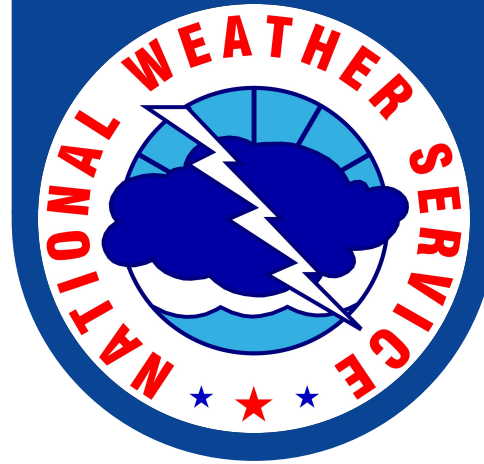




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of flash flooding in SE and NE LA Friday and for E AR Saturday.
- Burn scar flood threat over NM will be low over the next 5 days.

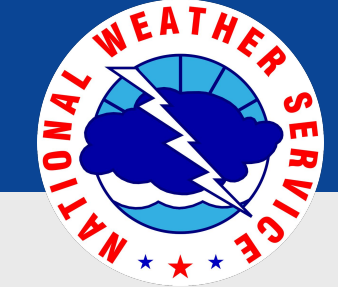
- **Severe Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe storms for extreme SE LA Friday.

- **Tropical:**

- Tropical Storm Isaias in the southwest Gulf is forecast to rapidly strengthen and move northeast then north and make landfall as a hurricane somewhere near Mobile Bay late Friday / early Saturday
 - No significant impacts expected to FEMA 6 at this time based on the current forecast. If the forecast track shifts westward that would increase the potential for impacts.
 - Low to medium chance (30-40%) of tropical storm force winds for extreme SE LA late Friday into early Saturday.





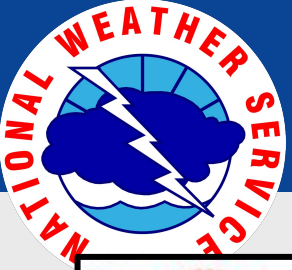
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Oct 7	Thursday, Oct 8	Friday, Oct 9	Saturday, Oct 10	Sunday, Oct 11	Monday, Oct 12	Tuesday, Oct 13
Severe Storms			Extreme SE LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			SE & NE LA	E AR			
Fire Weather							
Tropical			SE LA (late)	SE LA (early)			
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.

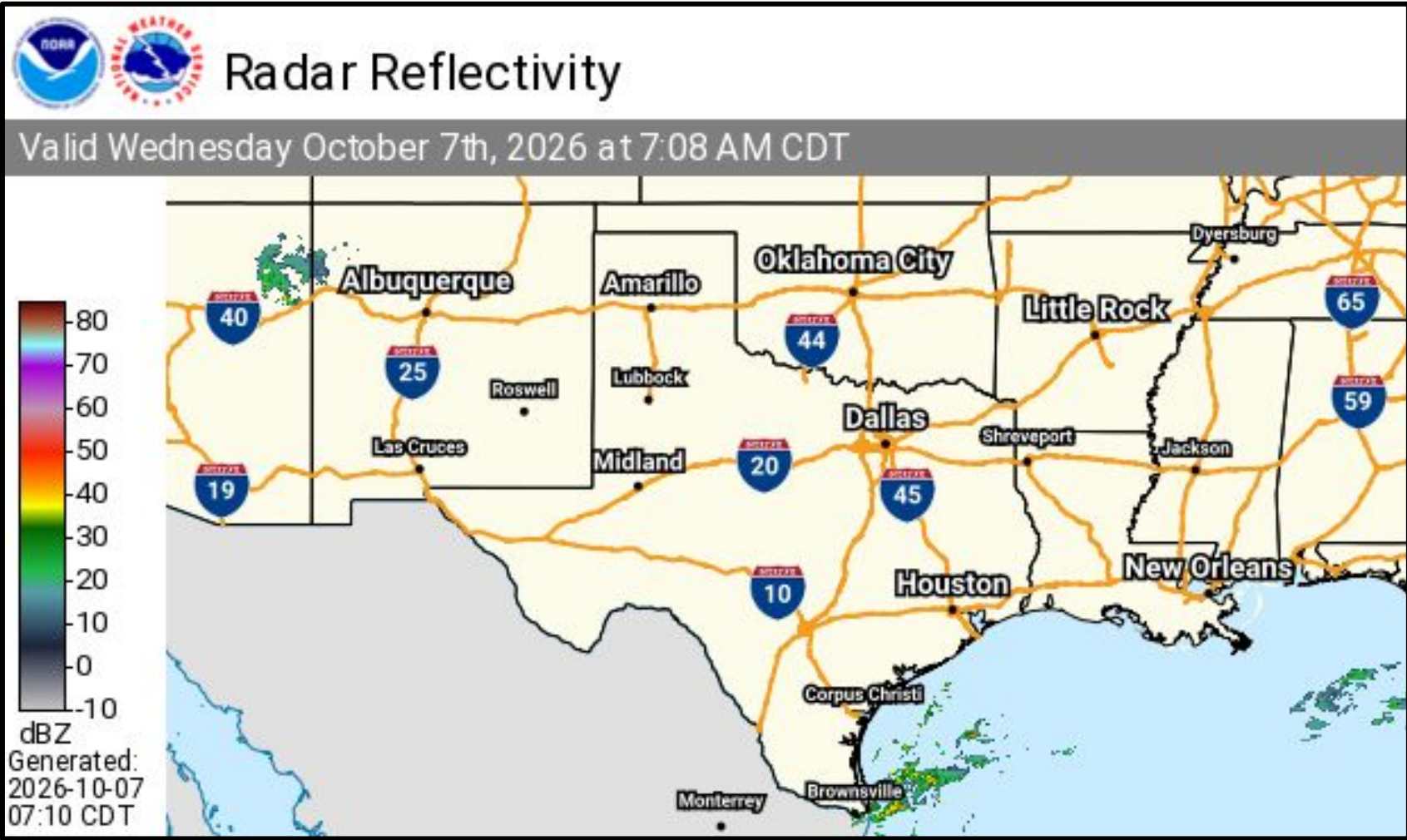
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Current Radar/Hazards



No active Watches, Warnings or Advisories.





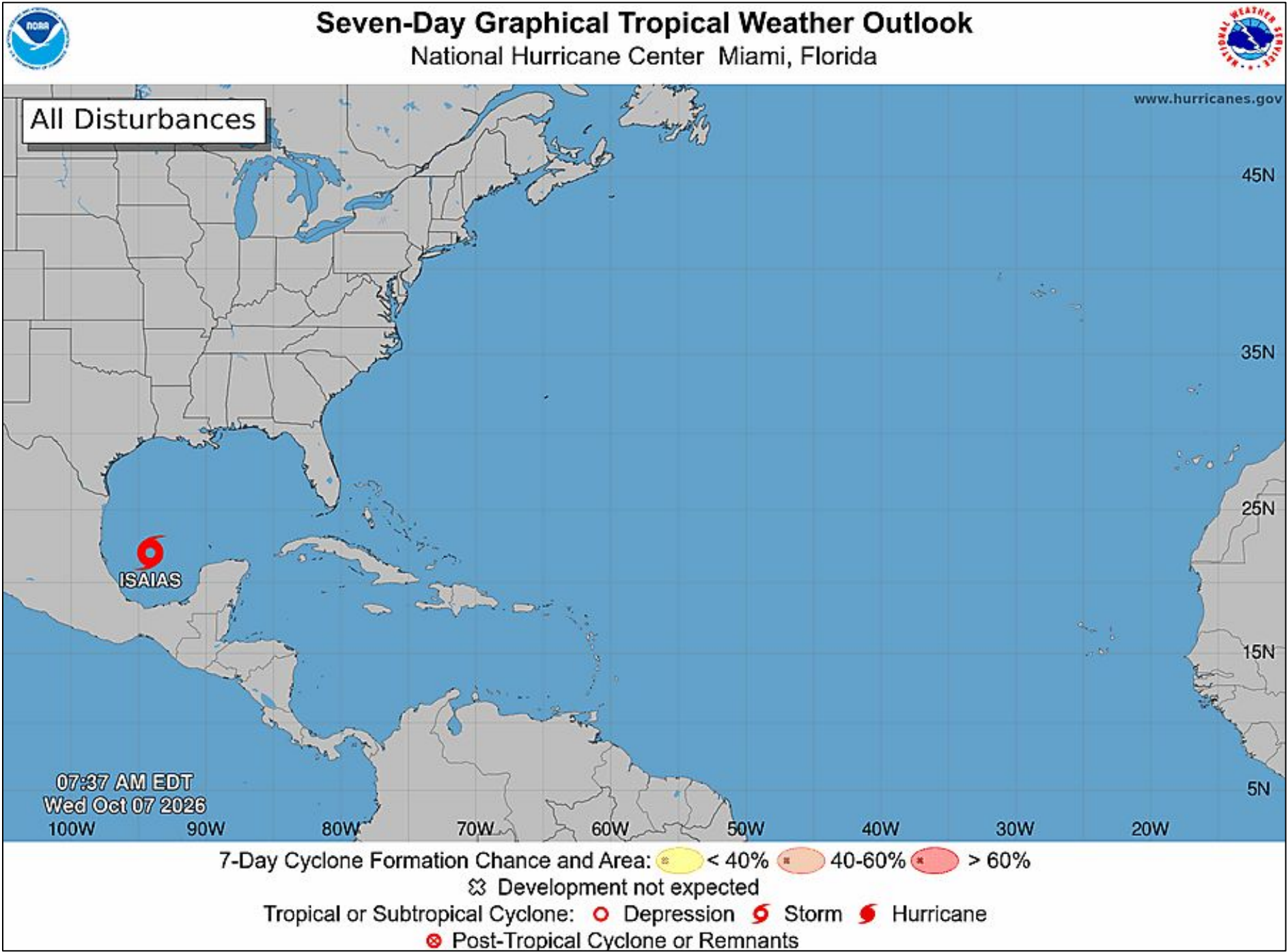
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Isaias	No significant impacts to FEMA 6. Low to medium chance (30-40%) of tropical storm force winds in SE LA late Friday/early Saturday.

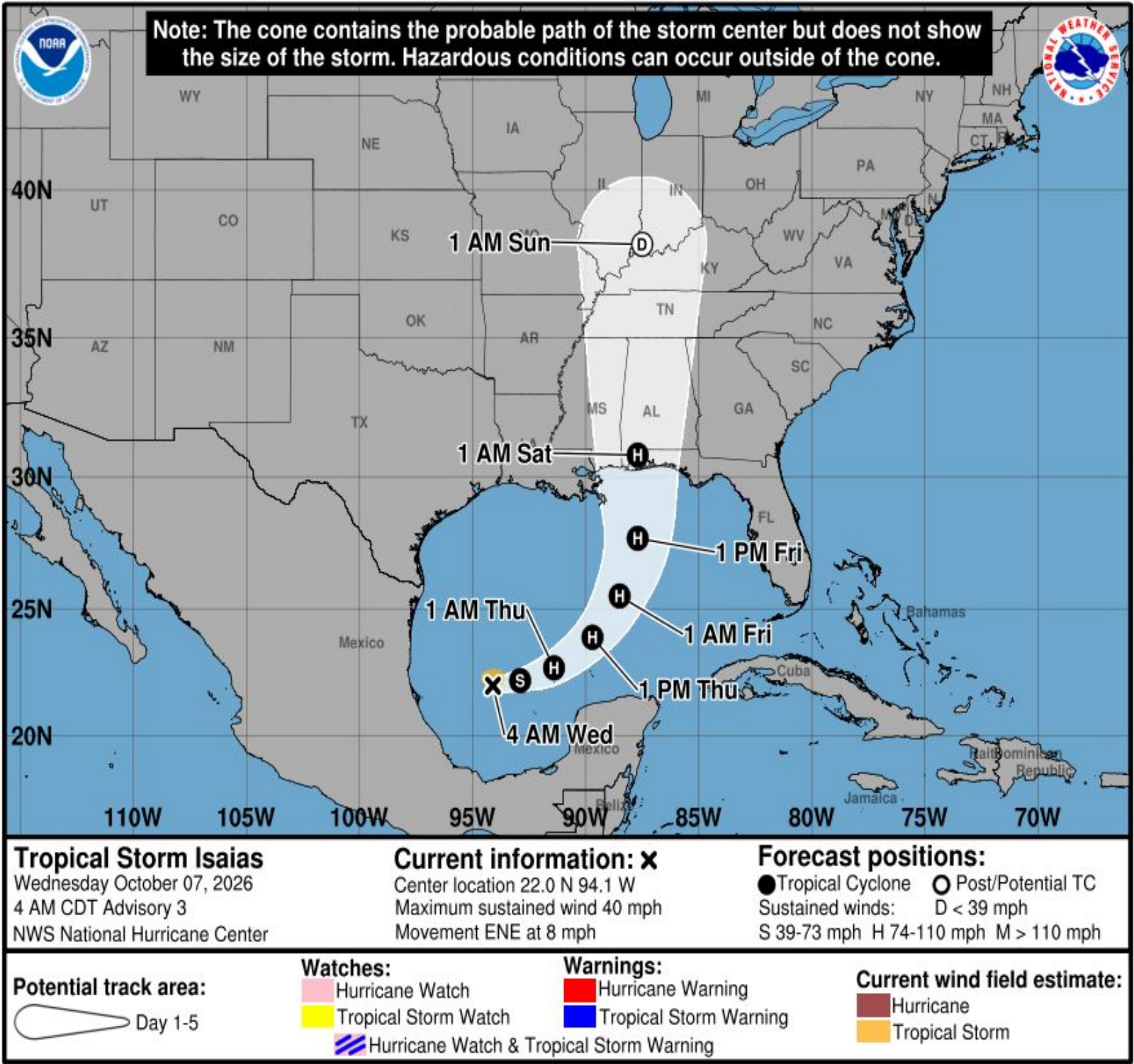


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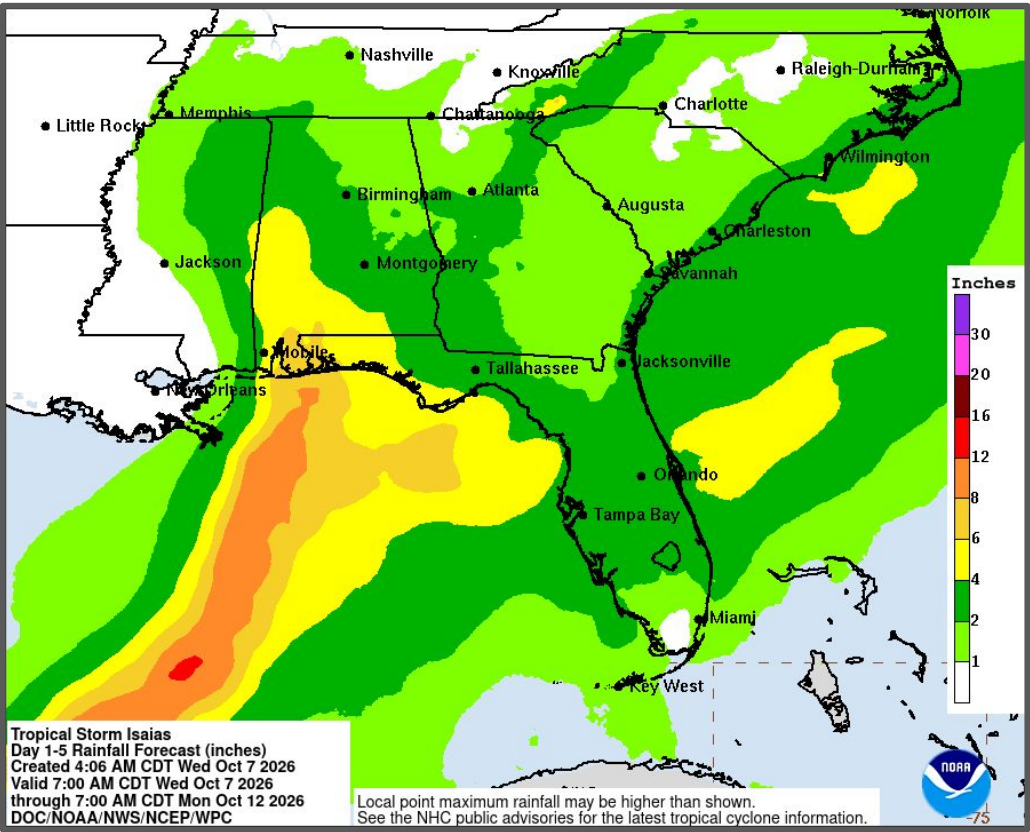
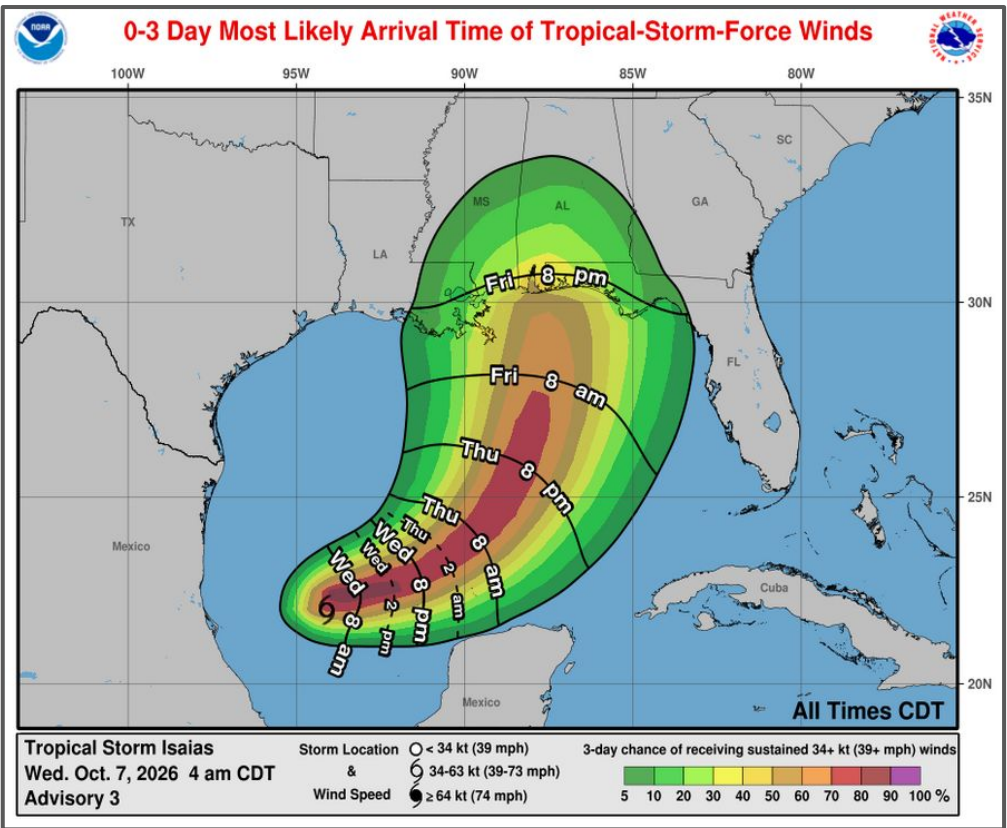


