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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, January 25, 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

- **Winter Weather:**

- **Winter storm continues to bring major to extreme (levels 4-5 of 5) impacts through this morning for S AR, N/NE LA due to freezing rain. Freezing rain tapers off by lunchtime.**
- **Moderate (level 3 of 5) impacts continue across NM, OK, and TX. Impacts will decrease through the afternoon as precip exits the region.**
 - **Travel impacts from weekend will 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 Monday morning.**
- **Temps begin to moderate Tuesday-Wednesday.**

- **Severe Weather:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe weather in SE LA through 1 PM this afternoon. Mainly a wind threat, tornado threat is low.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Jan 25	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28	Thursday, Jan 29	Friday, Jan 30	Saturday, Jan 31
Severe Storms	SE LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather	N/NE LA	OK, AR, TX, LA	OK, NTX, AR, N LA (Cold AM)				
	N LA, SAR						
	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.

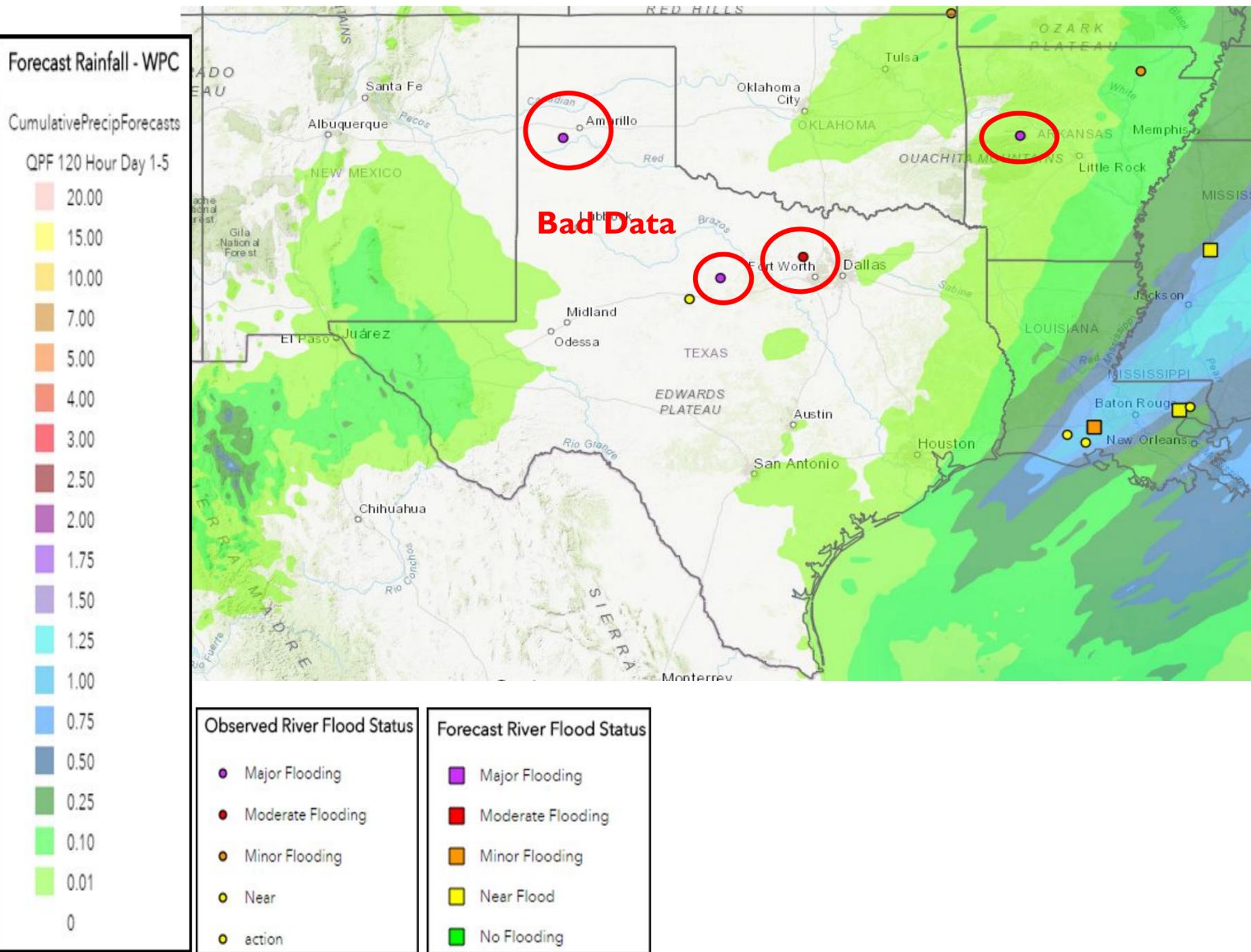
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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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

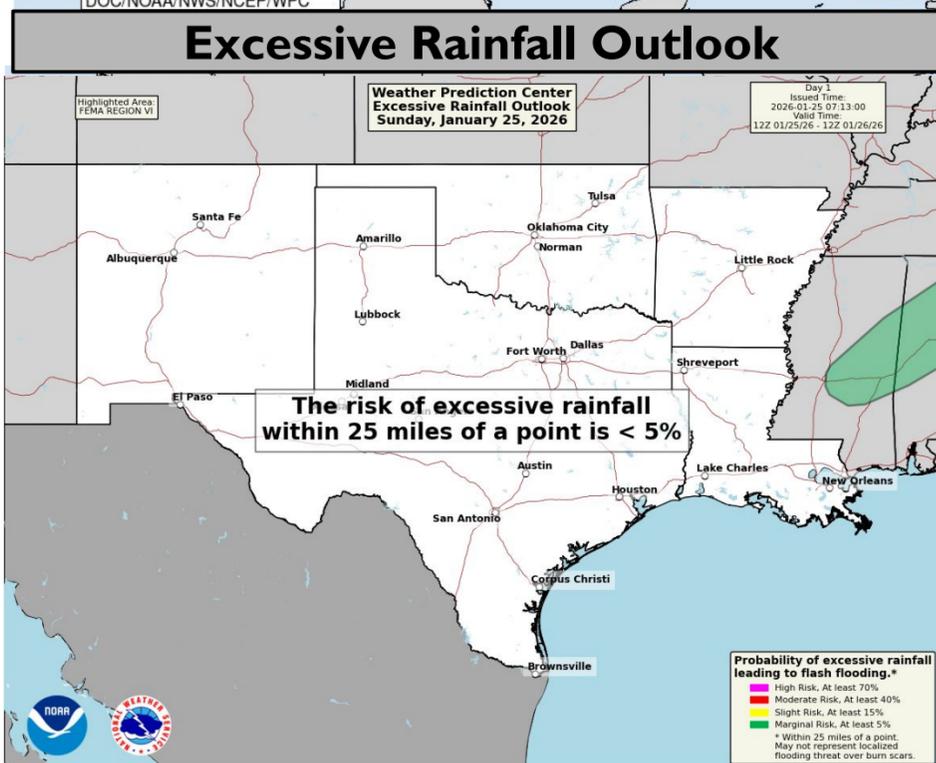
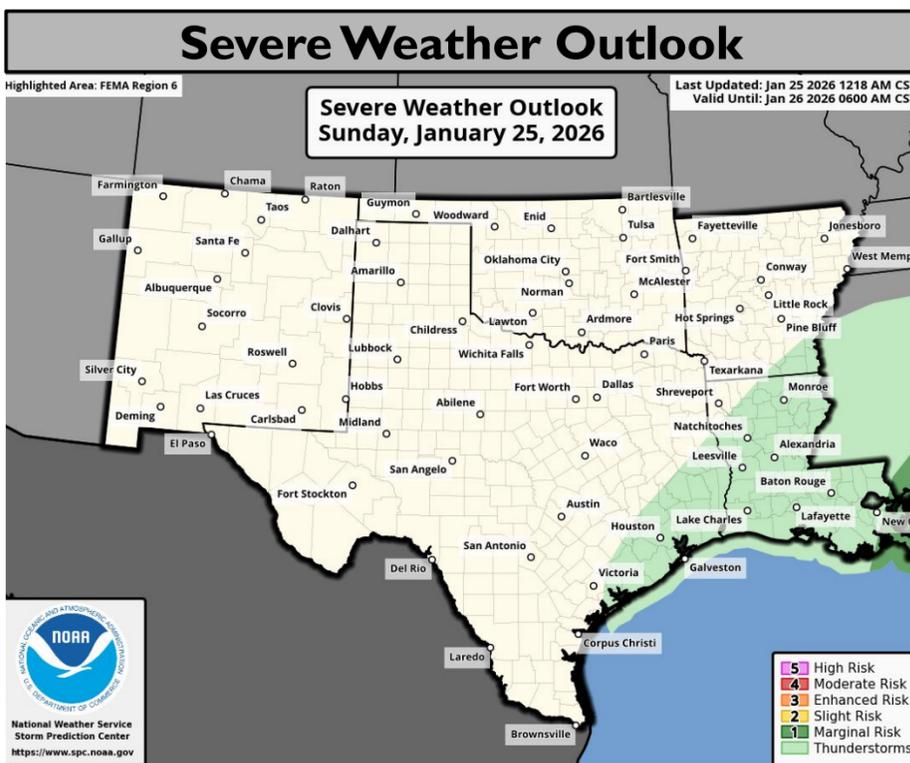
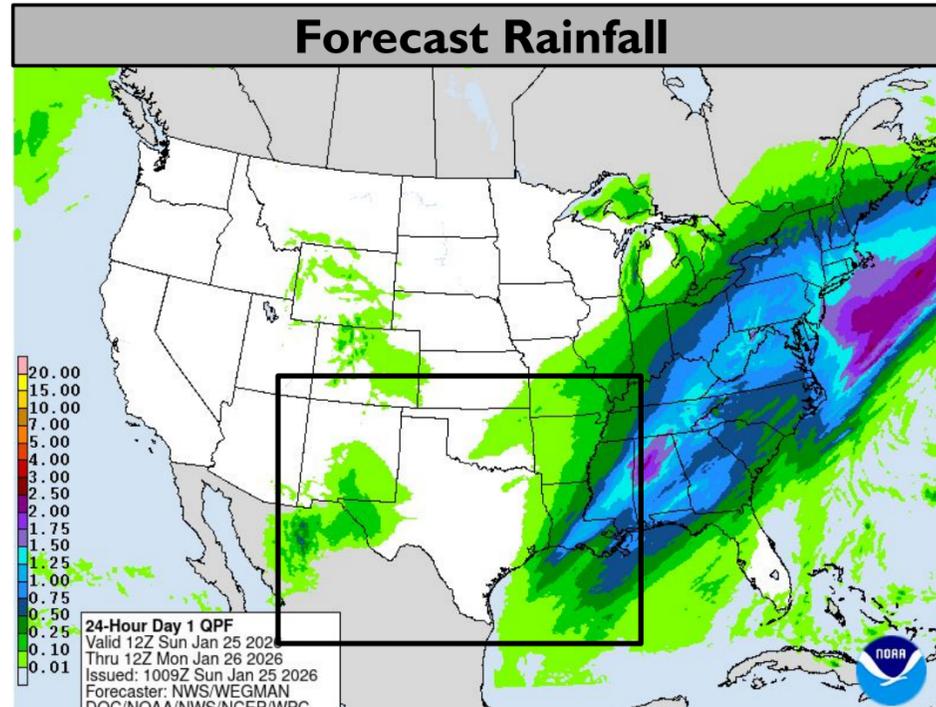
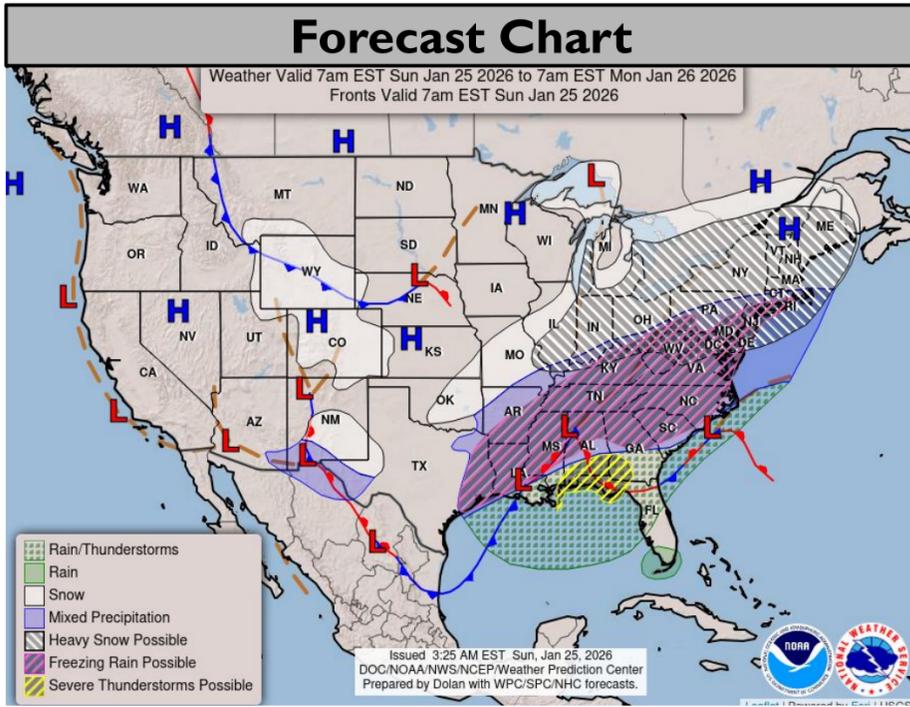


No significant flooding is expected.

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



Extreme (level 5 of 5) winter/winter travel impacts may occur in N/NE LA due to ice accretion from freezing rain.

