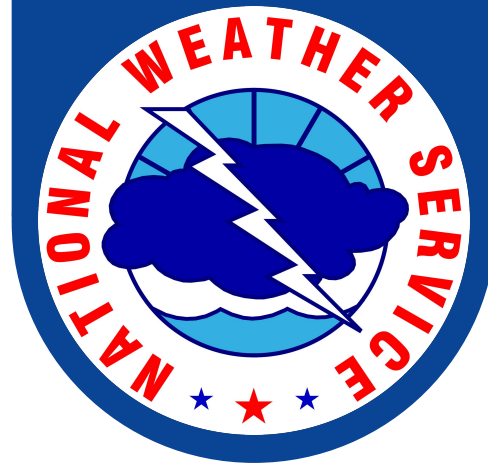




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Elevated fire weather (level 1 of 3) this afternoon in S TX.**
- **Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns Tuesday-Friday for SE NM, W TX, C TX, TX/OK Panhandle, and OK.**
- **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms on Friday for E OK, E TX, AR, and LA.**
- **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms Saturday morning in SE LA.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in NM next Thursday due to snow.**
- **Minor river flooding forecast through next week in E TX, AR, and LA.**





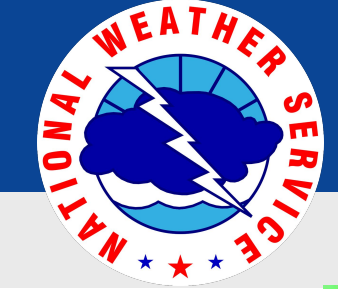
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Mar 9	Monday, Mar 10	Tuesday, Mar 11	Wednesday, Mar 12	Thursday, Mar 13	Friday, Mar 14	Saturday, Mar 15
Severe Storms						E OK, ETX, AR, LA	SE LA (A.M.)
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Fire Weather	STX		SE NM, WTX, TX Panhandle	SE NM, WTX, CTX	SE NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandle	SE NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, OK	
Winter					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

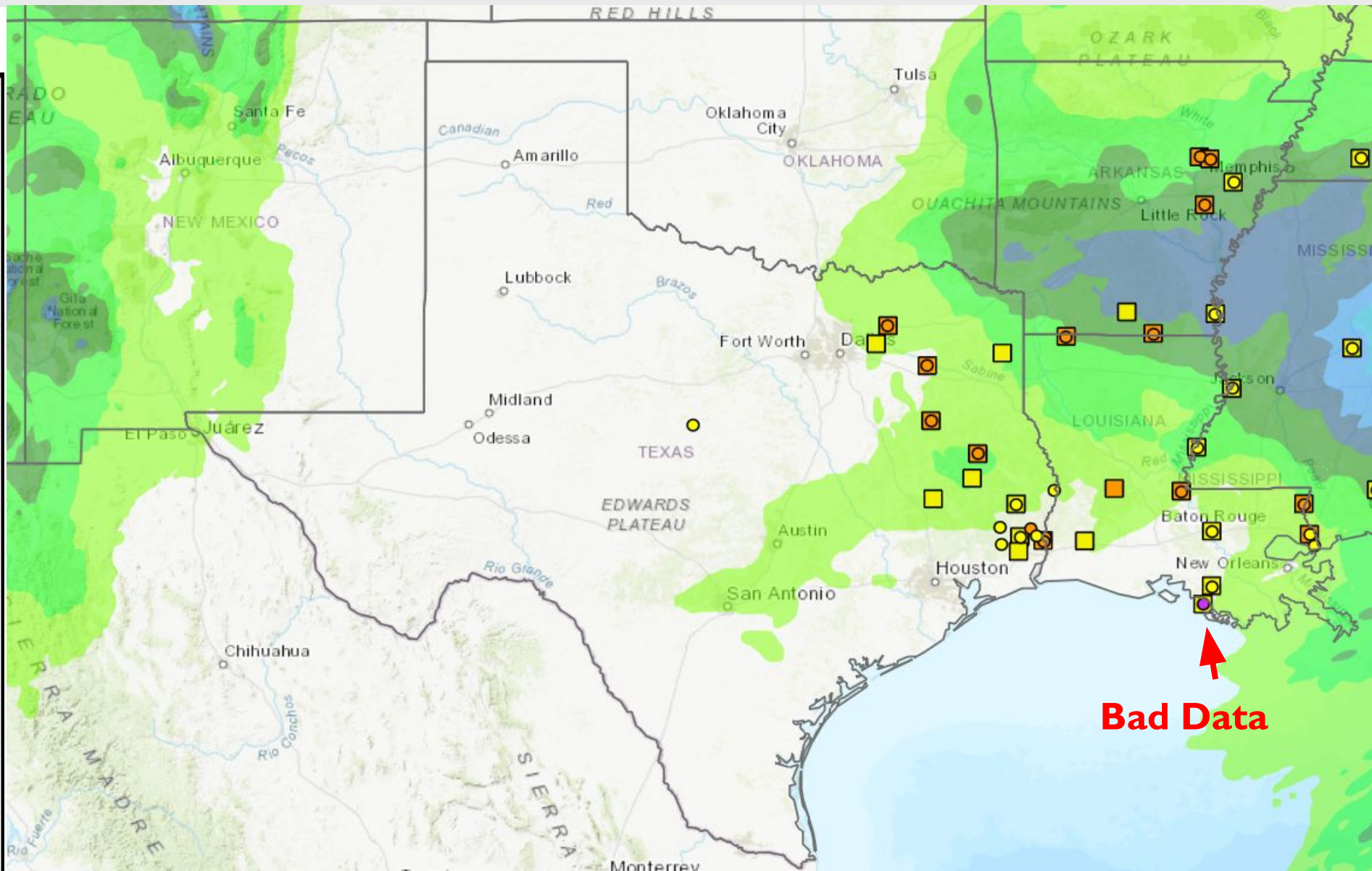
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 4 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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



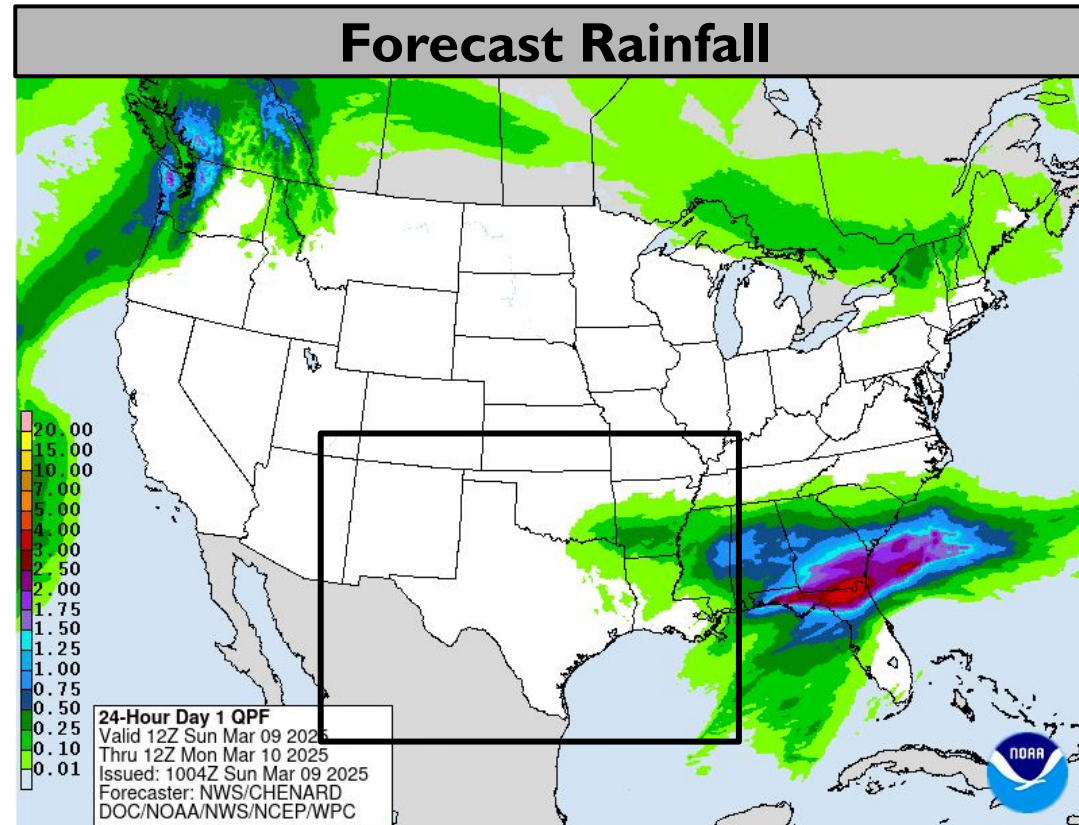
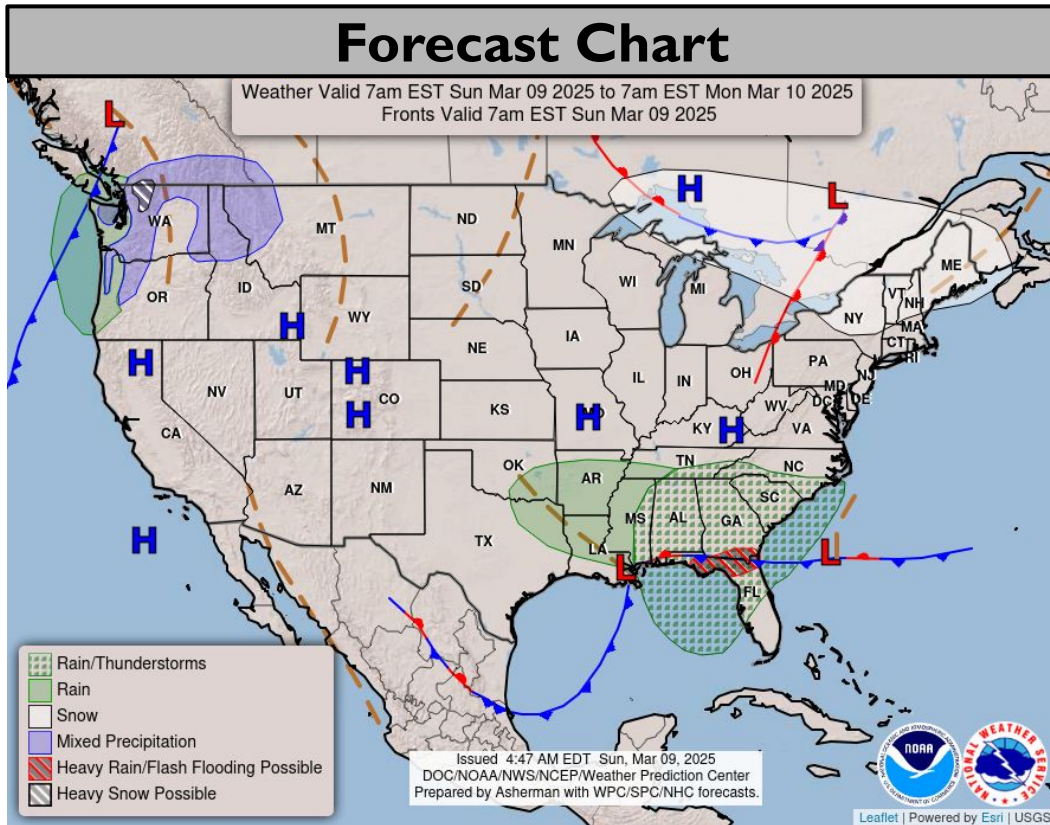
Observed River Flood Status	Forecast River Flood Status
Major Flooding	Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding	Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding	Minor Flooding
Near	Near Flood
action	No Flooding

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

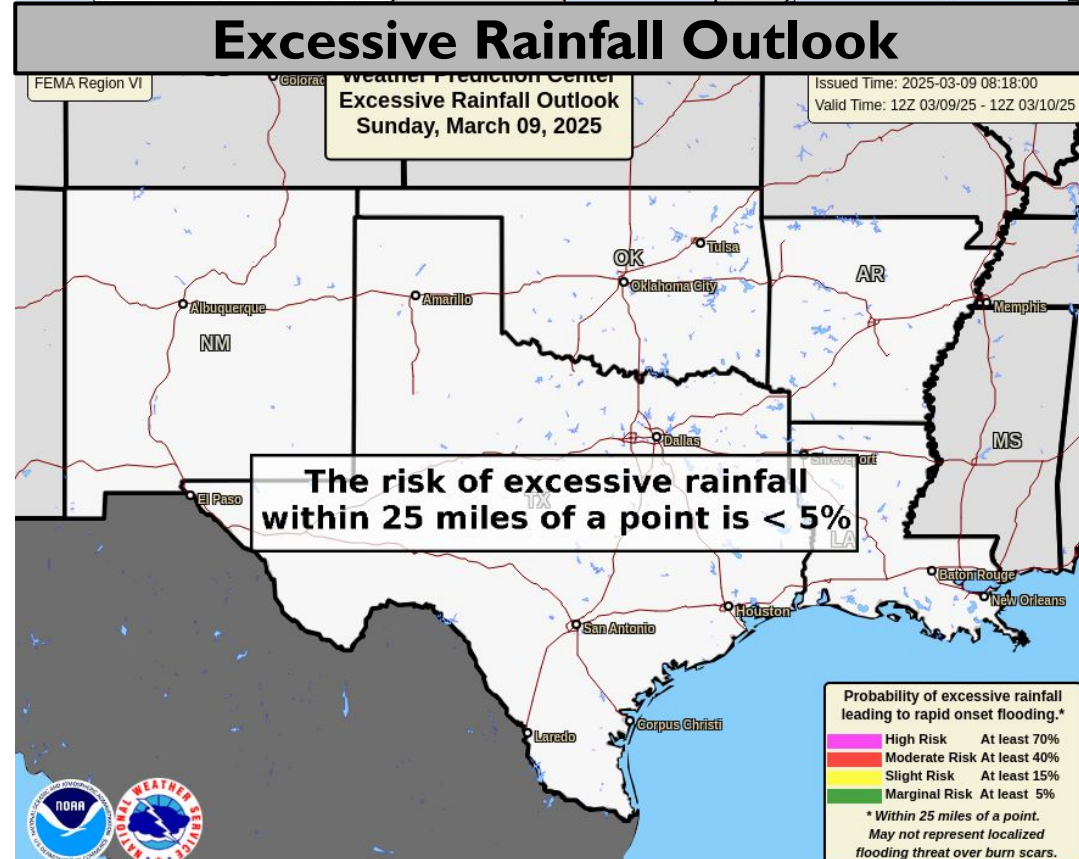
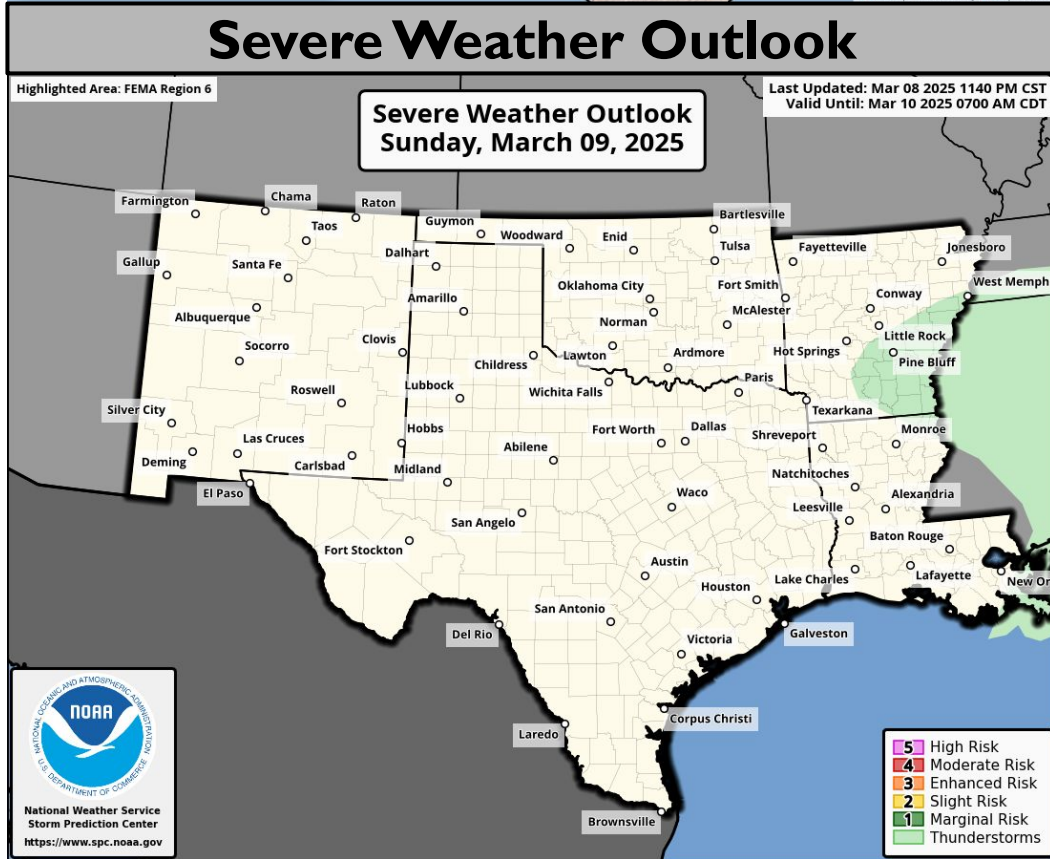
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Today's Weather

