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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over E NM into the TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX today.
 - NM Burn Scars: Major risk (level 3 of 4) today. Break on Sunday from precip, with a minor to moderate risk (levels 1-2 of 4) of burn scar flooding in NM Mon-Tue.
- **Severe Weather:** Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over NM, the TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX today; and the TX/OK Panhandles tomorrow.
- **Tropical Weather:**
 - A tropical wave off of West Africa has a medium (50%) chance of development over the next 7 days into a tropical depression. FEMA 6 impacts are not expected over the next week.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Sep 13	Sunday, Sep 14	Monday, Sep 15	Tuesday, Sep 16	Wednesday, Sep 17	Thursday, Sep 18	Friday, Sep 19
Severe Storms	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX	TX/OK Panhandles					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX			SW NM			
Burn Scars	NM		NM	S NM			
				N 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.

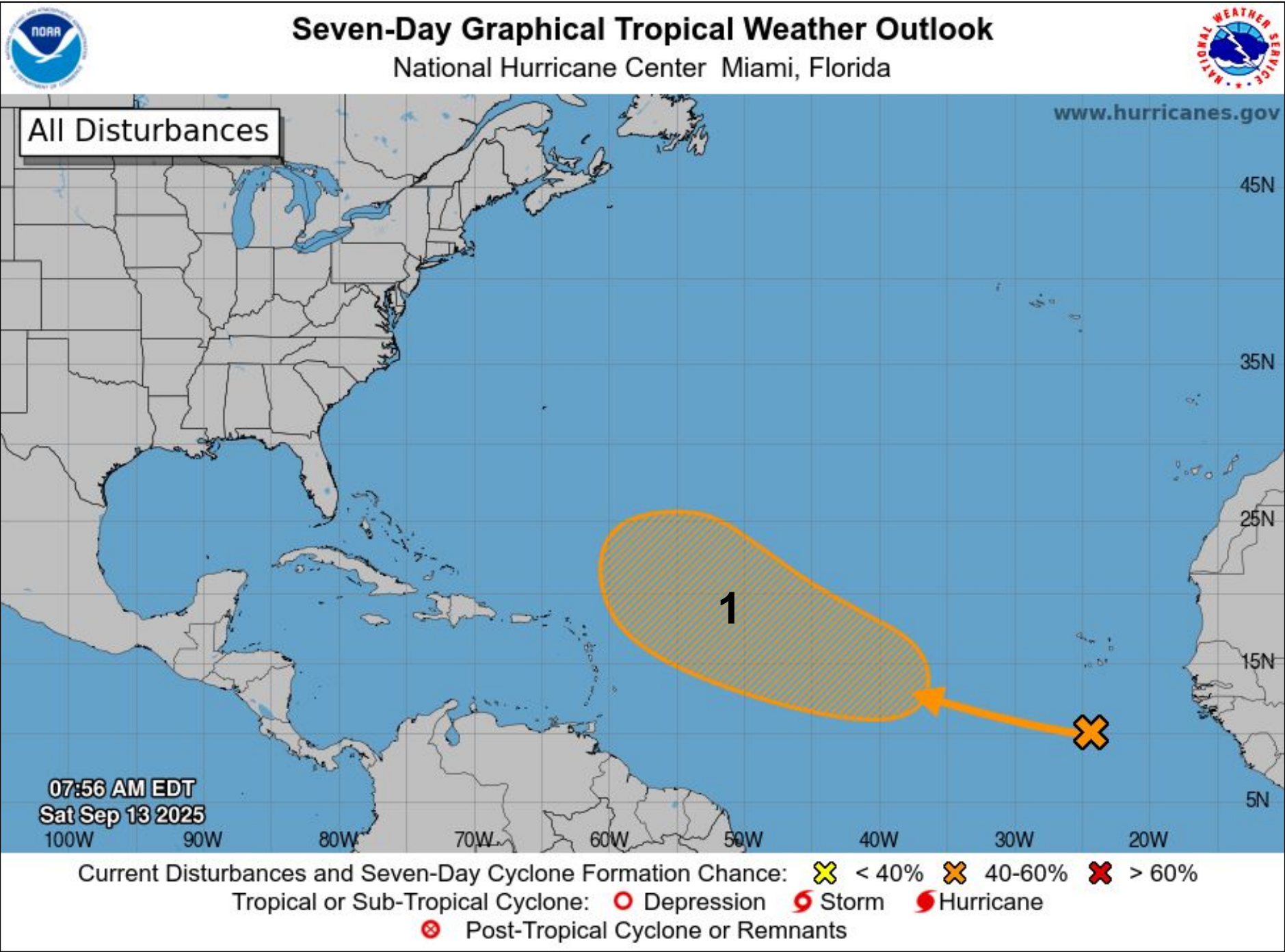
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Medium	None in the next 7 days

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



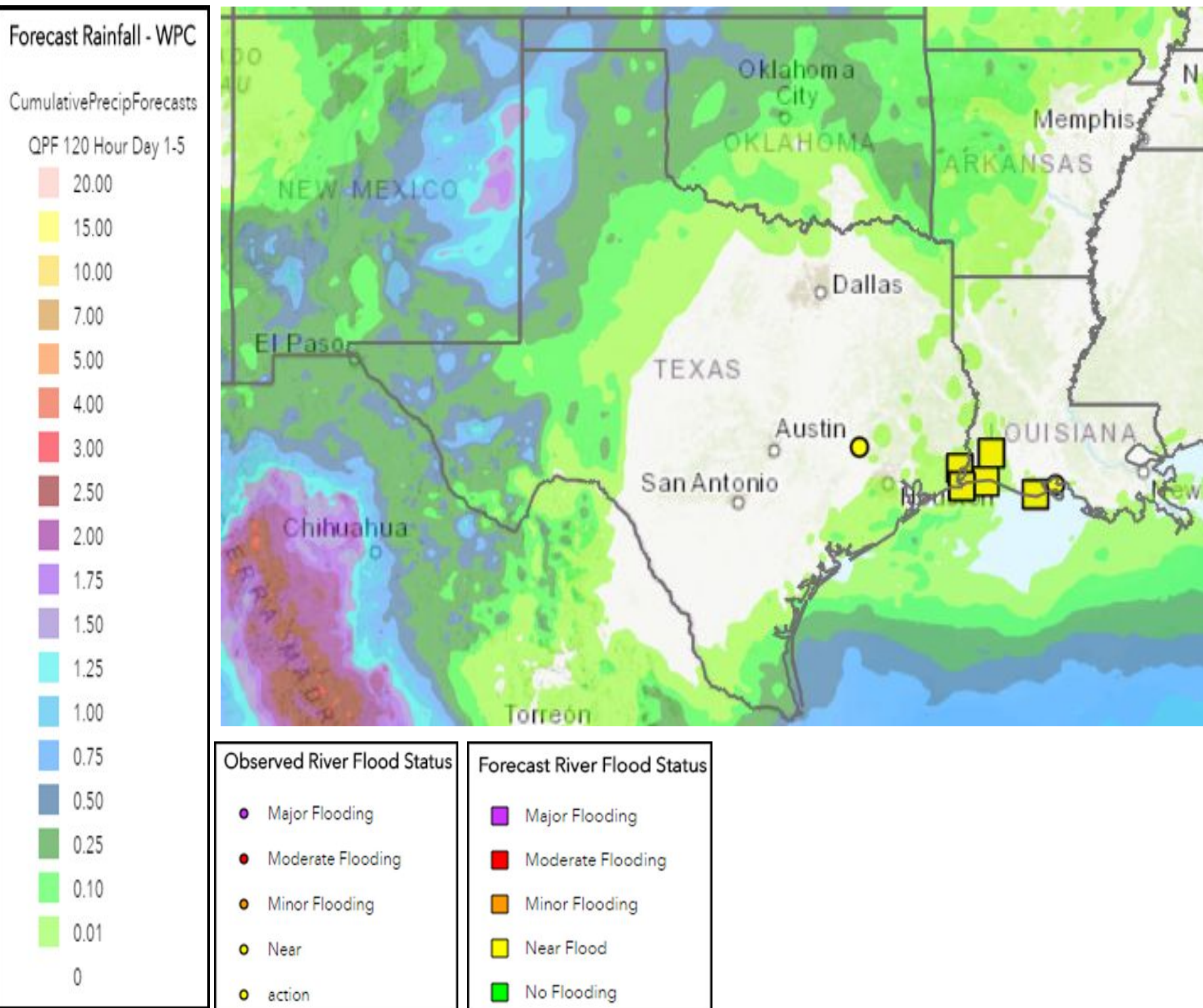
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



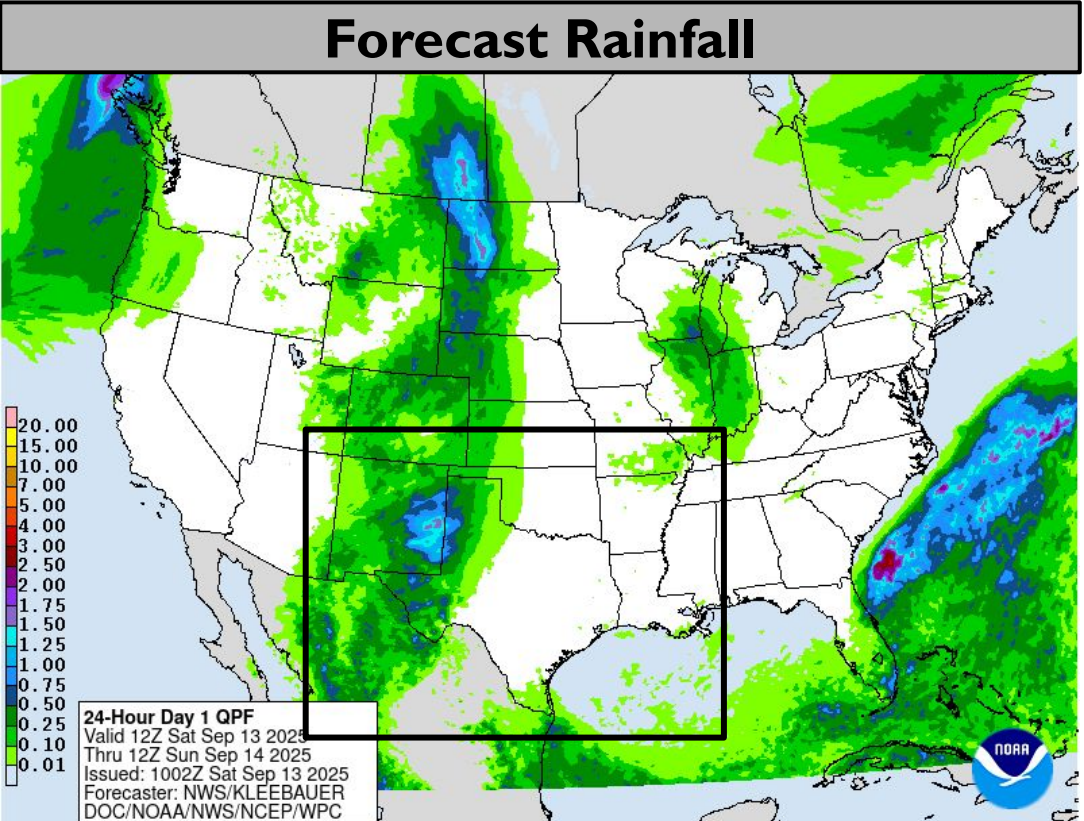
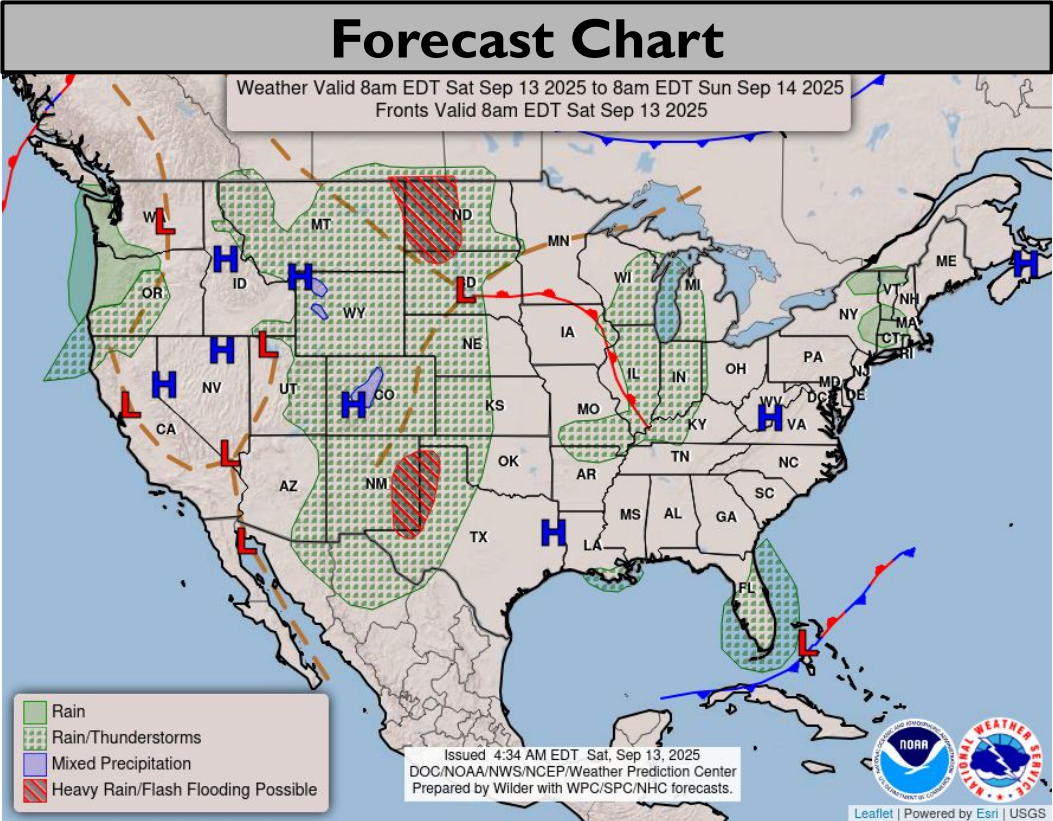
Significant river flooding is not expected.

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.



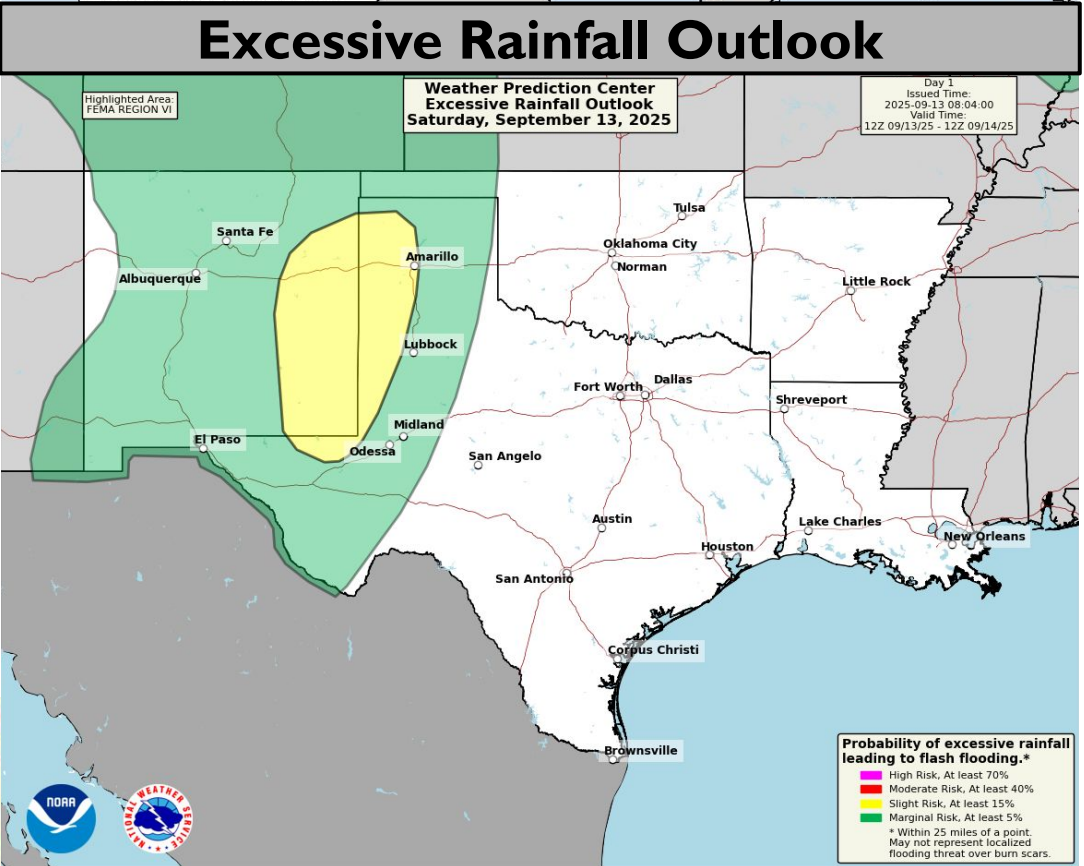
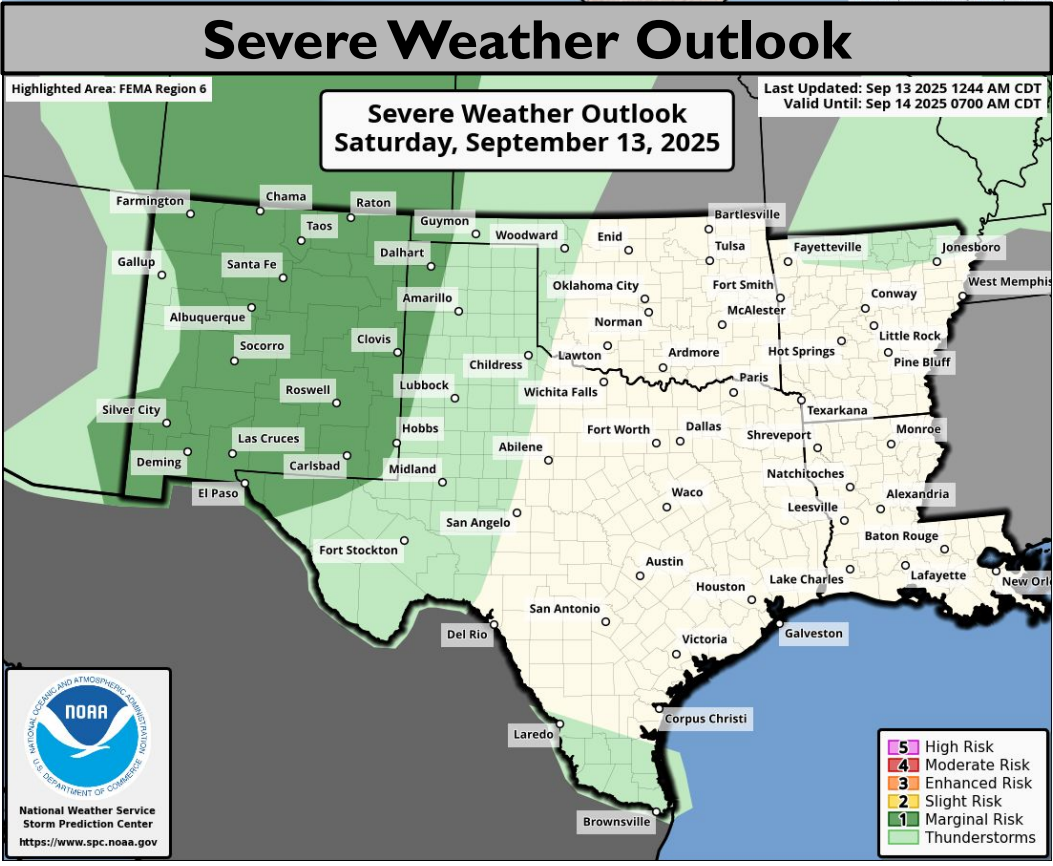


Today's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in the E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX.