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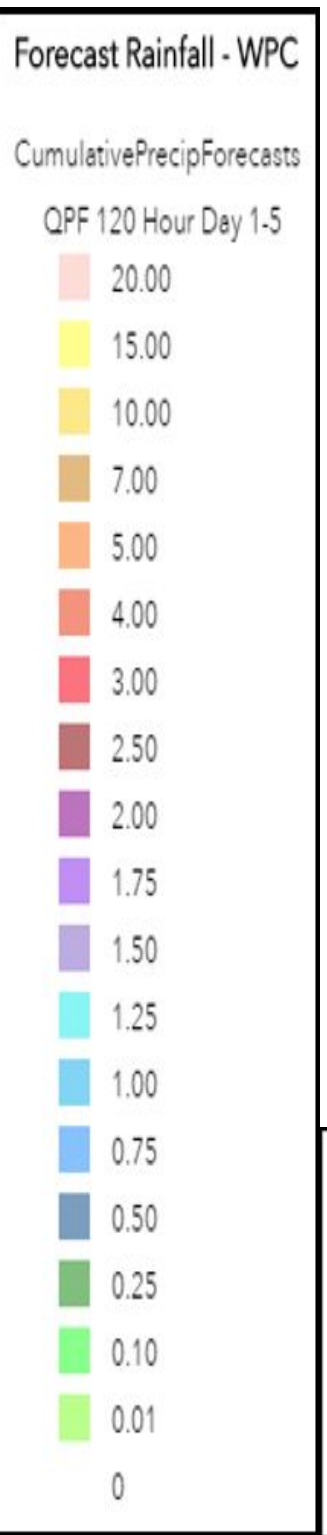
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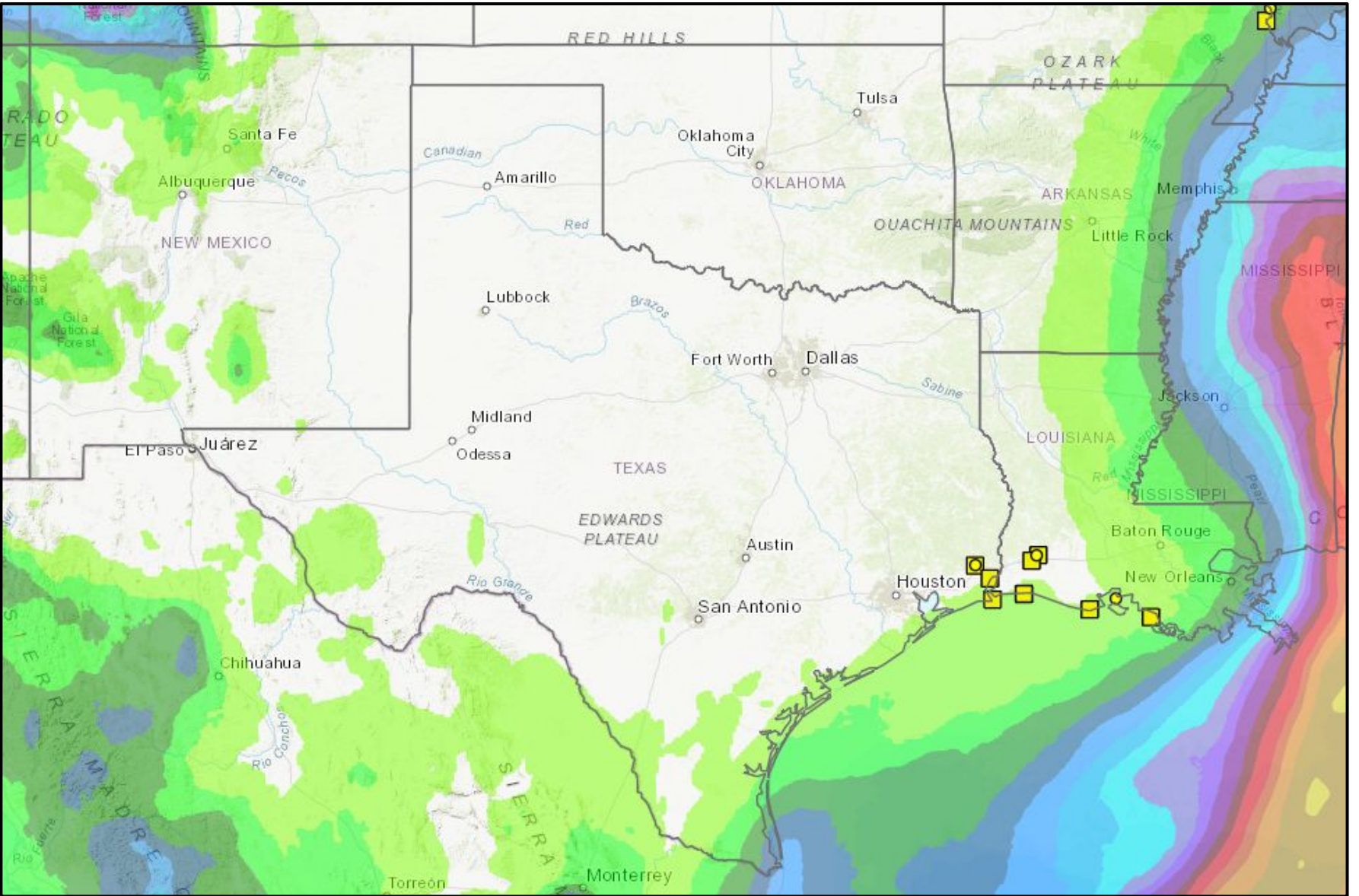
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



No significant river flooding expected.

Observed River Flood Status	Forecast River Flood Status
Major Flooding	Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding	Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding	Minor Flooding
Near	Near Flood
action	No Flooding



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.

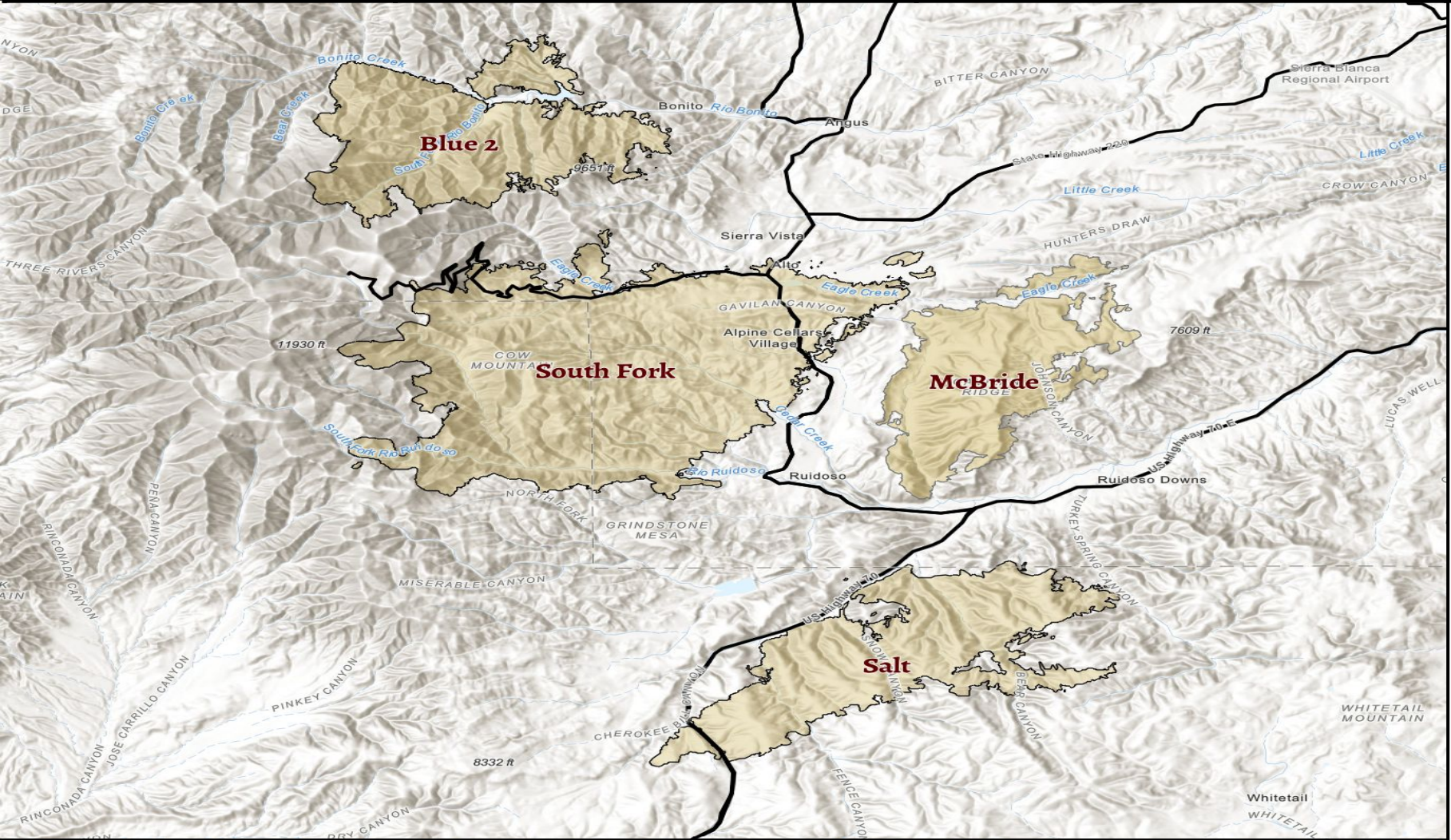




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Wednesday, Oct 7	Thursday, Oct 8	Friday, Oct 9	Saturday, Oct 10	Sunday, Oct 11
Flash Flooding	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Timing - CDT	-	-	-	-	-

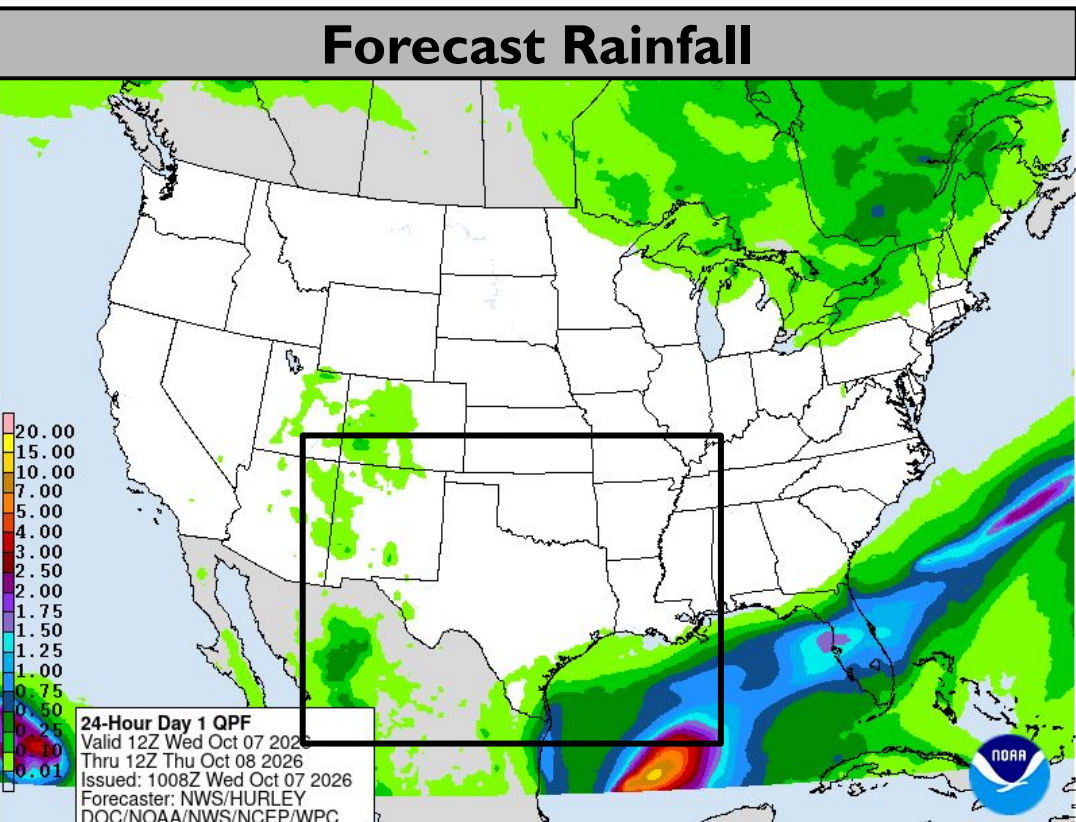
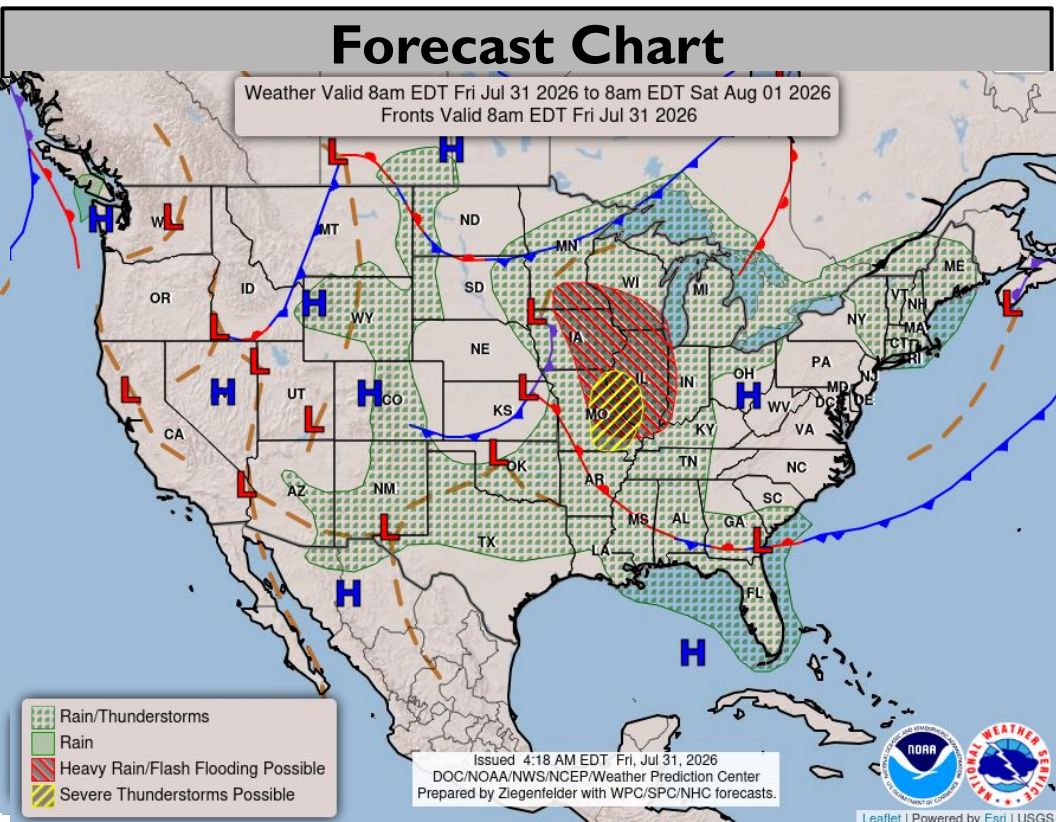


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	

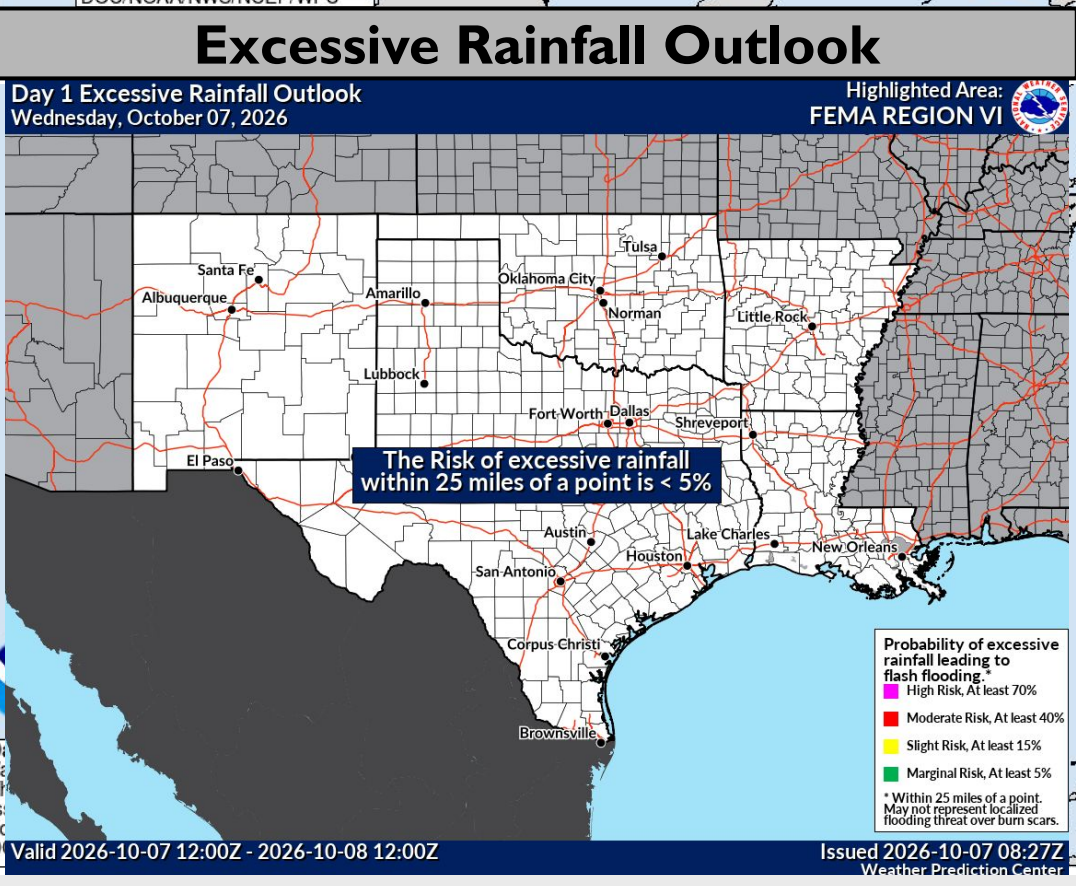
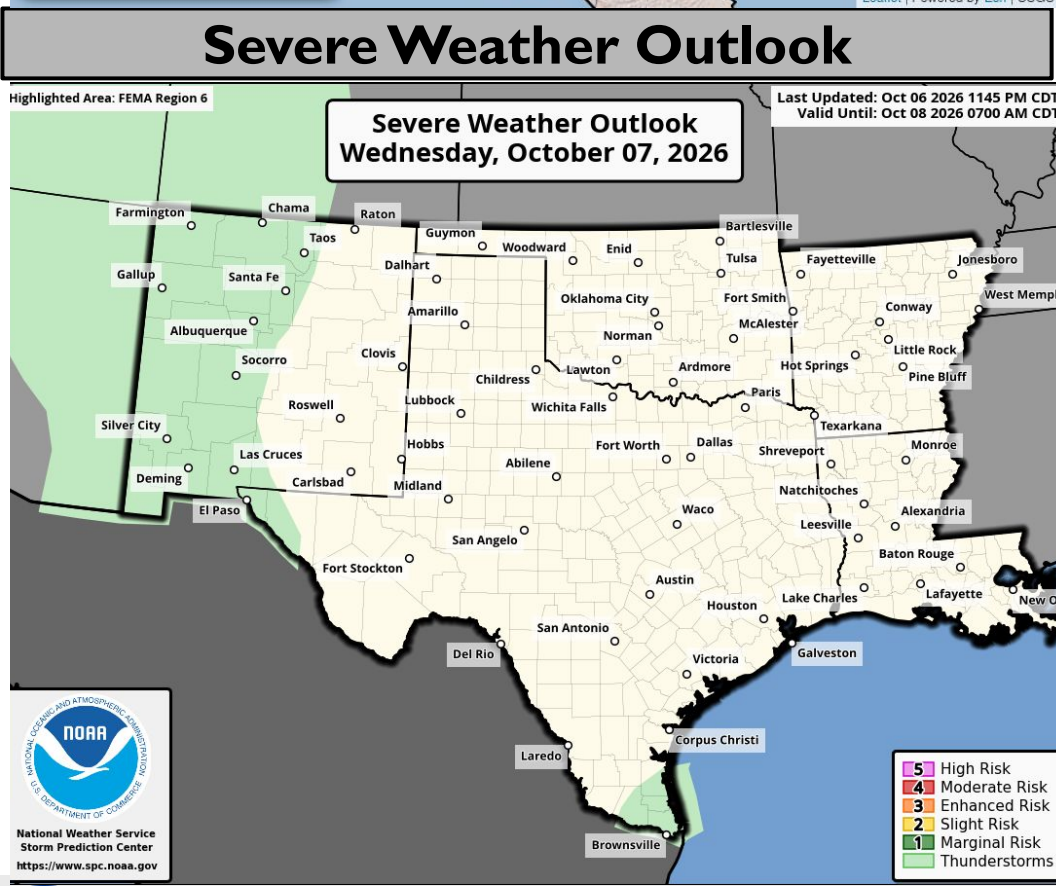




