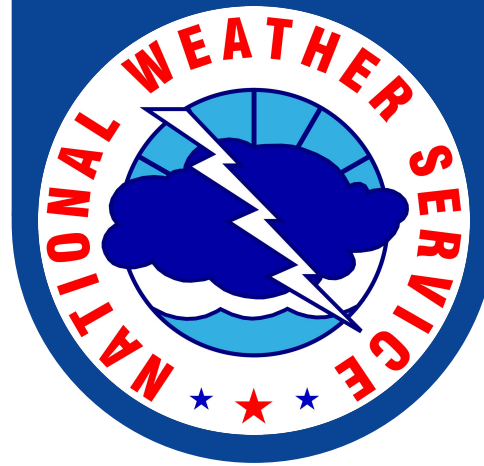




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, October 08, 2026

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Summary

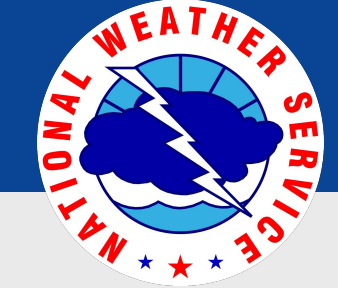
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal to locally Slight Risk (levels 1-2 of 4) of flash flooding in E AR Saturday.**
- **Monitoring heavy rain/flood potential for NM late Monday-early Wednesday of next week.**
 - **Newly formed Tropical Storm Simon in the Eastern Pacific may bring abundant moisture to NM in that time frame.**

- **Tropical:**

- **Hurricane Isaias is forecast to rapidly strengthen and move northeast today then turn north Friday and slightly weaken before landfall as a hurricane somewhere near Mobile Bay-Pensacola late Friday night.**
 - **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.**
 - **Peak Storm Surge of 3-5 ft from the Mouth of the MS River to the LA/MS border and 1-2 ft from S-Central LA to the Mouth of the MS River Friday afternoon into Friday night and 1-3 for Lake Pontchartrain.**
 - **Low to medium chance (20-40%) of tropical storm force winds for extreme SE LA Friday afternoon into Friday night.**





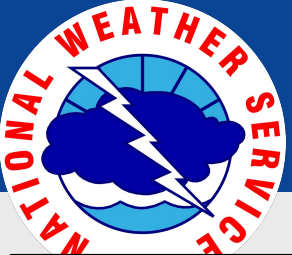
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Oct 8	Friday, Oct 9	Saturday, Oct 10	Sunday, Oct 11	Monday, Oct 12	Tuesday, Oct 13	Wednesday, Oct 14
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		SE LA	E AR	W NM	NM, Far W TX	NM	NM
Fire Weather							
Tropical		SE LA					
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.

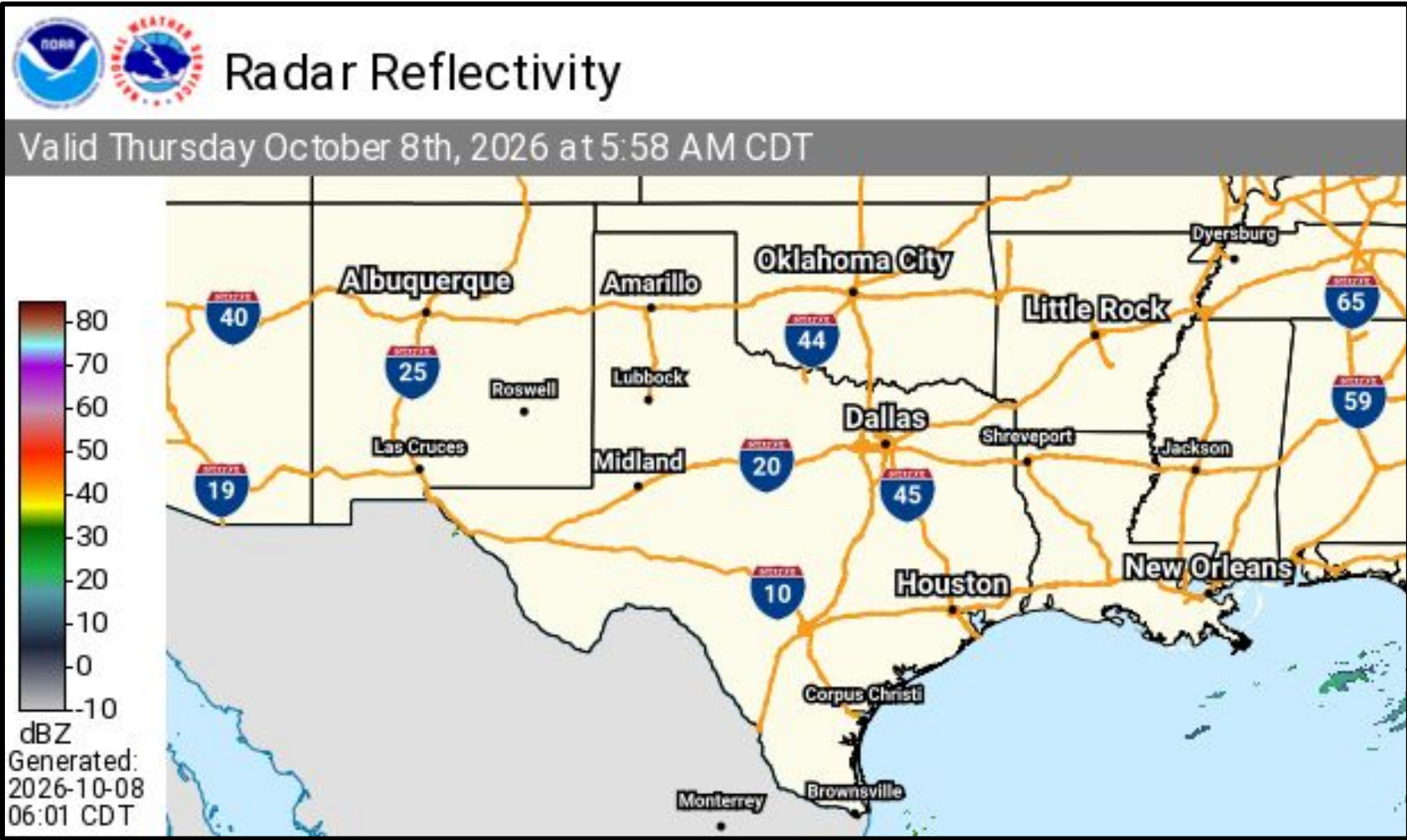
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Current Radar/Hazards



Storm Surge Warning, Tropical Storm Warning and Coastal Flood Advisory across SE LA.





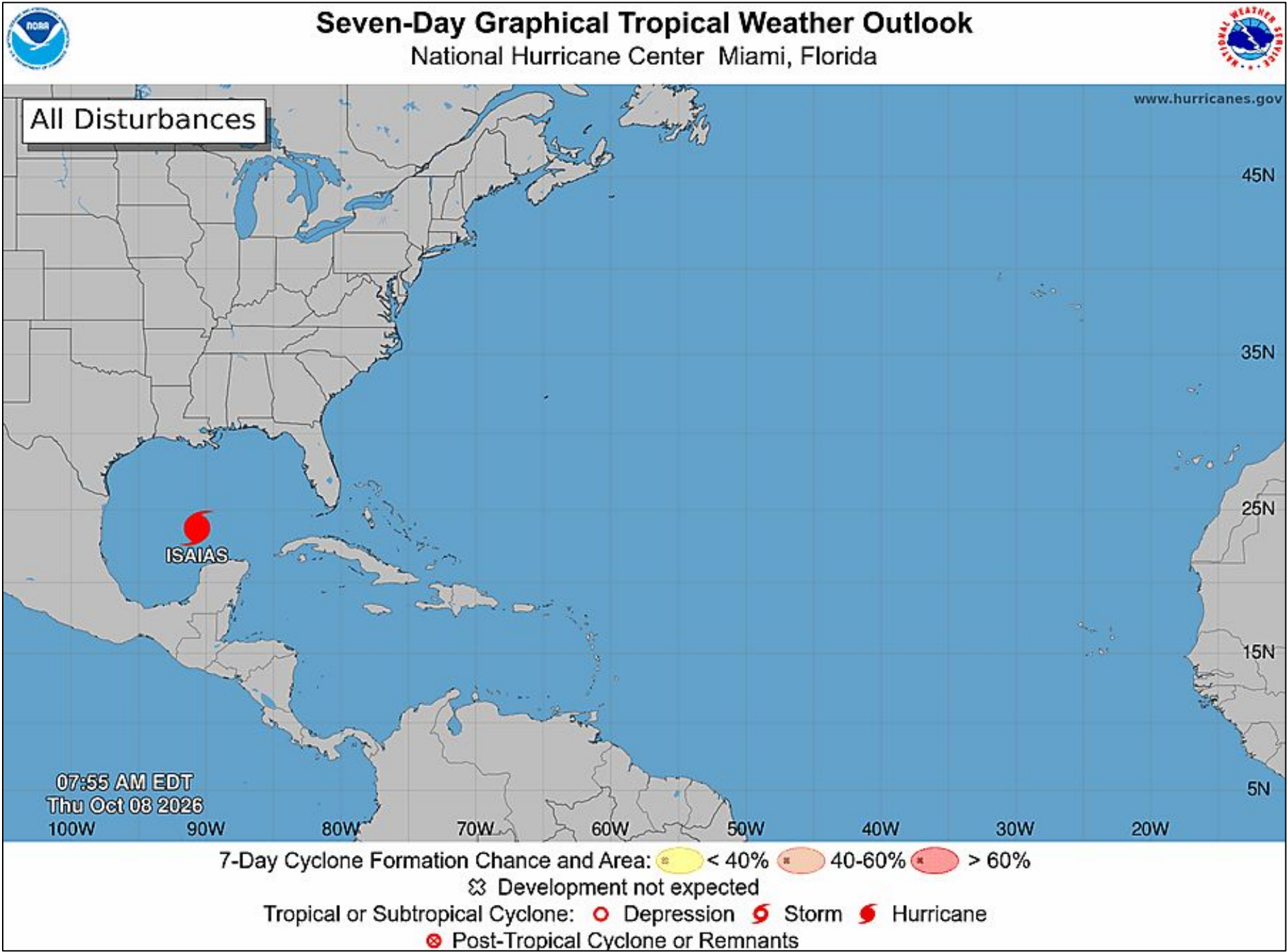
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

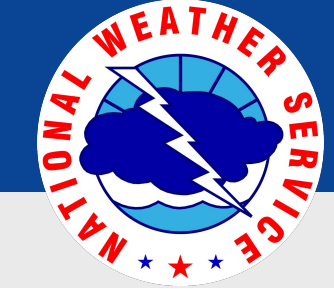
Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Isaias	No significant impacts to FEMA 6. Low to medium chance (20-40%) of tropical storm force winds in SE LA late Friday.

