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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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# Summary

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns today into next week for portions of NM, W/C/STX, TX/OK Panhandle, and OK with extreme (level 3 of 3) conditions today in SW TX and again on Friday.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms with first system today for E TX, SE OK, W AR, NW LA. Then second system brings slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms on Friday for C/E AR, NE LA, with slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) Saturday in LA.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in NM Thursday and Friday due to snow. However, due to high winds, there may be periods of moderate impacts (level 3 of 5), mostly in mountains.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in NE AR Friday and E LA Saturday with second system.**
- **Minor river flooding forecast through the week in E TX, AR, and LA.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Mar 12	Thursday, Mar 13	Friday, Mar 14	Saturday, Mar 15	Sunday, Mar 16	Monday, Mar 17	Tuesday, Mar 18
Severe Storms	NETX, SE OK, W AR, NW LA		E AR C AR, NE LA	LA			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			NE AR	E LA			
Fire Weather	SW TX NM, W/C TX, W OK	NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandle	E NM, W/C/N TX, TX Panhandle, OK	E NM, W/C/STX	STX	E NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, W OK	E NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, W 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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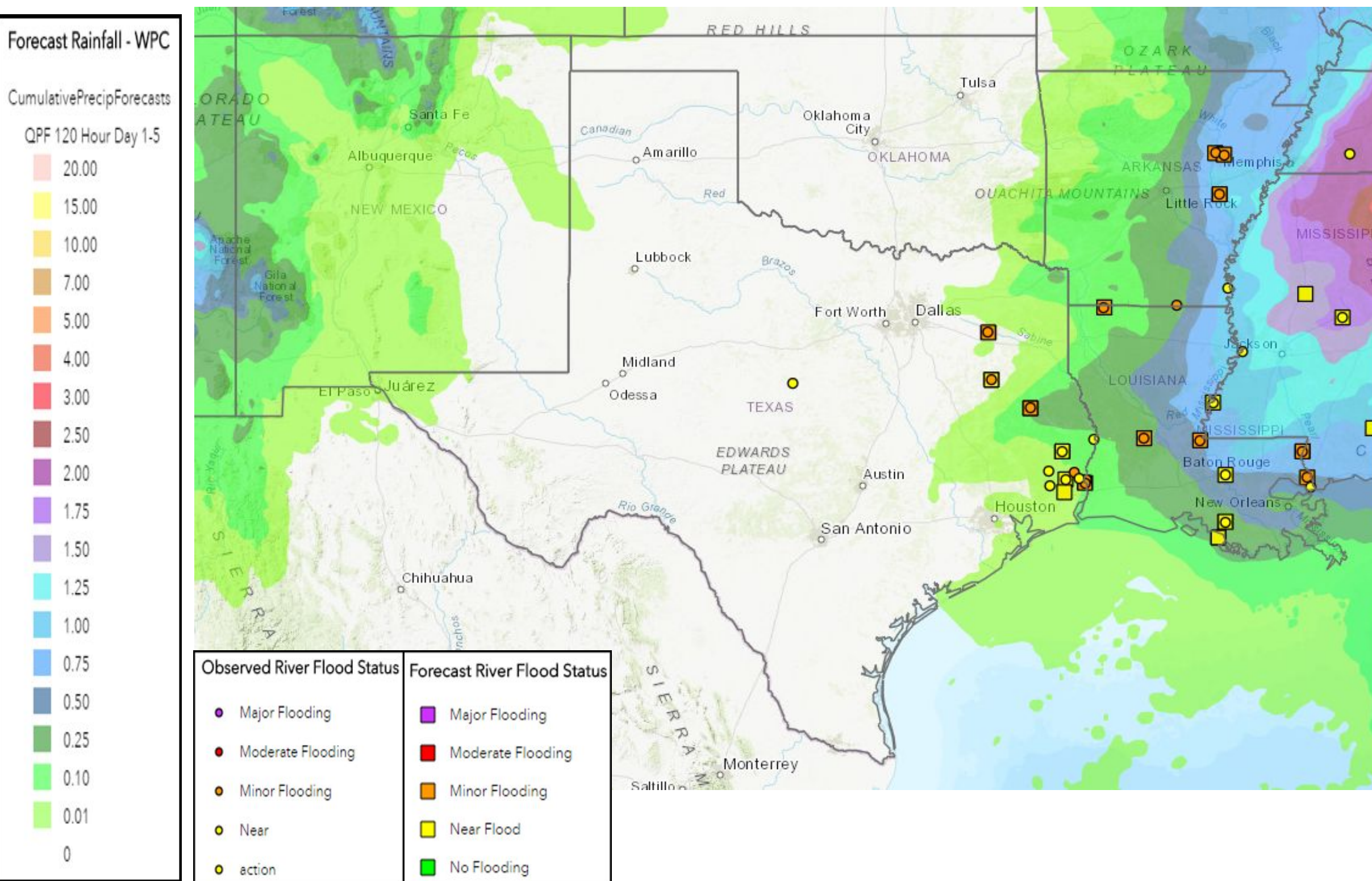






# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



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

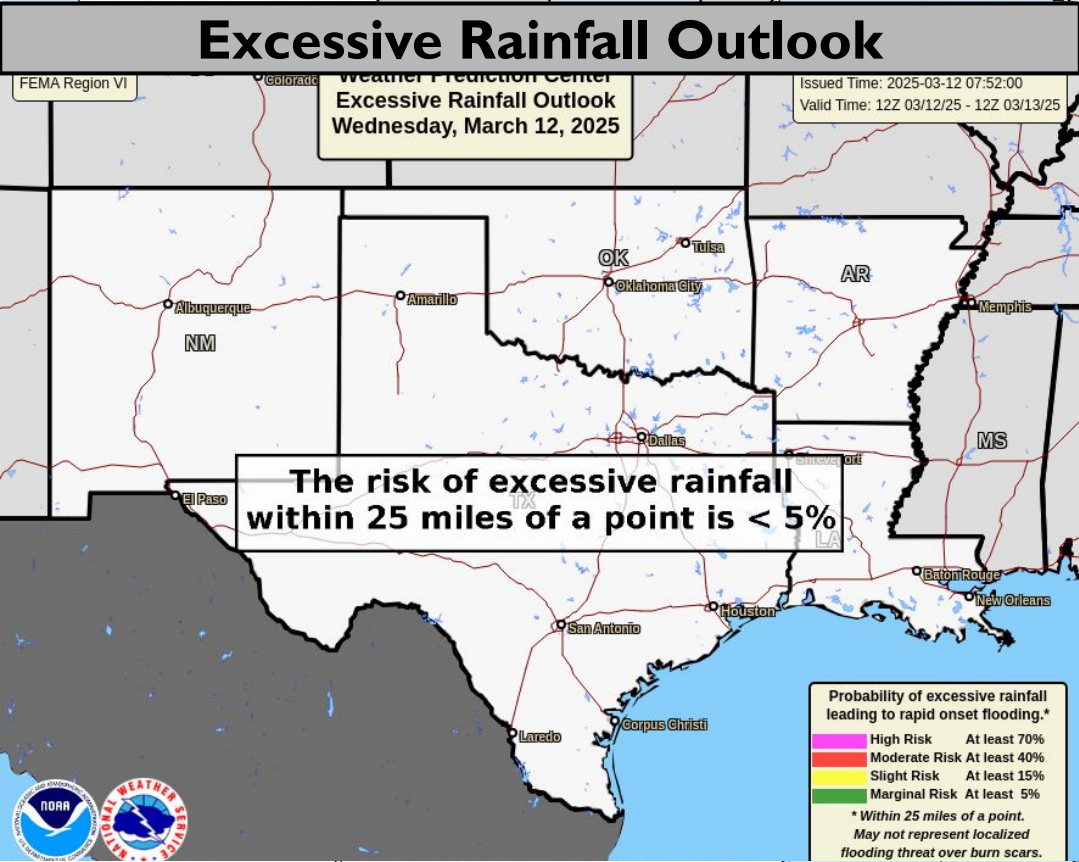
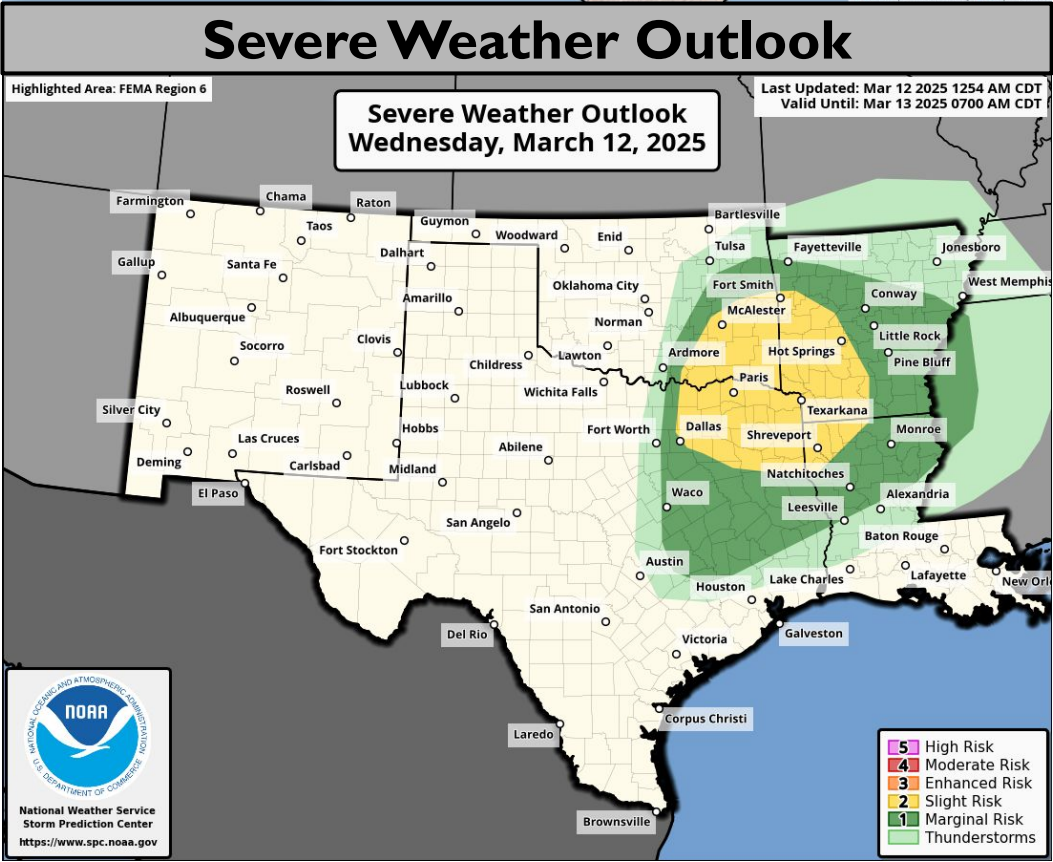
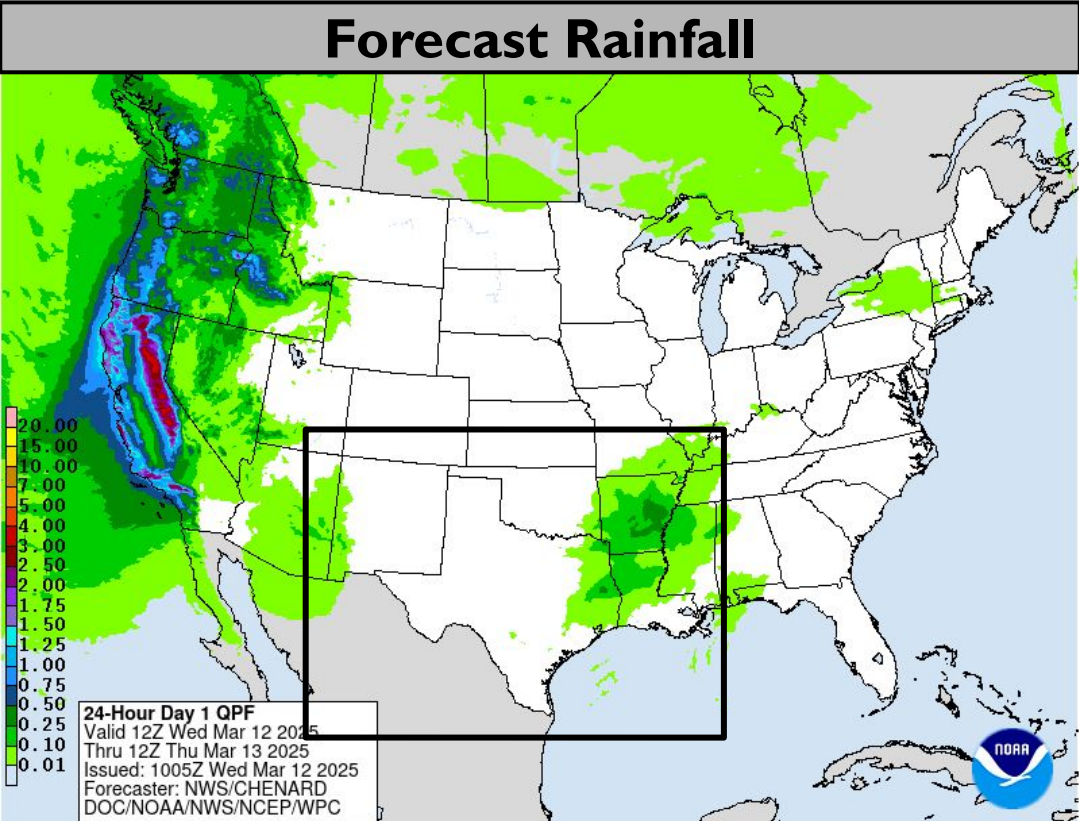
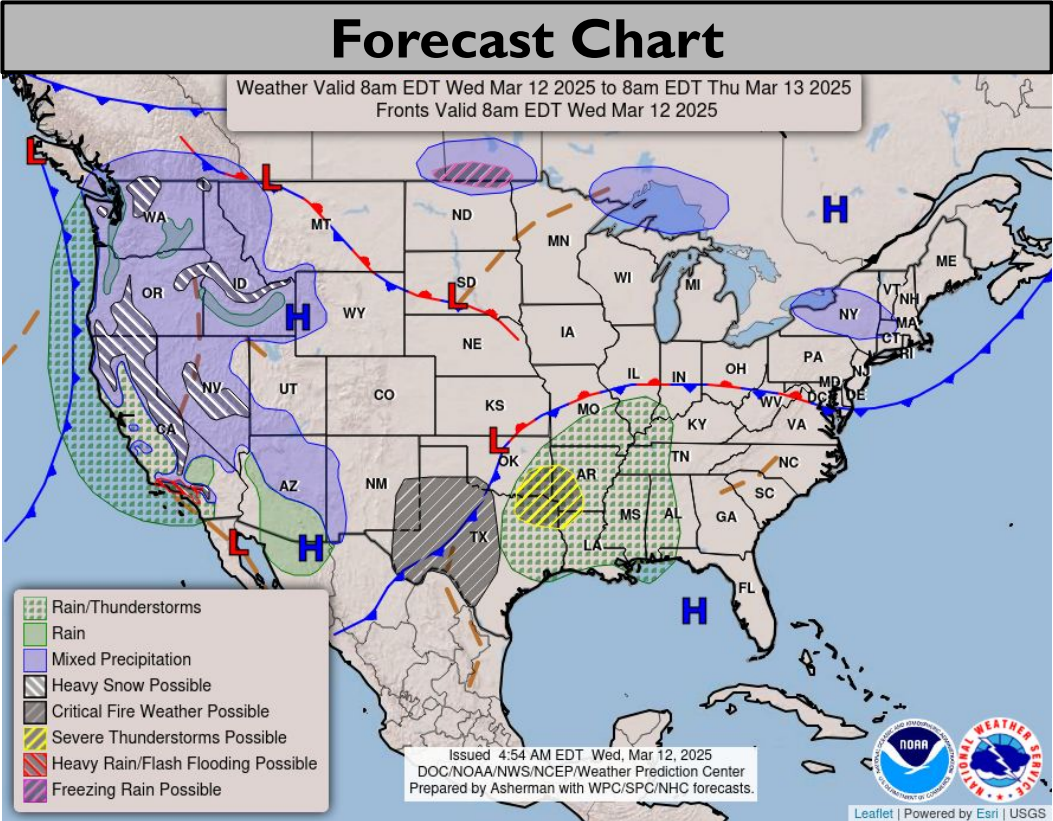
*Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.*







