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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 15, 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

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions today for the TX Panhandle, W OK, E NM and NWTX.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) Friday over the TX/OK Panhandles, OK and N/NW TX.**
- **Elevated conditions on Saturday over the TX/OK Panhandles and W OK.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor flooding in SE LA; rivers have crested with little to no additional impacts expected.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Jan 15	Friday, Jan 16	Saturday, Jan 17	Sunday, Jan 18	Monday, Jan 19	Tuesday, Jan 20	Wednesday, Jan 21
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	TX Panhandle, W OK, E NM, NW TX	TX/OK Panhandles, OK, N/NW TX	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK				
River Flooding	SE LA	SE LA					

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

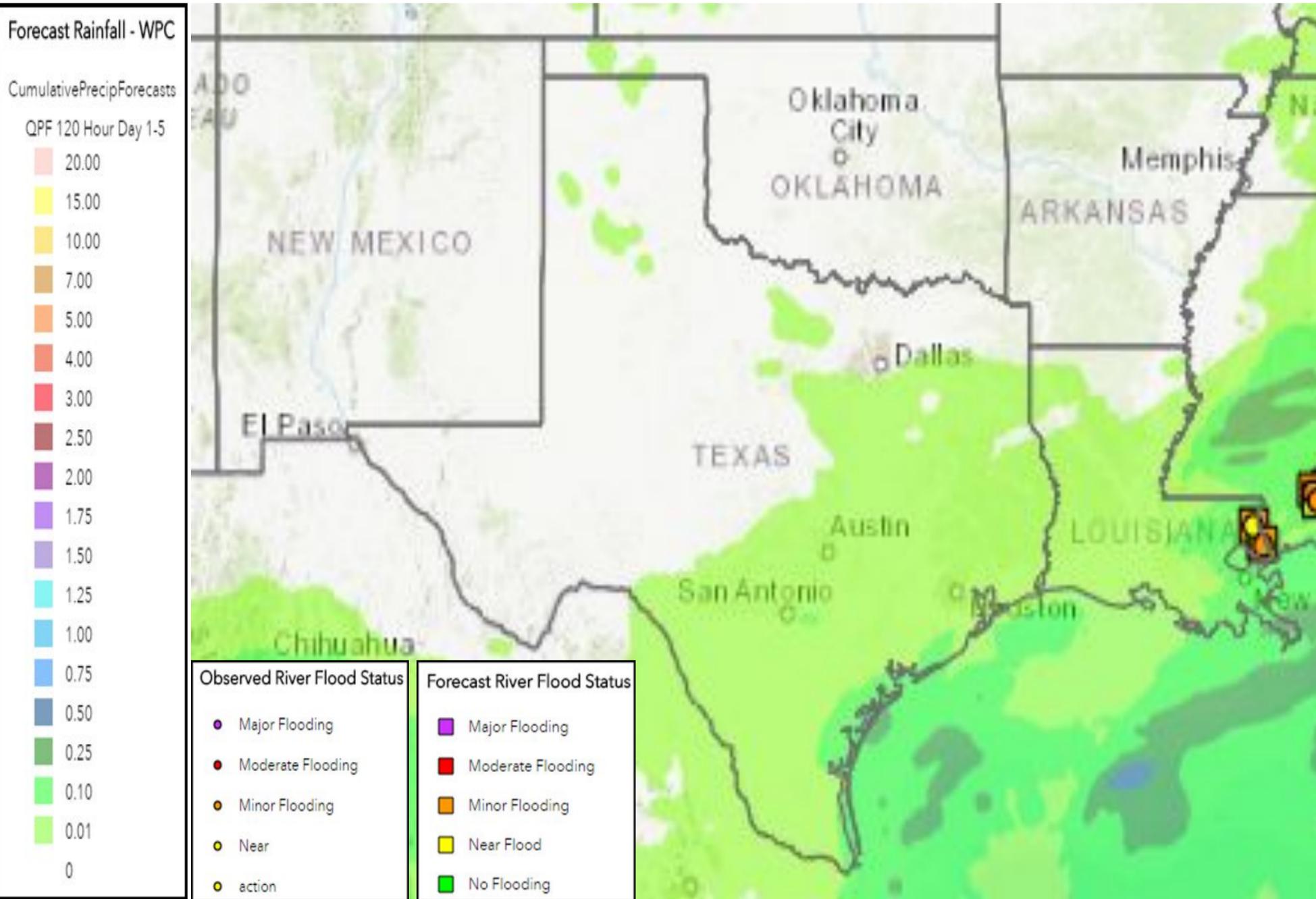
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

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



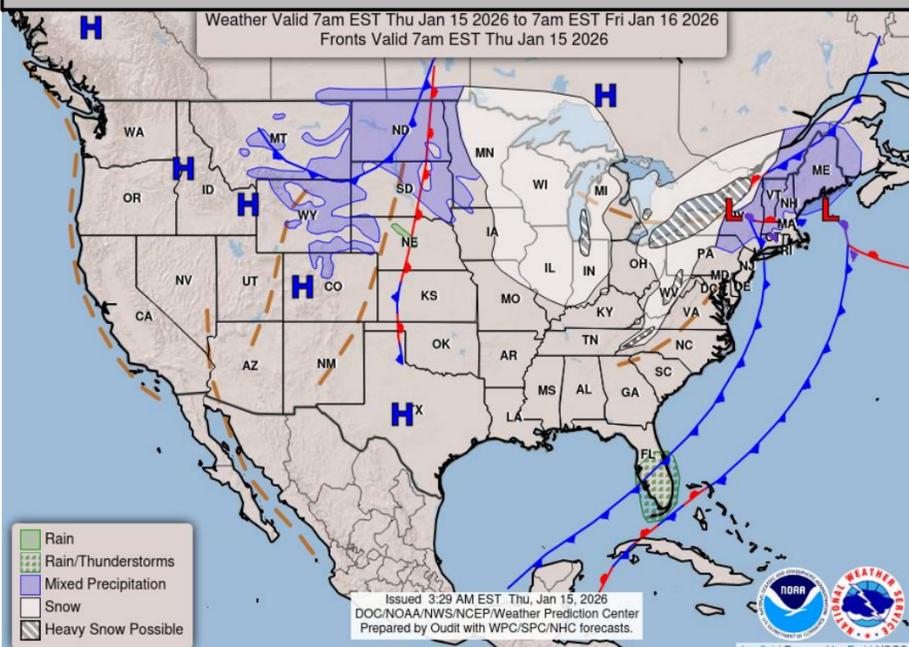
Minor river flooding in SE LA will continue through the week.

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.

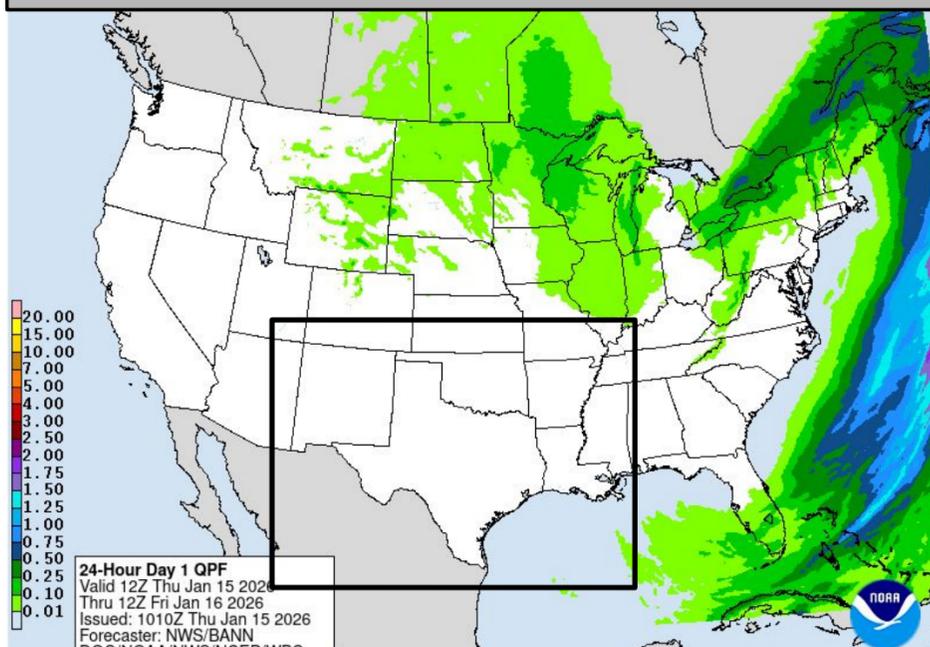


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

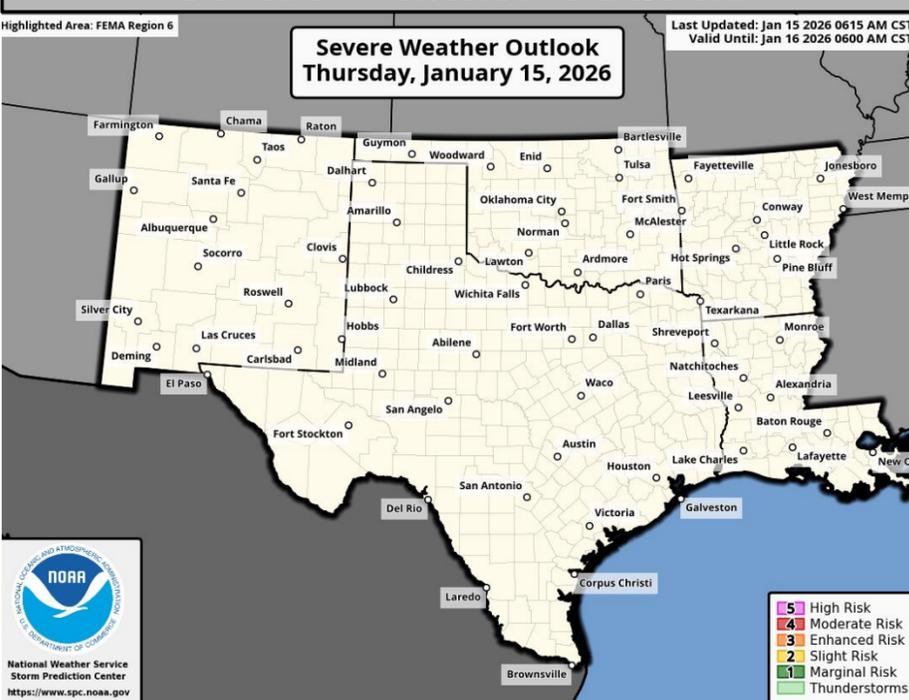


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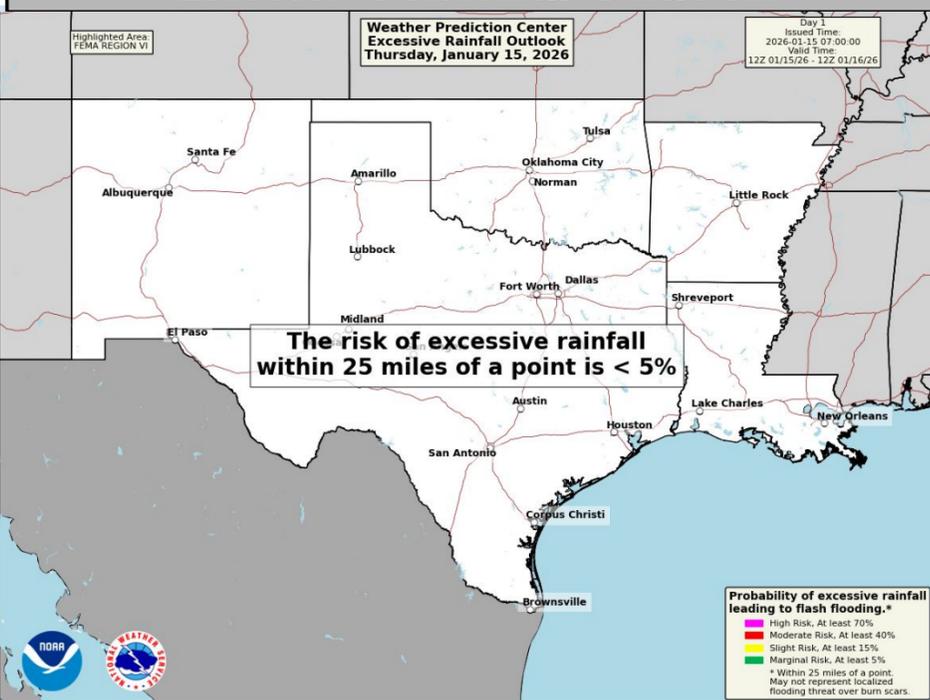


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in the TX Panhandle and NWTX.

