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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather W TX, S/C TX today. Elevated fire weather (level 1 of 3) tomorrow for S TX.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe weather in E TX, SW AR, and LA today.**
- **Minor to isolated moderate (levels 2-3 of 5) winter impacts from snow through this evening in the TX/OK panhandles. Minor (level 2 of 5) winter weather impacts in NM through this afternoon.**
- **Renewed fire weather concerns Tue/Wed next week NM/TX border, C TX, and the TX/OK panhandles.**
- **Monitoring for critical (level 2 of 3) fire weather concerns next Friday in W TX and the TX/OK panhandle. W OK possibly seeing critical (level 2 of 3) fire wx conditions next Friday.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in NM next Thursday due to snow.**
- **Minor river flooding forecast through next week in E TX, AR, LA.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Mar 8	Sunday, Mar 9	Monday, Mar 10	Tuesday, Mar 11	Wednesday, Mar 12	Thursday, Mar 13	Friday, Mar 14
Severe Storms	ETX, SW AR, LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Fire Weather	W TX, S/CTX	STX		S NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, W OK	SE NM, W TX, CTX		SE NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandle, W OK
Winter	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK					NM	NM
River Flooding	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA	ETX, AR, LA

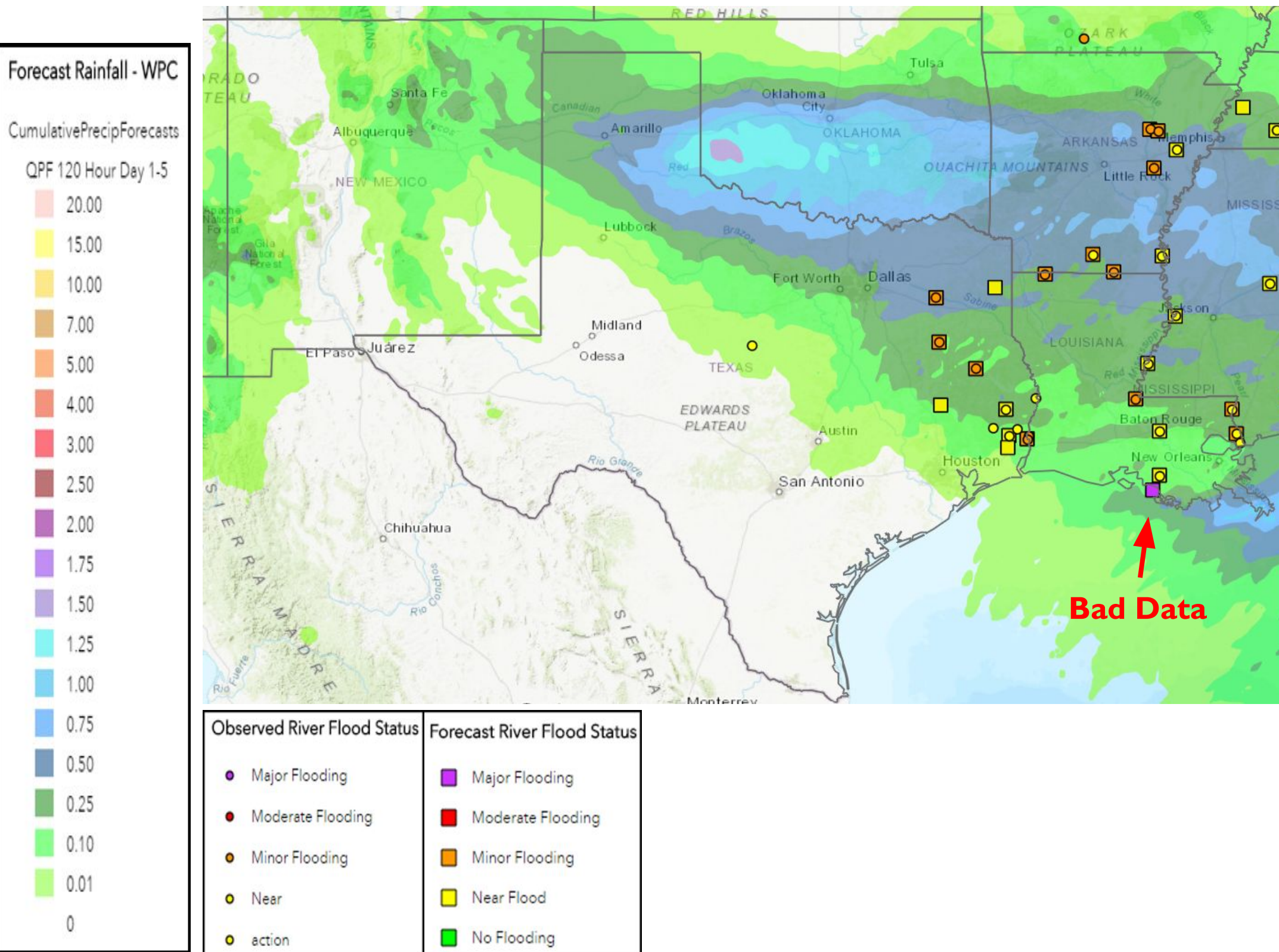
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 4 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

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



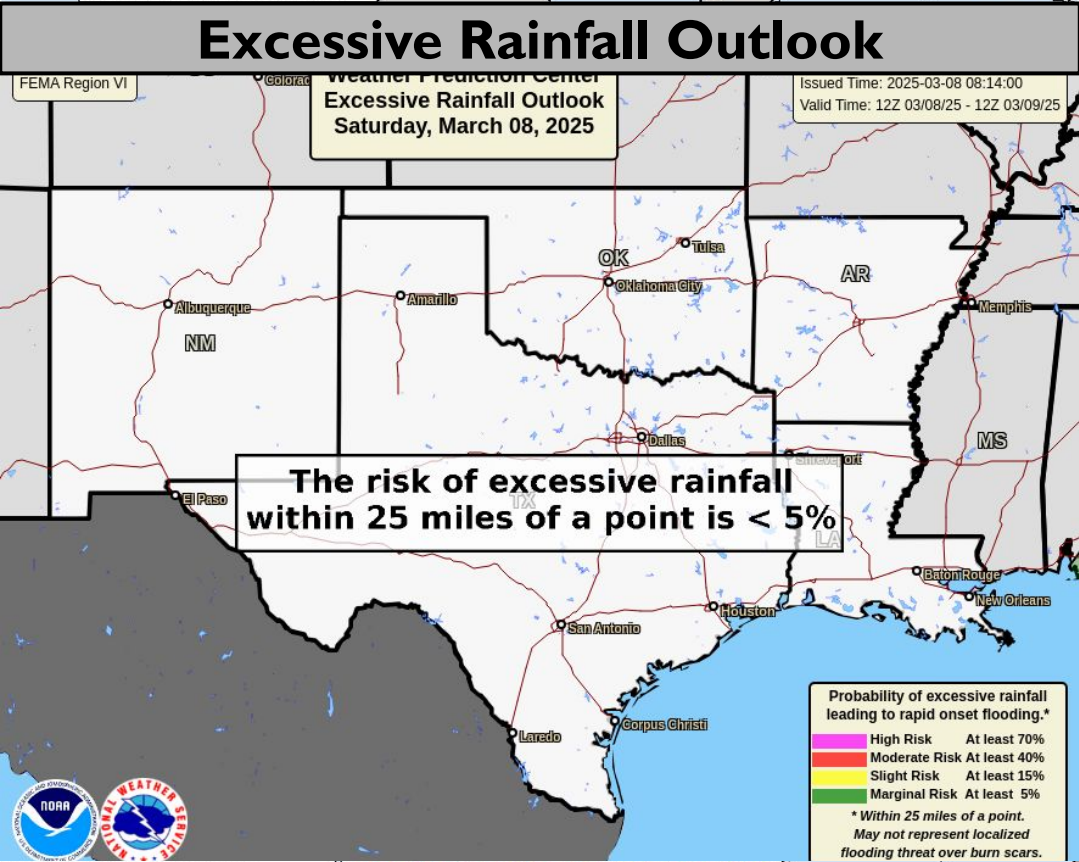
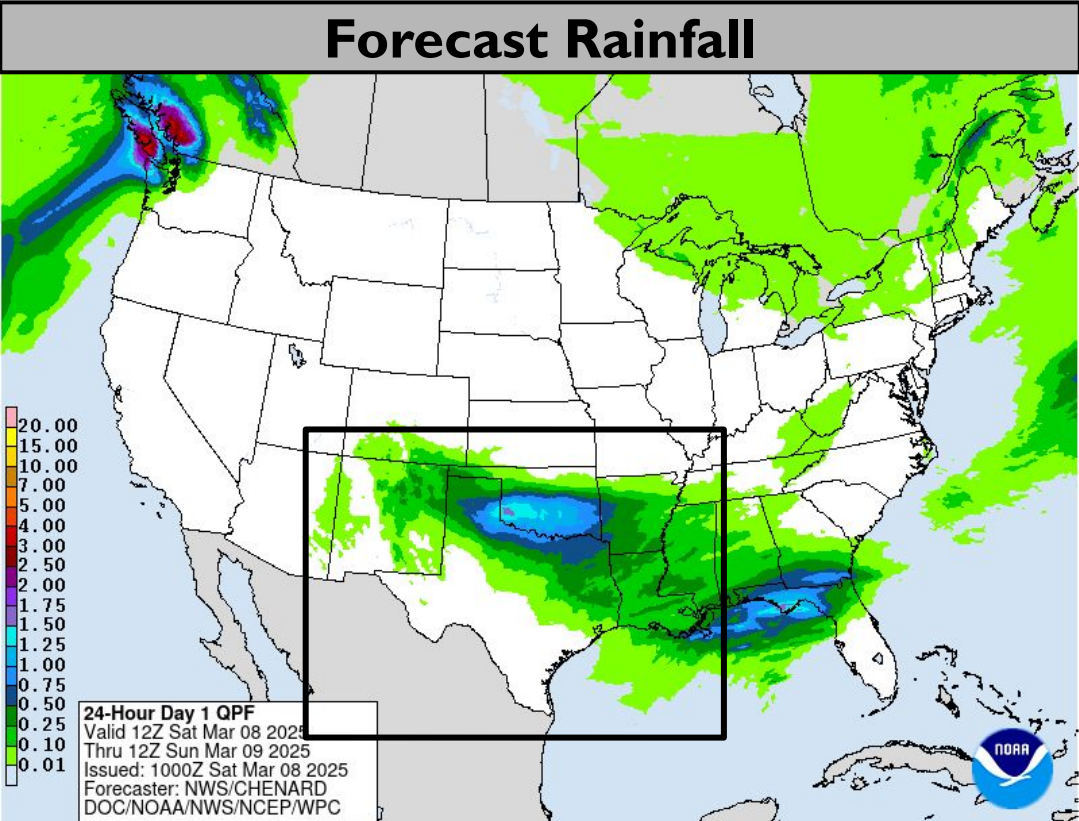
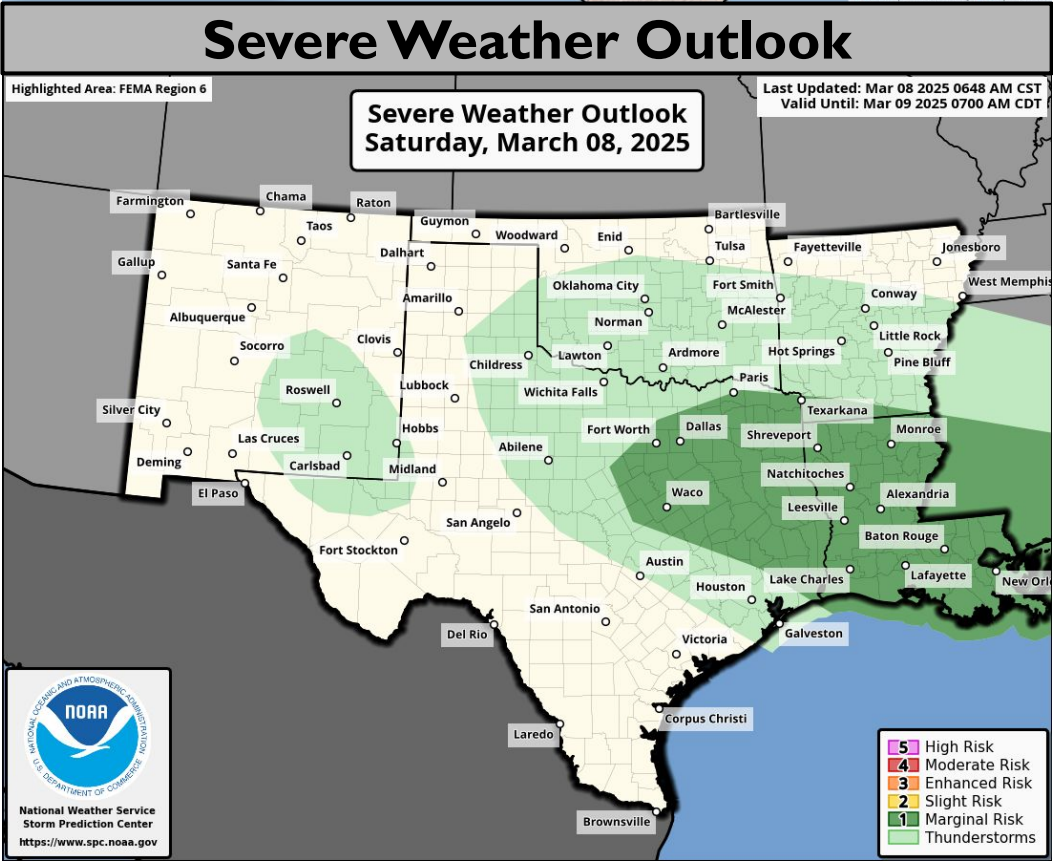
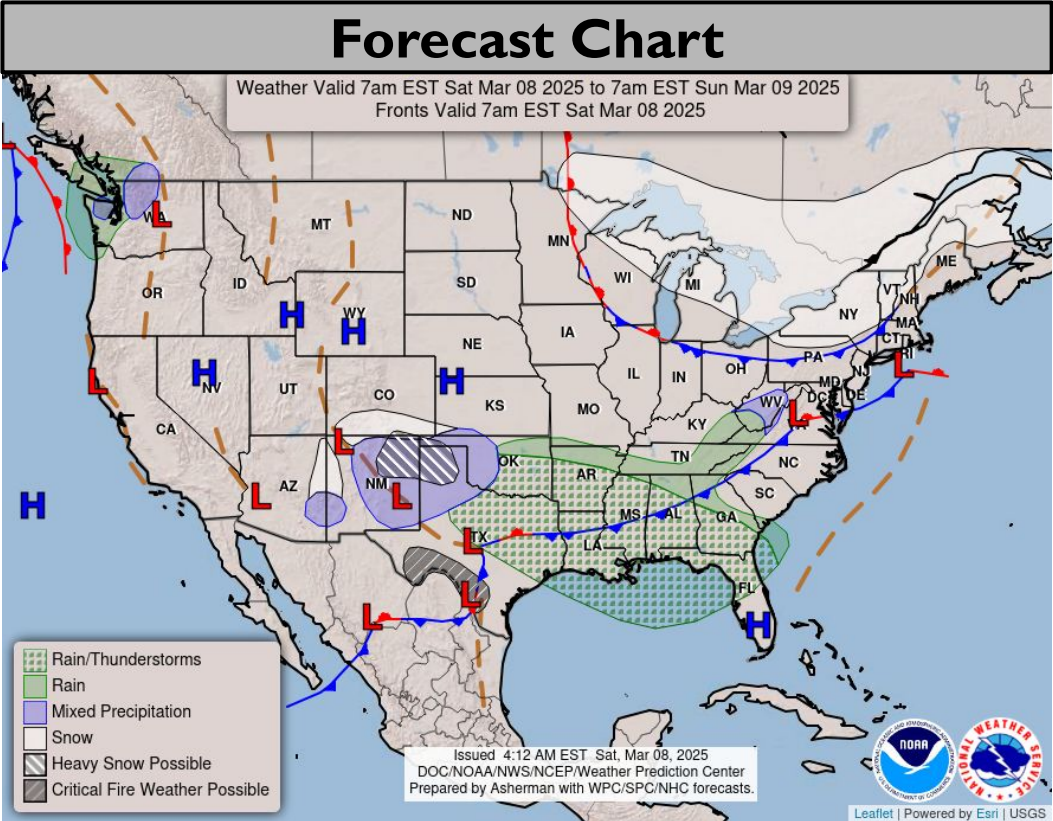
Minor river flooding will continue in ETX, AR, LA through the week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.

Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.





Today's Weather



Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in WTX, S/CTX.