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

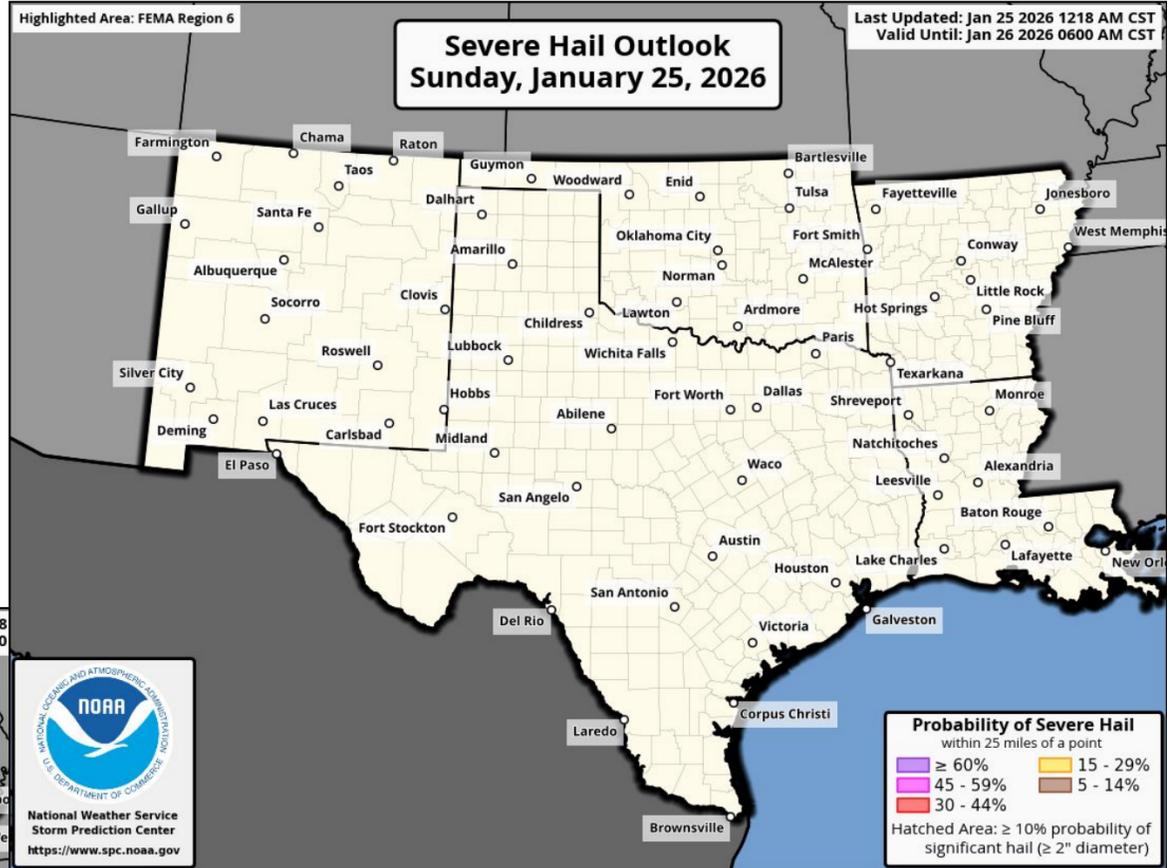
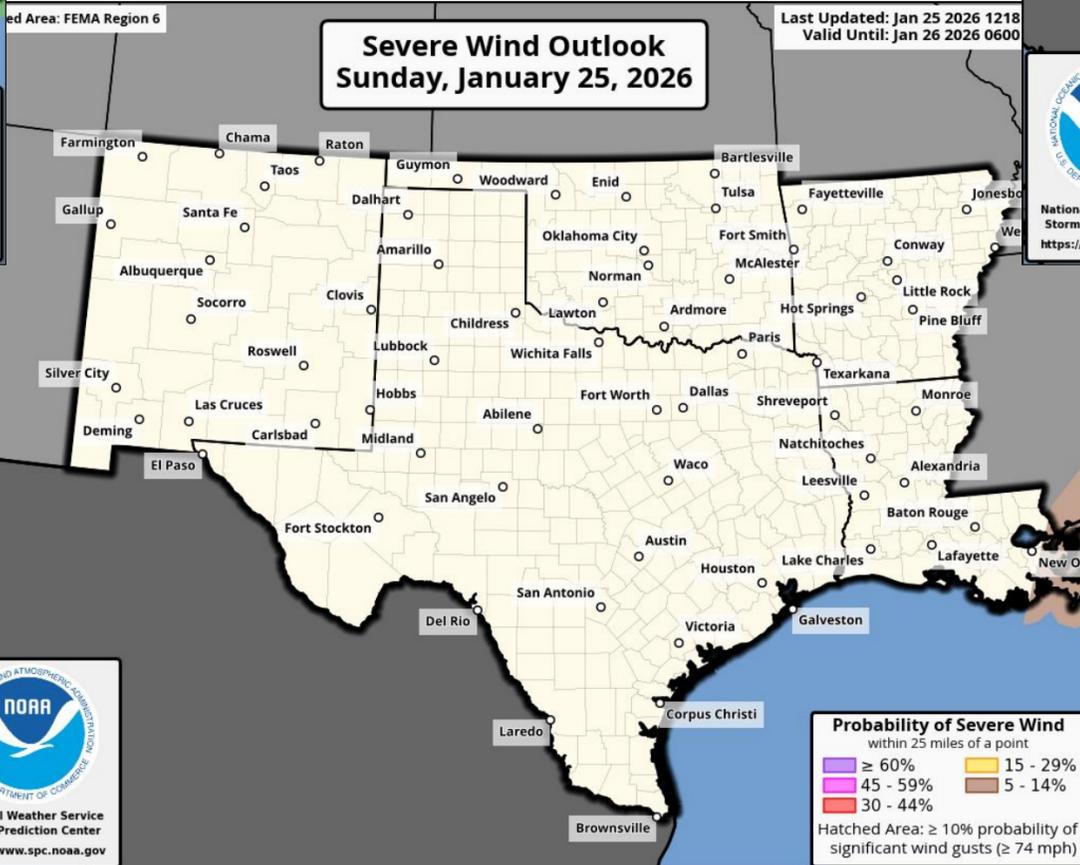
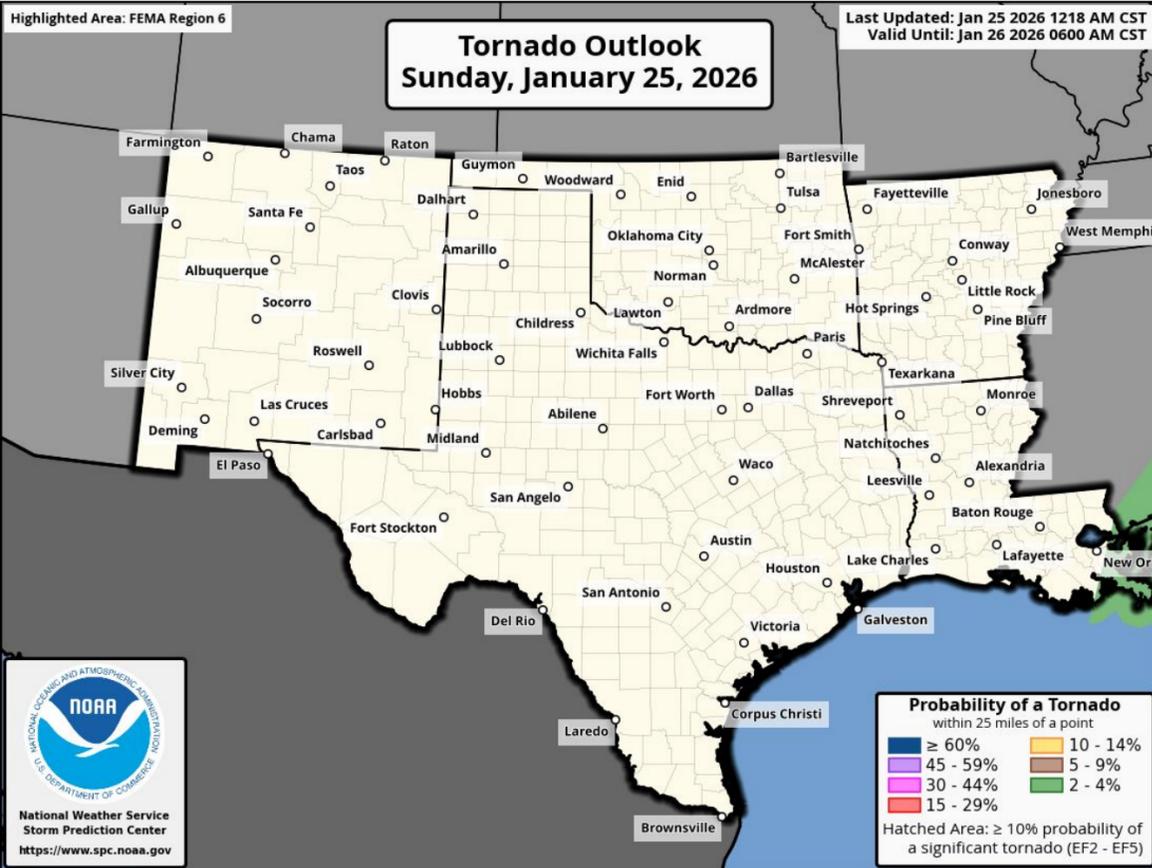
Moderate (level 3 of 5) impacts due to winter weather continue in NM, OK, AR, TX, and LA. Wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain with hazardous cold temps. Impacts lessen through the late morning/afternoon.

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 through 1 PM this afternoon.. Damaging winds main threat, low tornado threat.



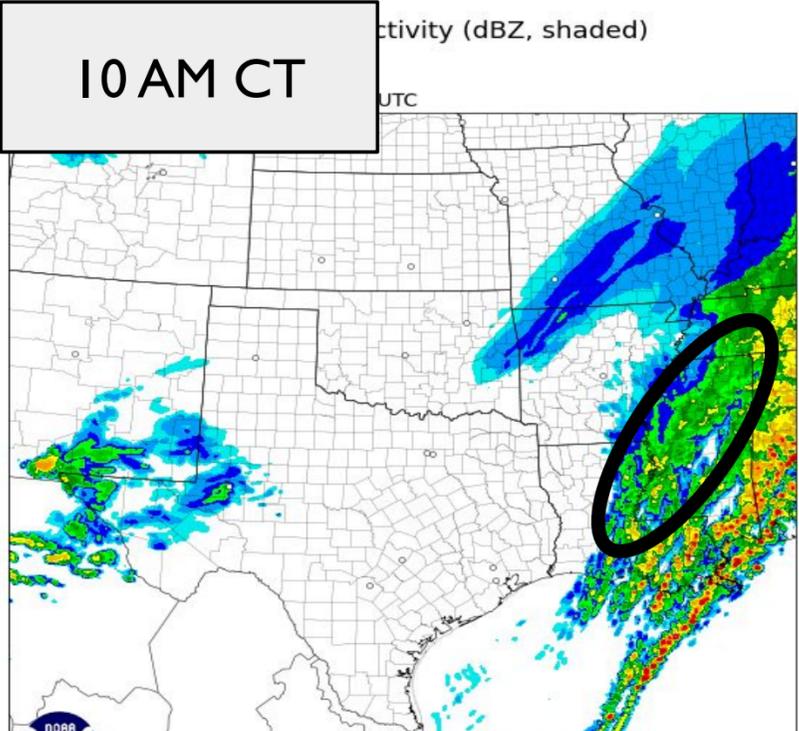
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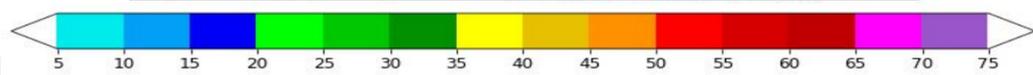
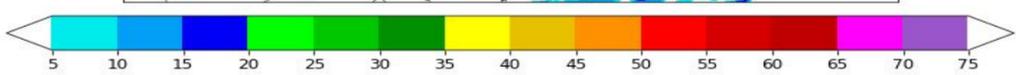
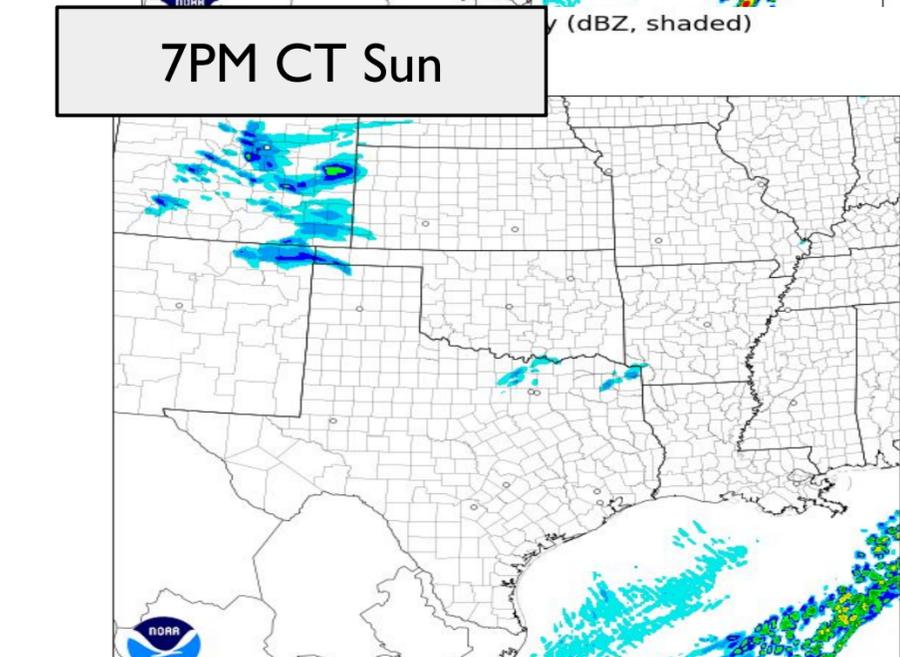
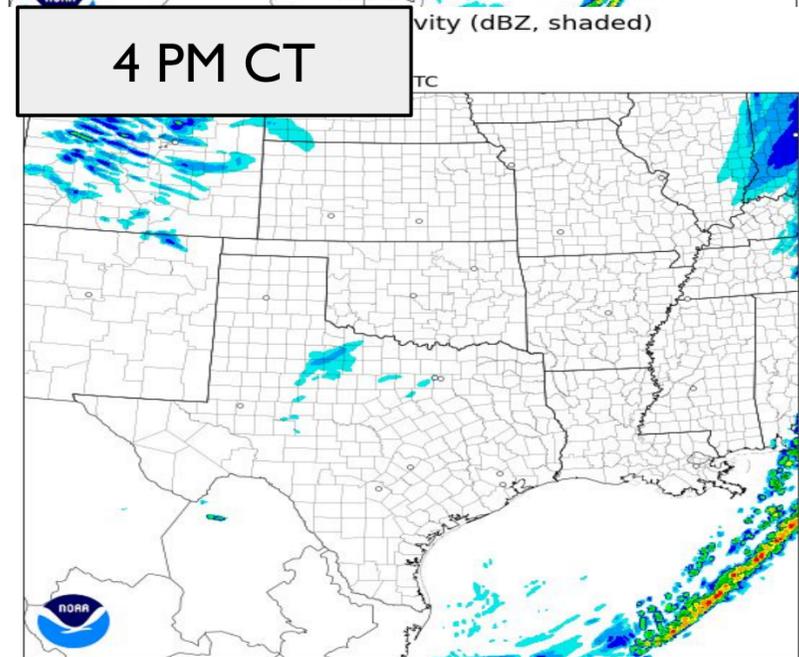
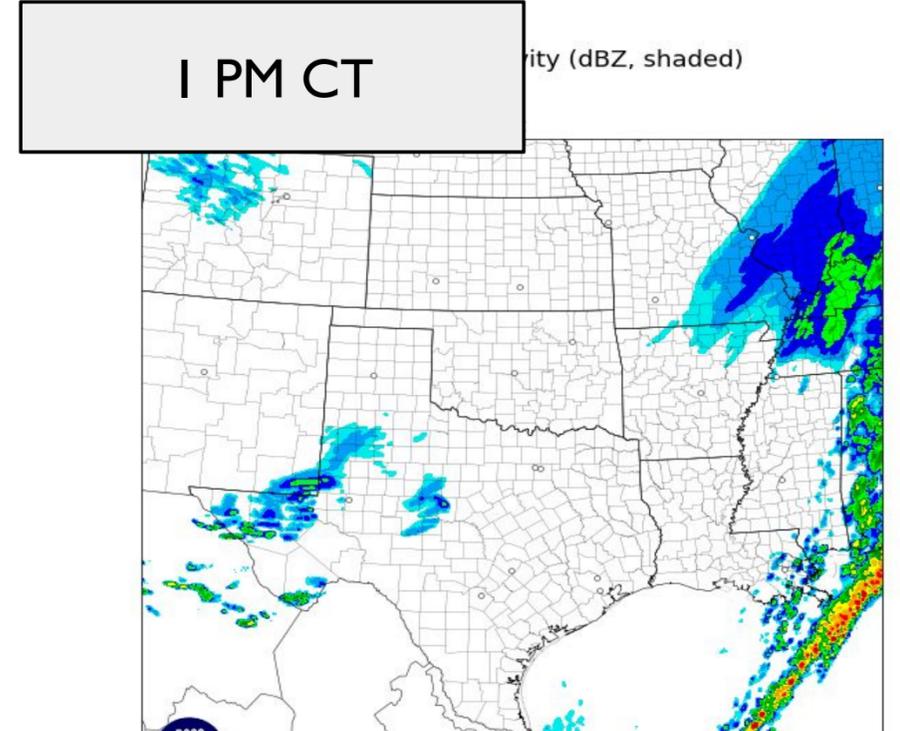


Simulated Radar Through 7 PM CT Sunday

Note: This is just one model predictions of showers/freezing rain. Timing/location may be different.



