



# FEMA



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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, January 26, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Winter Weather:**

- **Travel impacts from weekend will linger into Tuesday for FEMA 6.**
  - **Black ice and slick roads.**

- **Cold Temps:**

- **Temps in OK, AR, N LA, and N TX stay under freezing until Tuesday or Wednesday.**
- **Wind chills as cold as -15F to -20F this morning, and tomorrow morning.**
- **Temps begin to moderate Tuesday-Wednesday.**
- **Temps further moderate Thursday.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28	Thursday, Jan 29	Friday, Jan 30	Saturday, Jan 31	Sunday, Feb 1
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather	OK, AR, TX, LA (Cold/Black Ice)	OK, TX, AR, LA (Cold/Black Ice)	Cold, but temps moderate				
Fire Weather							
River Flooding							

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

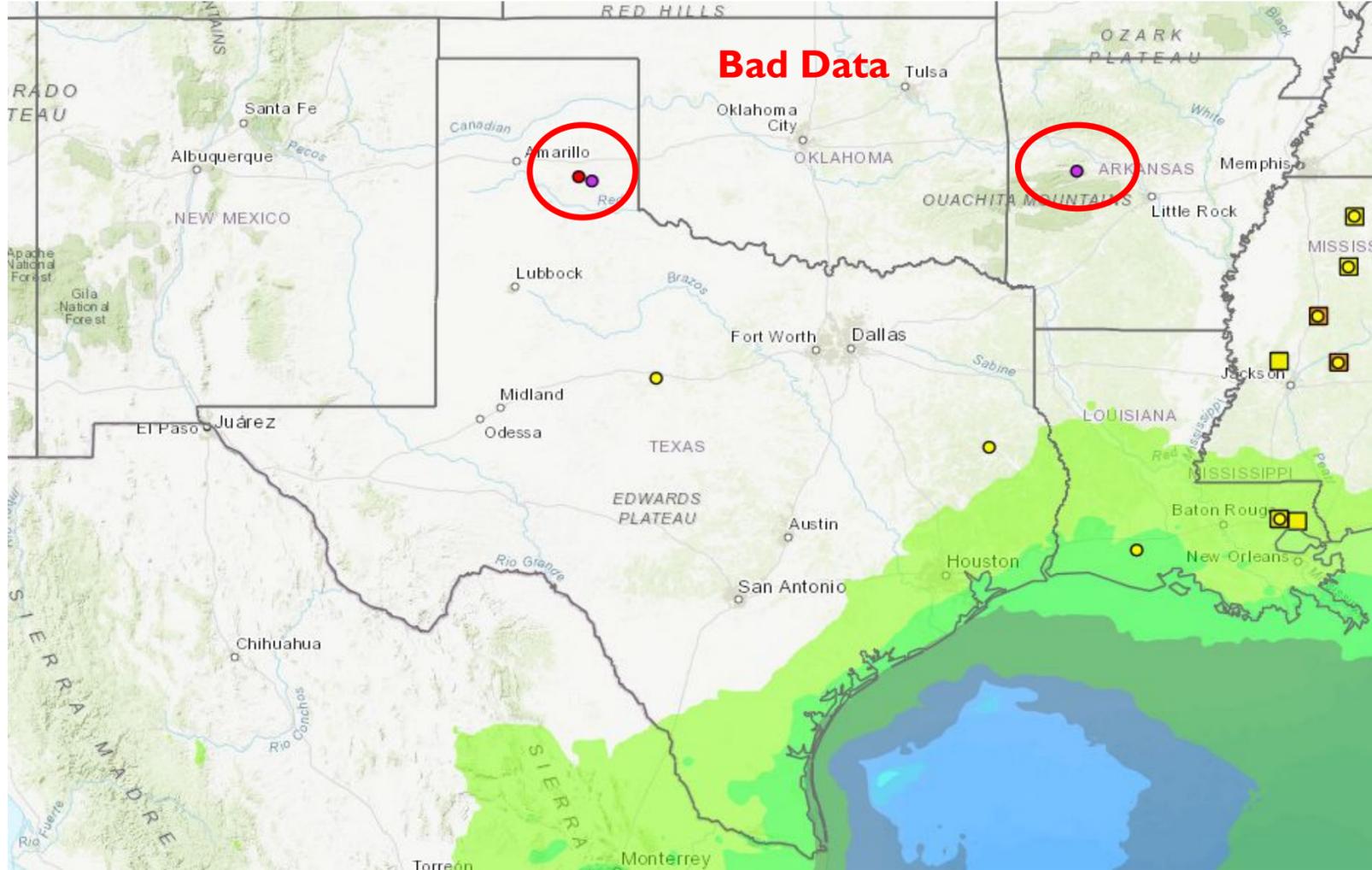
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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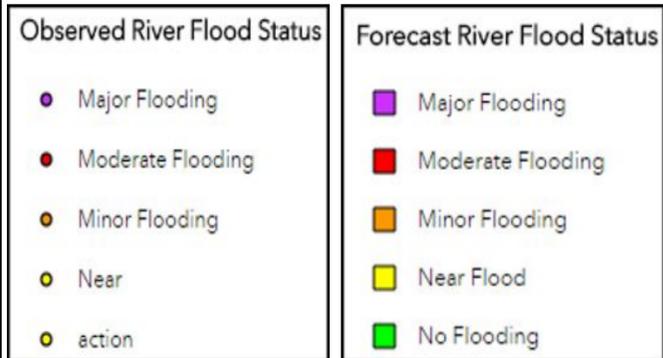


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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.**

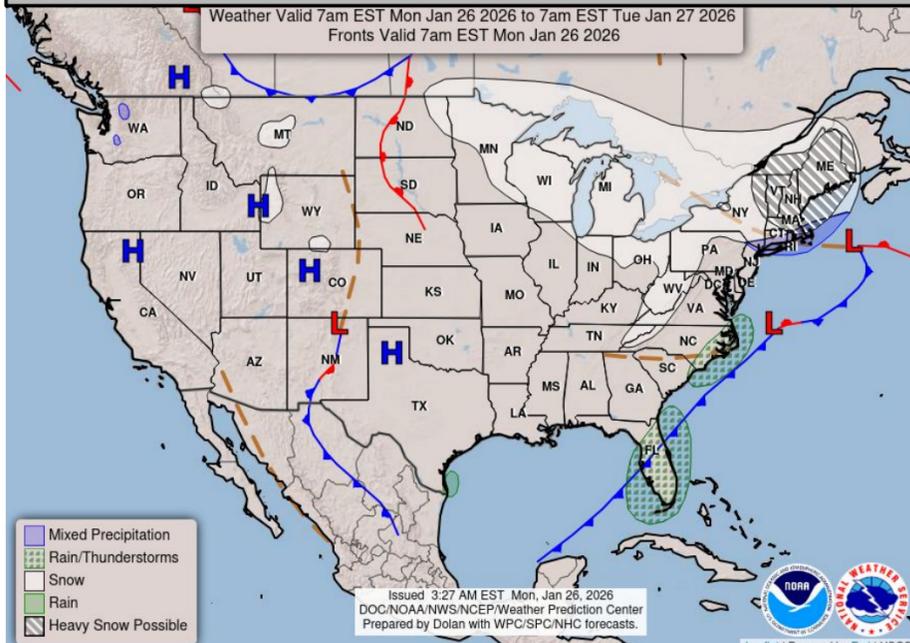


Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.

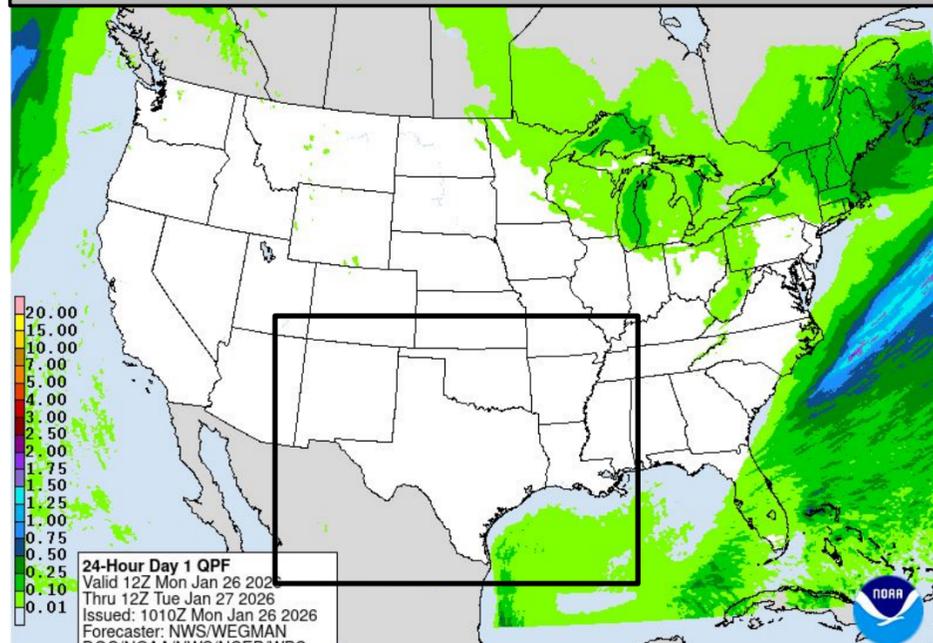


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



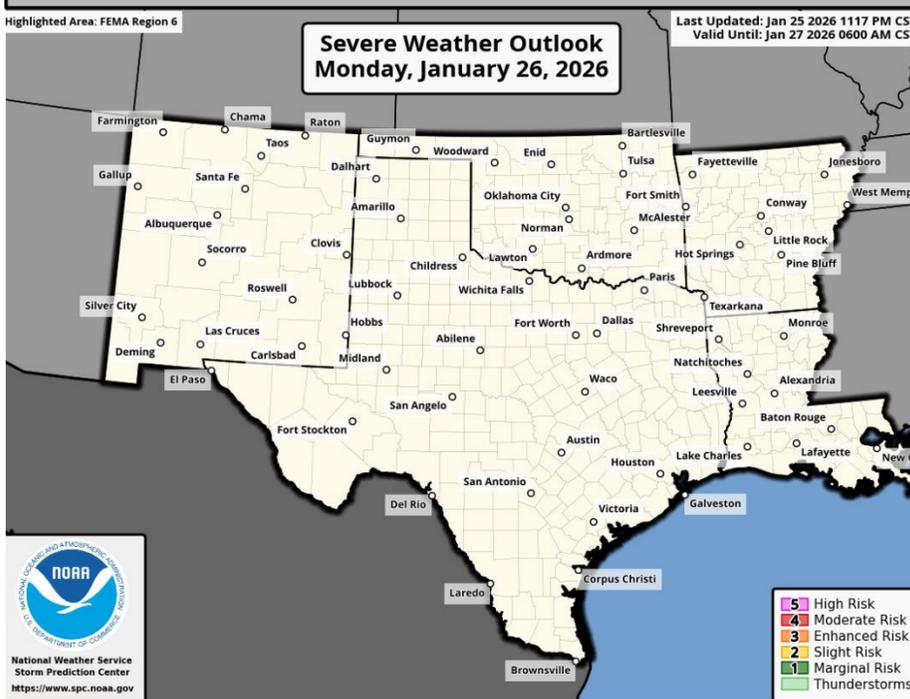
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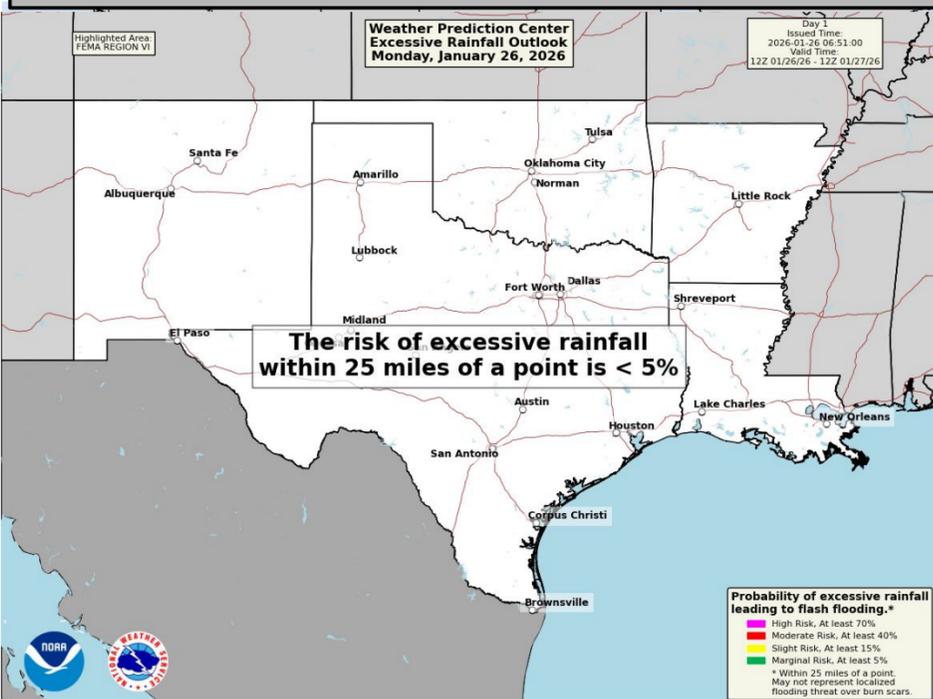
**Minor (level 2 of 5) travel impacts may linger. Black ice on roads.**

**Morning lows near 0, with wind chills as cold as -15°F to -20°F for portions of OK, AR, N TX, and LA.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

