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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Thursday, February 12, 2026

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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) in **OK, NW TX, NW AR** Friday.
- Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) in **E OK, AR, NE TX, N LA** Saturday.
- **Generally 1-3"** with small swaths up to 4". Potential for isolated spots of 6-8". Heaviest rain is most likely in **AR/SE OK/NE TX**.

- **Severe Weather:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in **SE NM, W/NW TX, SW OK** Friday. Hail is main threat.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in **SE OK, N/C/E TX, S AR, LA** Saturday. Wind is main threat.

- **Winter Weather:**

- Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in the mountains of **N NM** from snow Friday into Saturday morning. 4-8" above 8500 ft.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions follow the frontal passage in **S TX** Saturday and likely to continue Sunday and Monday with breezy winds.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Feb 12	Friday, Feb 13	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15	Monday, Feb 16	Tuesday, Feb 17	Wednesday, Feb 18
<b>Severe Storms</b>		SE NM, W/NW TX, SW OK	SE OK, N/C/E TX, S AR, LA				
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding</b>		OK, NW TX, NW AR	AR, N LA, NE TX E OK, NE TX, NW AR, N LA				
<b>Winter Weather</b>		N NM Mts	N NM Mts (AM)				
<b>Fire Weather</b>			STX	STX	STX		
<b>River Flooding</b>							

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

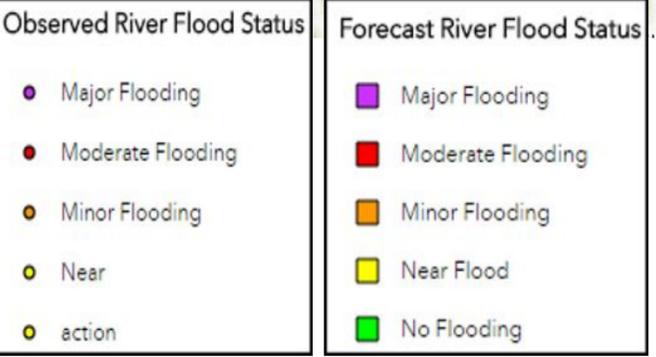
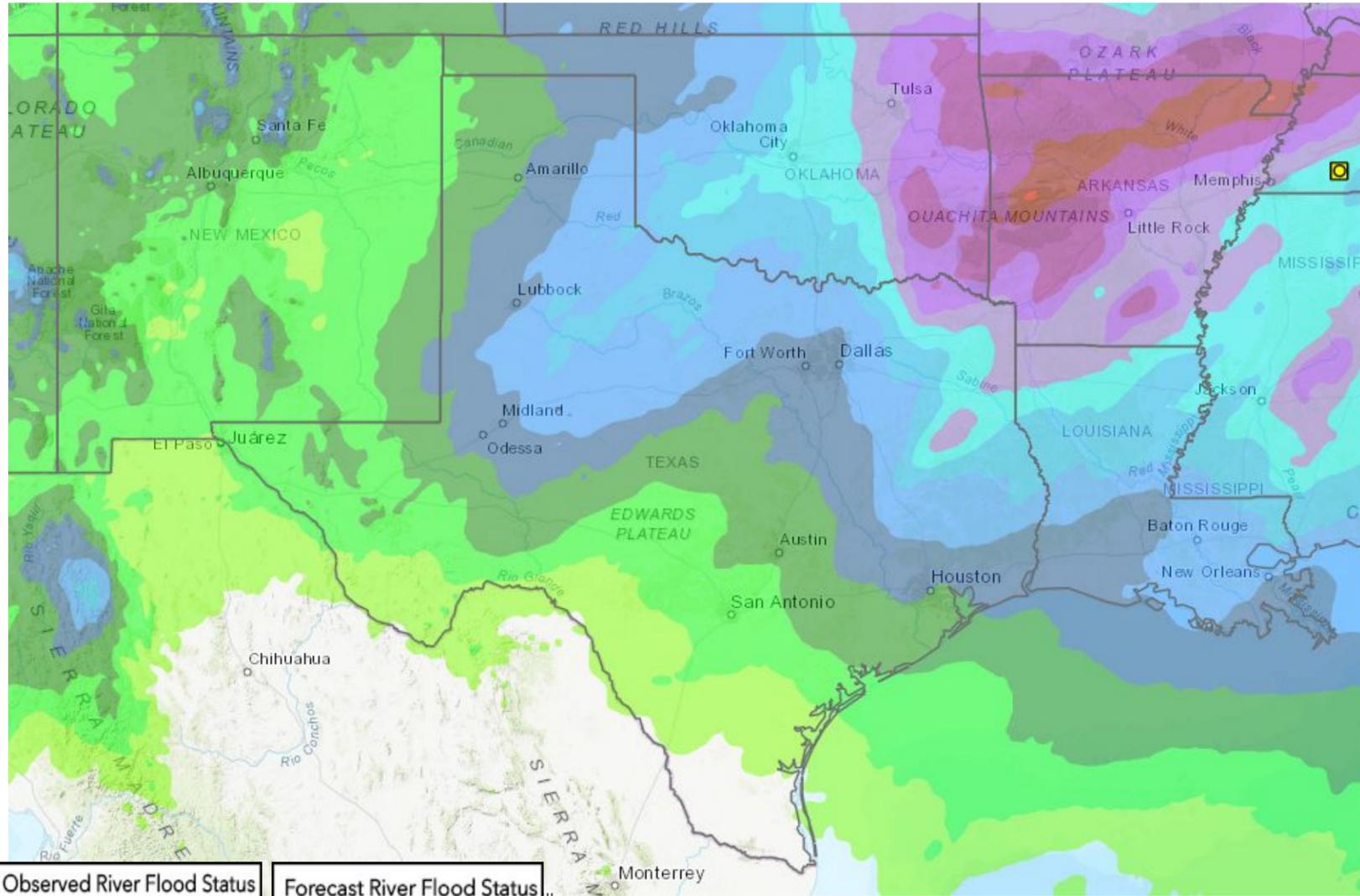
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

<b>Risk Levels</b>	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

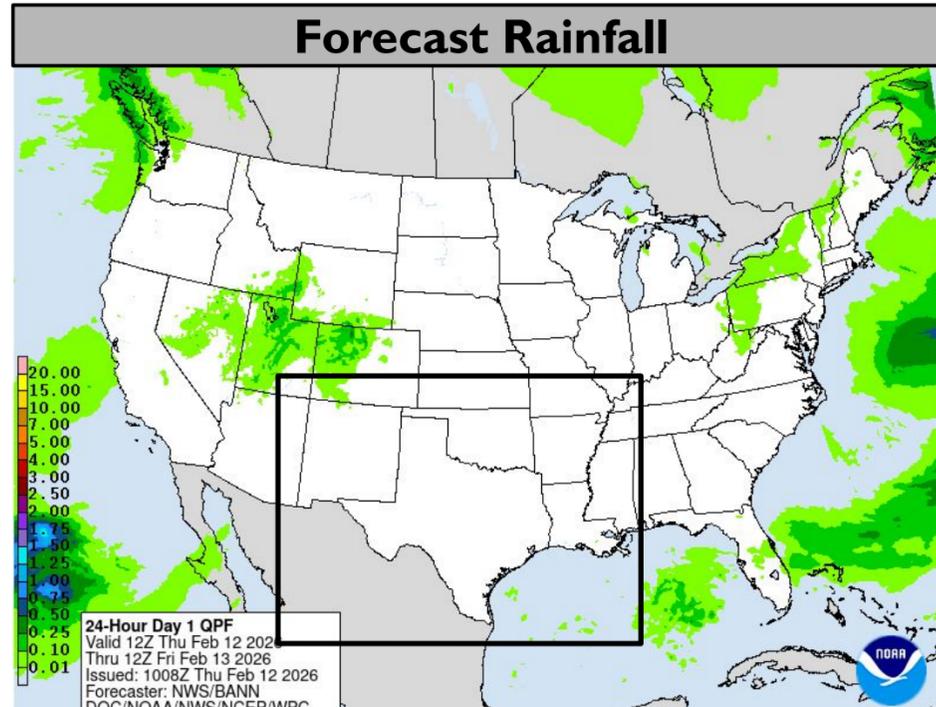
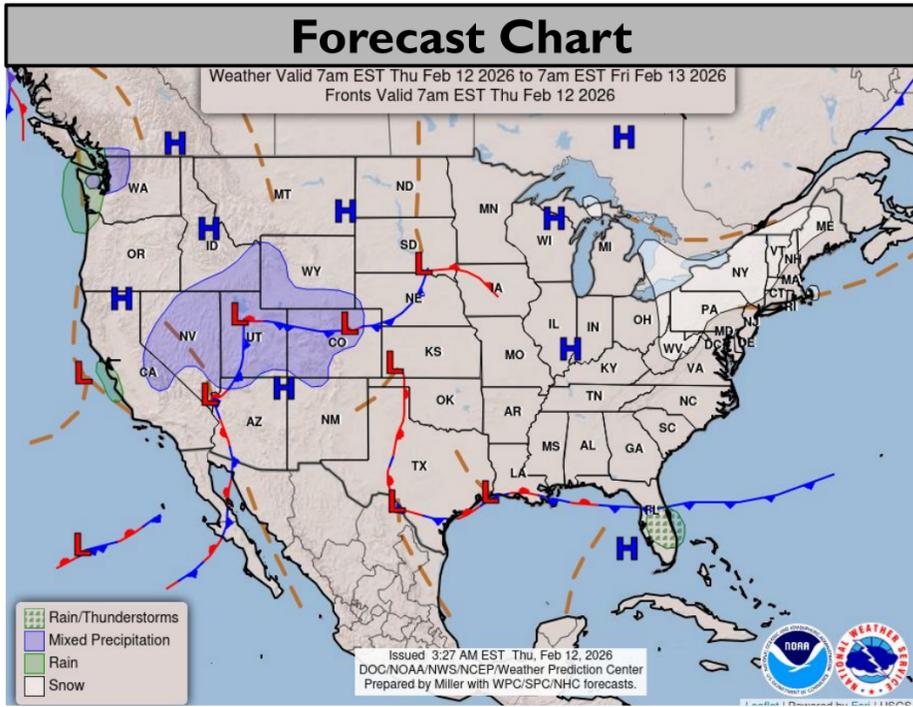


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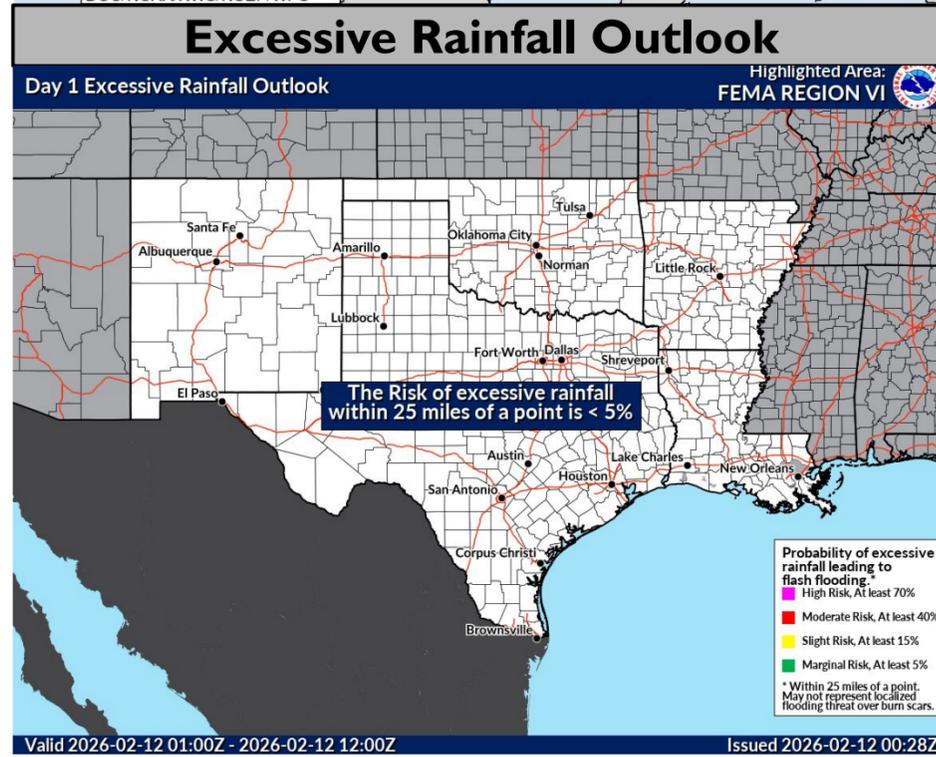
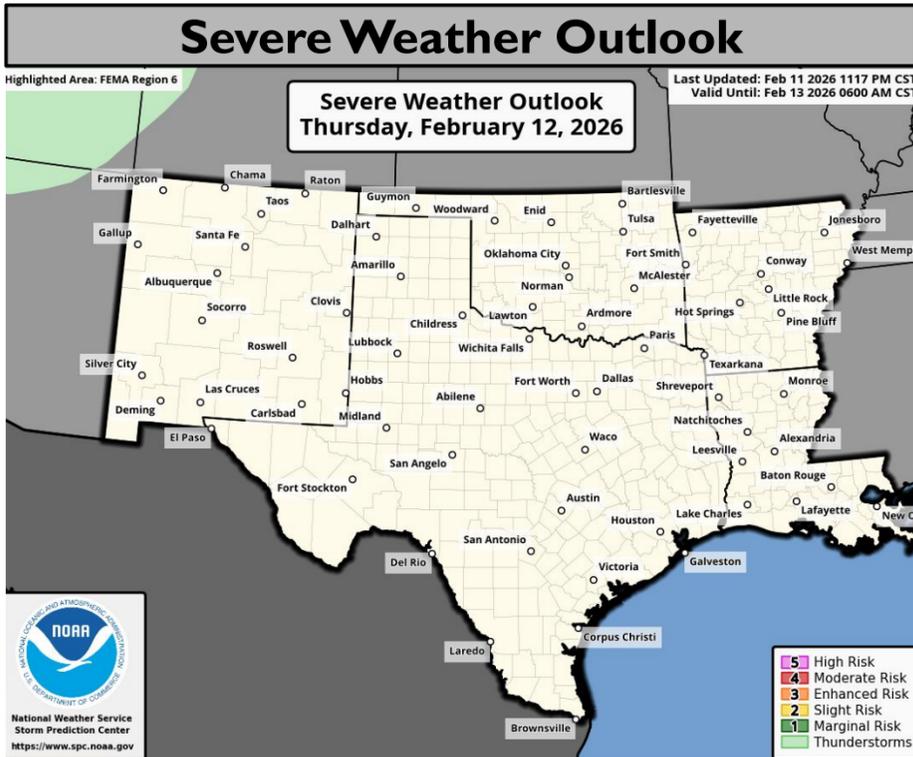
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.



