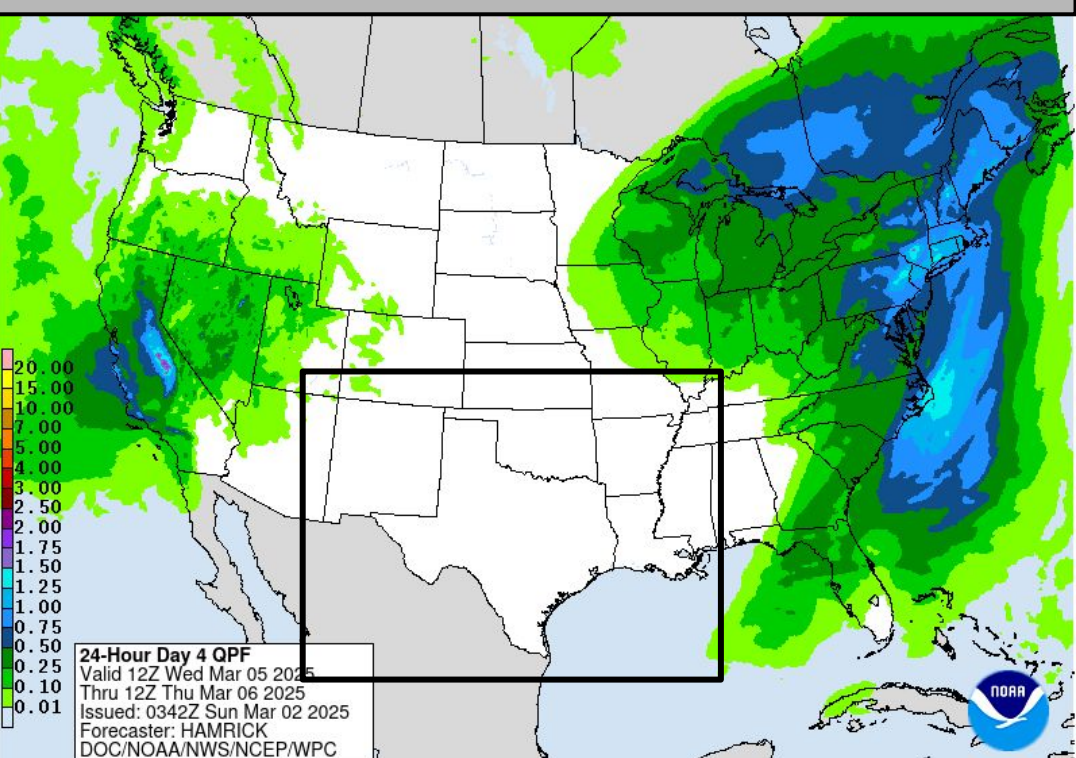


Wednesday's Weather

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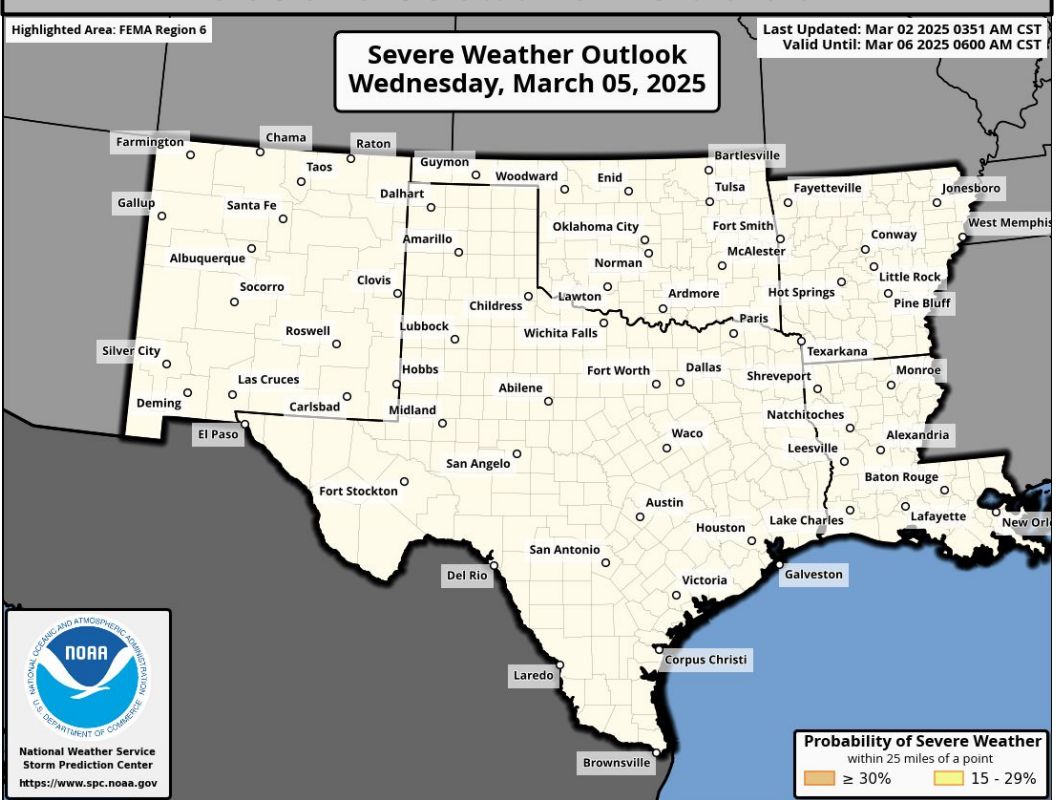