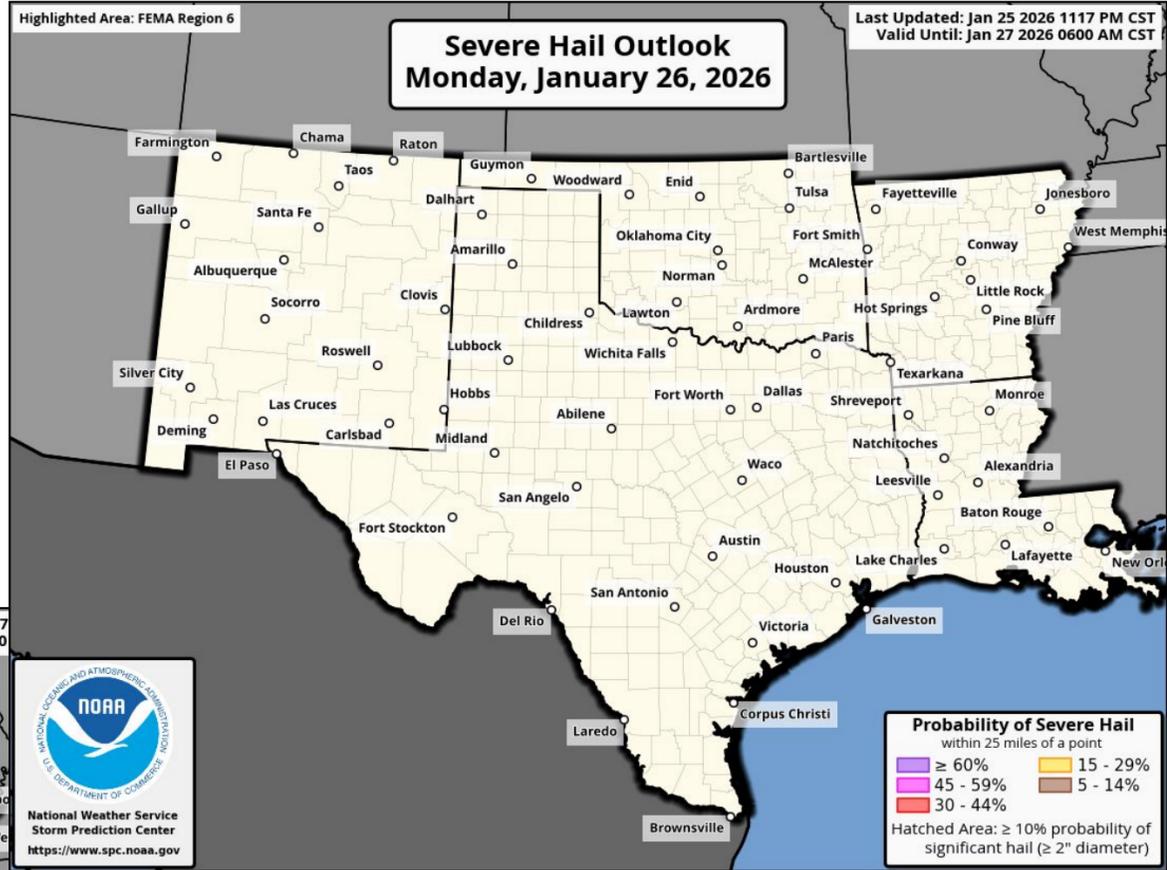
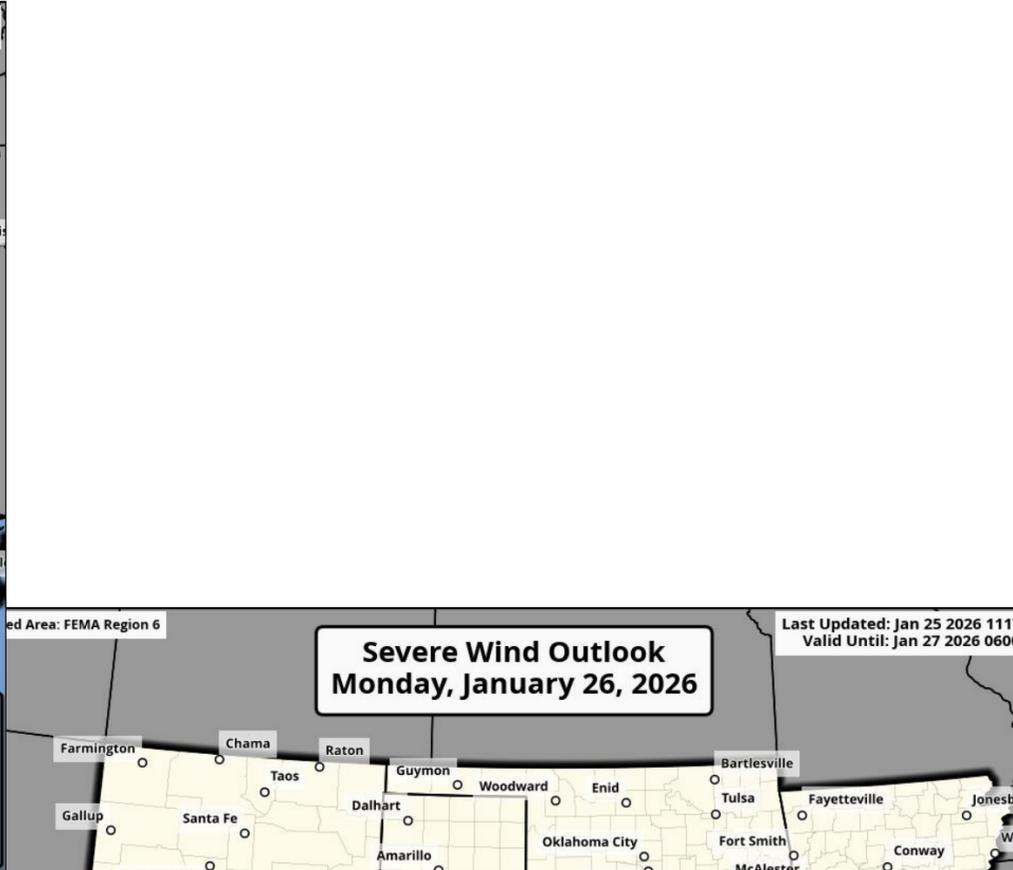
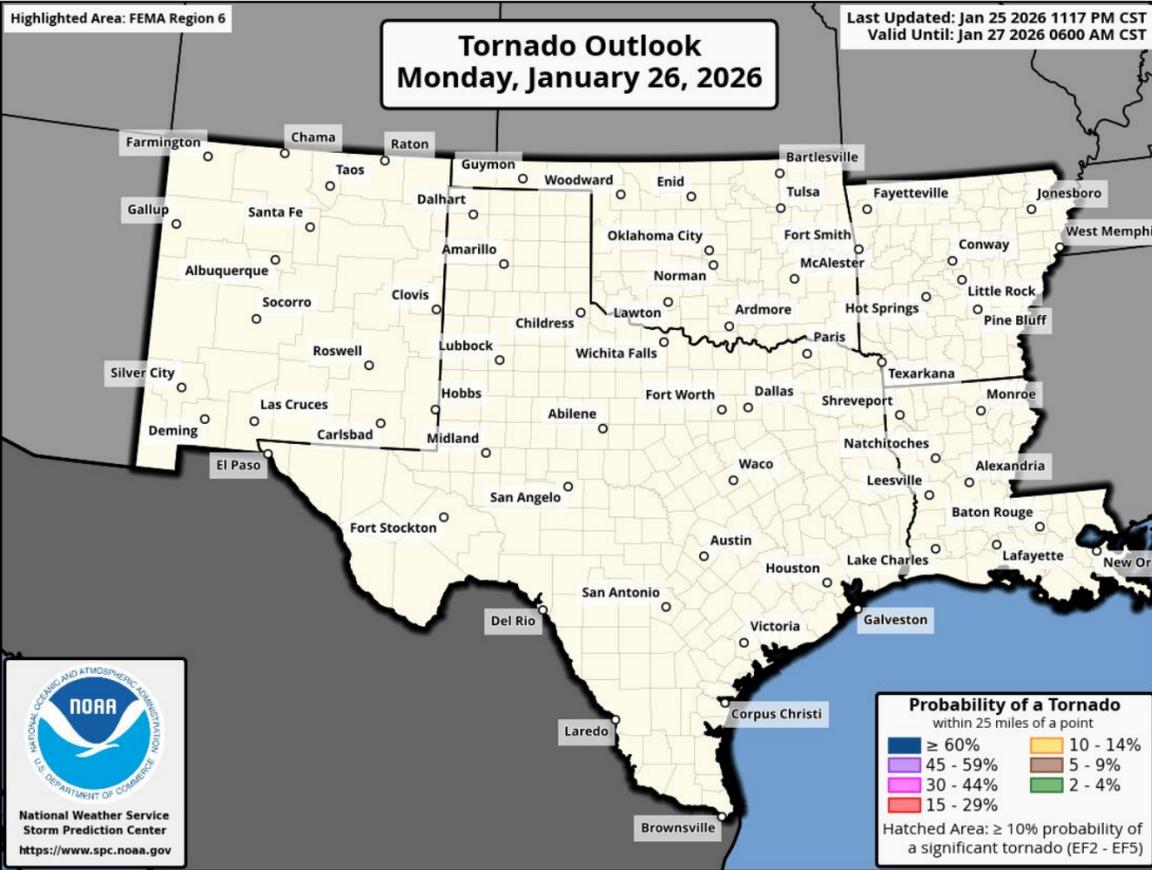


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days



## Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Thursday January 29th, 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

Graphic Created  
January 26th, 2026  
5:20 AM CST



## Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Thursday January 29th, 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

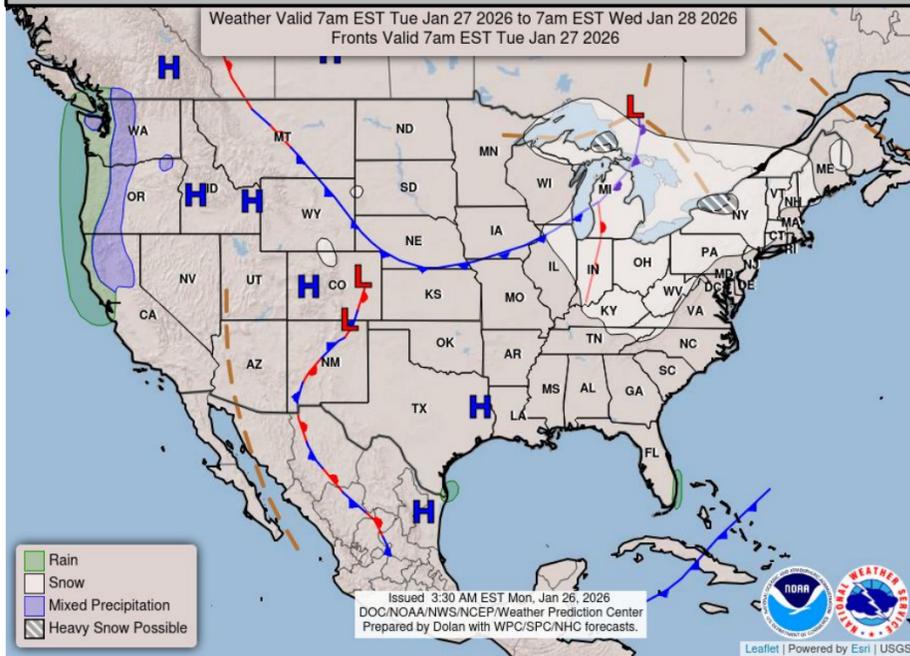
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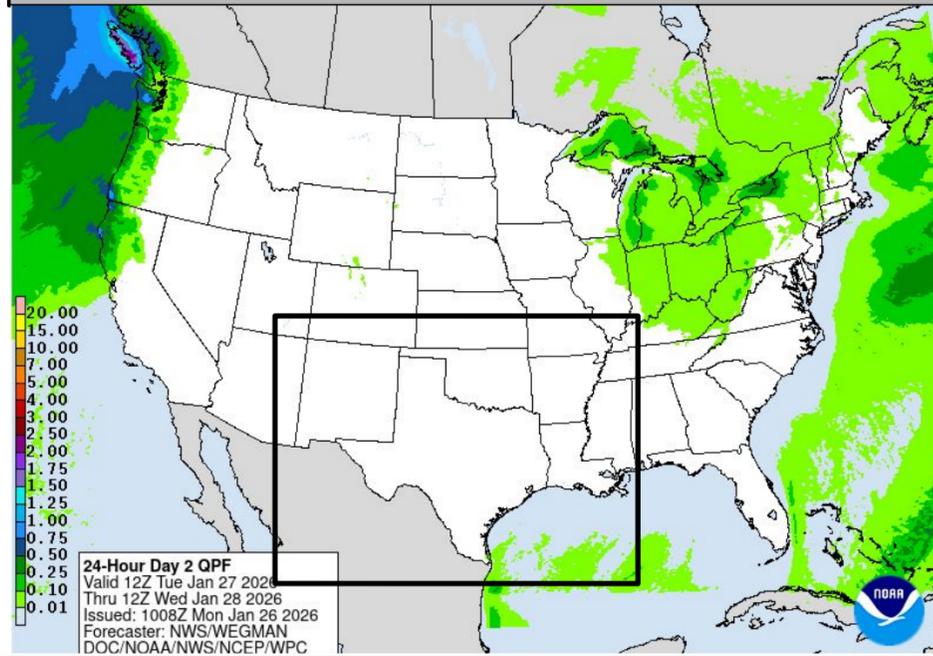


