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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, February 13, 2026

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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) in **OK, NW TX, NW AR** today/tonight.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) **SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA** tomorrow.
- Generally **1-3"** with small swaths up to **4"**. Potential for isolated spots of **5-7"**. 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, W OK** today; and **S OK, N/C/E TX, S AR, LA** tomorrow. Wind and hail are main threats.
  - **Sunday**; isolated severe storms may linger in **SE LA**.

- **Winter Weather:**

- Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in the mountains of **N NM** from snow this afternoon through early tomorrow morning. **4-8"** above **8500 ft**.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions follow the frontal passage in **S TX** Saturday and Sunday.
- Elevated to **Critical** (levels 1-2 of 3) conditions **Monday-Thursday** for portions of **E NM, W TX, W OK** due to persistent dry, southwest/west winds.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Feb 13	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15	Monday, Feb 16	Tuesday, Feb 17	Wednesday, Feb 18	Thursday, Feb 19
Severe Storms	SE NM, W/NW TX, W OK	S OK, N/C/ETX, LA	SE LA (AM)				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	OK, NW TX, NW AR	SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA					
Winter Weather	N NM Mts	N NM Mts (AM)					
Fire Weather		STX	STX	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK
River Flooding							

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

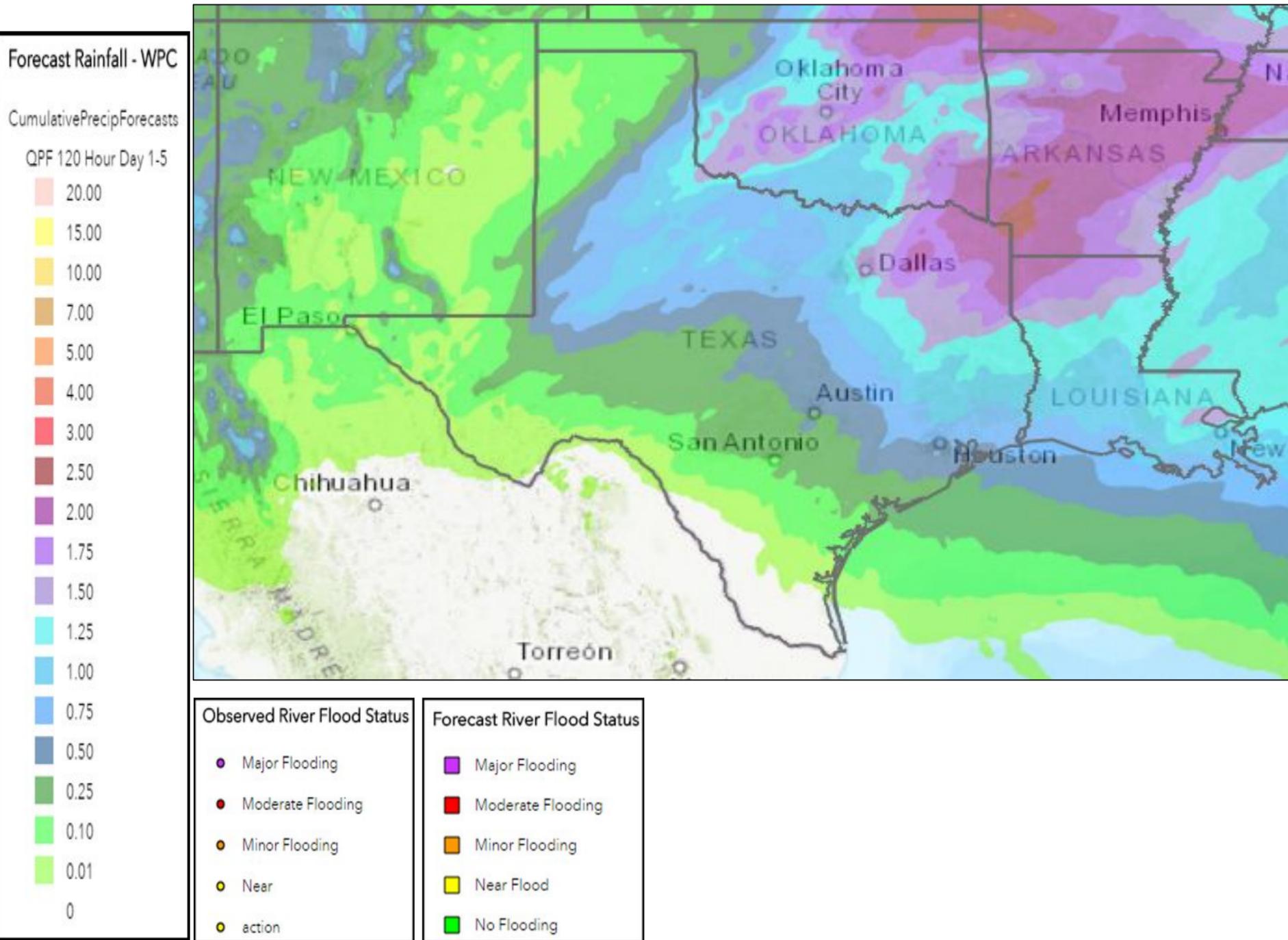
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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*



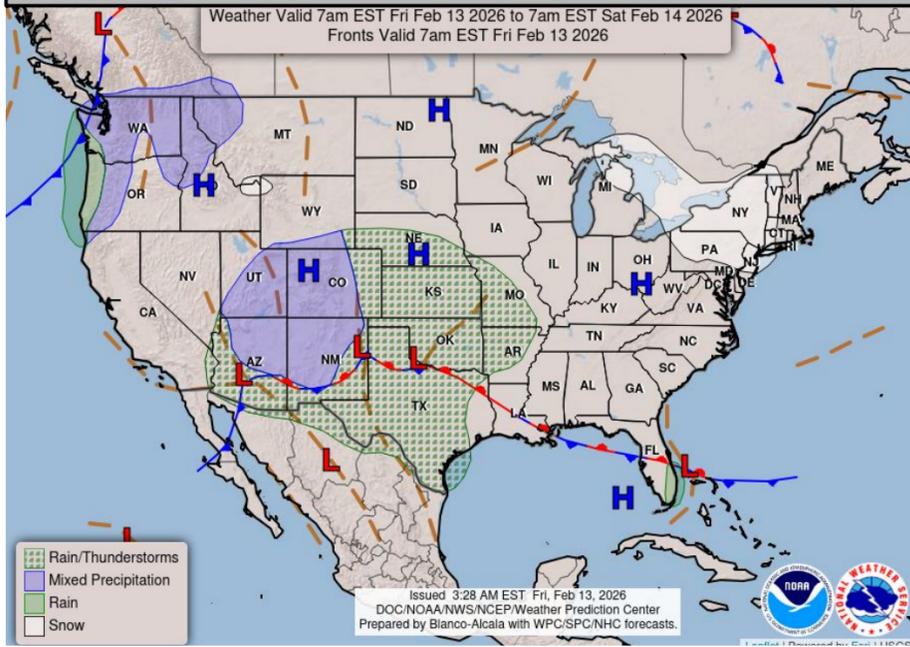
**No significant flooding is expected.**

*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.*

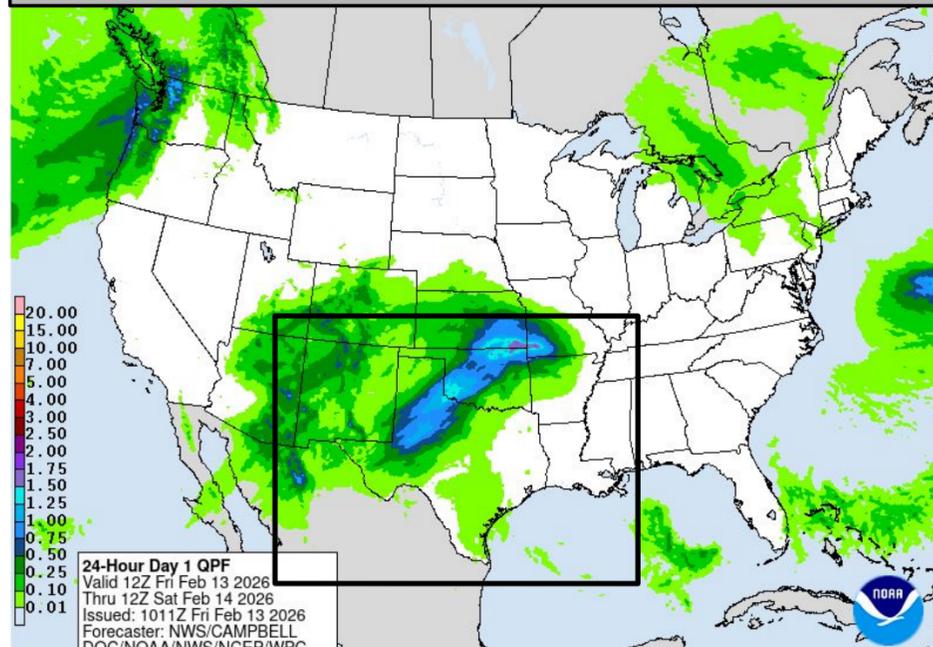


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

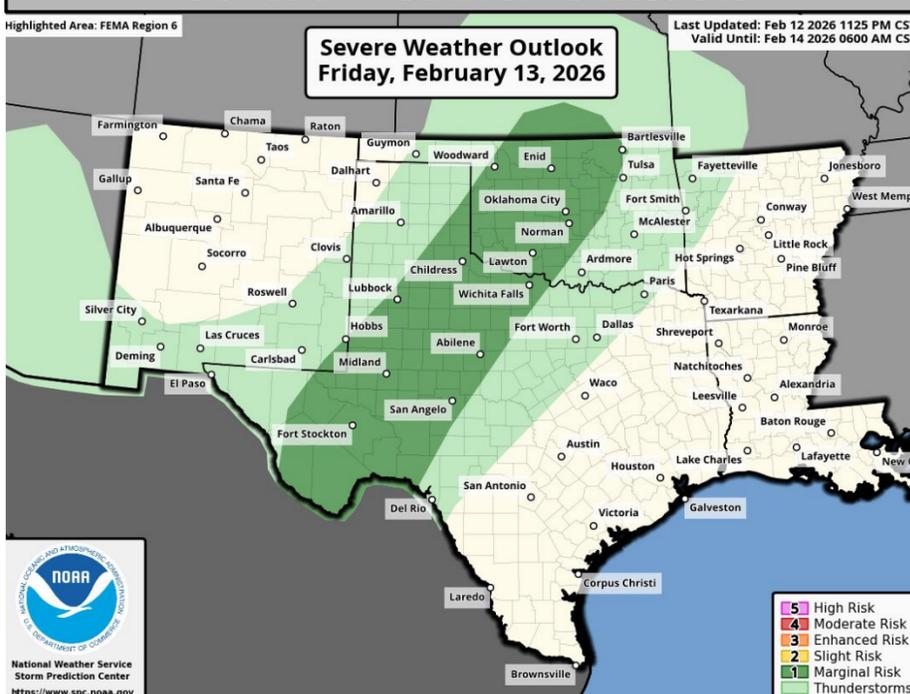


**Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in the mountains of N NM from snow. 4-8" above 8500 ft.**

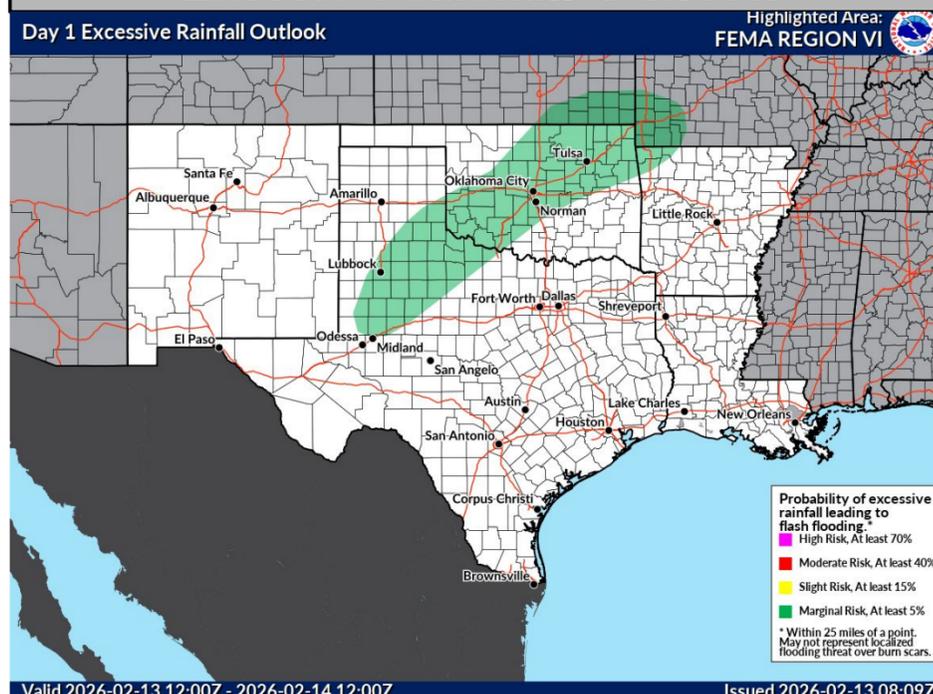
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in OK, NW TX, NW AR.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE NM, W/NW TX, W OK. Hail & wind threat evening/overnight.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