# Today's Weather

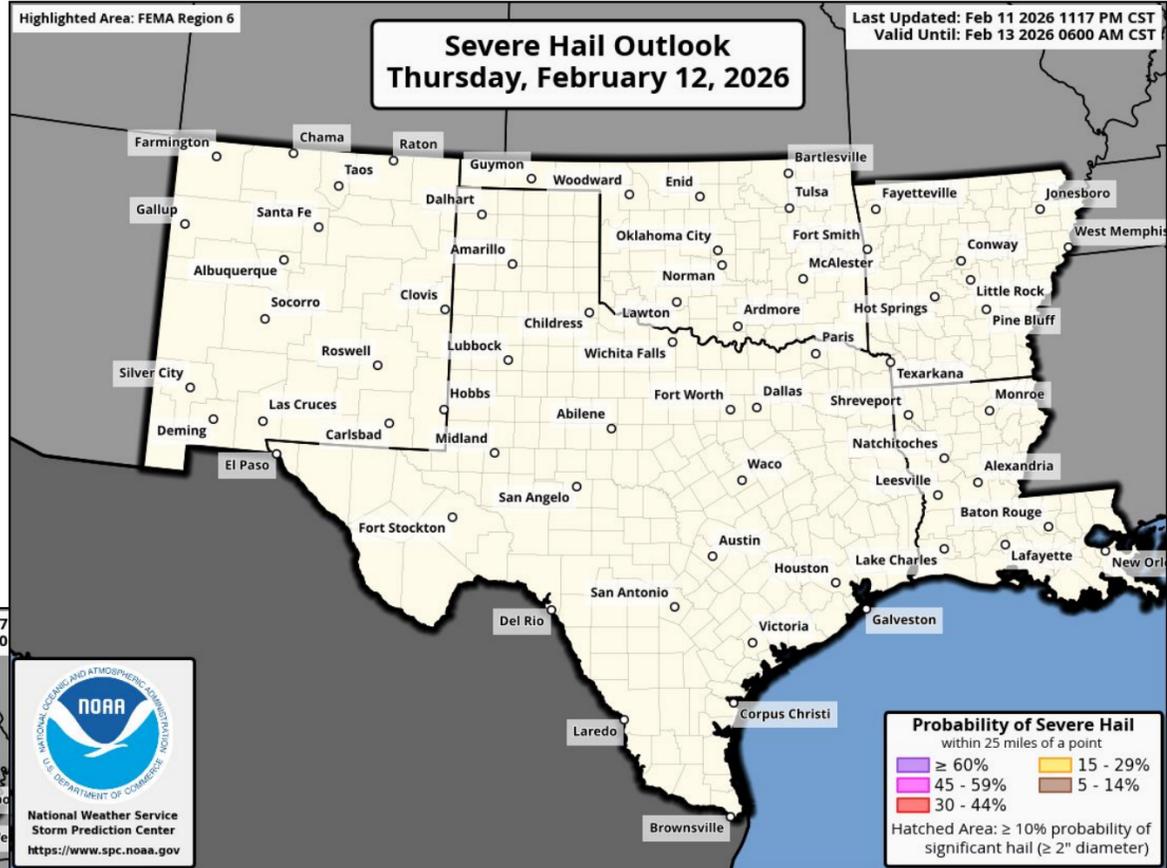
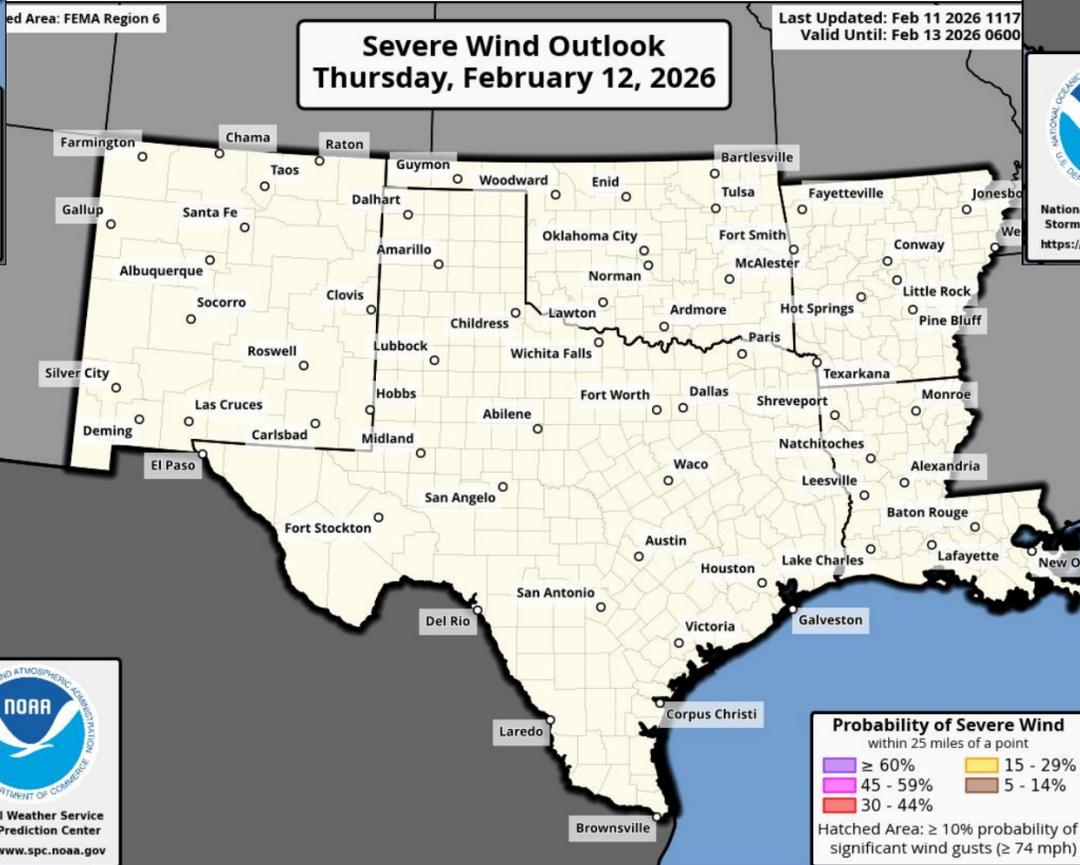
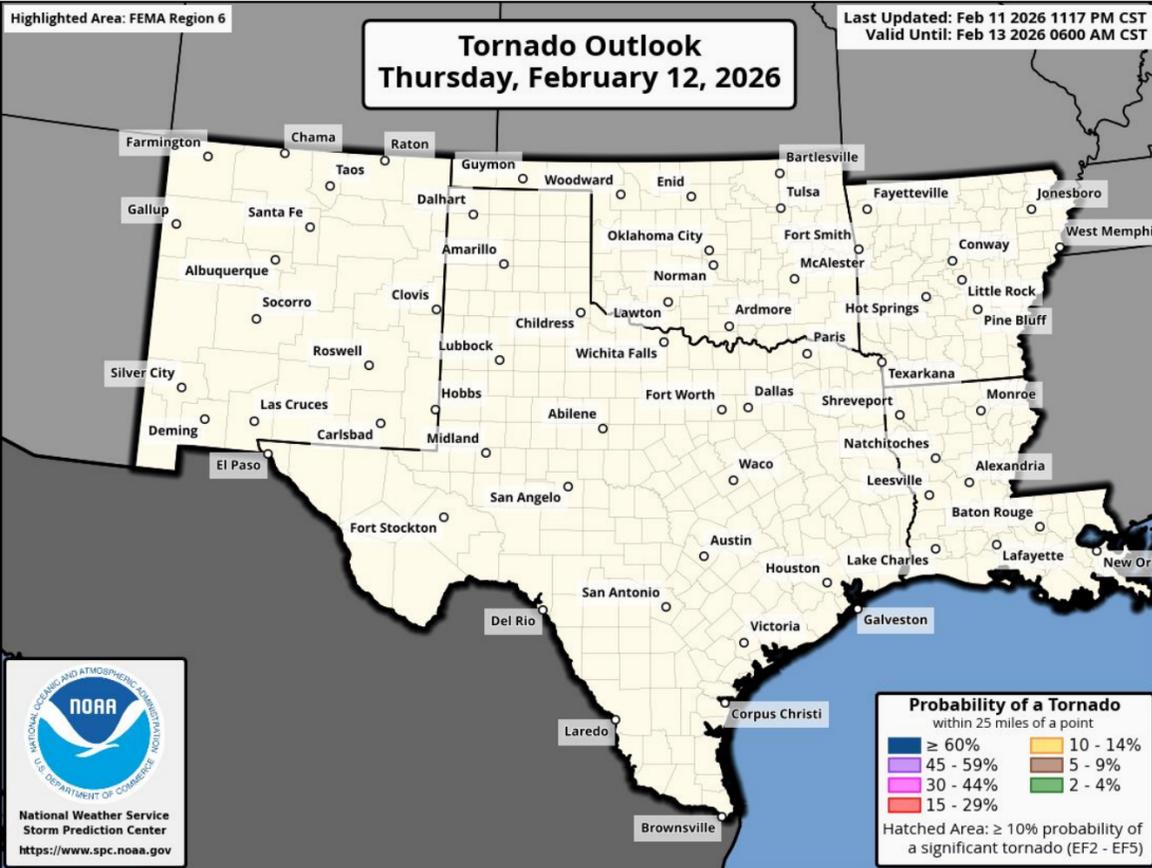