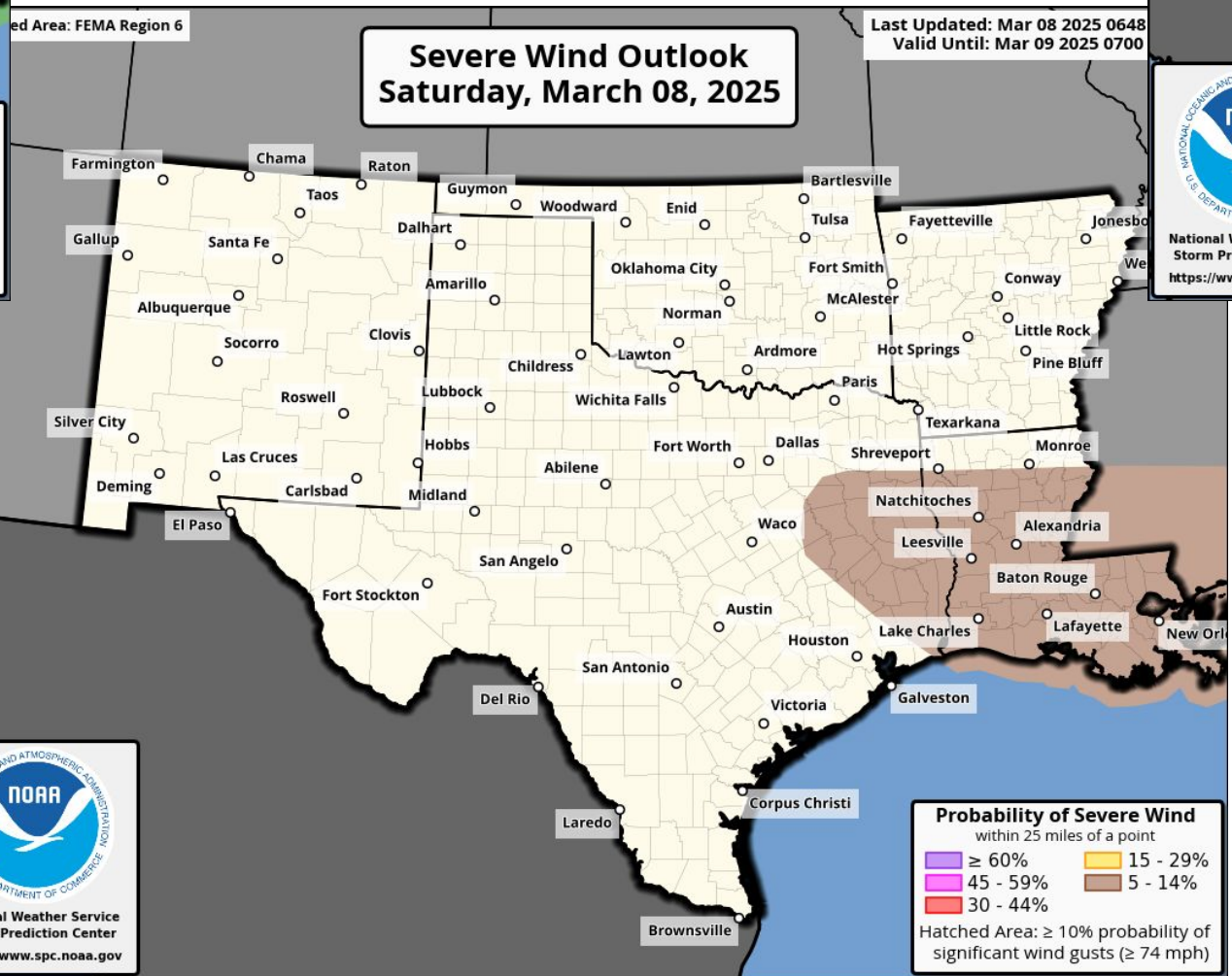
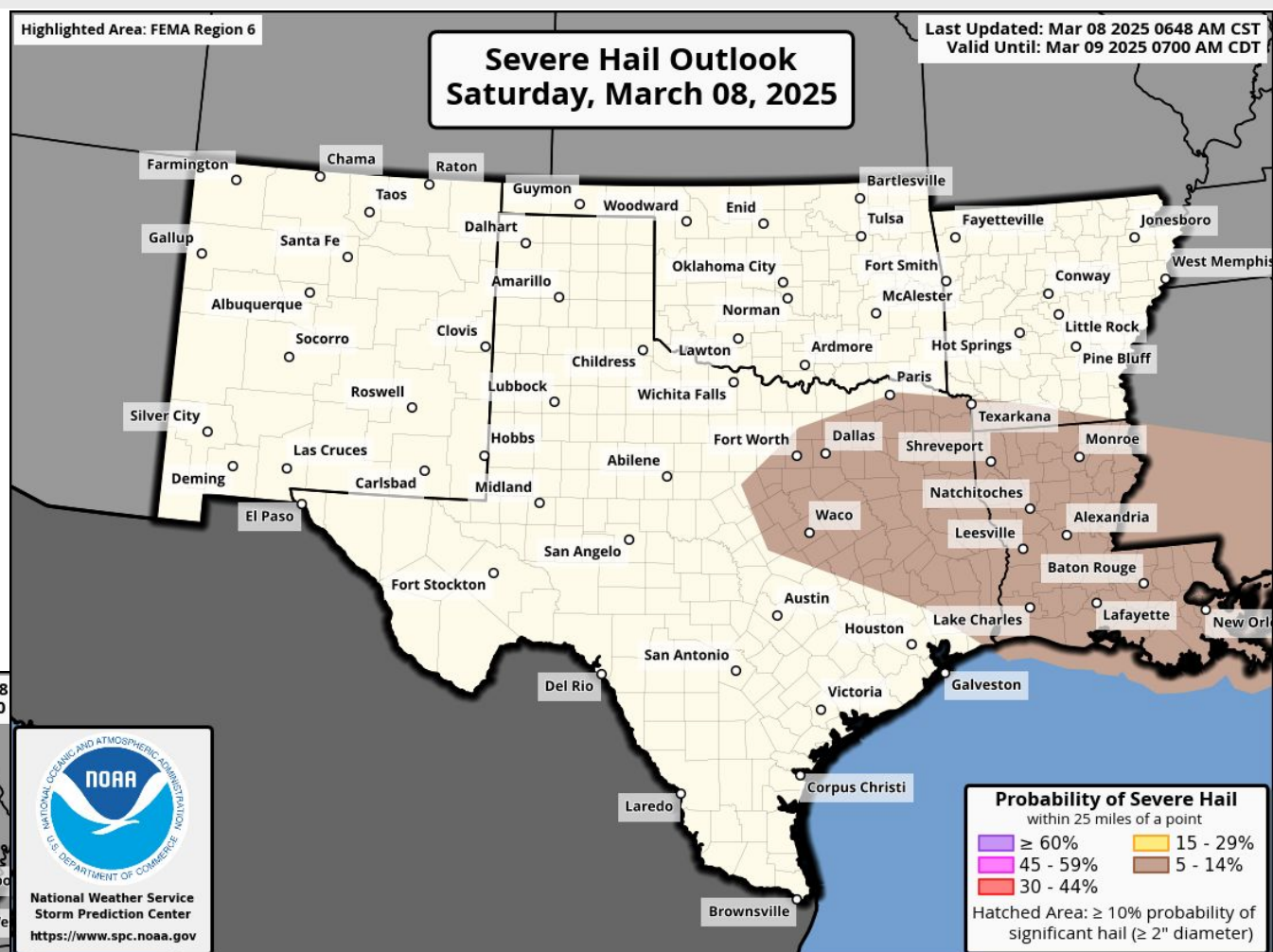
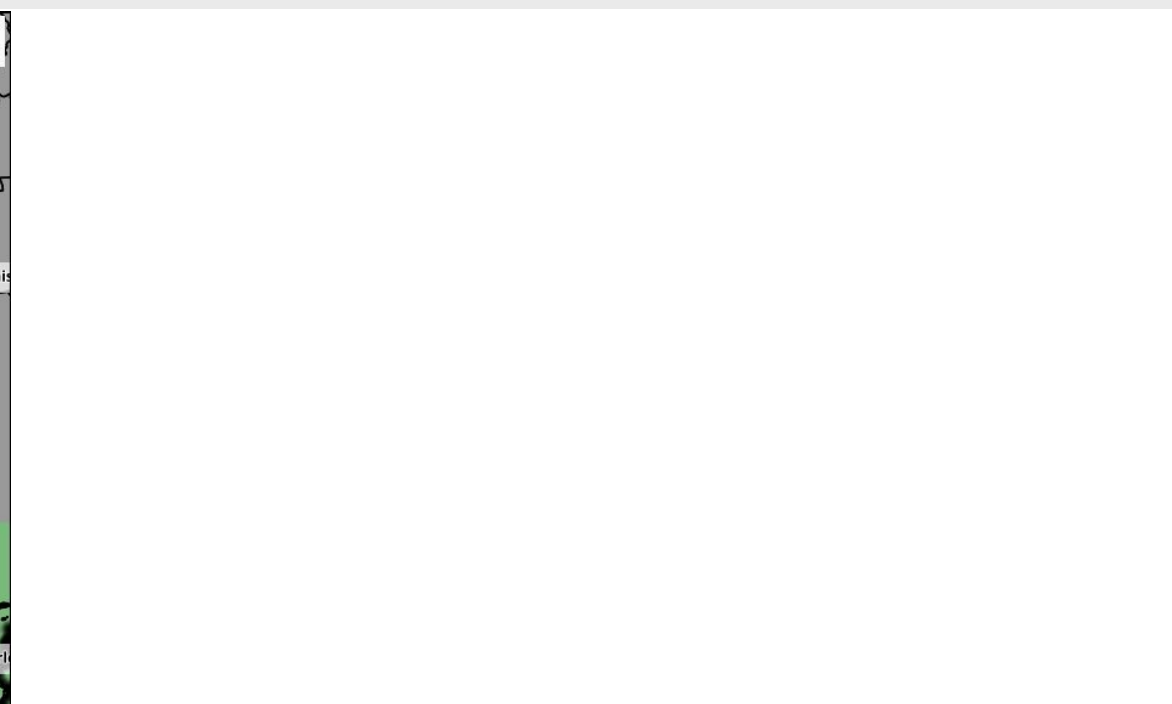
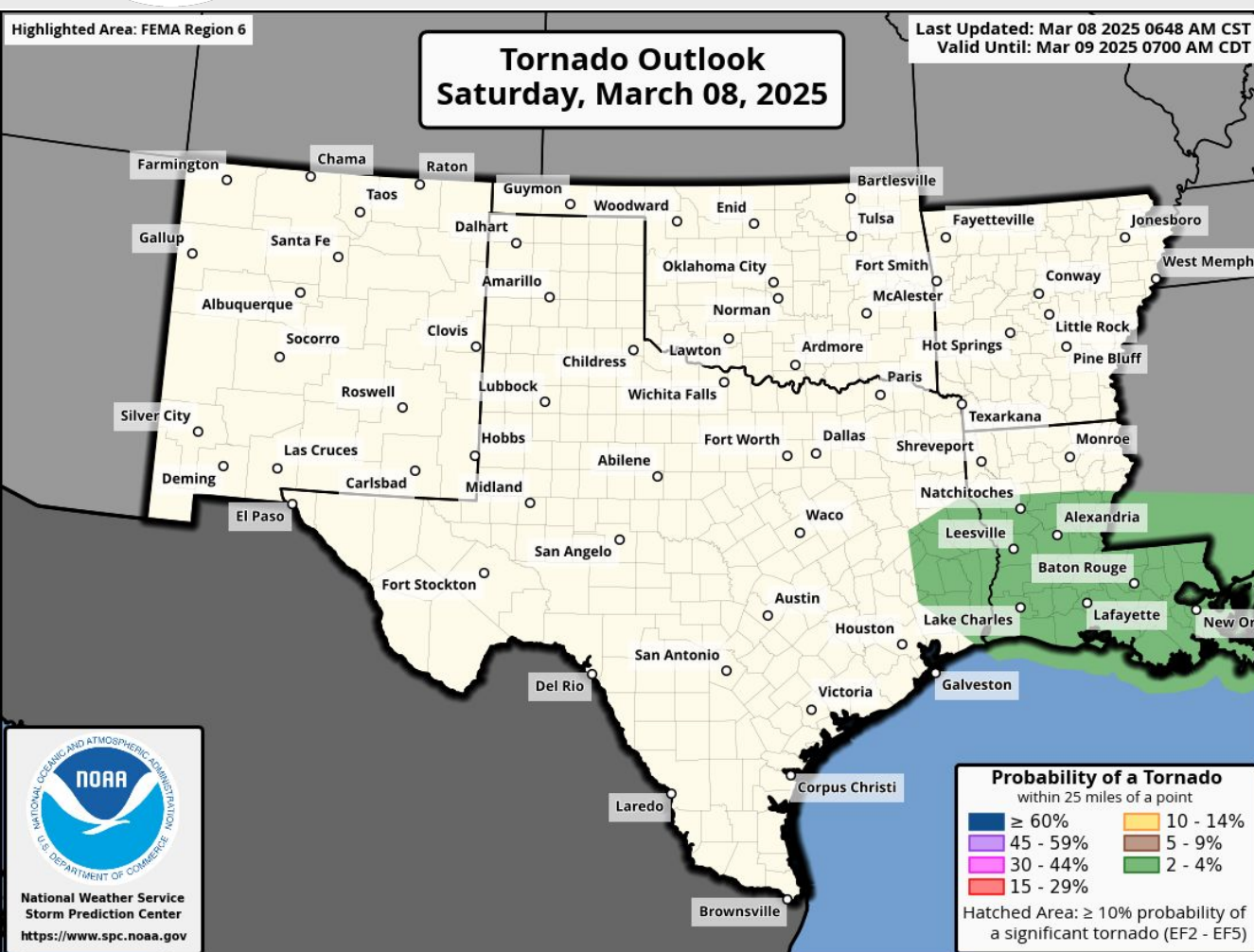
Minor with isolated moderate (levels 2-3 of 5) impacts from snow NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe weather in E TX, SW AR, LA.



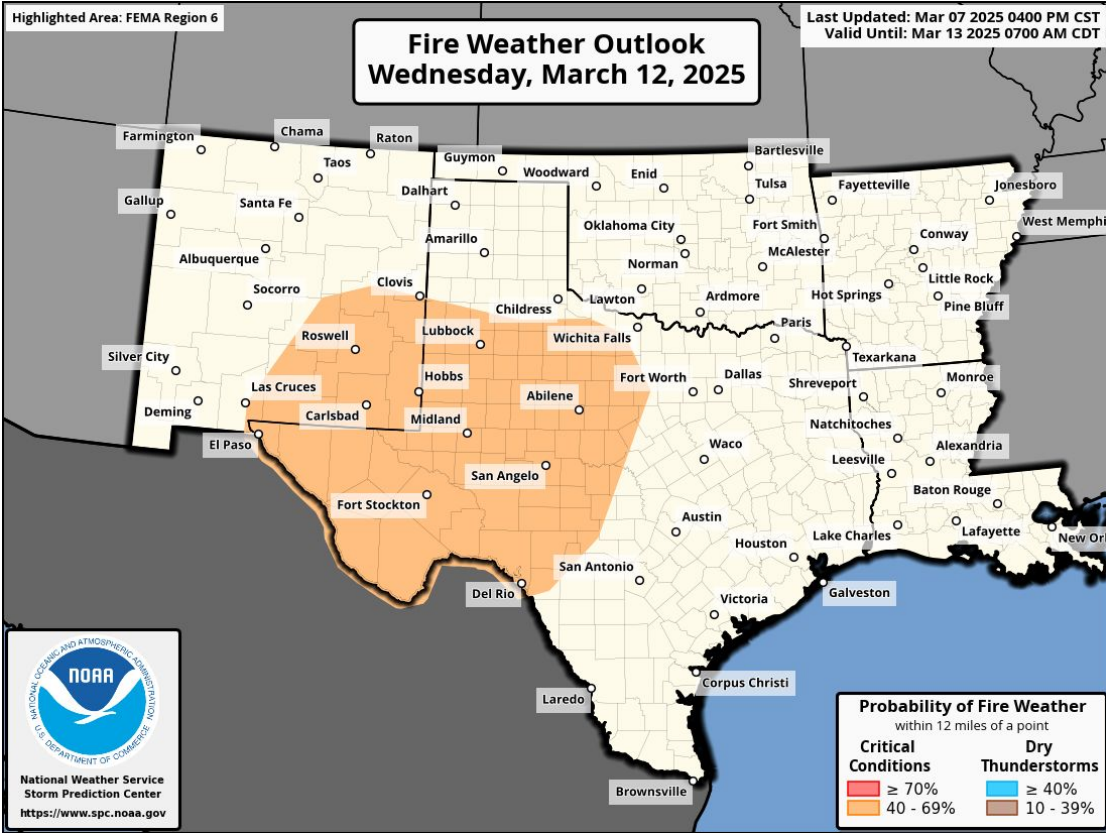
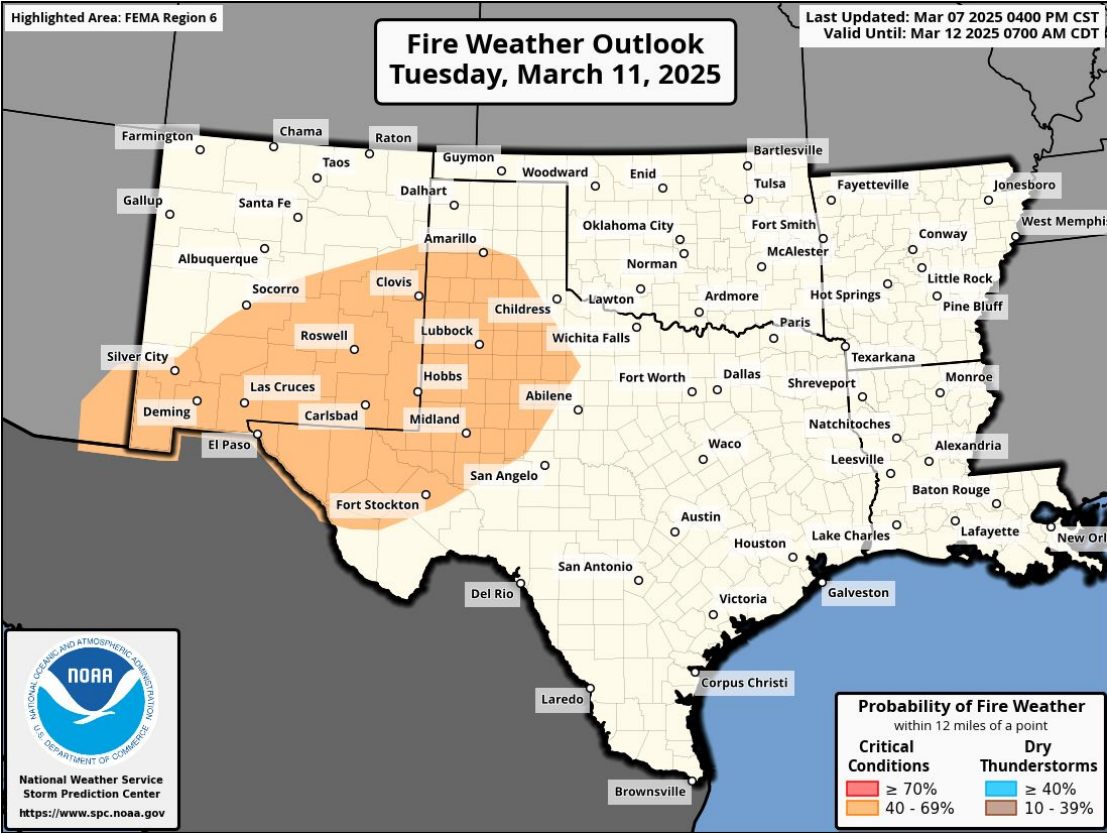
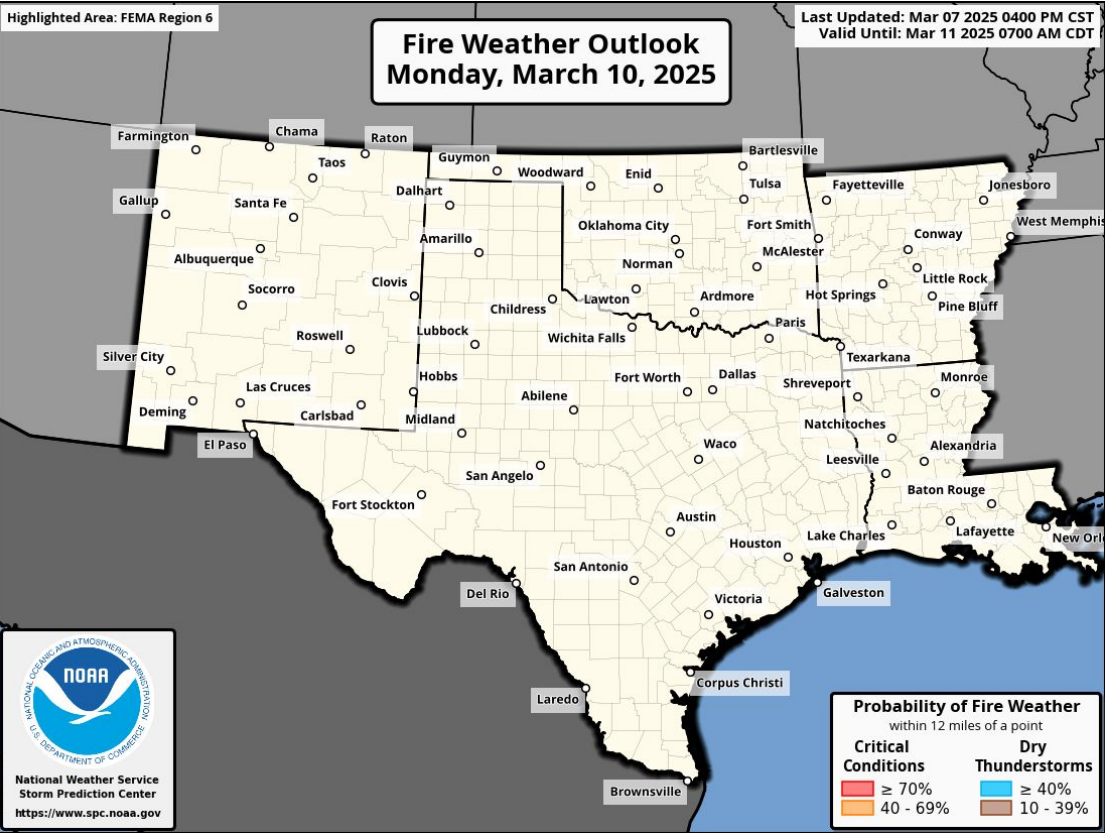
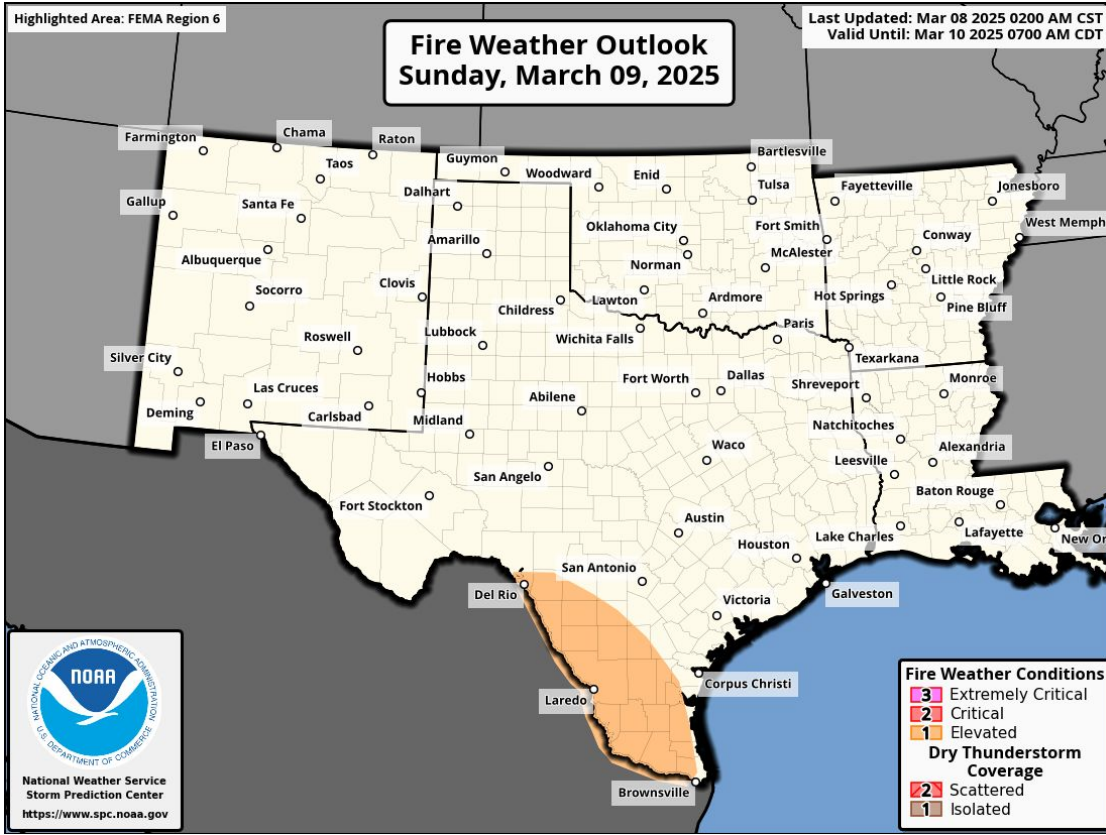
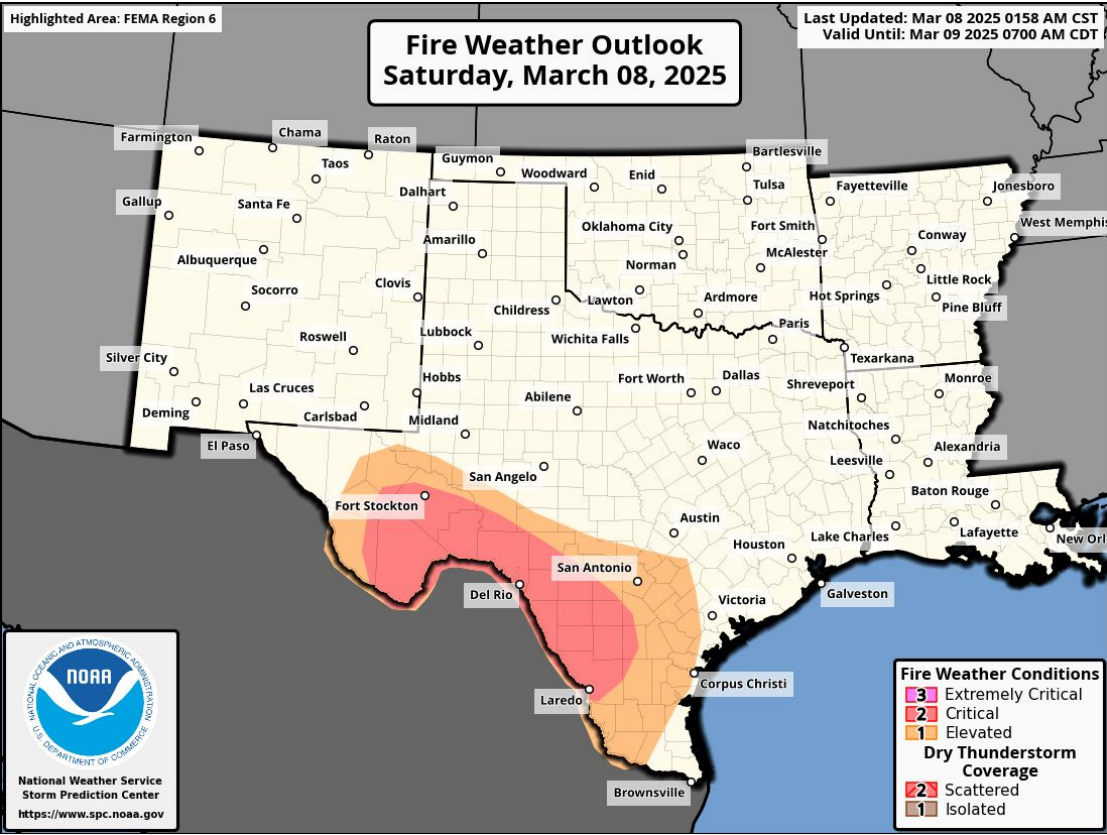
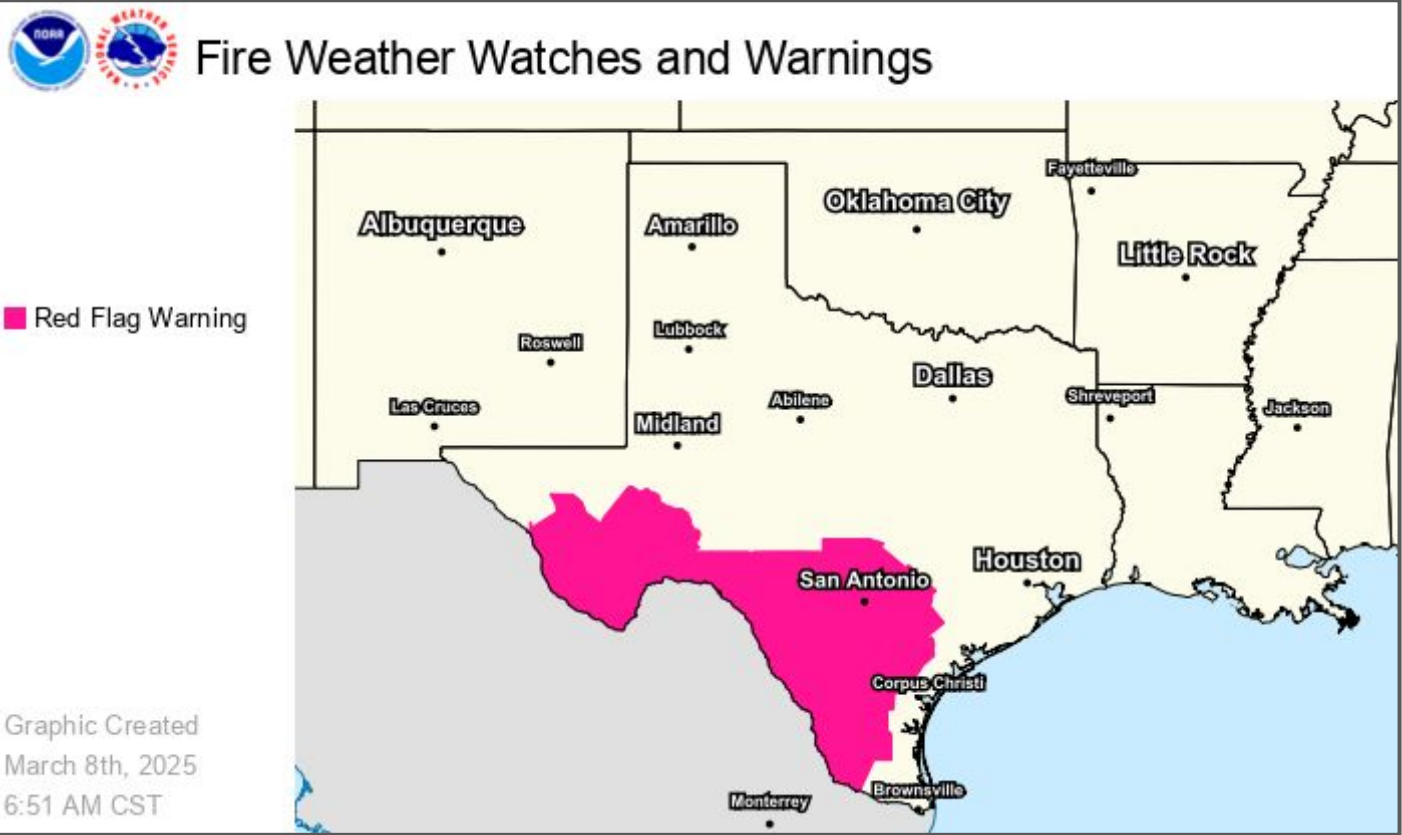