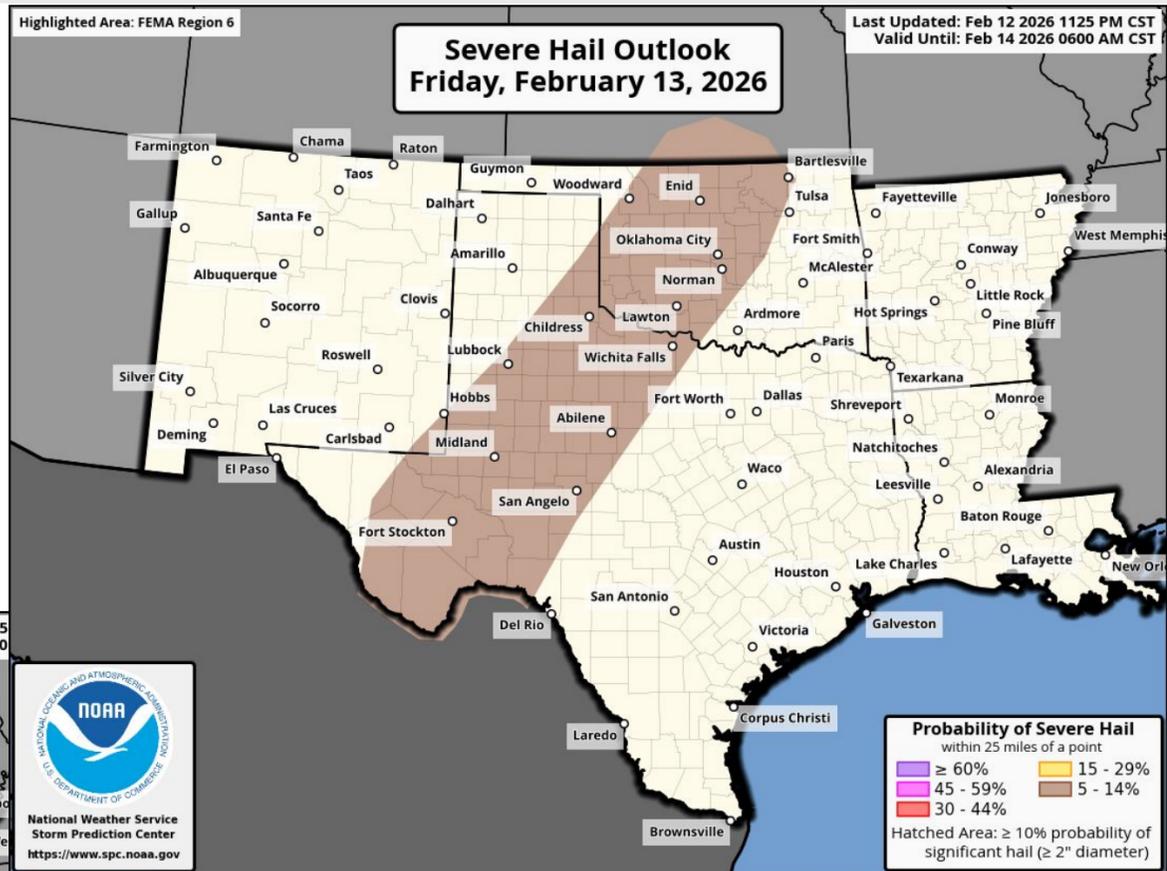
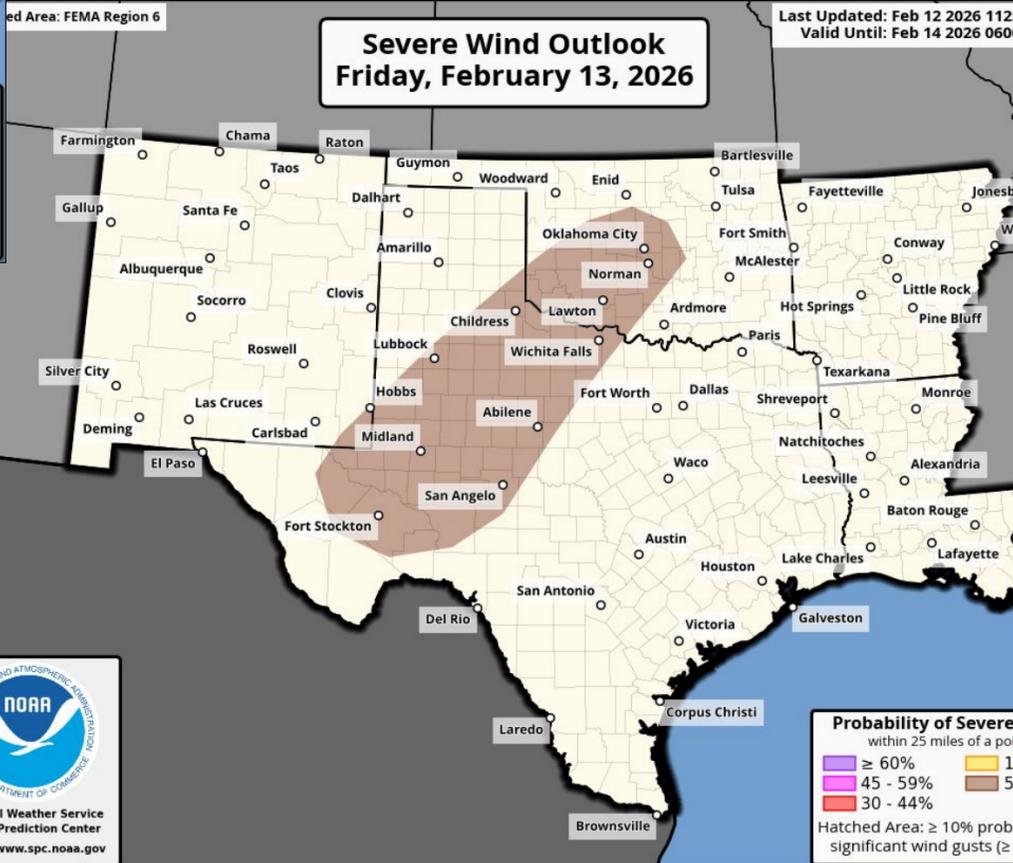
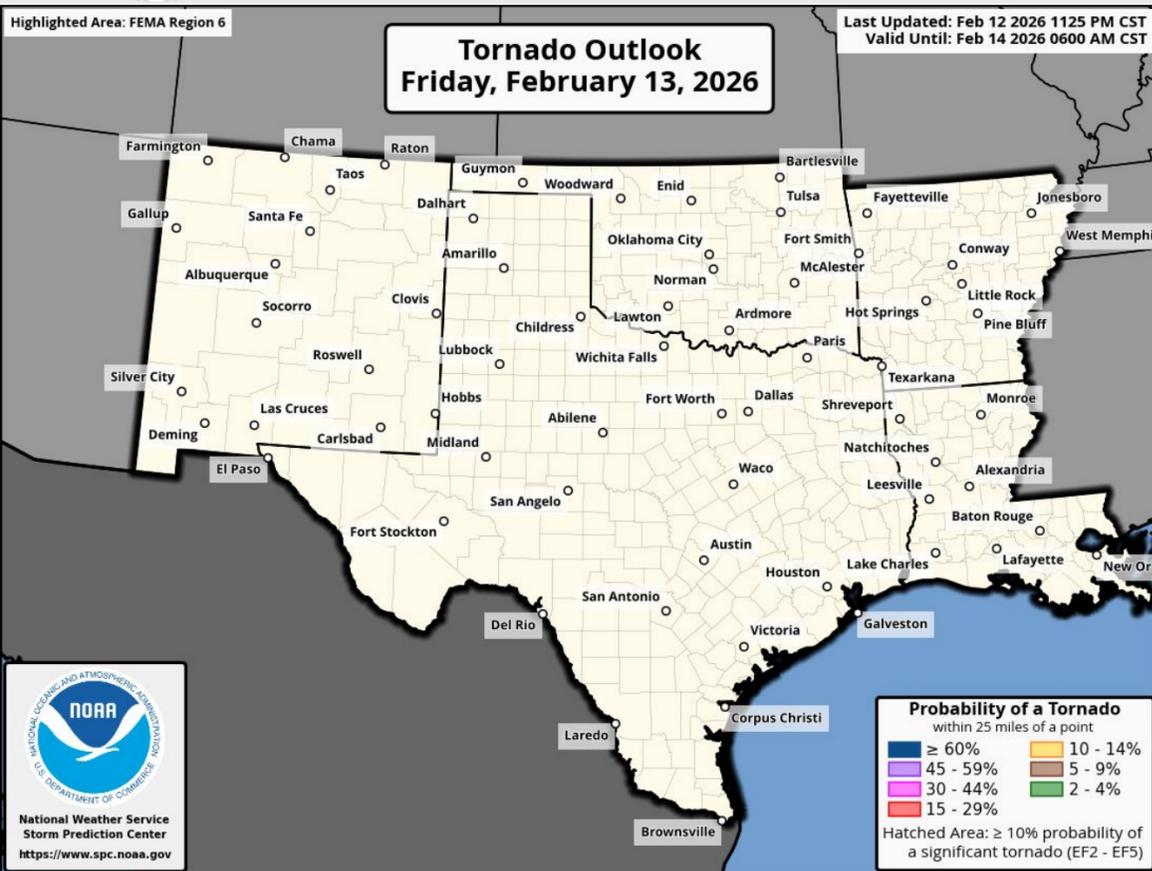


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



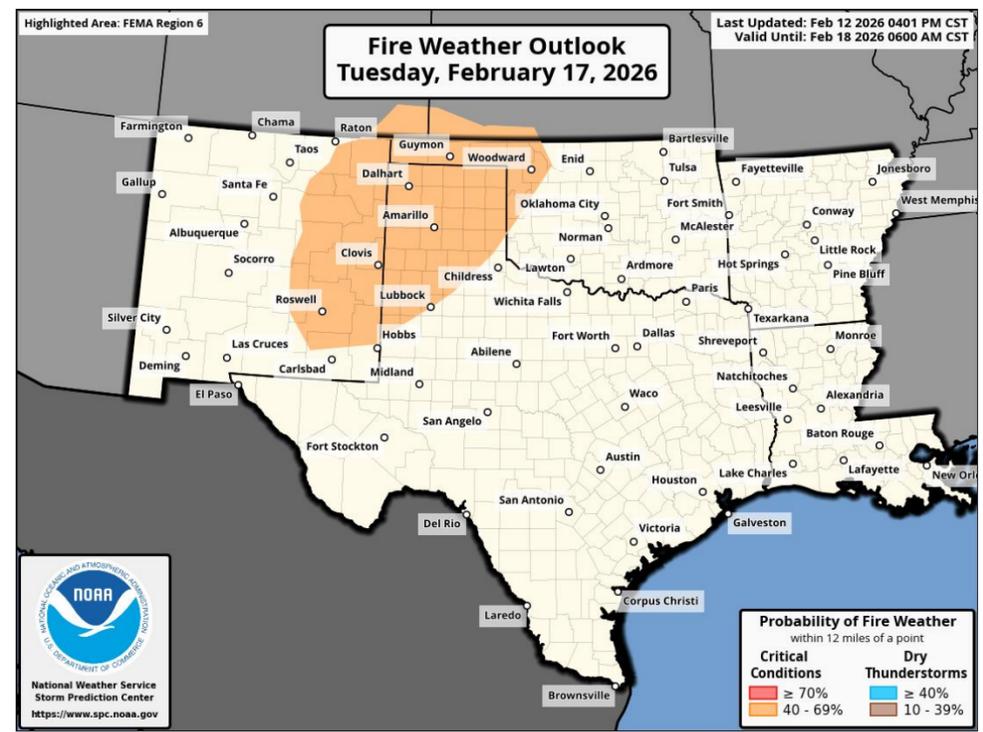
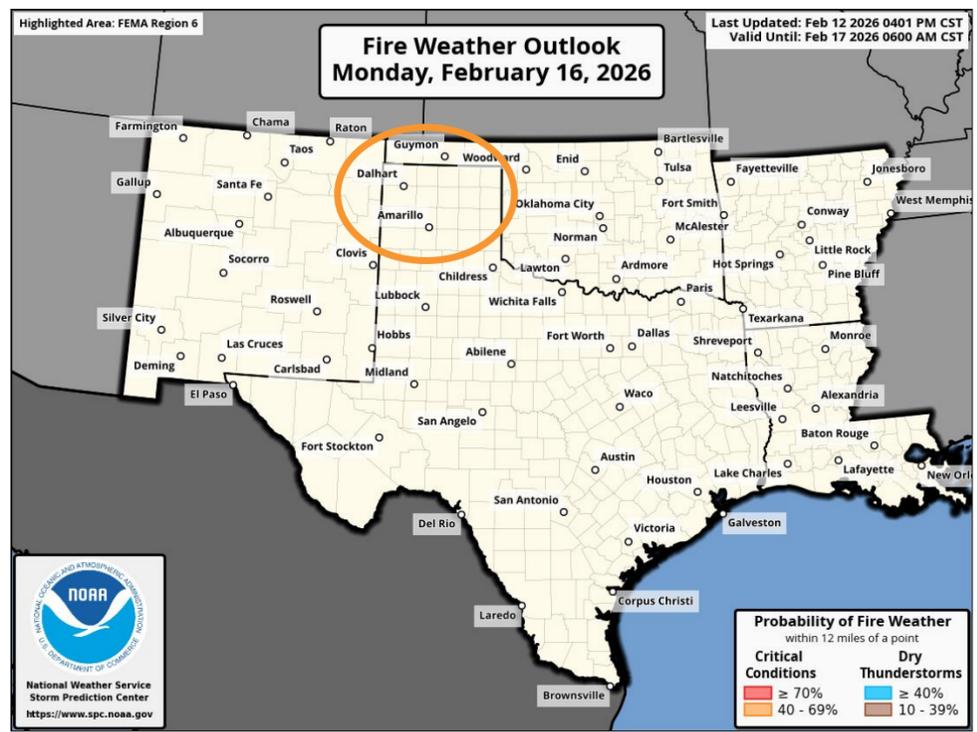
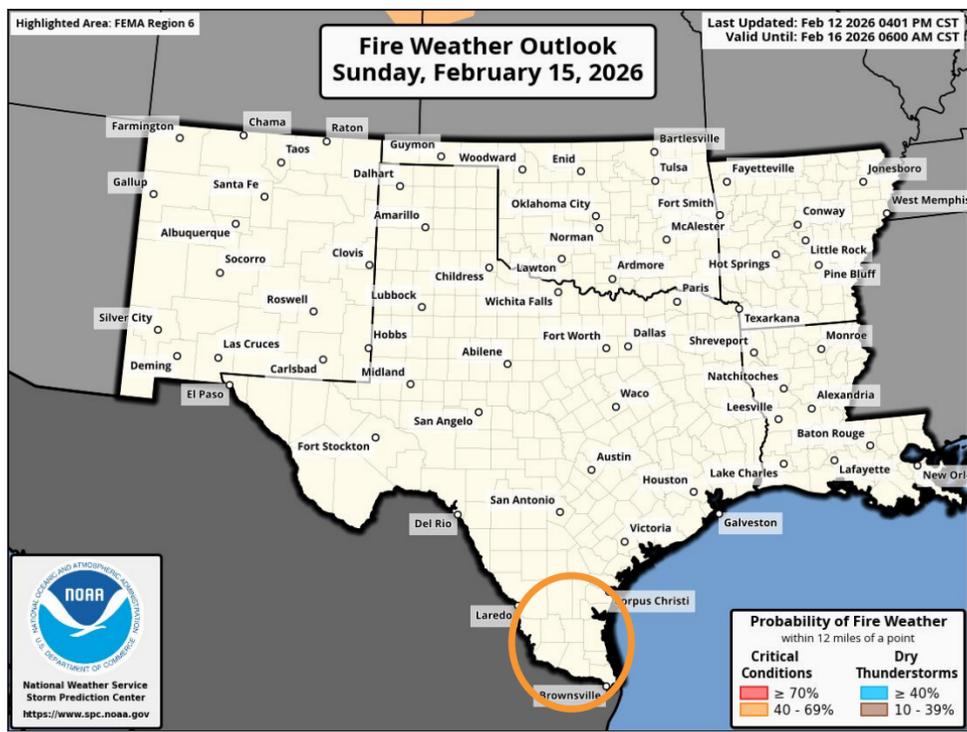
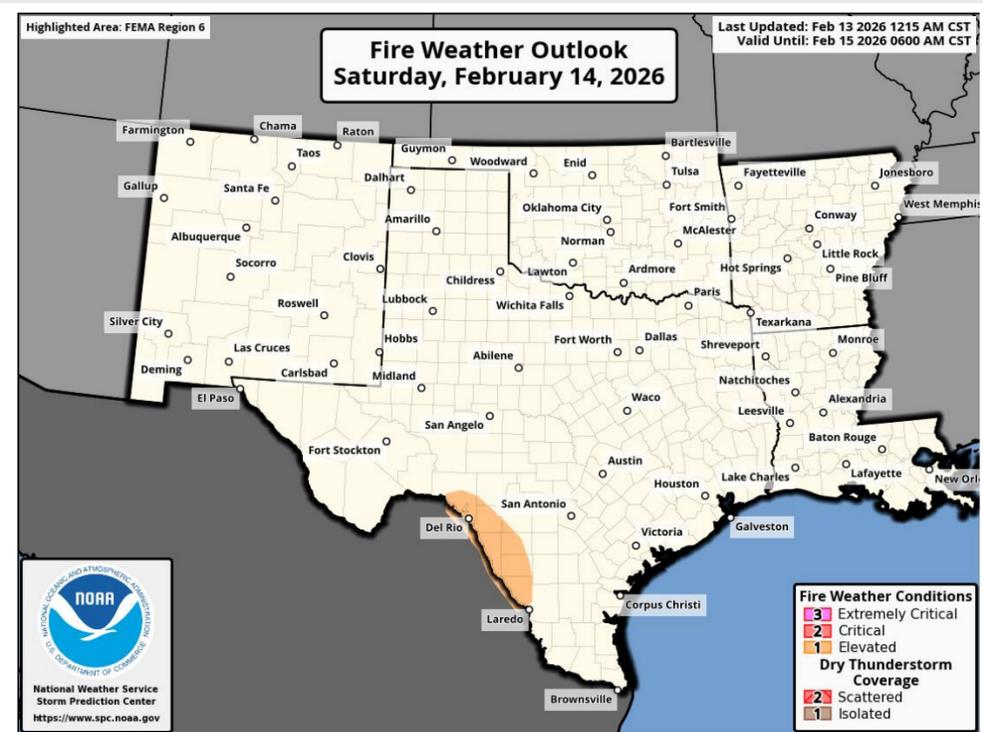
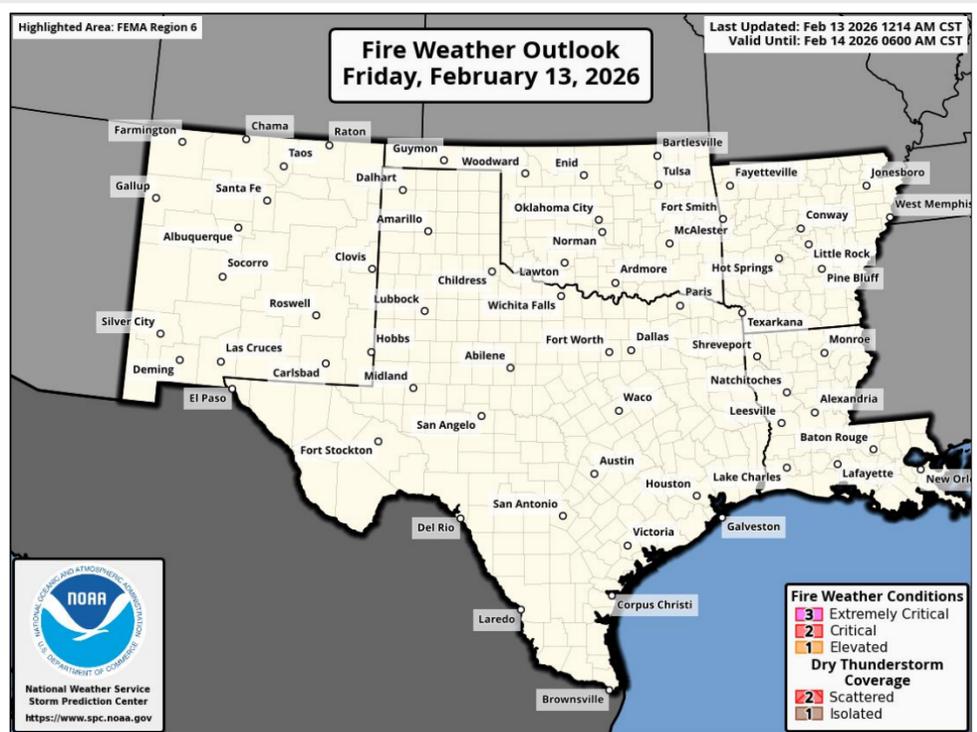


