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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Moderate risk (level 4 of 5) for severe storms today in E LA. Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms today over SE AR and S LA. Potential for strong tornadoes, damaging winds and large hail across the enhanced and moderate risk areas.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns through the end of next week for E NM, W OK, TX/OK Panhandles, N/S/W TX.**
- **Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for heavy rainfall in SE AR and E LA today.**
- **Minor river flooding forecast through the week in E TX, AR, and LA.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Mar 15	Sunday, Mar 16	Monday, Mar 17	Tuesday, Mar 18	Wednesday, Mar 19	Thursday, Mar 20	Friday, Mar 21
Severe Storms	E LA						
	SE AR, S LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE, AR						
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, SW/Cntrl/S TX	W/SW TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, SW/W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, SW/W TX	SE NM, N/W/STX	E NM, TX Panhandle, W/STX	
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.

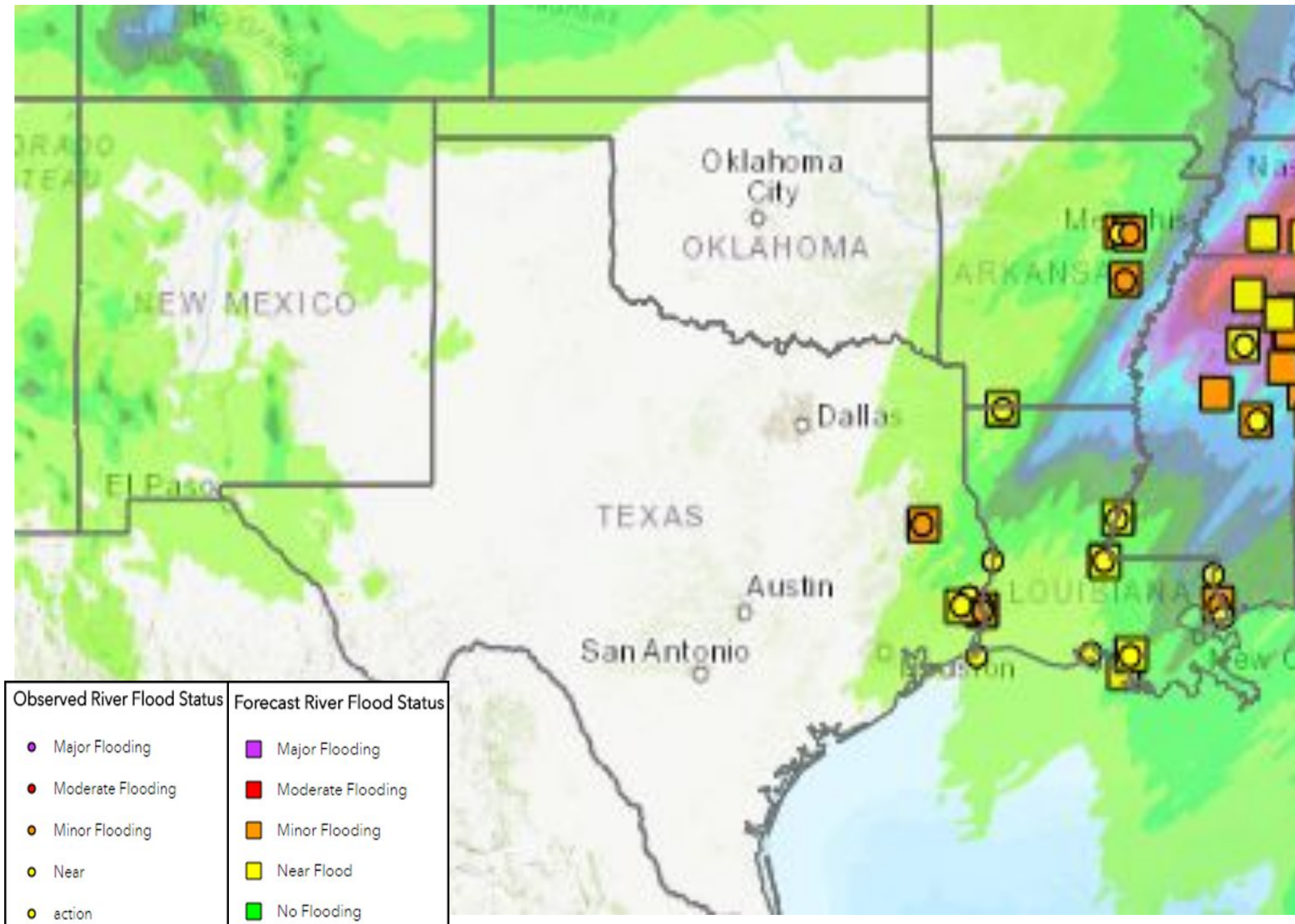
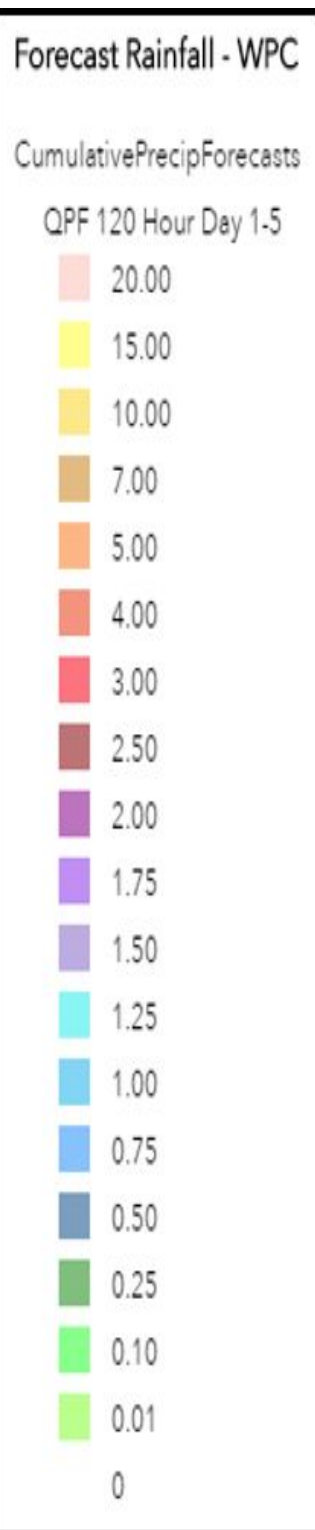
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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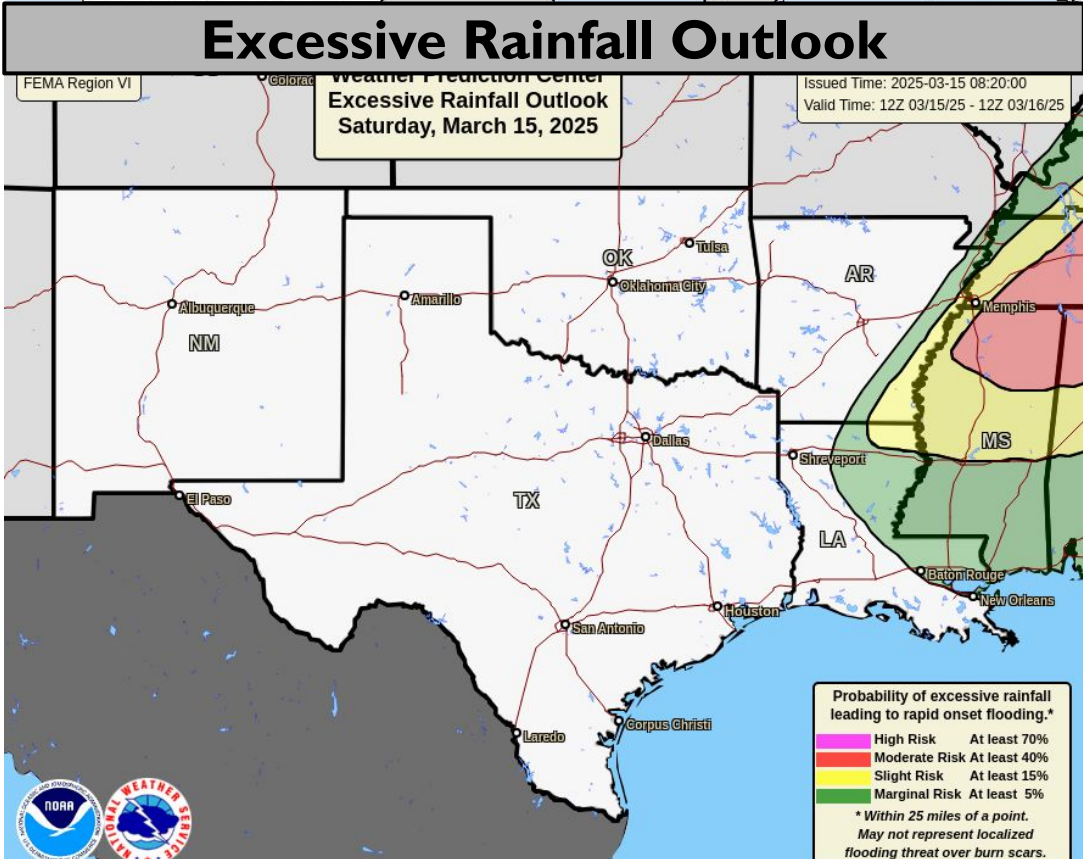
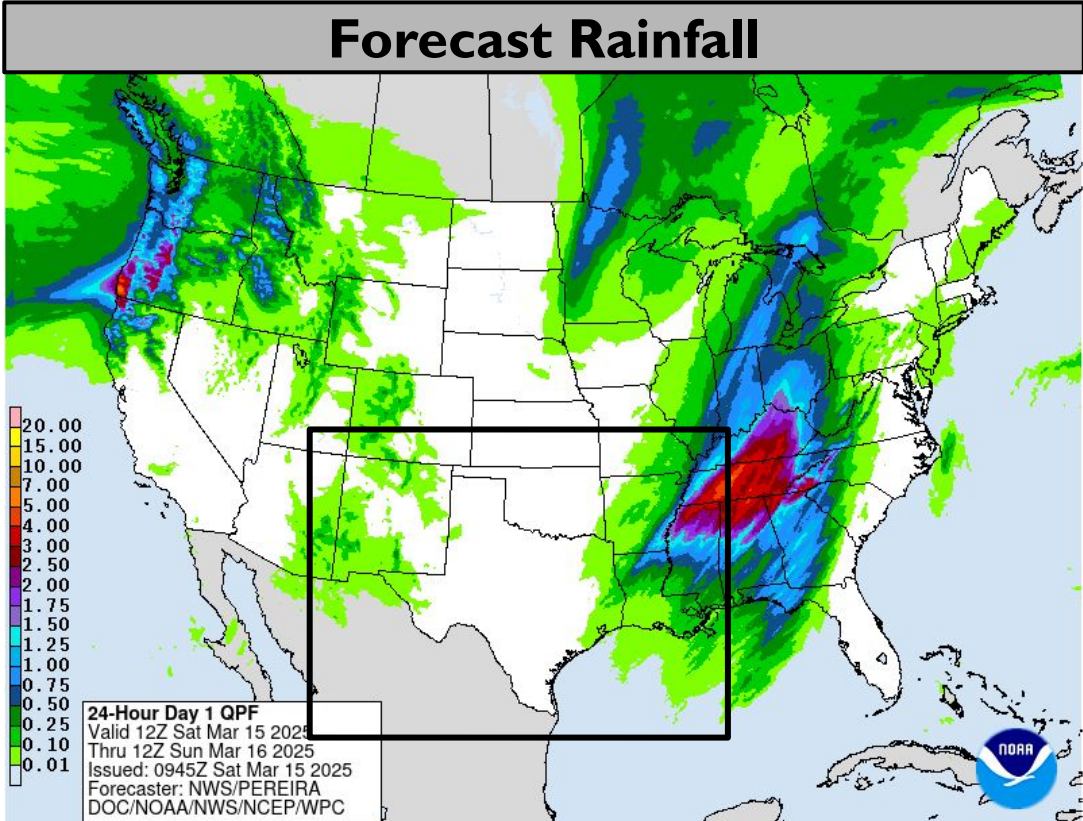
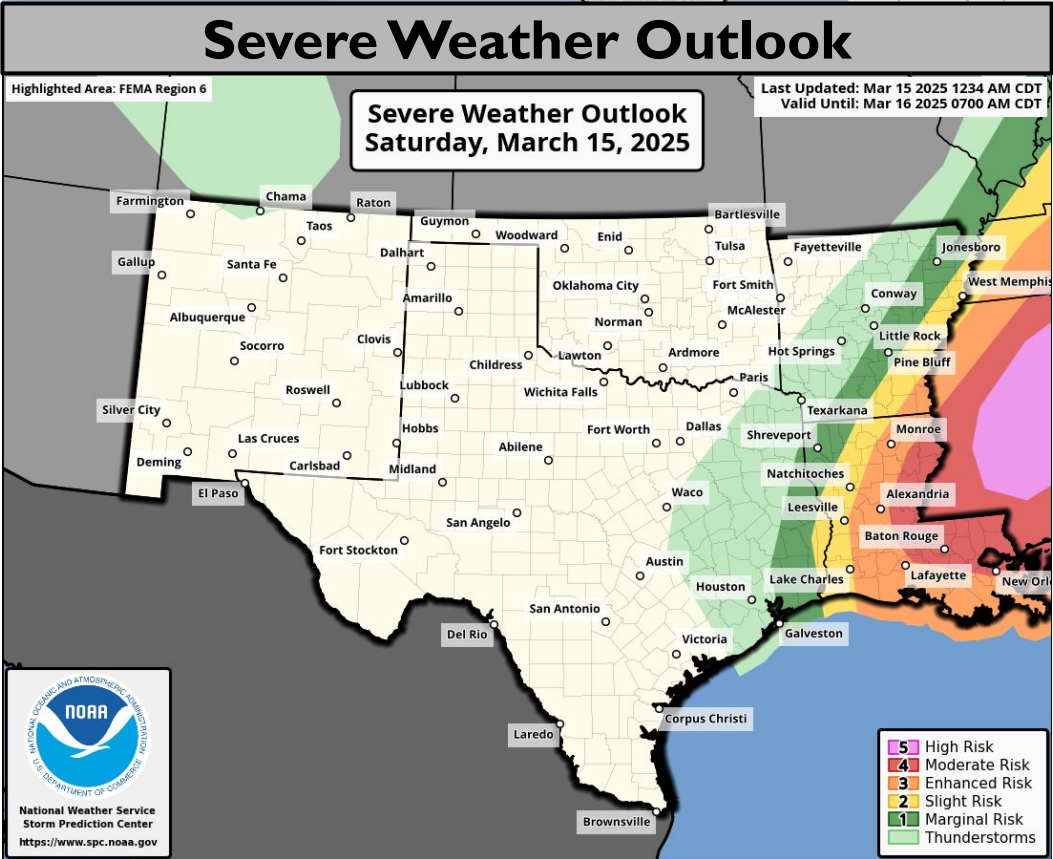
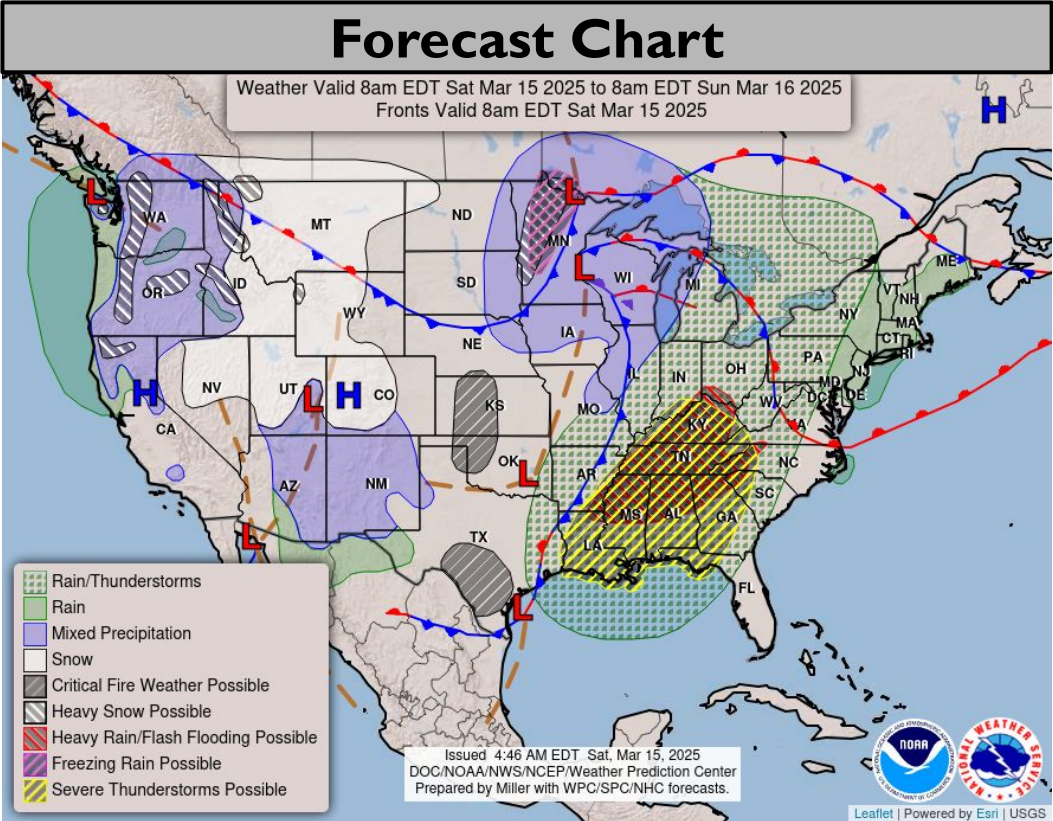
Minor river flooding will continue in ETX, AR, LA through the week with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.

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



Enhanced to moderate risk (levels 3-4 of 5) of severe storms in E LA and SE AR. Timing: Through 7pm.