Severe Weather Outlook

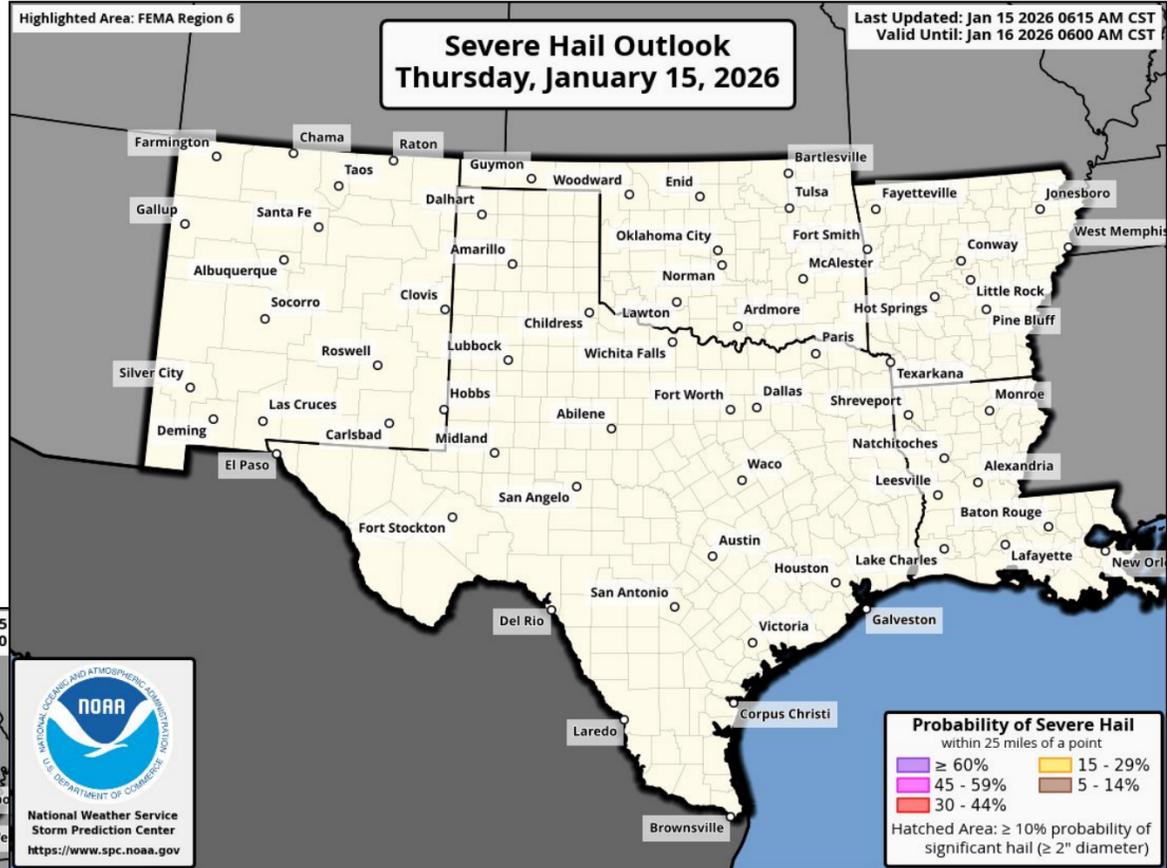
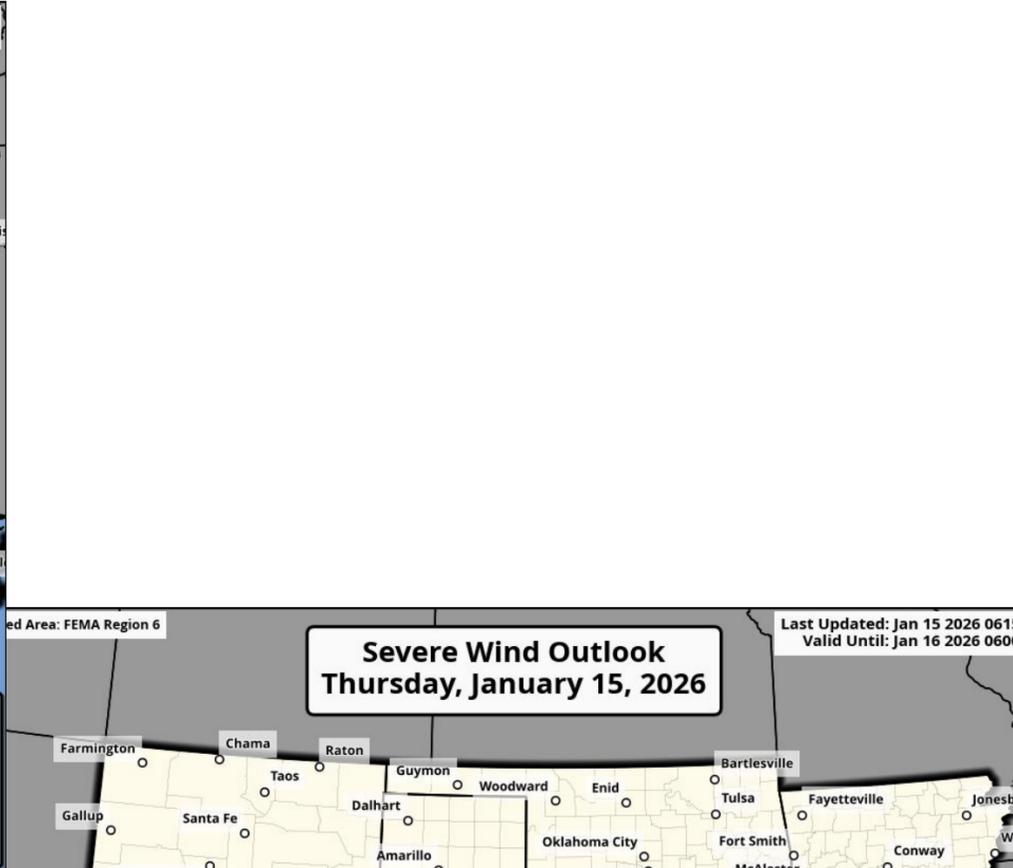
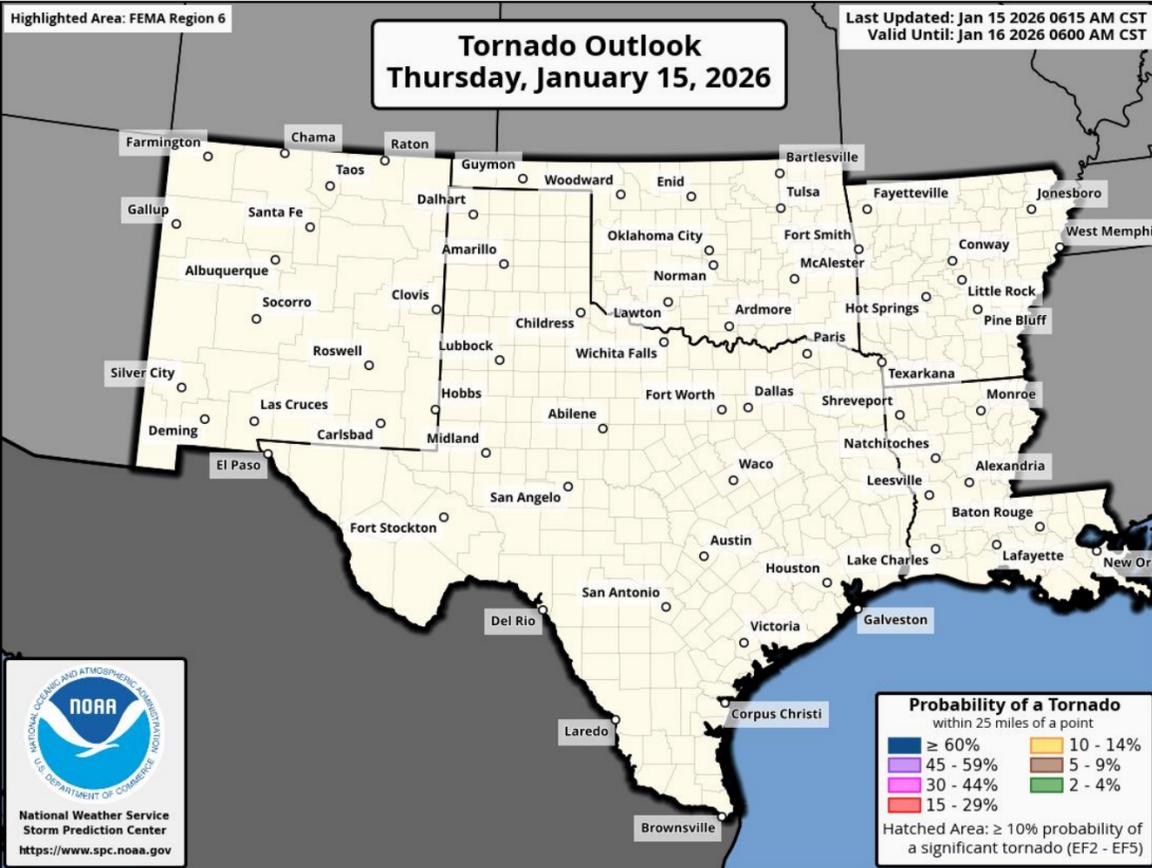