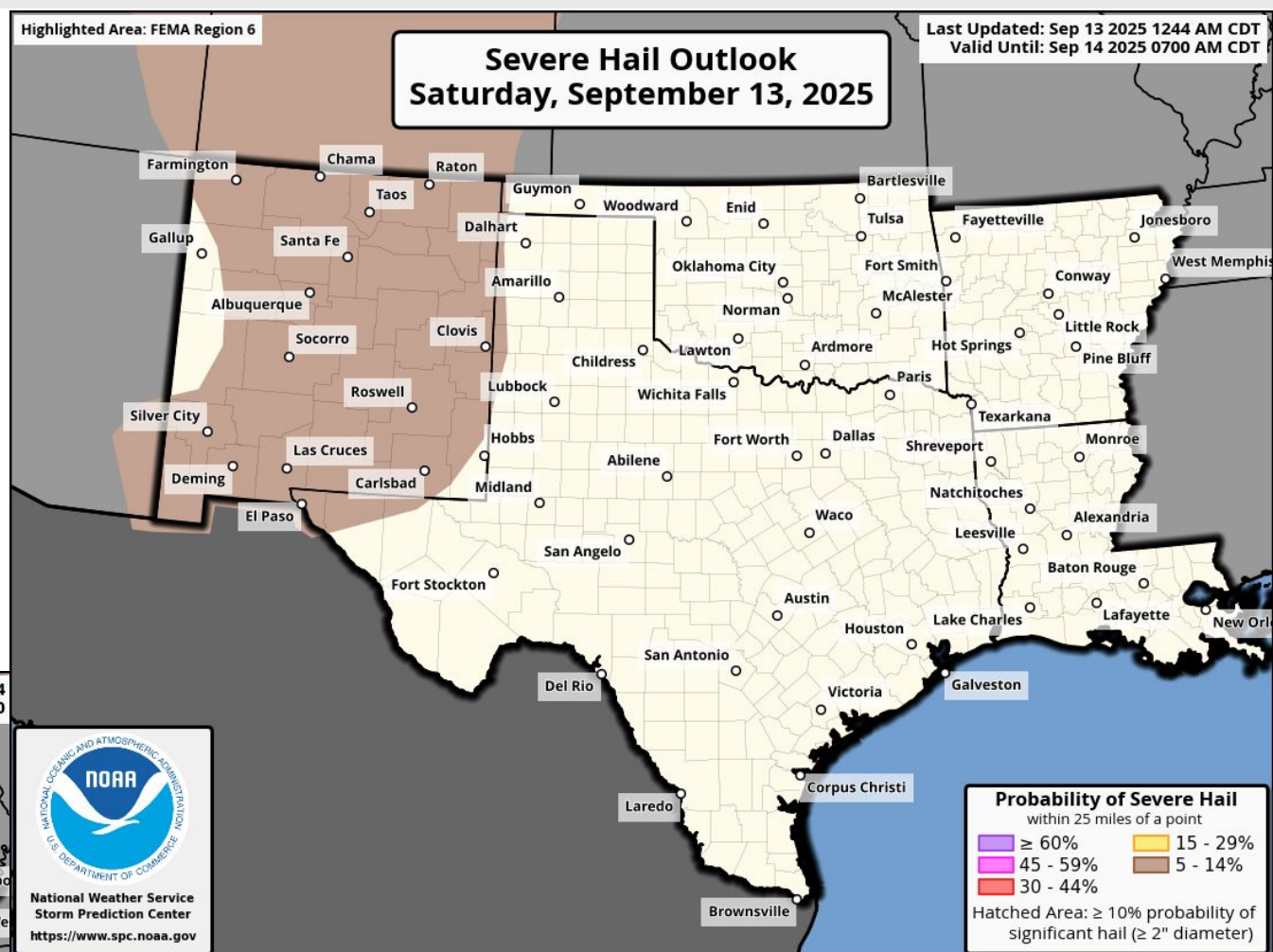
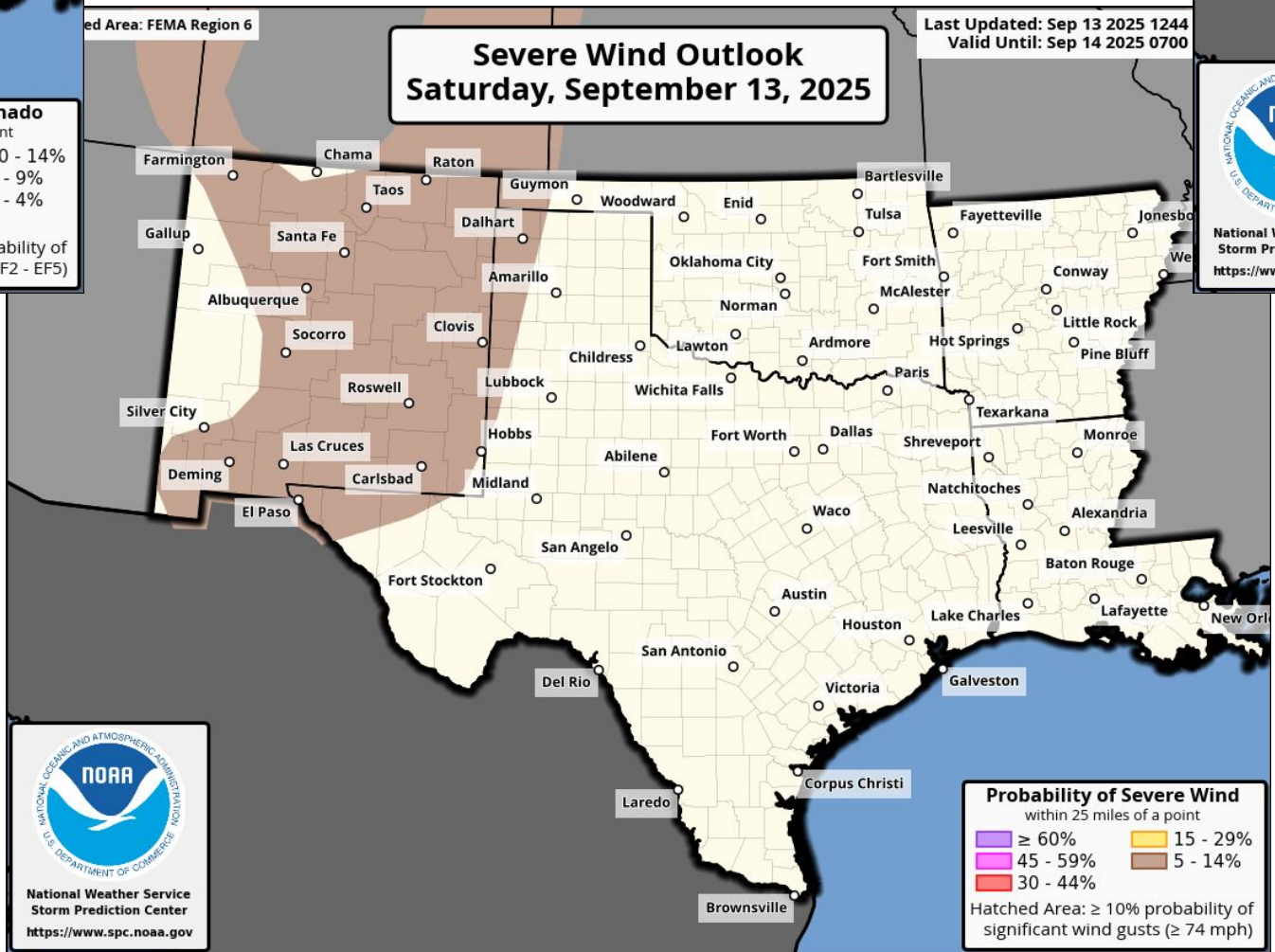
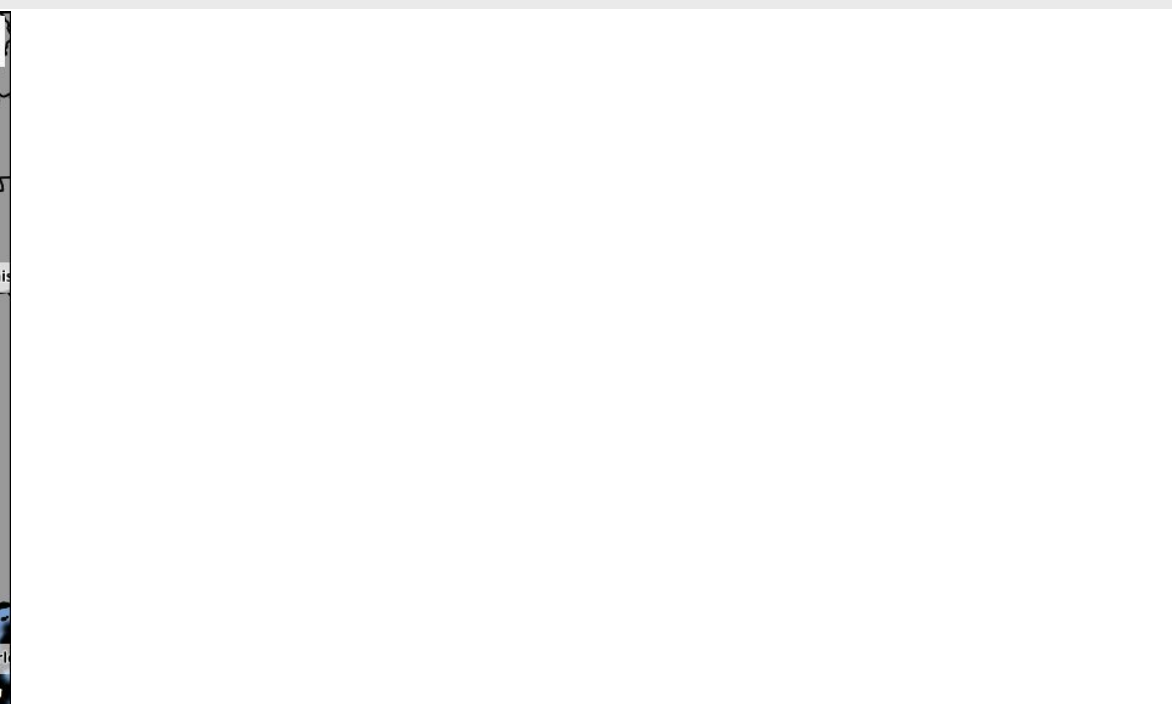
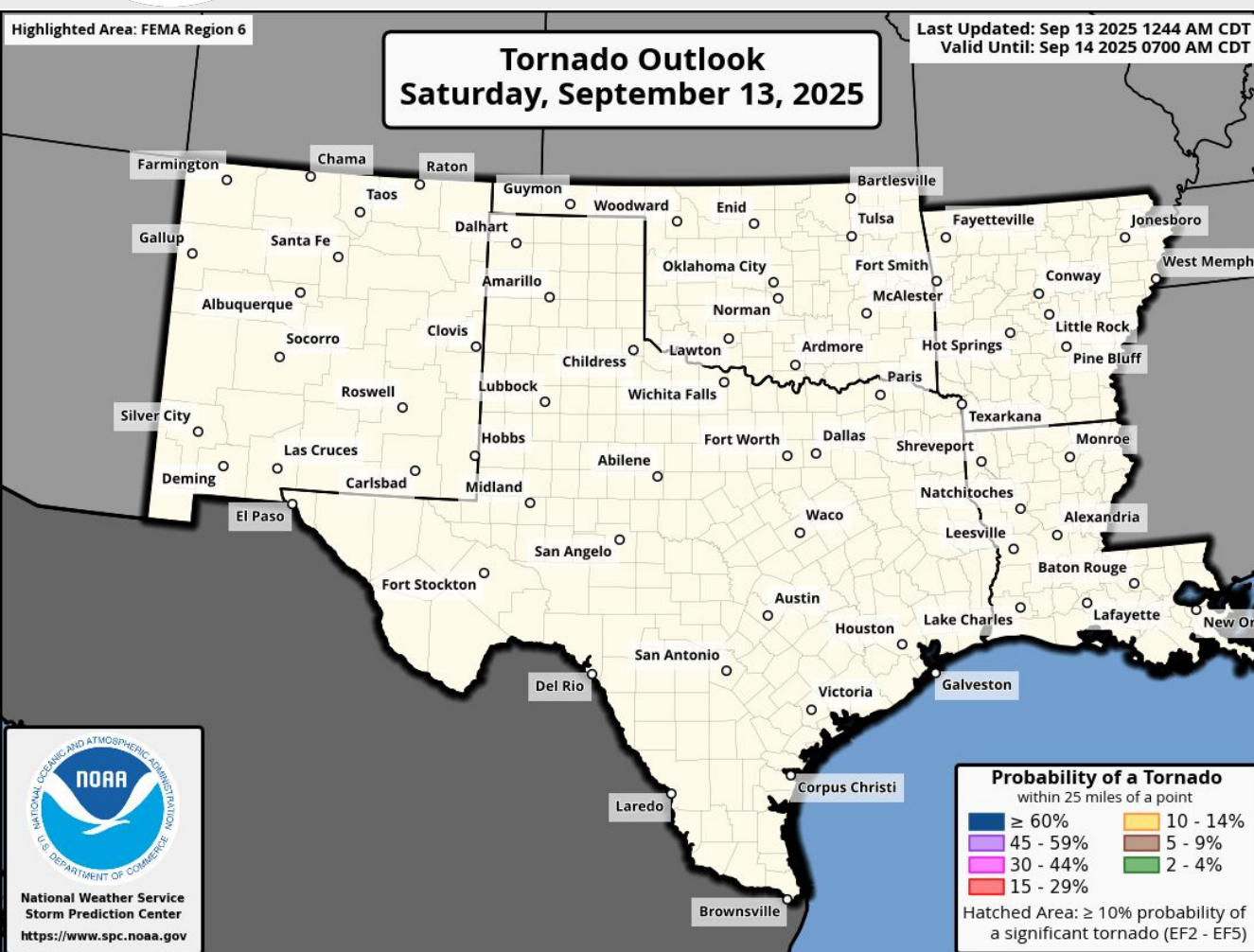
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NM, TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX.



****Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides****



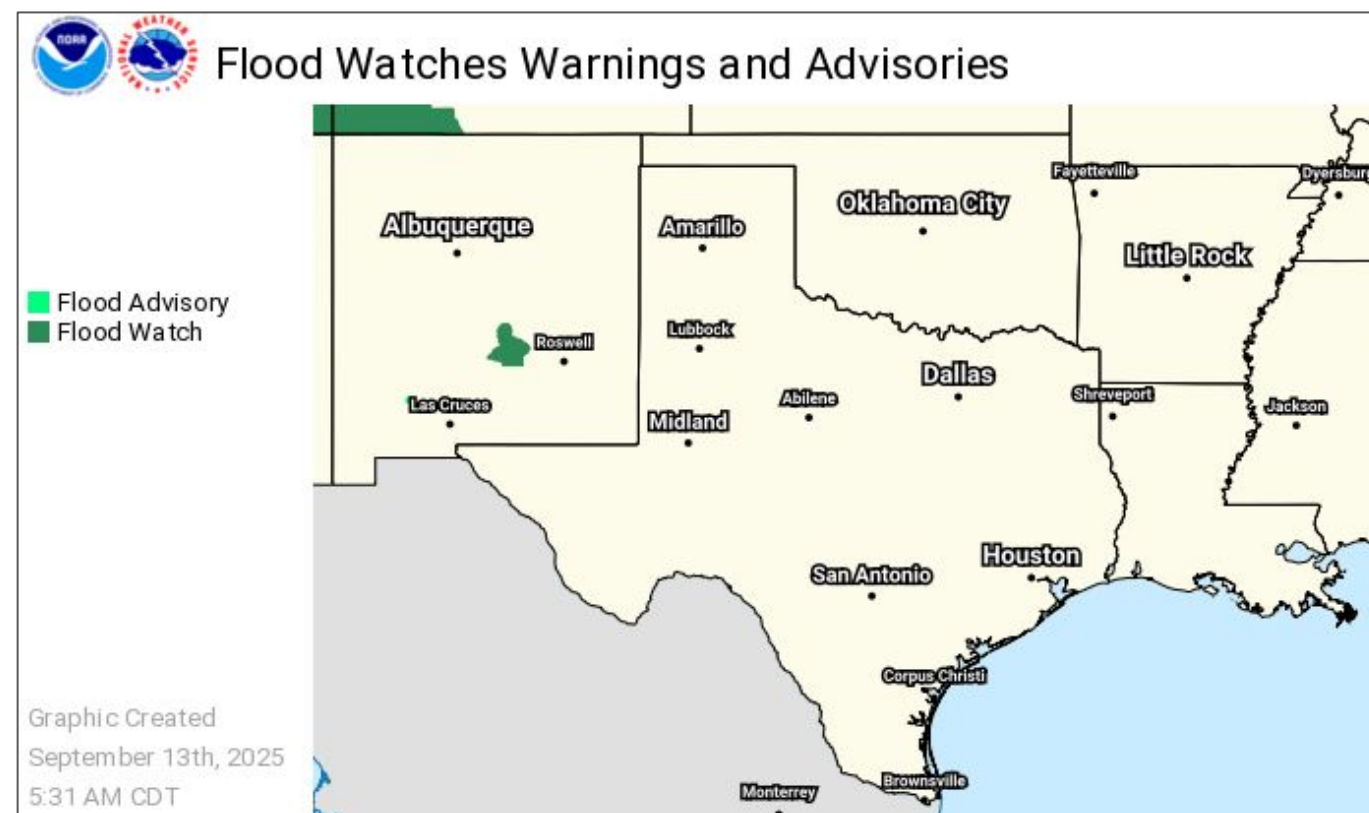
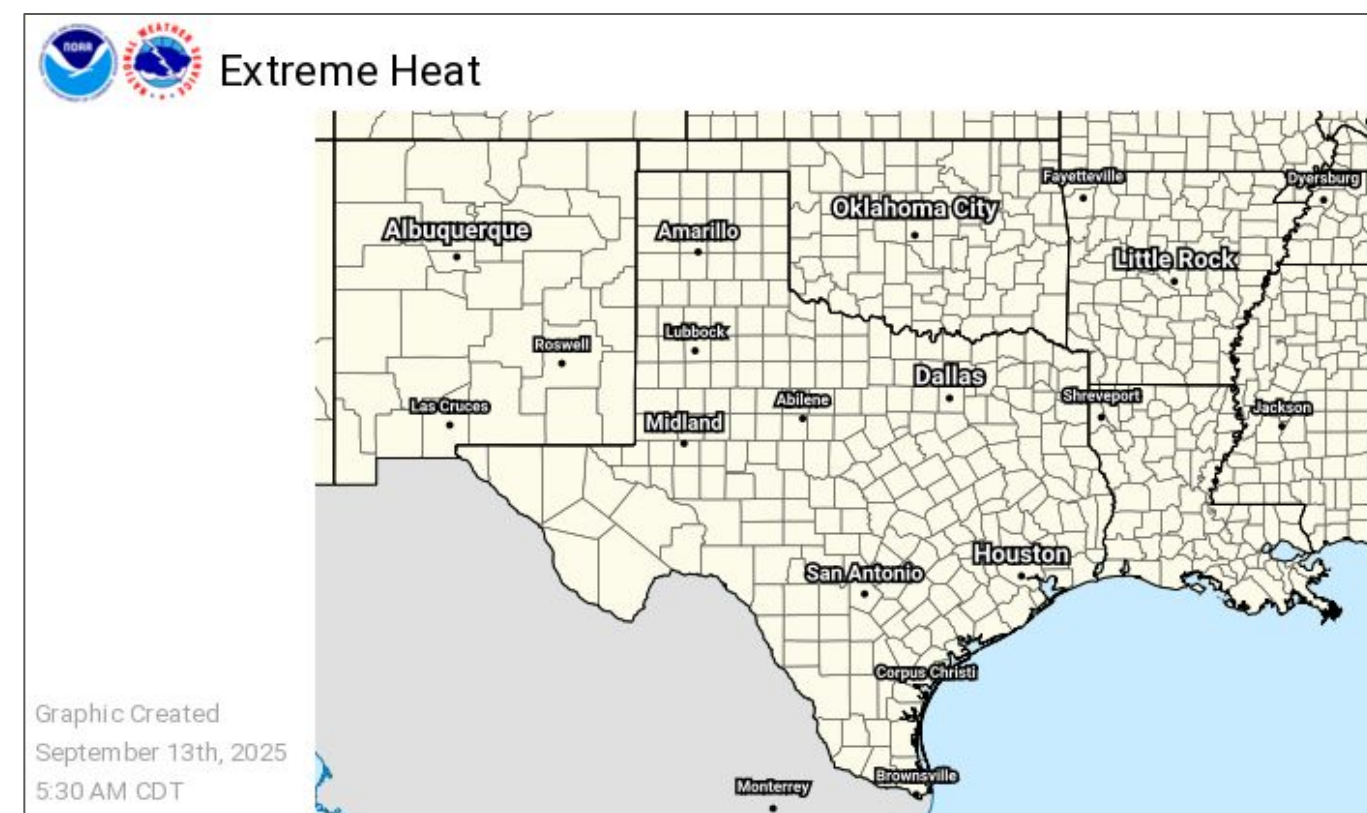
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



Flood Watch for northern and southern New Mexico through 1 AM CDT Sunday.

Rainfall at rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour with a risk of flash flooding both below and away from burn scars.

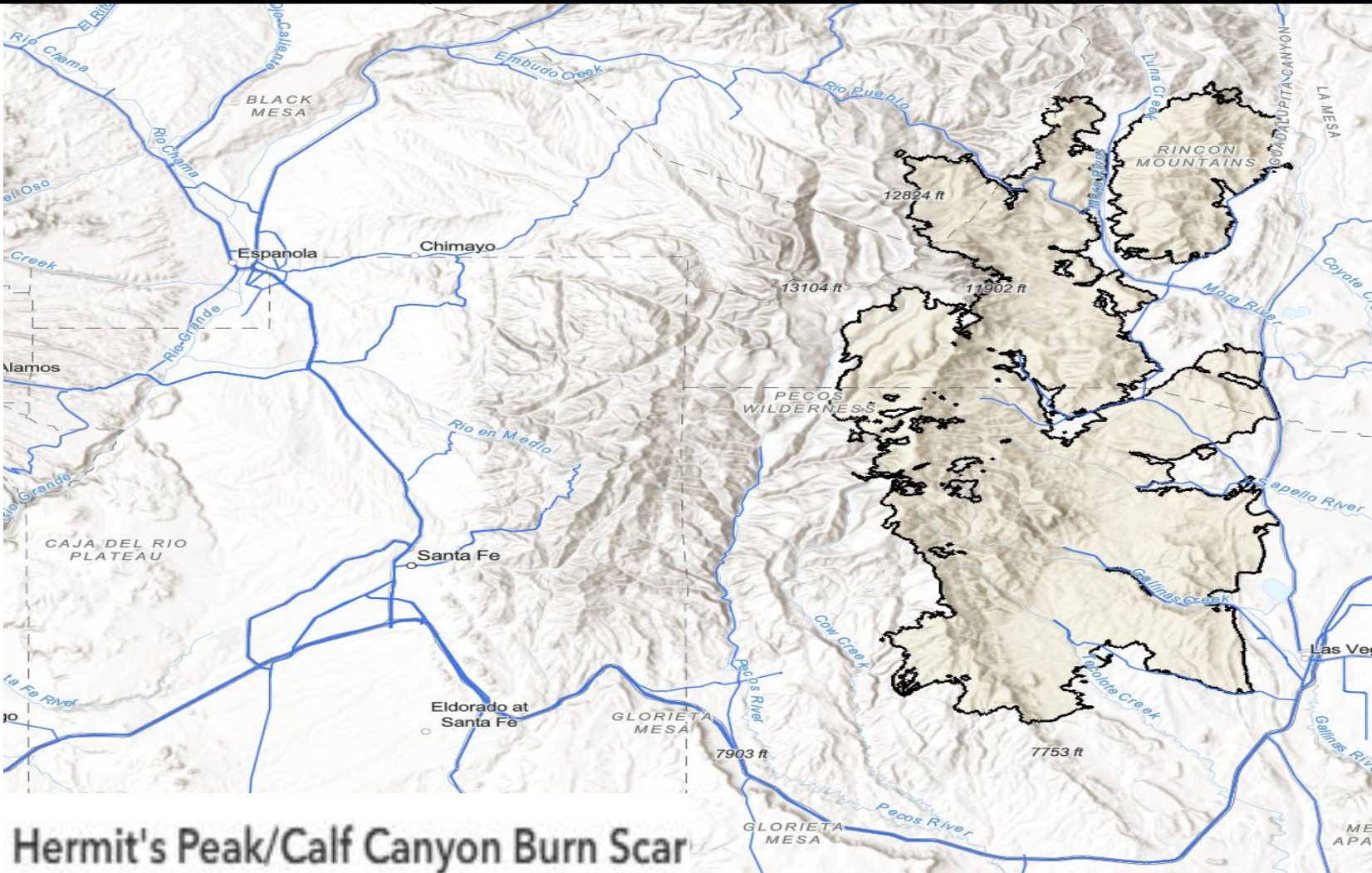




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scar New Mexico

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Saturday, Sep 13	Sunday, Sep 14	Monday, Sep 15	Tuesday, Sep 16
Flash Flooding	Major		Minor	Minor
Timing - CDT	Ongoing - 10 pm		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening



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%
Major (level 3 of 4)	Flood Watch Issued OR Debris Flow Probability > 50%
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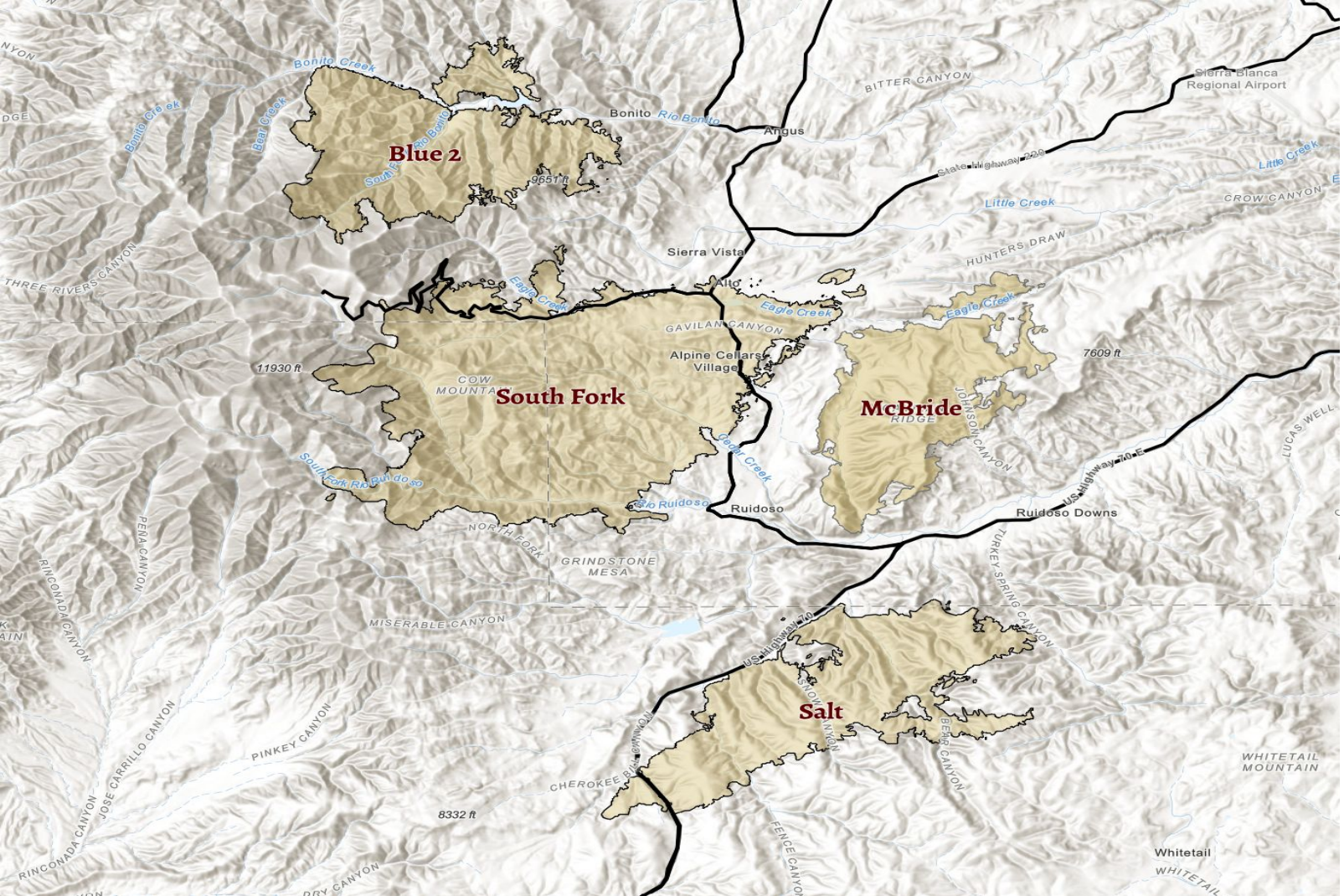




