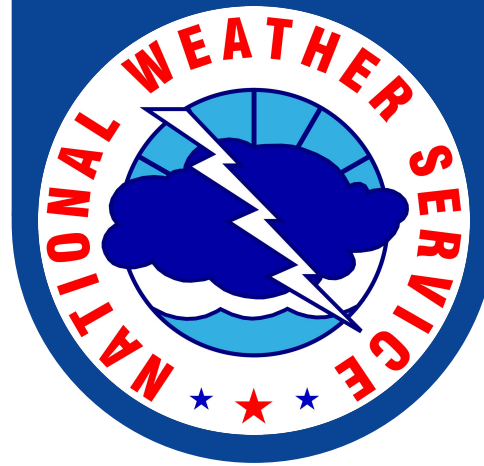




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, September 16, 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.



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Summary

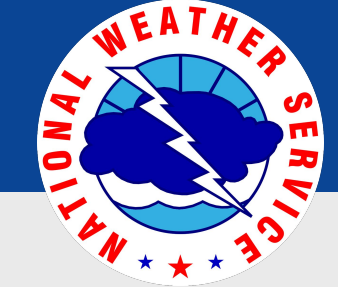
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight to moderate (levels 2-3 of 4) risk for flash flooding today across portions of New Mexico.**
 - **Flood Watches in effect through tomorrow morning. Locally, 5” of rain may fall through tomorrow morning.**
 - **High risk (level 3 of 3) for burn scar flooding over the Sacramento Complex today through Friday as localized rainfall rates will approach 2-3”/hr in heavier thunderstorms.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over far WTX and the TX/OK Panhandles through much of the week.**
 - **Monsoonal activity will persist into next week for portions of NM and WTX.**

- **Tropical:**

- **An area in the central subtropical Atlantic has a 30% of development. No tropical impacts expected over the next 7 days.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Sep 16	Thursday, Sep 17	Friday, Sep 18	Saturday, Sep 19	Sunday, Sep 20	Monday, Sep 21	Tuesday, Sep 22
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S/C NM	NM	NM, Far W TX	NM, OK, NW TX	NM, OK, NW AR, NW TX	NM, Far W TX	NM, NW TX
	NM	Far W TX					
Fire Weather							
Tropical							
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.

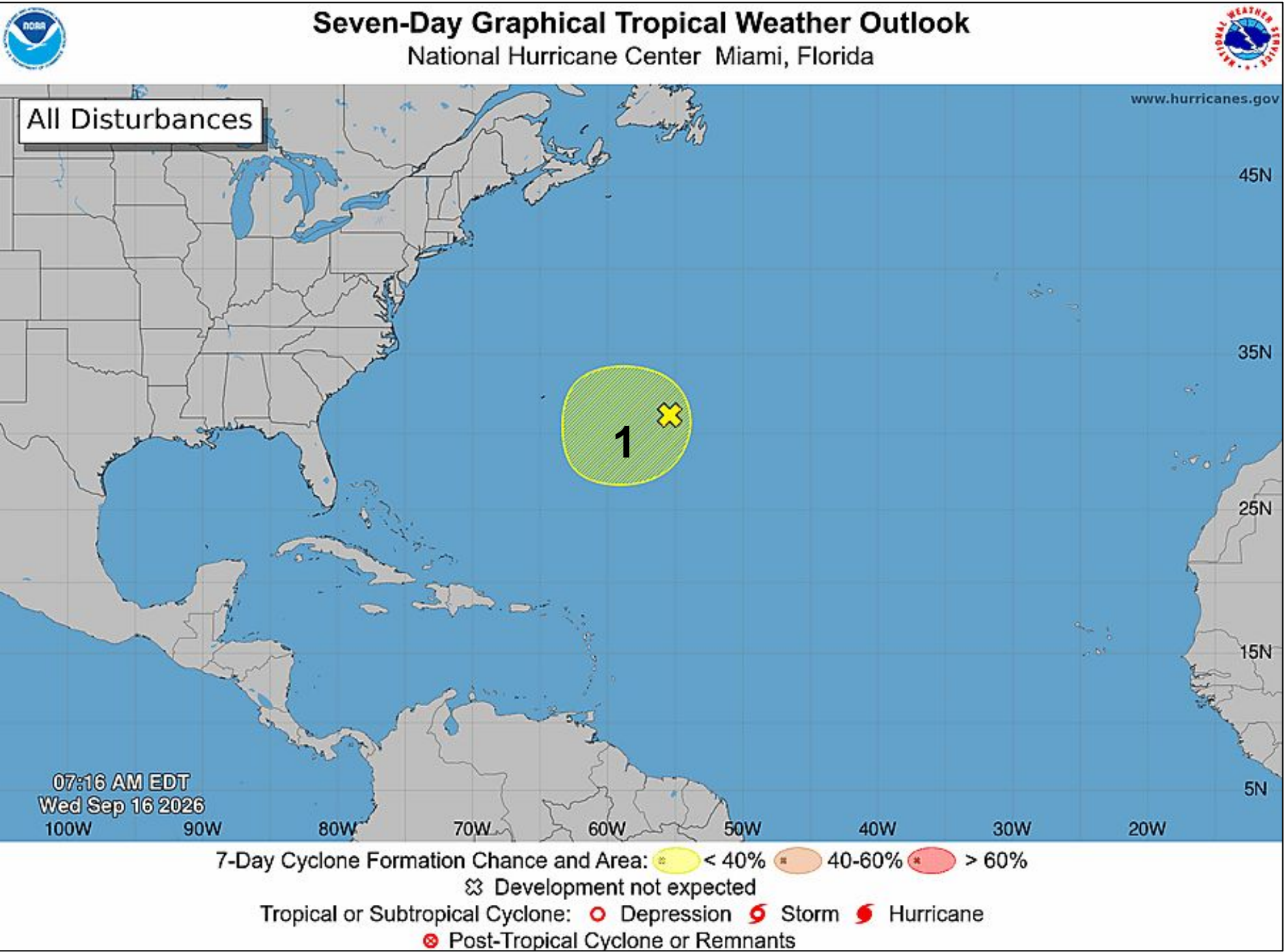
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

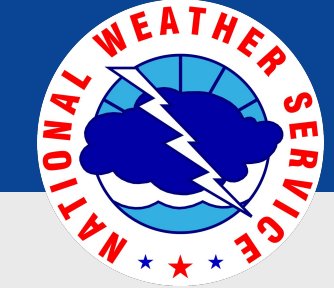
Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	Low	None

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





Current Radar/Hazards

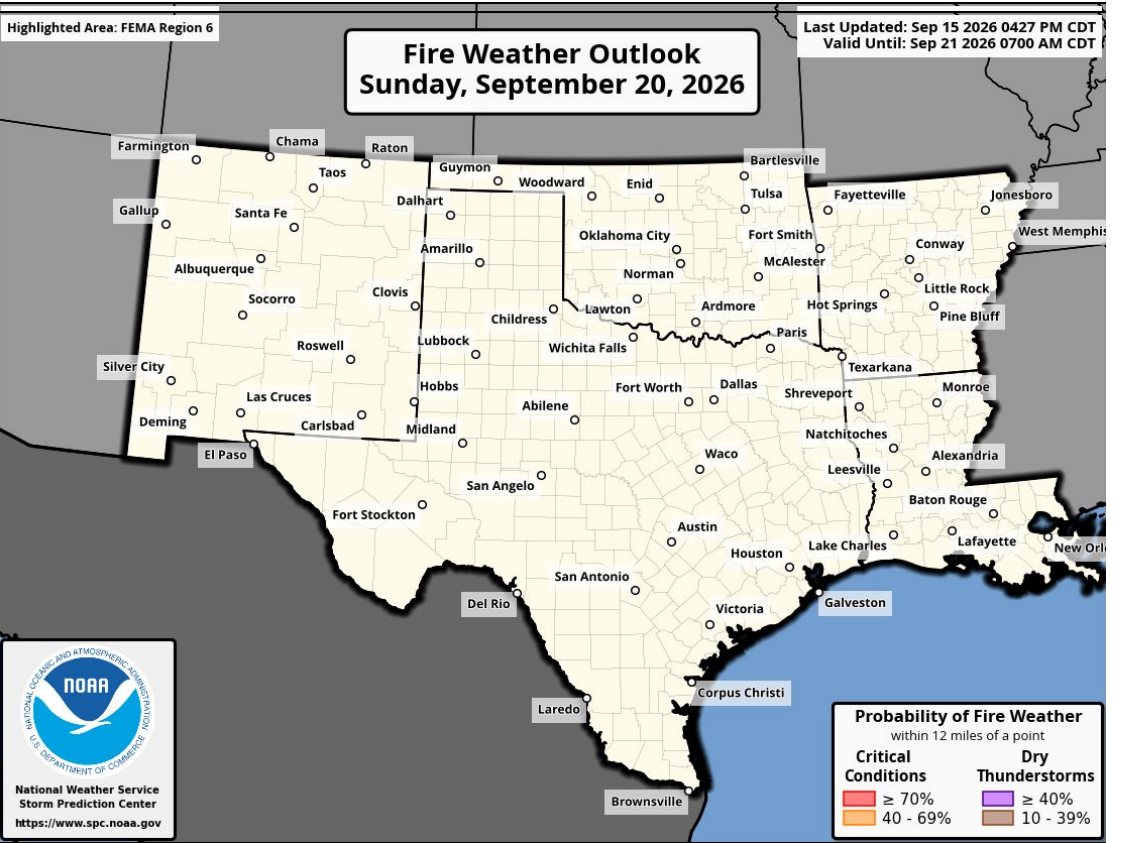
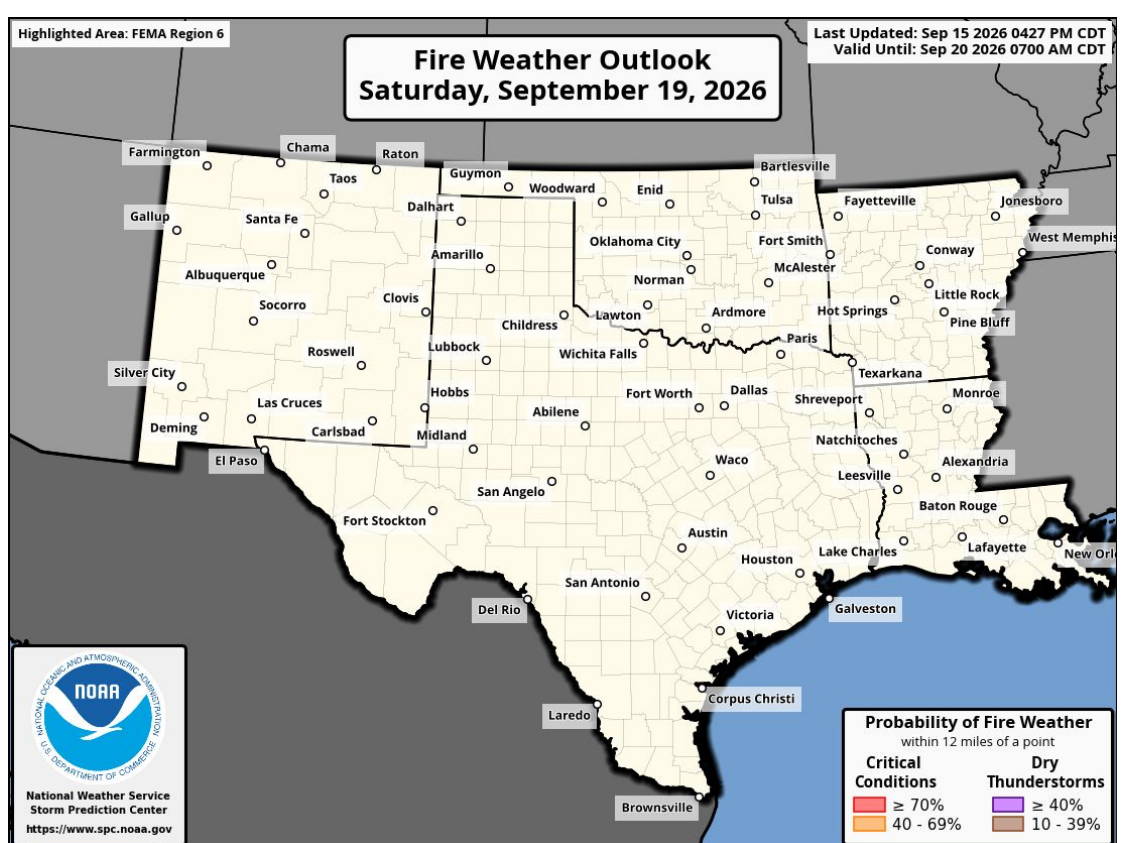
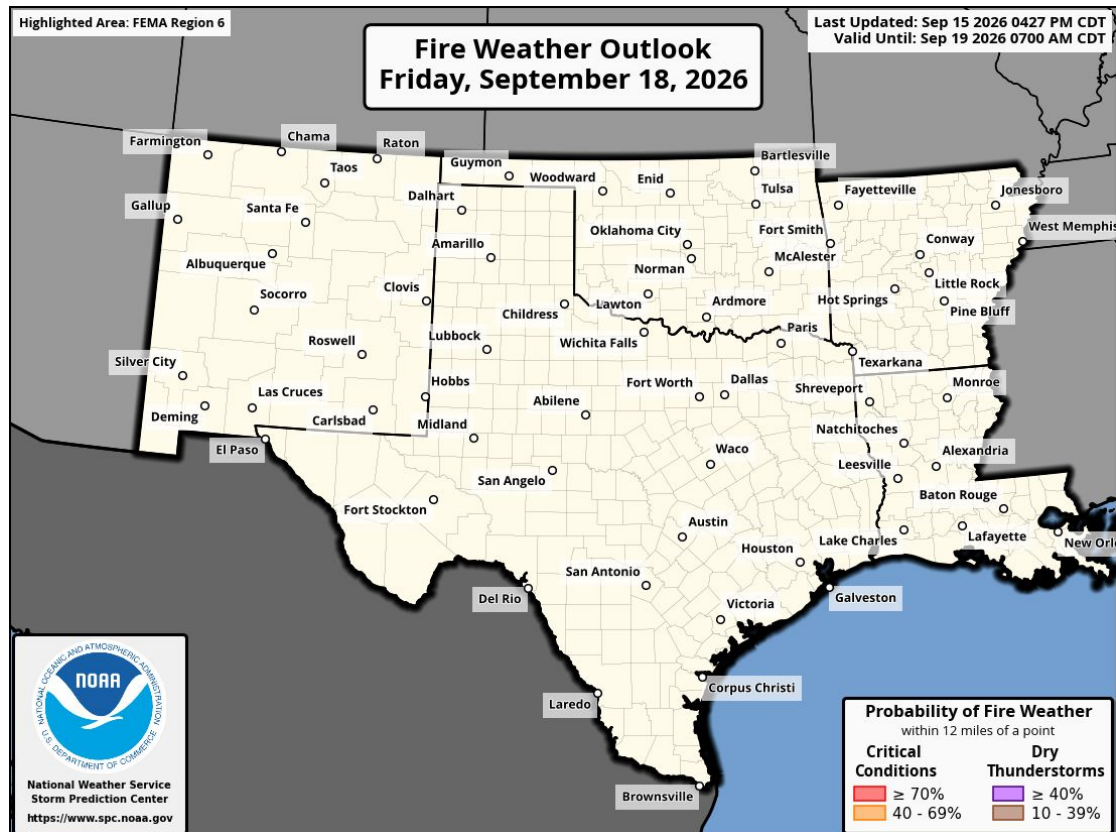
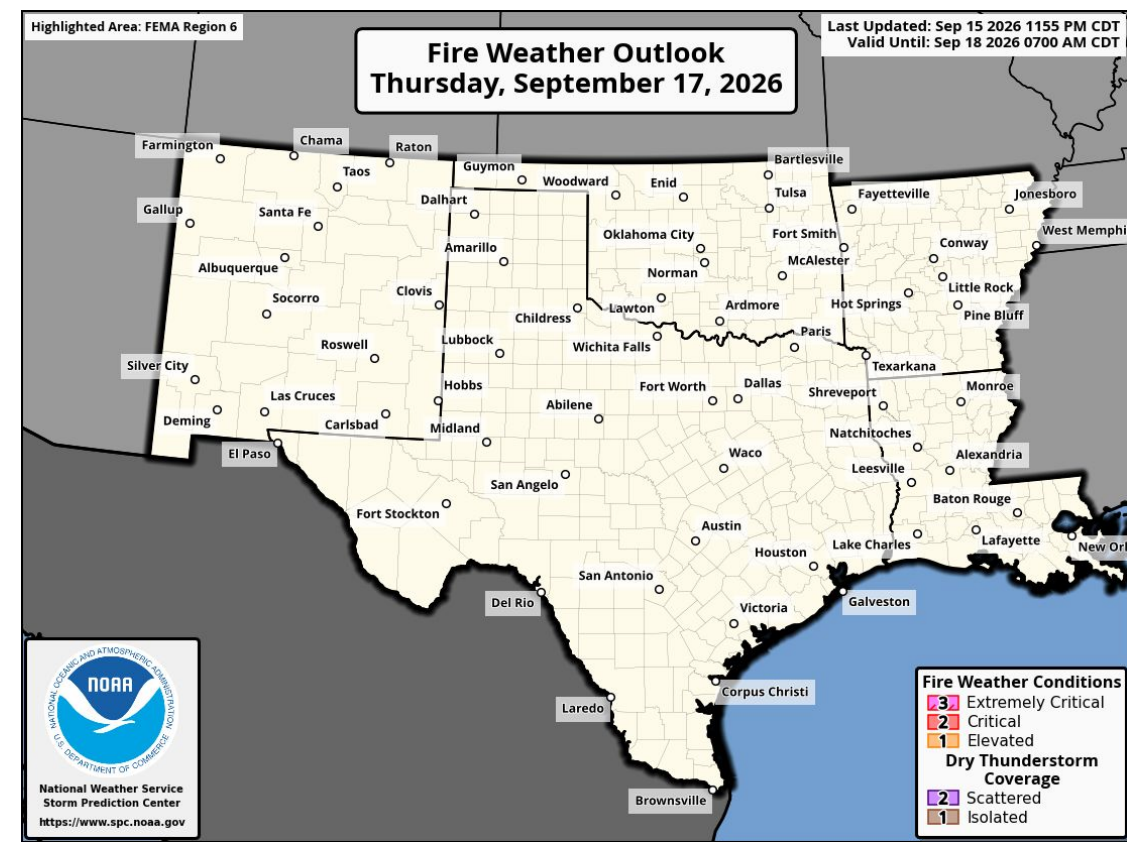
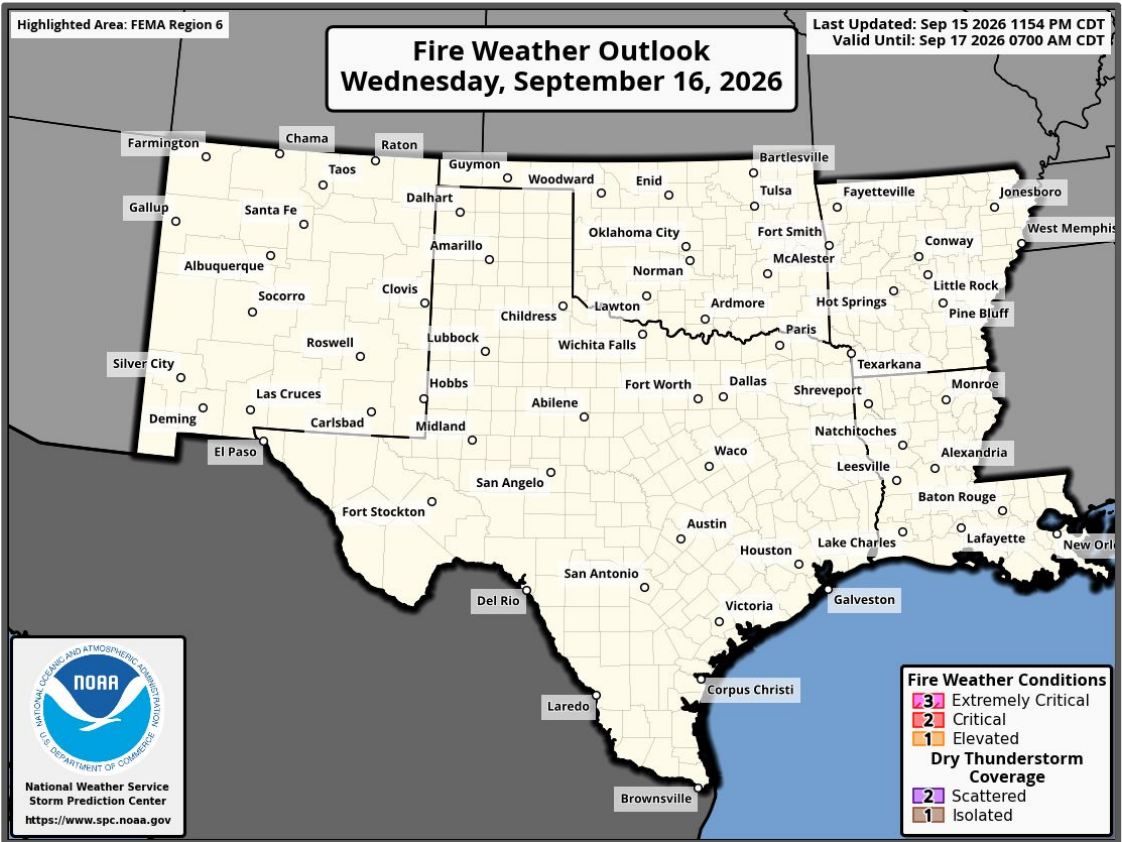
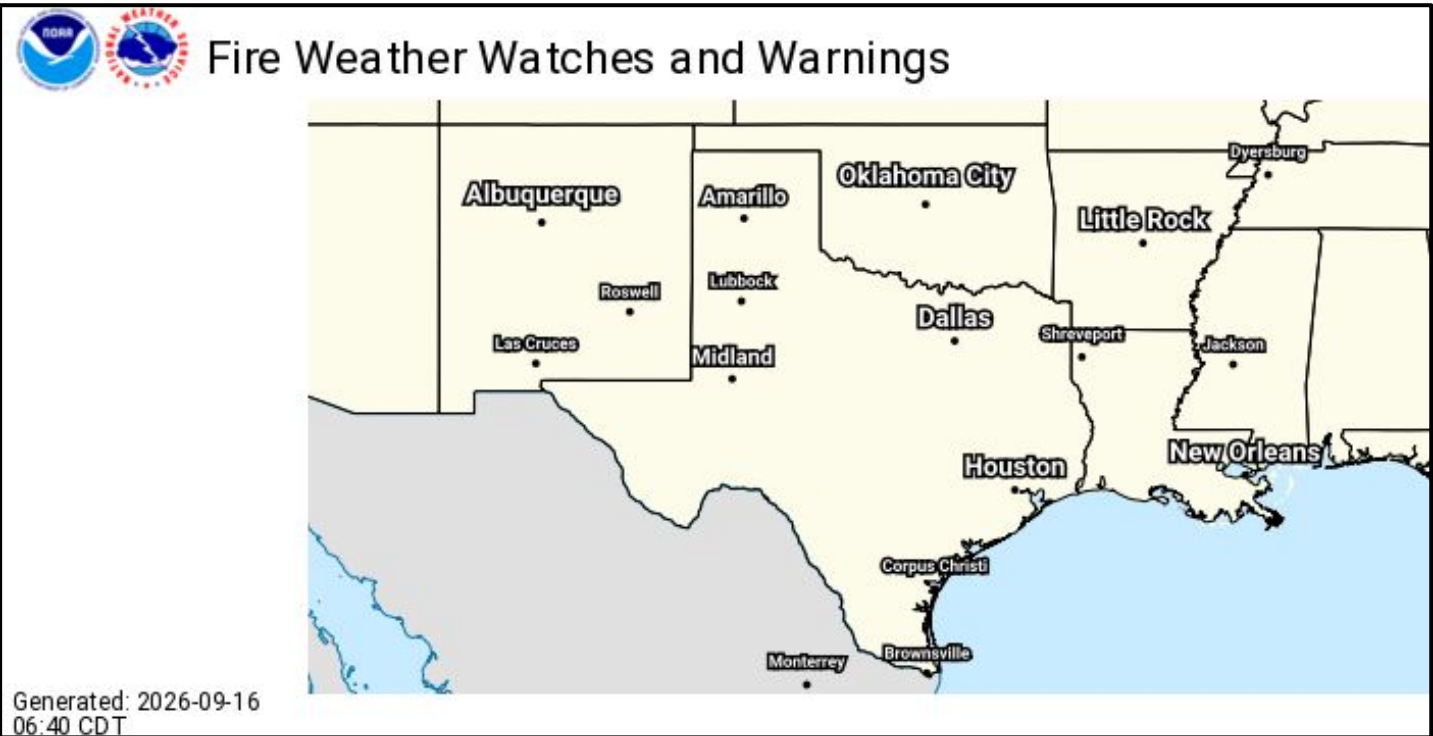


