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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for N NM, N OK and the TX Panhandle today through Tuesday with another burst of heavy rain mid to late week for OK into the ArkLaTex area.**
- **NM Burn Scars: Major risk (level 3 of 4) for the HPCC complex through at least midweek and spreading south by Tuesday. Rain rates this weekend are 1"/hr but will increase to up to 2" starting Monday.**

- **Tropical:**

- **Two disturbances in the Atlantic are not expected to bring impacts to FEMA 6 in the next 7 days.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Aug 23	Sunday, Aug 24	Monday, Aug 25	Tuesday, Aug 26	Wednesday, Aug 27	Thursday, Aug 28	Friday, Aug 29
Severe Storms	NE NM, W OK Panhandle						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N NM	N NM, N OK and TX Panhandle	NE NM, OK, TX Panhandle	NE NM, TX Panhandle	NM, Far W TX, N OK	OK, NW AR	SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA
Burn Scars	N NM	N NM	N NM	NM			
Tropical							
Heat							
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
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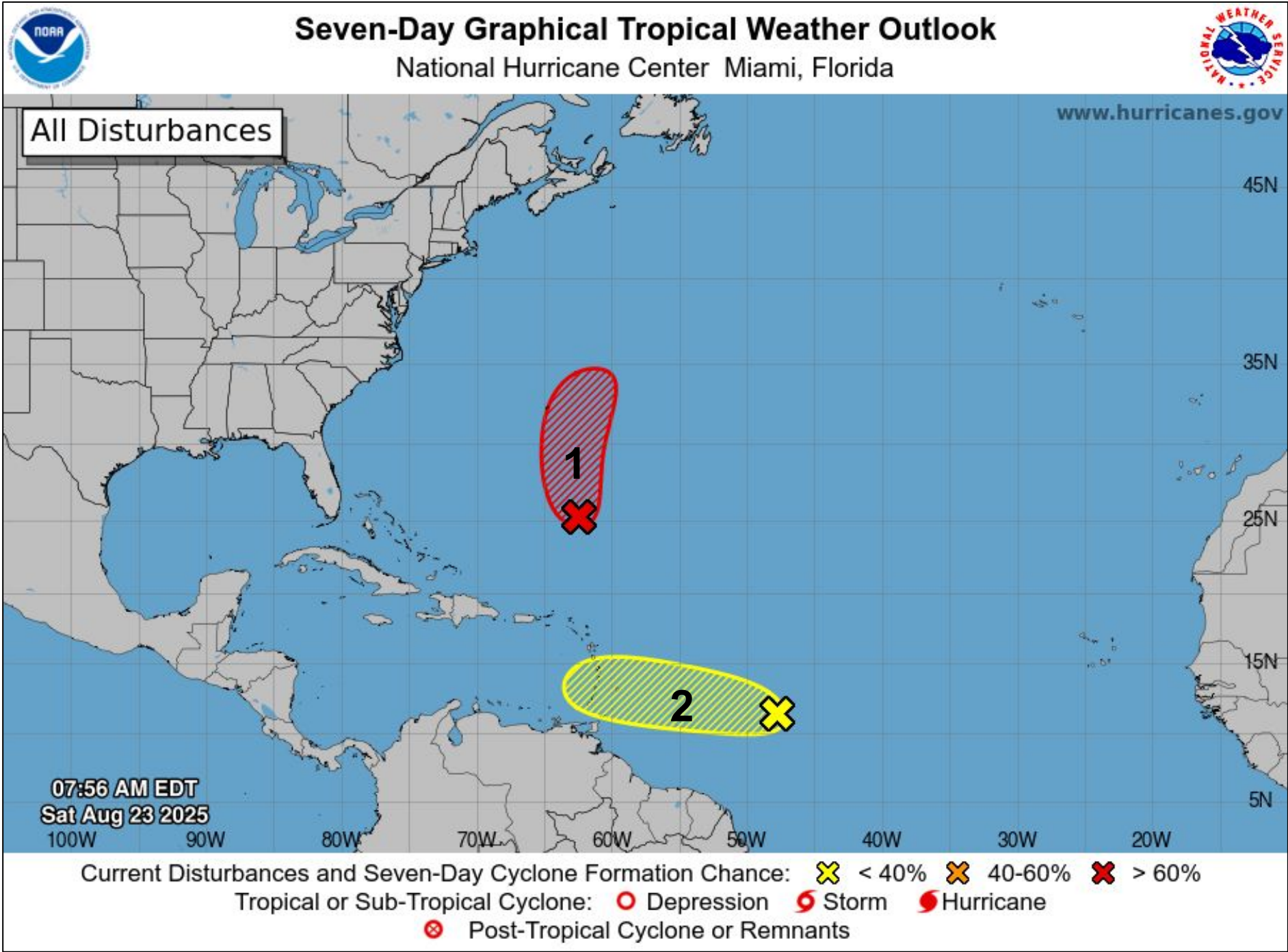




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	High (100%)	None in the next 7 days
2	Low (20%)	None in the next 7 days

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



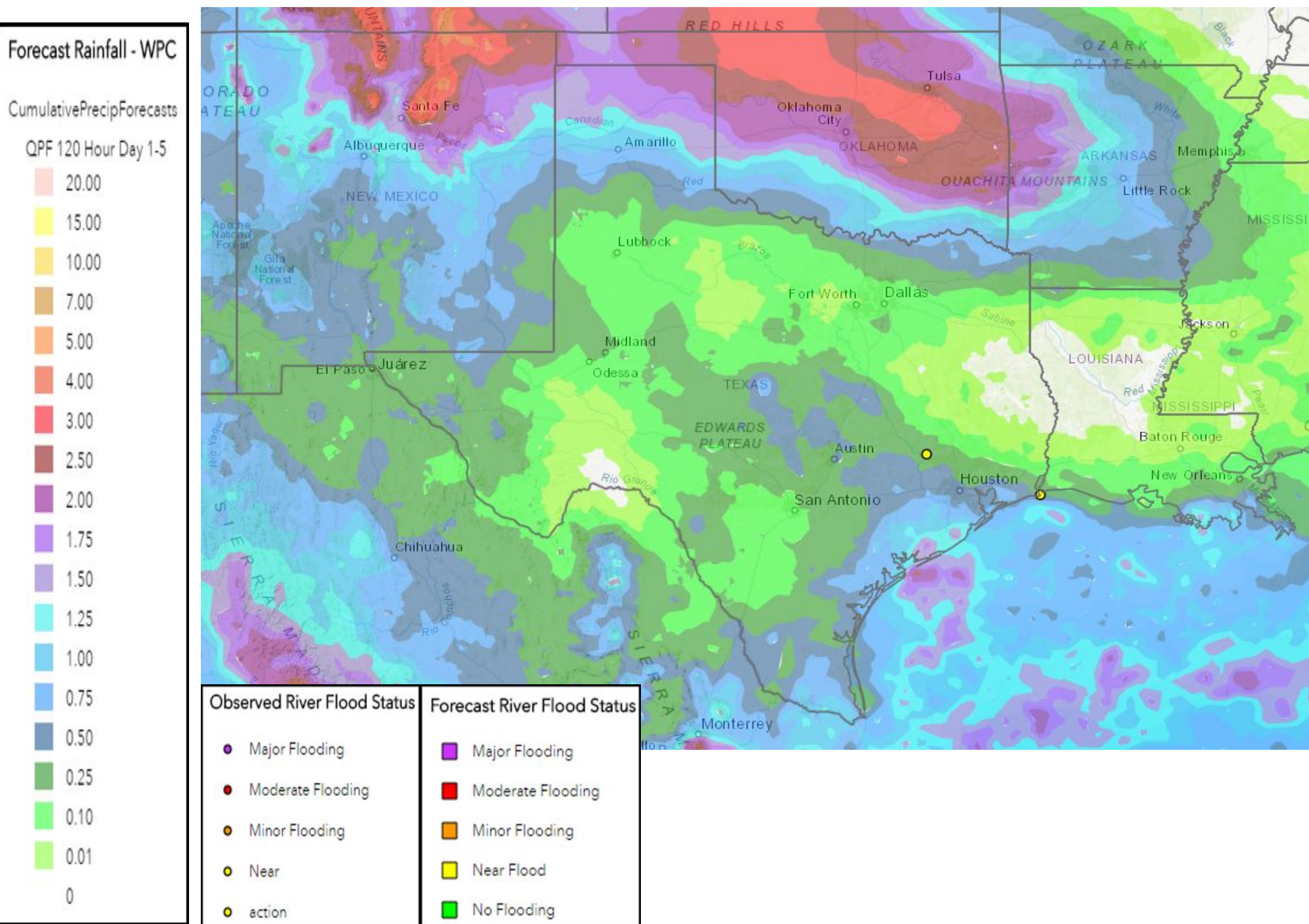
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



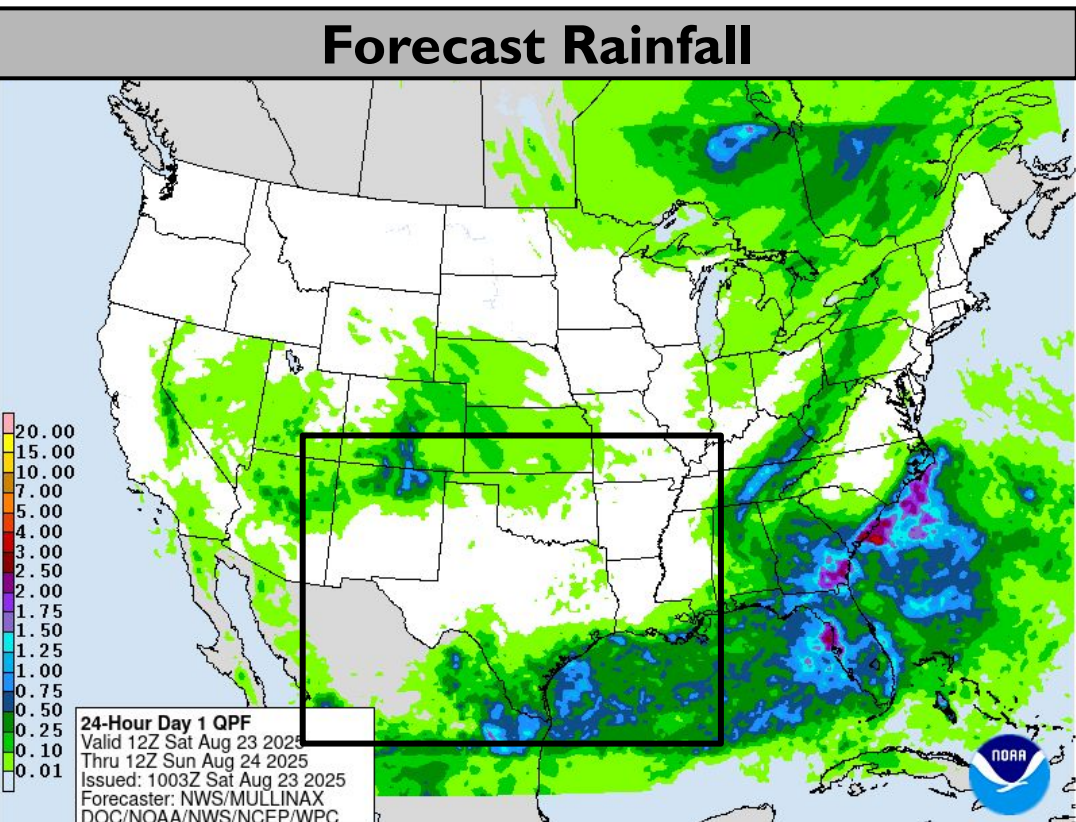
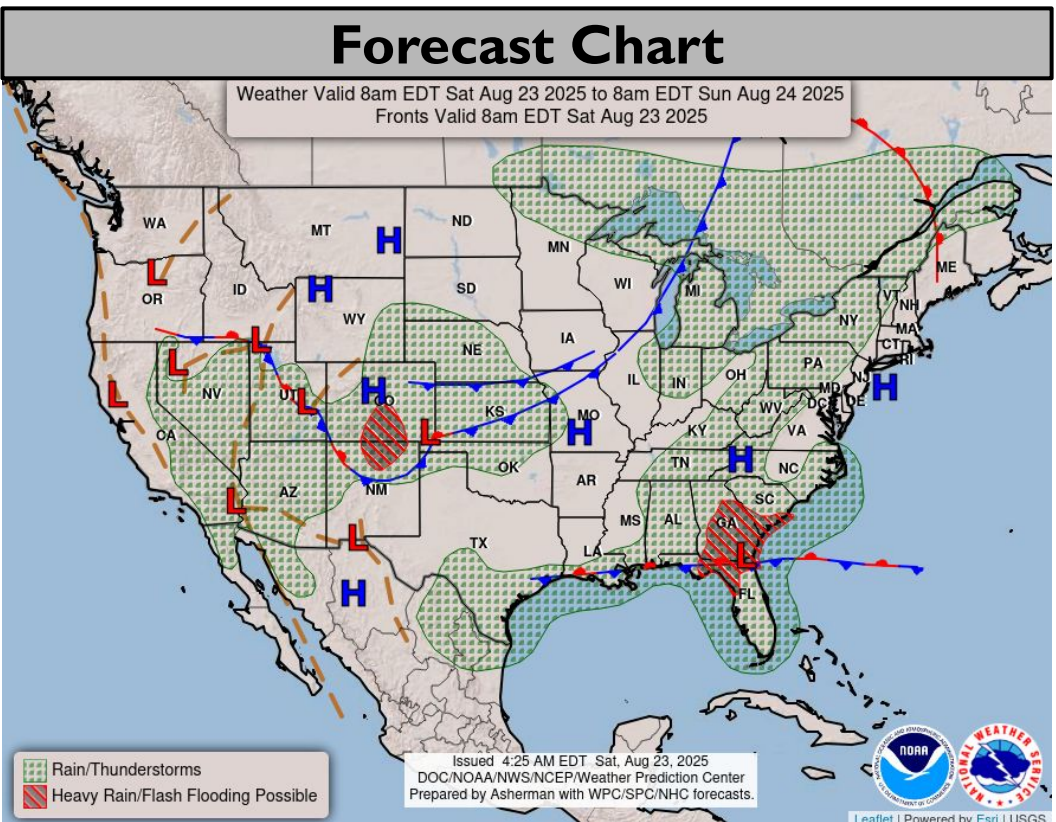
No significant river flooding.

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.

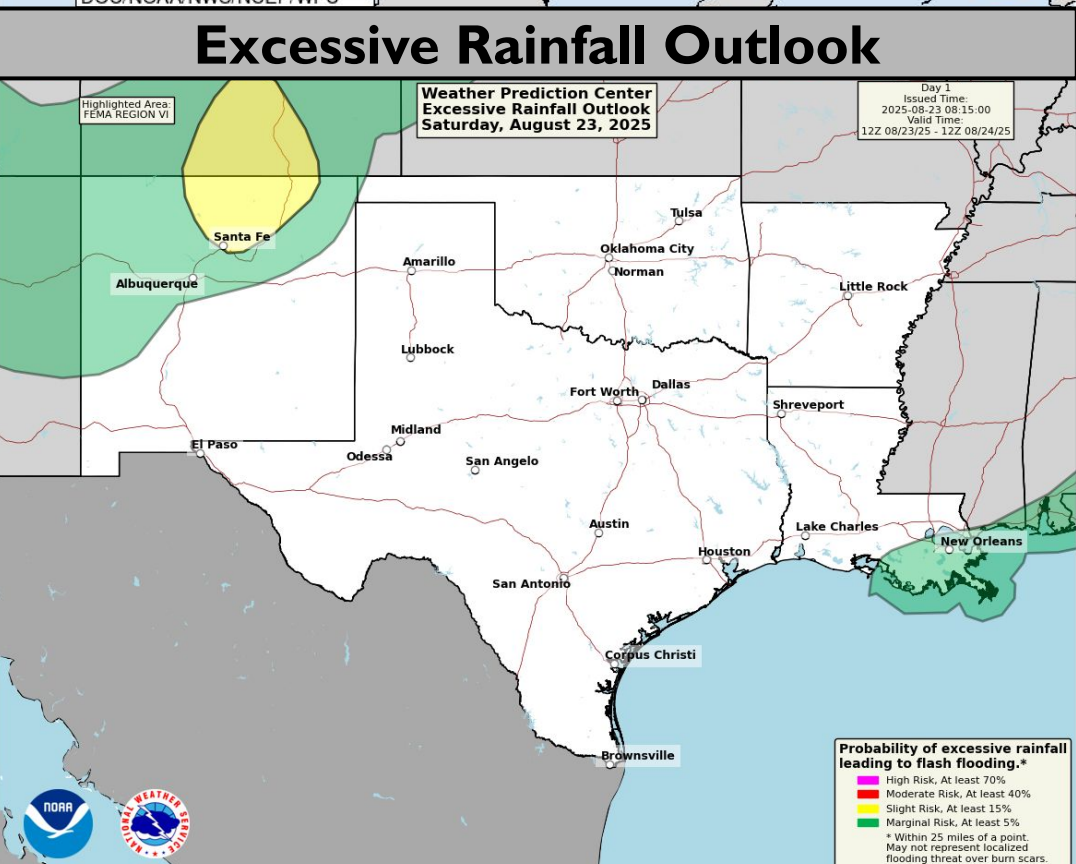
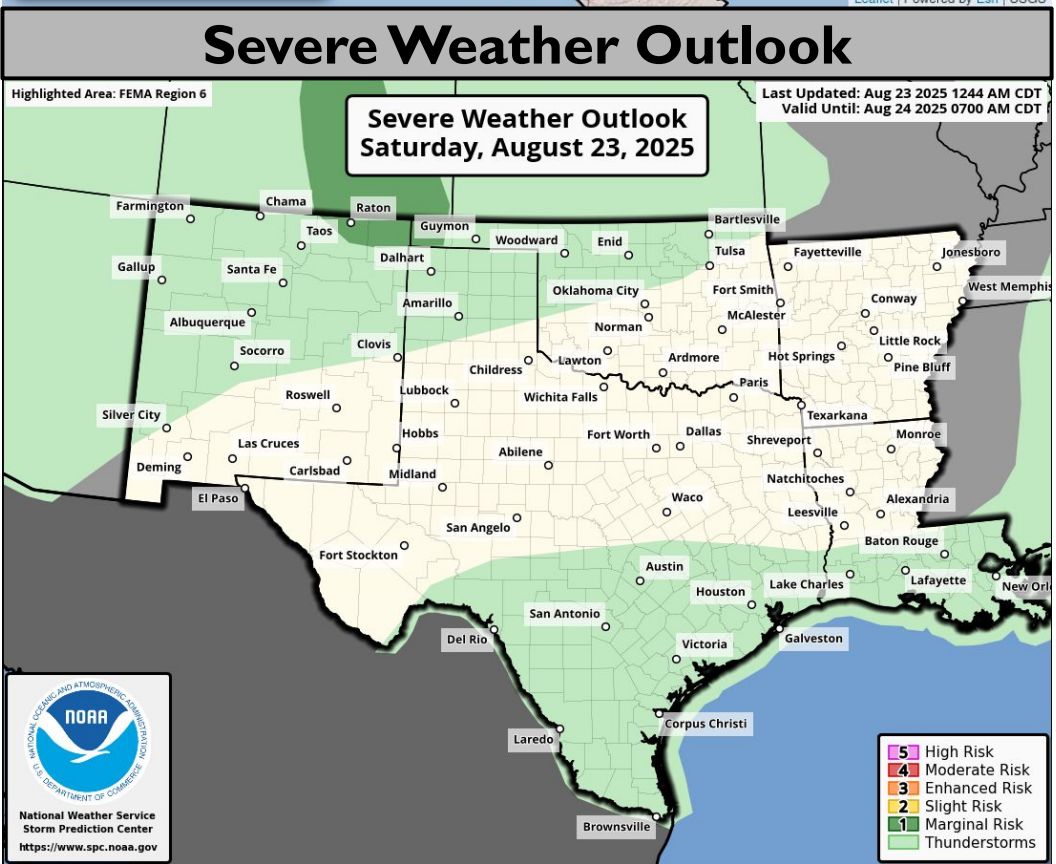