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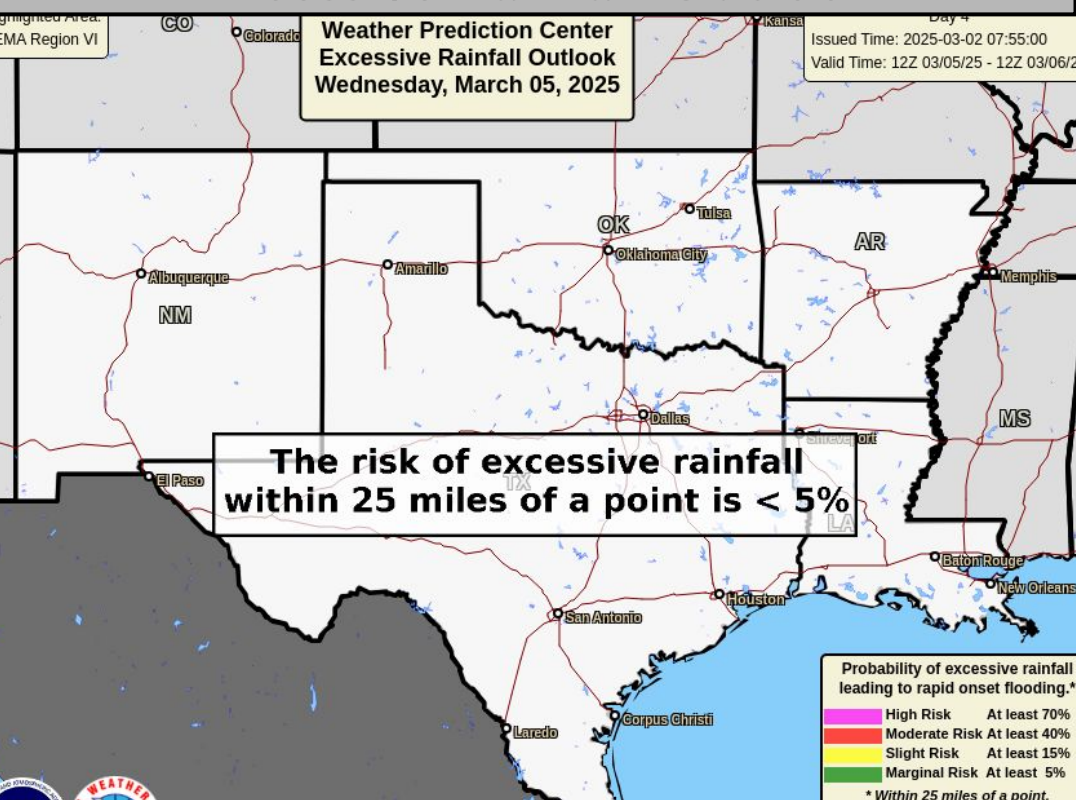


