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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, August 03, 2025

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> 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 <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.





- Flash Flooding:
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over NW-CTX, SW OK today. There may be multiple rounds of heavy rain this evening/overnight in NW-CTX, then tomorrow morning near the Metroplex.
- <u>Severe Weather:</u> Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in NW-CTX,W OK today, mainly driven by large hail and wind. Very low tornado risk.
- <u>Heat:</u> Heat will begin to expand across C-SWTX into NM starting on today and continuing into this week. Afternoon highs by later in the week in OK will also trend higher.
- Tropical: No tropical impacts expected in FEMA 6 over the next 7 days.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Aug 3	Monday, Aug 4	Tuesday, Aug 5	Wednesday, Aug 6	Thursday, Aug 7	Friday, Aug 8	Saturday, Aug 9
Severe Storms	NW-CTX, SW OK						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	ETX Panhandle, C OK	SE LA					
Burn Scars							
Tropical							
Heat	C-SWTX, E NM	C-SWTX, E NM	C-SWTX, E NM	NM, OK,TX	NM, OK,TX	NM, OK,TX	NM, OK,TX
River Flooding							

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 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

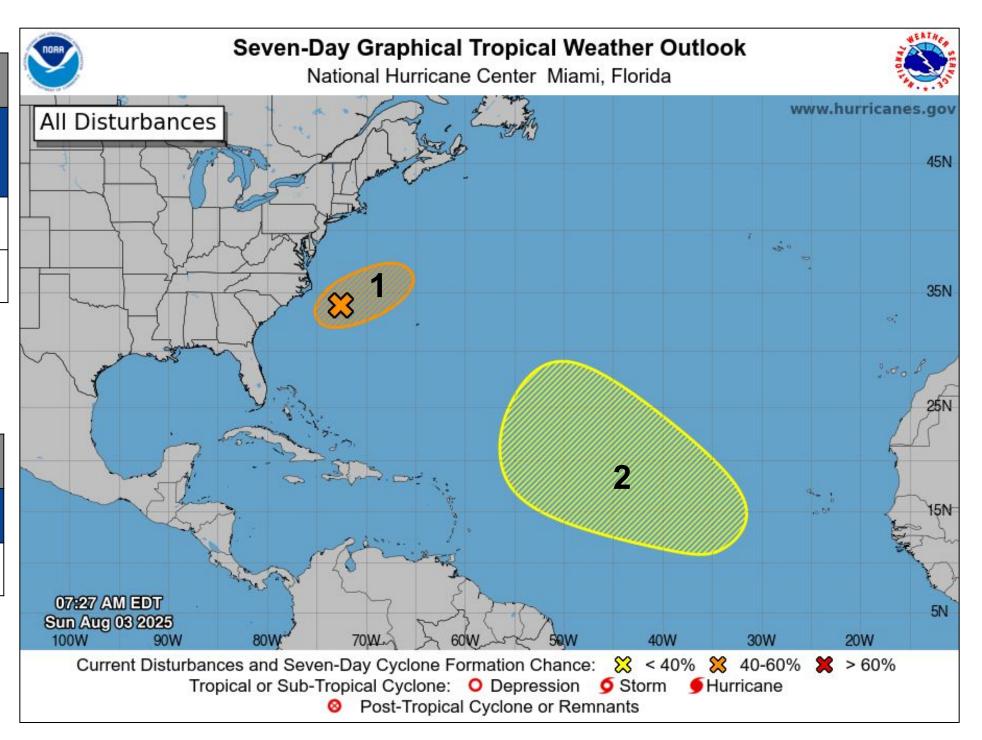




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development			
Area	Area Chance of Development Potential Impacts to FEMA 6		
1	Medium	None.	
2	Low	None.	

Active Tropical Cyclones			
Storm	Storm Potential Impacts to FEMA 6		



See http://www.hurricanes.gov for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





QPF 120 Hour Day 1-5

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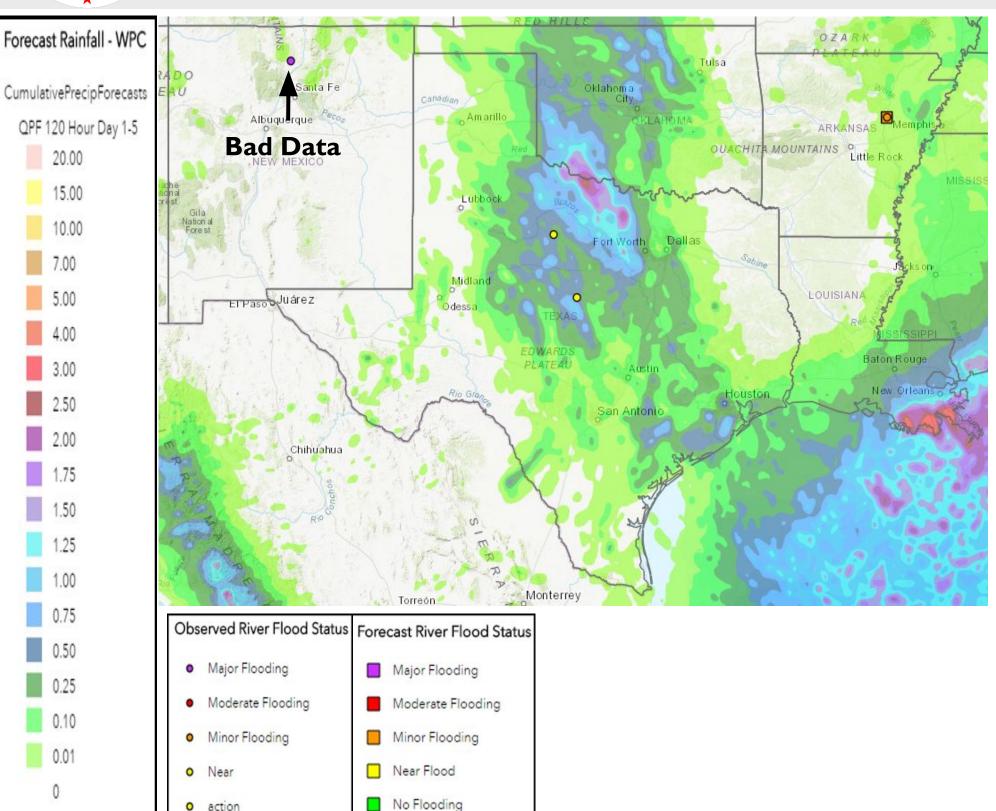
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



