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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Critical to Extreme (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns this afternoon in NM, W TX, and W OK.**
- **Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns continue through the week for much of NM, OK, and TX.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather Sunday for S AR, E TX, and N LA. Mainly a hail threat.**
- **Isolated minor river flooding continues across E TX through the remainder of the week.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Mar 18	Wednesday, Mar 19	Thursday, Mar 20	Friday, Mar 21	Saturday, Mar 22	Sunday, Mar 23	Monday, Mar 24
Severe Storms						SAR, ETX, N LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX	SE NM, N/W/C/STX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W/S TX, W OK	SE NM, W/NTX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	E NM, N/W TX	N/W TX	
Winter							
River Flooding	ETX	ETX	ETX	ETX	ETX	ETX	ETX

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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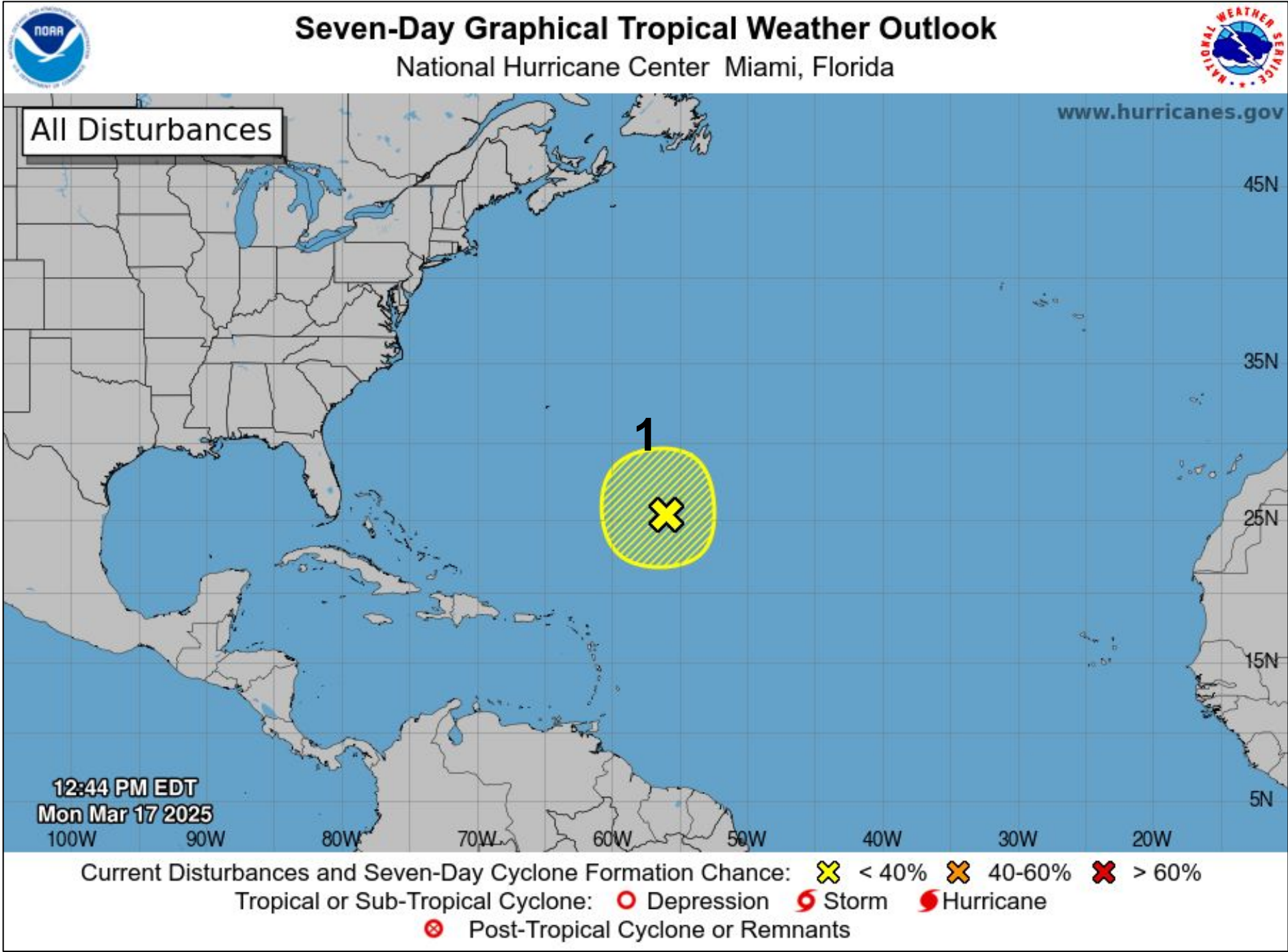
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Low / 10 %	None

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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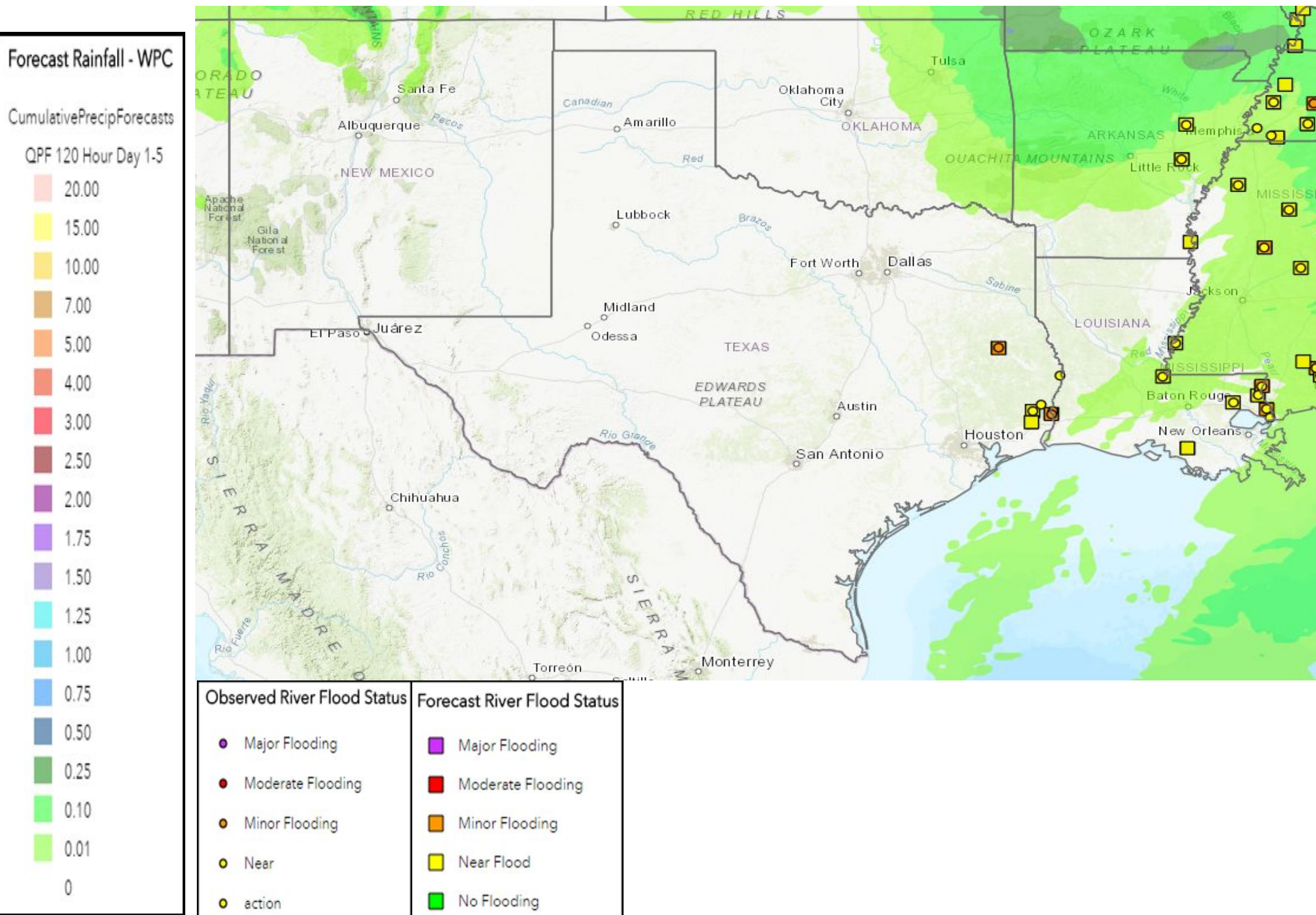
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



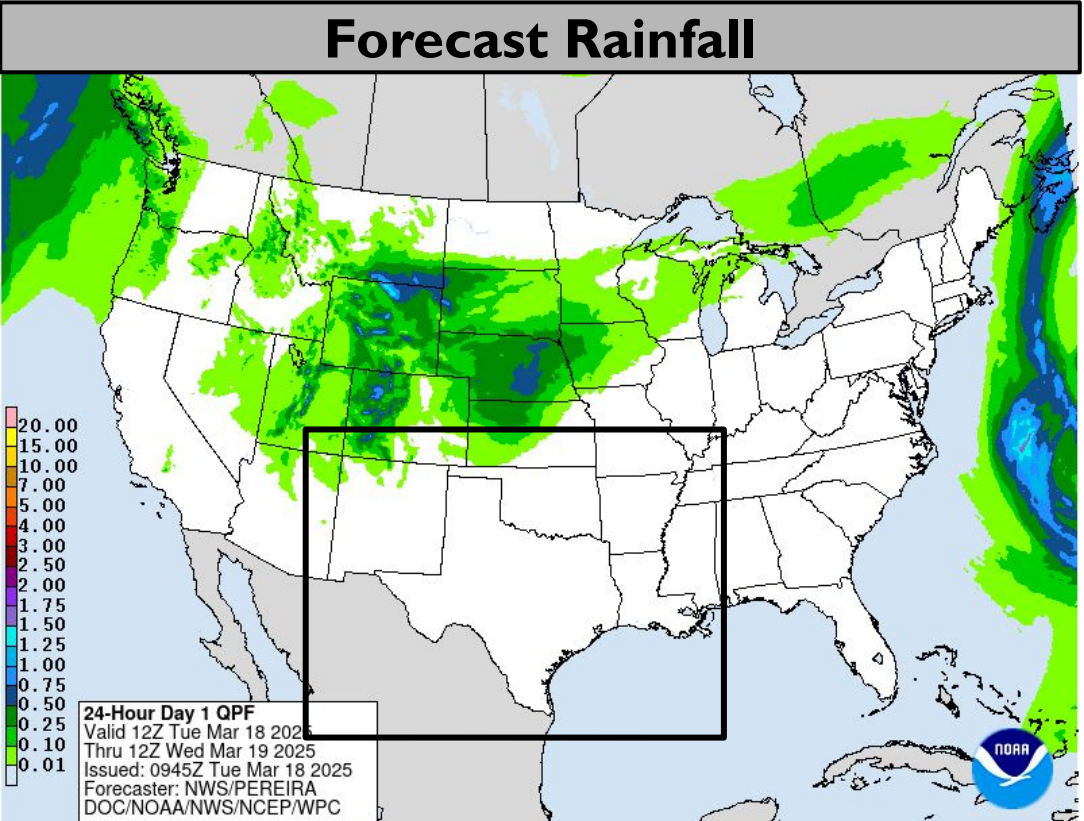
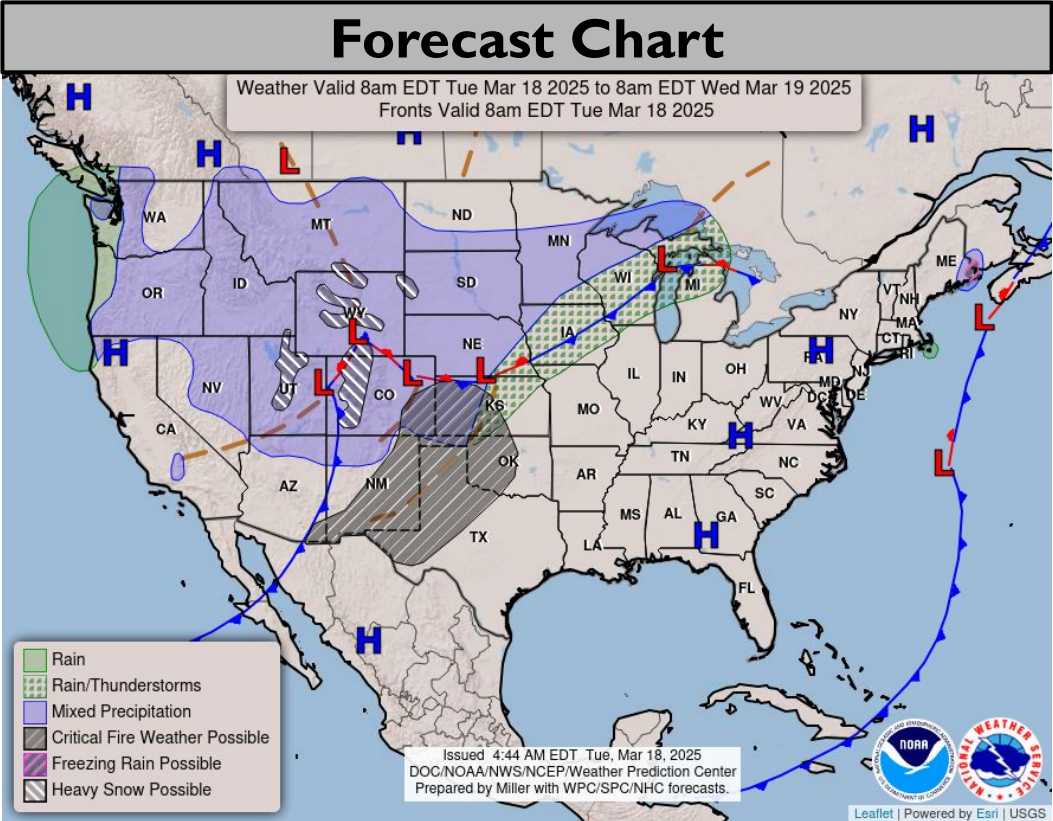
Isolated minor river flooding in across E TX through the remainder of the week.

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.

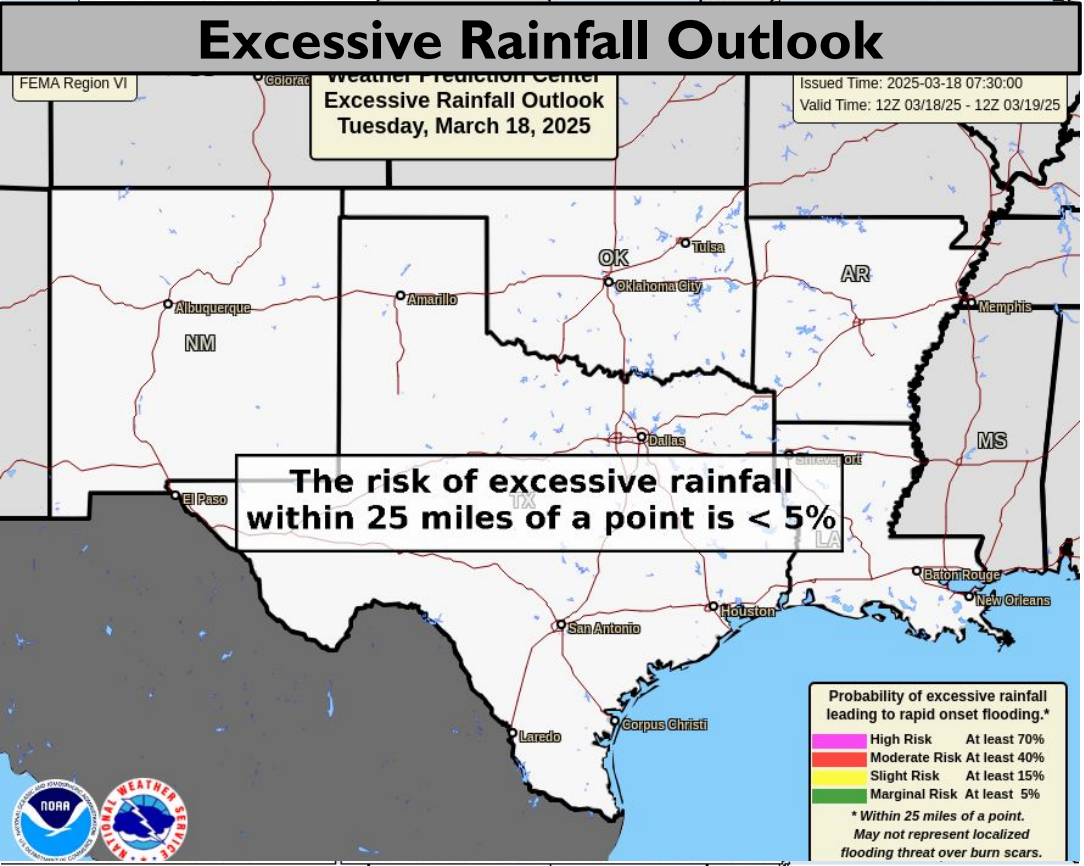
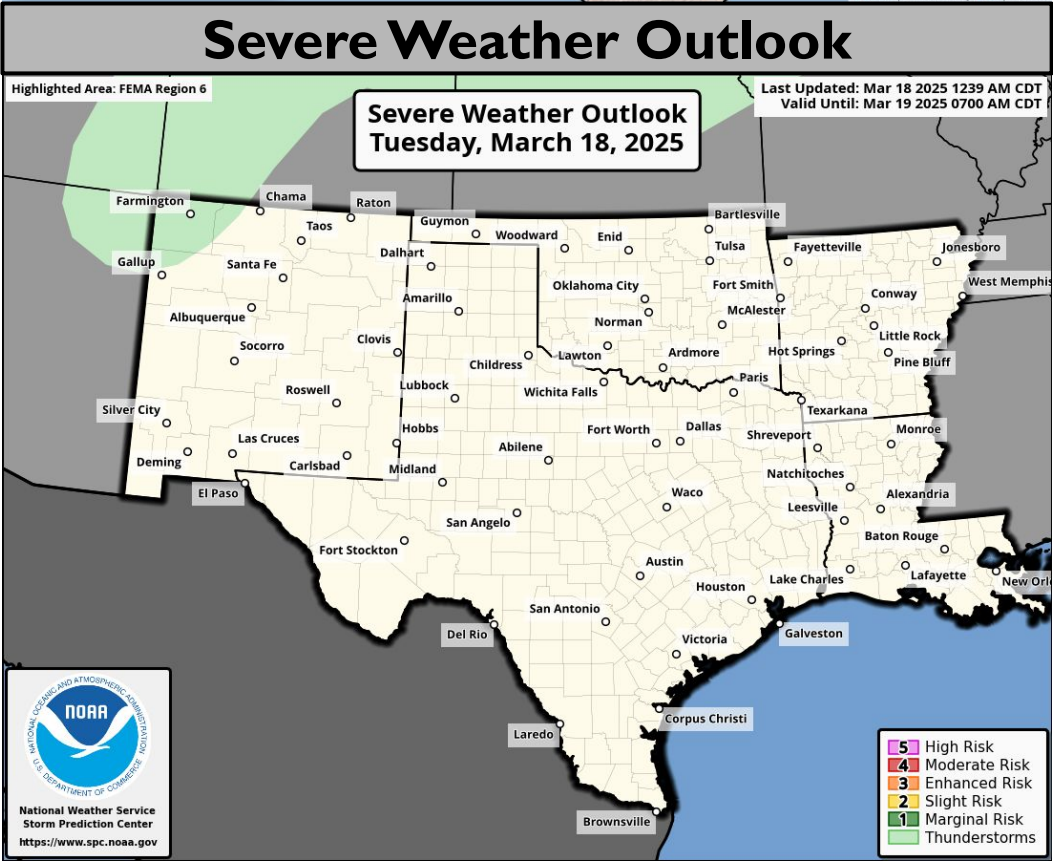




