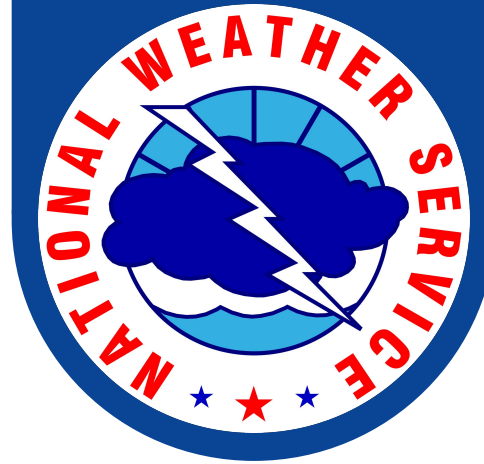




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, September 23, 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

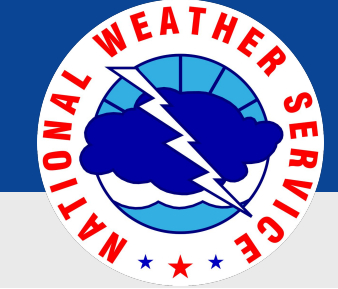
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight to Moderate risk (levels 2-3 of 4) today over NM, far W TX and the W TX/OK Panhandles. Slight risk Thursday over NM, W OK, TX/OK Panhandles and far W TX.**
- **Widespread 2-4" of *additional* rainfall expected with high end of 4-6" over C/E NM.**
- **High risk (level 3 of 3) for burn scar flooding over the Sacramento Complex through Friday with rainfall rates of 1-2"/hr.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over W OK, W TX and NM on Friday.**
- **Rivers in NM may see rises of Action to Minor flood stage.**

- **Tropical:**

- **A wave moving off the west coast of Africa has a medium chance of development. No tropical impacts expected over the next 7 days.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Sep 23	Thursday, Sep 24	Friday, Sep 25	Saturday, Sep 26	Sunday, Sep 27	Monday, Sep 28	Tuesday, Sep 29
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NM	NM,W OK, TX/OK Panhandles, Far WTX	W OK,WTX, NM				
	NM,WTX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX						
Fire Weather							
Tropical							
River Flooding	Monitoring NM	Monitoring NM					

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.

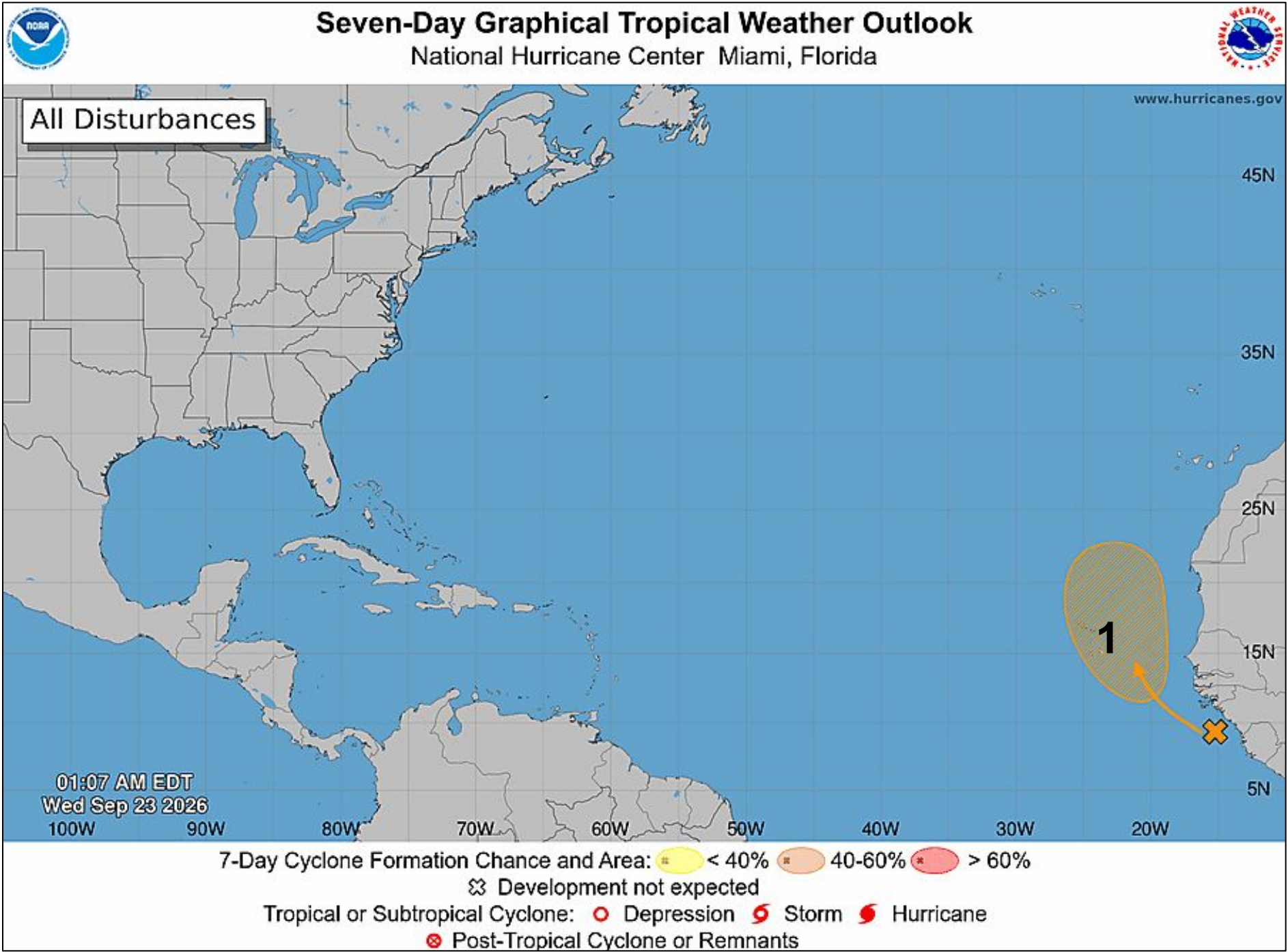
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

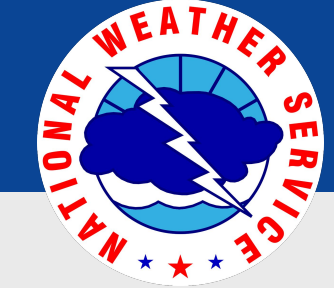
Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	Medium	None over the next 7 days

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Fay	None



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





Current Radar/Hazards

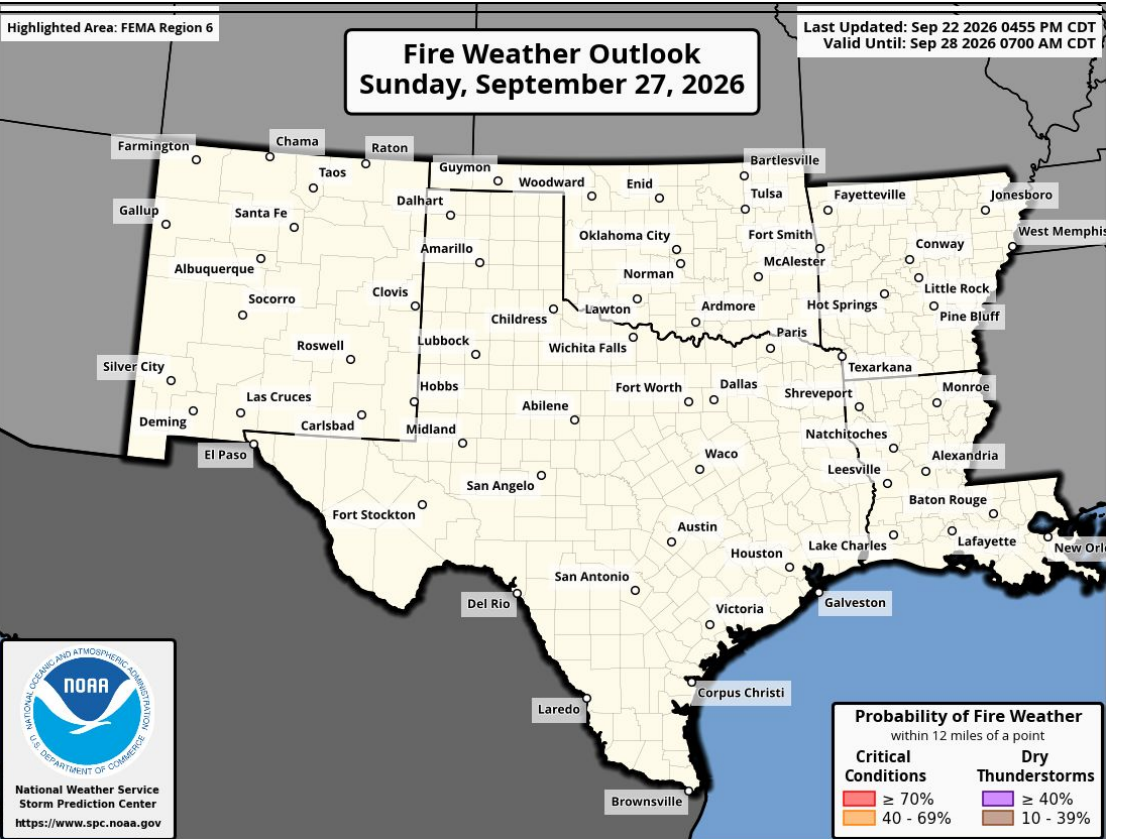
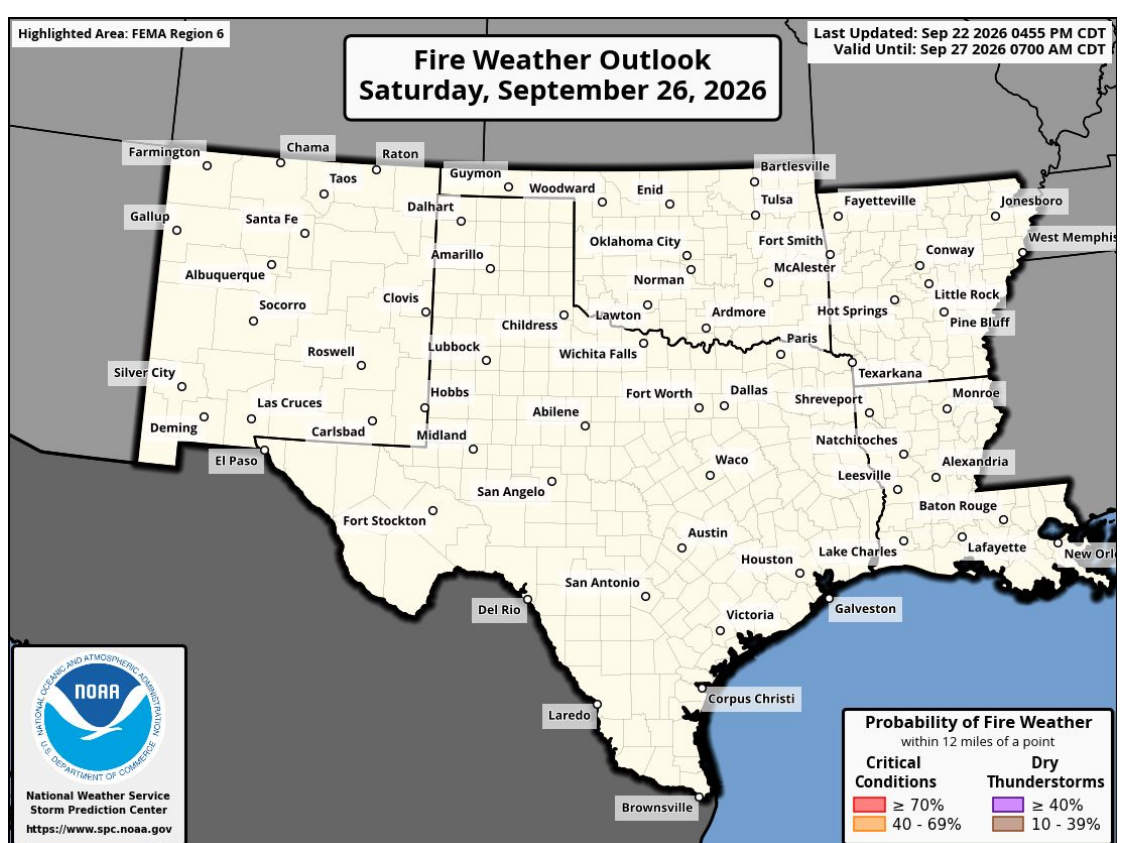
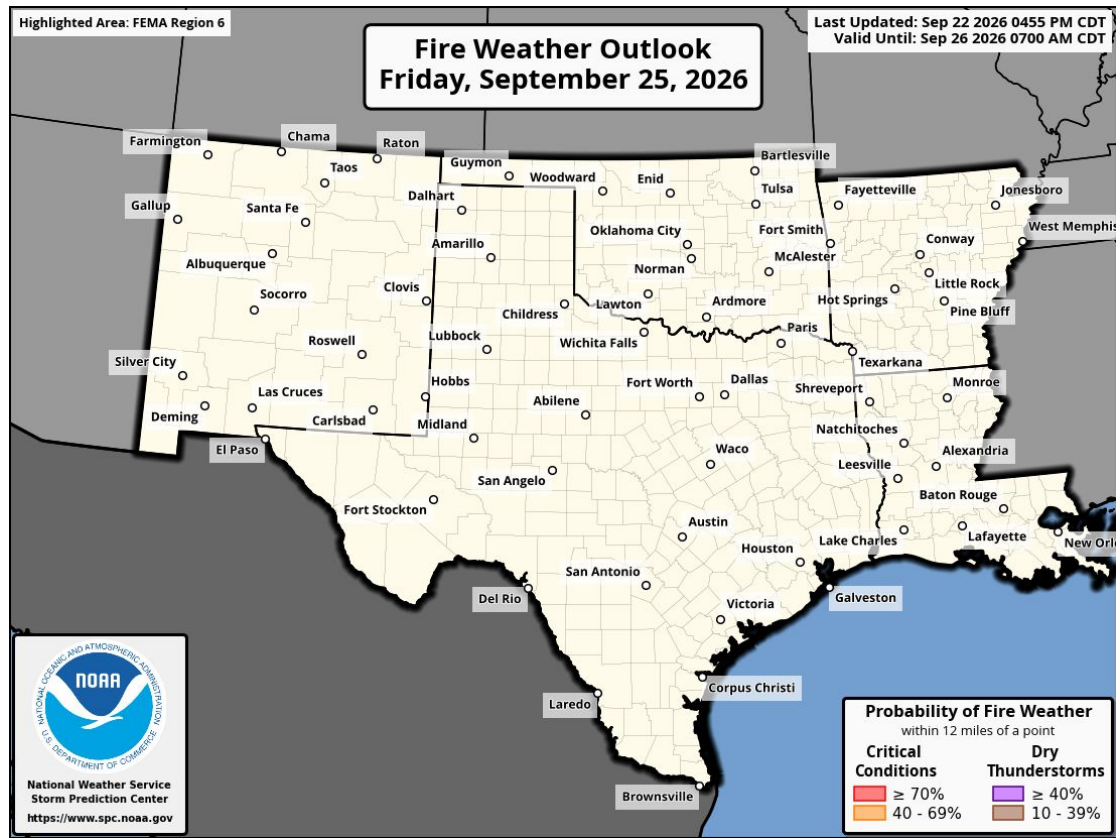
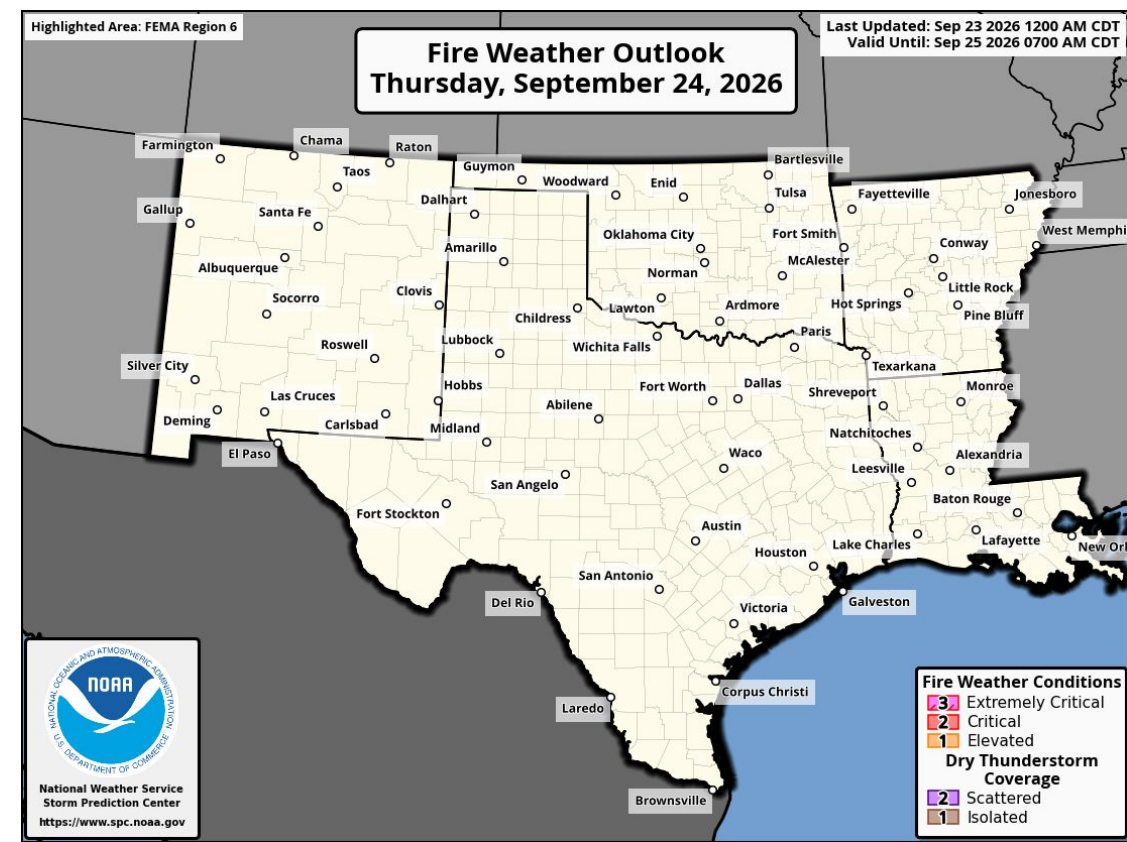
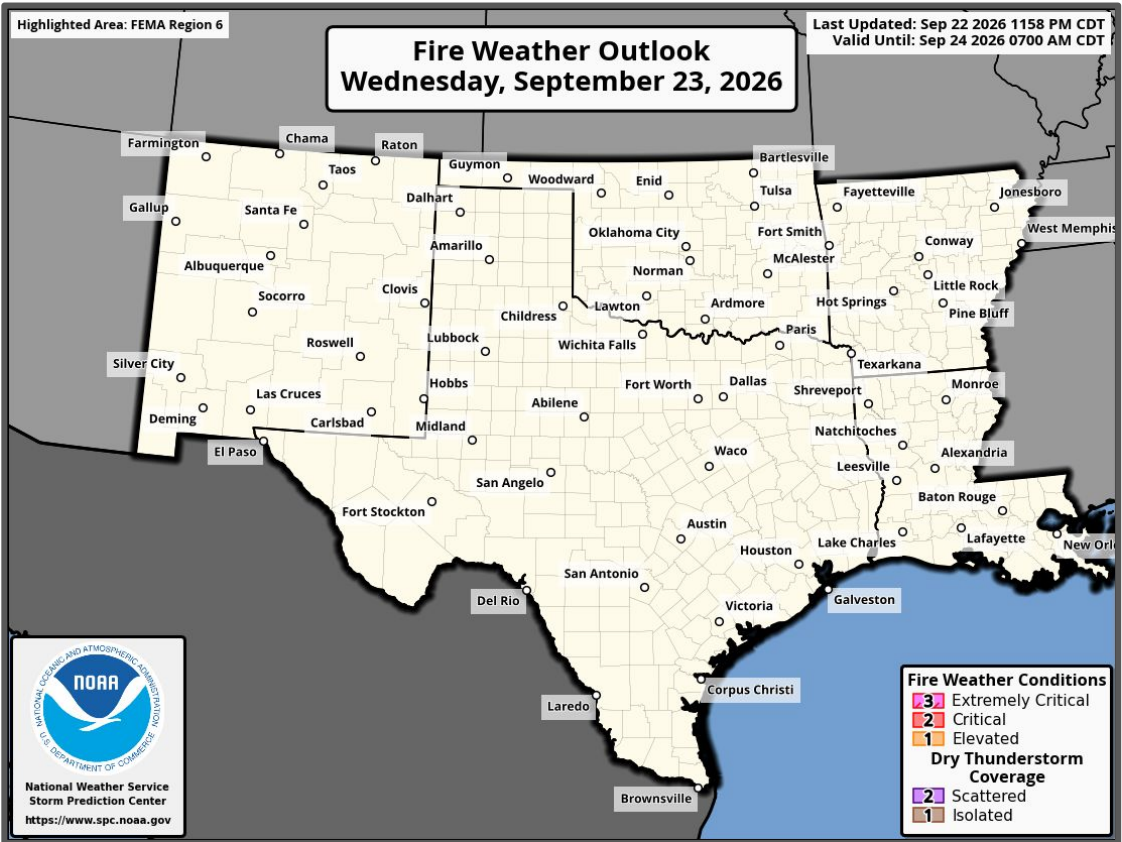
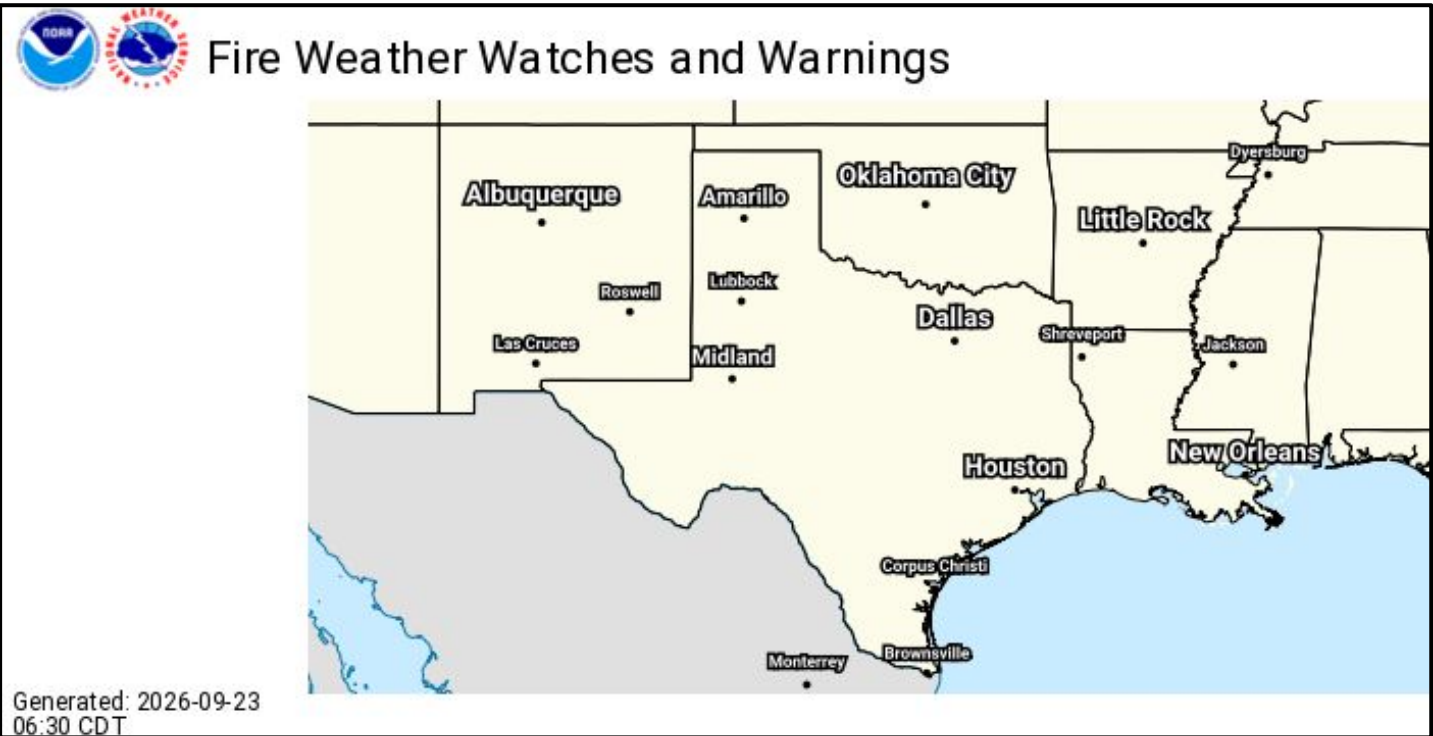