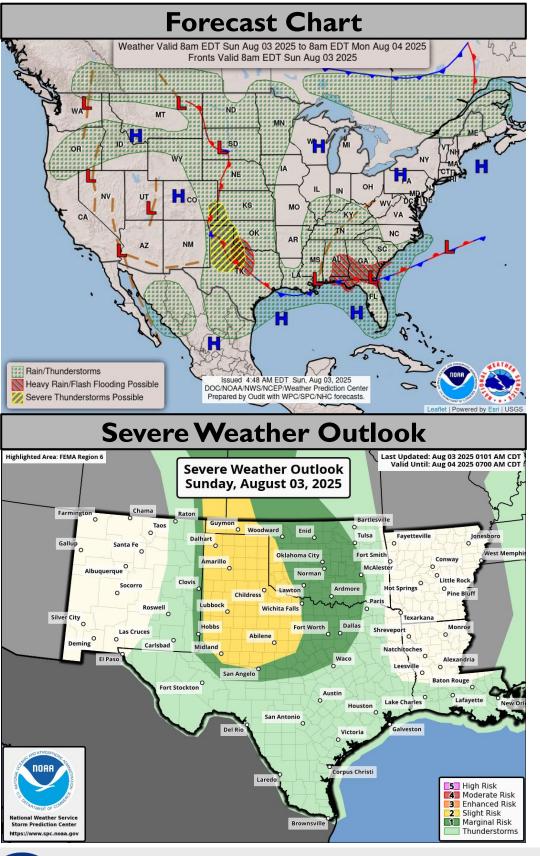
Isolated minor river flooding in EAR is forecast to continue into next week. Rural secondary crossings, roadways, and croplands will be flooded.

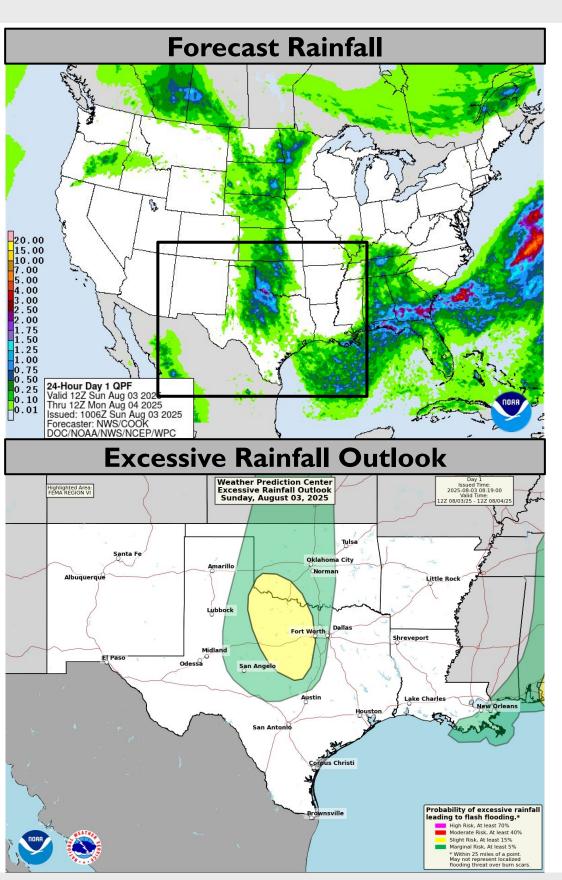
> Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.





Today's Weather





Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NW-CTX, SW OK.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in NW-CTX,W OK. Large hail up to 2" in diameter and strong winds up to 70 mph are the main threats.

