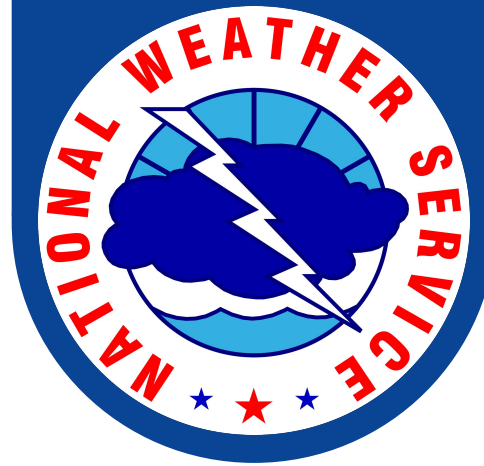




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Friday, March 21, 2025

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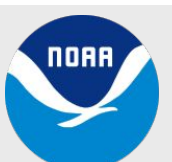
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# Summary

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns today across portions of TX, OK, and AR with conditions continuing into Saturday for NM, OK, and TX. Elevated conditions possible through mid week.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather Sunday for S AR, NE TX, and N LA. Main threats are hail and wind, but isolated tornado possible. Timing: afternoon through late evening.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall on Sunday for SE AR, E TX, N LA and then in SE LA on Monday.**
- **Isolated minor river flooding in E TX and SE LA continues.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

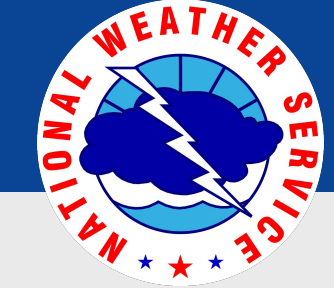
	Friday, Mar 21	Saturday, Mar 22	Sunday, Mar 23	Monday, Mar 24	Tuesday, Mar 25	Wednesday, Mar 26	Thursday, Mar 27
Severe Storms			S AR, NETX, N LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			SE AR, ETX, N LA	SE LA			
Fire Weather	N/C/STX, TX/OK Panhandle, OK, N AR	NM, N/W/STX, OK/TX Panhandles	E NM, N/W/STX, OK/TX Panhandles	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, SWTX	E NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandle	E NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandle	
Winter							
River Flooding	ETX, SE LA	ETX, SE LA	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.*

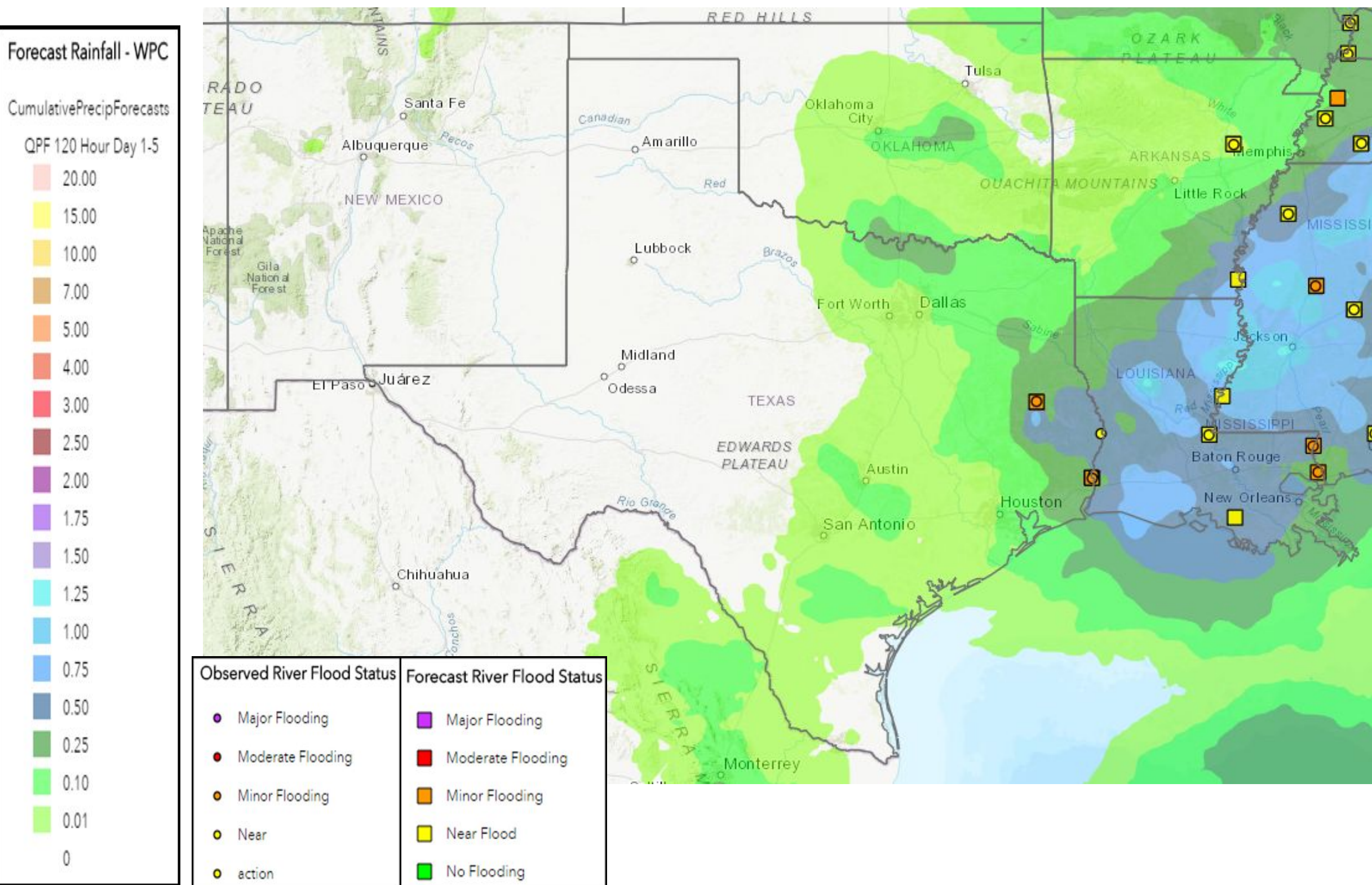
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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**Isolated minor river flooding in  
across E TX, SE LA.**

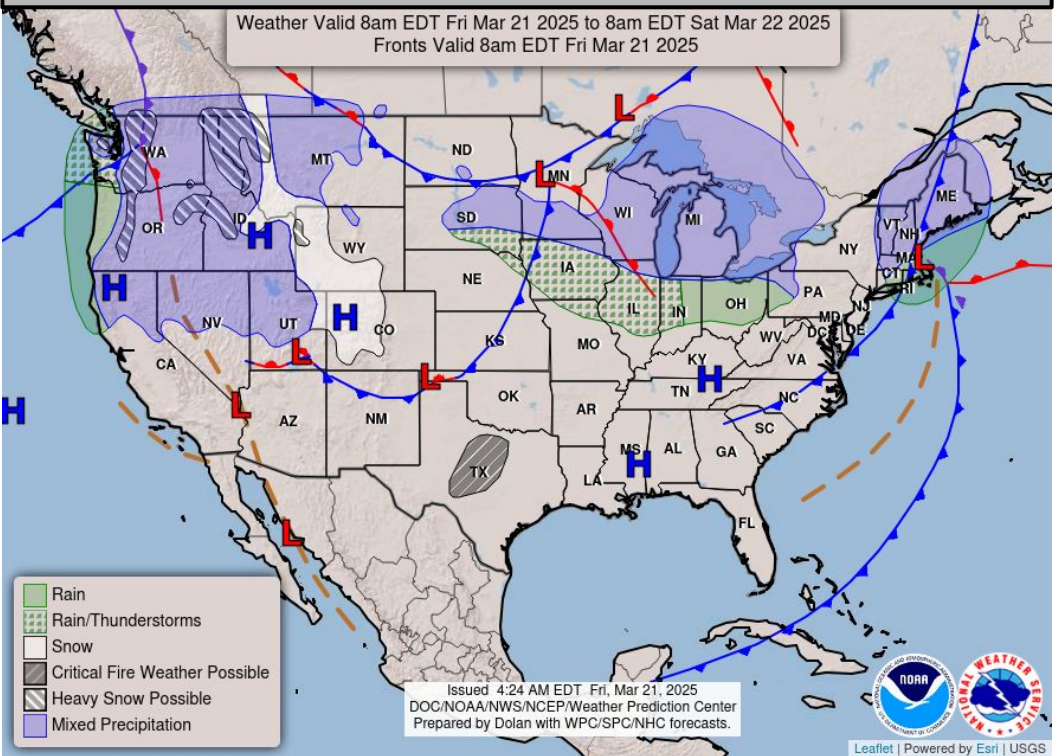
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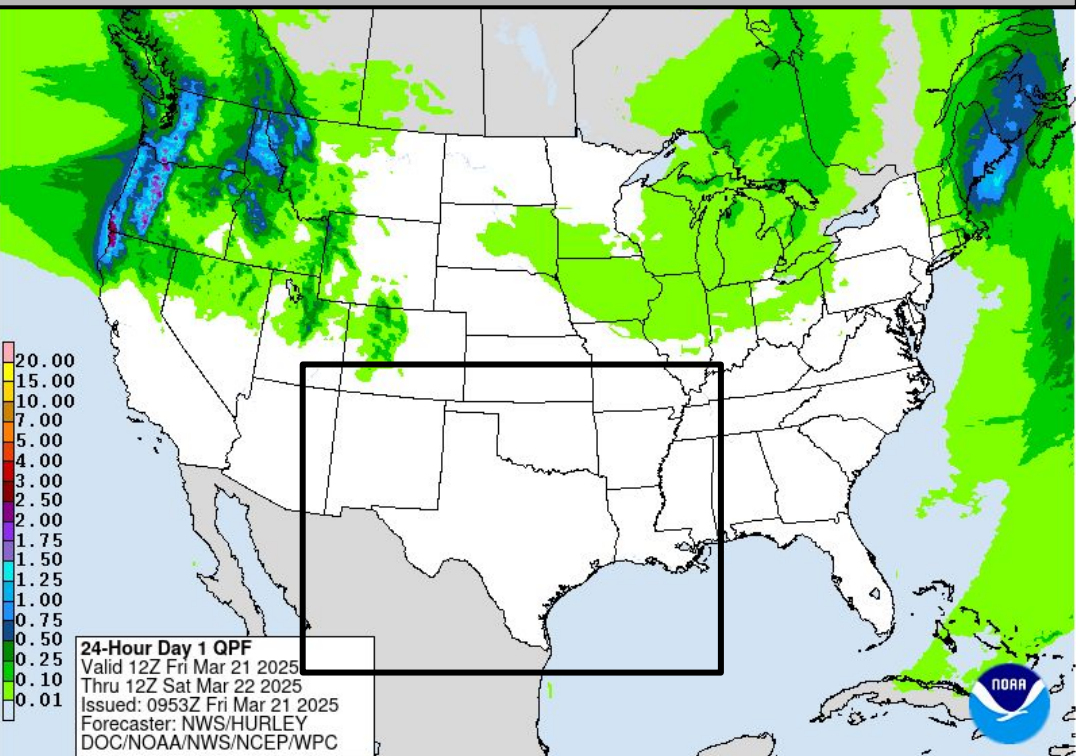


# Today's Weather

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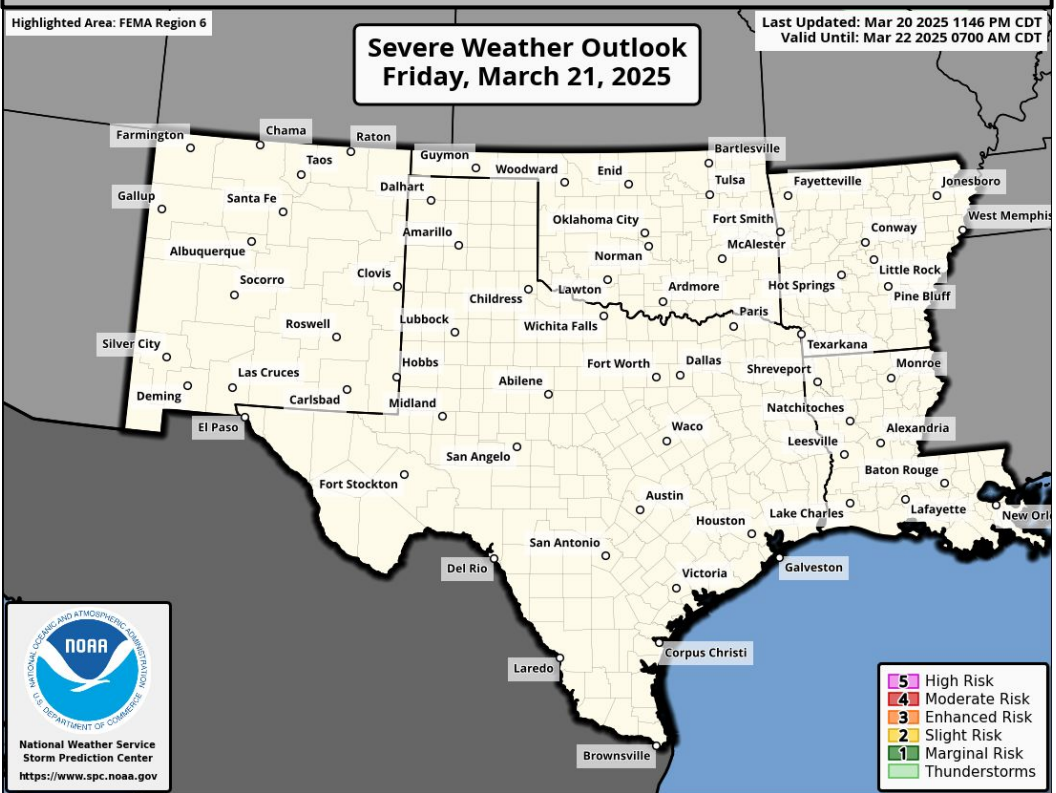


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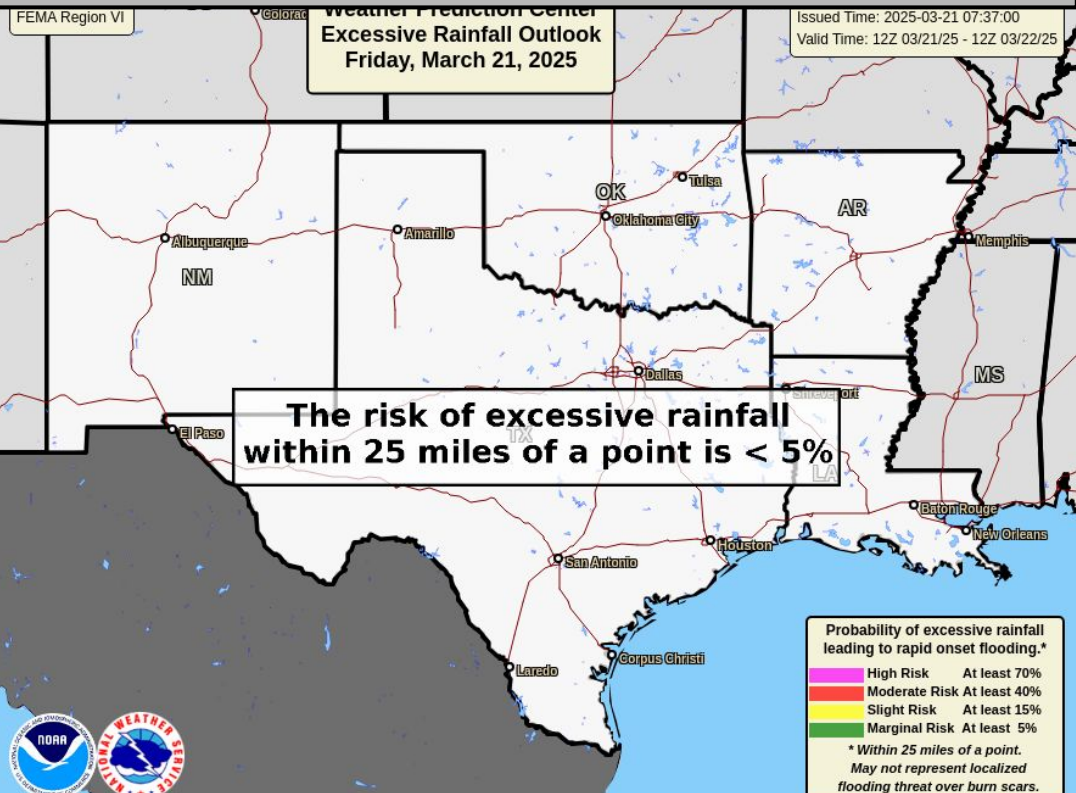


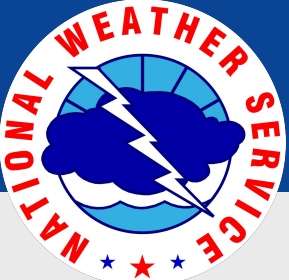
**Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in N/C/S TX, TX/OK Panhandle, OK, N AR.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