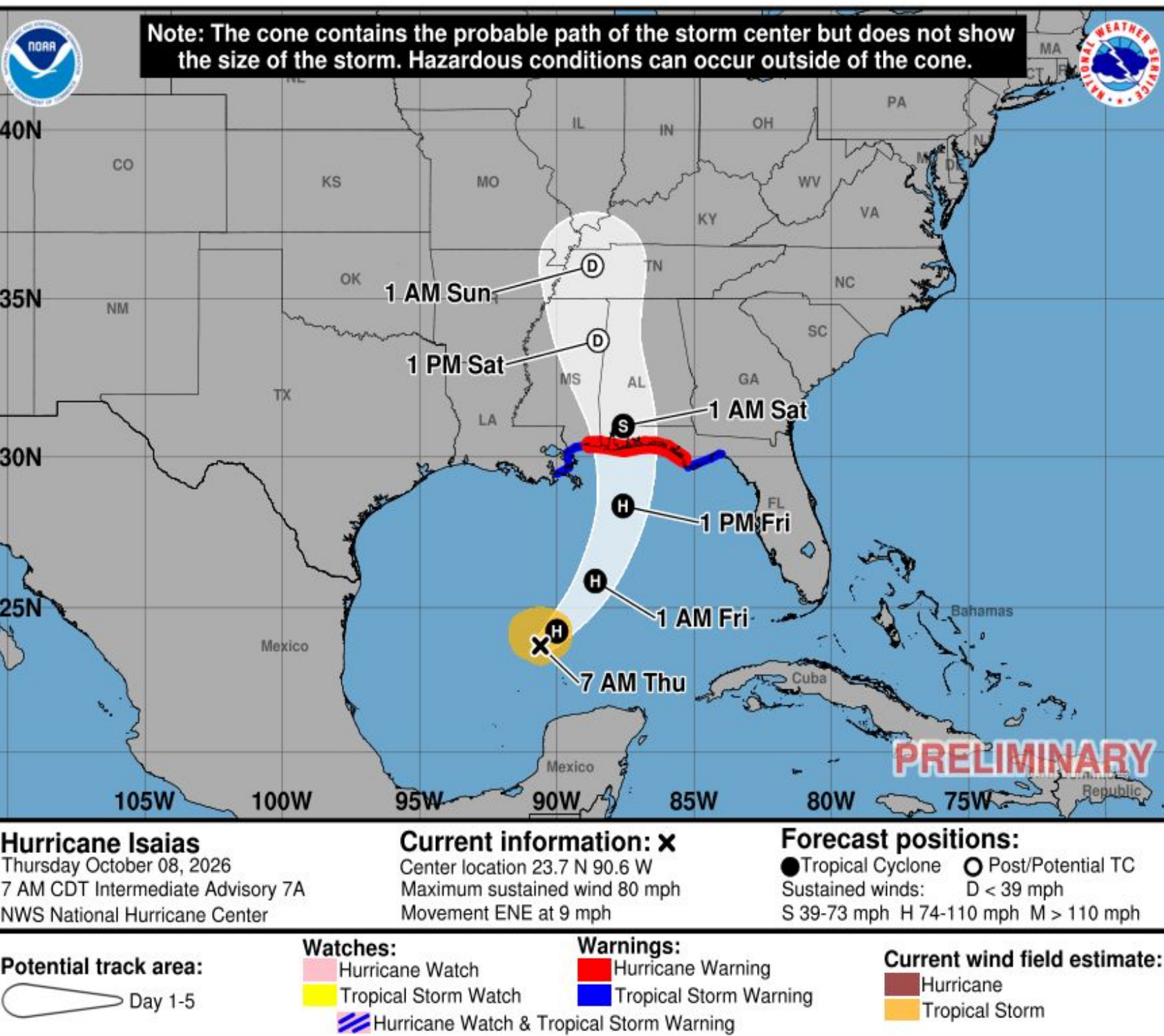


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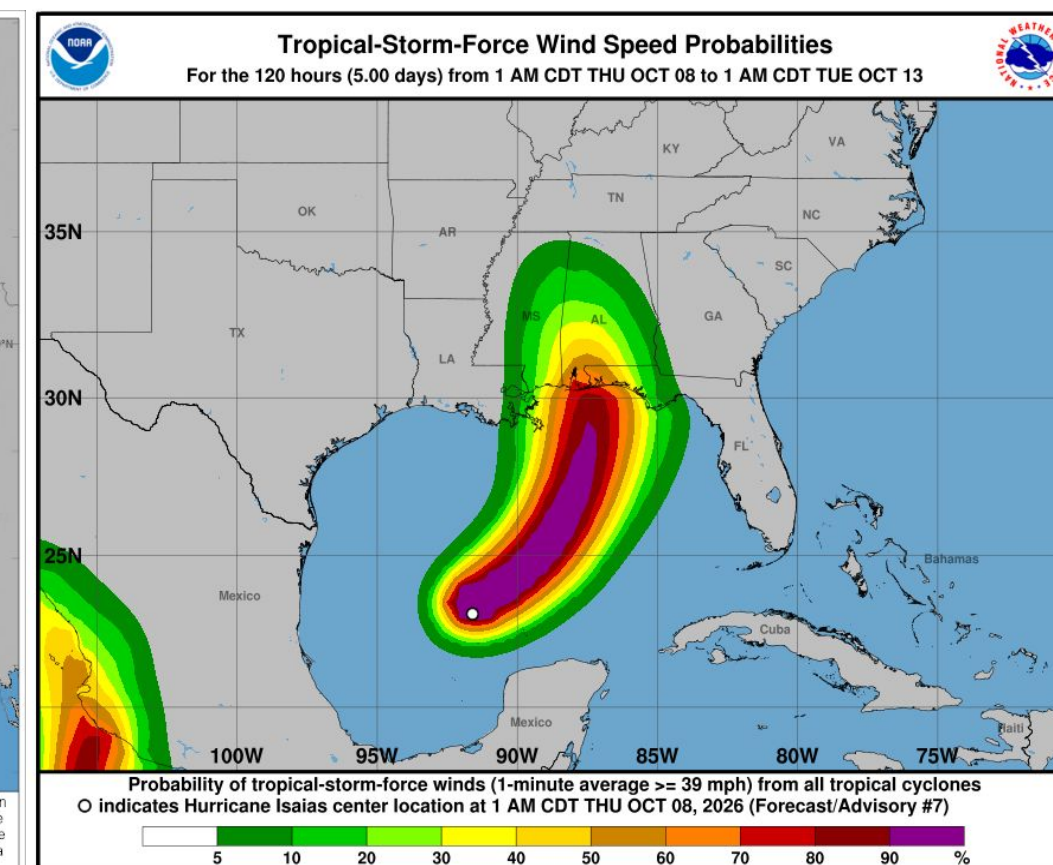
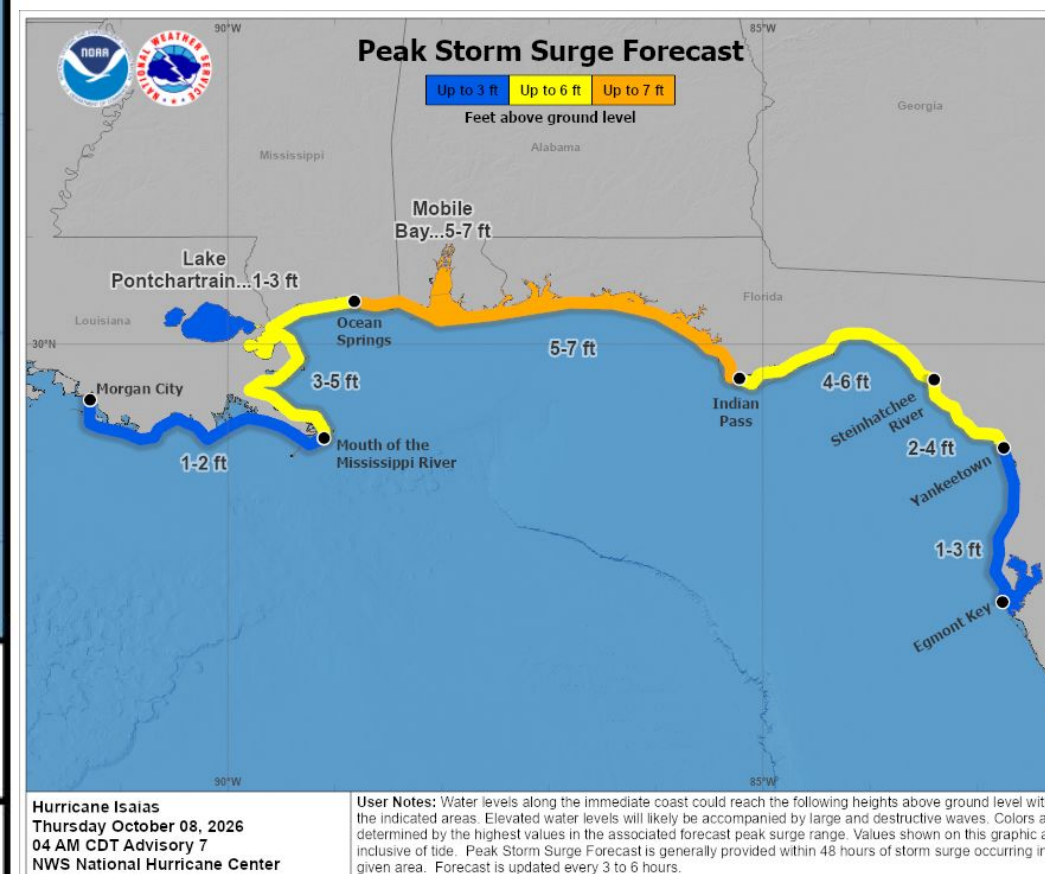


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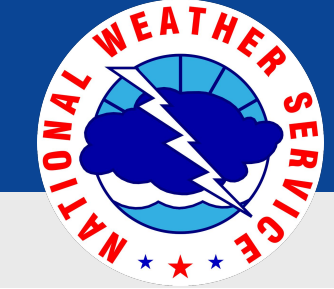
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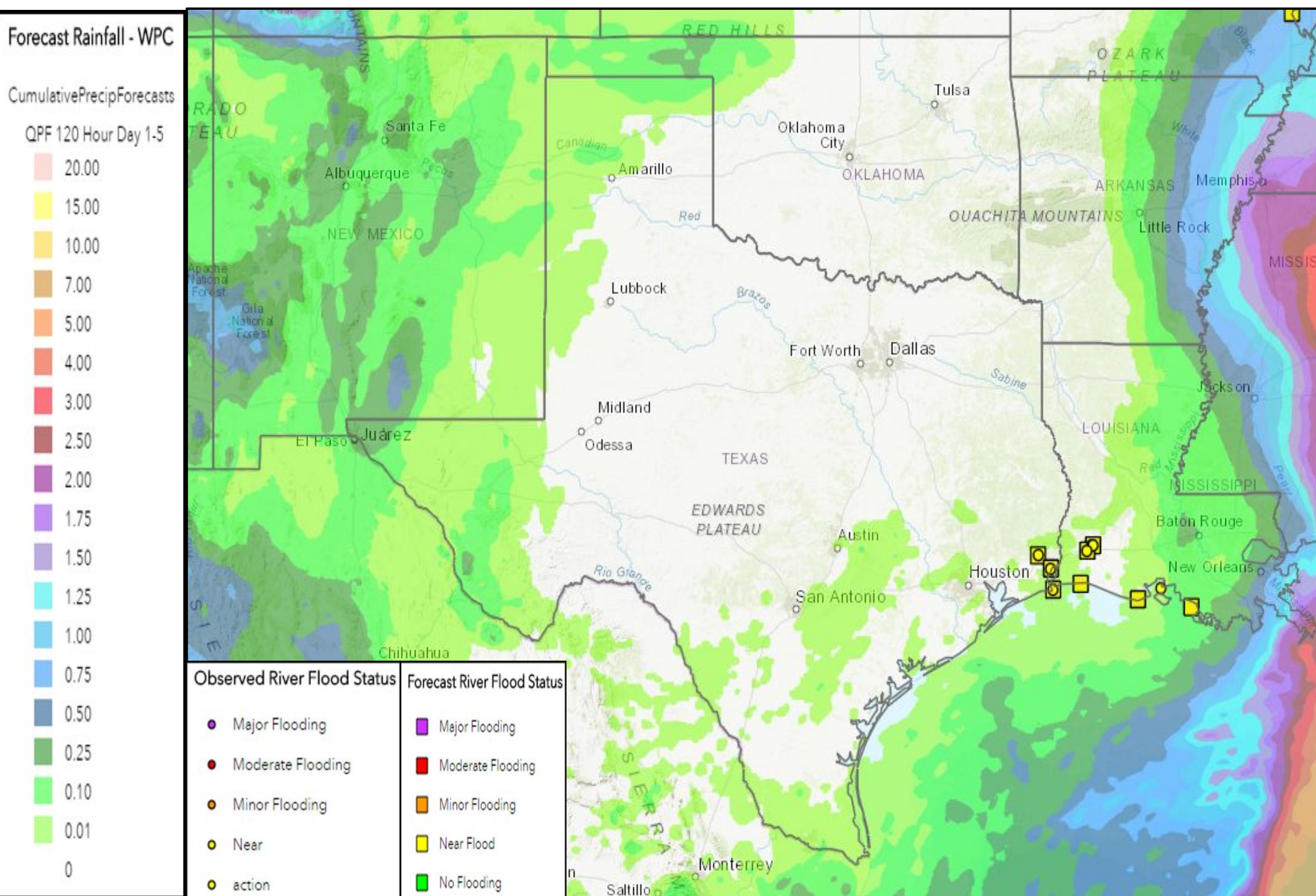
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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.

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.