Today's Weather

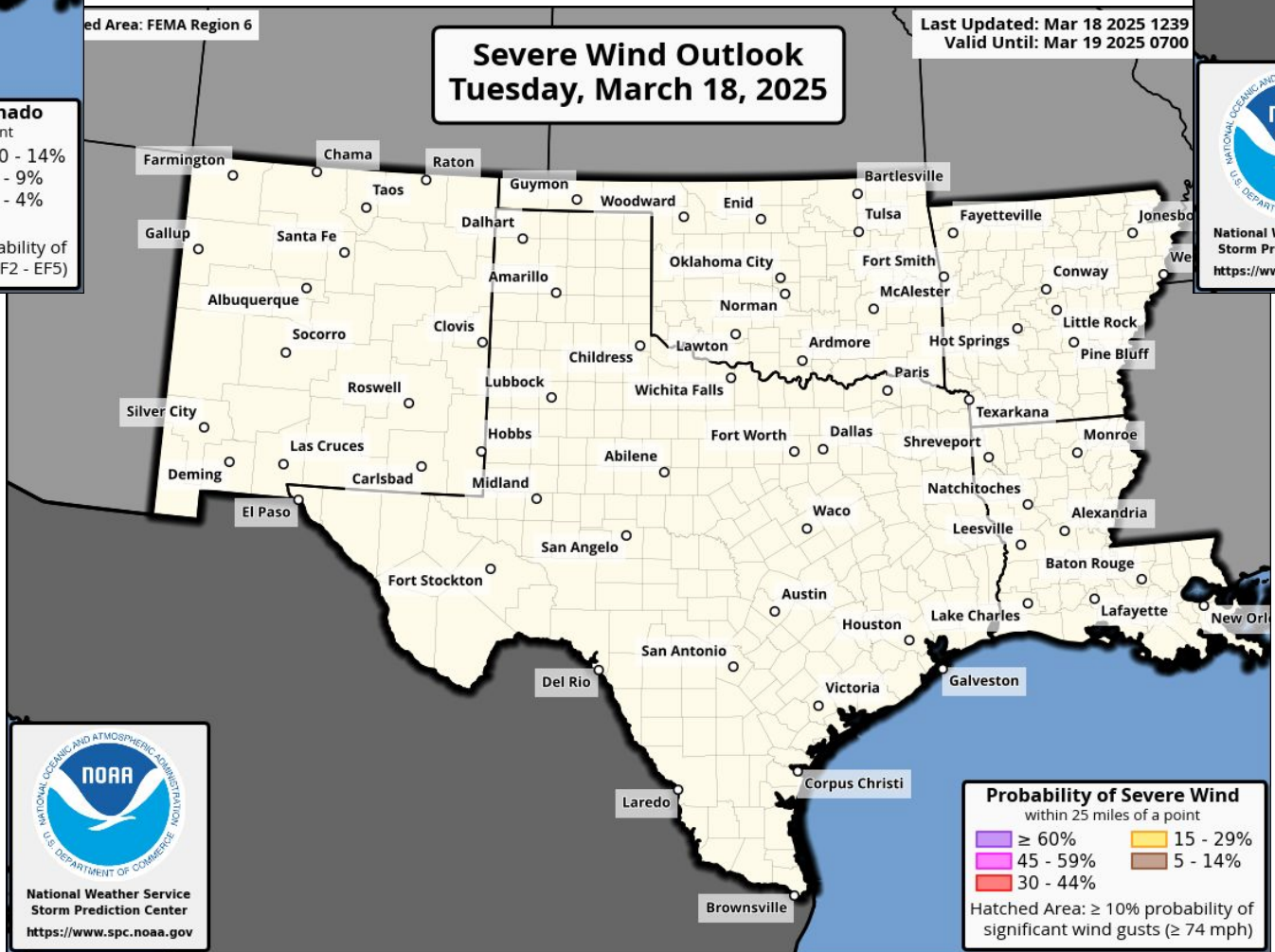
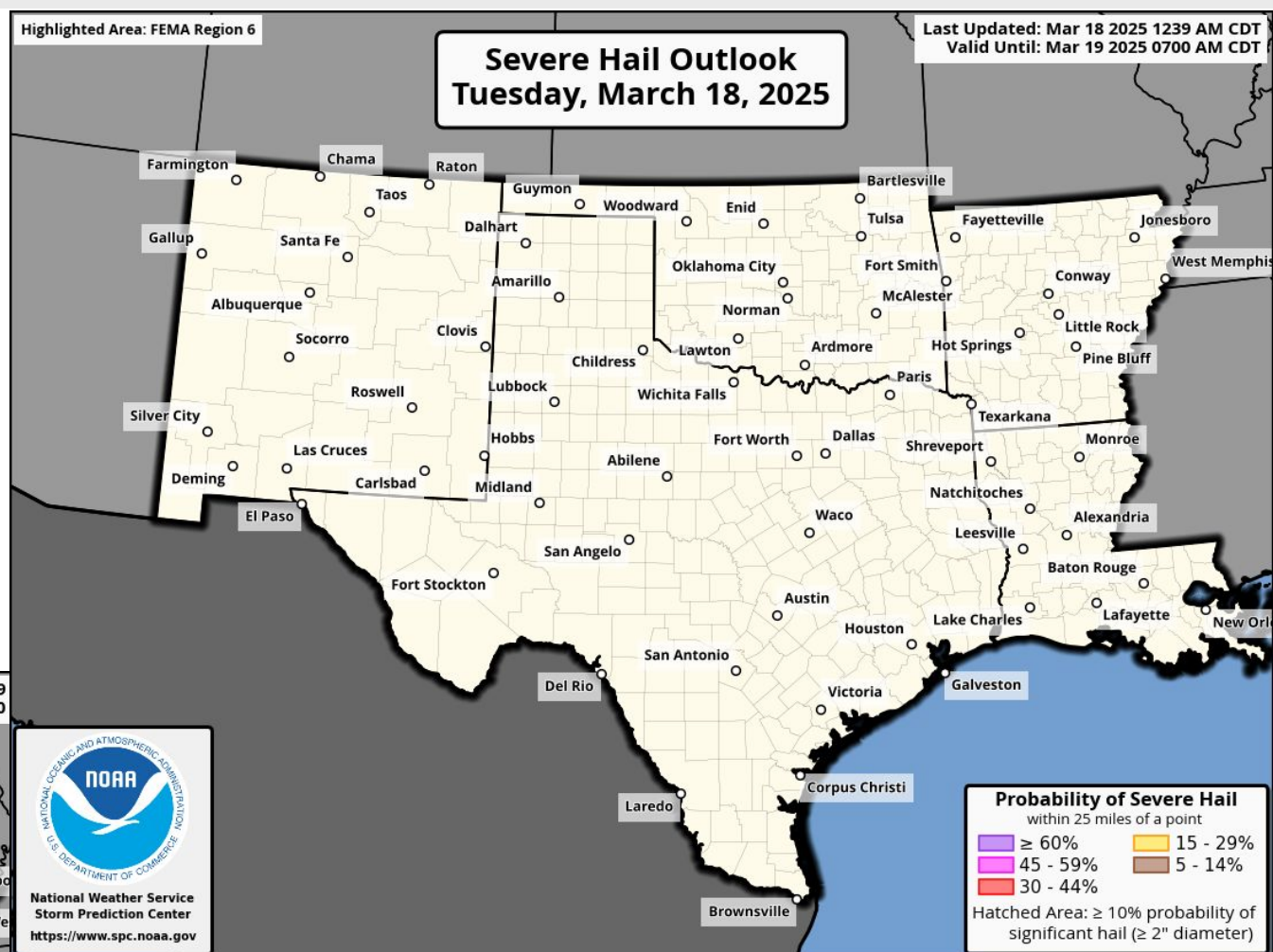
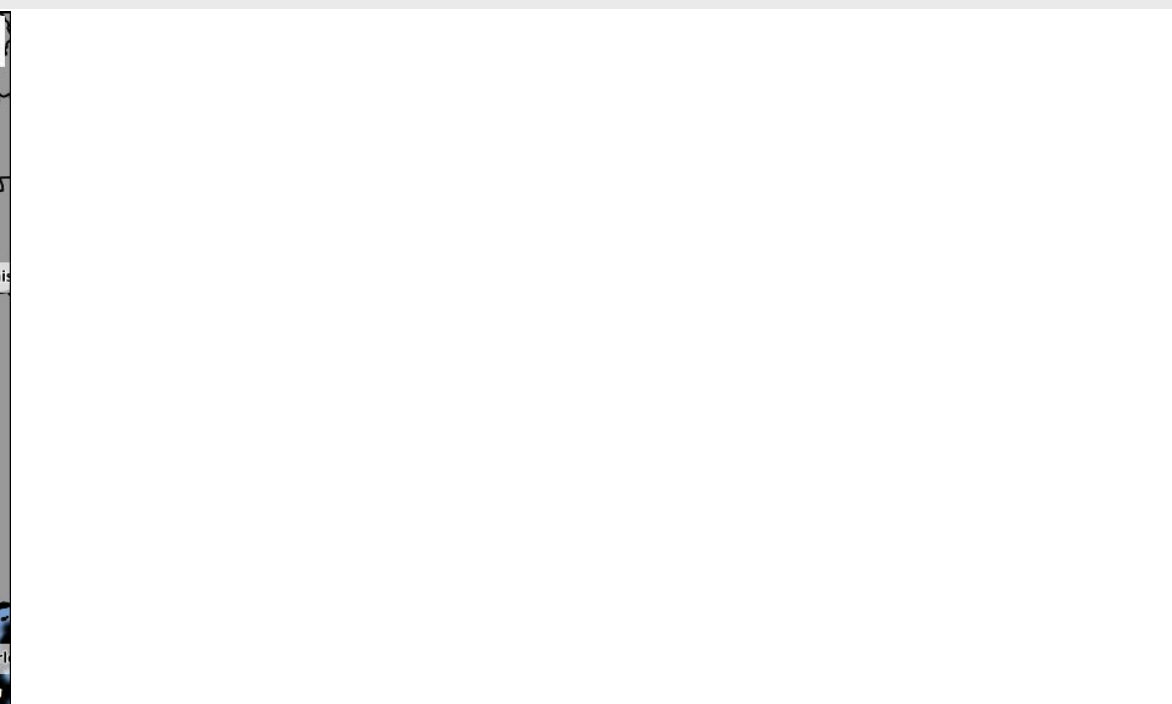
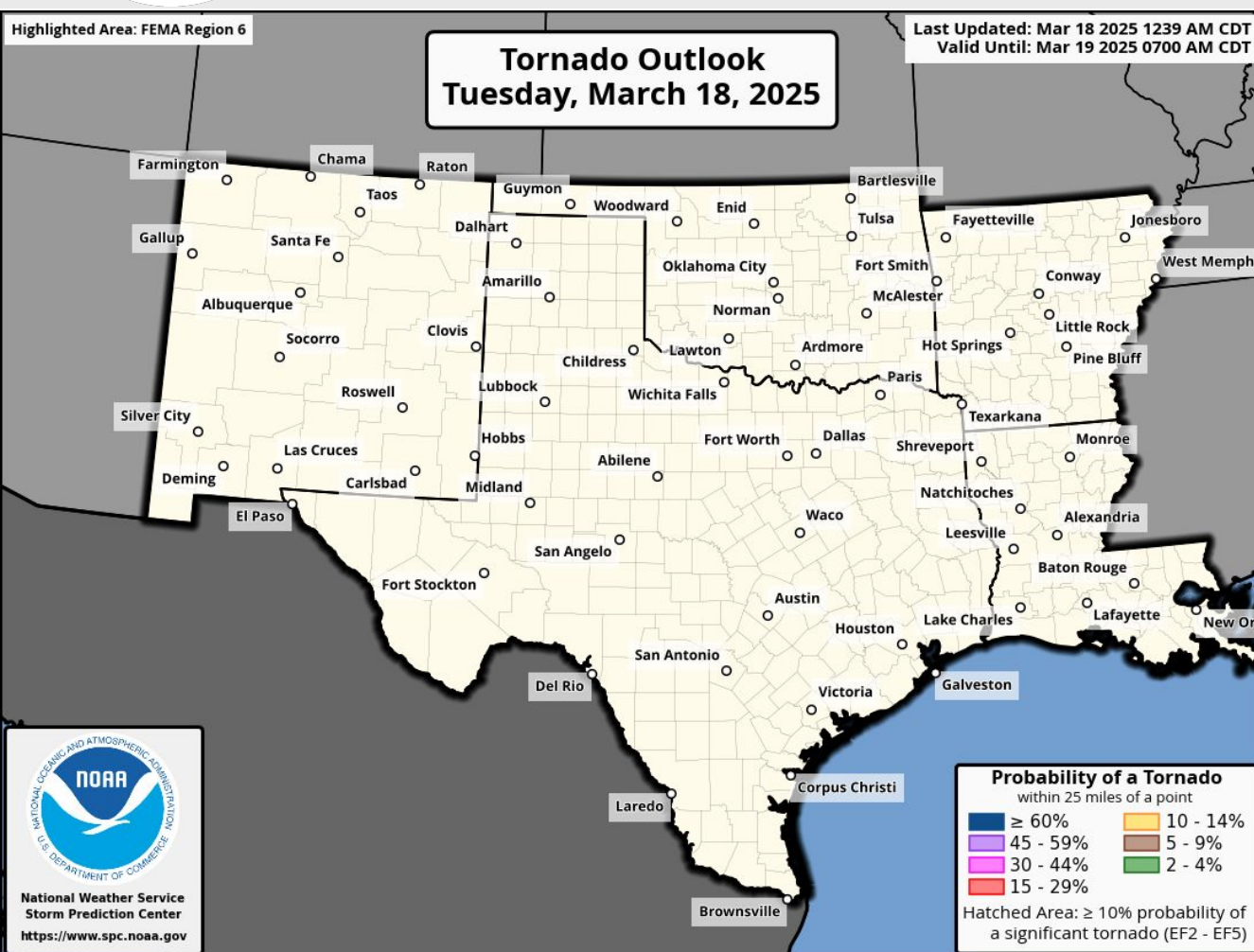


