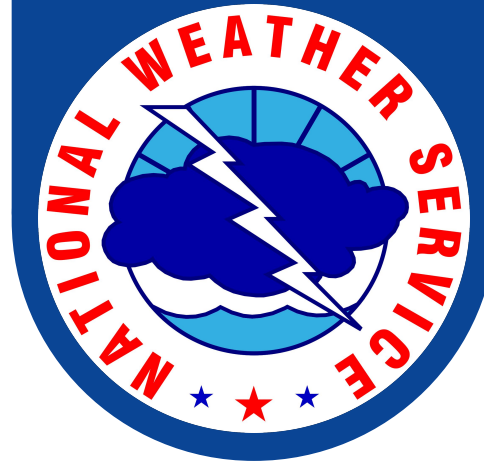




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.



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Summary

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms this afternoon in OK due to hail. Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of heavy rainfall/flash over S LA today.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions over NM, W TX and the TX/OK Panhandle today. Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in parts of NE, TX, and W OK persist through the middle of next week.**
- **Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) of severe storms over E OK, AR, E TX, N LA tomorrow and slight risk (level 2 of 5) SE LA on Monday.**
- **Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) of severe storms for OK, AR, NE TX, N LA next Wednesday. Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for heavy rainfall in these storms.**
- **Minor river flooding over E TX/W LA with mainly impacts to lowland areas and secondary roads.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

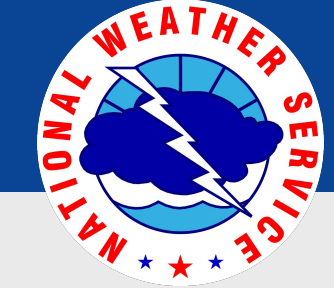
	Saturday, Mar 29	Sunday, Mar 30	Monday, Mar 31	Tuesday, Apr 1	Wednesday, Apr 2	Thursday, Apr 3	Friday, Apr 4
Severe Storms	OK, N TX	E OK, AR, E TX, N LA	SE LA		OK, AR, NE TX, N LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S LA	AR, E TX, LA			SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	AR	AR
Fire Weather	NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandle	NM, SW TX	NM, TX Panhandle	E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandle, W OK	E NM, W TX, TX Panhandle		
Winter							
River Flooding	E TX, W LA	E TX, W LA	E TX, W LA	E TX, W LA	E TX, W LA	E TX, W LA	E TX, W 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.

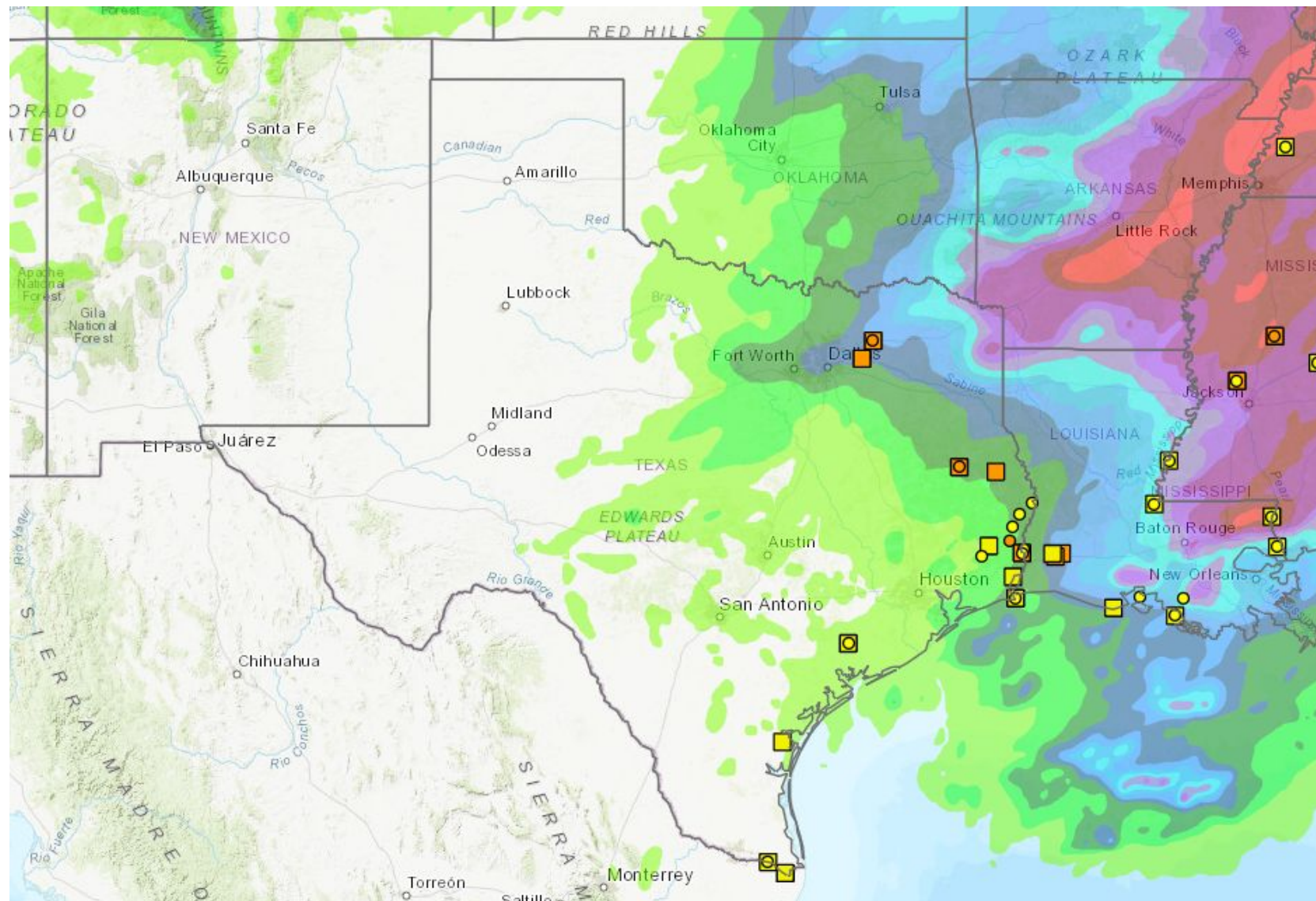
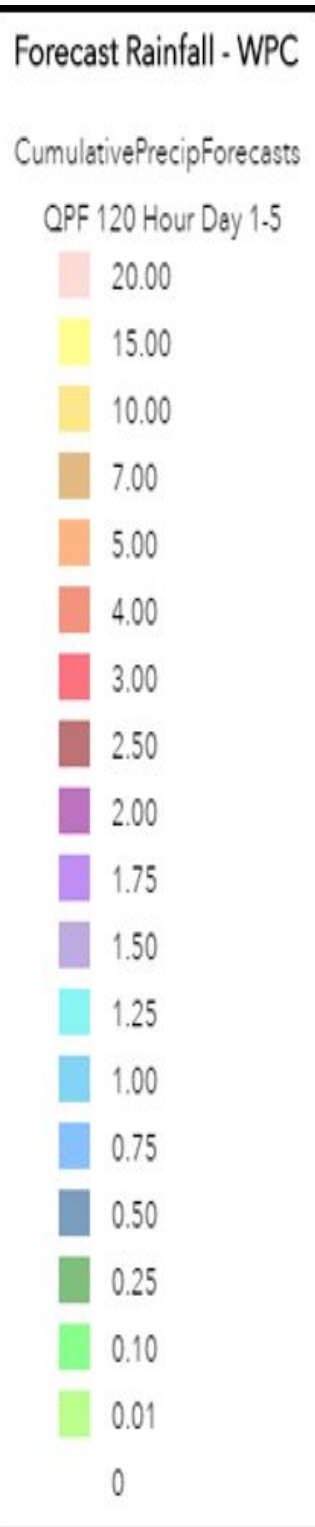
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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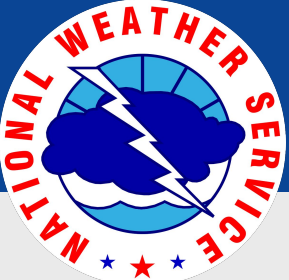


Observed River Flood Status	Forecast River Flood Status
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Minor Flooding	Minor Flooding
Near	Near Flood
action	No Flooding

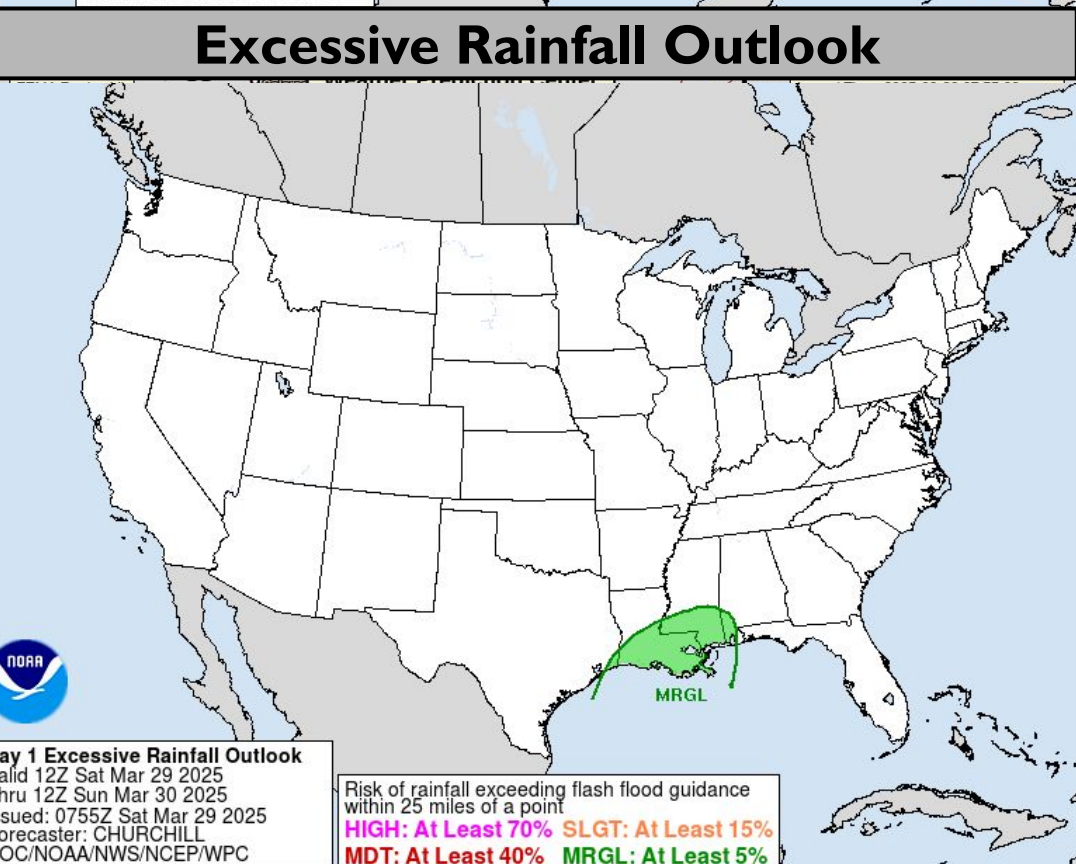
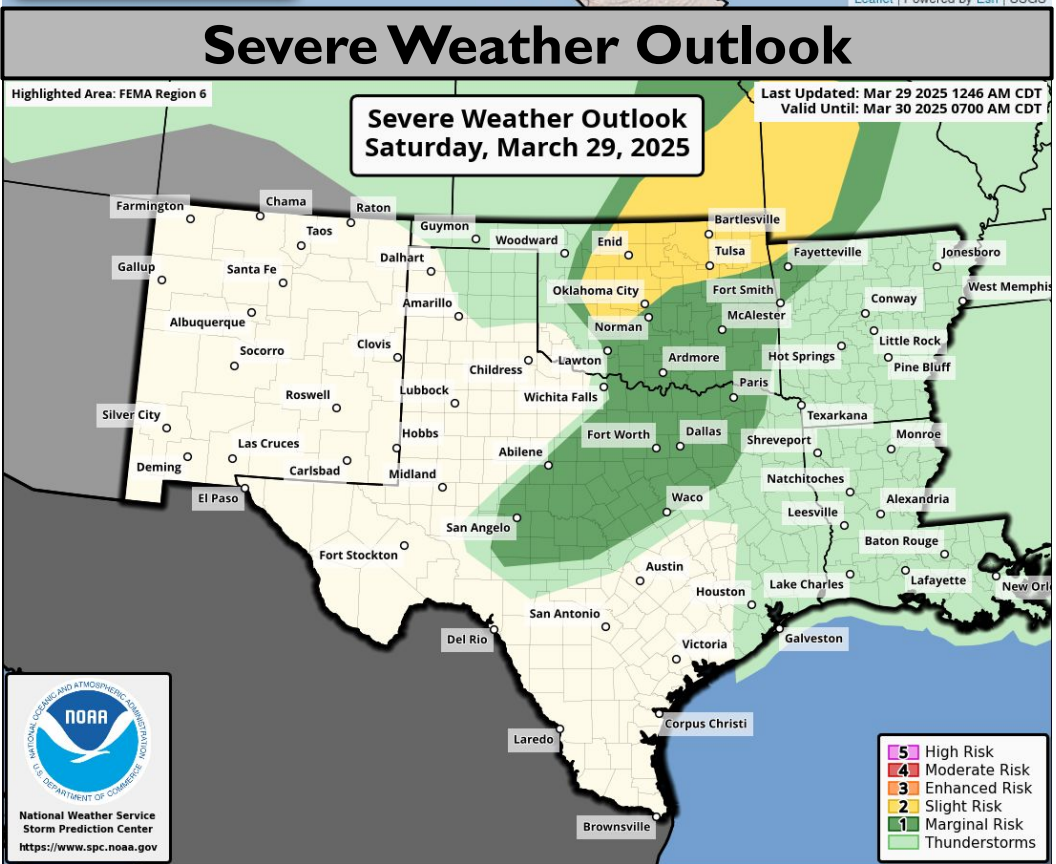
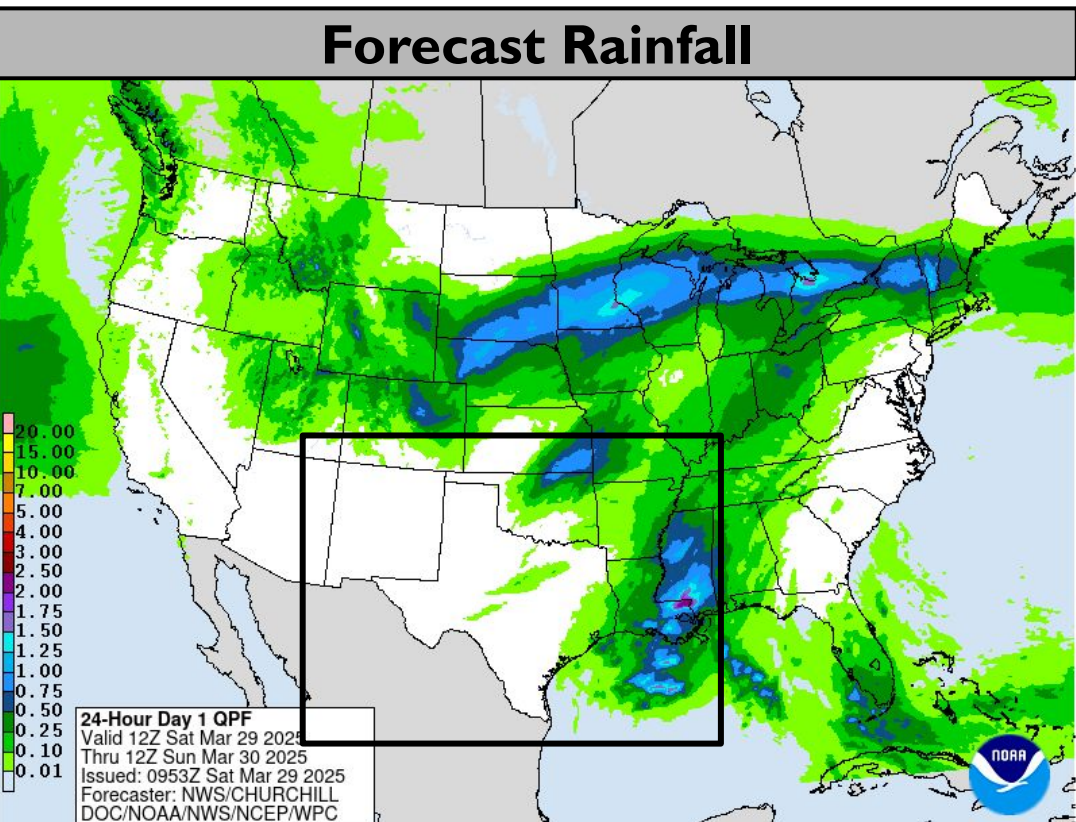
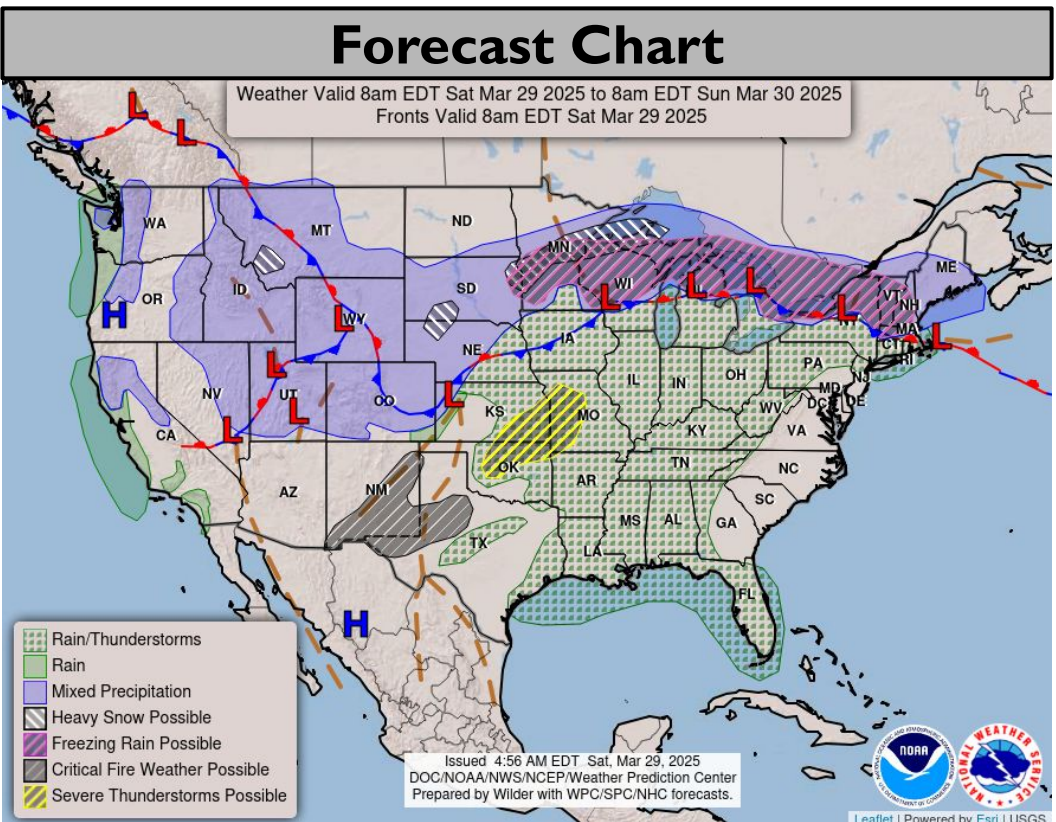
Minor river flooding will continue E TX, W LA with mainly impacts to lowland areas and secondary roads.