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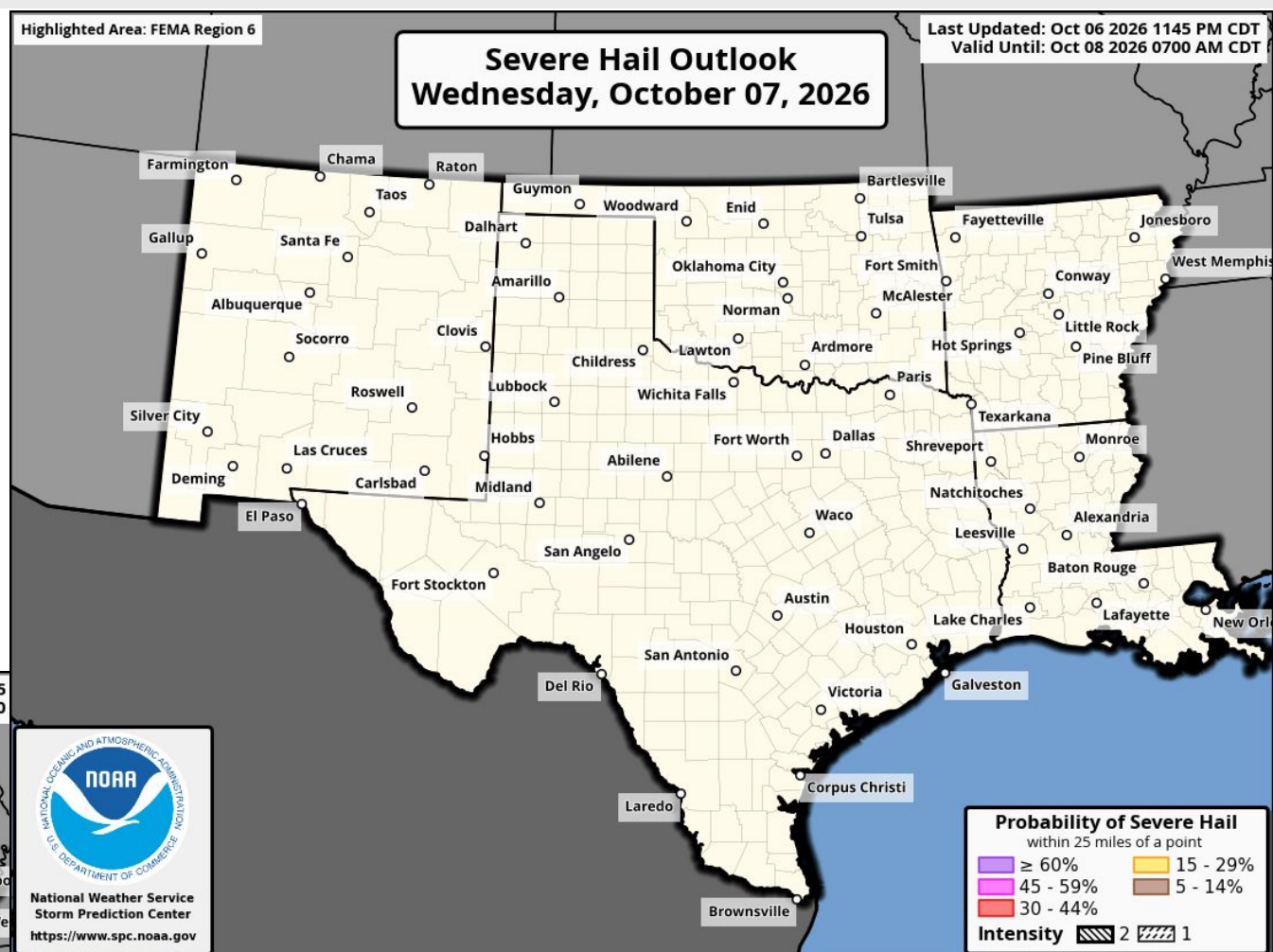
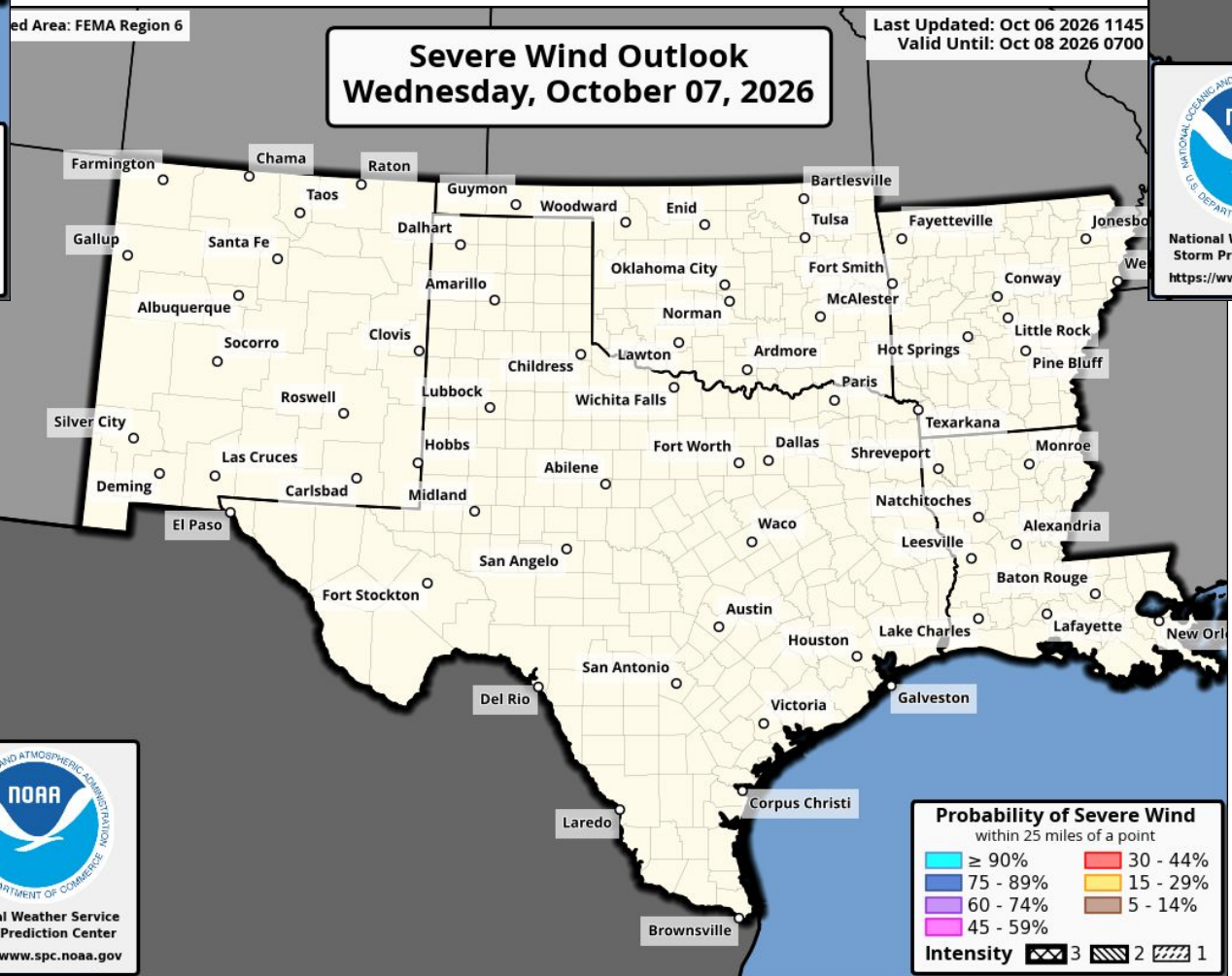
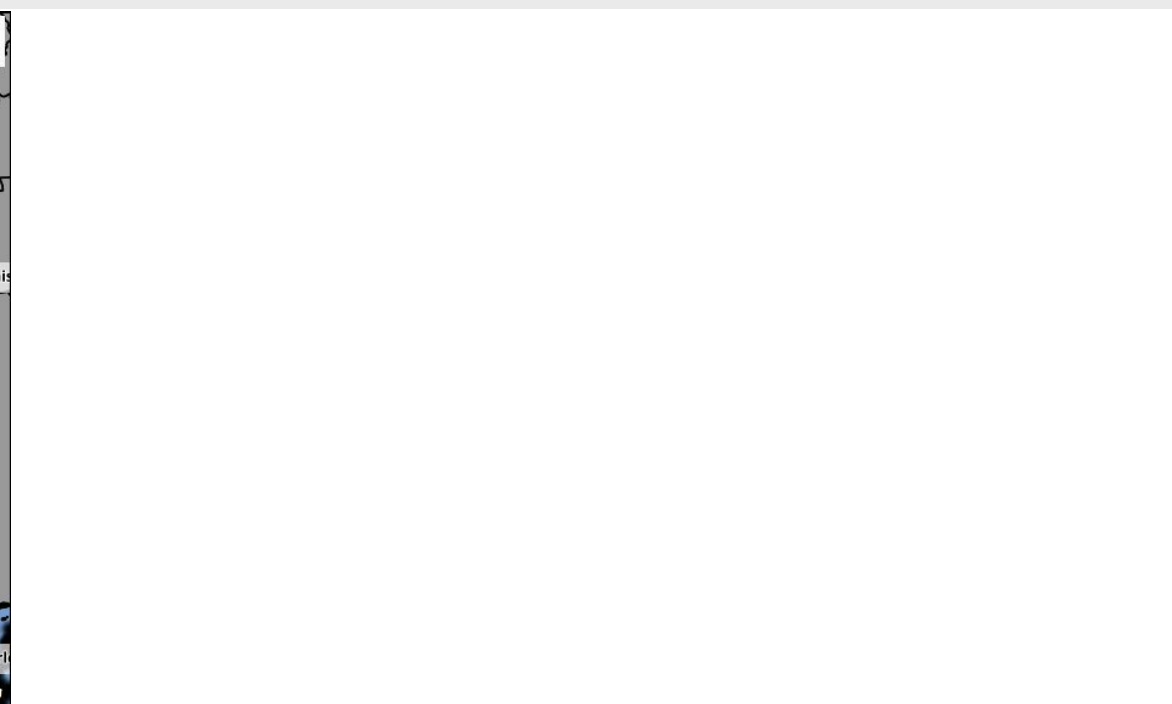
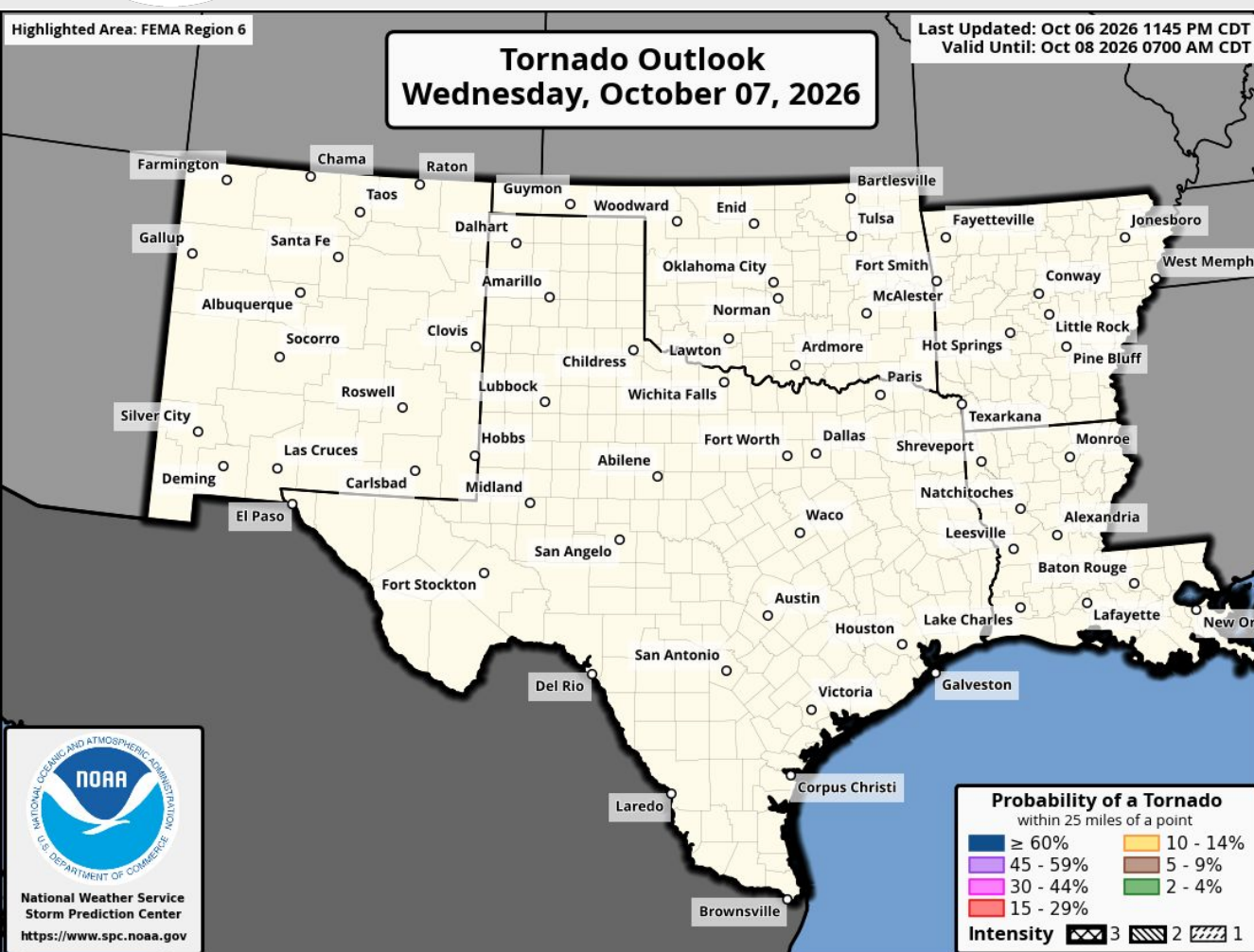
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Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides

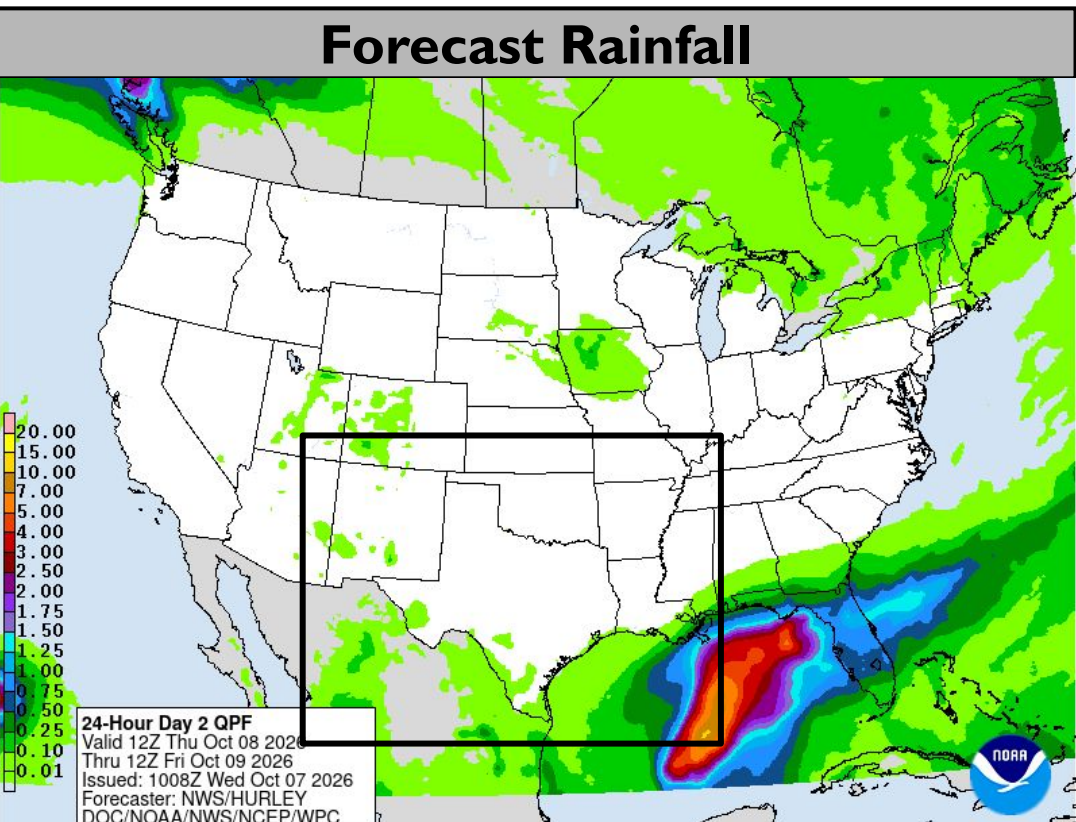
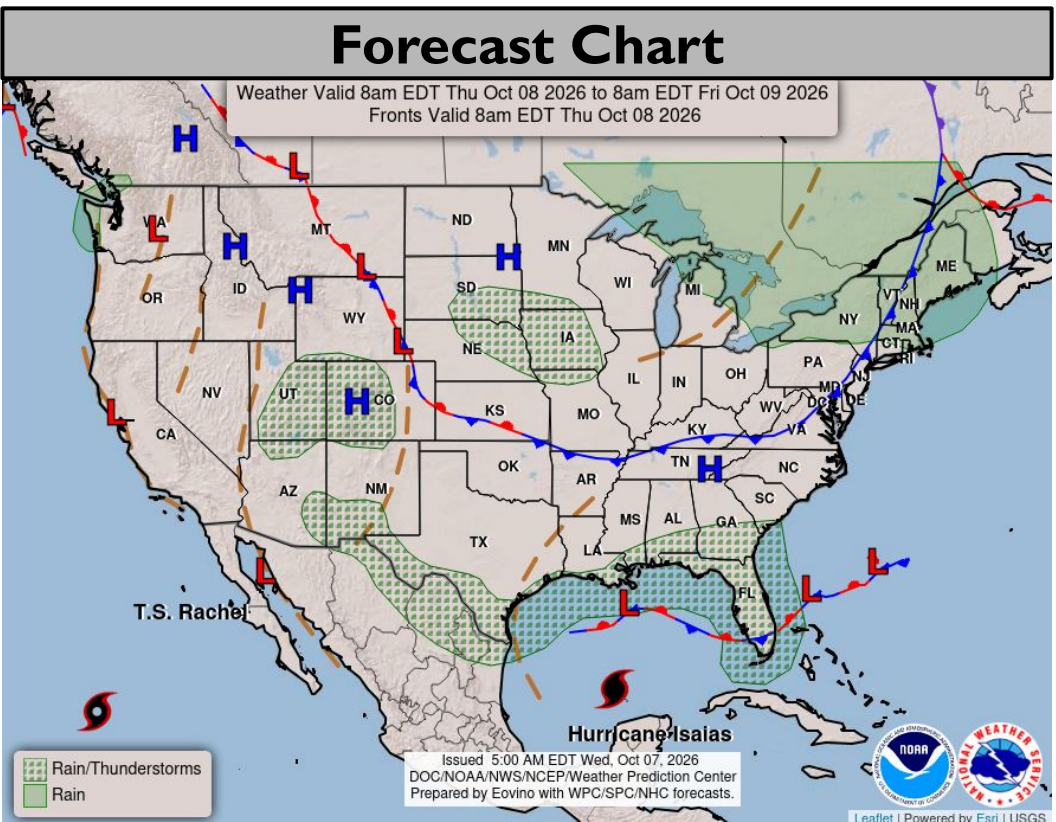


