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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Monday, February 09, 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

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles today.
- Red Flag Warnings from Noon CT - 7 PM CT this evening.

- **Flash Flooding/Severe Weather:**

- Monitoring E OK, E TX, AR, LA for heavy rain Friday-Saturday.
- Monitoring E TX, AR, LA for severe weather Saturday.

- **Winter Weather:**

- Monitoring for snowfall over NM Friday.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Feb 9	Tuesday, Feb 10	Wednesday, Feb 11	Thursday, Feb 12	Friday, Feb 13	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15
Severe Storms						ETX, AR, LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					E OK, NETX, AR	E OK, ETX AR, LA	
Winter Weather					NM		
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles						
River Flooding							

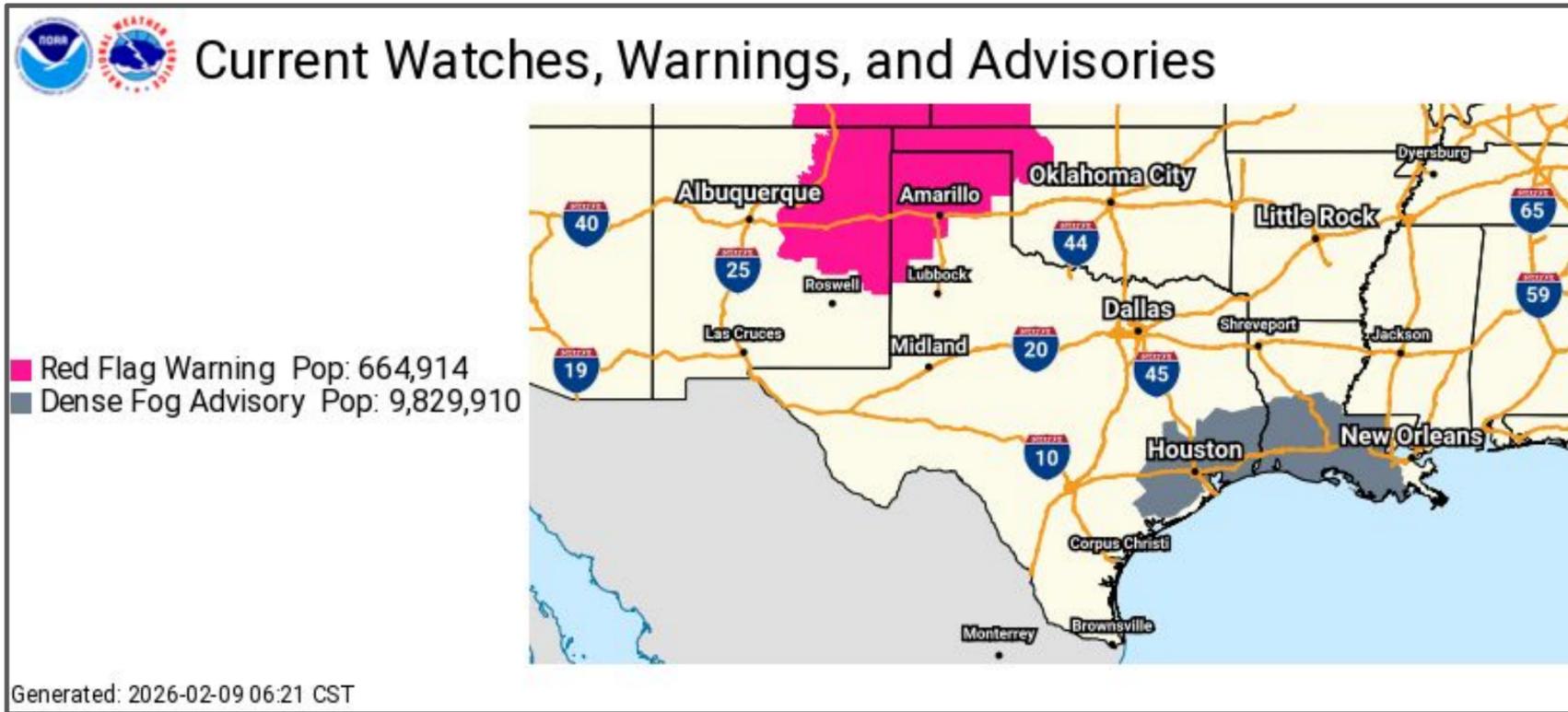
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

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

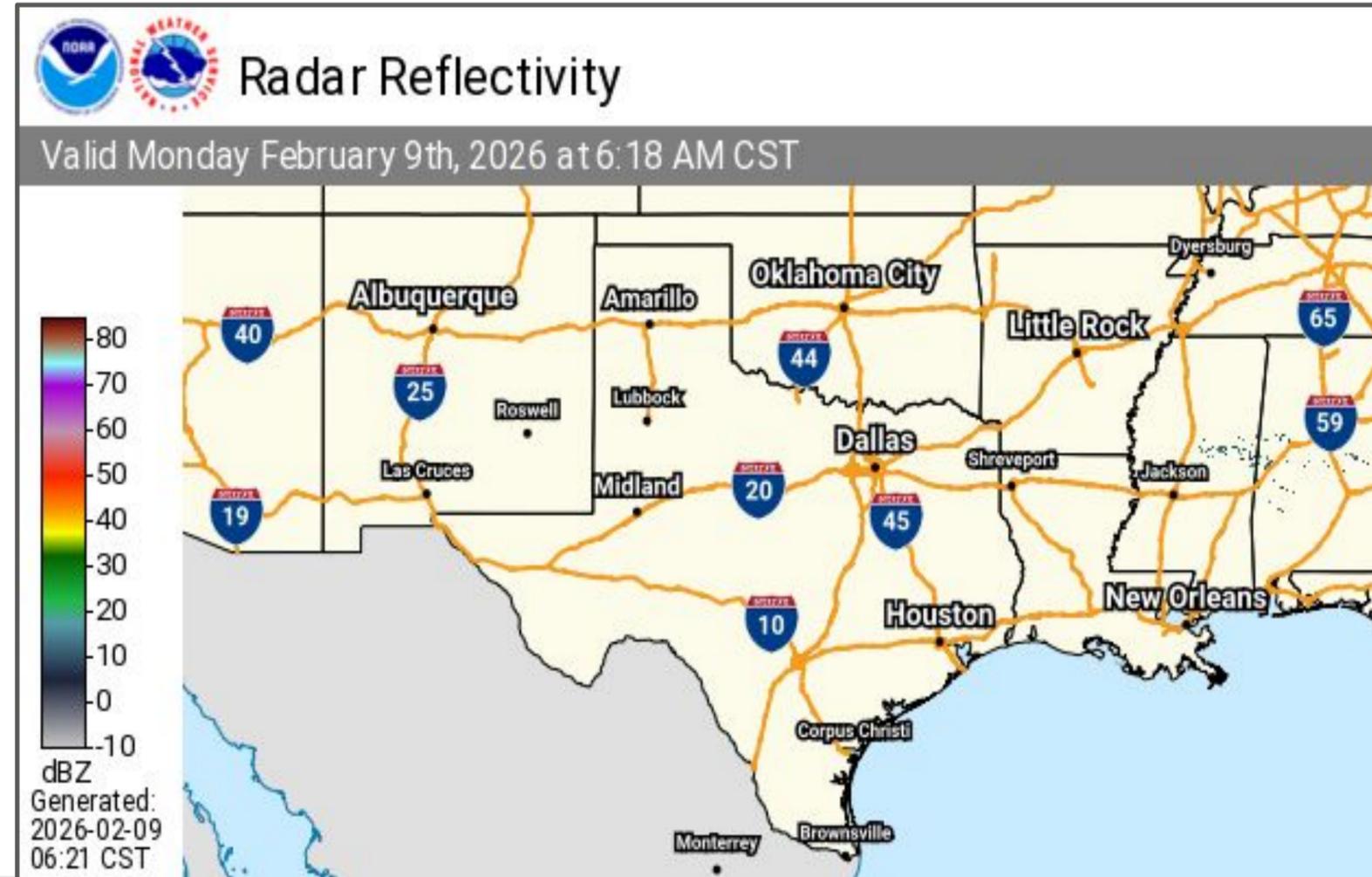
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# Current Radar/Hazards



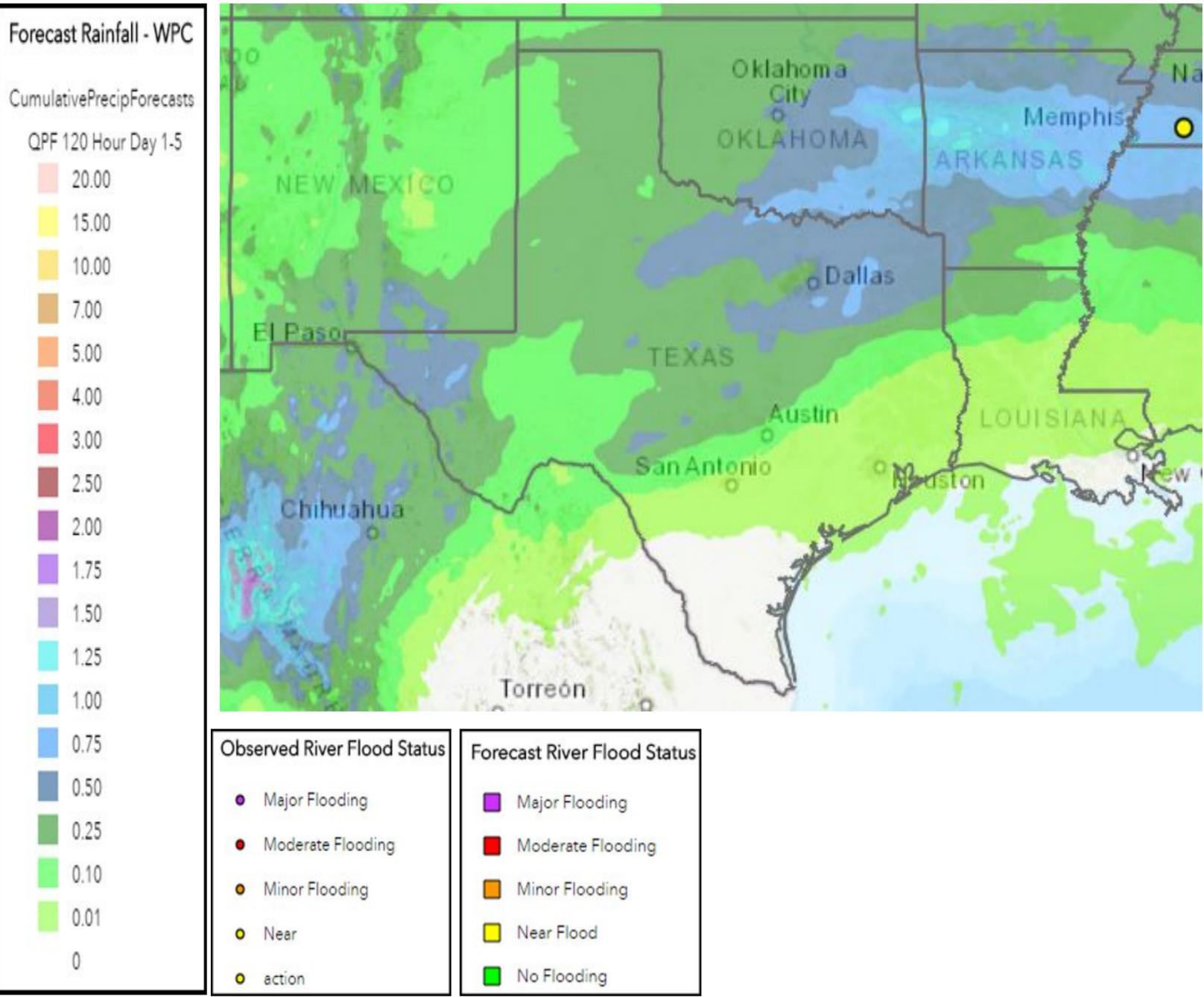
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*

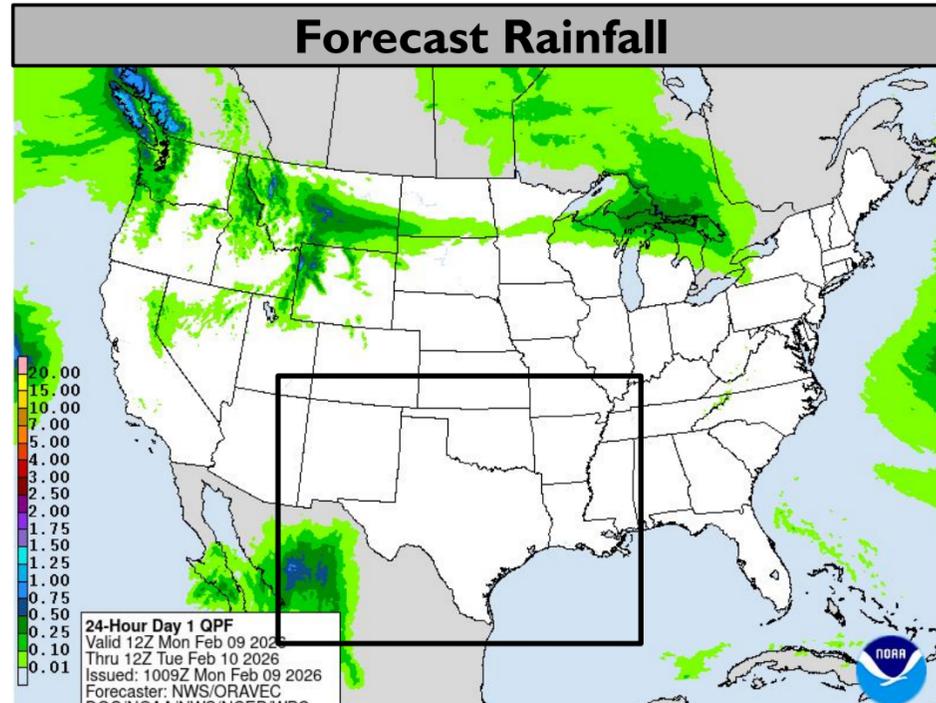
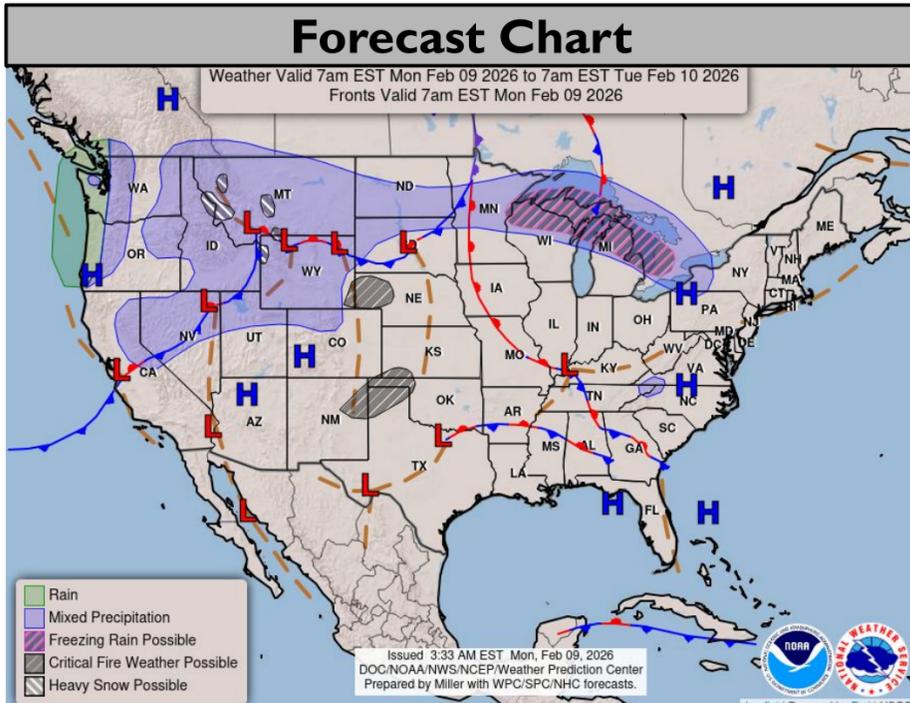


