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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
  - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over E OK, NE TX and AR on Tuesday; and W NM Thur-Sat.
  - NM Burn Scars: Moderate risk (level 2 of 4) today over S NM.
- **Severe Weather:** Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over AR, N TX and E OK today.
- **Tropical Weather:**
  - Hurricane Gabrielle is forecast to move eastward across the Atlantic. No impacts to FEMA 6.
  - High chance (90%) for a wave in the central Atlantic to develop over the next 7 days. FEMA 6 impacts are not expected over the next week.
  - Medium chance (60%) for a wave east of the Lesser Antilles to develop over the next 7 days. FEMA 6 impacts are not expected over the next week.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Sep 23	Wednesday, Sep 24	Thursday, Sep 25	Friday, Sep 26	Saturday, Sep 27	Sunday, Sep 28	Monday, Sep 29
Severe Storms	AR, N TX, E OK	LA, SE/STX, SE AR	SE LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, AR, N E TX	NM, W TX, E AR, LA, C-SE TX	SW NM	SW NM	S NM, W TX	S NM, W TX	
Burn Scars	S NM			S 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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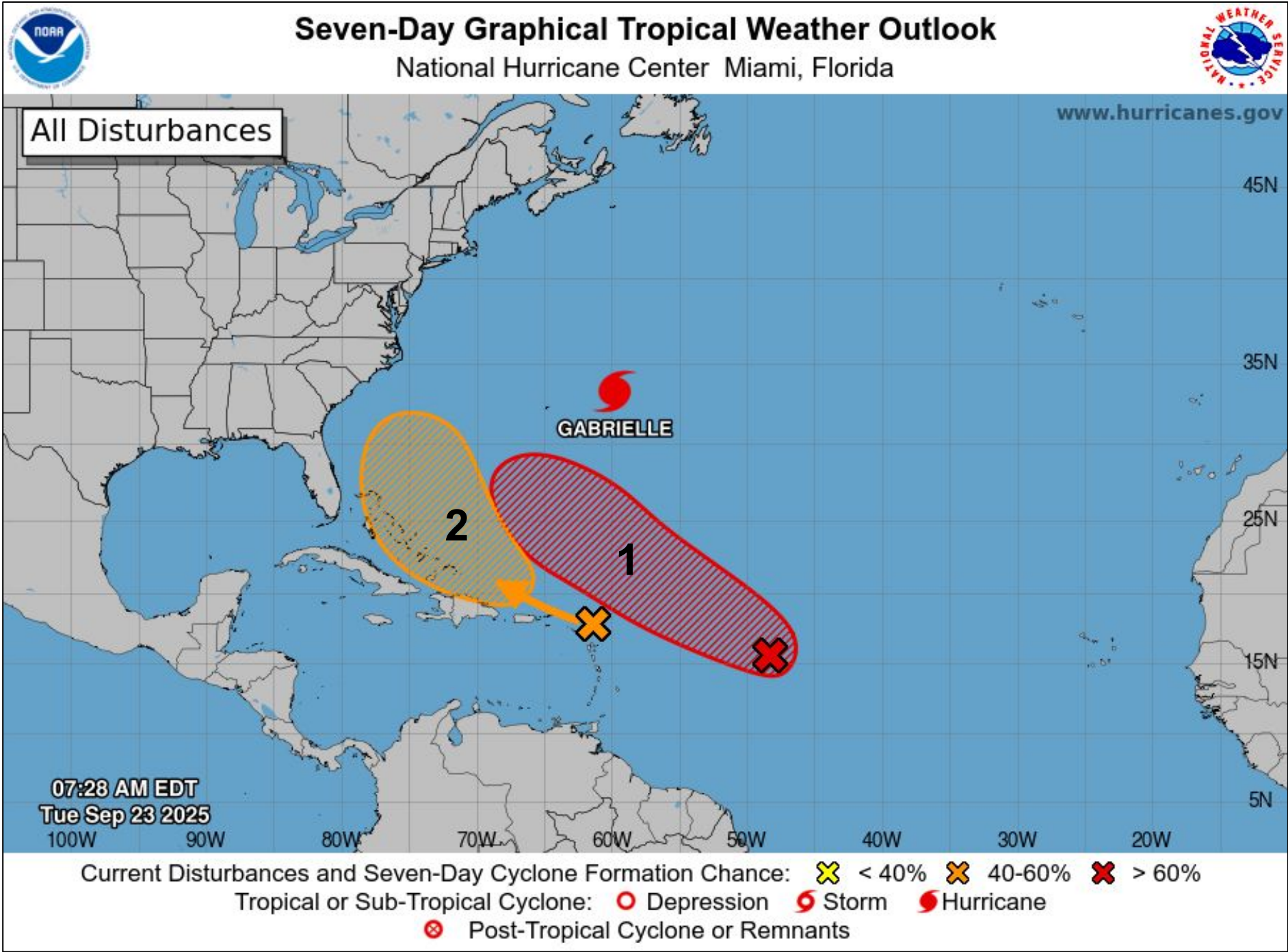




# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	High	None over the next 7 days.
2	Medium	None over the next 7 days.

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Gabrielle	None



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



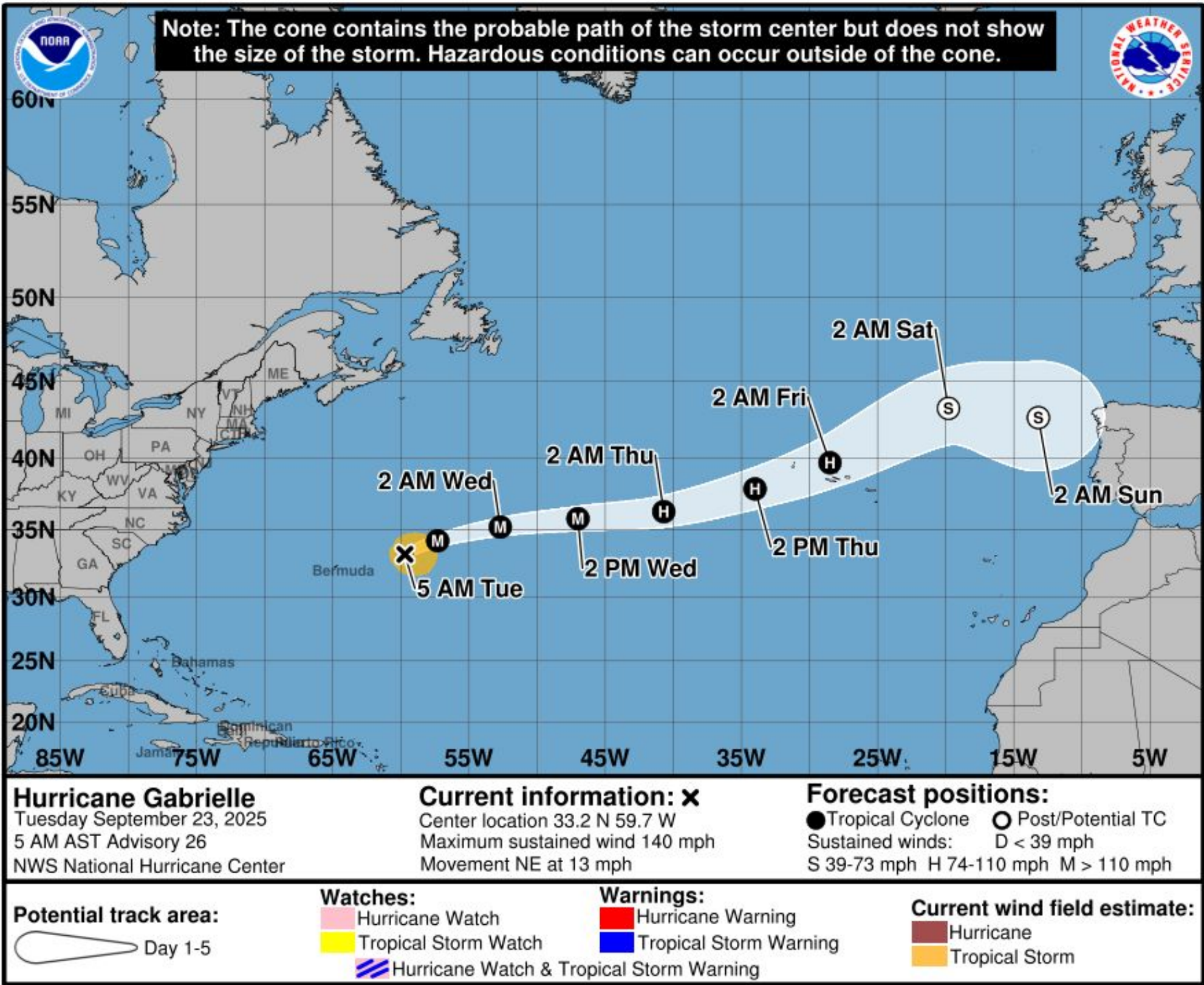




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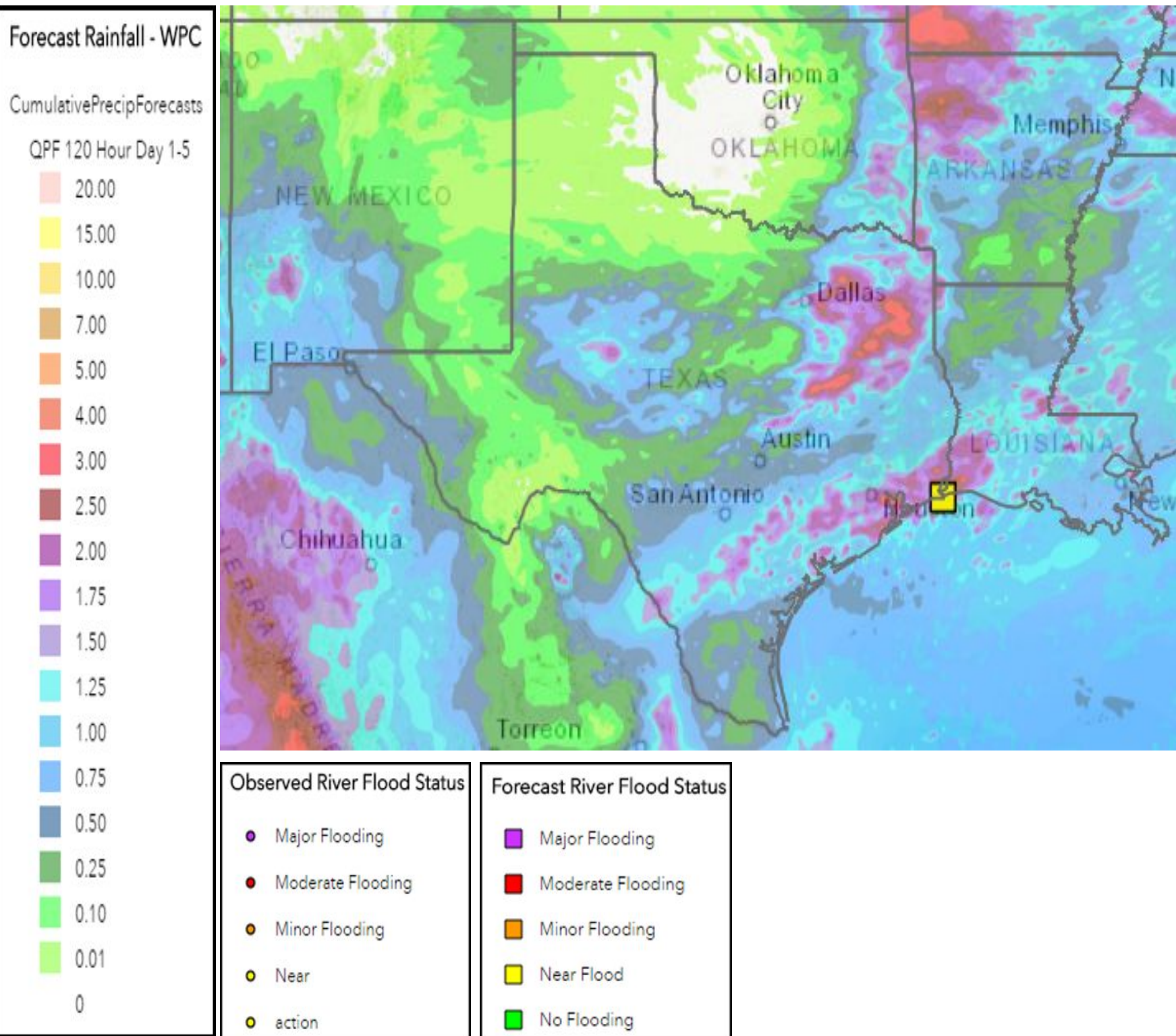






# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



**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.*

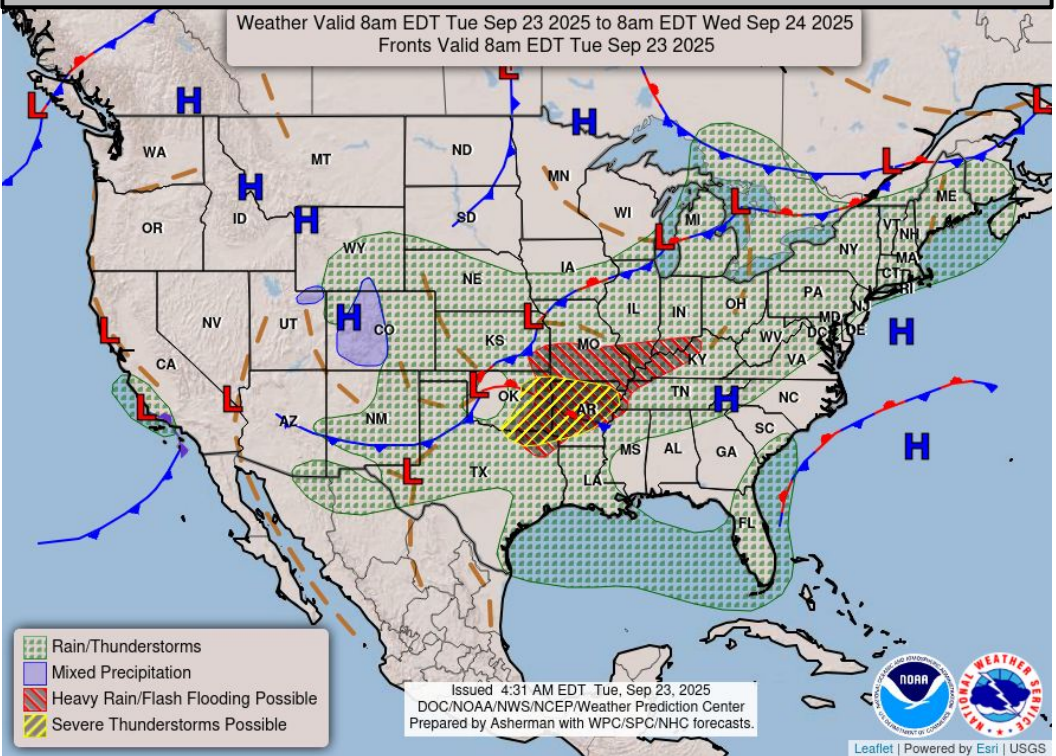




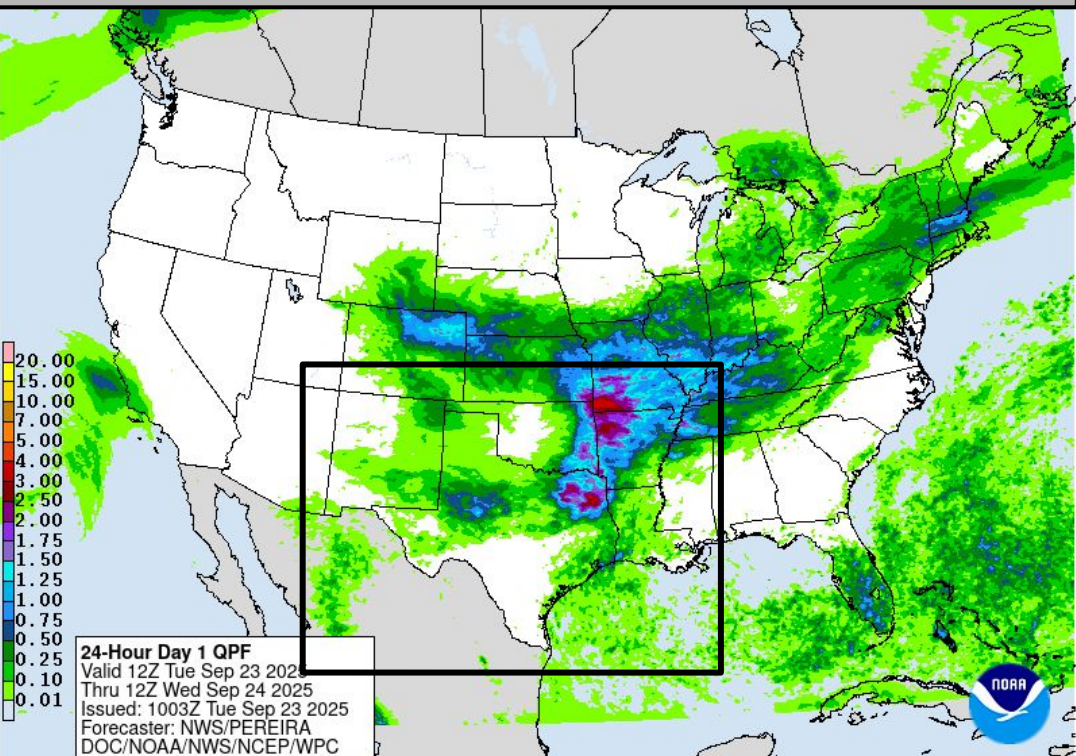


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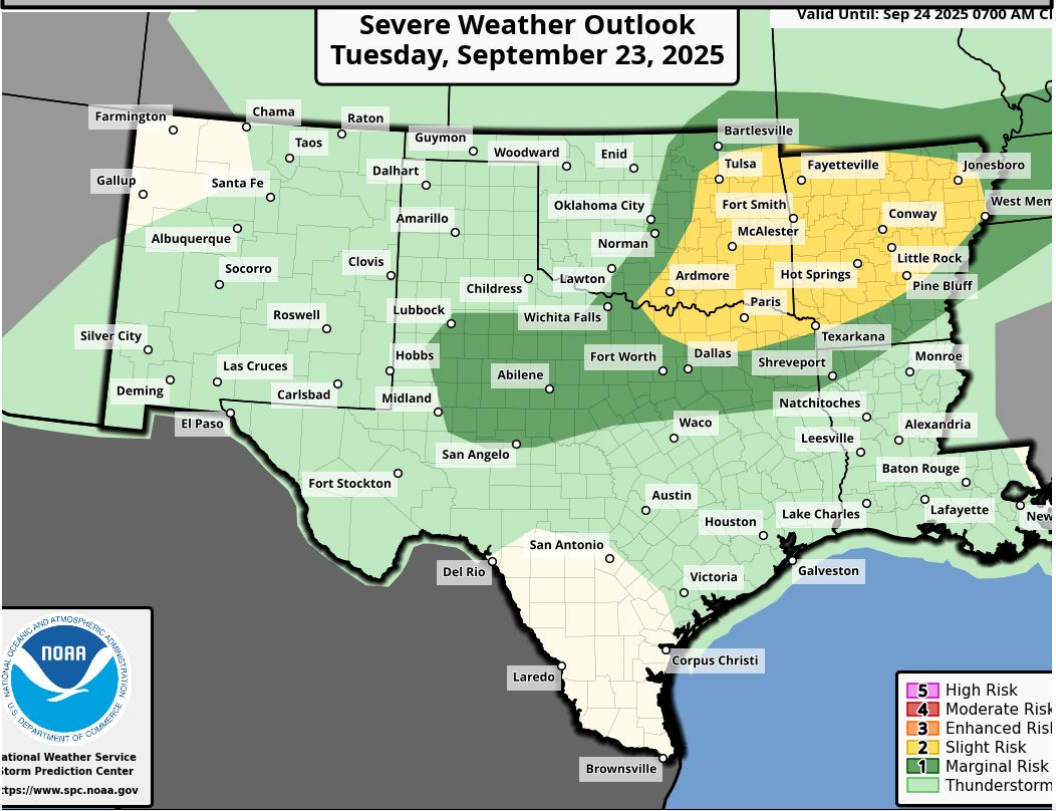
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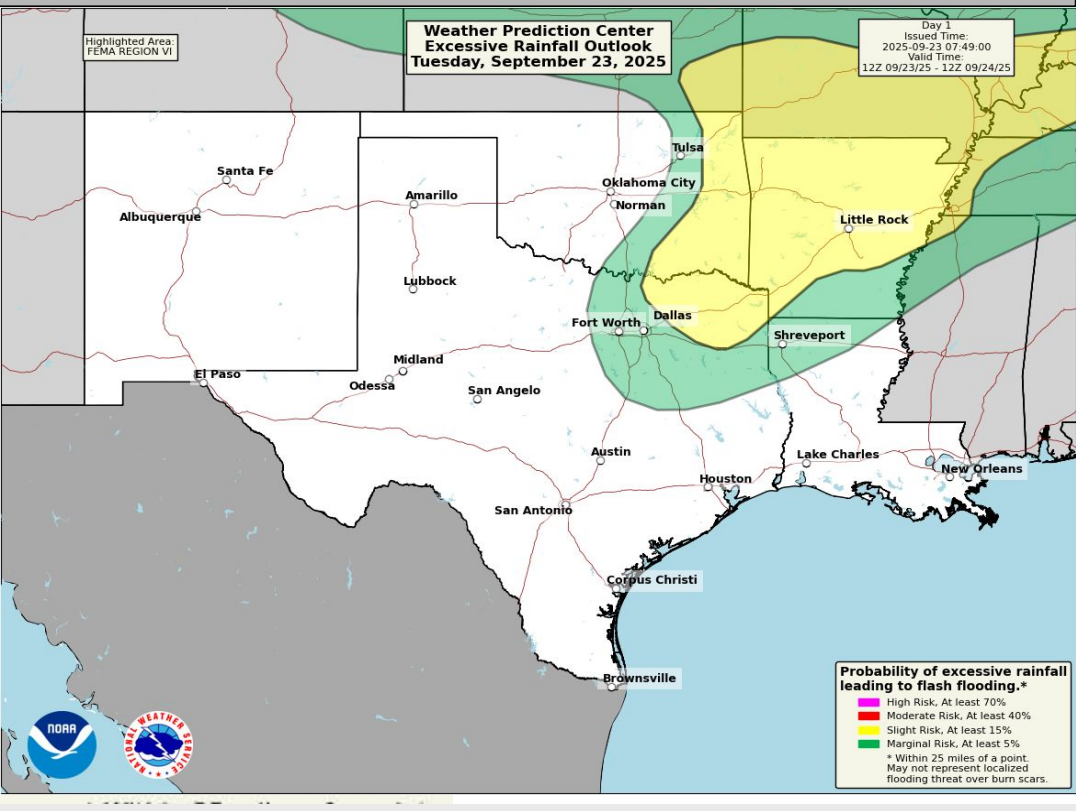
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in AR, NE TX and E OK.**

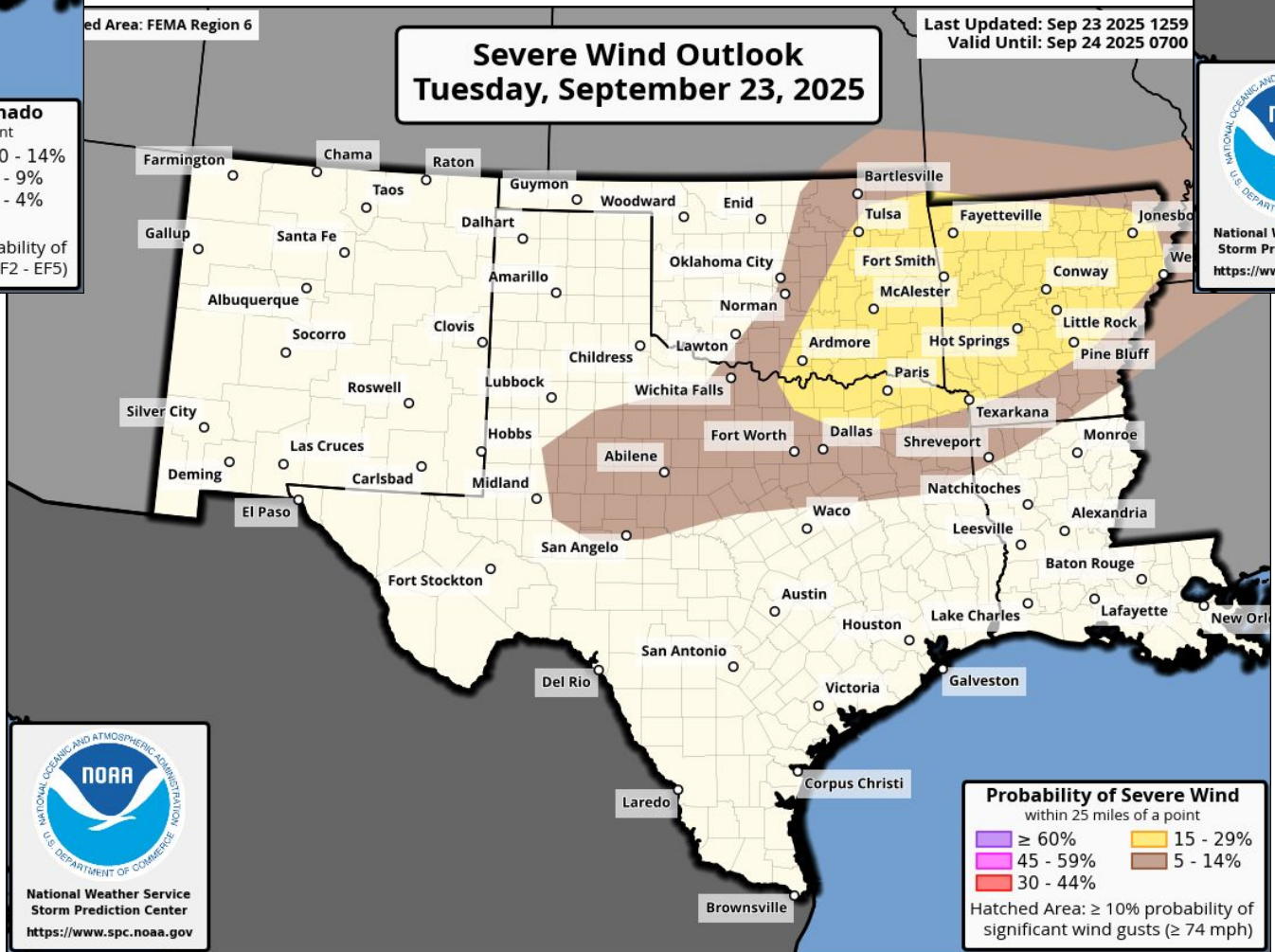
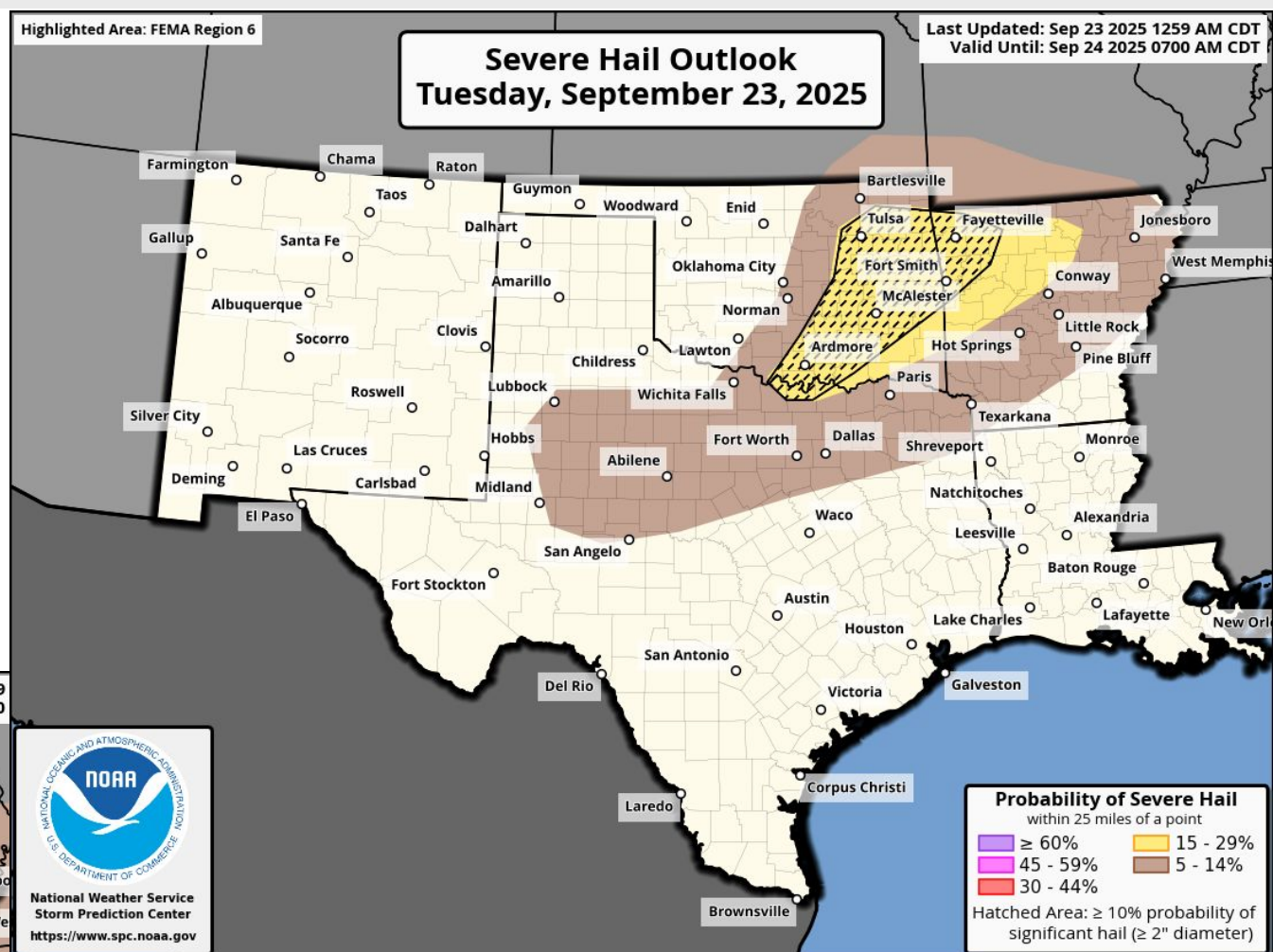
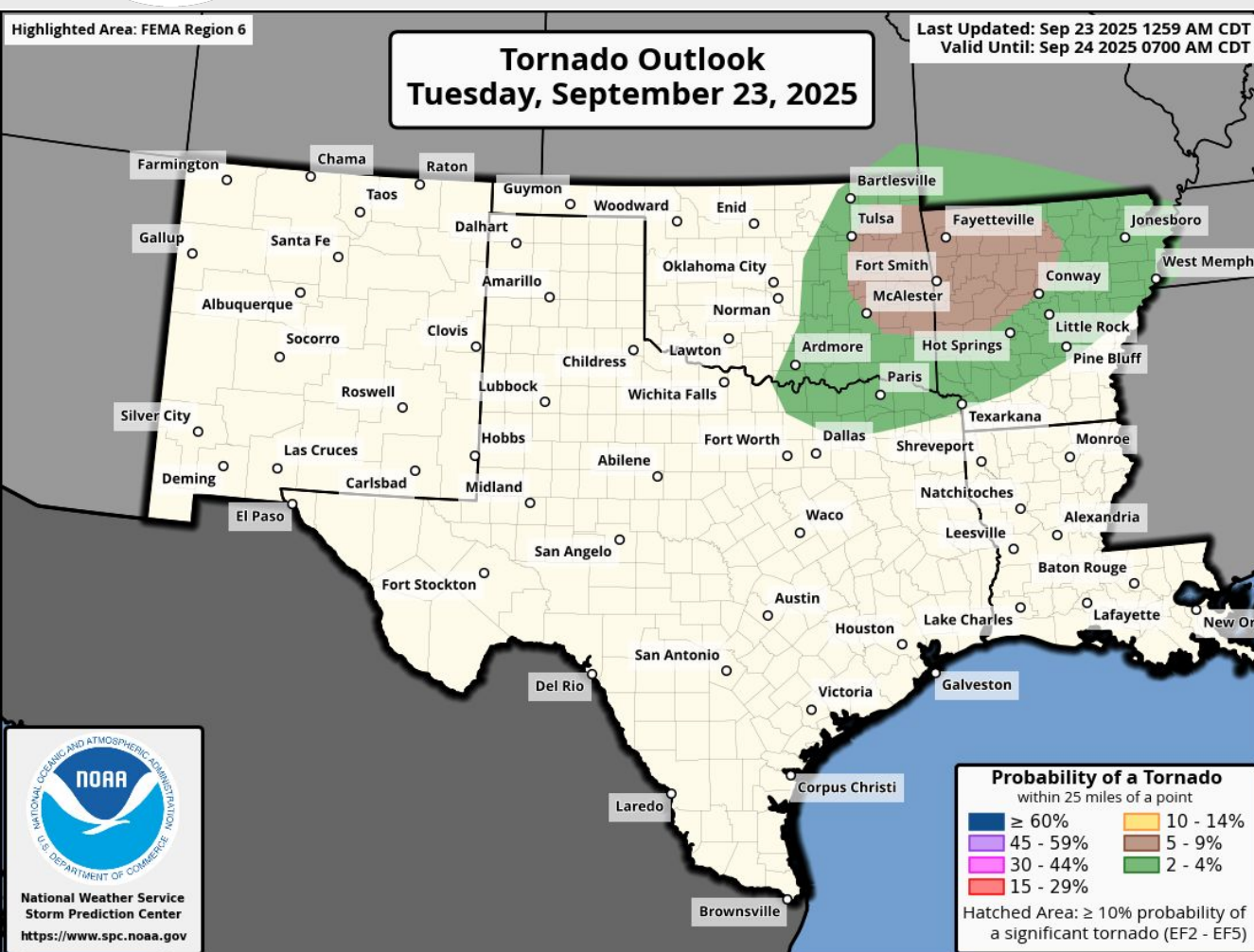
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in AR, NE TX and E OK. Isolated hail greater than 2" in diameter with isolated tornado potential.**  
**Timing: 1 PM - 9 PM CDT.**

