



# FEMA



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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, February 20, 2026

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# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical conditions (levels 1-2 of 3) for E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles today.**
- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) for C/SW TX on Saturday and over S TX on Sunday.**
- **Elevated to critical conditions return Tuesday over E NM, TX Panhandle, W/C OK, and NW TX and over W TX on Wednesday.**

- **Winter Weather:**

- **2-6” of snow above 8,500 feet in mountains in N NM today. Blowing snow may reduce visibility to less than half a mile.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Cache River at Patterson in NE AR is expected to remain above minor flood stage into early next week. Secondary roads and pastures flooded.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Feb 20	Saturday, Feb 21	Sunday, Feb 22	Monday, Feb 23	Tuesday, Feb 24	Wednesday, Feb 25	Thursday, Feb 26
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather	N NM						
Fire Weather	E NM, W TX, OK/TX Panhandle	C/SW TX	STX		W/Cntrl OK, TX Panhandle, NW TX	W TX	
River Flooding	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR		

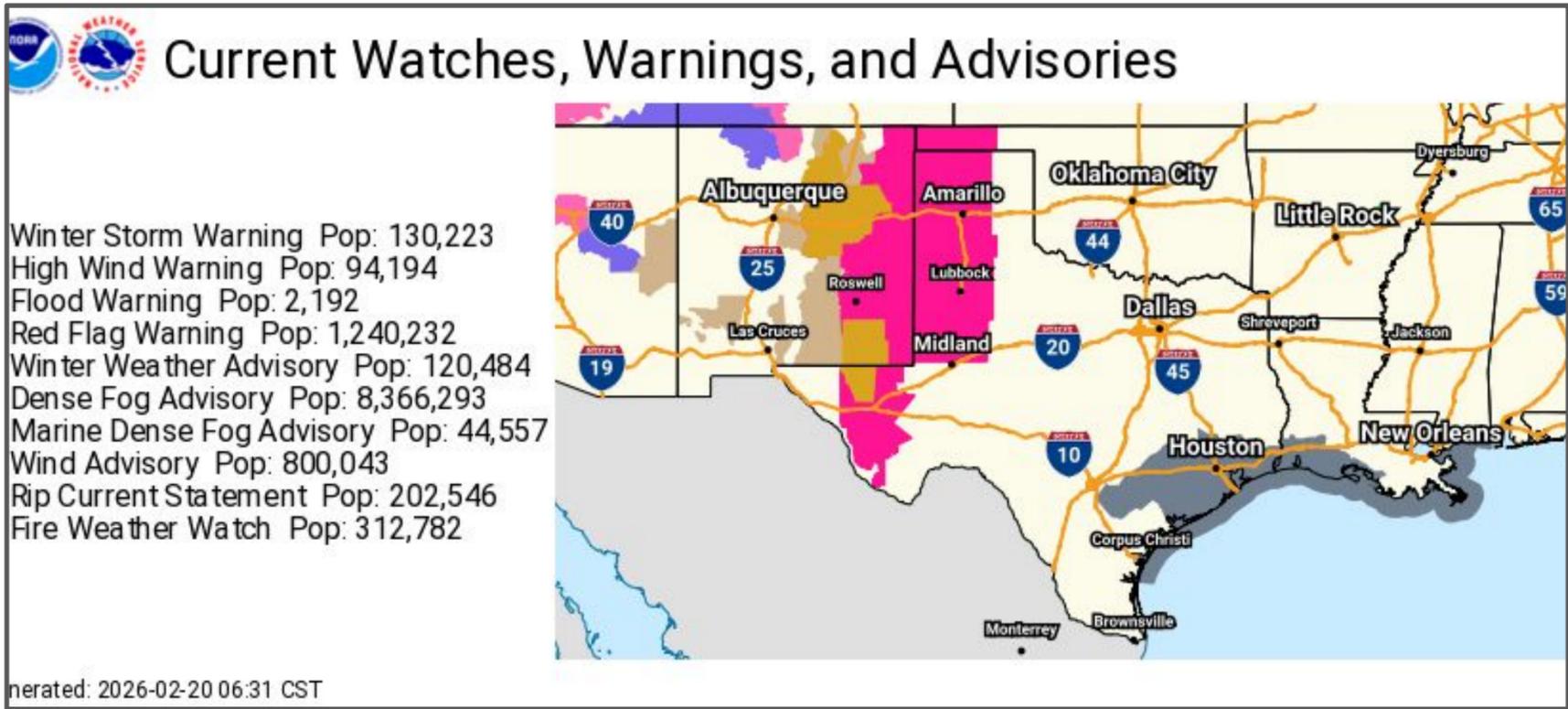
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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



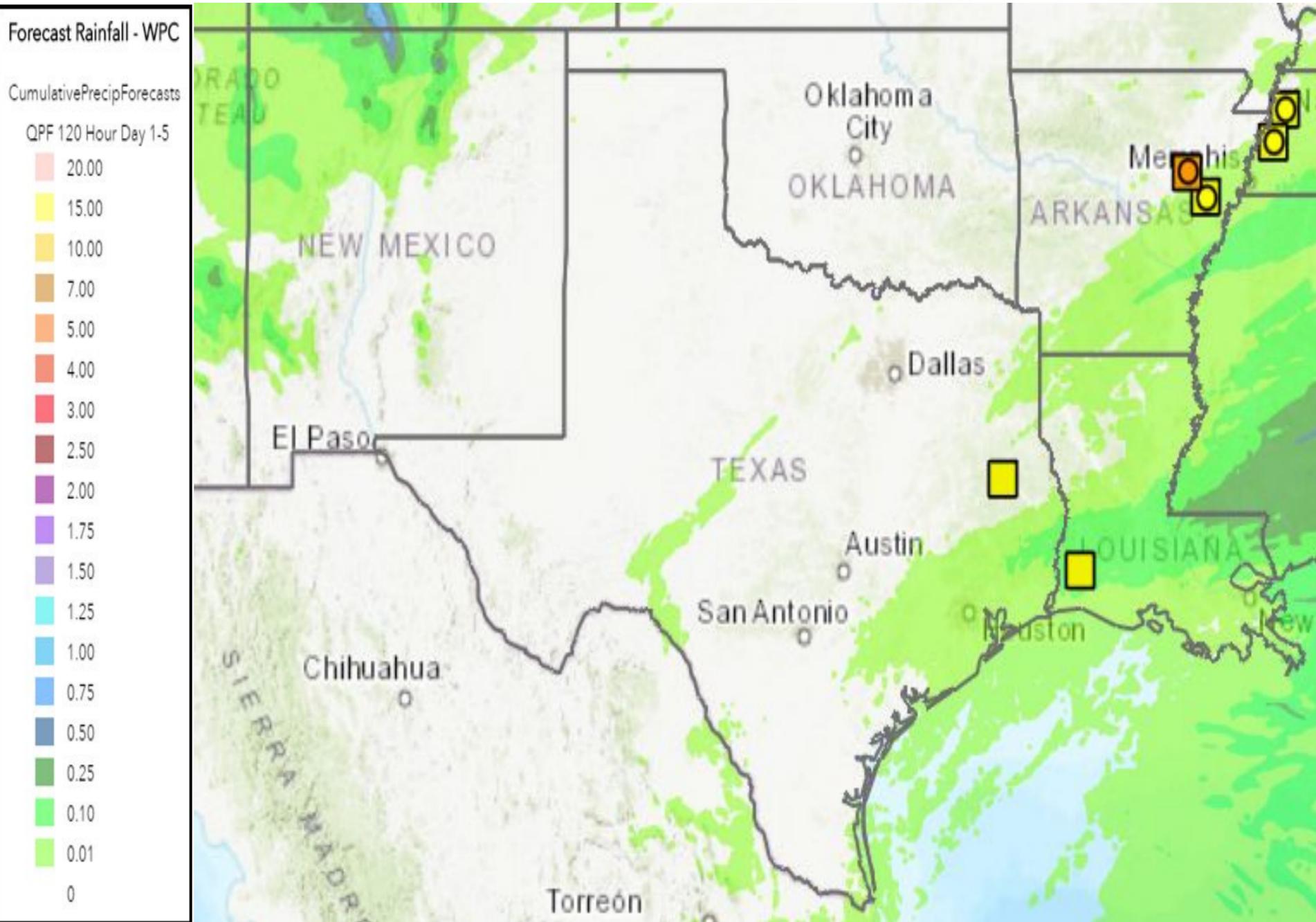
**Red Flag Warning E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX for wind gusts of up to 40-45 mph and relative humidity as low as 7-15%. Warnings expire at 7pm CT (except 8 pm for W TX and SE NM).**

**High Wind Warning Cntrl/E NM through 6 pm CT for wind gusts up to 60 mph.**



# 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*



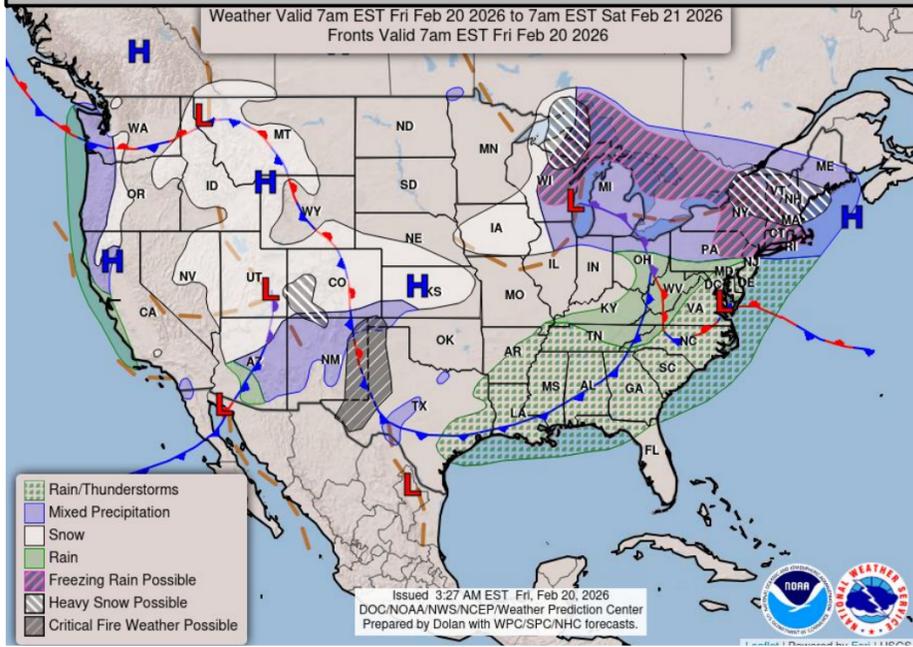
**Cache River at Patterson in NE AR is expected remain above minor flood stage through at least Monday. Secondary roads and pastures flooded.**

*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.*

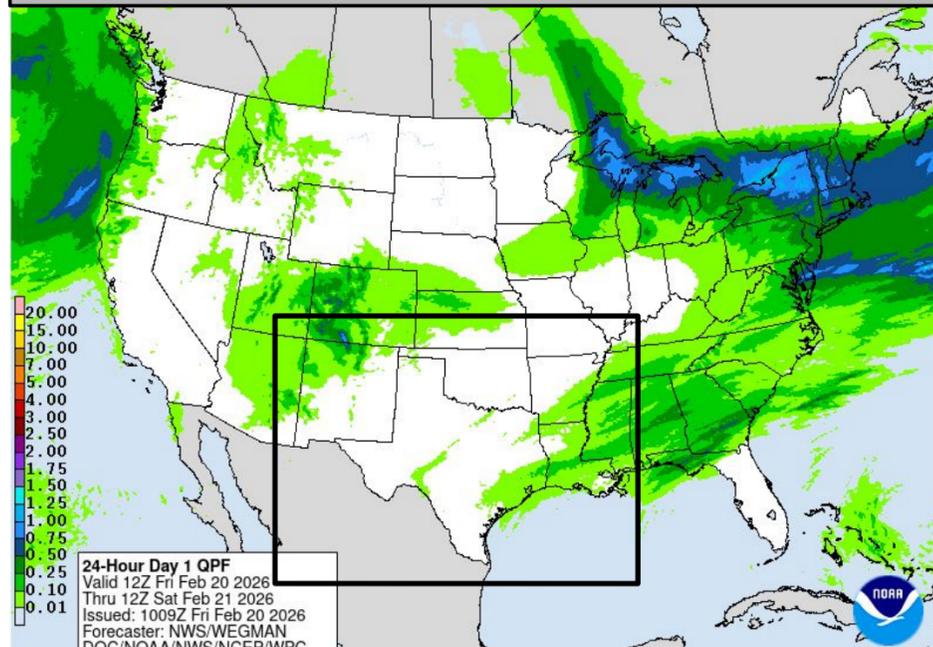


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



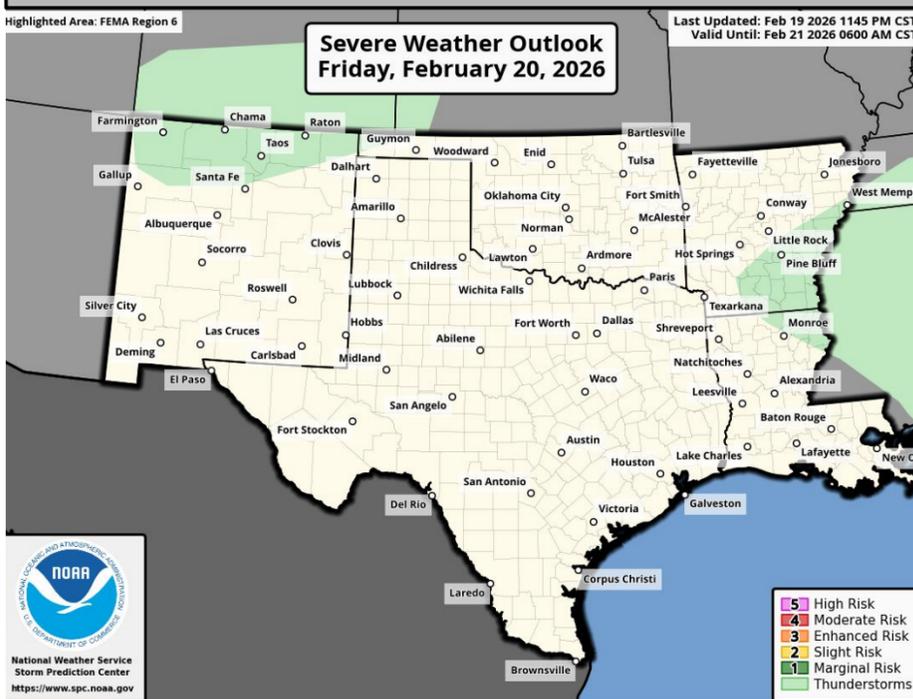
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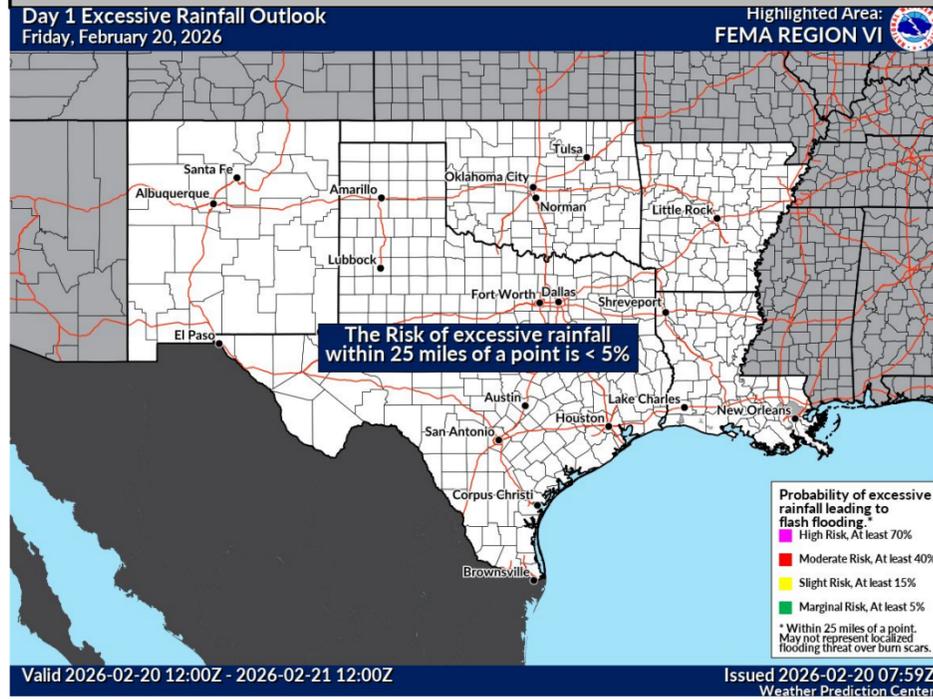
**Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM, OK/TX Panhandles, W TX.**