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

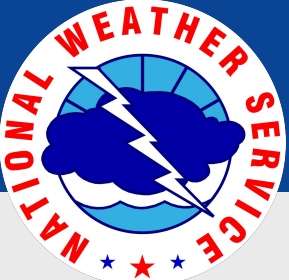


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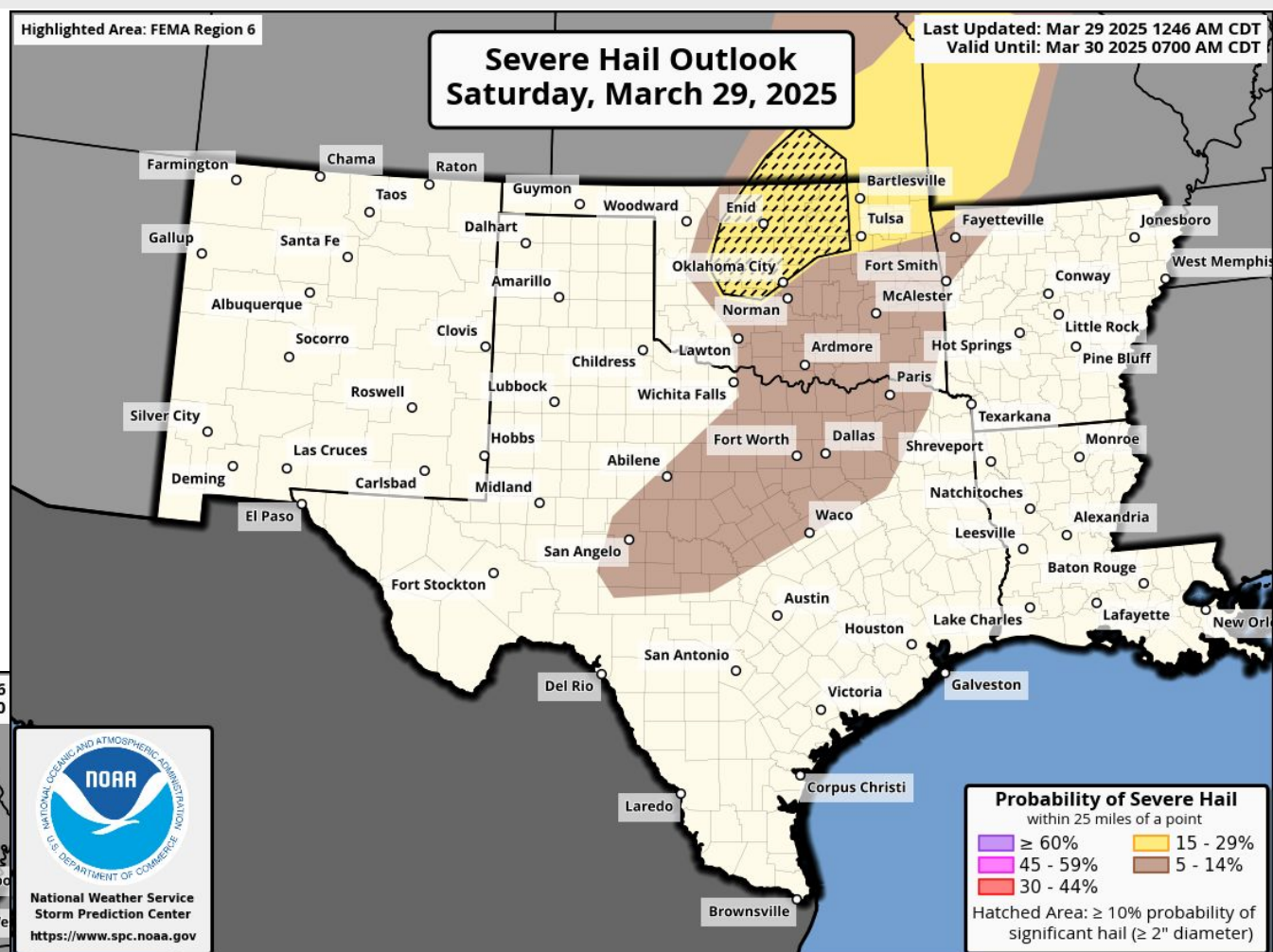
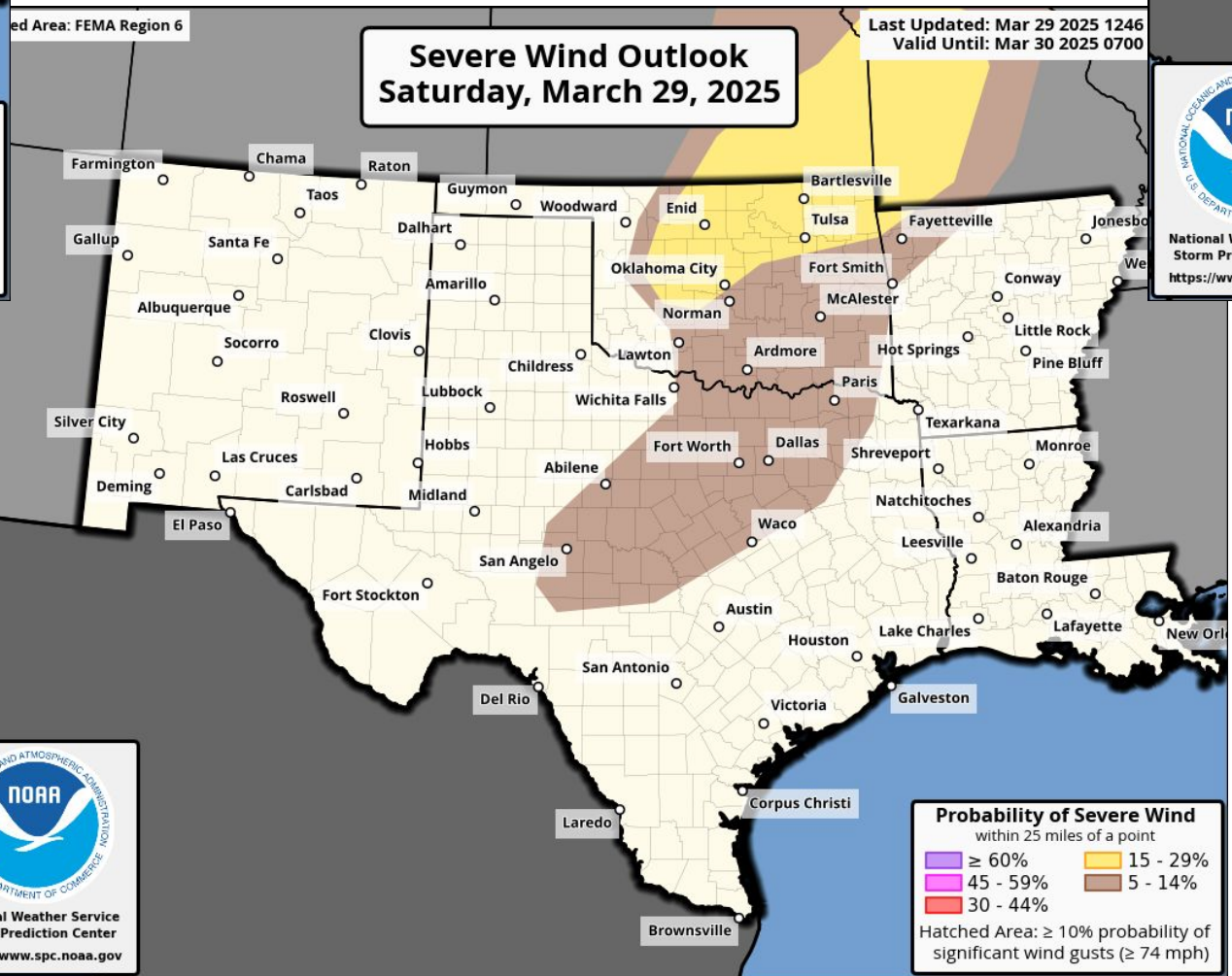
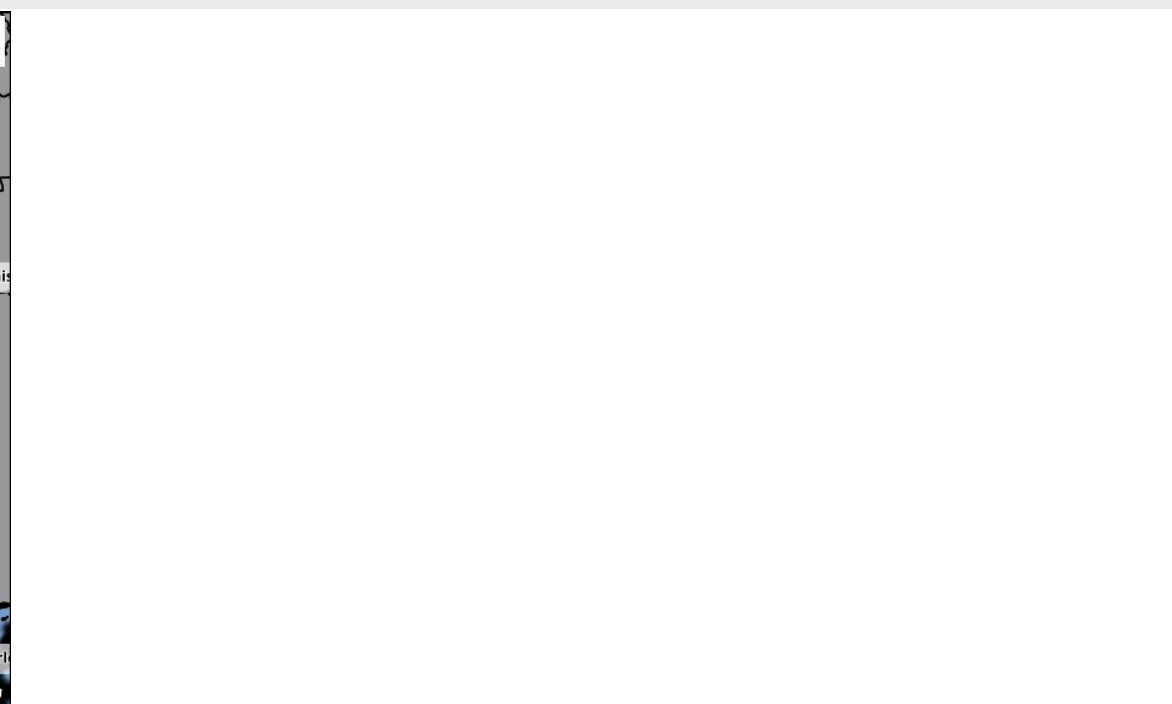
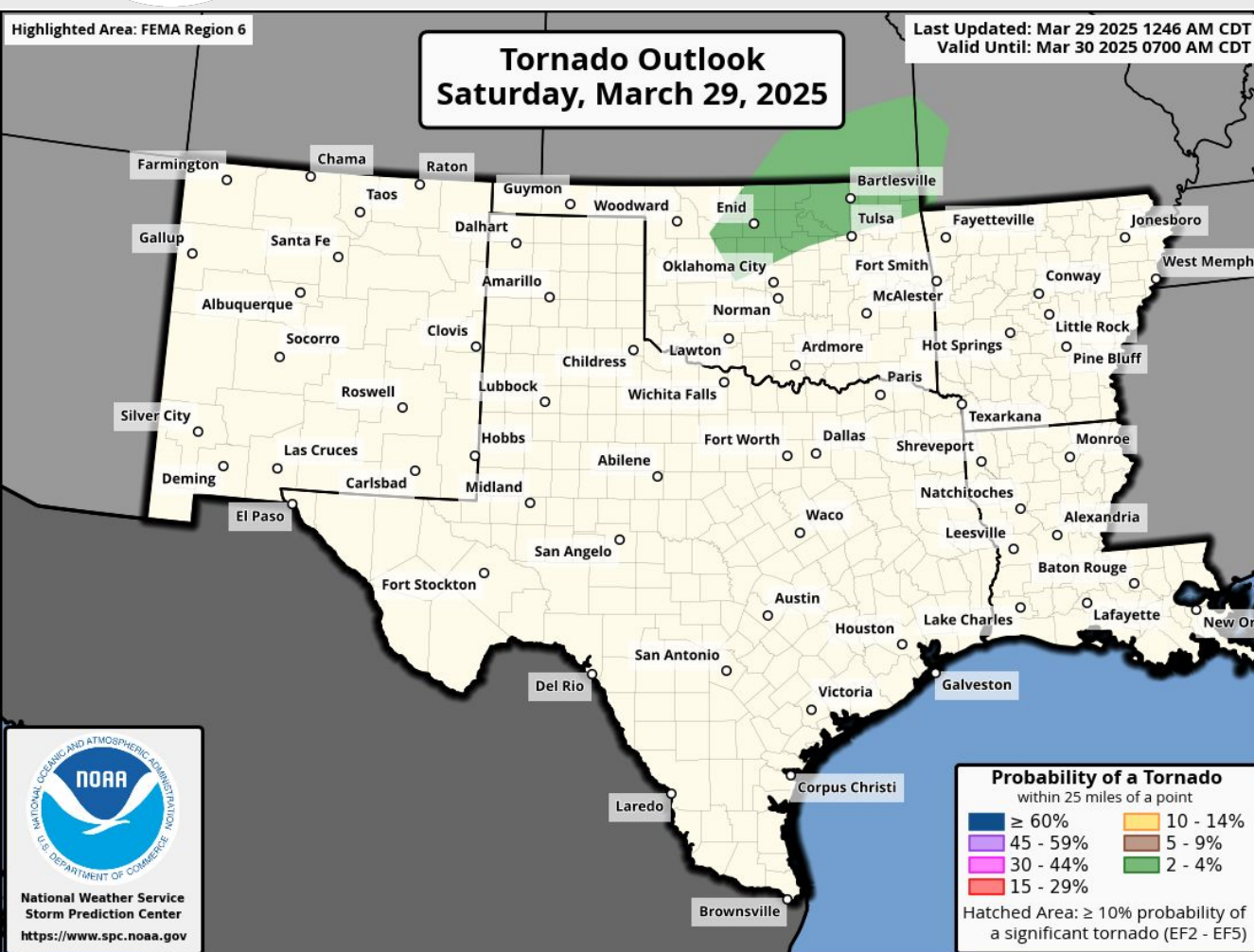