Today's Weather



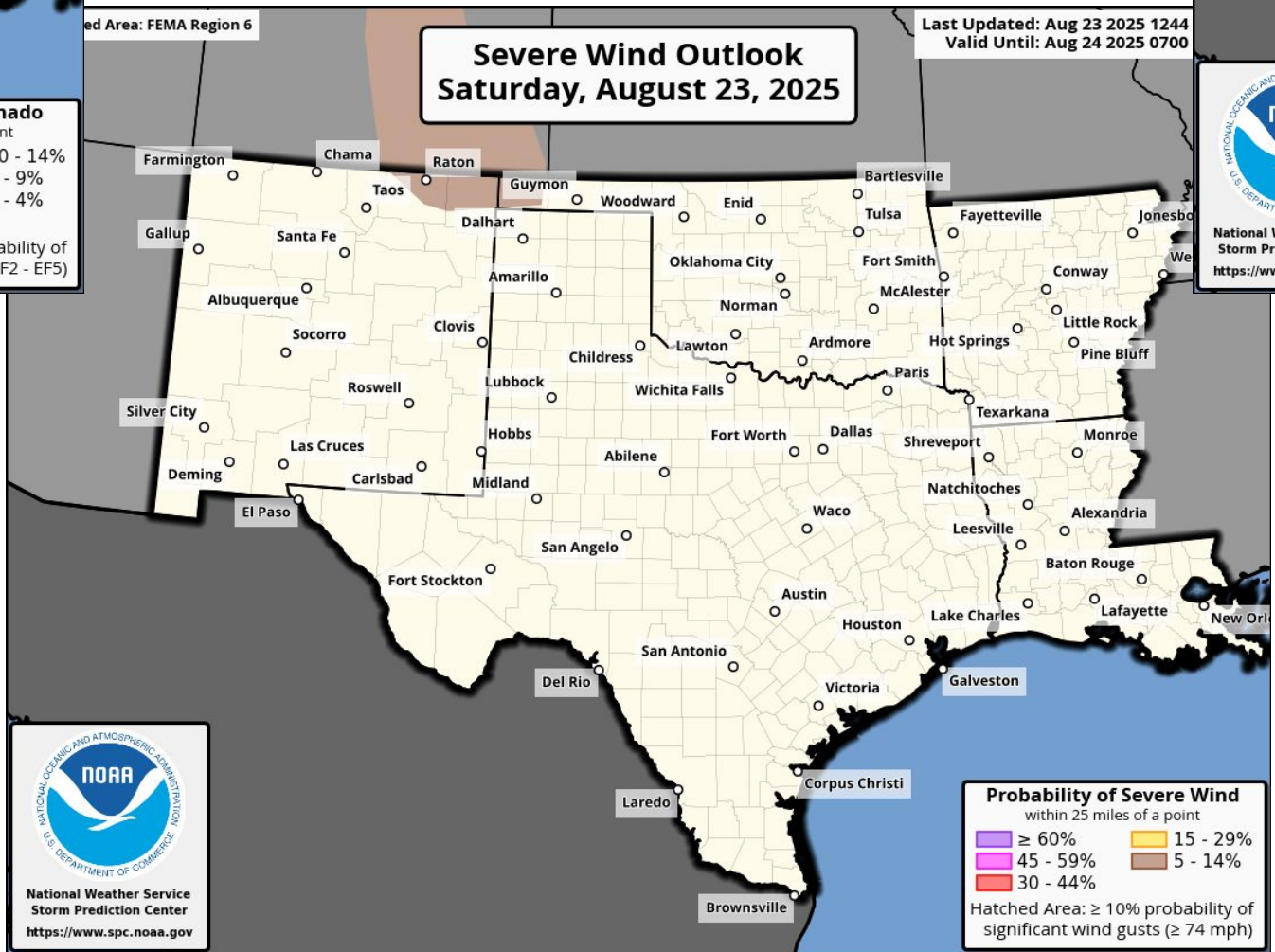
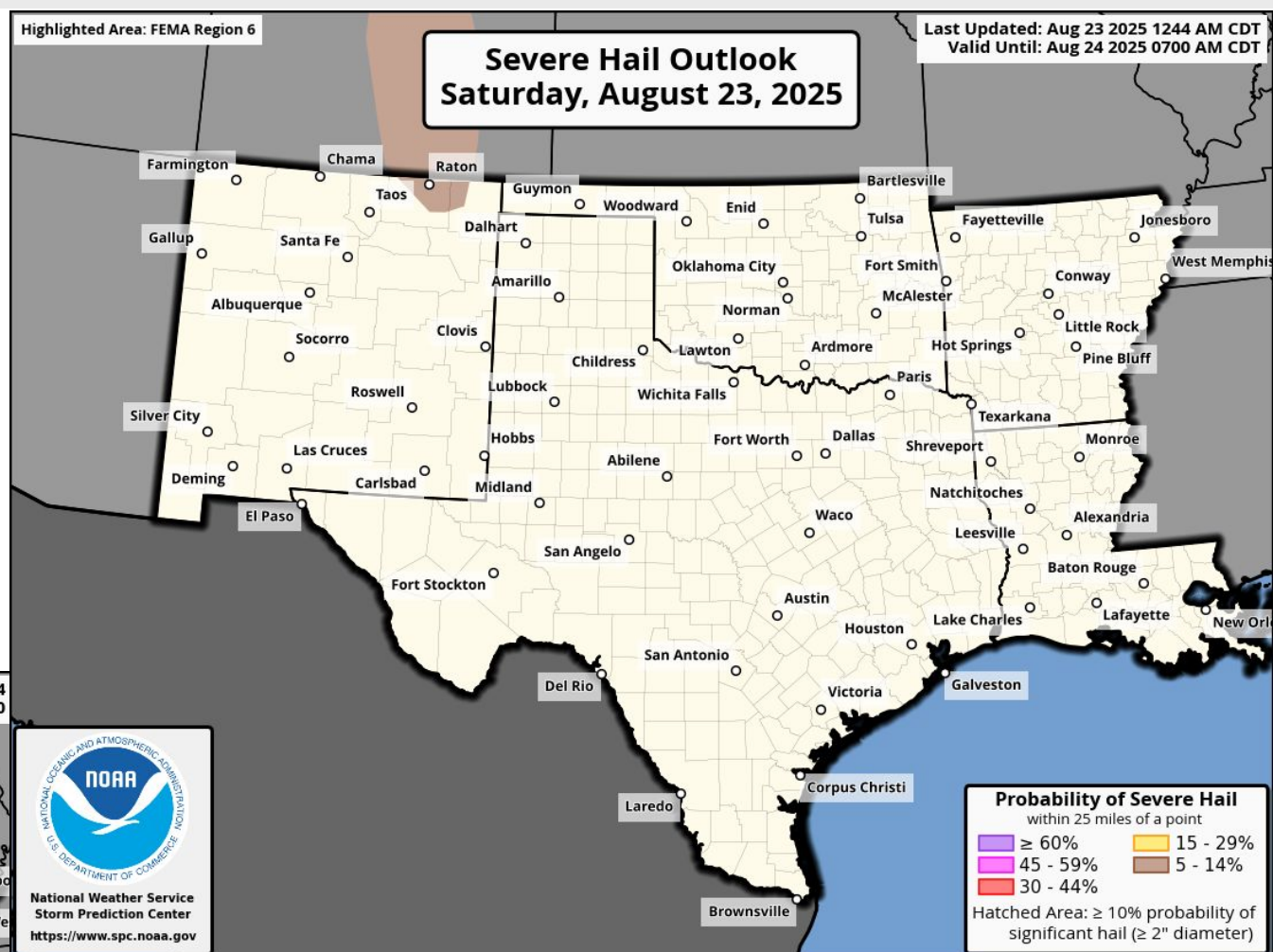
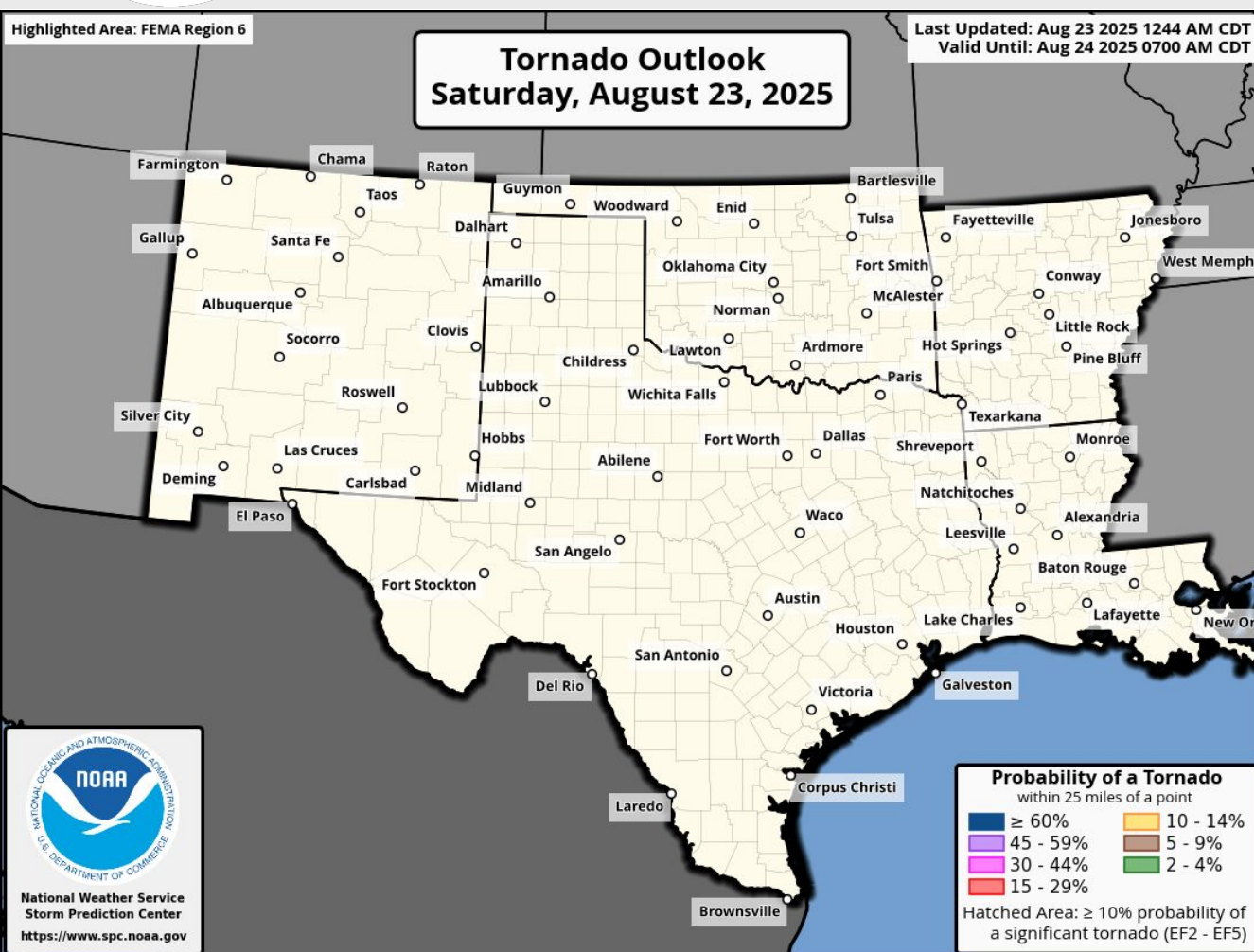
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in N NM.



Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides



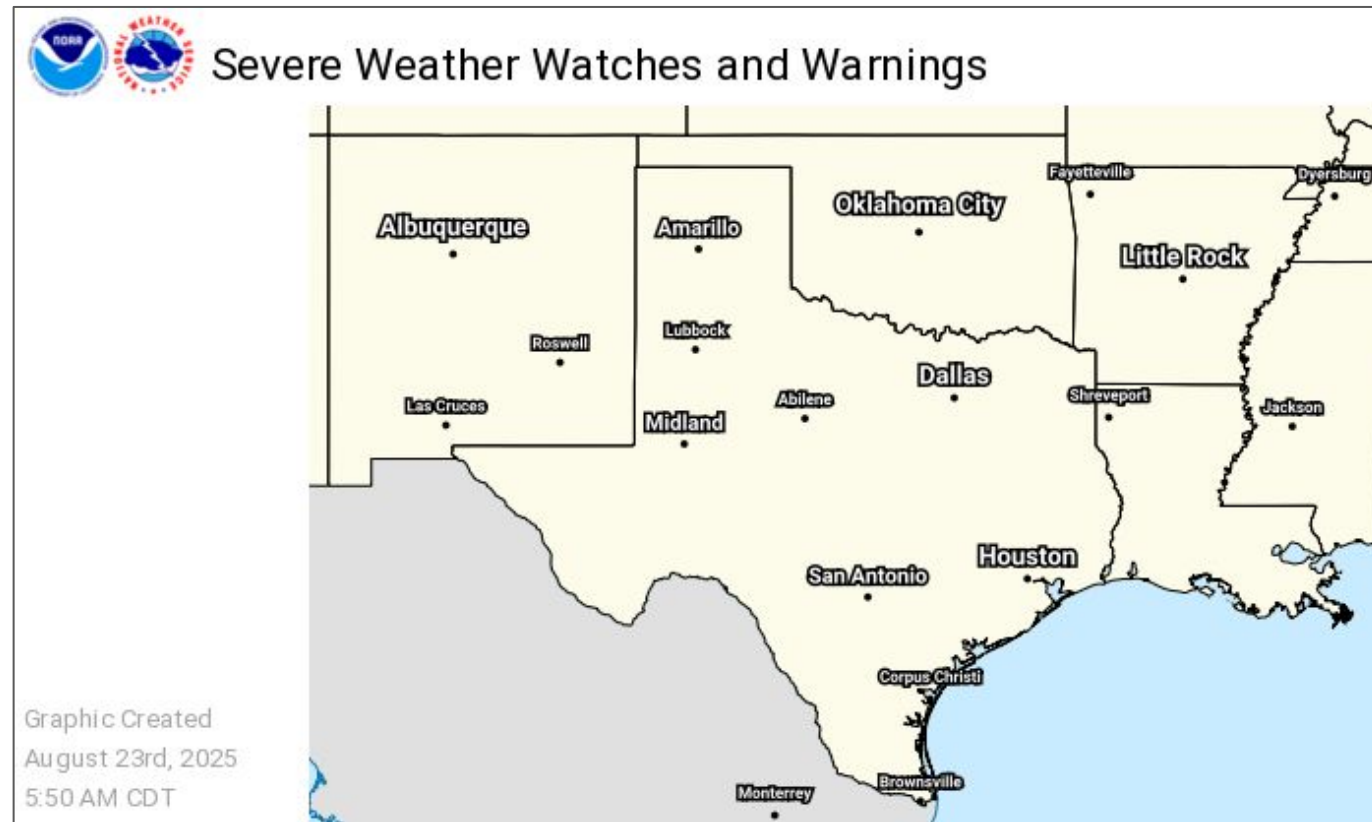
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