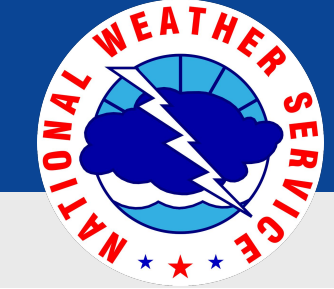
- Heat Advisories across portions of E OK, ETX, AR and N LA today.
- Flood Watches across NM from 1 PM CDT Today through 7 AM CDT Thursday, including the Sacramento Burn Scar area.





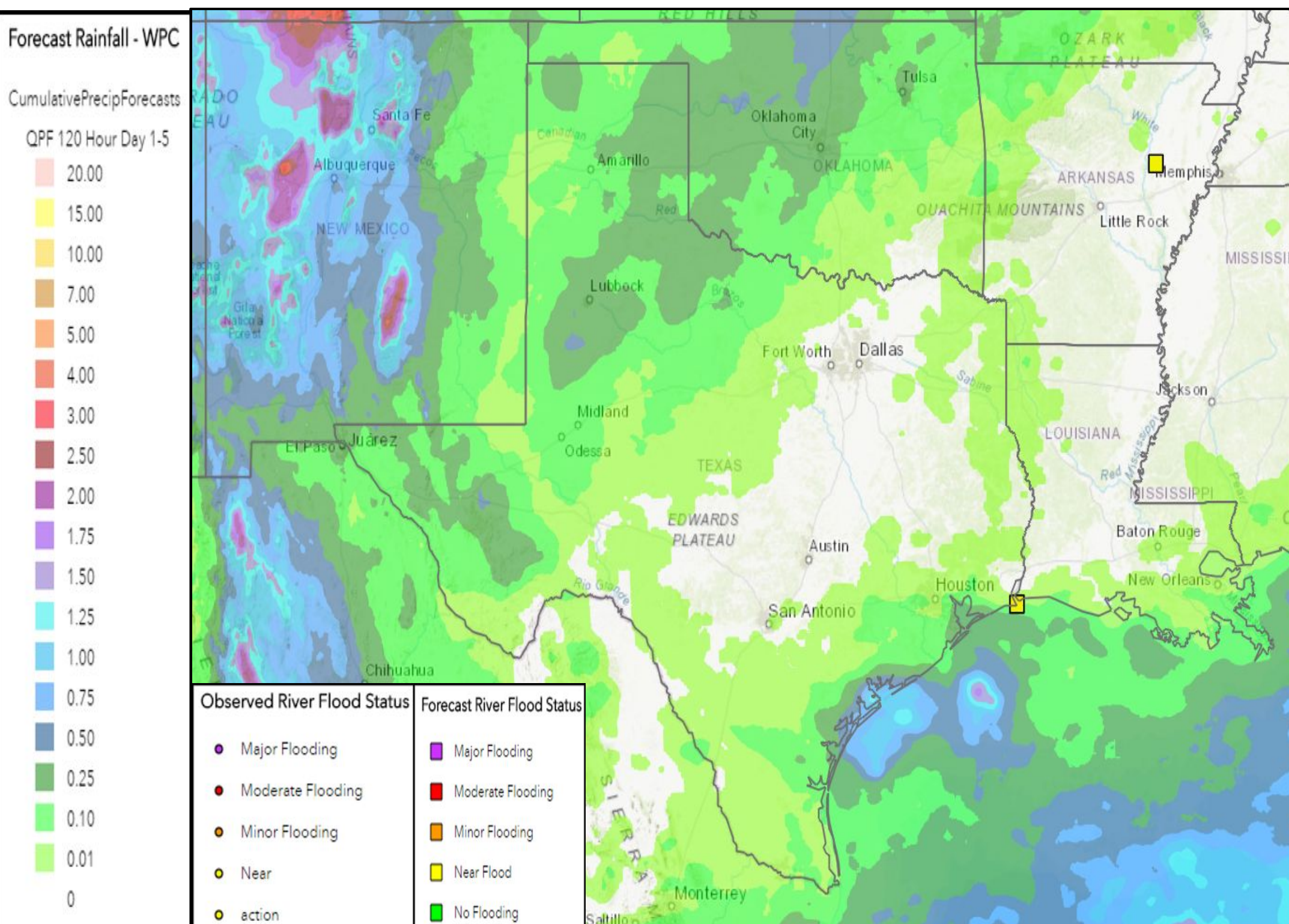
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



Monitoring for local rises across NM.

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.



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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

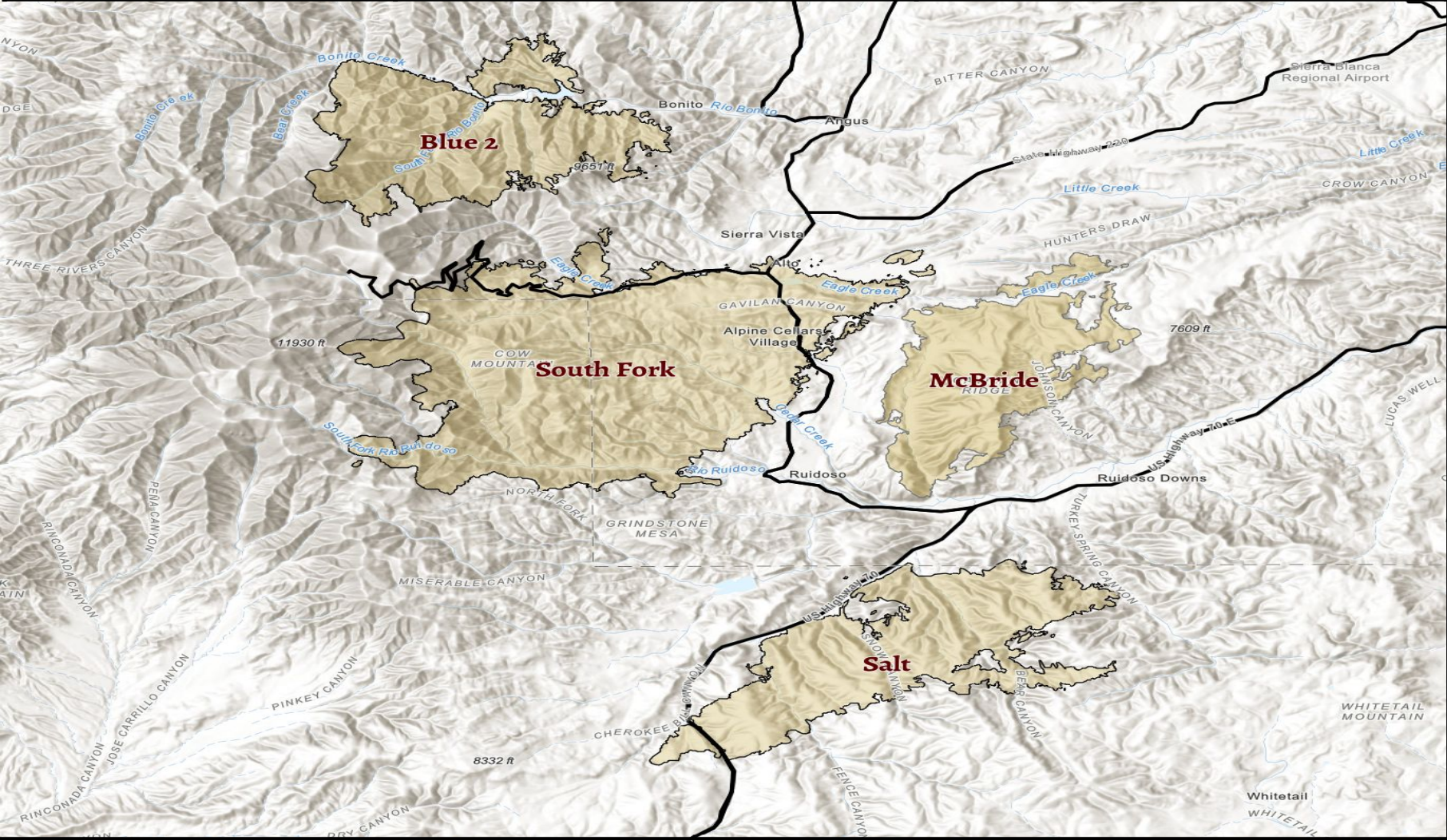
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Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

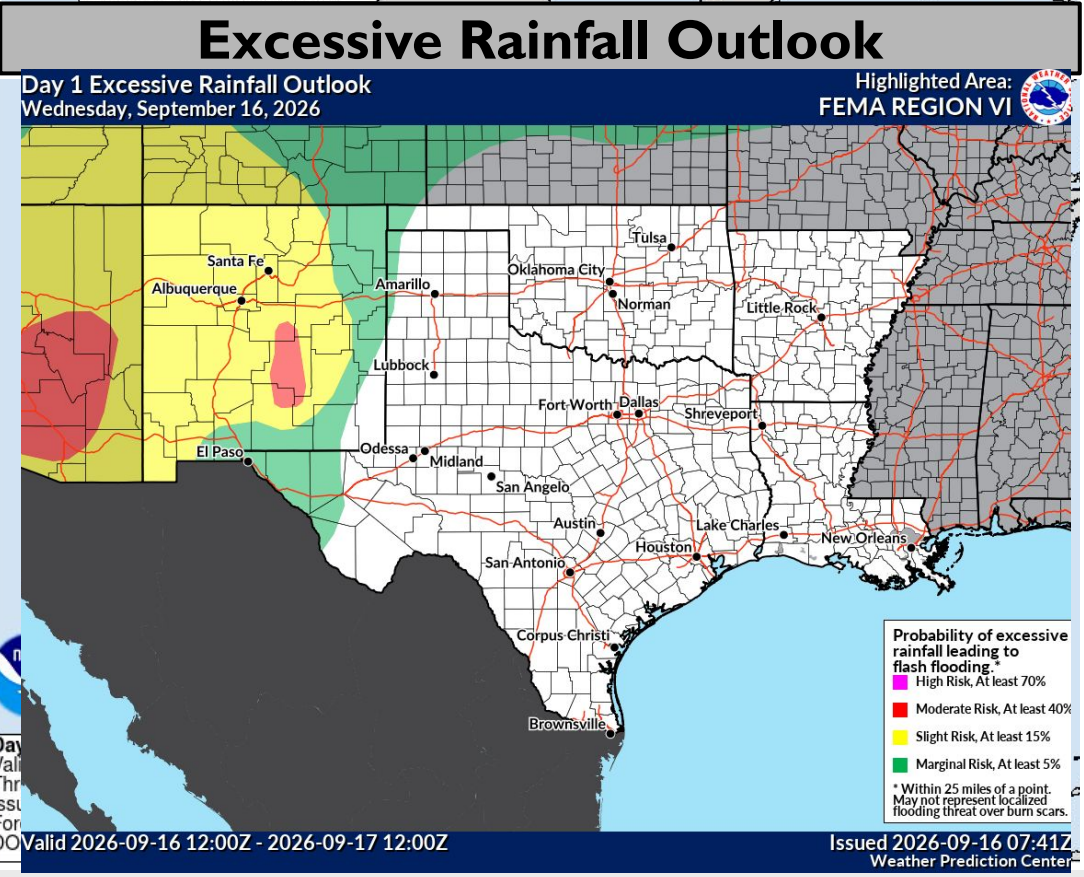
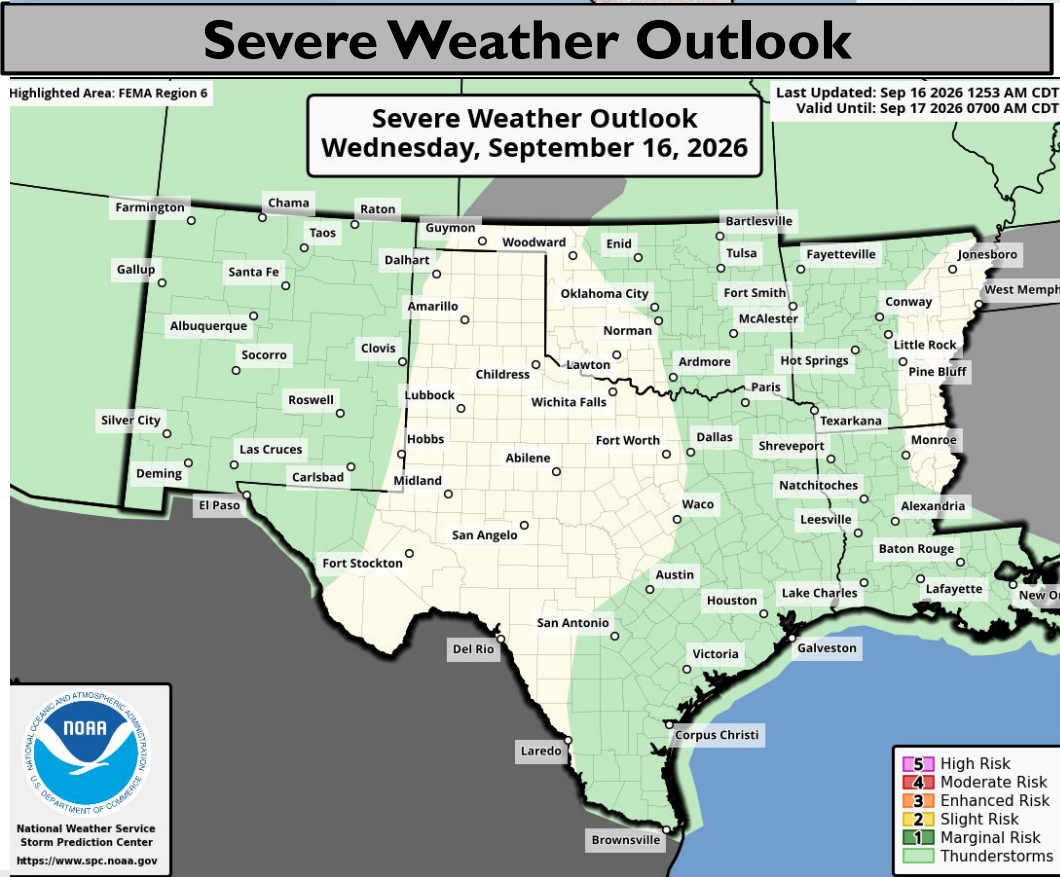
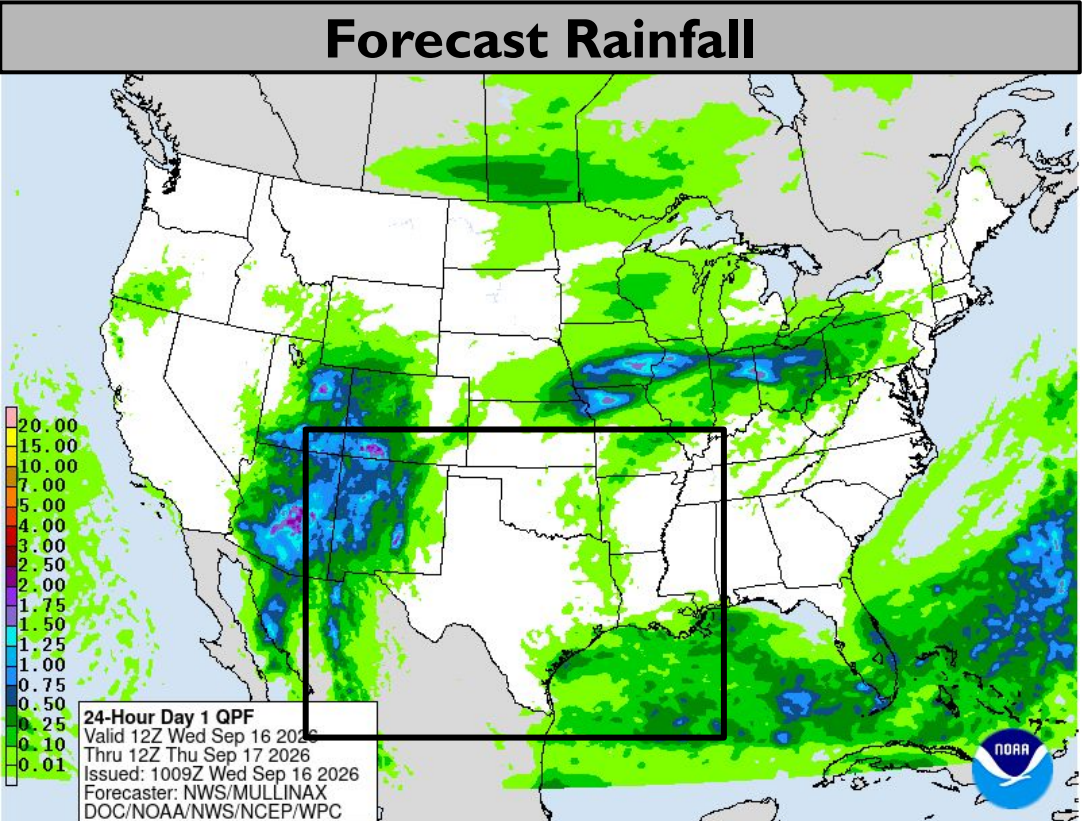
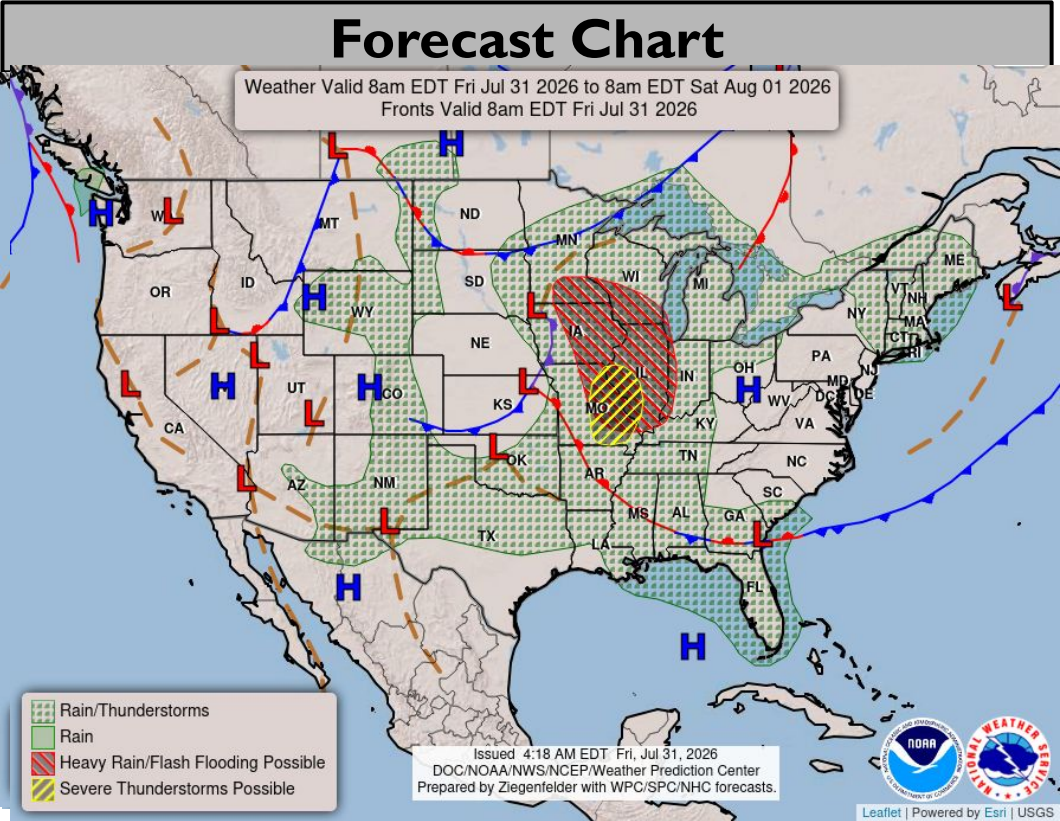
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Flash Flooding	High	High	High	Moderate	Moderate
Timing - CDT	1 PM-Overnight	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening



Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



Today's Weather

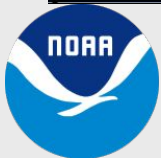


Slight risk to moderate (levels 2-3 of 4) for flash flooding in NM.

- Monitoring for high rainfall rates up to 2-3" per hour.
- Up to 5" of rain through early Thursday morning.

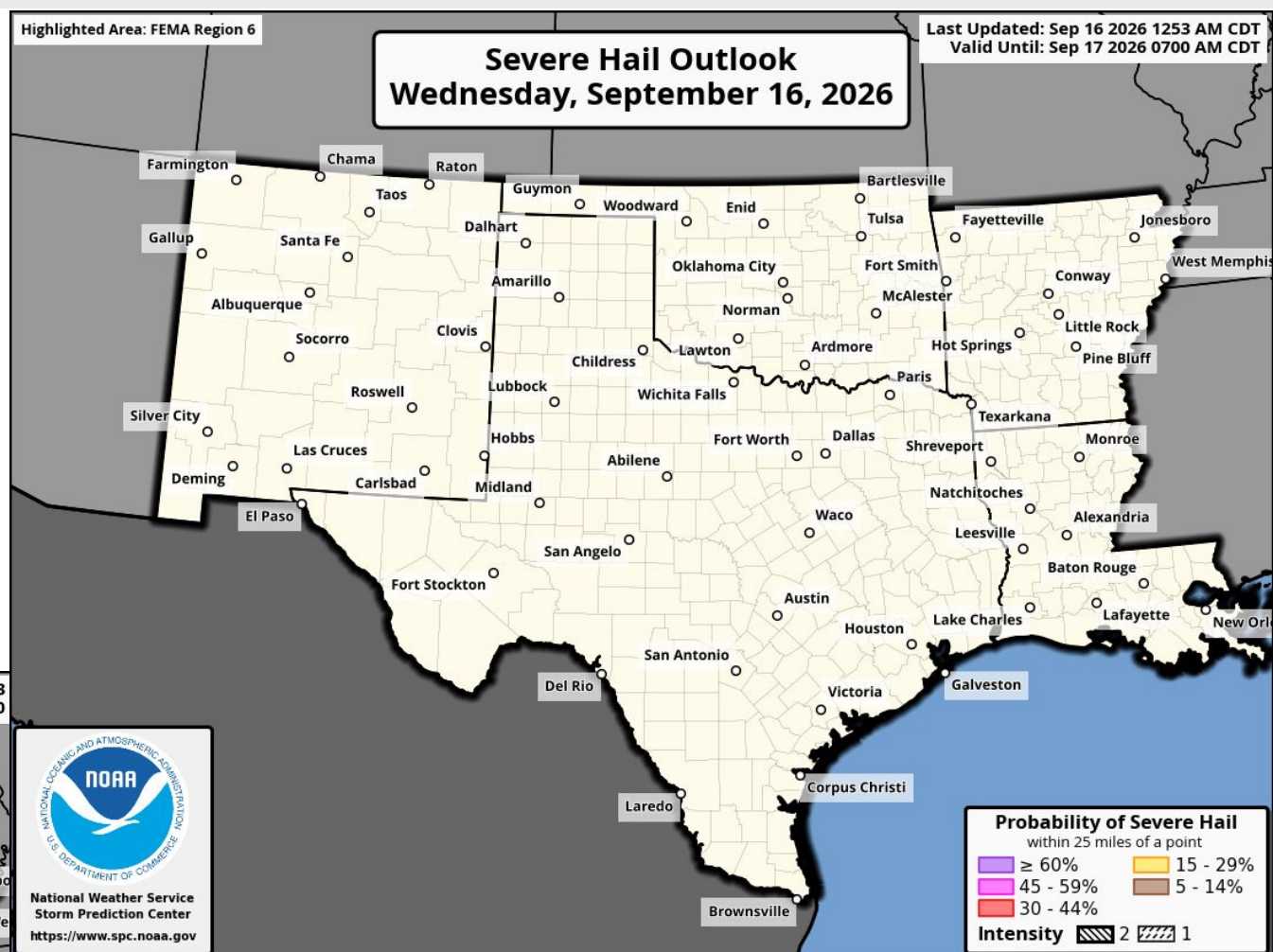
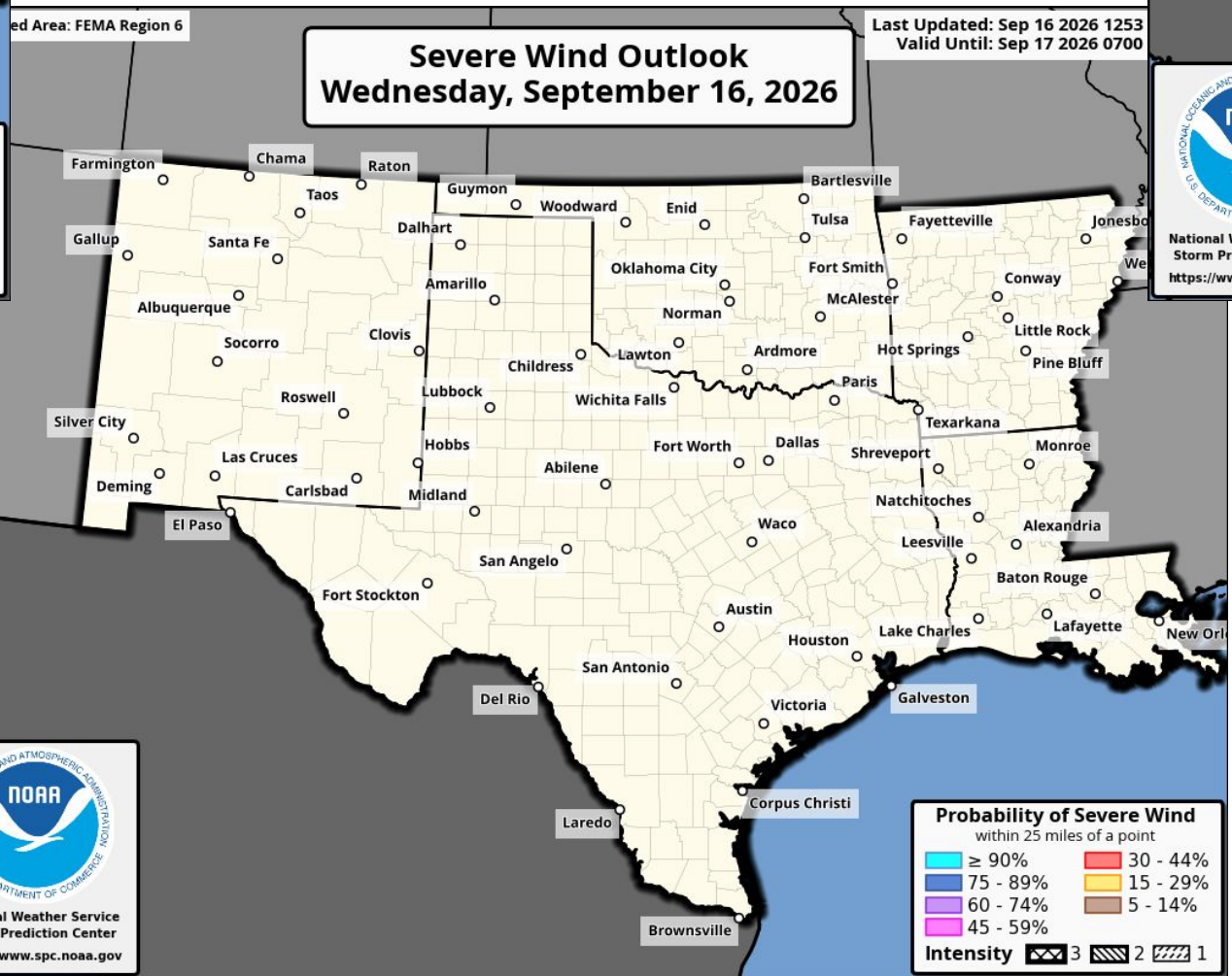
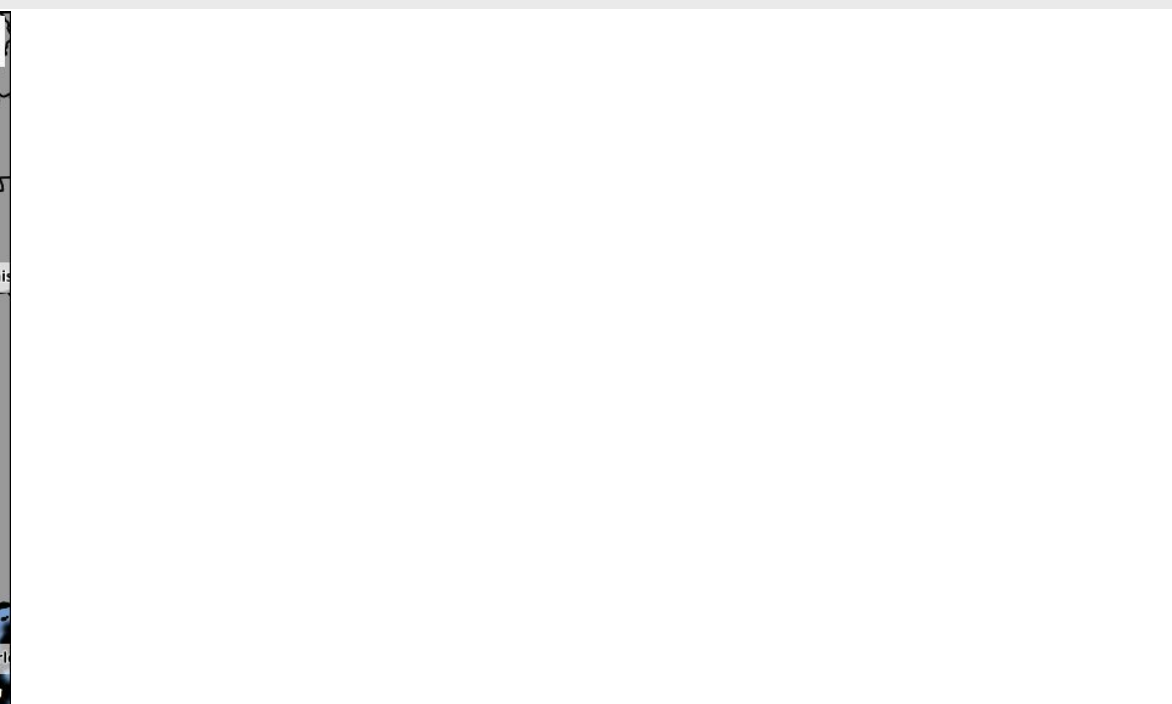
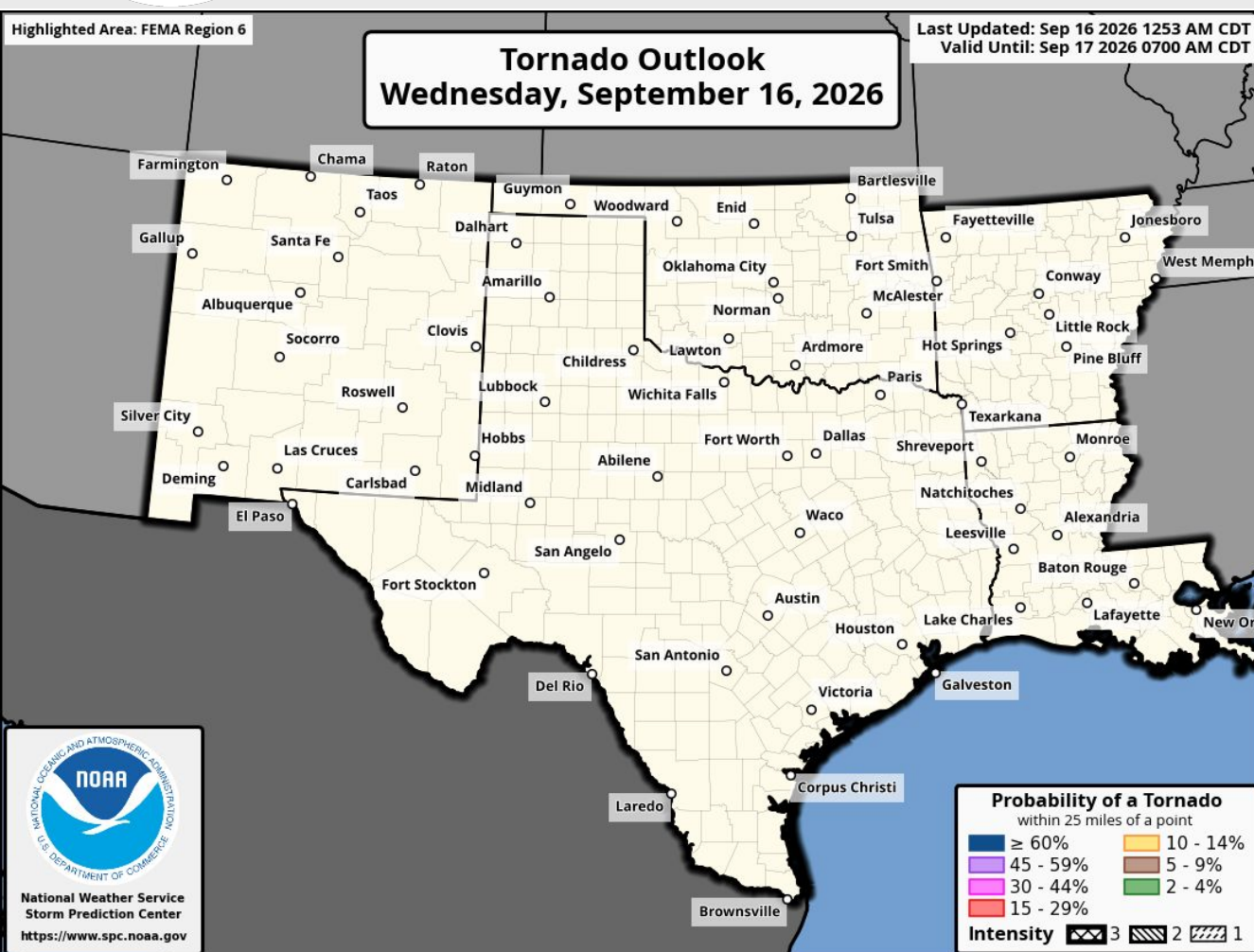
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in Far W TX and the TX/OK Panhandles.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides