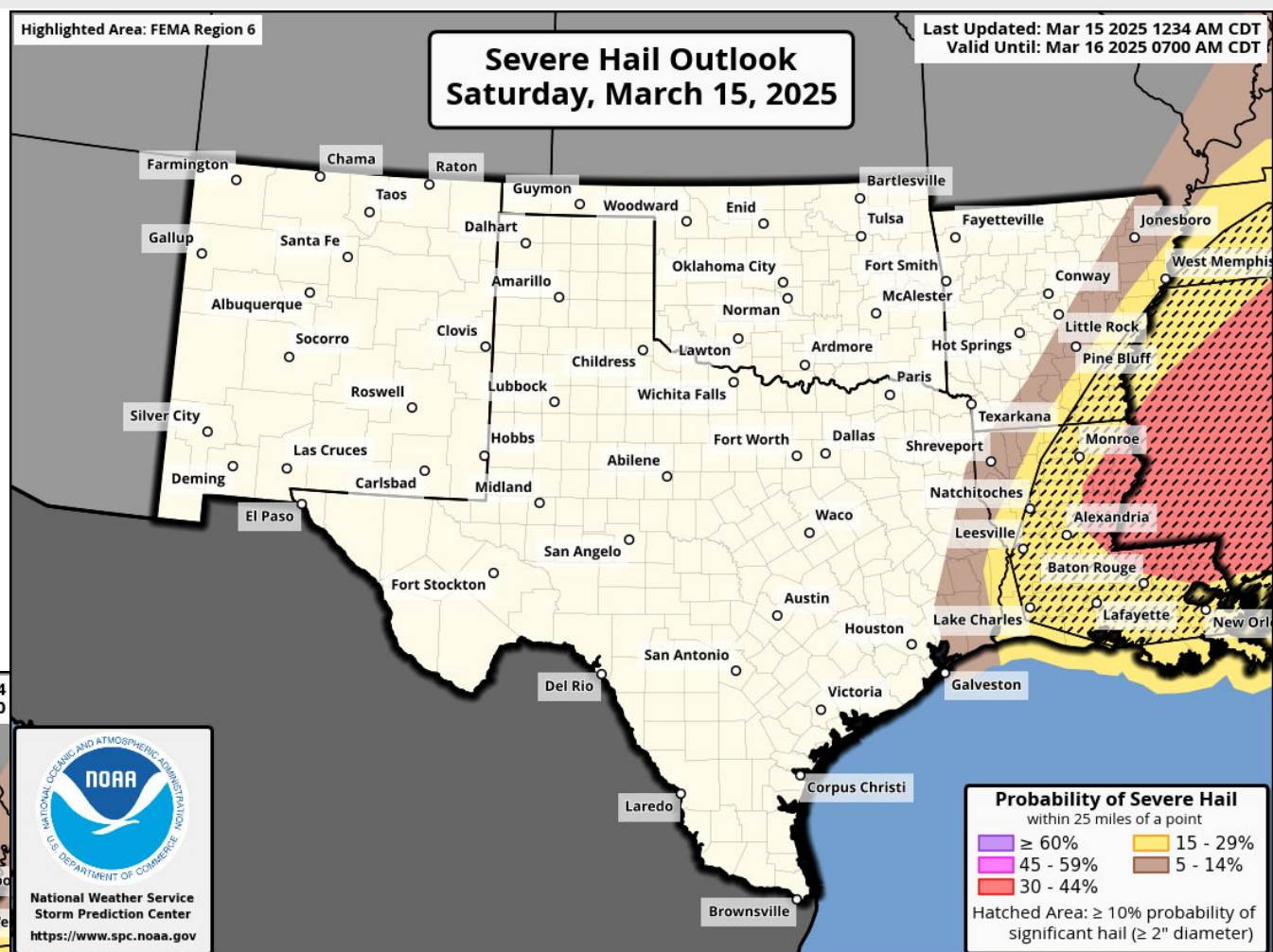
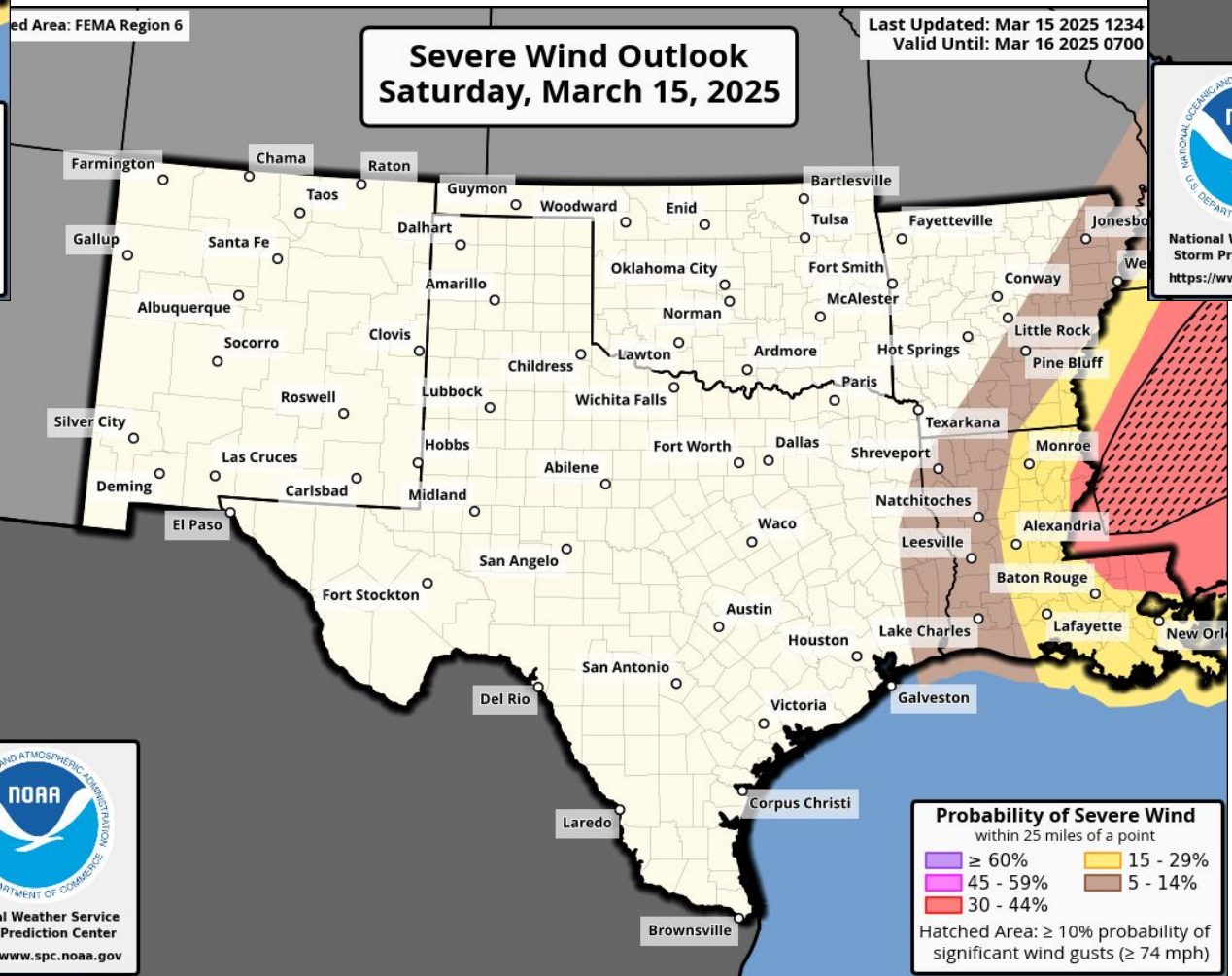
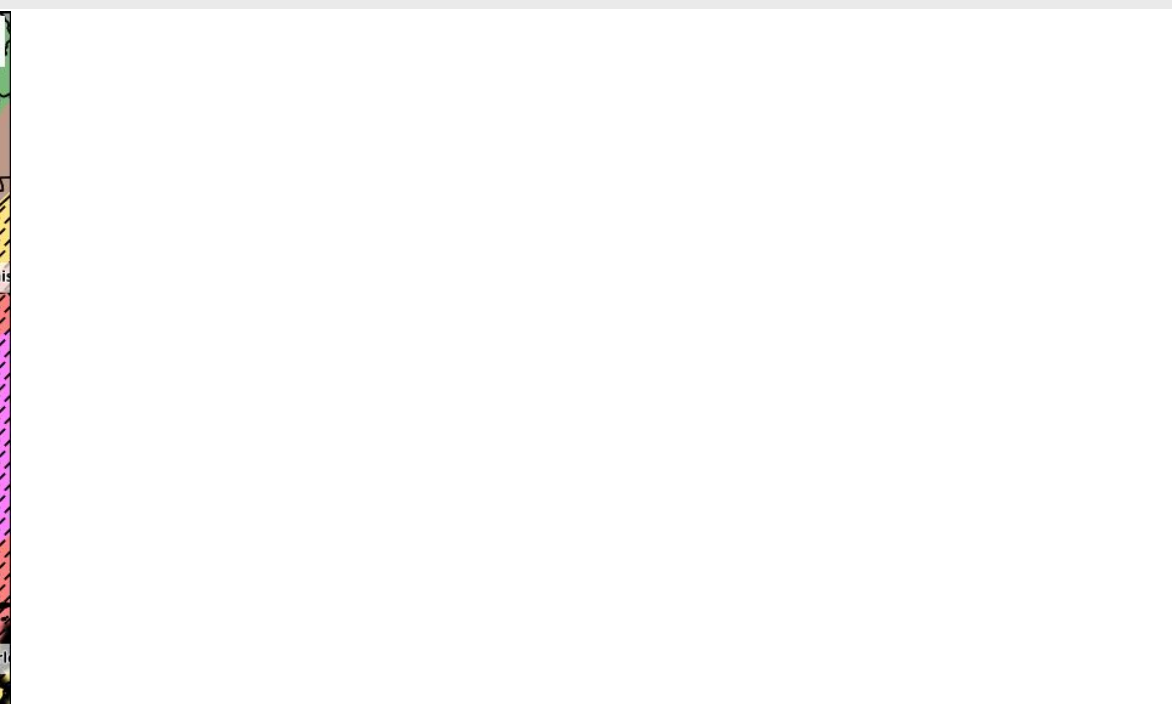
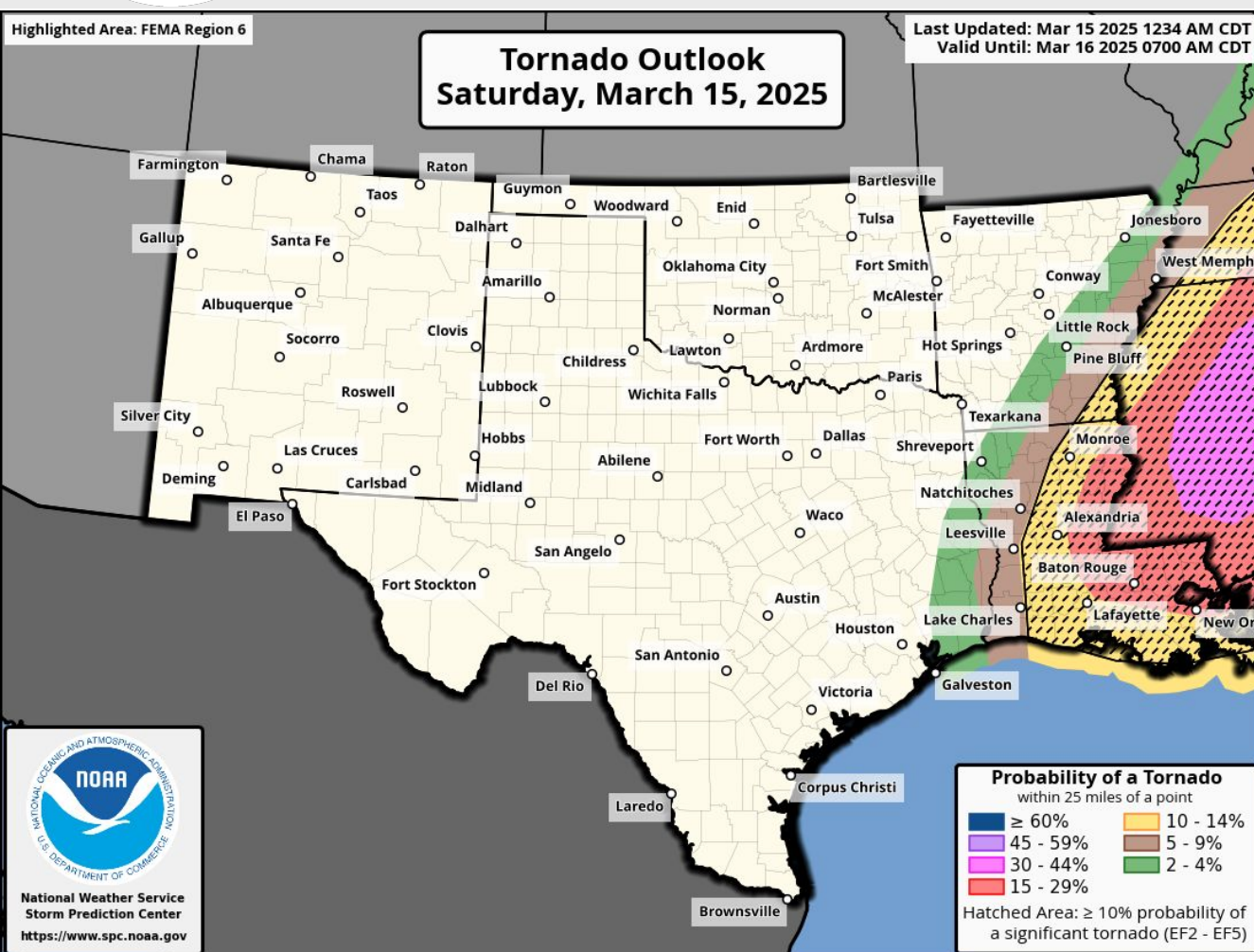
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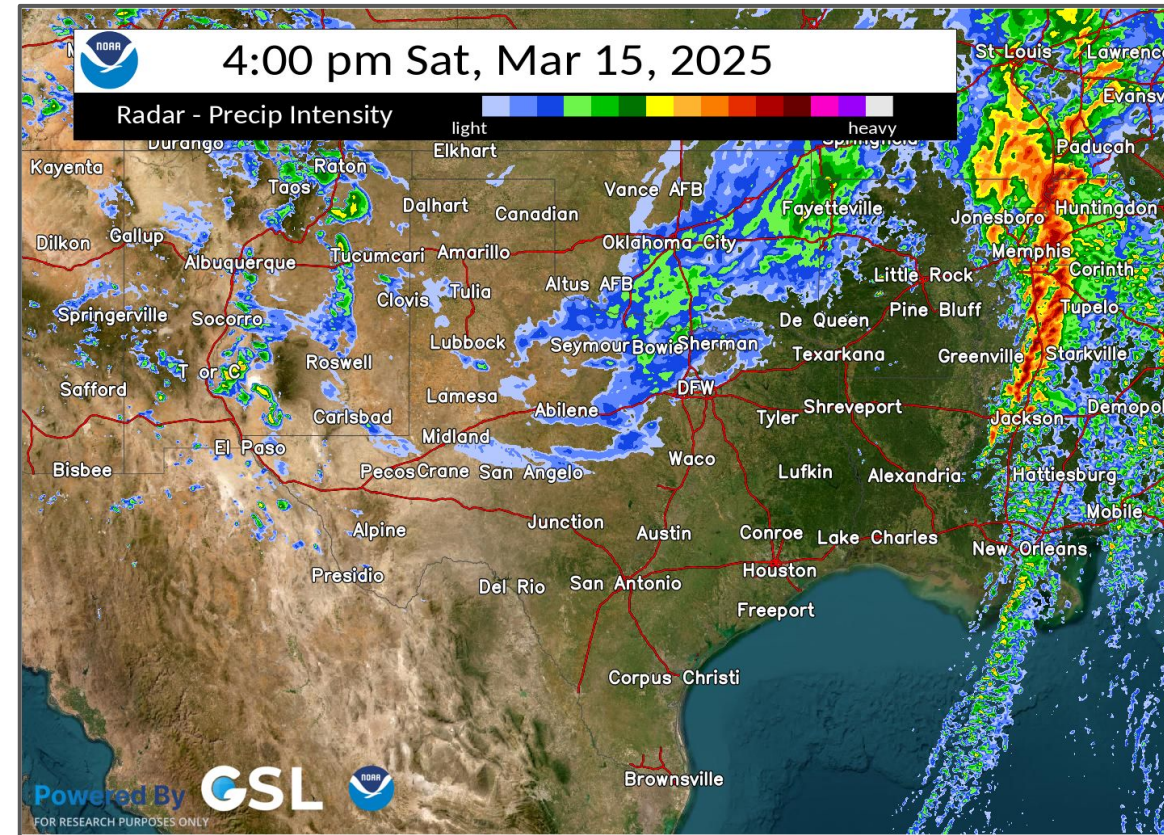
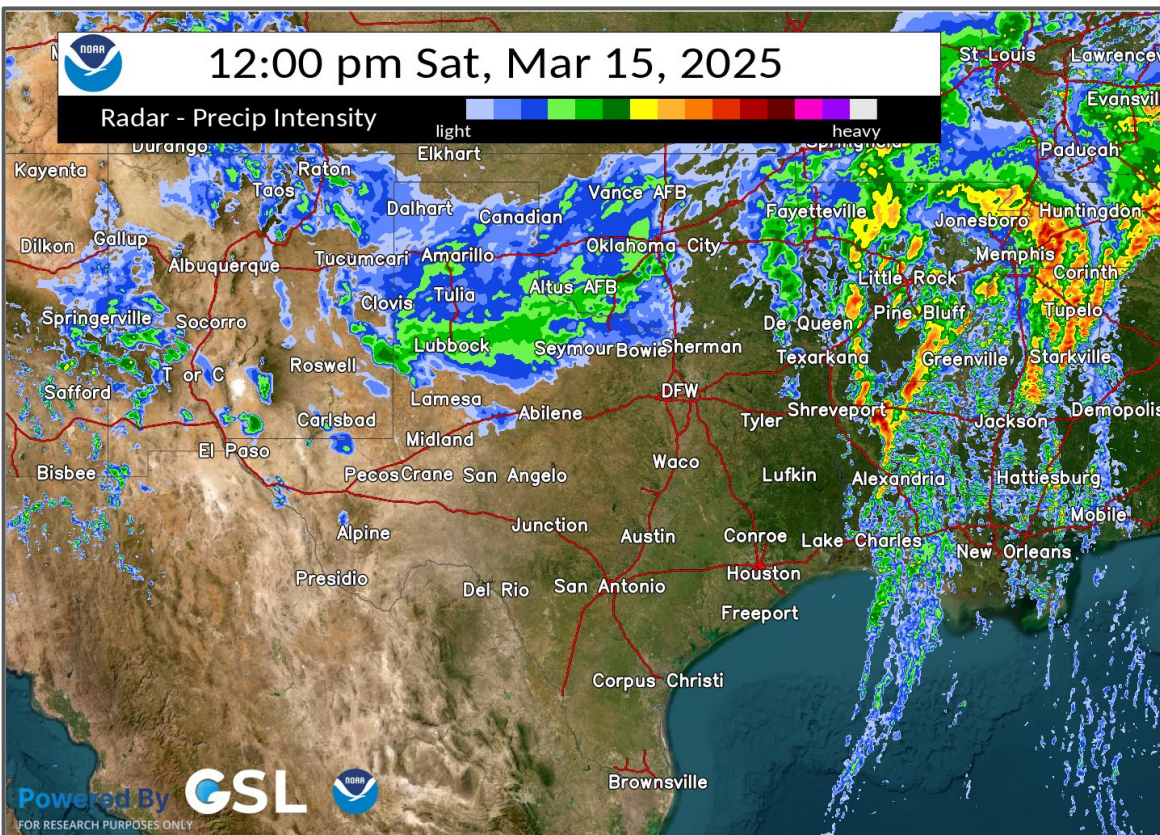
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





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:

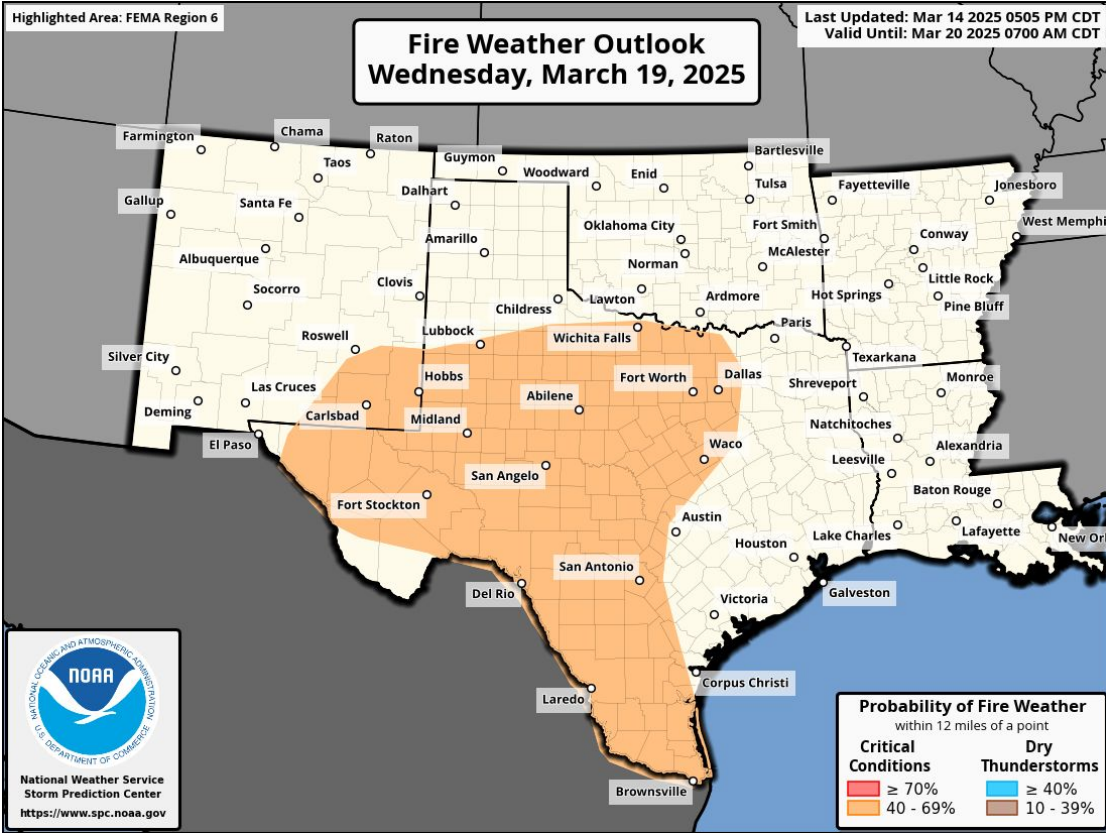
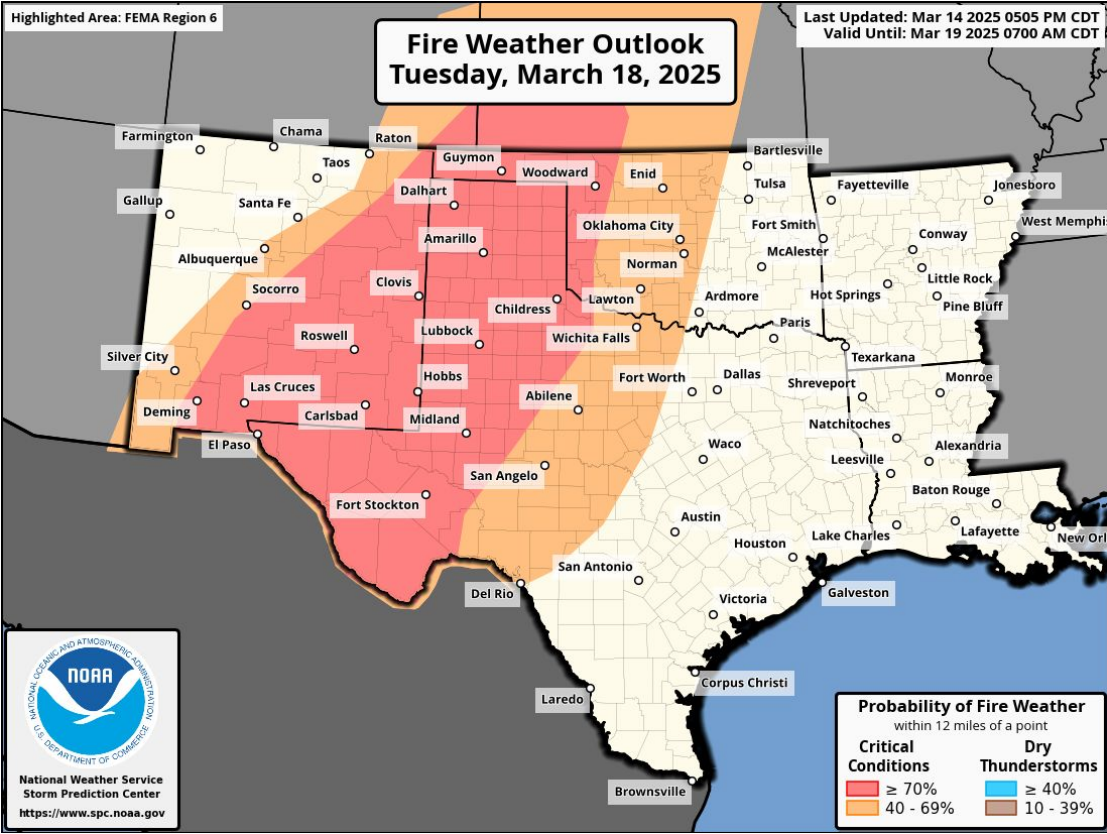
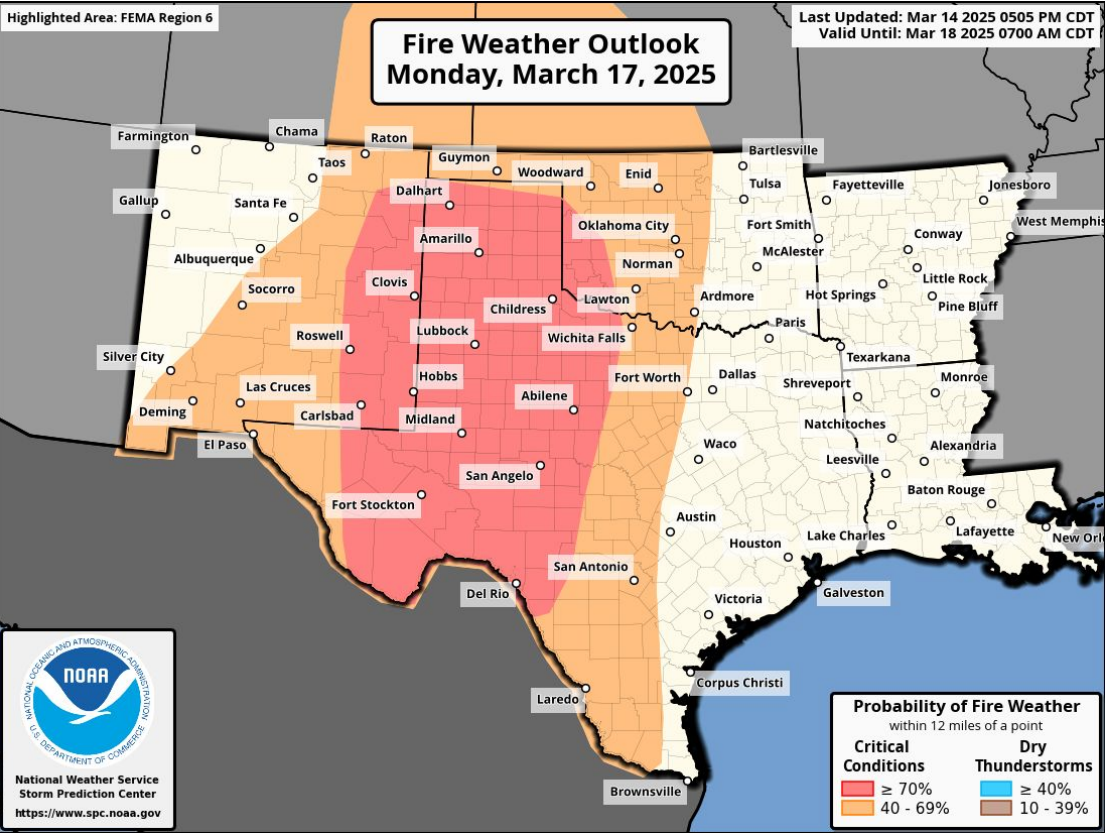
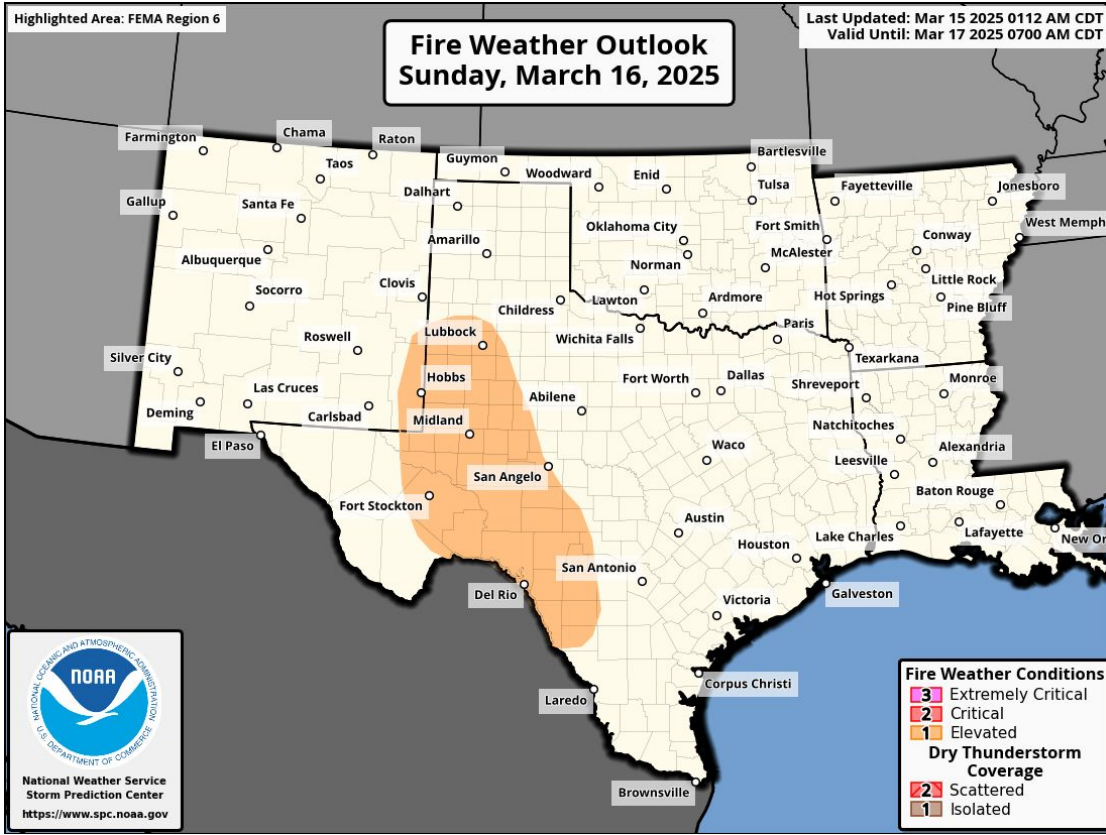
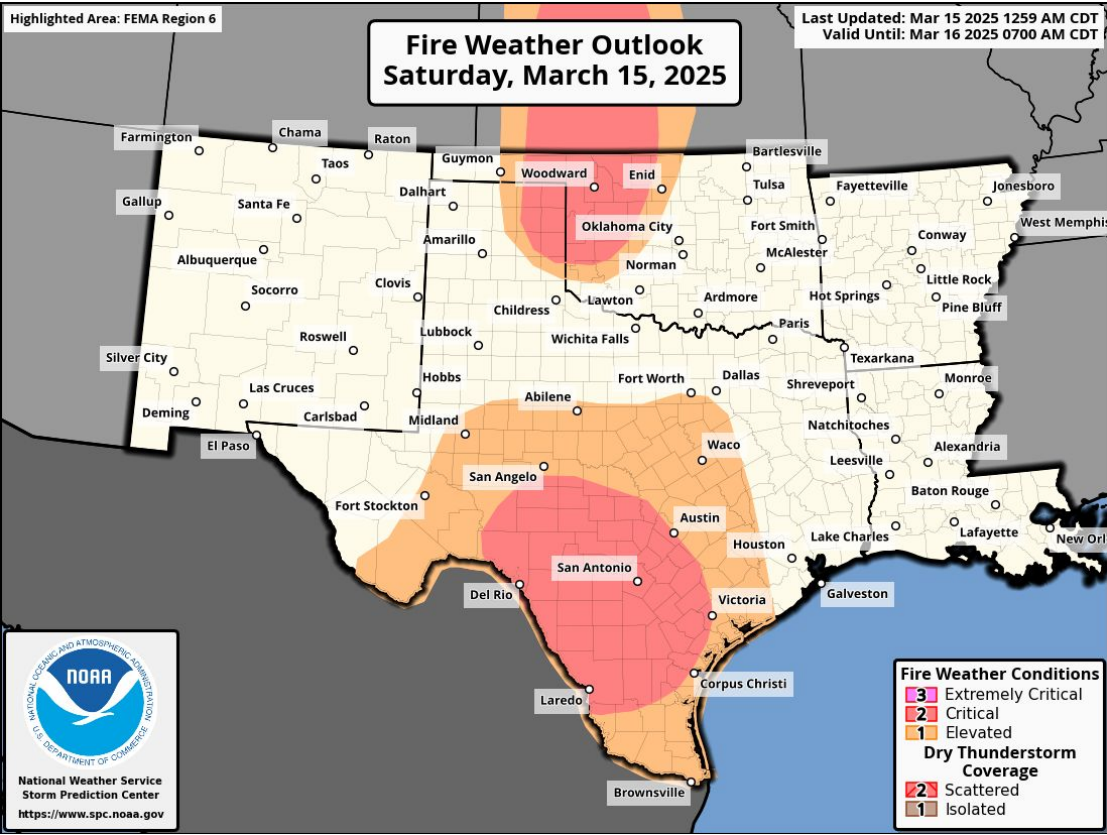
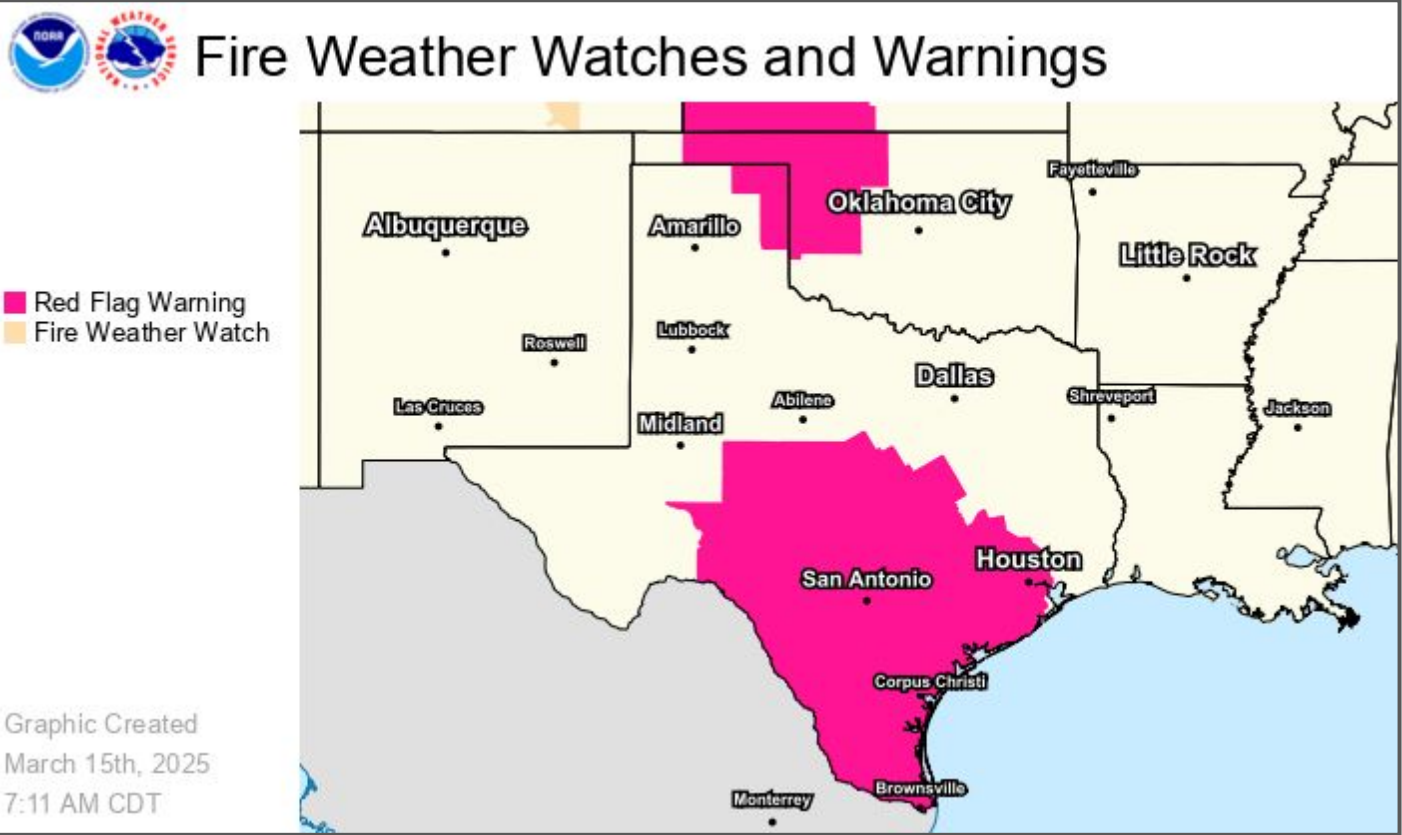
AR: Severe thunderstorms will push eastward and exit AR by noon.

LA: Line of severe thunderstorms will push eastward and exit SE LA around 7pm.





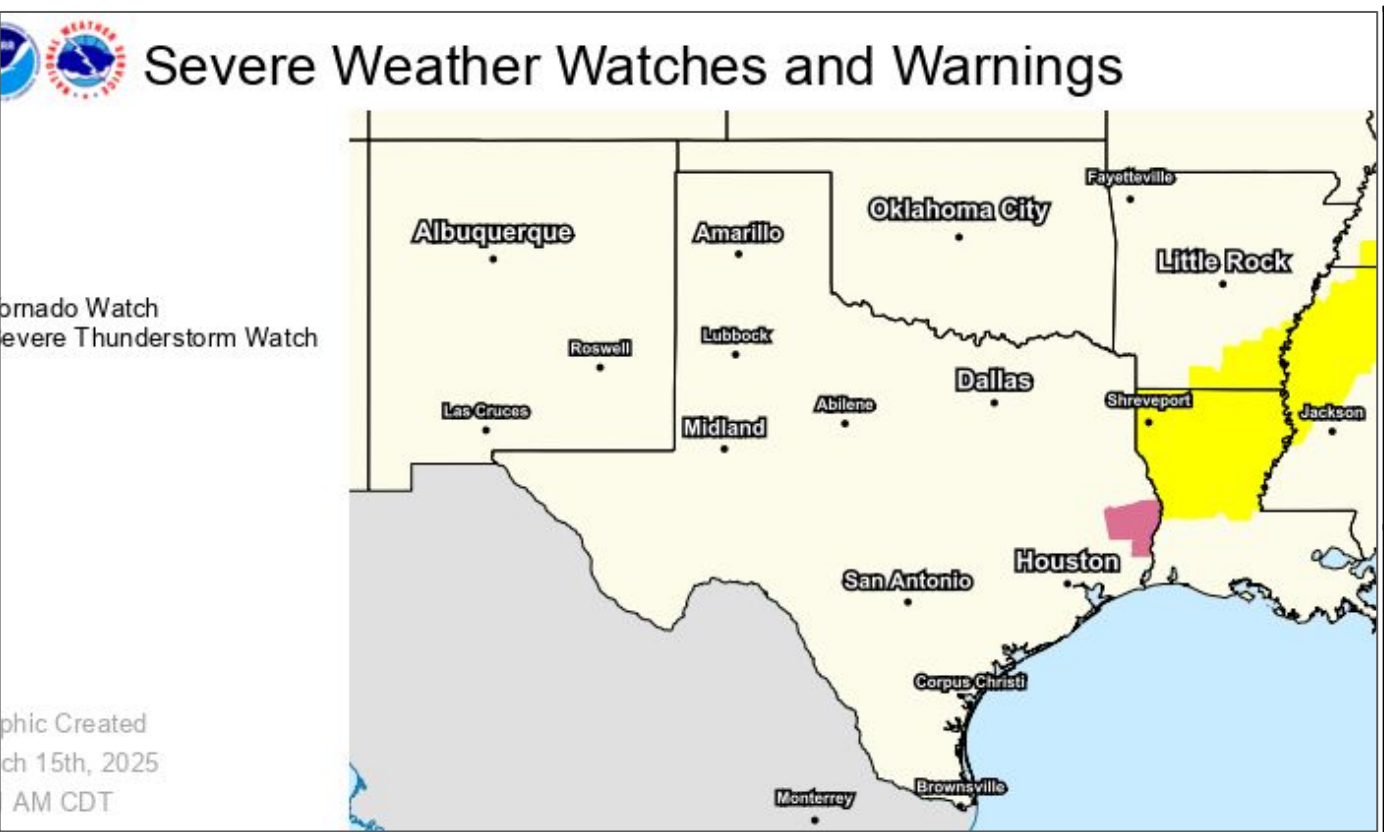
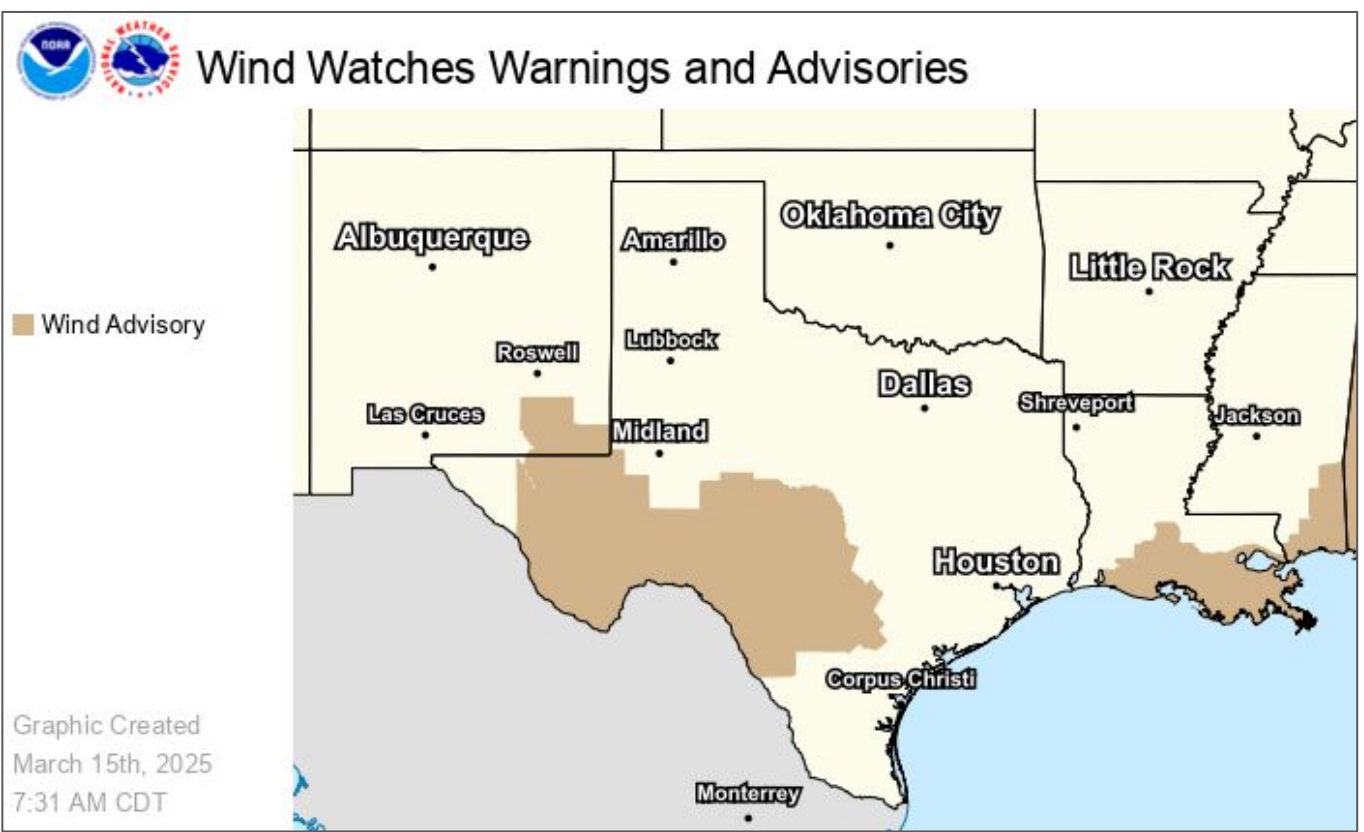
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

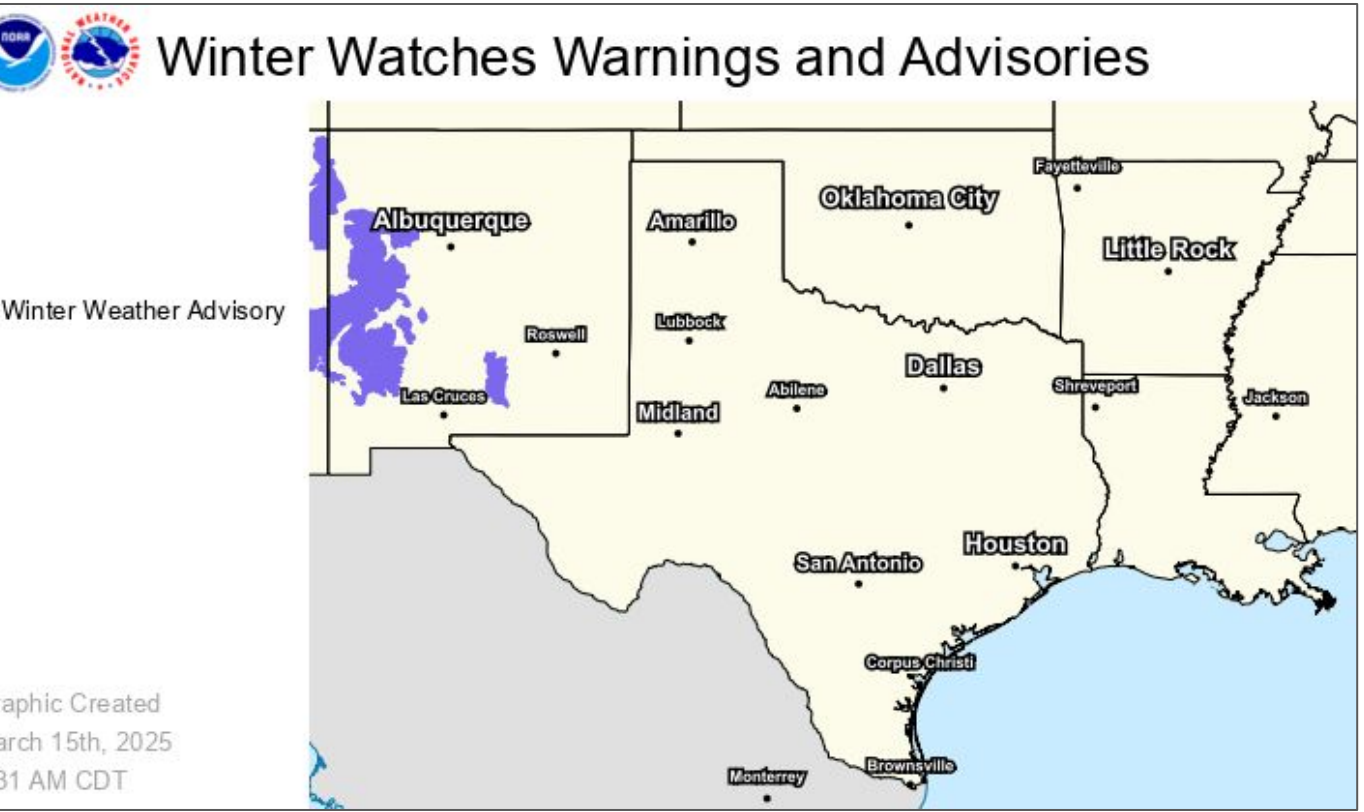
Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

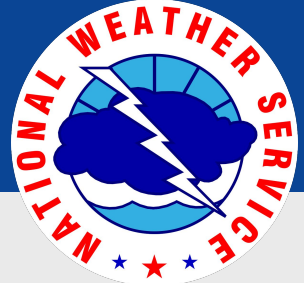


Tornado watch from SE AR into N LA through 1 pm this afternoon. Additional watches likely across LA.