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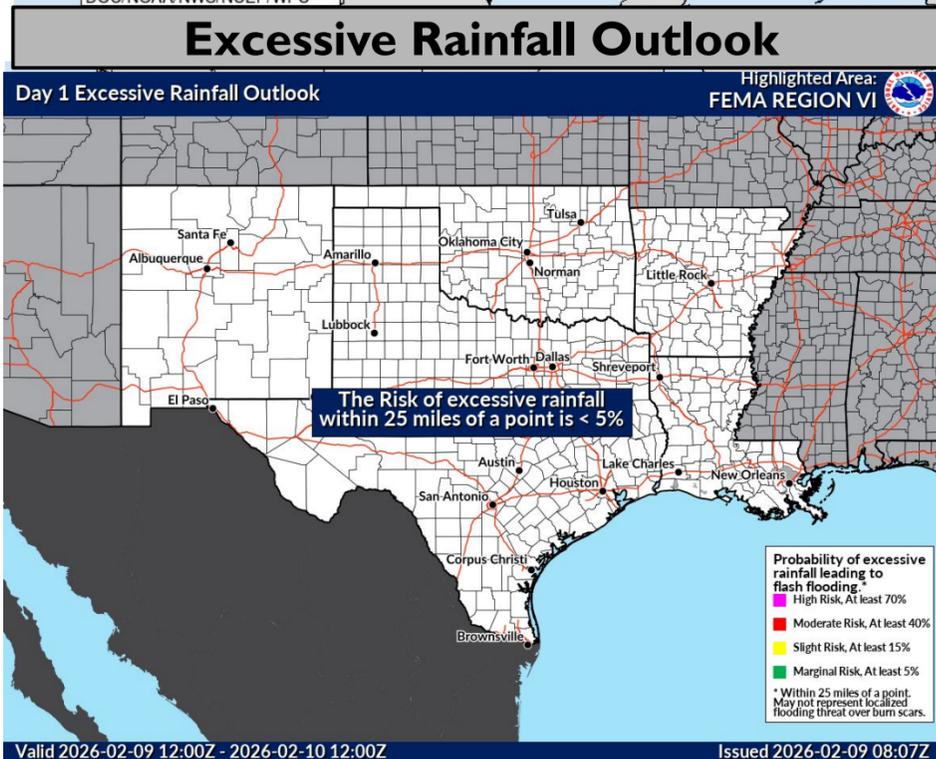
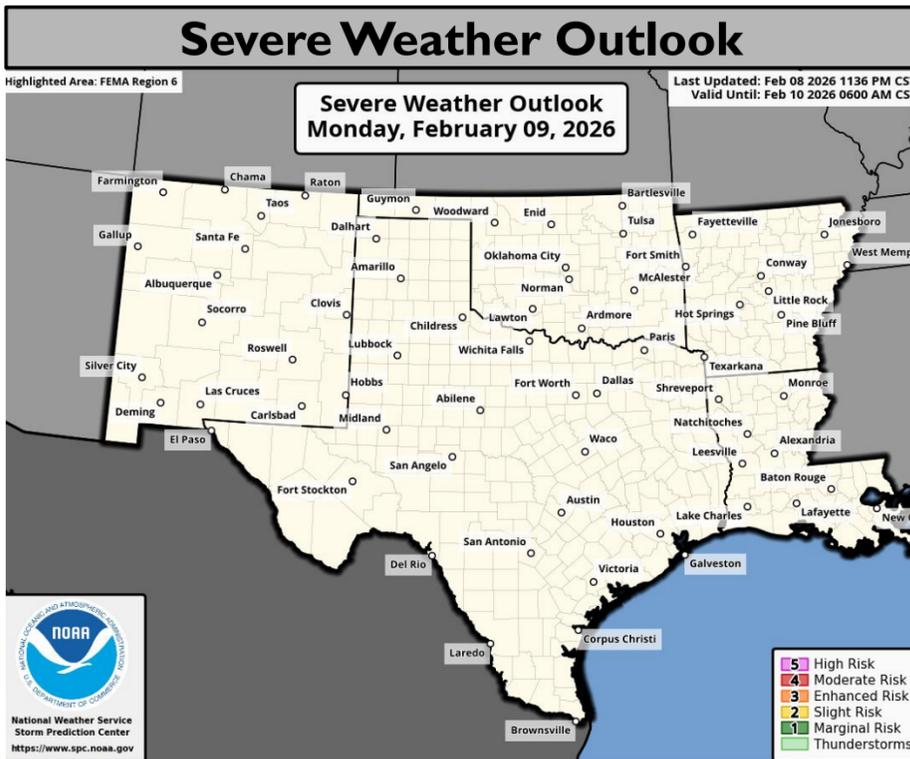
*Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.*



# Today's Weather

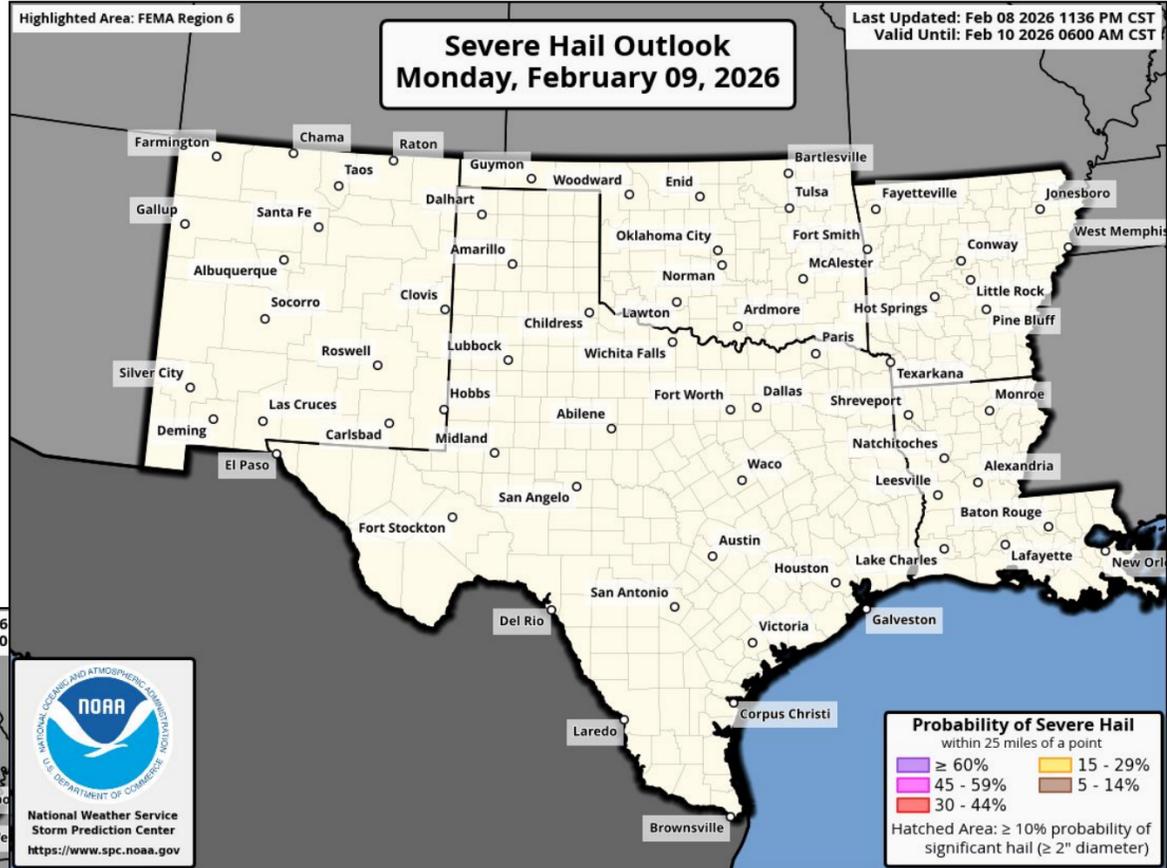
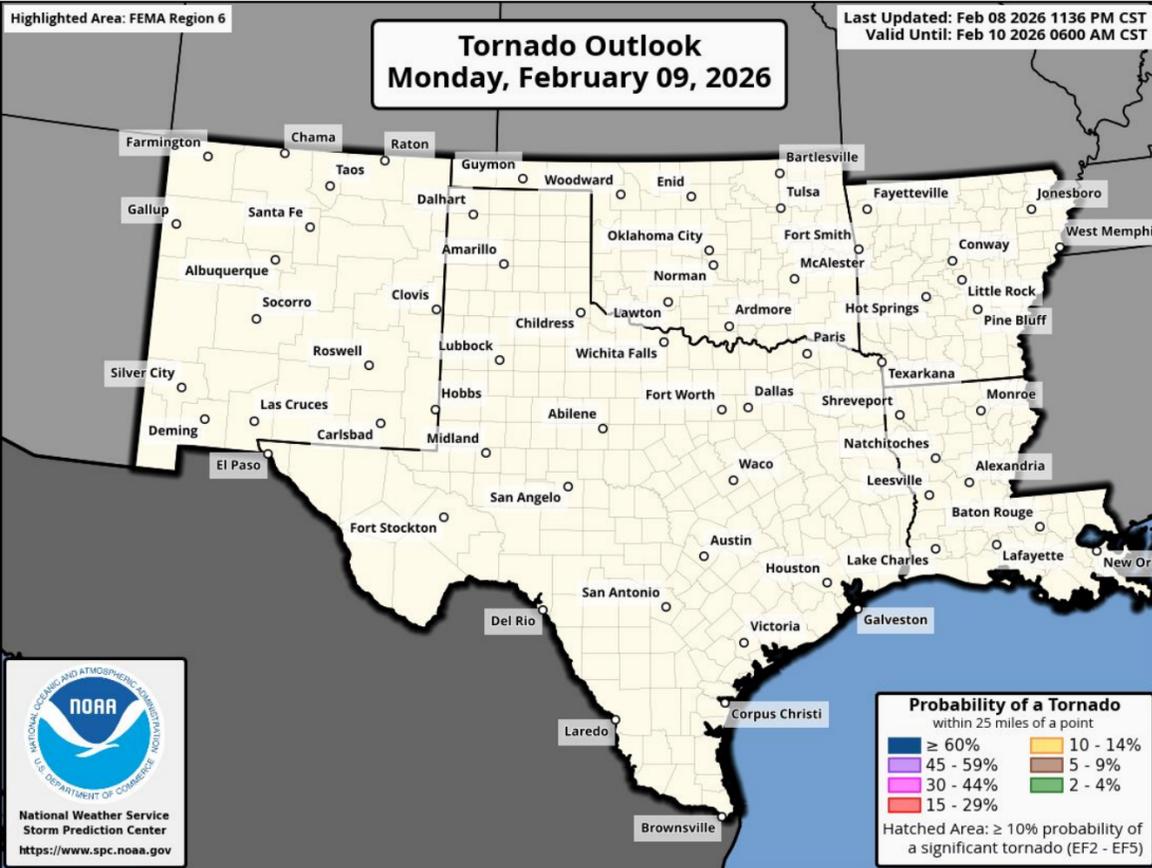