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Fire Weather Outlooks



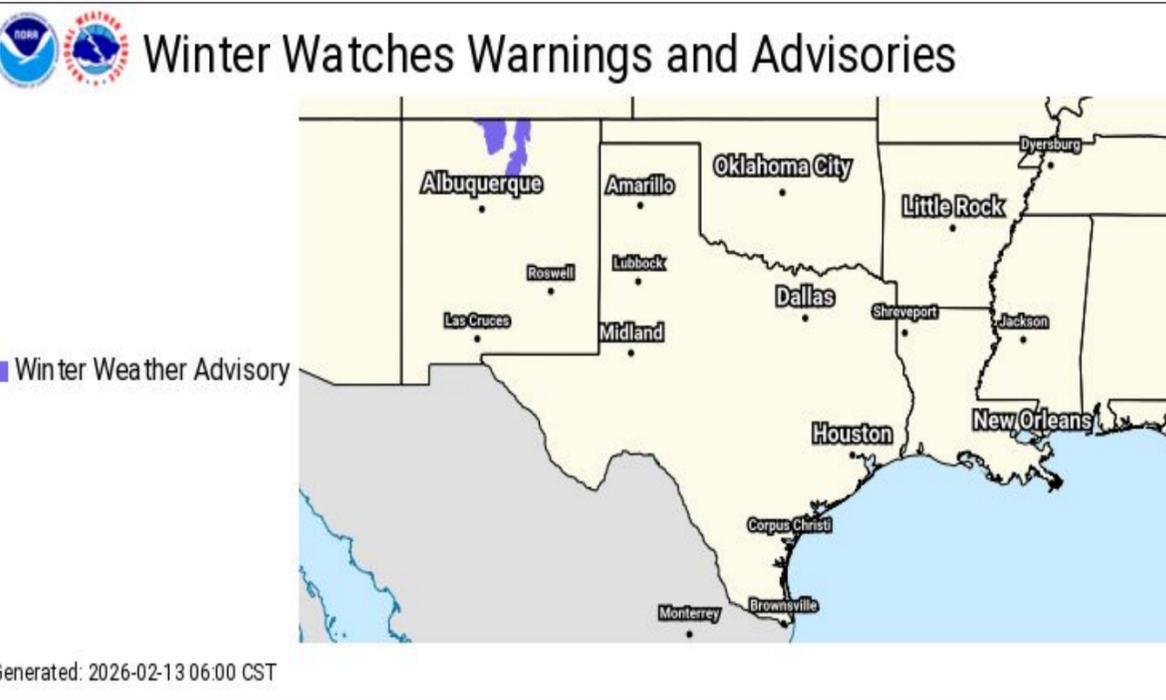


# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



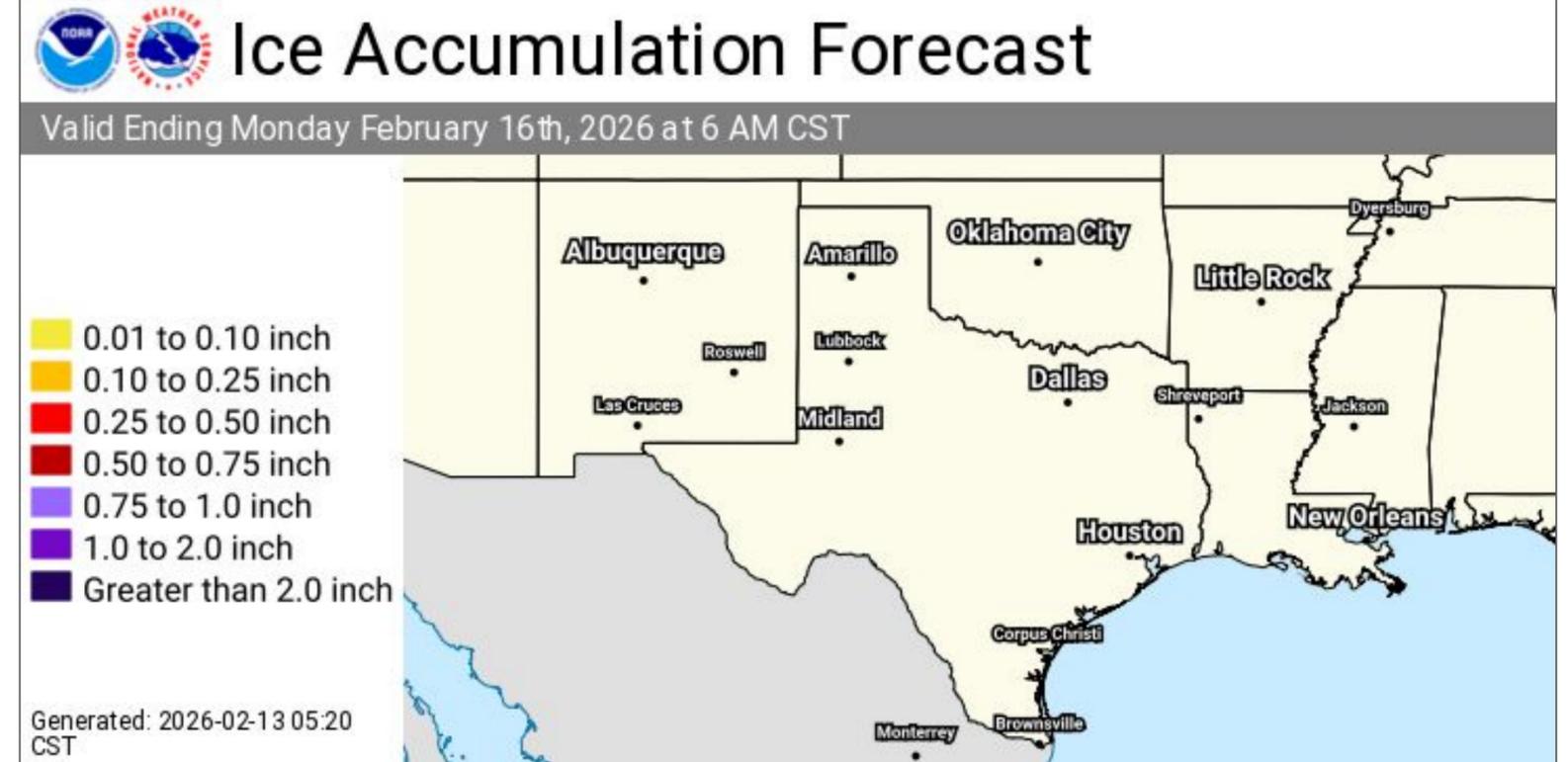
**Winter Weather Advisories in N NM mountains above 8,500 feet from Noon CT today through 6 AM CT Saturday. 4-8" of snow.**





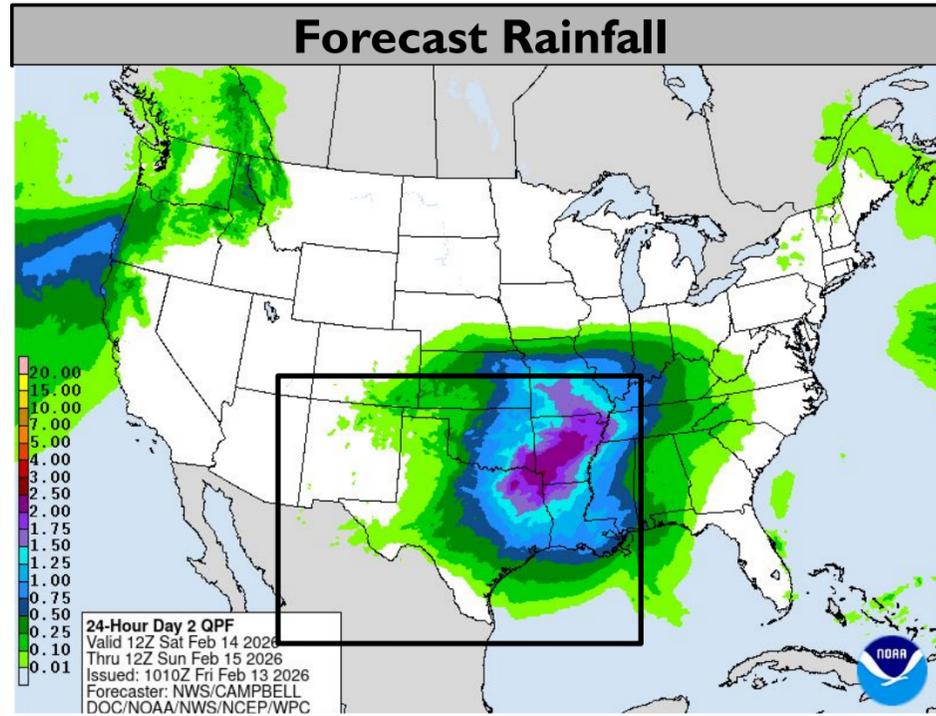
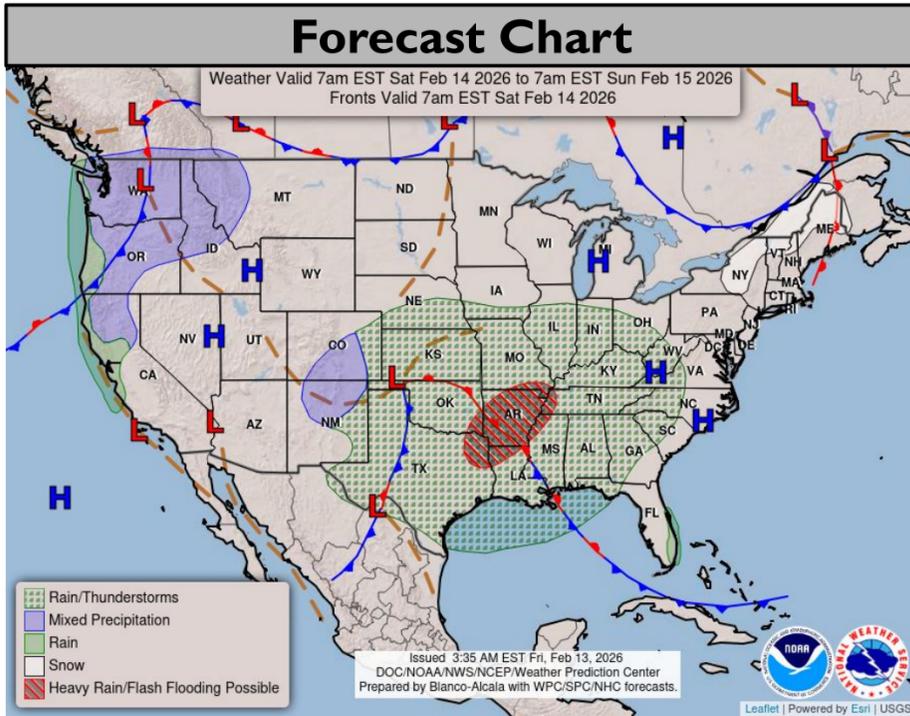
# Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days