Wind advisory through noon SE NM into SW TX for wind gusts to 40mph and for S LA through 5pm for gusts to 35mph.

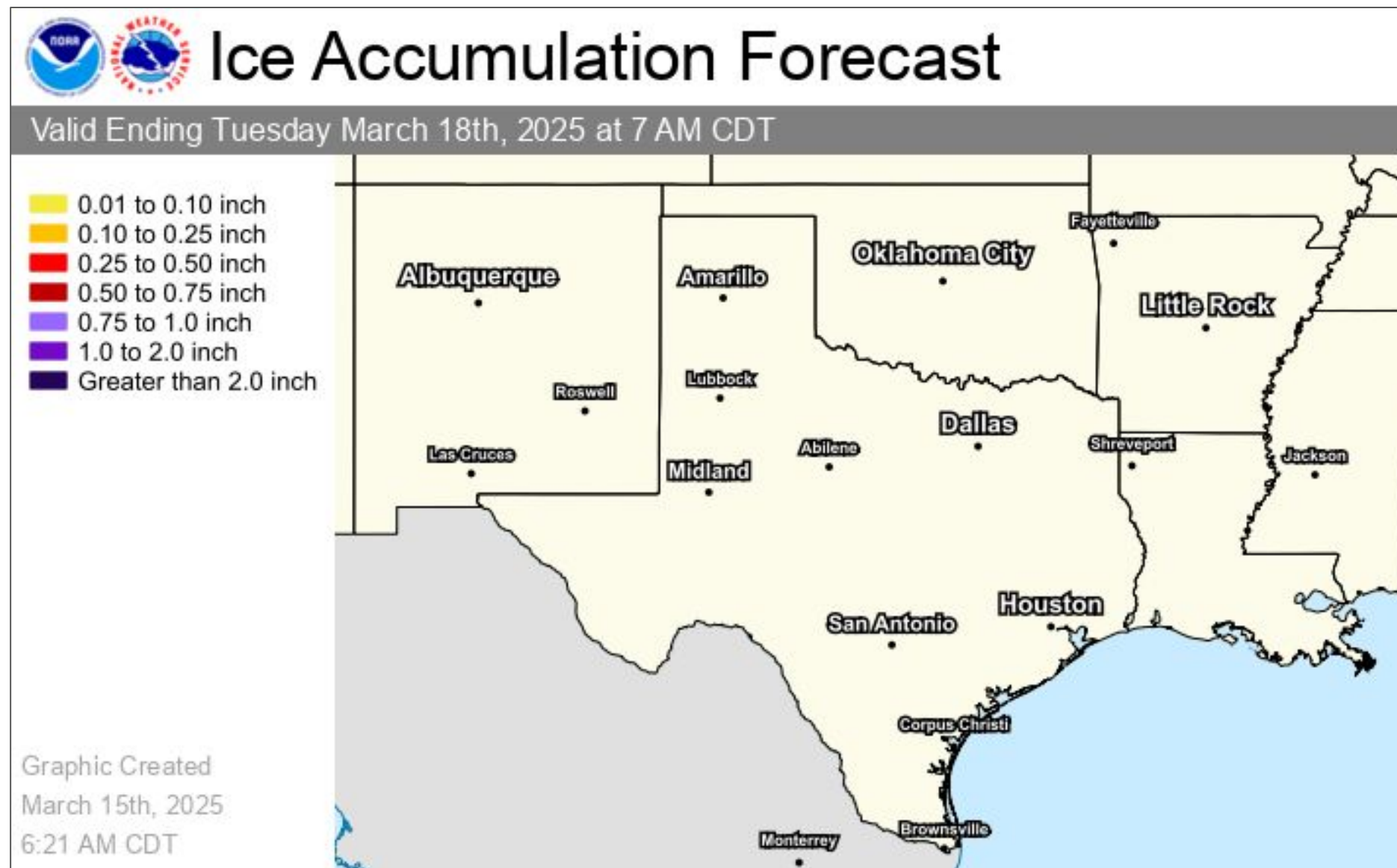
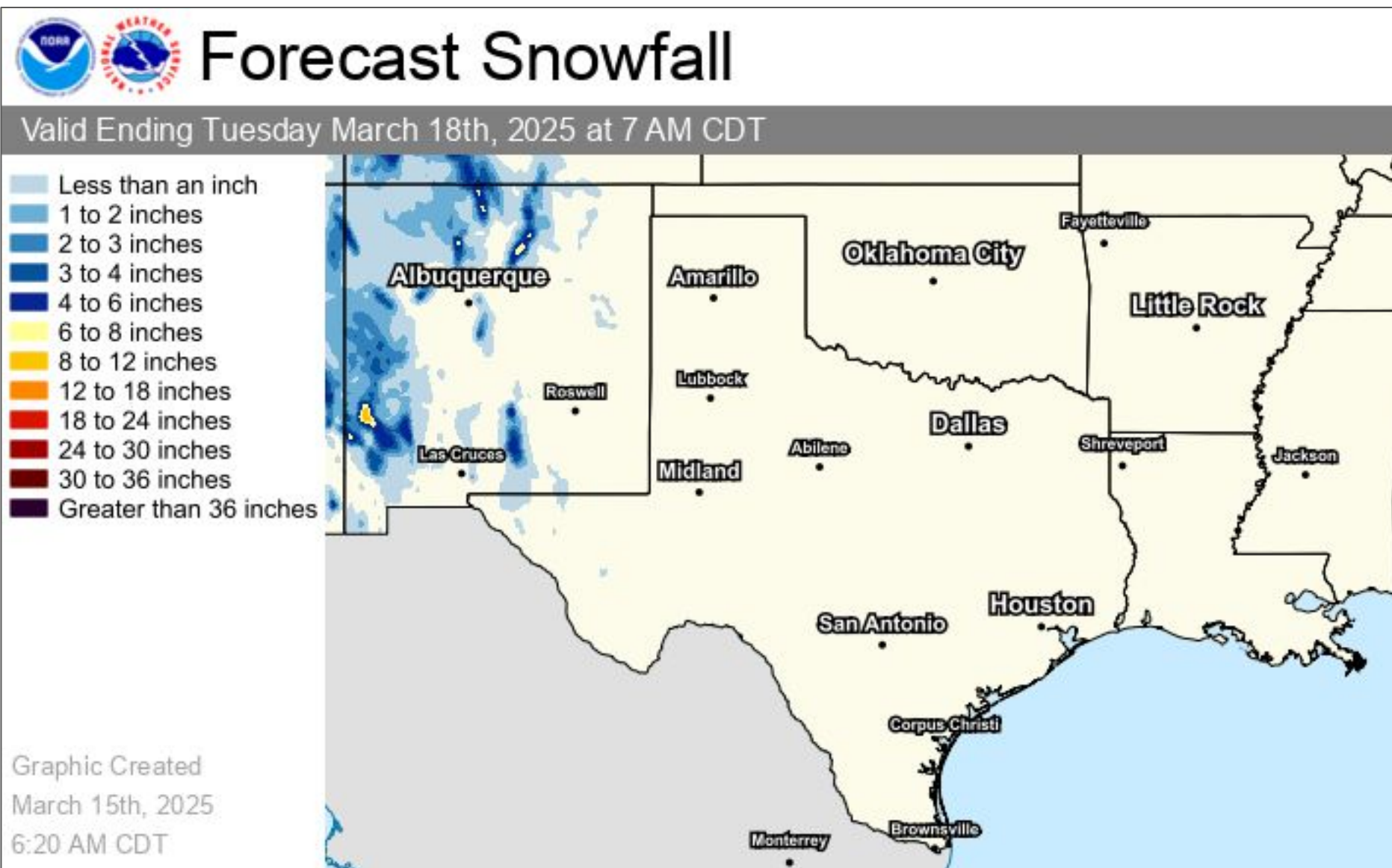
Winter weather advisory through noon across W NM.





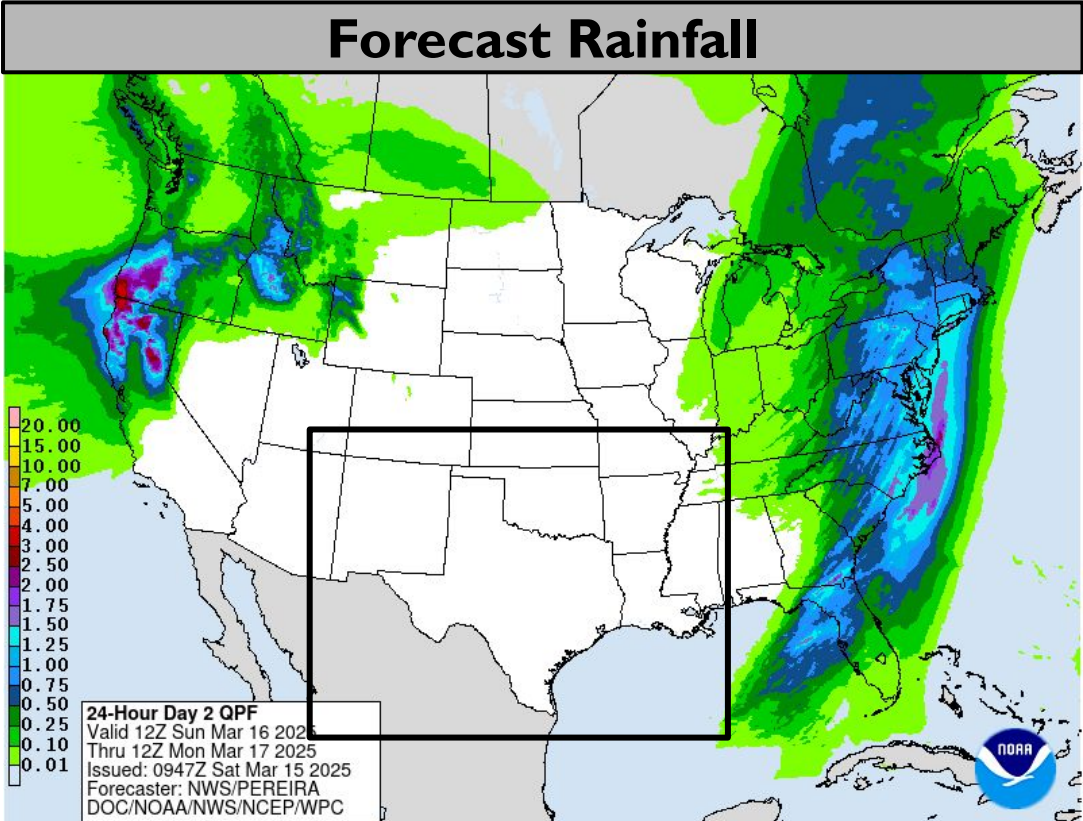
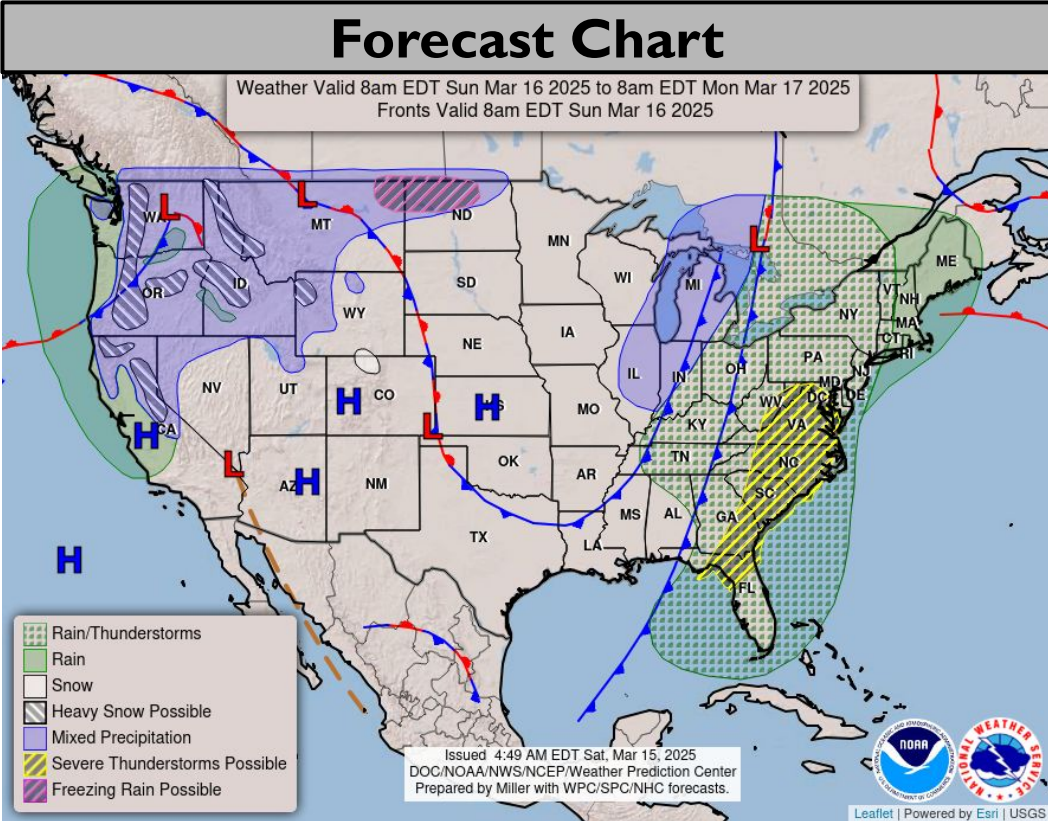
Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

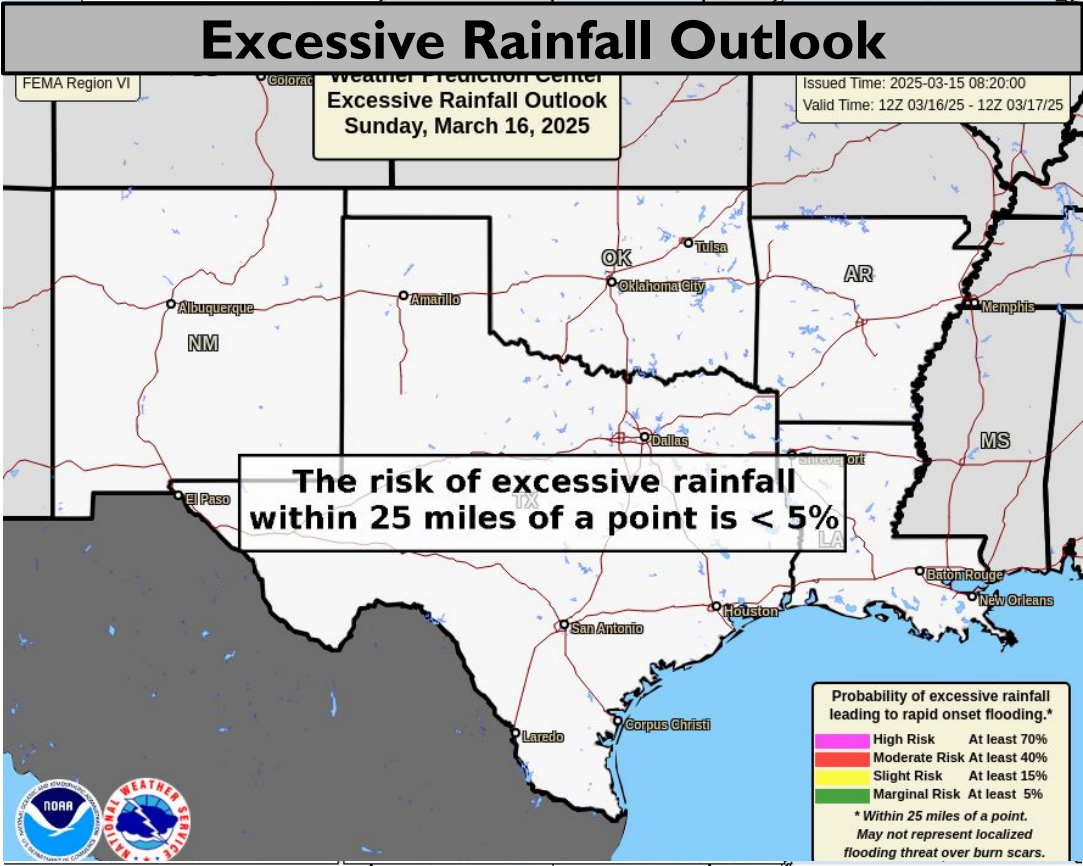
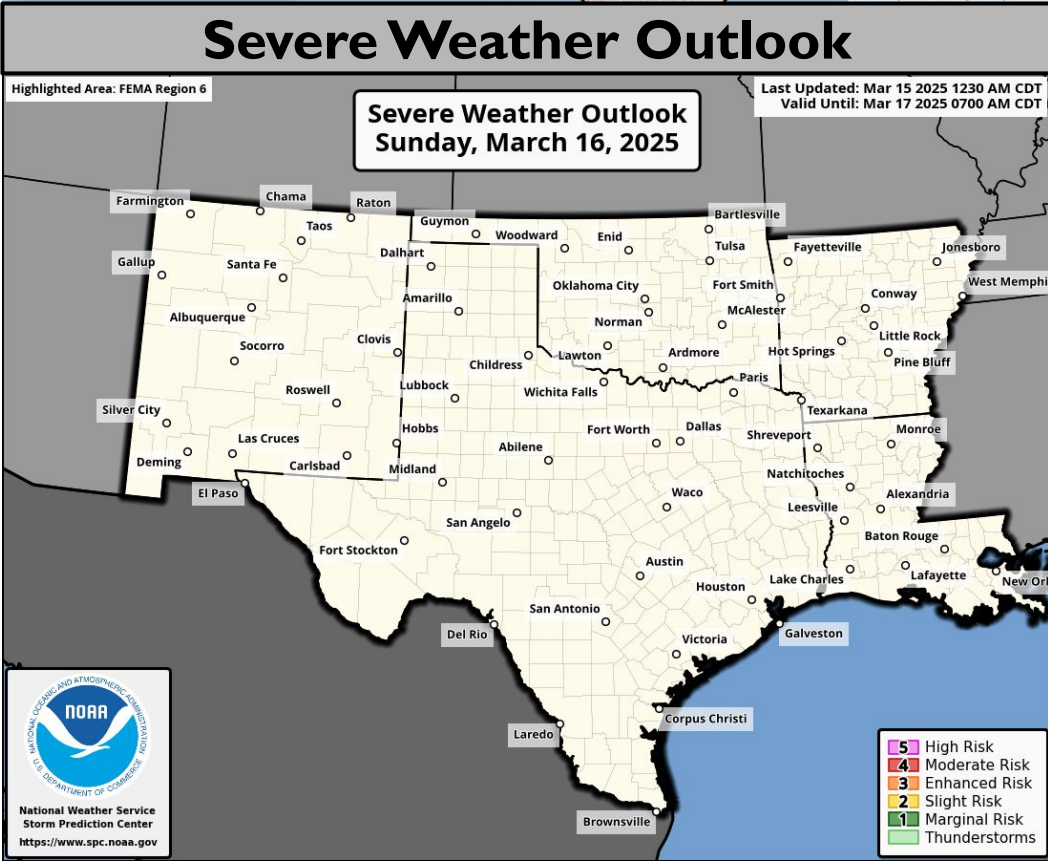