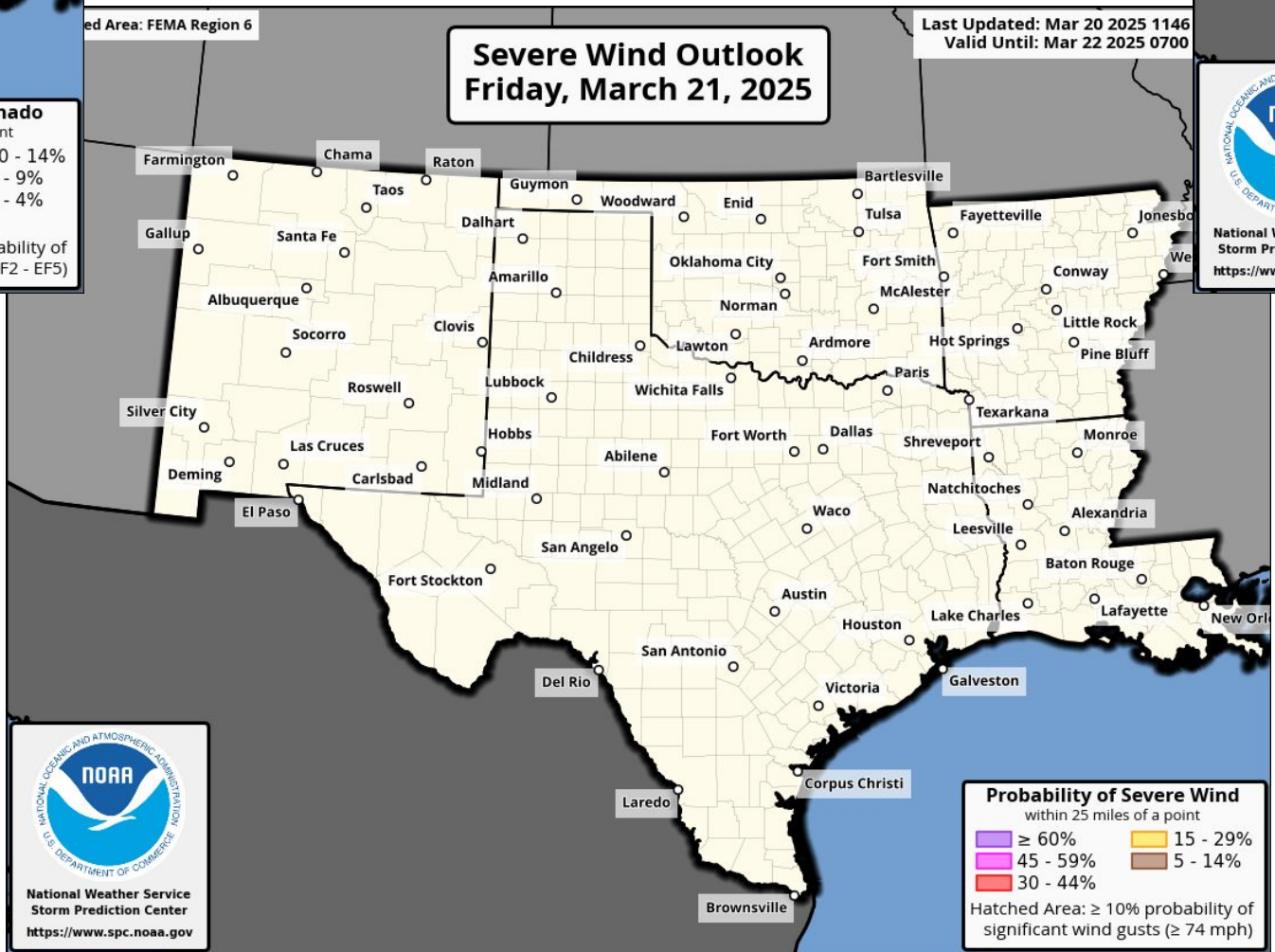
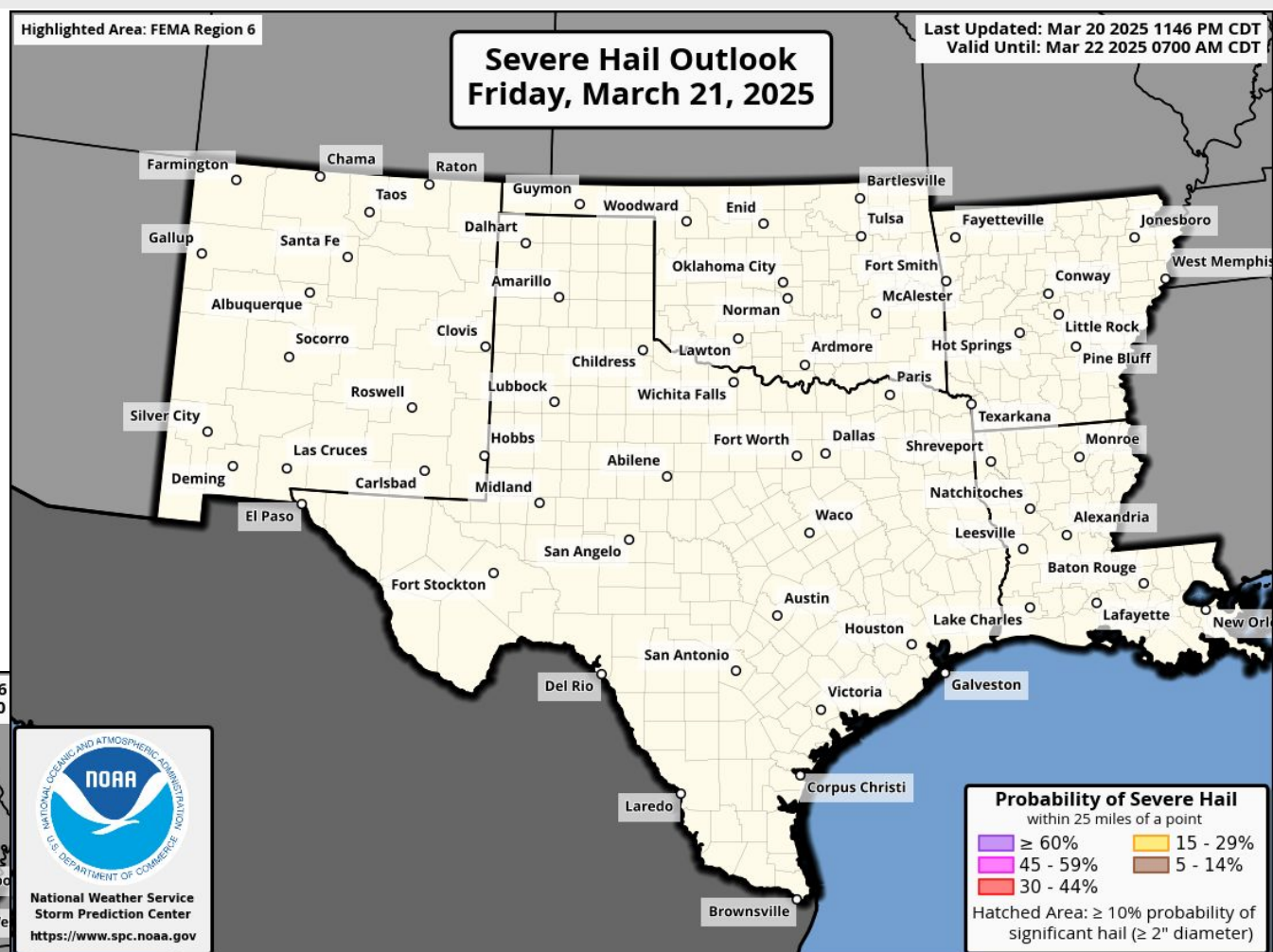
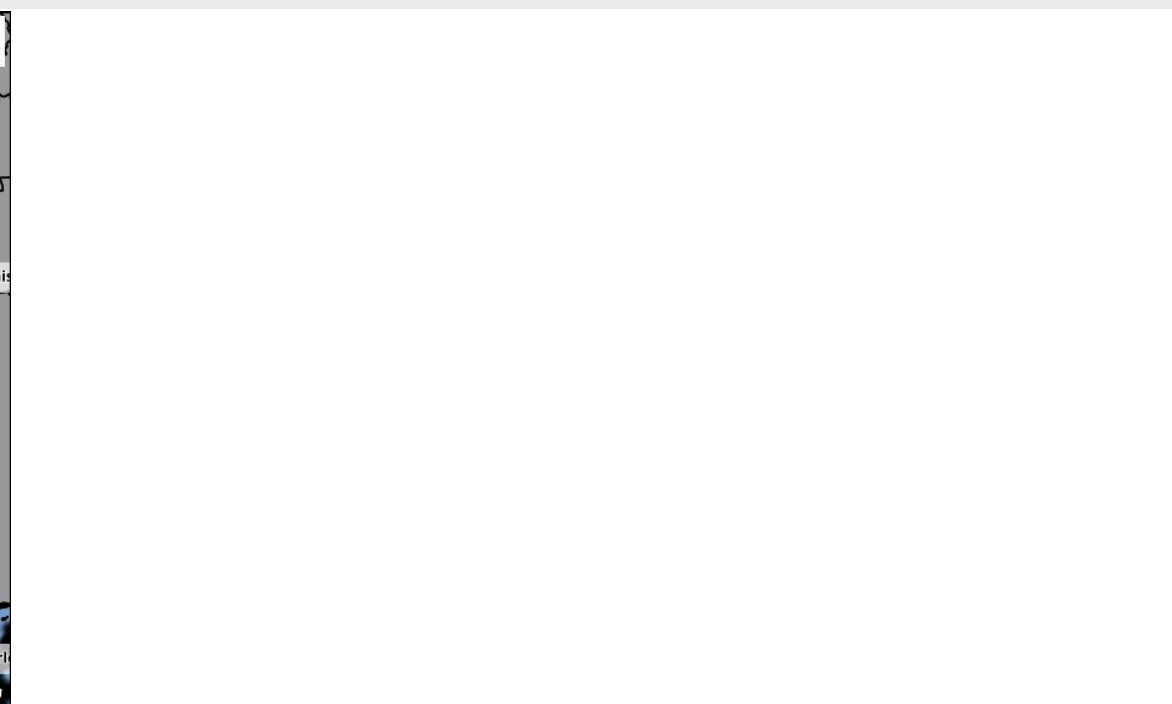
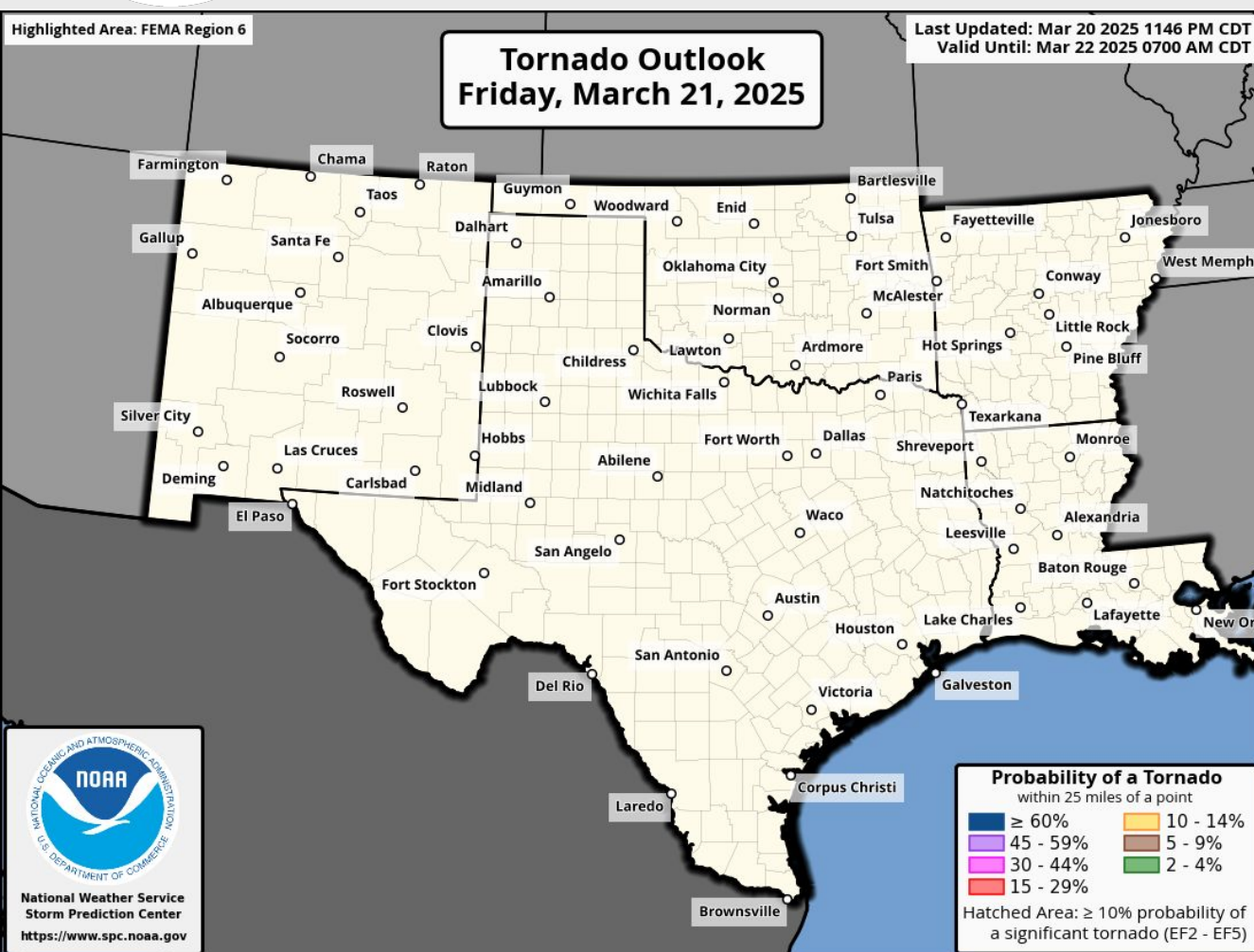


