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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, January 09, 2026

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.





Summary

- **Severe Weather:**
 - **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in E/SE TX, SE AR, LA today. All hazards may occur, with wind being the primary threat in the afternoon into the overnight hours.**
 - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in E LA on Saturday morning.**

- **Winter Weather:**
 - **3-6” of snow in the NW TX/OK Panhandles through this evening may bring minor travel impacts. Blowing snow may reduce visibility.**
 - **3-6” of snow over NE NM with 6-12” on Raton Pass, NM. Winds gusting to 45mph will create periods of “white out” conditions through this evening.**

- **Fire Weather:**
 - **Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for SW/C TX today, and C/S TX tomorrow.**

- **Flash Flooding:**
 - **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today in far E TX and LA. Heaviest rainfall likely late morning-late evening.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Jan 9	Saturday, Jan 10	Sunday, Jan 11	Monday, Jan 12	Tuesday, Jan 13	Wednesday, Jan 14	Thursday, Jan 15
Severe Storms	E/SE TX, SE AR, LA	SE LA (A.M.)					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	Far E TX, LA						
Winter Weather	N-NE NM (A.M.), OK/NW TX Panhandle						
	TX Panhandle						
Fire Weather	NW-SW TX	SW TX					
River Flooding							

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

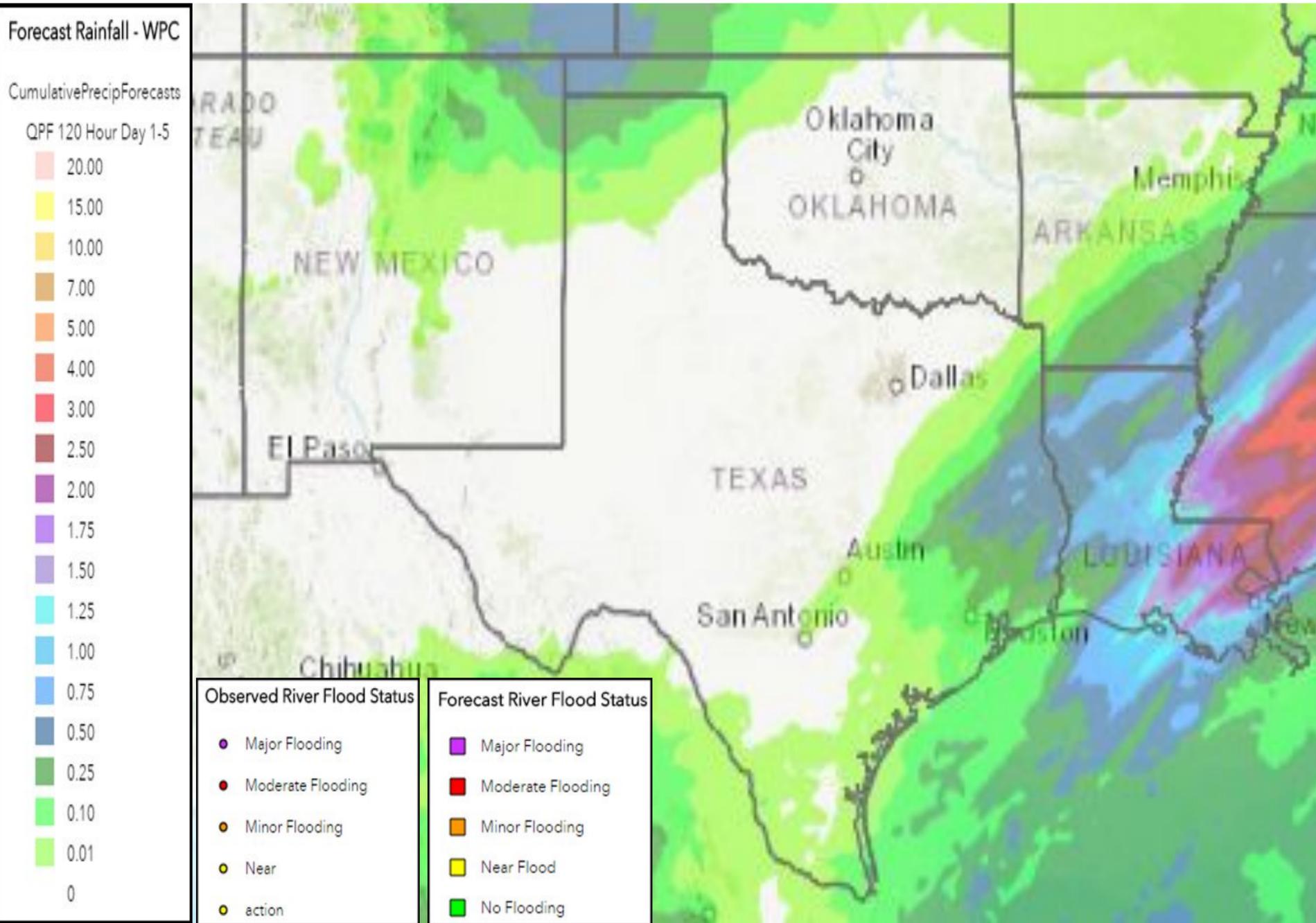
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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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

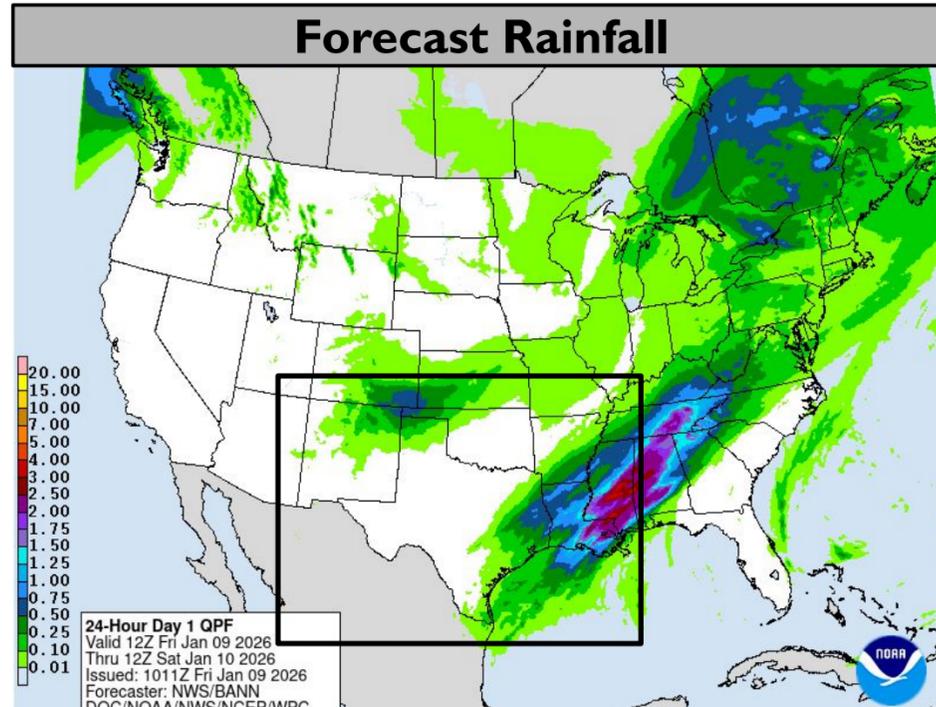
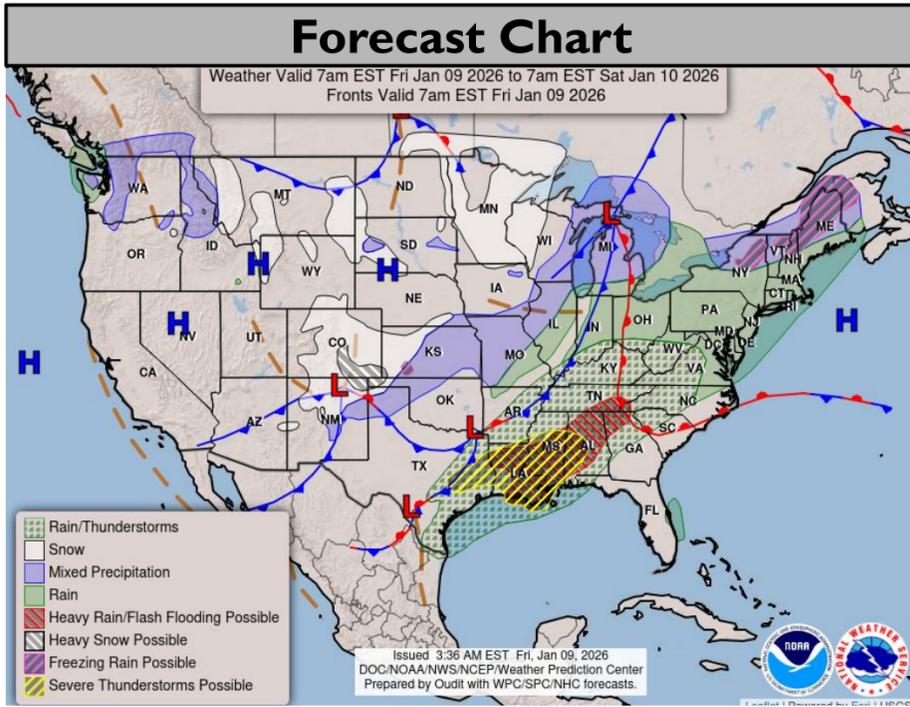


No significant river flooding is expected.

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

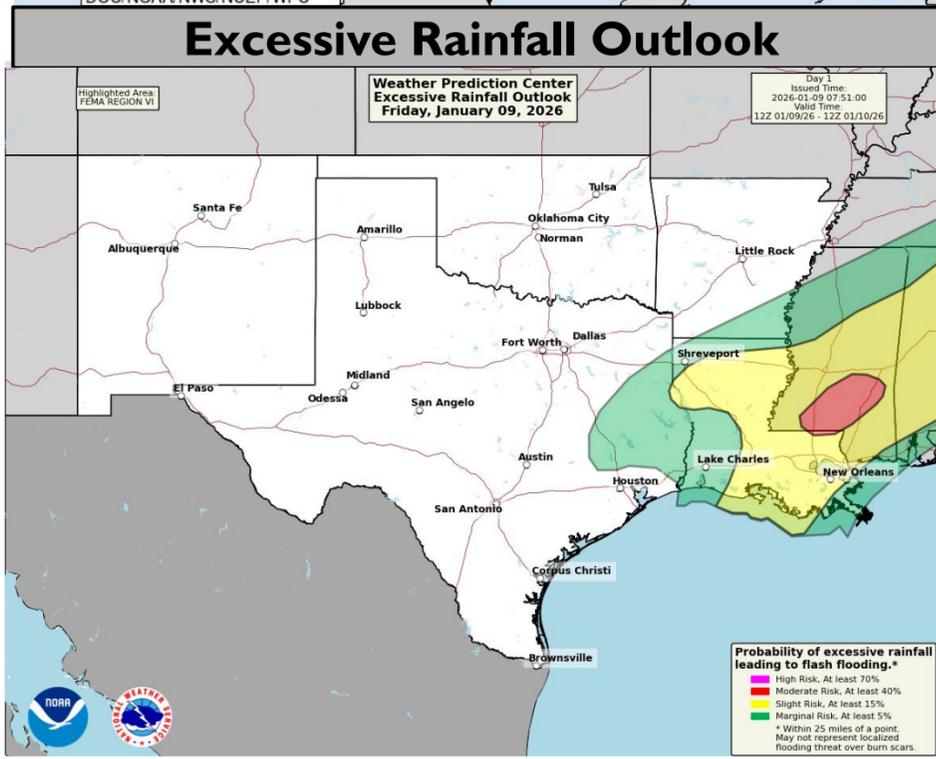
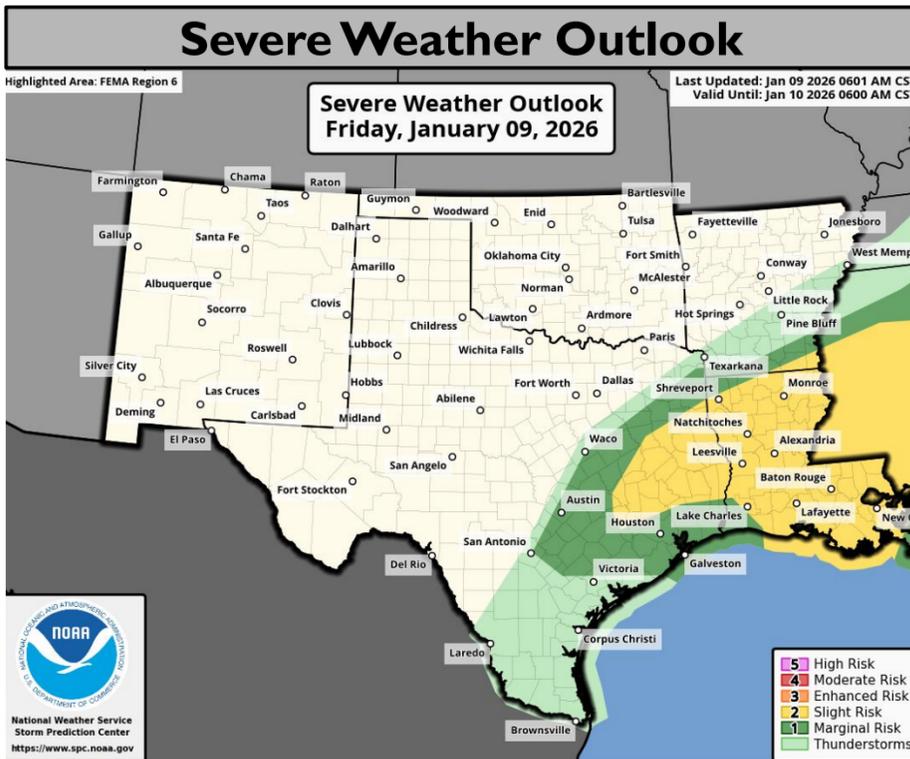


Snow continues in N NM through the morning. Blowing snow in NE NM, OK/NW TX Panhandle may lead to very low visibility and travel impacts north of I-40.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over E AR, LA. All hazards may occur, with wind being the primary threat in the afternoon through the overnight hours.