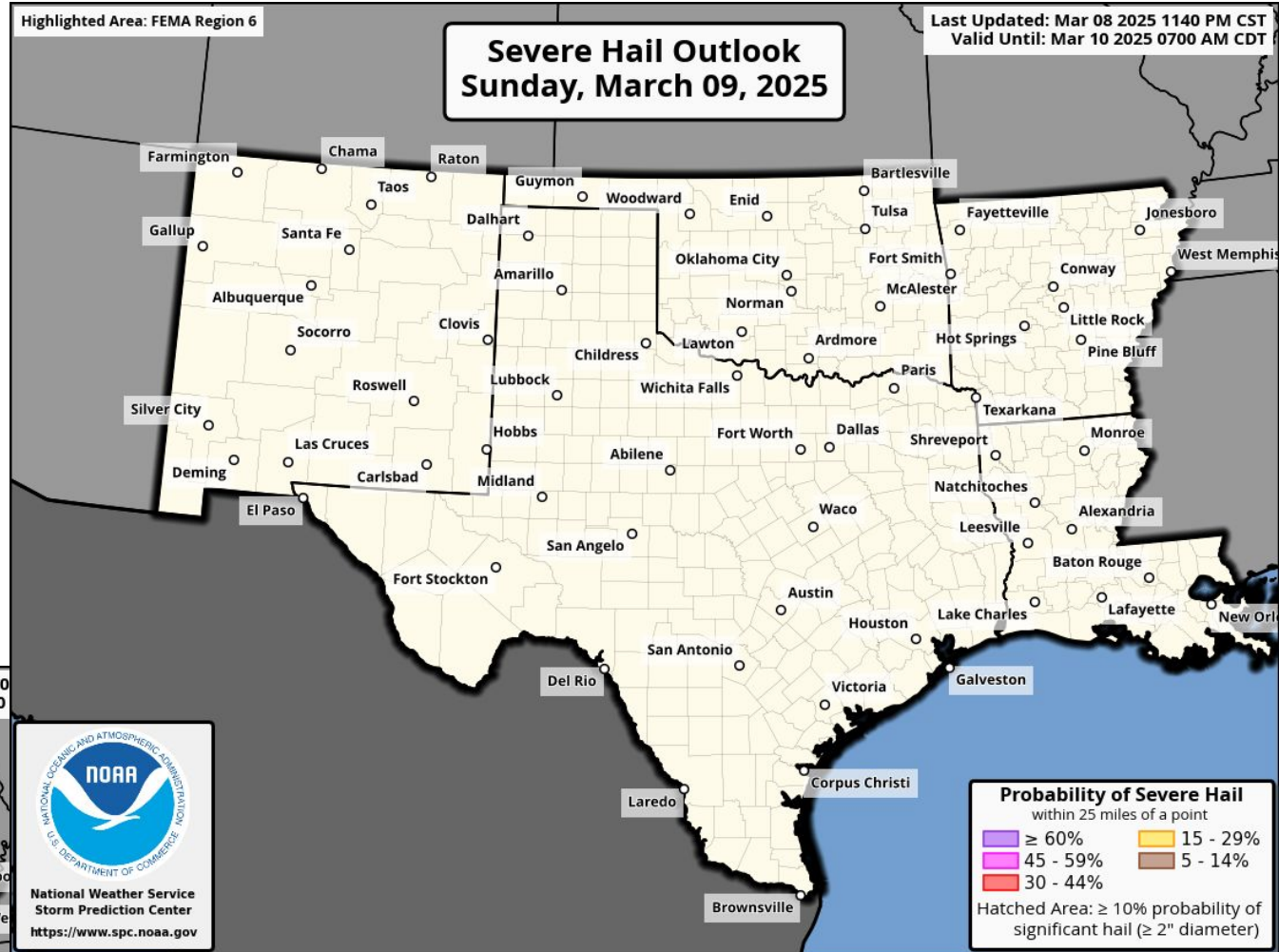
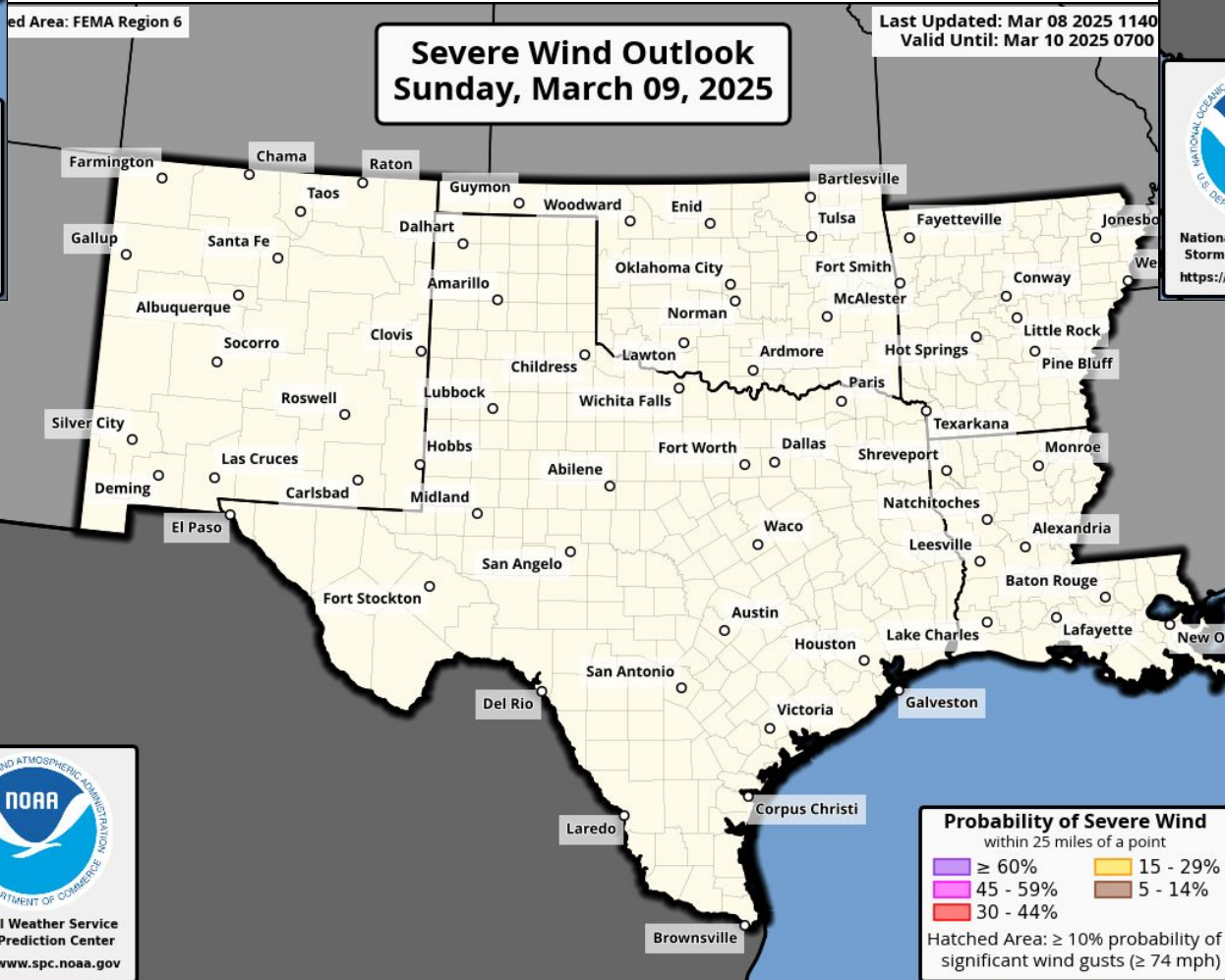
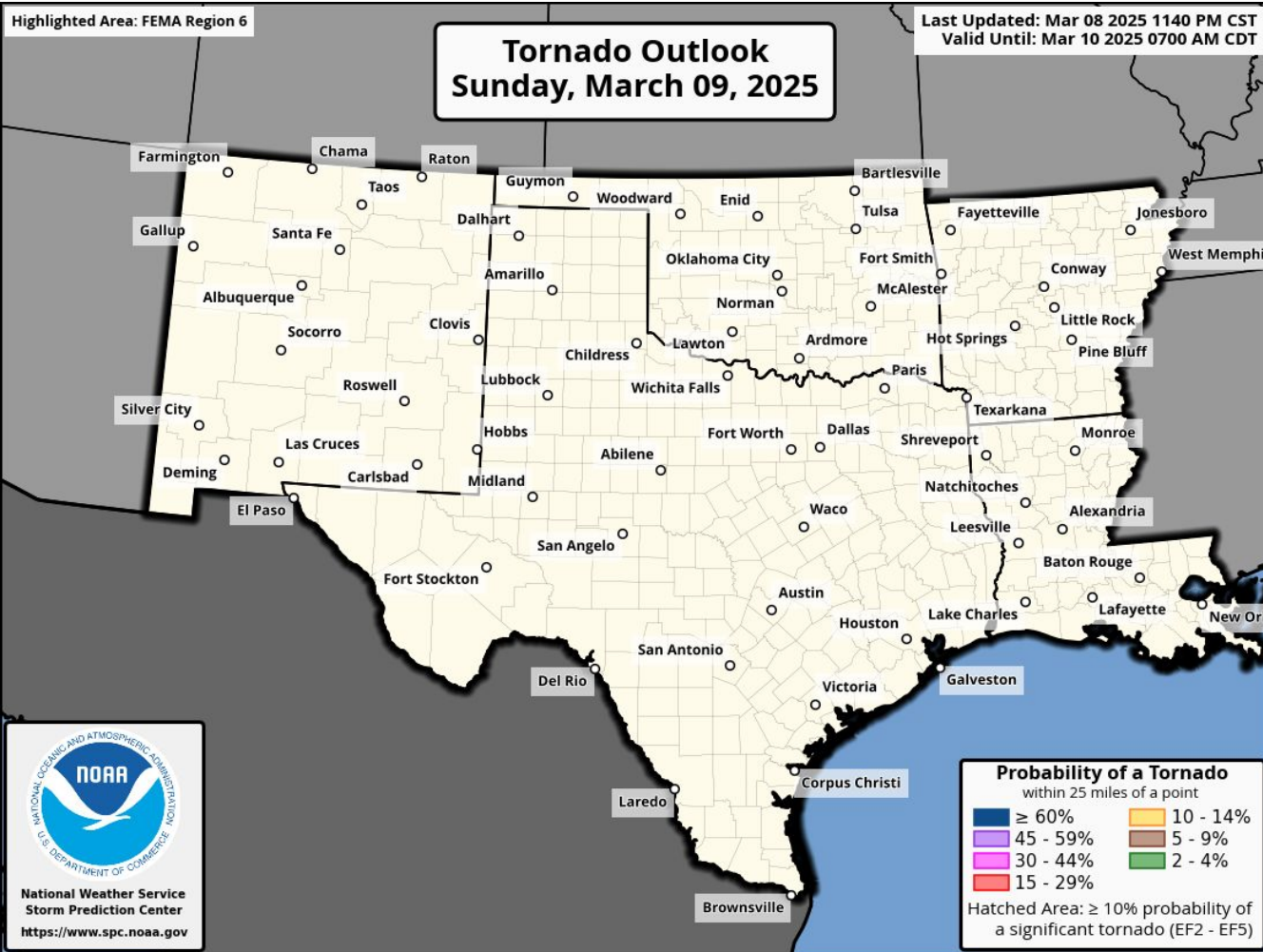


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in STX this afternoon.