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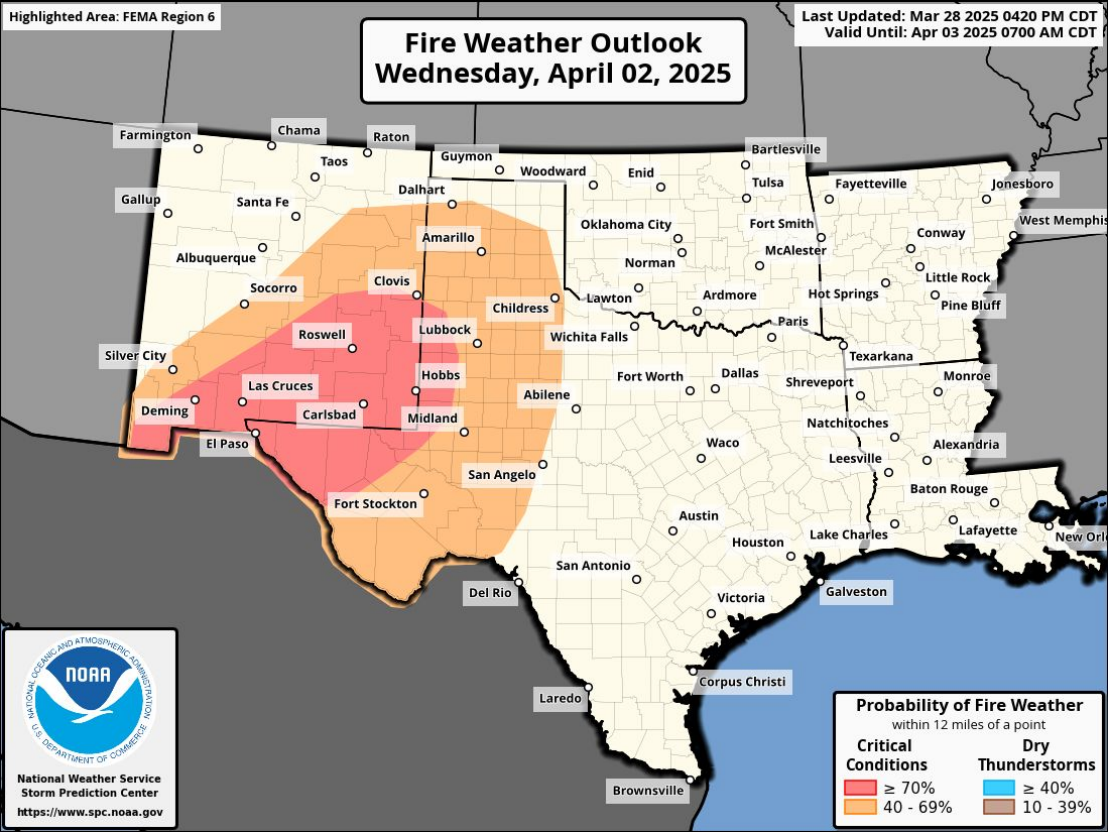
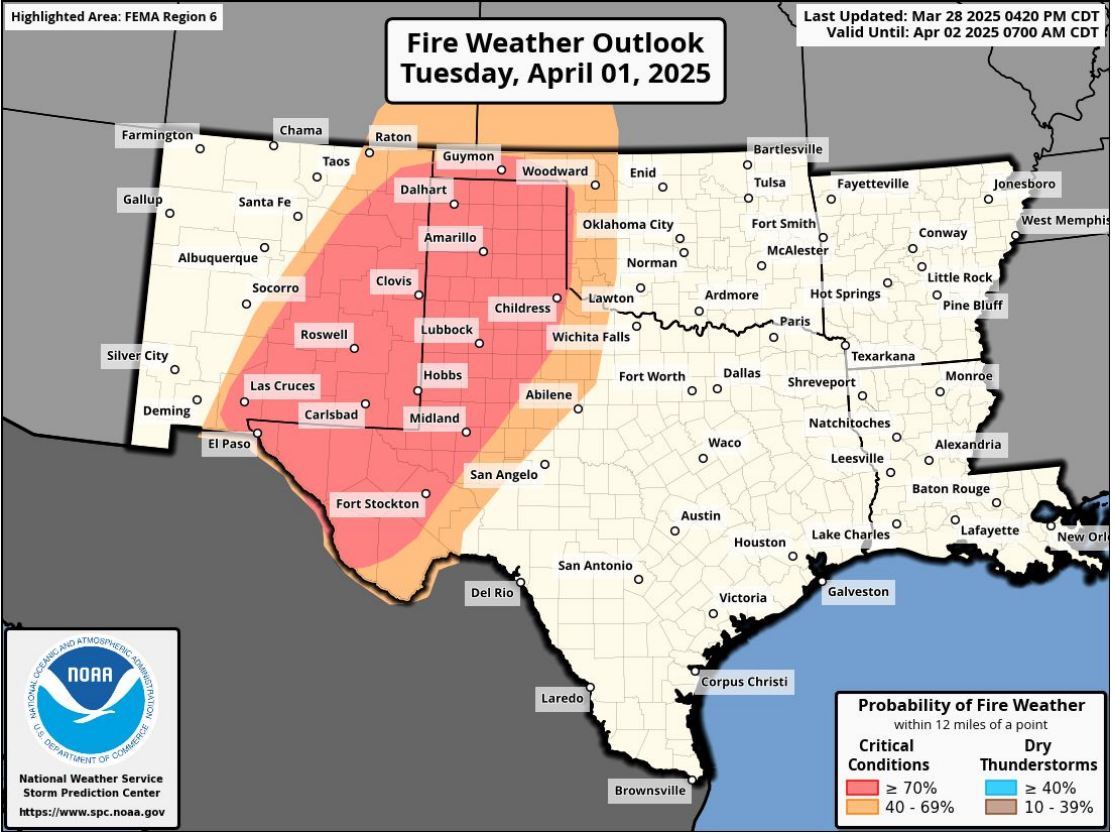
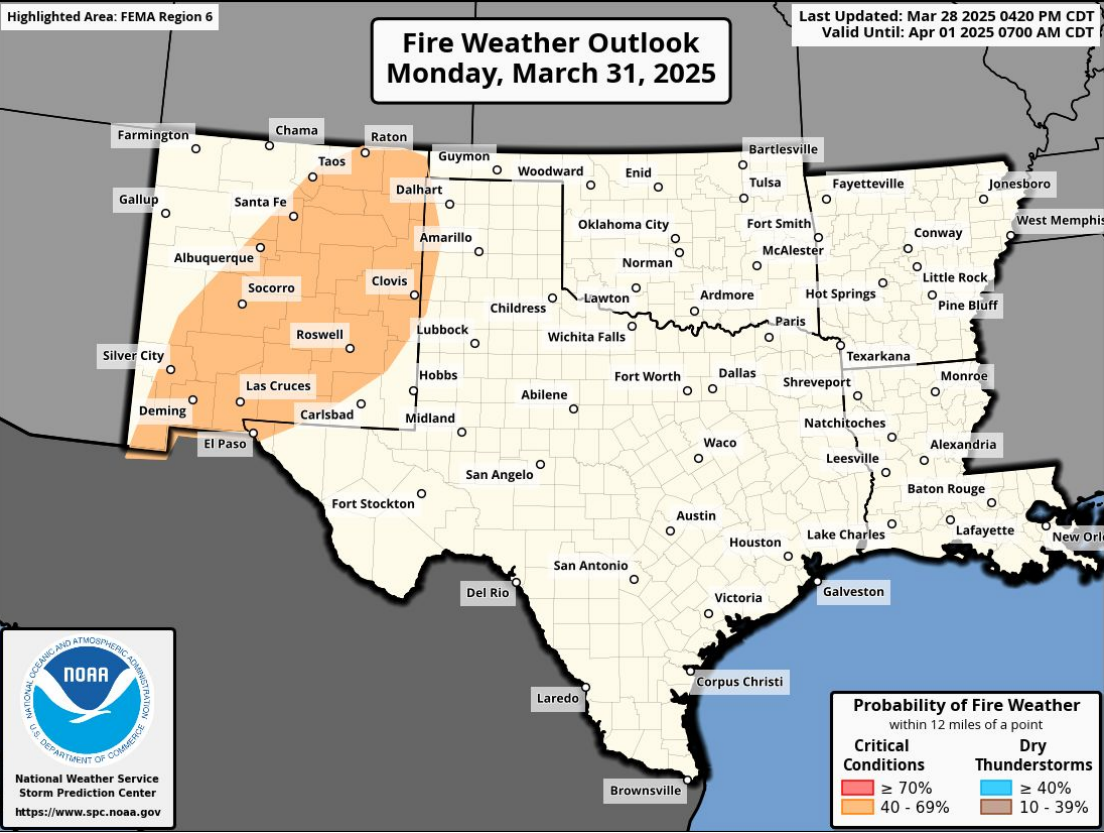
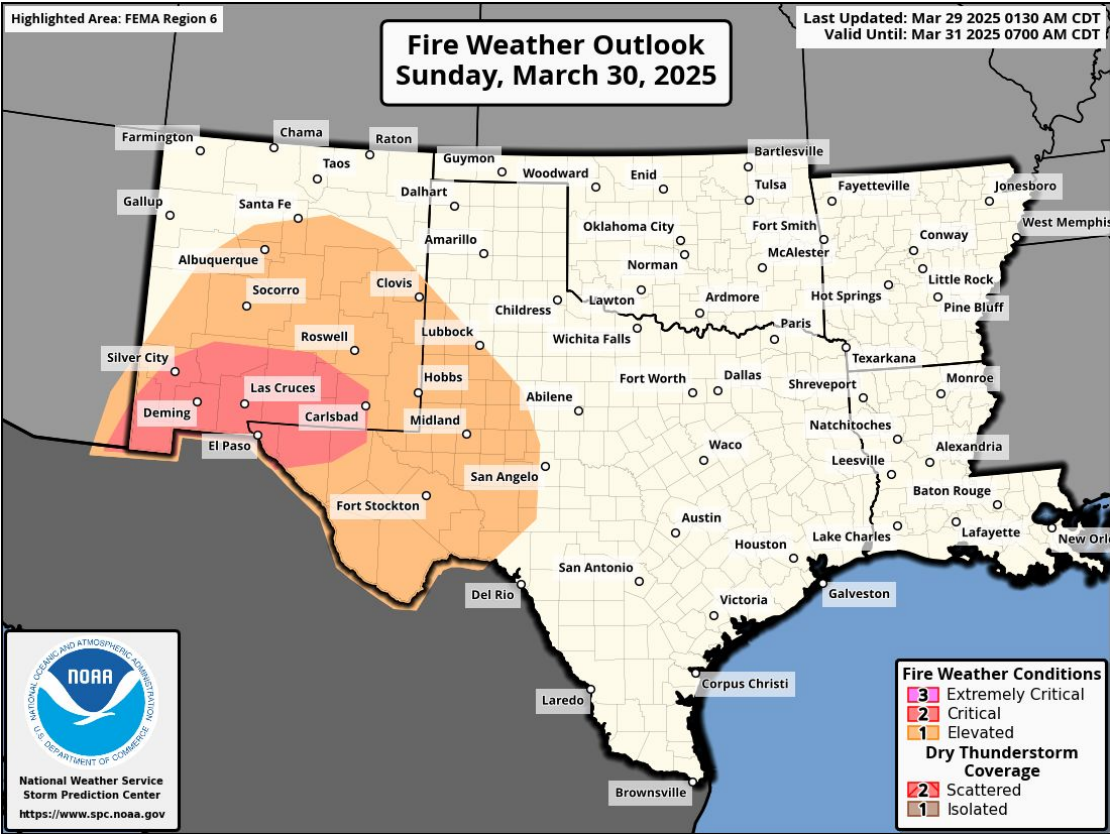
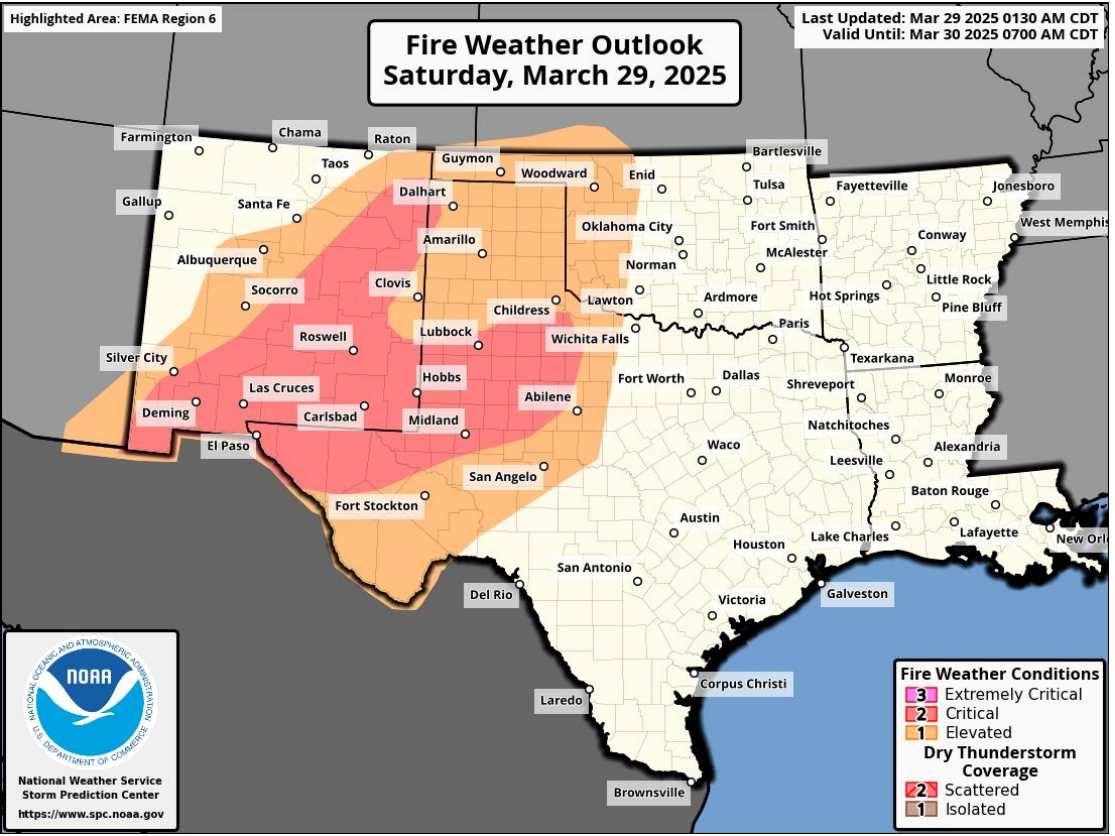
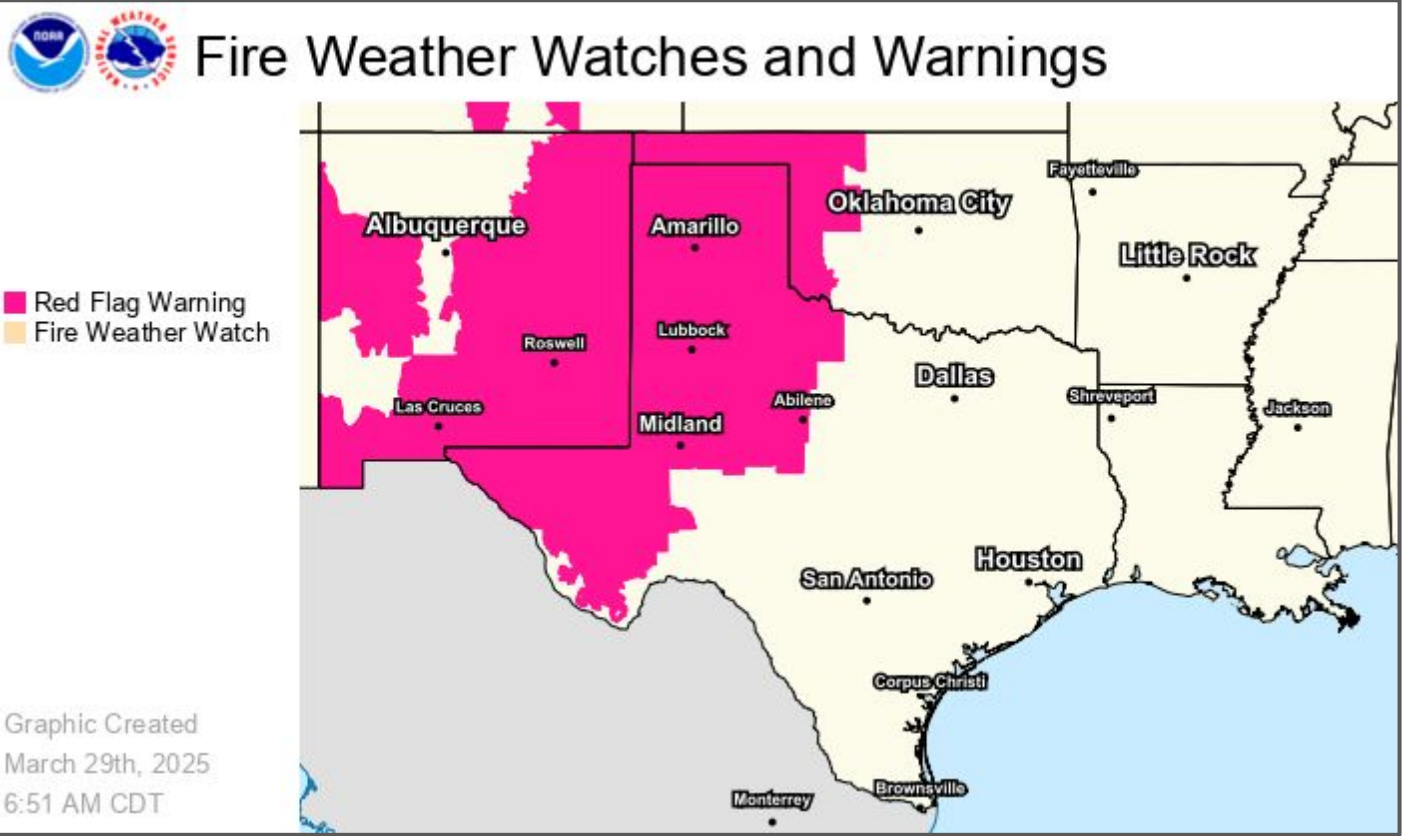