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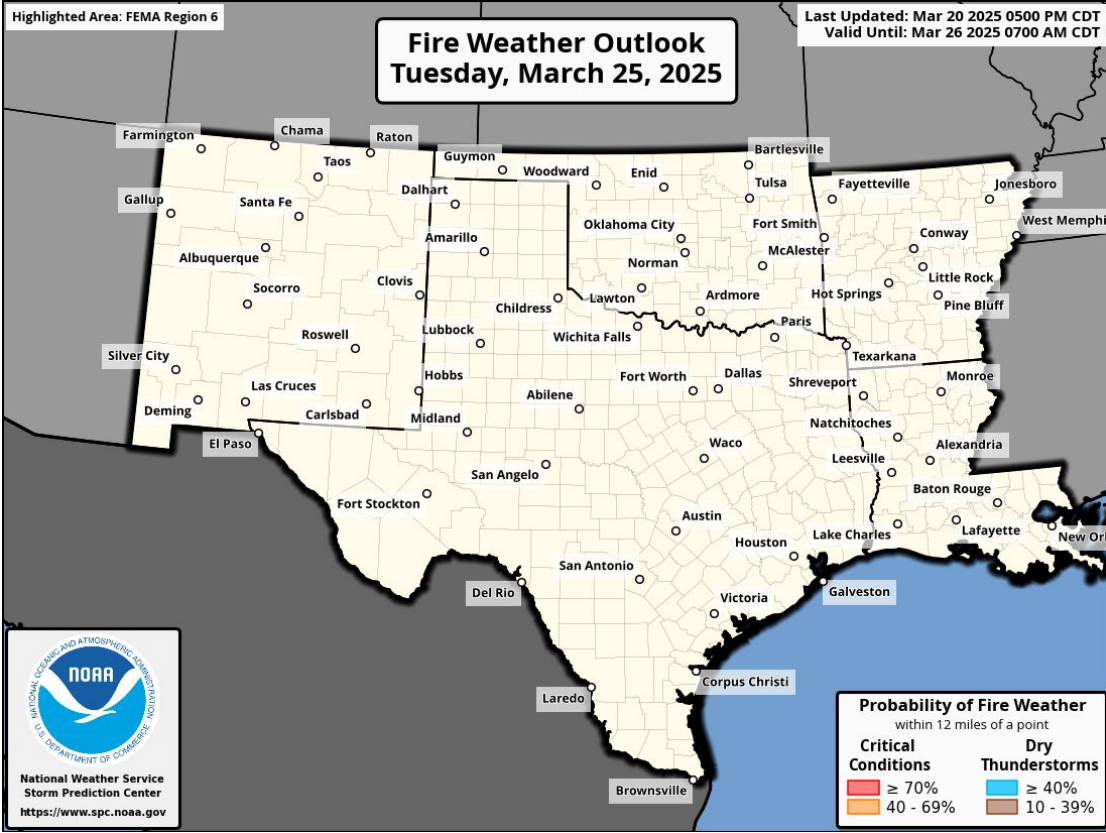
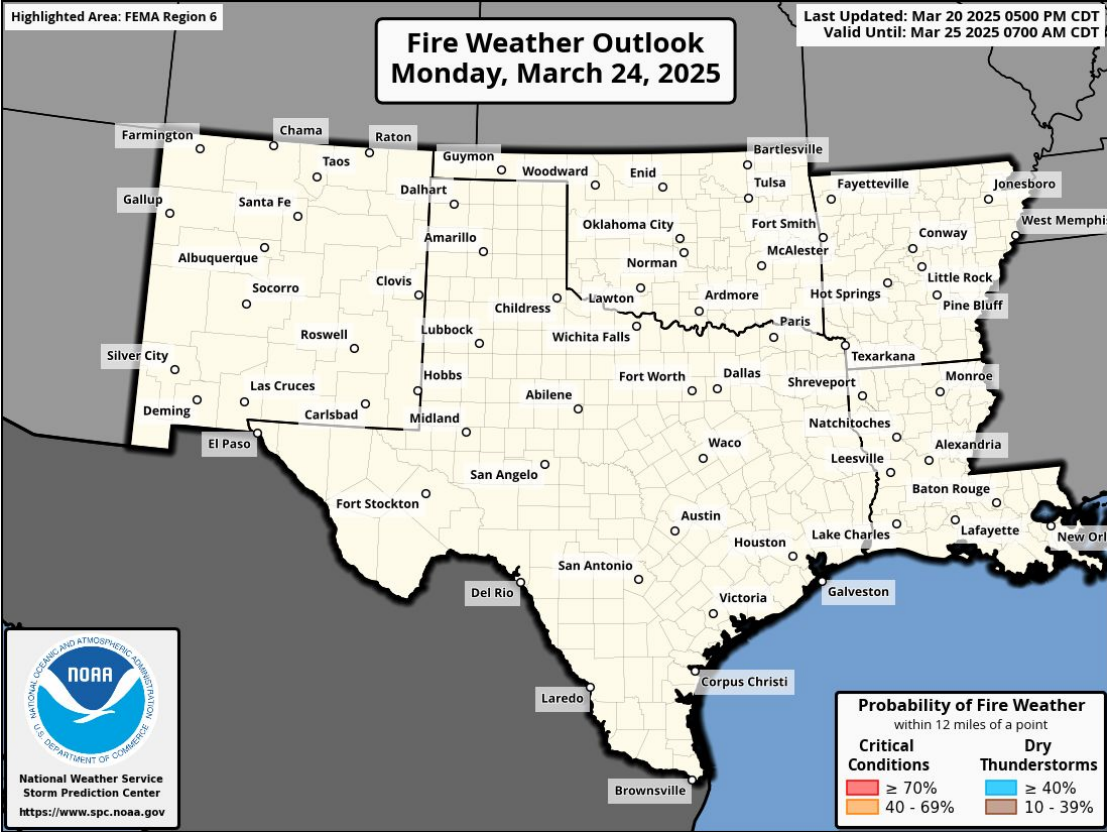
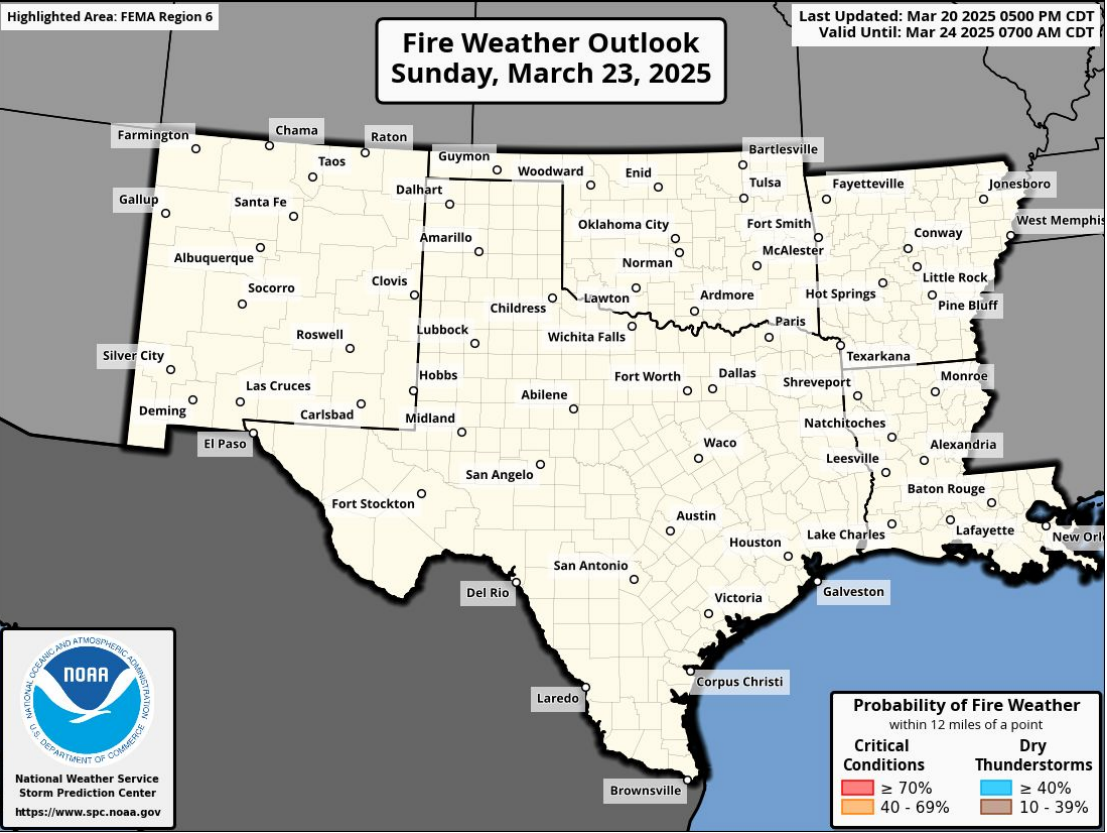
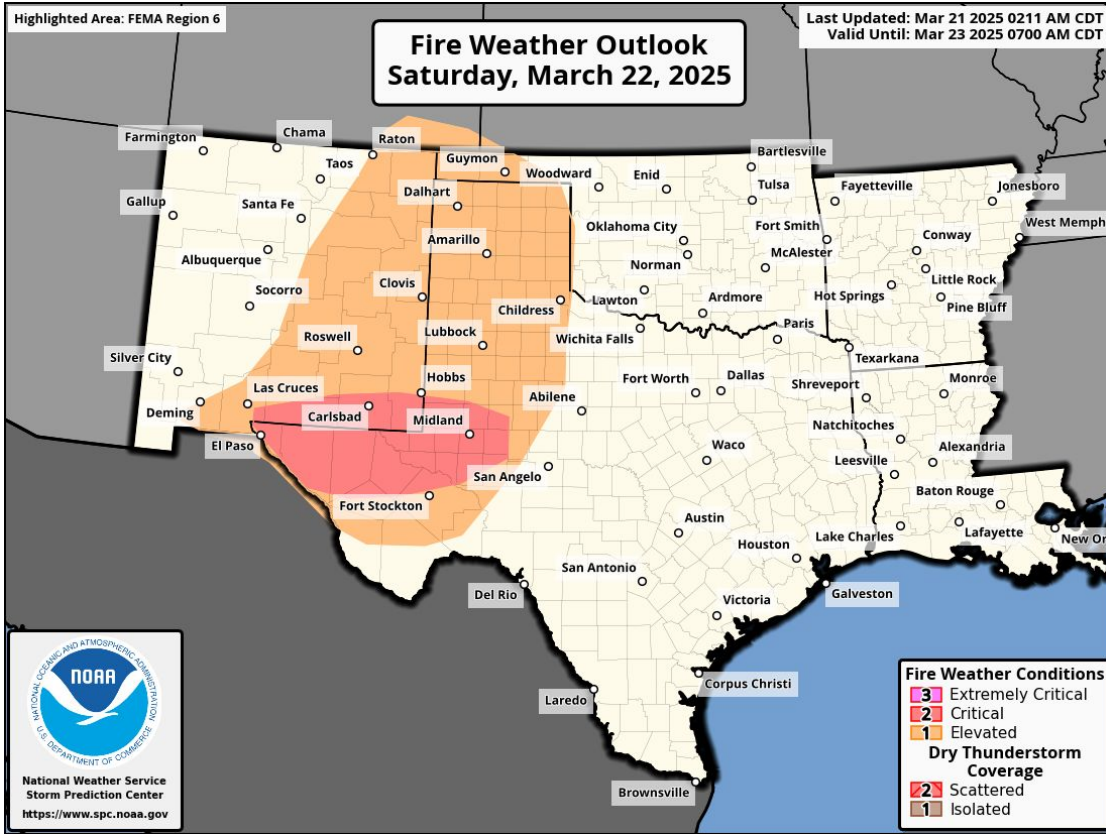
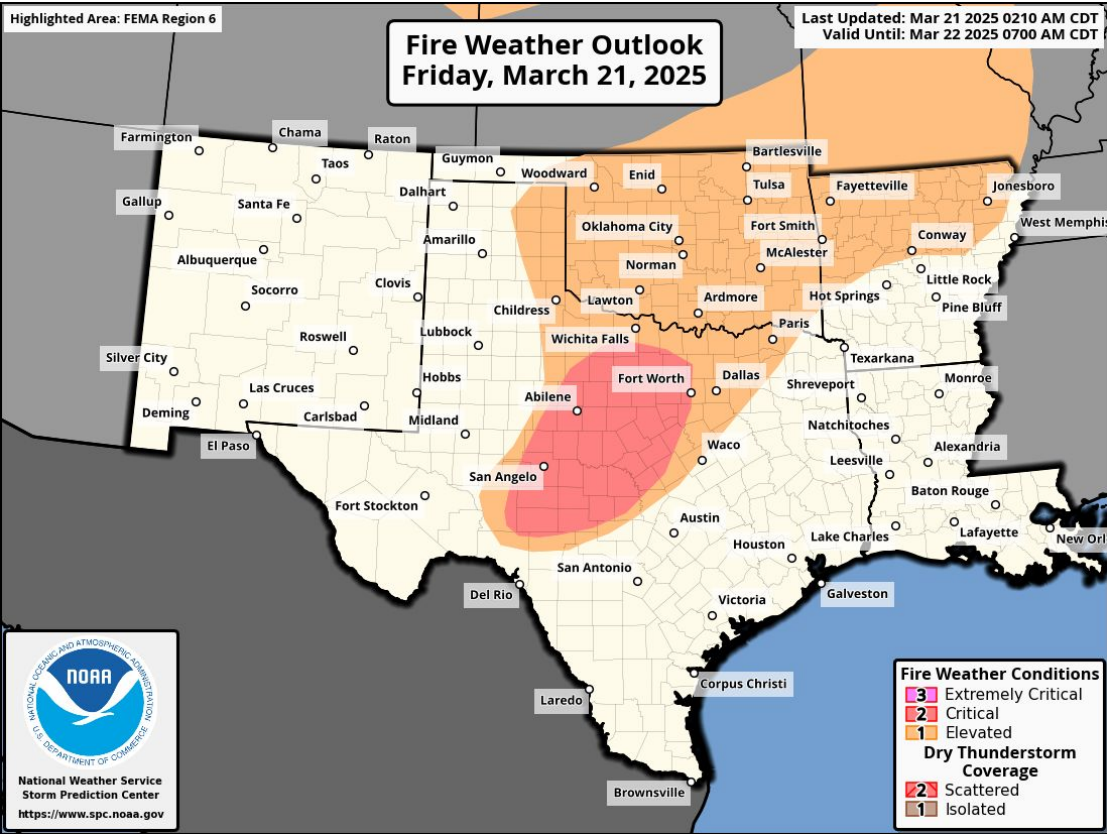
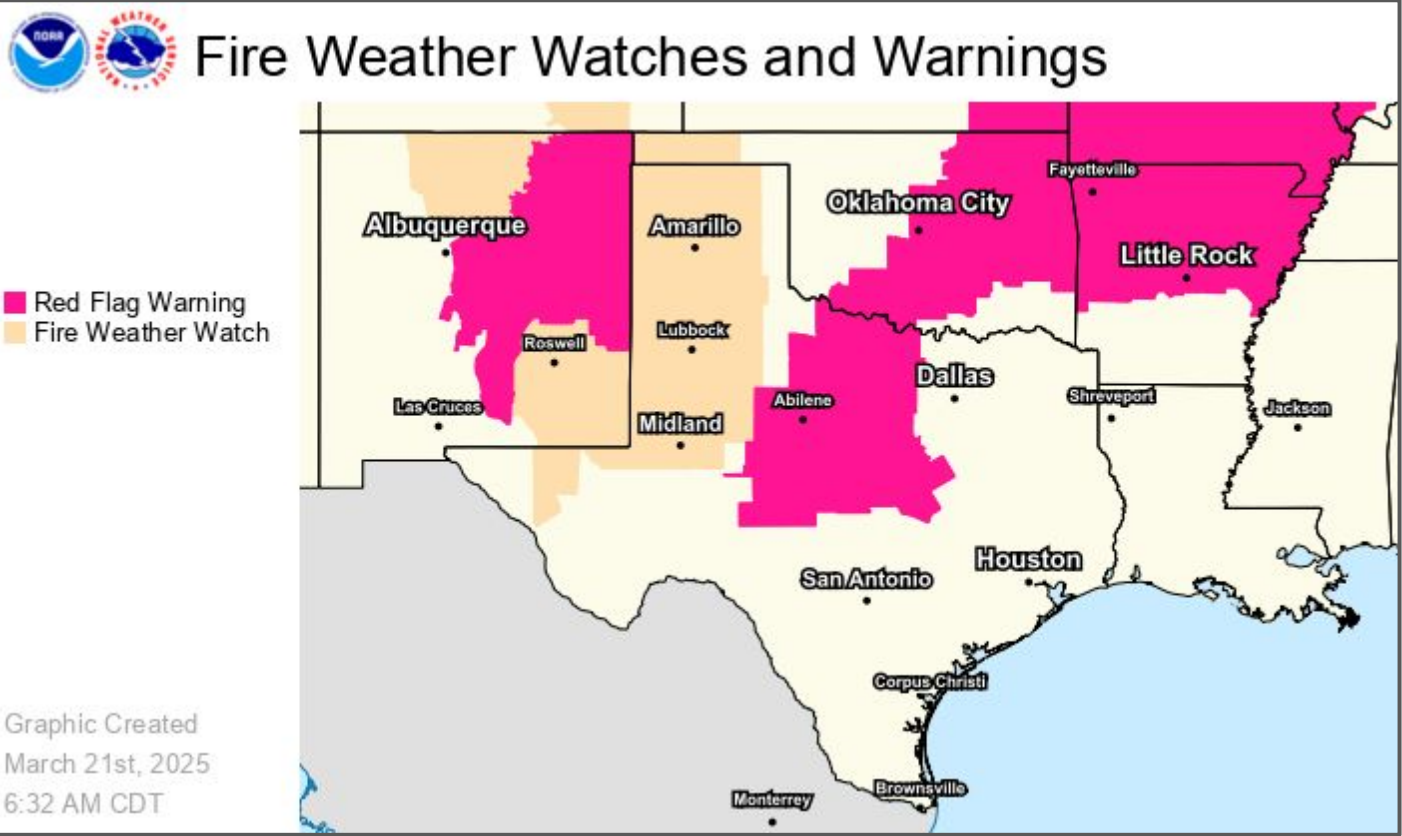