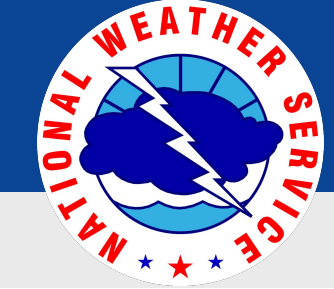
**Flood Watches in NM, W TX through tonight.
Monitor for extensions in time.**





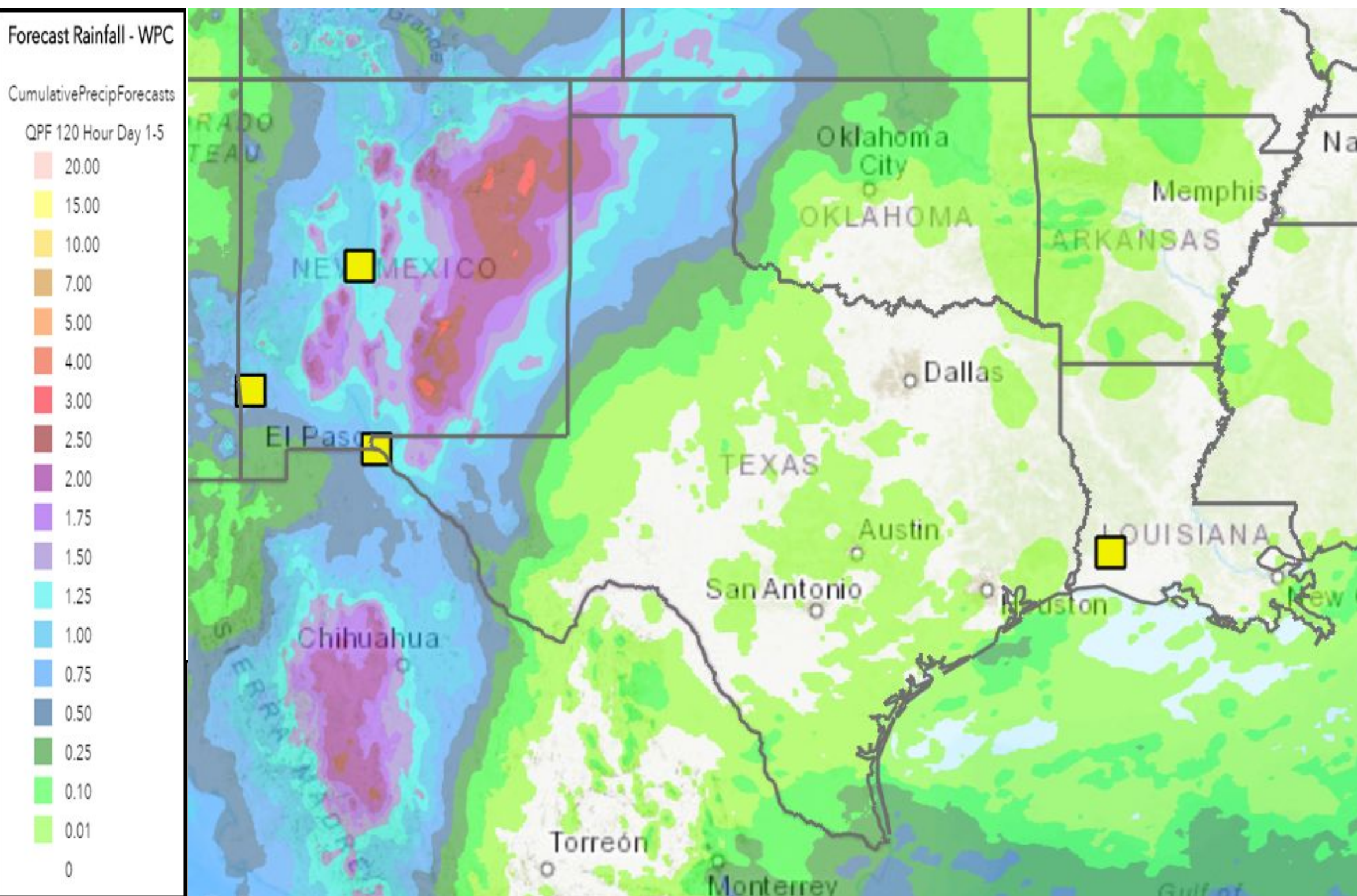
Fire Weather Outlooks





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 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

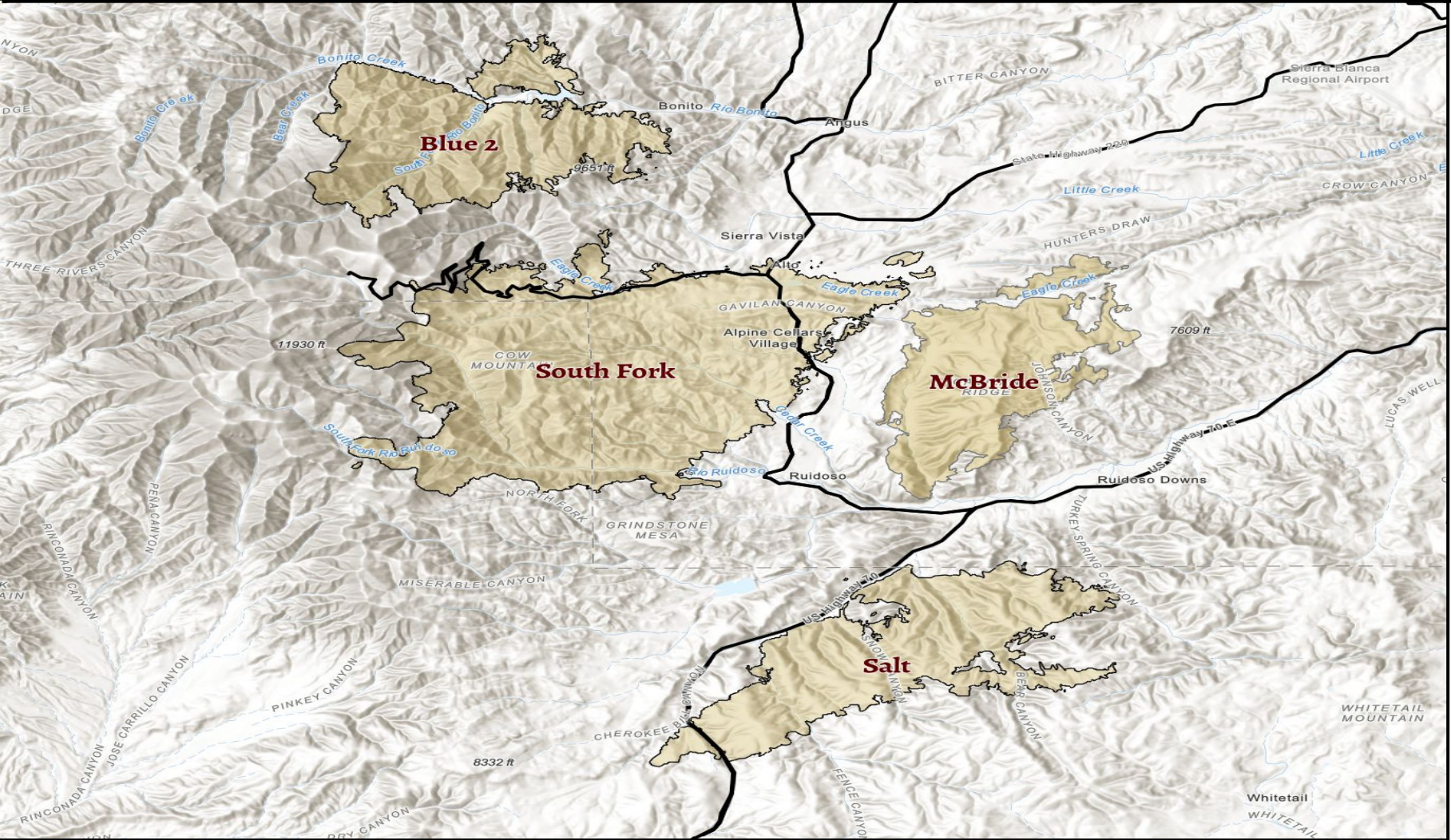
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Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