# Today's Weather



**Extremely critical (level 3 of 3) fire weather conditions for SW TX.**

**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions for NM, W/CTX.**

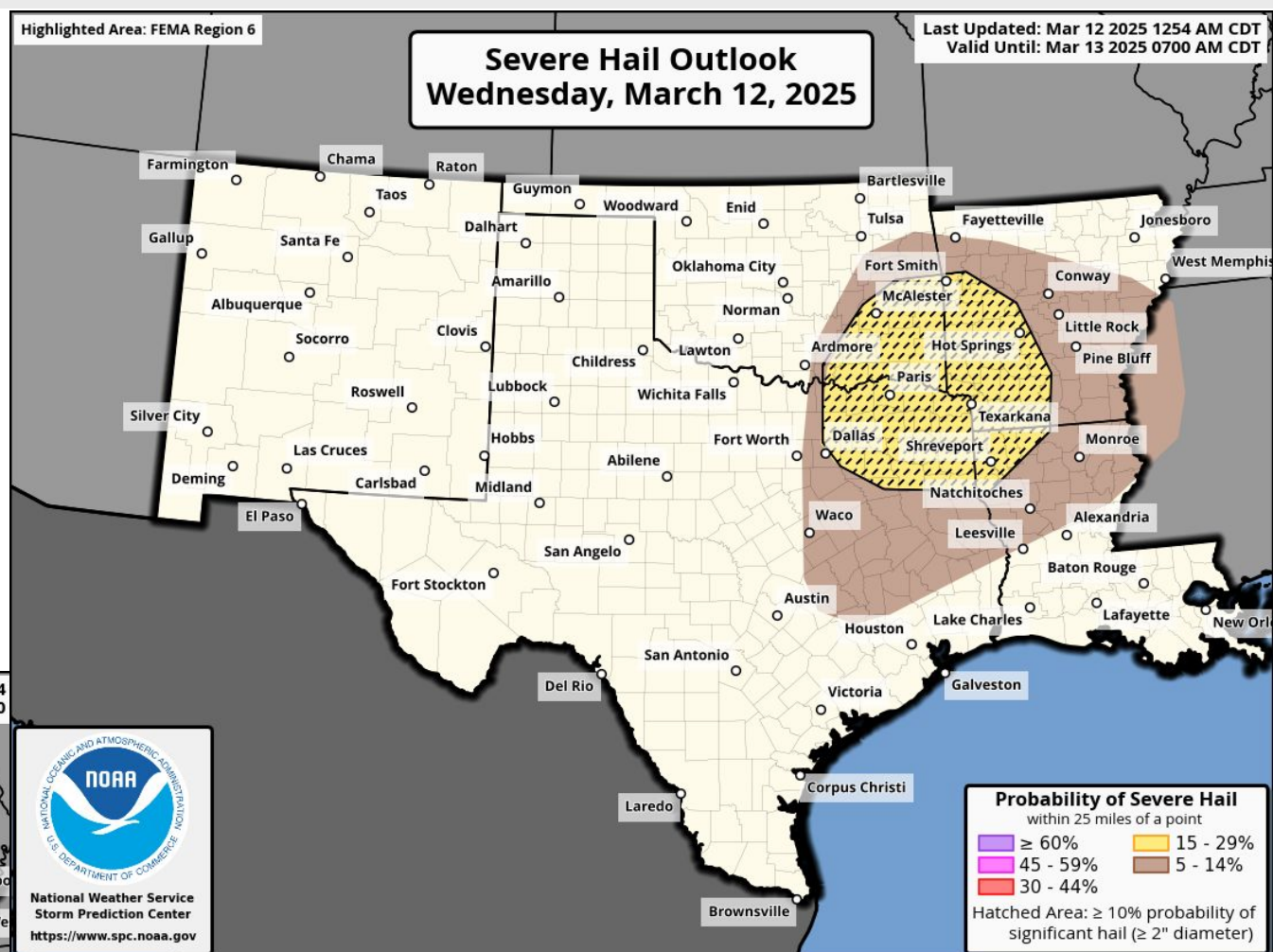
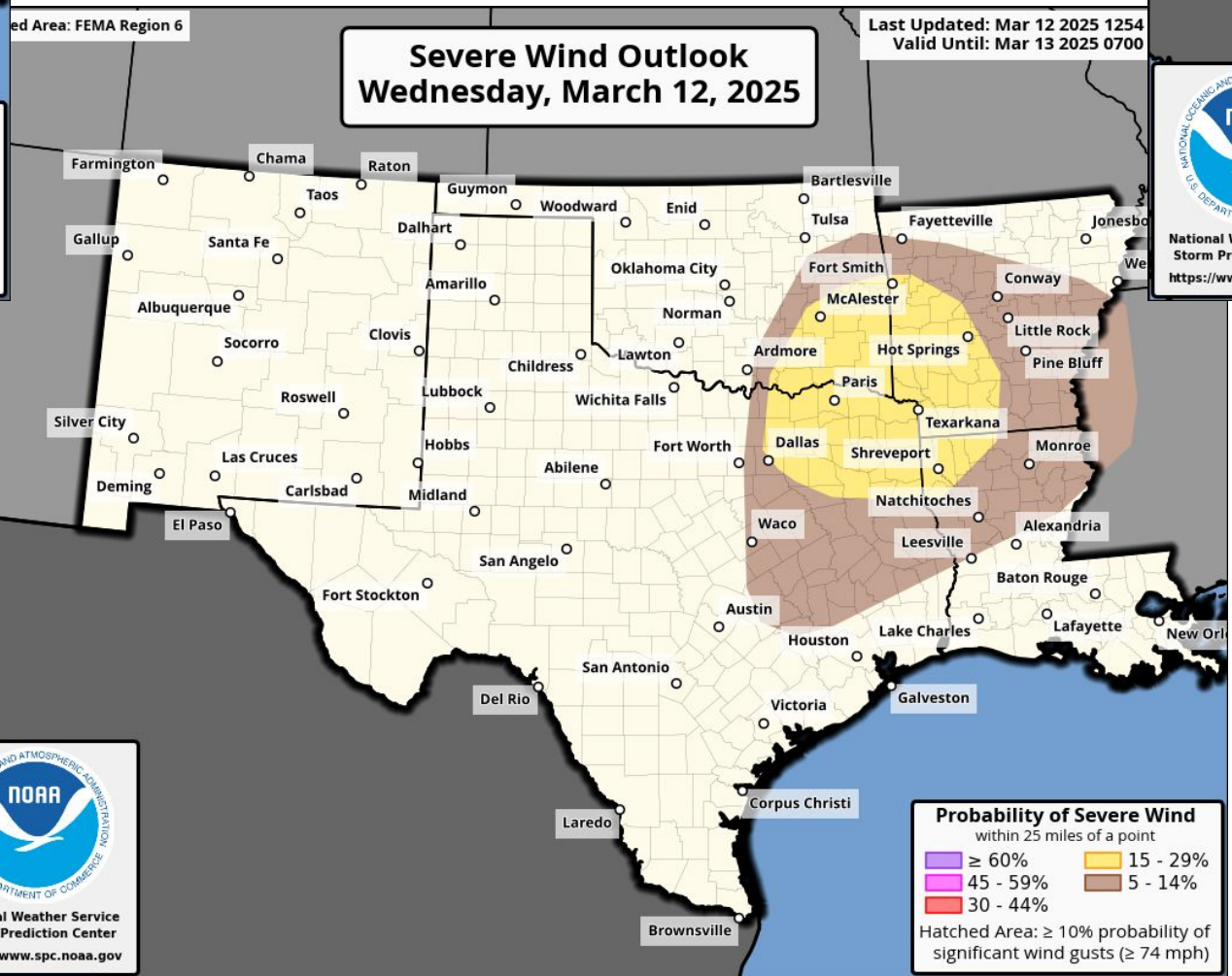
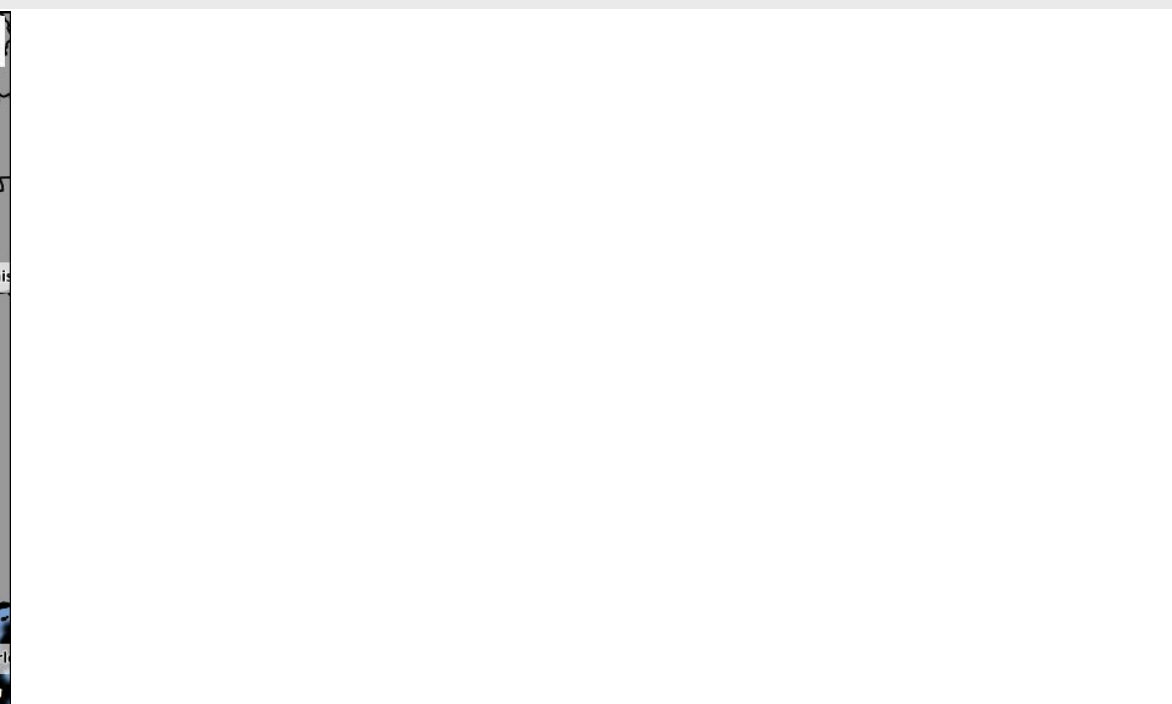
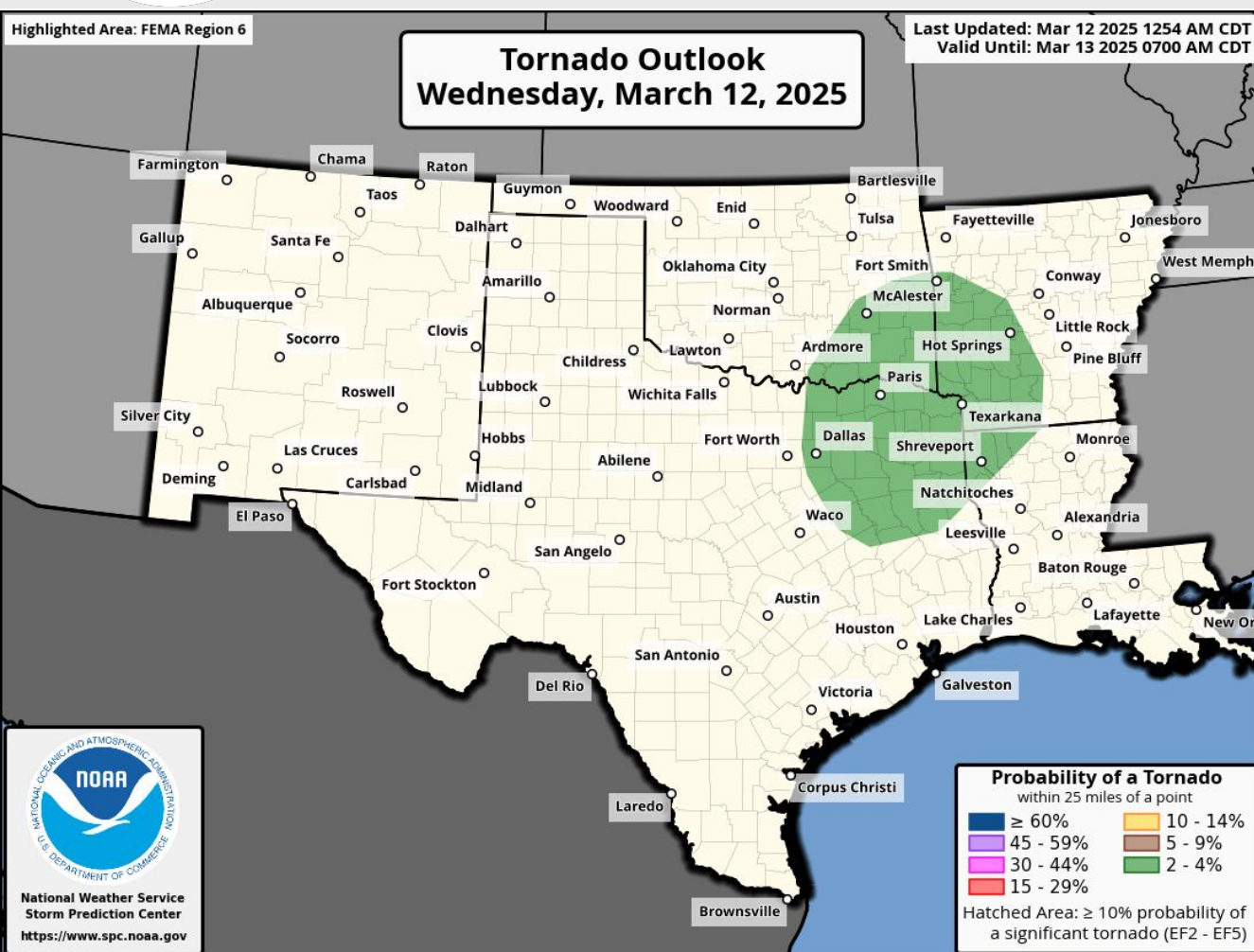
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in NETX, SE OK, W AR, NW LA.**







# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

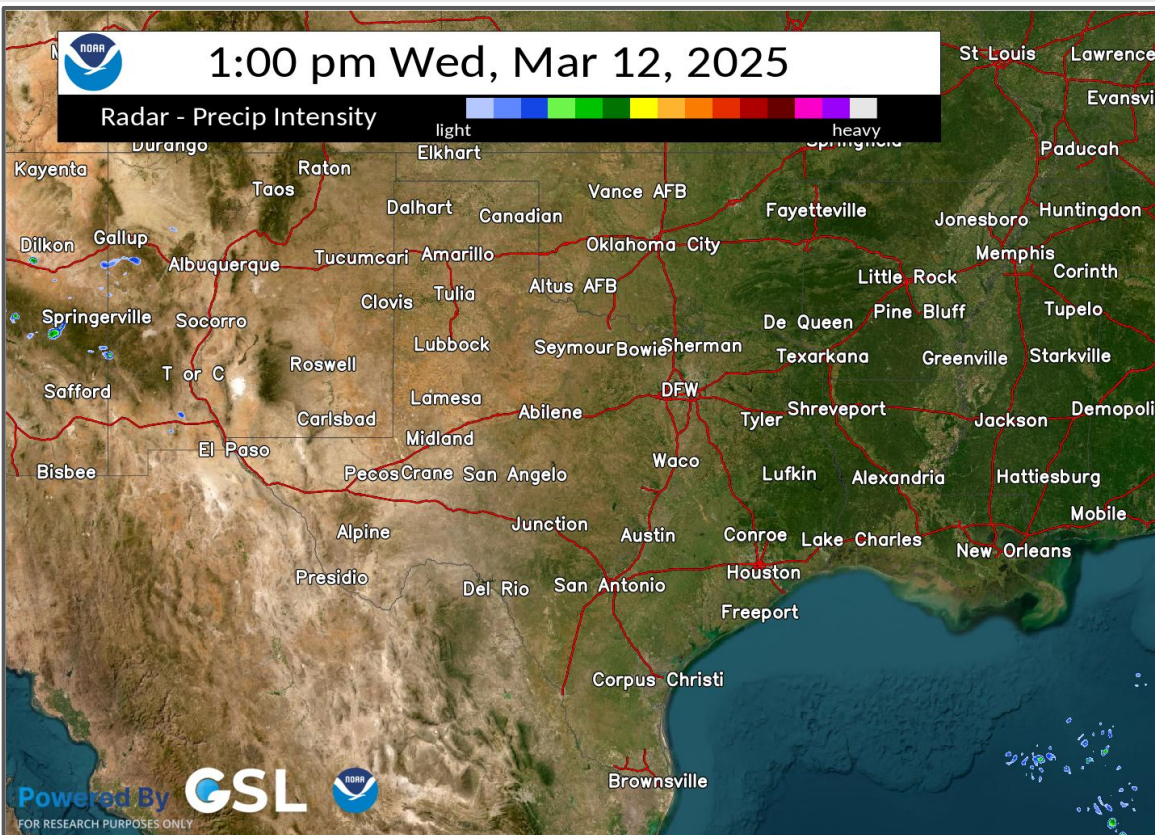






# Potential Evolution of Storms Today

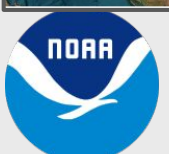
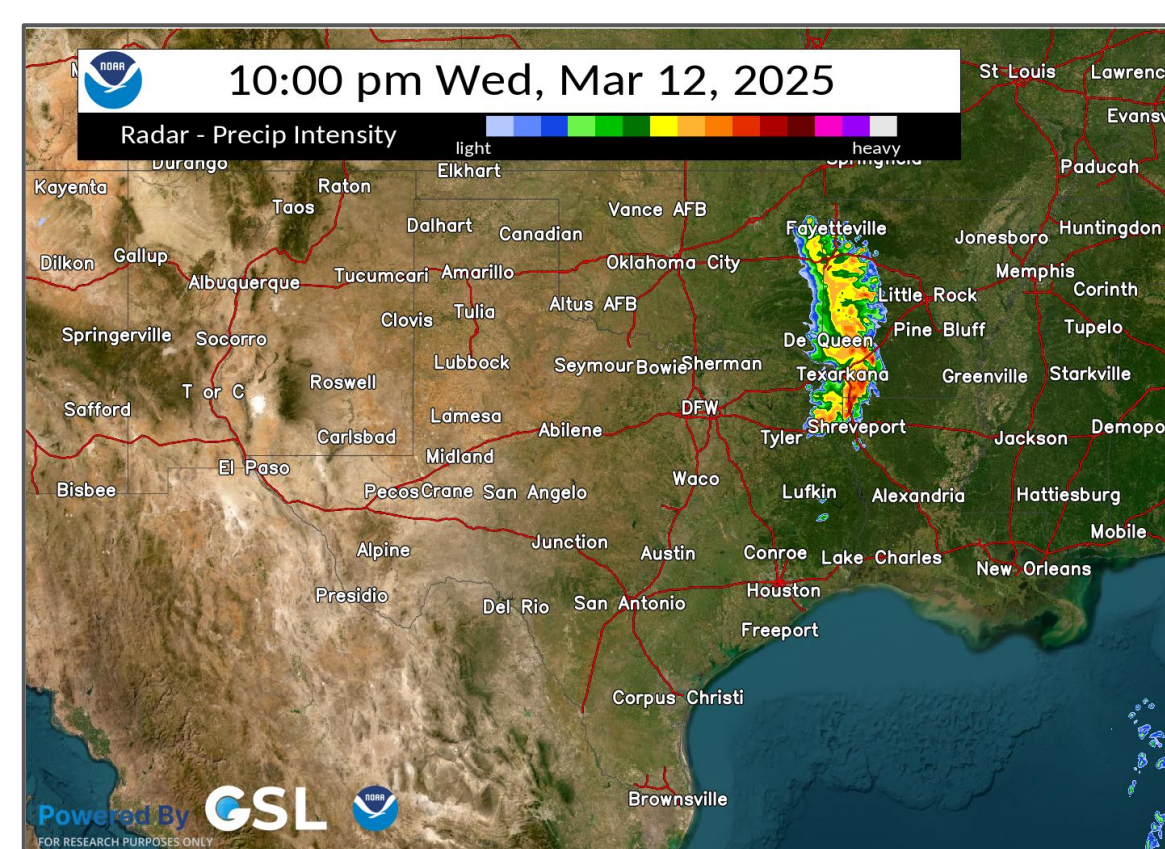
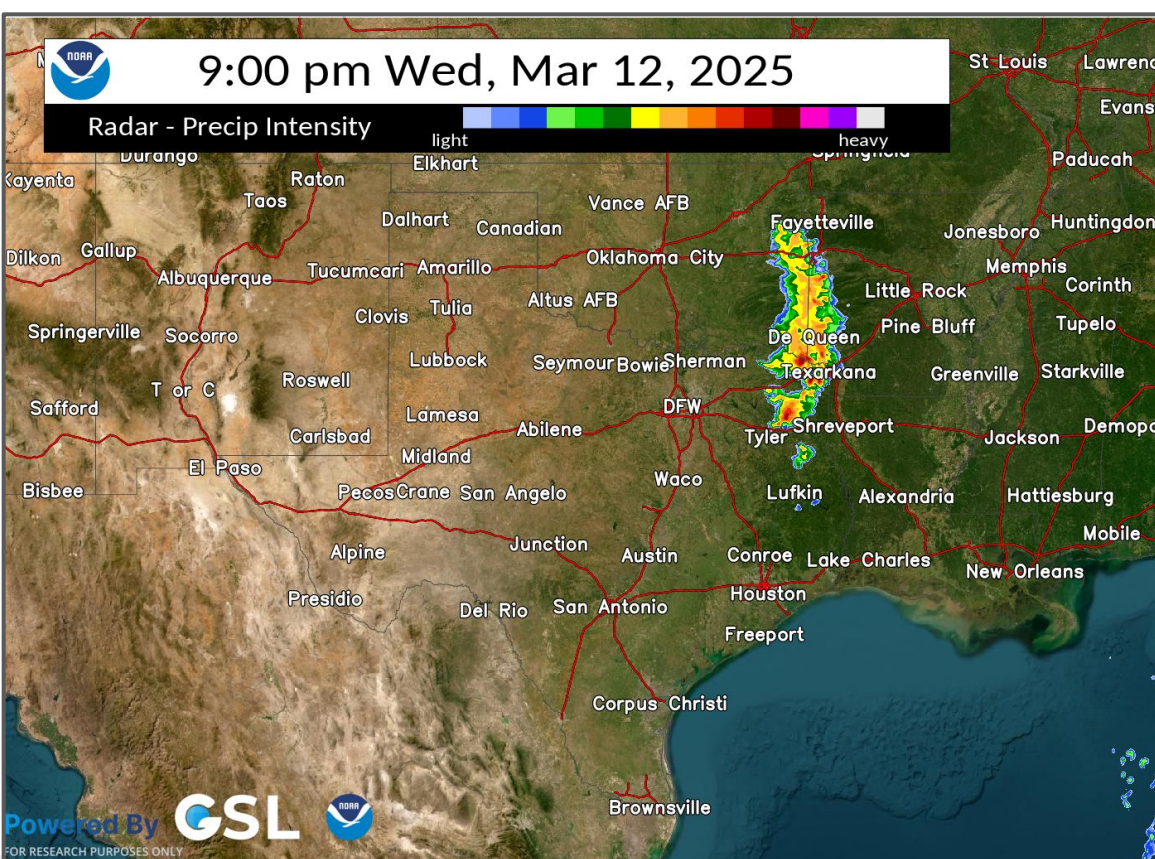
*NOTE: This is just one model's prediction of the storms, actual timing and locations may be different*



Timing of severe storms:

OK/TX: Start between 4-6pm,  
end between 10-11pm

AR/LA: Start between 7-10pm,  
end between midnight-1am  
Thursday



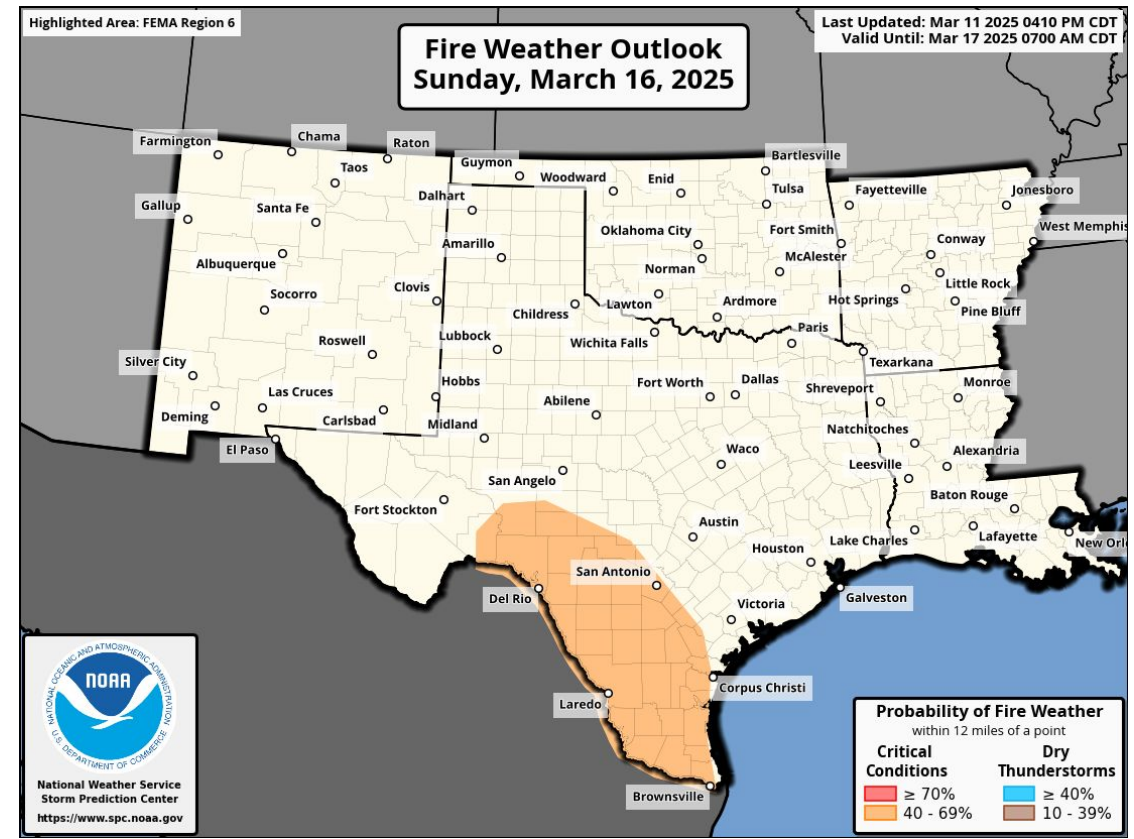
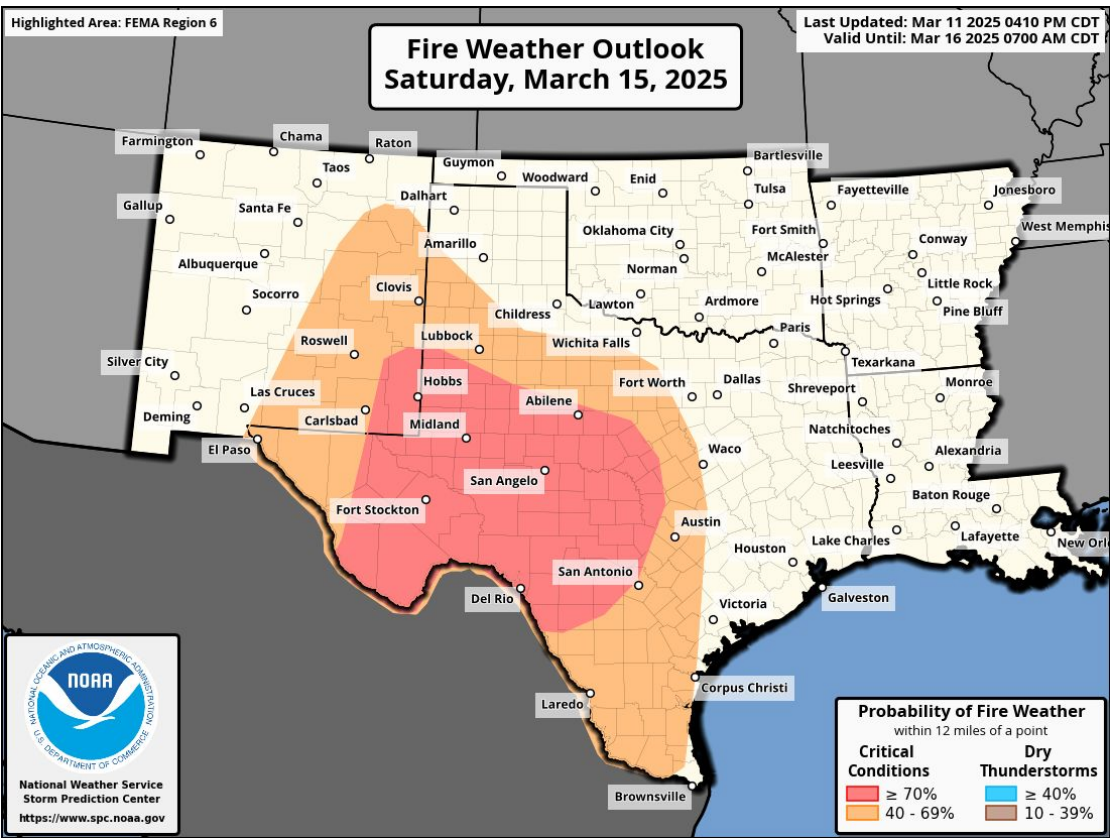
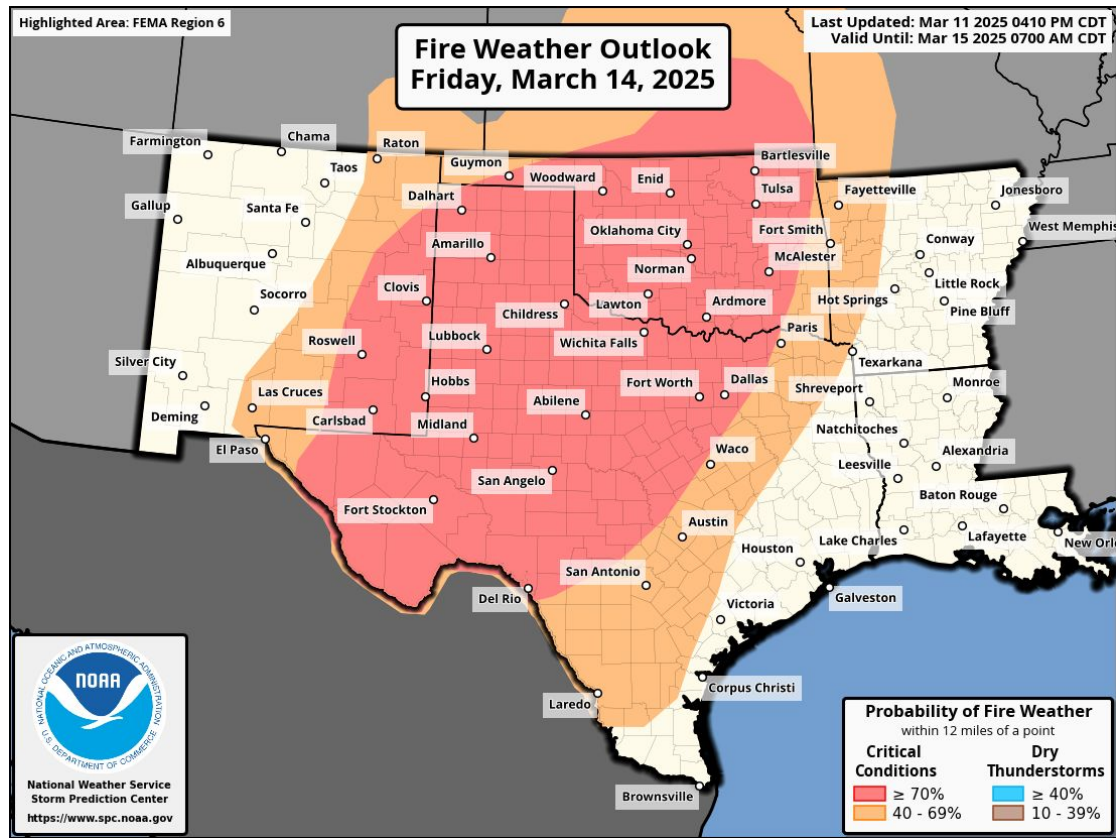
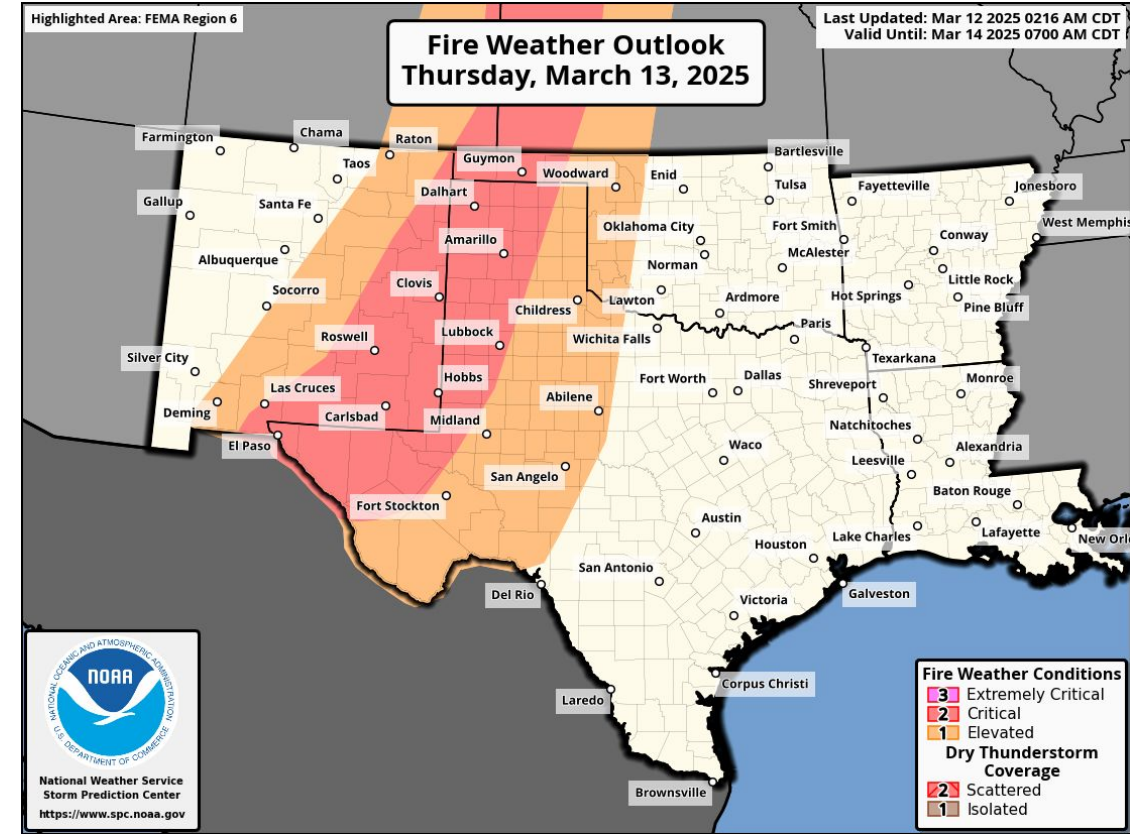
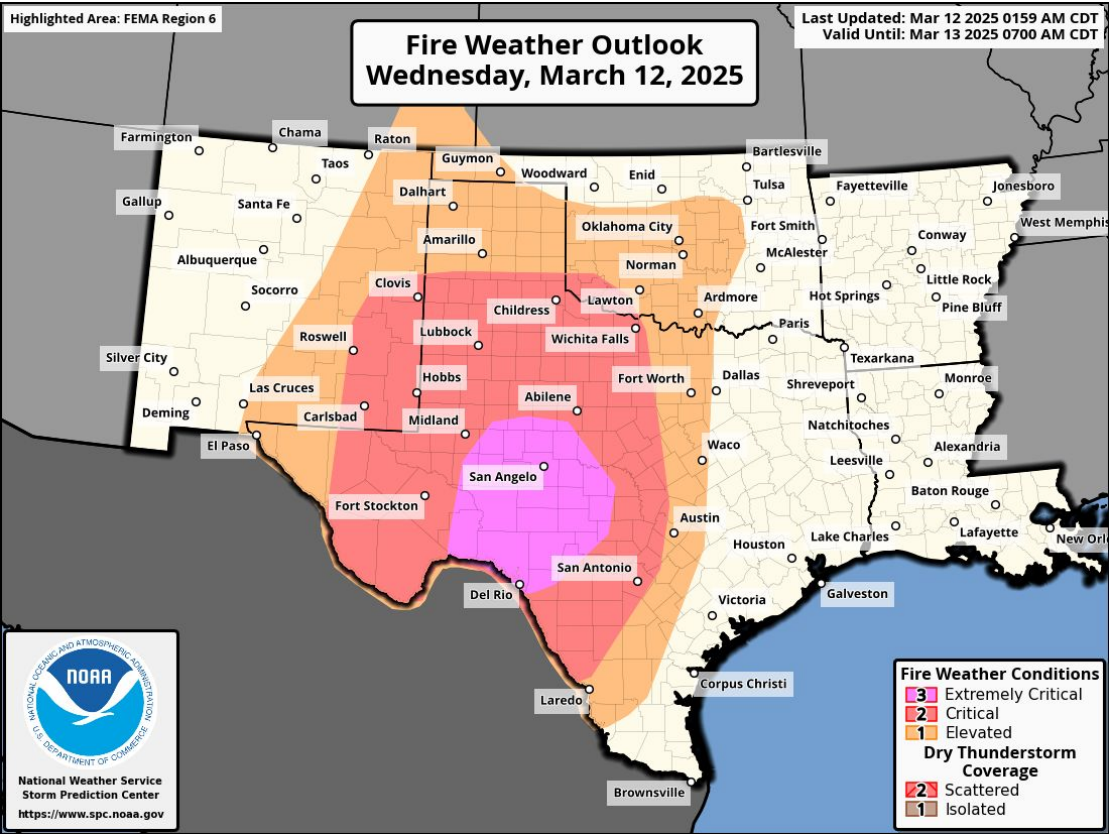
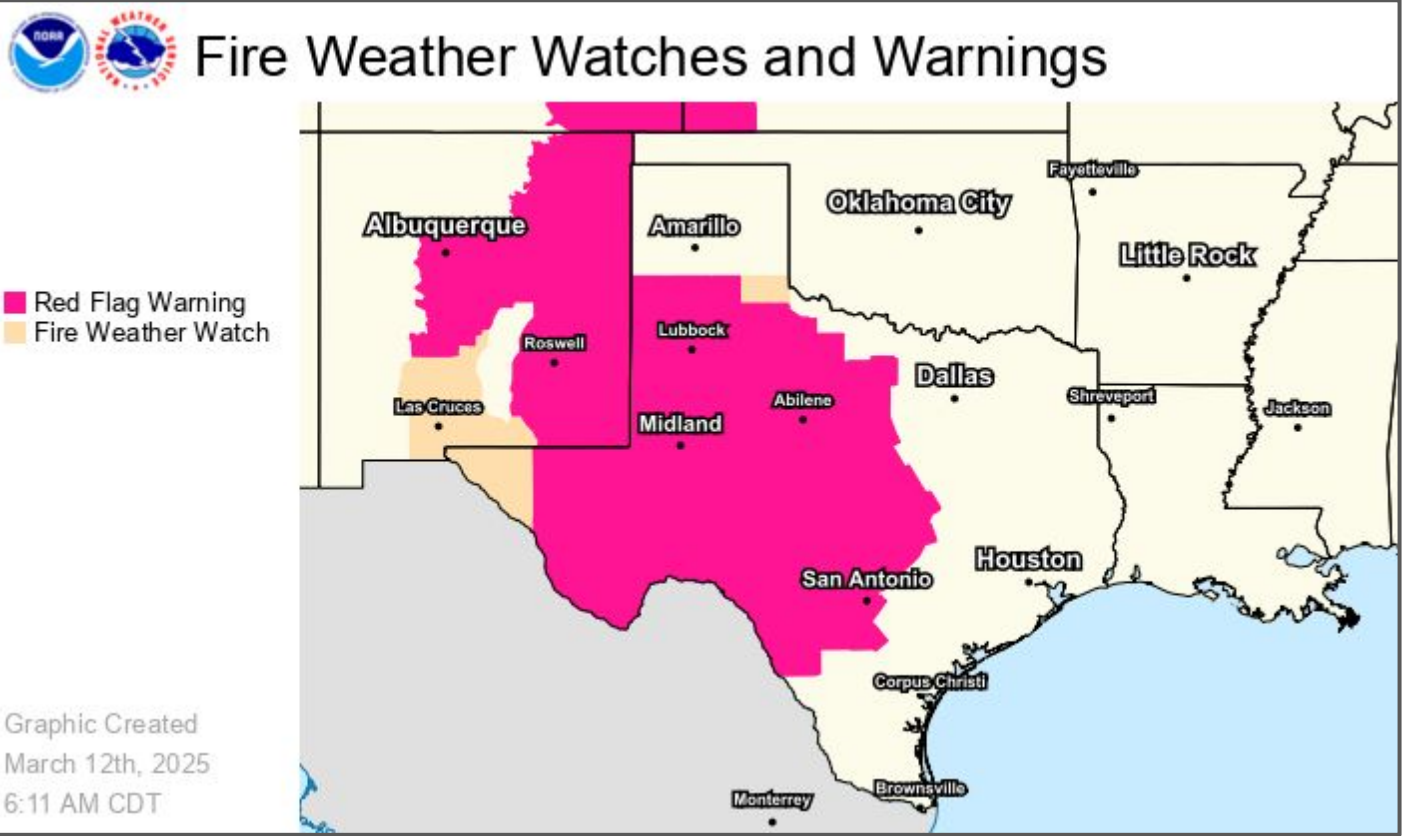
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# Fire Weather Outlooks

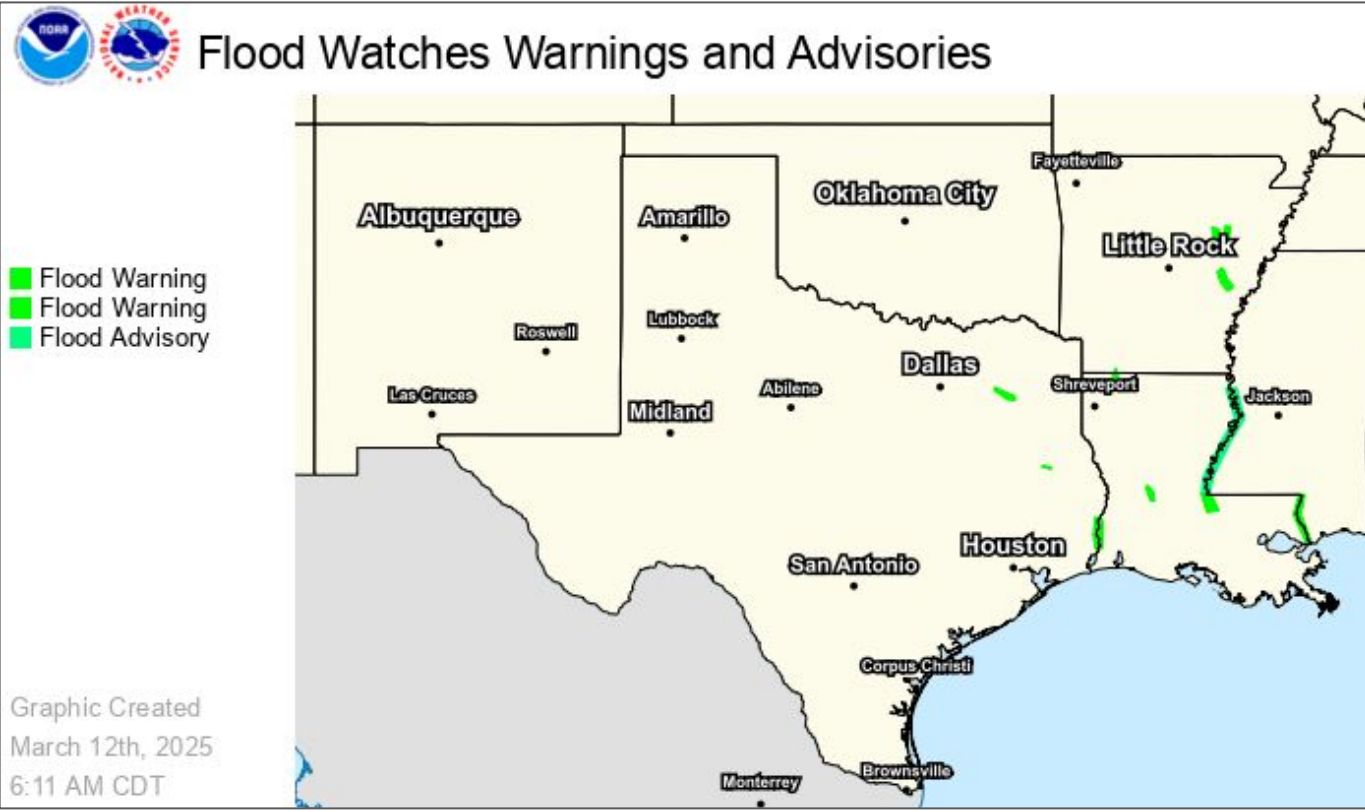
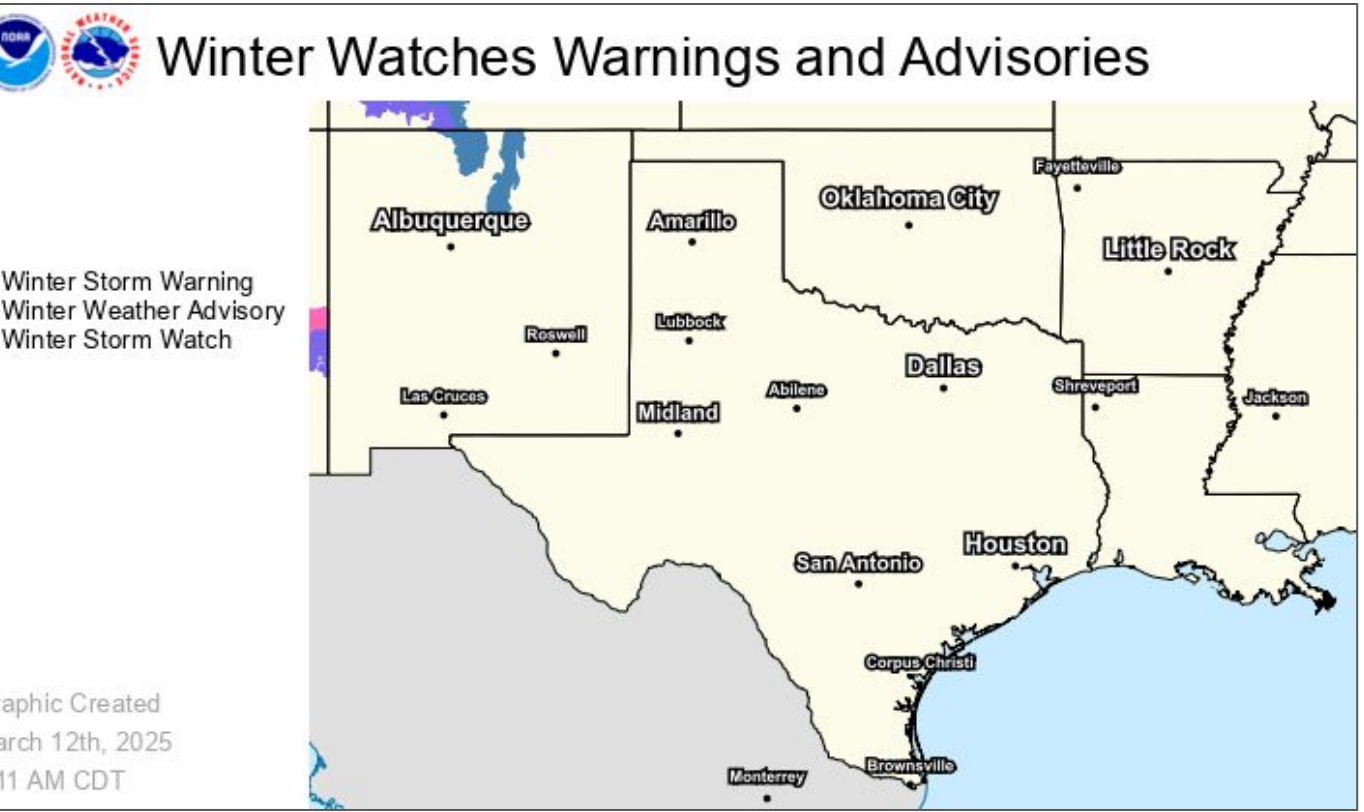
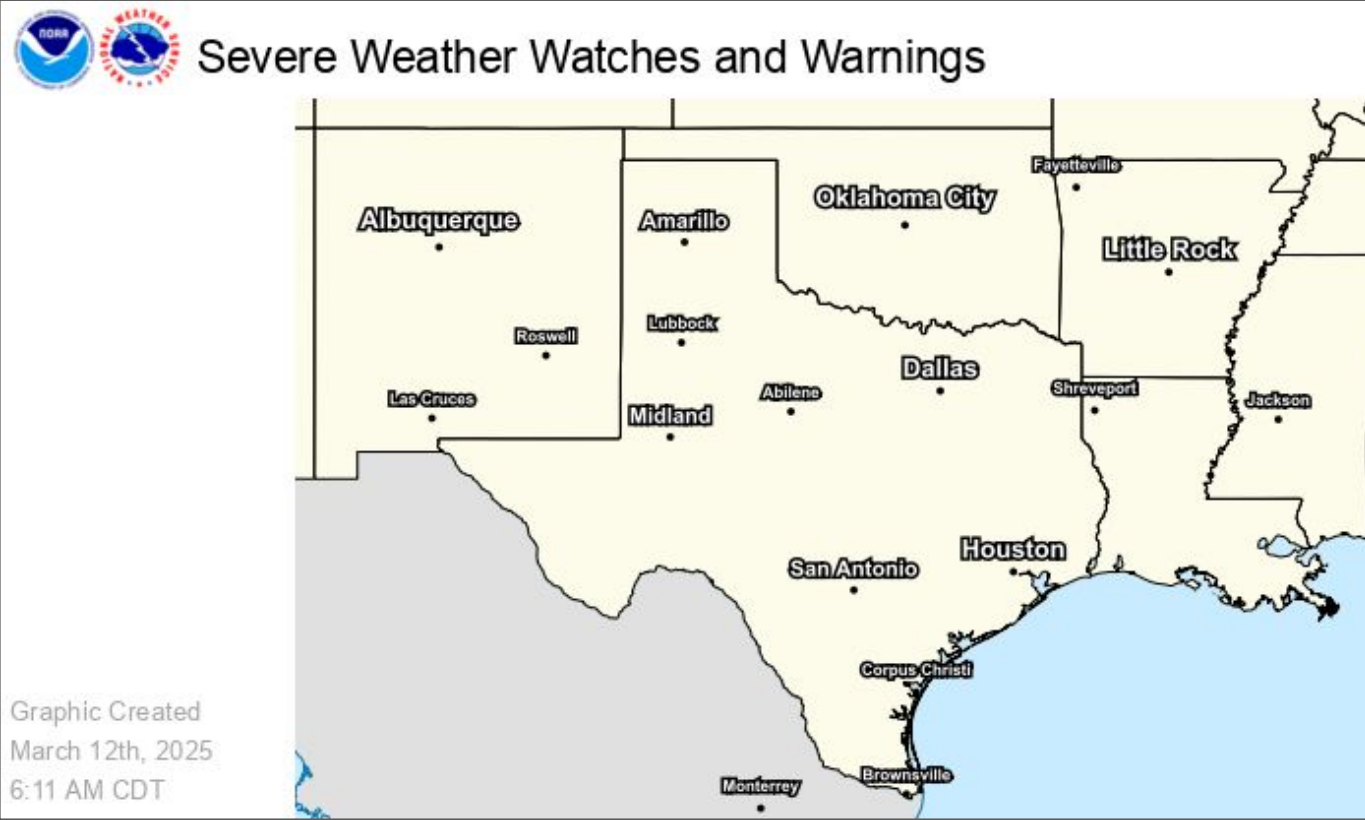
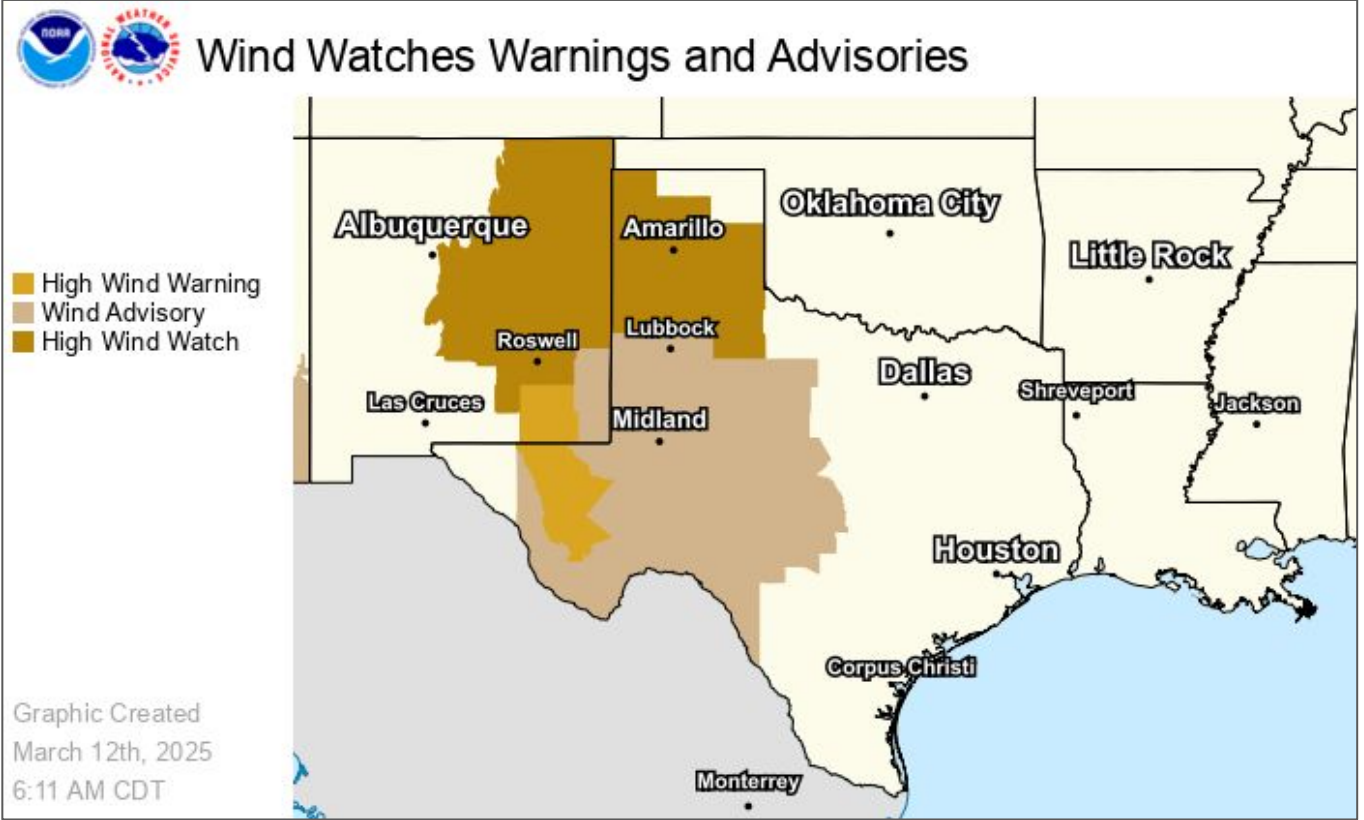






# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



**High wind warning in SE NM, W TX today for gusts to 60 mph. Wind advisories for E NM, W TX, TX Panhandle for today until 8pm for gusts up to 50 mph.**

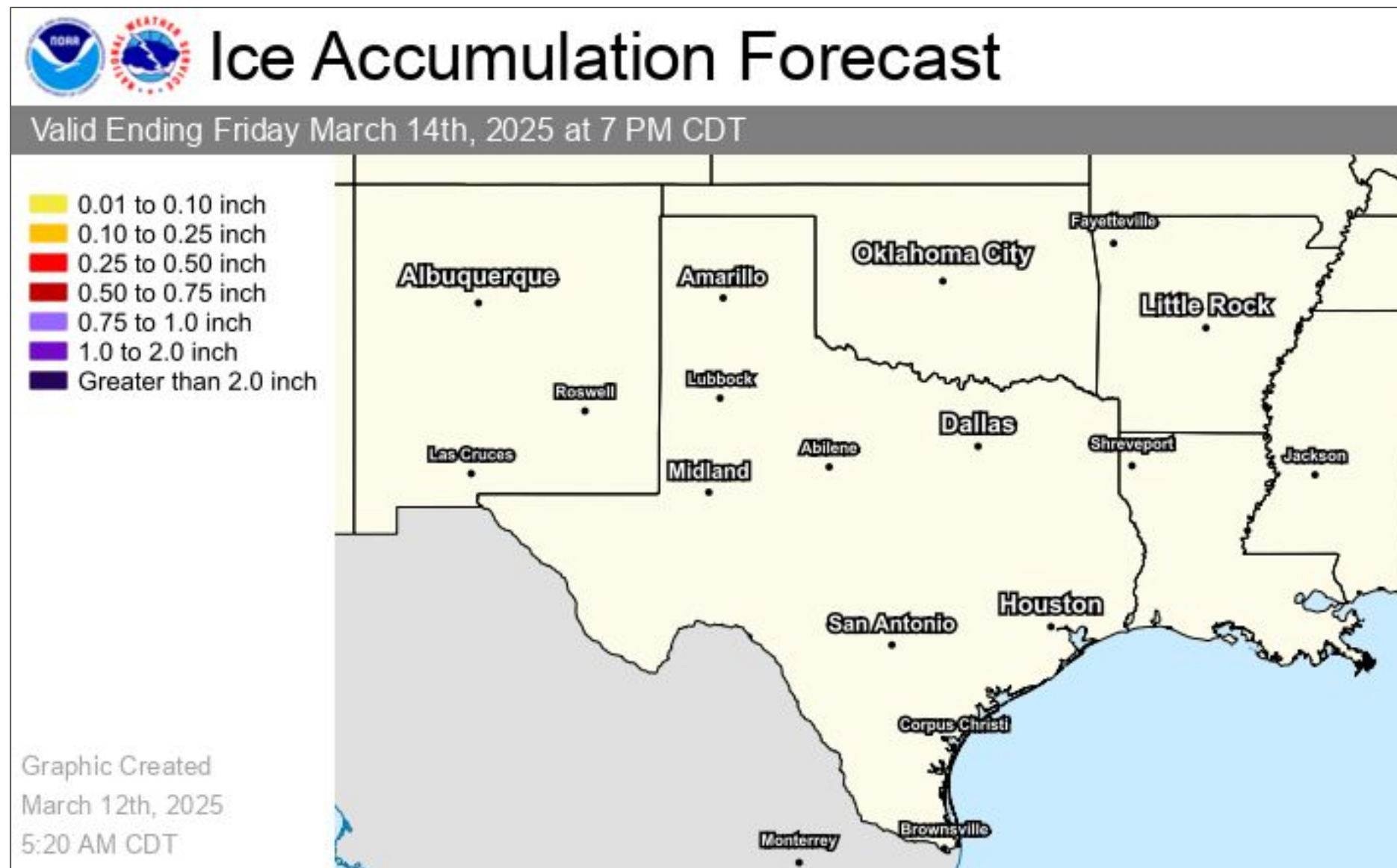
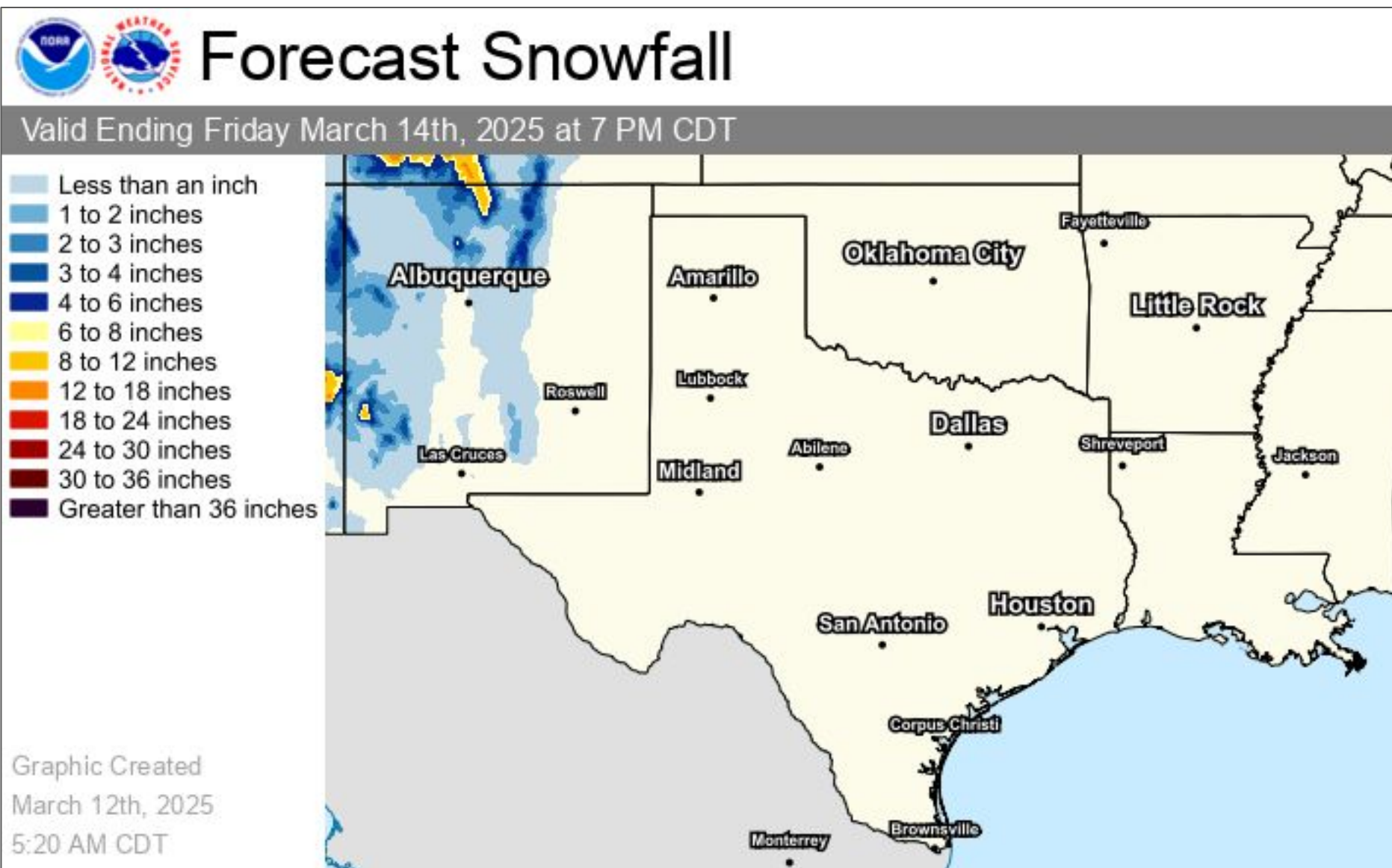
**High wind watch for E NM, TX Panhandle for Friday for gusts up to 75 mph.**





# Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

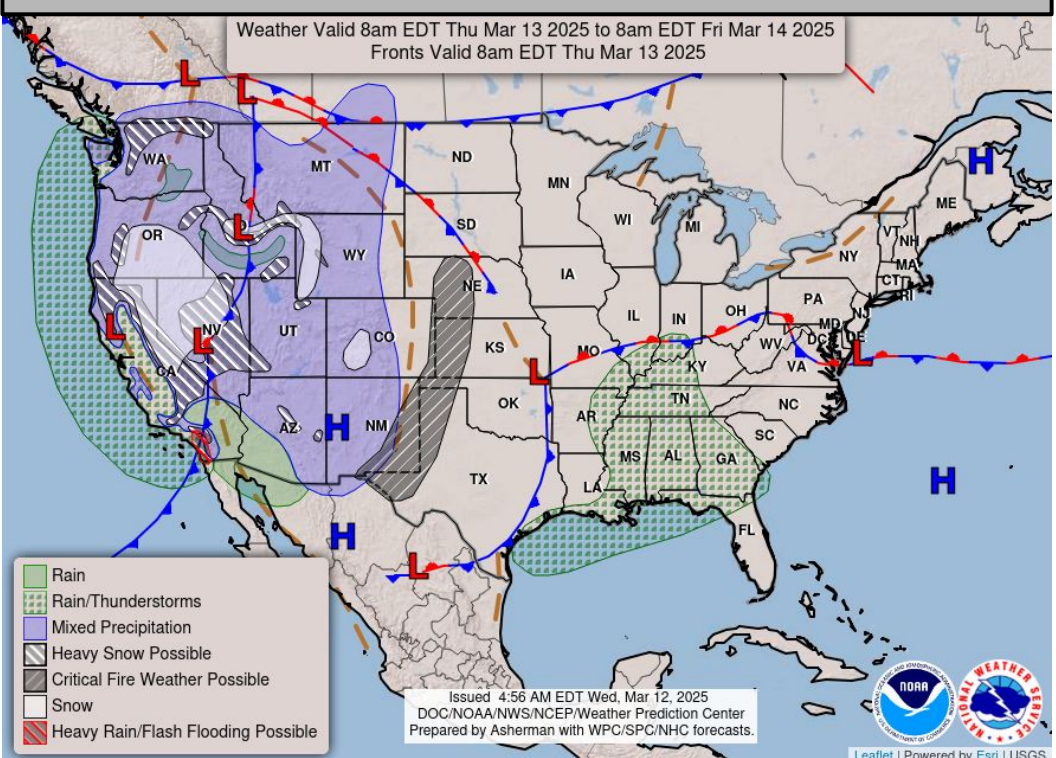




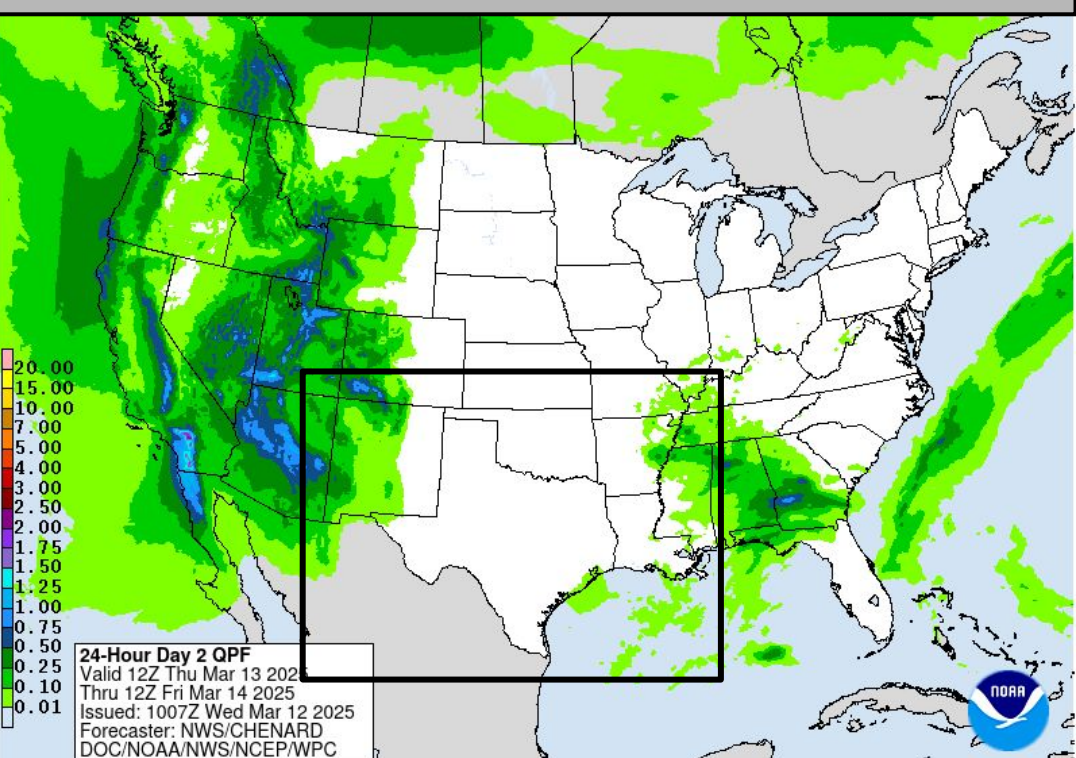


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart



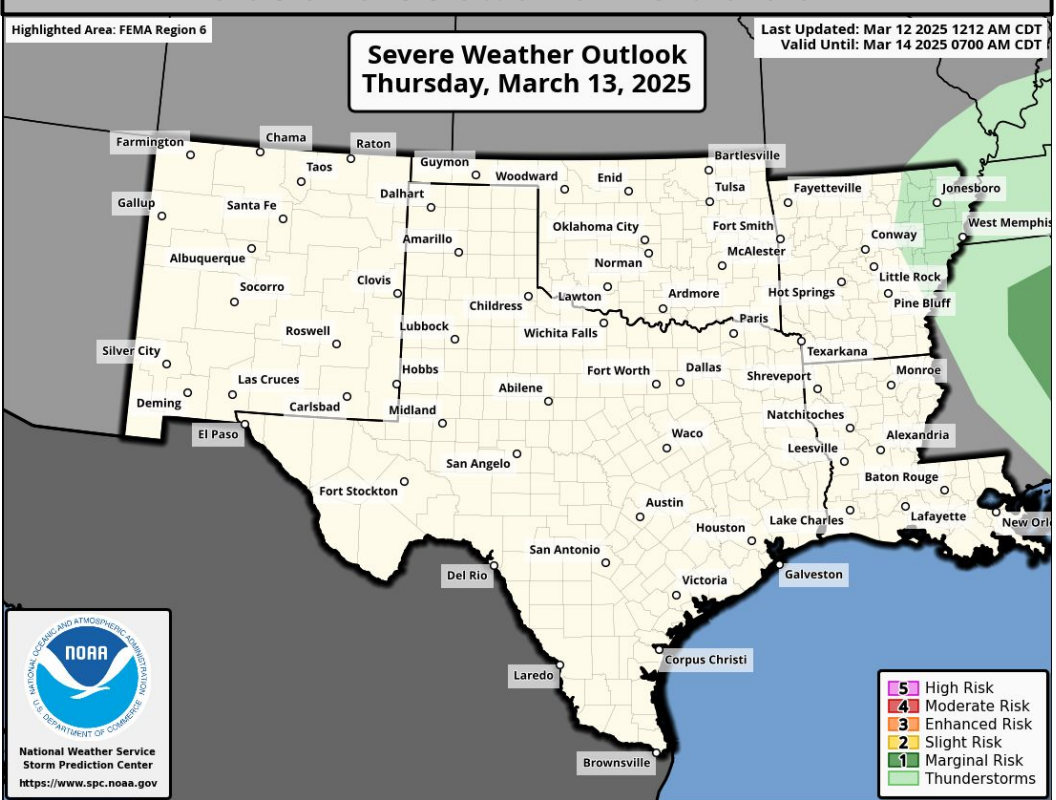
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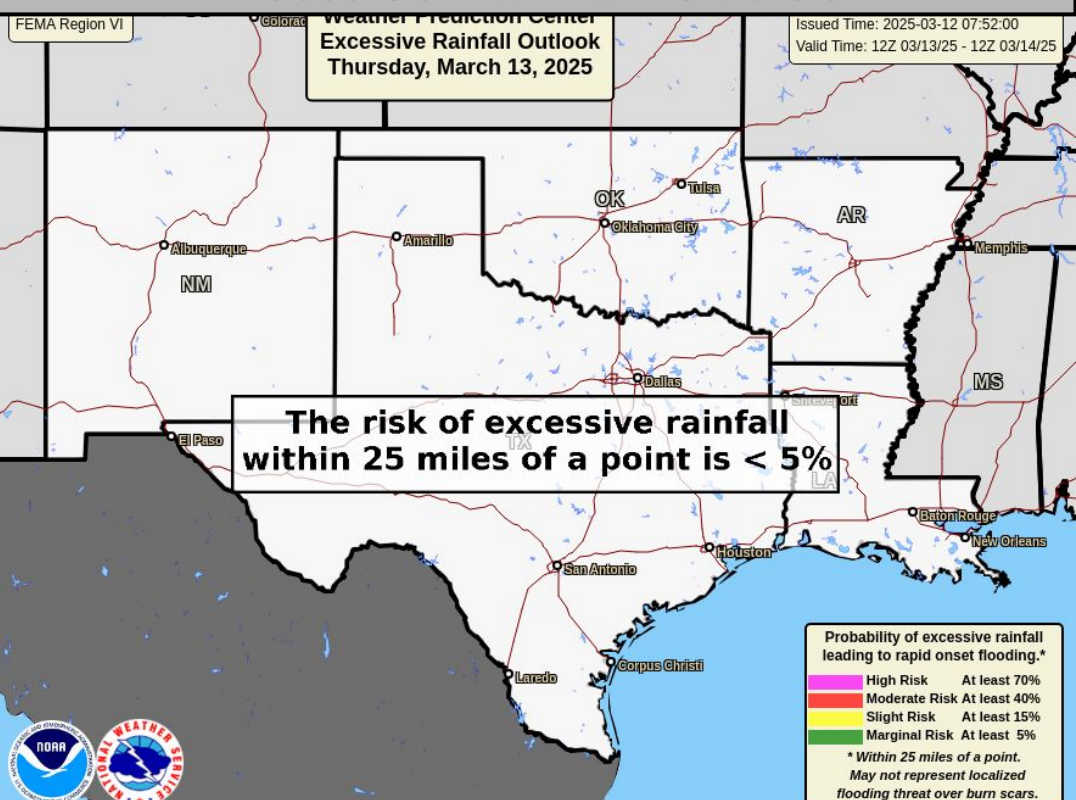
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**Minor impacts (level 2 of 5) from winter weather due to snow in NM.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



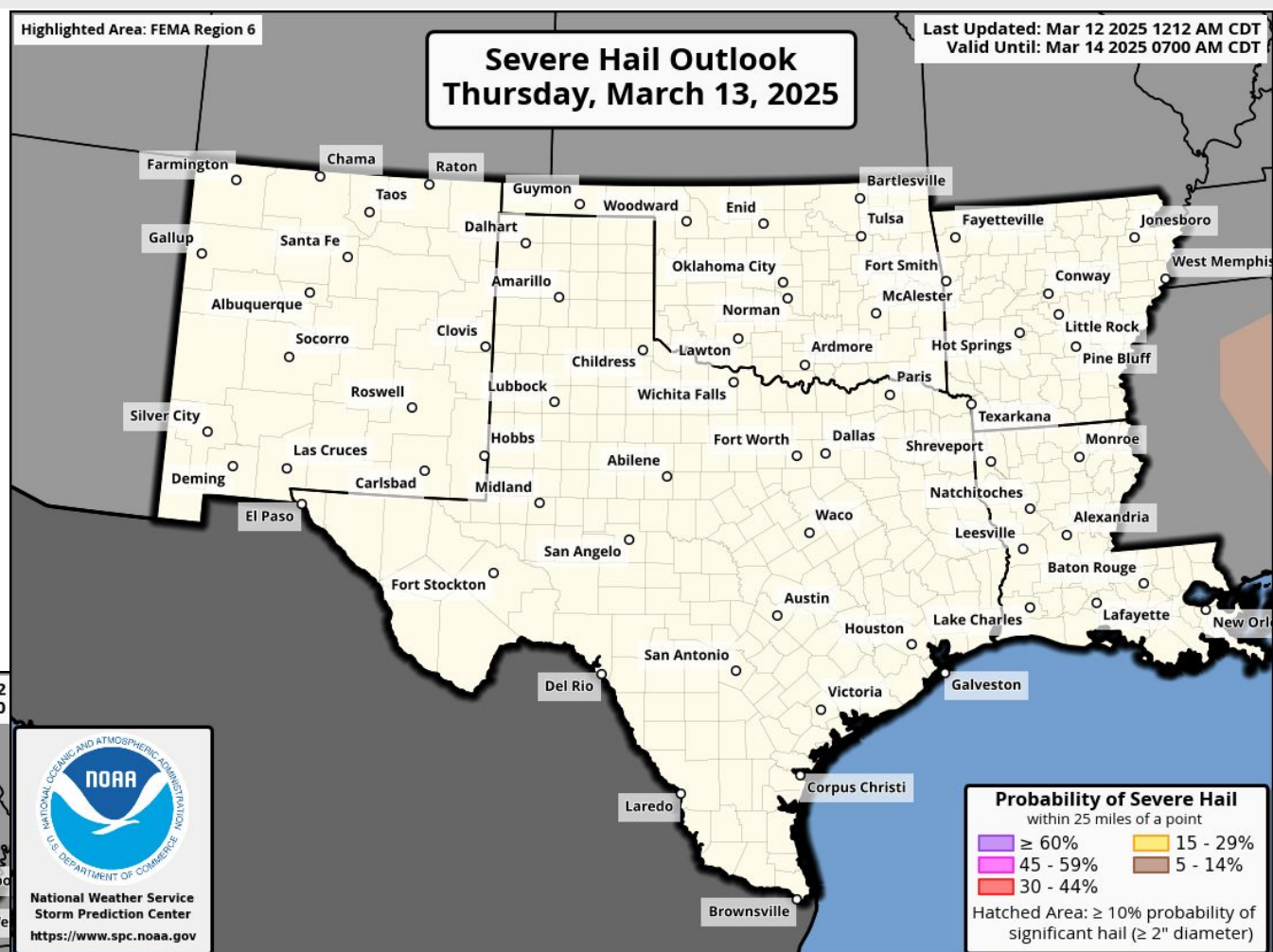
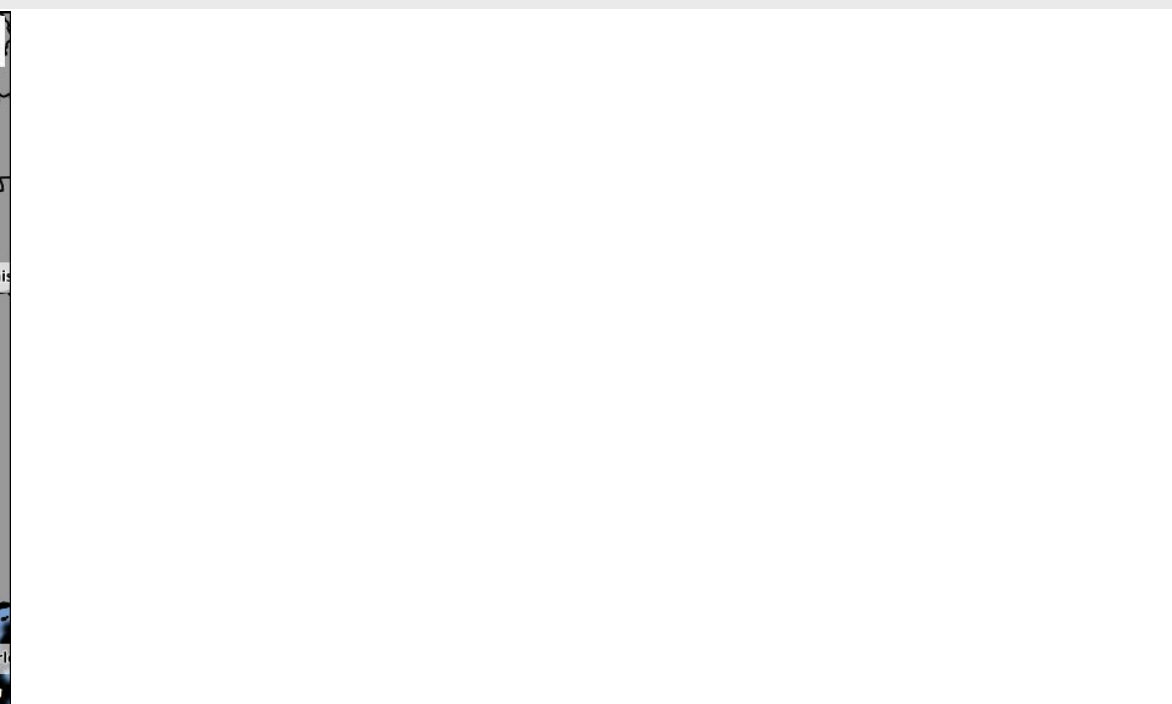
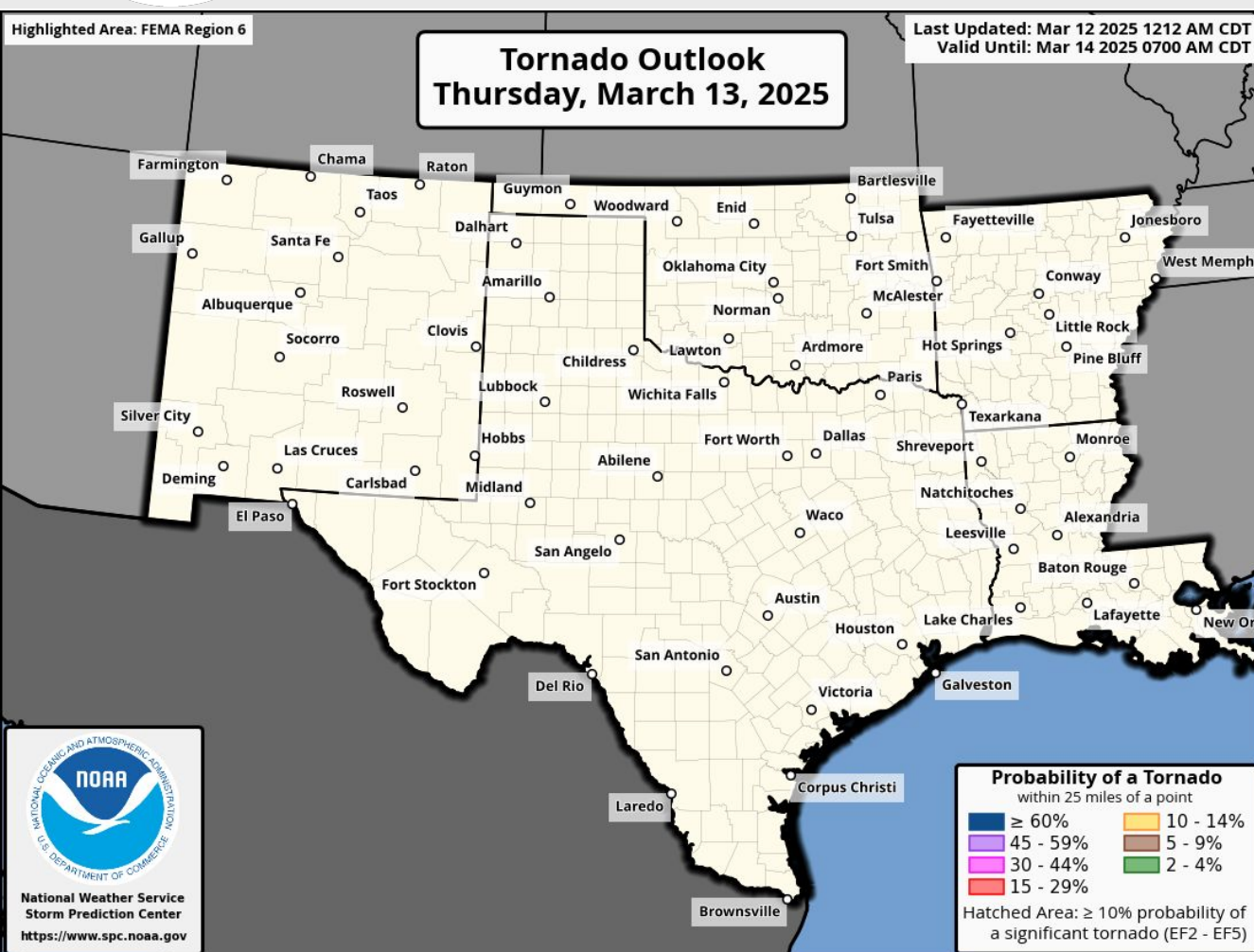
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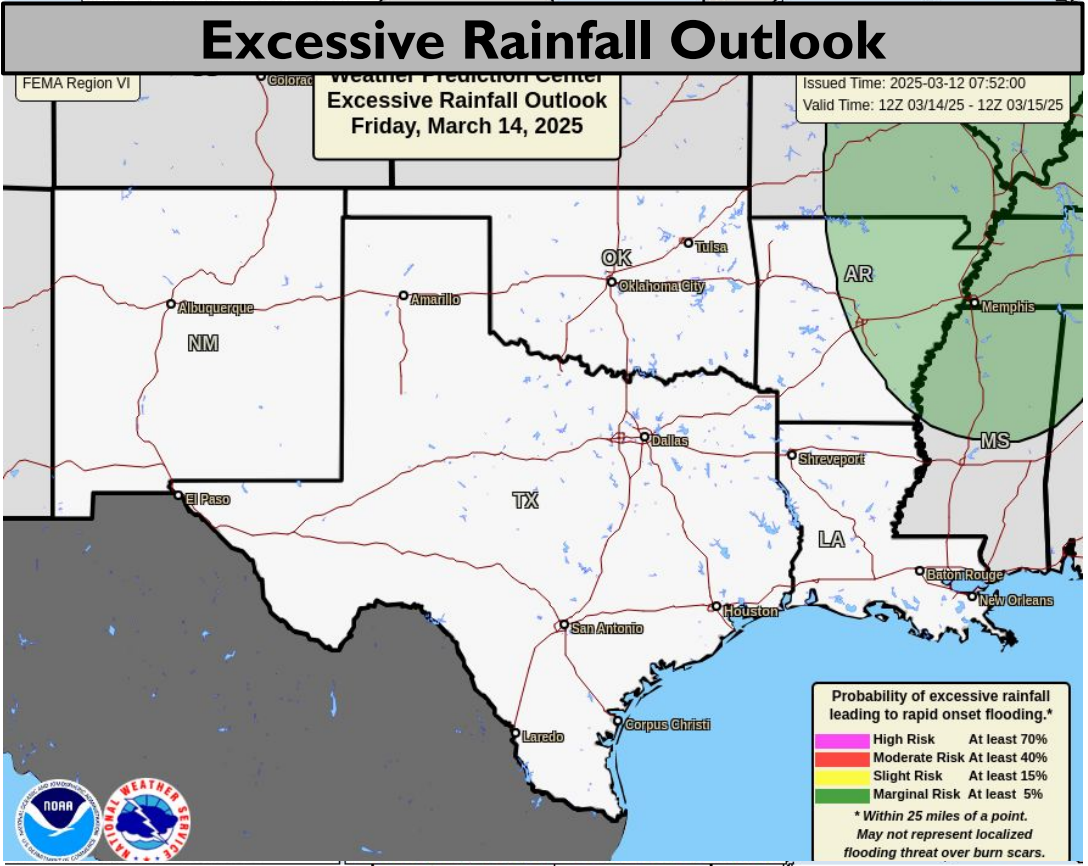
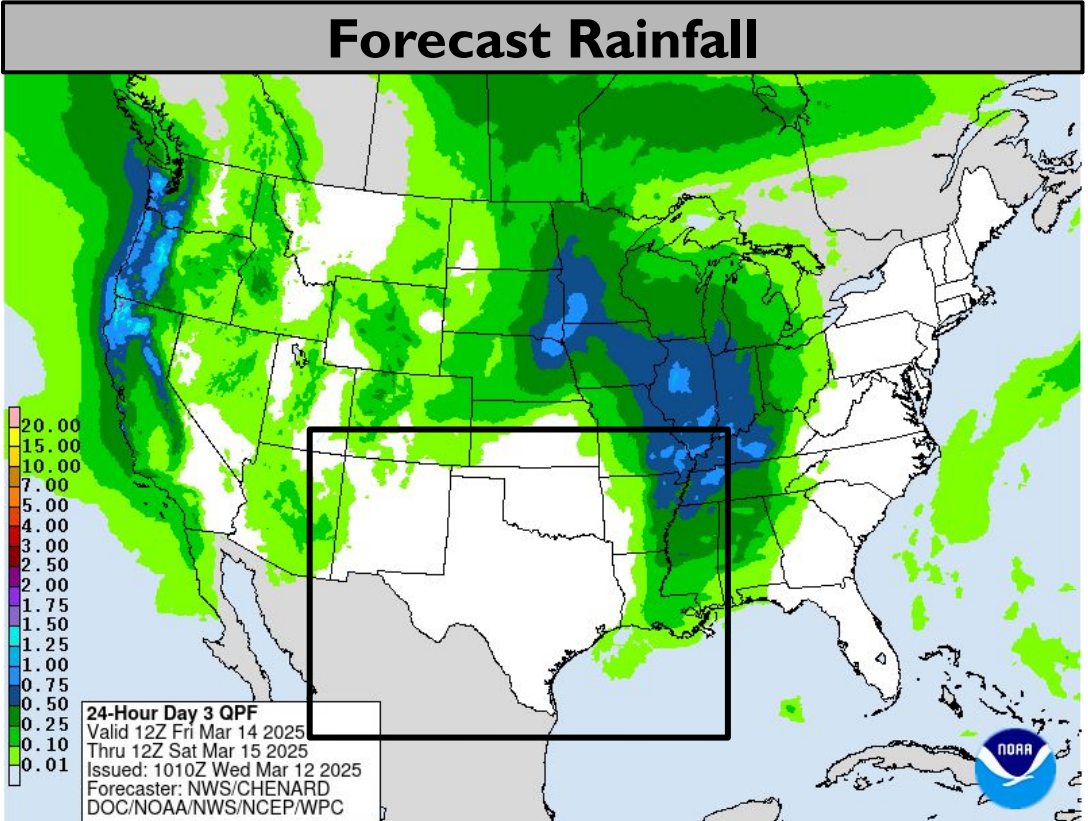
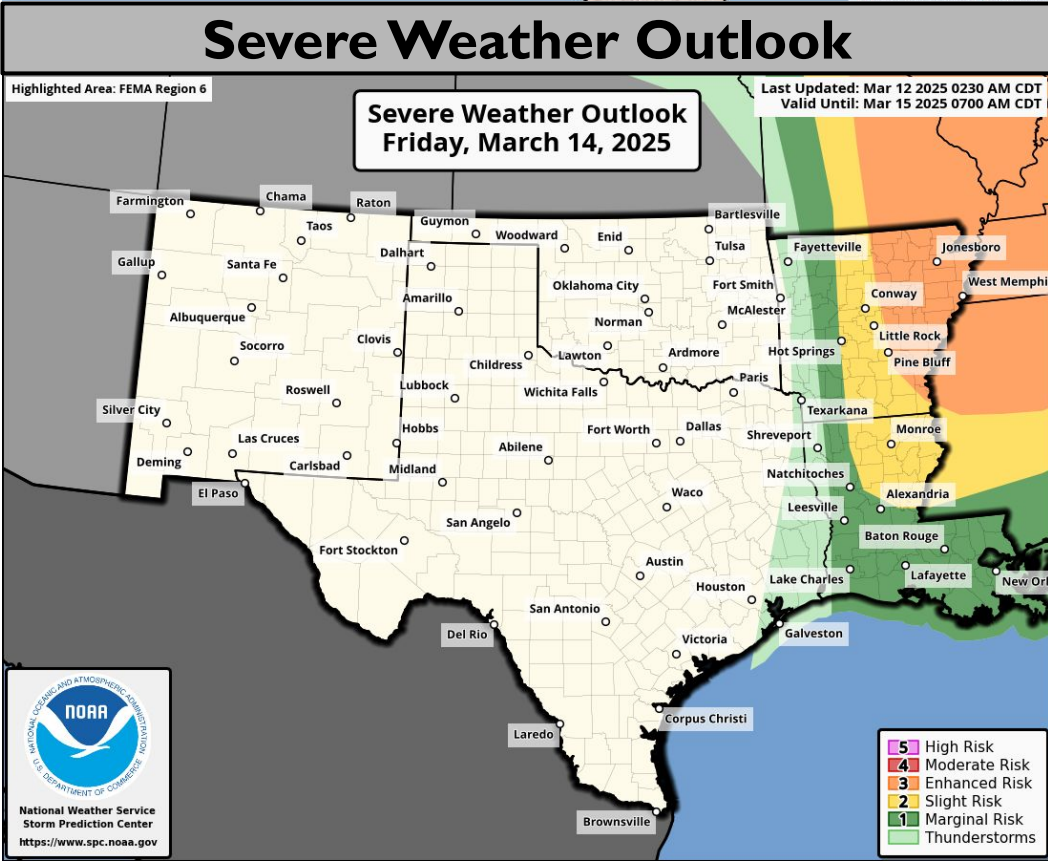
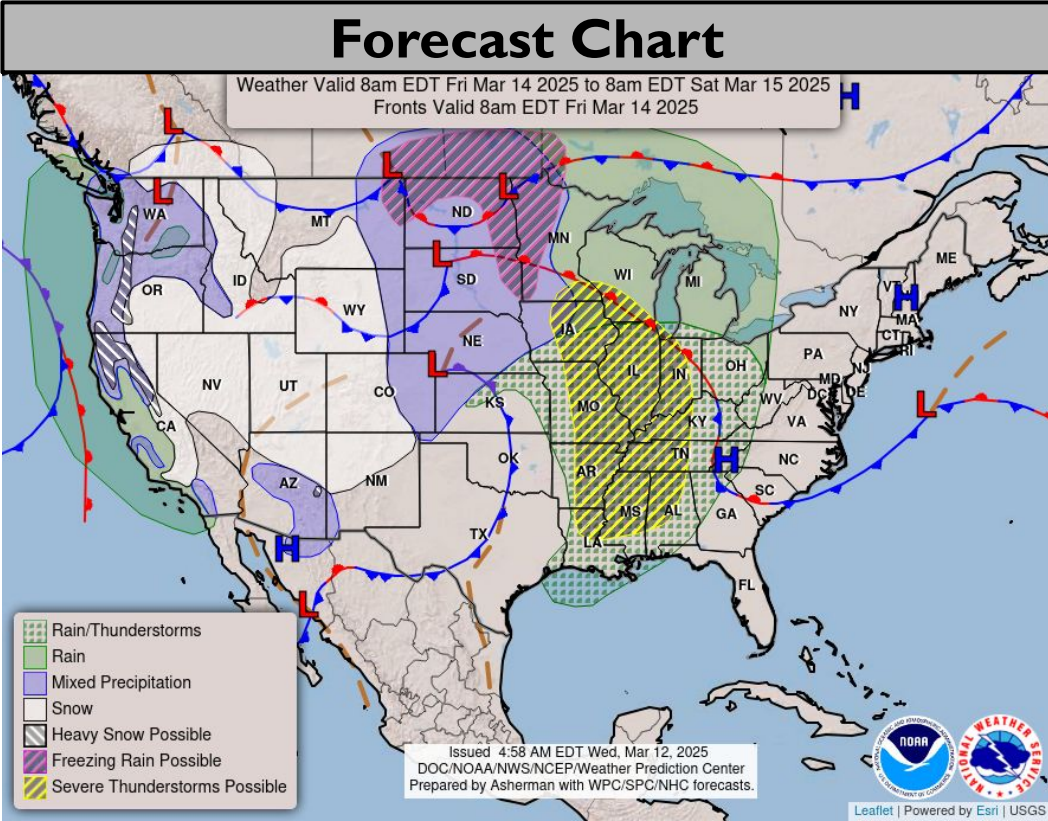
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# Friday's Weather



**Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) of severe storms for C/E AR, and NE LA. Timing: Late afternoon to evening start time, continuing into the night.**

**Critical to extreme (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns for E NM, W/C/N TX, TX Panhandle, OK.**

**Minor impacts (level 2 of 5) from winter weather due to snow in NM. High winds may cause moderate impacts (level 3 of 5) due to blizzard like conditions.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding in NE AR.**

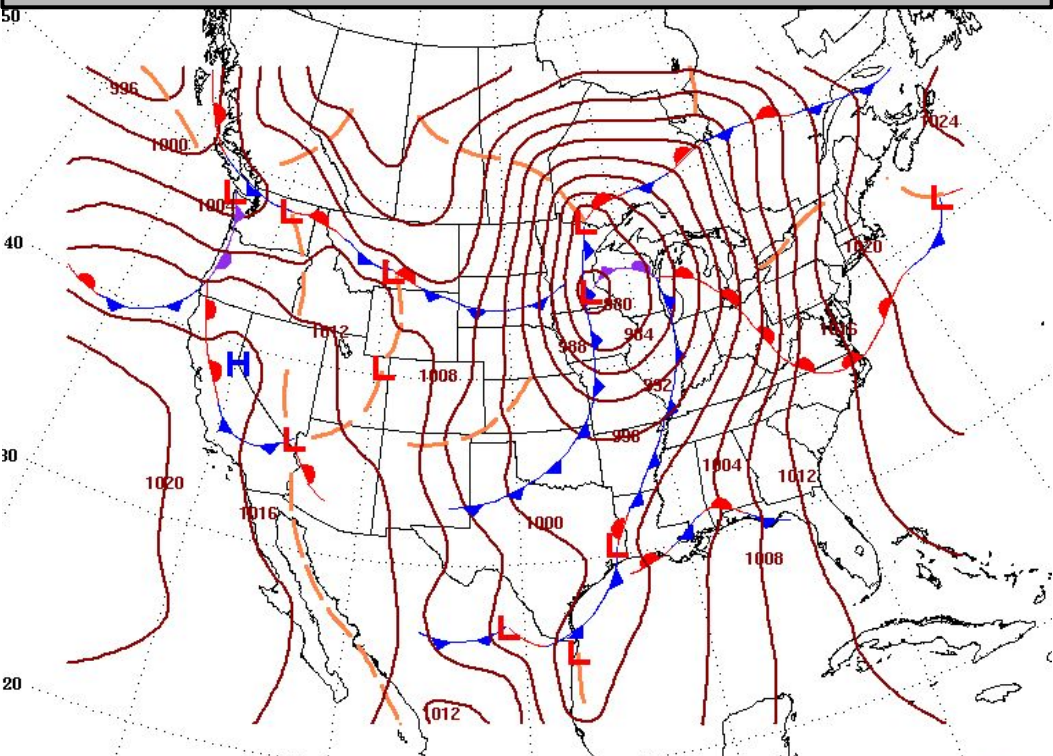




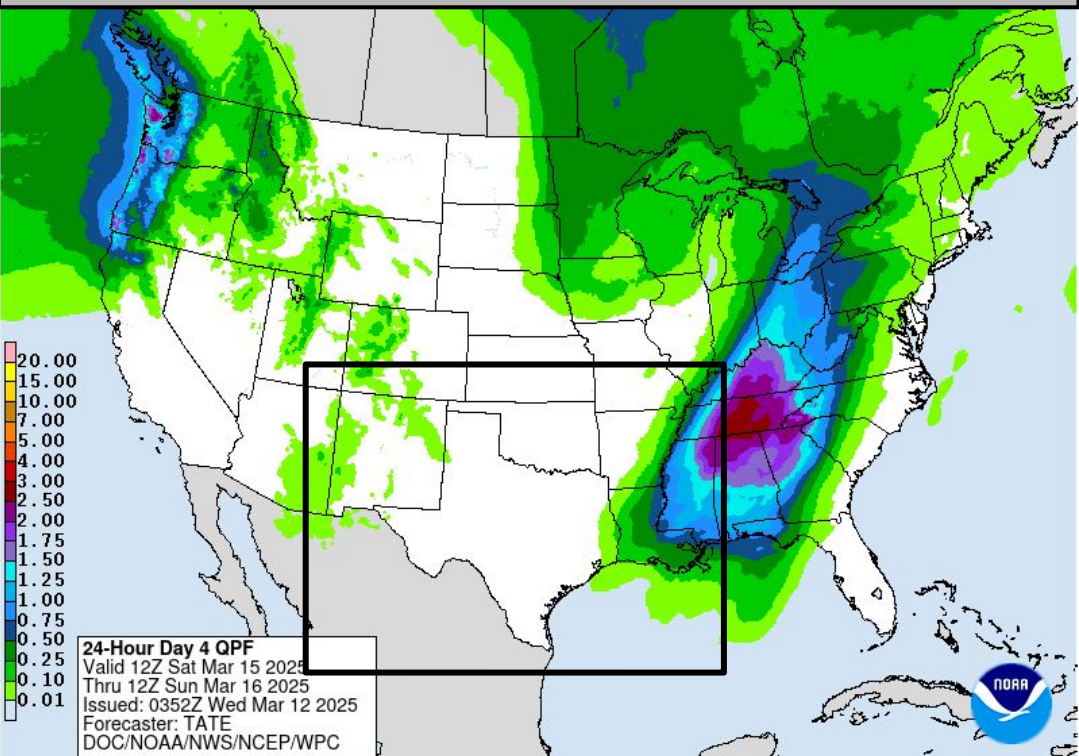


# Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

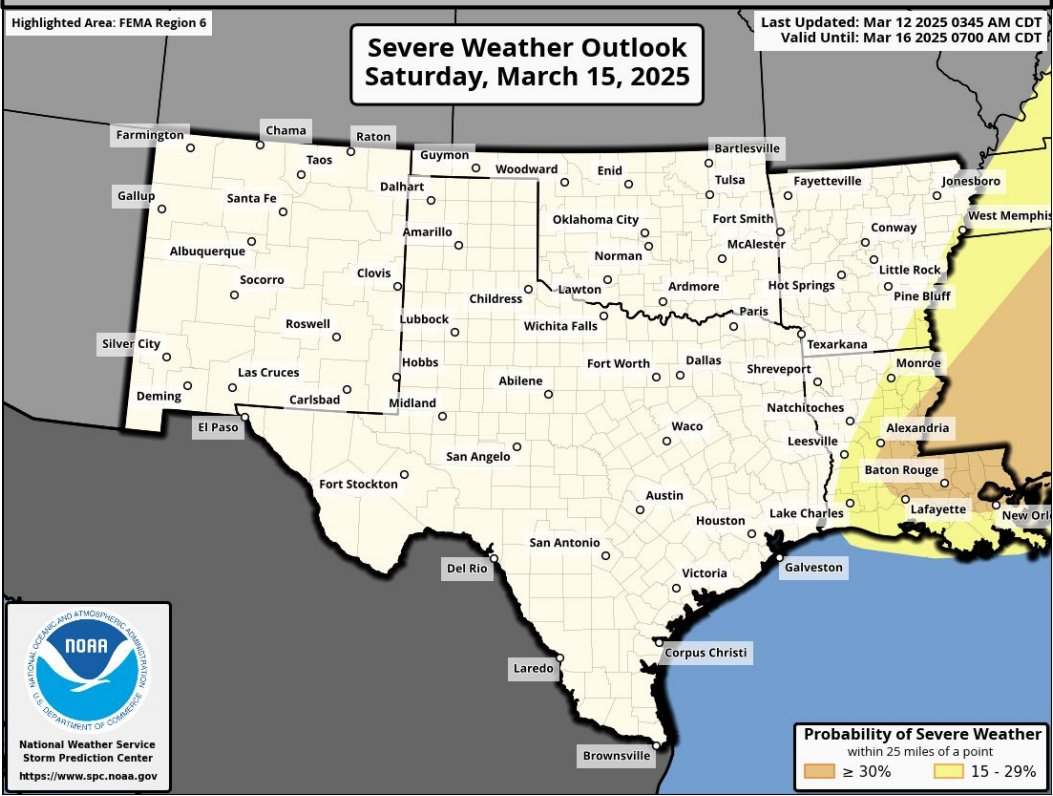


Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) of severe storms in LA.

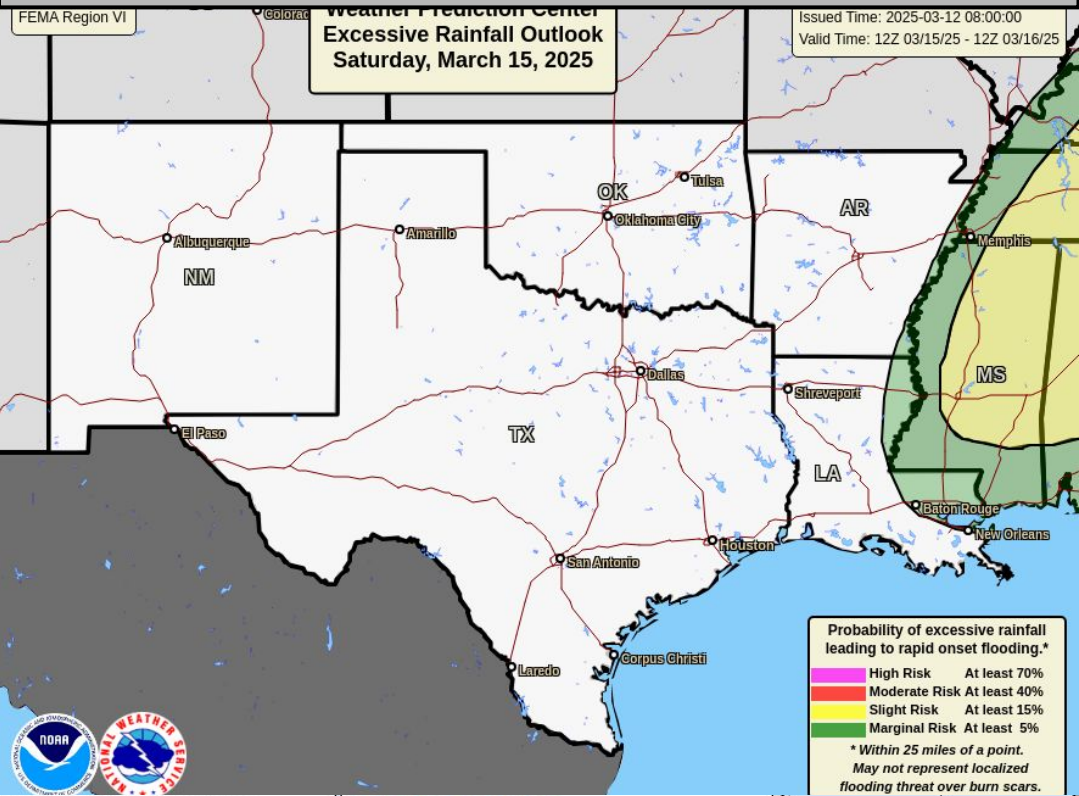
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Severe Weather Outlook



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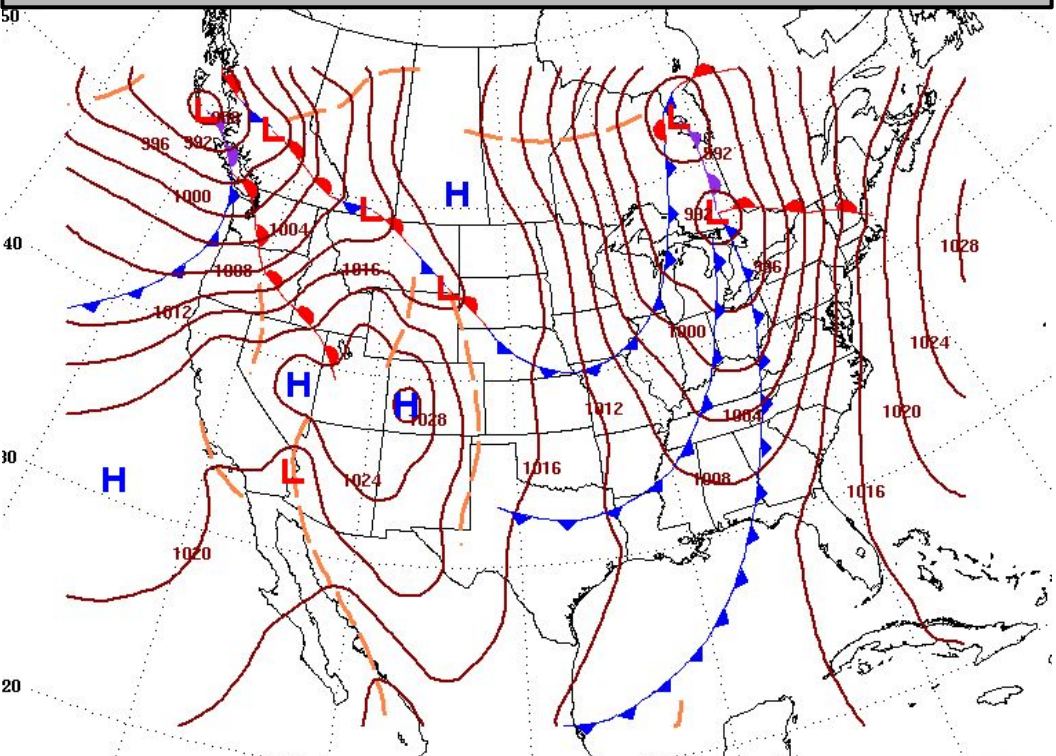




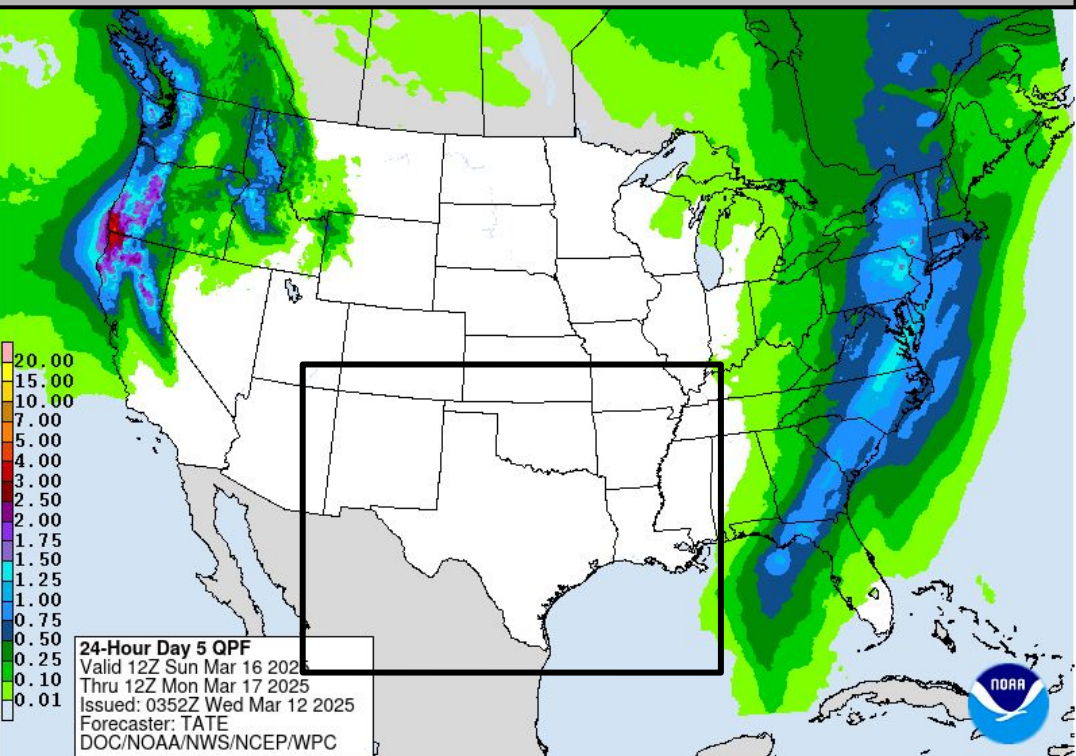


# Sunday's Weather

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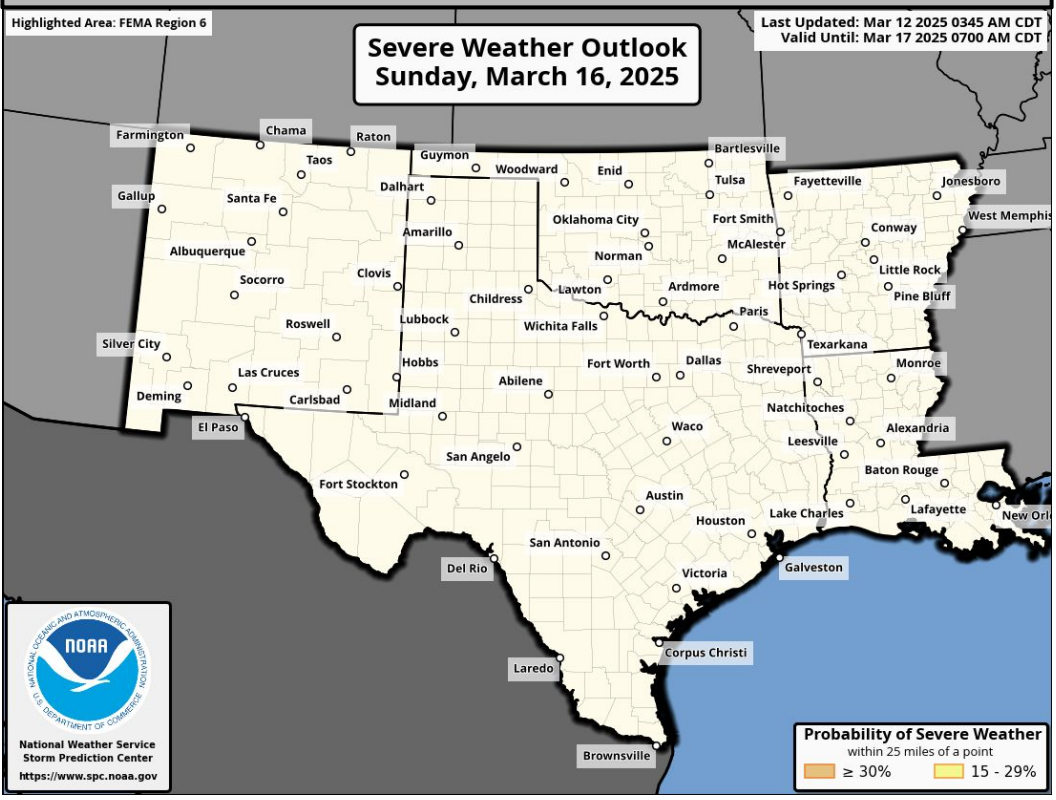