Tomorrow's Weather

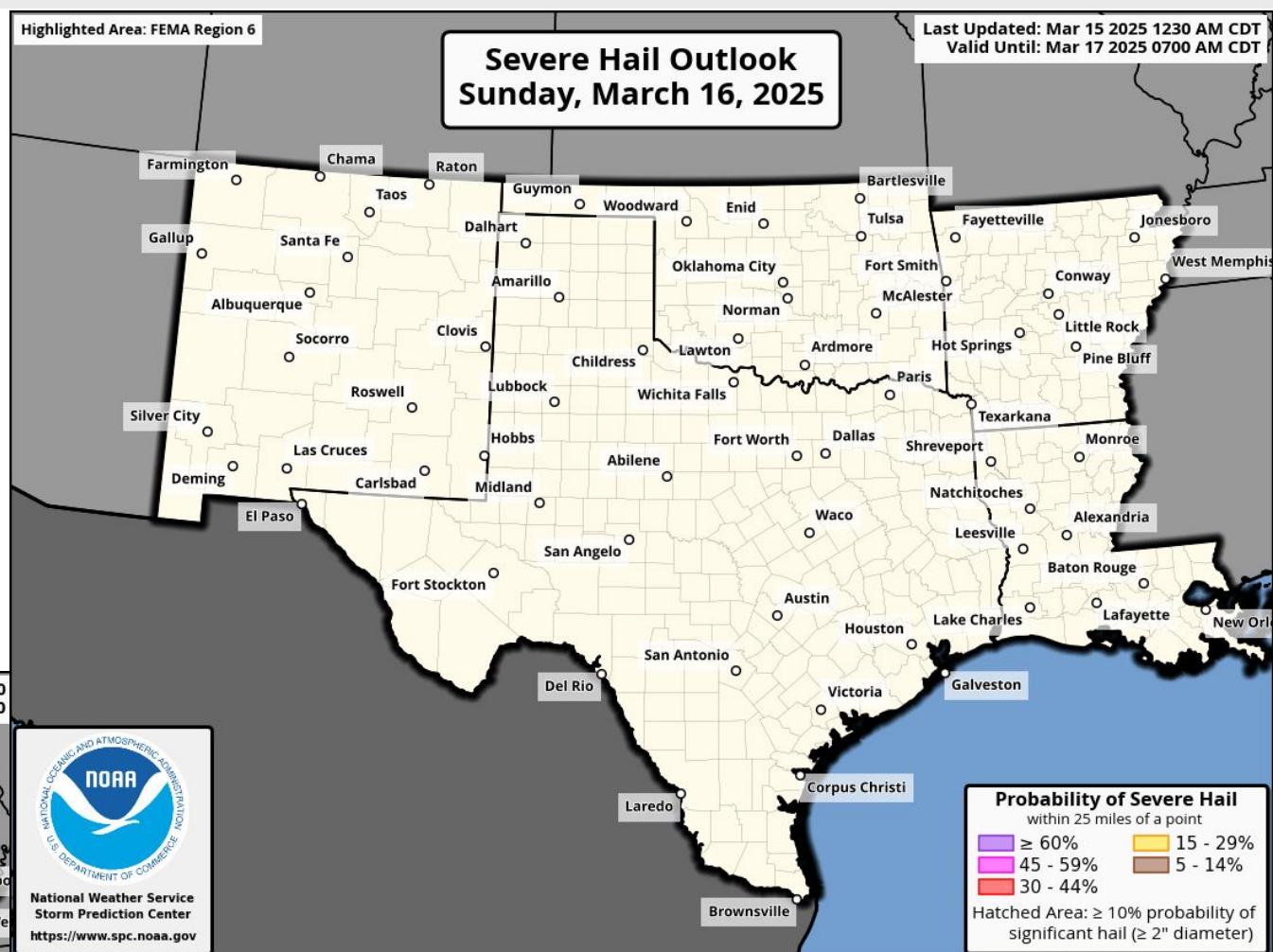
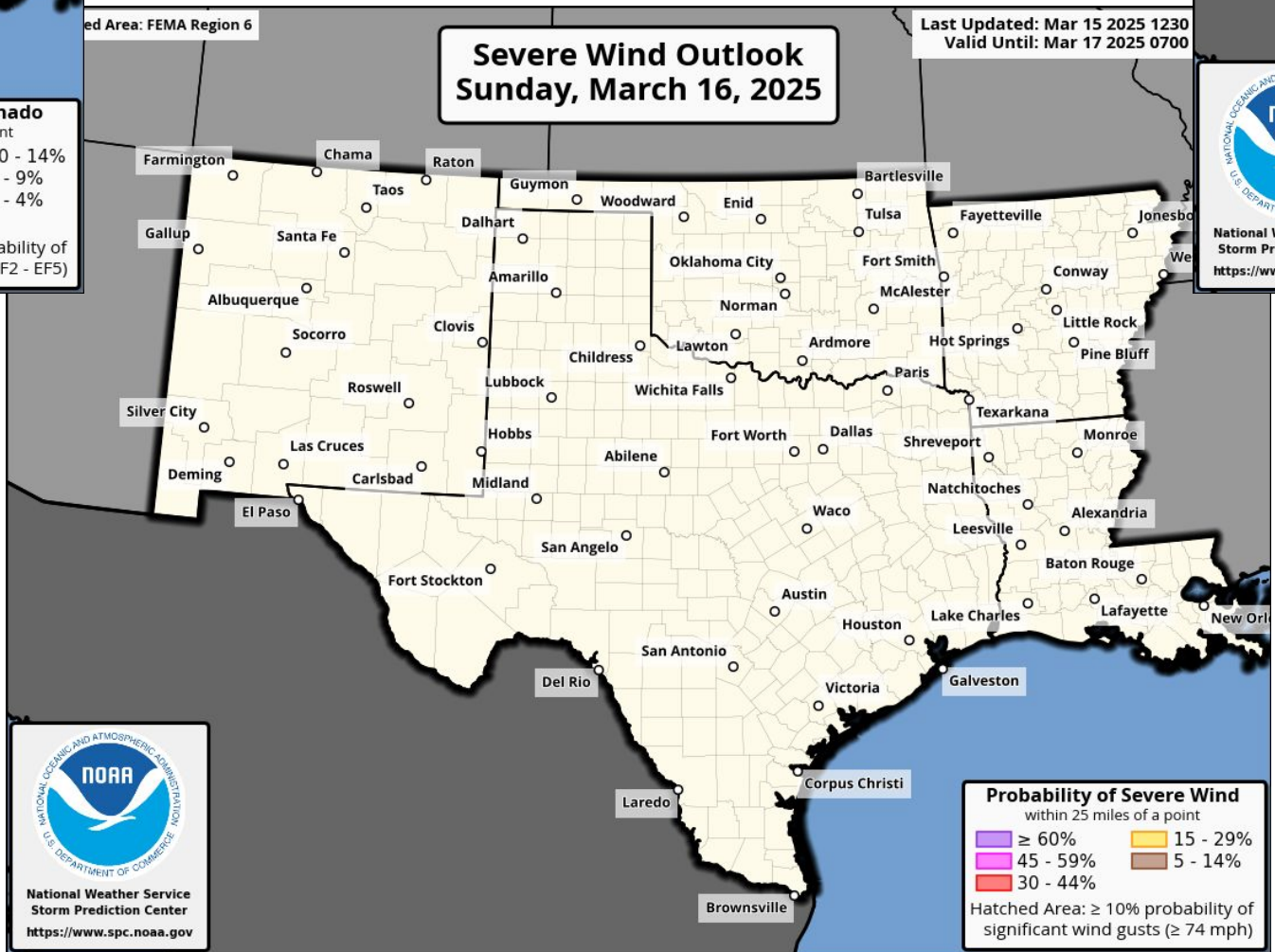
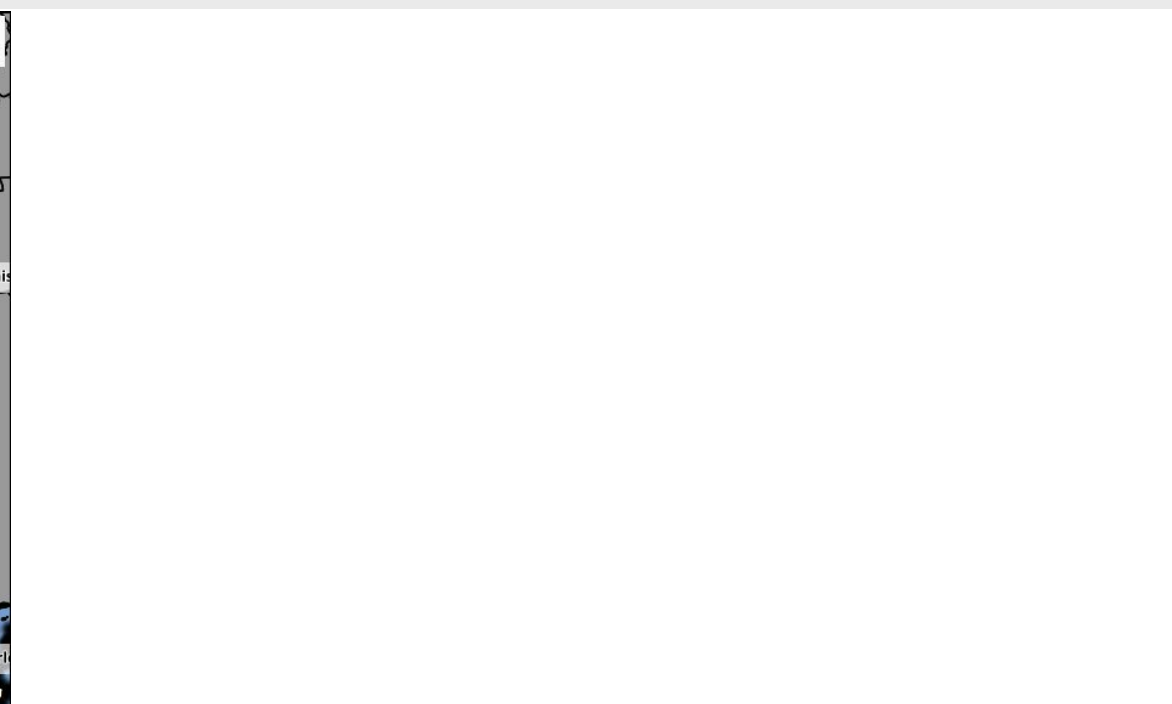
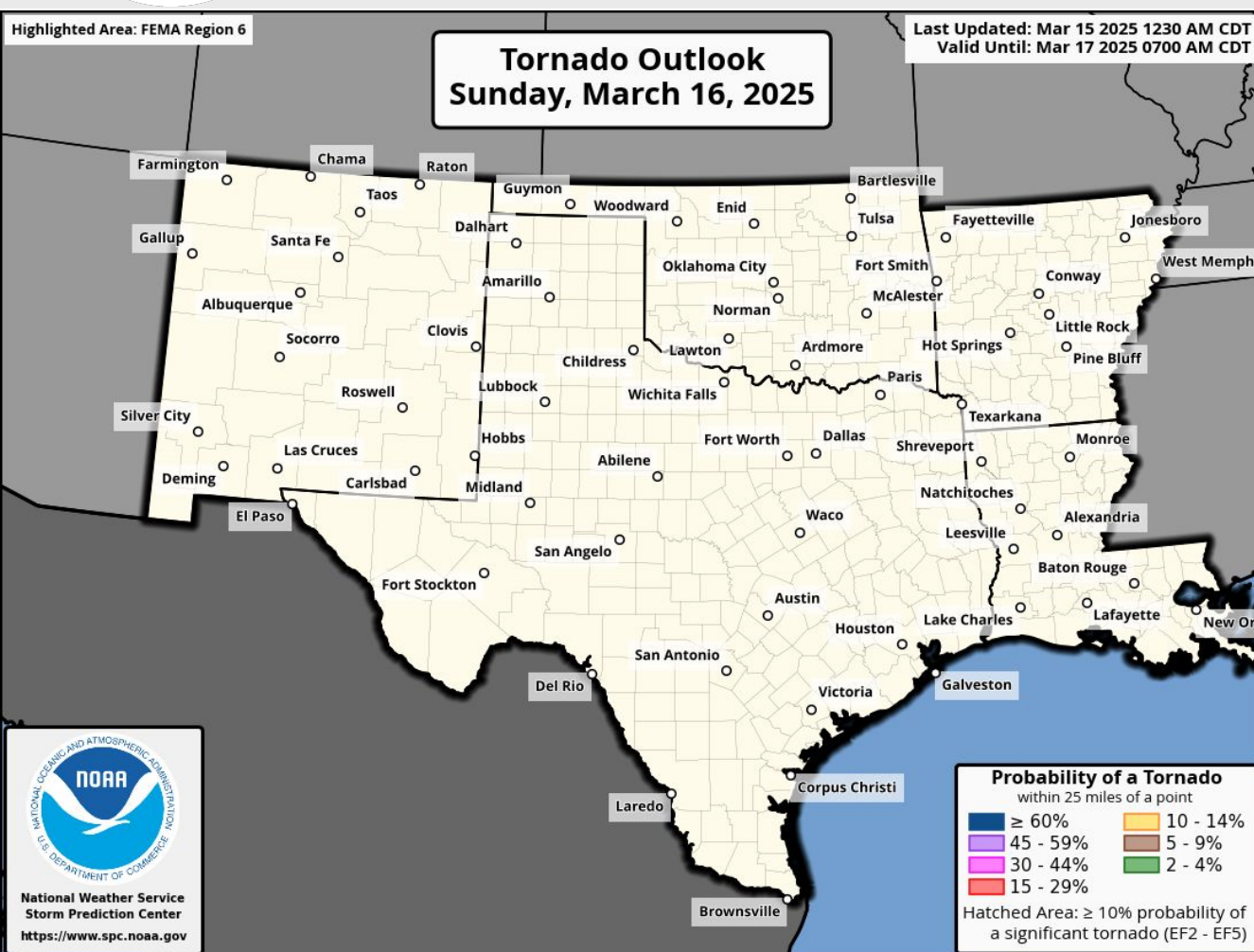


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in W/SW TX.



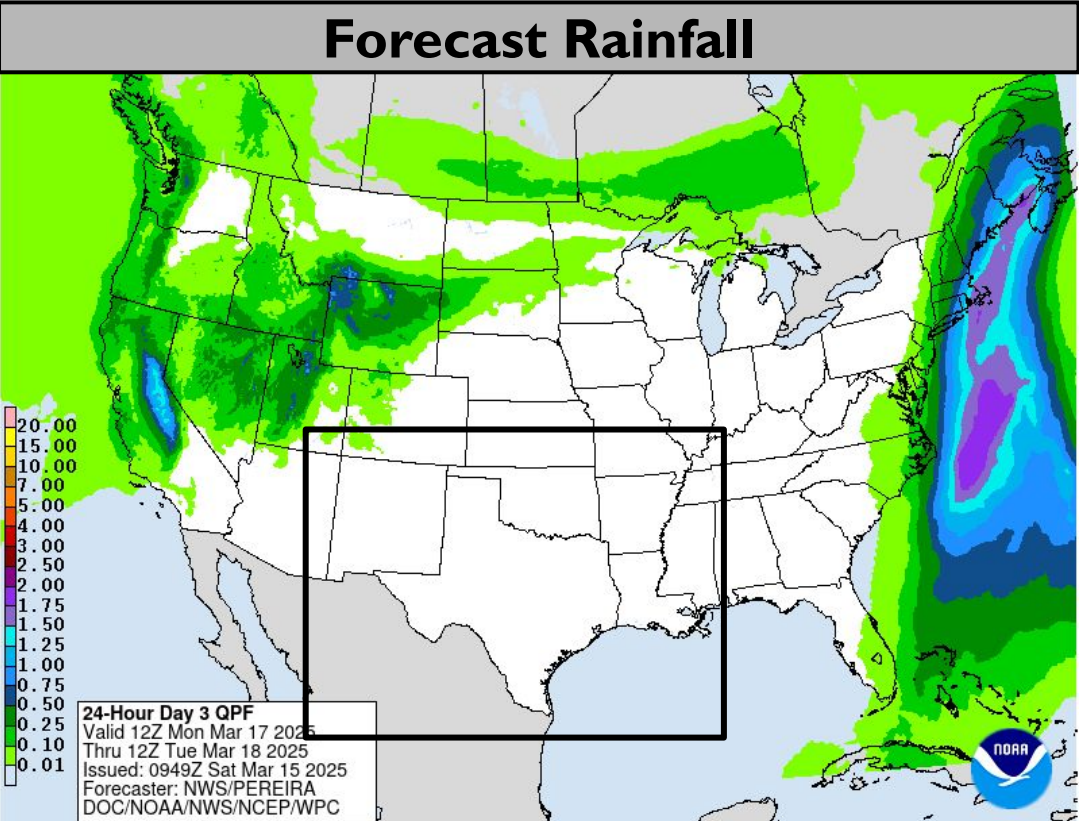
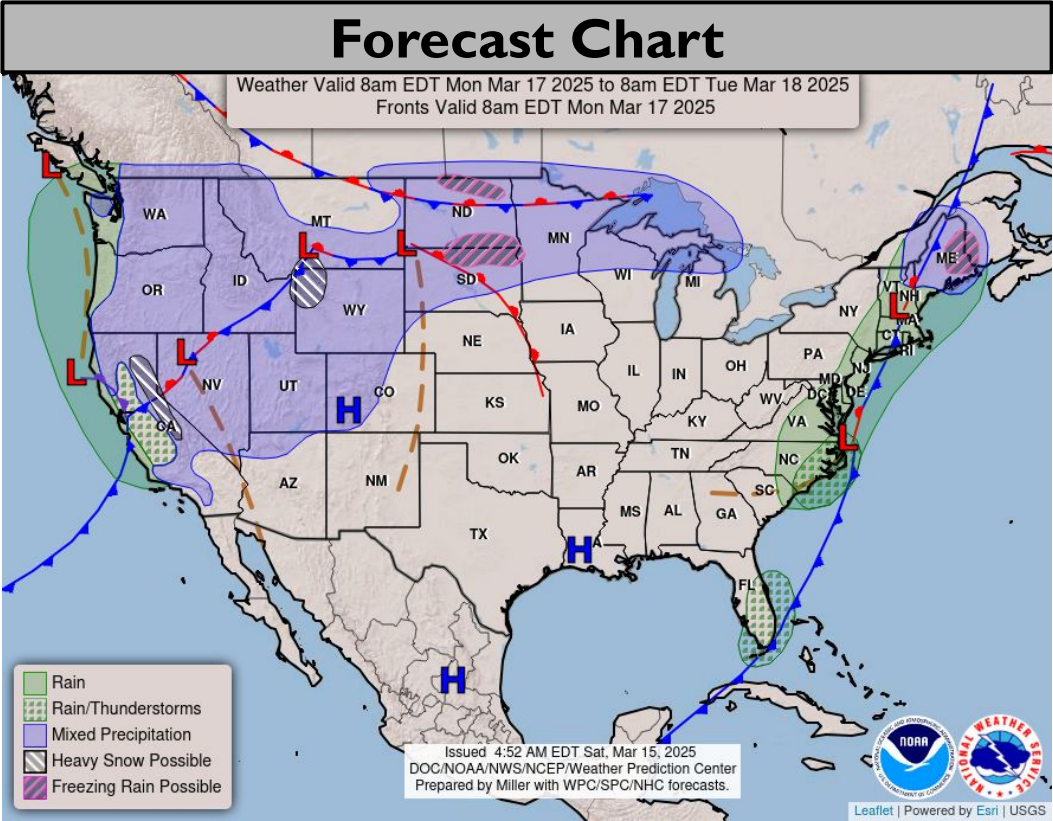


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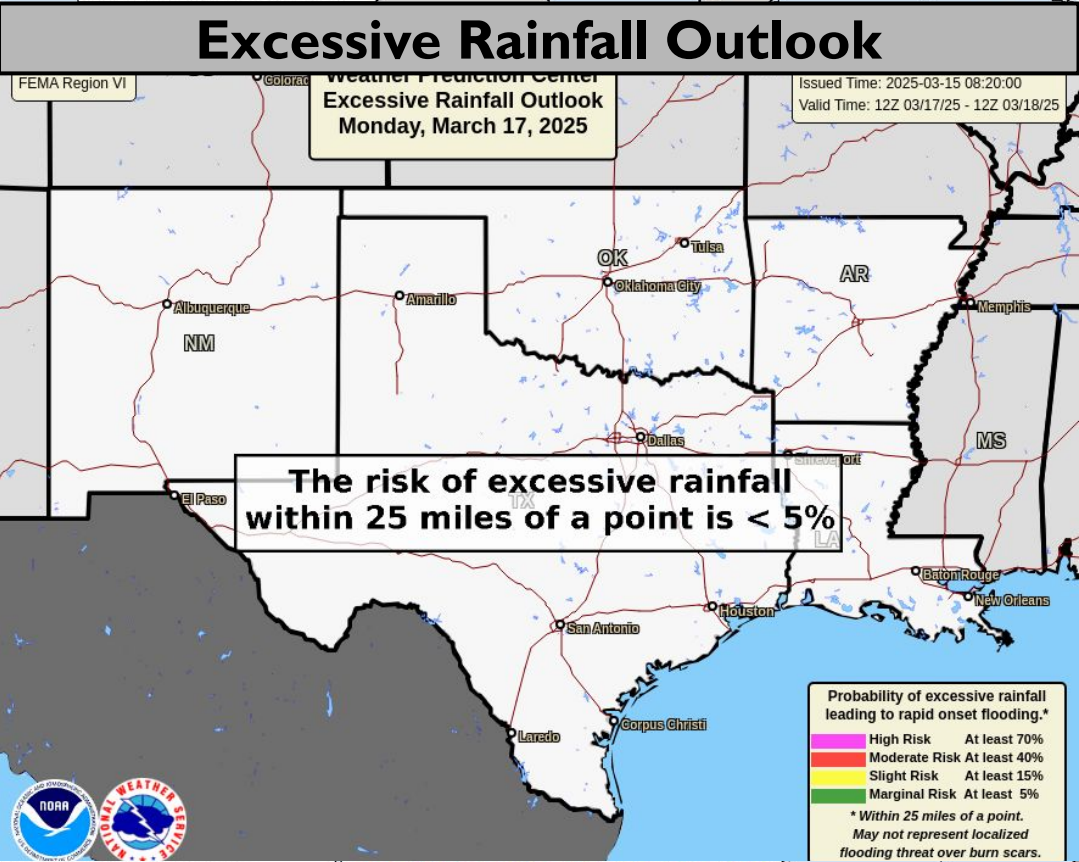
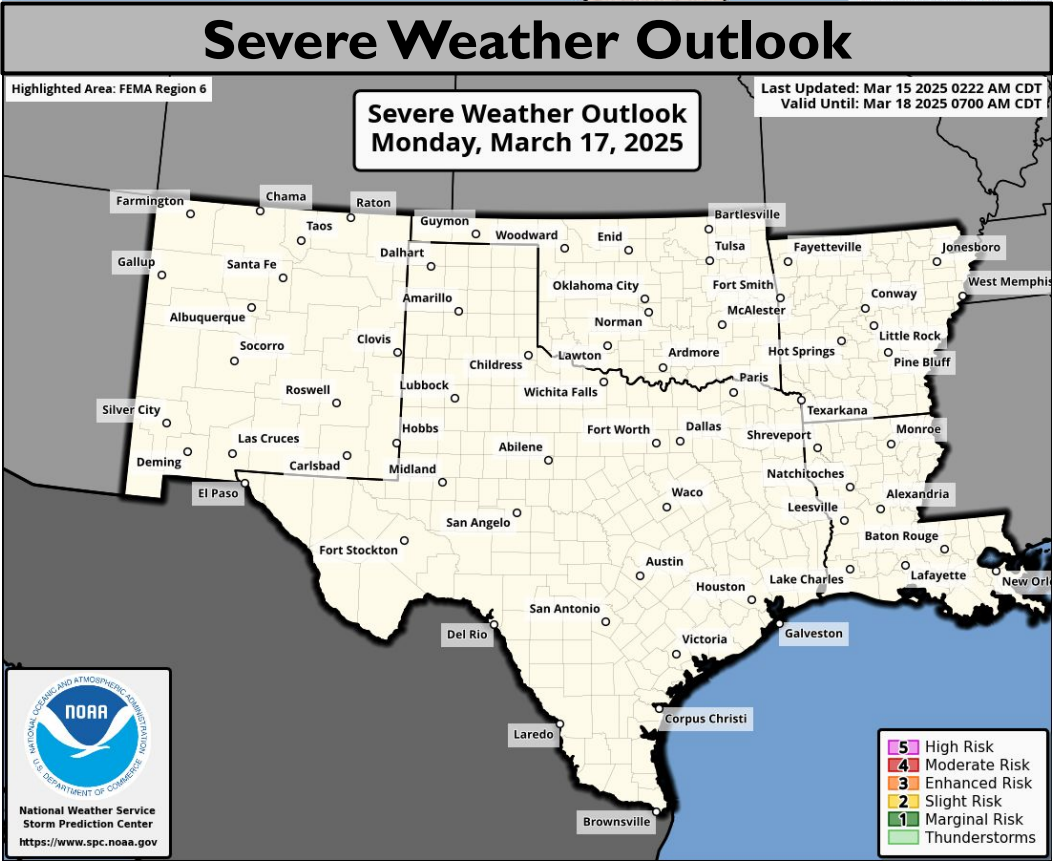