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





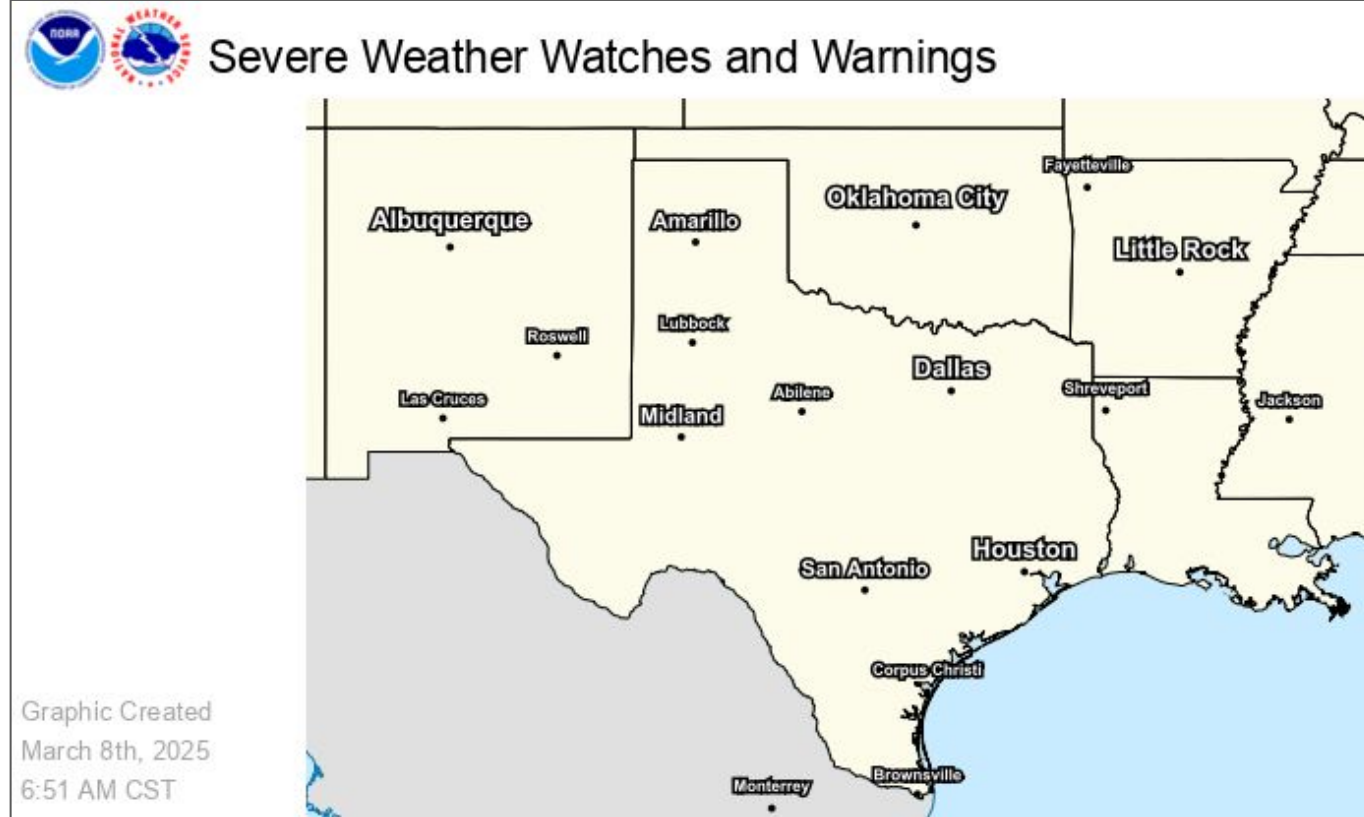
Fire Weather Outlooks



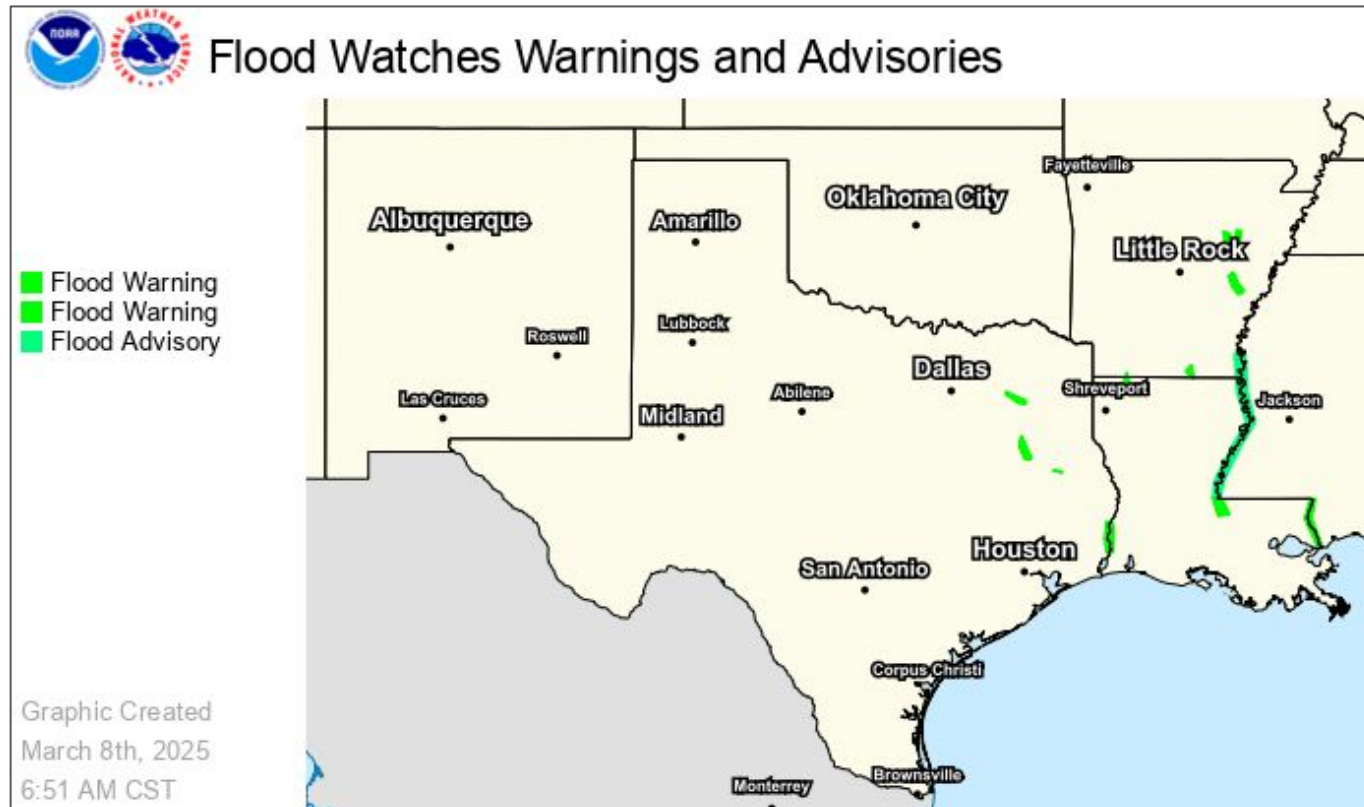
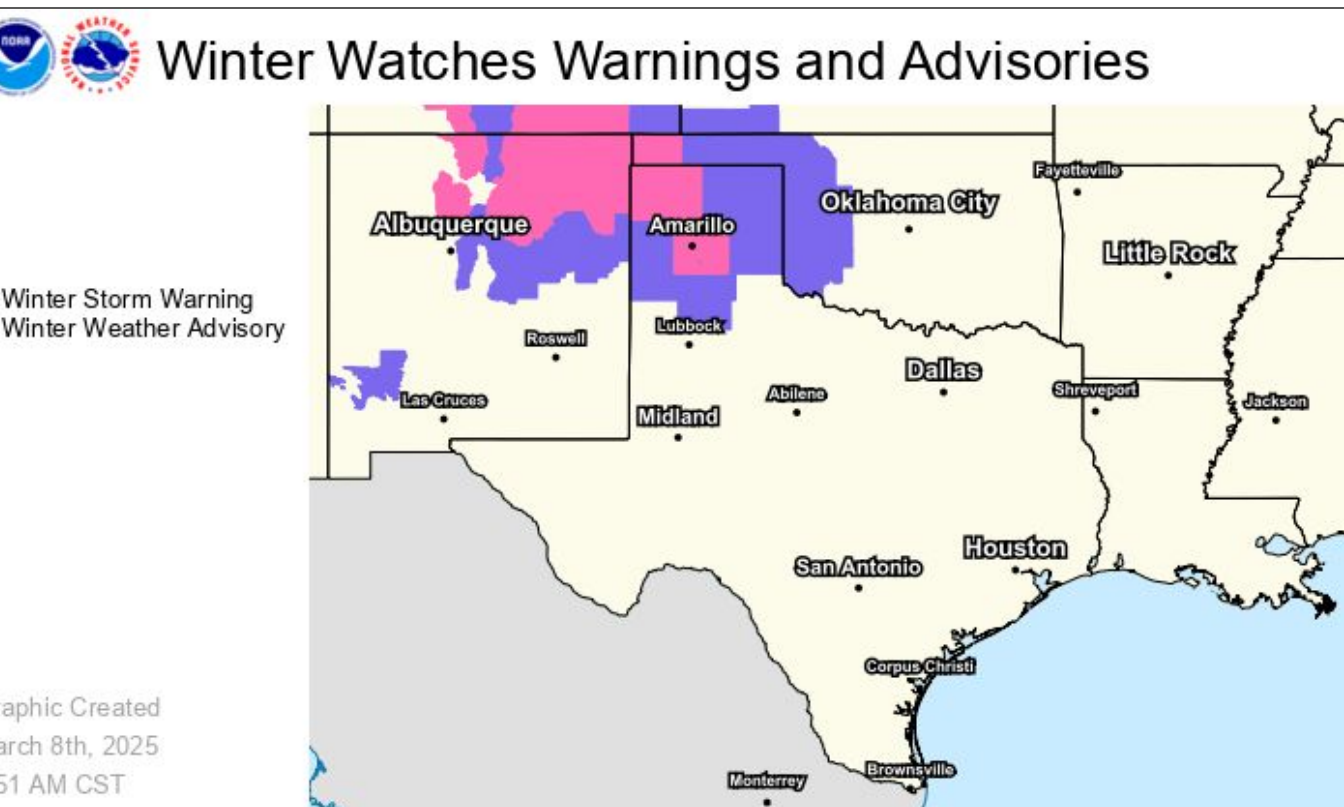


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



Winter Storm Warning in NM continues through noon CT today. An additional 3-6" of snow is possible. For the NM Winter Weather Advisory, 1-4" additional accumulation of snow.