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



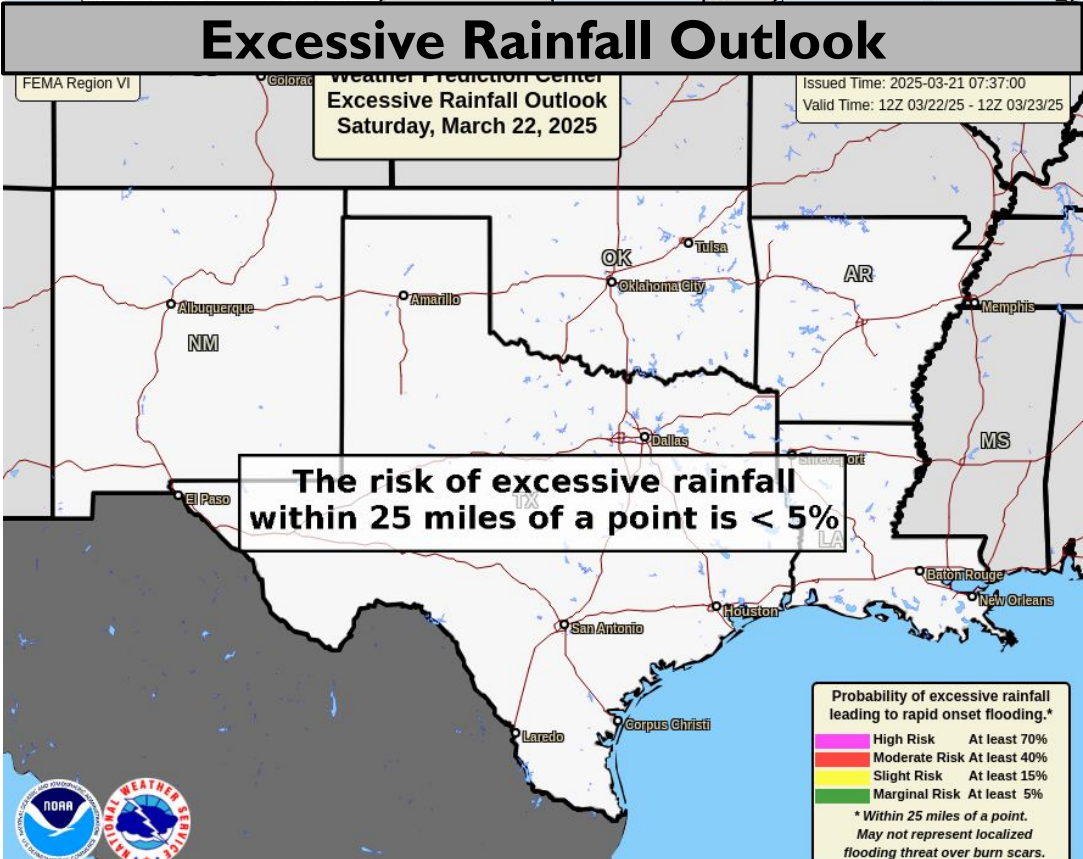
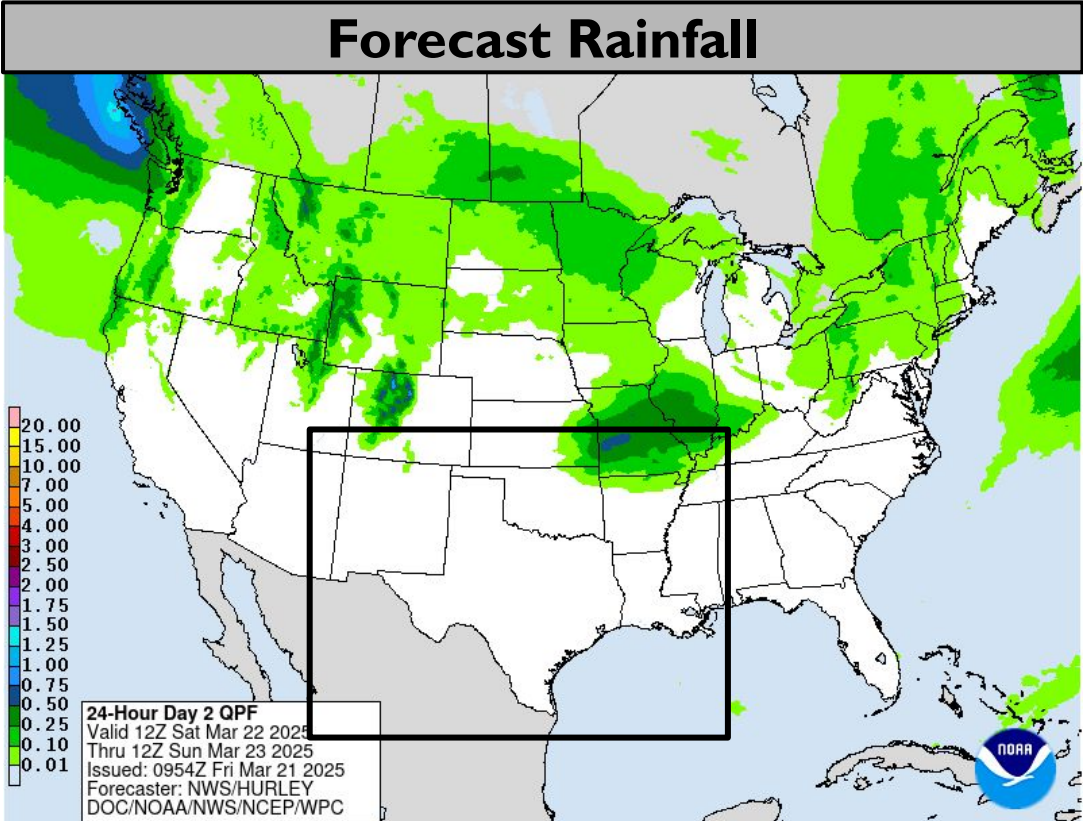
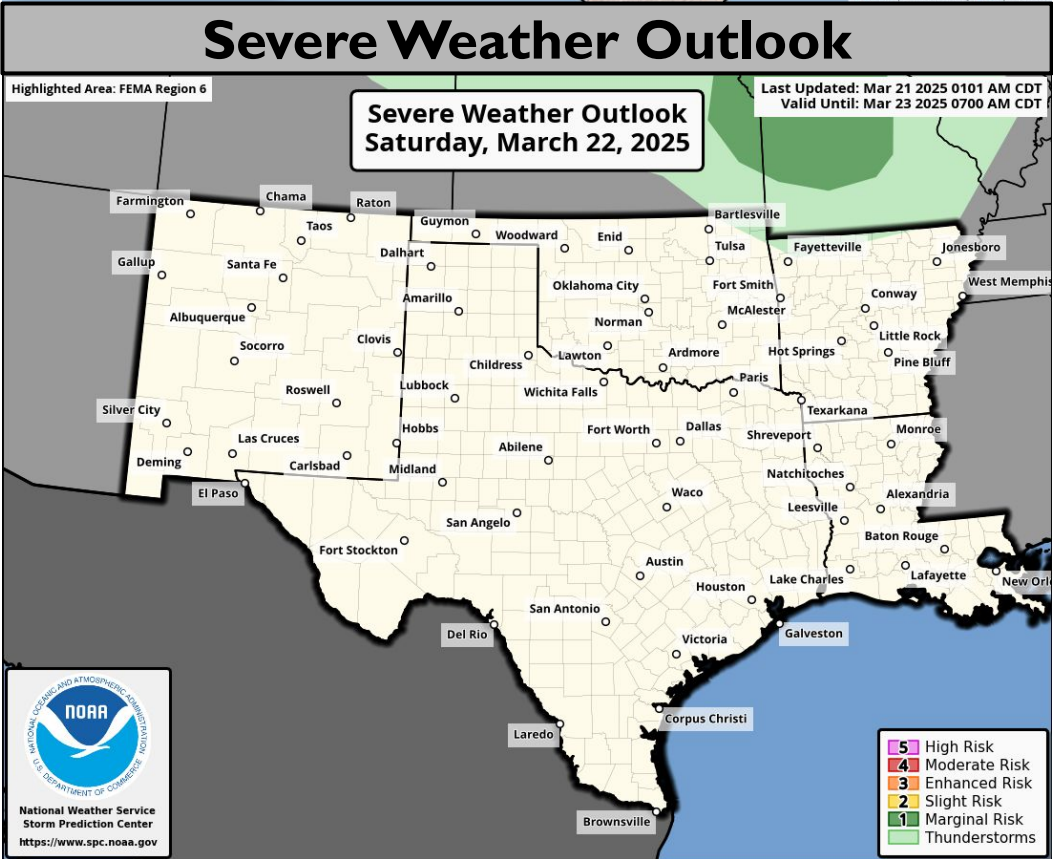
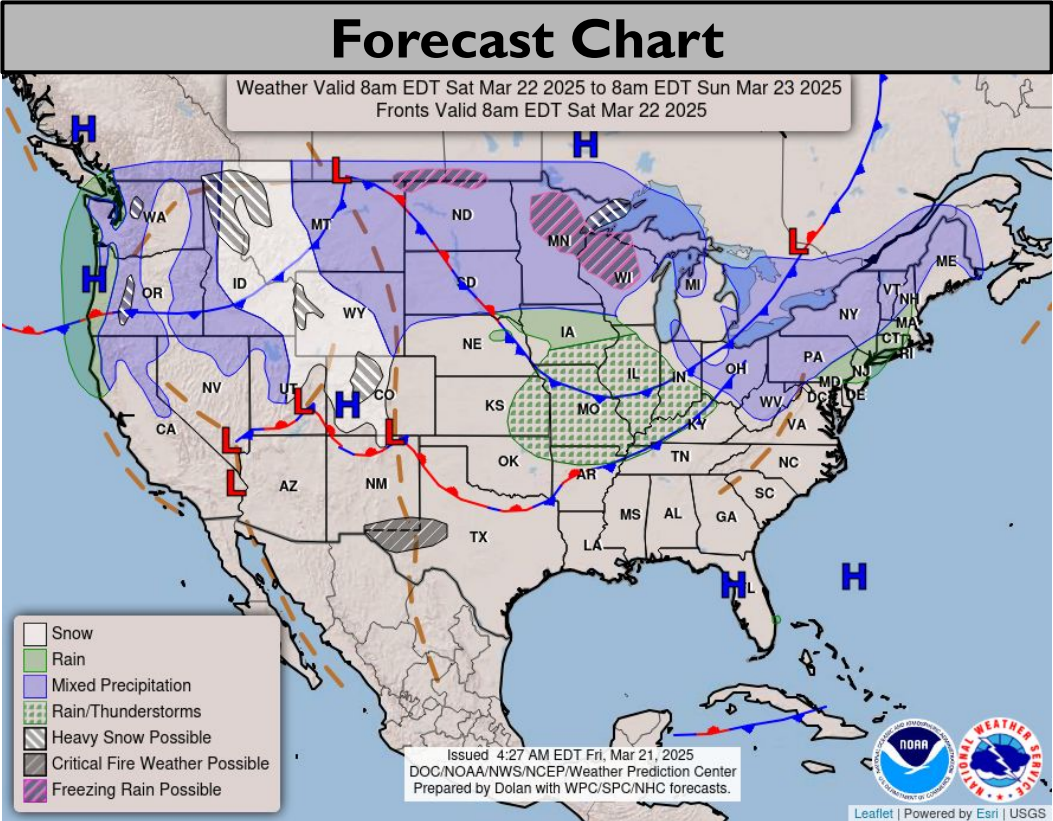


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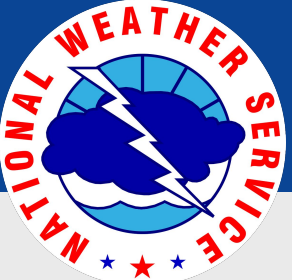




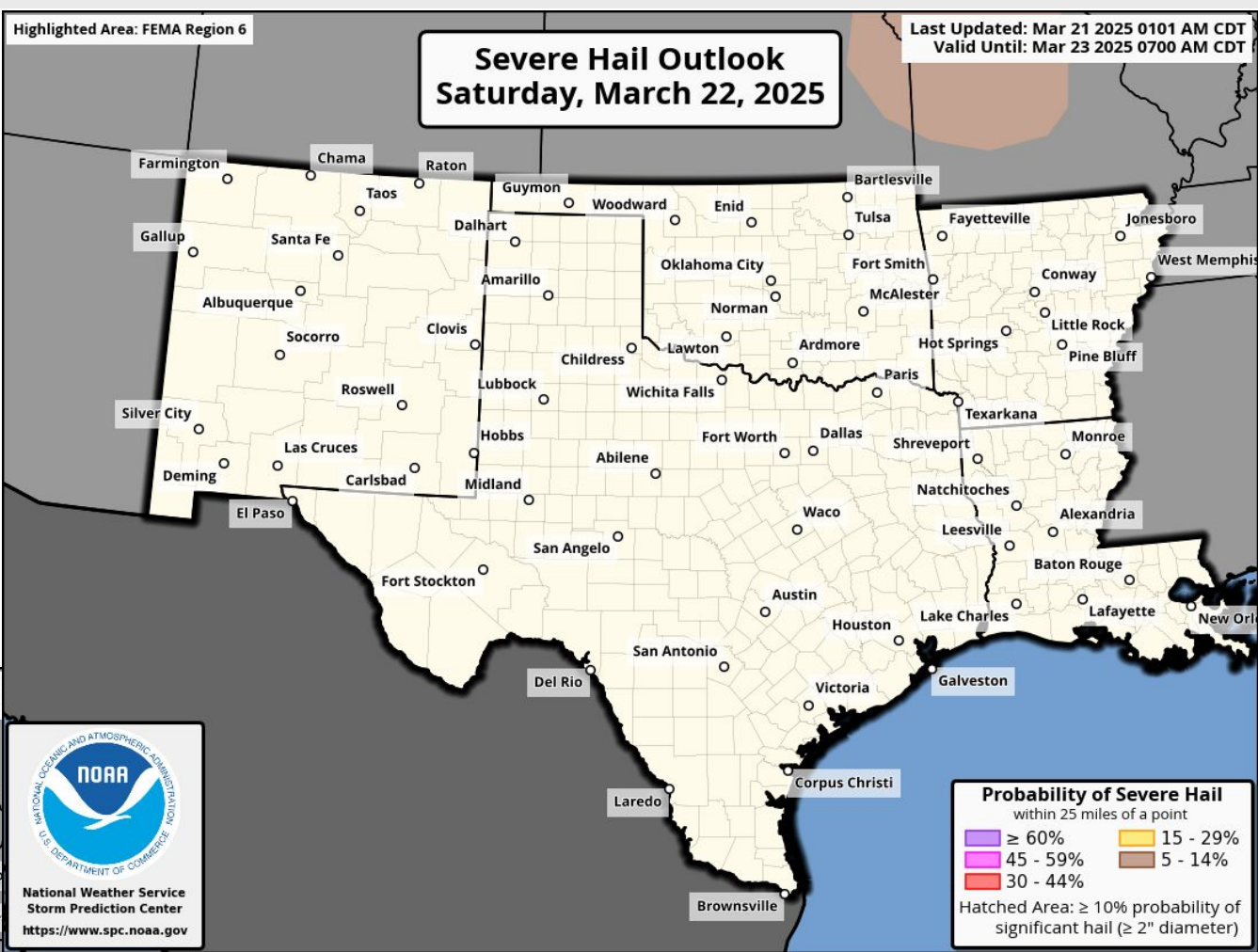
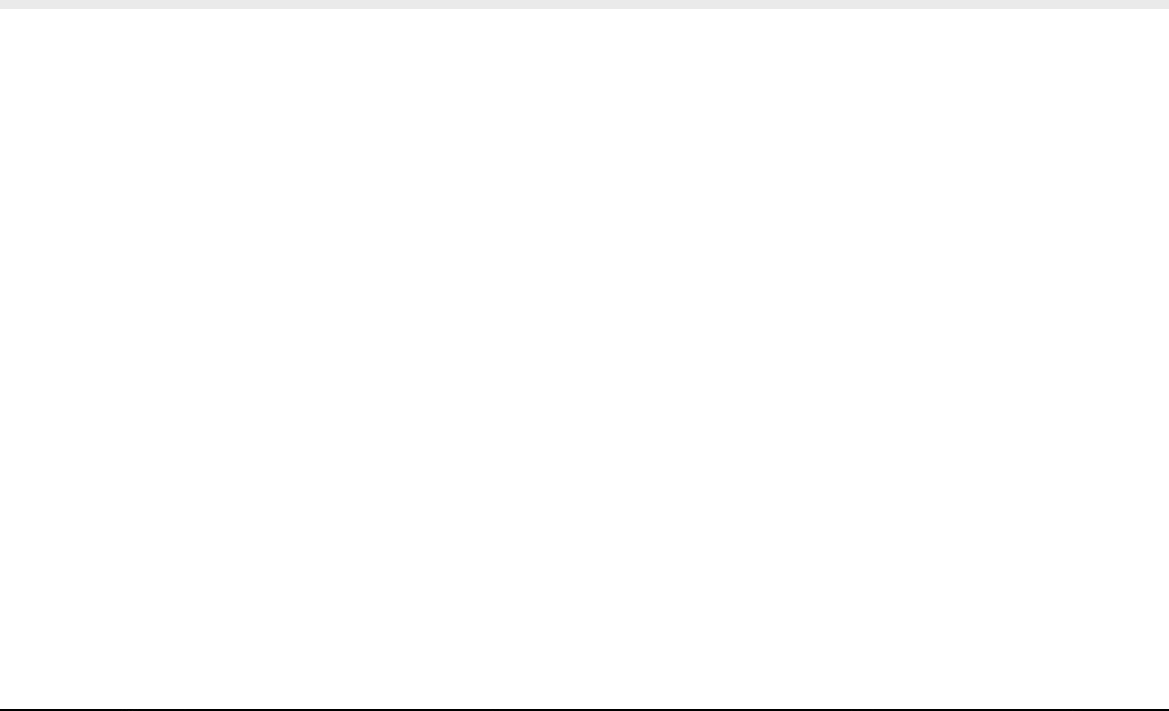
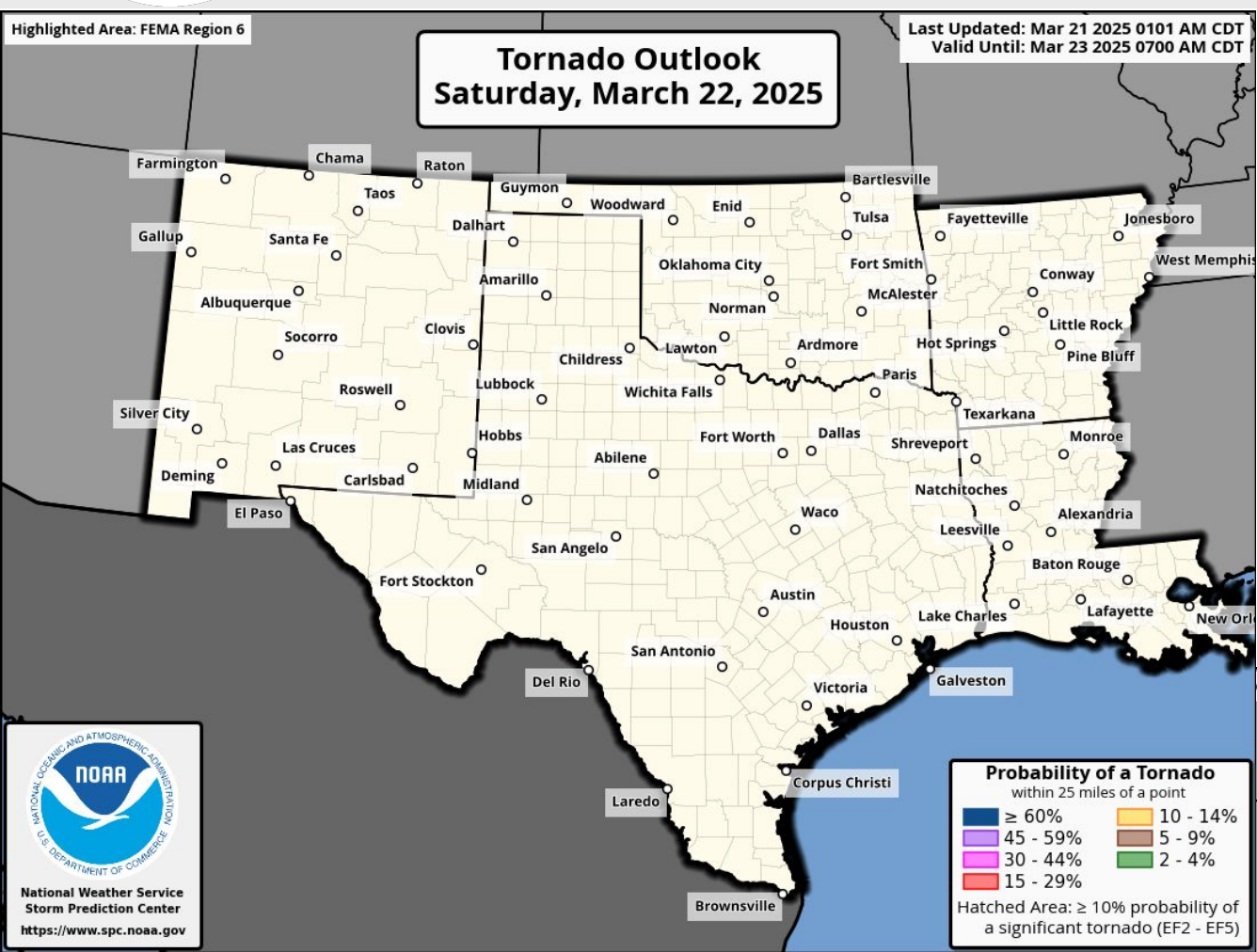
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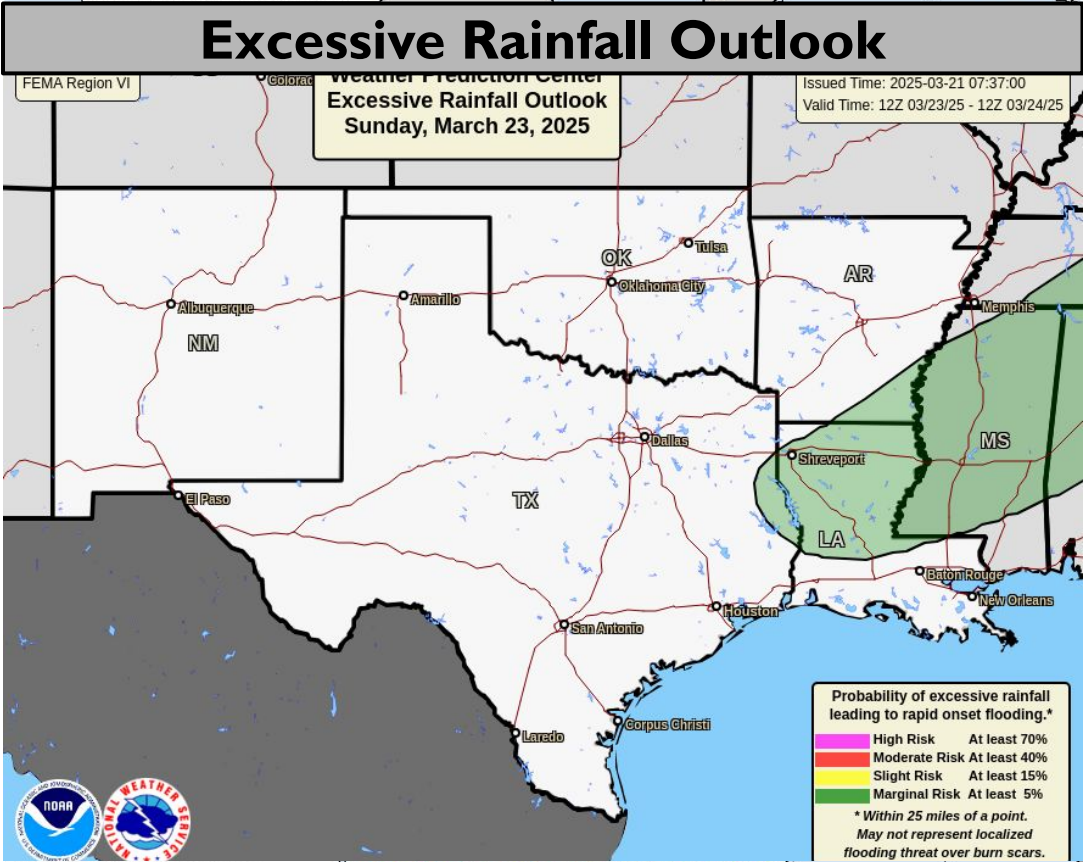
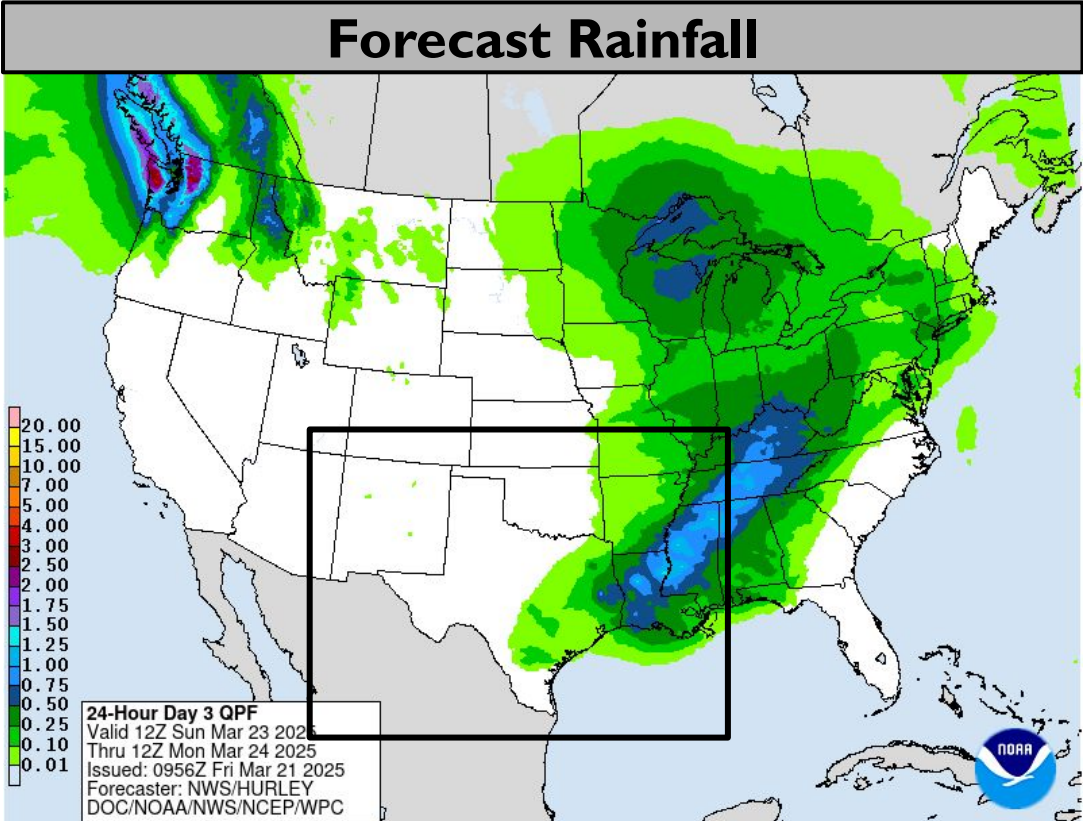
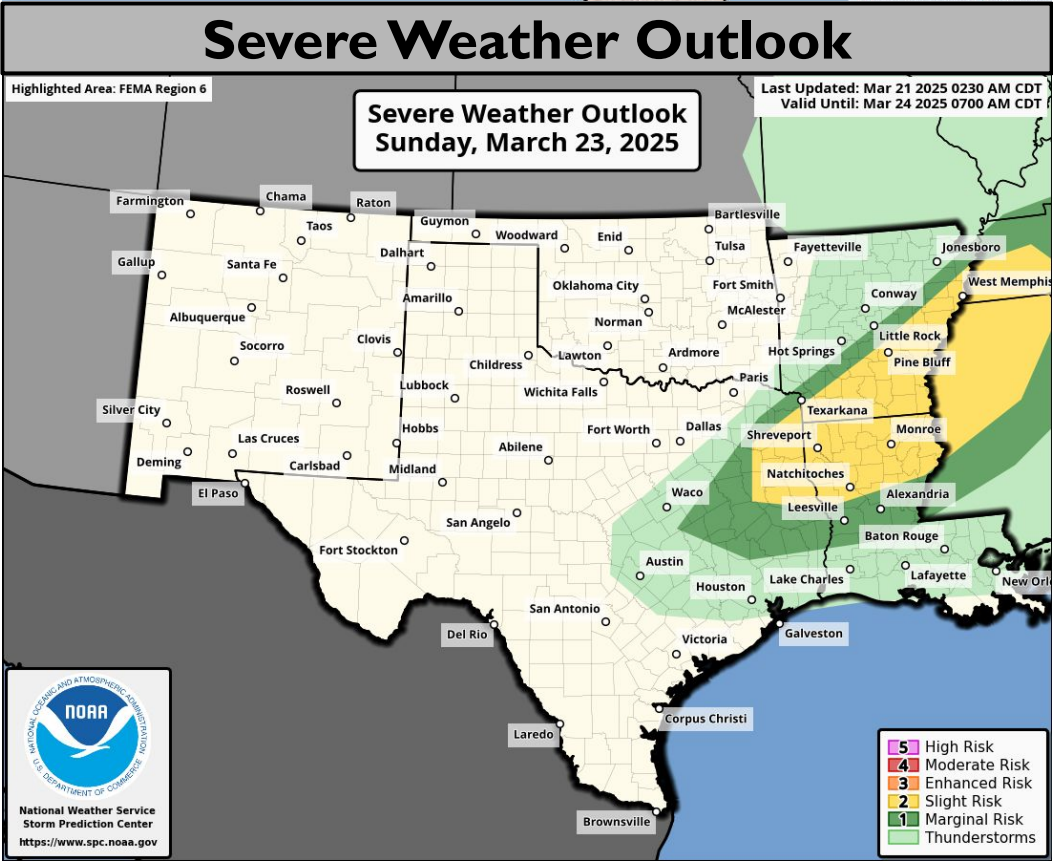
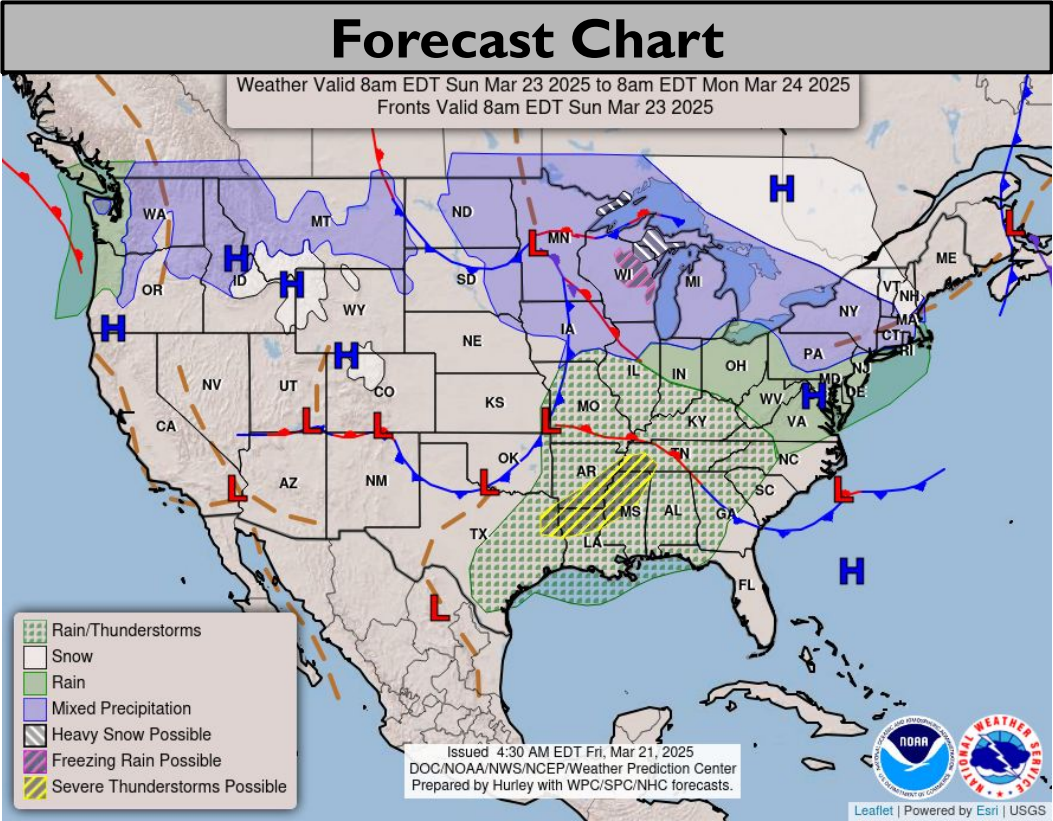