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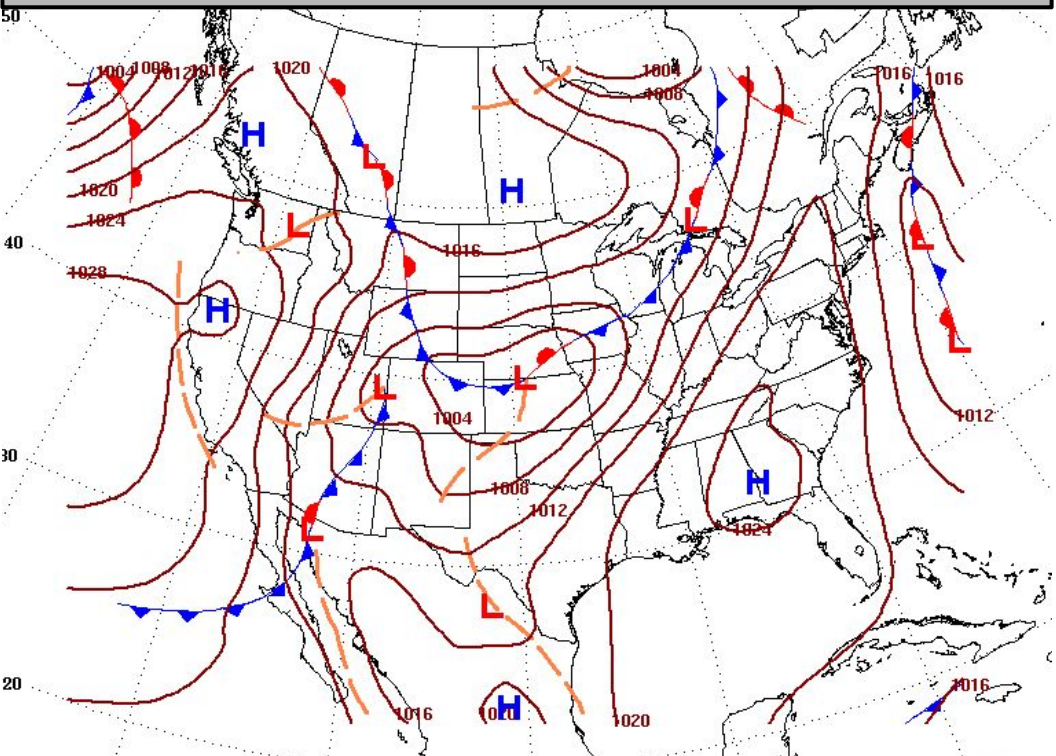
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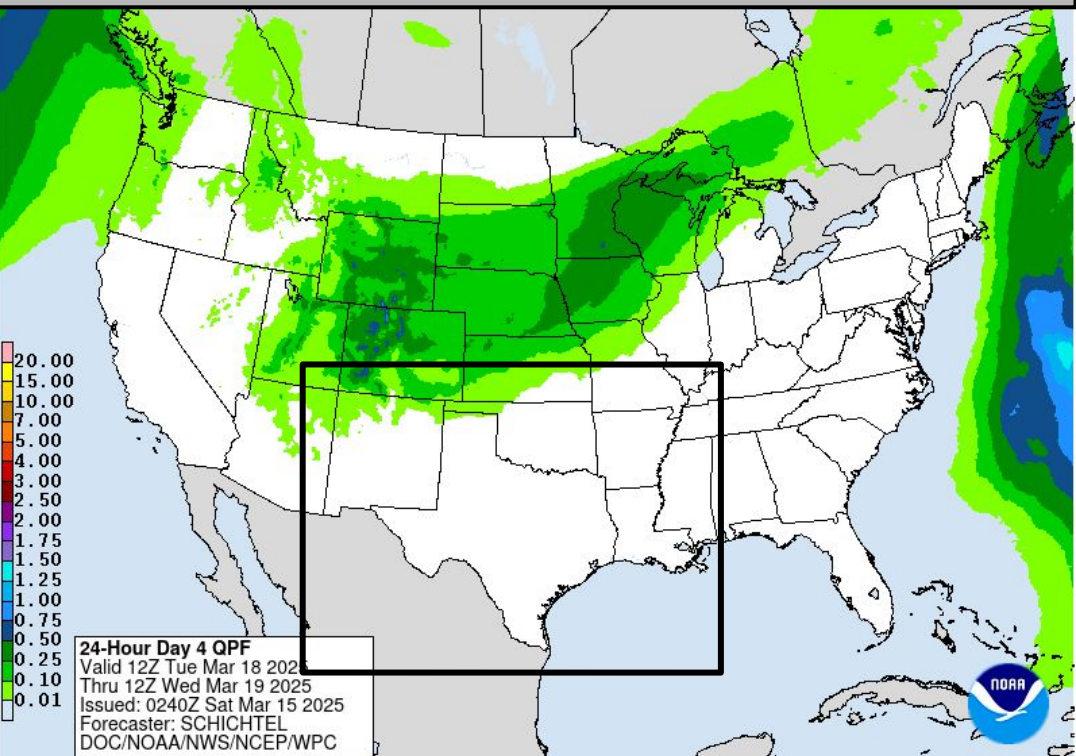


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

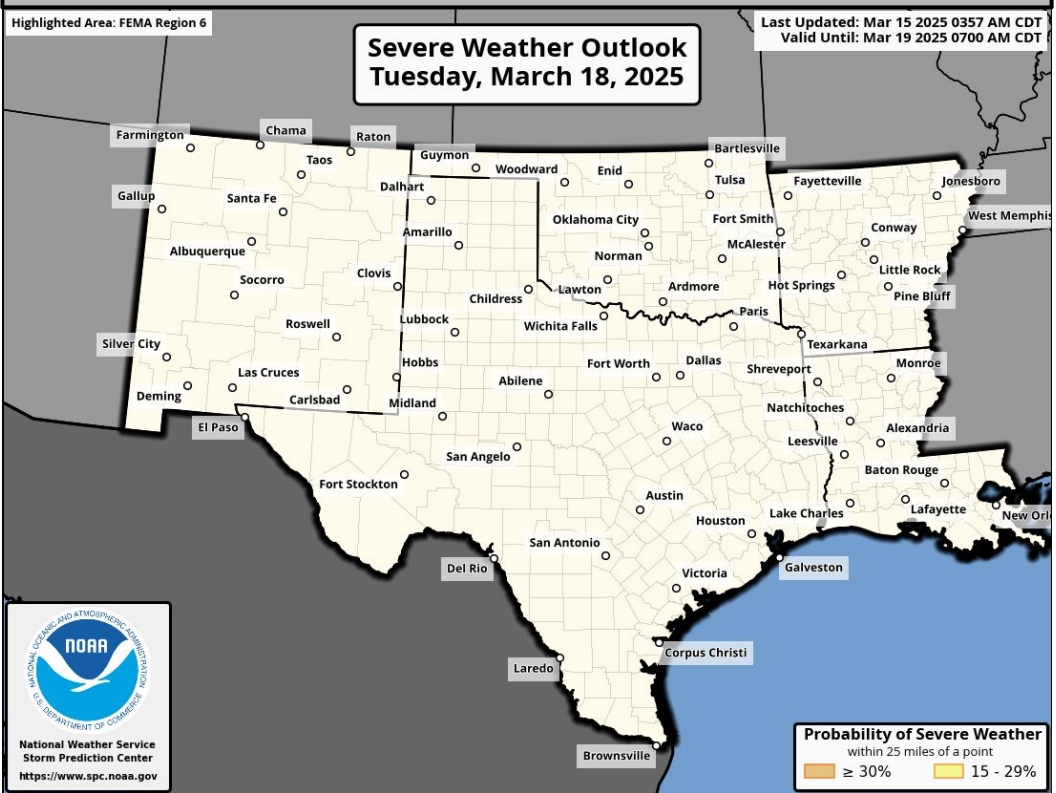


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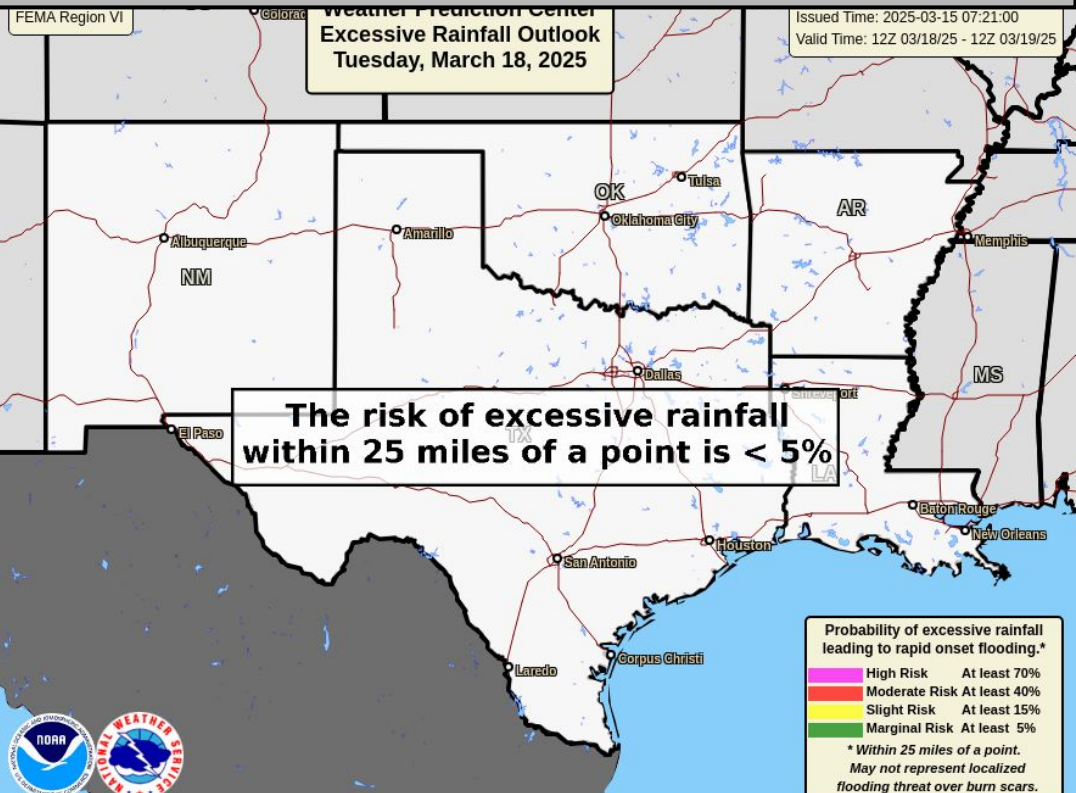


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Severe Weather Outlook



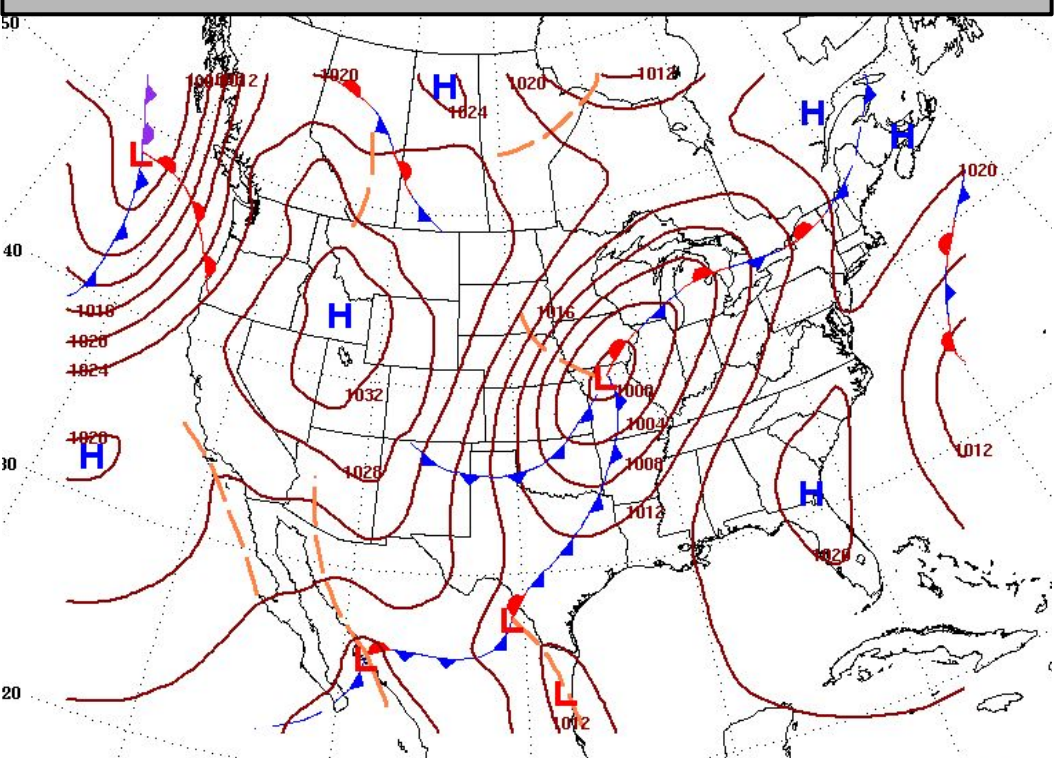
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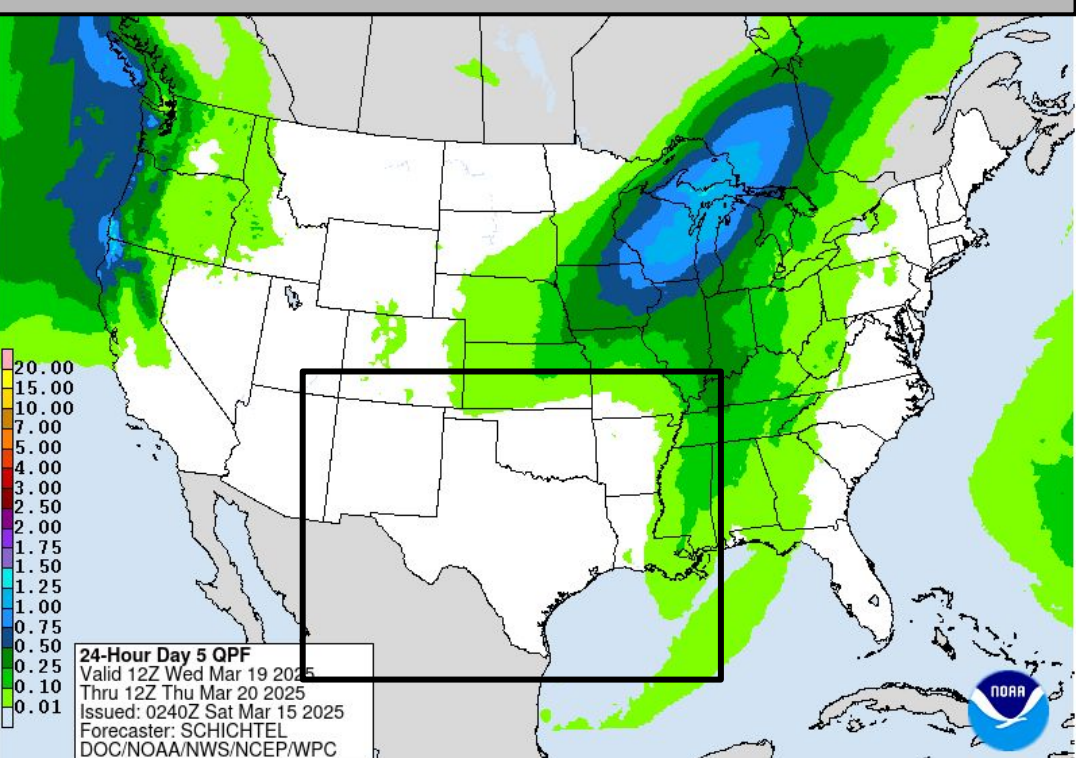


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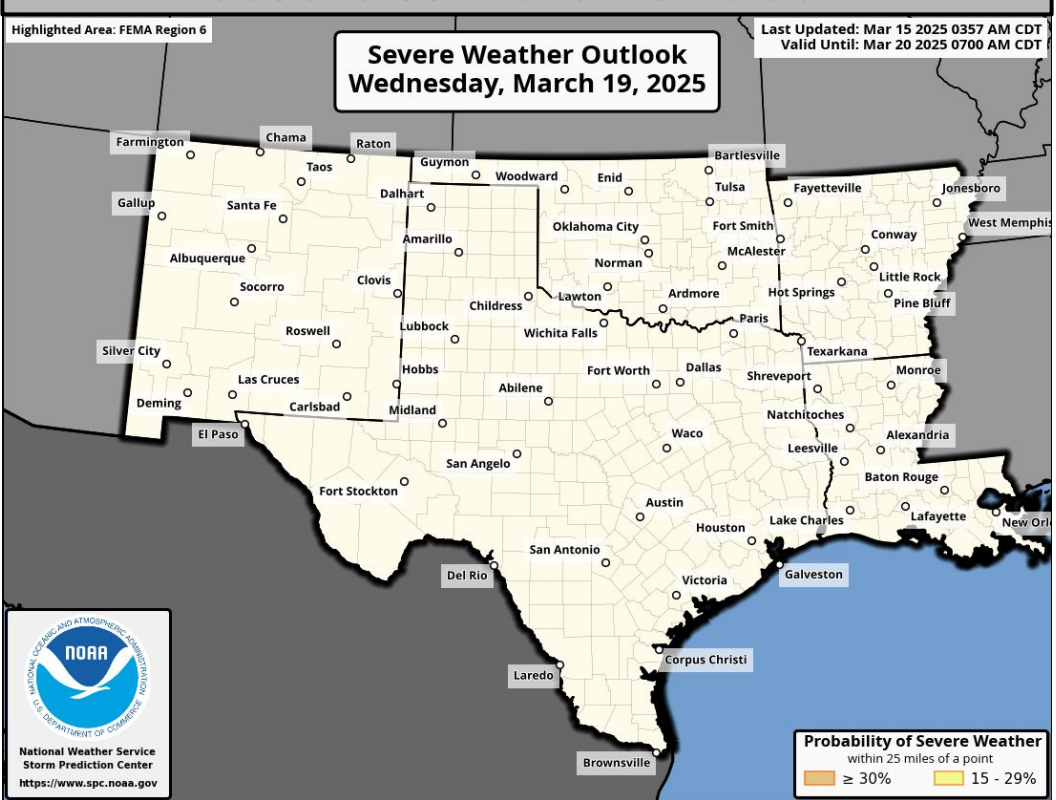


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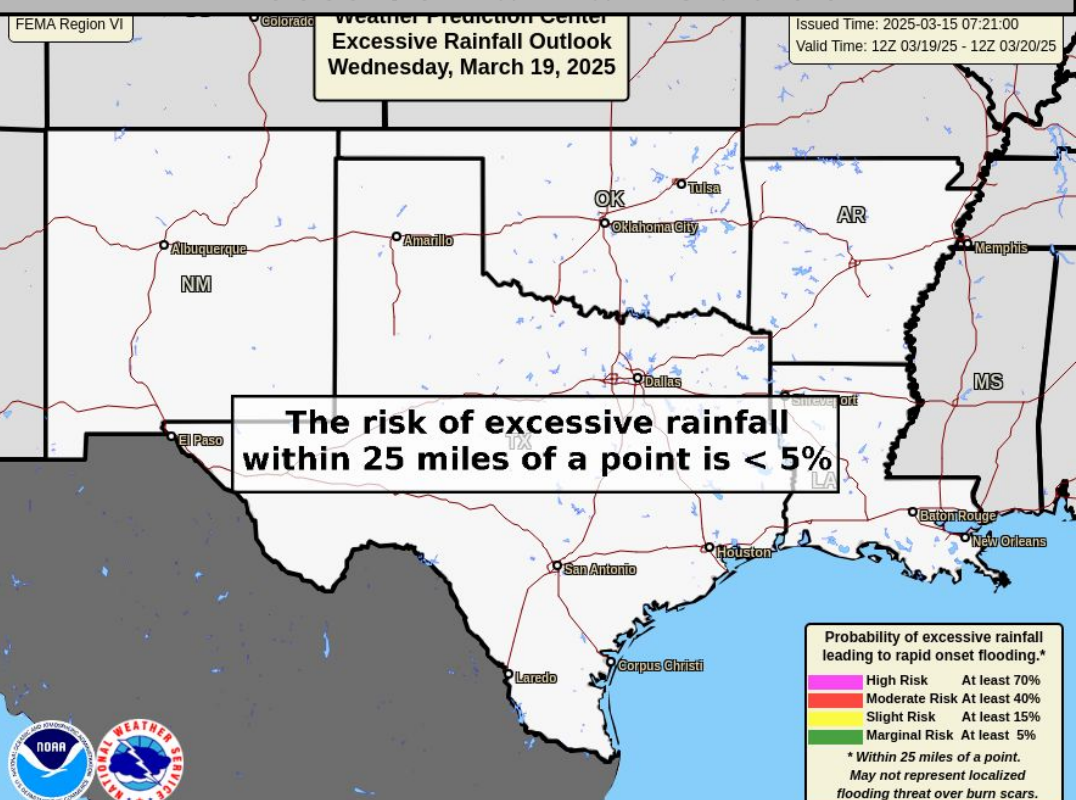


Elevated (level I of 3) fire weather conditions in SE NM, N/W/STX.