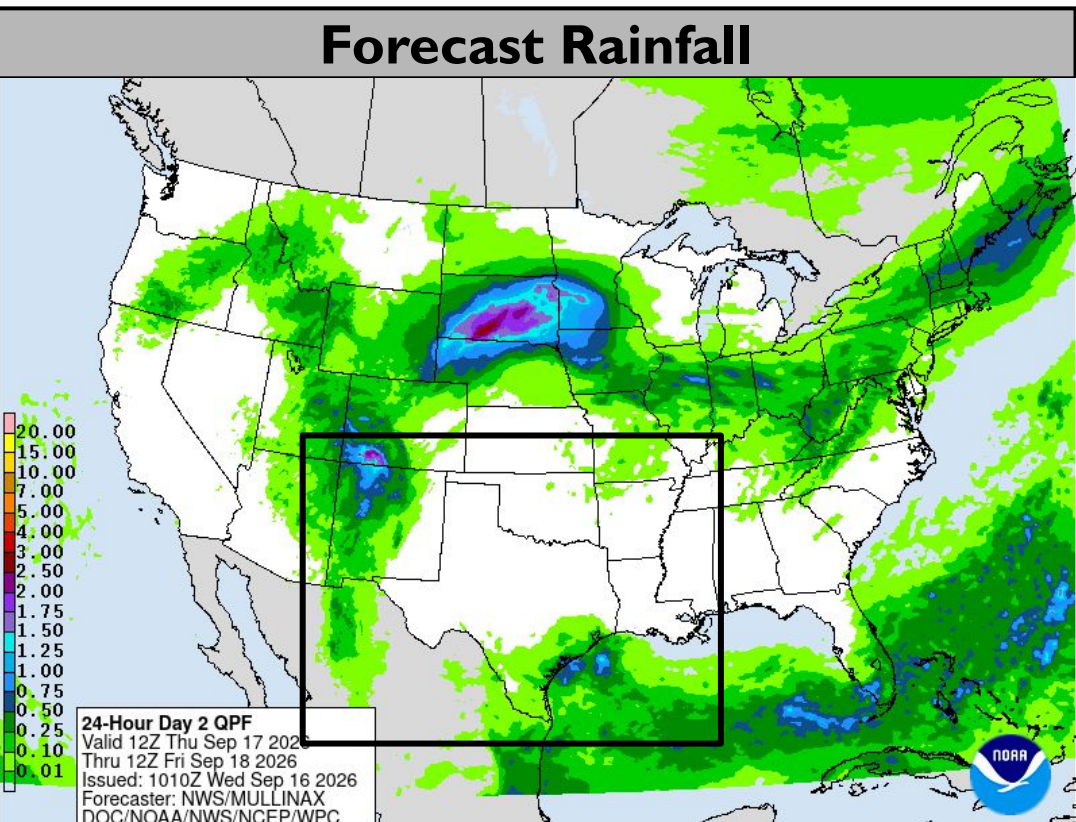
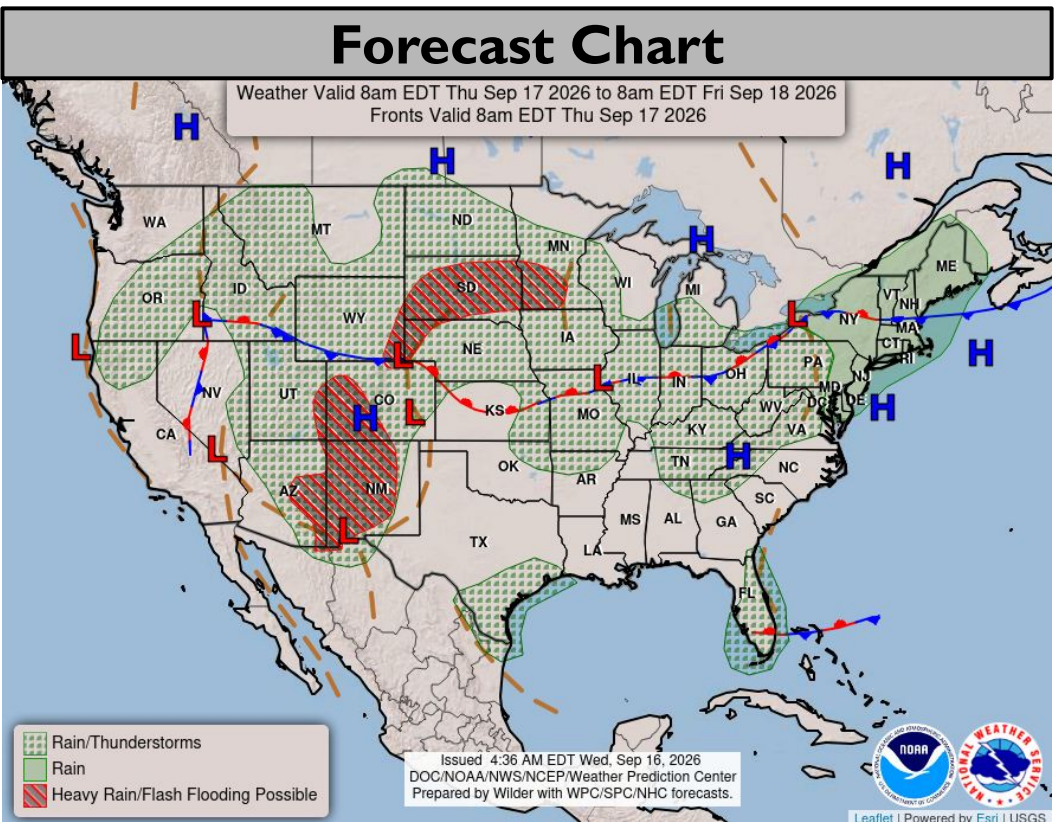


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



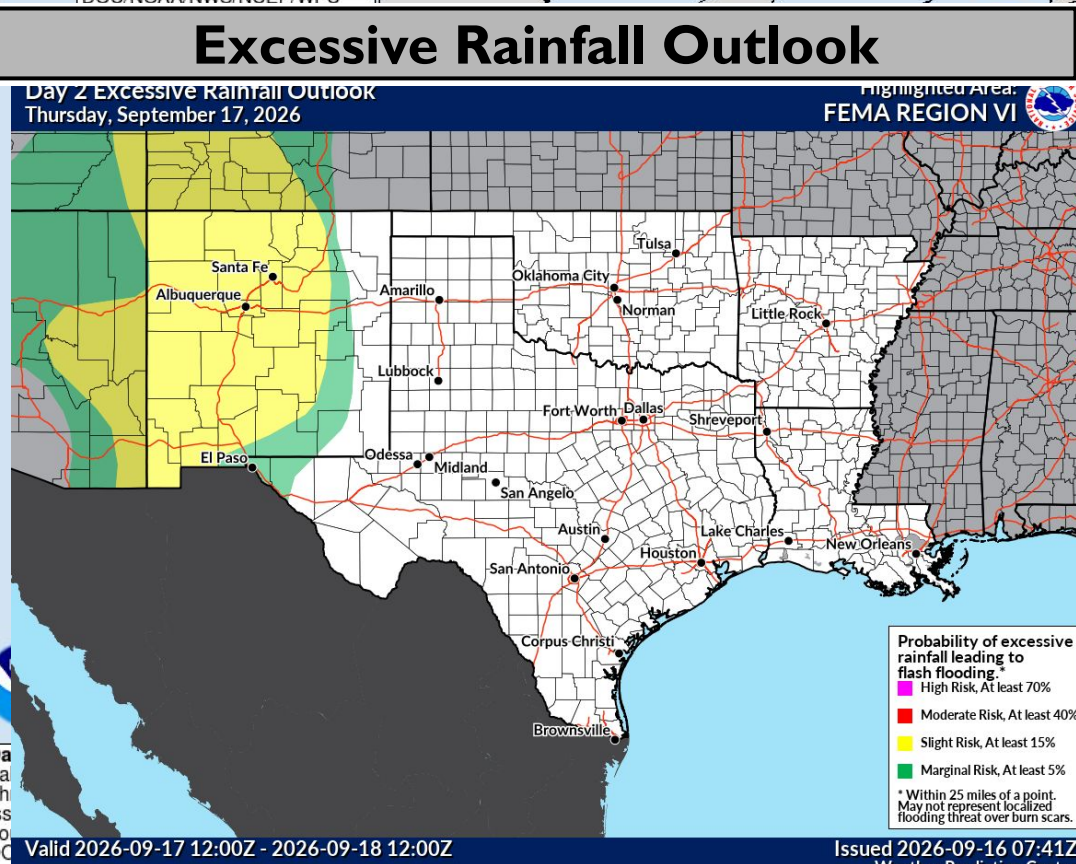
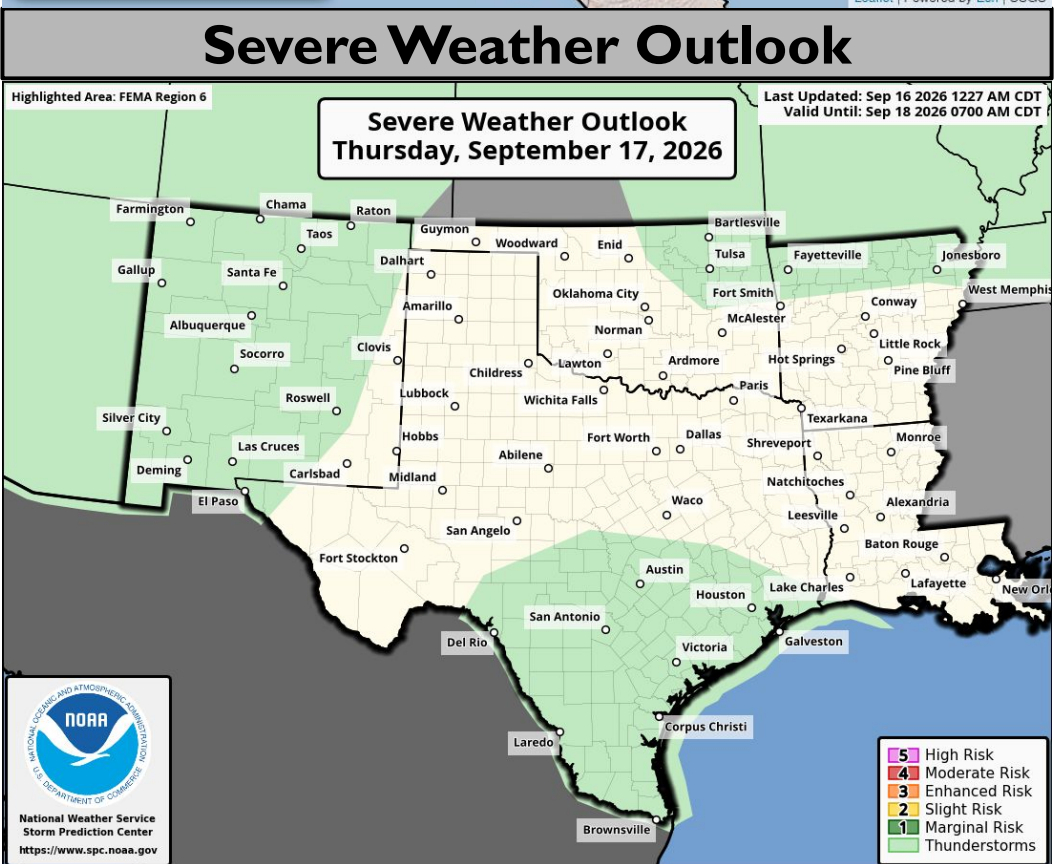


Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NM. Monitoring for high rainfall rates up to 2-3" per hour.

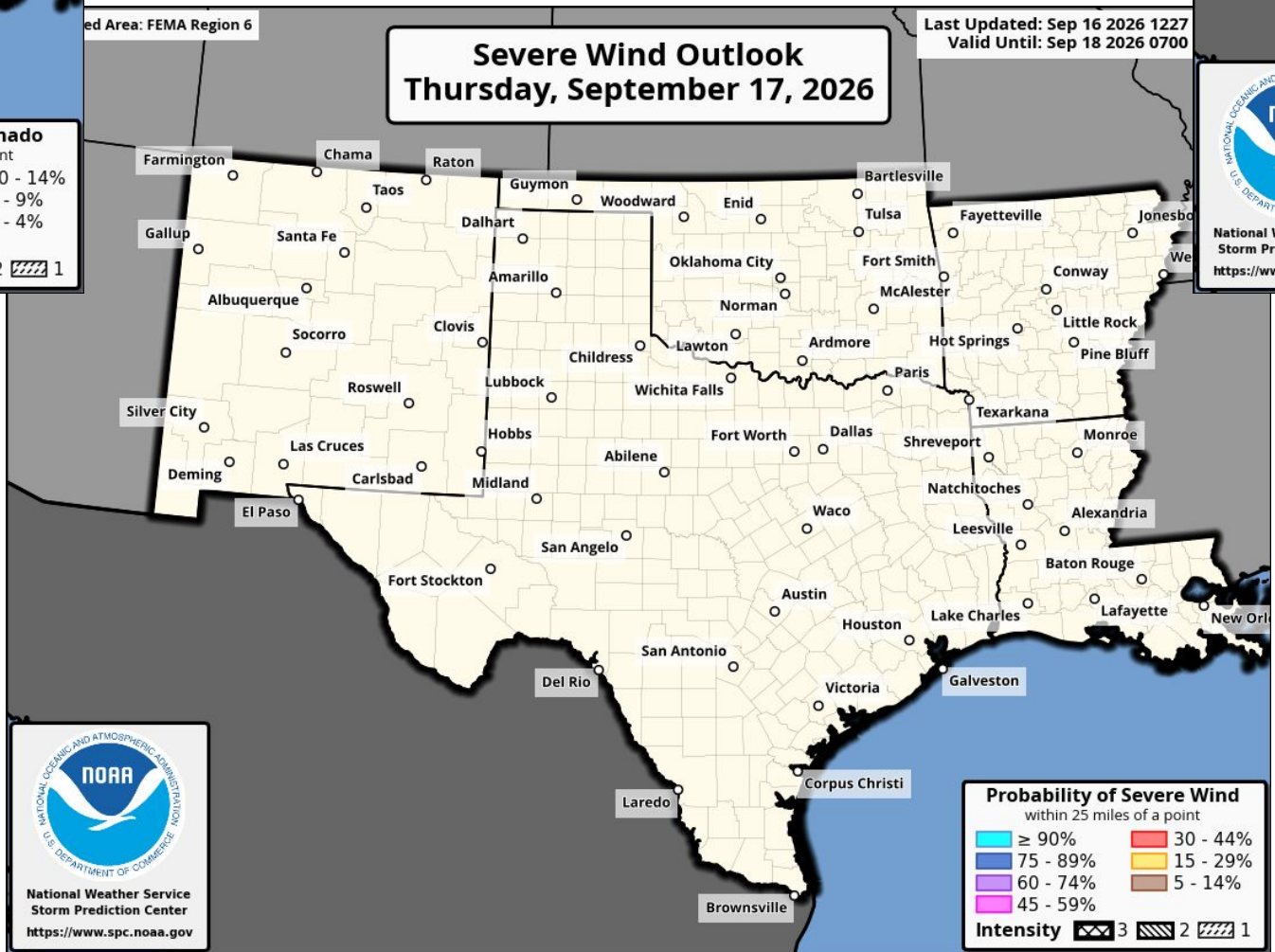
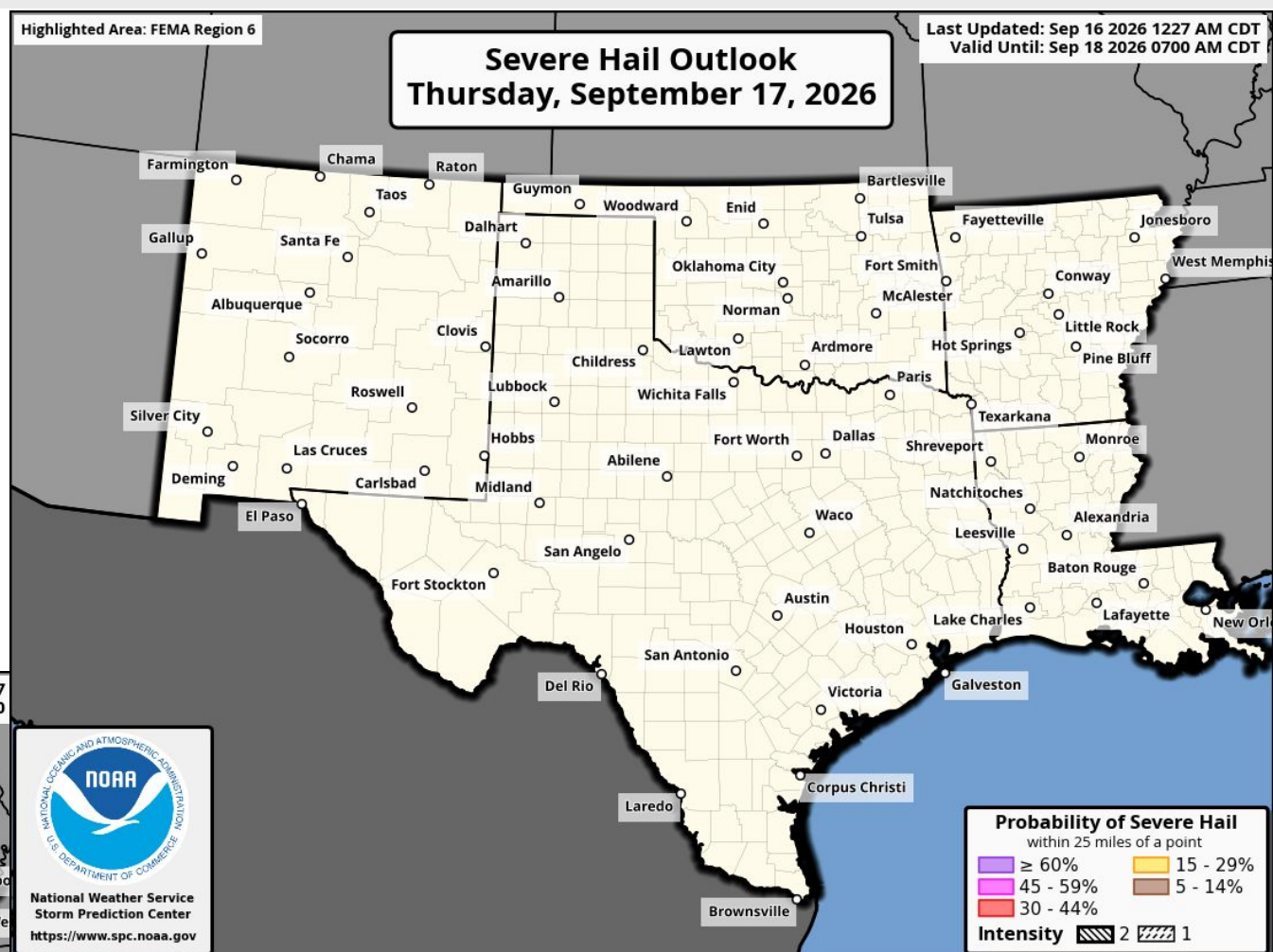
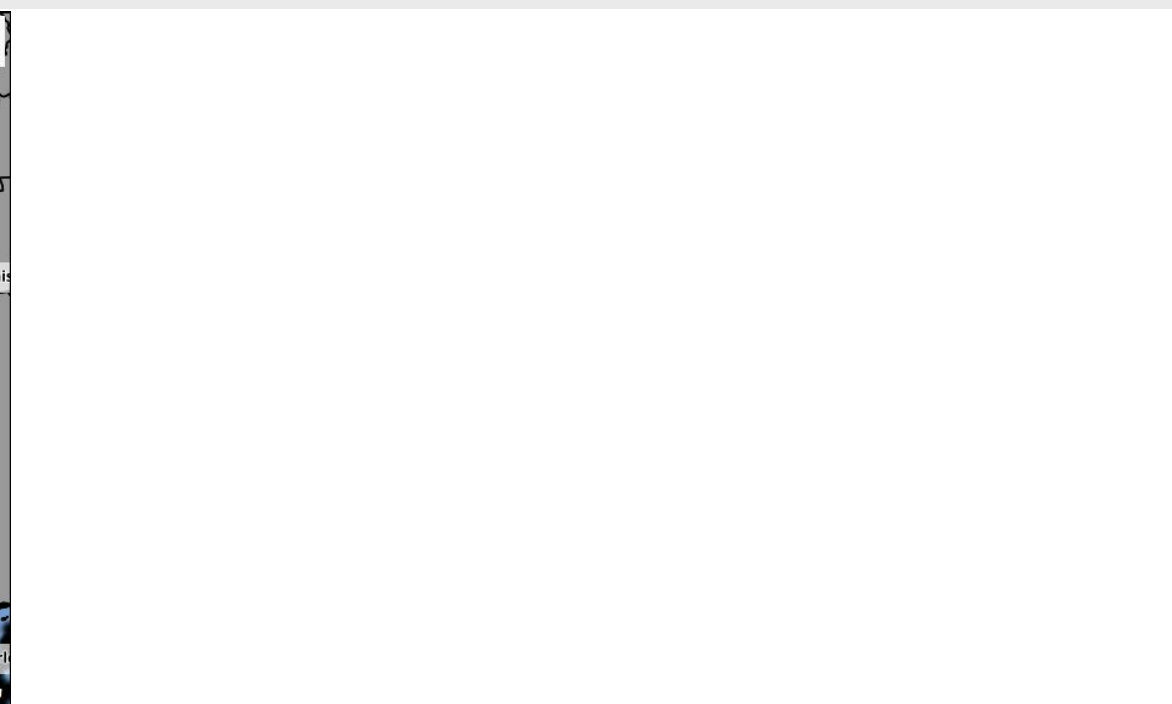
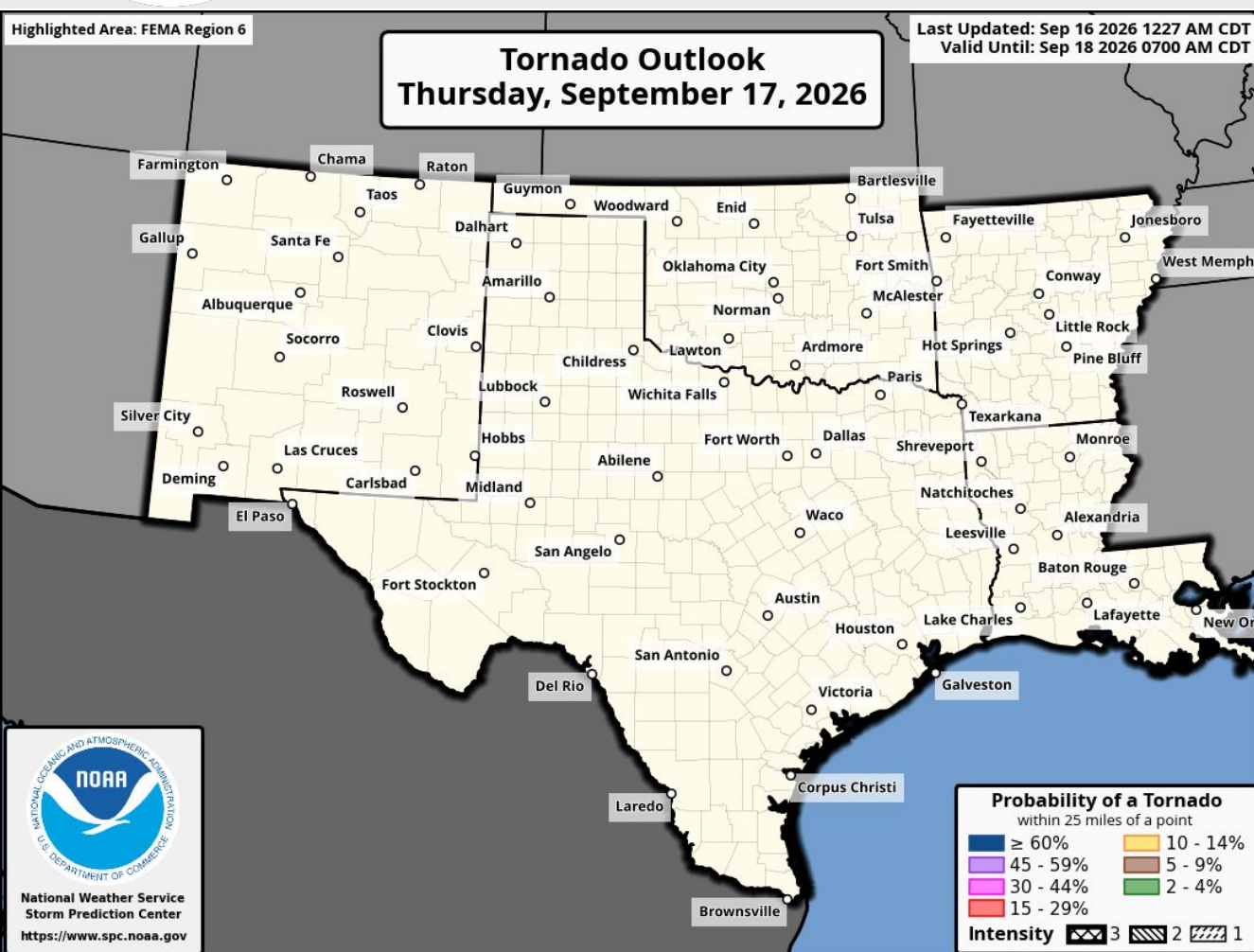
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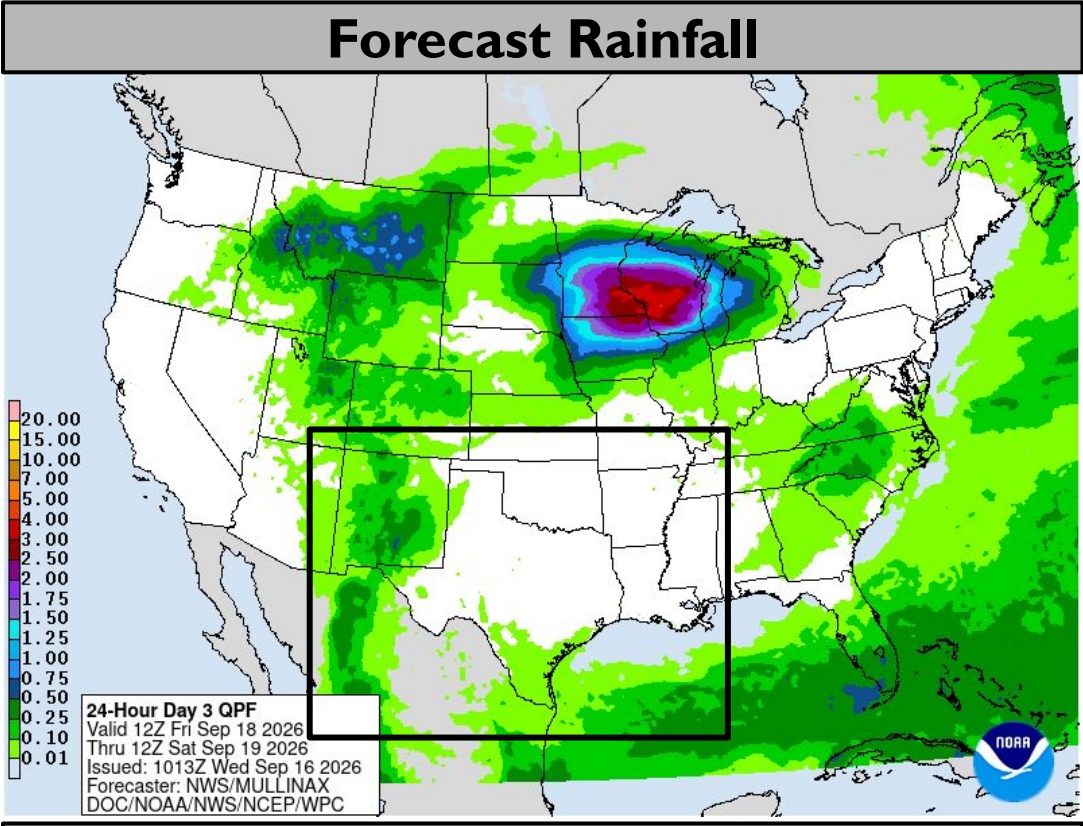
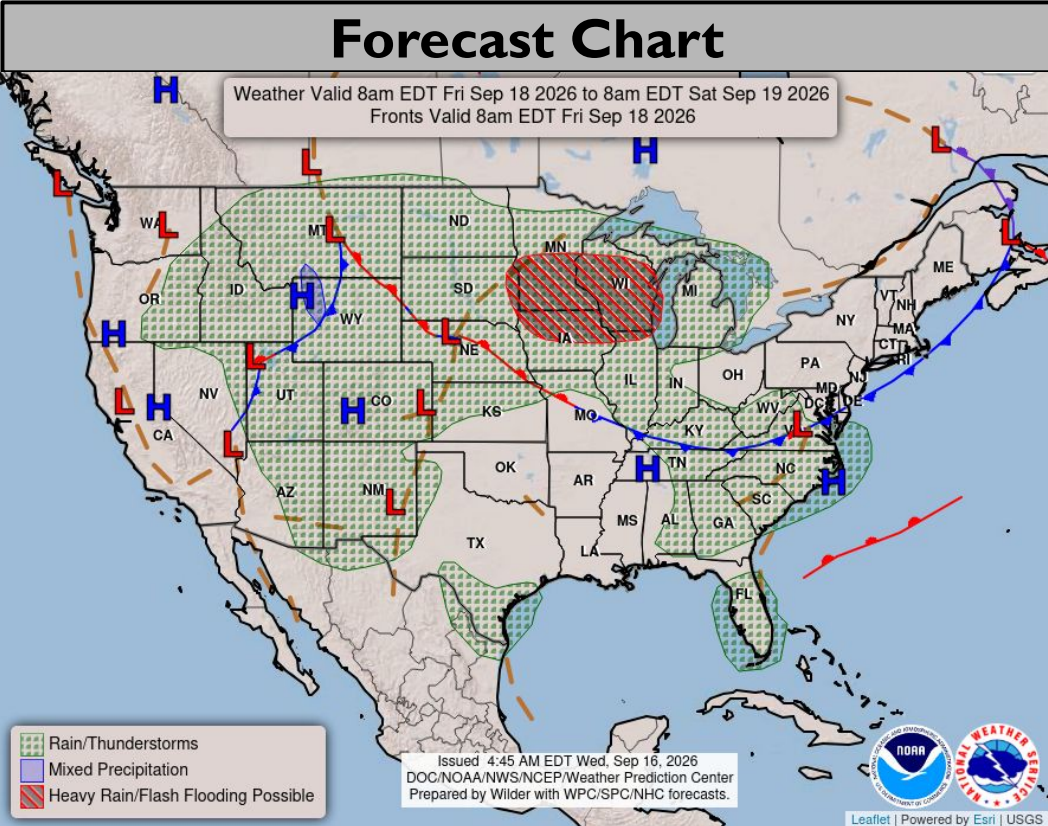