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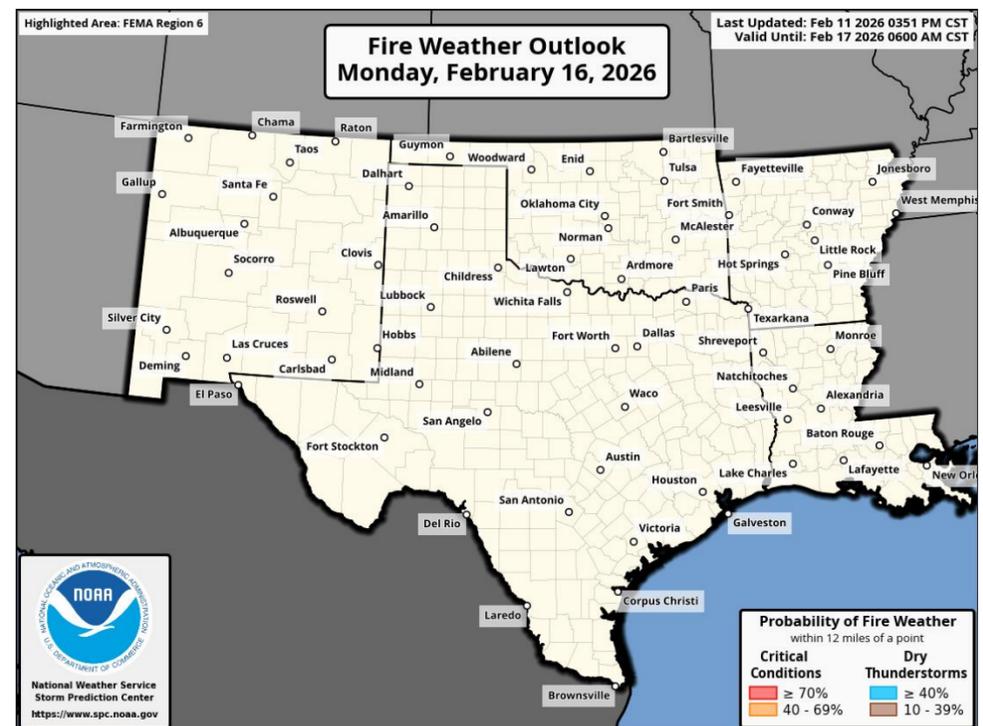
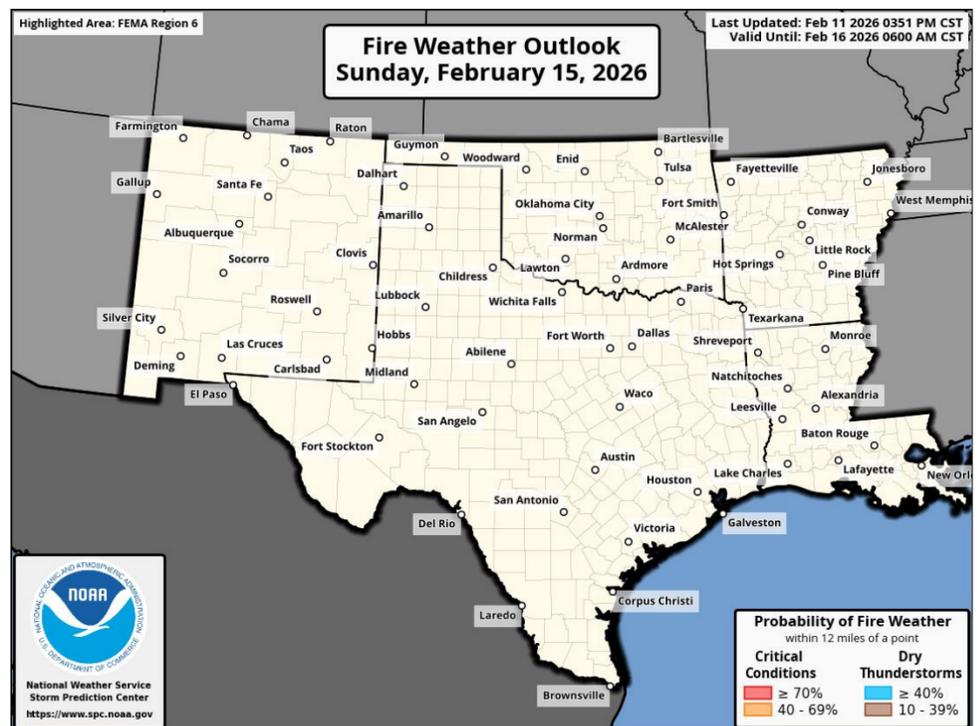
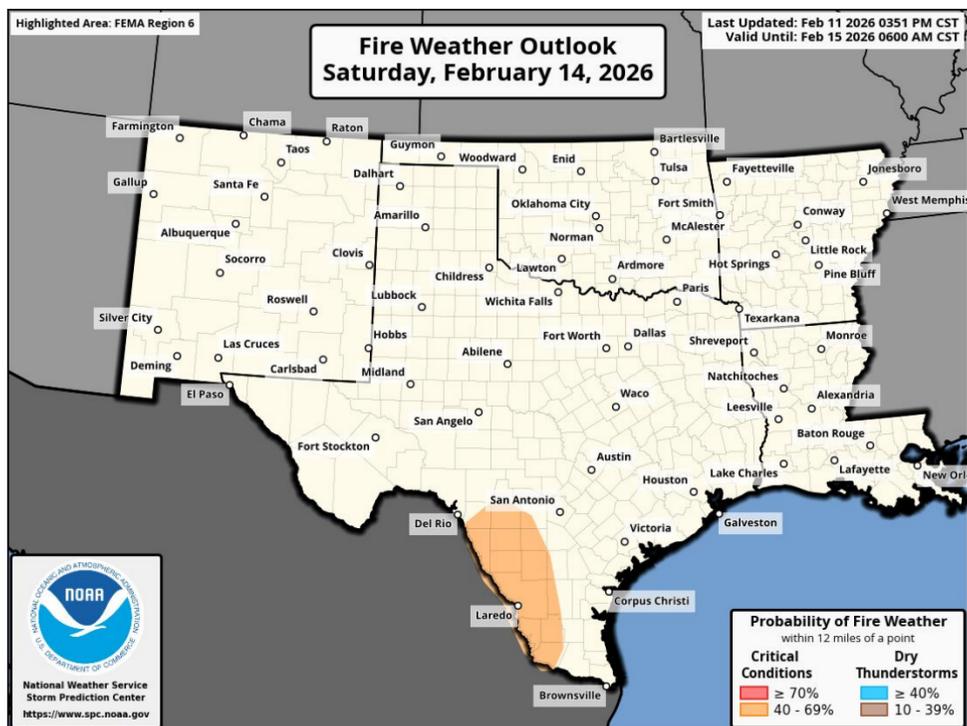
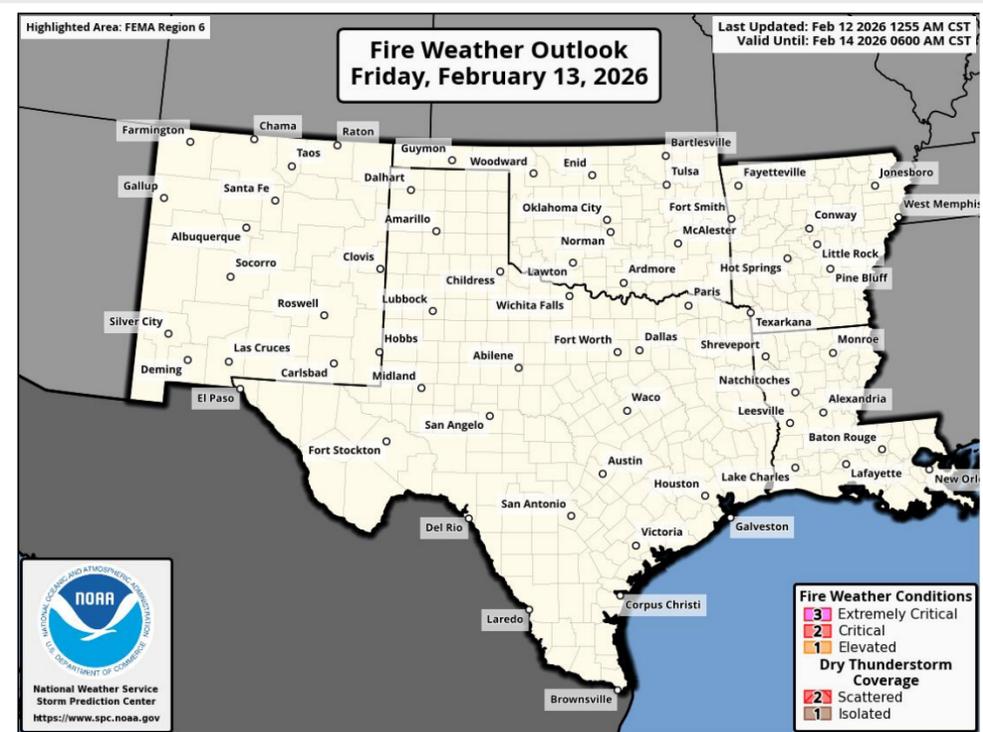
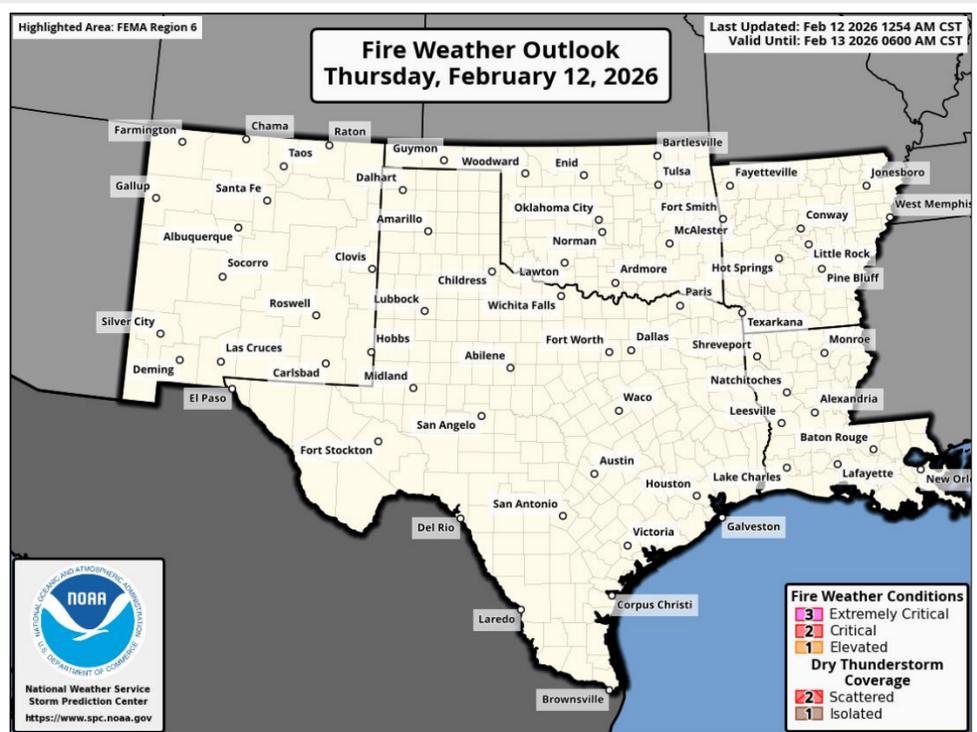


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





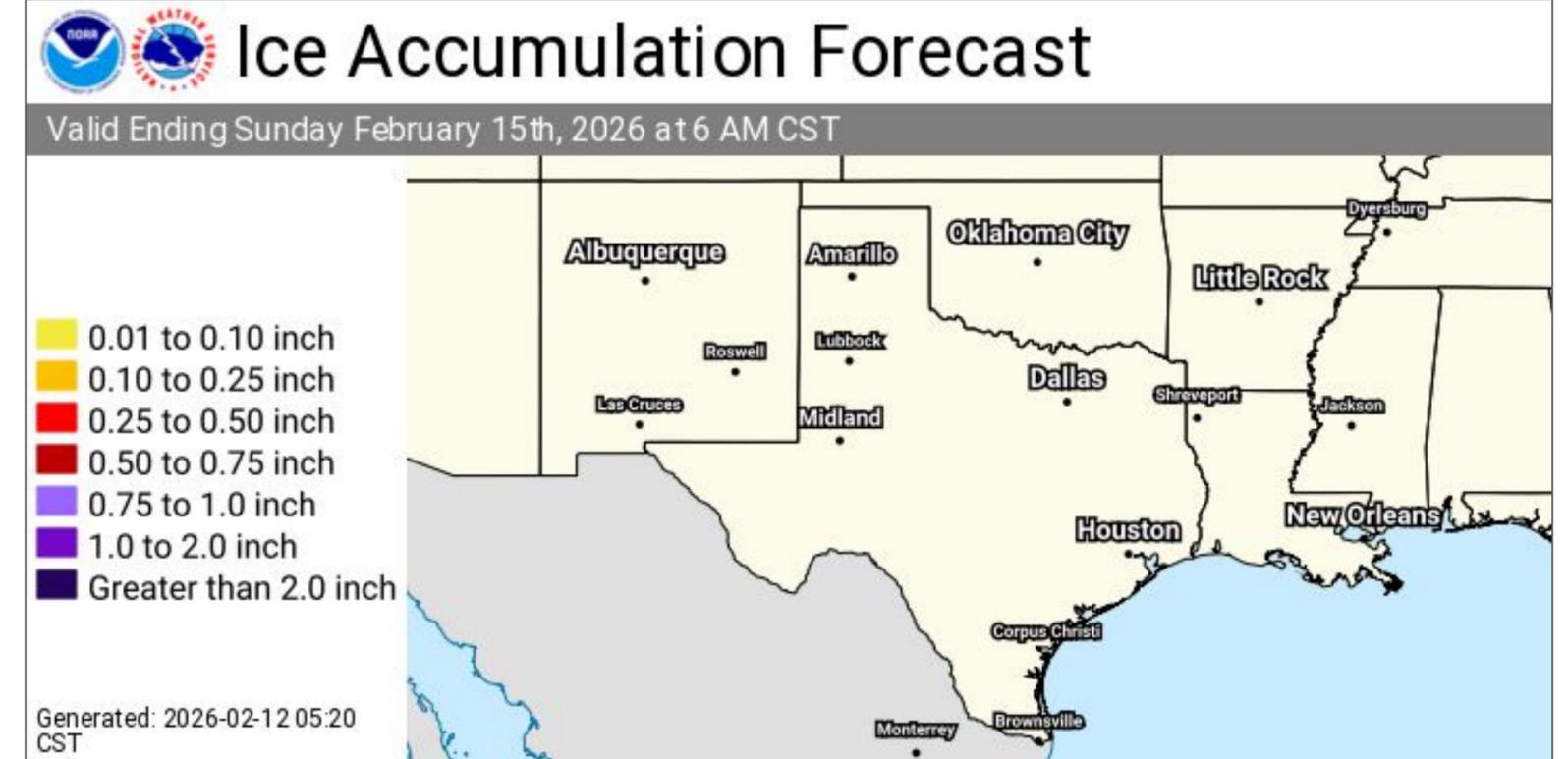
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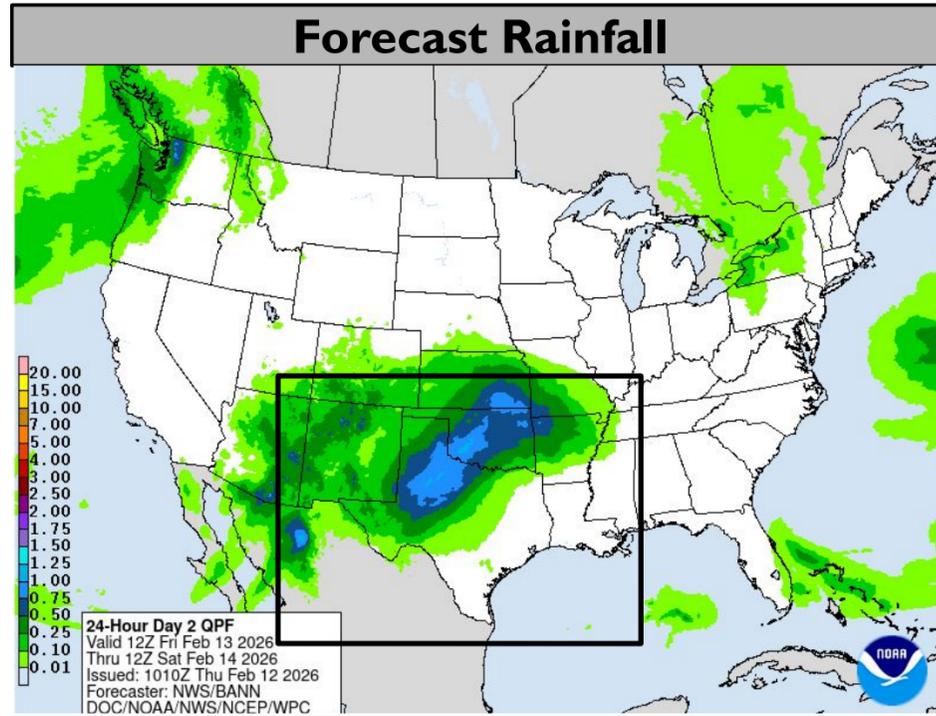
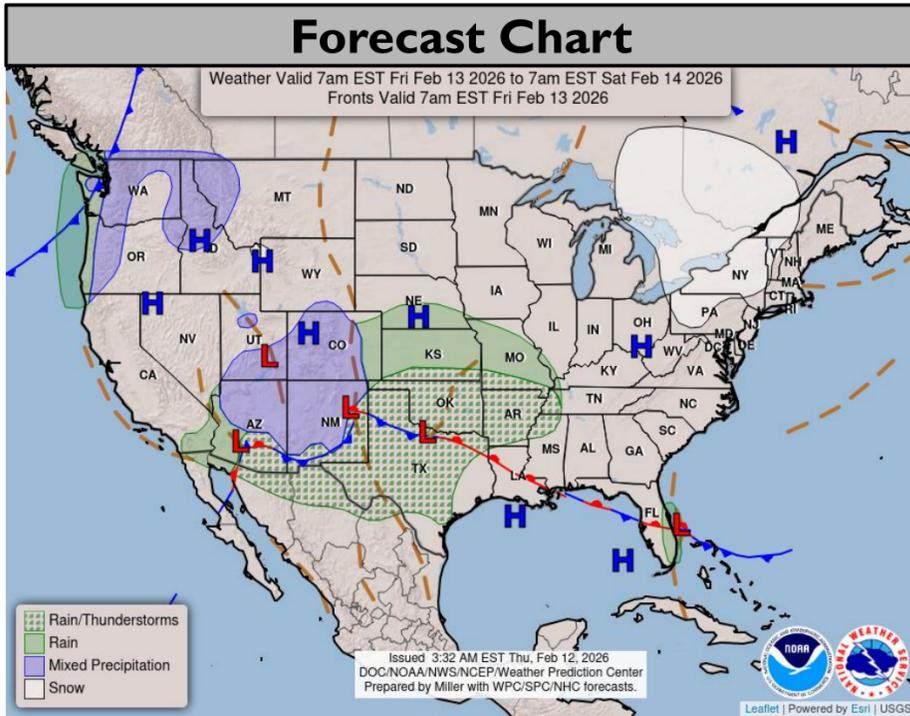
# Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days