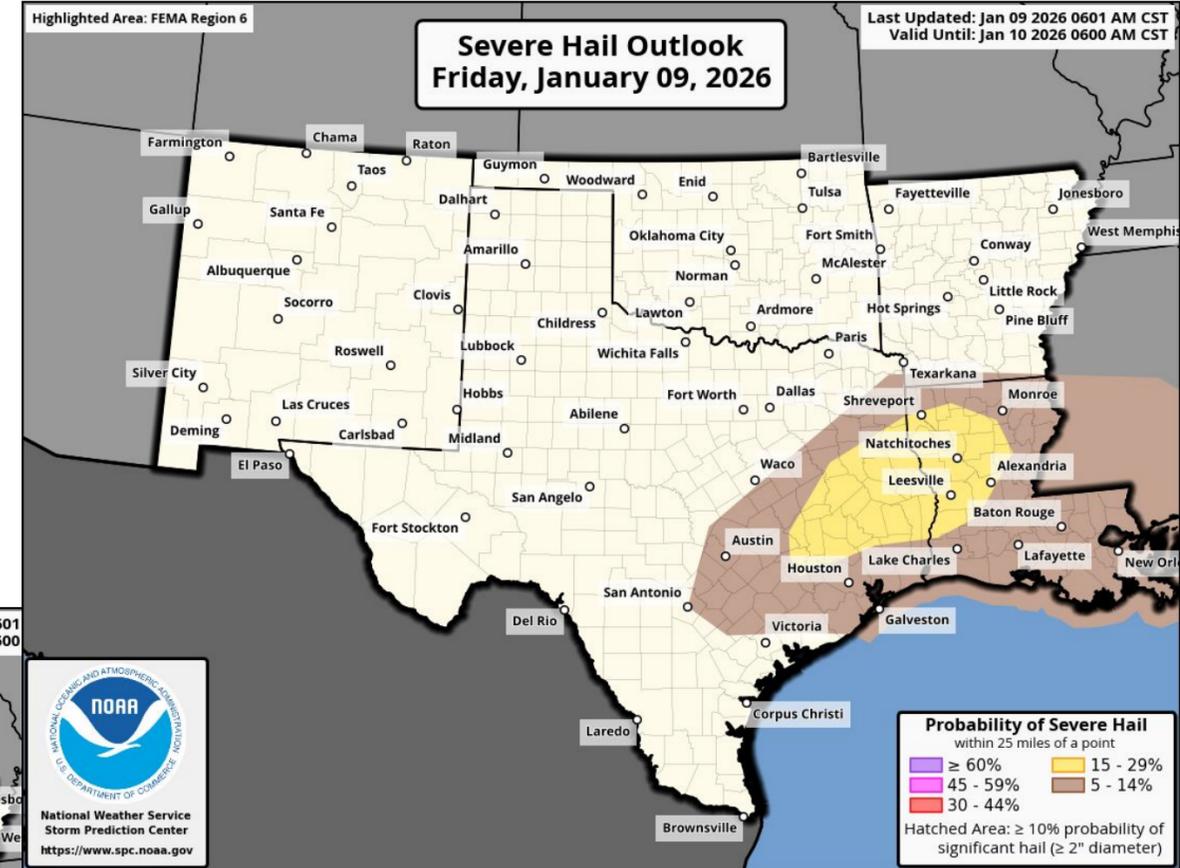
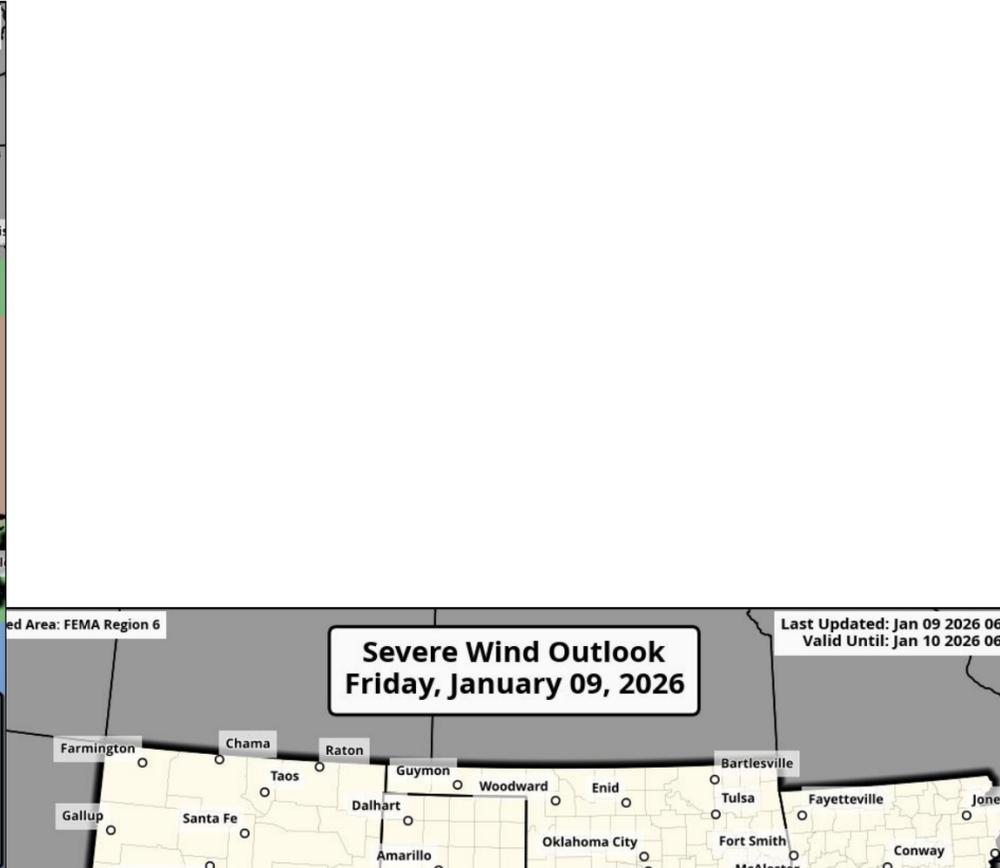
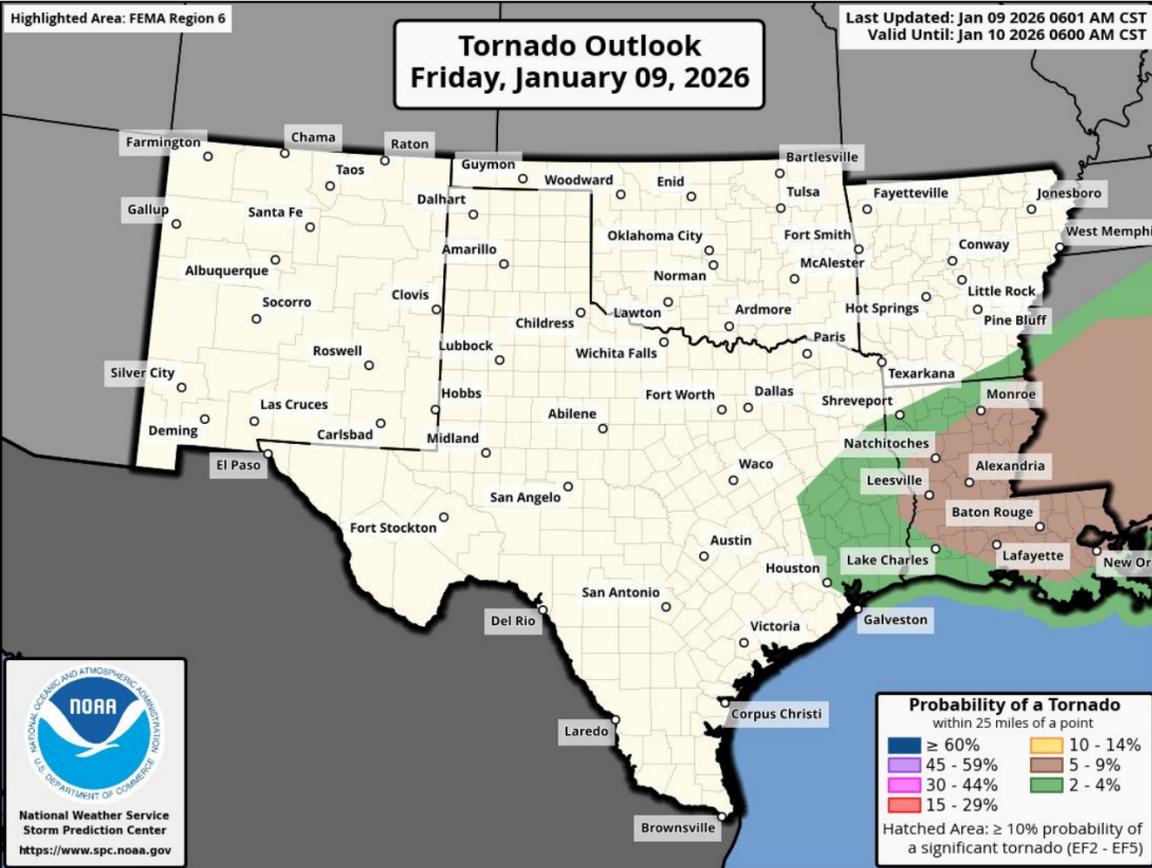
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in E LA. 2-3" of rain, with localized amounts up to 5" may lead to flash flooding in poor drainage areas from late morning into the overnight hours.

Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns NW-SW TX.



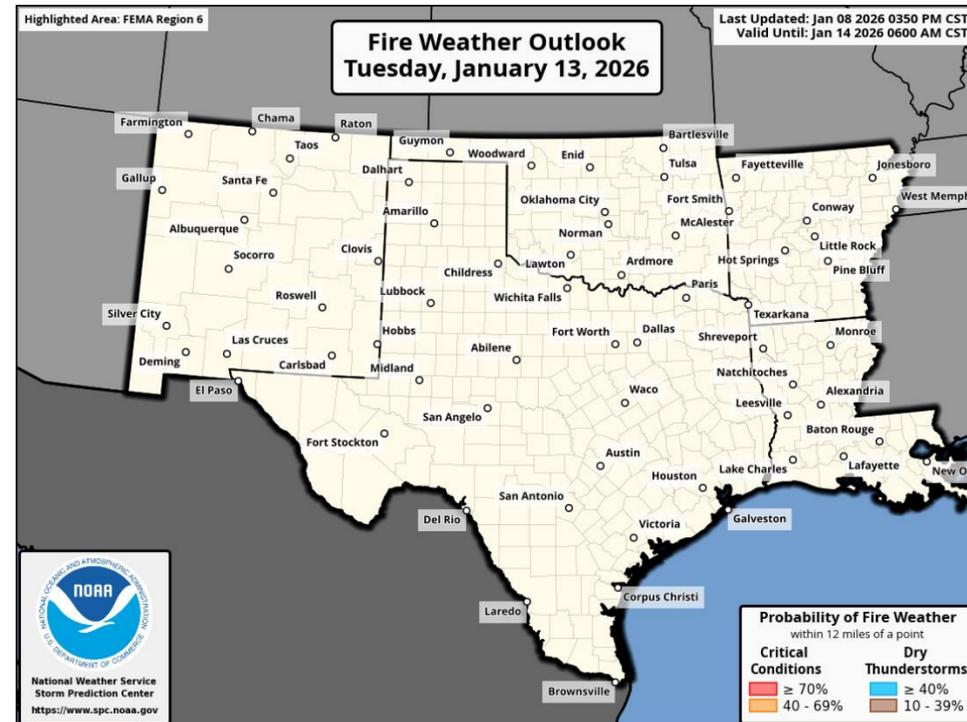
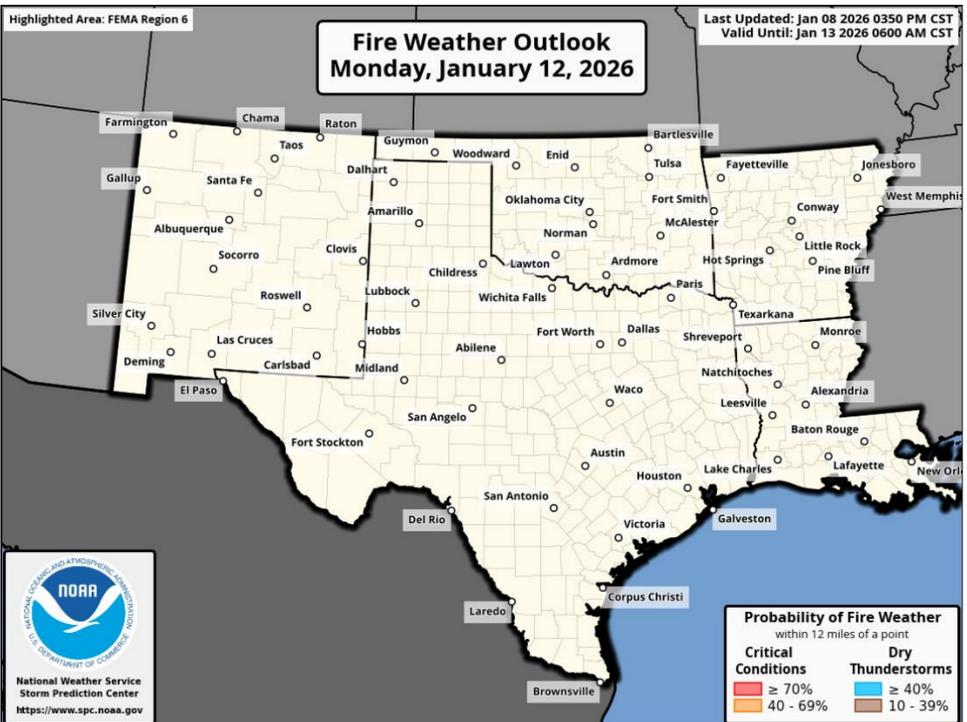
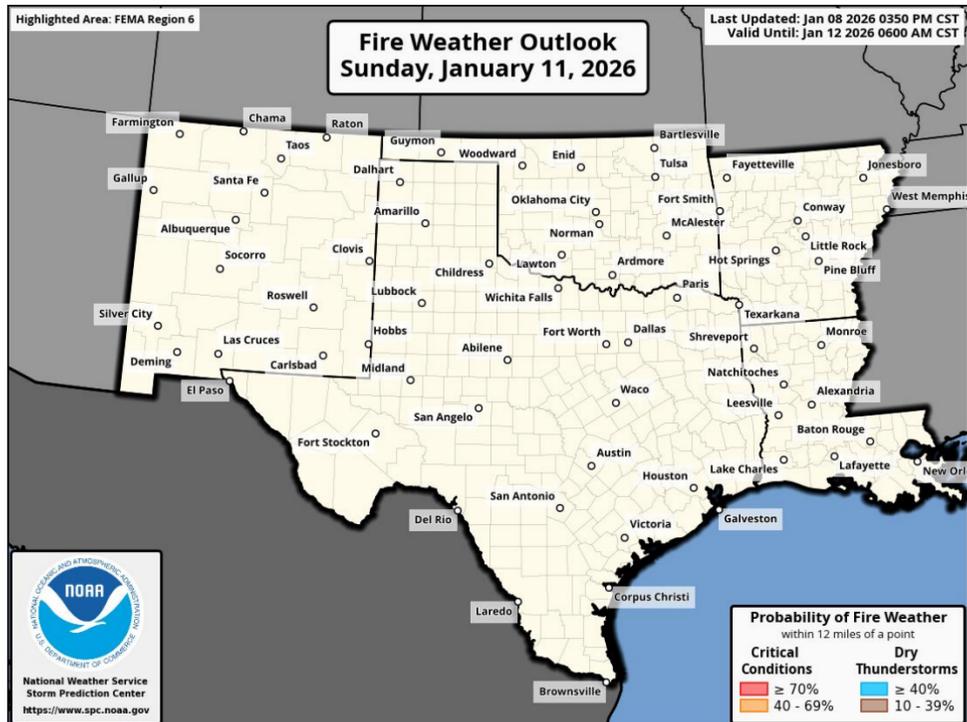
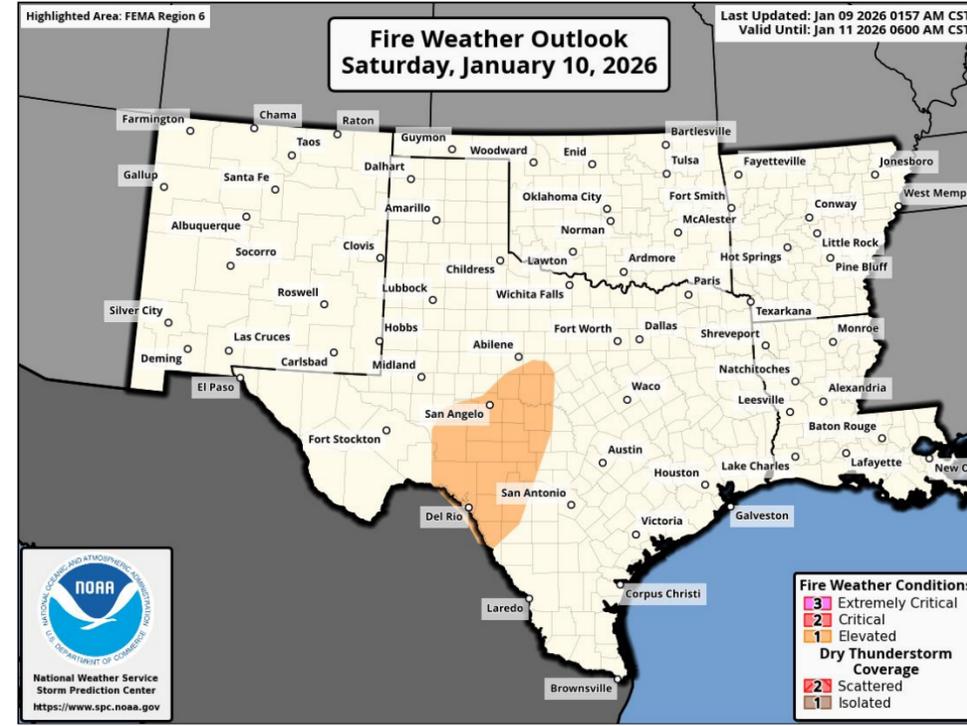
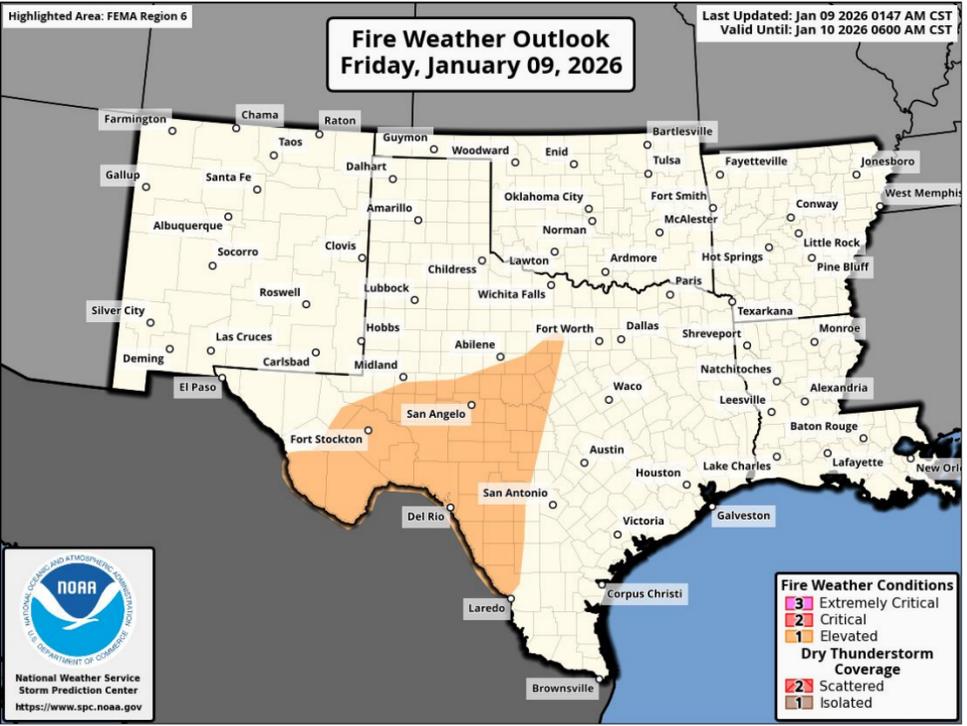
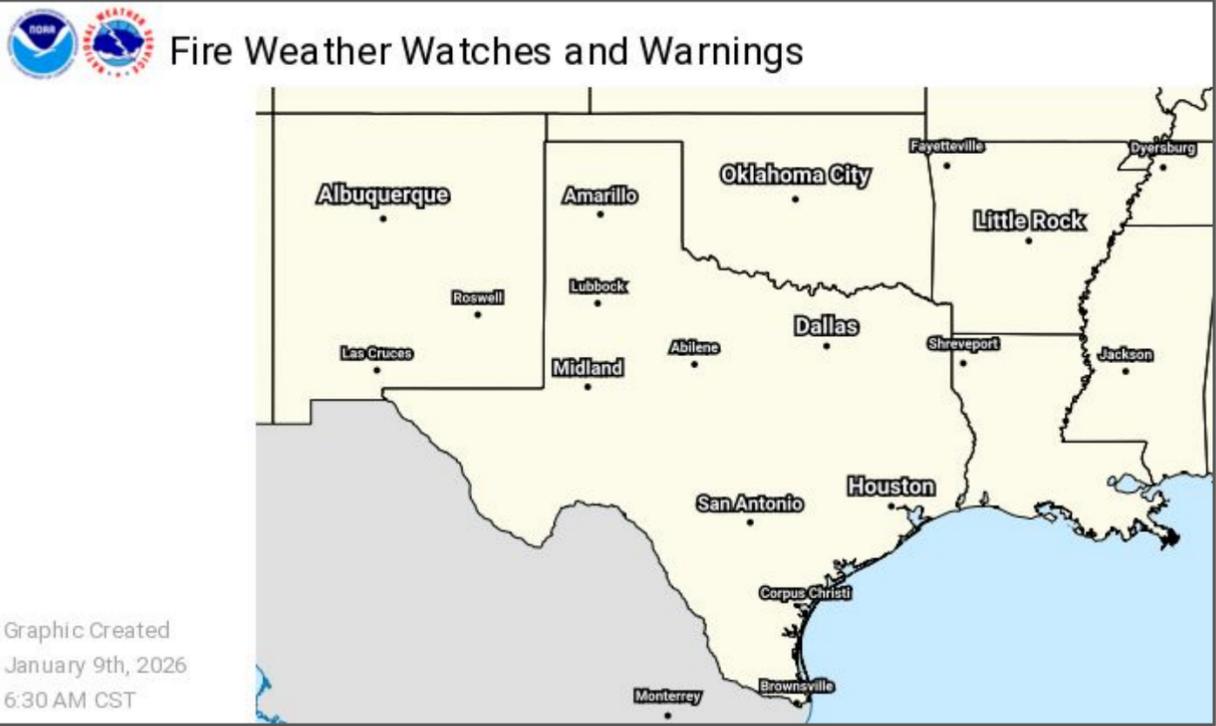