**Snow in N NM mountains above 8,500 feet. Visibility reduced to less than half a mile in blowing snow.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

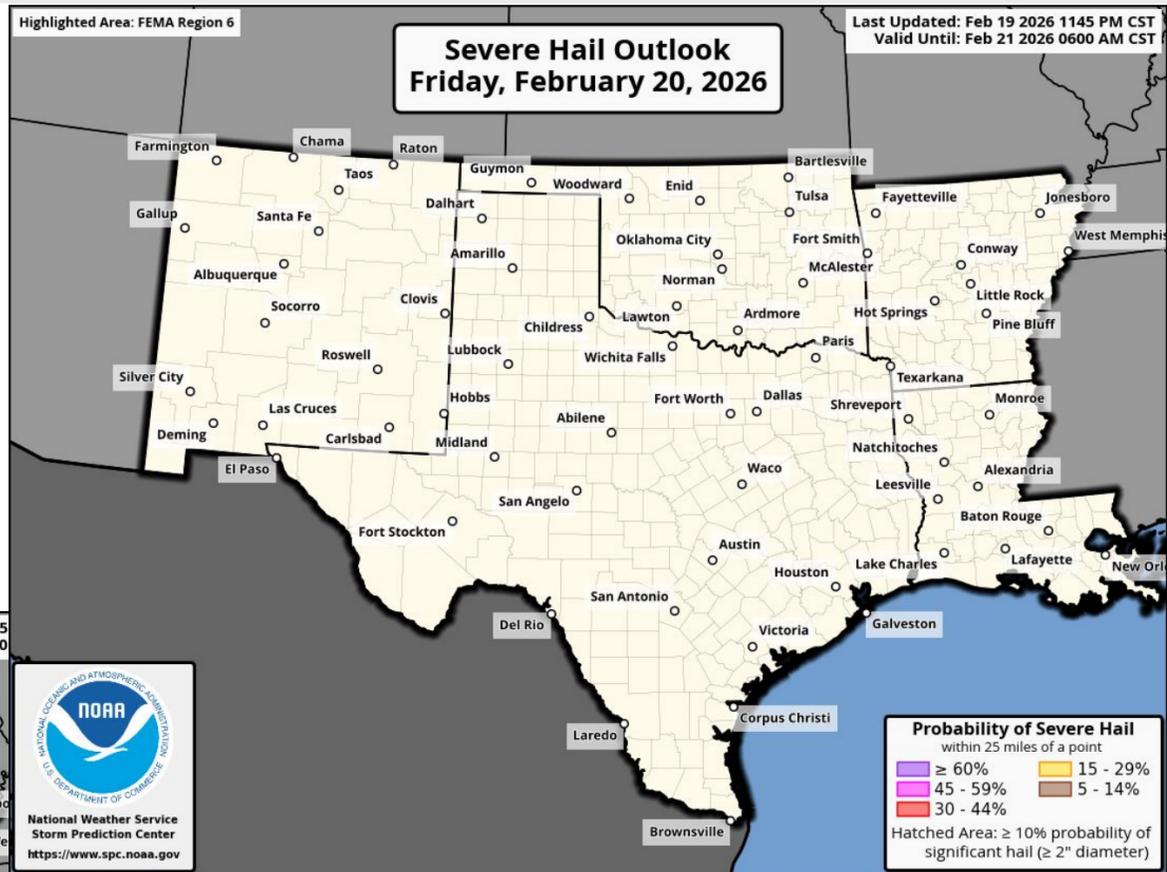
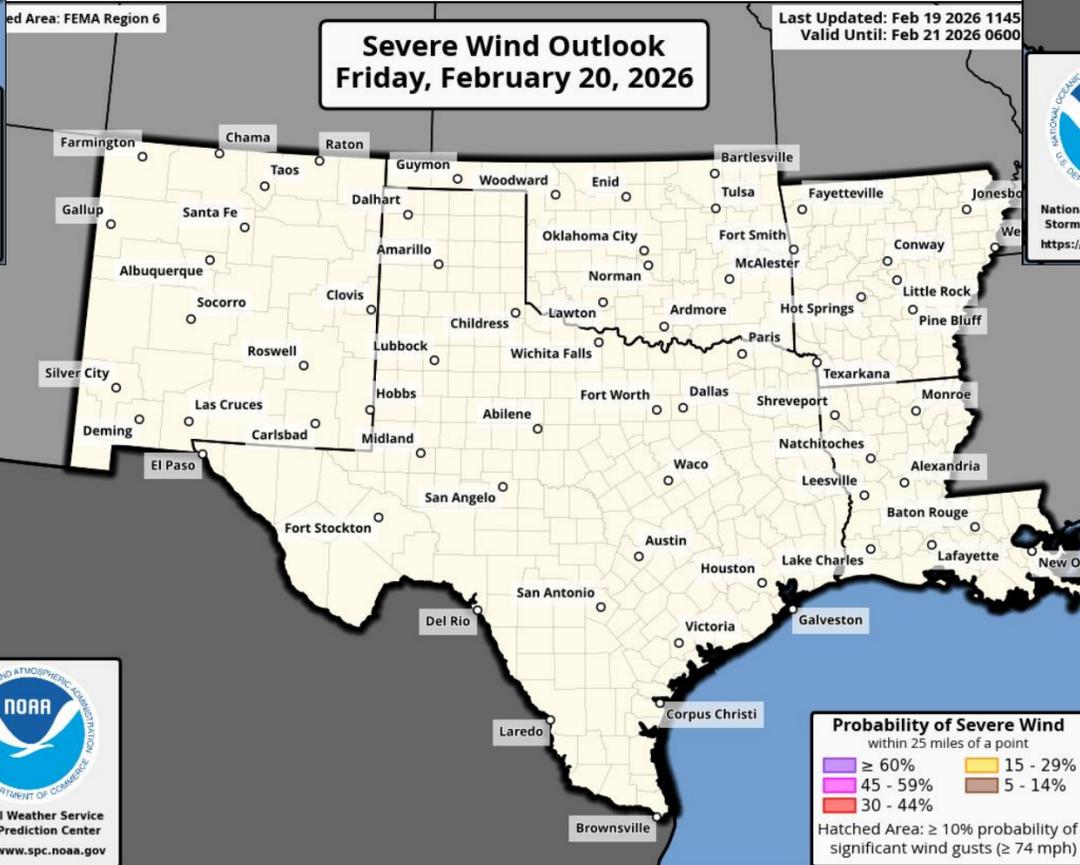
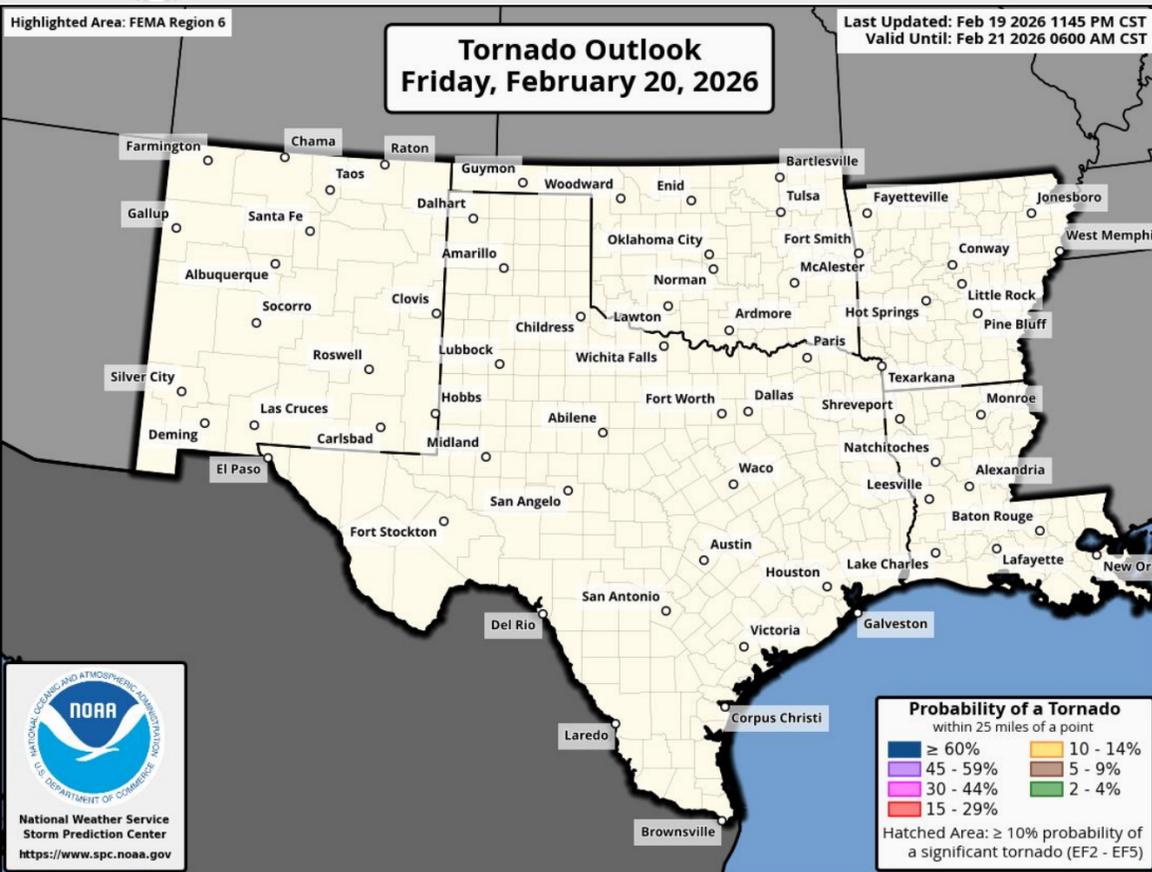


