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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, February 14, 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

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA through this evening.
  - Generally 1-3" of rainfall with localized 3-5" mainly in the ARKLATX region.

- **Severe Weather:**

- Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) for severe storms in TX, LA this afternoon into the the overnight hours.
  - Damaging wind, large hail with a few tornadoes possible.
- Isolated severe storms may linger in SE LA into Sunday morning.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions follow the frontal passage in S TX this afternoon and Sunday.
- Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) conditions Monday-Friday for E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK due to persistent gusty southwest/west winds and low relative humidity.
  - Tuesday and Thursday are the highest risk days.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15	Monday, Feb 16	Tuesday, Feb 17	Wednesday, Feb 18	Thursday, Feb 19	Friday, Feb 20
Severe Storms	TX, LA	SE LA (A.M.)					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, AR, NETX, NW LA						
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	STX	STX	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK
River Flooding							

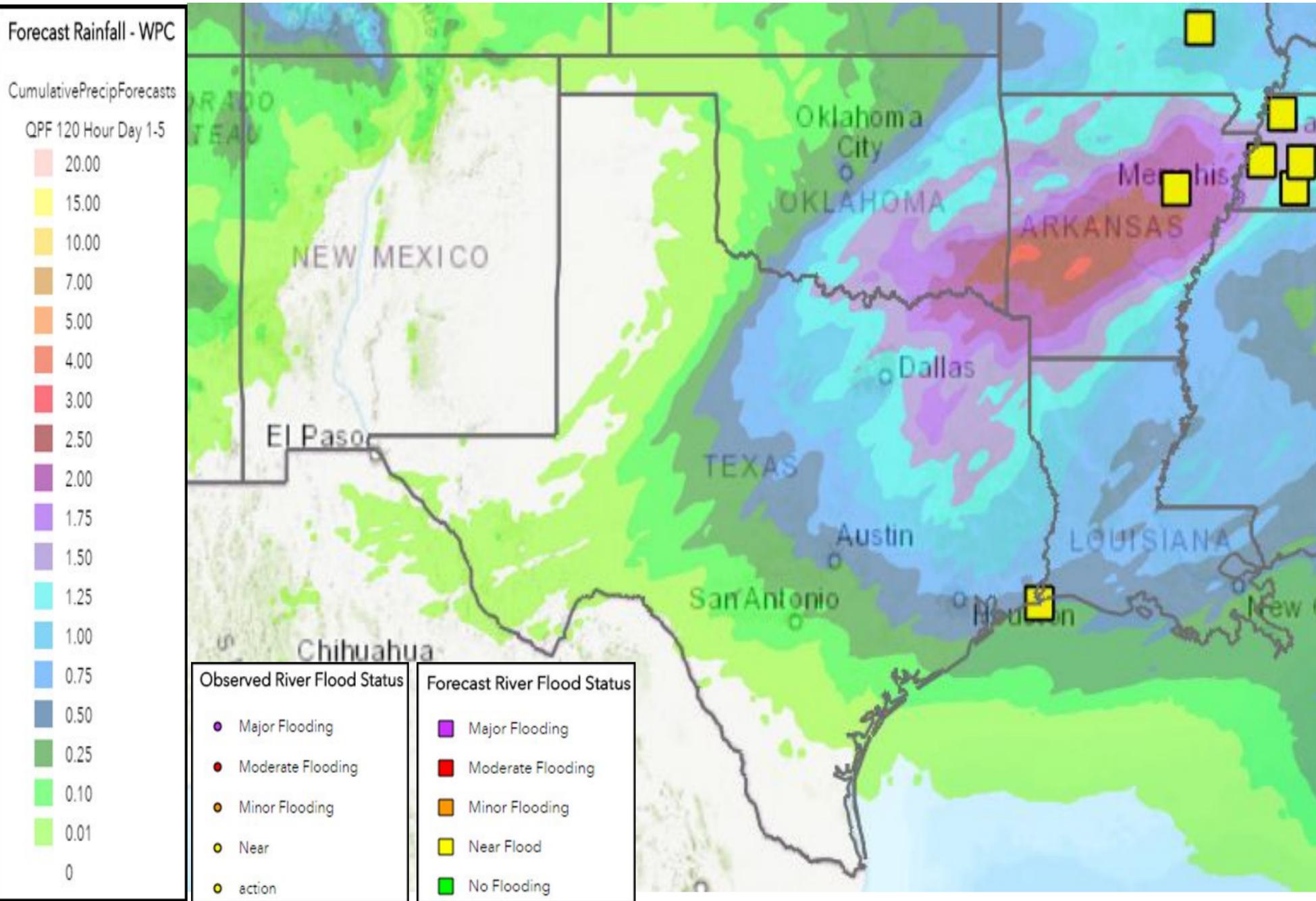
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*  
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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*

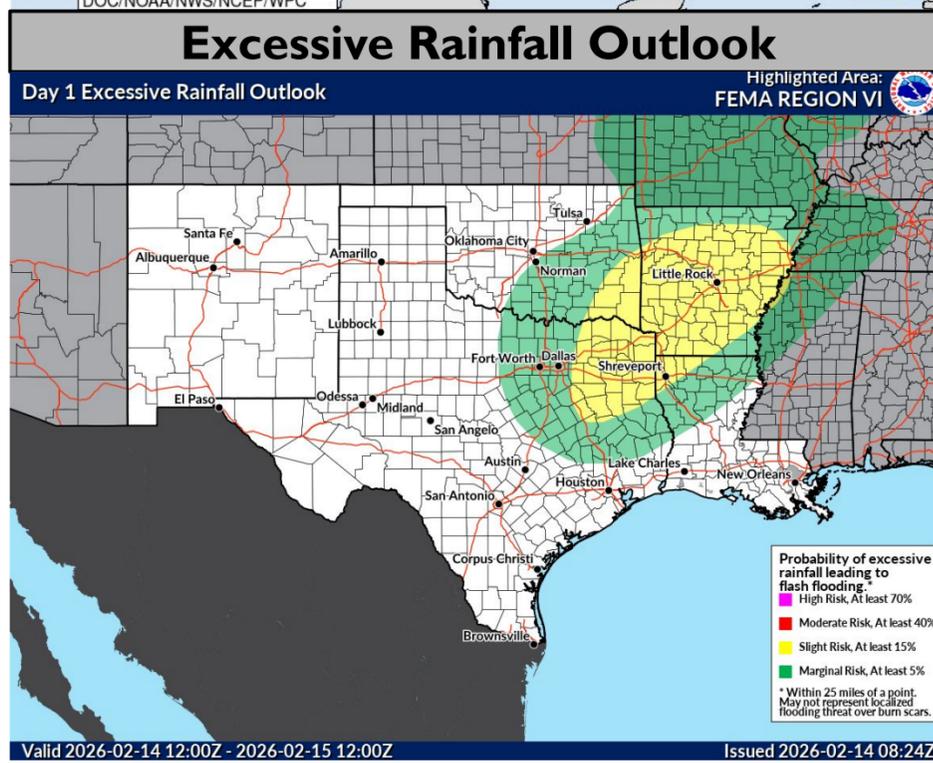
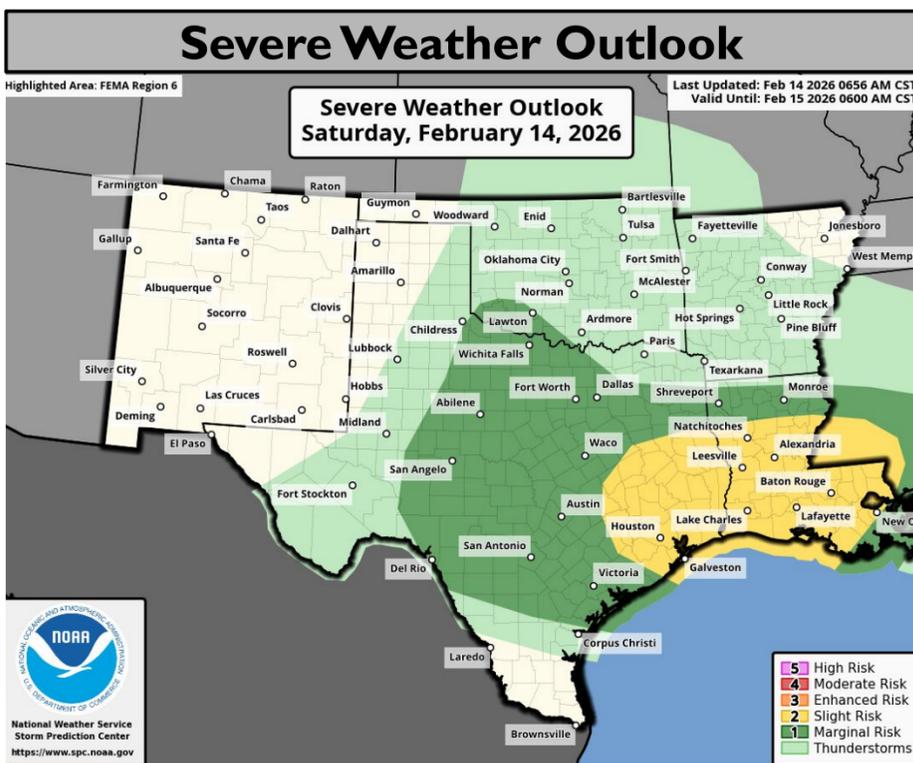
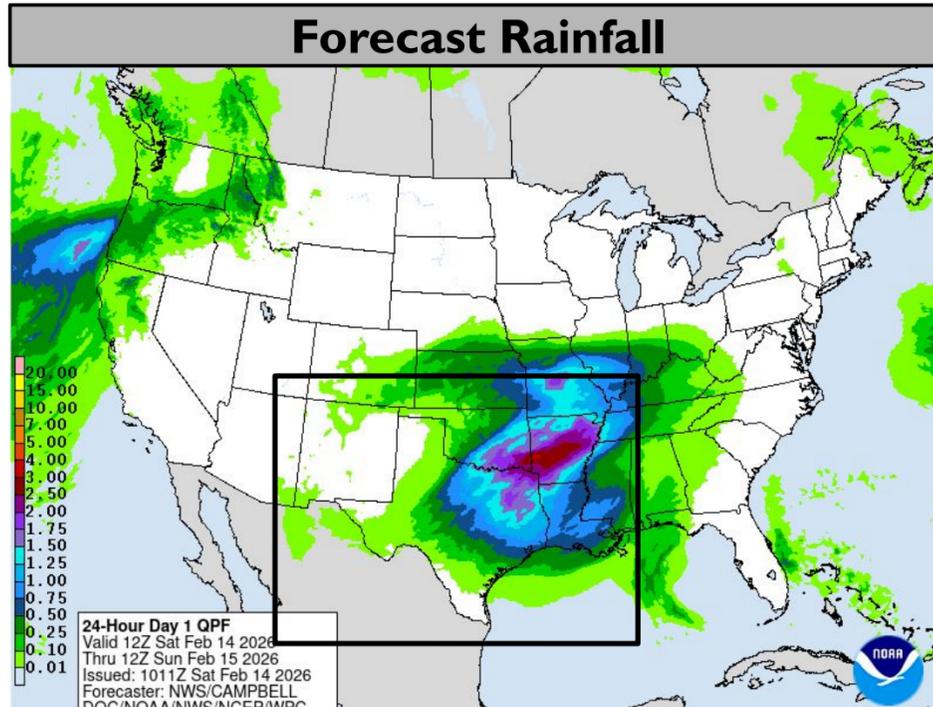
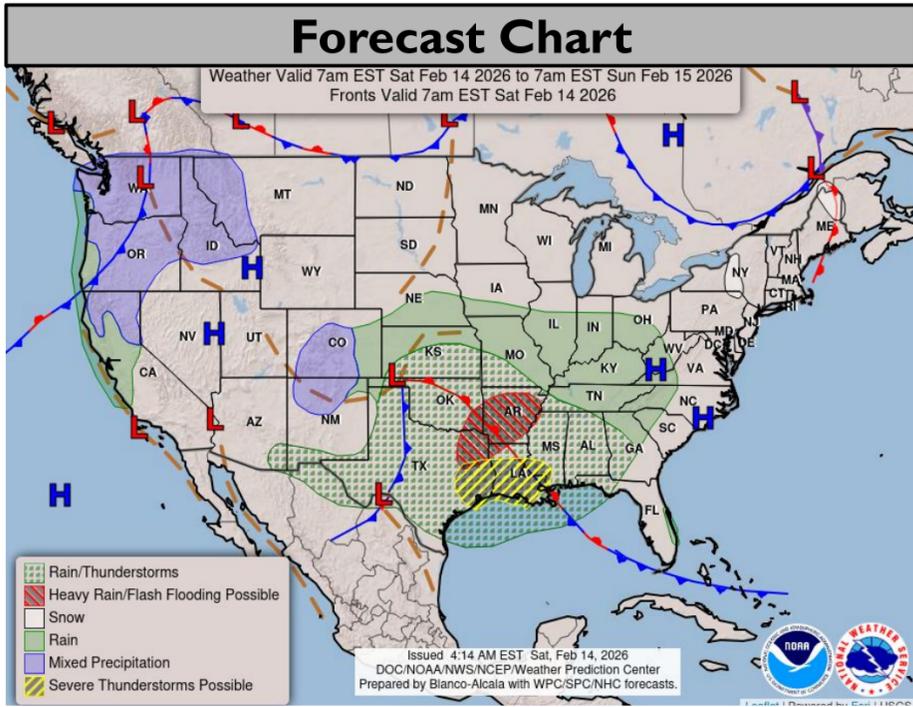