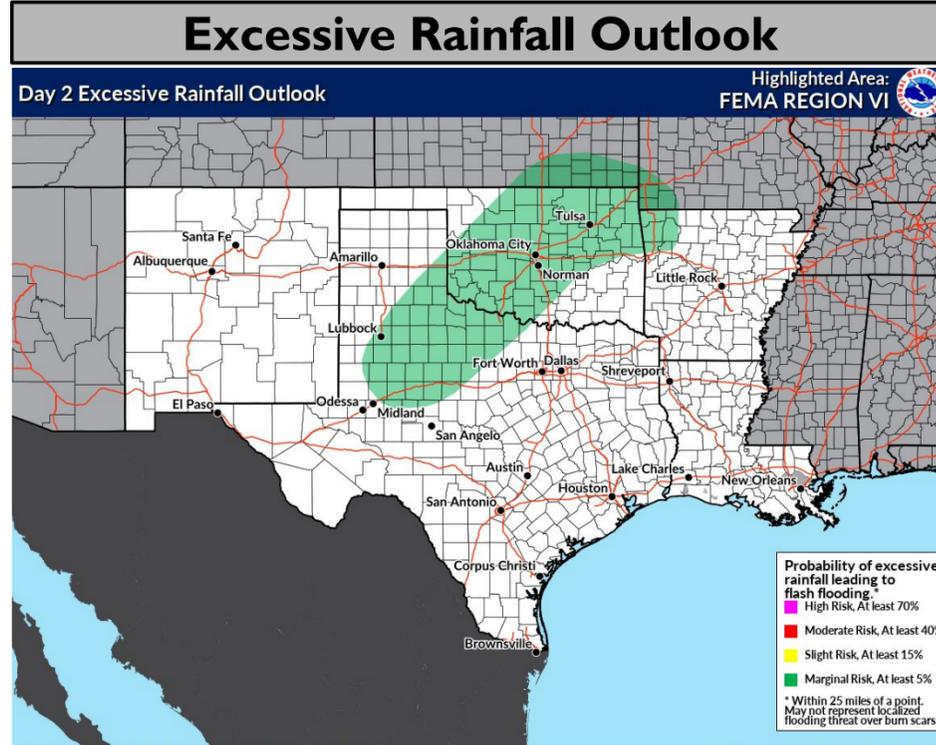
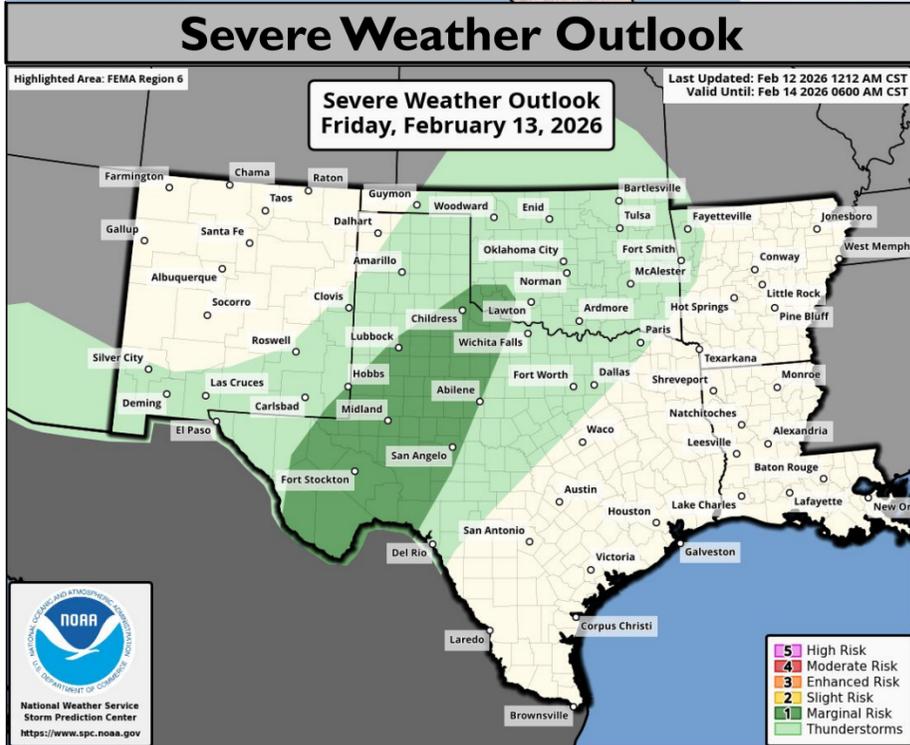
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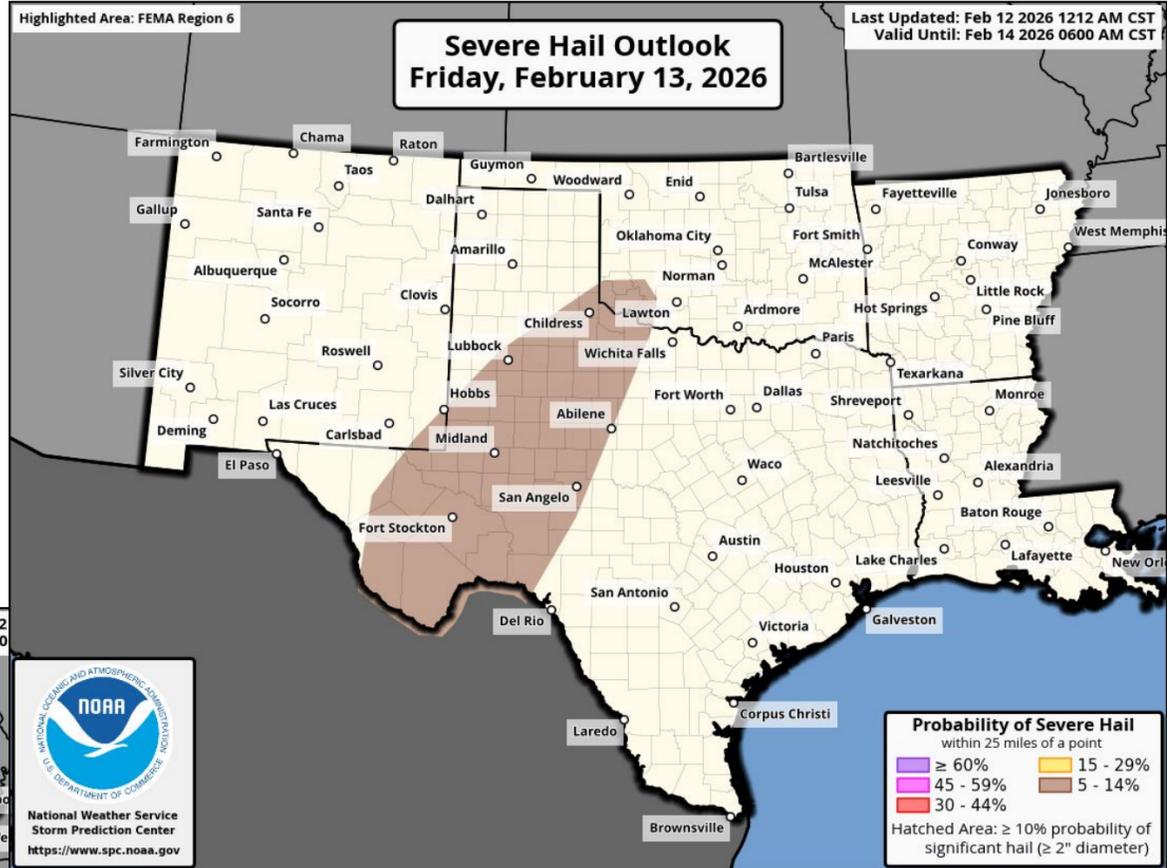
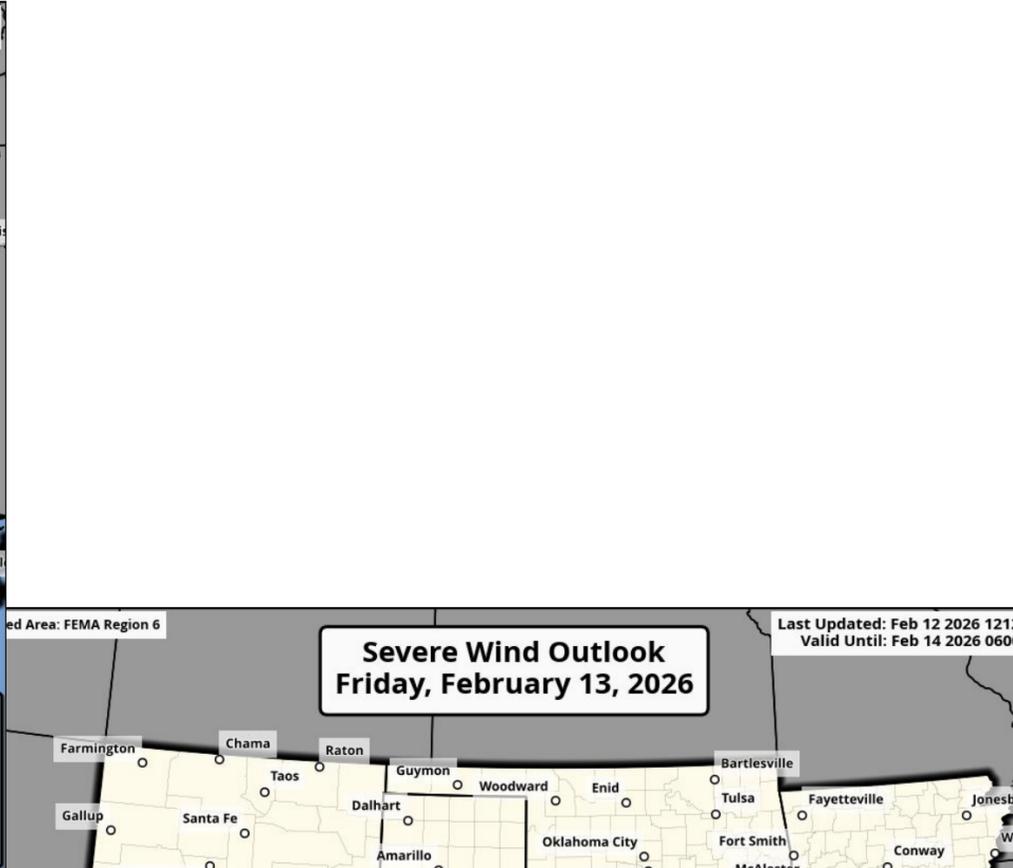
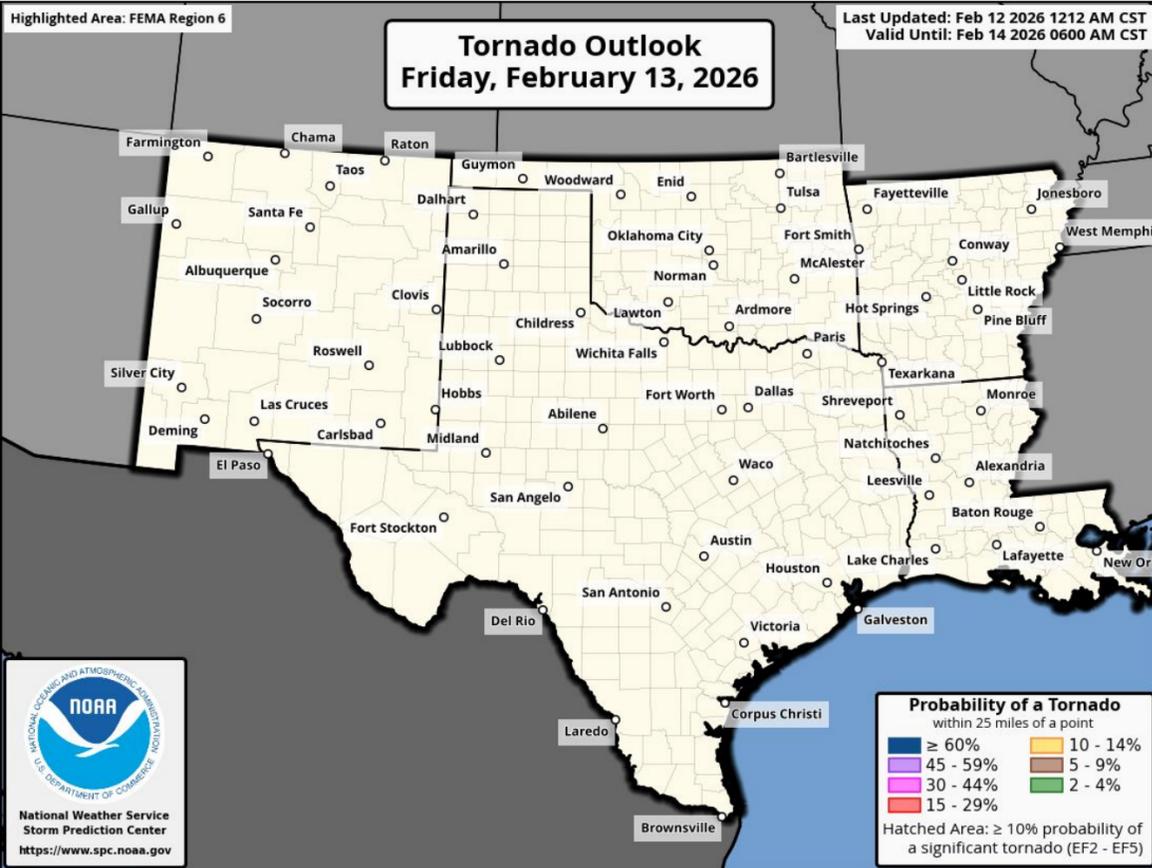
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE NM, W/NW TX, SW OK.**