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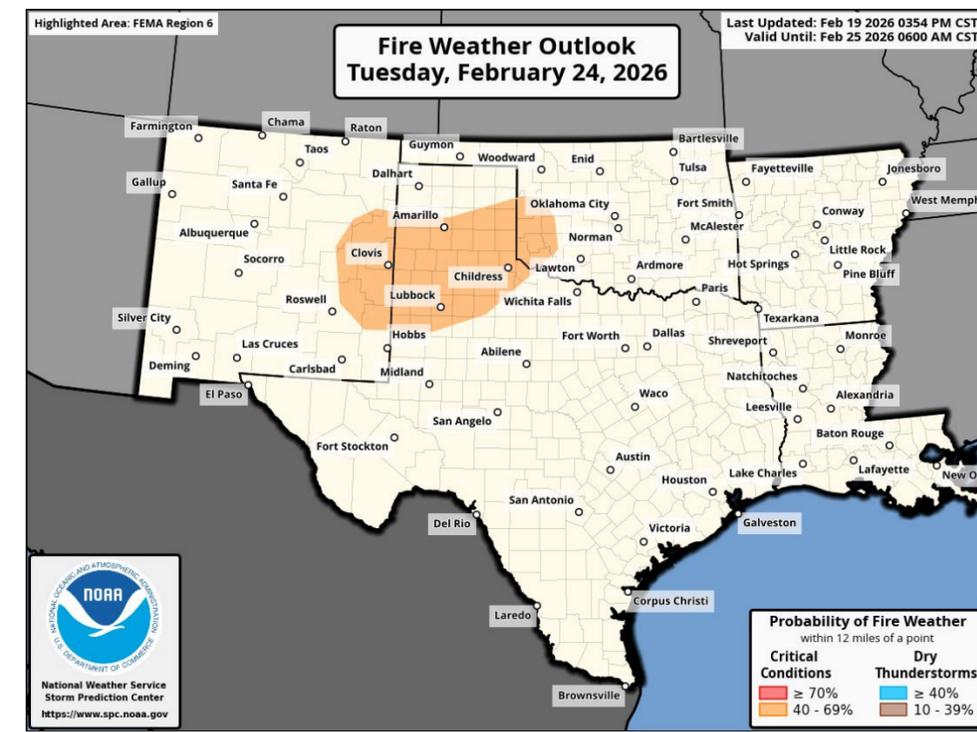
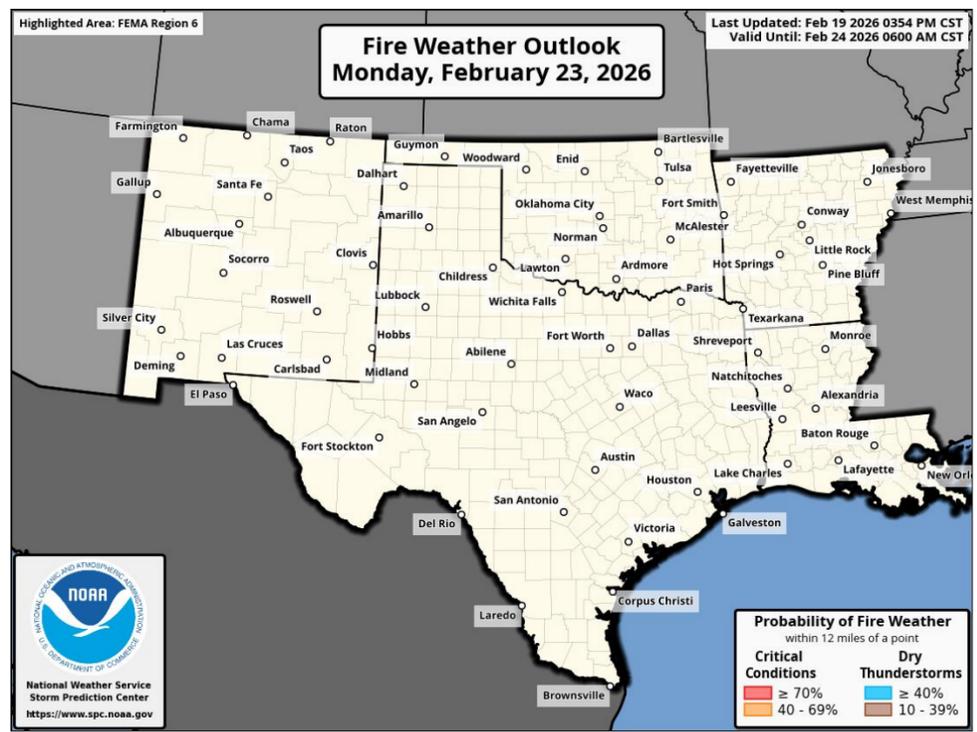
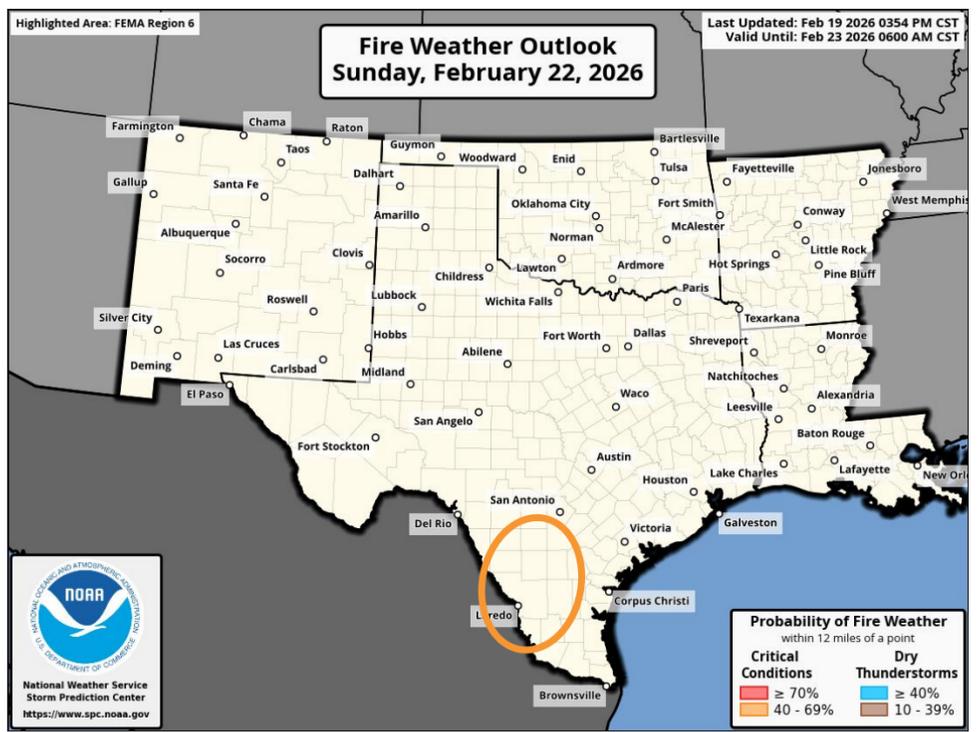
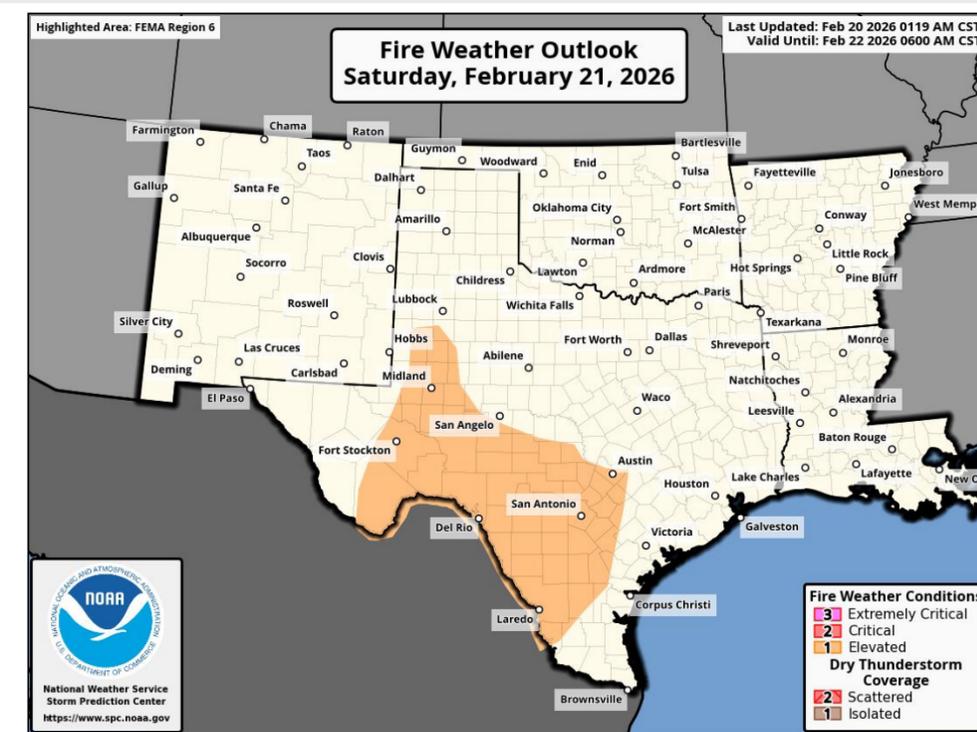
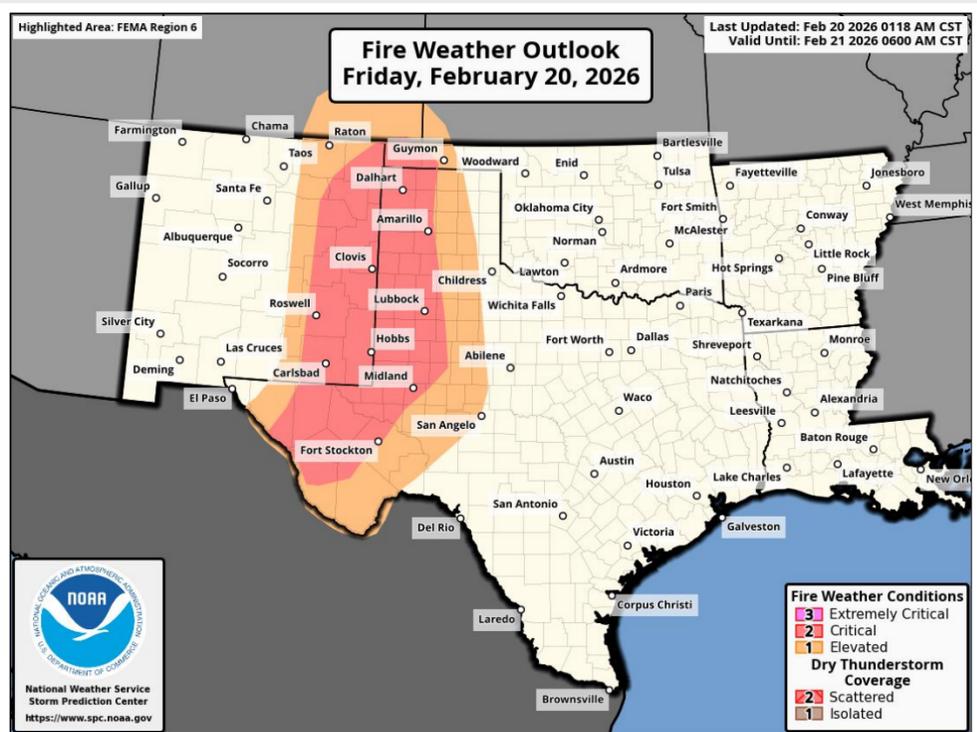
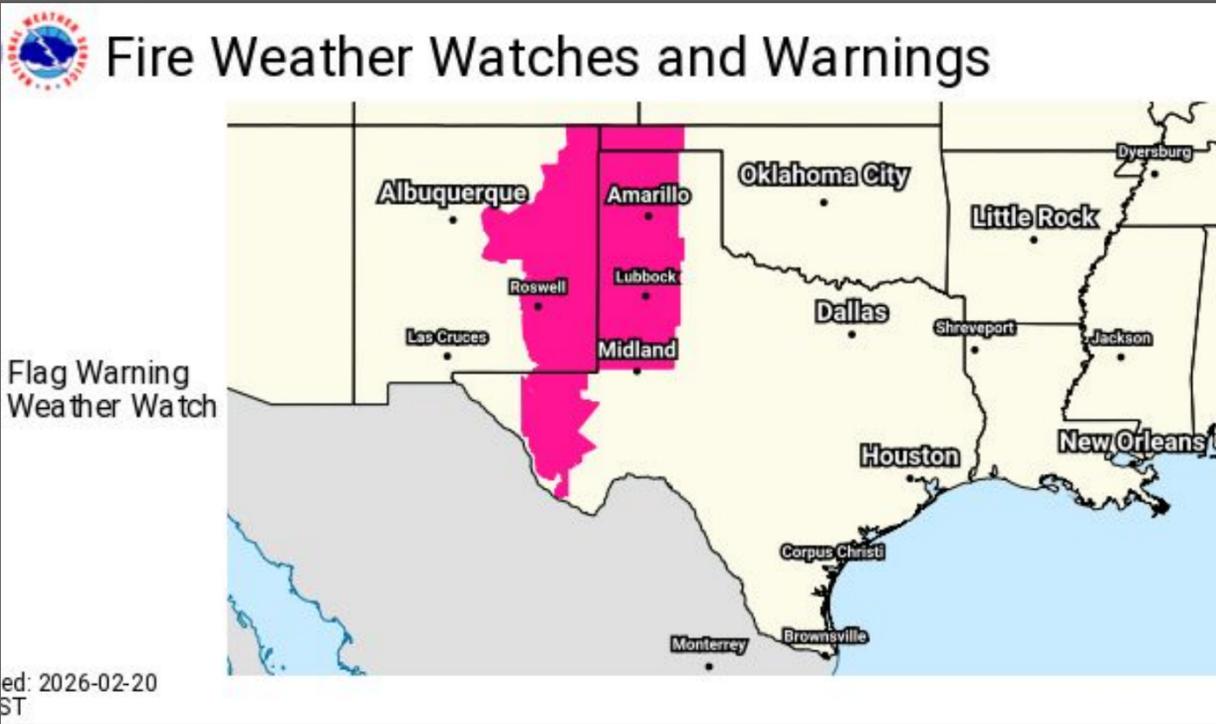


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





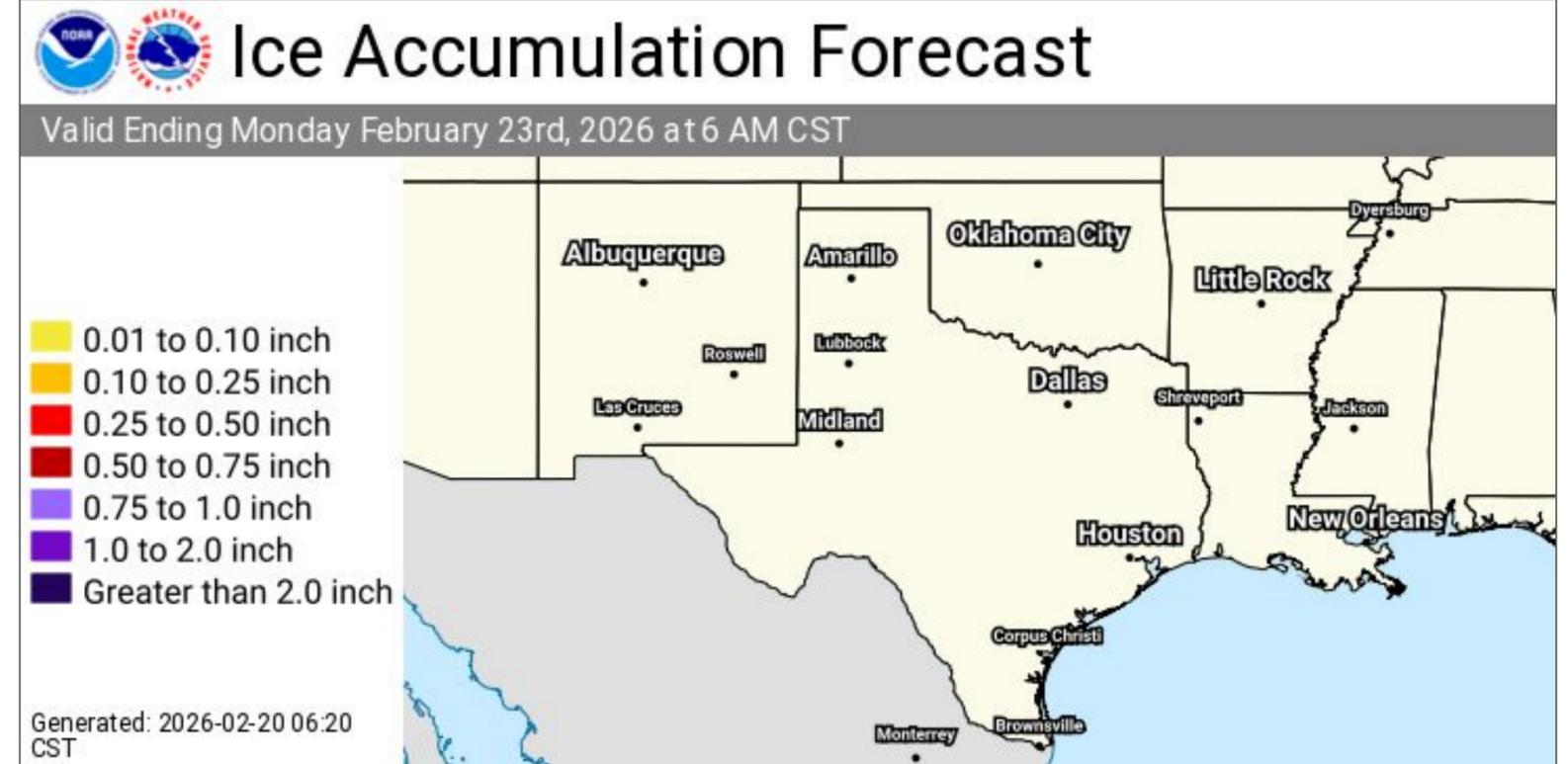
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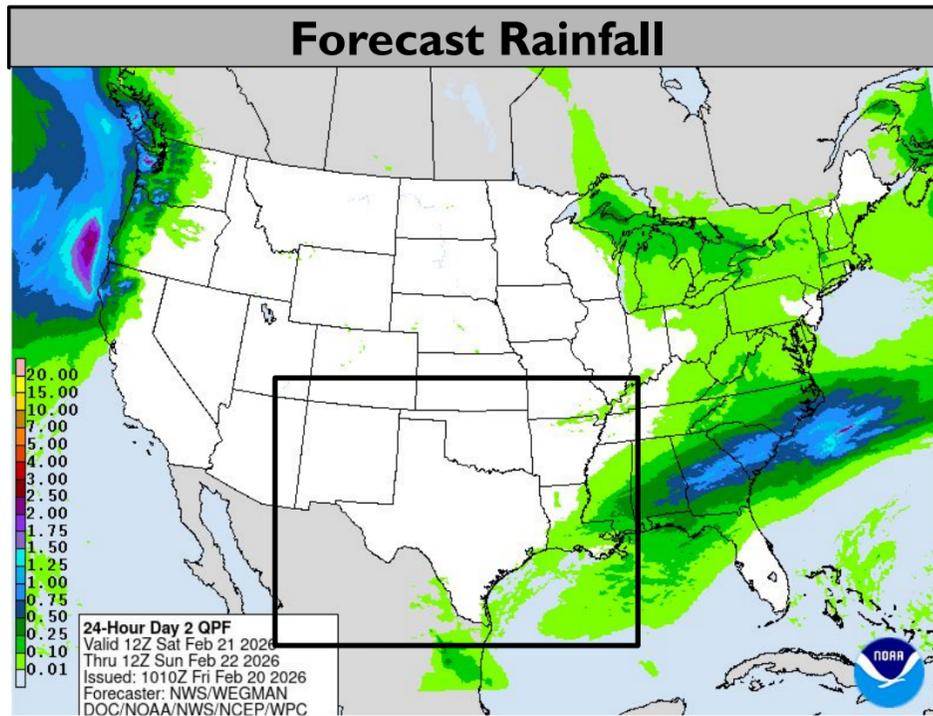
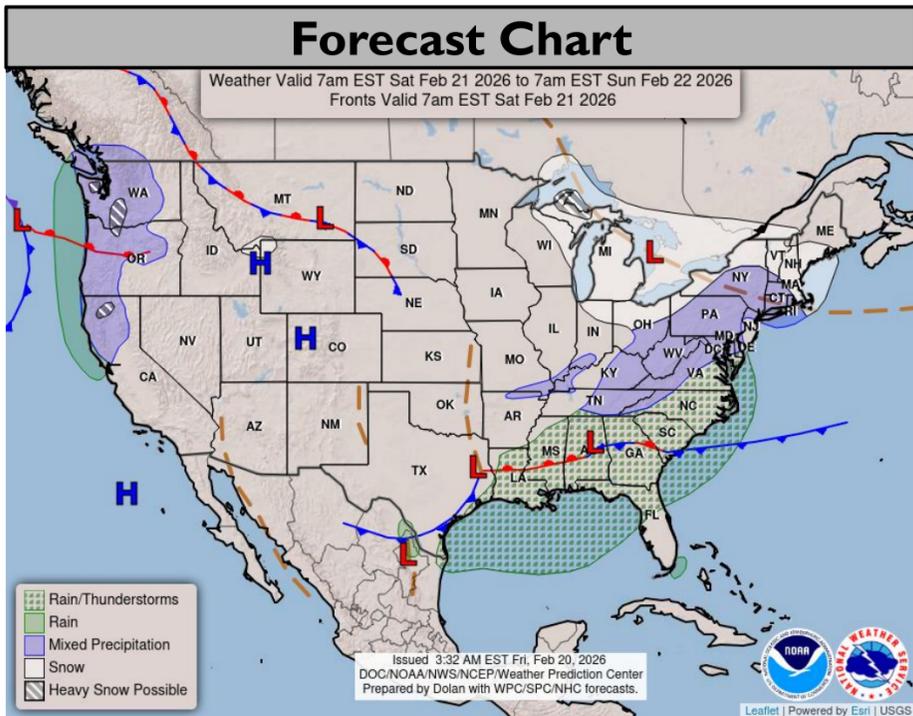
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Through the next 3 days