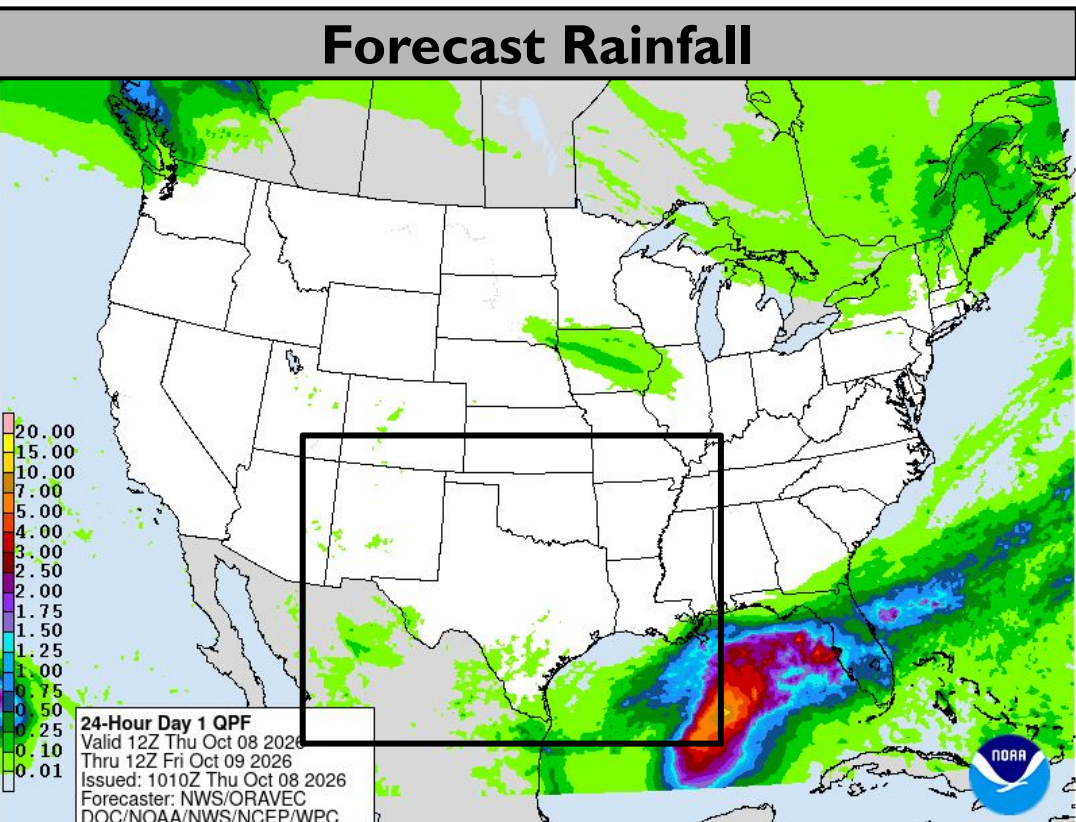
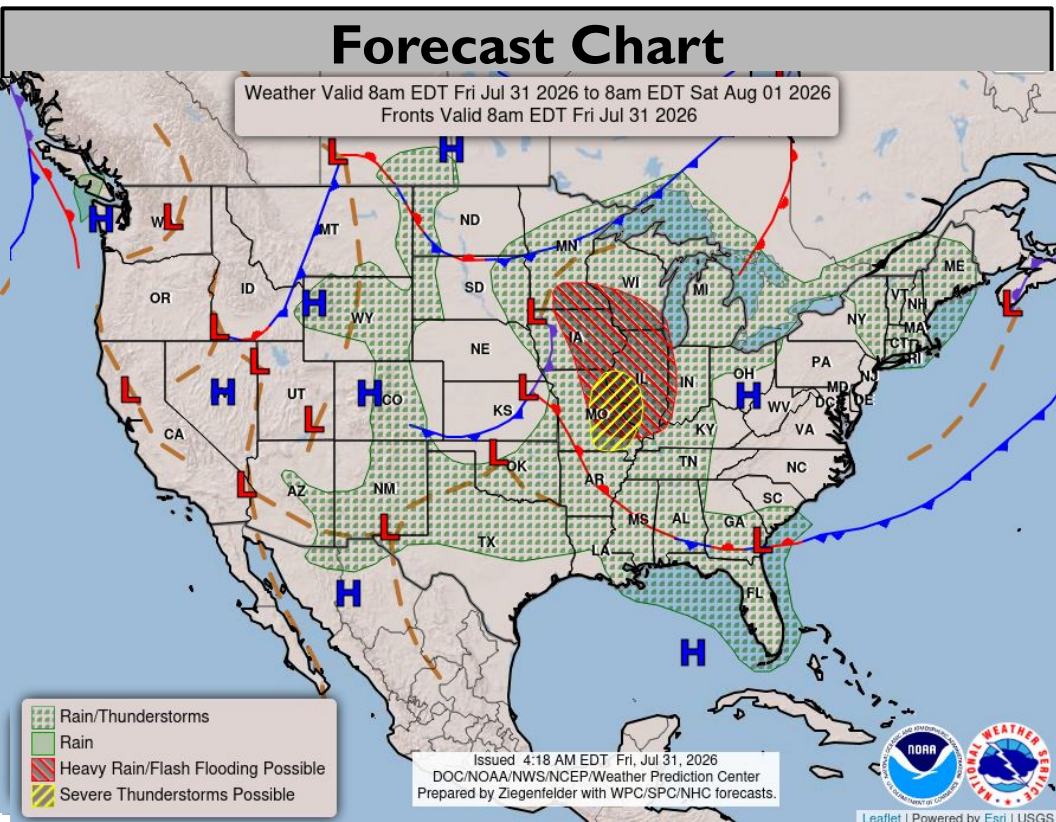
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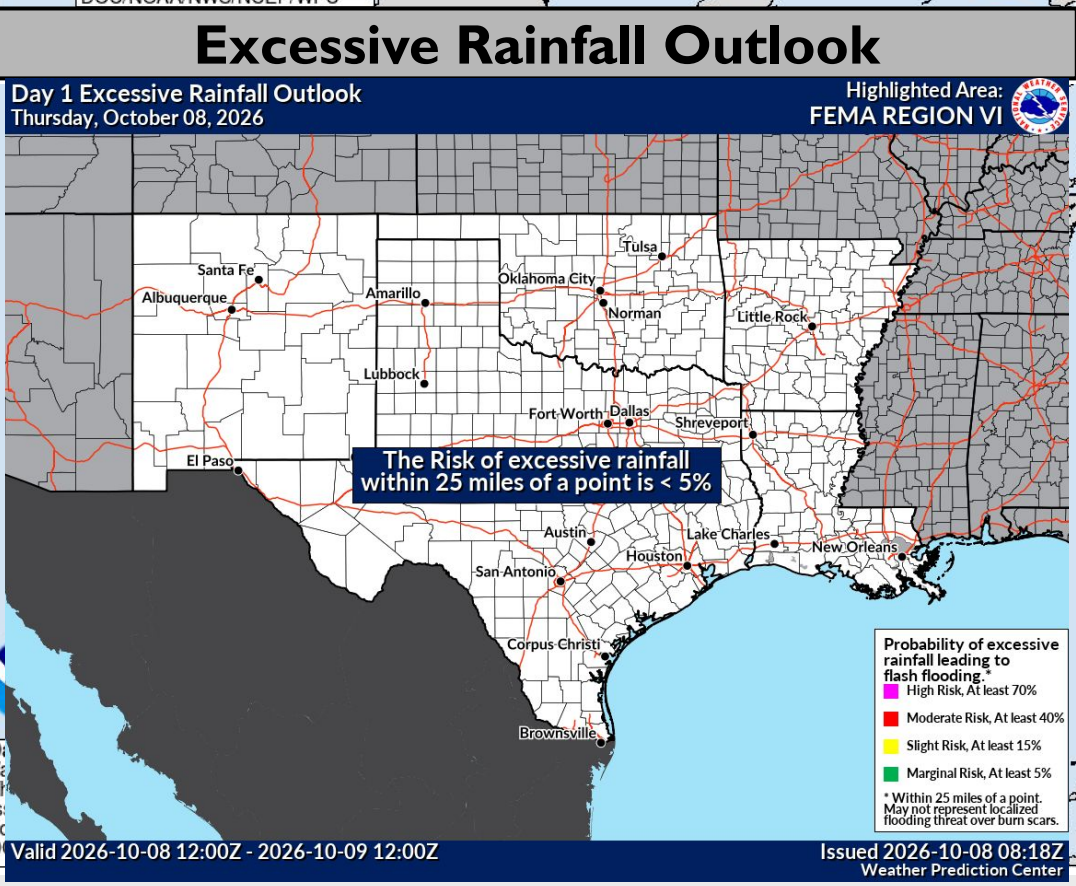
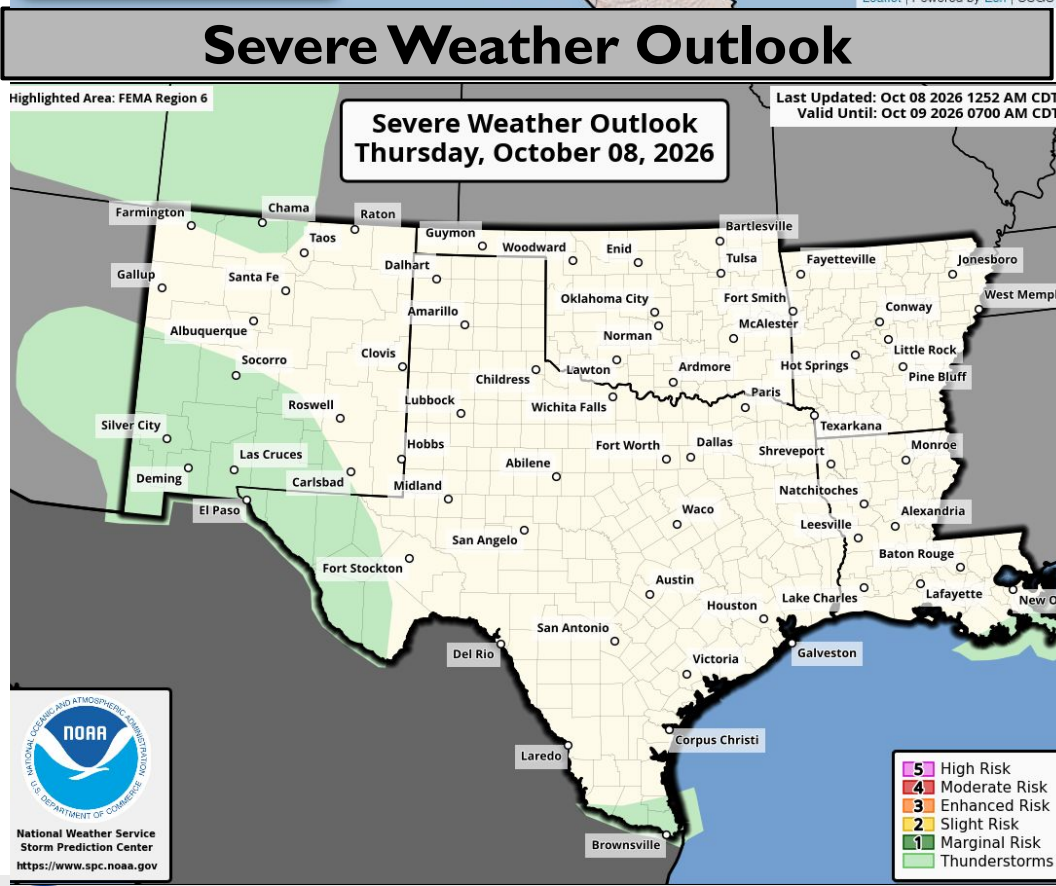