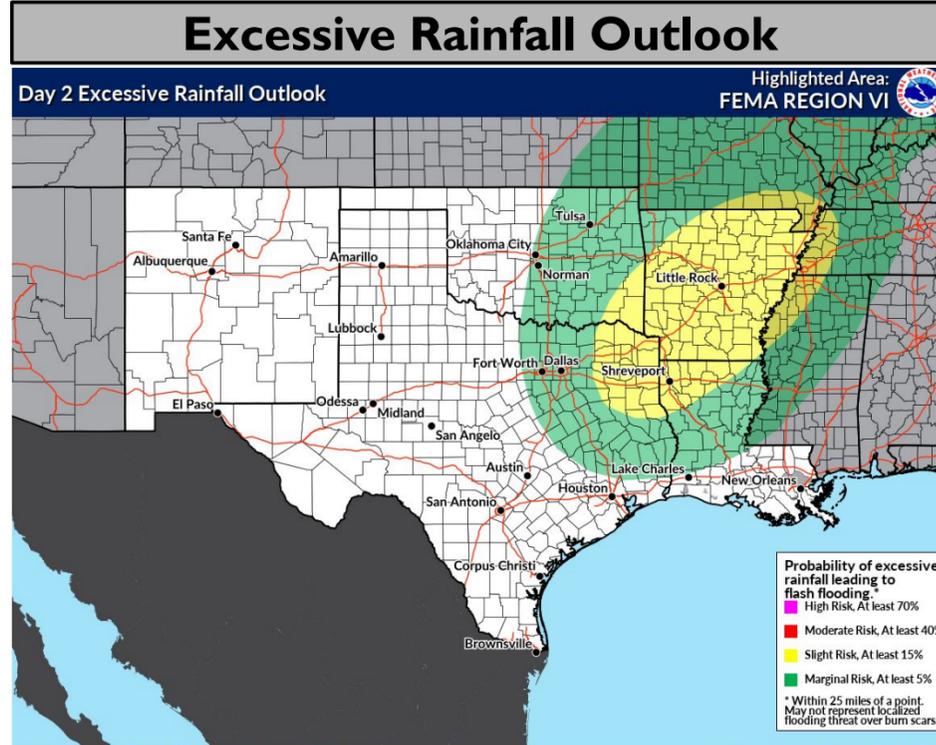
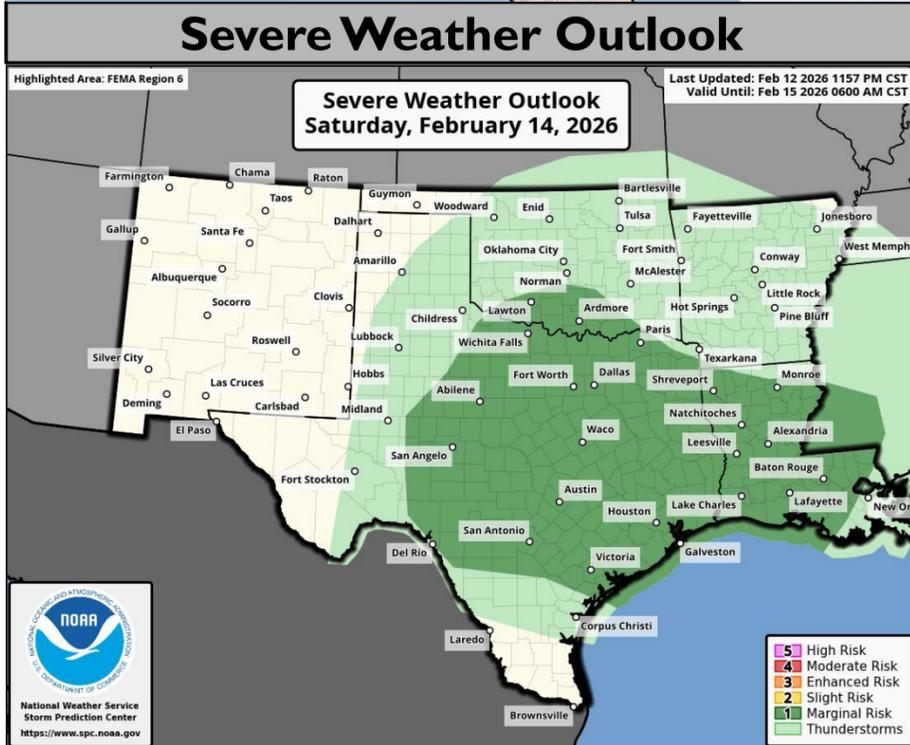


# Tomorrow's Weather



**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA for flash flooding. 2-3" of rain, with localized totals of 5-7".**

**Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in the mountains of N NM from snow in the morning.**

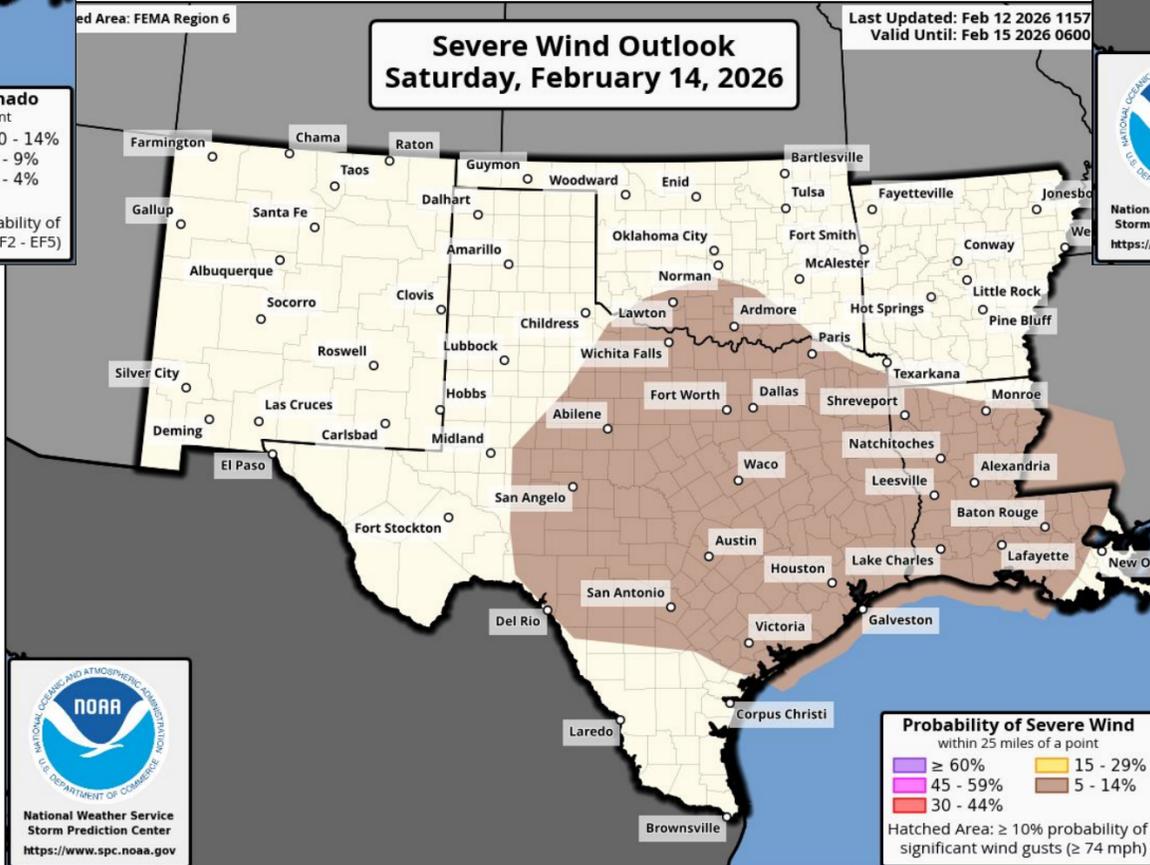
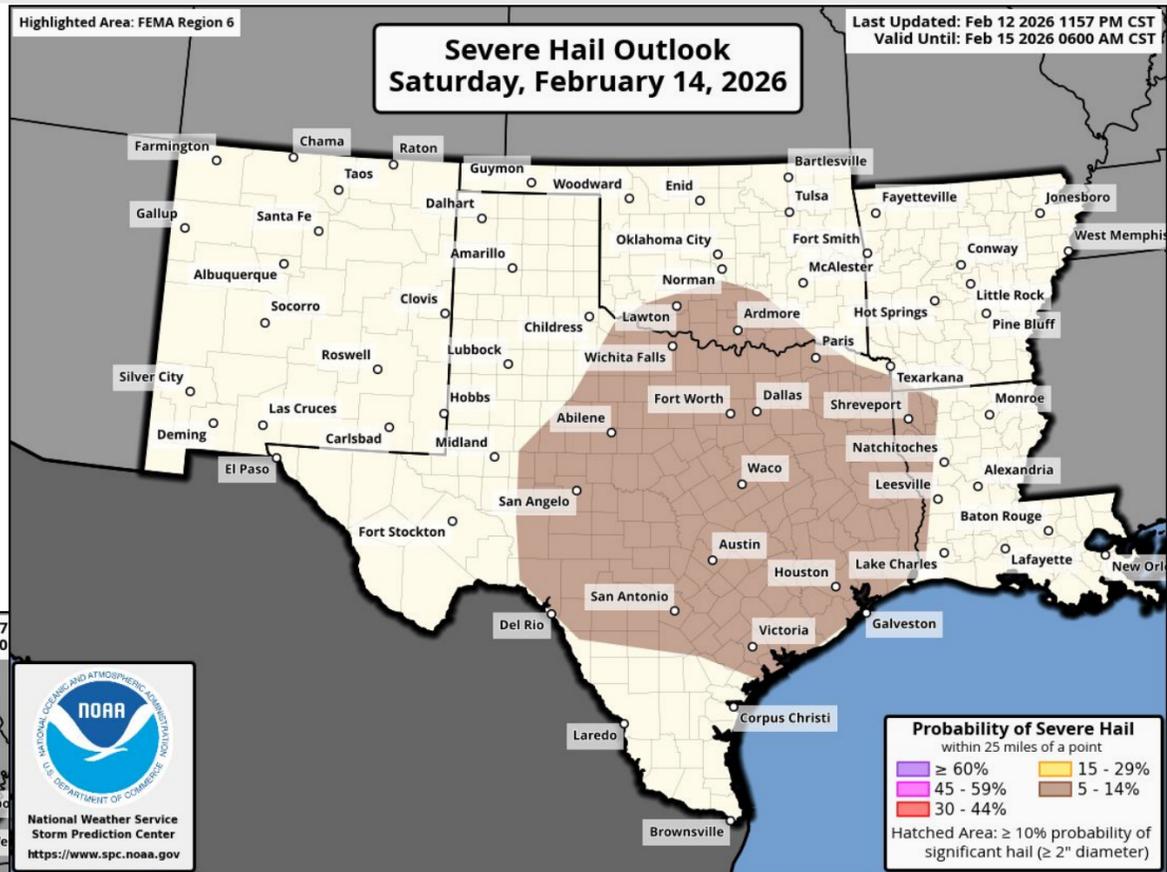
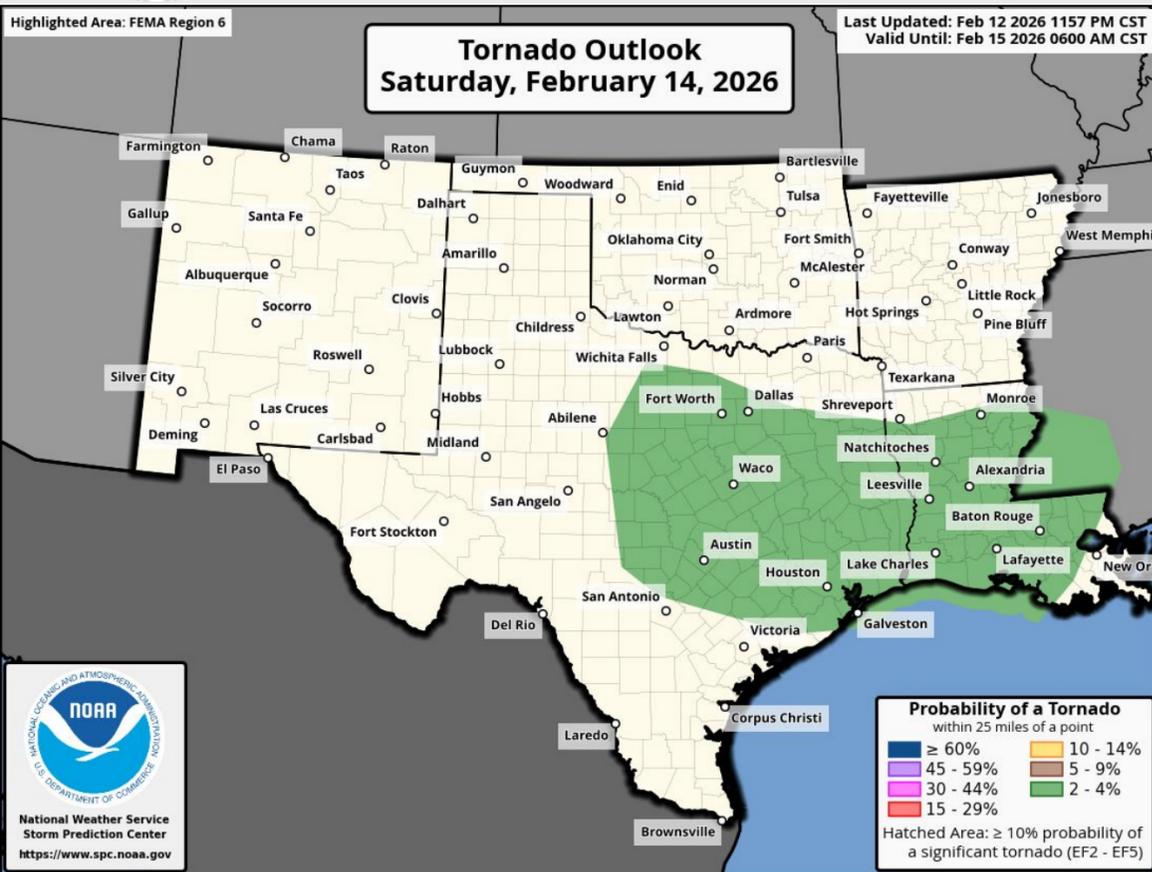