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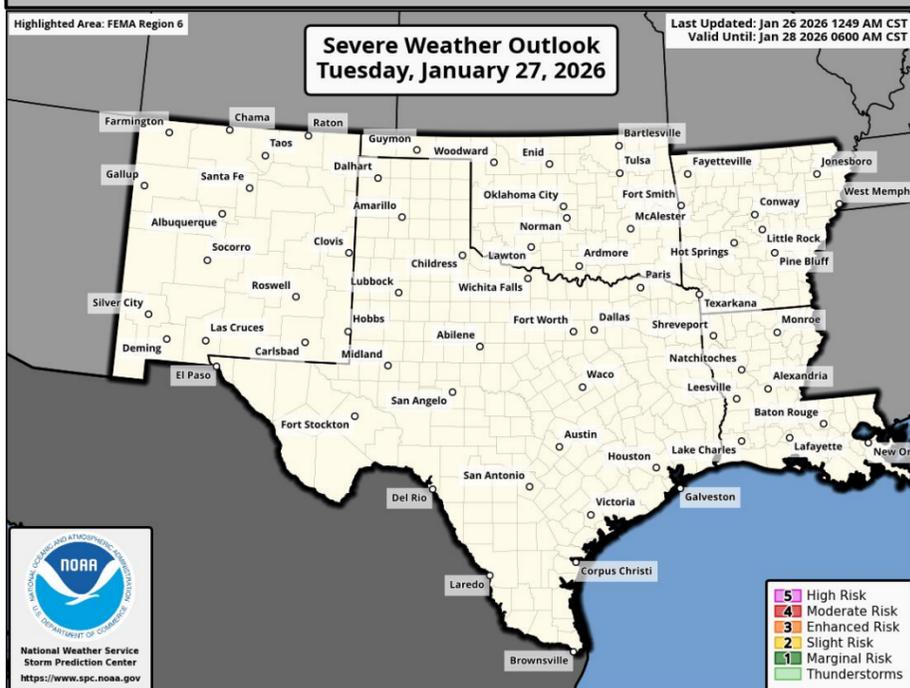
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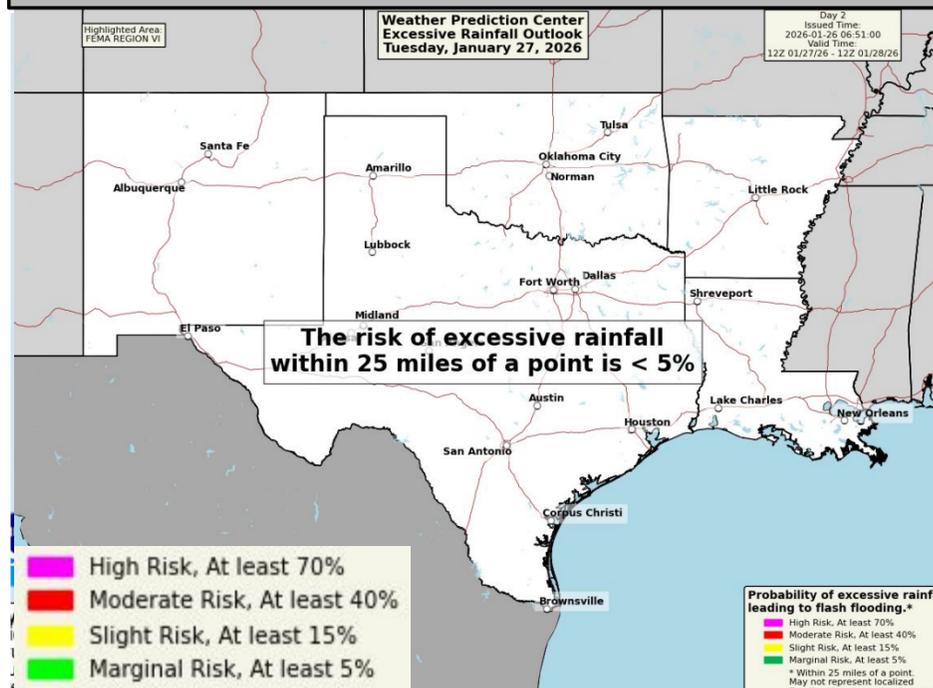
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

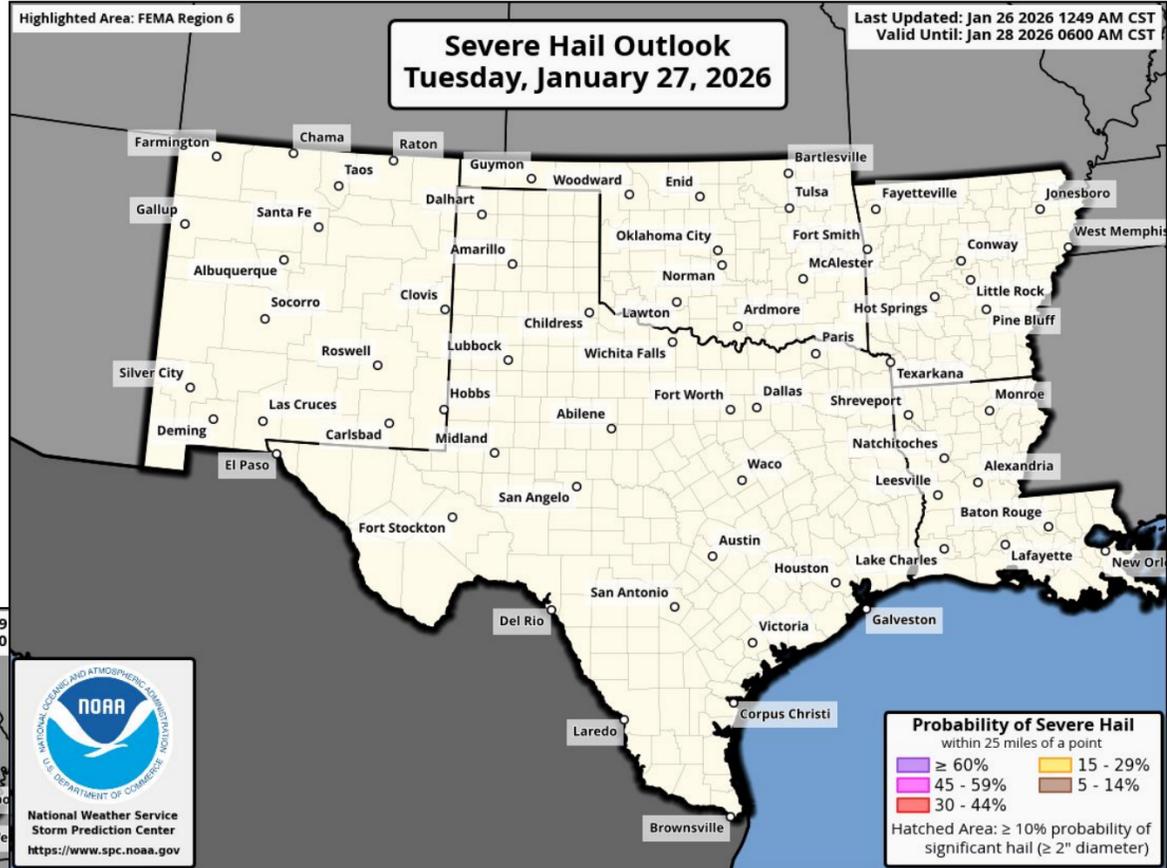
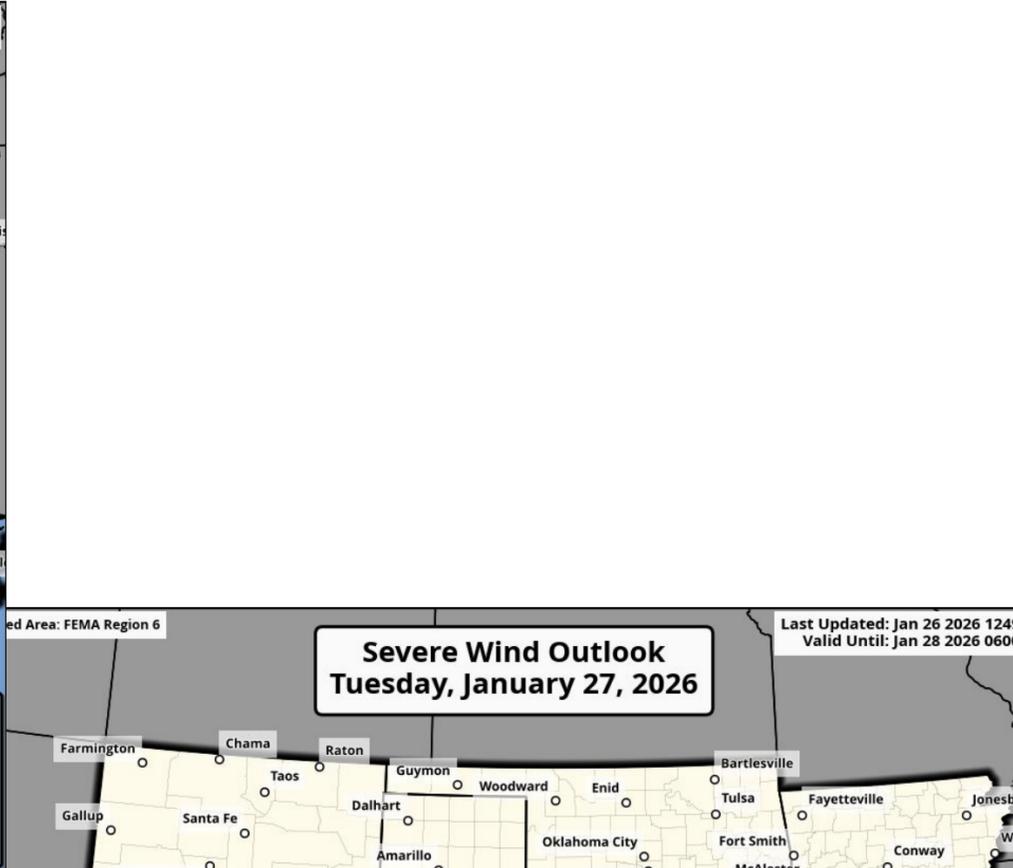
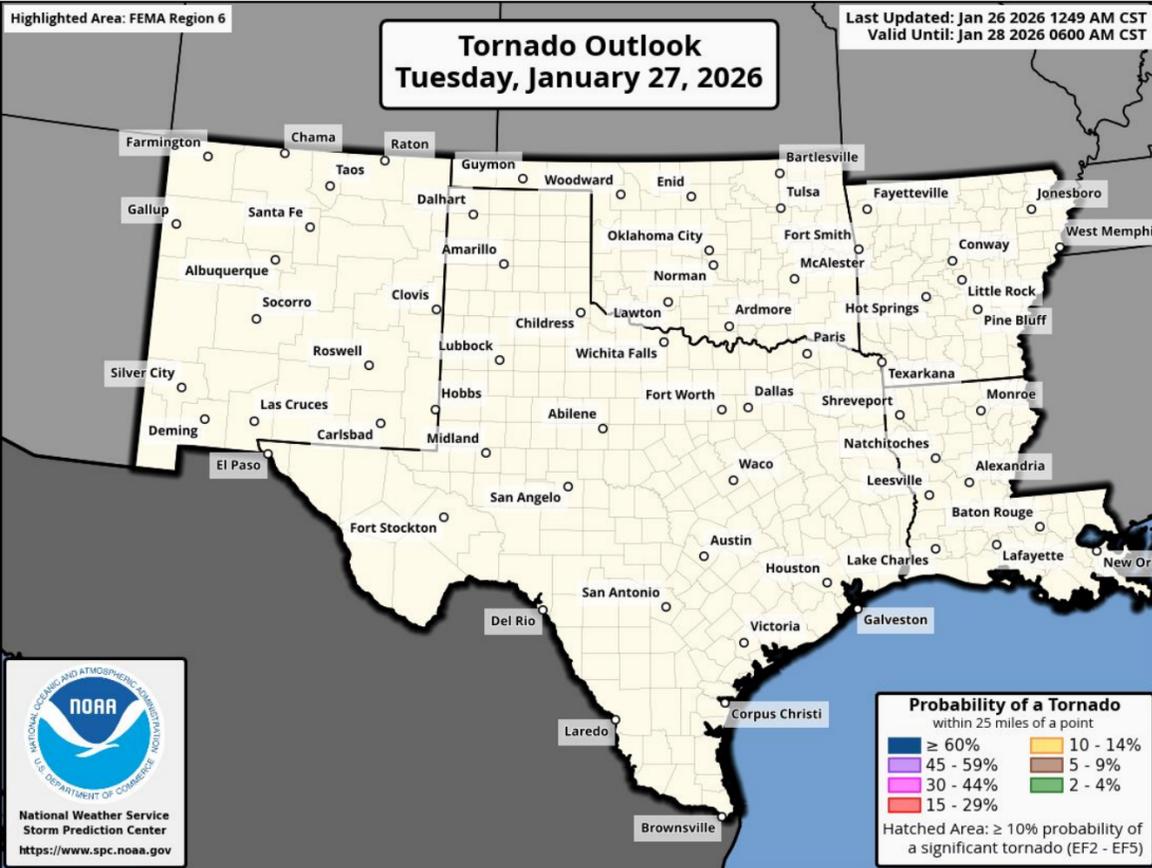