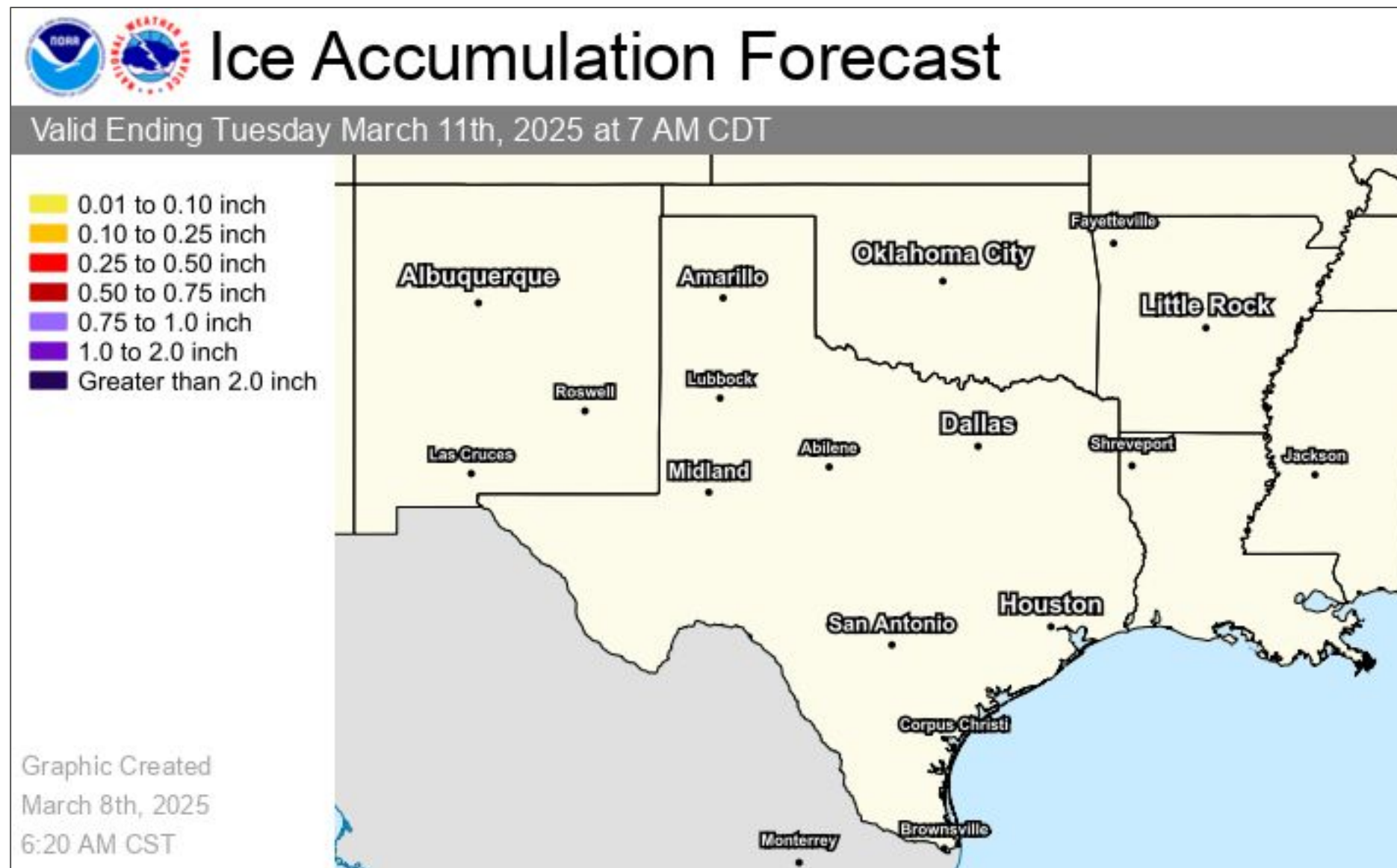
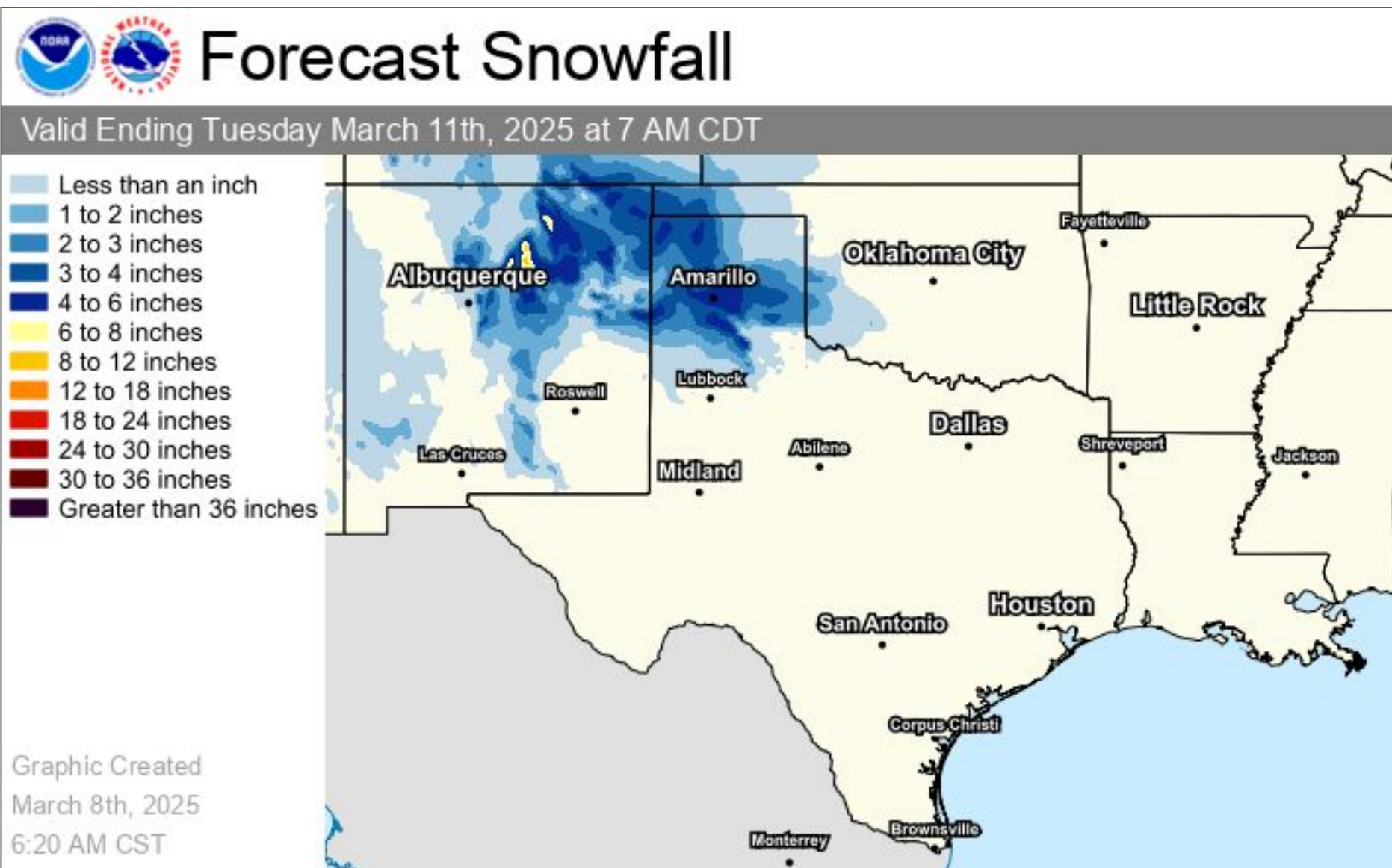
Winter Storm Warning and Winter Weather Advisory in the OK/TX Panhandle through this evening. 4-6" of snow will be possible through tonight. 1-3" of snow in the Advisory area.





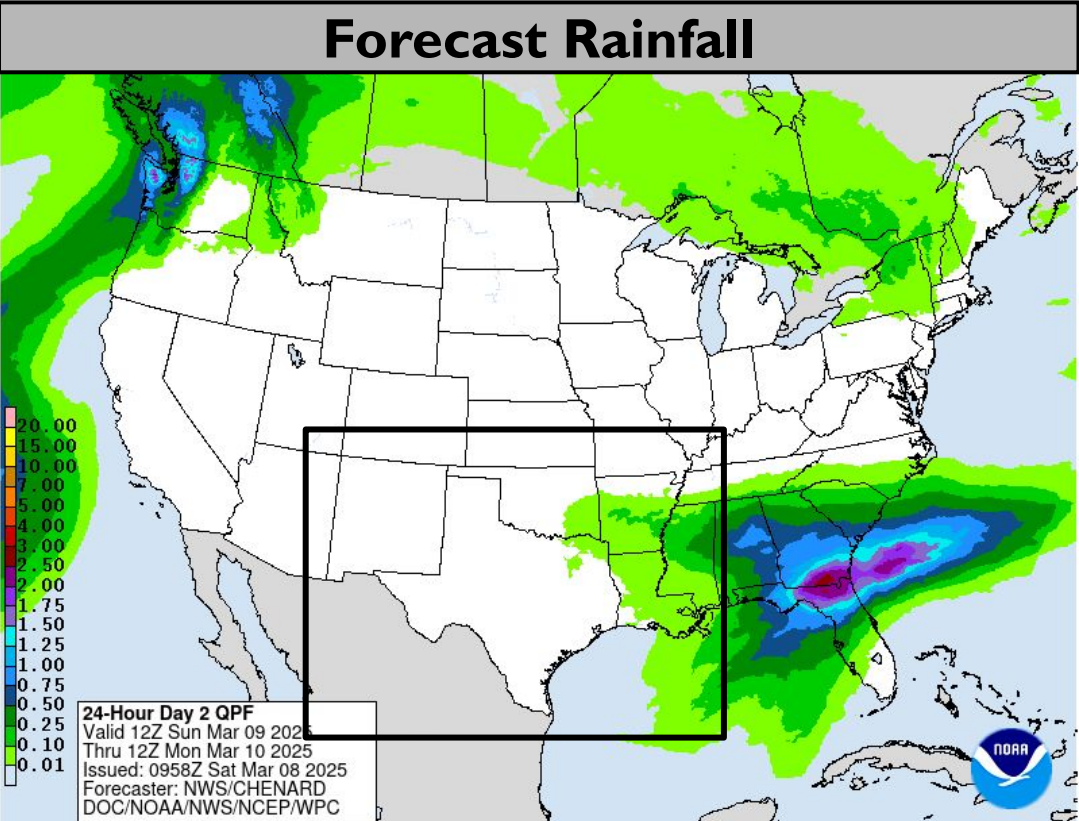
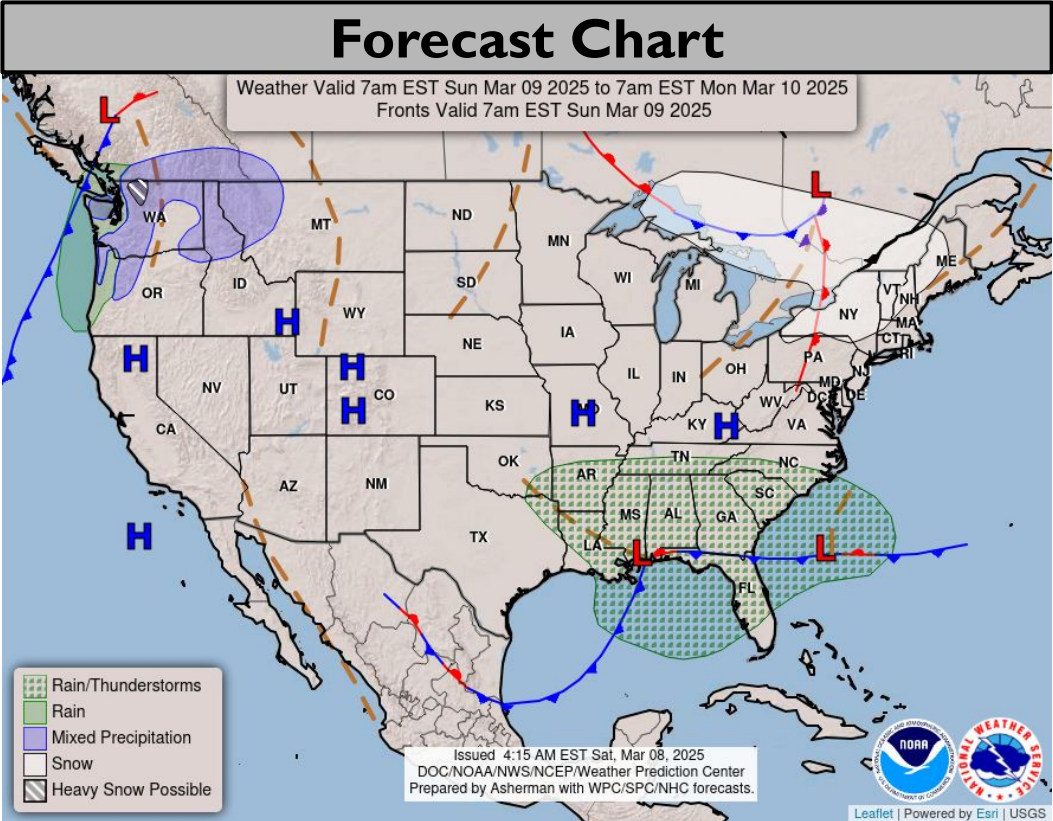
Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

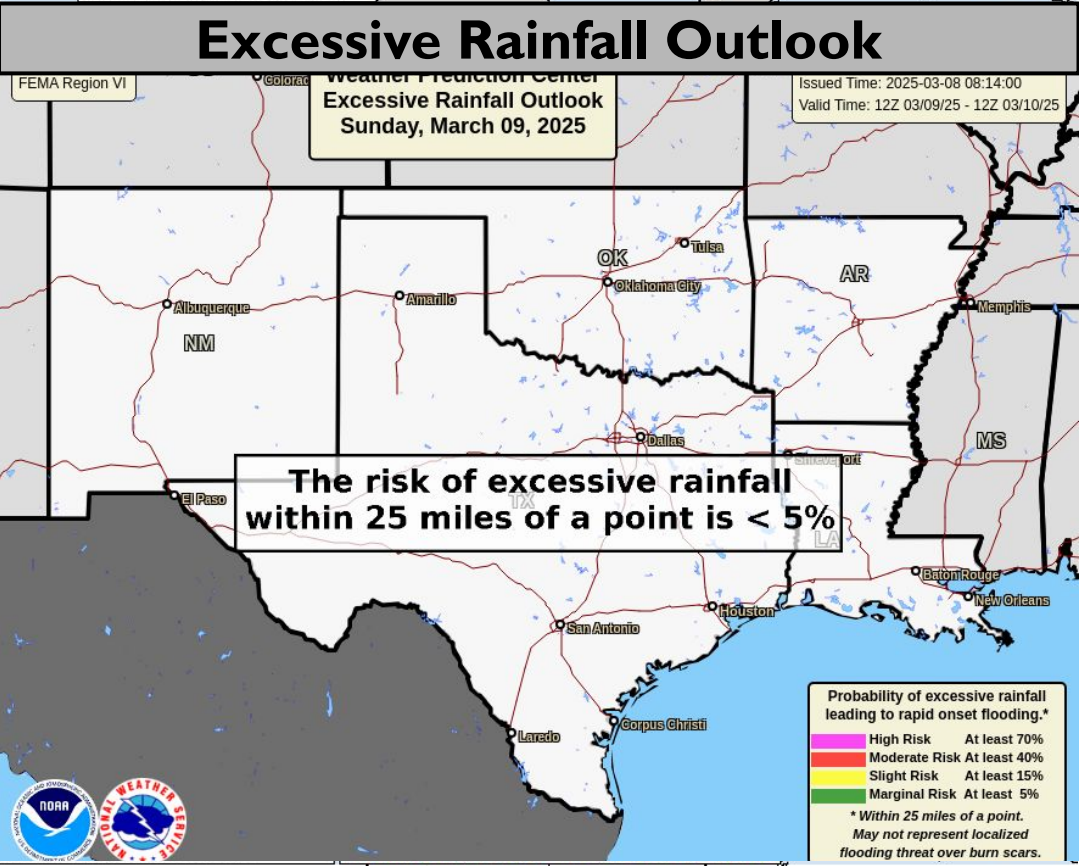
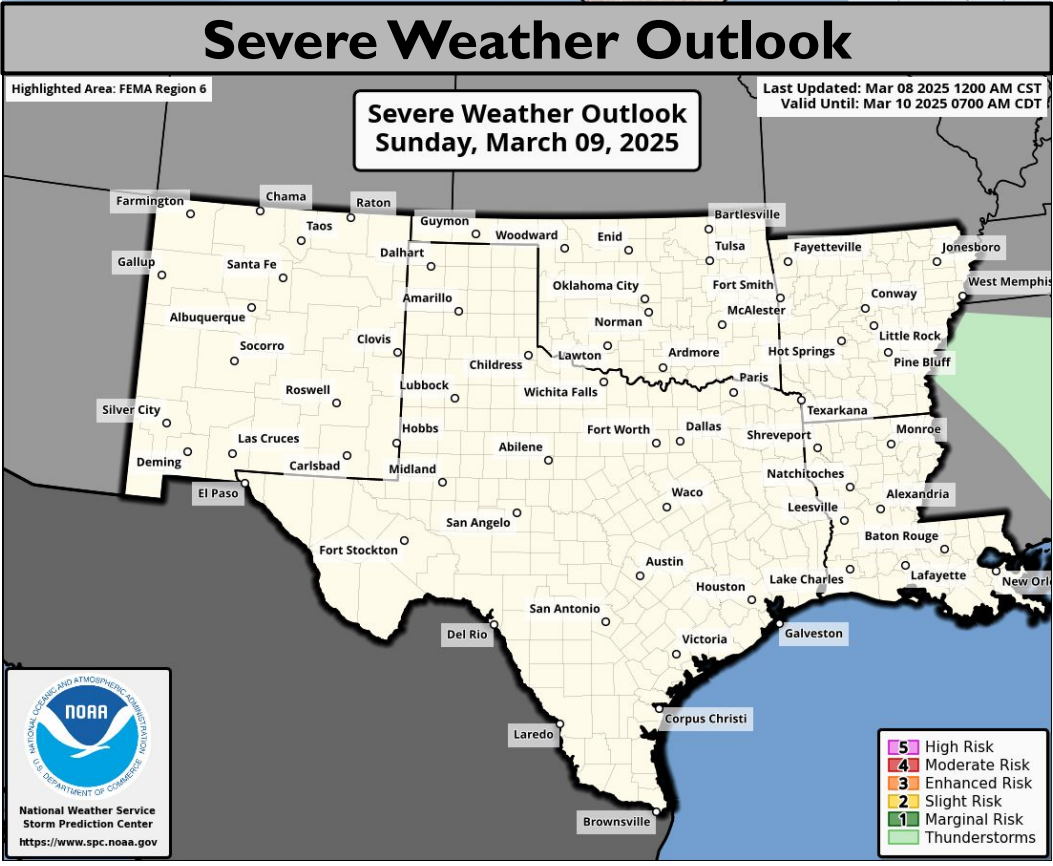