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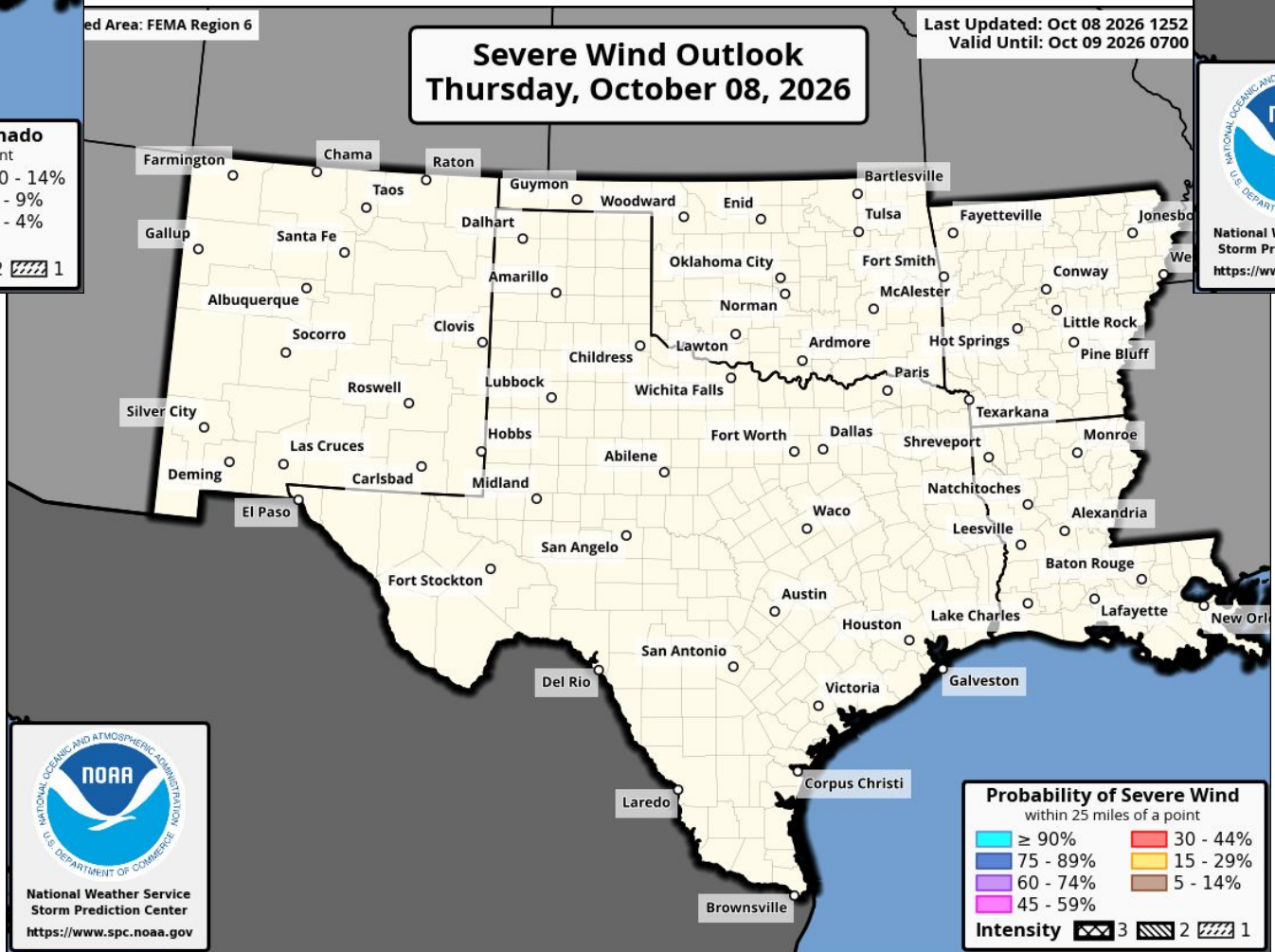
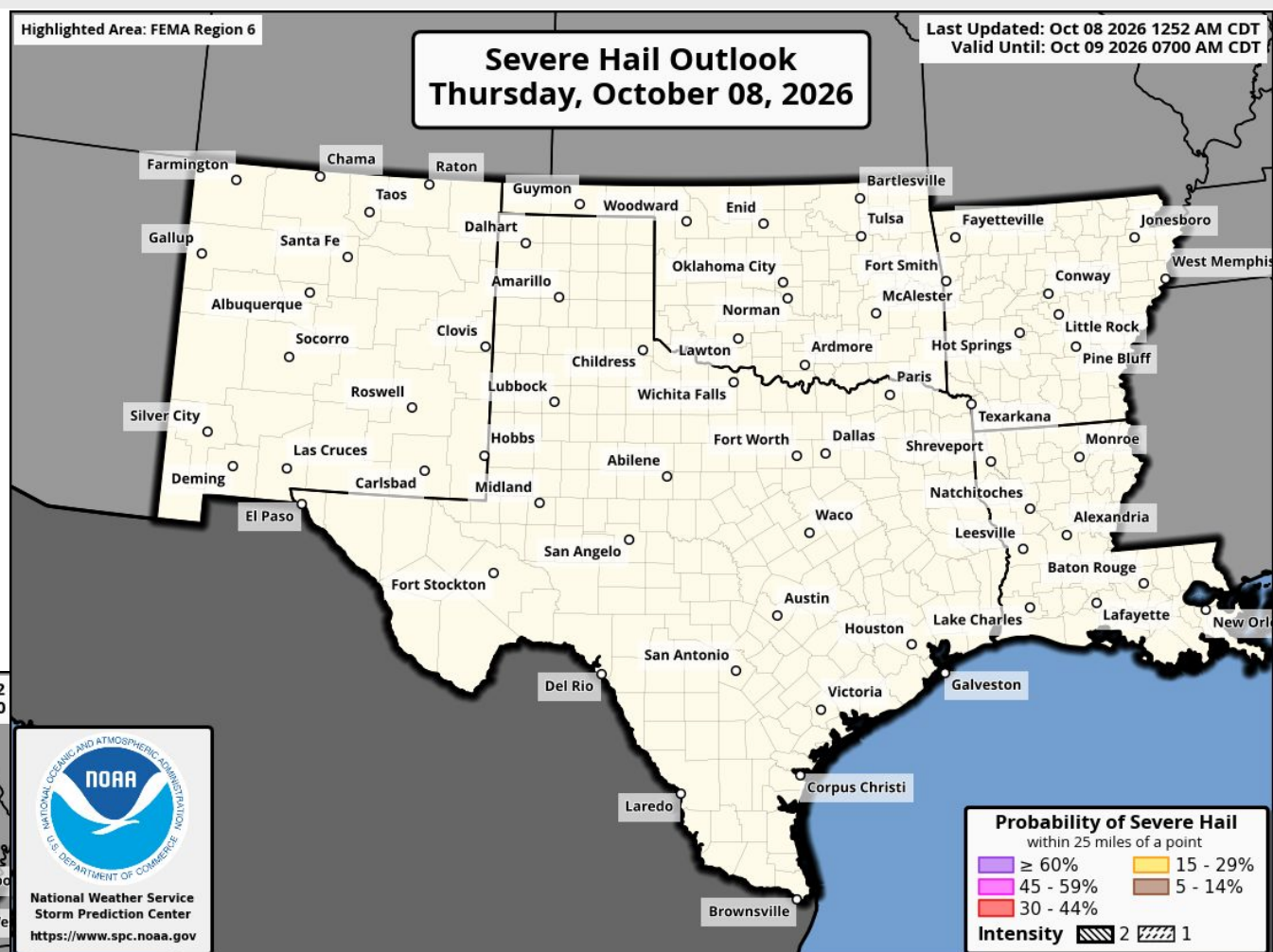
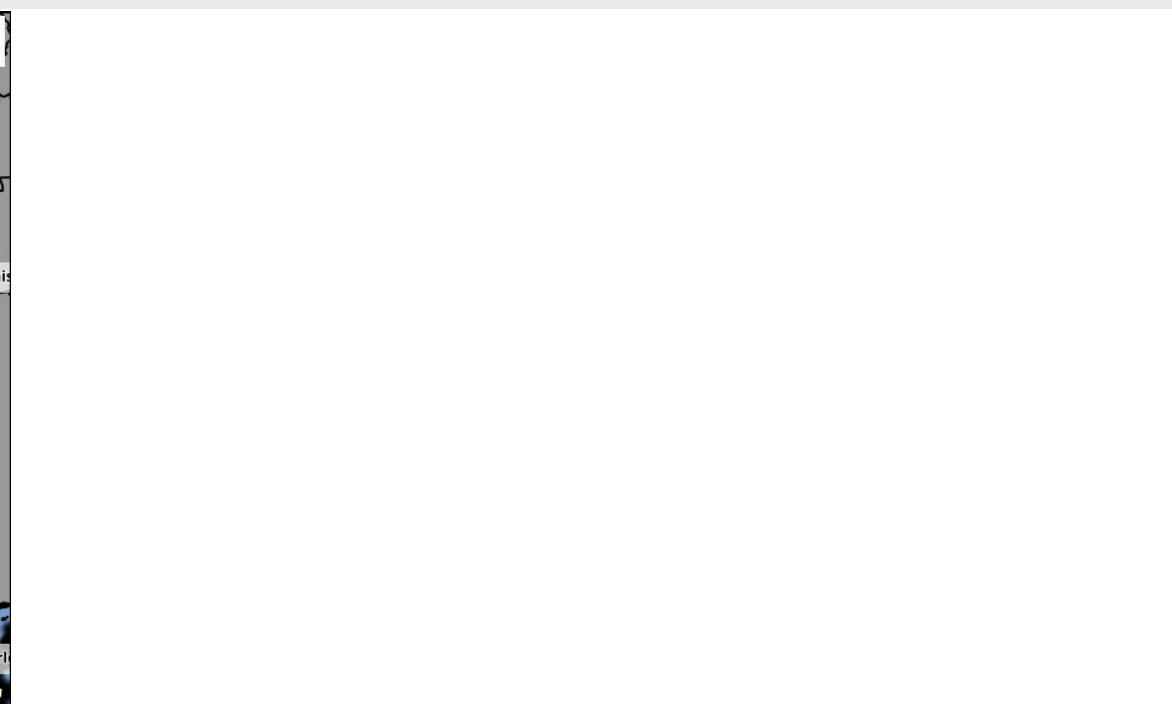
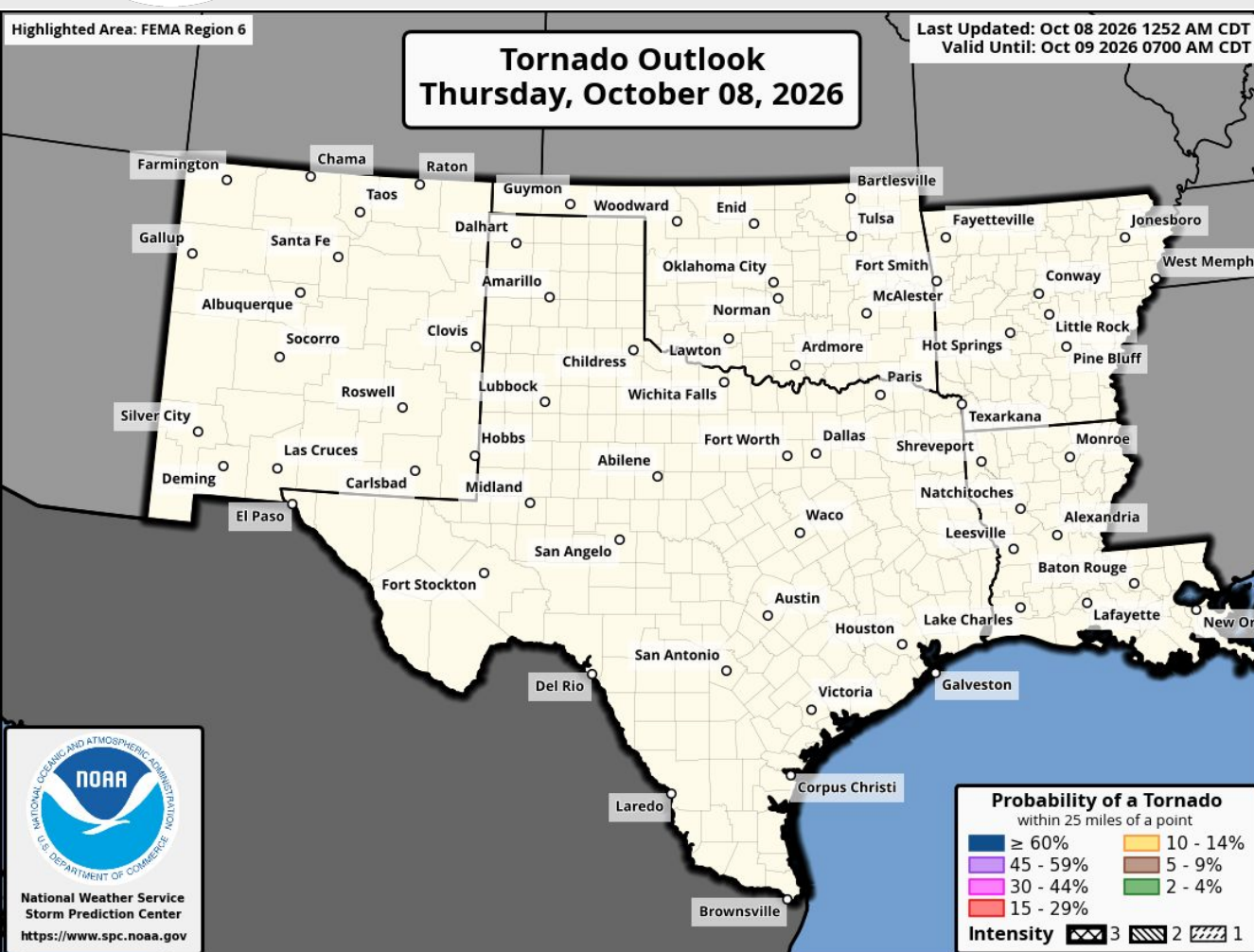