**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles.**



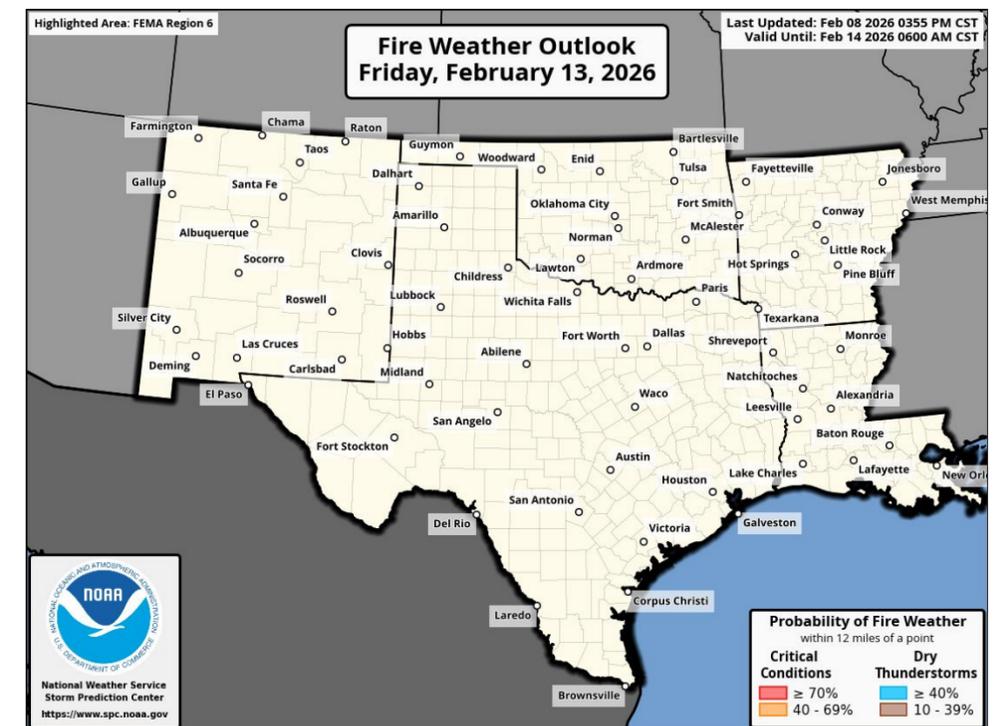
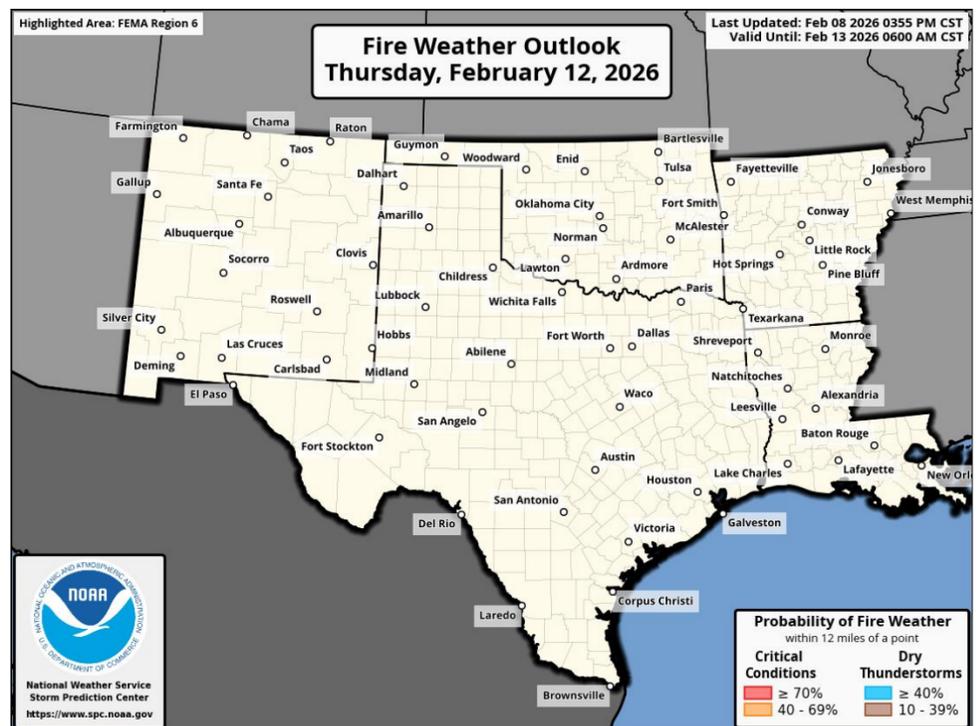
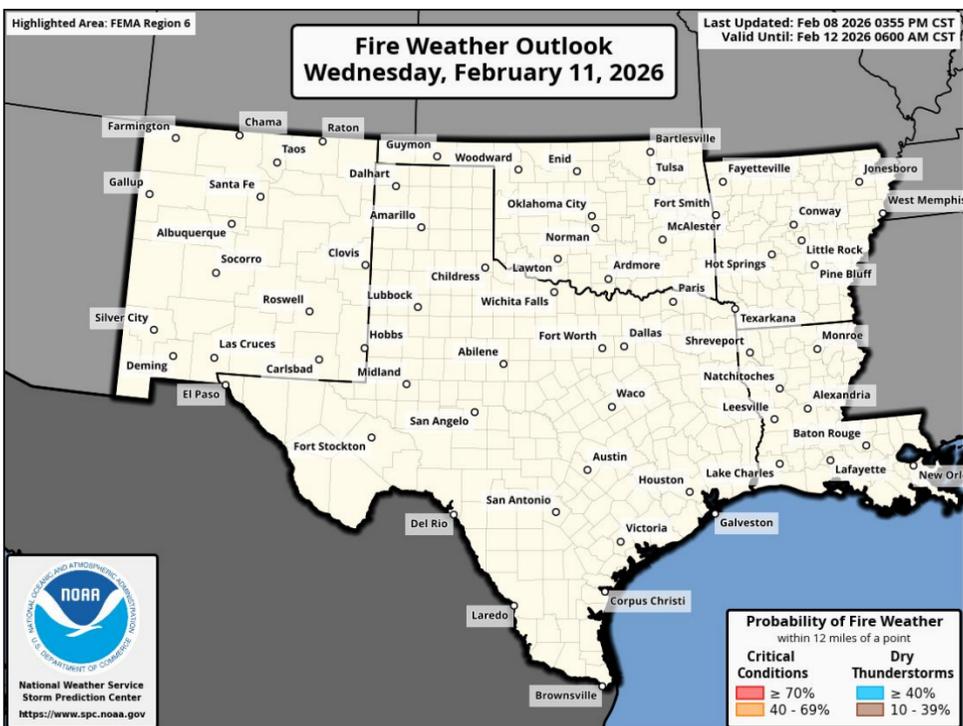
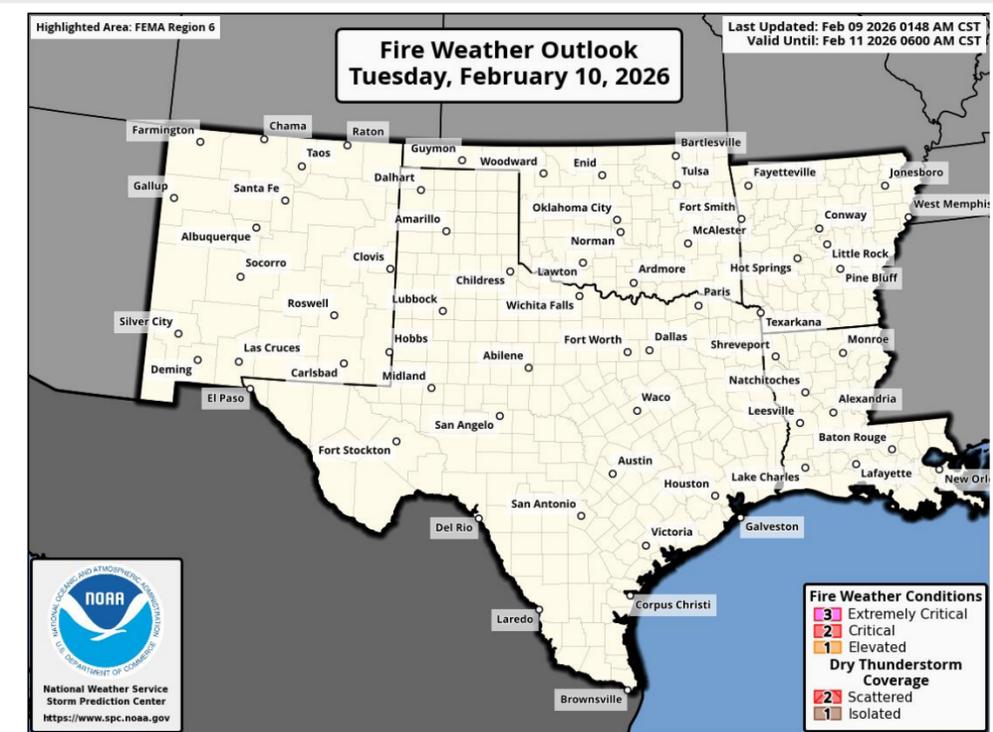
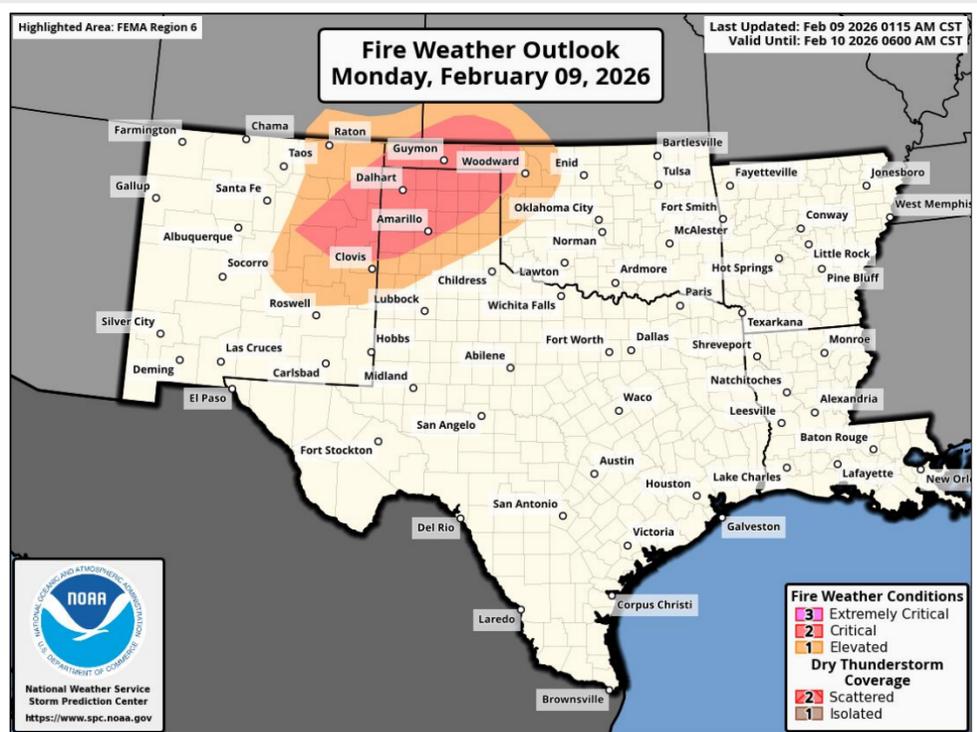
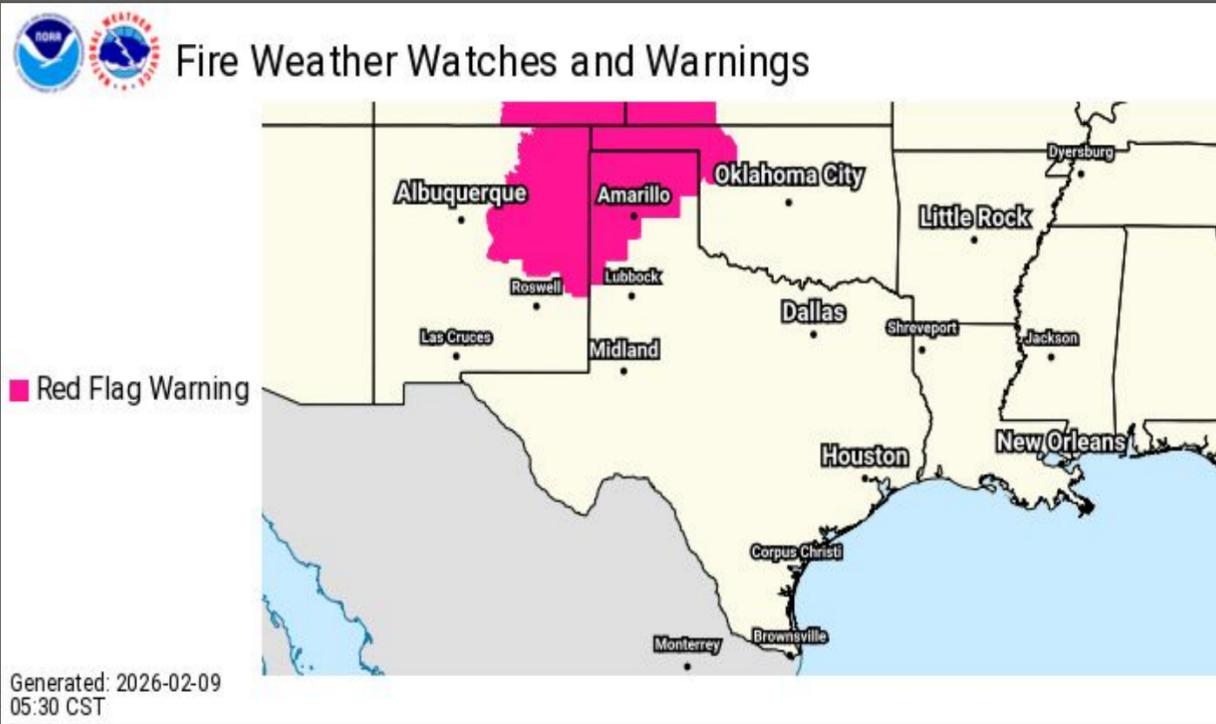


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





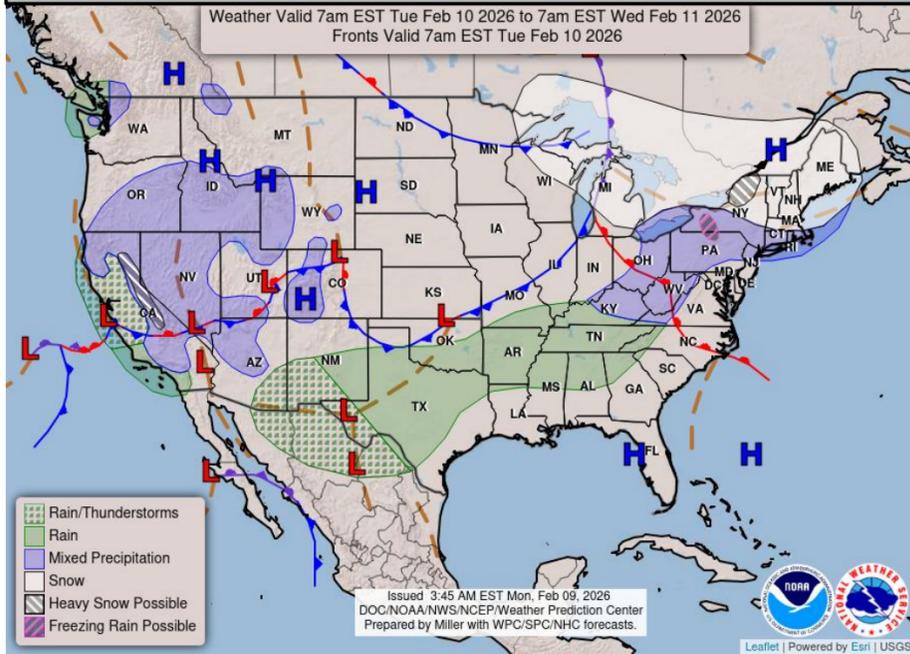
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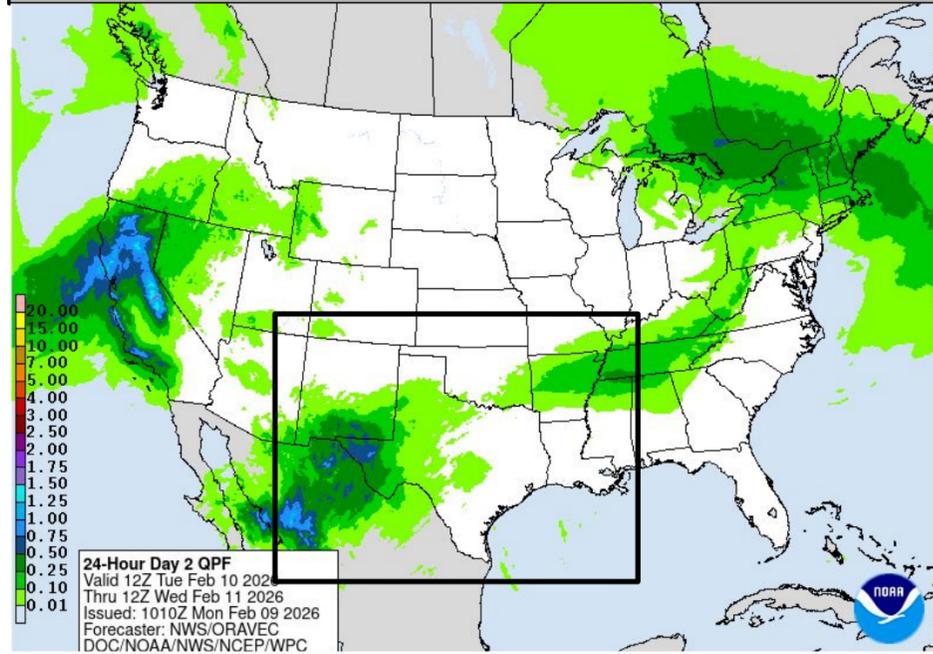


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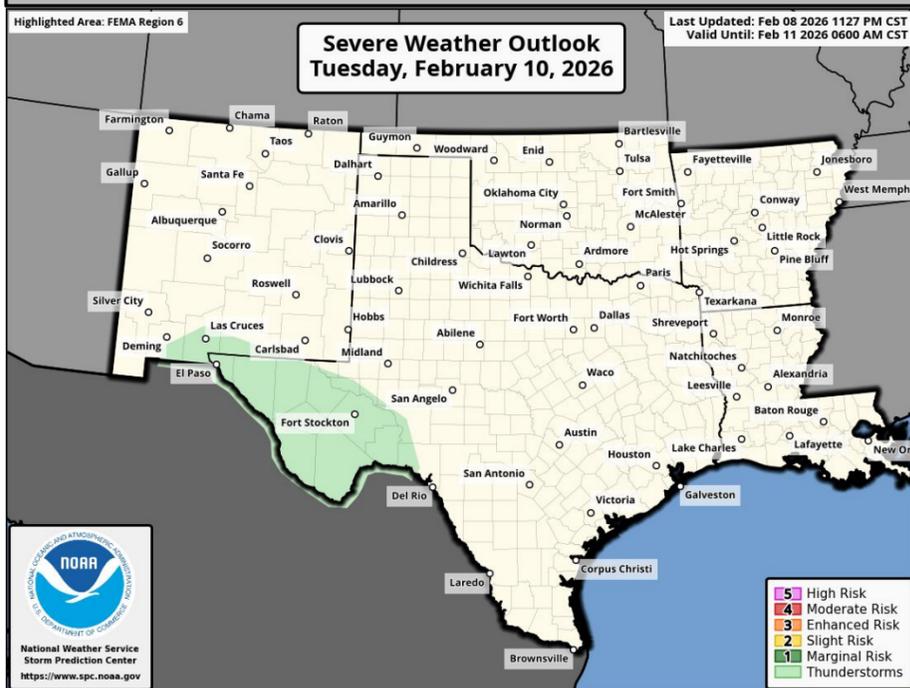