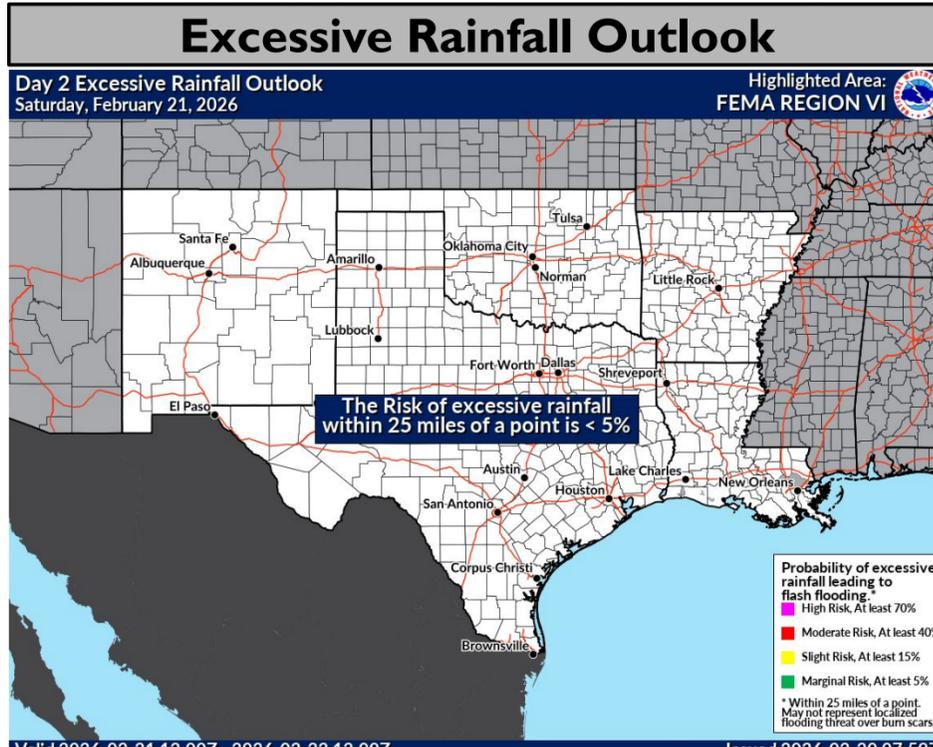
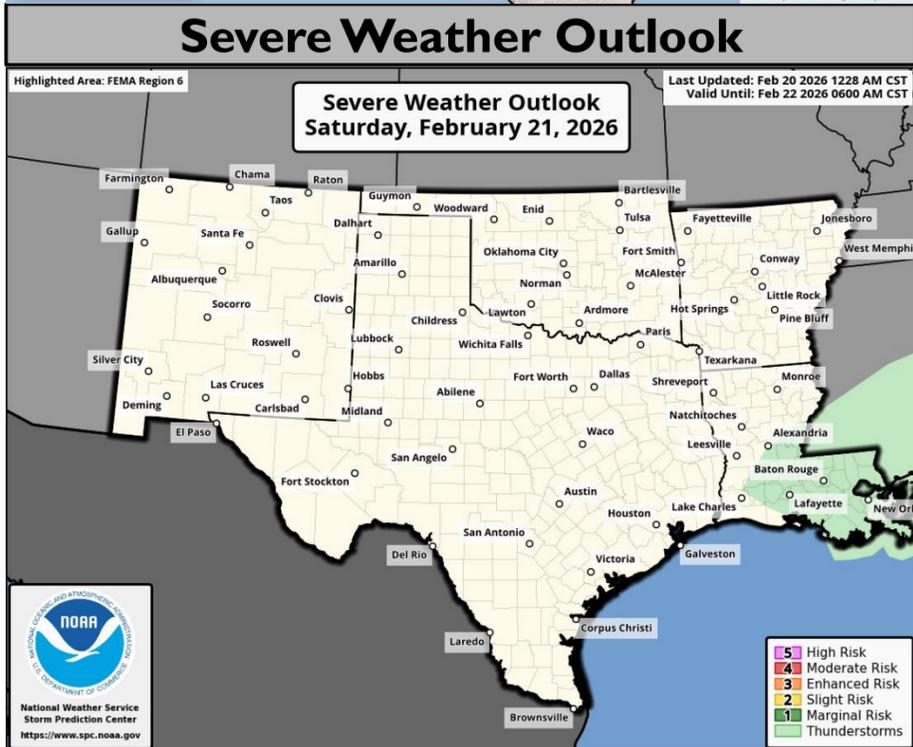




# Tomorrow's Weather

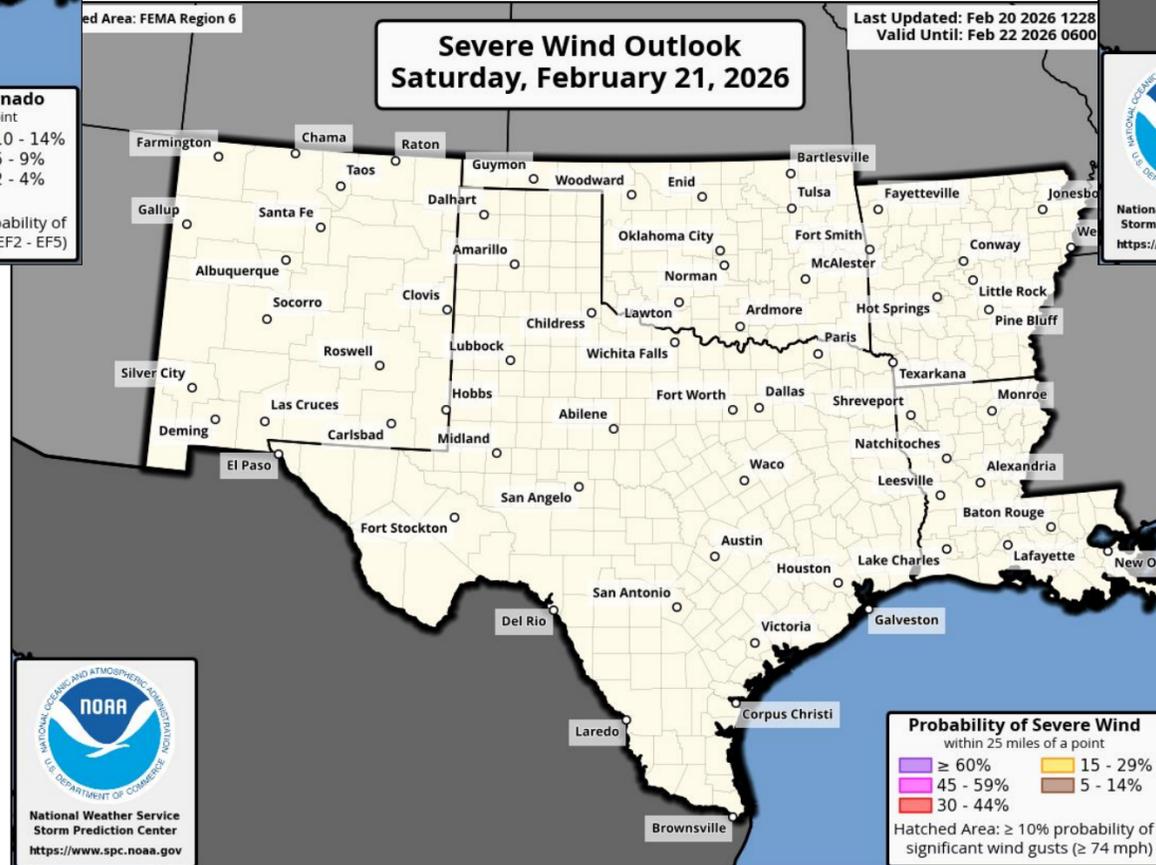
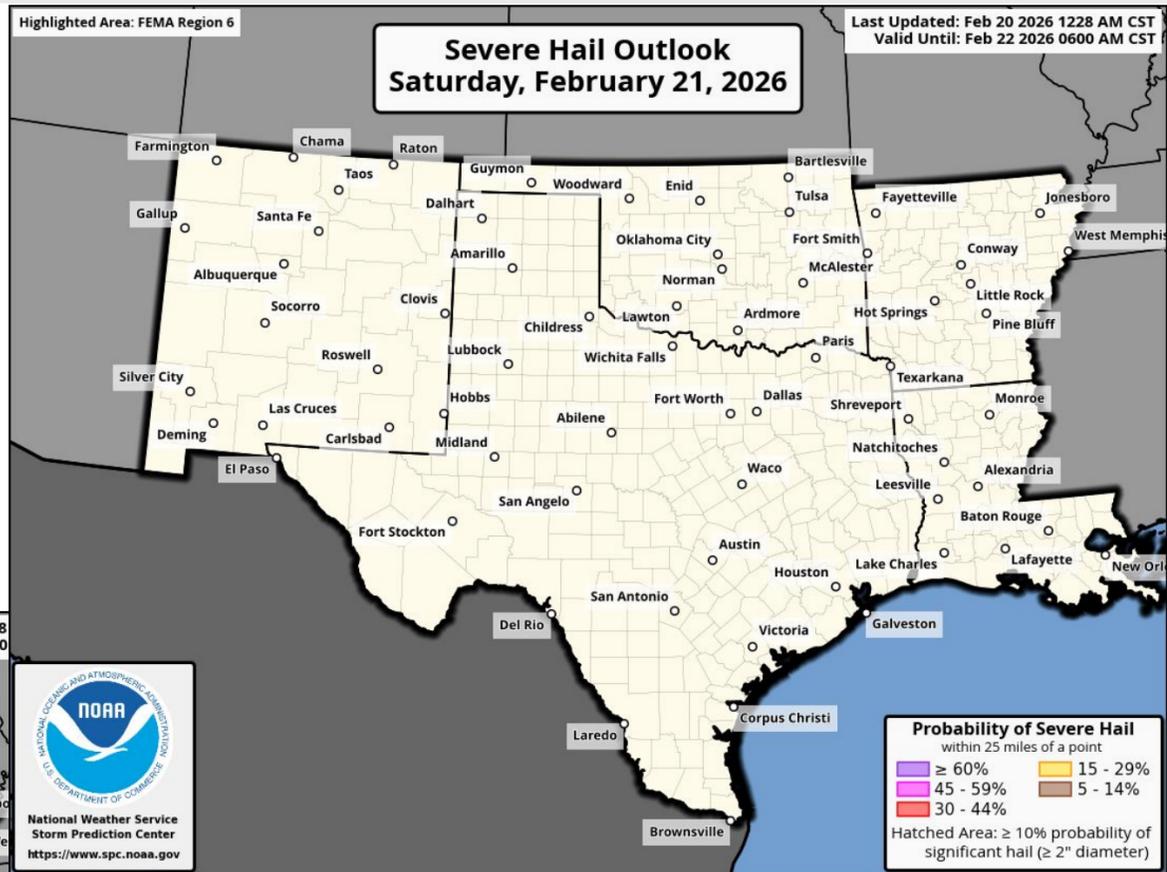
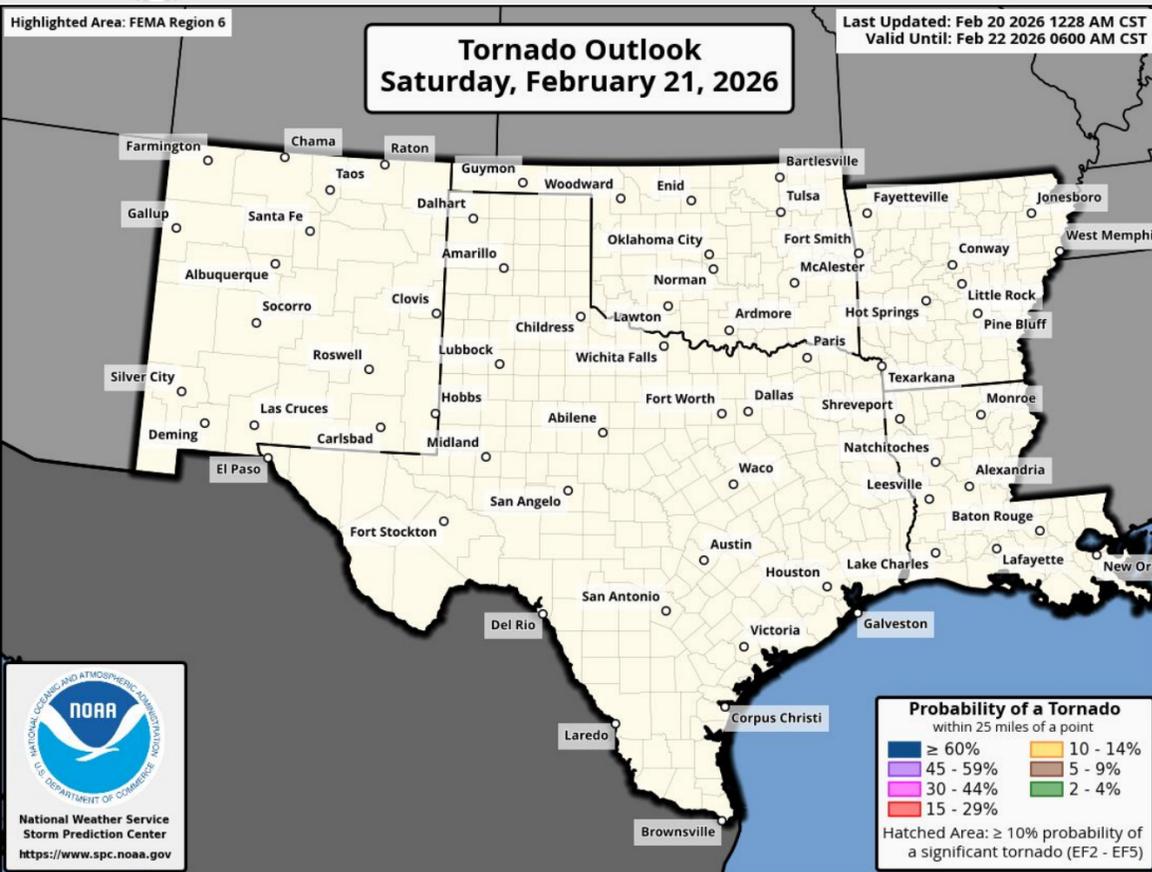