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

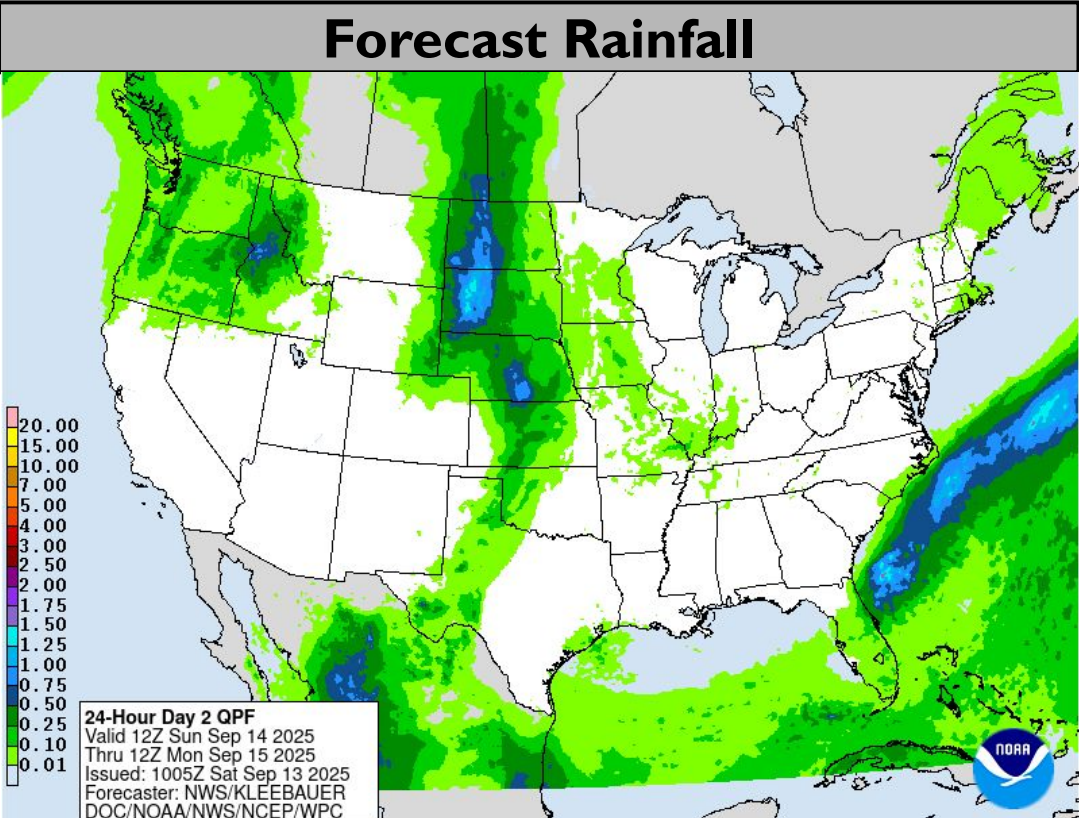
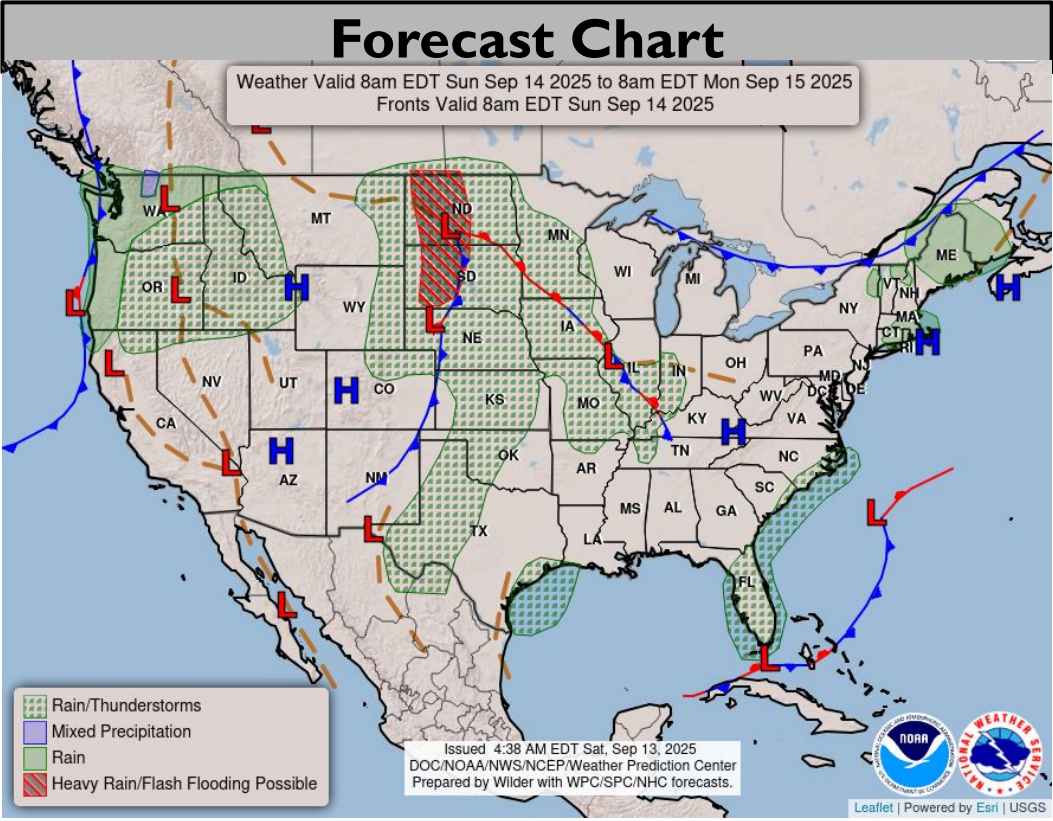
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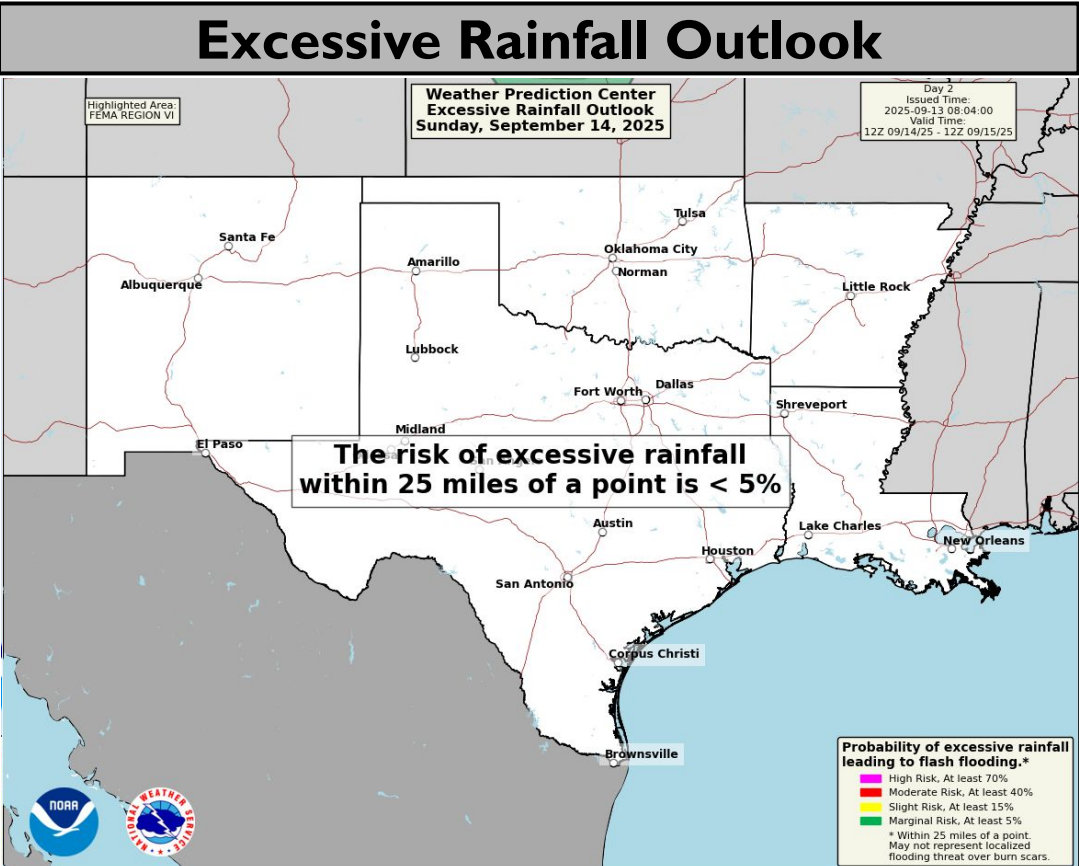
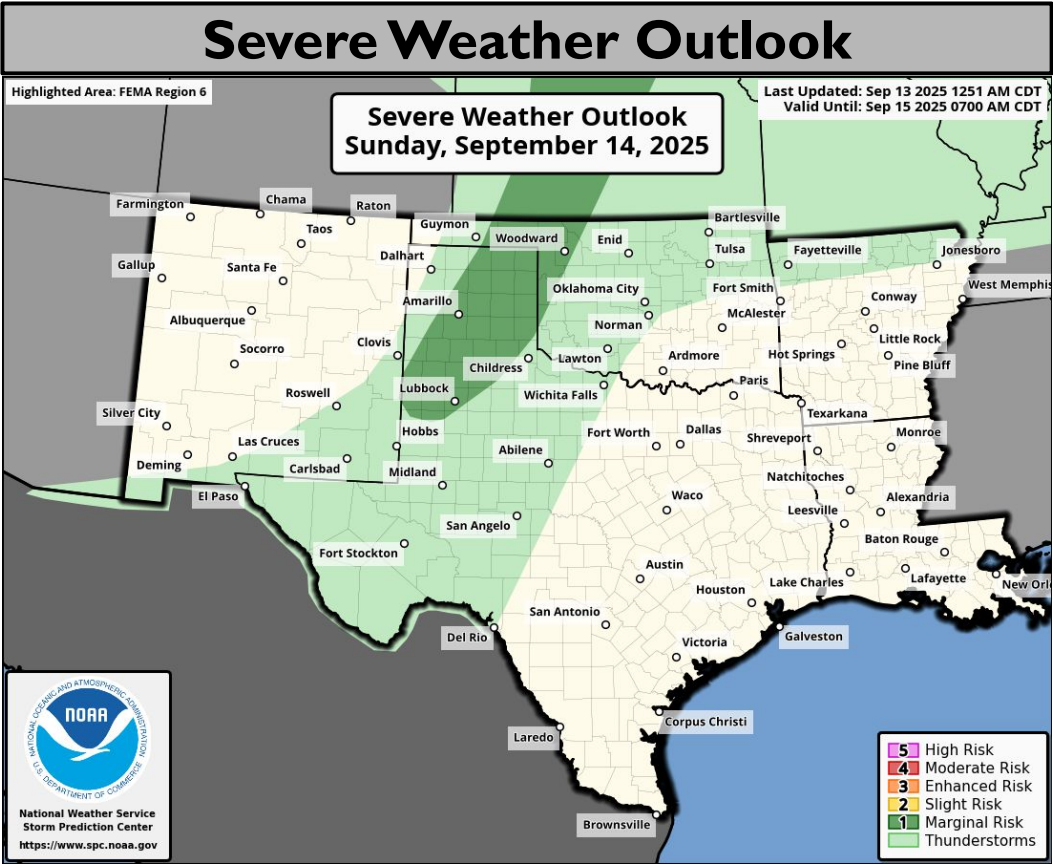
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Tomorrow's Weather



Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over the TX/OK Panhandles.

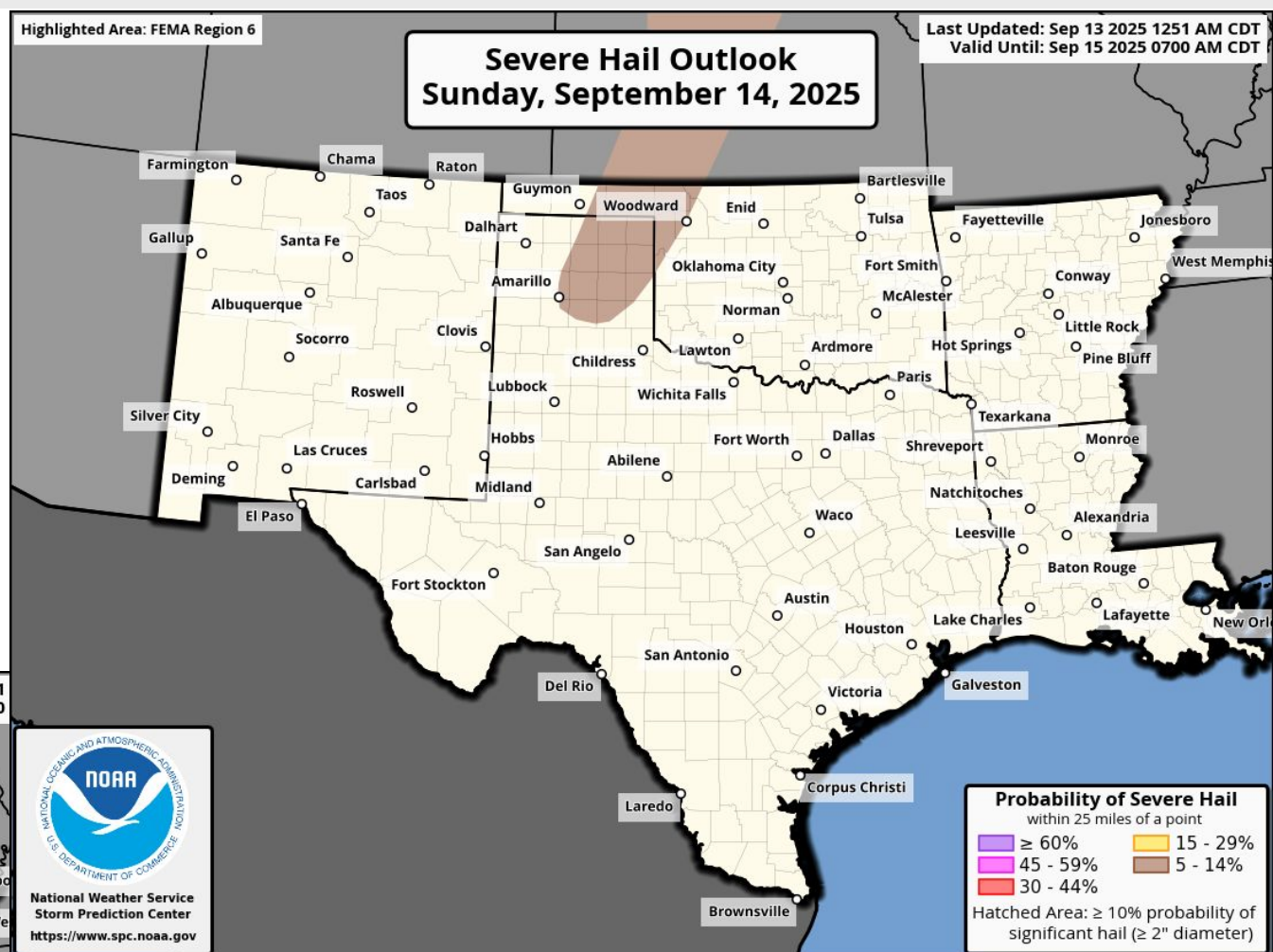
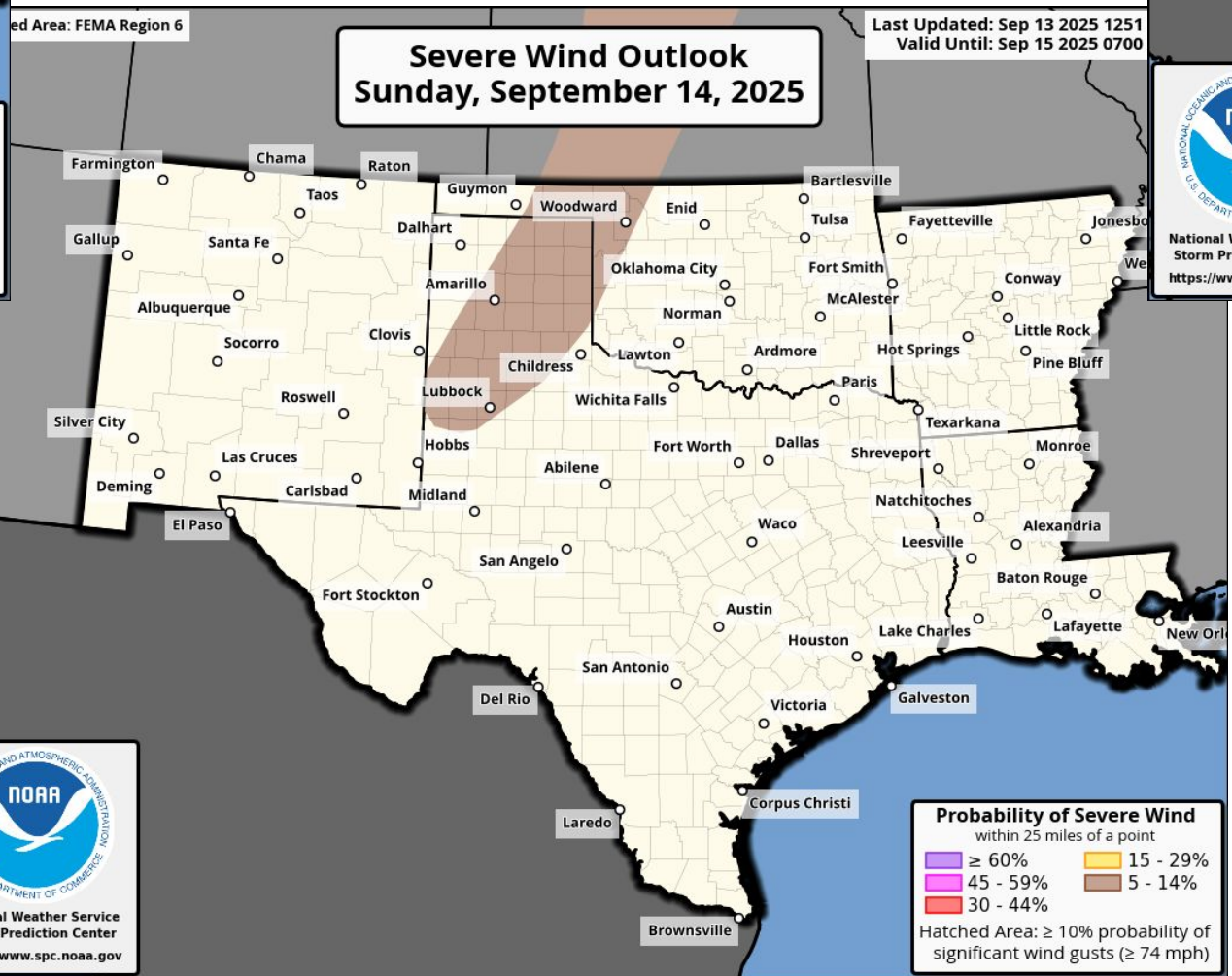
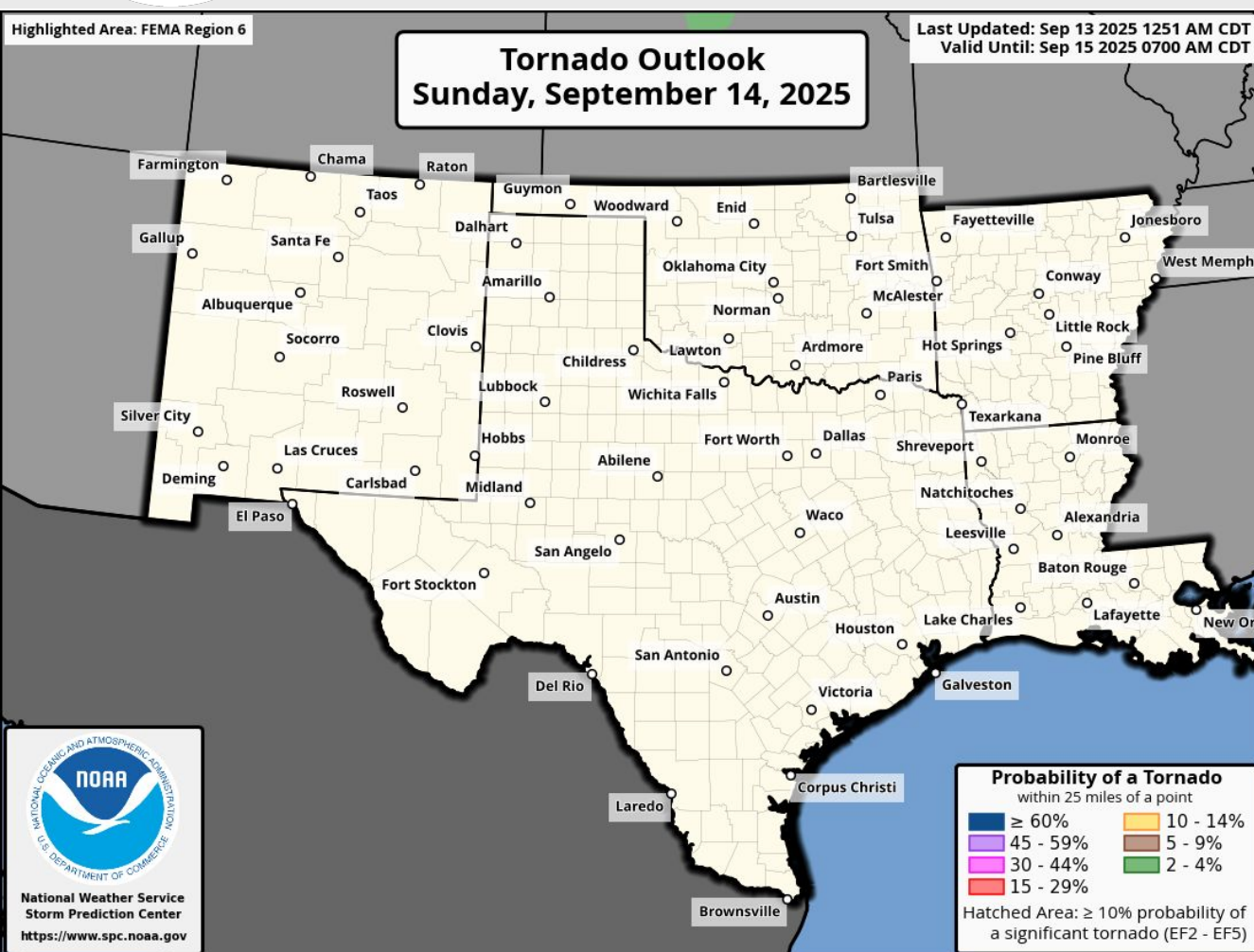