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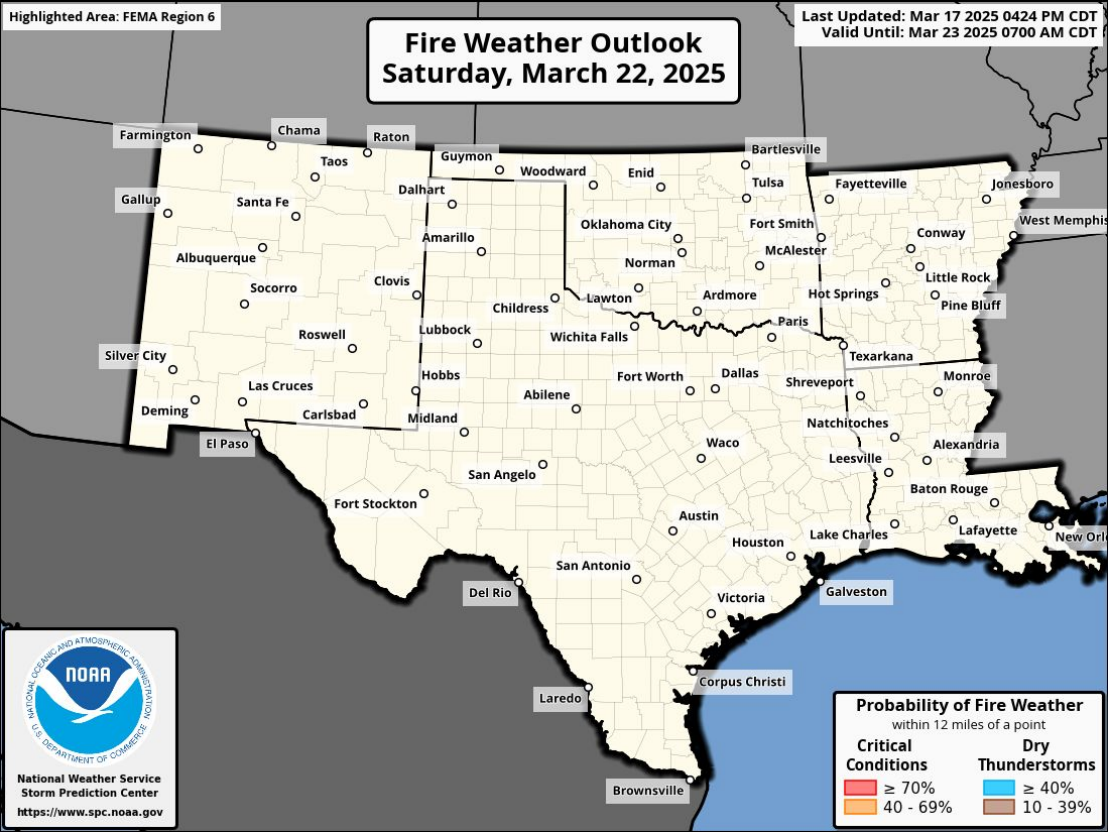
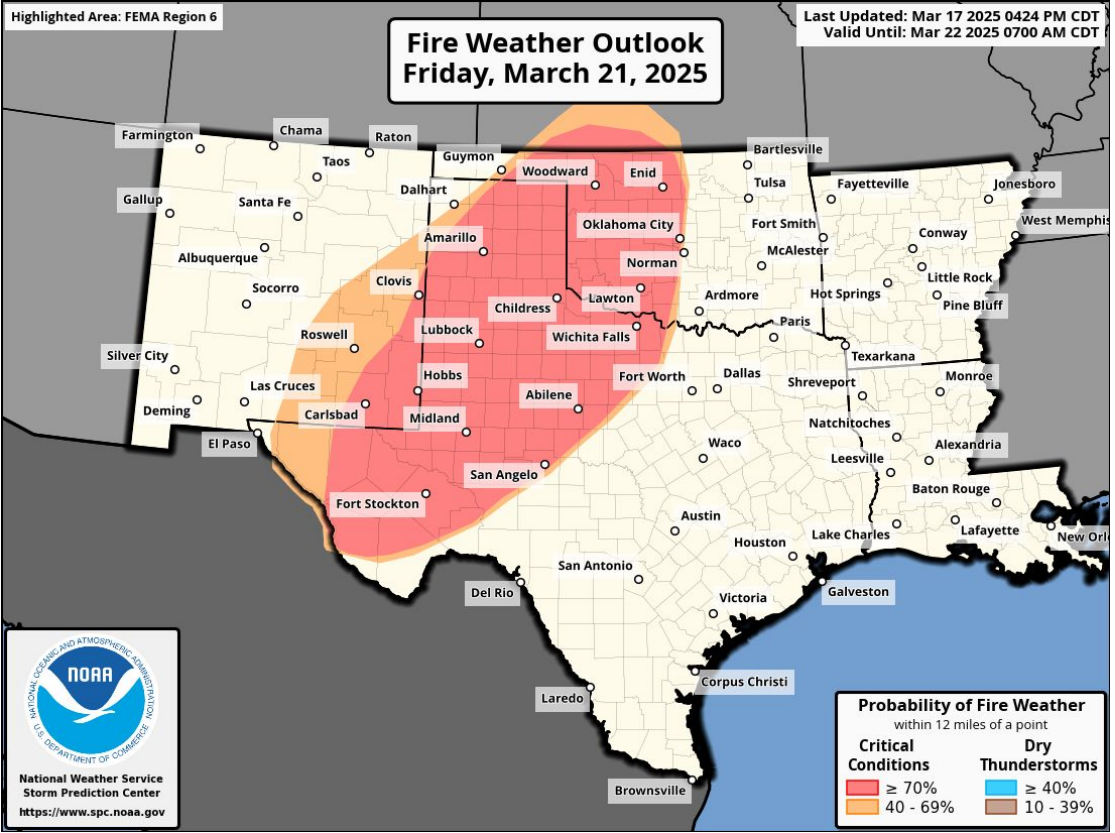
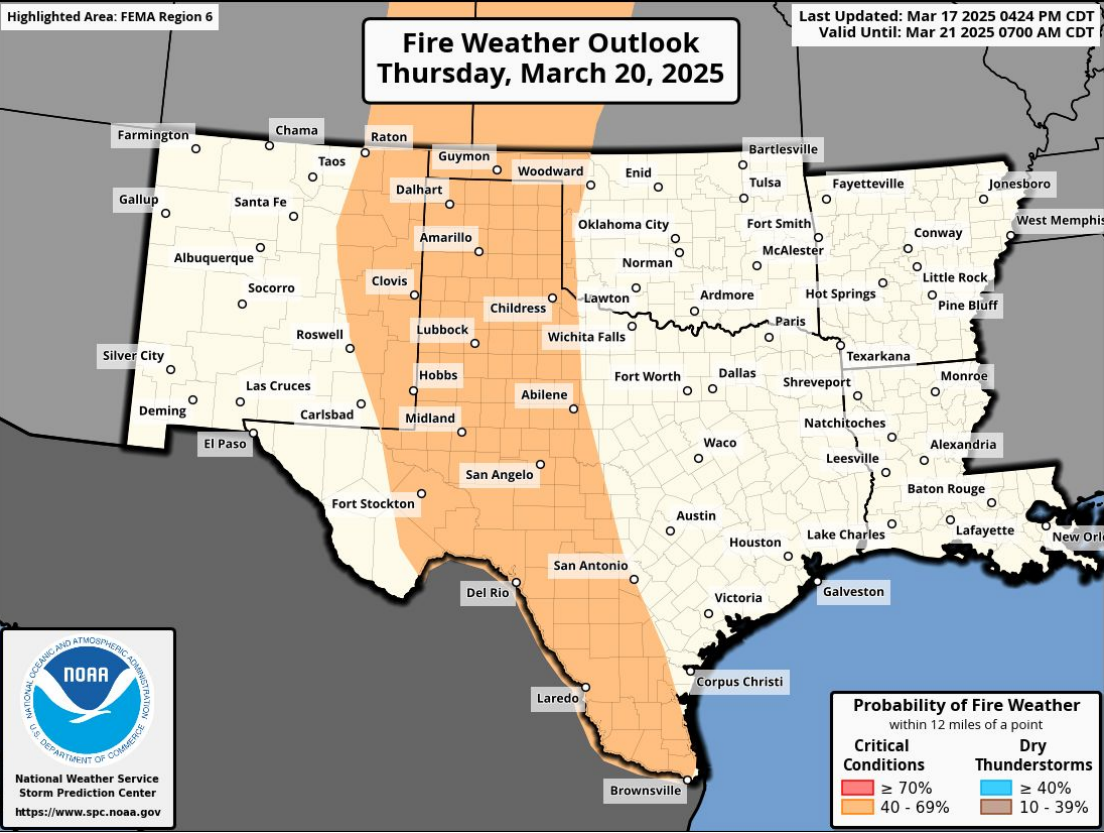
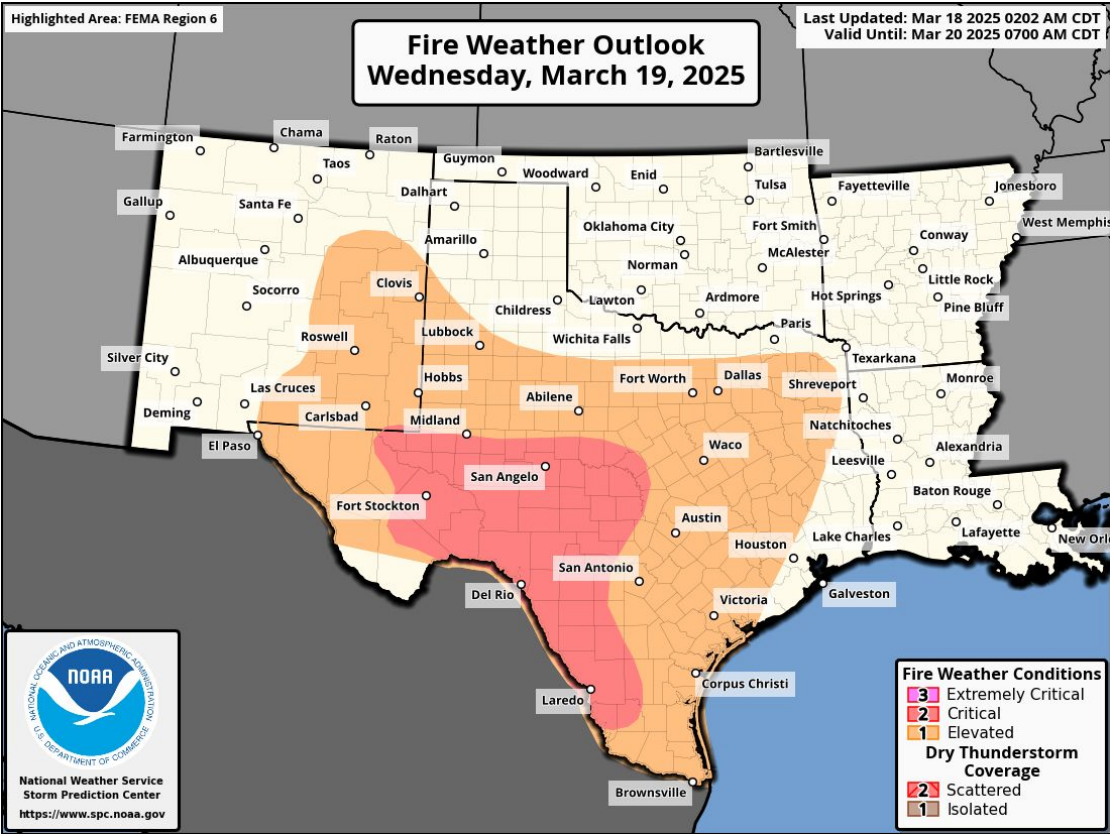
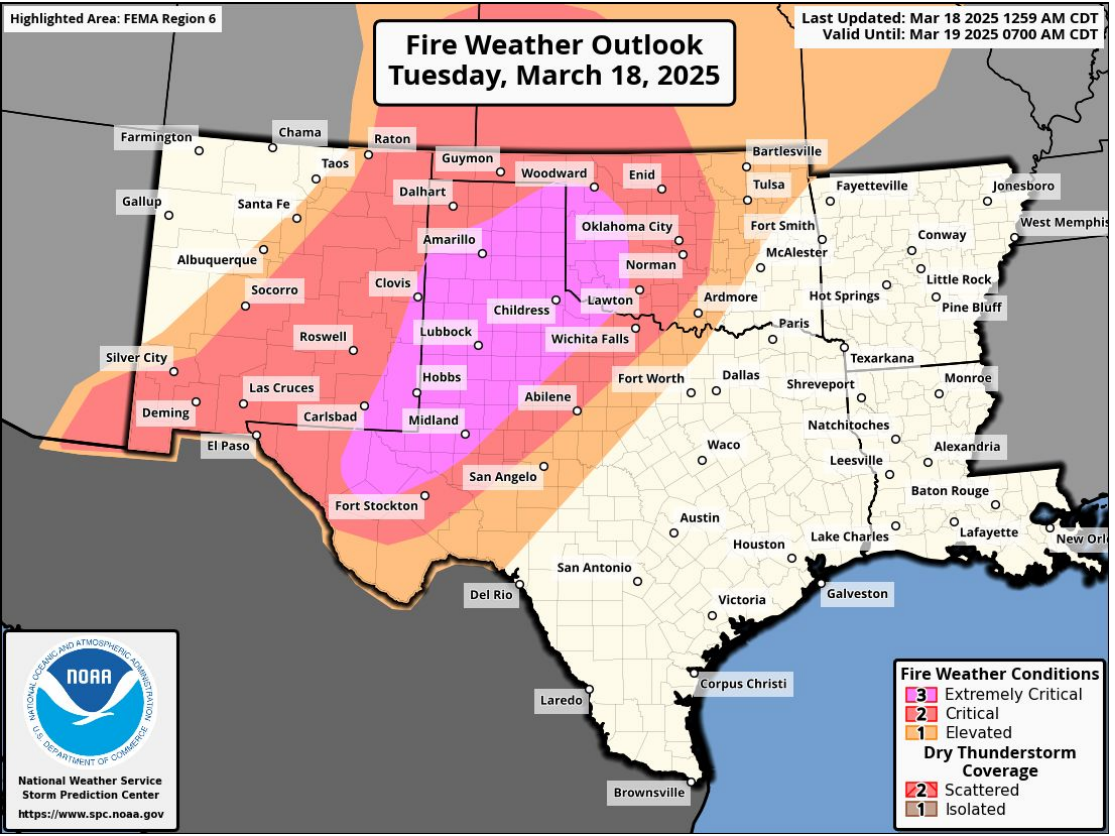
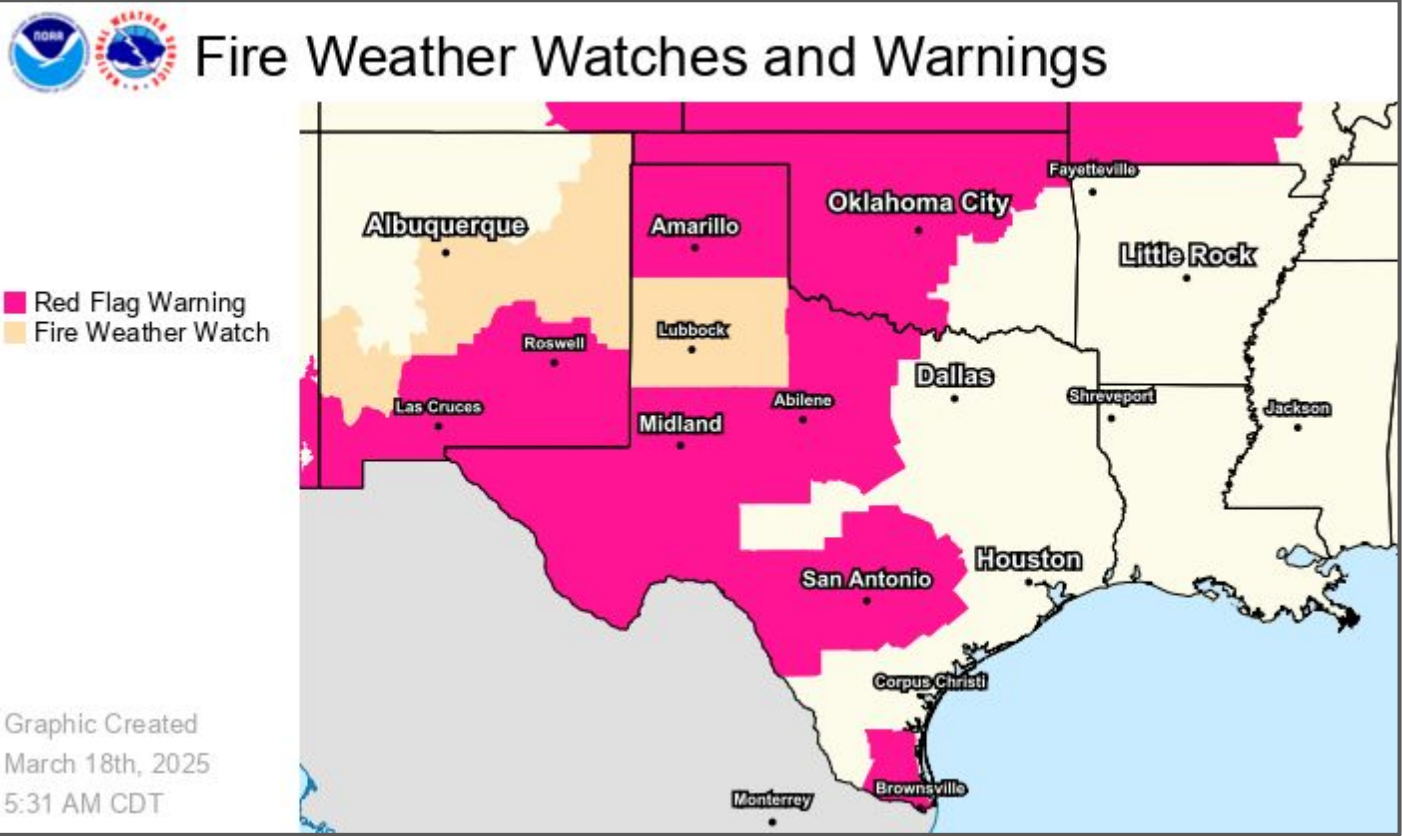


