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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, January 24, 2026

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# Summary

## ● Winter Weather:

- Arctic front is bringing much colder air through this weekend to FEMA 6.
- Wintry mix of snow, sleet, or freezing rain across much of FEMA 6 today-Sunday.
  - Major (level 4 of 5) impacts for portions of SE OK, C/S AR, N/NE TX, and N LA where .25-.5” of freezing rain through Sunday morning. Ice amounts locally over 1” in S AR, N LA.
  - Extreme (level 5 of 5) impacts tonight through Sunday morning in N/NE LA where locally up to 1.5” of ice accumulation may occur.
  - 1-3” of sleet may fall just north of where the freezing rain occurs, locally up to 4”. Red River Valley-Little Rock likely to see mostly sleet.
  - Travel impacts from weekend may linger into Monday for FEMA 6.

## ● Cold Temps:

- Temps in OK, AR, and N TX drop stay under until Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Wind chills as cold as -15F continue Sunday and Monday morning.
- Temps begin to moderate Tuesday-Wednesday.

## ● Flash Flooding:

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding SE TX, SW LA.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Jan 24	Sunday, Jan 25	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28	Thursday, Jan 29	Friday, Jan 30
Severe Storms		SE LA					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE TX, SW LA						
Winter Weather	S/SE OK, C/S AR, N/NE TX, N LA	N/NE LA	OK, AR, TX, LA	OK, AR (Cold AM)			Southern Plains
	NM, OK, AR, TX, LA	N LA, S AR					
		NM, OK, AR, TX, LA					
Fire Weather							
River Flooding							

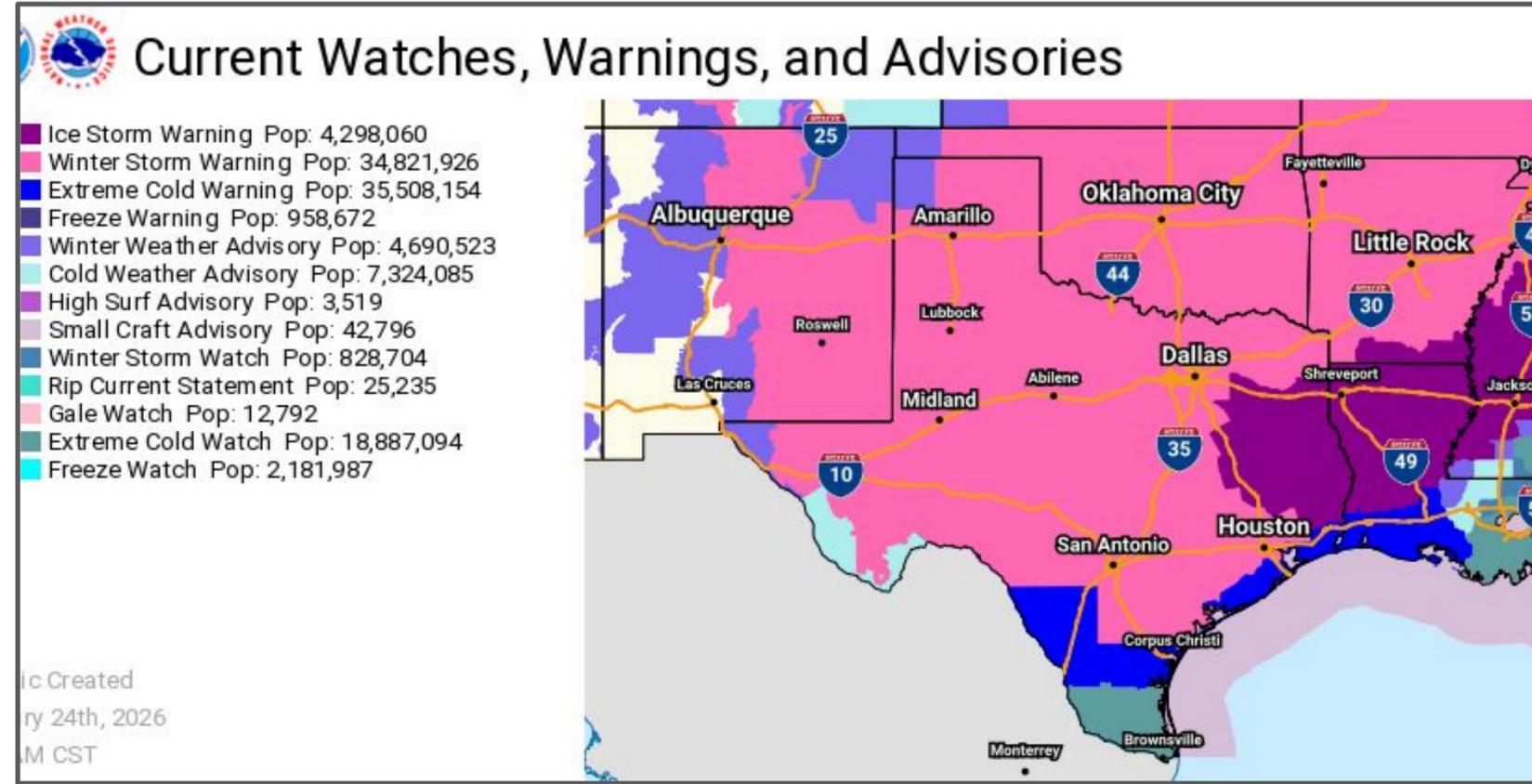
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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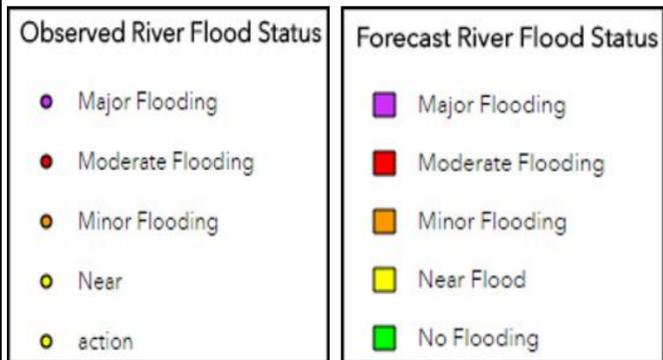
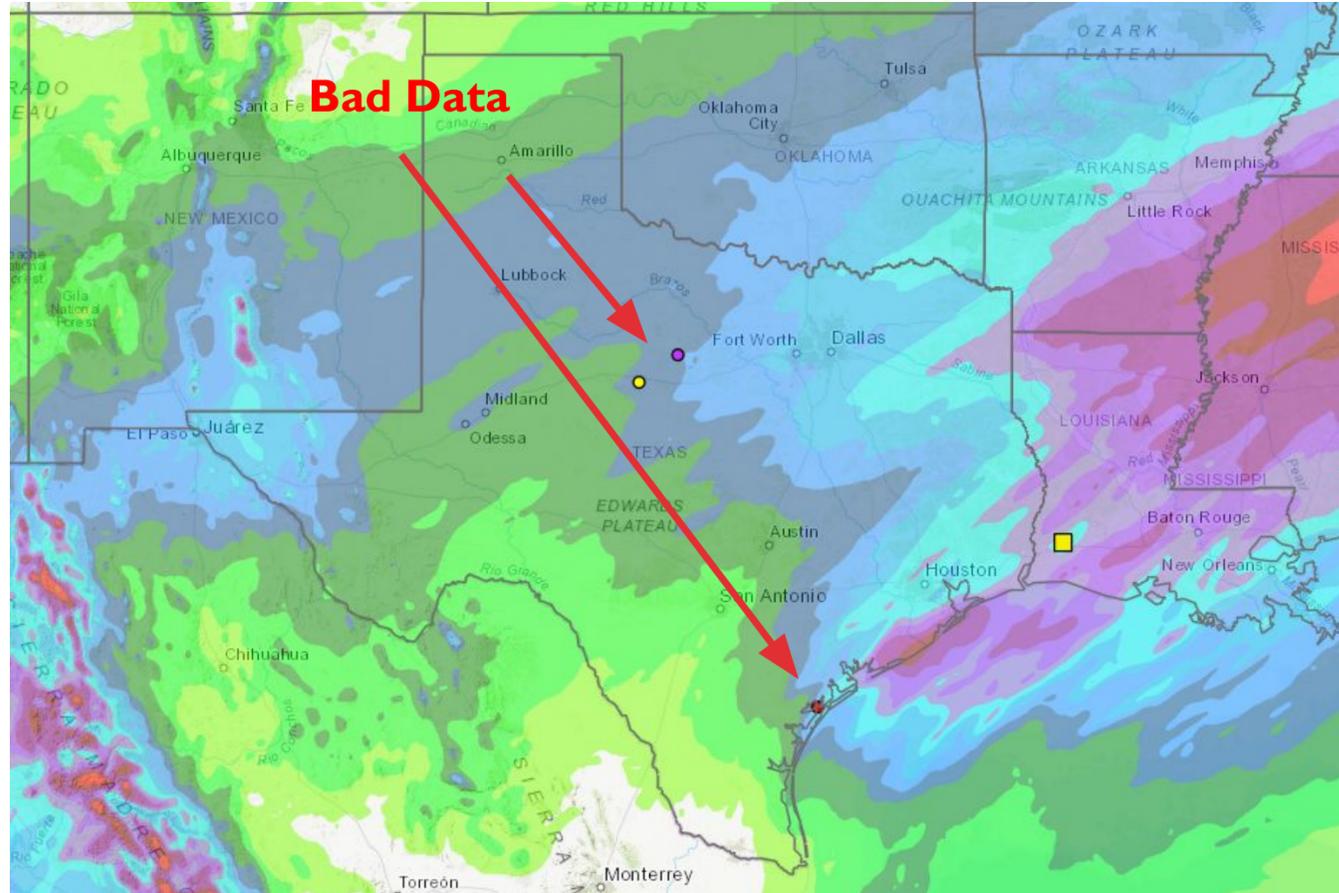
# Current Radar/Hazards





# 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*



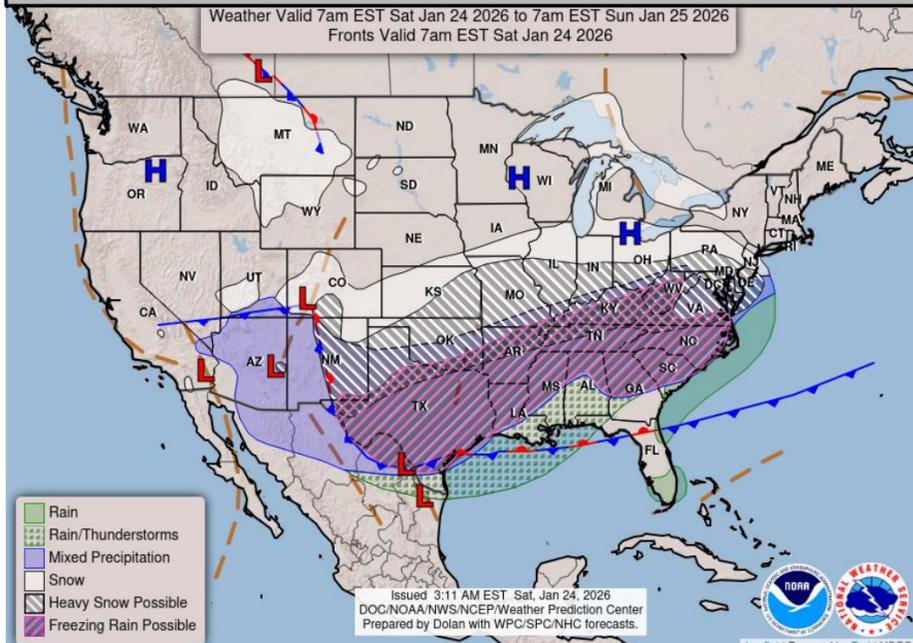
**No significant flooding is expected.**

*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.*

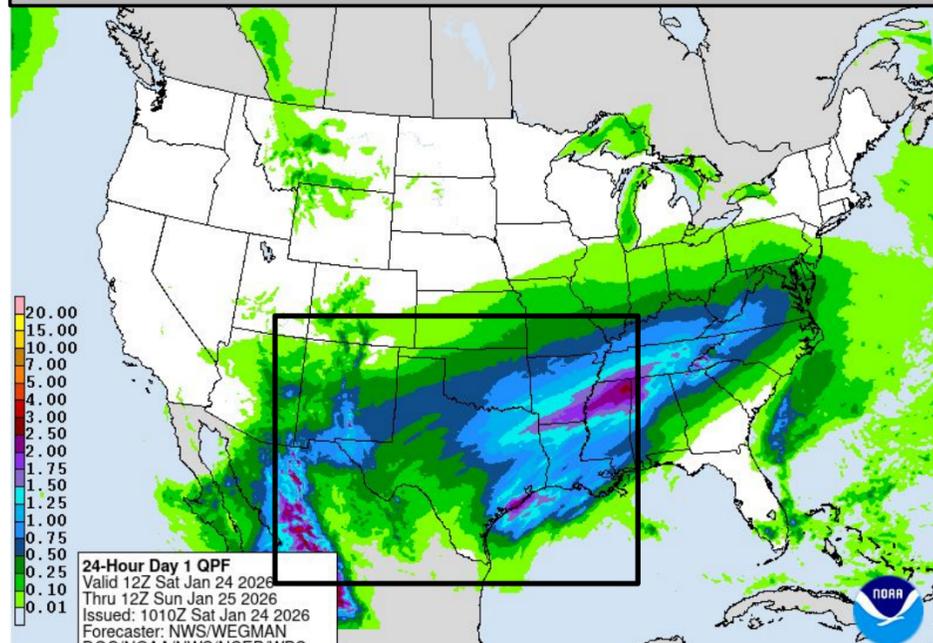


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall



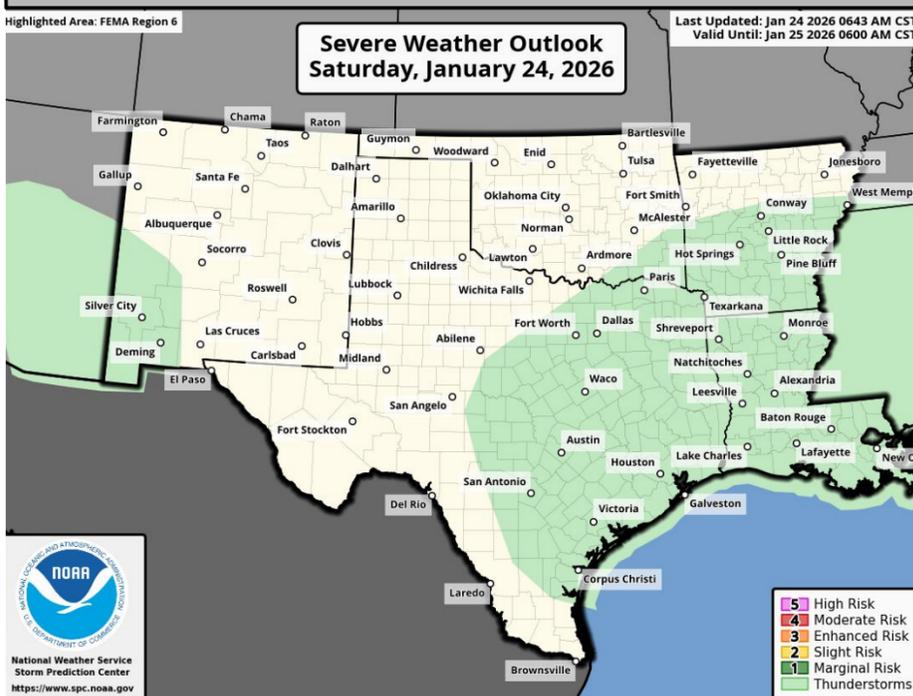
**Major (level 4 of 5) winter impacts due to freezing rain and/or sleet in SE OK, C/S AR, N/NE TX, and N LA.**