**Morning lows near 0, with wind chills as cold as -15°F for portions of OK, AR, N TX, and LA. Black ice on roads.**

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



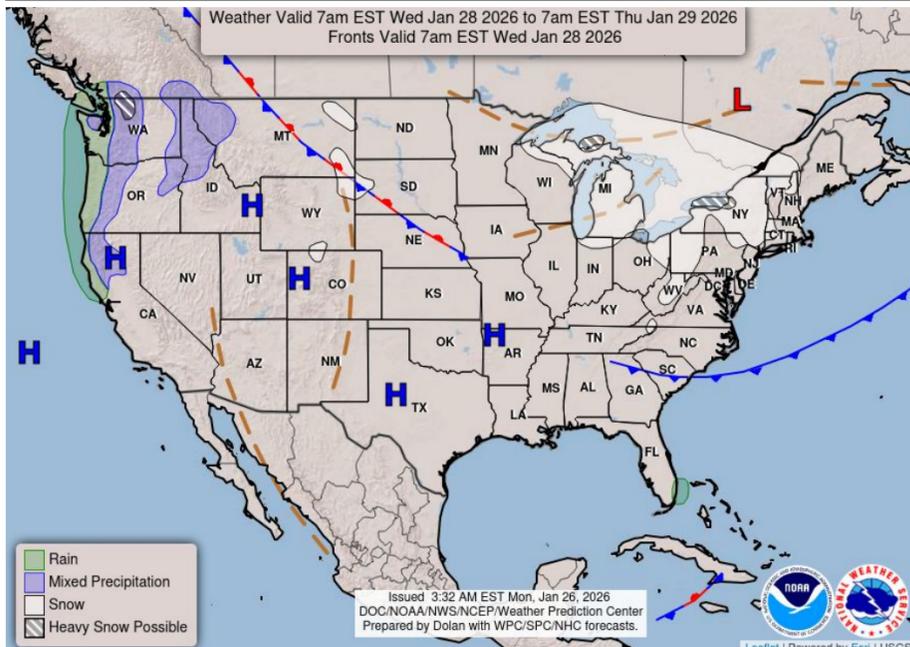
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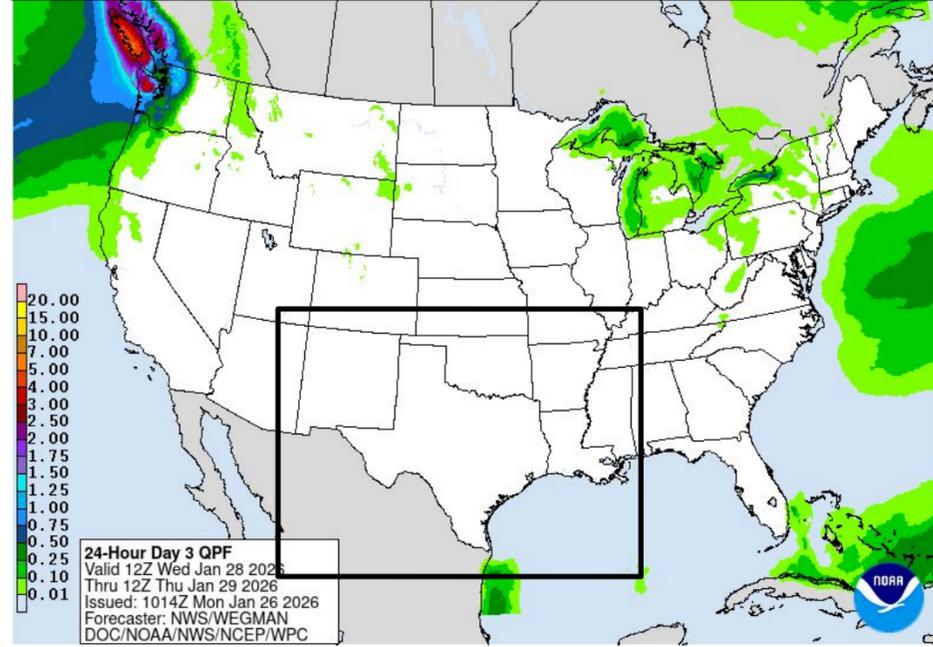


# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

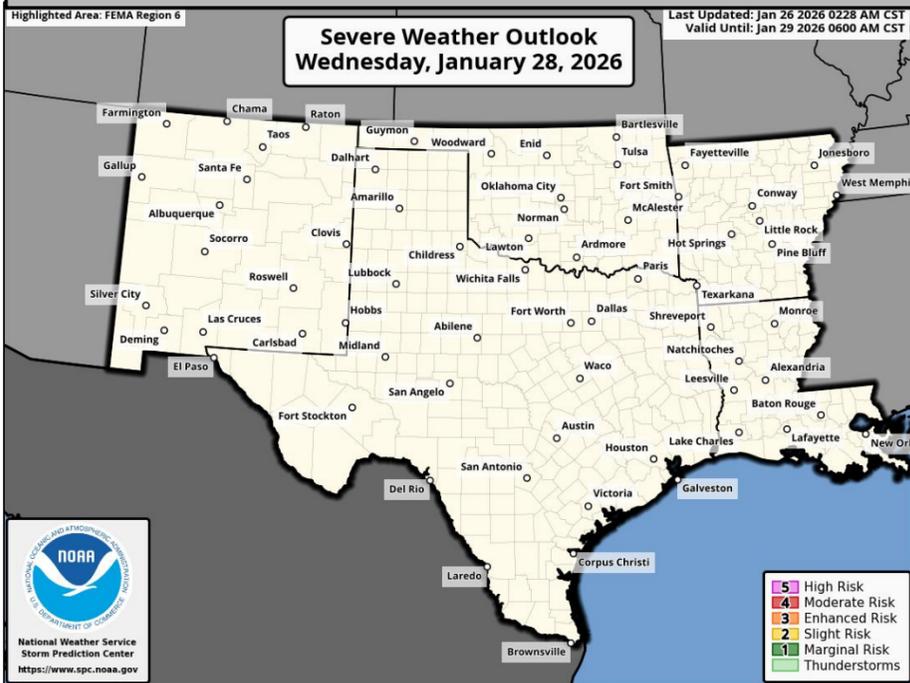


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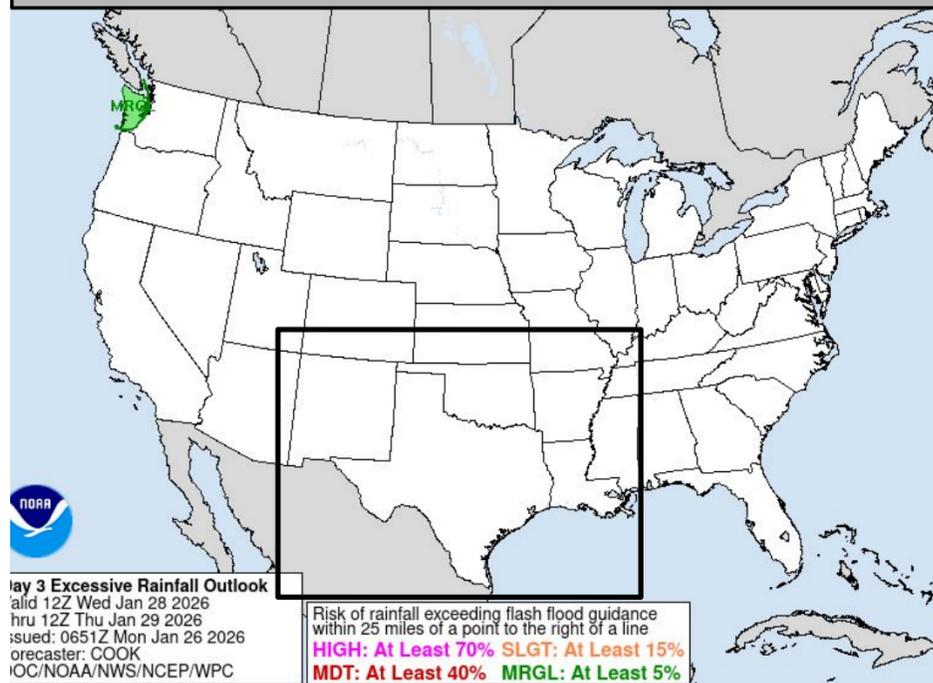


**Afternoon temps across FEMA 6 continue to moderate. Highs in the mid 40's for C-N TX, S AR, LA. Some areas near 50°F.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



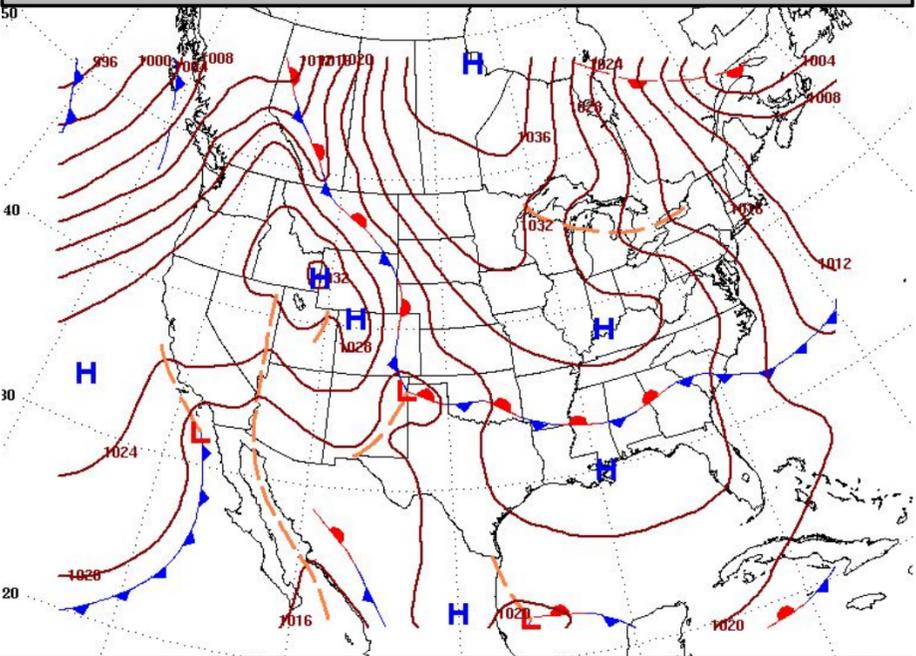
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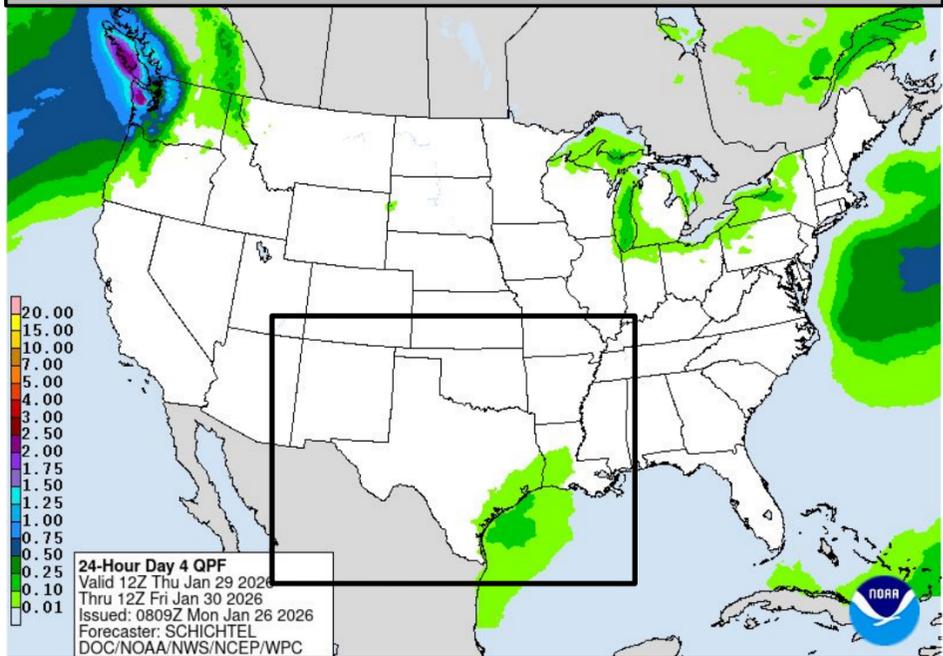


# Thursday's Weather

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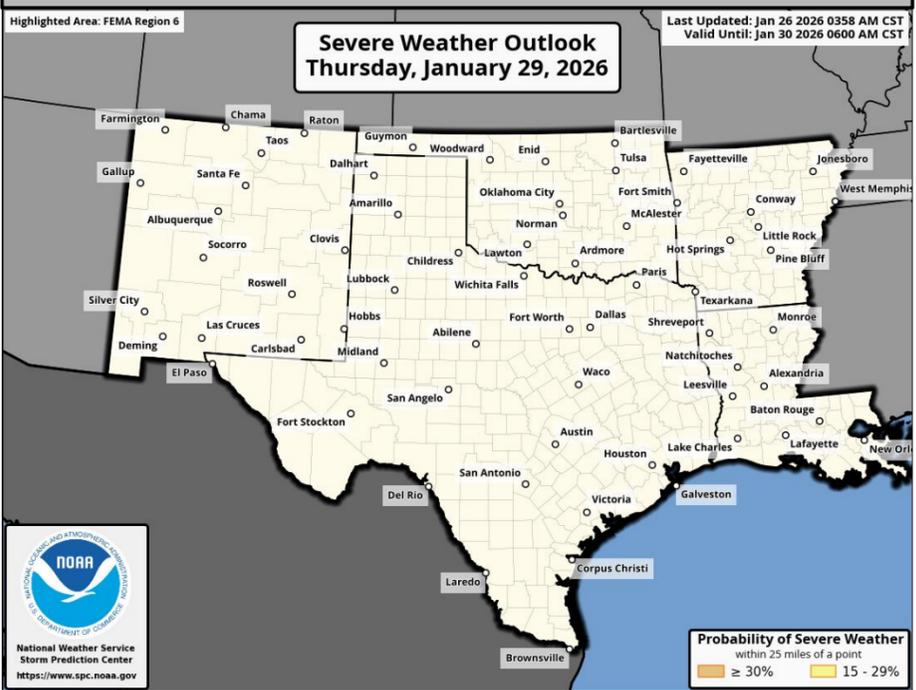