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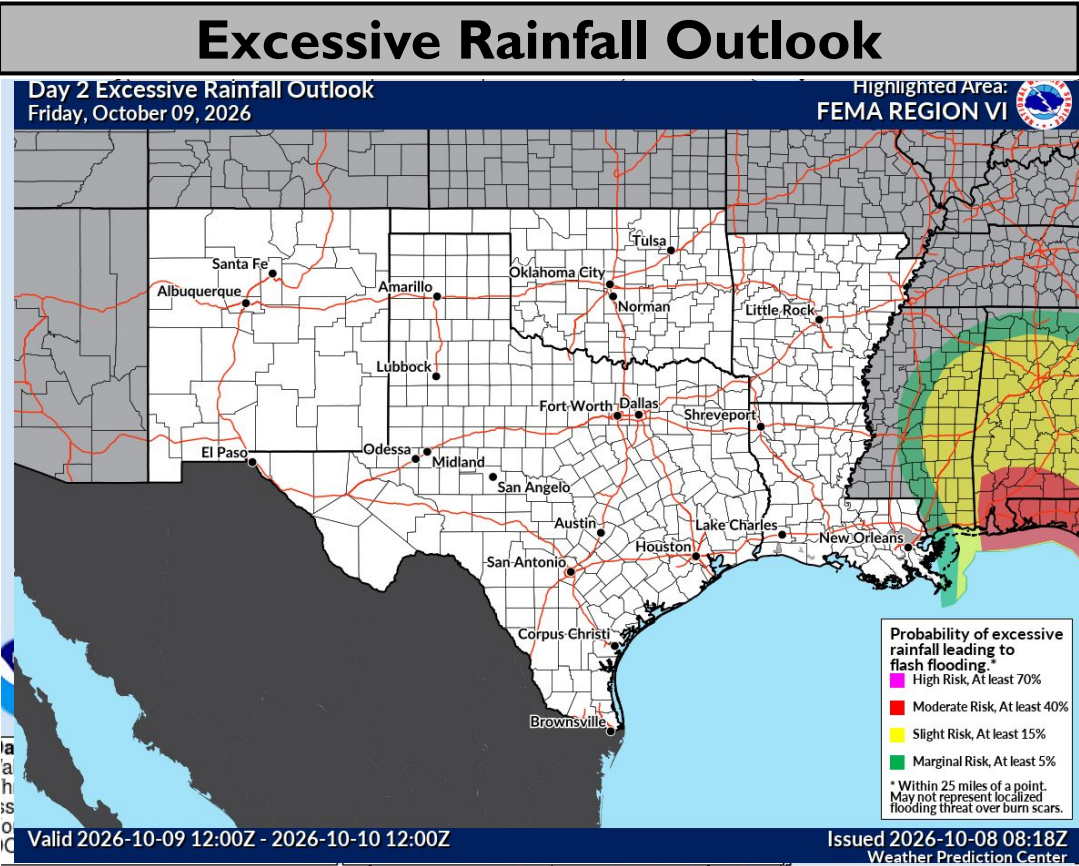
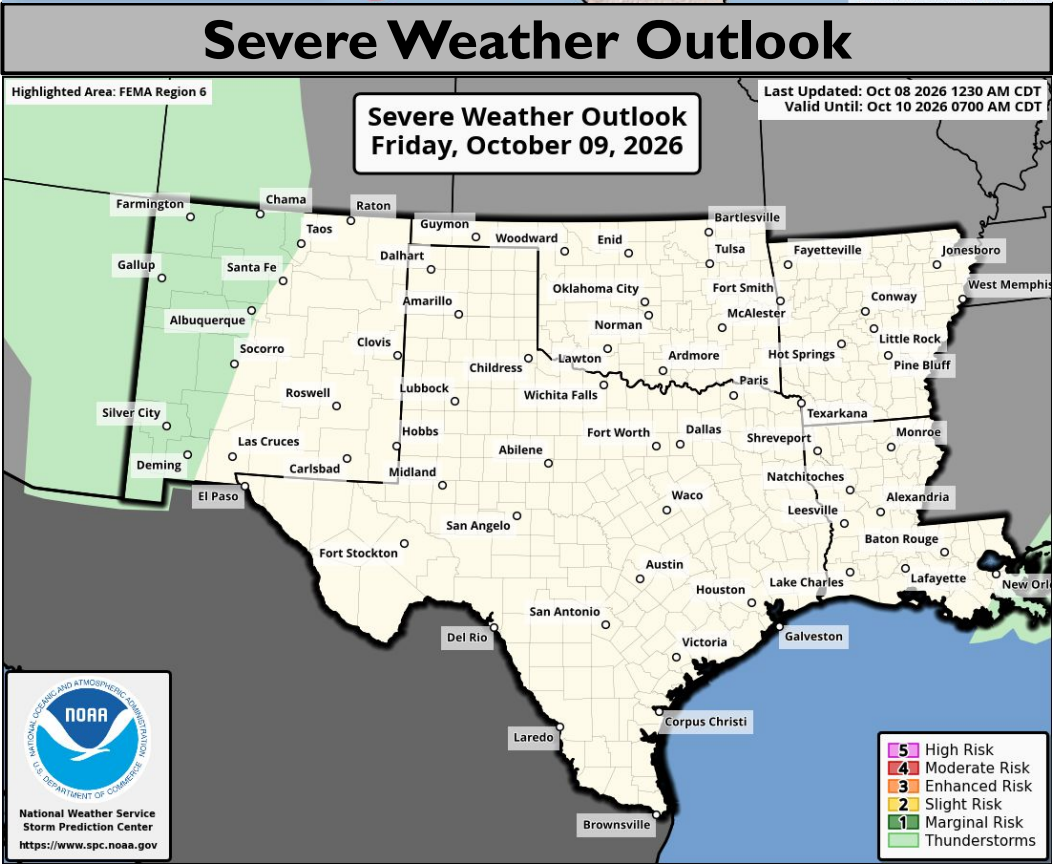
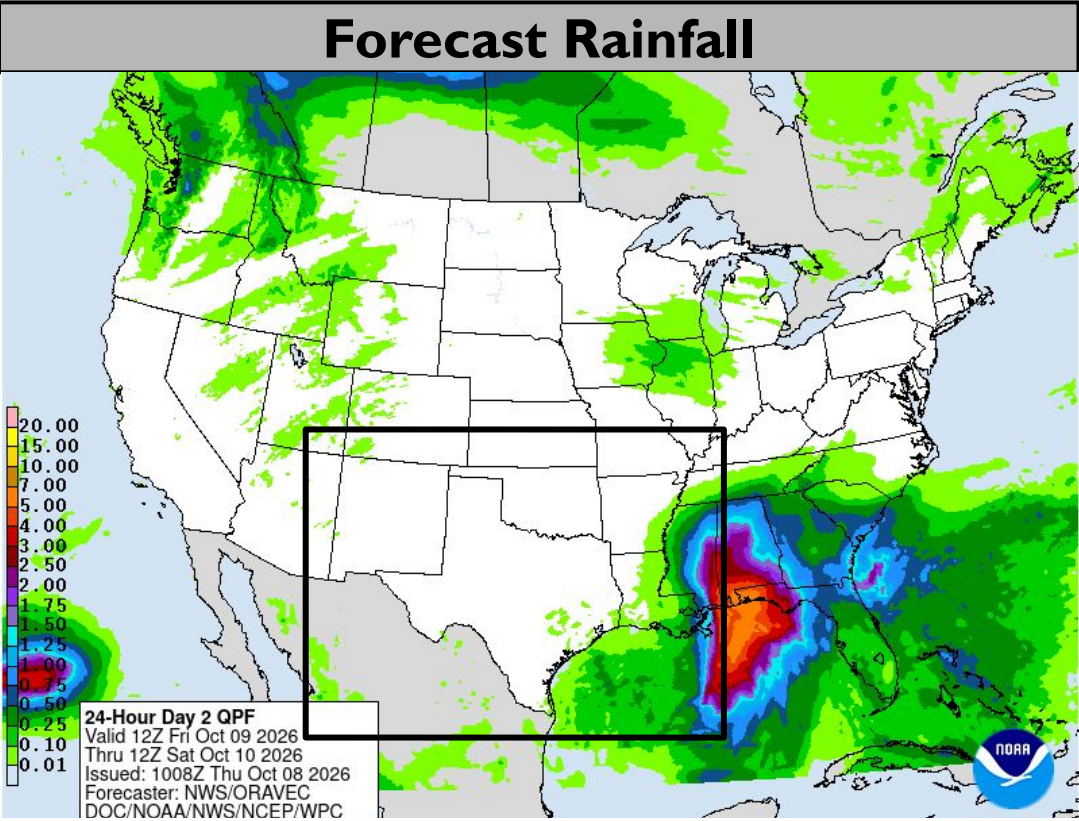
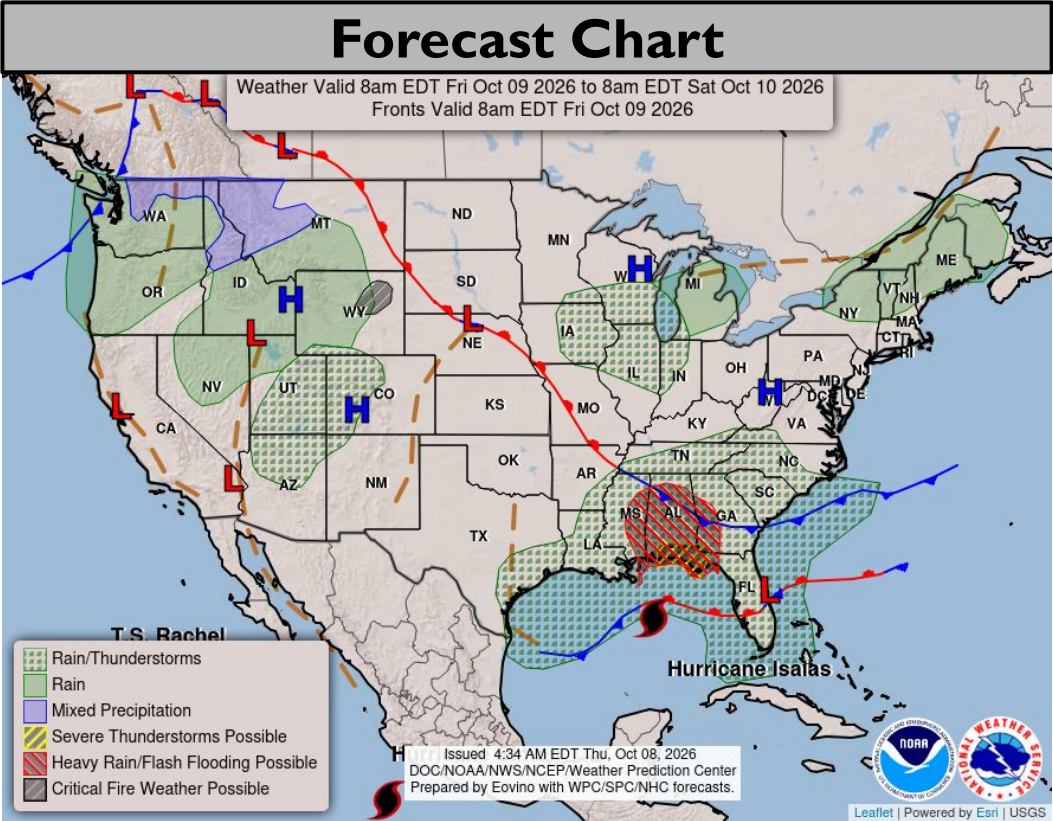