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

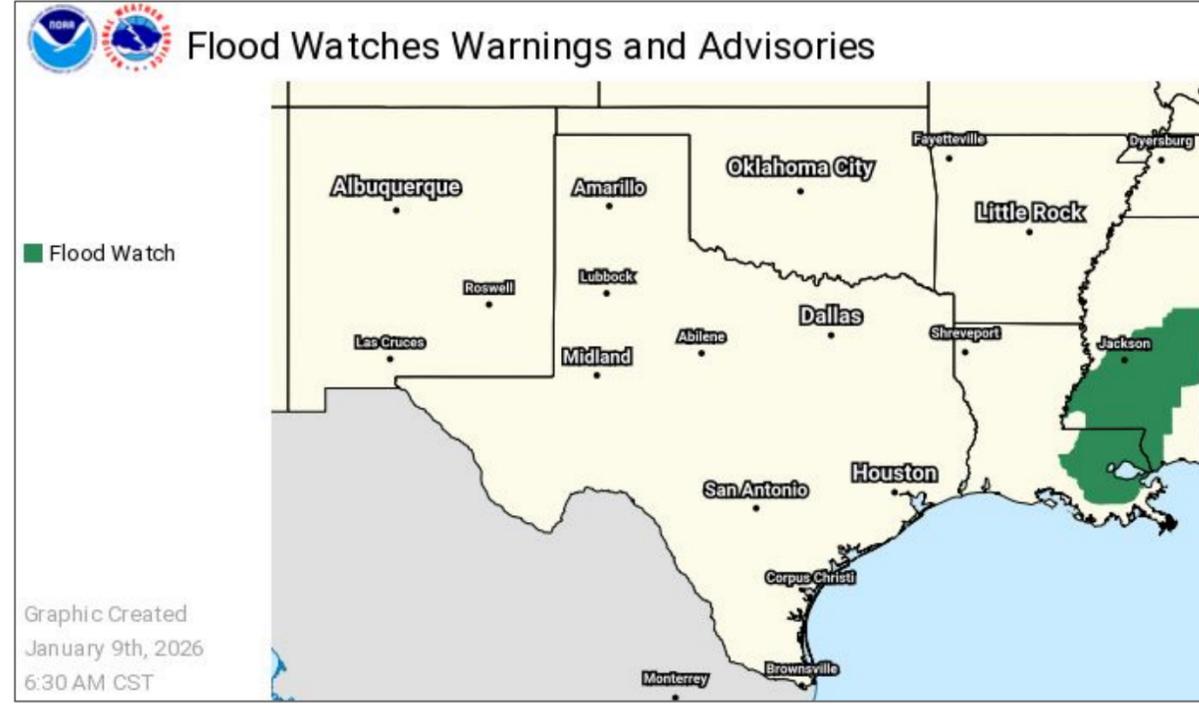
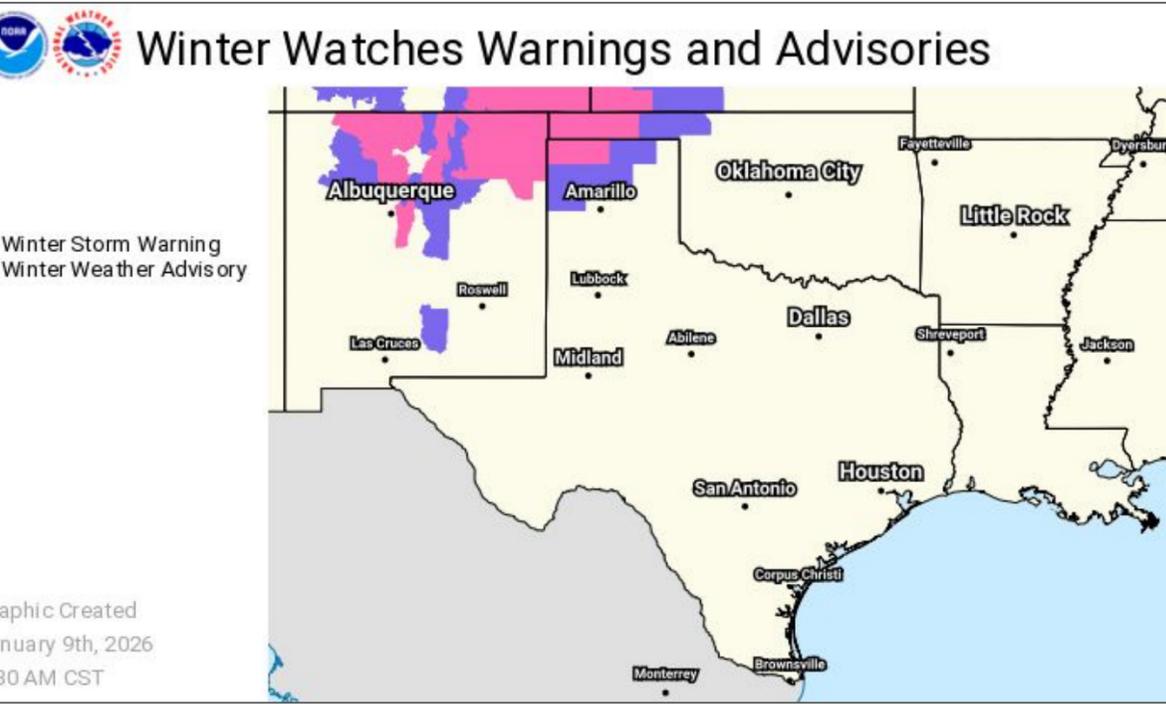
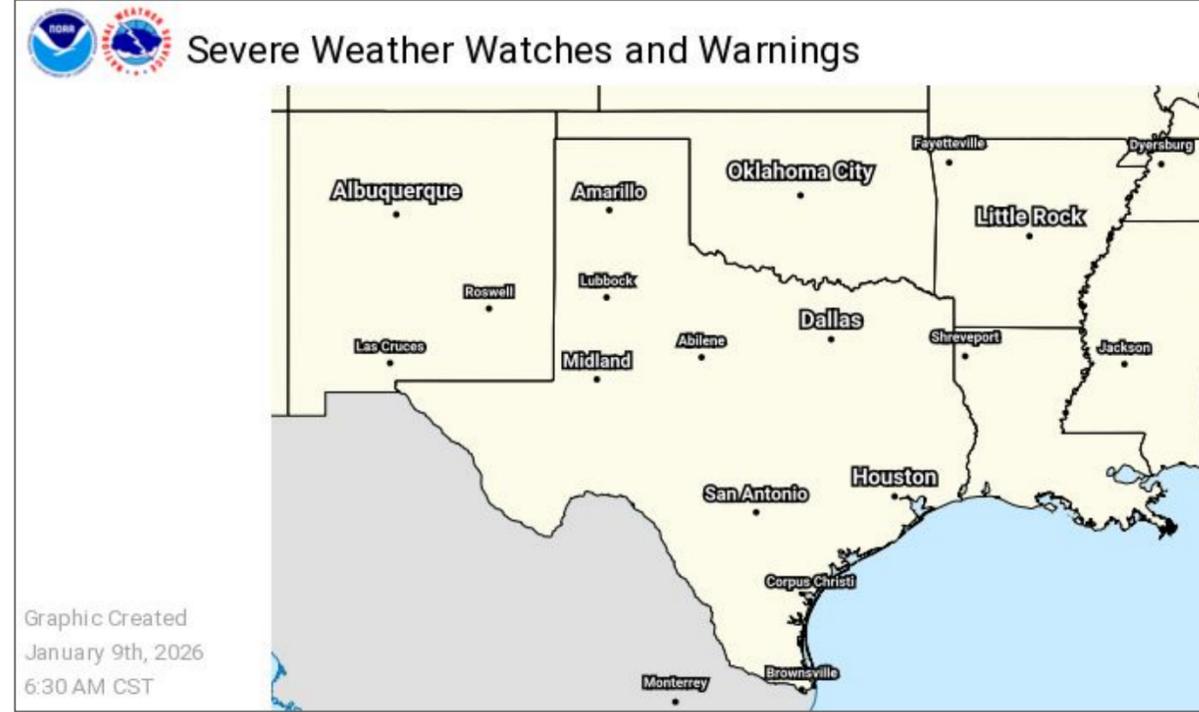
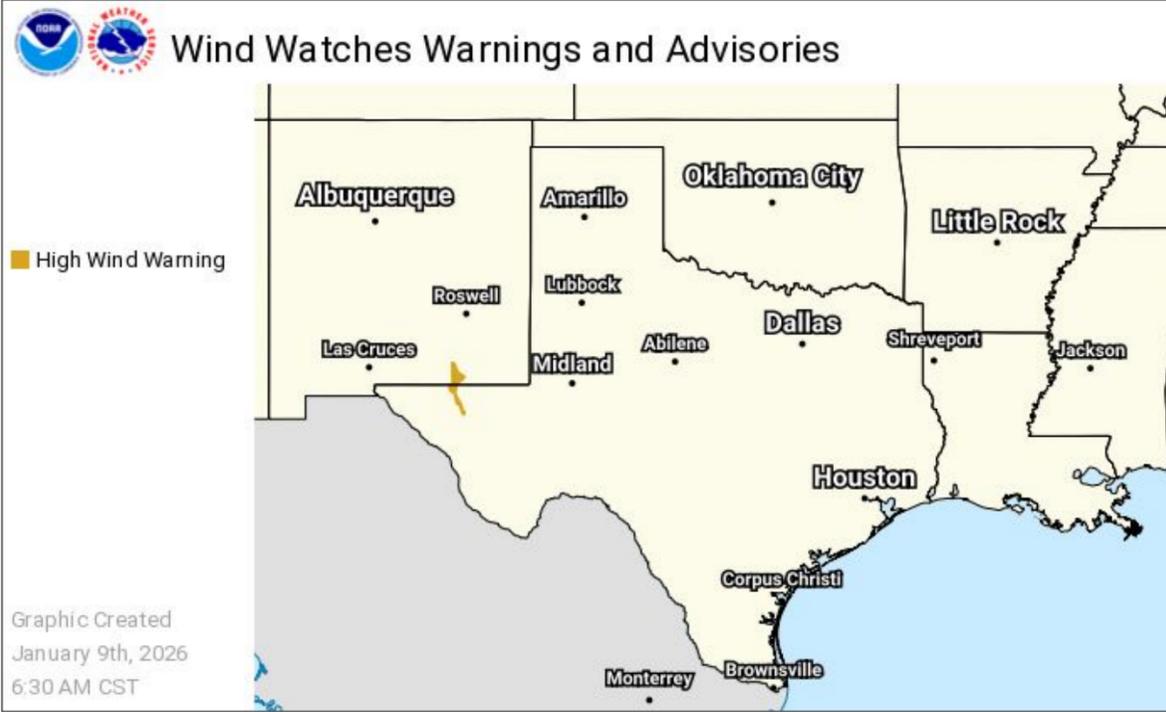
Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

Winter Storm Warning for Northern Mountain in NM into NE NM remains in effect through 9 PM CST this evening. 6-12" of snow through the period.

Winter Storm Warning in the OK/NW TX Panhandles through Midnight tonight.

Winter Weather Advisories through Midnight tonight over the E OK Panhandle into the TX Panhandle.

