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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, January 16, 2026

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# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) today over the TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and N/NW TX.**
  - **Red Flag Warnings through 6pm this evening over the E TX/OK Panhandles into W OK.**
- **Elevated conditions on Saturday over the TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, C/SE TX.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Monitoring for heavy rainfall in SE TX on Wednesday next week.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor river flooding in SE LA will recede below flood stage today.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Jan 16	Saturday, Jan 17	Sunday, Jan 18	Monday, Jan 19	Tuesday, Jan 20	Wednesday, Jan 21	Thursday, Jan 22
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding						SETX	
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, N/NW TX	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, C/SETX					
River Flooding	SE LA						

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

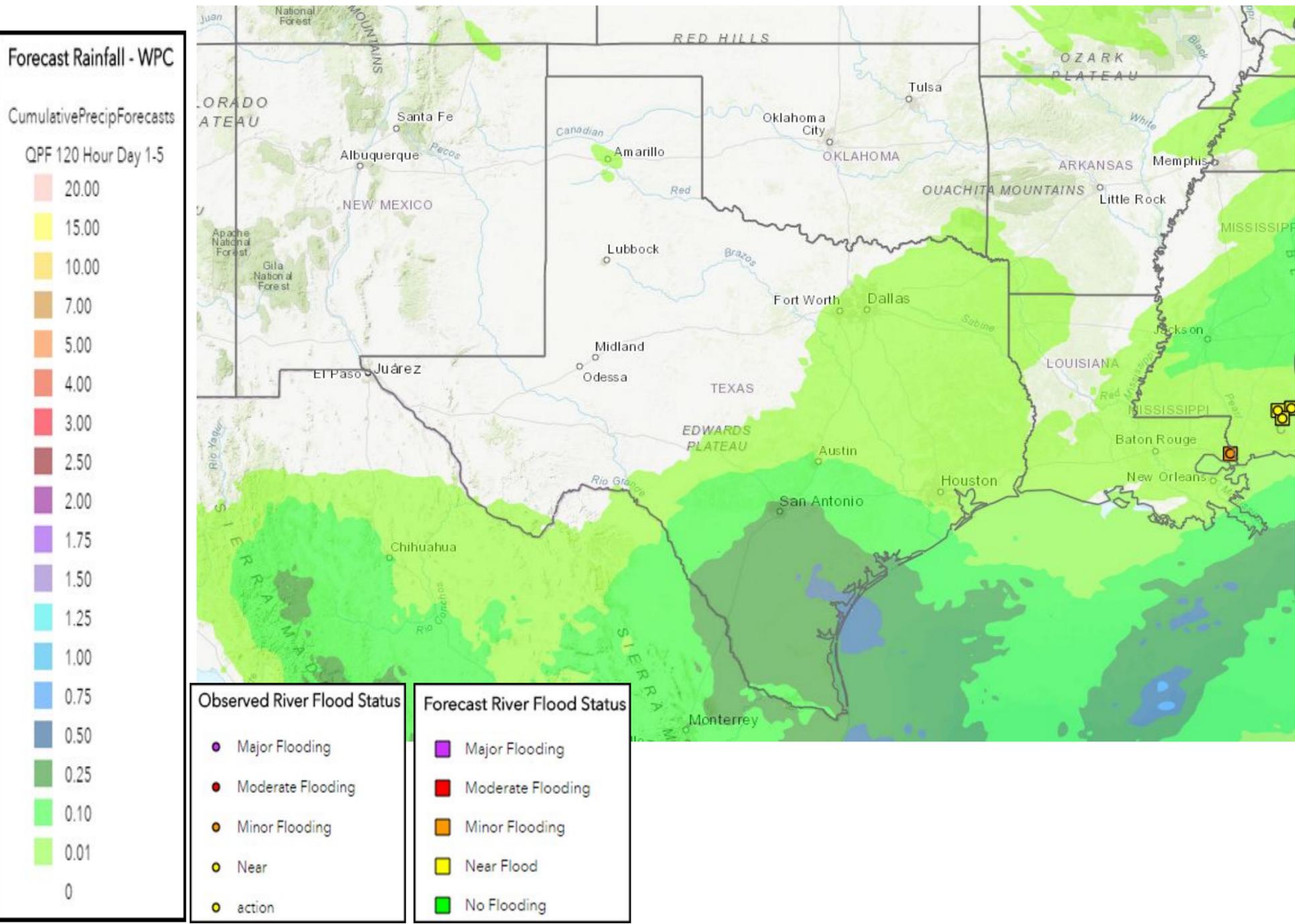
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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

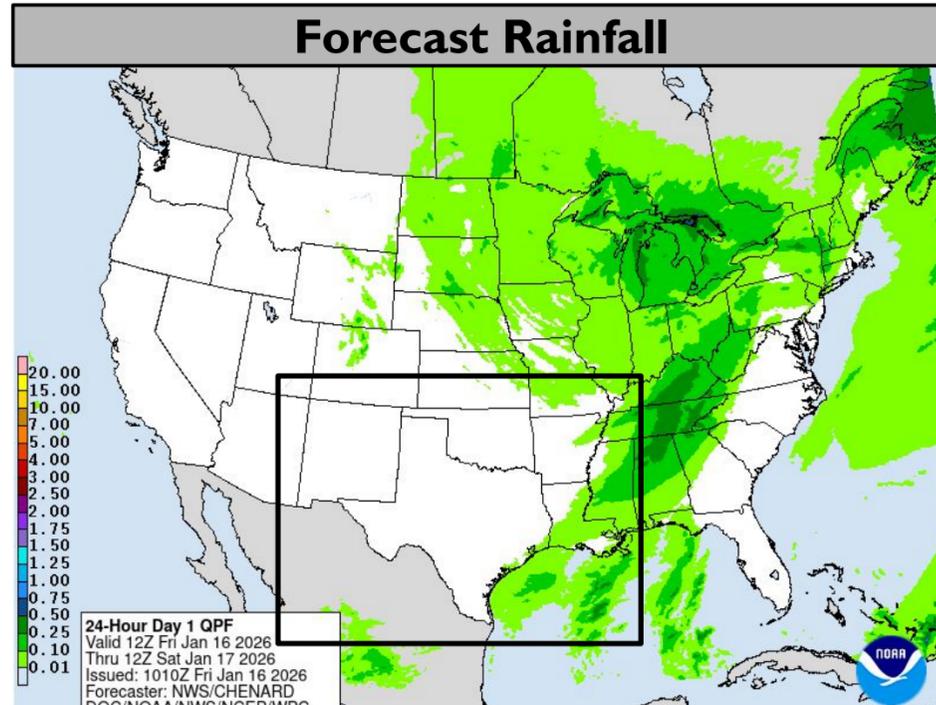
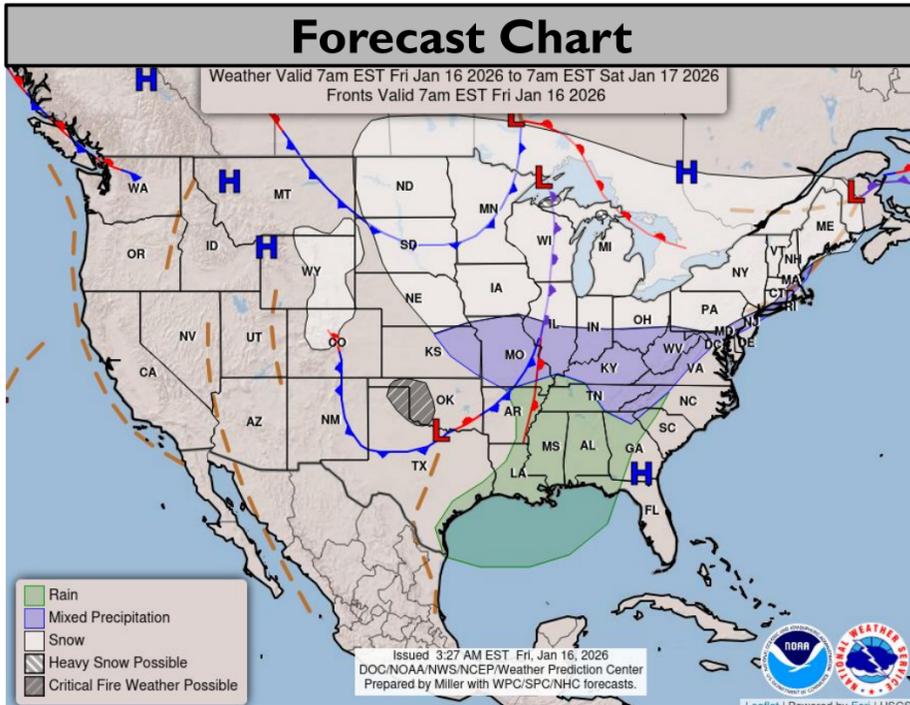


**Minor river flooding in SE LA will recede below flood stage today.**

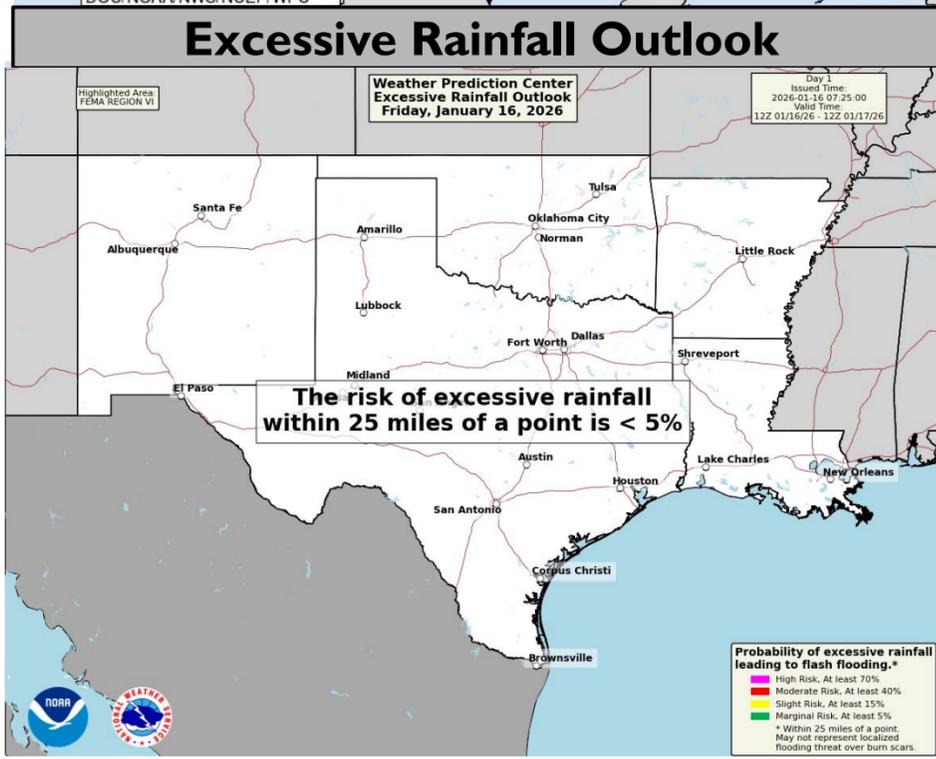
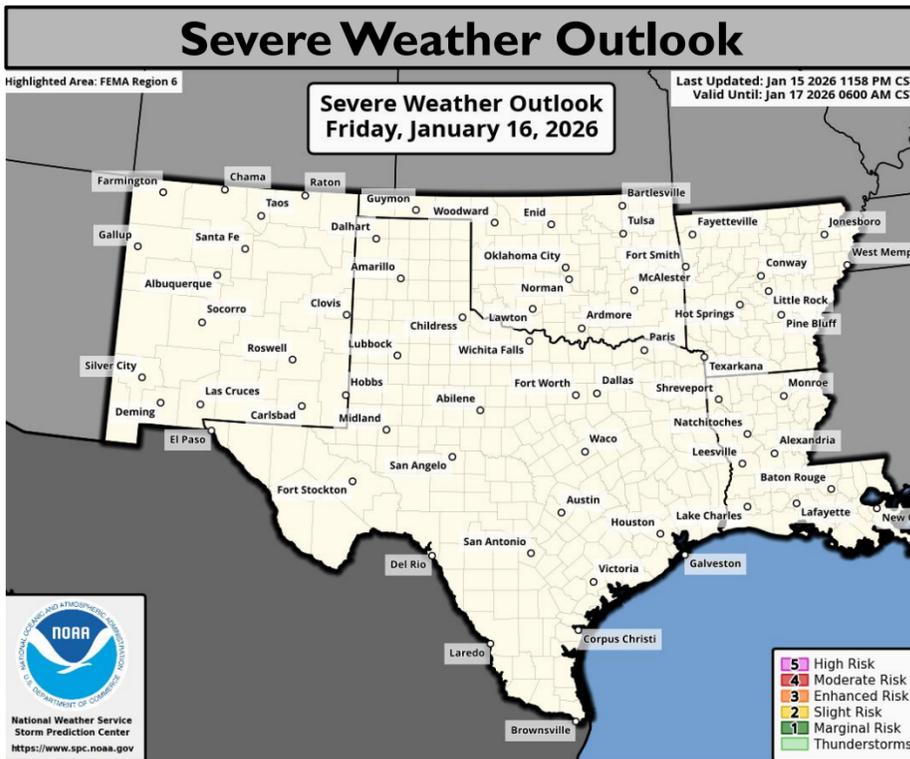
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.