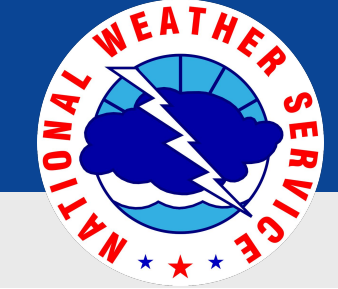
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





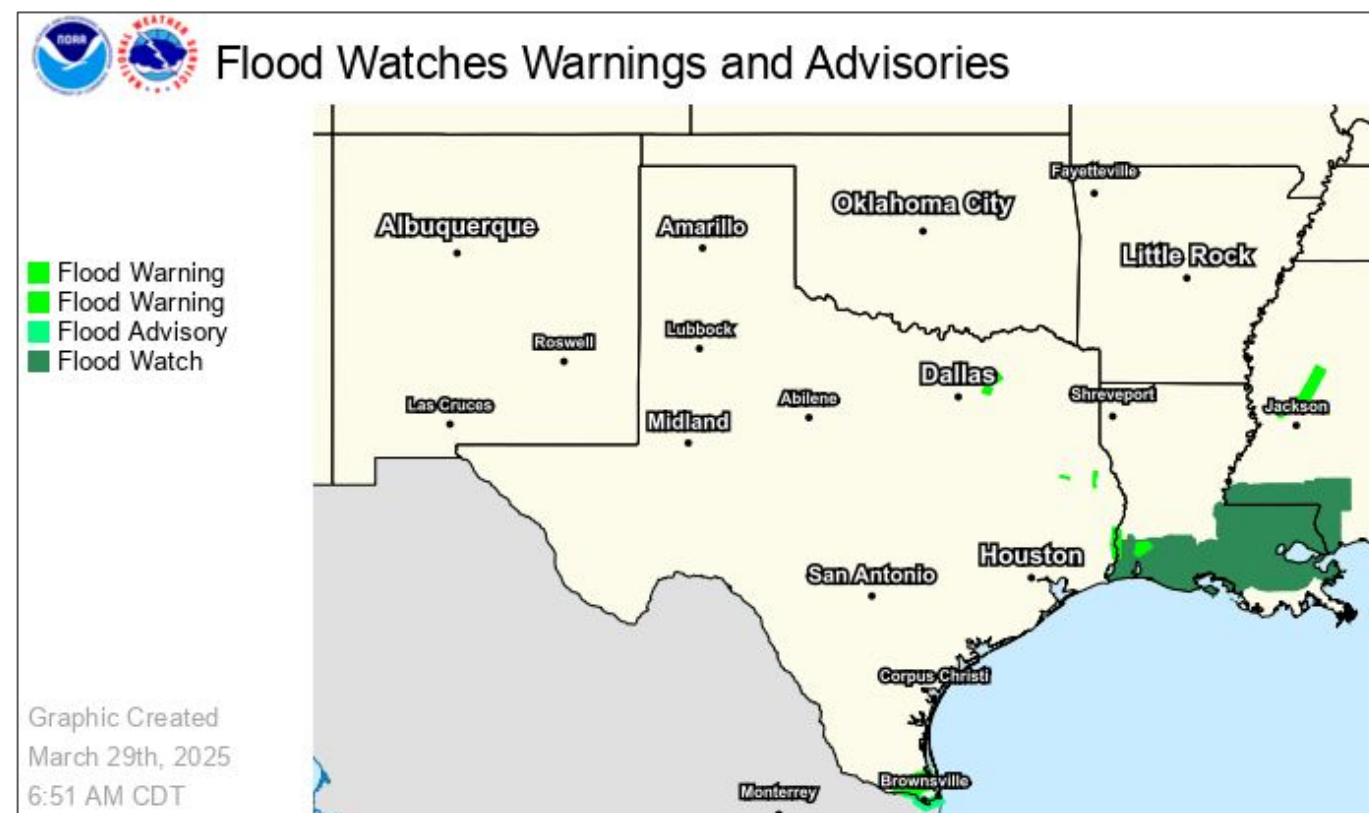
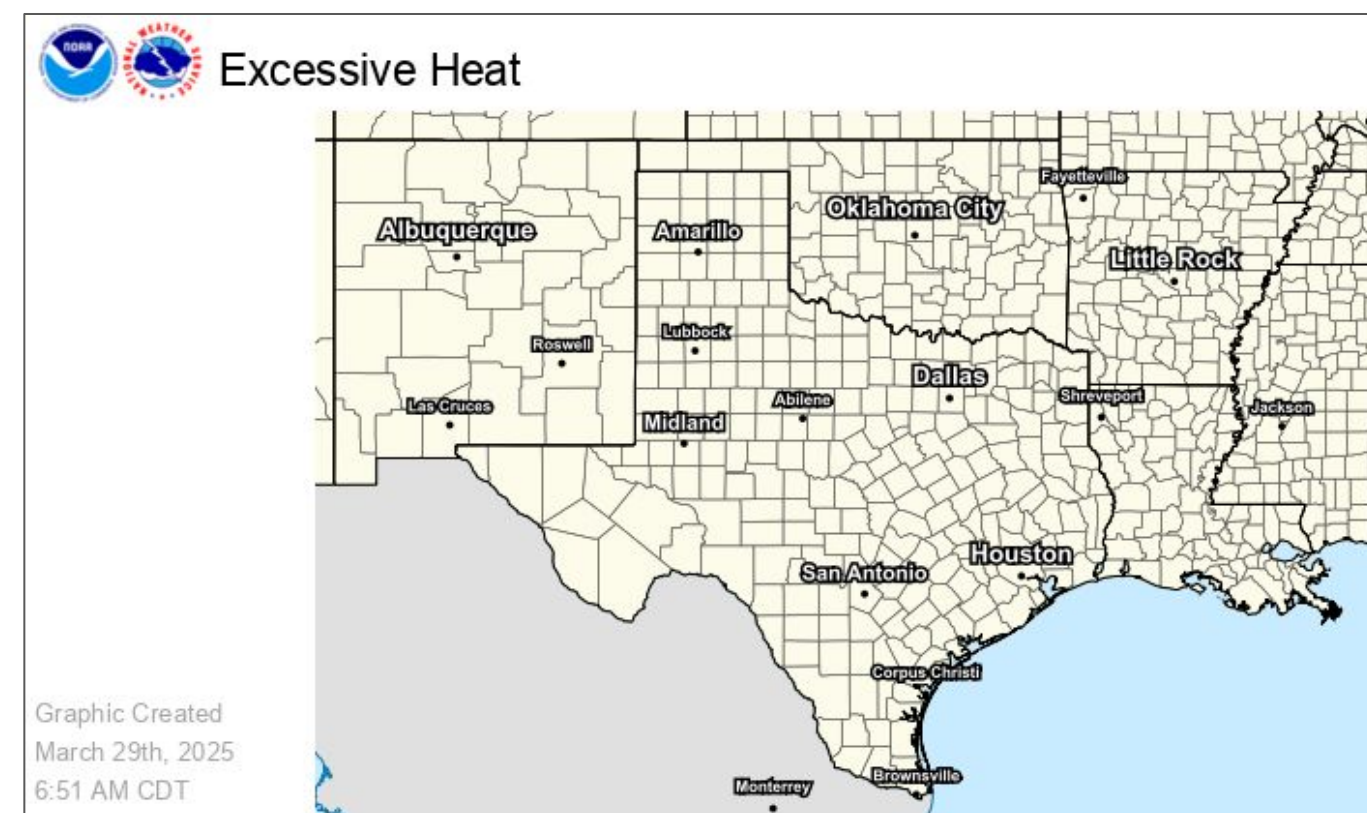
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



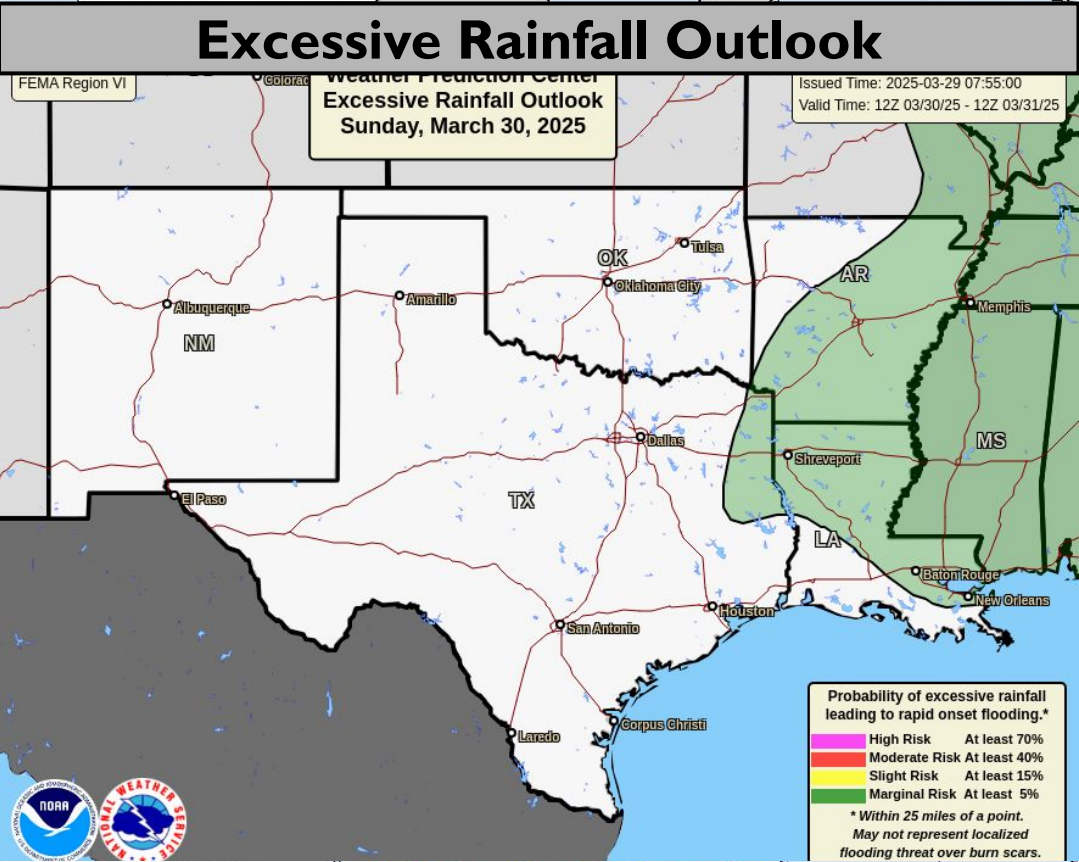
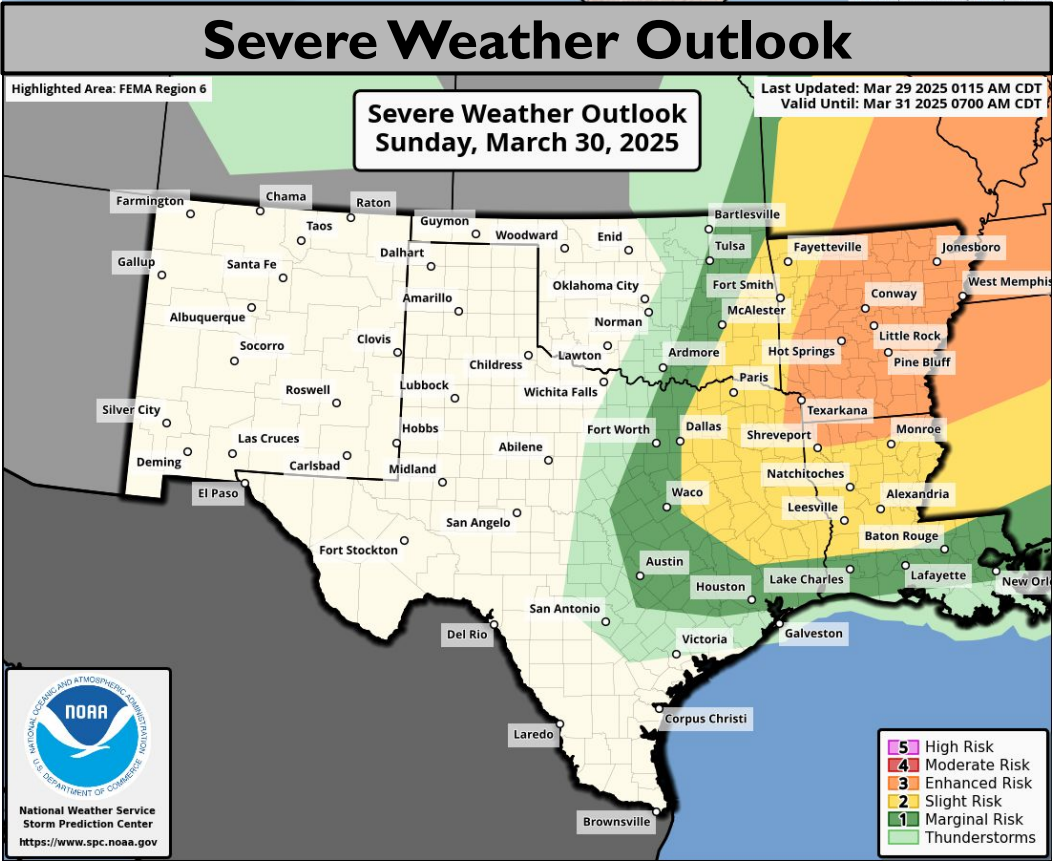
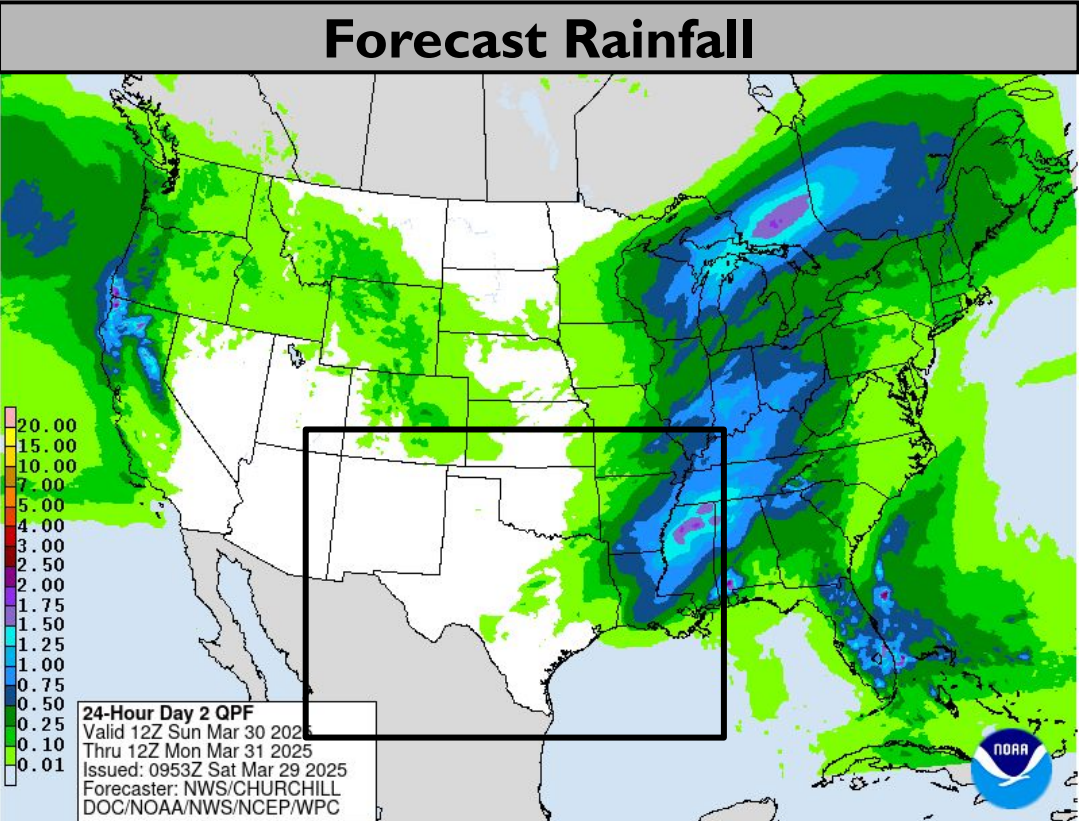
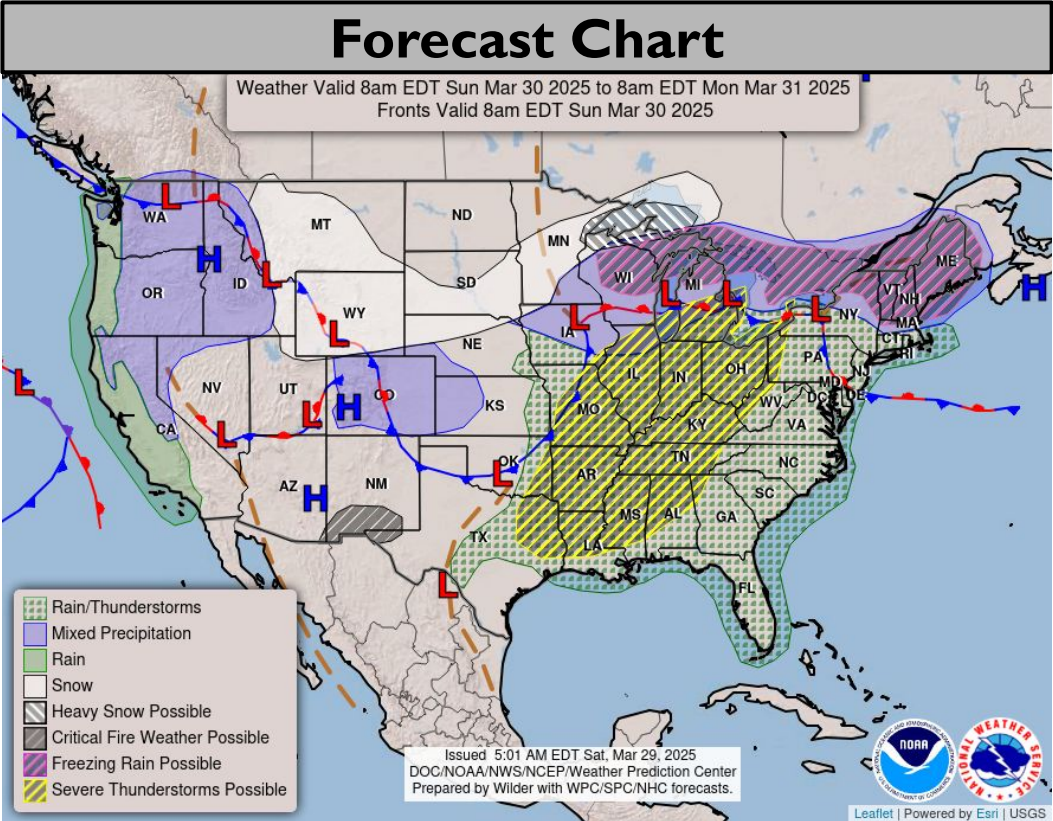
Flood Watch in S LA through mid afternoon today. 1-3 inches of rain possible.

High wind warning for the Guadalupe Mountains from late morning to late evening today. Gusts up to 60 mph.





Tomorrow's Weather



Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) over AR, NE TX, and N LA.
Timing: Afternoon and evening hours.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms over E OK, ETX and LA.
Timing: Afternoon and evening hours.