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe storms in S OK, N/C/ETX, LA. Wind/Hail main threats. Isolated, brief tors.**

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

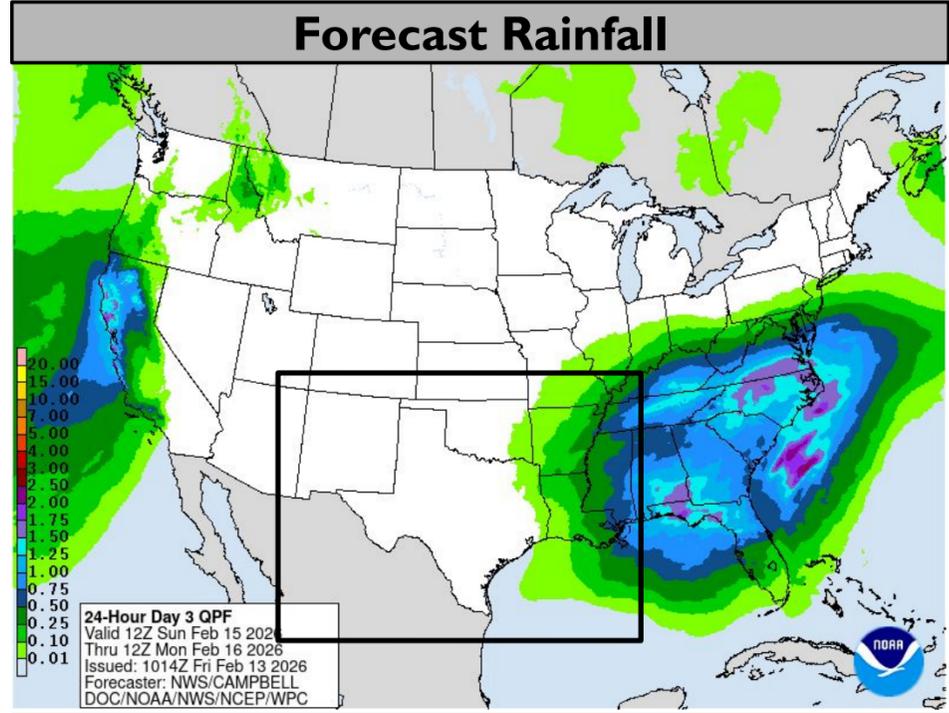
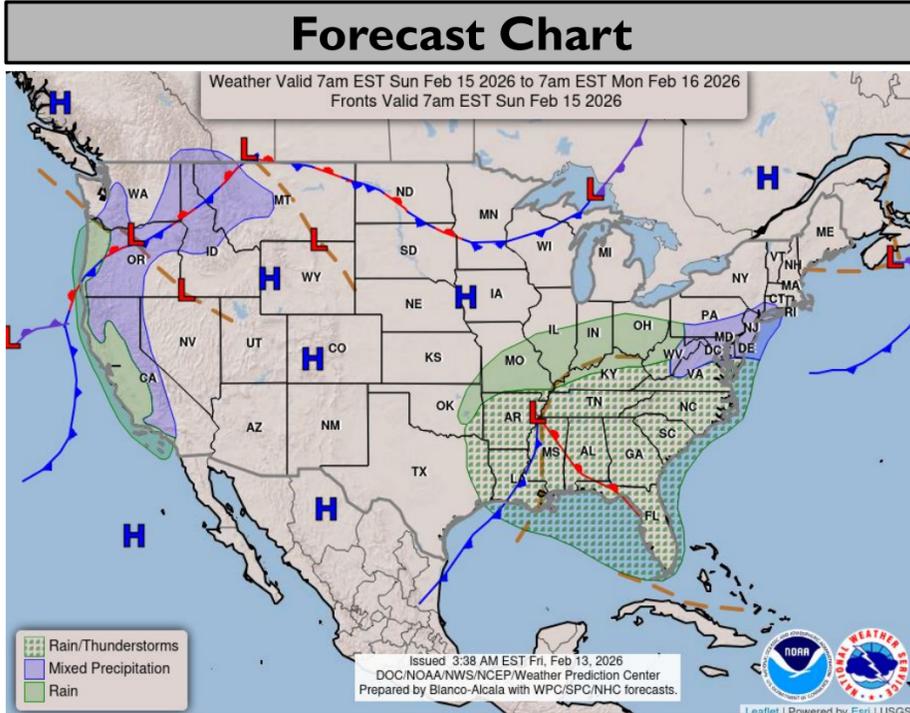


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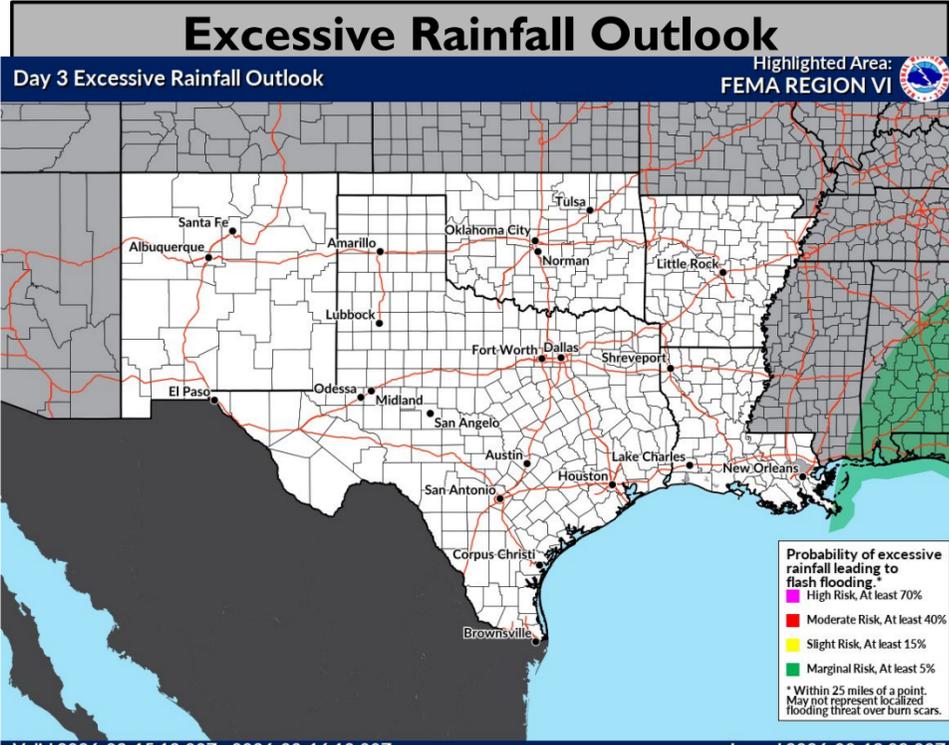
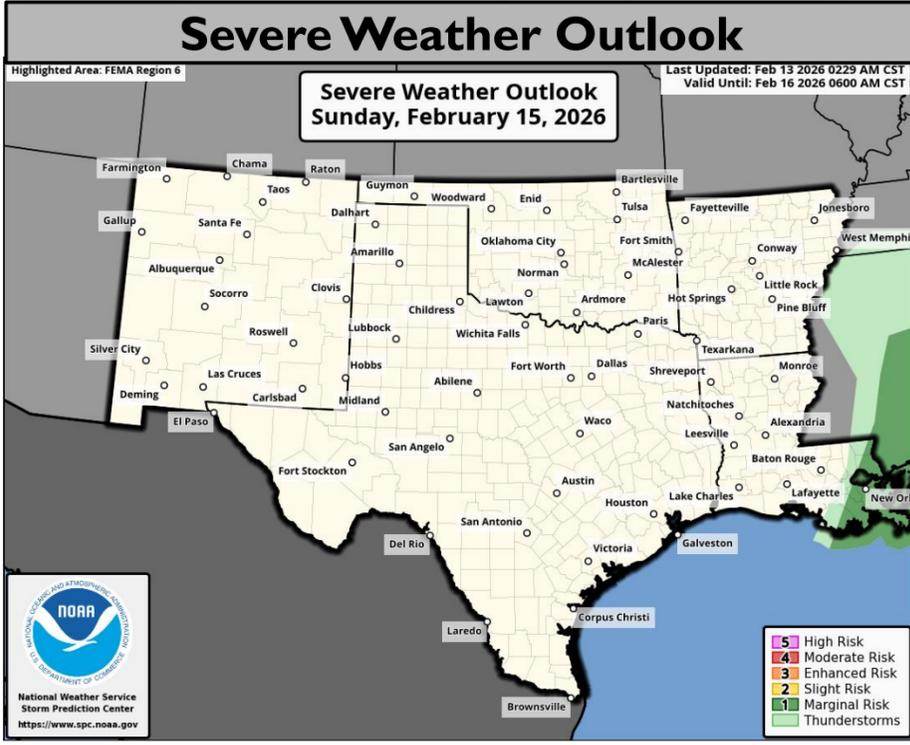


# Sunday's Weather



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

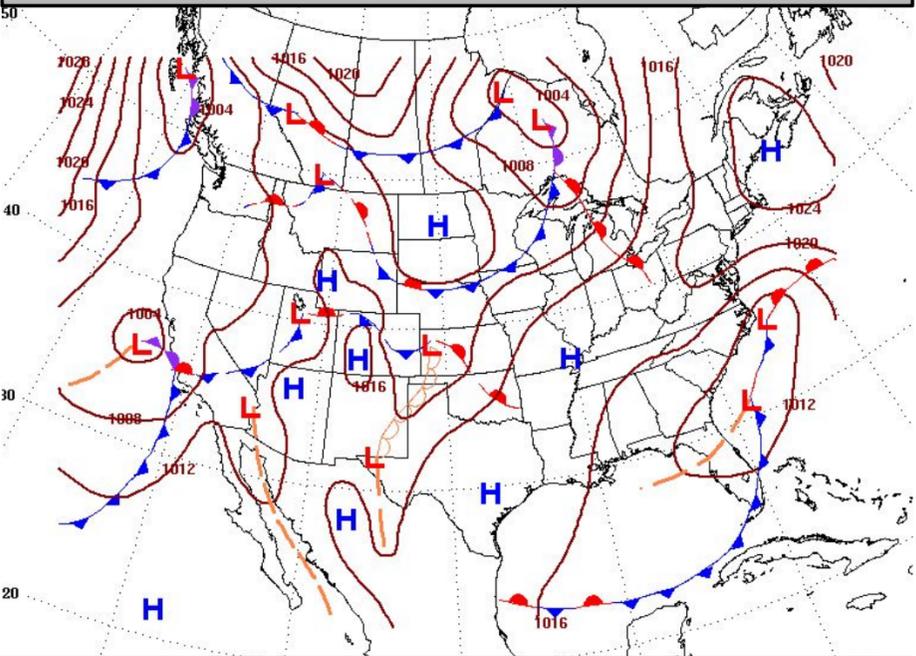
**Isolated severe storms in SE LA in the morning.**