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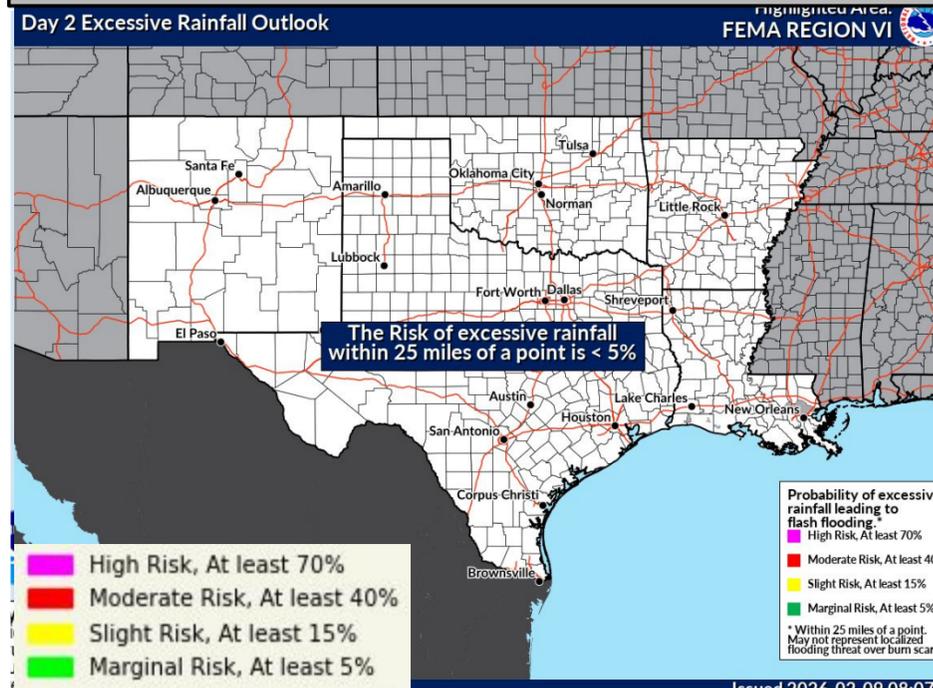


No significant weather expected.

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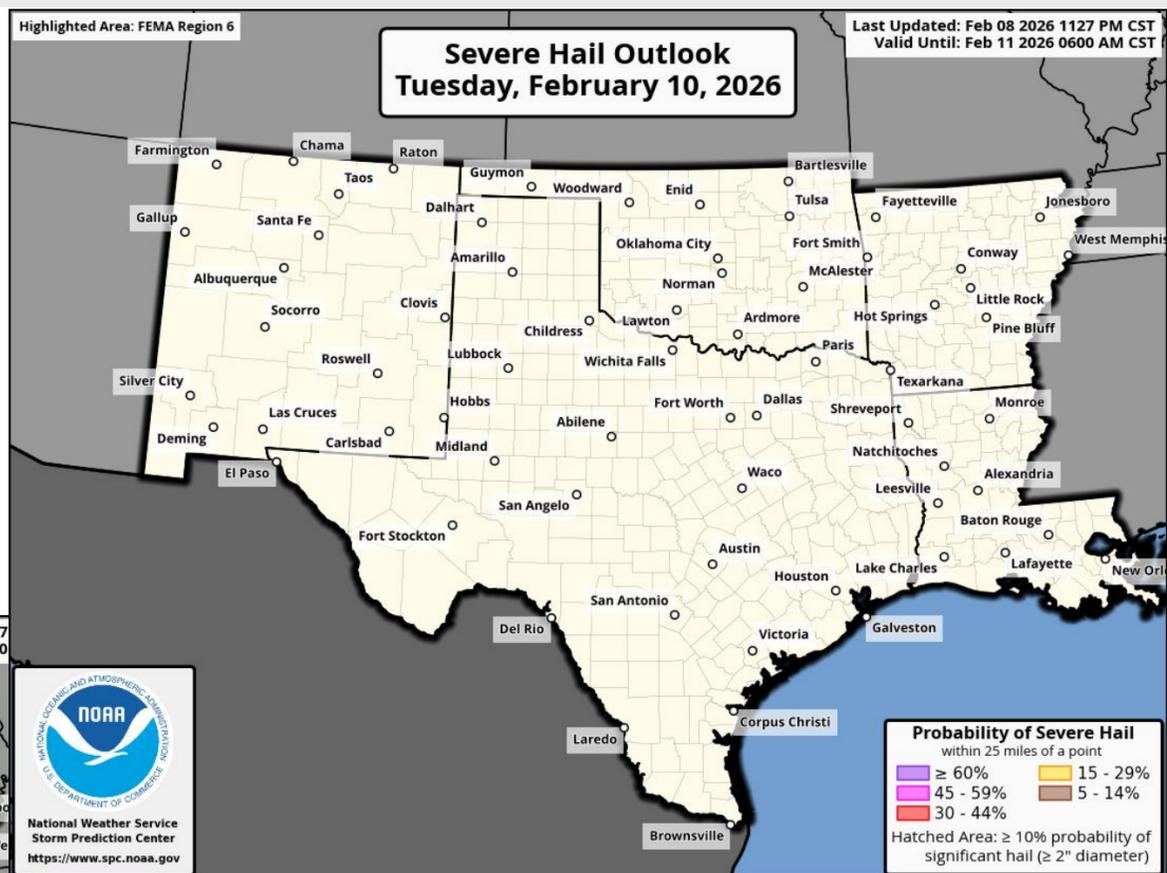
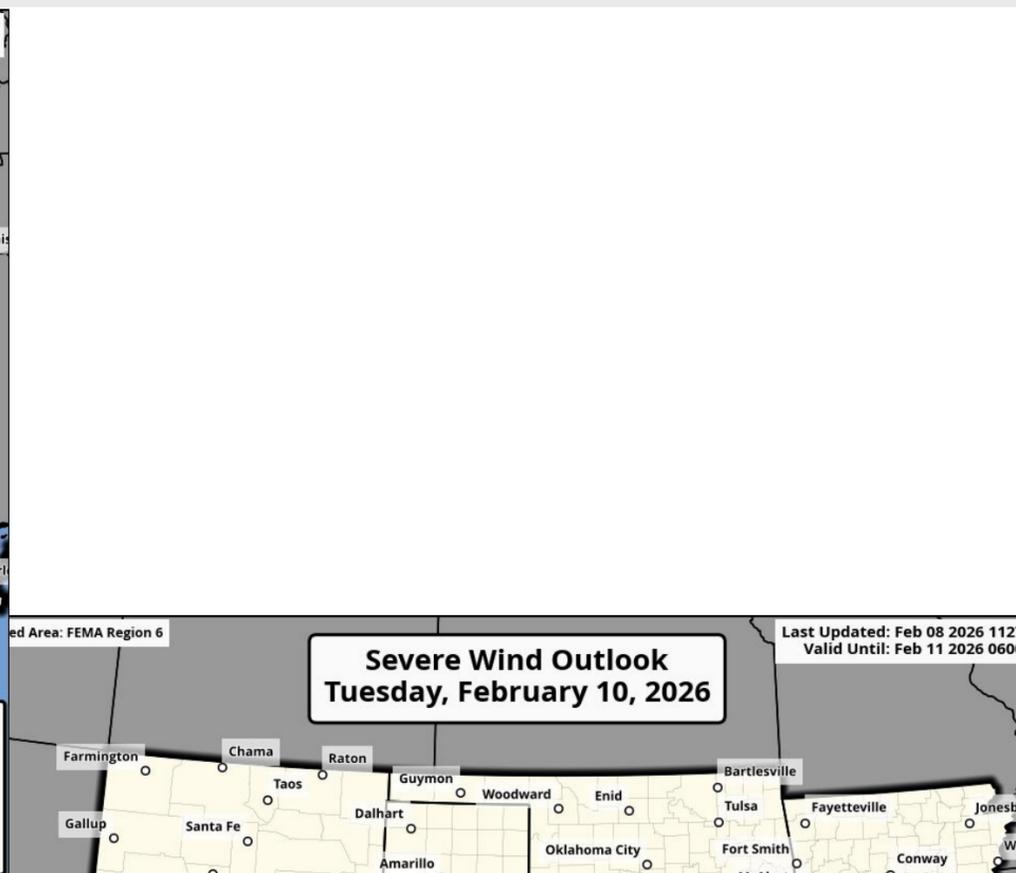
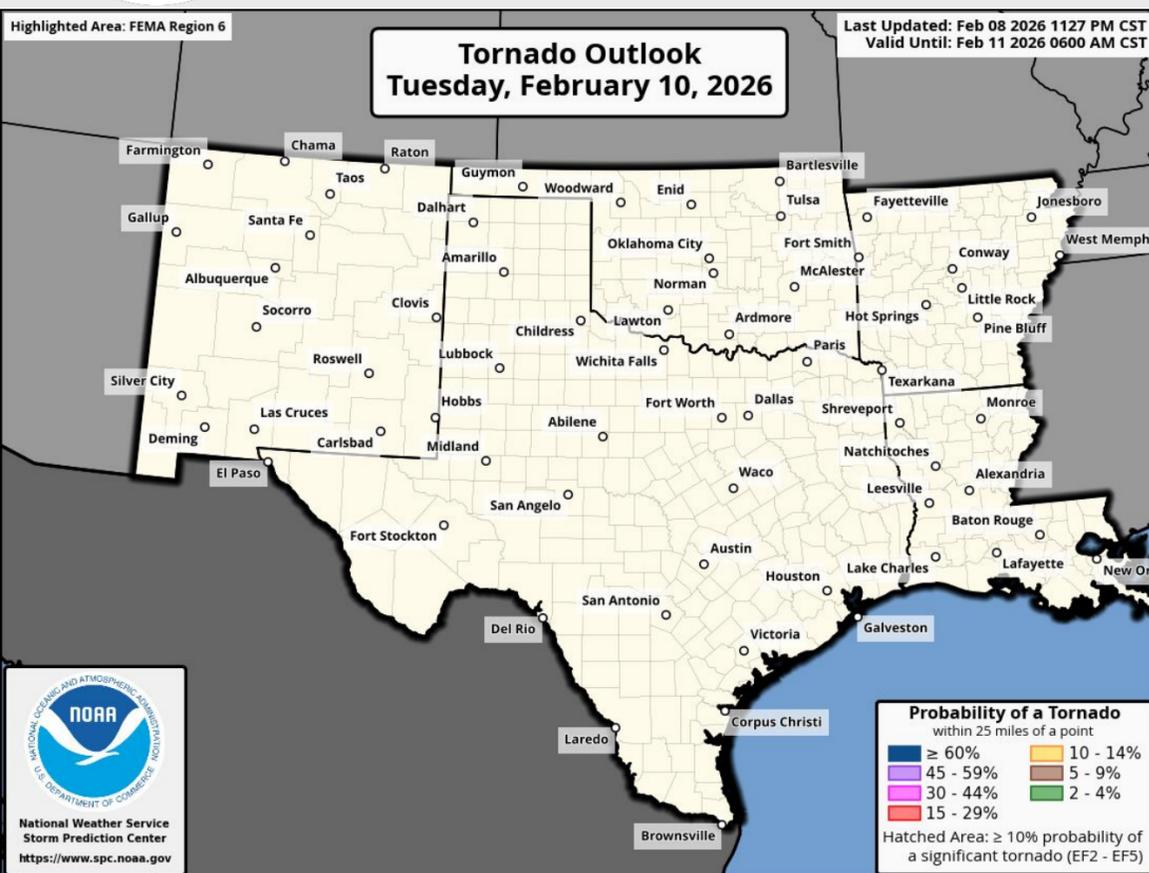


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





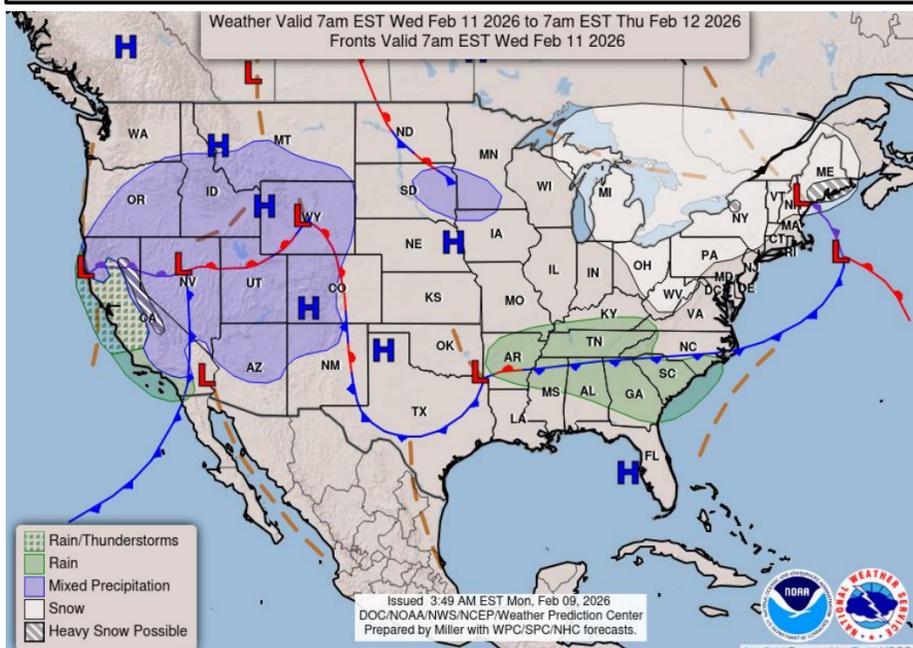
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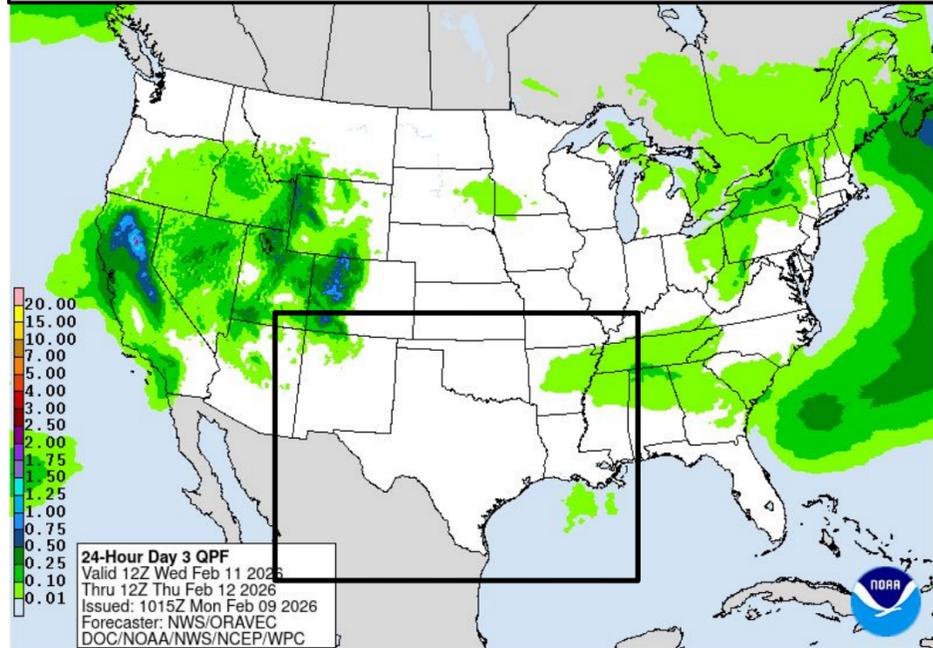