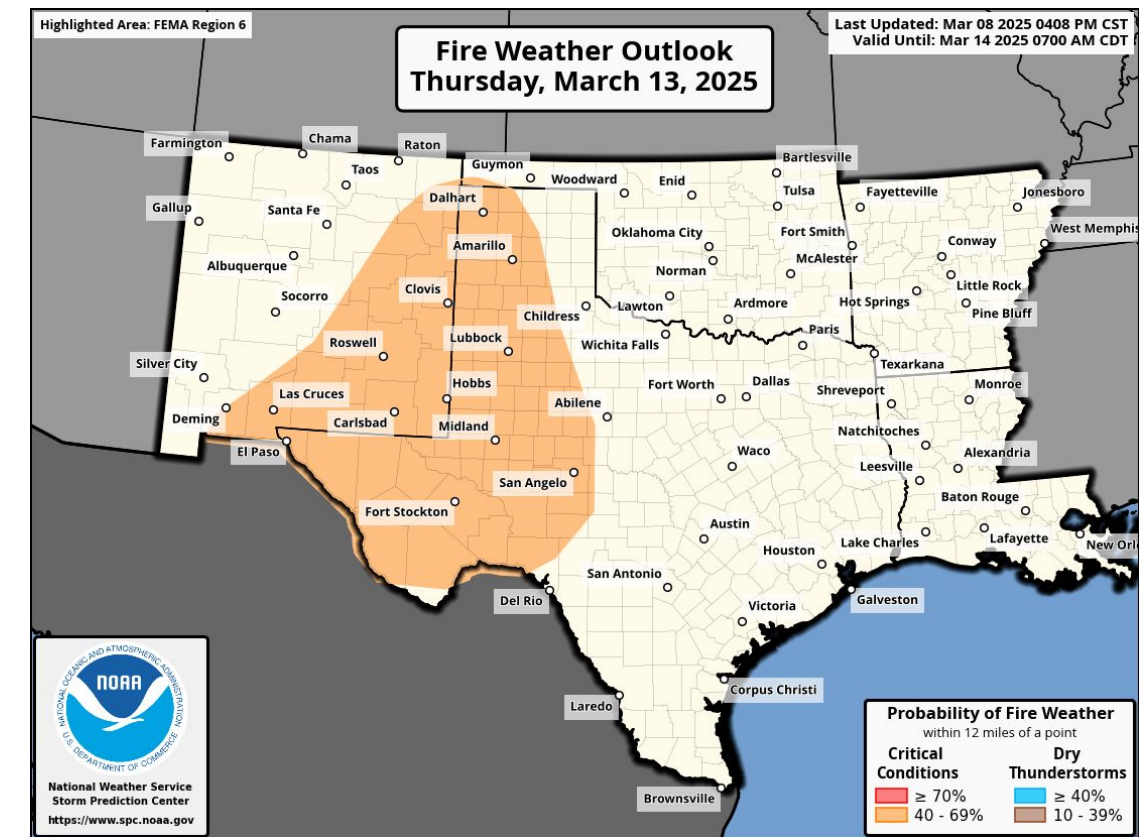
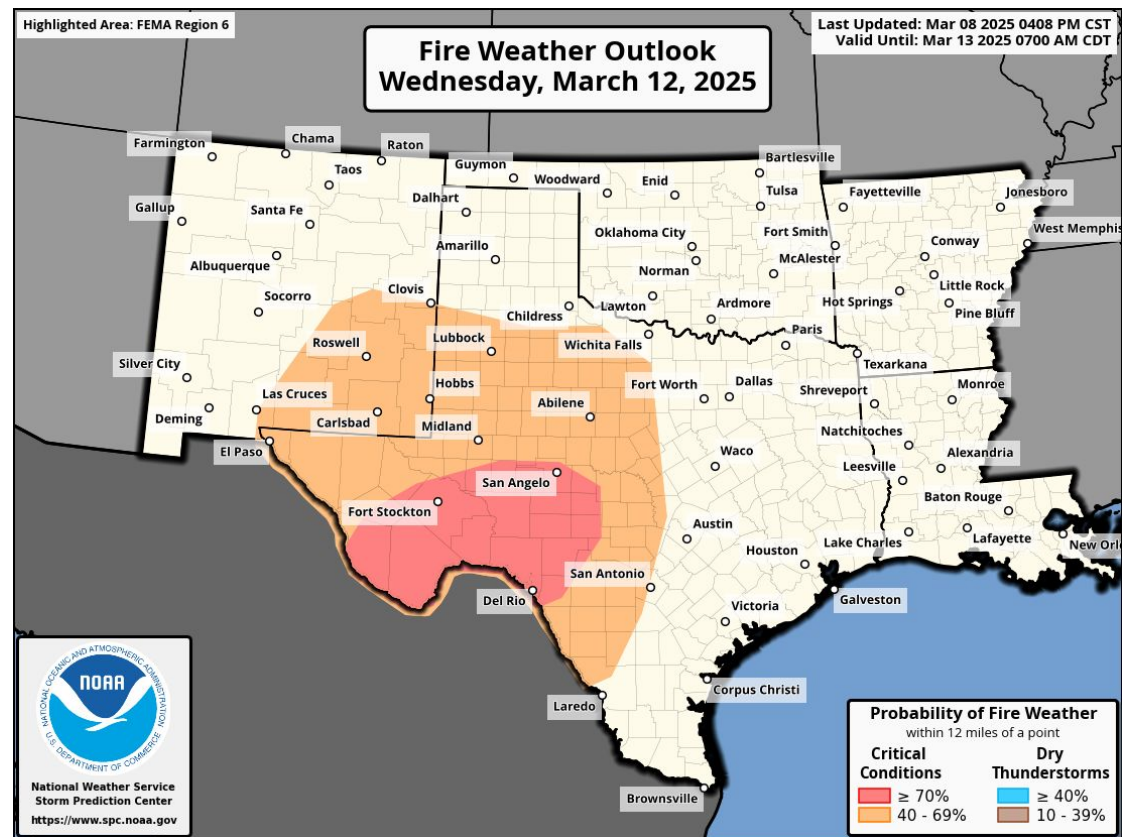
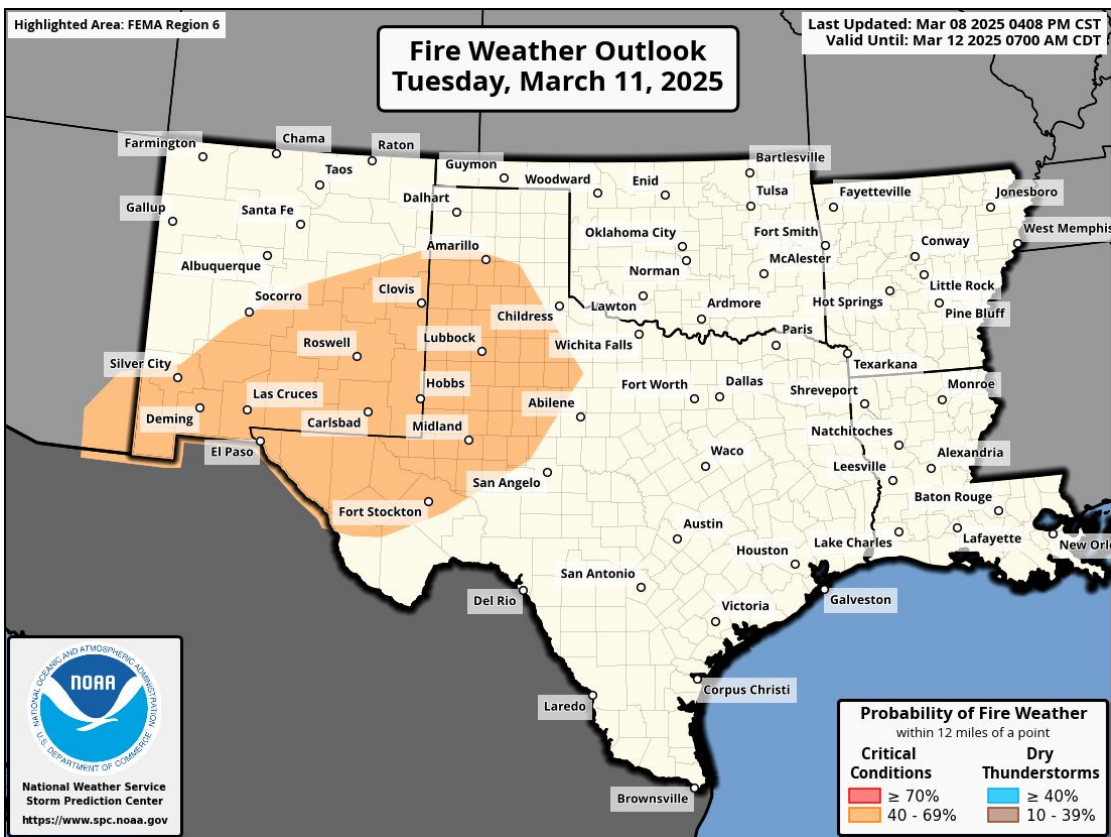
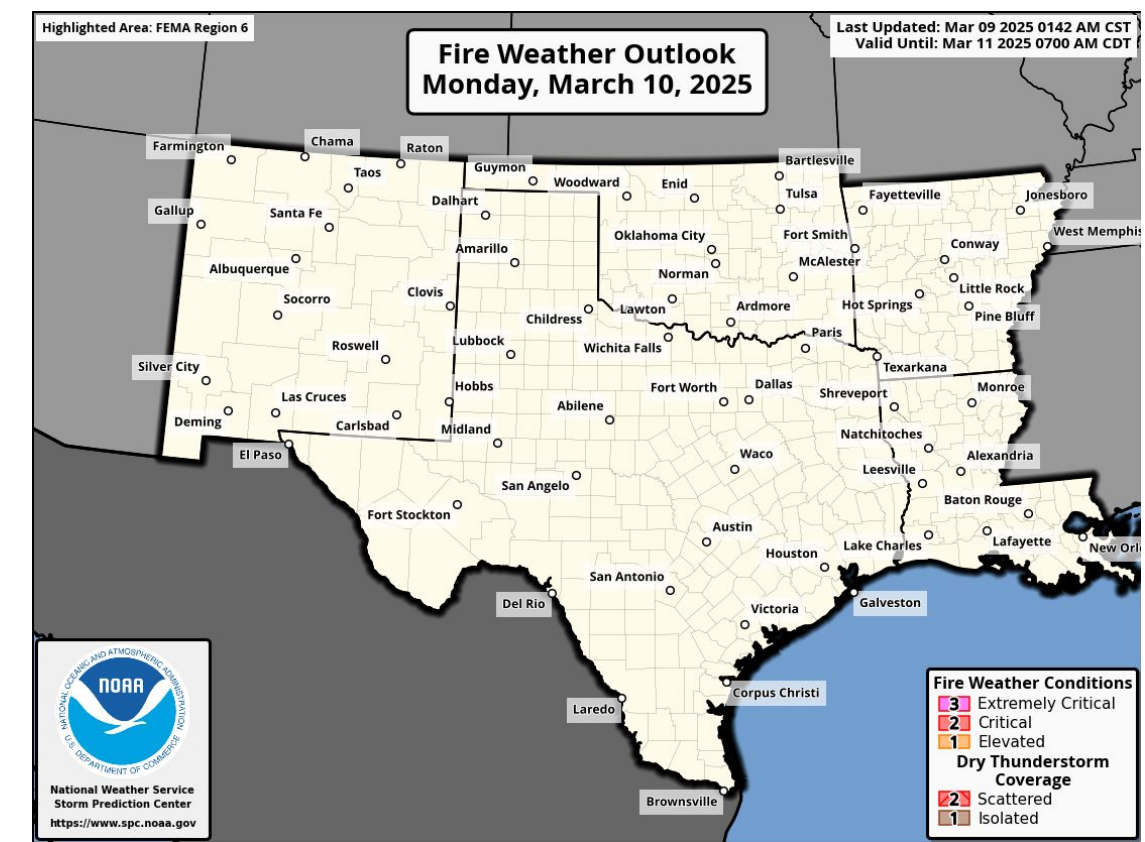
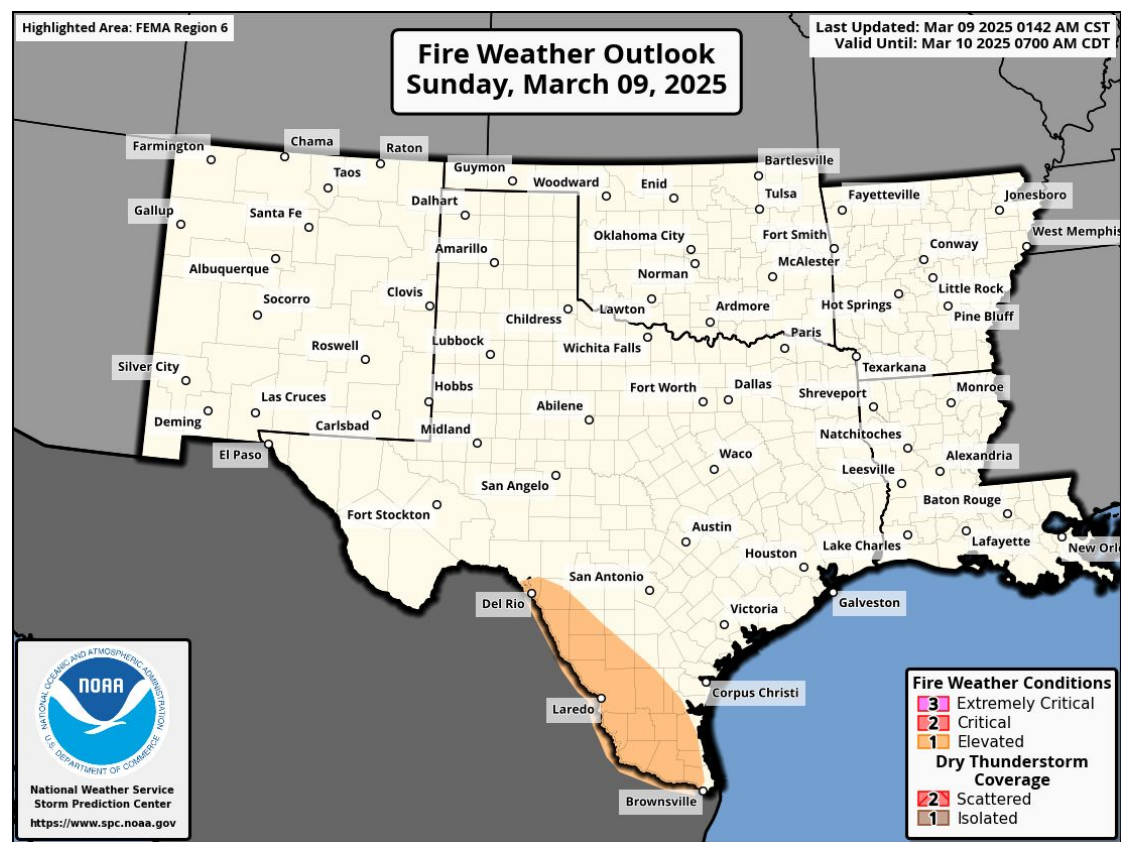
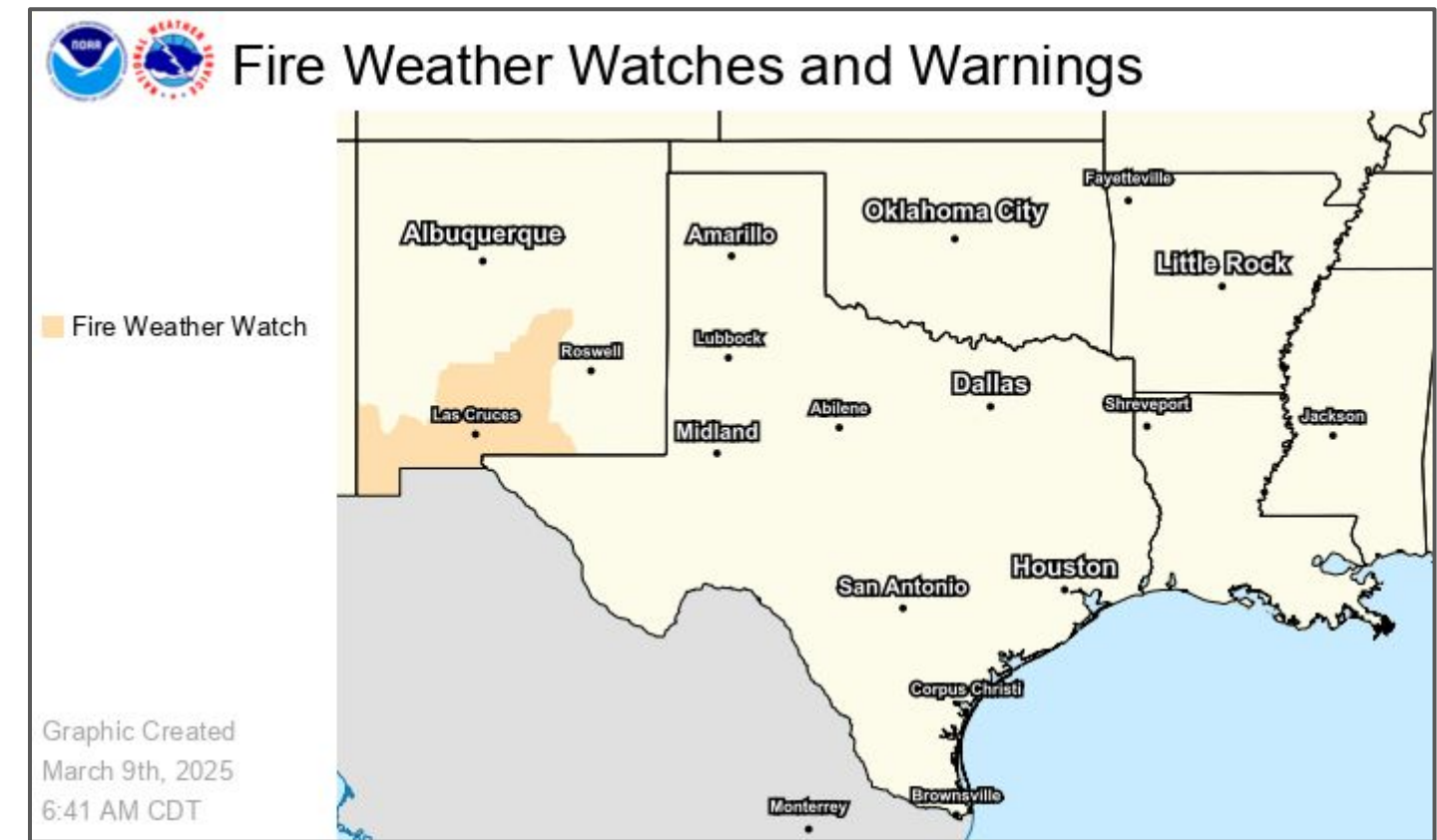