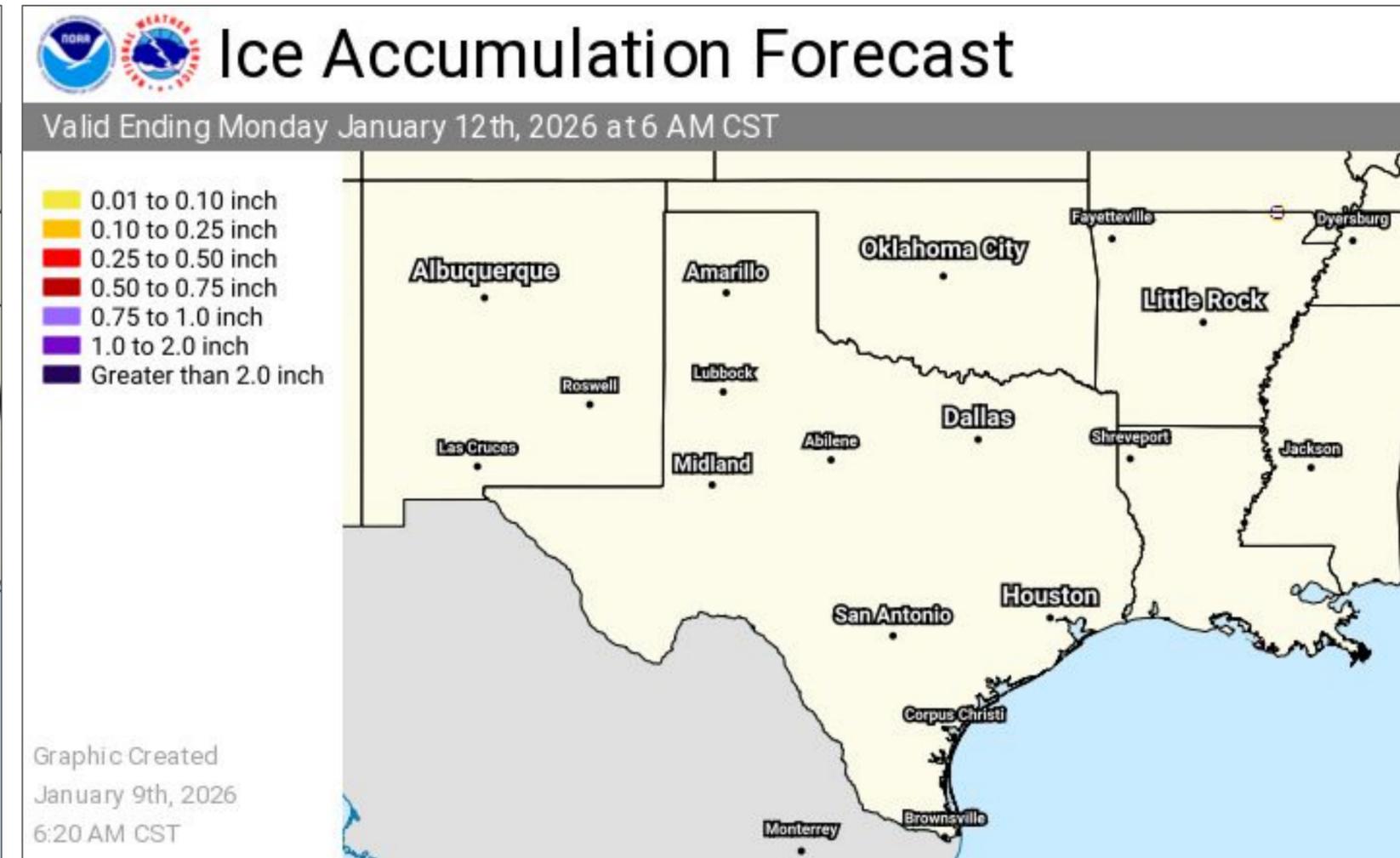
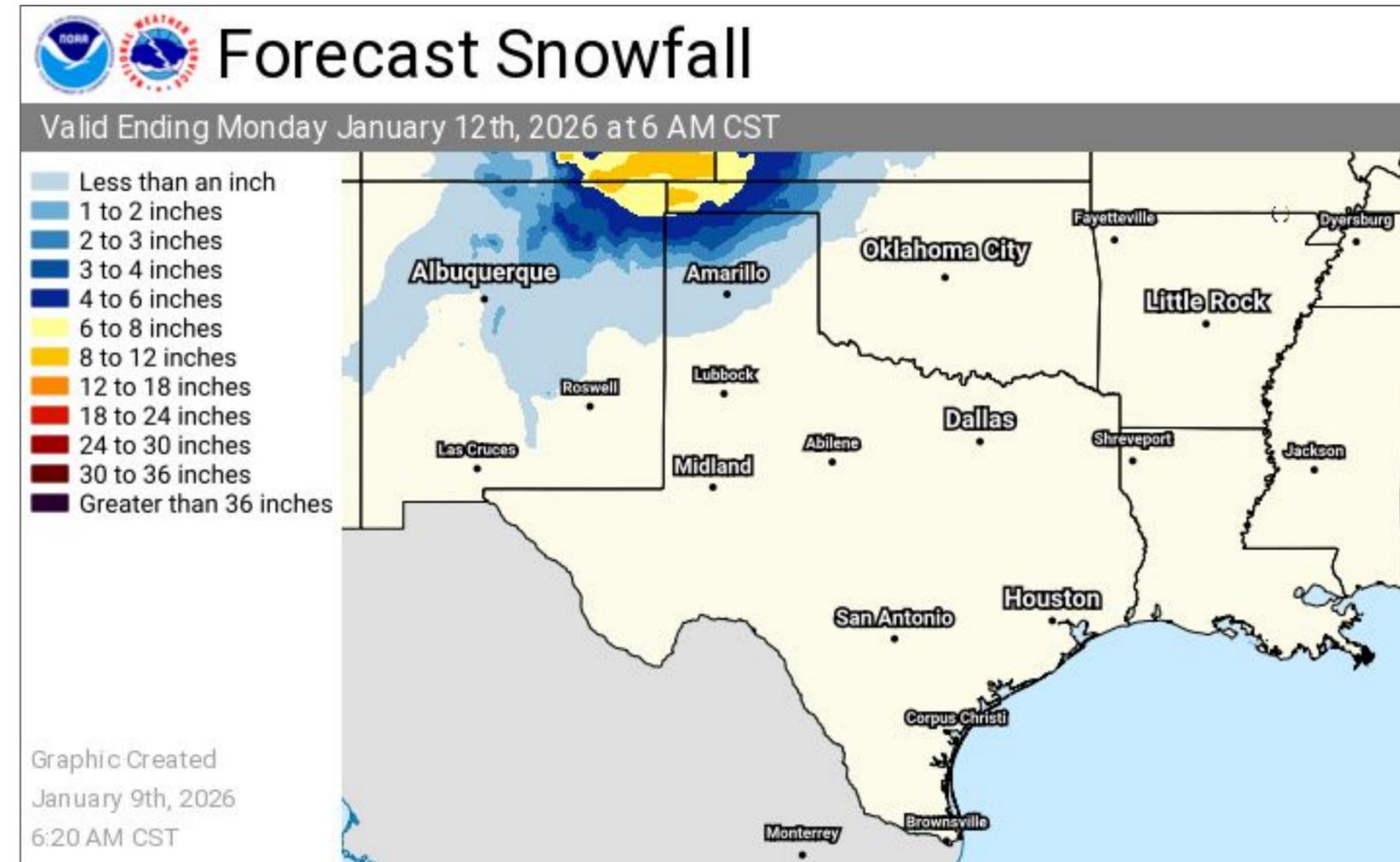
Flash Flood Watch SE LA through Saturday morning.





Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days



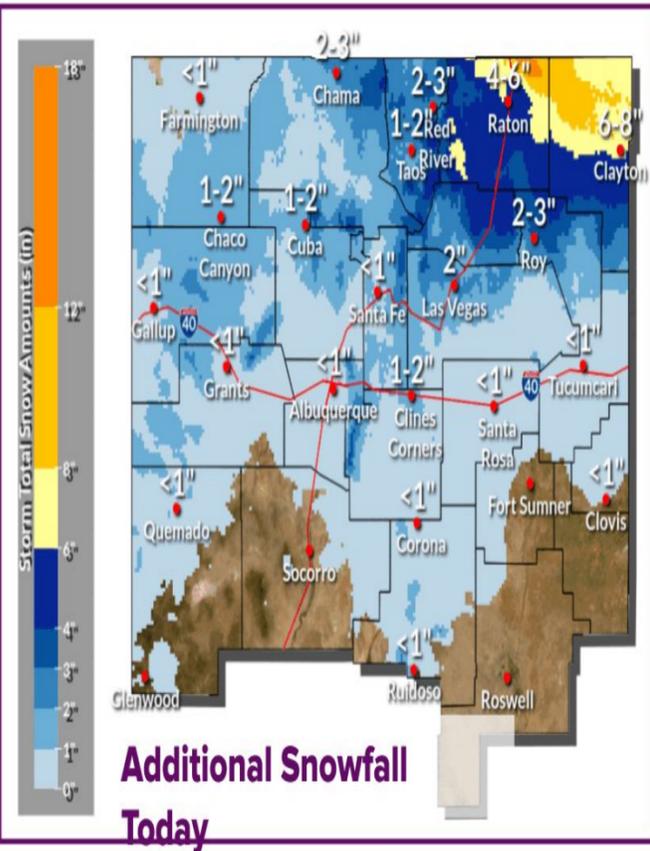


Winter Weather

Additional Snowfall Today

Latest info at weather.gov/abq

Wintry Travel - Snow Packed Roads - Reduced Visibility



Heaviest snow concentrating in Northeastern New Mexico through the morning

Snow tapers off in western areas through the morning, then dwindles in remaining areas through the afternoon & early evening

Difficult winter travel, especially through mountain passes & northeastern NM with areas of reduced visibility in snow & blowing snow. Road closures possible.



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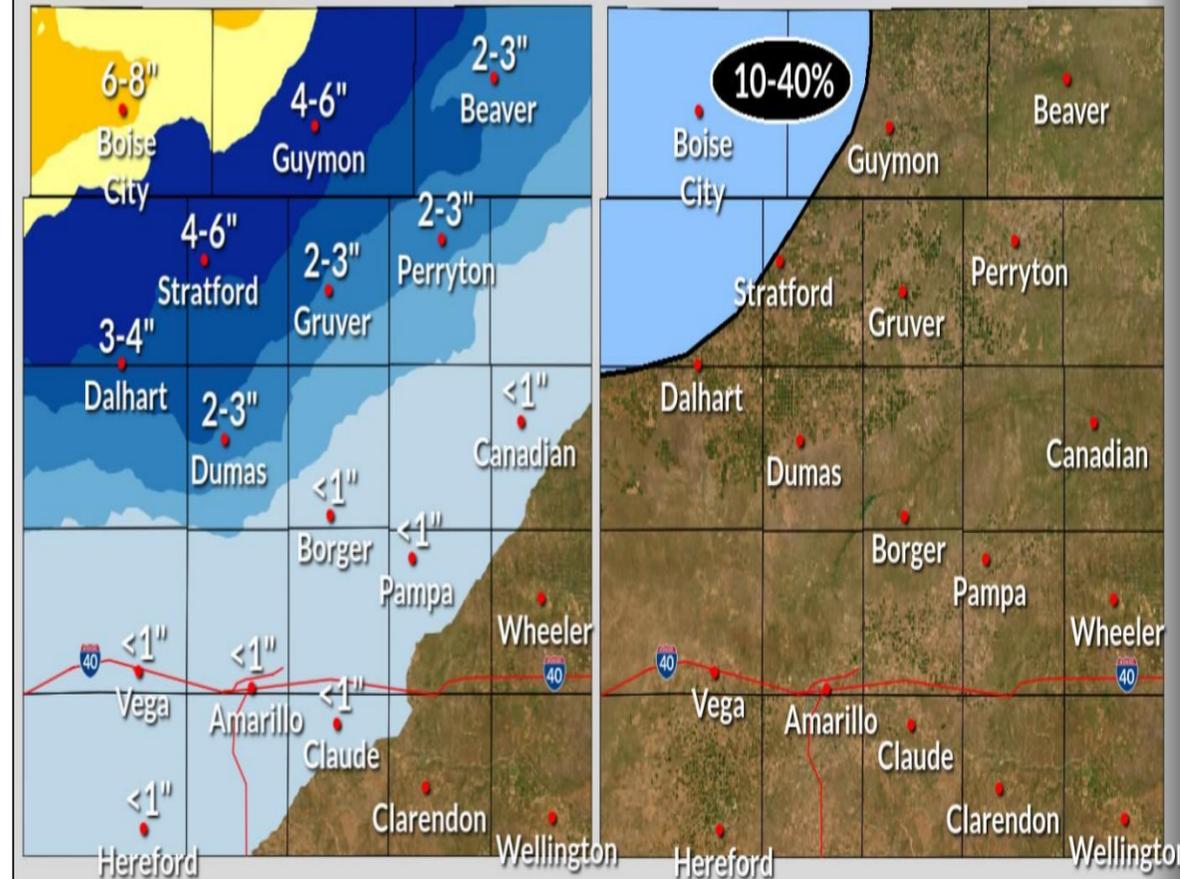
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Impactful Snowfall Expected Today

Updated:
Fri Jan 09, 2026 3:09 AM

Current Forecasted Snow Amounts

Potential for At Least 8" of Snow in 24hrs



Potential Impacts



Hazardous Travel & Slick Roadways



Snowfall Rates

40-70% chance for snowfall rates of 1-2"/hr in the NW Panhandles

Peak: 7 AM - 3 PM

Check for updates through the day!



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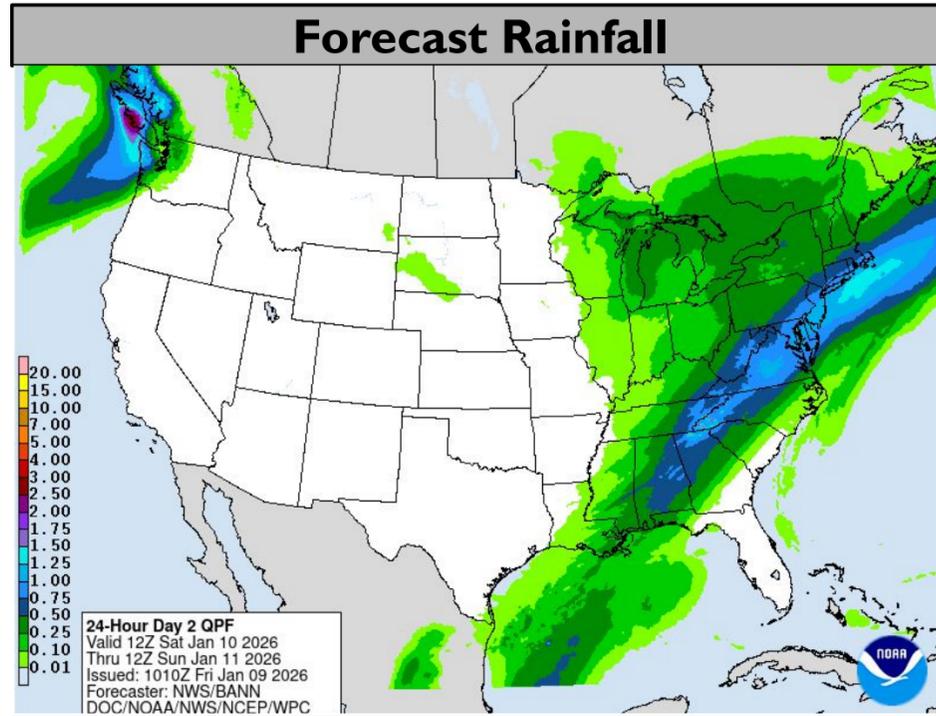
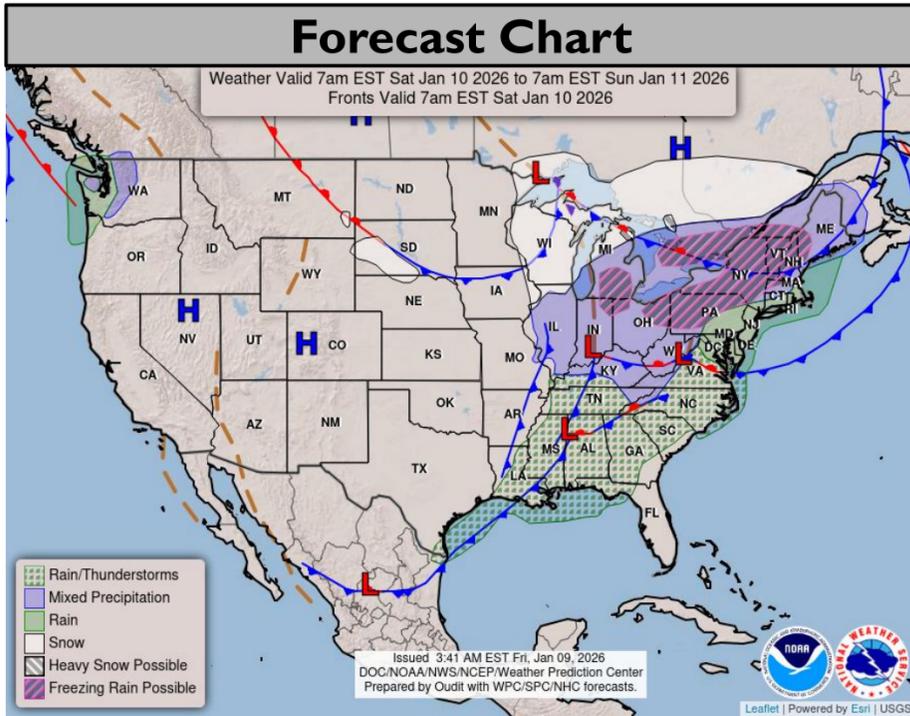