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





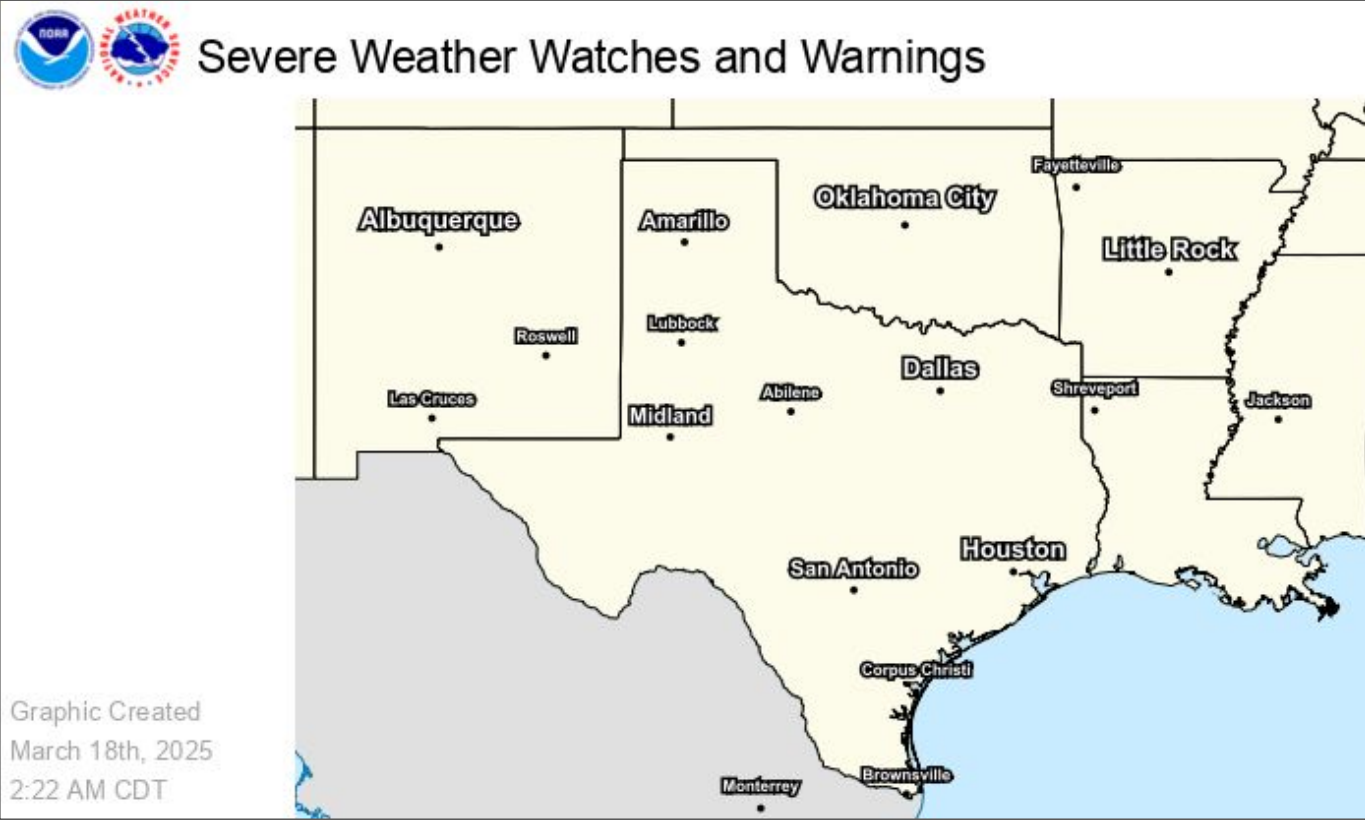
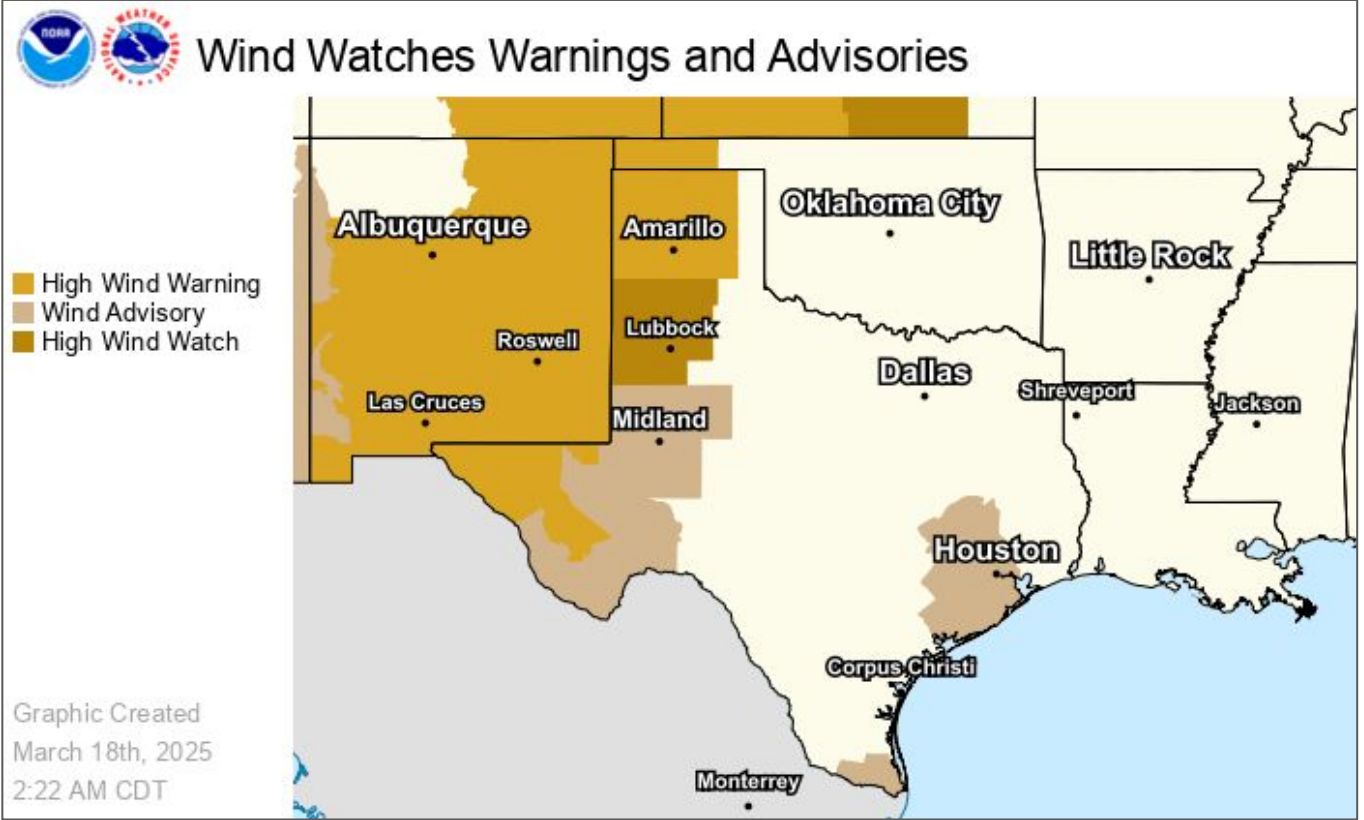
Fire Weather Outlooks



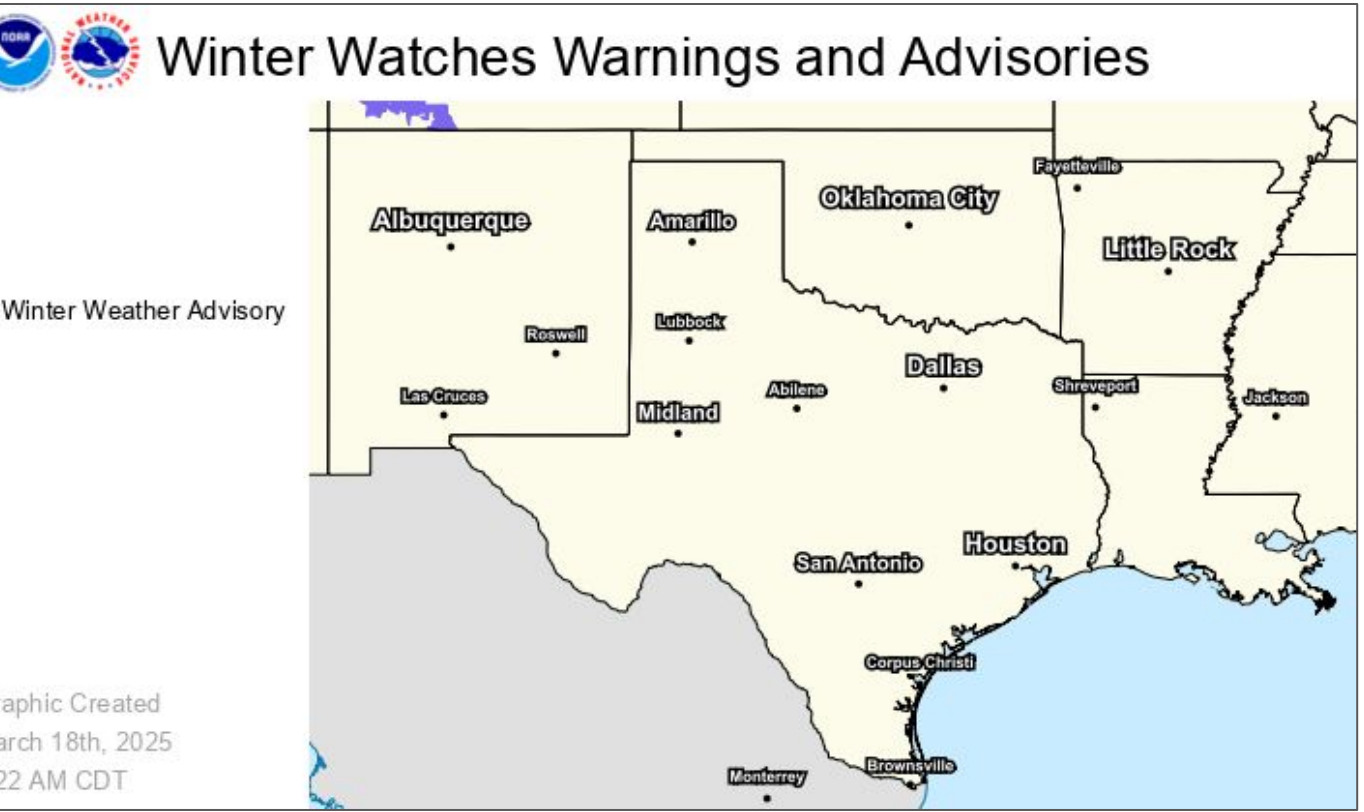


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



High wind warning in effect in NM for winds 40-50 mph. Gusts of 60-75 mph possible, leading to blowing dust. Valid through 3 AM MT Wednesday.

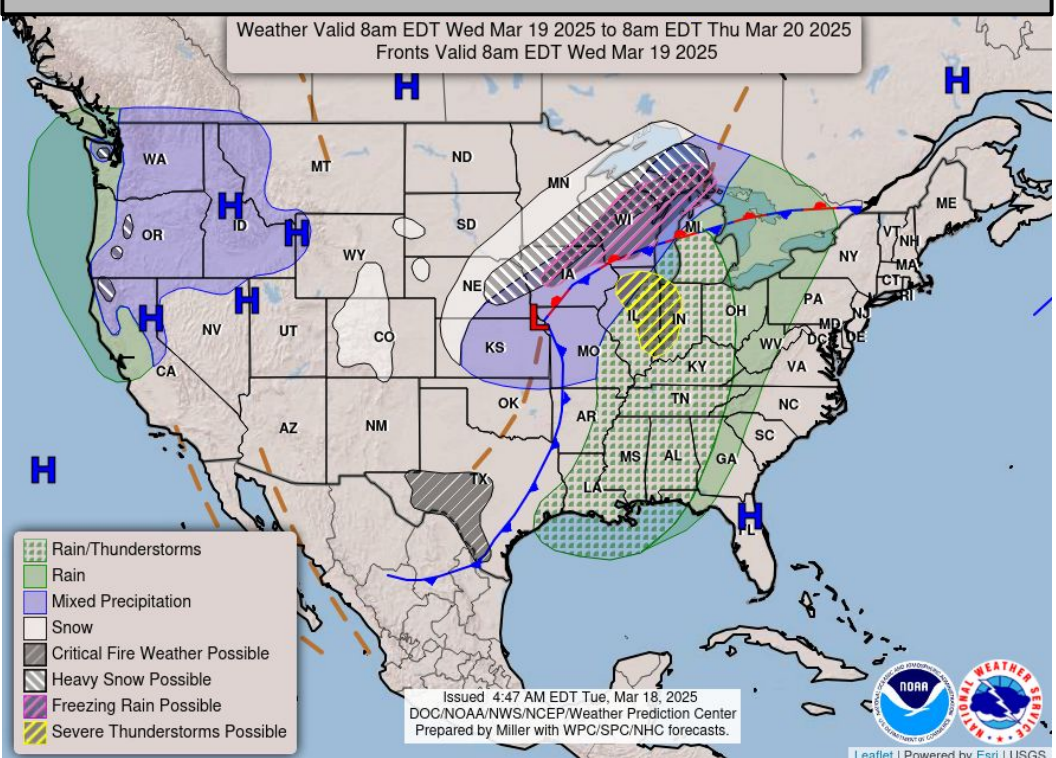


High Wind Warning for WTX, OK/TX Panhandle from 11 AM today through 3 AM CT tomorrow morning. Gusts up to 65 mph expected.

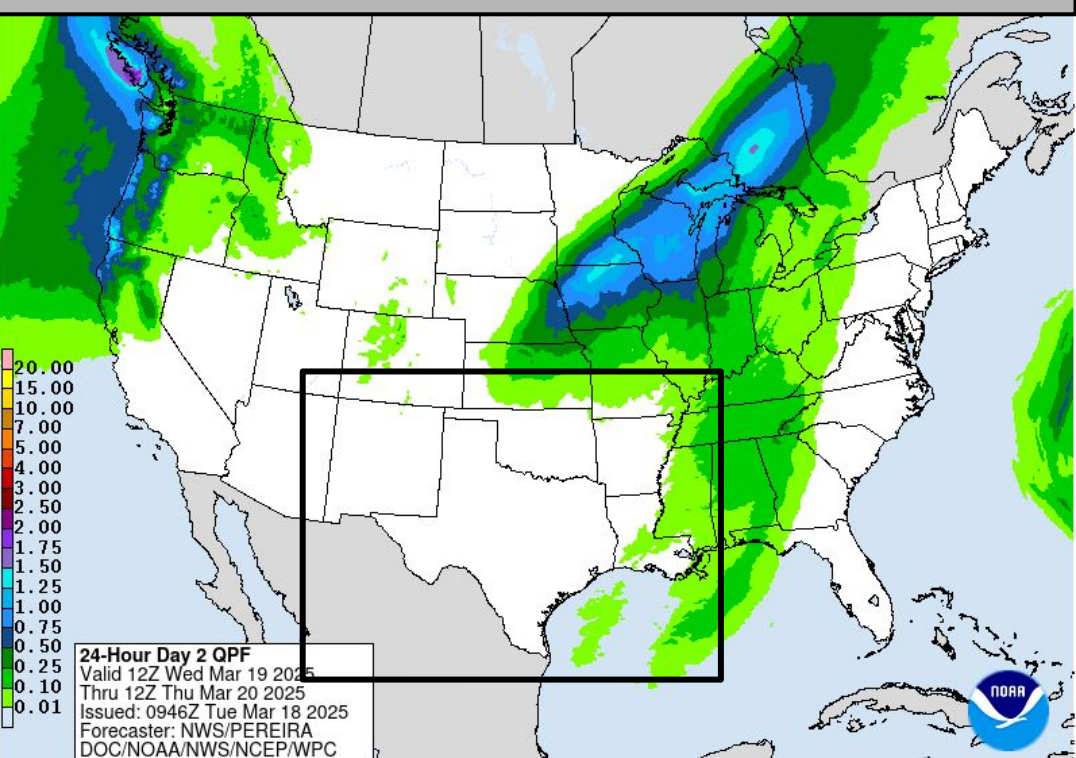


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

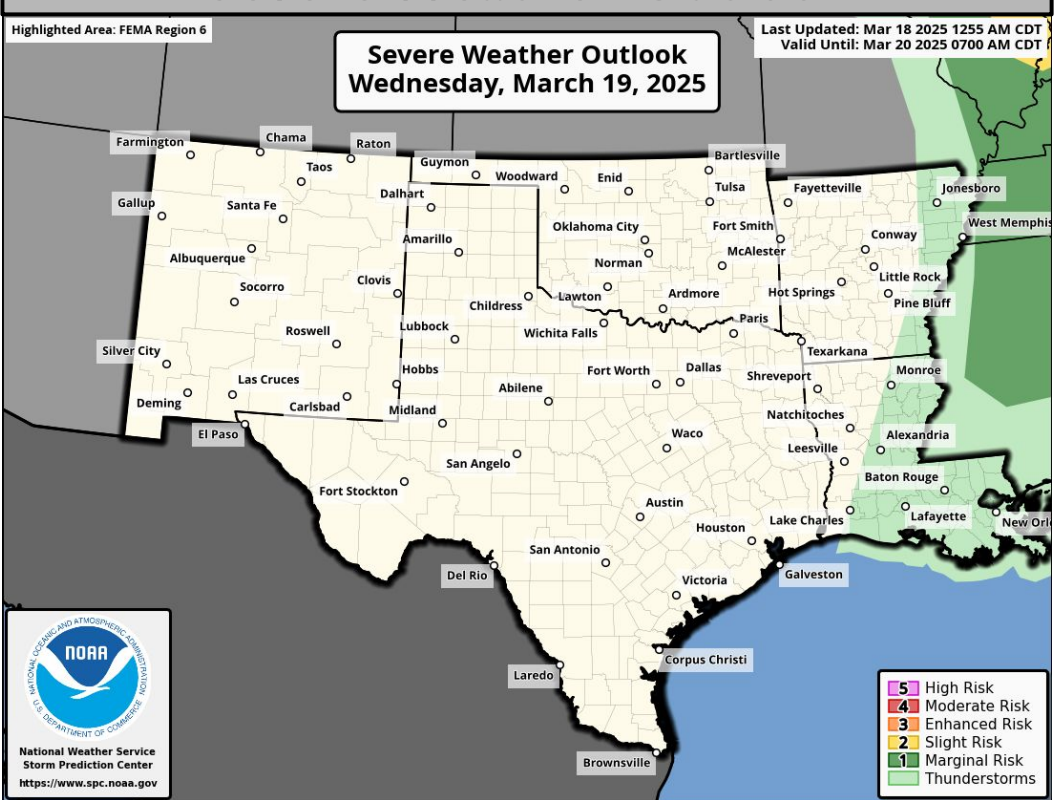


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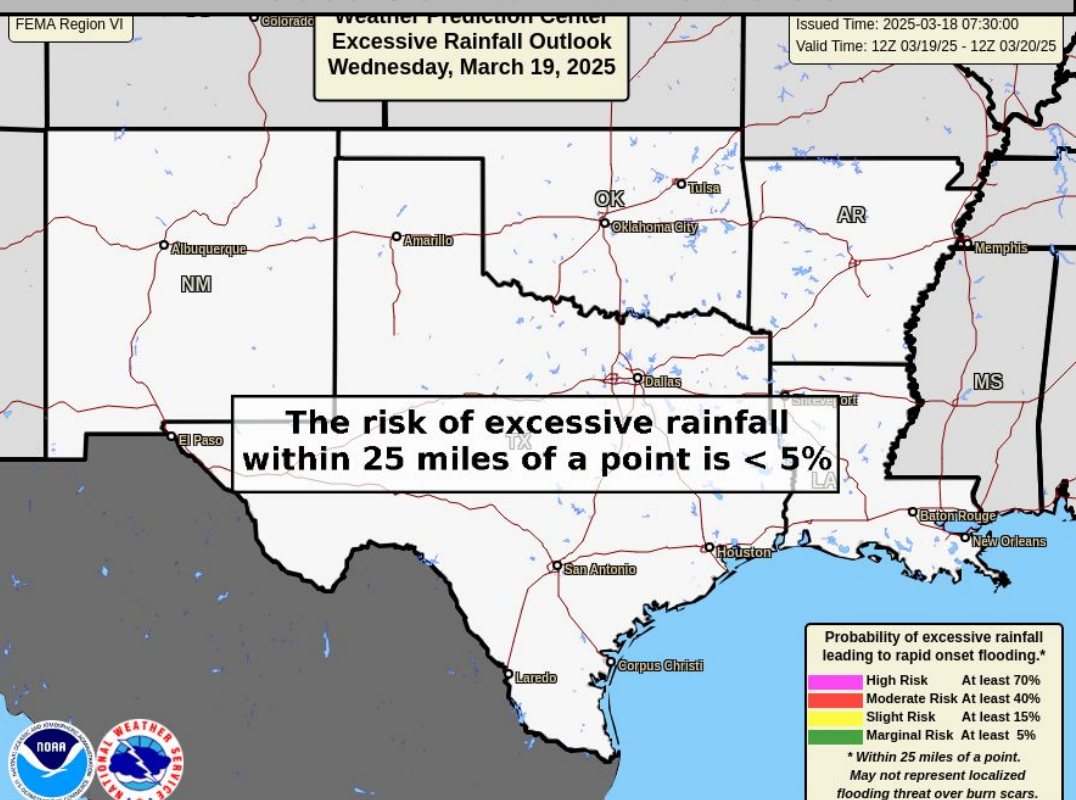


Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in SE NM, N/W/C/S TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

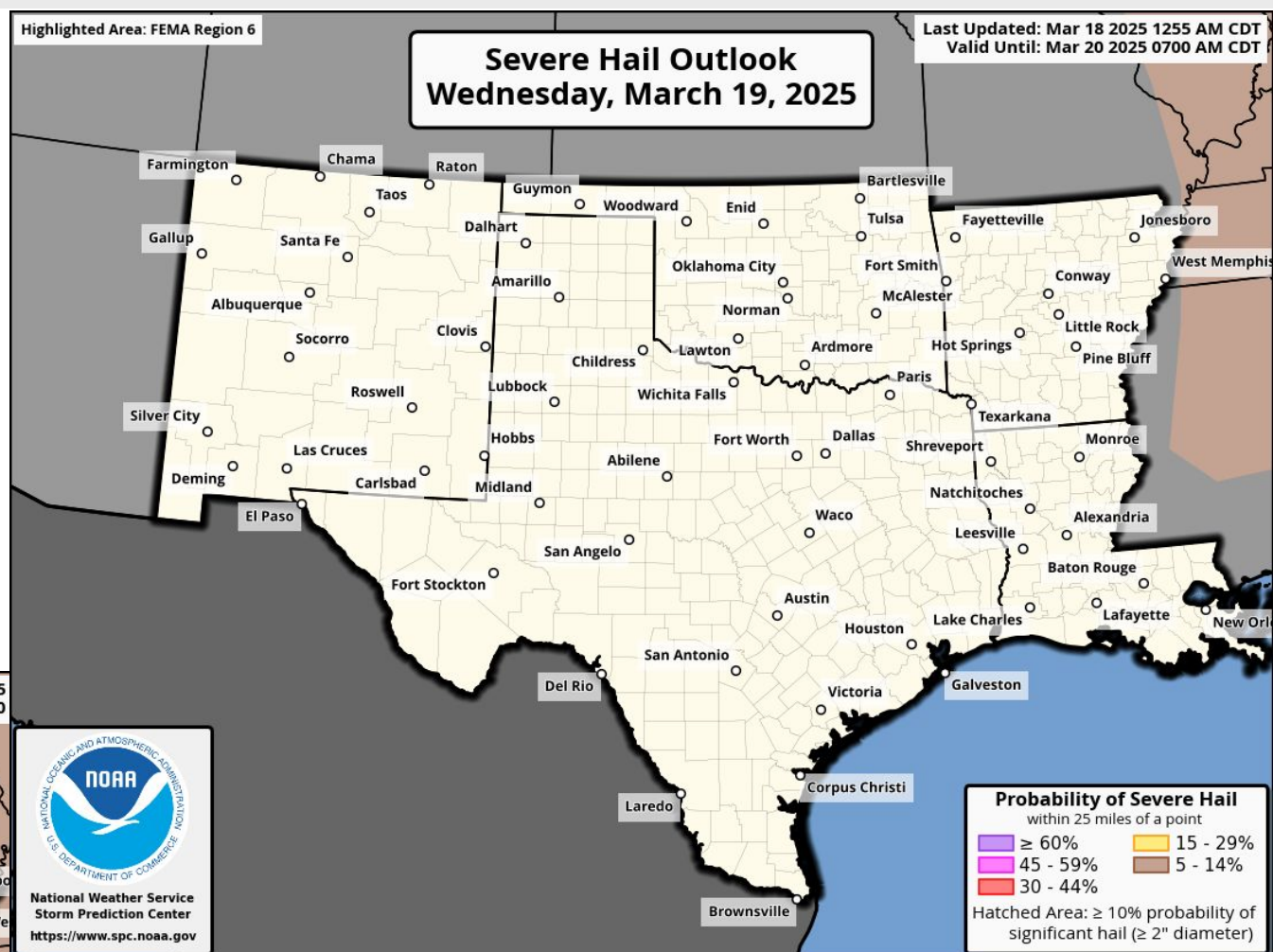
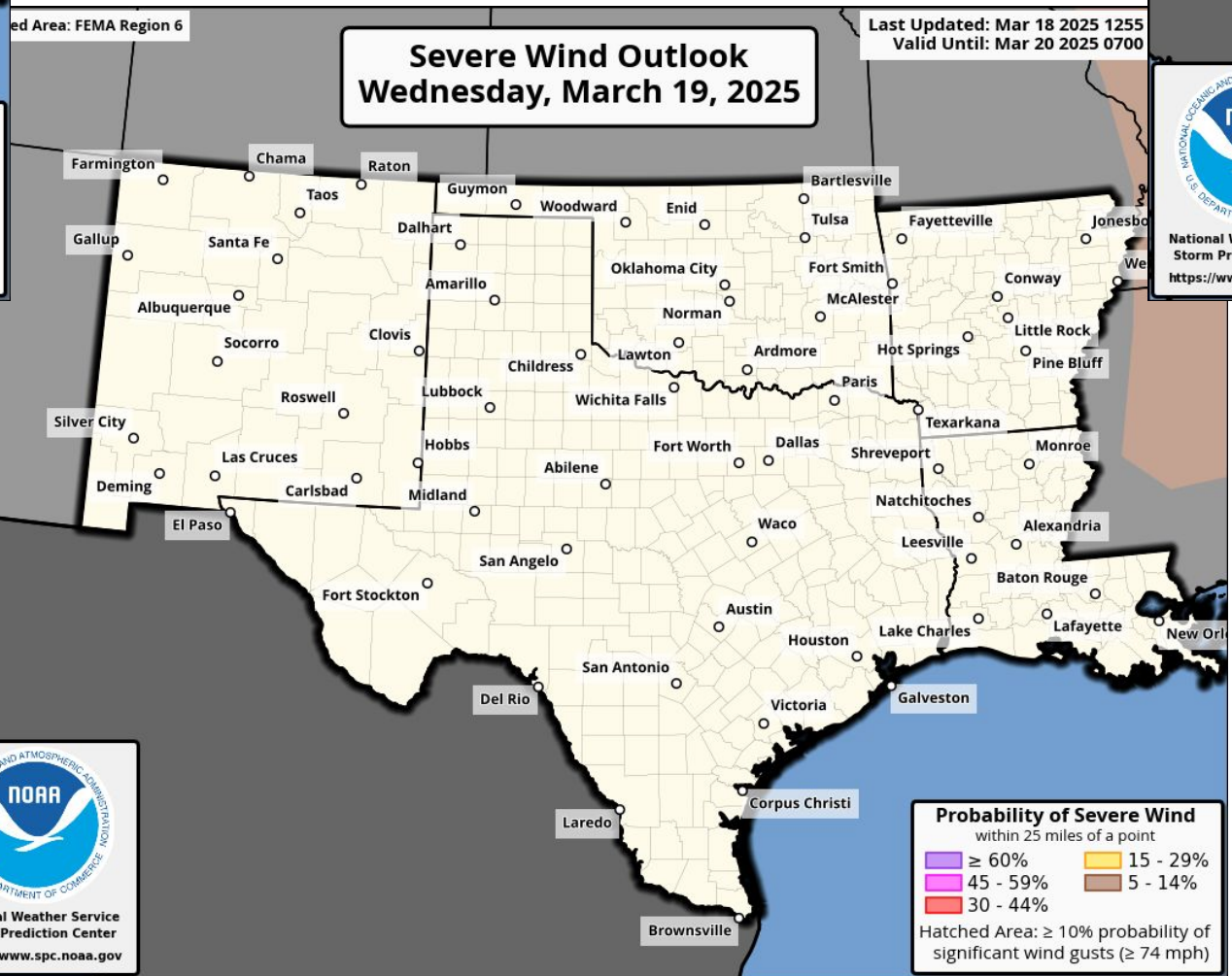
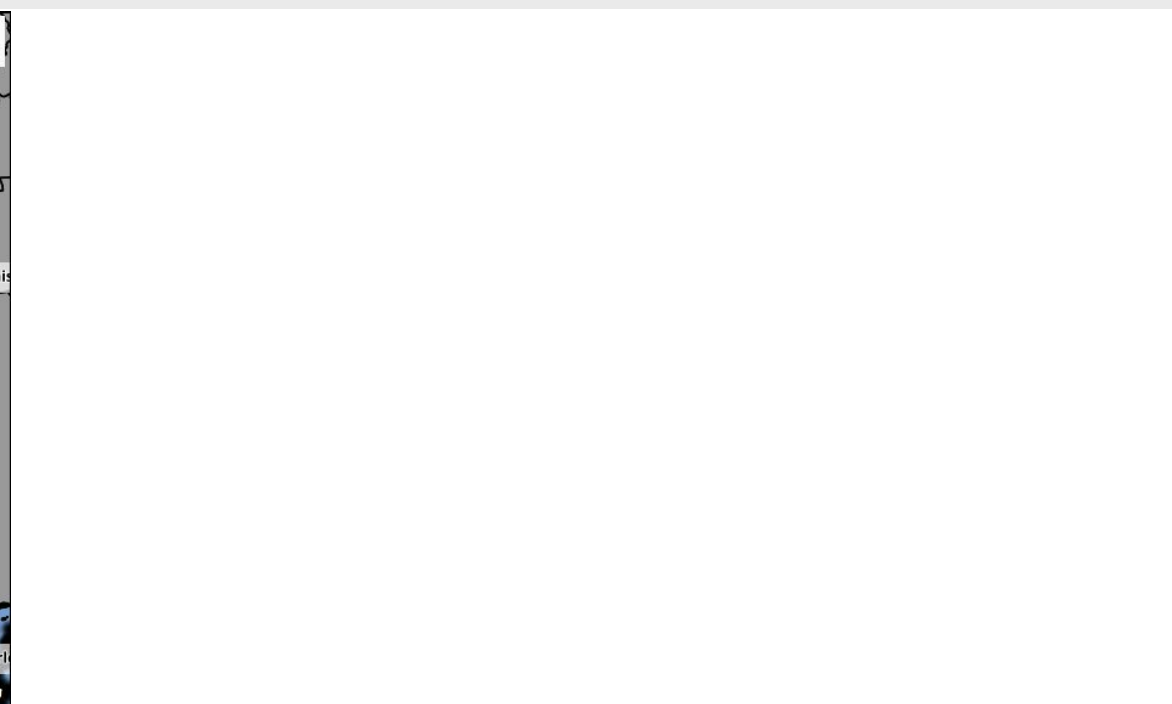
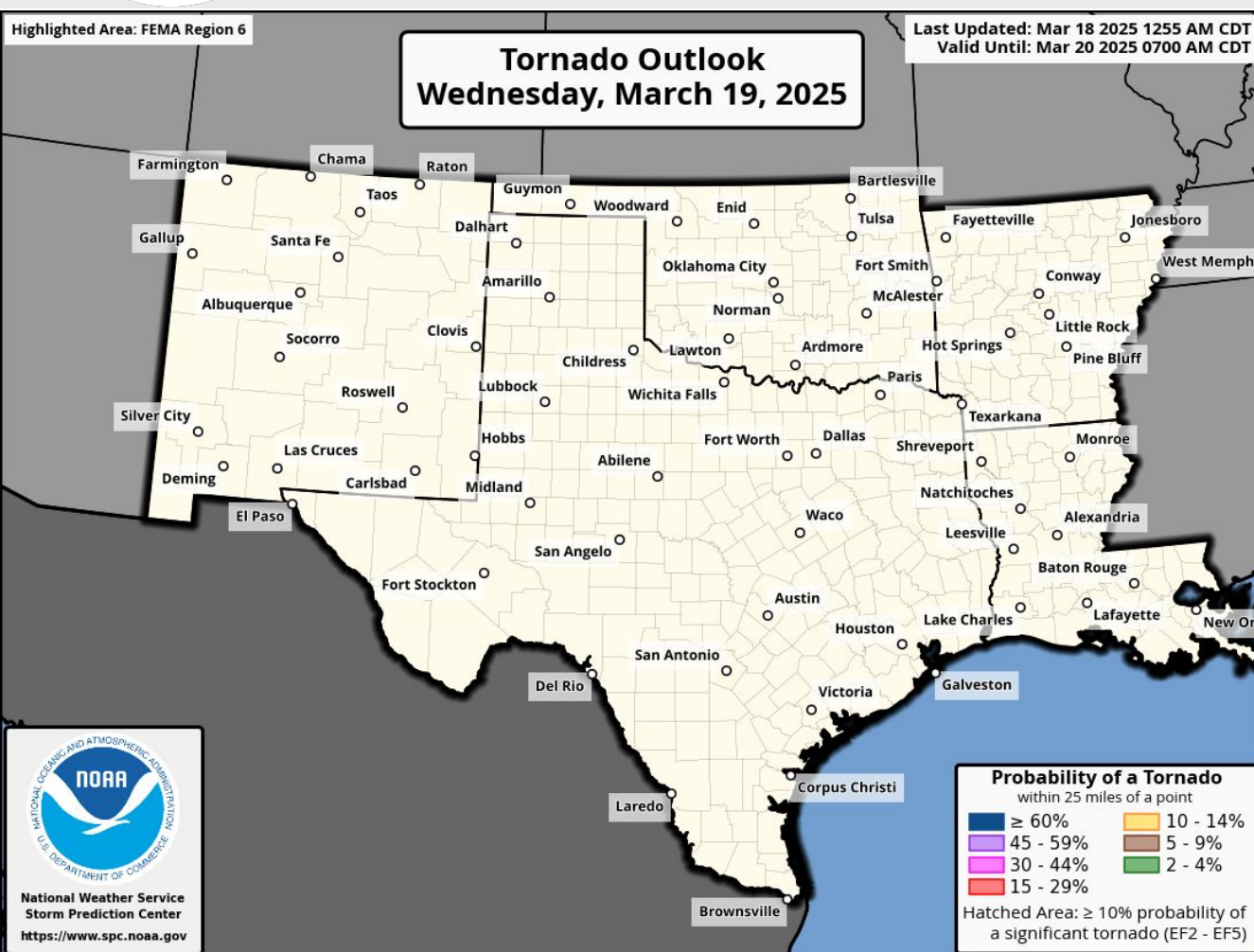