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



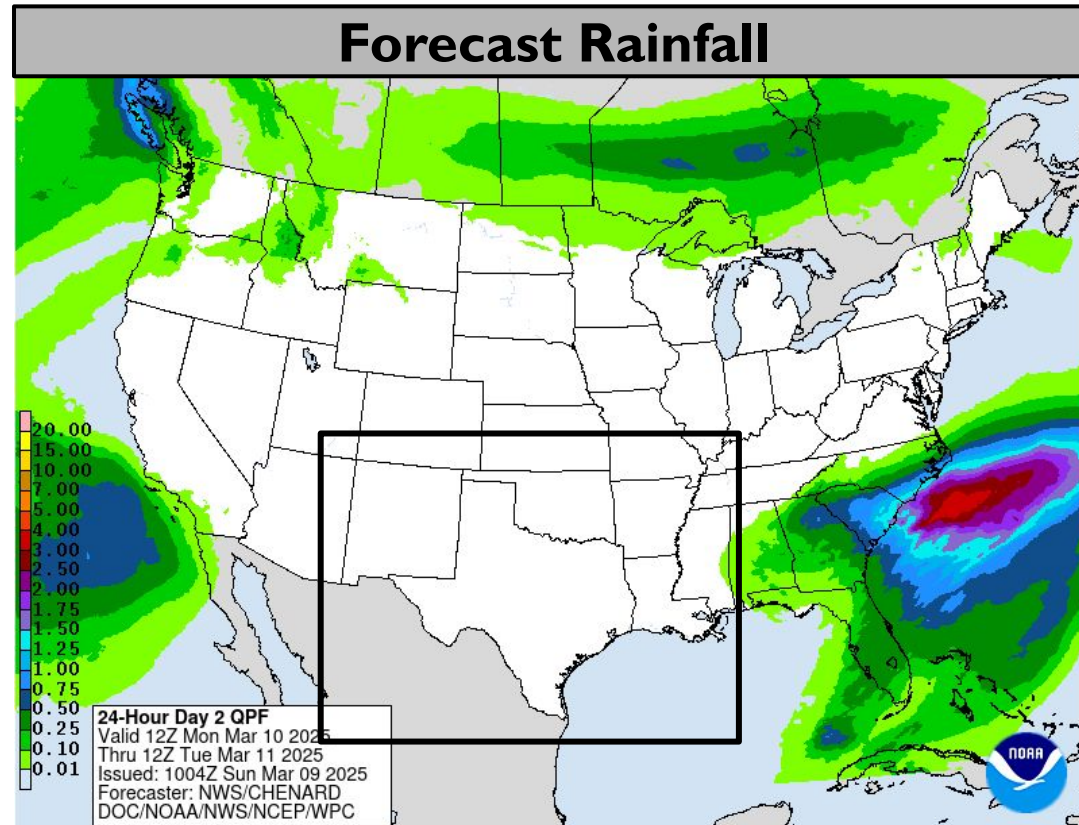
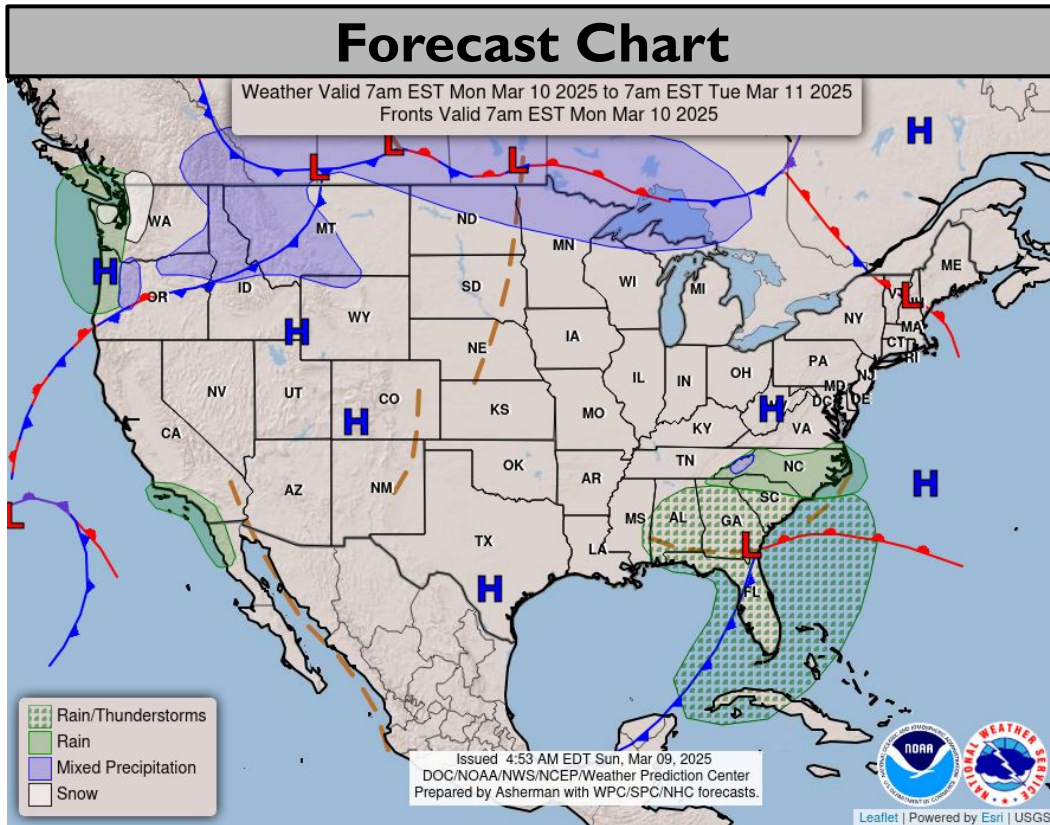


Fire Weather Outlooks

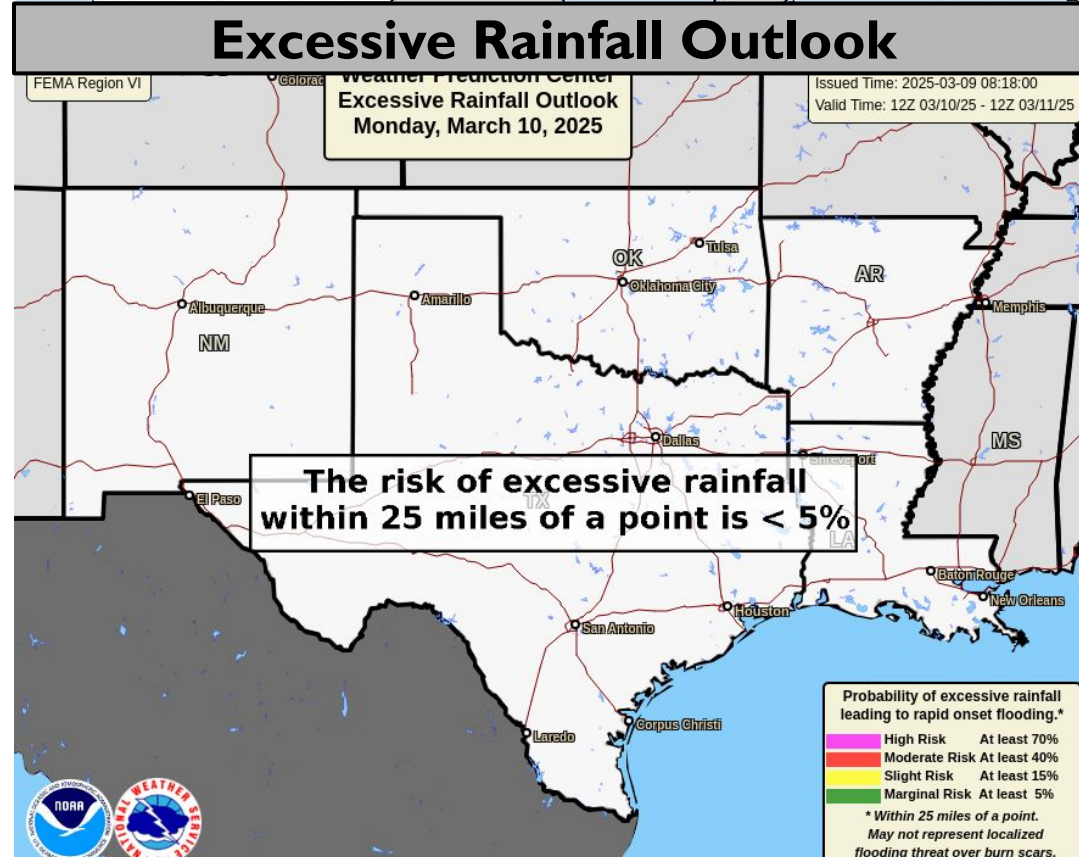
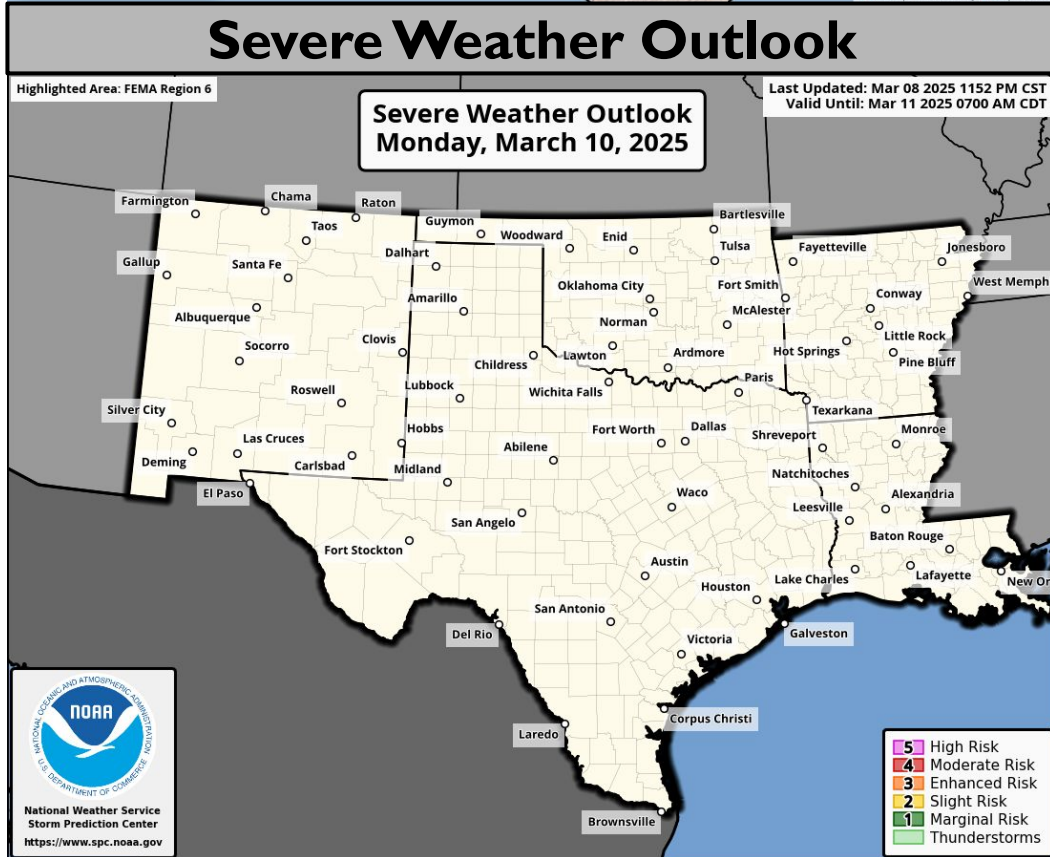