**Moderate (level 3 of 5) impacts due to winter weather in NM, OK, AR, TX, and LA. Wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain with hazardous cold temps.**

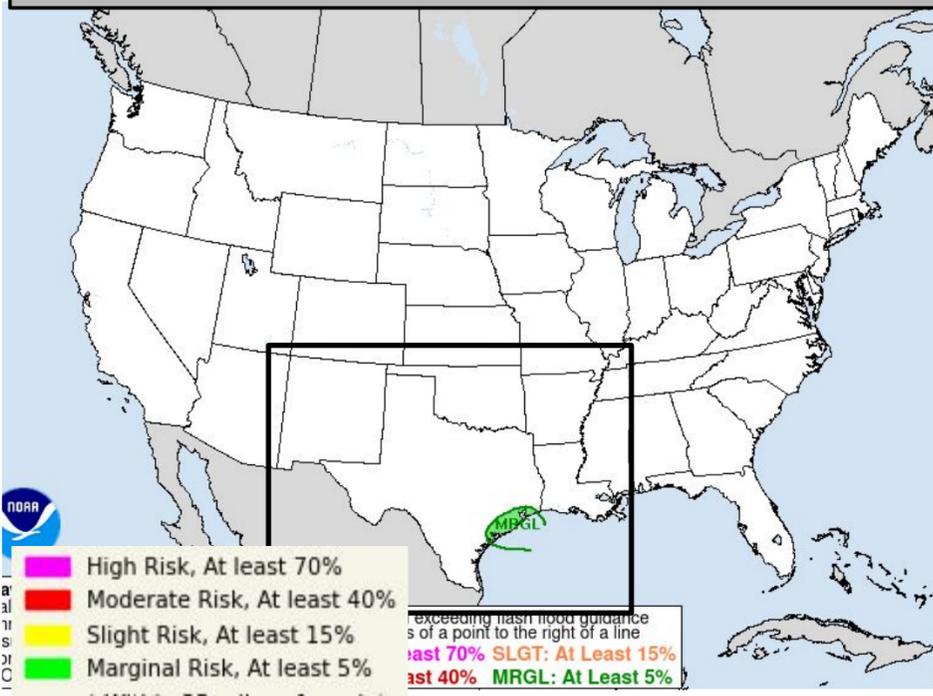
**Morning lows near 0, with wind chills as cold as -15°F for portions for TX/OK Panhandles.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

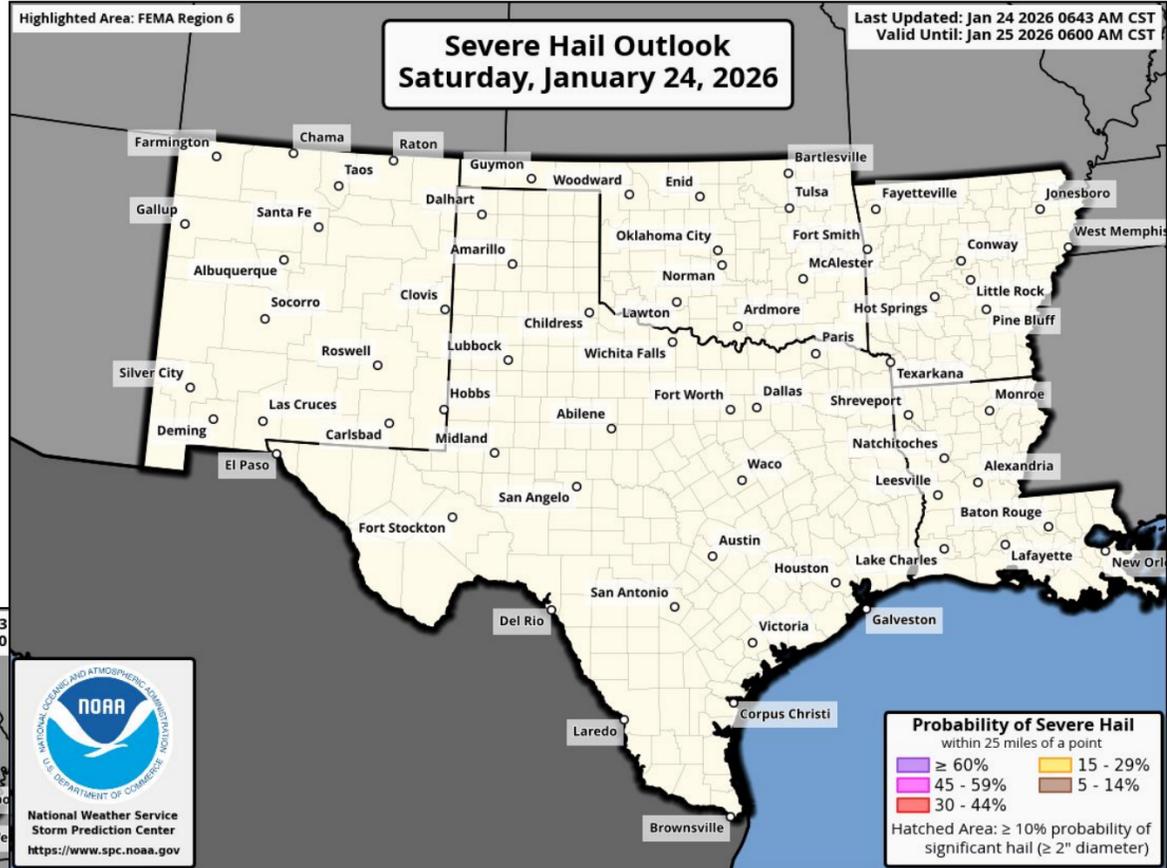
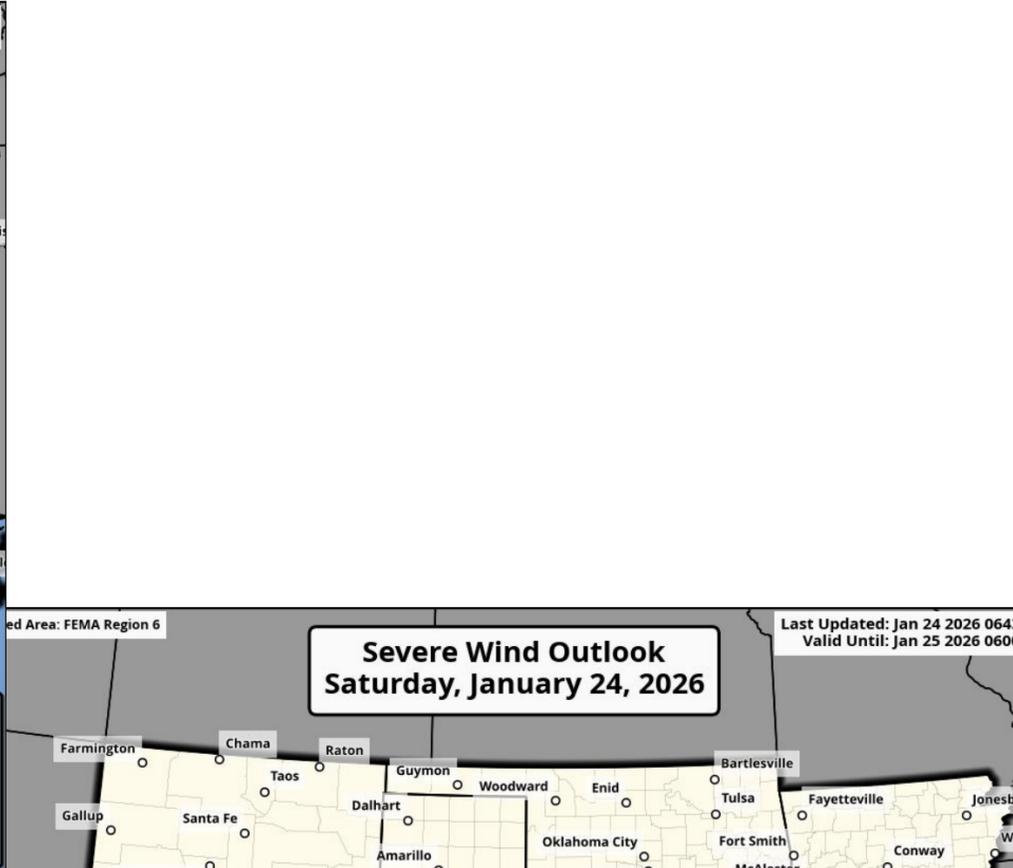
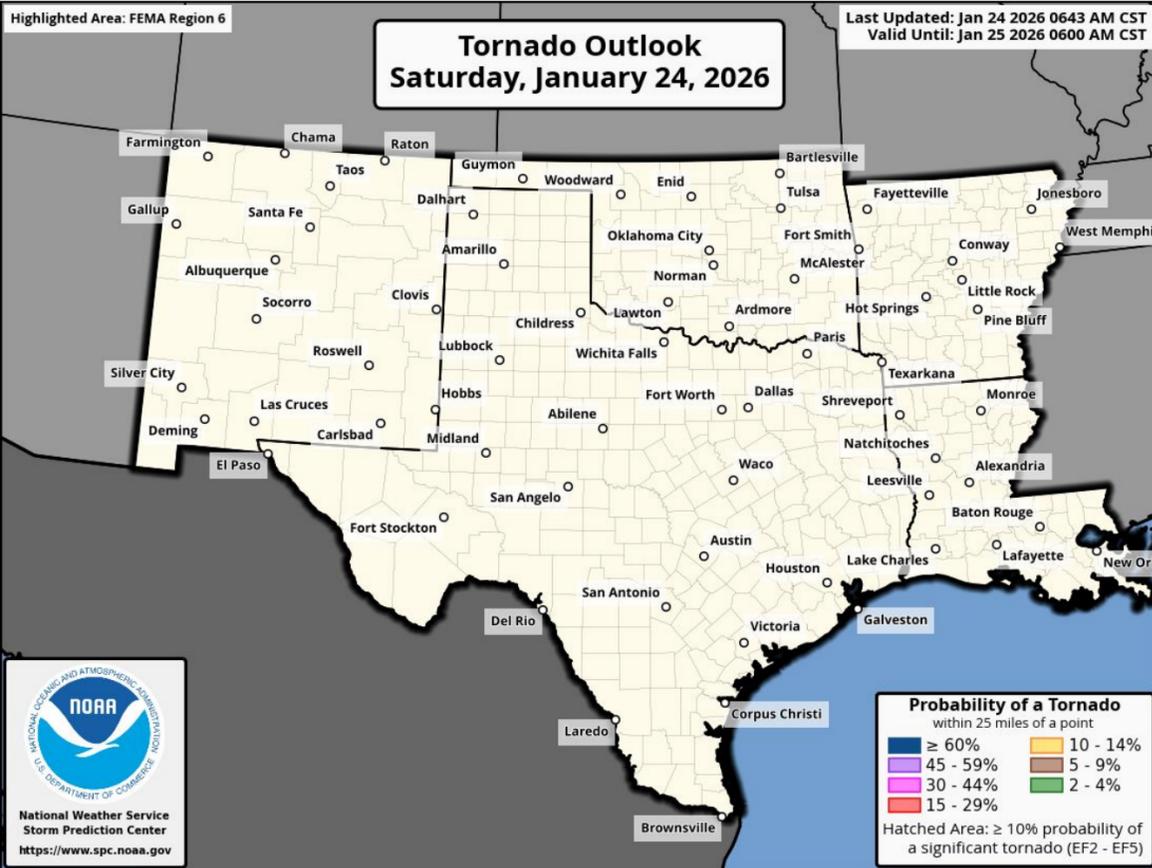


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





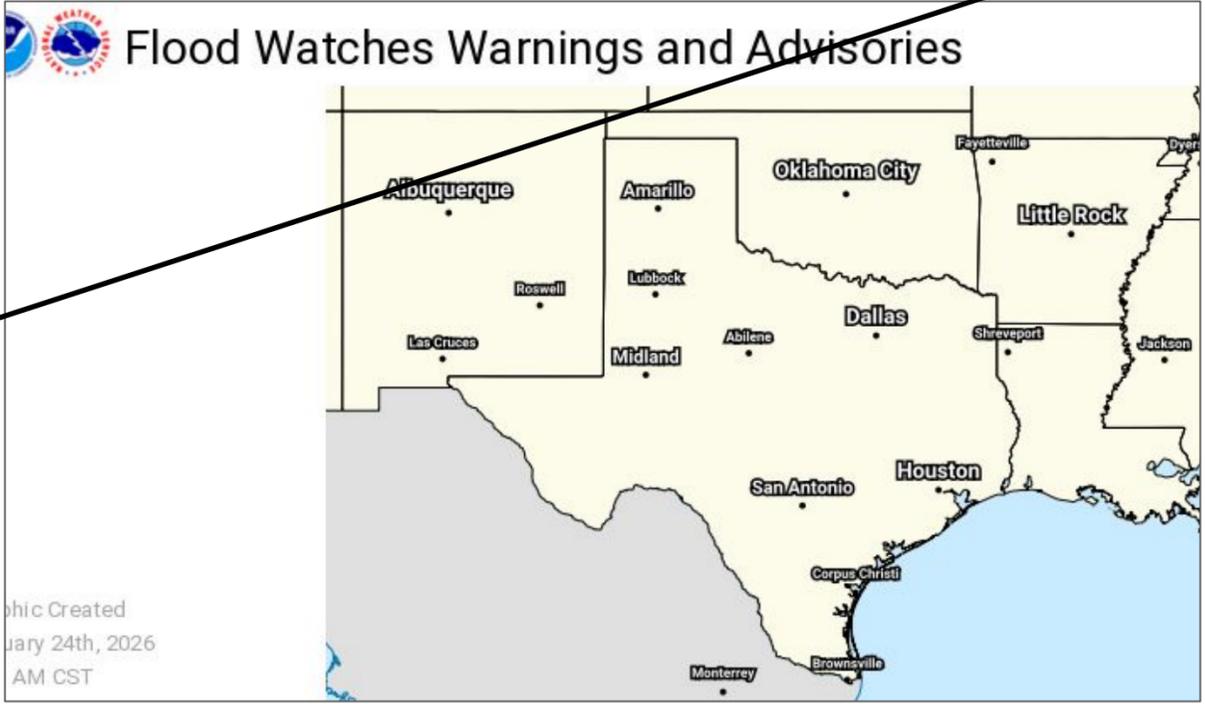
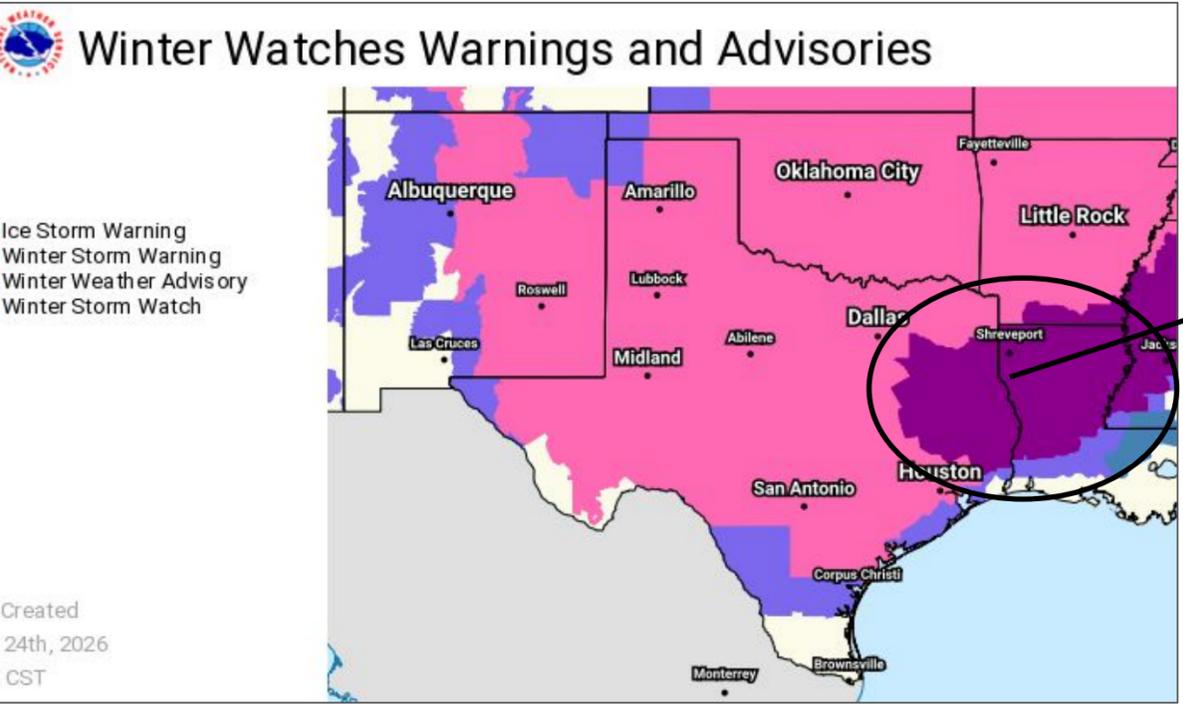
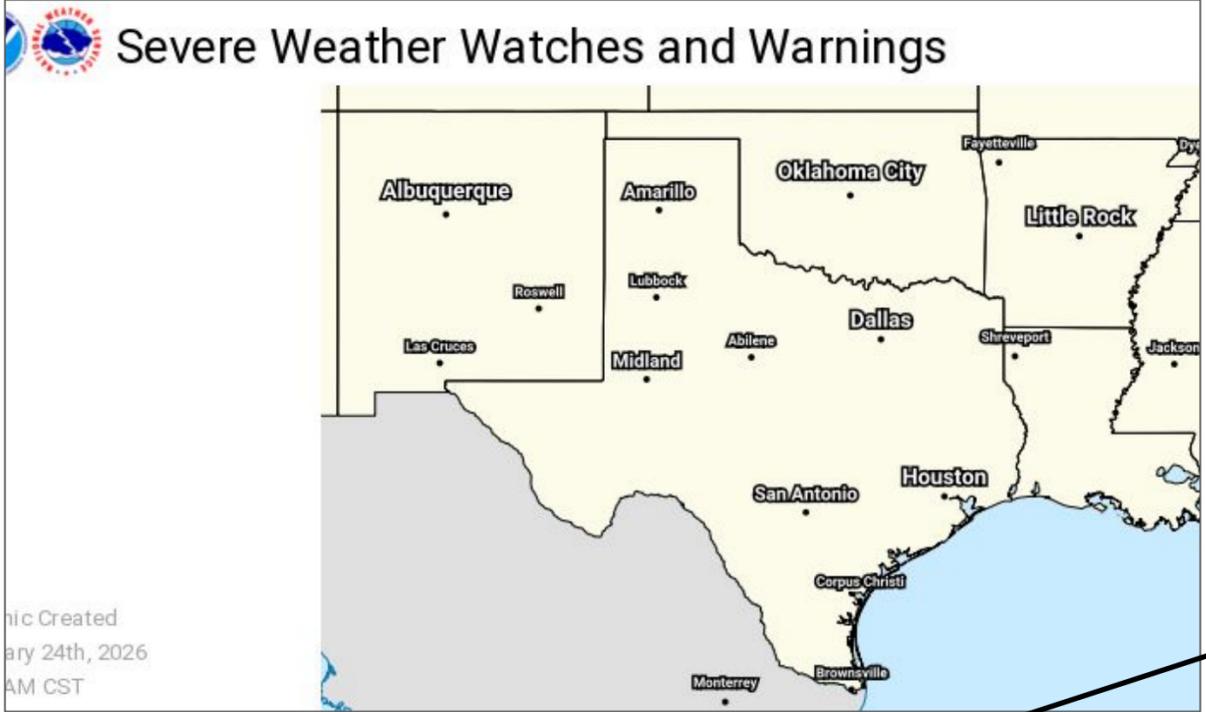
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