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

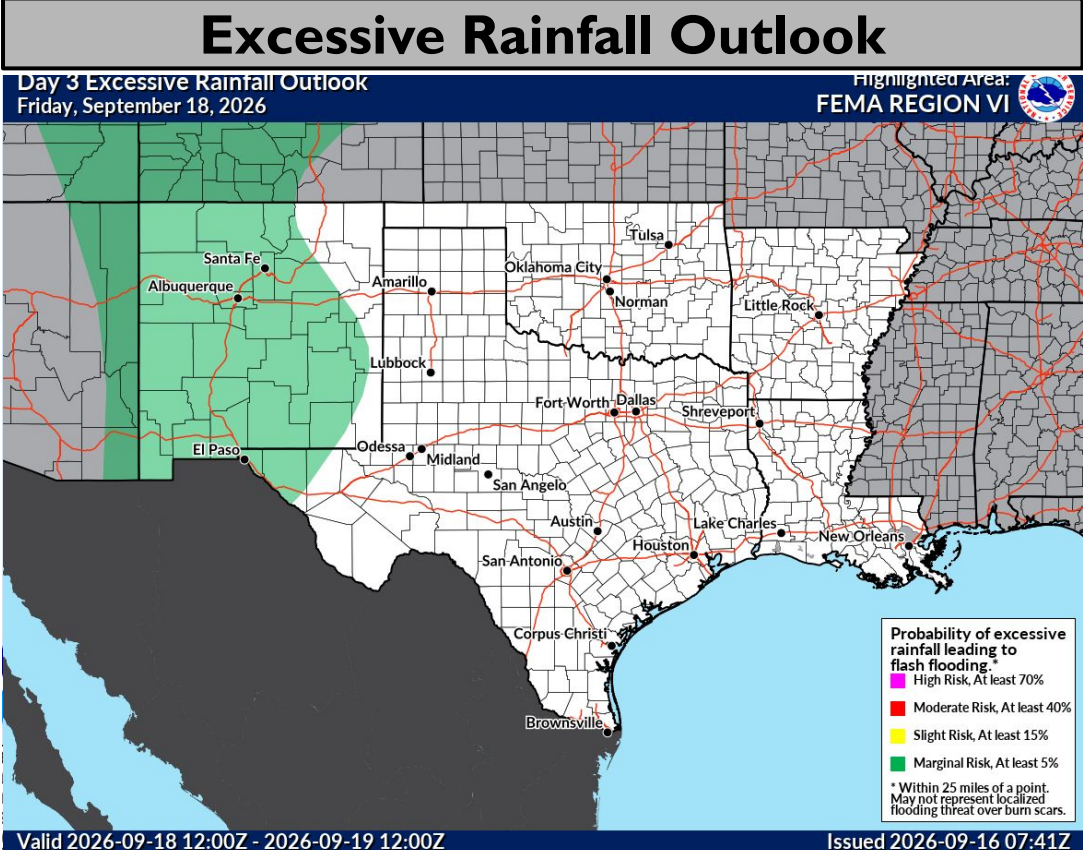
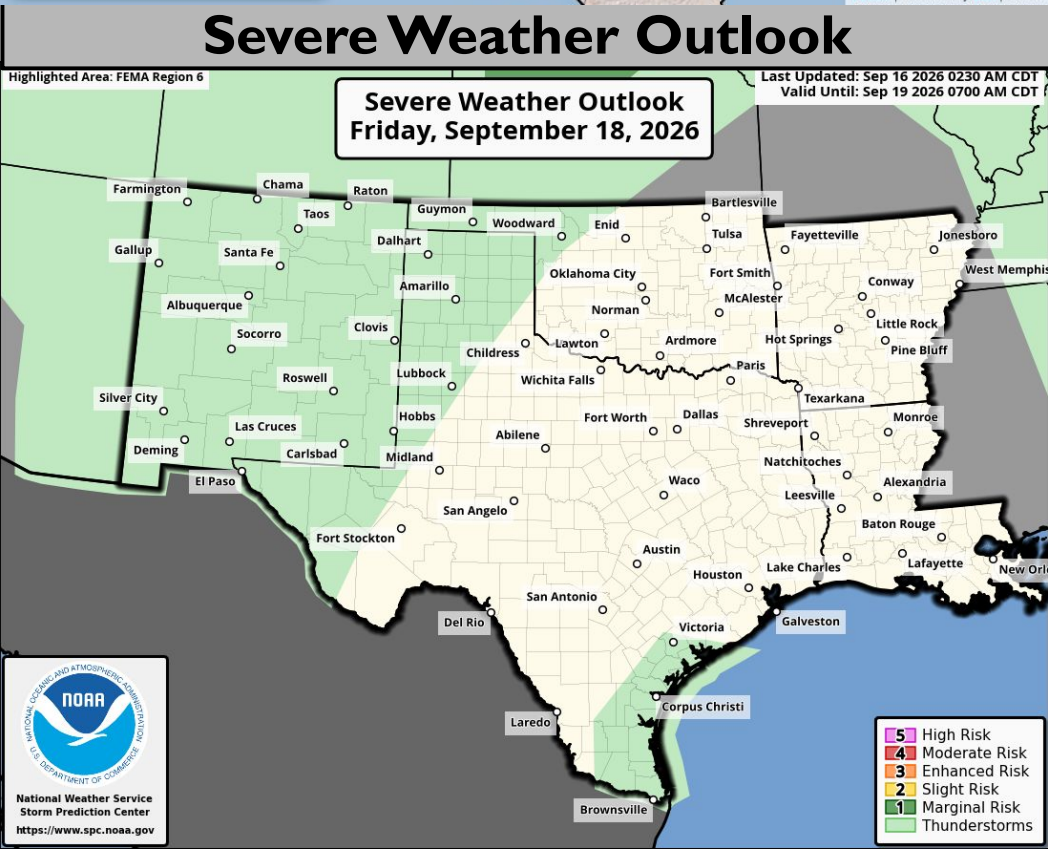




Friday's Weather



Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far W TX.
Monitoring NM for rainfall rates up to 2-3" per hour.

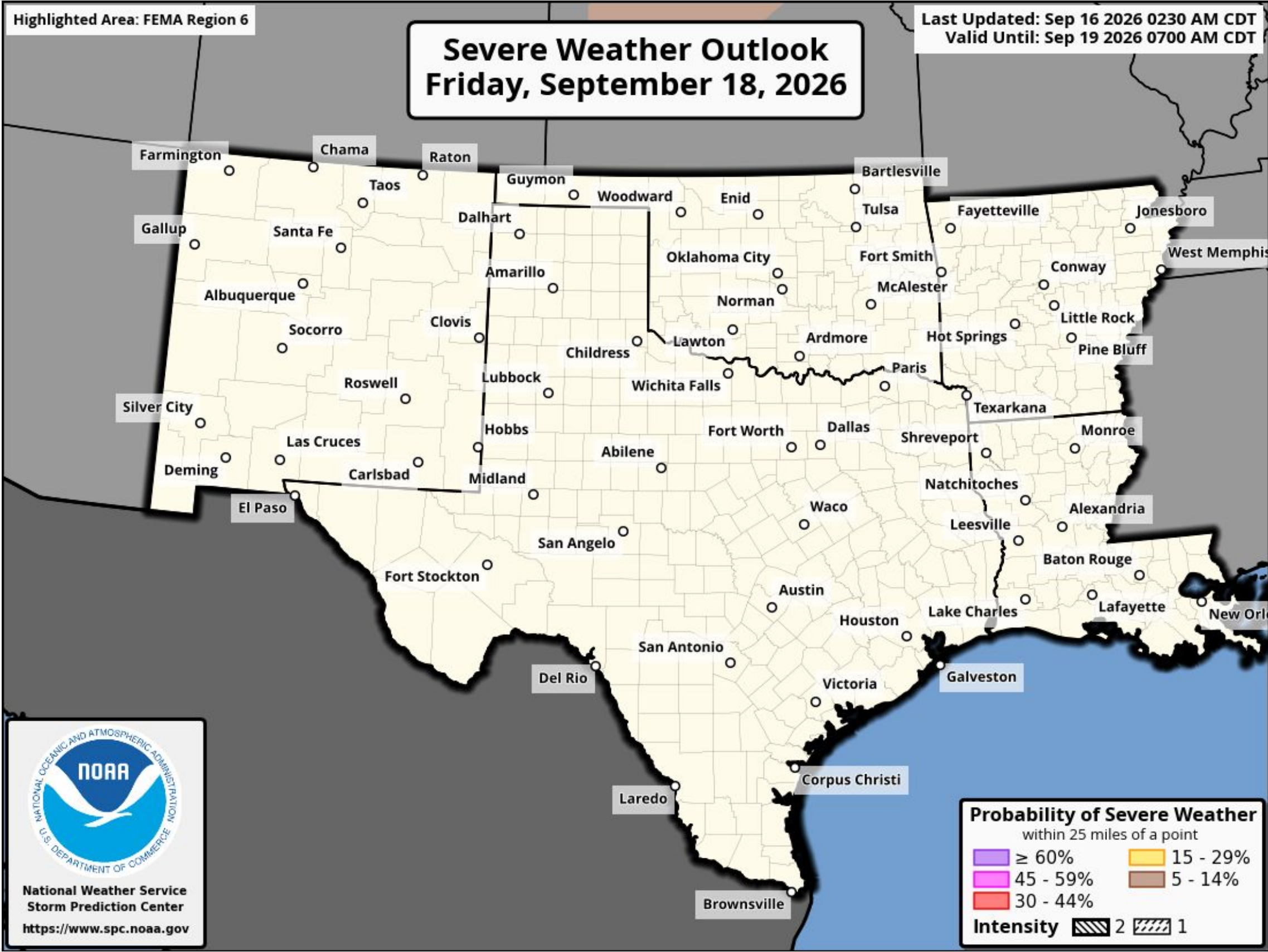


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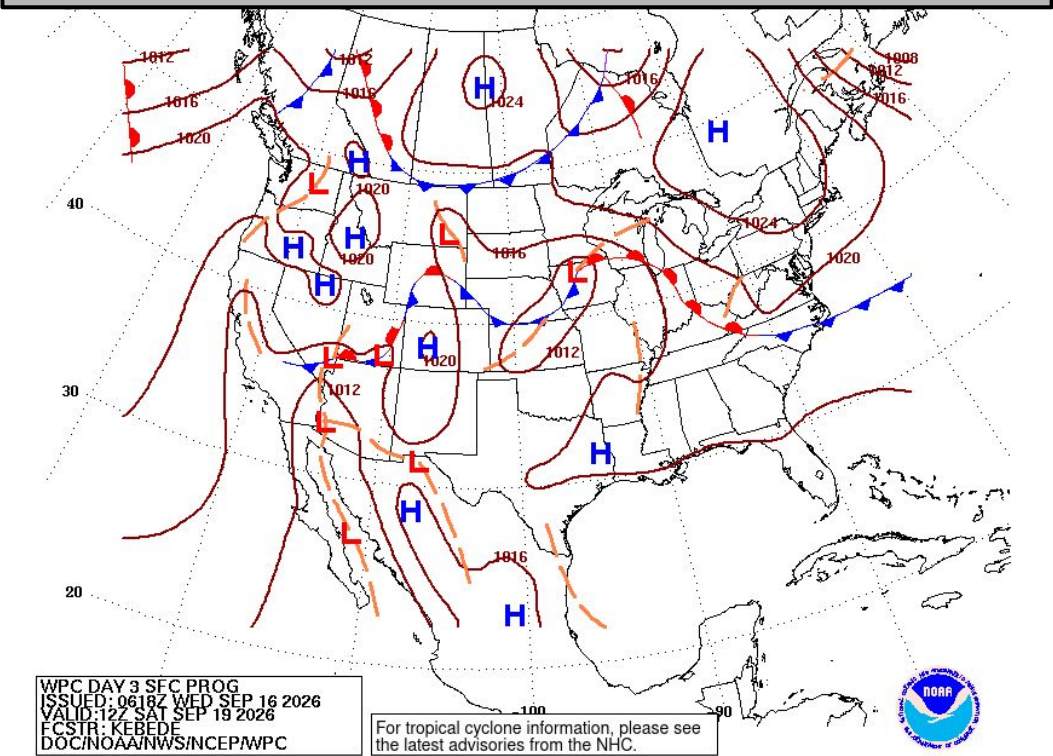
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