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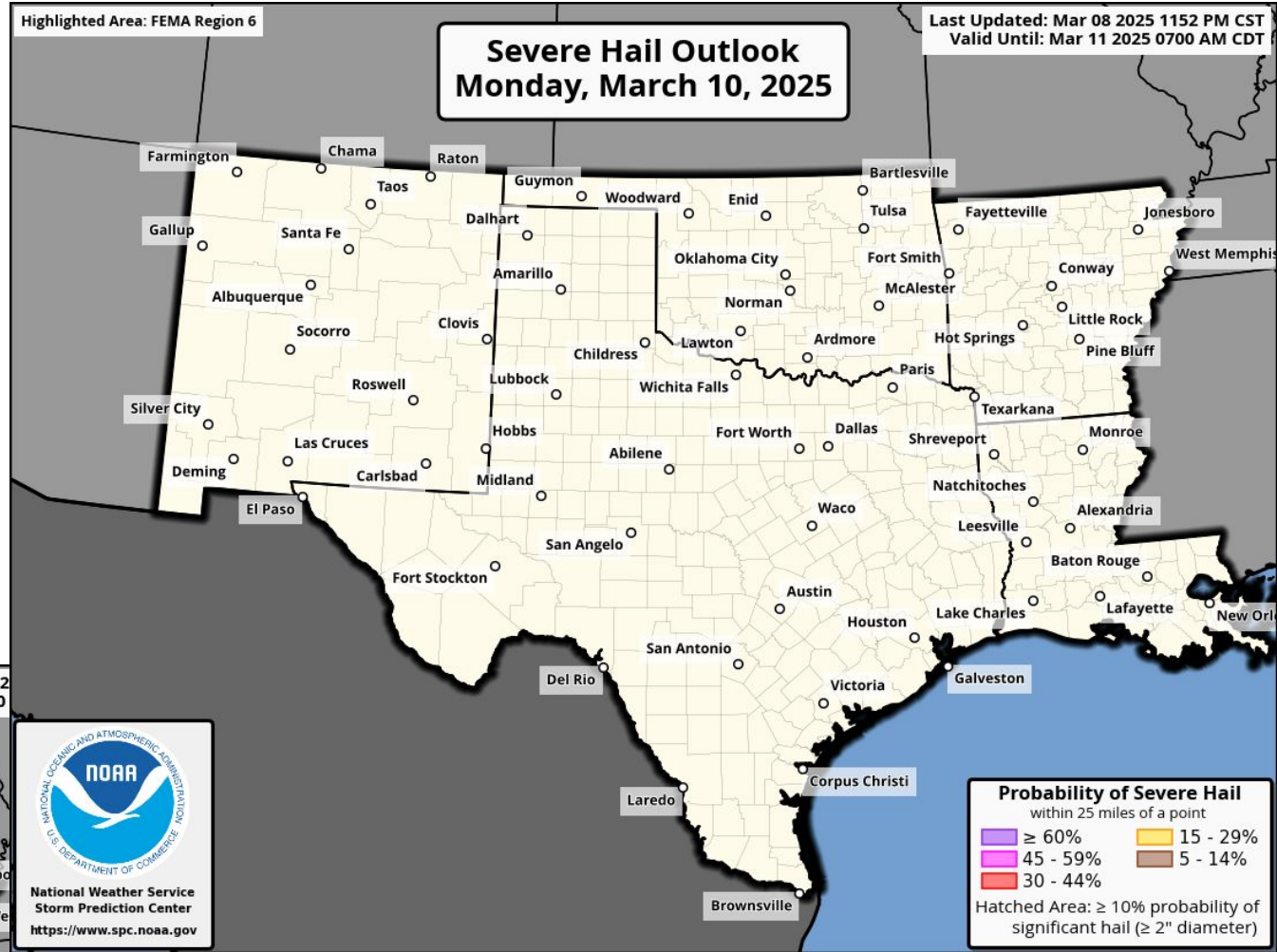
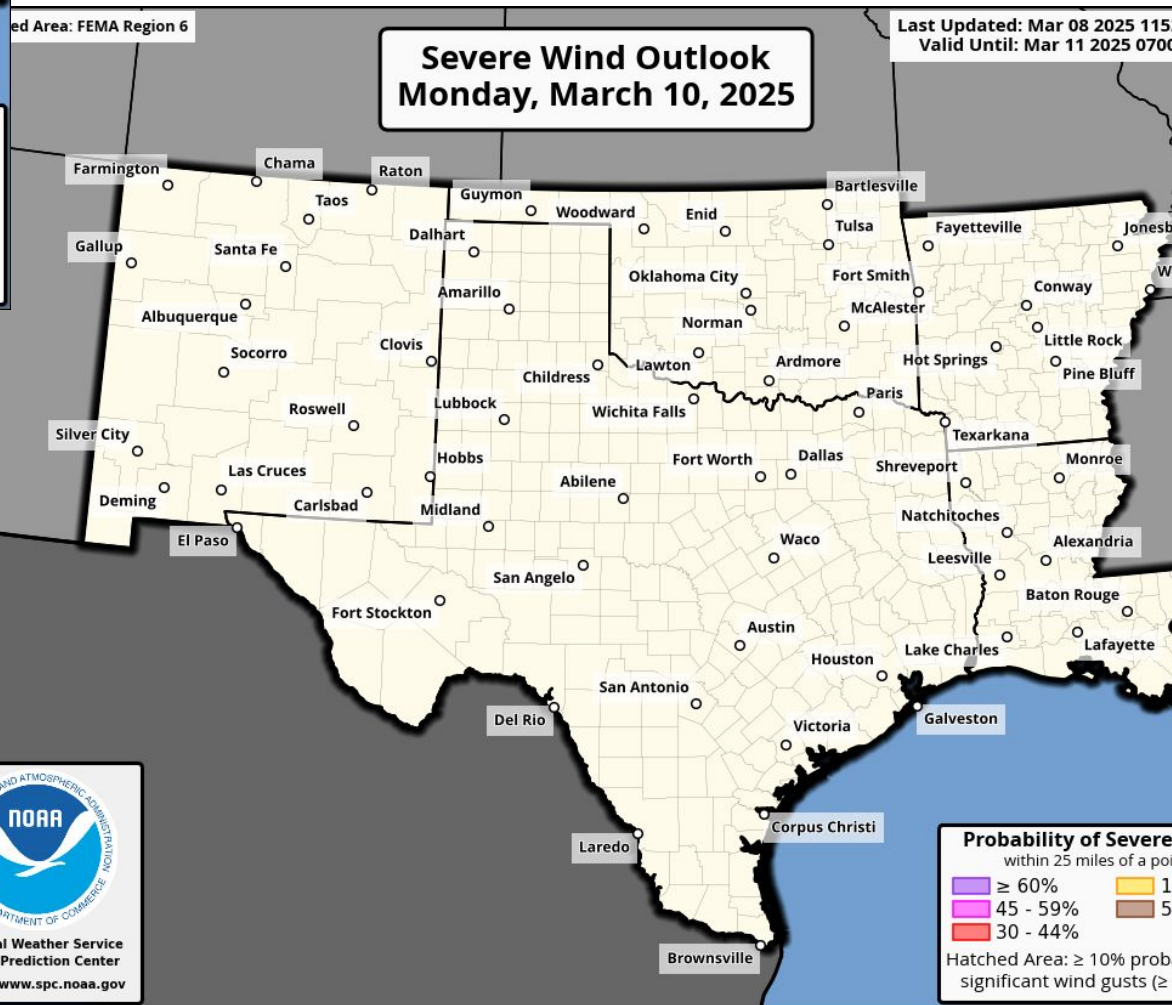
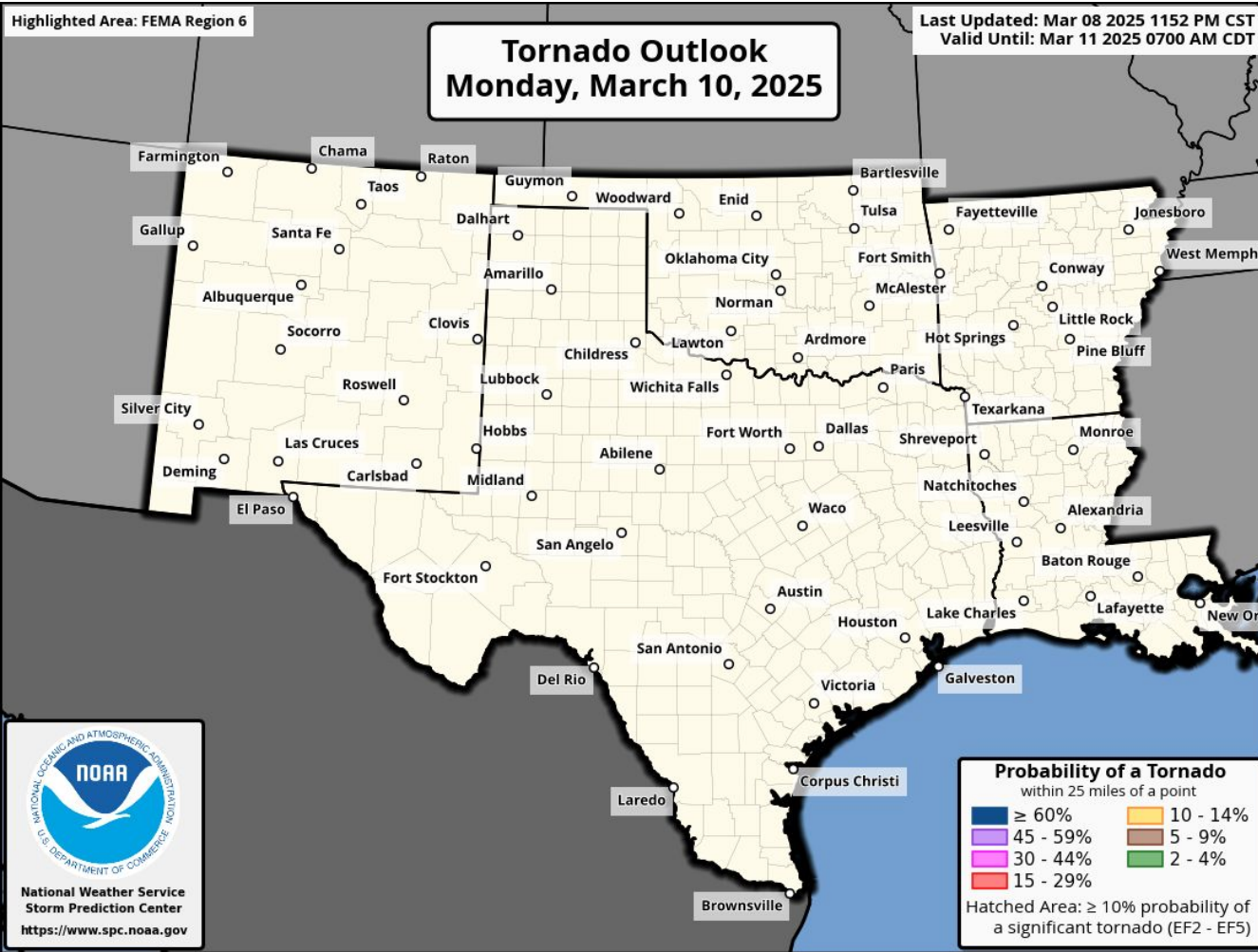


No significant weather expected.



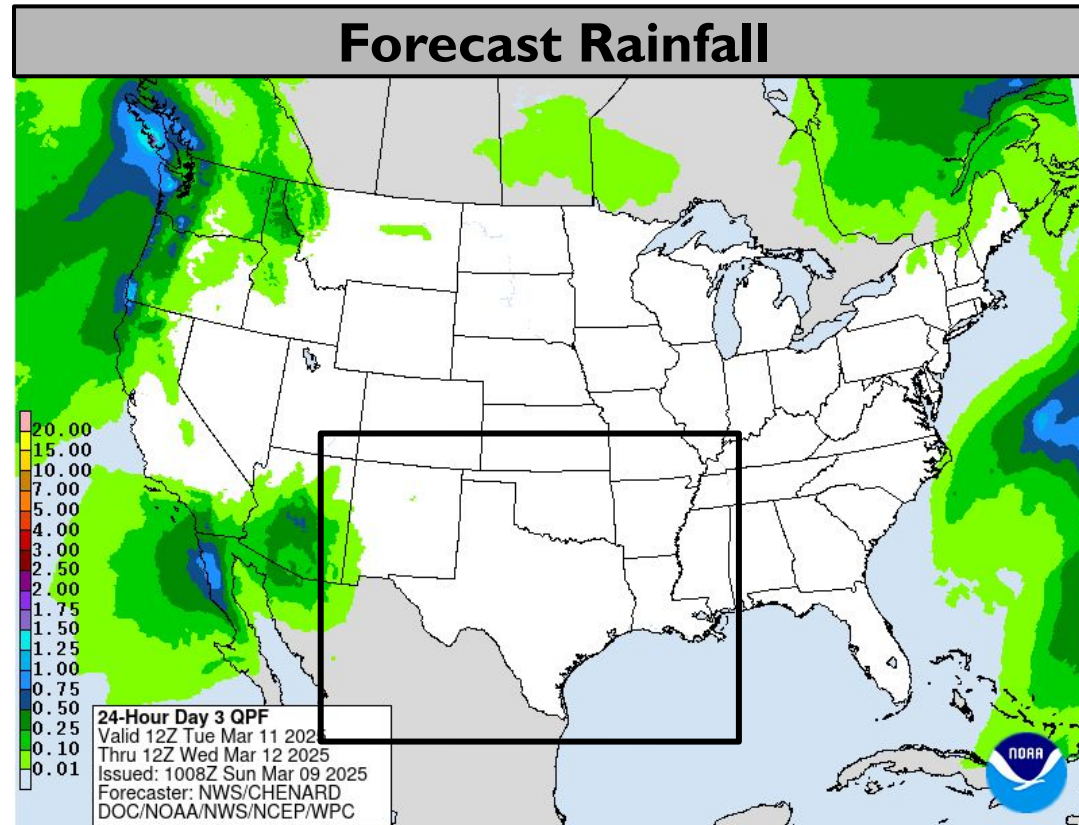
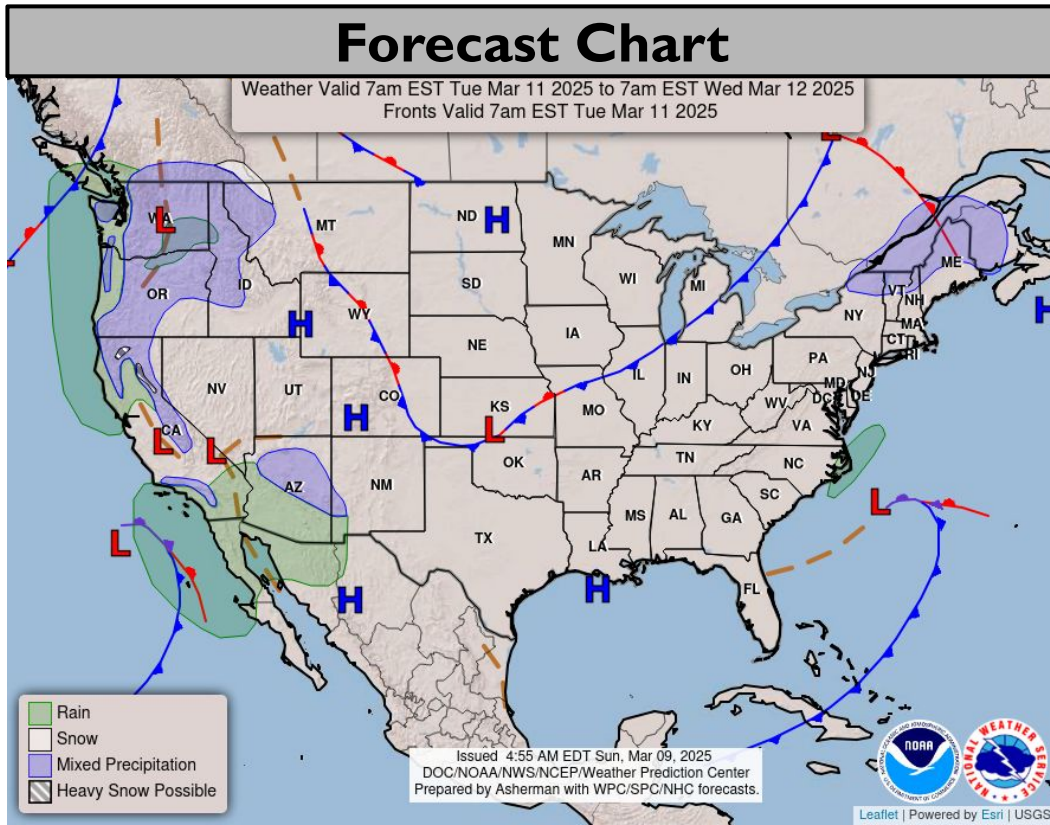