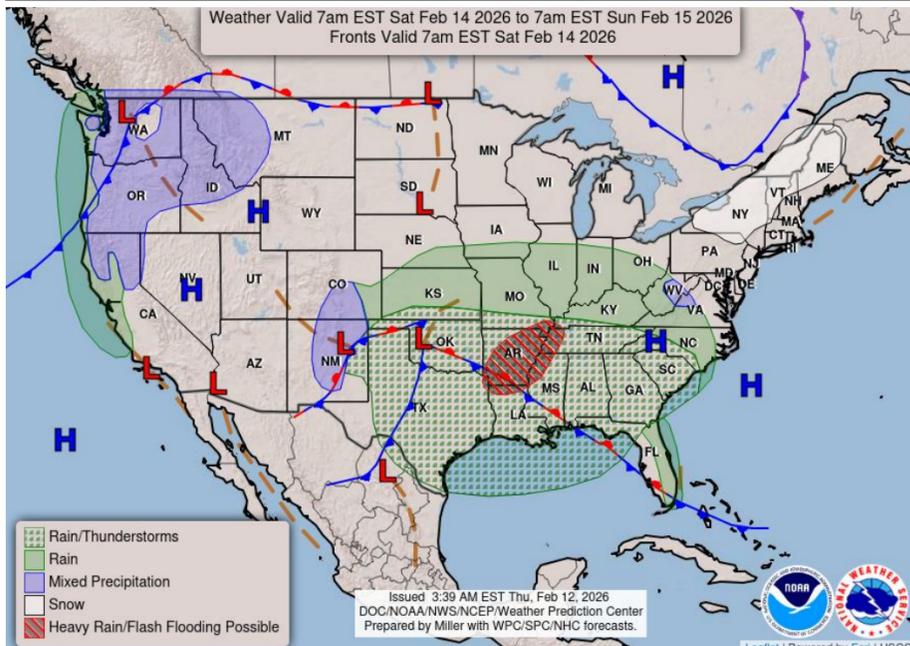
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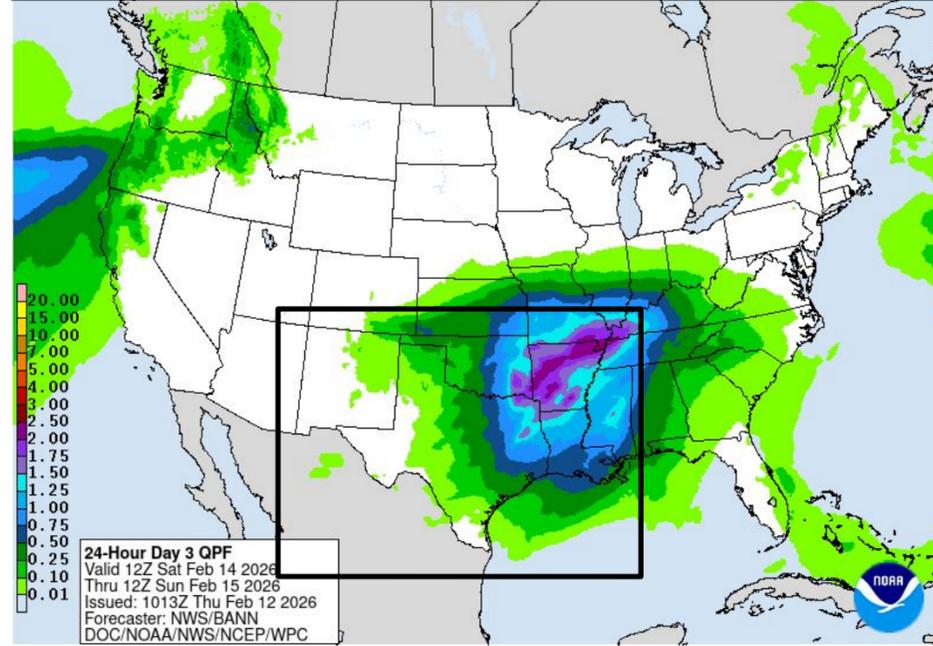


# Saturday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



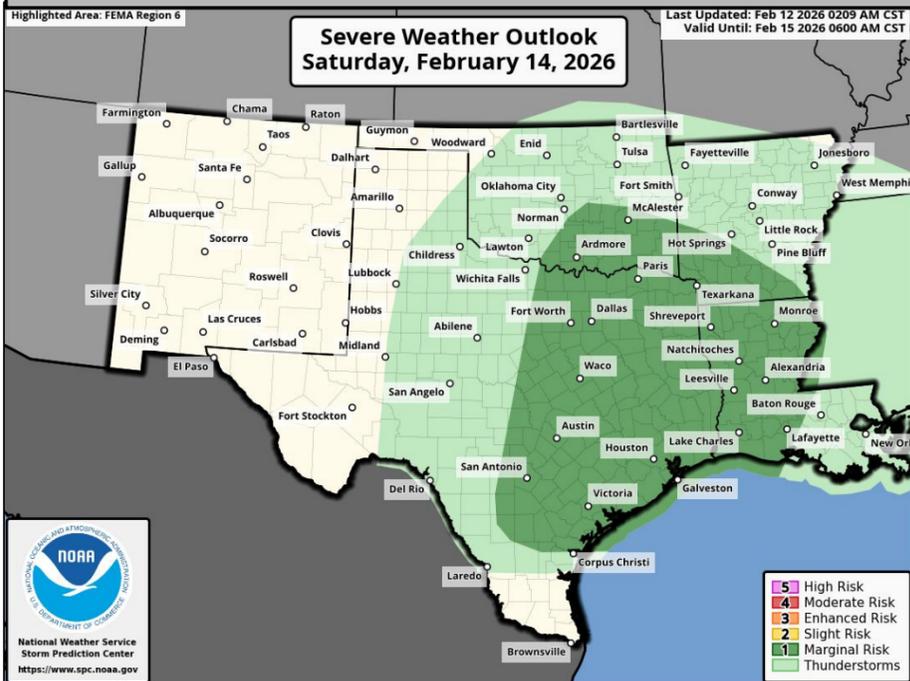
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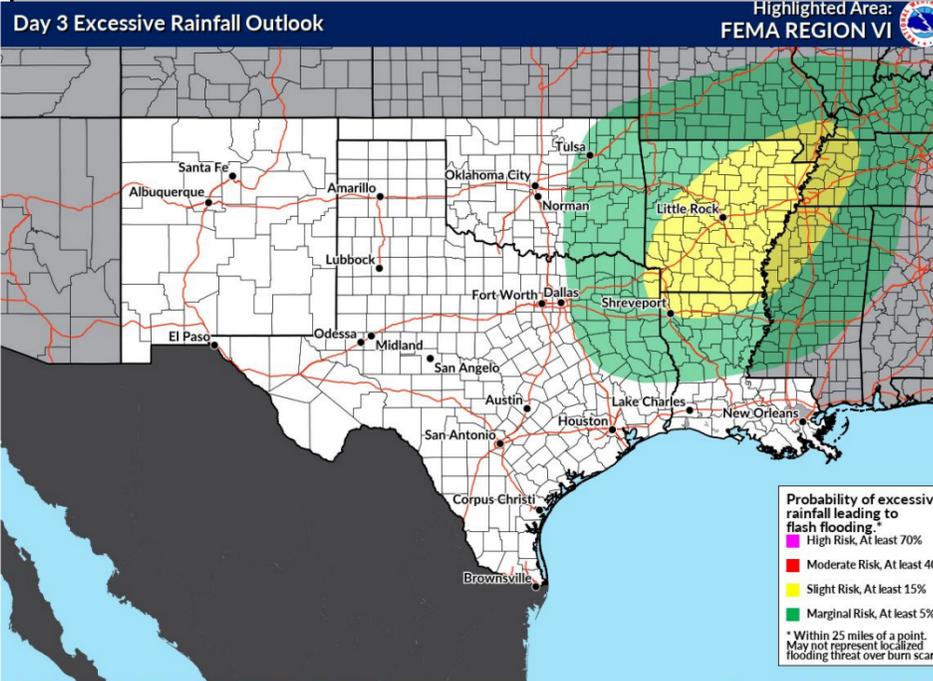
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



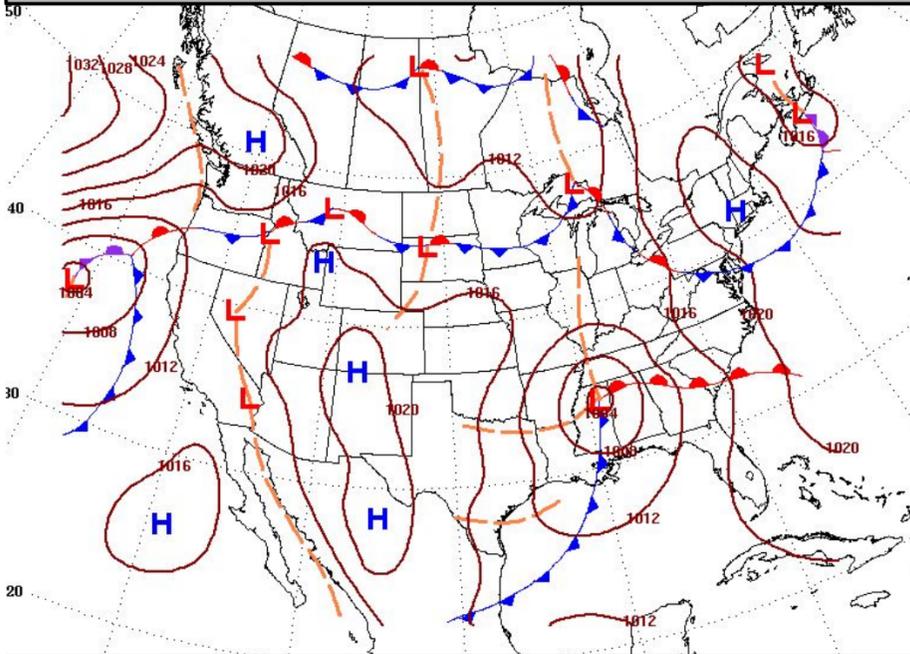
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**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in S TX.**

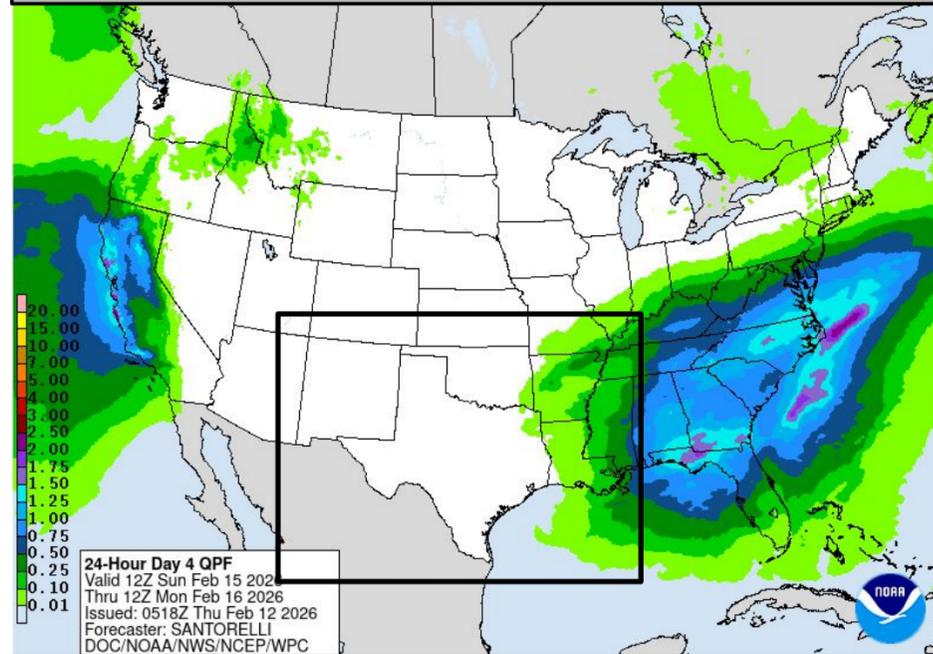


# Sunday's Weather

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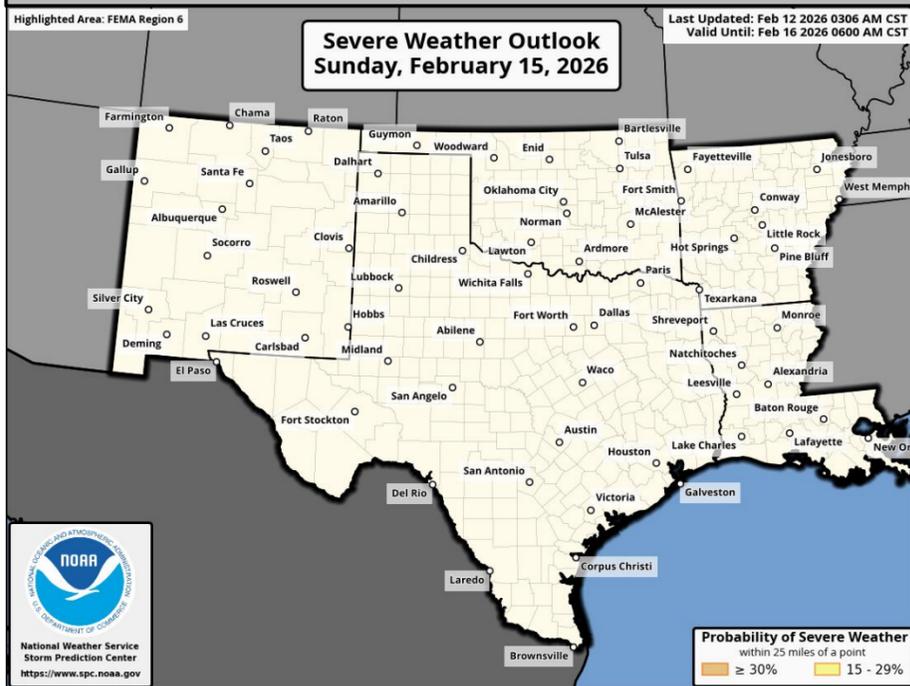