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





# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

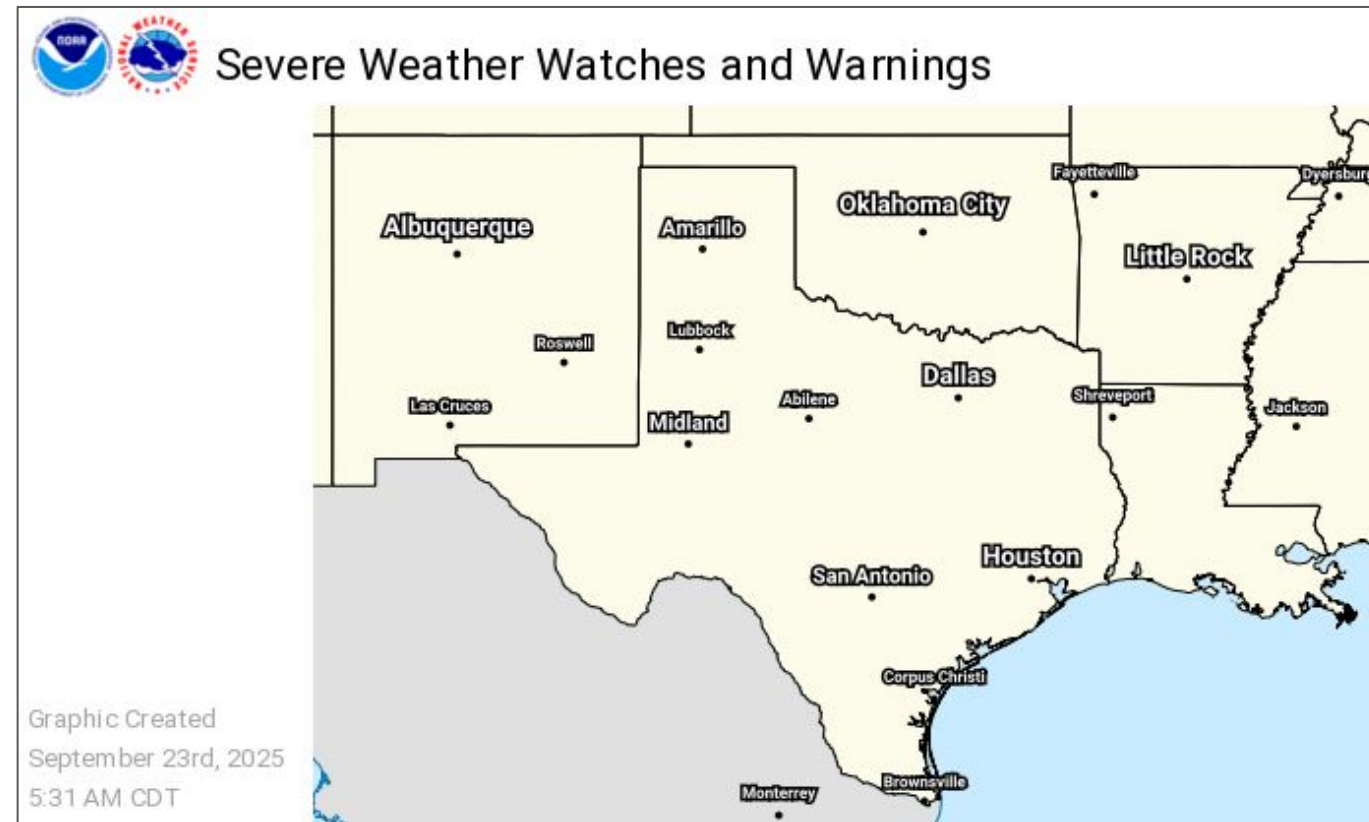




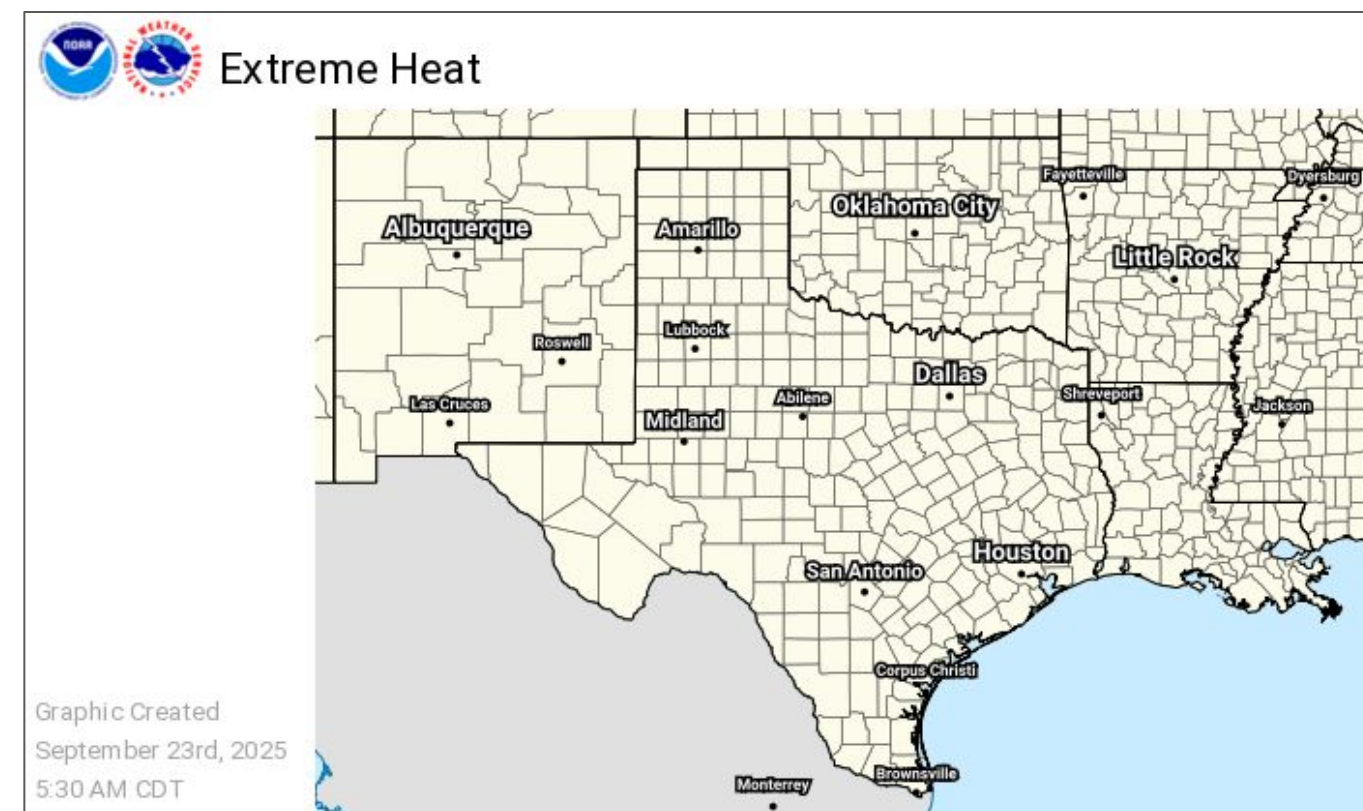


# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



**Flood Watch for southern New Mexico burn scar area from 3 PM CDT through 3 AM CDT. Rainfall rates greater than .5" per hour.**



**Flood Watches for NE OK, NW-CAR through 7 AM CDT tomorrow. Rainfall amounts of 2-4", with localized 6-8" through tomorrow morning.**

**High wind warnings in SE NM, WTX from 2 AM CDT through 10 CDT Wed. Winds 35-45 mph.**



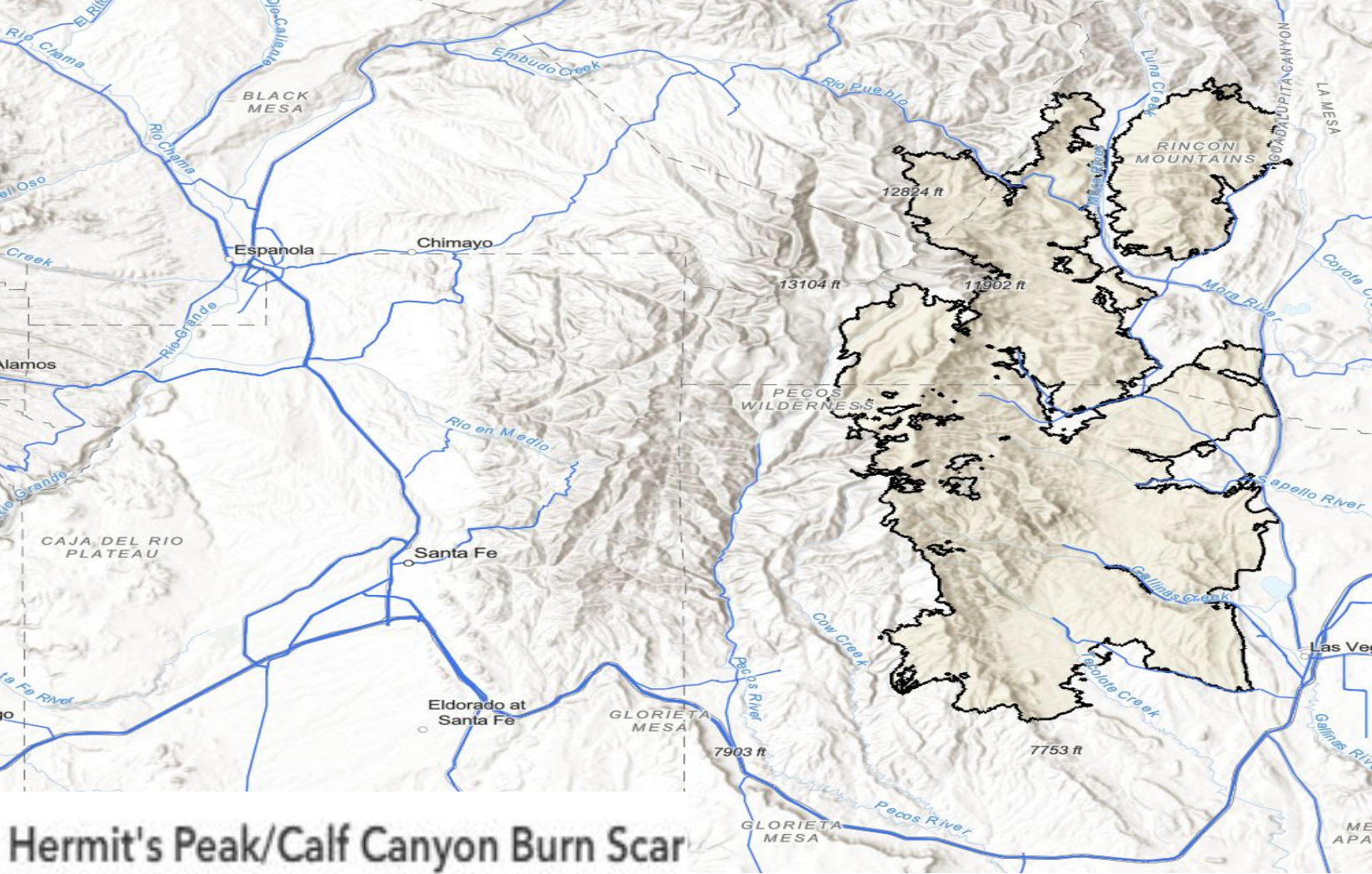




# Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scar New Mexico

## Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Tuesday, Sep 23	Wednesday, Sep 24	Thursday, Sep 25	Friday, Sep 26
Flash Flooding				
Timing - CDT				



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%
Extreme (level 4 of 4)	Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.</li></ul>	



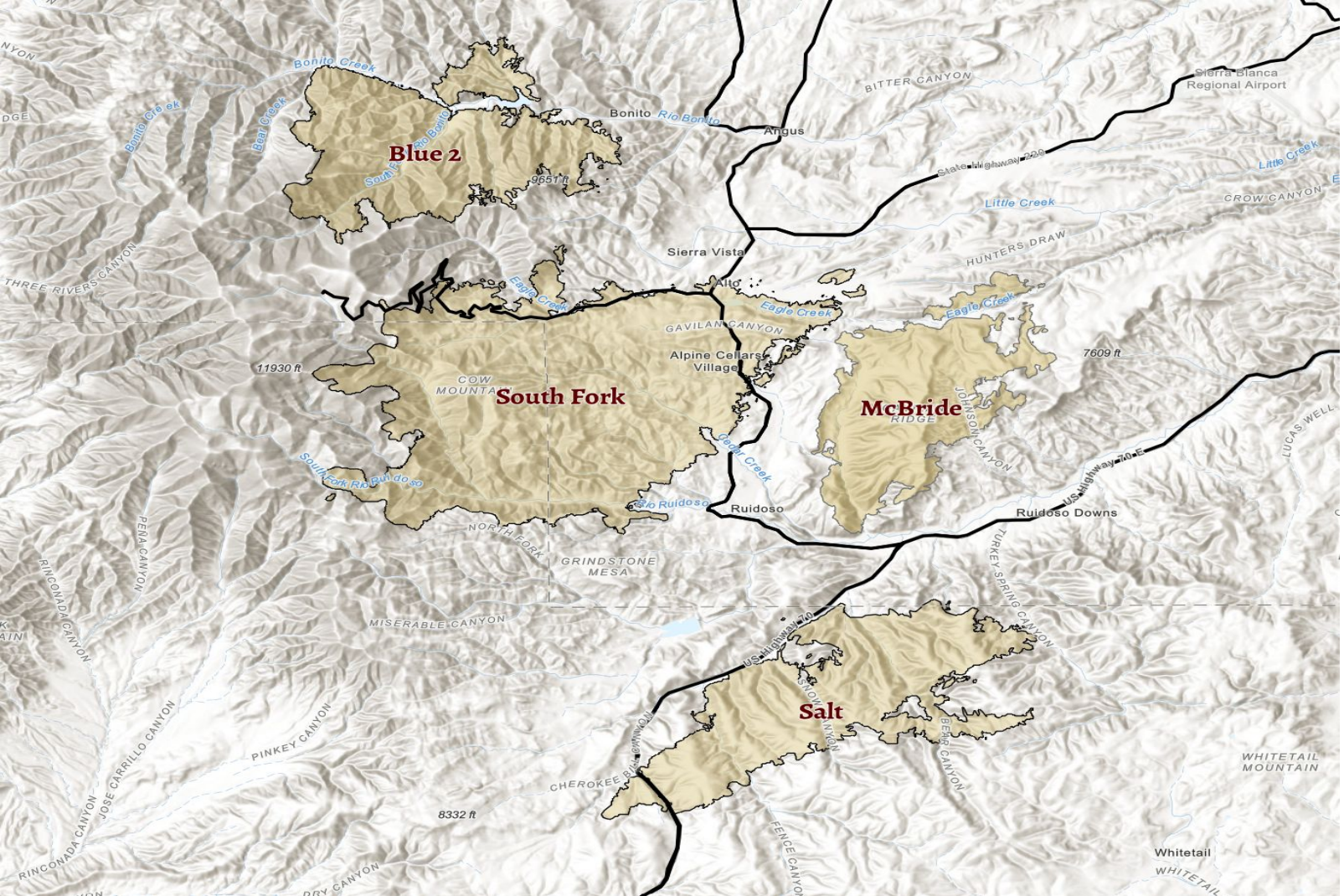




# Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

## Sacramento Complex

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Flash Flooding	Moderate			Minor
Timing - CDT	3 PM - 3 AM			Afternoon/Evening

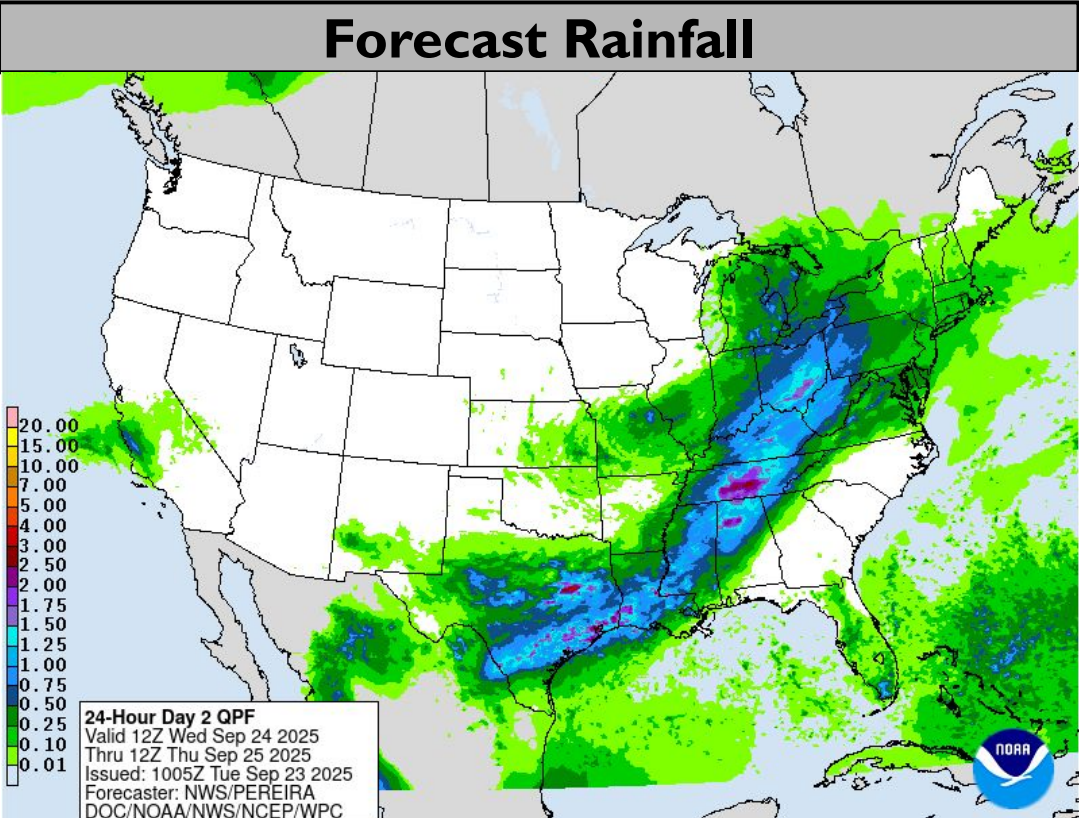
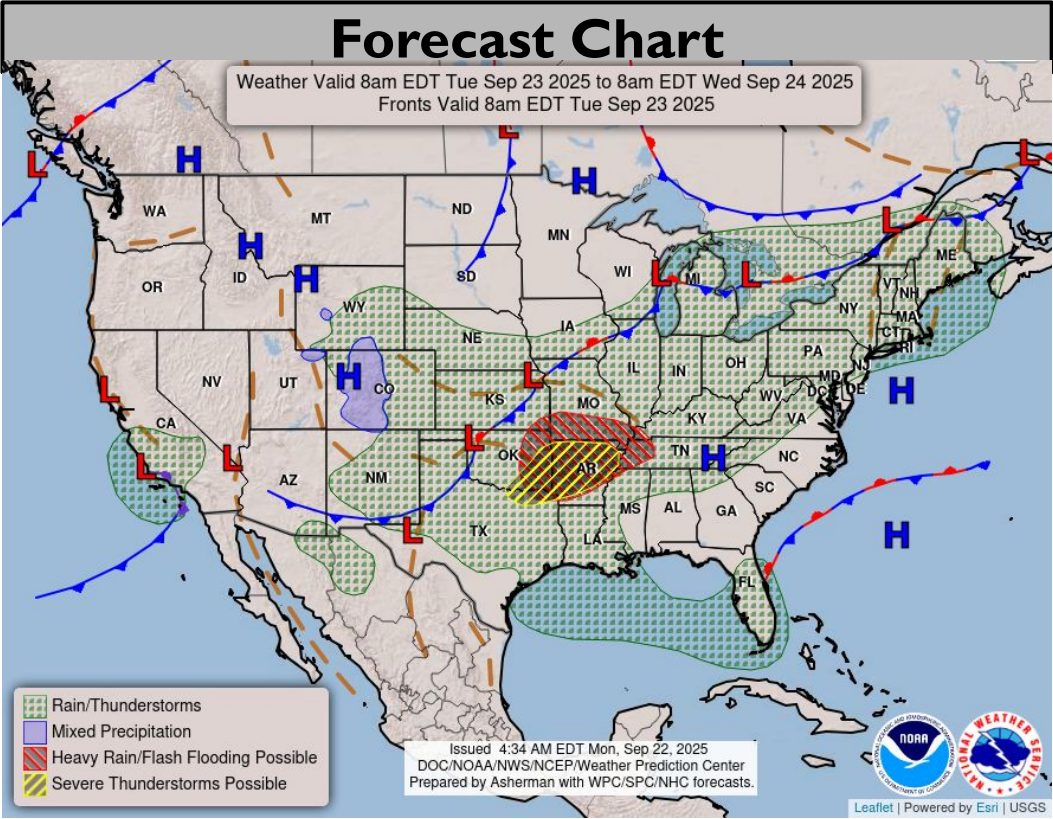