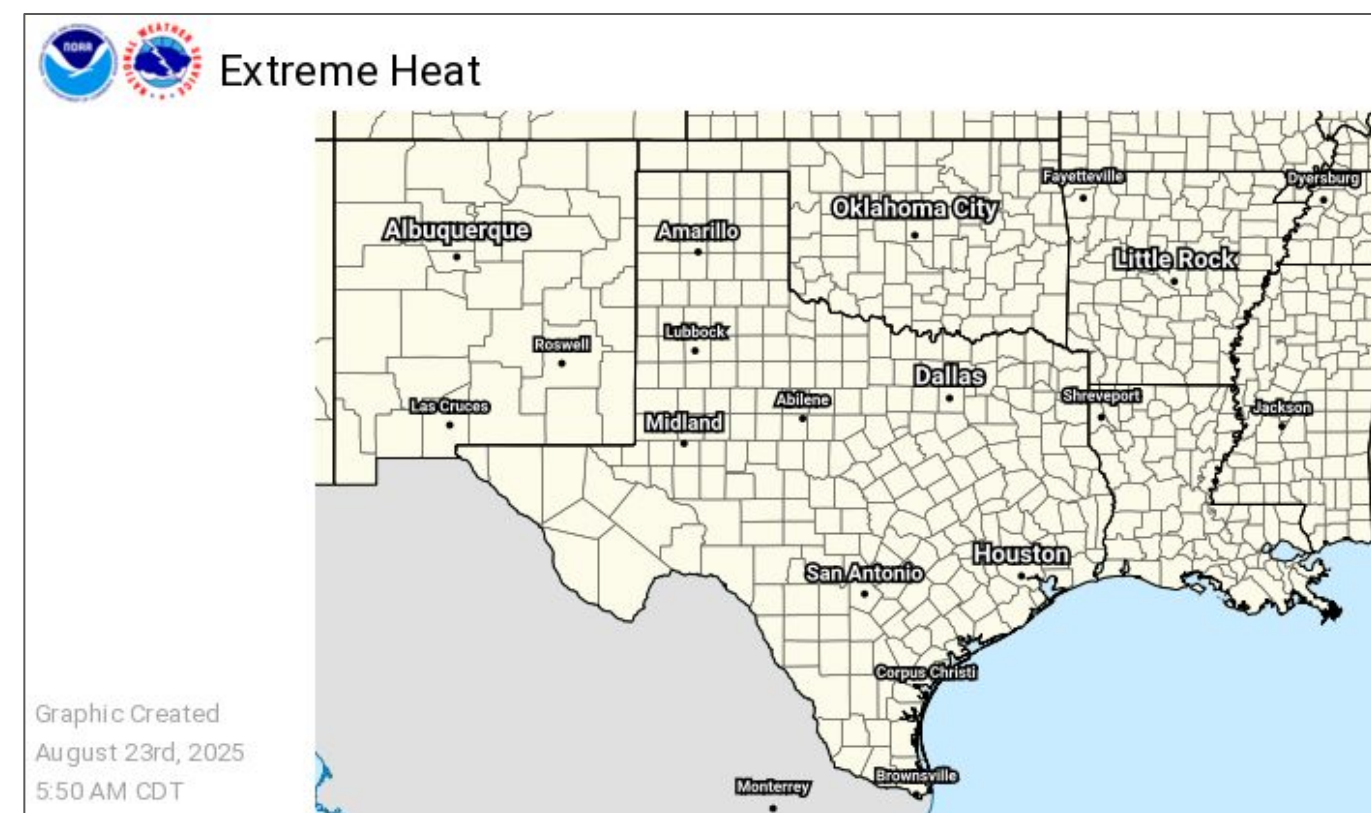


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



Flood Watch in N NM through tonight, but will likely be reissued daily.

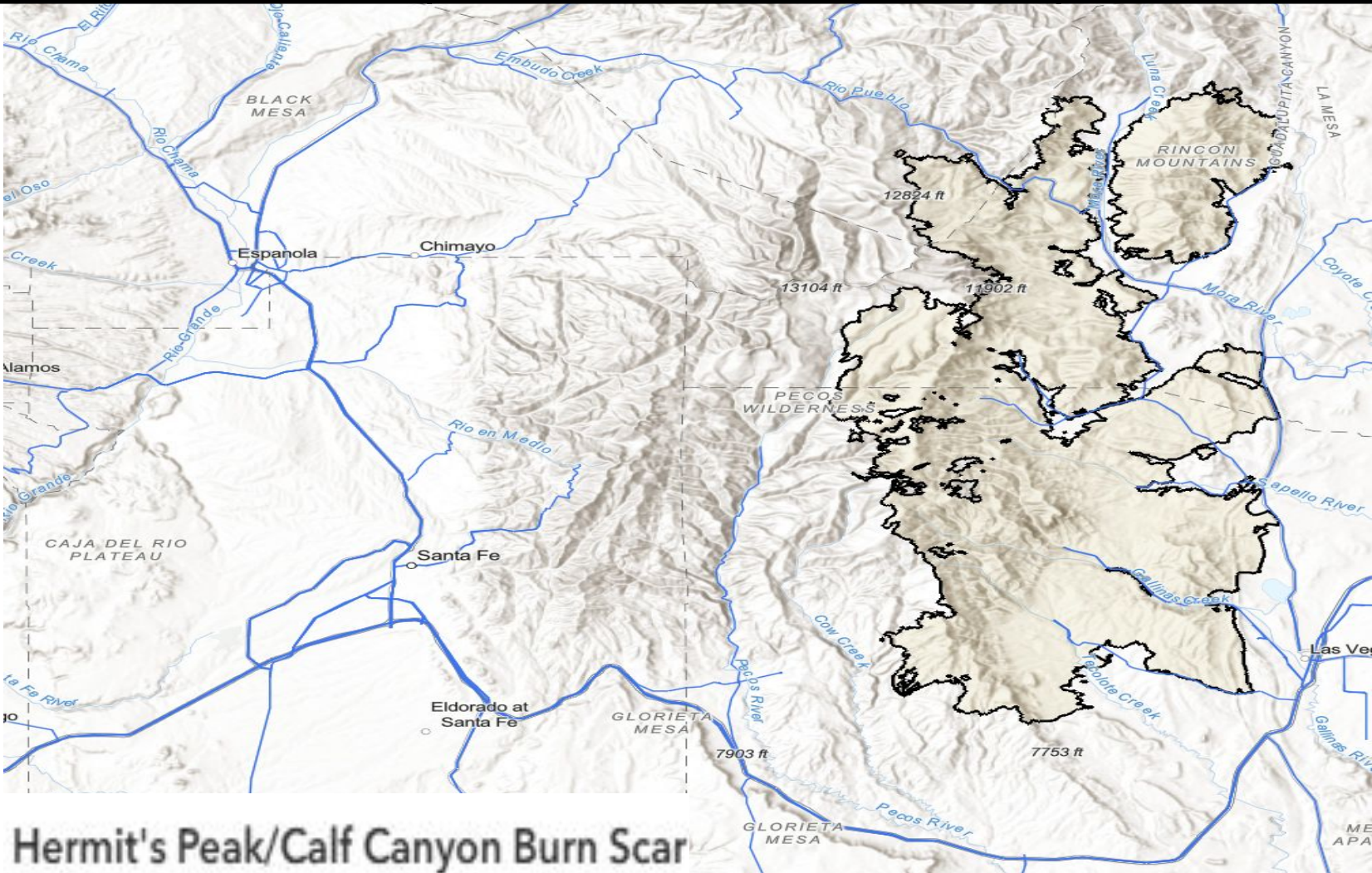




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scar New Mexico

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Saturday, Aug 23	Sunday, Aug 24	Monday, Aug 25	Tuesday, Aug 26
Flash Flooding	Major	Major	Major	Major
Timing - CDT	1pm-3am	3pm-overnight	Afternoon-Night	Ongoing



Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

Little to None	No Flash Flood Threat
Minor (level 1 of 4)	Slight Risk of Flash Flooding
Moderate (level 2 of 4)	Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%
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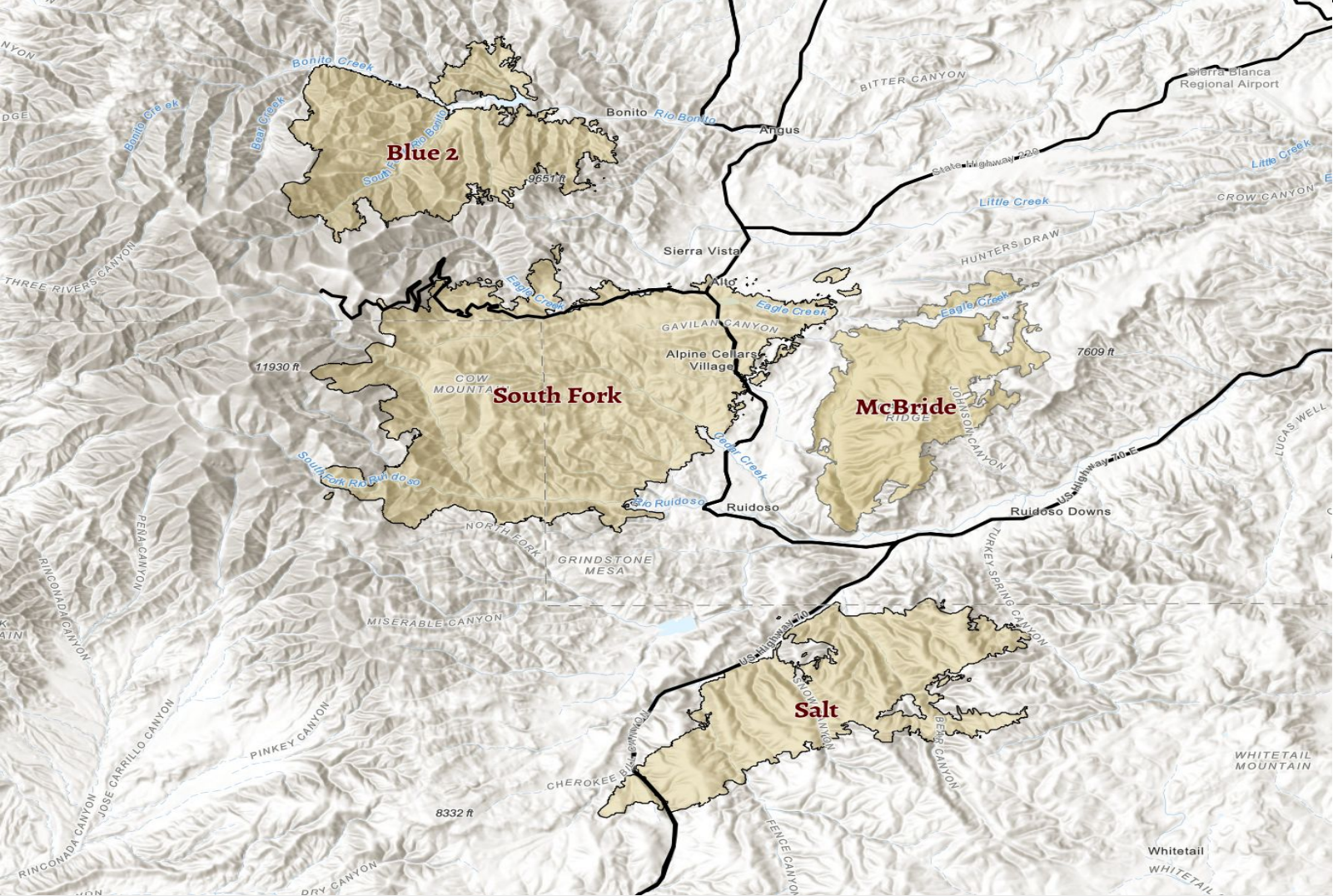




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

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Flash Flooding	No Impacts	No Impacts	No Impacts	Major
Timing - CDT				Afternoon-Night

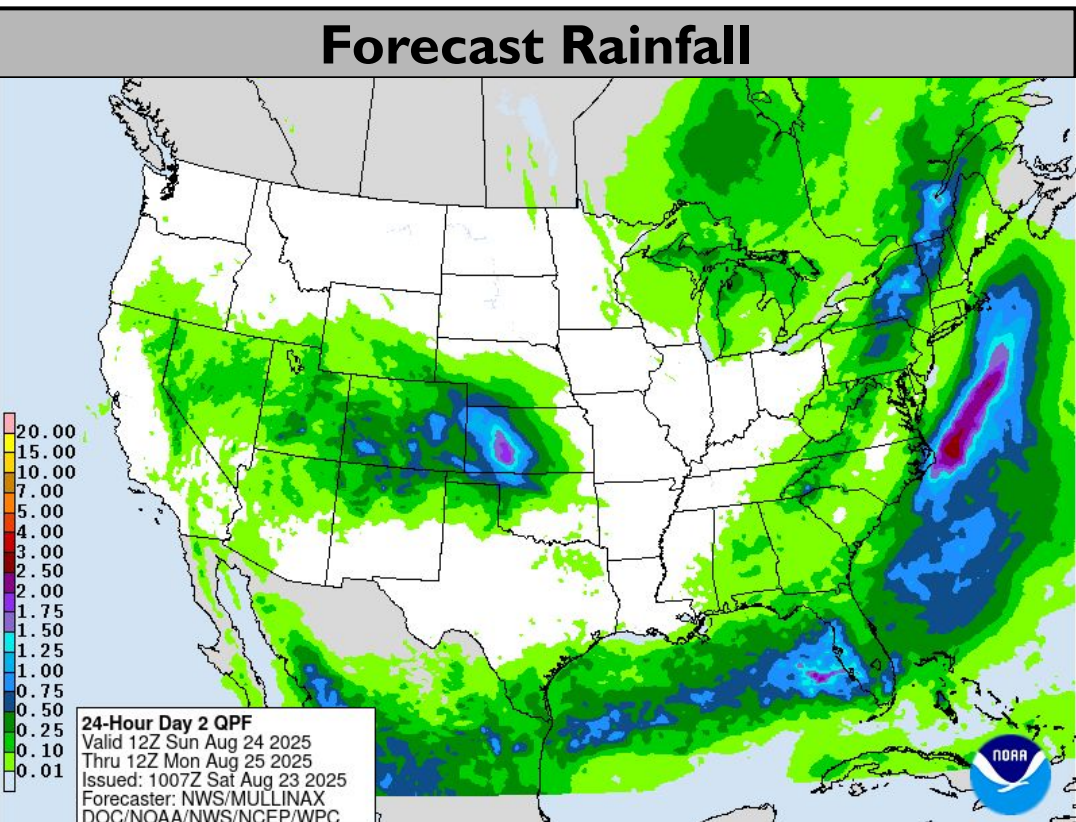
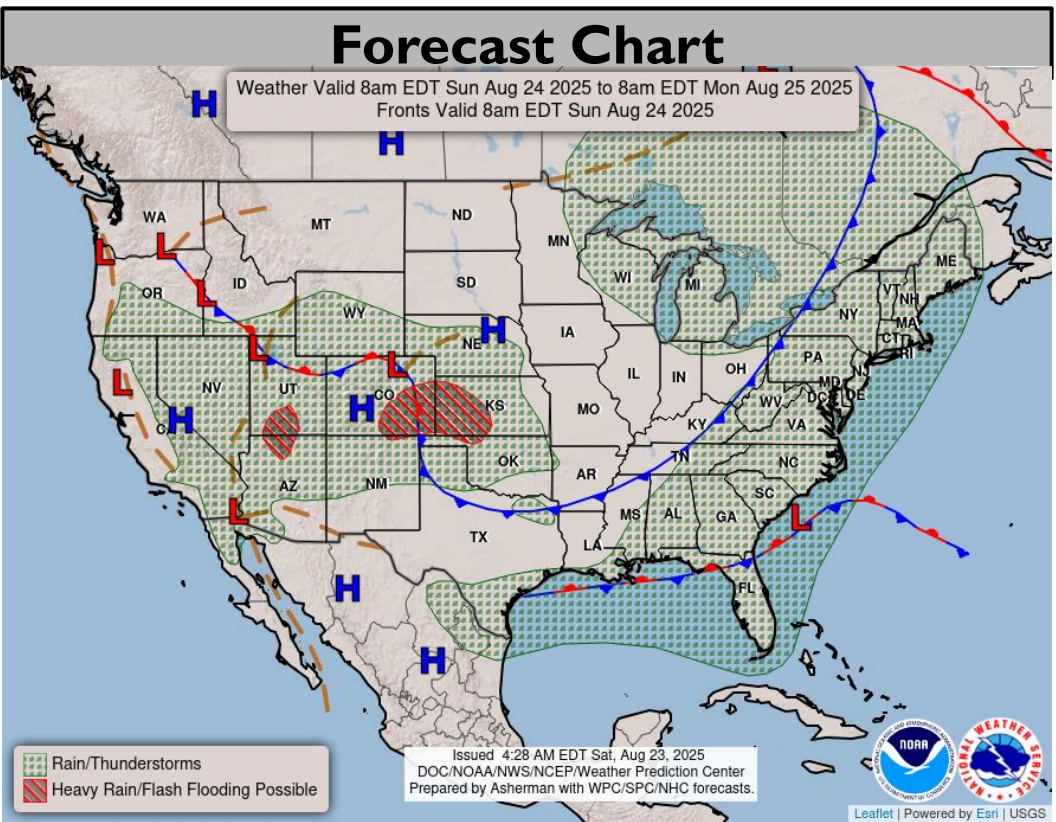