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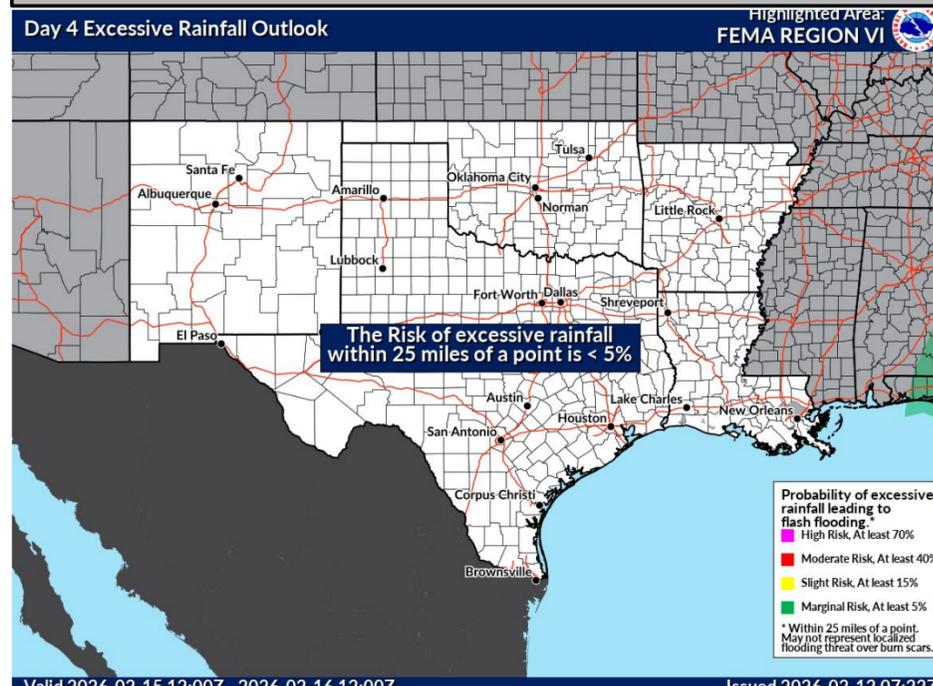


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in STX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



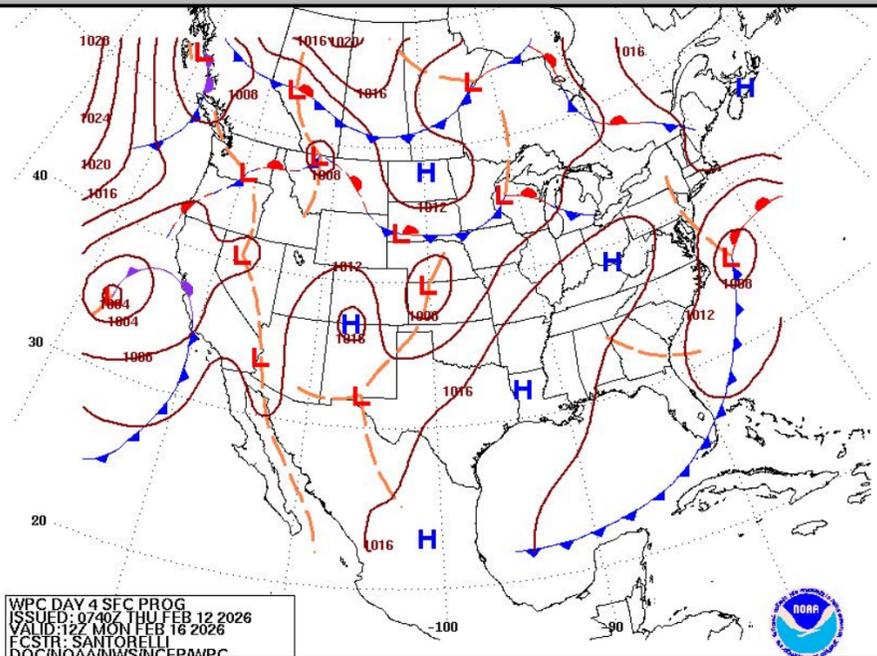
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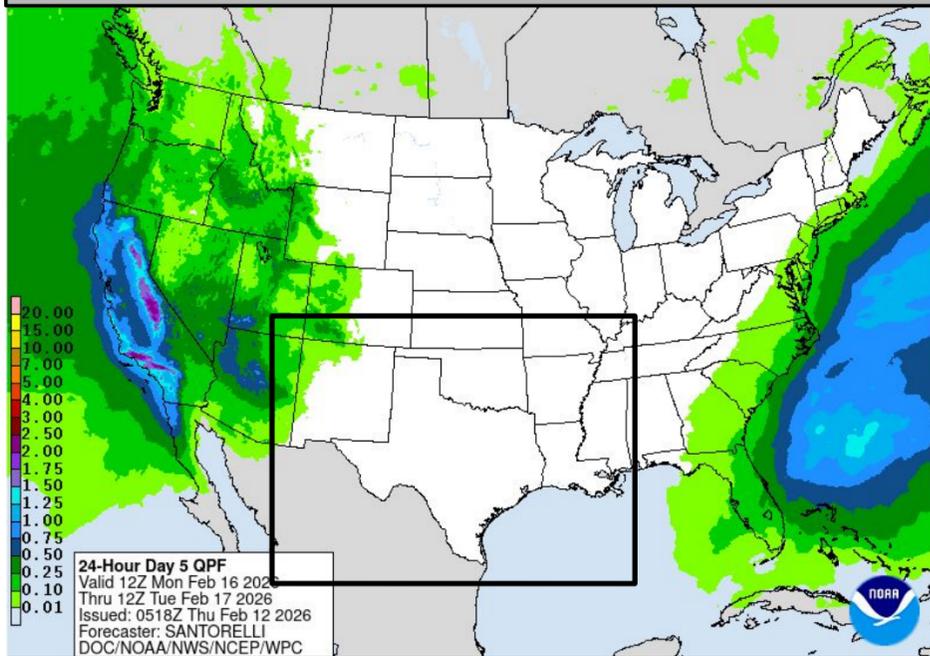
# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
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VALID: 12Z MON FEB 16 2026  
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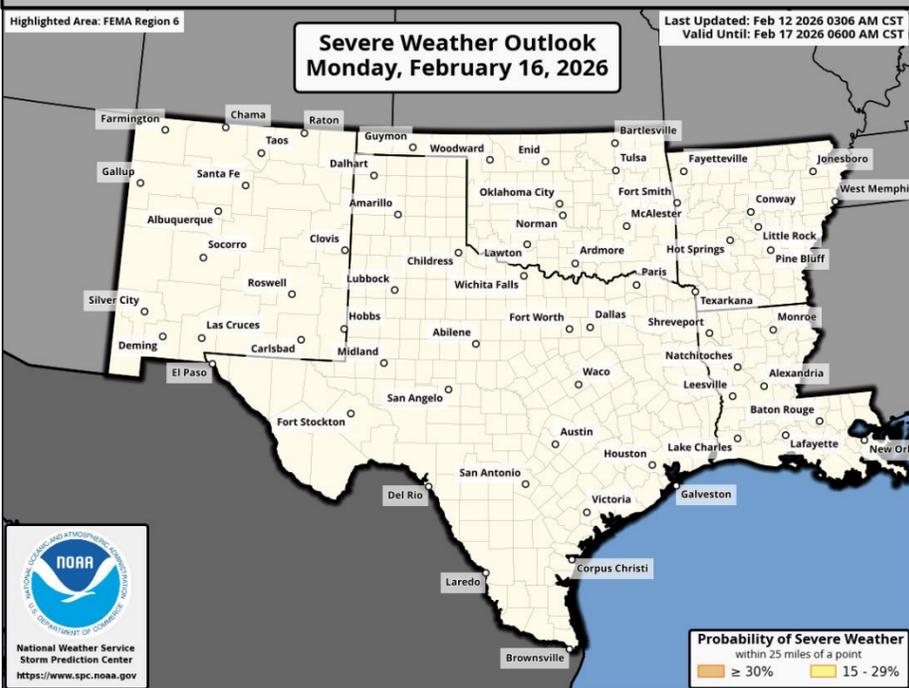
## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Mon Feb 16 2026  
Thru 12Z Tue Feb 17 2026  
Issued: 0518Z Thu Feb 12 2026  
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## Severe Weather Outlook

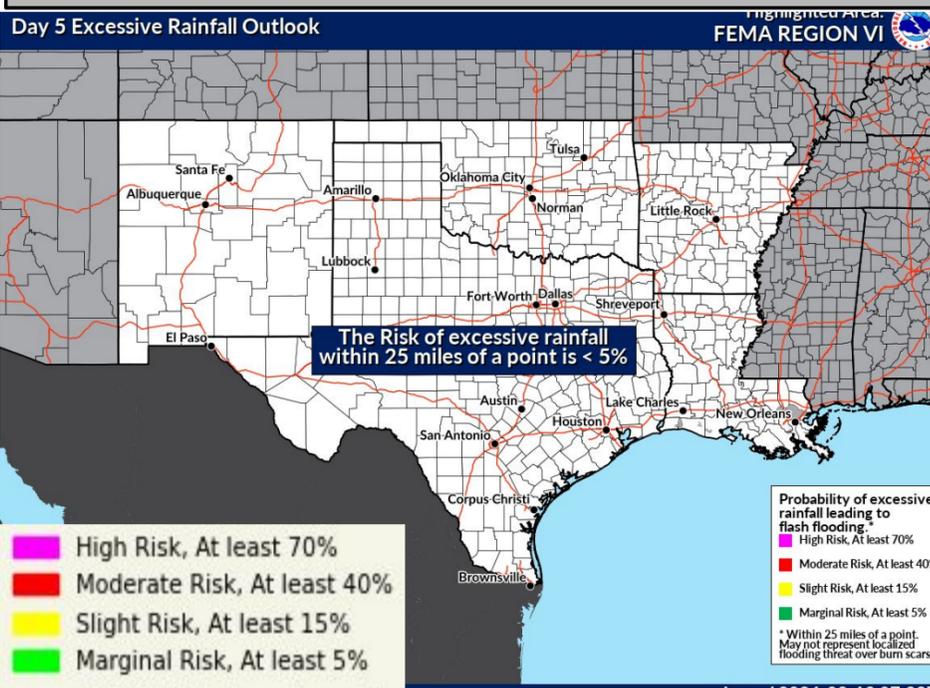


Severe Weather Outlook  
Monday, February 16, 2026

Last Updated: Feb 12 2026 0306 AM CST  
Valid Until: Feb 17 2026 0600 AM CST

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

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook

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

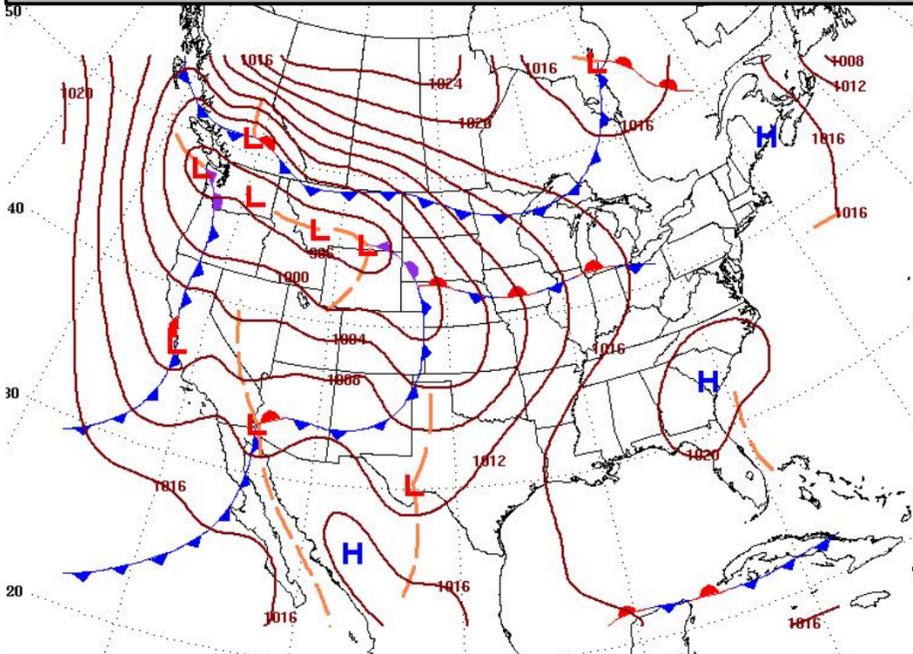
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Probability of excessive  
rainfall leading to  
flash flooding.\*  
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\* Within 25 miles of a point.  
May not represent localized  
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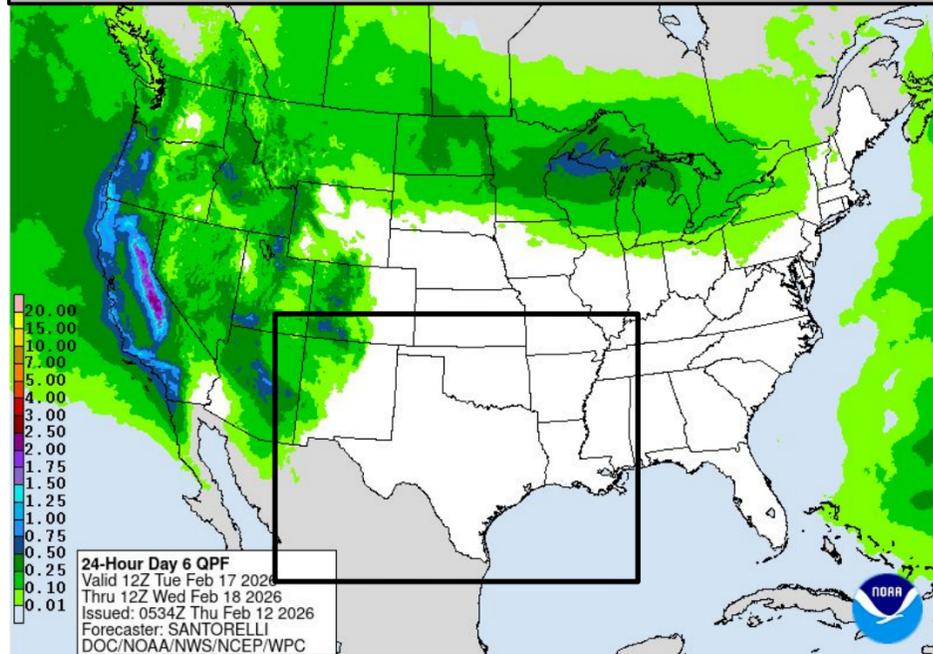


