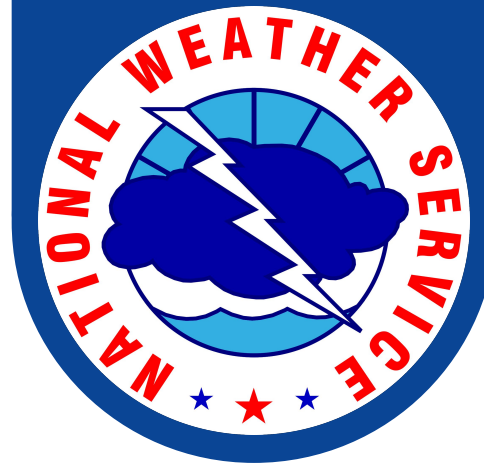




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, September 26, 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.





Summary

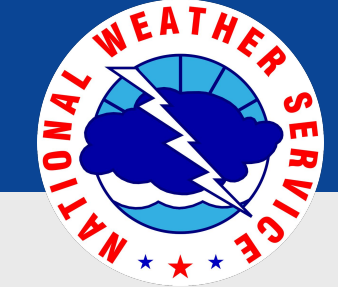
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Additional Pacific moisture will combine with a cold front to produce a Slight Risk of flash flooding by Monday over W NM and will progress eastward across the Region through the middle of next week including portions of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.**
 - **Monitoring for upgrades to moderate risk Monday/Tuesday for portions of New Mexico that are already rain-soaked.**
 - **Sacramento Burn Scar complex is at a Moderate (level 2 of 3) risk of debris flow flooding on Monday, and High Risk (level 3/3) on Tuesday. Back to Moderate on Wednesday.**

- **Tropical:**

- **Tropical Depression Fay in the Central Atlantic is moving westward into a higher area of wind shear and expected to dissipate in the next day or two. No impacts to FEMA 6.**
- **Tropical Storm Gonzalo is moving northward off West African Coast. No impacts are expected from this storm to FEMA 6.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Sep 26	Sunday, Sep 27	Monday, Sep 28	Tuesday, Sep 29	Wednesday, Sep 30	Thursday, Oct 1	Friday, Oct 2
Severe Storms	W OK, E TX Panhandle						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	W TX, OK	NW NM	W NM	NM, NW TX, OK	E OK, W AR C-NETX	TX, OK, AR, LA	OK, TX
Fire Weather							
Tropical							
River Flooding	NM	NM	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring

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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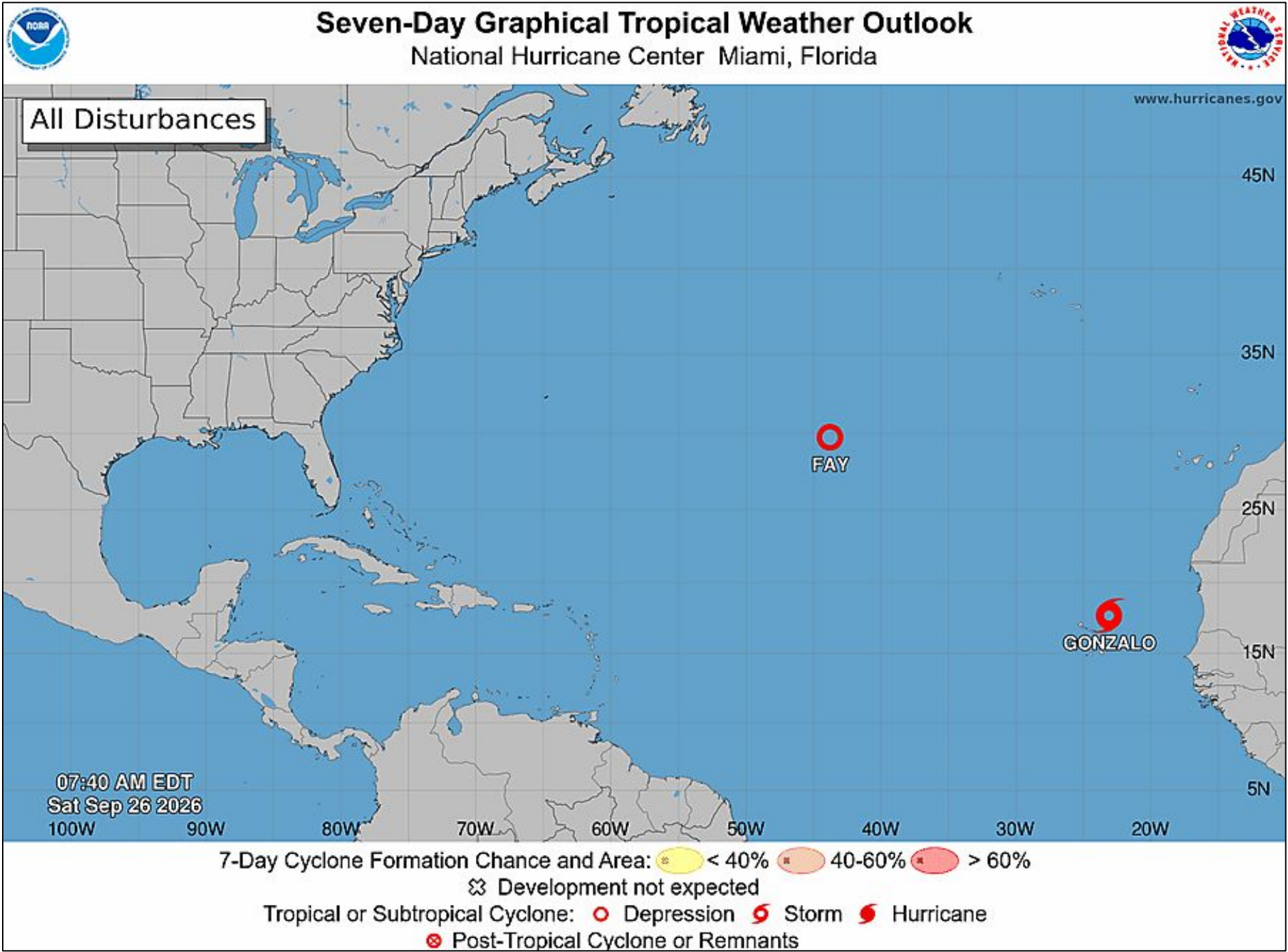
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
TD Fay	None
TS Gonzalo	None

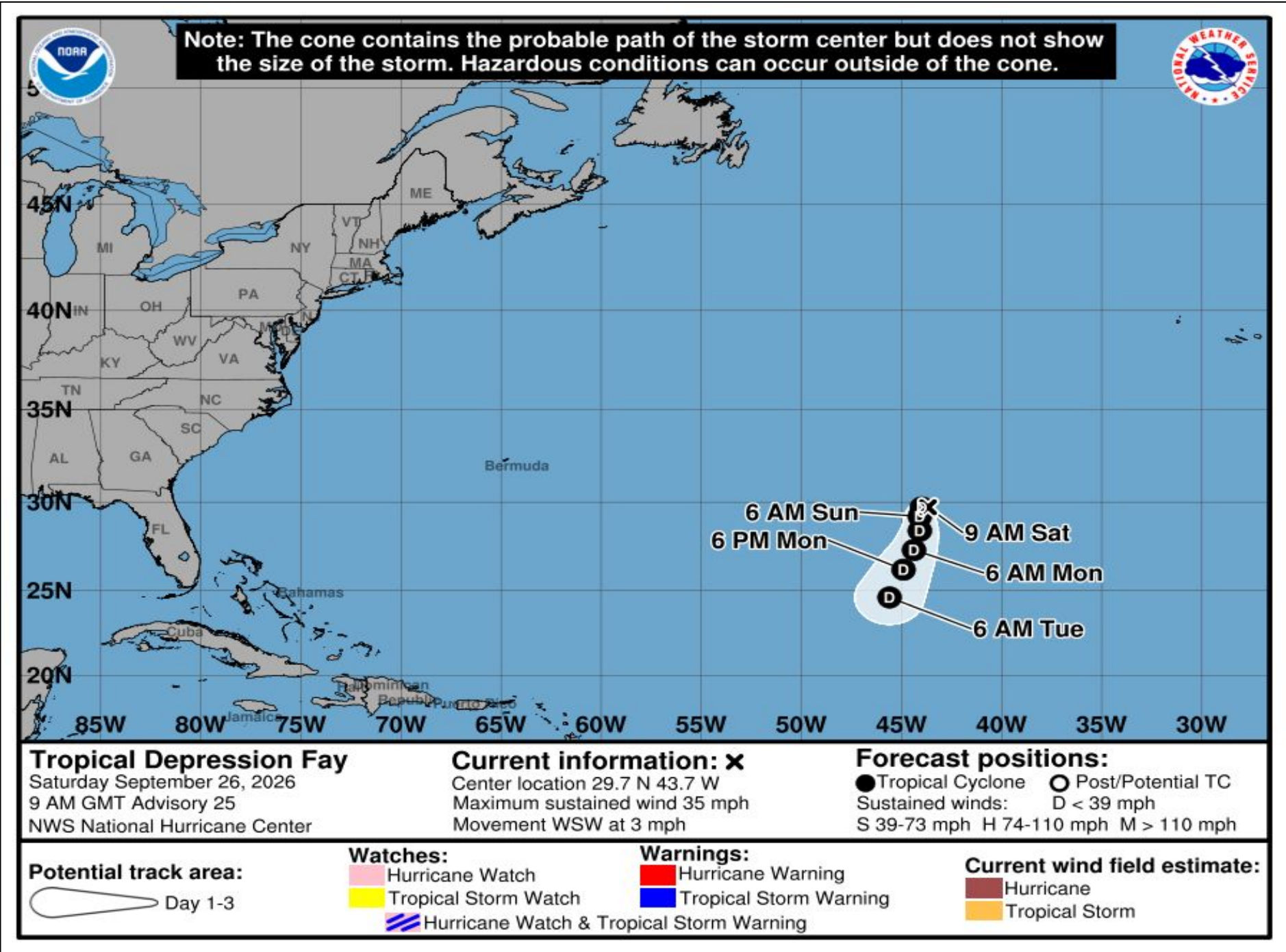


See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





Tropical Depression Faye



Tropical Depression Fay is not expected to bring impacts to FEMA 6 in the next week.

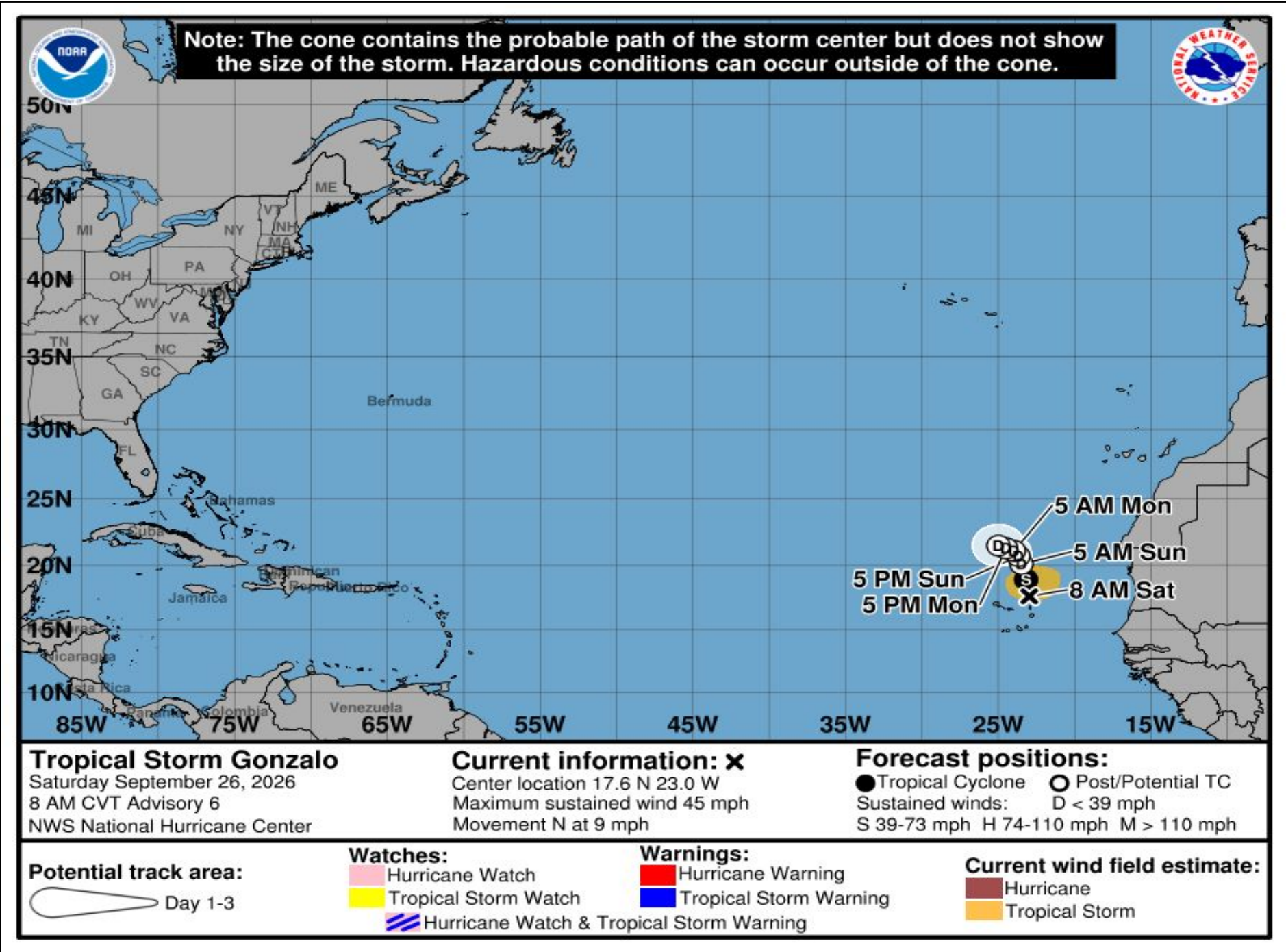
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Tropical Storm Gonzalo

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Hurricane Polo



Hurricane Polo will weaken over the weekend/early next week. However, moisture associated with it will contribute to chances of heavy rainfall across FEMA 6 next week.

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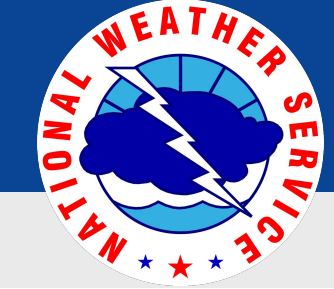


Current Radar/Hazards



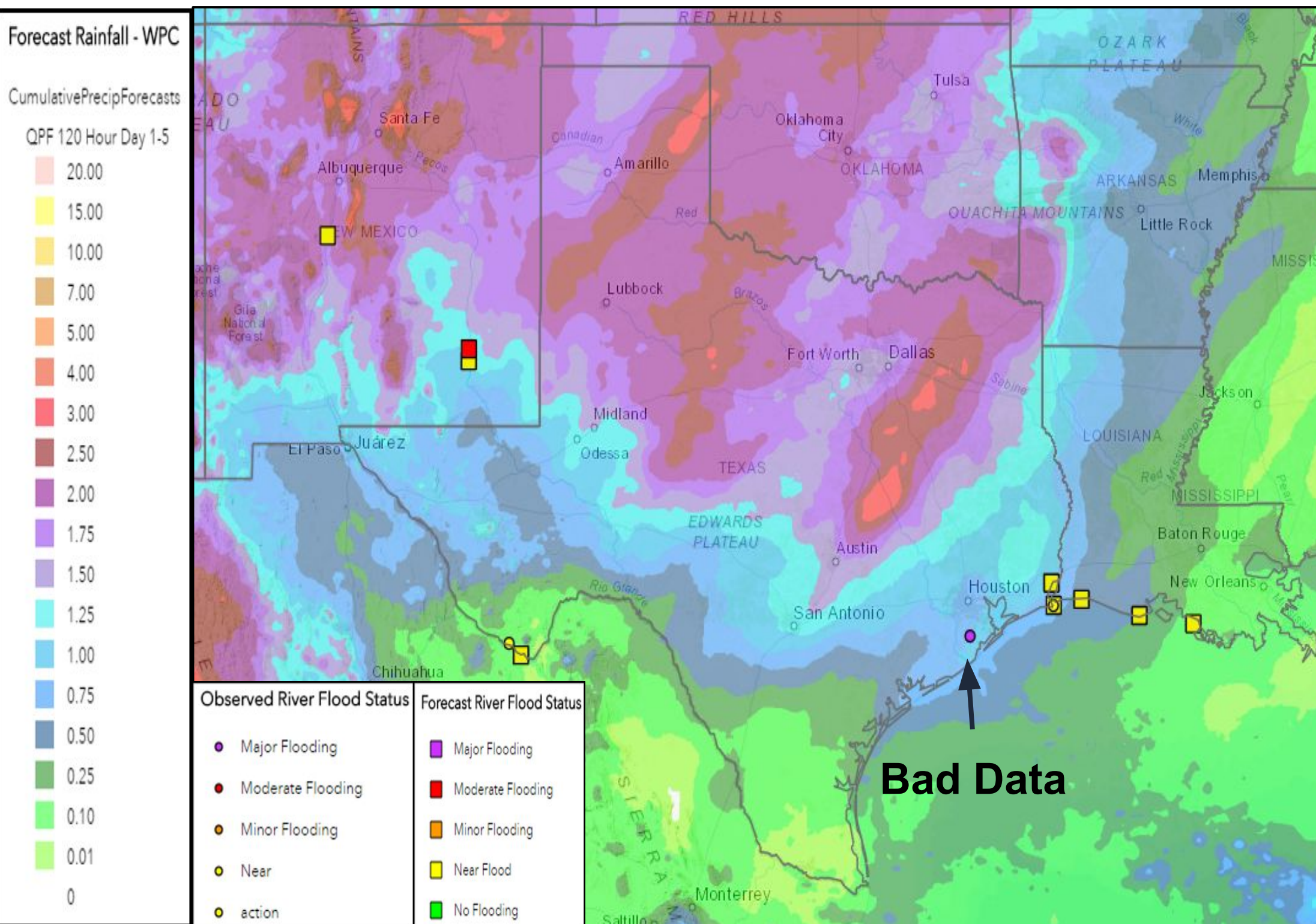
None





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



Pecos River above Lake Arthur in NM is expected to reach Moderate Flood Stage briefly this afternoon.

Continuing to monitor for river rises across the region early/middle of next week as tropical moisture arrives.