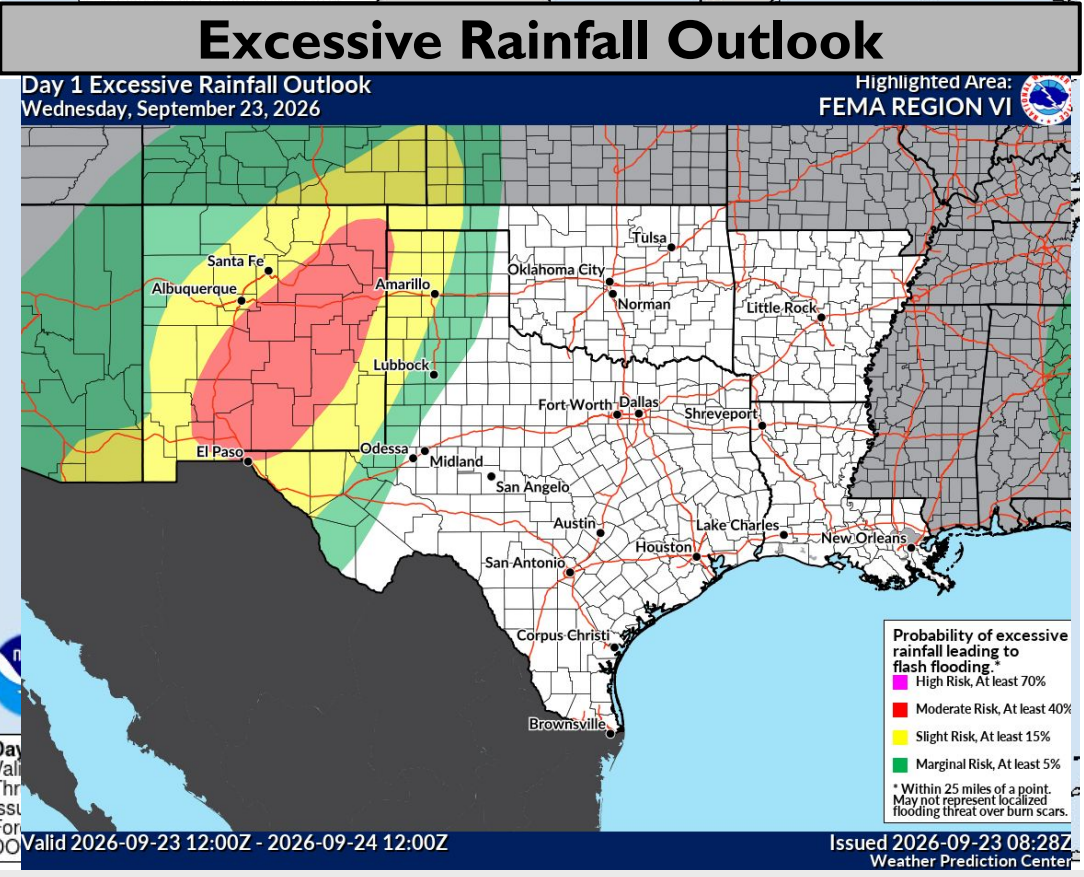
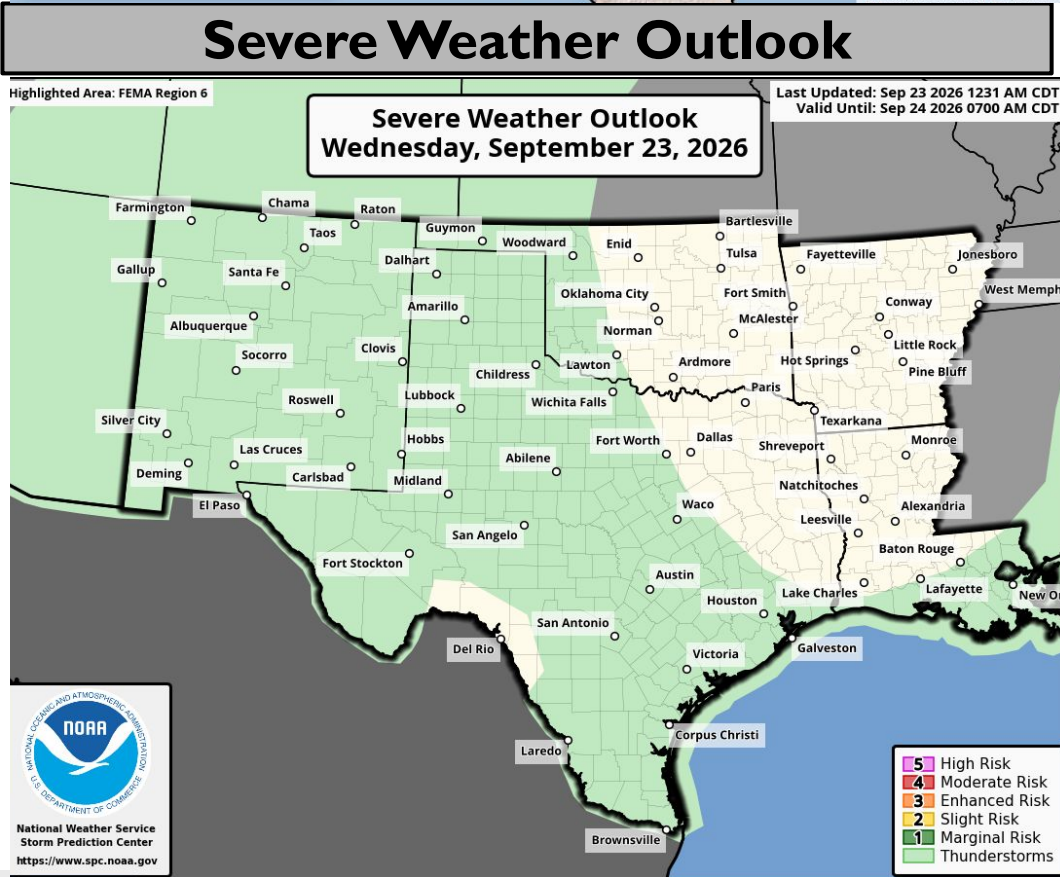
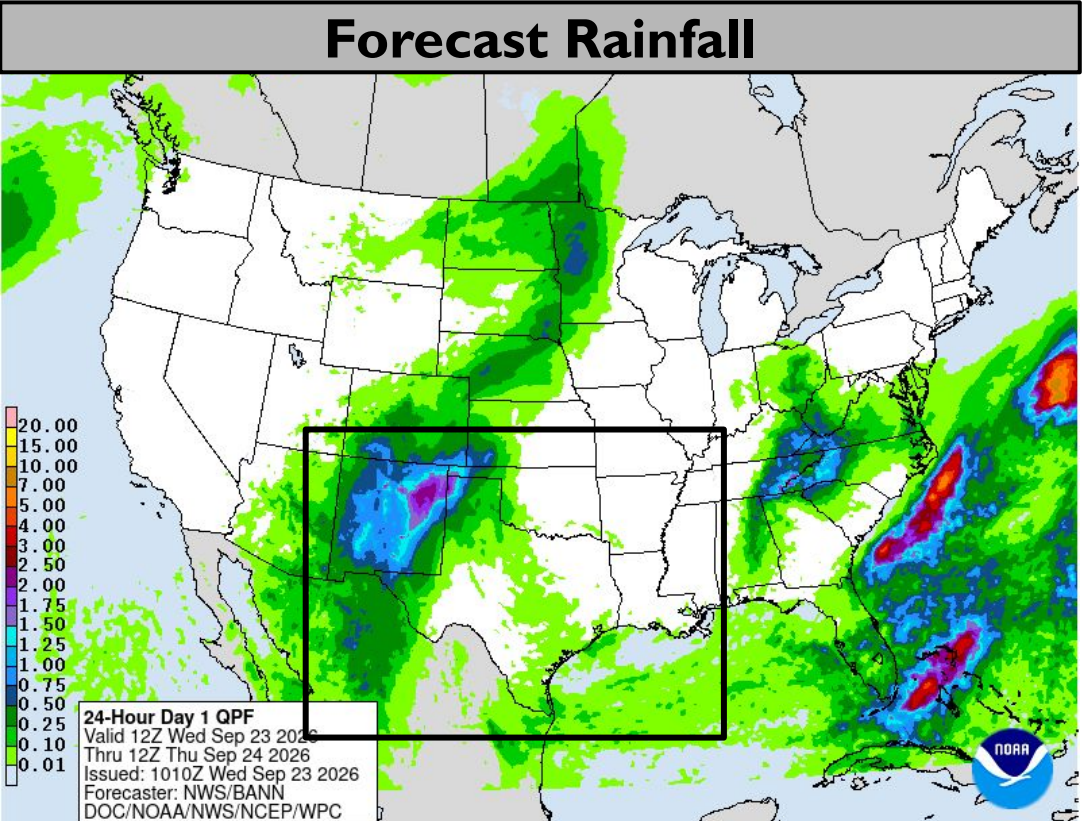
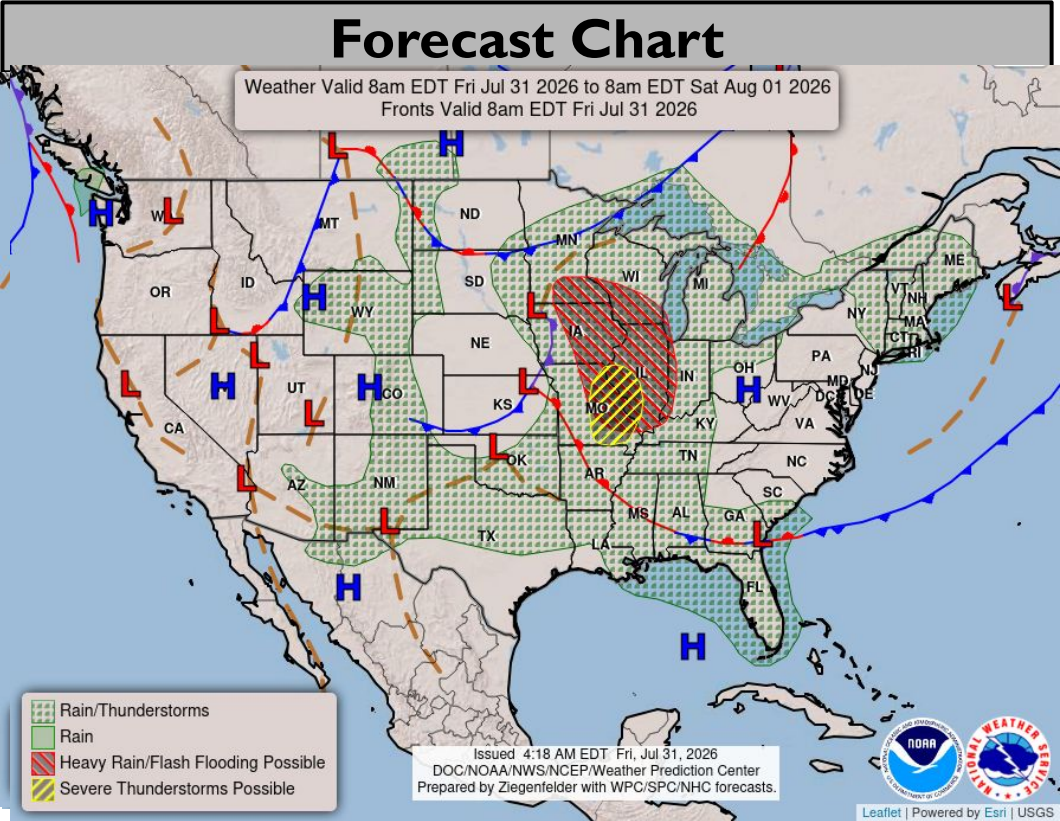
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Flash Flooding	High	High	High	Low	Low
Timing - CDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	-	-



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.	



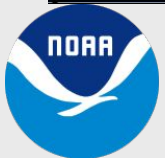
Today's Weather



Moderate risk (level 3 of 4) for flash flooding over NM.

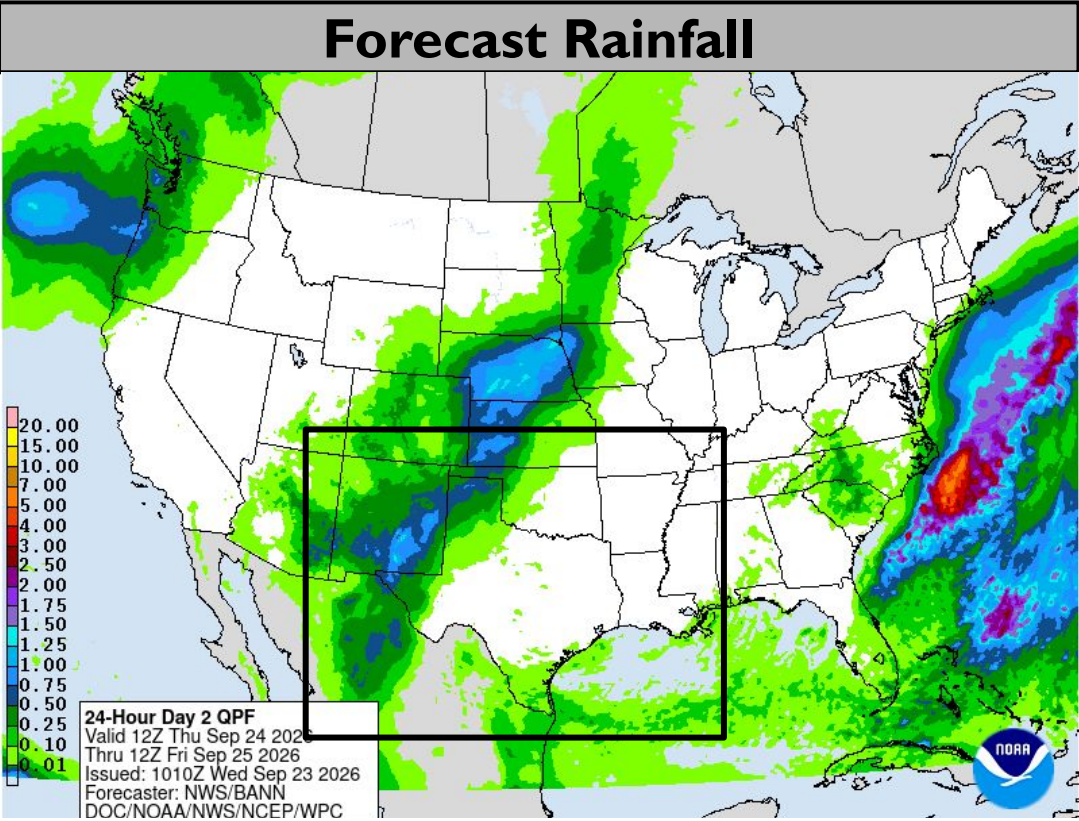
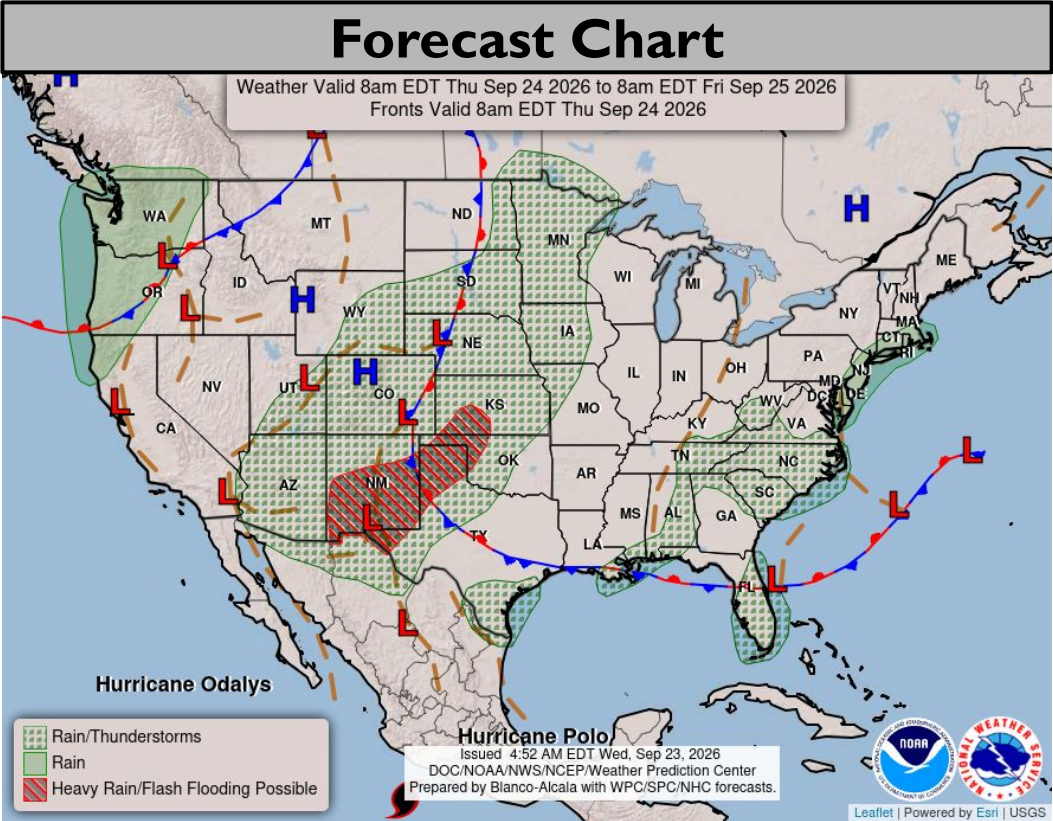
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over NM, WTX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX.

****Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides****

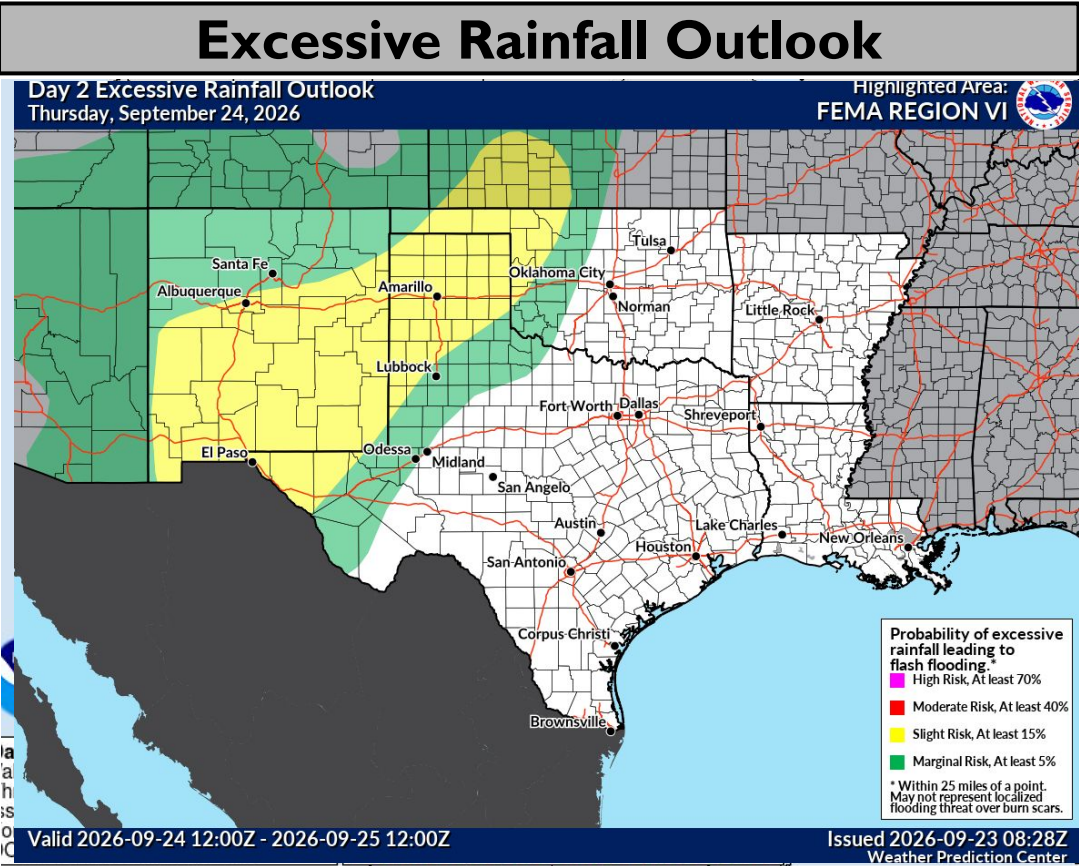
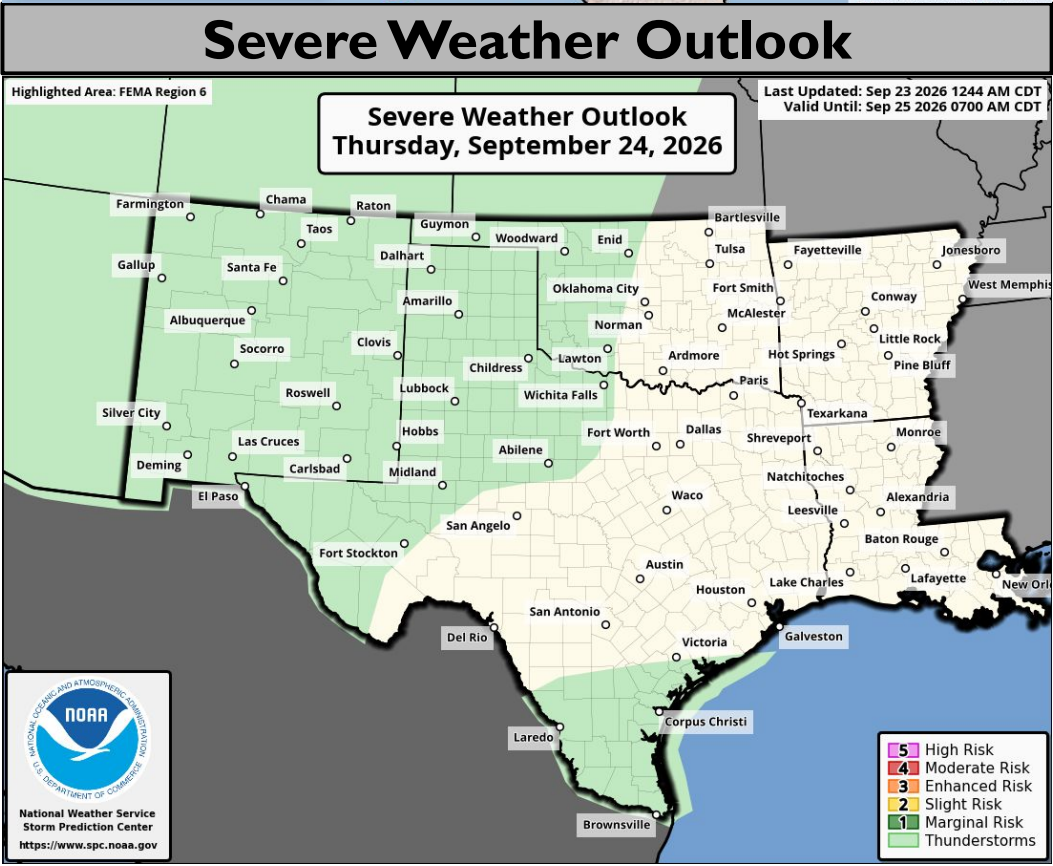




Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and far W TX.

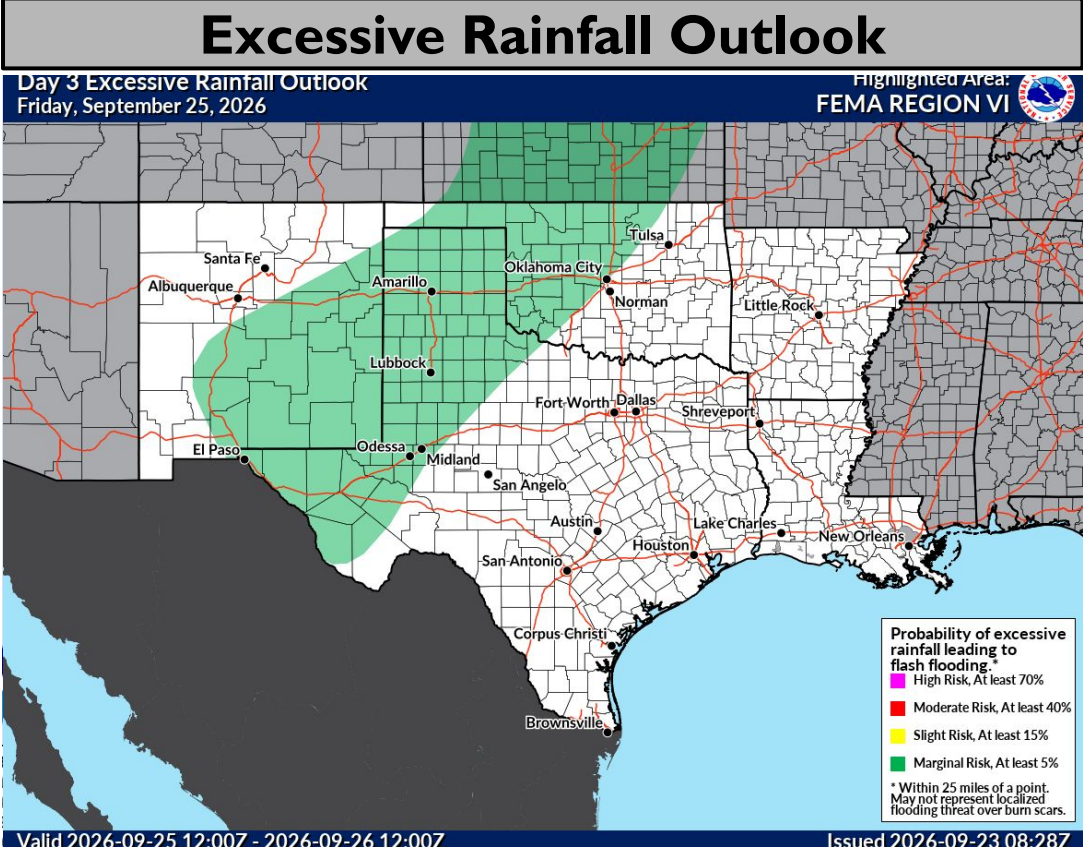
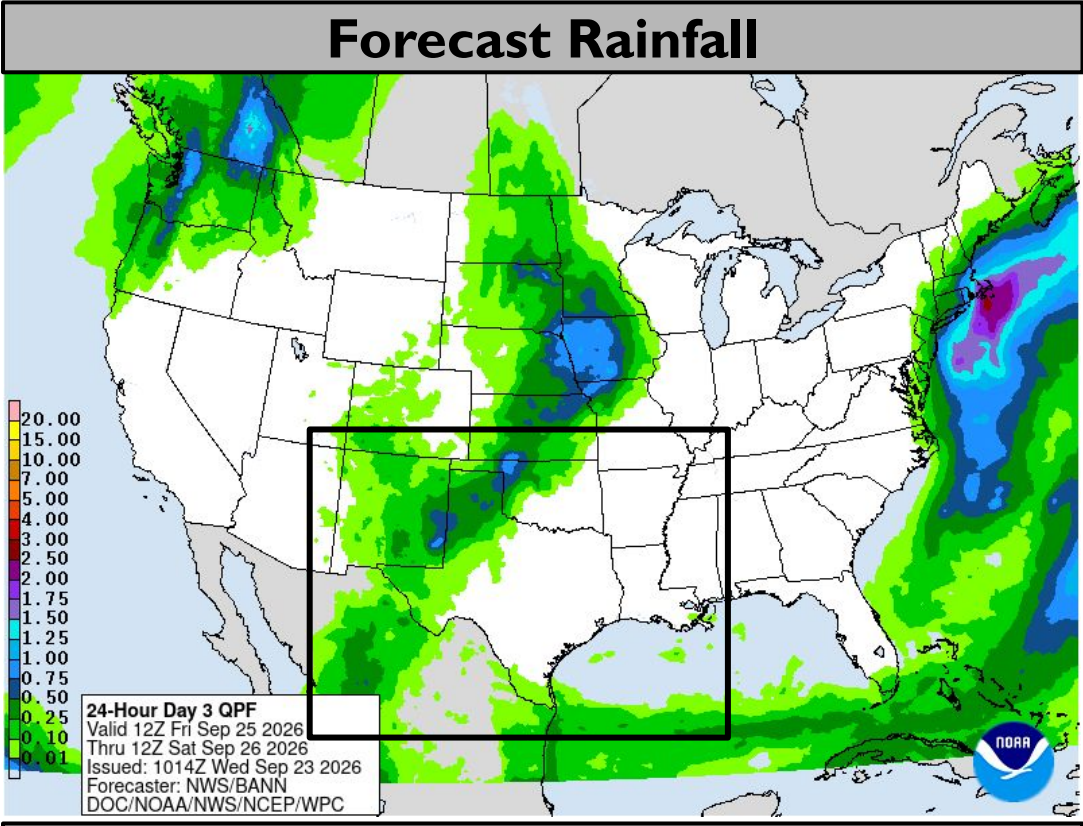
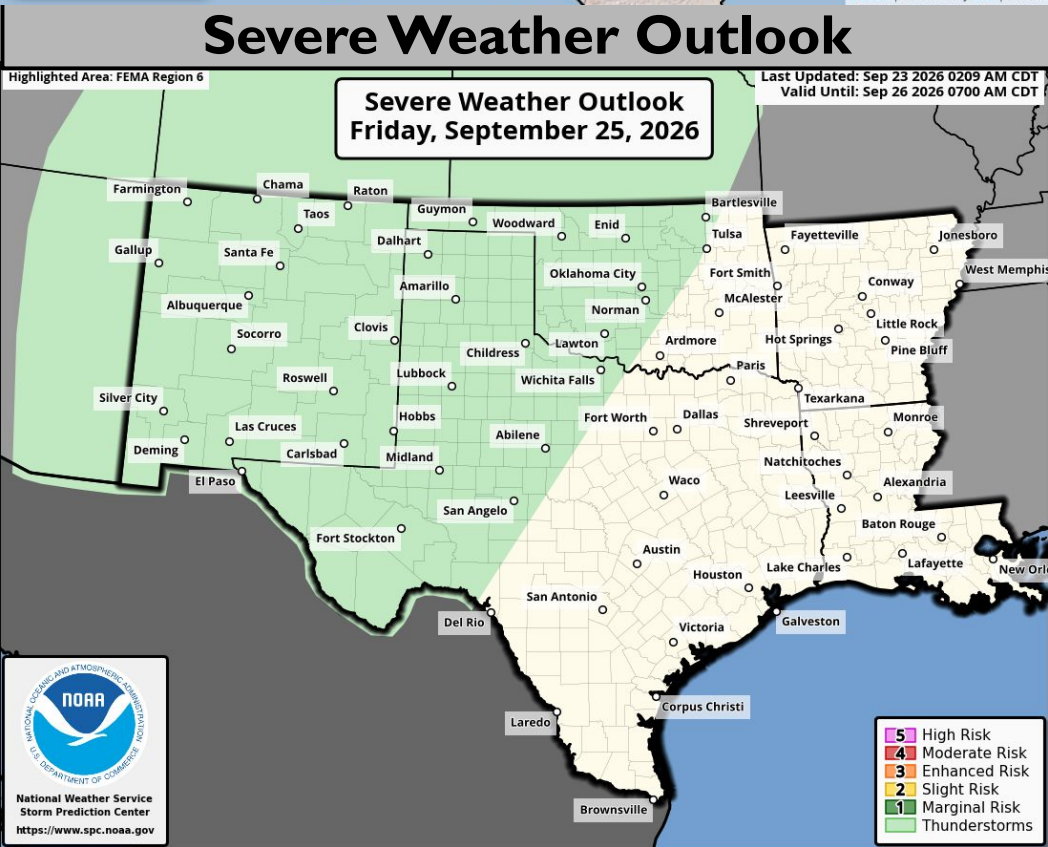
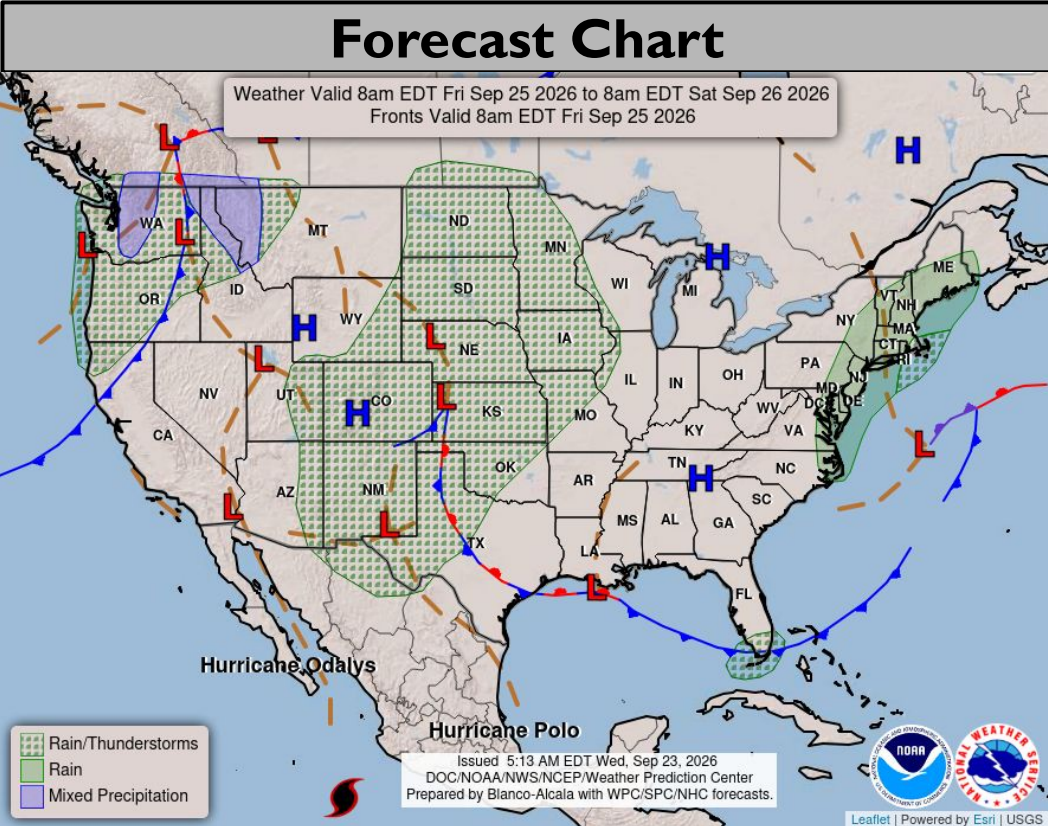