# Wednesday's Weather

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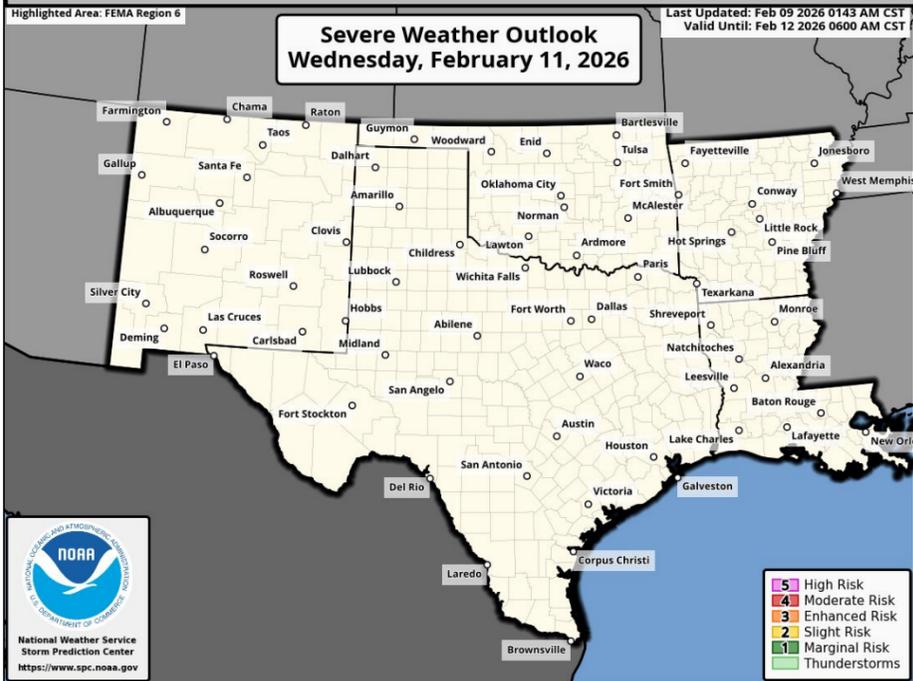


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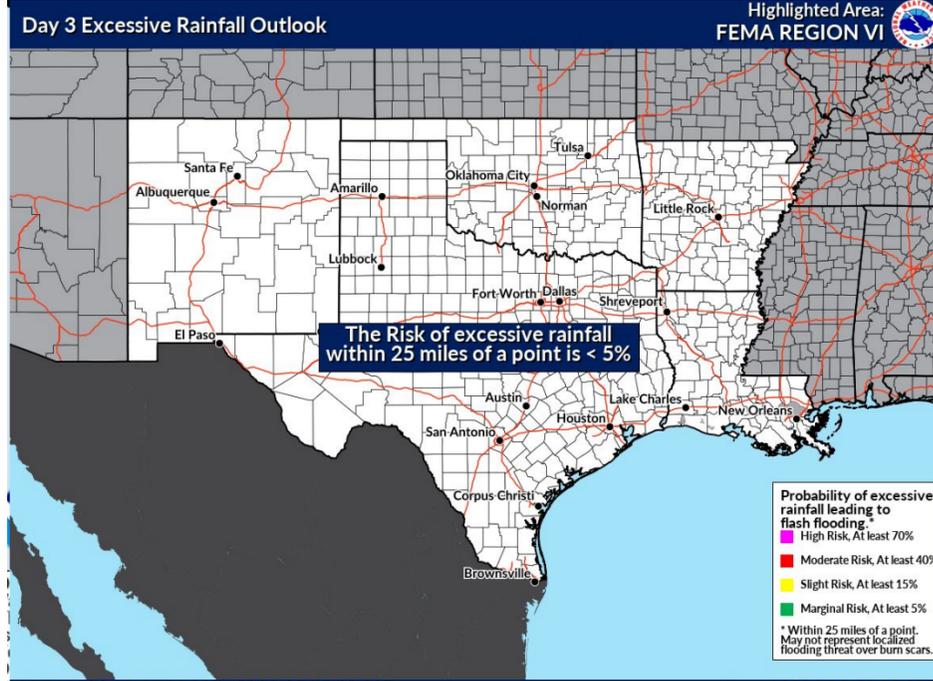


No significant weather expected.

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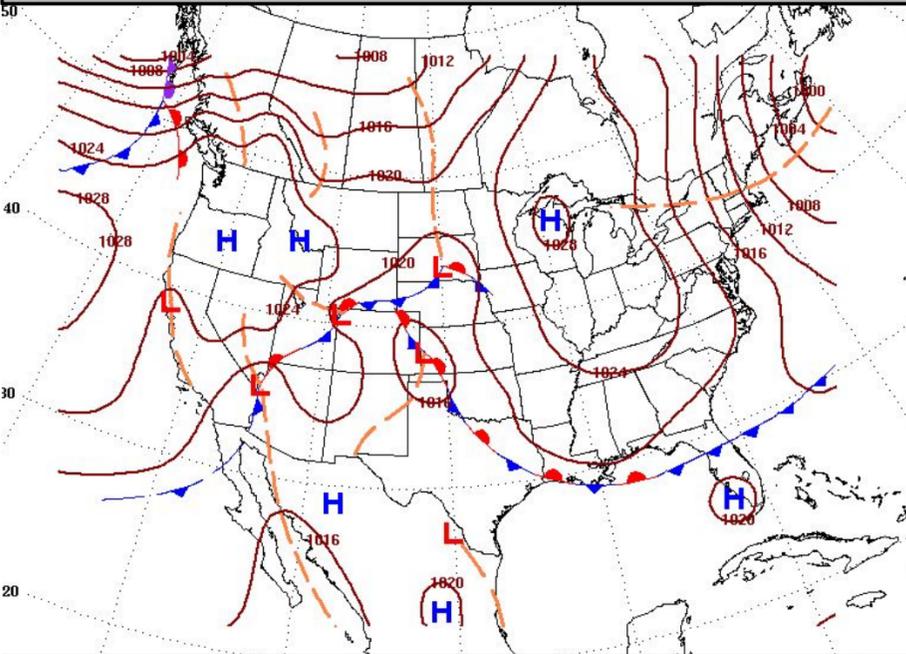
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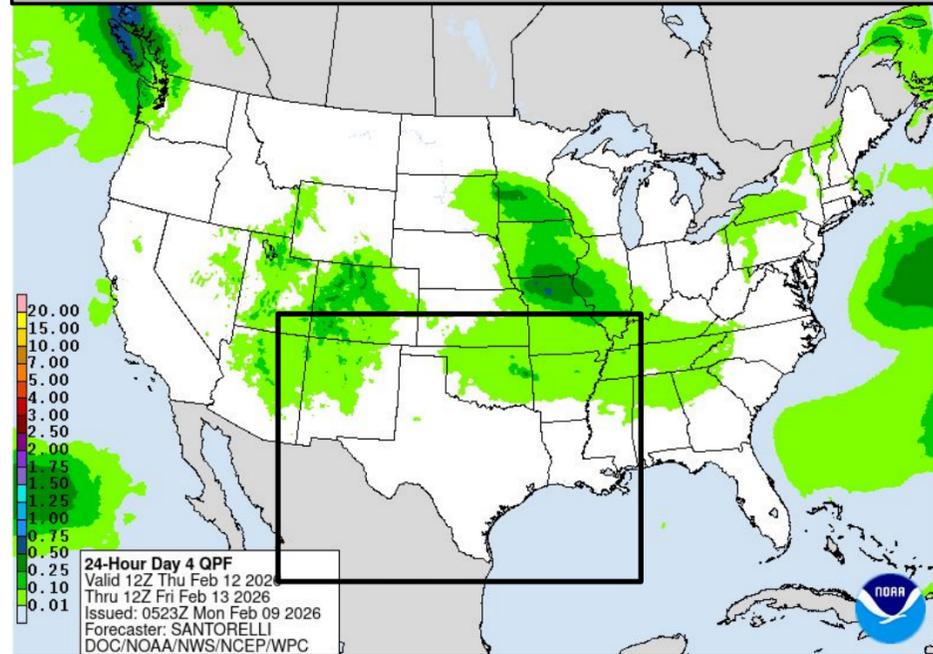


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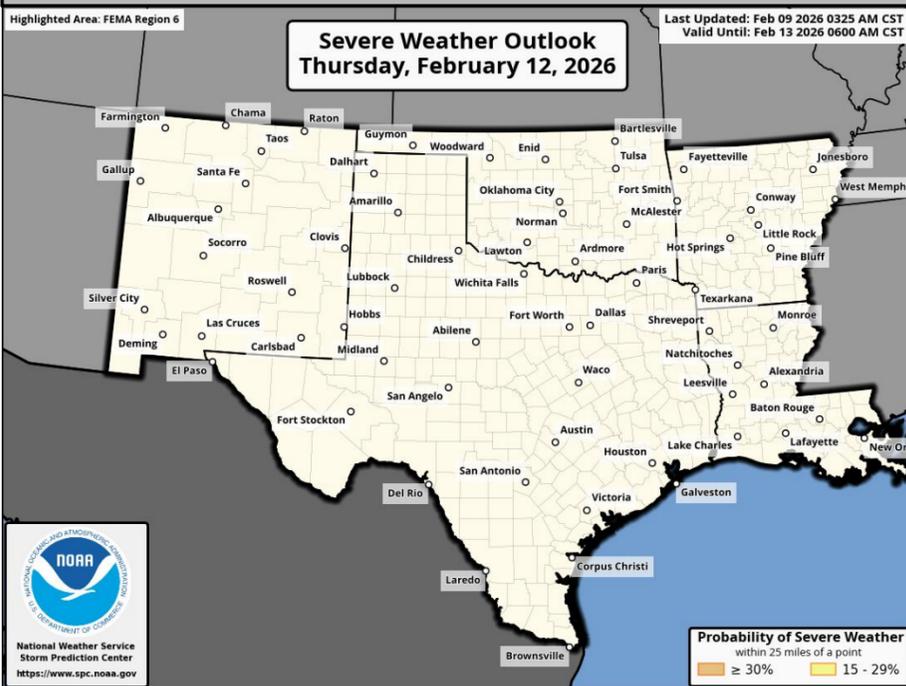


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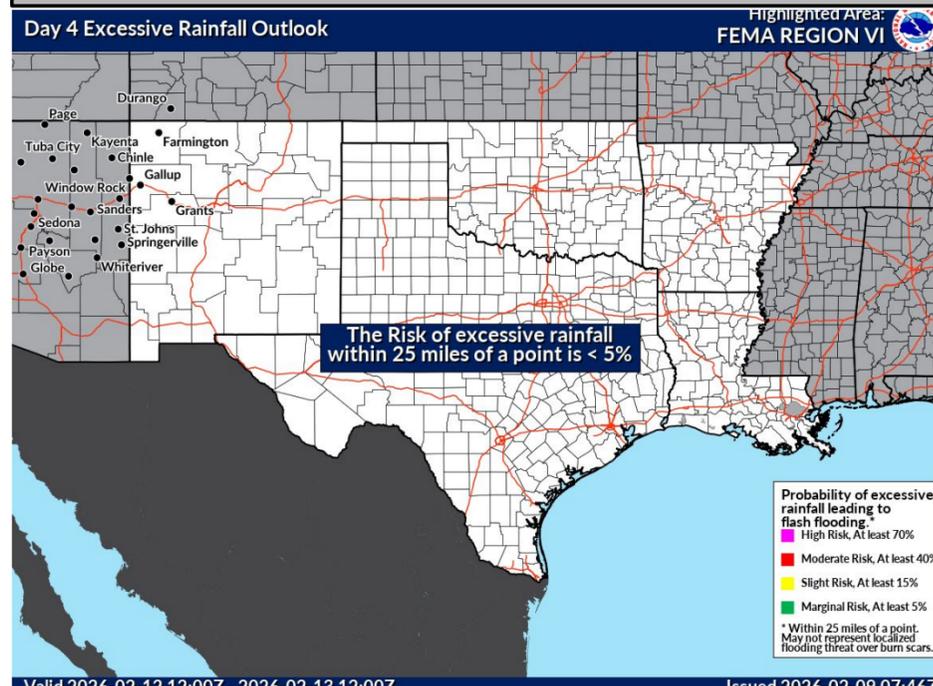


**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



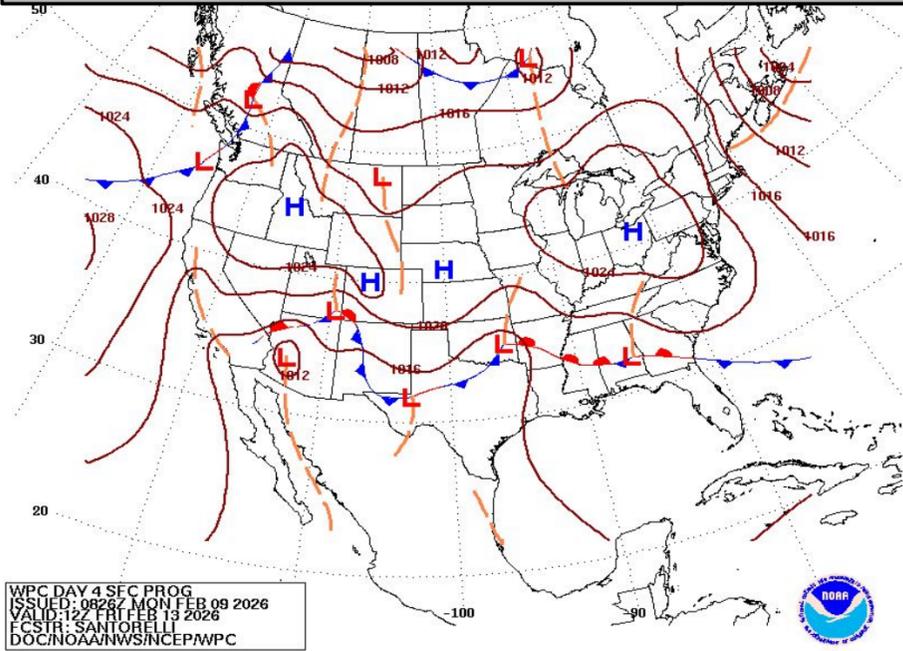
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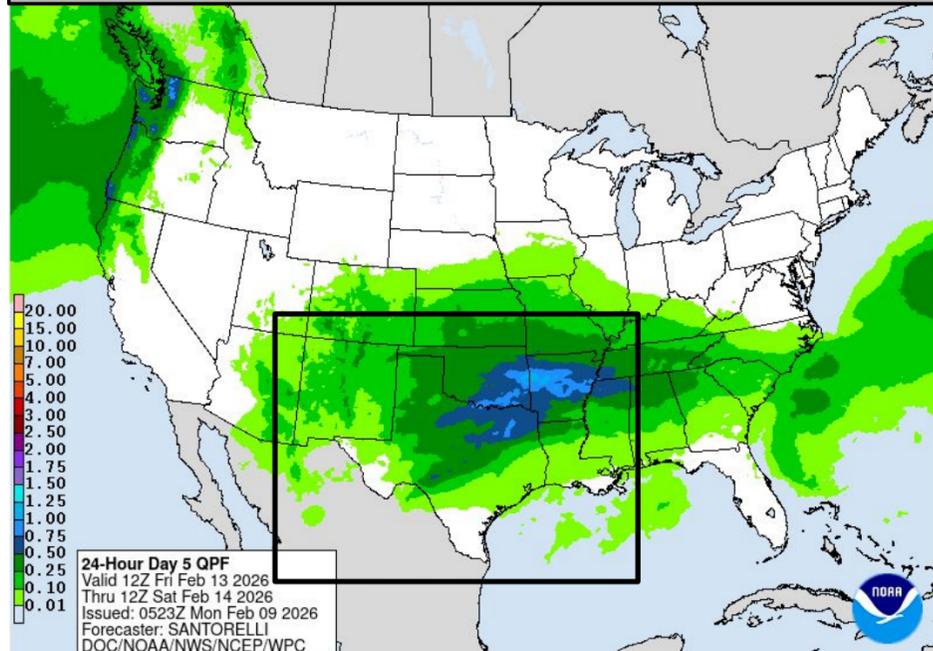