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Severe Weather Outlook



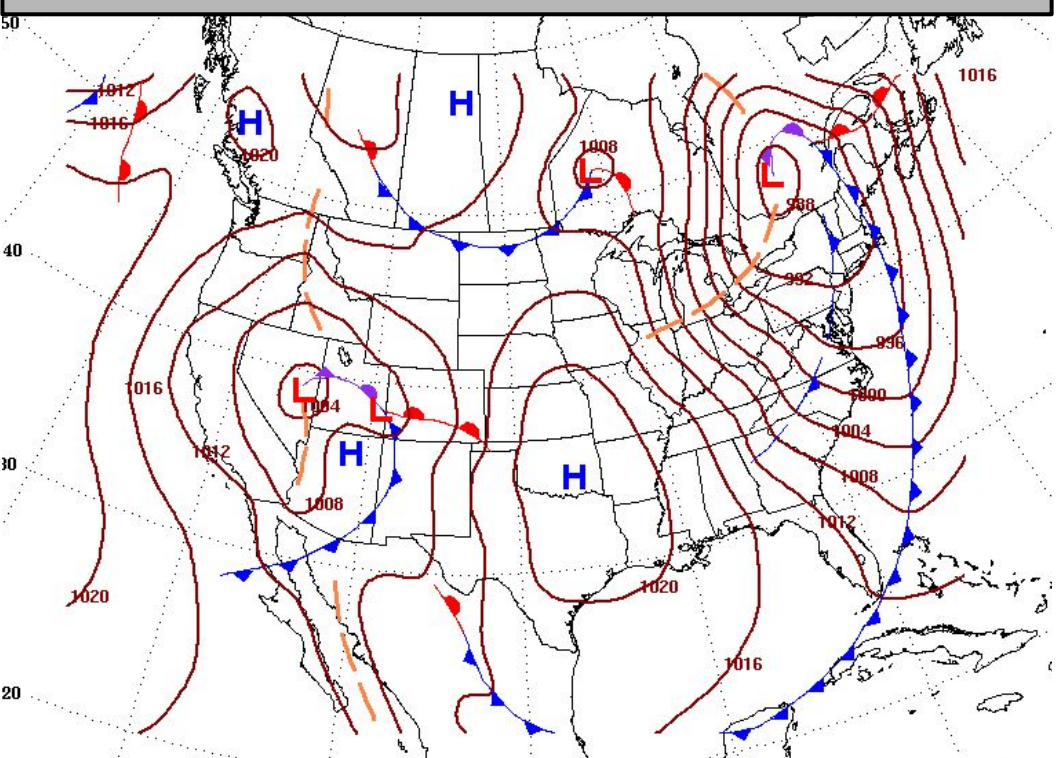
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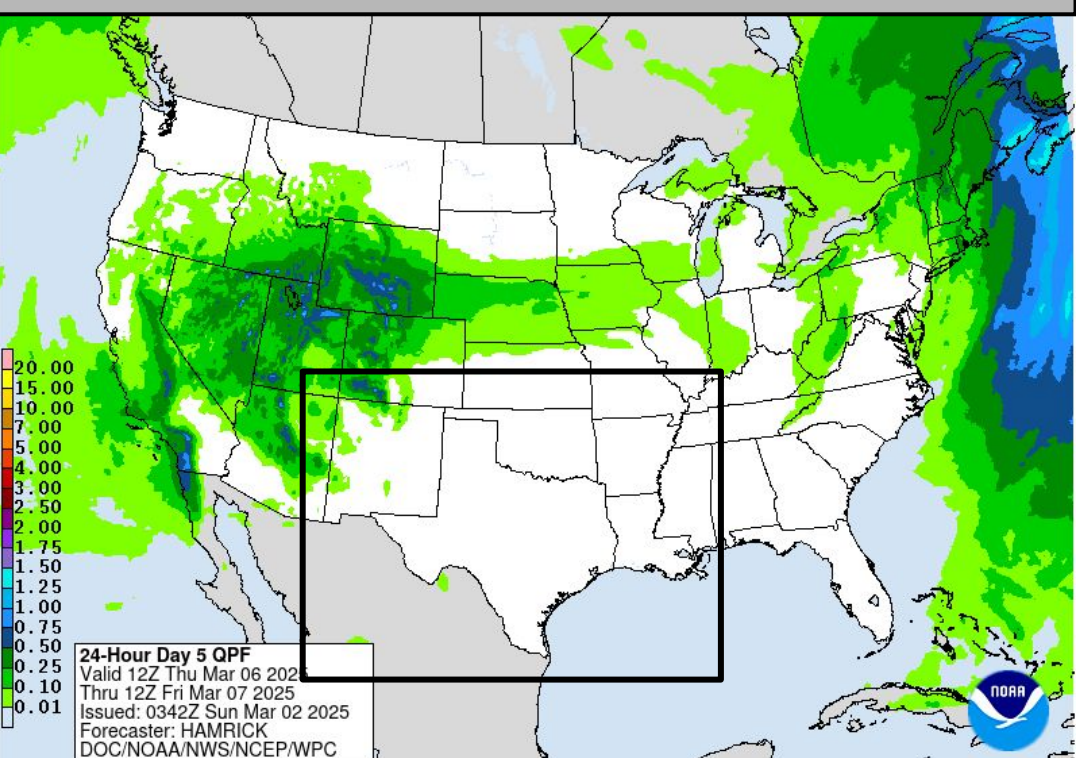


Thursday's Weather

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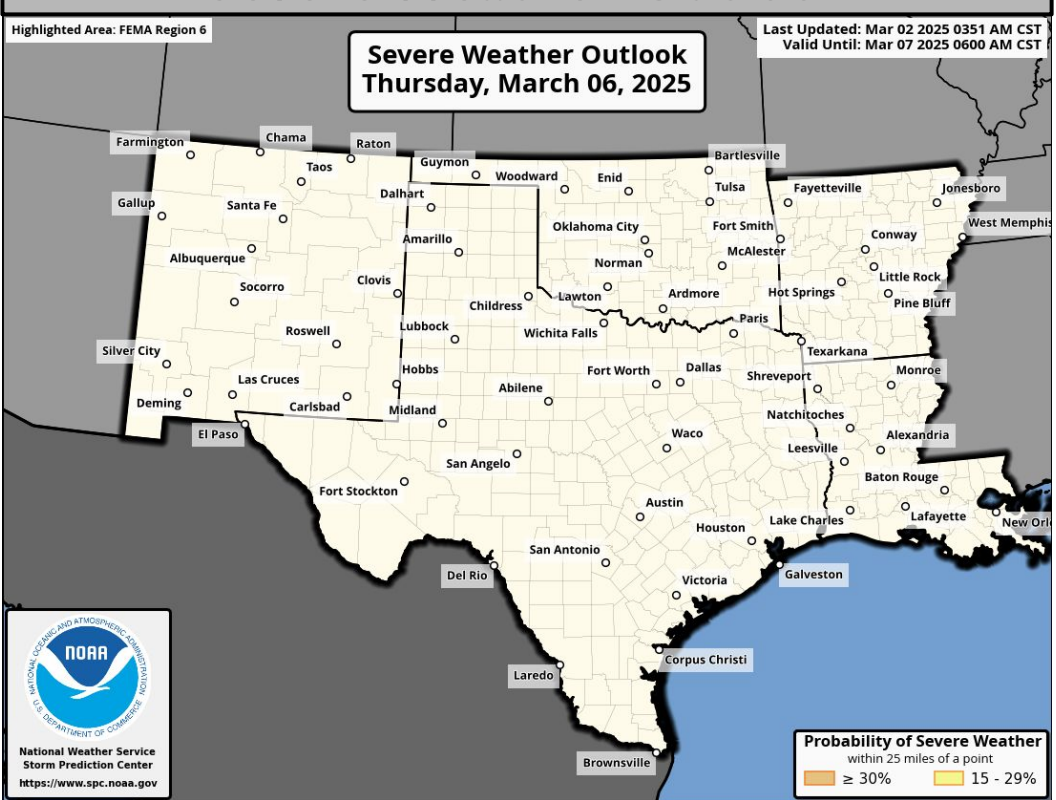