# Today's Weather

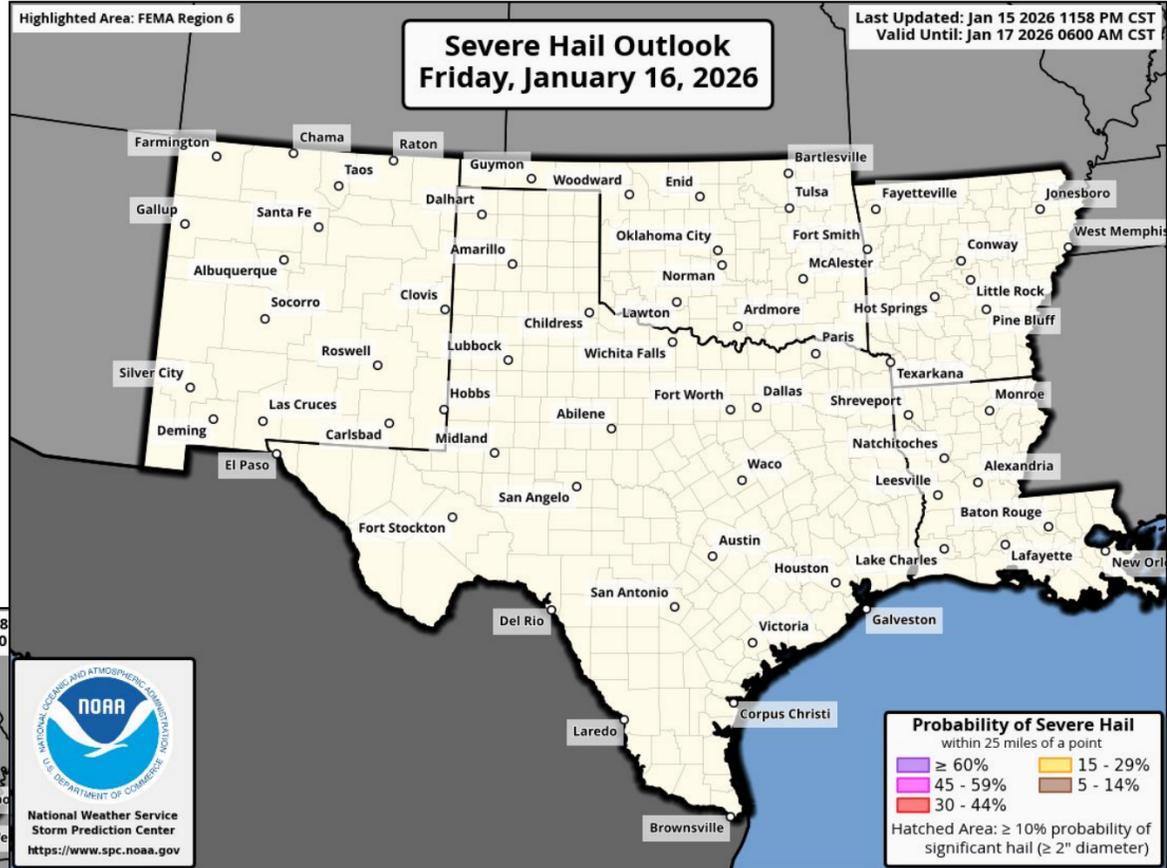
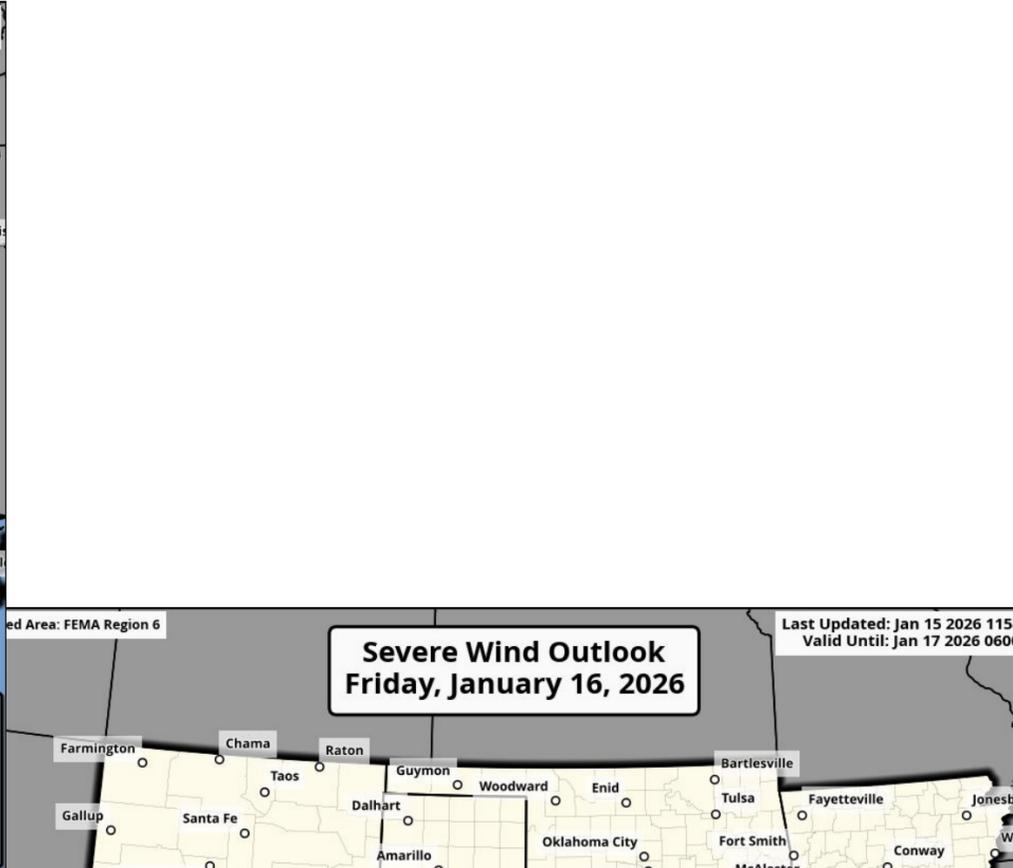
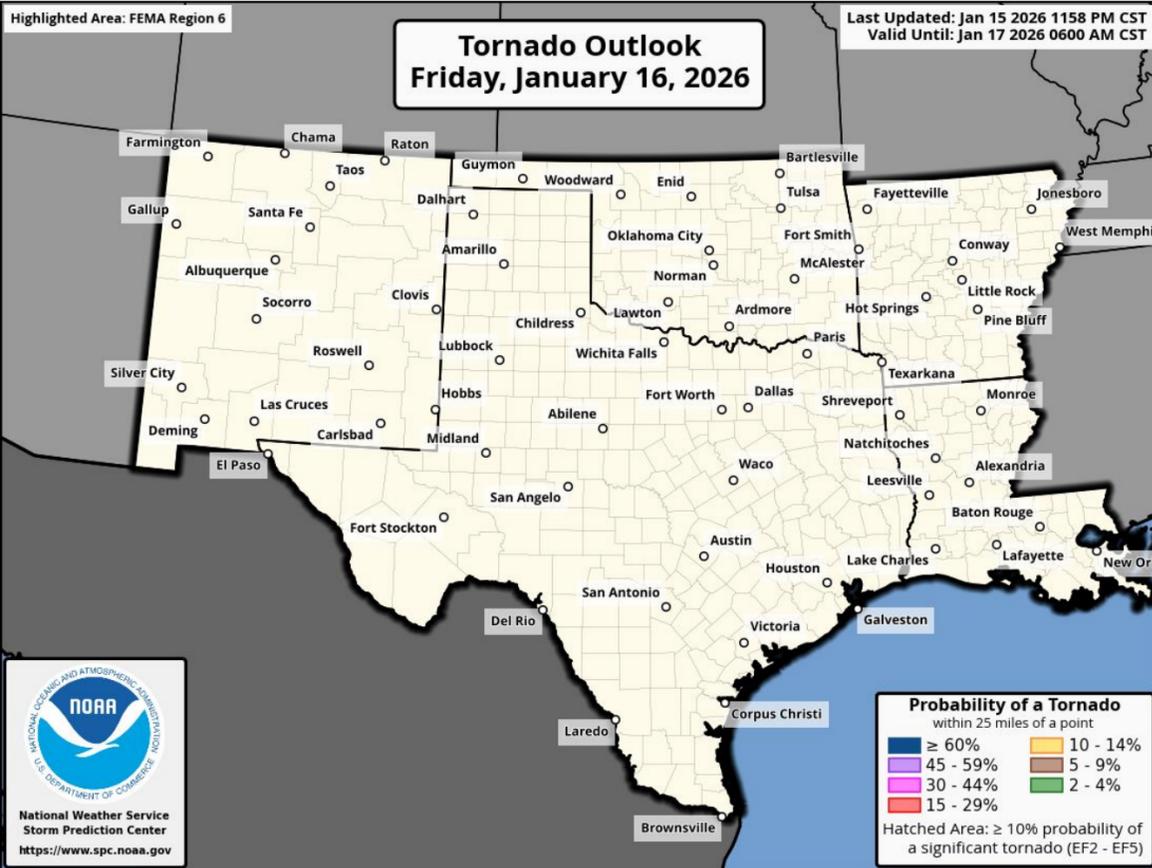


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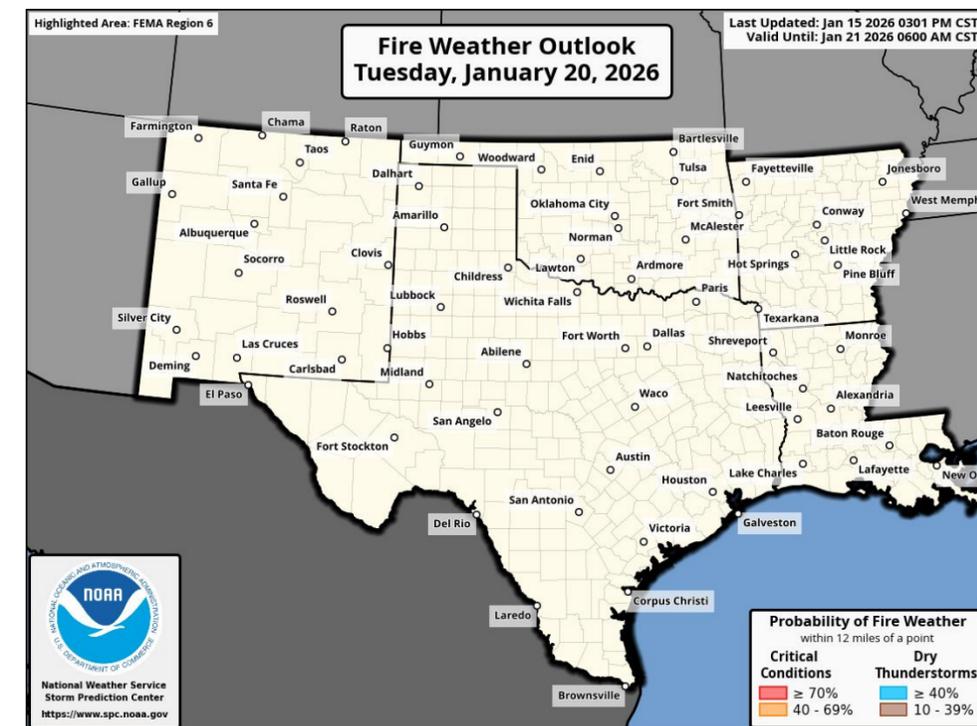
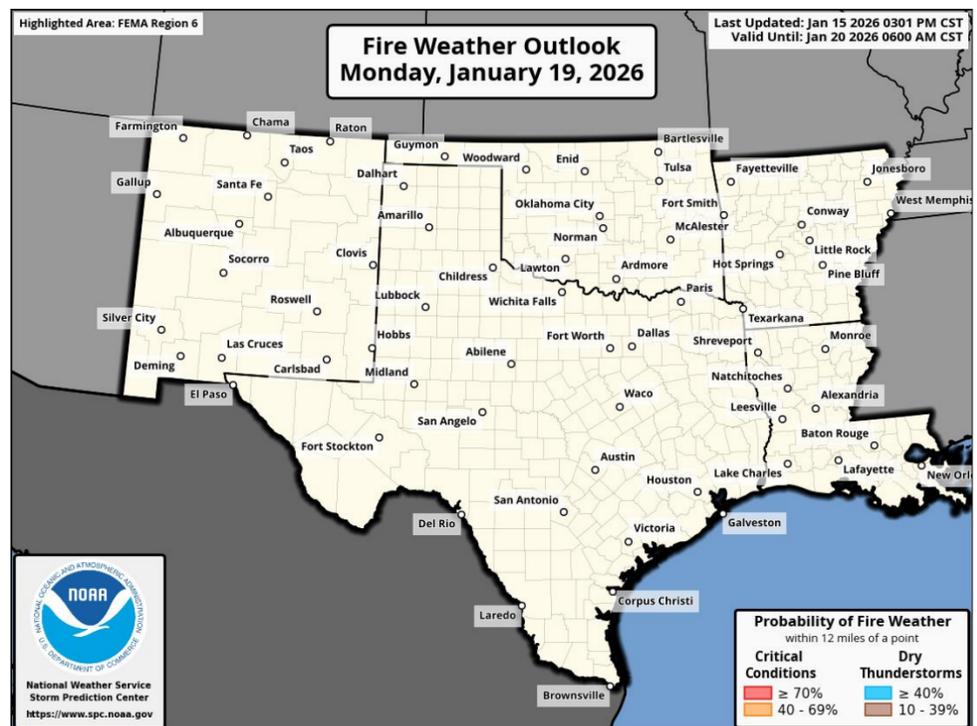
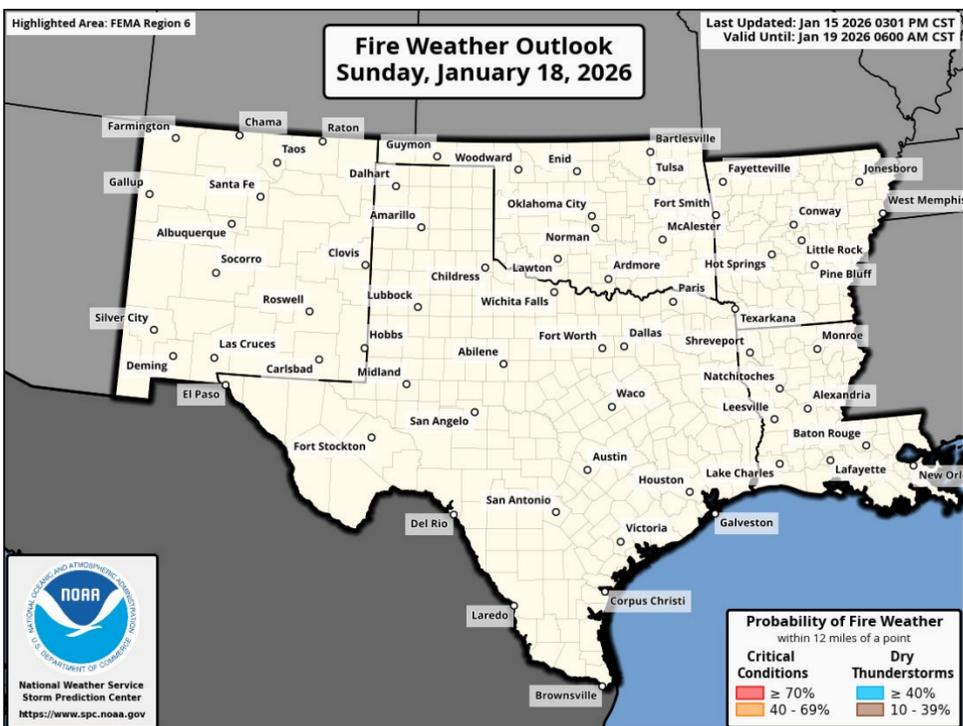
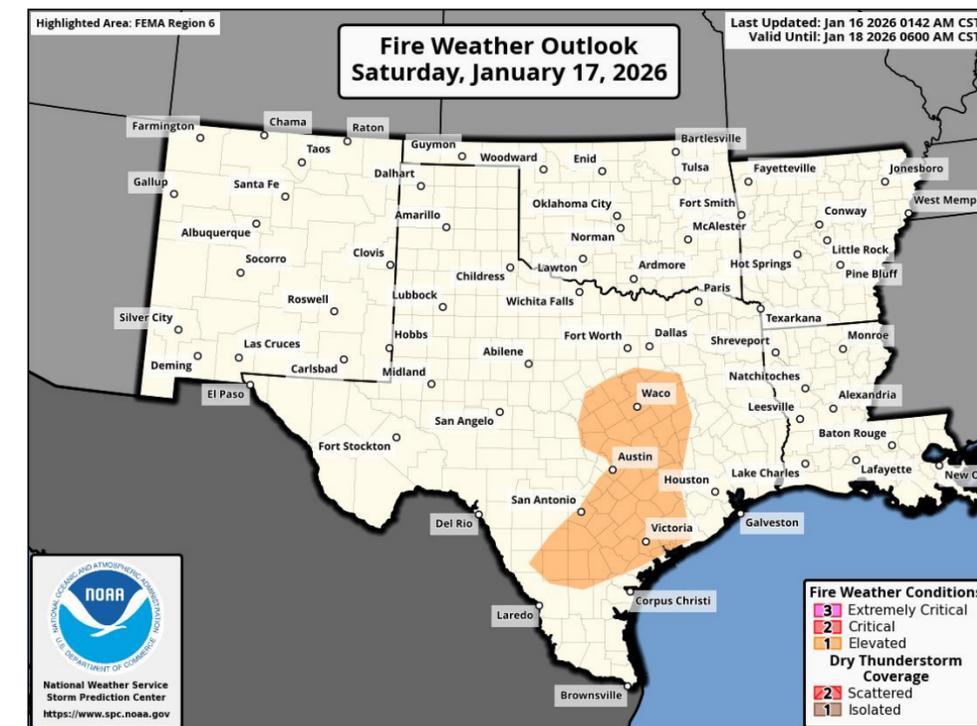
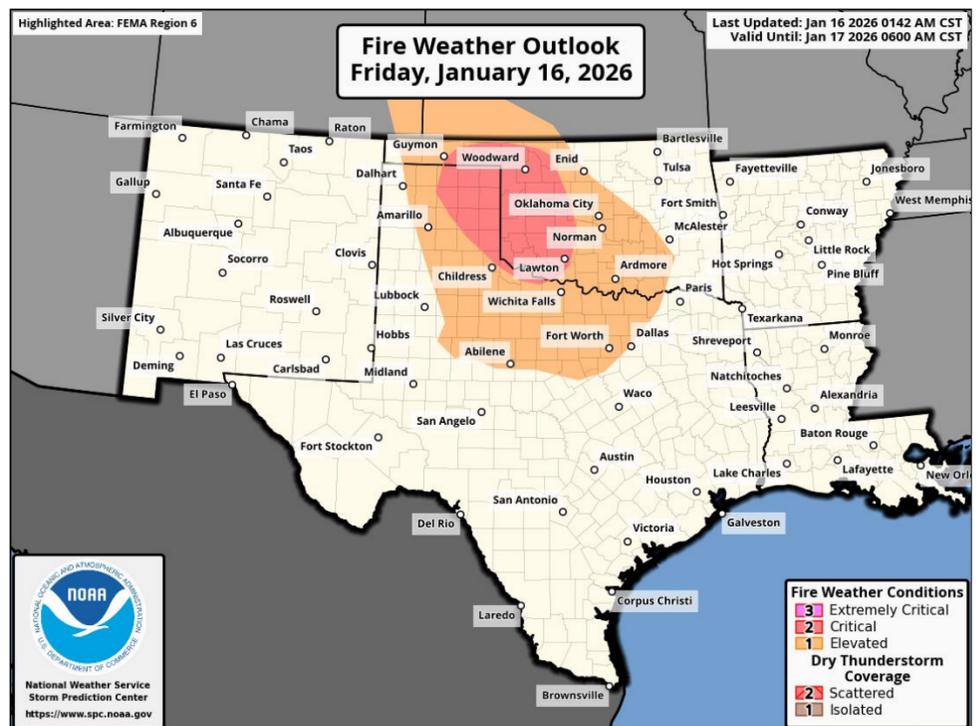
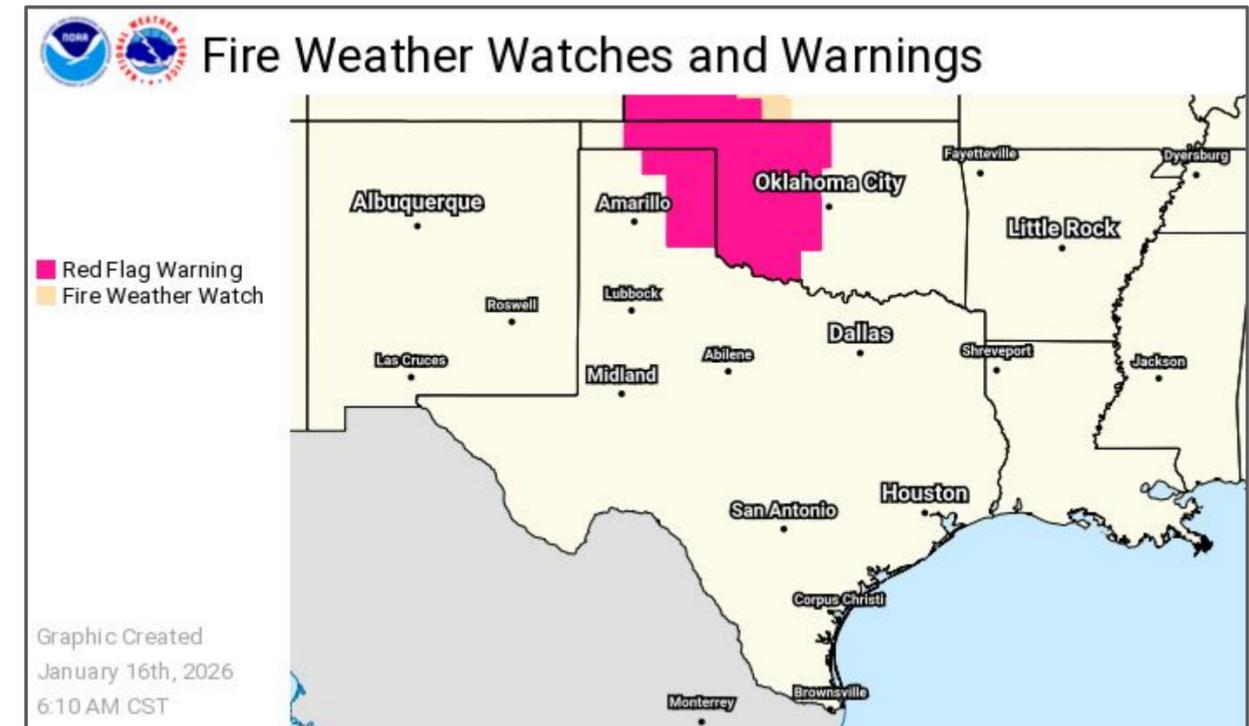