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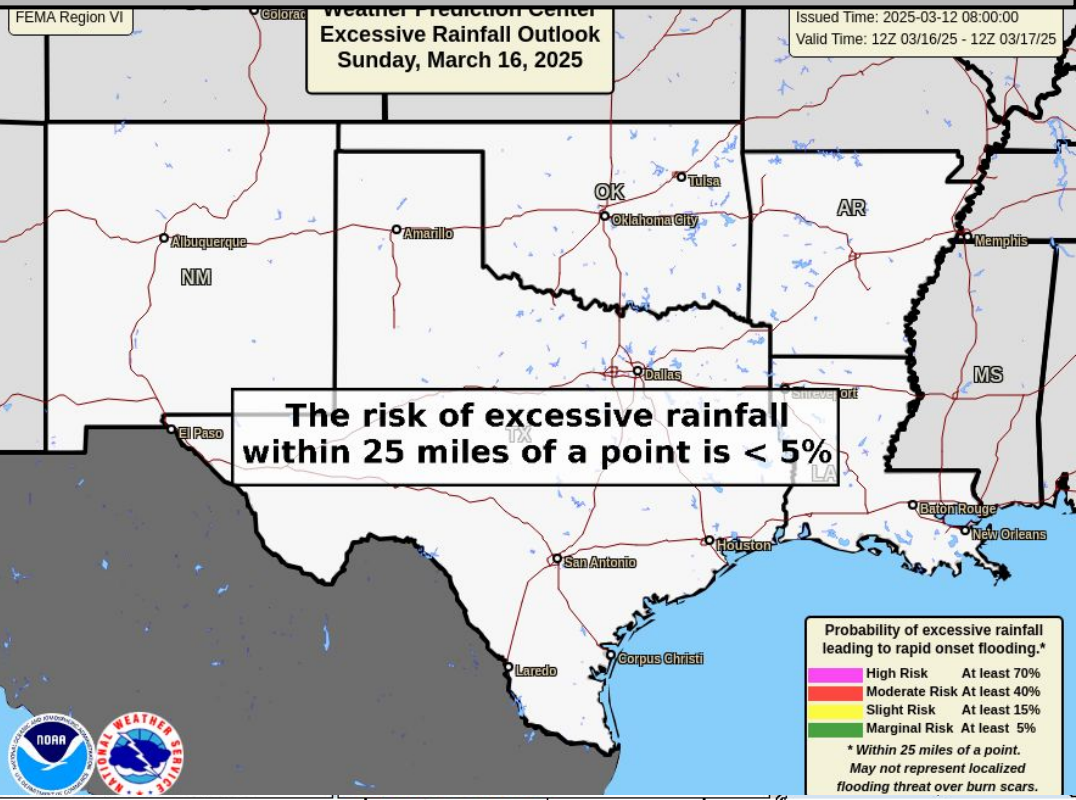


Elevated (level I of 3) fire weather conditions in STX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

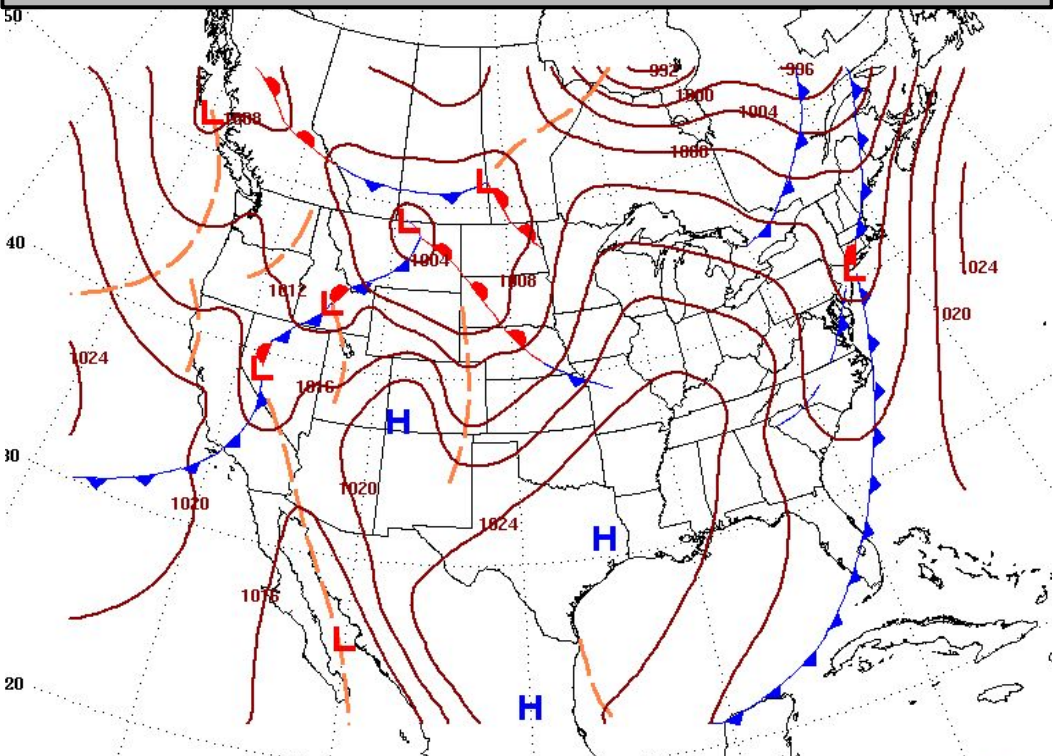




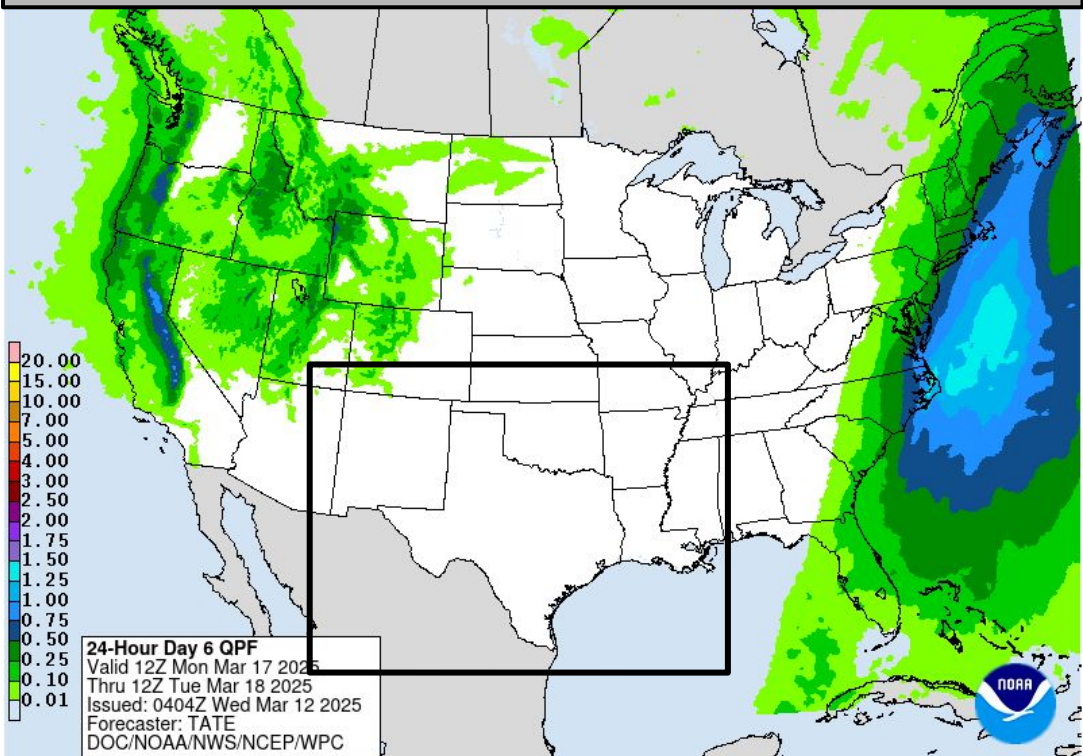


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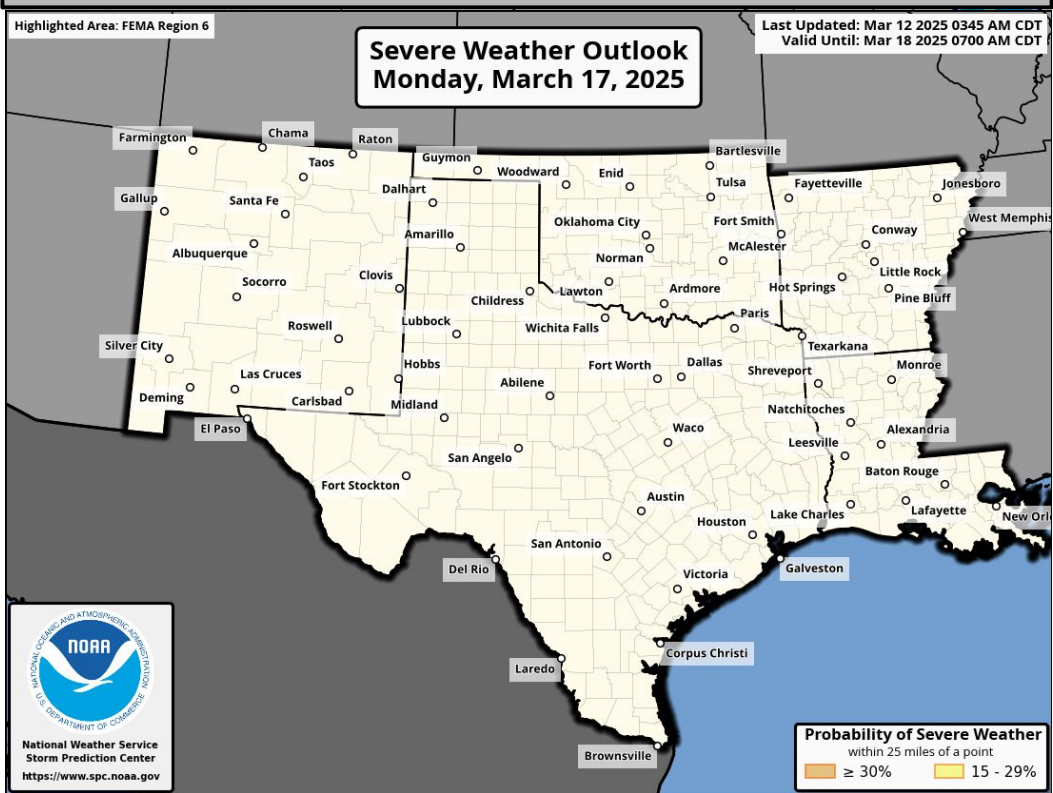


Forecast Rainfall



**Elevated (level I of 3) fire weather conditions in E NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, W OK.**

Severe Weather Outlook



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**

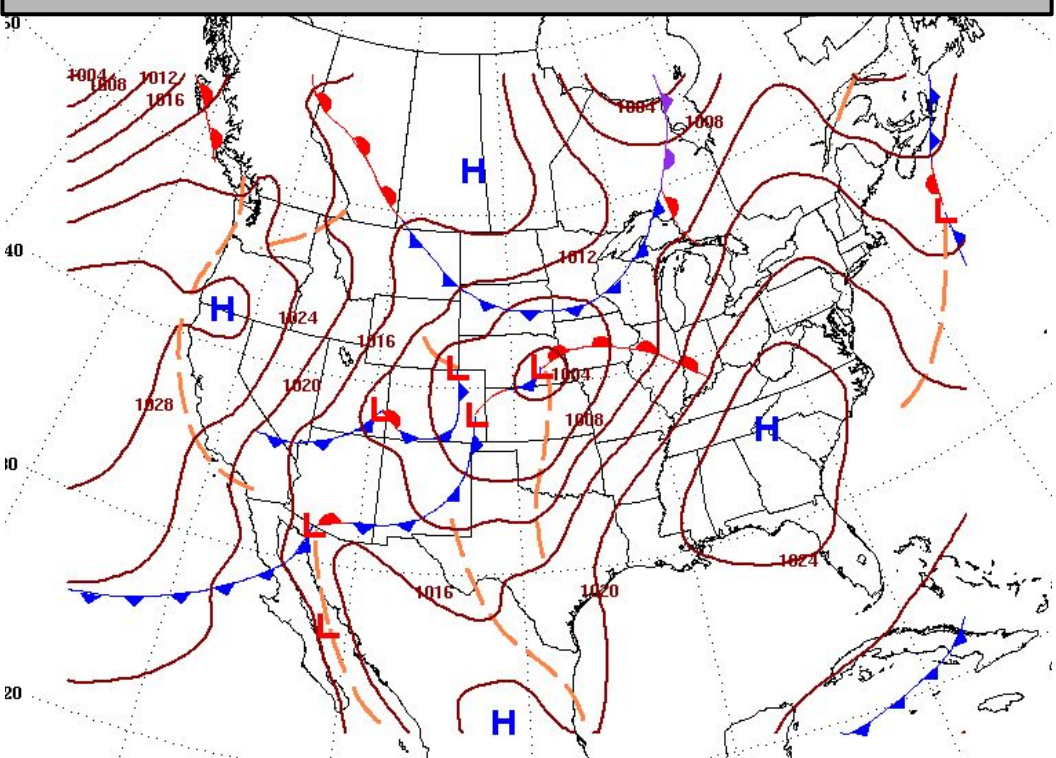




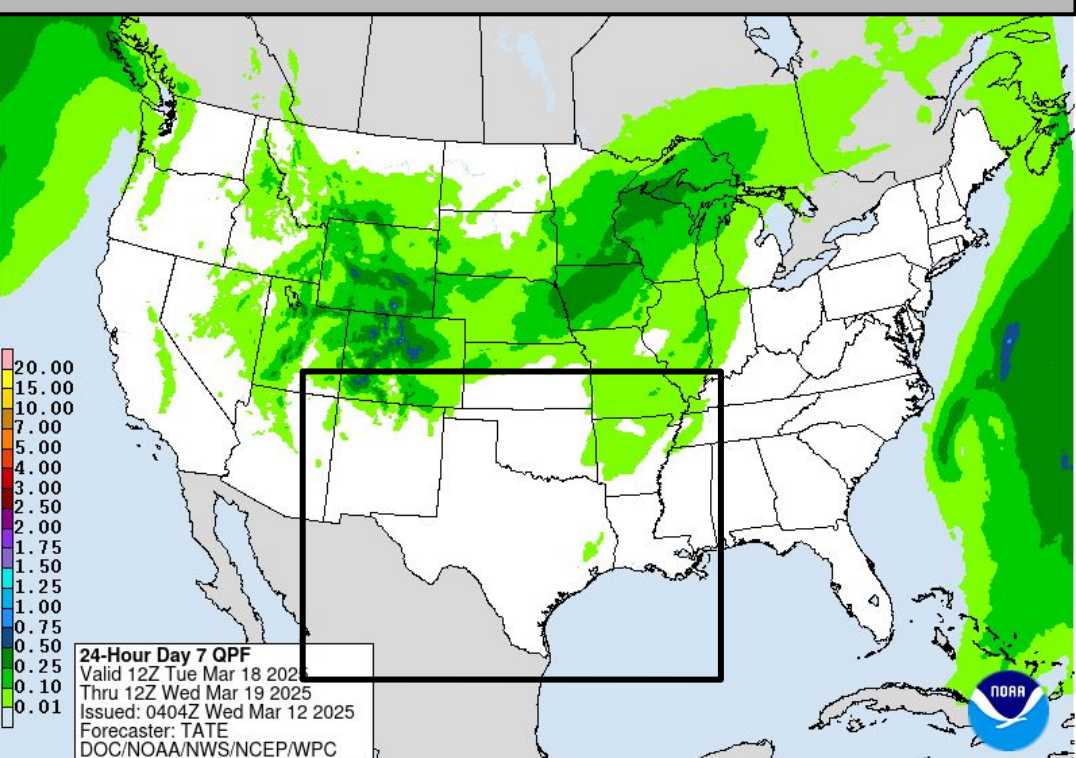


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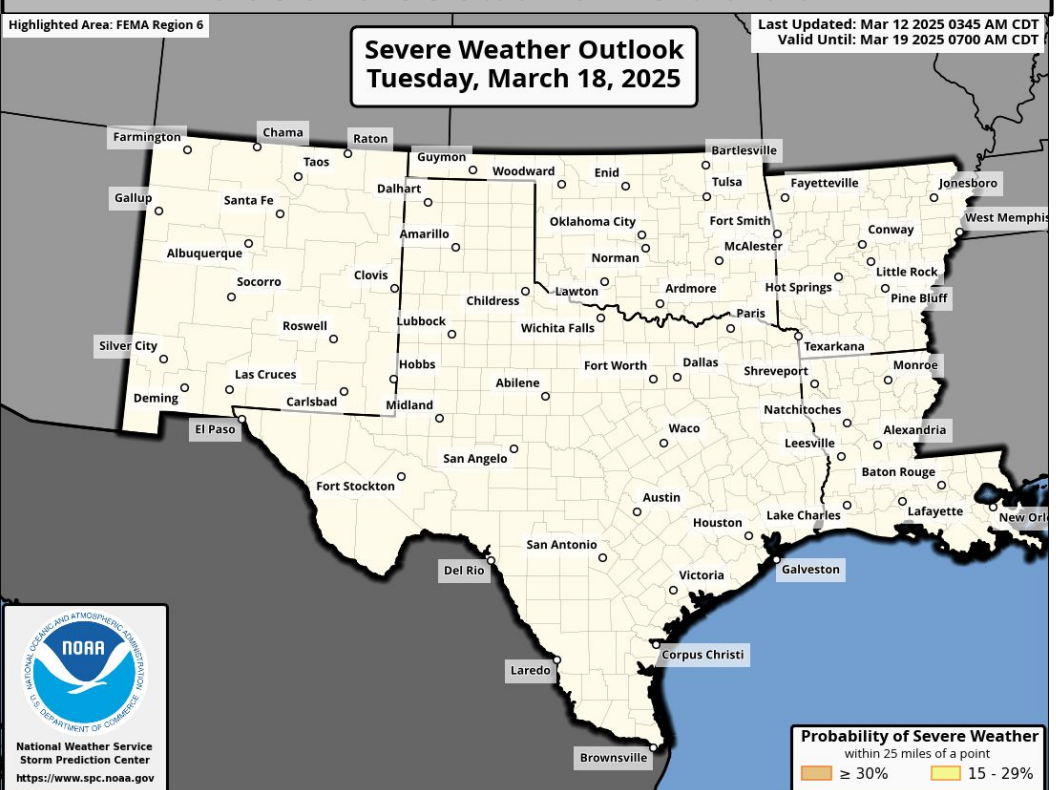