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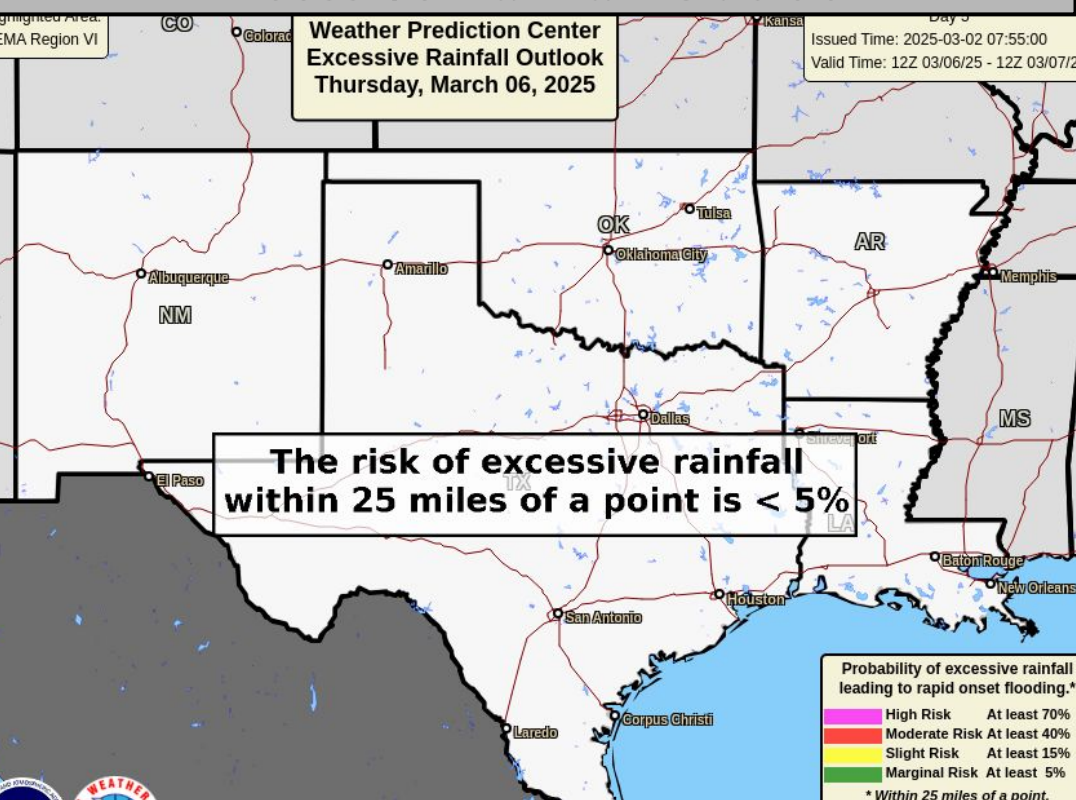


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TX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