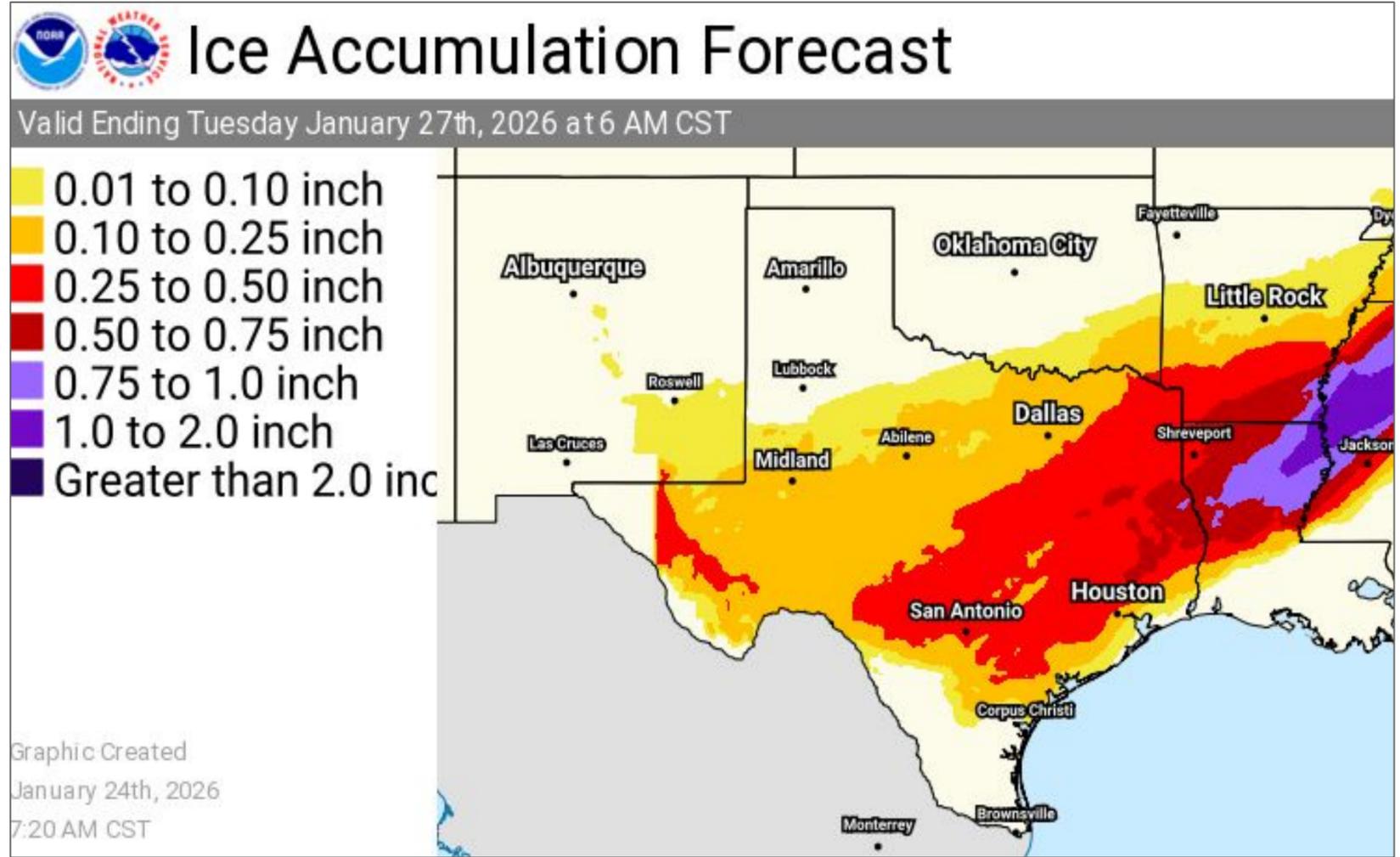
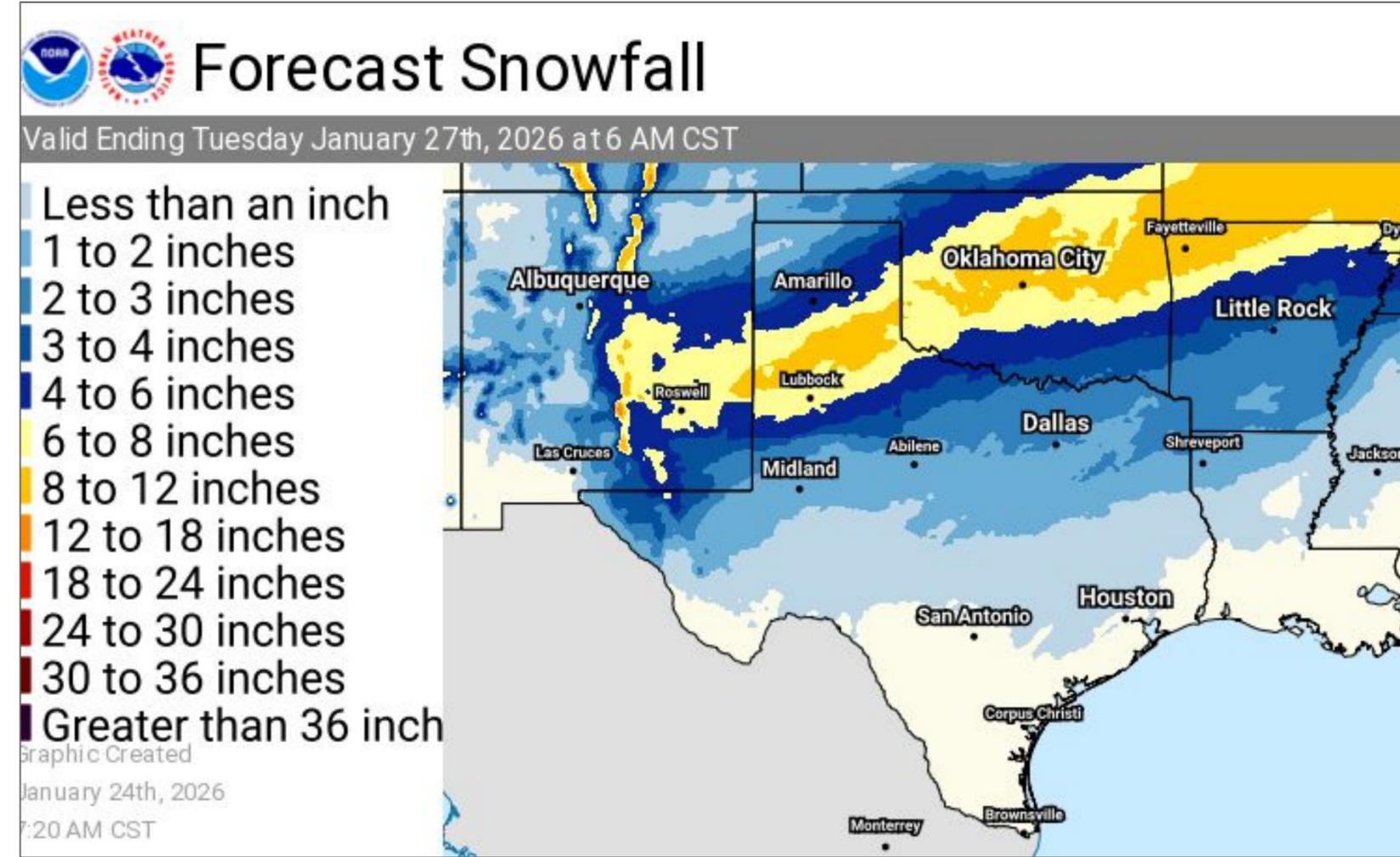
**Numerous winter storm warnings across FEMA 6 will continue through Sunday afternoon/evening.**