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in C/SW TX.**





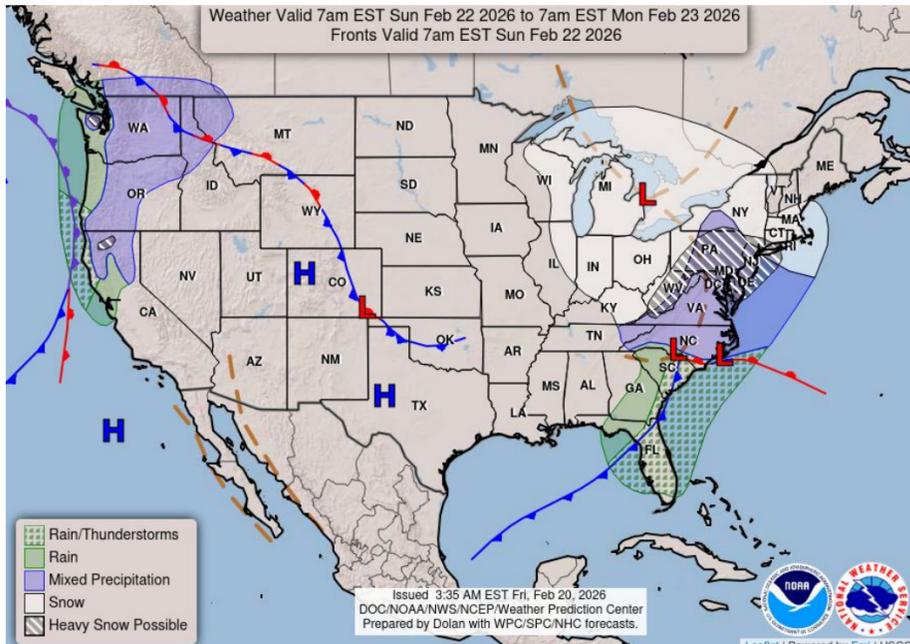
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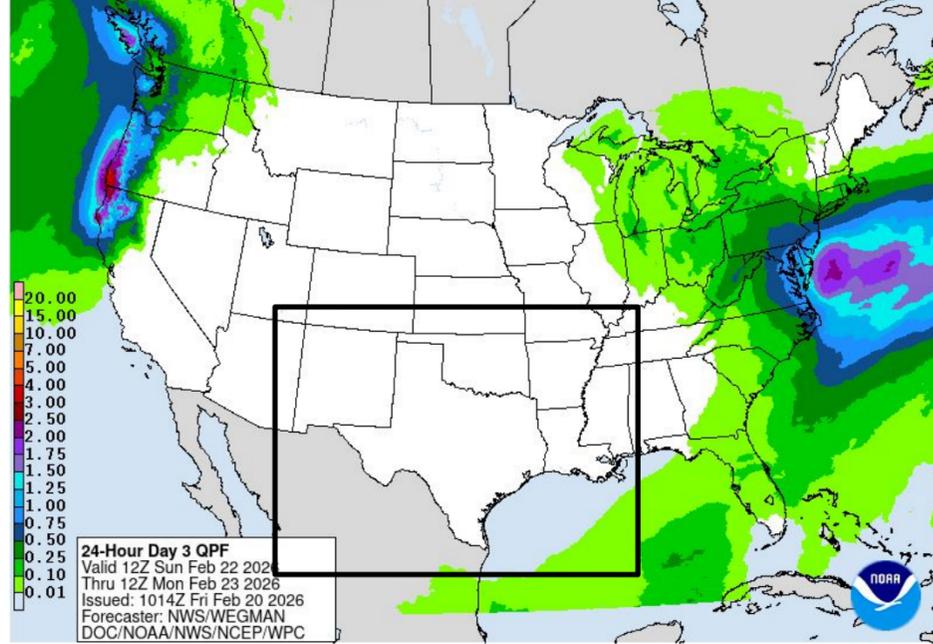


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

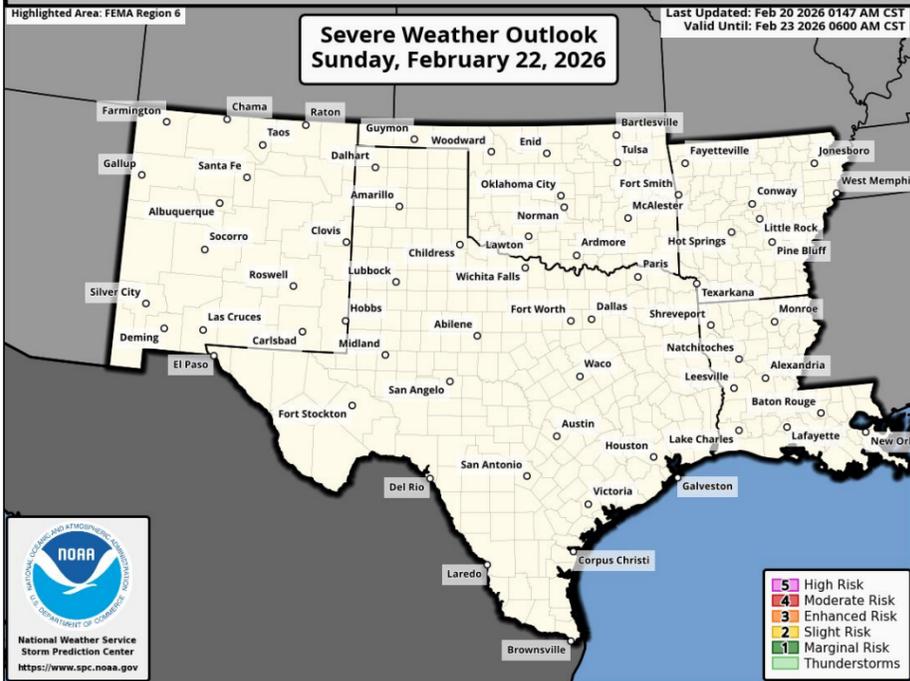


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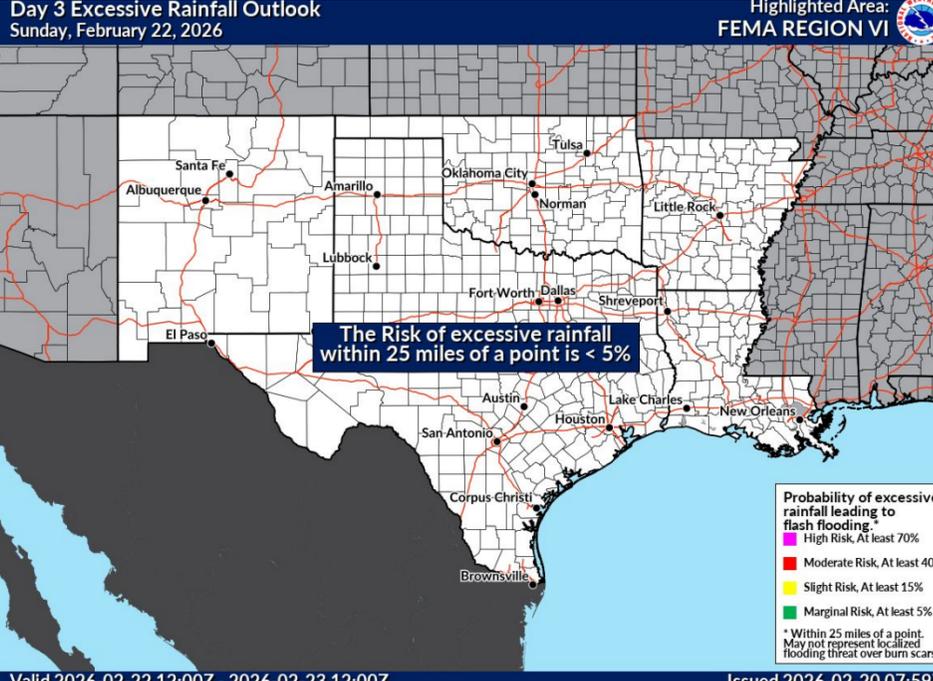


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in C/SW TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



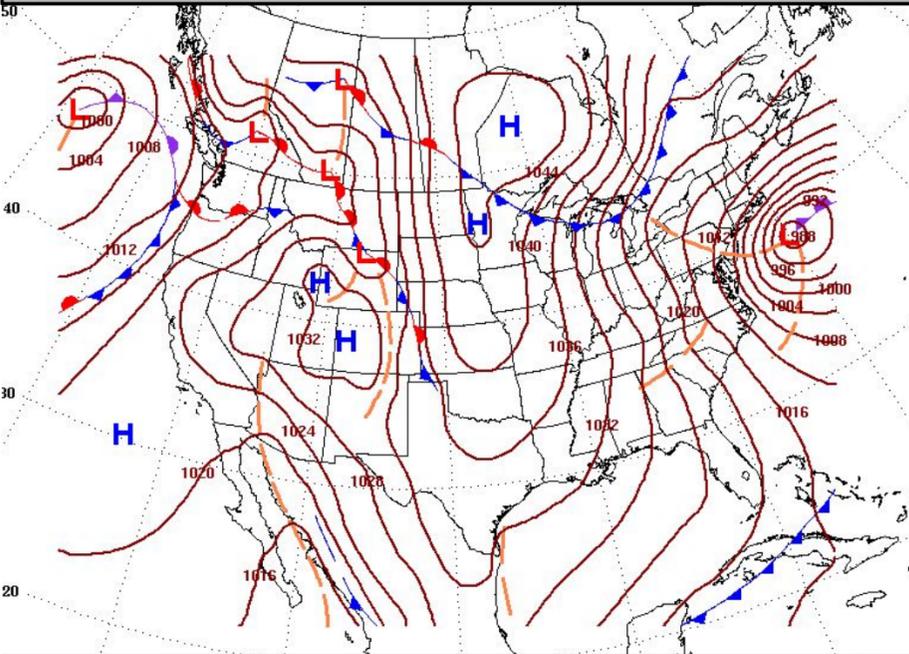
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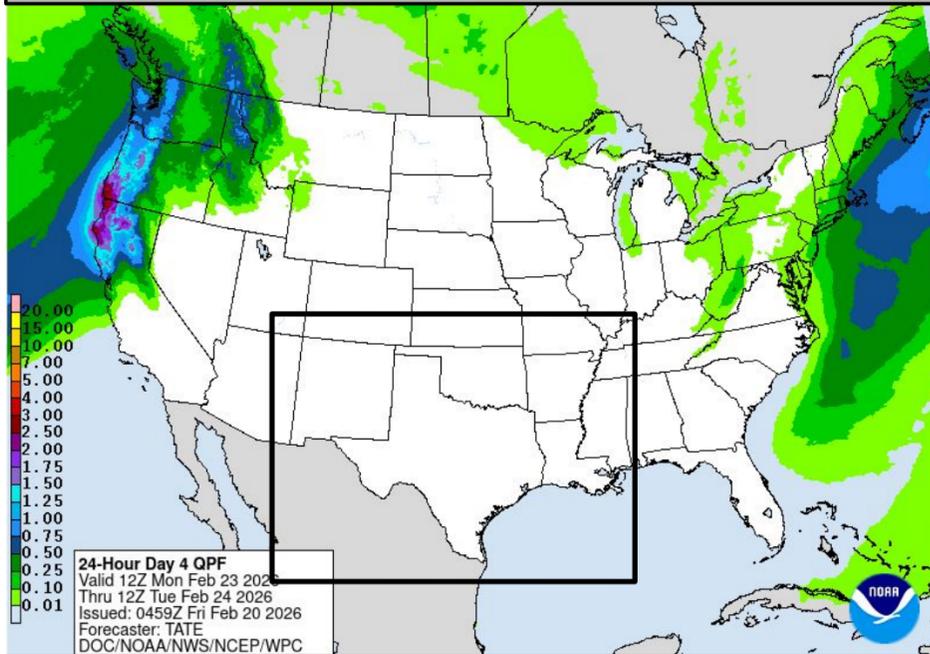