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Friday's Weather



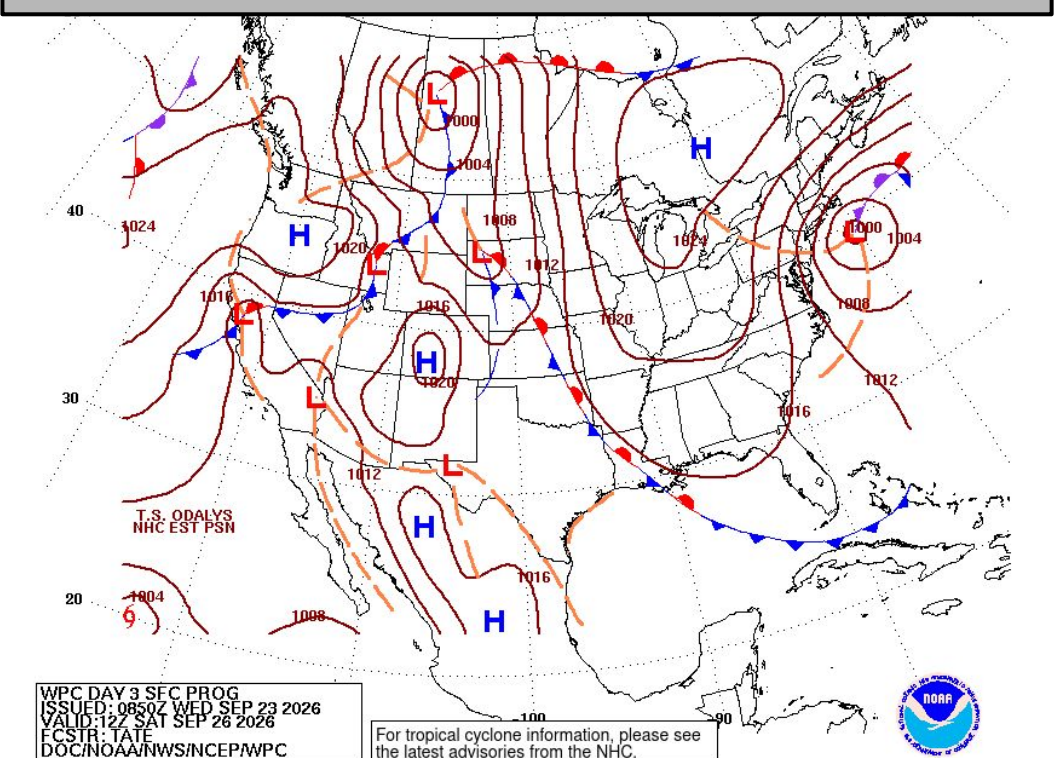
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over NM, W OK and W TX.

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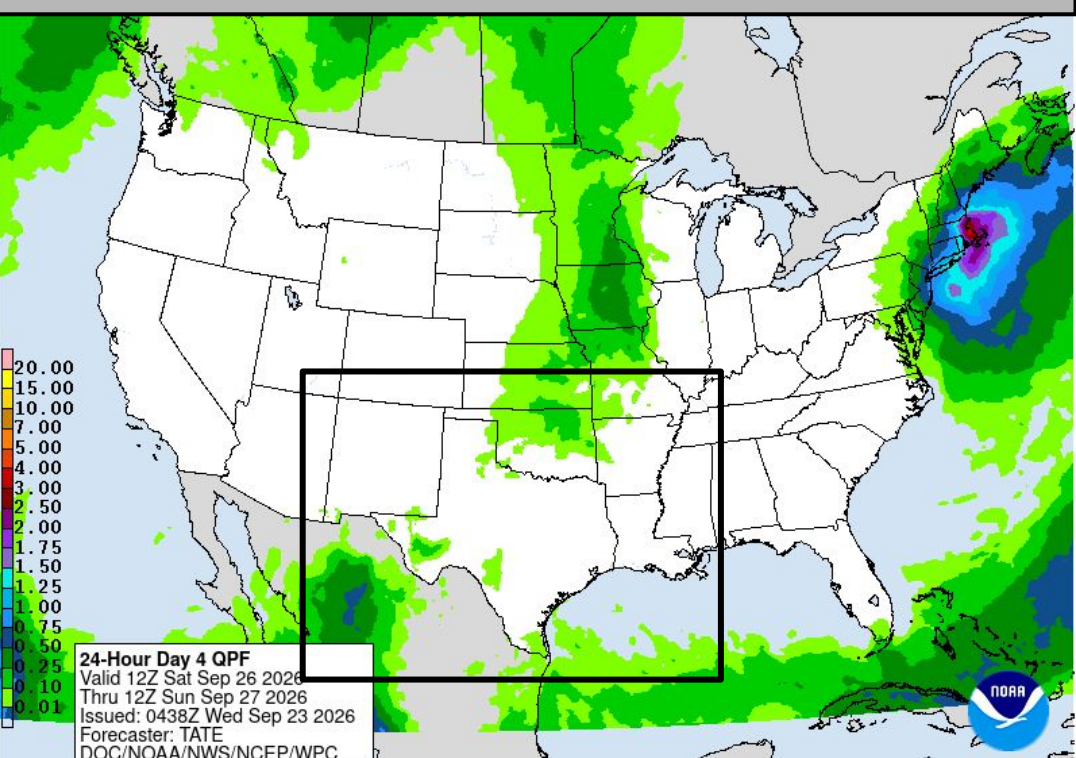


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

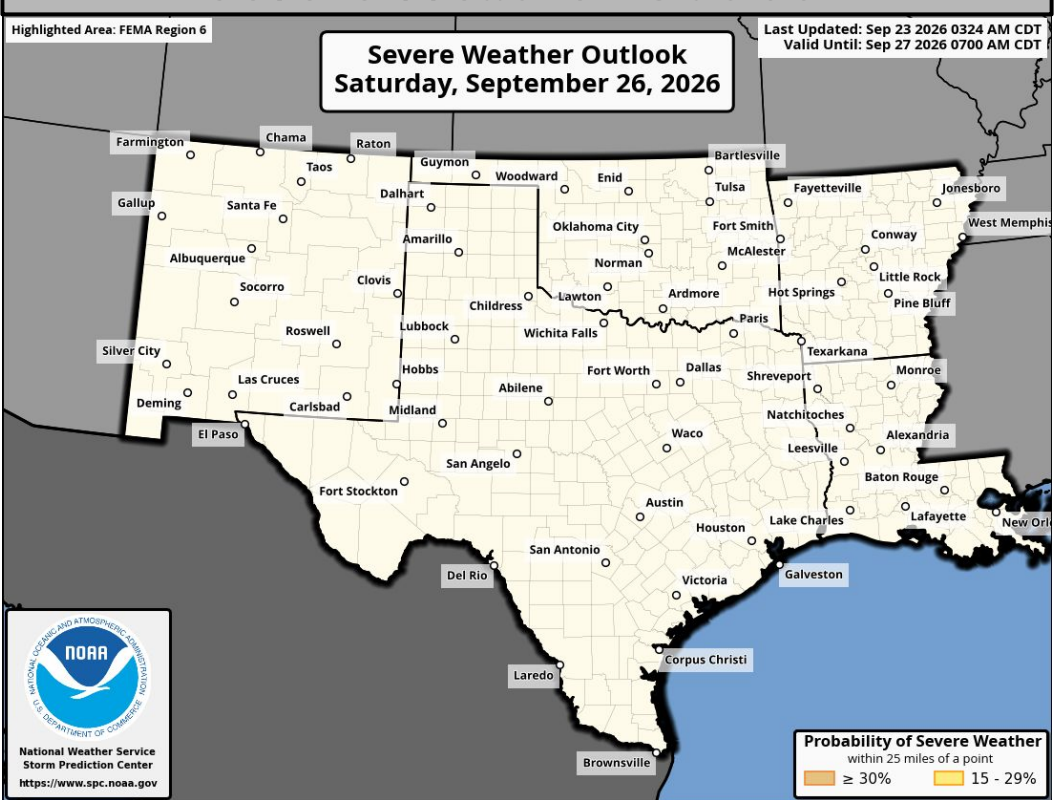


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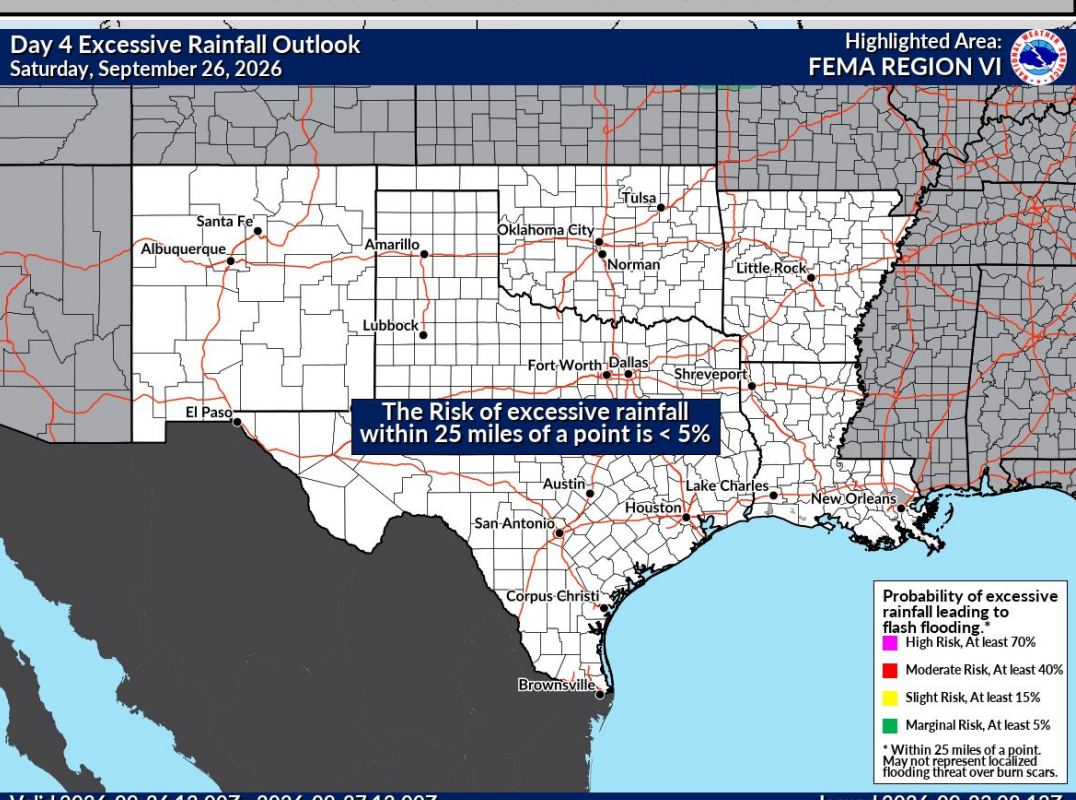


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

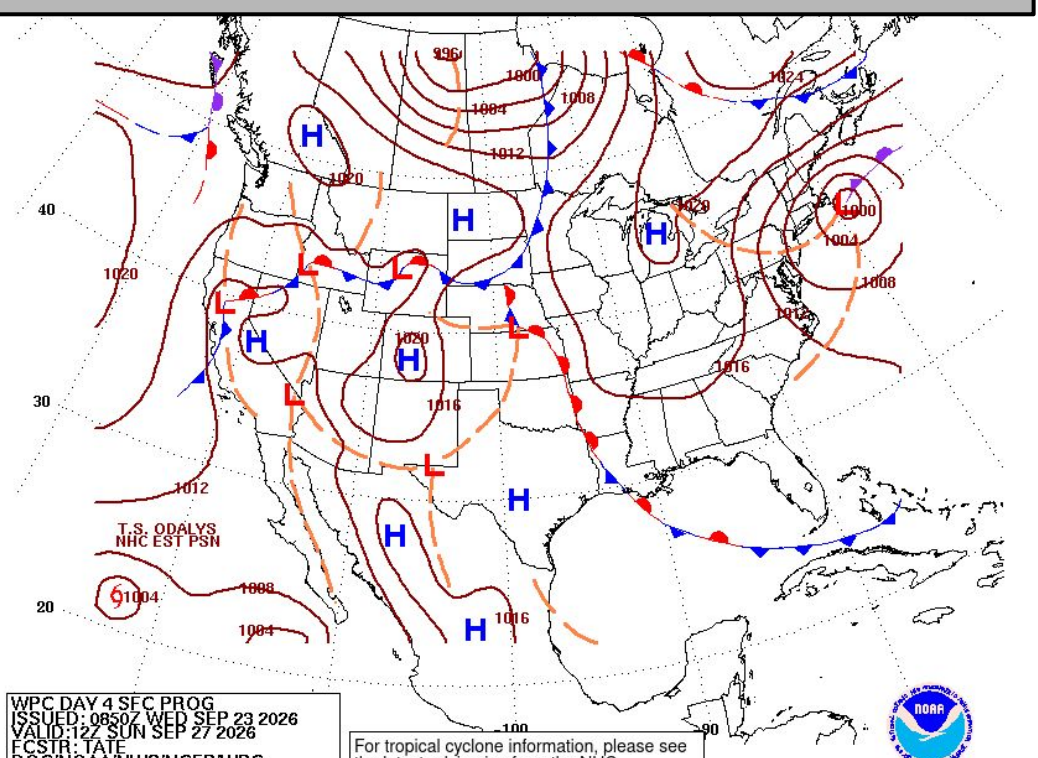


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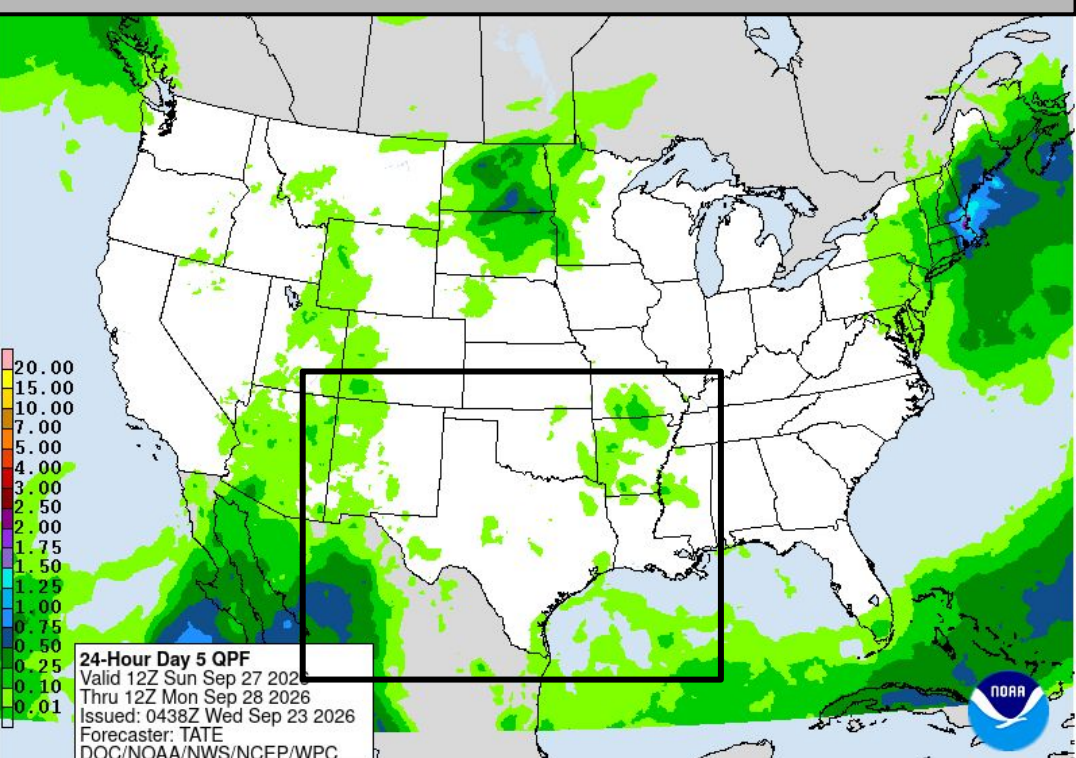