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather



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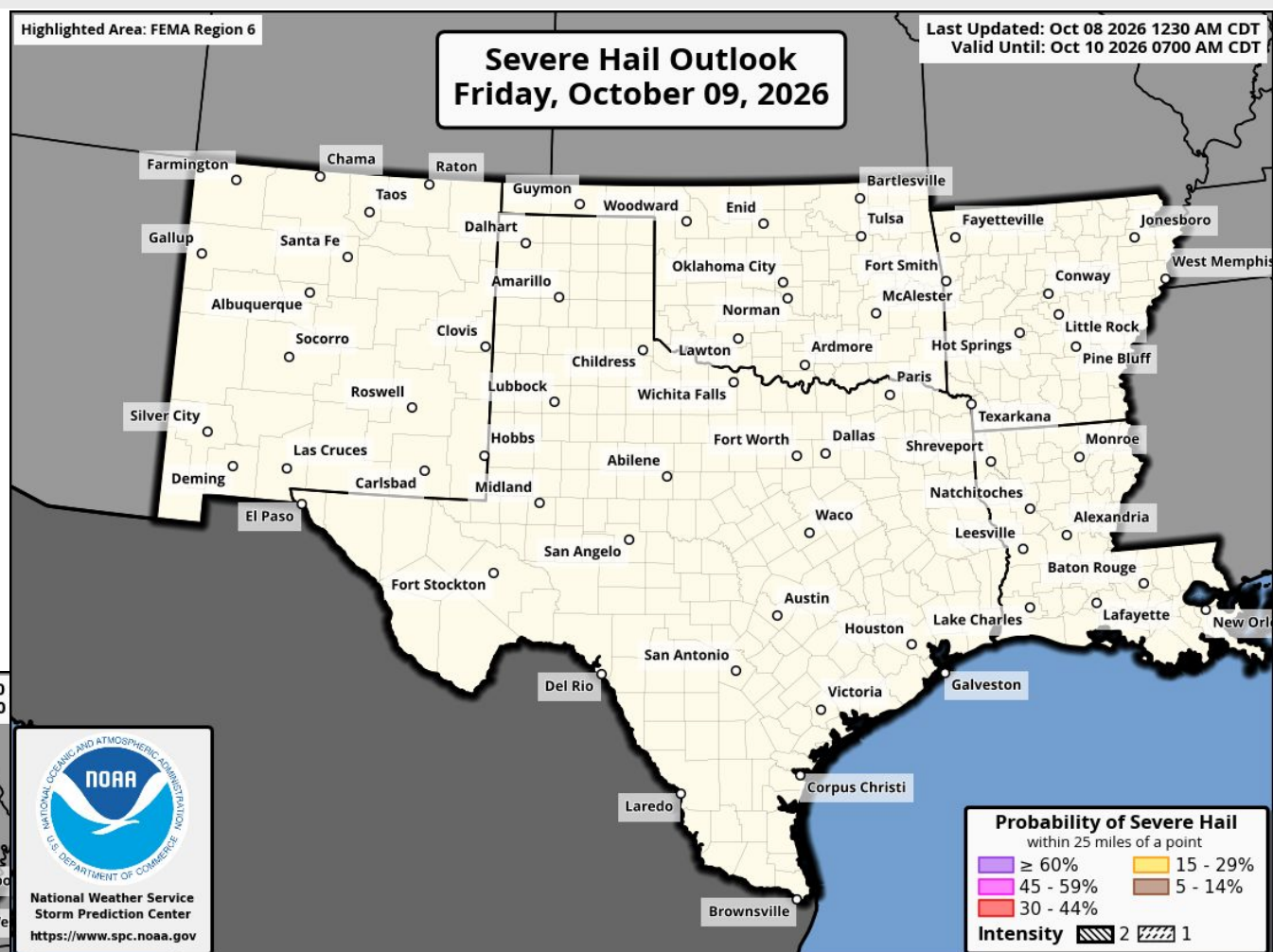
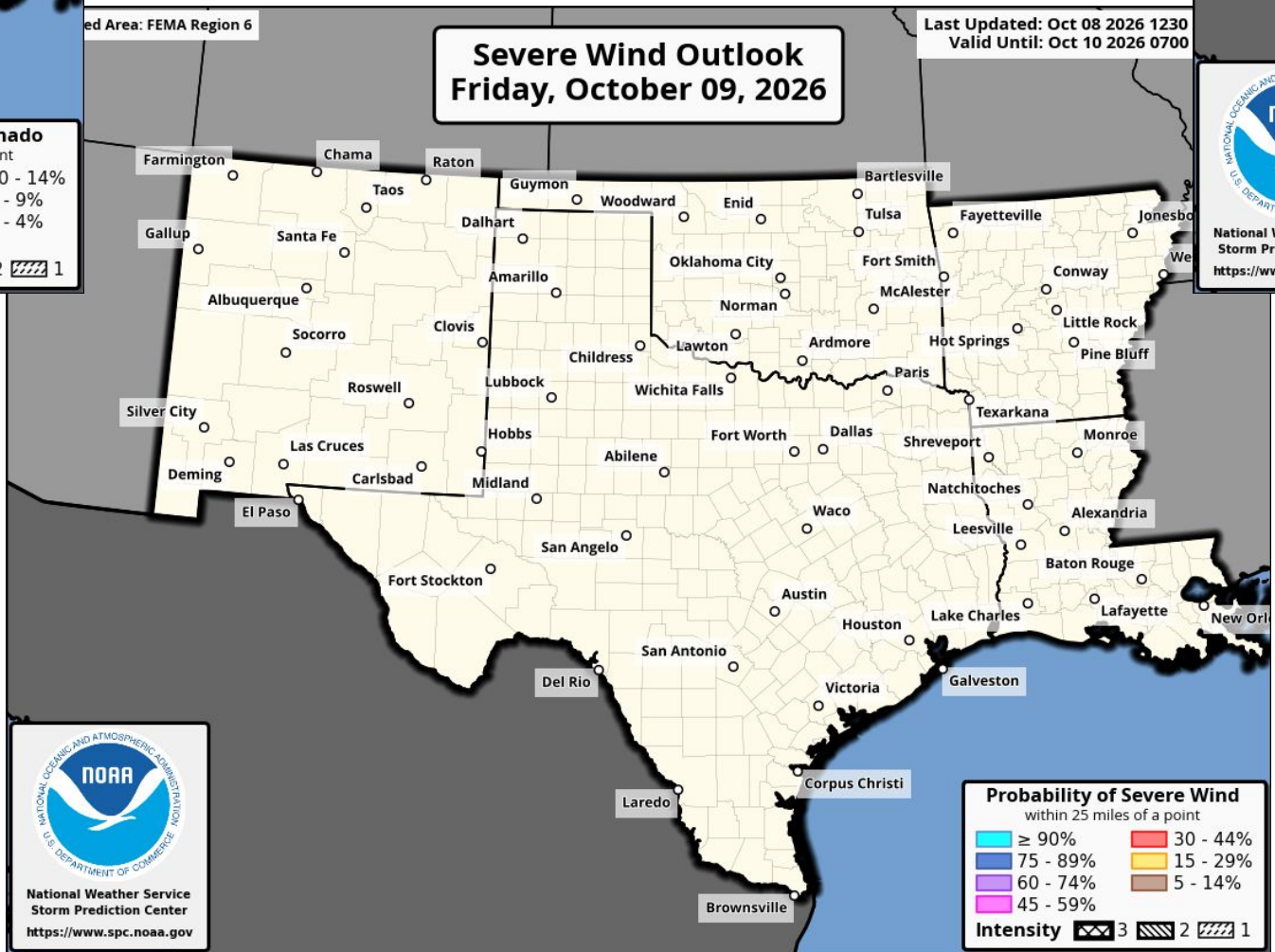
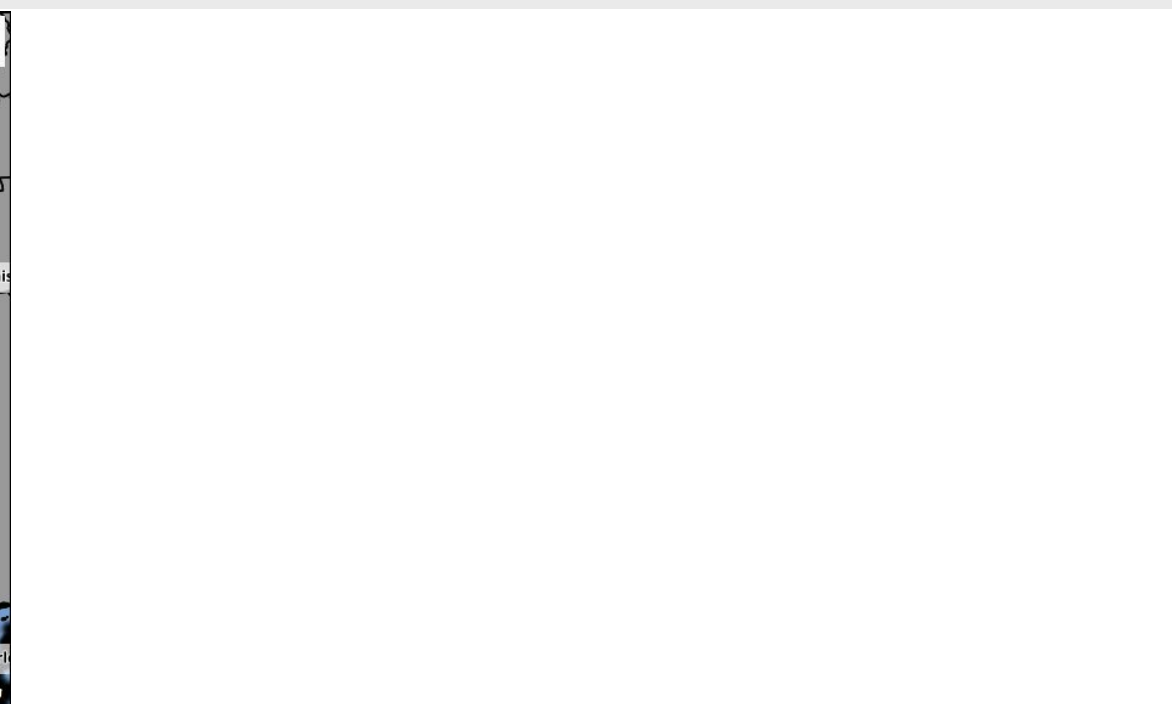
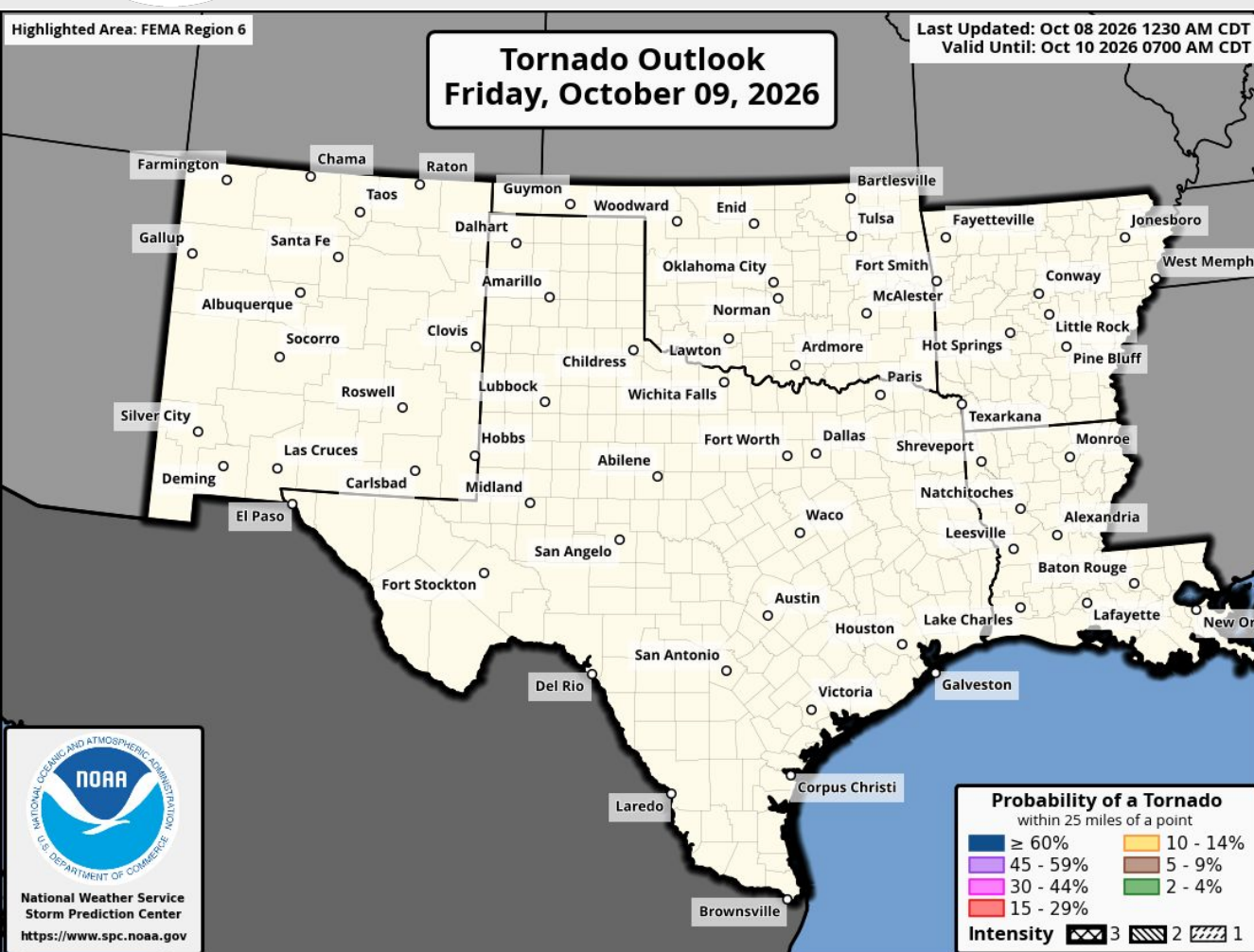
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of flash flooding in SE LA.