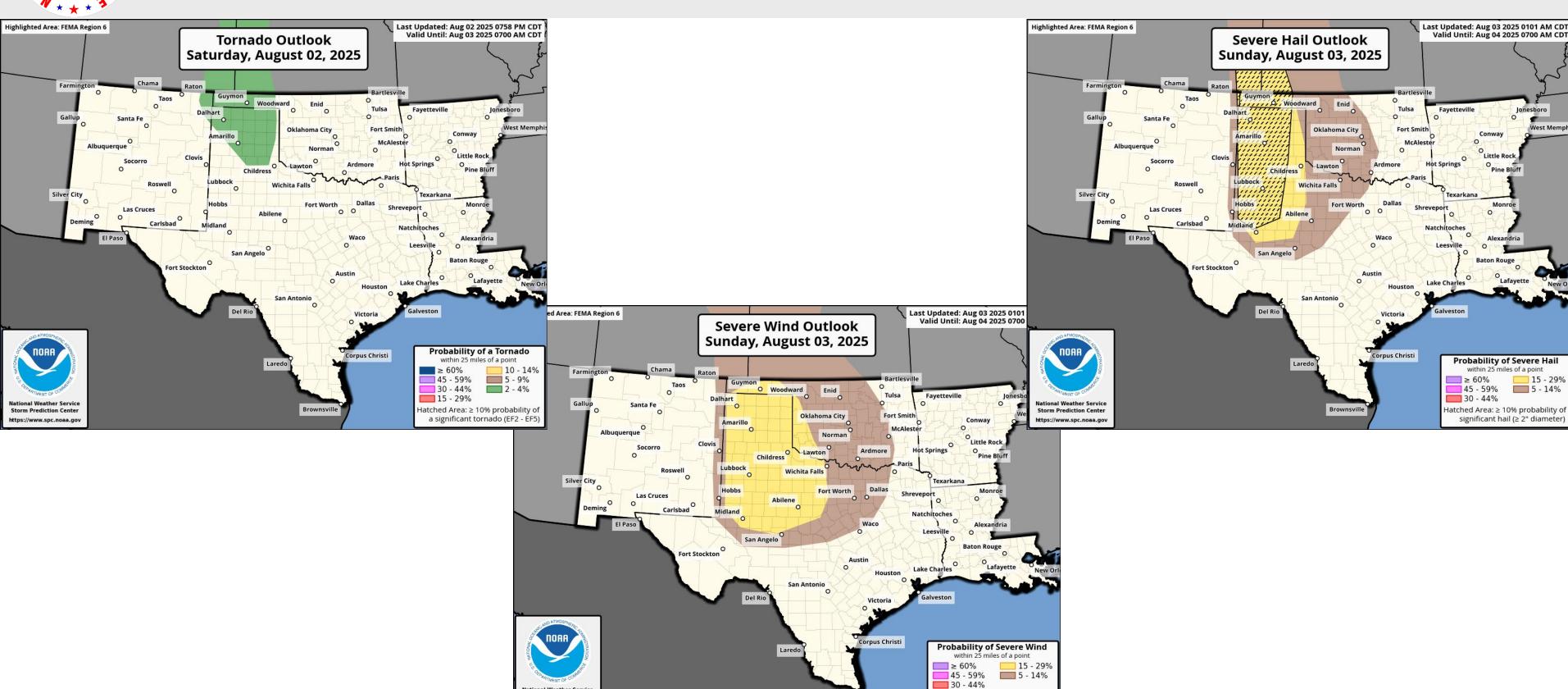
Excessive heat across C-SWTX, E NM.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides





Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of significant wind gusts (≥ 74 mph)



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

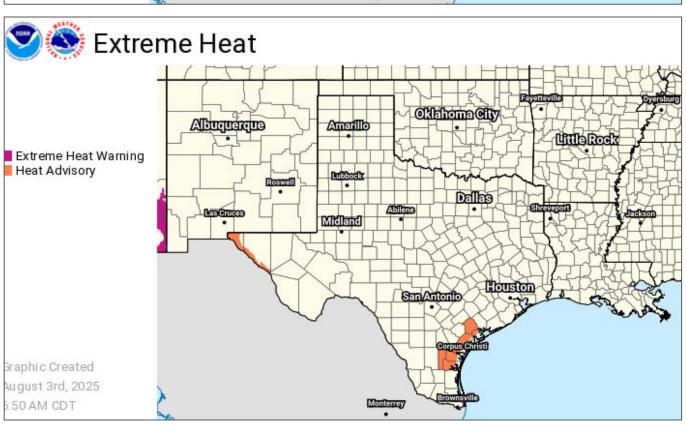
Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards





Flood Watch for TX/OK
Panhandles through 9 AM
CDT this morning.

Heat Advisories in WTX, Coastal Bend TX in effect. Temps feeling between 107-114 degrees.





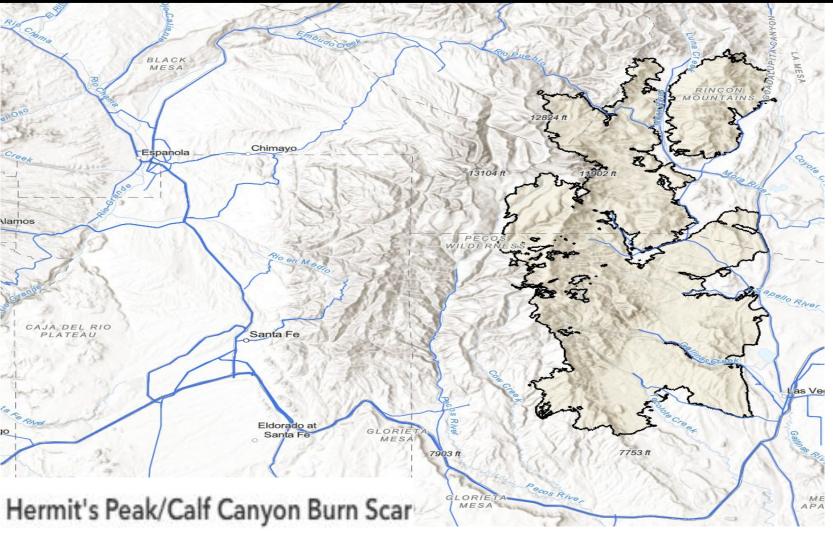




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scars New Mexico

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Sunday, Aug 3	Monday, Aug 4	Tuesday, Aug 5	Wednesday, Aug 6
Flash Flooding	Little to None	Little to None	Little to None	Little to None
Timing - CDT				