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





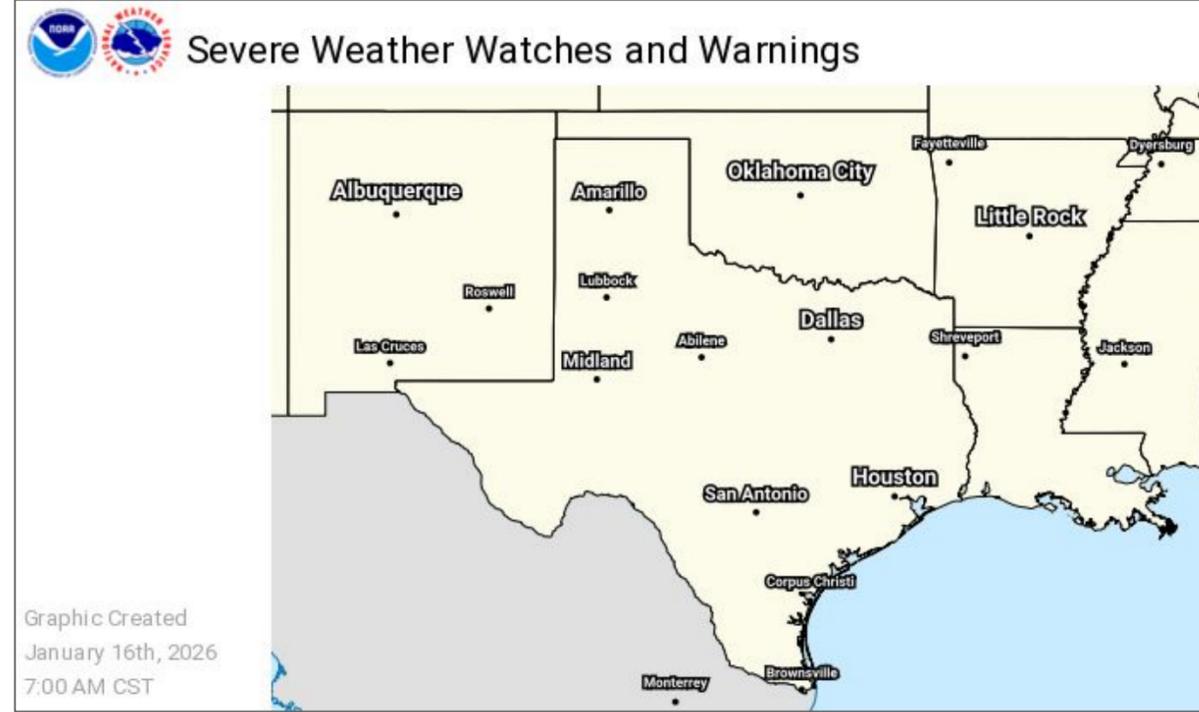
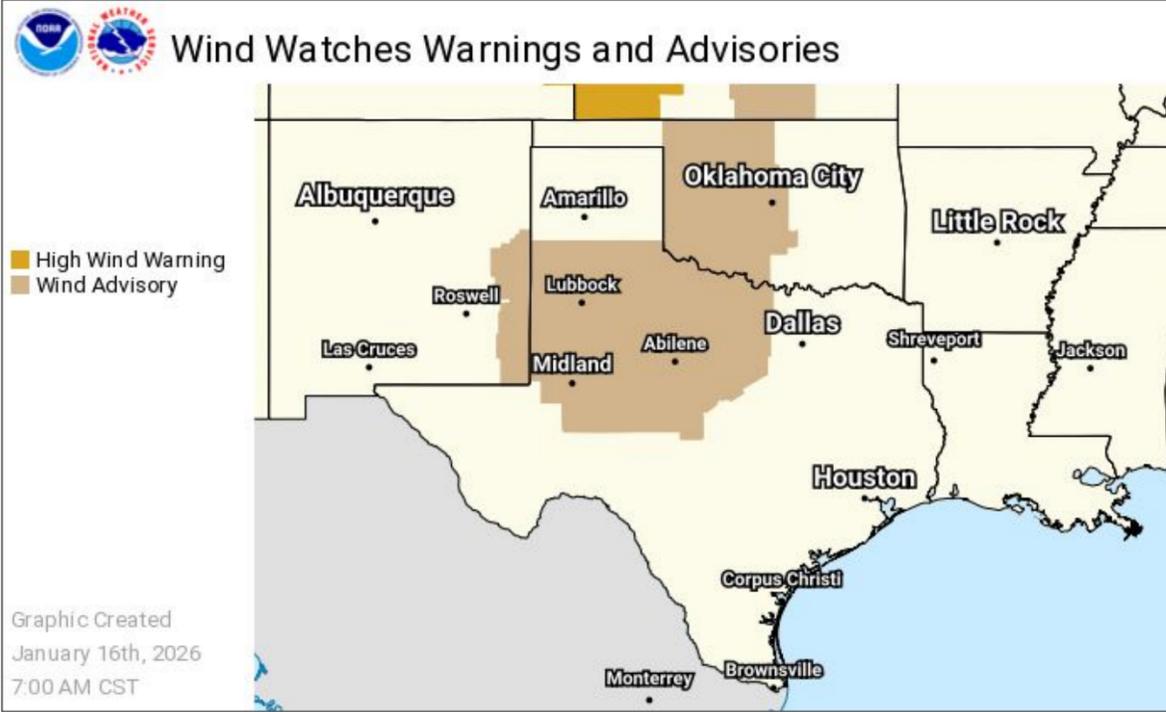
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



**Red Flag Warning Through 6pm today over the E TX/OK Panhandles into W OK for north winds of 20-30 mph with gusts to 45 mph and RH as low as 10%.**

**Wind Advisory through 8am this morning in E NM and W TX for gusts up to 50 mph.**

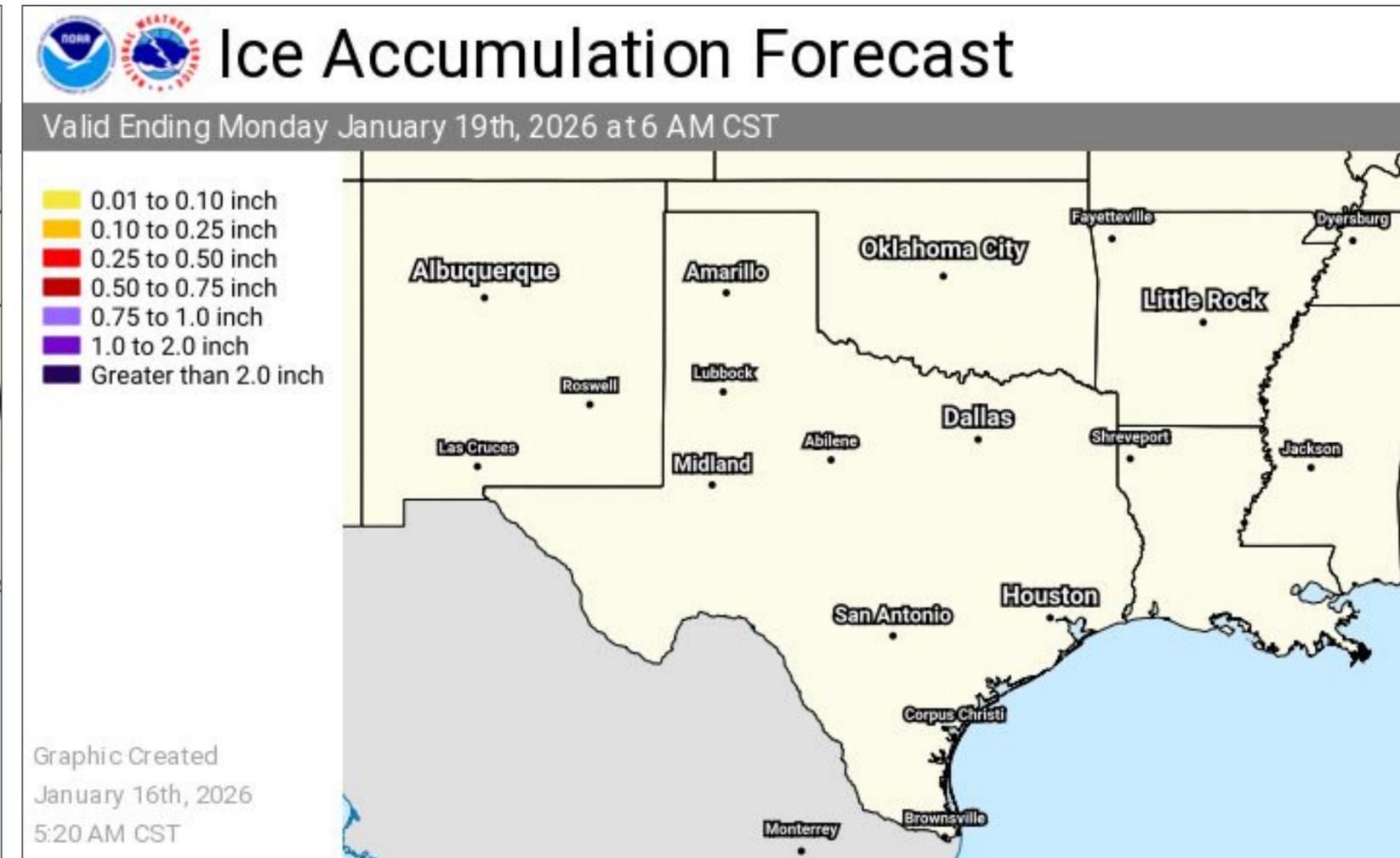
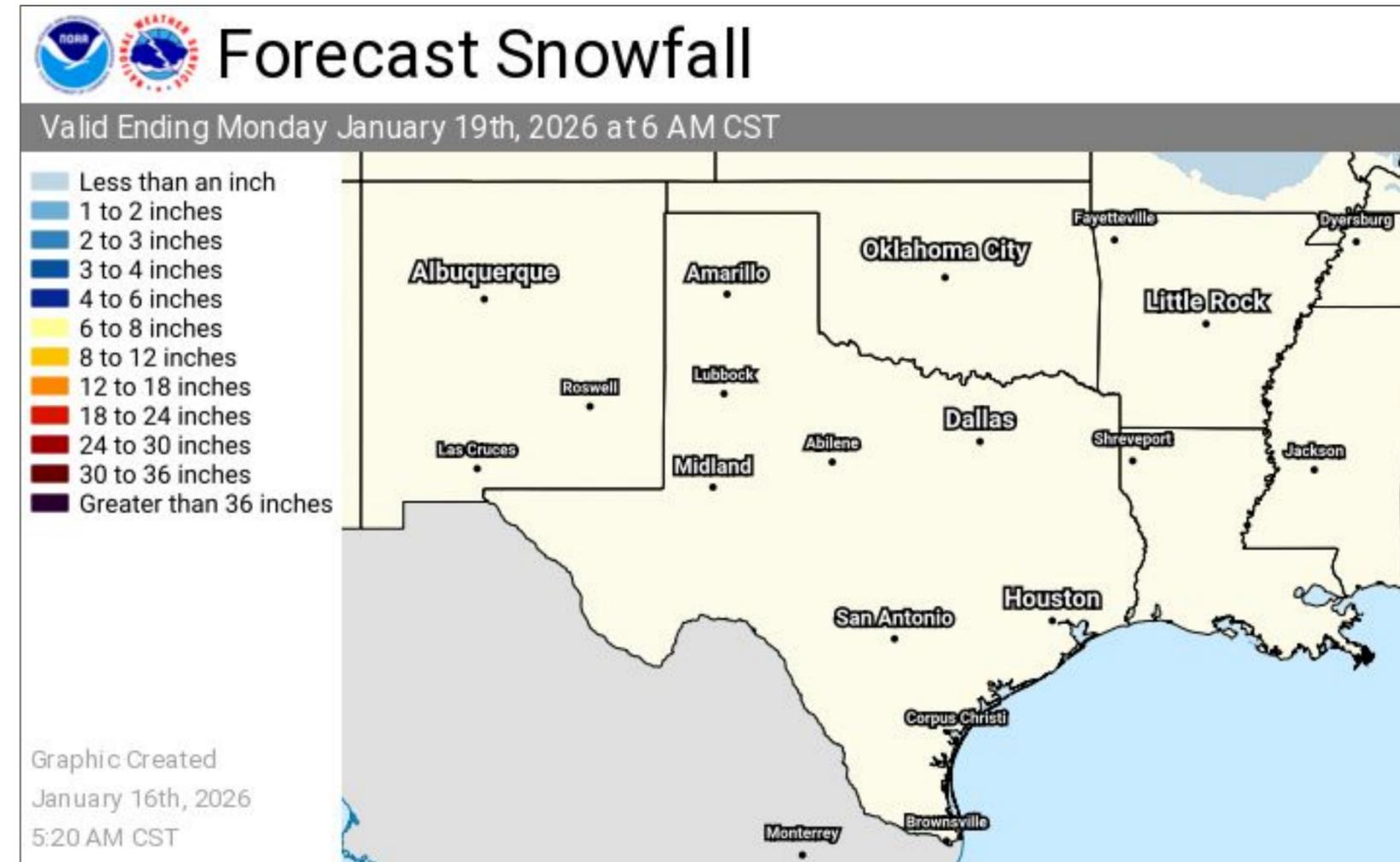
**Wind Advisory through 6pm in W OK for gusts up to 45 mph.**