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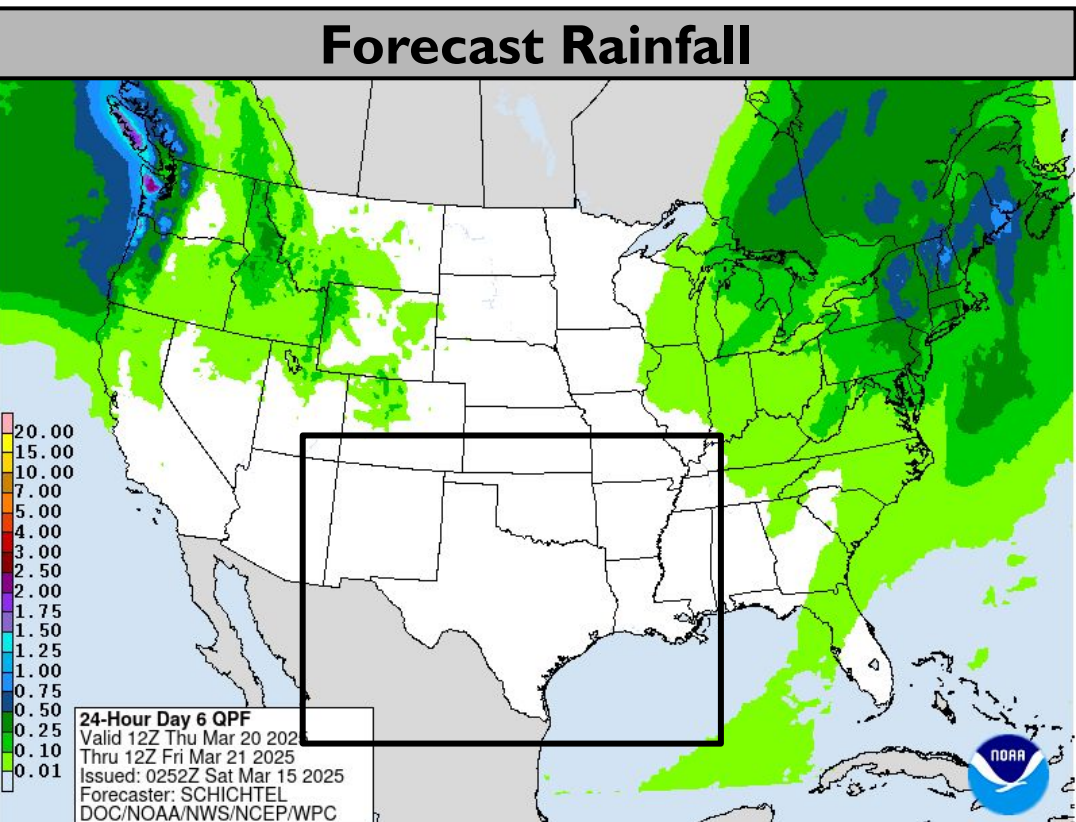
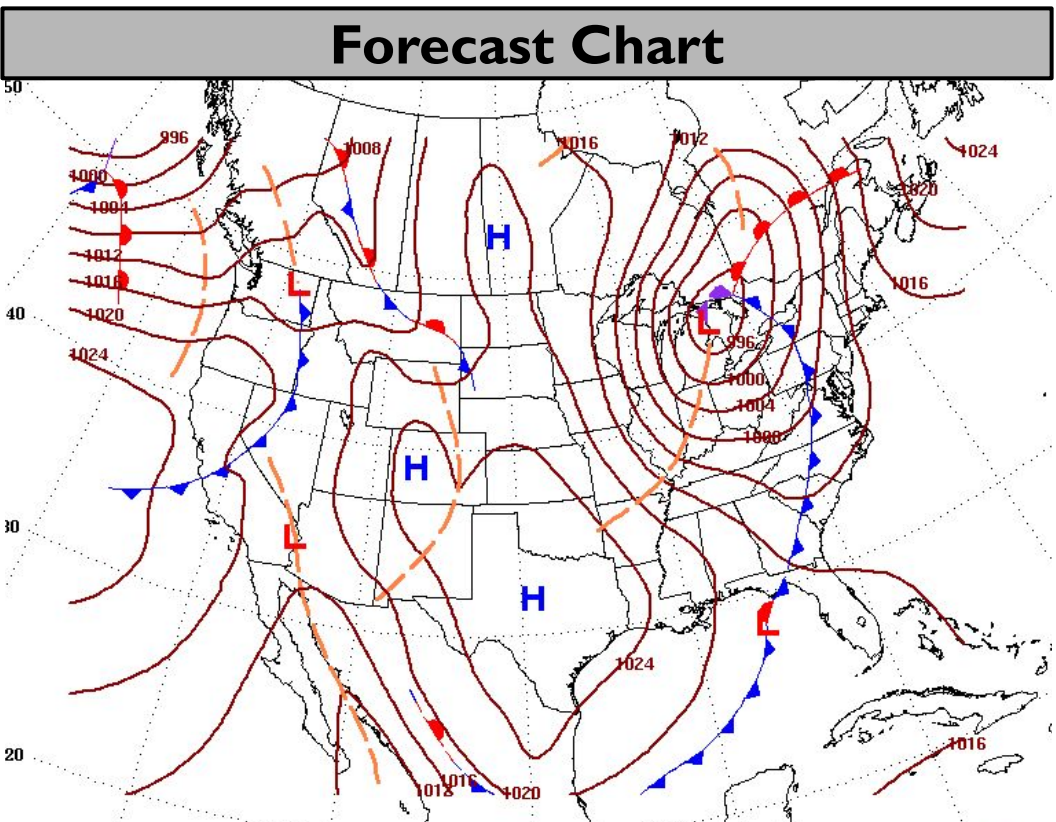


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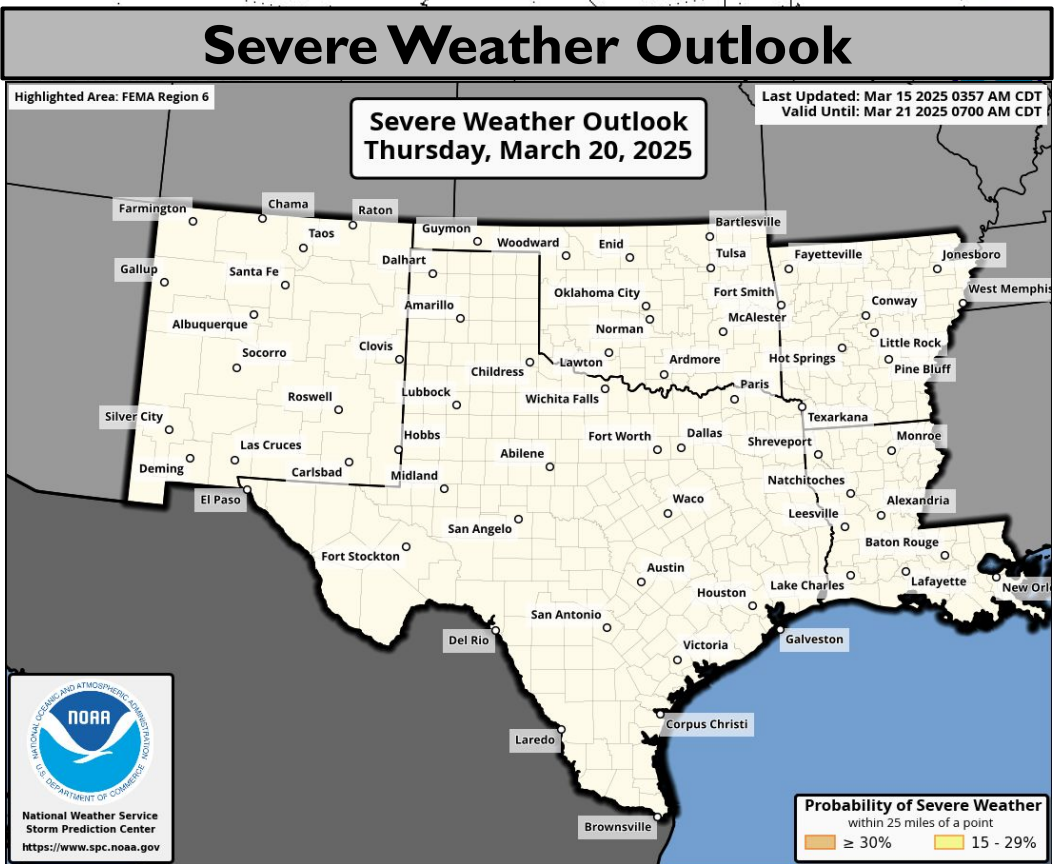




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Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in SE NM, N/W/STX.

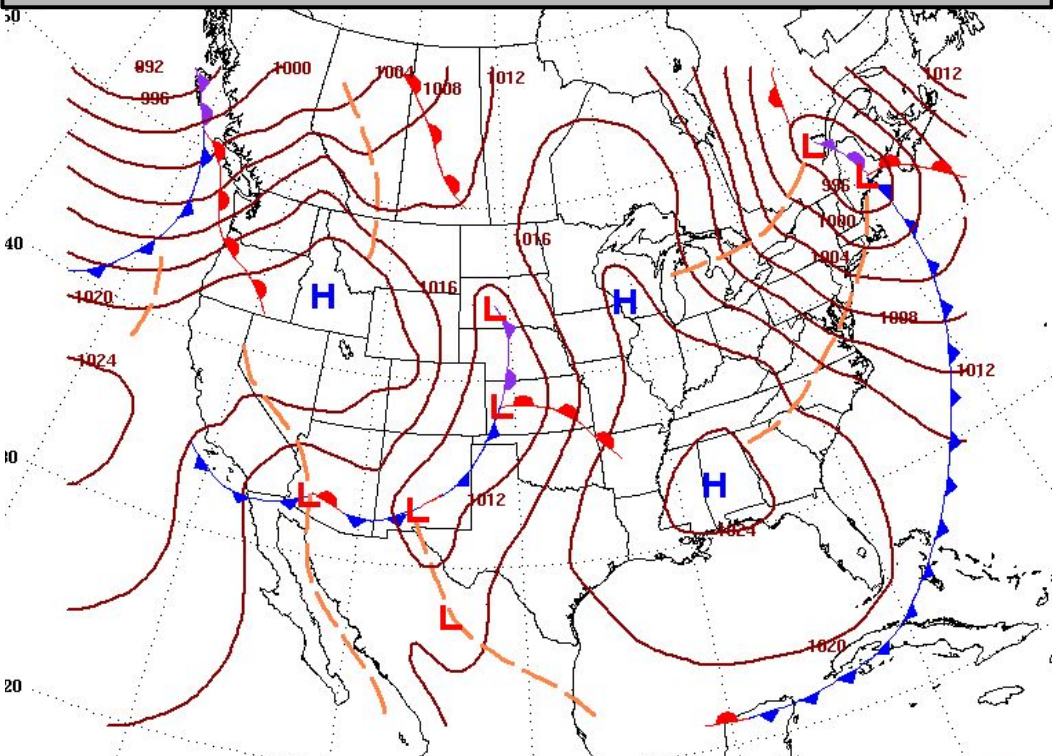


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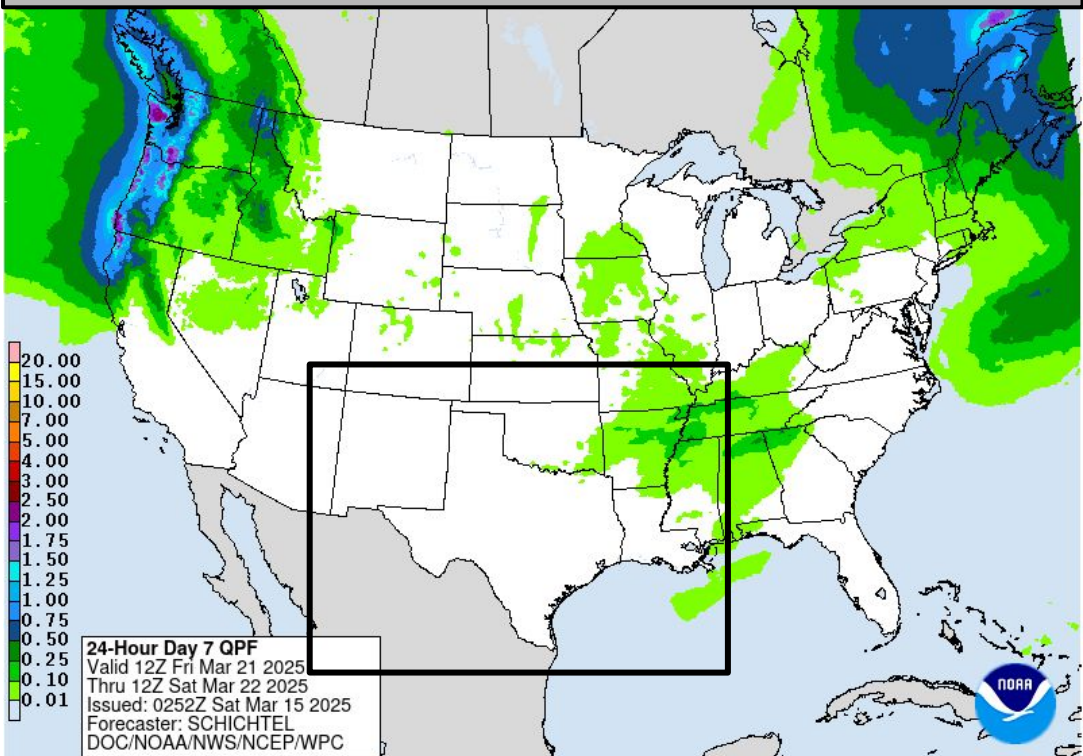


Friday's Weather

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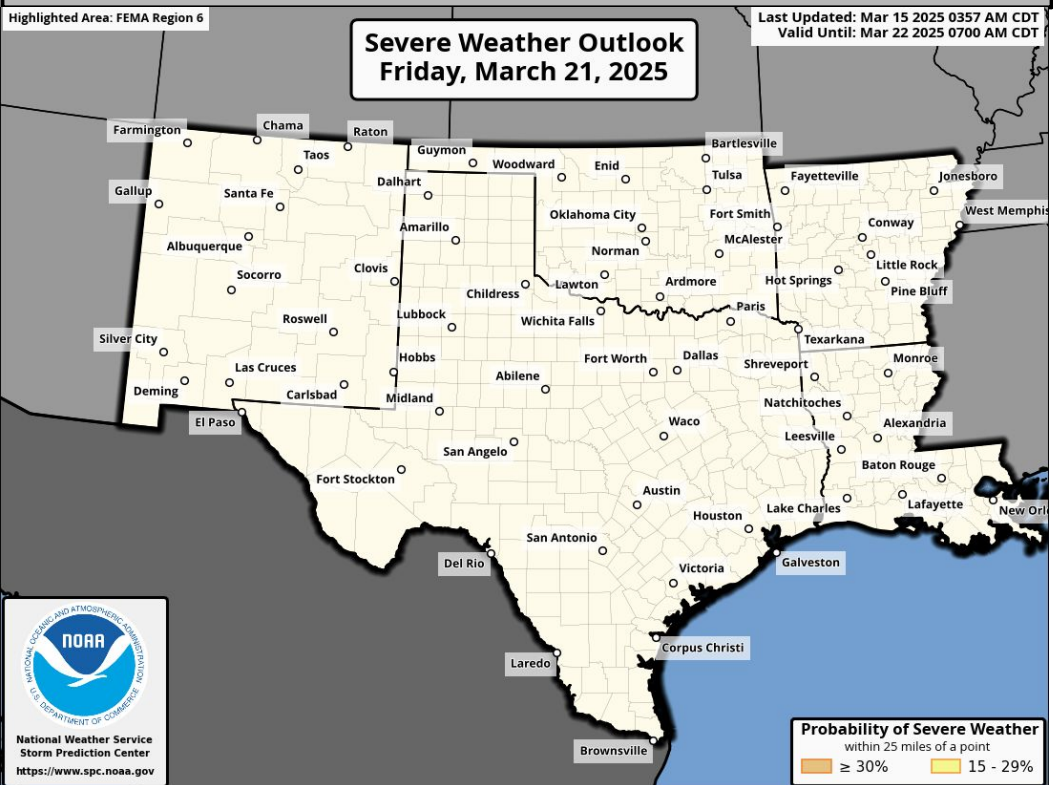