No Flash Flood Threat	
Slight Risk of Flash Flooding	
Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%	
Flood Watch Issued OR Debris Flow Probability > 50%	
Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day	

 WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is Not Applicable to burn scars.

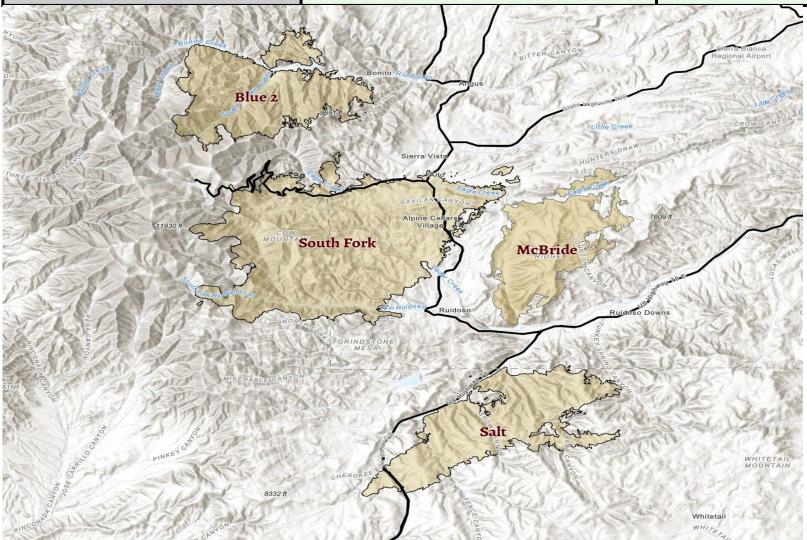




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Sunday, Aug 3	Monday, Aug 4	Tuesday, Aug 5	Wednesday, Aug 6
Flash Flooding	Little to None	Little to None	Little to None	Little to None
Timing - CDT				



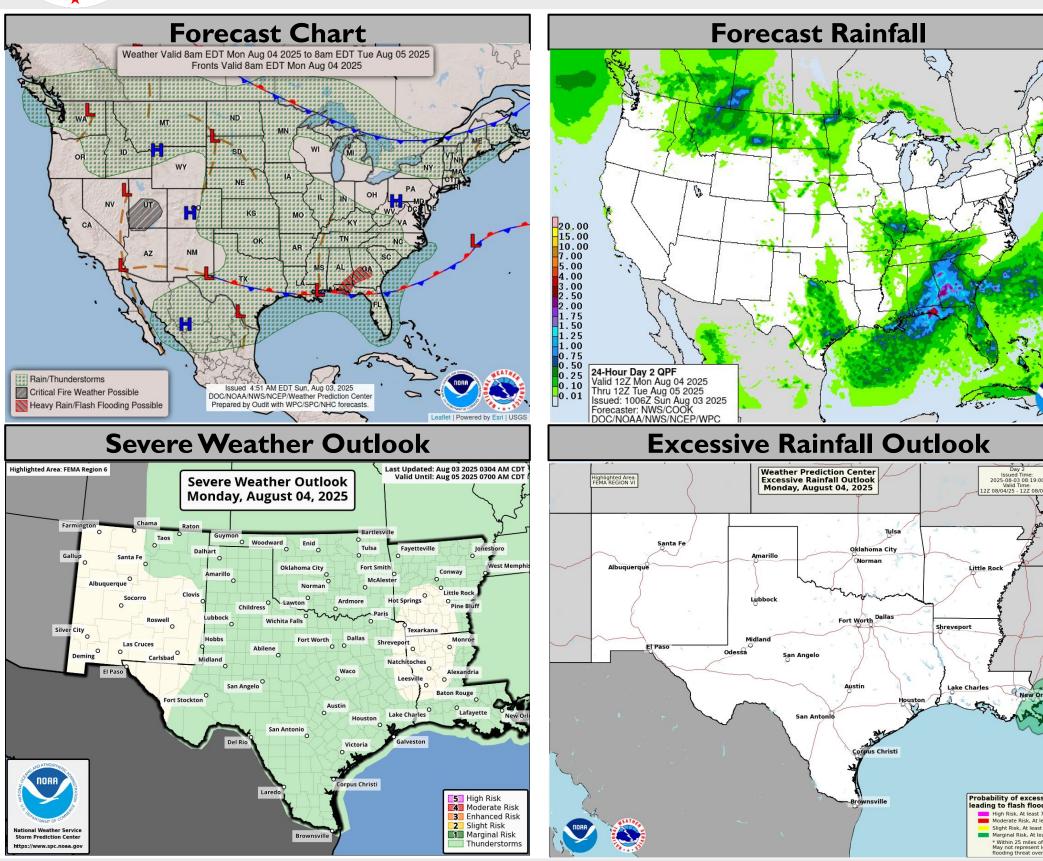
Little to None	No Flash Flood Threat	
Minor (level of 4)	Slight Risk of Flash Flooding	
Moderate (level 2 of 4)	Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%	
Major (level 3 of 4)	Flood Watch Issued OR Debris Flow Probability > 50%	
Extreme (level 4 of 4)	Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day	

- WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is *Not Applicable* to burn scars.
- *Note* 2nd year burn scars can be more dangerous than year 1.