**Wind Advisory through 12pm in NW TX for gusts up to 40 mph.**



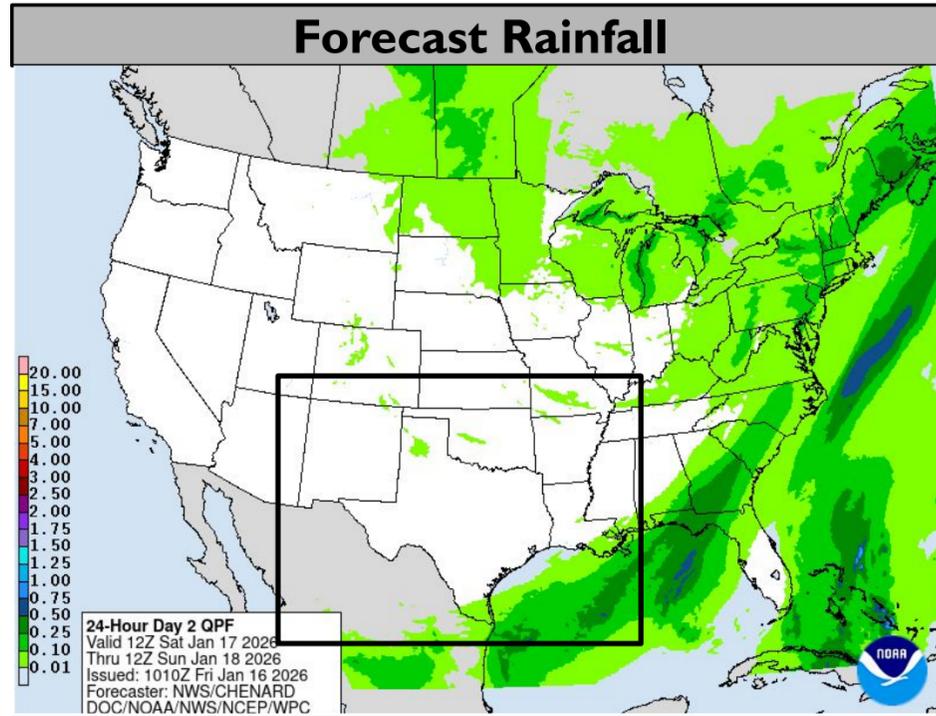
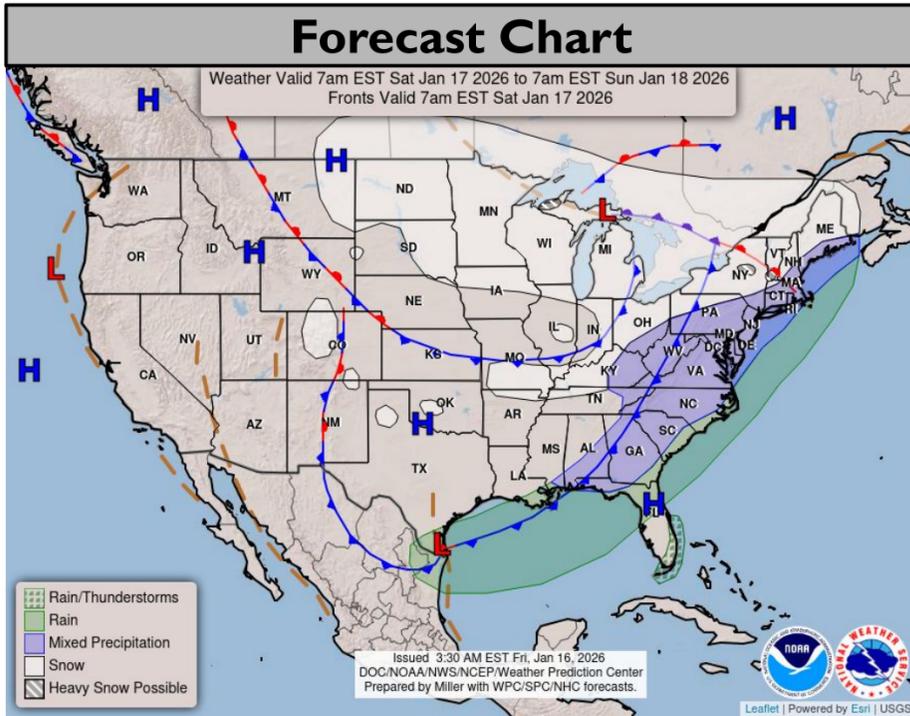
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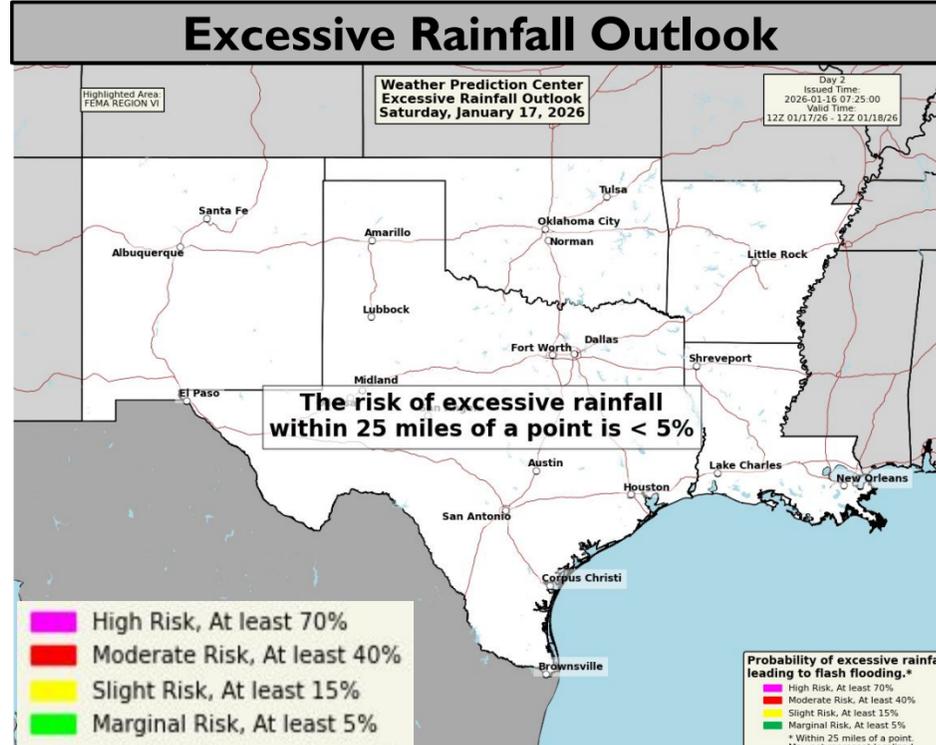
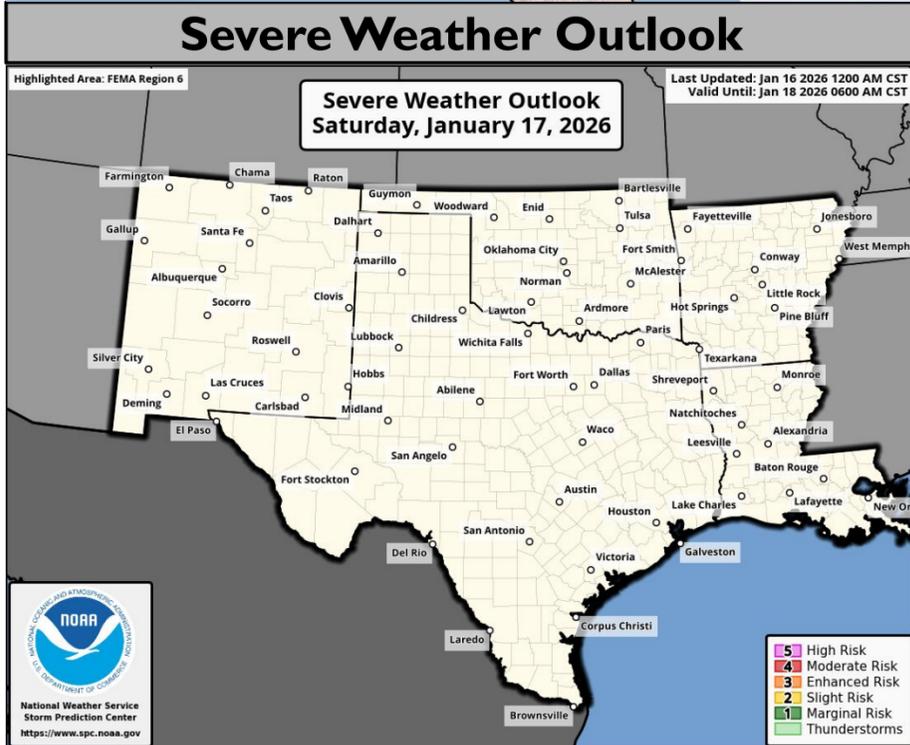