**No significant flooding is expected.**

*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



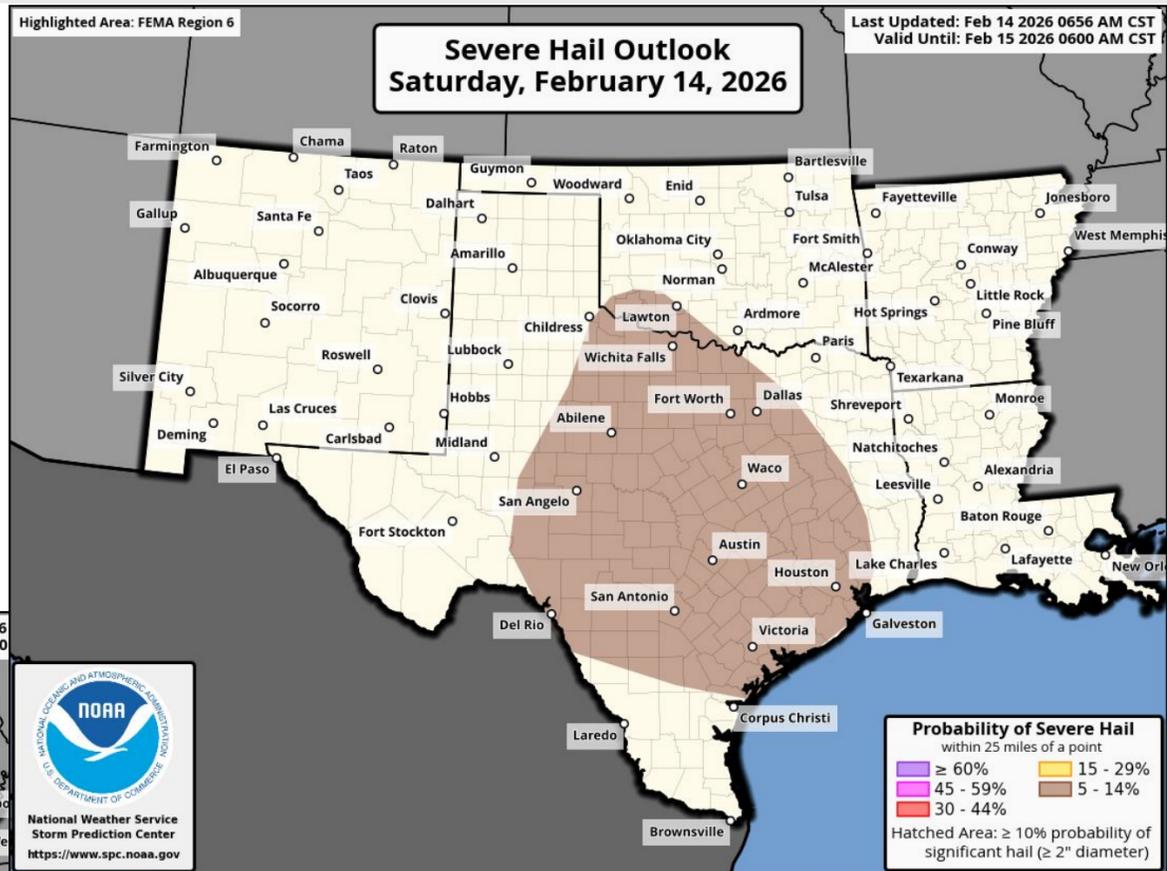
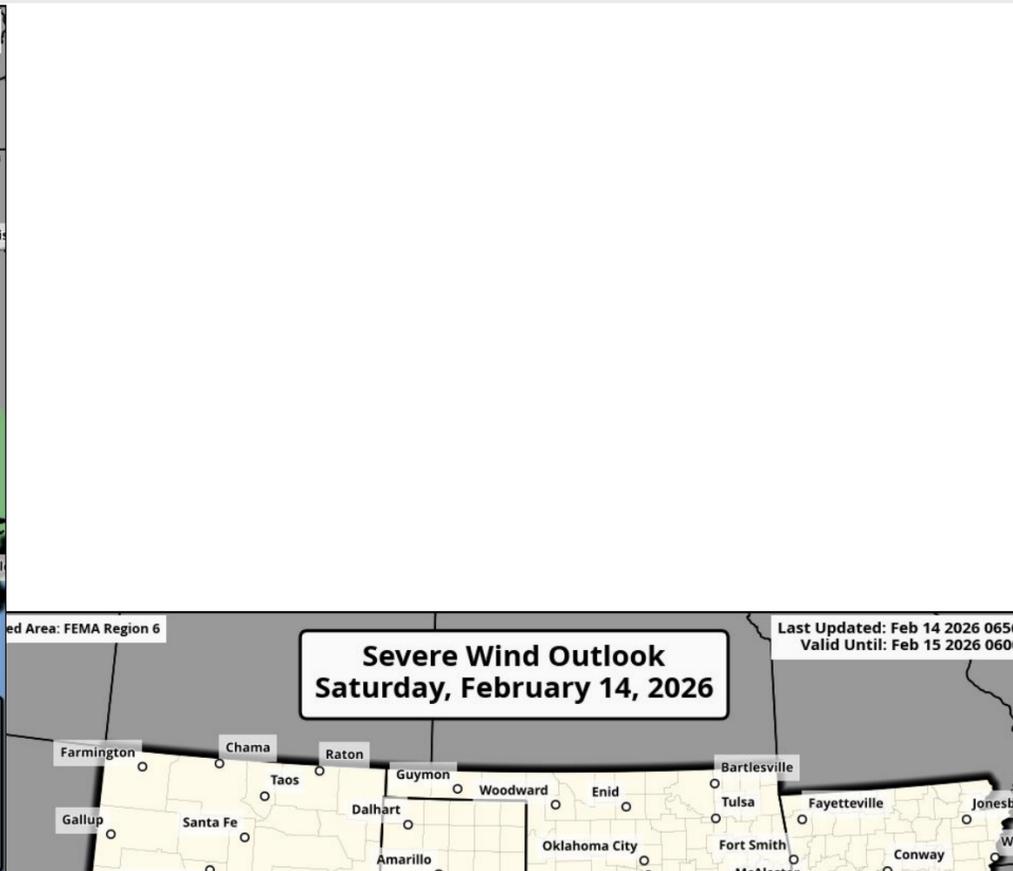
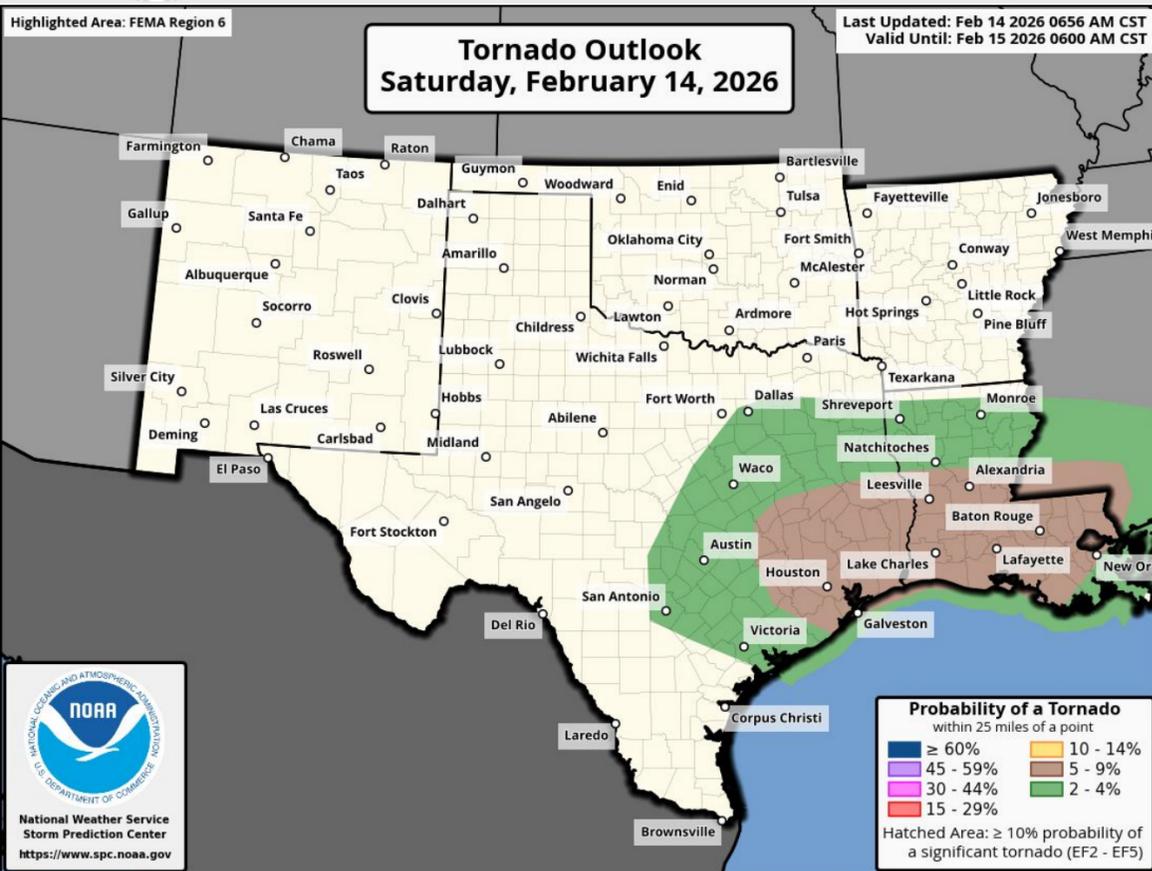
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA for flash flooding. 1-3" of rain, with localized totals of 3-5".**

**Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) for severe storms in SW OK, TX, LA. Wind/Hail main threats with a few tornadoes possible late afternoon/evening over SE/E TX, SW LA.**