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

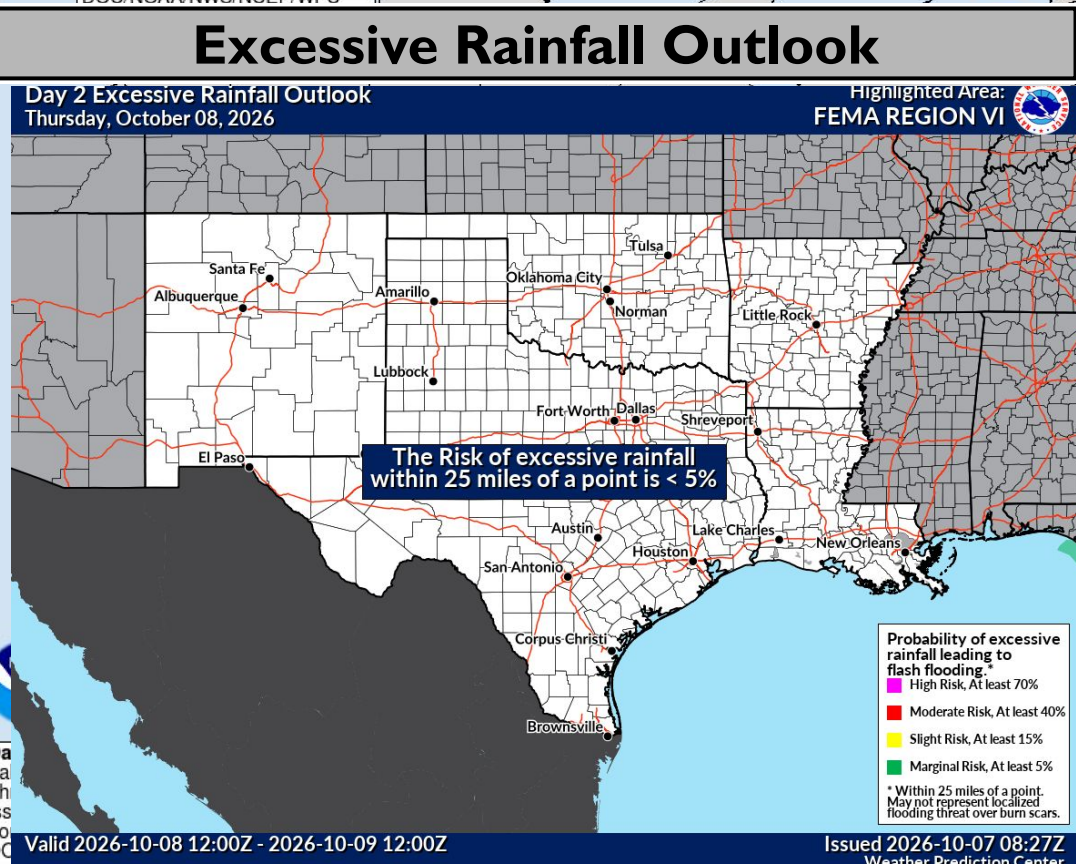
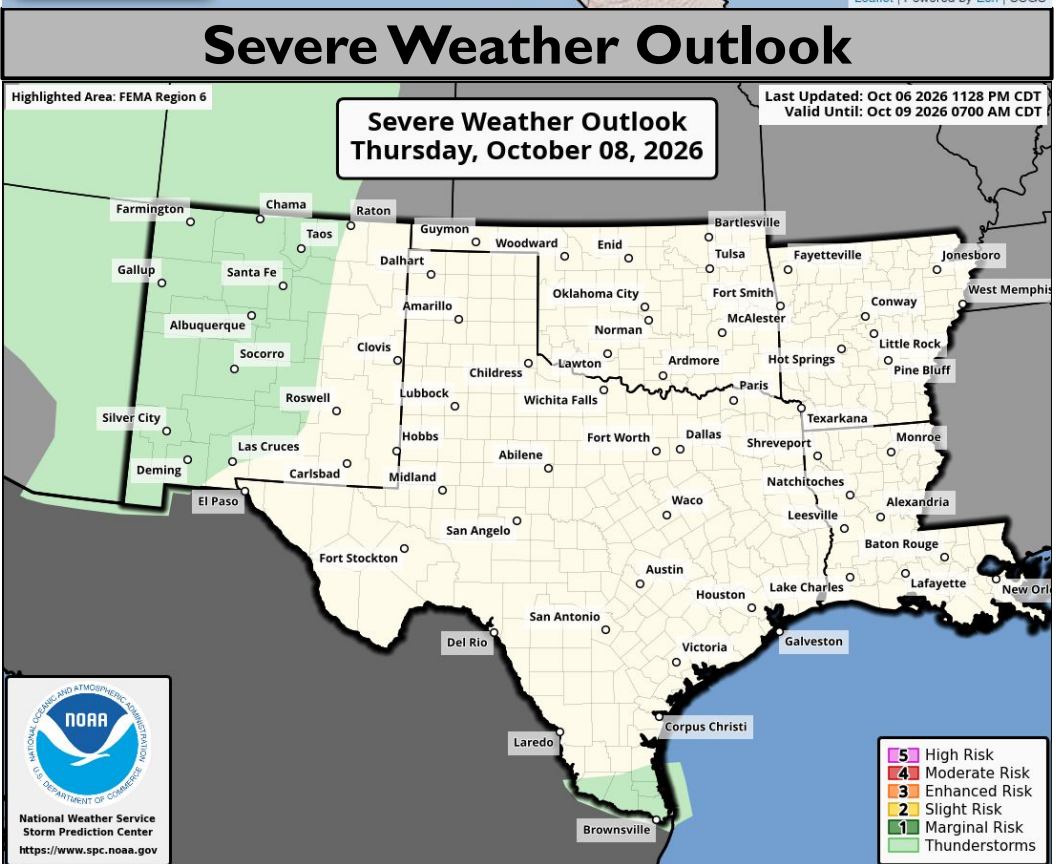




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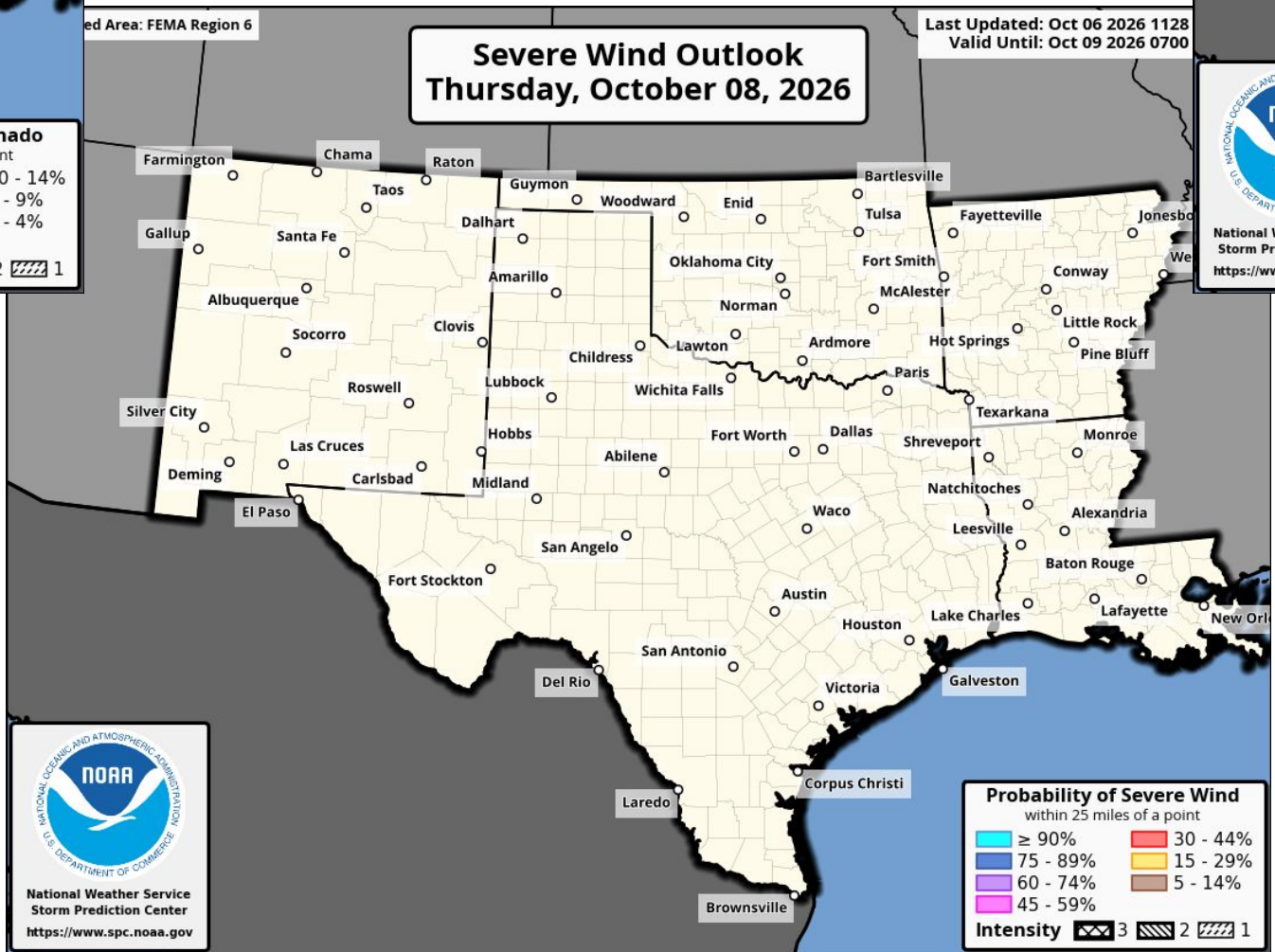
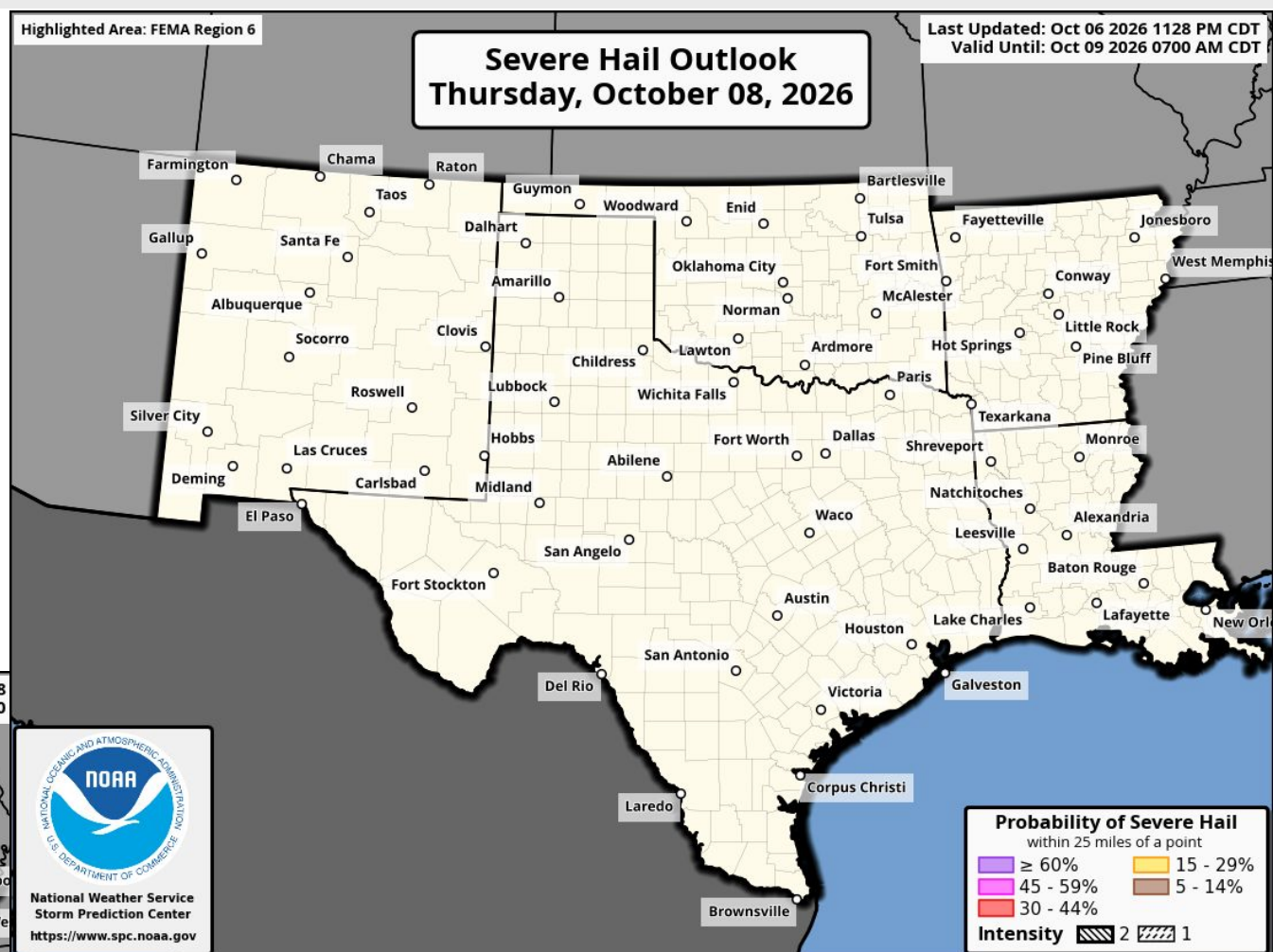
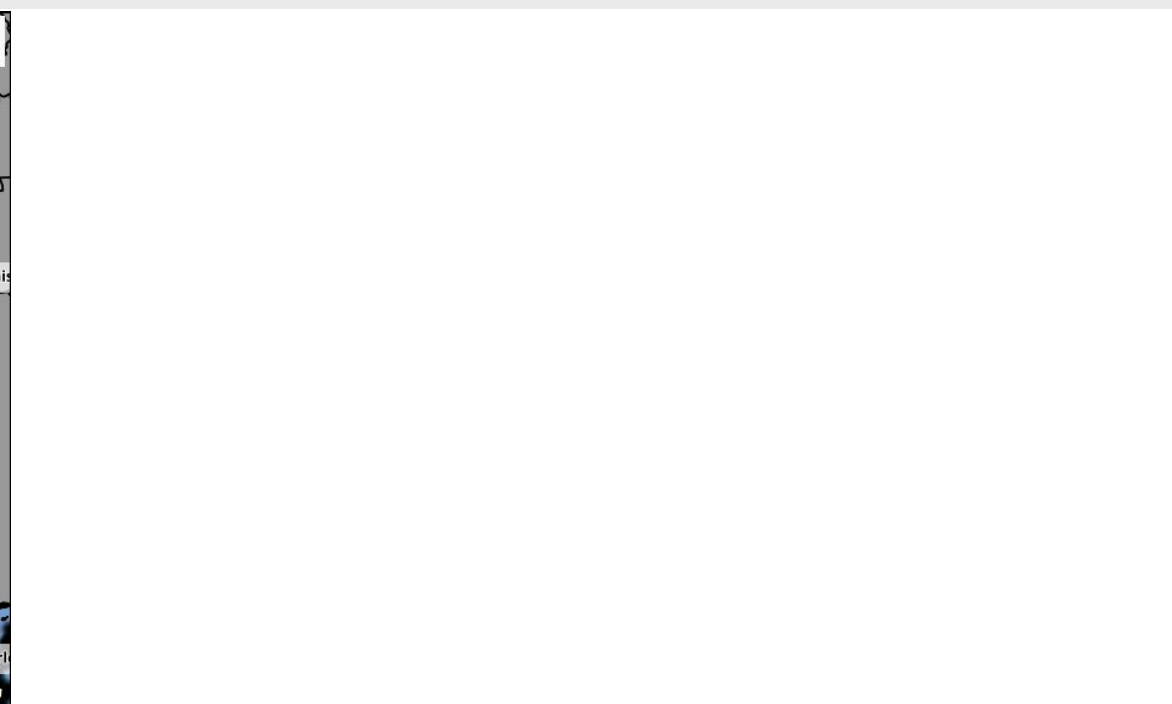
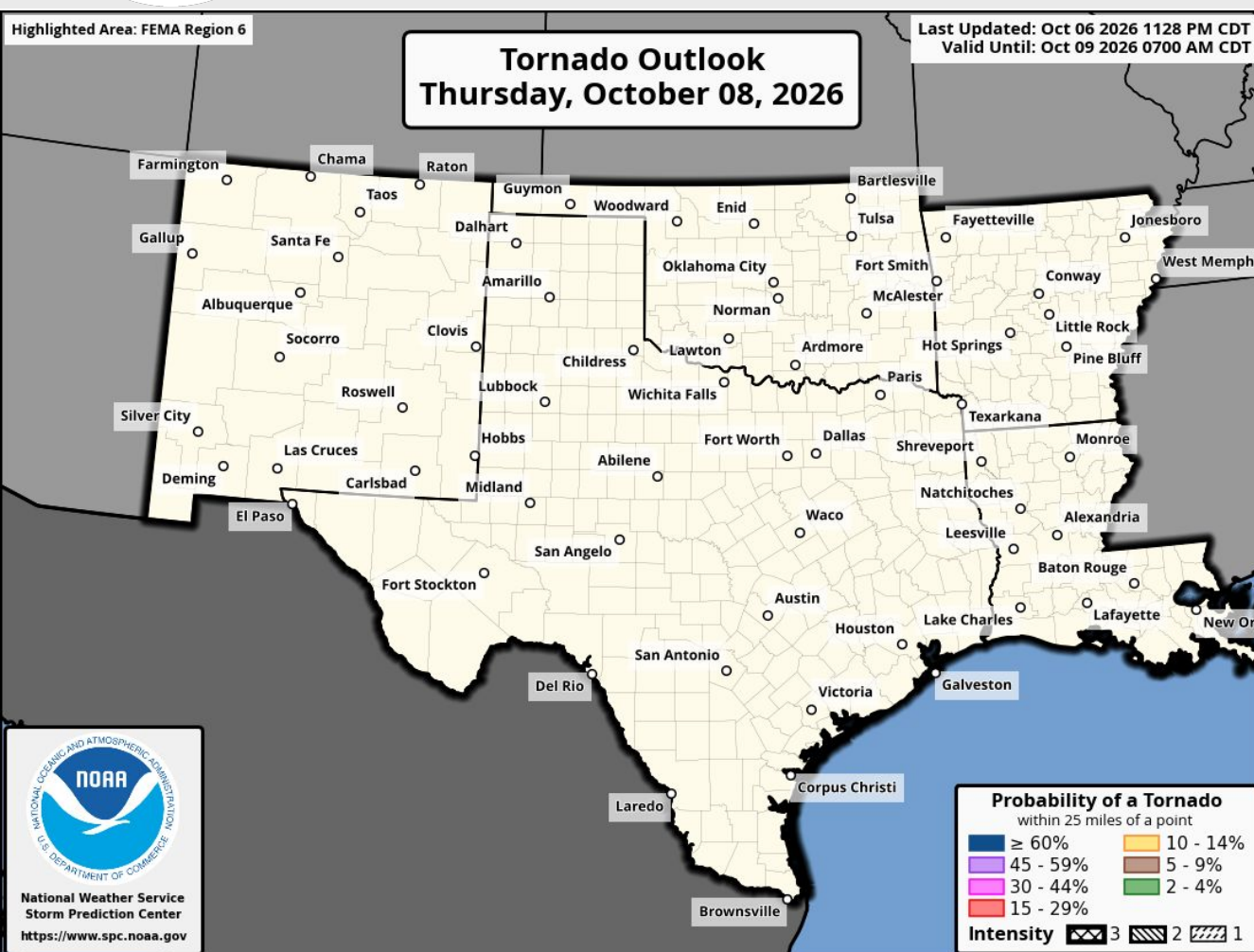
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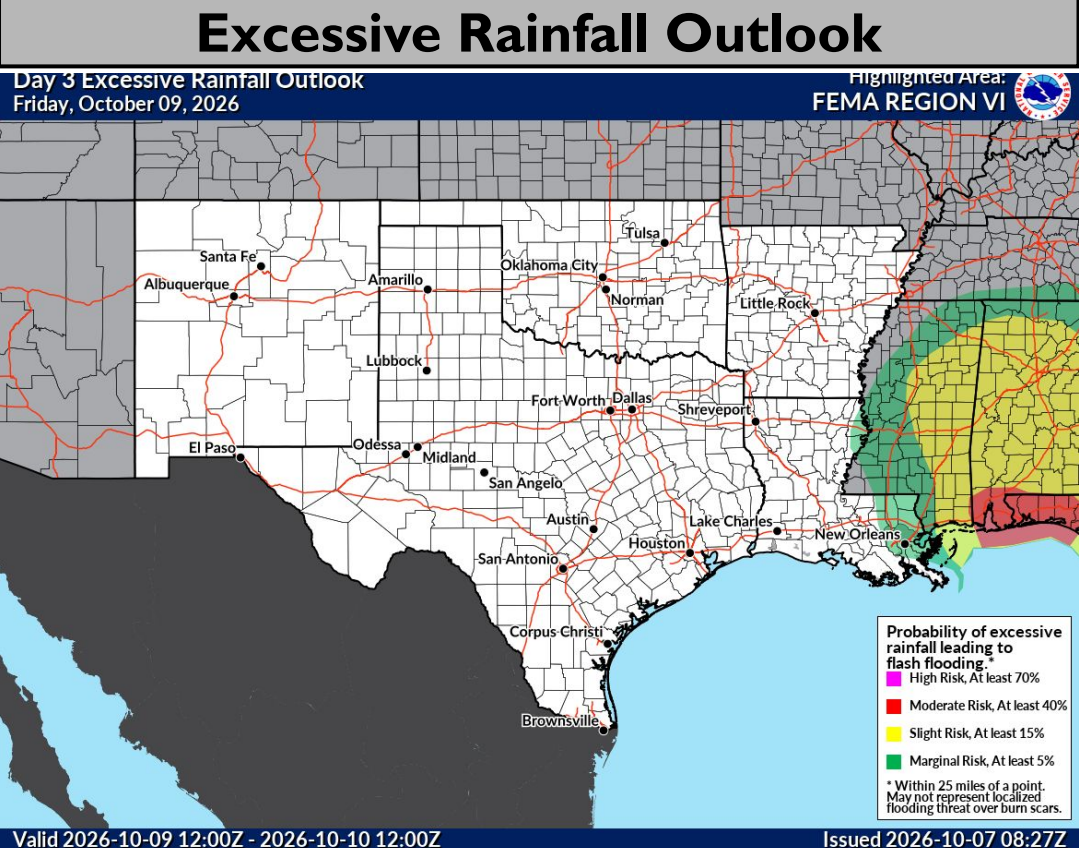
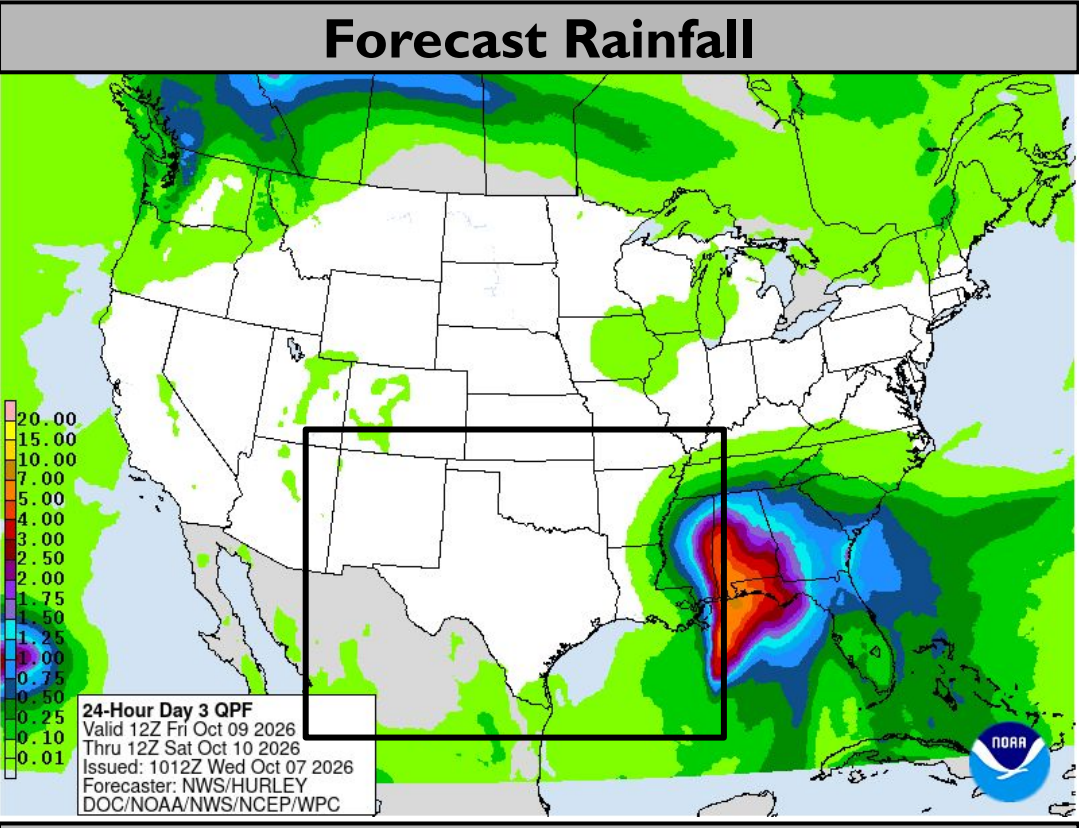
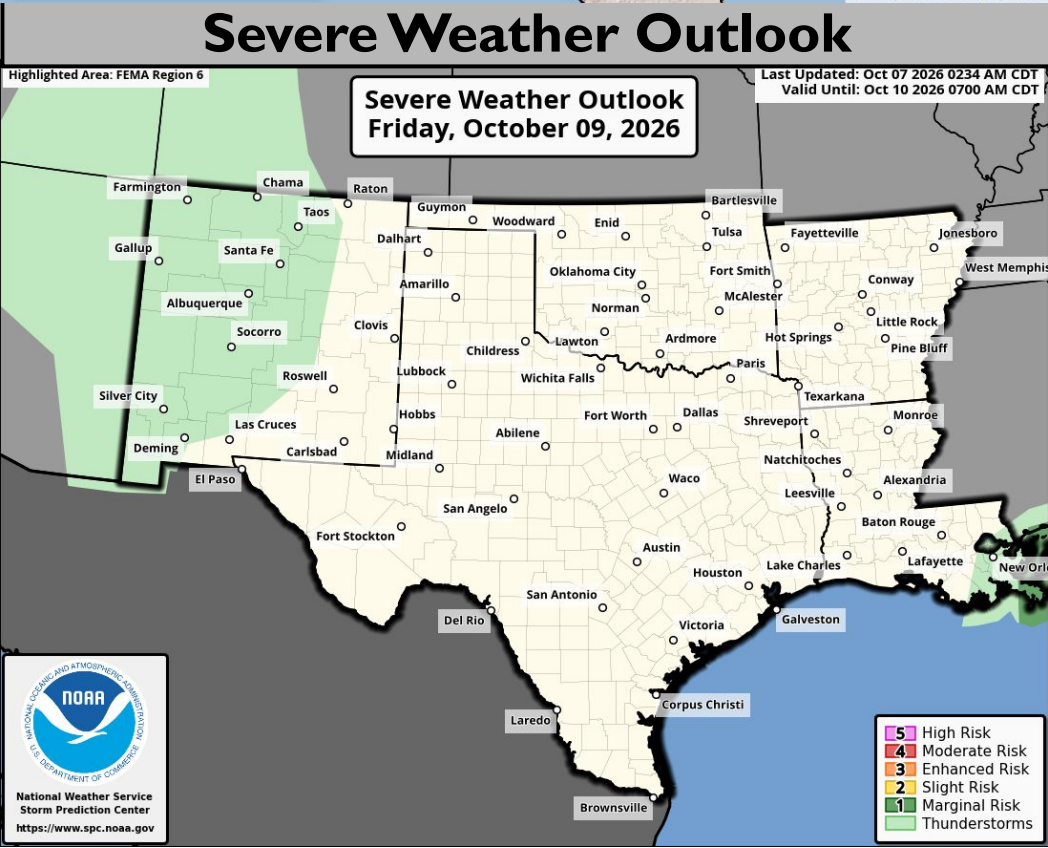
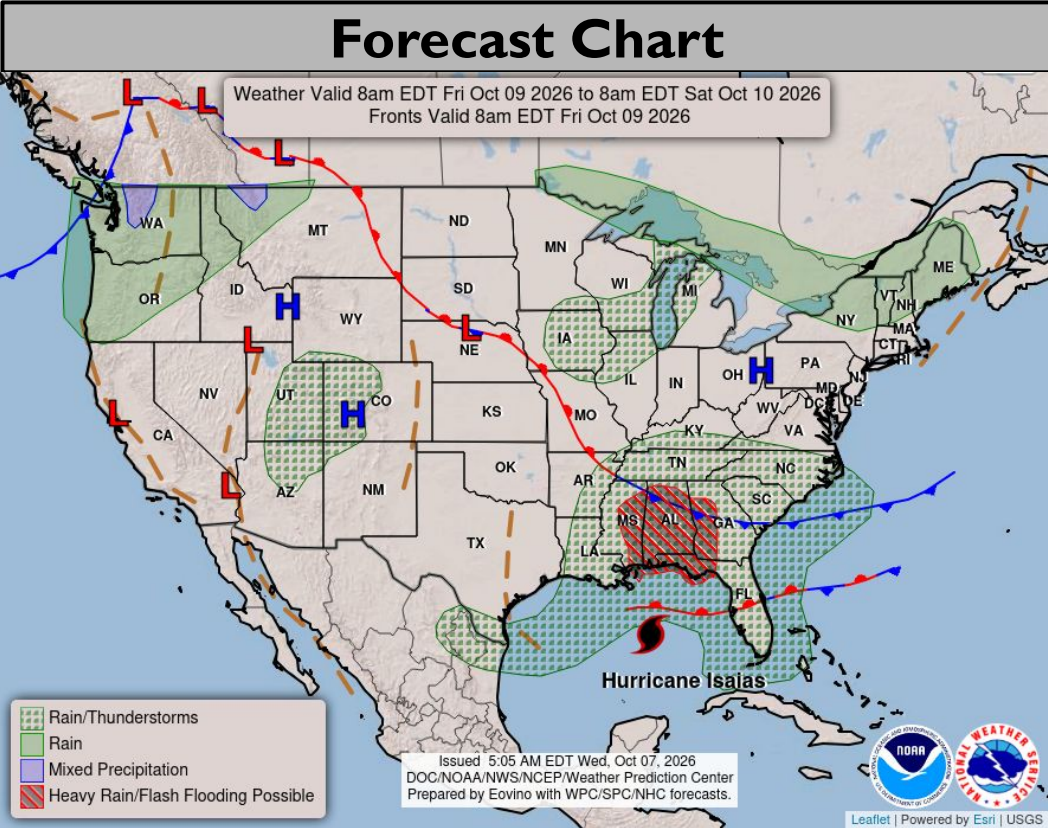