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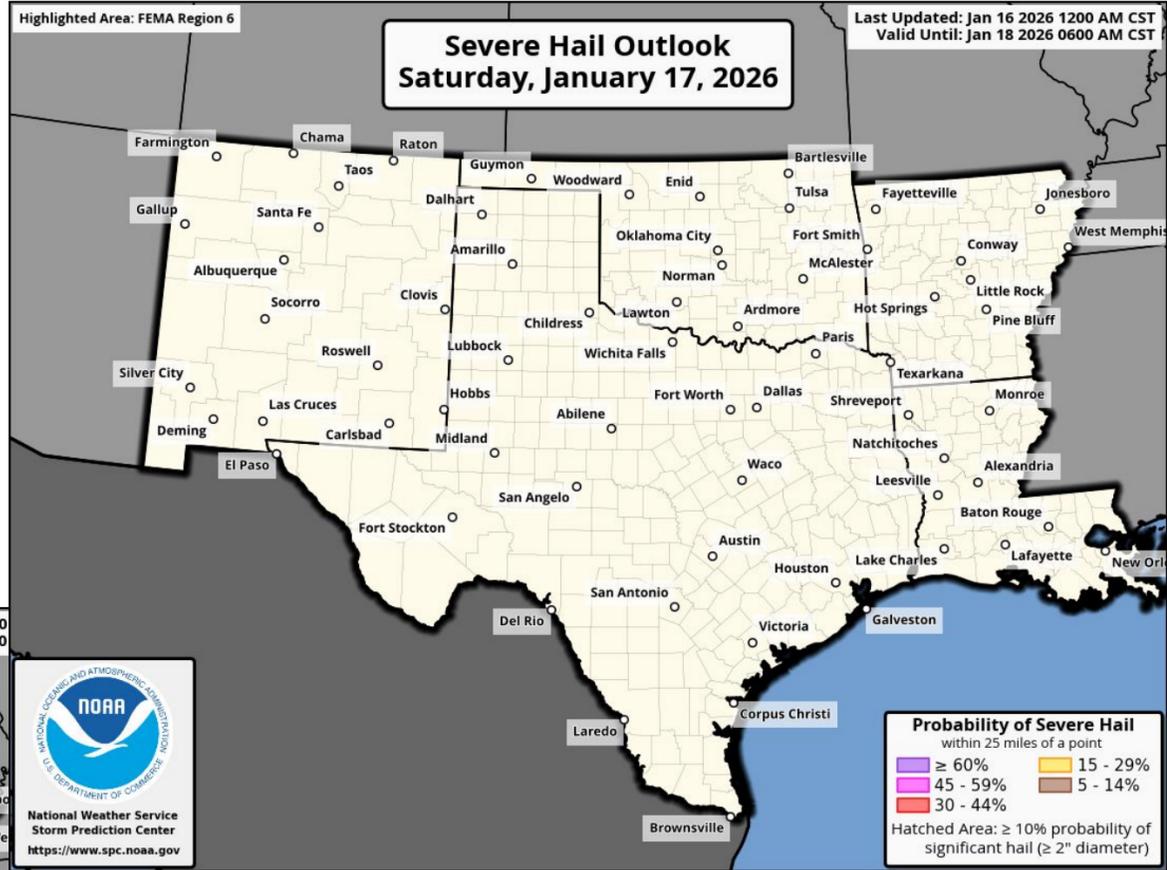
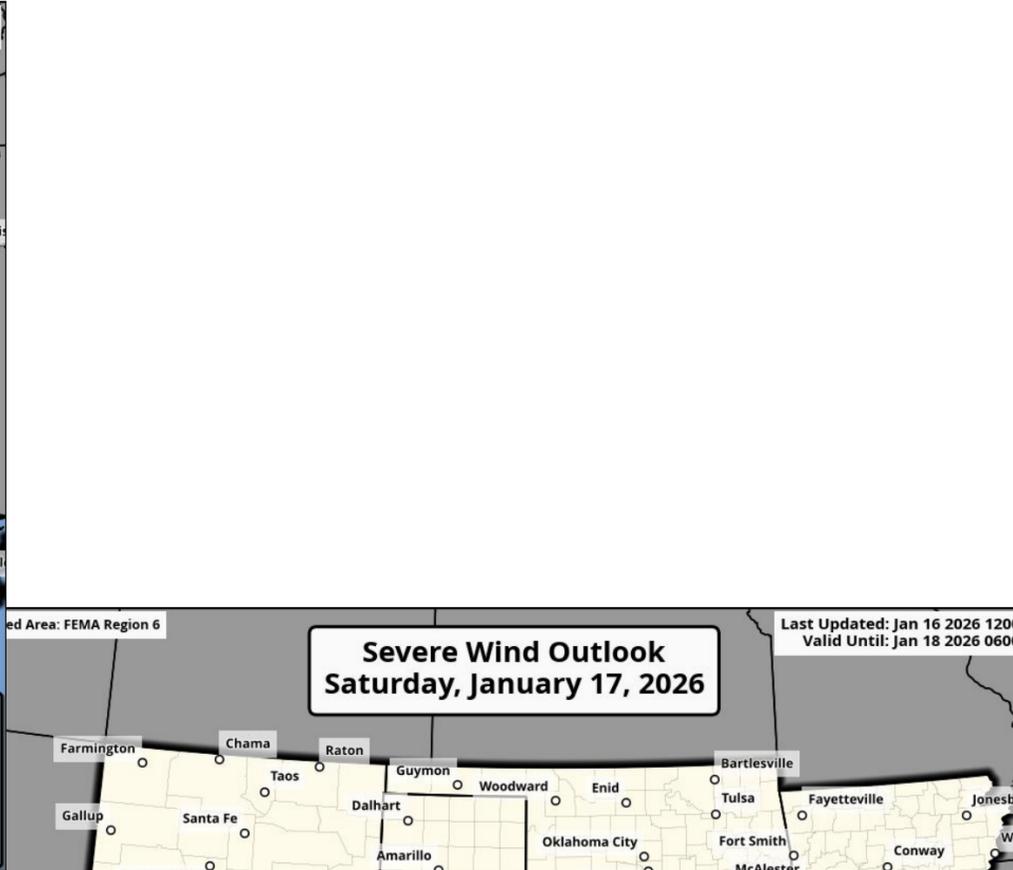
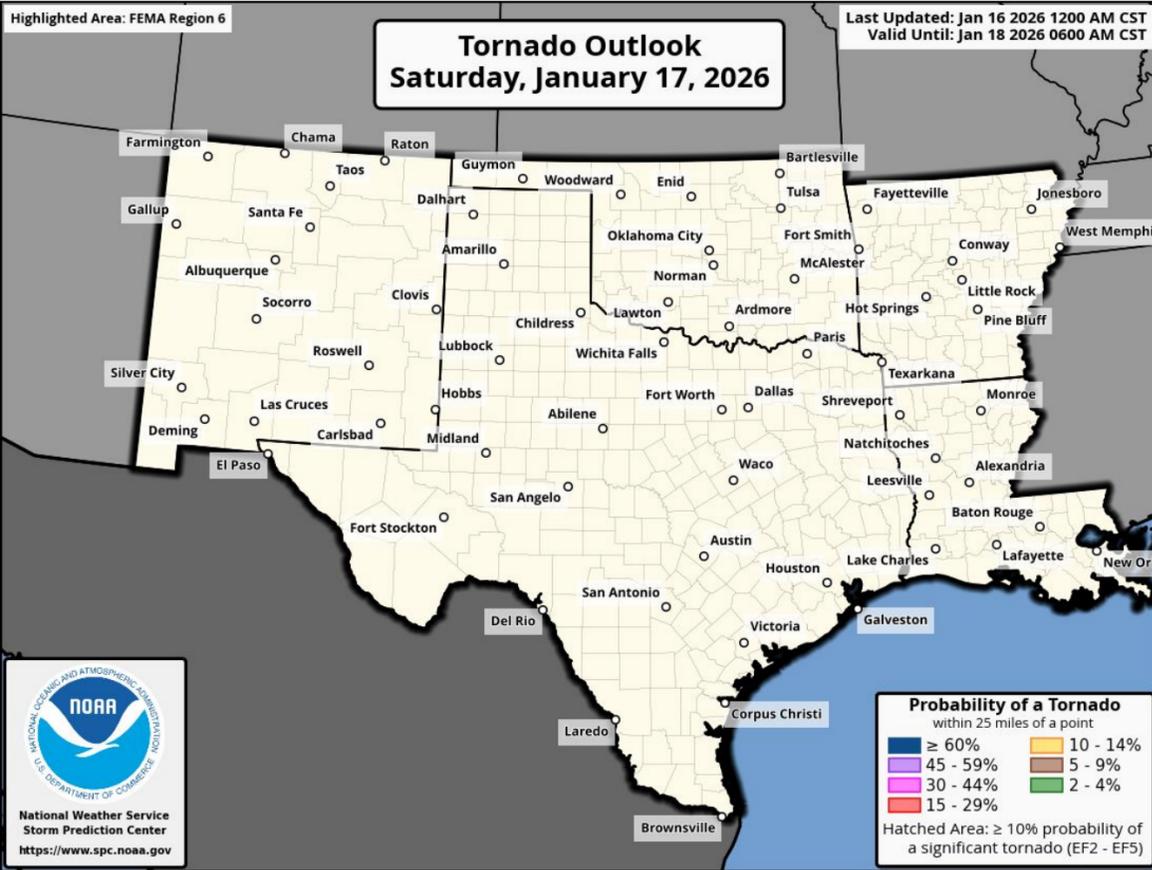


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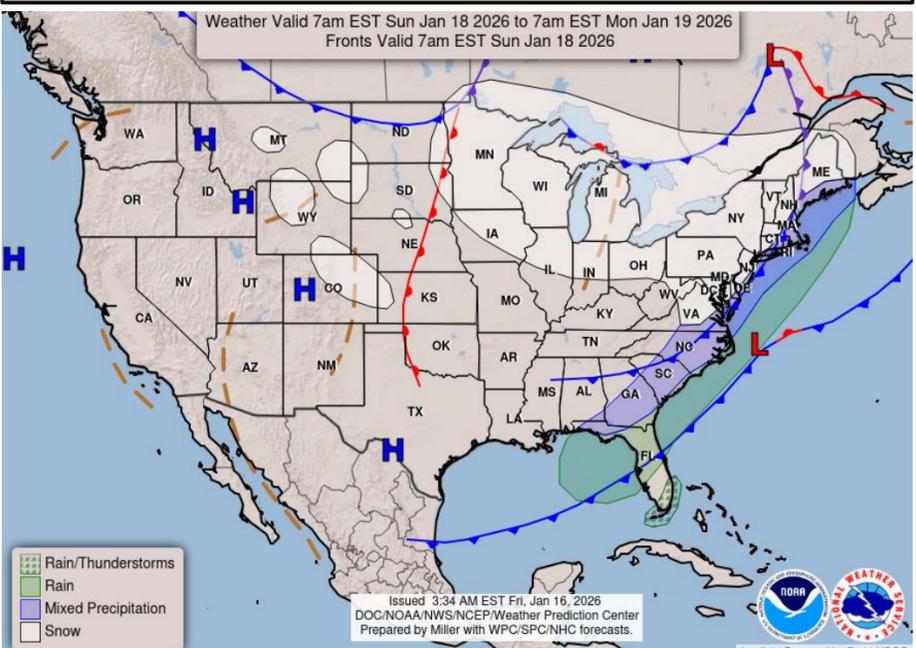
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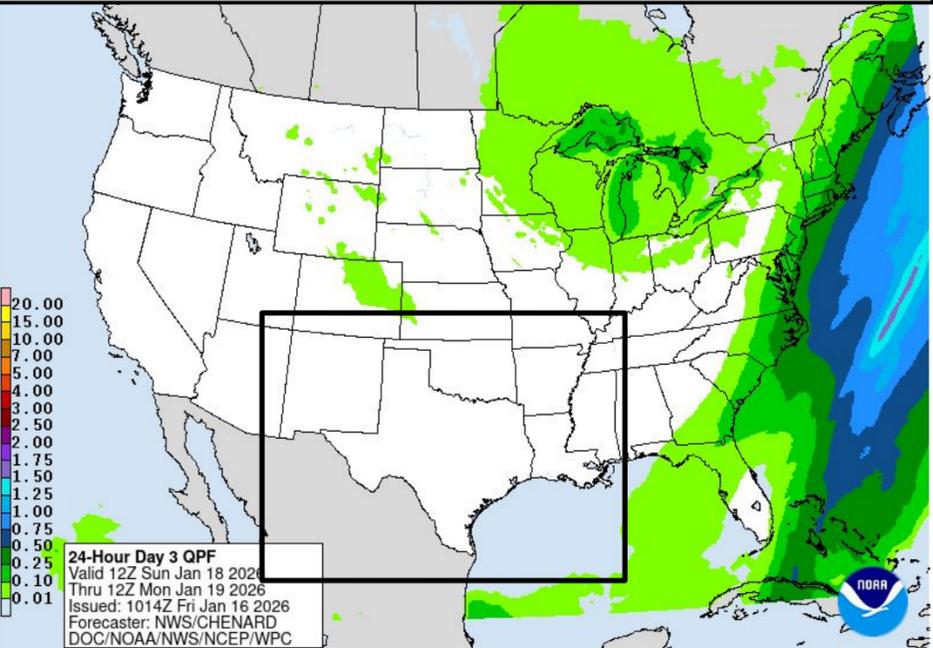


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

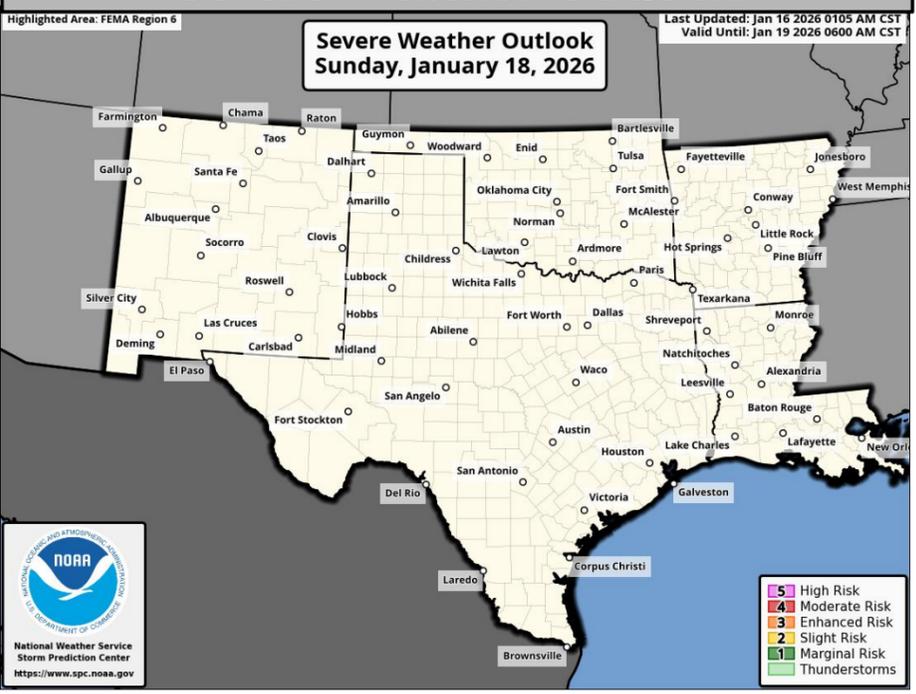


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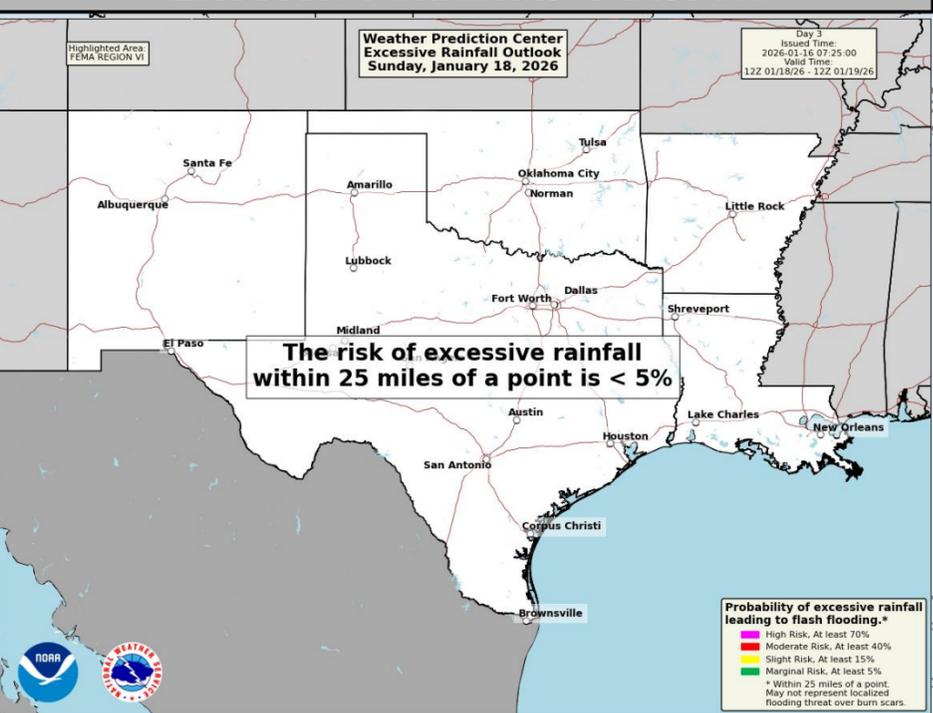


No significant weather expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



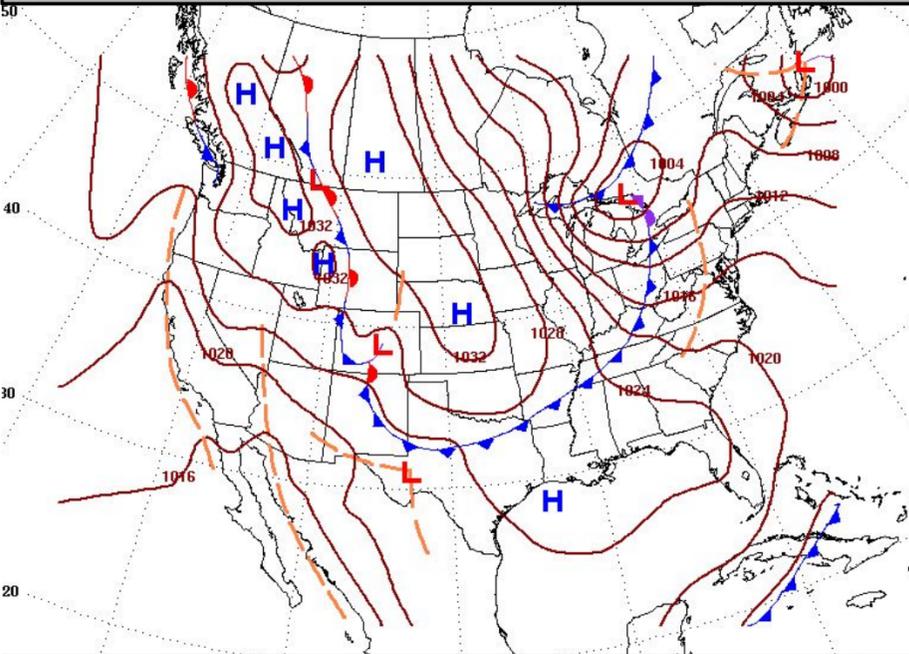
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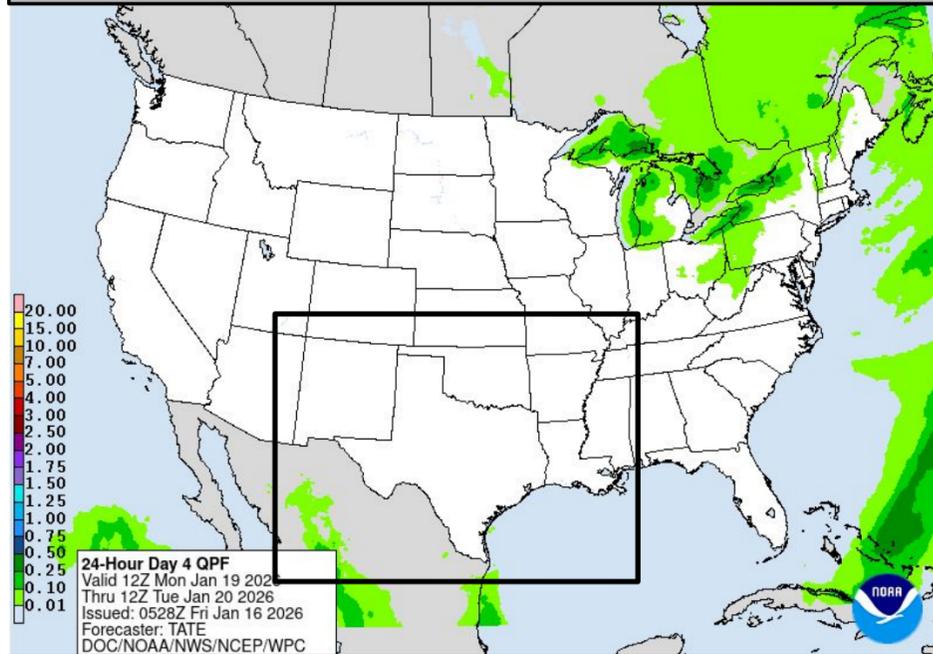