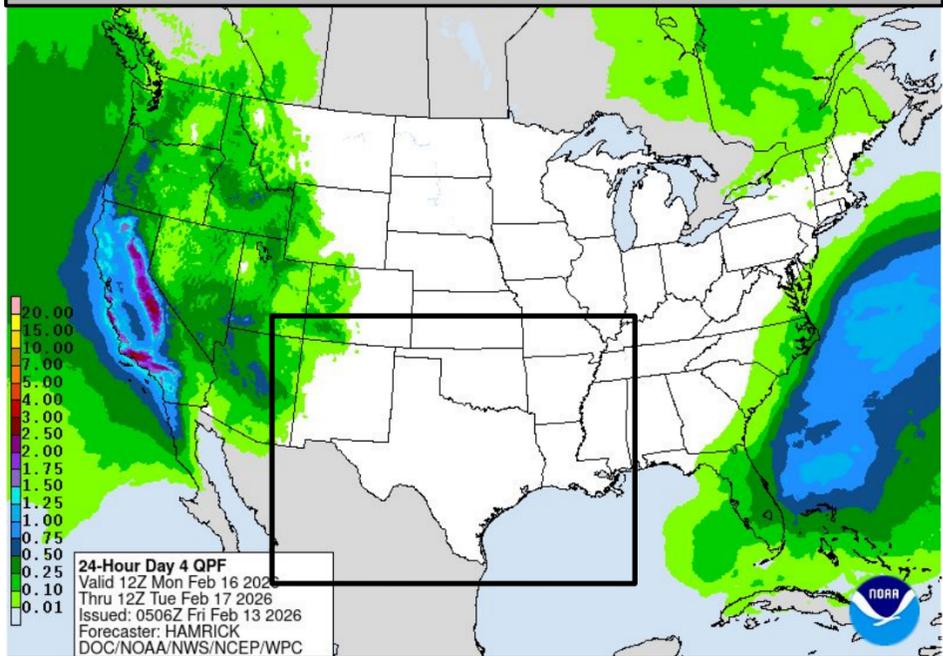


# Monday's Weather

### Forecast Chart

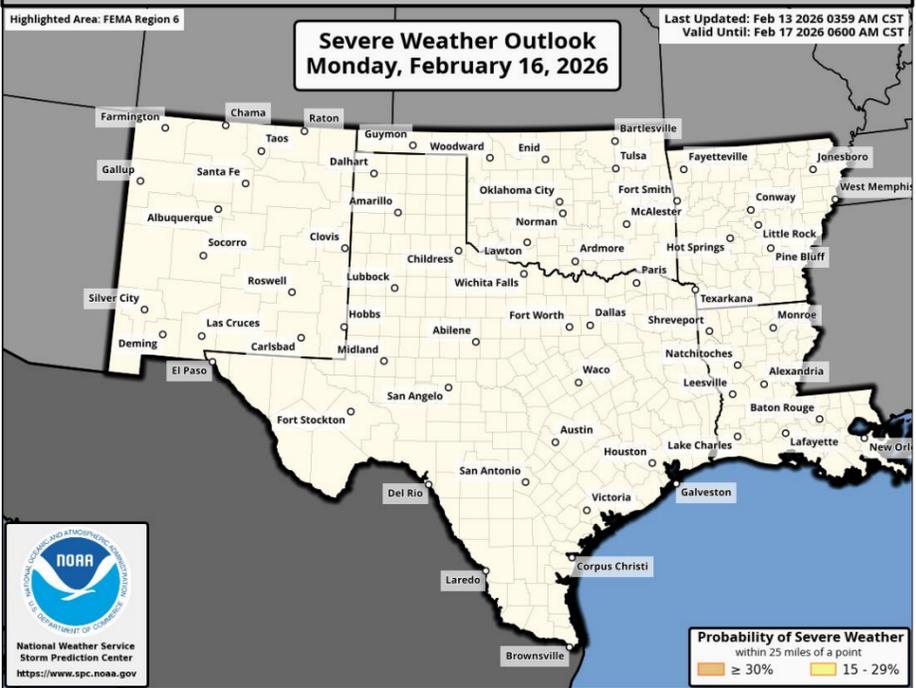


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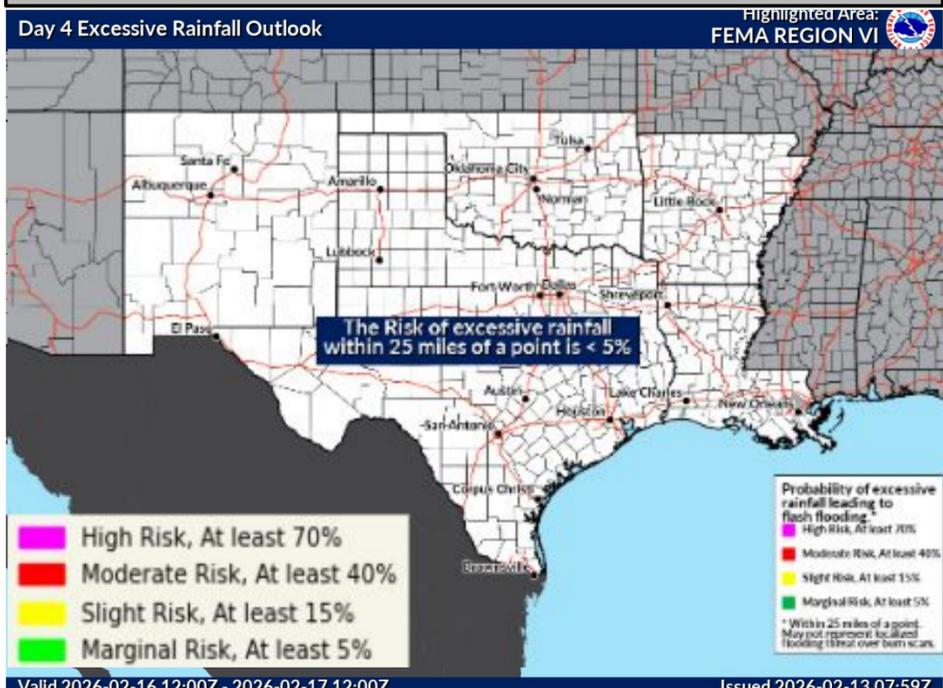


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles for areas that don't get a wetting rain over the weekend.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



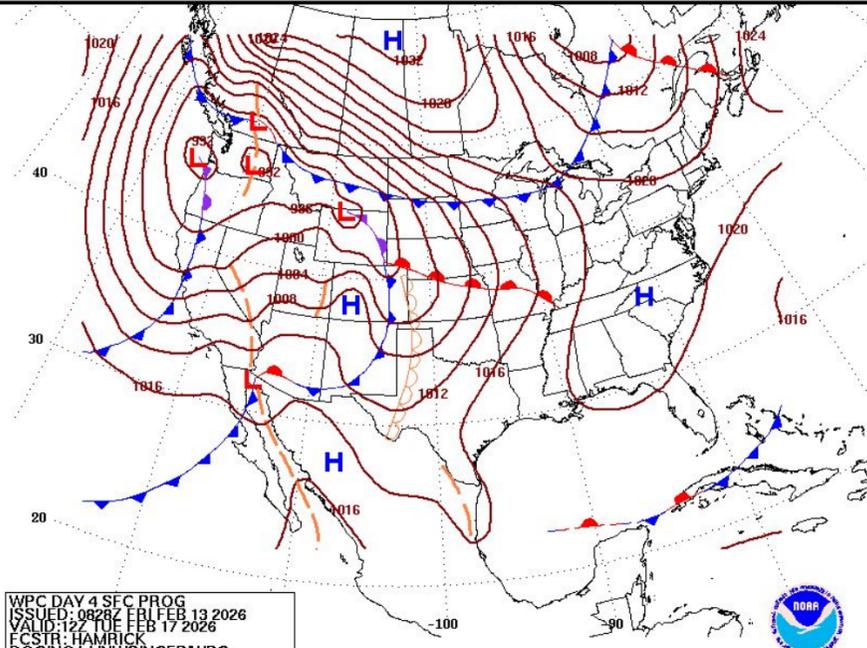
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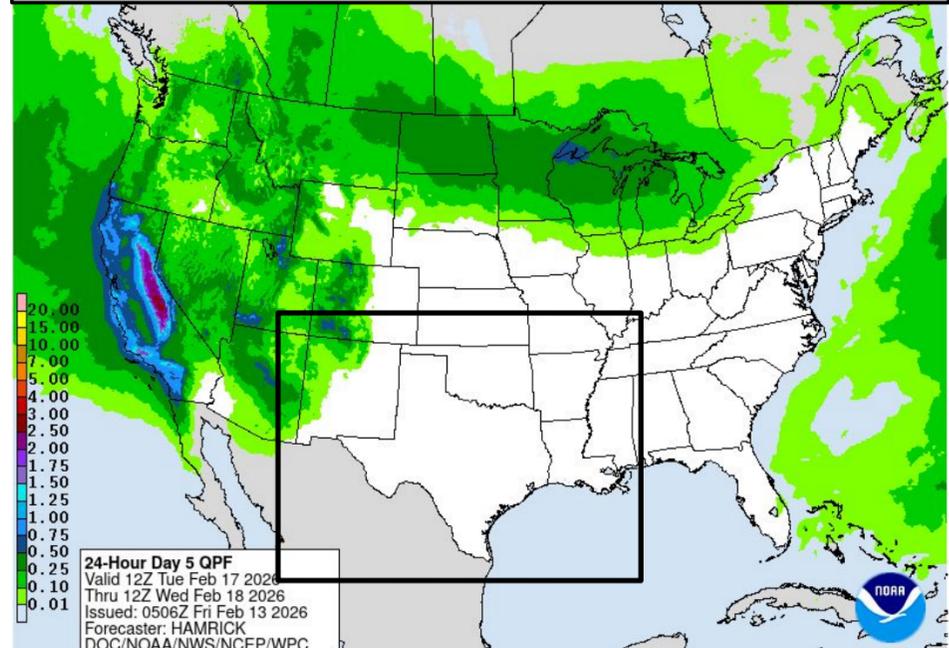
# Tuesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z FEB 17 2026  
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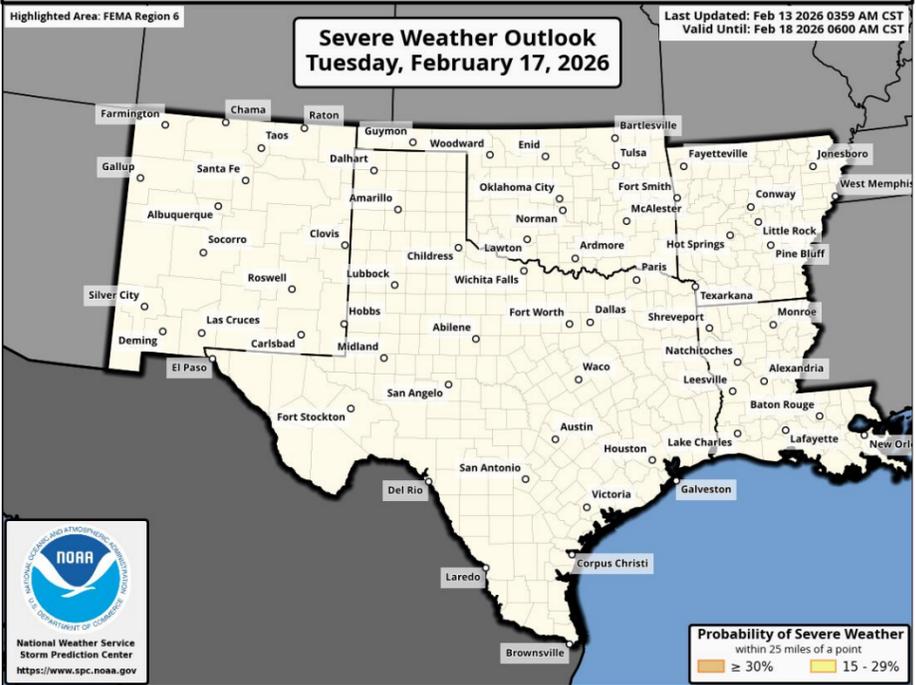
### Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Tue Feb 17 2026  
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**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

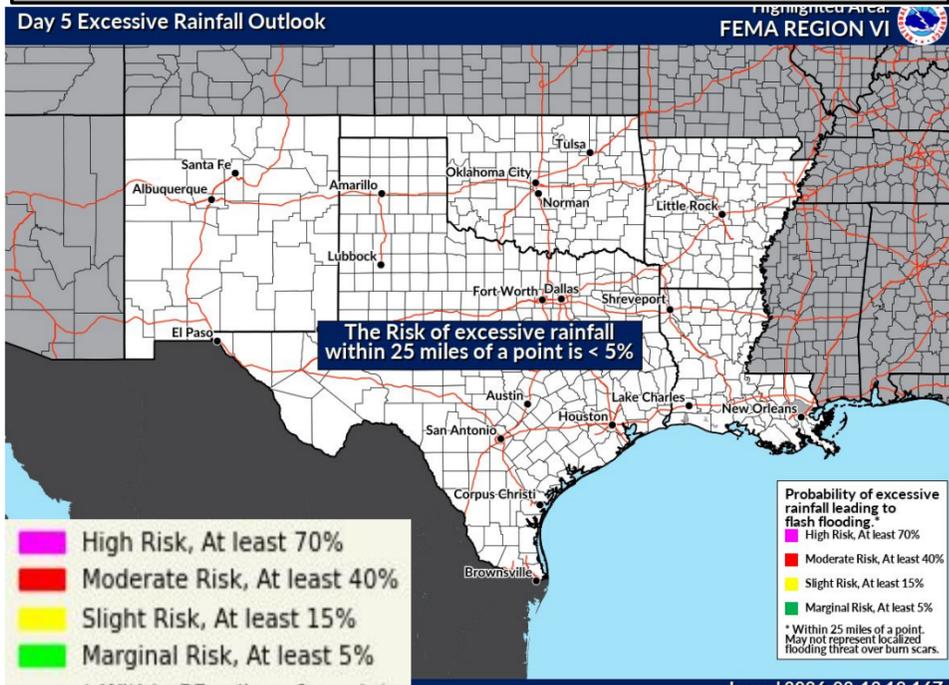


Severe Weather Outlook  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Last Updated: Feb 13 2026 0359 AM CST  
Valid Until: Feb 18 2026 0600 AM CST



### 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%

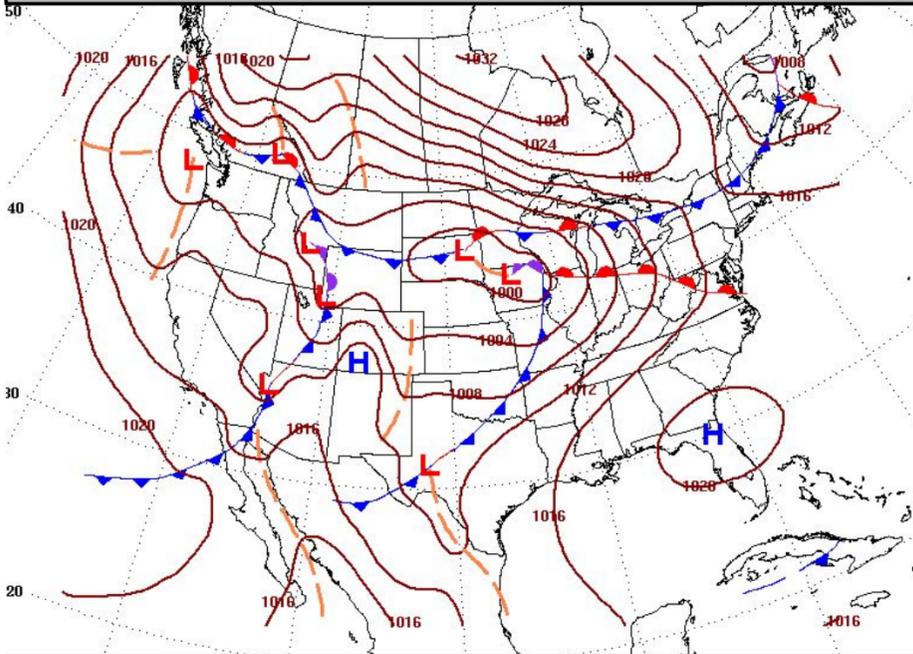
- High Risk, At least 70%
- Moderate Risk, At least 40%
- Slight Risk, At least 15%
- Marginal Risk, At least 5%