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

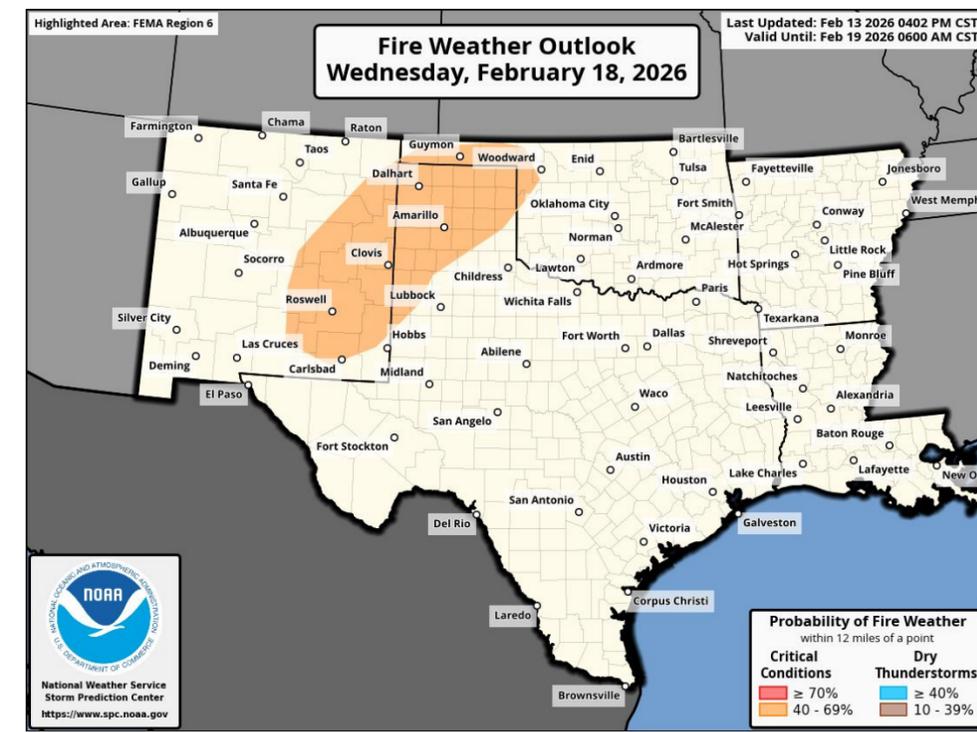
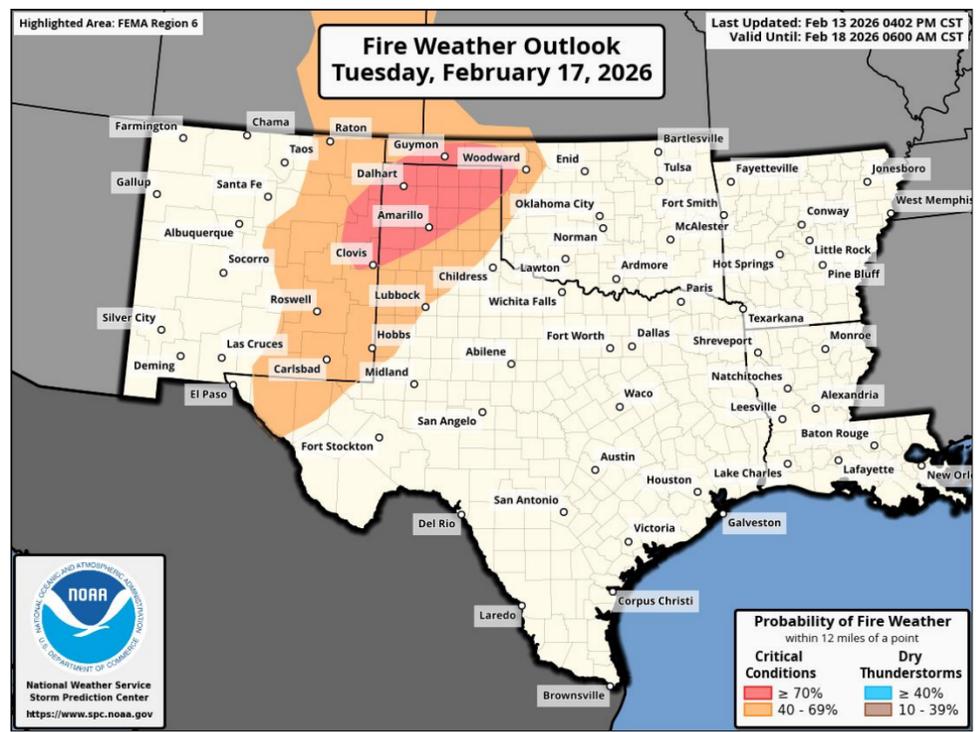
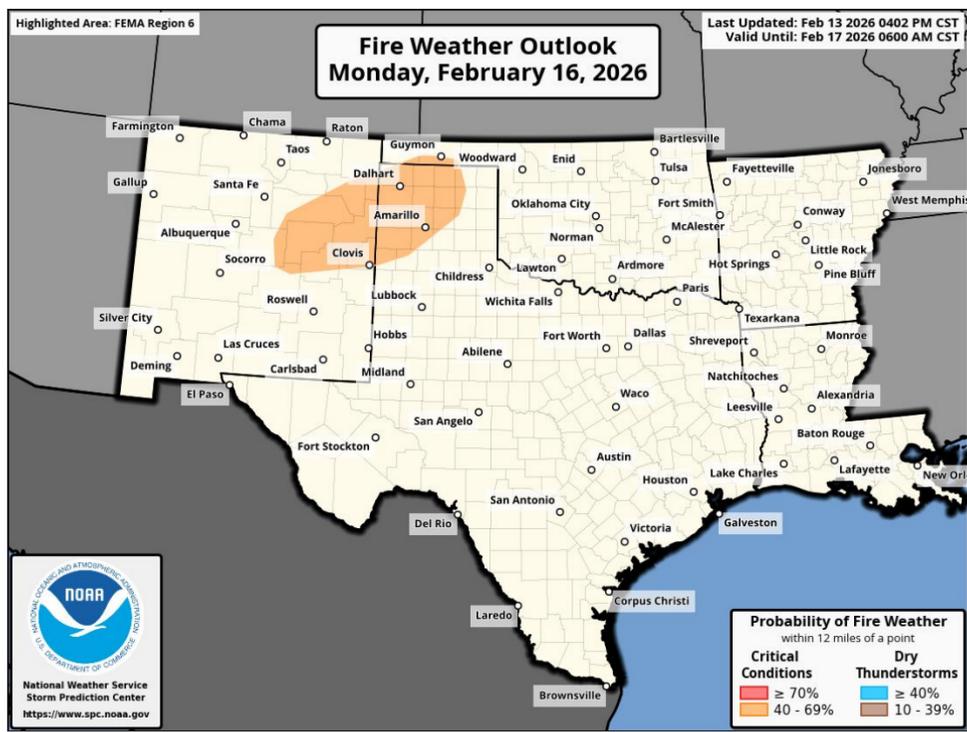
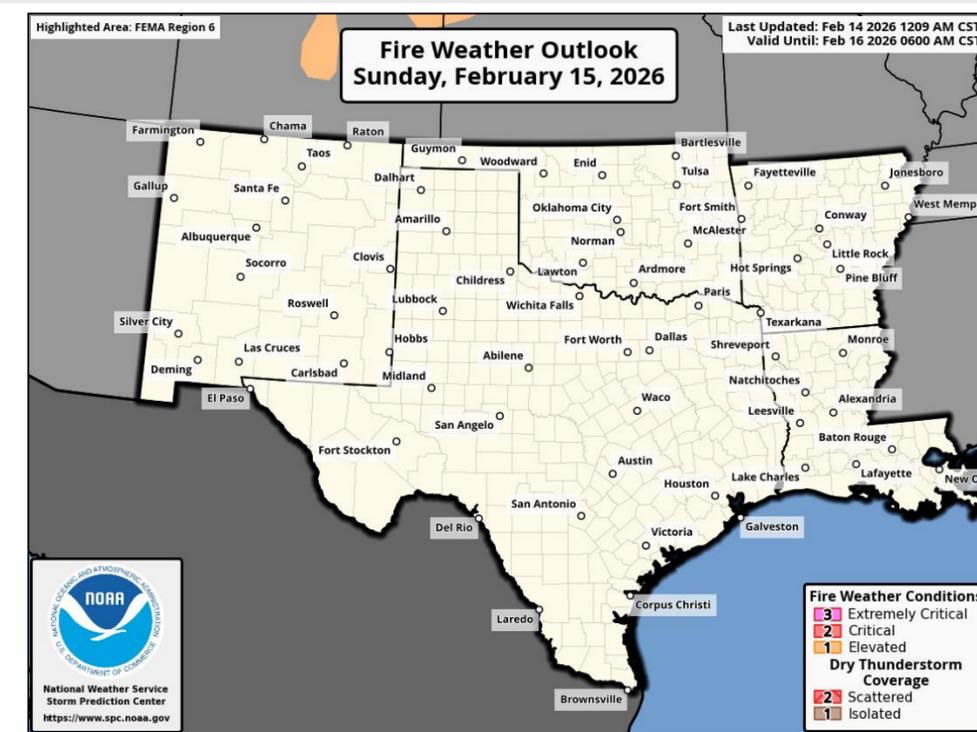
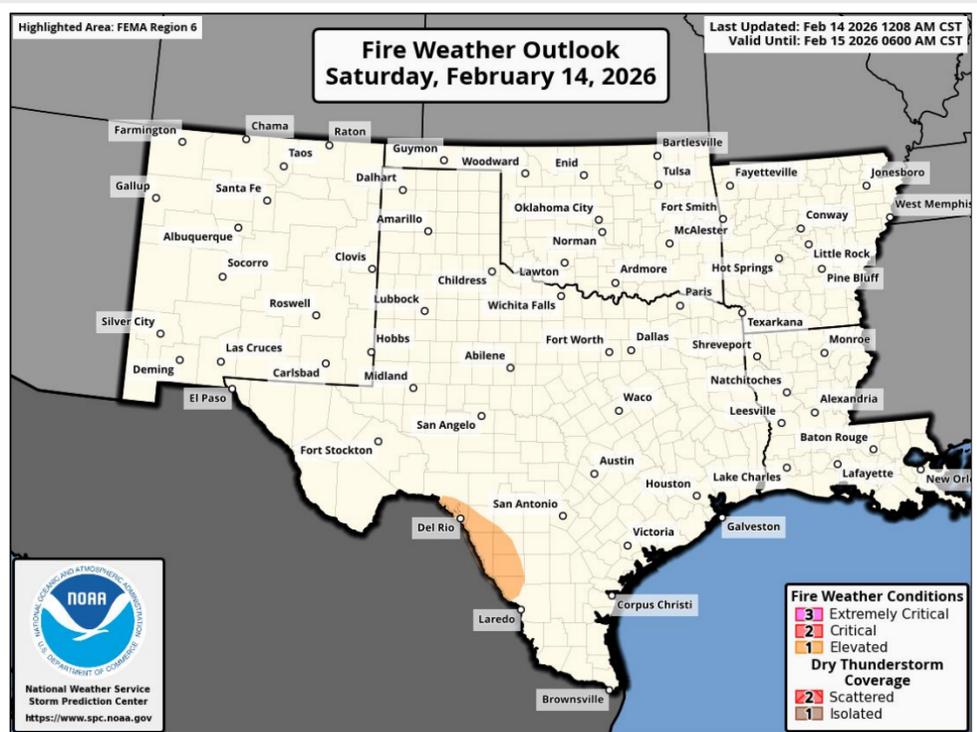


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





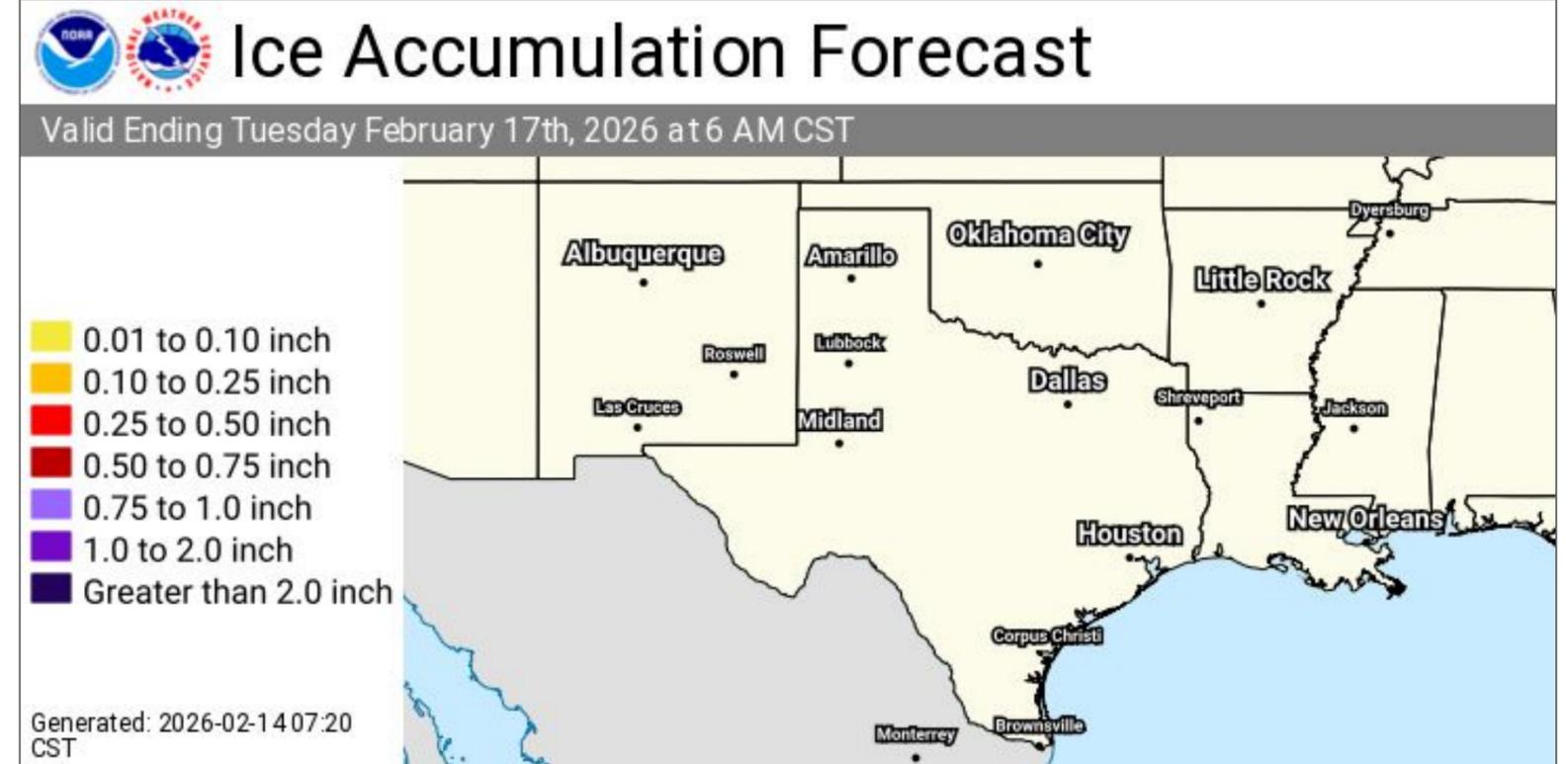
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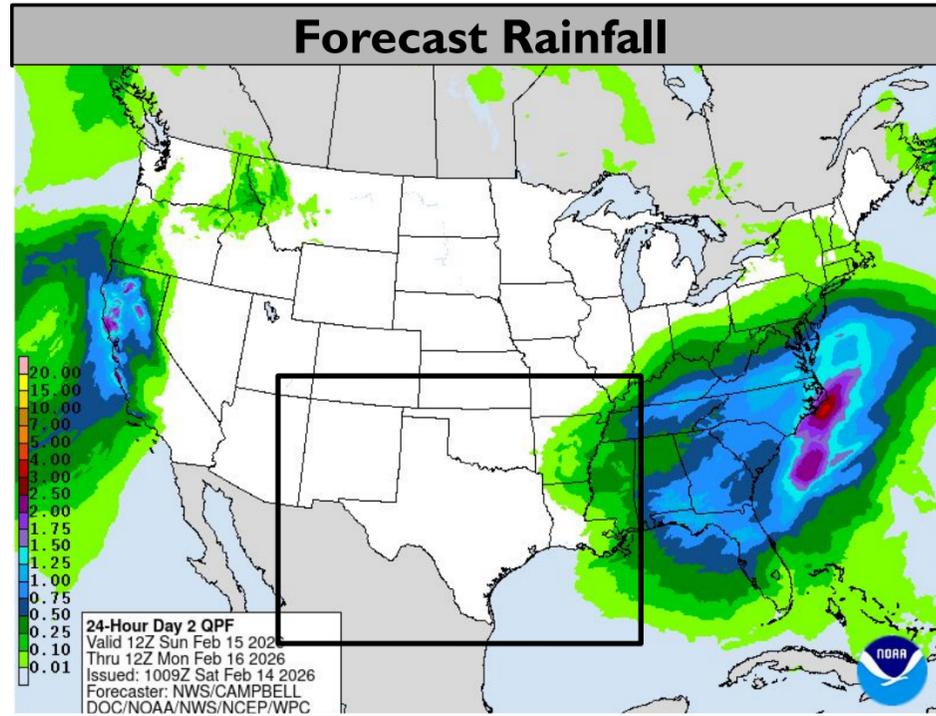
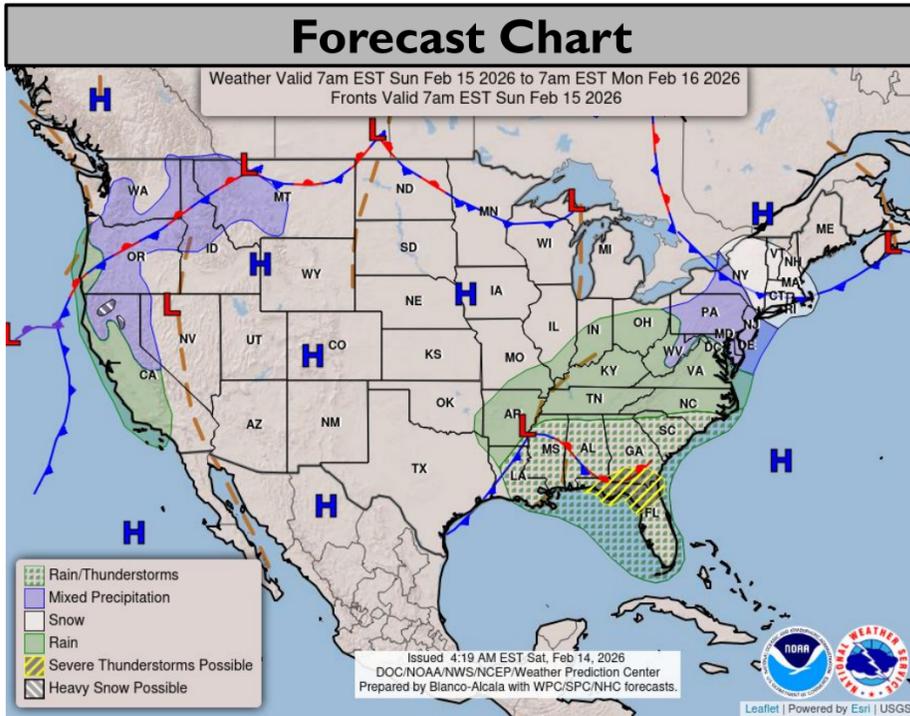
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Through the next 3 days