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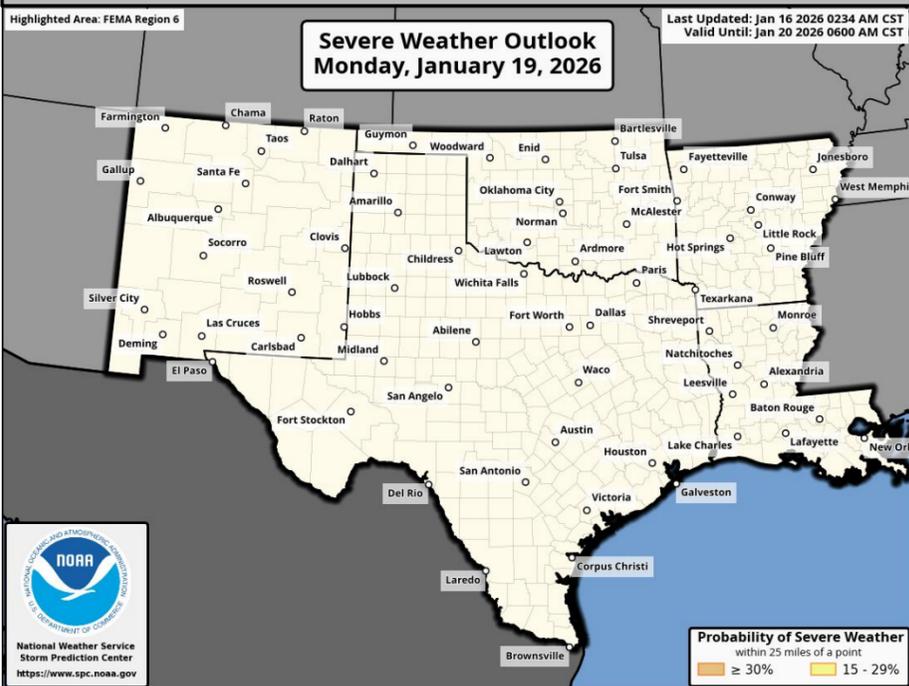


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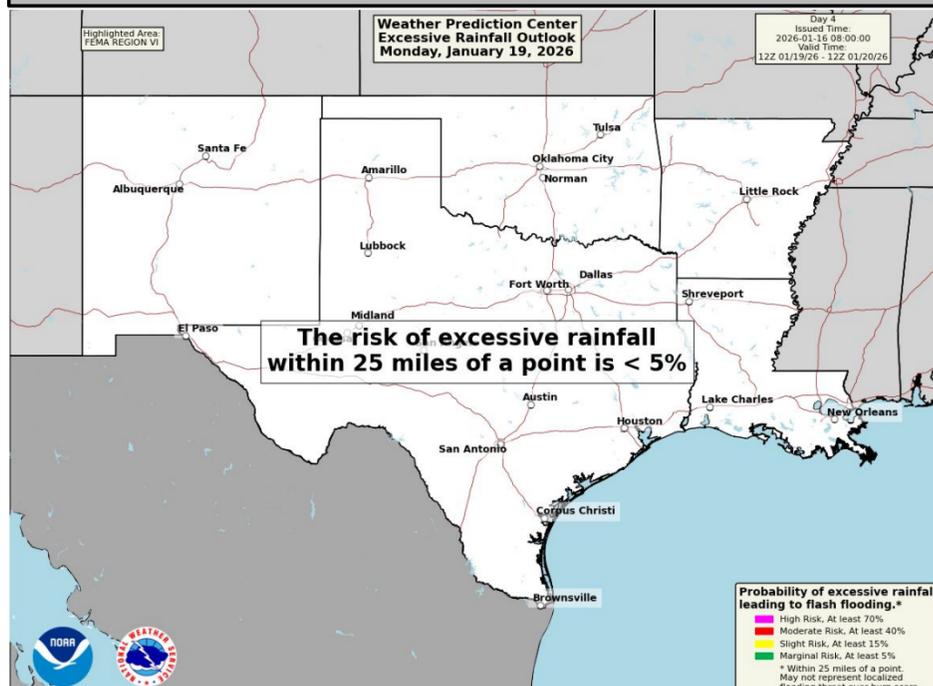


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### Severe Weather Outlook



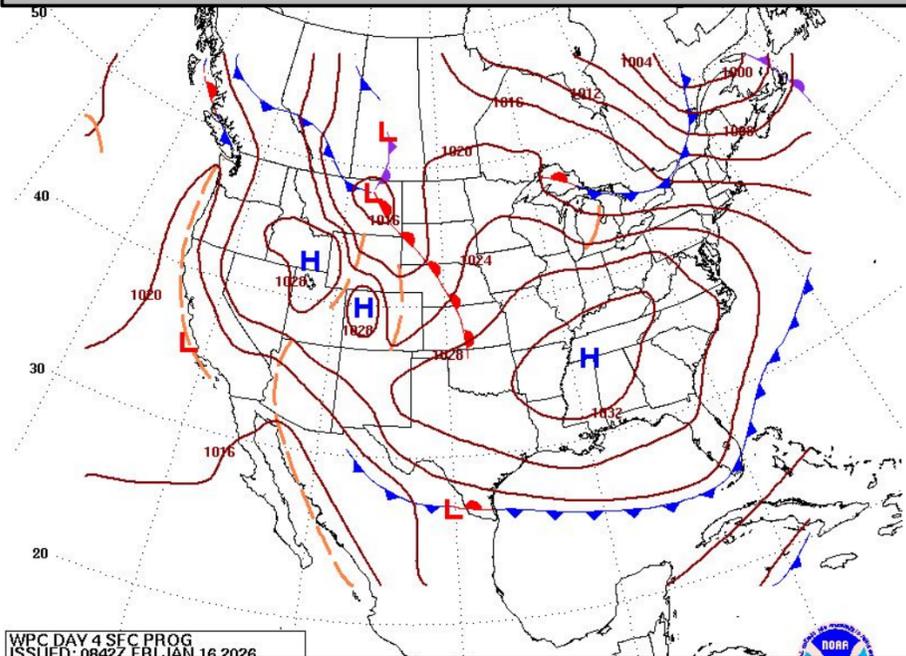
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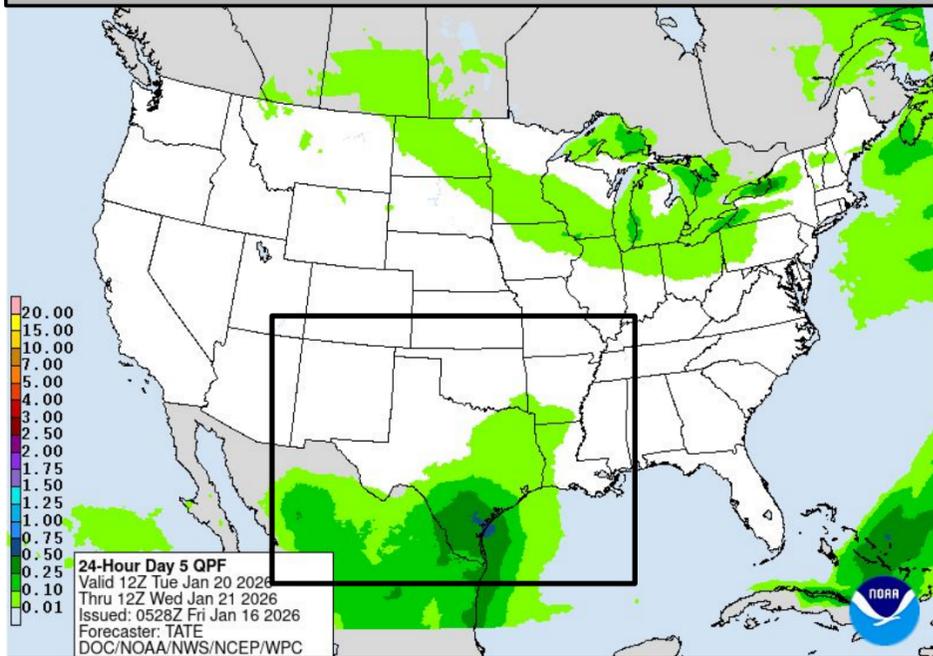
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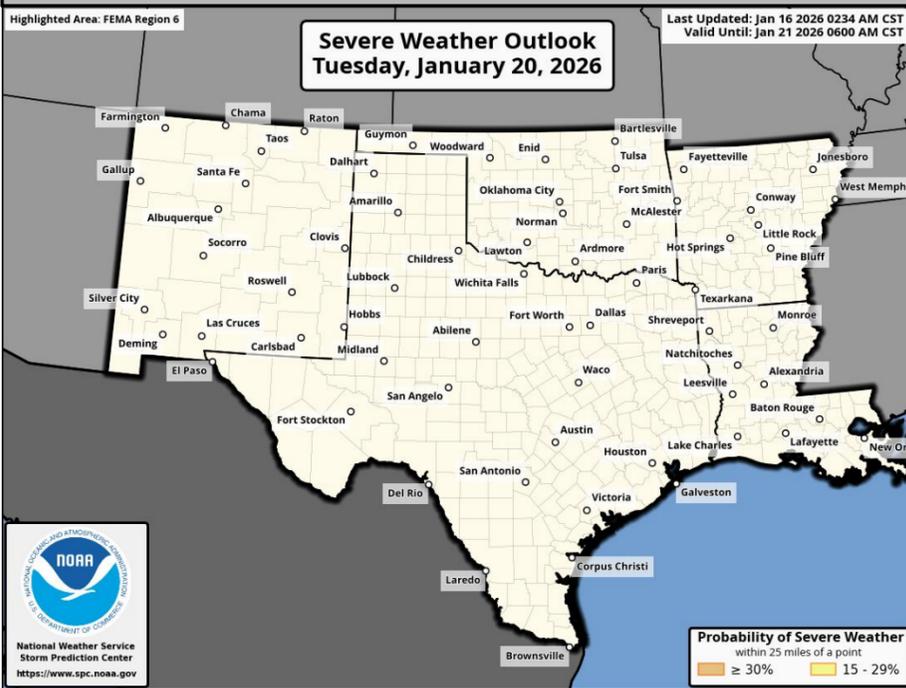
## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Tue Jan 20 2026  
Thru 12Z Wed Jan 21 2026  
Issued: 0528Z Fri Jan 16 2026  
Forecaster: TATE  
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

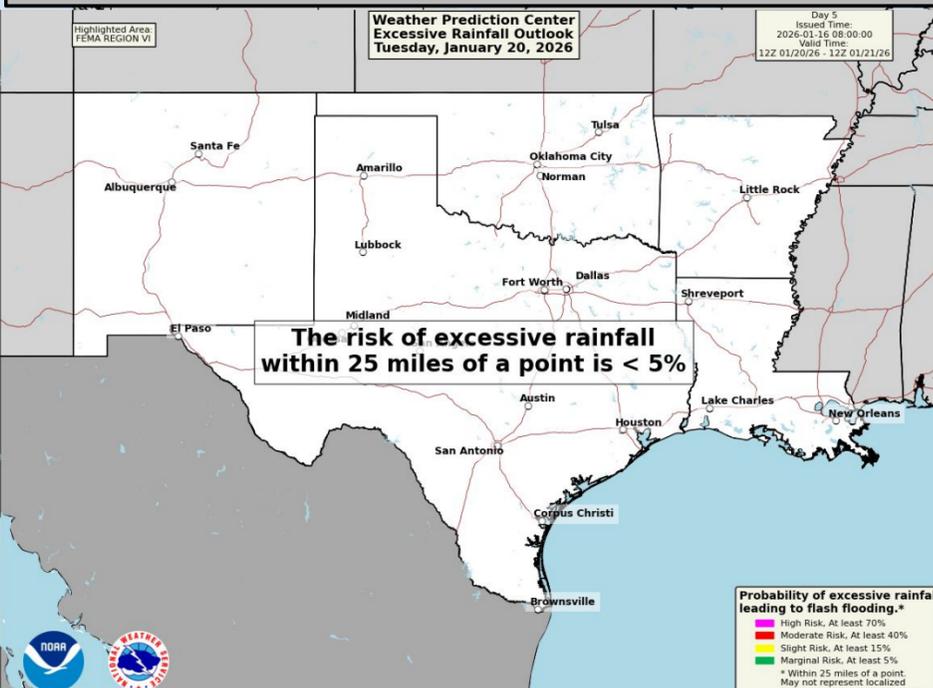


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6  
**Severe Weather Outlook**  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Last Updated: Jan 16 2026 0234 AM CST  
Valid Until: Jan 21 2026 0600 AM CST



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI  
**Weather Prediction Center**  
**Excessive Rainfall Outlook**  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Day 5  
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Valid Time: 12Z 01/20/26 - 12Z 01/21/26

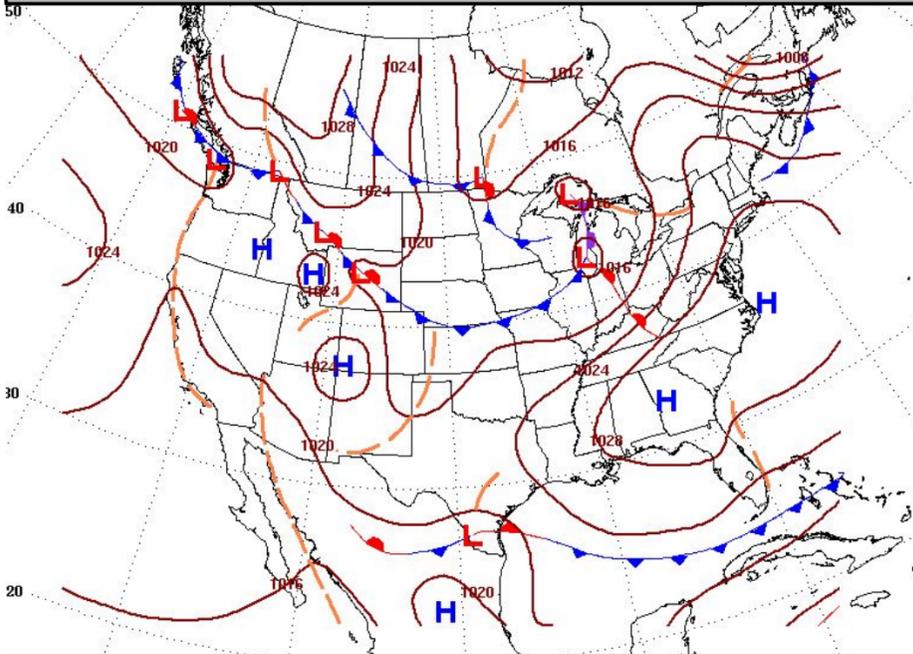
The risk of excessive rainfall within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

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.