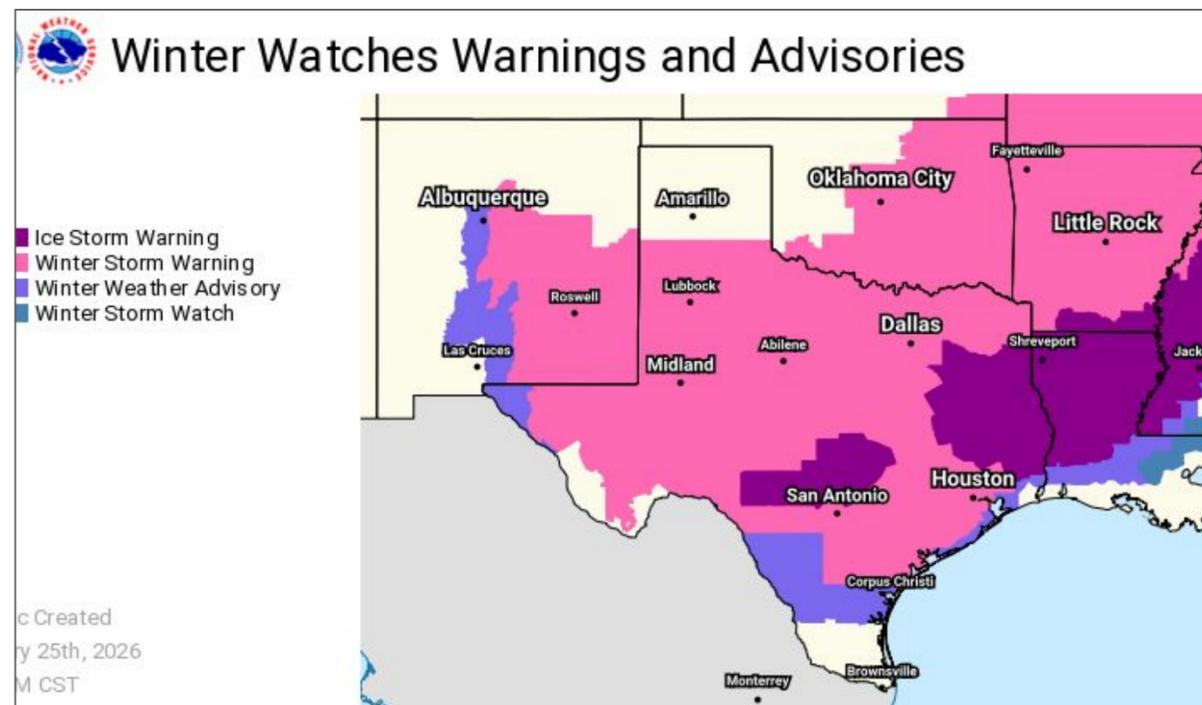
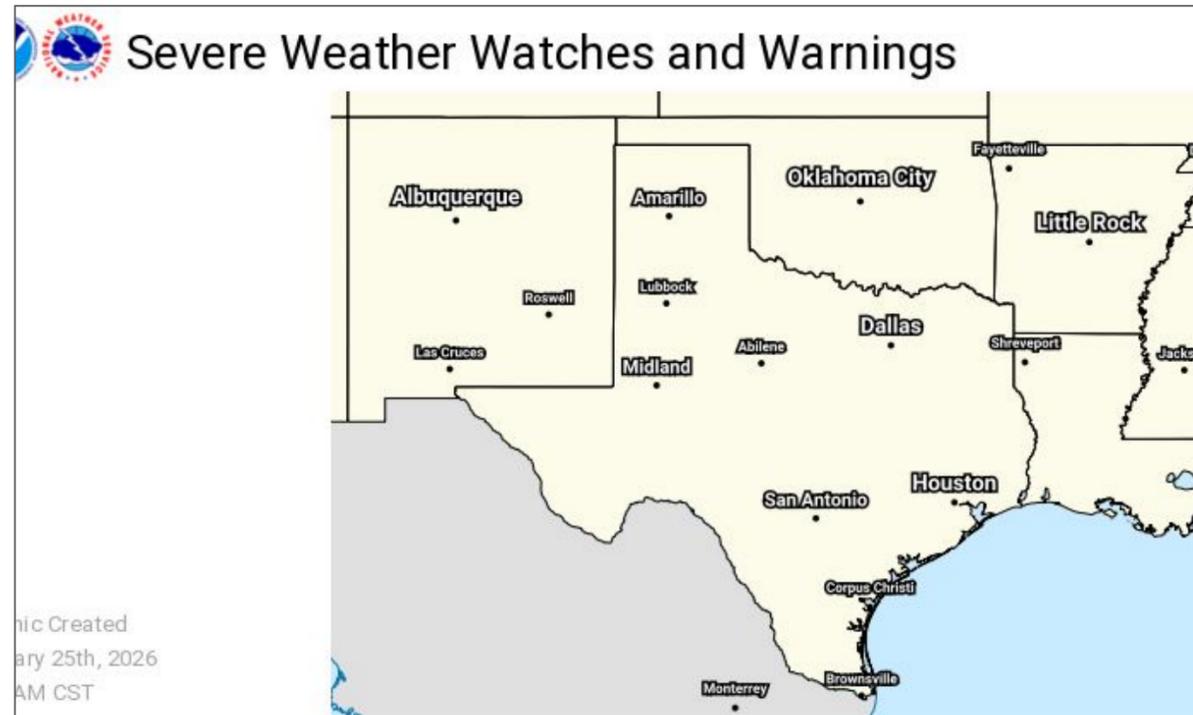
Circled areas most likely to be seeing freezing rain.





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



Numerous winter storm warnings across FEMA 6 will continue through Sunday afternoon/evening. Expect Winter Storm Warnings to expire in western portions of FEMA 6 through the afternoon.

Ice Storm Warnings for E TX, LA, S AR go through 12pm this afternoon in C TX, and 6 PM Sunday evening in E TX, AR, LA.



Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

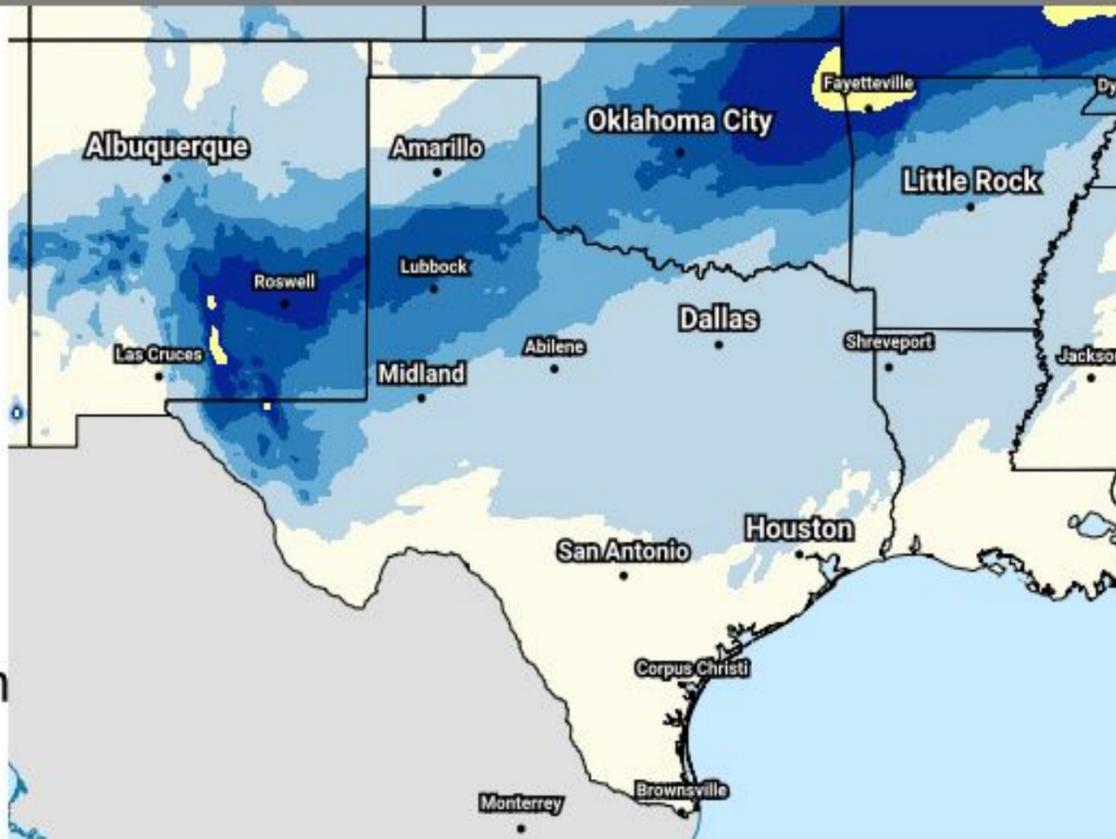


Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Wednesday January 28th, 2026 at 6 AM CST

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inch

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January 25th, 2026
5:20 AM CST

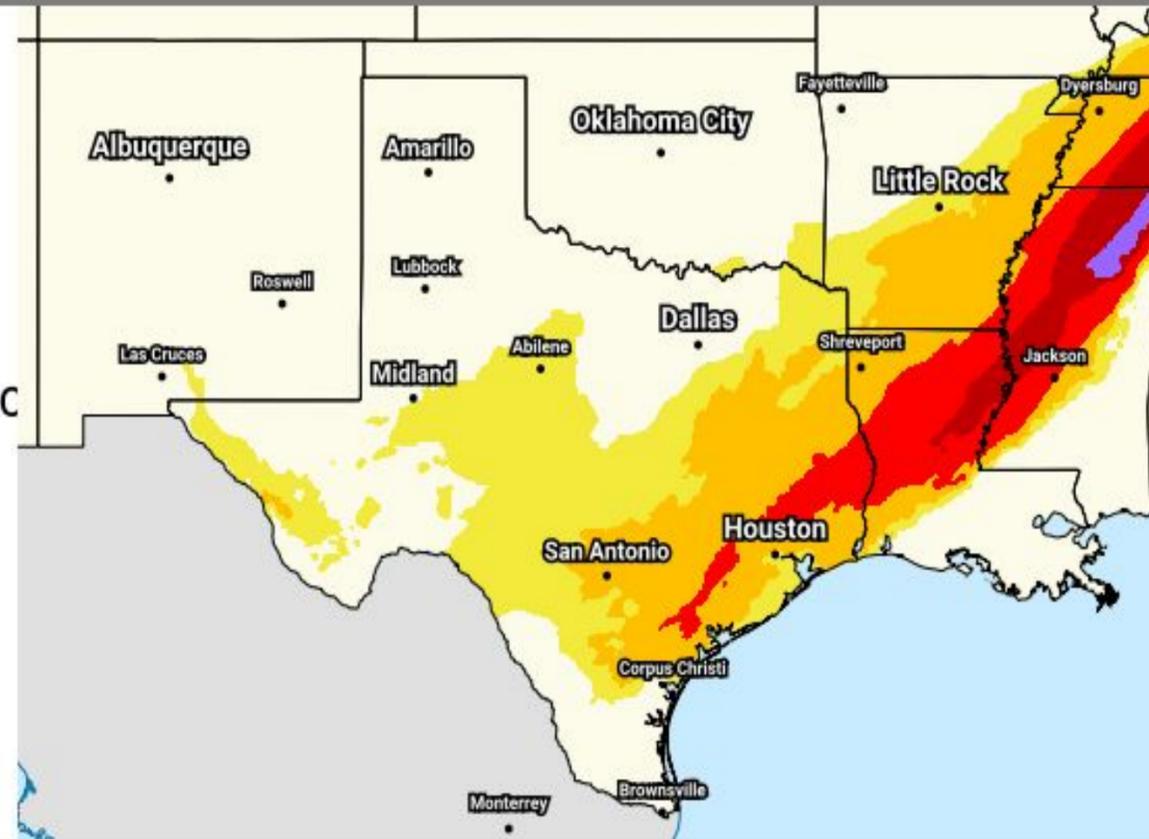


Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Wednesday January 28th, 2026 at 6 AM CST

- 0.01 to 0.10 inch
- 0.10 to 0.25 inch
- 0.25 to 0.50 inch
- 0.50 to 0.75 inch
- 0.75 to 1.0 inch
- 1.0 to 2.0 inch
- Greater than 2.0 inc