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

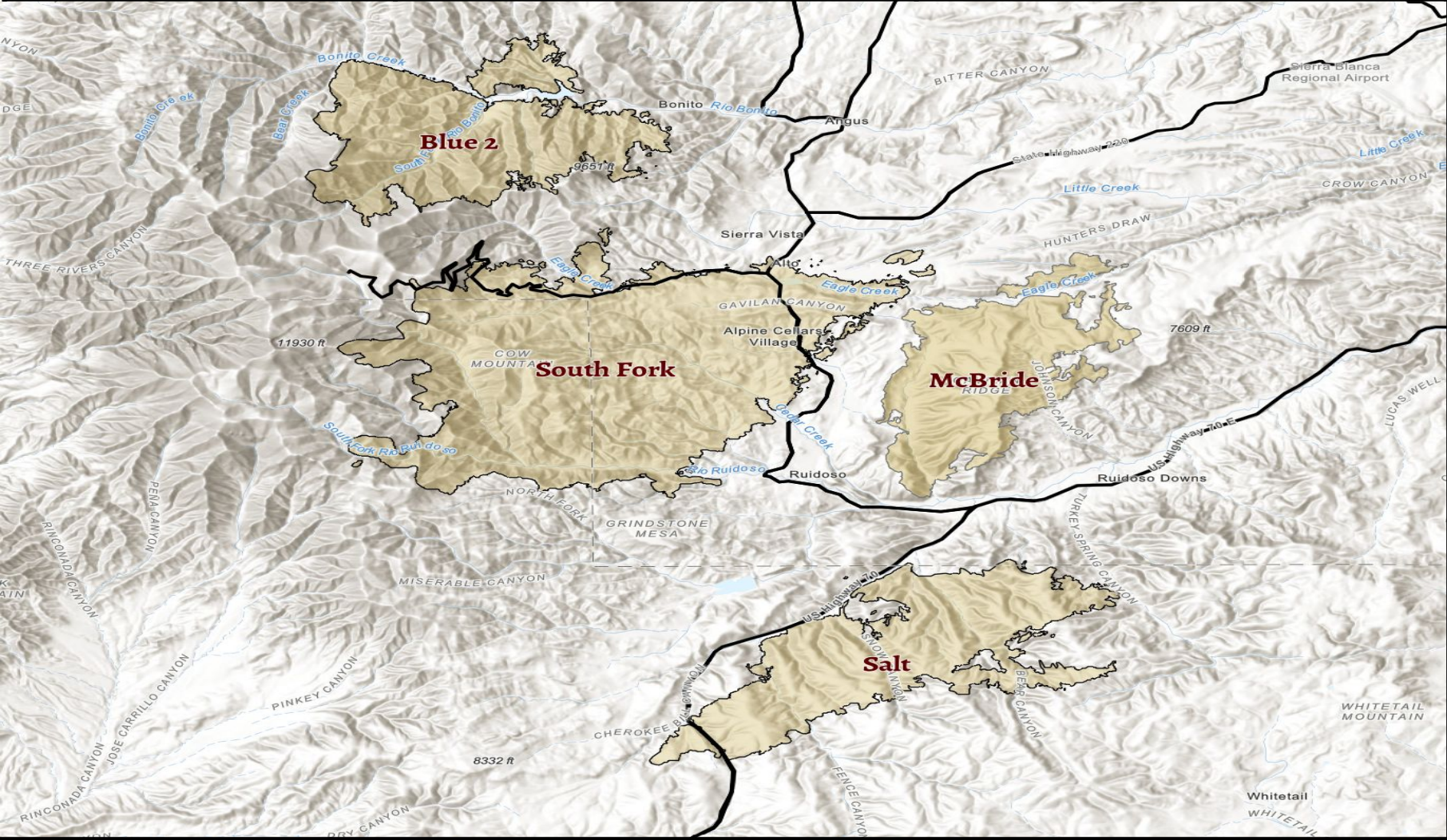
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Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

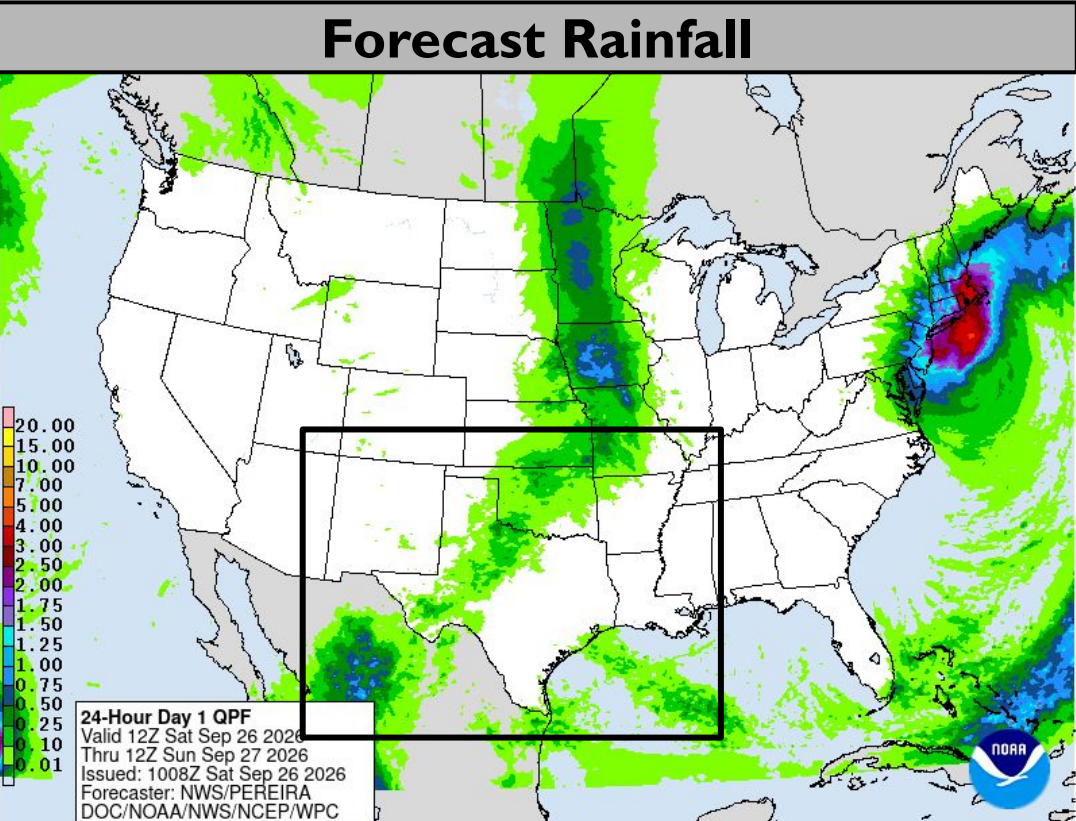
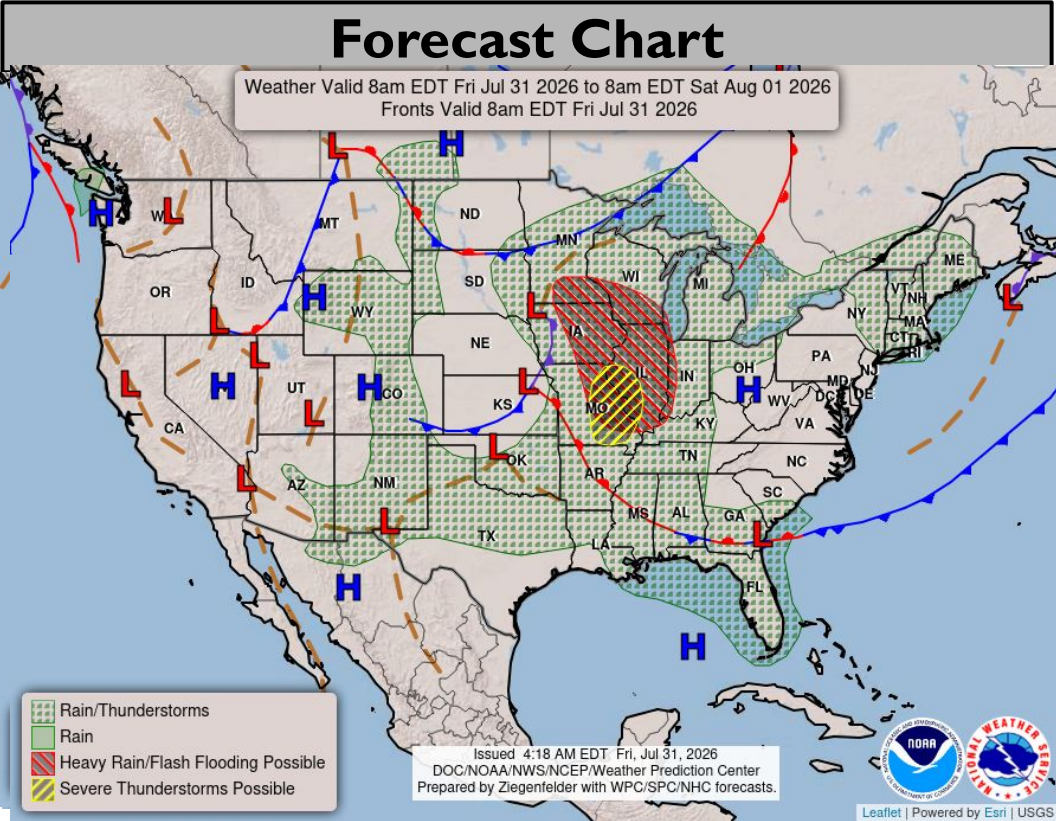
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Flash Flooding	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Moderate
Timing - CDT	-	-	Morning/Afternoon	Ongoing	Ongoing



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.	

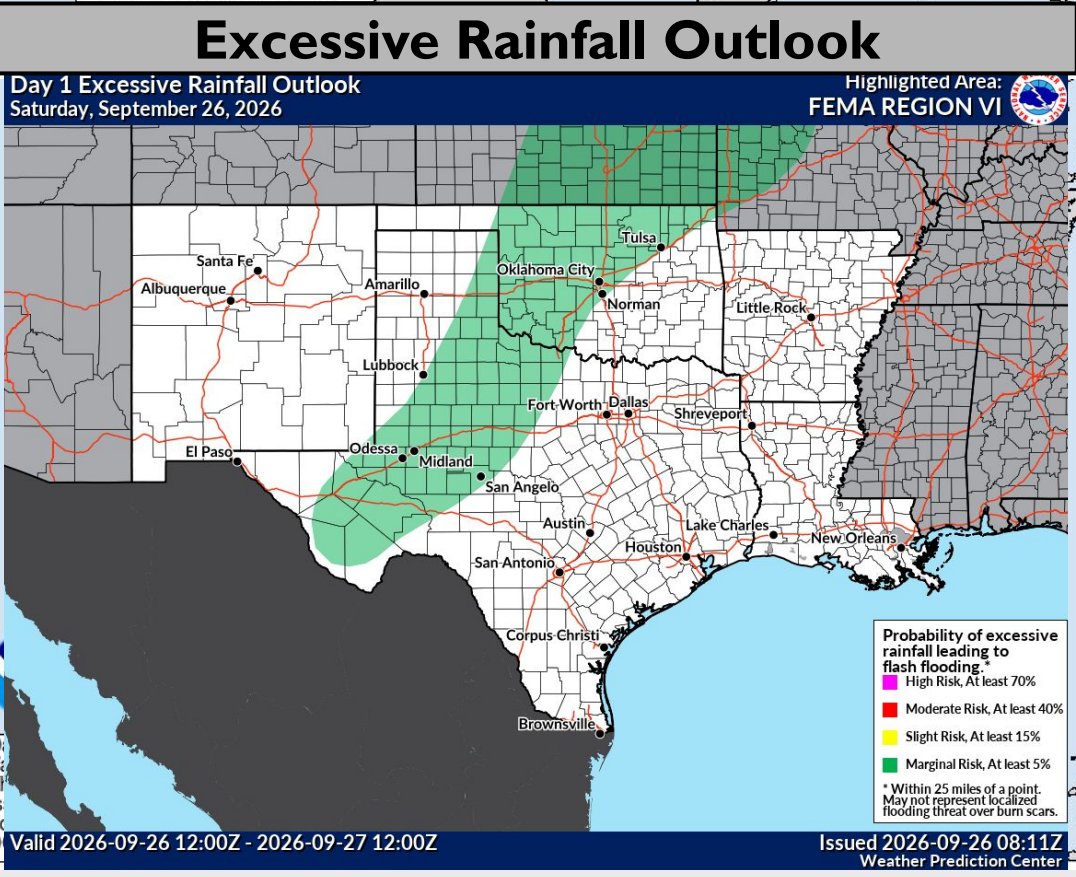
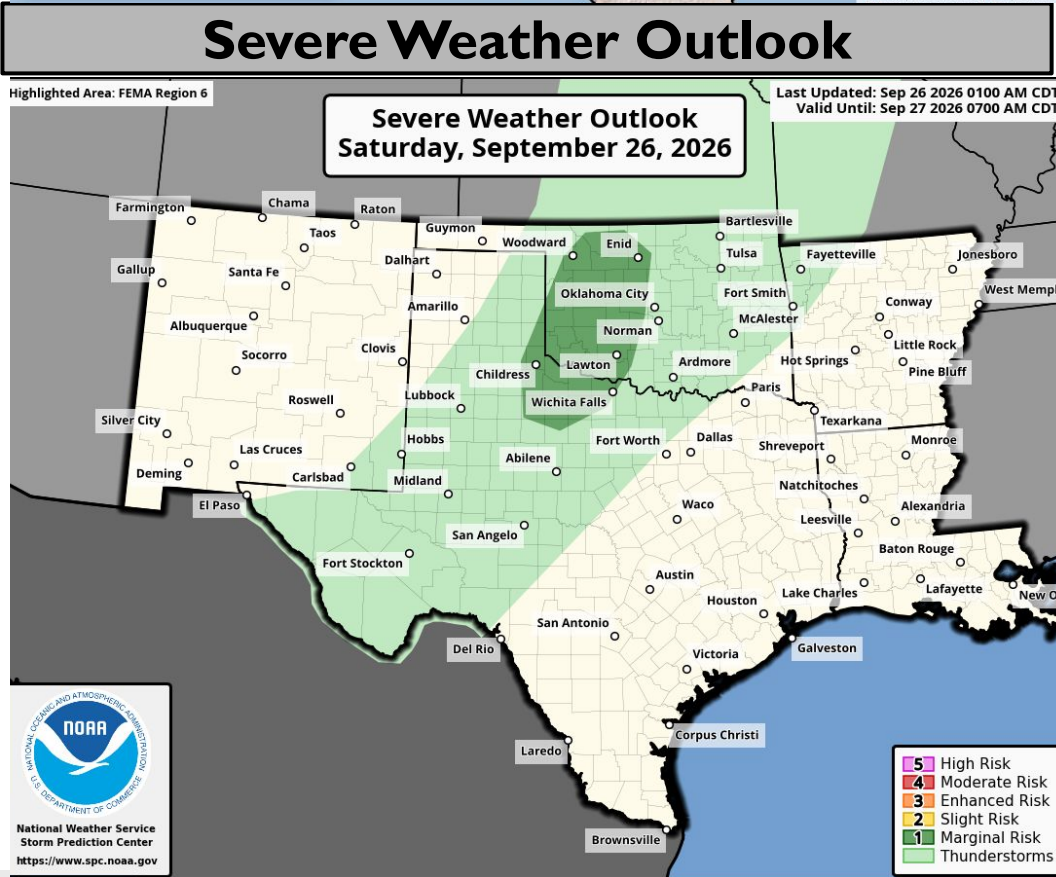


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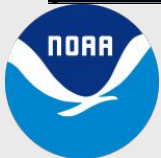


Marginal risk (level I of 5) for severe storms over W OK and the ETX Panhandle. Damaging winds the main threat.