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



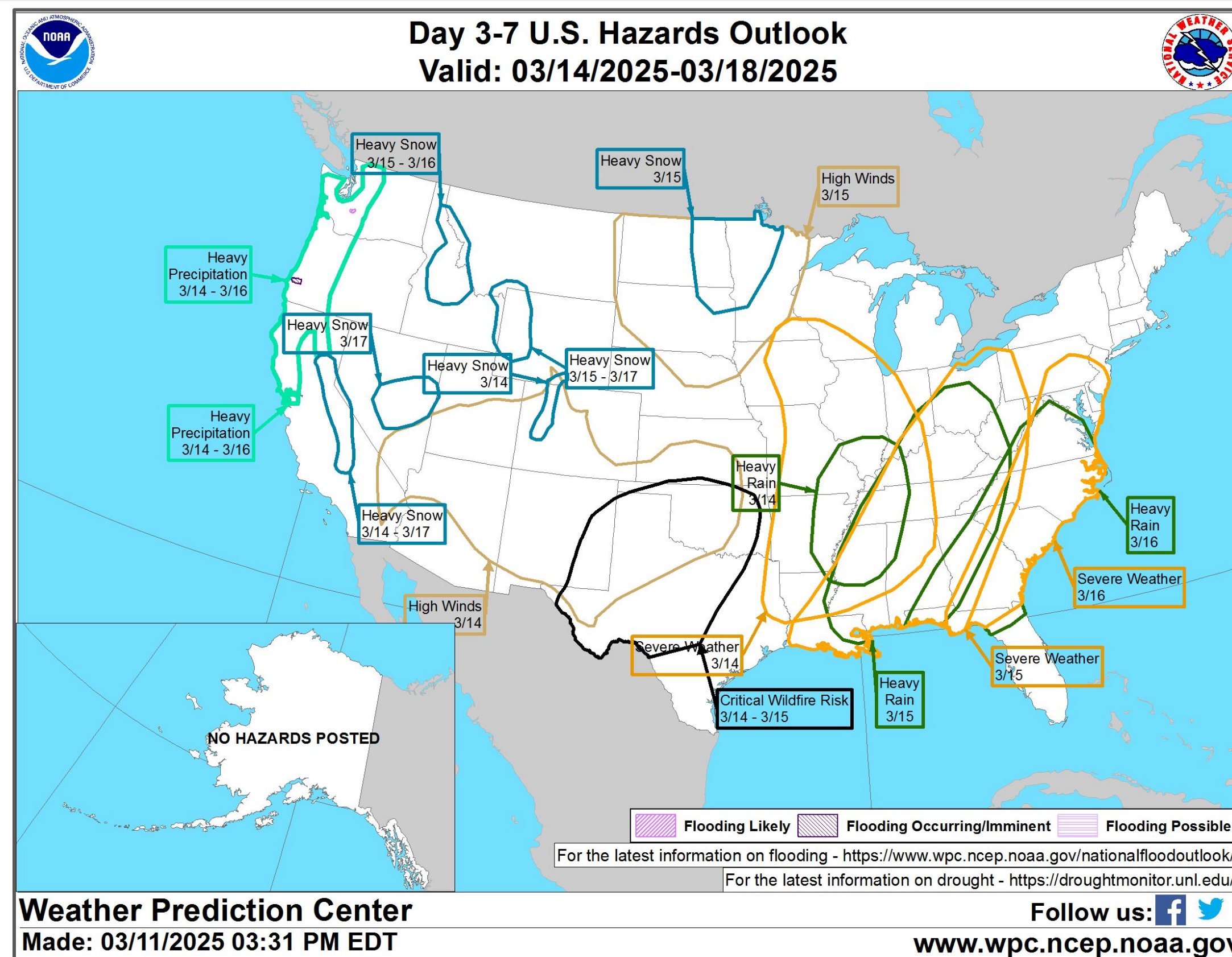
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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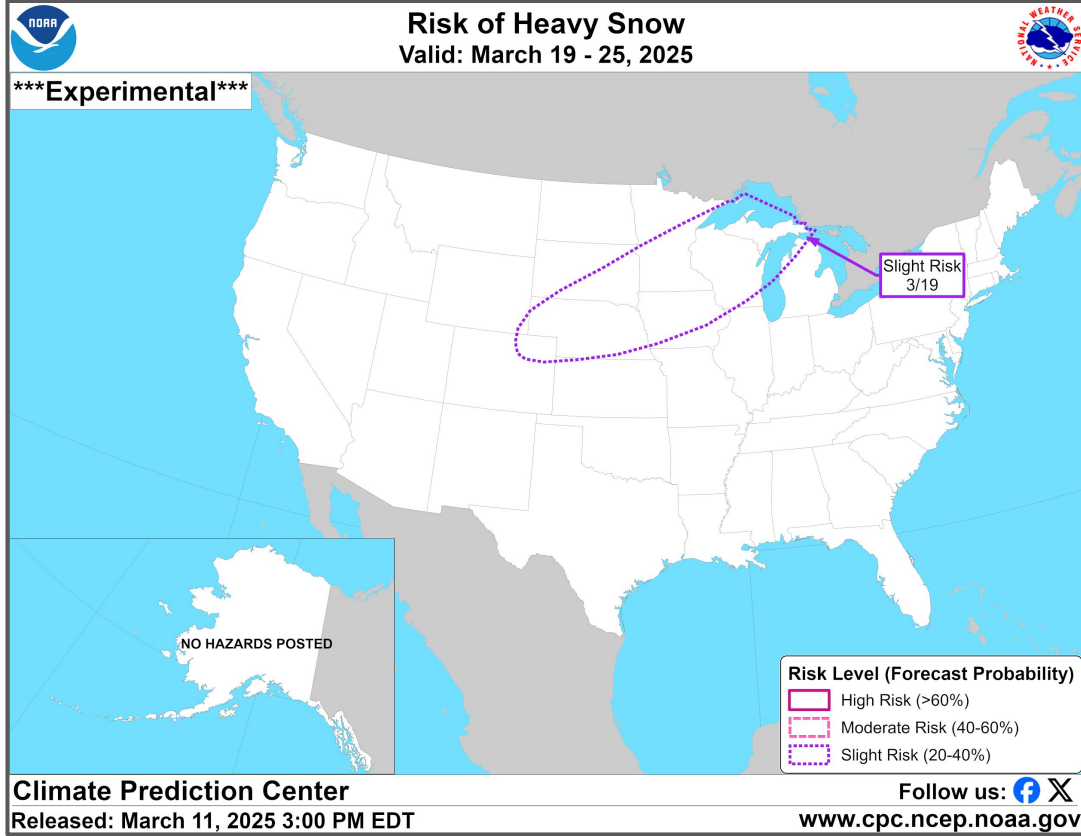
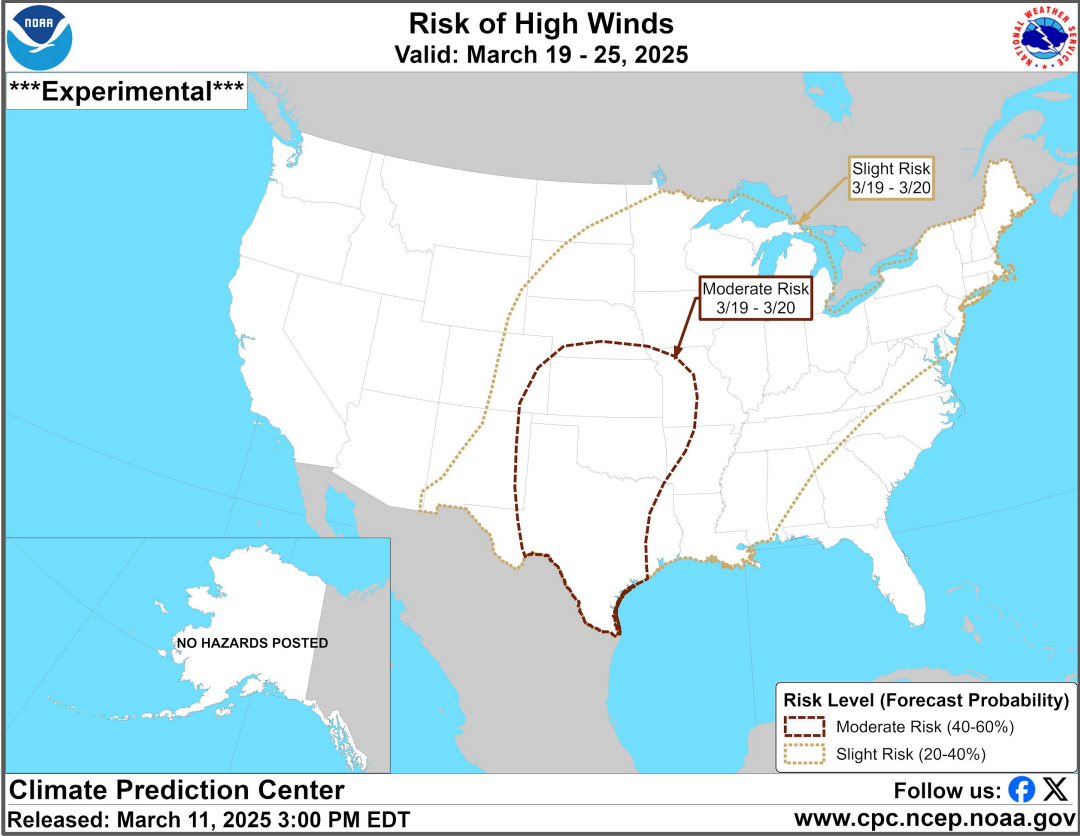
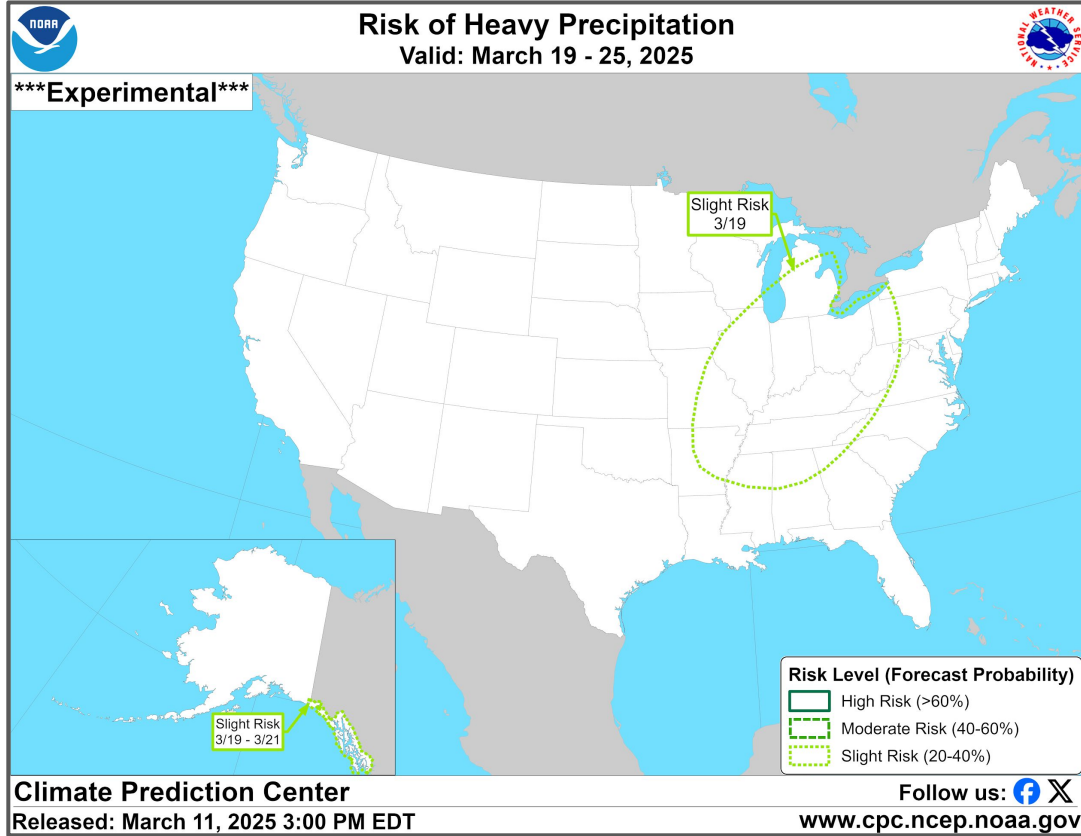
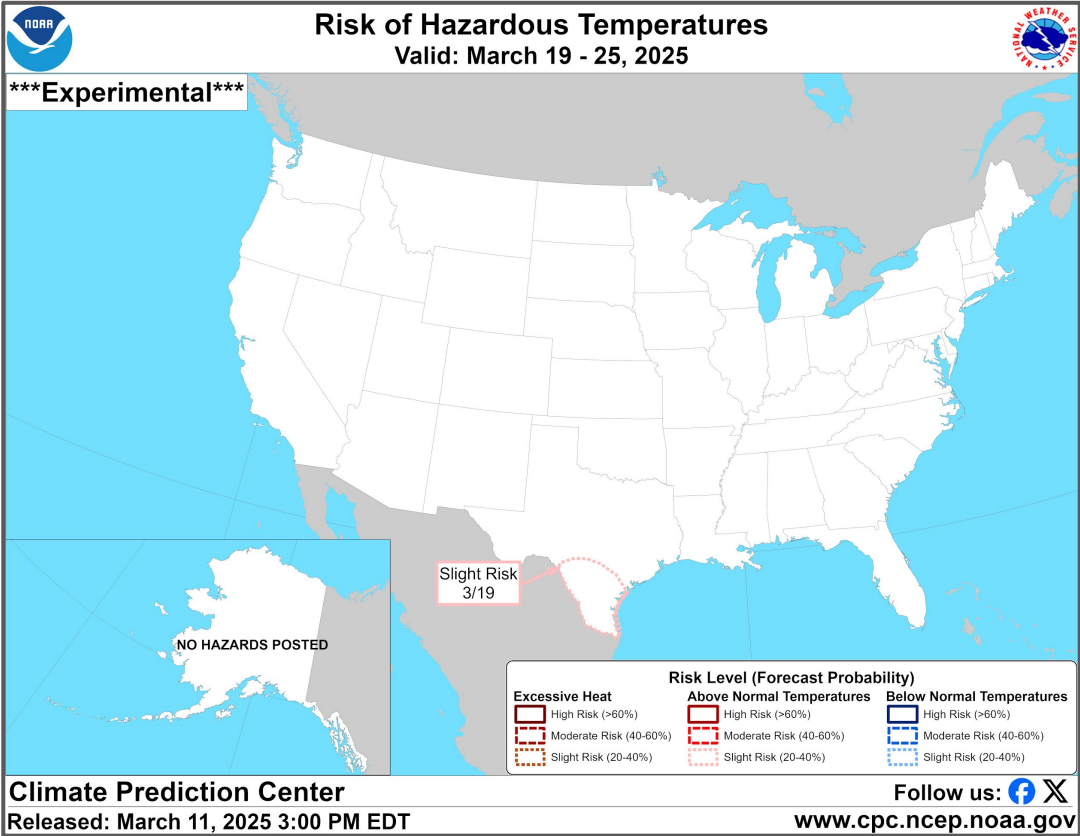
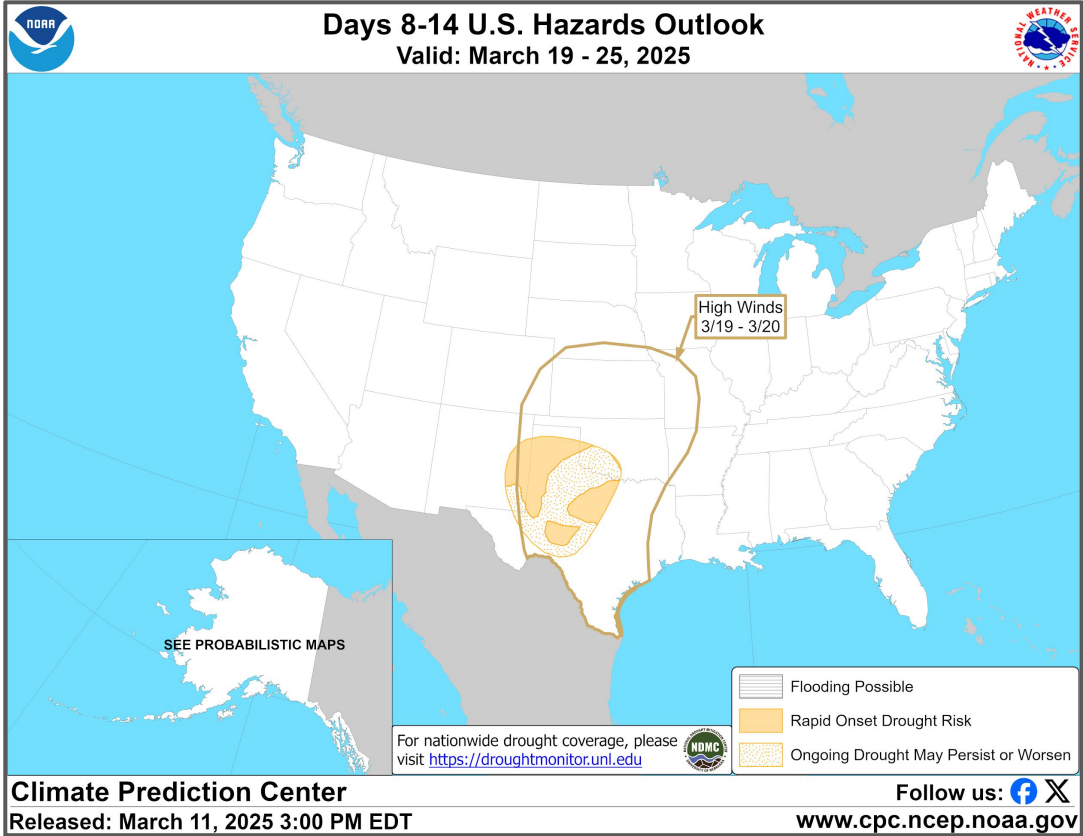
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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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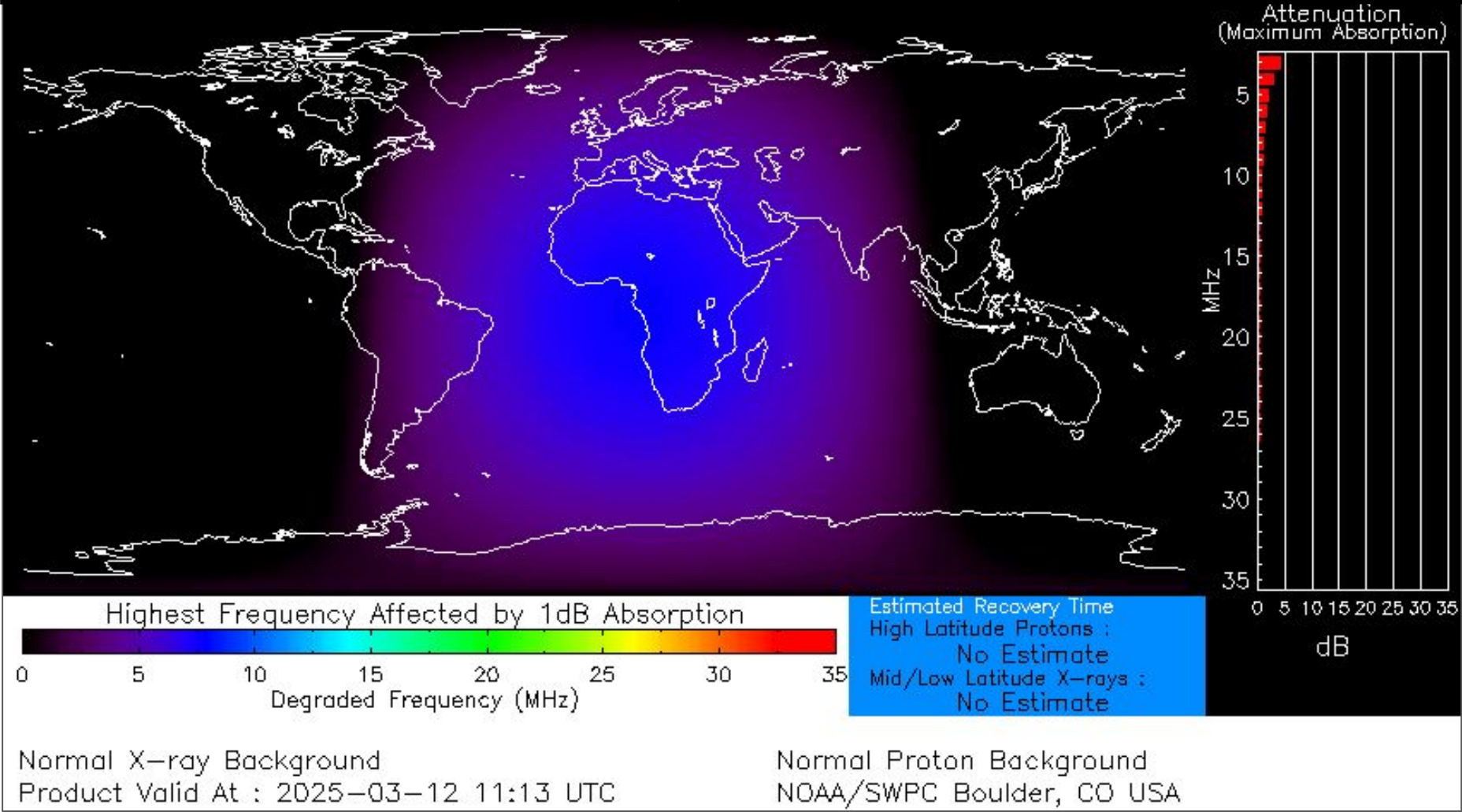






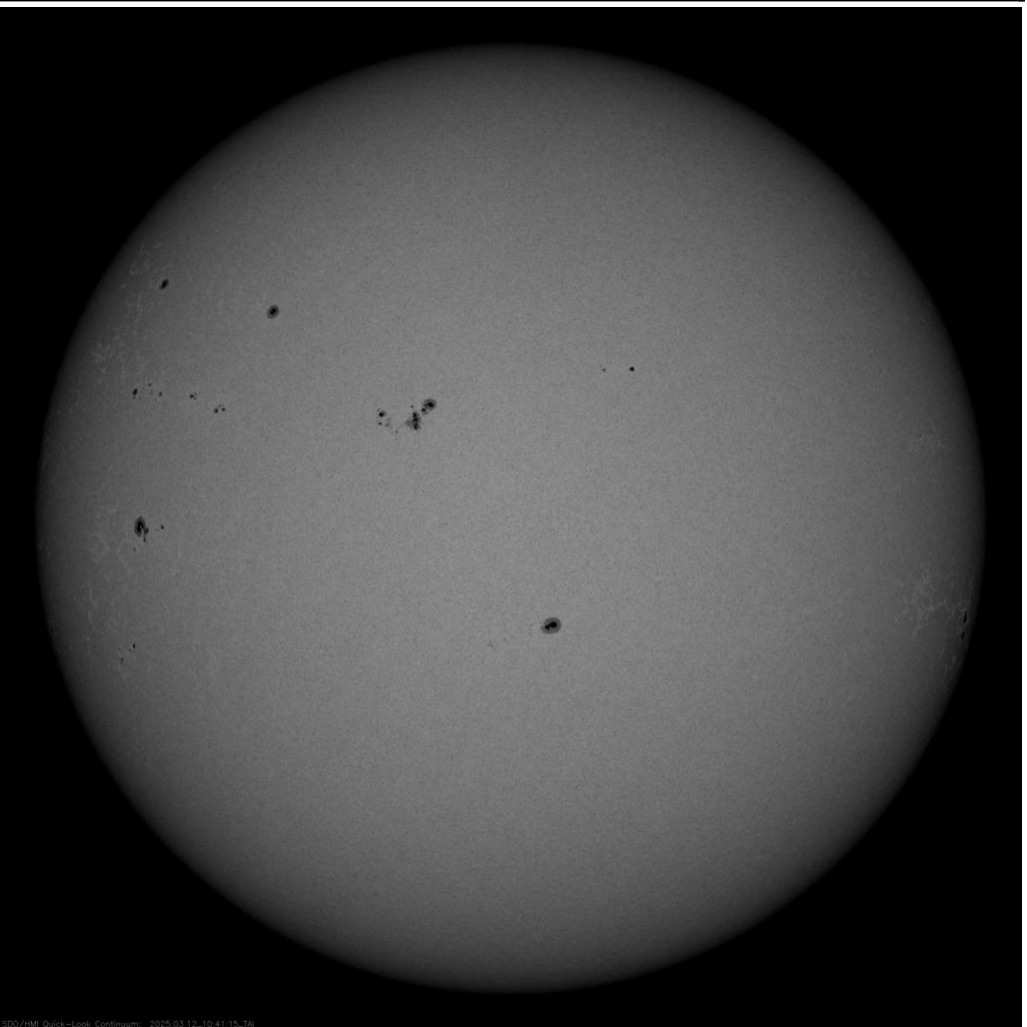
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Mar 12	Thursday, Mar 13	Friday, Mar 14
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	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	<b>Little to None</b> 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"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Minor</b> 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"> <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	<b>Moderate</b> 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"> <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	<b>Major</b> 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"> <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	<b>Extreme</b> 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"> <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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