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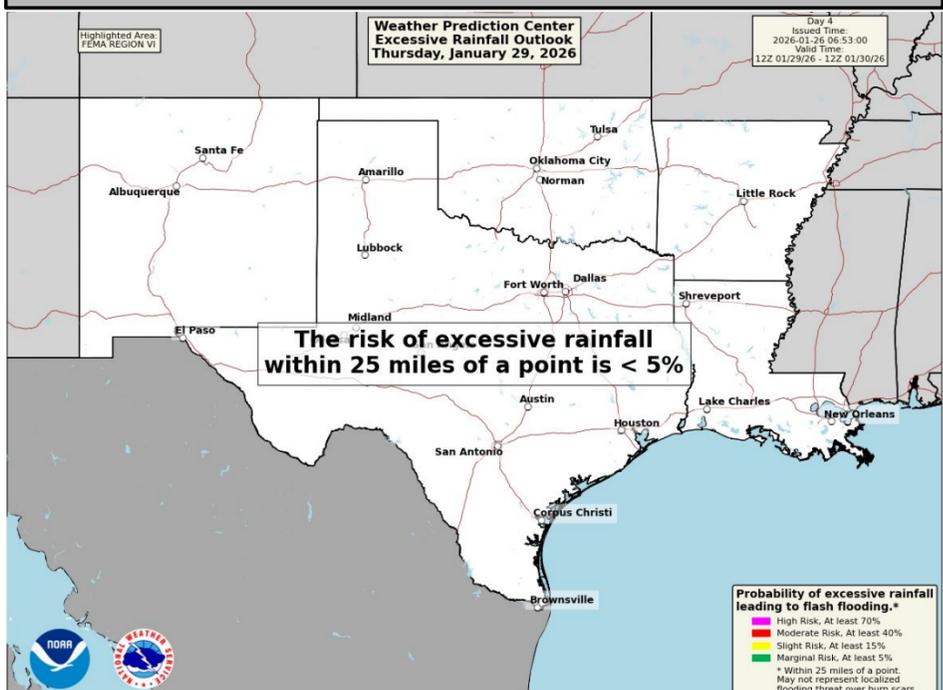


**Afternoon highs continue to moderate across FEMA 6.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



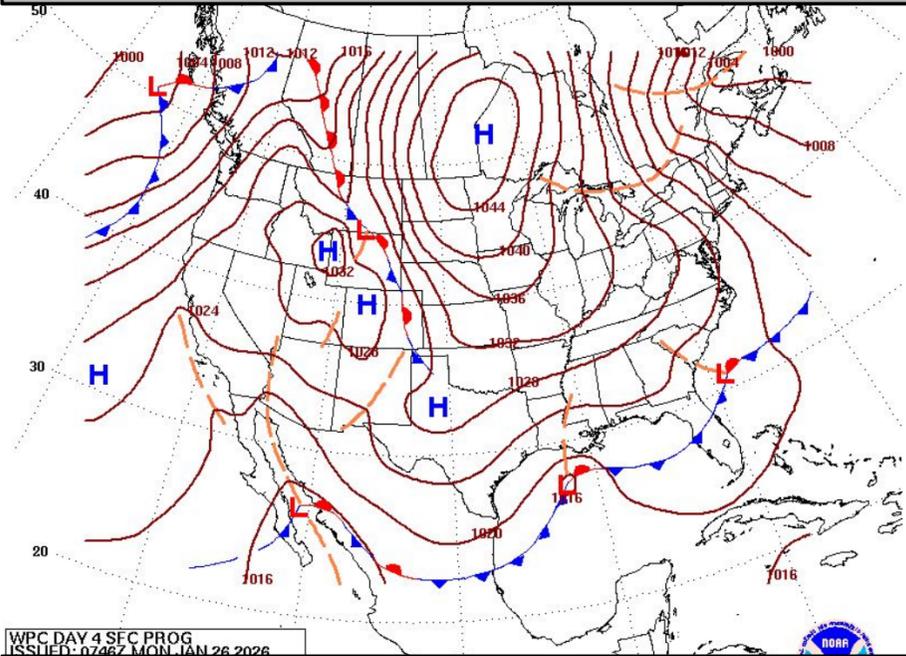
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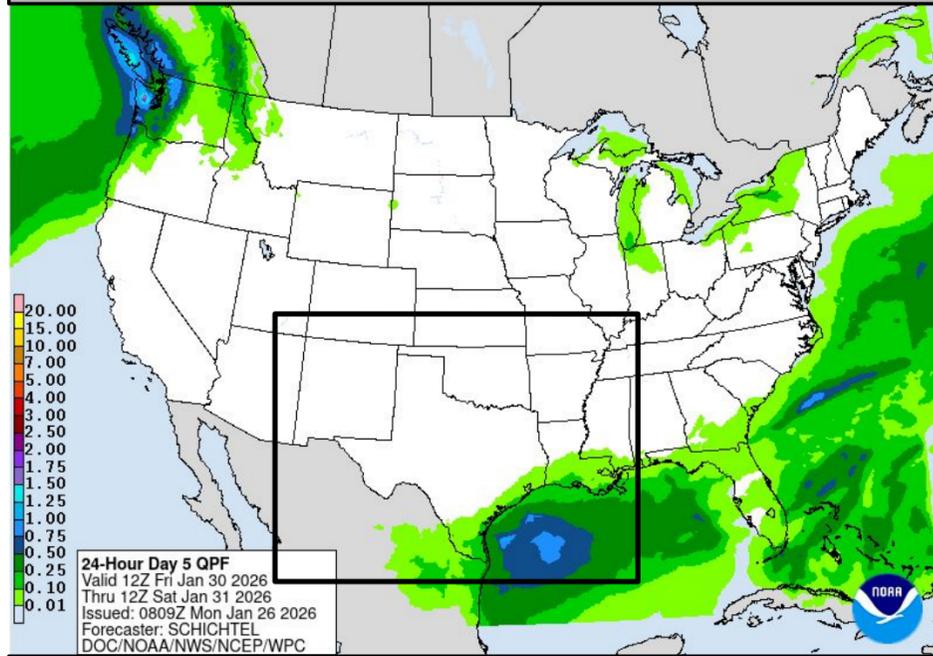
# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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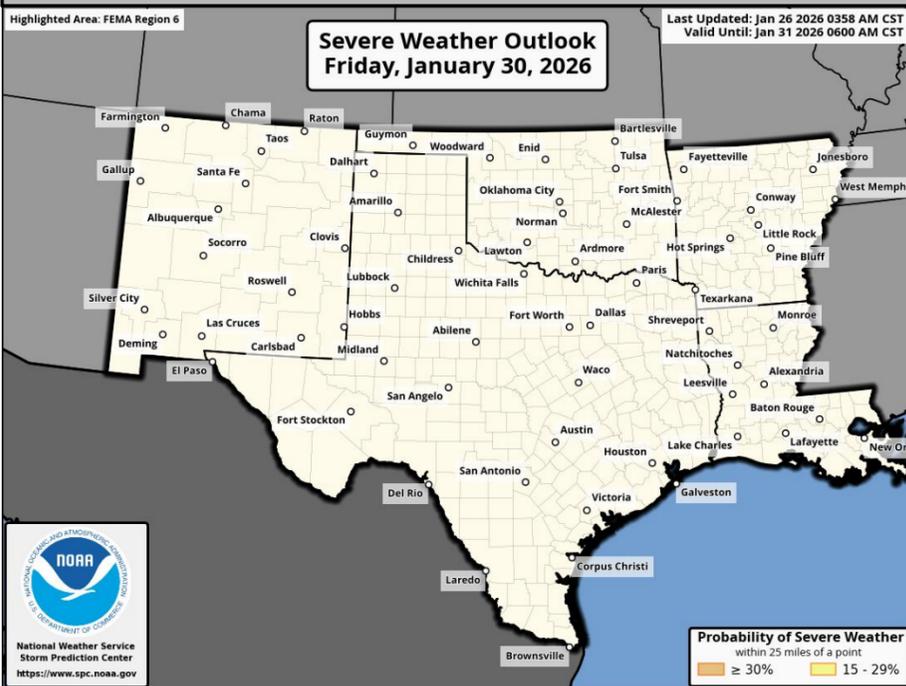
## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Fri Jan 30 2026  
Thru 12Z Sat Jan 31 2026  
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

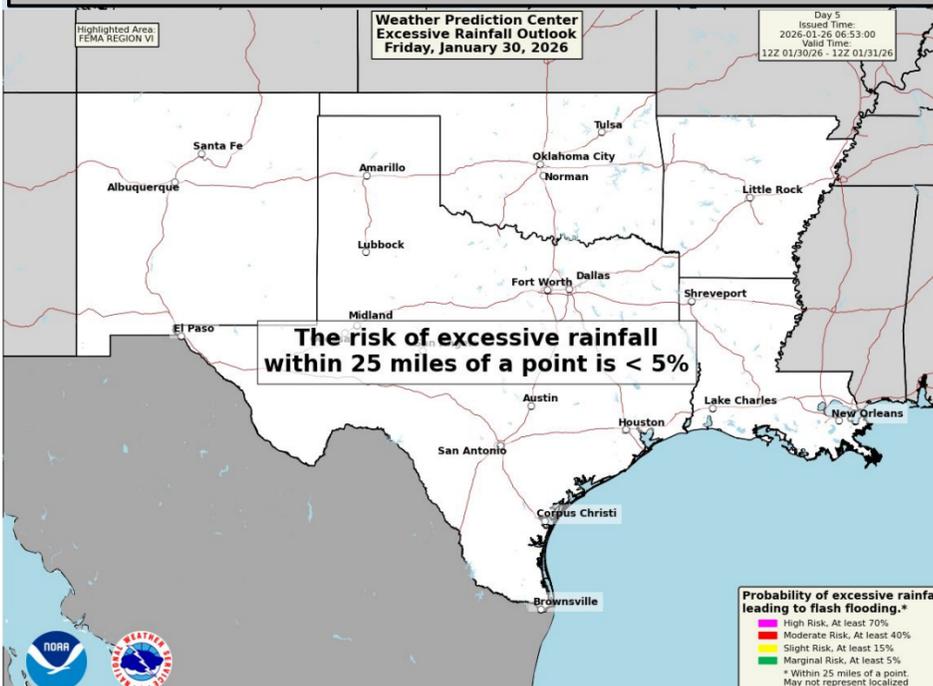


Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, January 30, 2026

Last Updated: Jan 26 2026 0358 AM CST  
Valid Until: Jan 31 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  
Friday, January 30, 2026

Day 5  
Issued Time: 2026-01-26 06:53:00  
Valid Time: 12Z 01/30/26 - 12Z 01/31/26

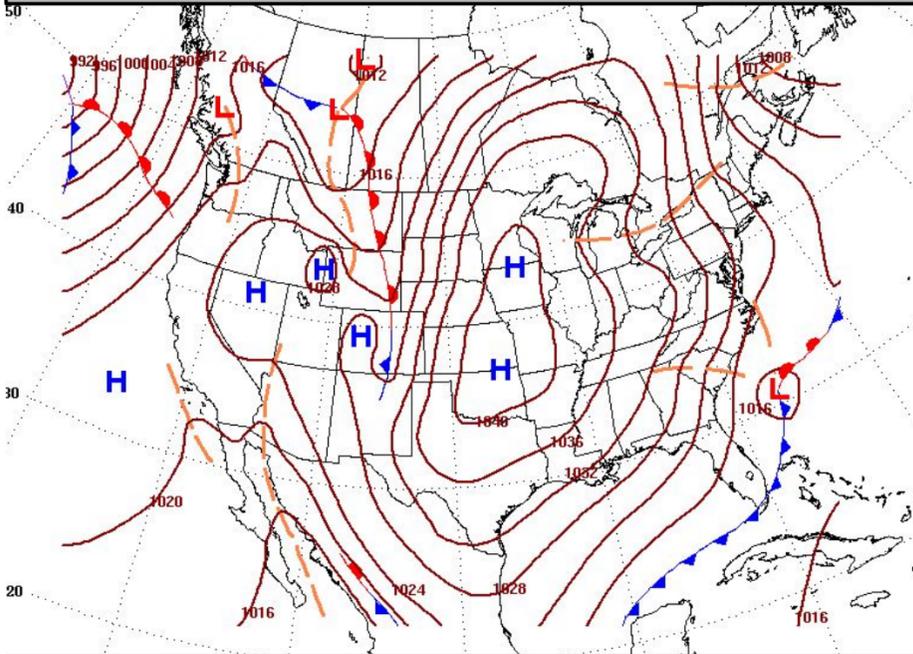
The risk of excessive rainfall  
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

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.