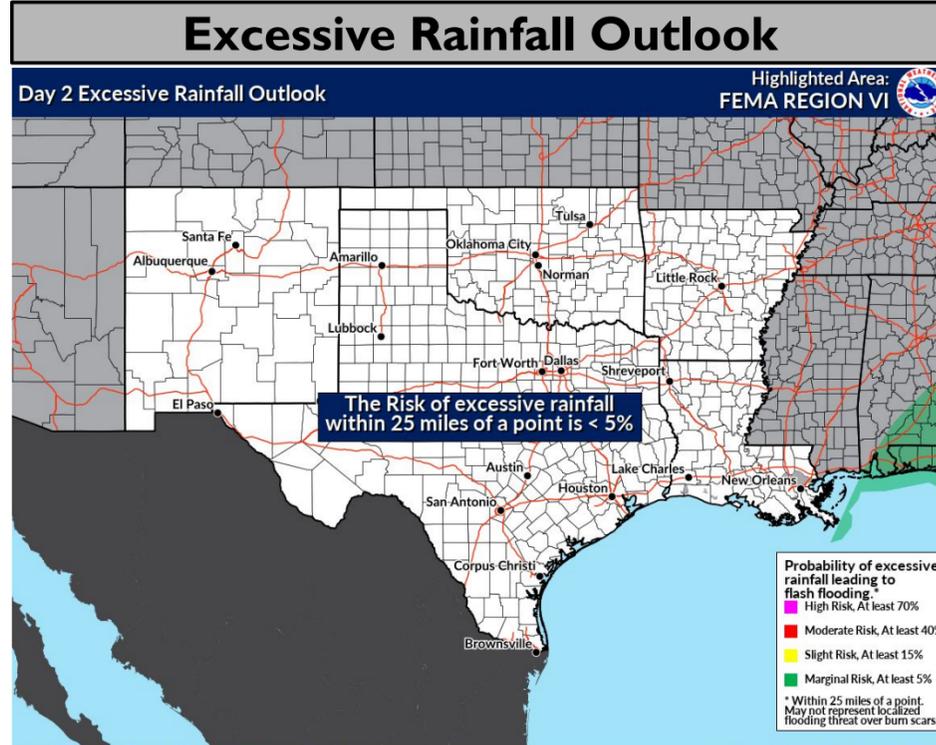
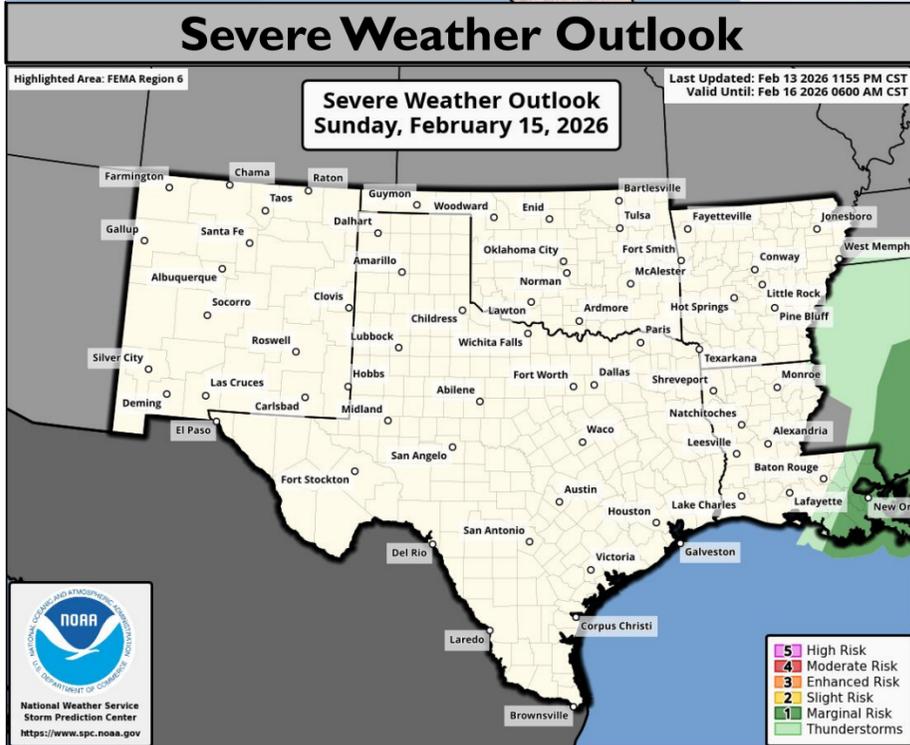


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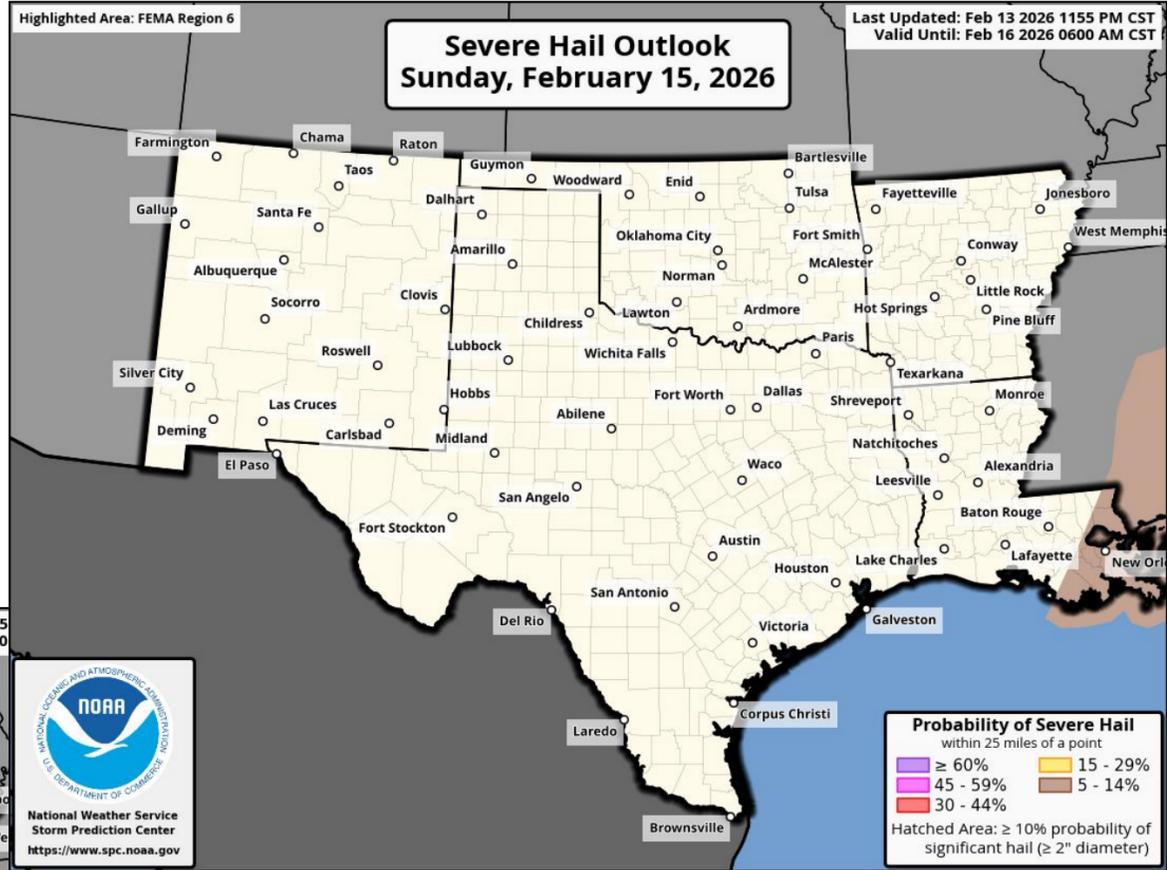
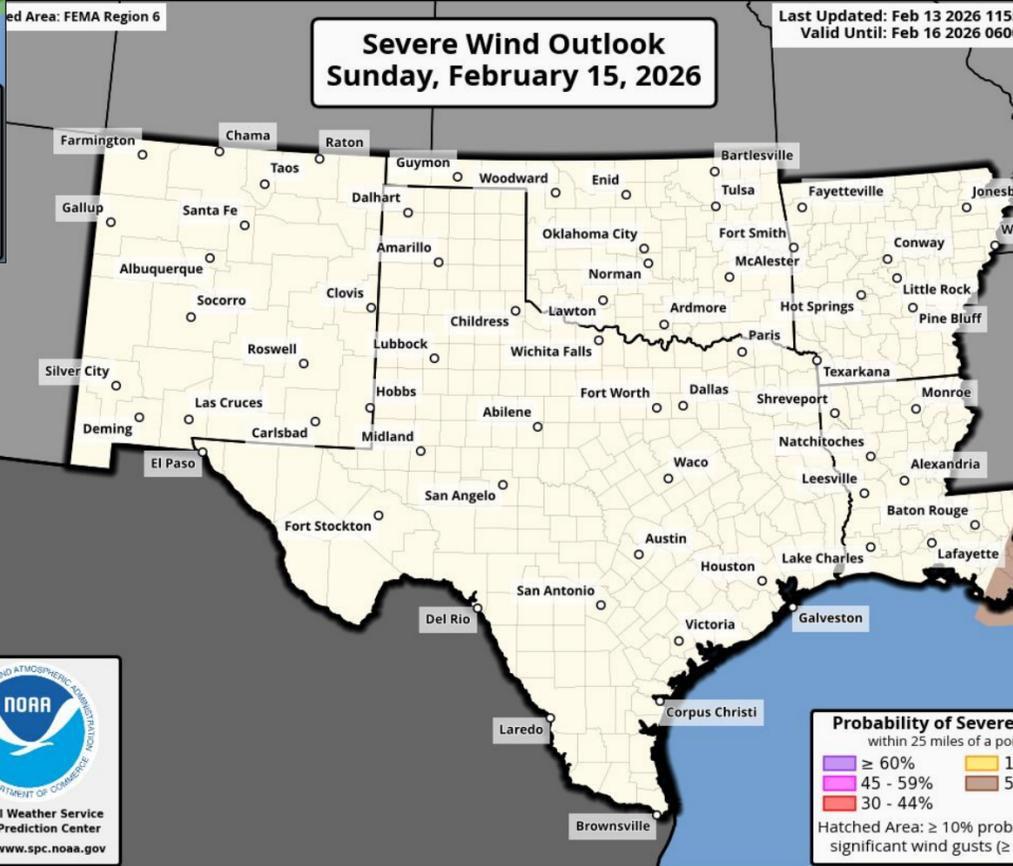
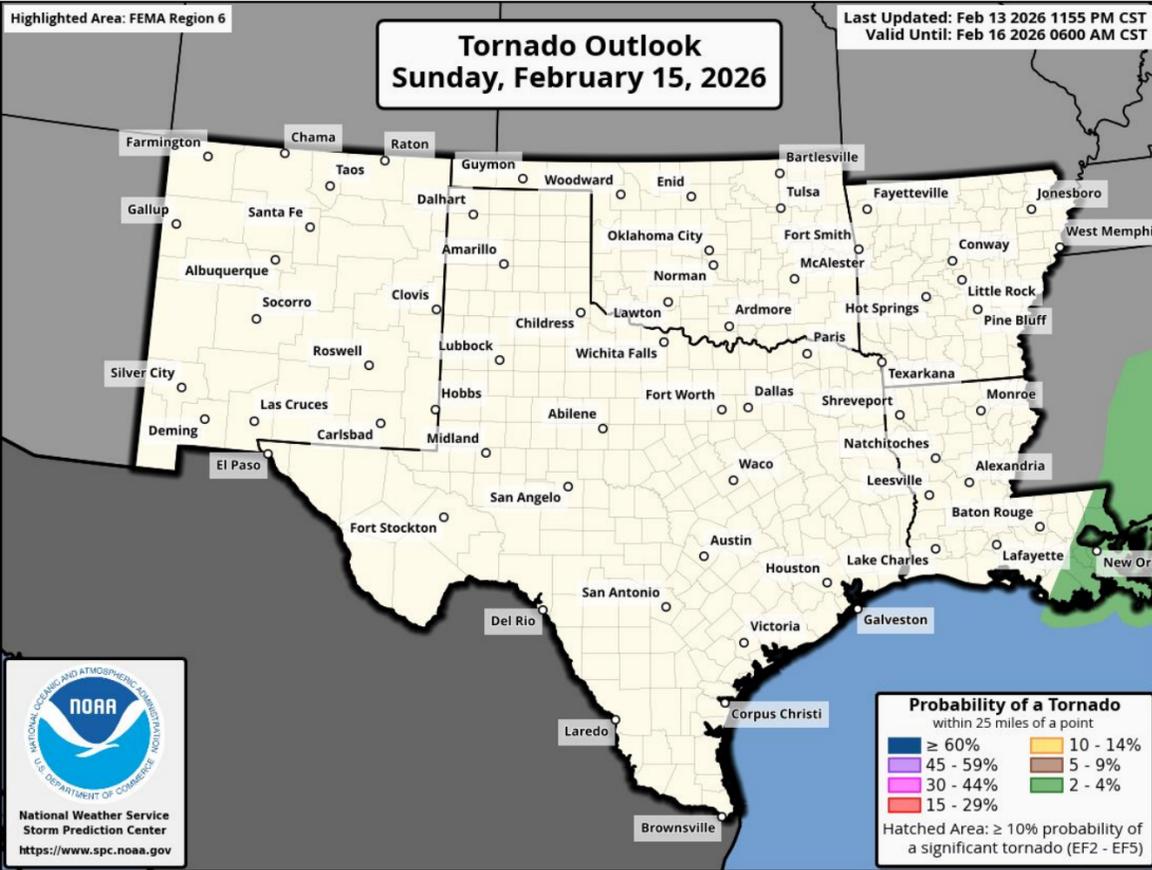
**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in STX.**