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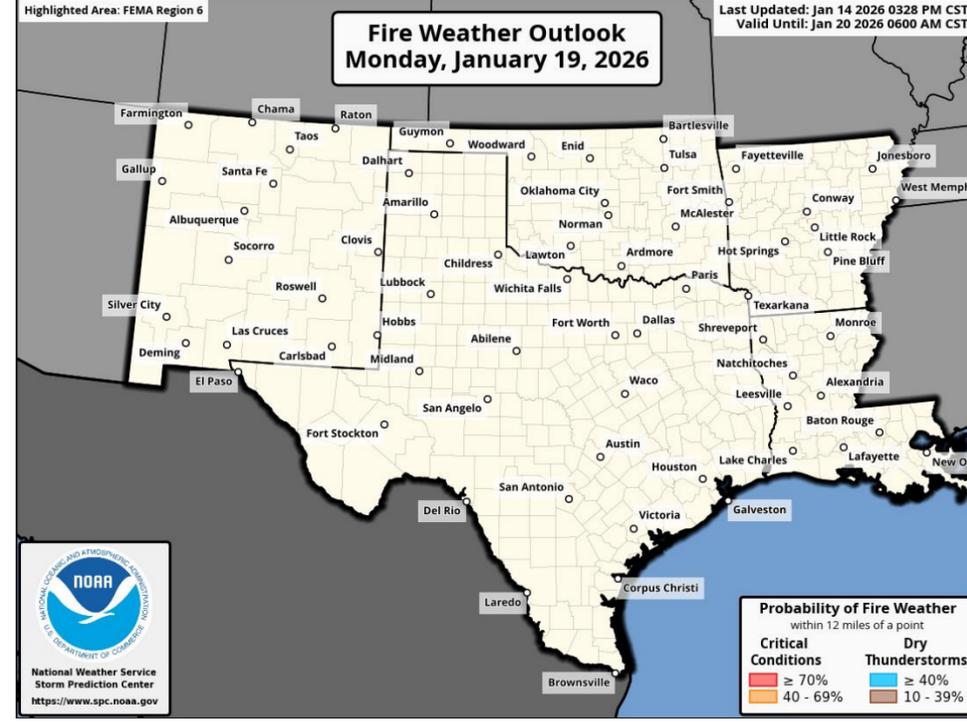
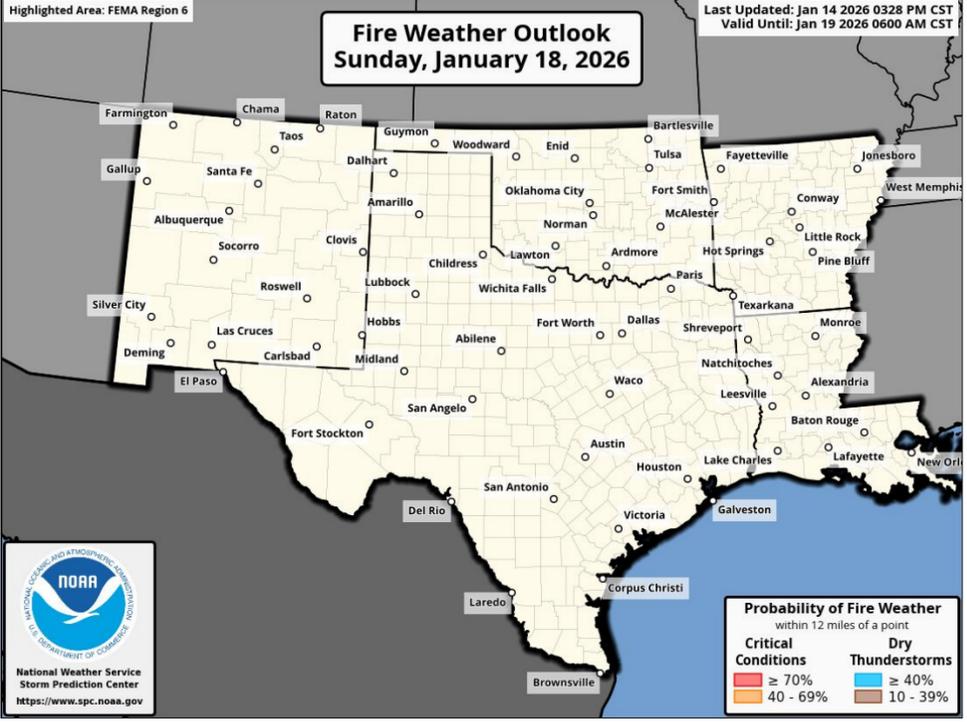
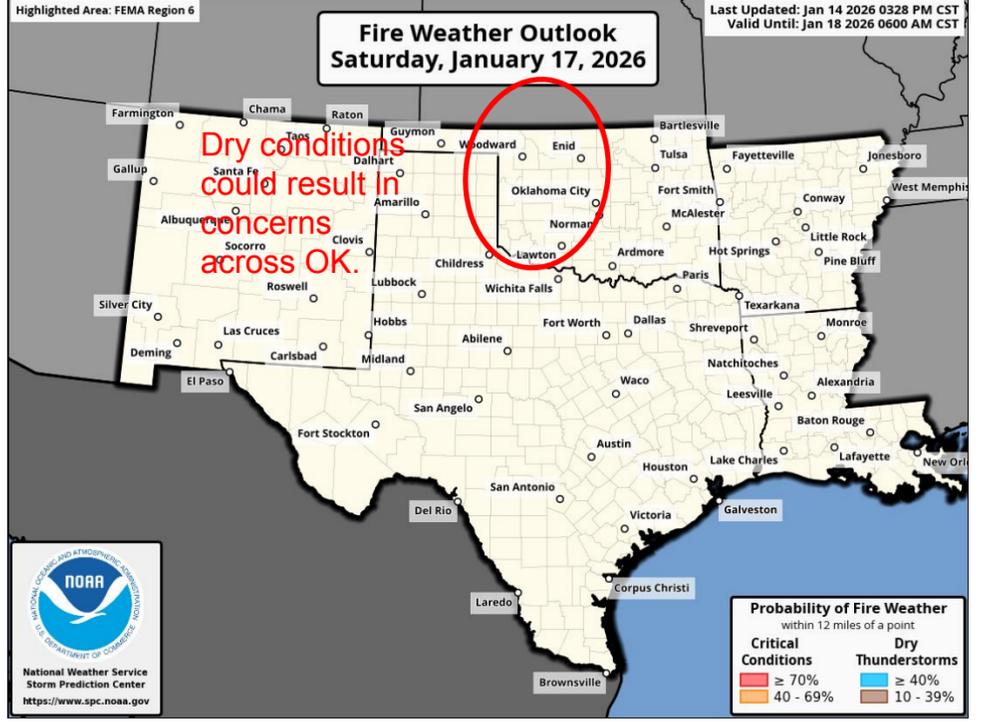
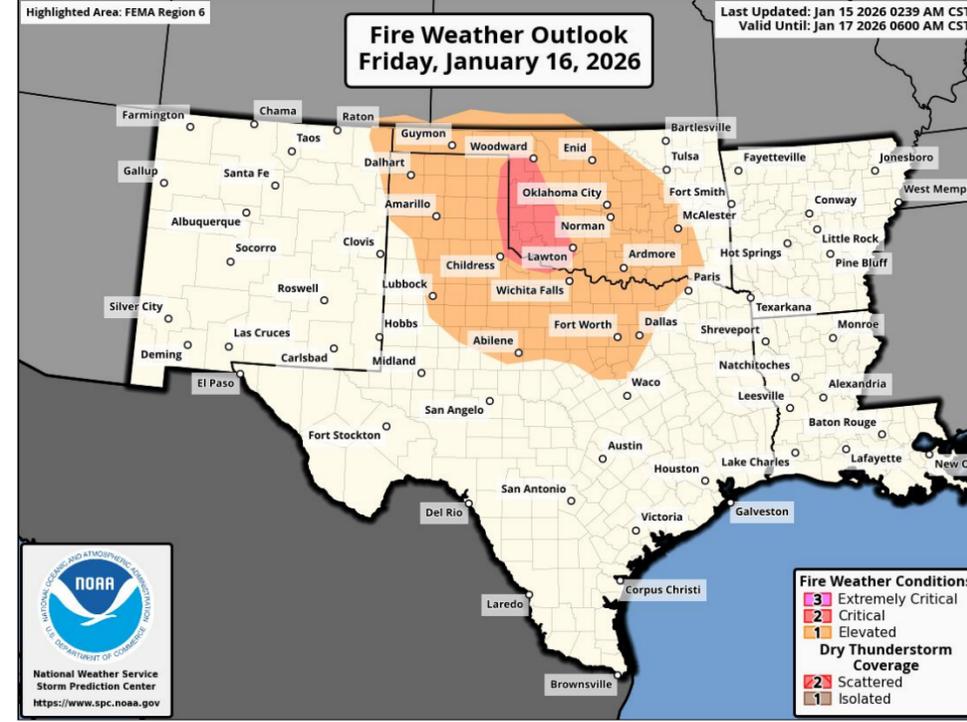
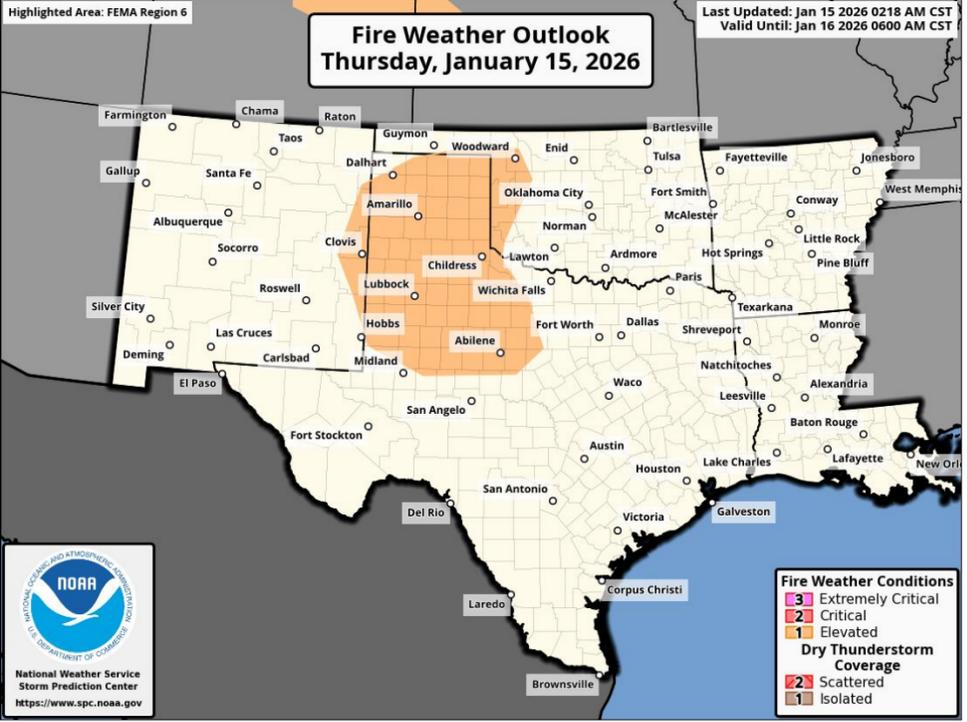
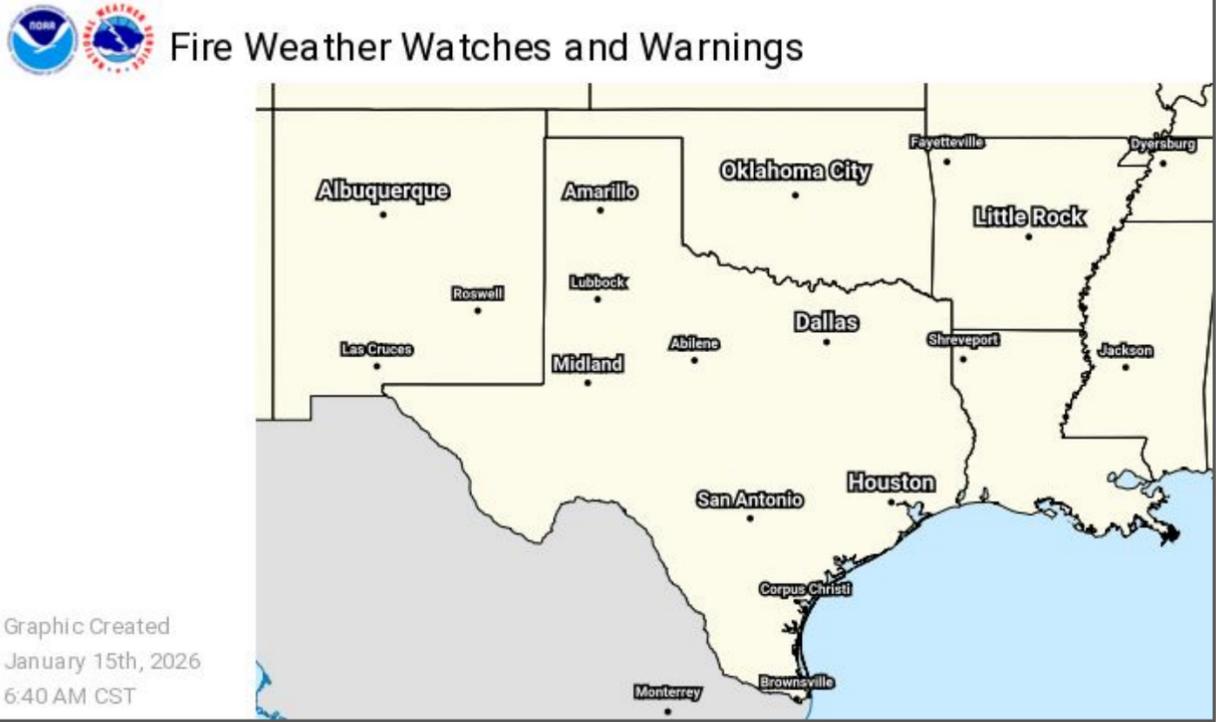


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



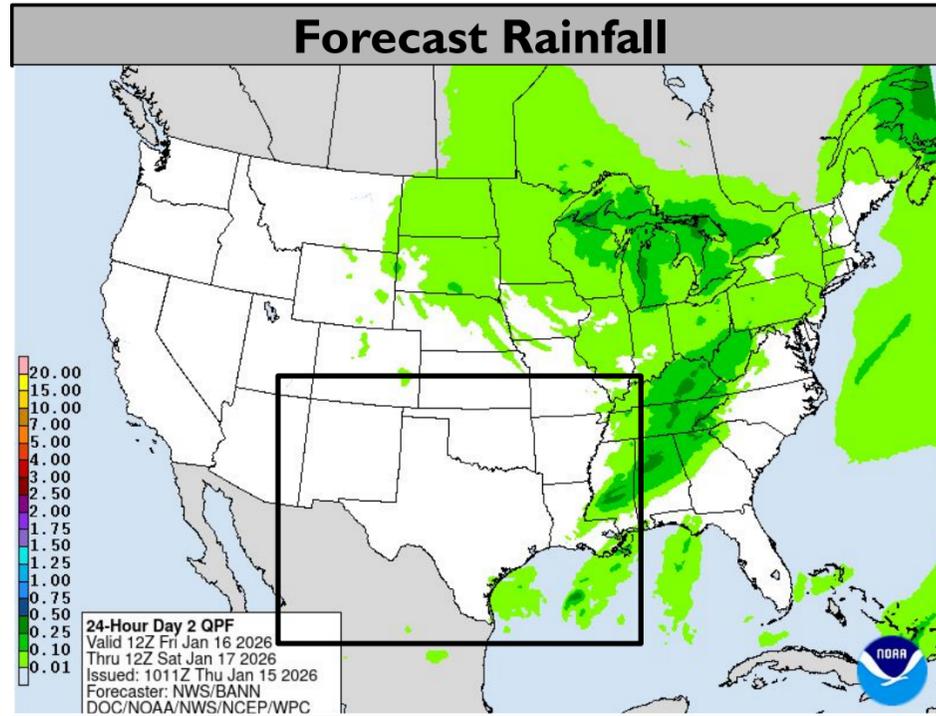
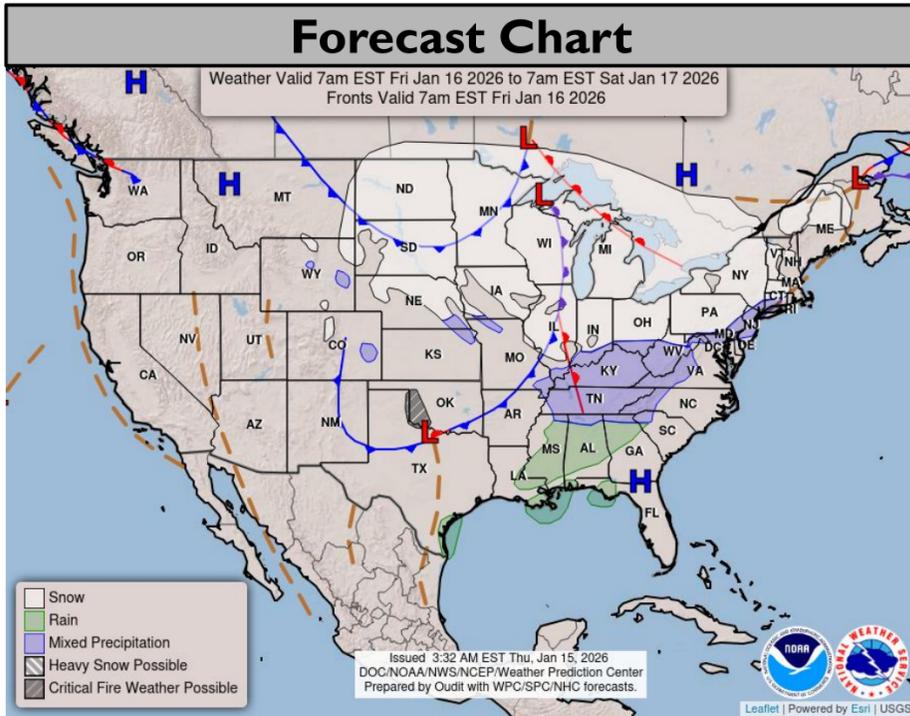