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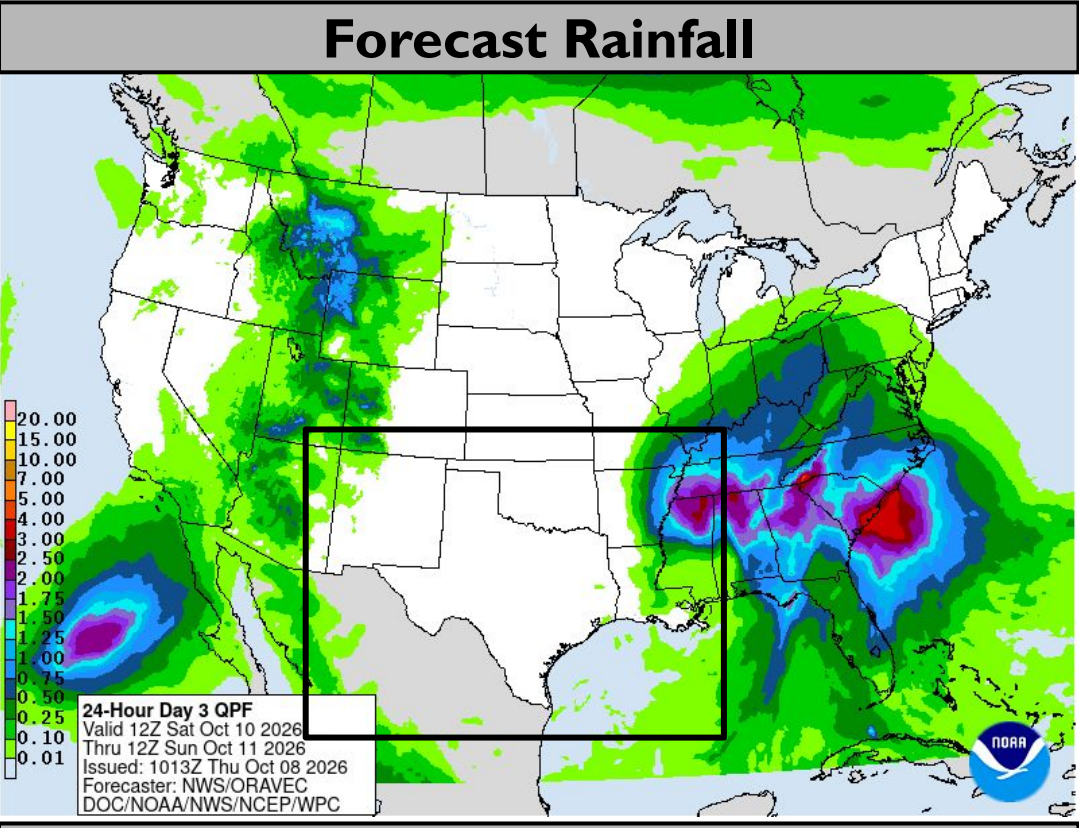
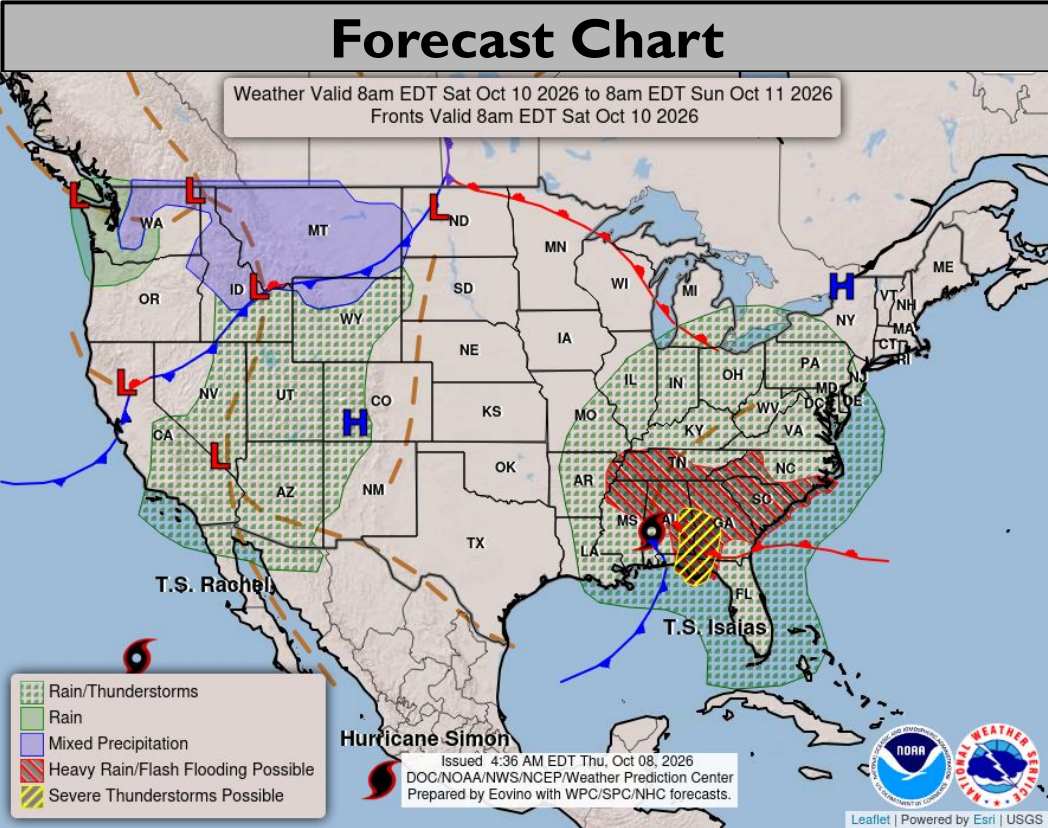


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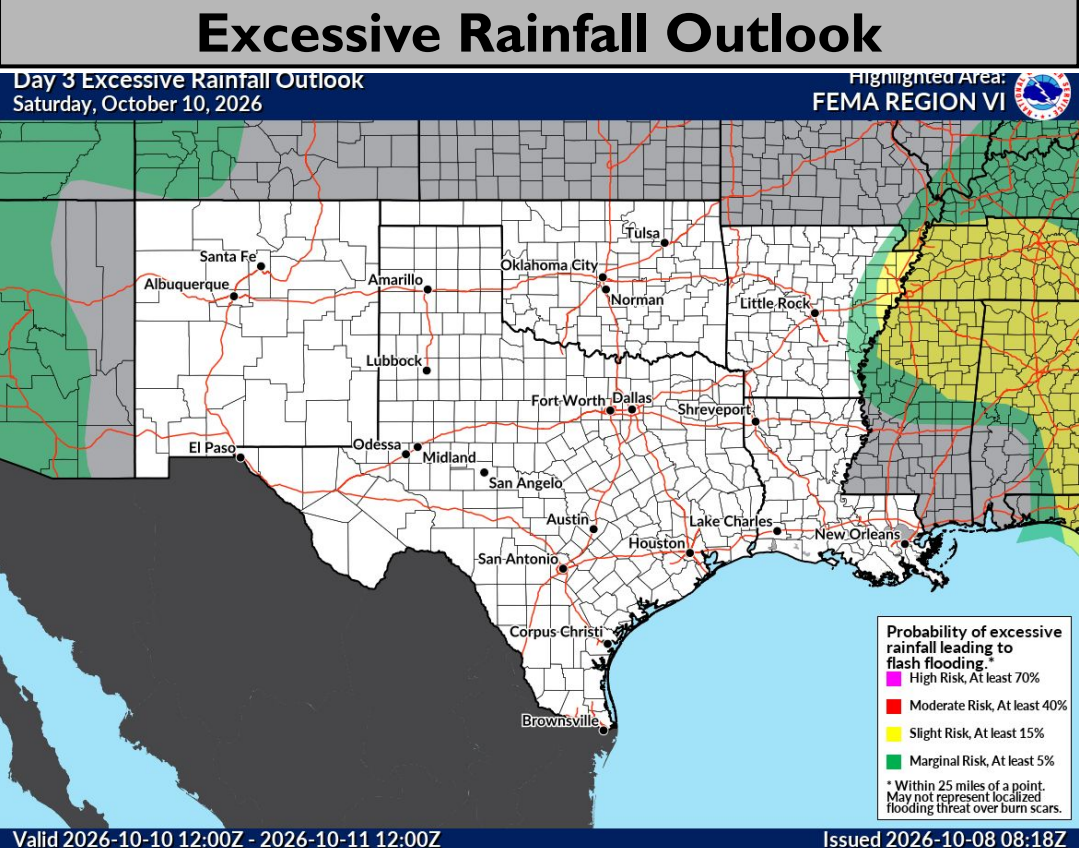
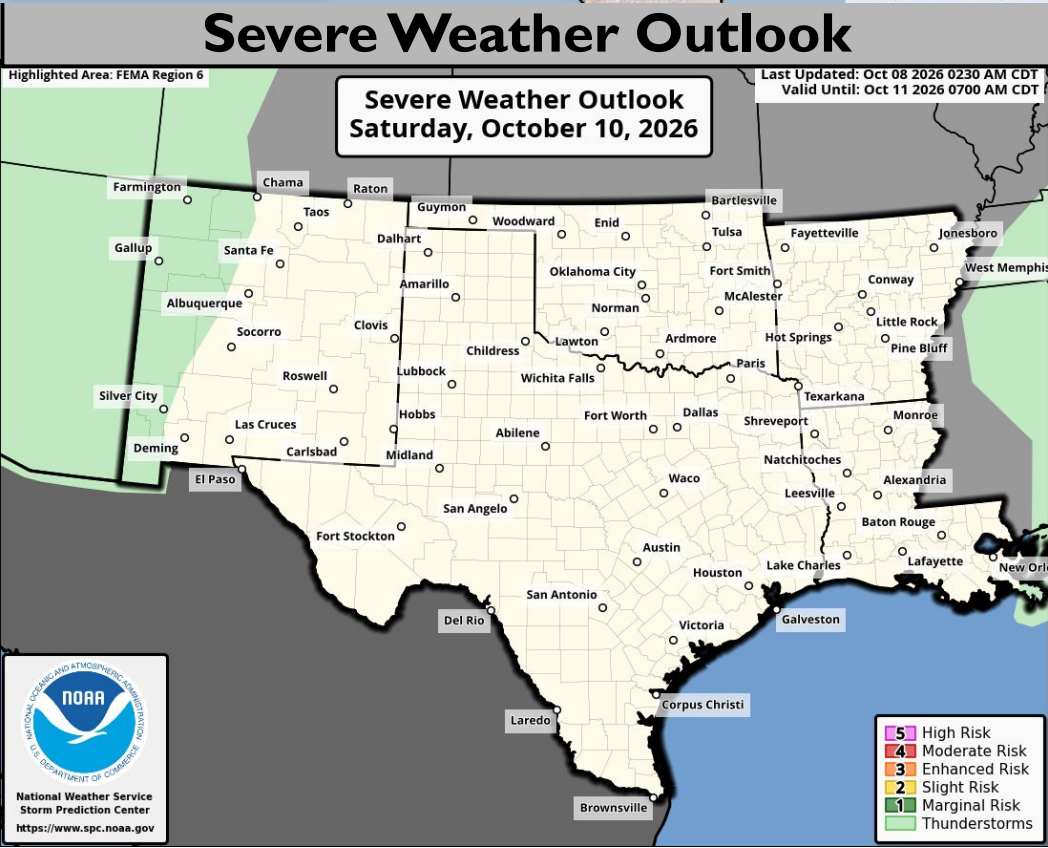




Saturday's Weather



**Marginal to locally slight risk
(levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding in
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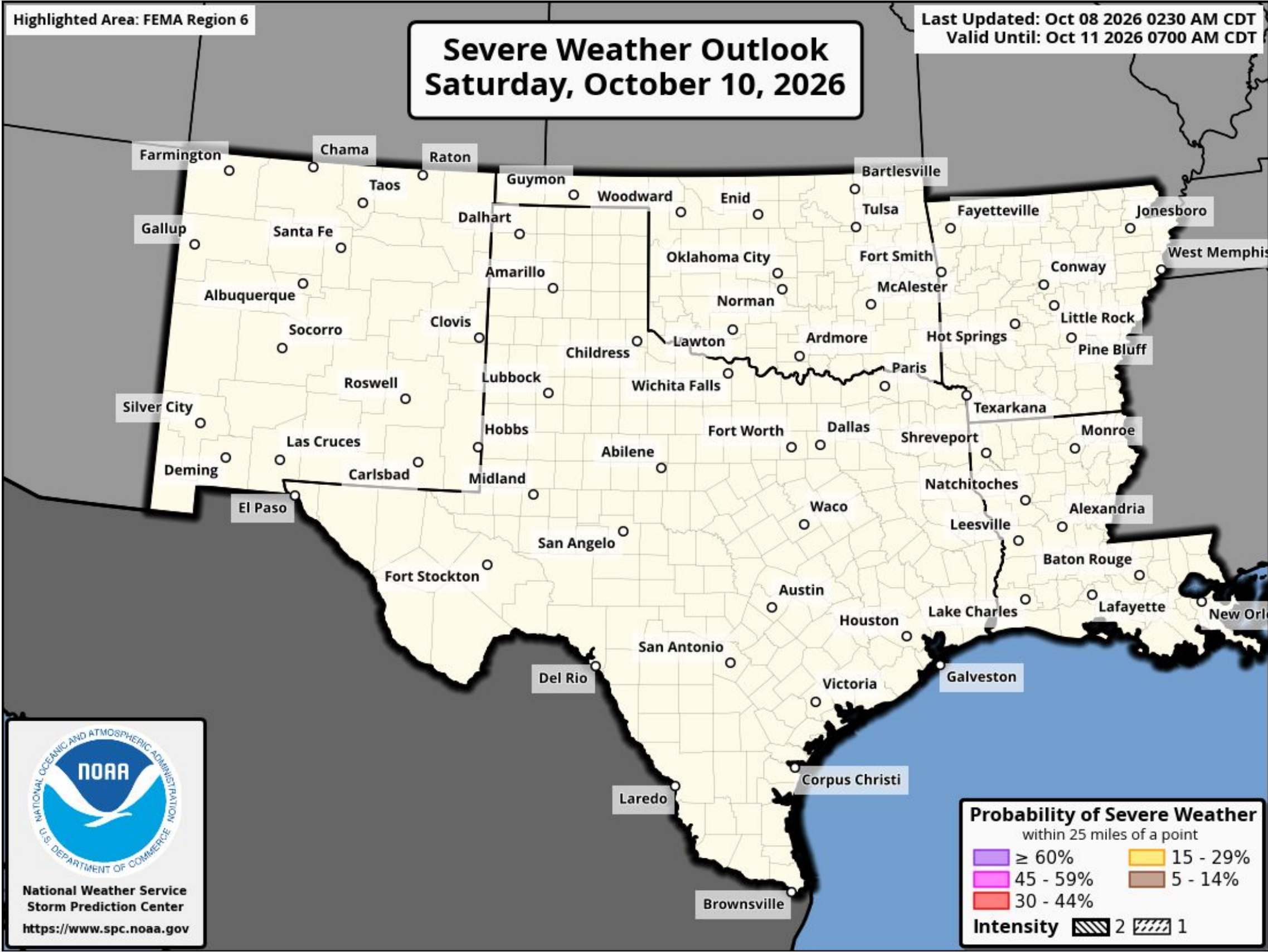


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Saturday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIIG Level