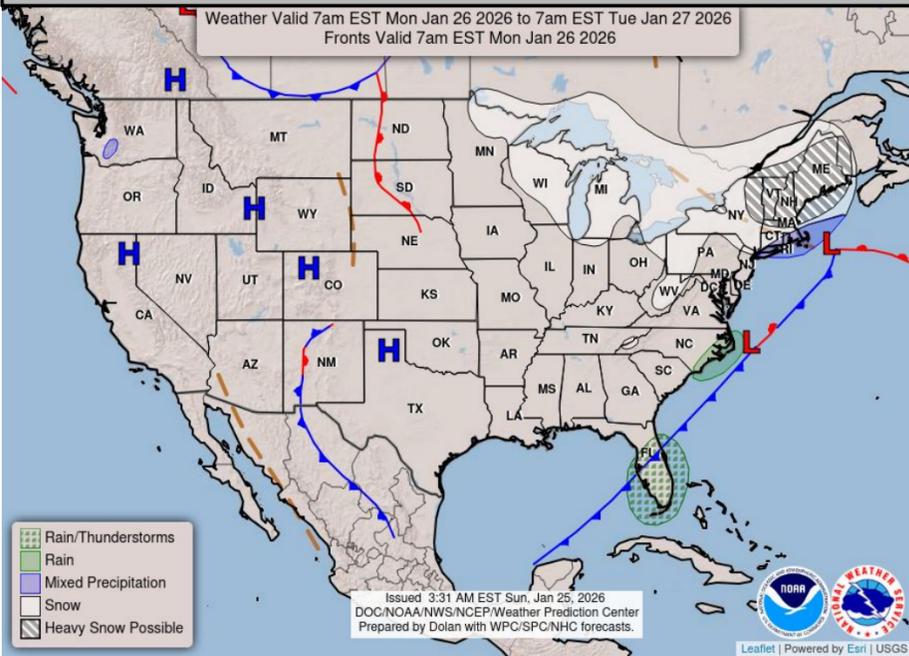
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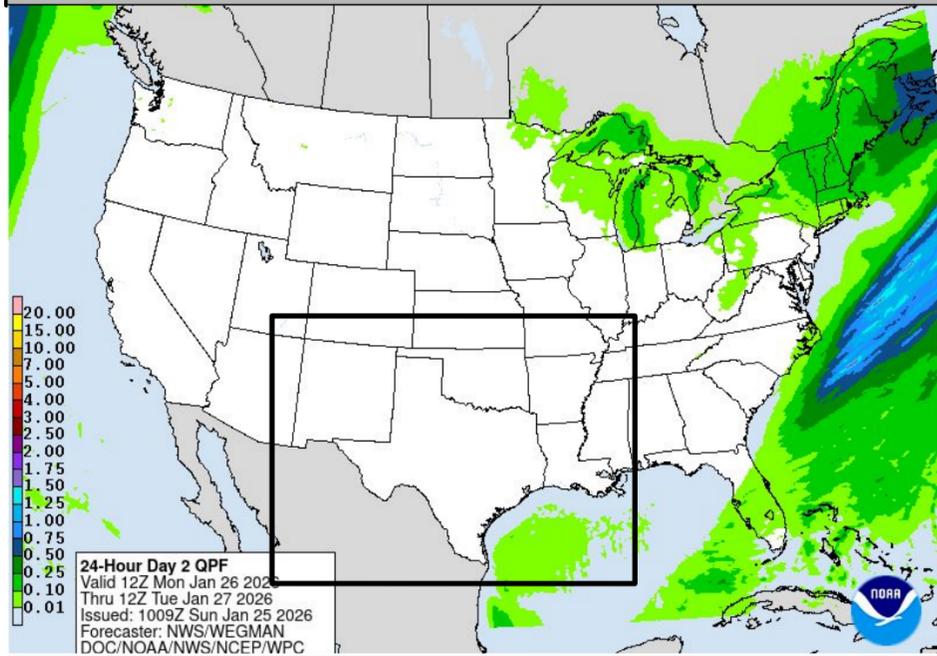


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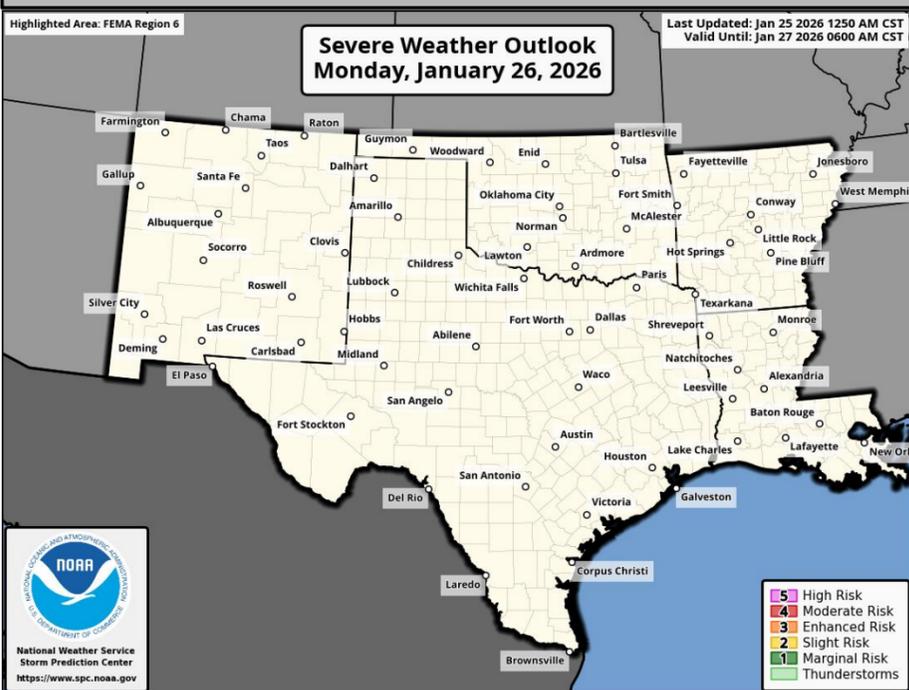
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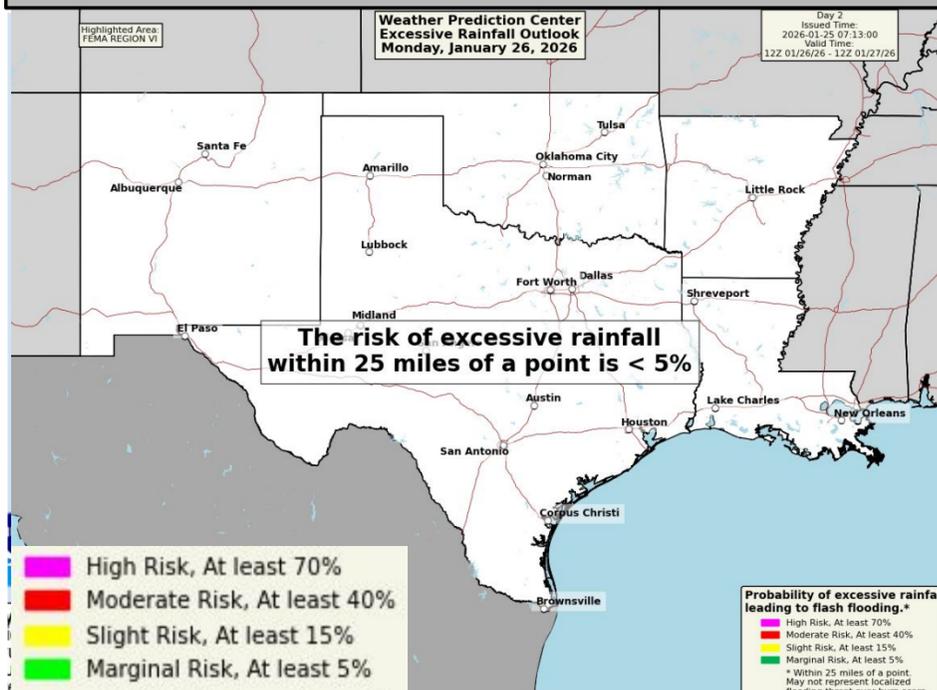
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

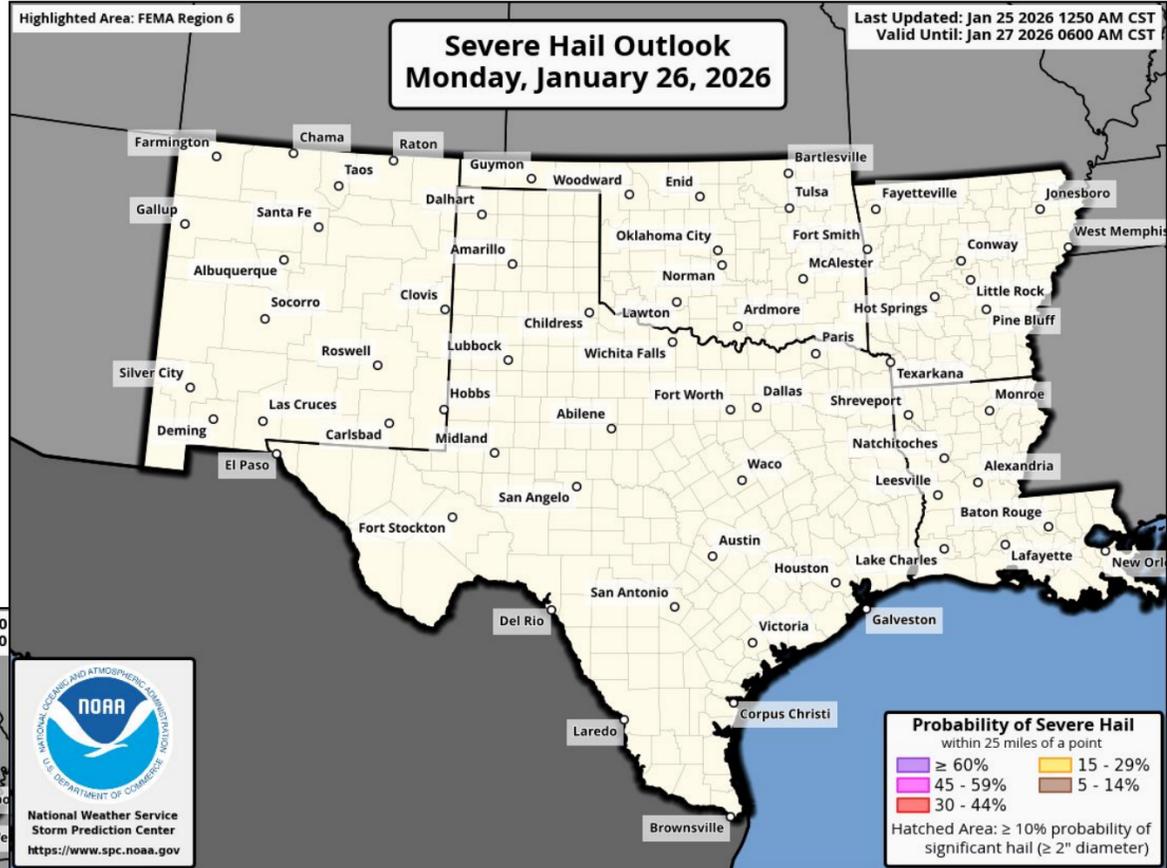
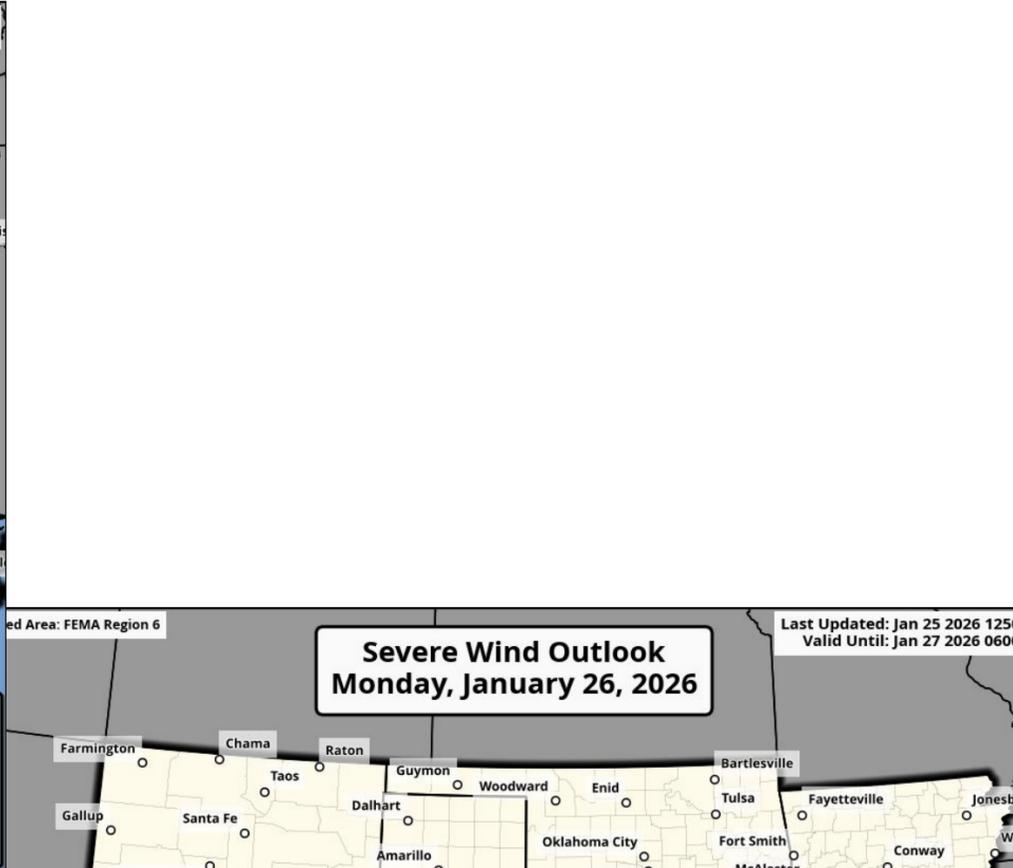
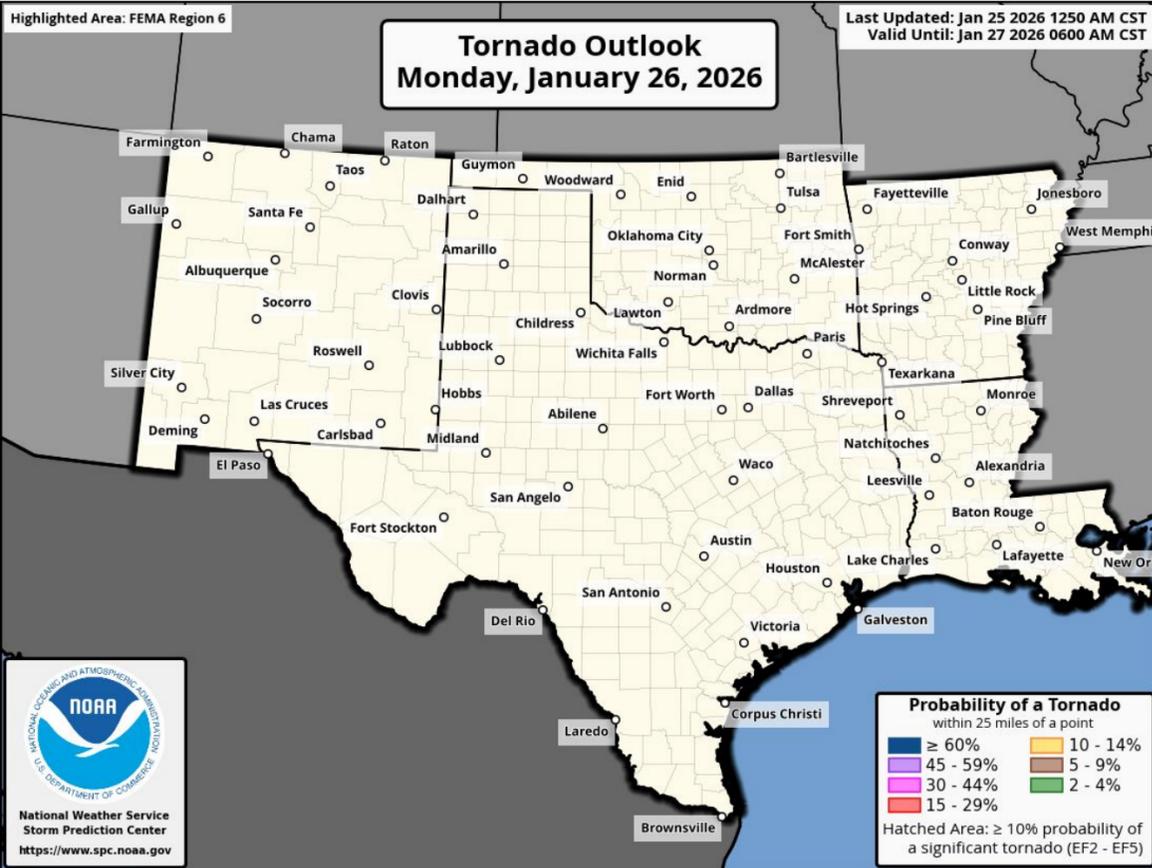


Minor (level 2 of 5) travel impacts may linger into Monday with hazardous cold temps across AR, TX, and LA.