Tomorrow's Weather



Heat Risk across C-SWTX, E NM.

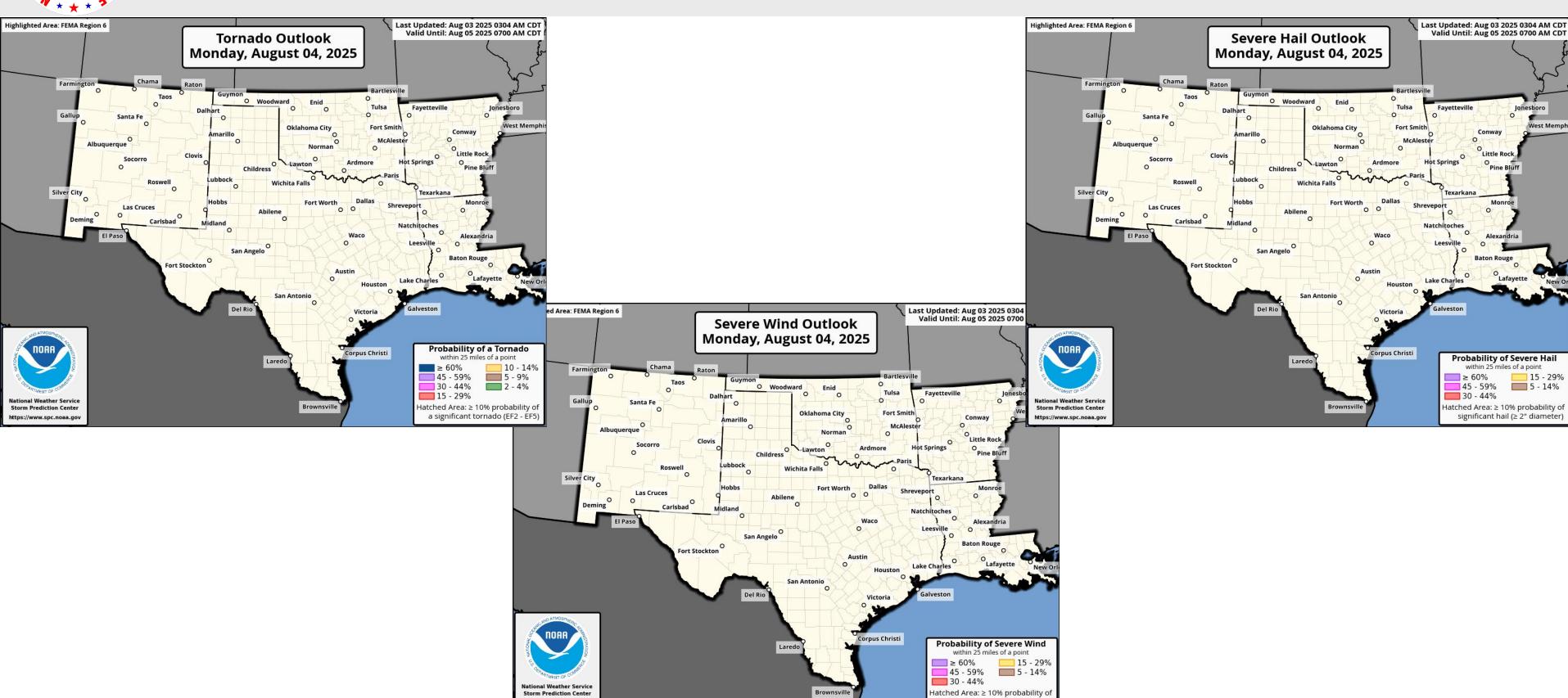
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rain in SE LA.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides





Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

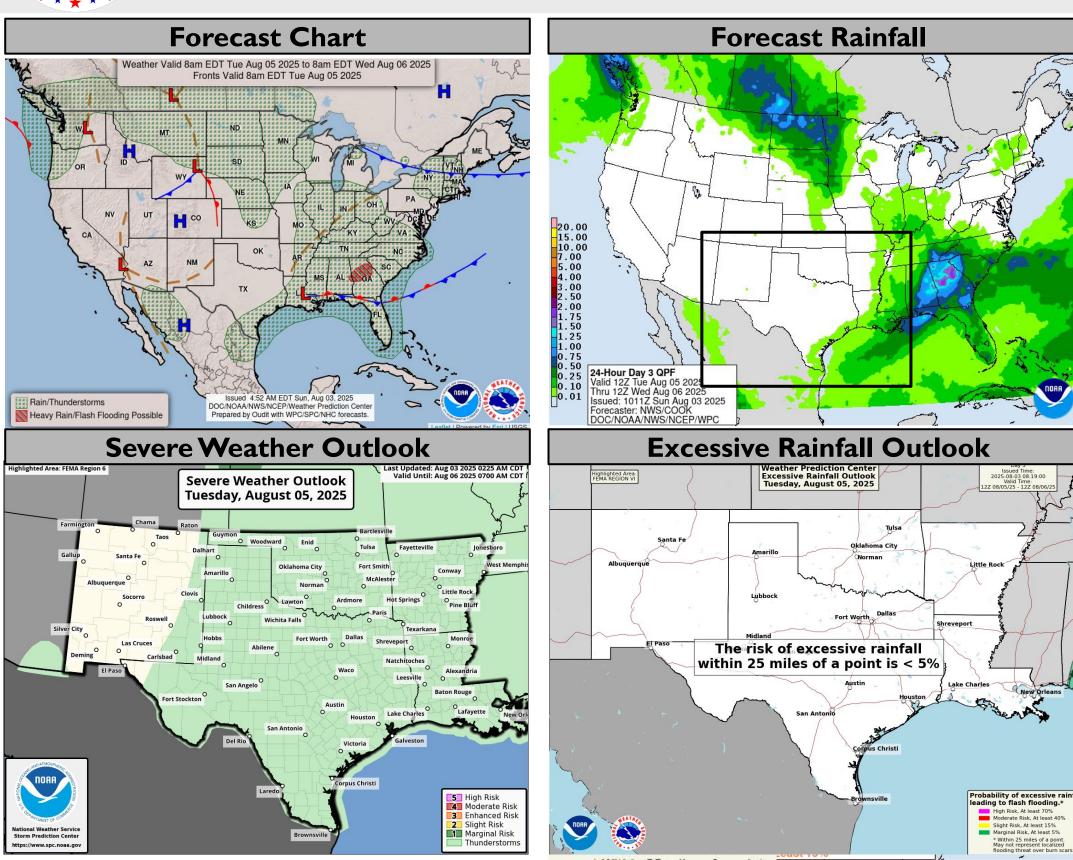


significant wind gusts (≥ 74 mph)





Tuesday's Weather



Heat Risk across C-SWTX, E NM.

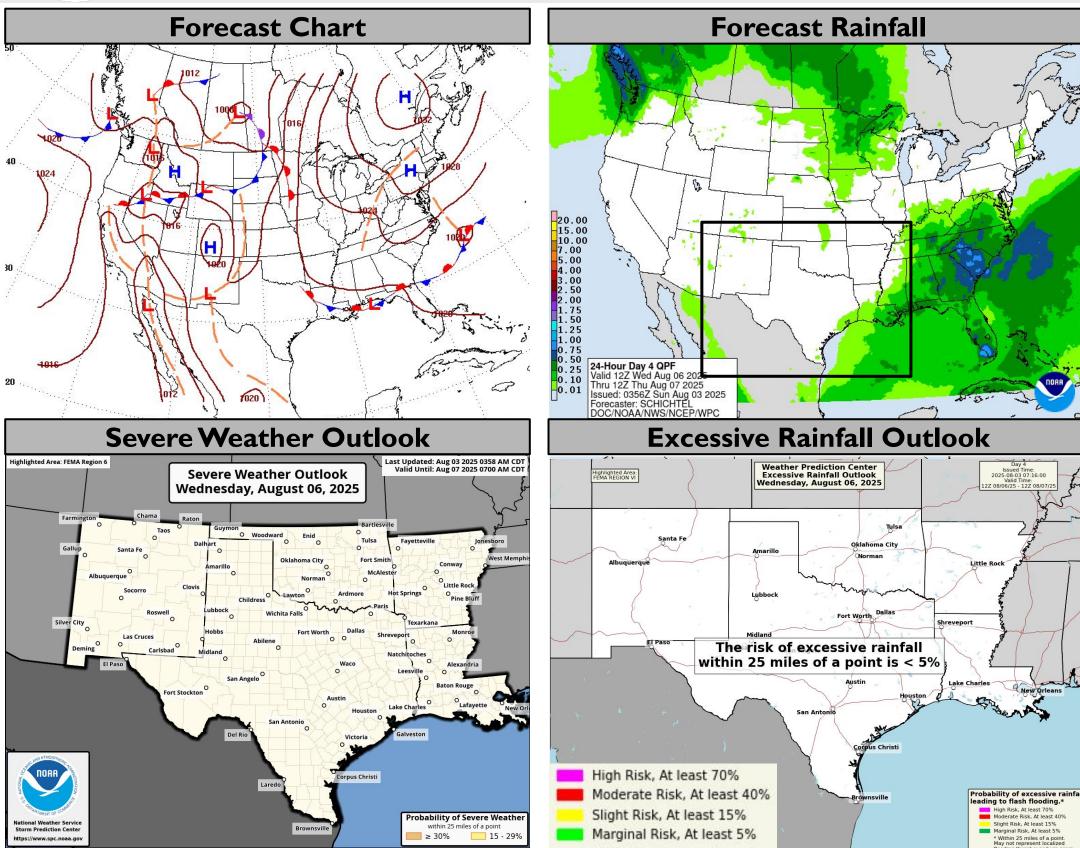
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Wednesday's Weather