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



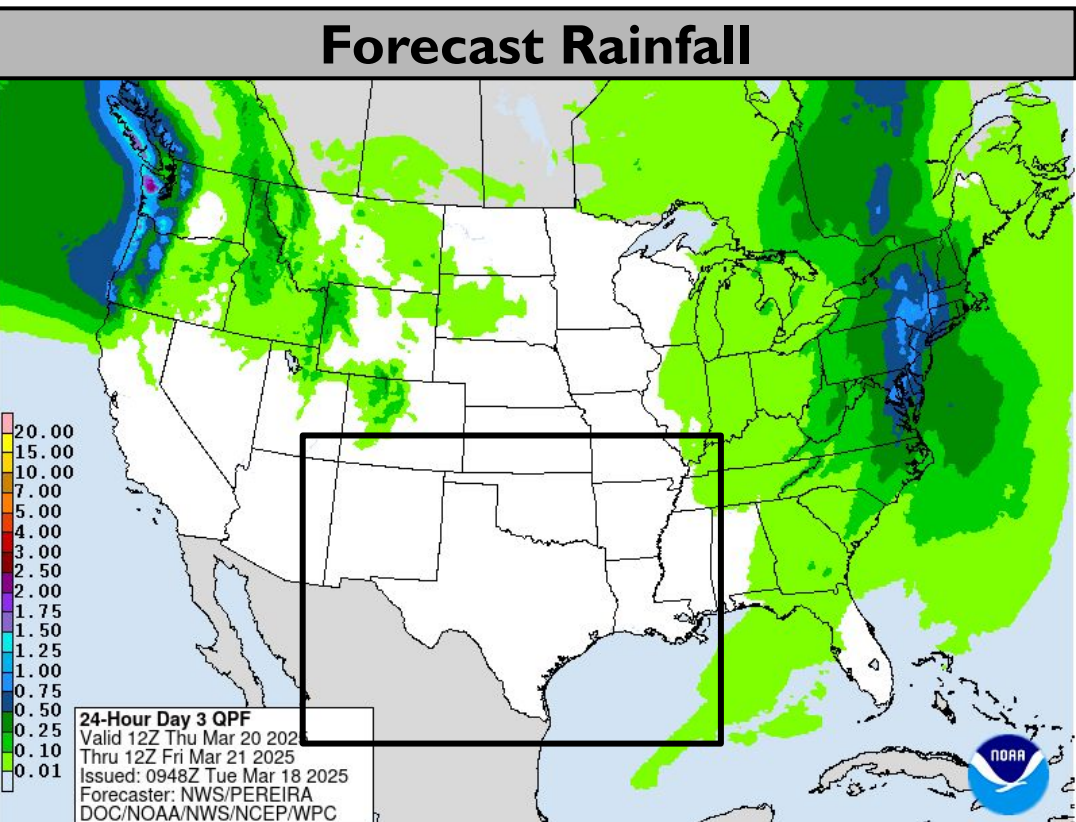
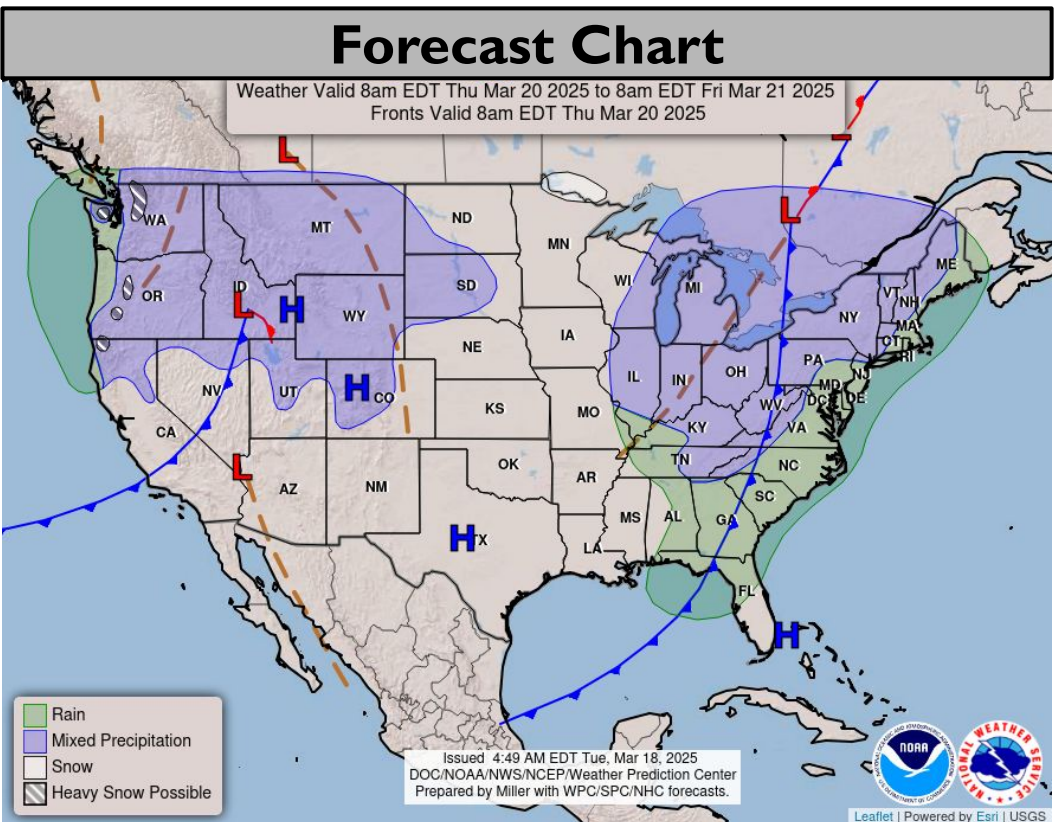


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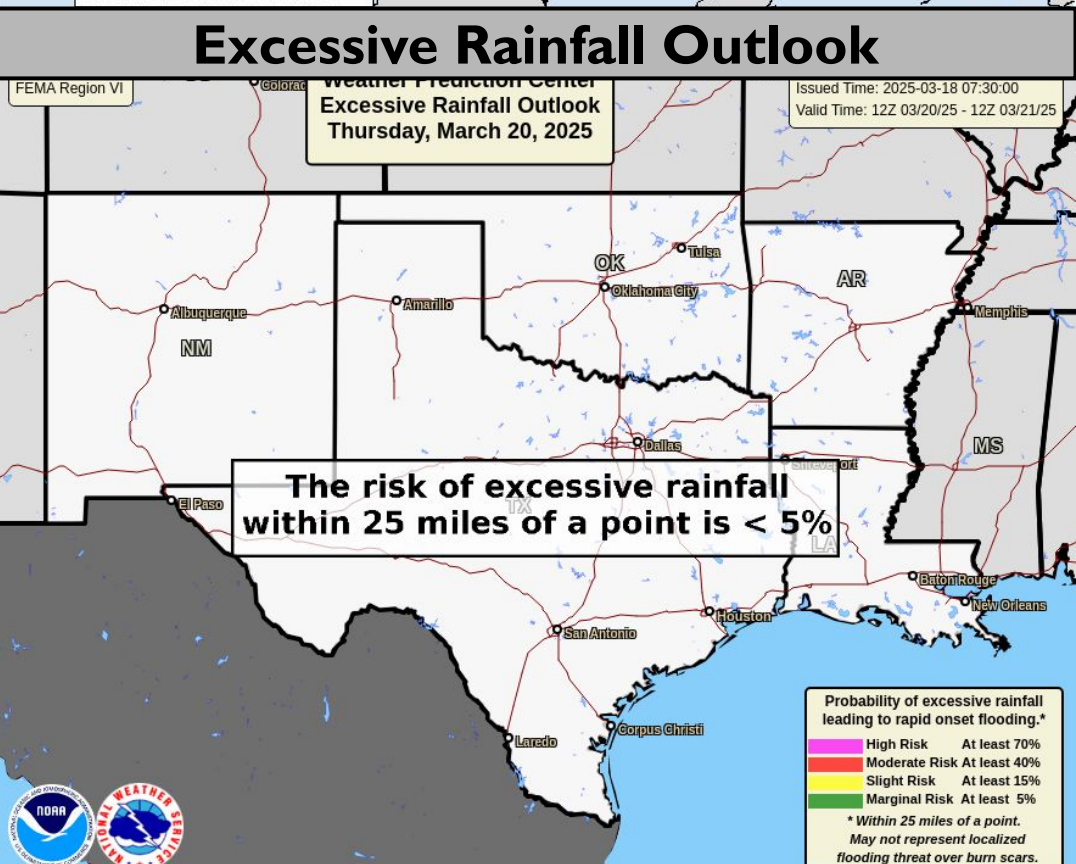
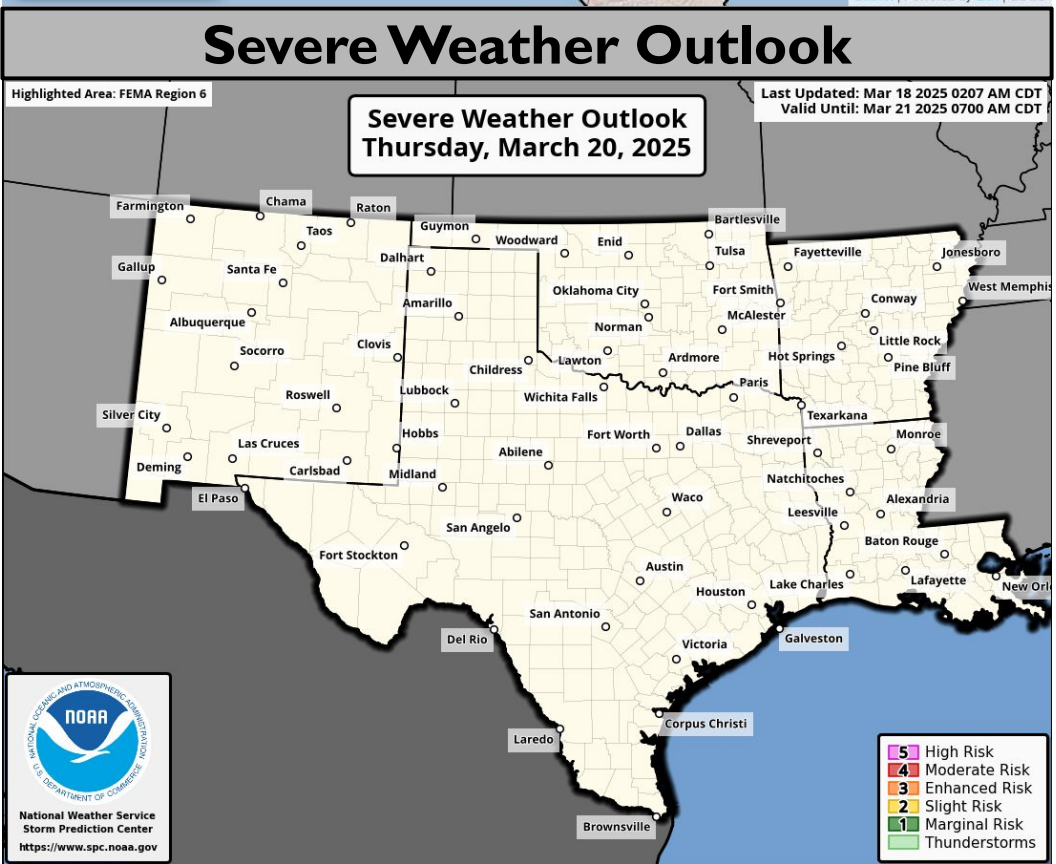




Thursday's Weather



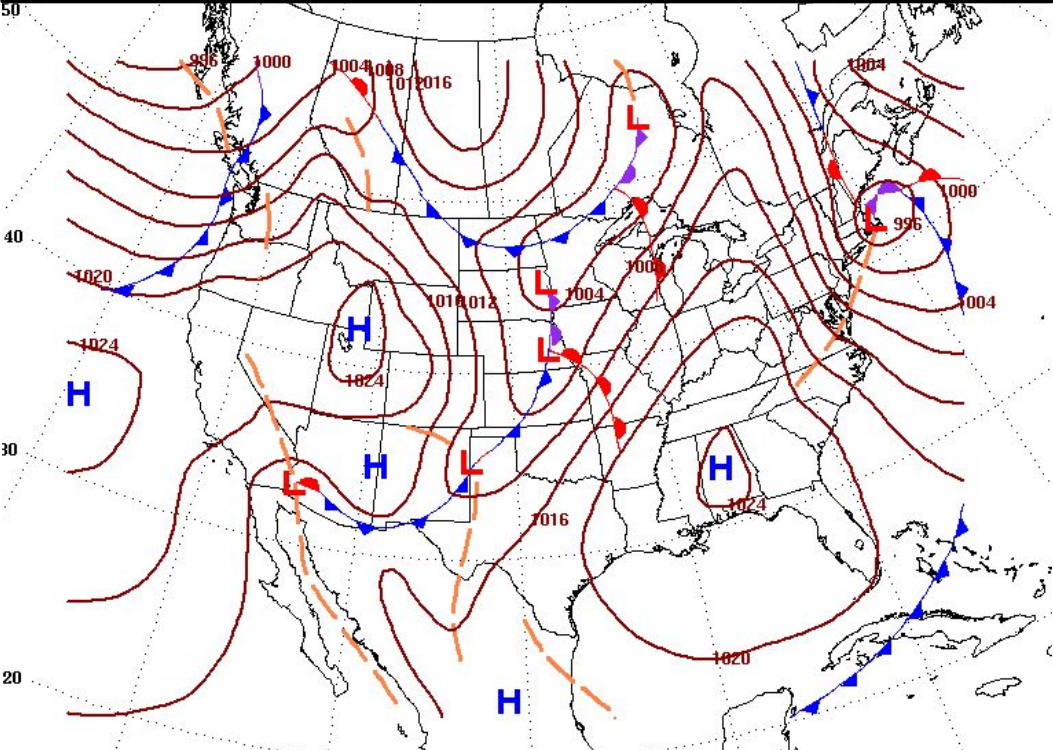
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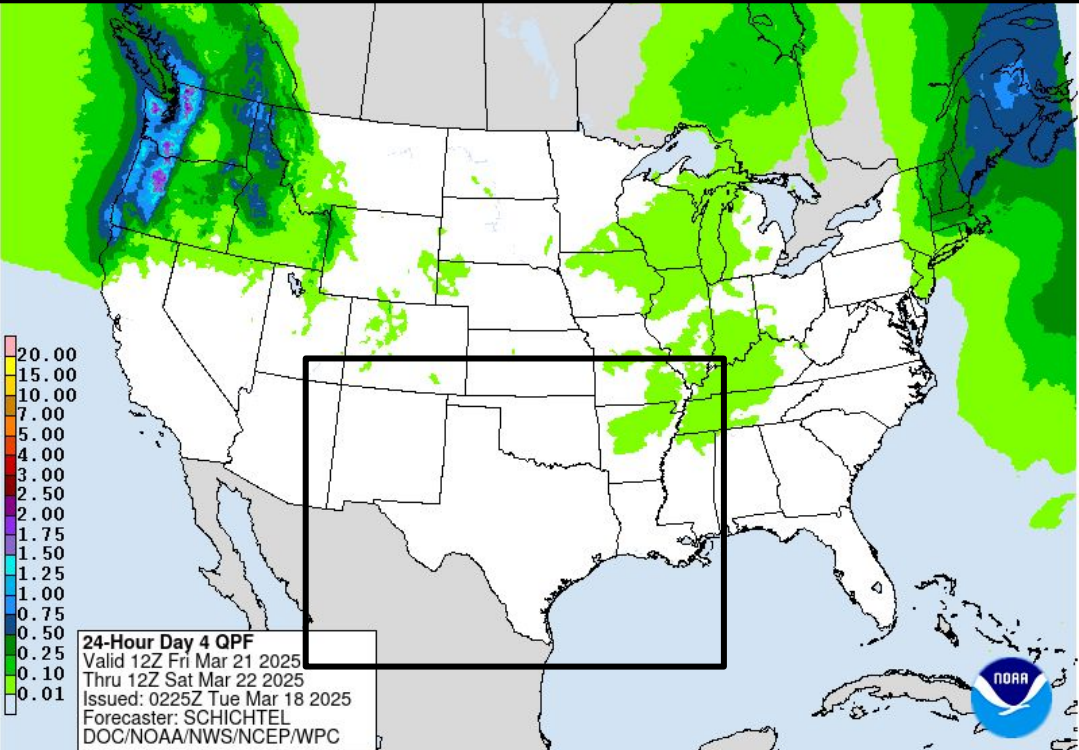


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

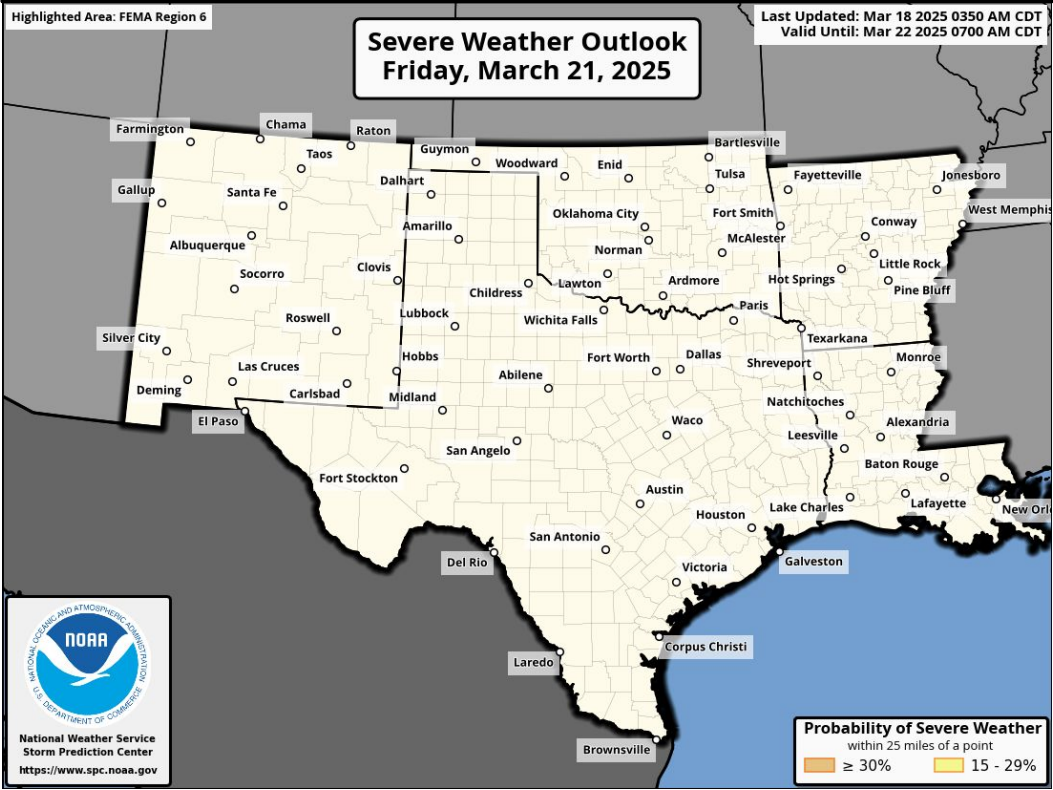


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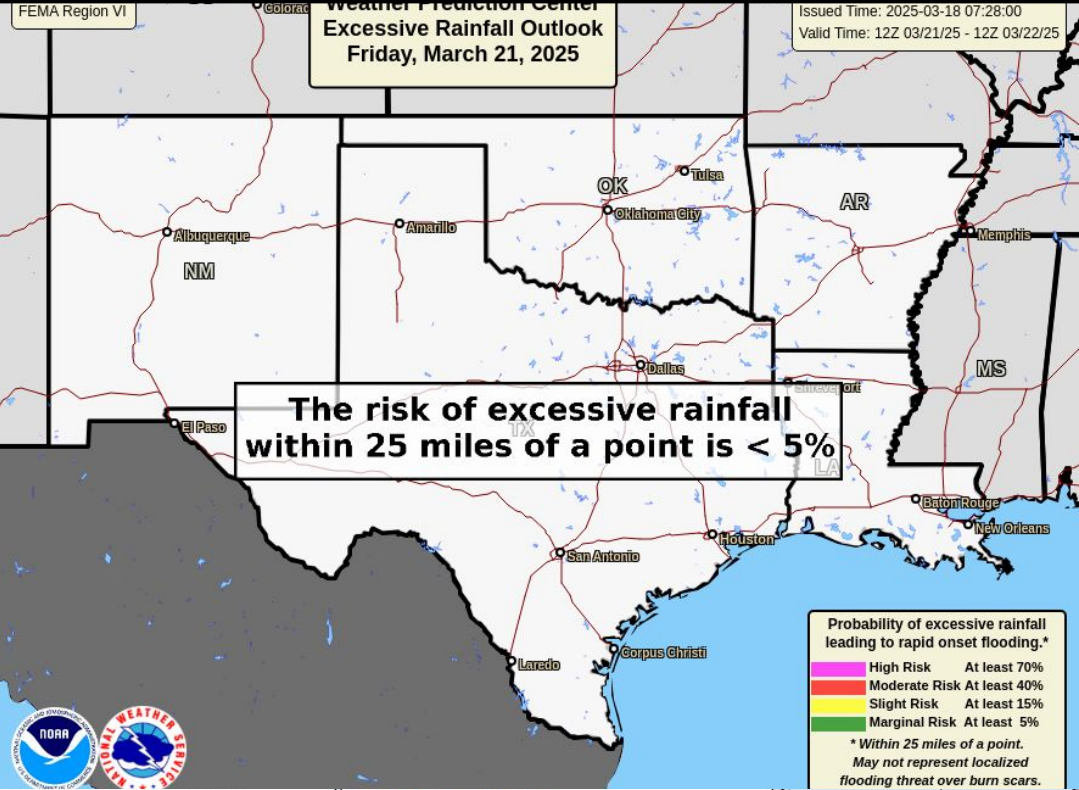