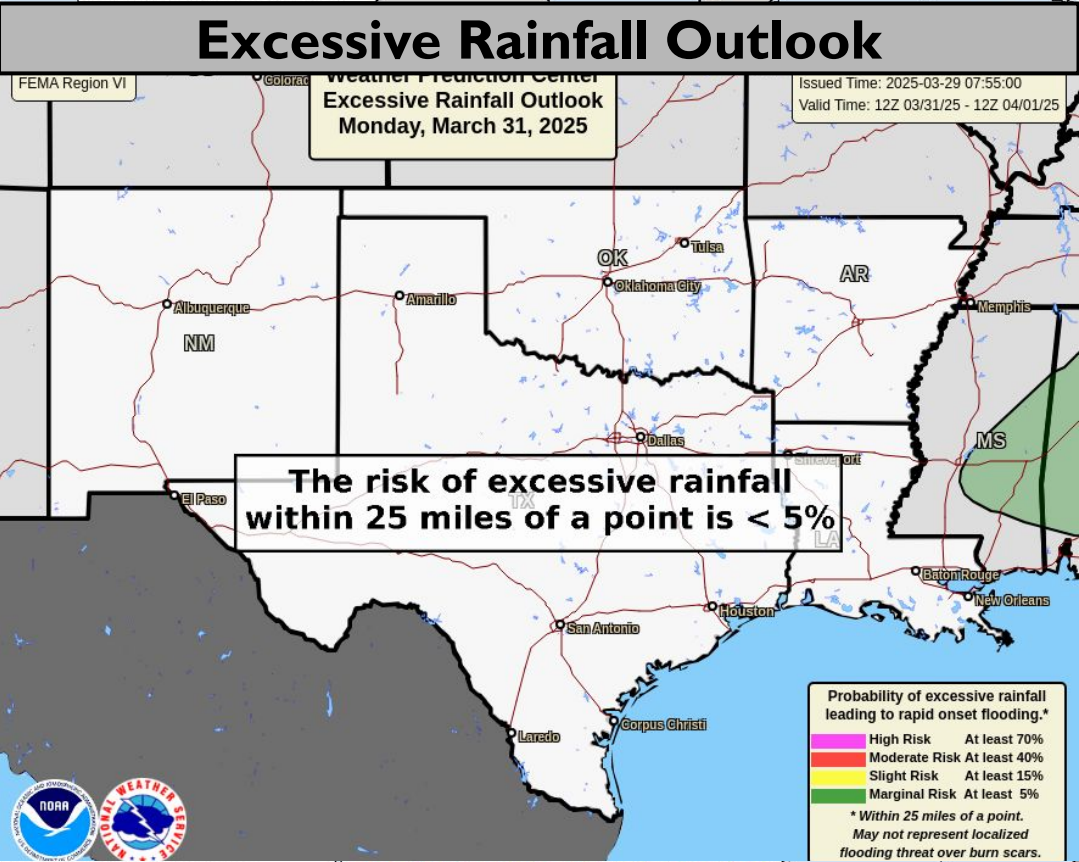
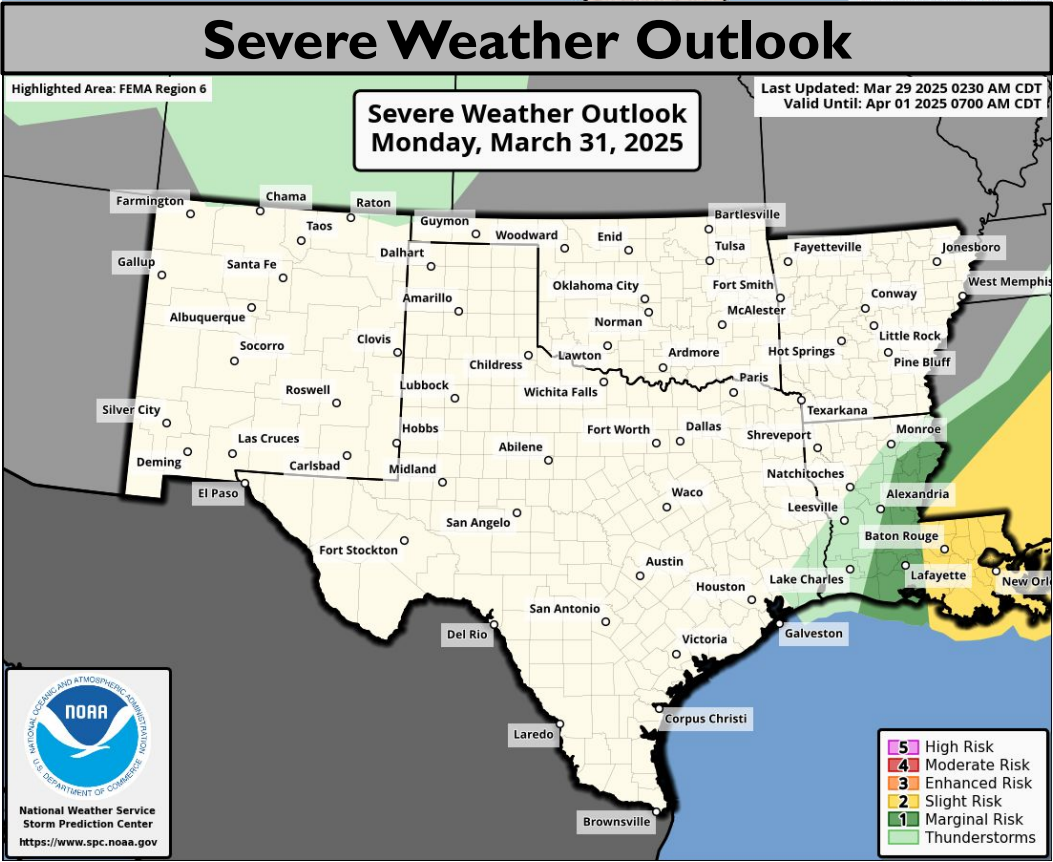
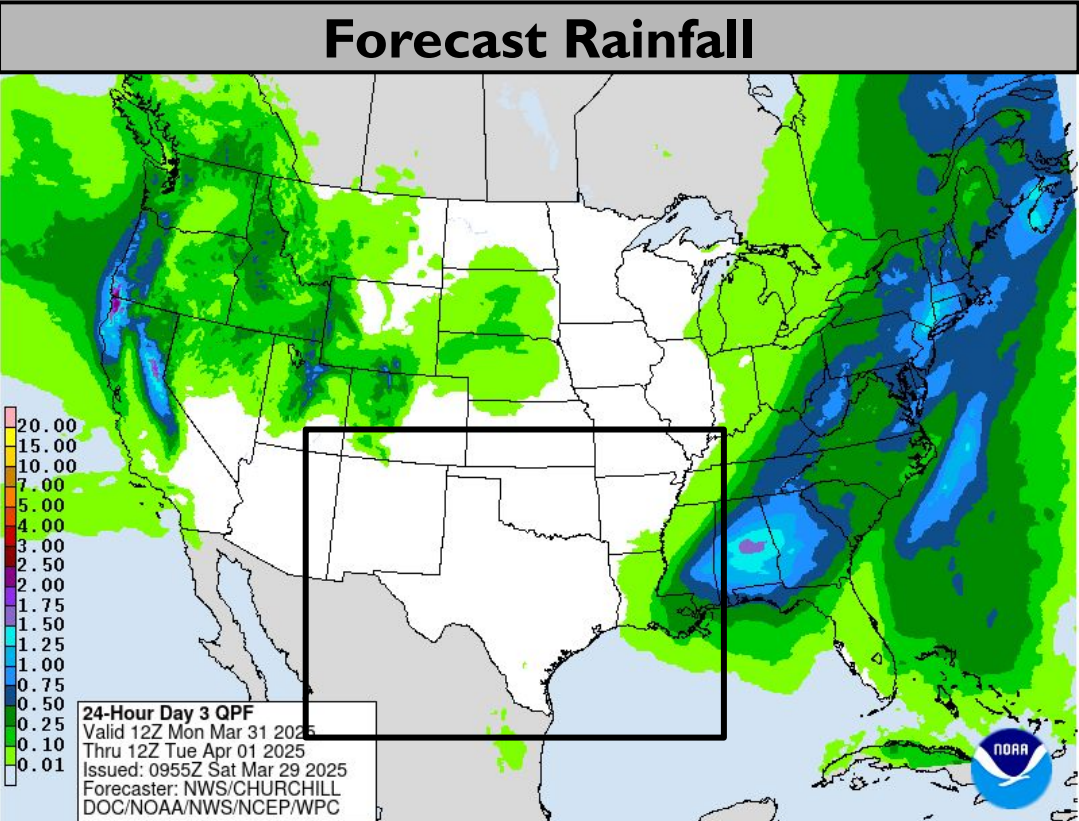
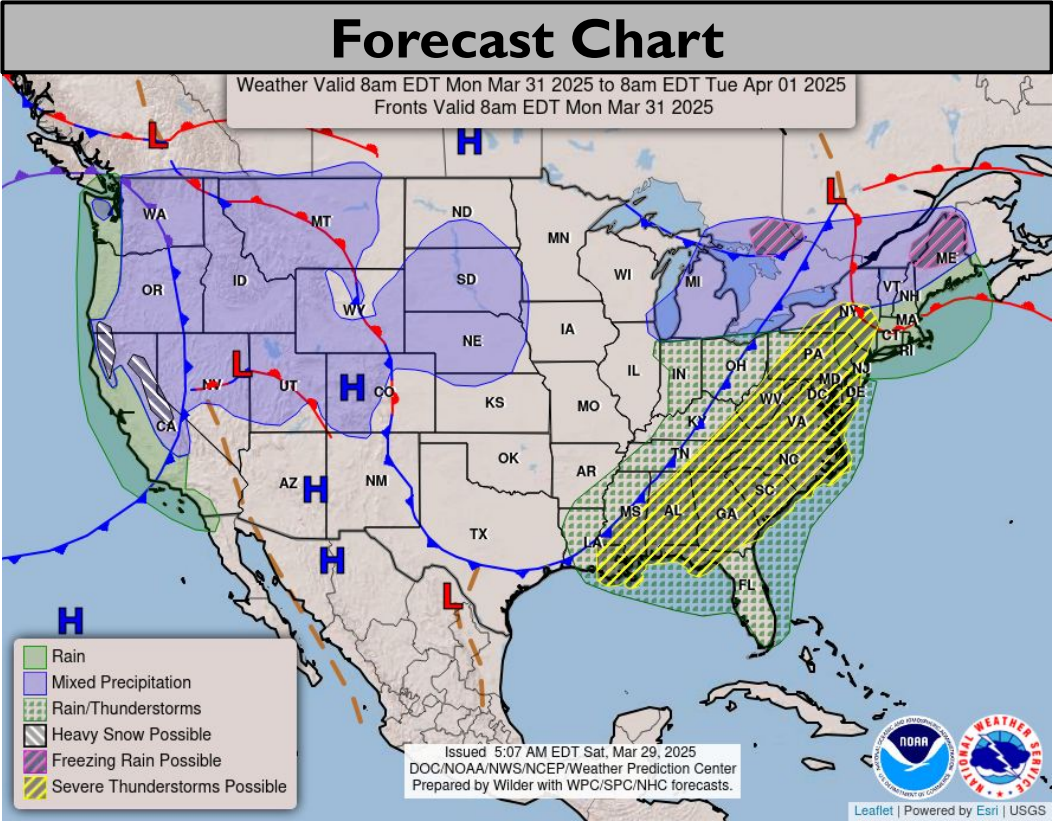
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Marginal risk of excessive rainfall over AR, ETX, LA.





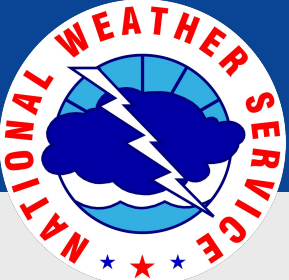
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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms over LA

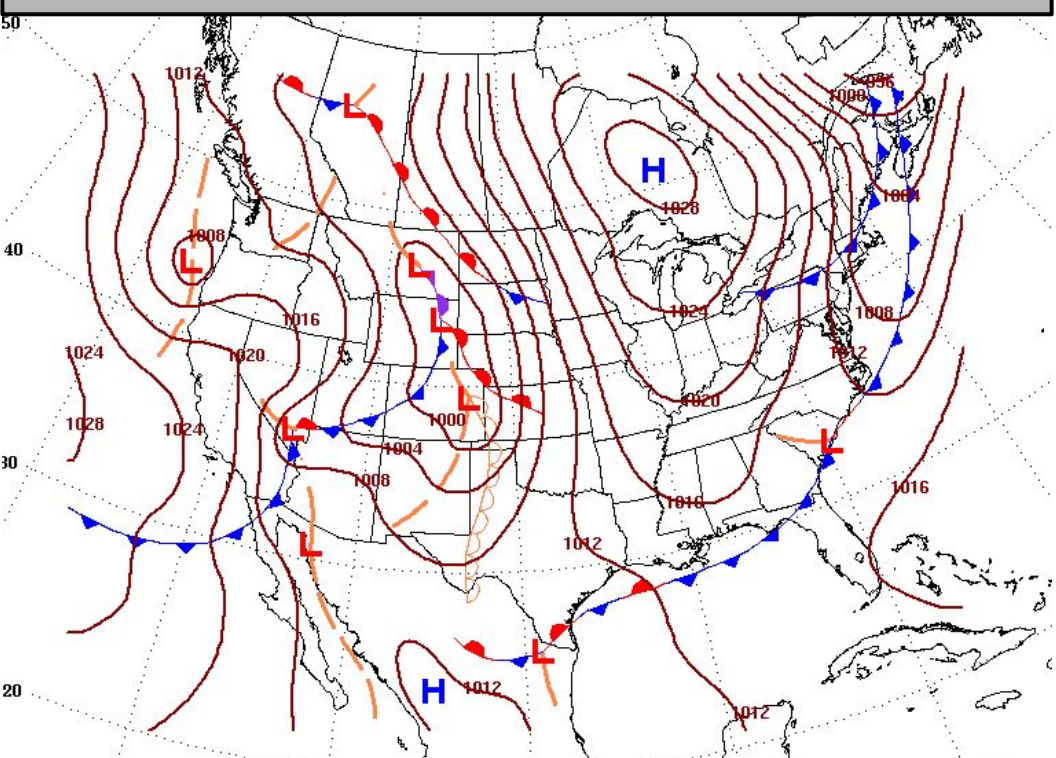
Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in NM, TX Panhandle.



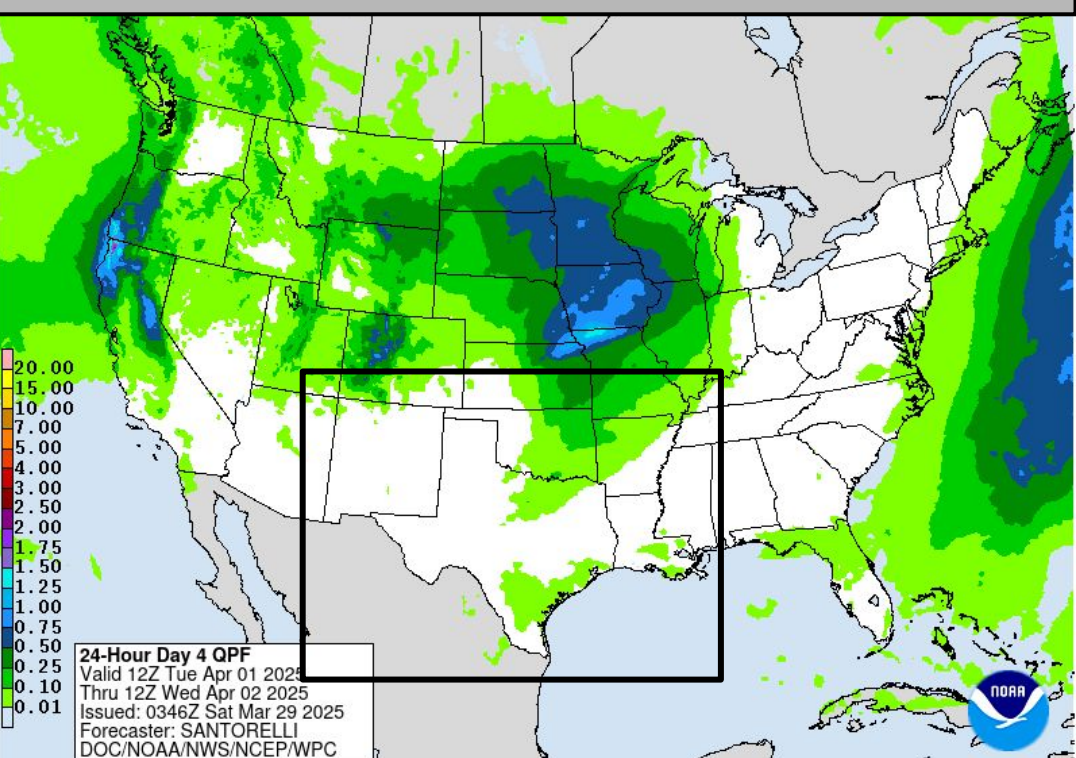


Tuesday's Weather

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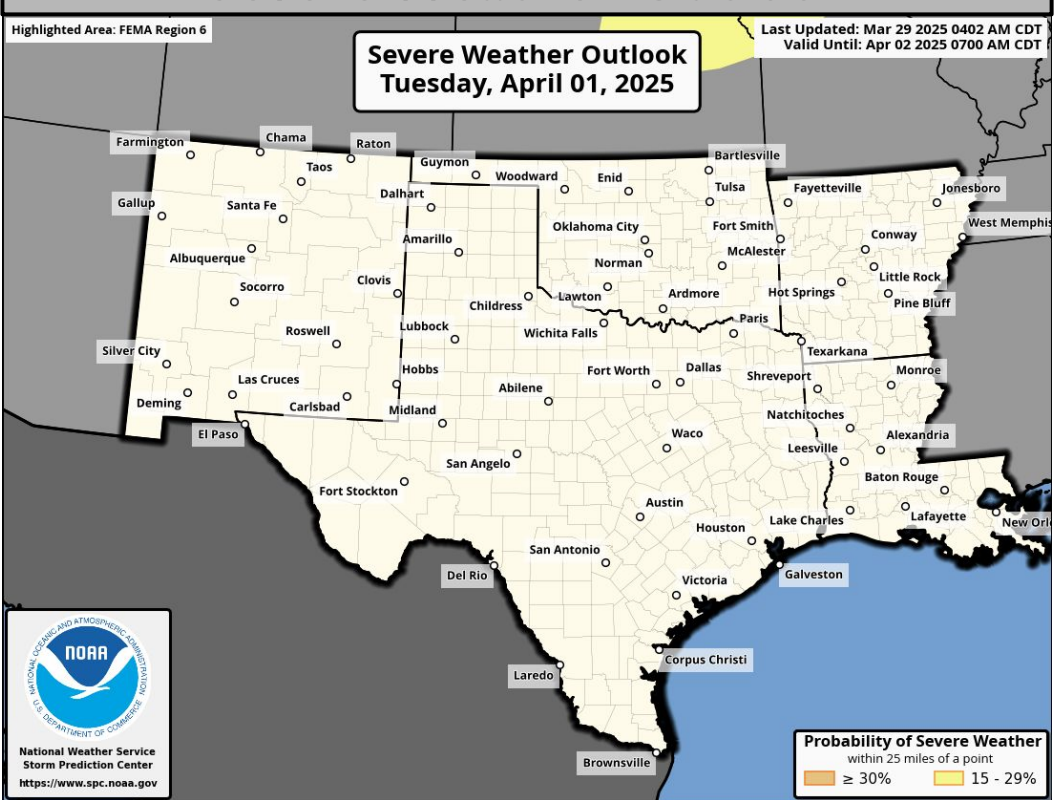