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# Sunday's Weather

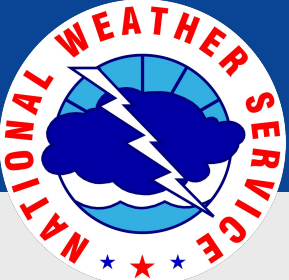


**Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms S AR, NETX, N LA. Threats: large hail and damaging winds. A tornado or two are possible. Timing: Afternoon through late evening hours.**

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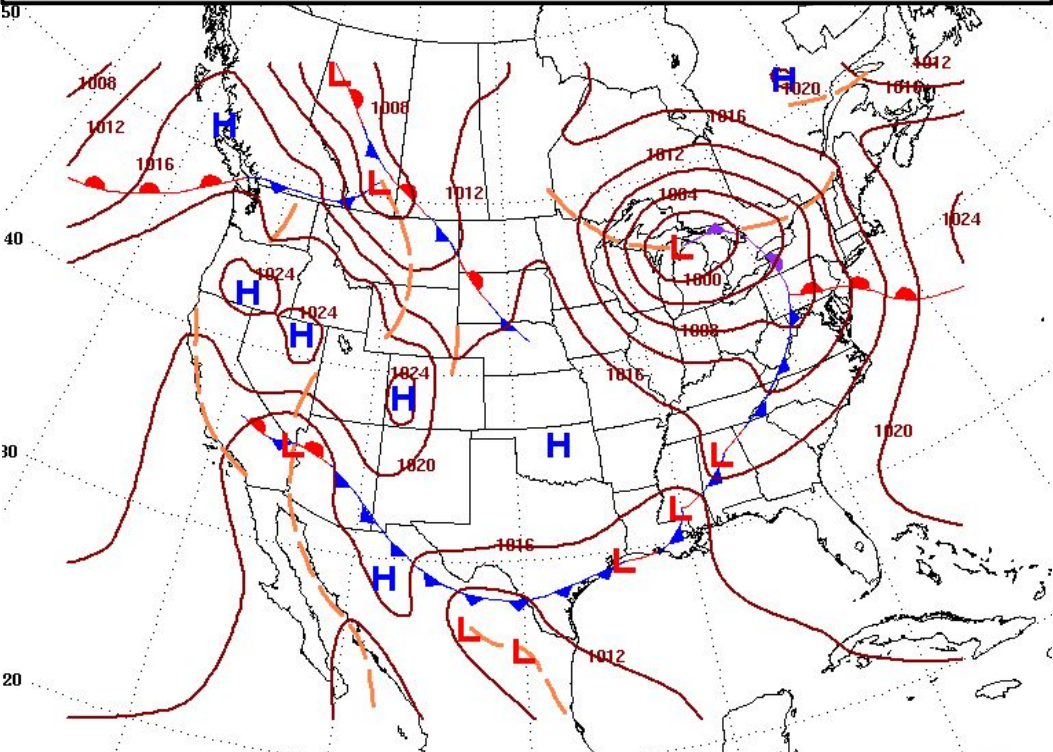
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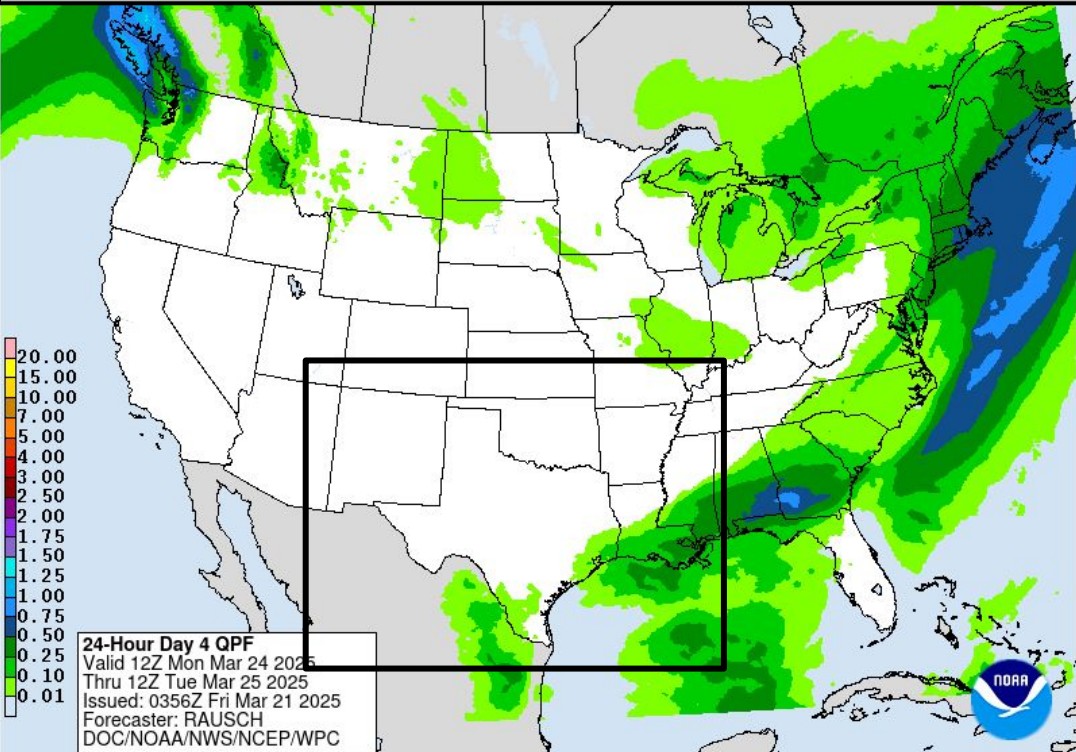


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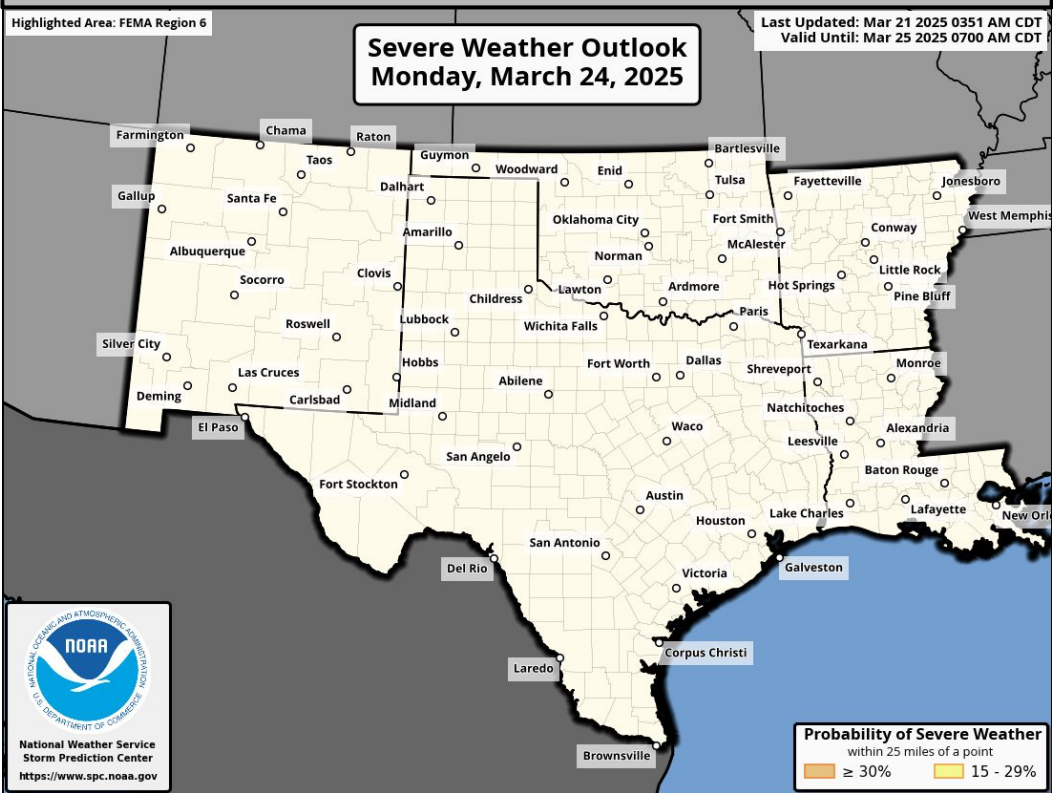
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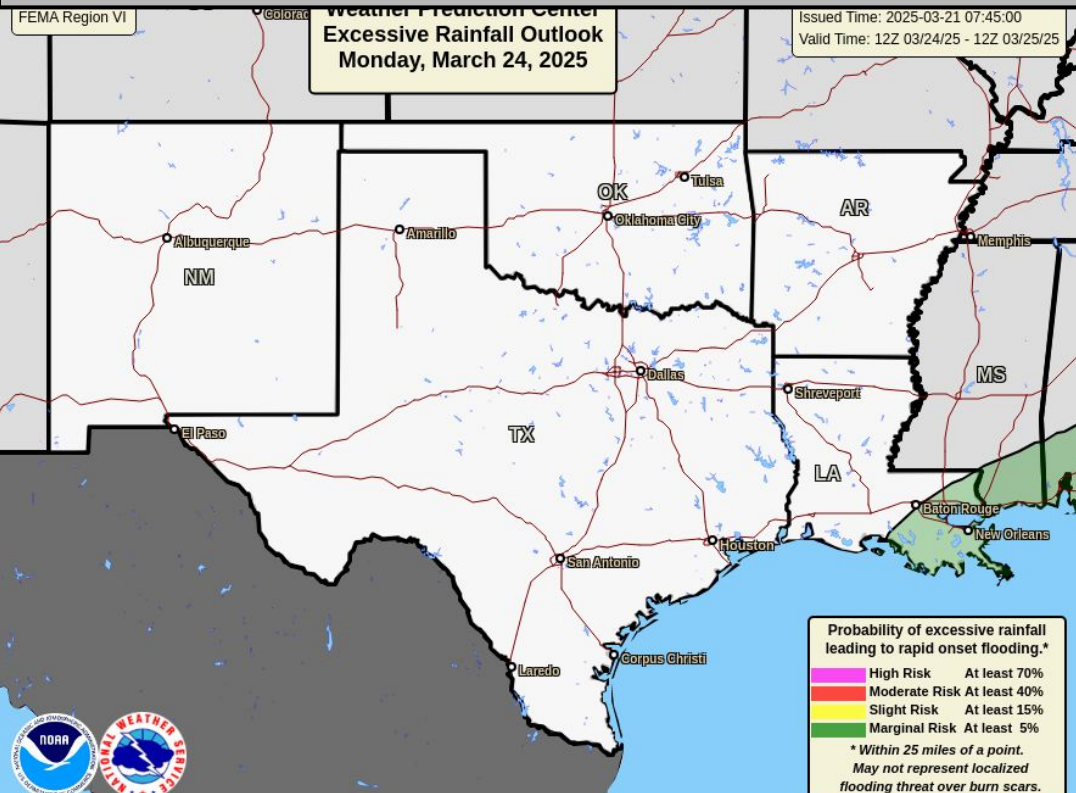
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