# Tuesday's Weather

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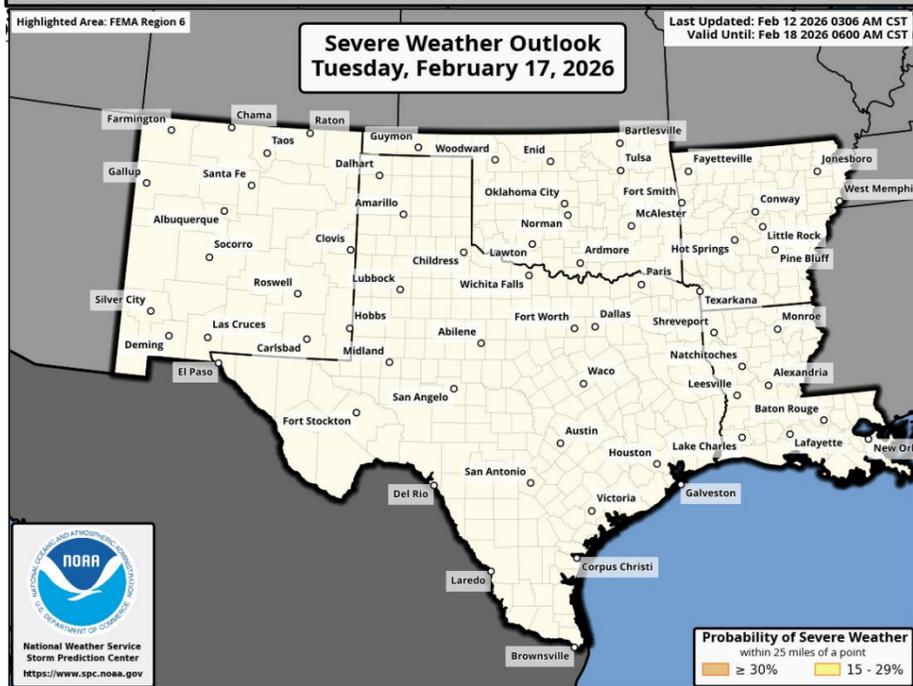


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

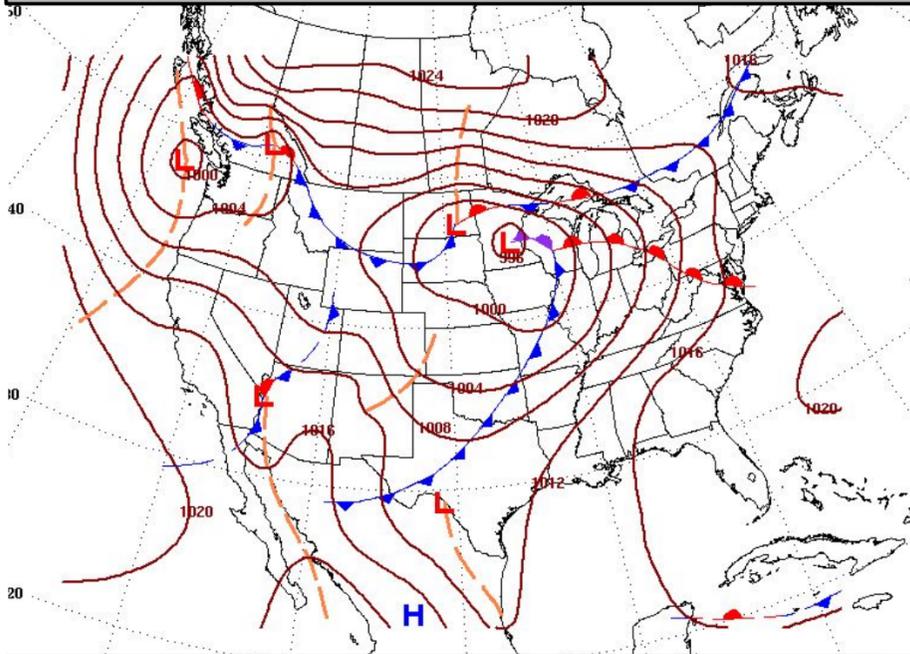


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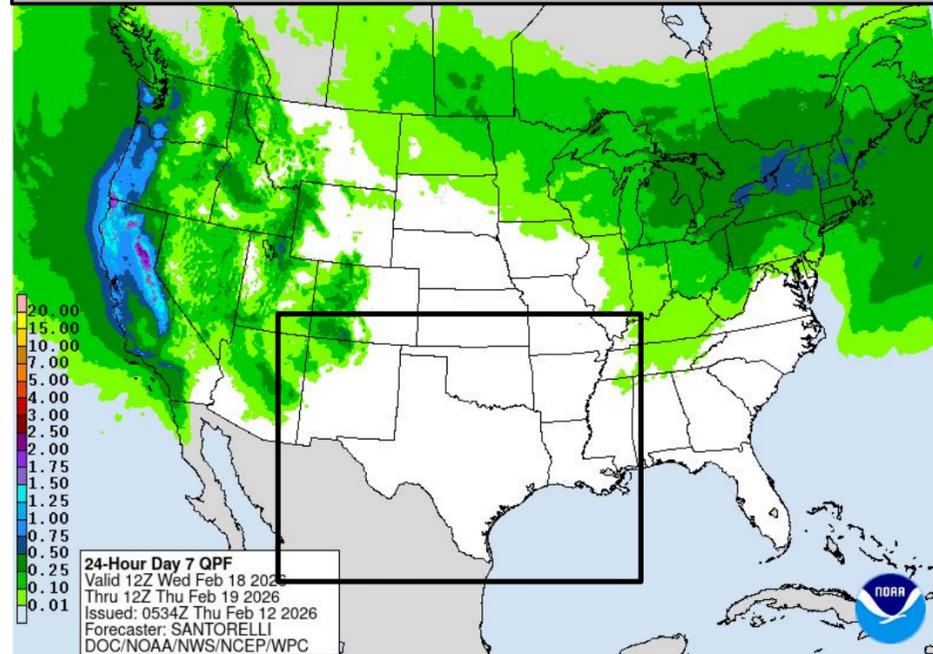


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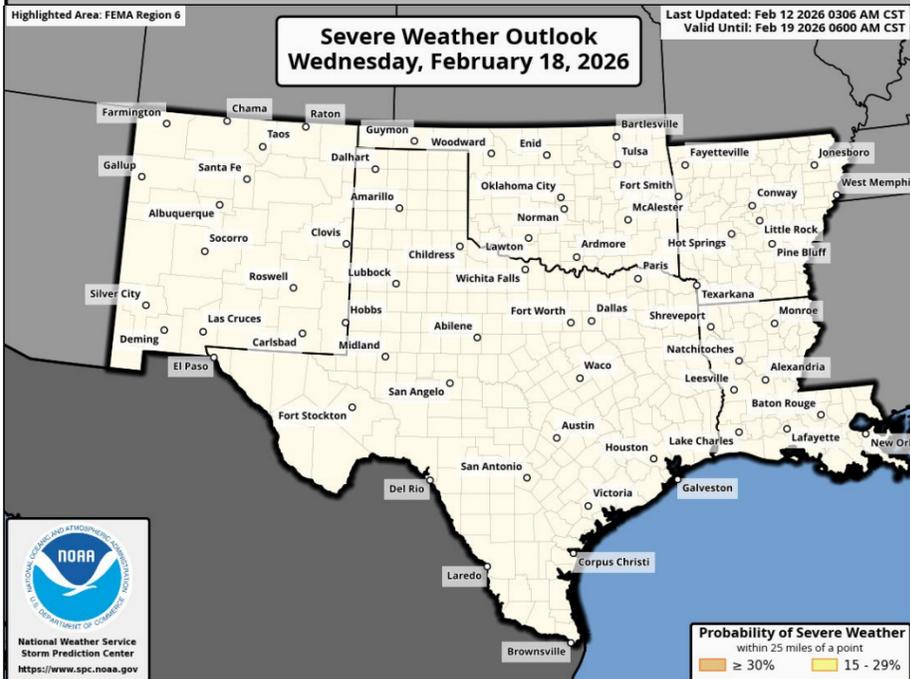