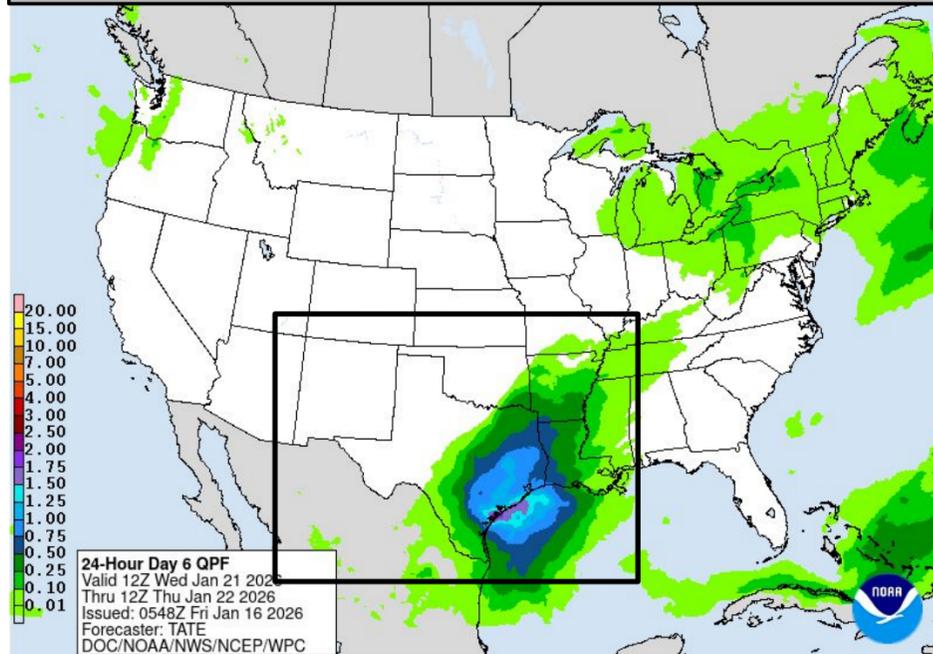


# Wednesday's Weather

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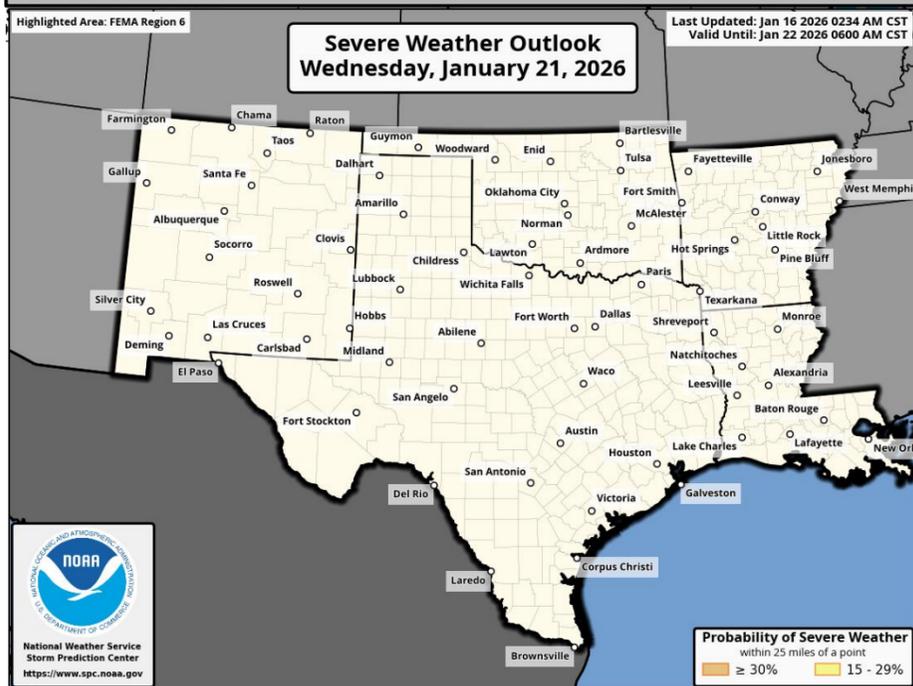


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring for heavy rain that could lead to flash flooding in SE TX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



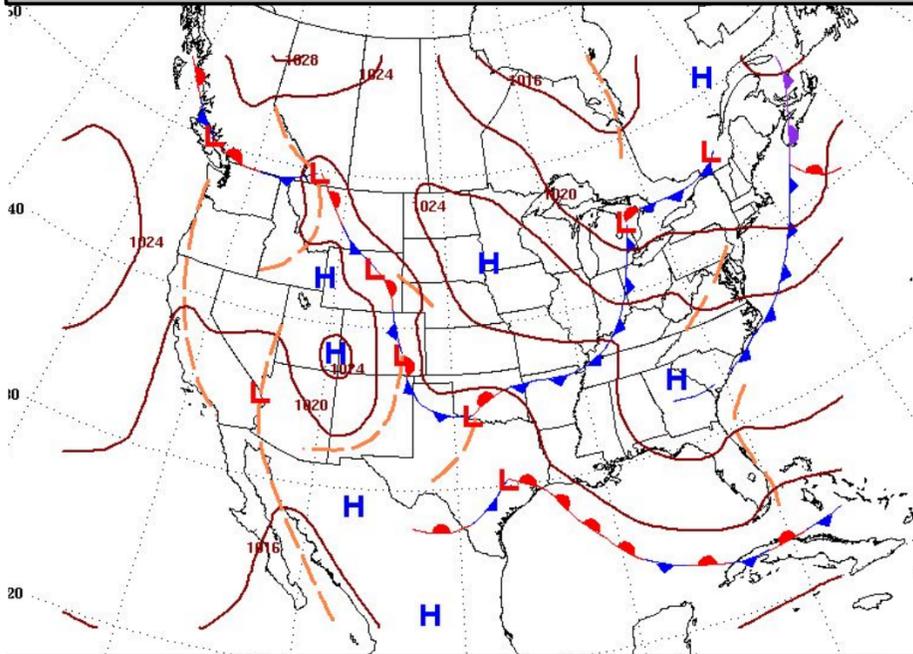
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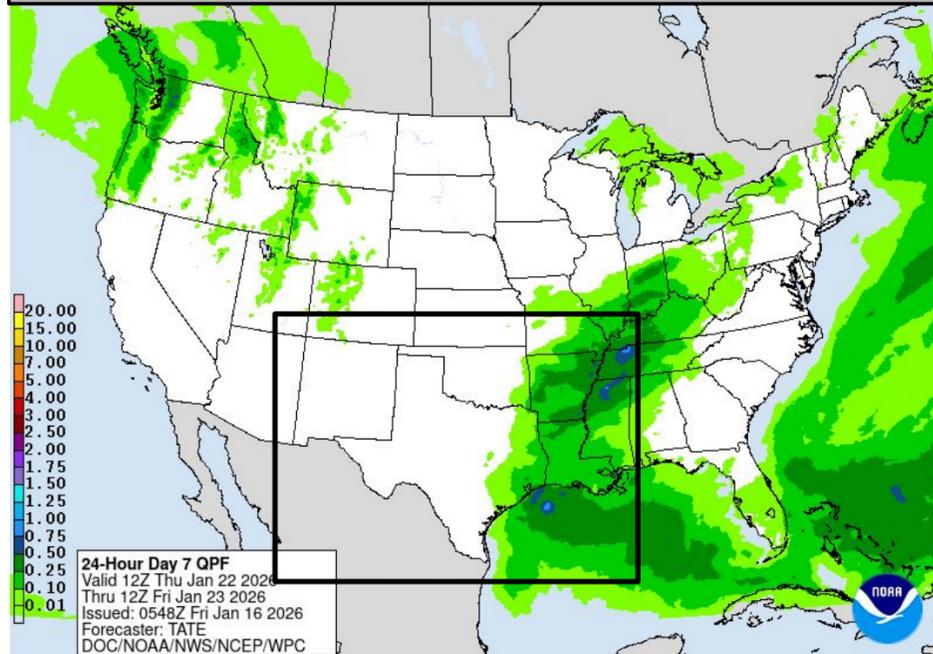


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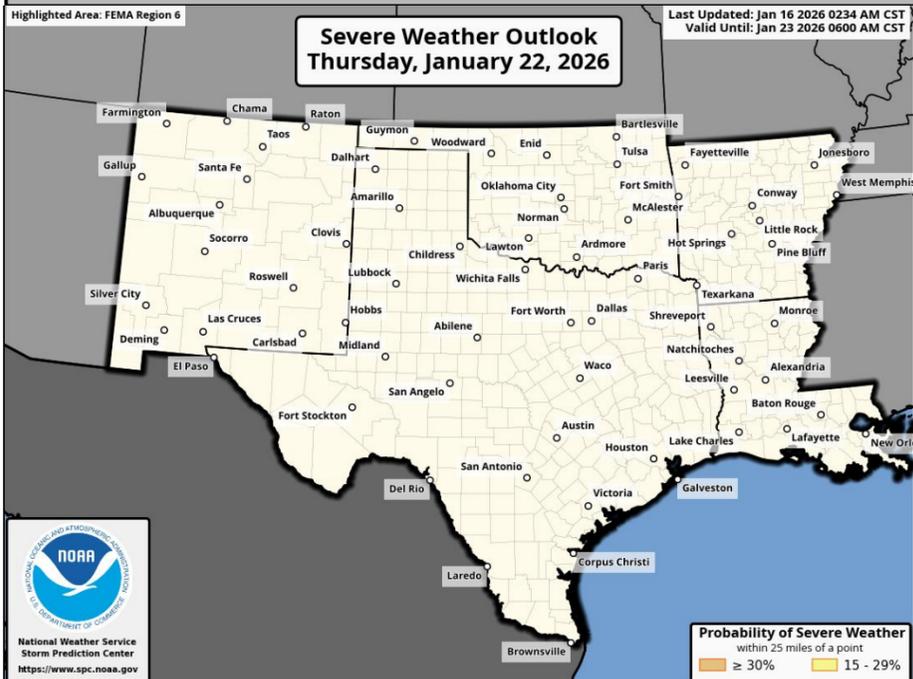