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





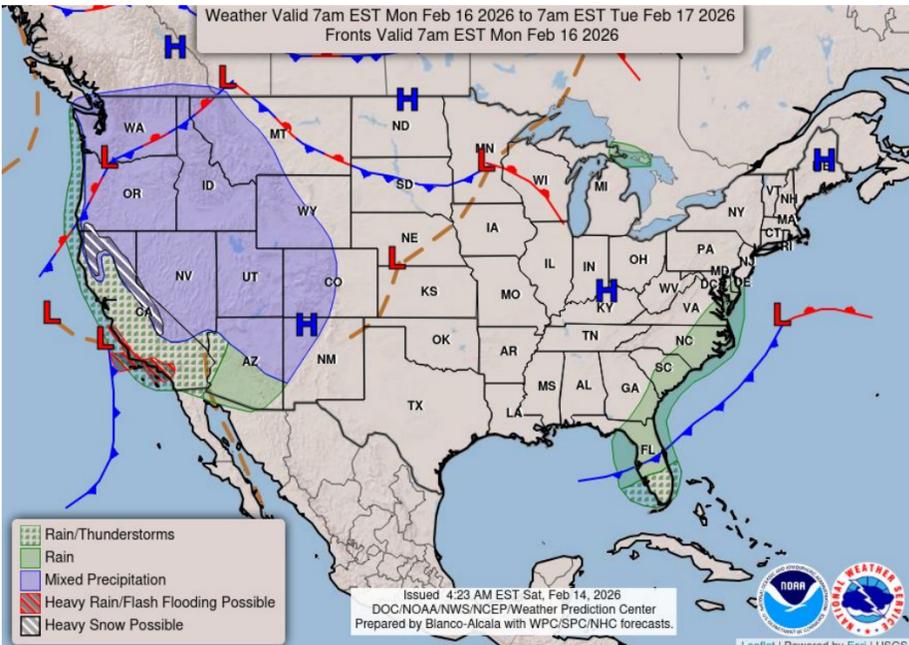
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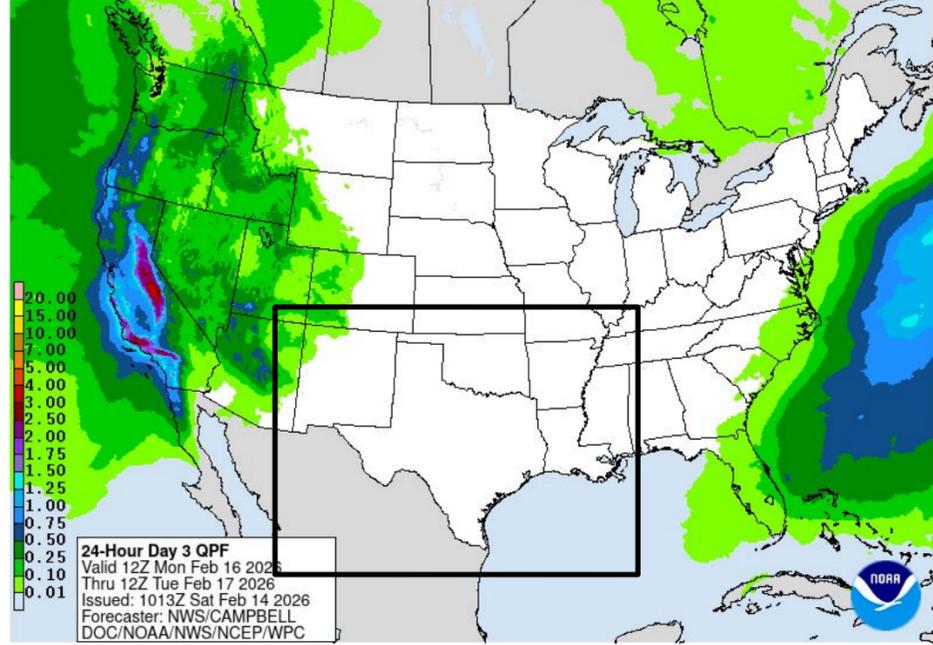


# Monday's Weather

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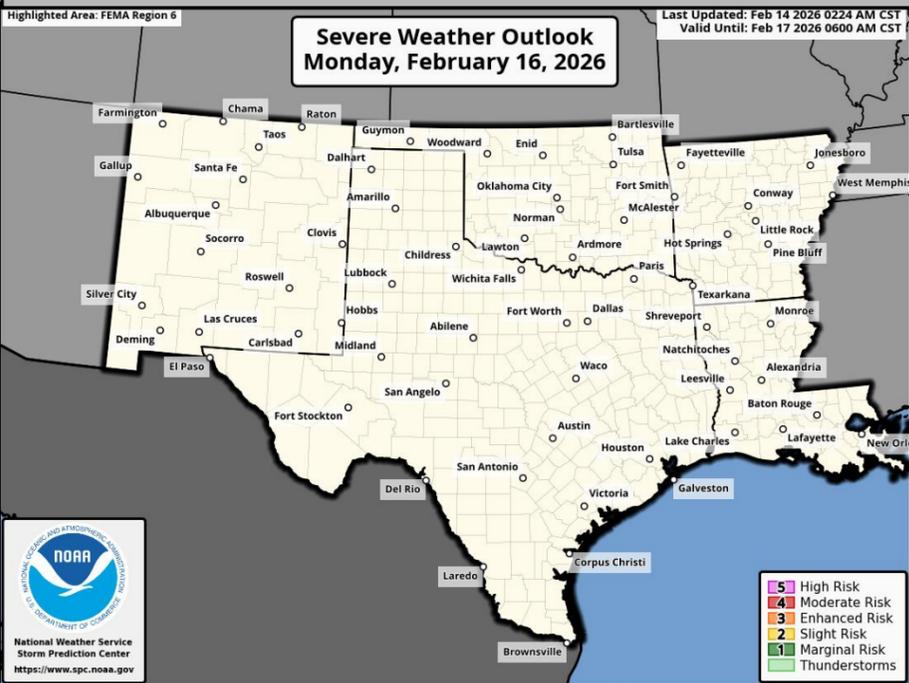


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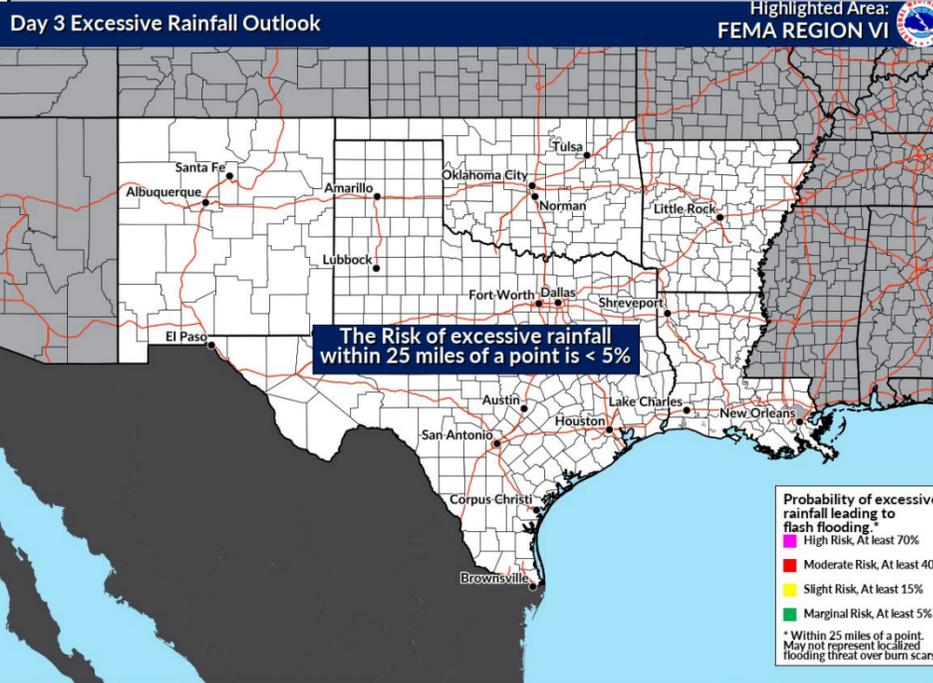


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



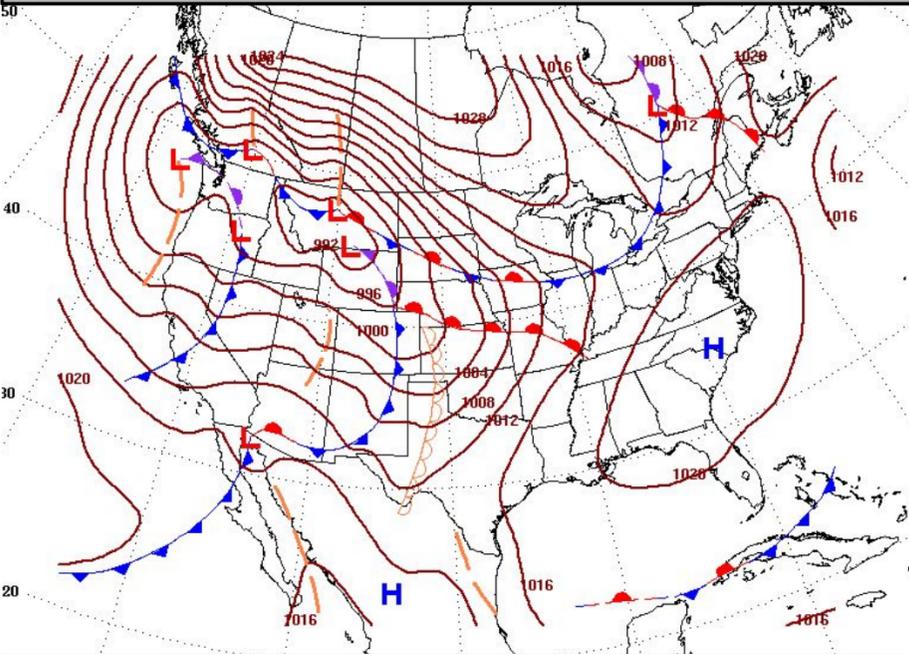
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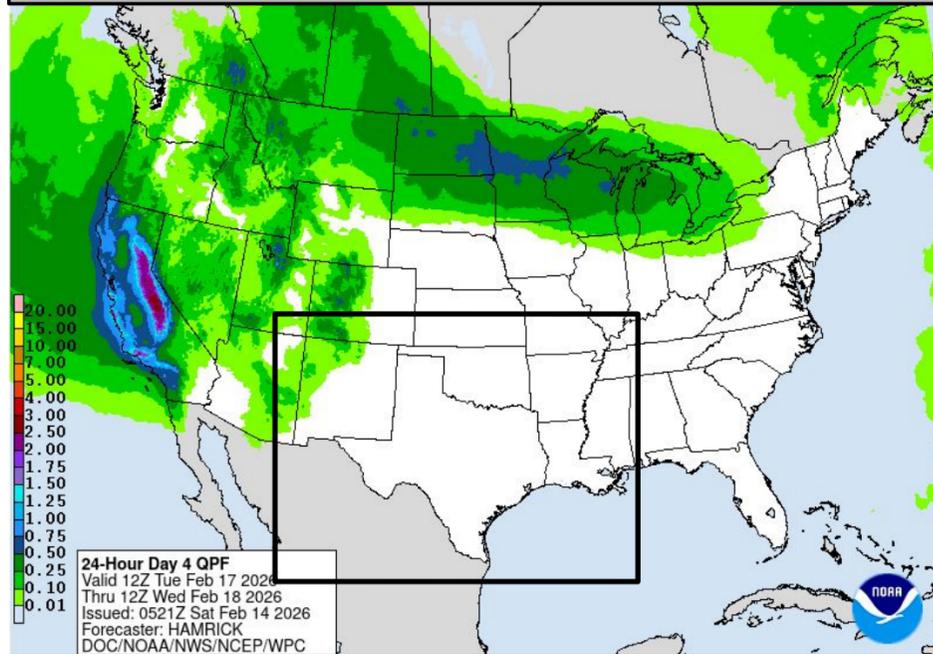


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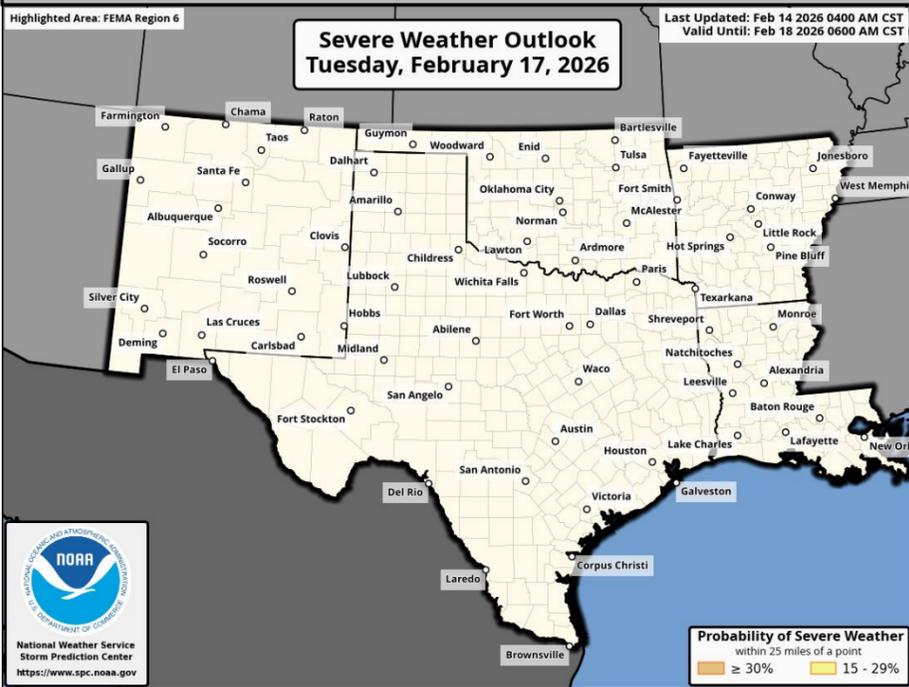