**Ice Storm Warnings for E TX, LA, S AR go through 6 PM Sunday evening.**



# Winter Weather

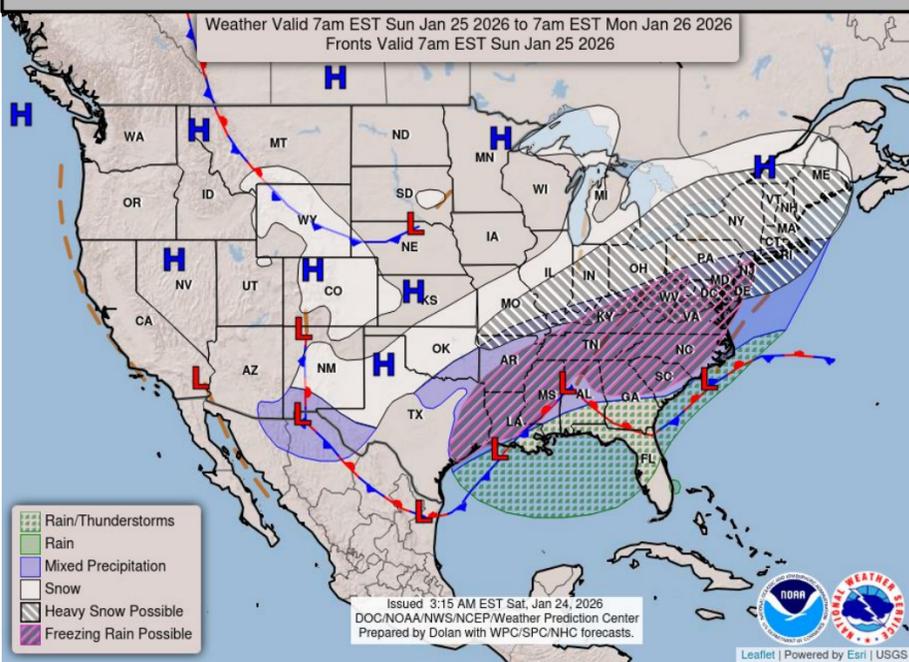
Through the next 3 days



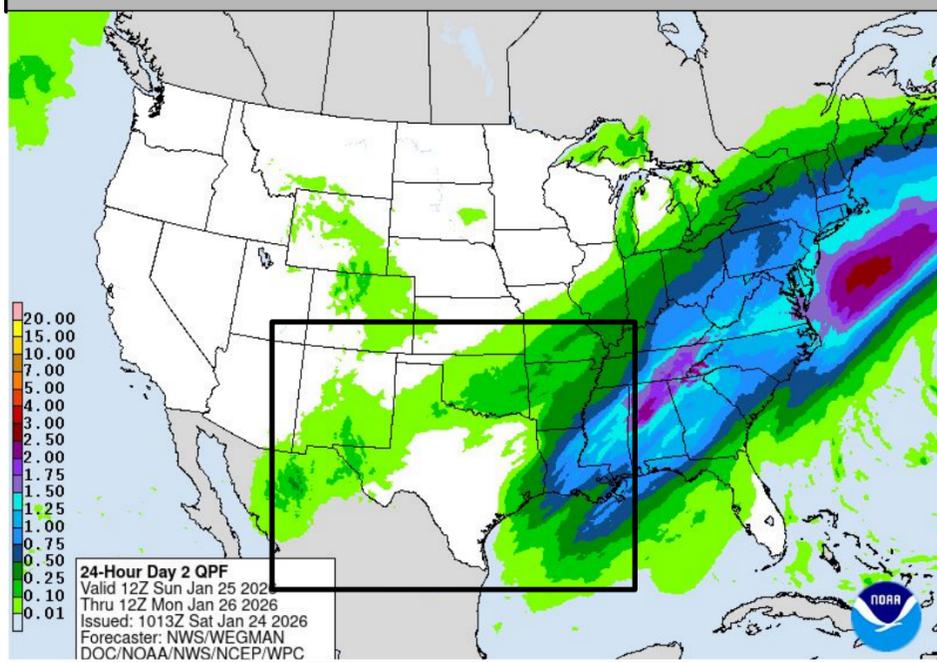


# Tomorrow's Weather

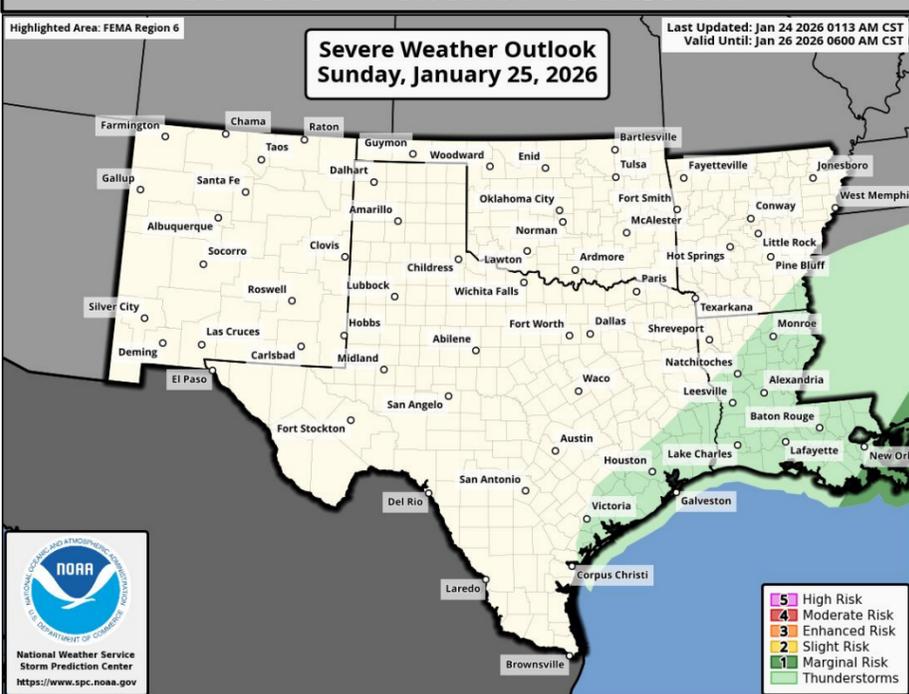
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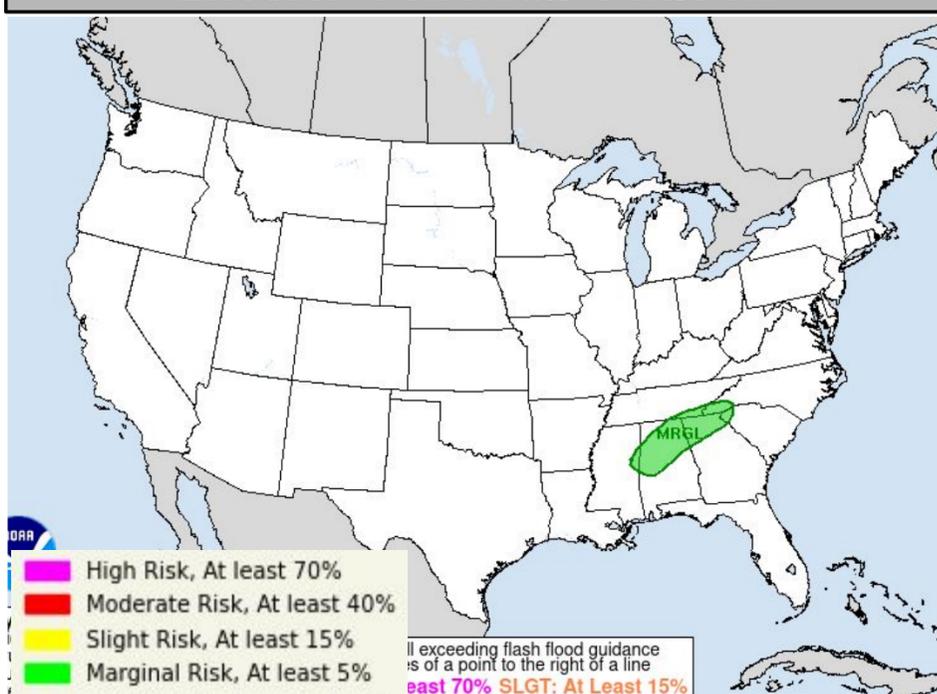
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Extreme (level 5 of 5) winter/winter travel impacts may occur in N/NE LA due to ice accumulation.**

**Major (level 4 of 5) winter impacts due to freezing rain continue in the morning for SAR, N LA.**

**Moderate (level 3 of 5) impacts due to winter weather continue in NM, OK, AR, TX, and LA. Wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain with hazardous cold temps.**

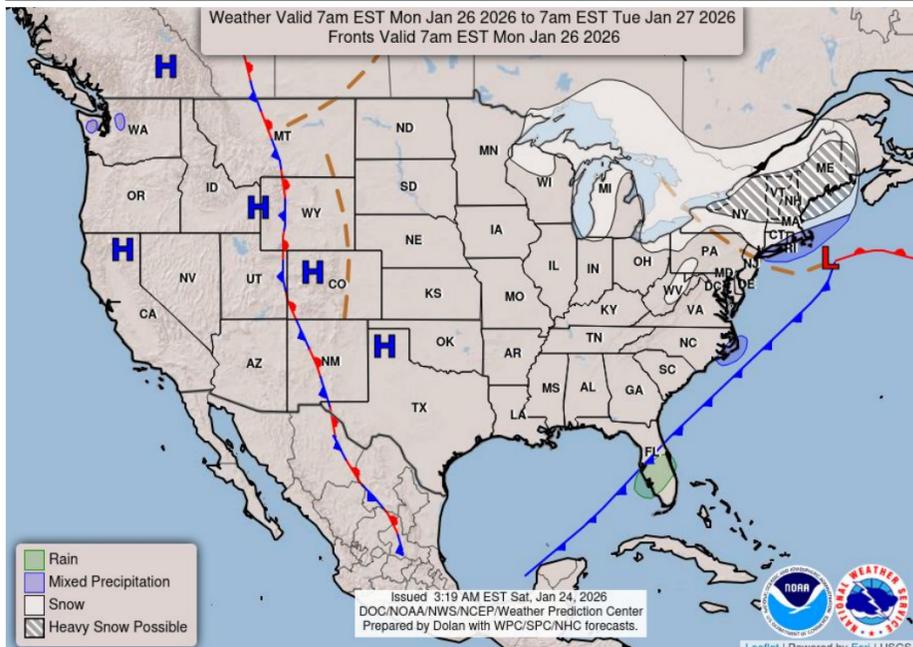
**Morning lows near 0, with wind chills as cold as -15°F for portions of OK, AR, N TX.**

**Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE LA in the morning/afternoon. Damaging winds main threat, low tornado threat.**

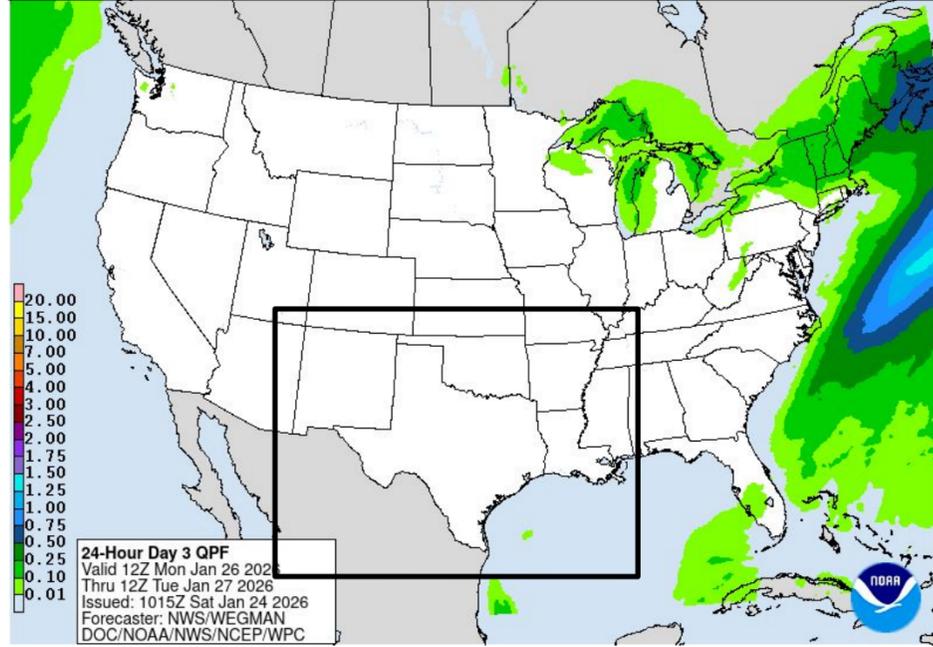


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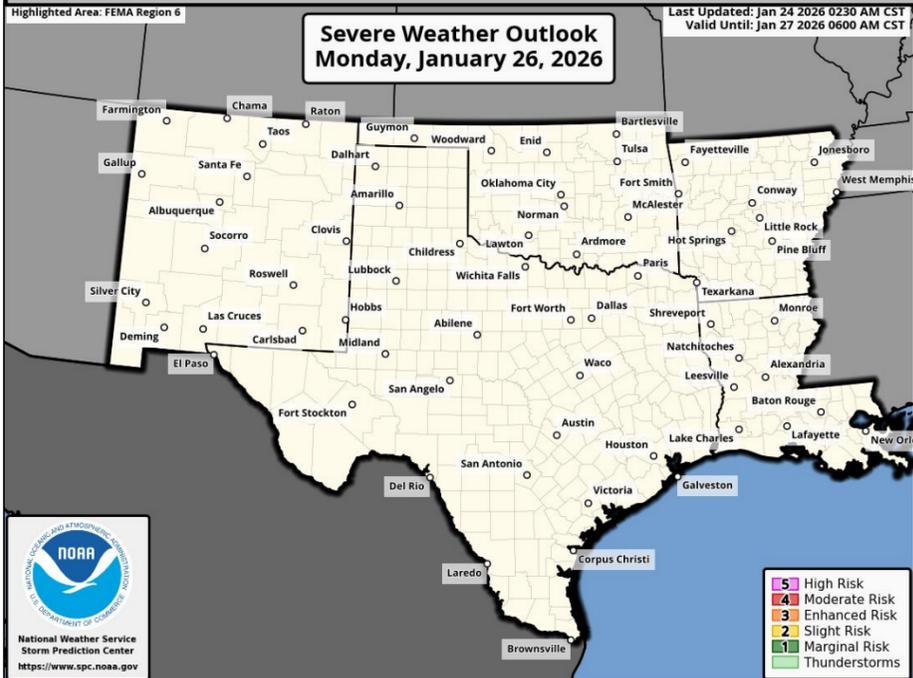
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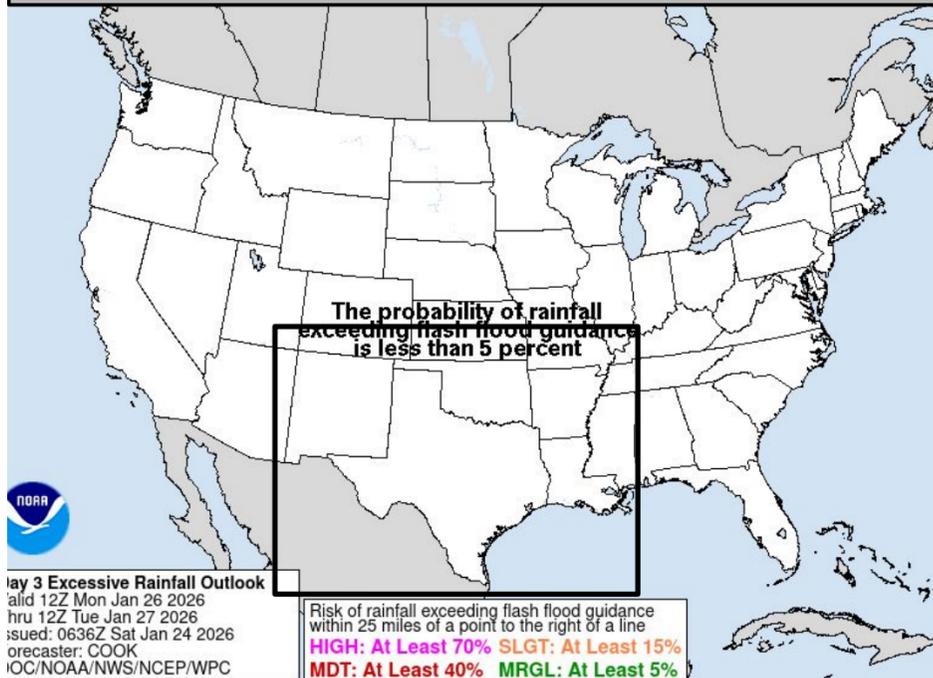
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



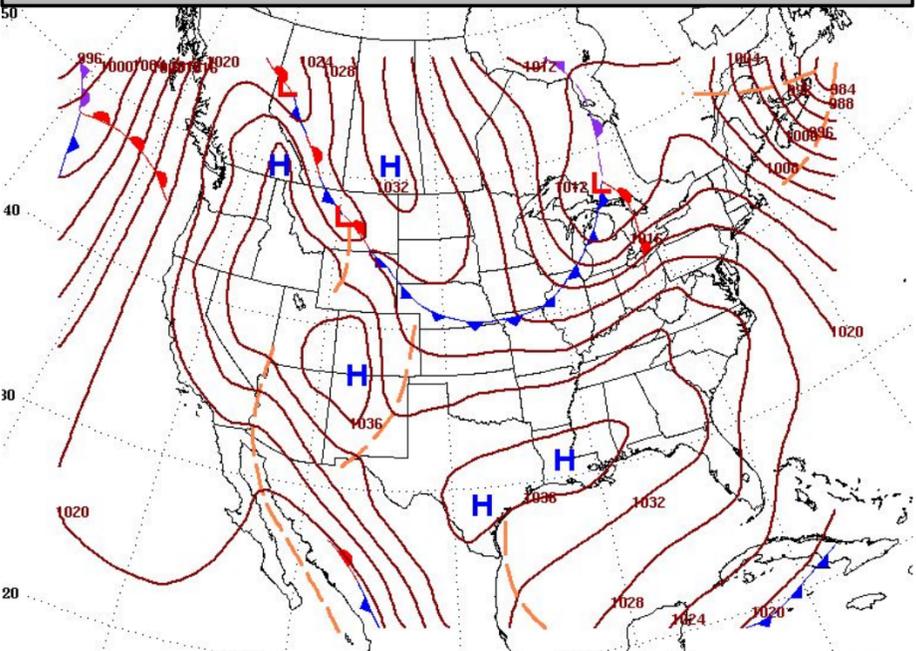
**Minor (level 2 of 5) travel impacts may linger into Monday with hazardous cold temps across AR, TX, and LA.**