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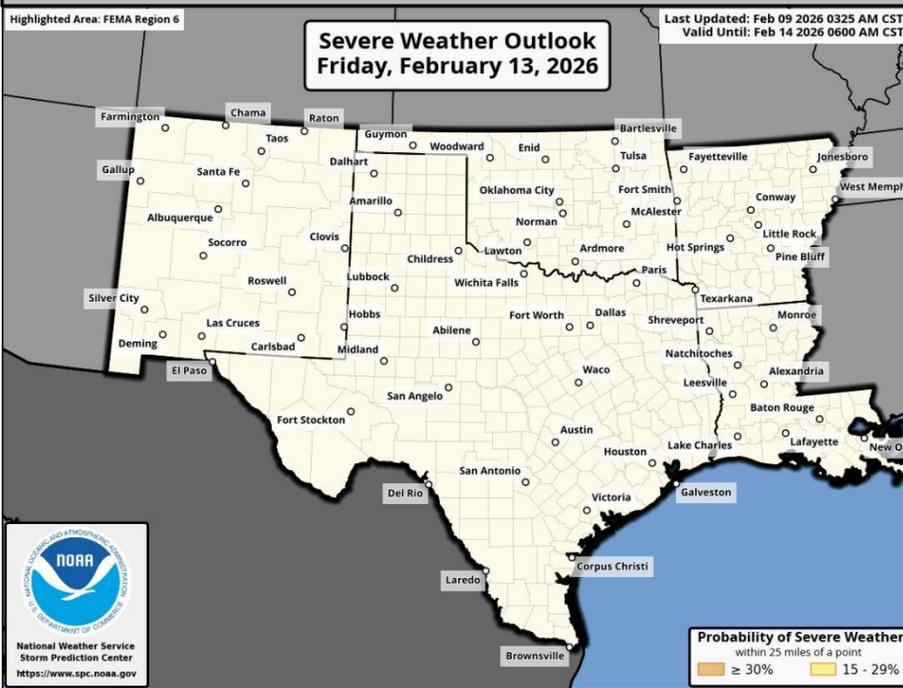
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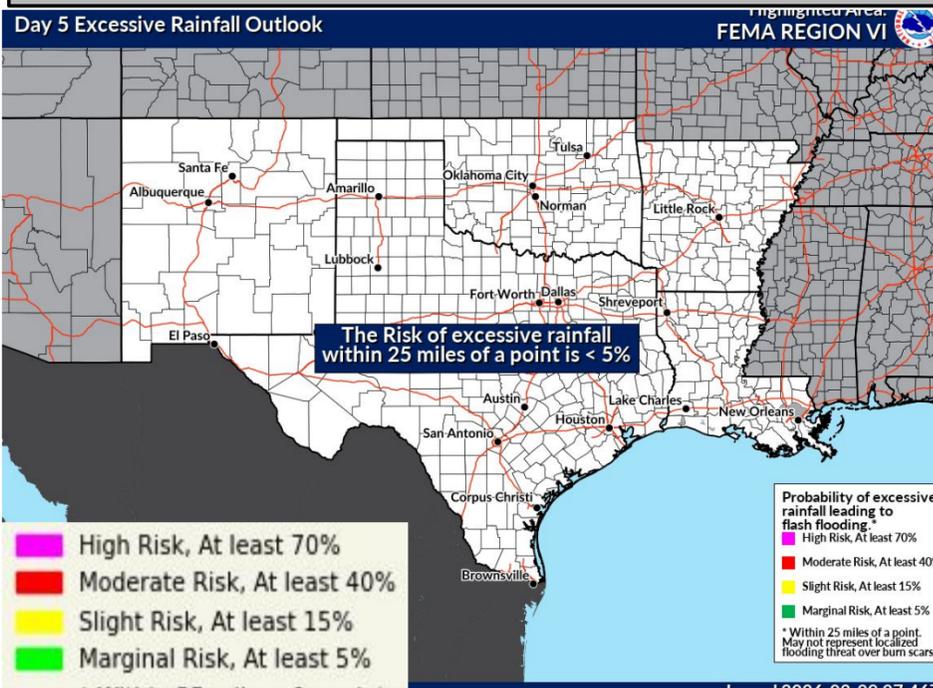
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**Monitoring NM for snow.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



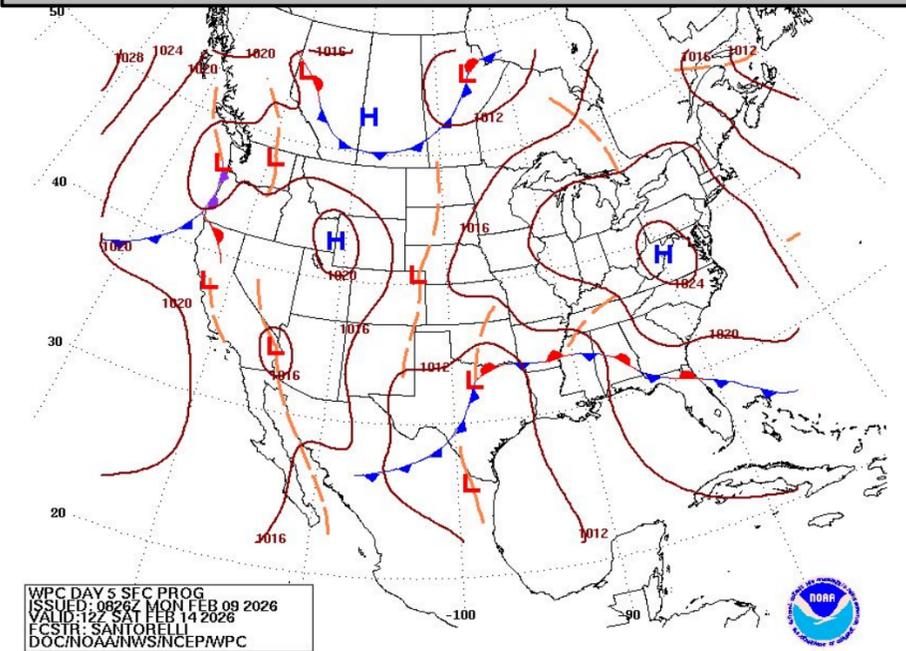
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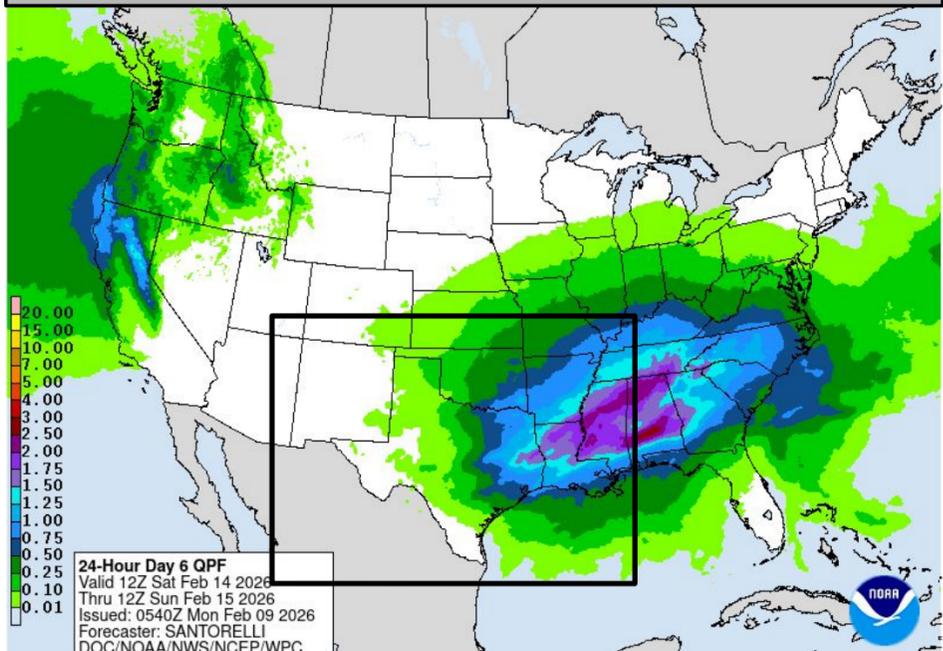


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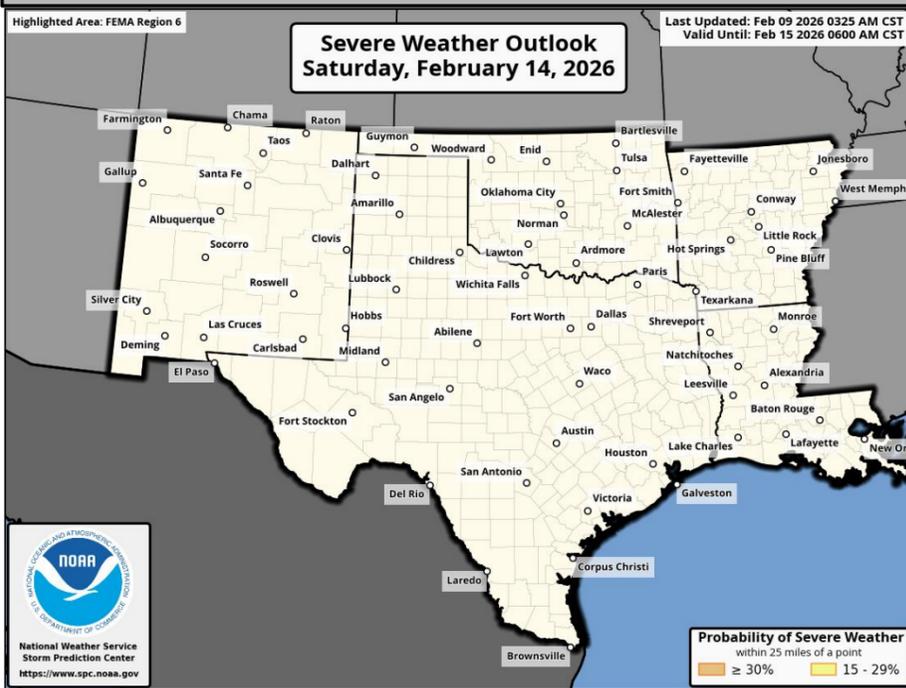
### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring SE OK, E TX, AR, LA for heavy rain.**

**Monitoring E TX, AR, LA for severe weather.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

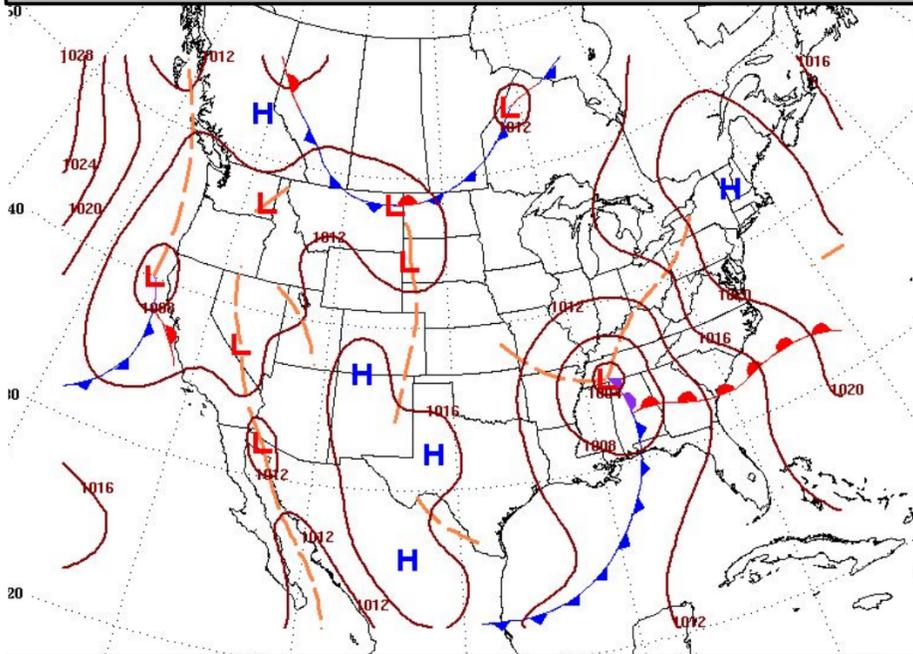


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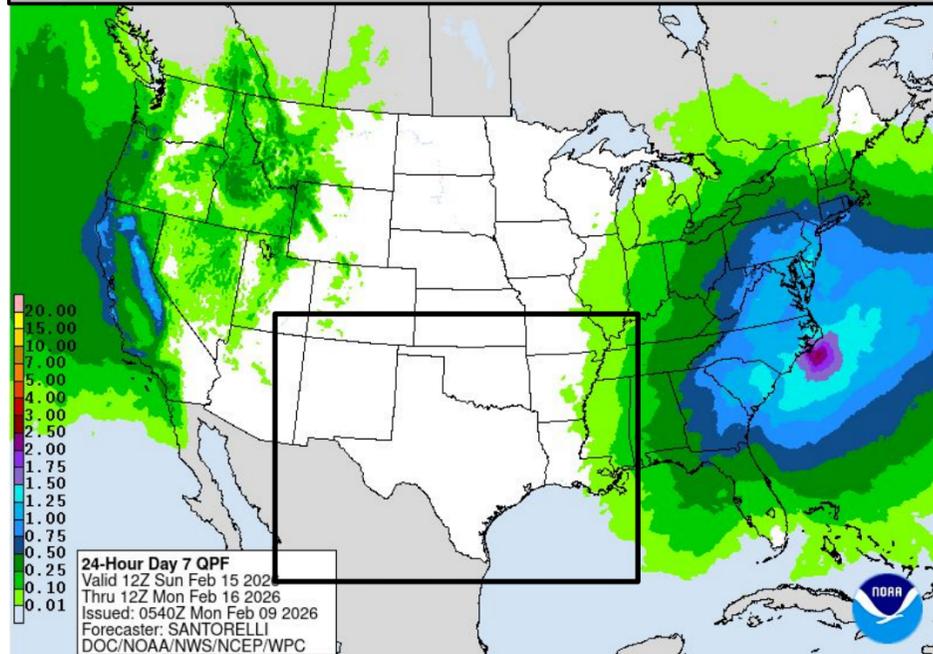