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





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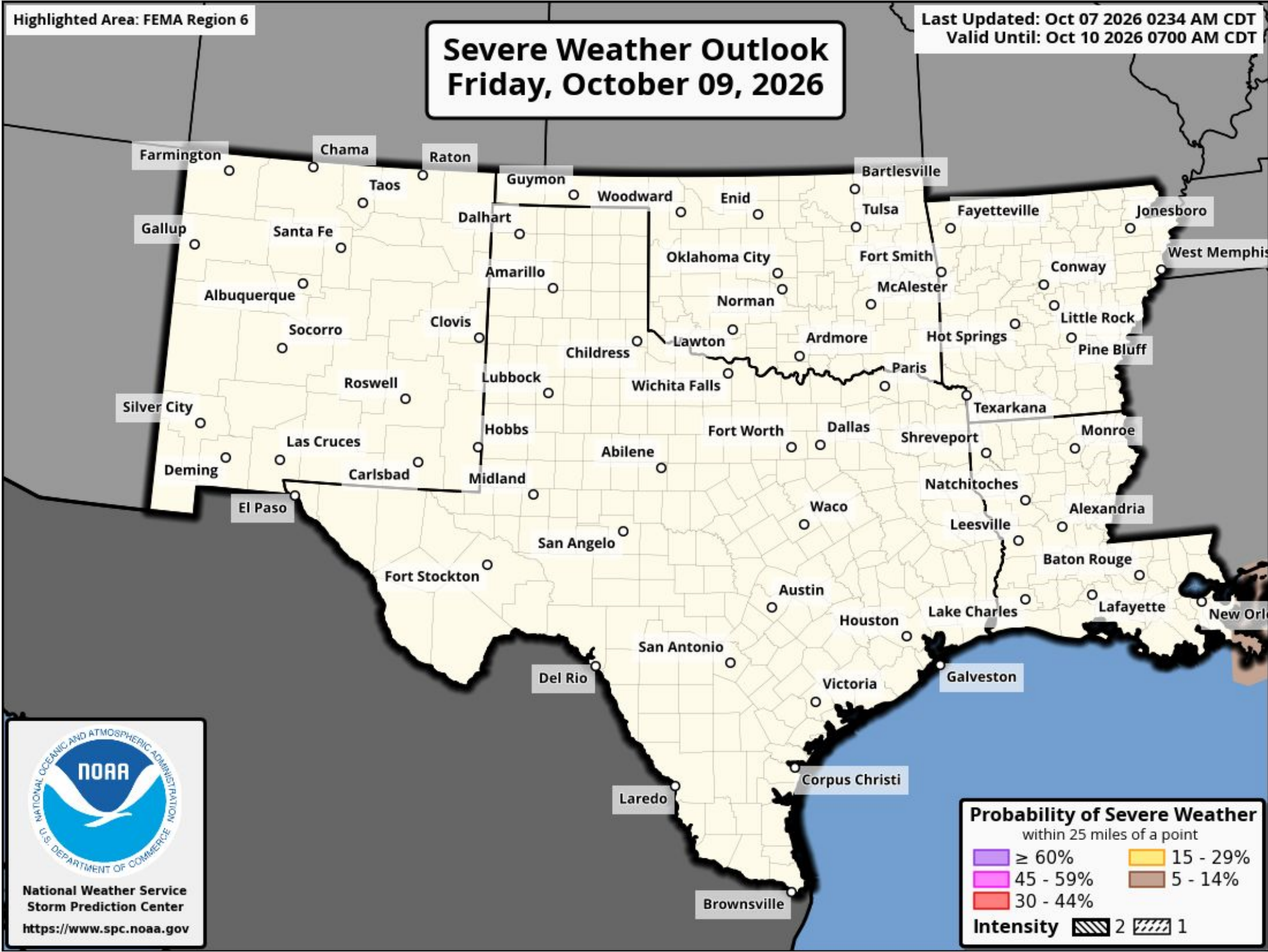
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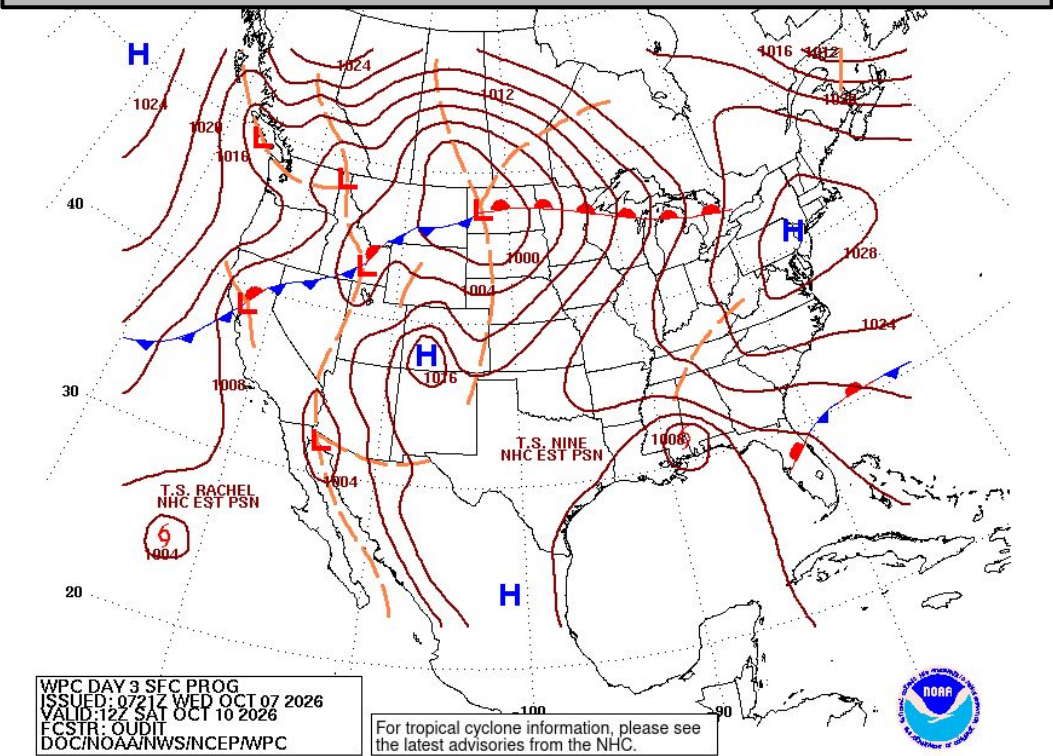
Thursday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



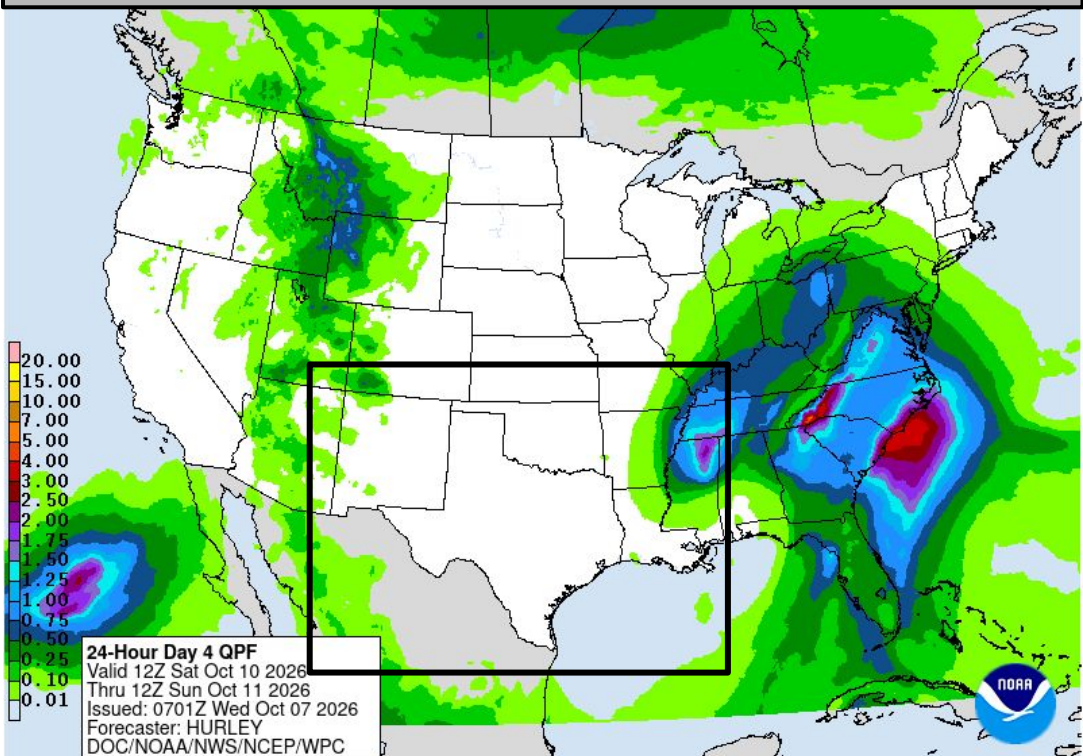


Saturday's Weather

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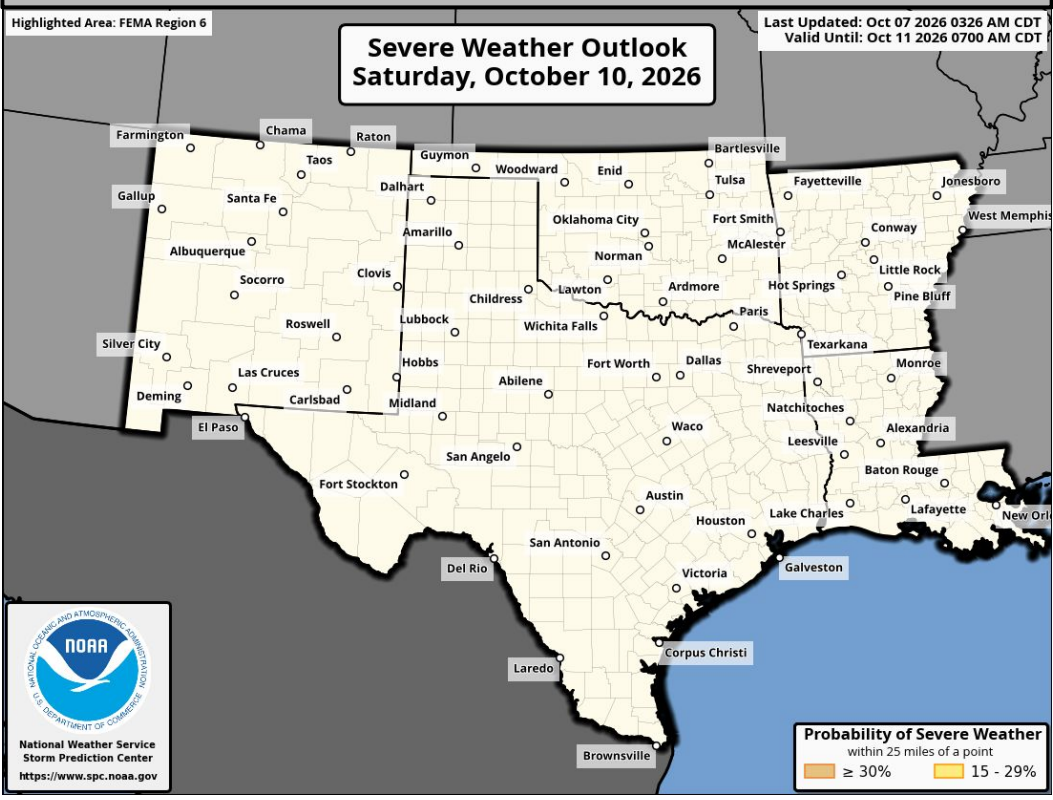