Tomorrow's Weather

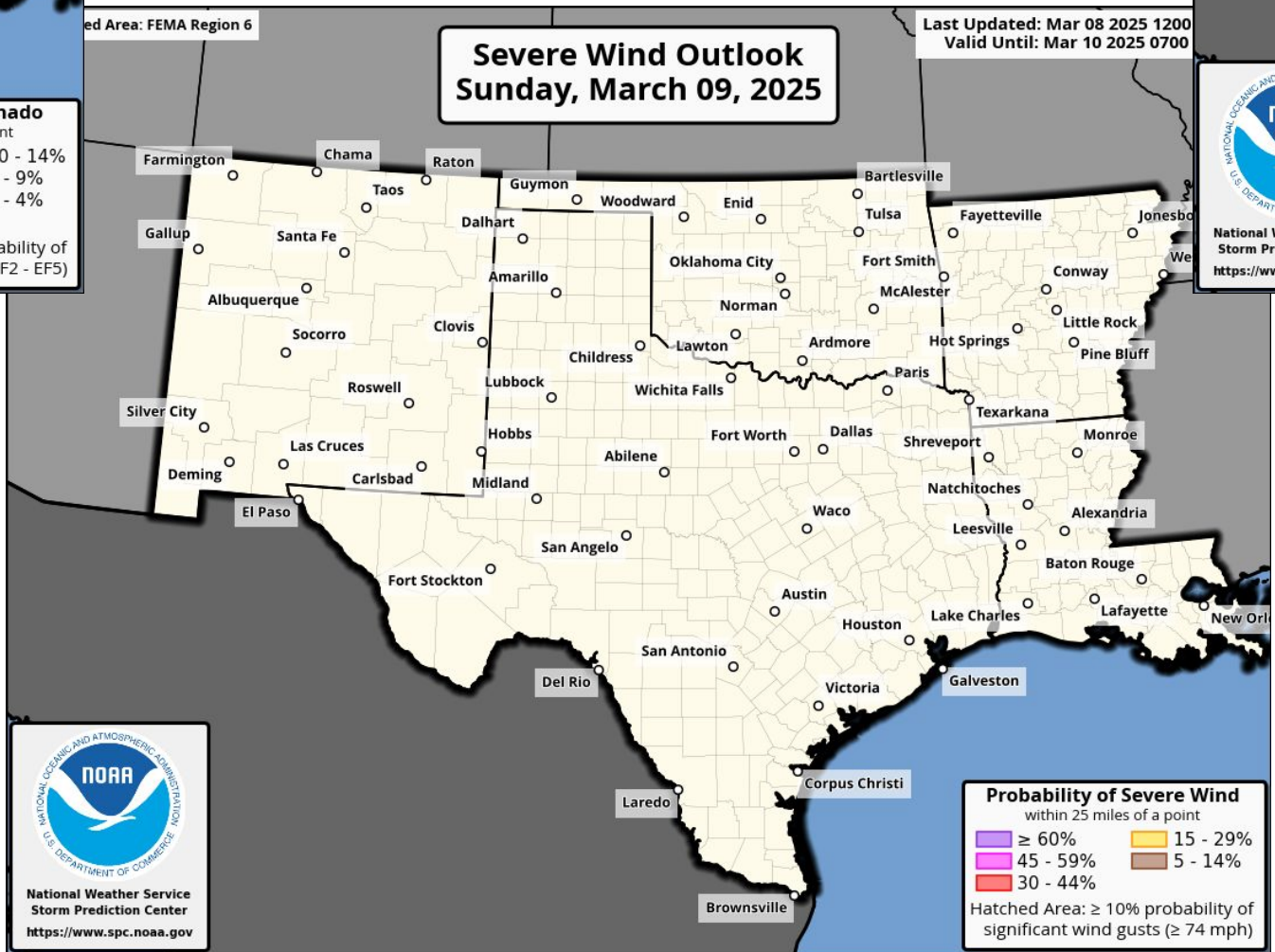
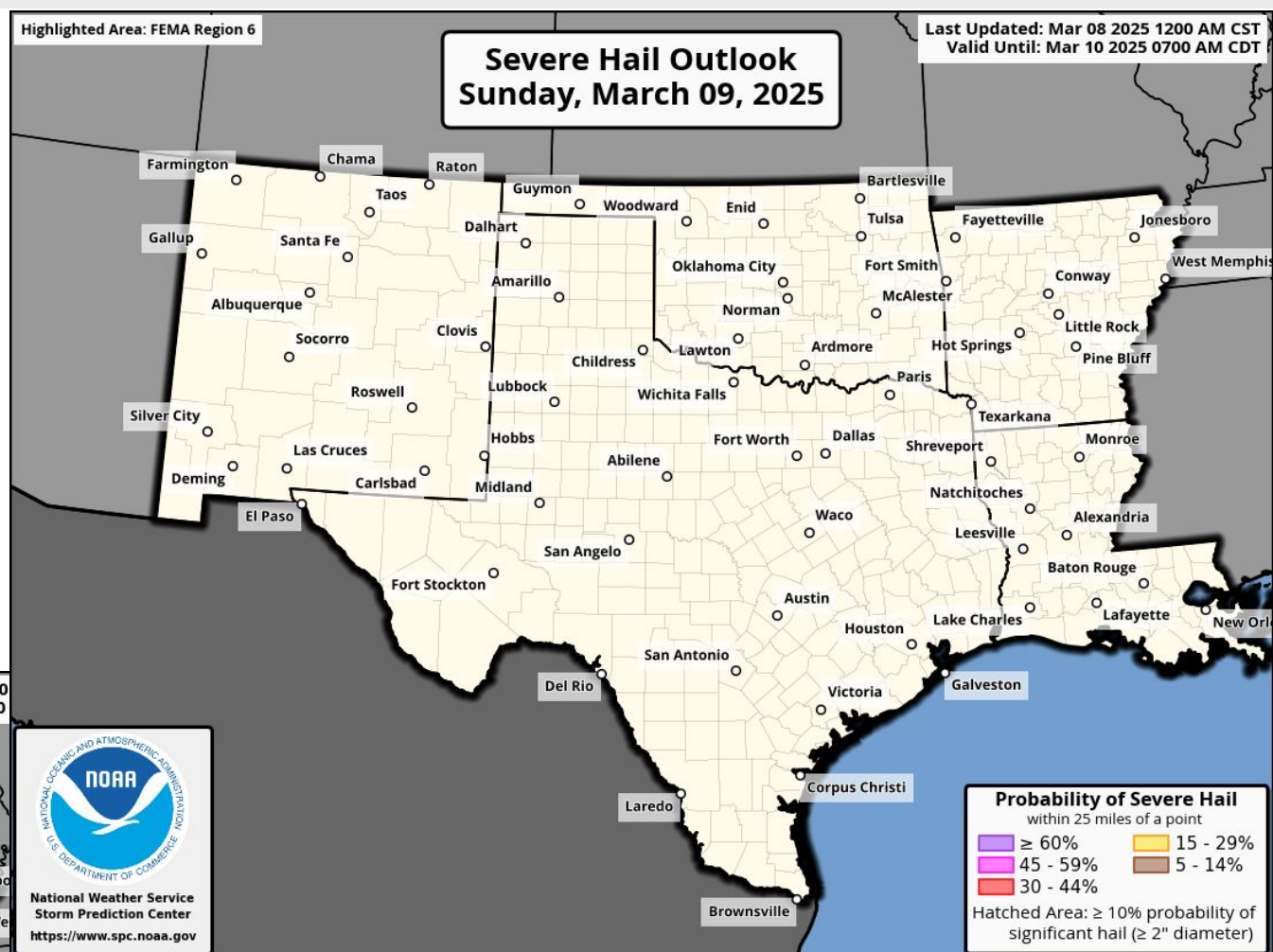
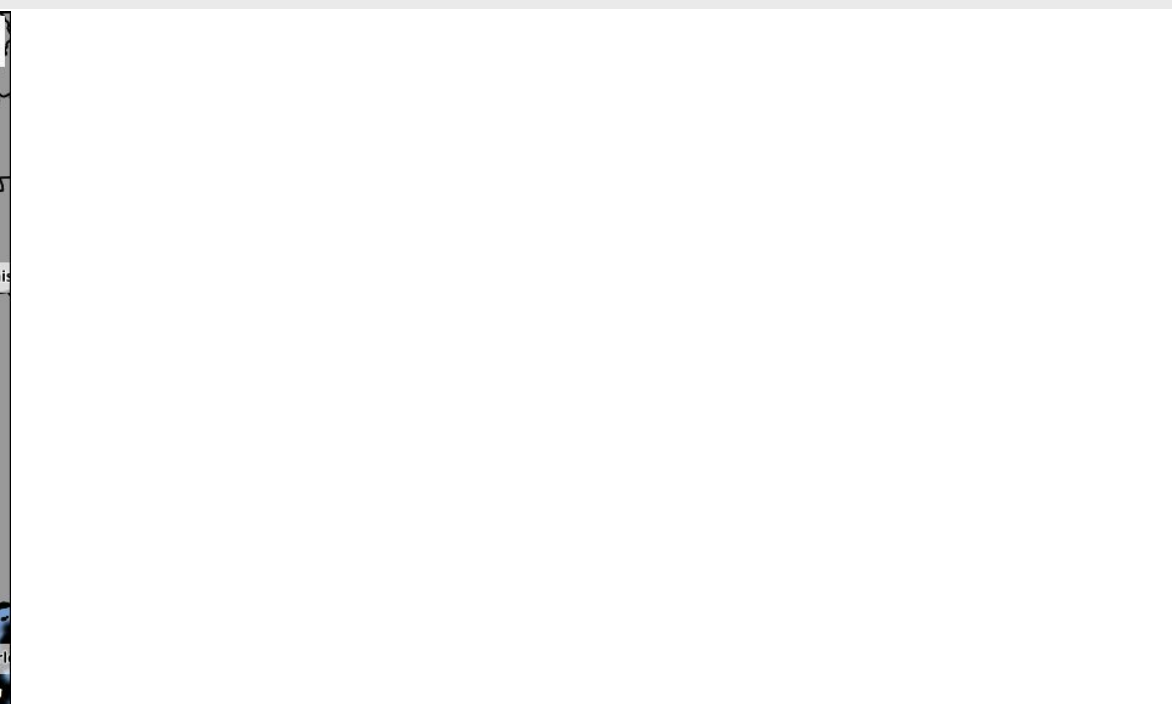
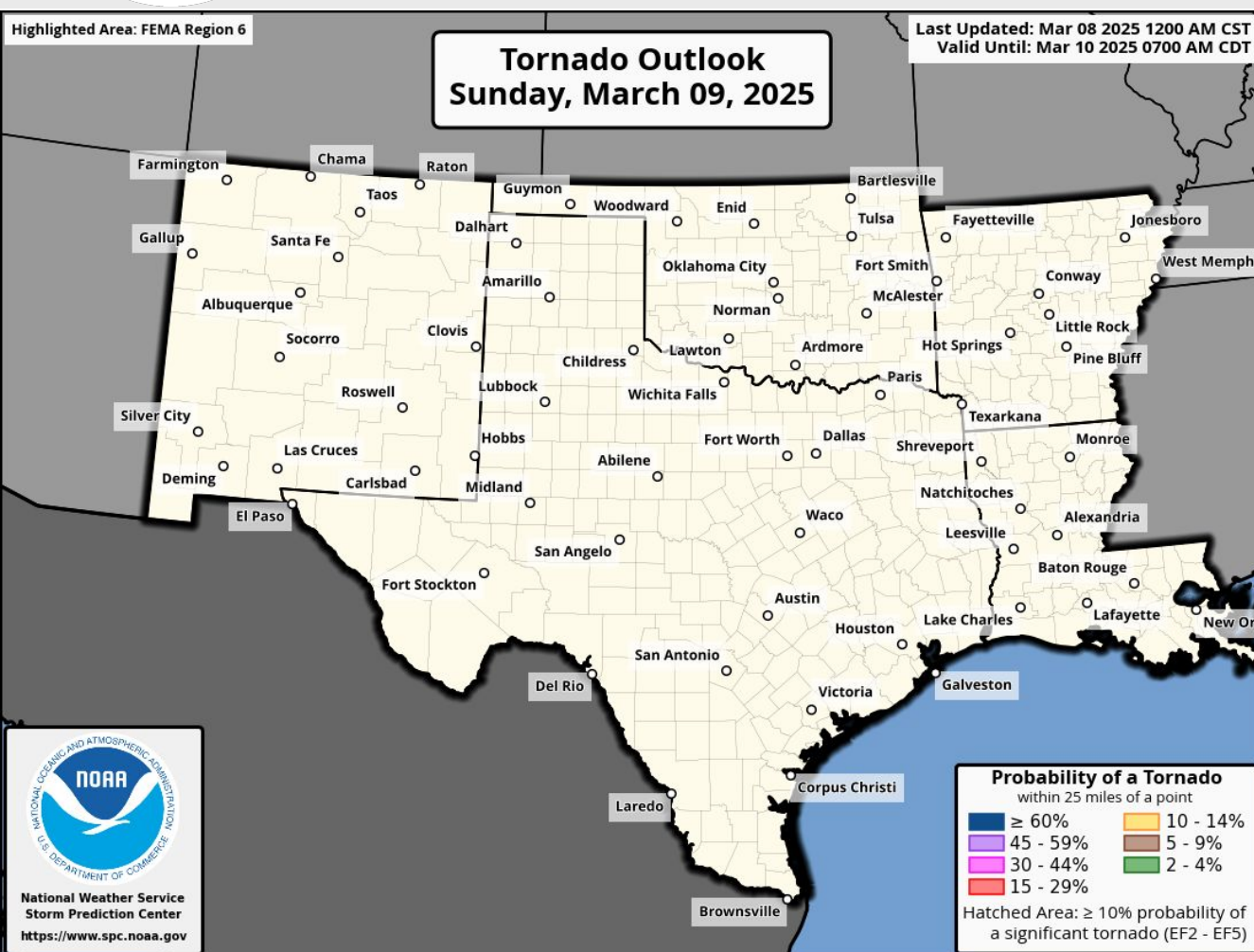


Monitoring for elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in STX.





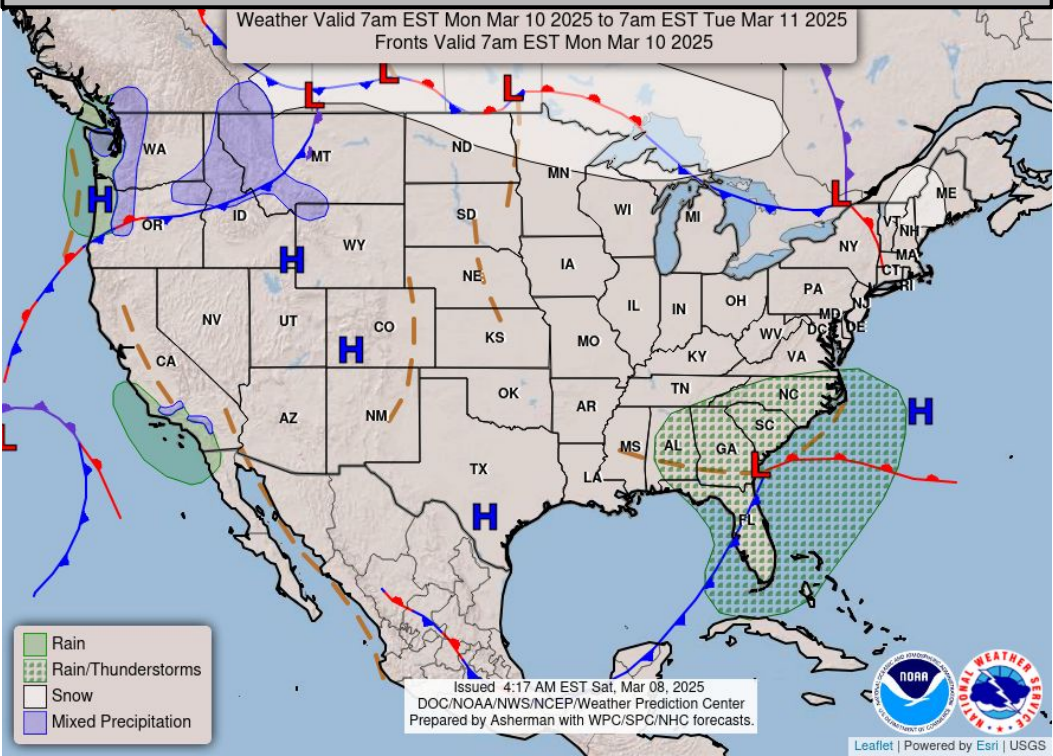
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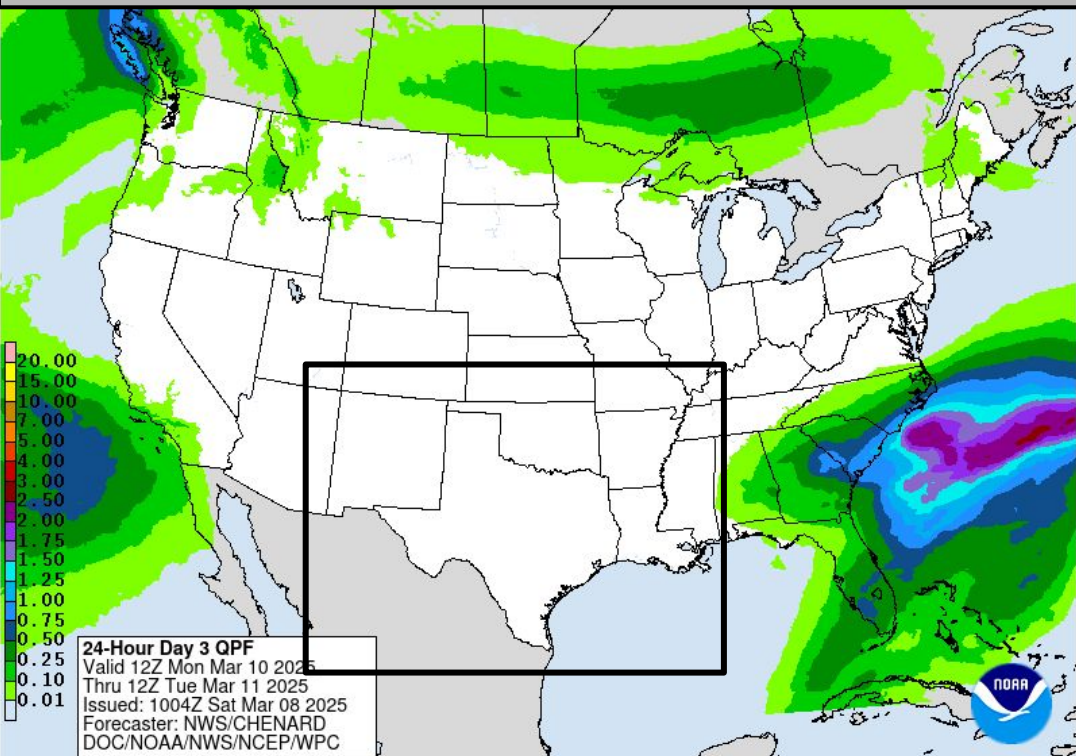


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

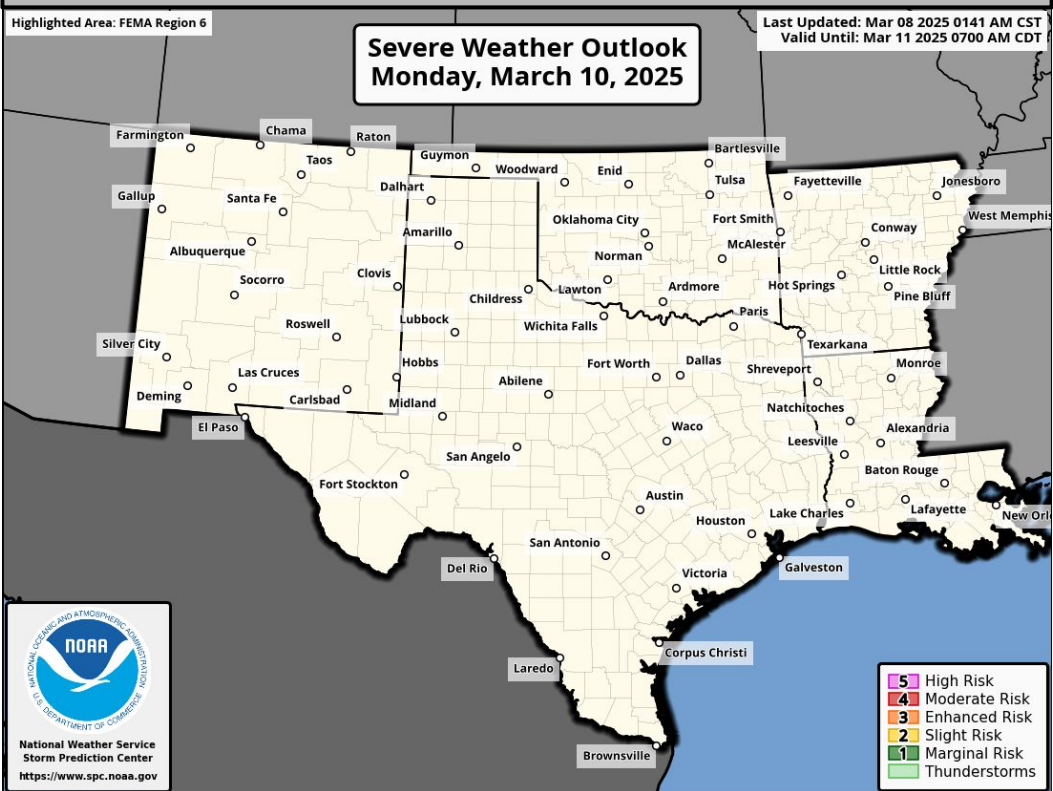


Forecast Rainfall

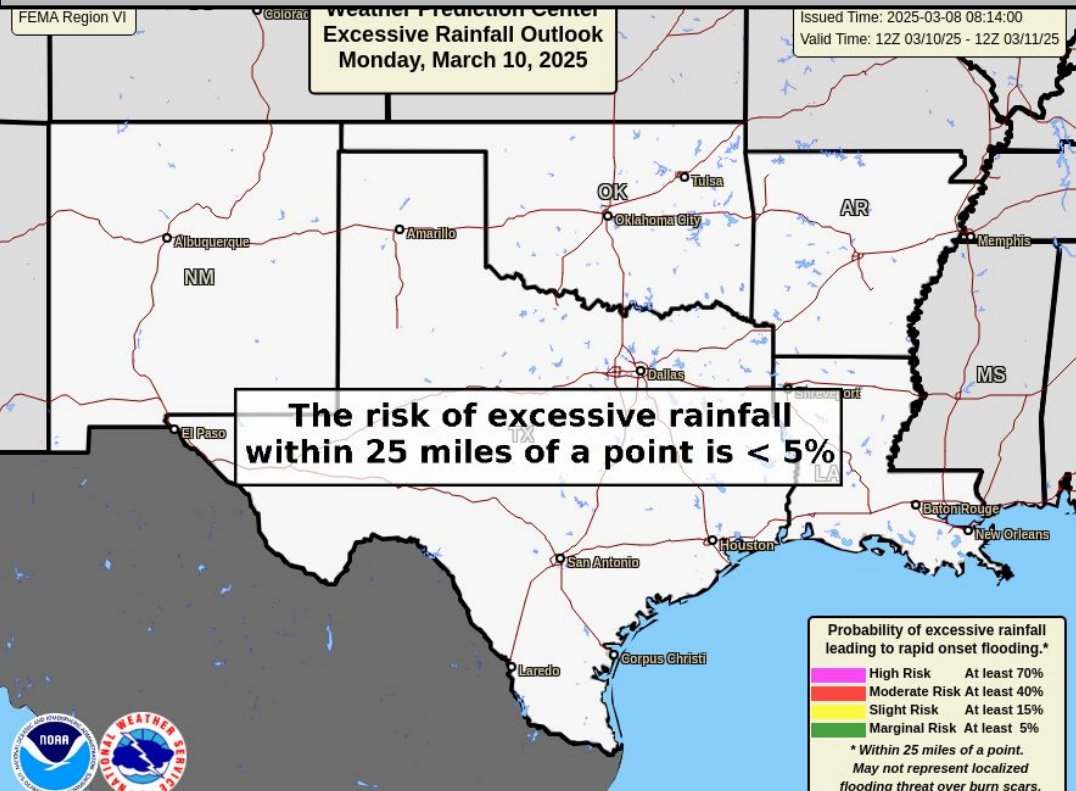


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



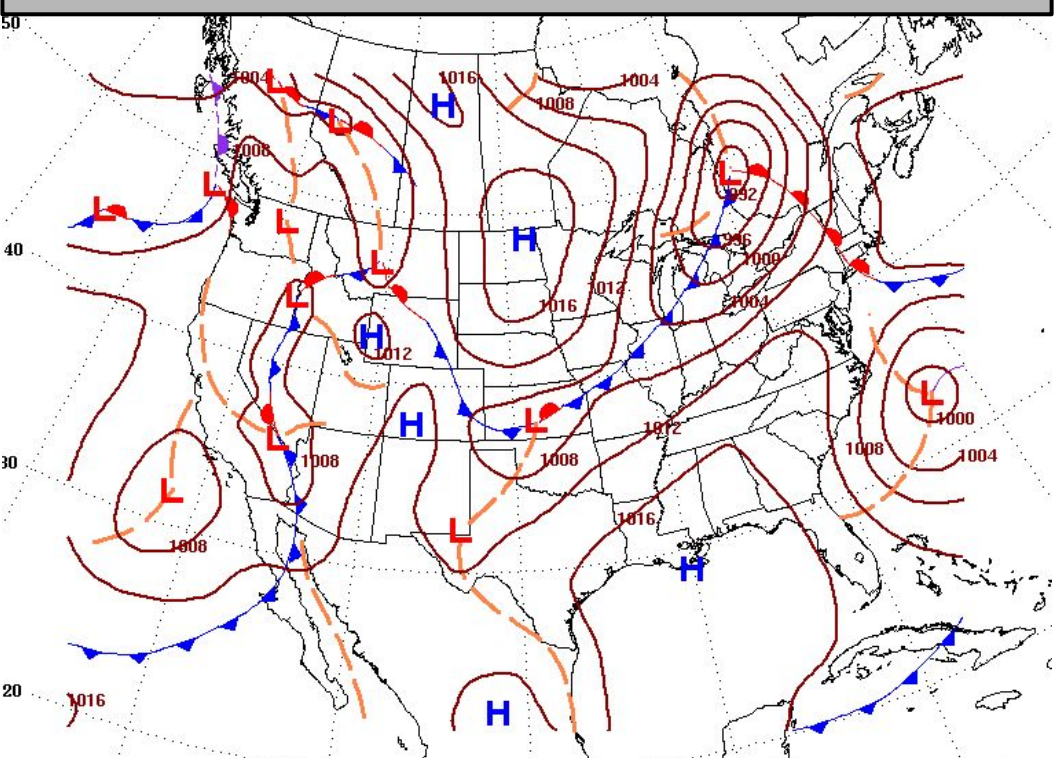
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