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

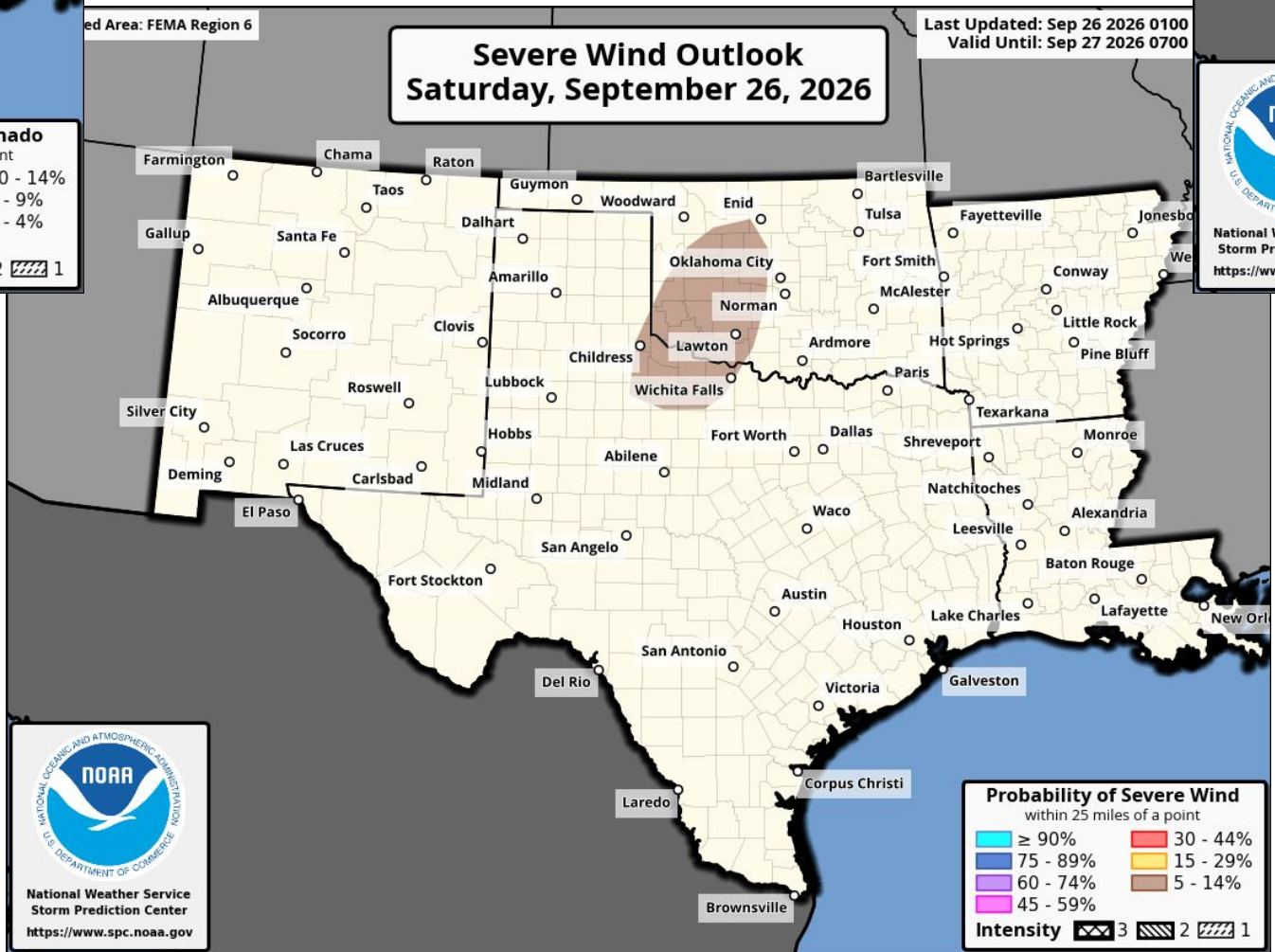
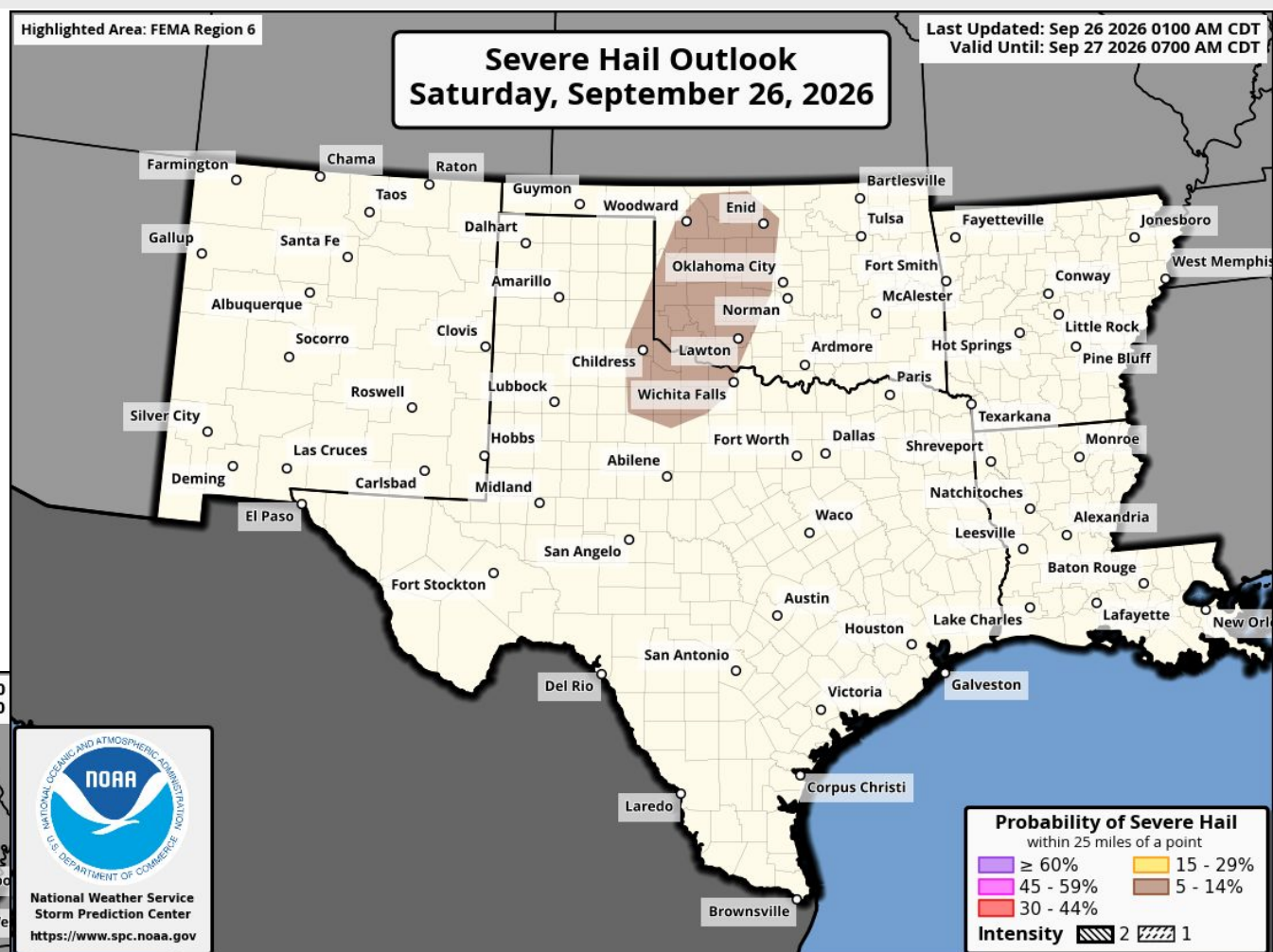
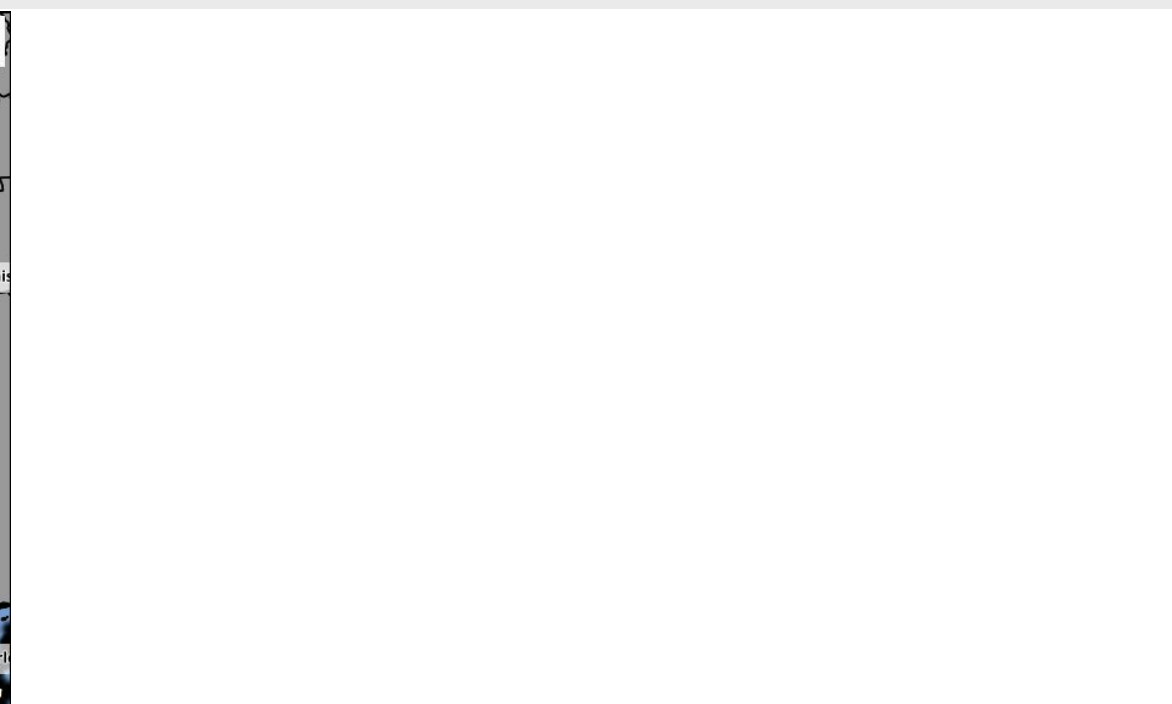
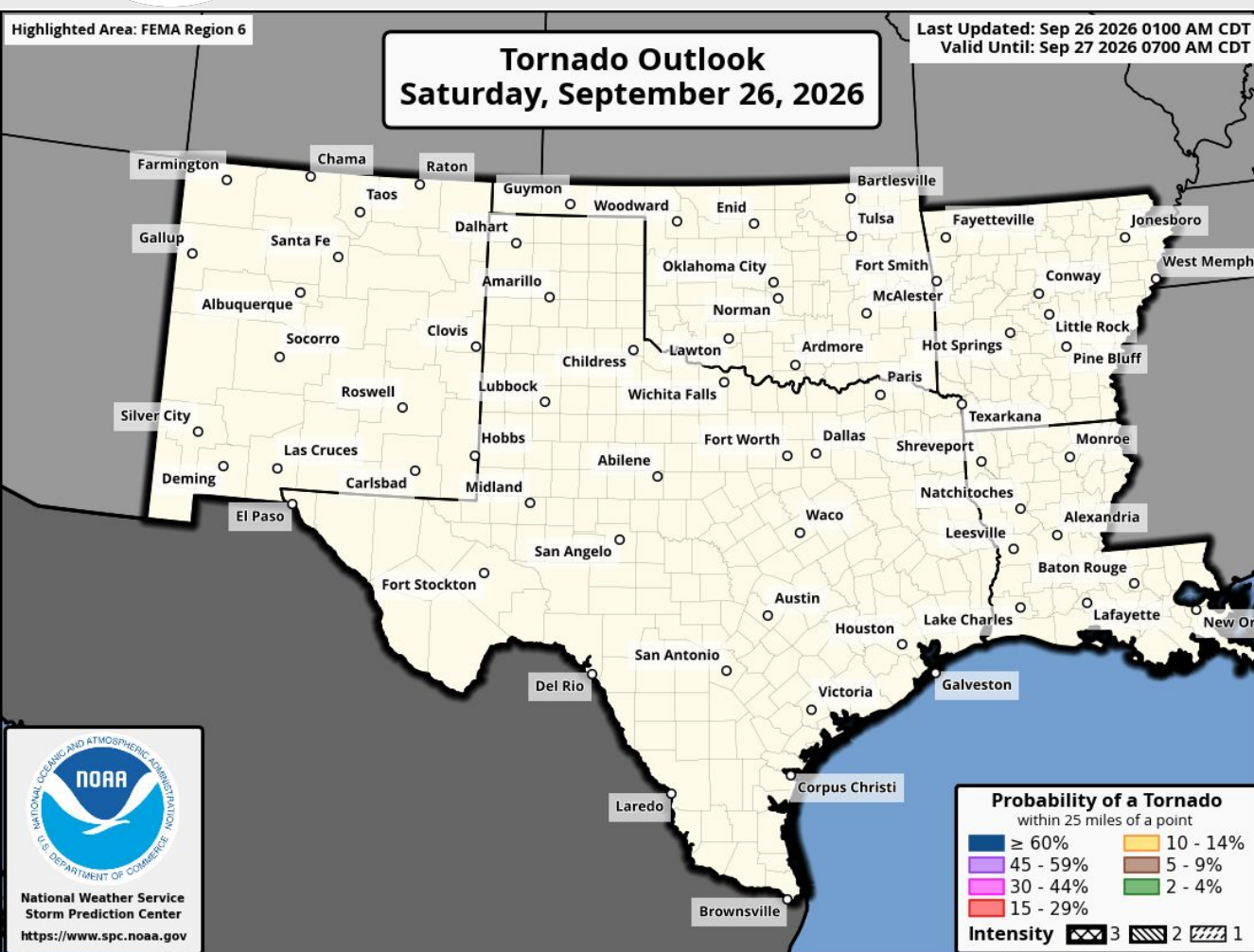


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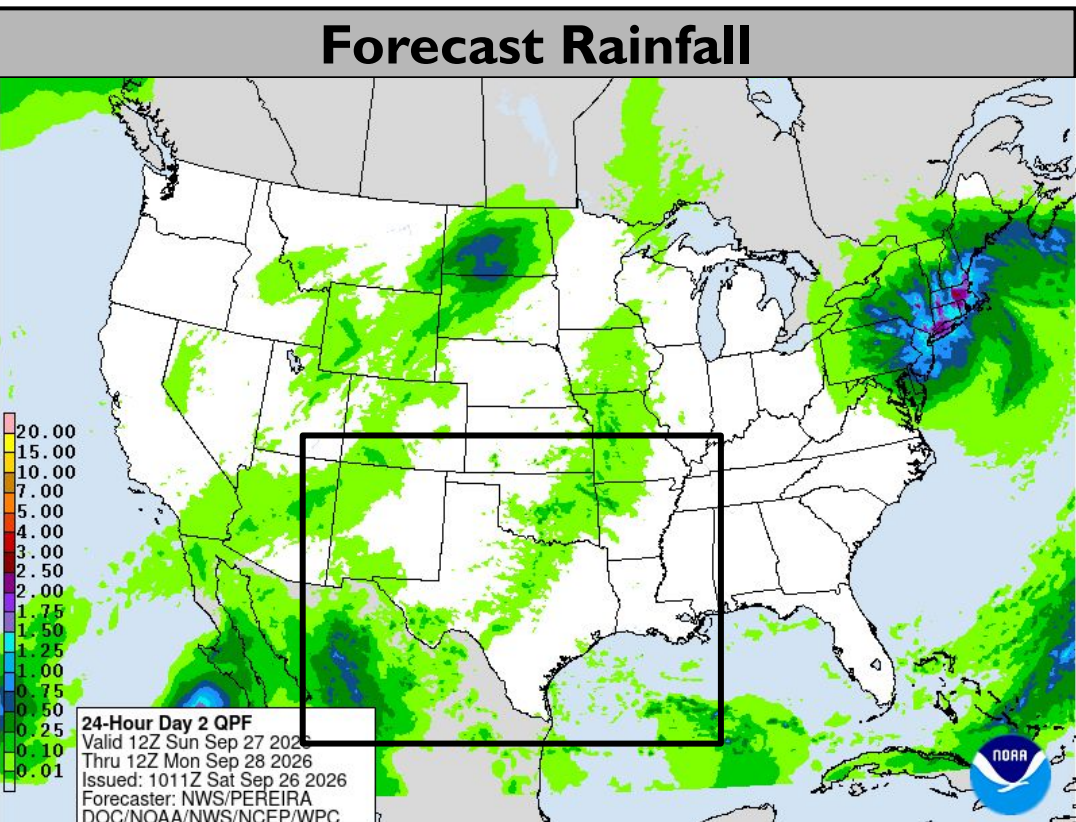
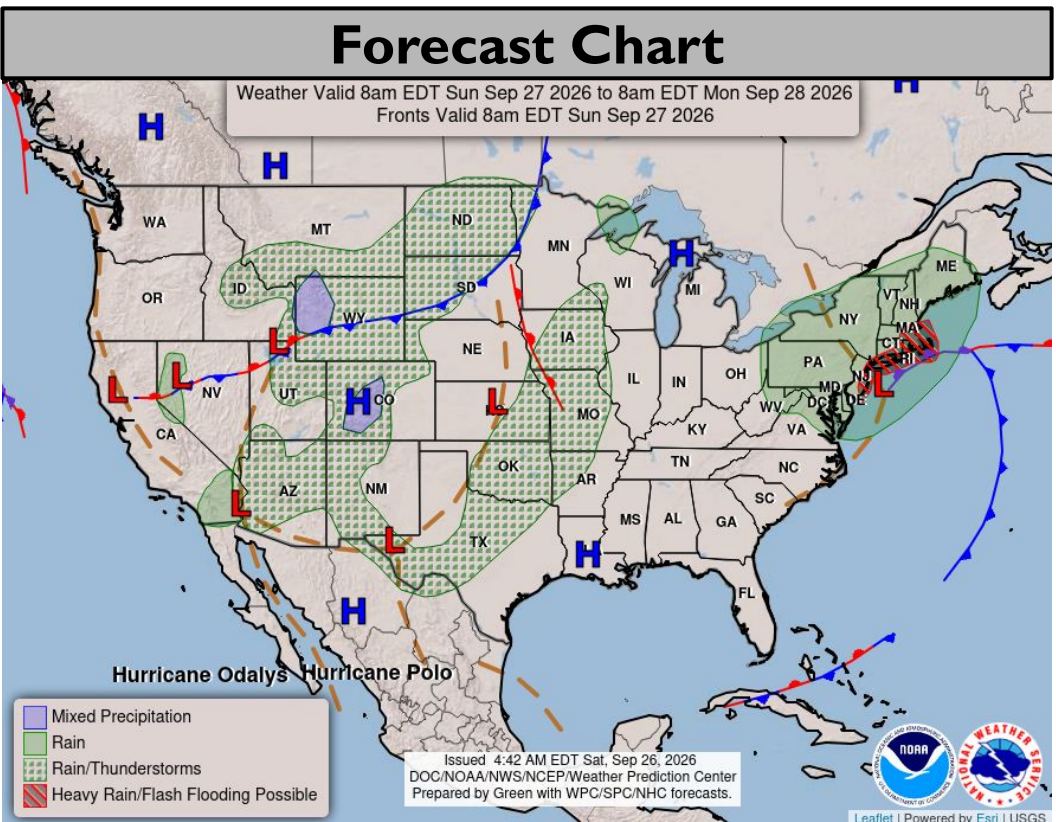


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

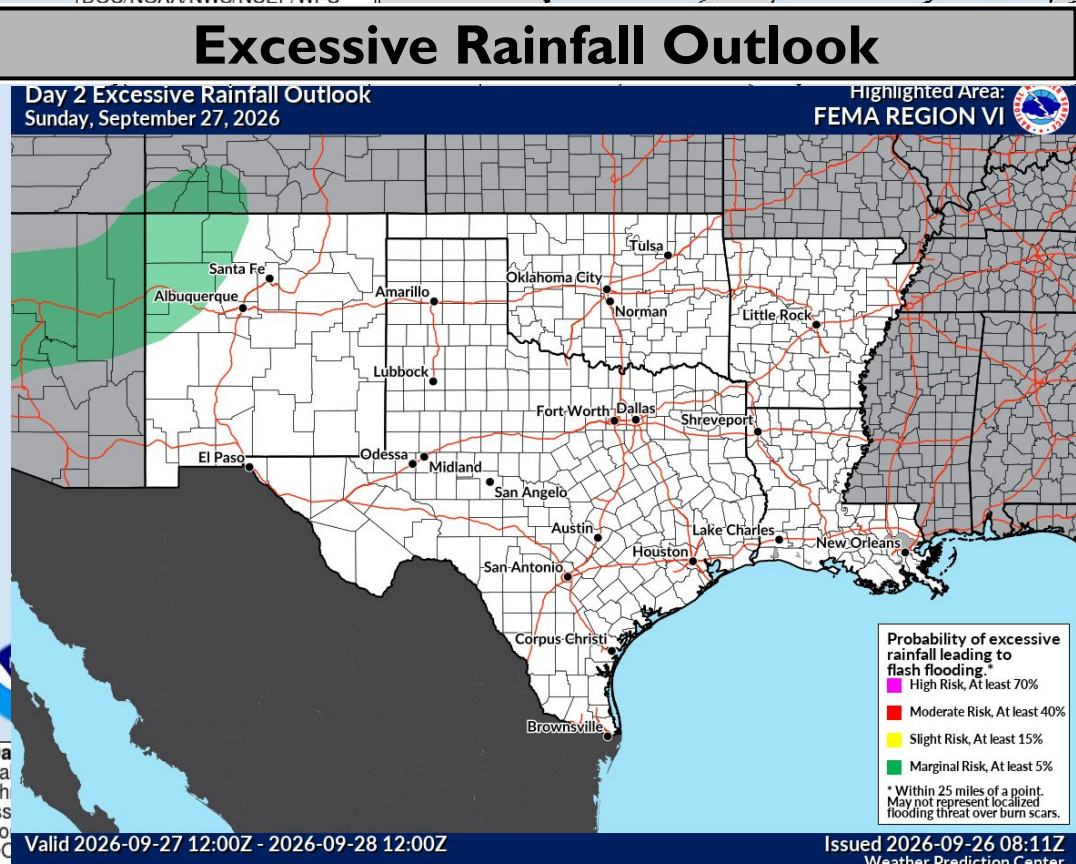
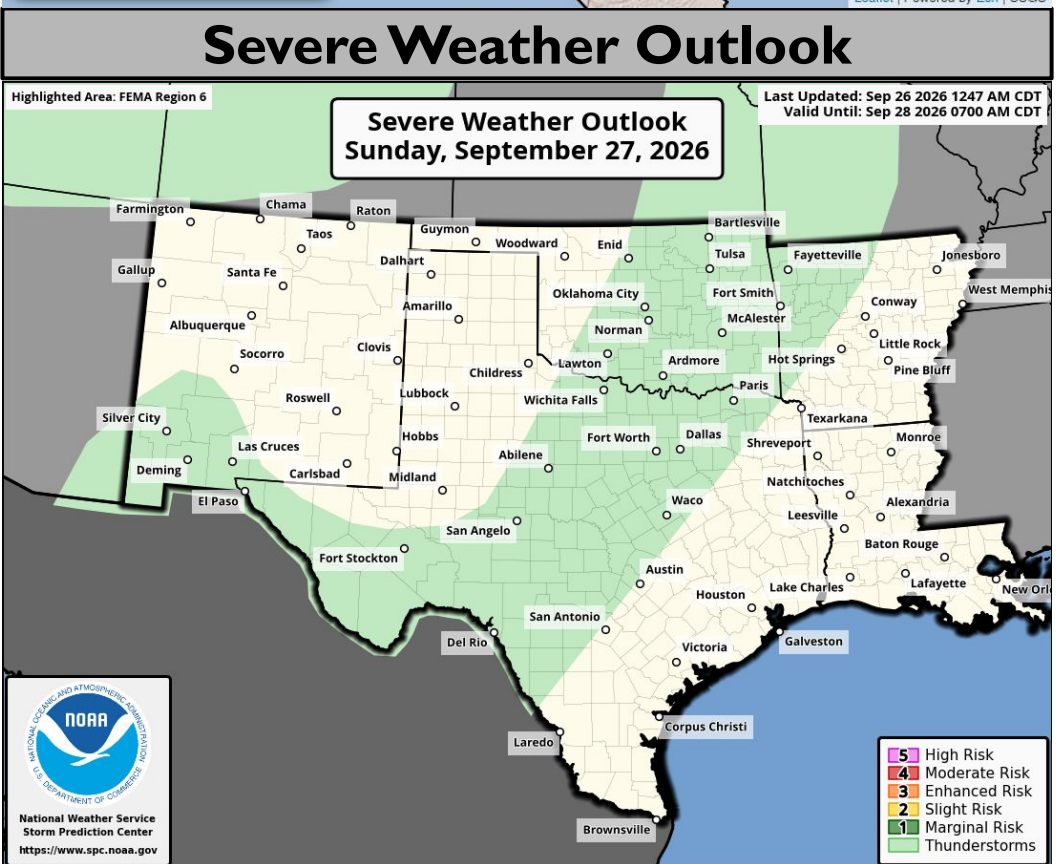