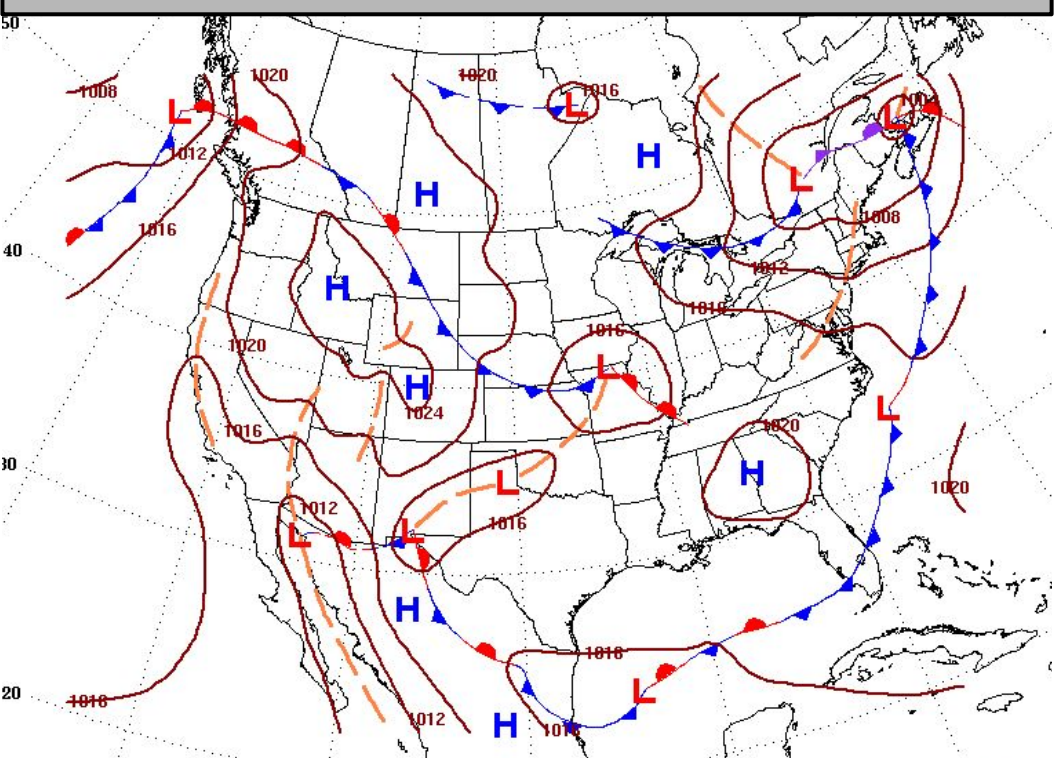
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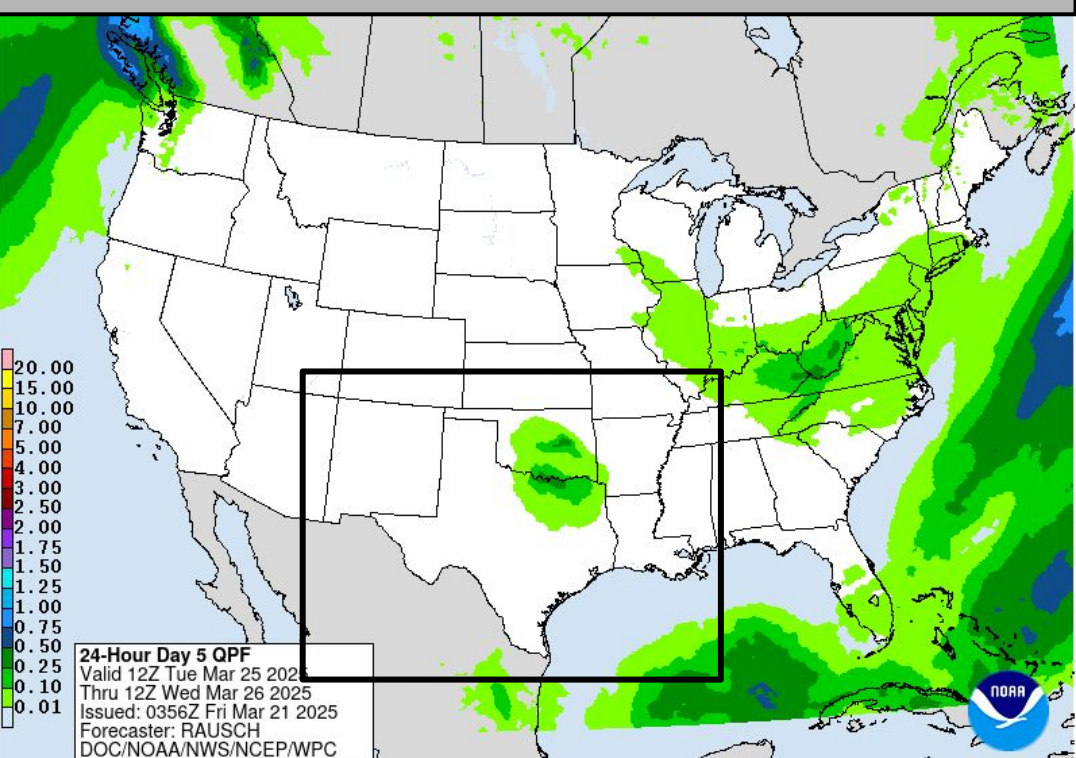


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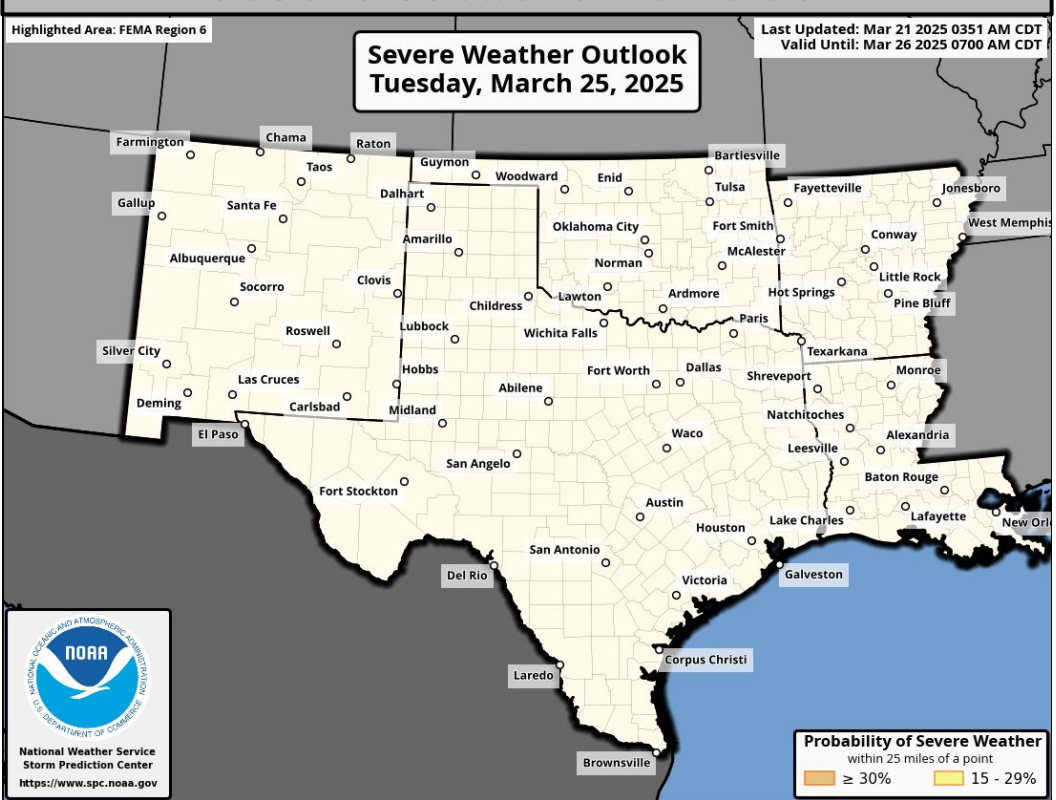


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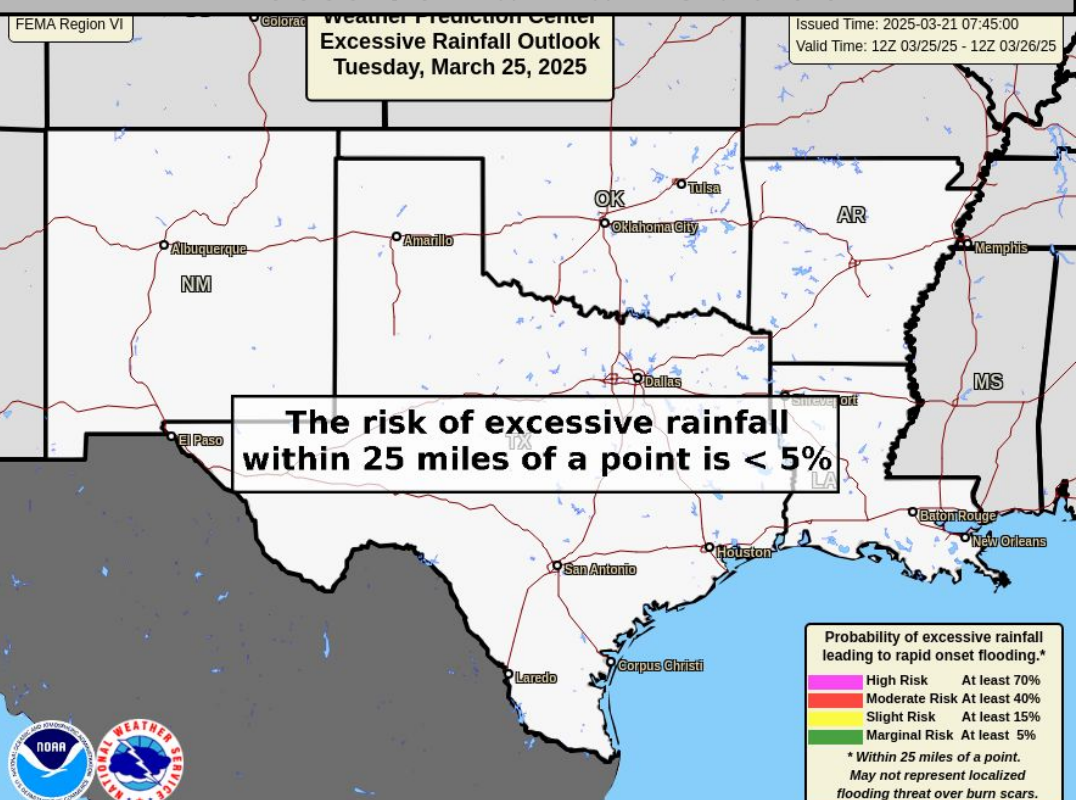


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Severe Weather Outlook



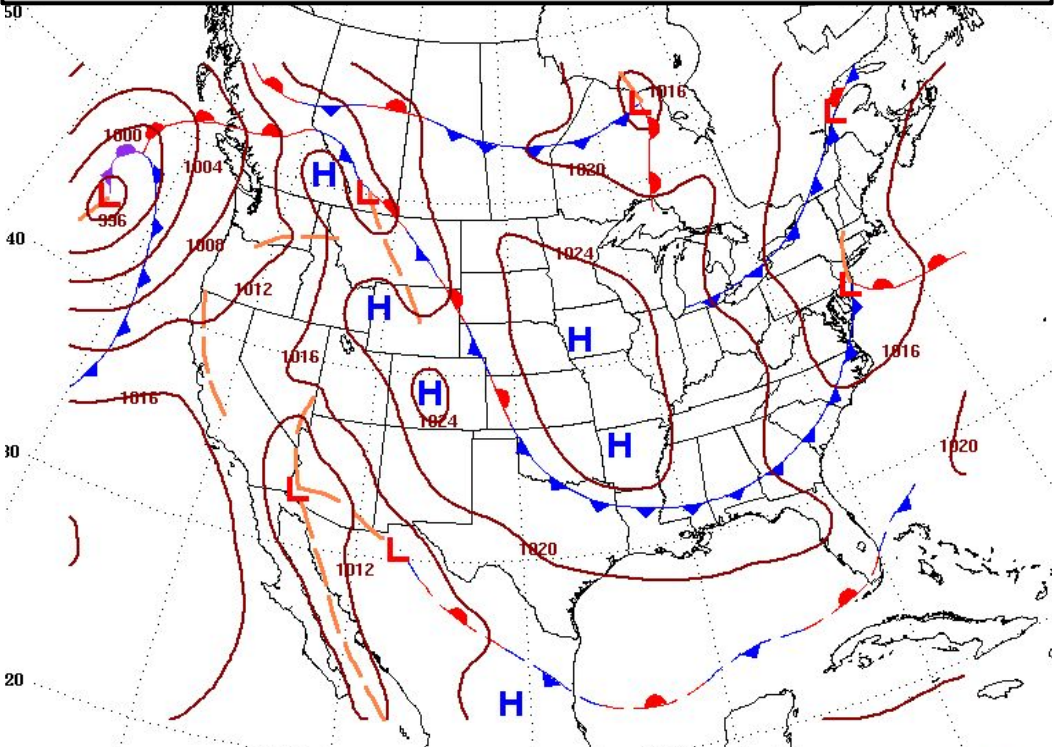
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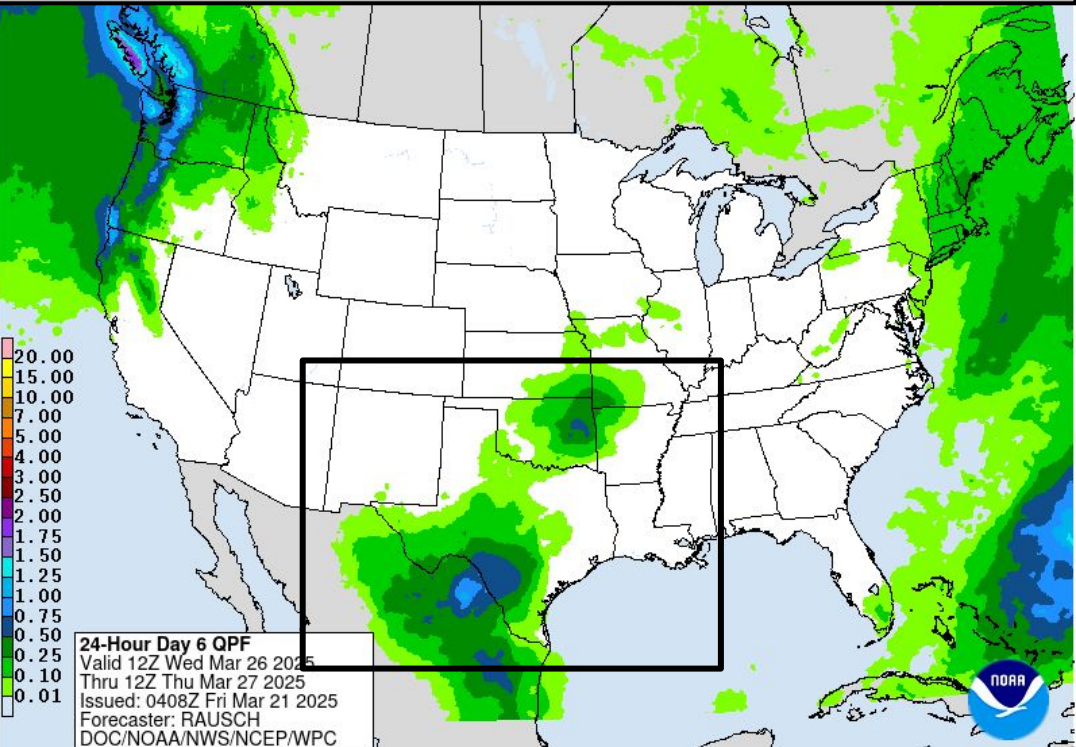