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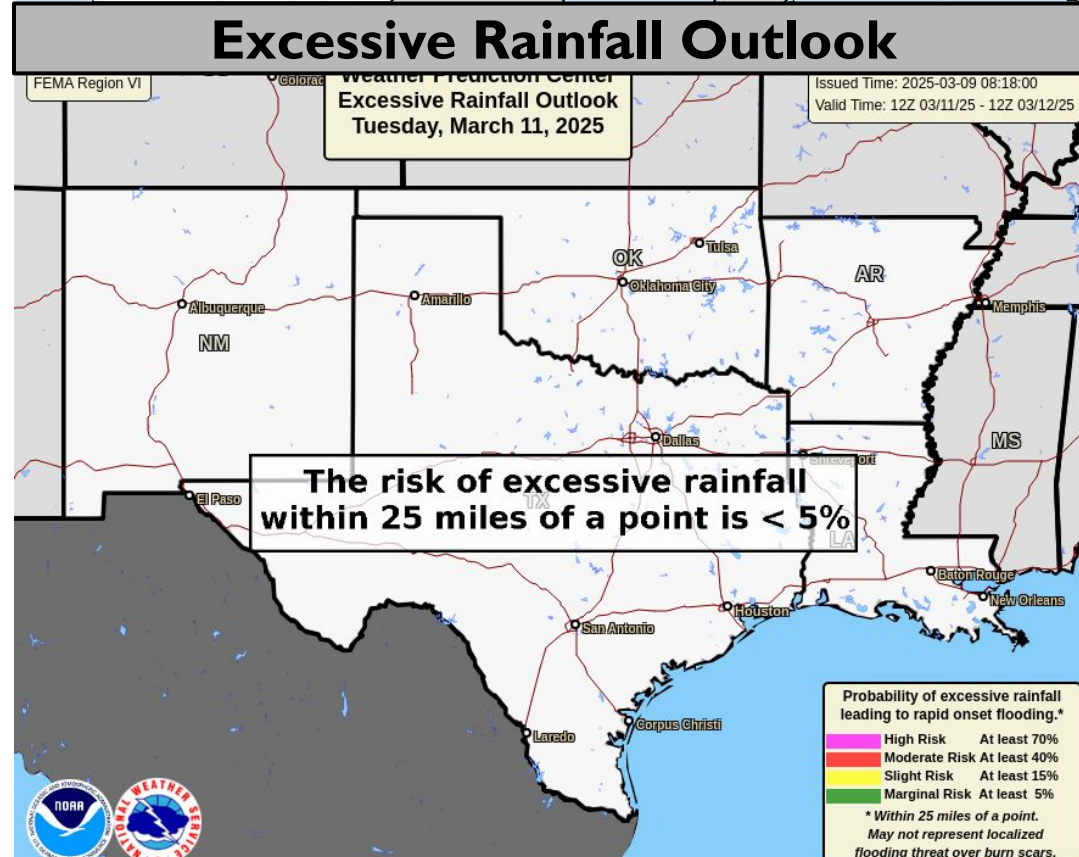
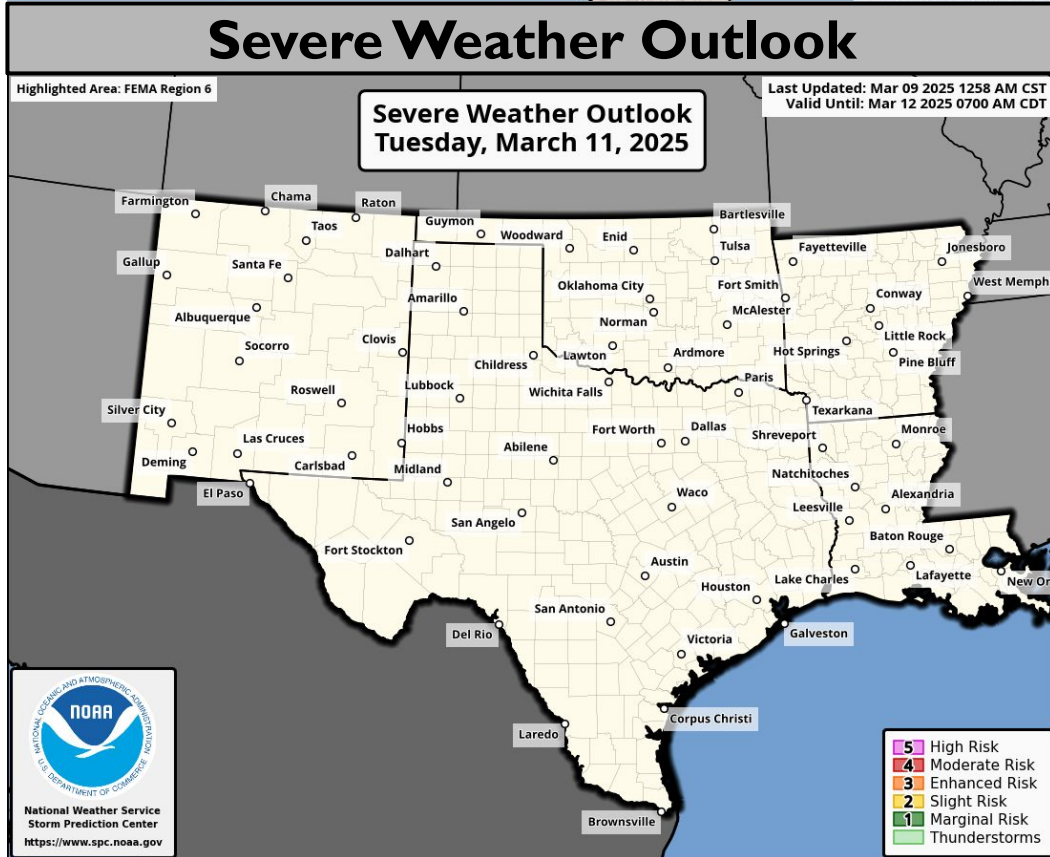




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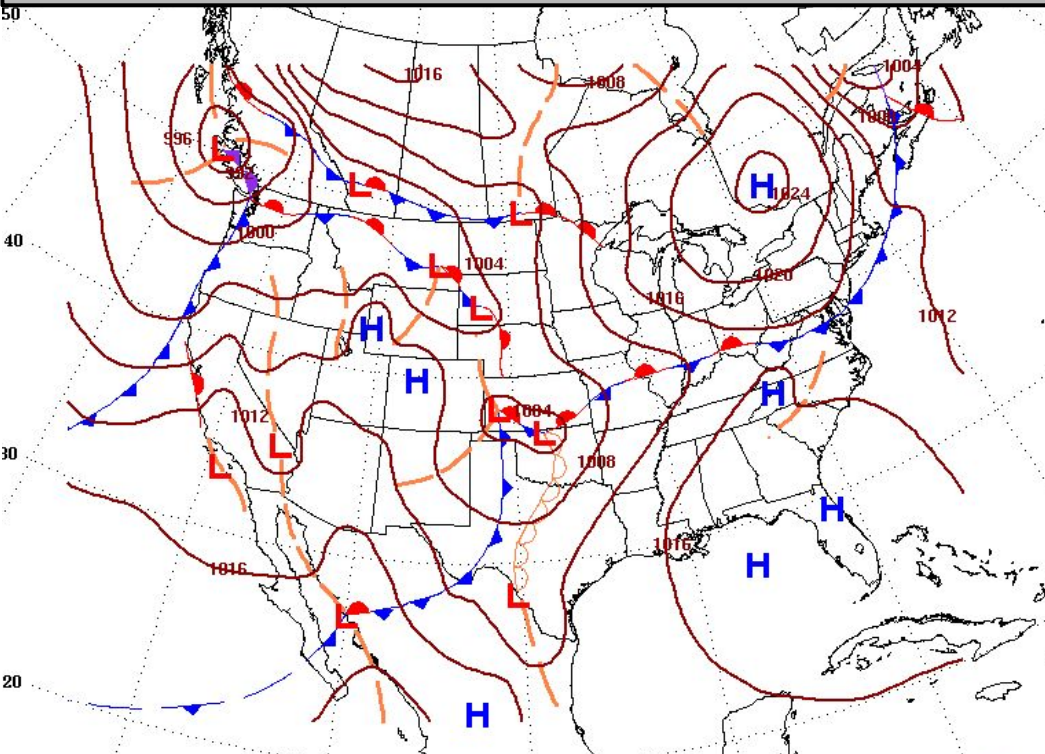
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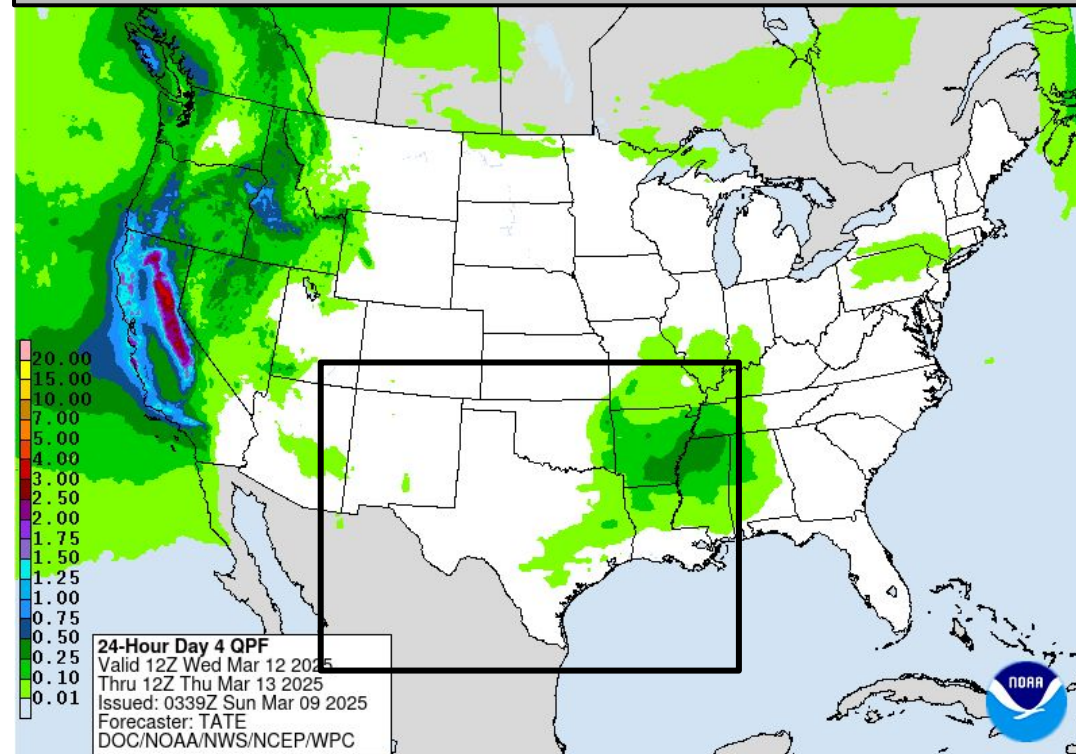


Wednesday's Weather

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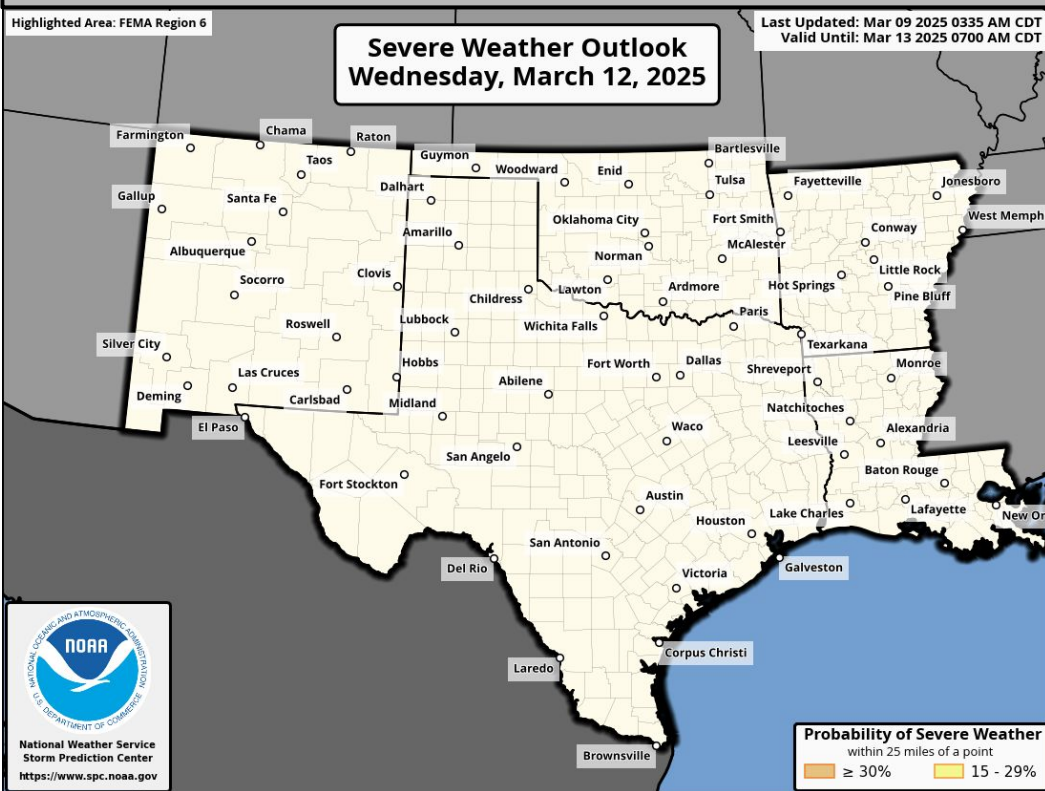


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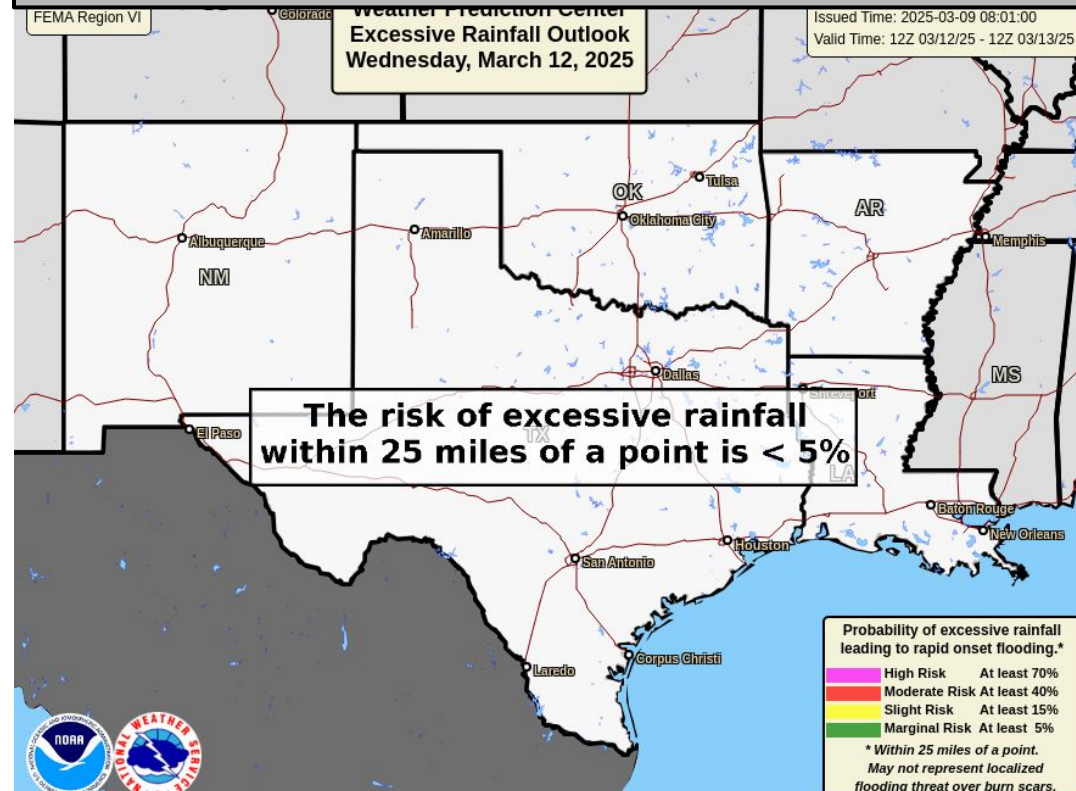


Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 5) fire weather concerns for SE NM, WTX, and CTX.