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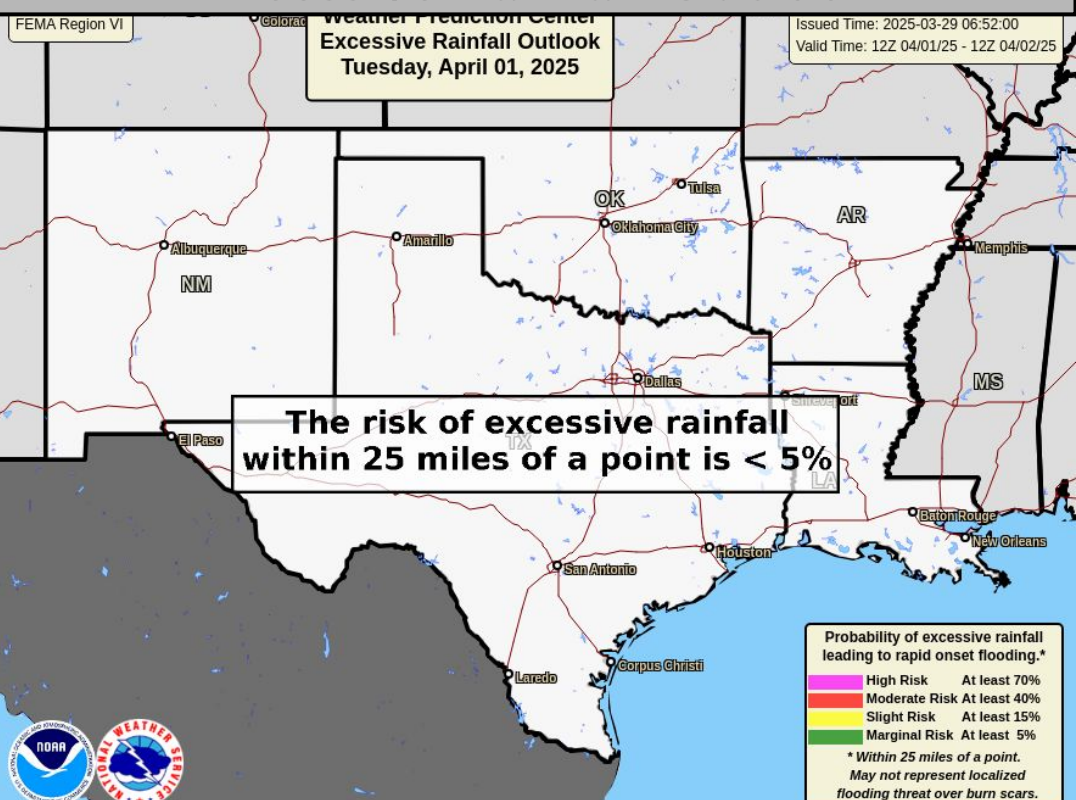


**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3)
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Severe Weather Outlook



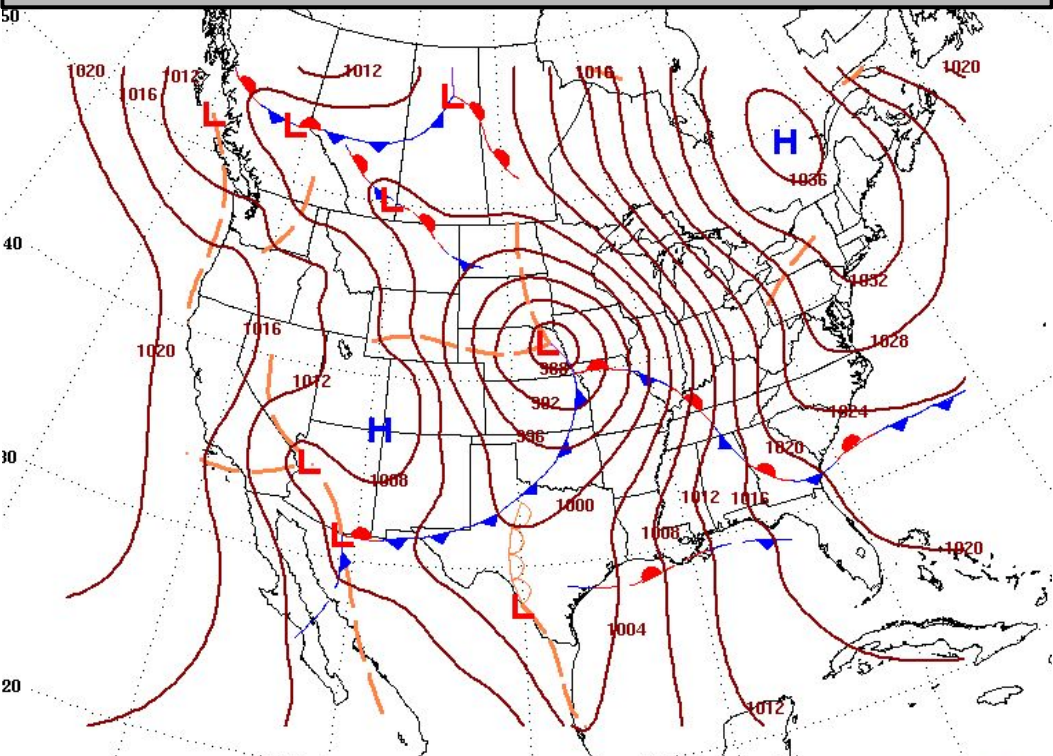
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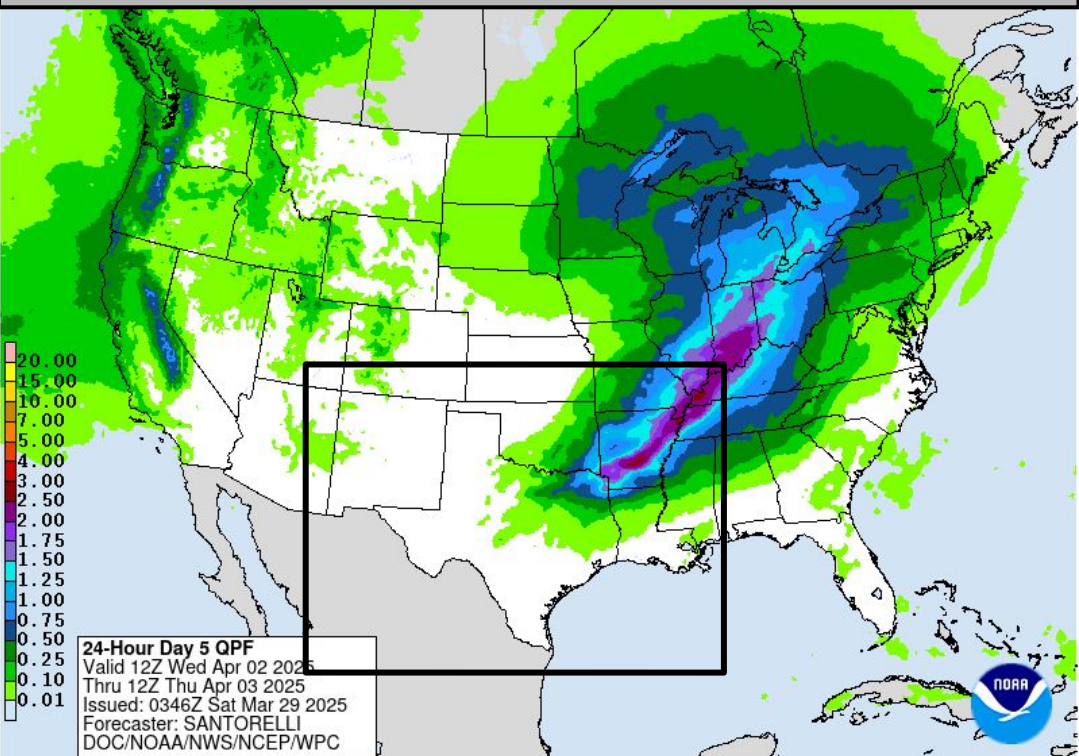


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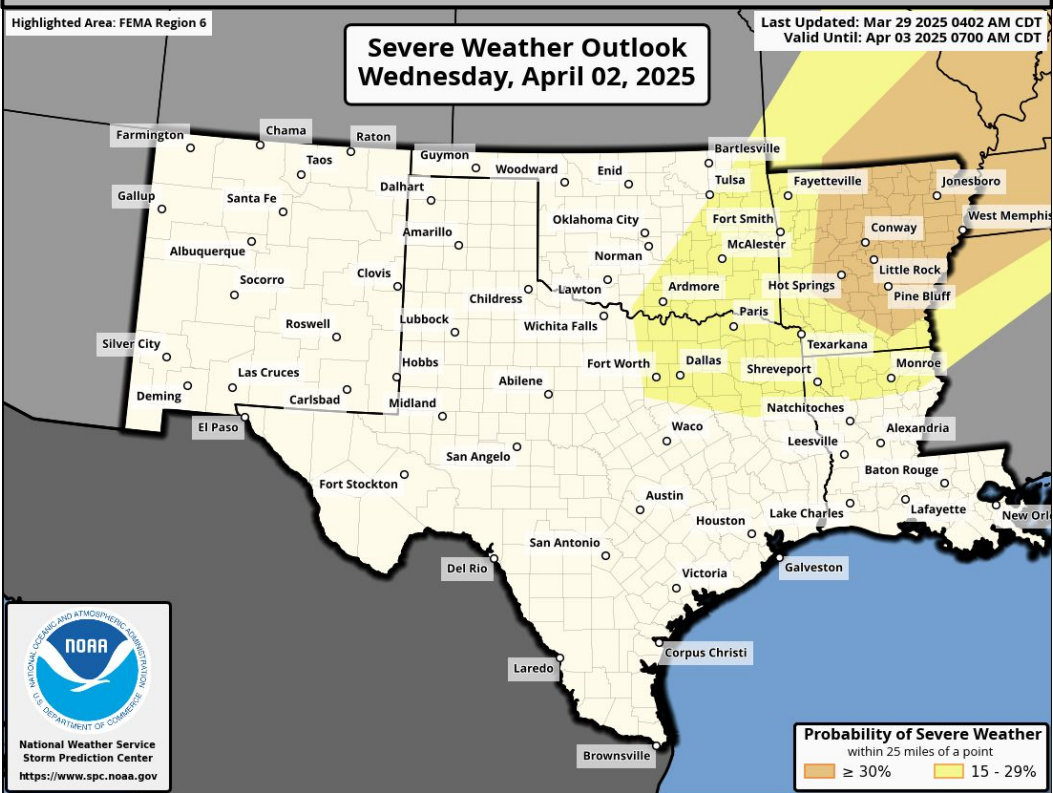
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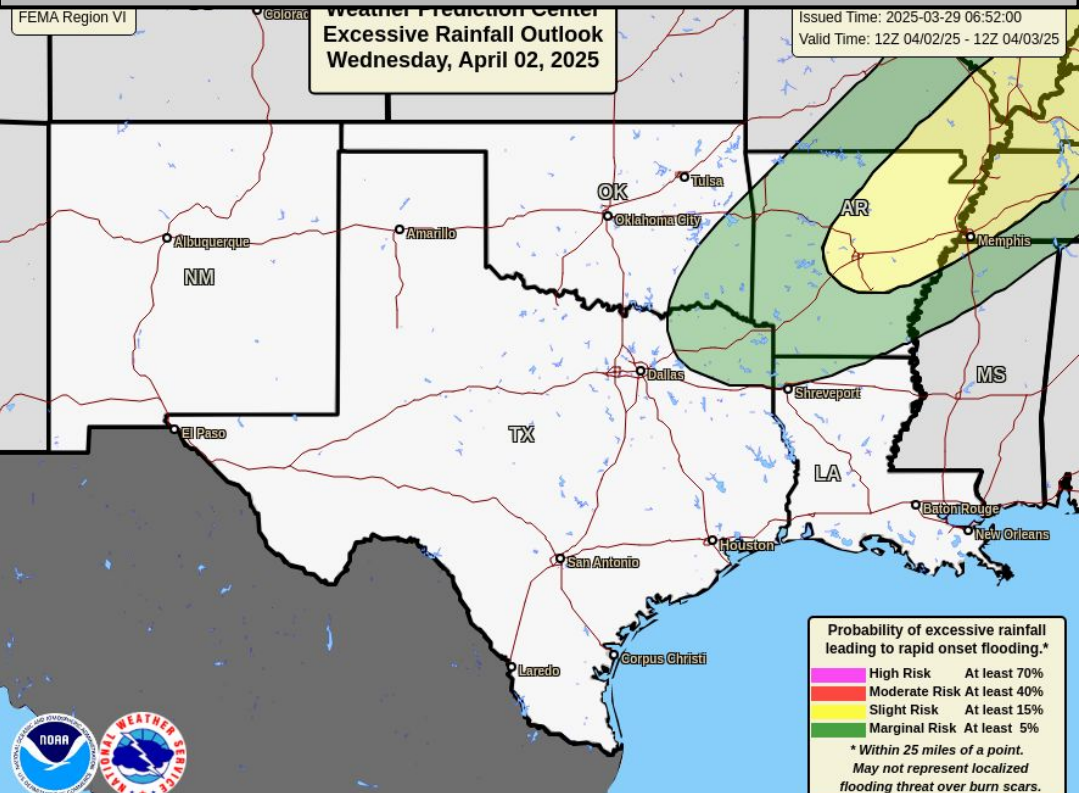
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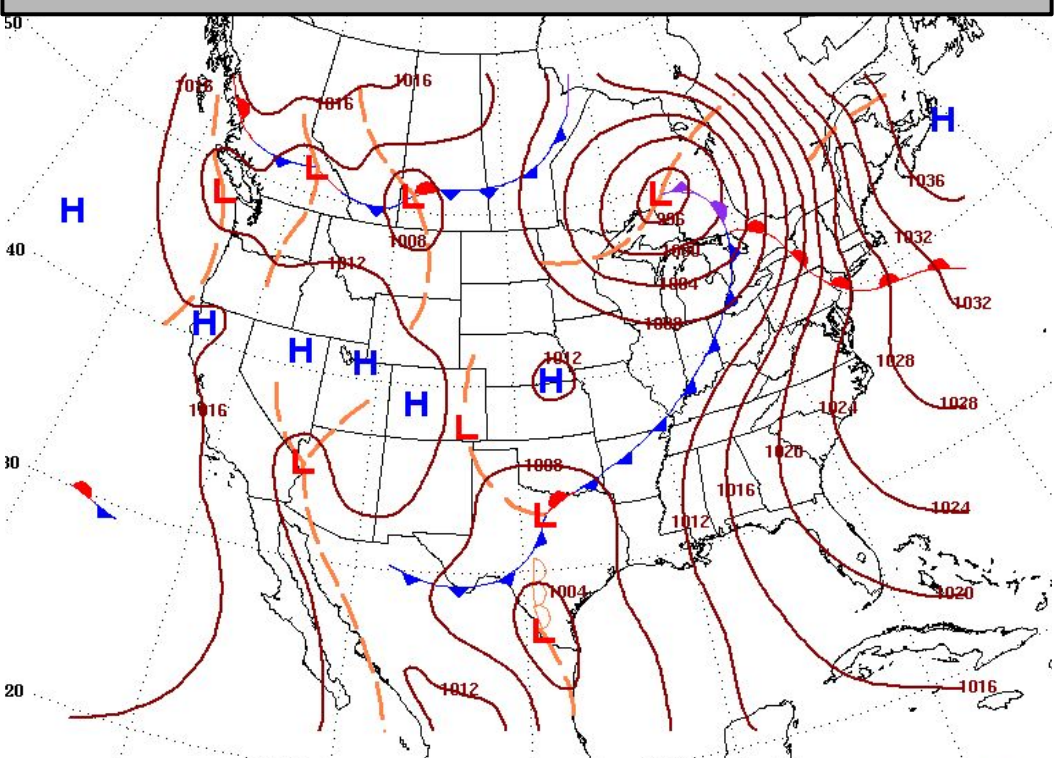
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for heavy rainfall in AR.



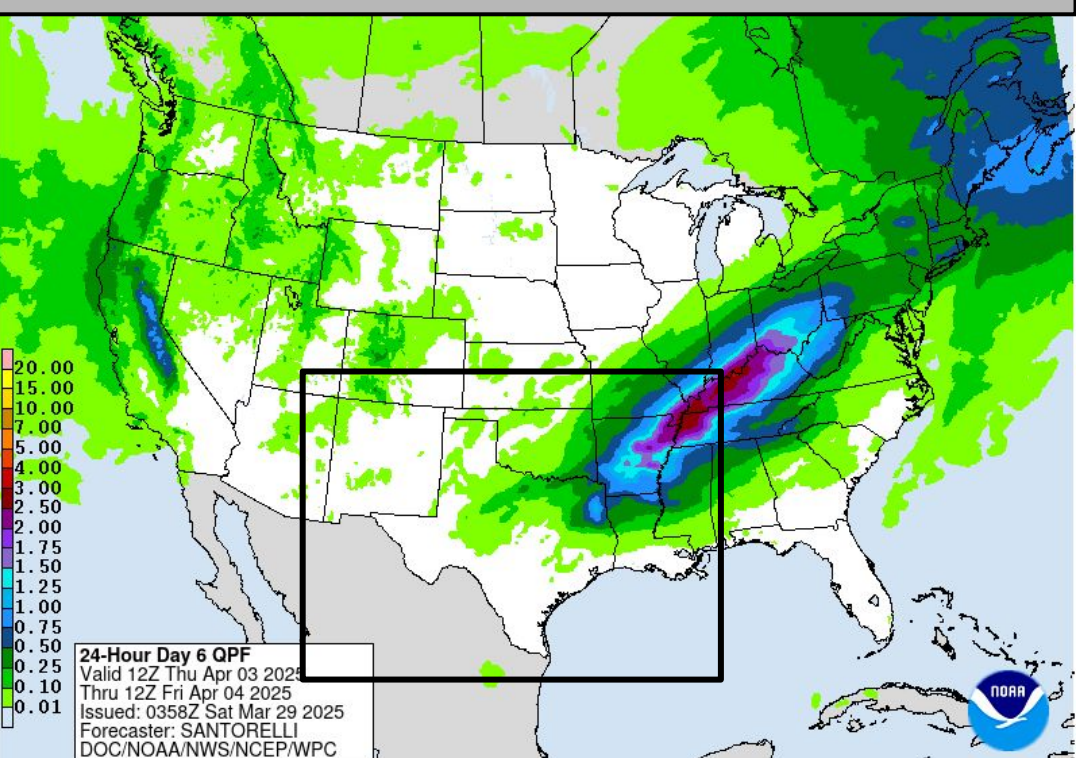


Thursday's Weather

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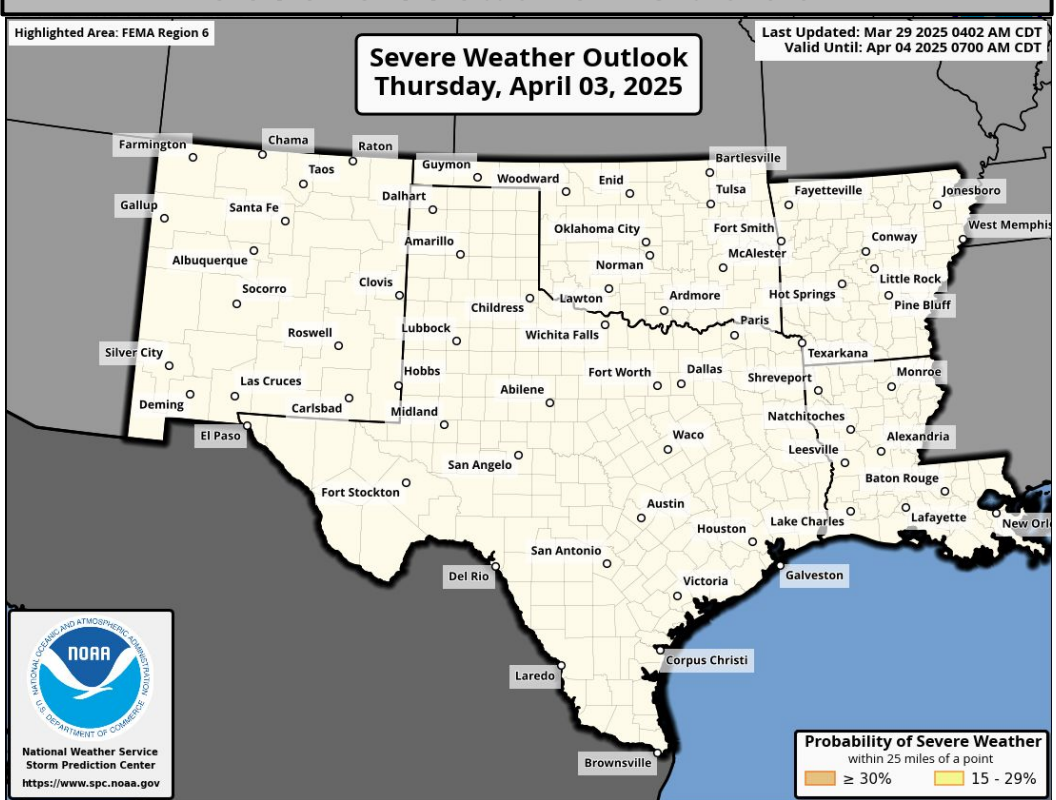


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring for heavy rainfall in AR.