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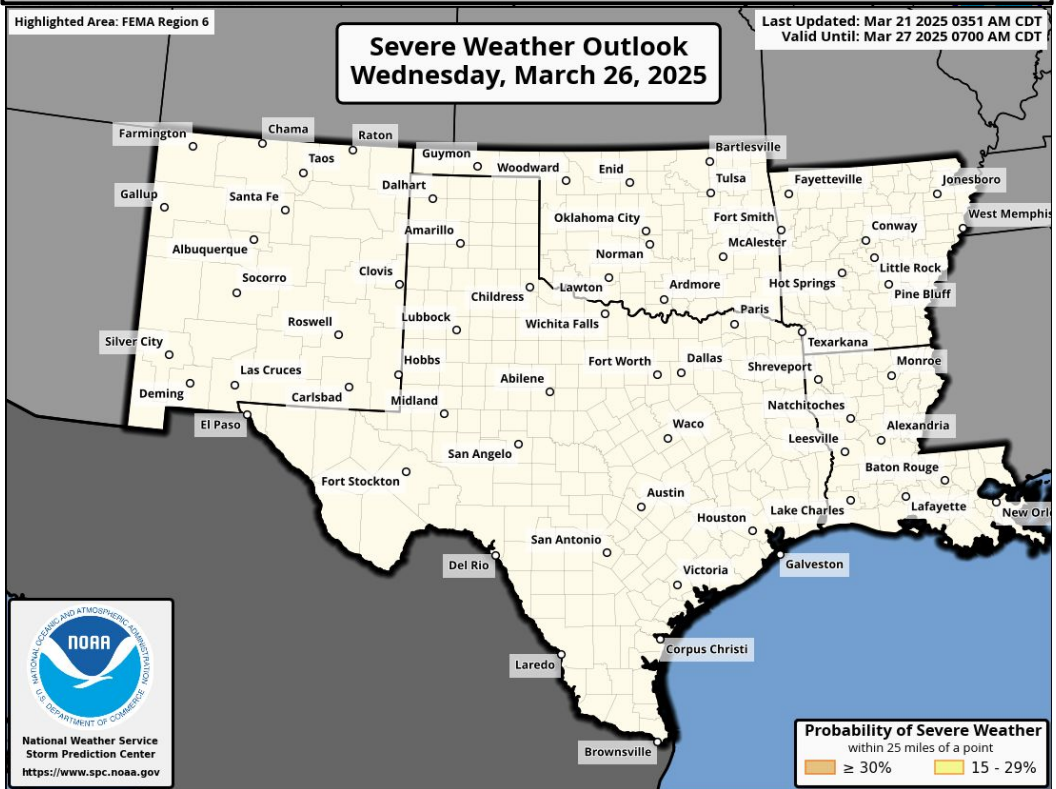


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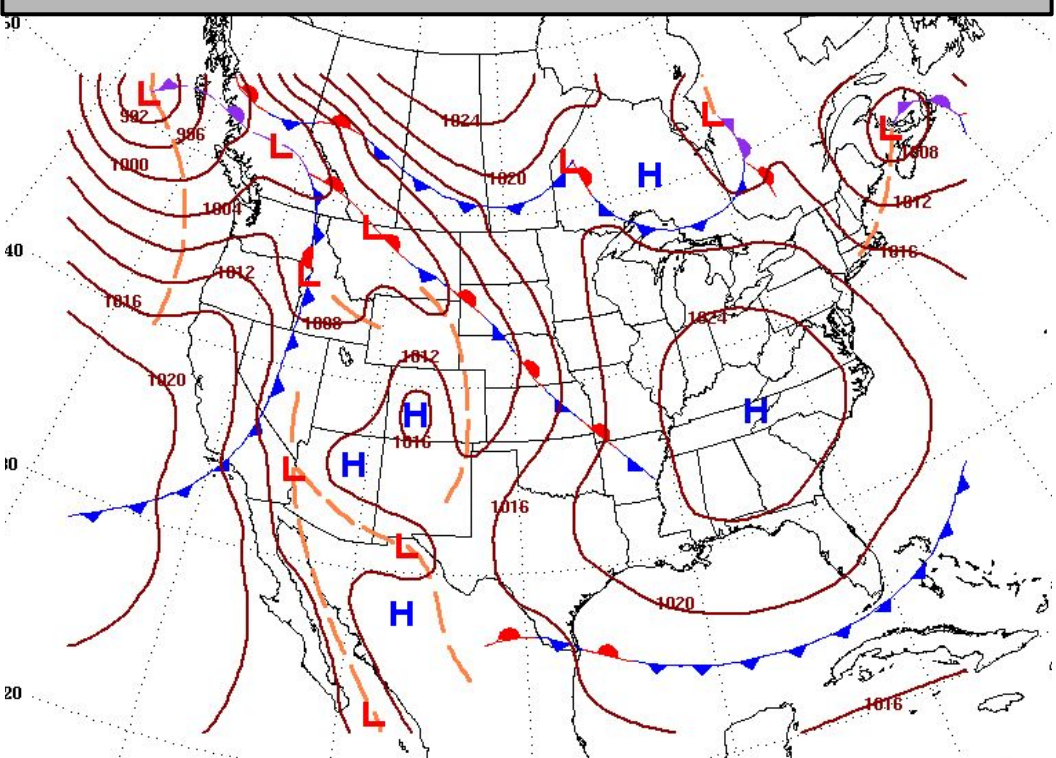


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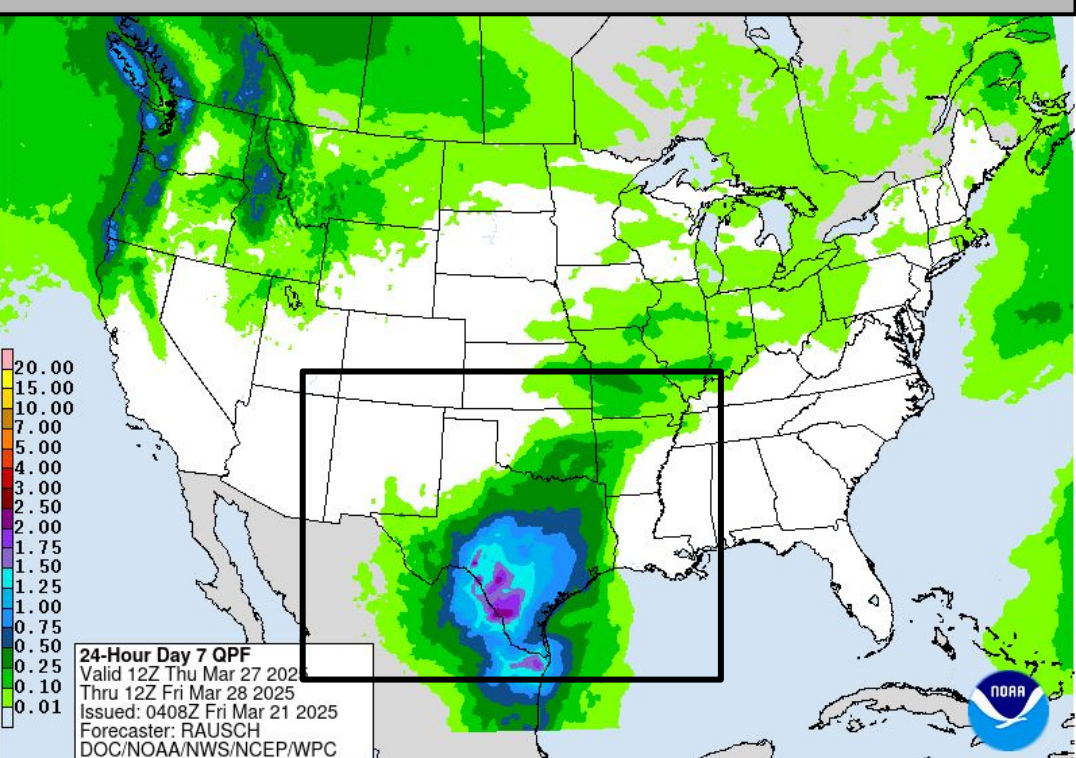


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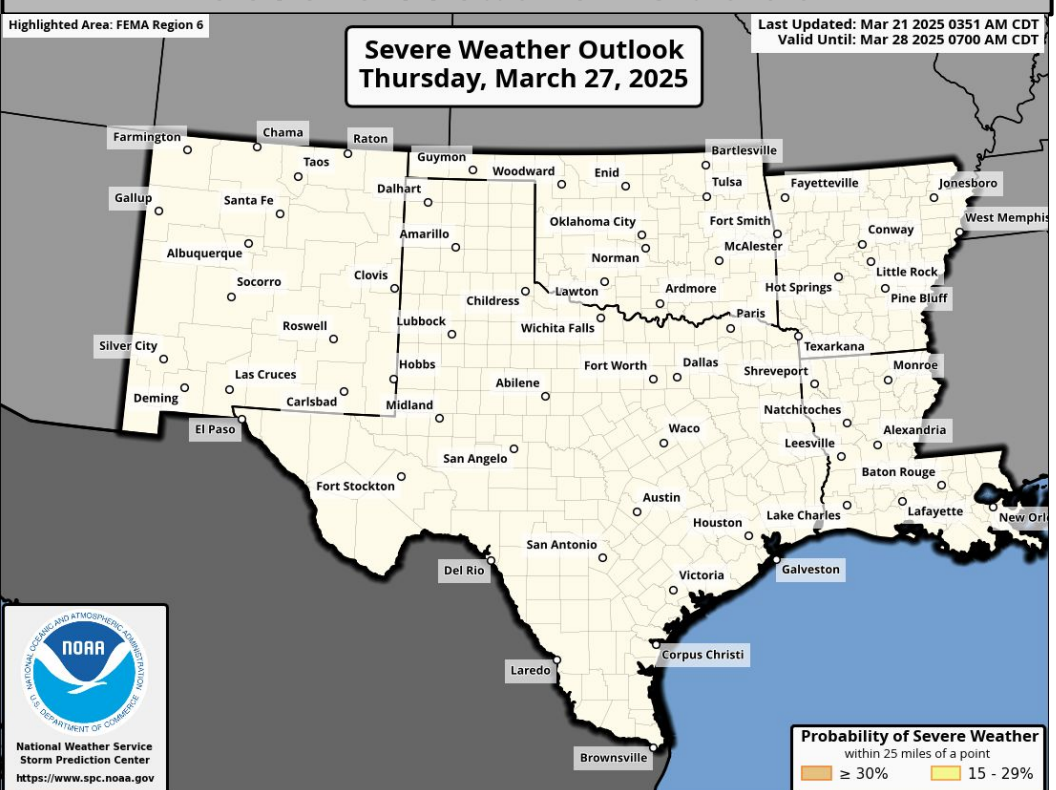