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Forecast Chart

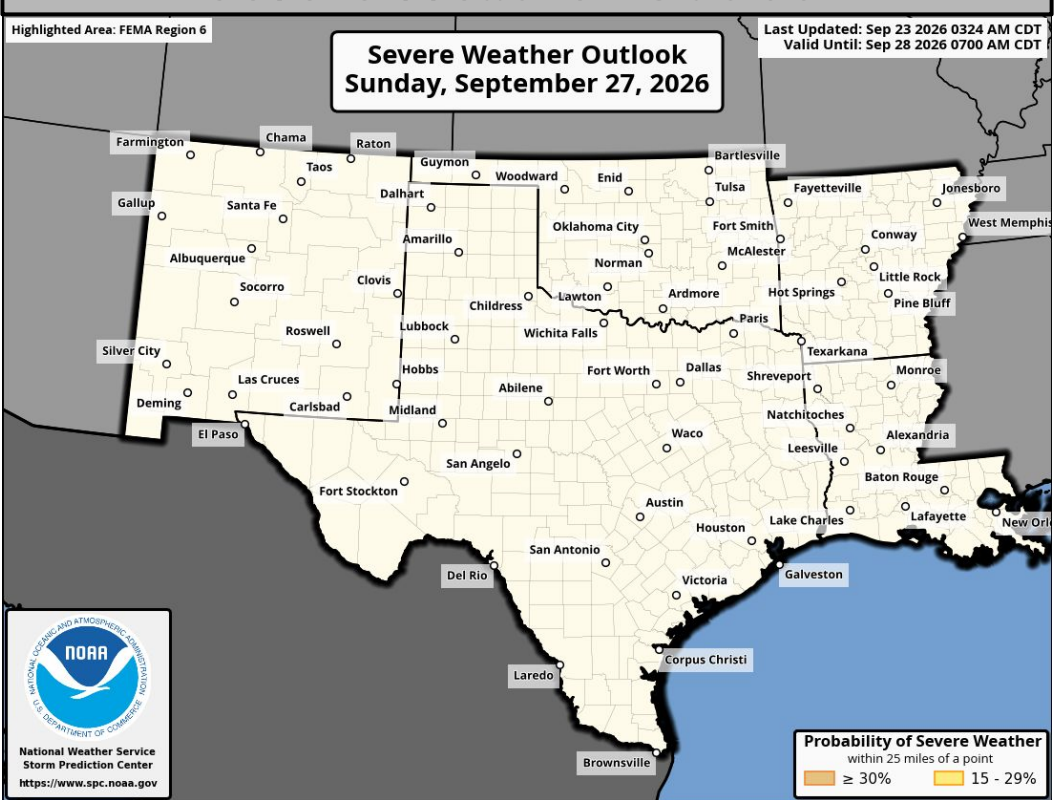


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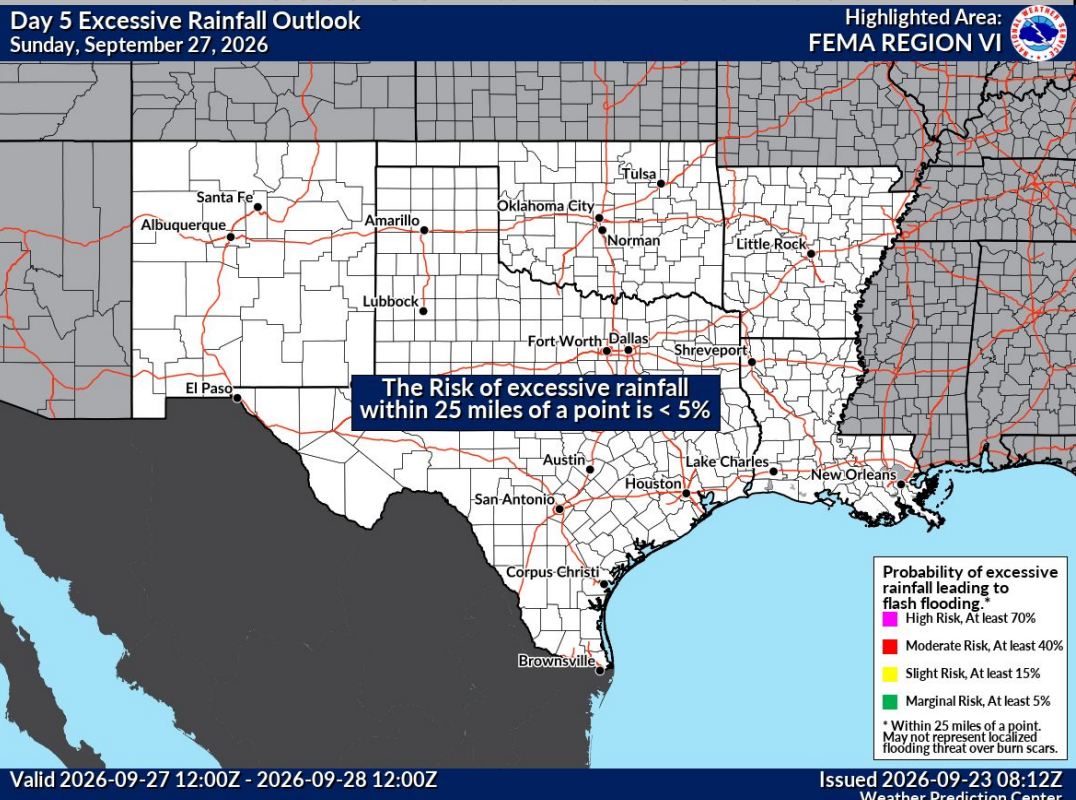


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Severe Weather Outlook



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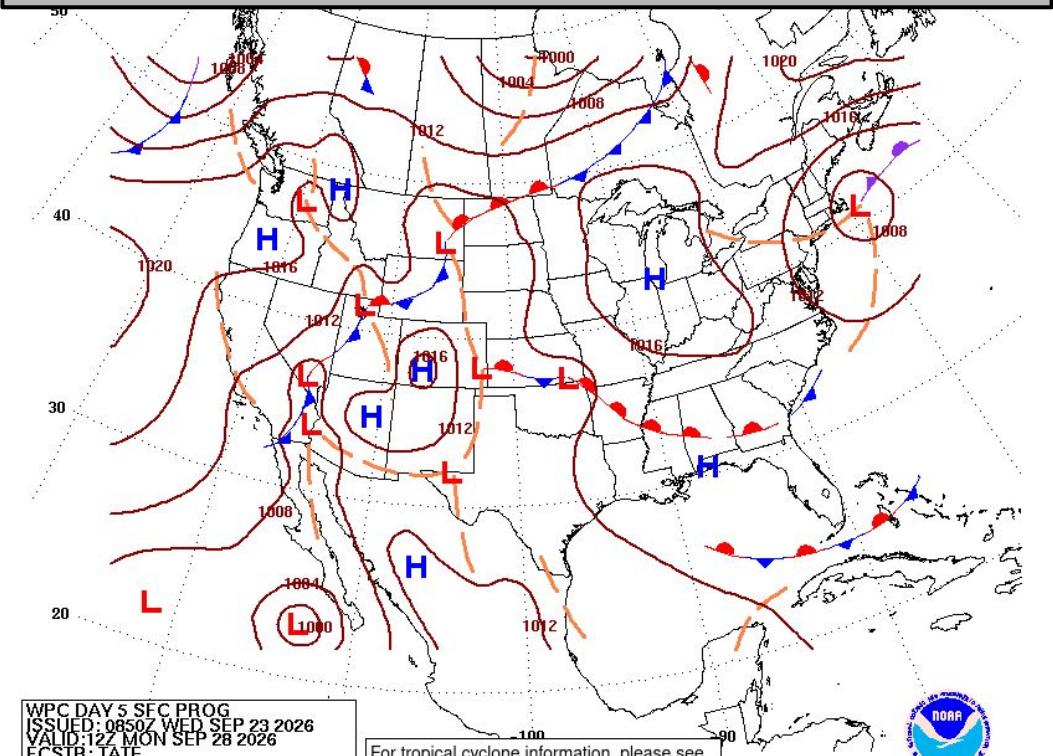


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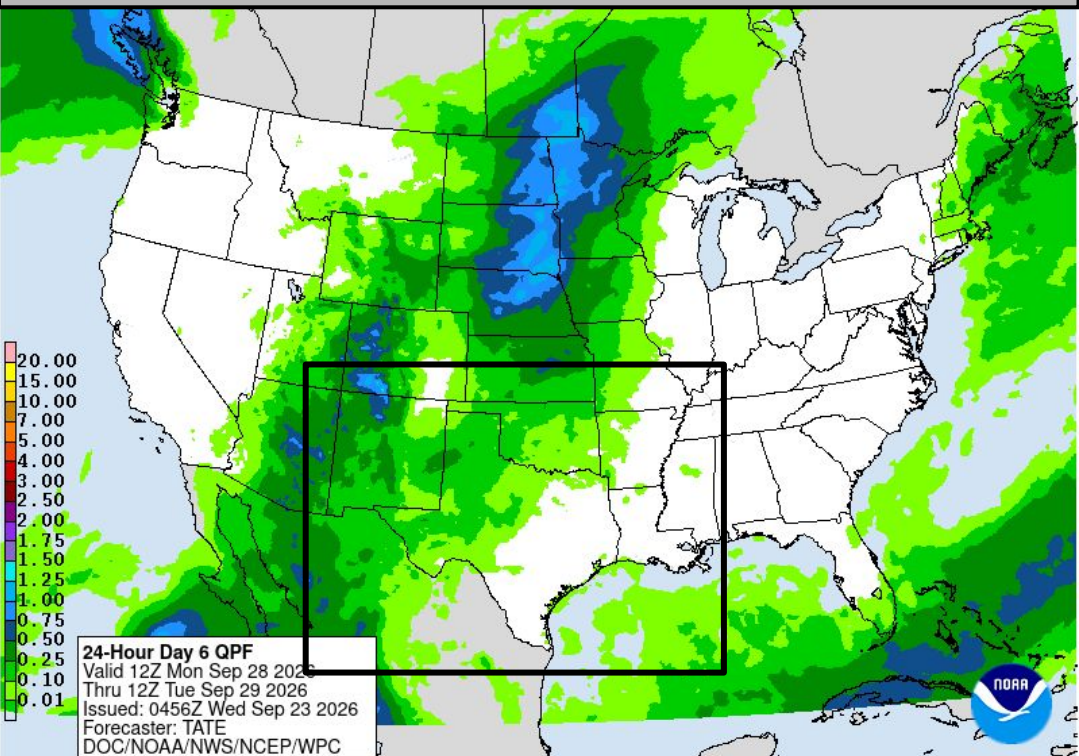


Monday's Weather

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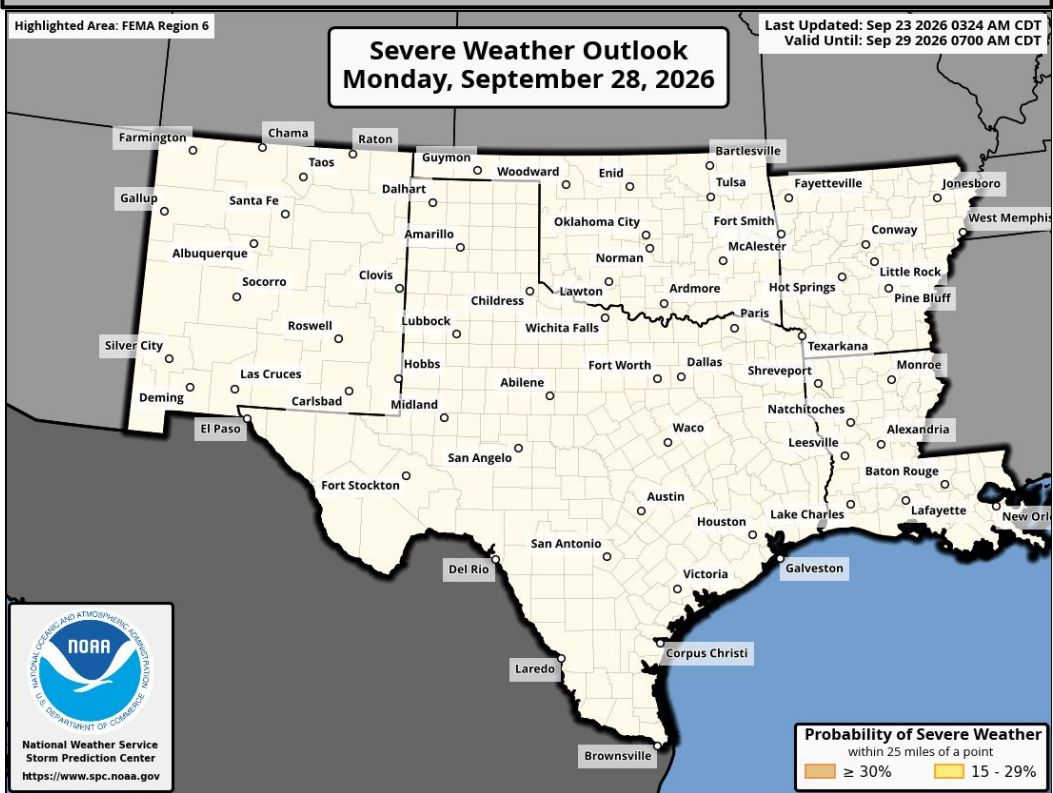