Fire Weather Outlooks

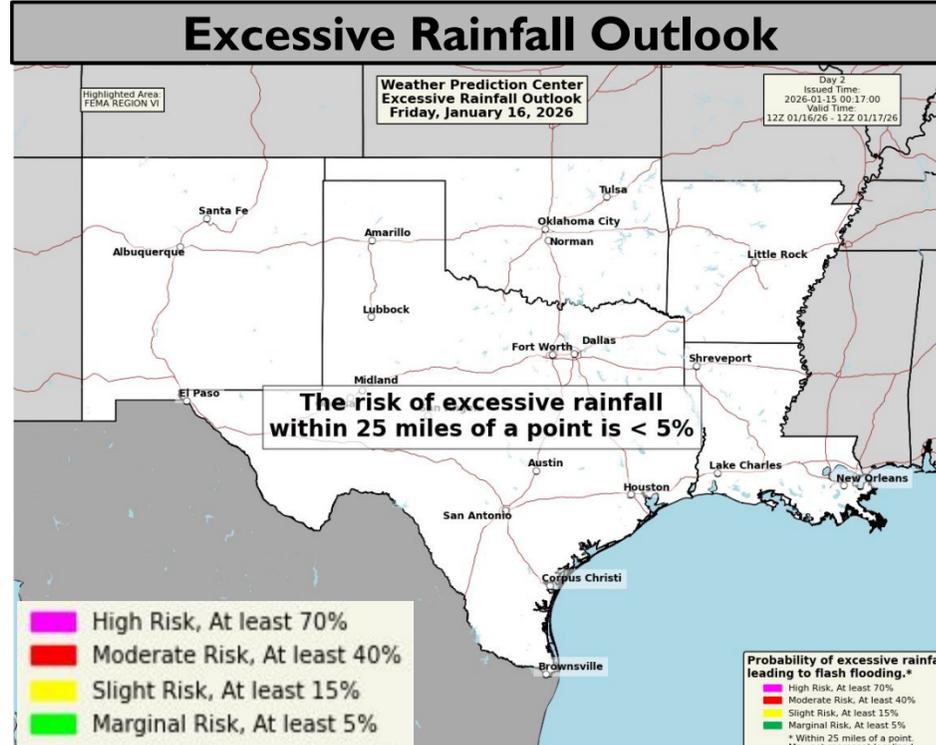
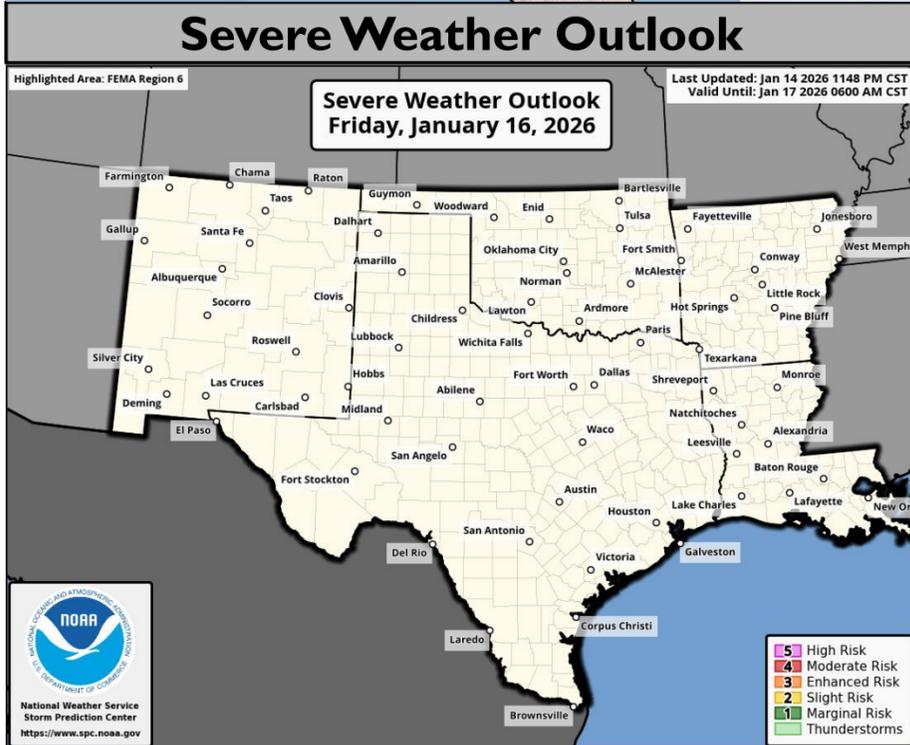




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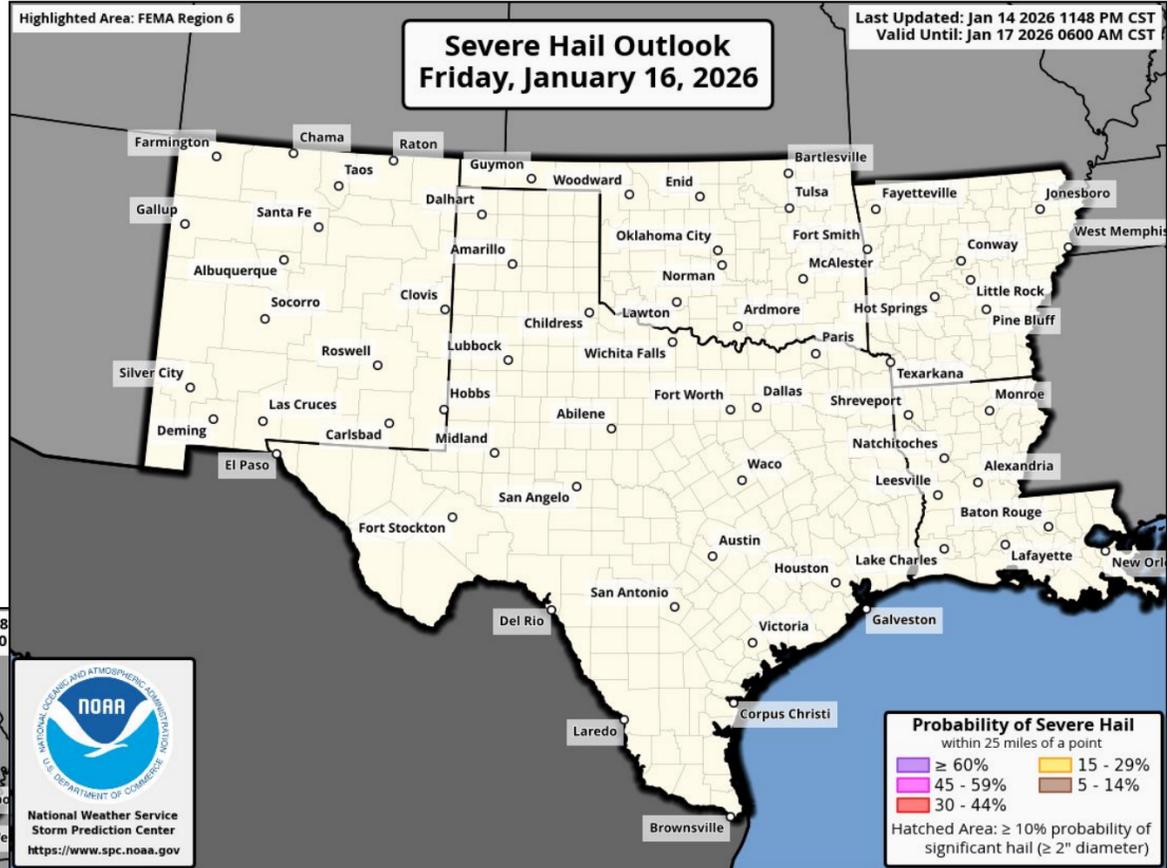
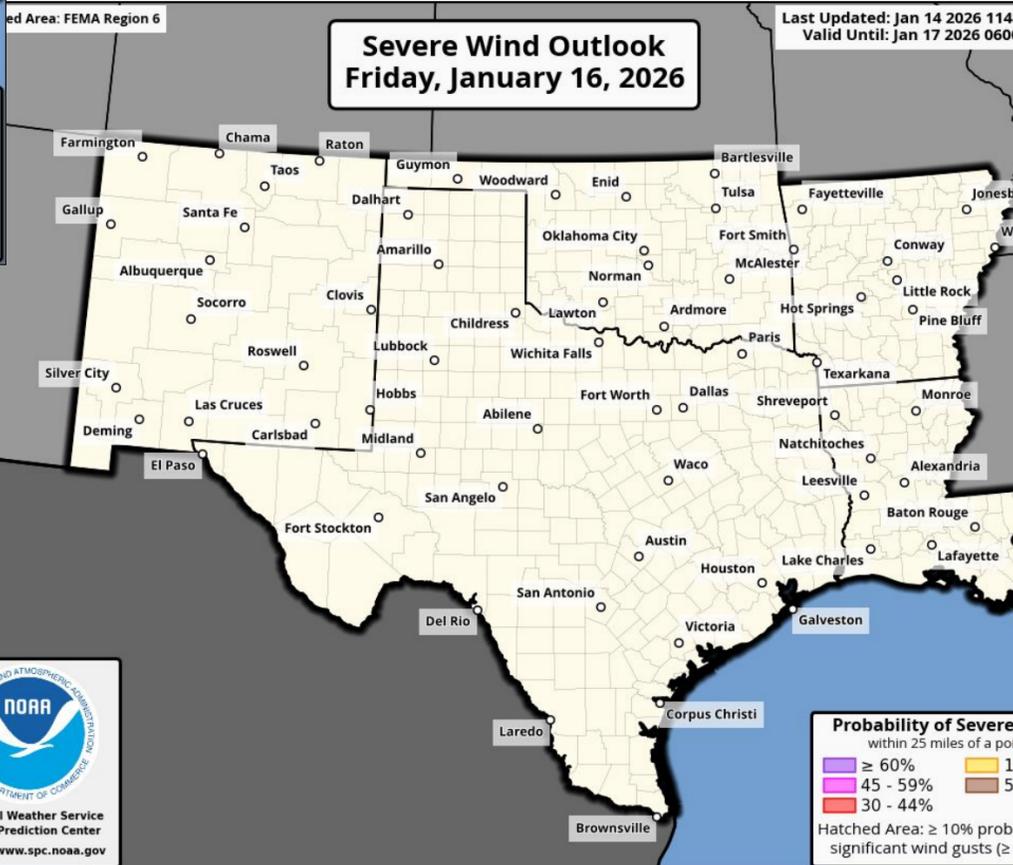
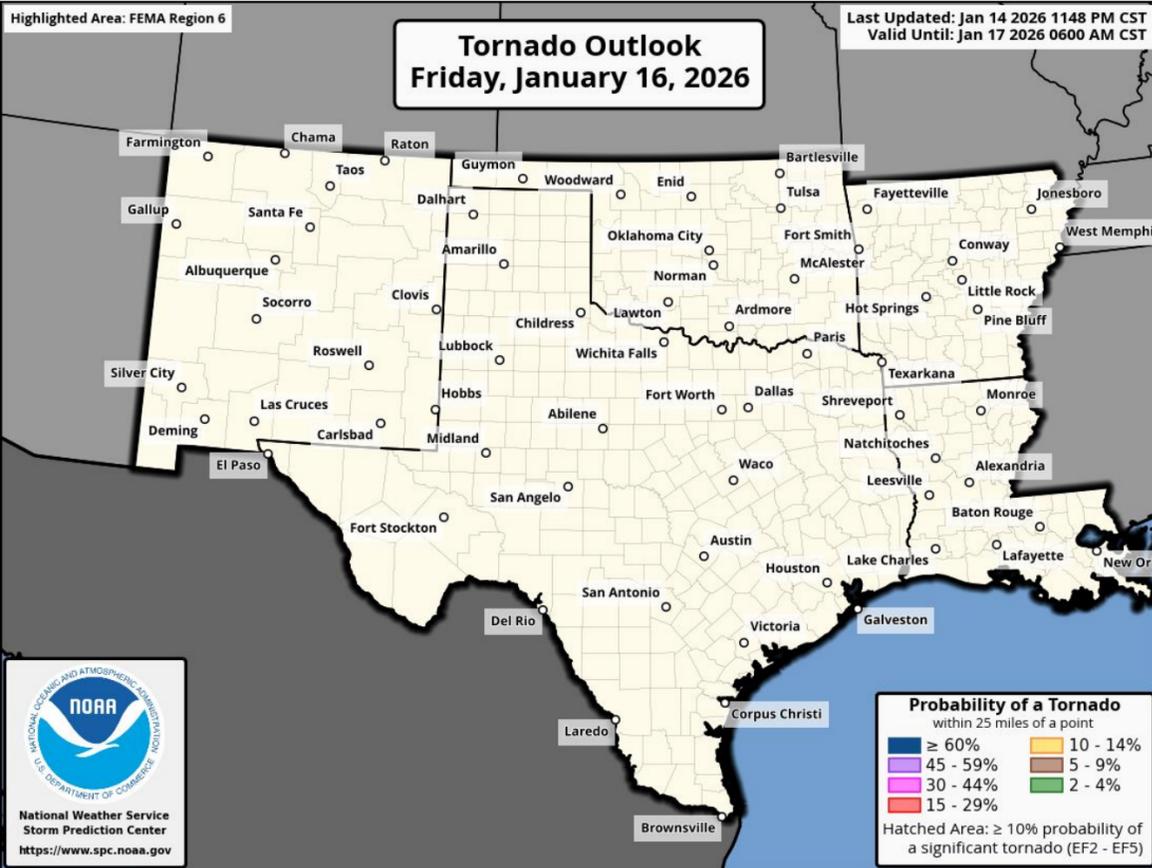


Elevated to near critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK





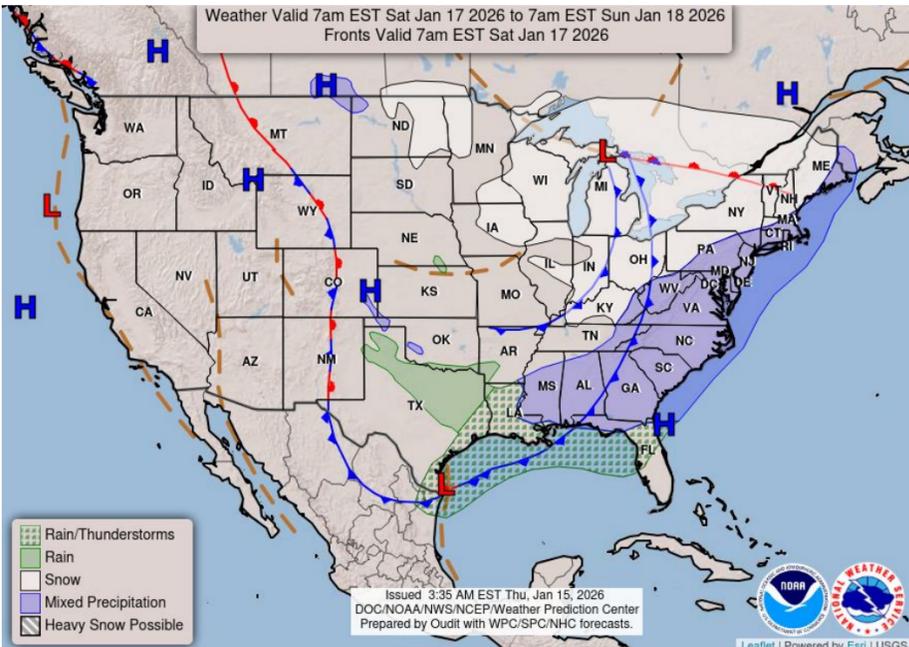
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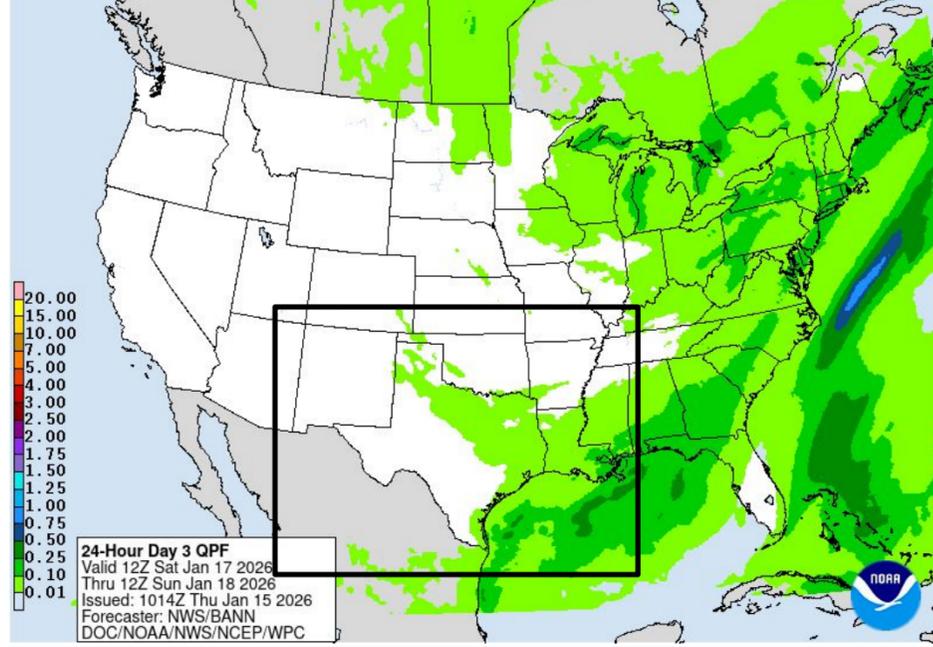