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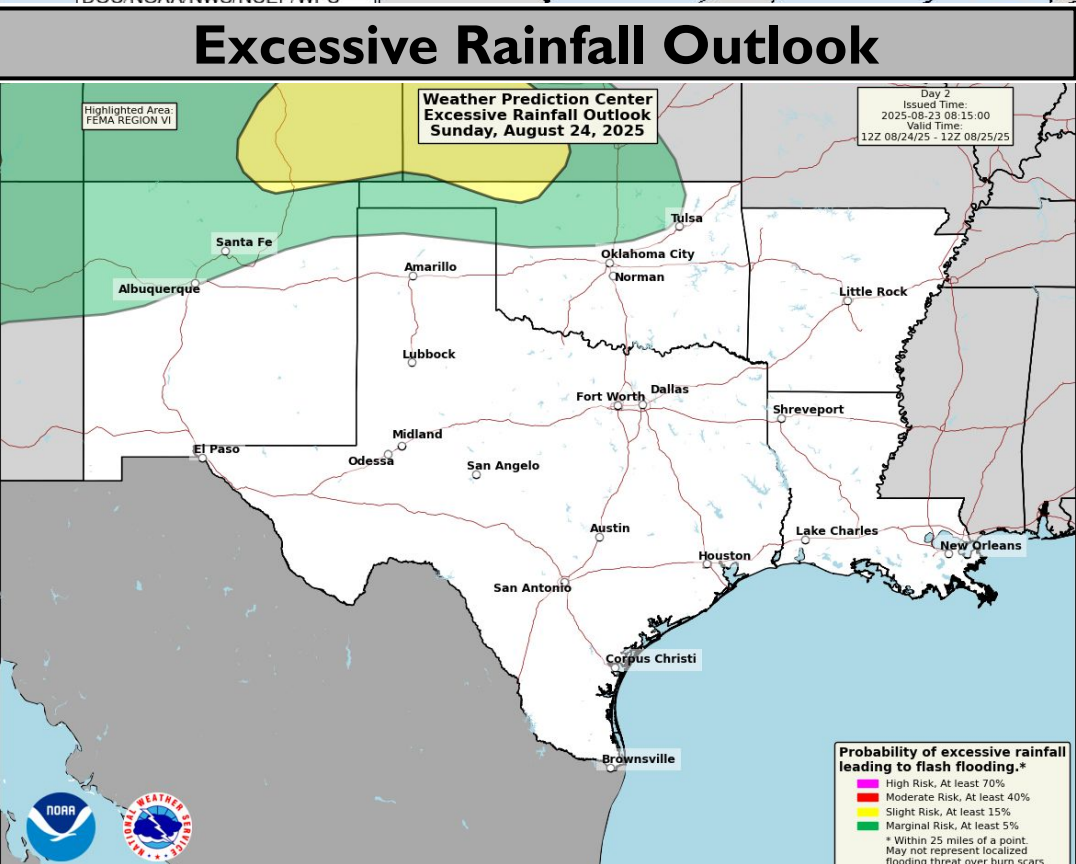
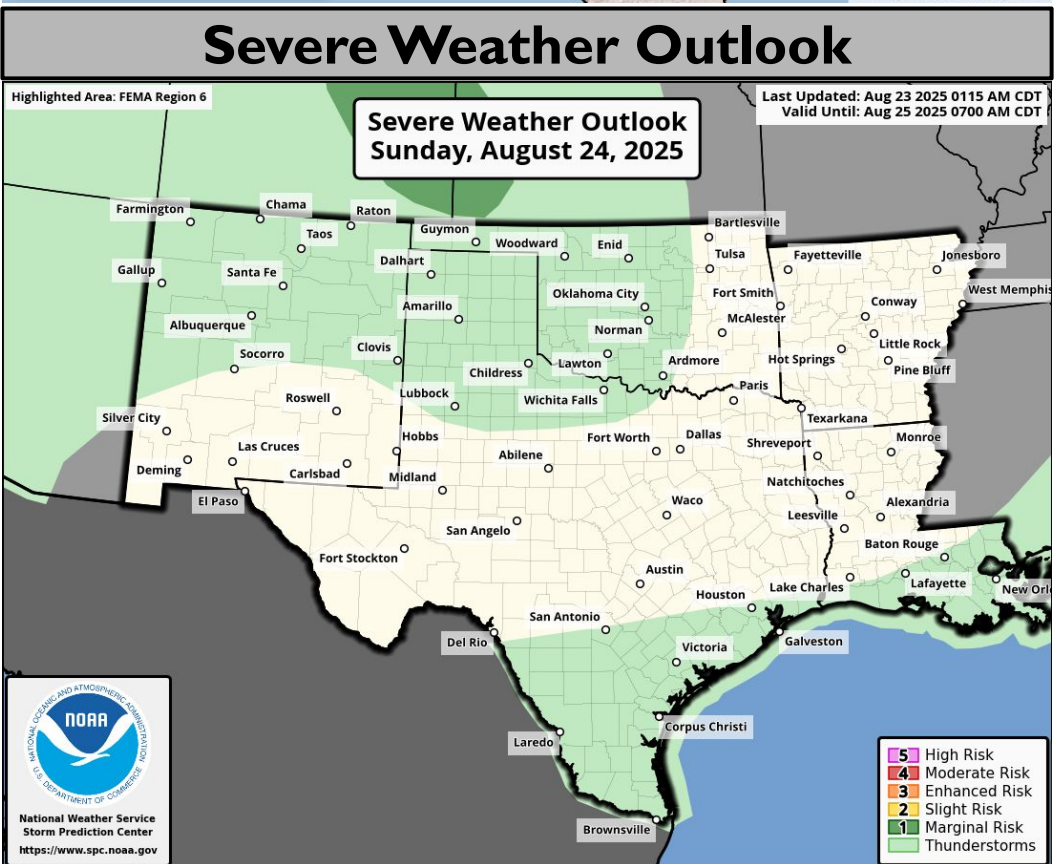




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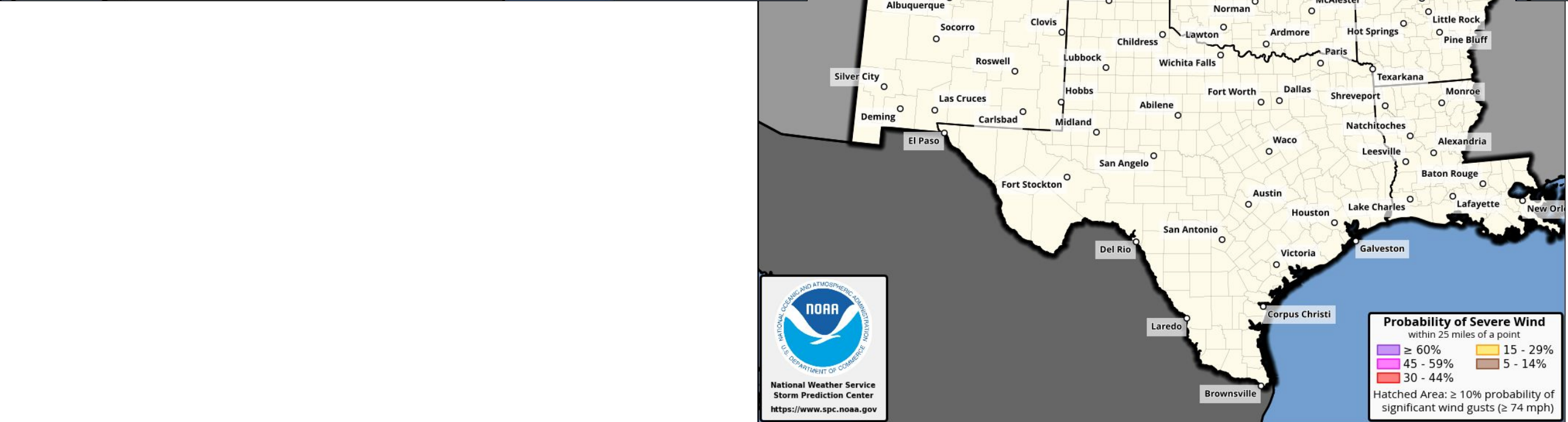
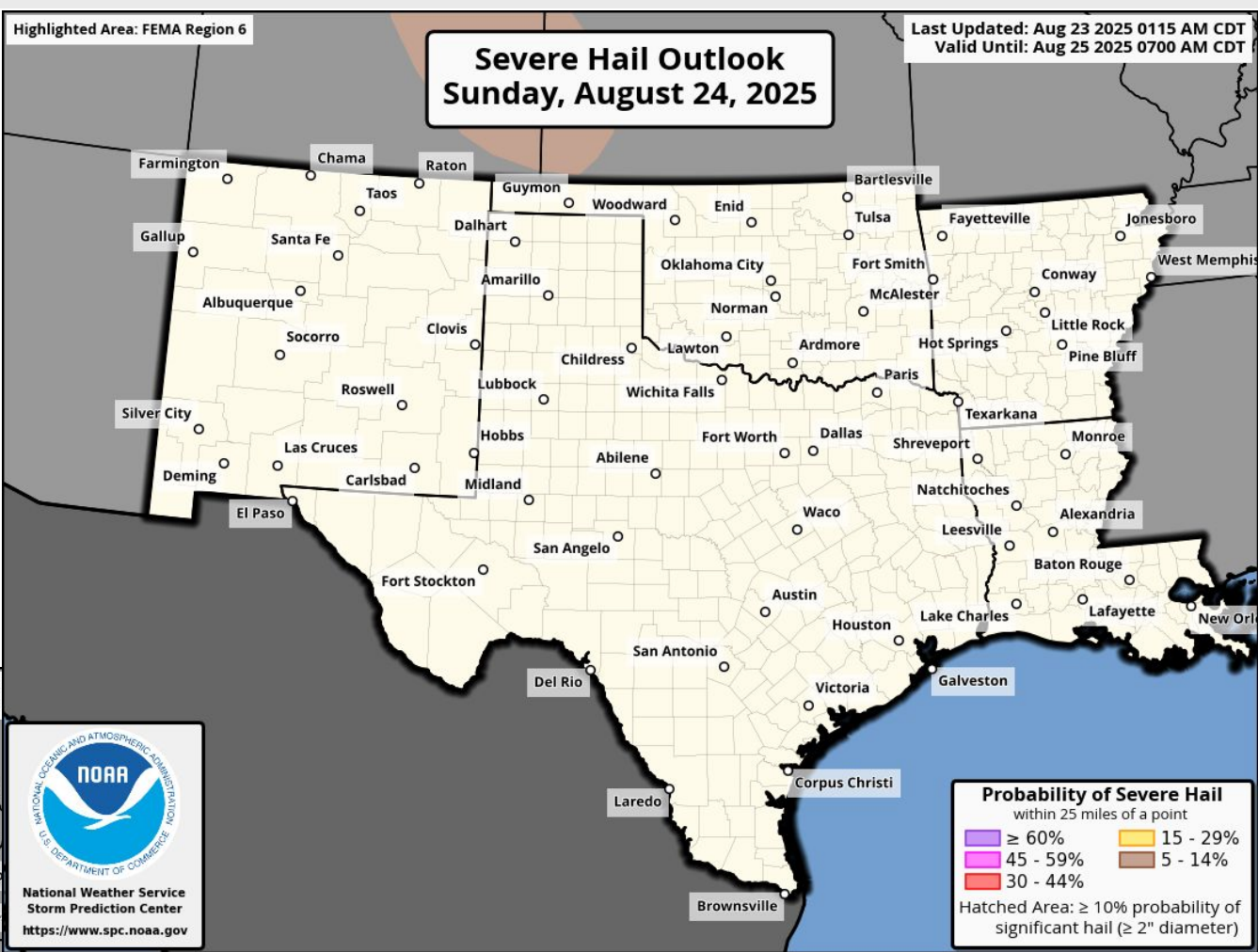
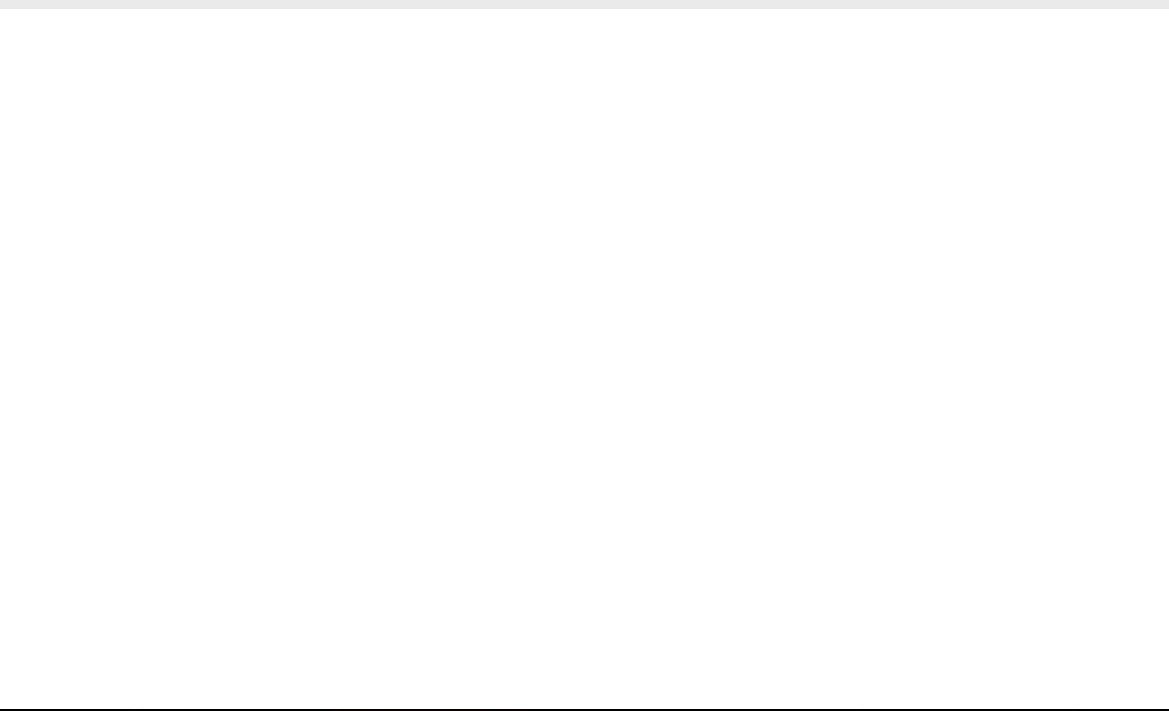
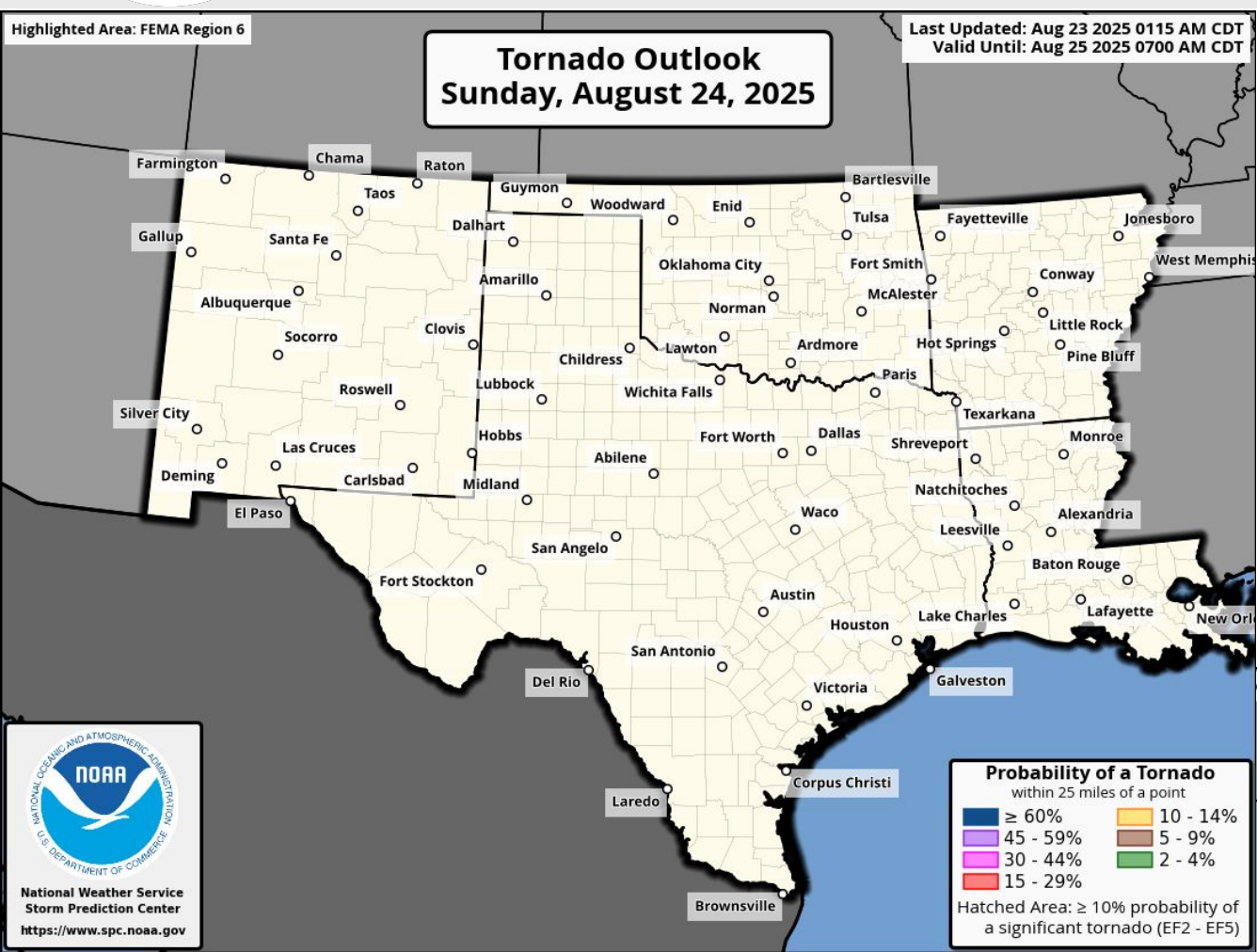
Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding in N NM, N OK and TX Panhandle.