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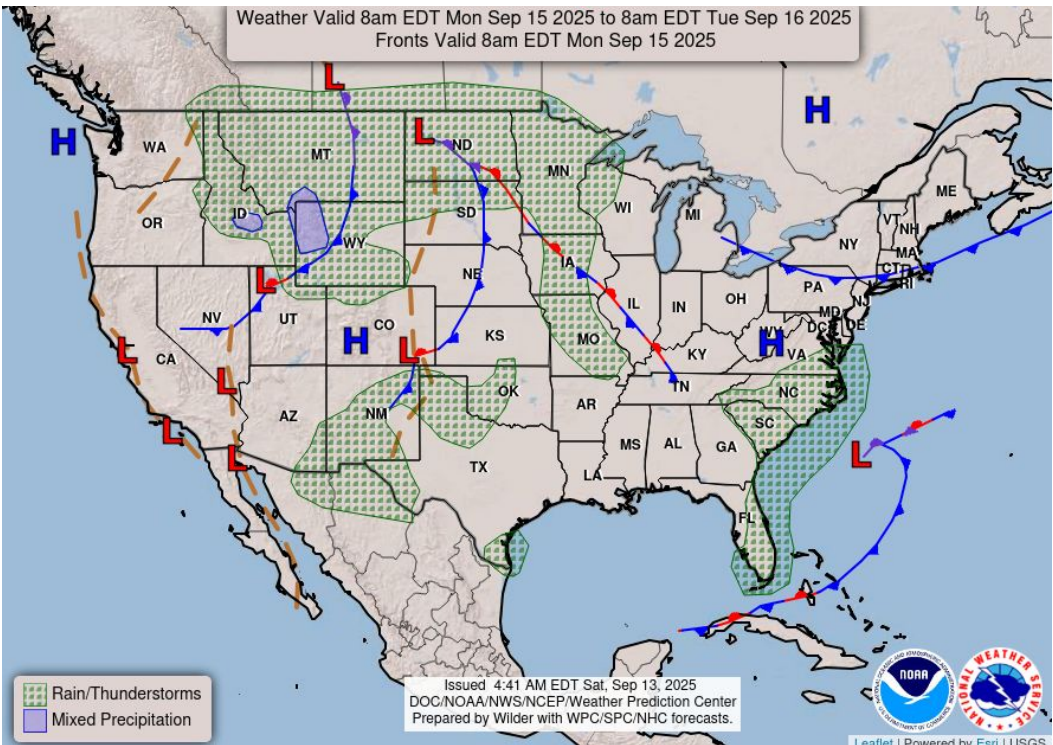
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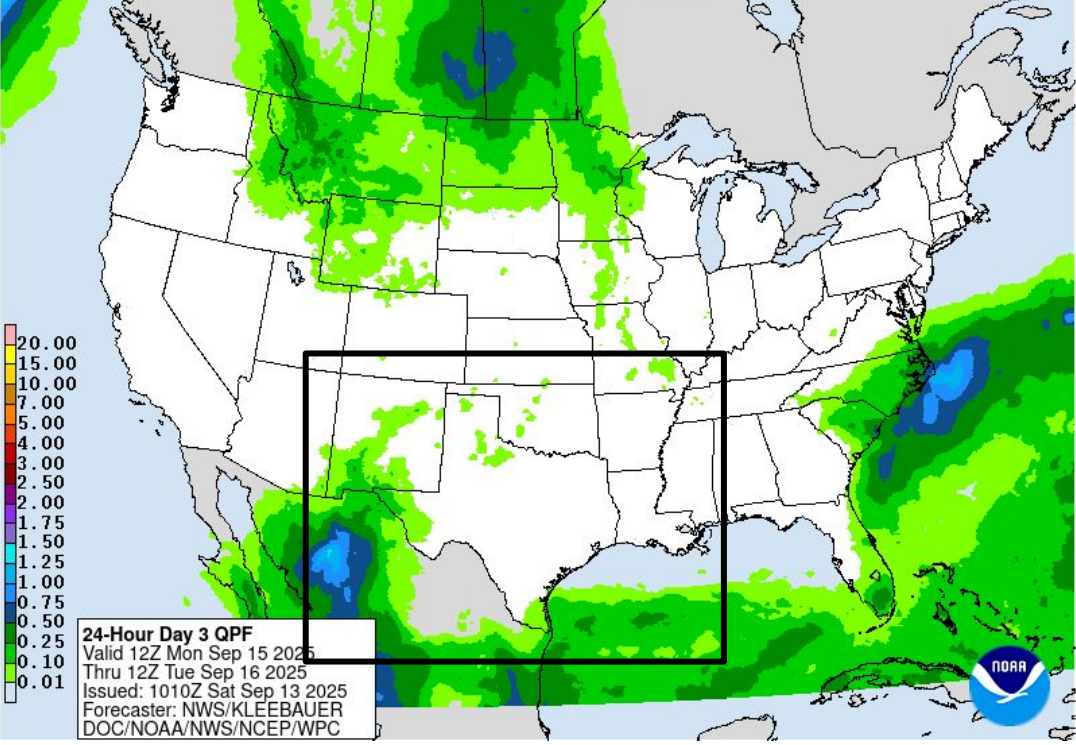


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

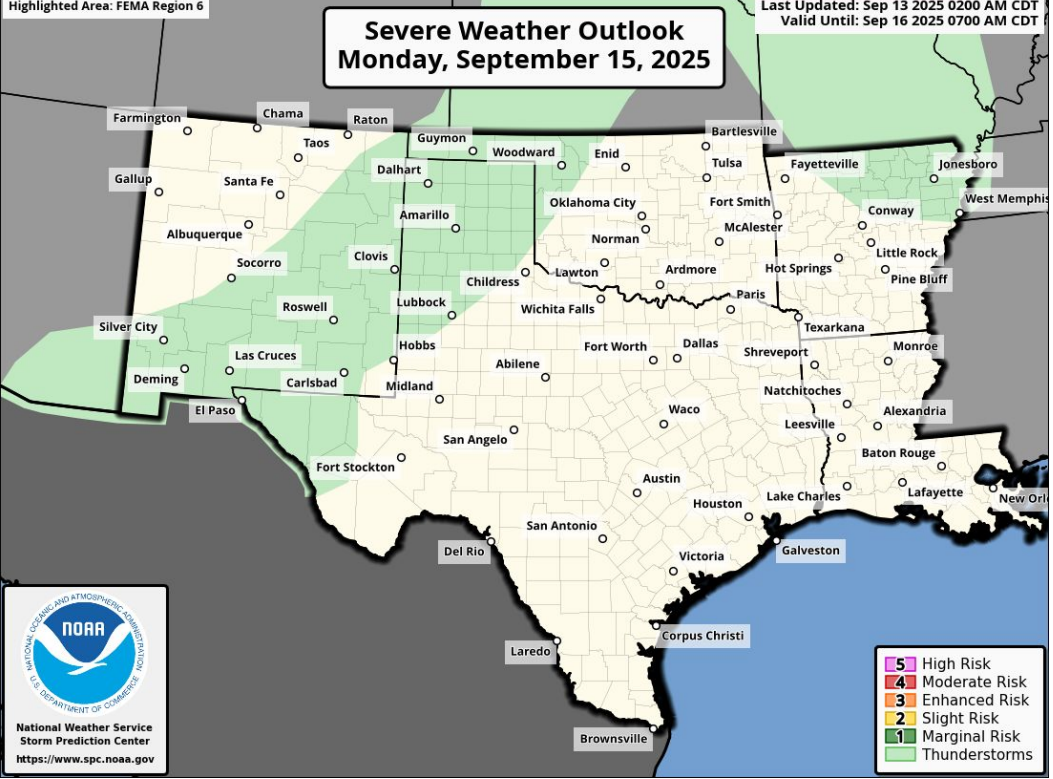


Forecast Rainfall

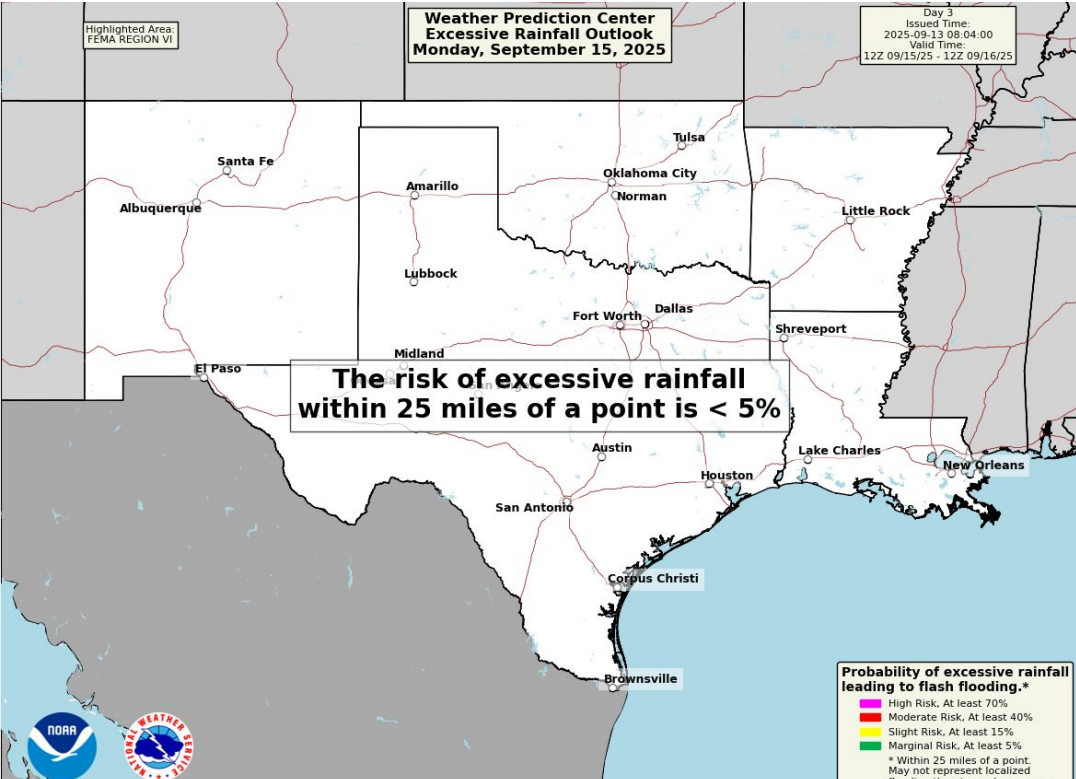


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



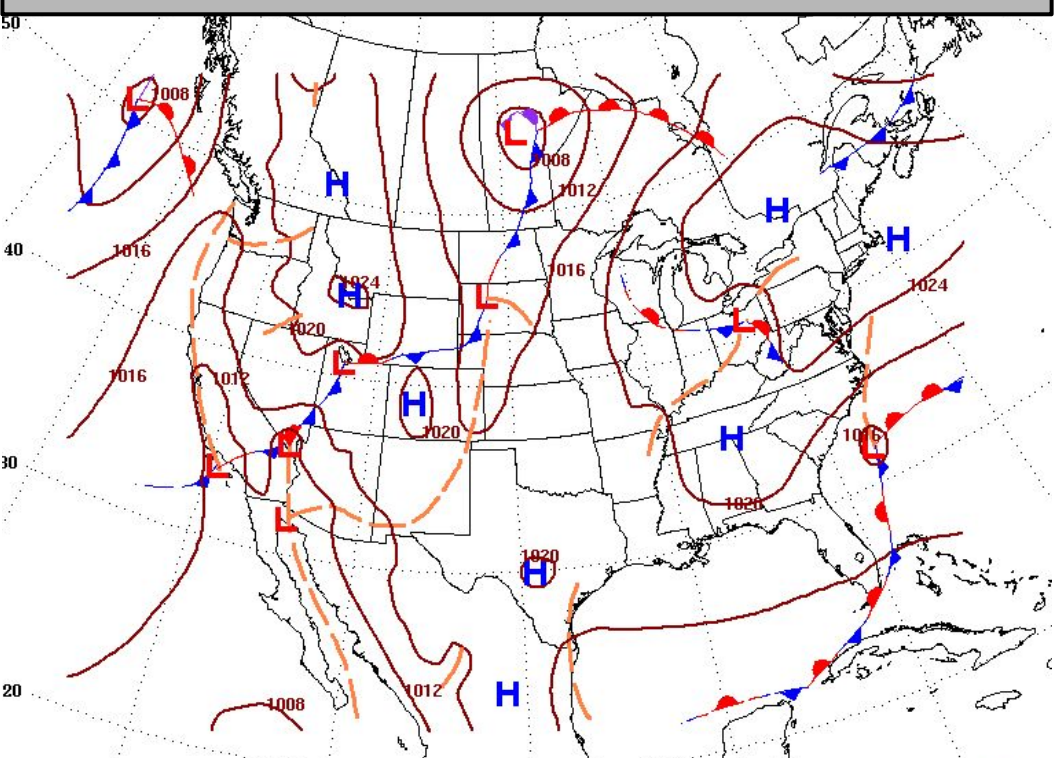
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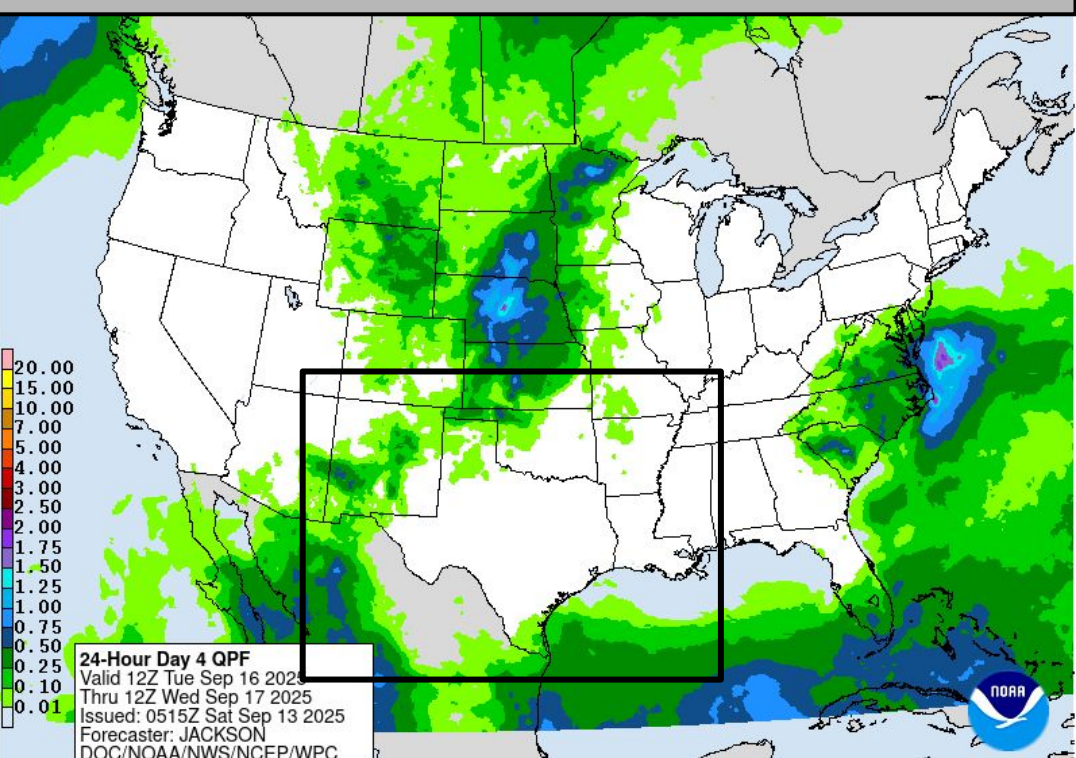


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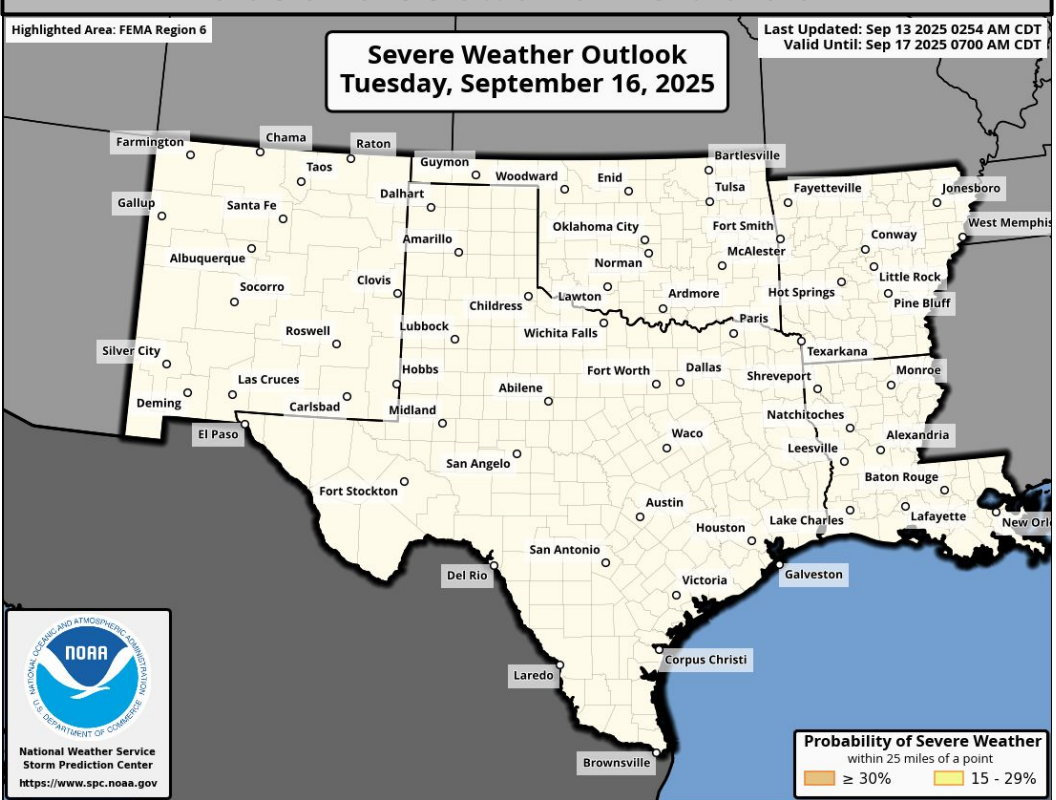