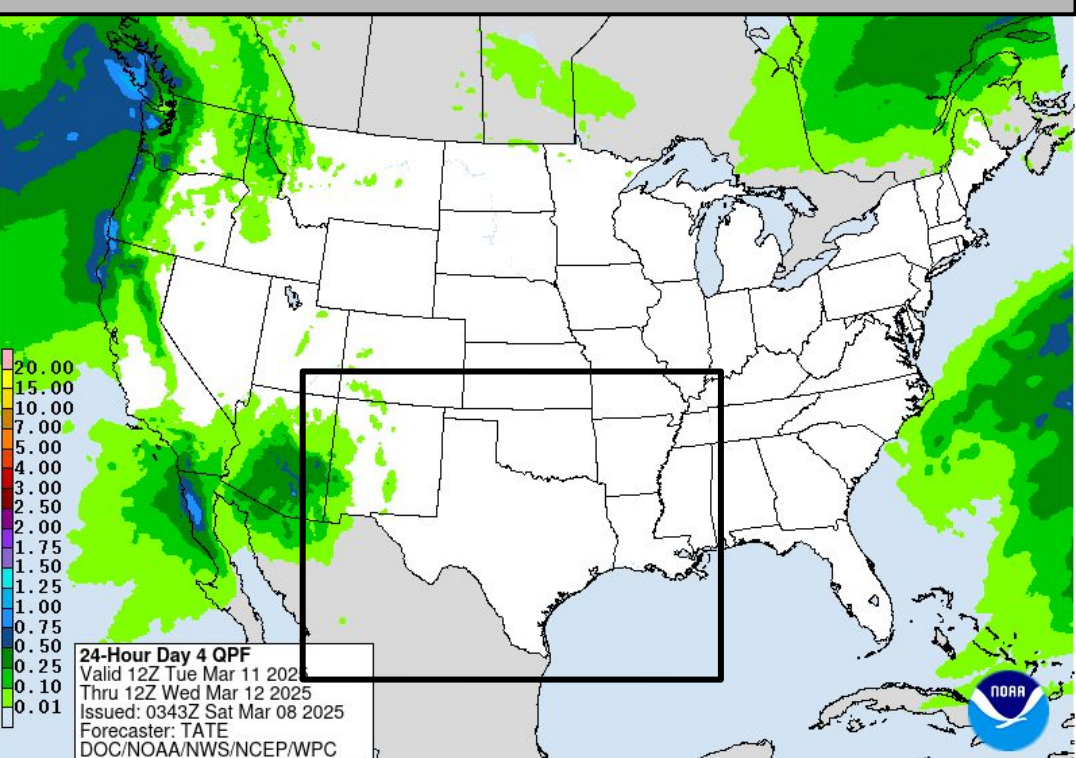


Tuesday's Weather

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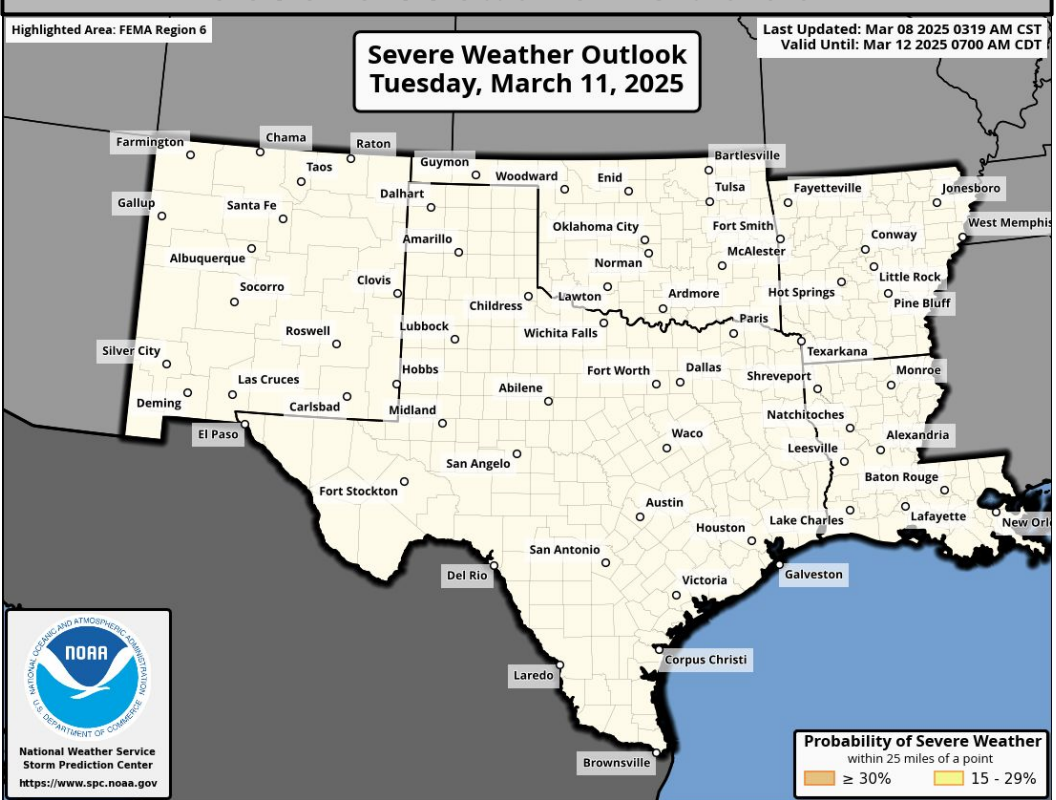


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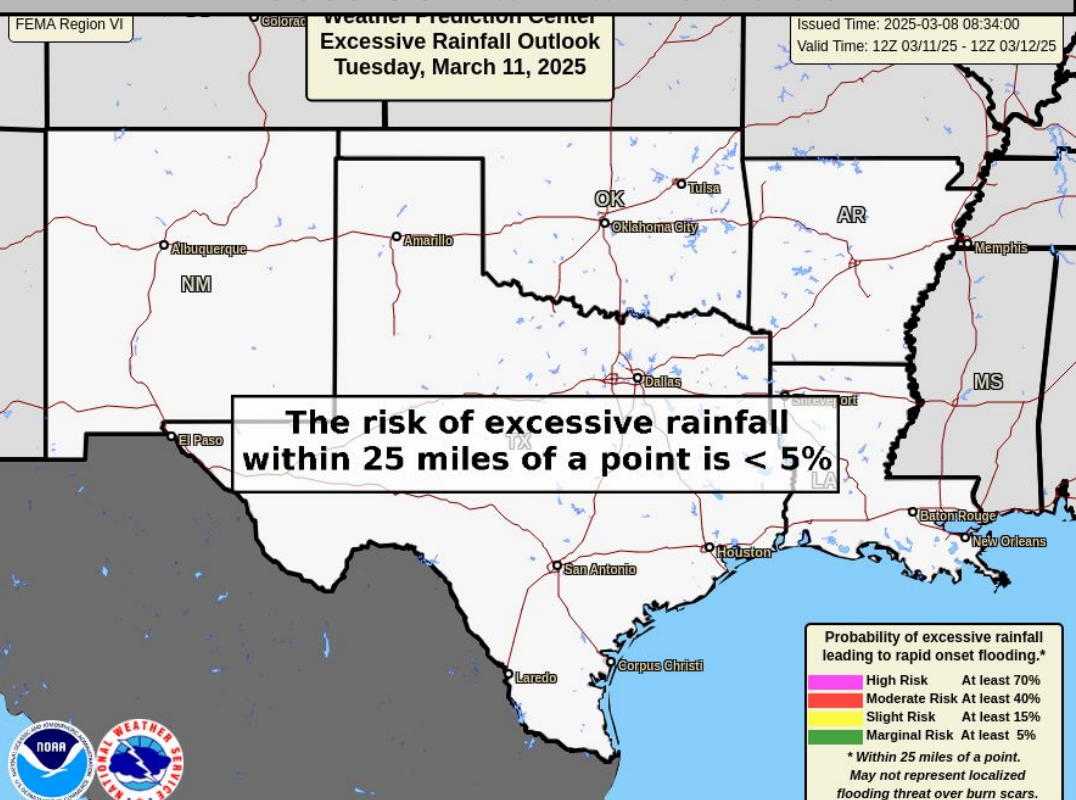


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Severe Weather Outlook



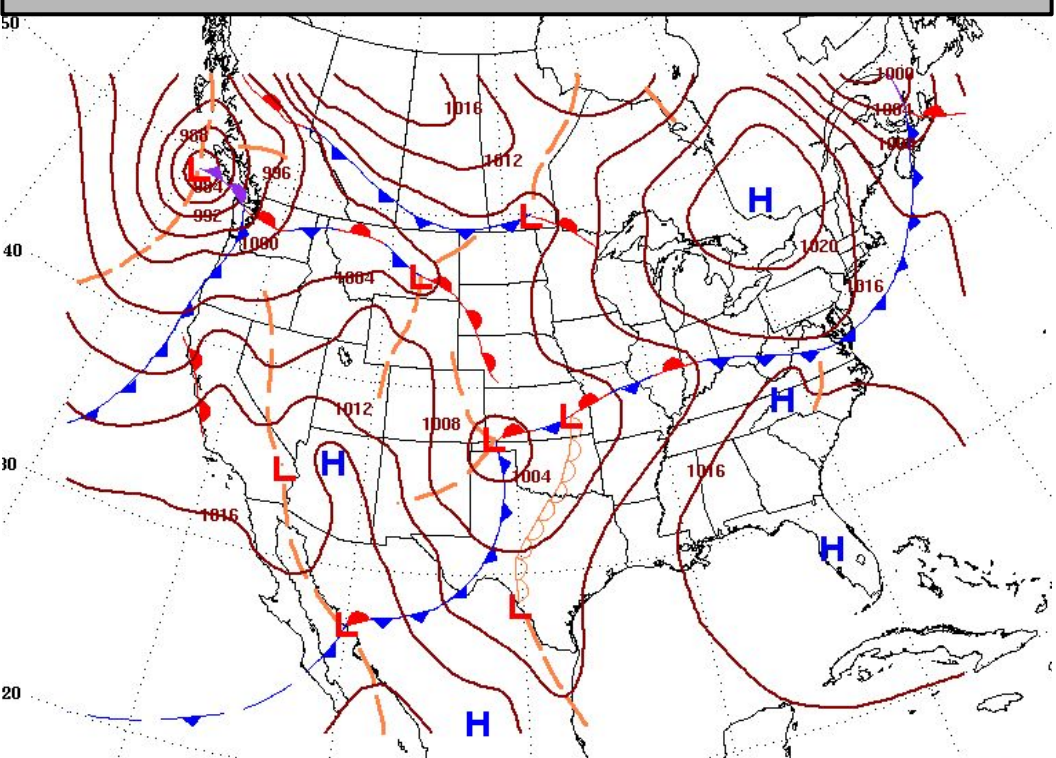
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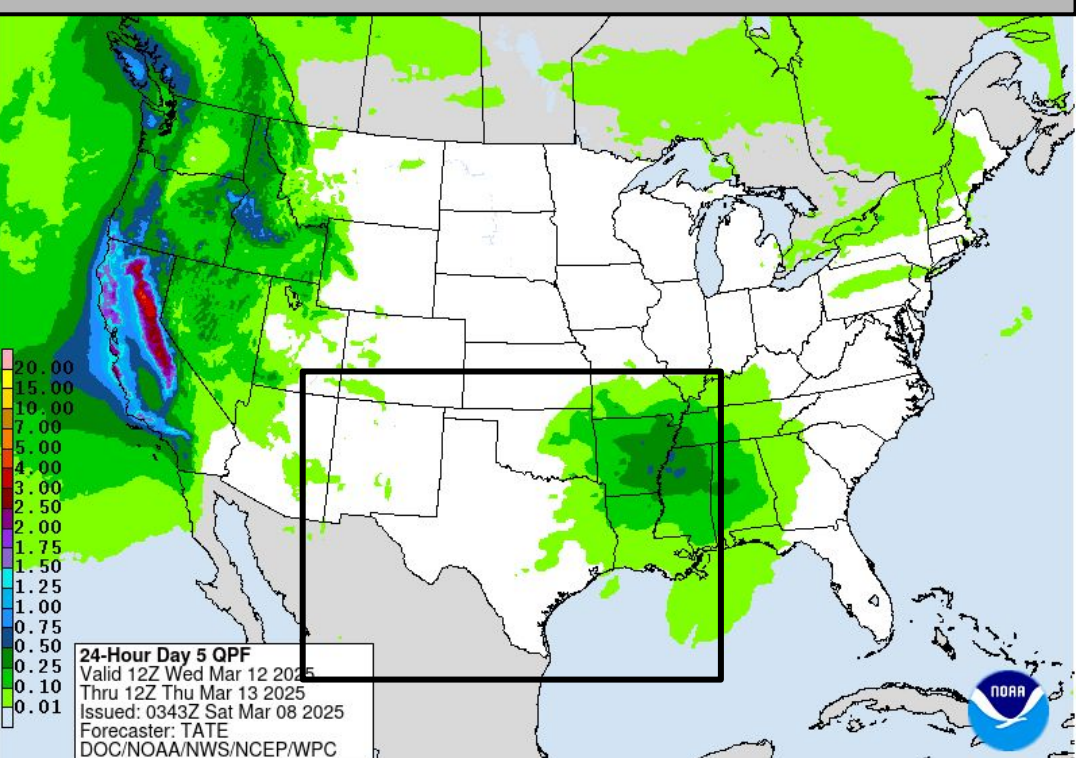


Wednesday's Weather

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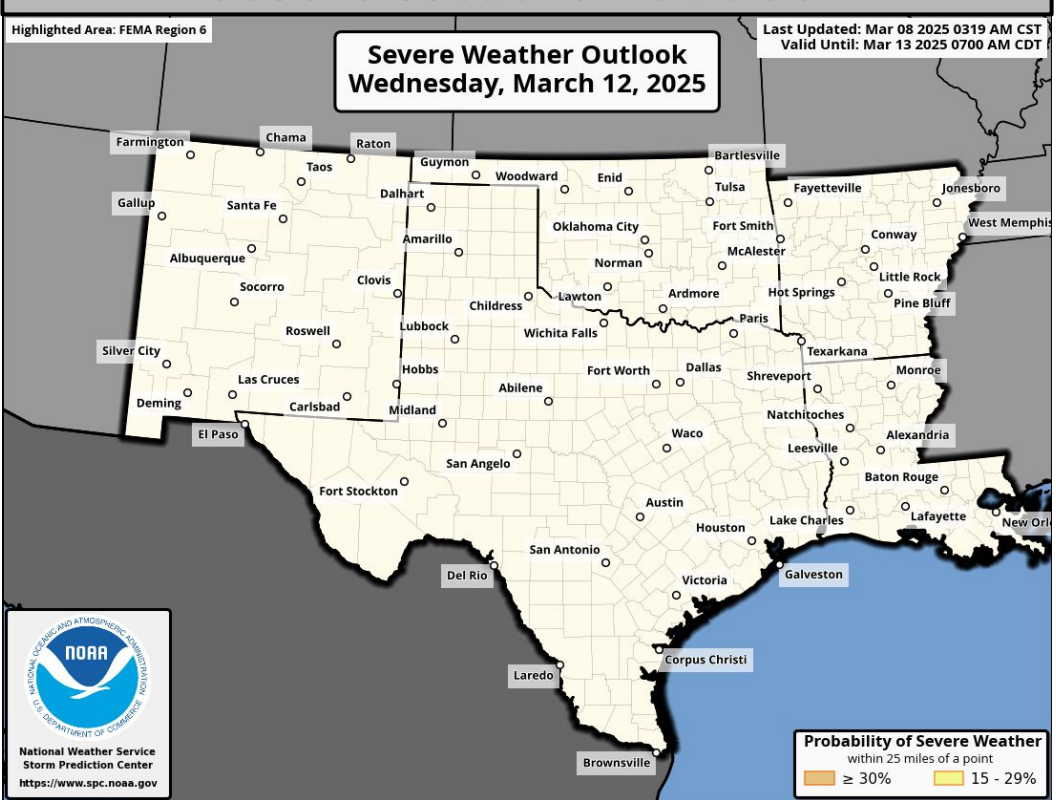


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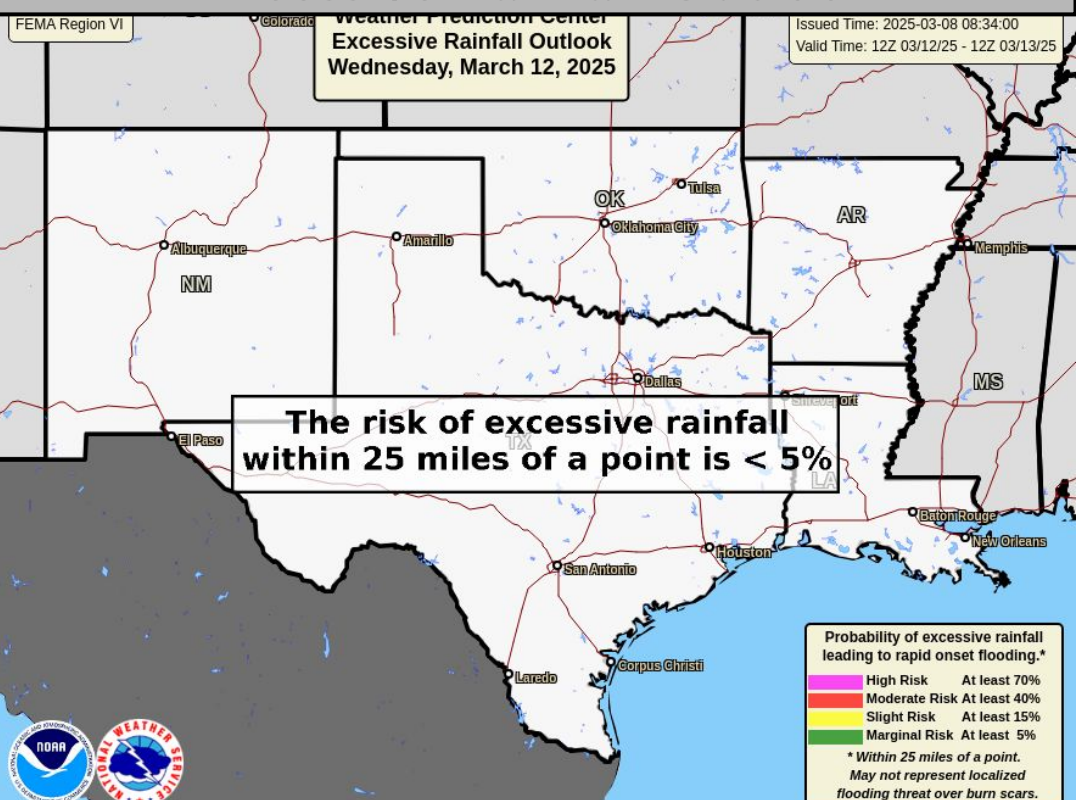