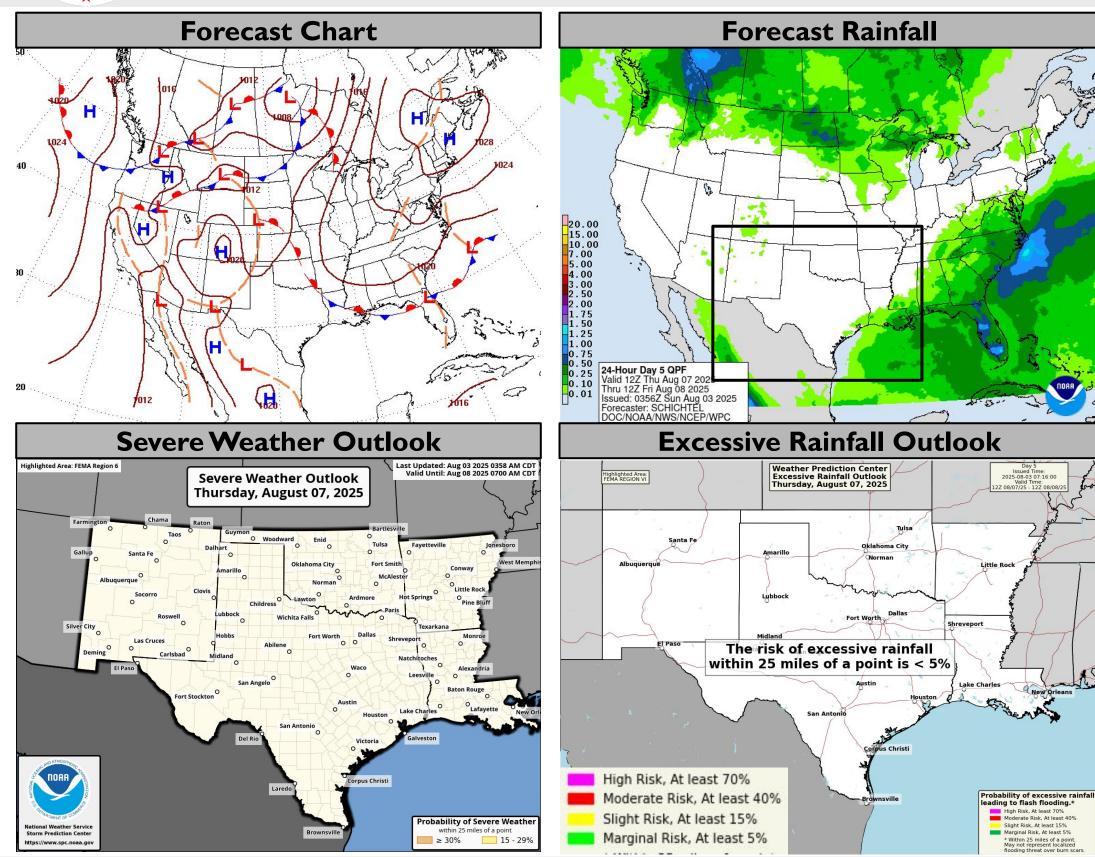
Heat Risk across NM, OK, TX.

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Thursday's Weather

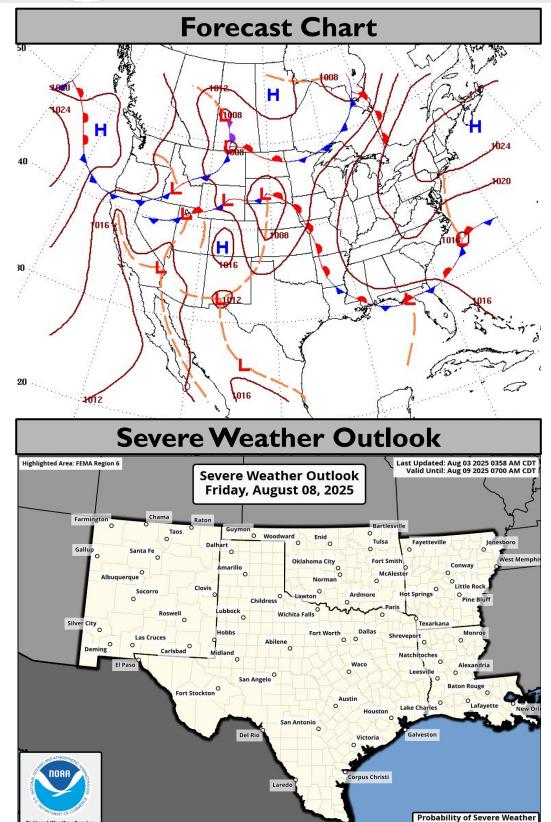


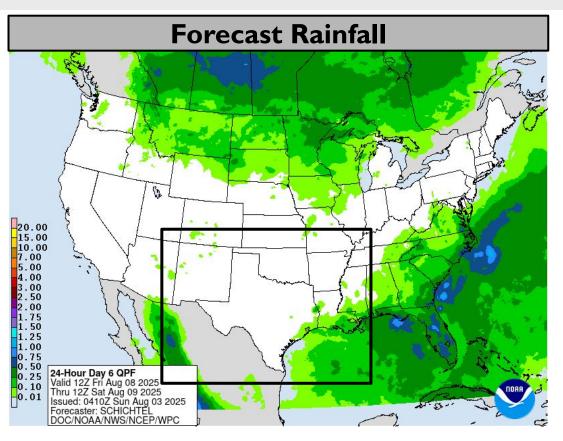
Heat Risk across NM, OK, TX.