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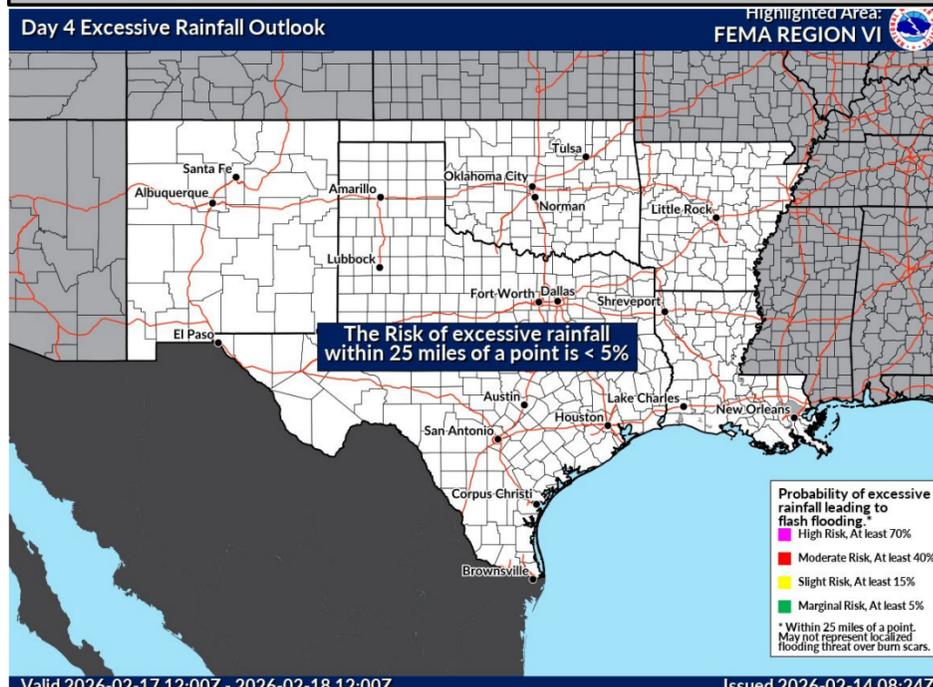


**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK.**

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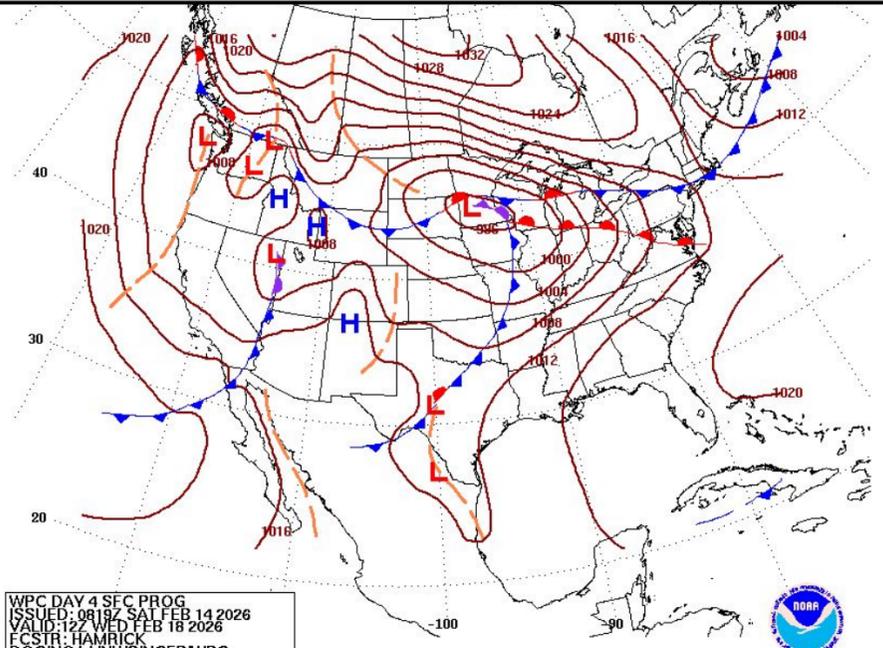
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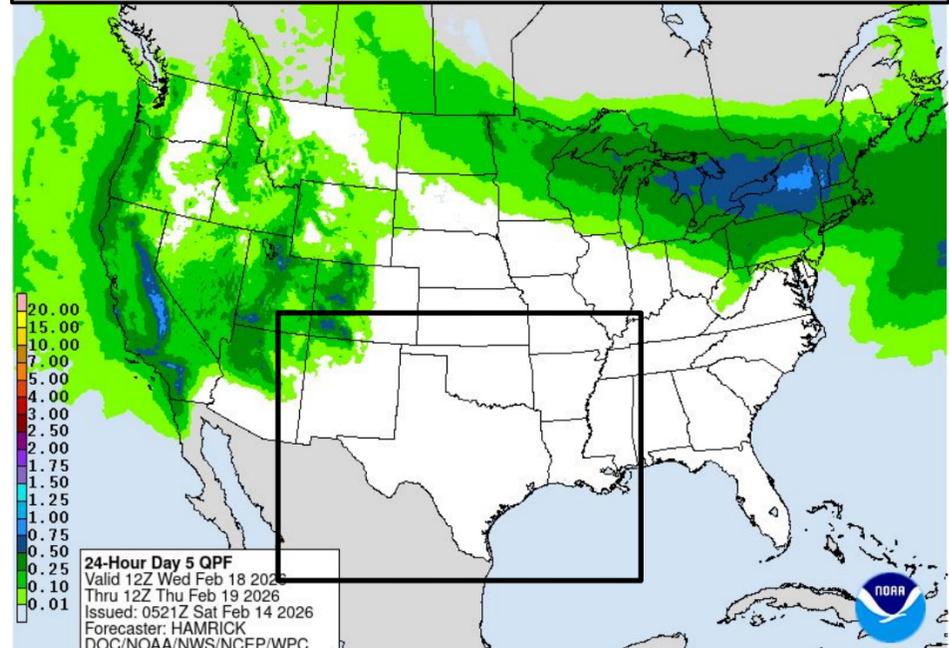
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### Forecast Chart



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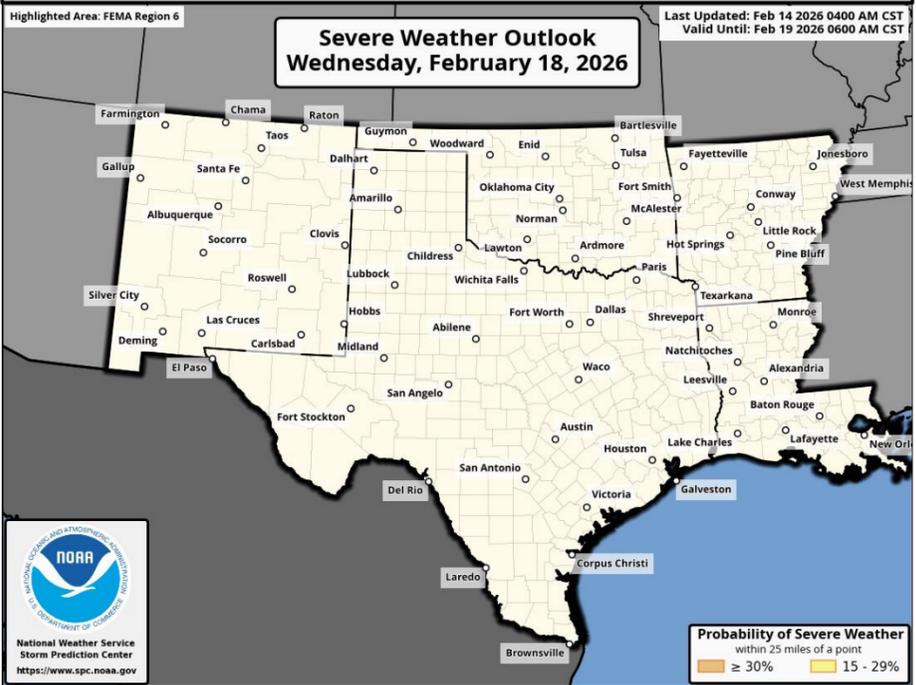
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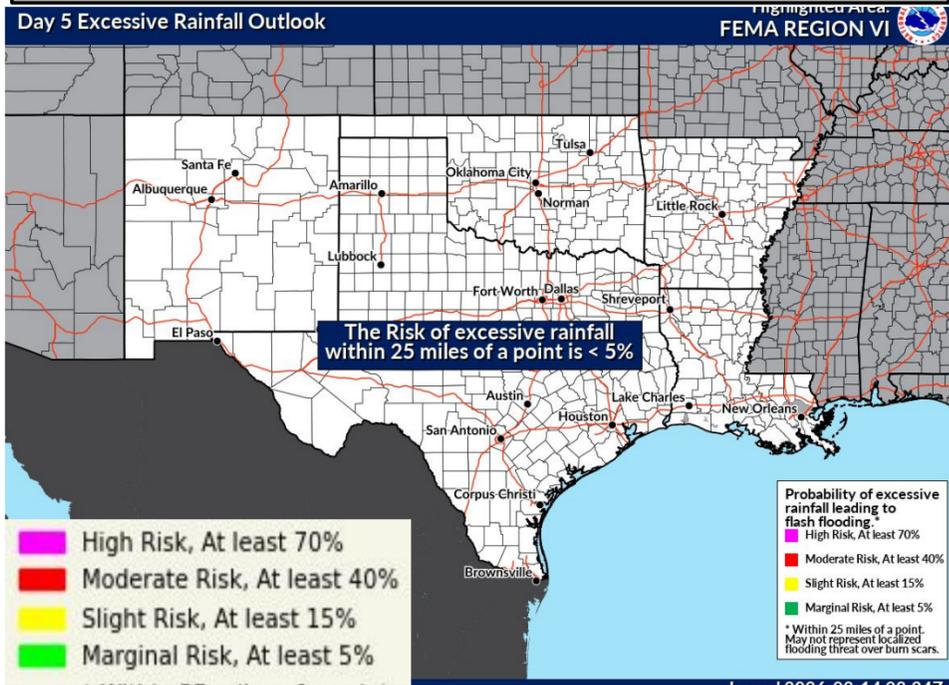
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### Severe Weather Outlook



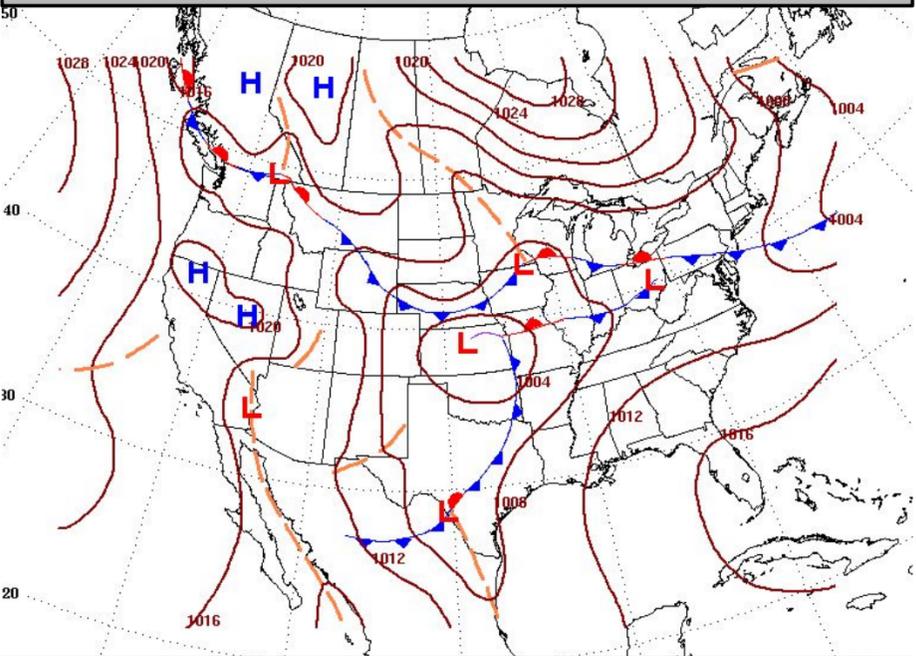
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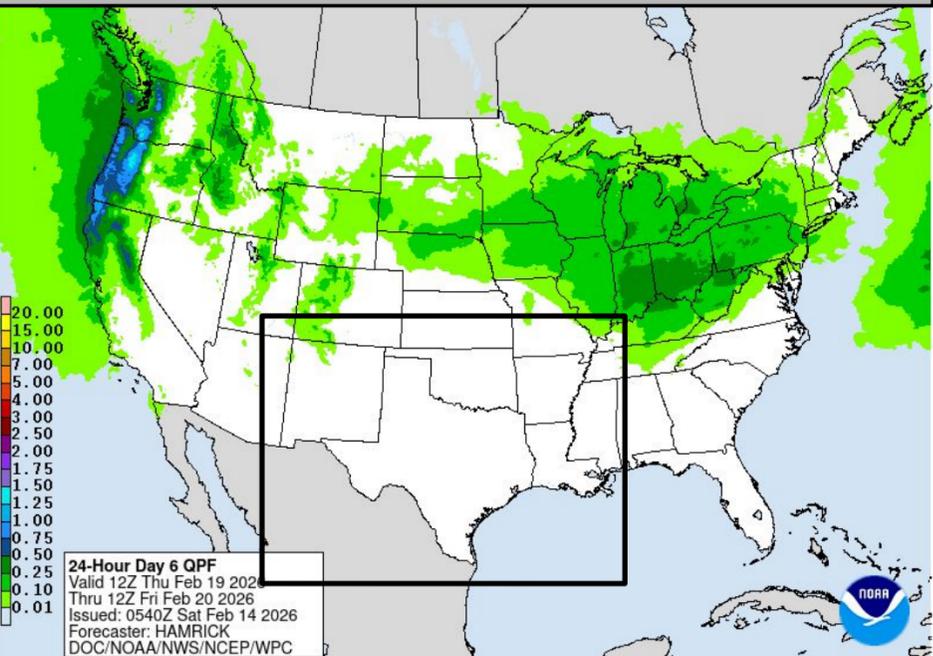