Saturday's Weather

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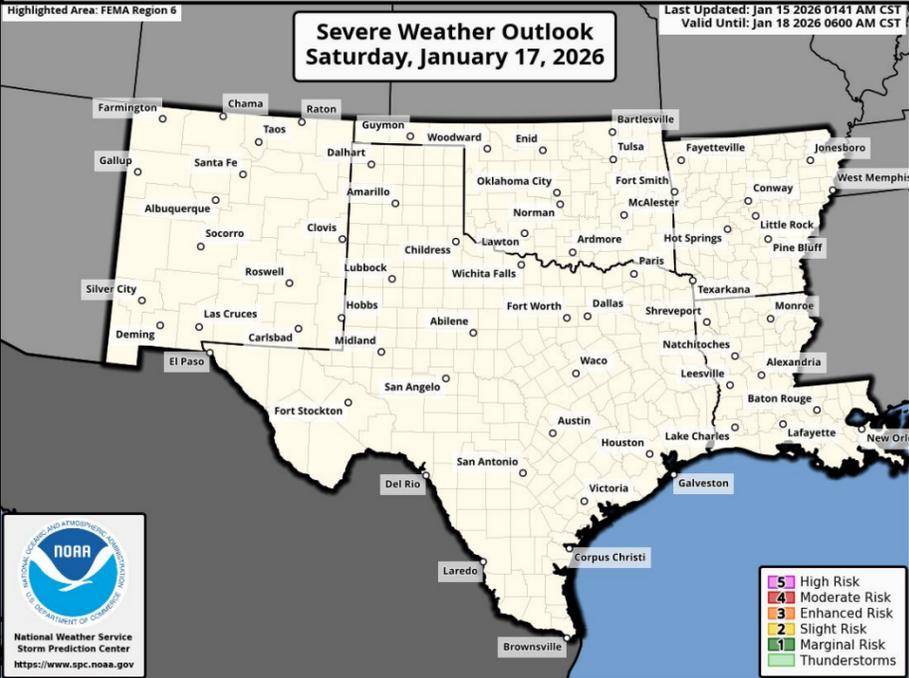


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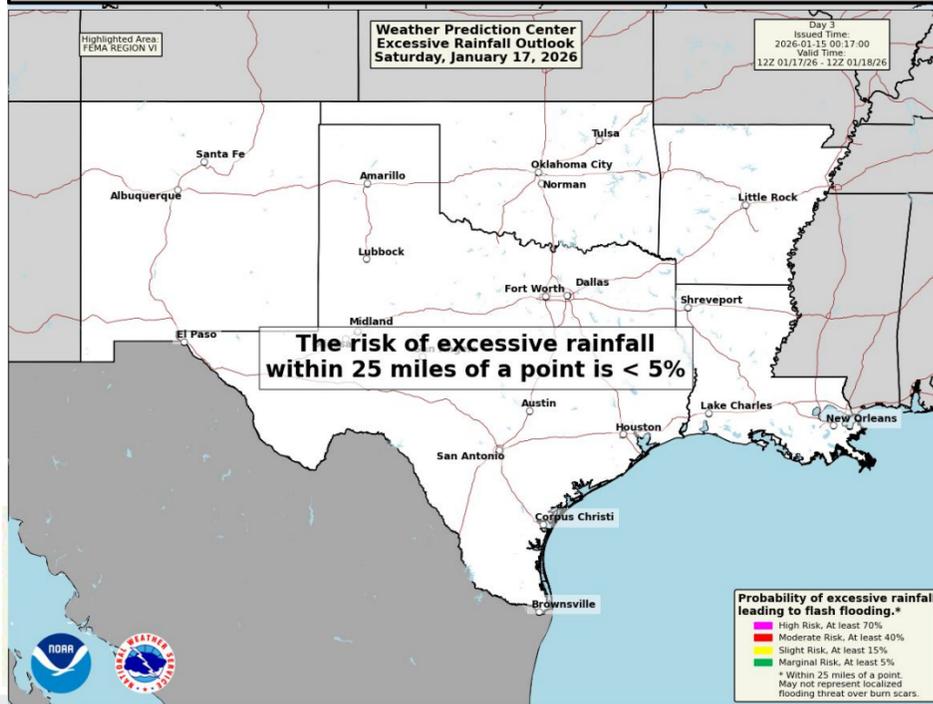


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Severe Weather Outlook



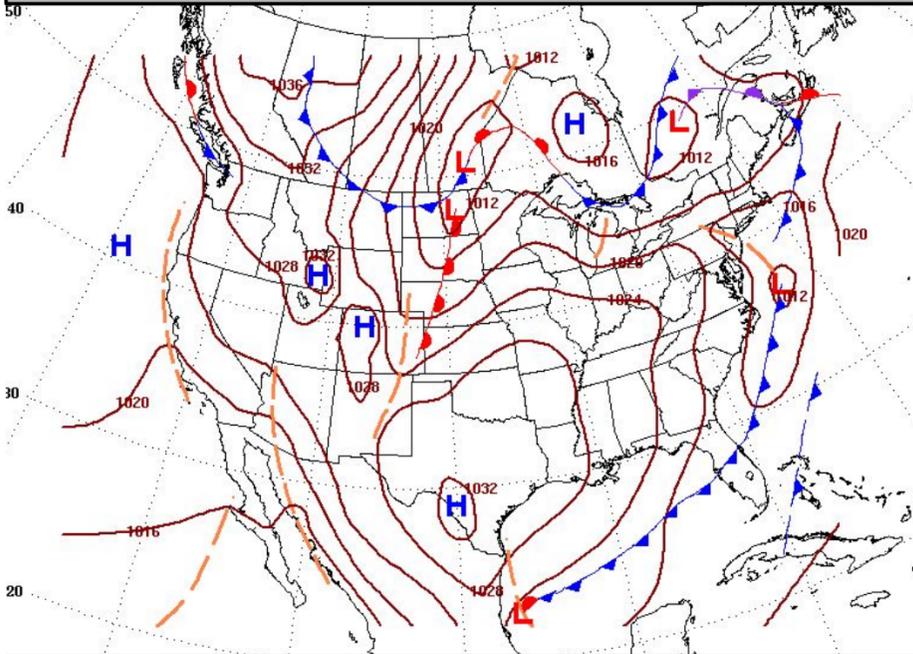
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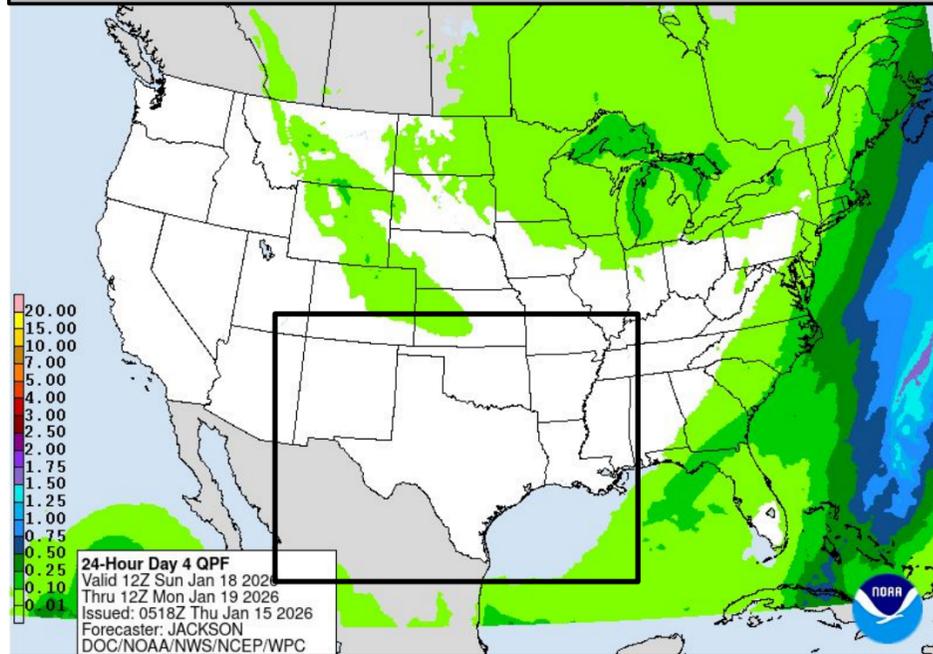


Sunday's Weather

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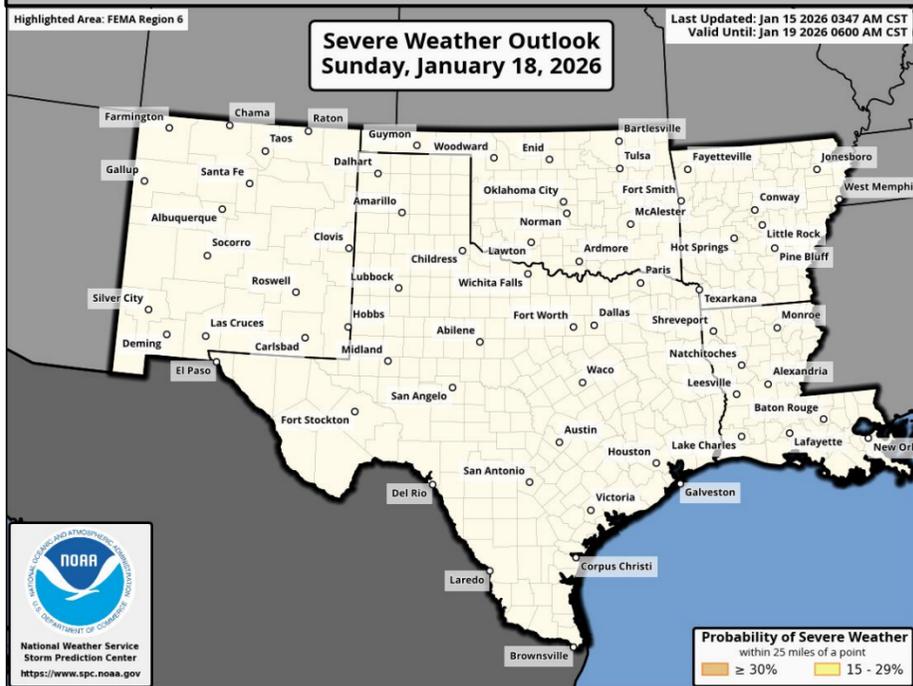


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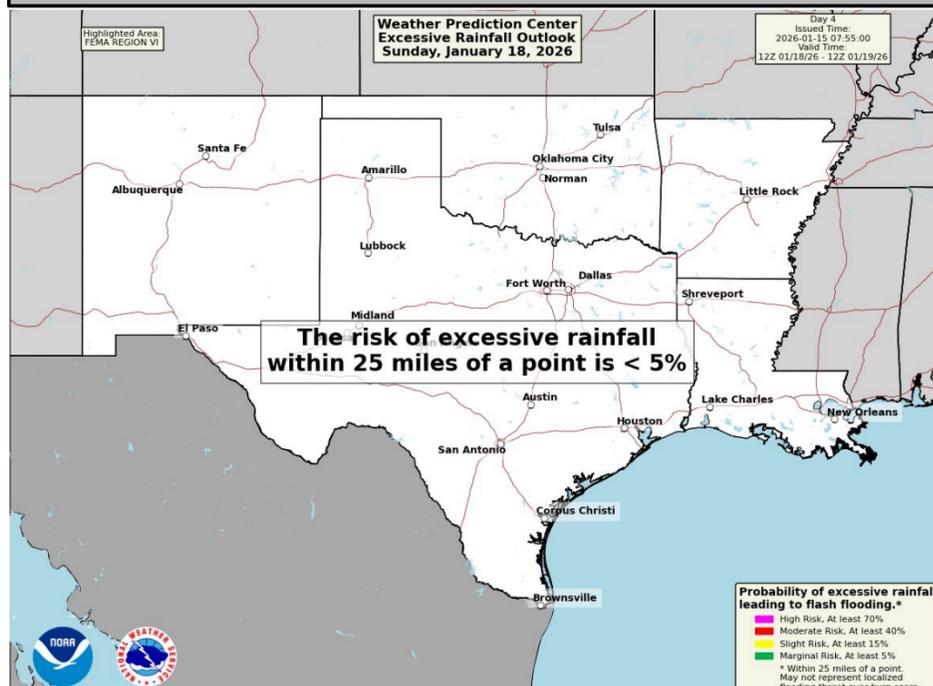