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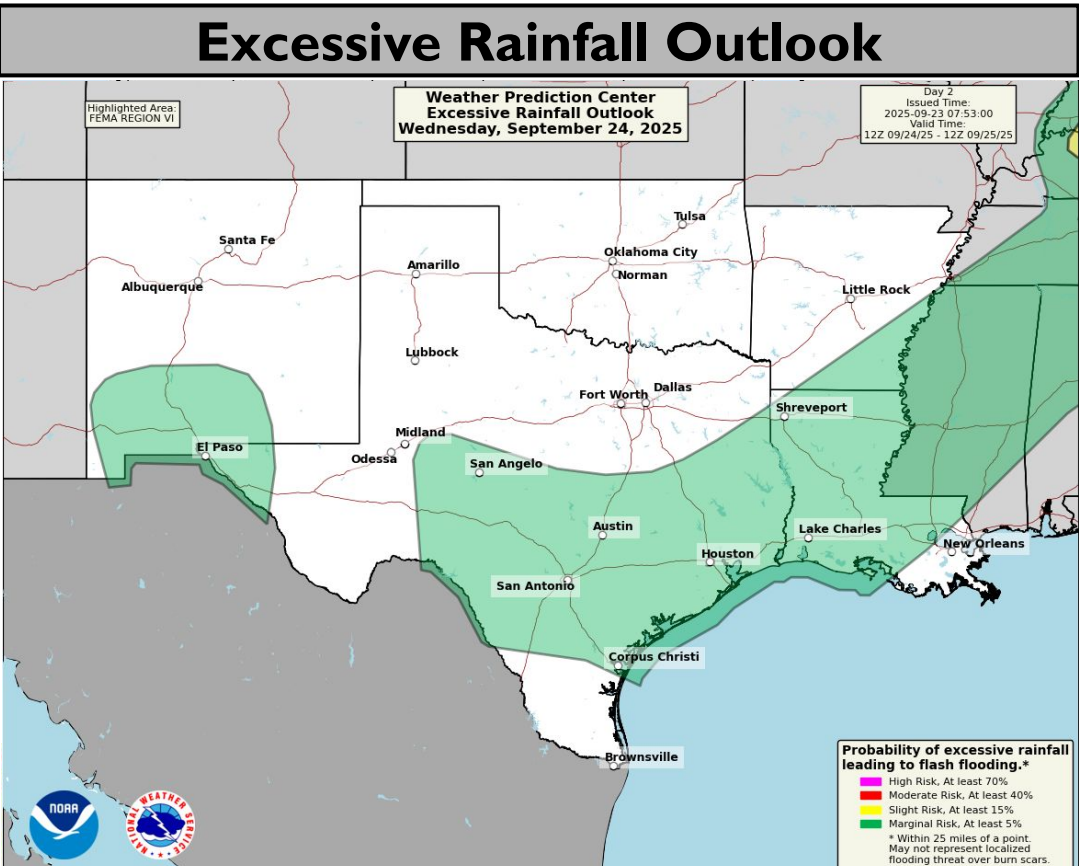
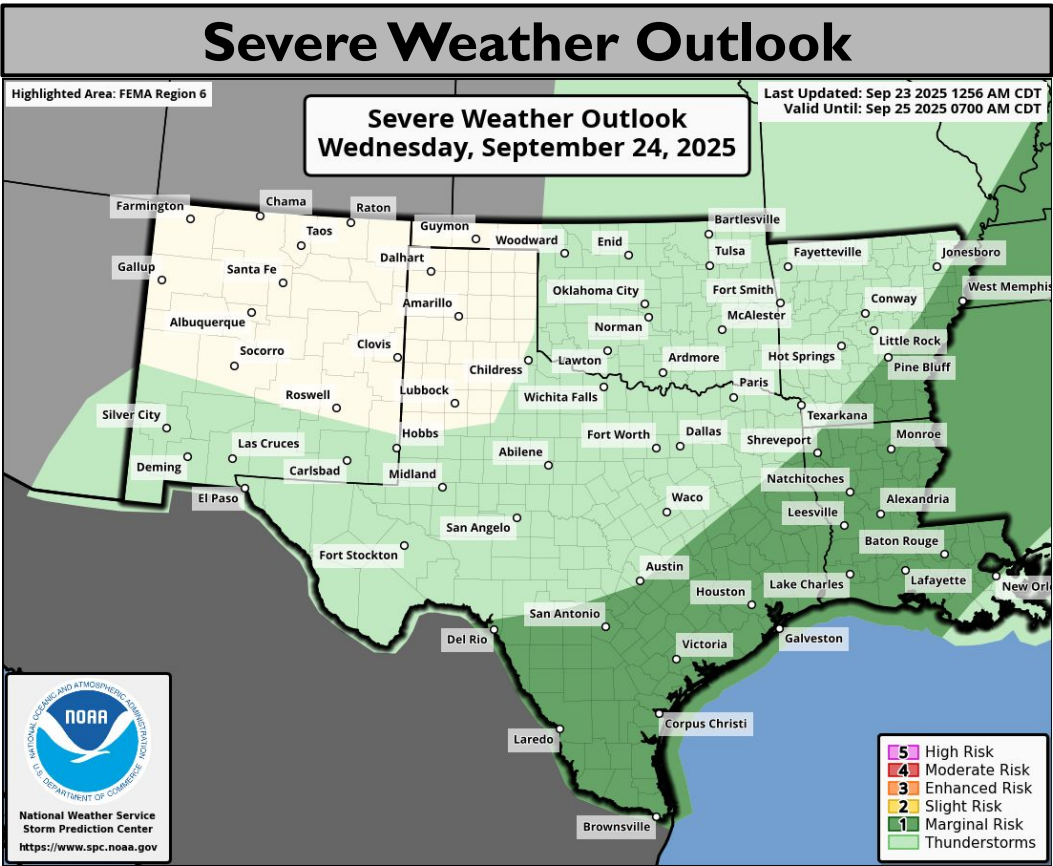


# Tomorrow's Weather



**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, W TX, E AR, LA, C-SE TX.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in LA, SE/STX, SE AR.**



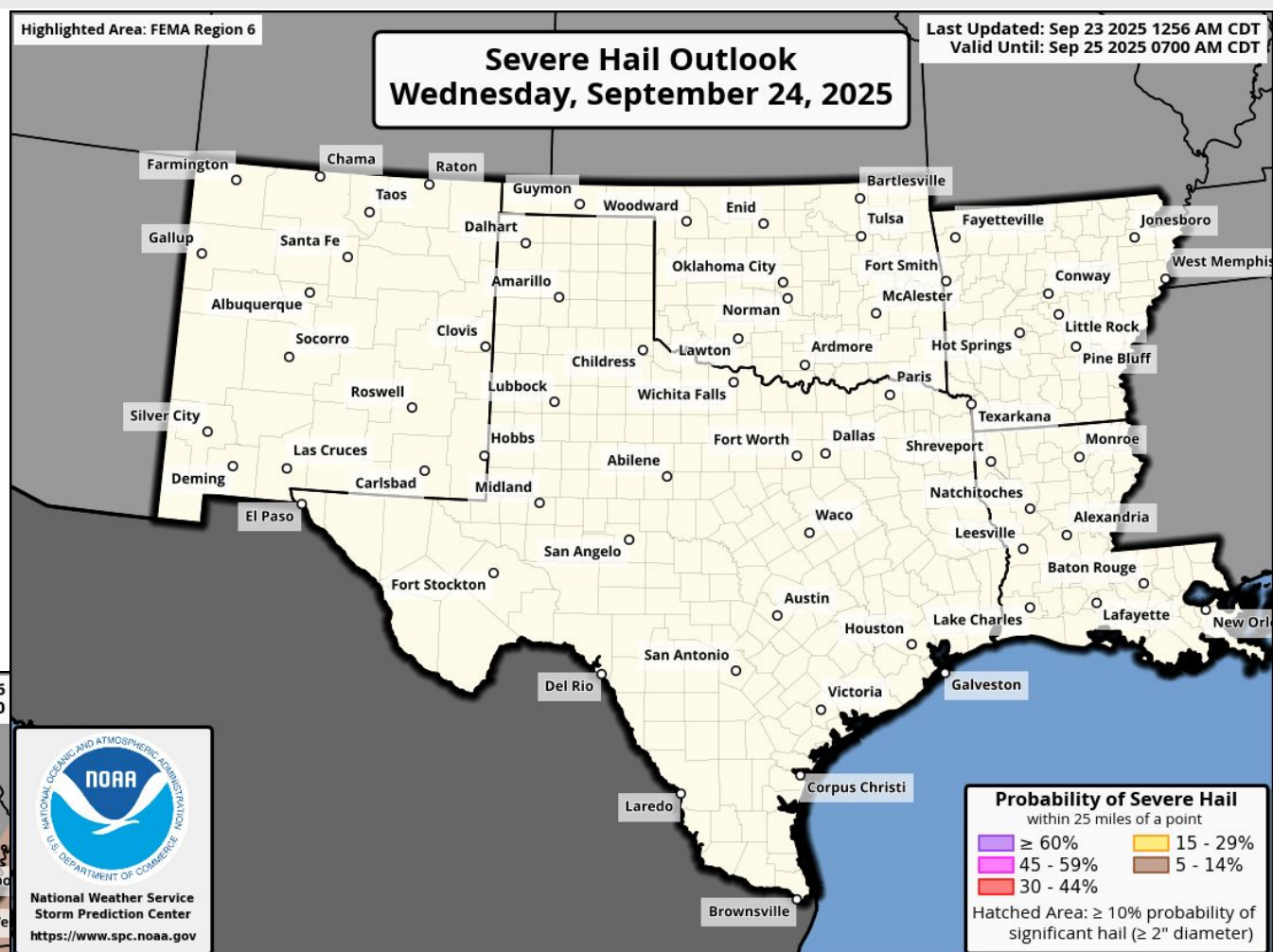
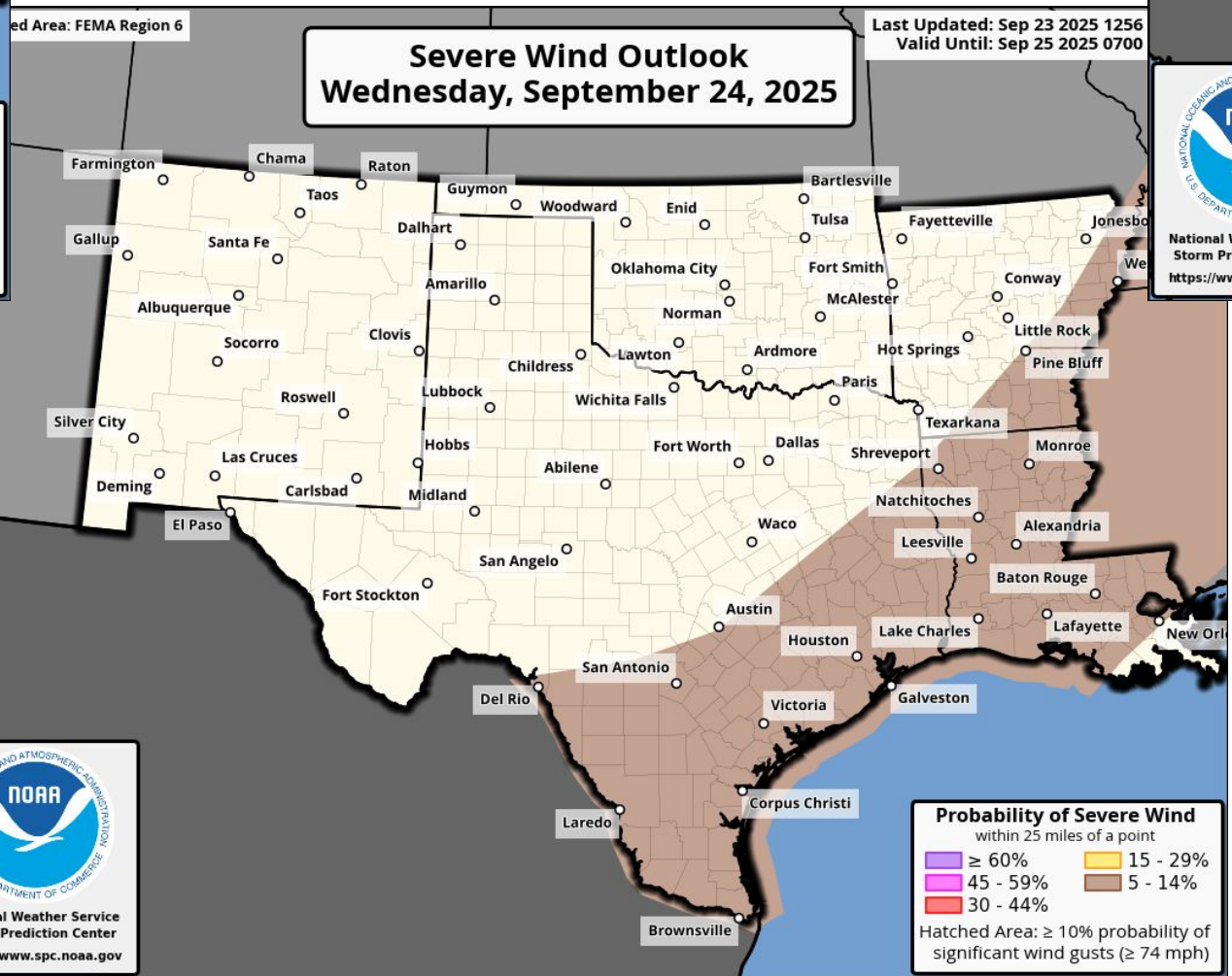
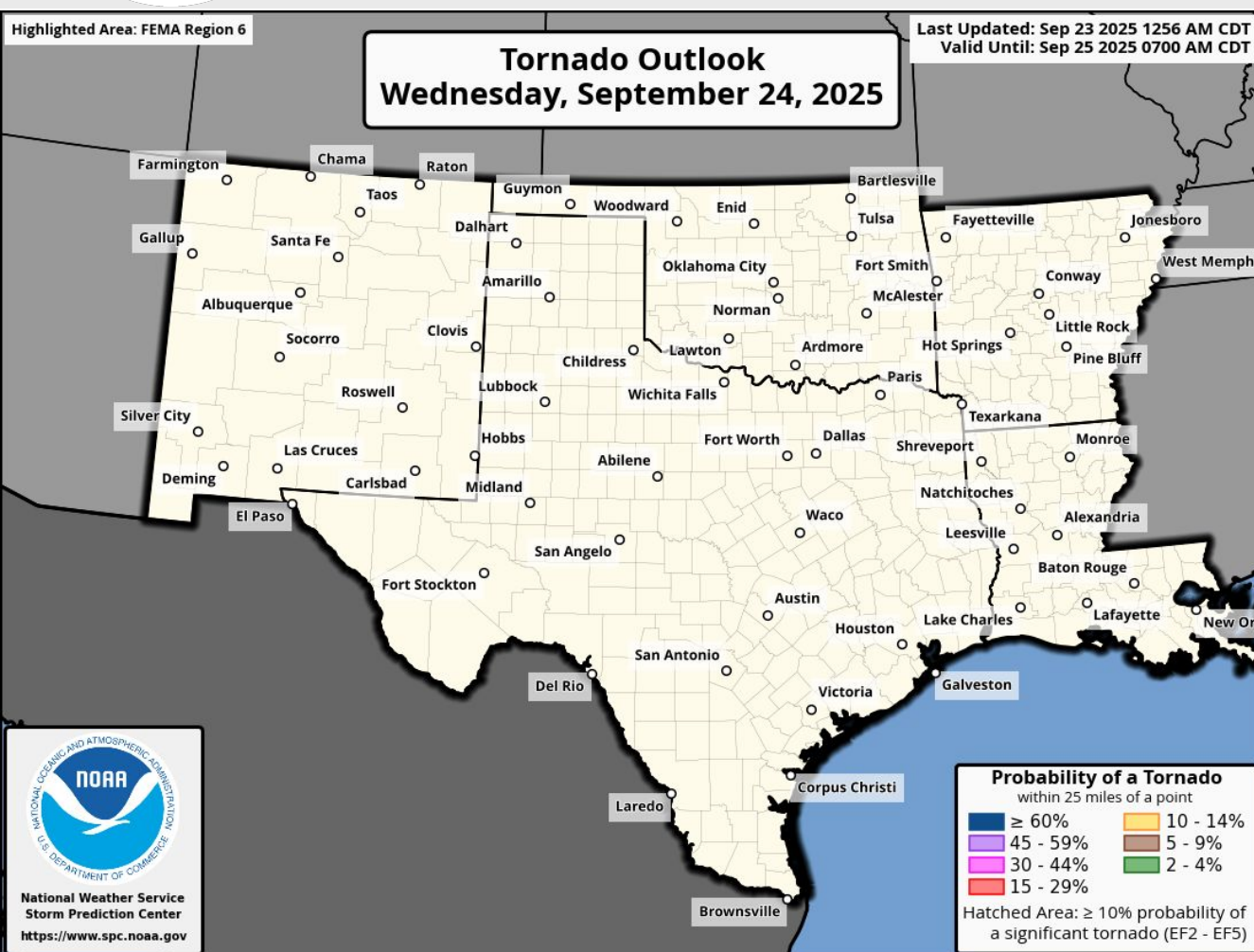
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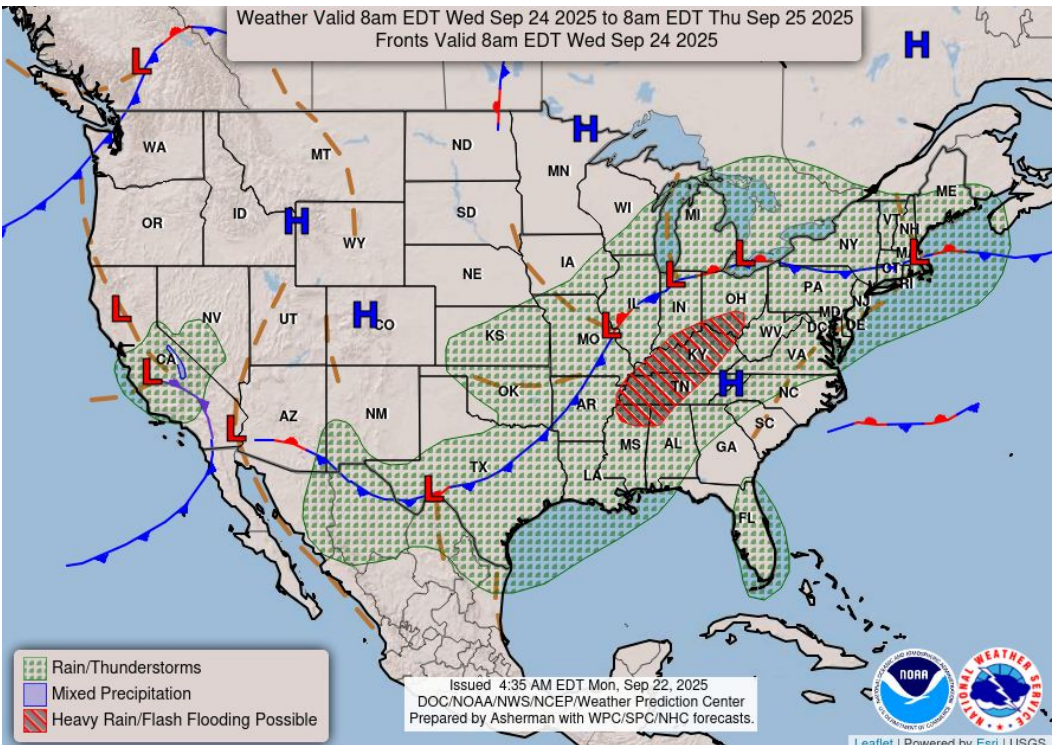