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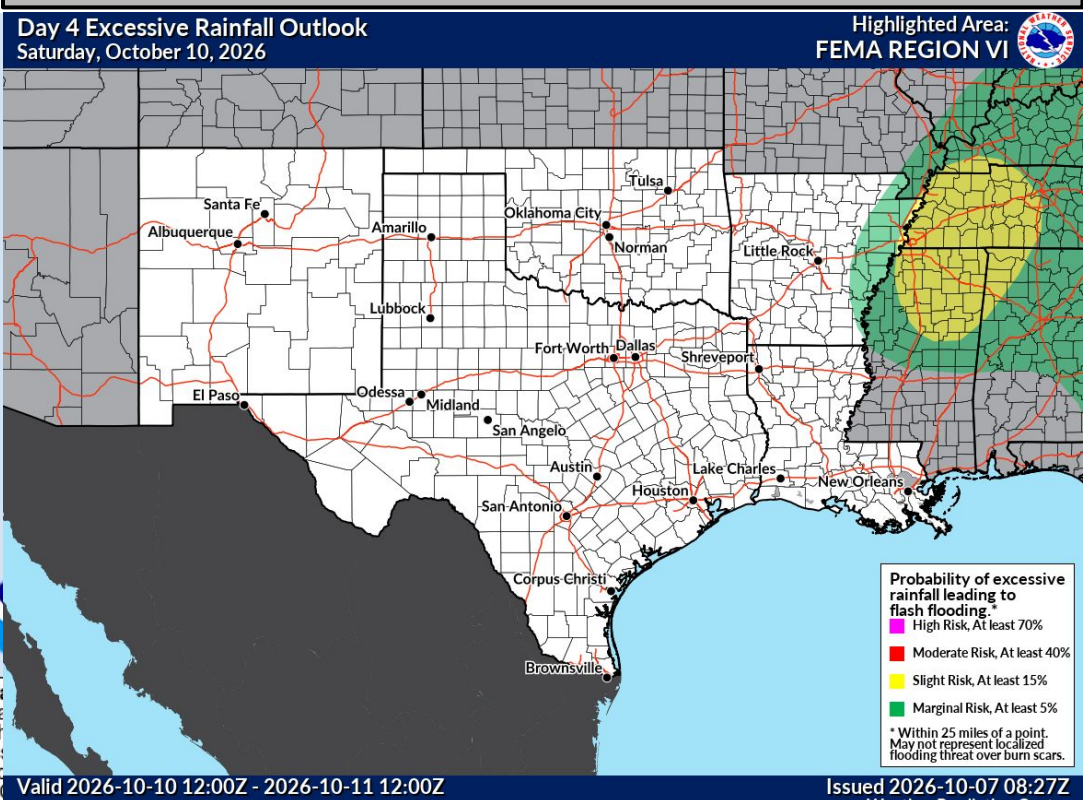


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

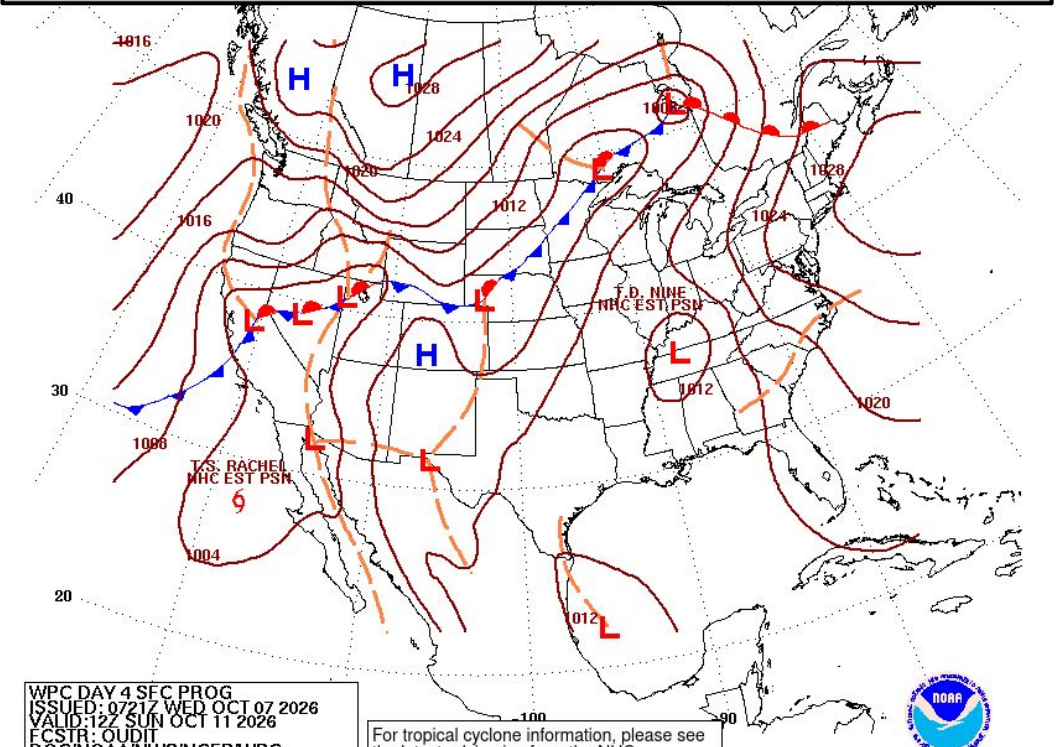


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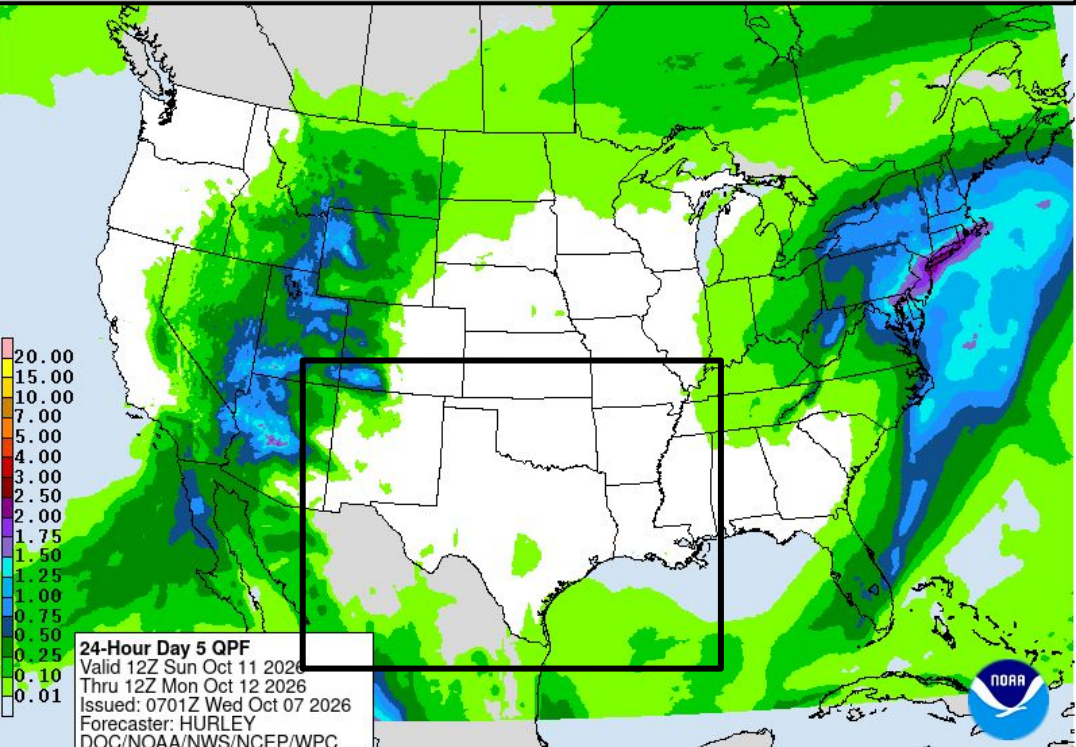


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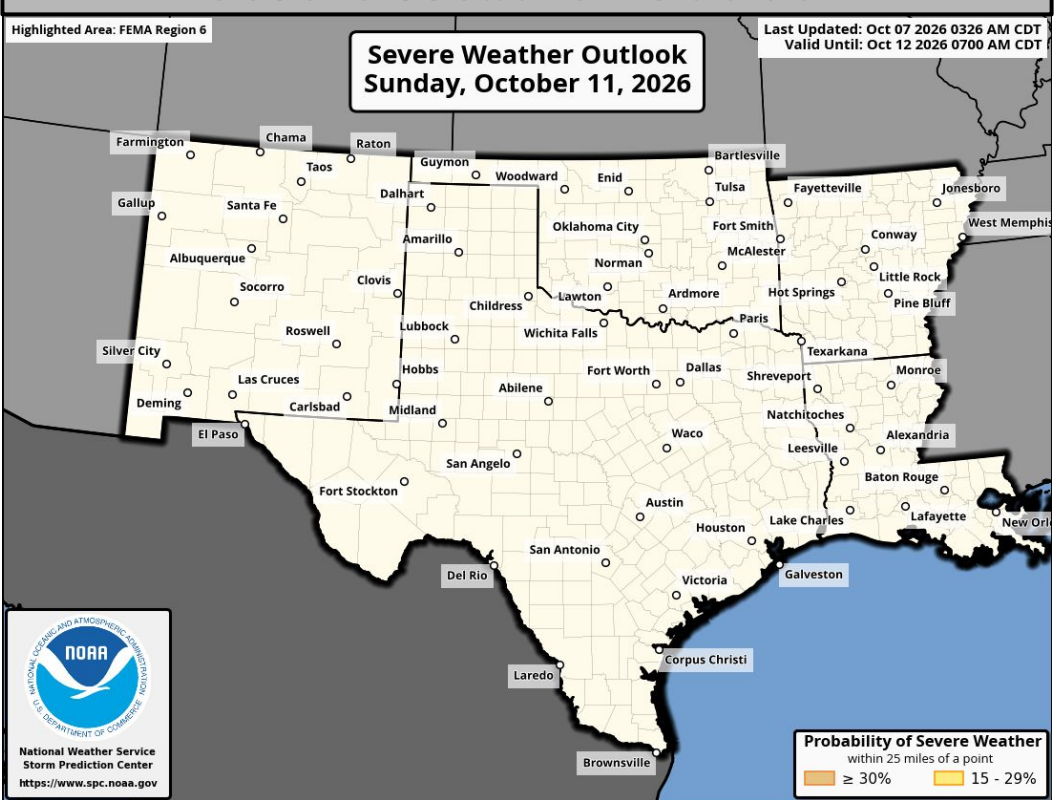


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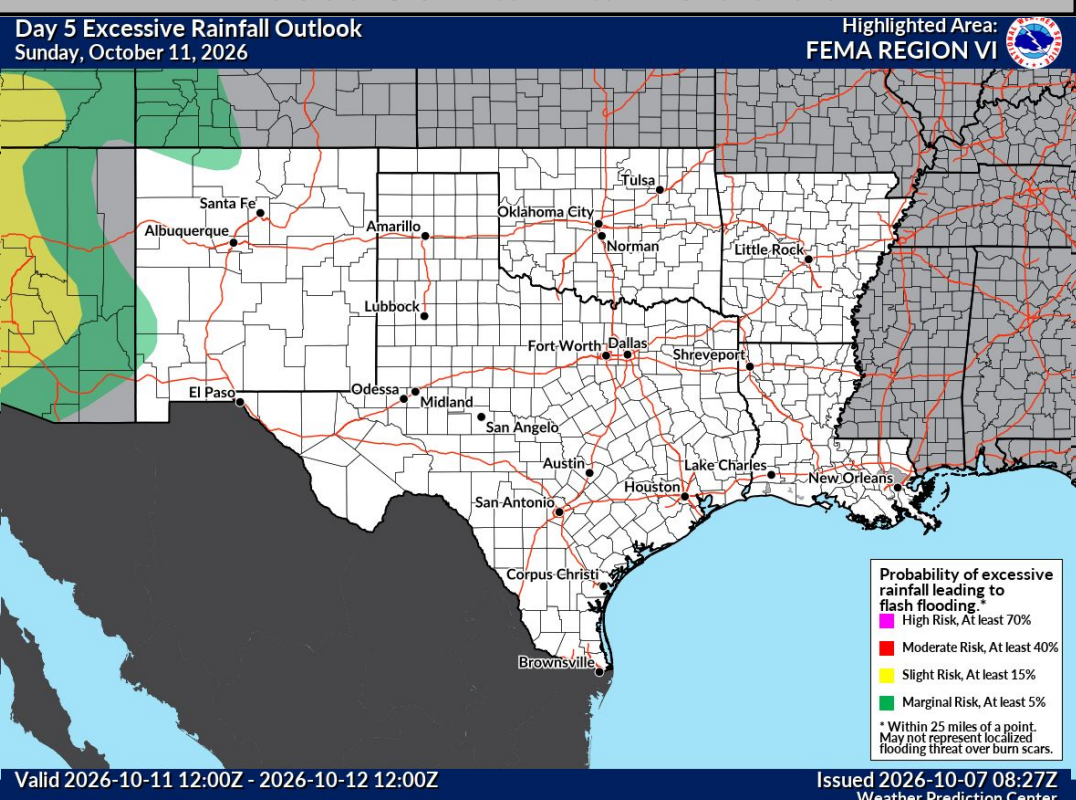


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Severe Weather Outlook



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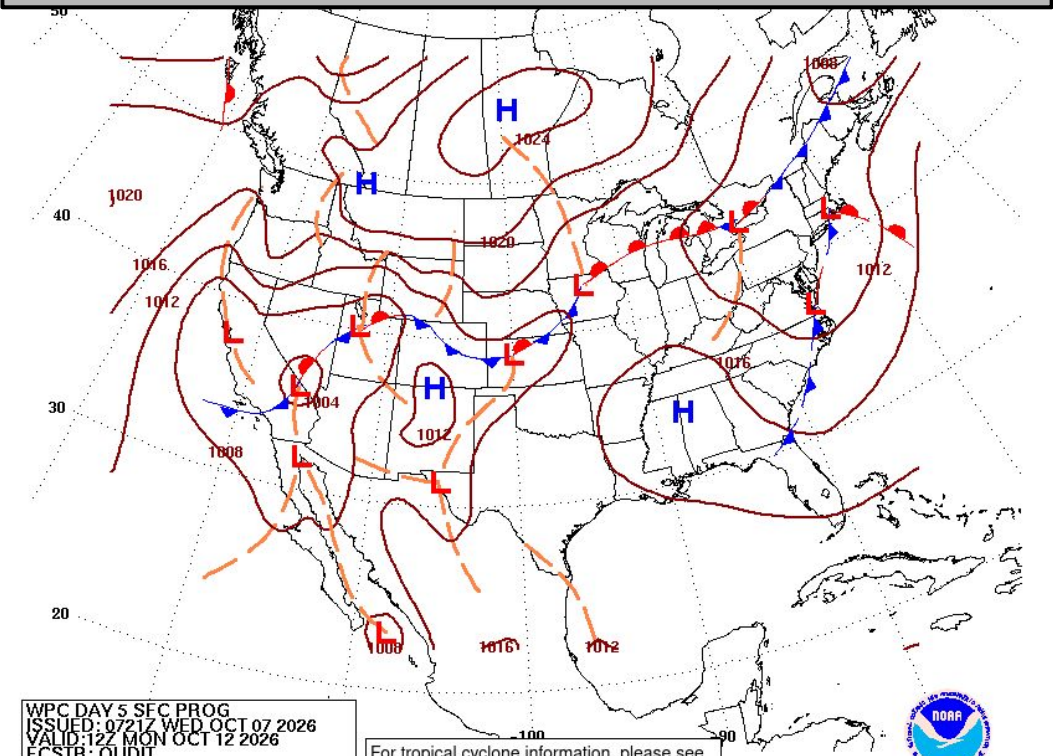


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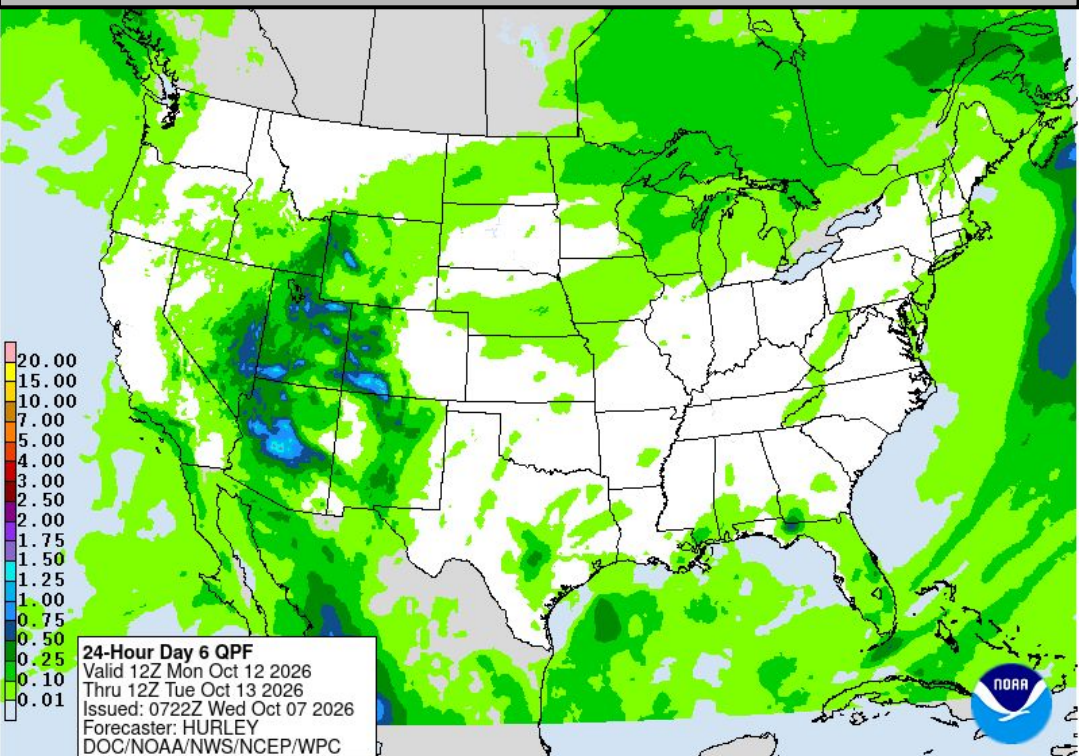


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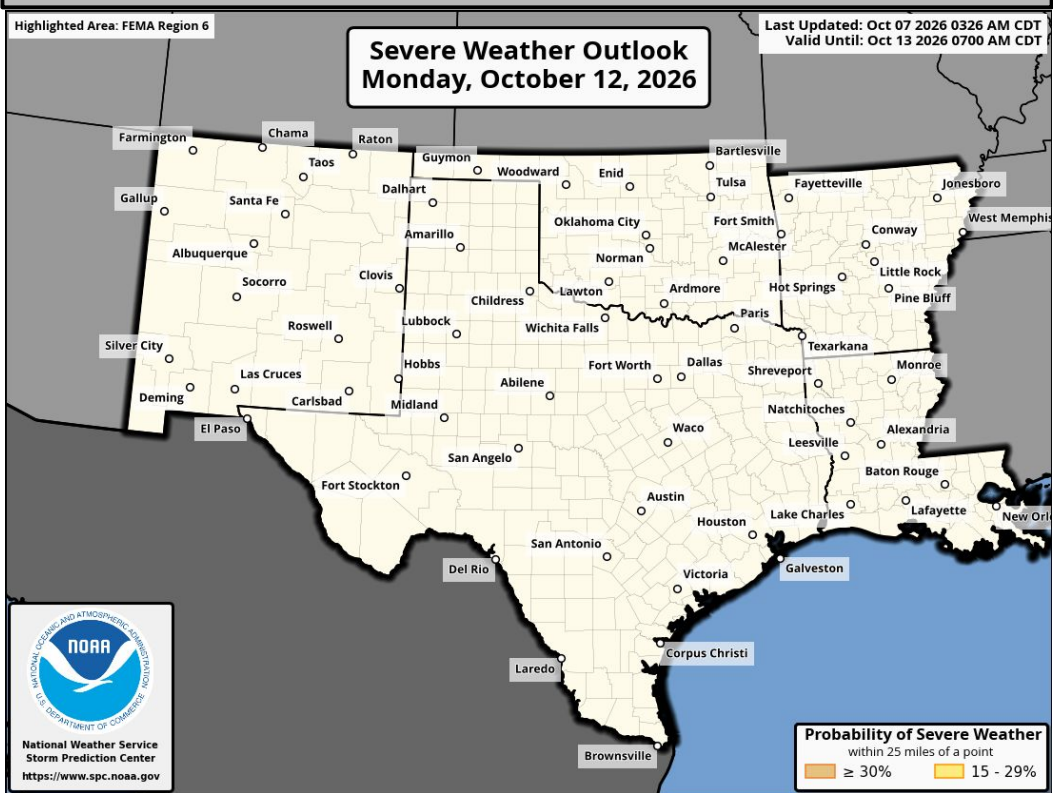