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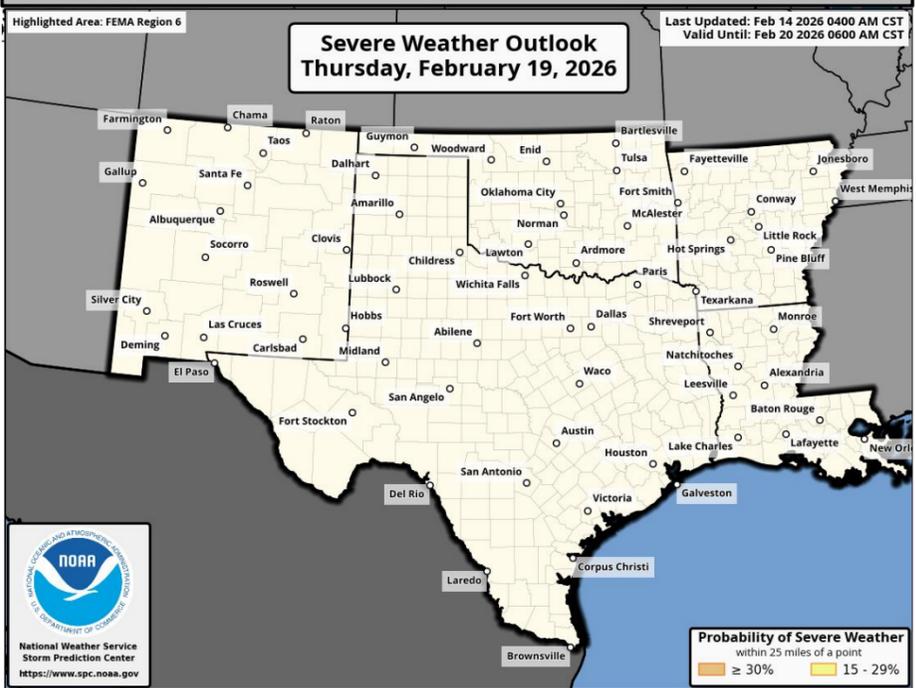


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### Severe Weather Outlook

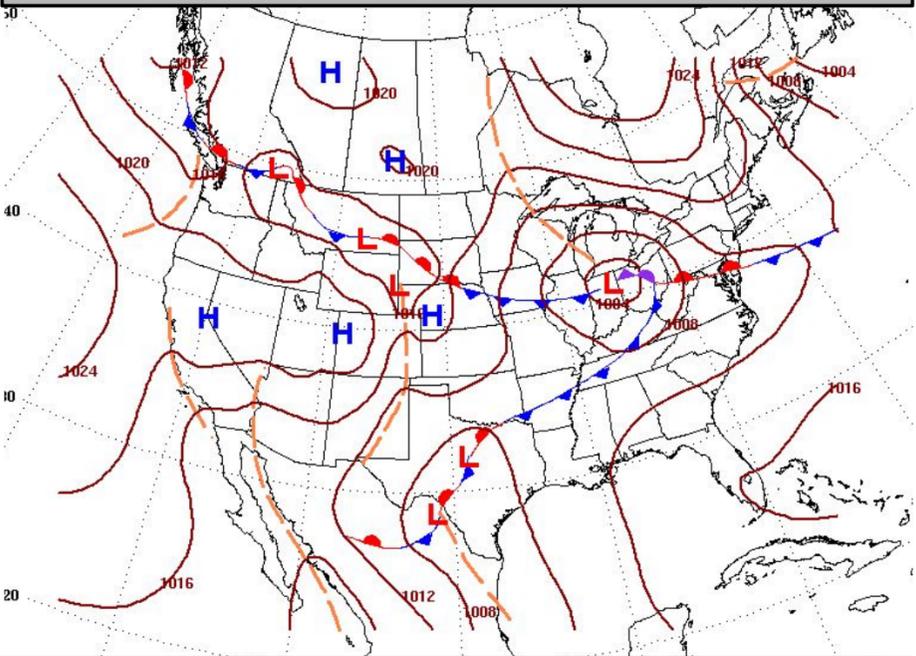


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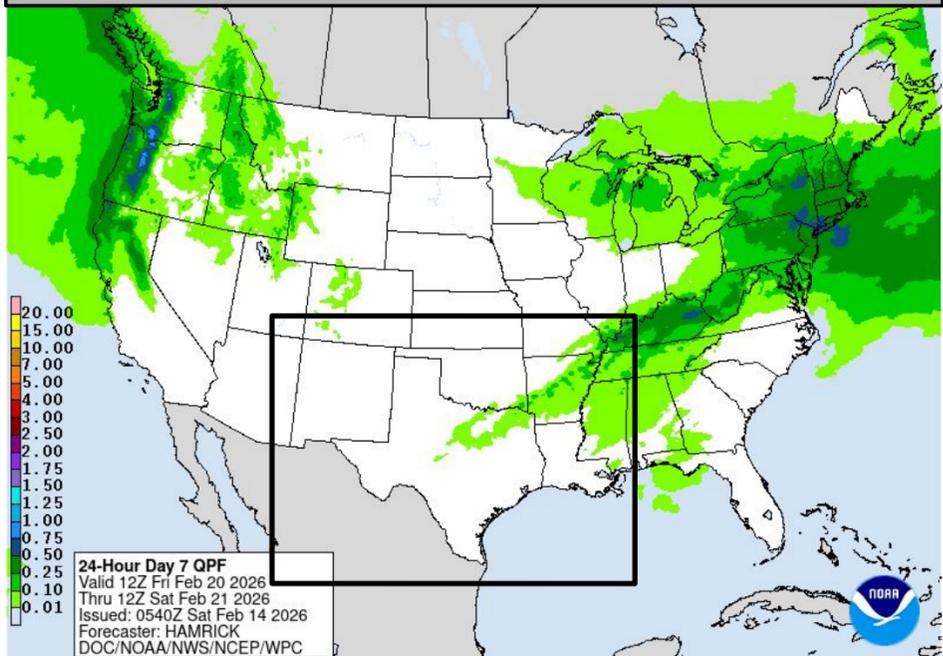


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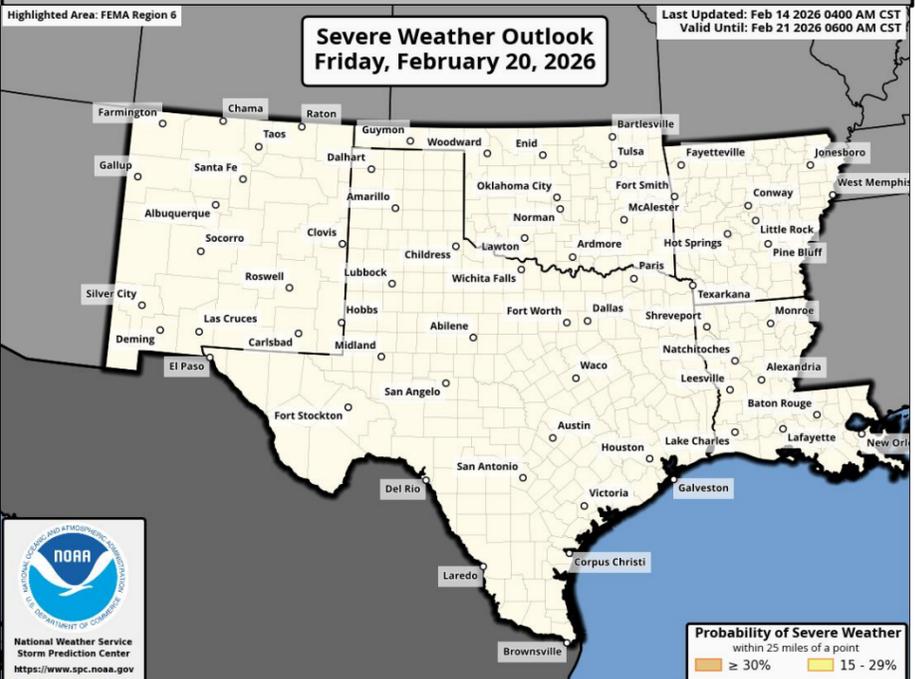


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring for fire weather concerns over NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX and W OK.**