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



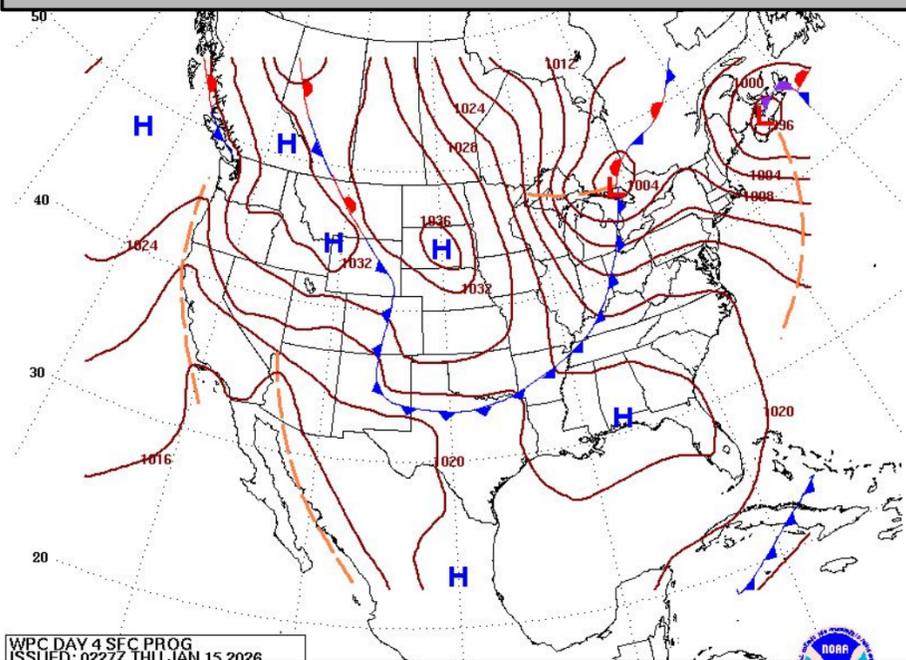
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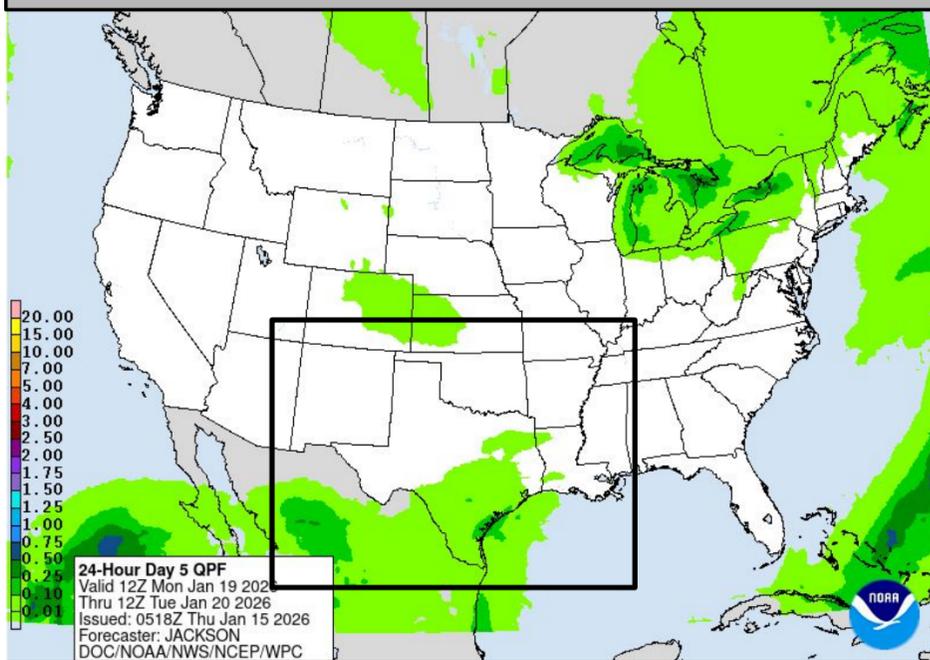
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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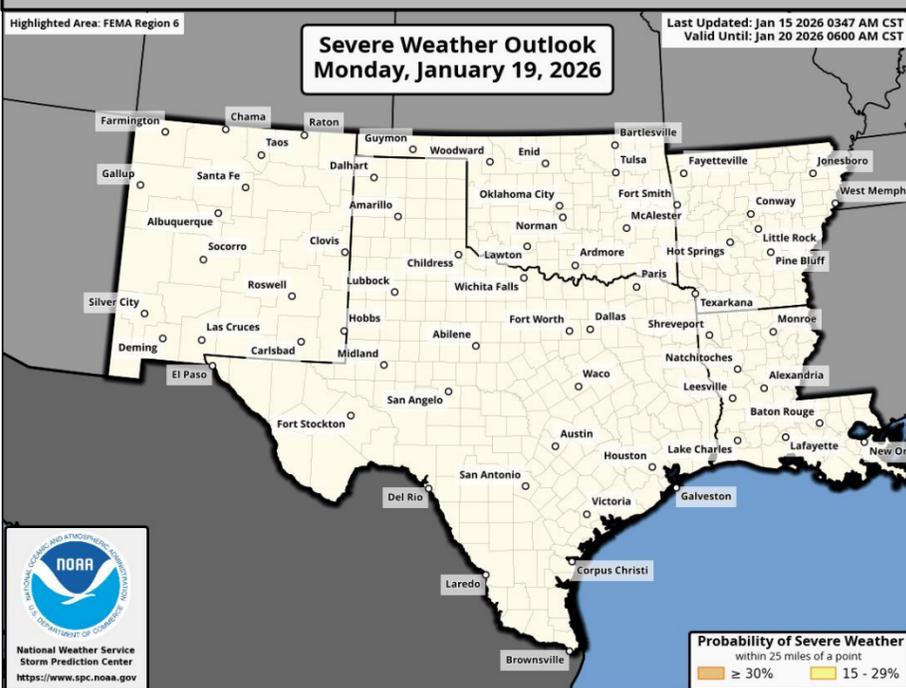
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Mon Jan 19 2026
Thru 12Z Tue Jan 20 2026
Issued: 0518Z Thu Jan 15 2026
Forecaster: JACKSON
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

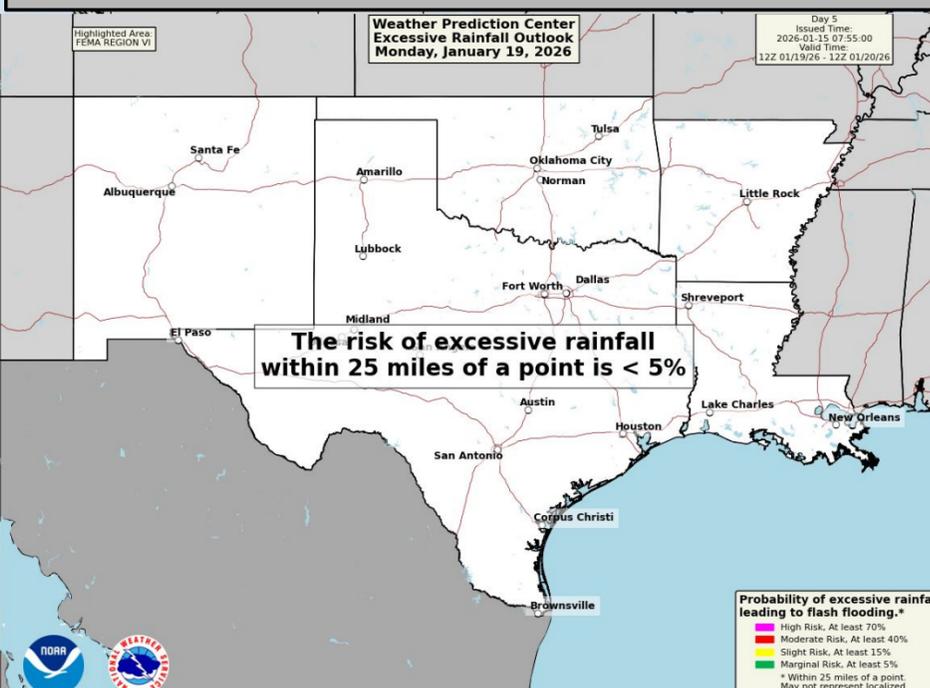


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, January 19, 2026

Last Updated: Jan 15 2026 0347 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 20 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
Monday, January 19, 2026

Day 5
Issued Time: 2026-01-15 07:55:00
Valid Time: 12Z 01/19/26 - 12Z 01/20/26

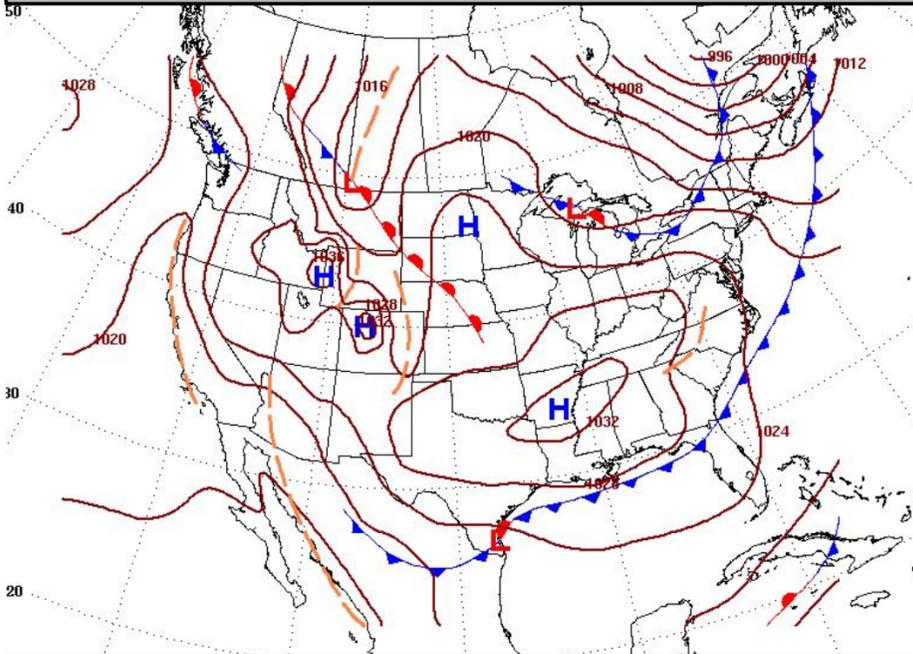
The risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

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.

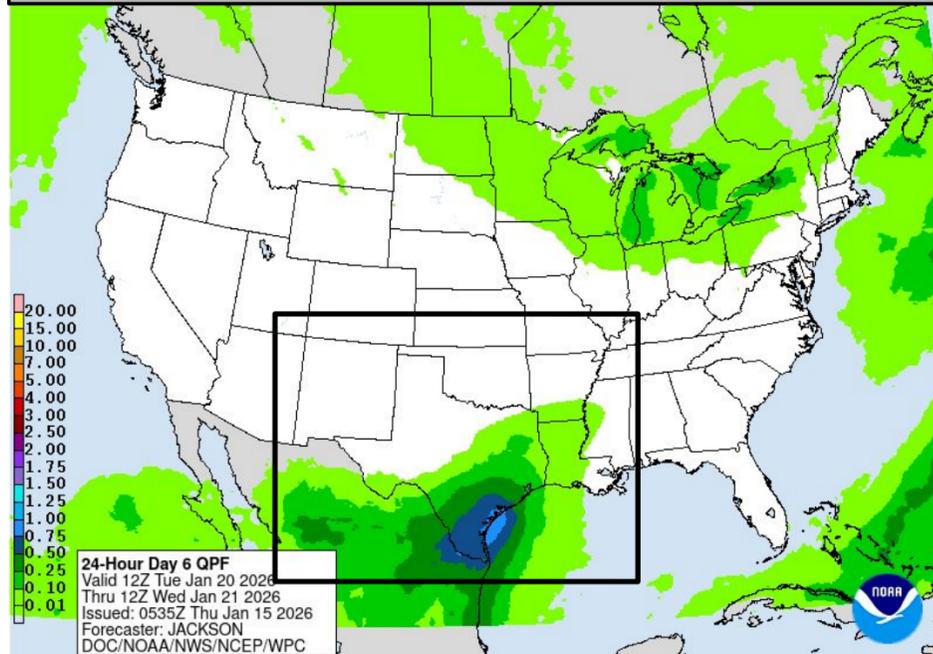


Tuesday's Weather

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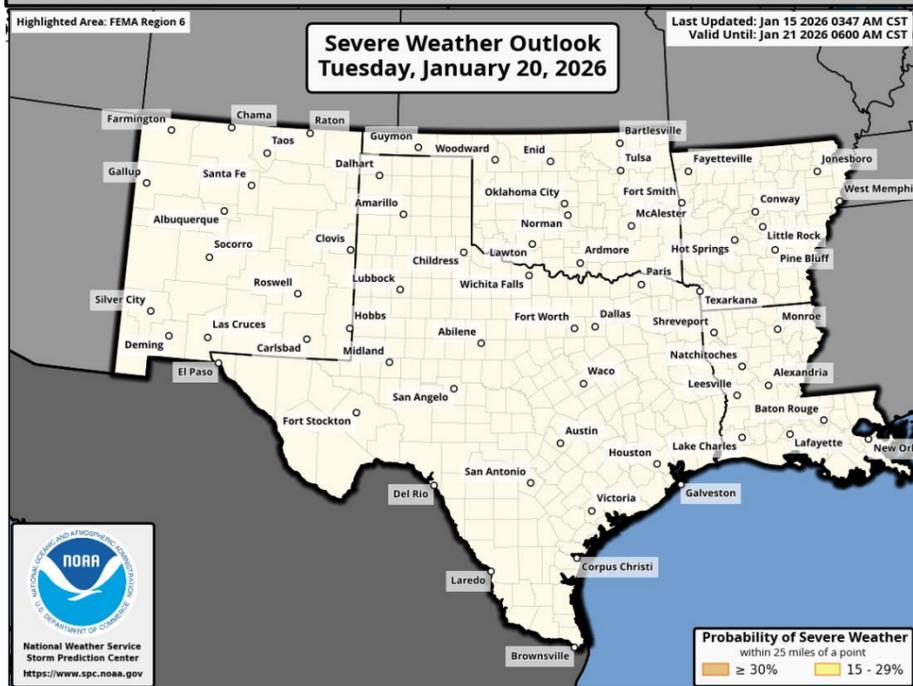