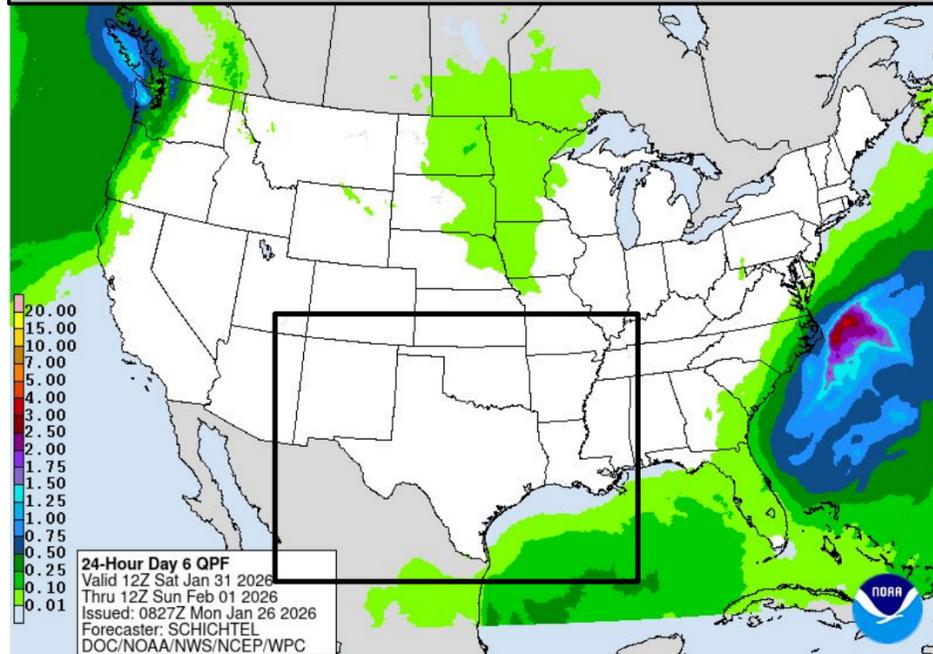


# Saturday's Weather

### Forecast Chart

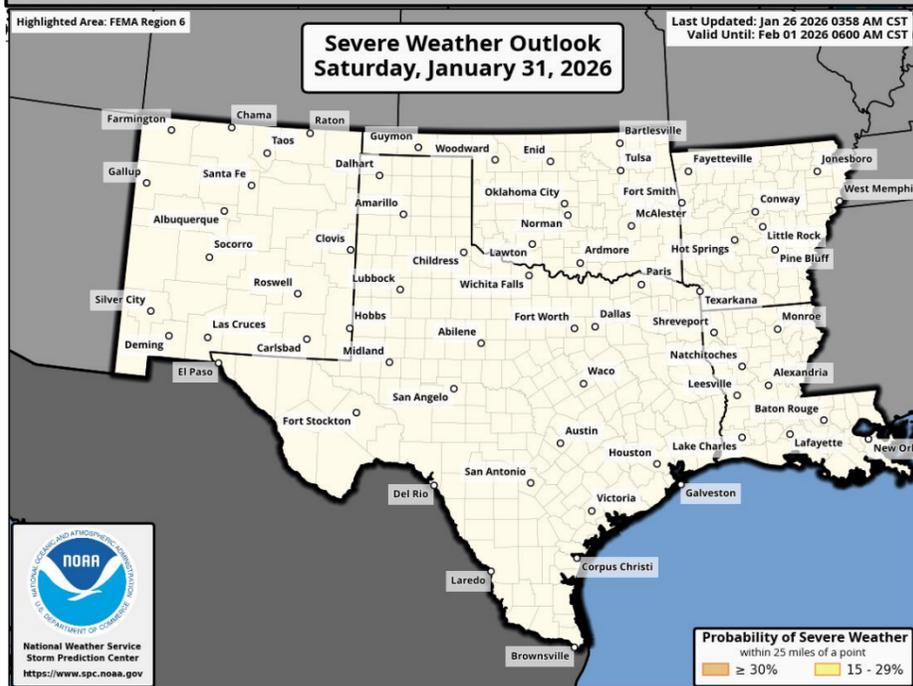


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

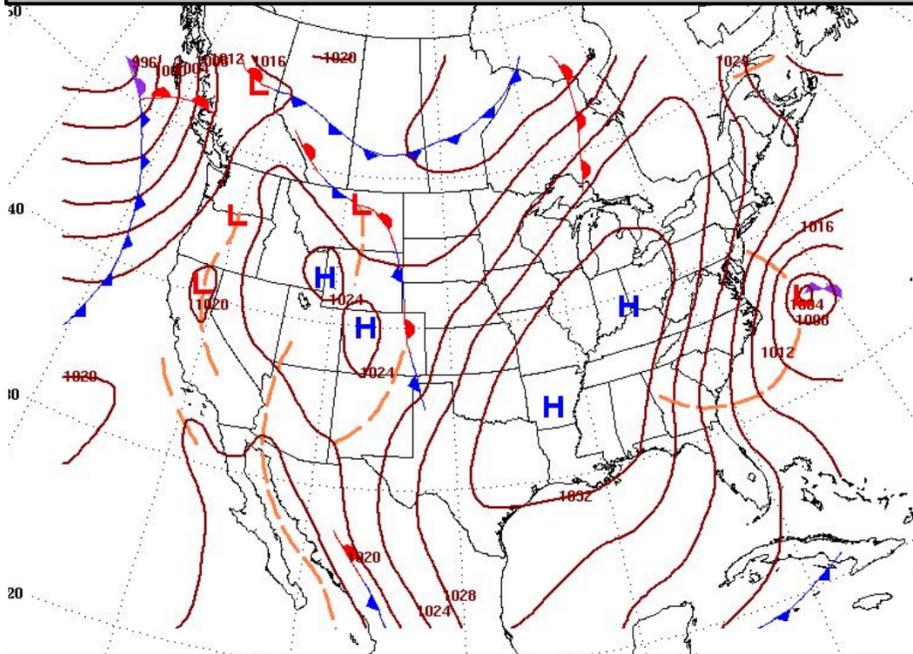


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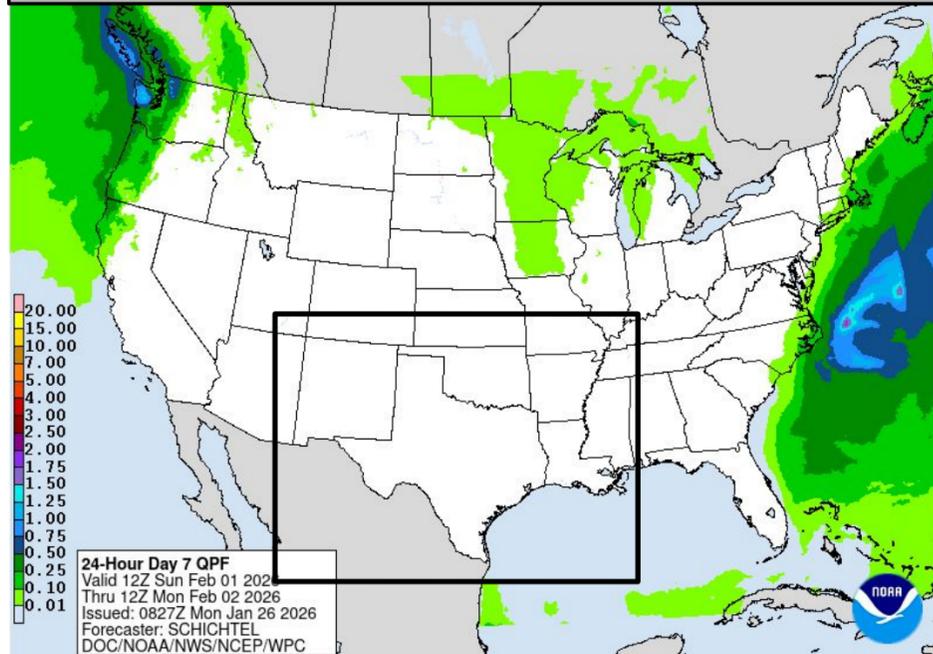


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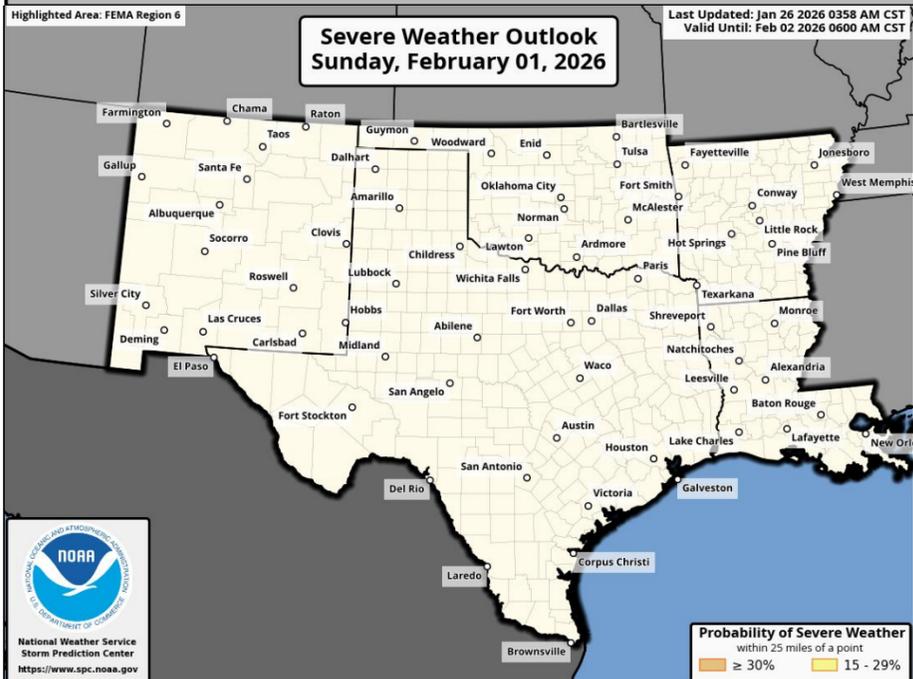