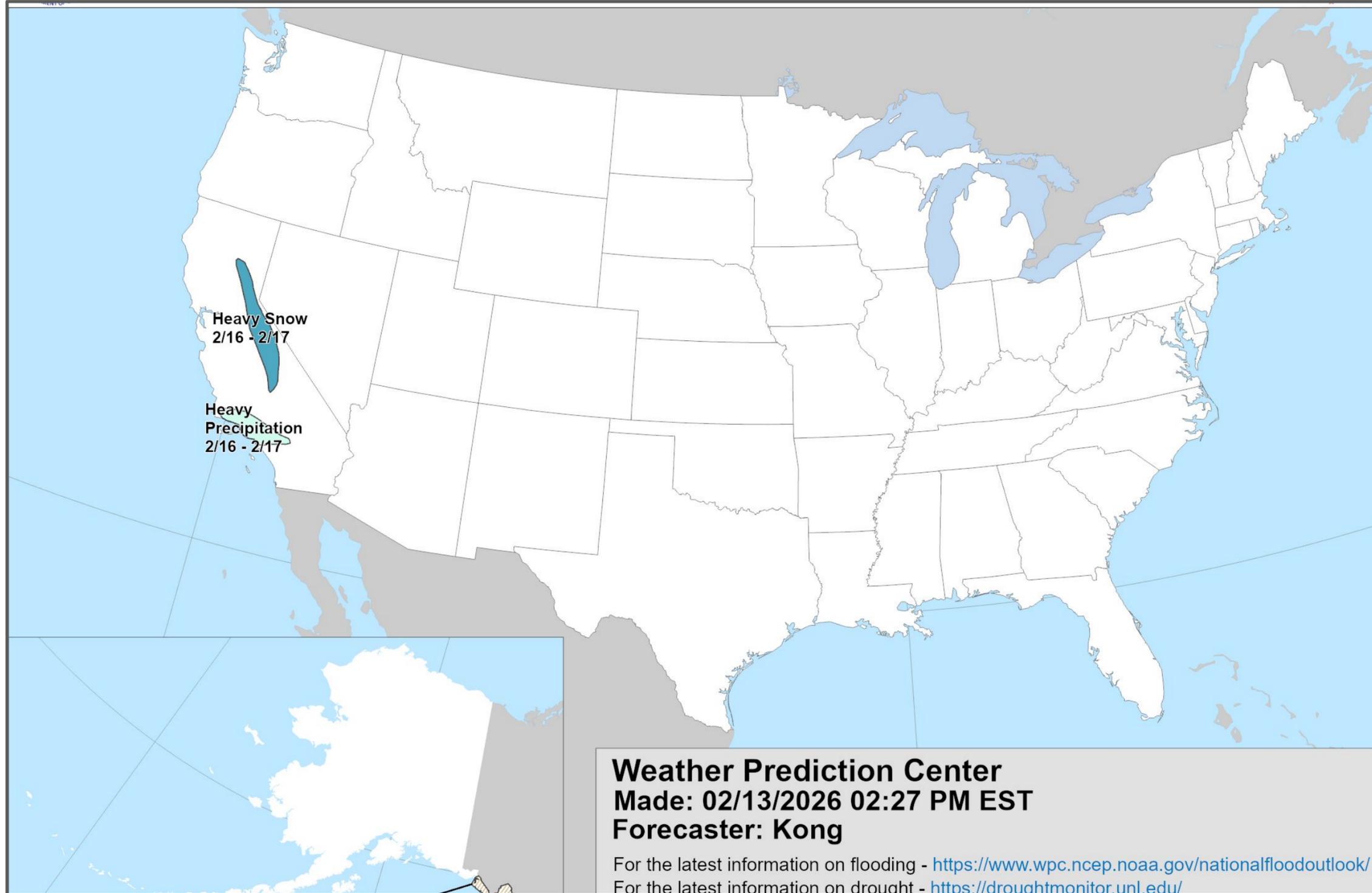
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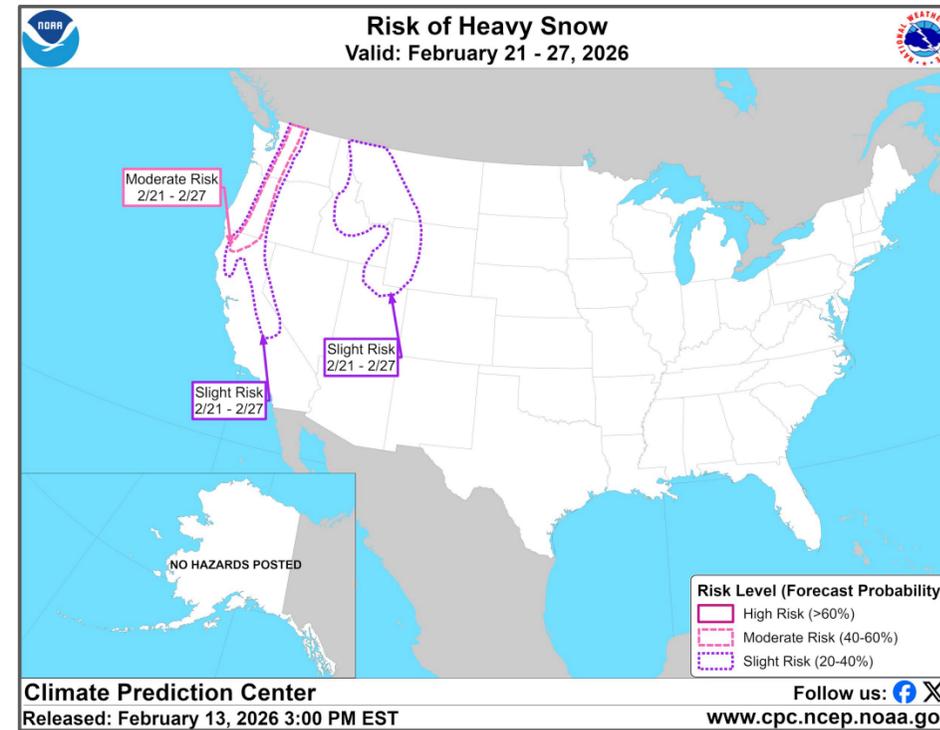
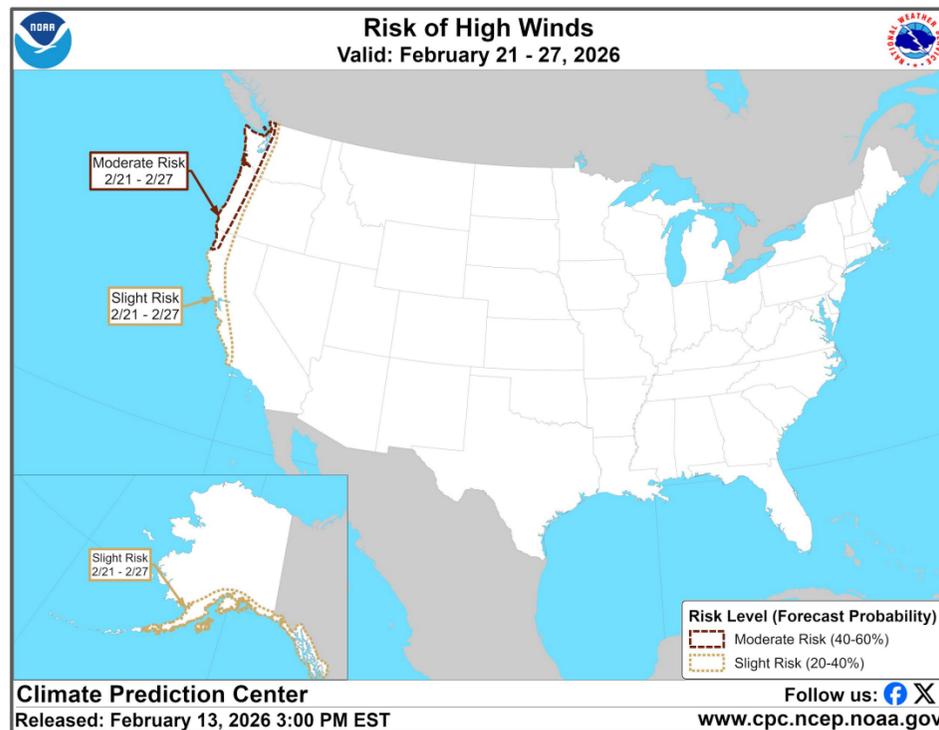
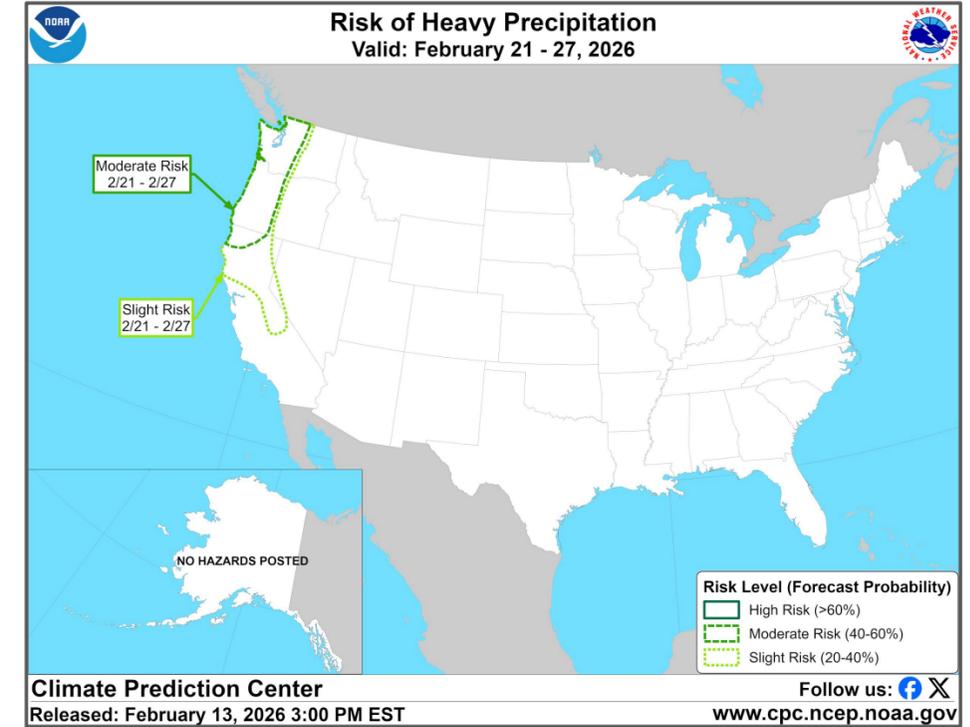
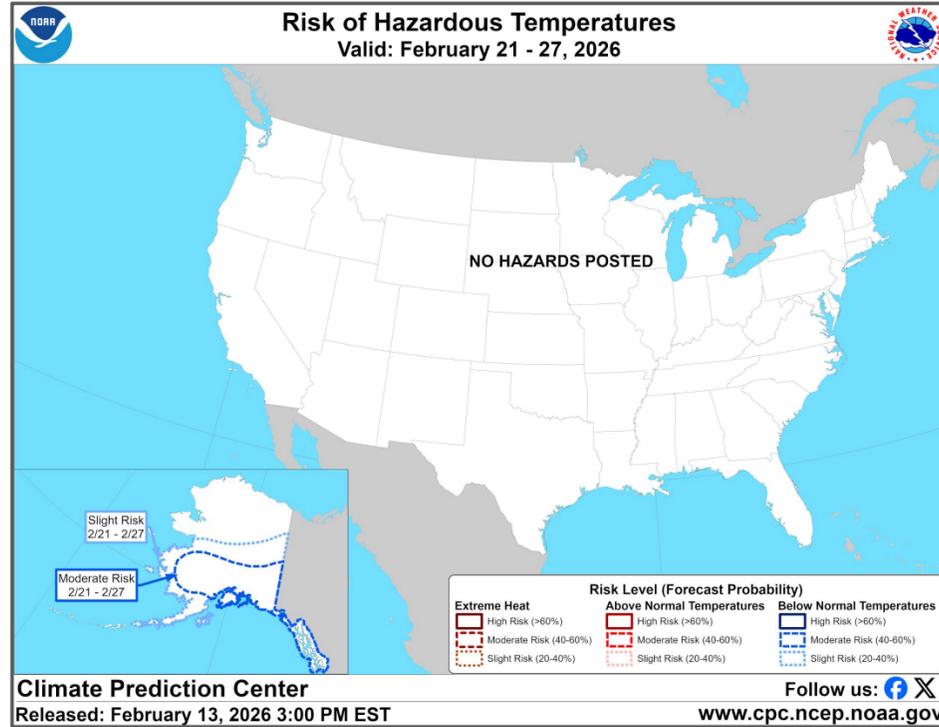
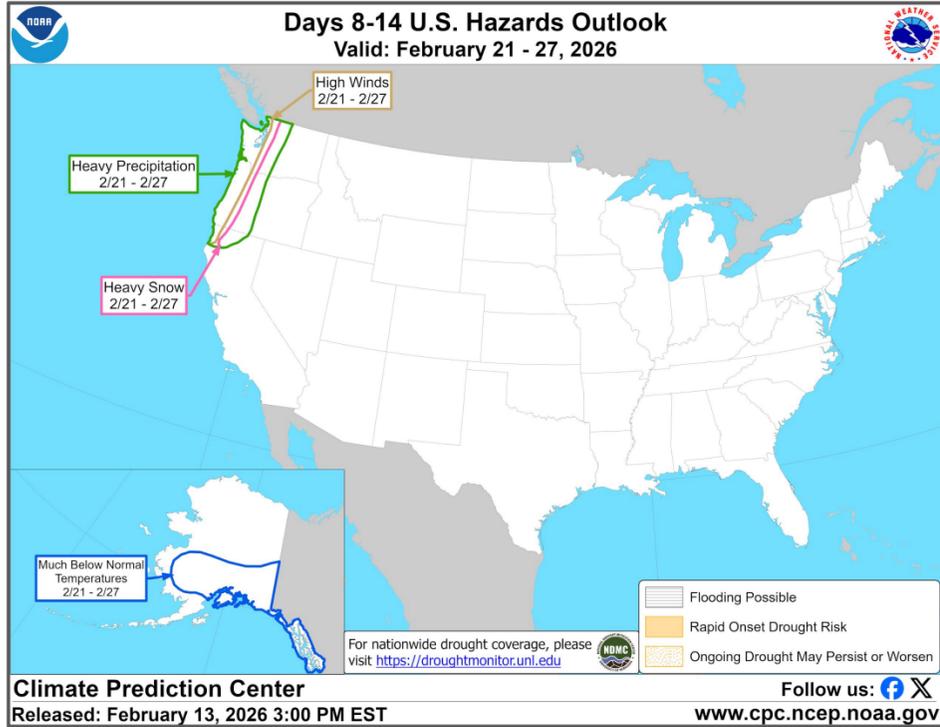


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





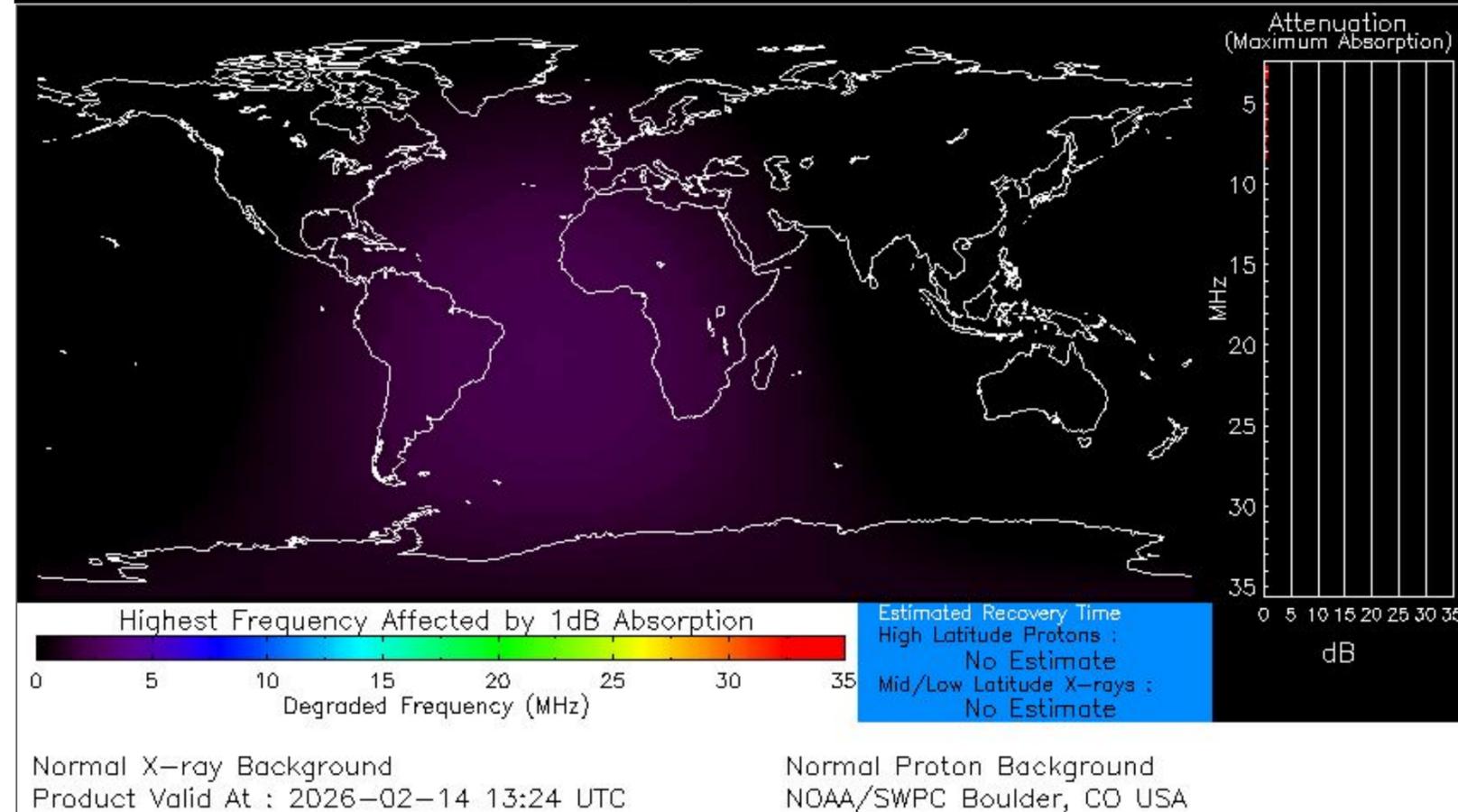
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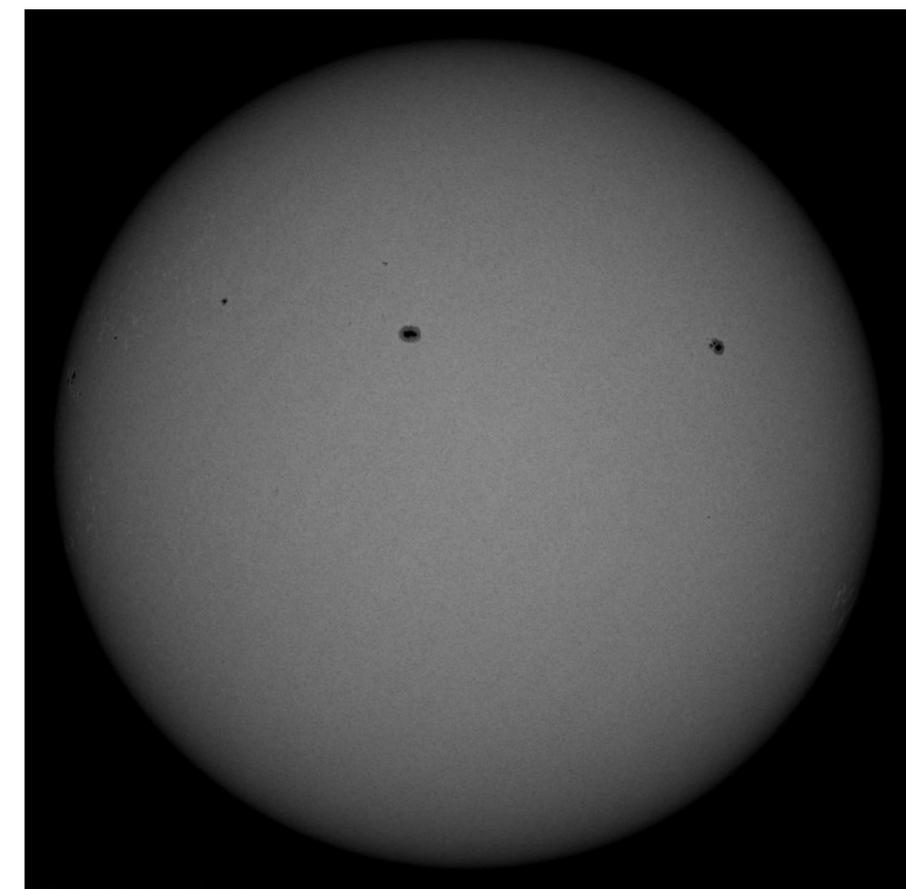
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Feb 14	Sunday, Feb 15	Monday, Feb 16
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</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>	1%	1%	1%



[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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