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

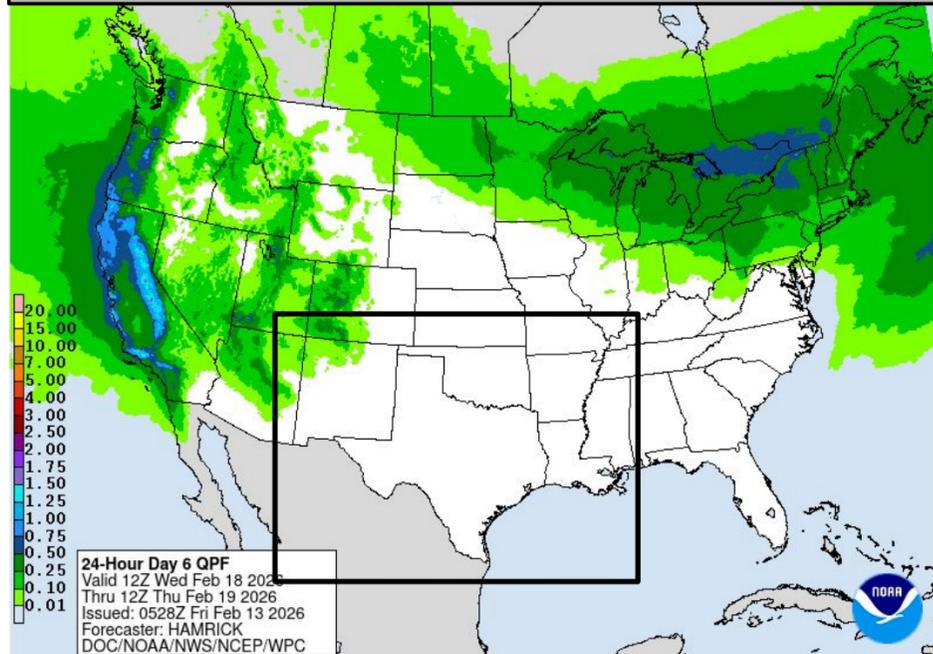


# Wednesday's Weather

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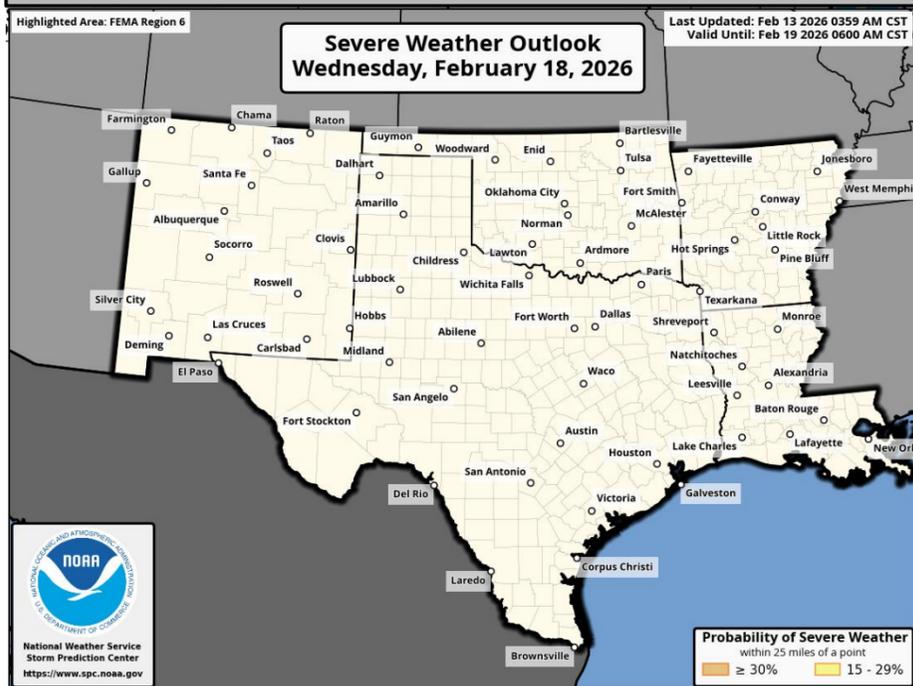


### Forecast Rainfall



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

### Severe Weather Outlook

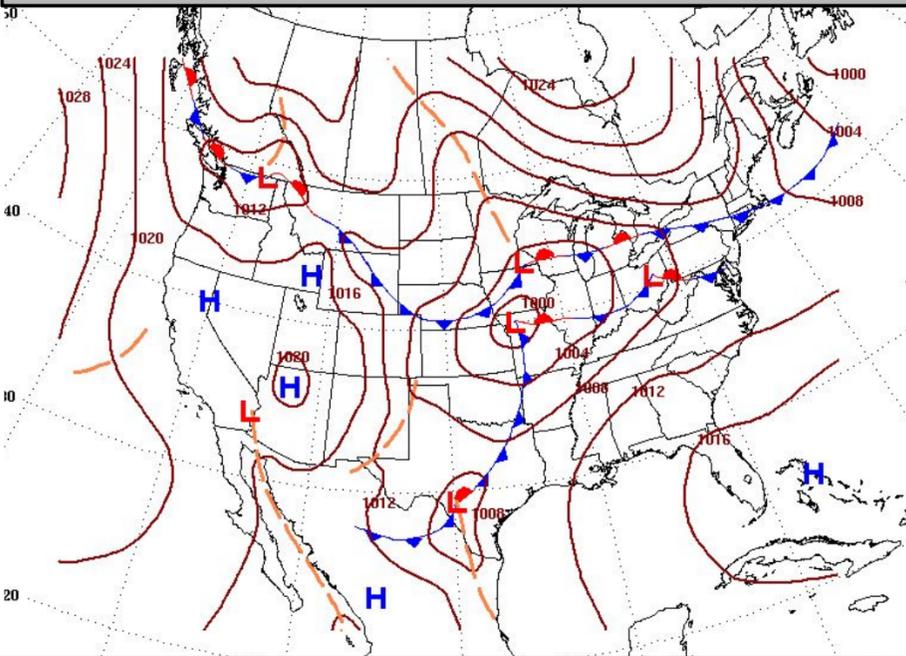


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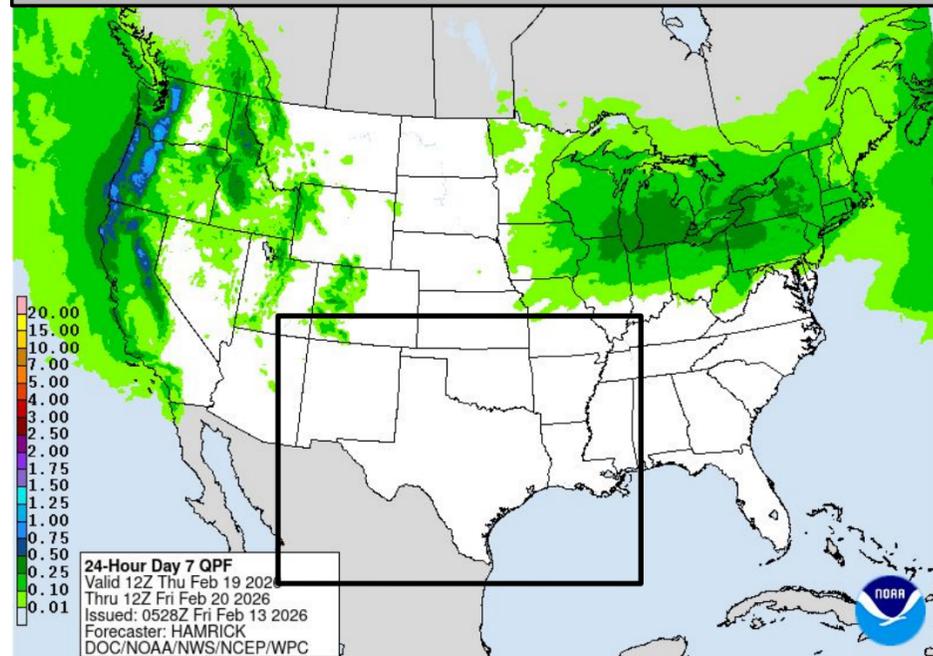


# Thursday's Weather

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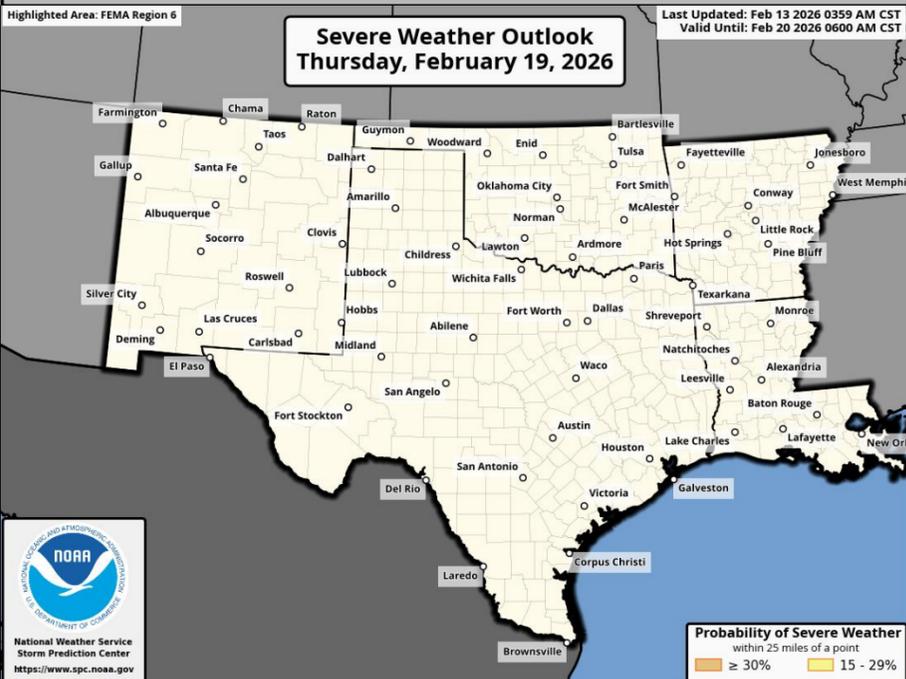


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring for fire weather concerns in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK.**