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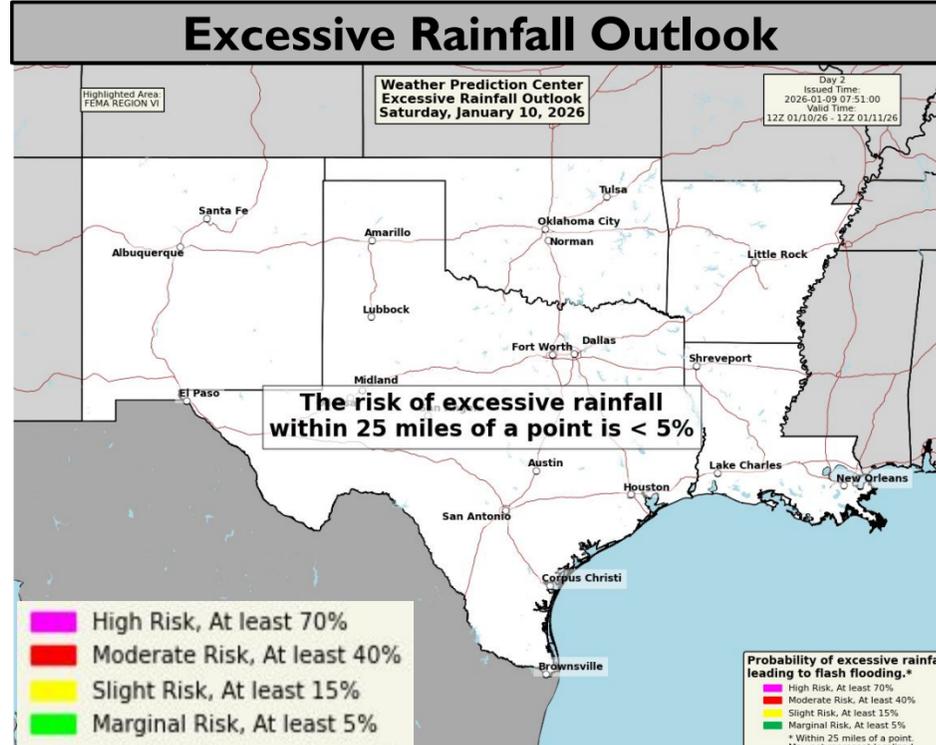
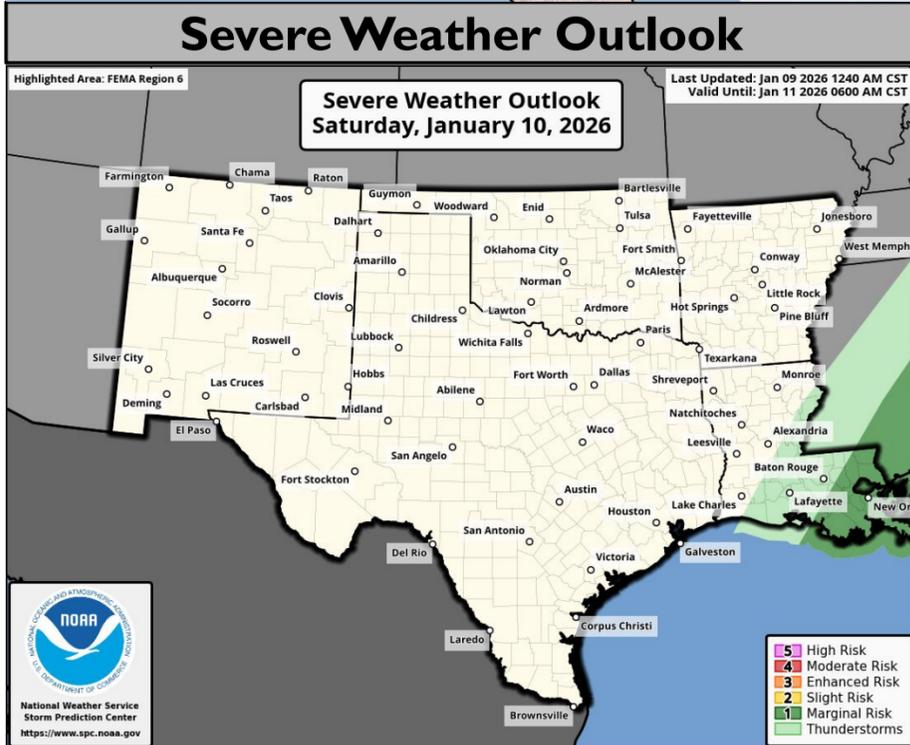
Tomorrow's Weather



Cold morning lows in NM, TX/OK Panhandles. Slick roads in the TX/OK Panhandles.

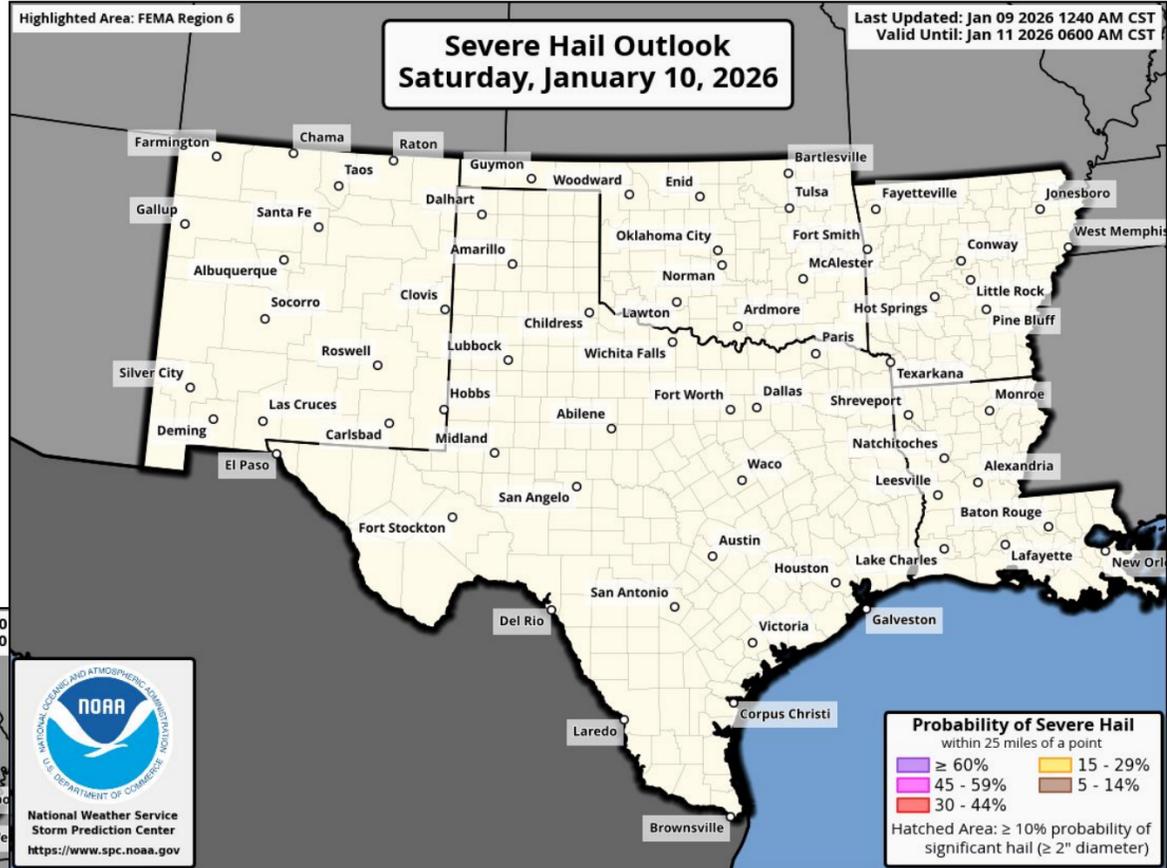
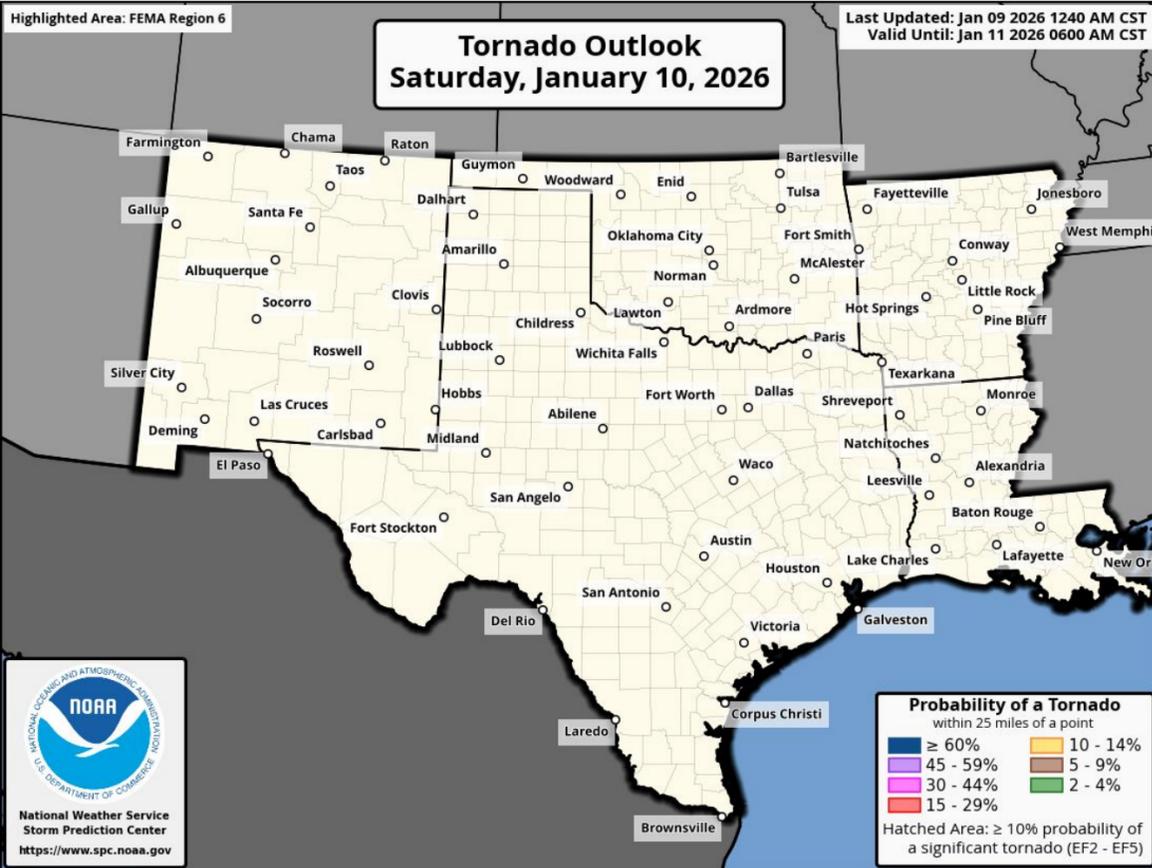
Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for SW TX.

SE LA may see isolated severe storms in the morning. Wind is the main threat.





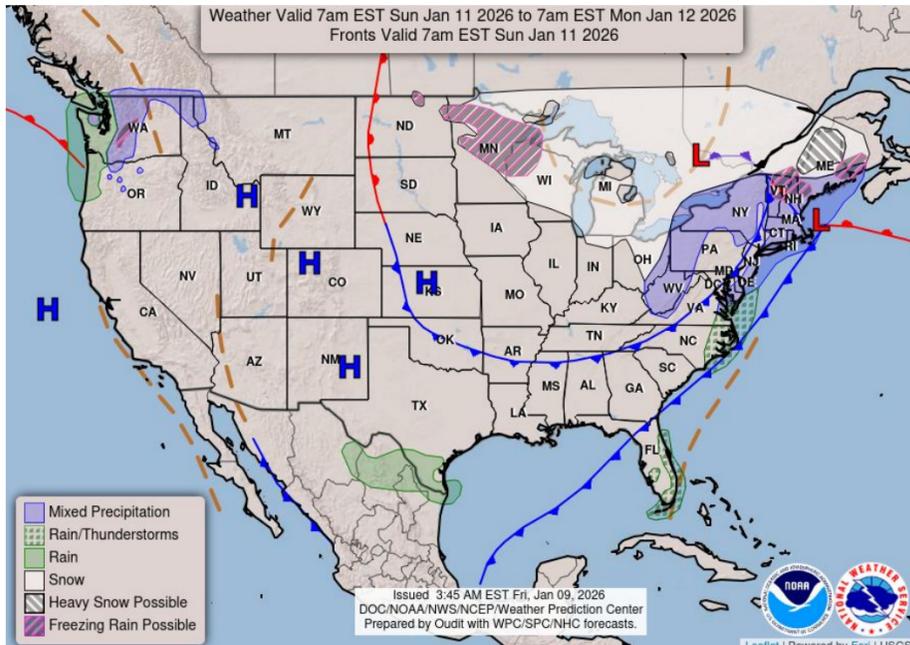
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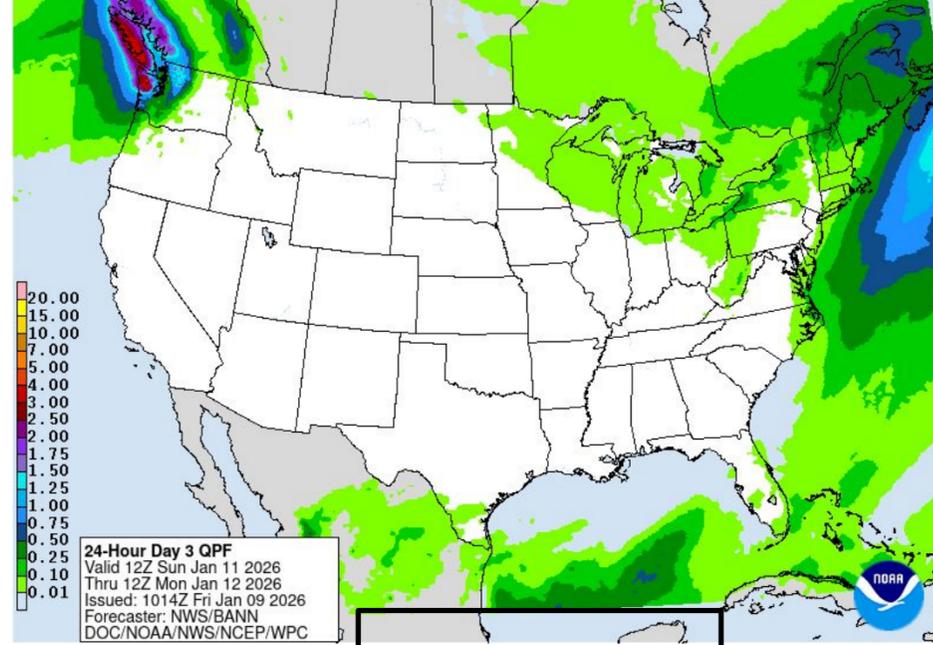


Sunday's Weather

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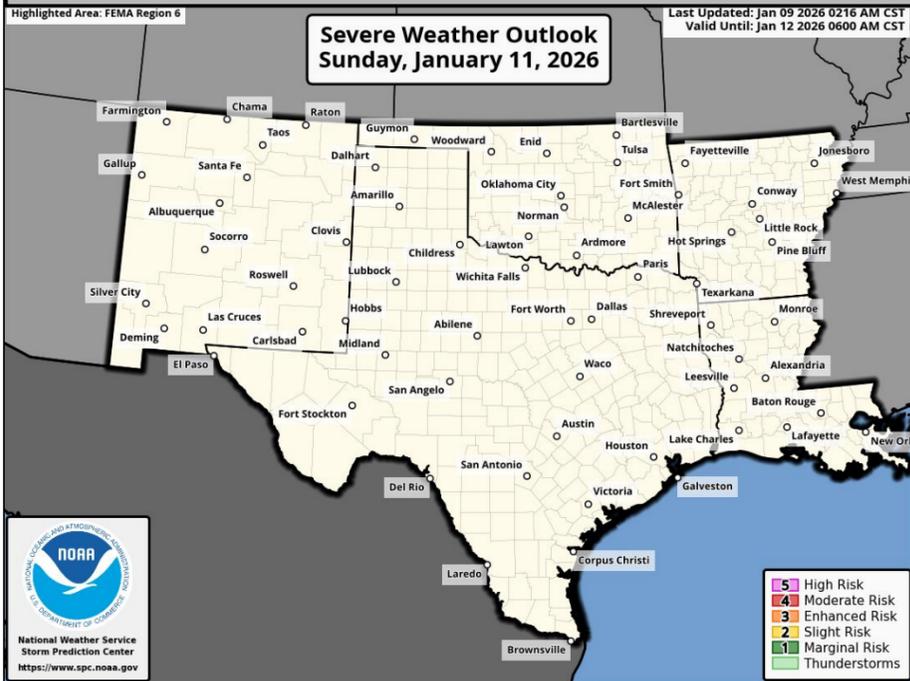


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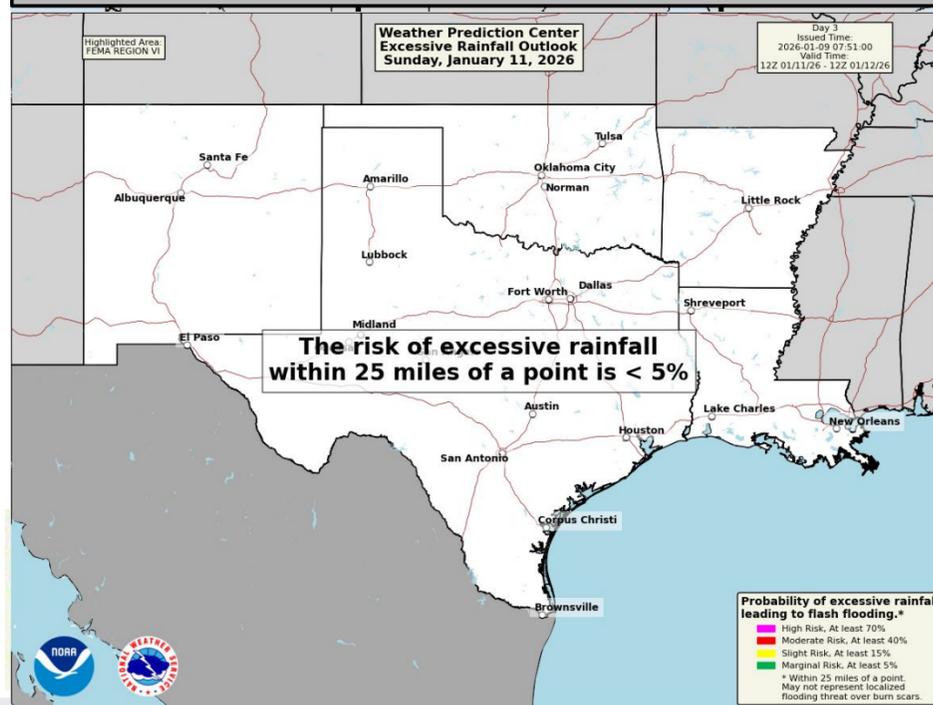