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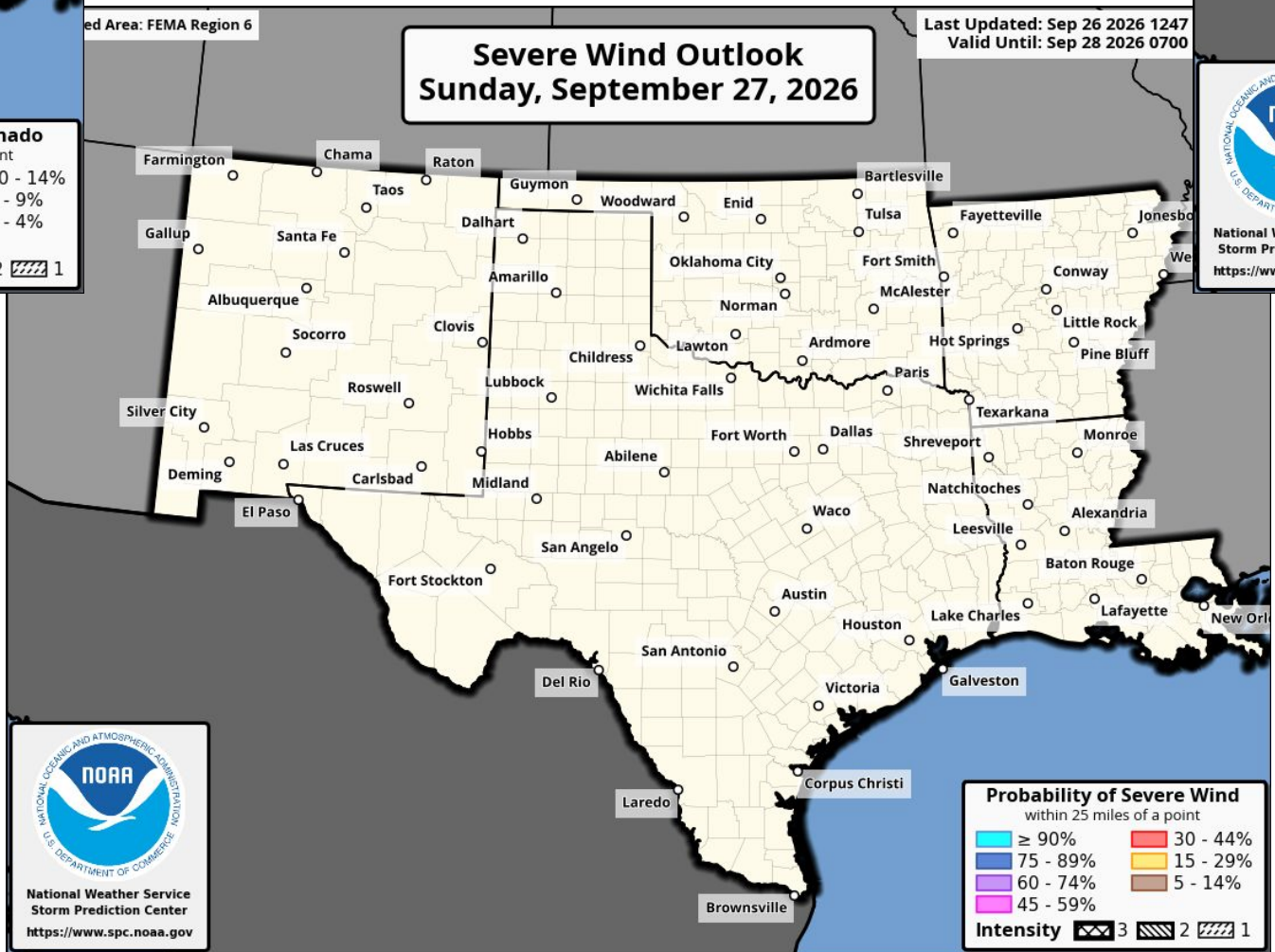
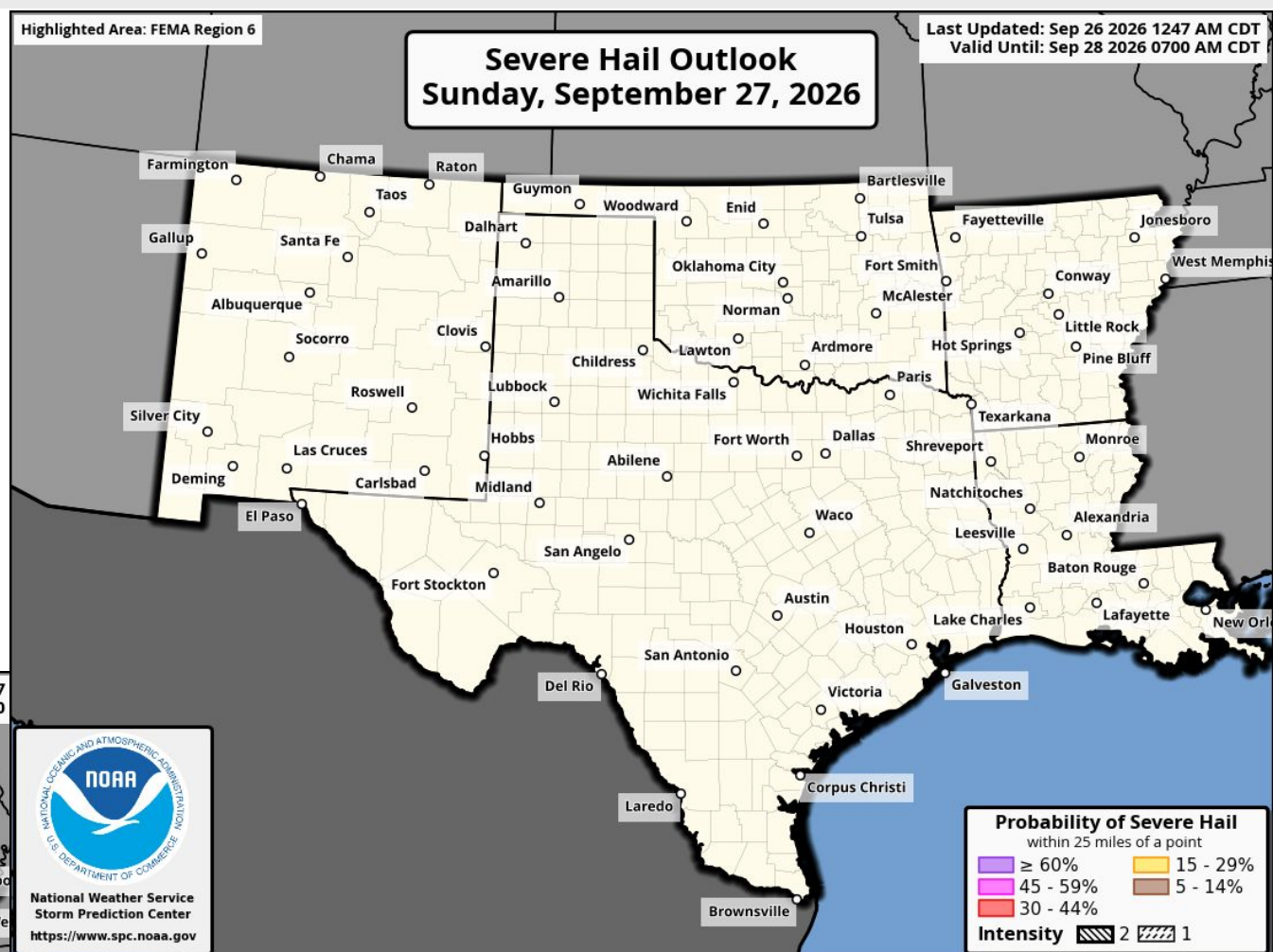
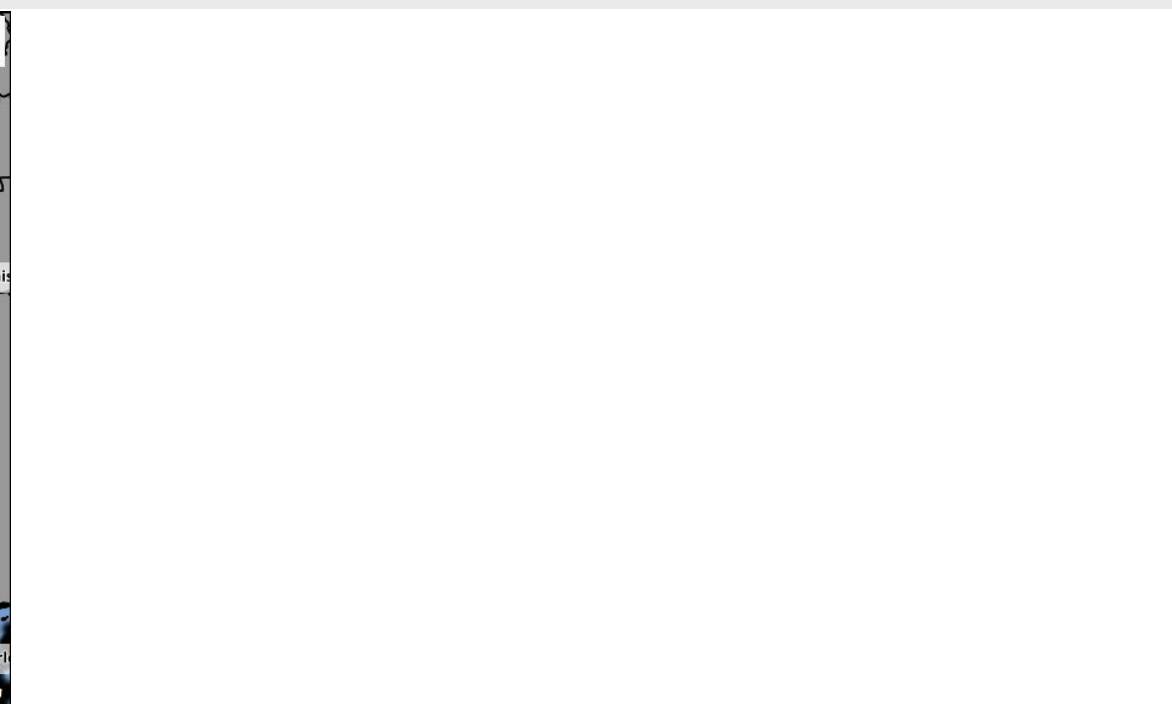
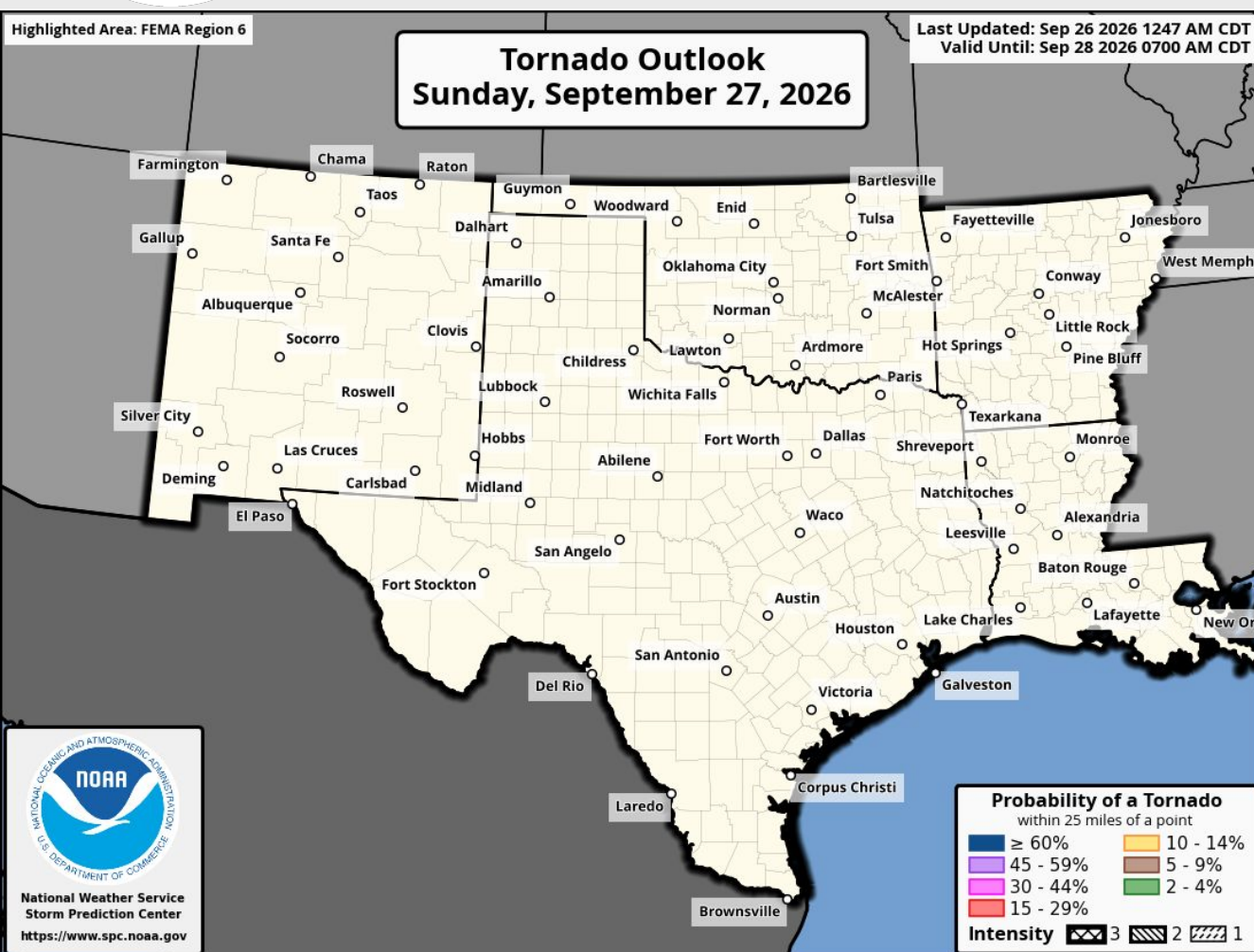
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NW NM.