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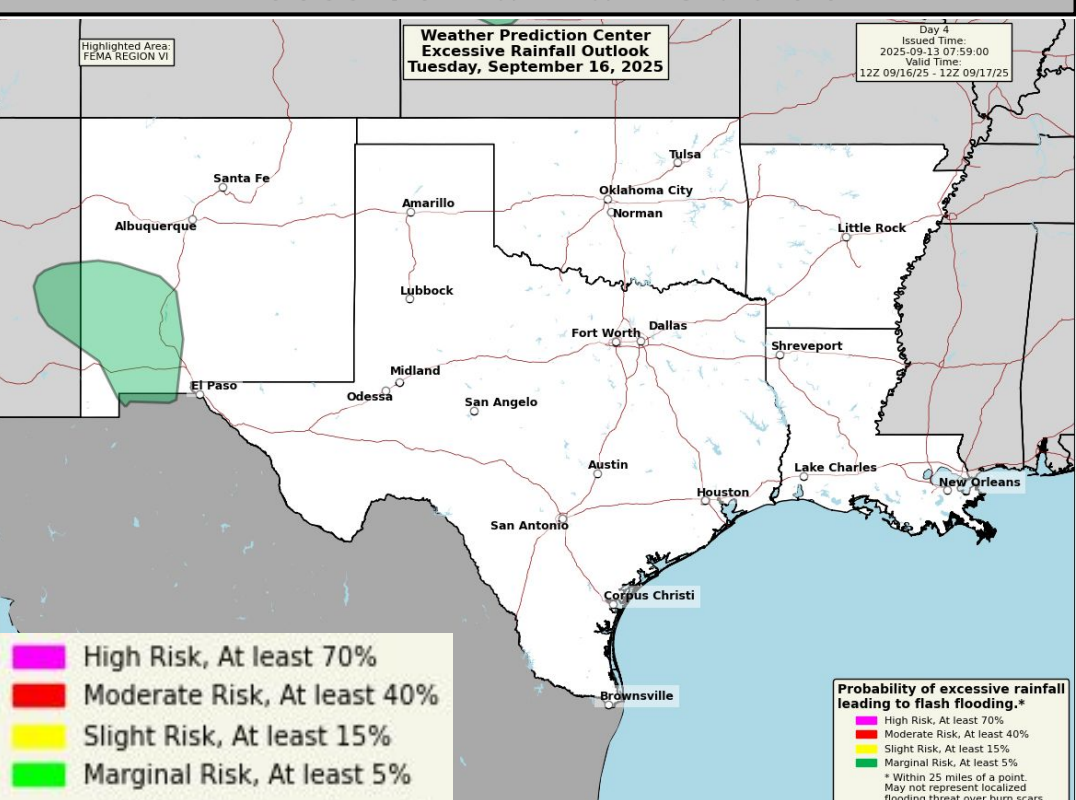


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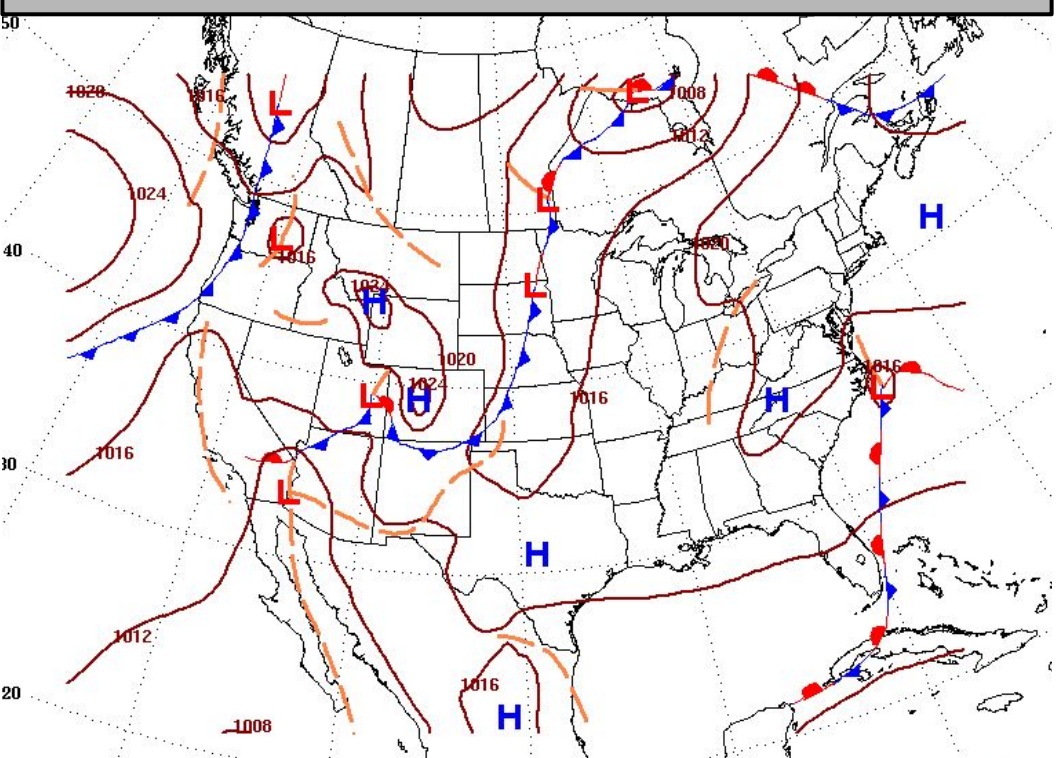


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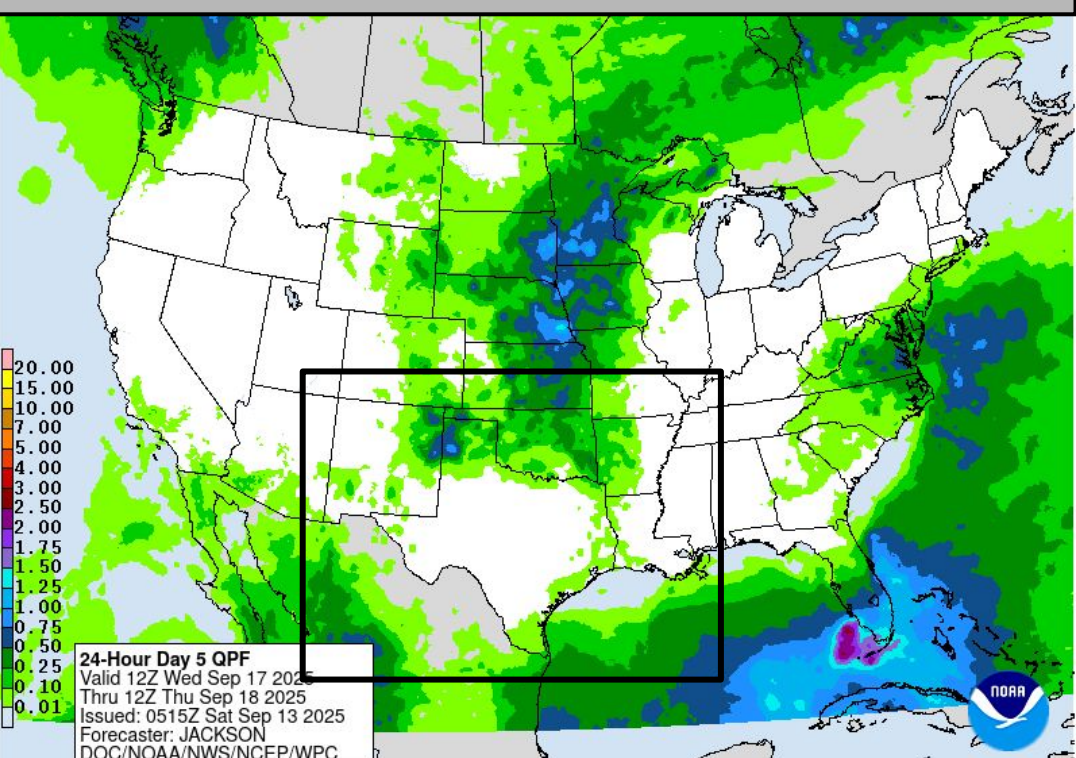


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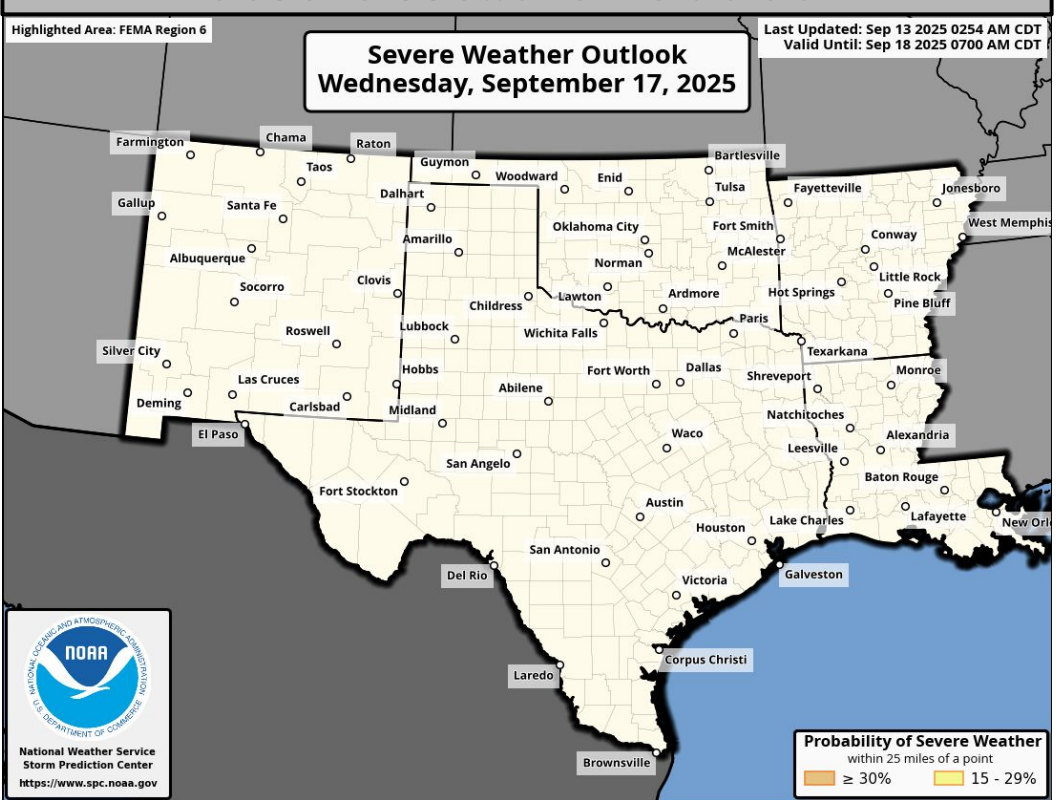


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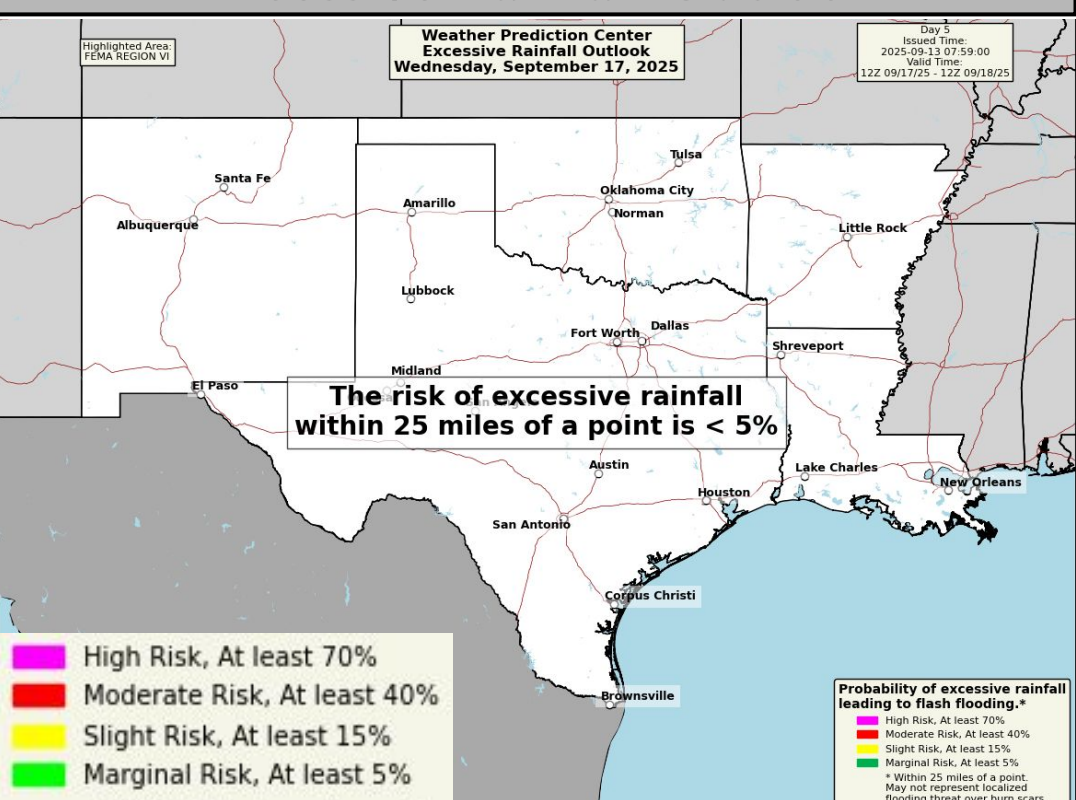


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Severe Weather Outlook



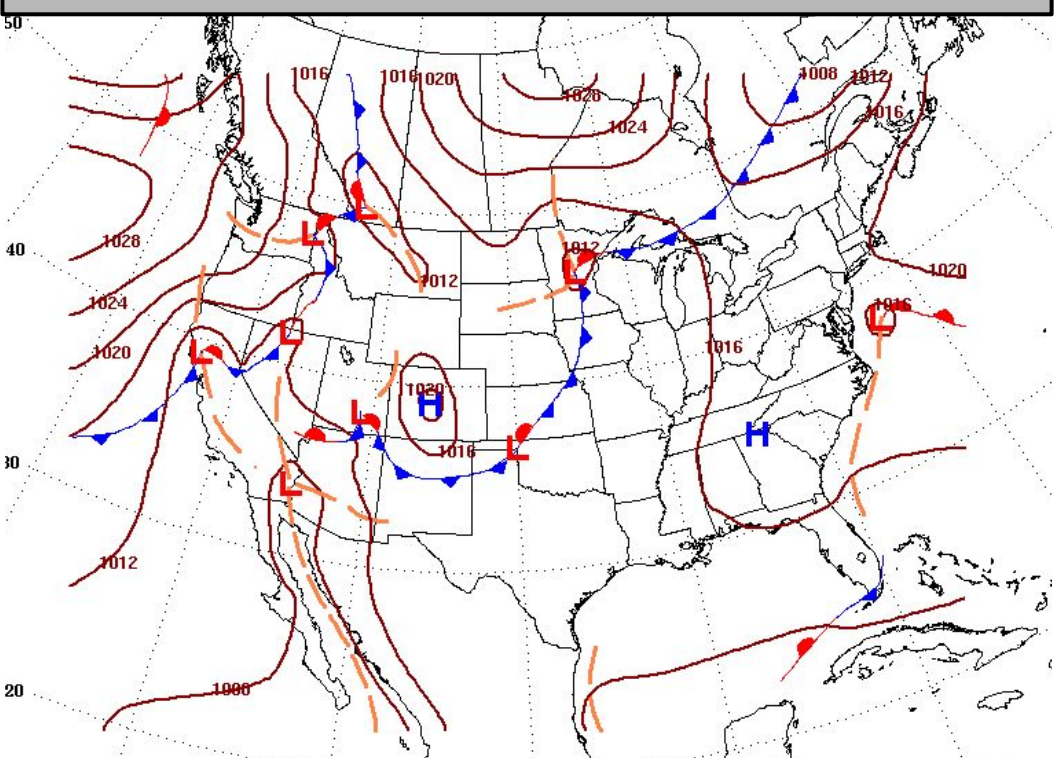
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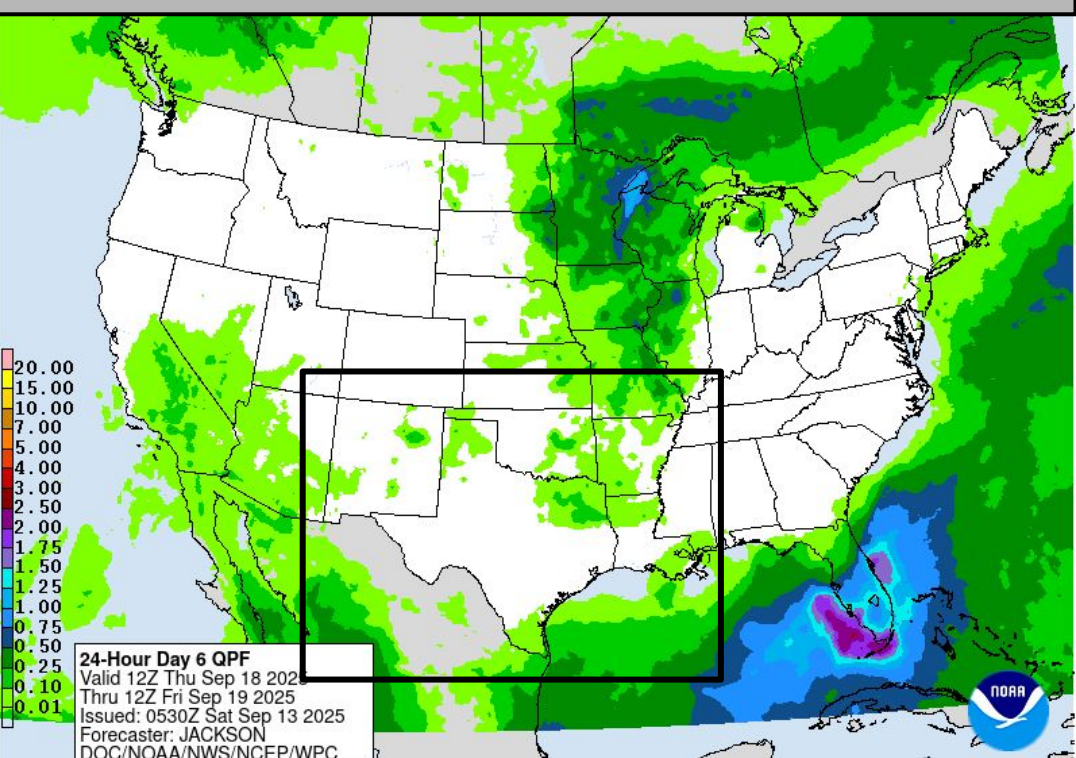