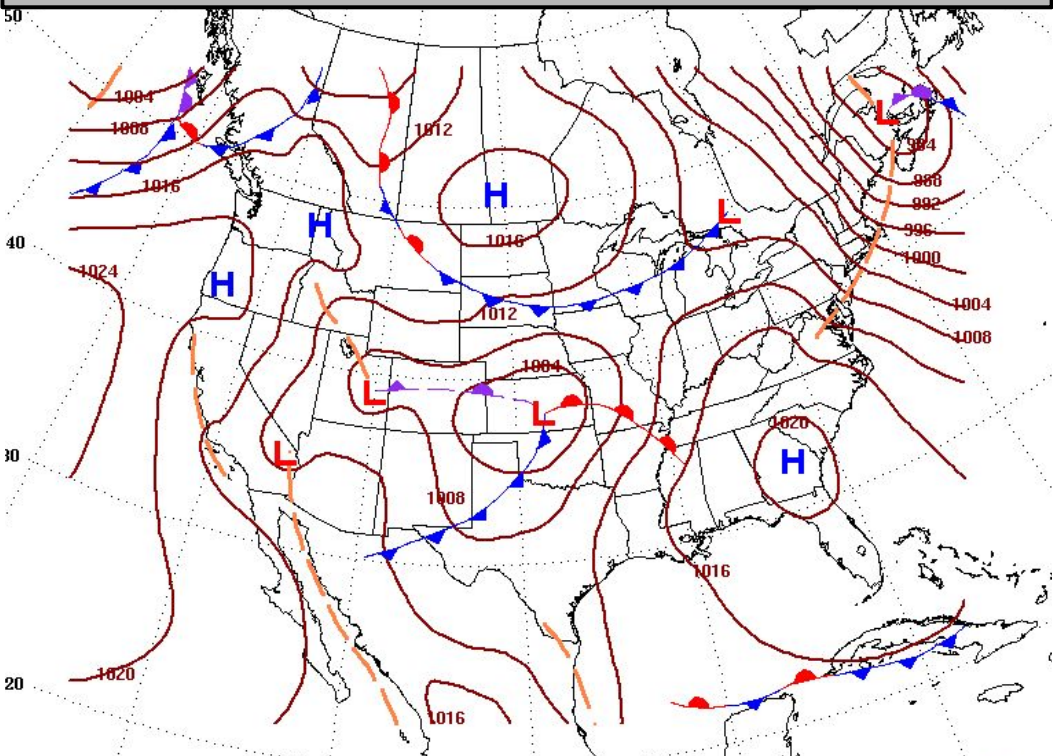
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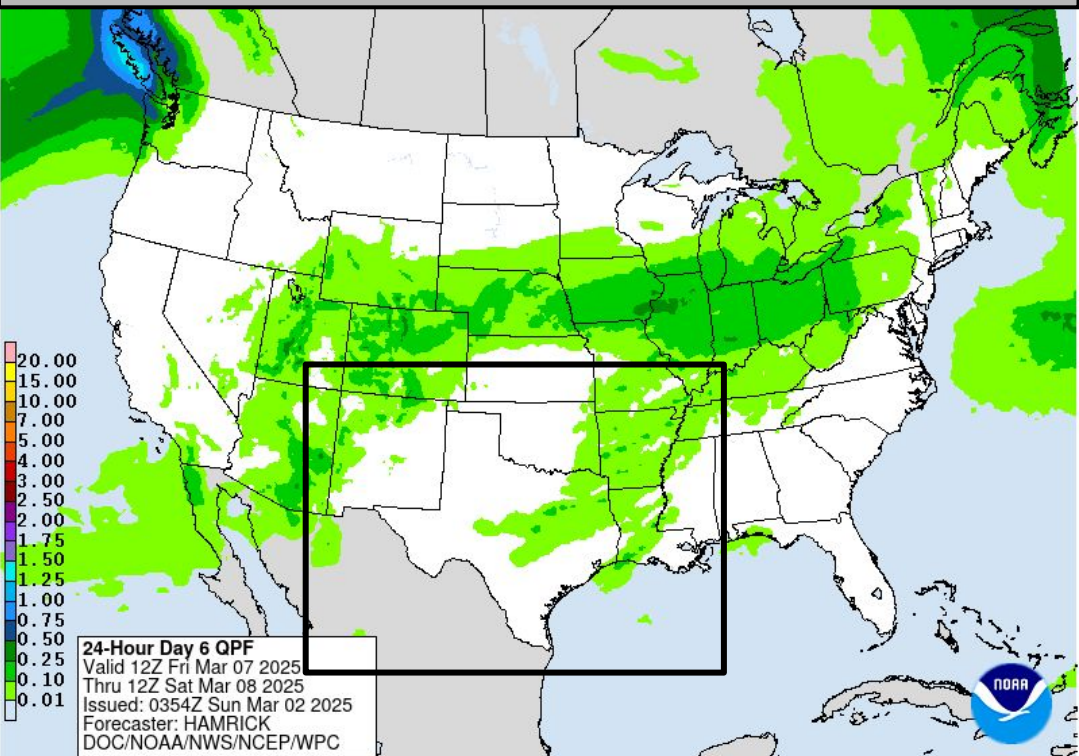


Friday's Weather

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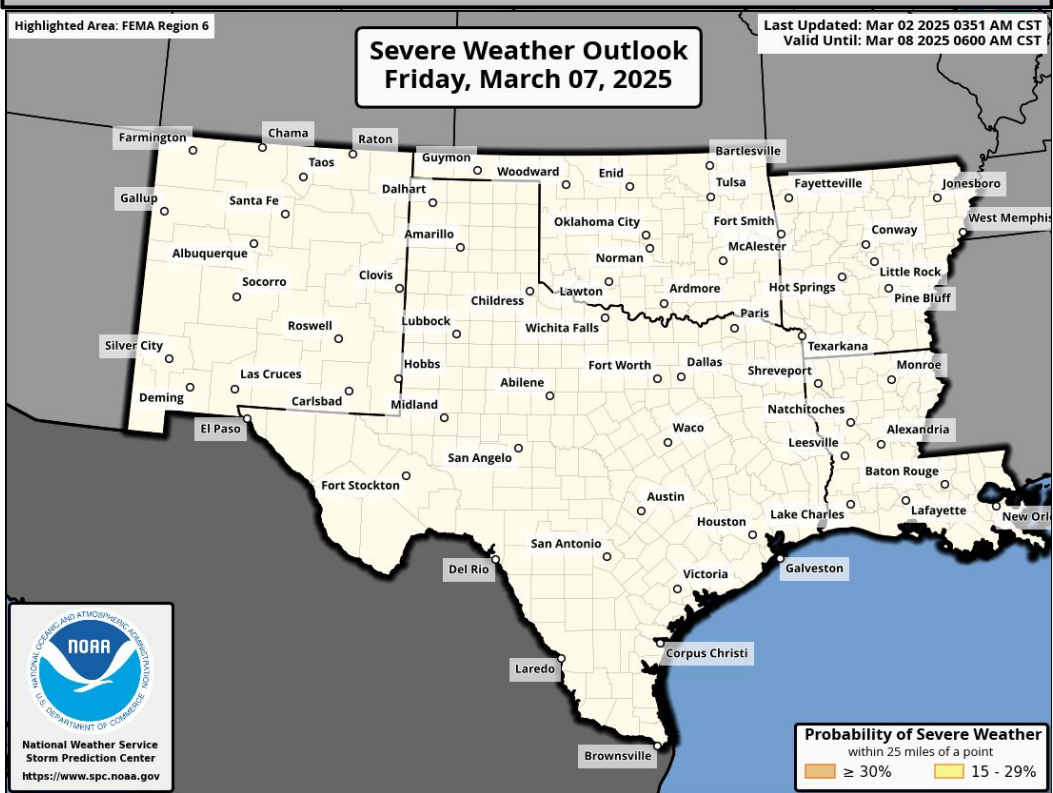