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Severe Weather Outlook



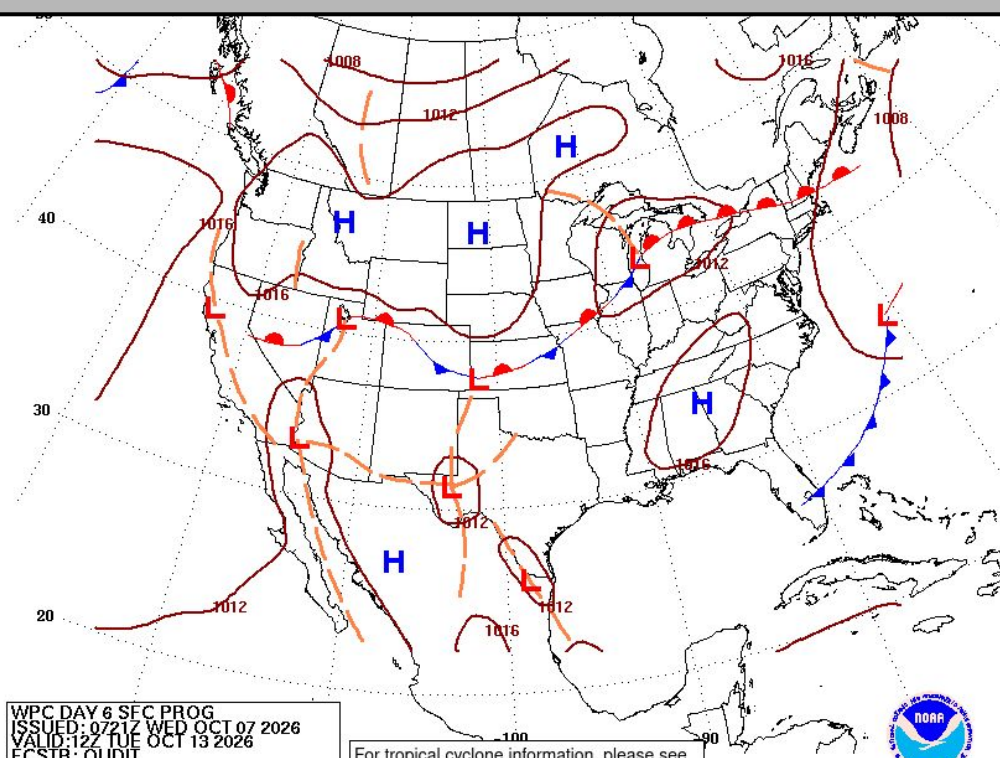
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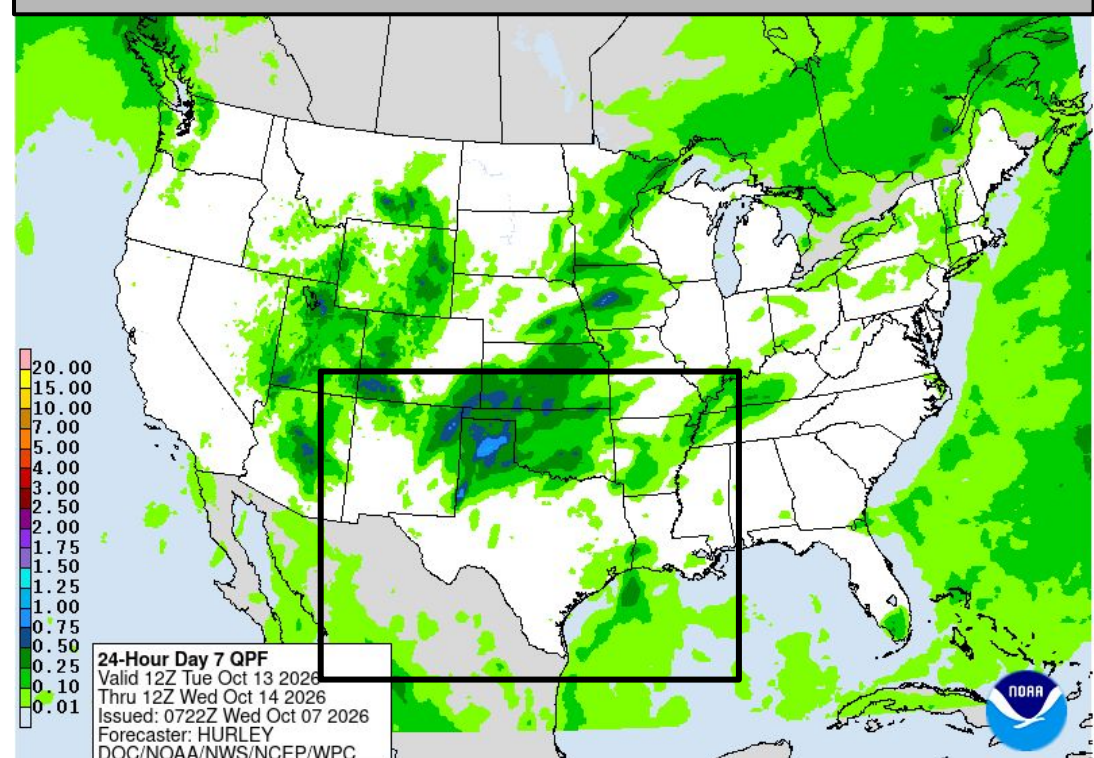


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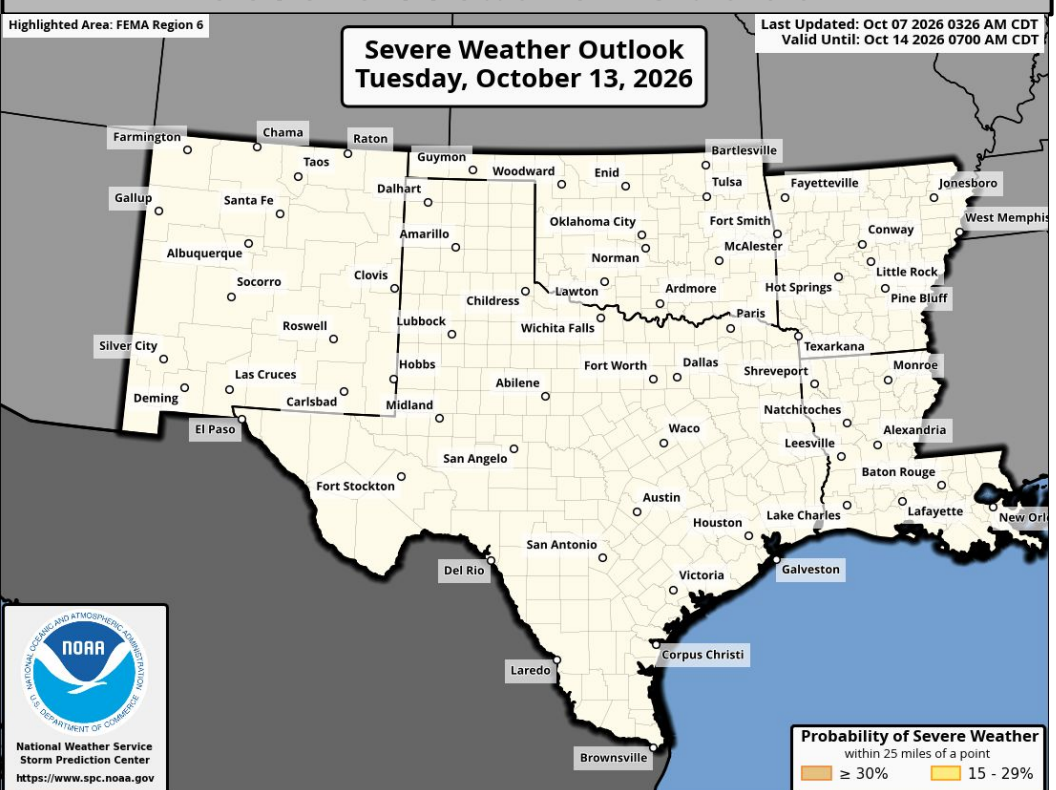


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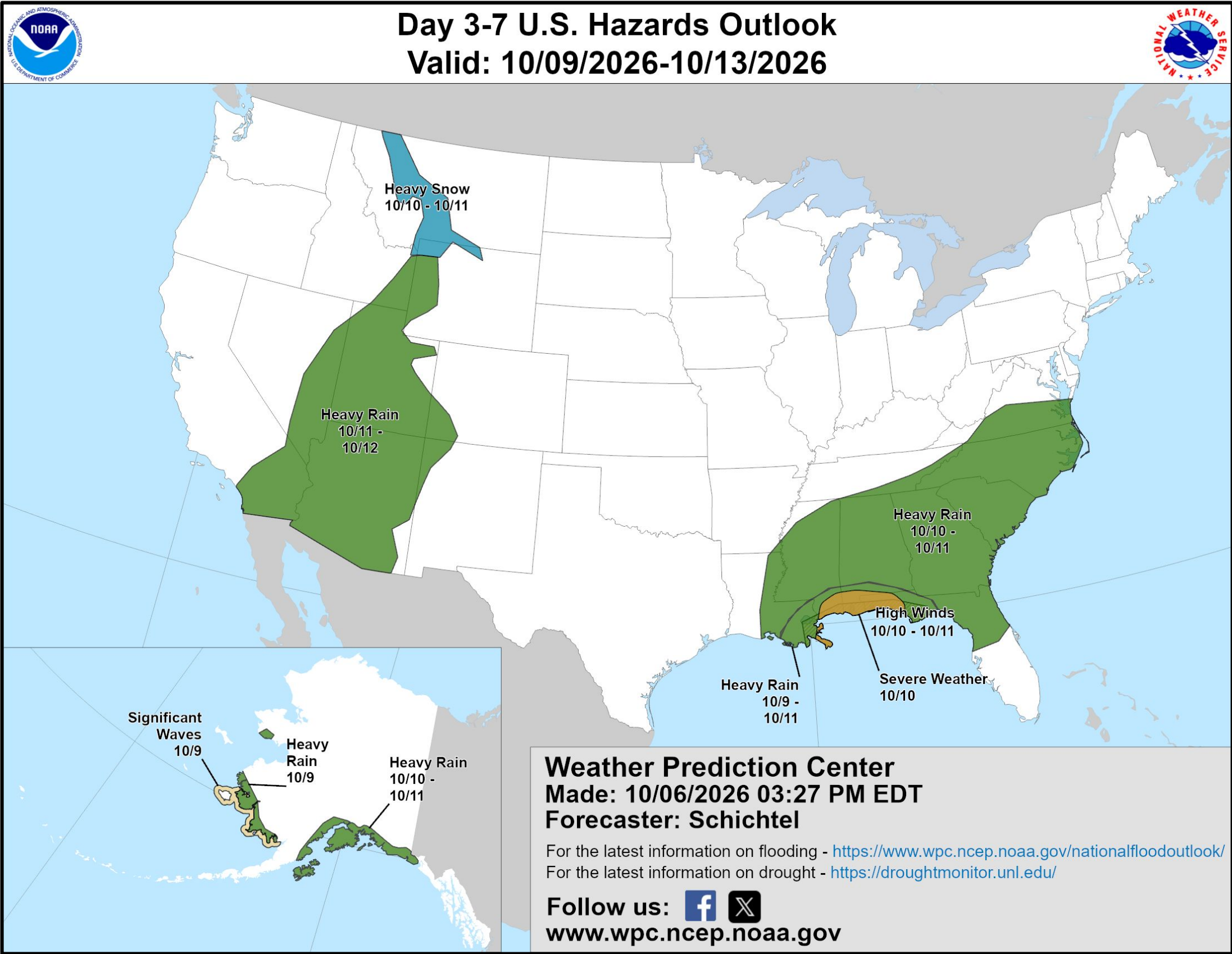


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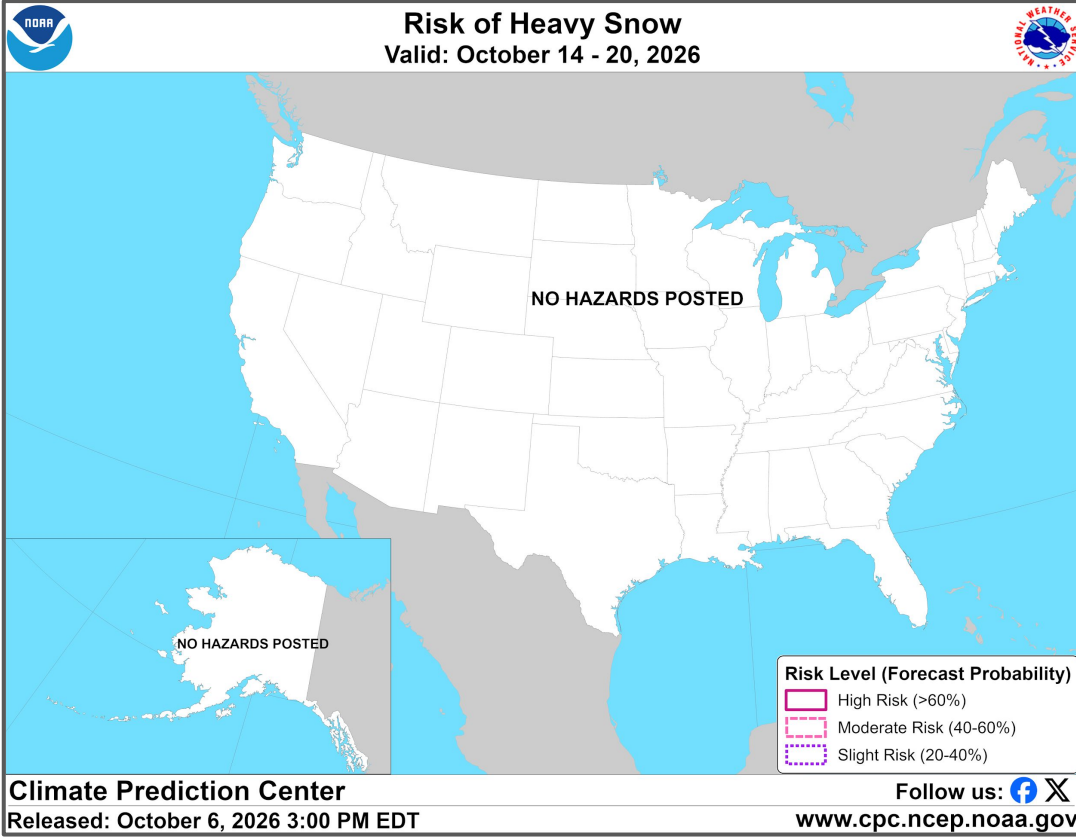
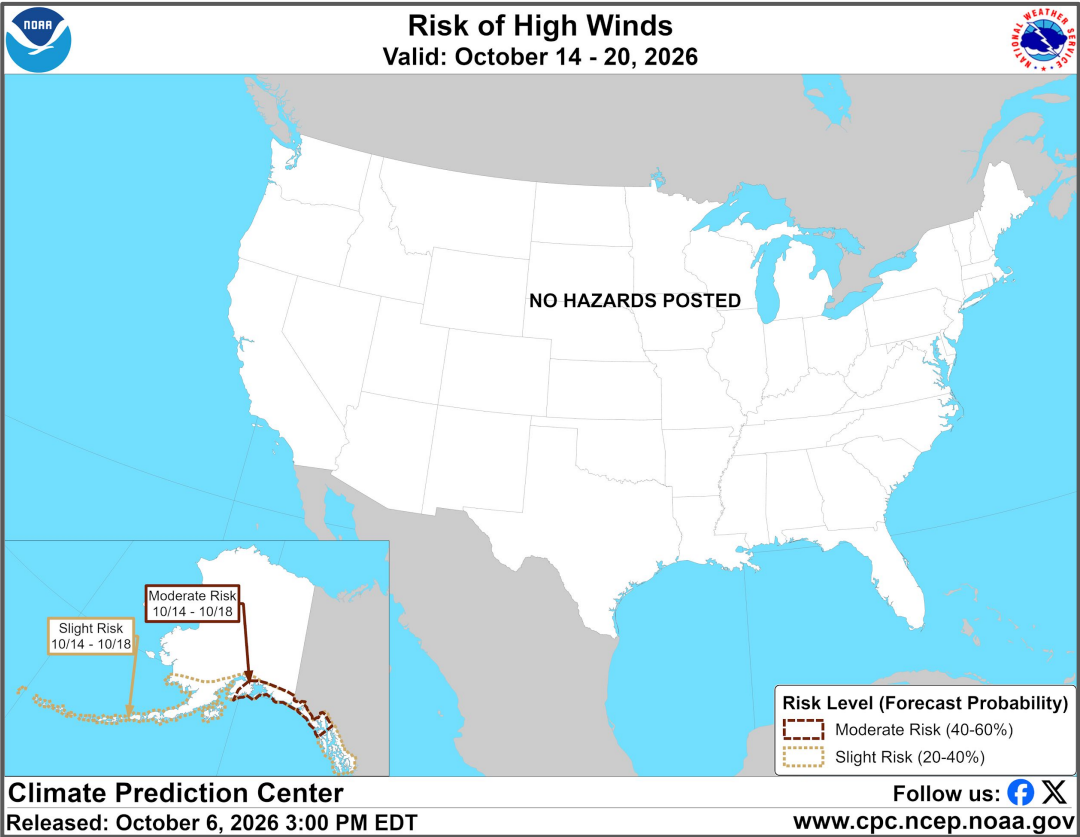
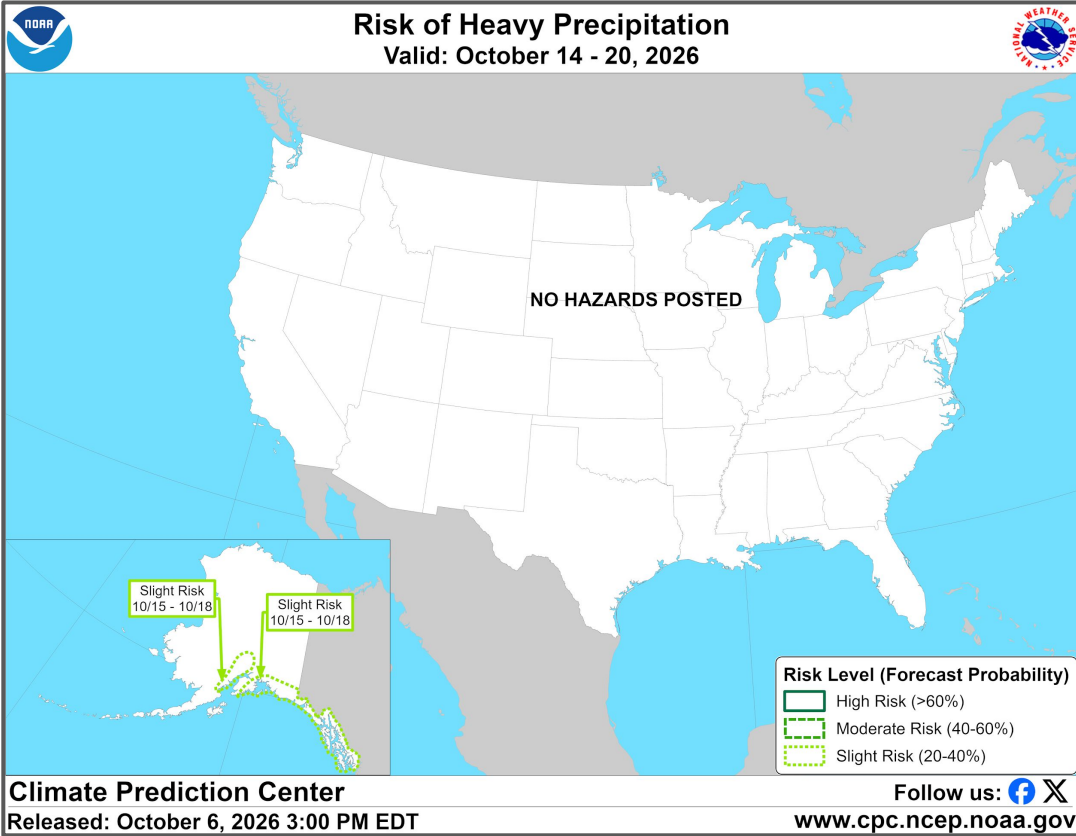
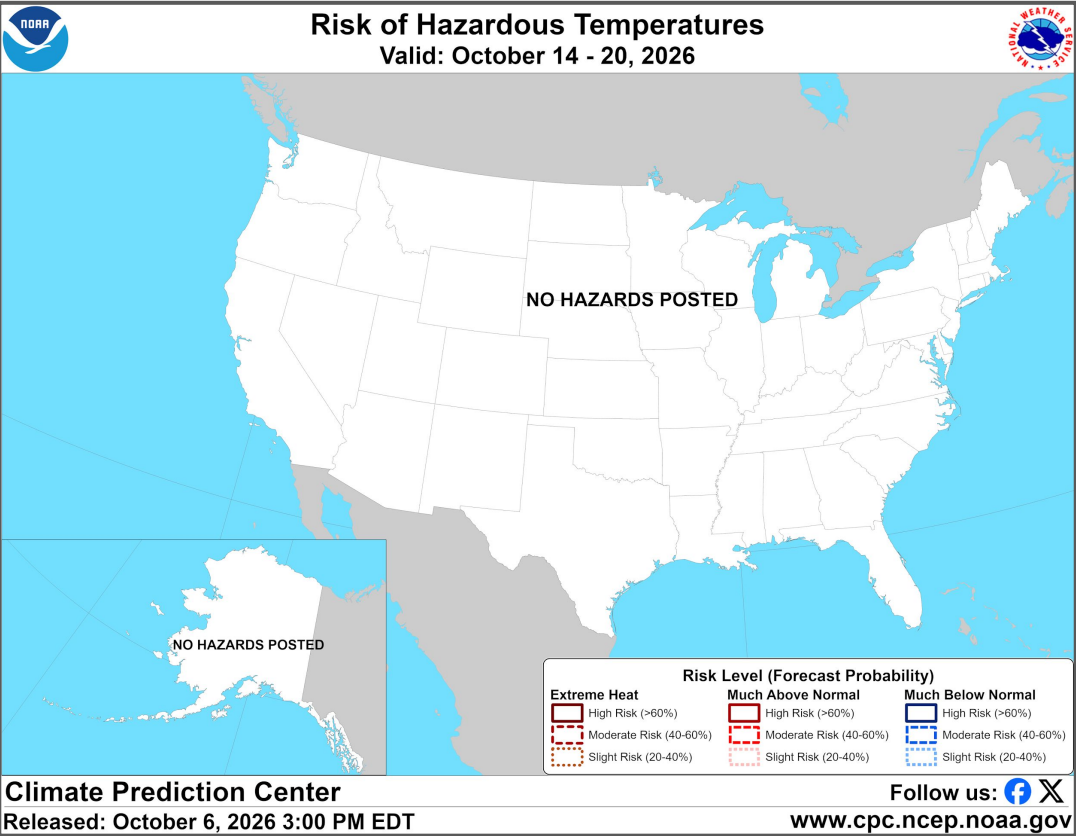
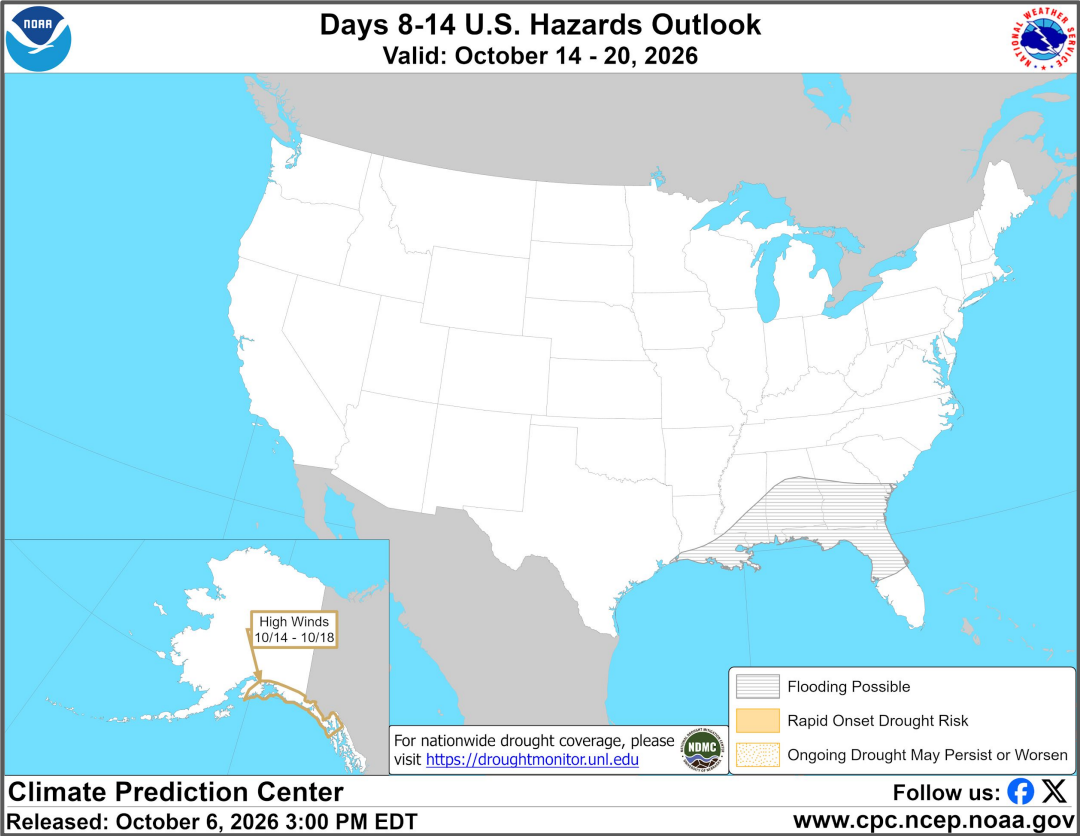