Forecast Rainfall

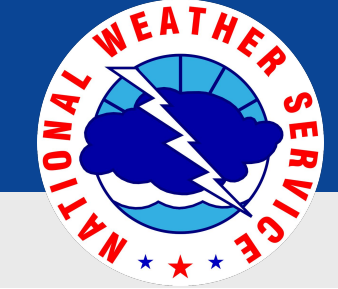


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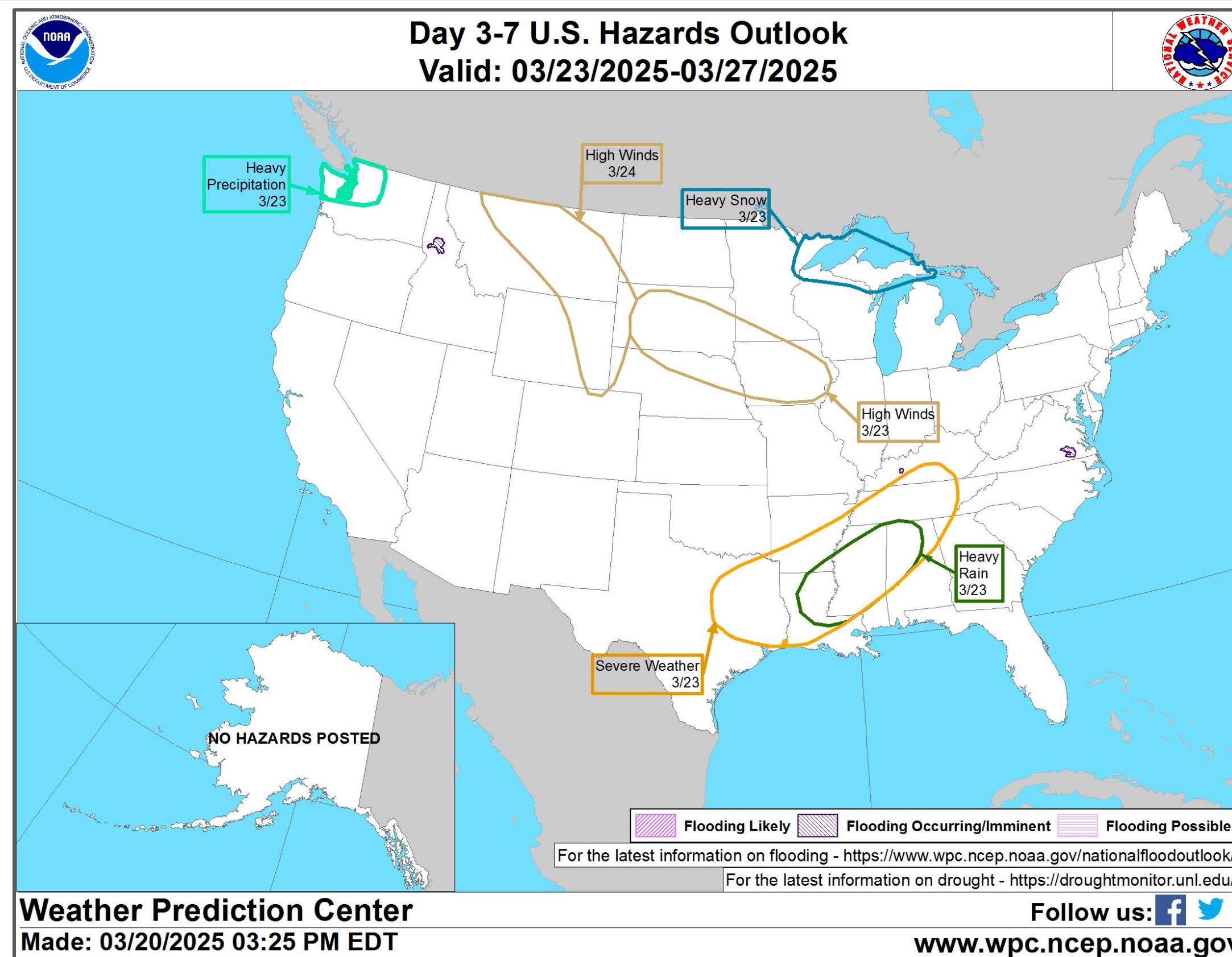
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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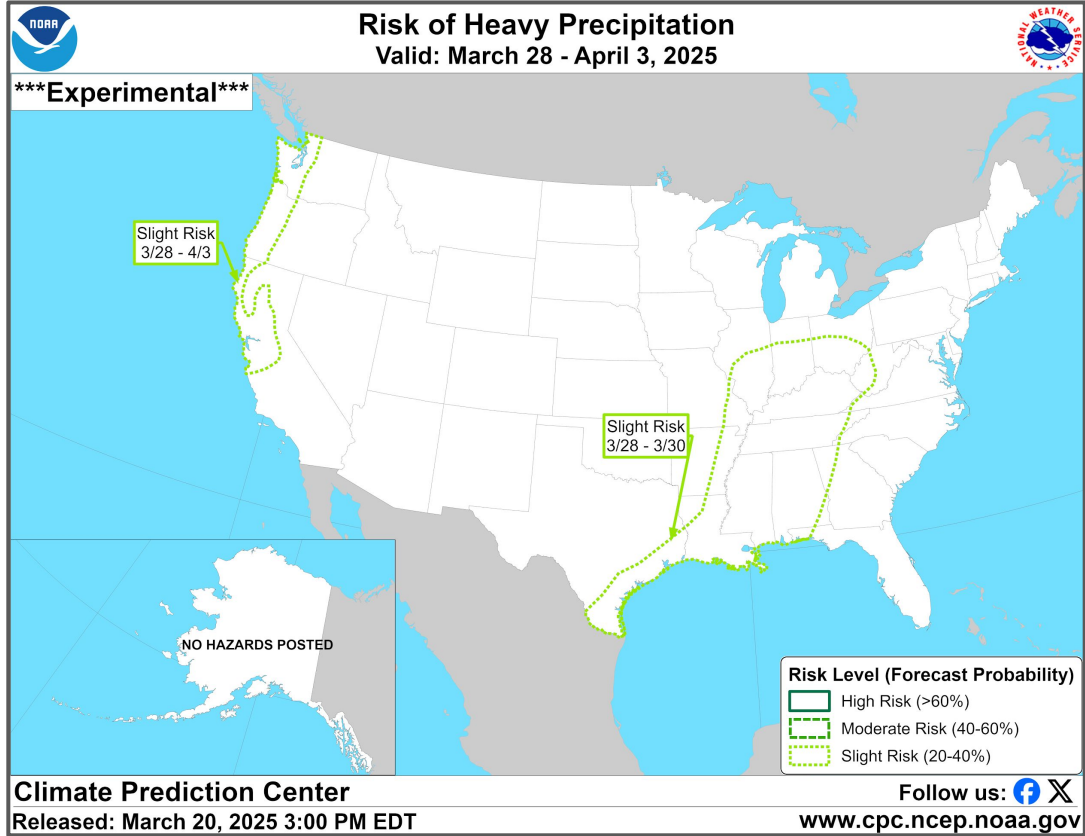
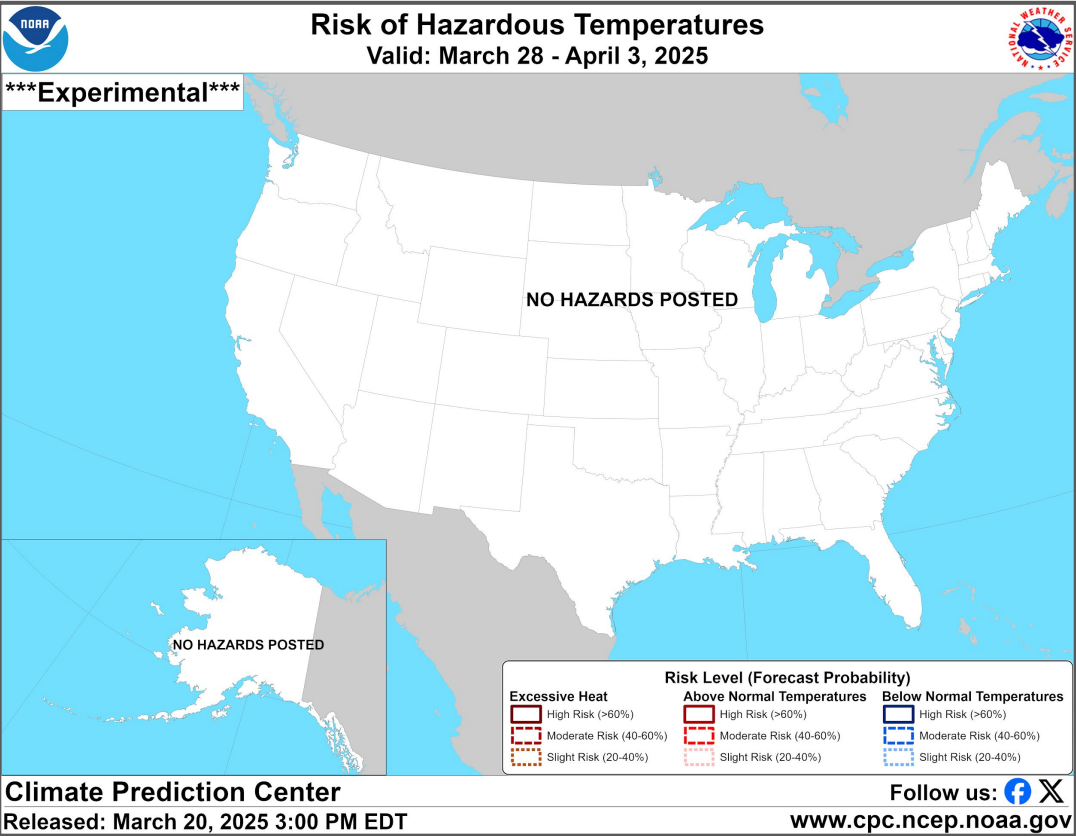
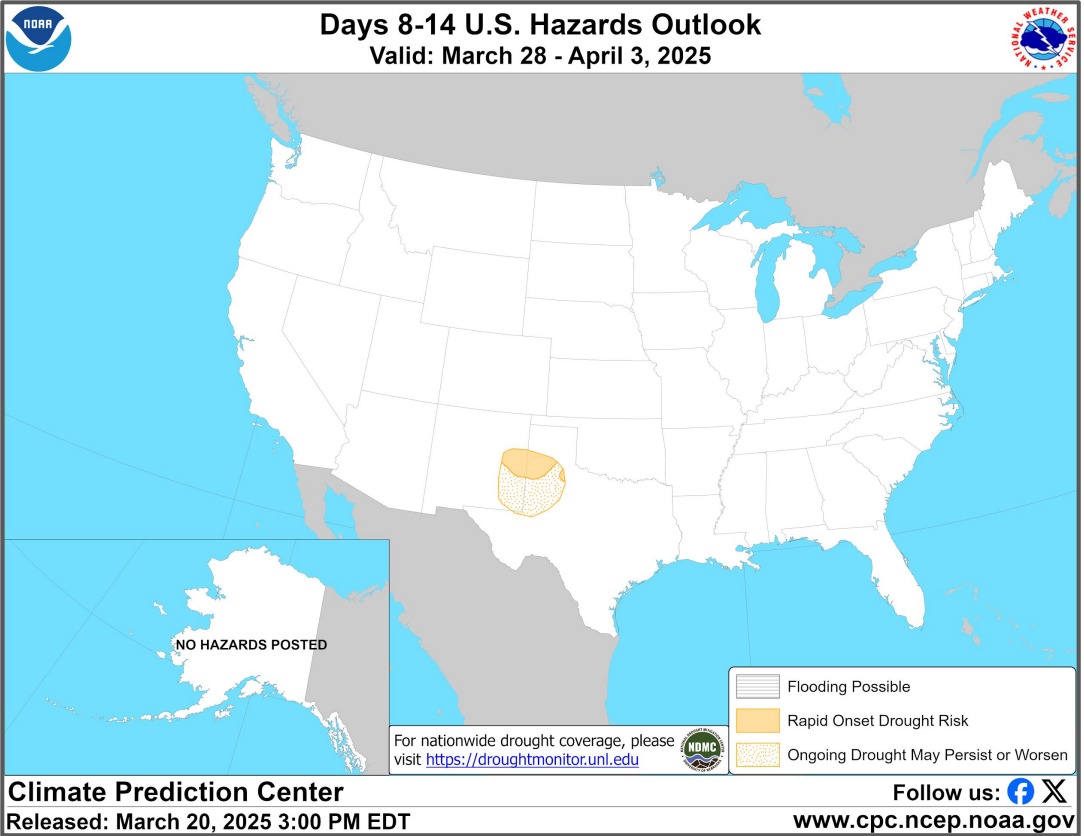
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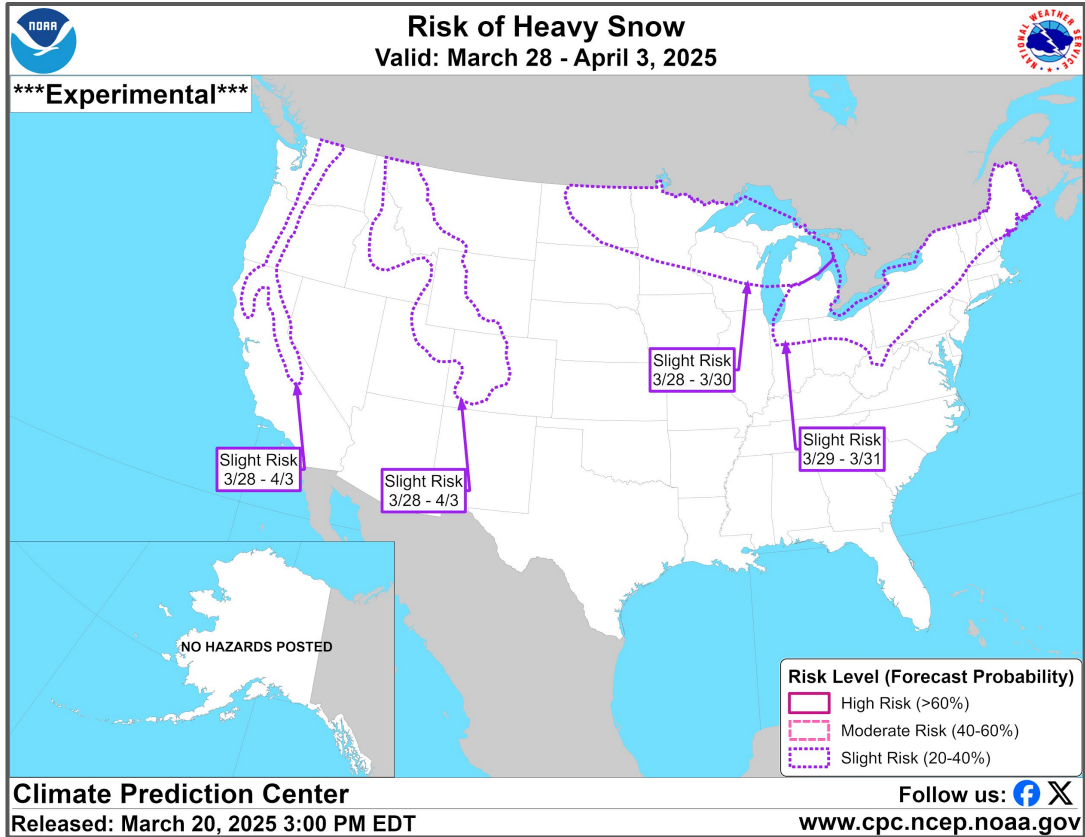
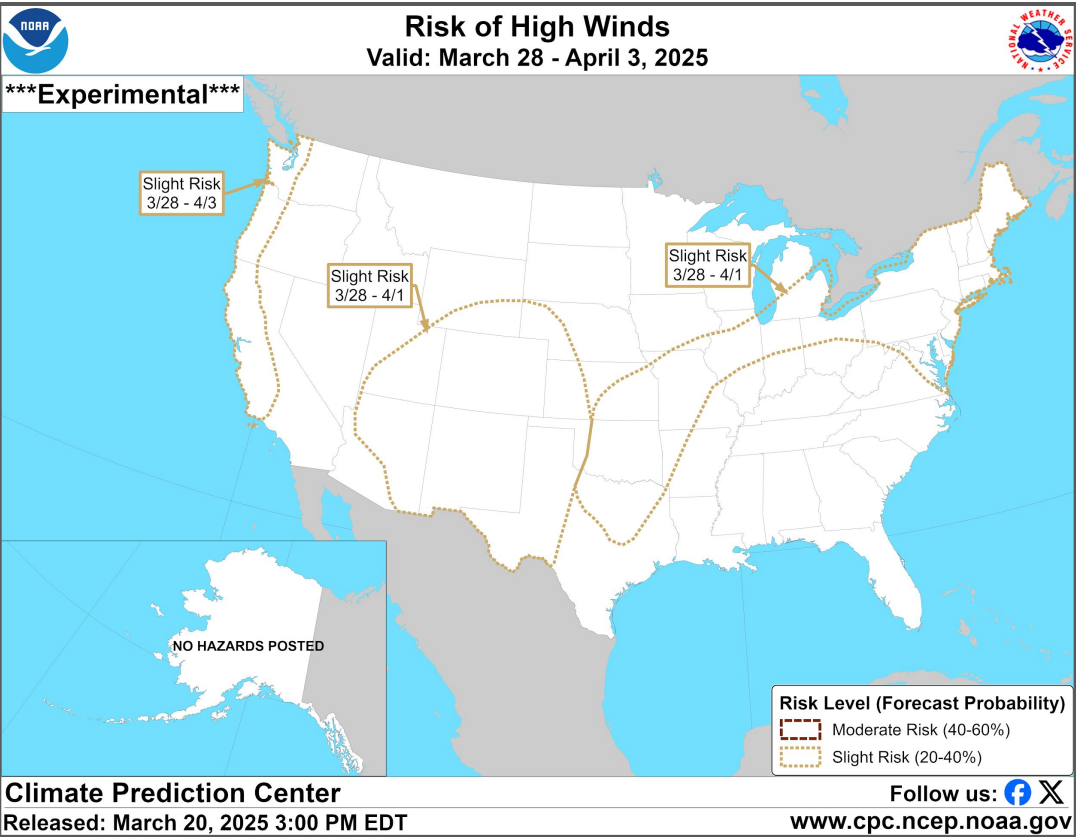
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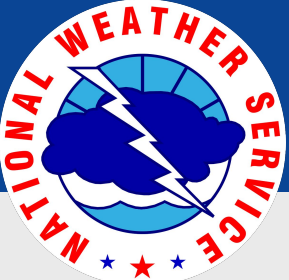


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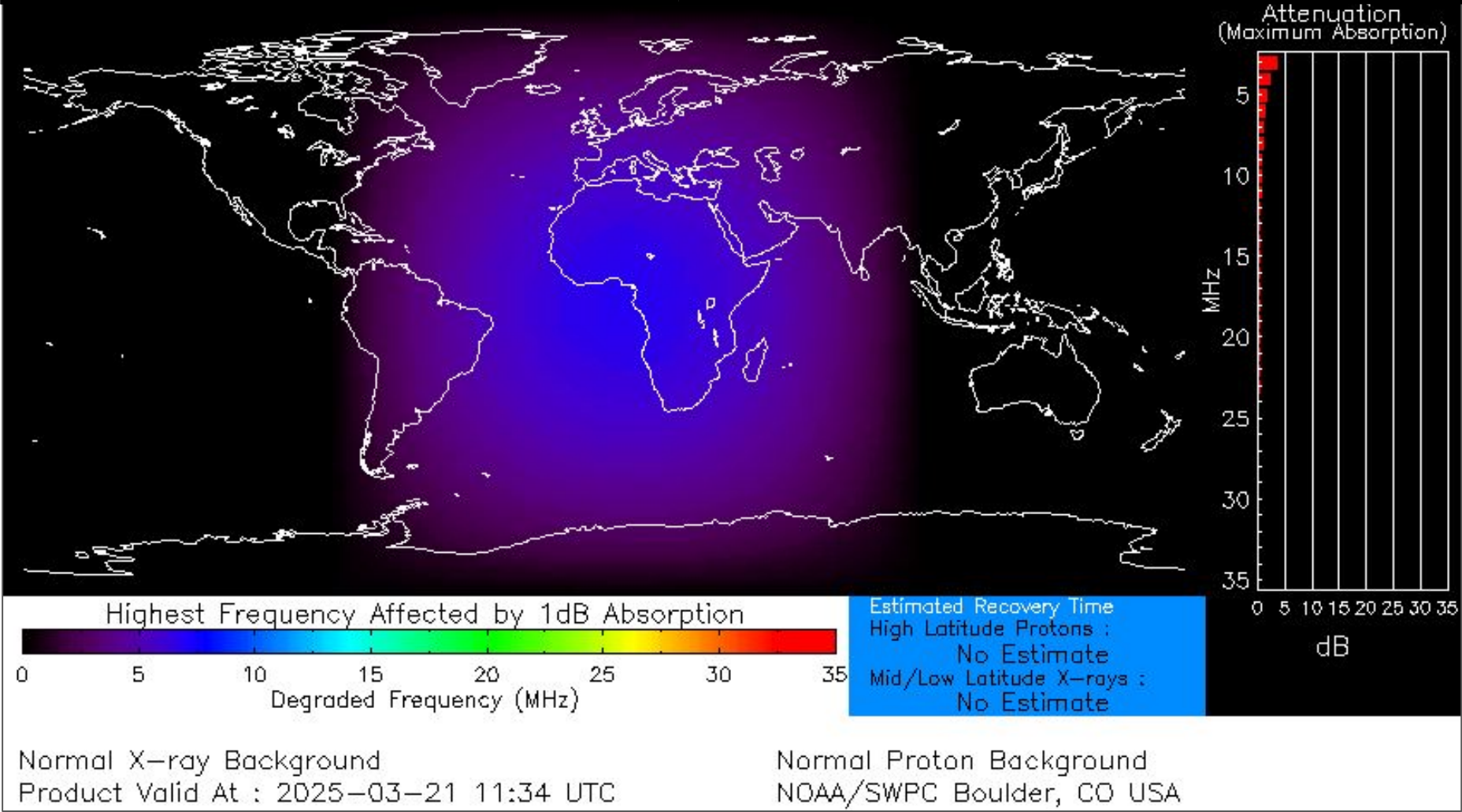
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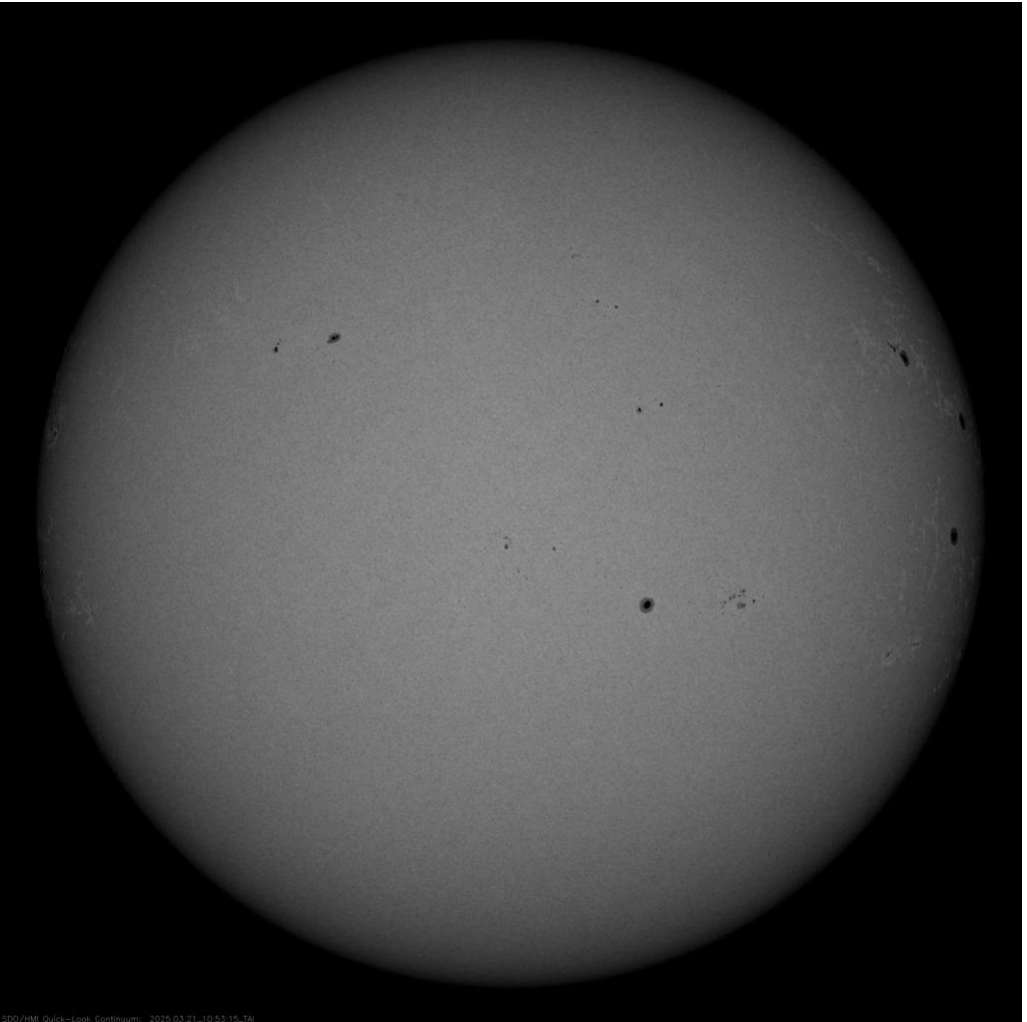
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Mar 21	Saturday, Mar 22	Sunday, Mar 23
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
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	<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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