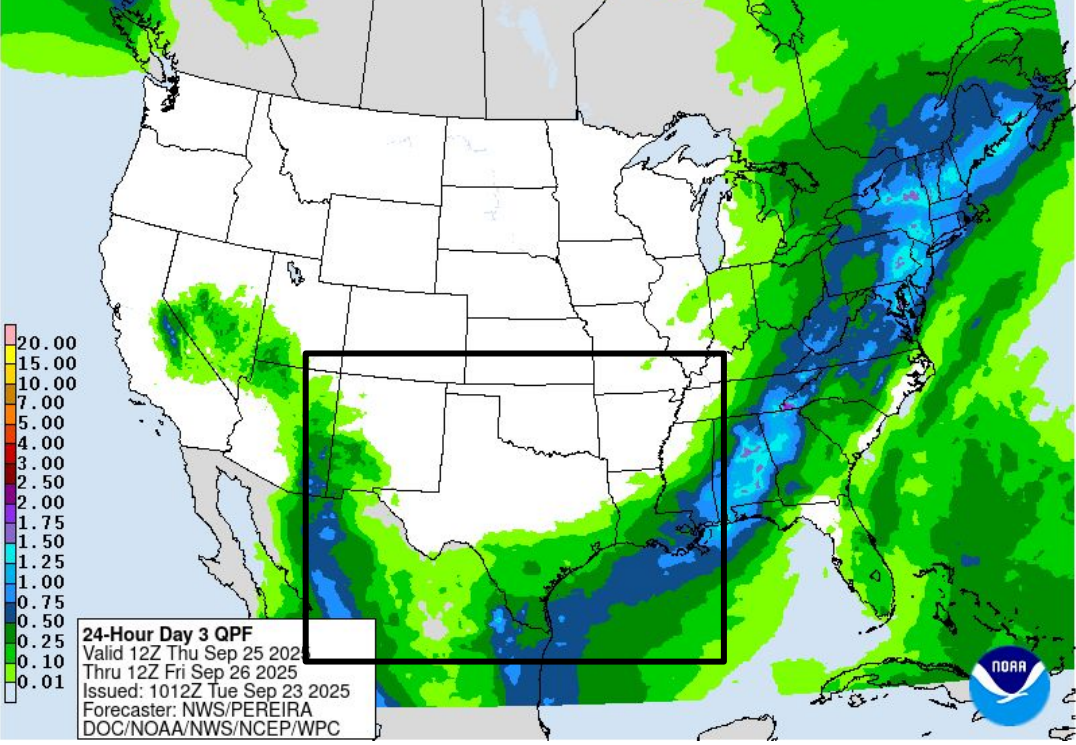


# Thursday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



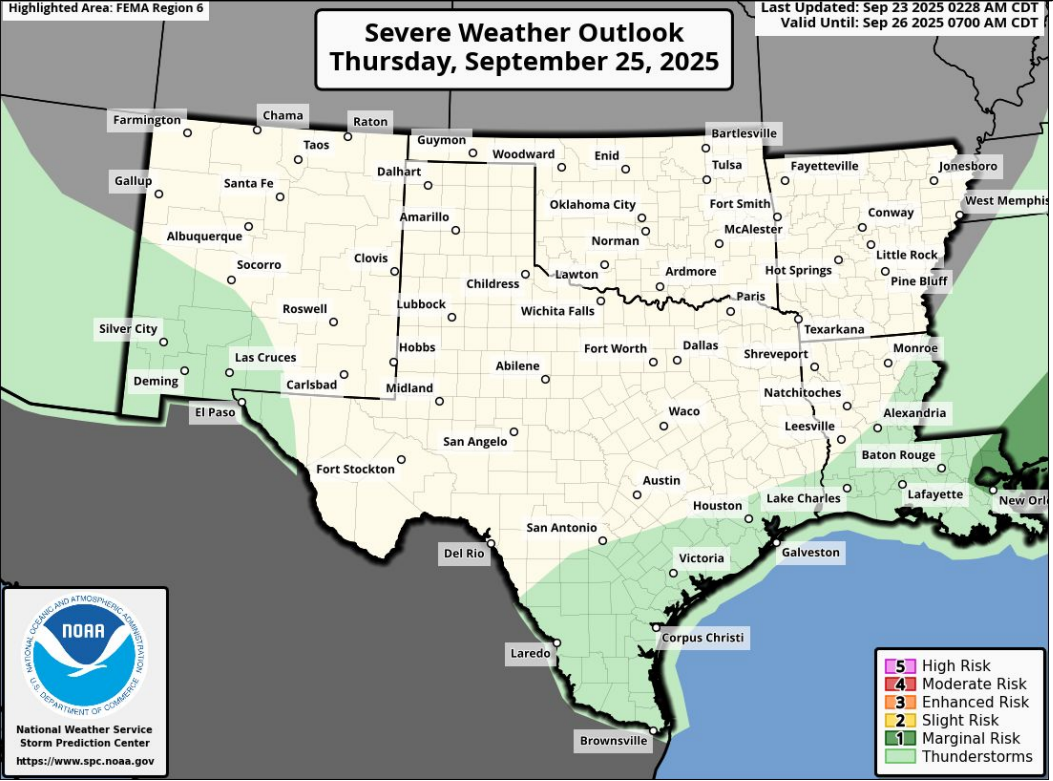
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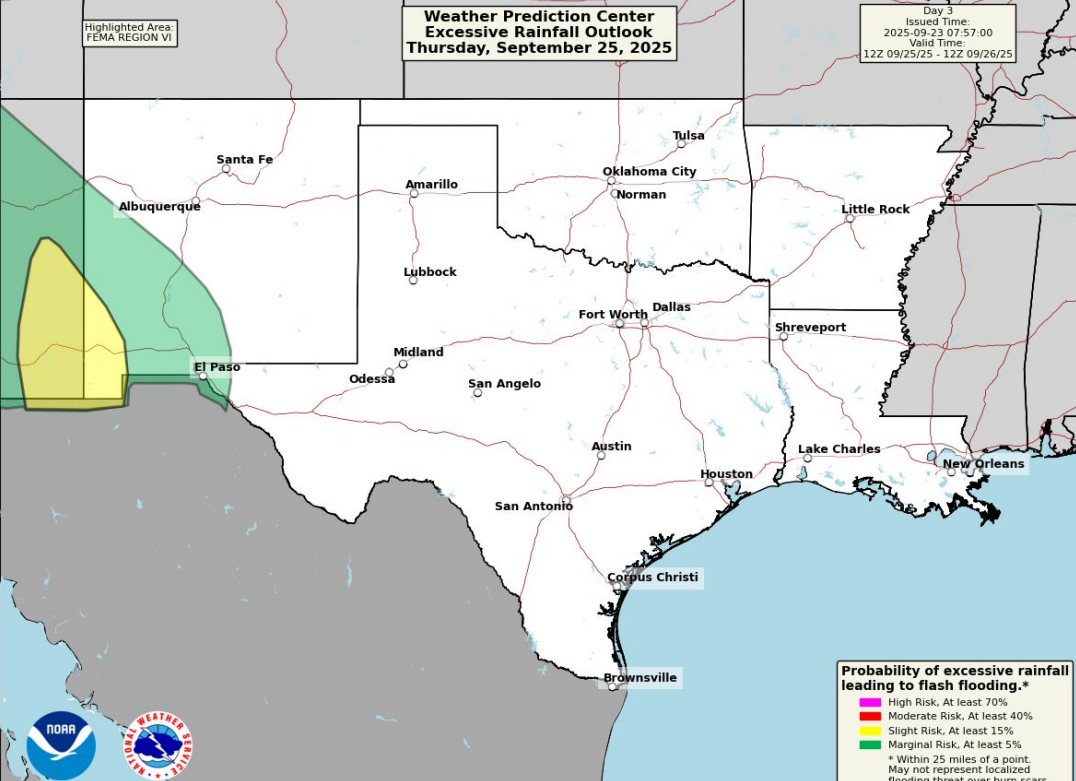
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SW NM.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE LA.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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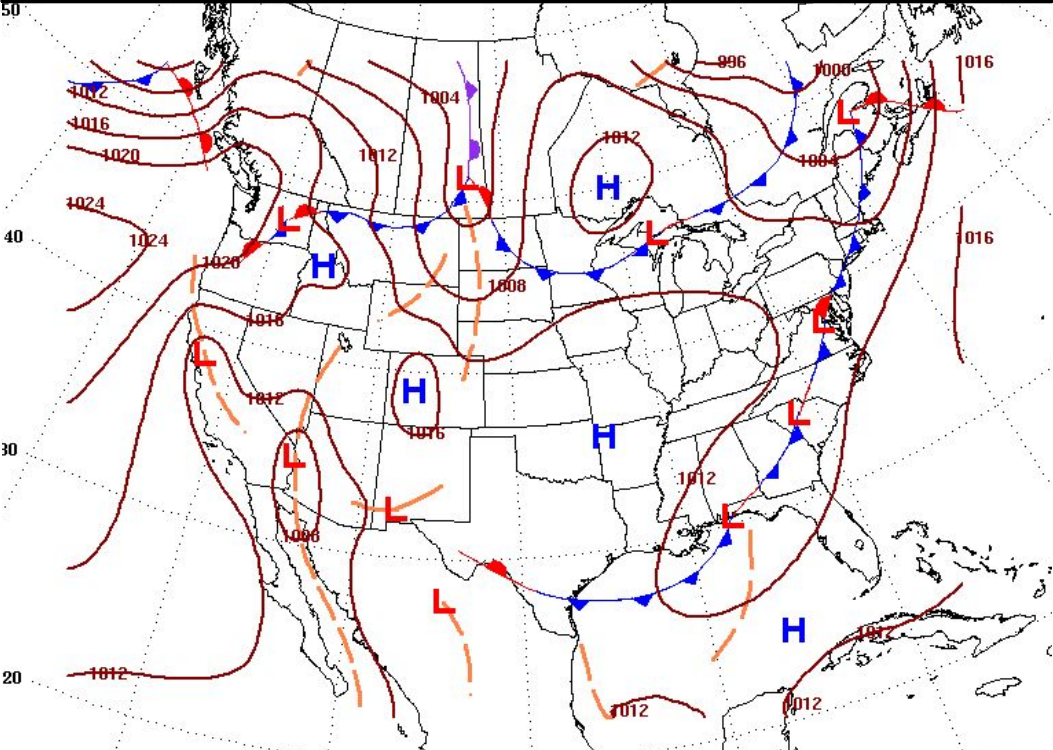




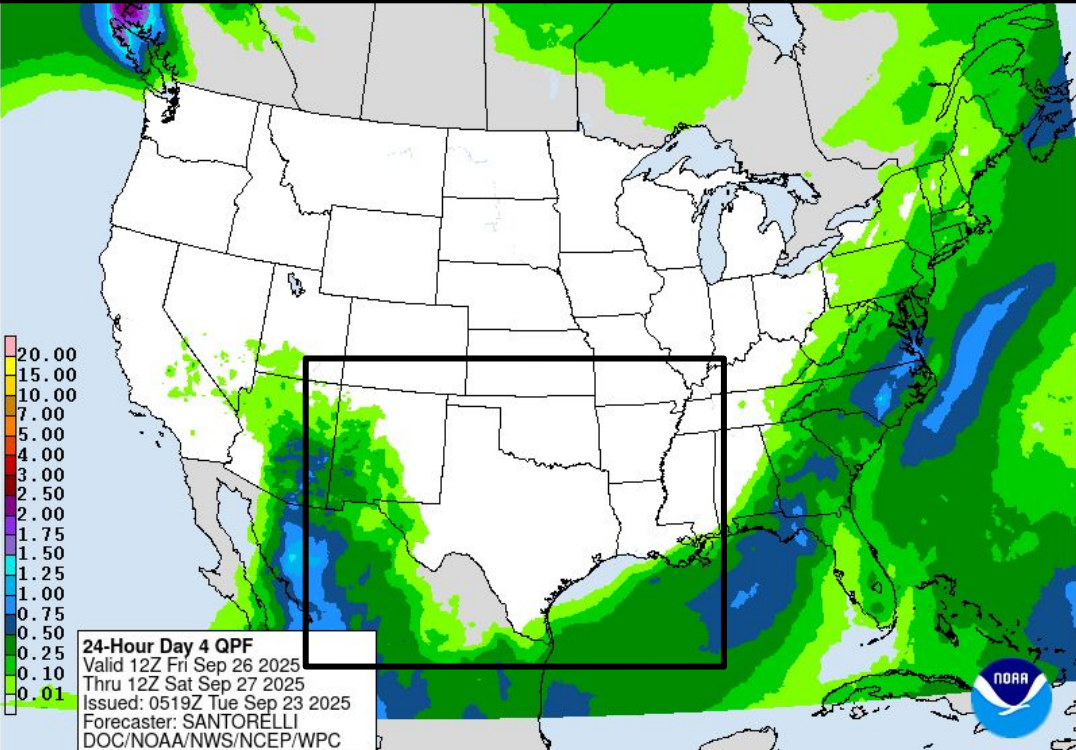


# Friday's Weather

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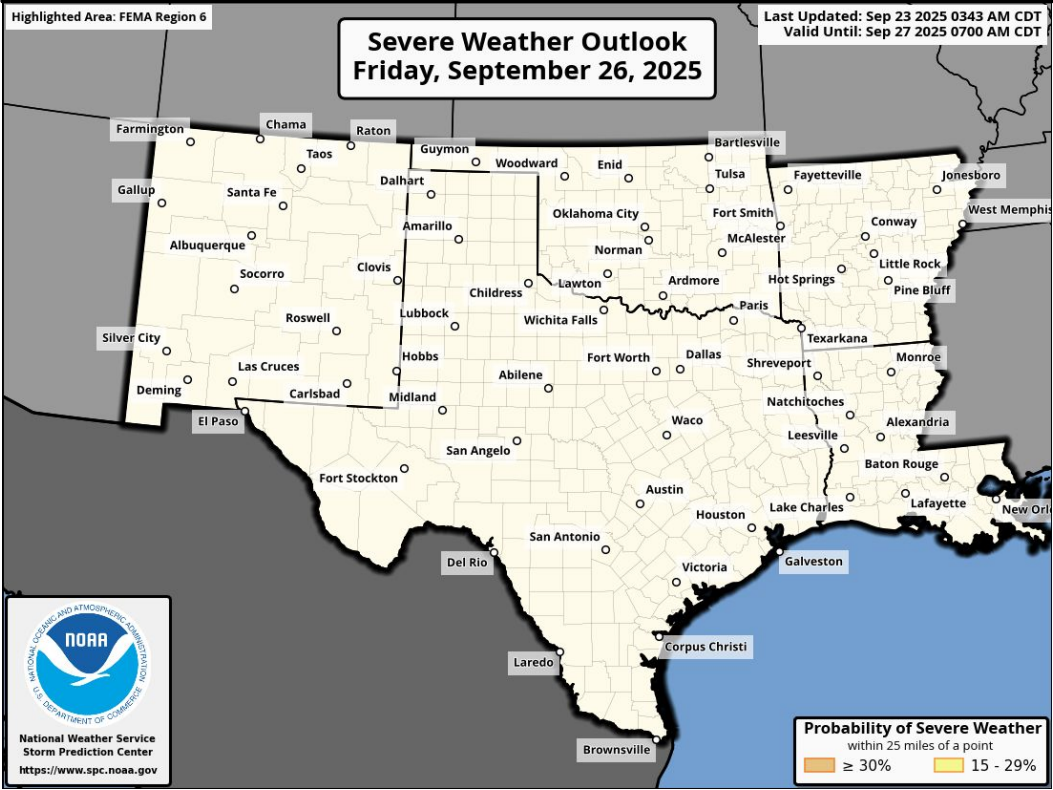