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Severe Weather Outlook



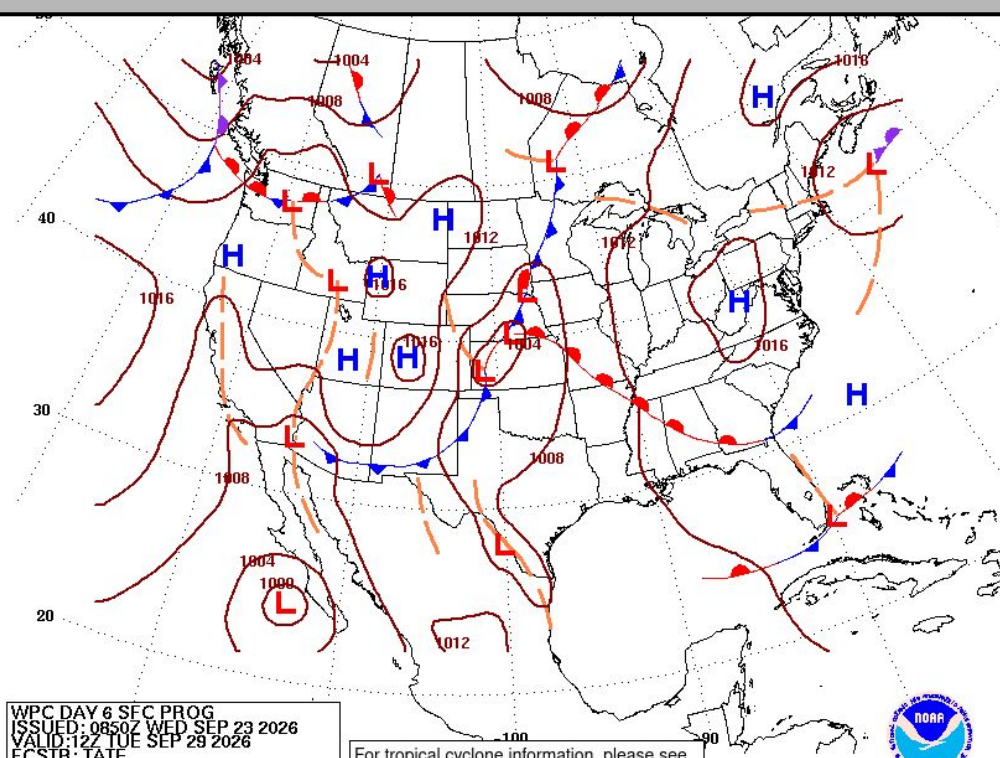
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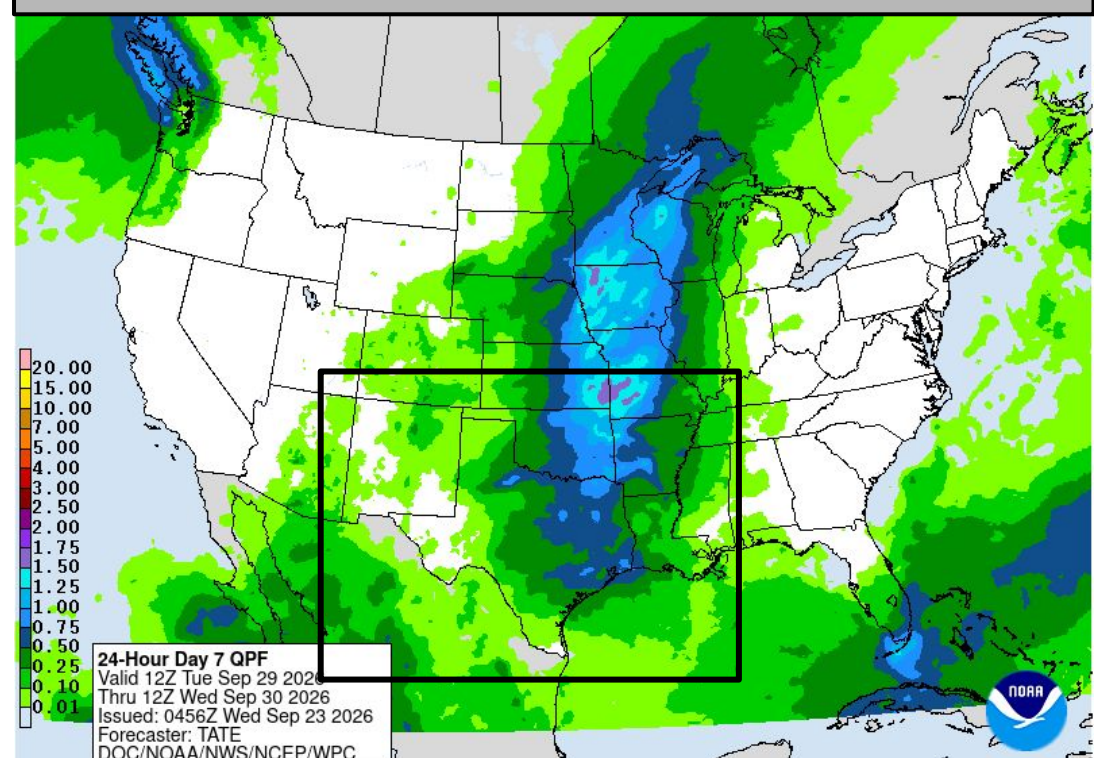


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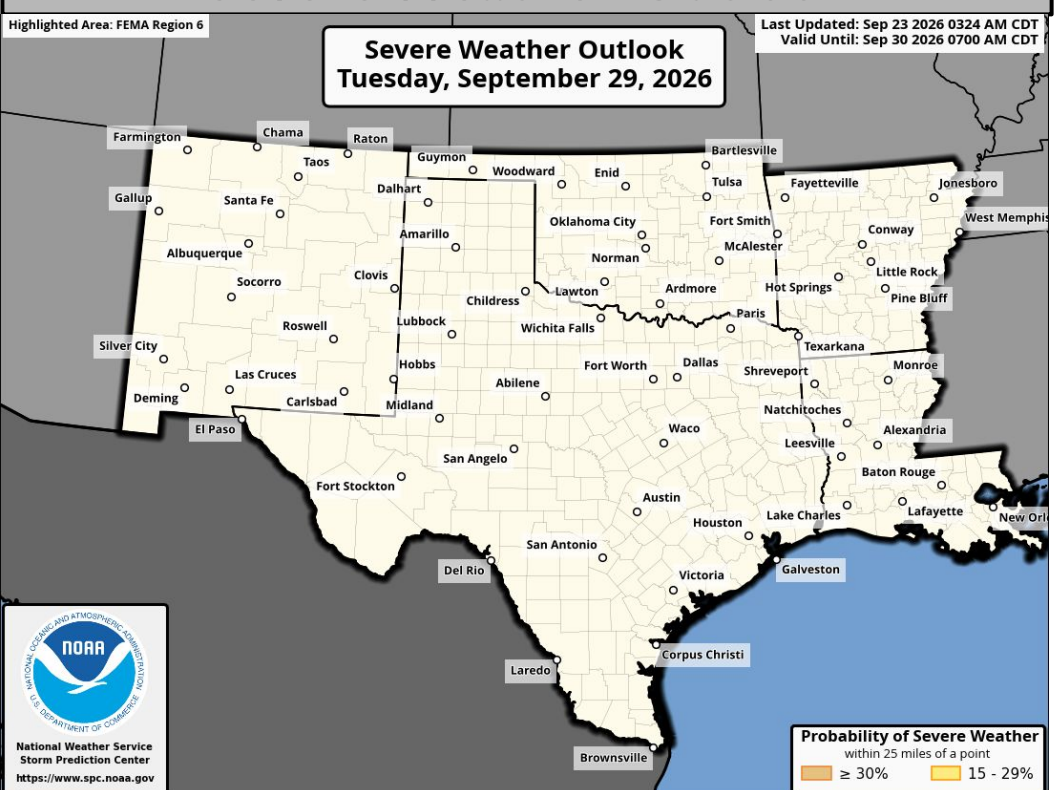


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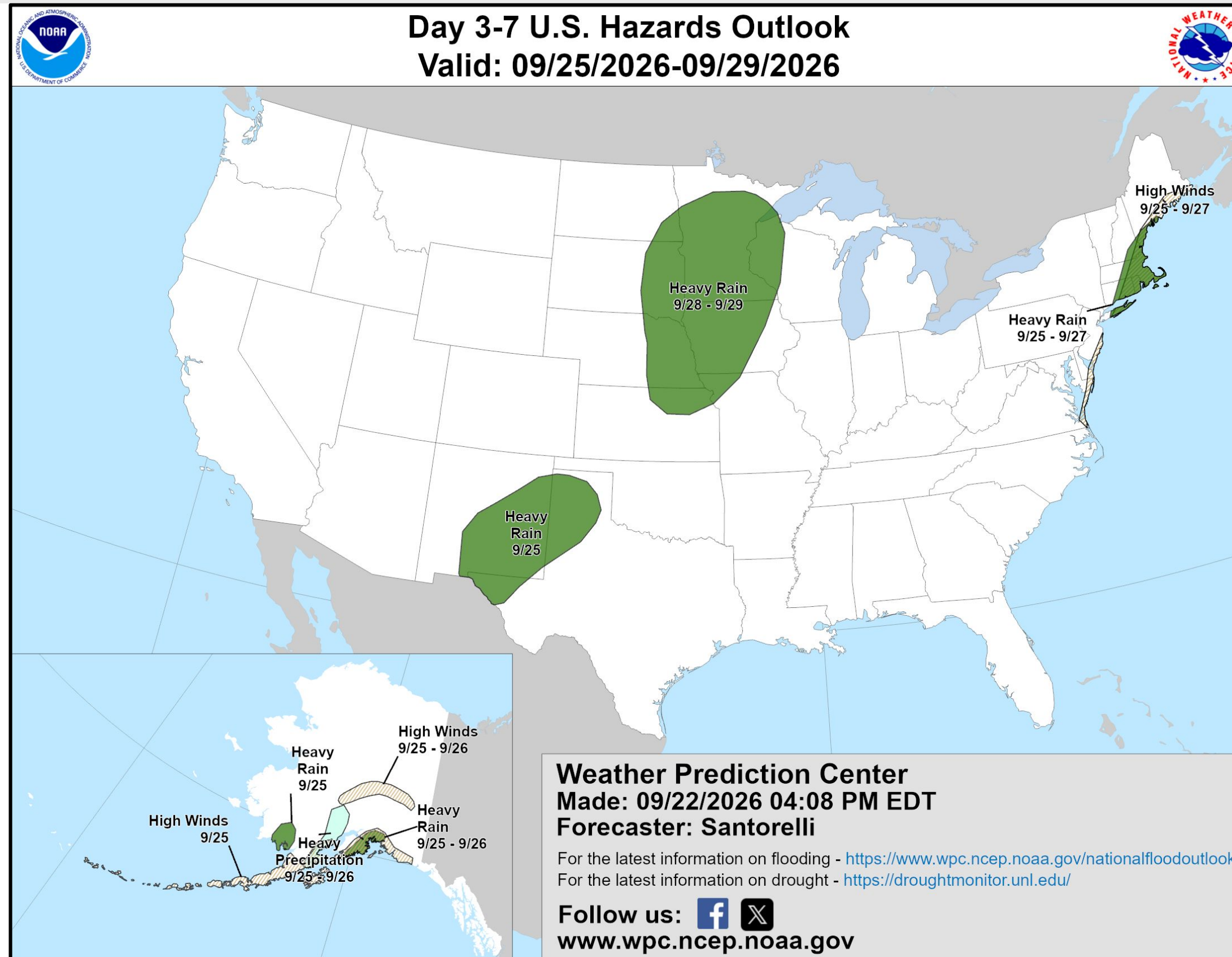