# Monday's Weather

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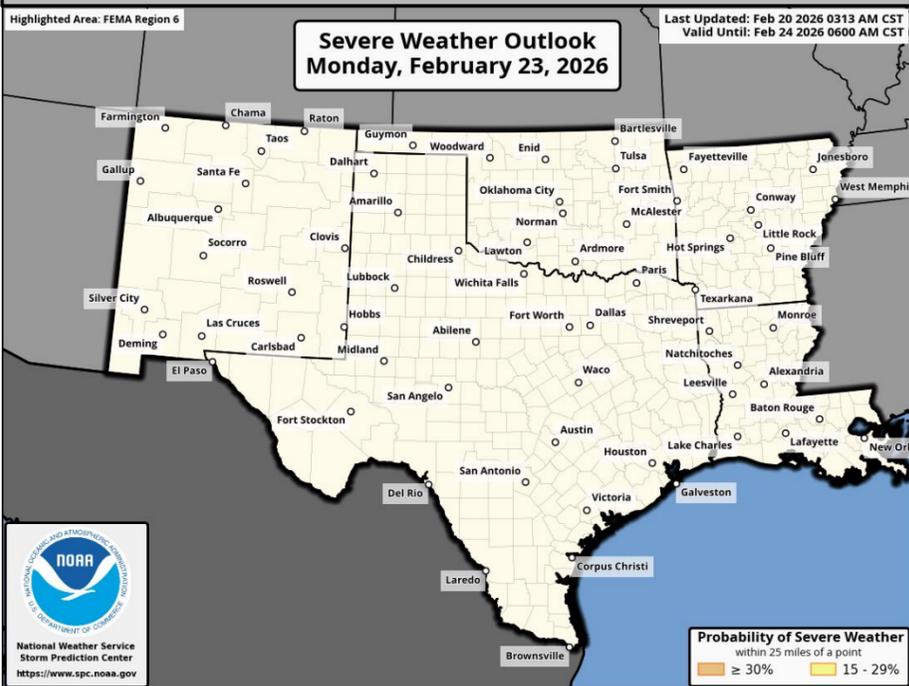


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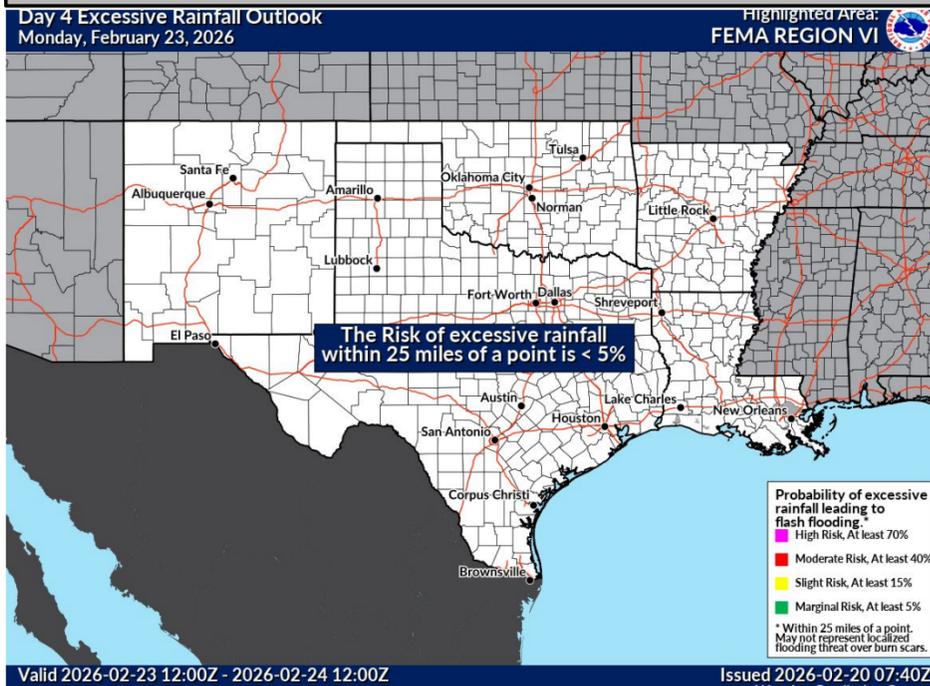


**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



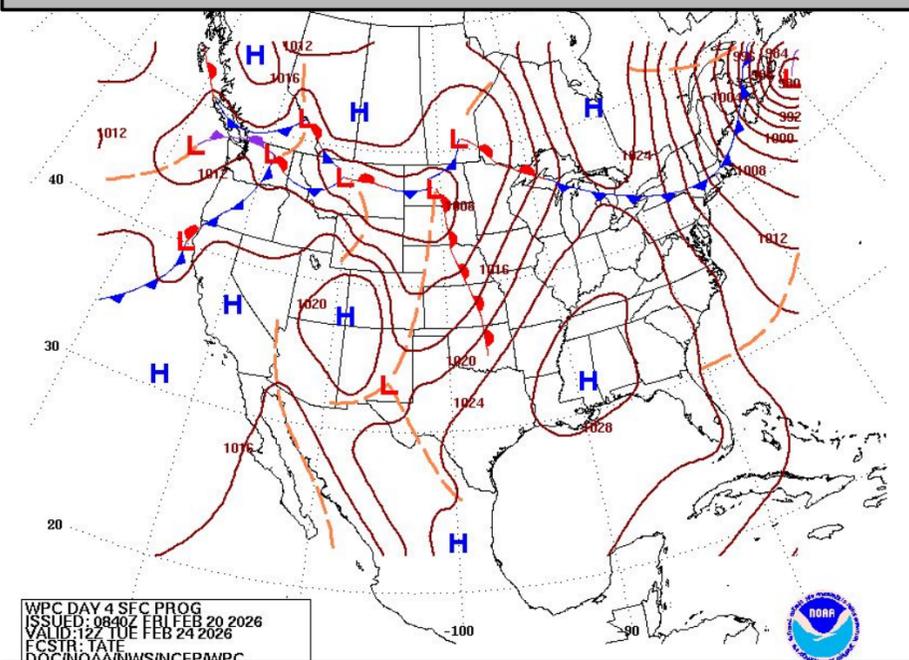
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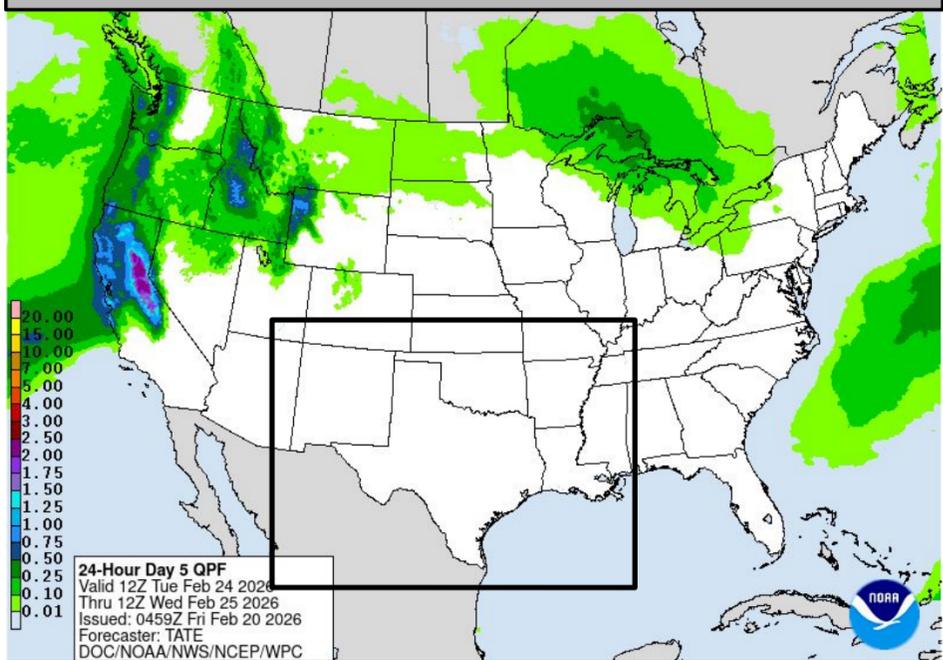
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### Forecast Chart



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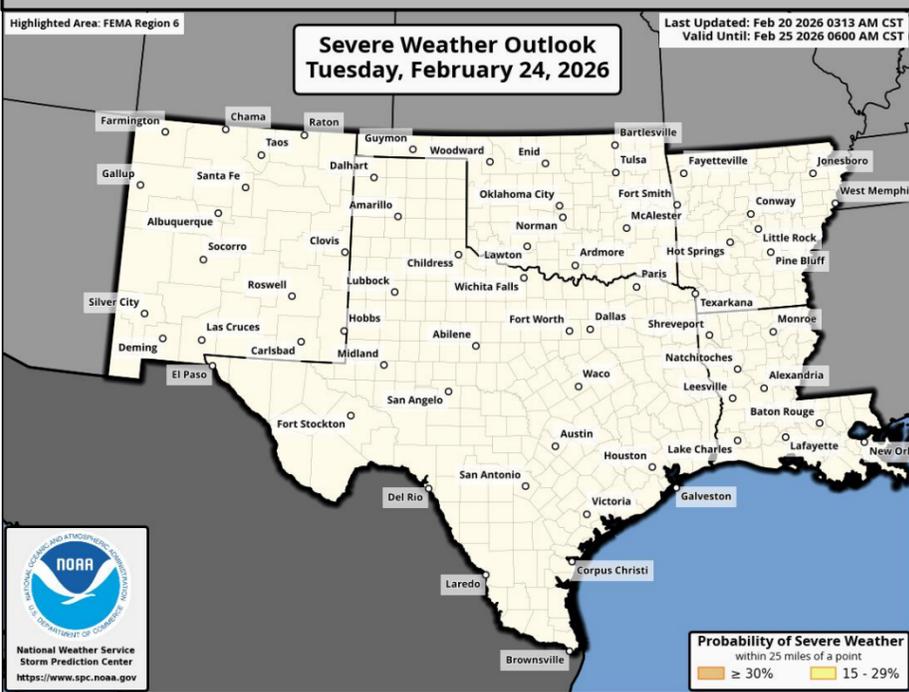
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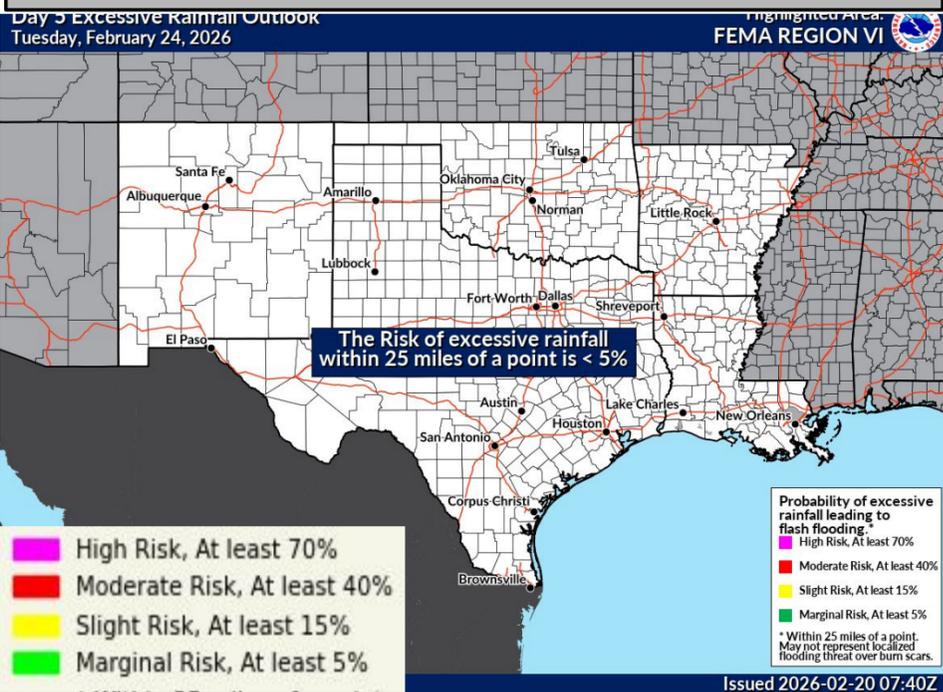
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### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook

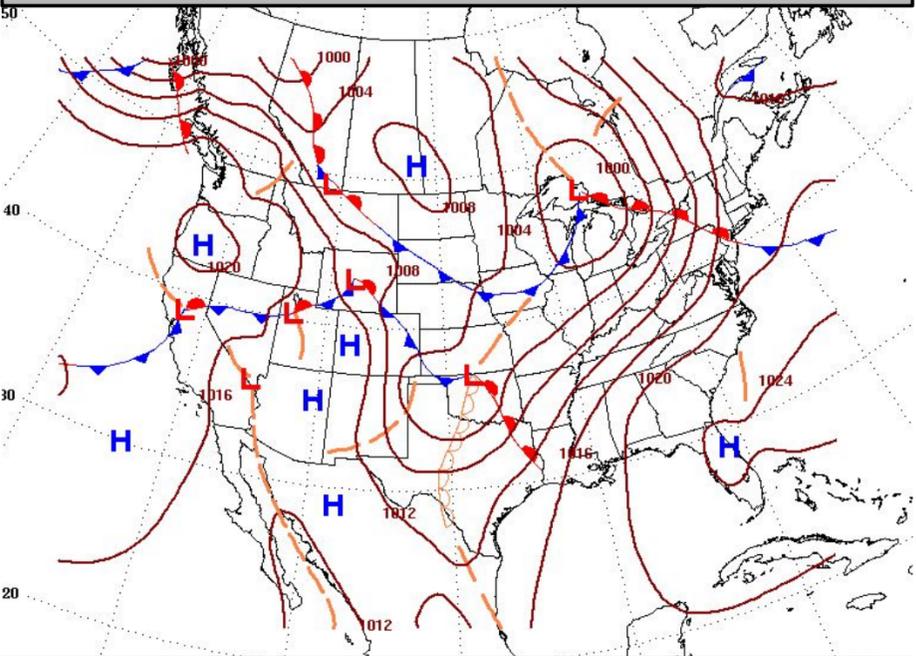


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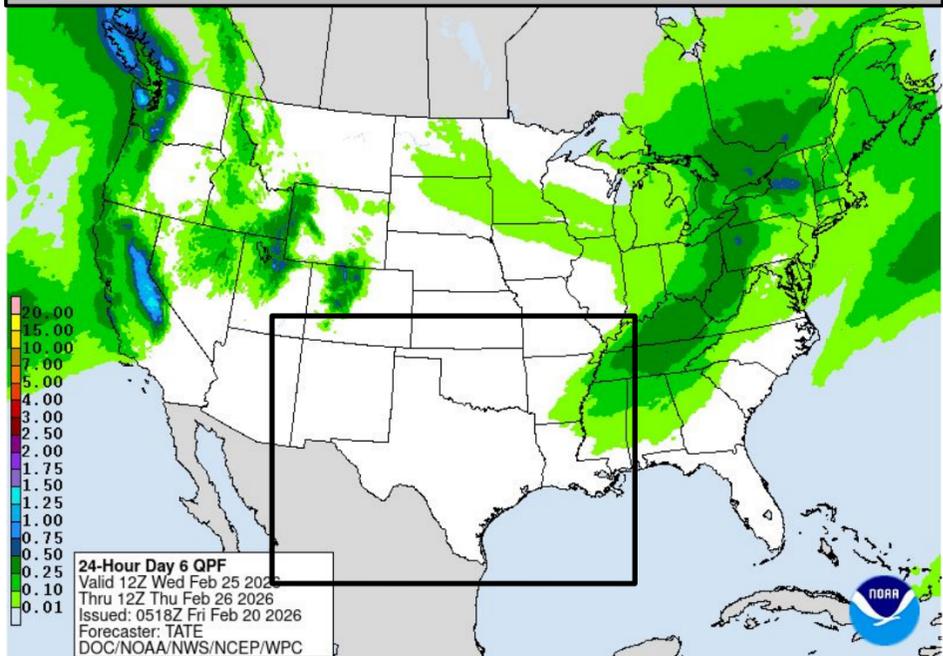