Friday's Weather



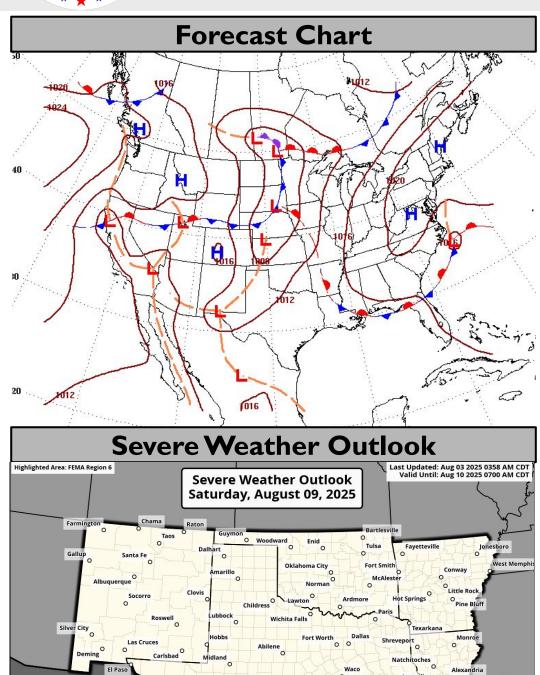


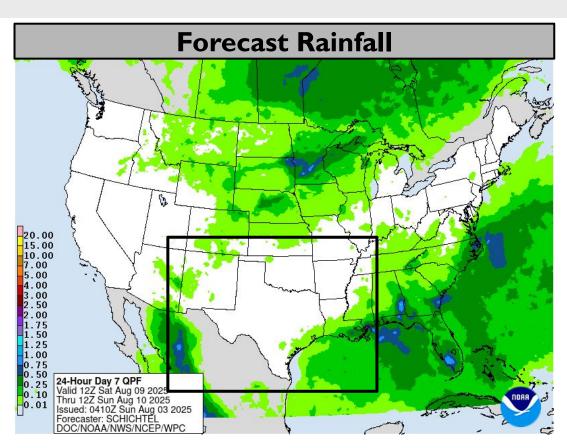
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Heat Risk across NM, OK, TX.



Saturday's Weather





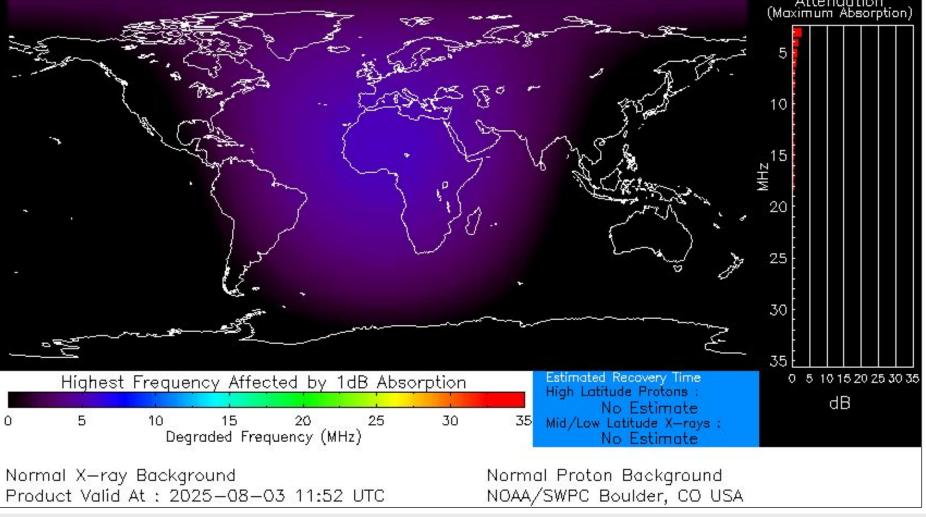
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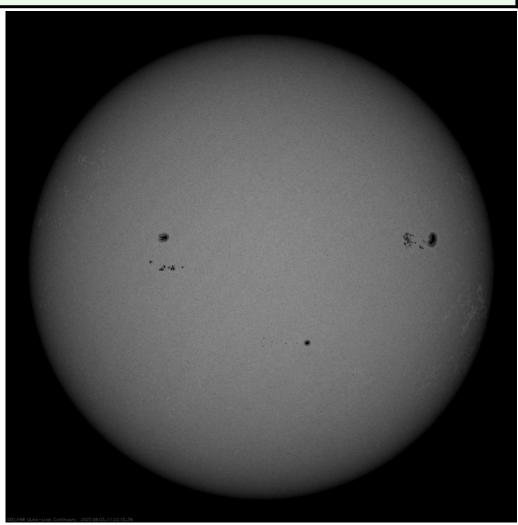
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Aug 3	Monday, Aug 4	Tuesday, Aug 5
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	35%	35%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



Space Weather Storm Scales

Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast





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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	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	 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some mino (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	 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	 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	 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 	

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