Severe Weather Outlook

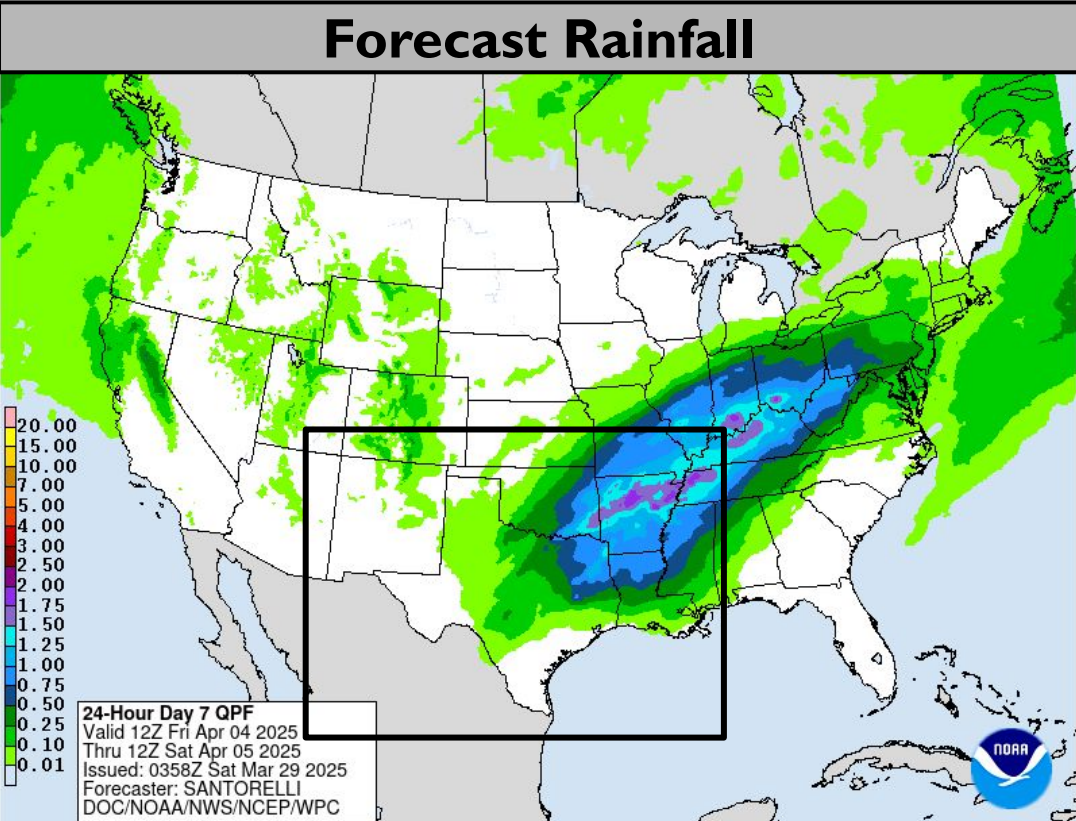
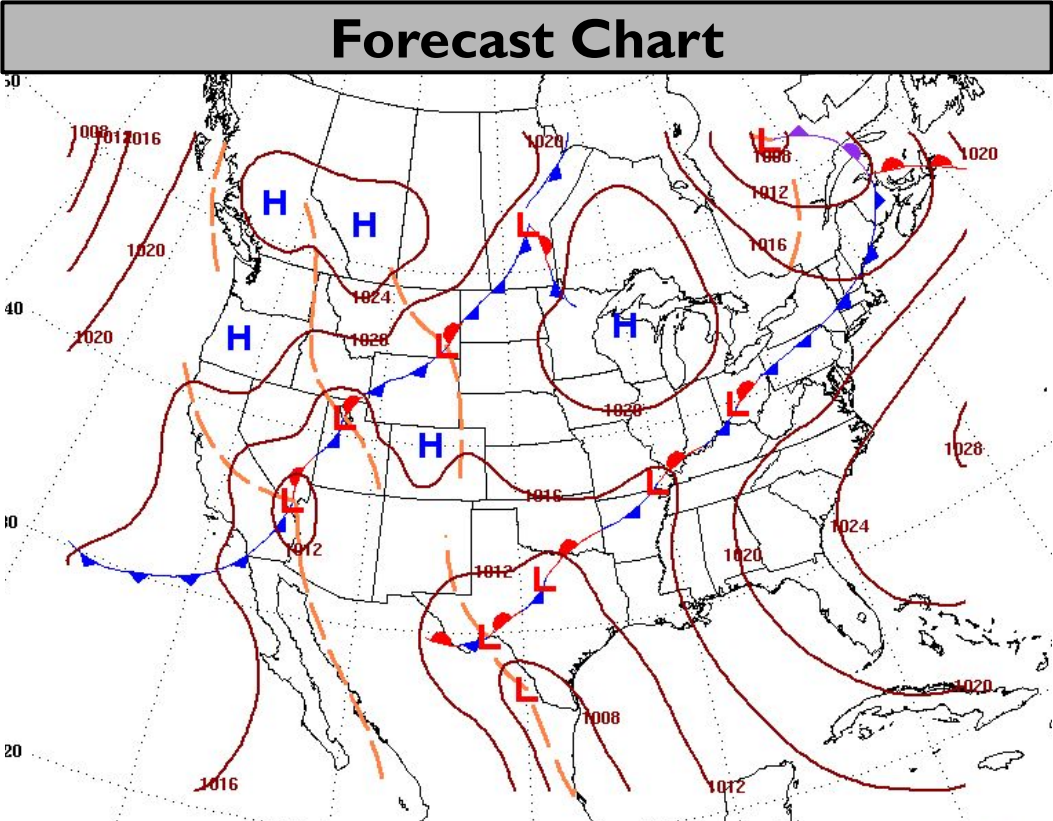


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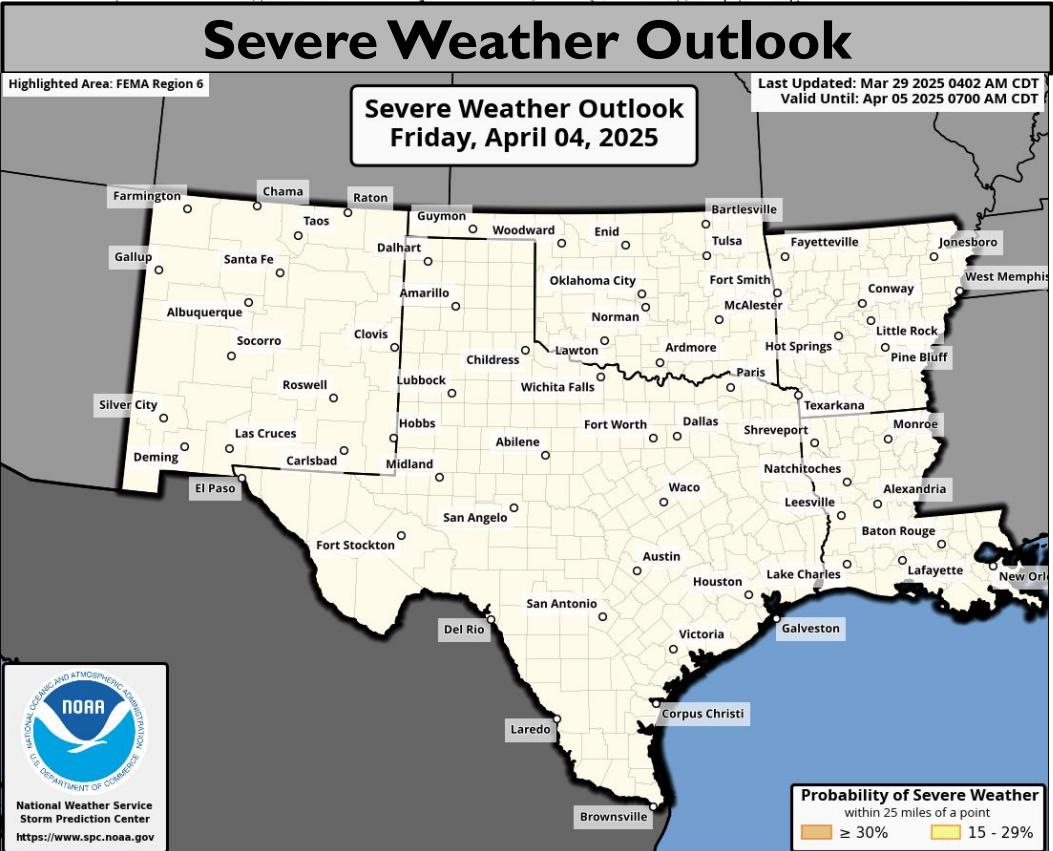




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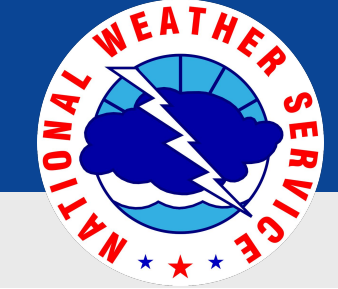


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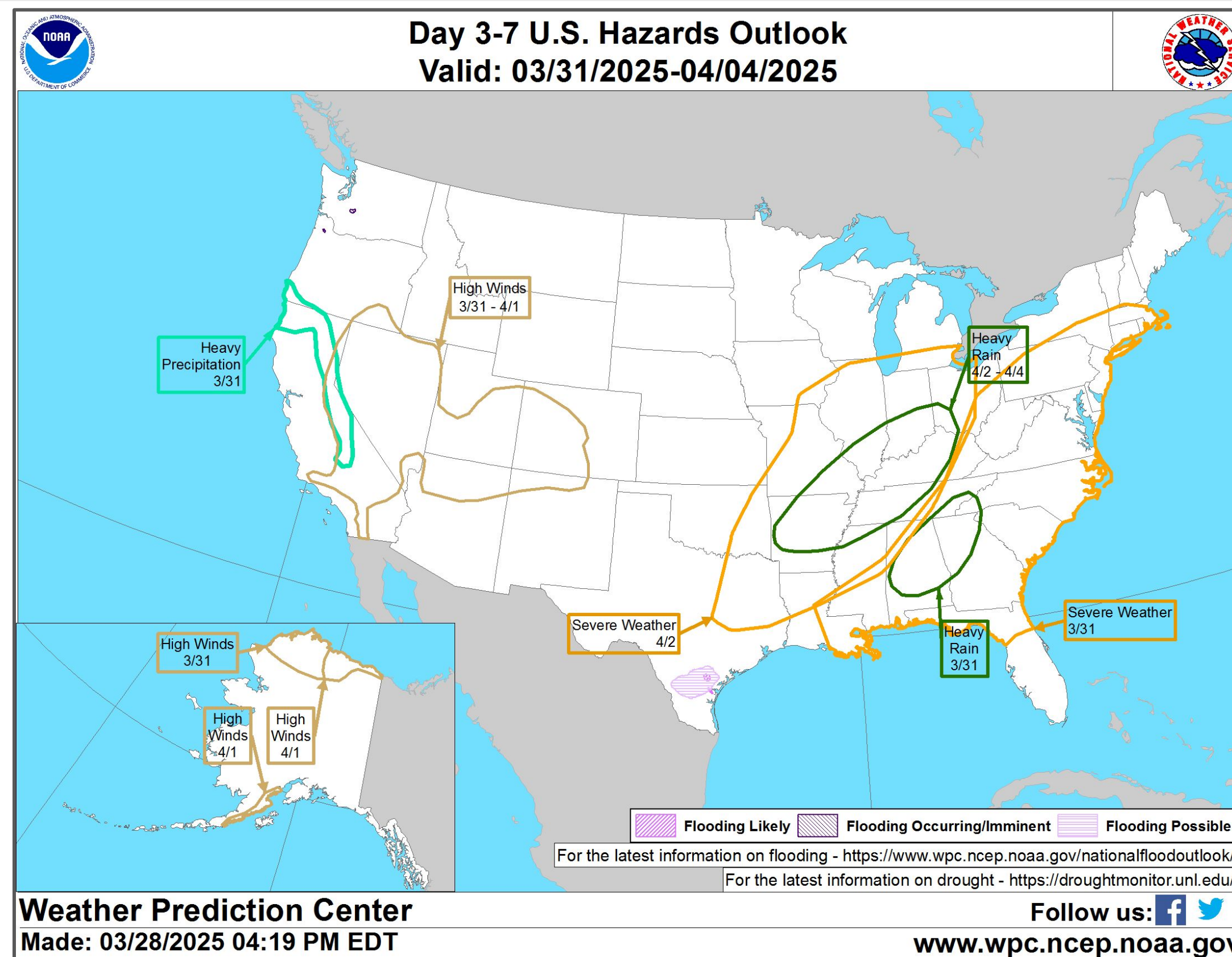