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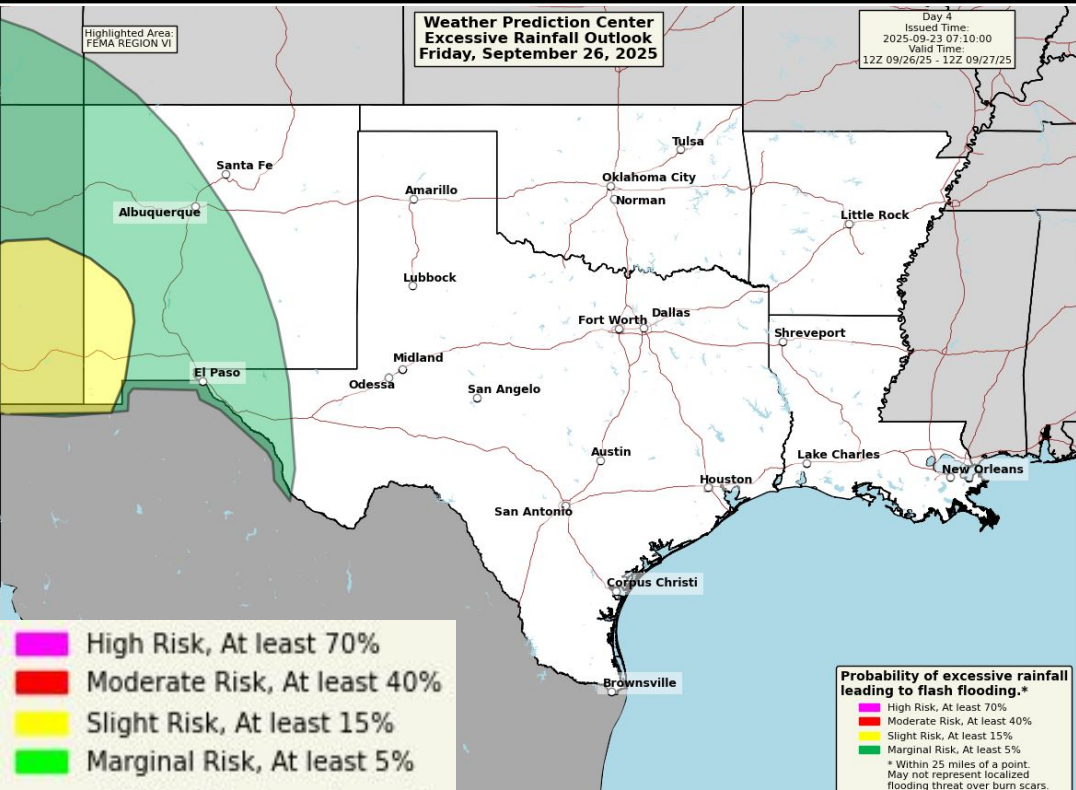


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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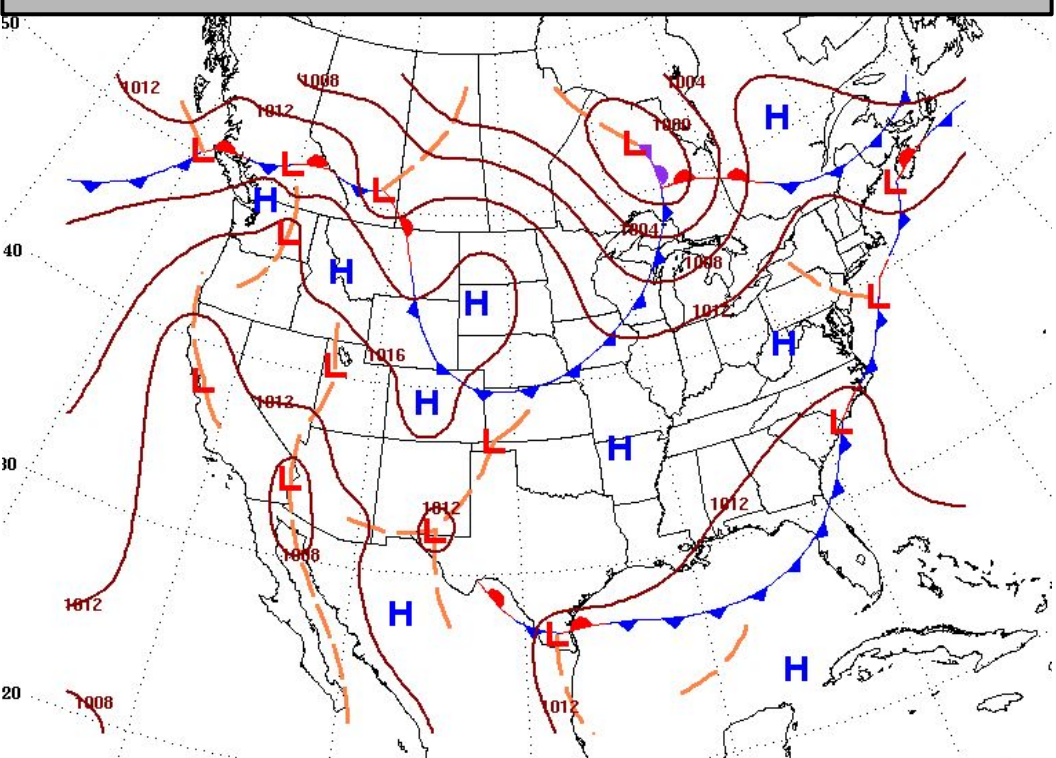




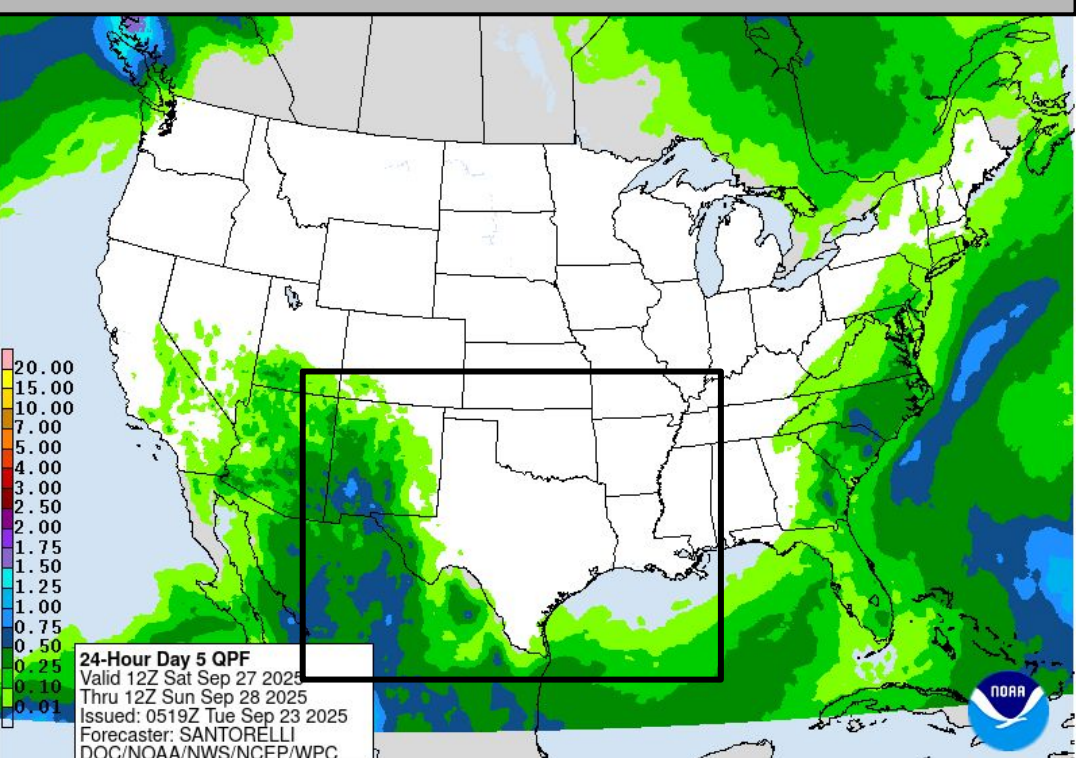


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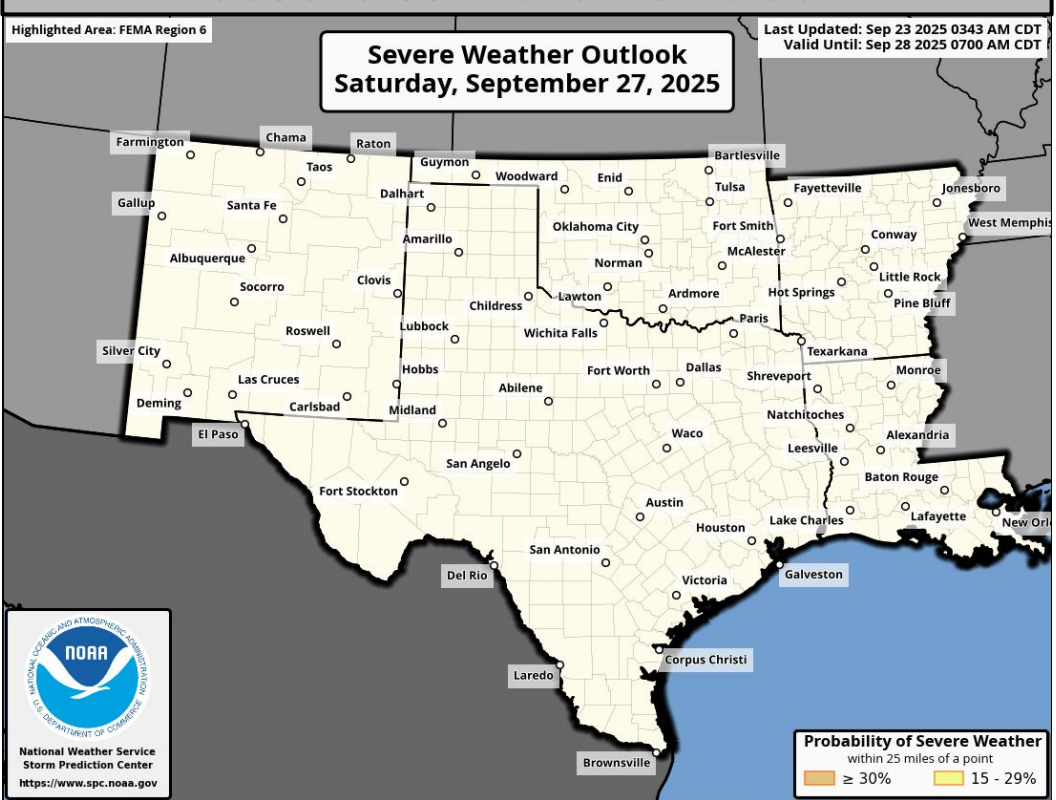


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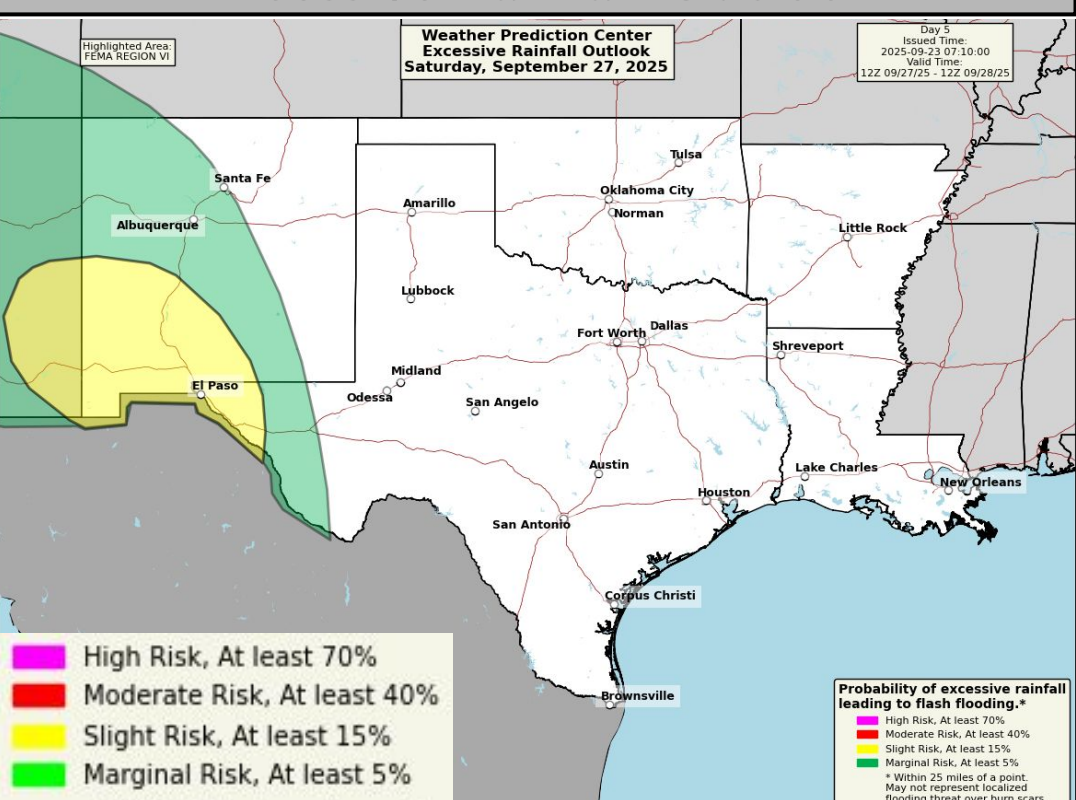


**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in S NM, W TX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



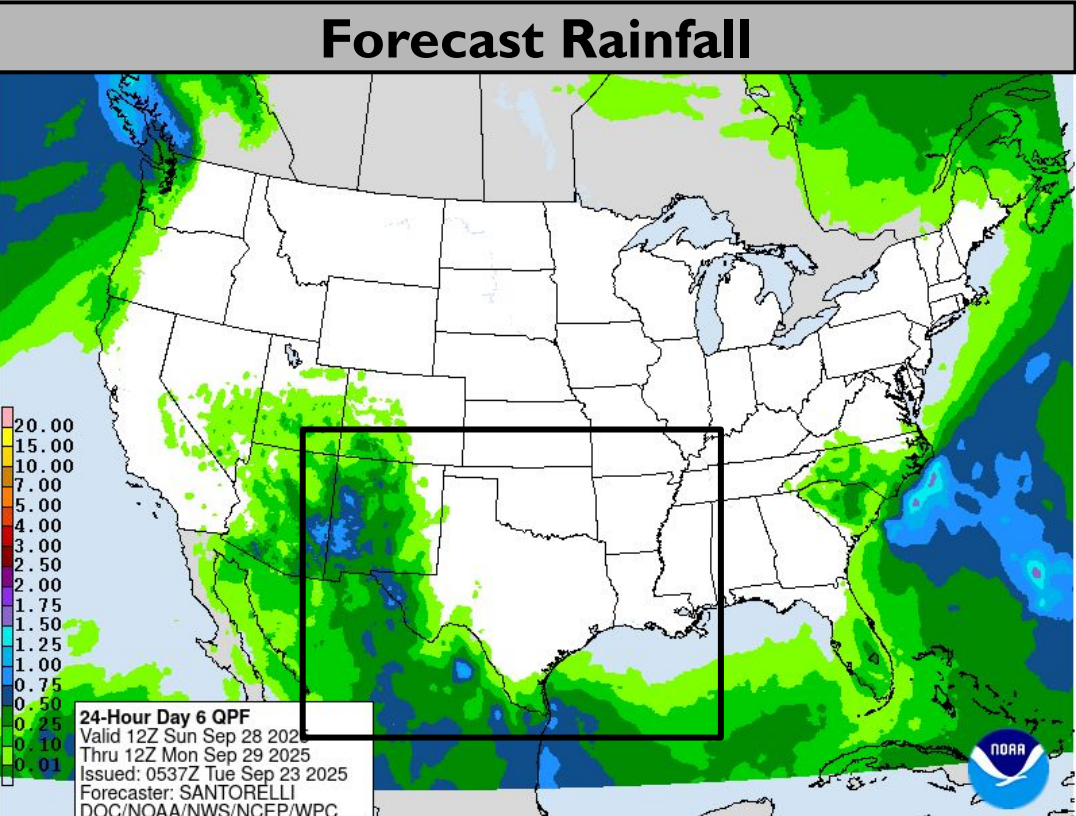
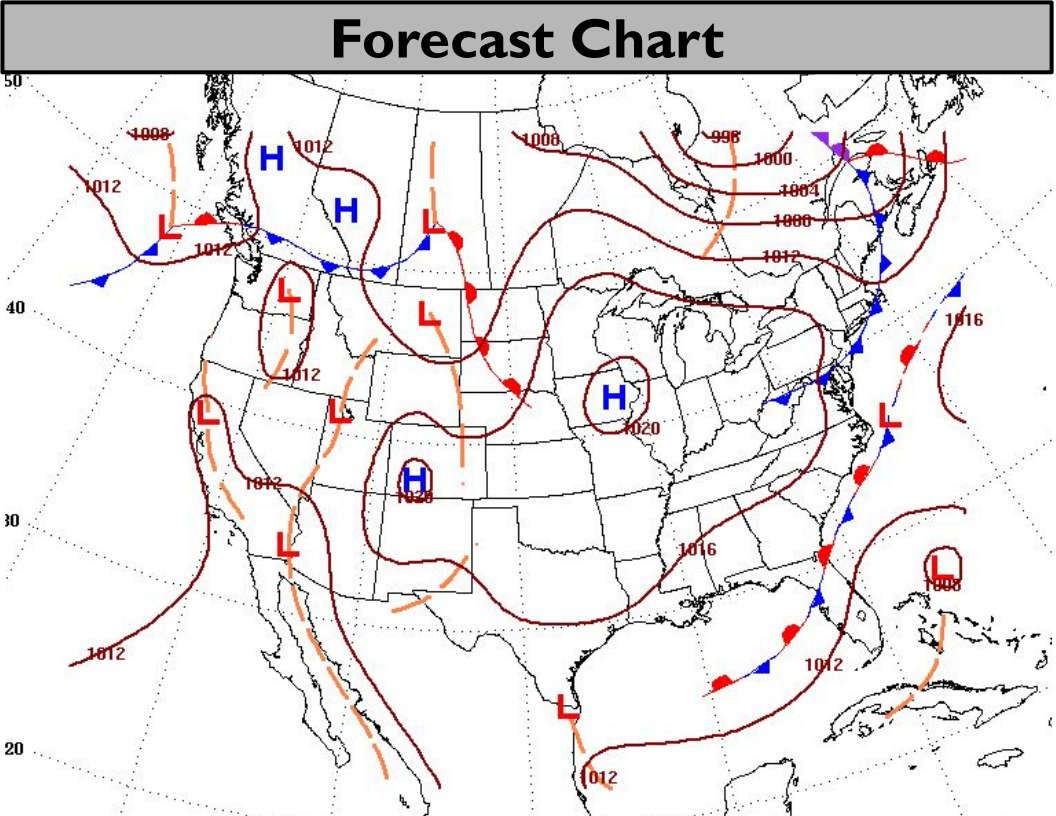
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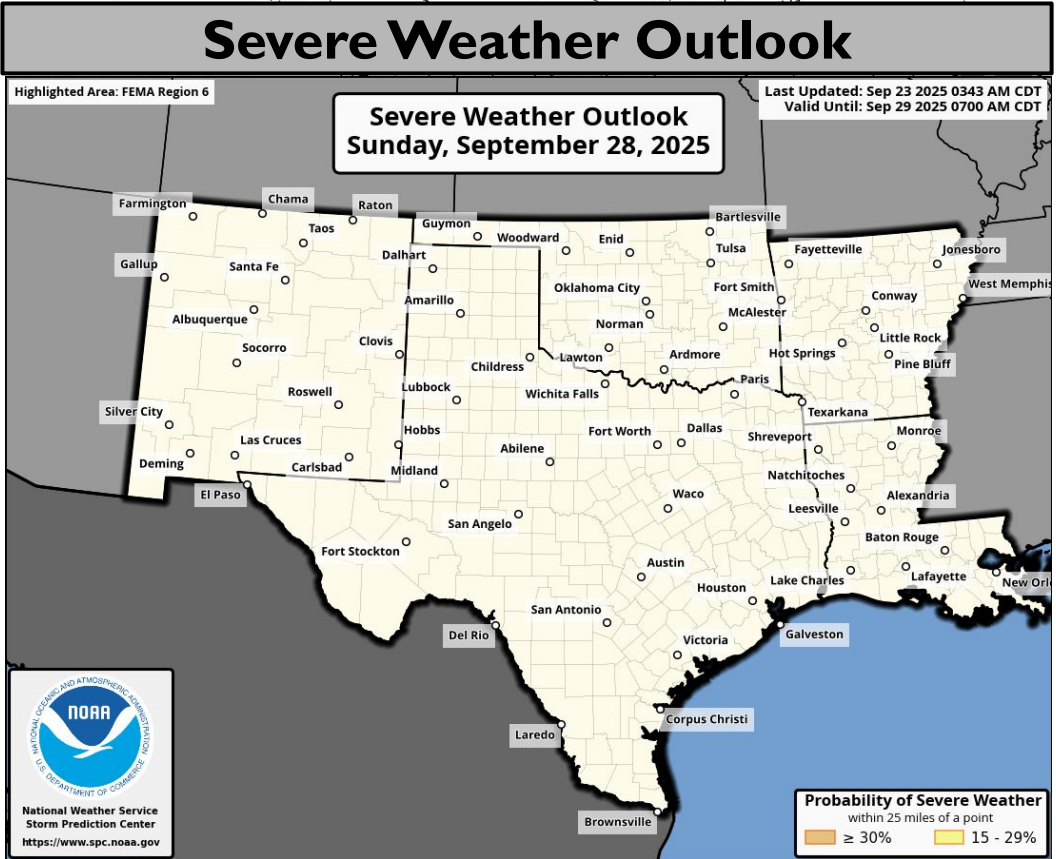