**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3)
fire weather conditions in SE NM,
WTX, CTX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



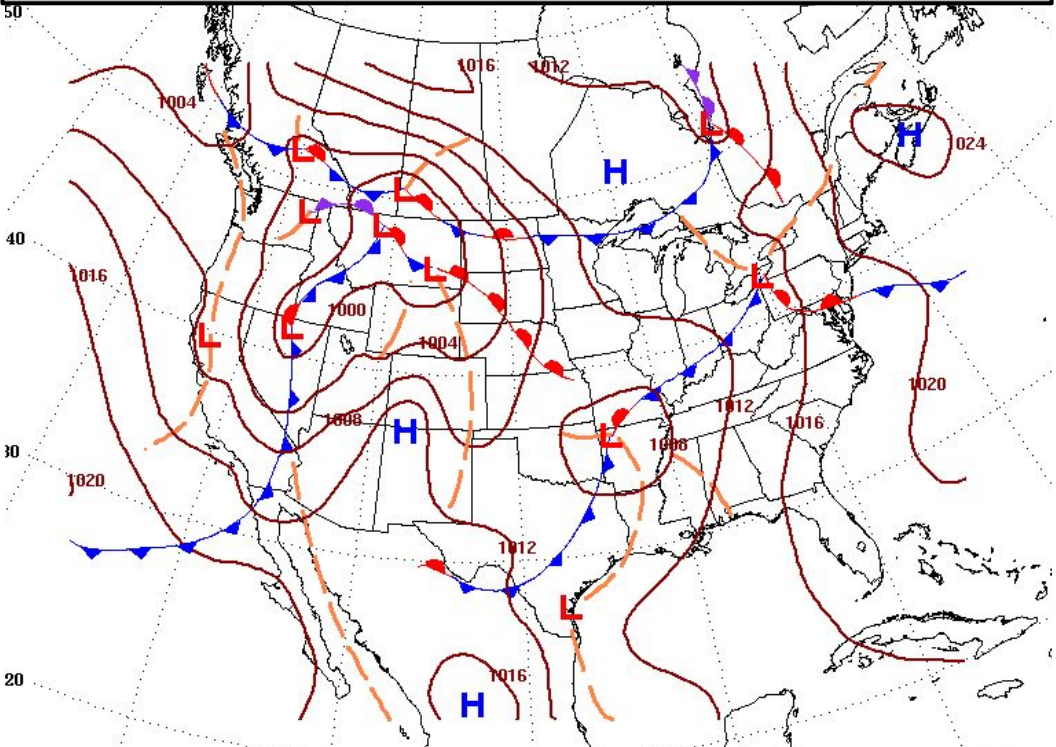
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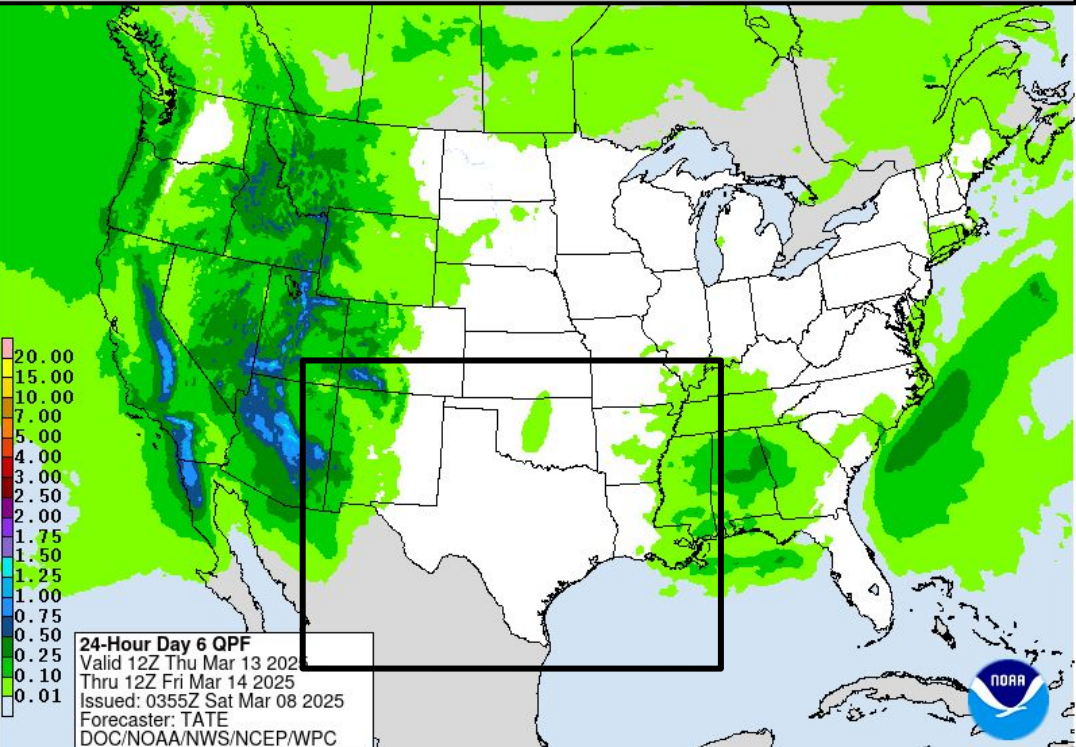


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart

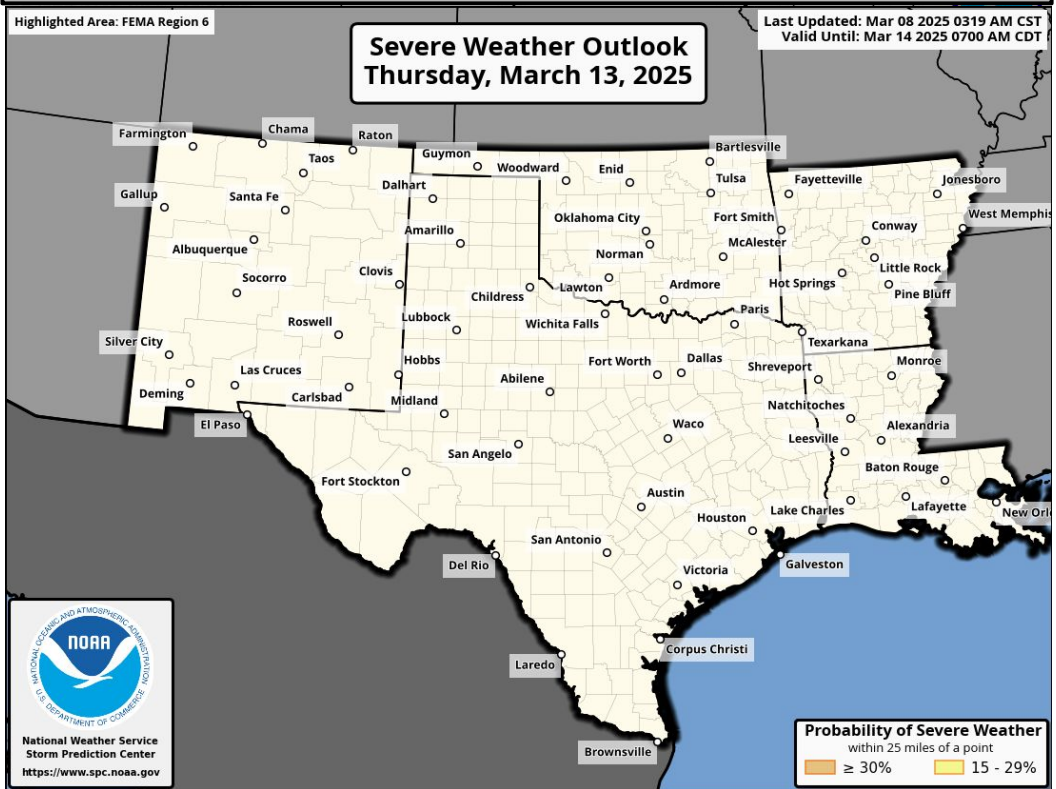


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring for minor (level 2 of 5) winter weather impacts in NM.

Severe Weather Outlook

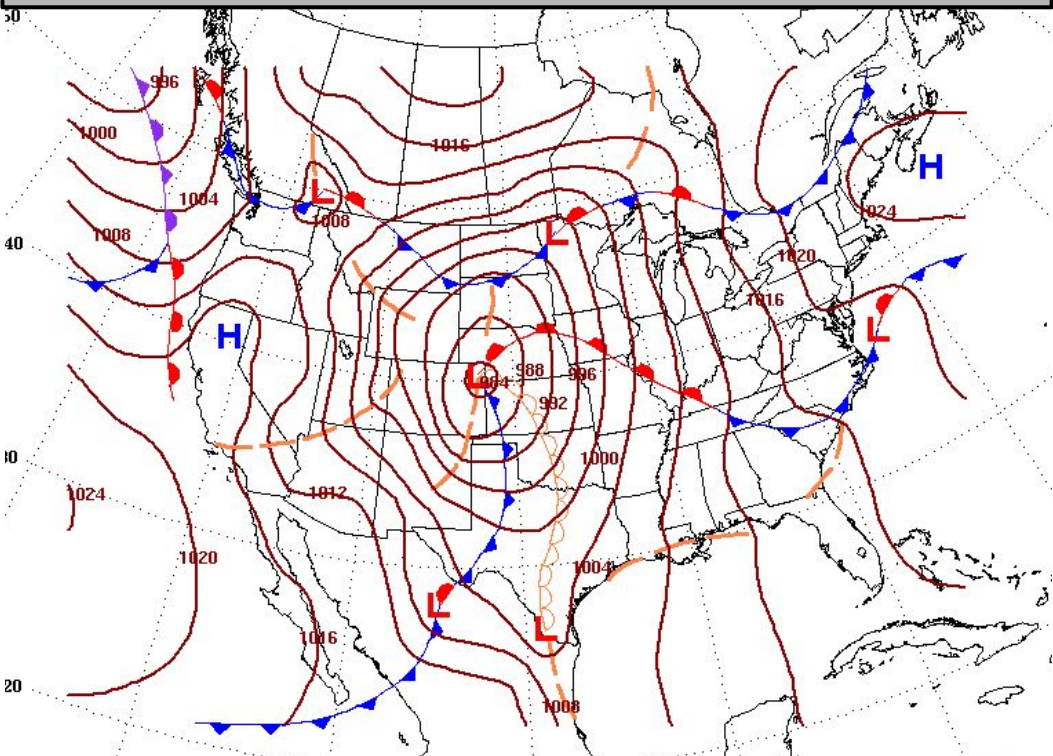


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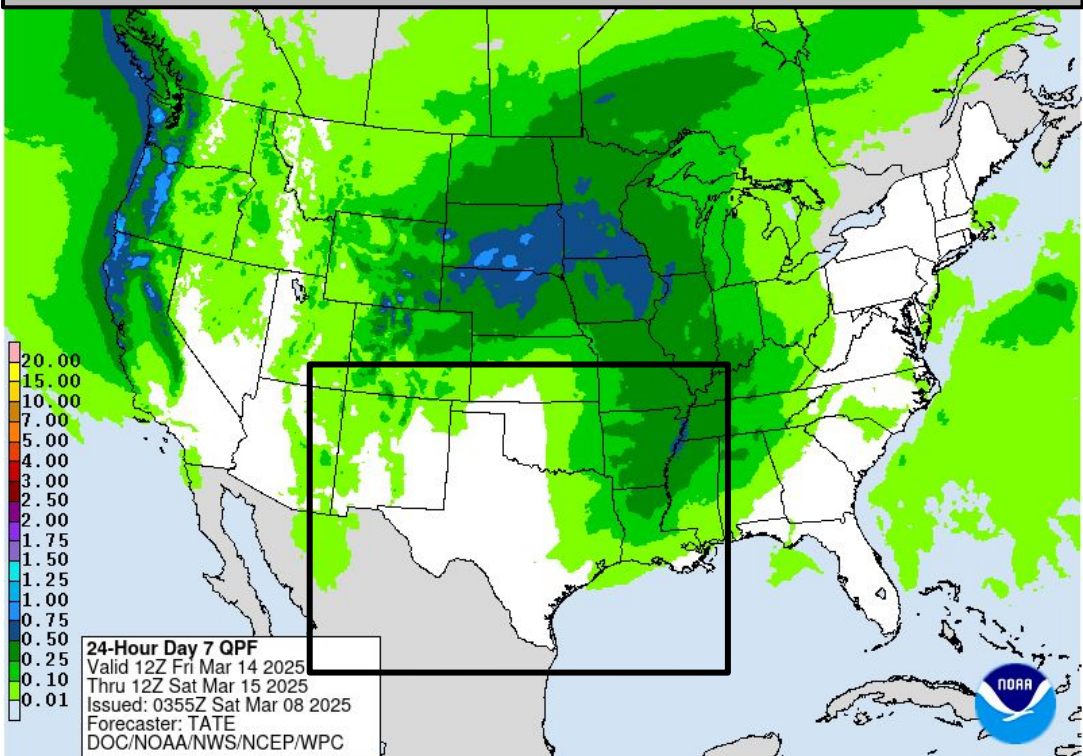


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



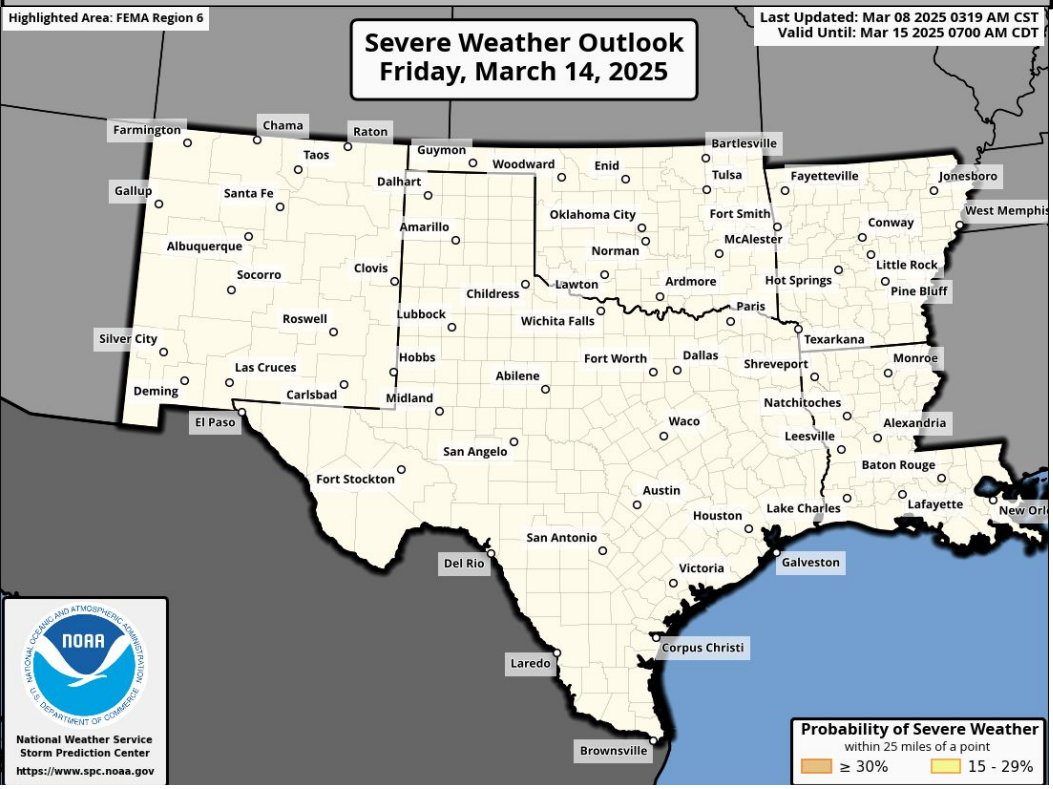
Forecast Rainfall



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

Lingering snow possible in NM.