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Severe Weather Outlook



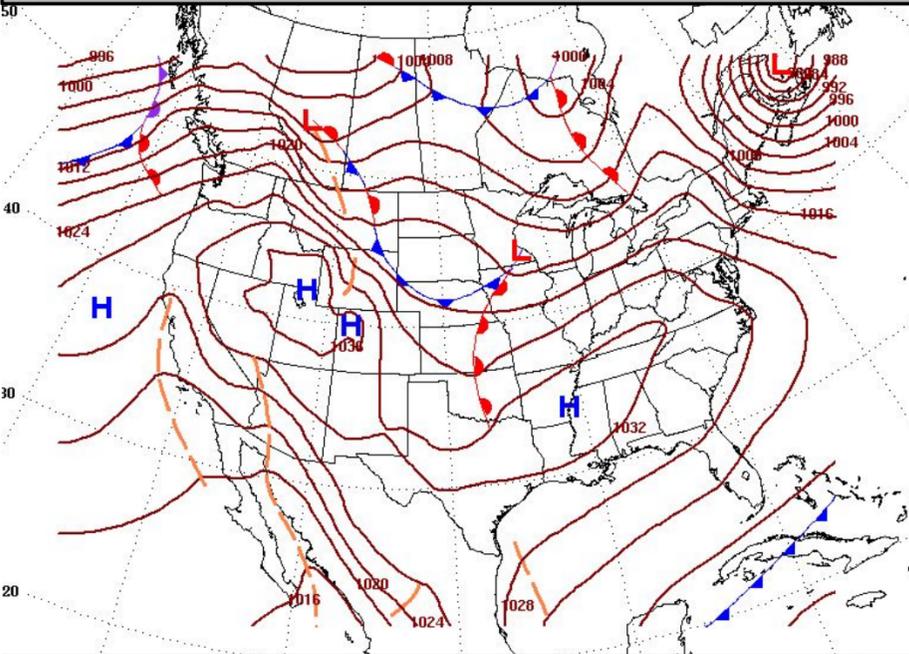
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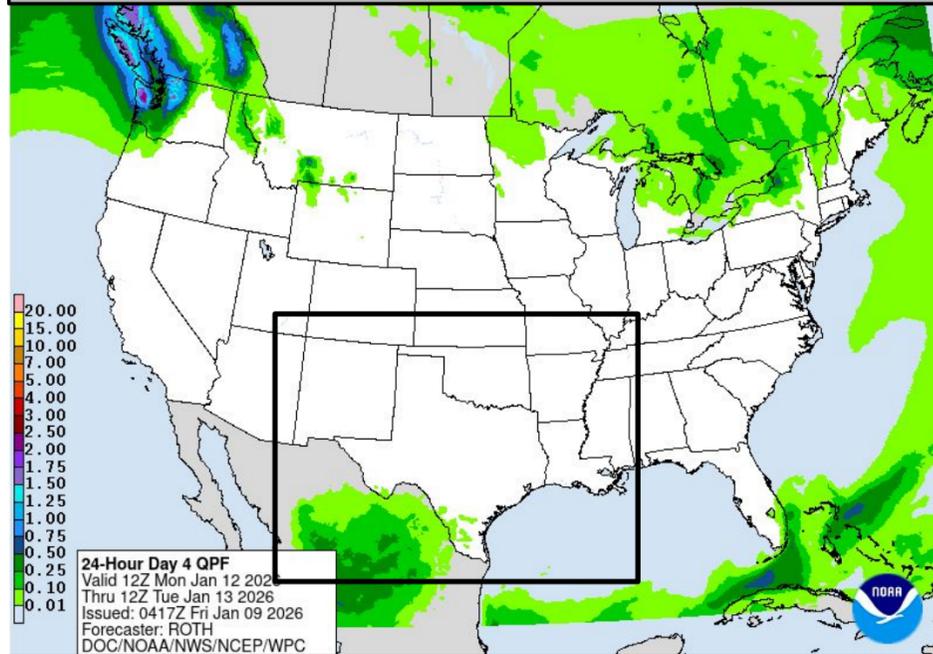


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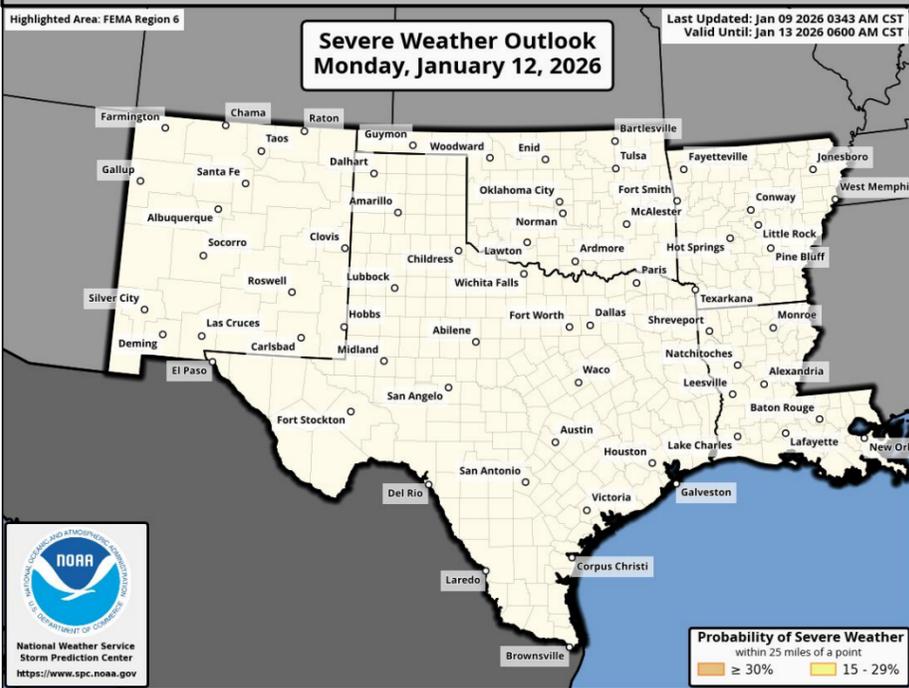


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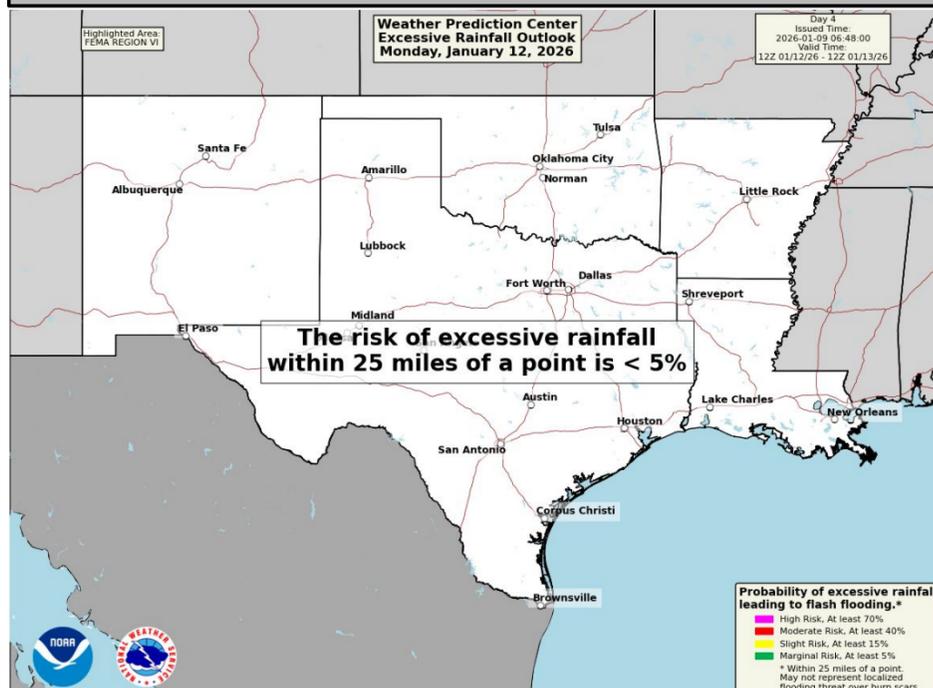


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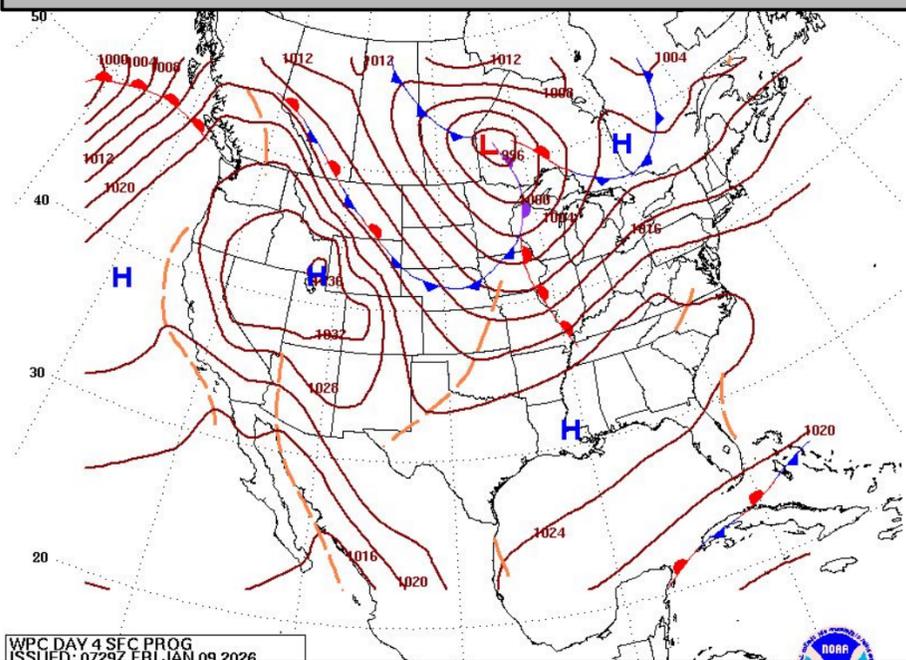
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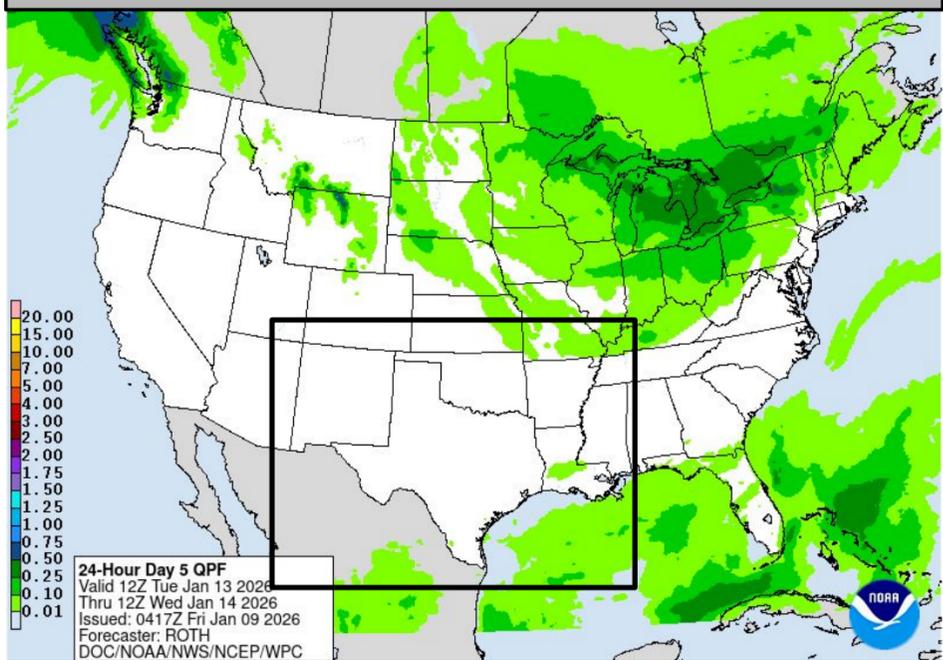
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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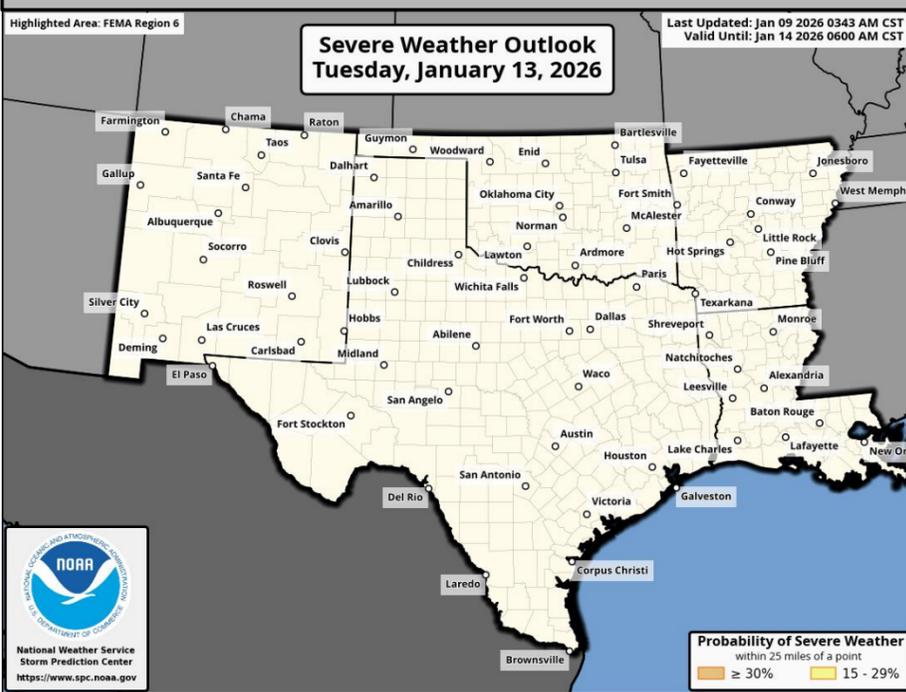
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Tue Jan 13 2026
Thru 12Z Wed Jan 14 2026
Issued: 0417Z Fri Jan 09 2026
Forecaster: ROTH
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

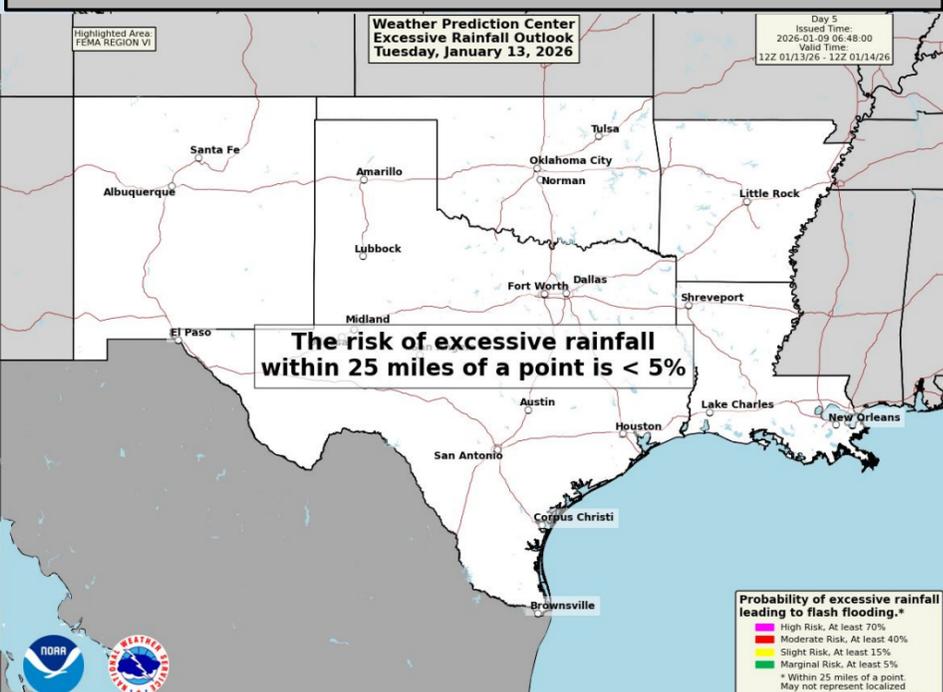


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Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Last Updated: Jan 09 2026 0343 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 14 2026 0600 AM CST