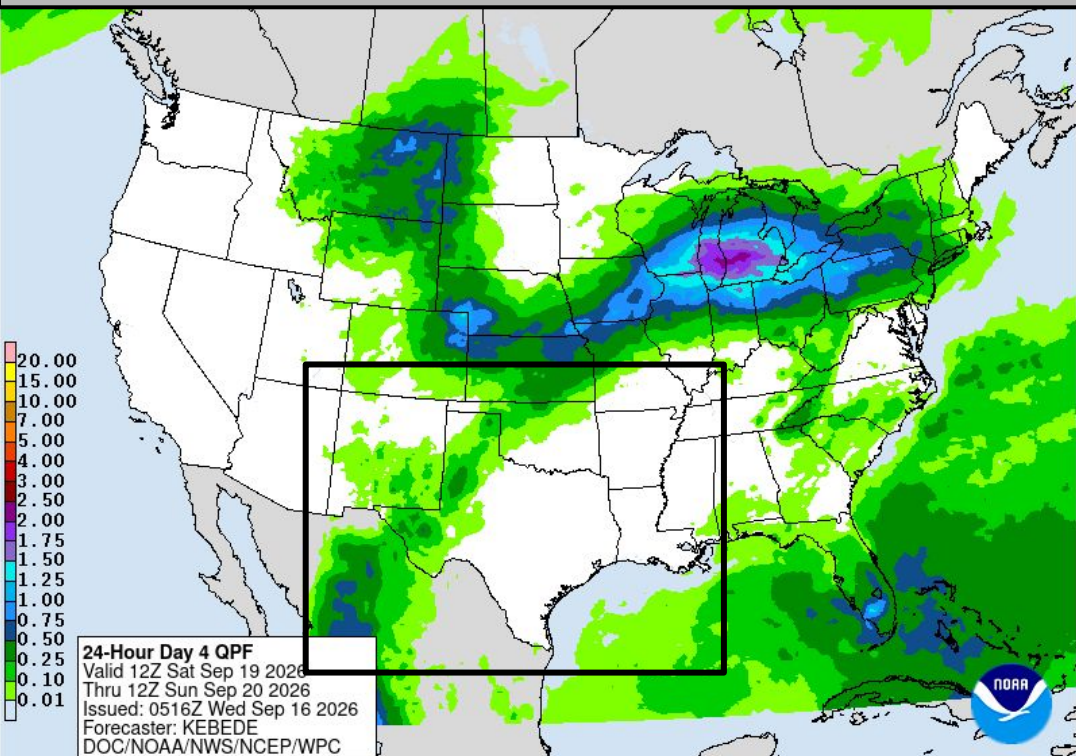


Saturday's Weather

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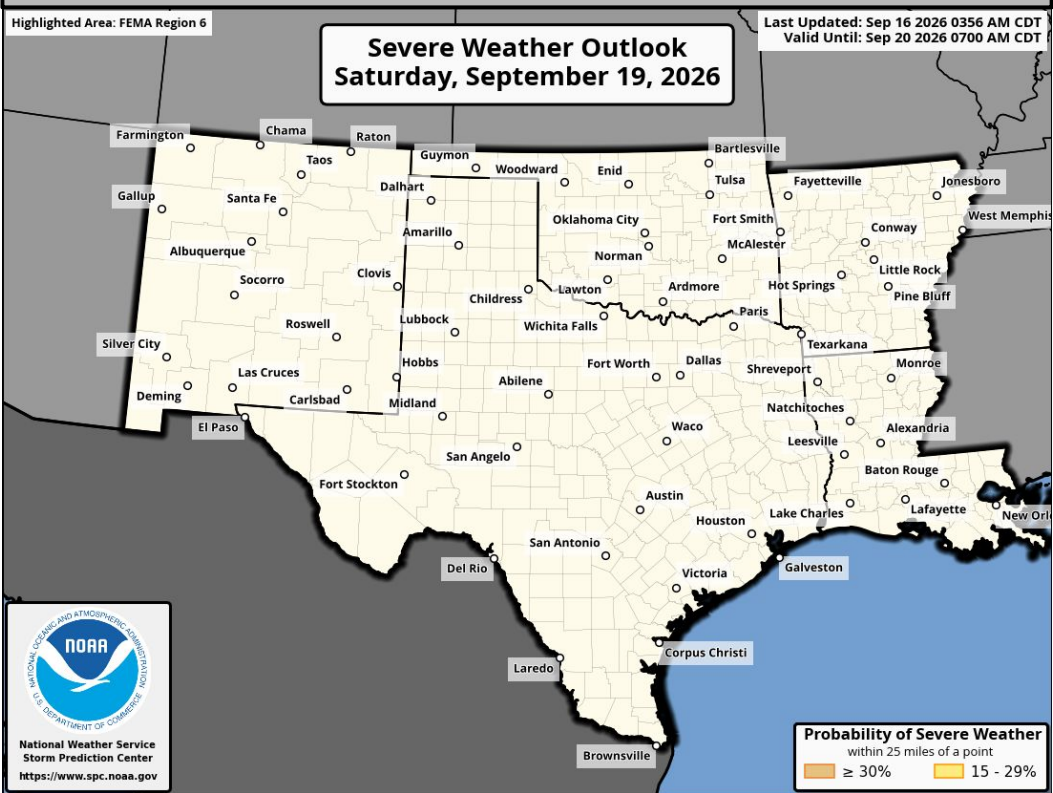


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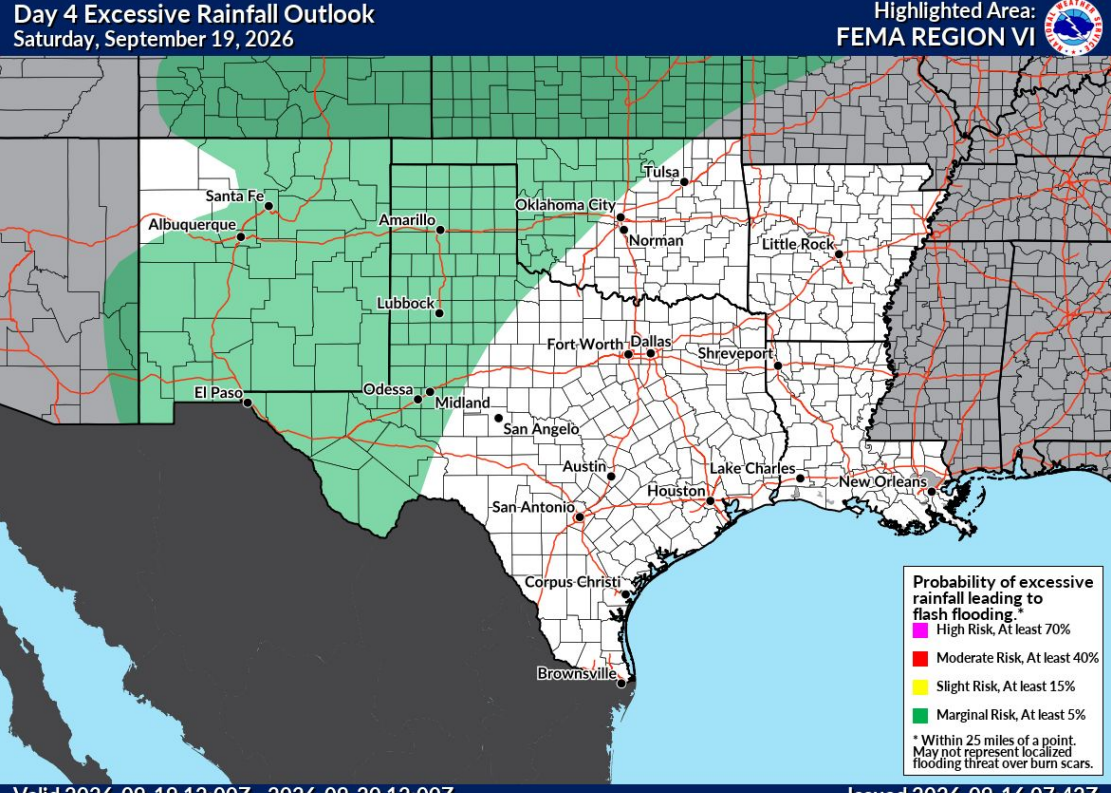


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, OK, NW TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



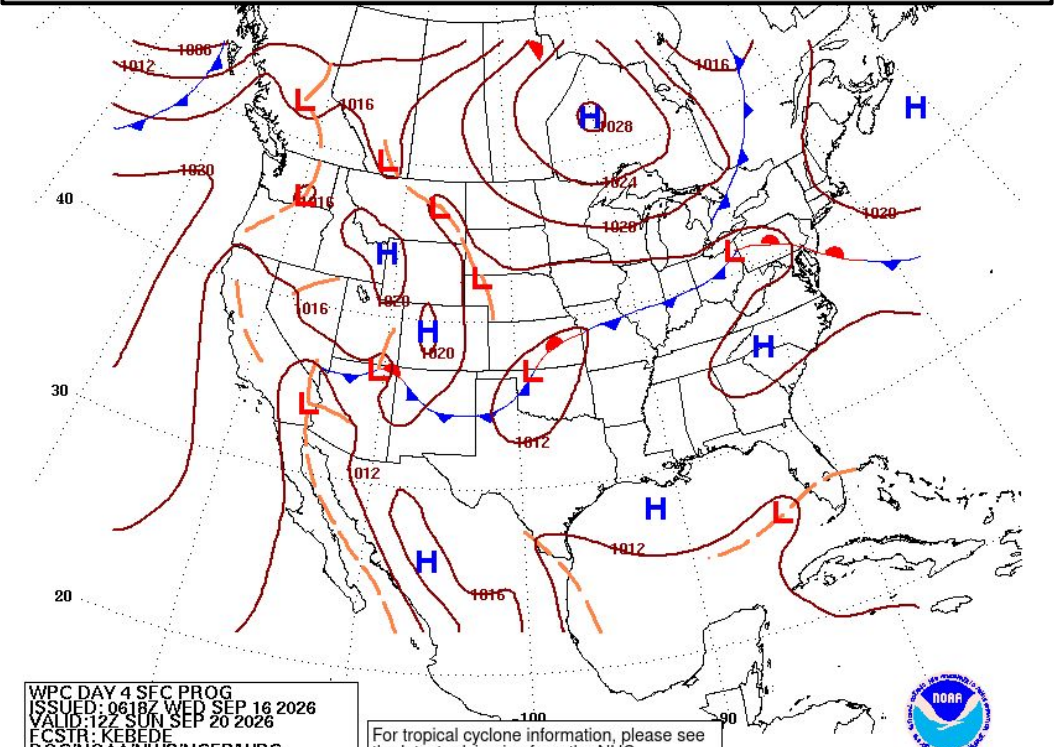
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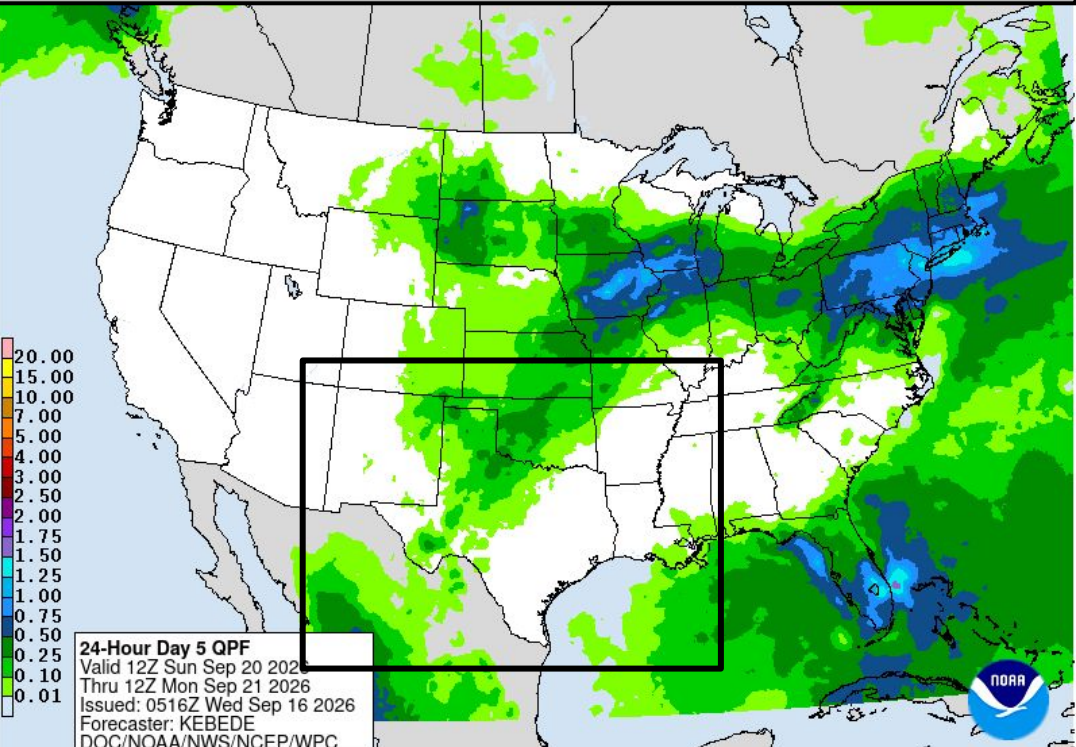


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

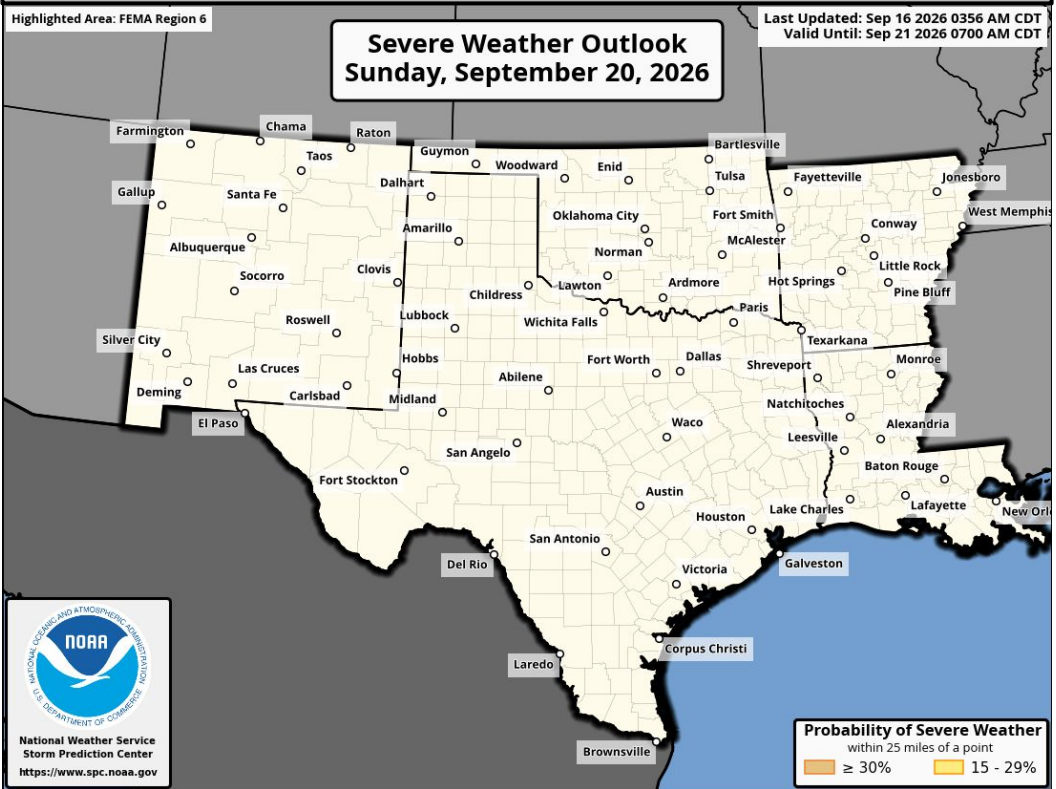


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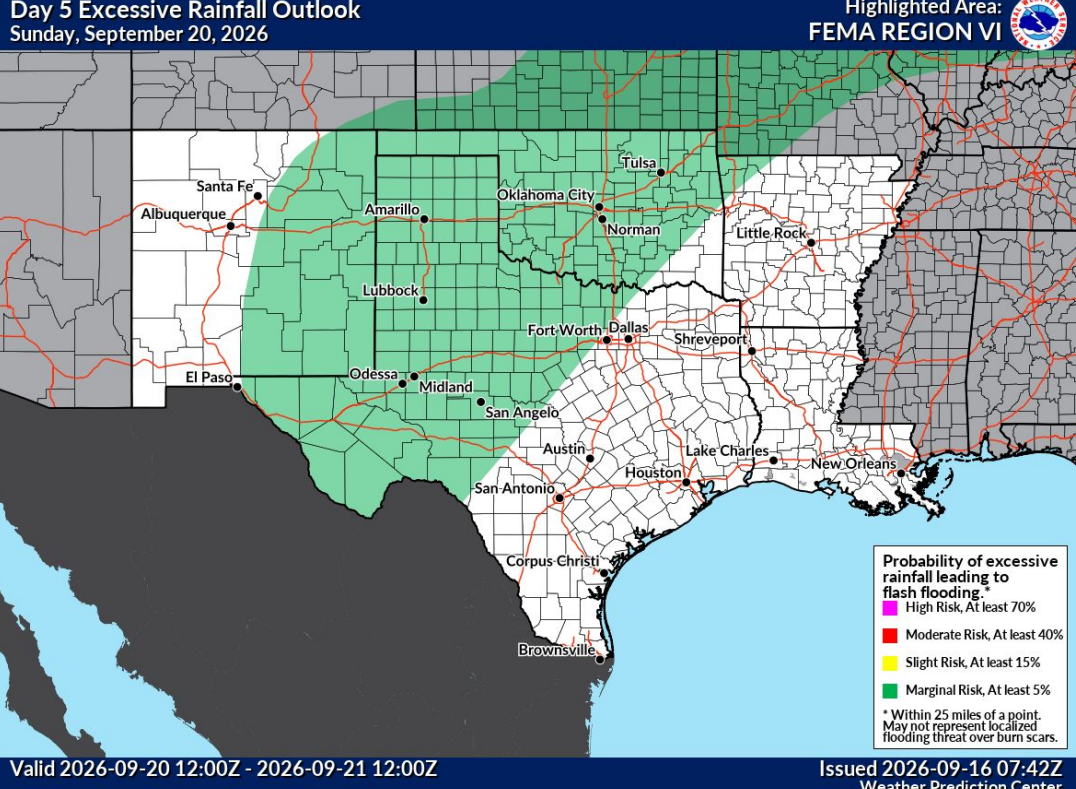


**Marginal risk for flash flooding
(level I of 4) over NM, OK,
NW AR, NW TX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