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



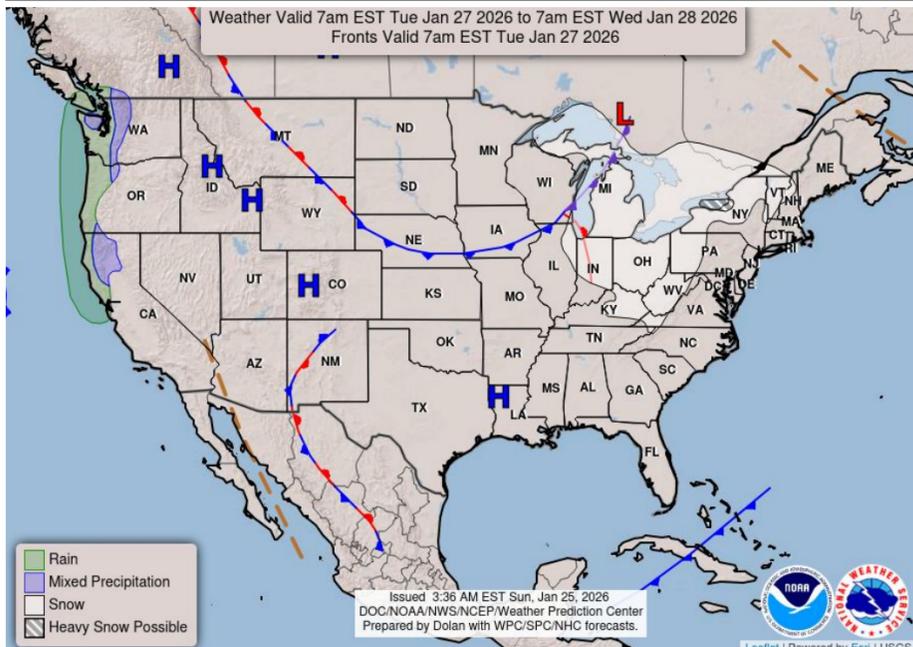
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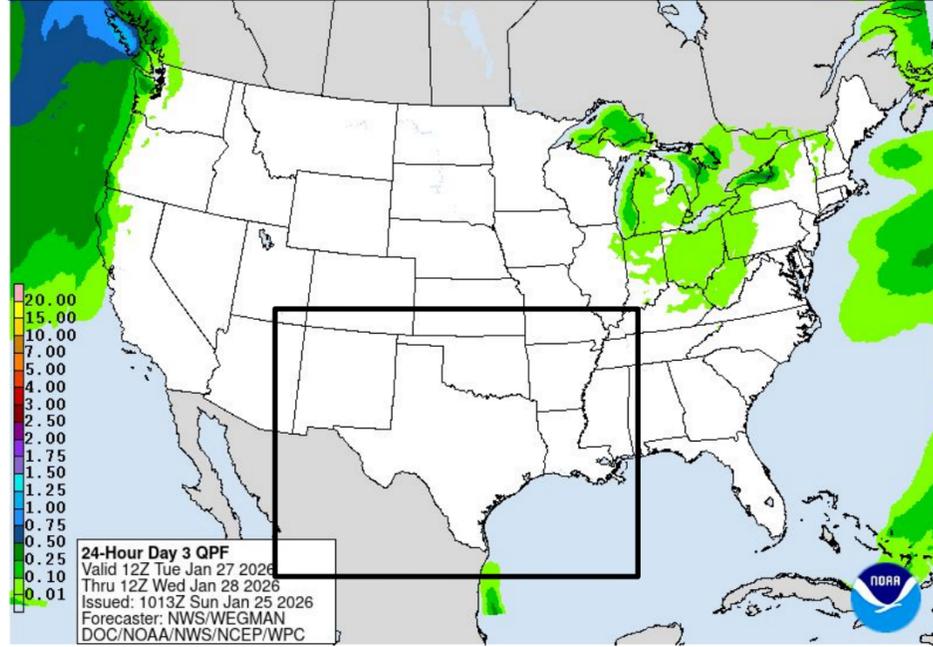


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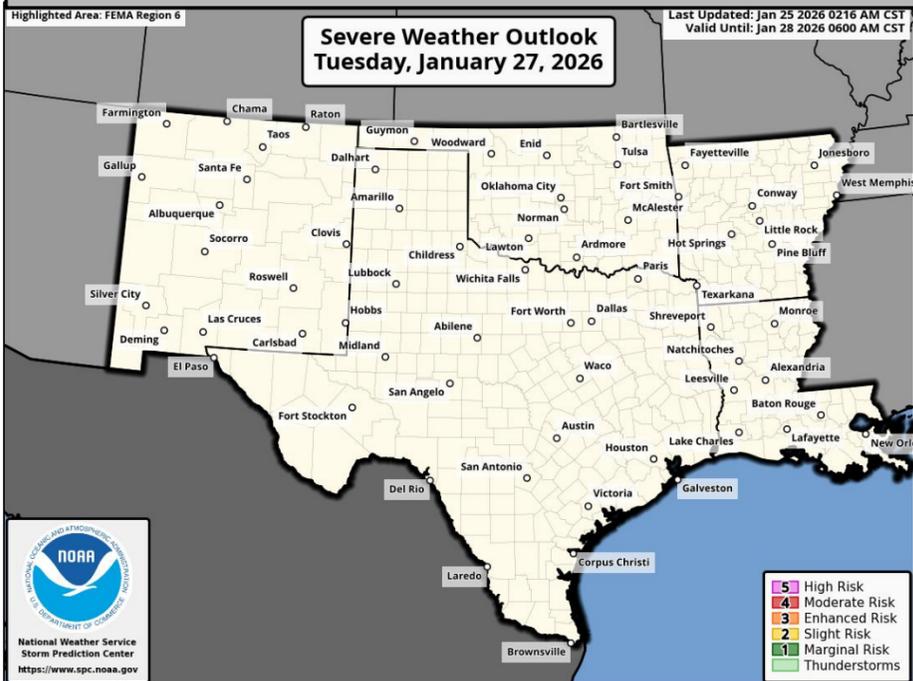
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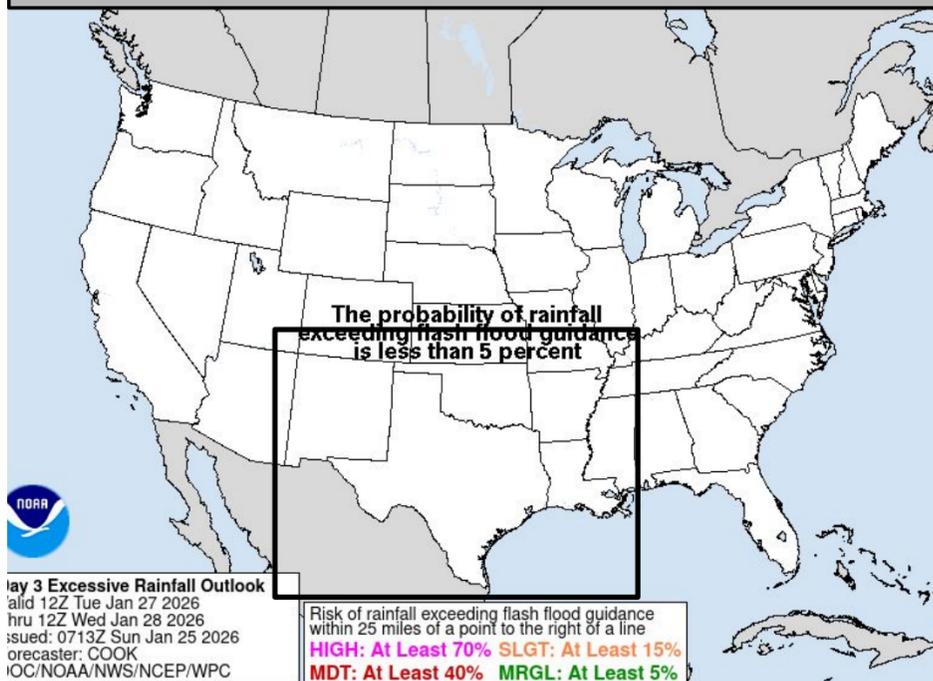
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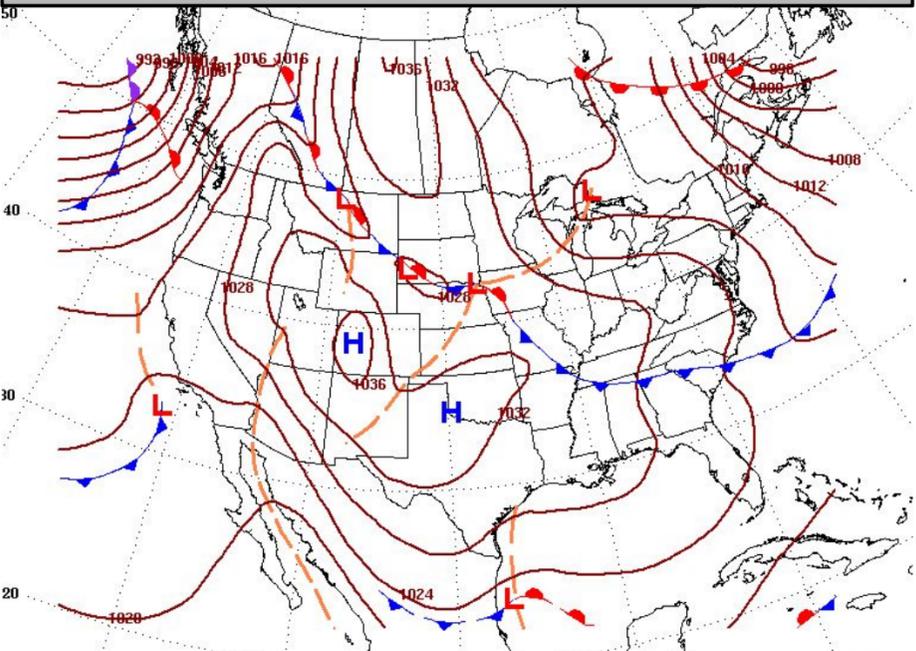
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Afternoon temps across FEMA 6 begin to moderate. Highs in the low to mid 40's for C-N TX, S AR, LA.

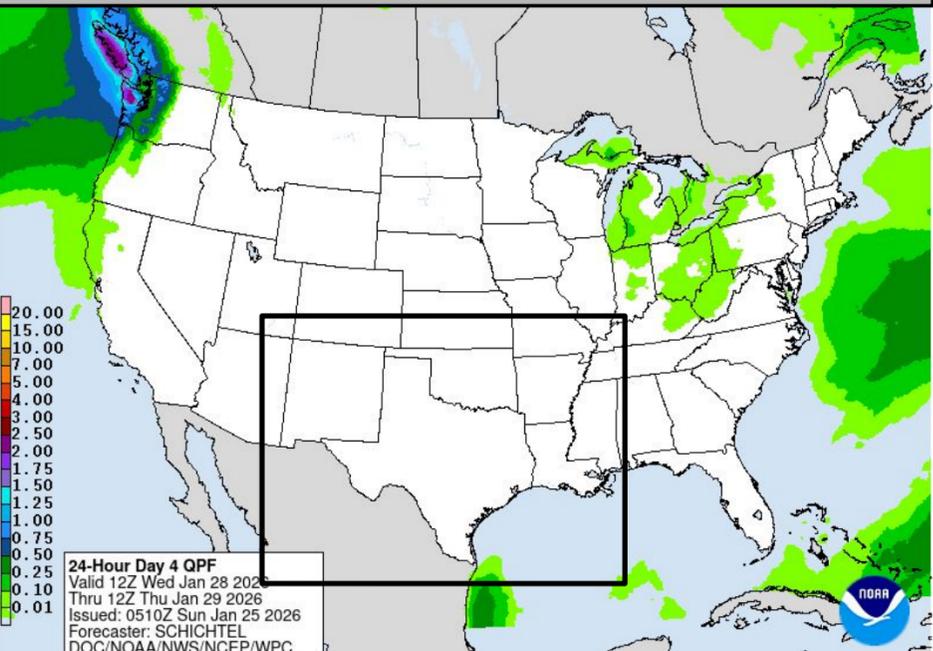


Wednesday's Weather

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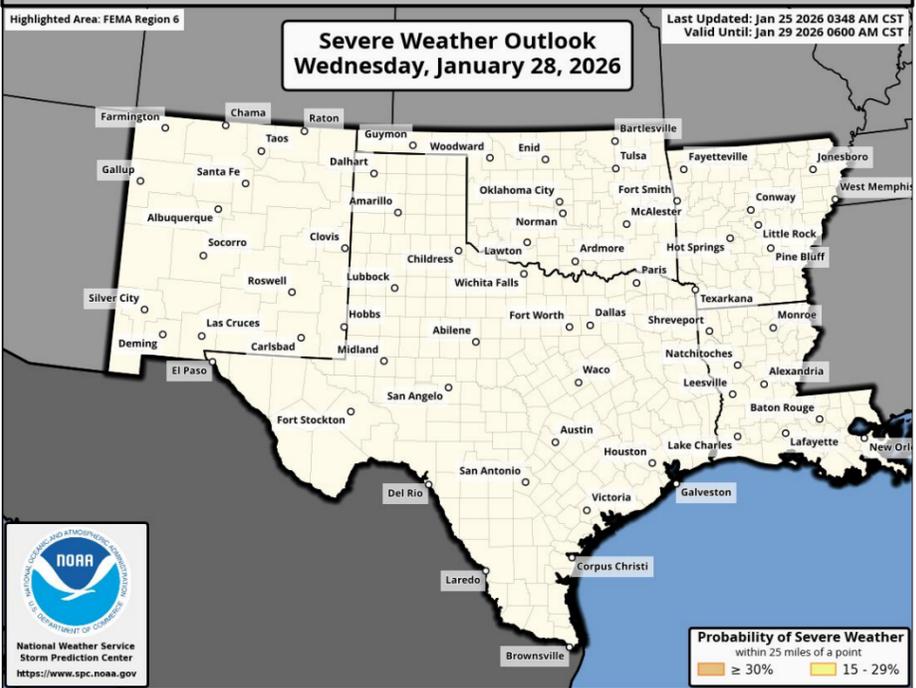