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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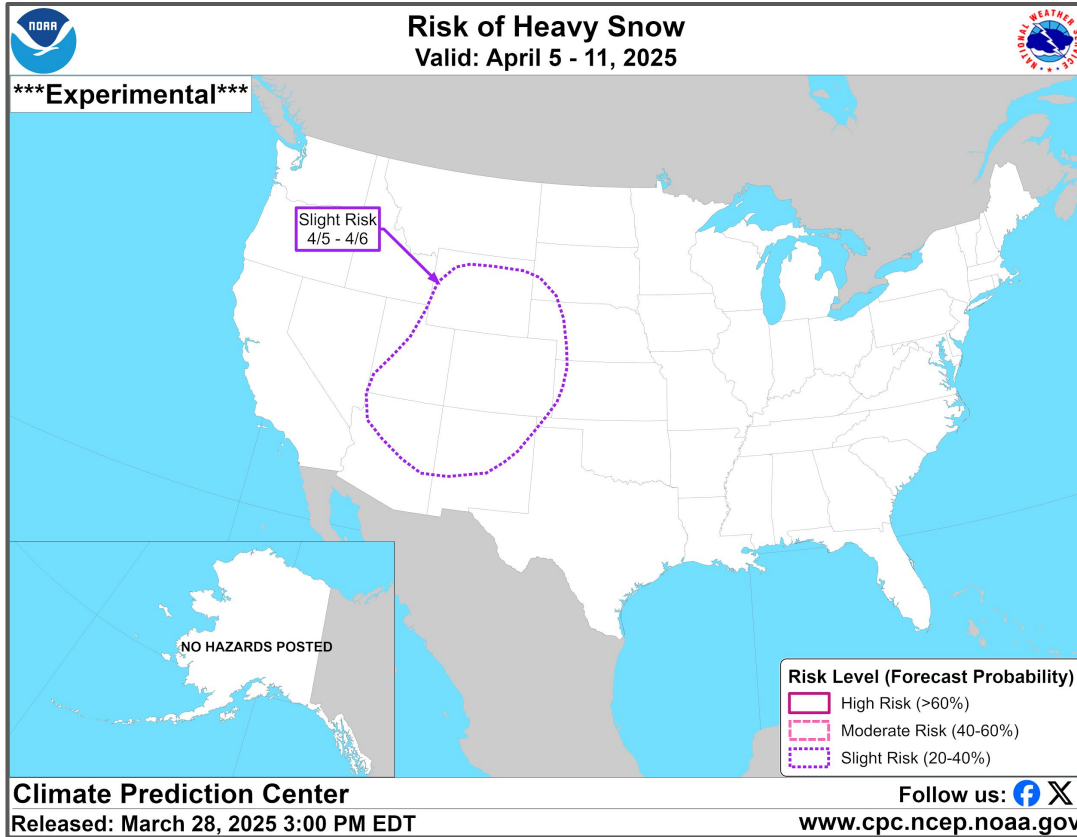
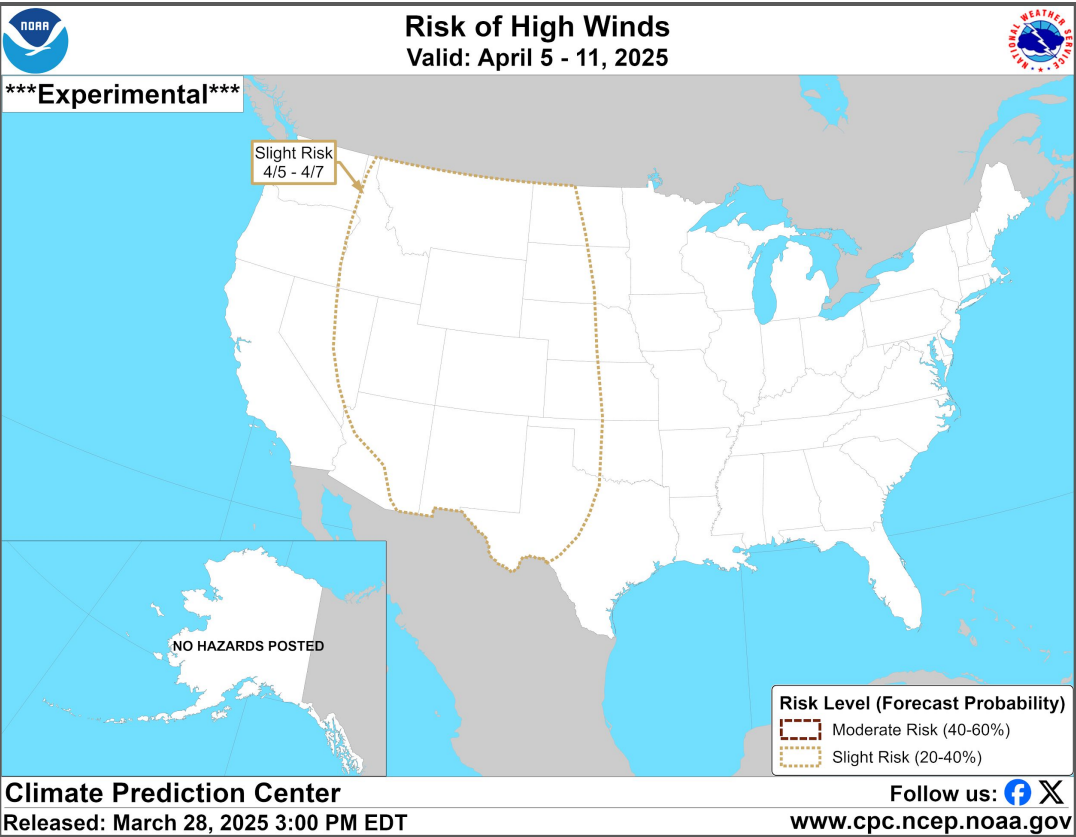
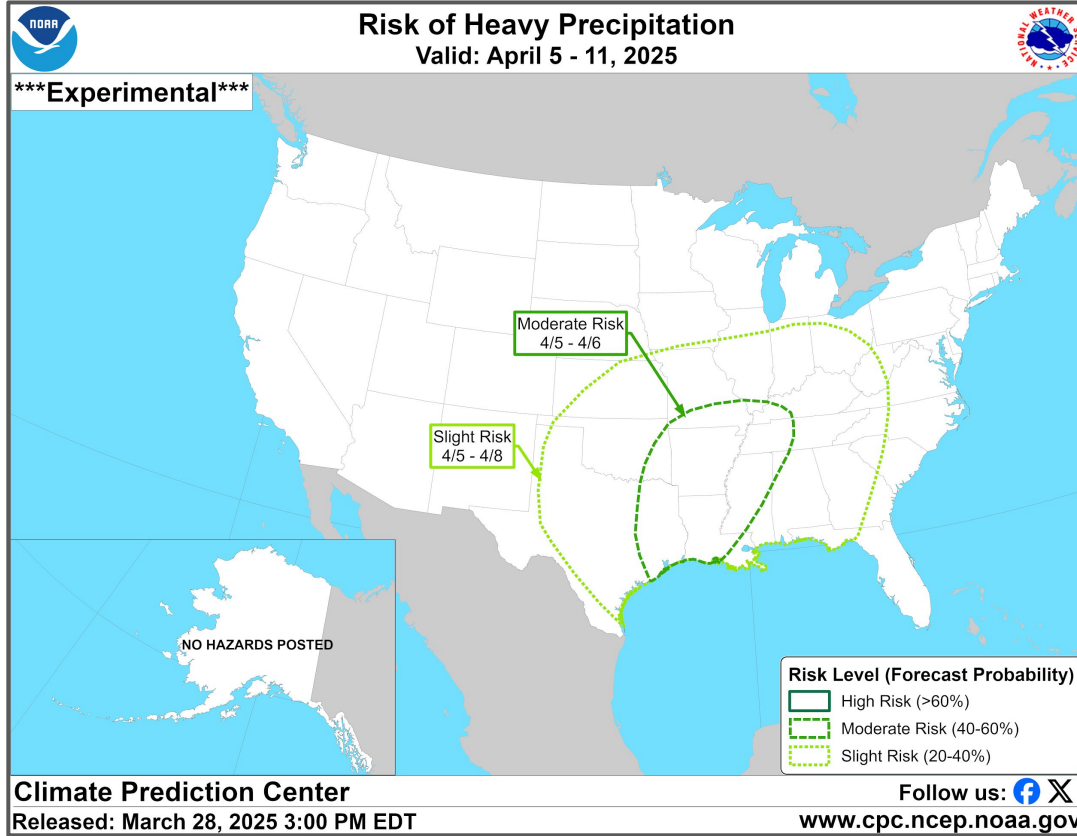
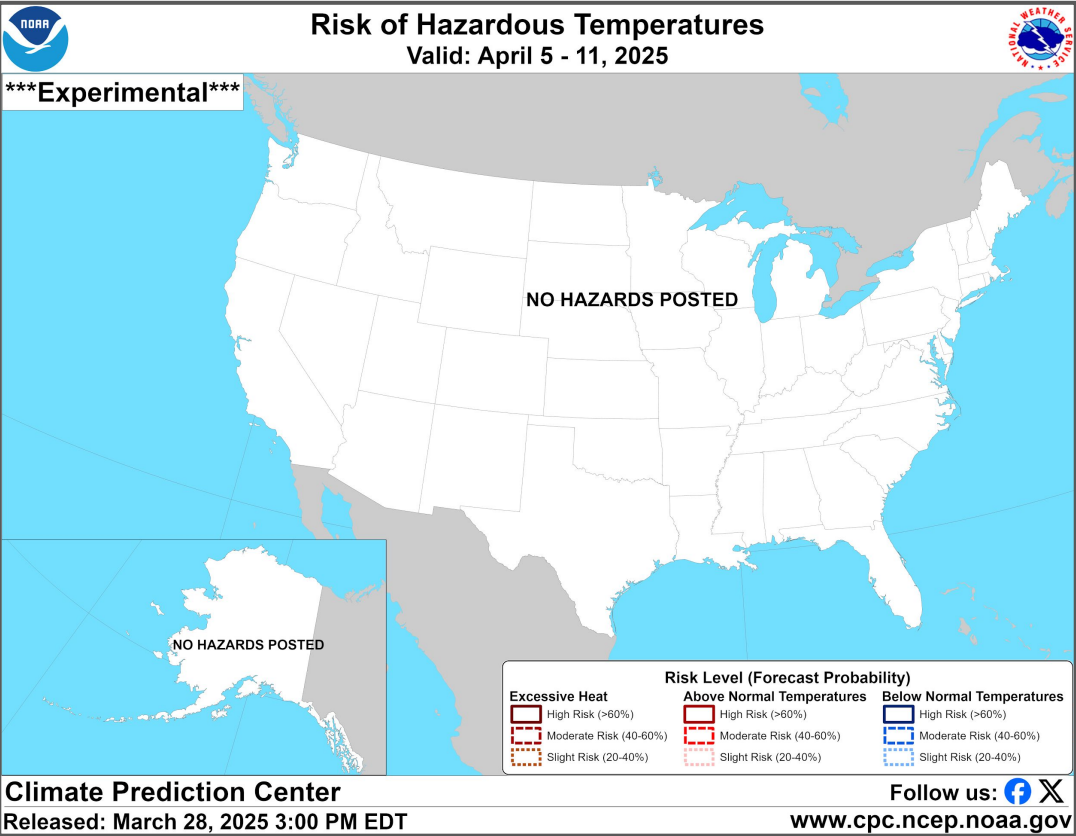
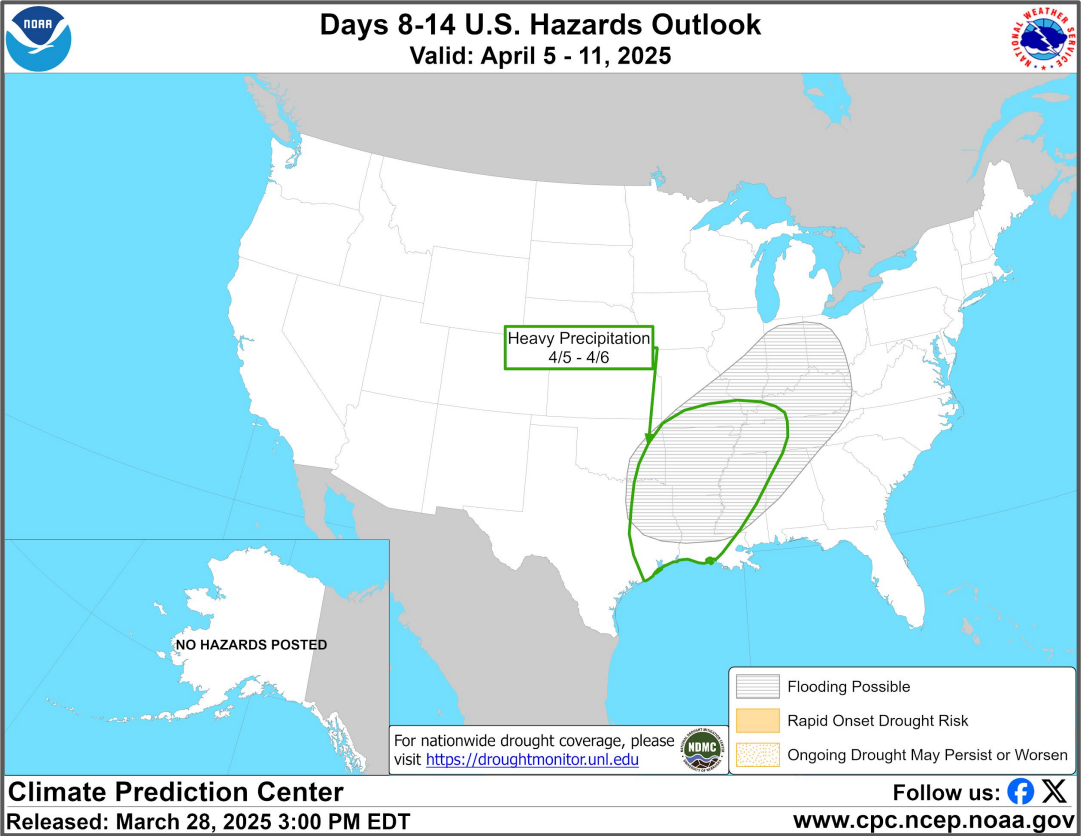
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“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

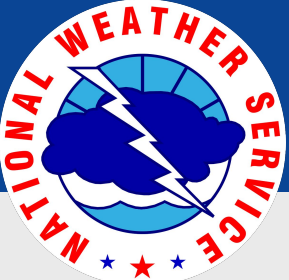


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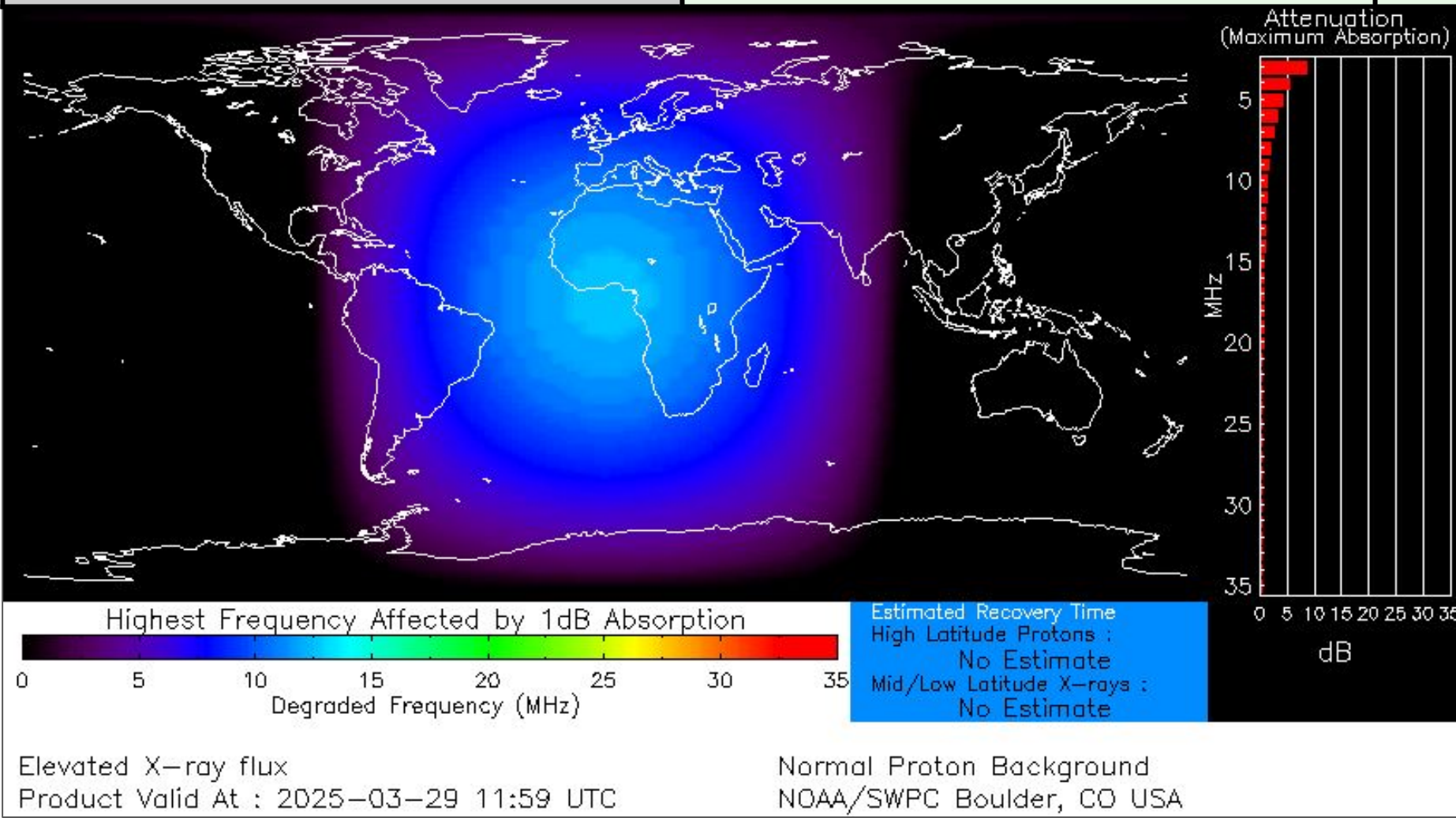
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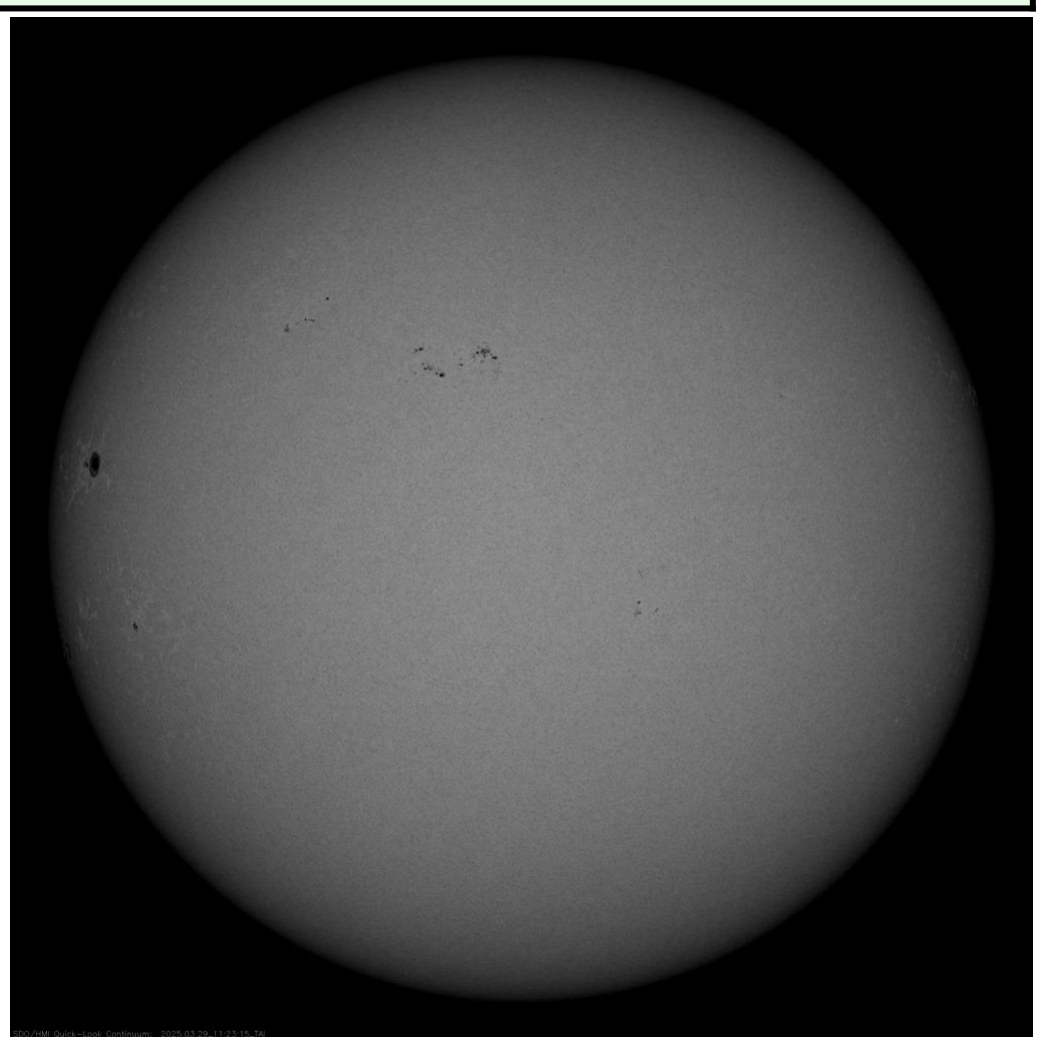
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 29	Sunday, Mar 30	Monday, Mar 31
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	50%	50%	50%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	20%



[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