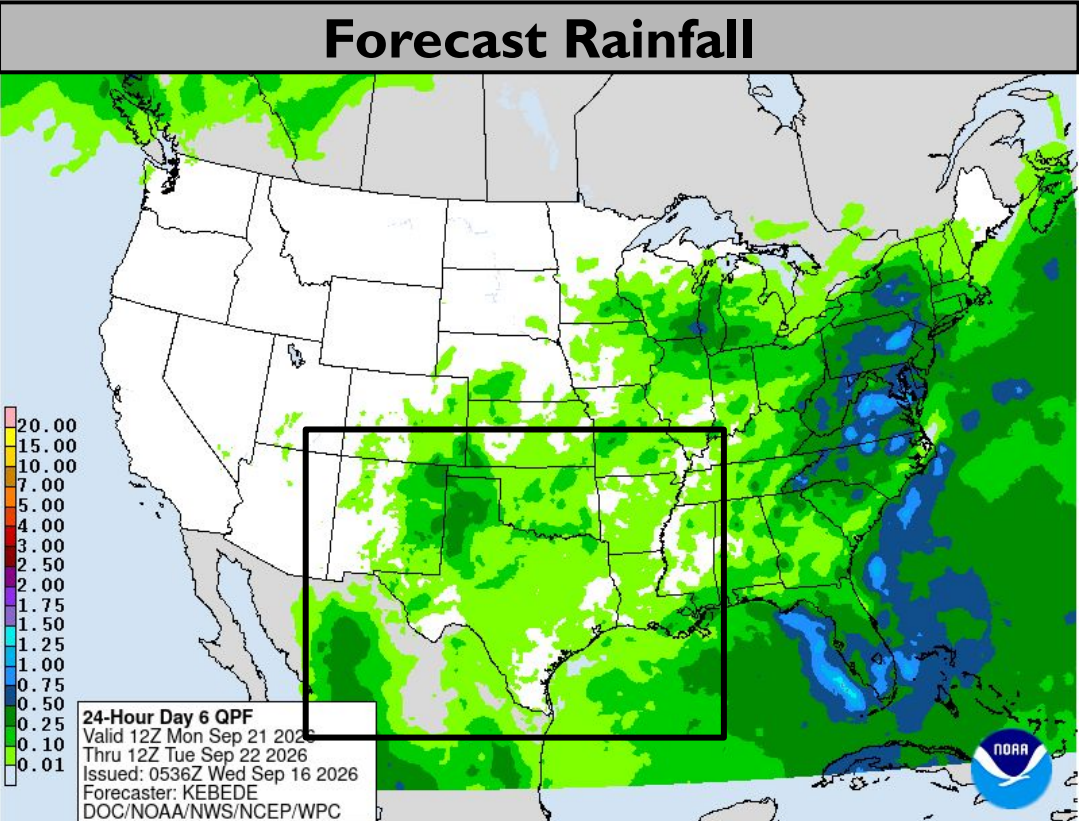
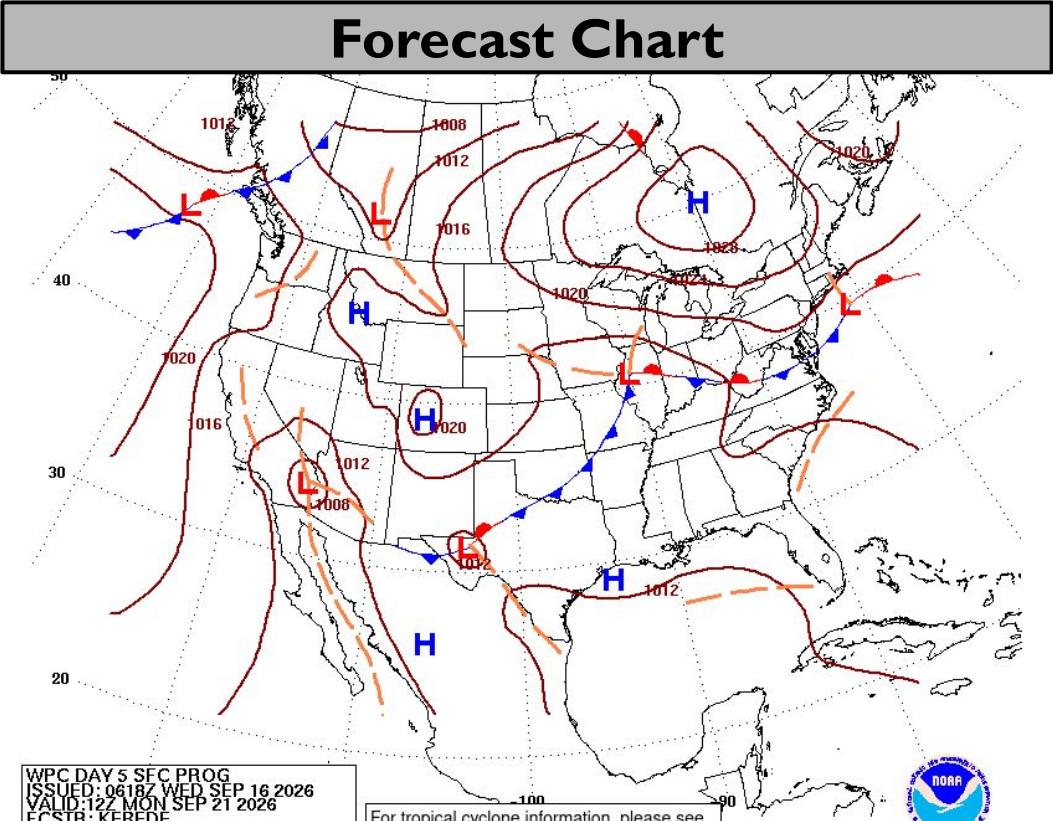
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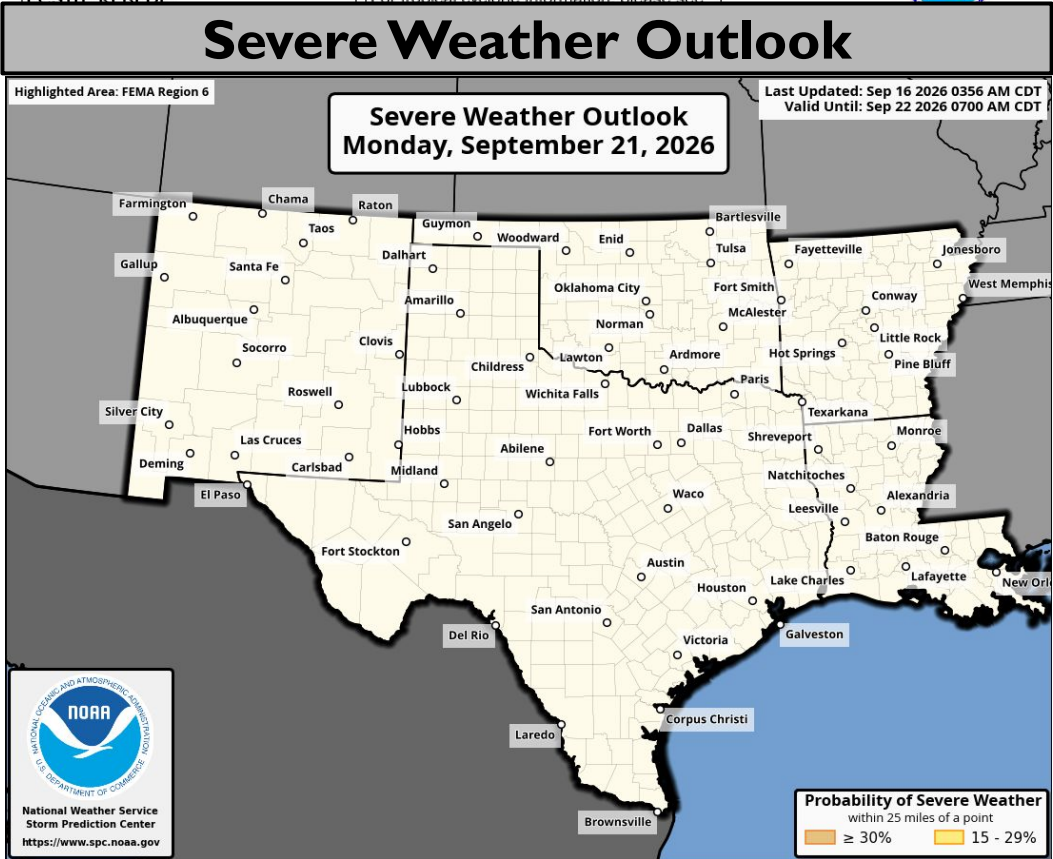
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Monday's Weather



Monitoring NM, Far W TX for heavy rain.



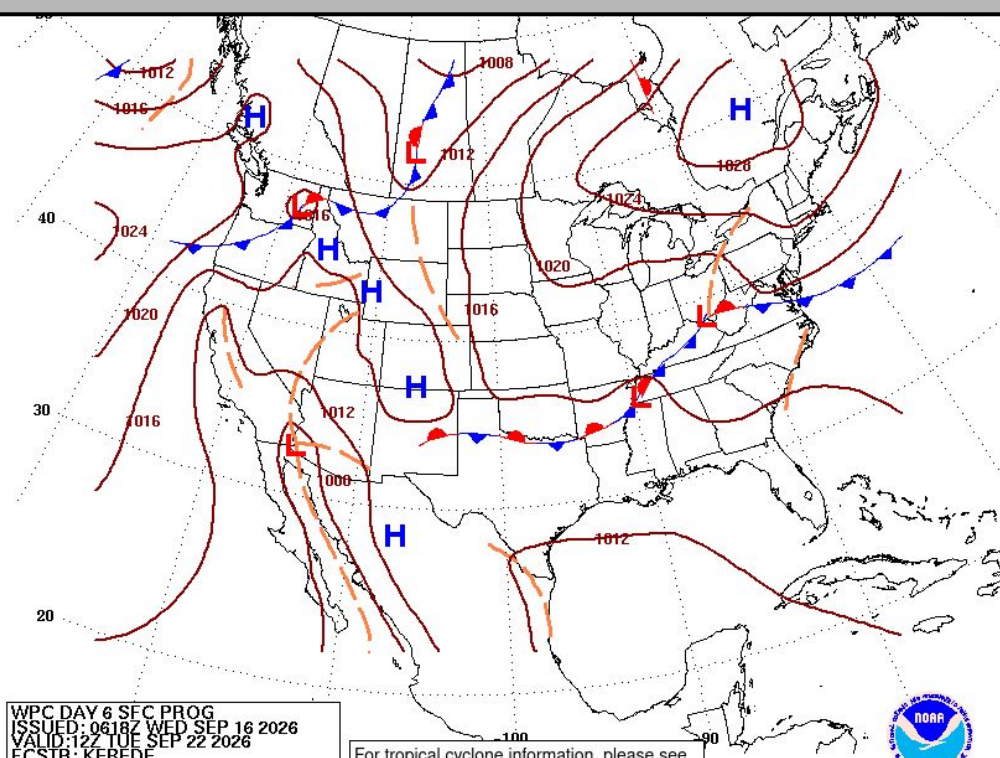
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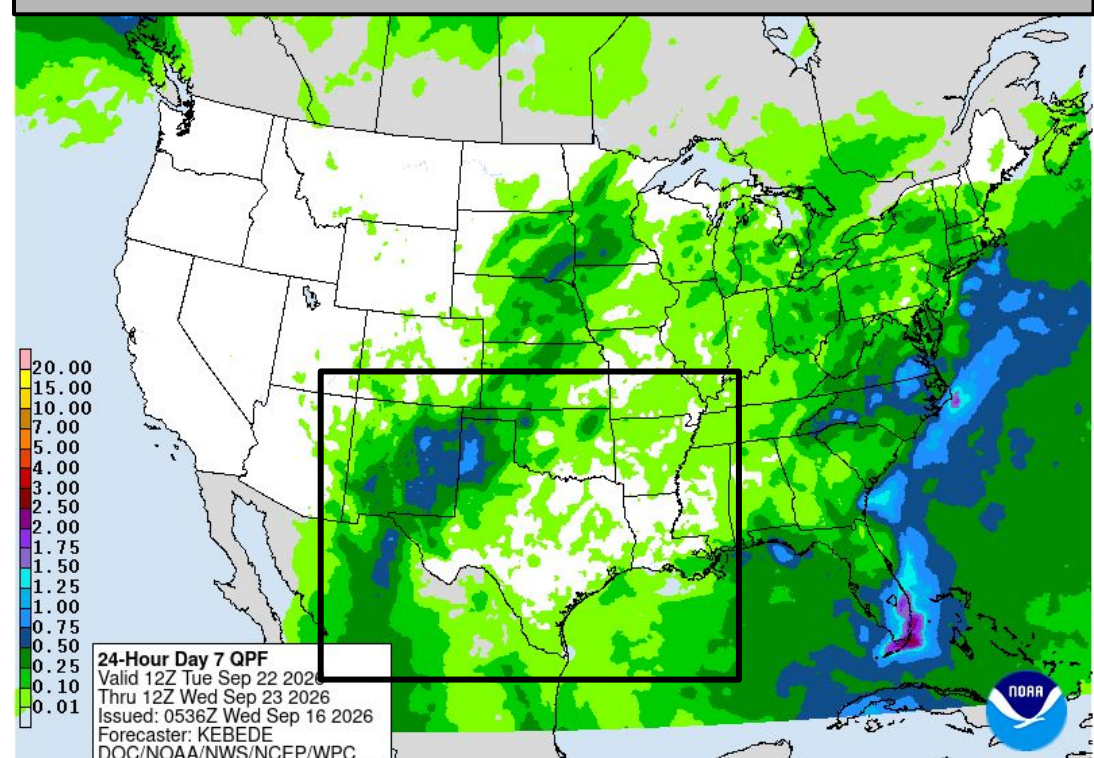