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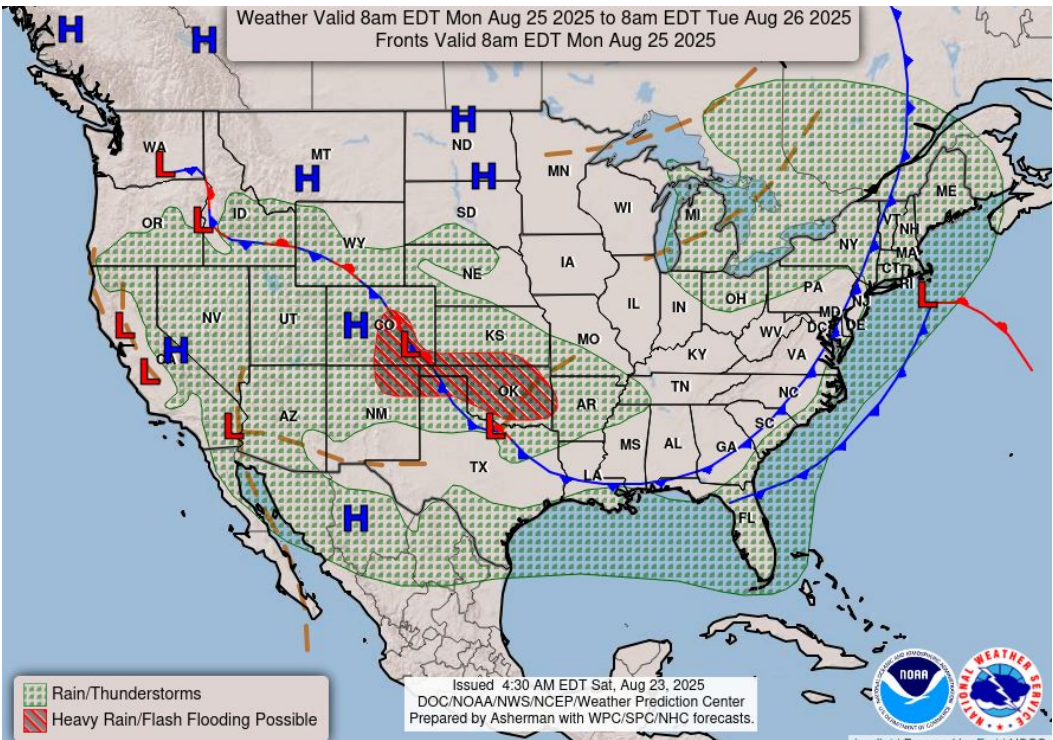
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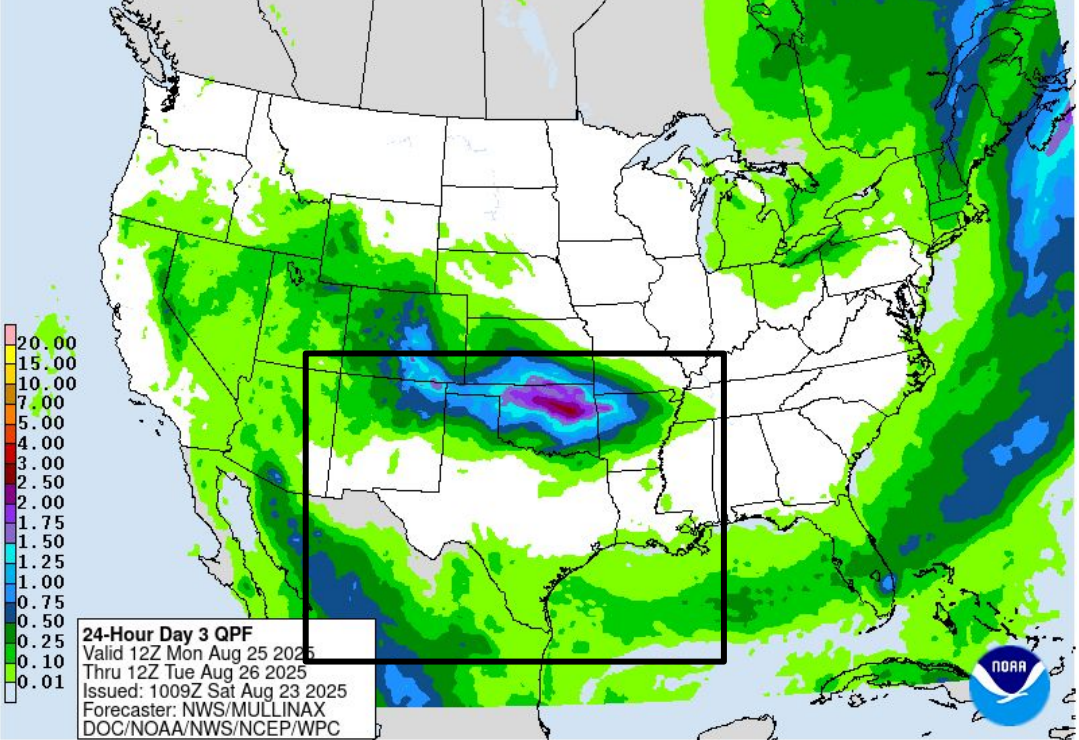


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

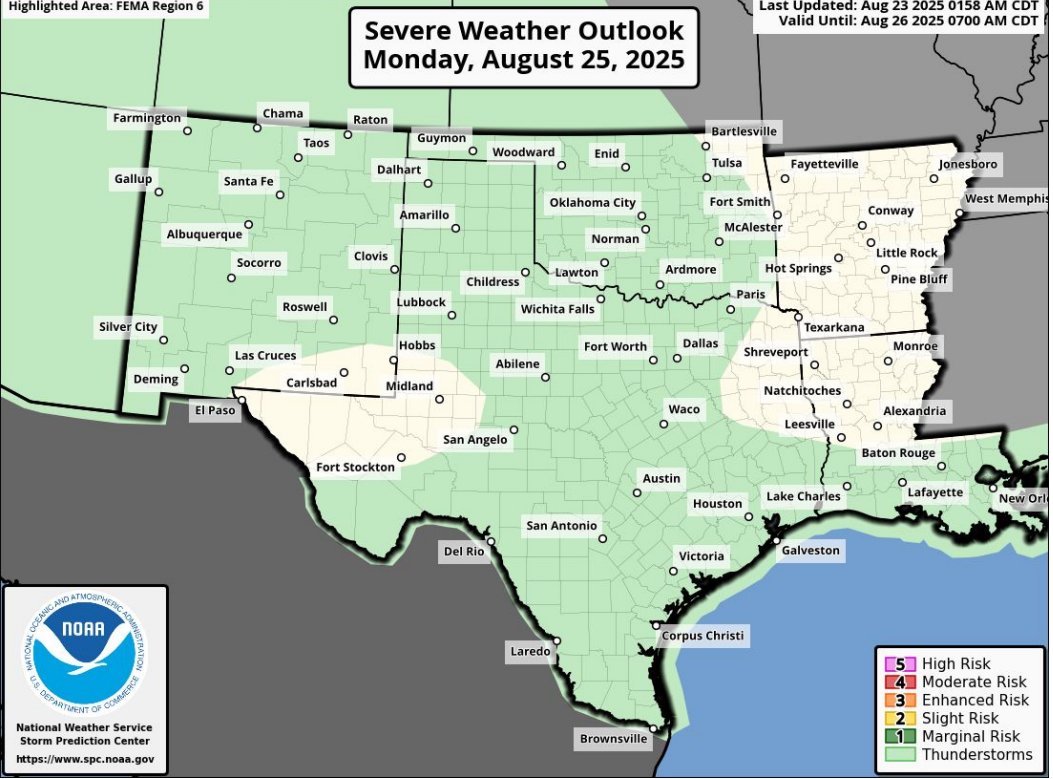


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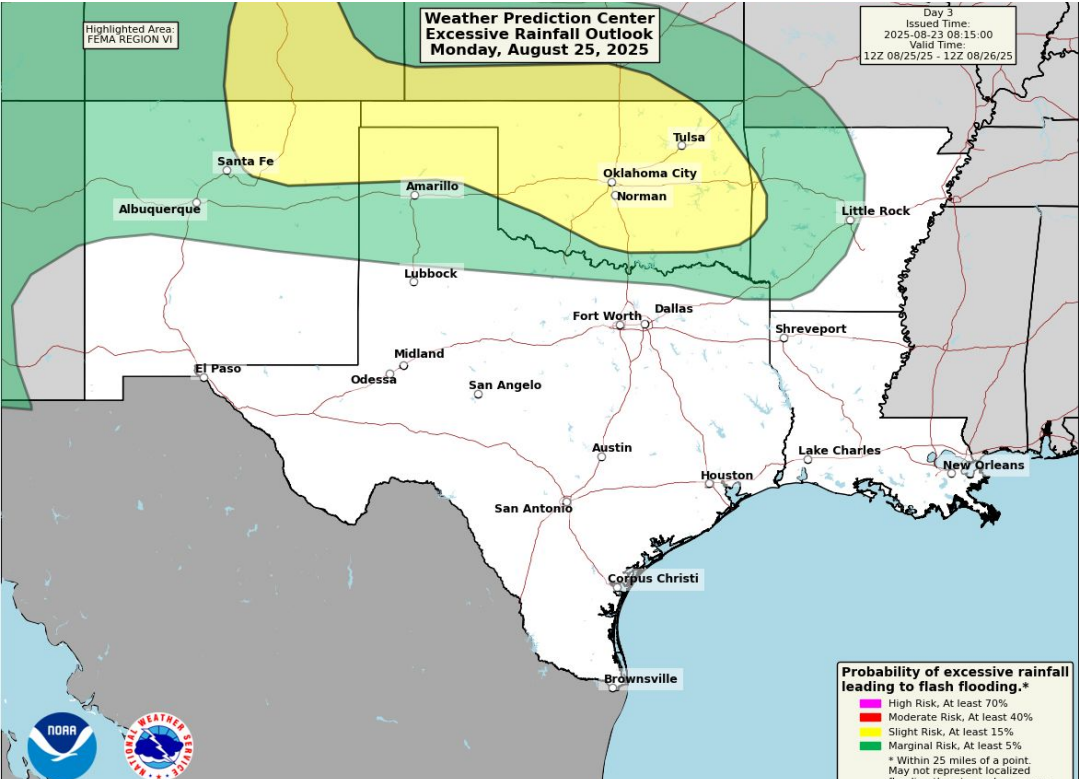


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, TX Panhandle, and OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

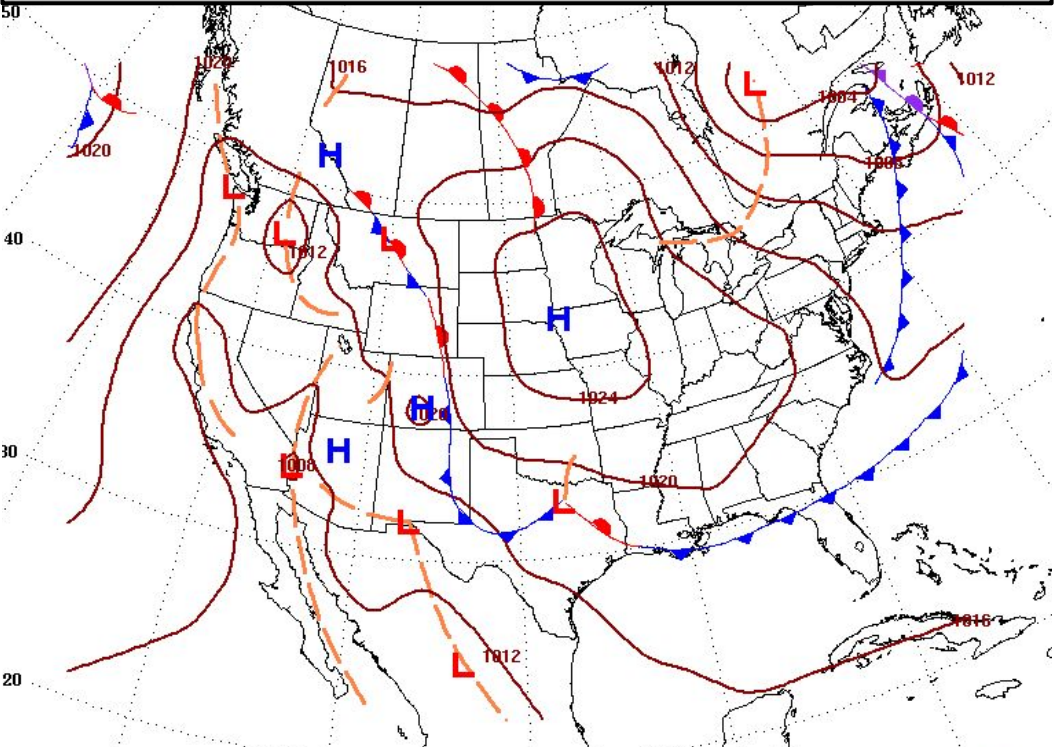


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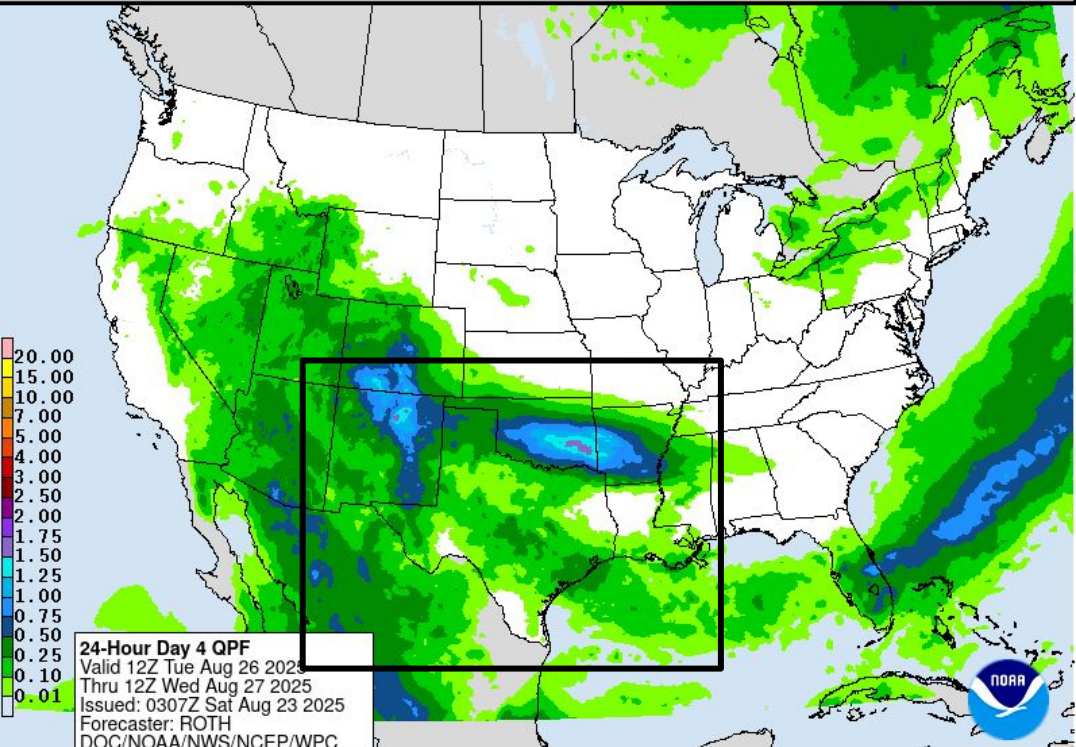


Tuesday's Weather

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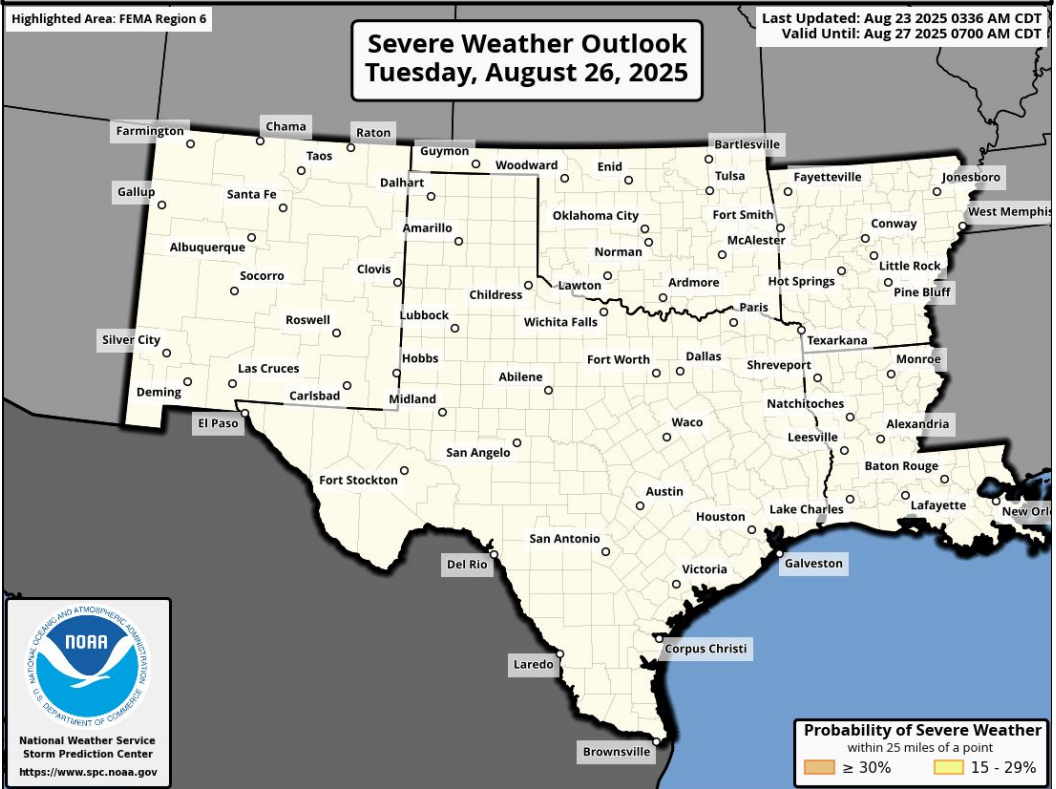


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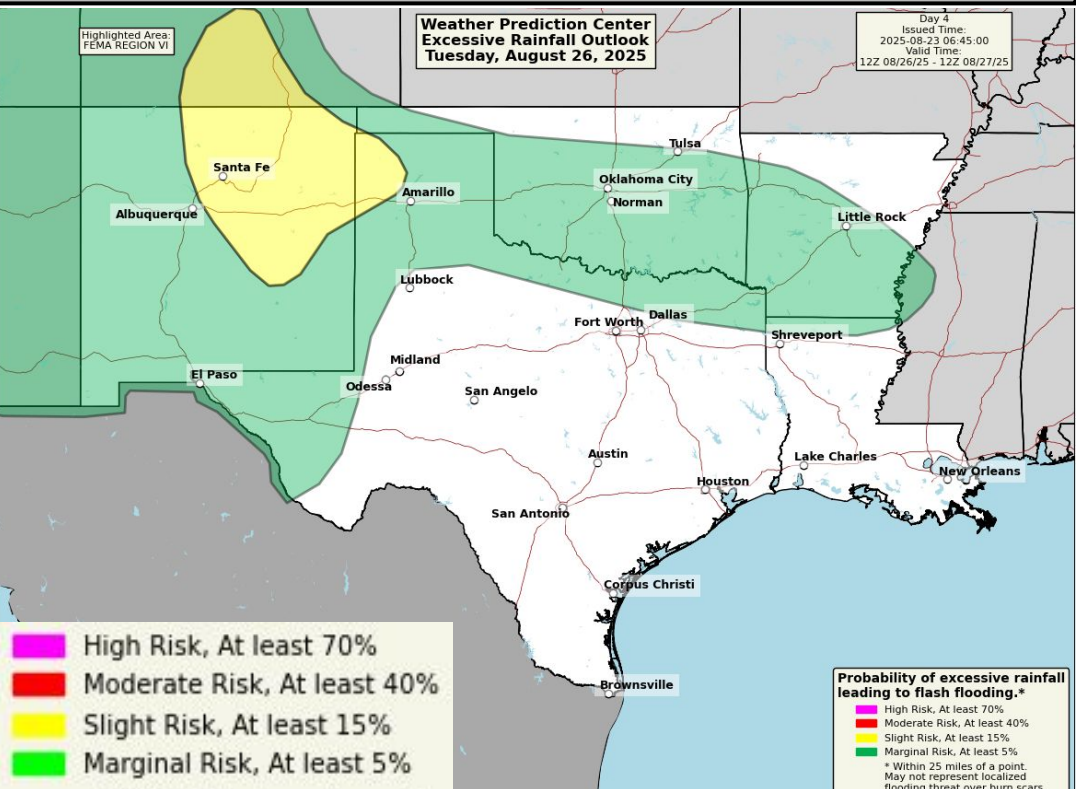


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, TX Panhandle.