Severe Weather Outlook



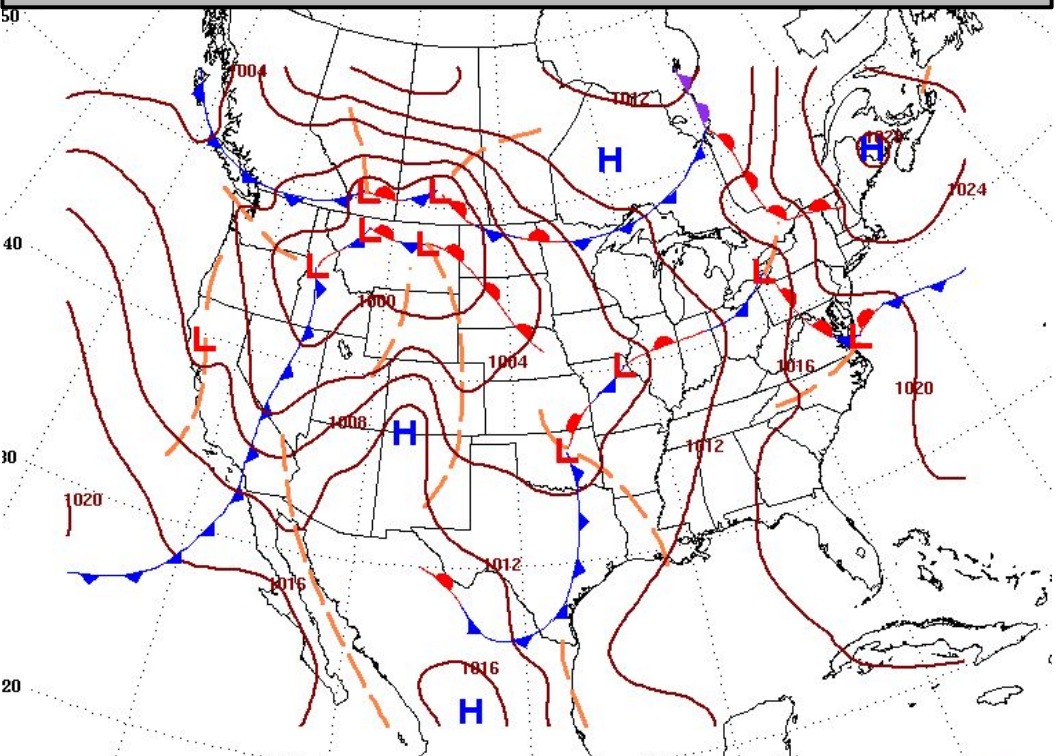
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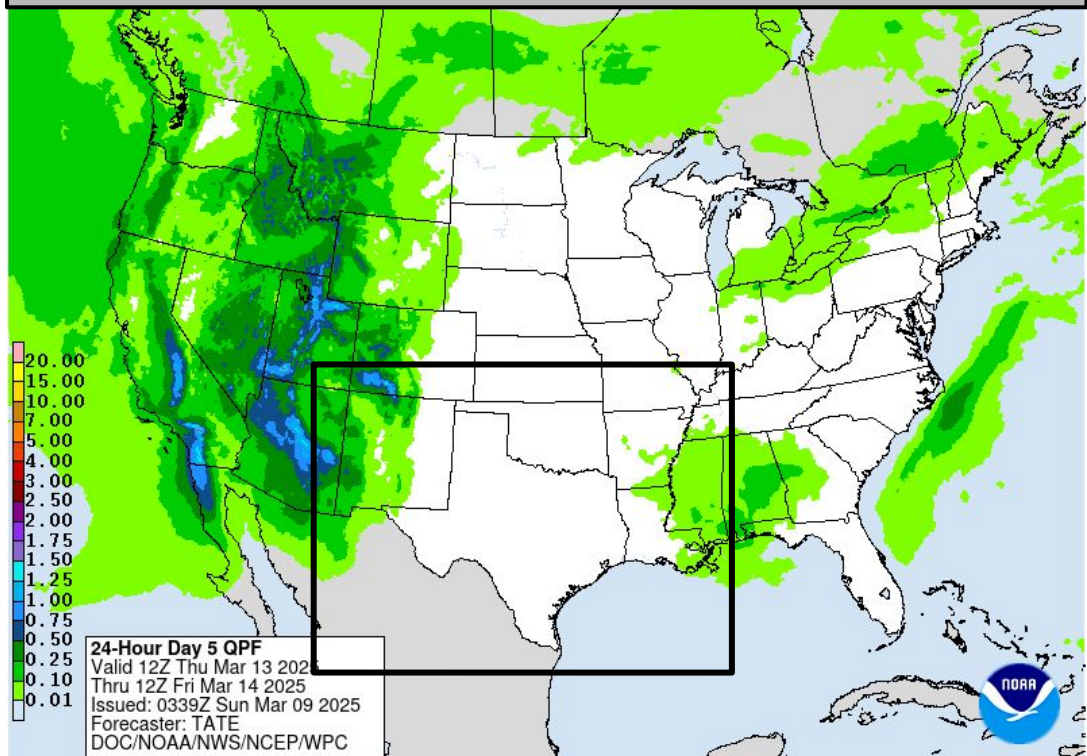


Thursday's Weather

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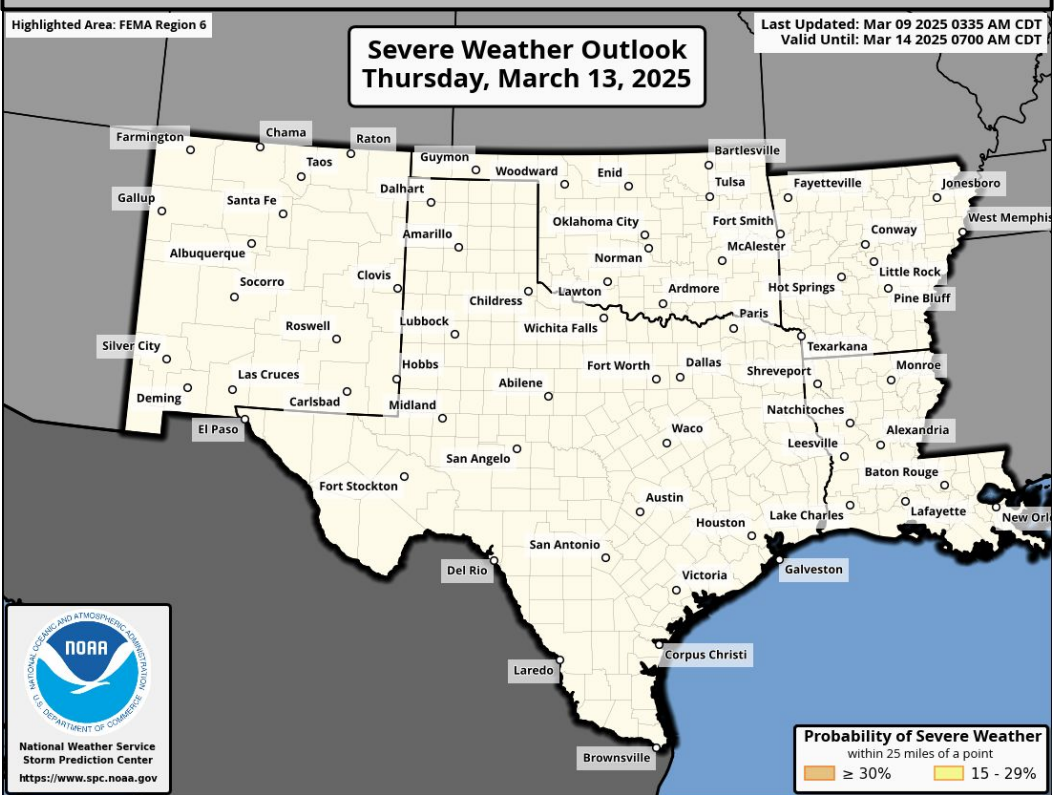
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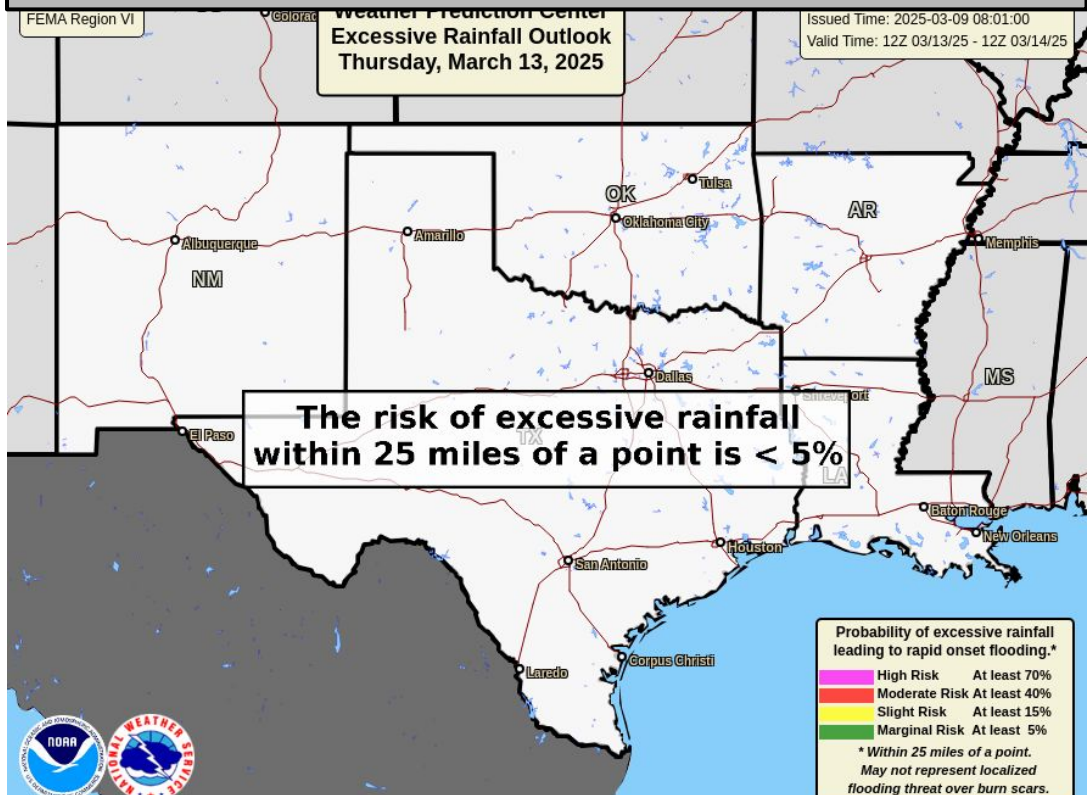
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Monitoring for minor (level 2 of 5) winter weather impacts due to snow in NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



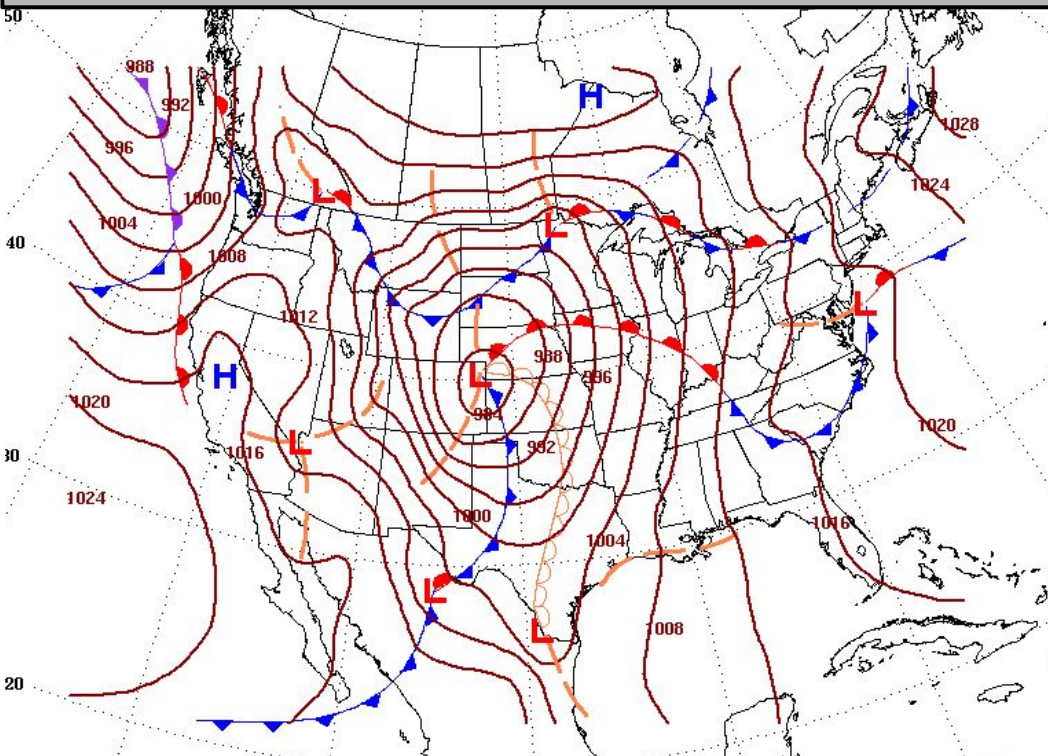
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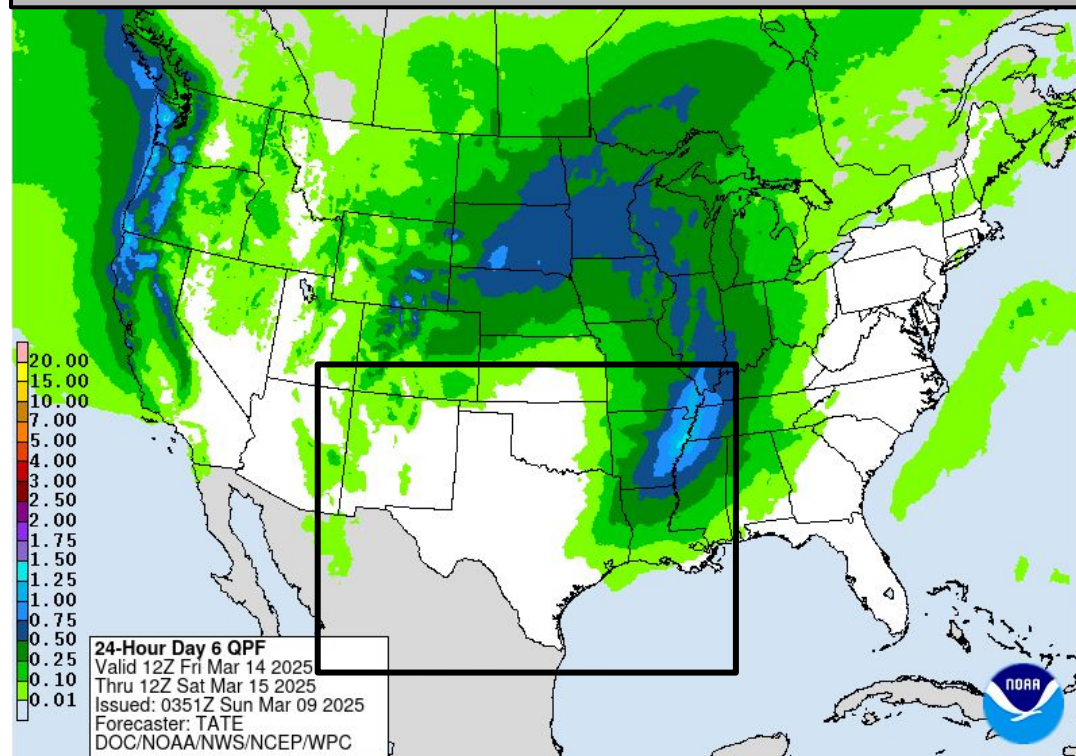


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



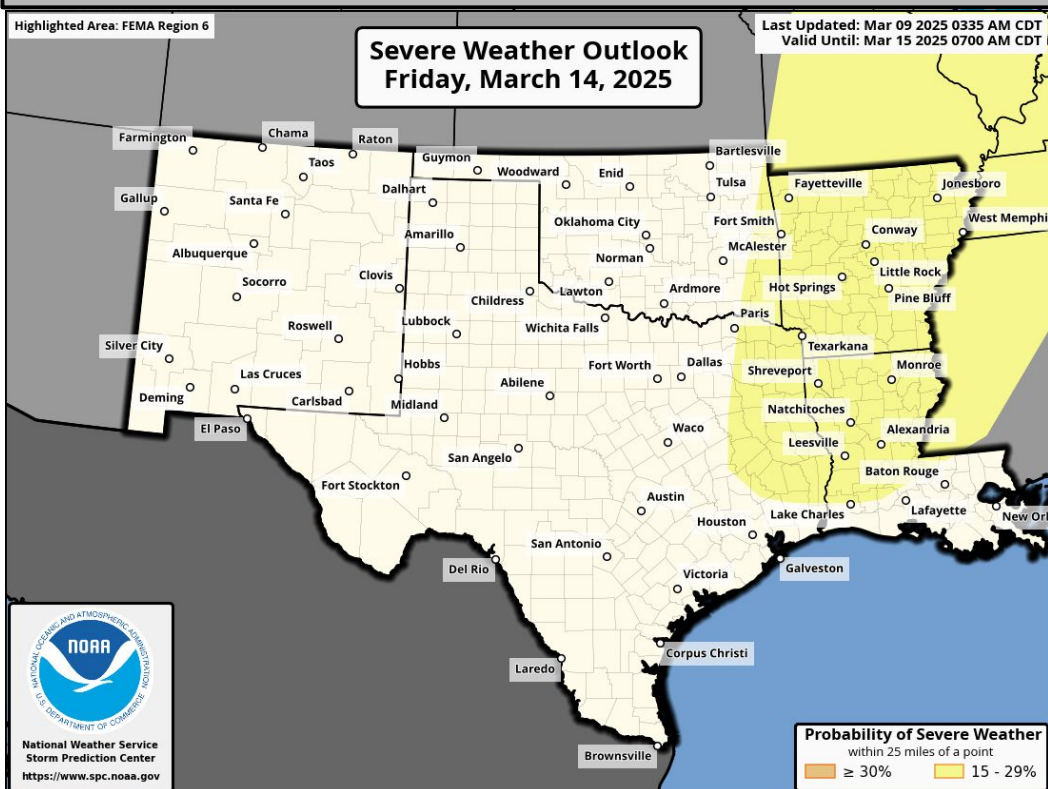
Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms for E OK, E TX, AR, and LA.