Probability of Severe Weather
within 25 miles of a point
≥ 30% 15 - 29%

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Weather Prediction Center
Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Day 5
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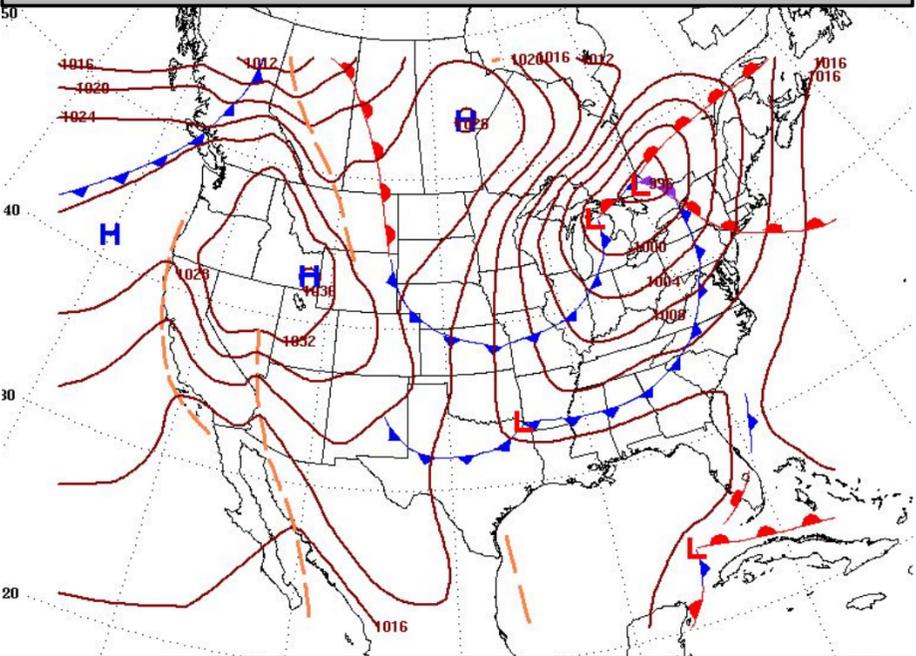
The risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

Probability of excessive rainfall
leading to flash flooding.*
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

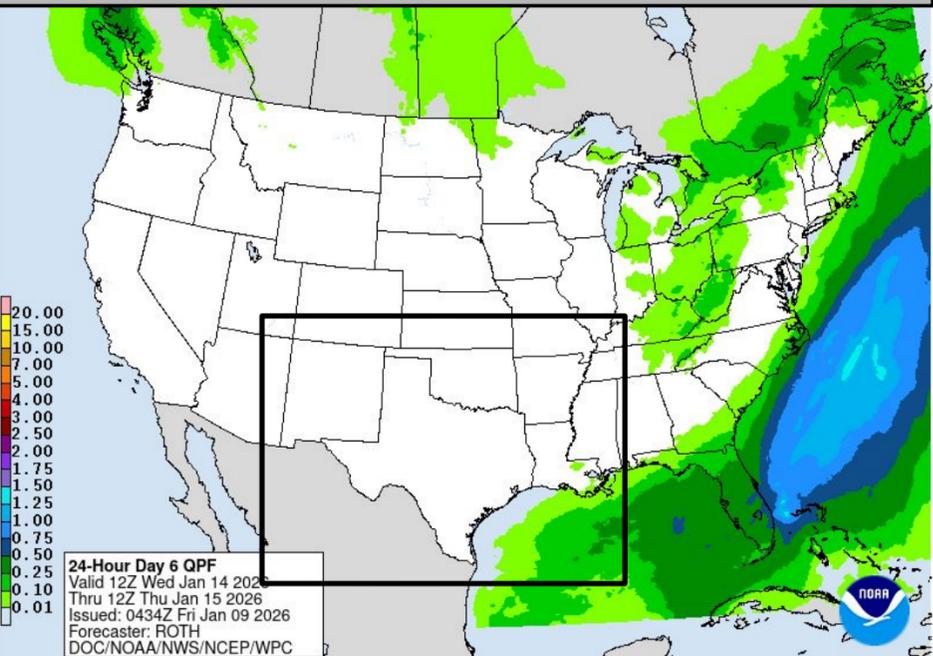


Wednesday's Weather

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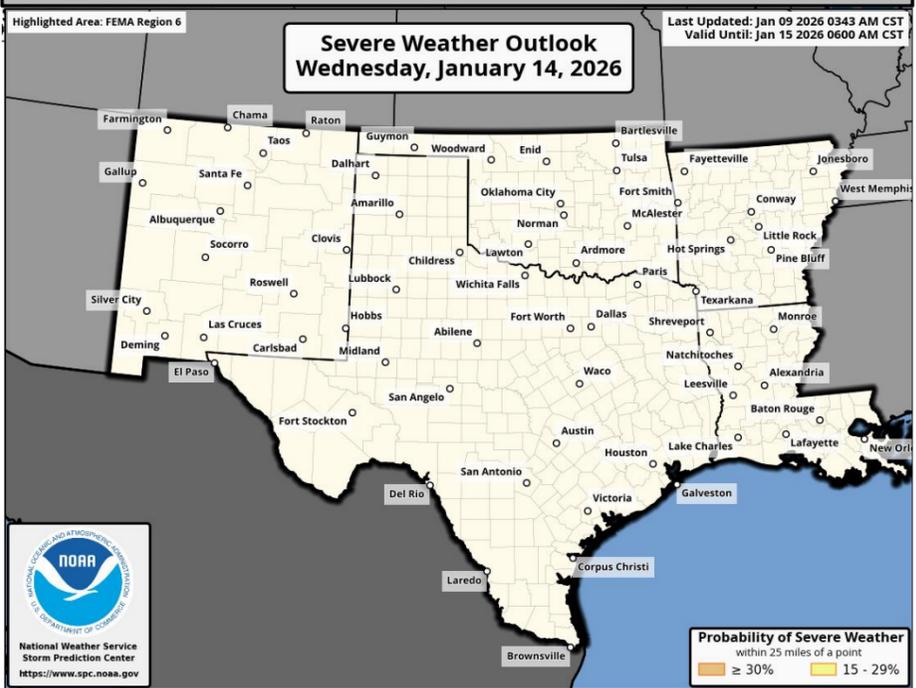


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

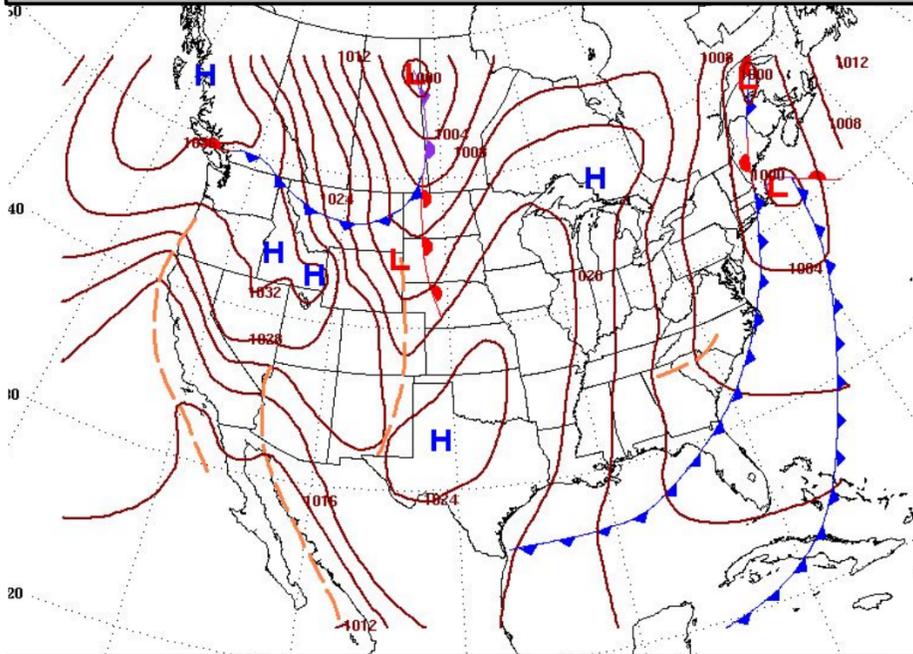


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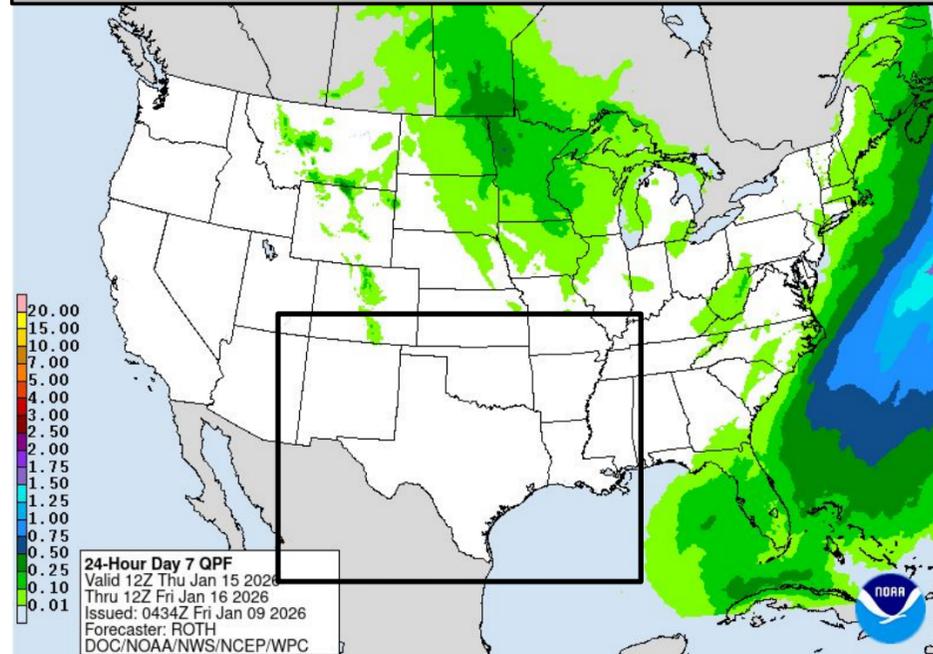


Thursday's Weather

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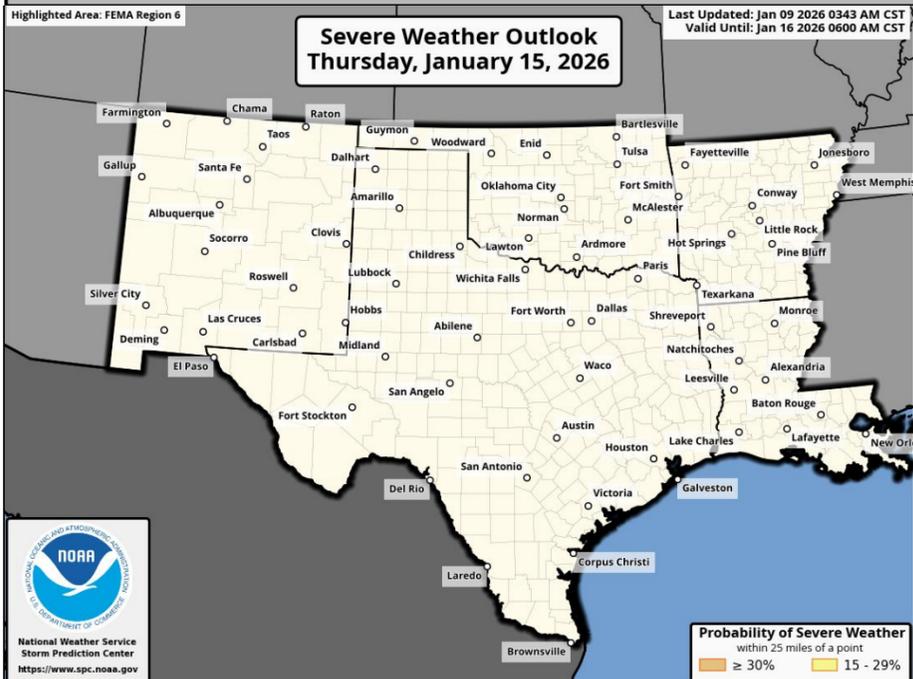