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



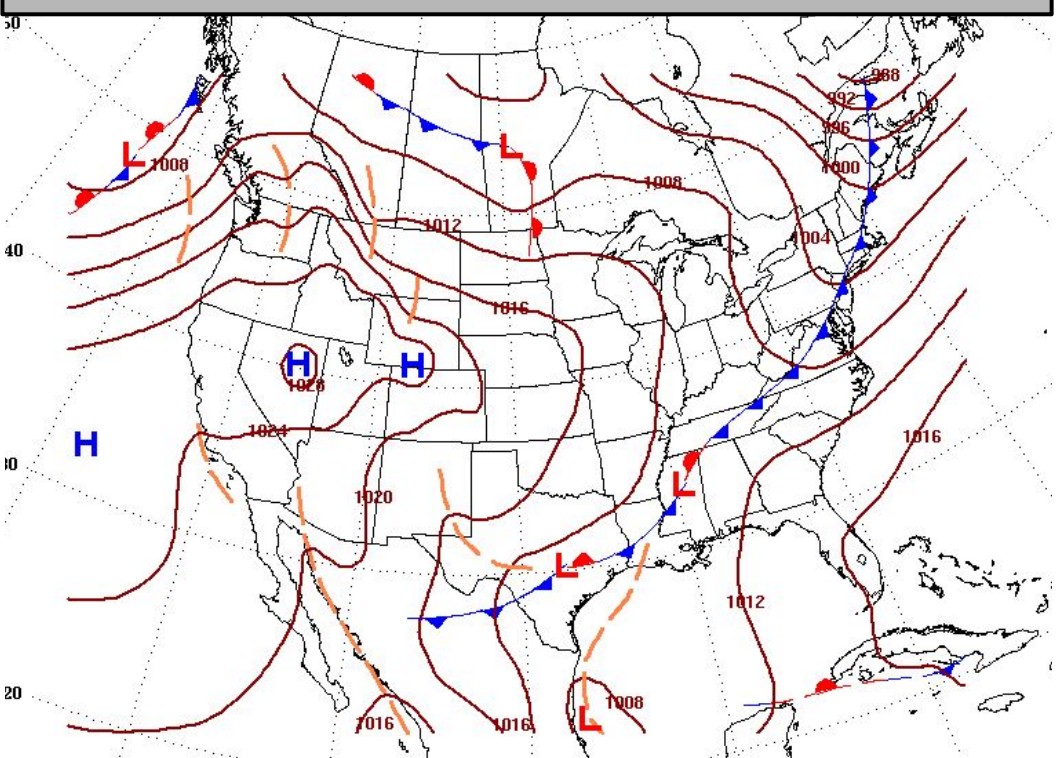
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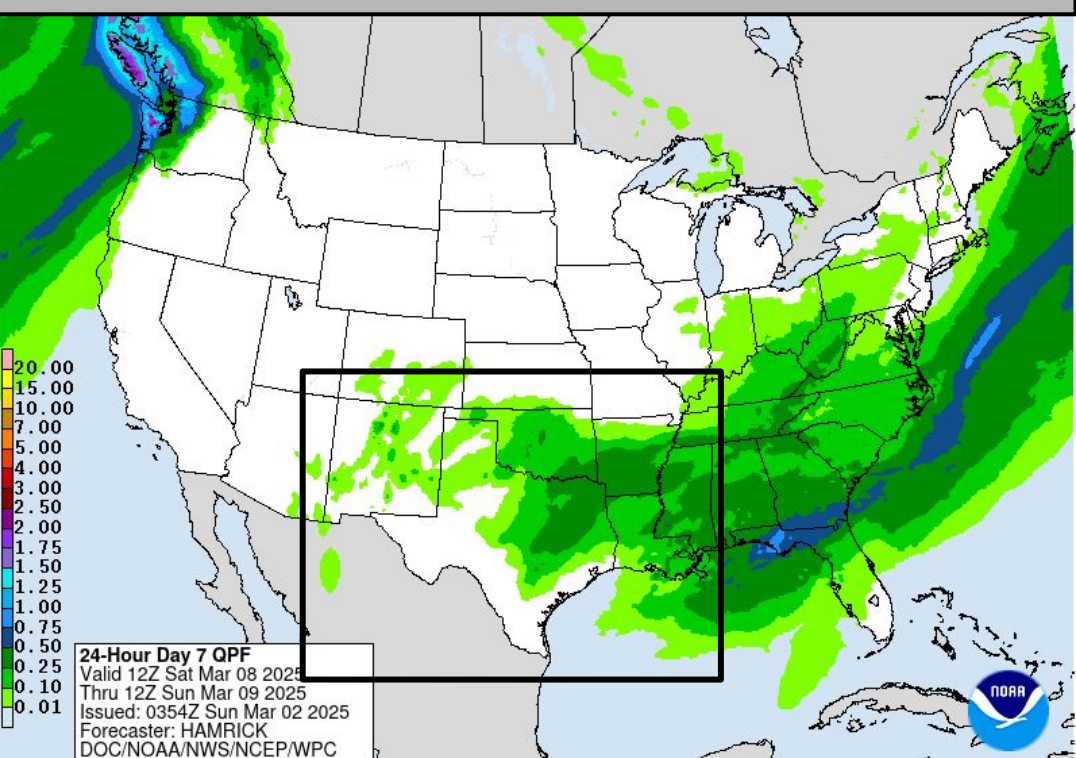