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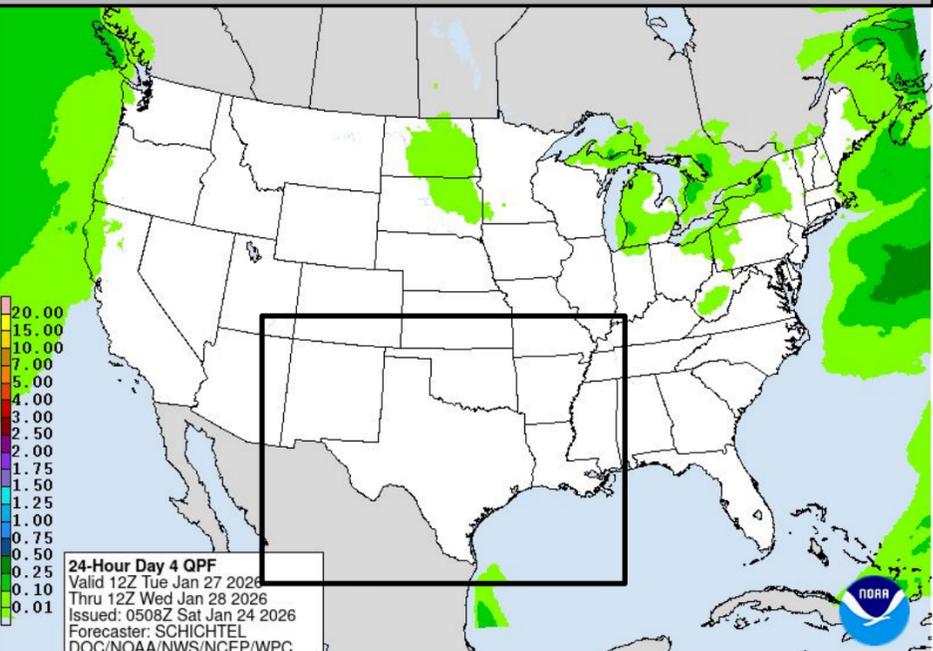


# Tuesday's Weather

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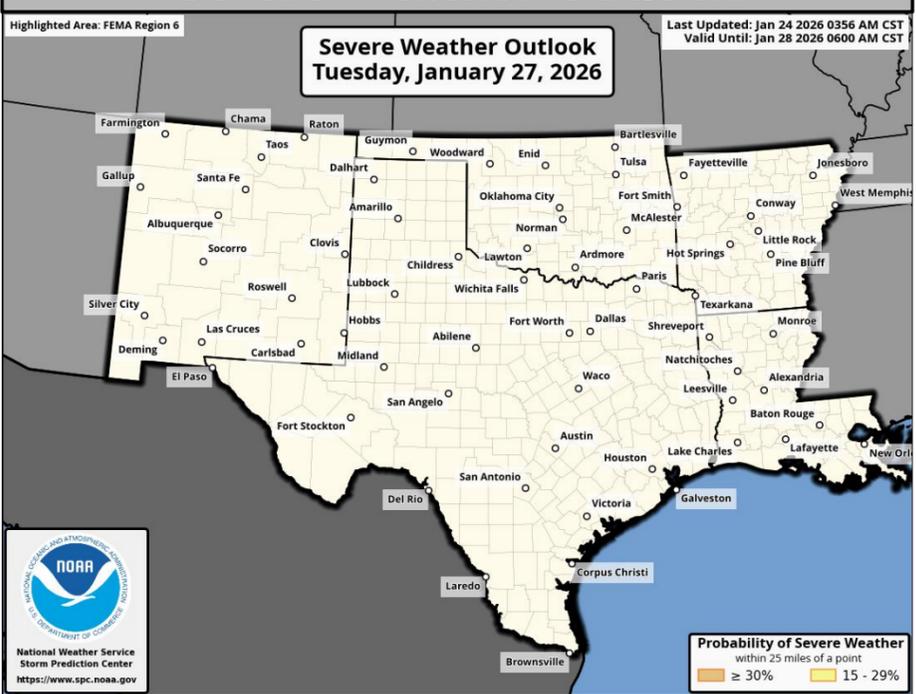
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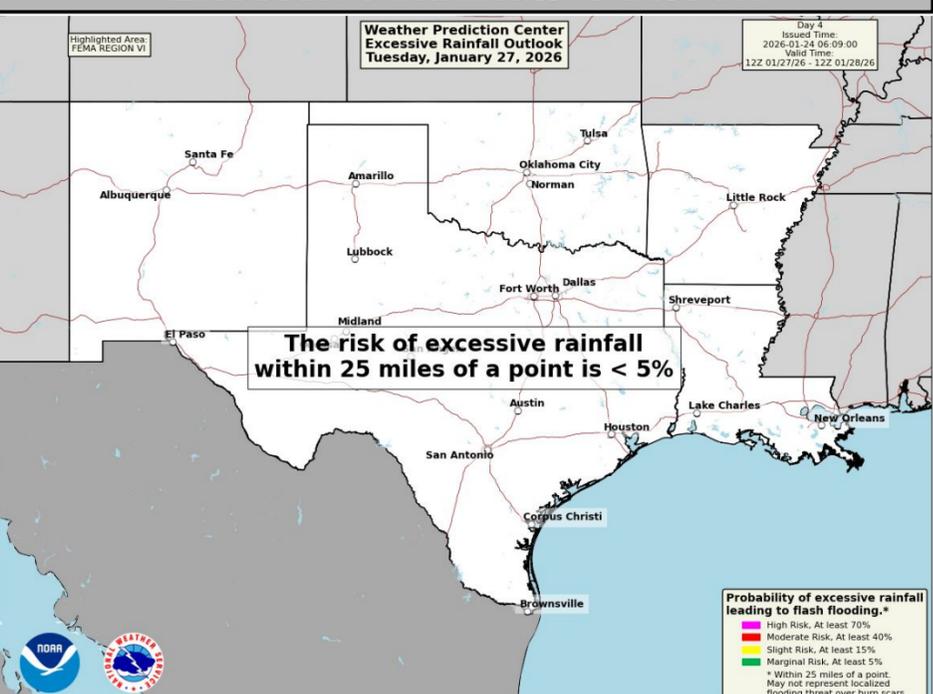
**Hazardous cold temps across AR and LA.**

**Afternoon temps across FEMA 6 begin to moderate. Highs in the mid 40's for C-N TX, S AR, LA.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



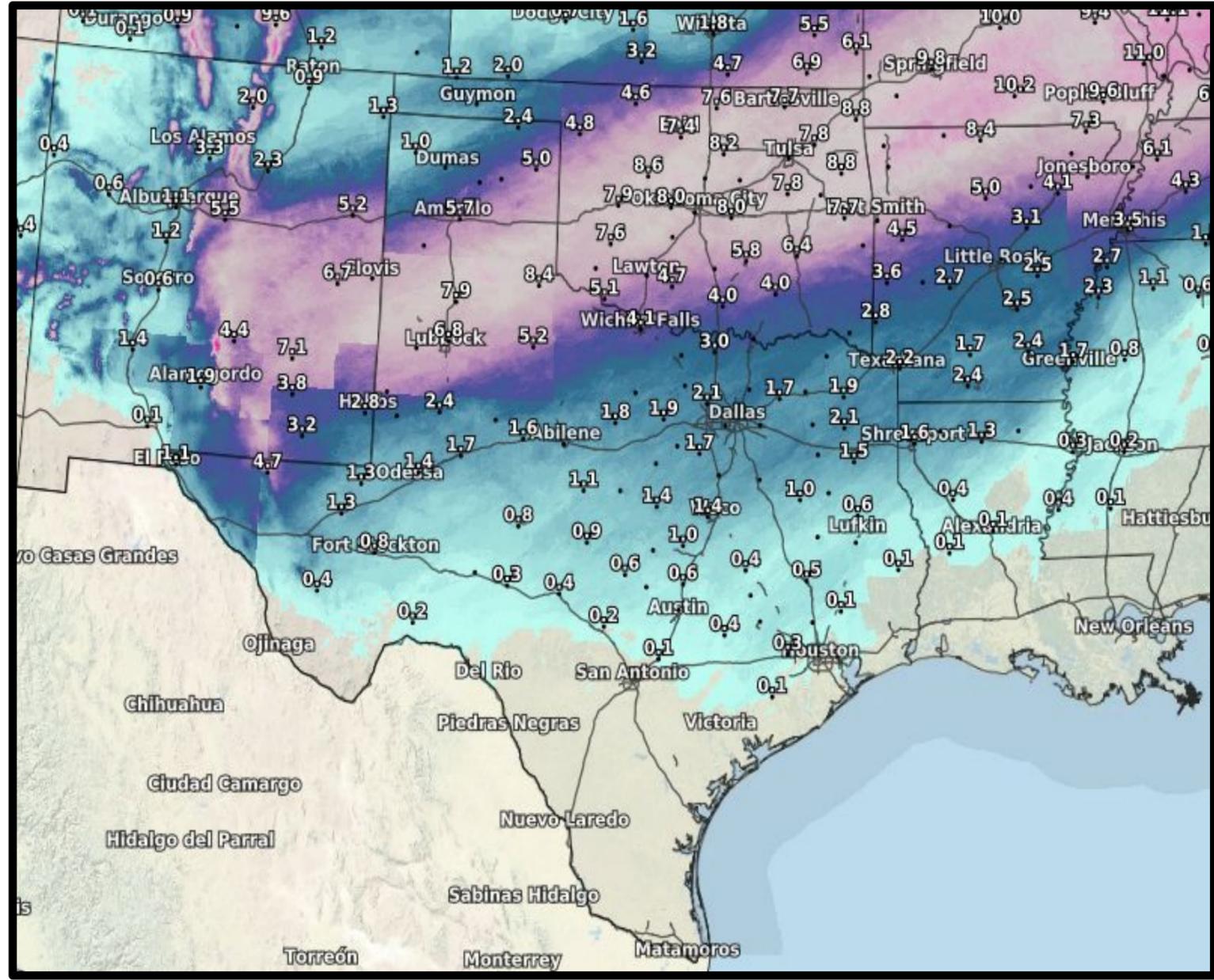
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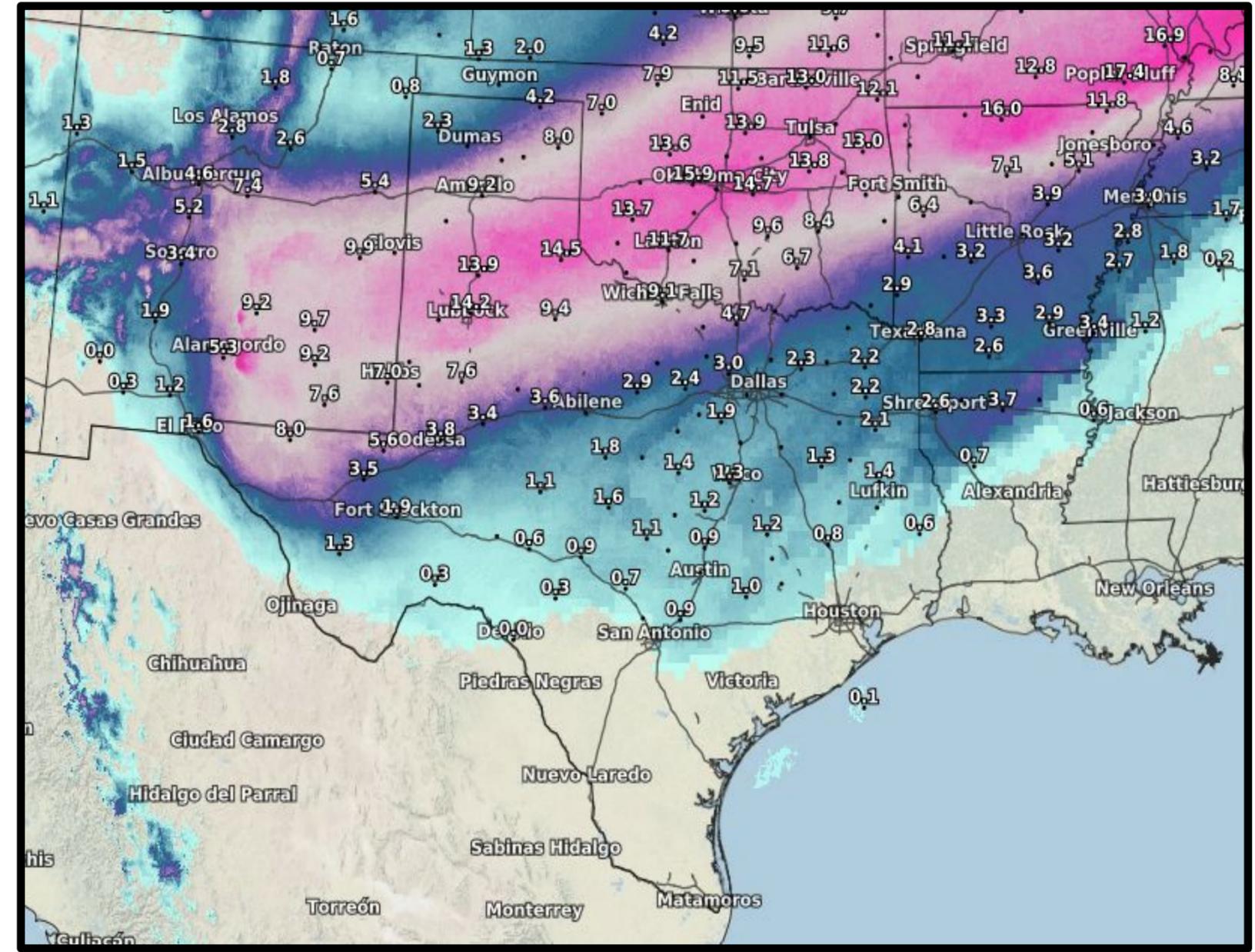