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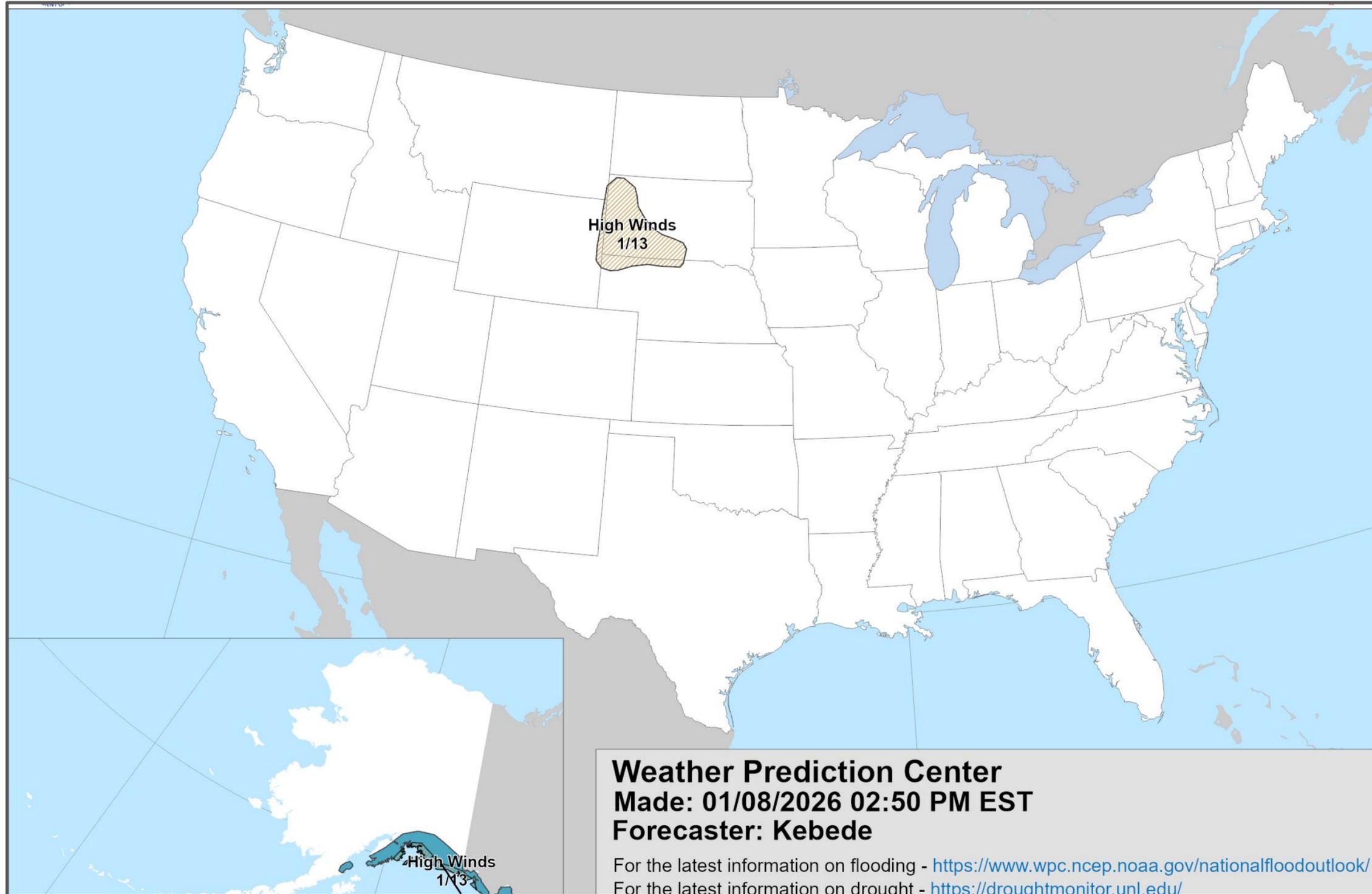
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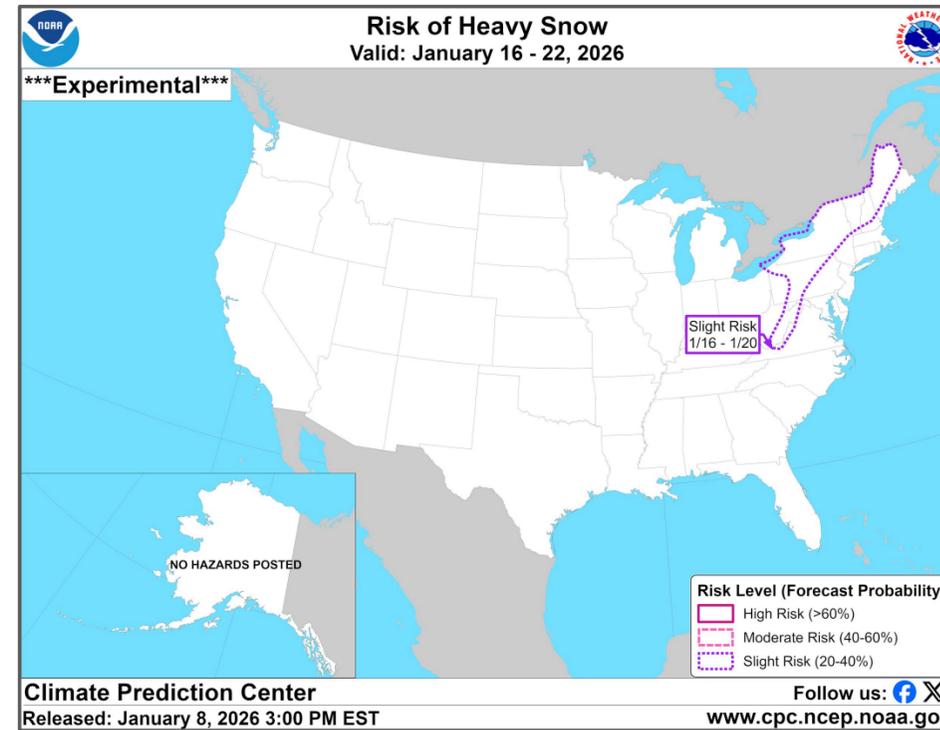
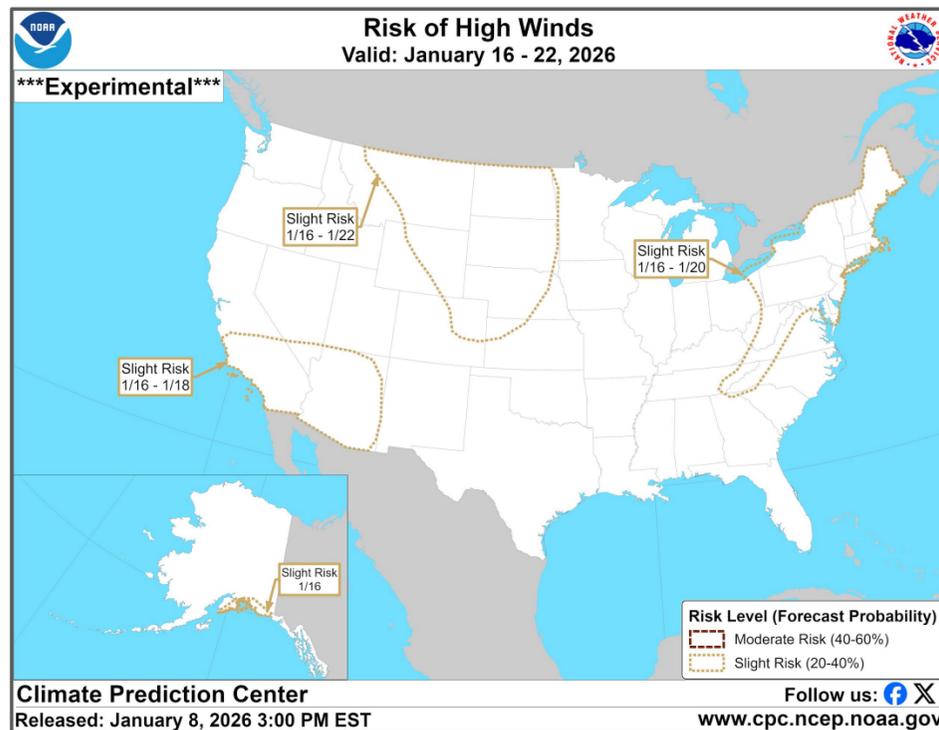
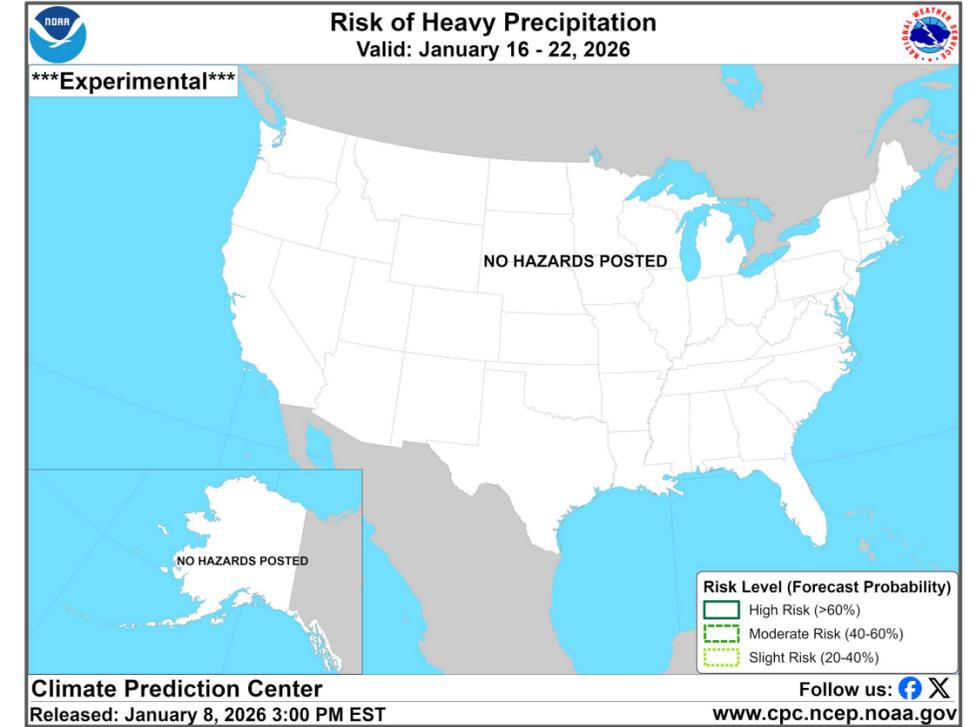
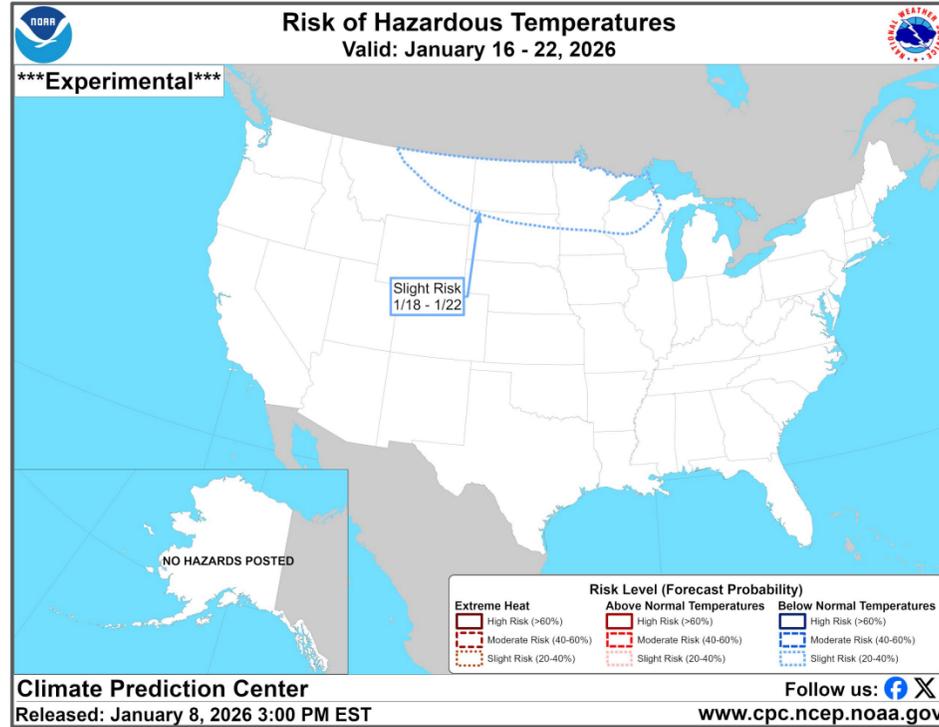
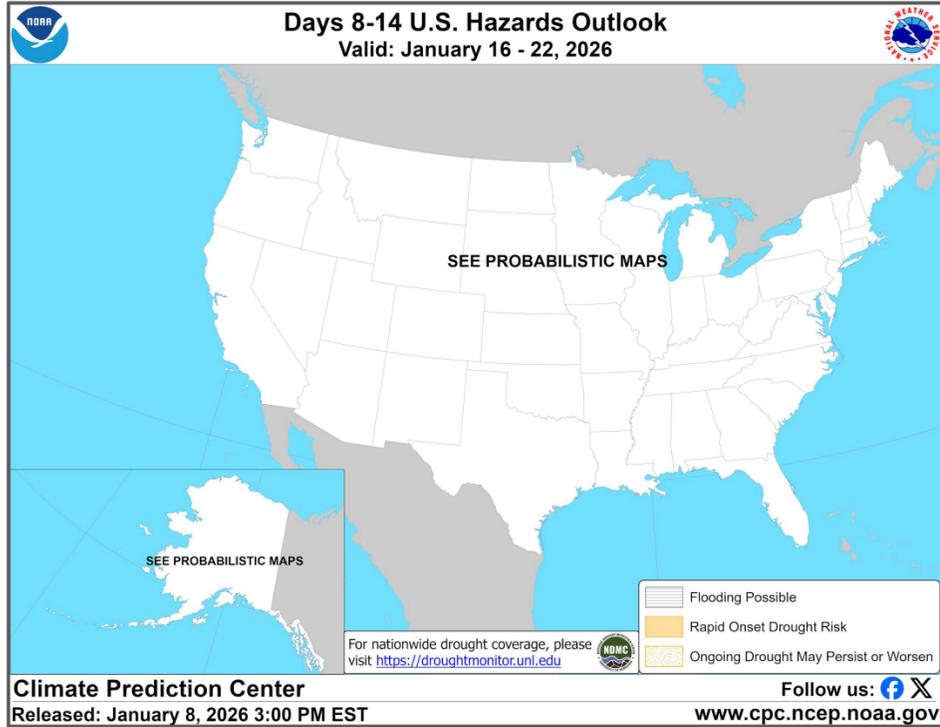


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





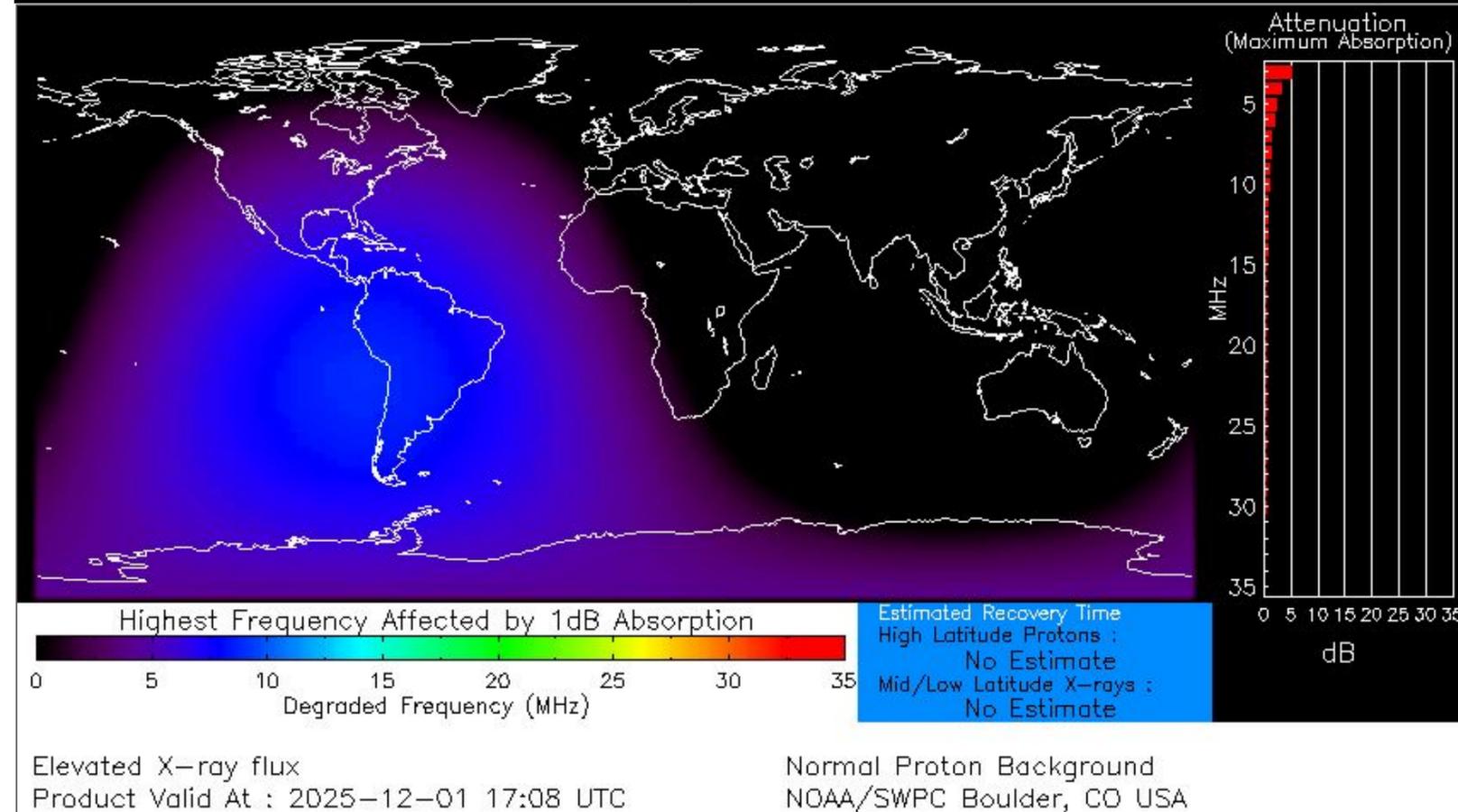
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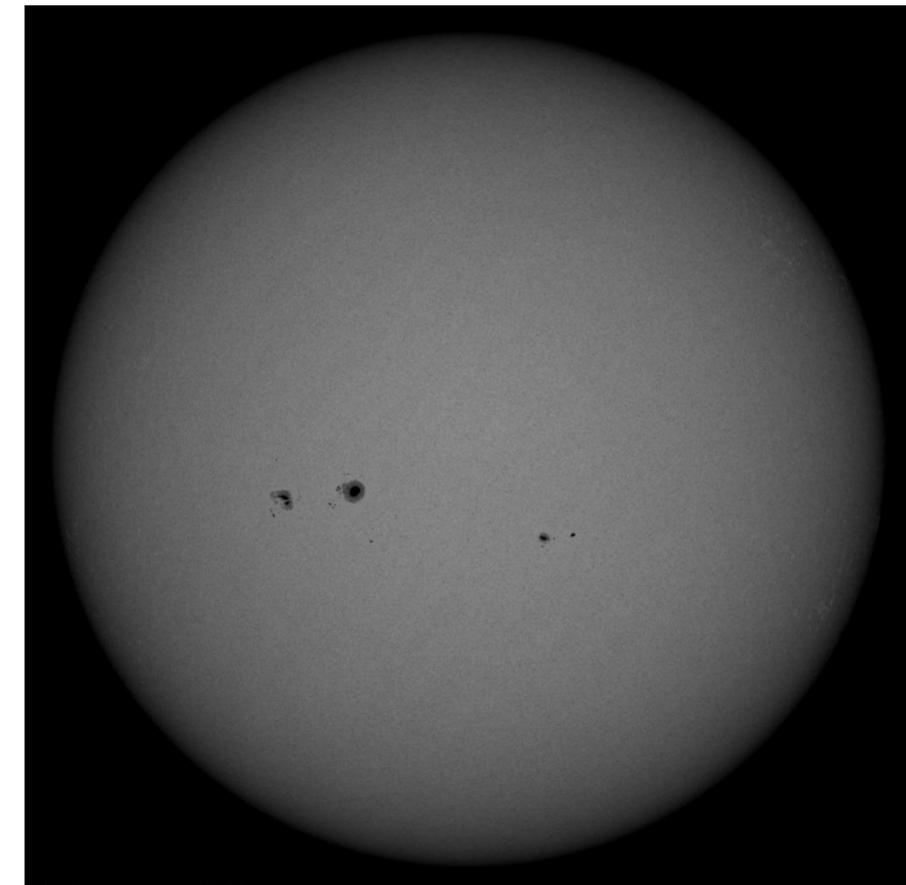
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Jan 9	Saturday, Jan 10	Sunday, Jan 11
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



[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	<p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Major</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<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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