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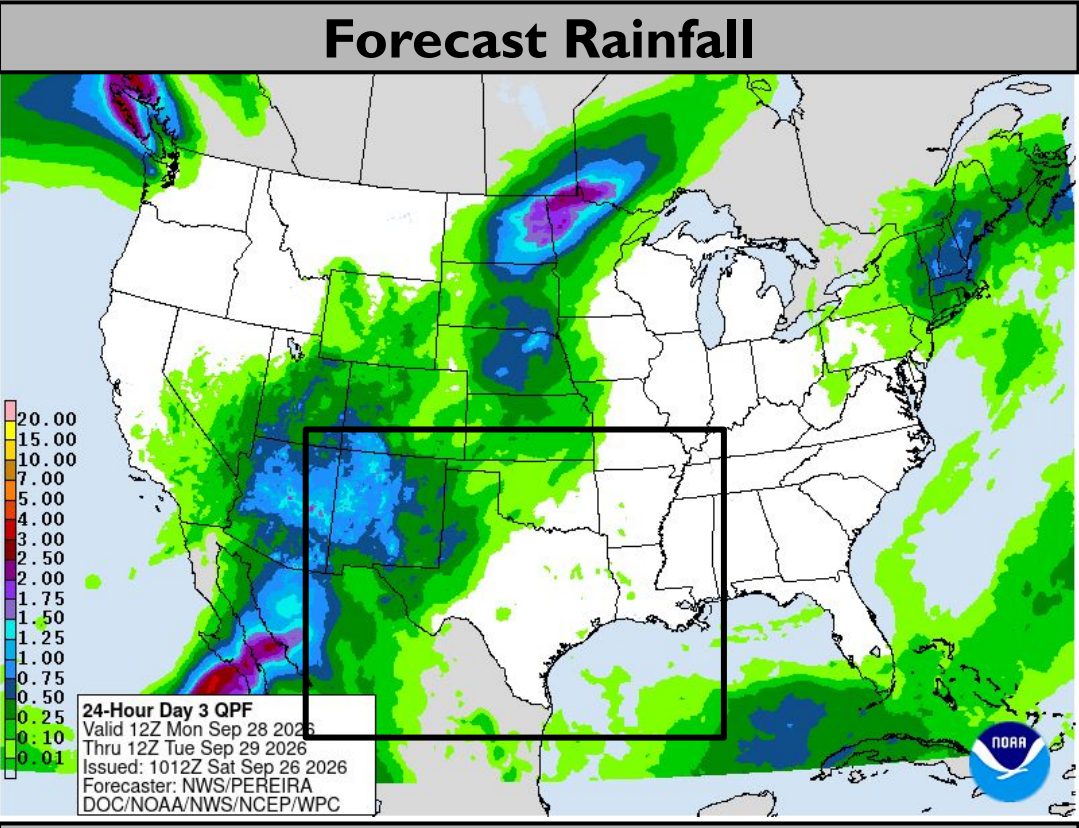
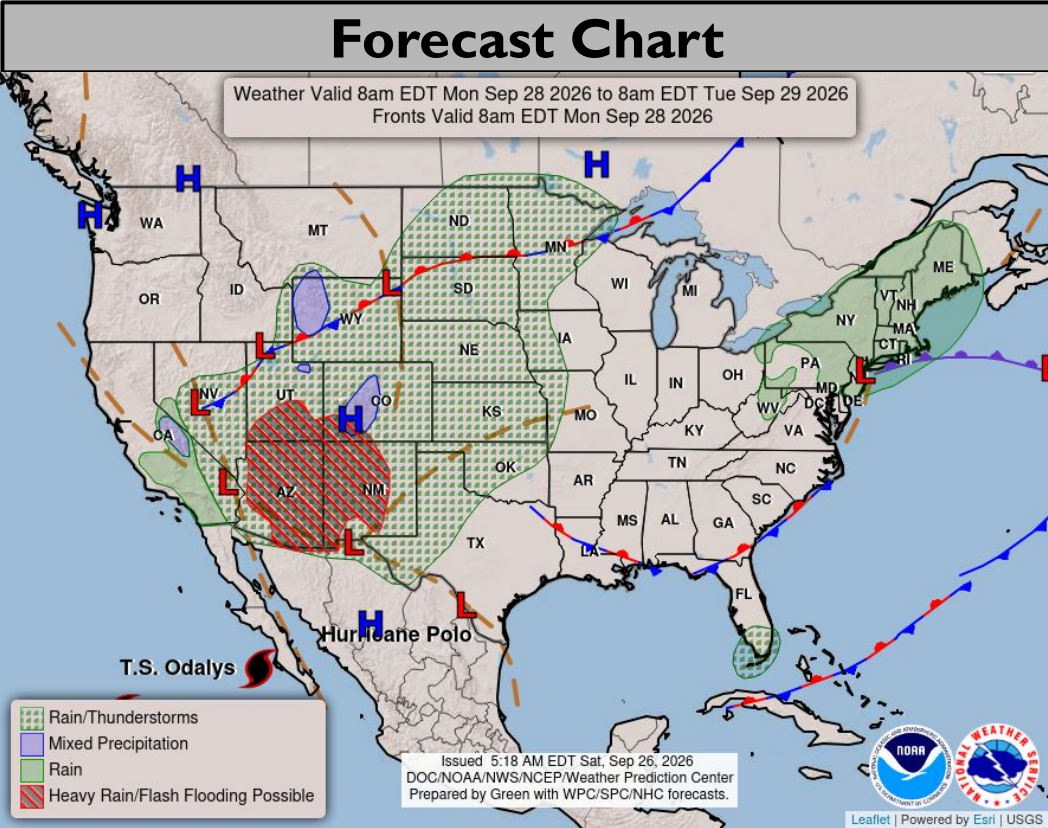


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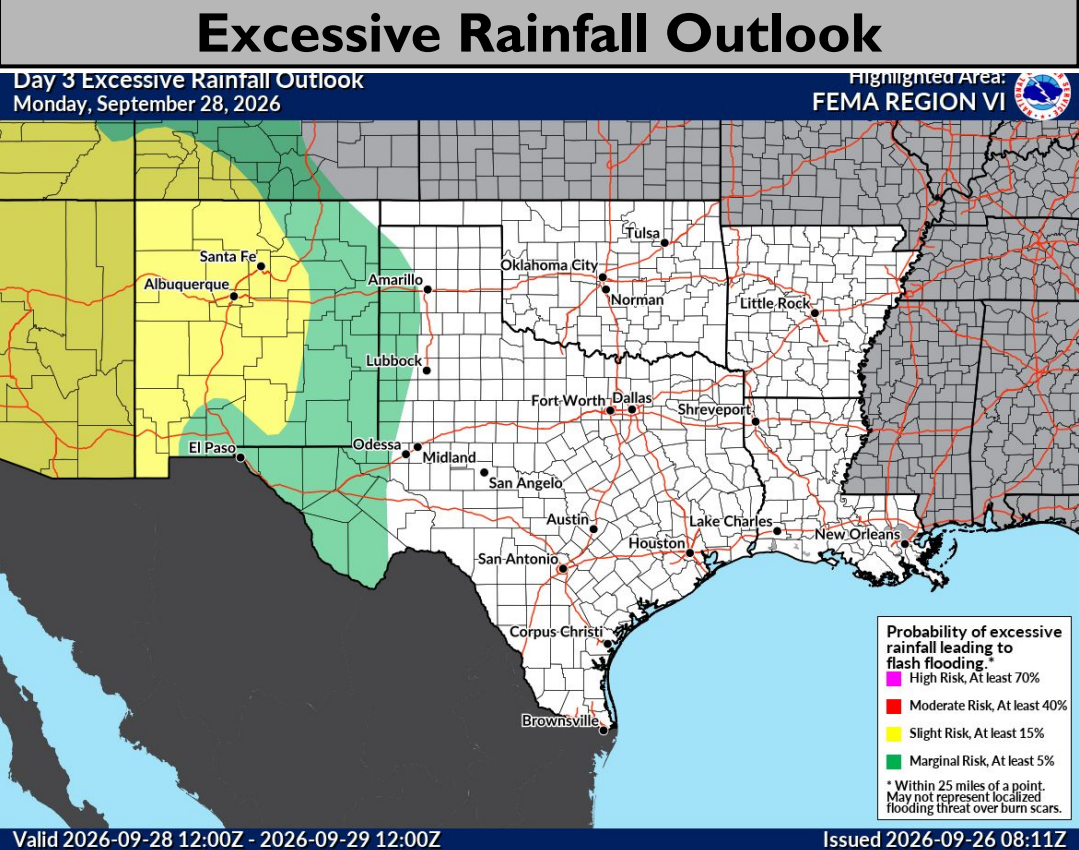
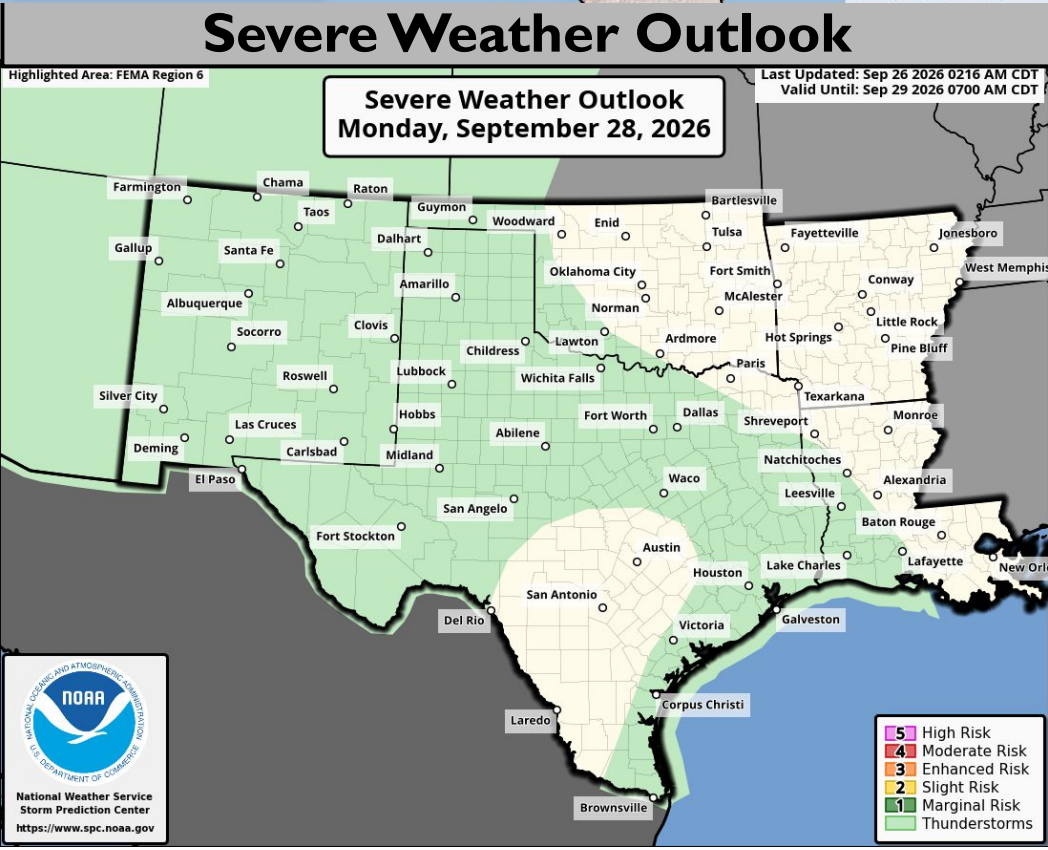




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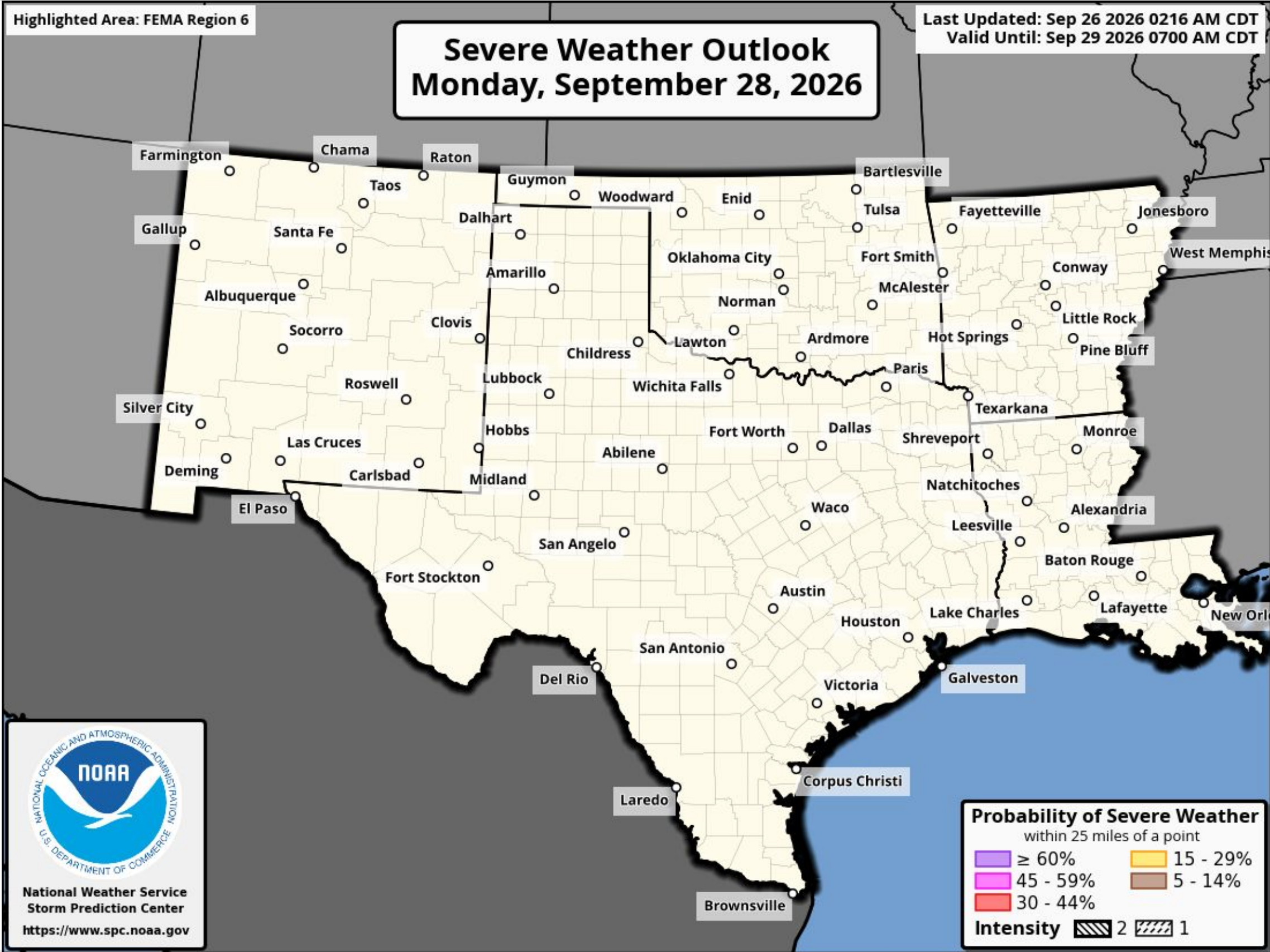
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in W NM.
Monitoring for upgrade to Moderate risk (level 3 of 4).



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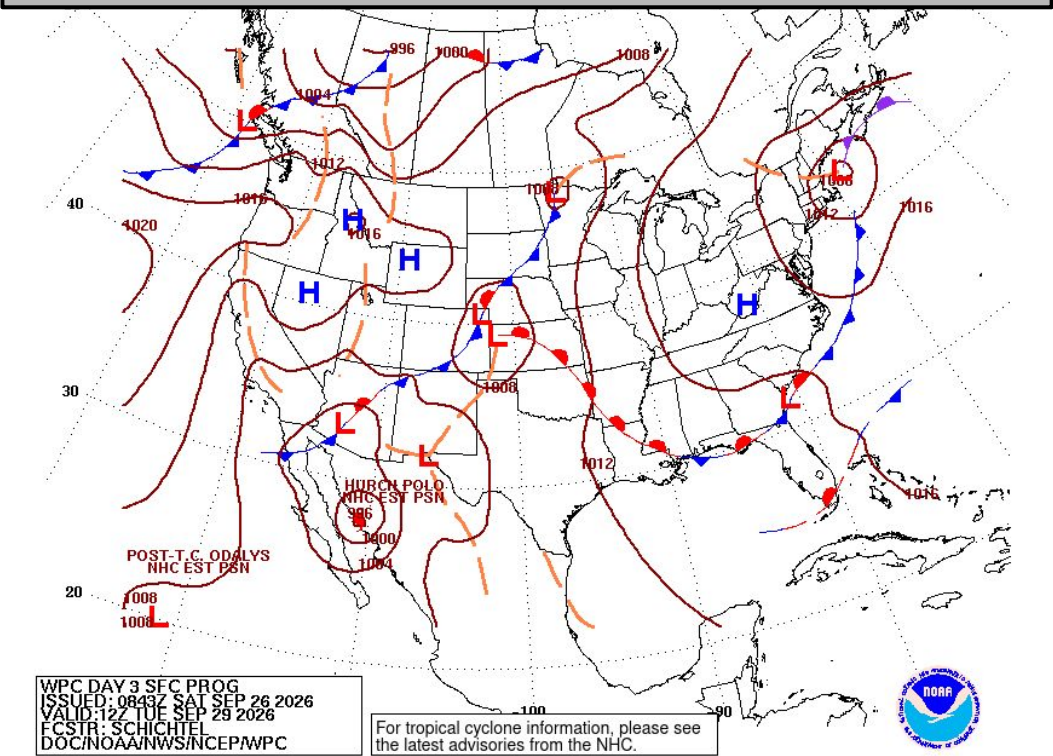
Monday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIIG Level



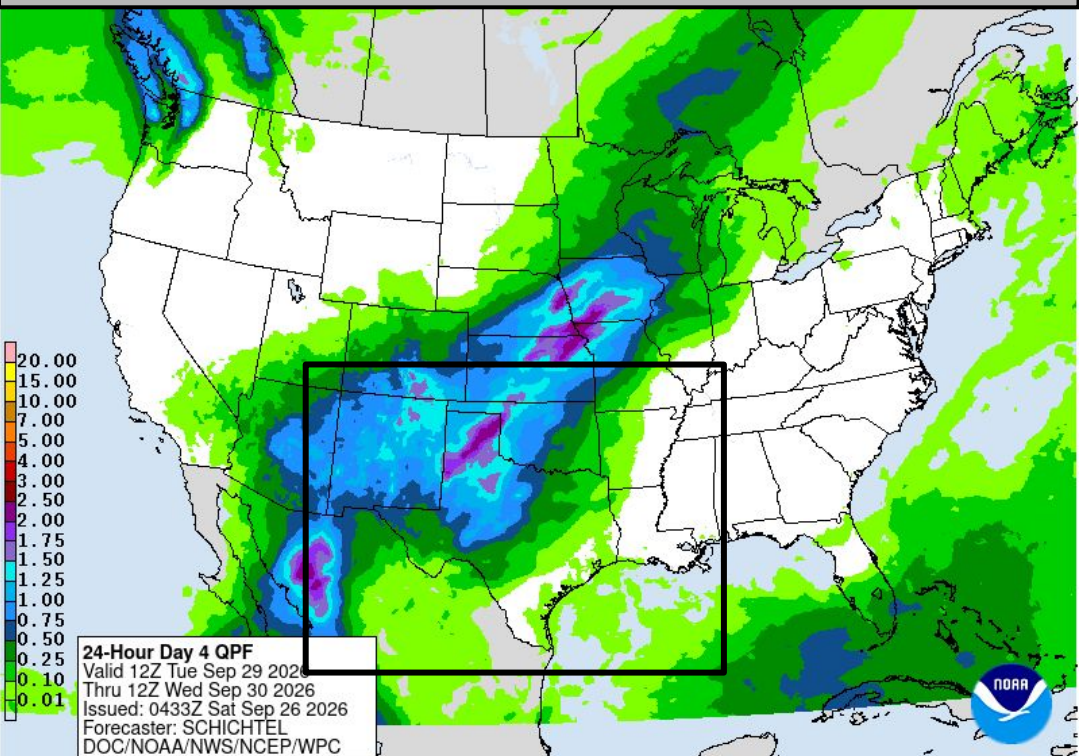


Tuesday's Weather

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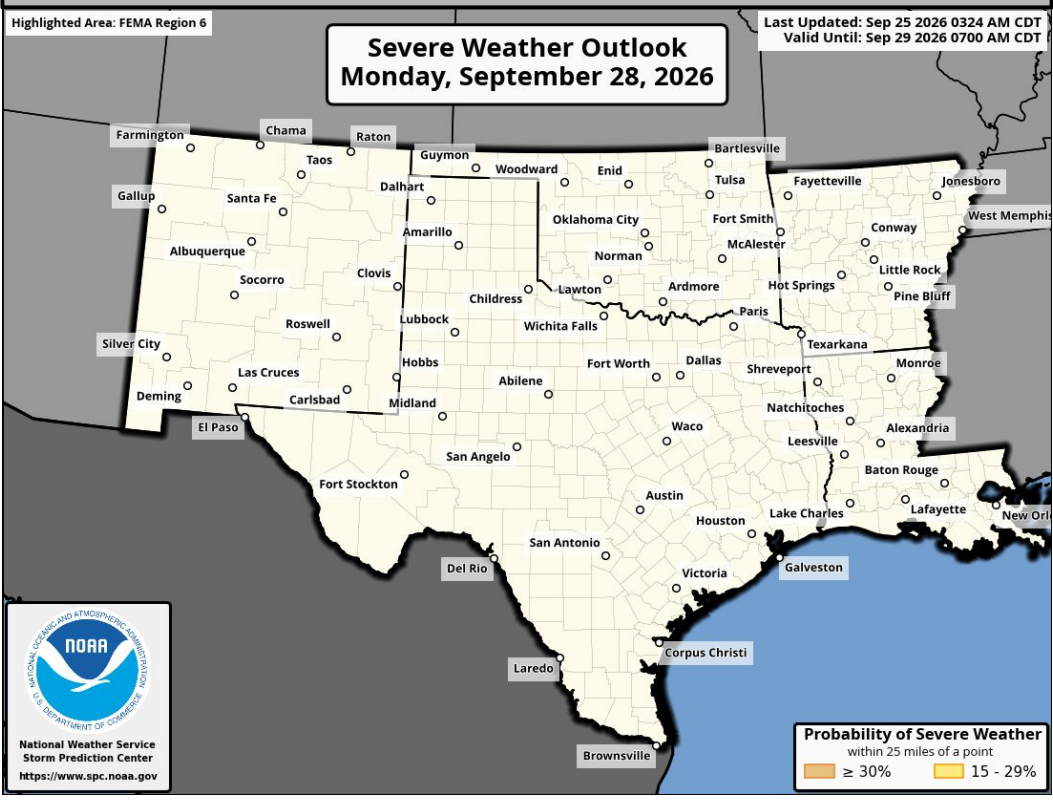