# Wednesday's Weather

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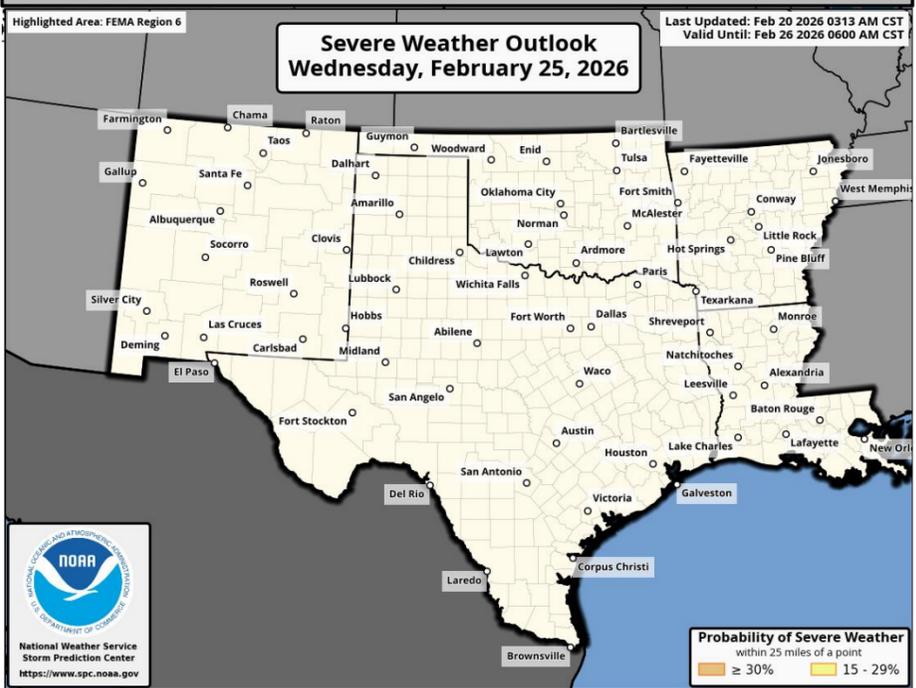


### Forecast Rainfall



**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in WTX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

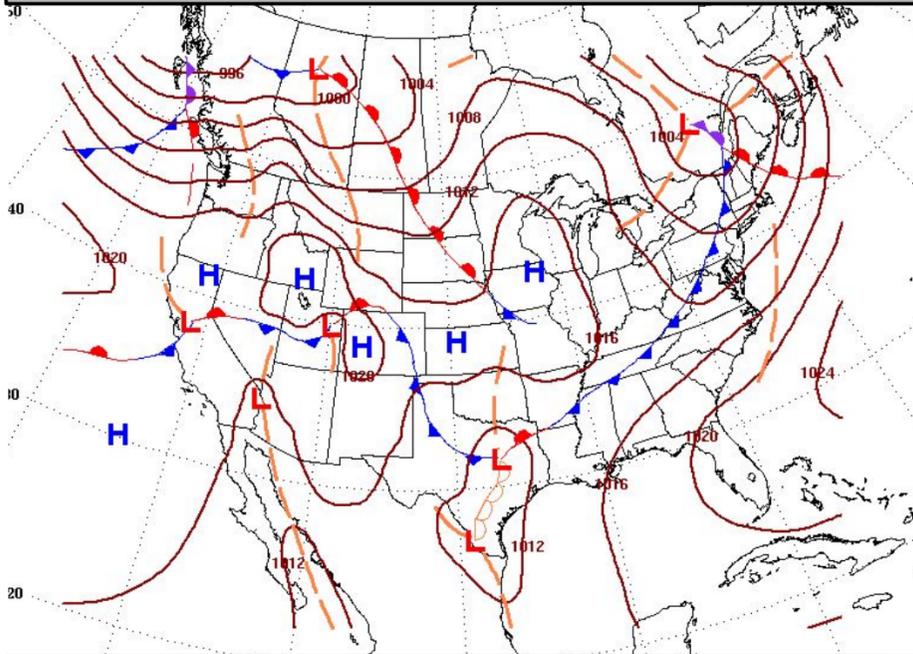


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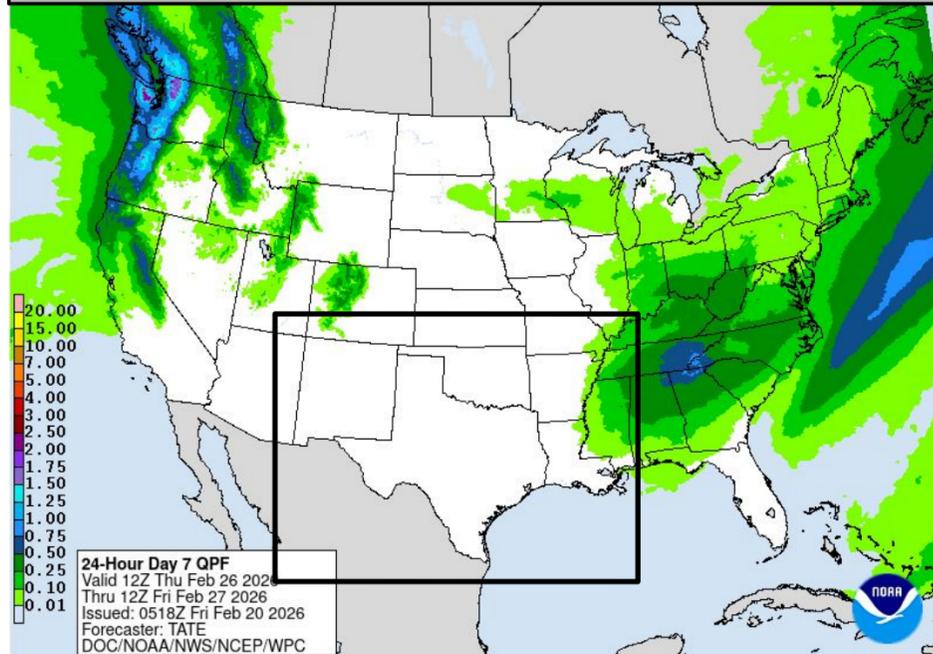


# Thursday's Weather

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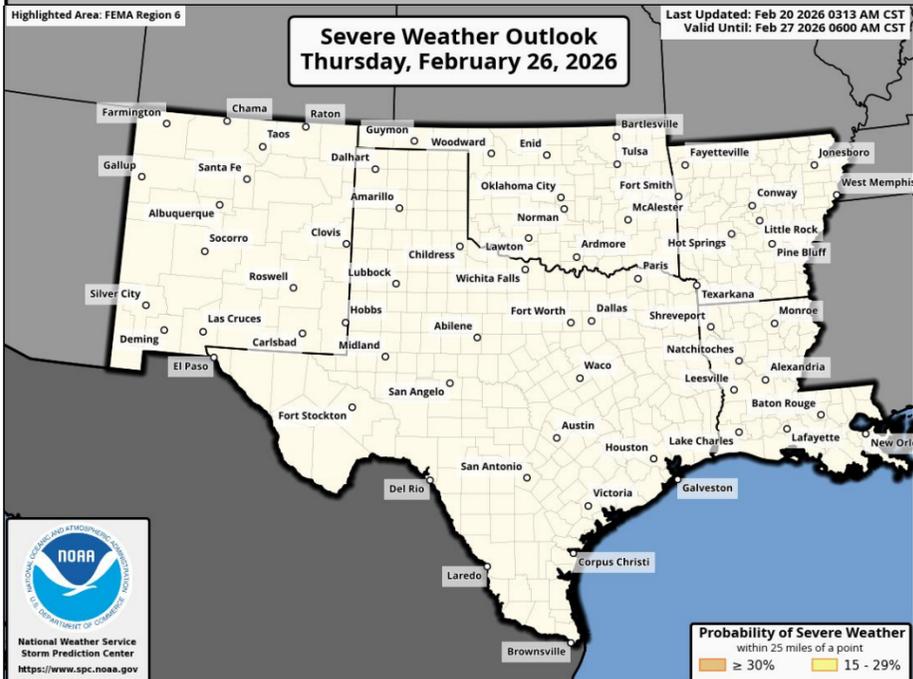


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



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# Wind Gust/Direction Forecast through Wednesday

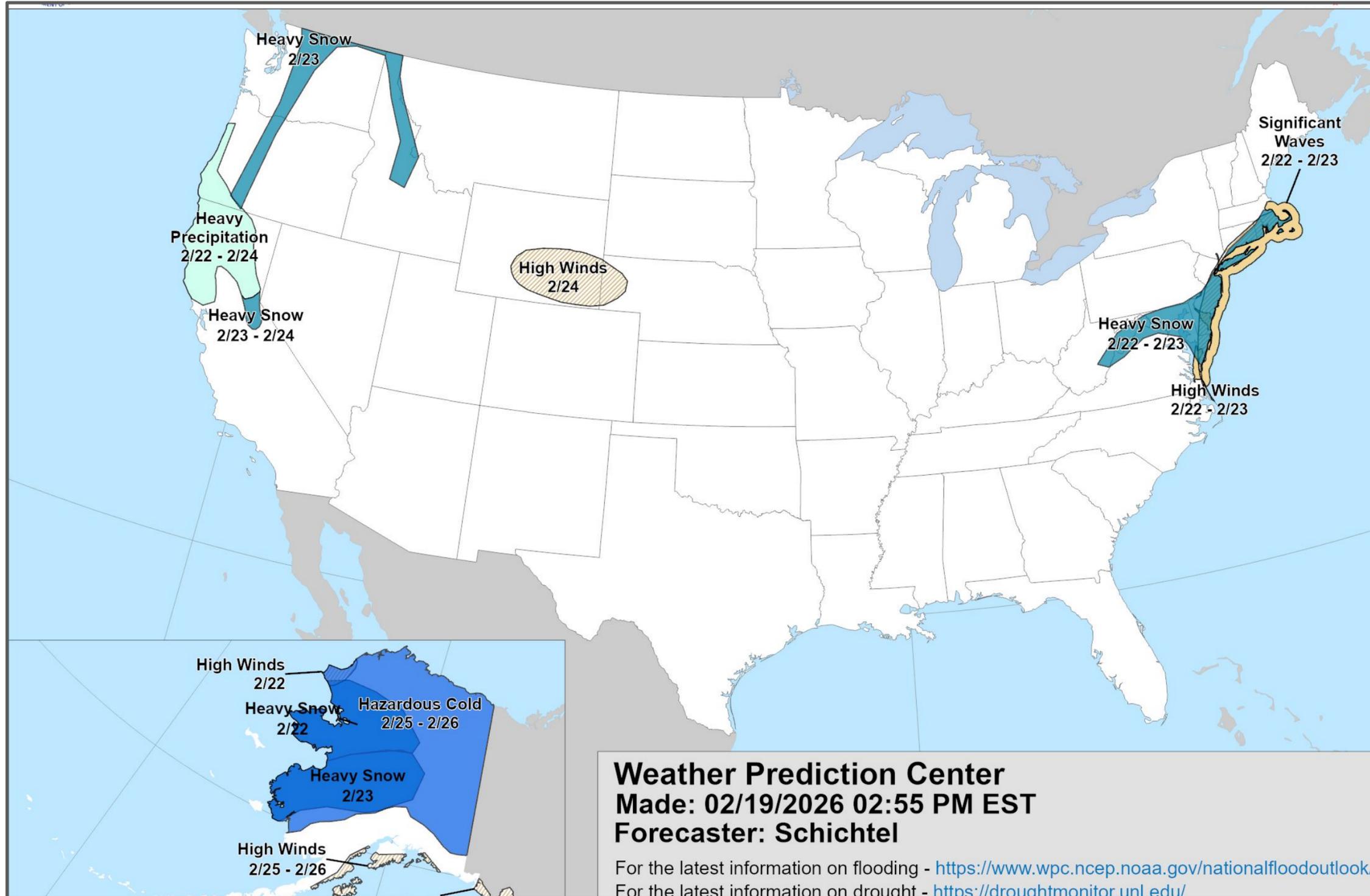
## Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

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- Another cold front Friday night/Saturday brings northerly winds across FEMA 6.
- By Sunday, winds return to S/SW over the western half of FEMA 6.
- Tuesday appears to be the highest threat day