### Forecast Rainfall



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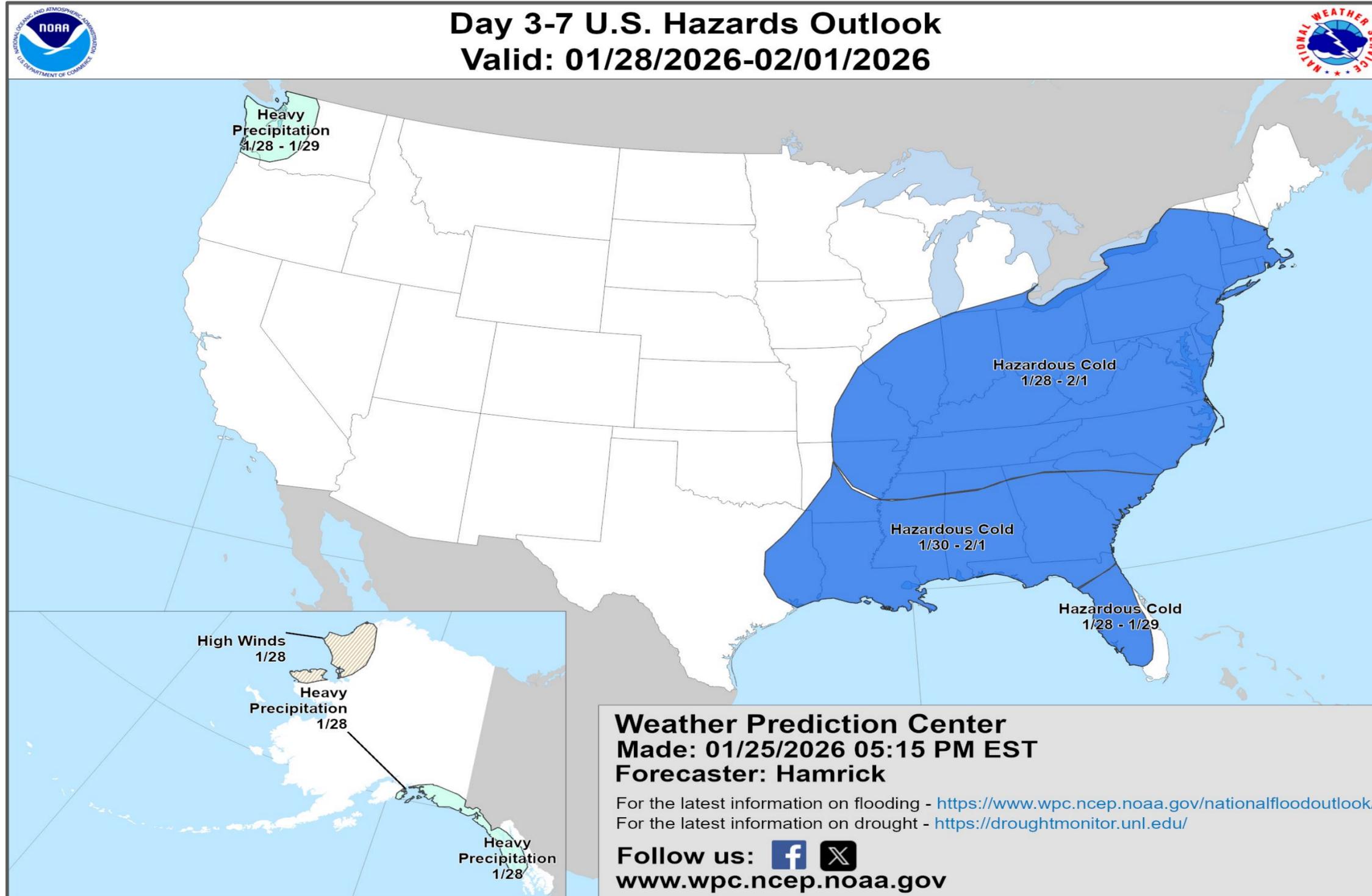
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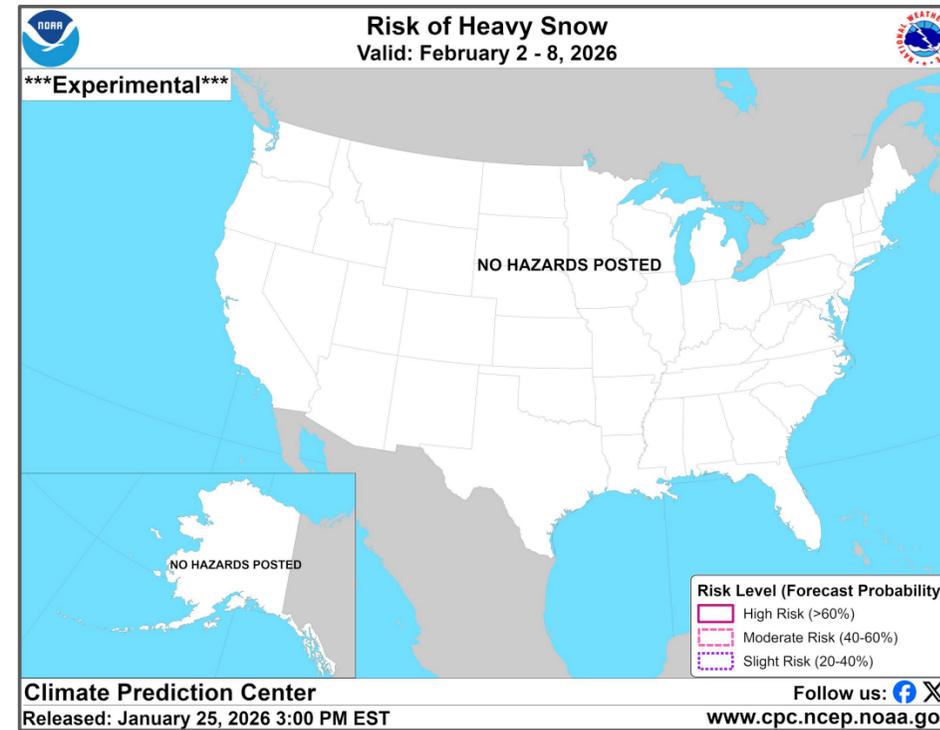
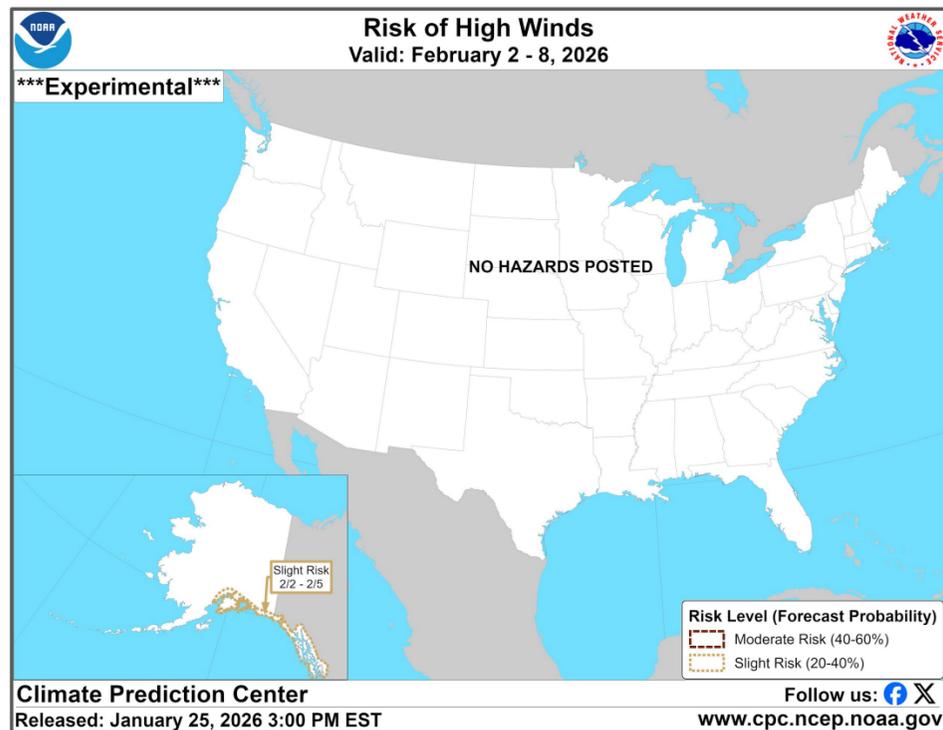
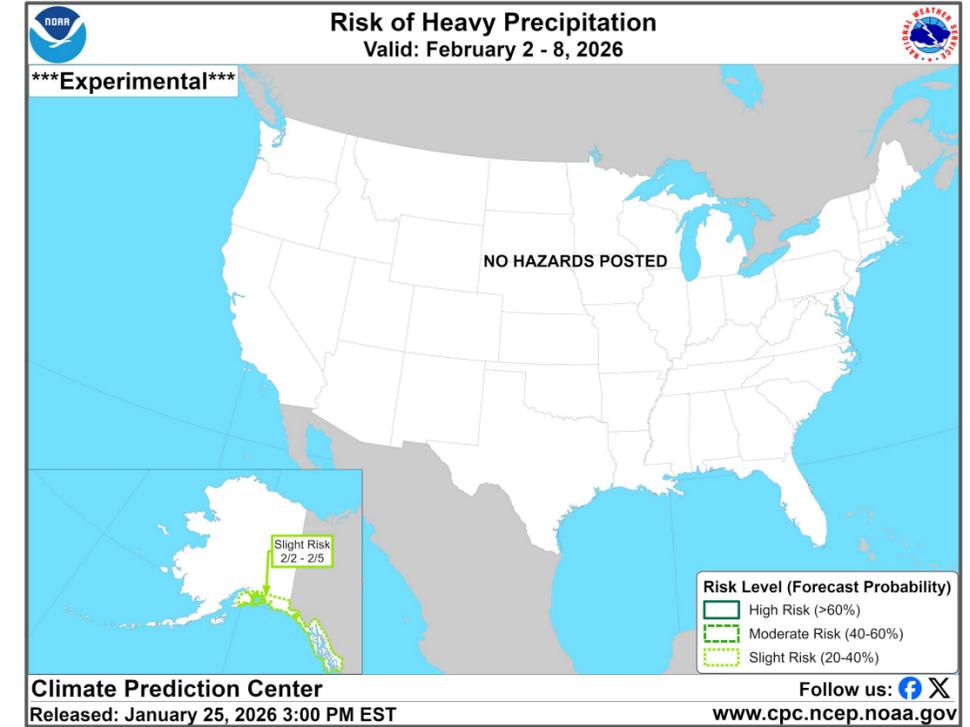
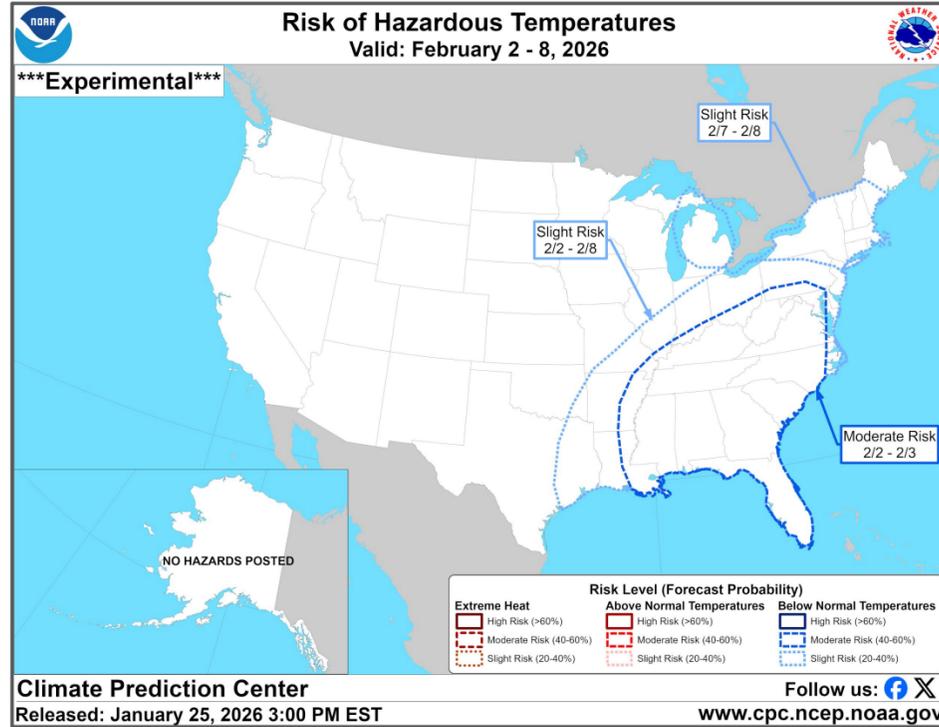
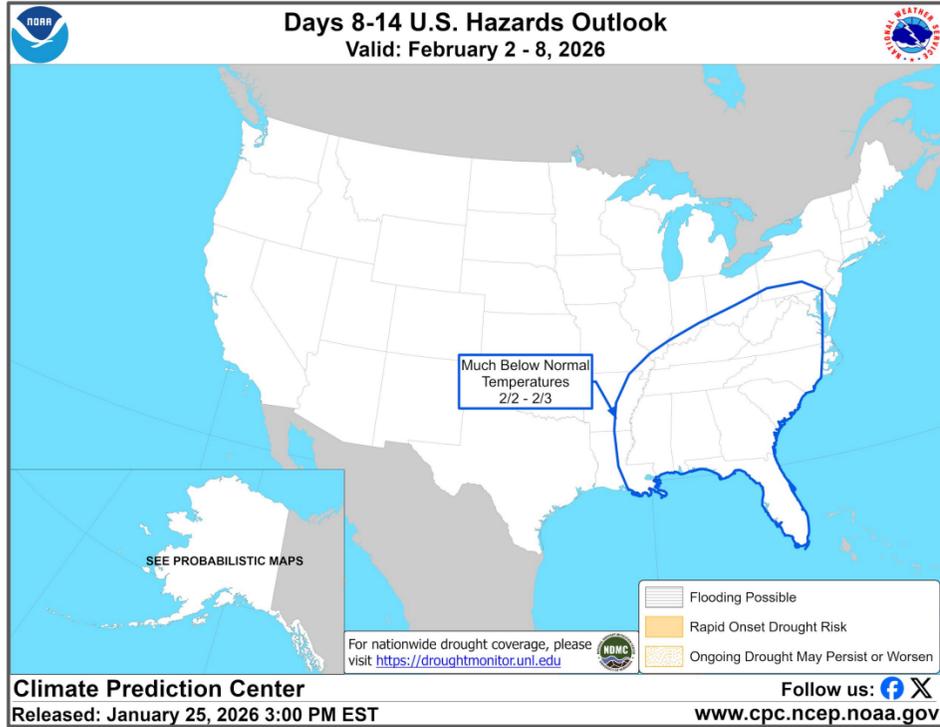