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Severe Weather Outlook



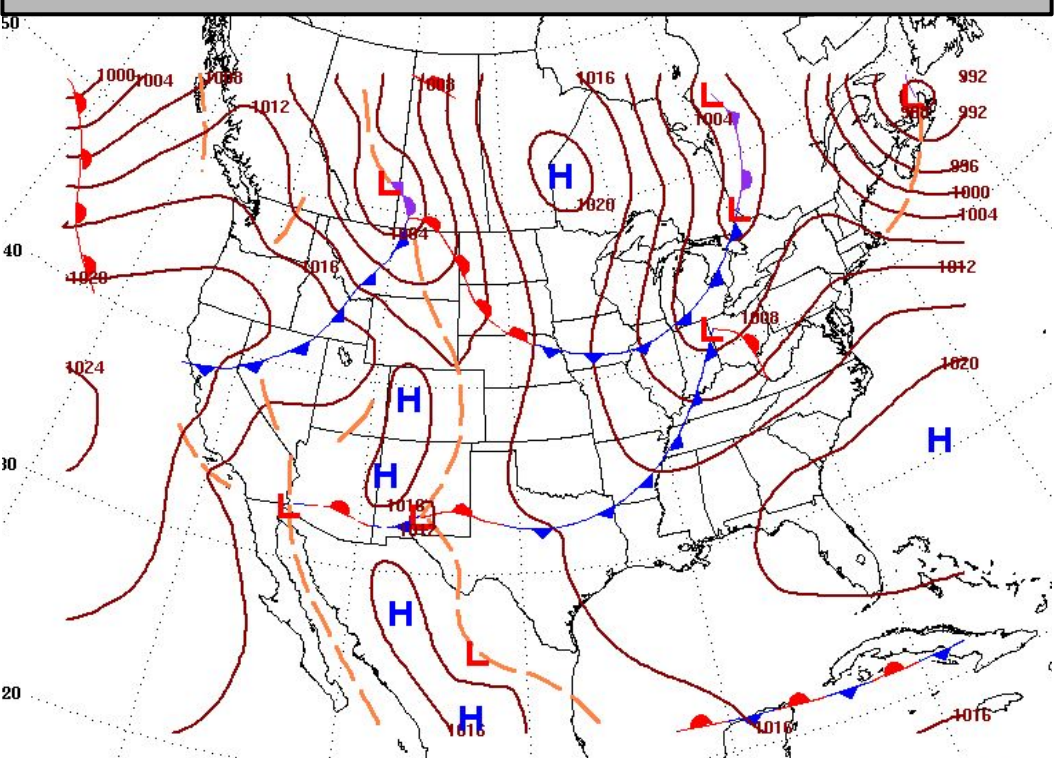
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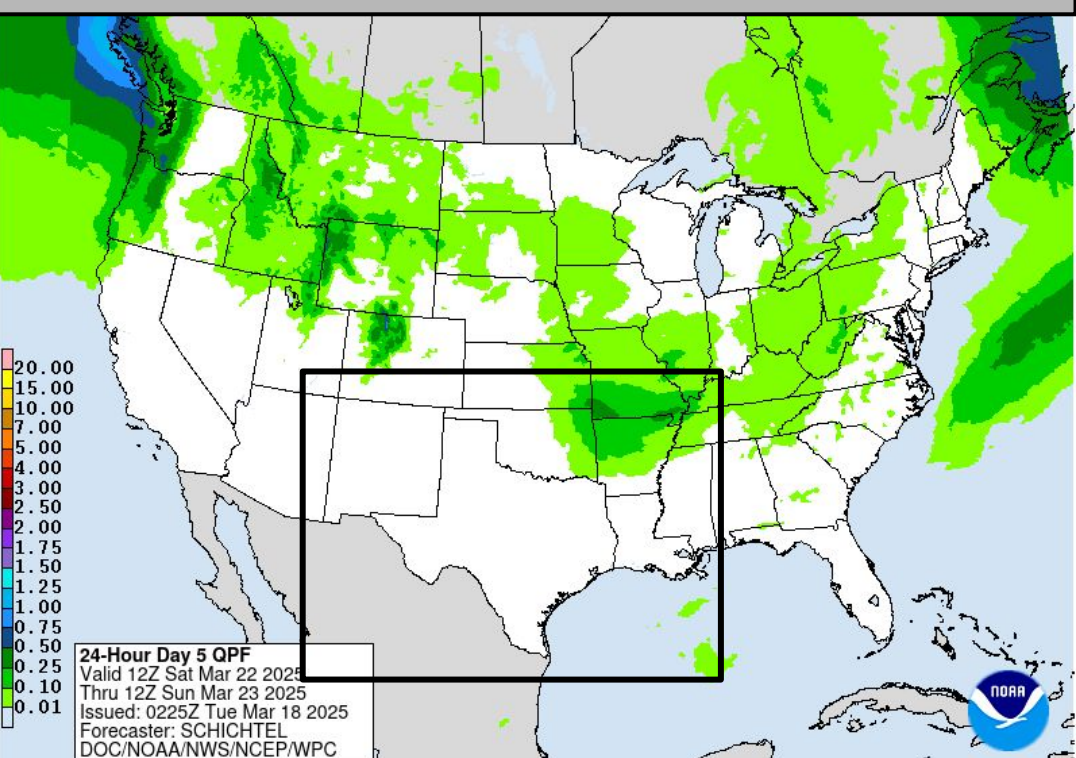


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

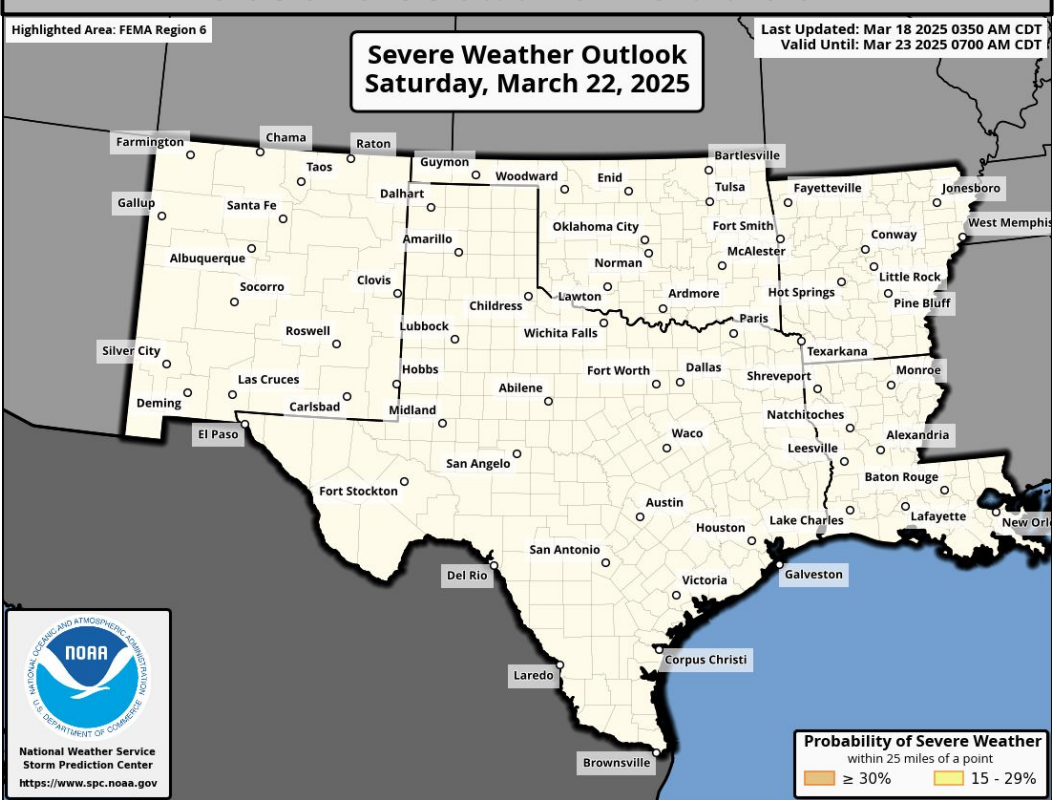


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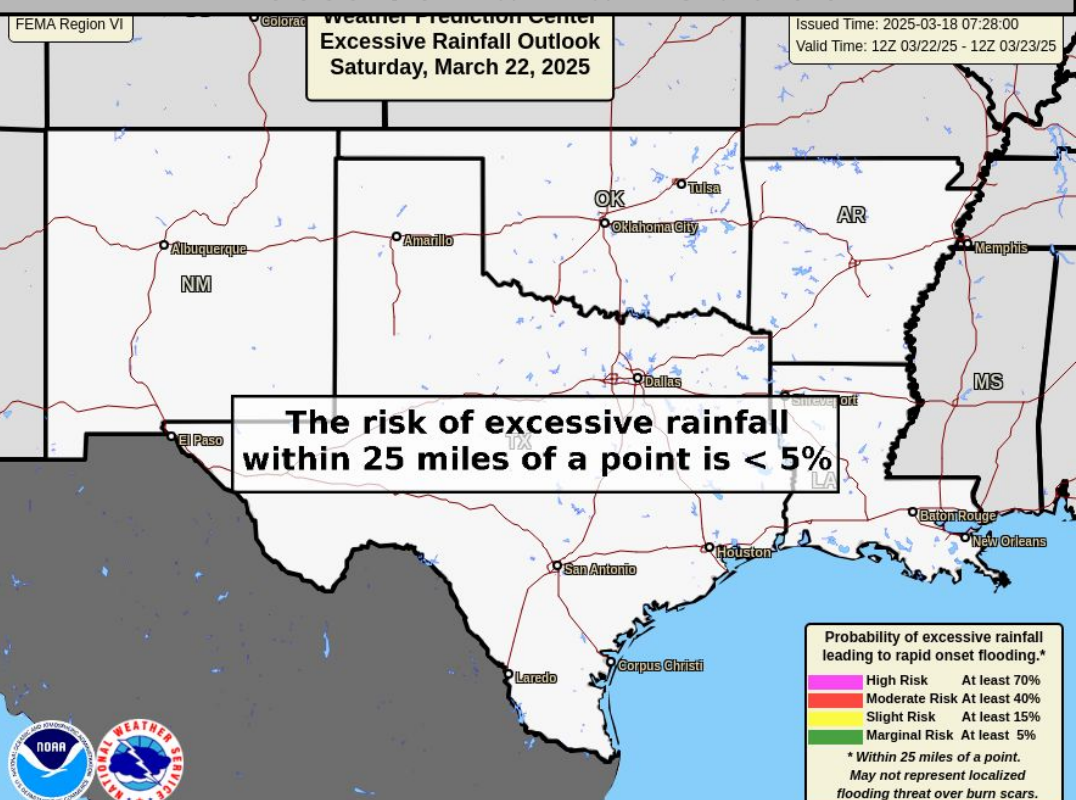


Monitoring for Elevated (level I of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM, N/W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

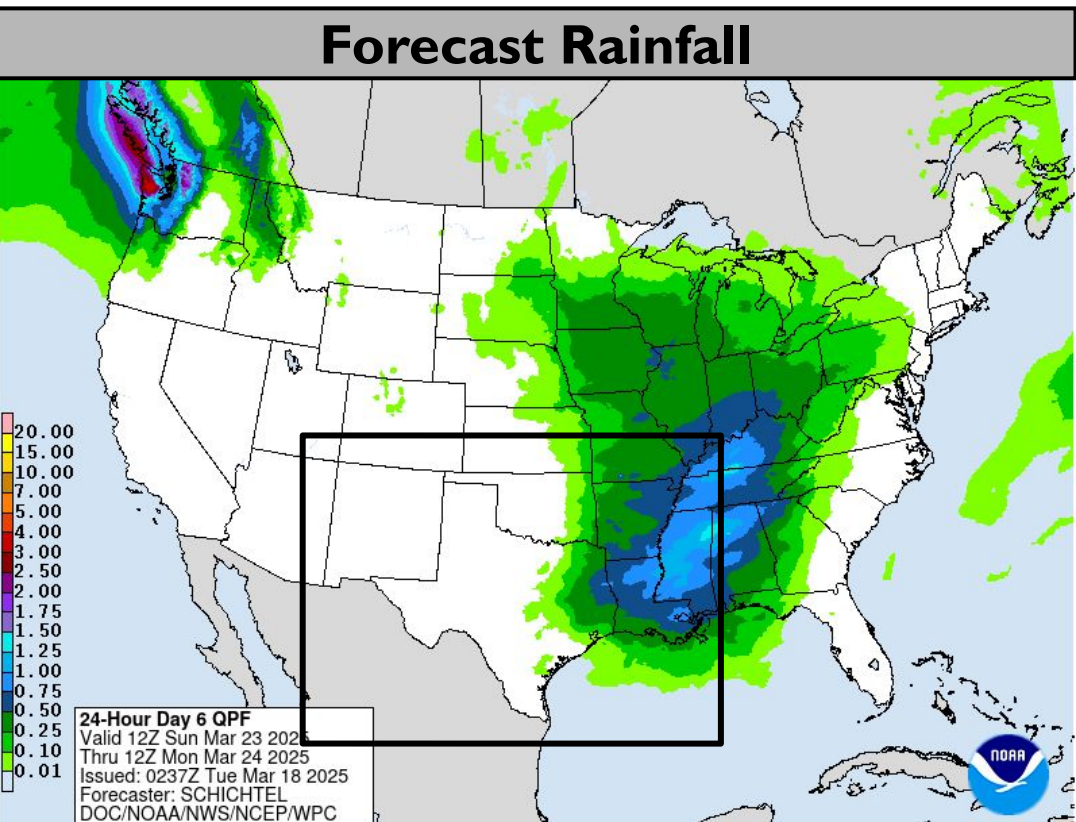
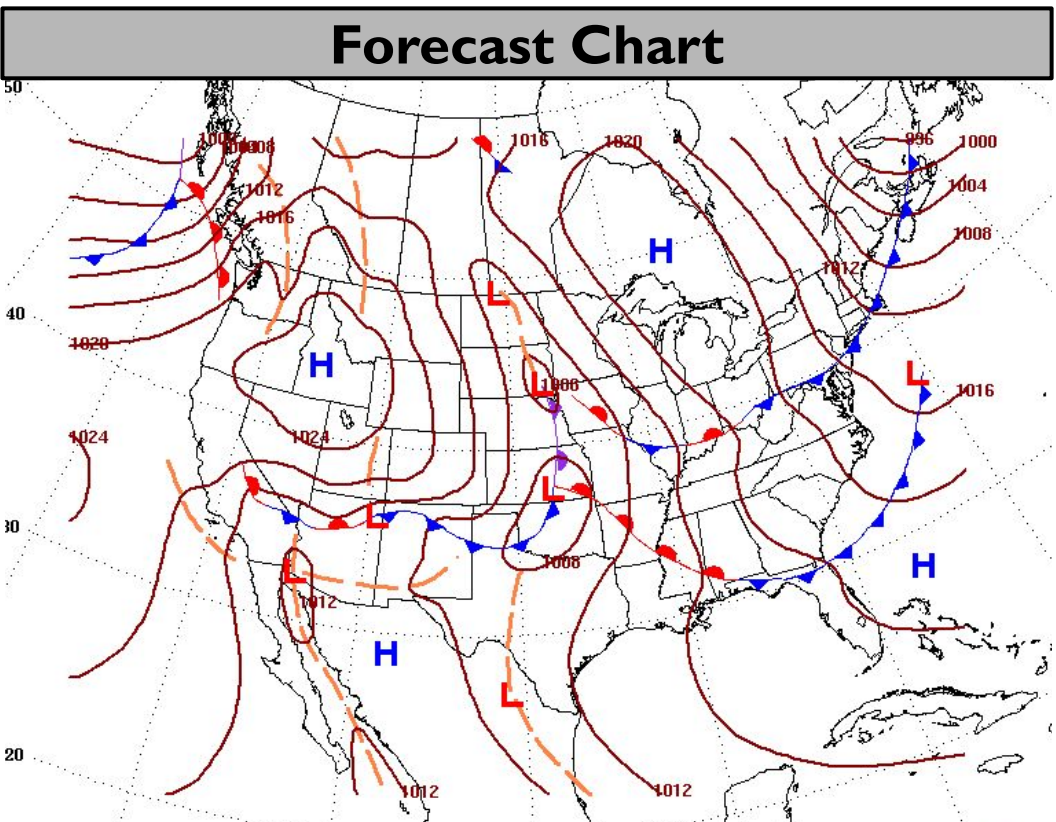