Saturday's Weather

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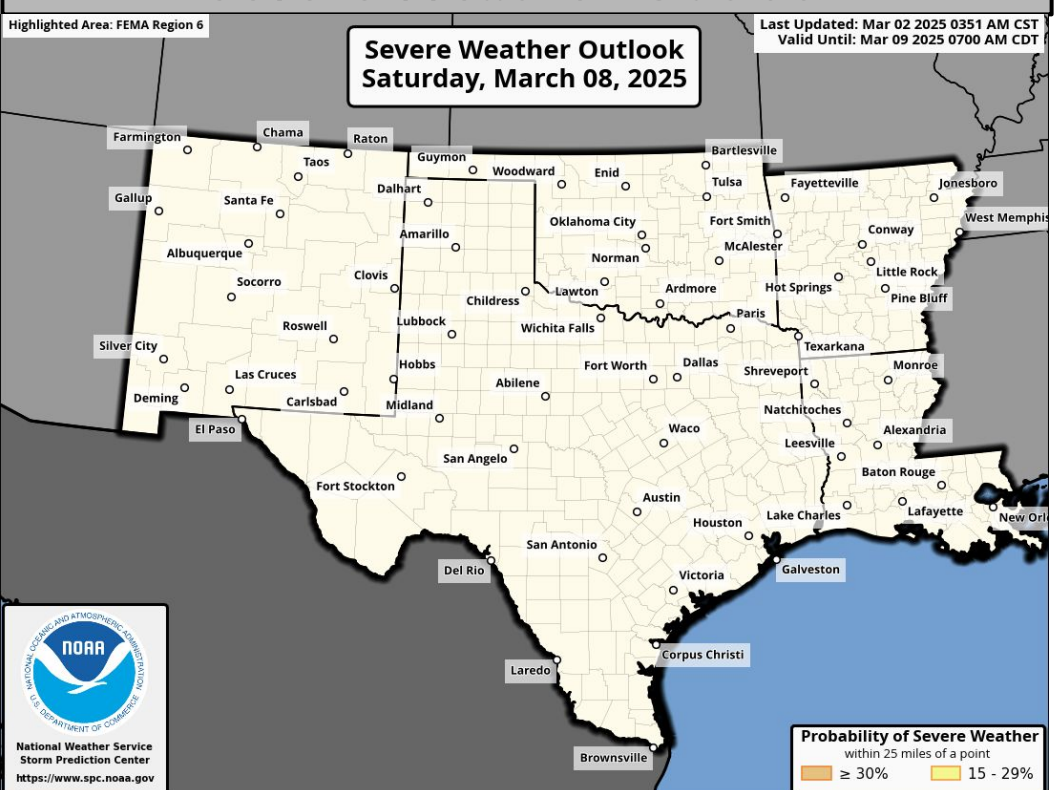