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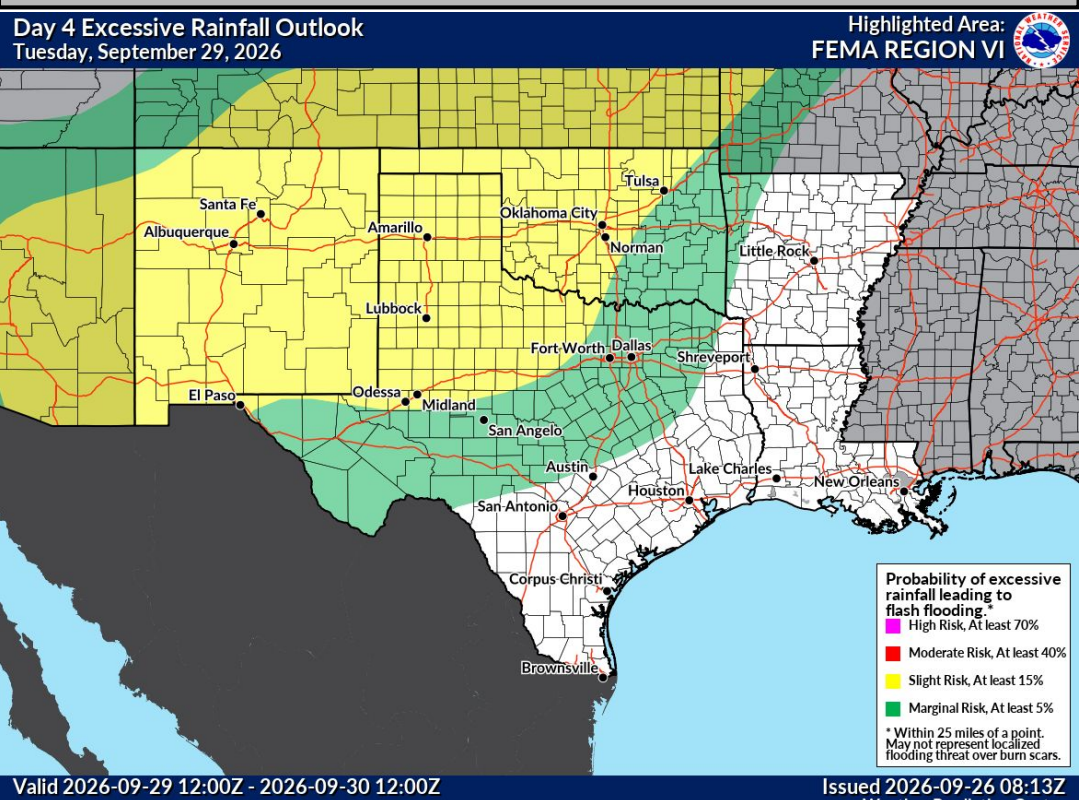


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, NW TX, OK. Monitoring for upgrade to moderate risk (level 3 of 4)

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

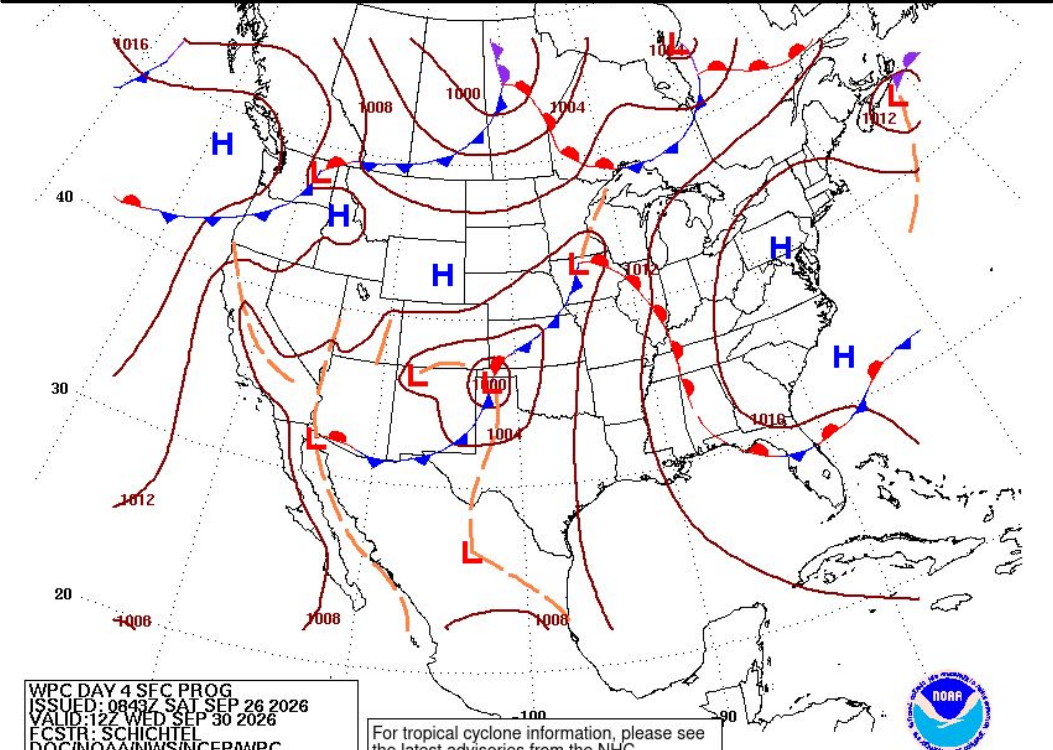


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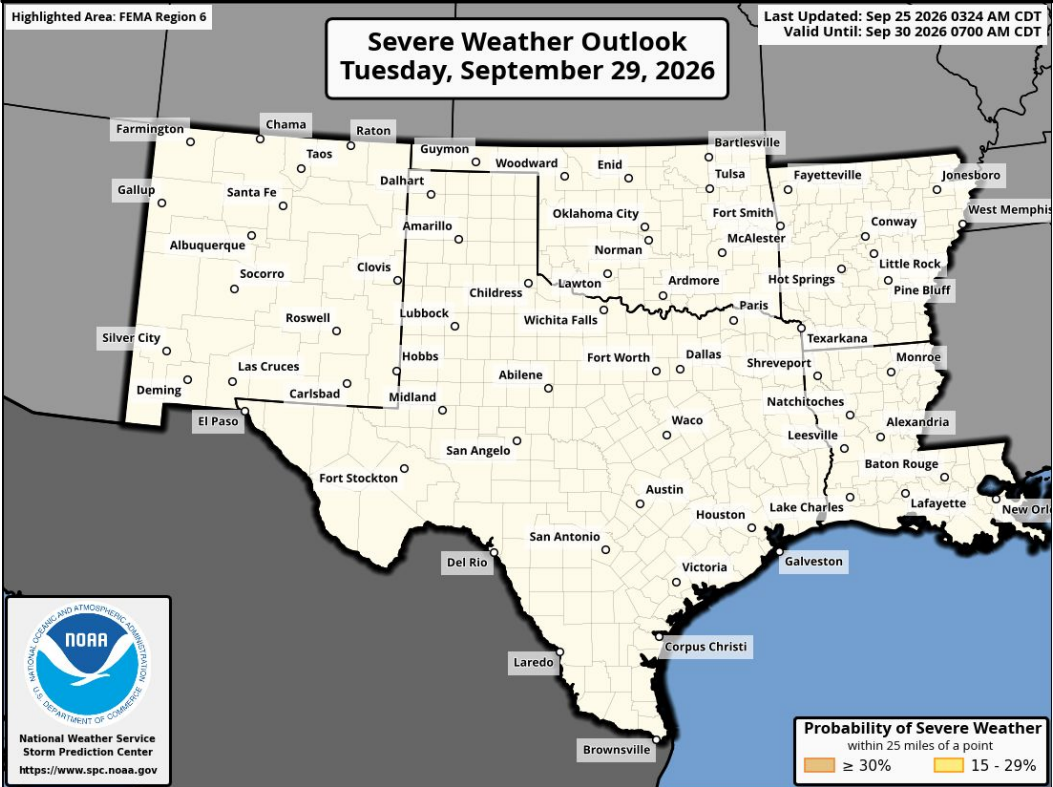


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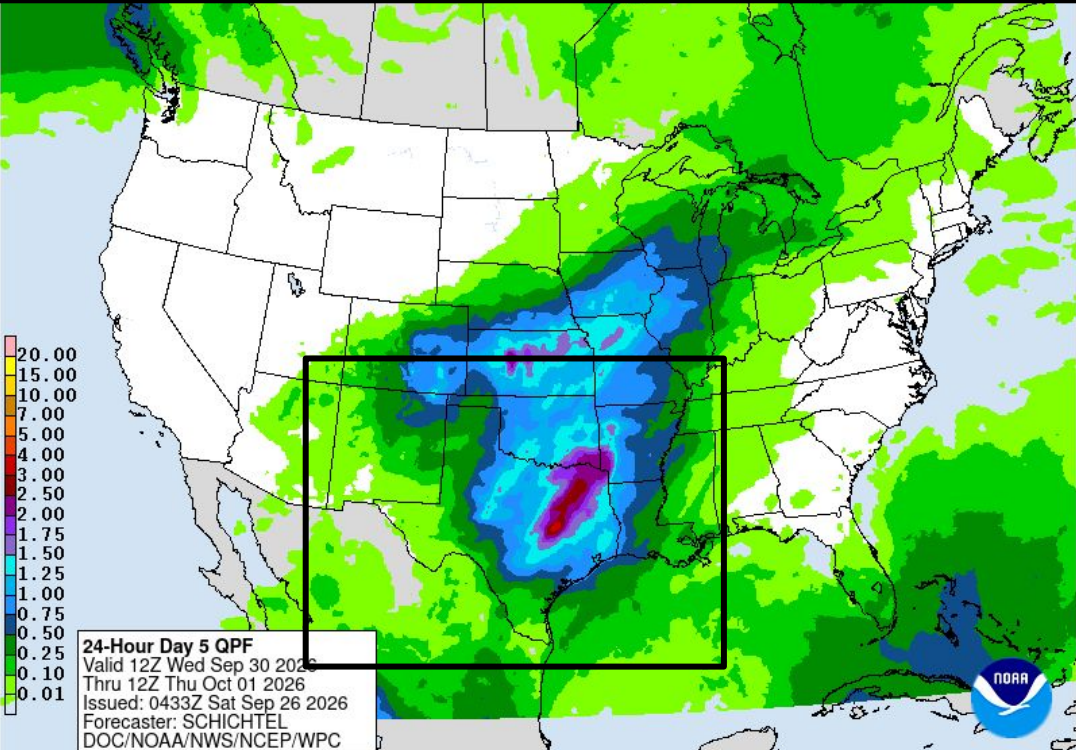
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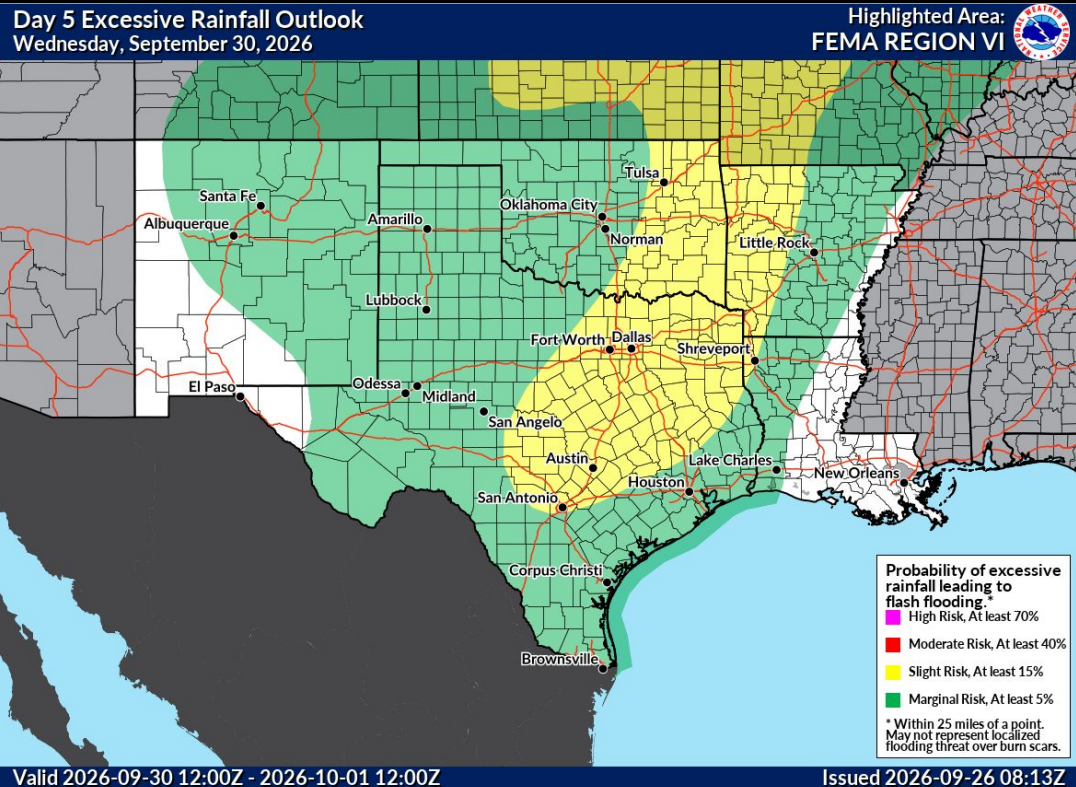
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Forecast Rainfall



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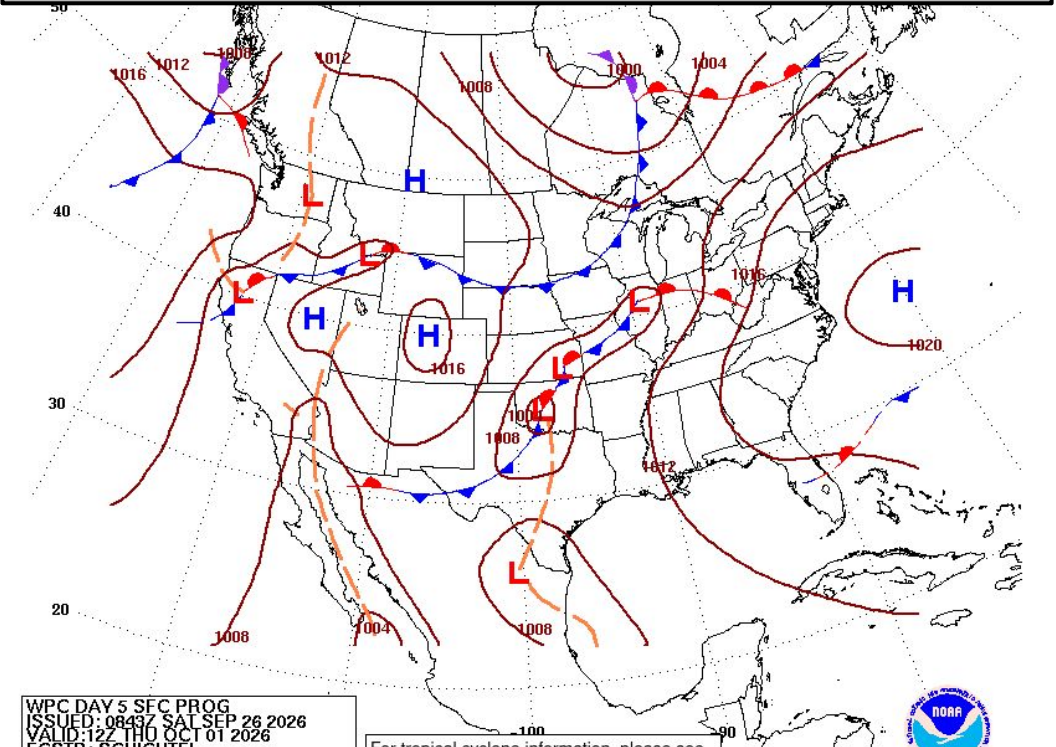
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding across E NM, W AR, and C-NETX.