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

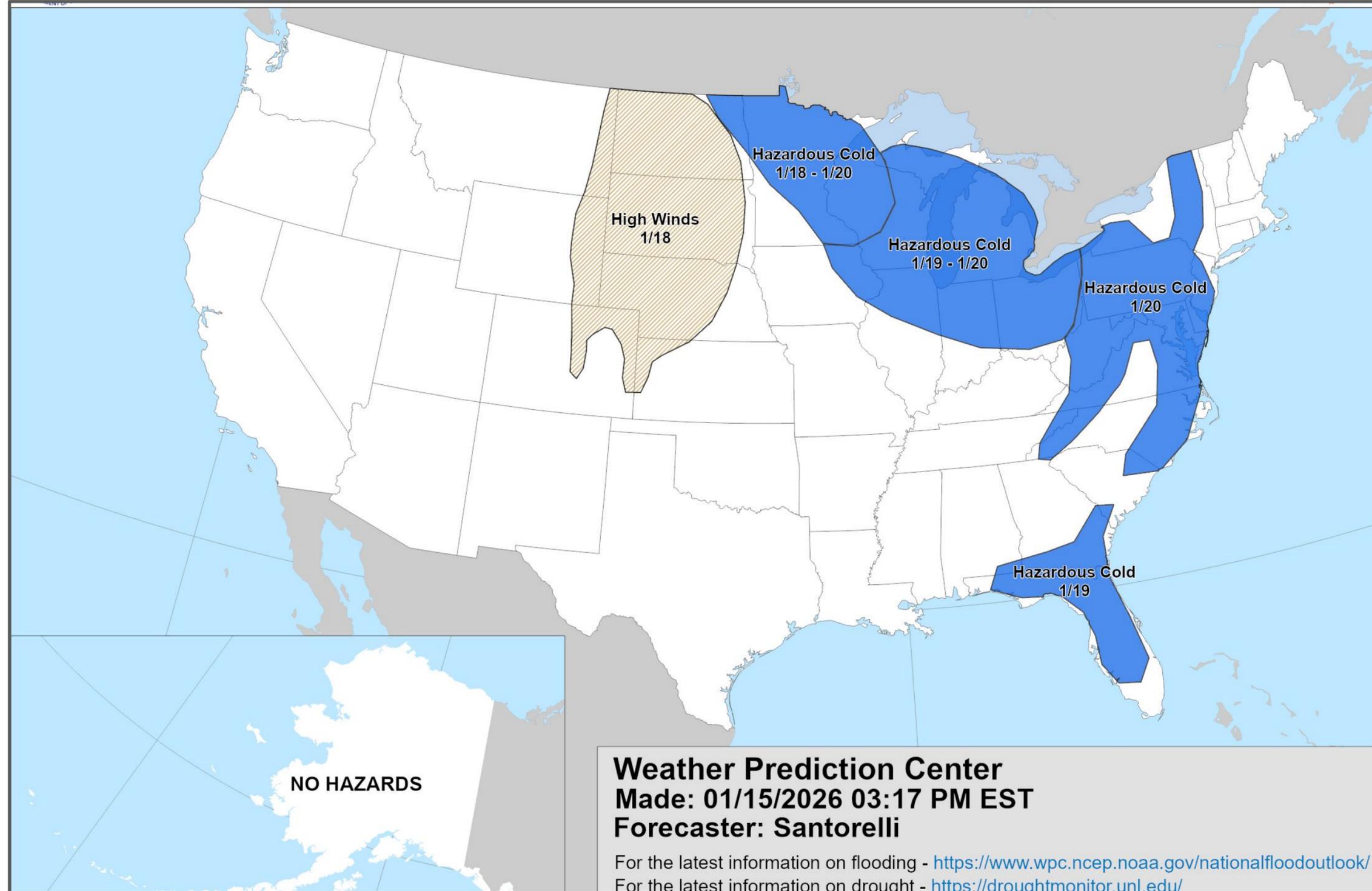


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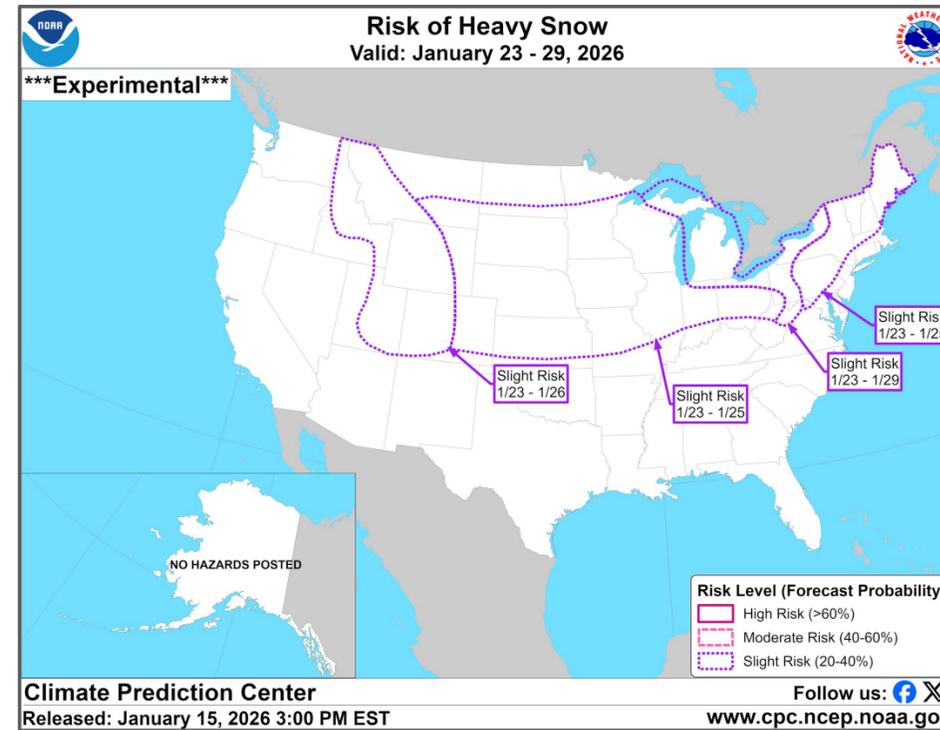
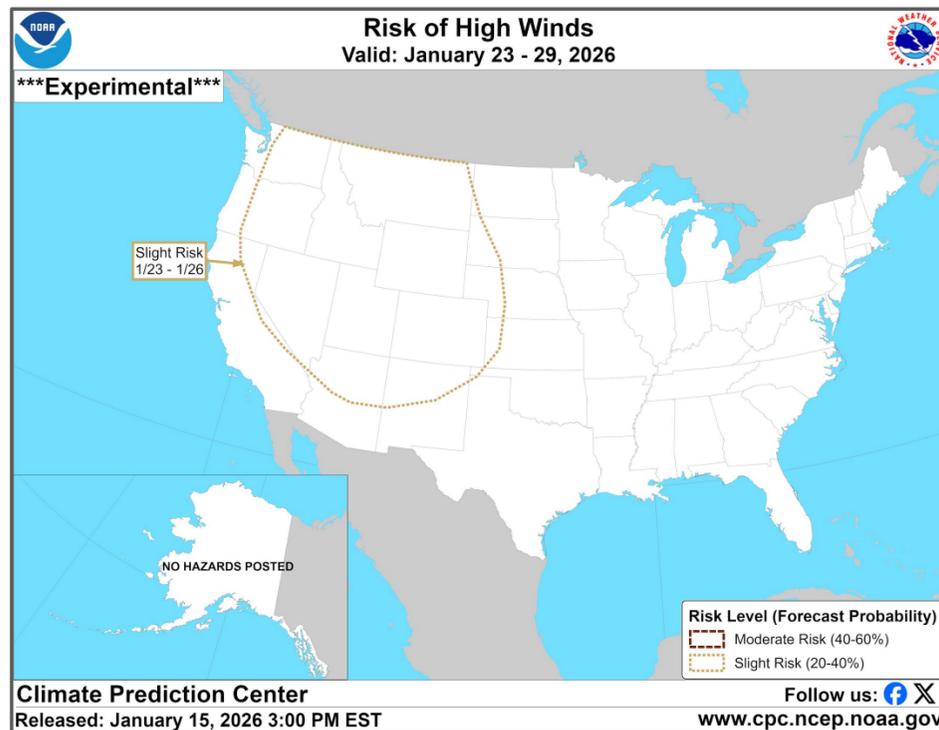
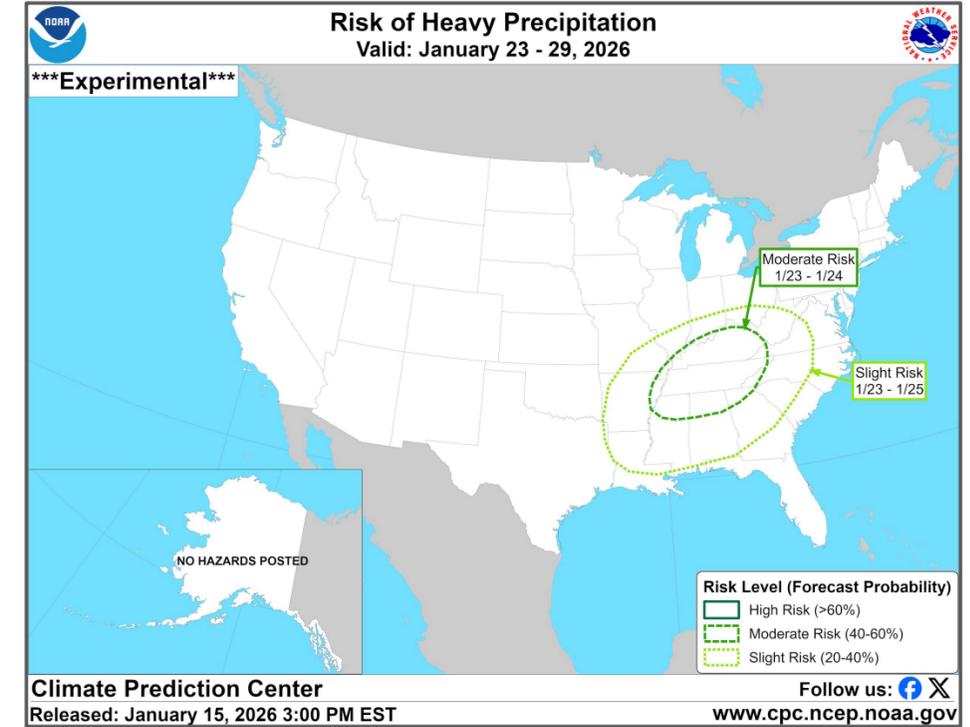
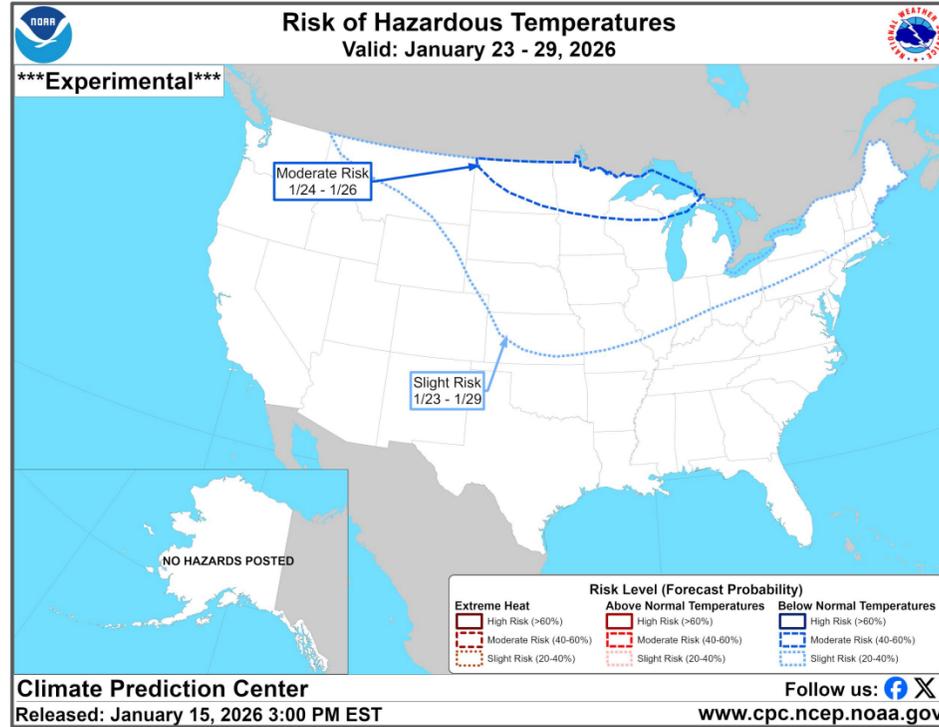
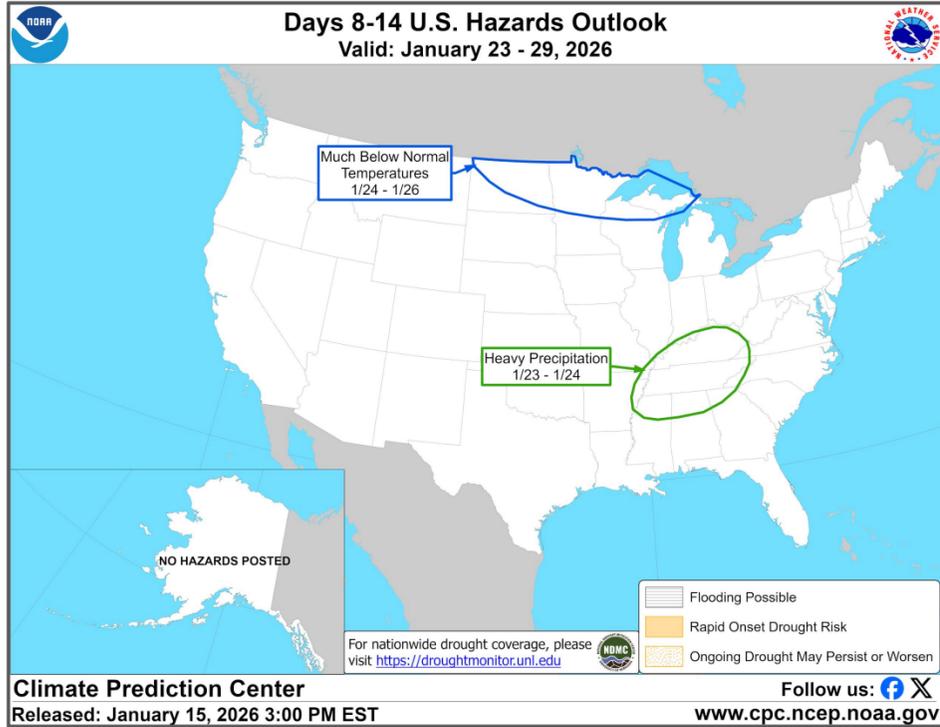


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





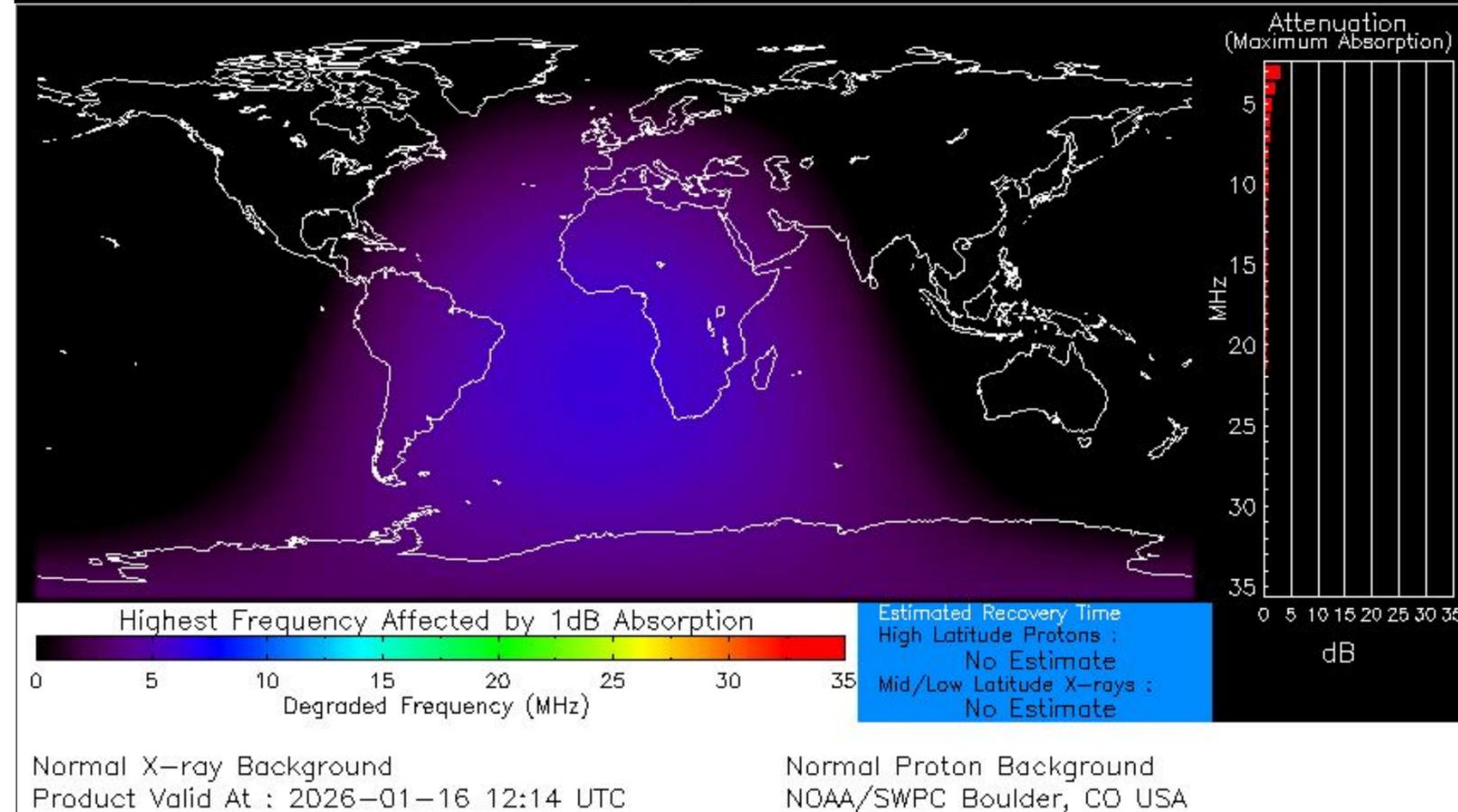
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





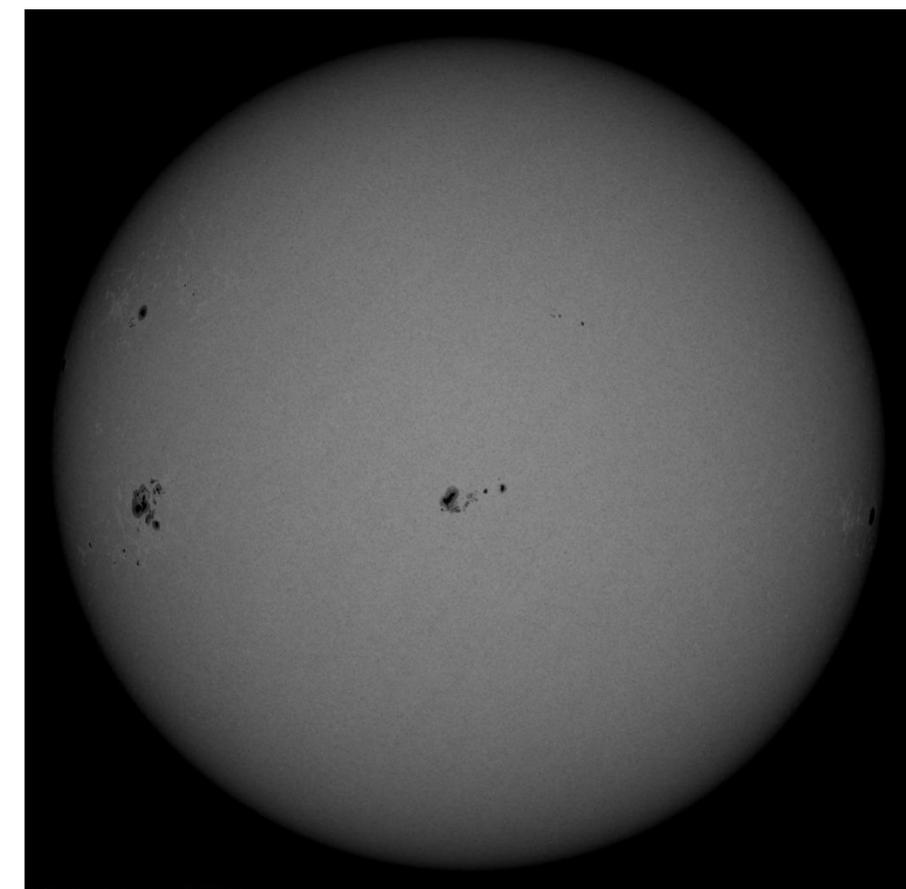
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Jan 15	Friday, Jan 16	Saturday, Jan 17
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	55%	55%	55%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	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;"><b>Little to None</b></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"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></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"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></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"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></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"> <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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></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"> <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>

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