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

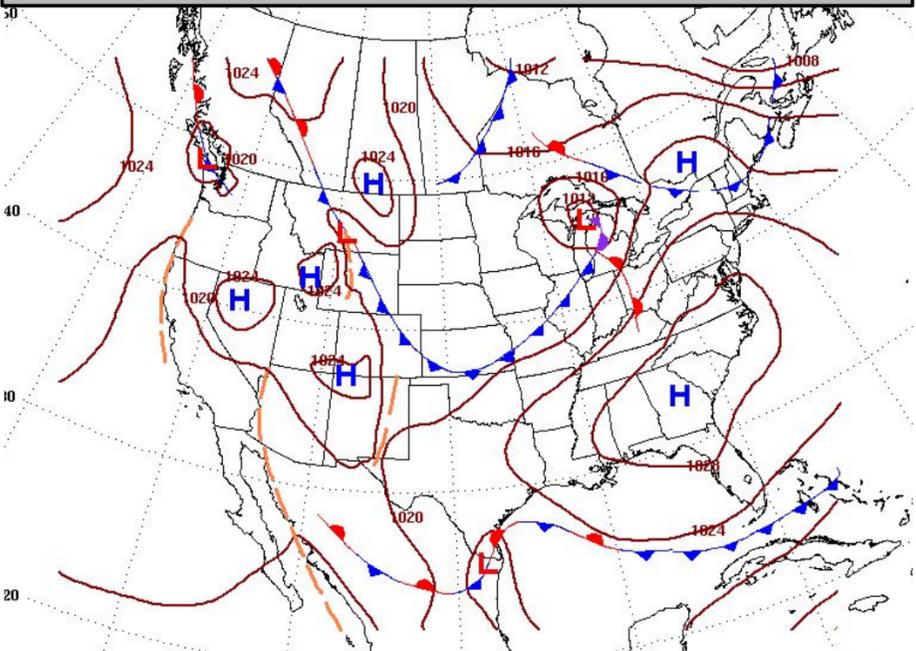


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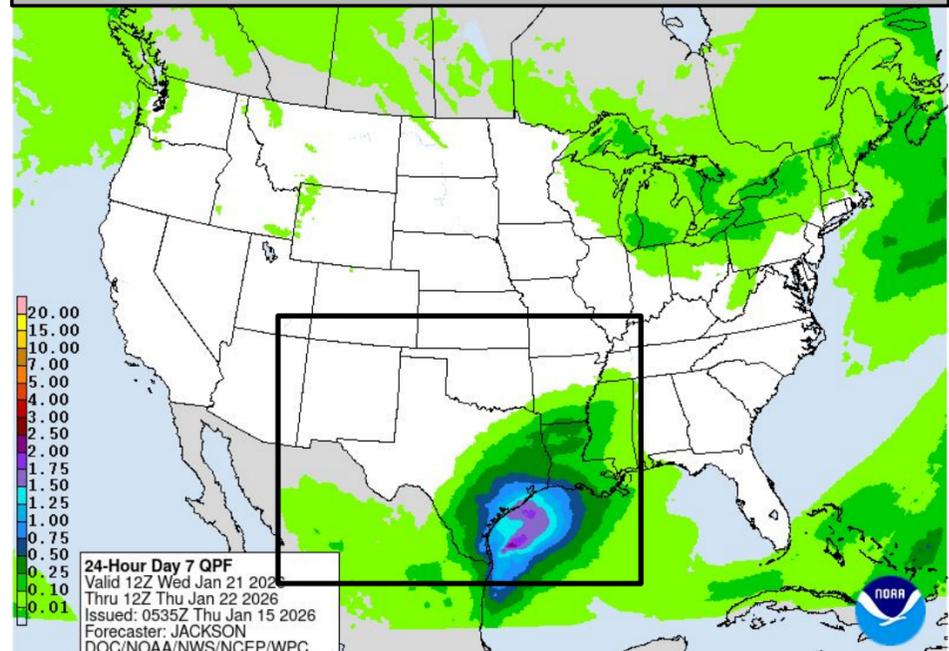


Wednesday's Weather

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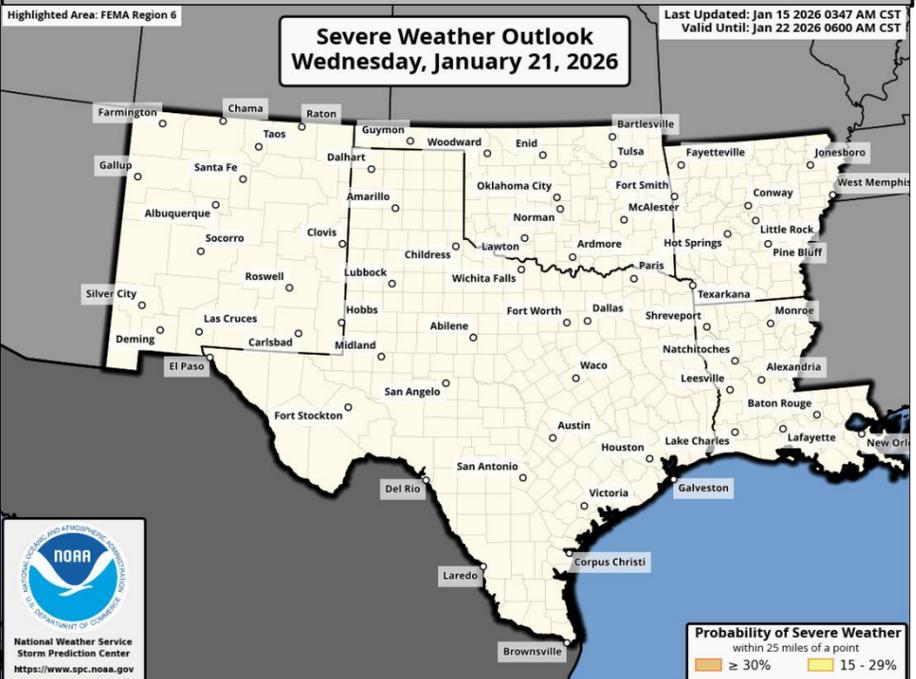