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Lingering snowfall in NM.

Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

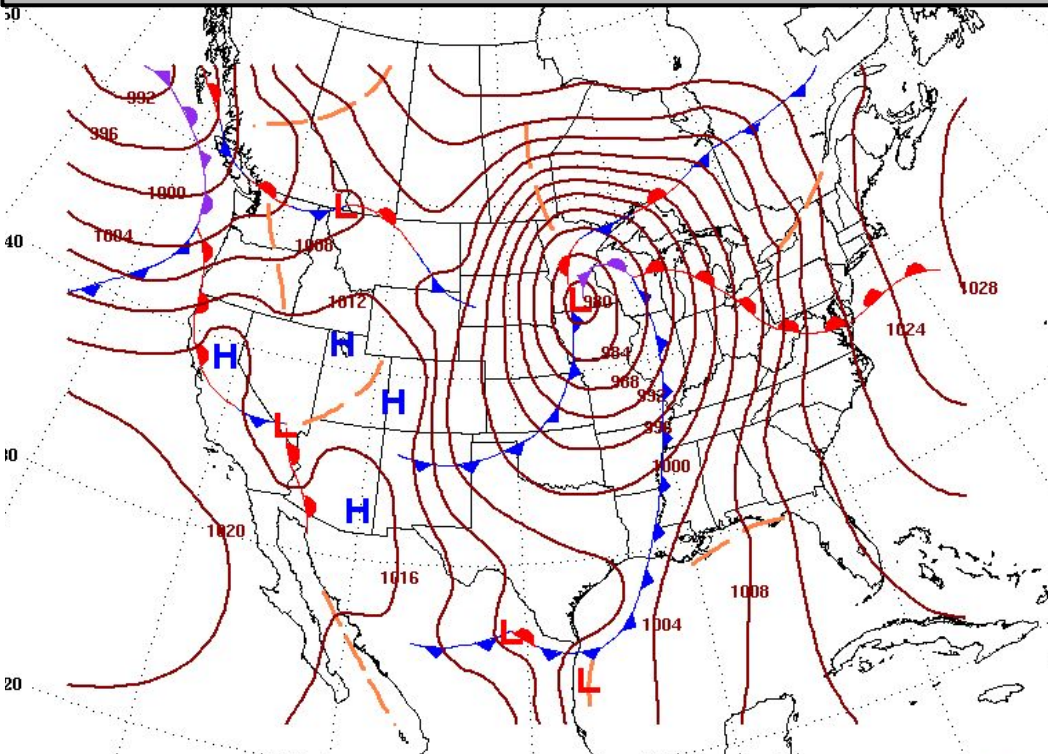
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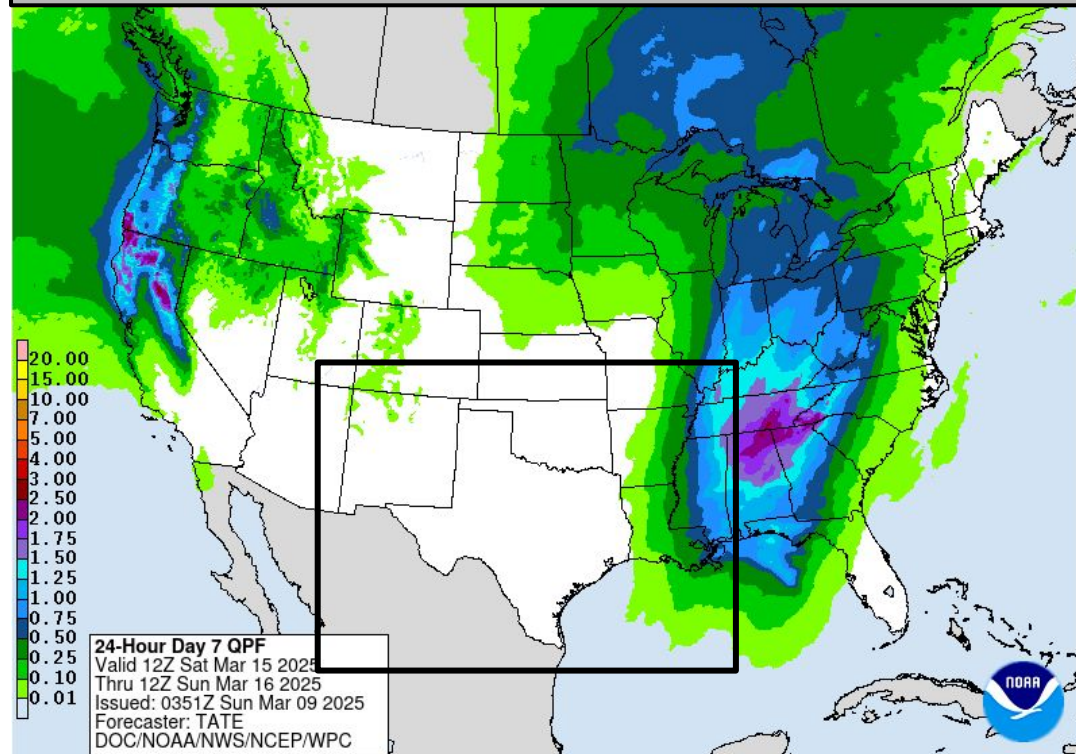


Saturday's Weather

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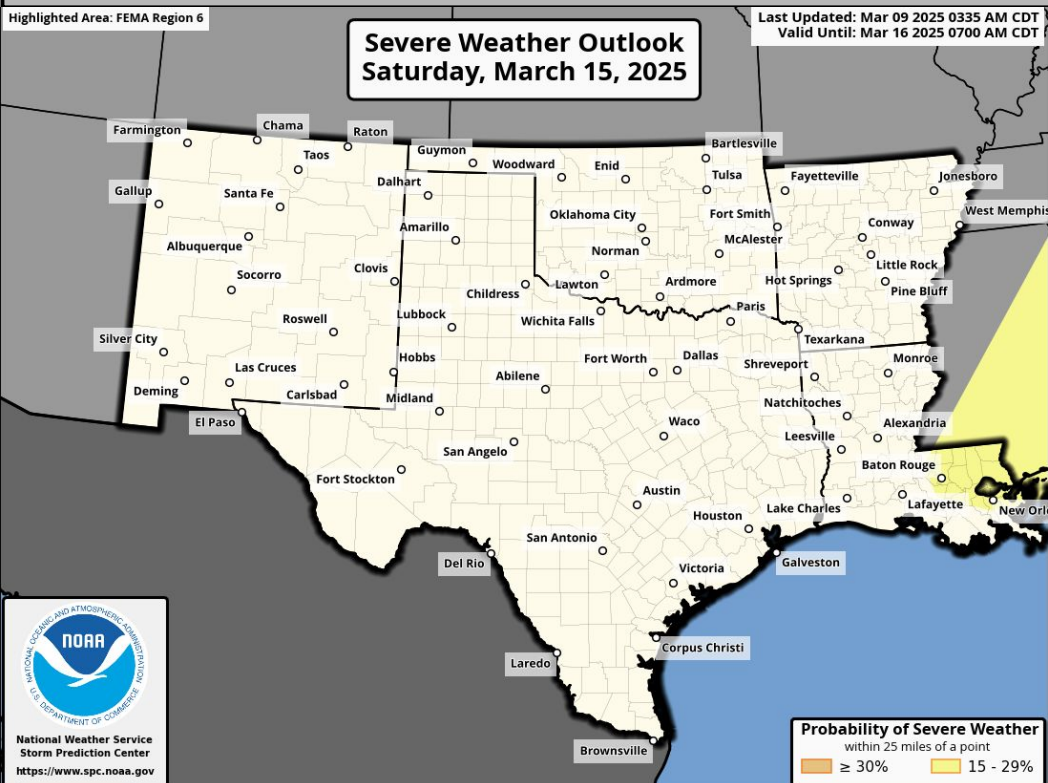


Forecast Rainfall



Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms Saturday morning in LA.

Severe Weather Outlook

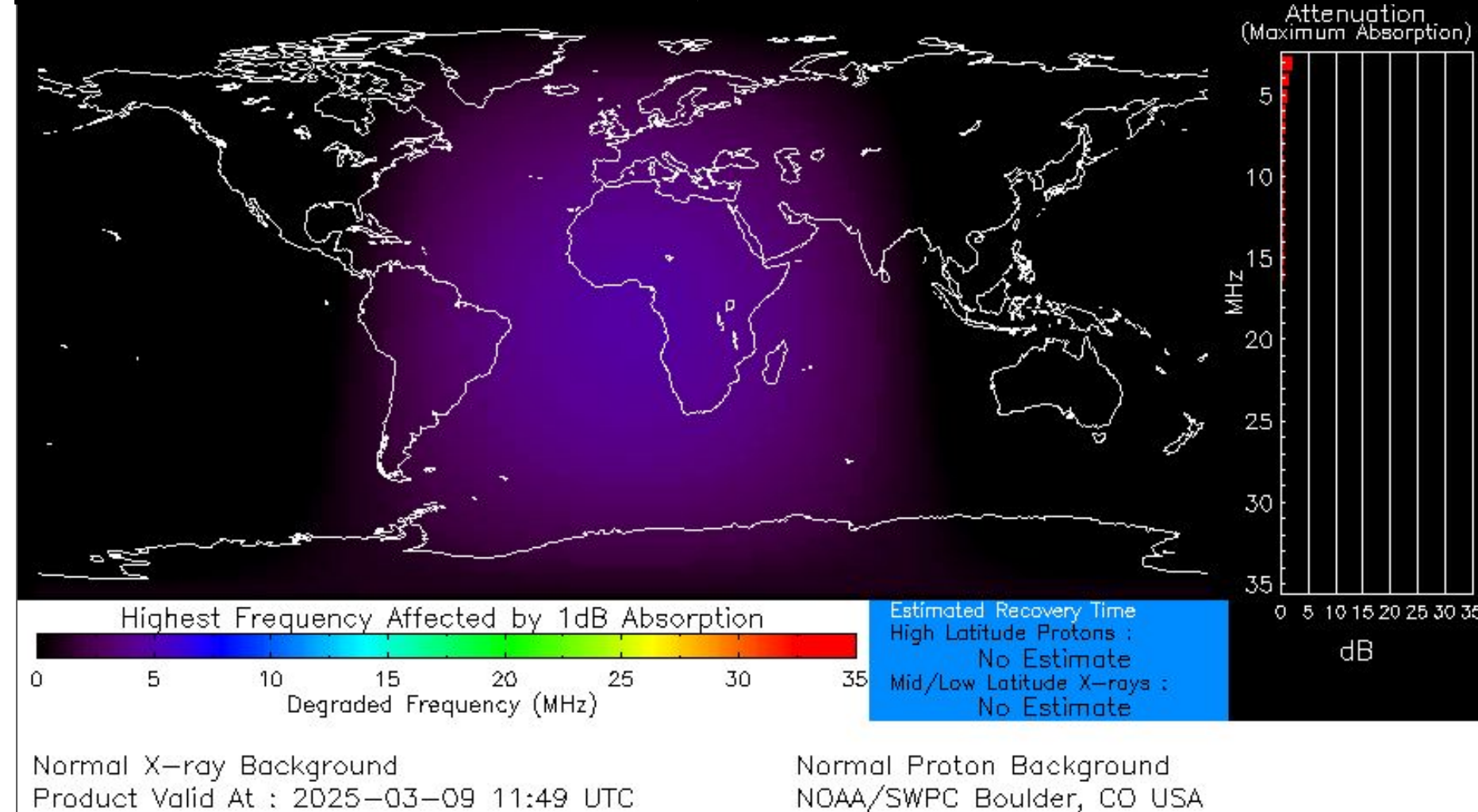


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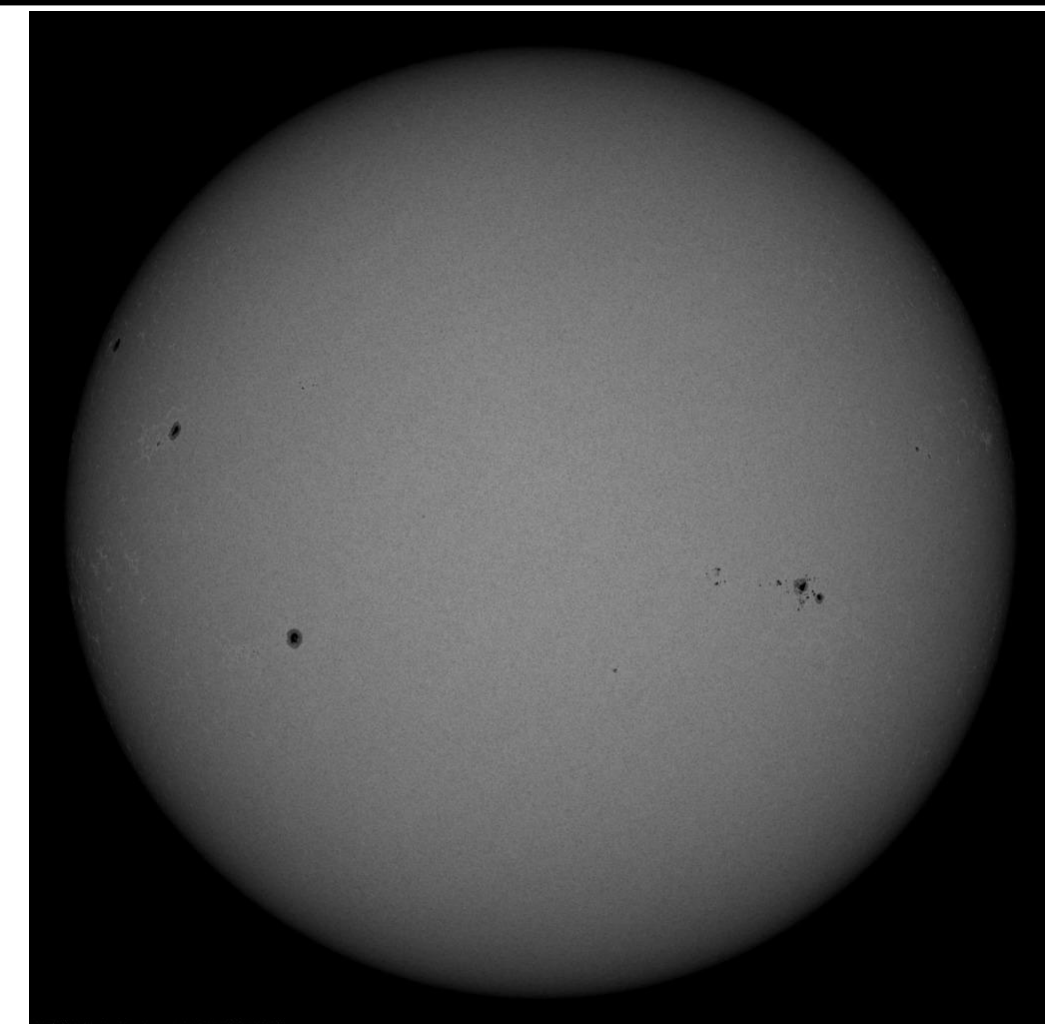
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Mar 9	Monday, Mar 10	Tuesday, Mar 11
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	30%	30%	30%
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Major</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<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