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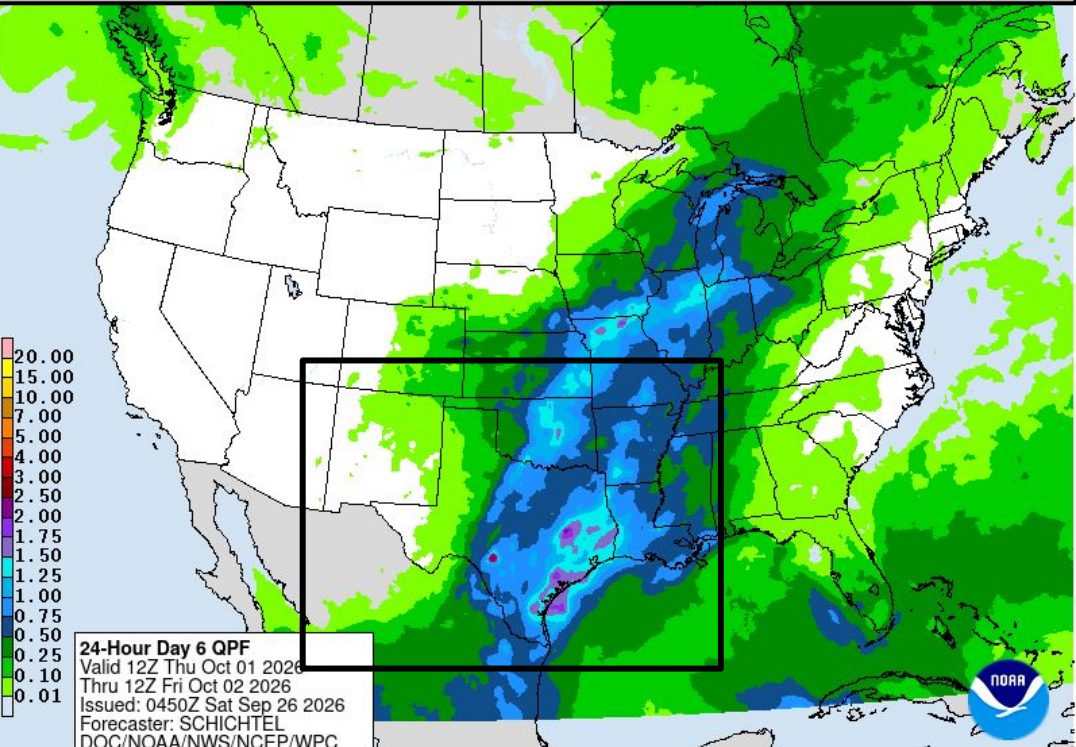


Thursday's Weather

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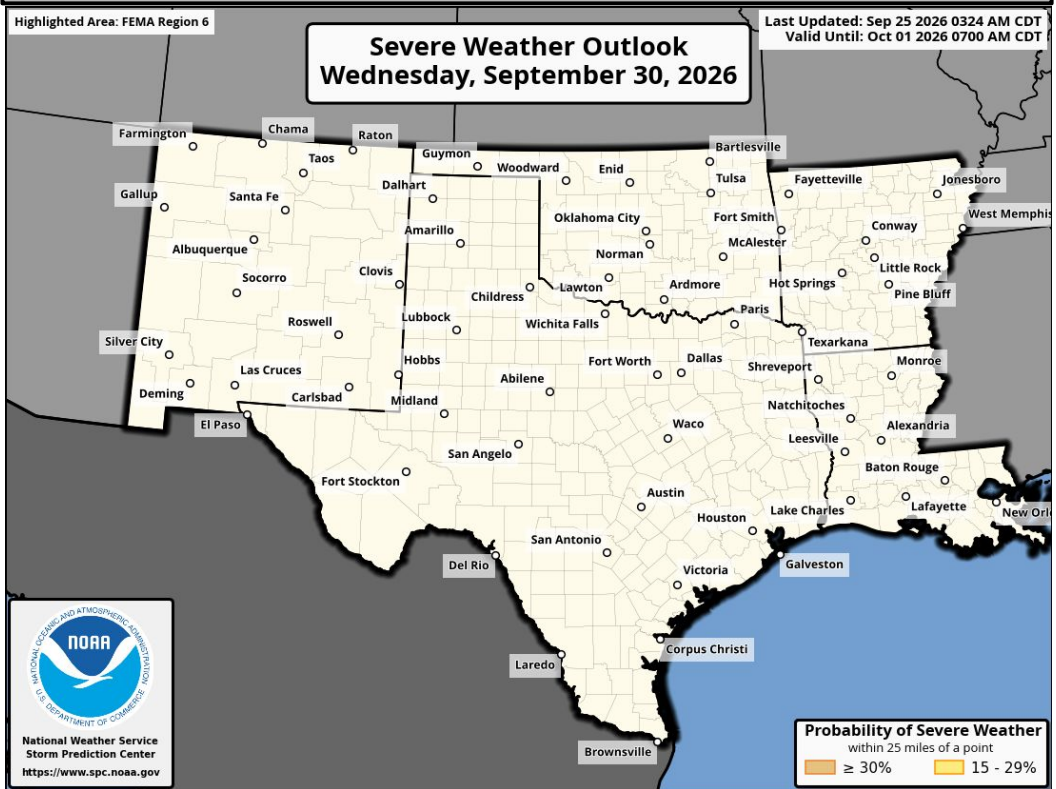


Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring TX, OK, AR, LA
for heavy rainfall.**

Severe Weather Outlook



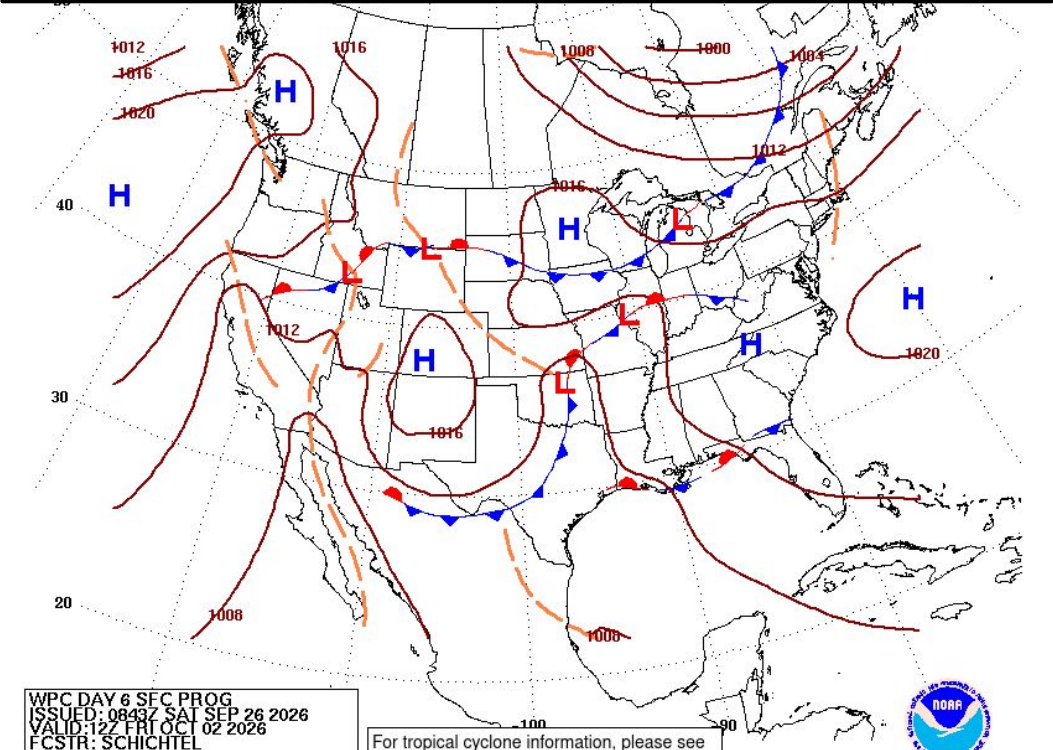
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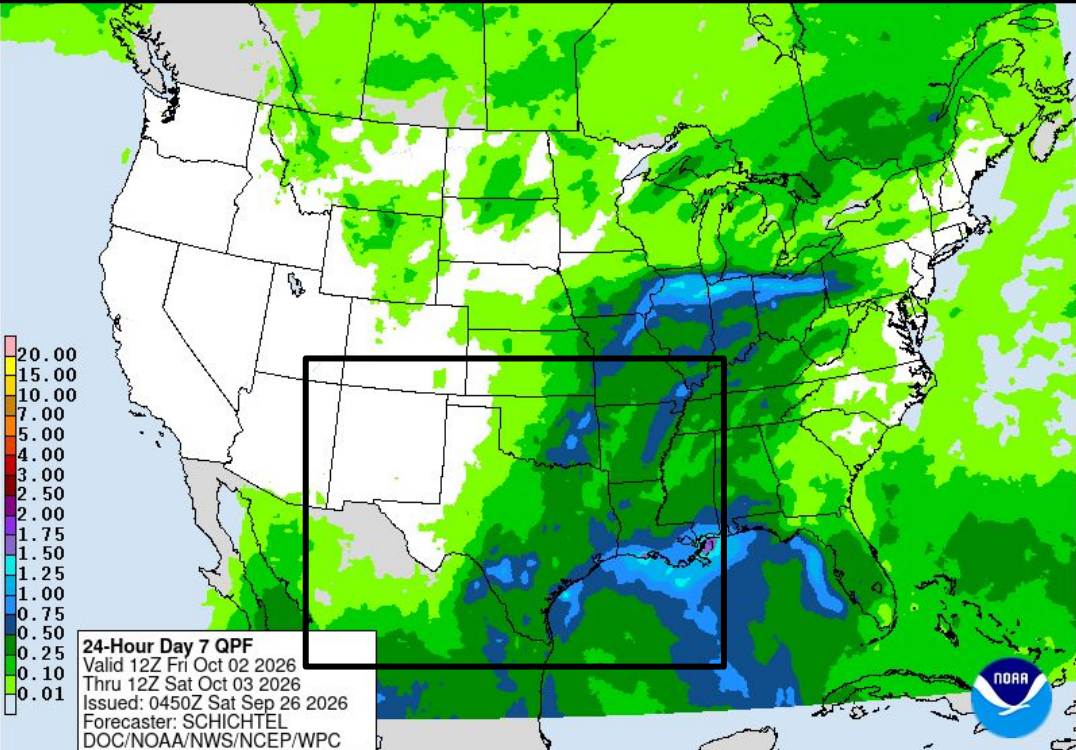


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

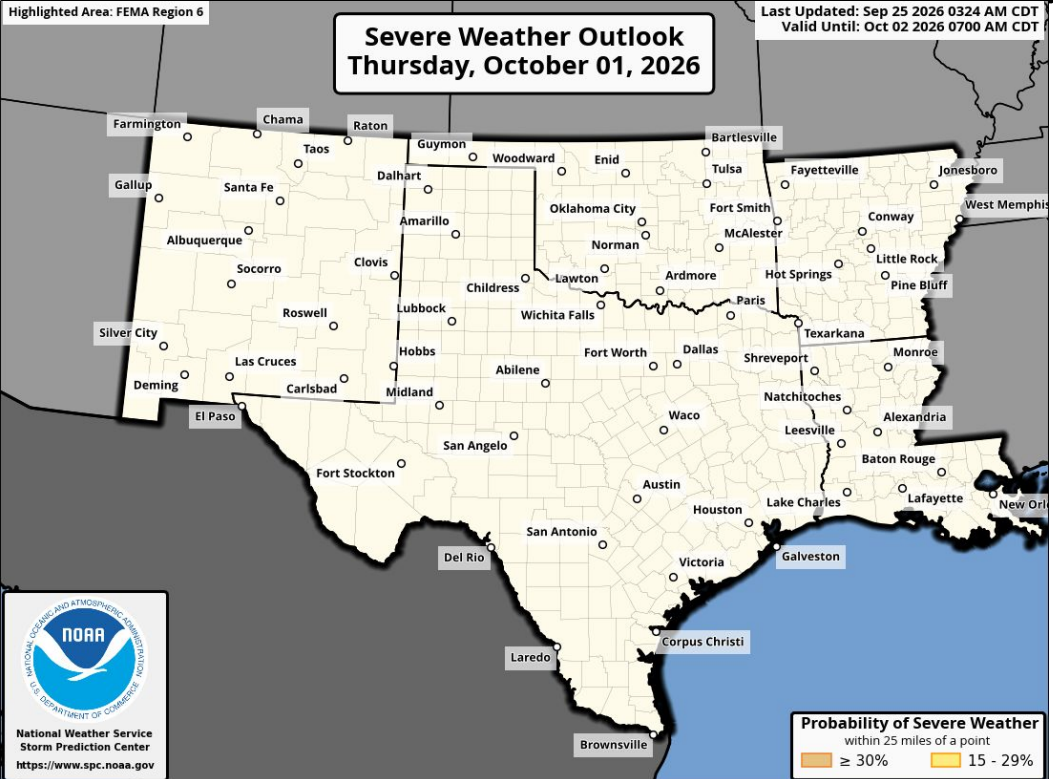


Forecast Rainfall



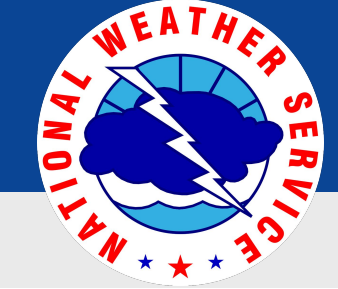
Locally heavy rainfall may still linger in TX and OK.