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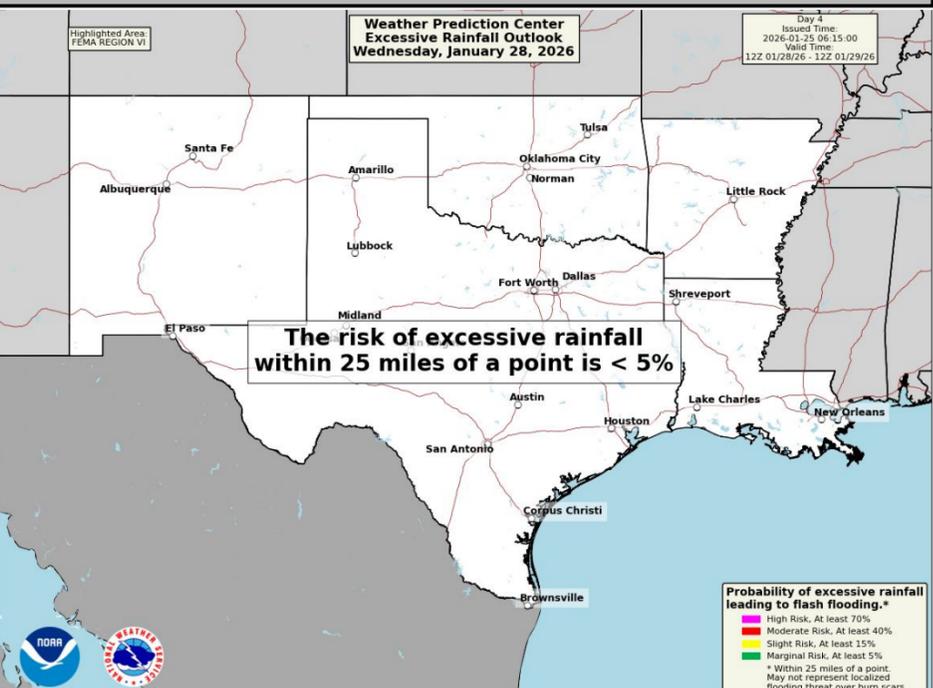


Afternoon temps across FEMA 6 continue to moderate. Highs in the mid 40's for C-N TX, SAR, LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



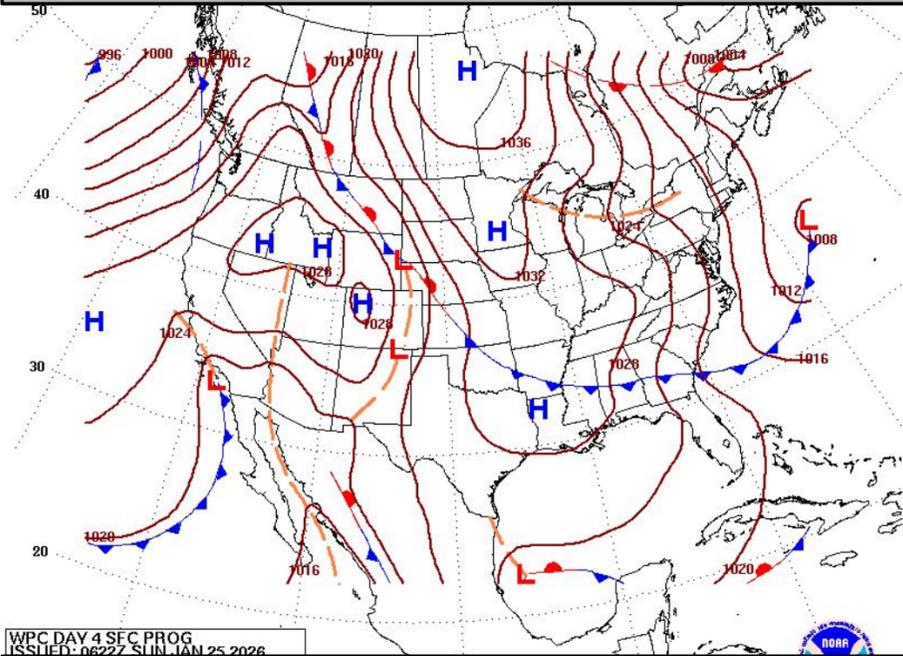
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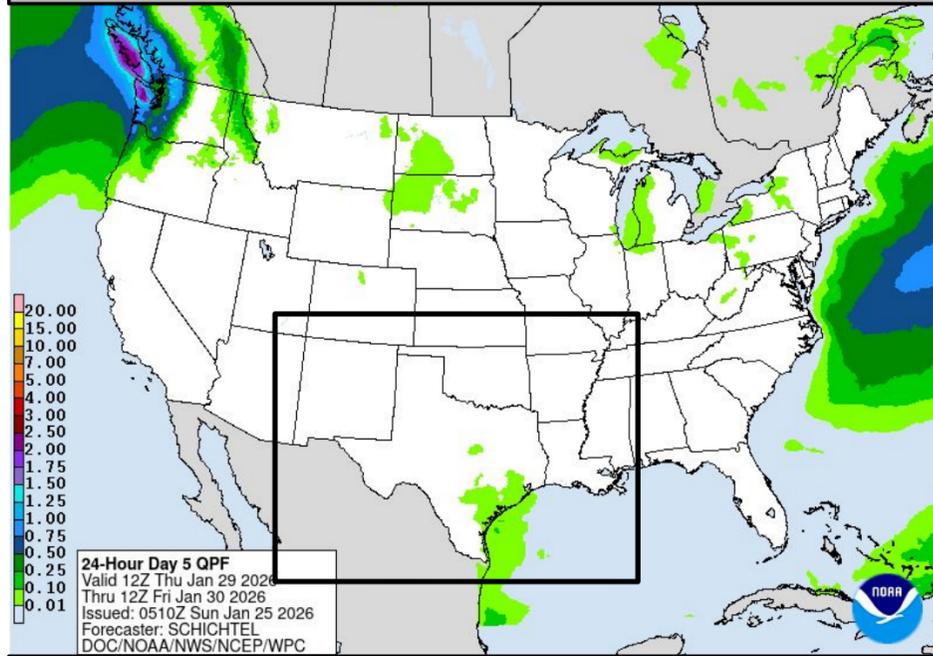
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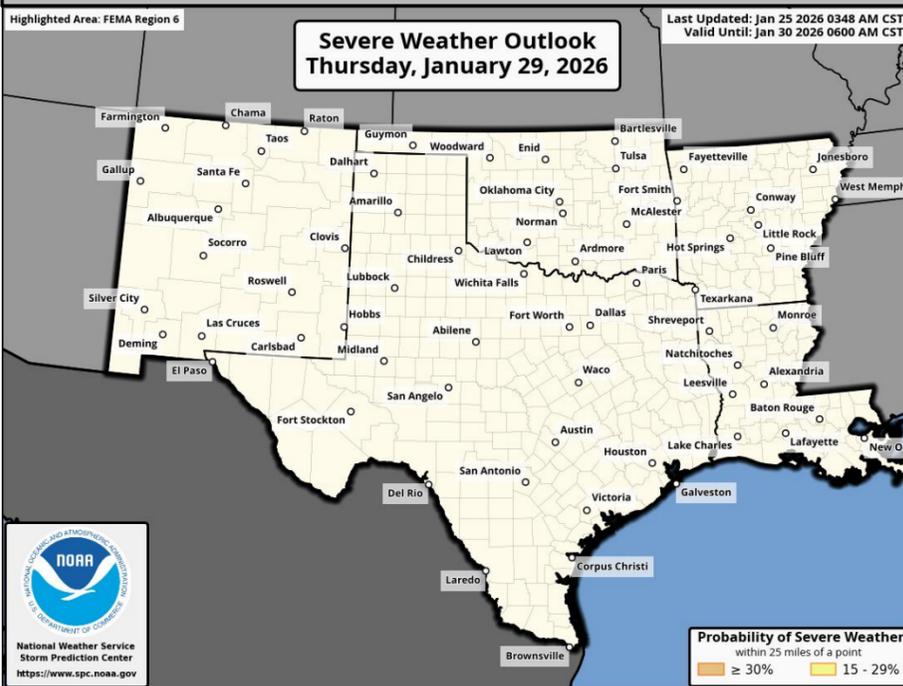
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Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Thu Jan 29 2026
Thru 12Z Fri Jan 30 2026
Issued: 0510Z Sun Jan 25 2026
Forecaster: SCHICHEL
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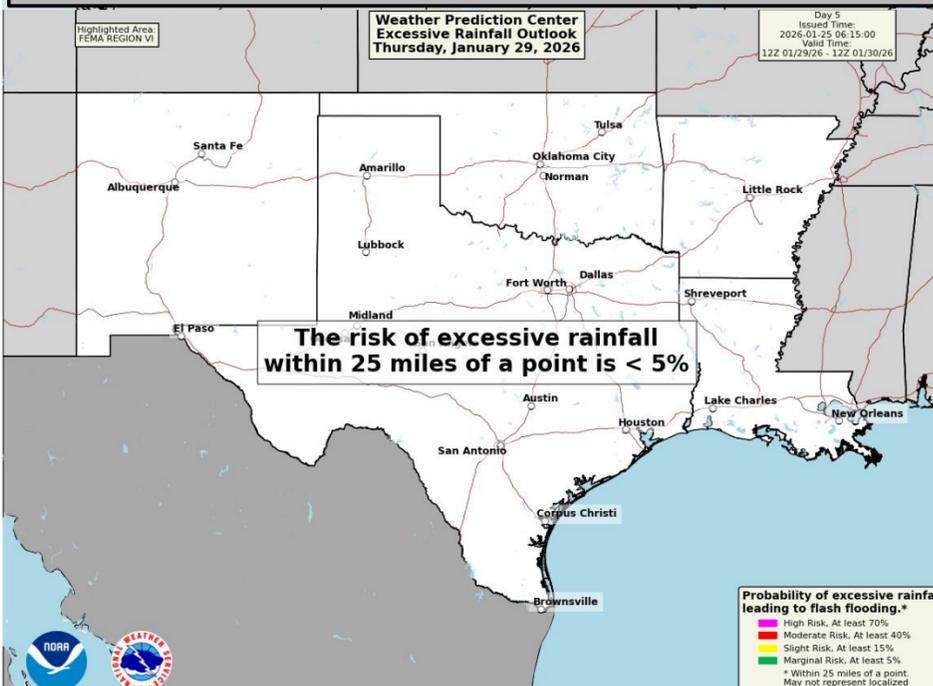


Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, January 29, 2026

Last Updated: Jan 25 2026 0348 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 30 2026 0600 AM CST

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Weather Prediction Center
Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Thursday, January 29, 2026

Day 5
Issued Time: 2026-01-25 06:15:00
Valid Time: 12Z 01/29/26 - 12Z 01/30/26

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

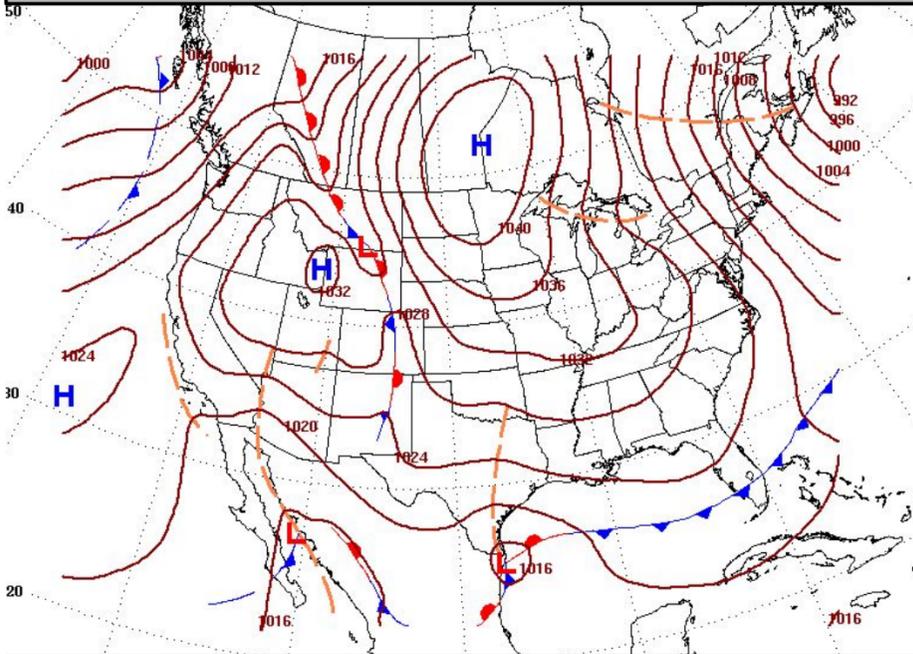
Probability of excessive rainfall
leading to flash flooding.*
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

Afternoon highs continue to moderate across FEMA 6, but still around 10 degrees below normal.