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

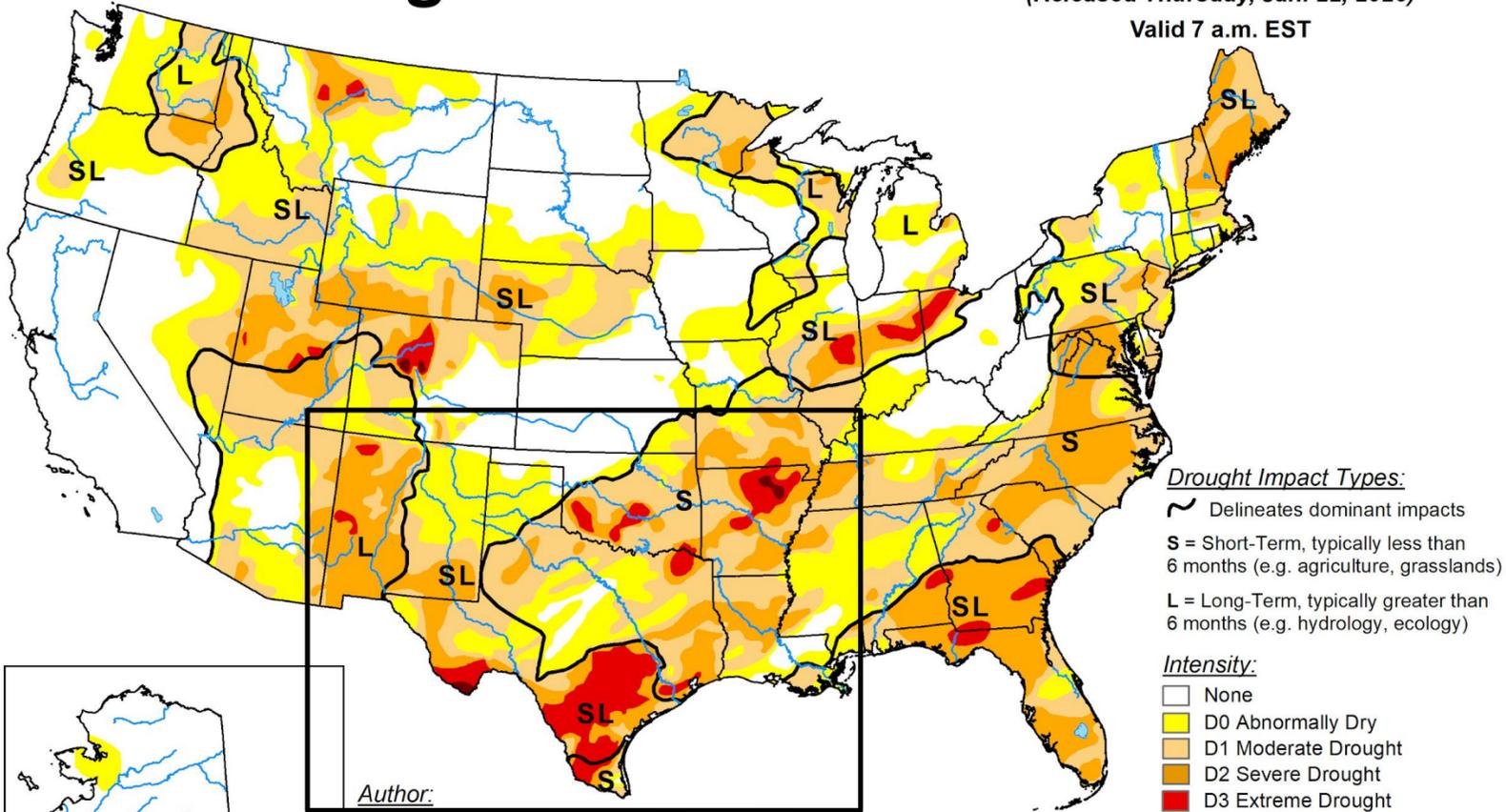




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

January 20, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



**Drought Impact Types:**  
~ Delineates dominant impacts  
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

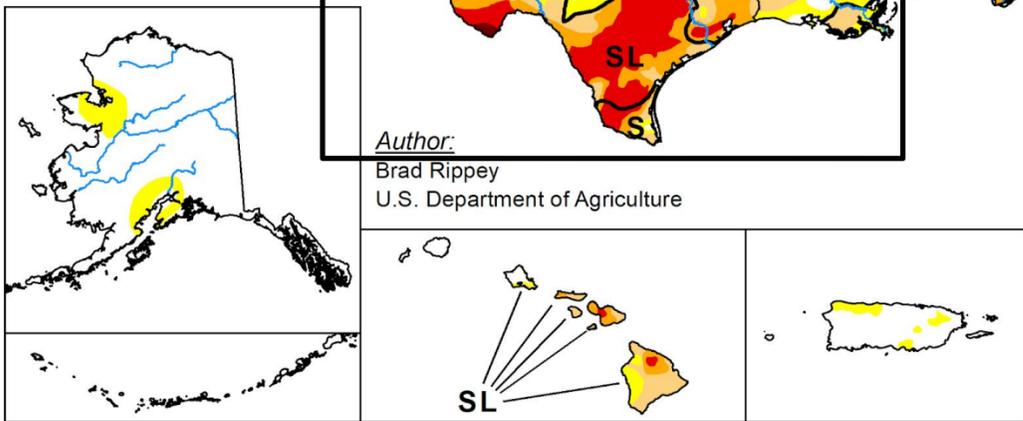
**Intensity:**  
None  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

Author:  
Brad Rippey  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

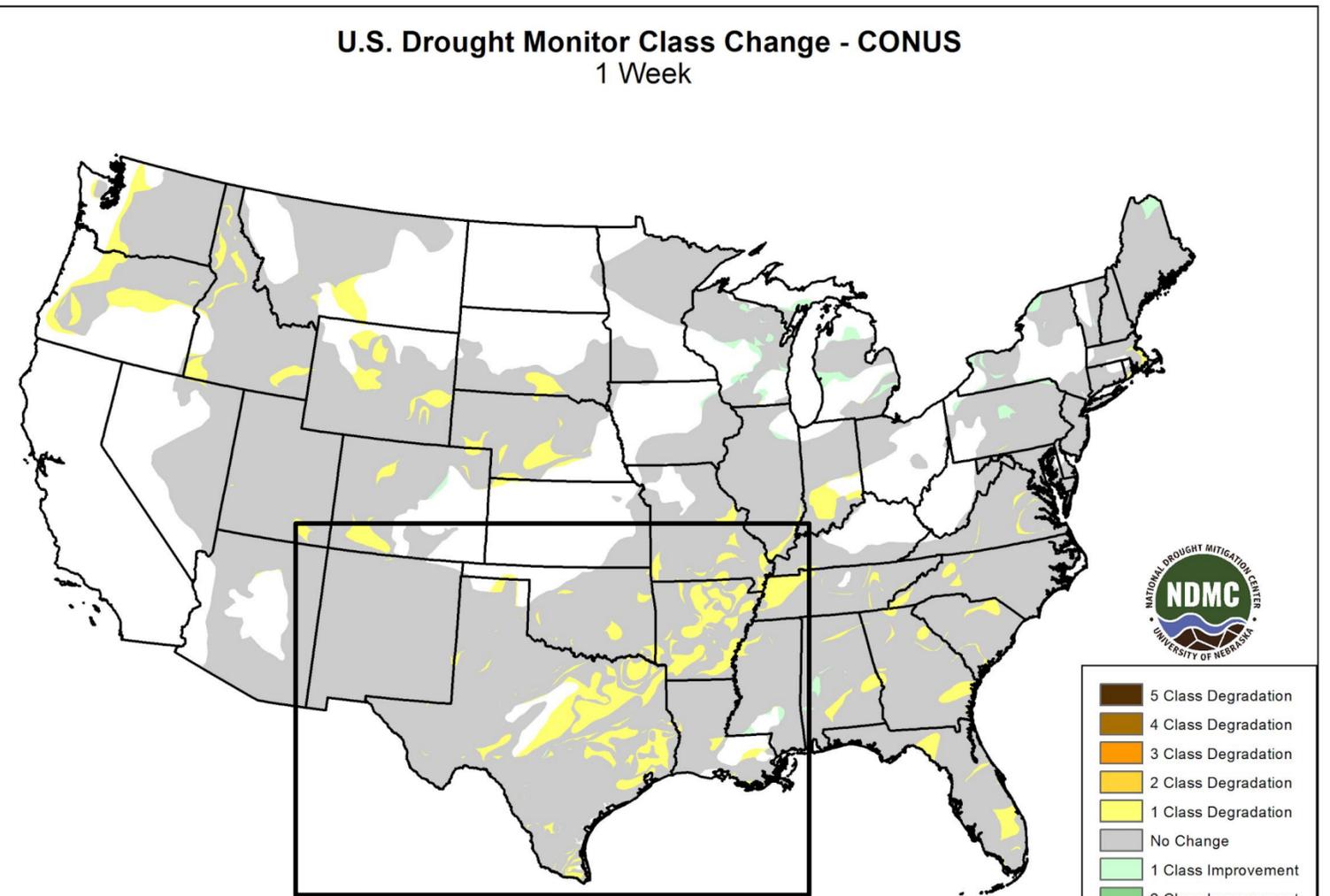
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)



## U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



January 20, 2026  
compared to  
January 13, 2026

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5 Class Degradation  
4 Class Degradation  
3 Class Degradation  
2 Class Degradation  
1 Class Degradation  
No Change  
1 Class Improvement  
2 Class Improvement  
3 Class Improvement  
4 Class Improvement  
5 Class Improvement



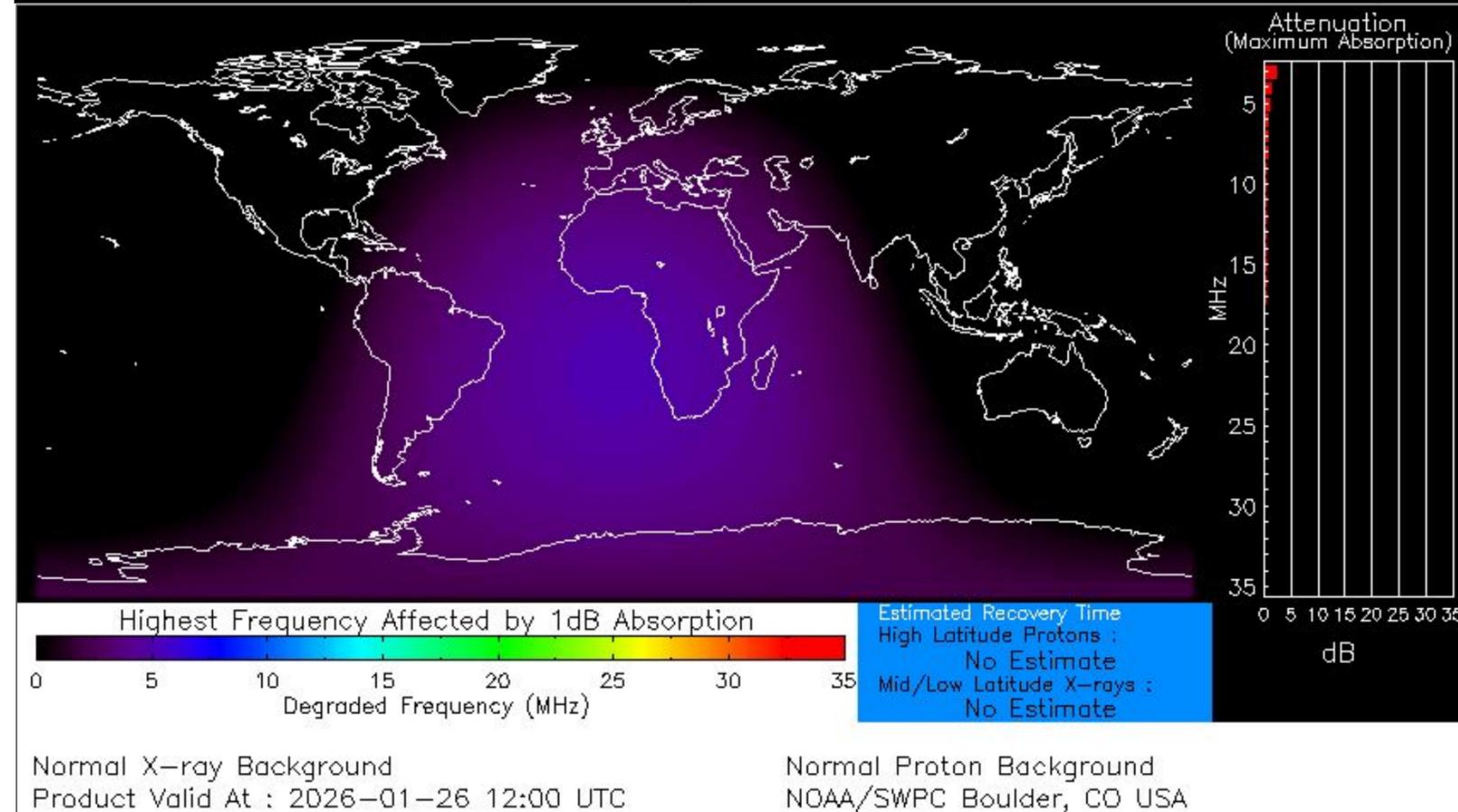
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U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service  
Southern Region



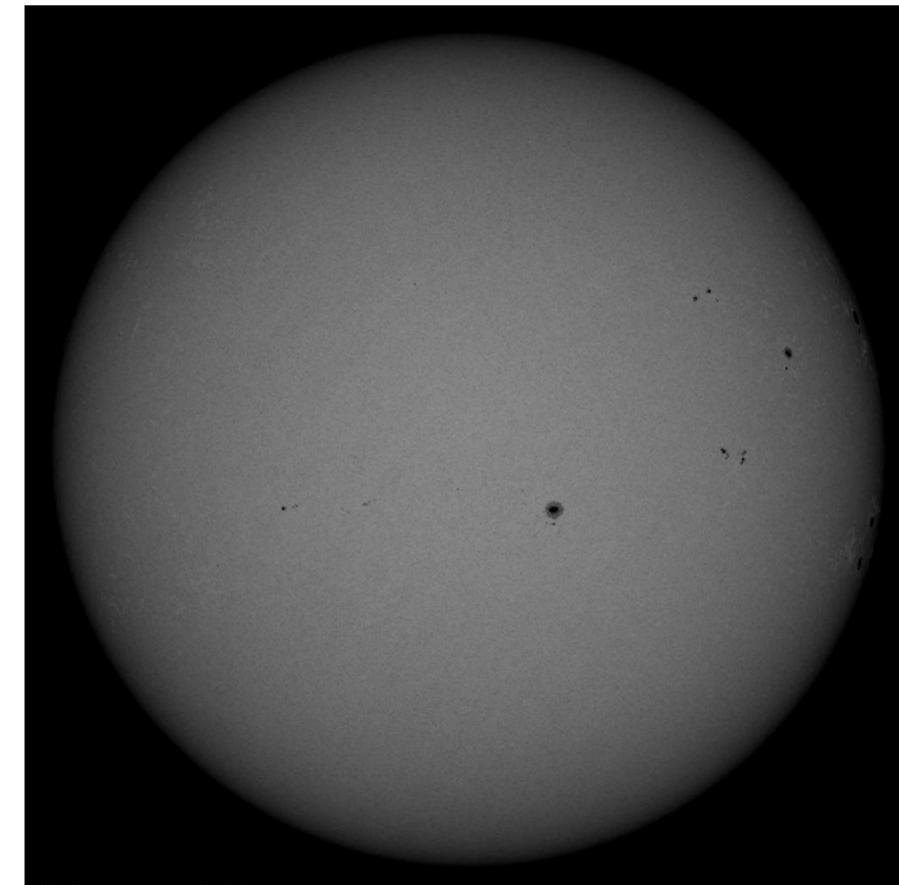
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Minor (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</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>	<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>

**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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