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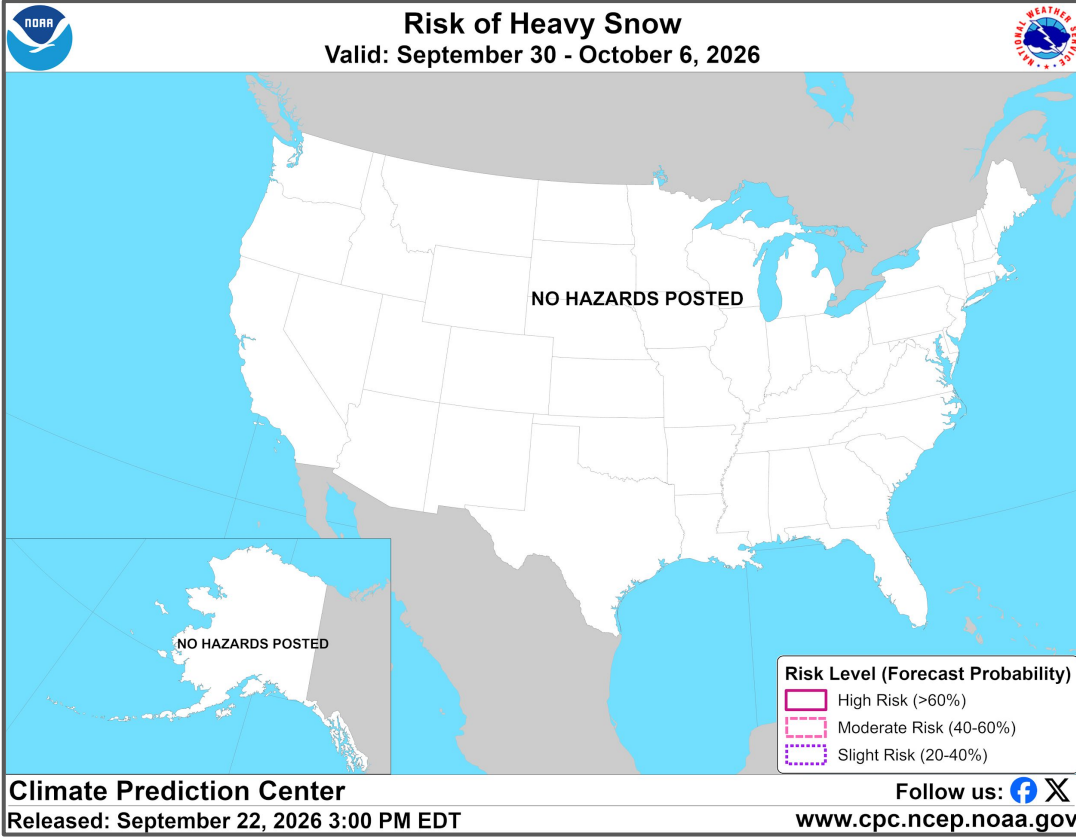
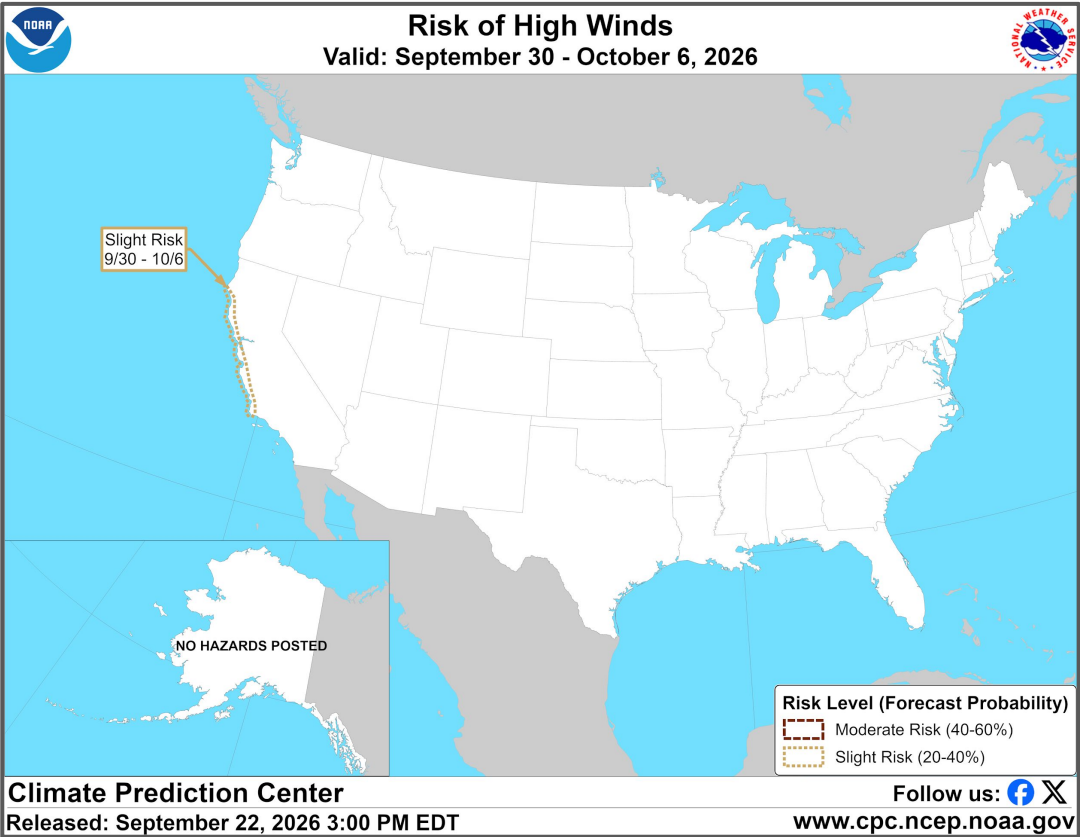
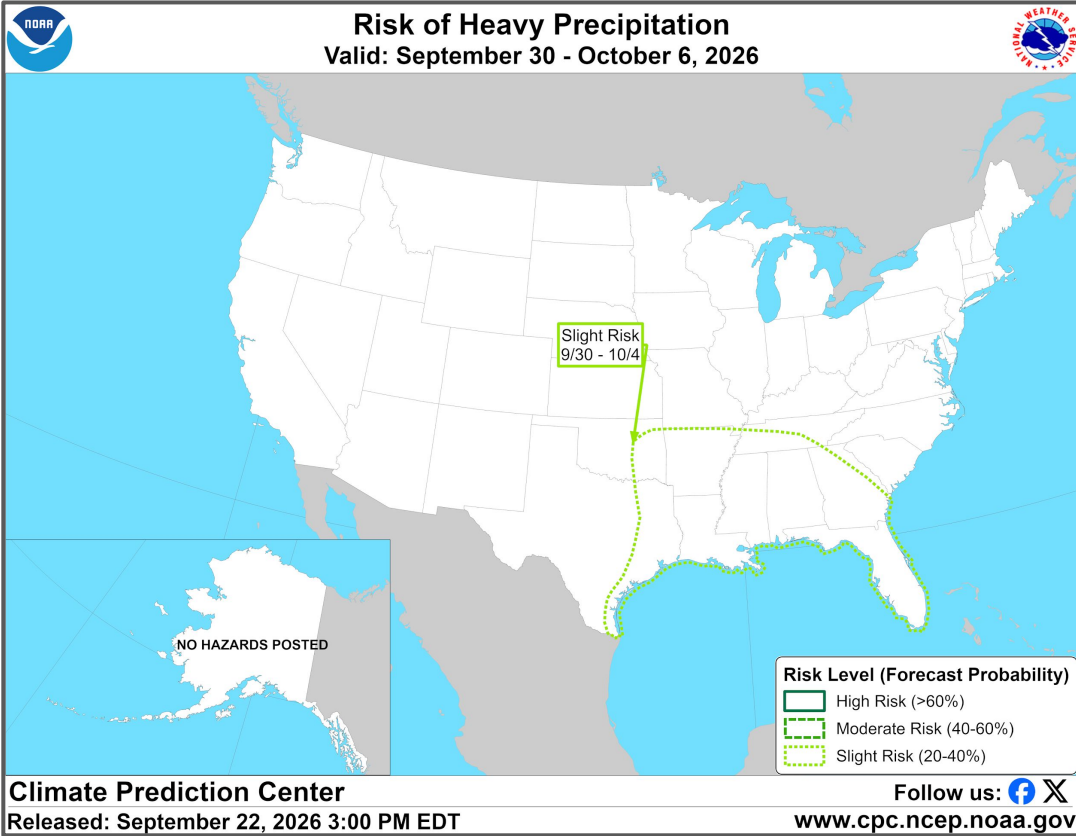
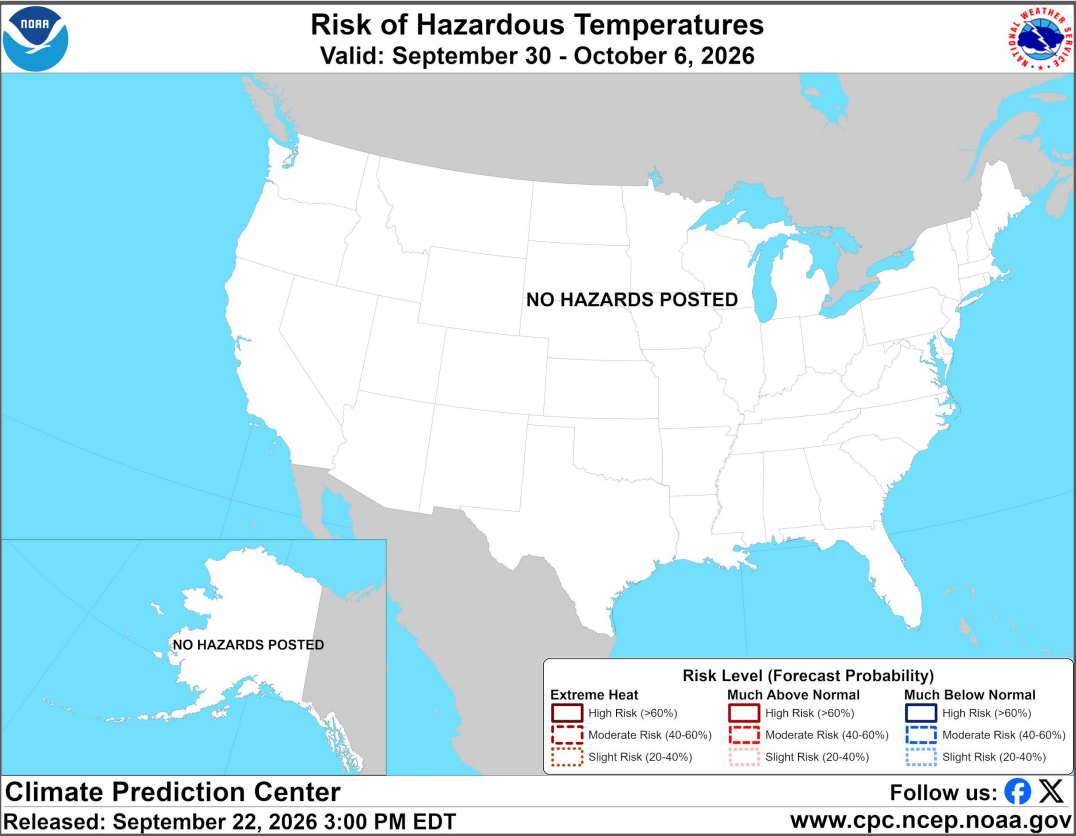
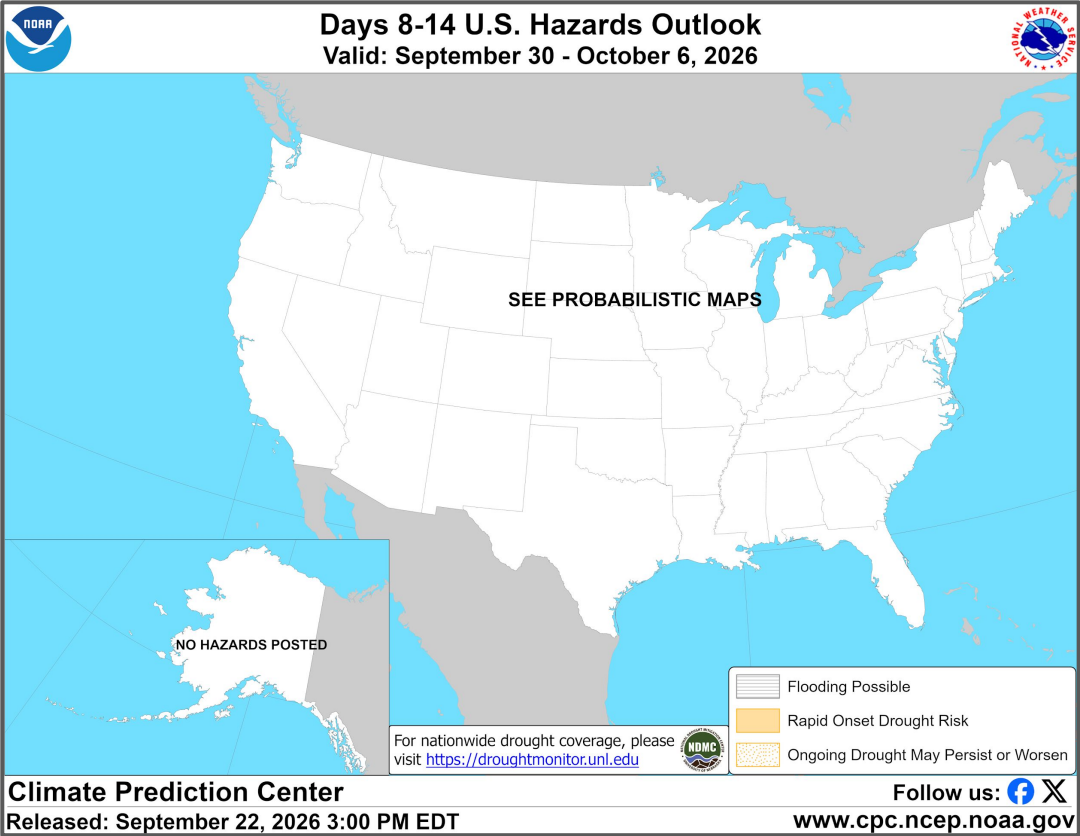


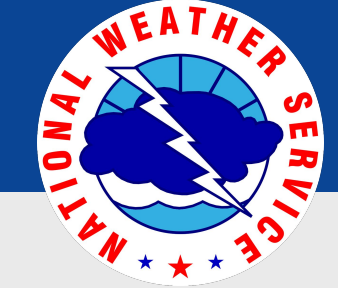
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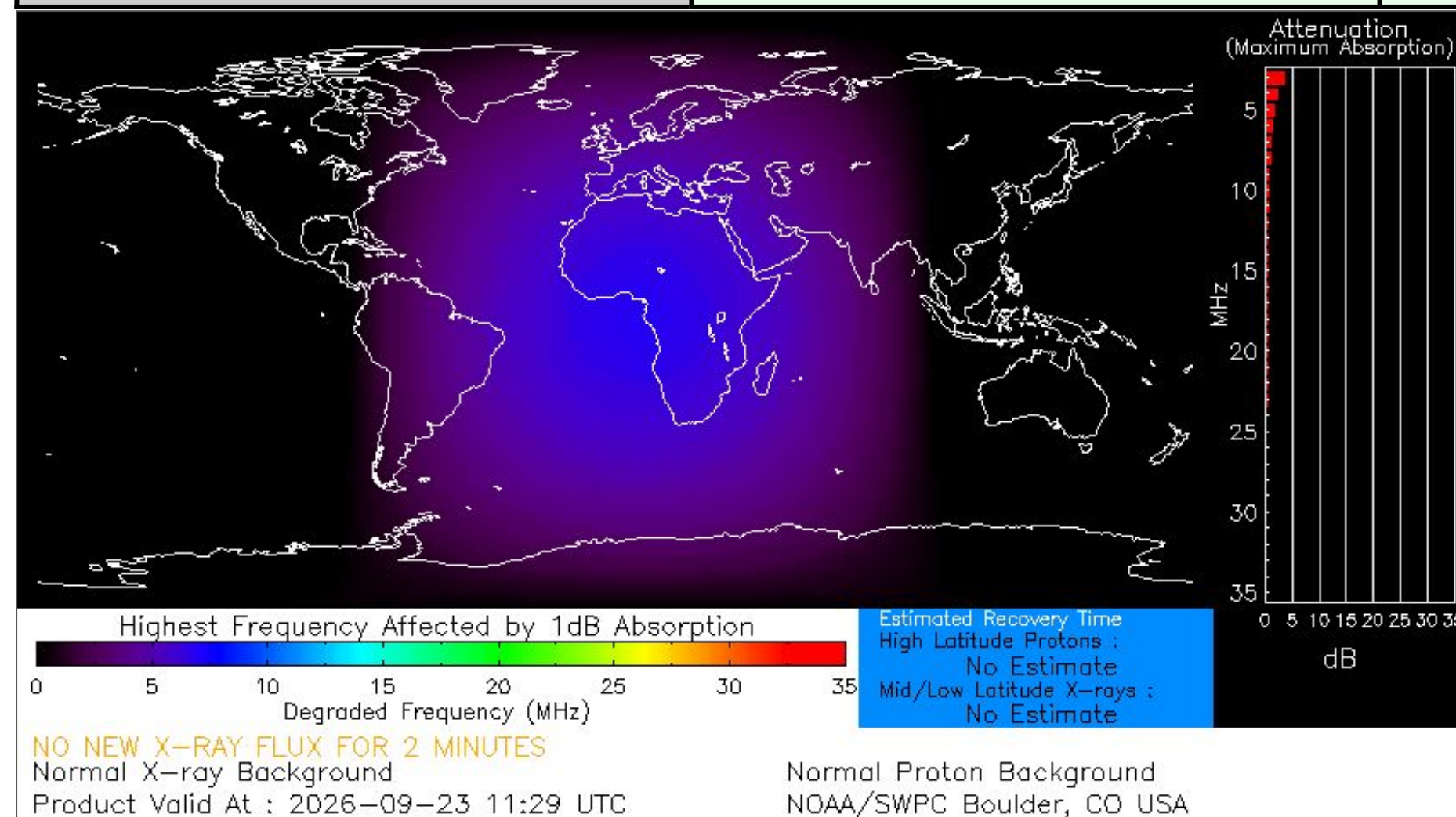
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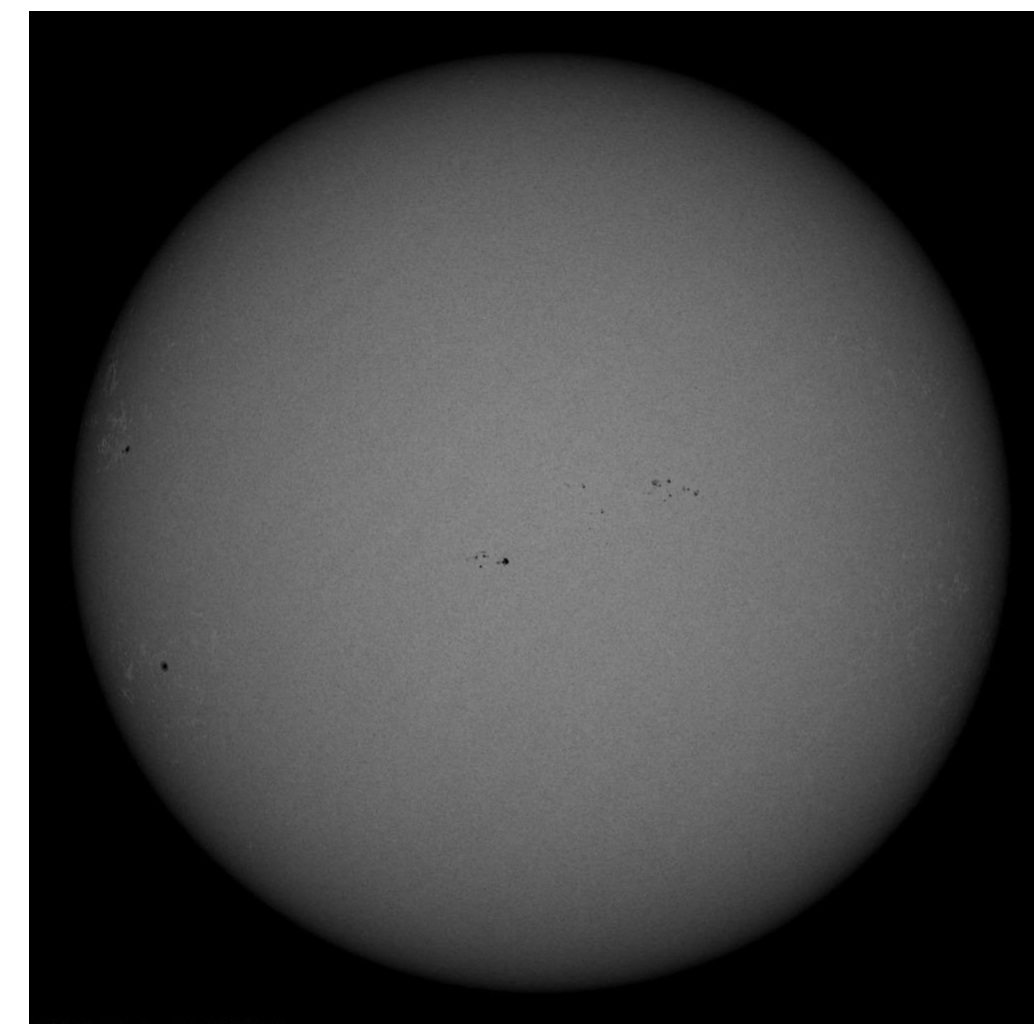
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Sep 23	Thursday, Sep 24	Friday, Sep 25
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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	Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	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	- Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees - Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Minor Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	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	2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible - Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Moderate Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	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	- A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely - Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail - Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Major Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	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	- A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days - Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail - Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Extreme 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	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	- A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow - Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to nws.soc2@noaa.gov



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