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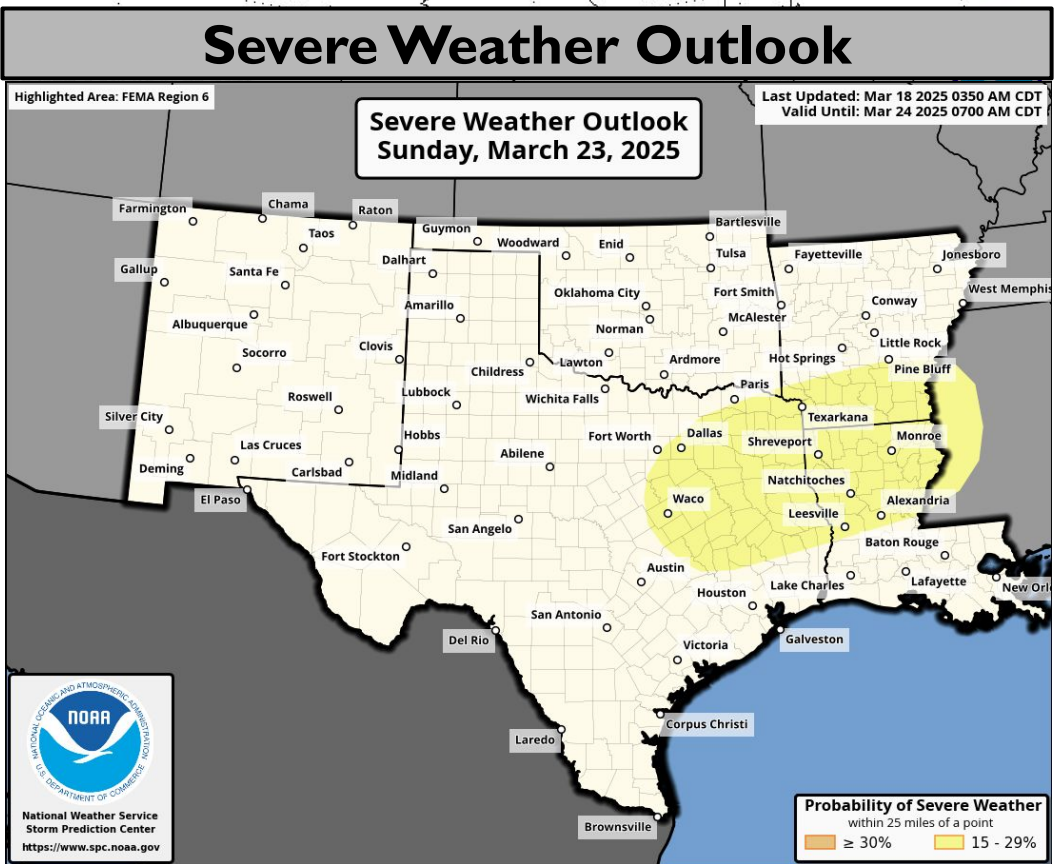


Sunday's Weather



Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms S AR, ETX, N LA Sunday afternoon.

Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for N/W TX.

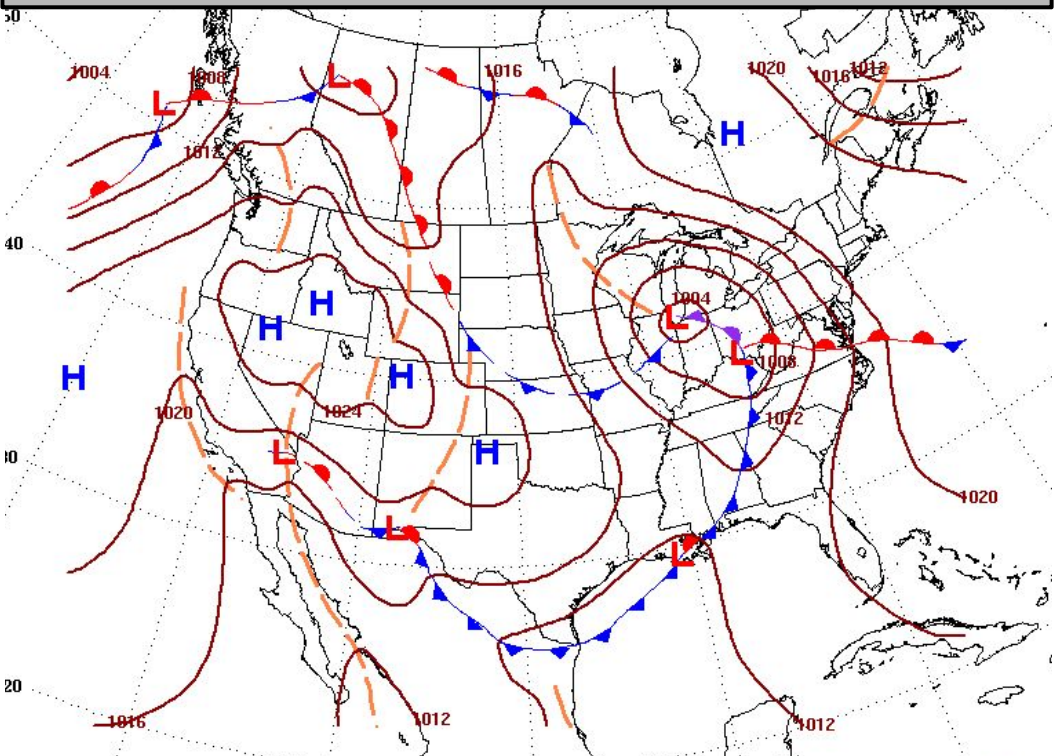


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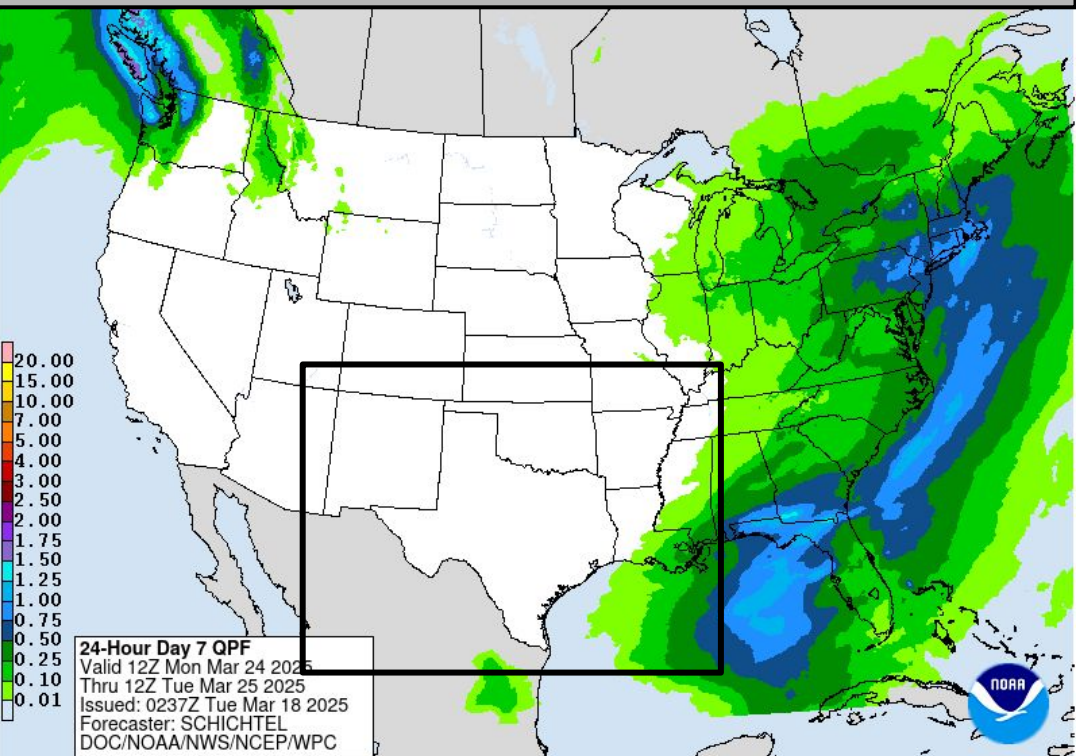


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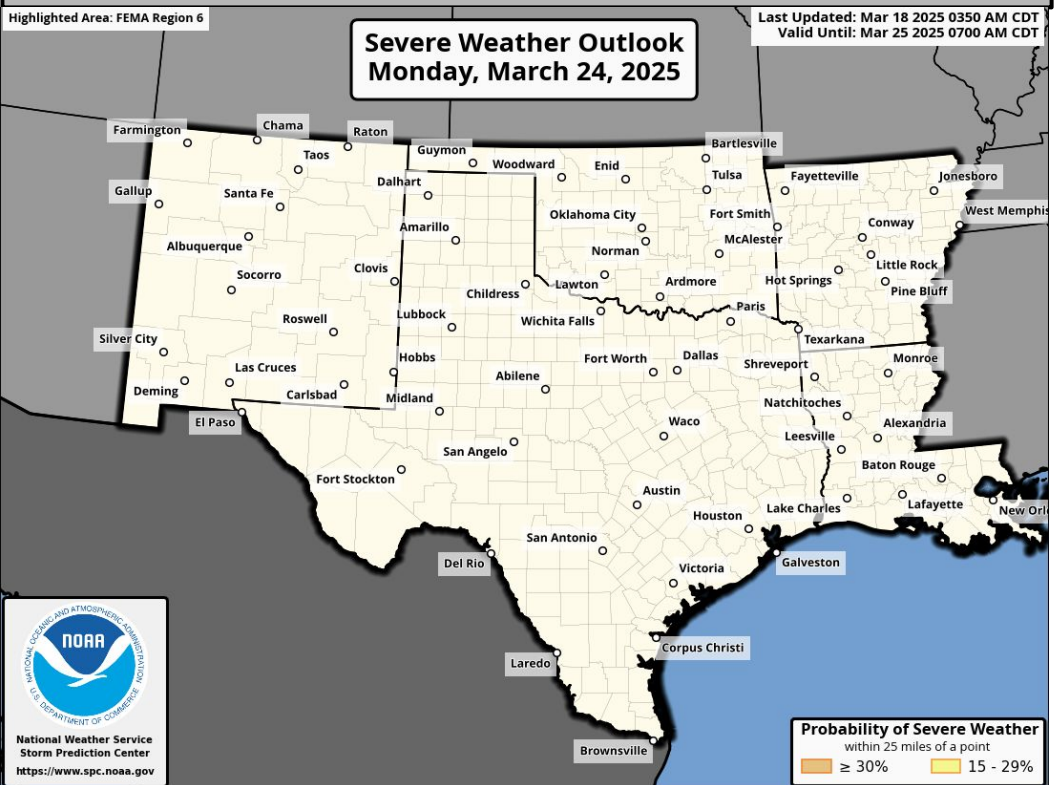


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



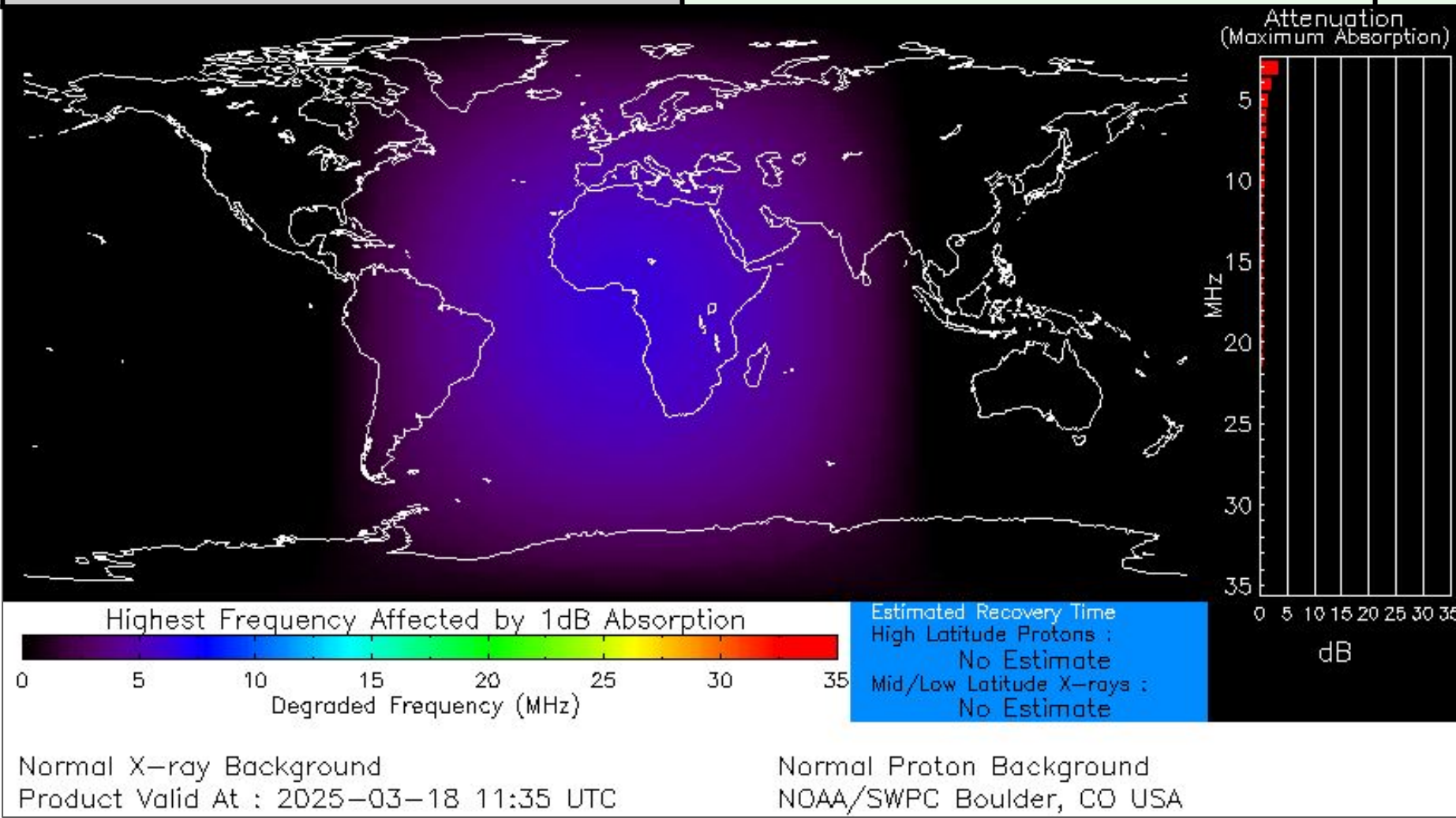
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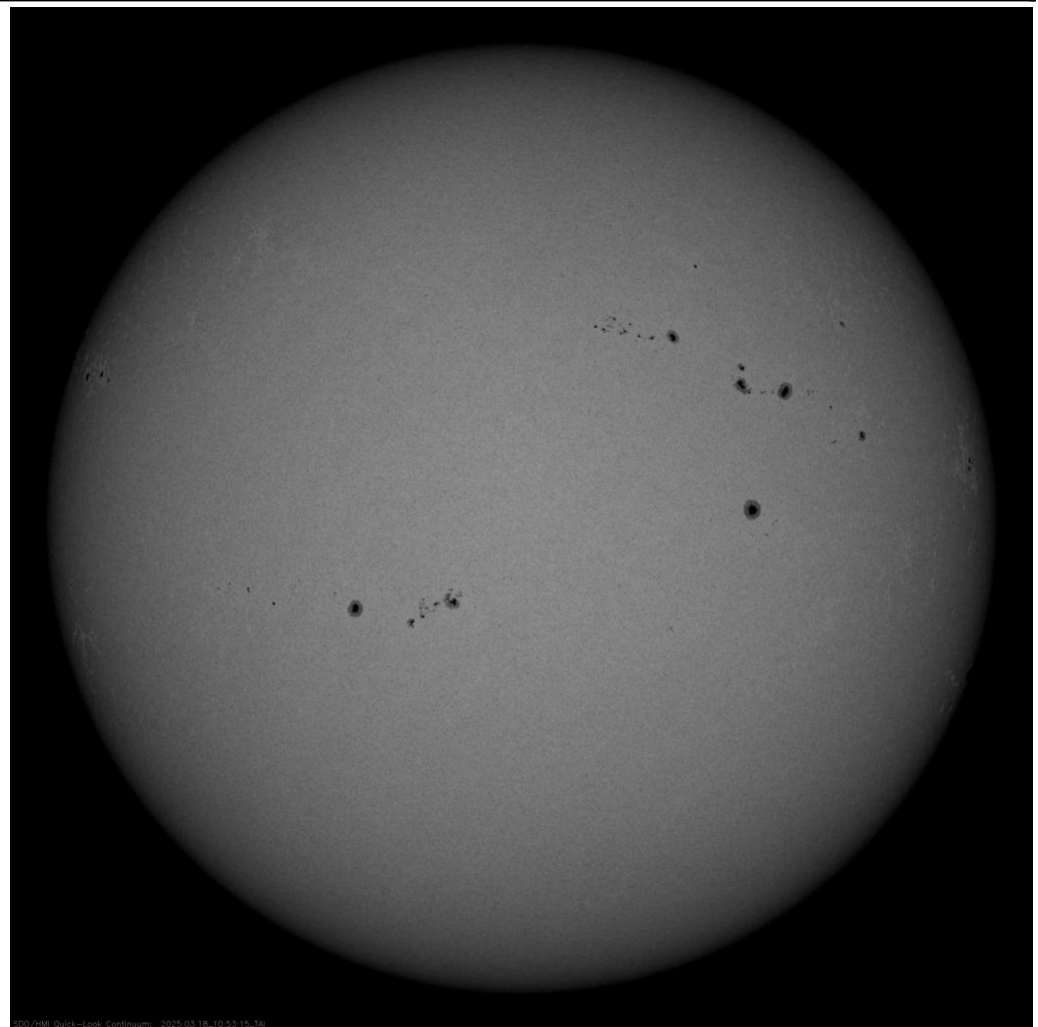
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Mar 18	Wednesday, Mar 19	Thursday, Mar 20
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	50%	50%	50%
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