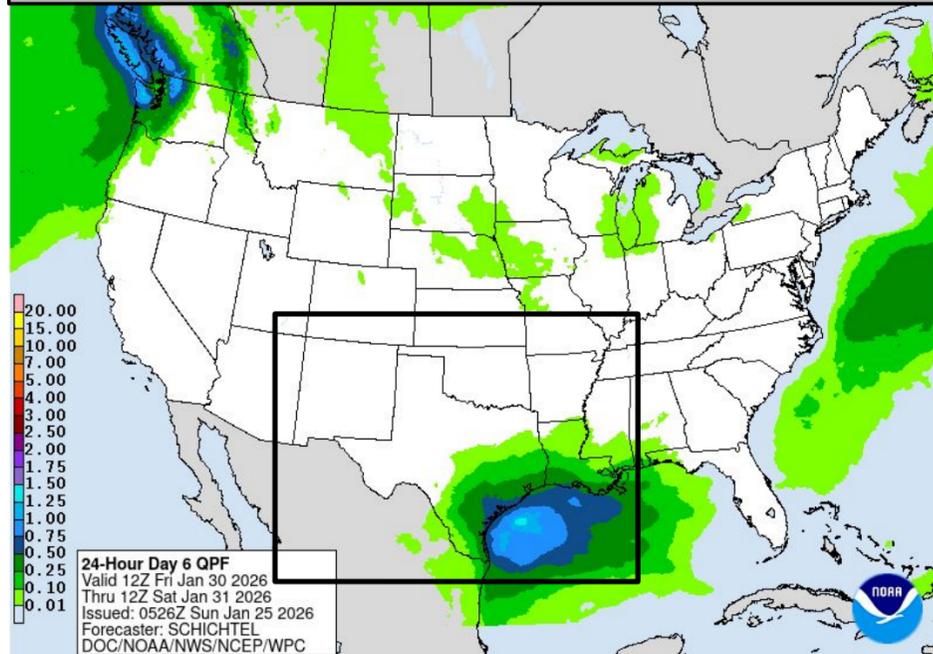


Friday's Weather

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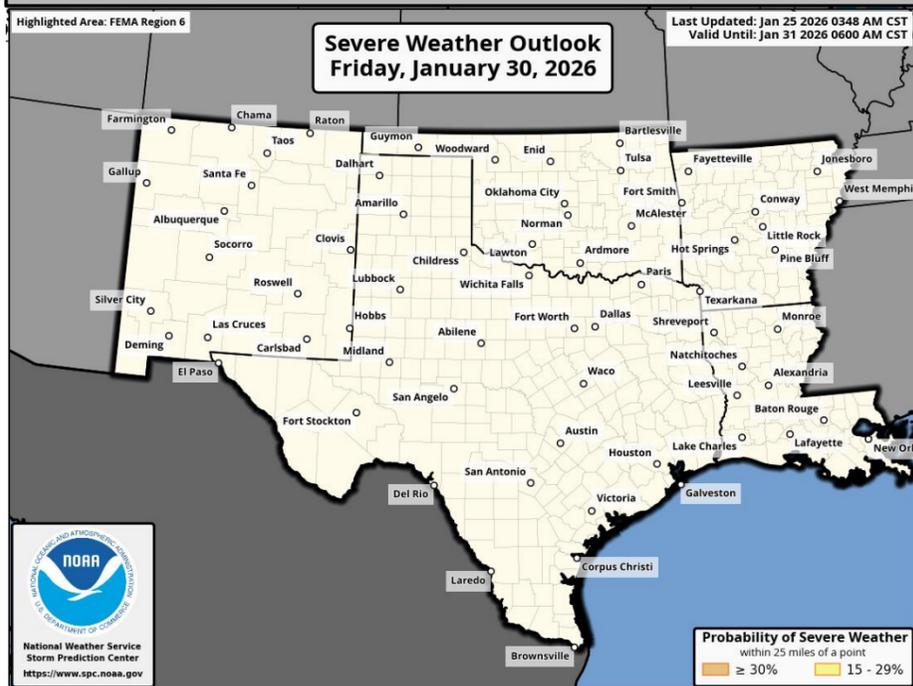


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

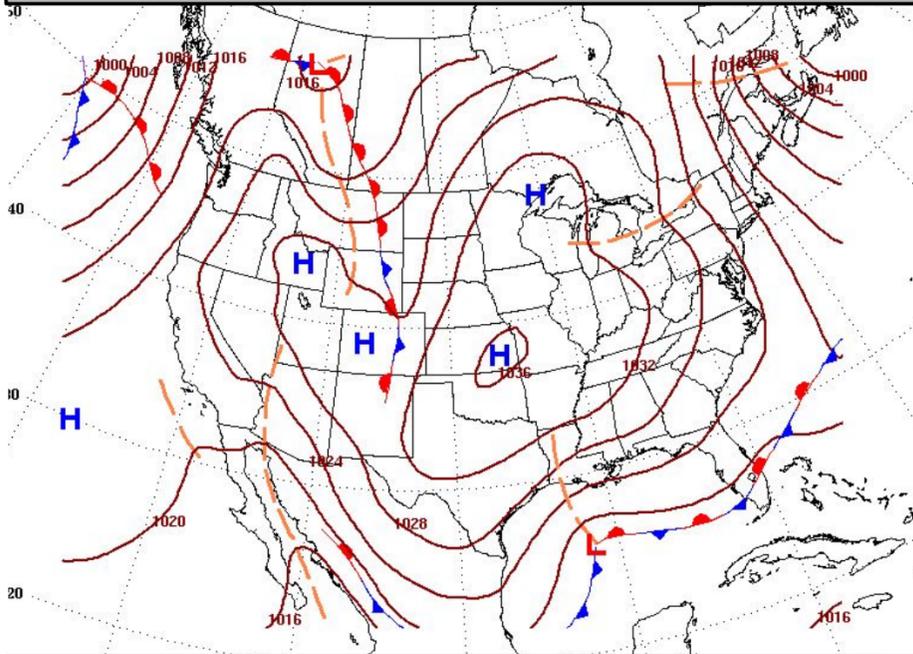


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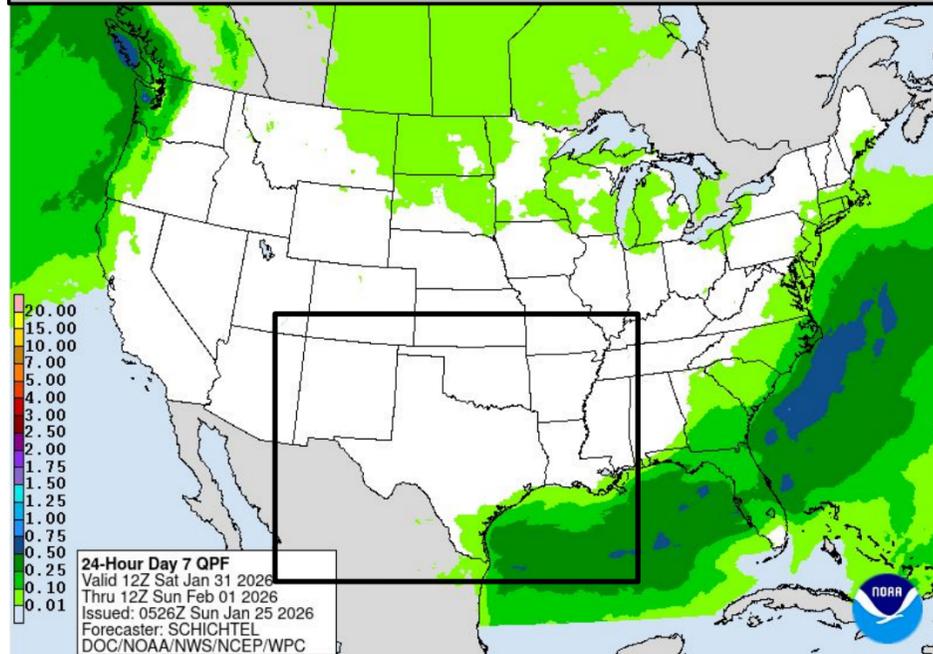


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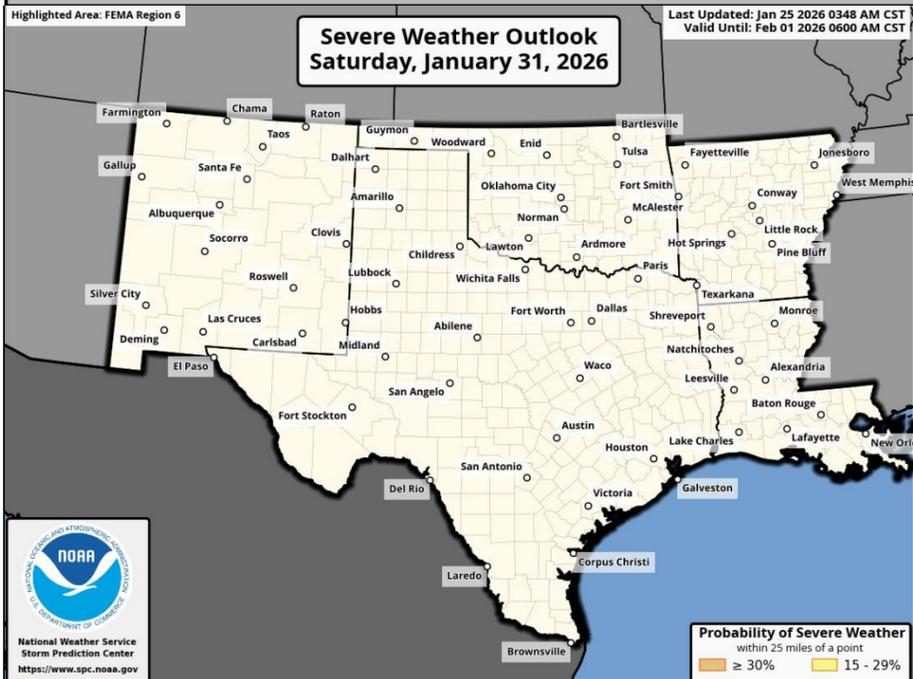


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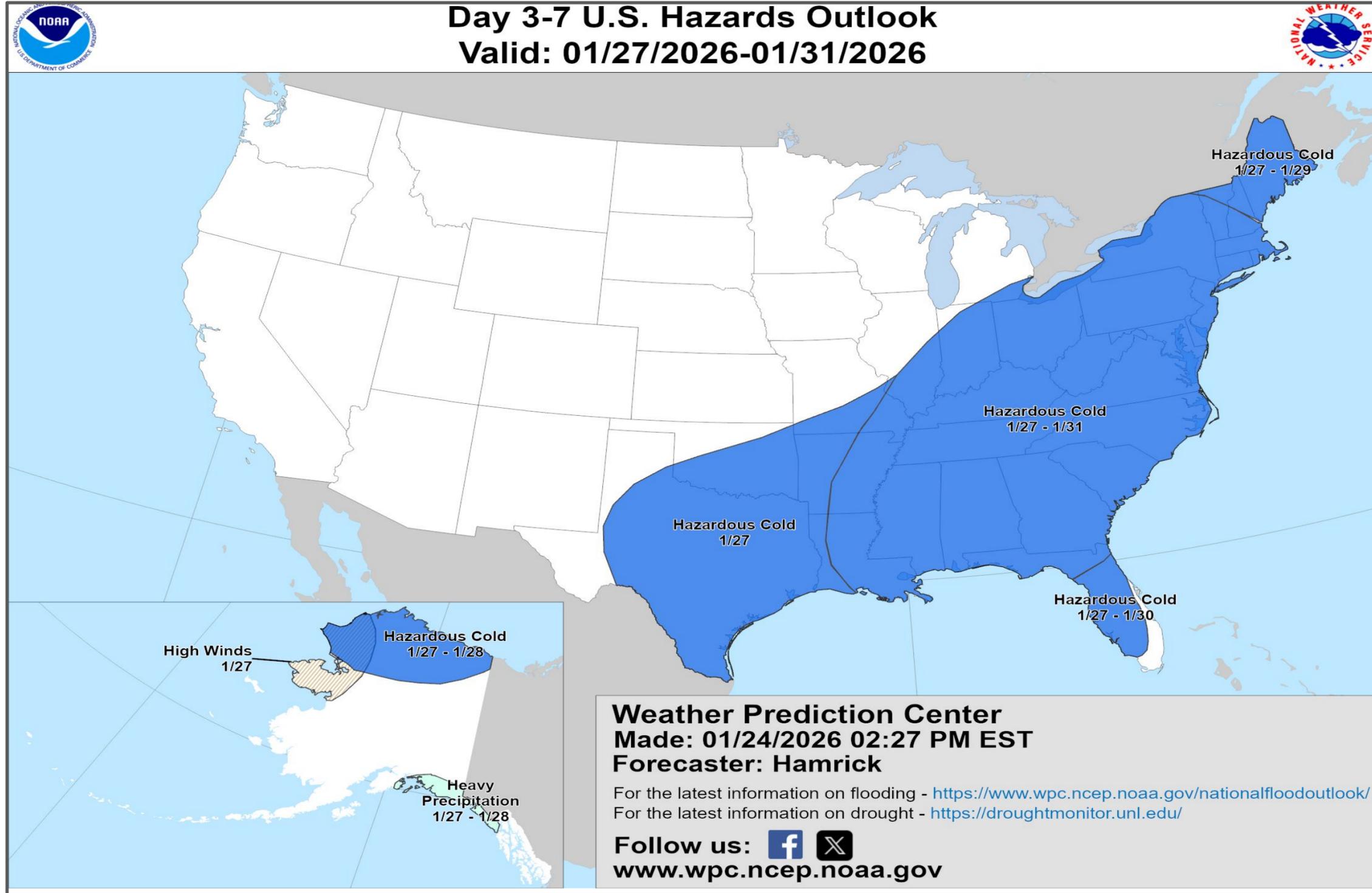