# Snowfall Scenarios - Sleet Included in Amounts

### Official NWS Forecast - Snowfall (Inches)



### Heavy Snow Scenario - NBM 5.0 90th Percentile (Inches)

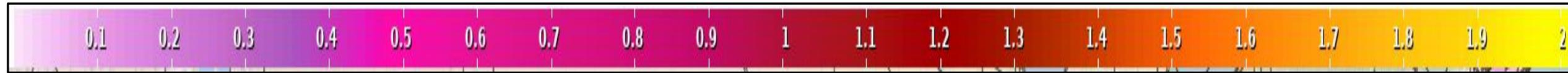
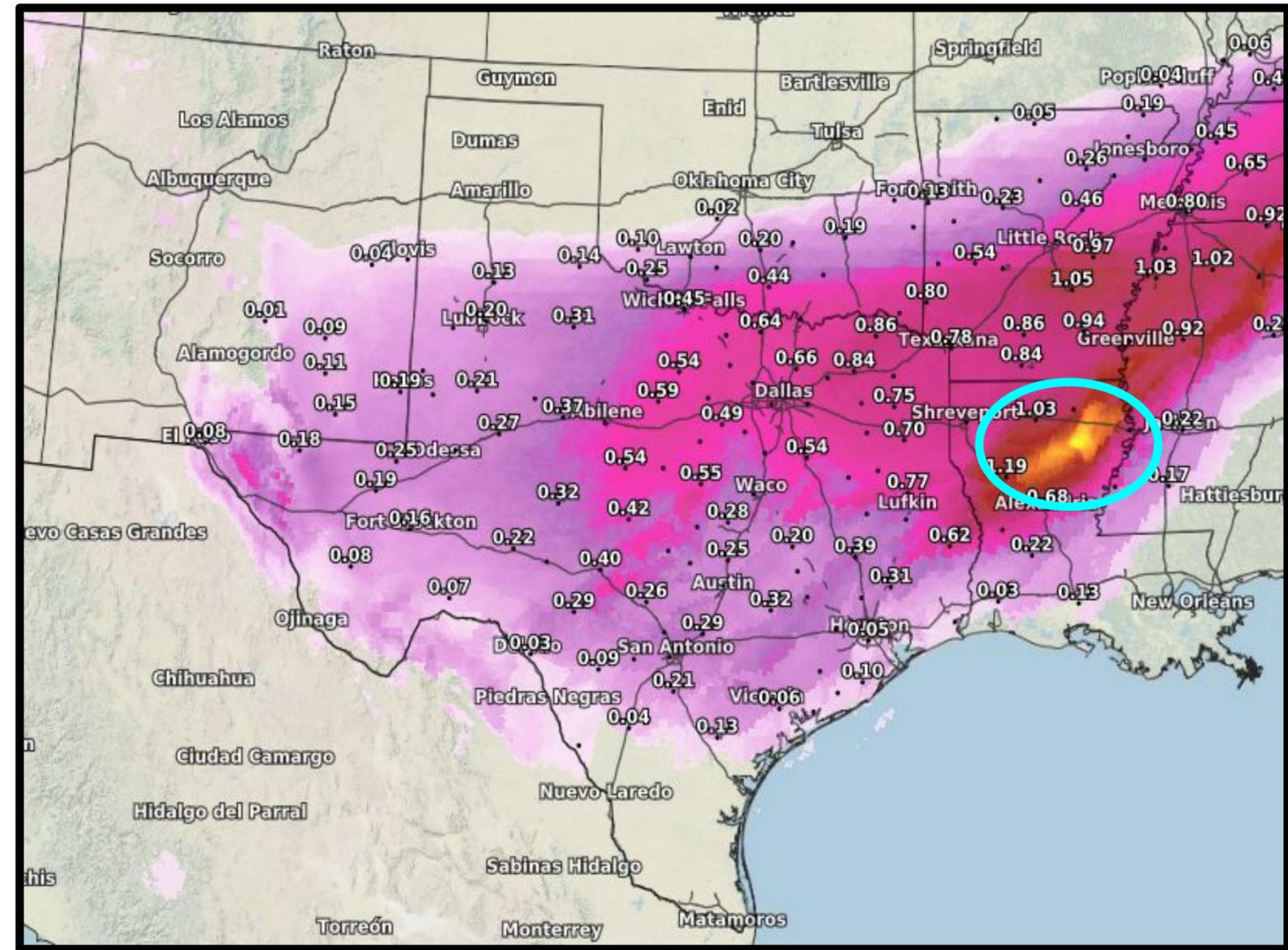
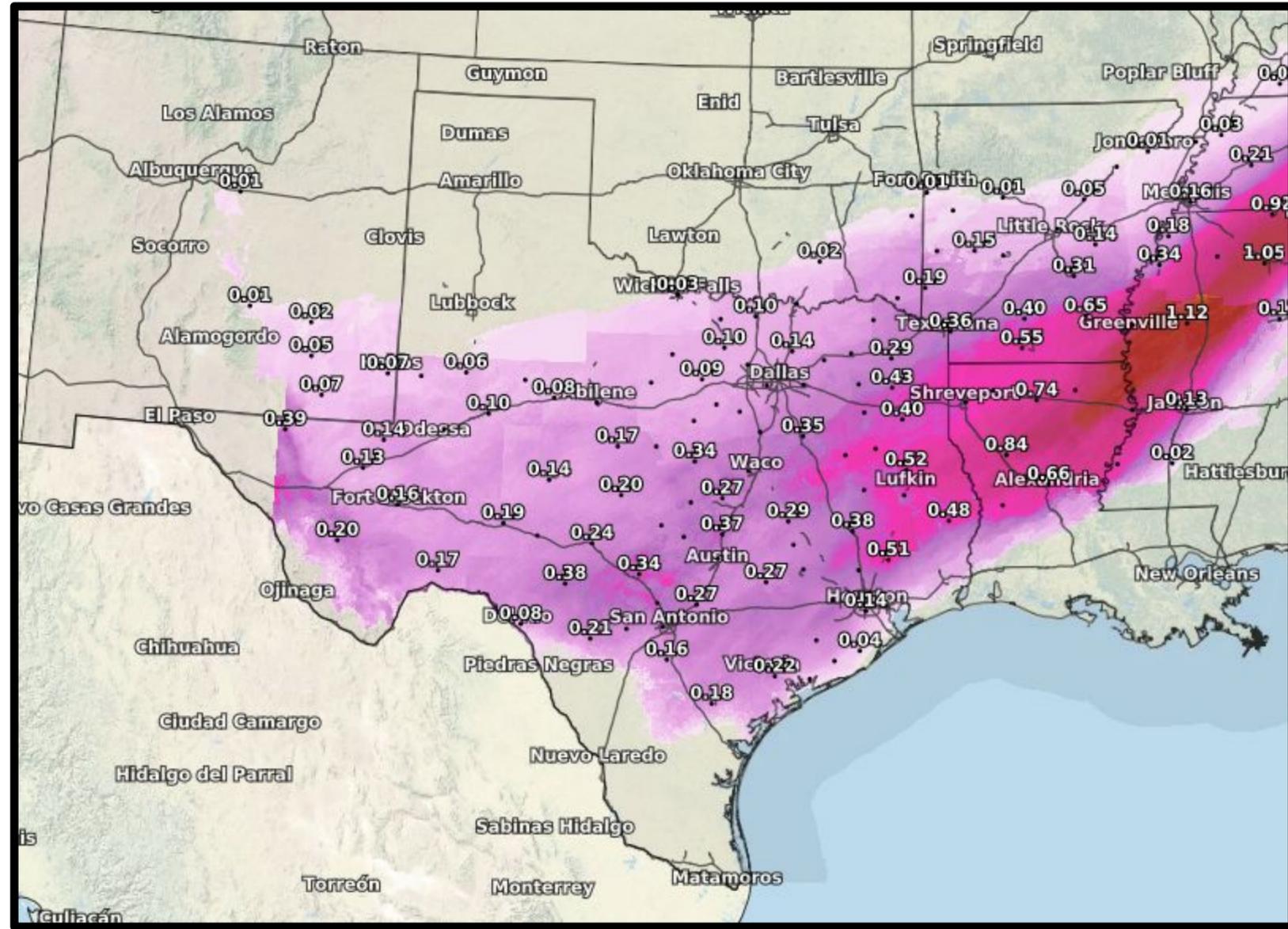




# Ice Accumulation Scenarios - Through Sun

### Official Forecast - NWS

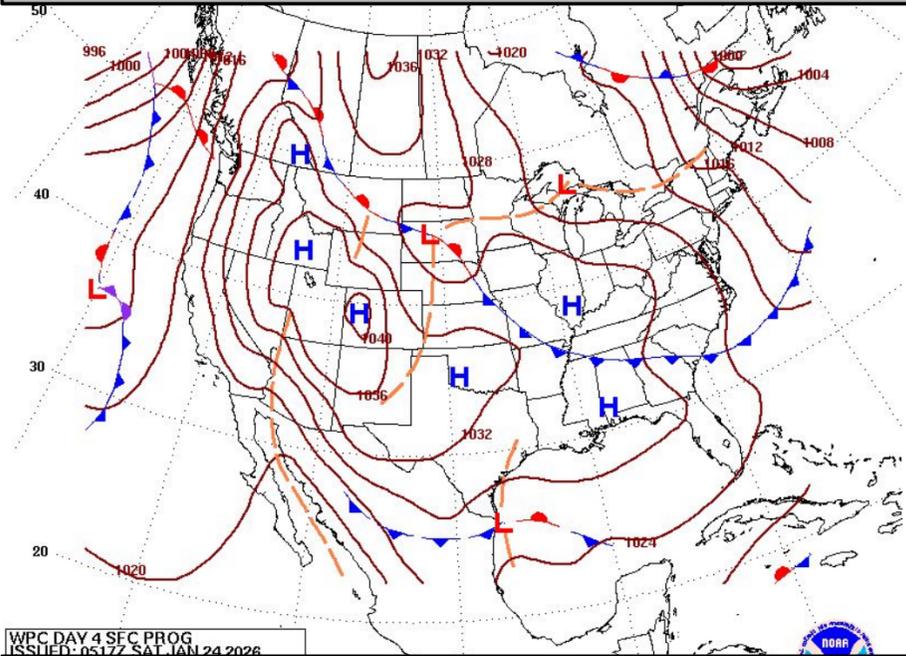
### Higher Ice Scenario - NBM 5.0 90th Percentile





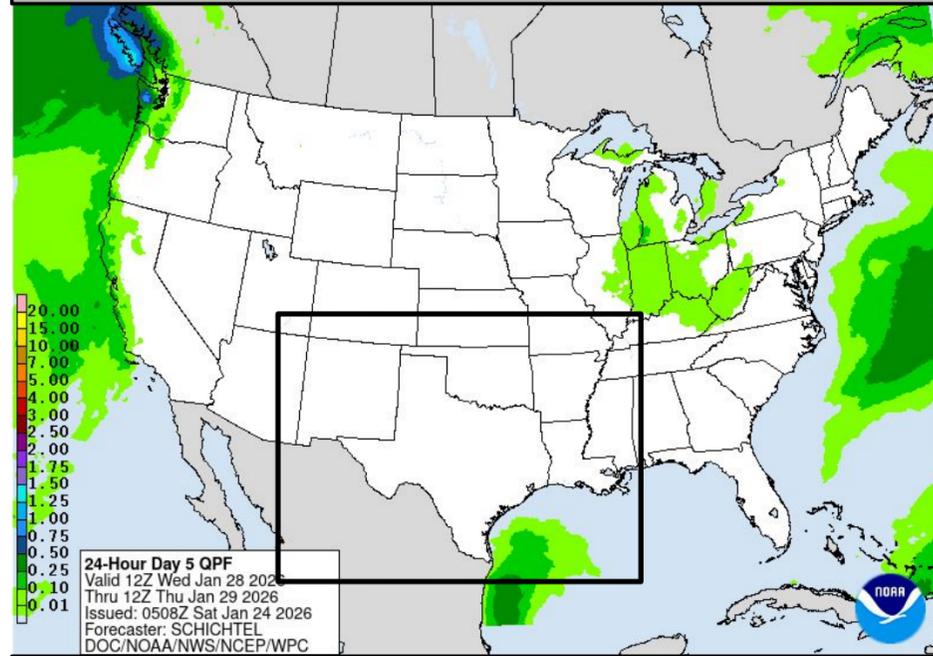
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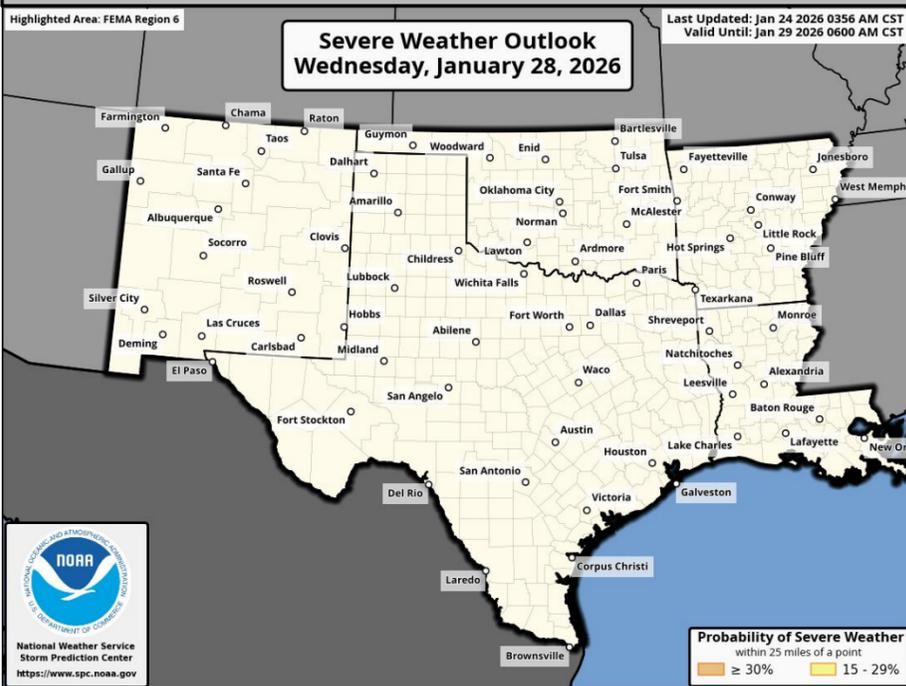
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### Forecast Rainfall

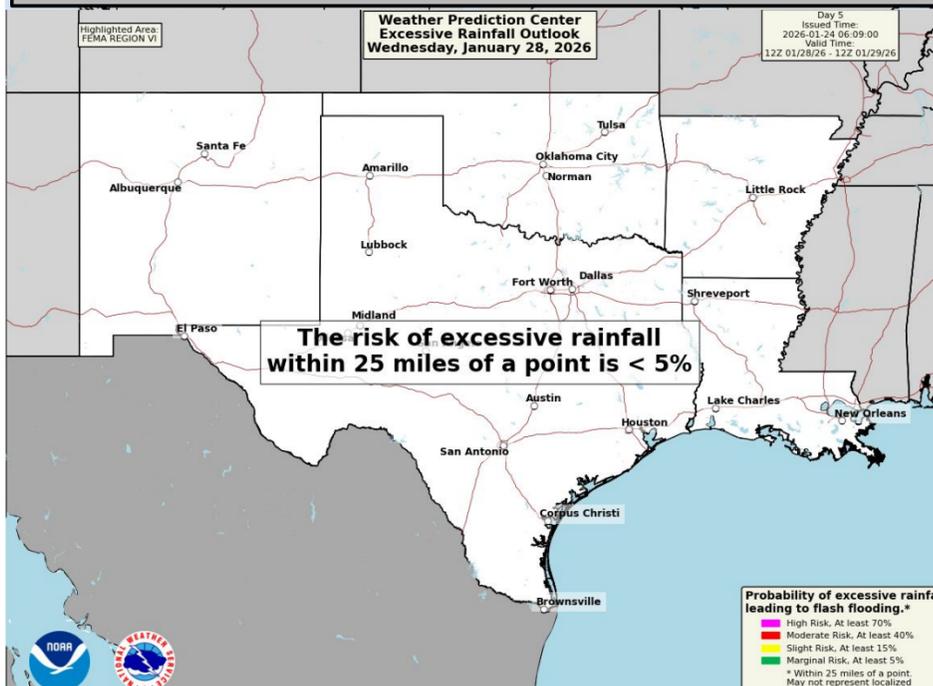


24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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Thru 12Z Thu Jan 29 2026  
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### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



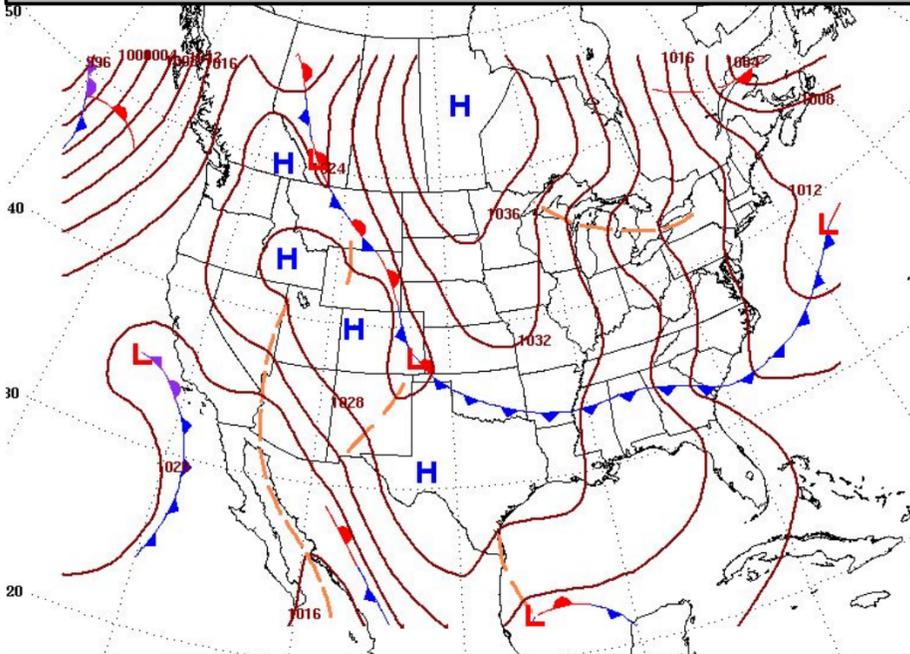
The risk of excessive rainfall within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