# Sunday's Weather



**Monitoring for heavy rainfall over  
S NM, WTX.**



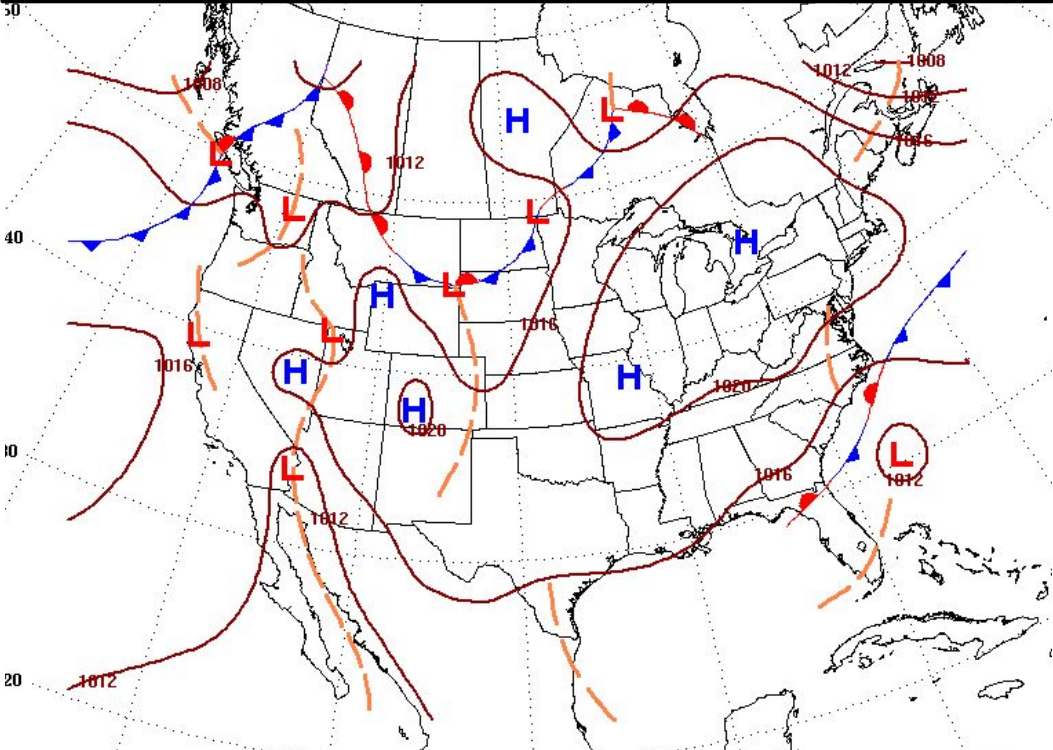
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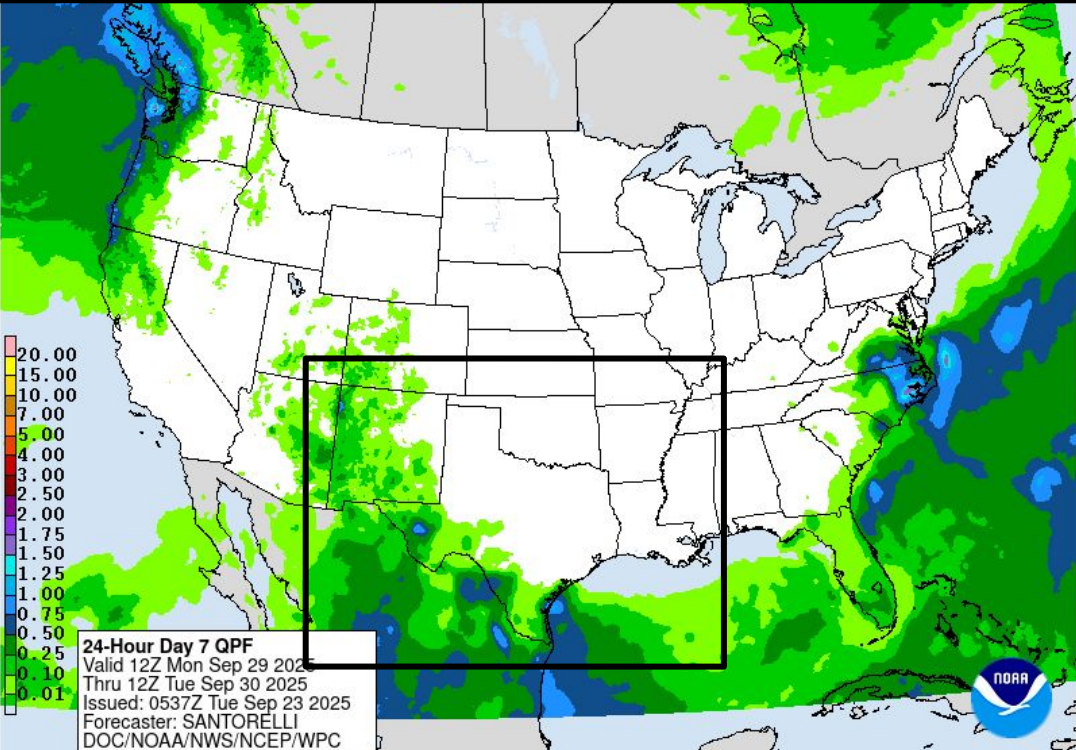


# Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

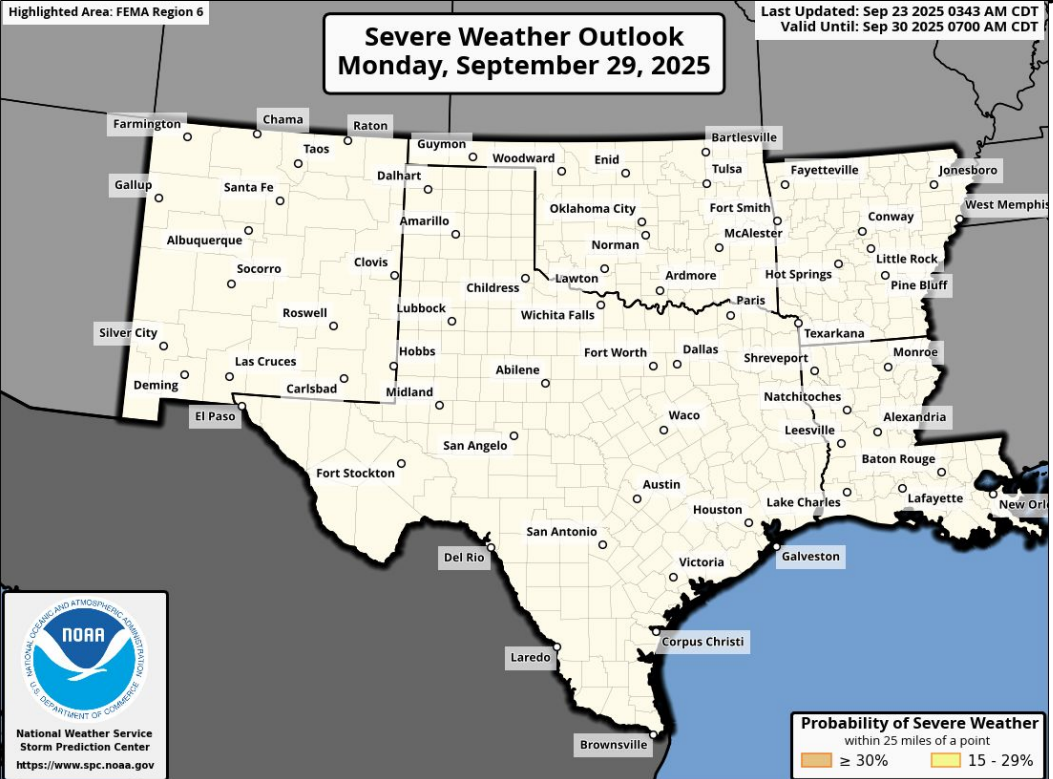


Forecast Rainfall



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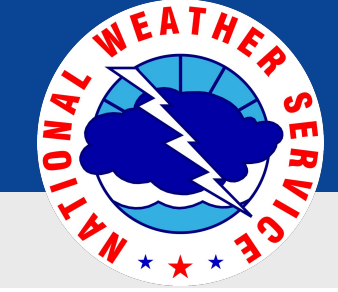
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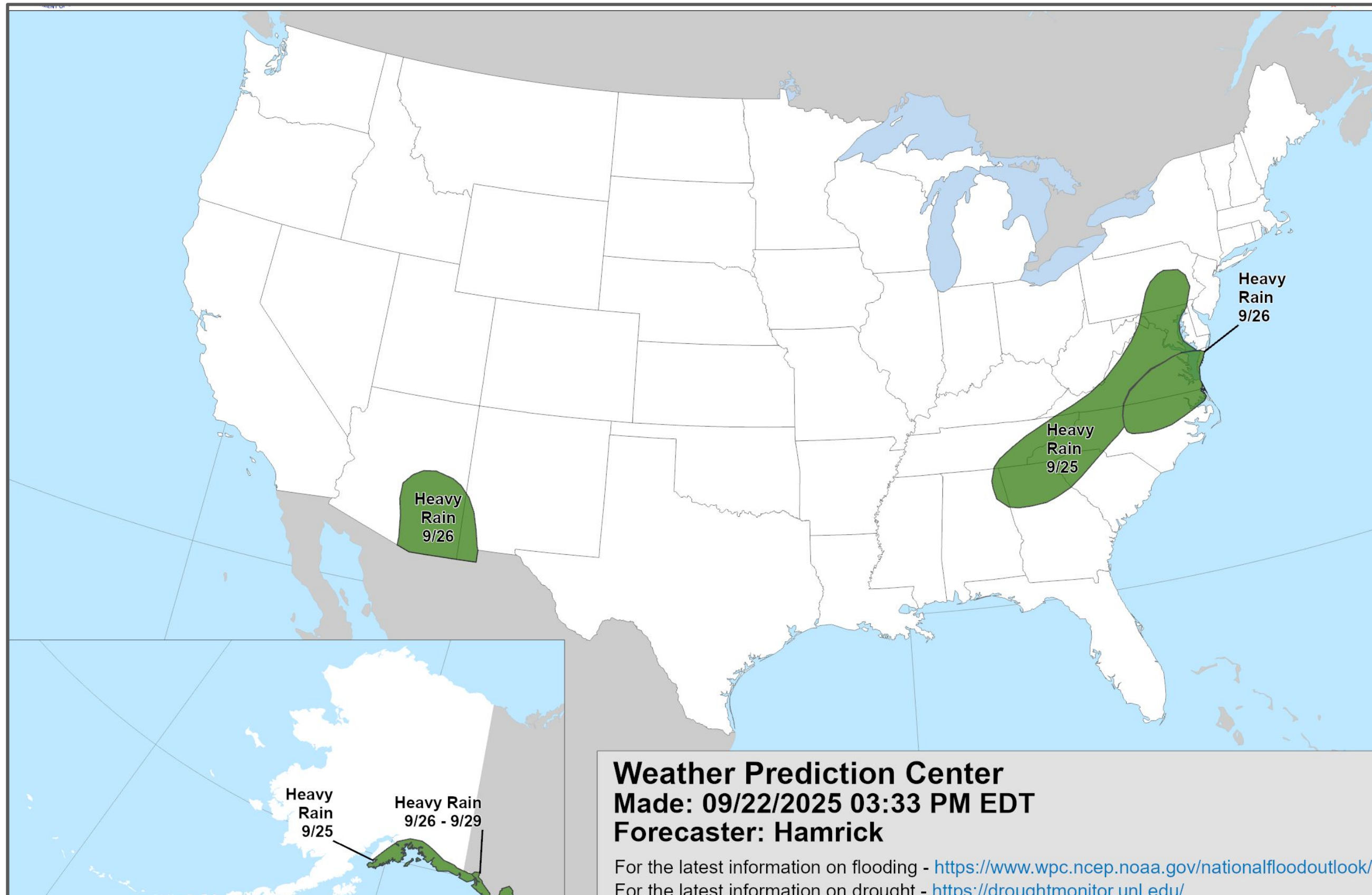
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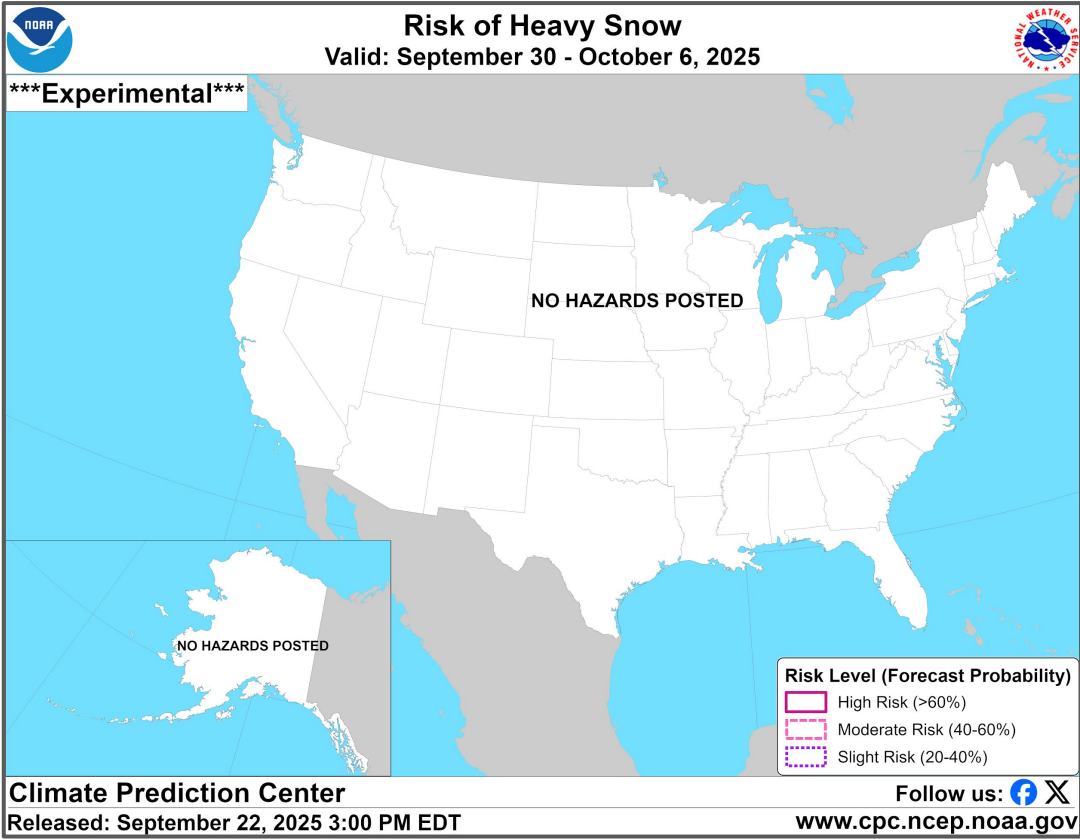
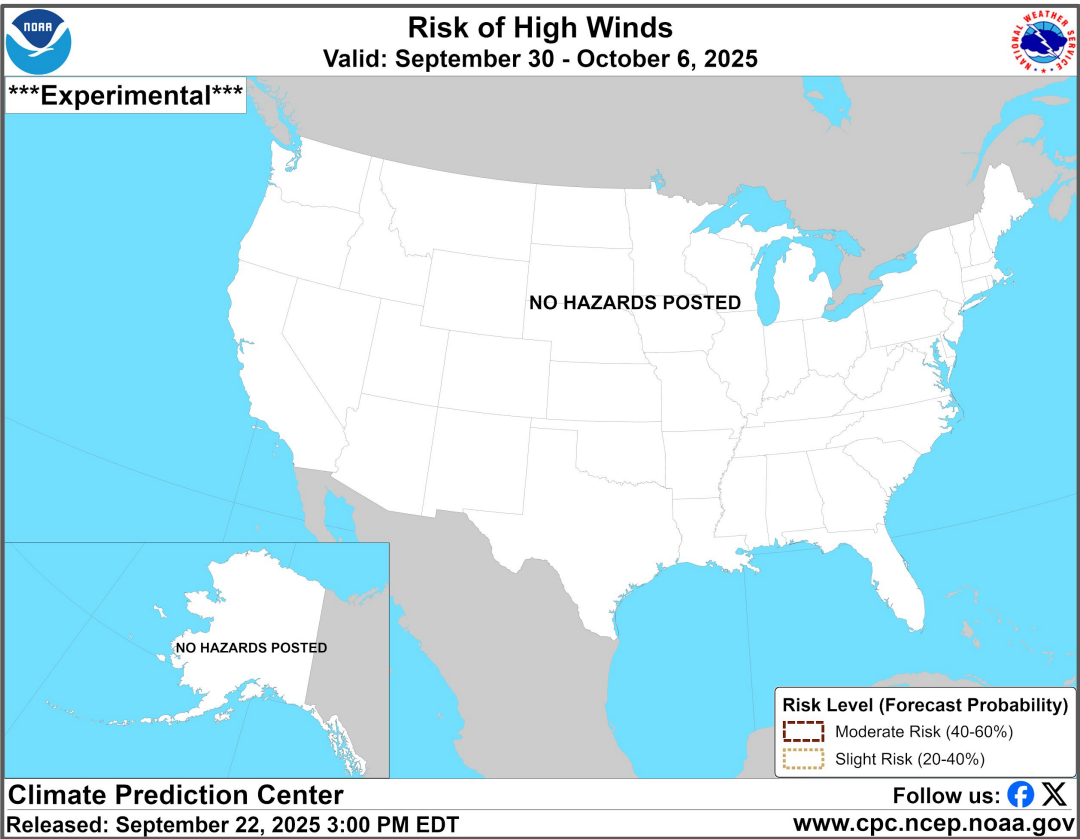
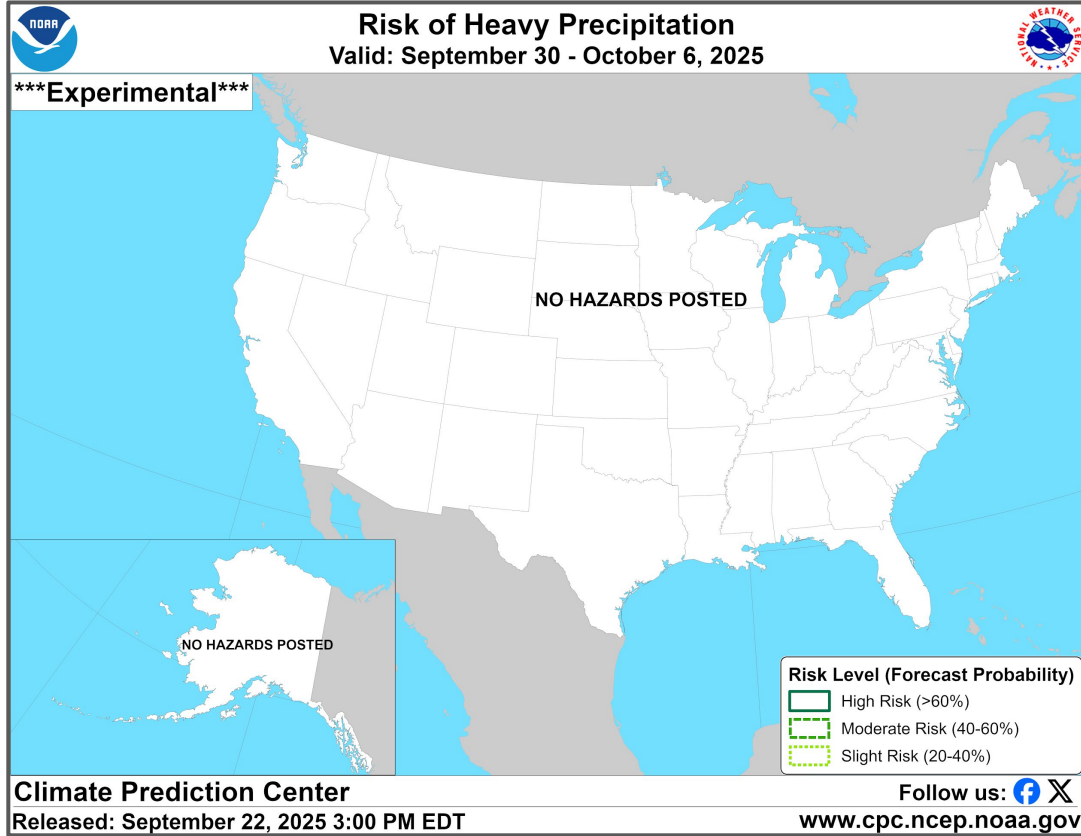
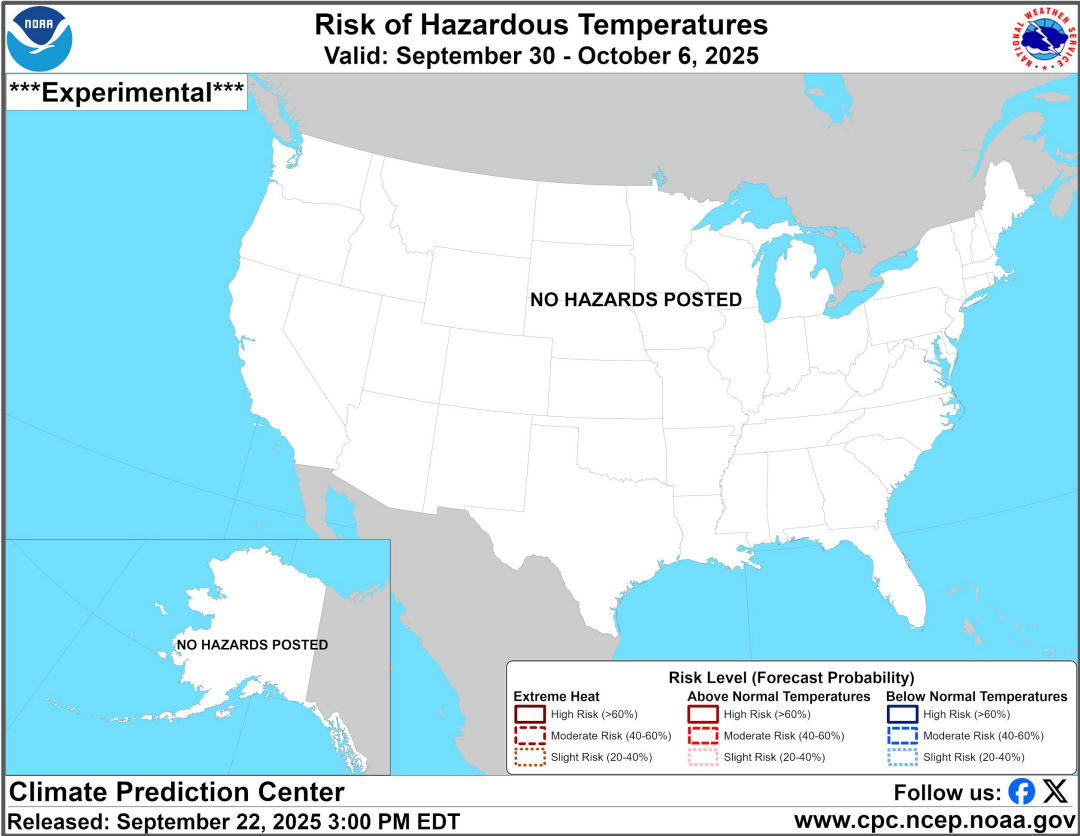
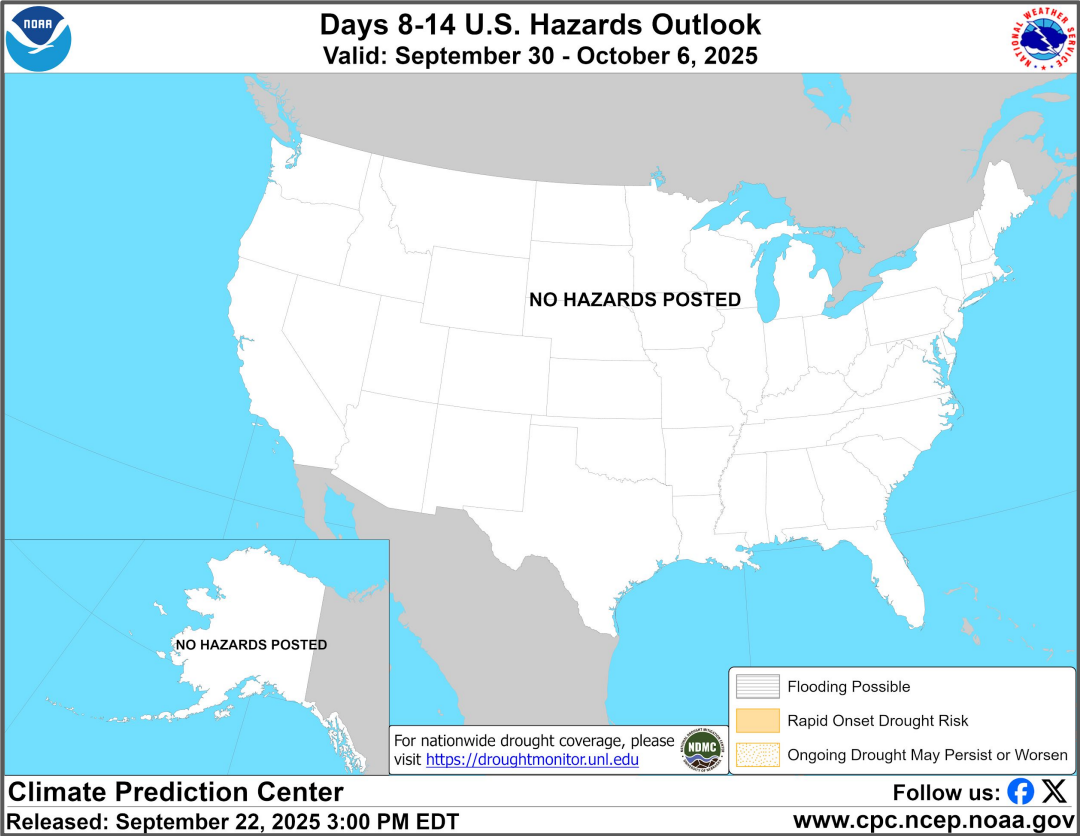
# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook







# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

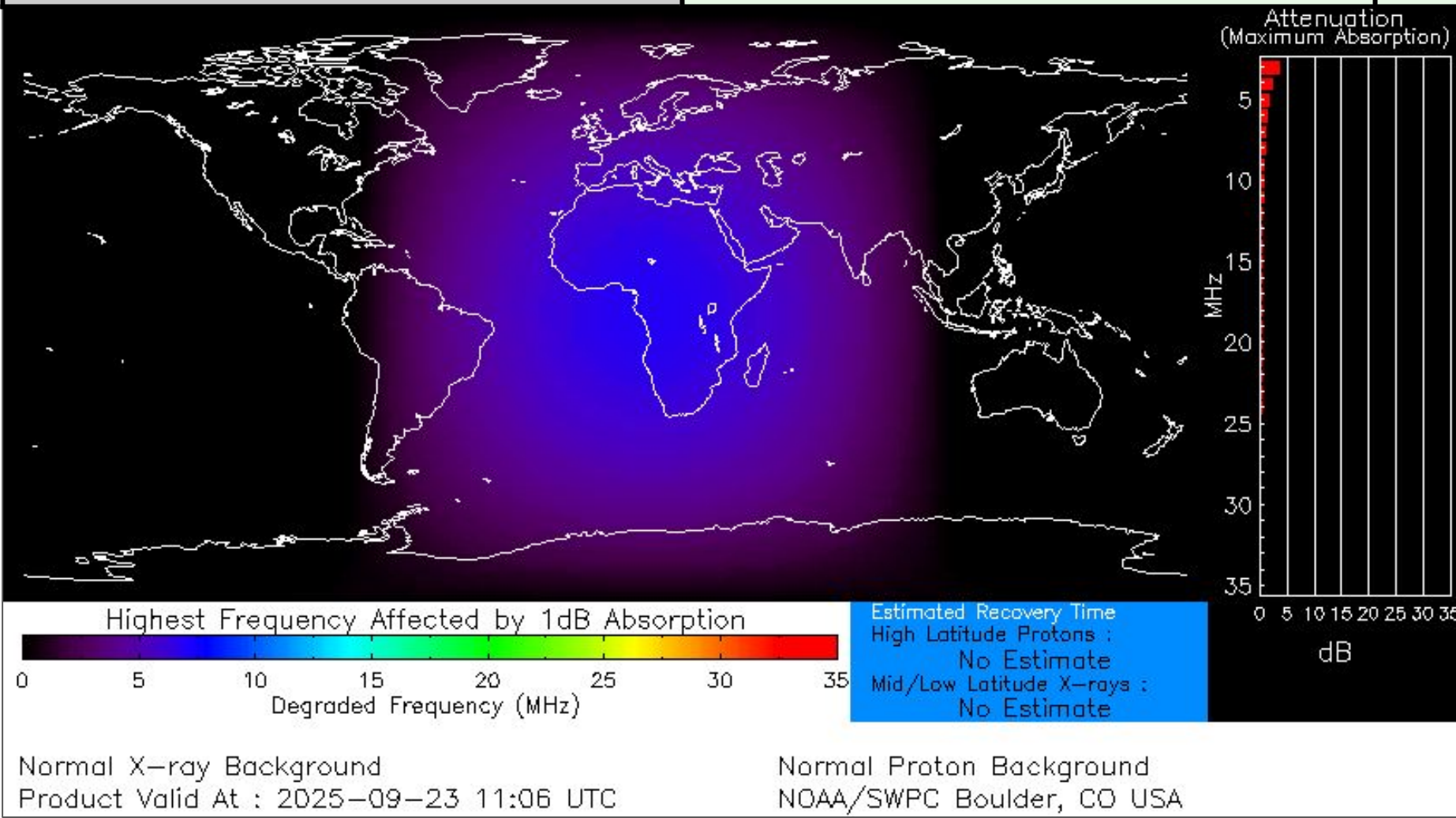






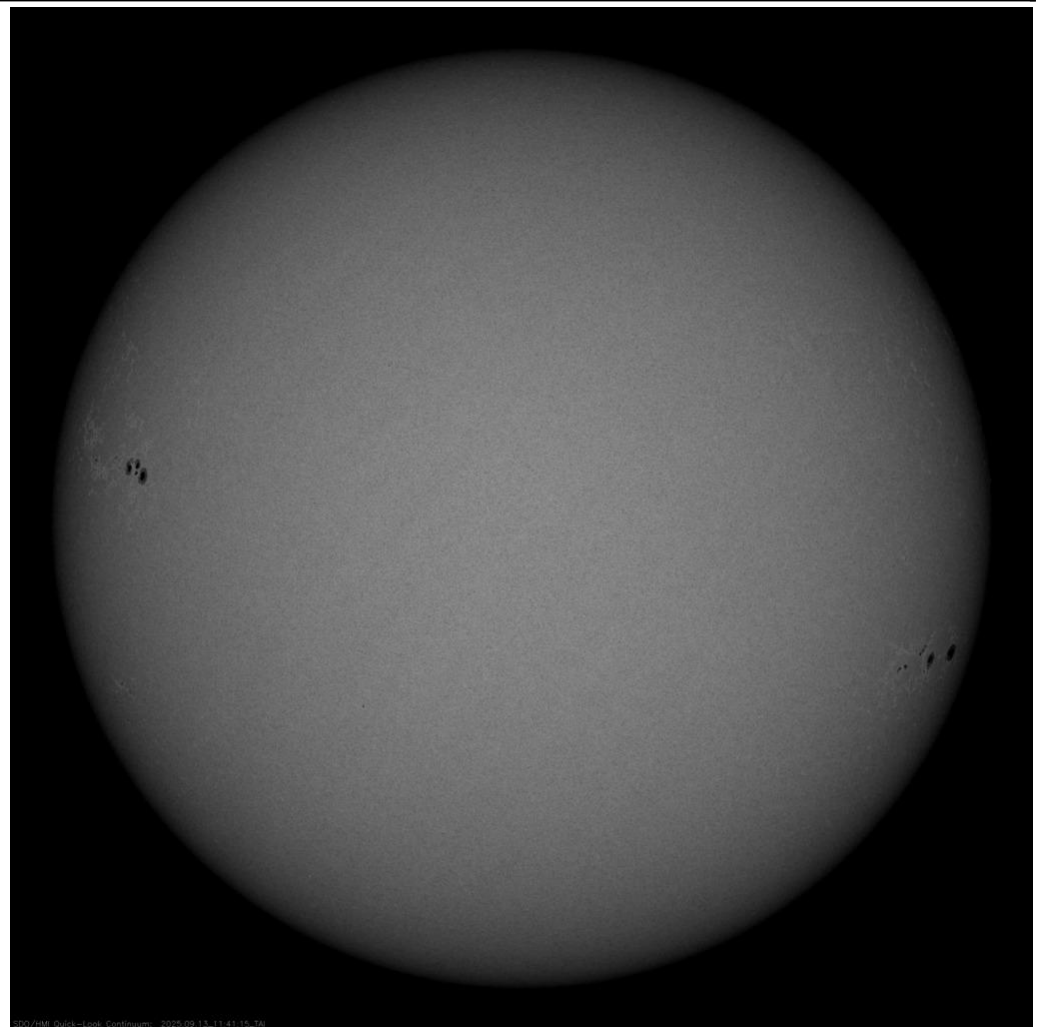
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Sep 23	Wednesday, Sep 24	Thursday, Sep 25
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	35%	35%
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	<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>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**  
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