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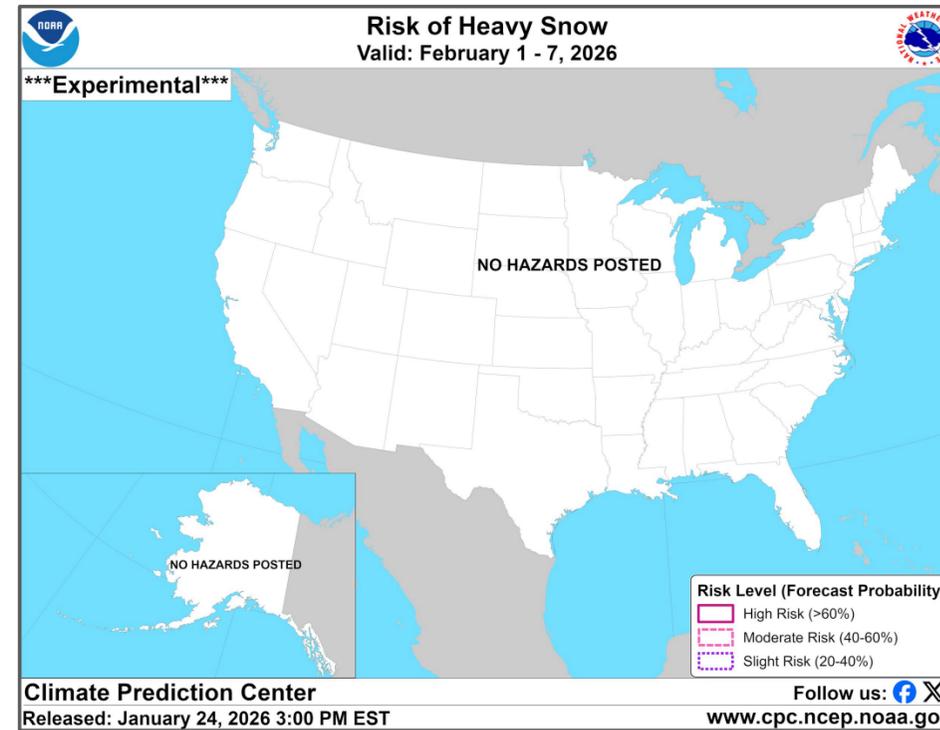
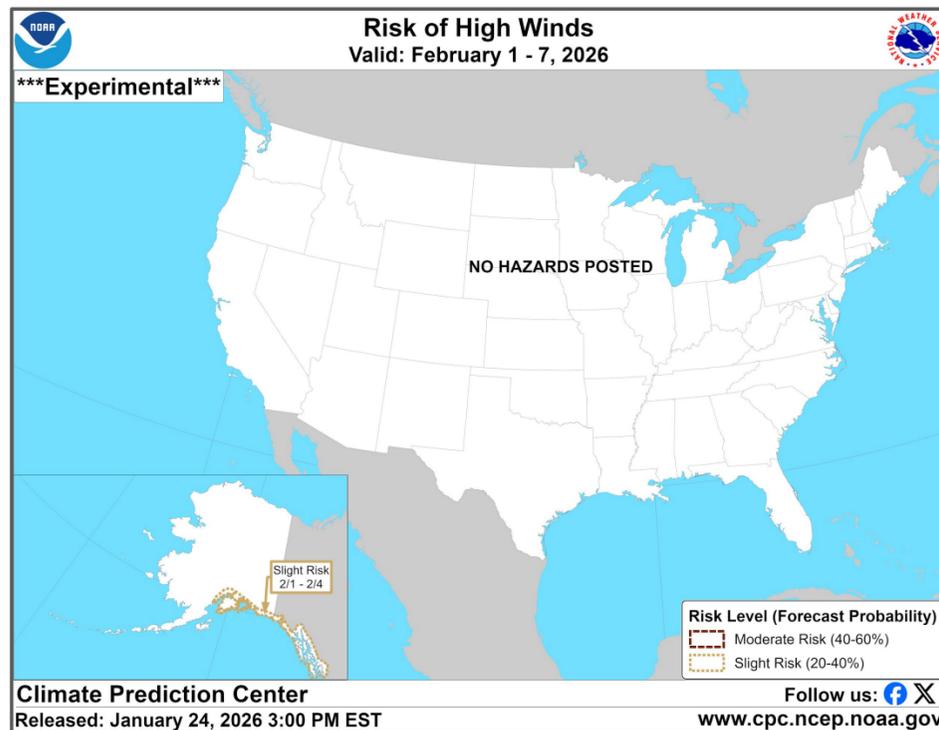
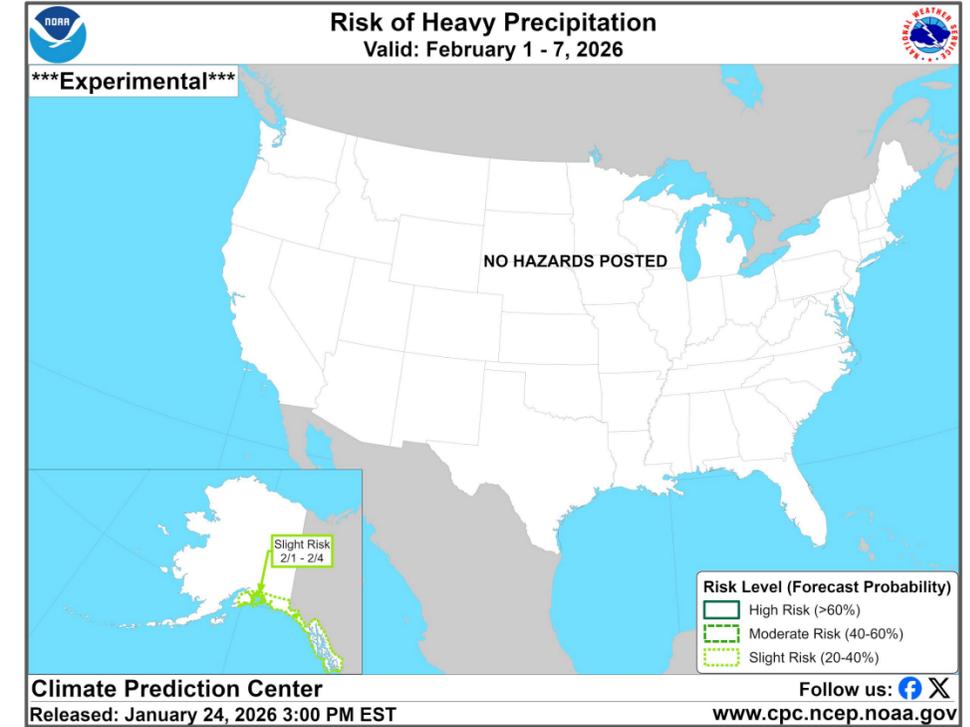
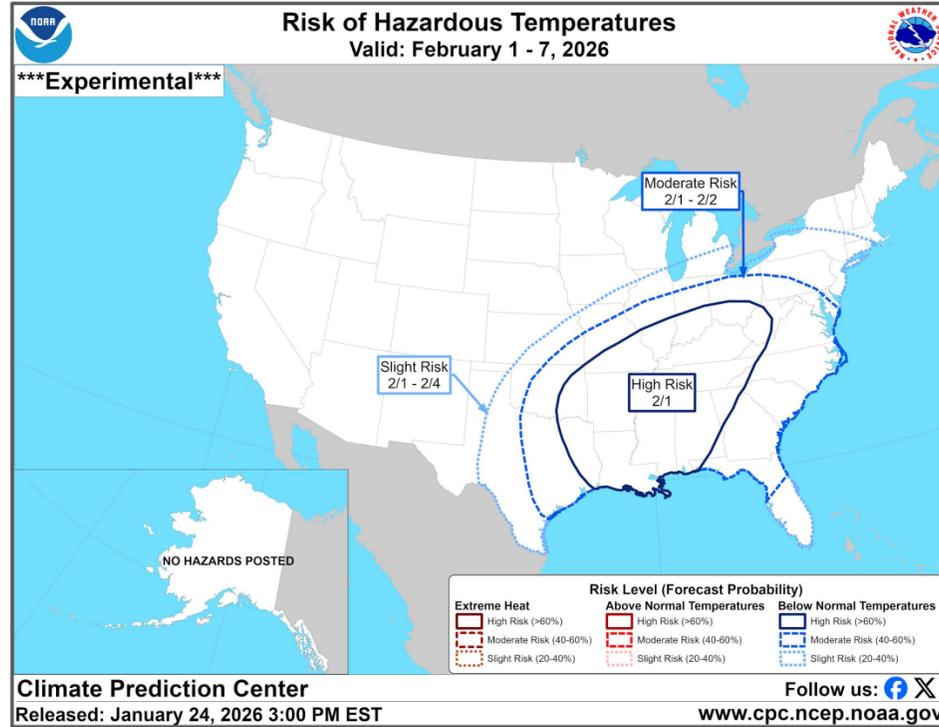
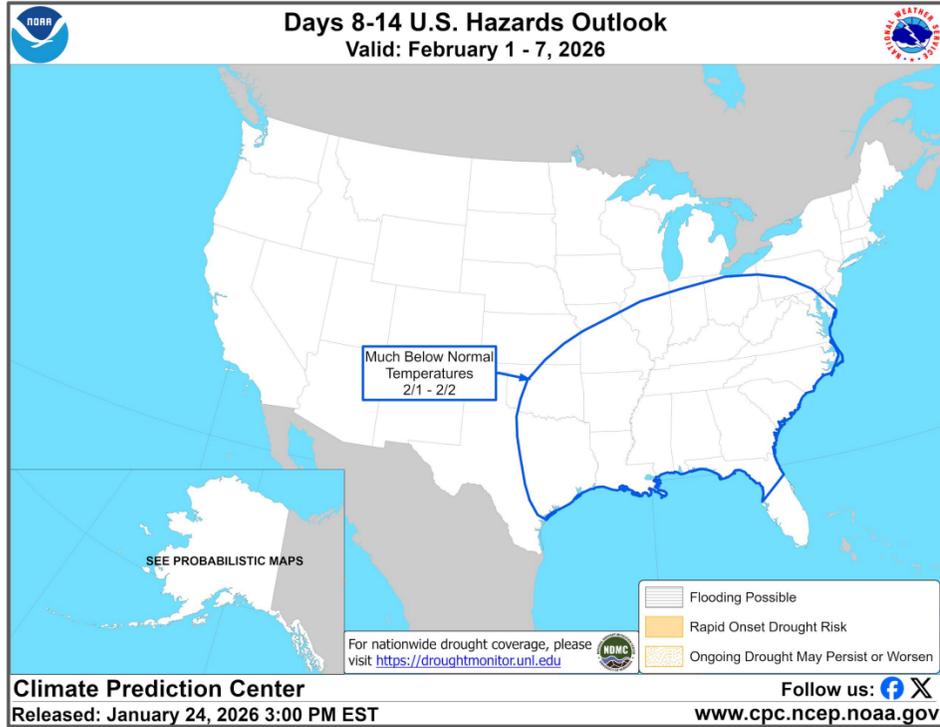


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





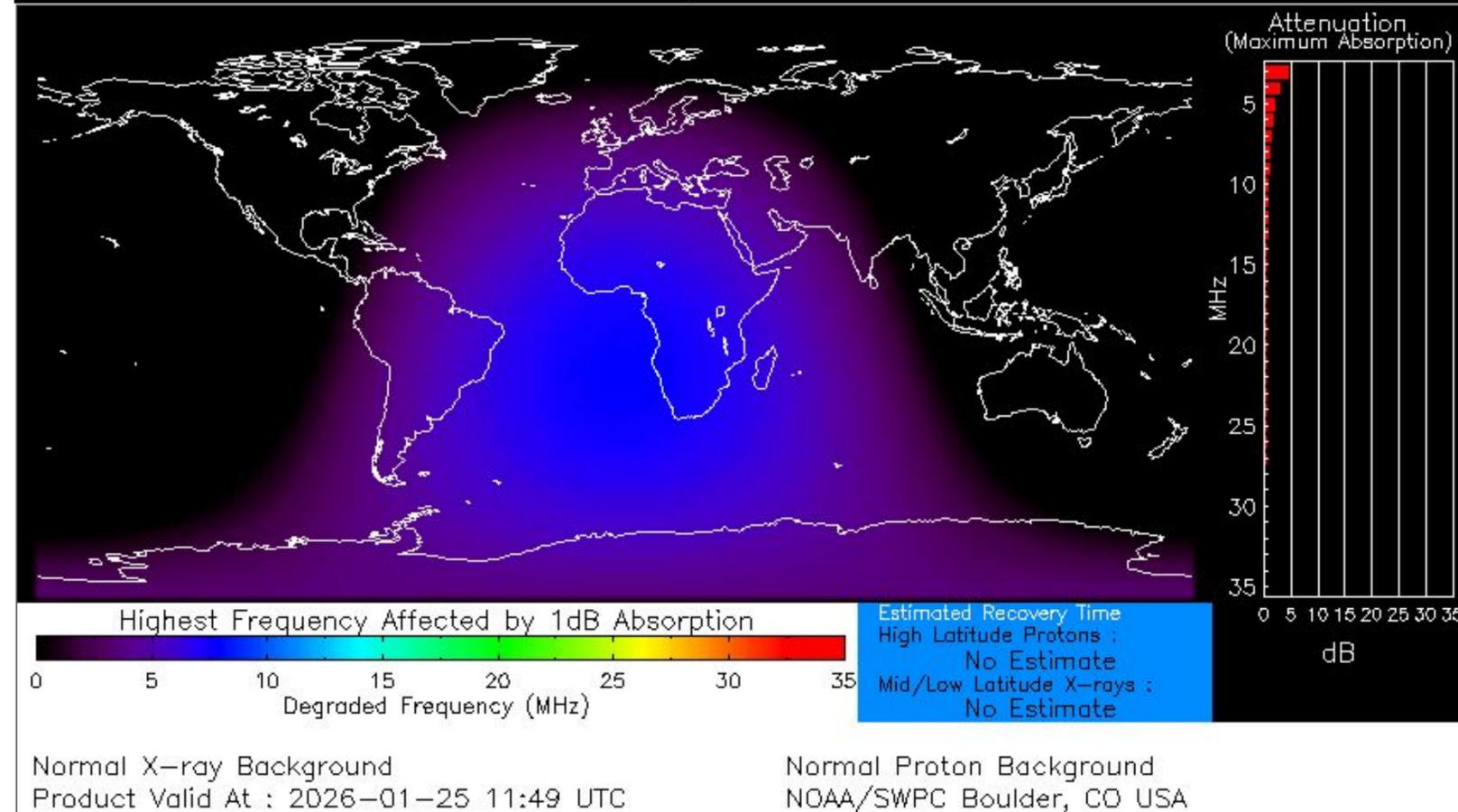
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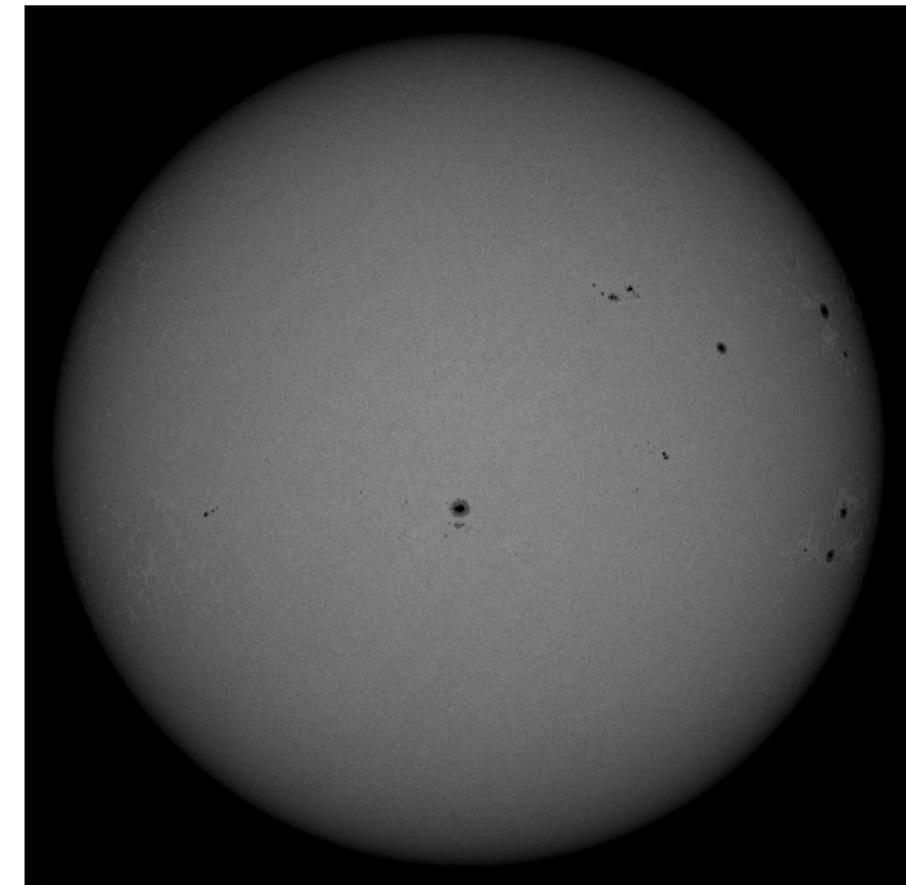
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Jan 25	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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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