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

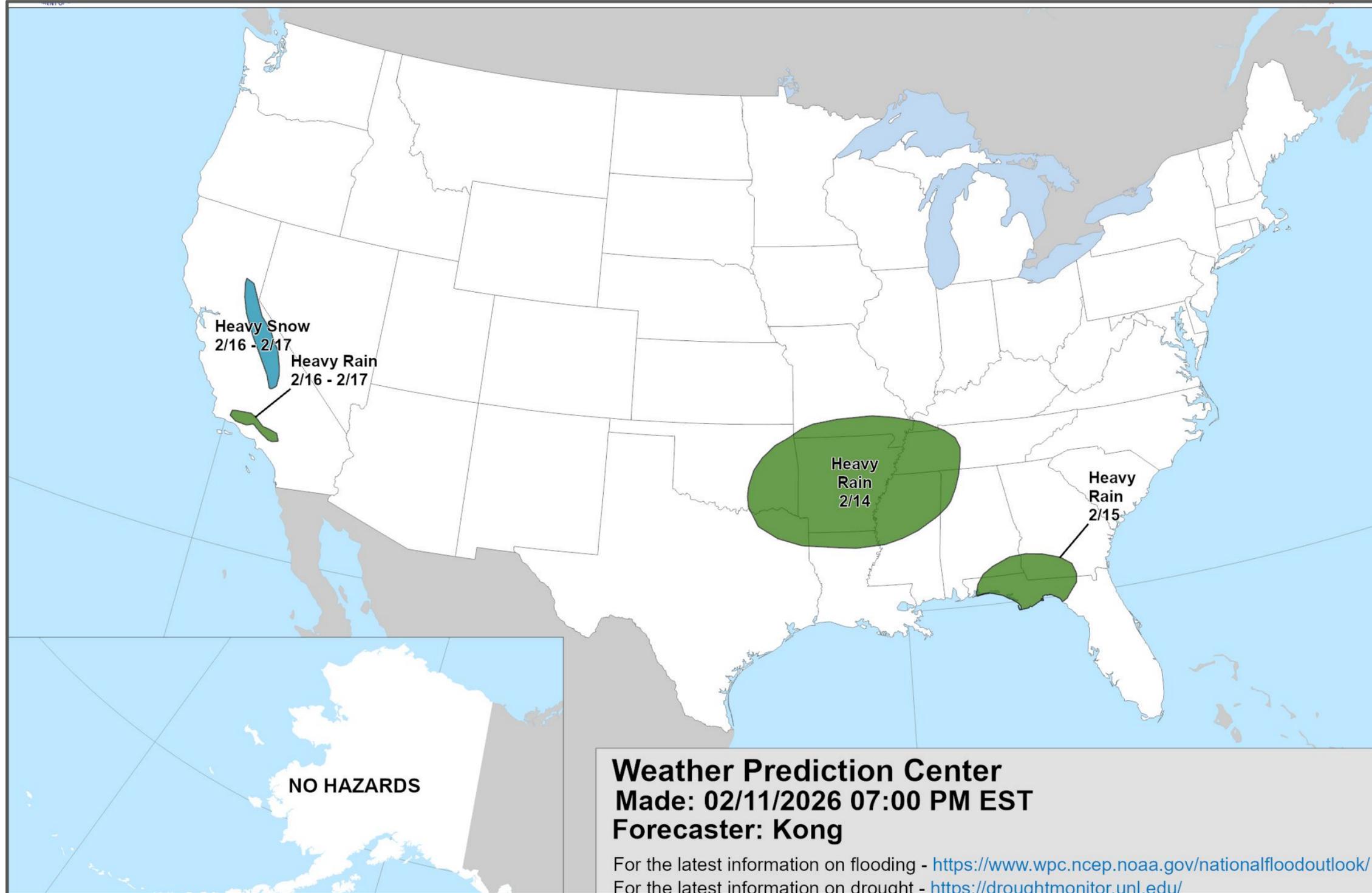
### Severe Weather Outlook



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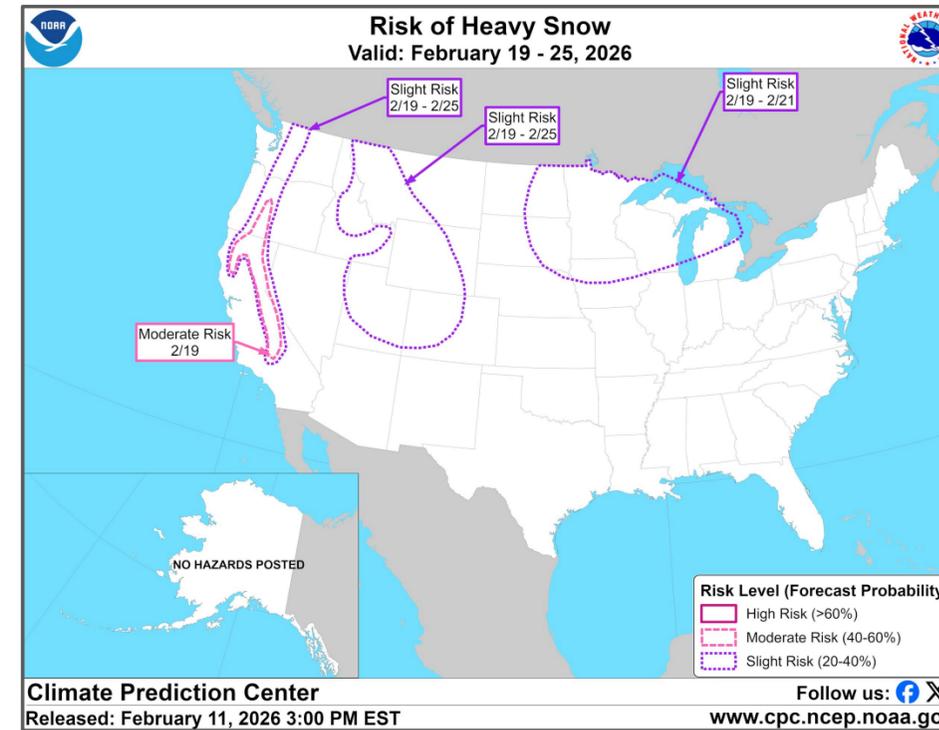
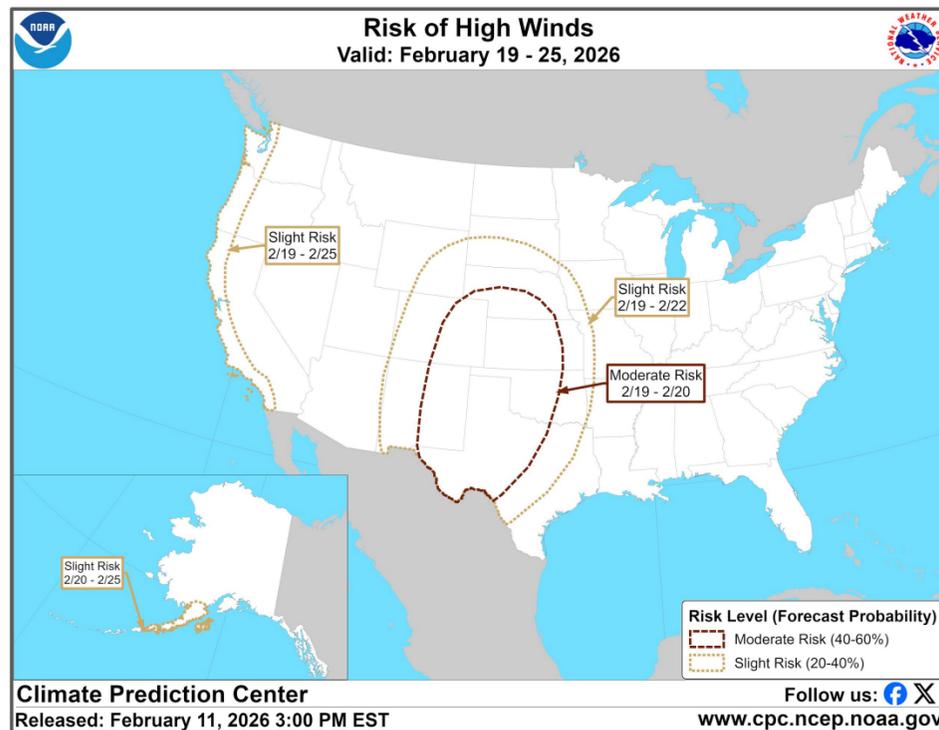
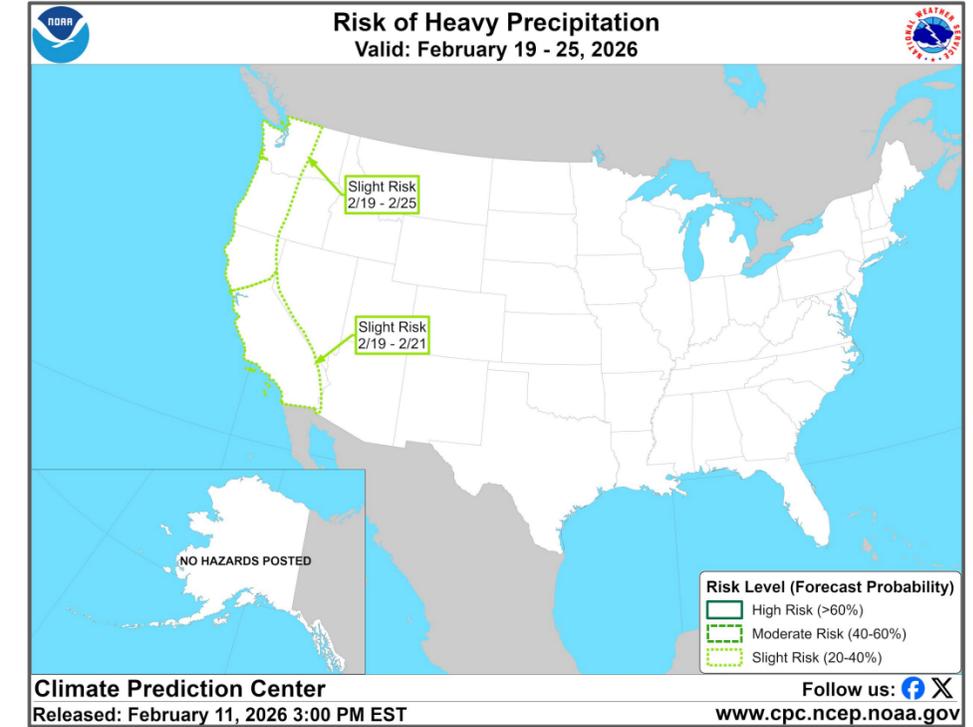
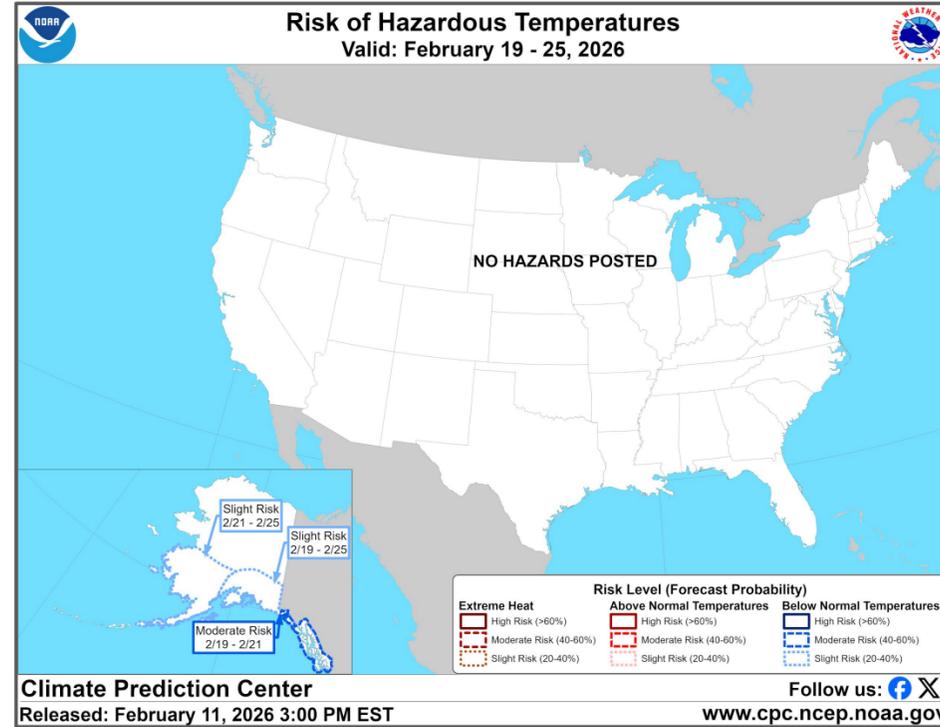
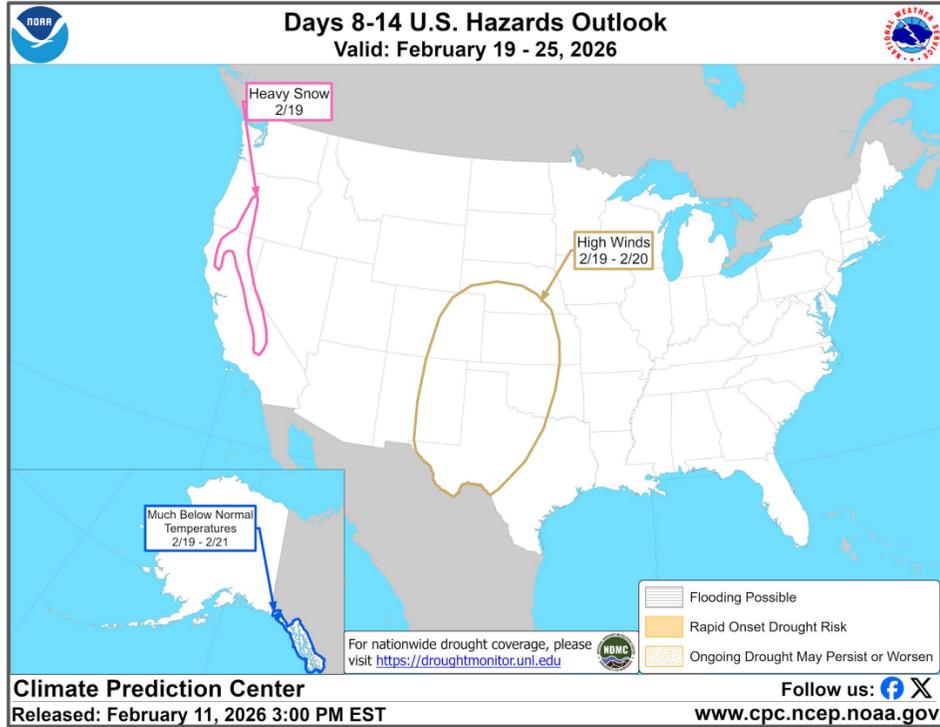


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





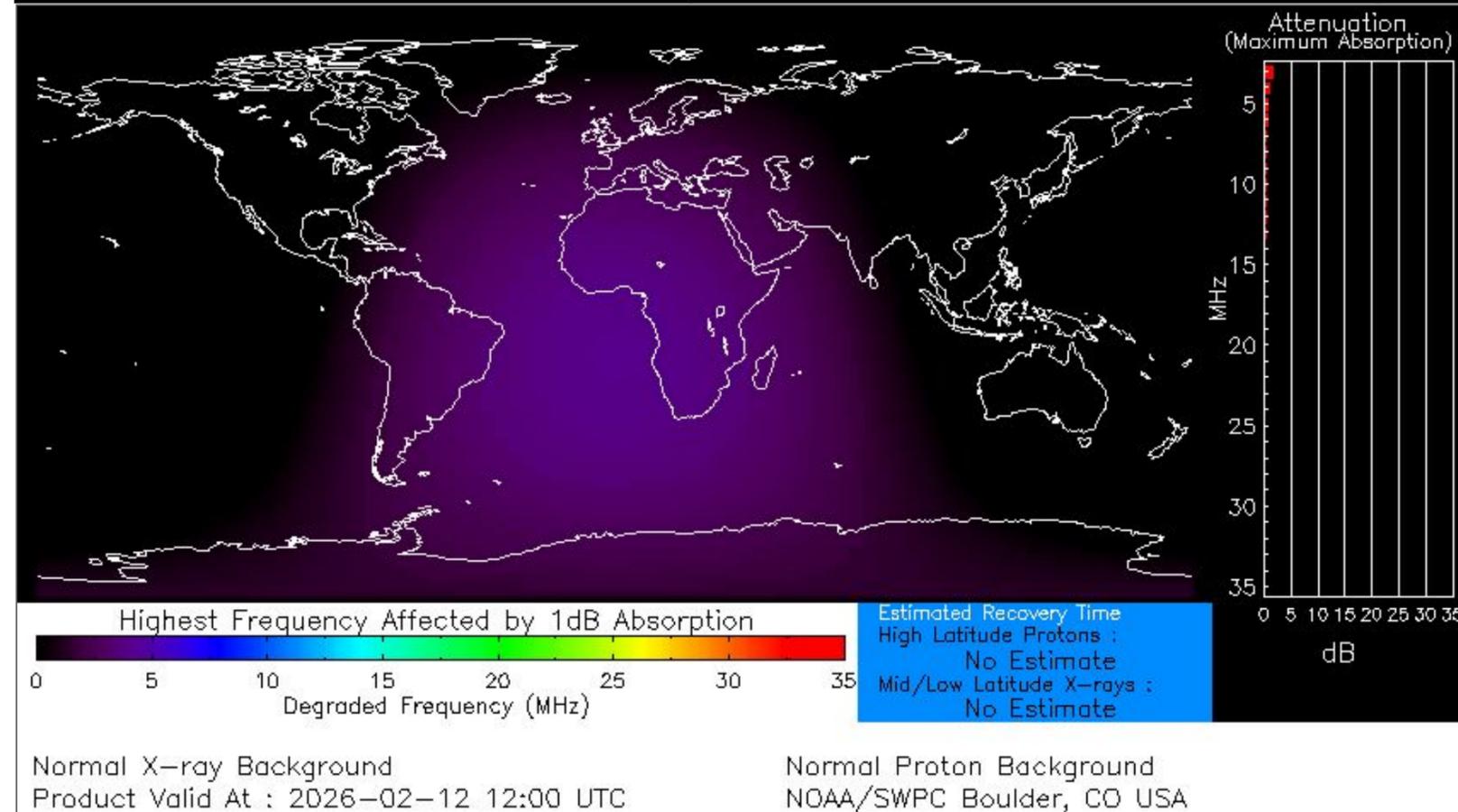
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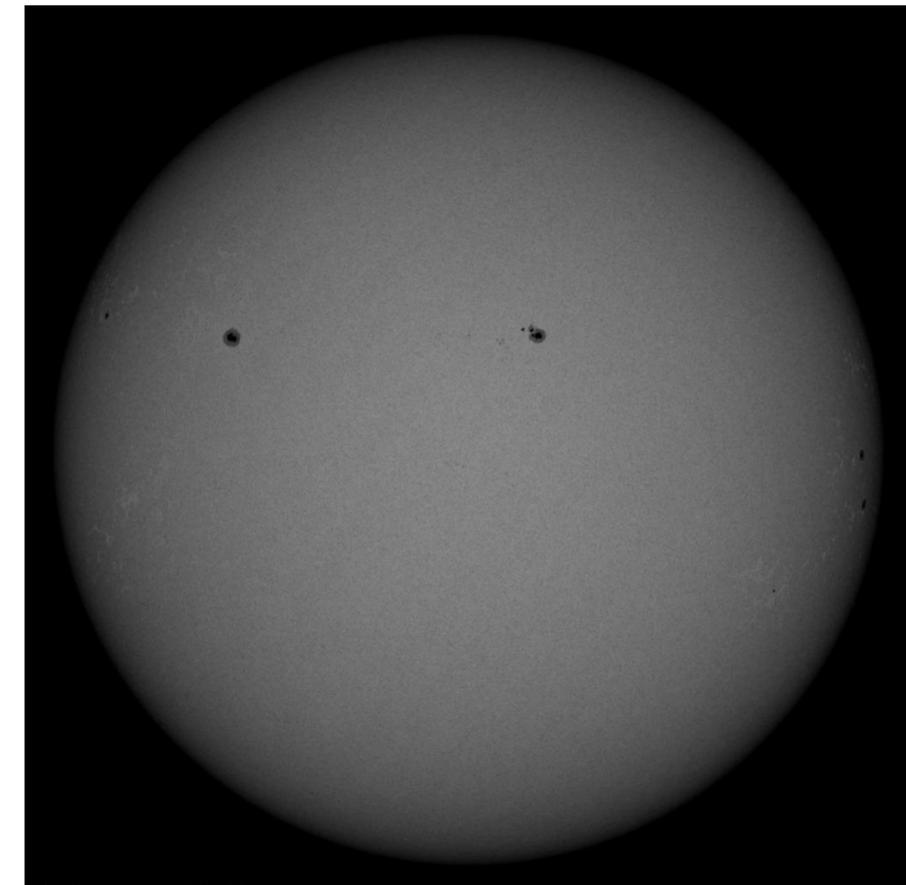
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Feb 11	Thursday, Feb 12	Friday, Feb 13
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</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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