Severe Weather Outlook

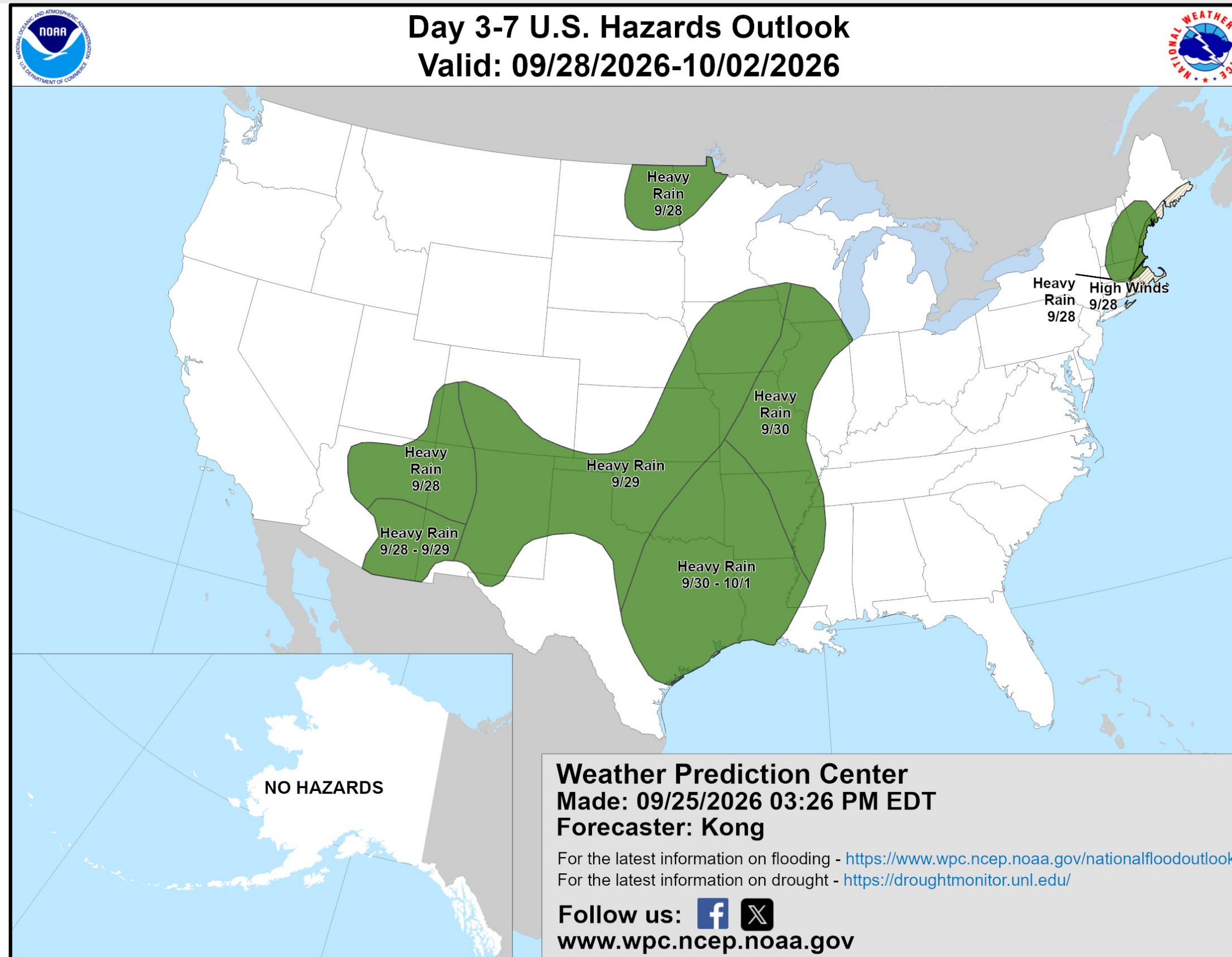


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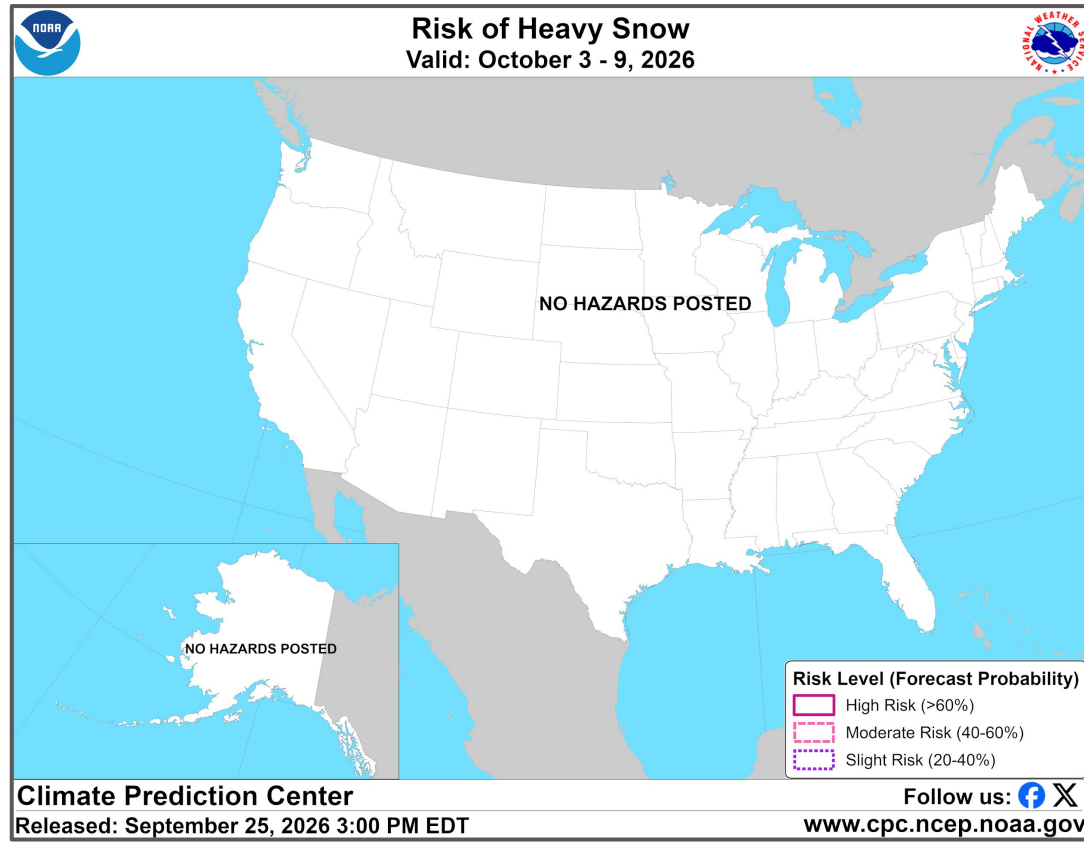
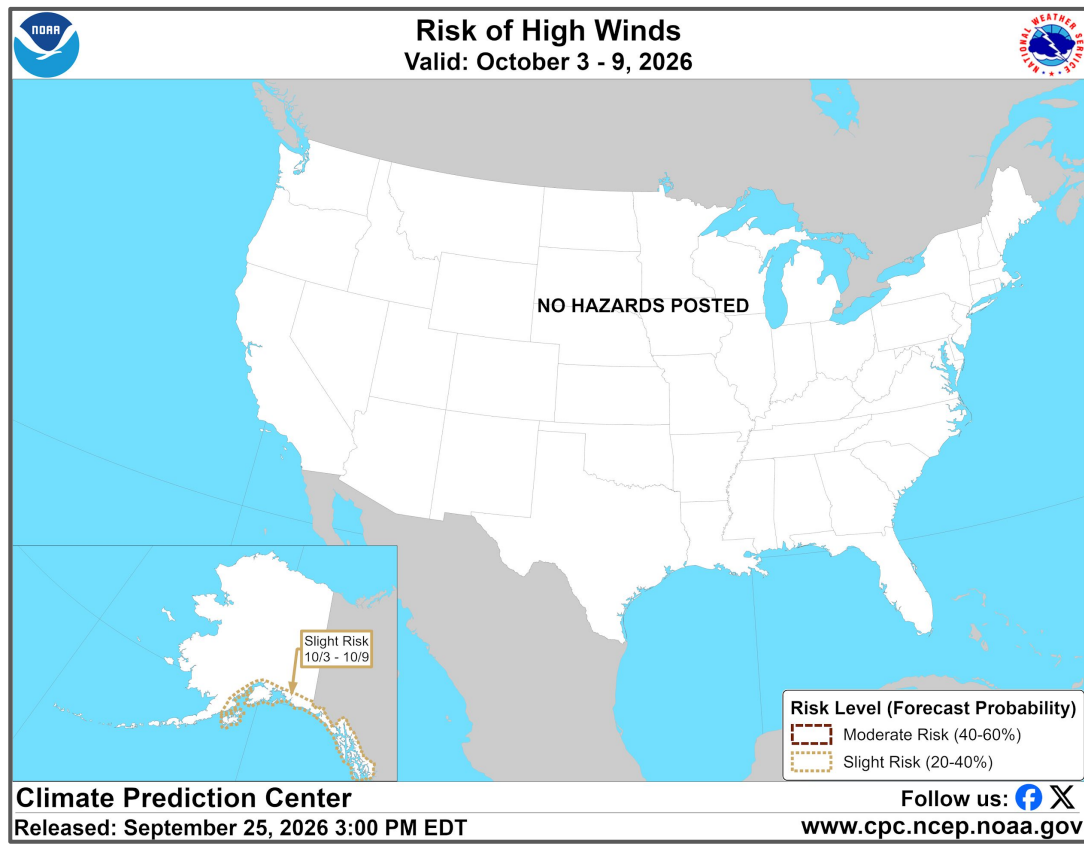
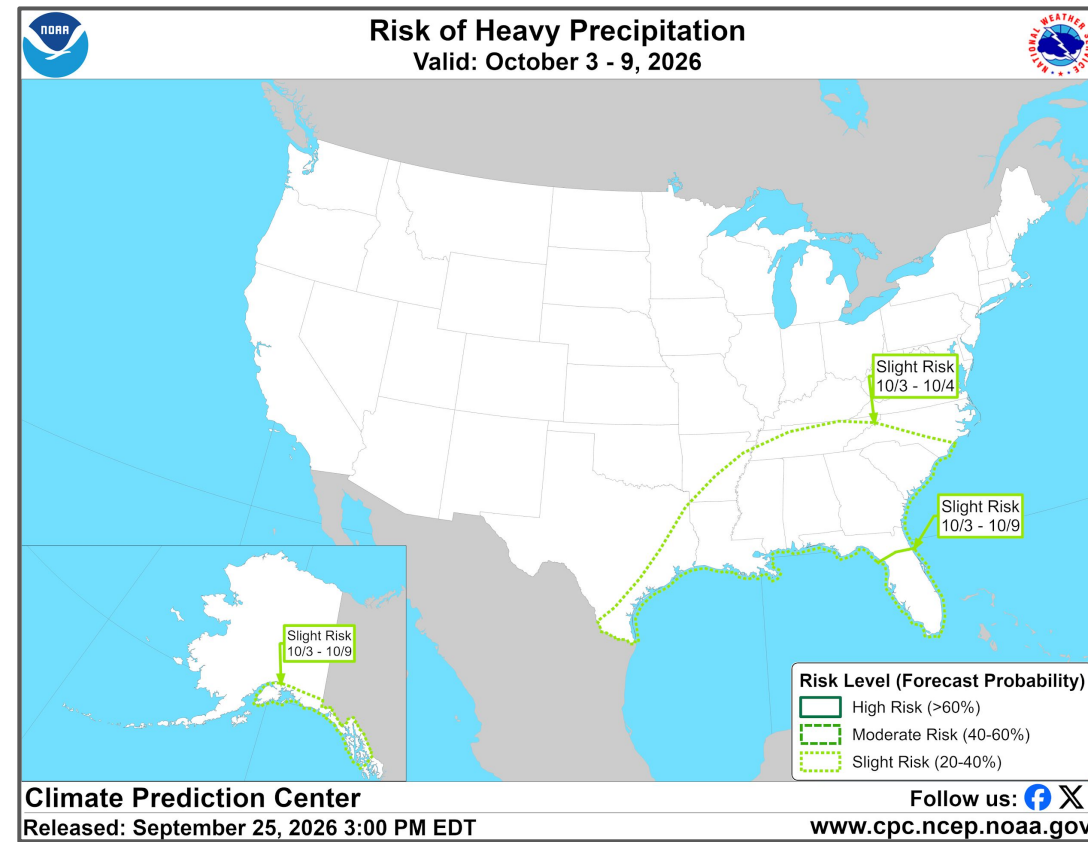
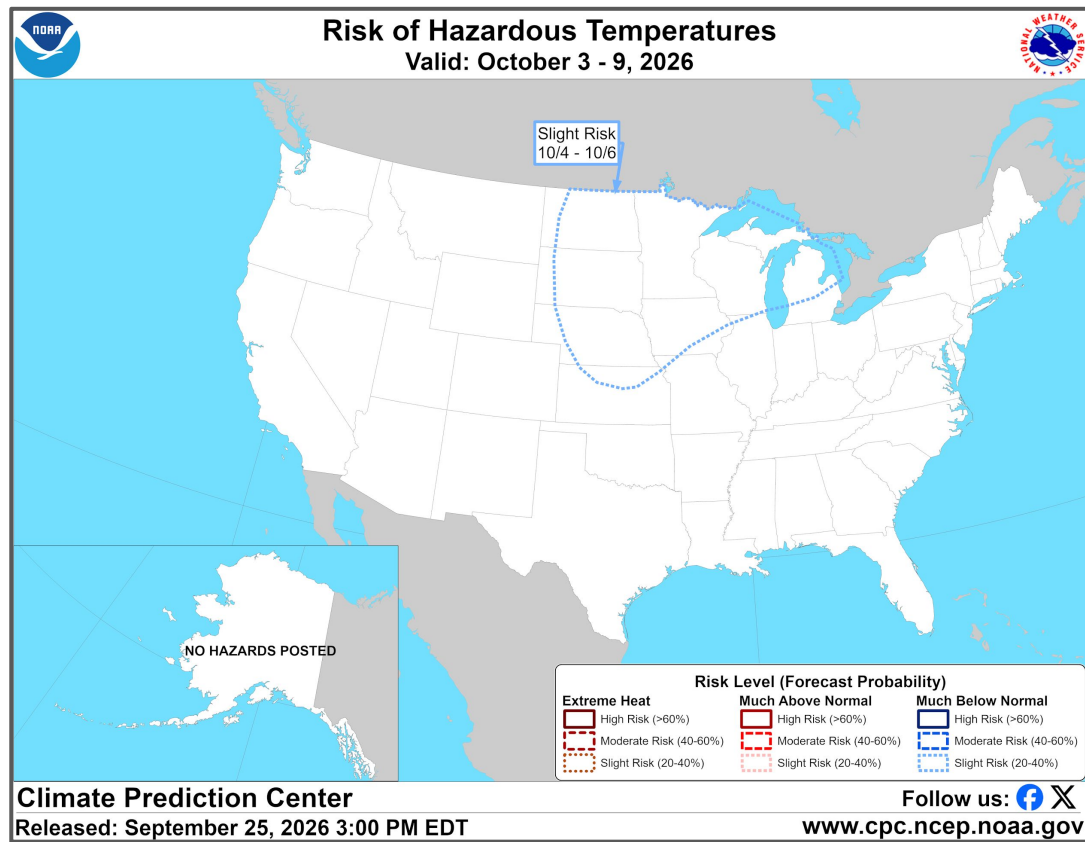
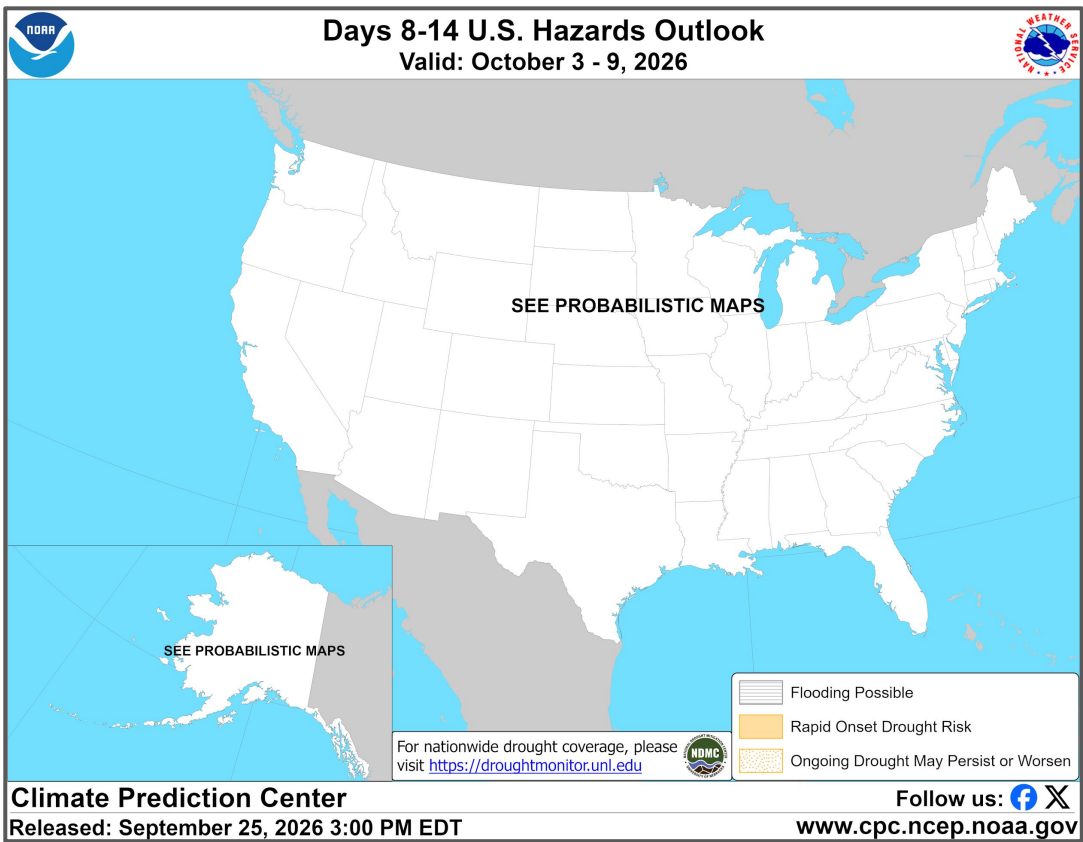


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





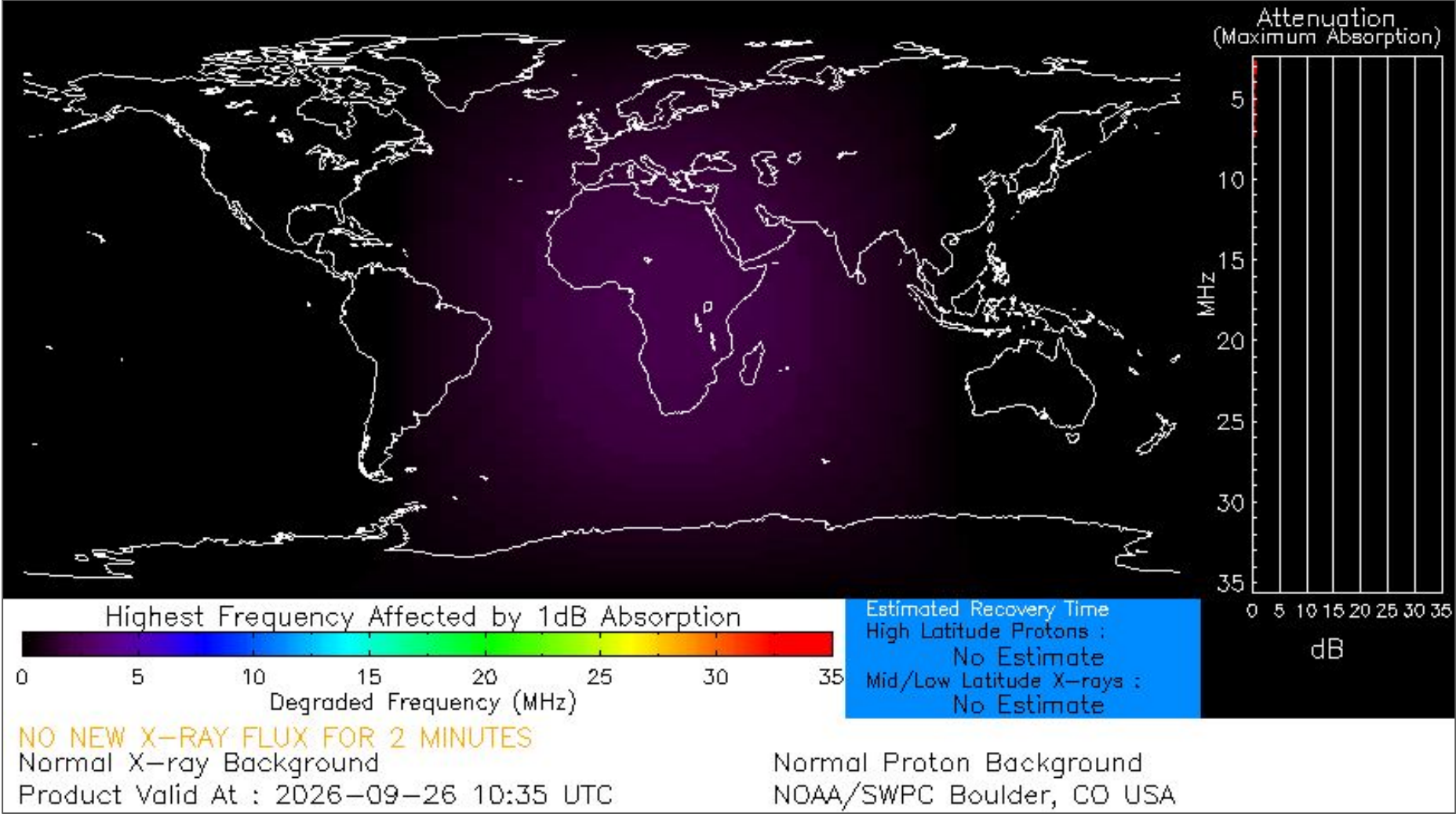
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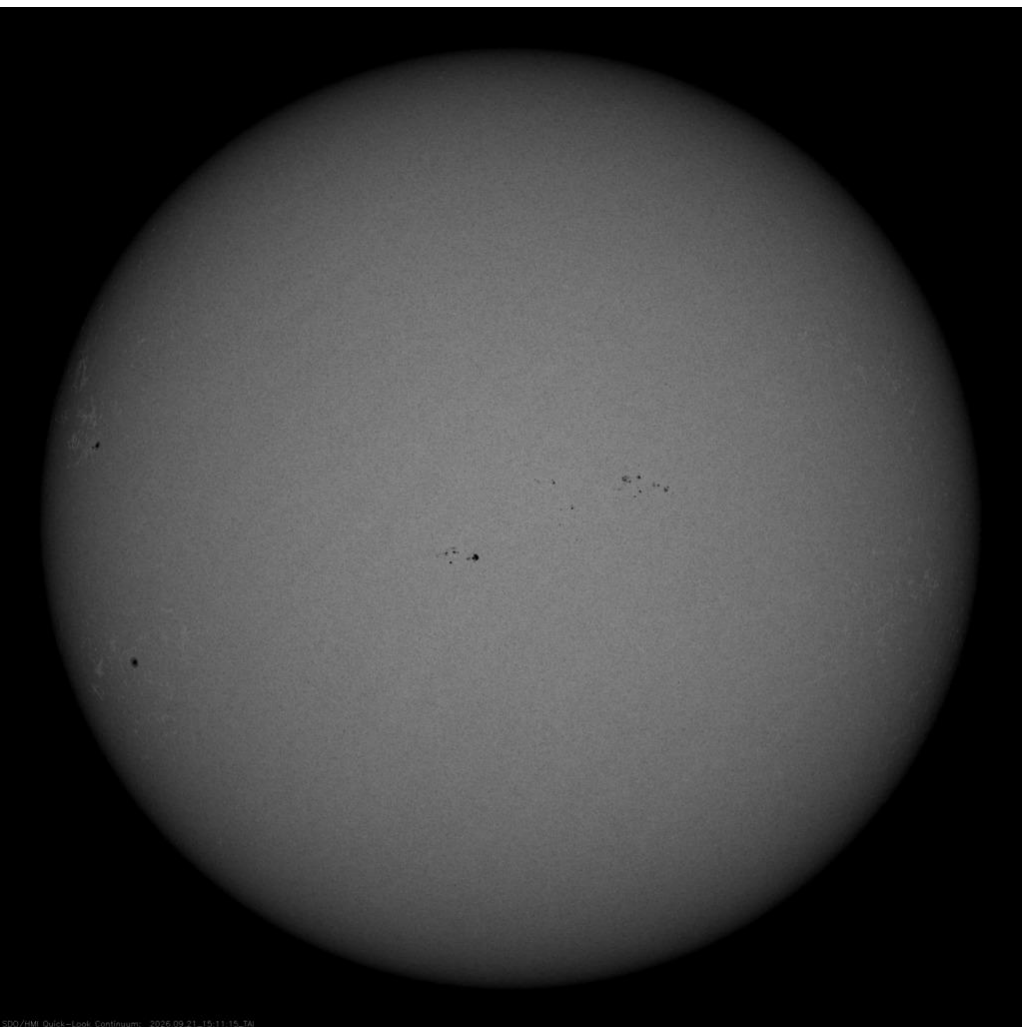
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Sep 26	Sunday, Sep 27	Monday, Sep 28
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
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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