Severe Weather Outlook

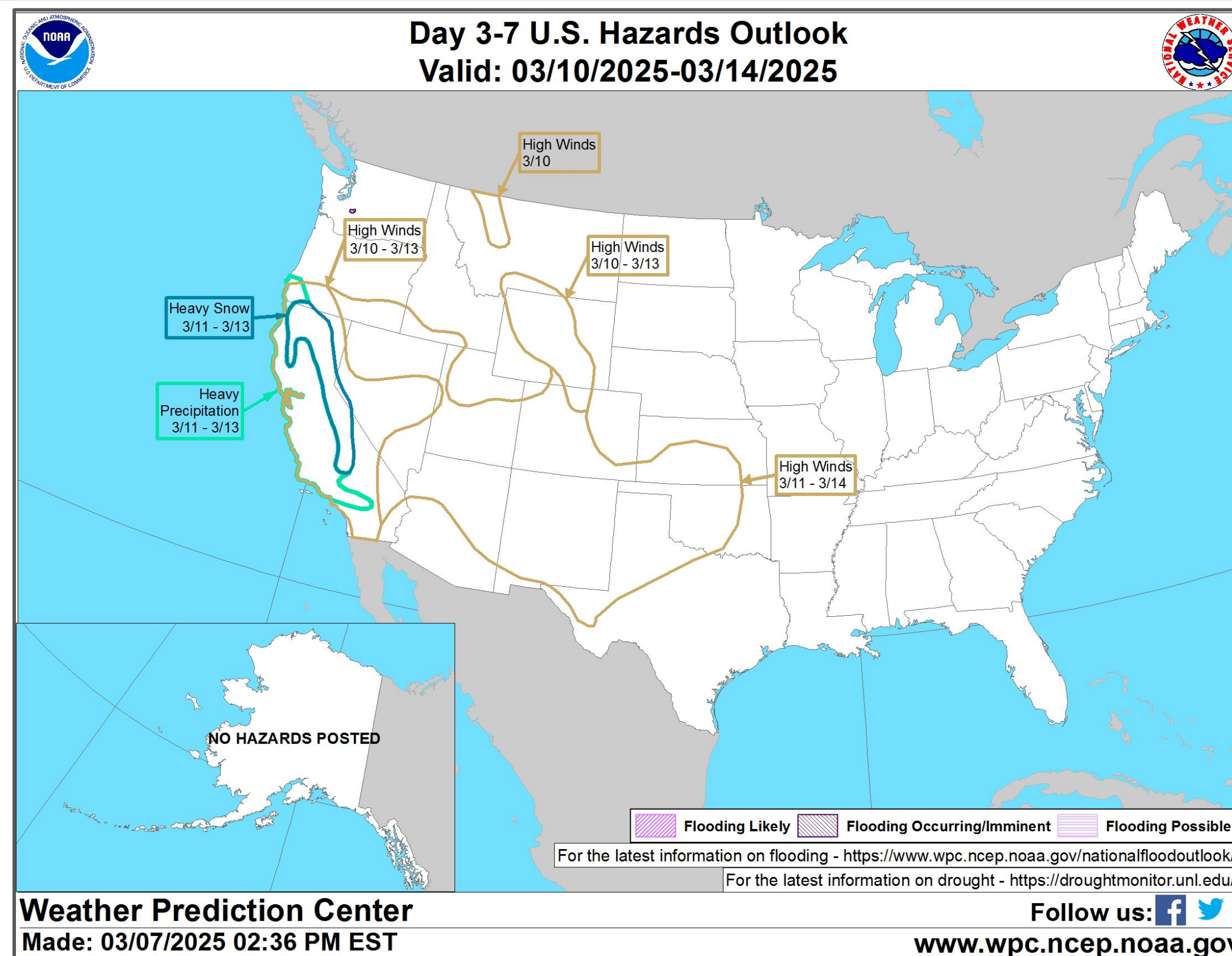


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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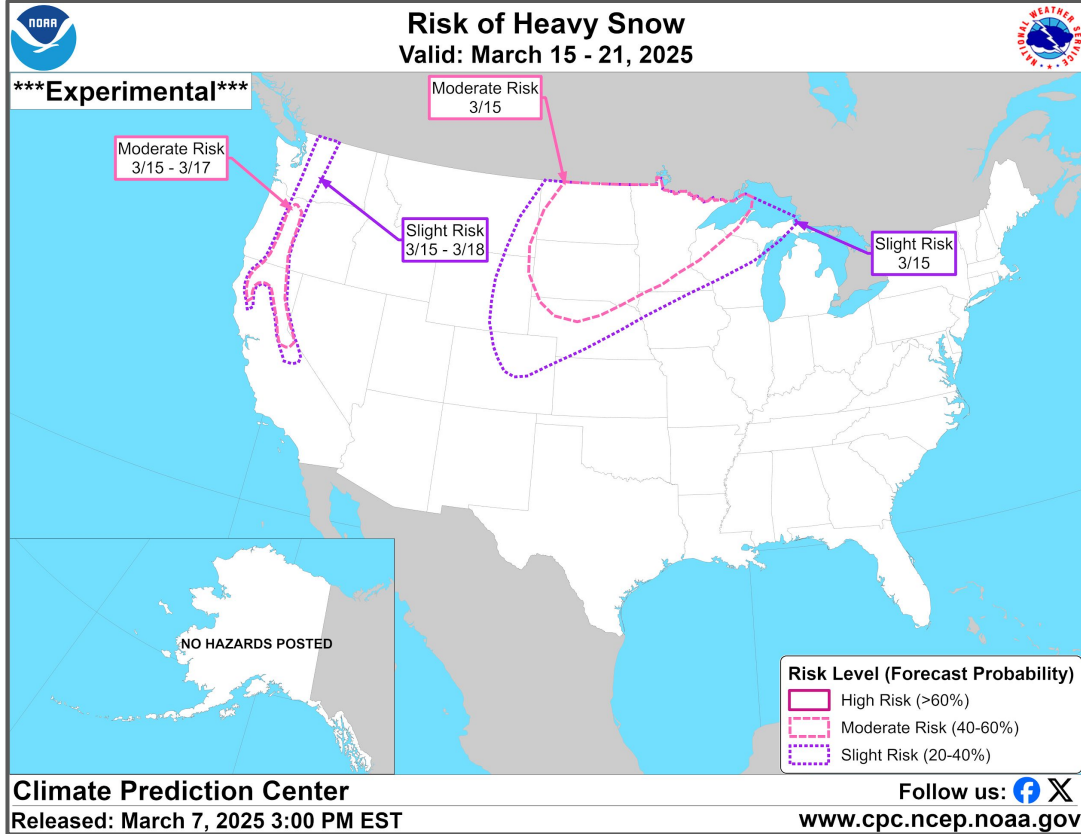
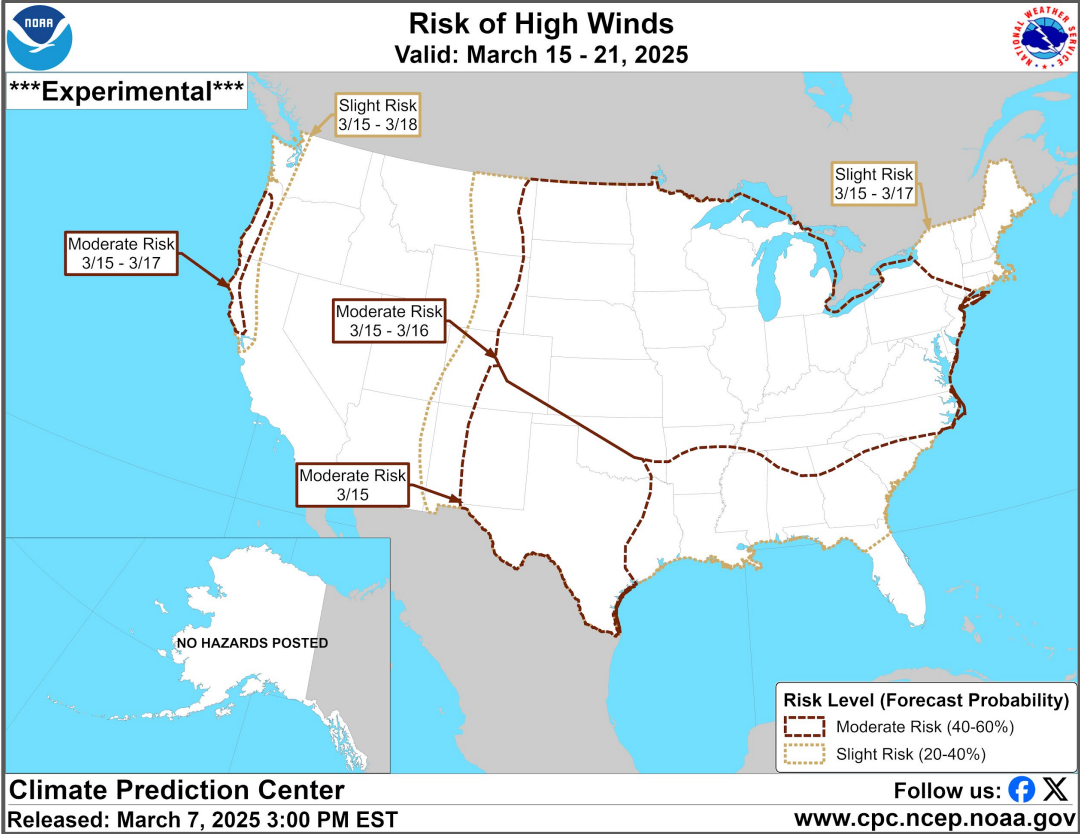
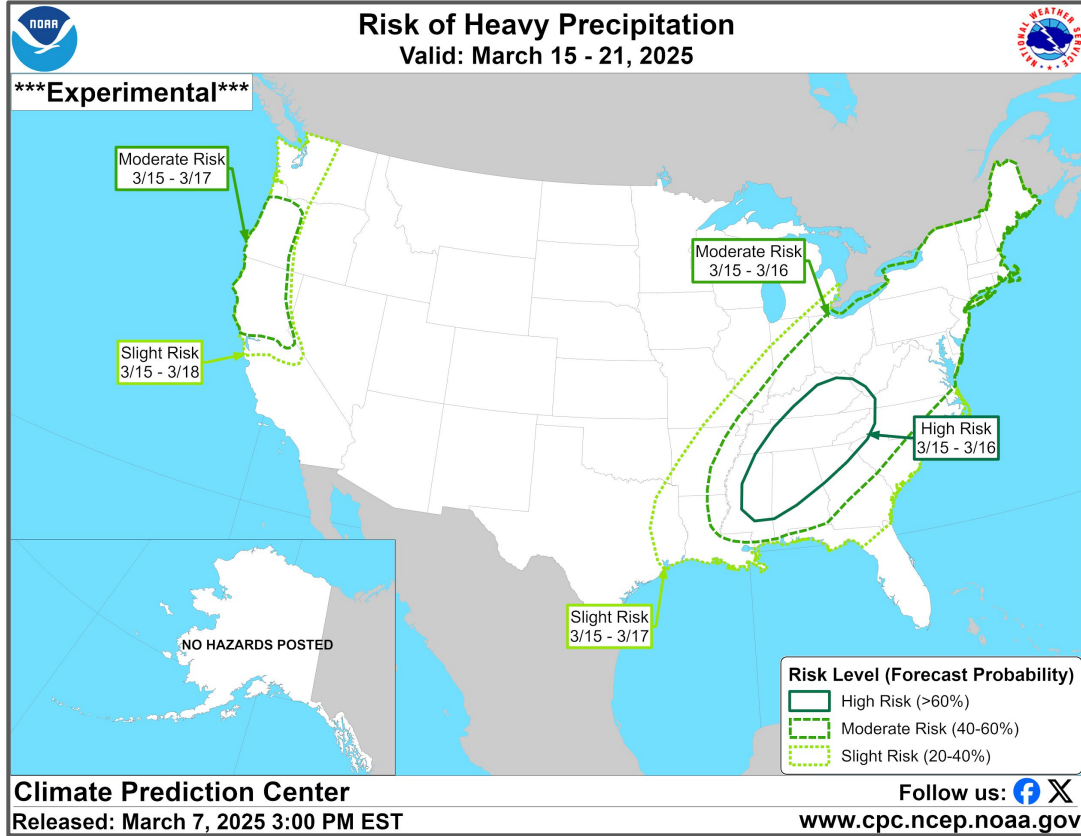
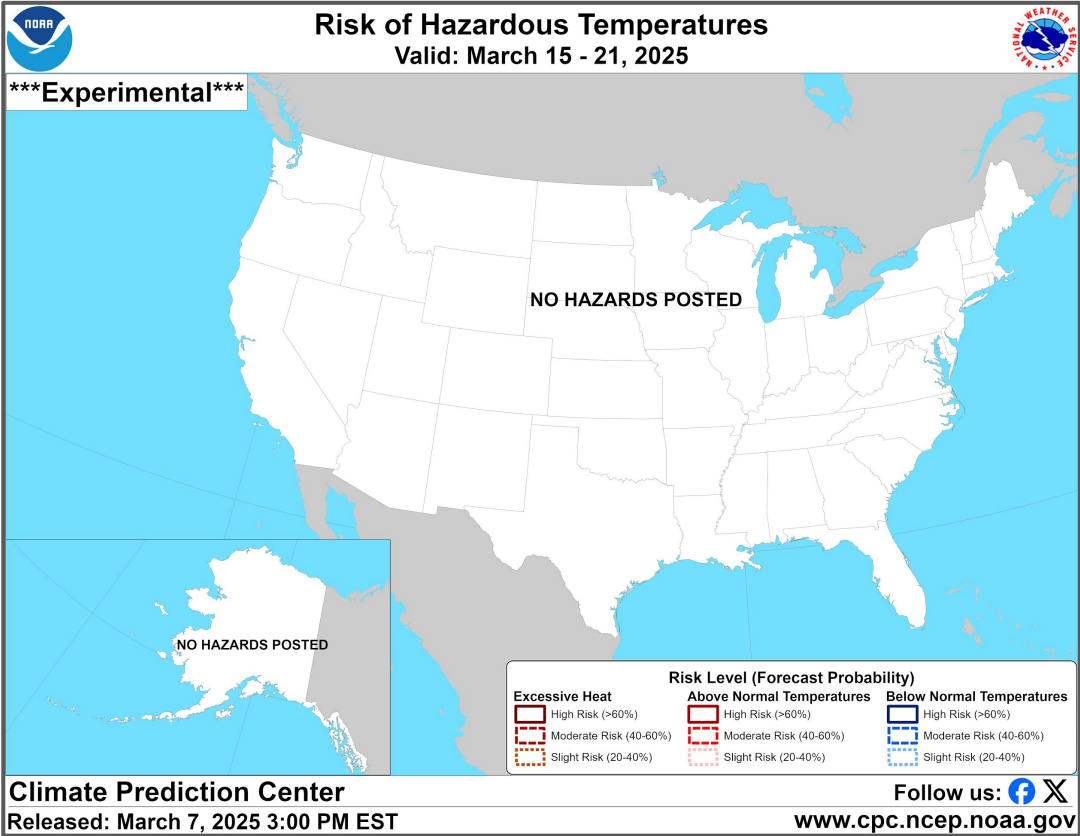
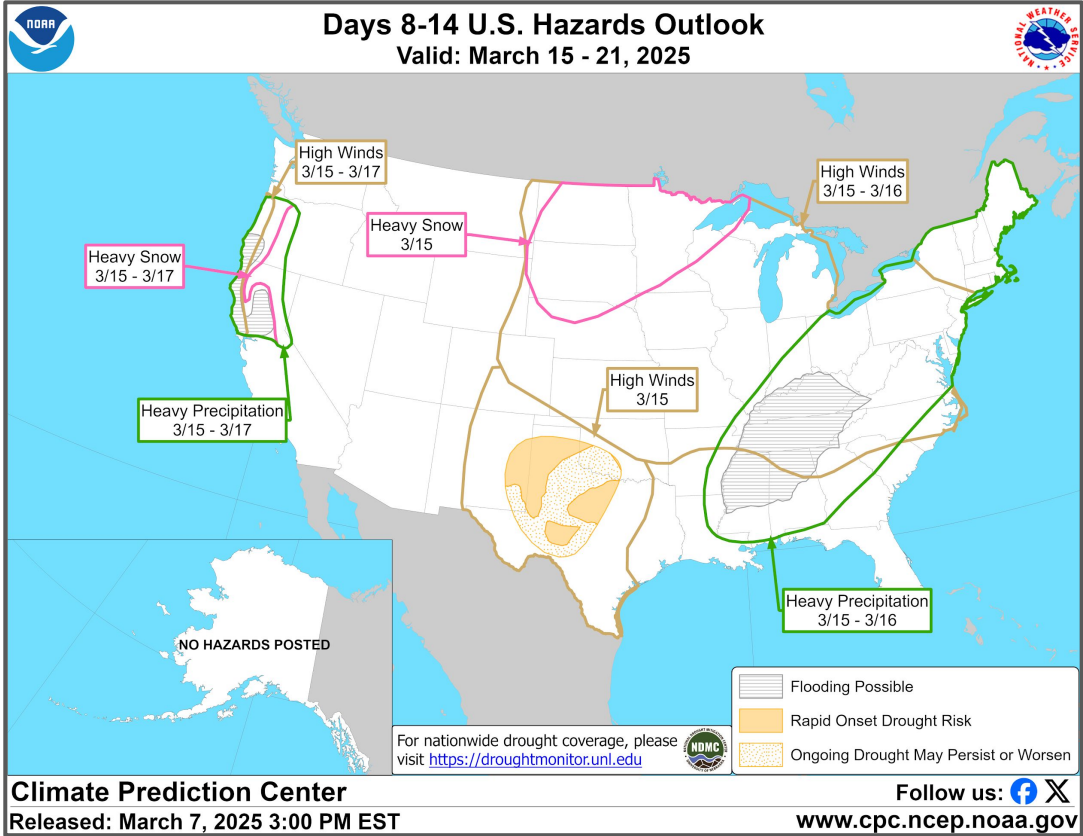
1. The “day 3-7” will really be days 2-6
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For additional information on this outlook go to <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php>





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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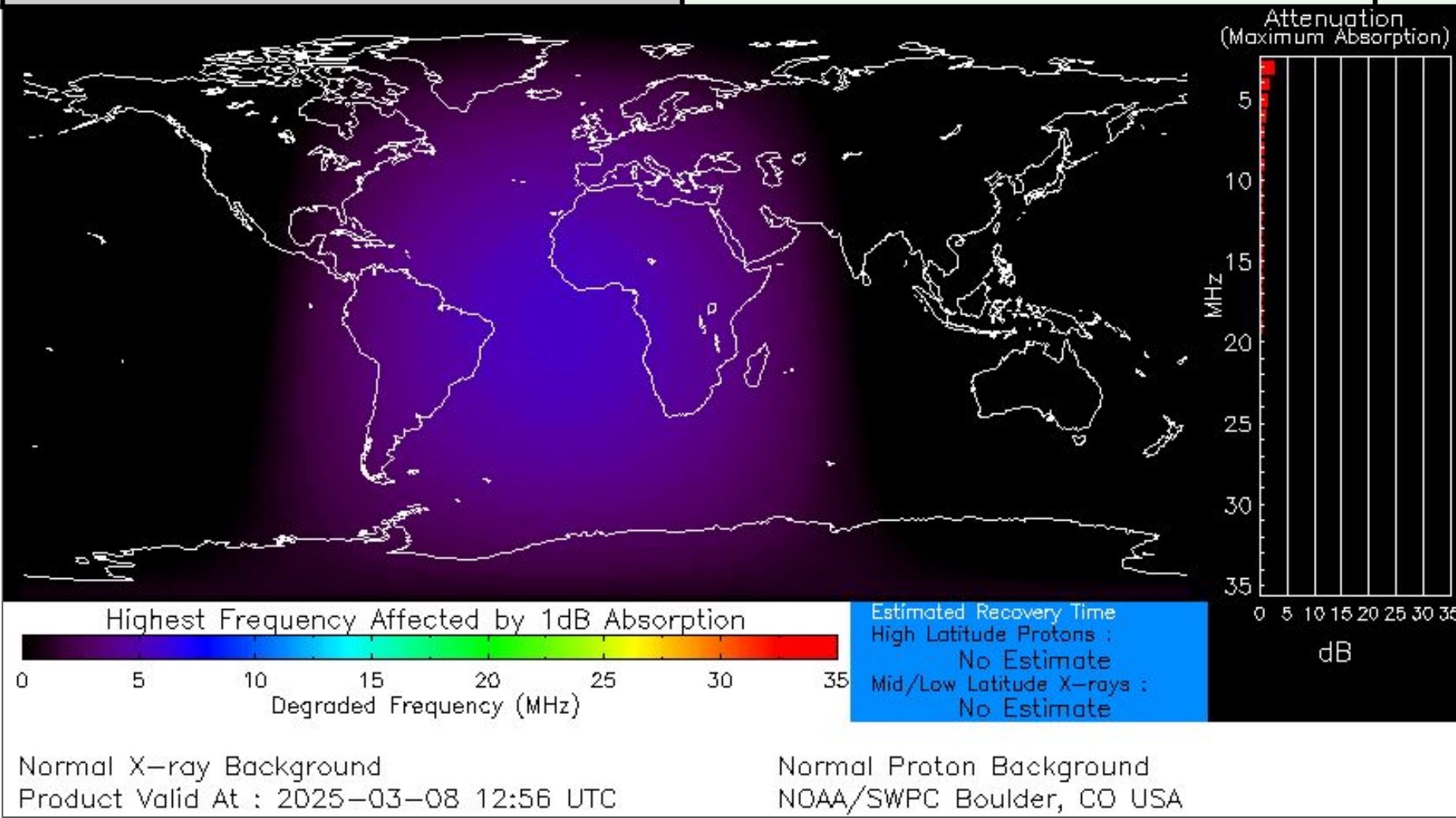
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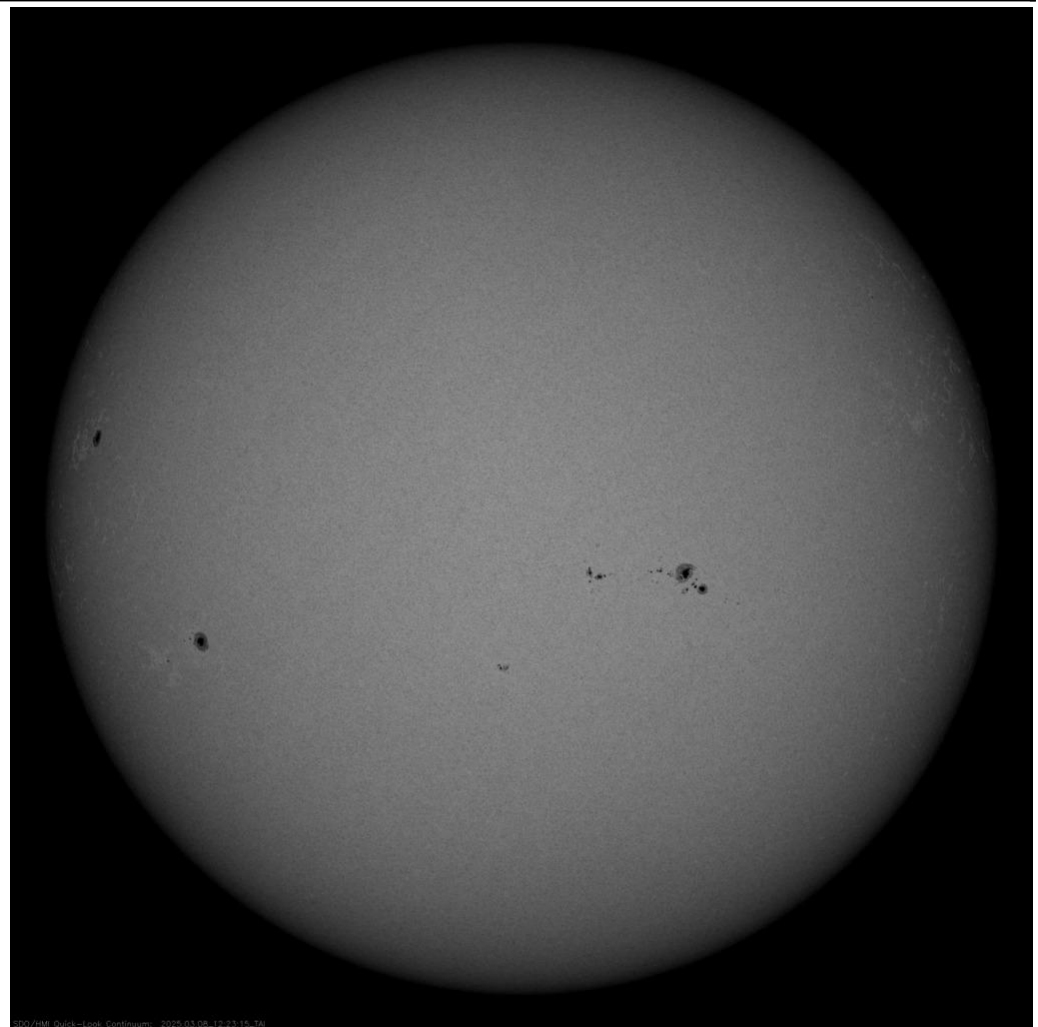
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 8	Sunday, Mar 9	Monday, Mar 10
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[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