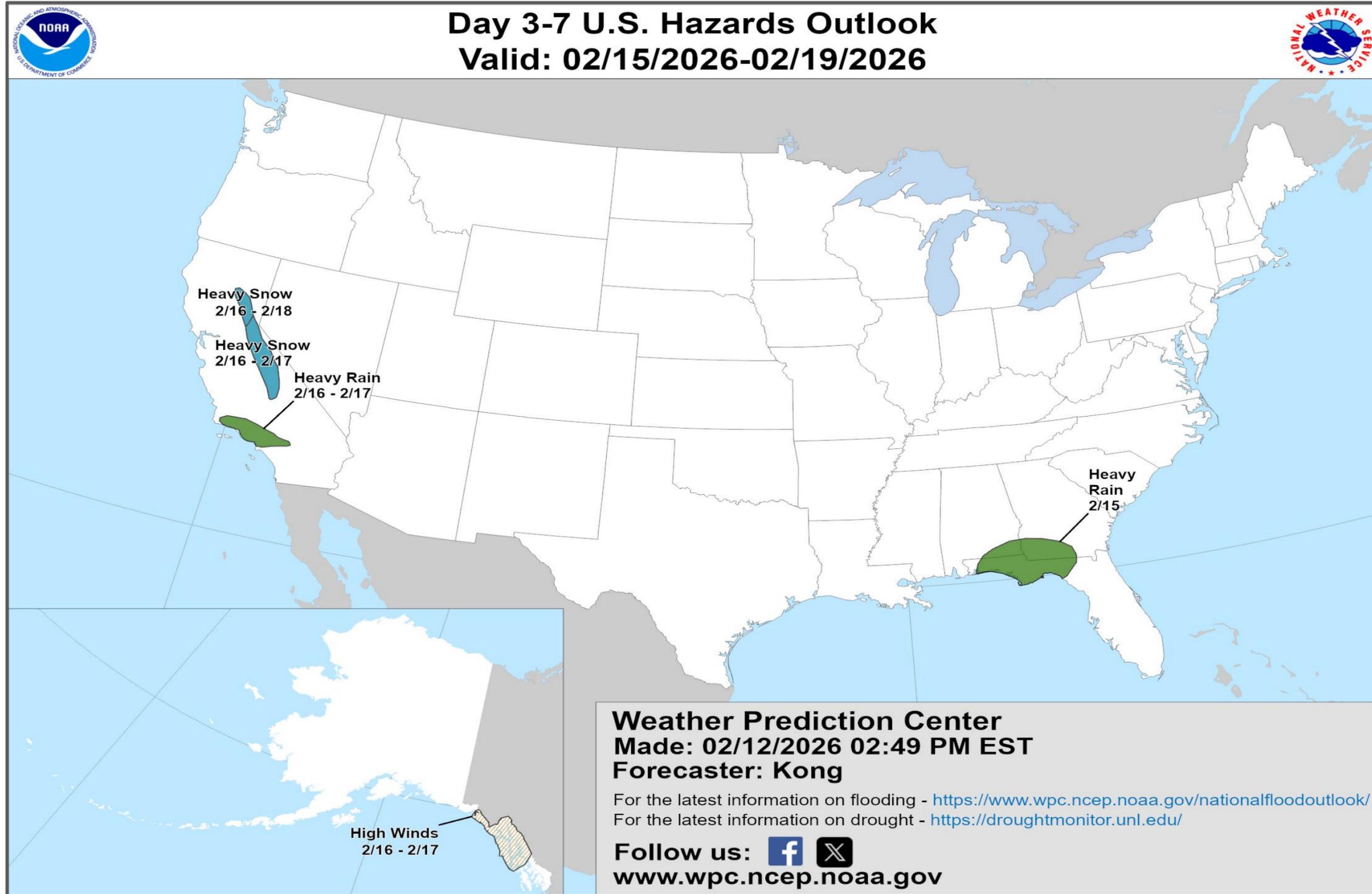
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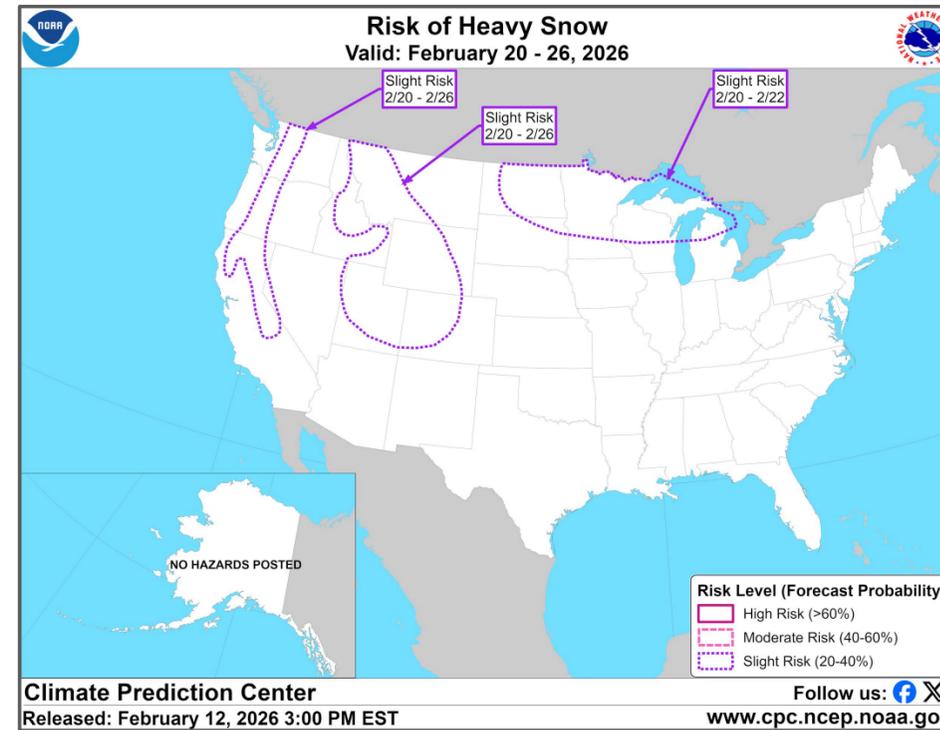
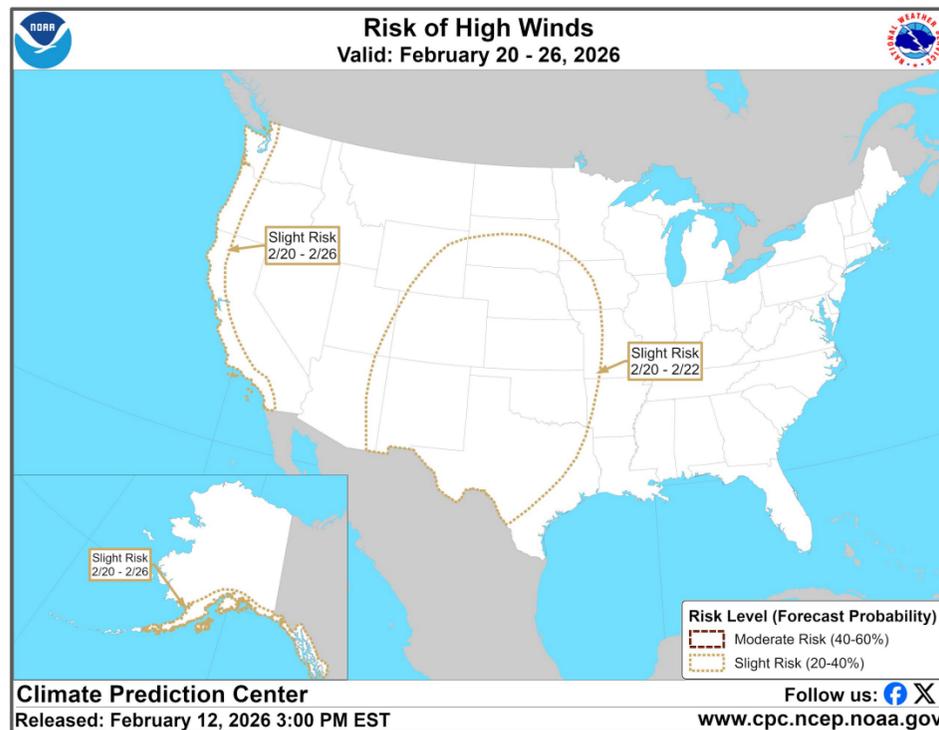
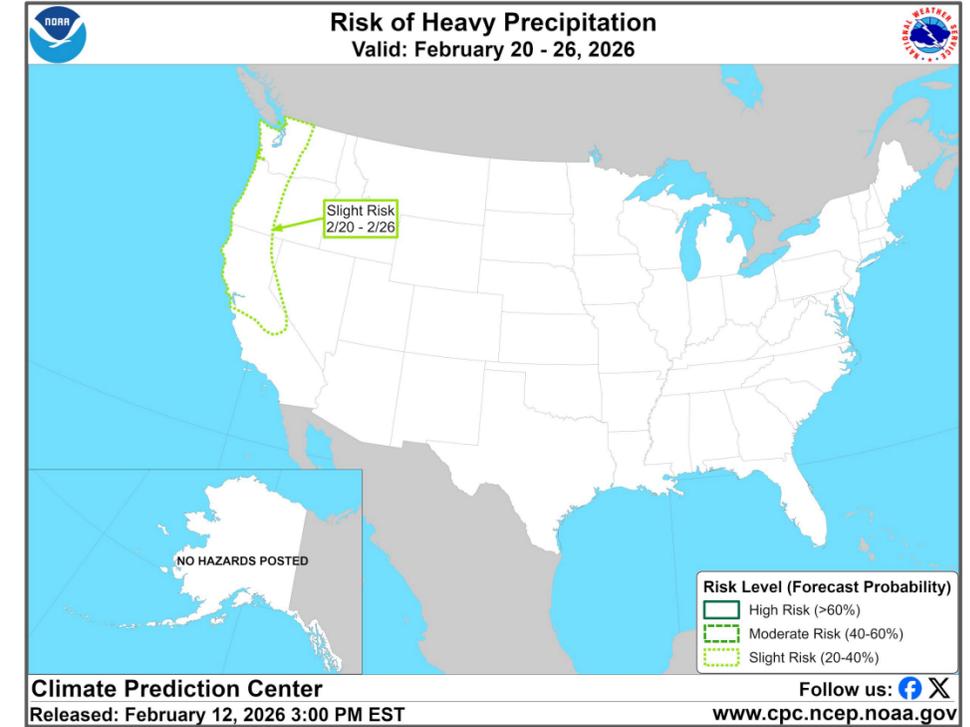
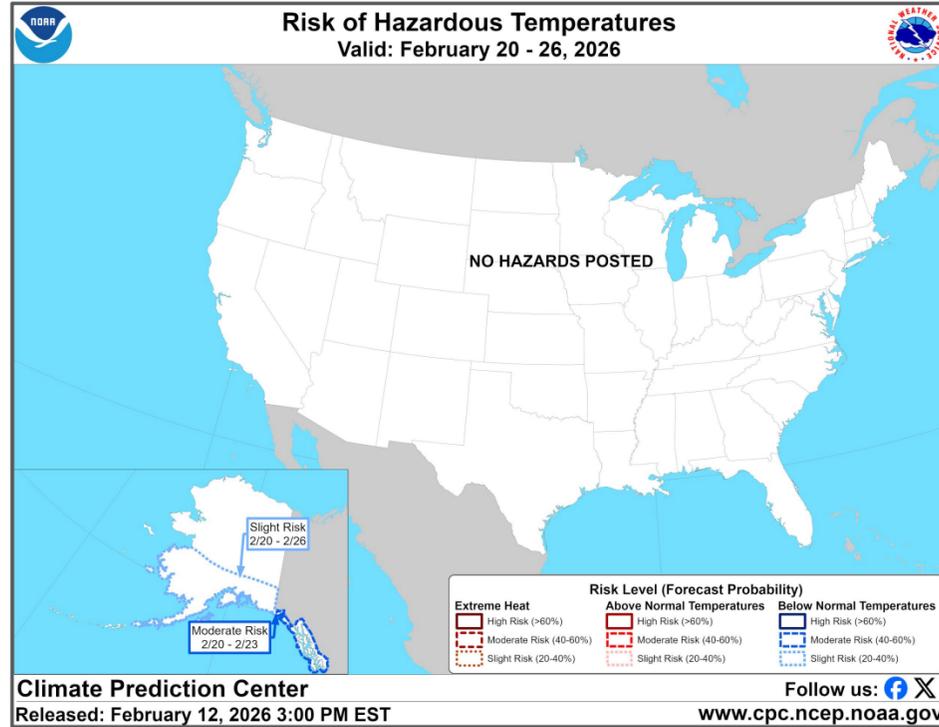
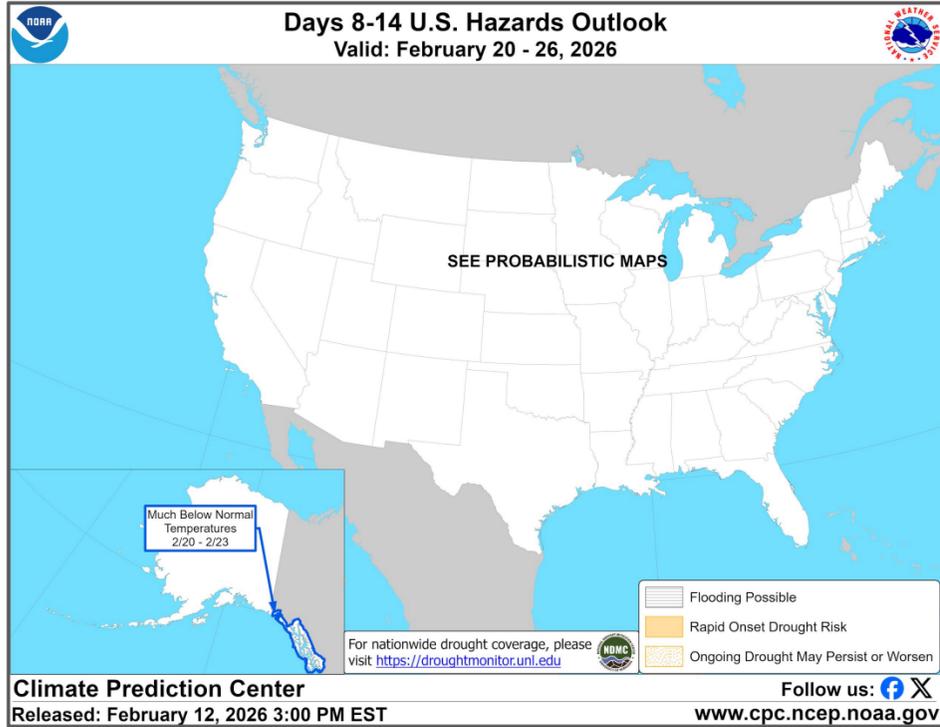


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





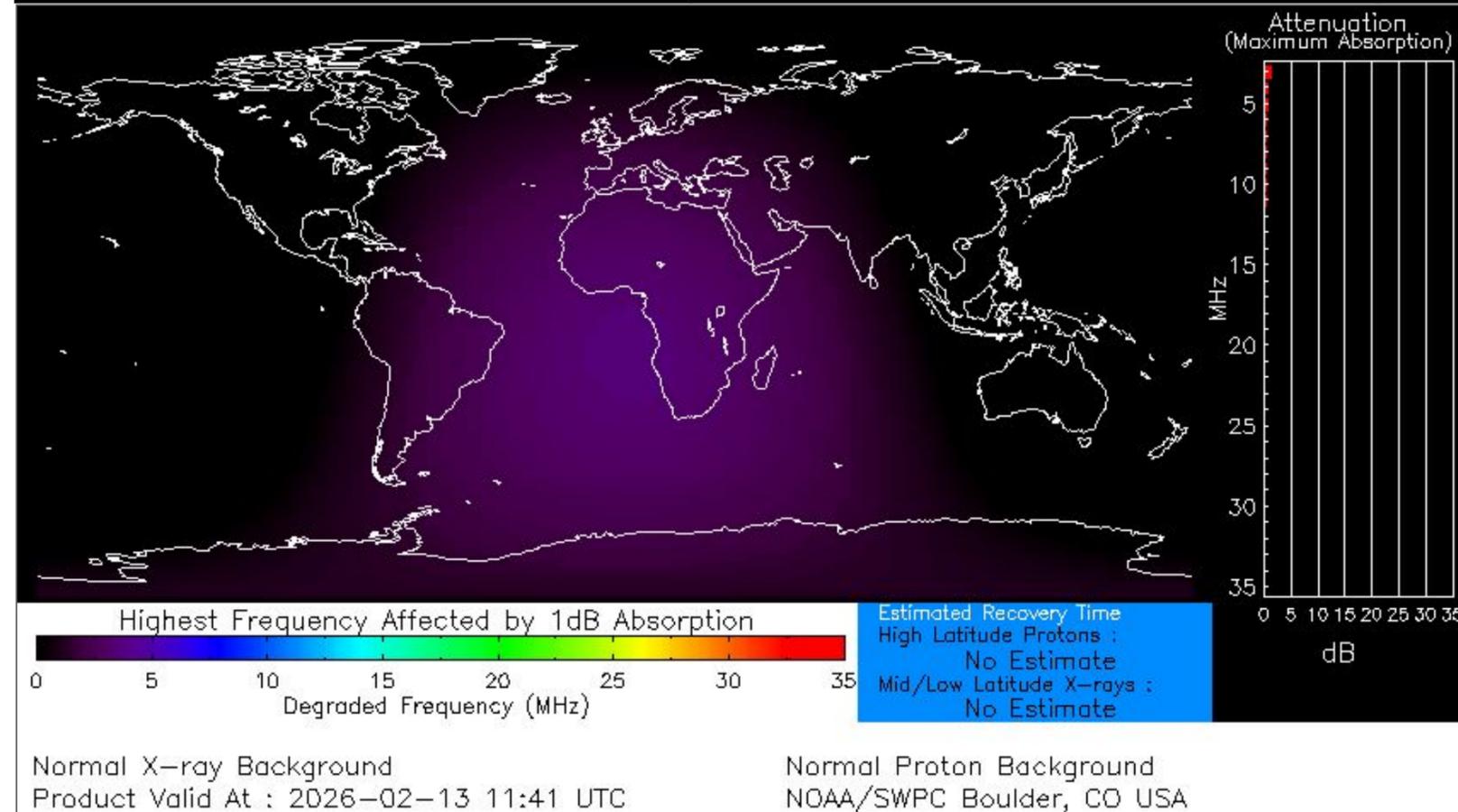
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





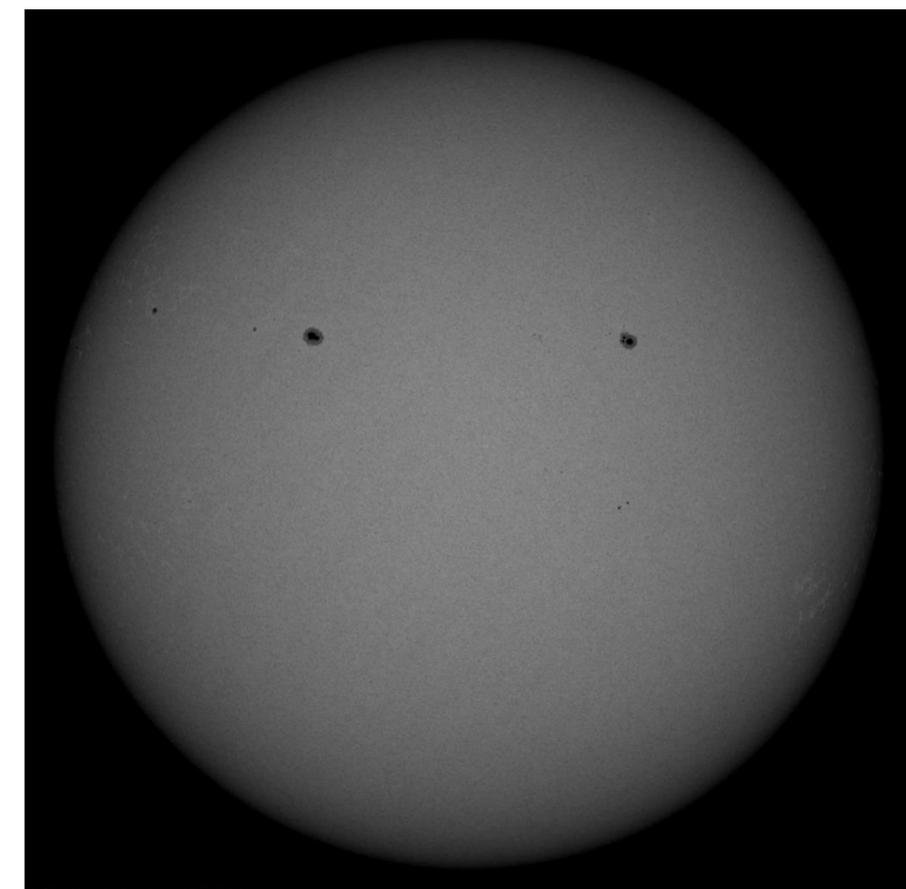
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Feb 13	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	10%	10%	10%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	5%	5%	5%



[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>

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