Severe Weather Outlook



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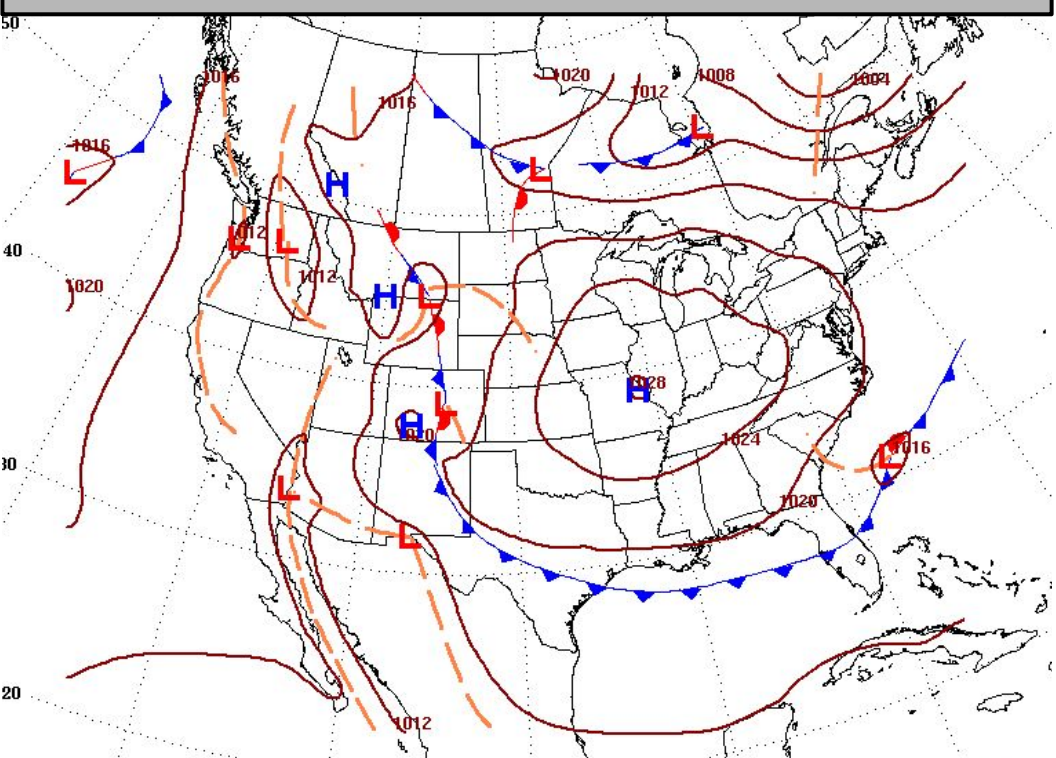


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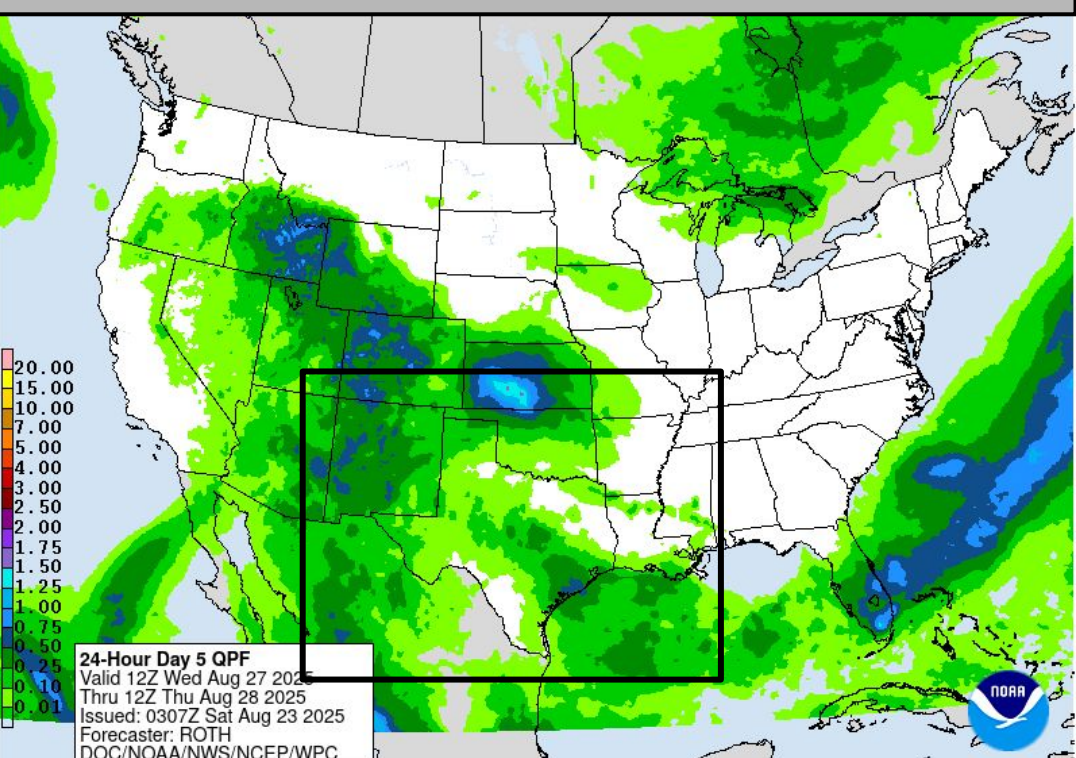


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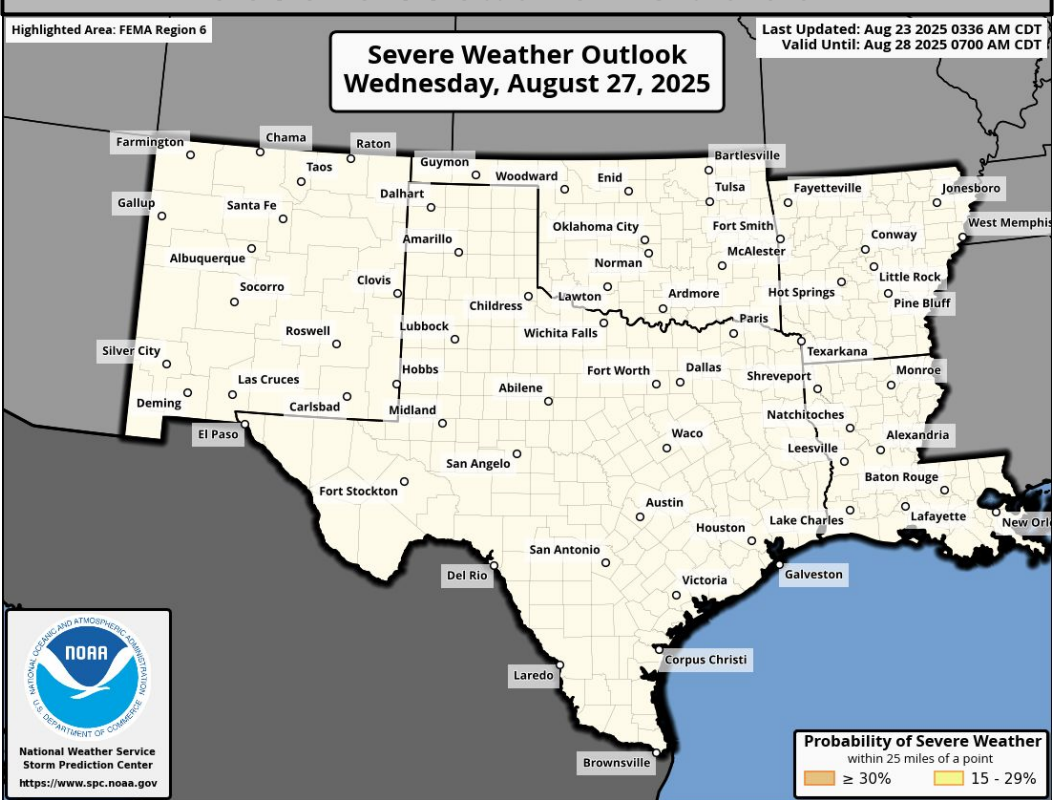


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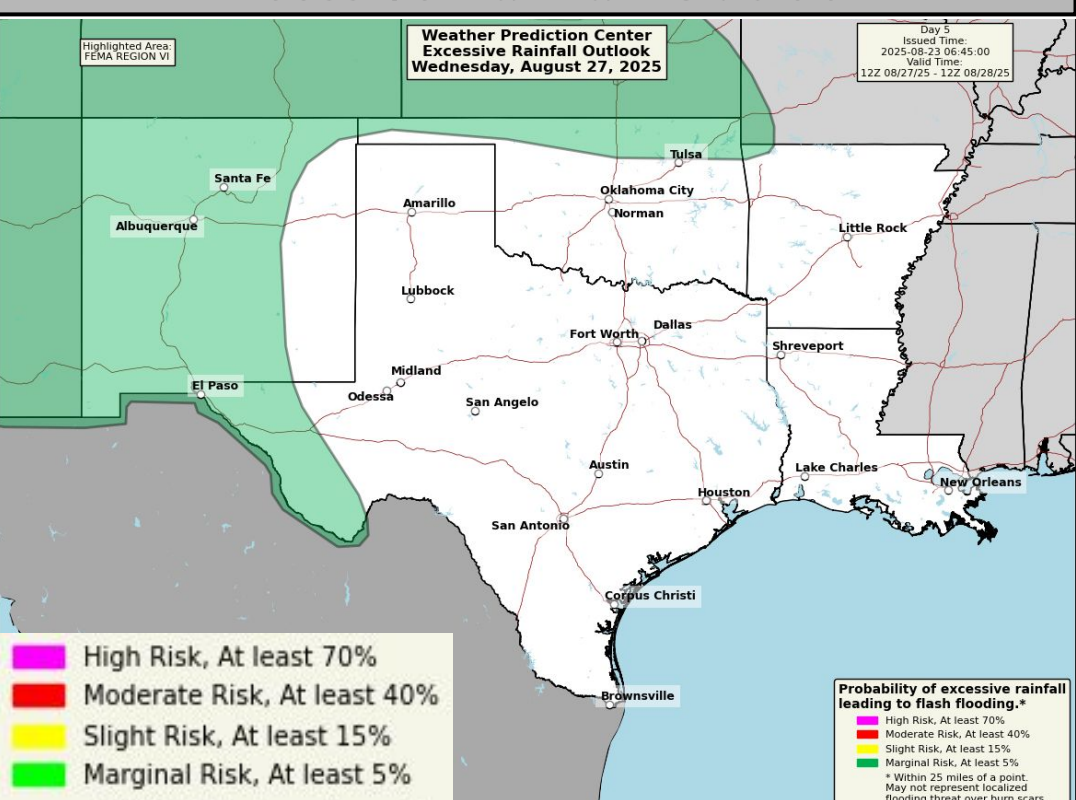


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far W TX, N OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



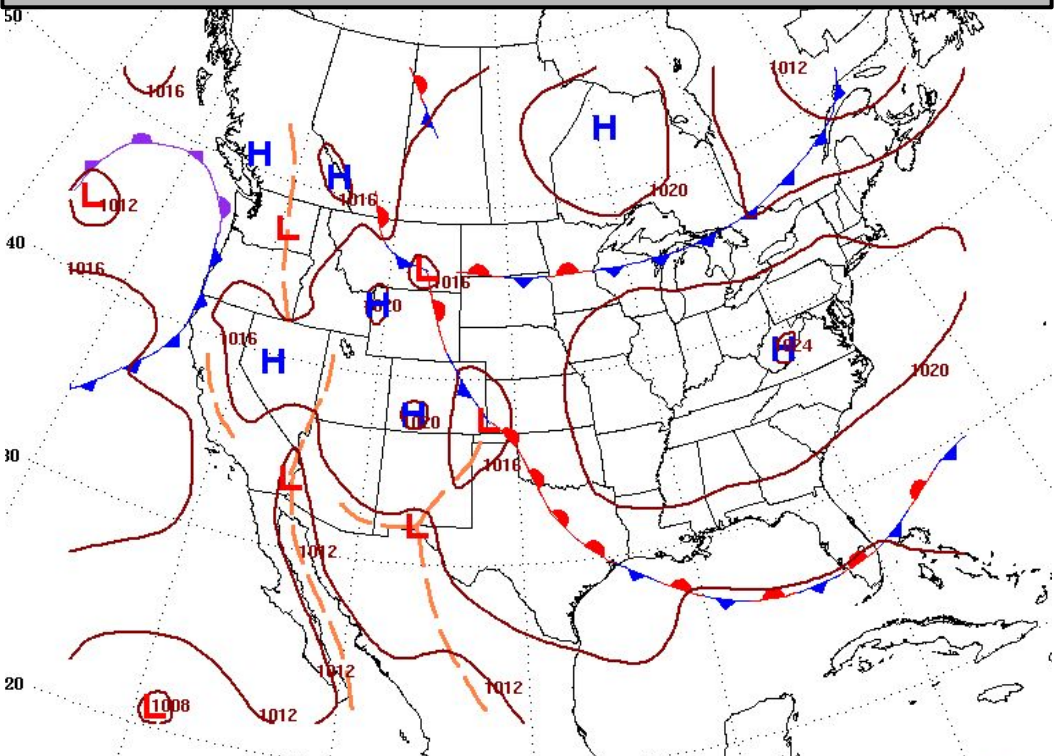
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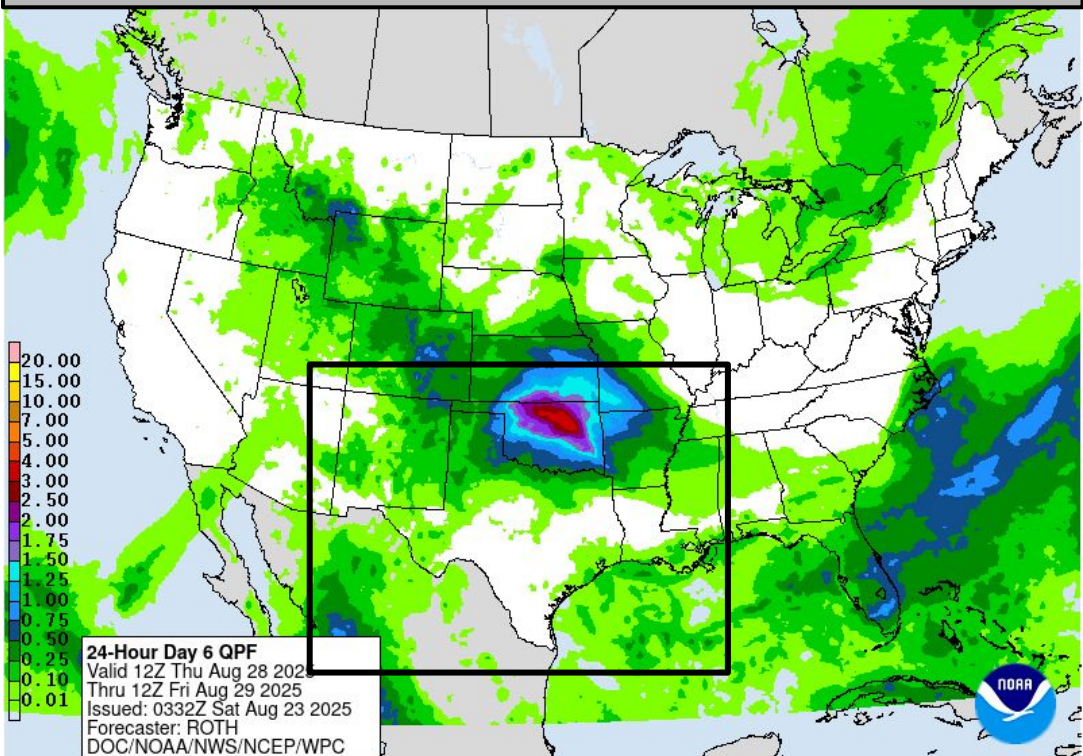