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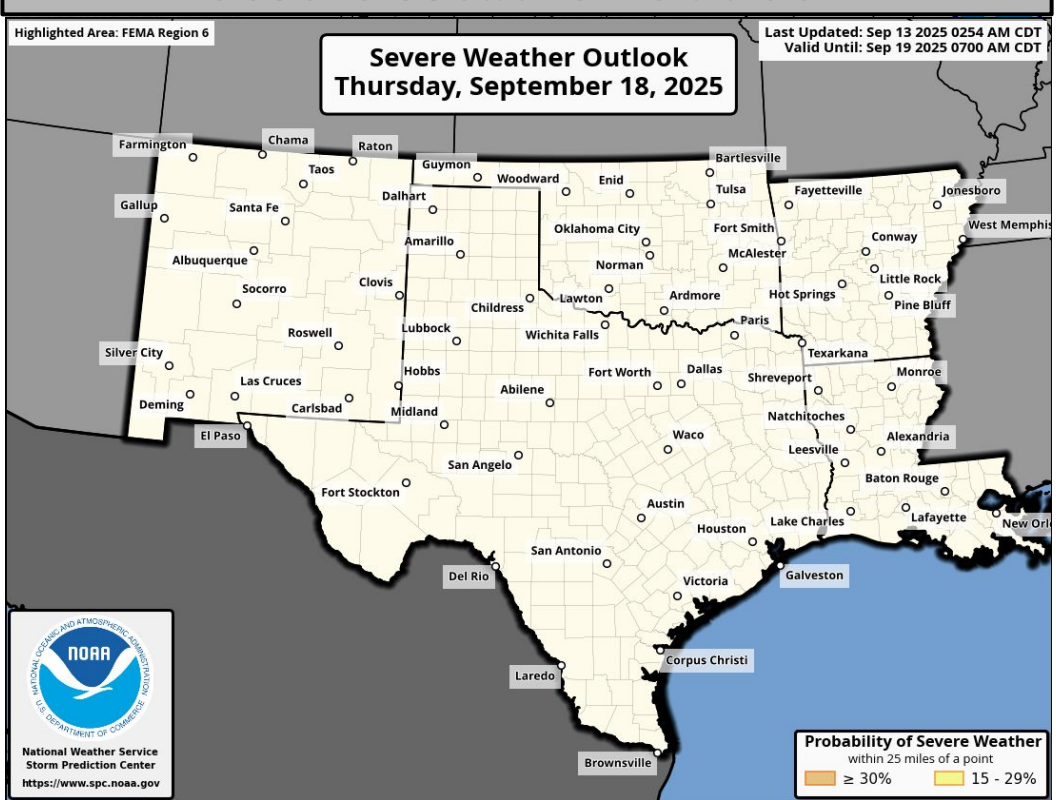


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Severe Weather Outlook

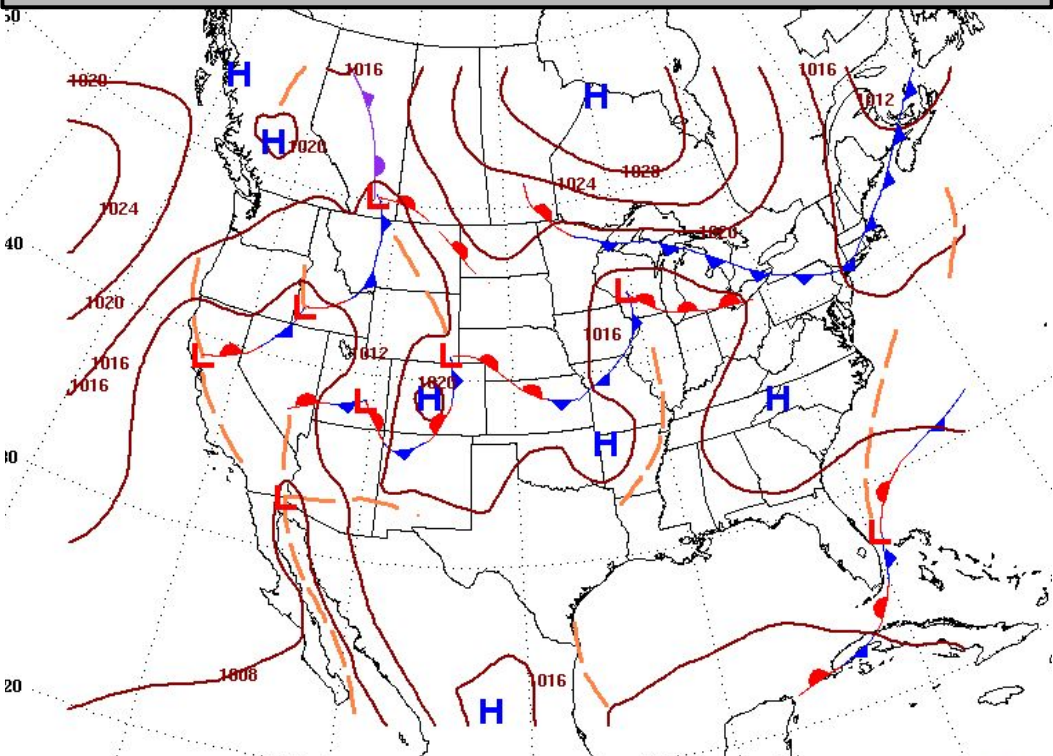


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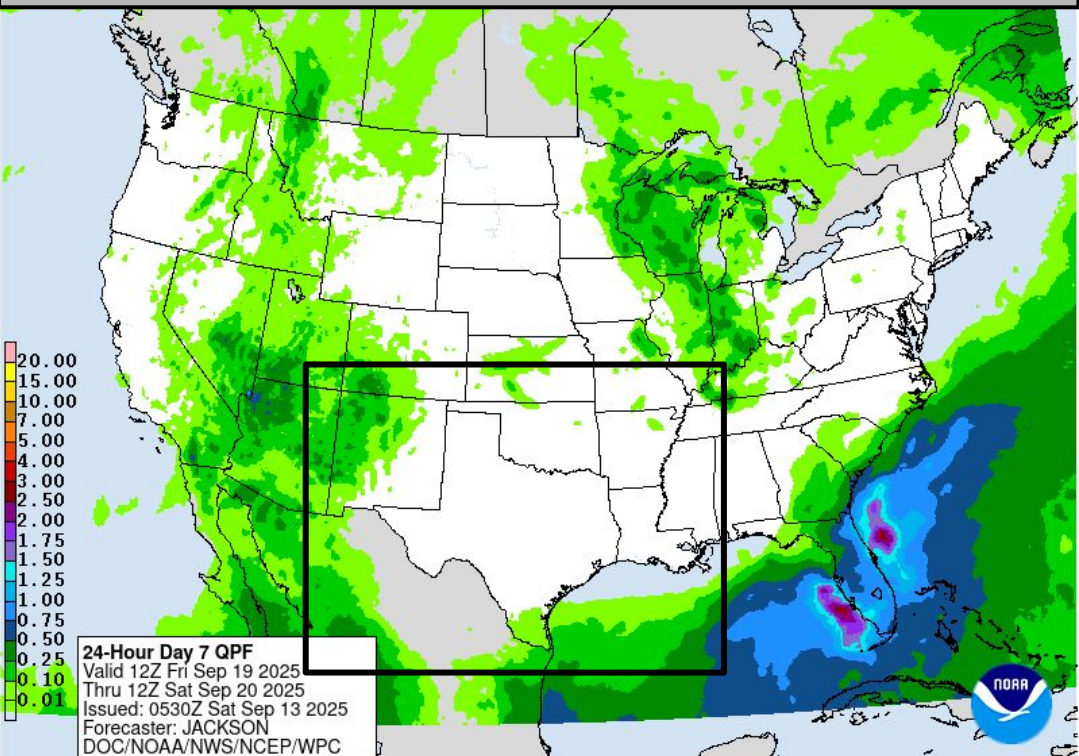