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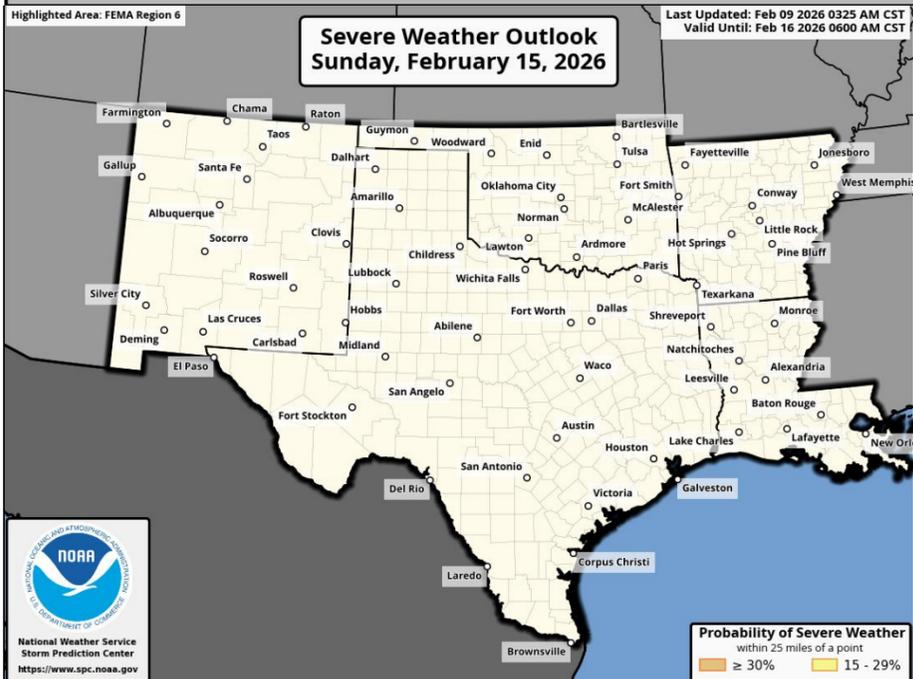


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

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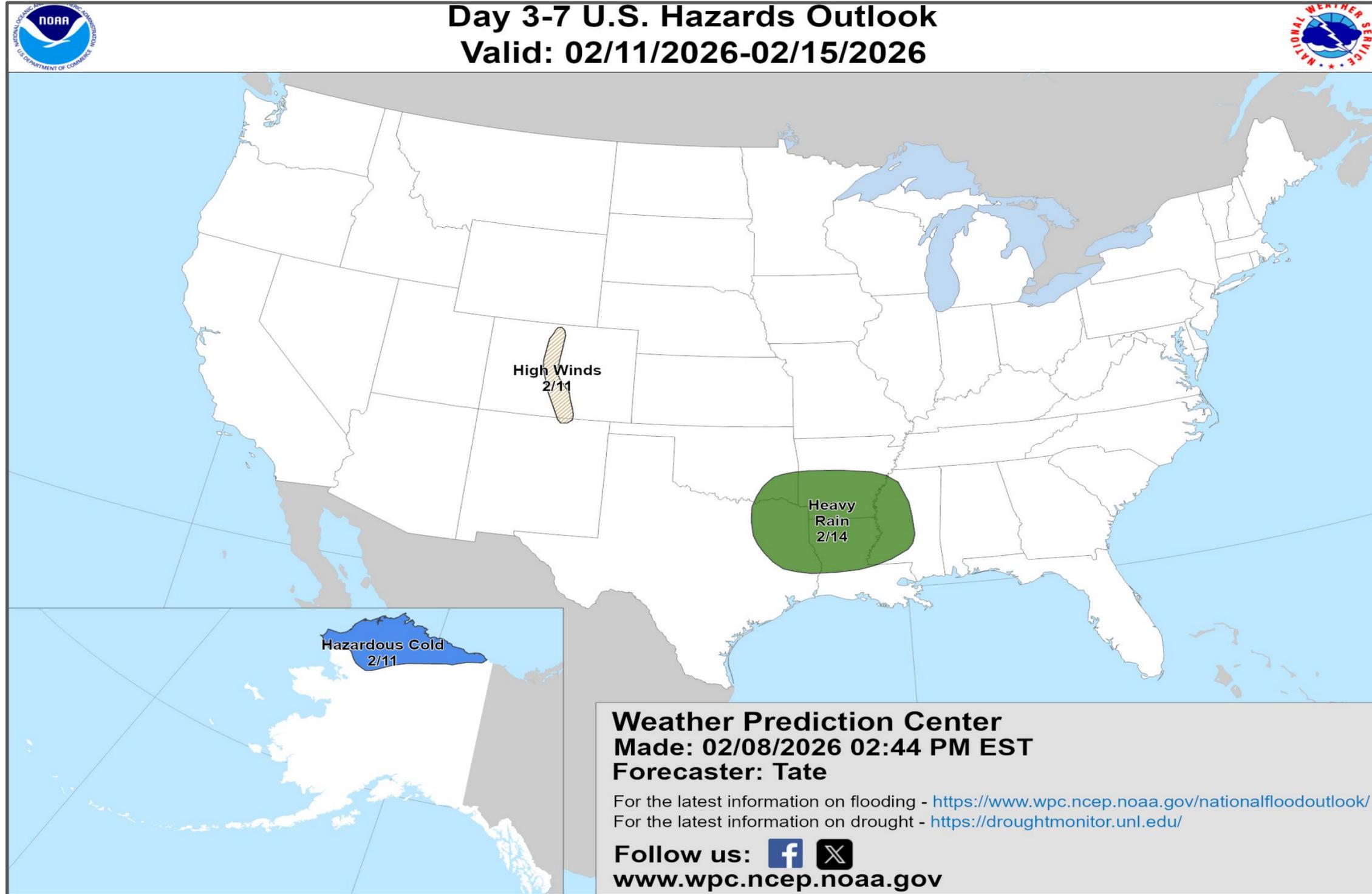


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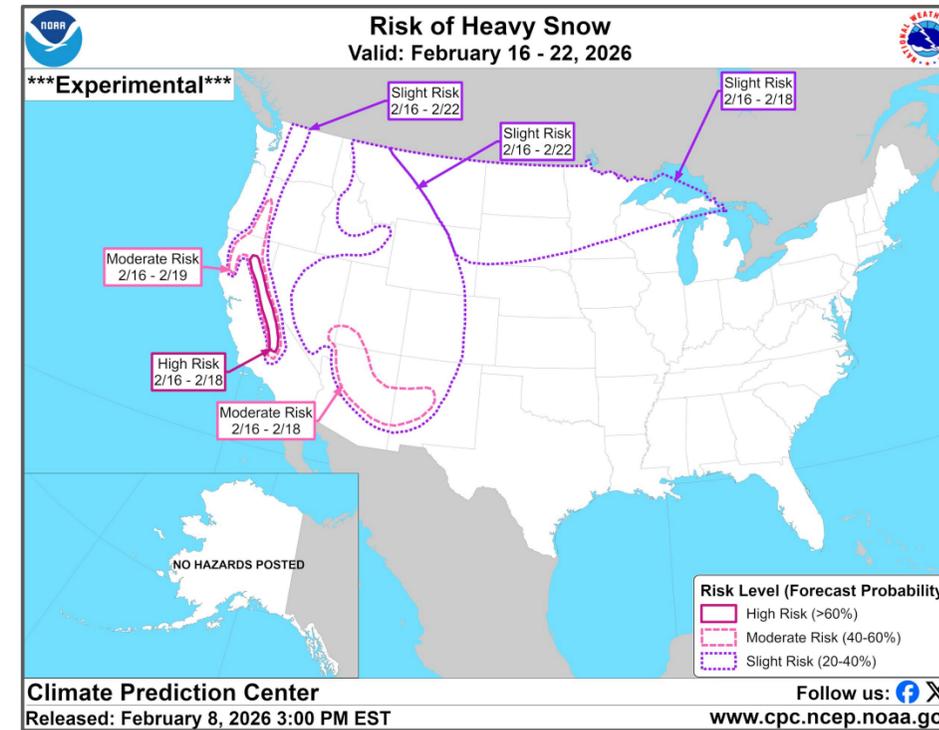
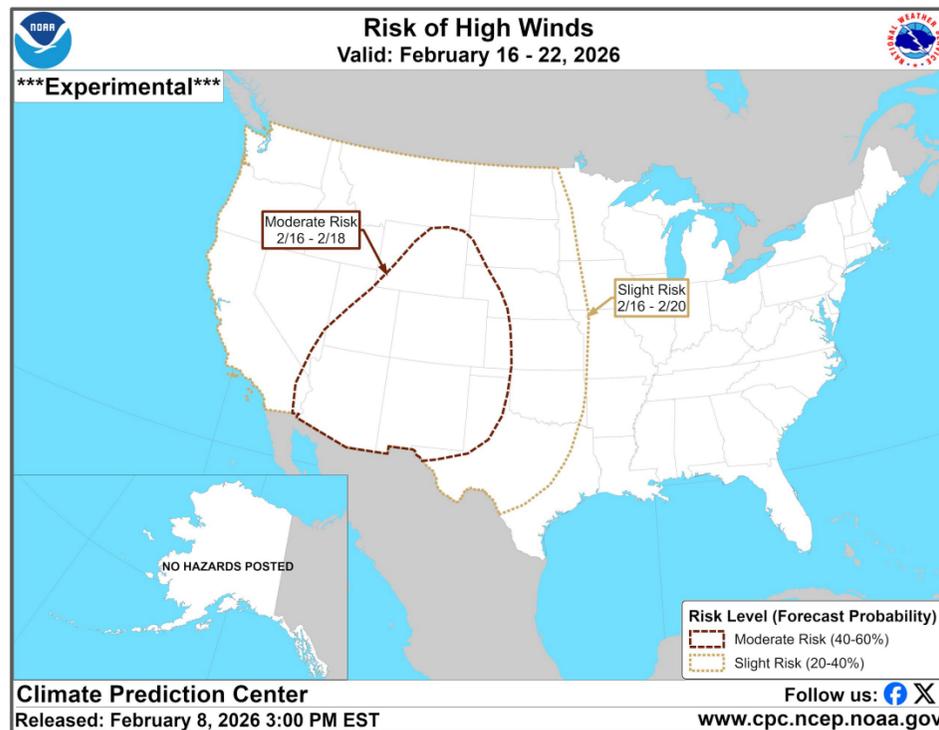
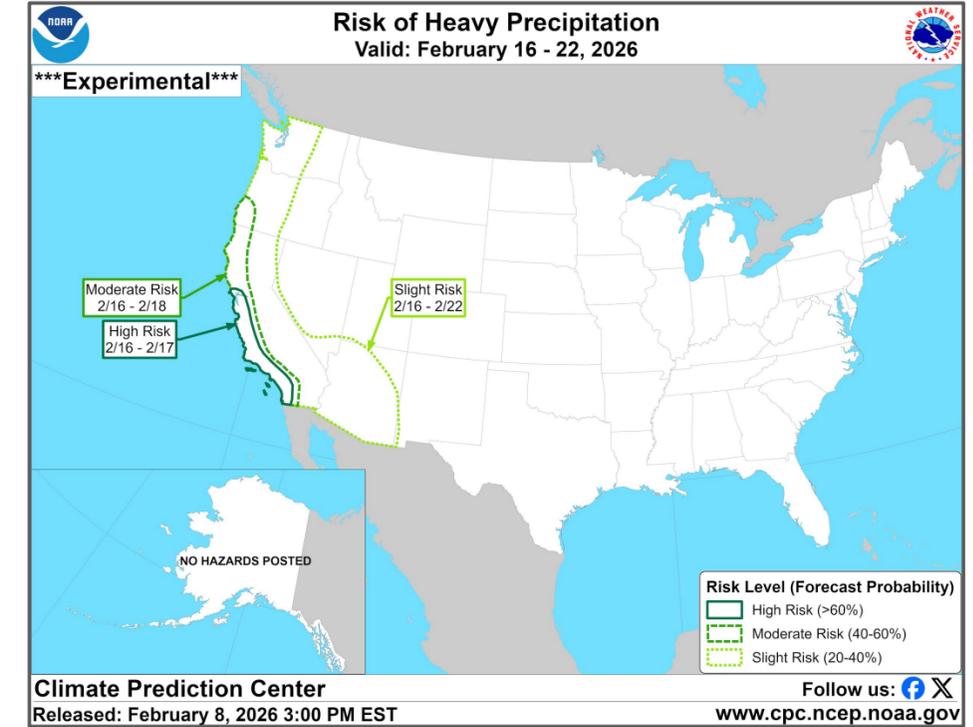
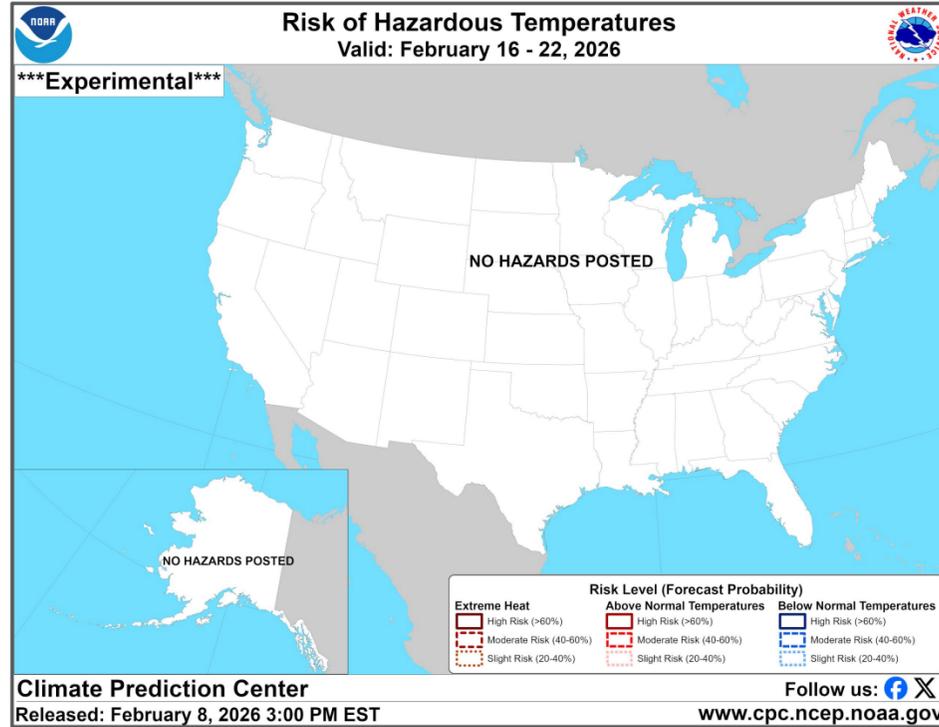
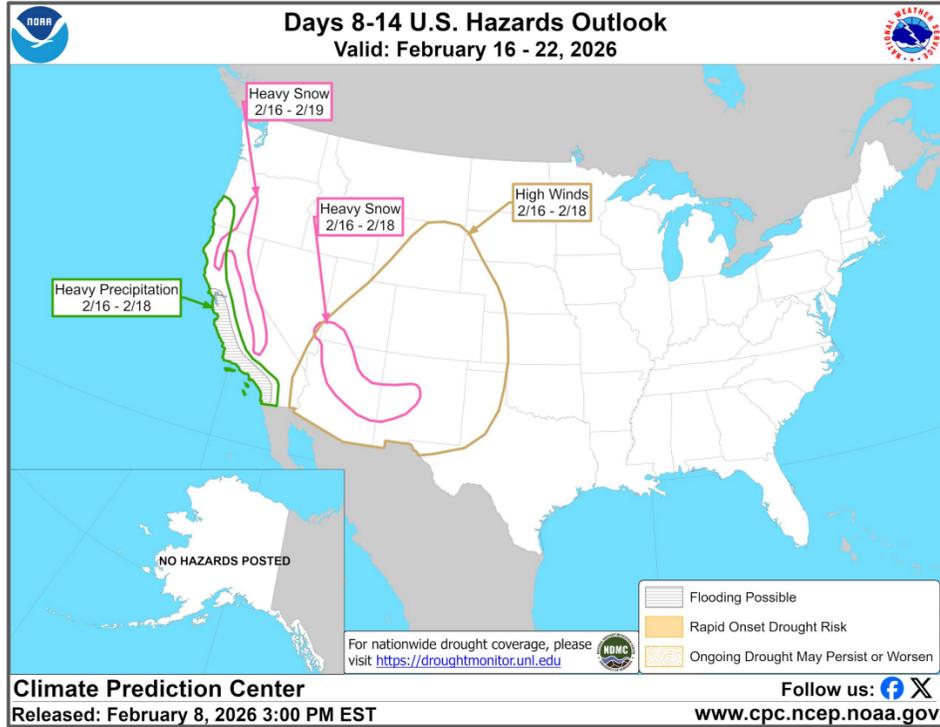