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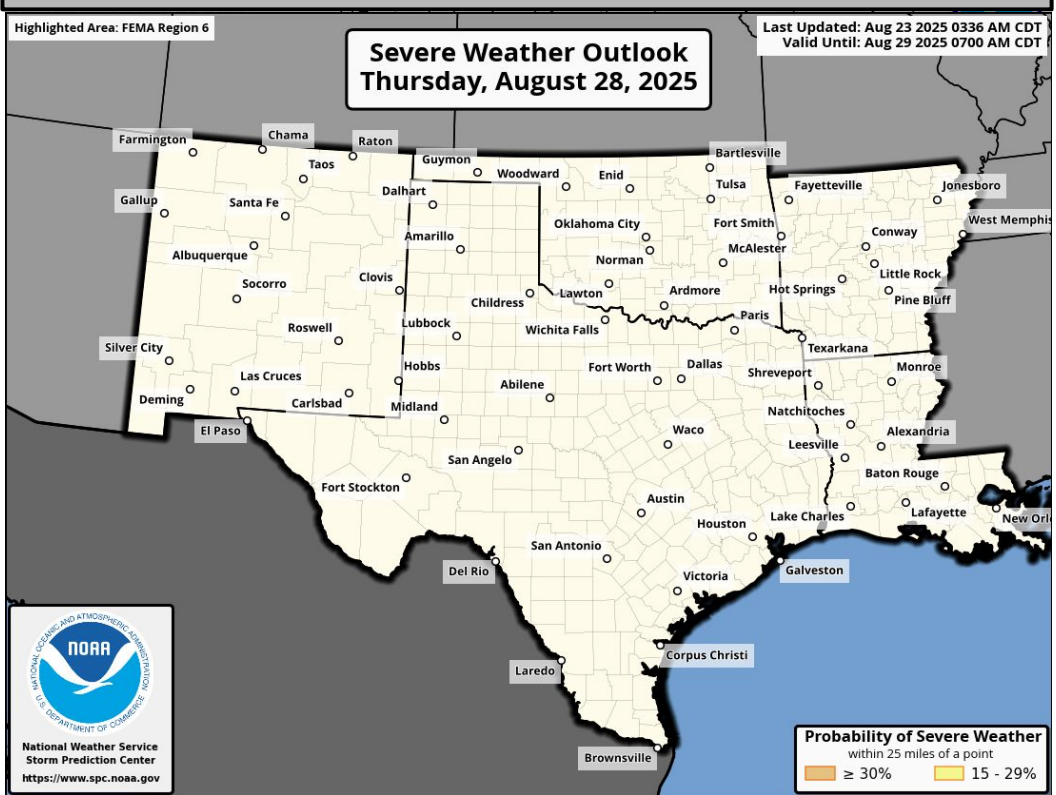


Forecast Rainfall



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



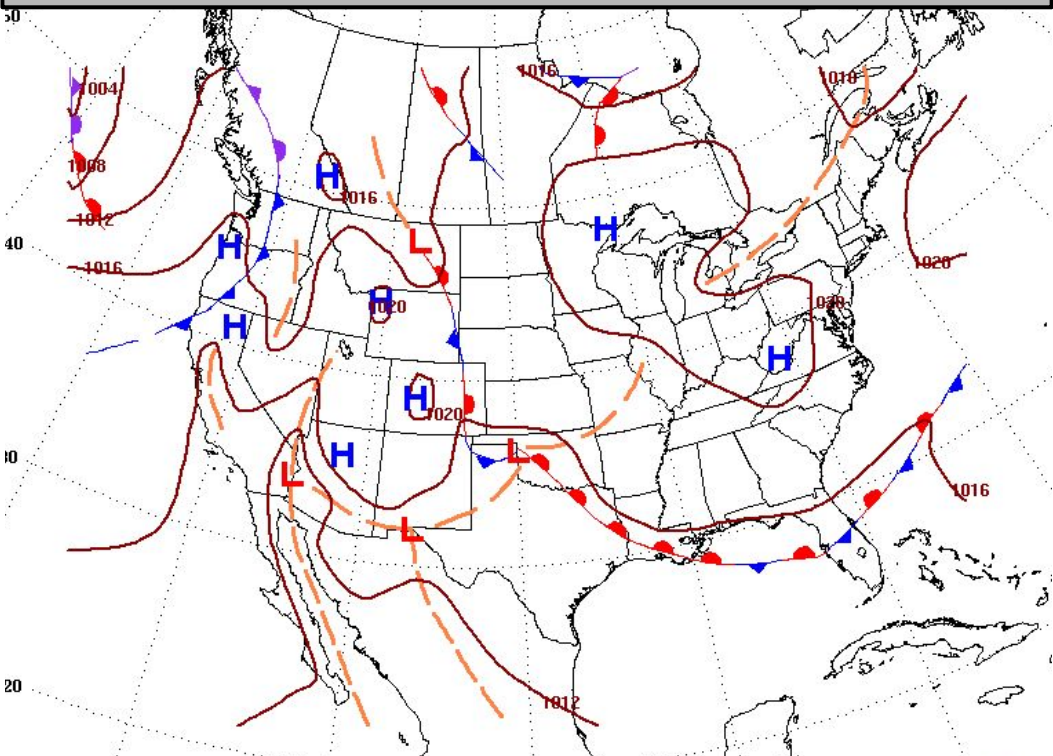
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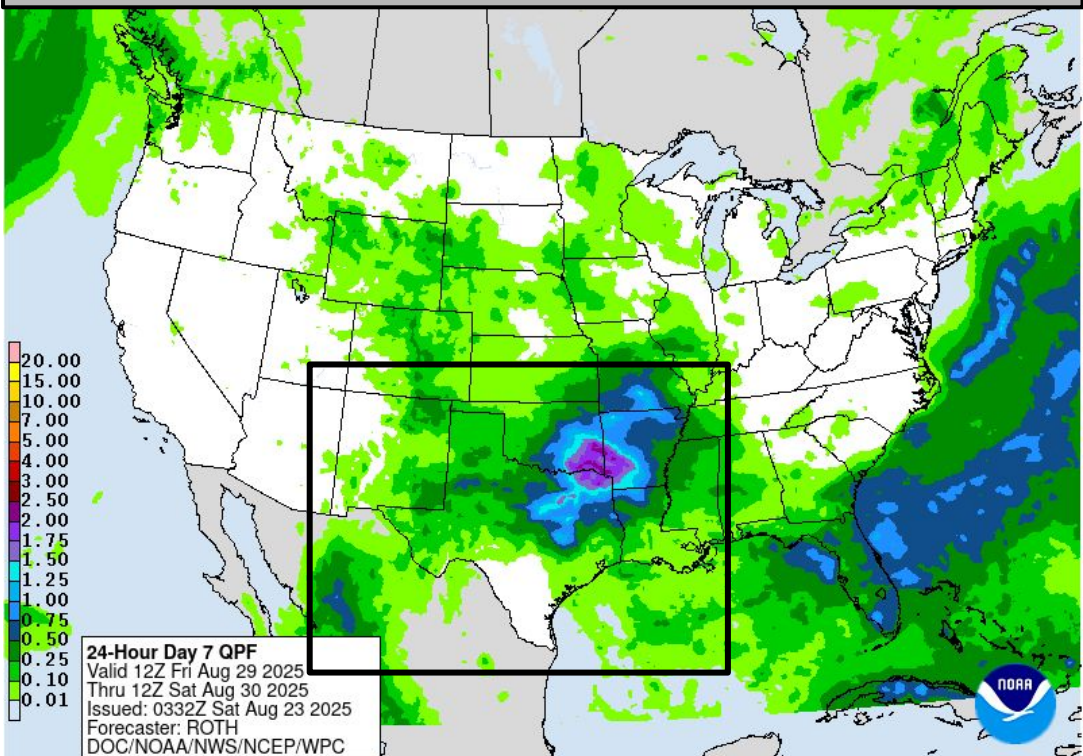


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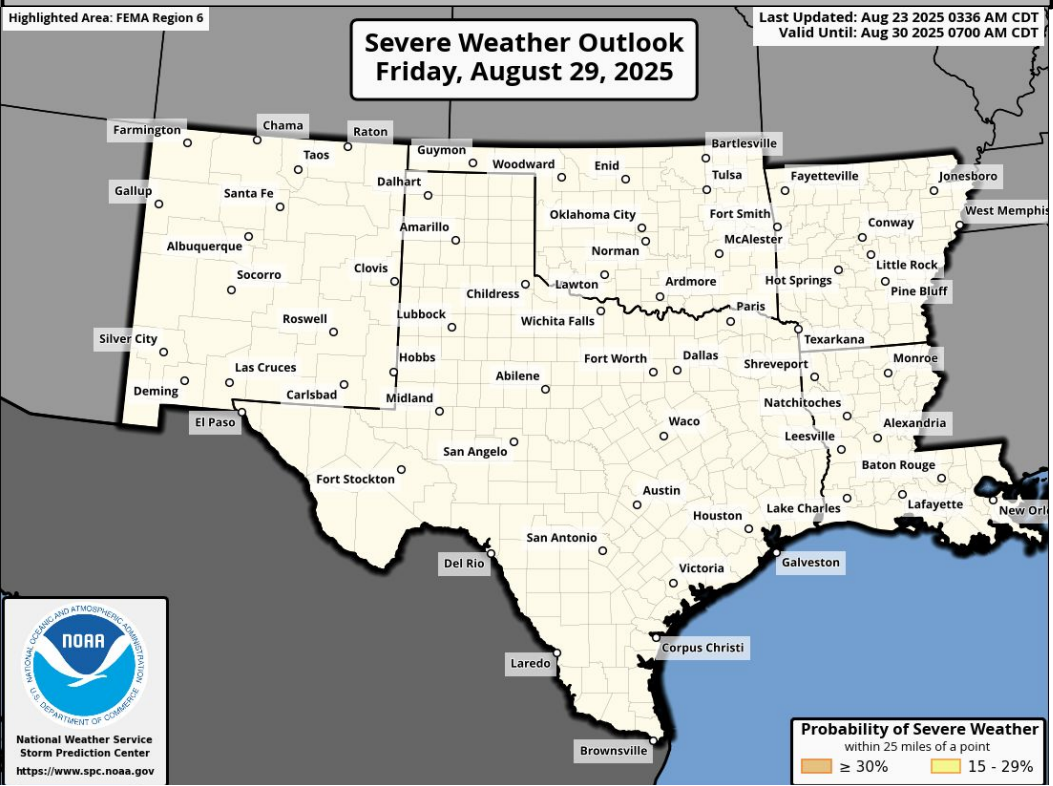


Forecast Rainfall



Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA.