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



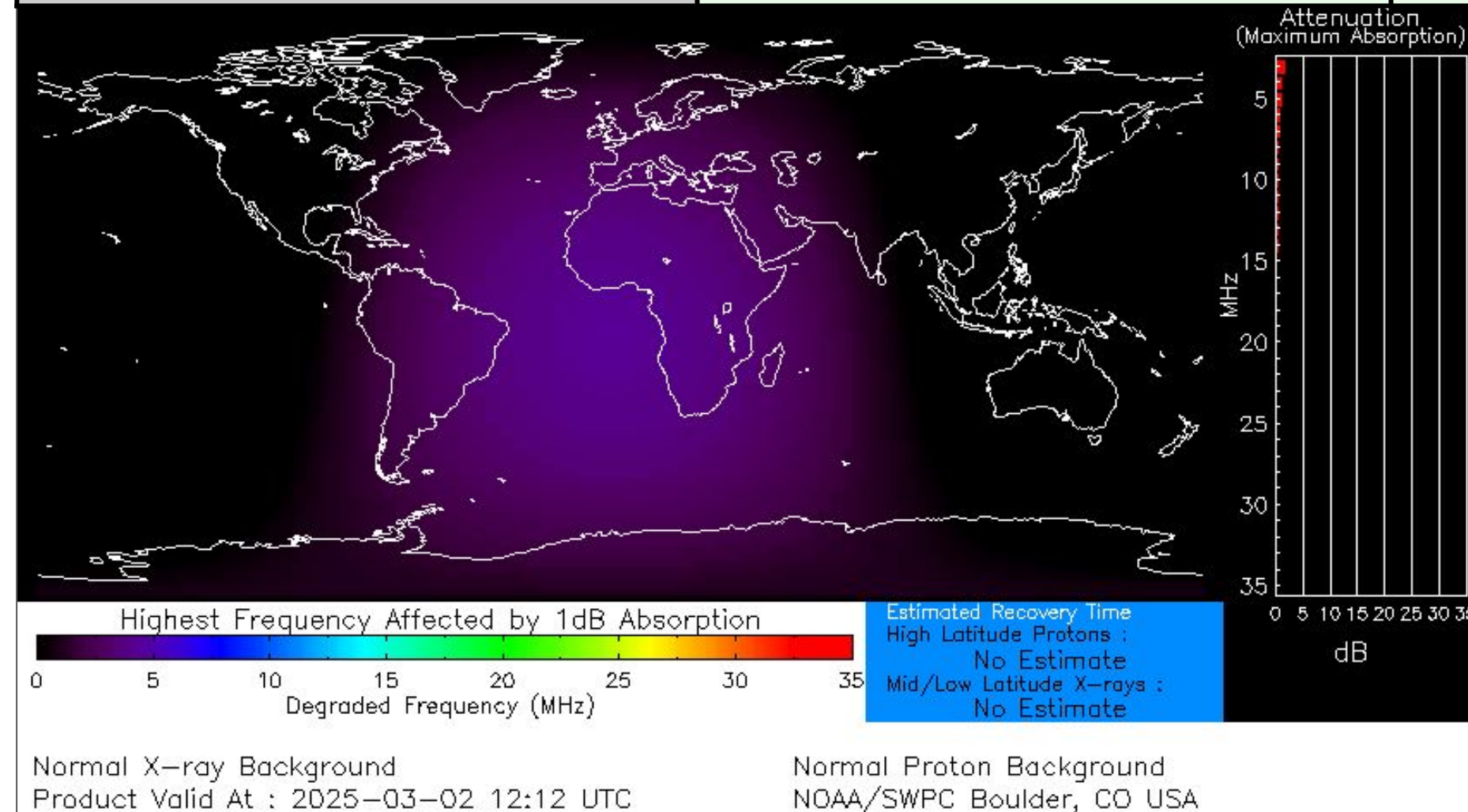
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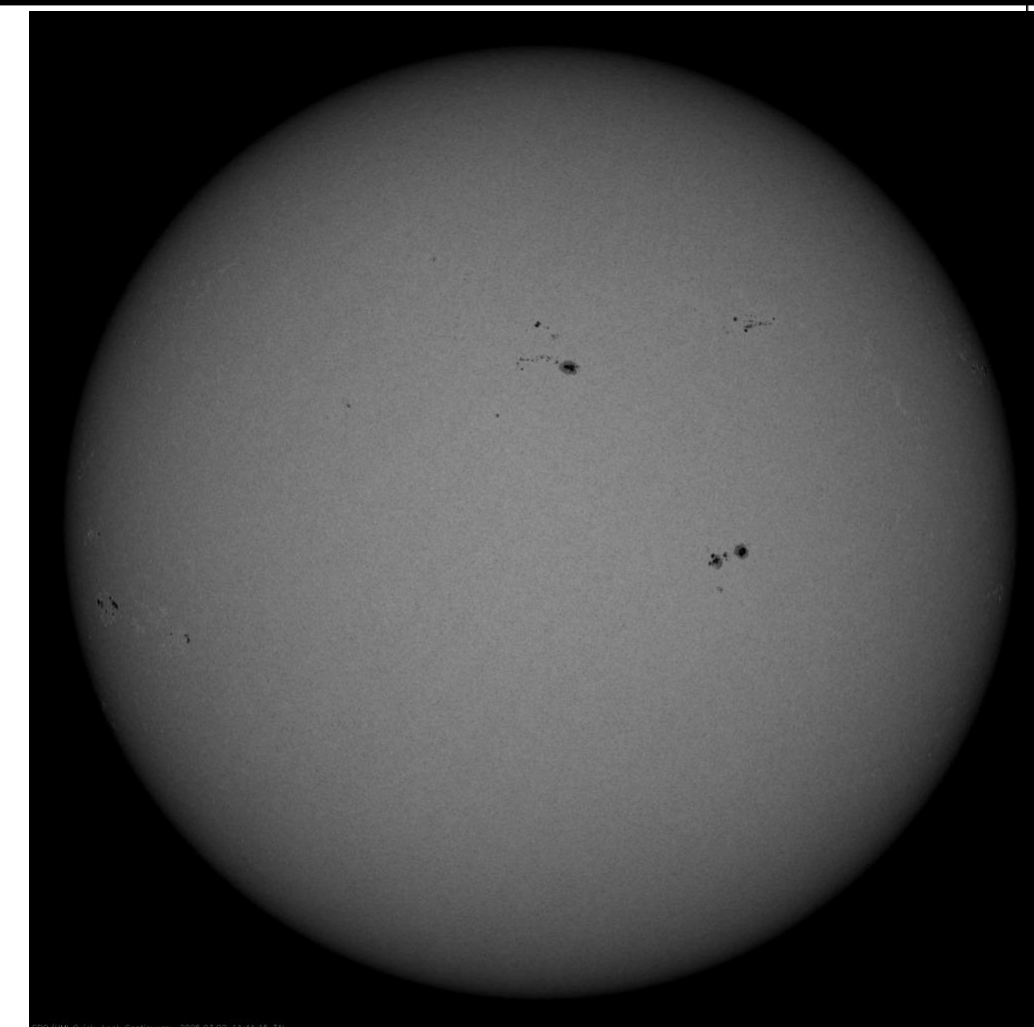
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Mar 2	Monday, Mar 3	Tuesday, Mar 4
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[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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