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

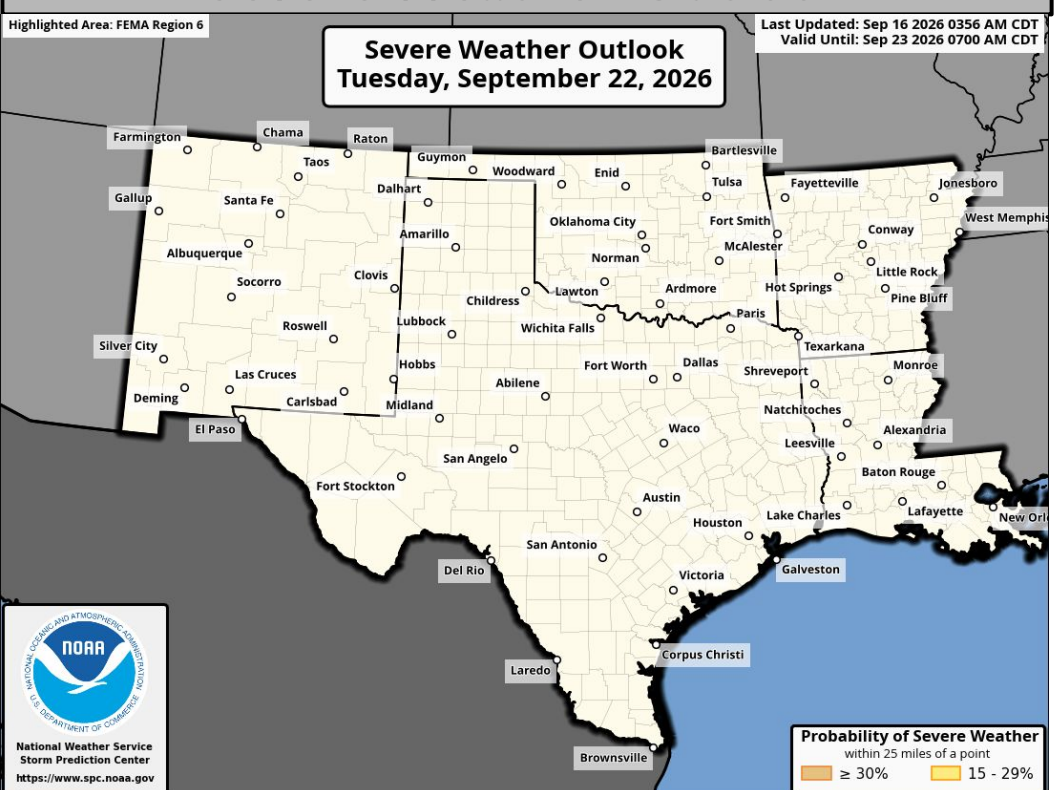


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Severe Weather Outlook

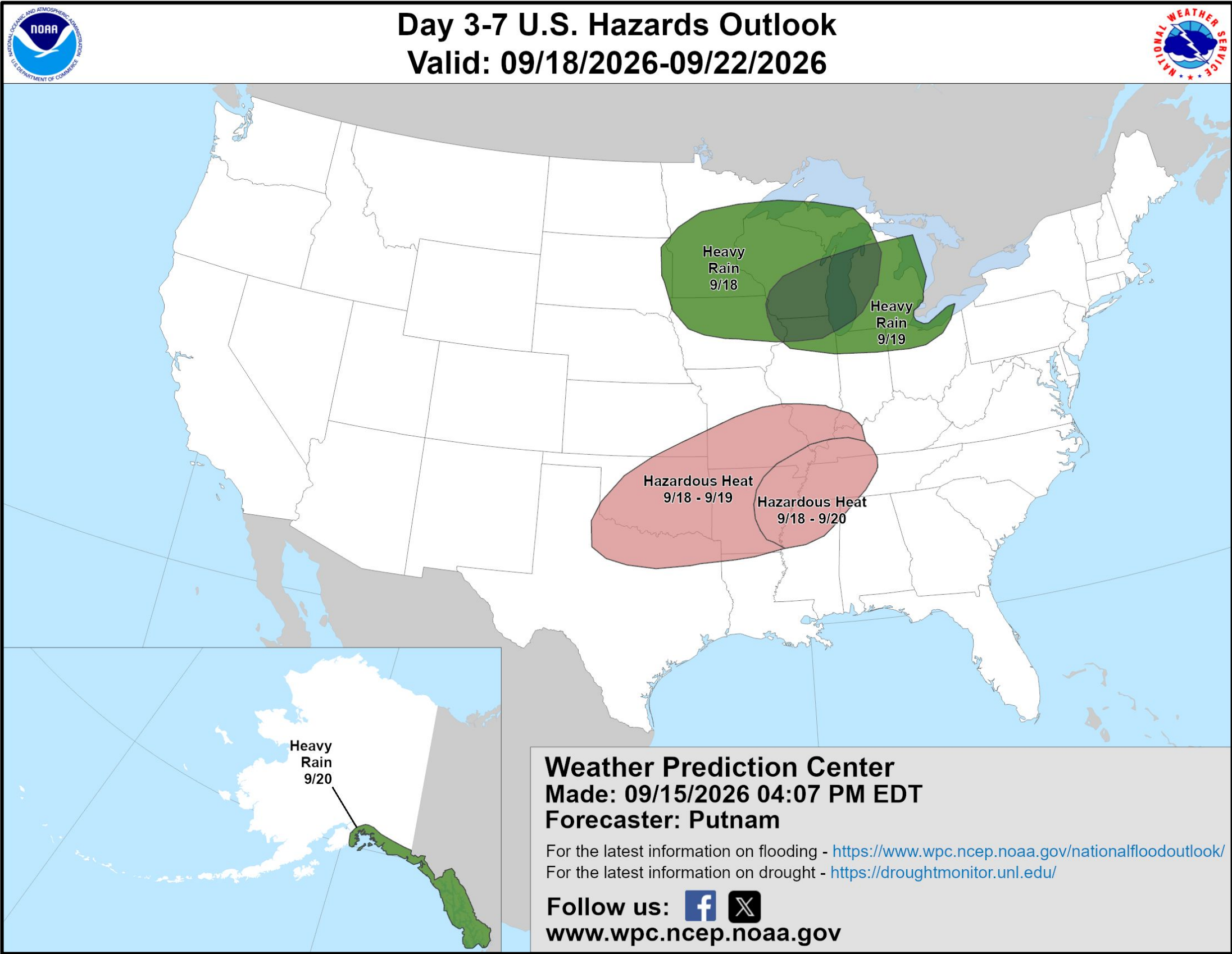


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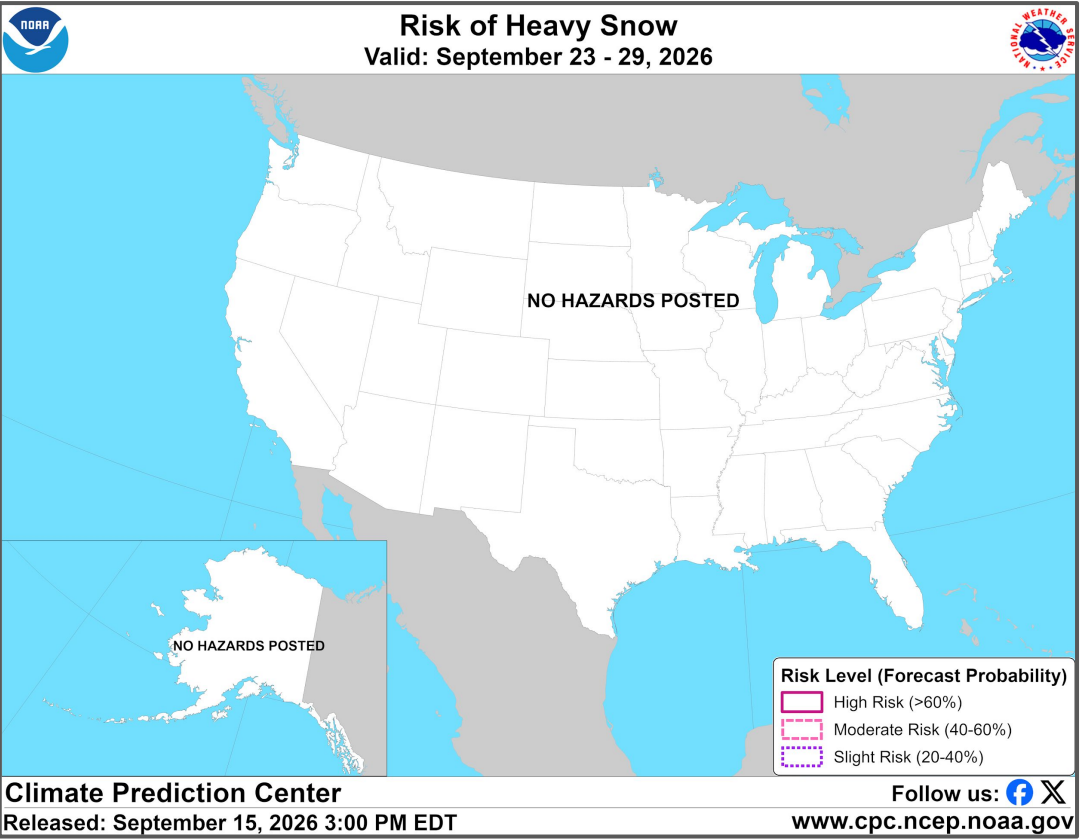
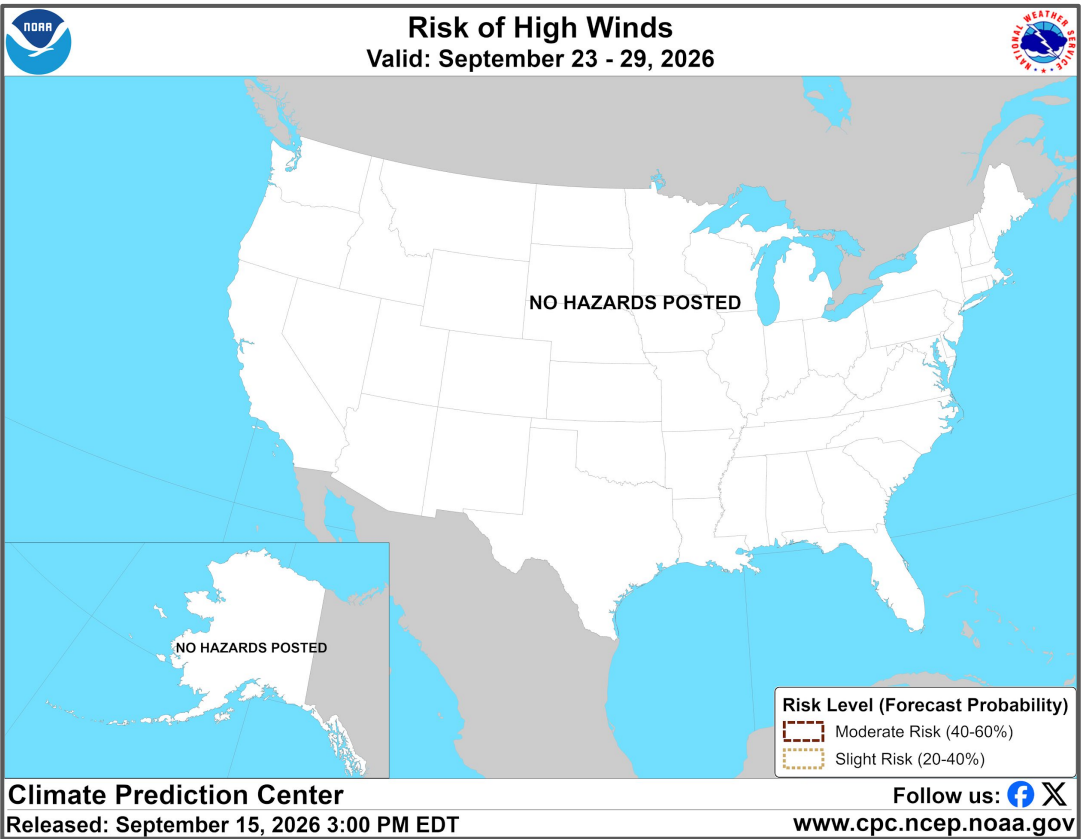
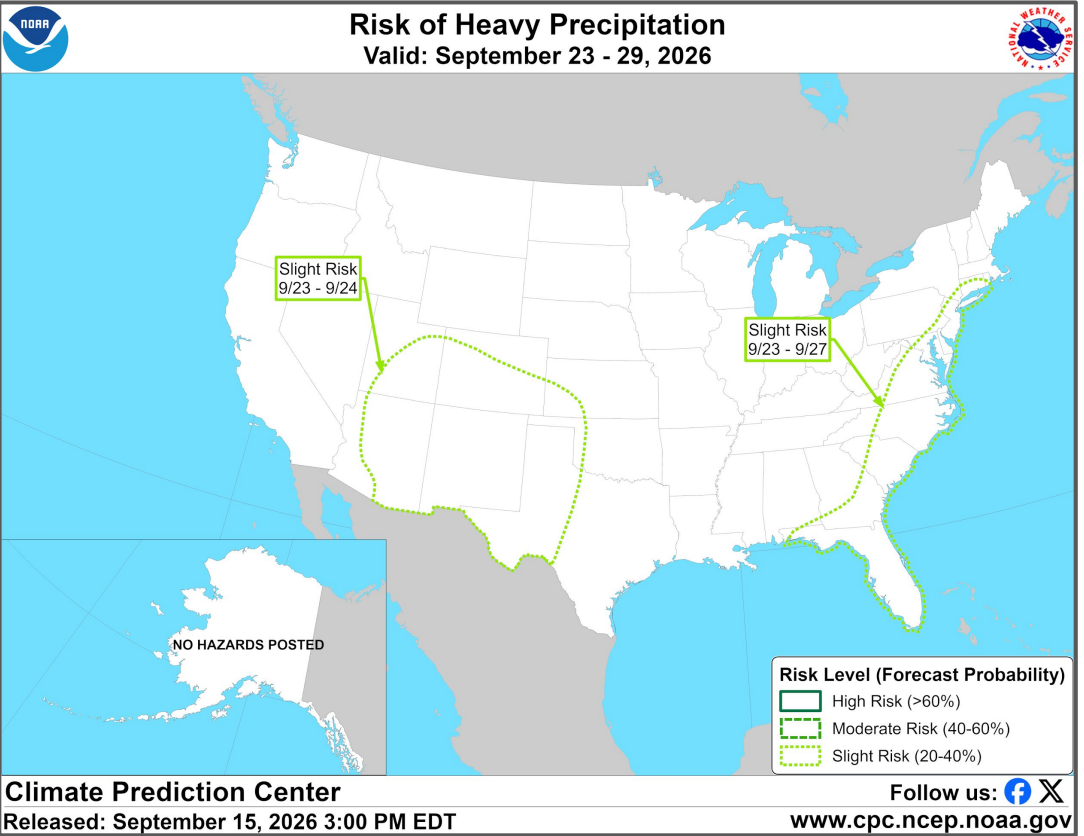
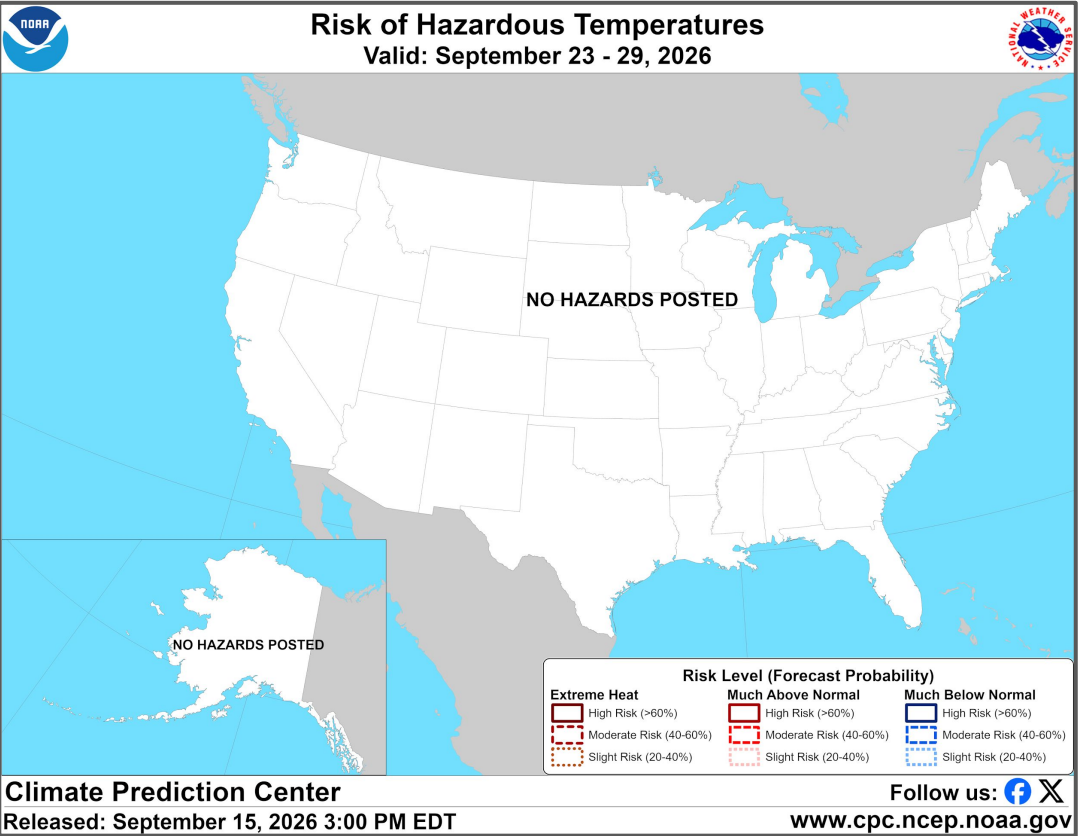
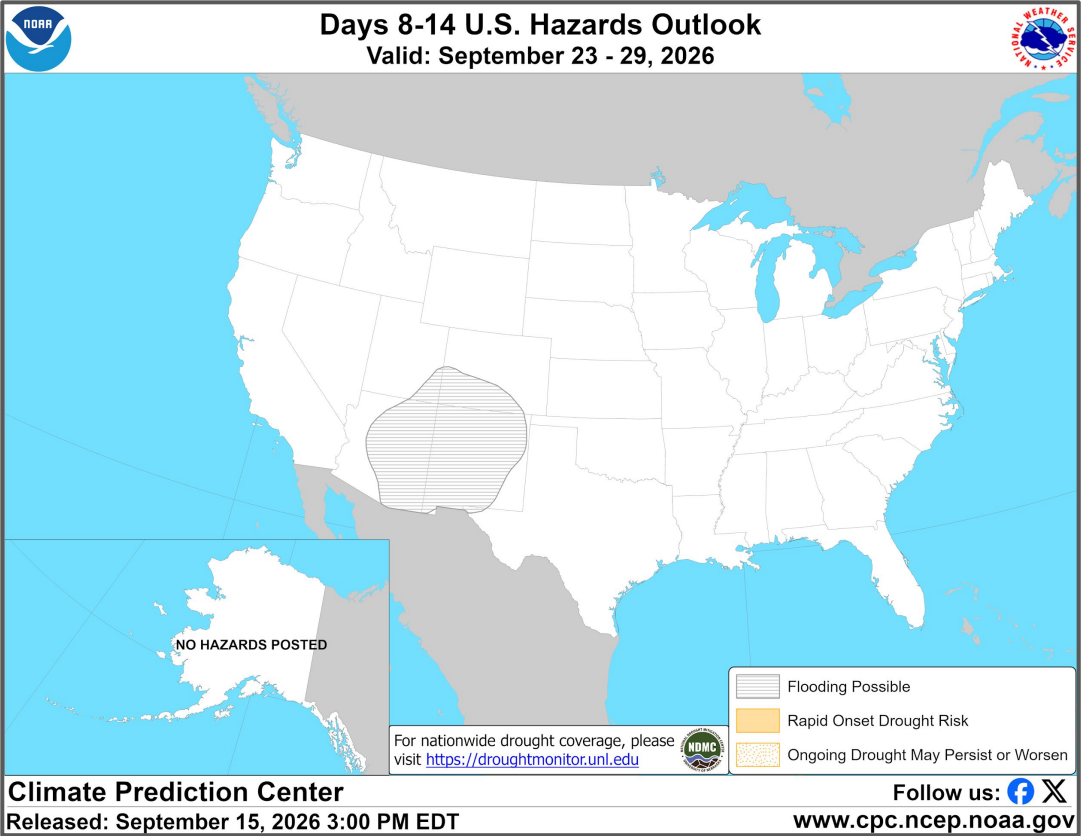


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





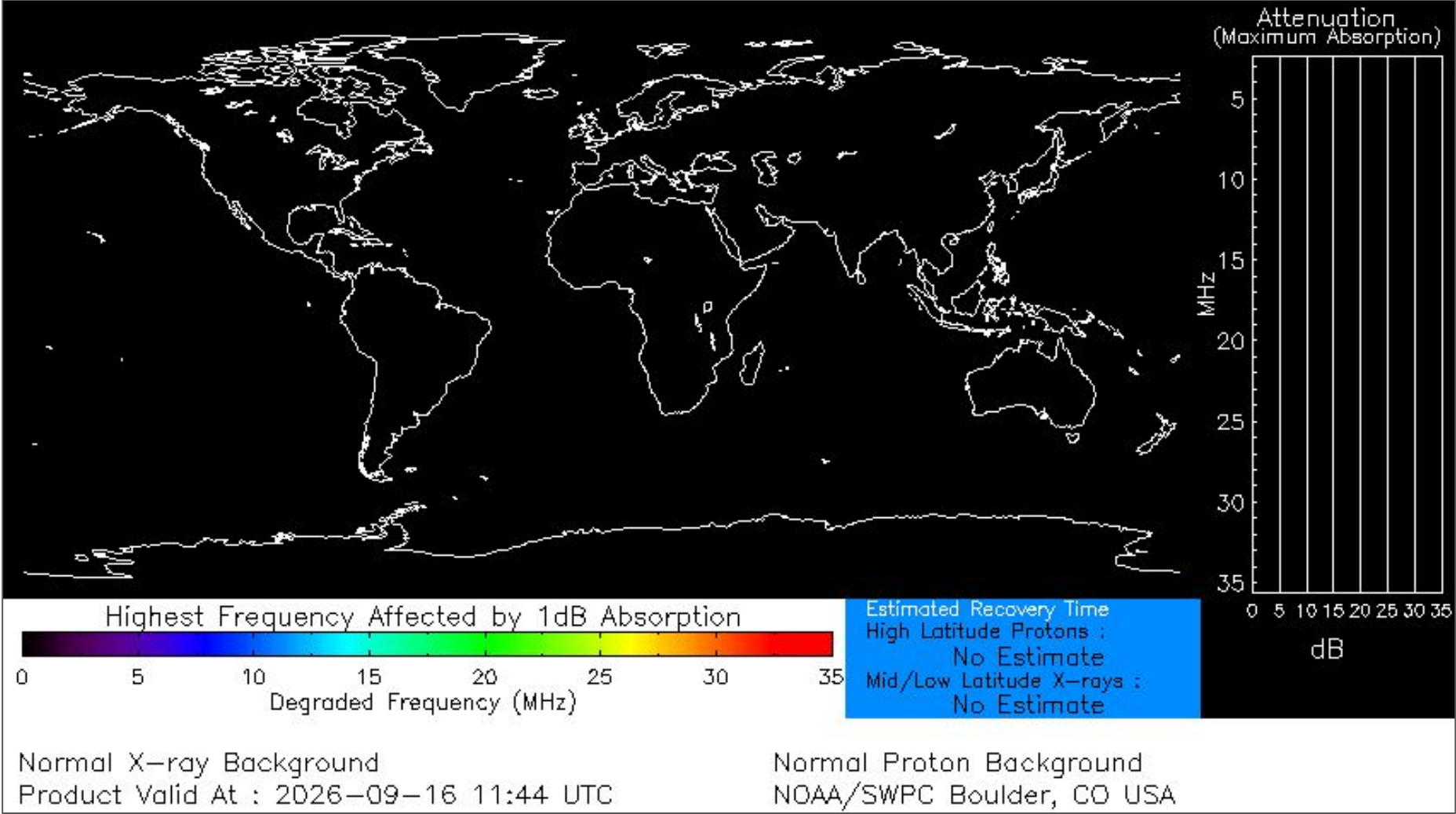
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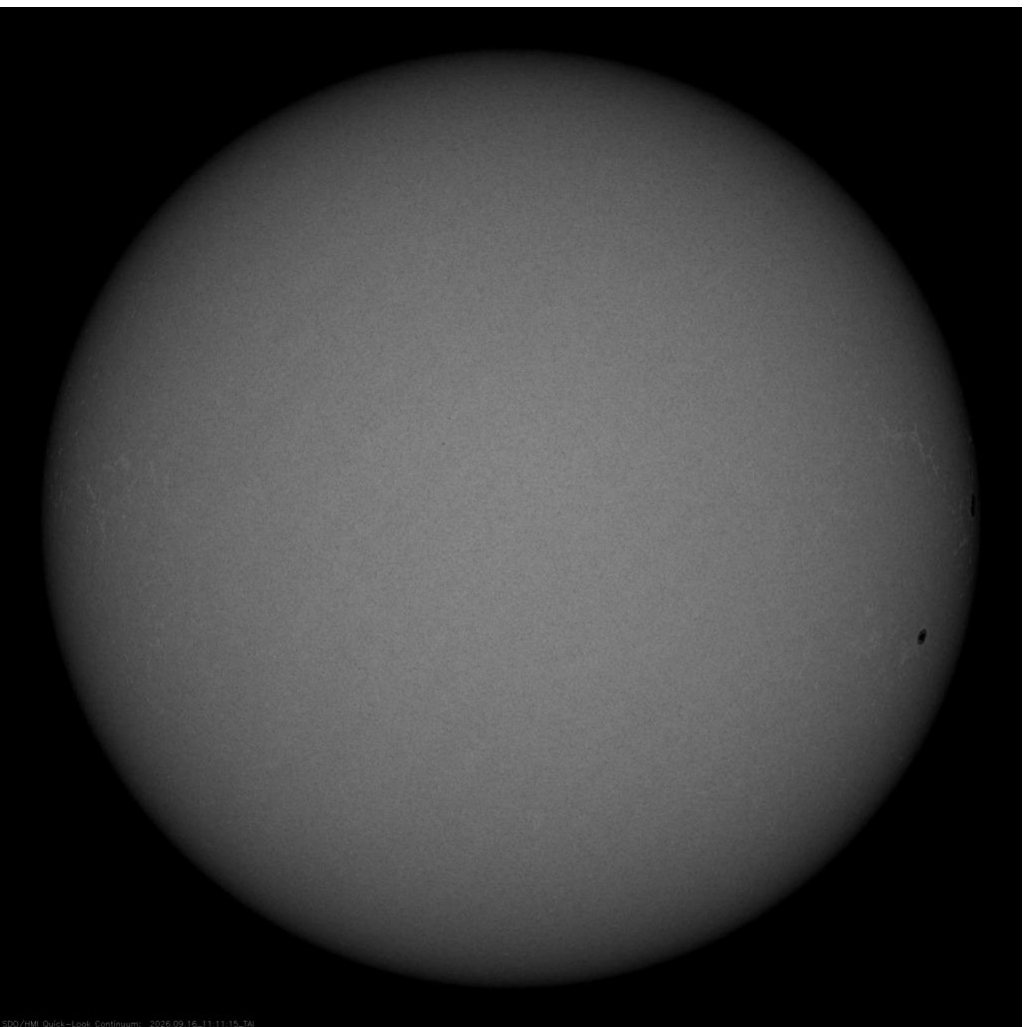
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

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Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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