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

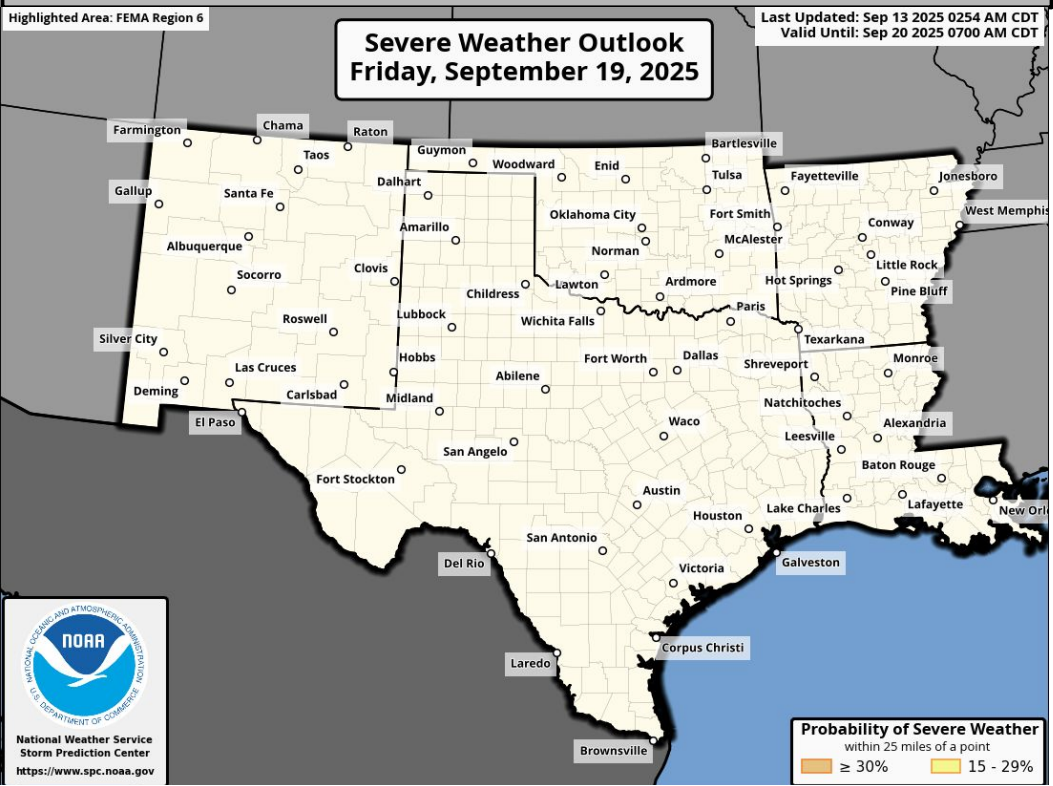


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

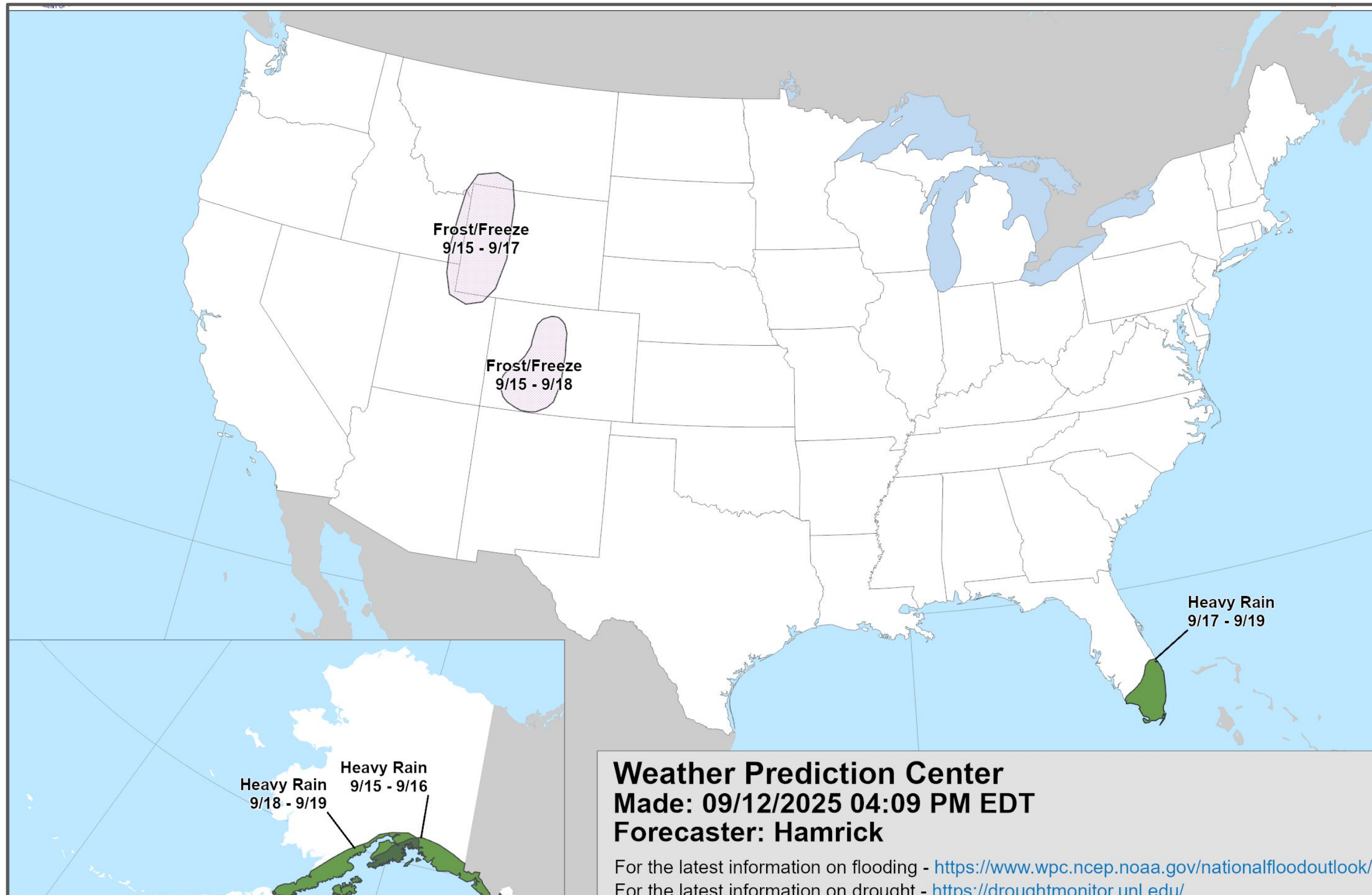


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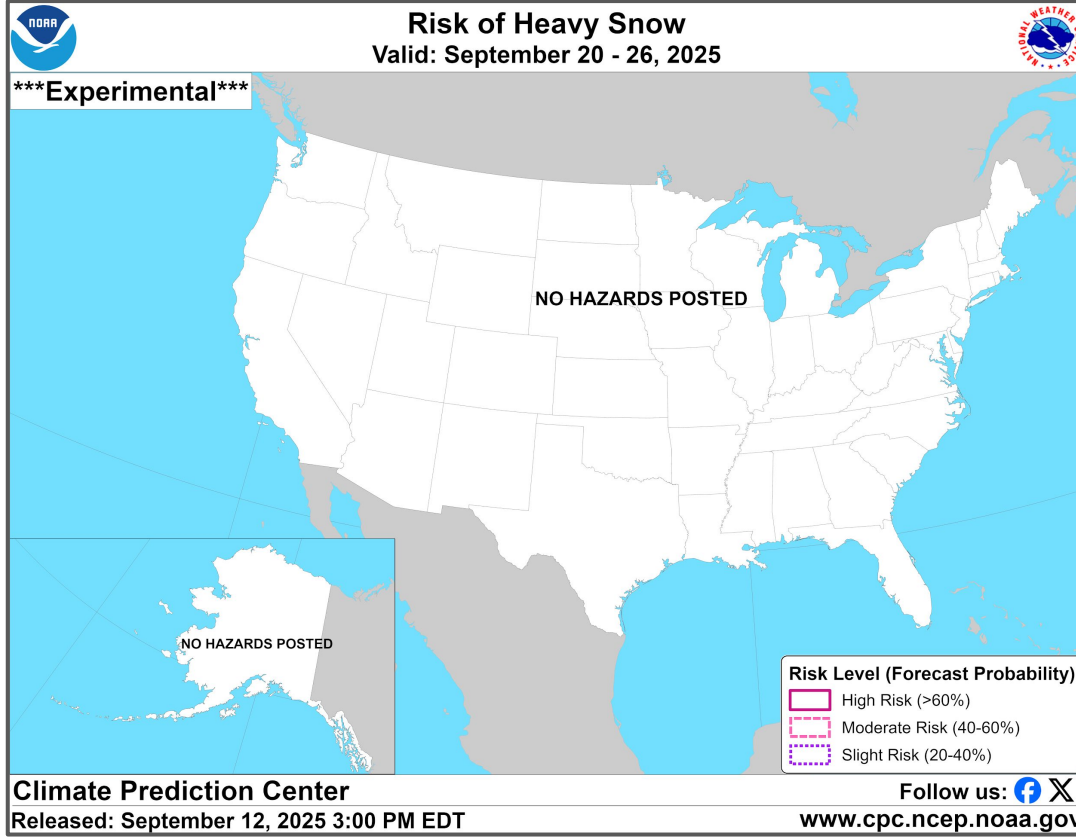
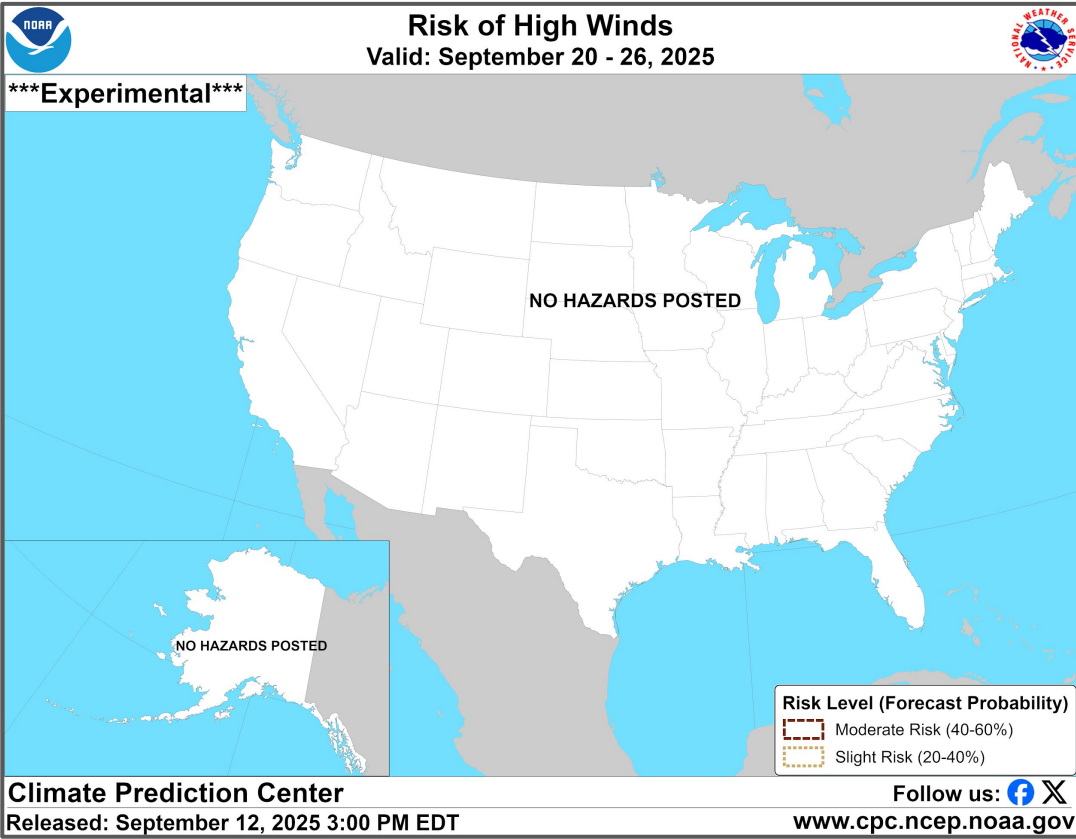
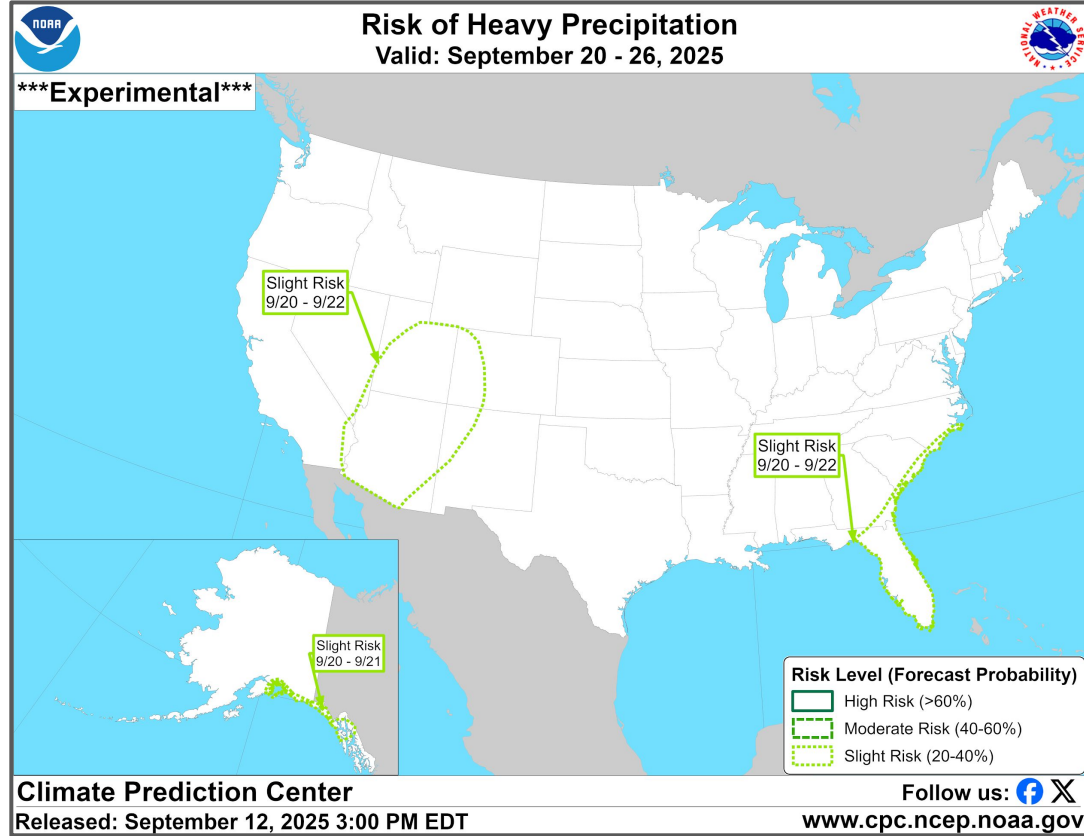
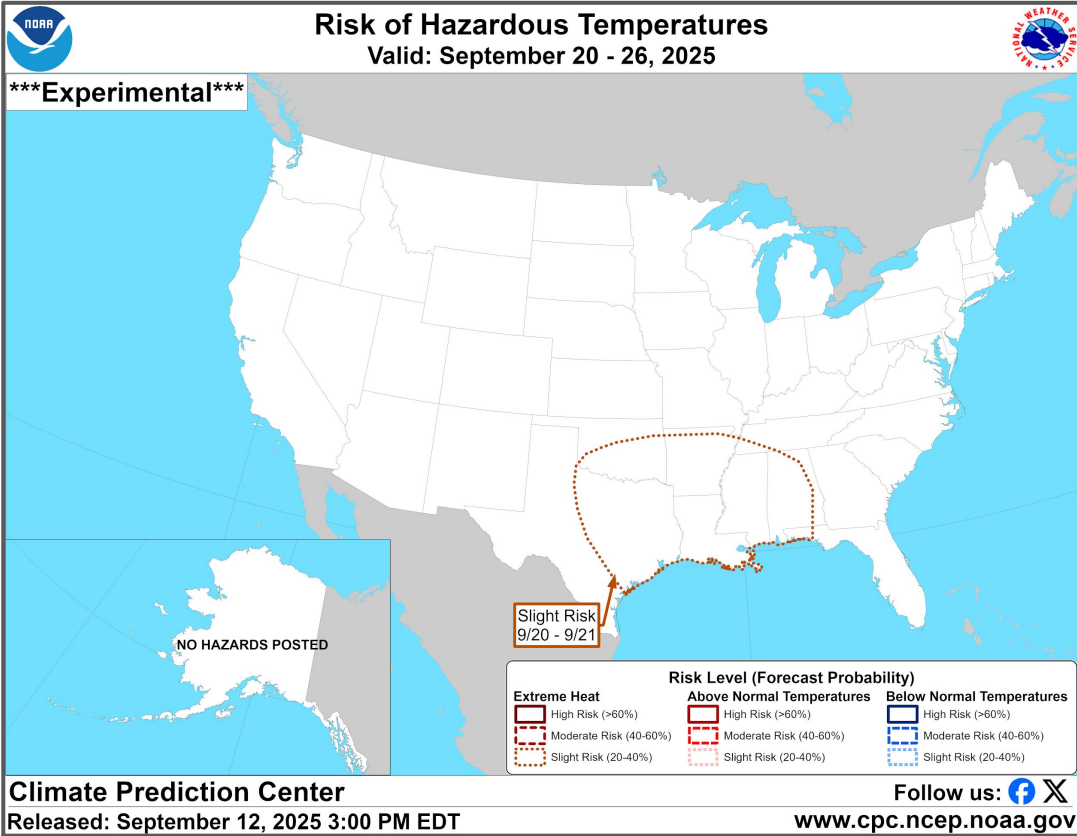
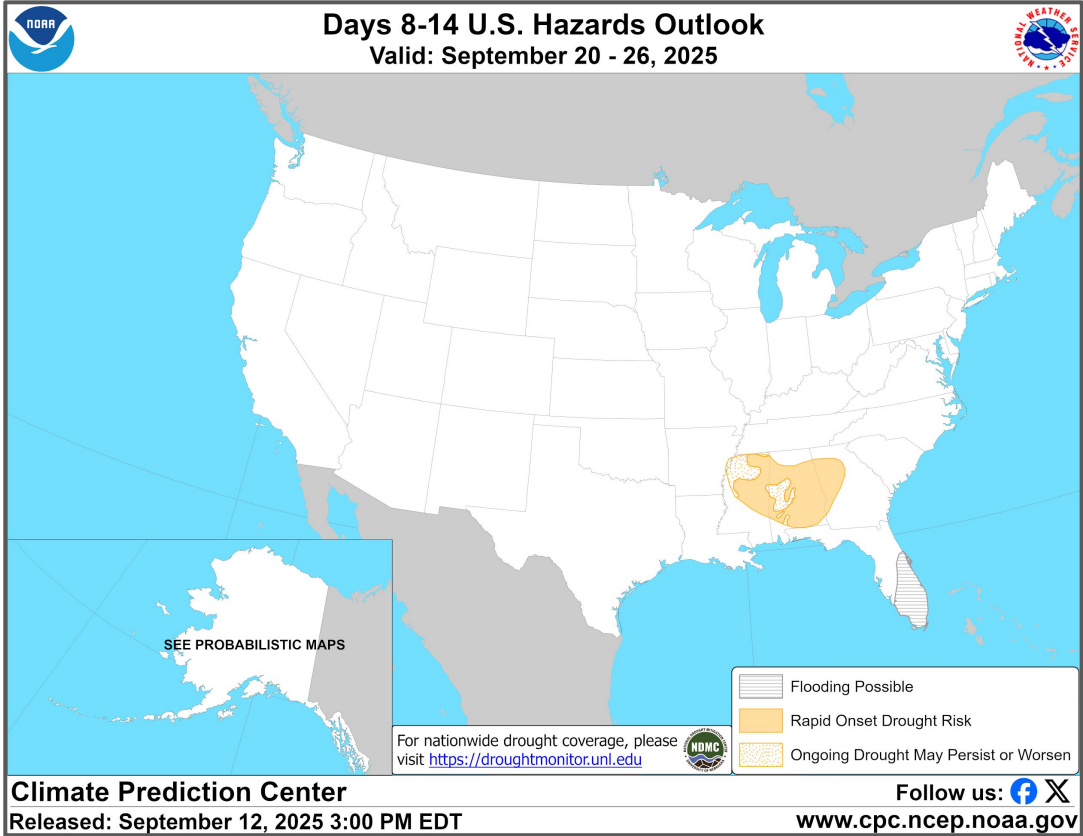


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





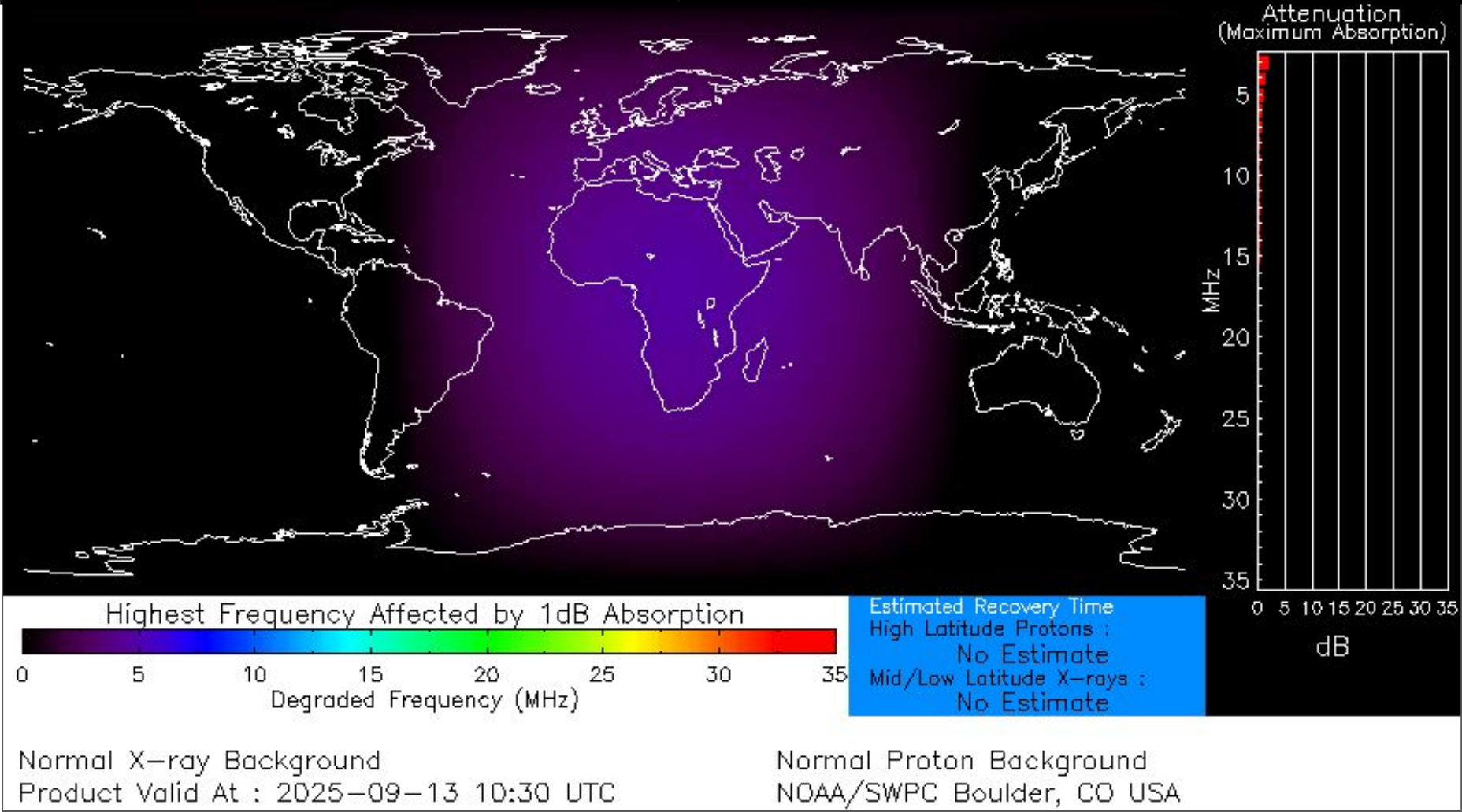
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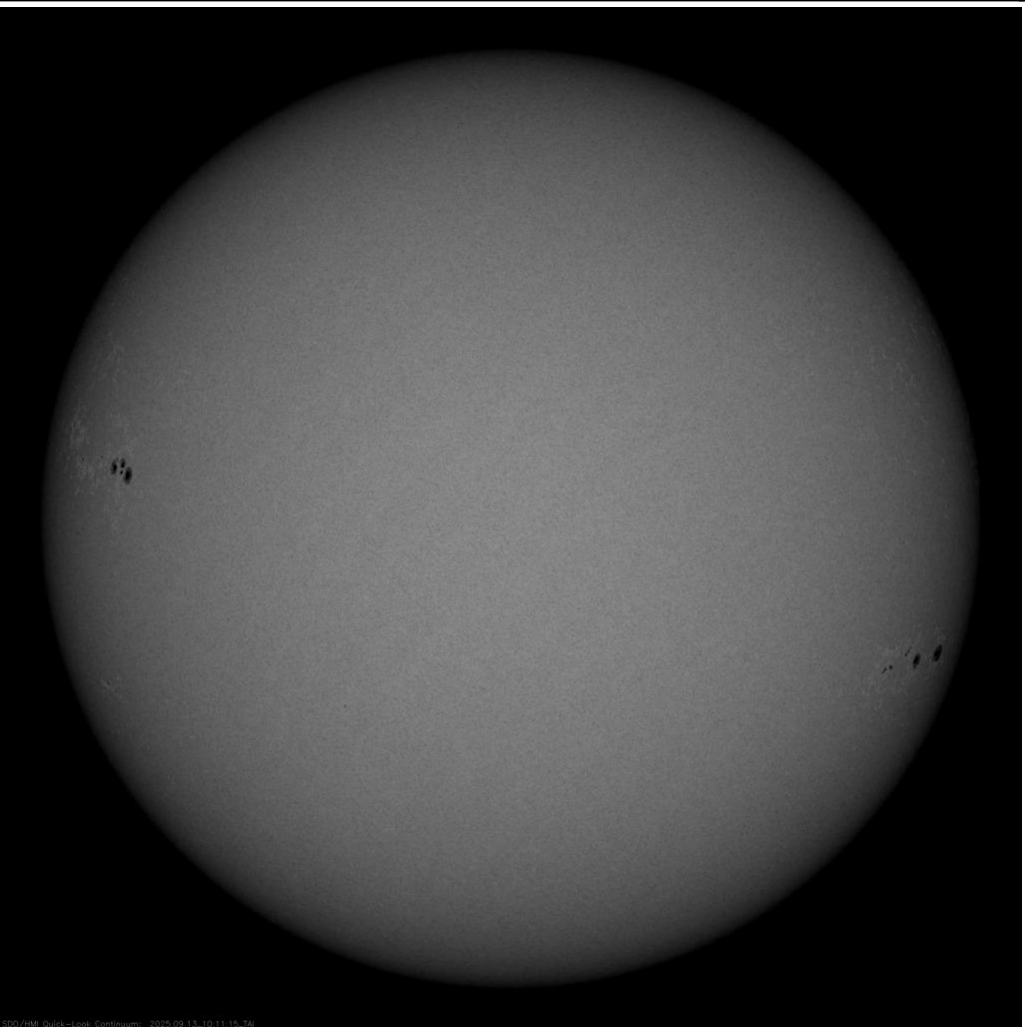
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Sep 13	Sunday, Sep 14	Monday, Sep 15
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[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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