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

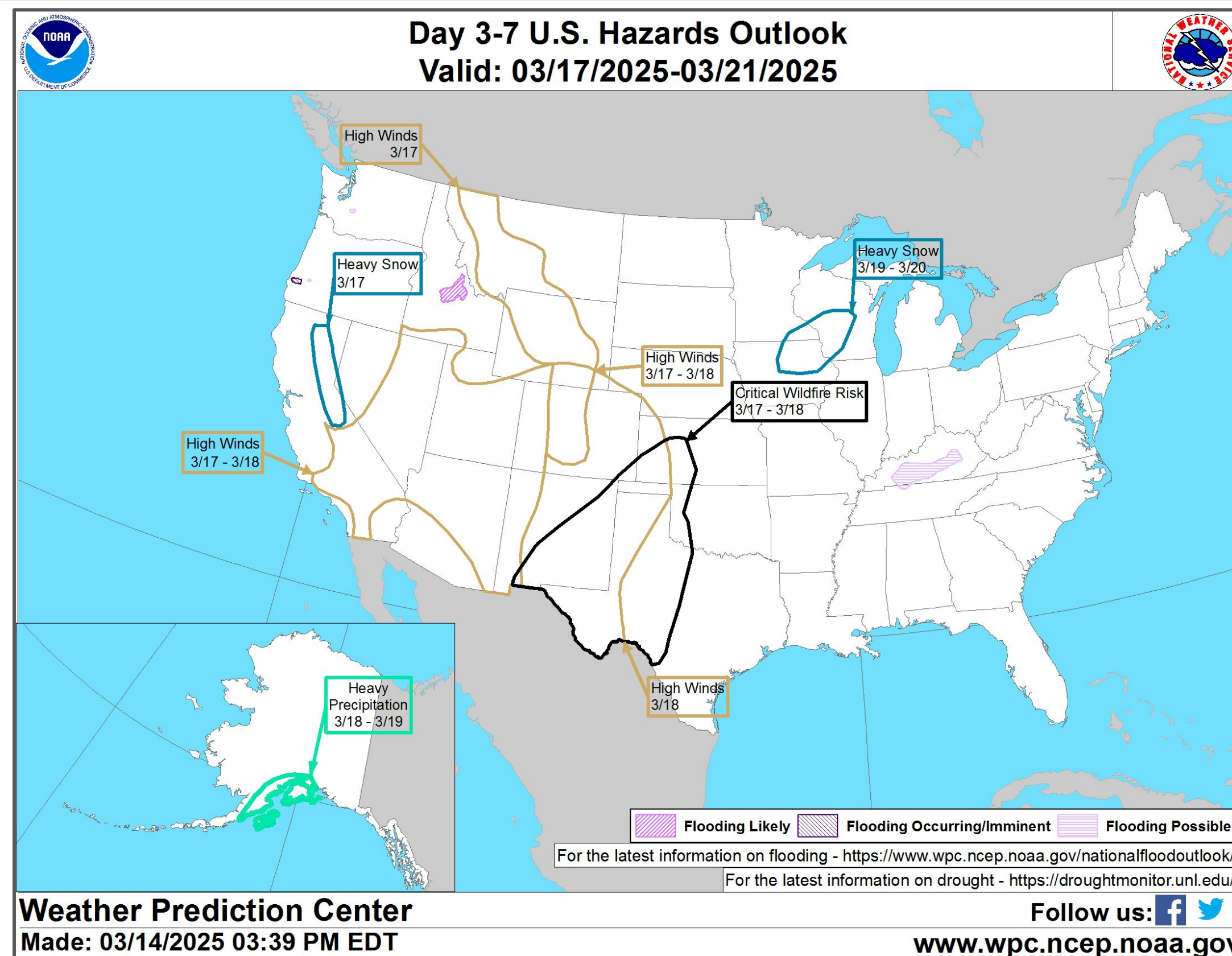


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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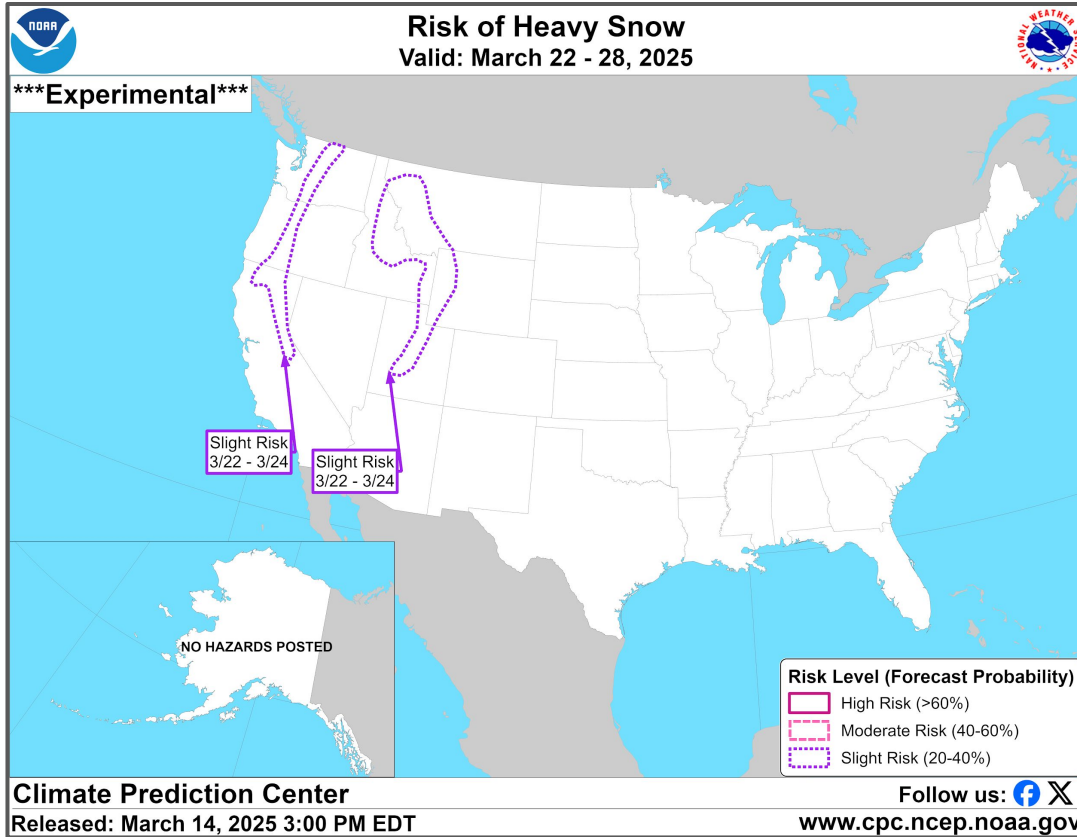
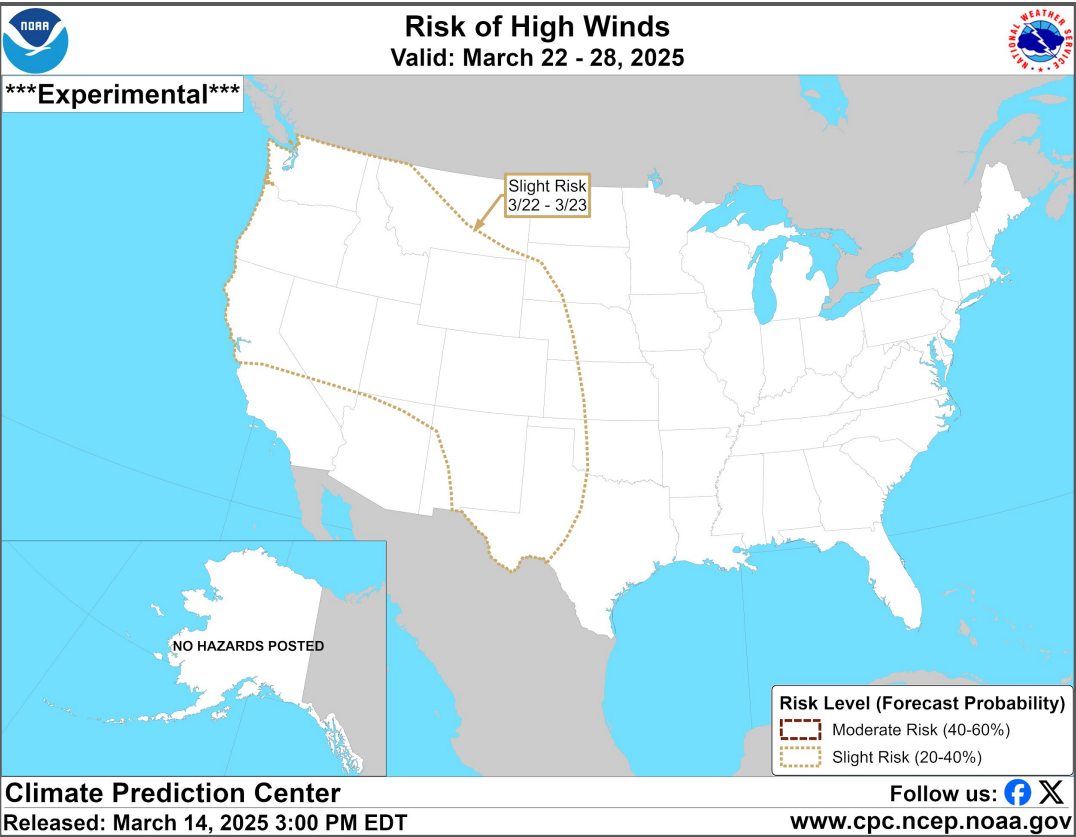
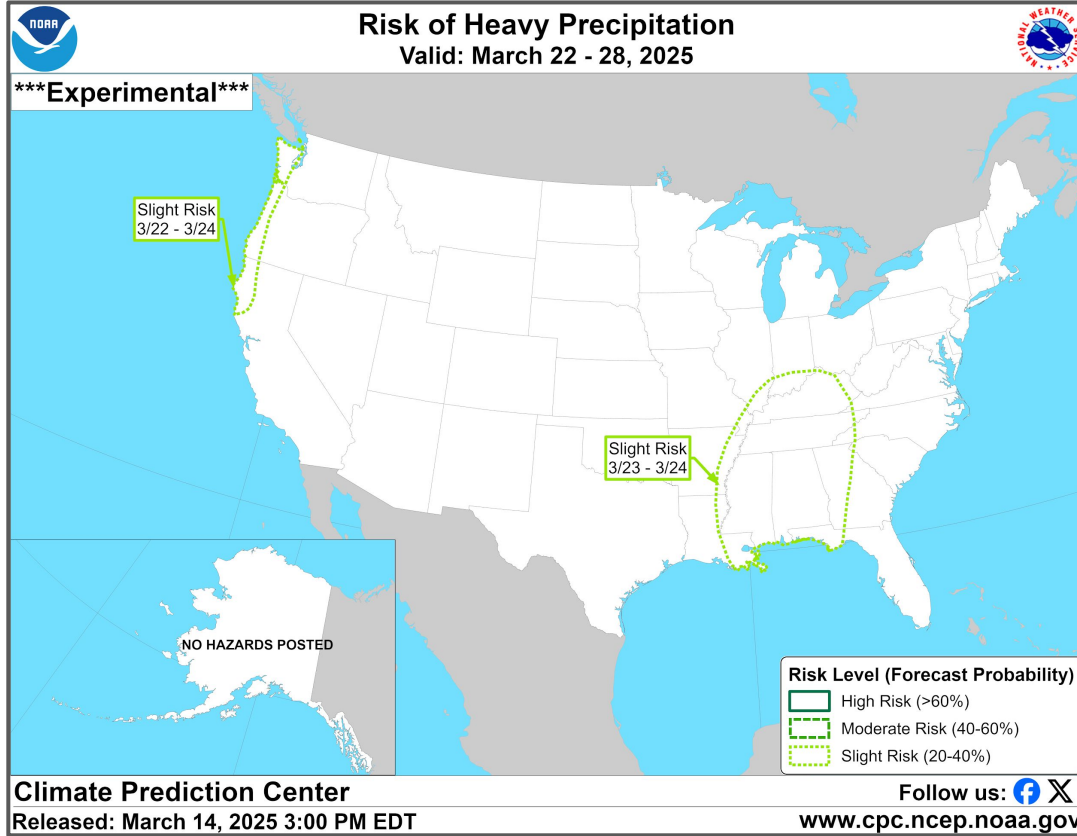
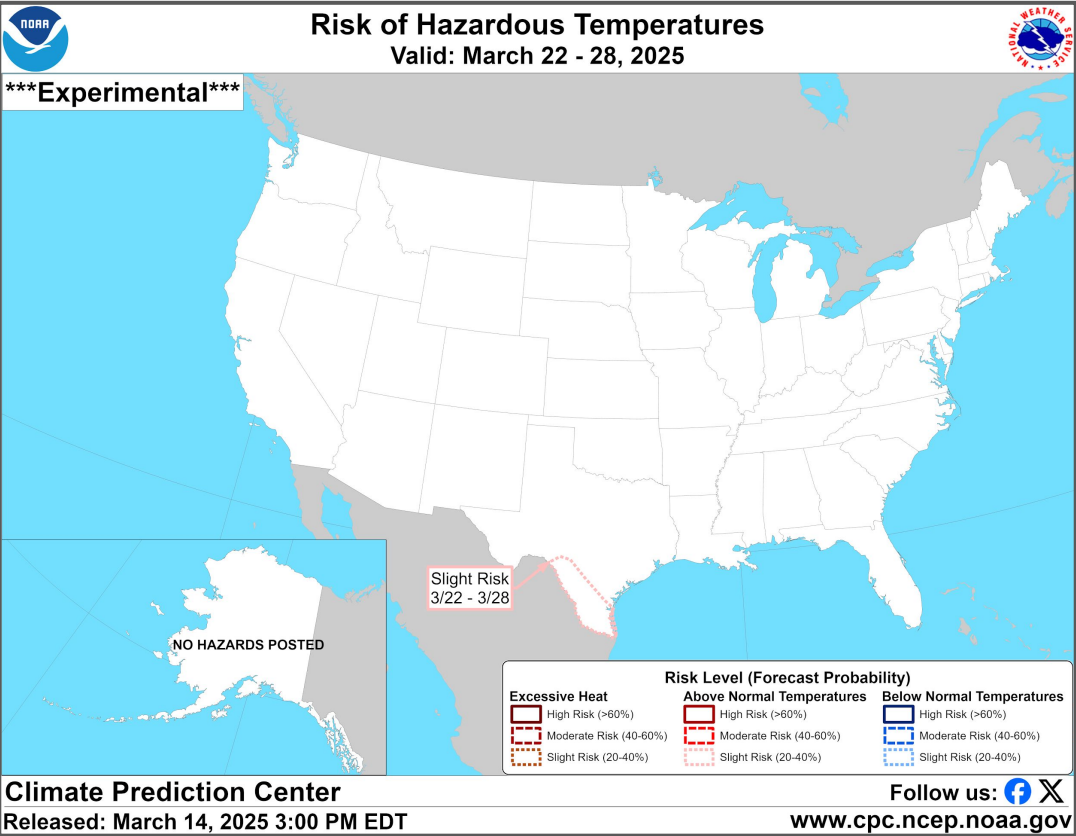
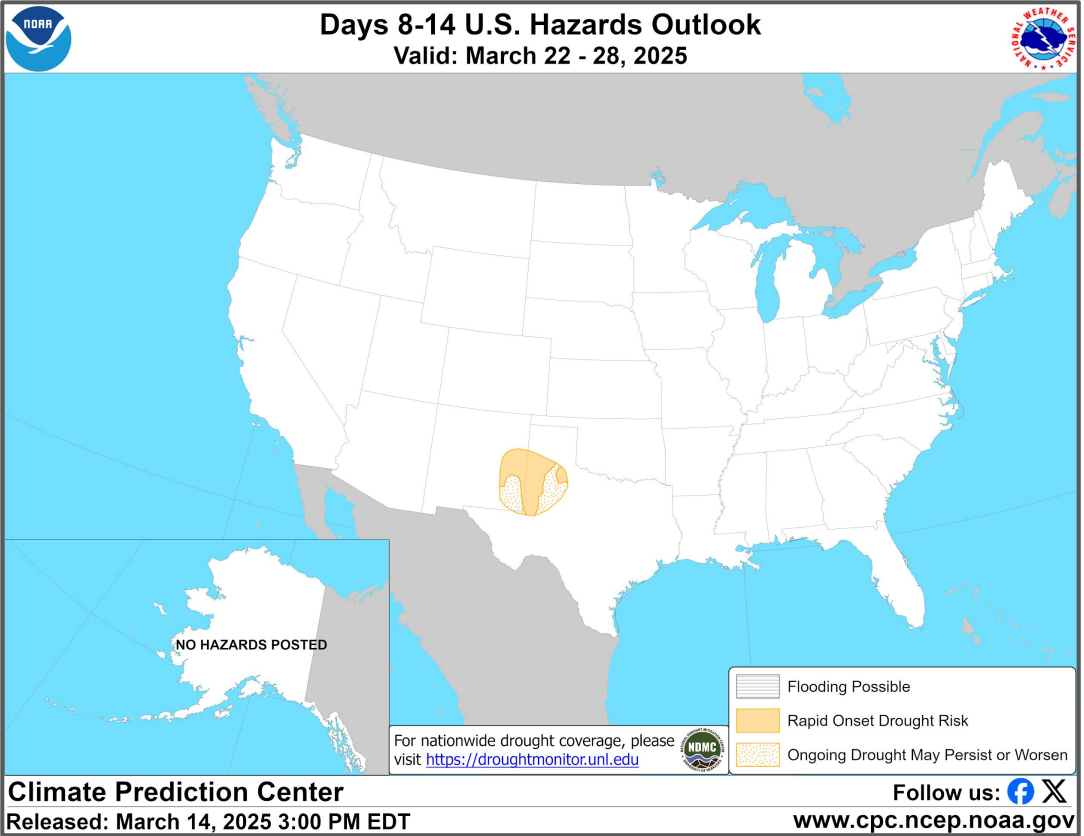
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“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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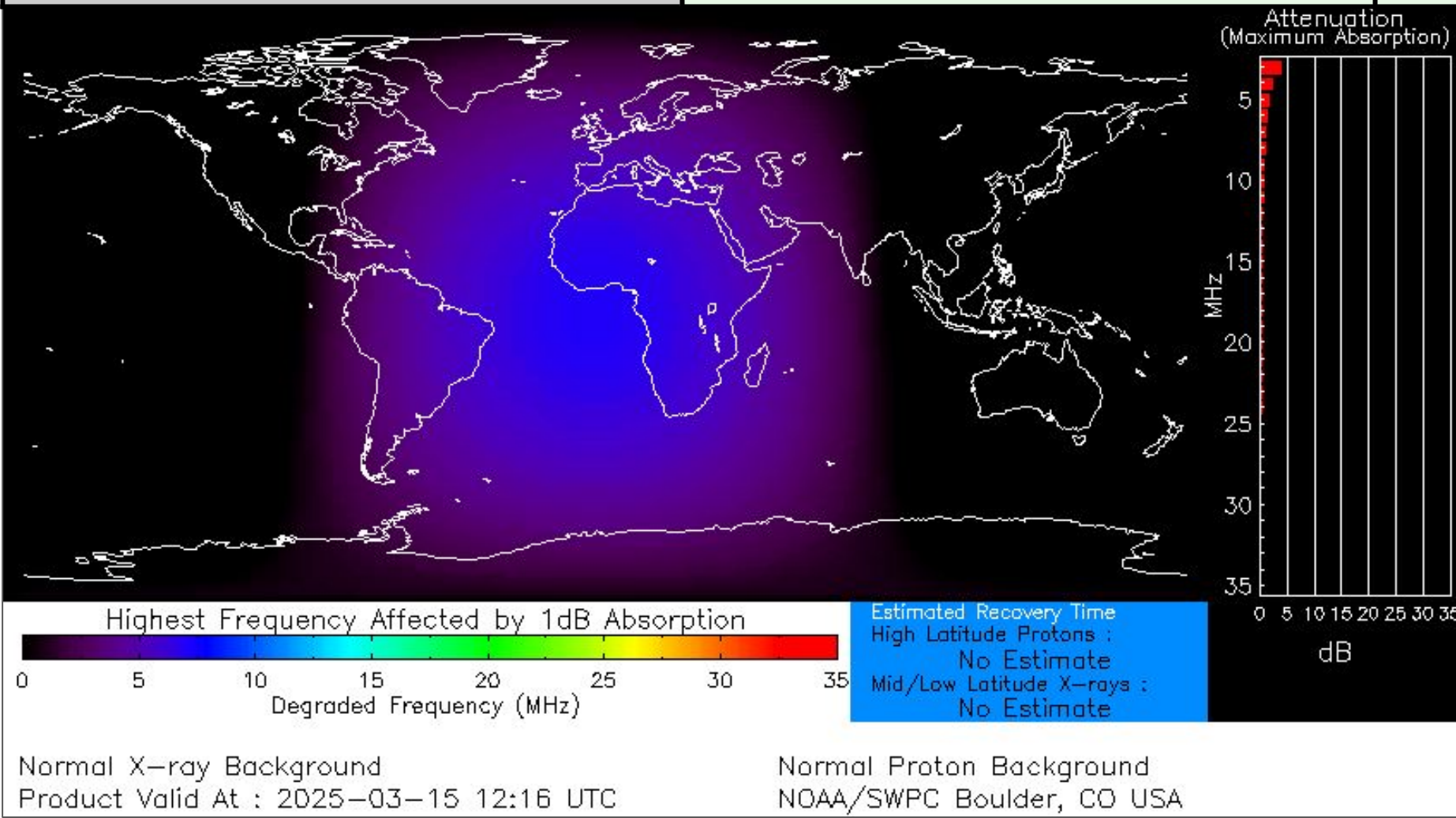
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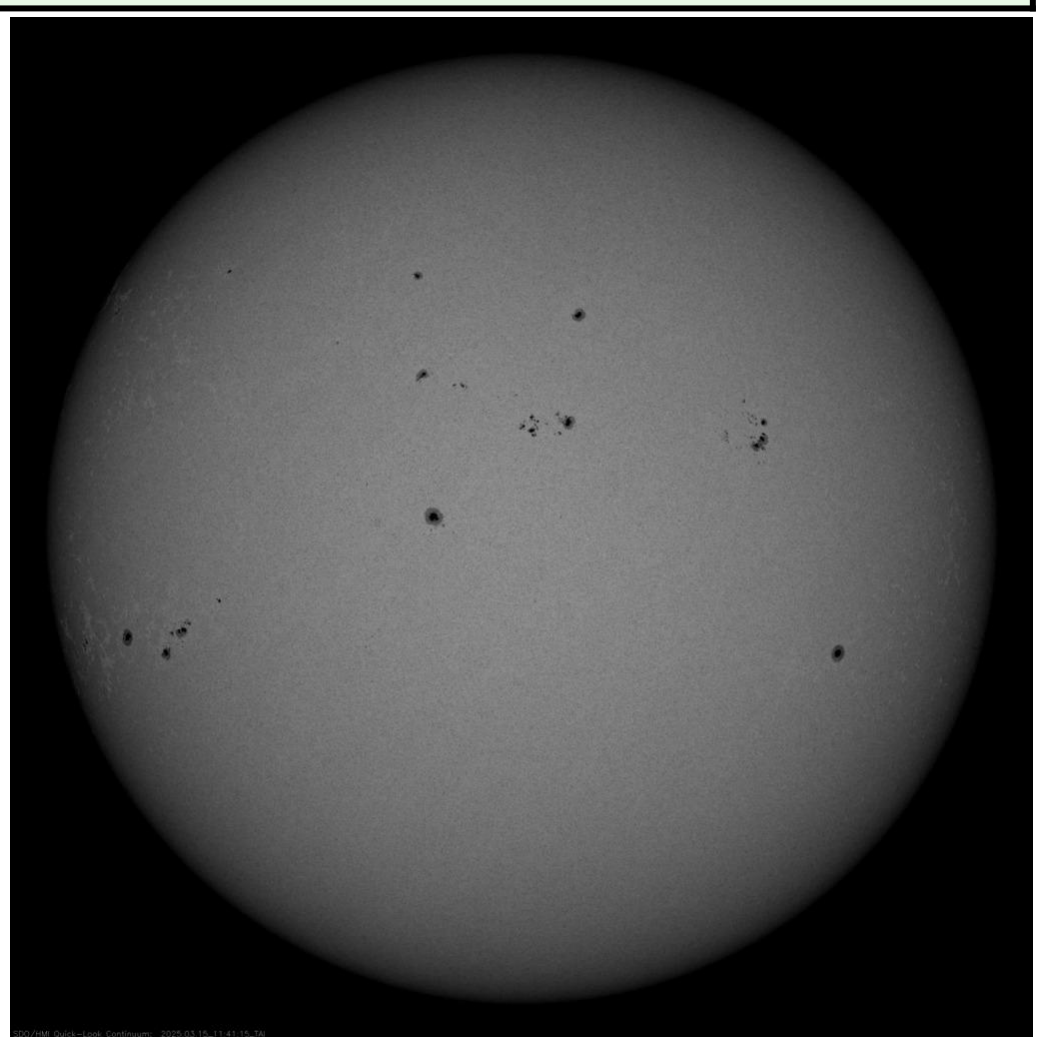
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 15	Sunday, Mar 16	Monday, Mar 17
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	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