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

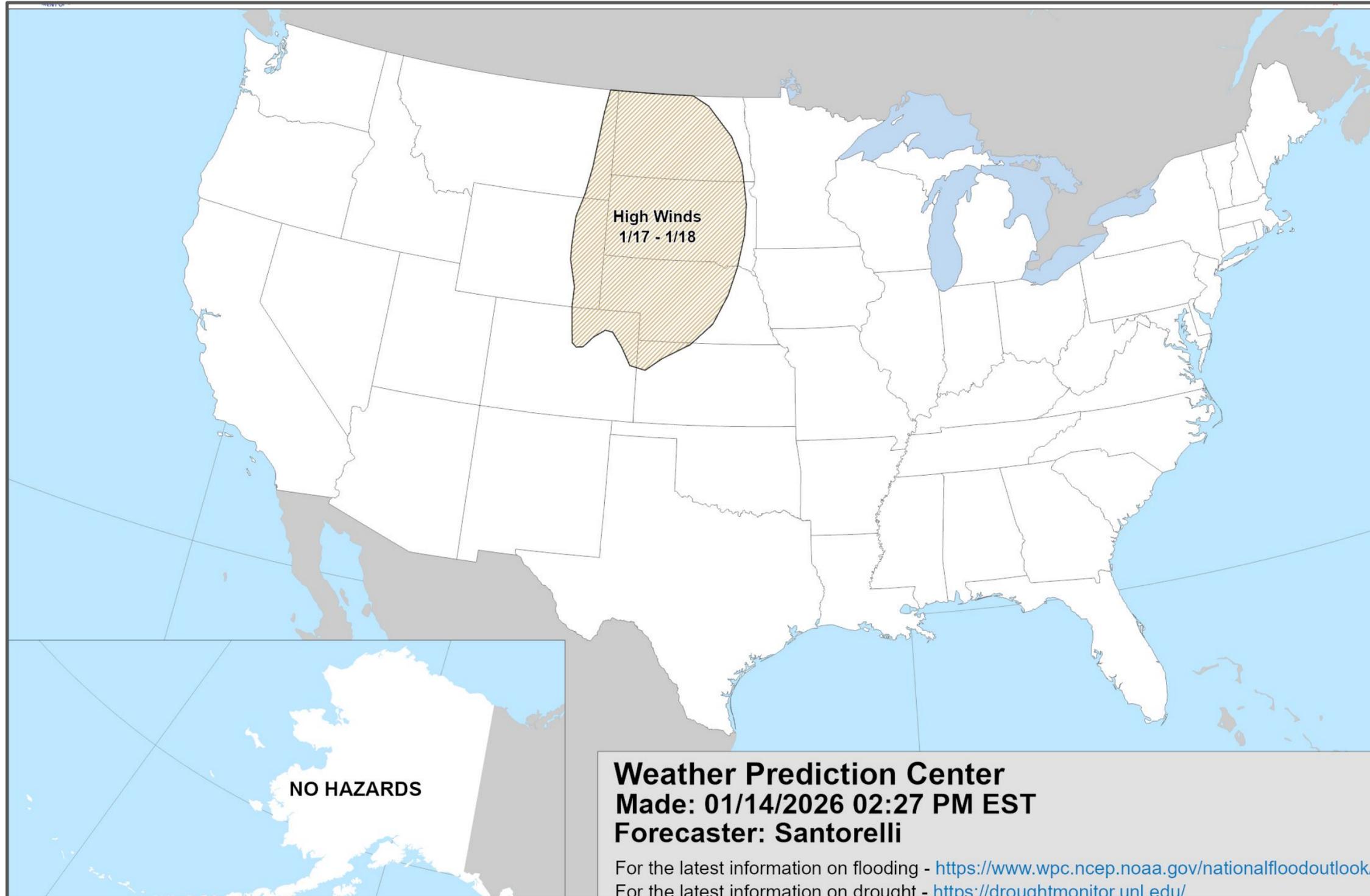
Severe Weather Outlook



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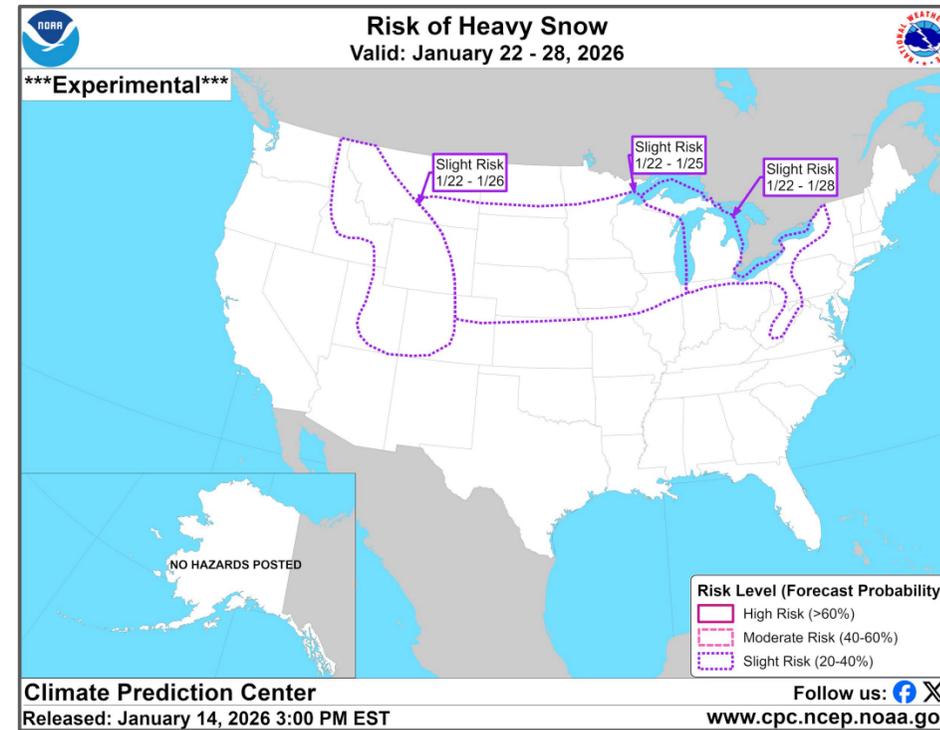
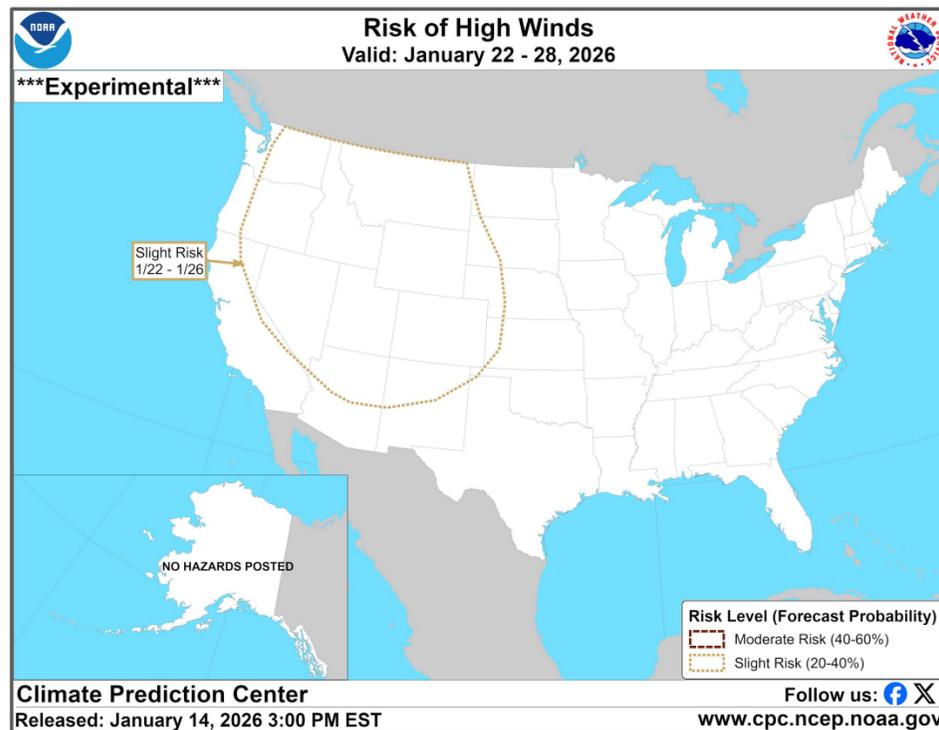
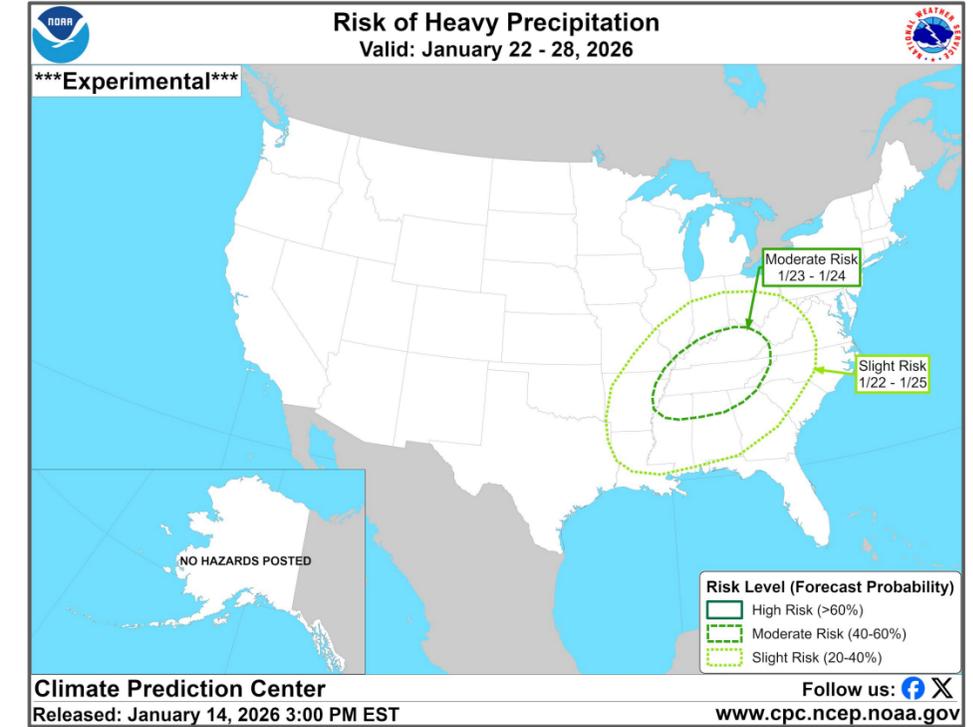
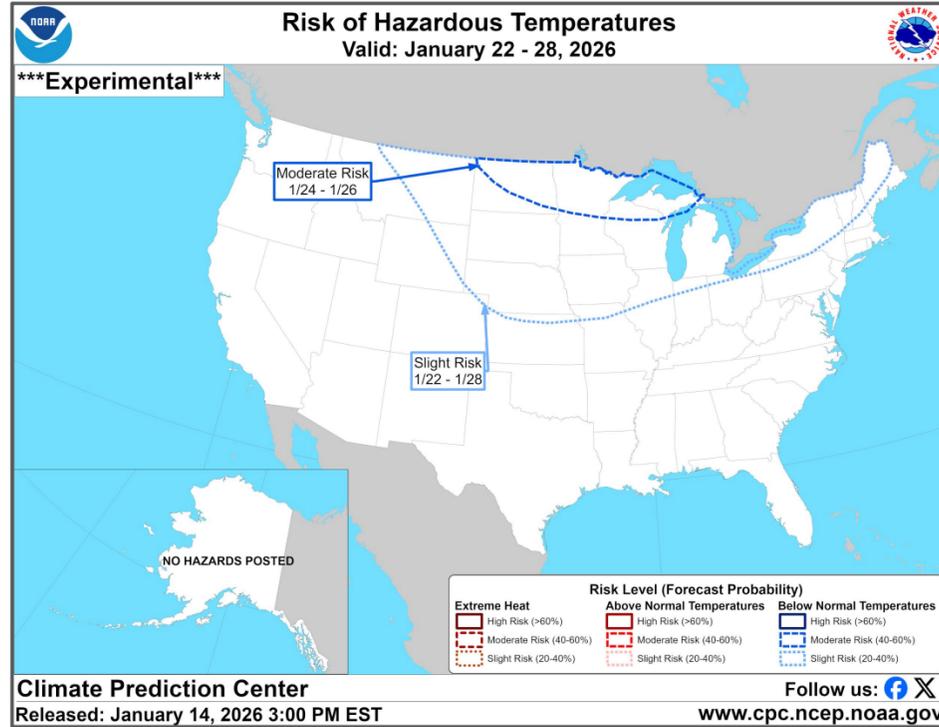
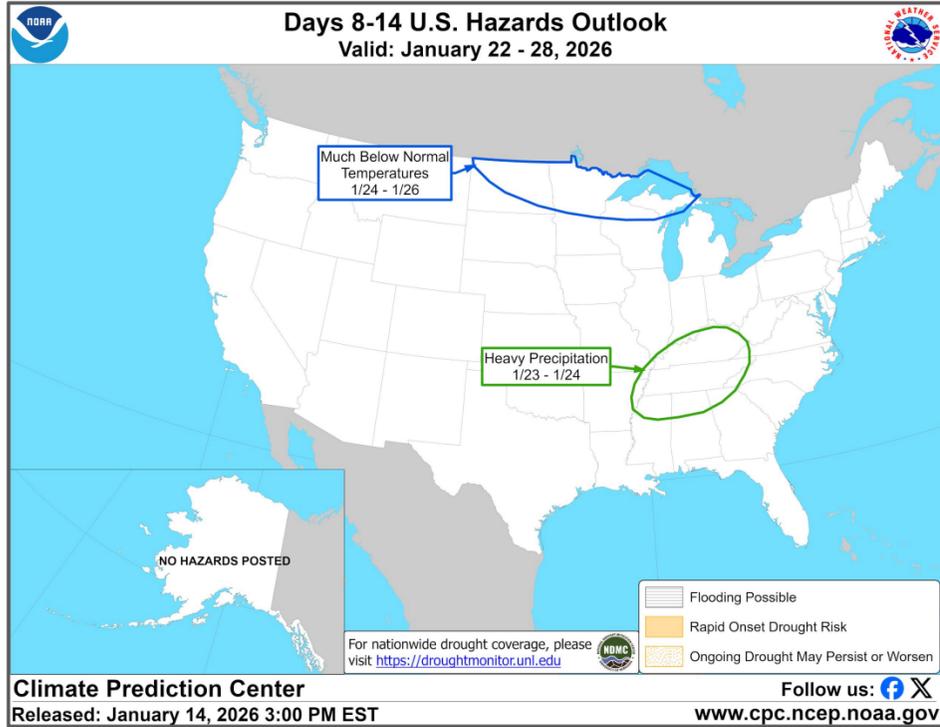


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





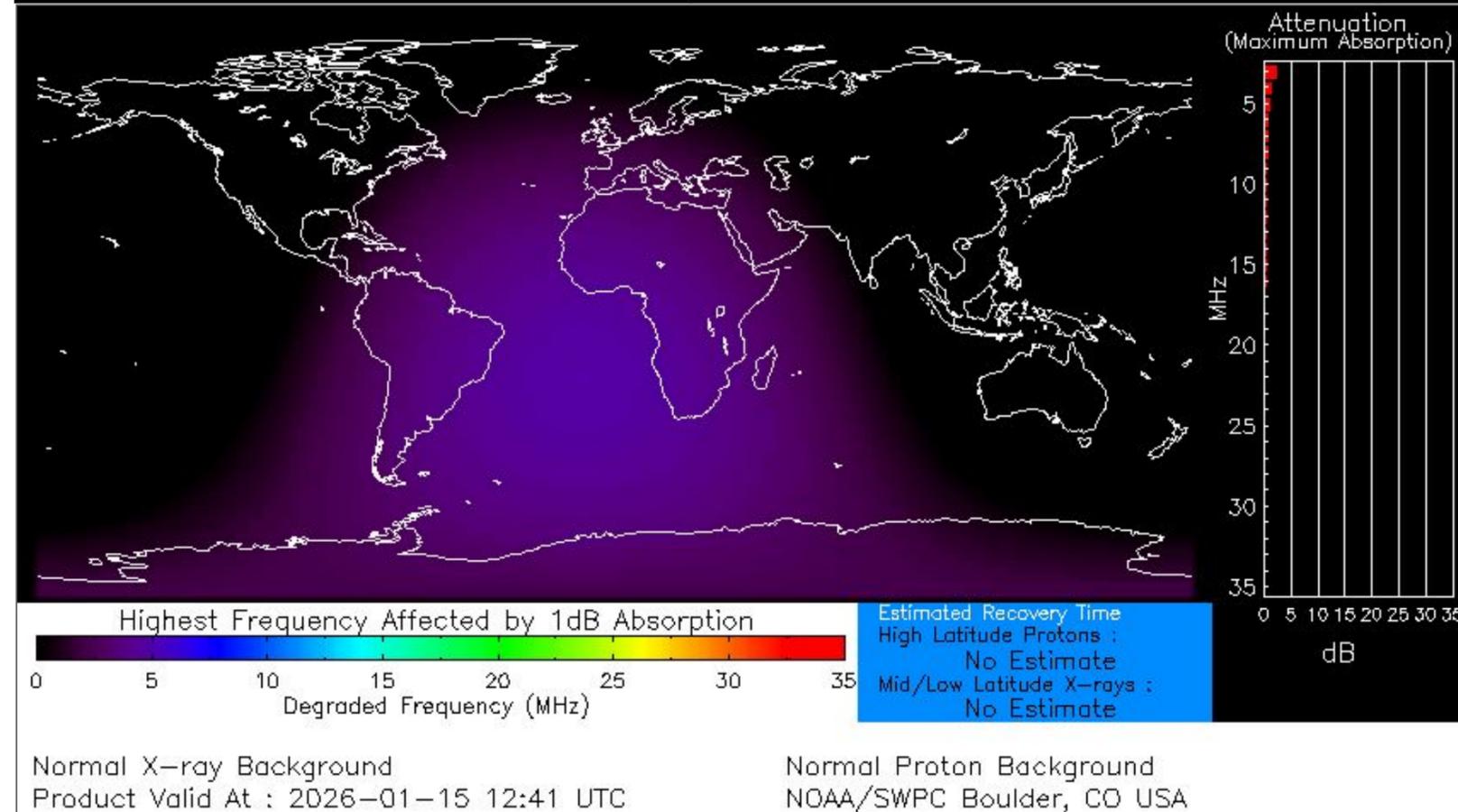
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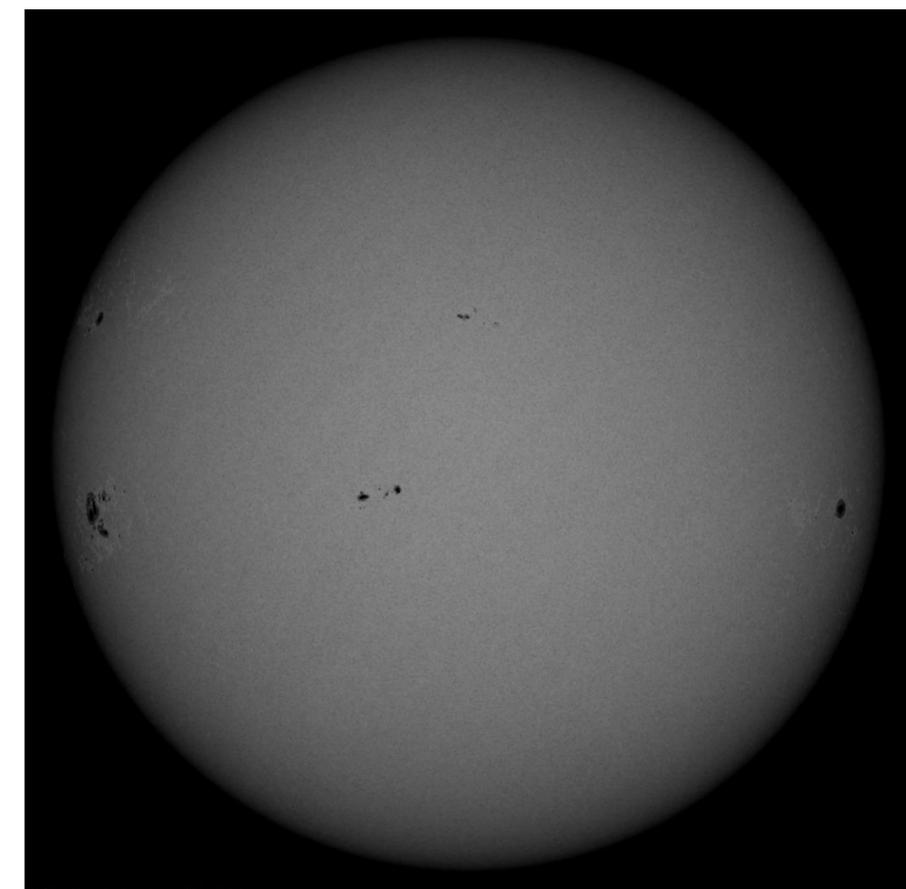
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Jan 15	Friday, Jan 15	Friday, Jan 16
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=2)	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	30%	30%
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	<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

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