**Afternoon temps across FEMA 6 continue to moderate. Highs in the mid 40's for C-N TX, S AR, LA.**

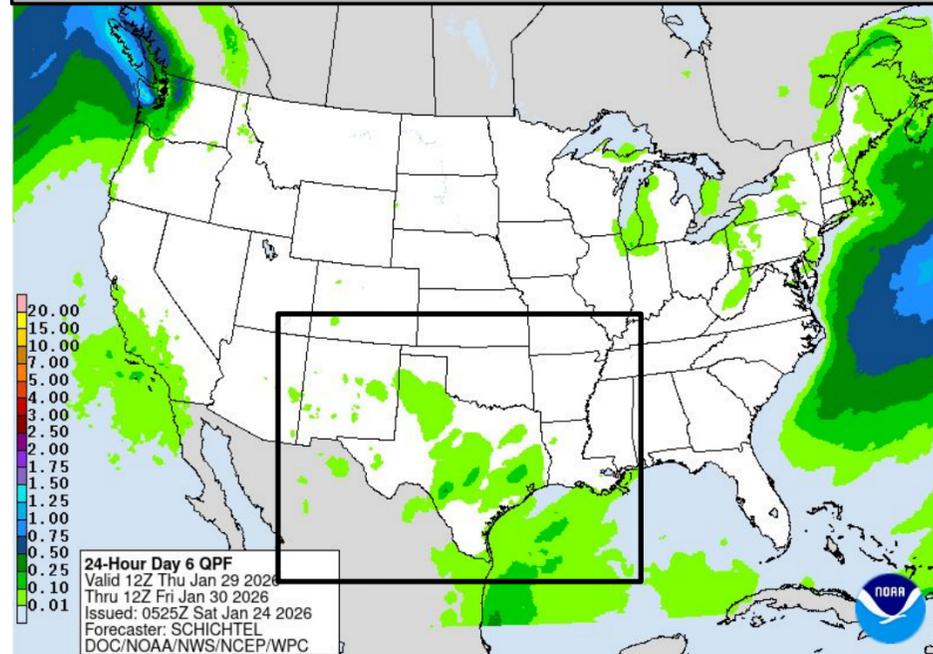


# Thursday's Weather

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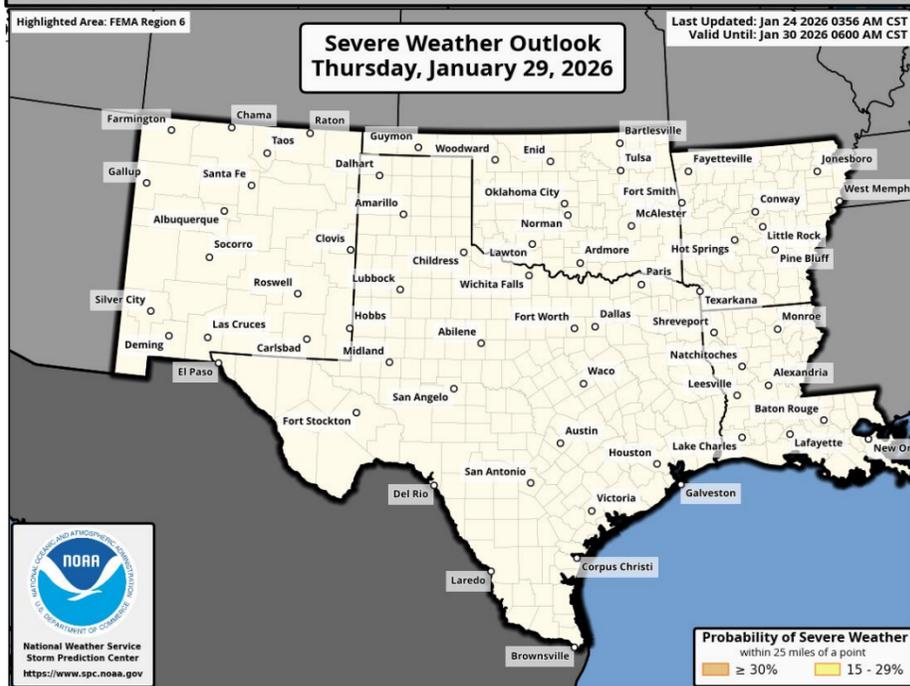


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

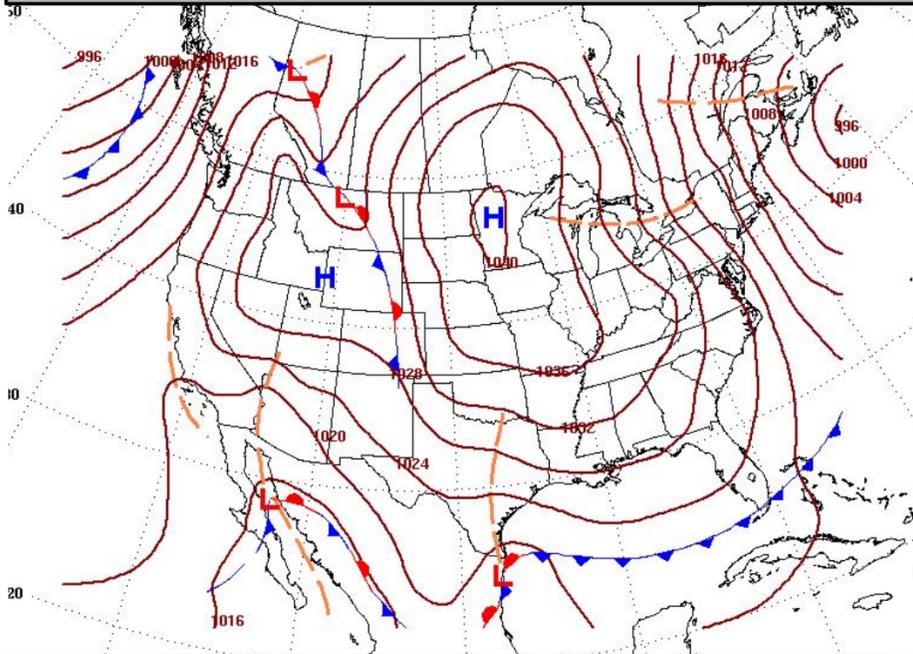


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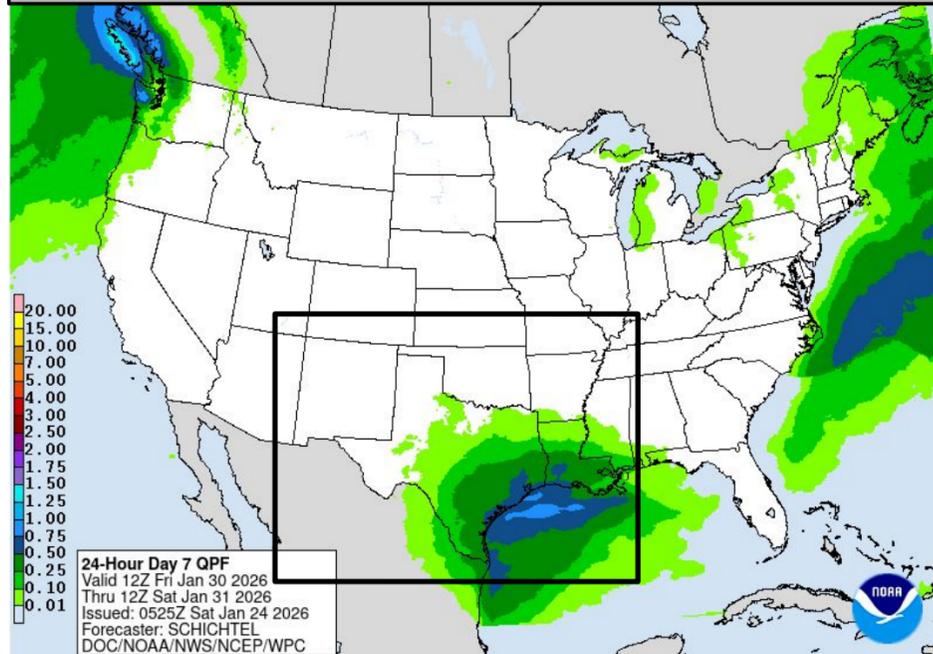


# Friday's Weather

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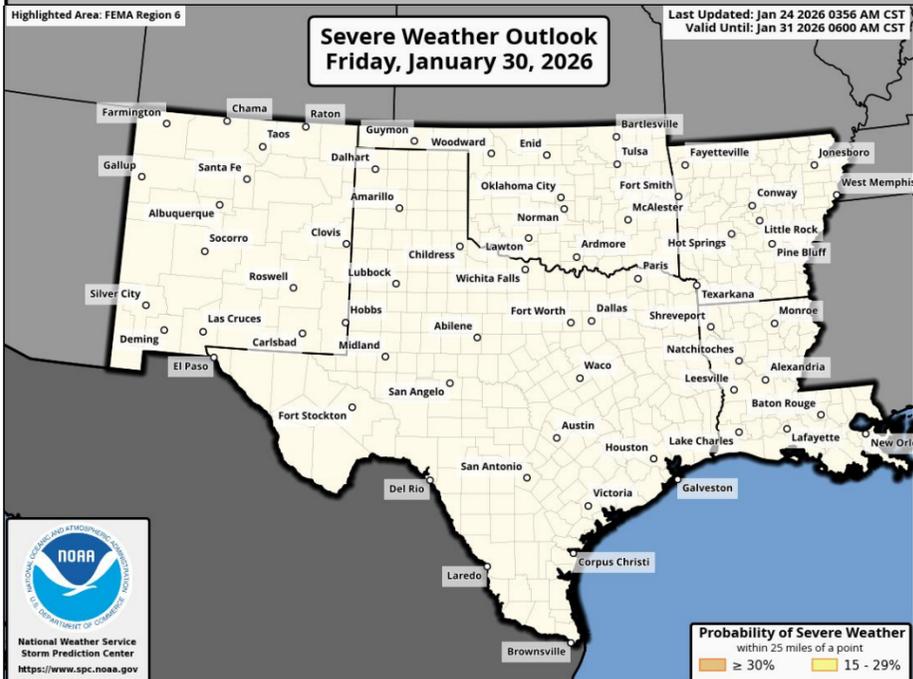


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring S Plains for wintry precip.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