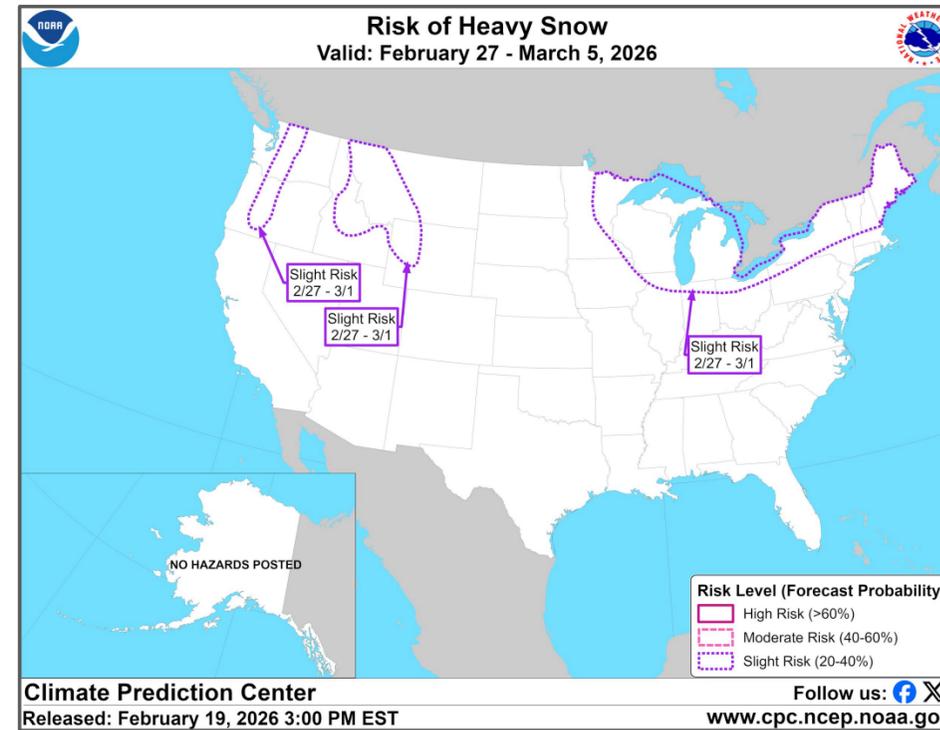
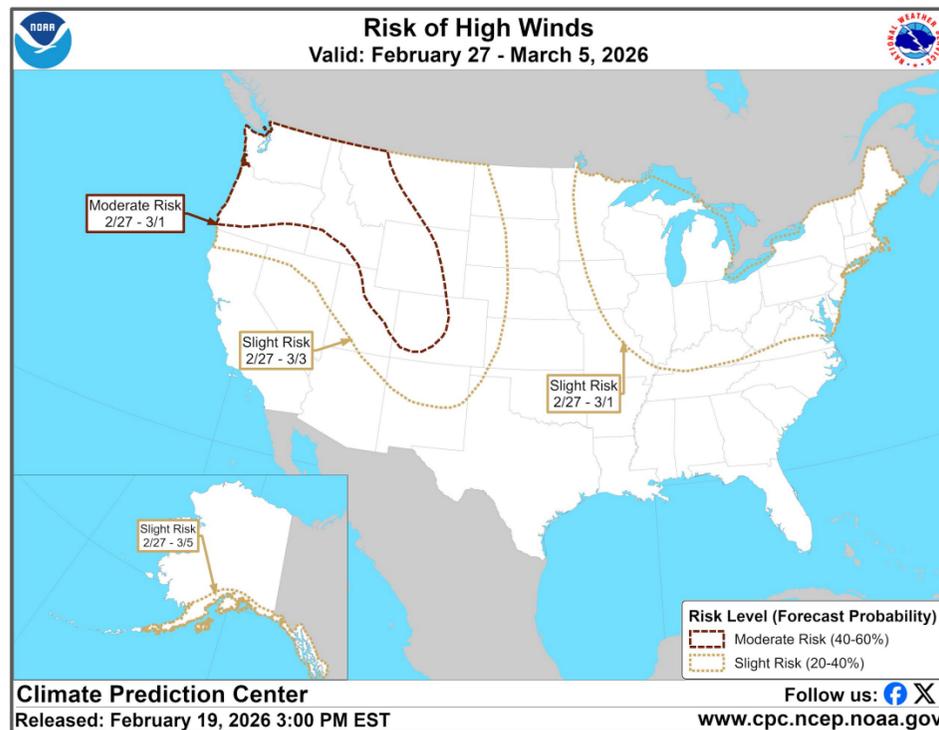
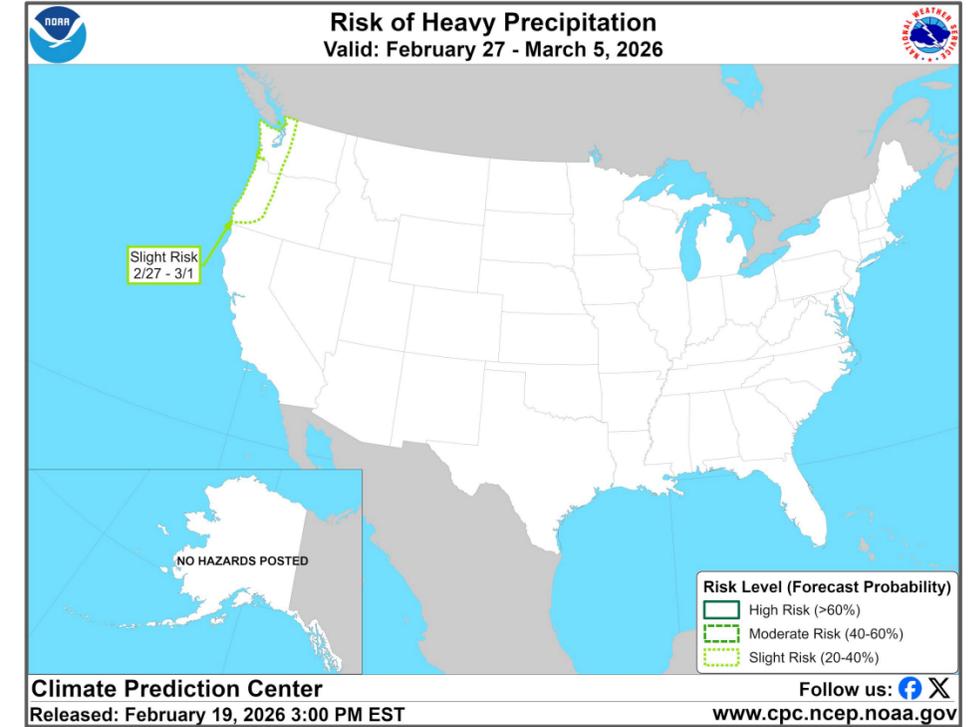
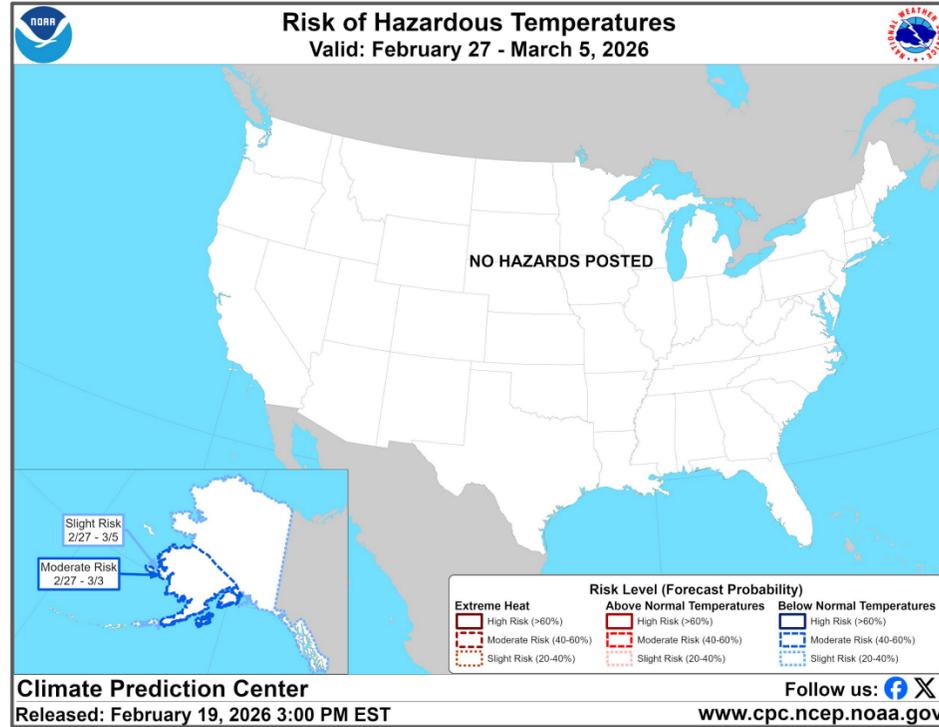
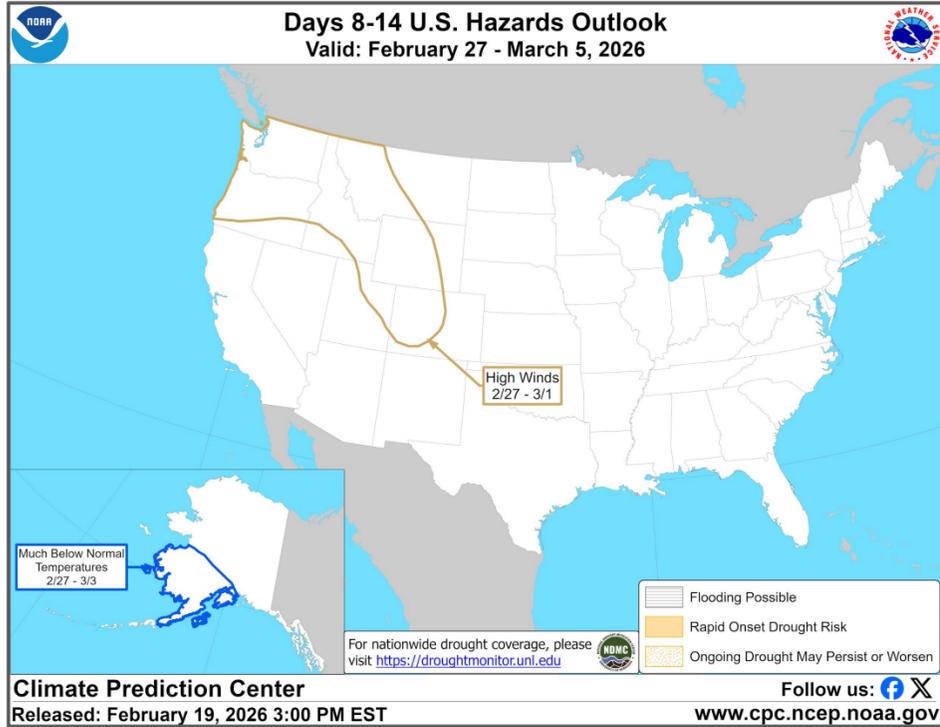


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





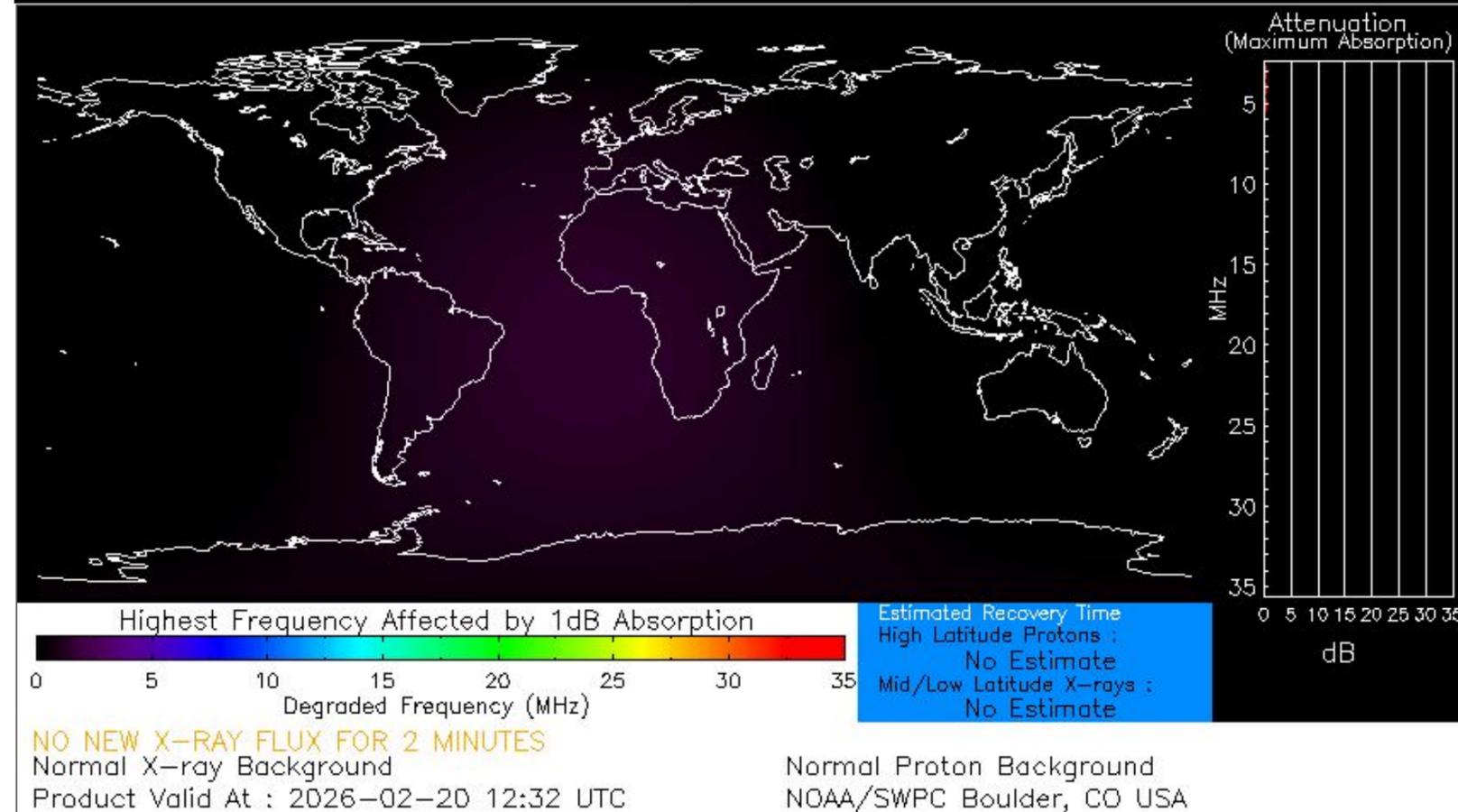
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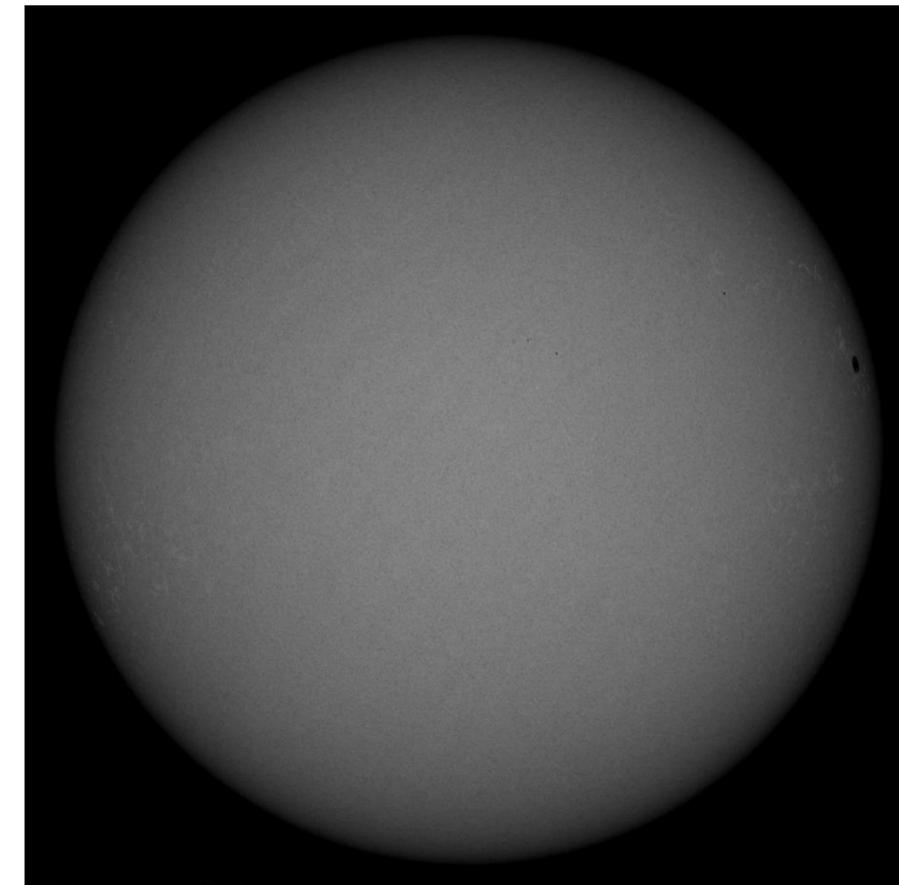
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Feb 20	Saturday, Feb 21	Sunday, Feb 22
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</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>

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