Severe Weather Outlook

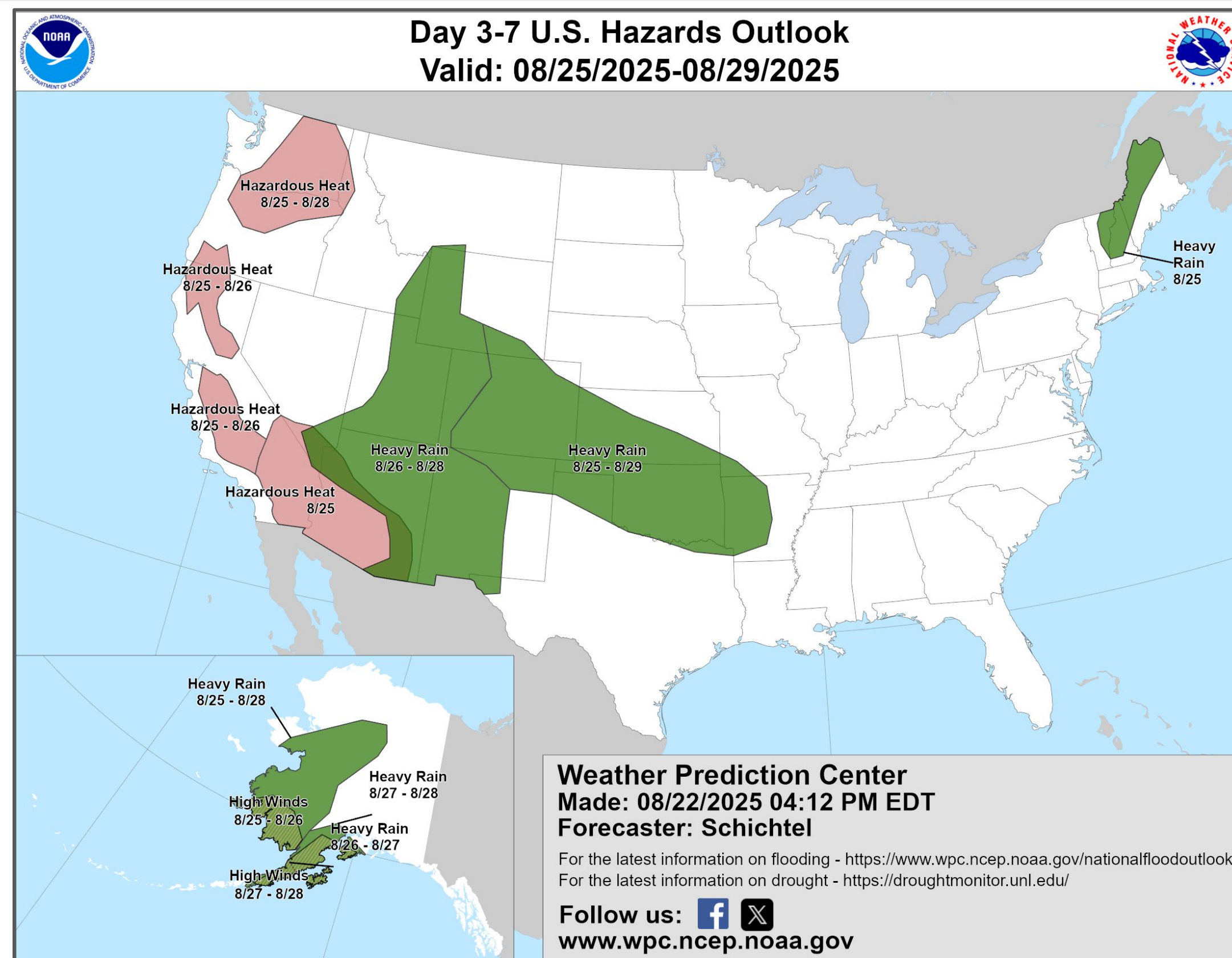


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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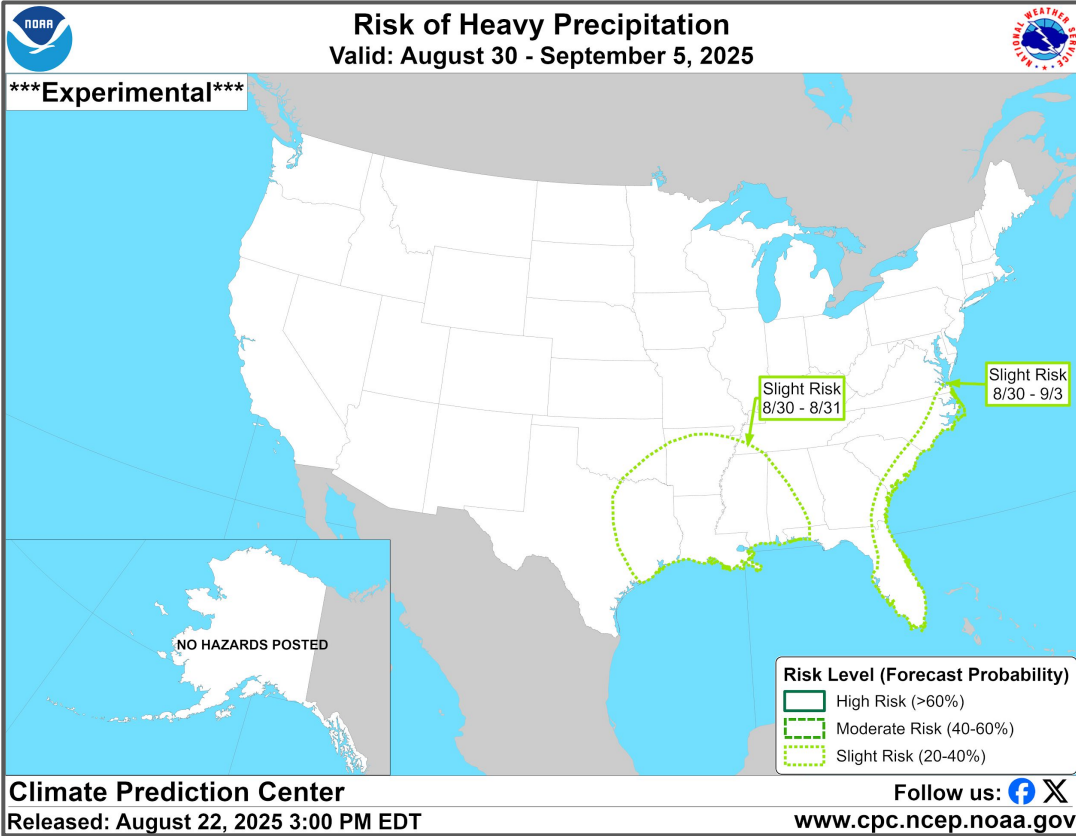
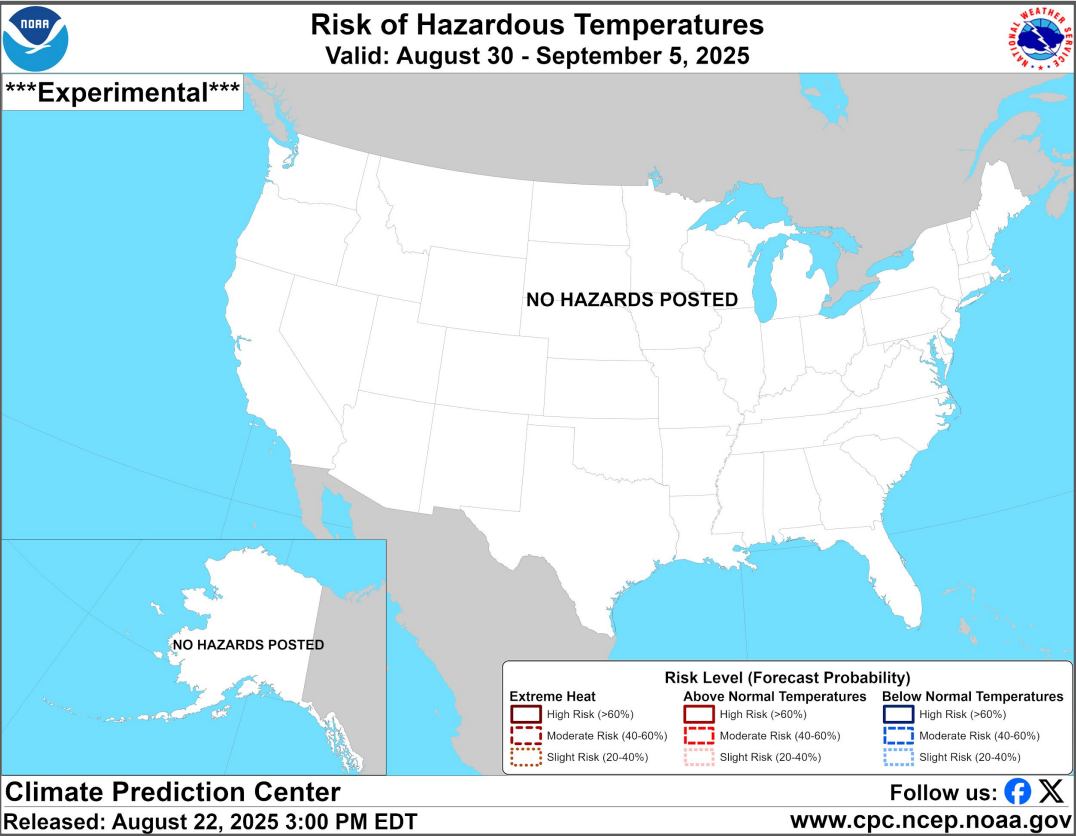
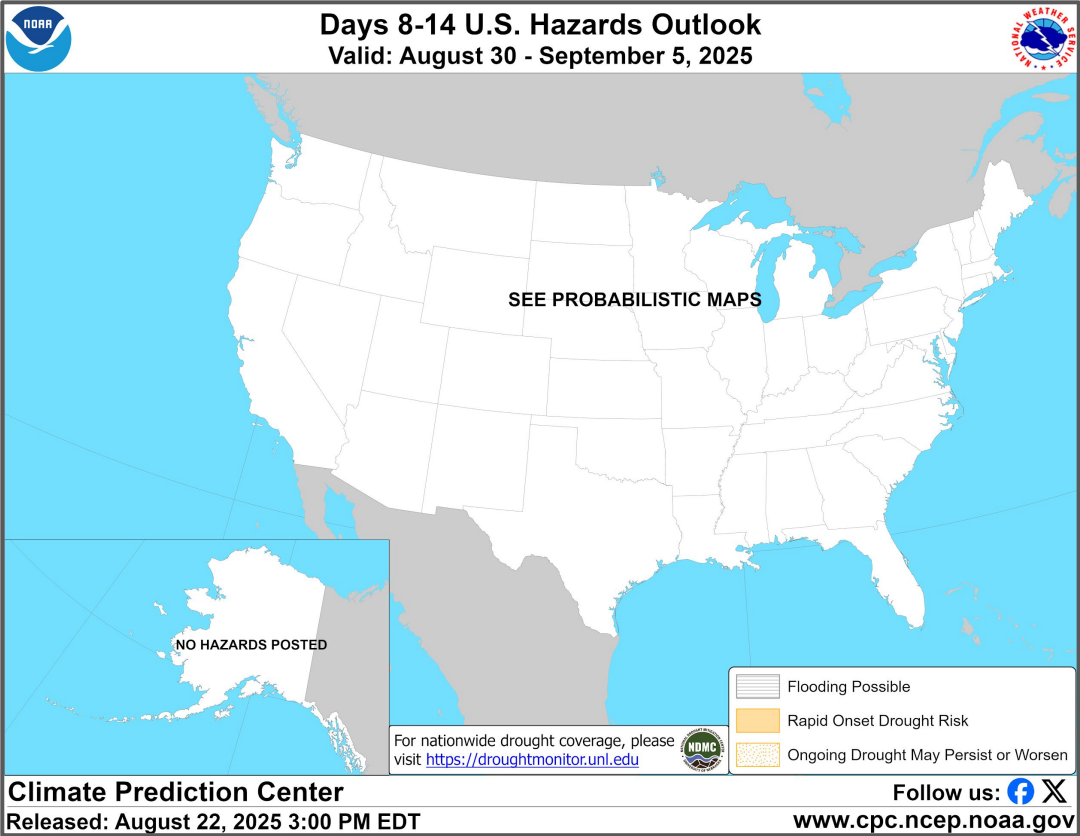
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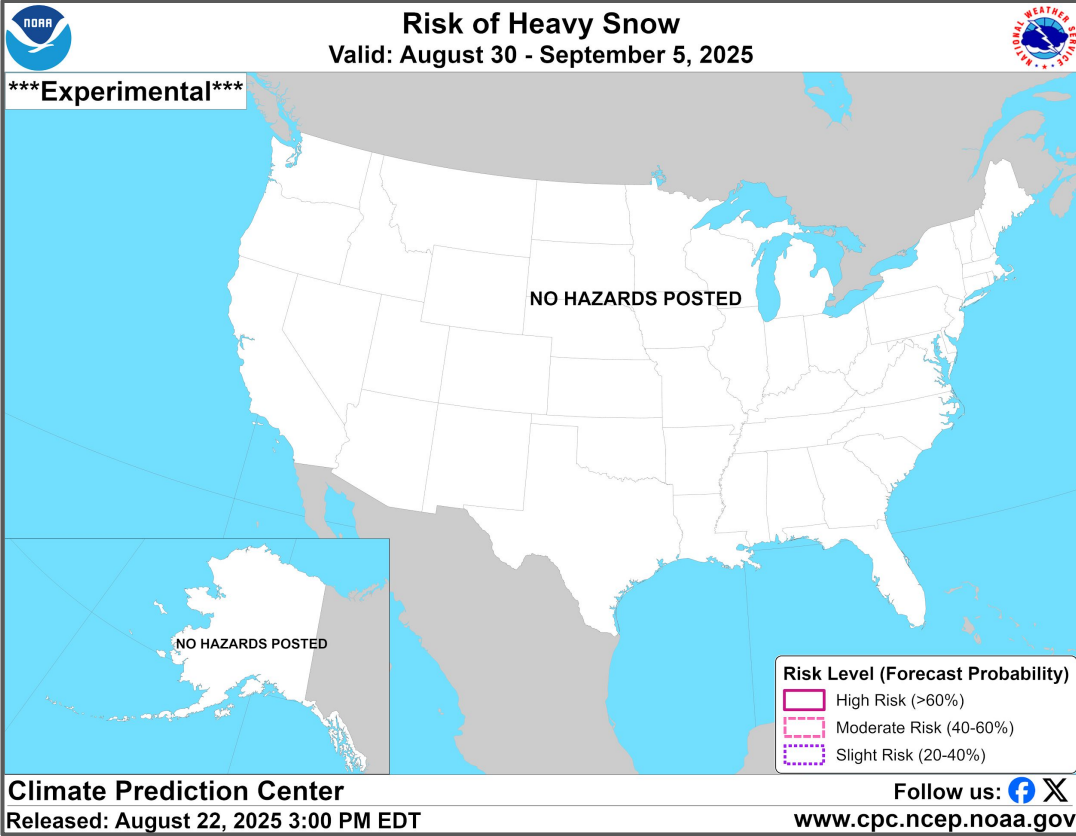
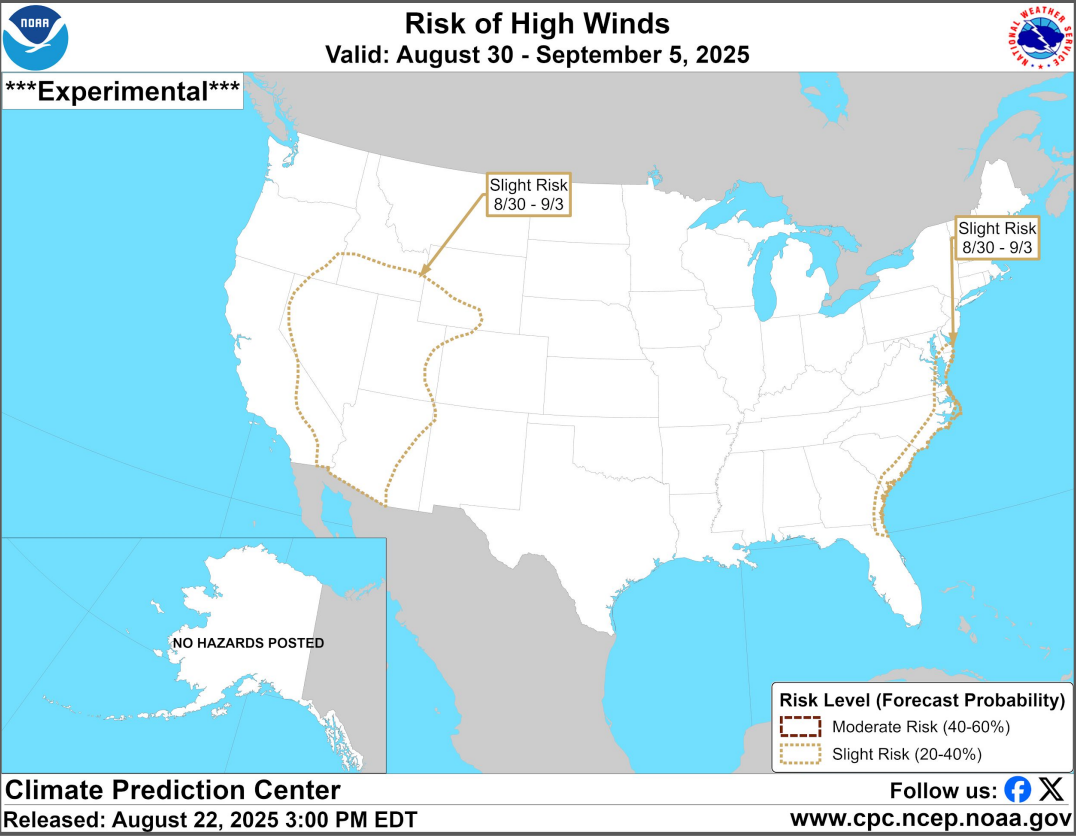
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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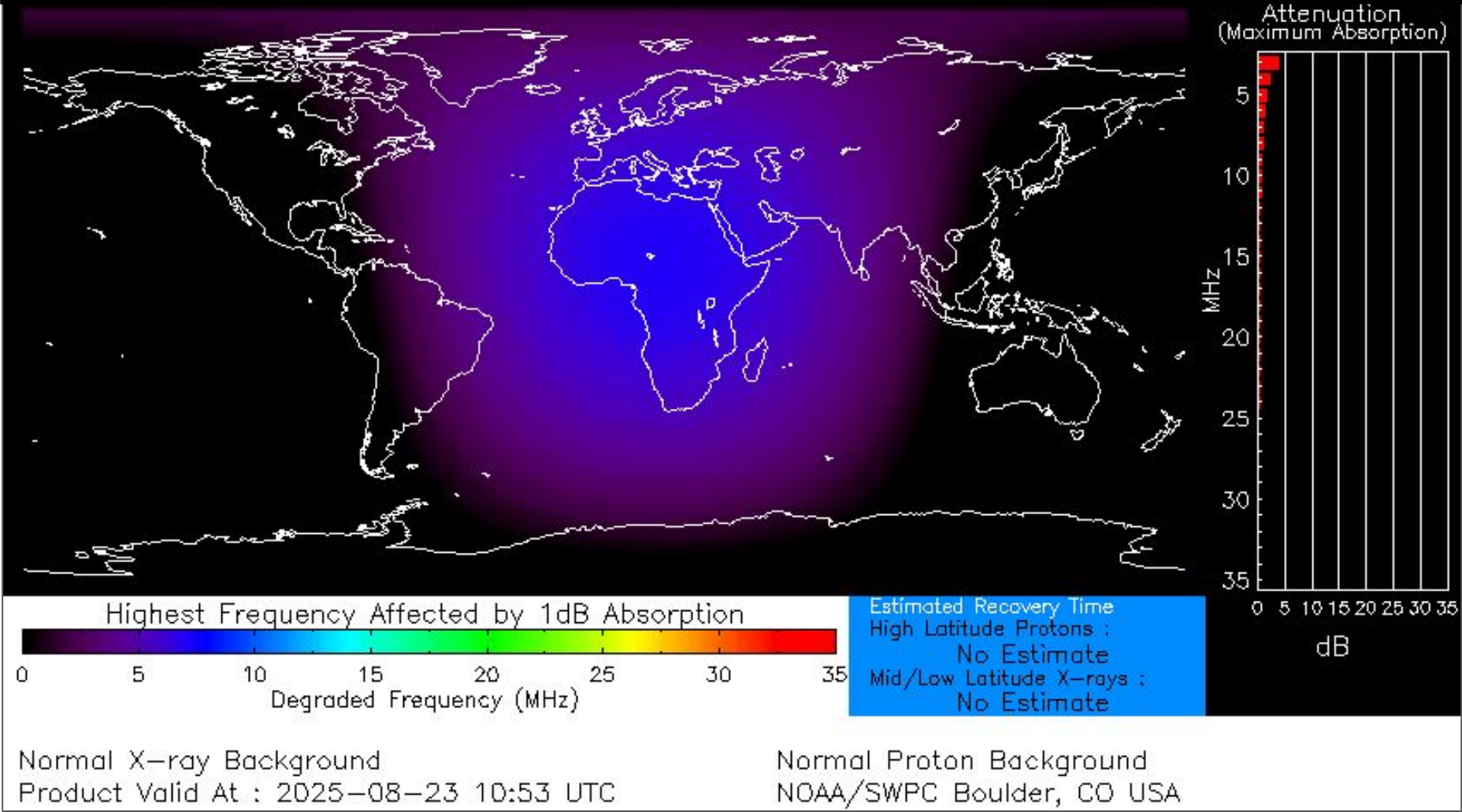
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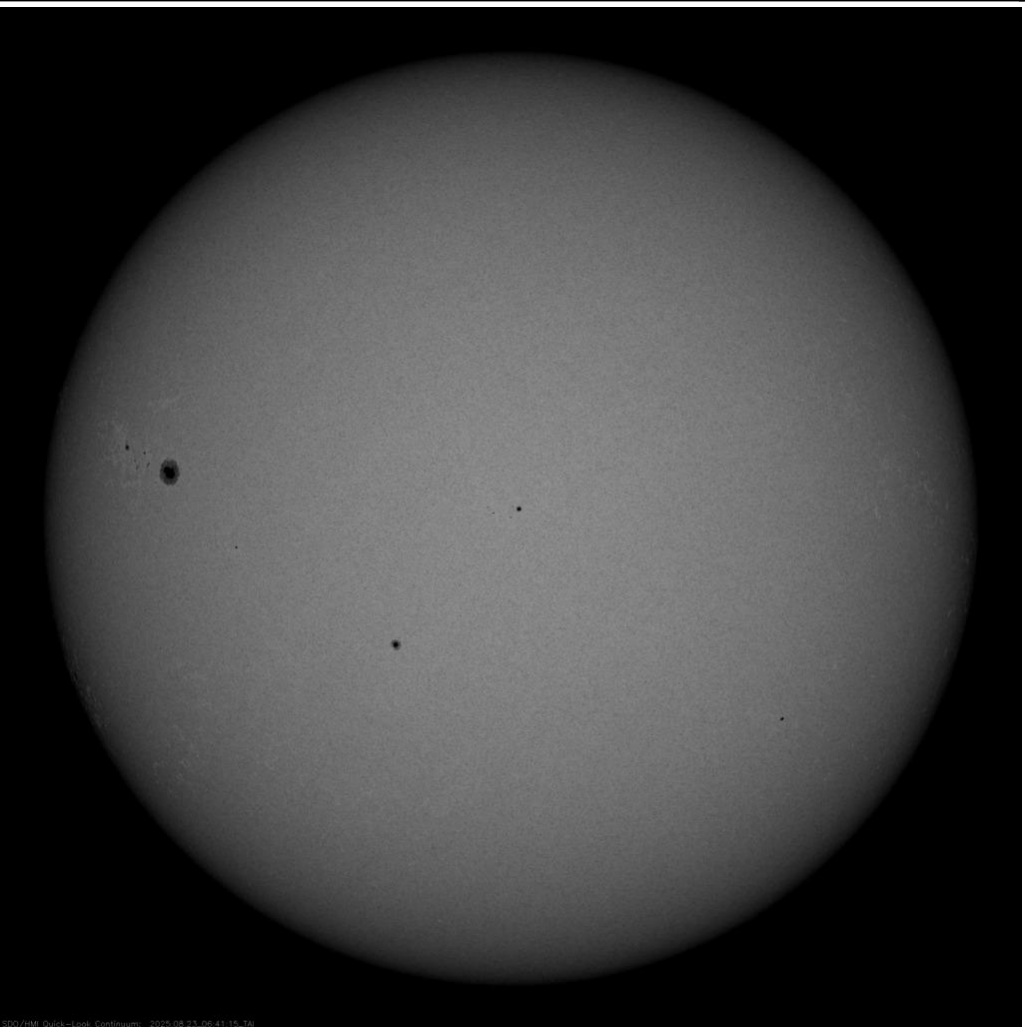
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Aug 23	Sunday, Aug 24	Monday, Aug 25
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	20%	15%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	15%	20%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	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	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



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