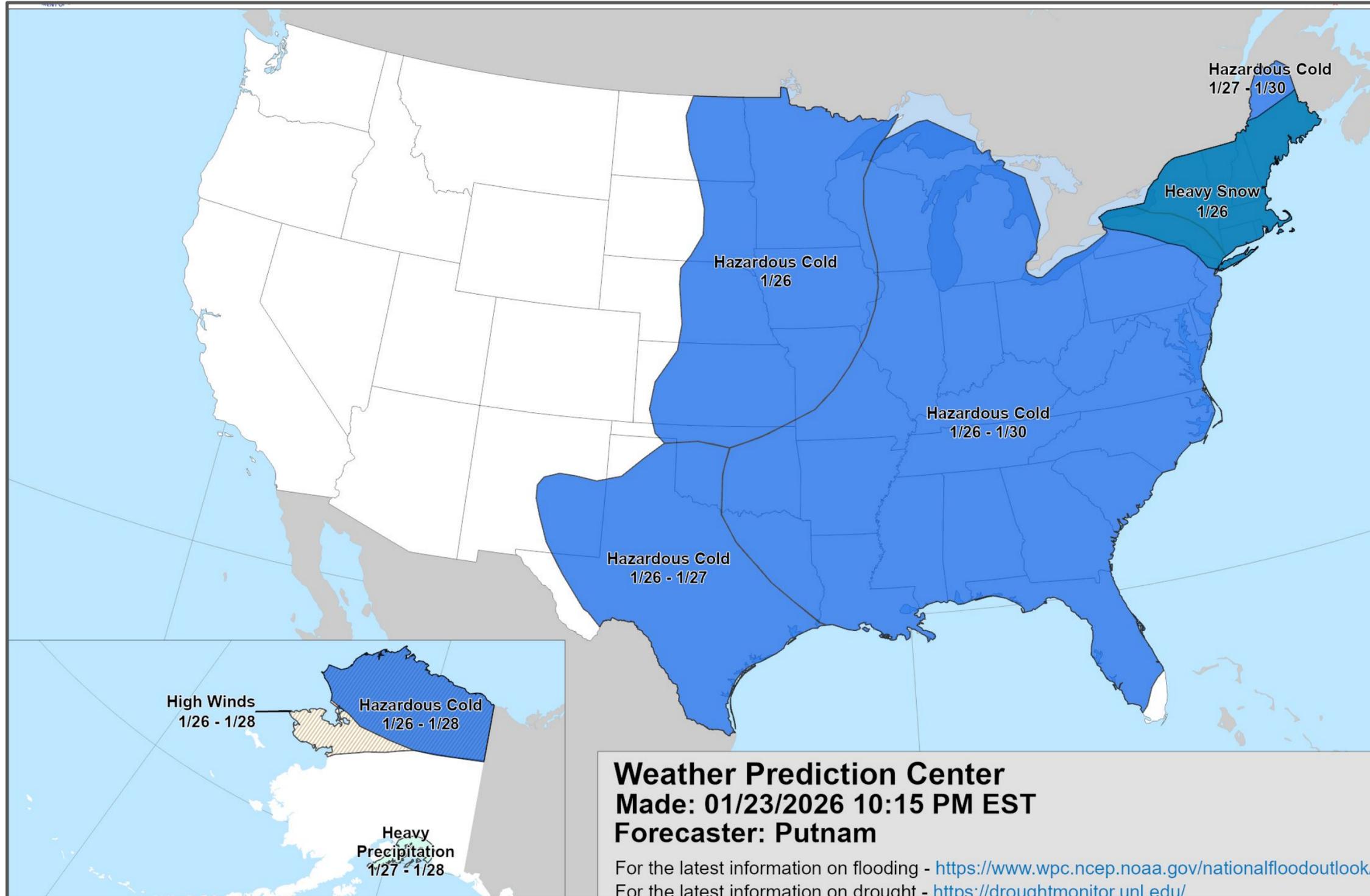


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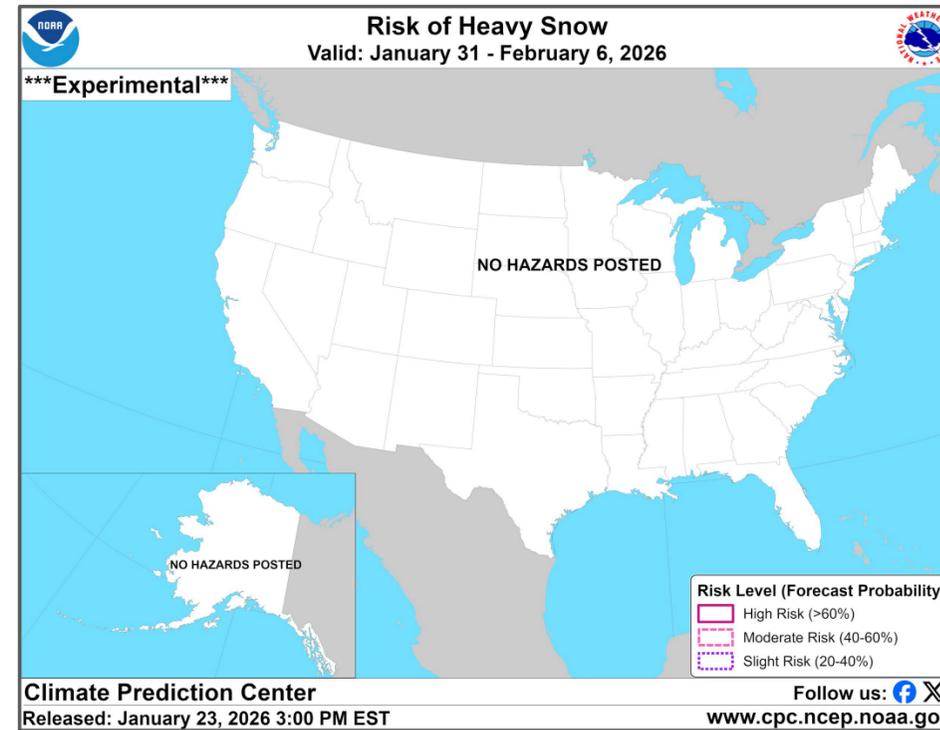
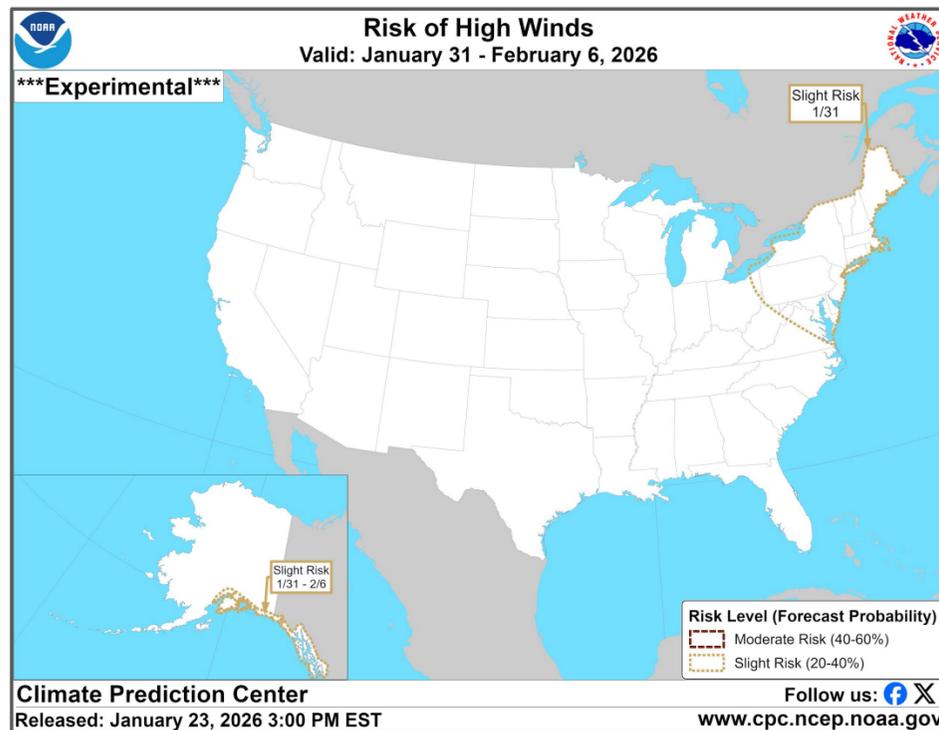
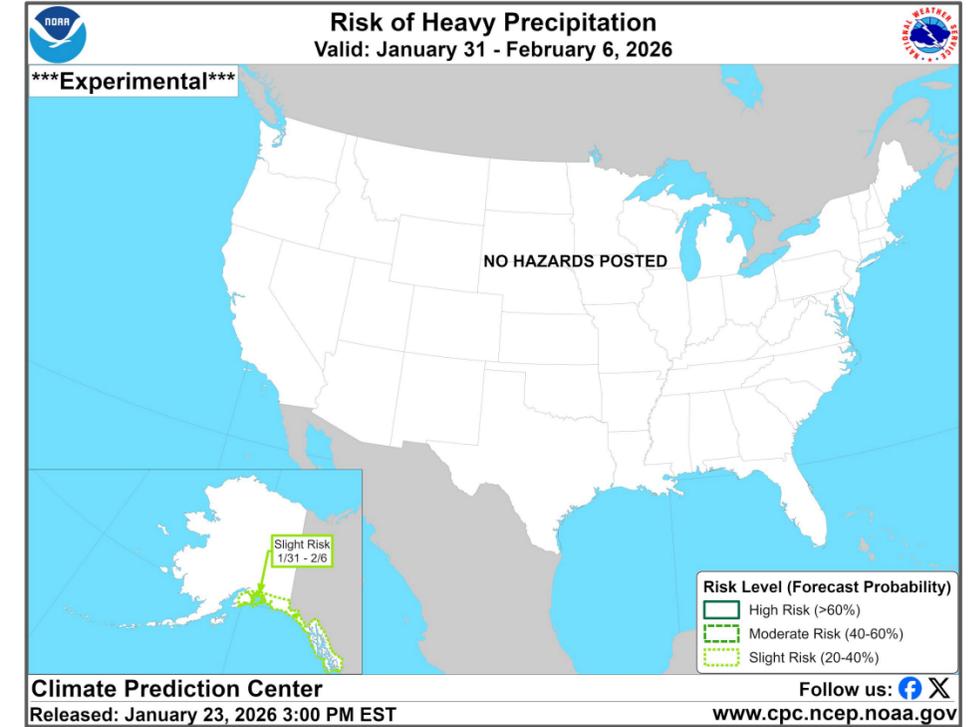
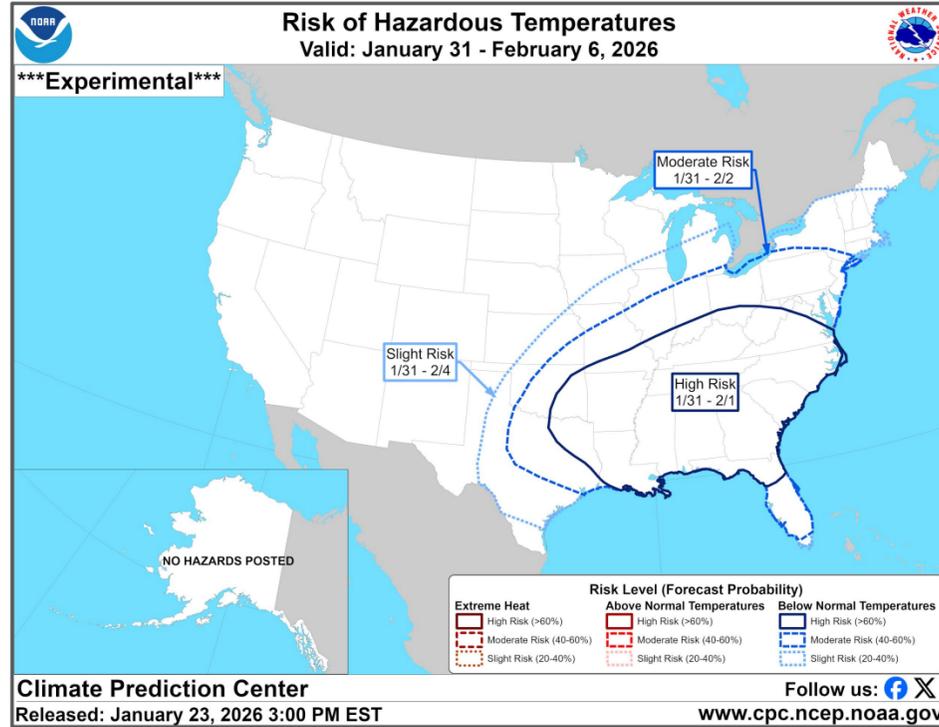
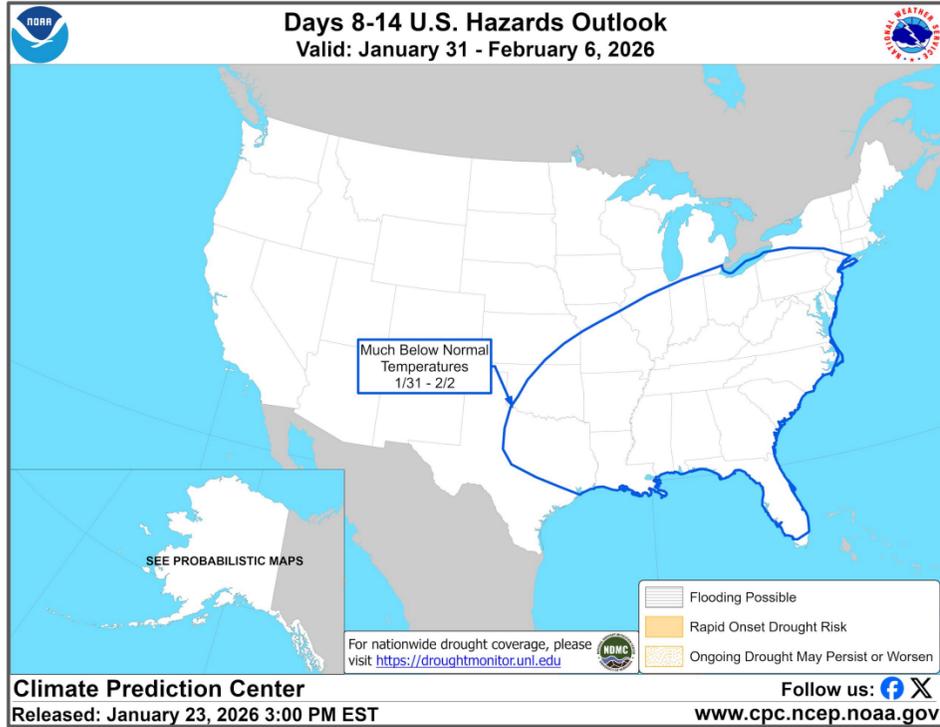


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





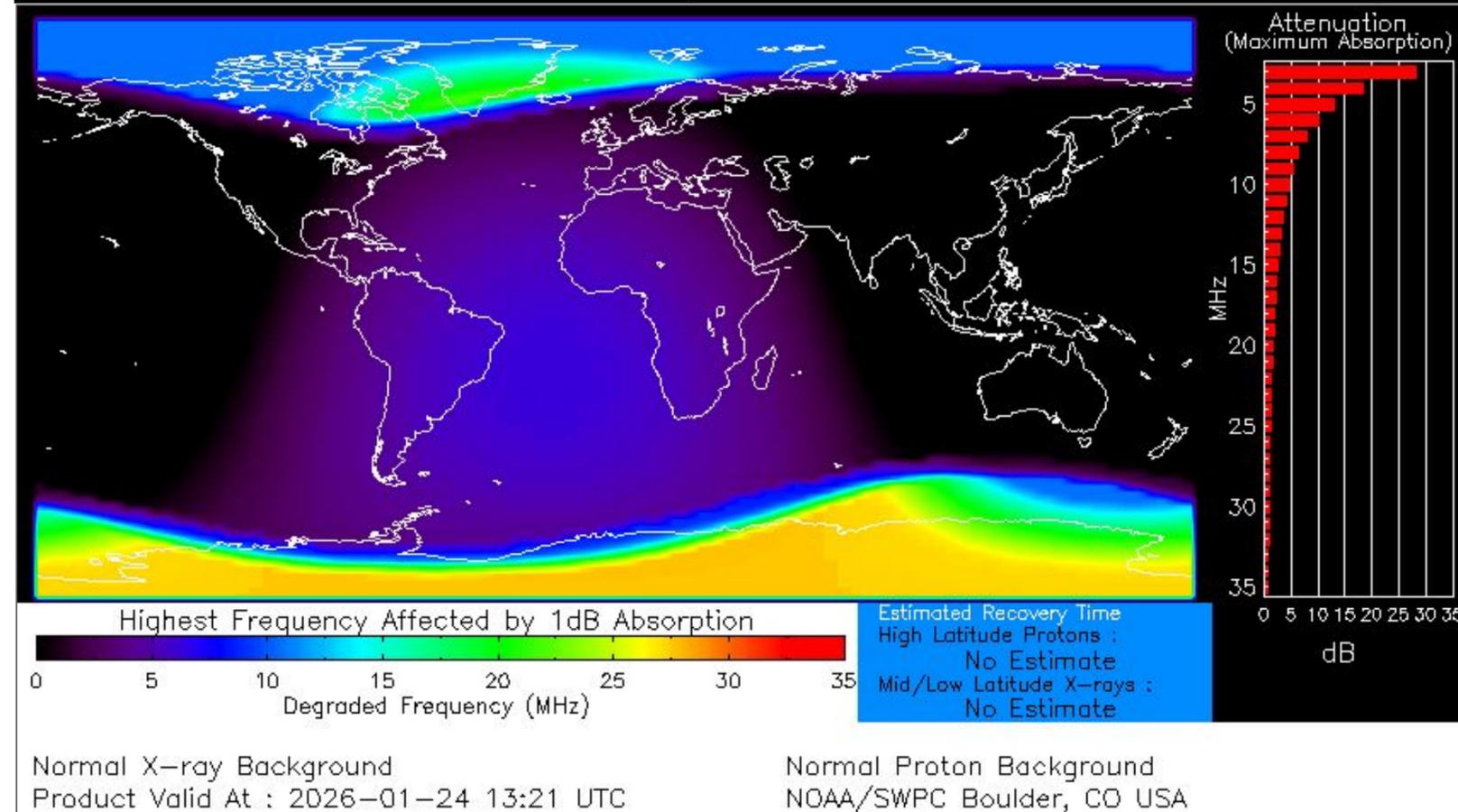
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





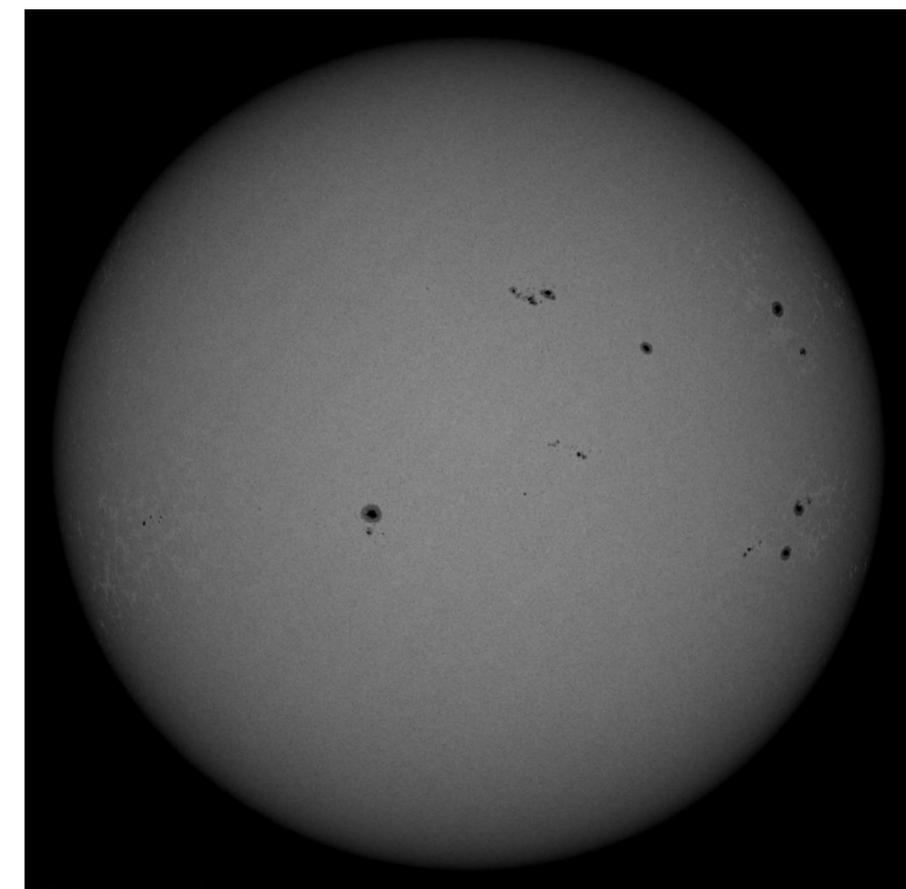
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Jan 24	Sunday, Jan 25	Monday, Jan 26
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>



[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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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 [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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