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# "Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

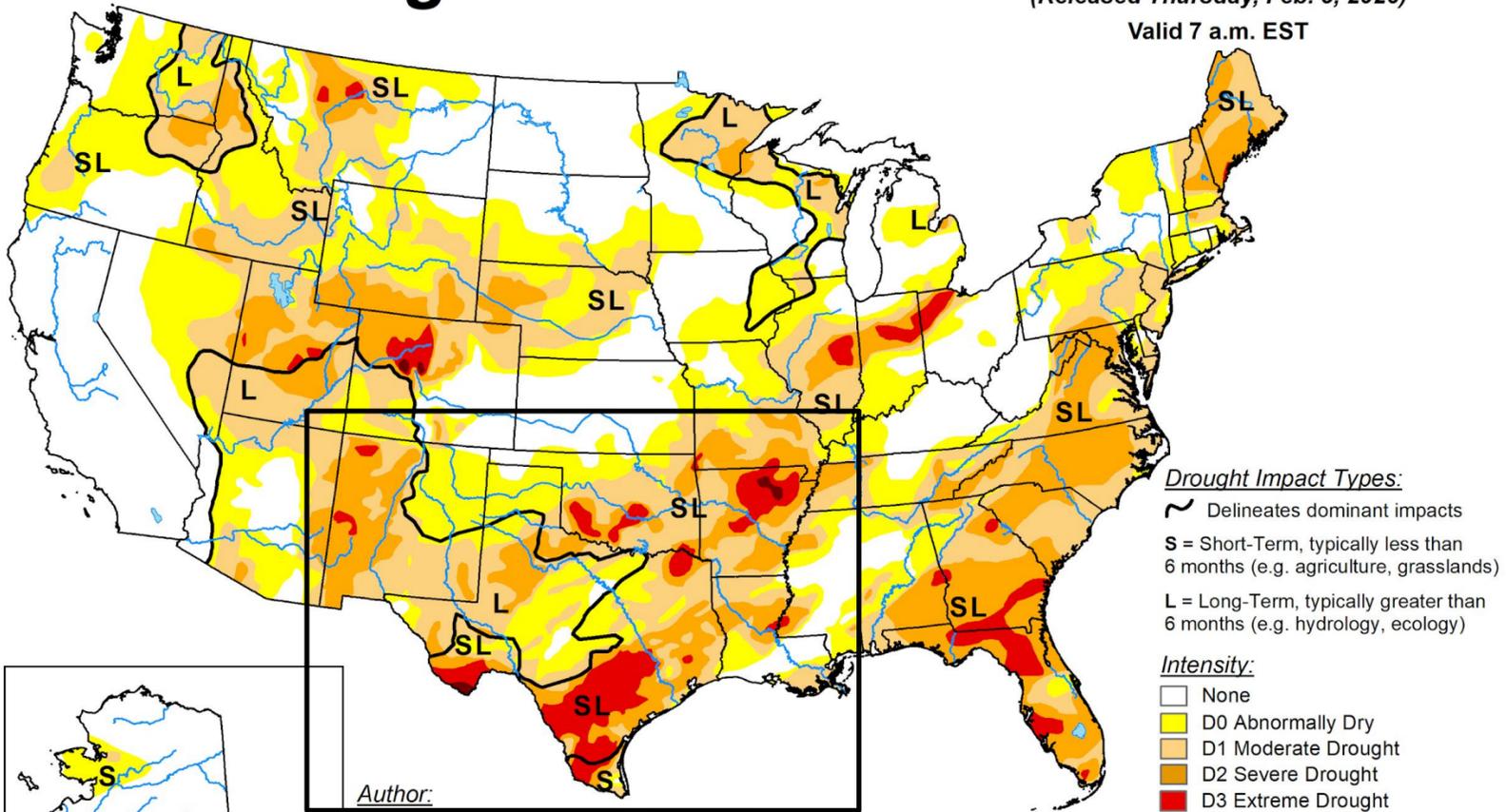




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

February 3, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 5, 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)

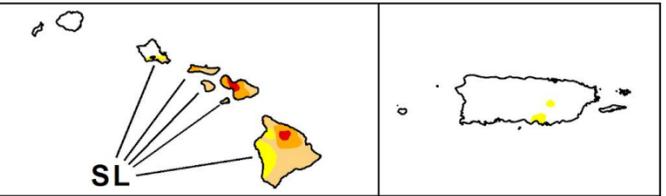
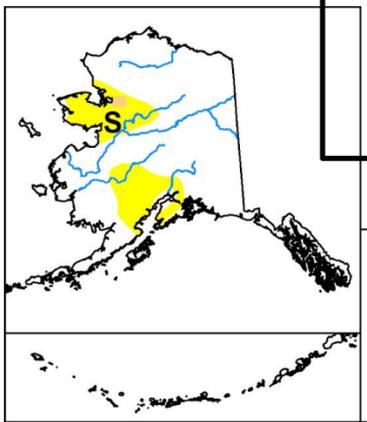
**Intensity:**  
None  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

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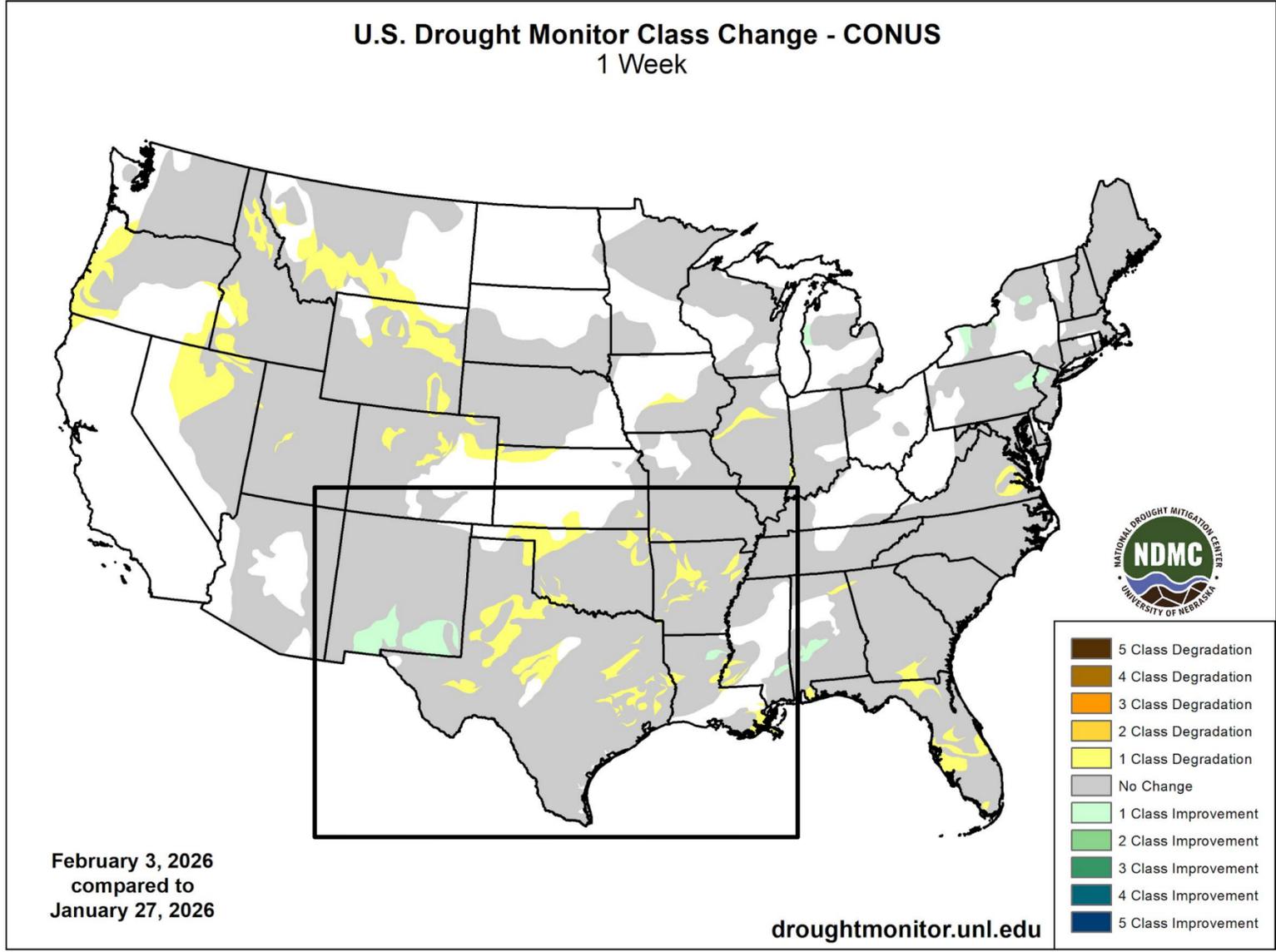
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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



February 3, 2026  
compared to  
January 27, 2026

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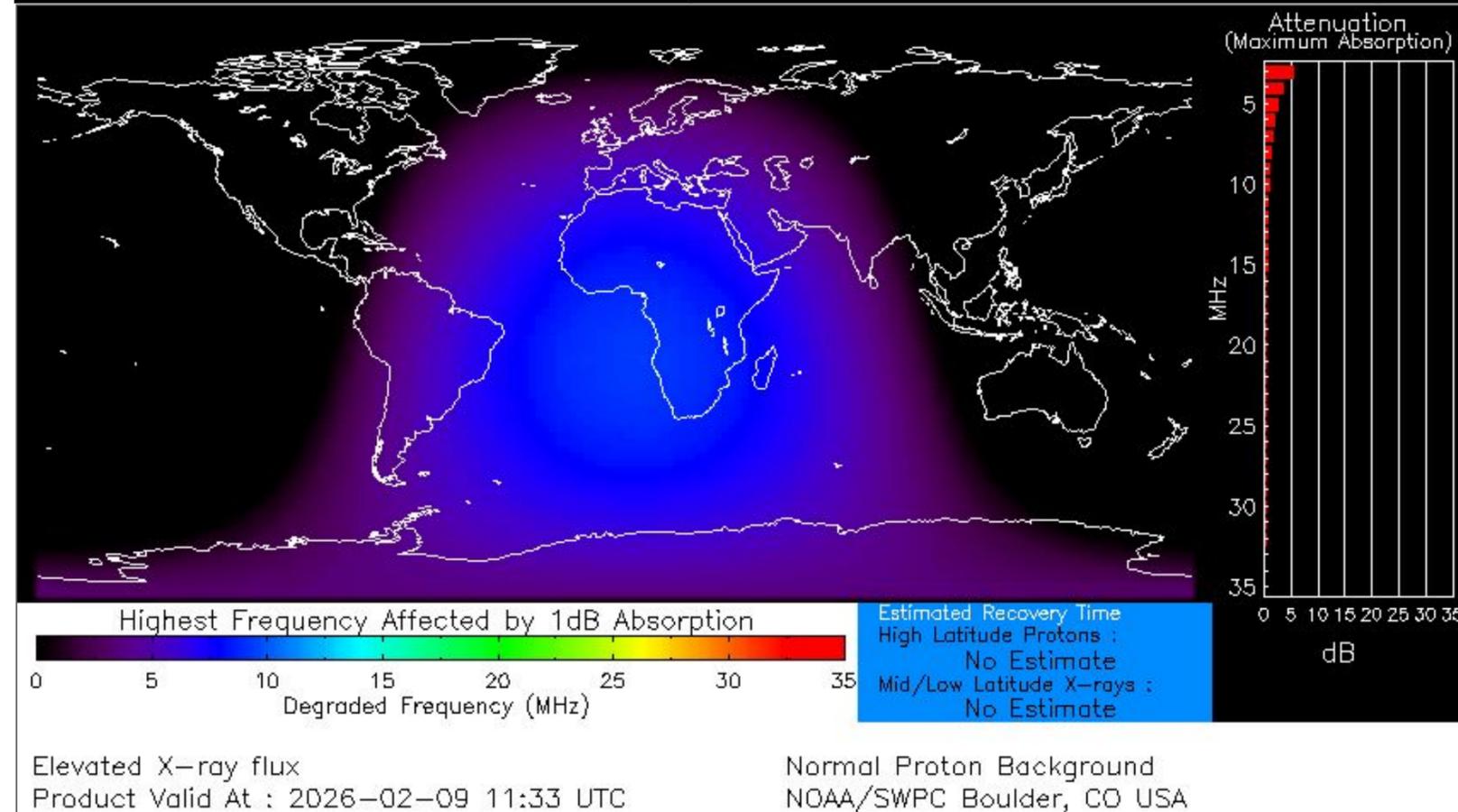


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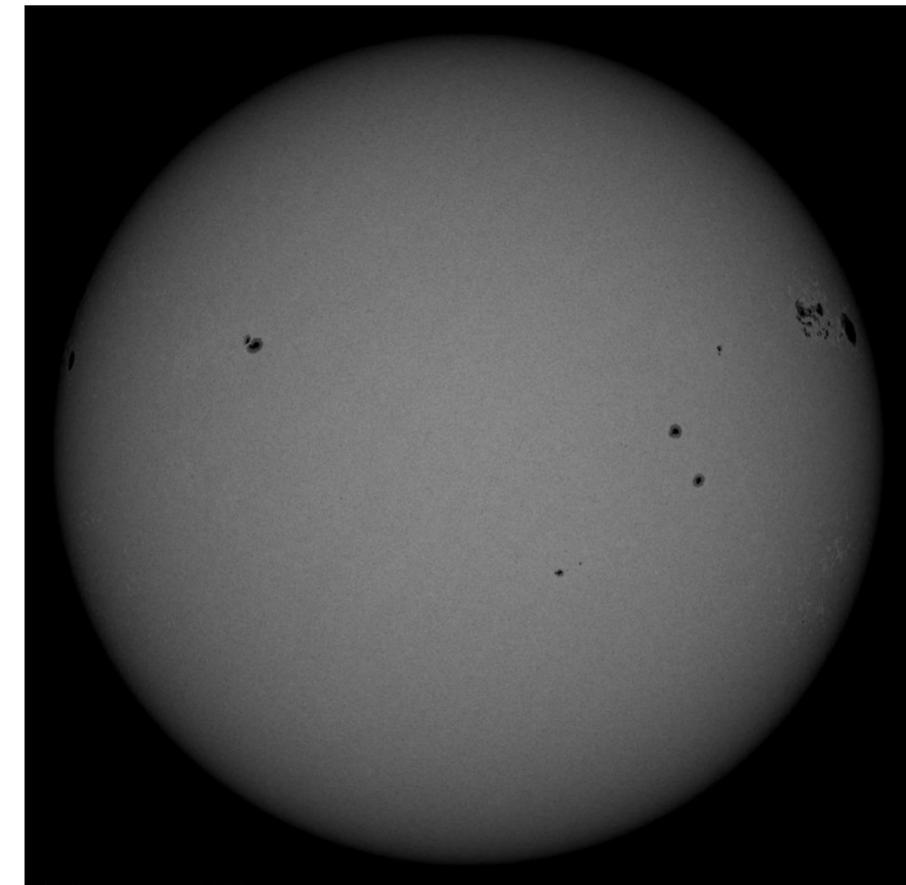
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Feb 9	Tuesday, Feb 10	Wednesday, Feb 11
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</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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