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

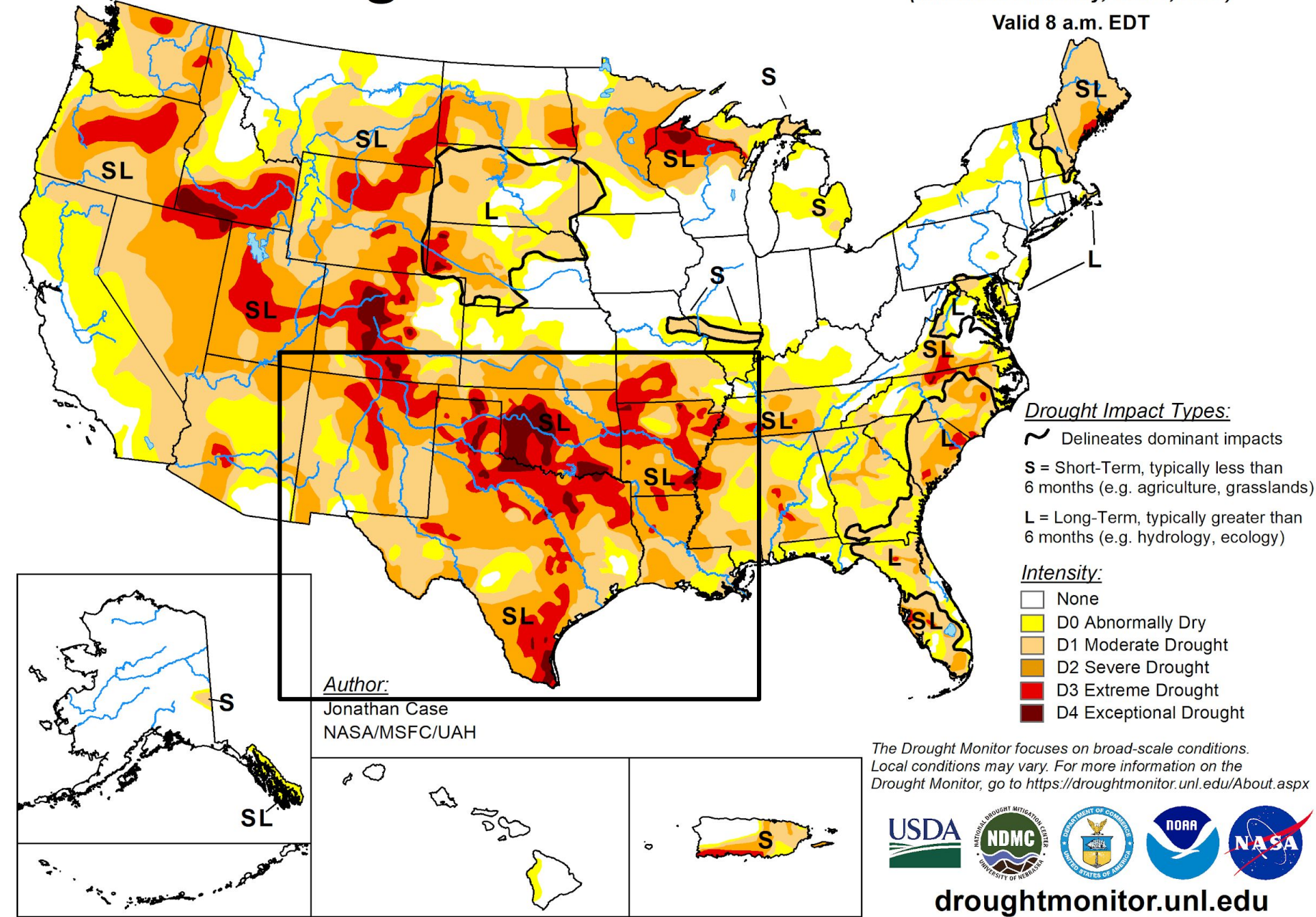




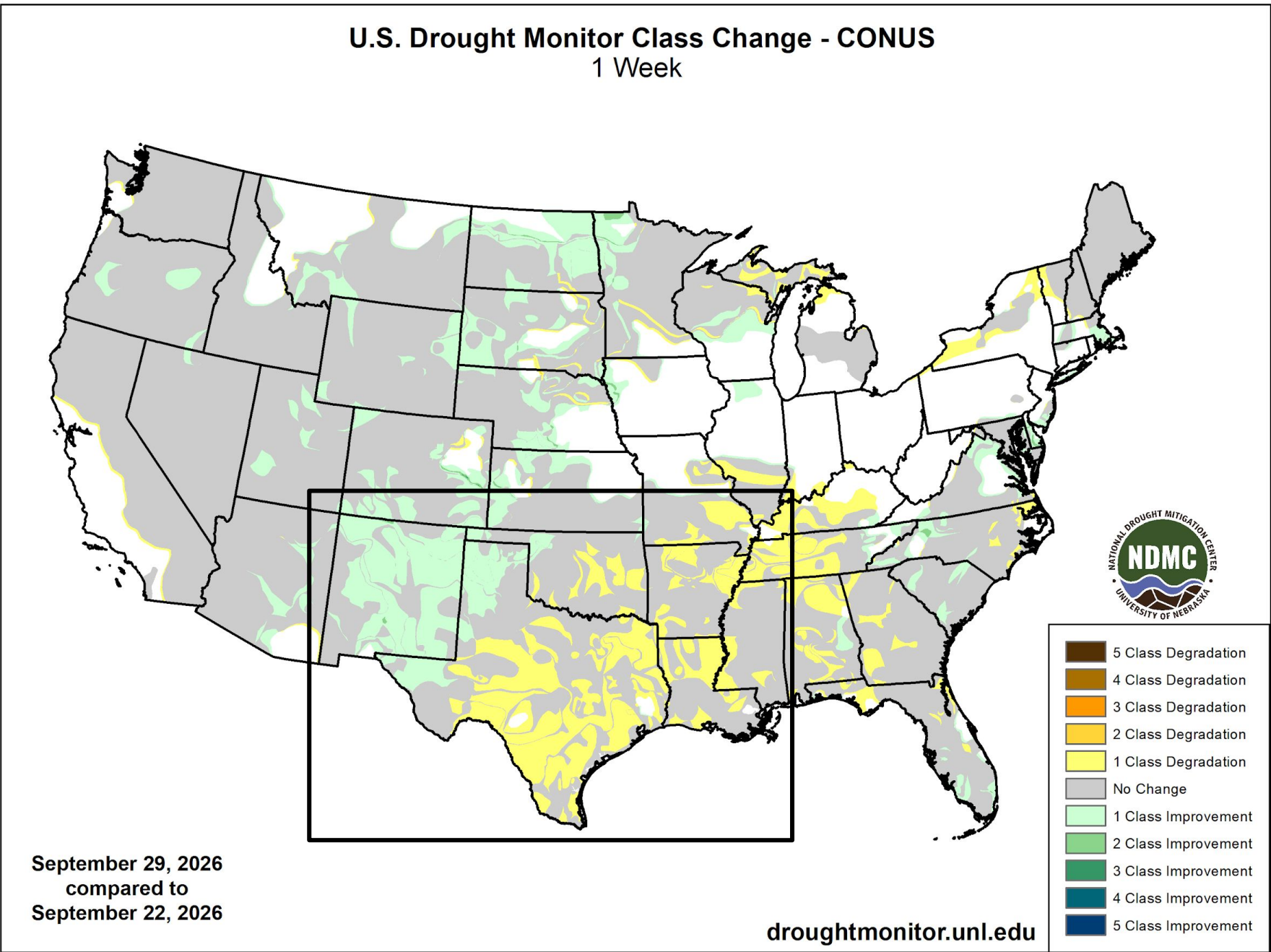
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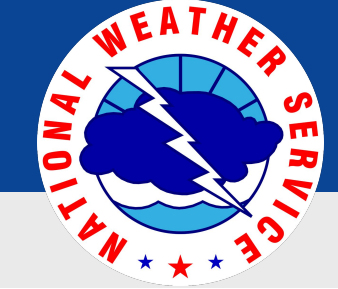
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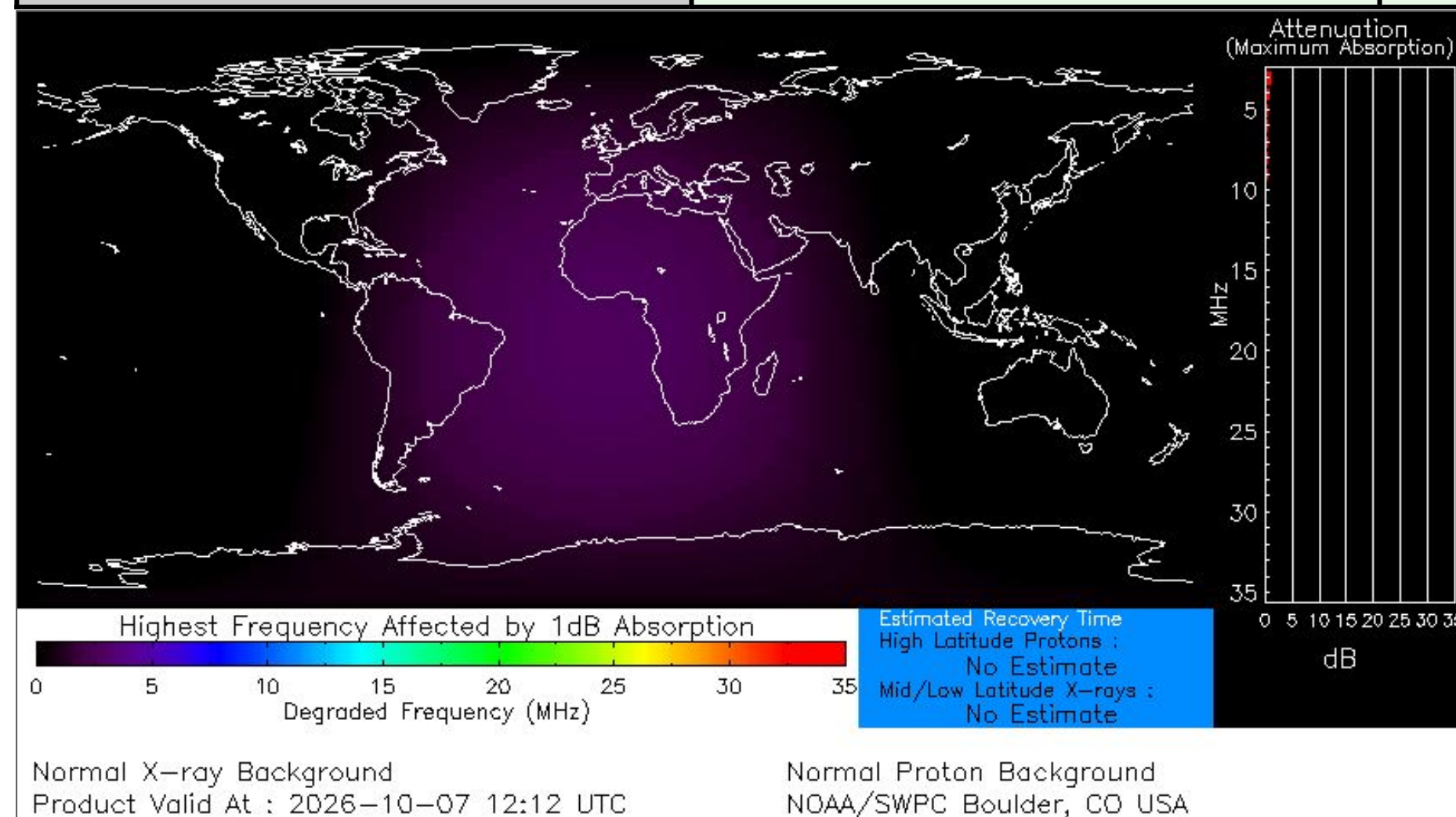
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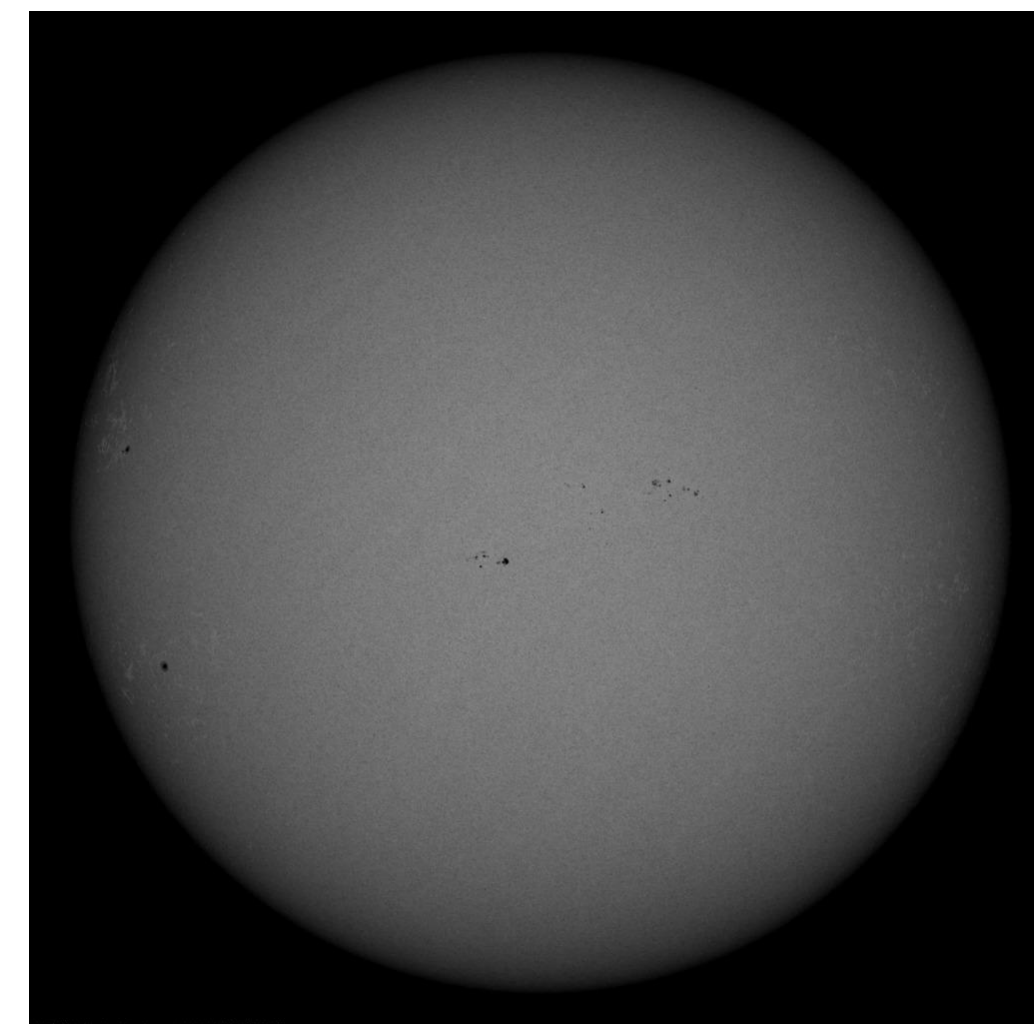
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Oct 6	Wednesday, Oct 7	Thursday, Oct 8
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Moderate (G2) Storm (Max Kp=6)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[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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