Tropical Storm Simon



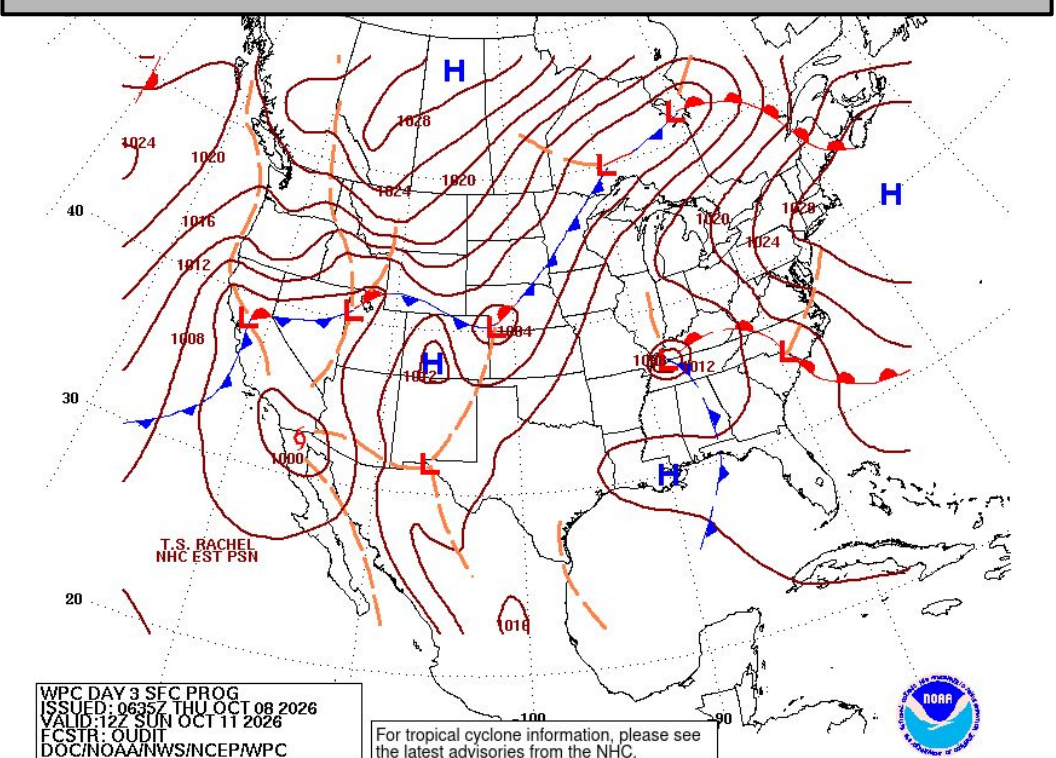
Tropical Storm Simon may bring moisture to New Mexico Late Monday - Early Wednesday of next week. Monitoring Late Monday-Early Wednesday for flash flooding risk in NM.



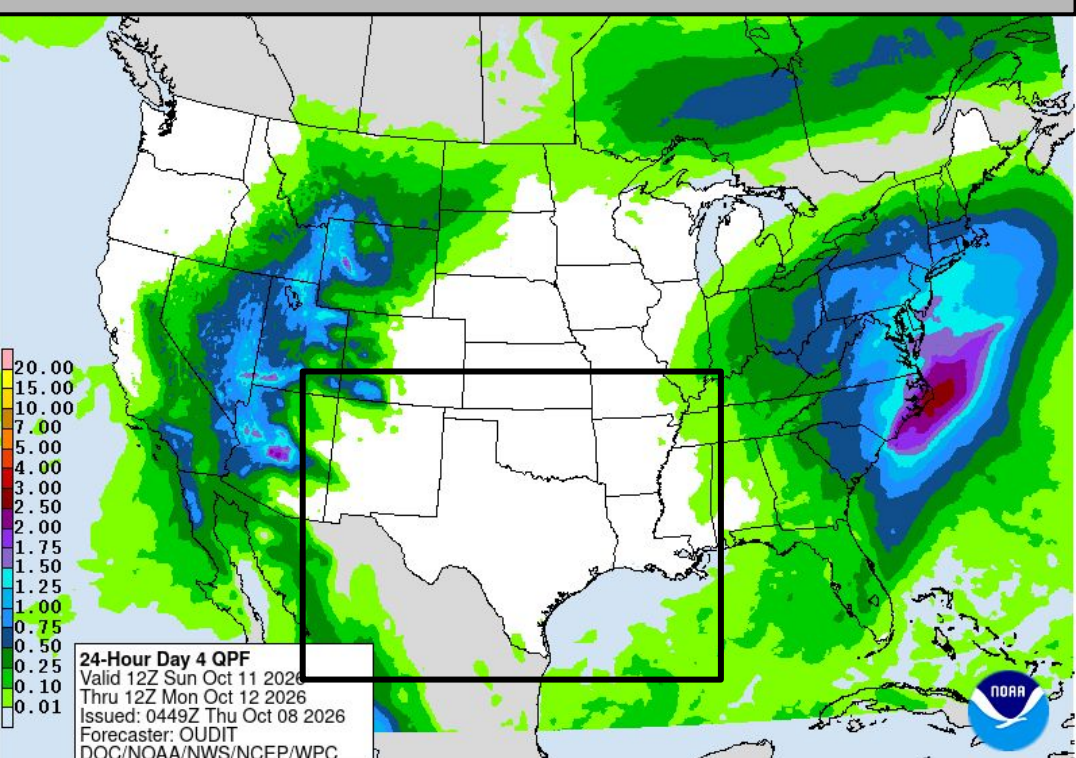


Sunday's Weather

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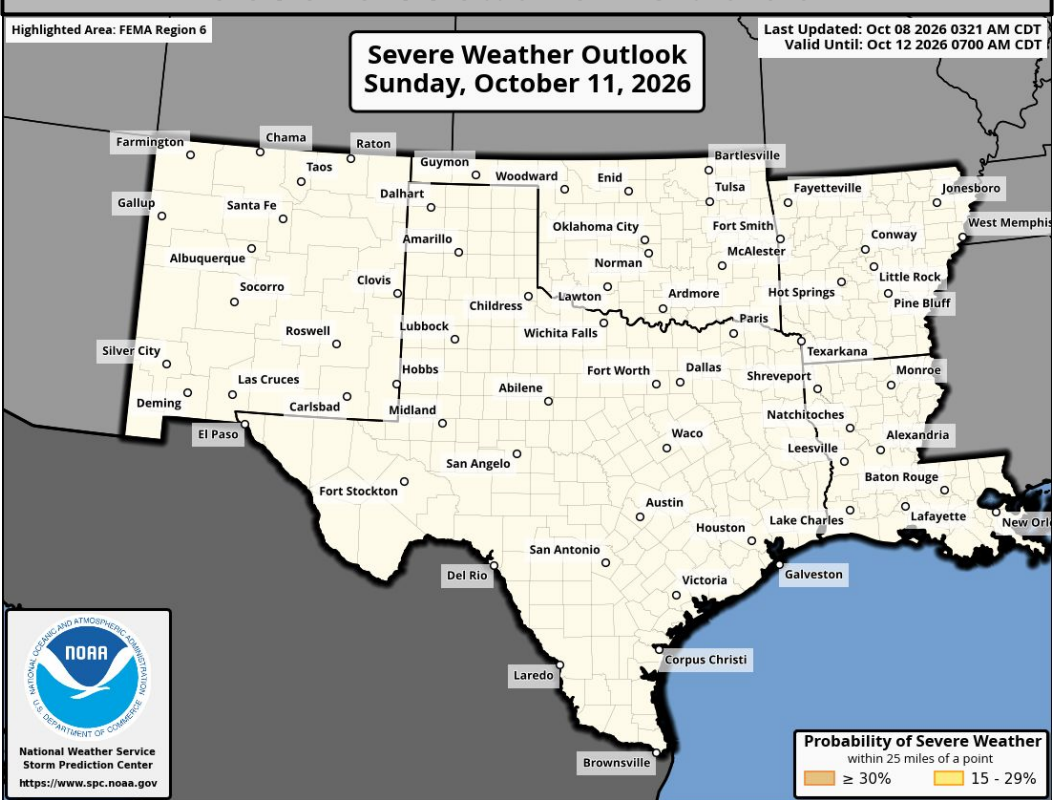


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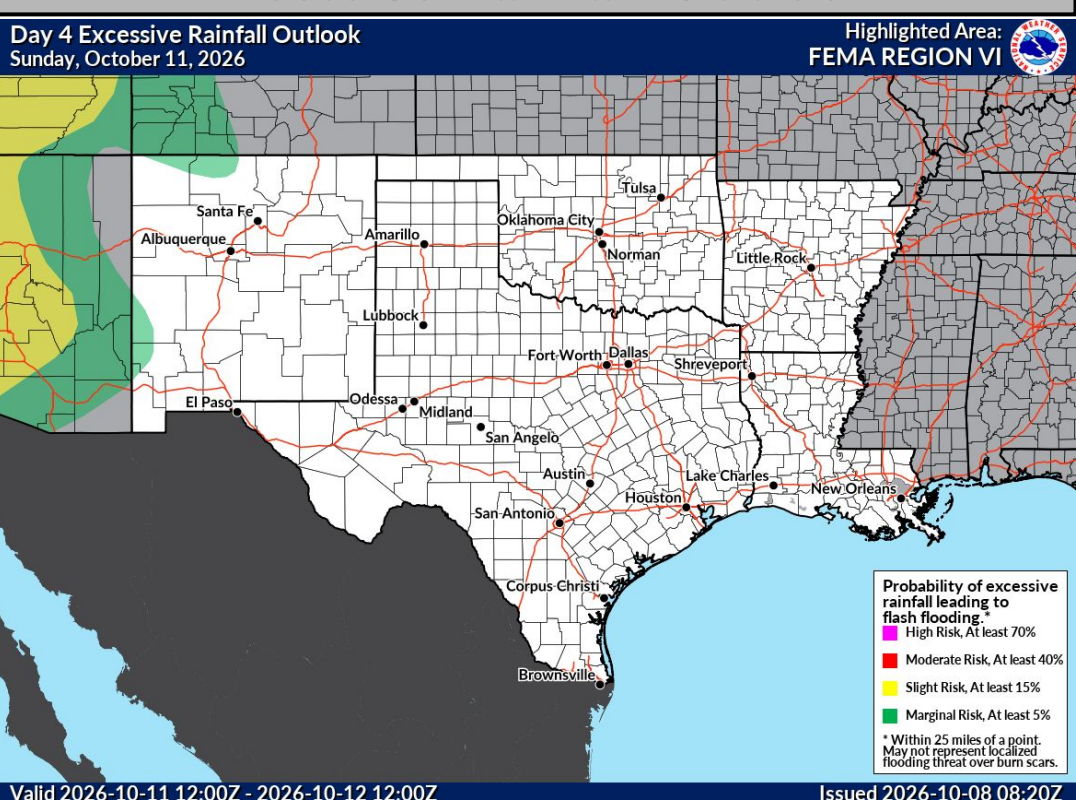


**Locally marginal risk (level 1 of 4)
in W NM for flash flooding.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

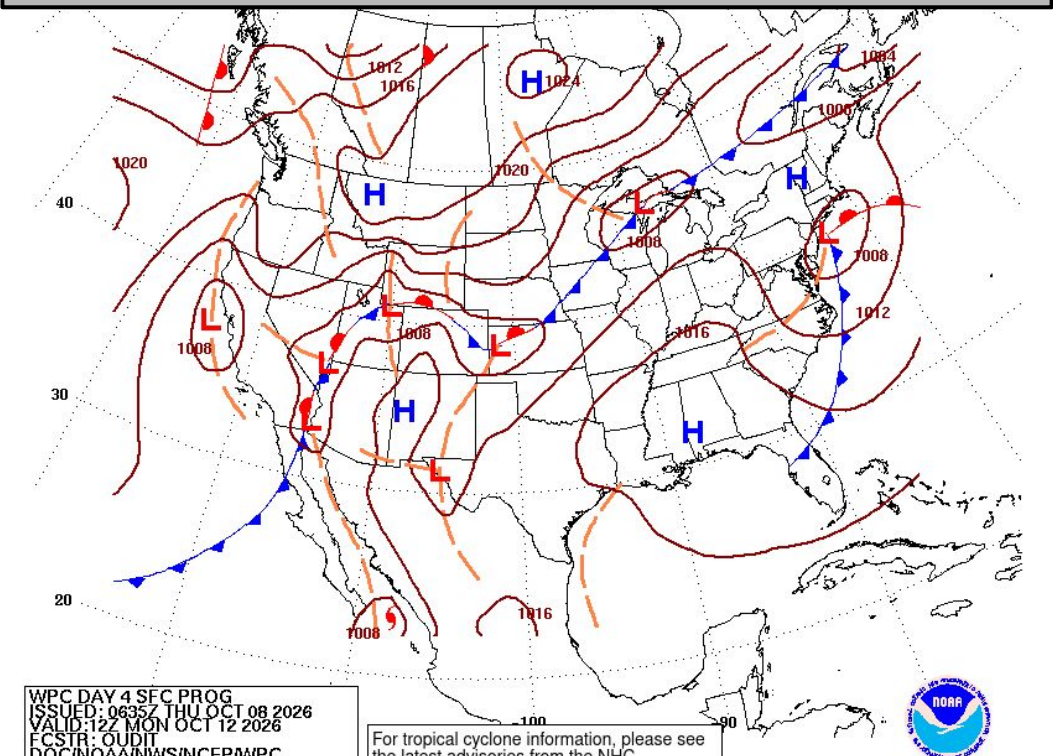


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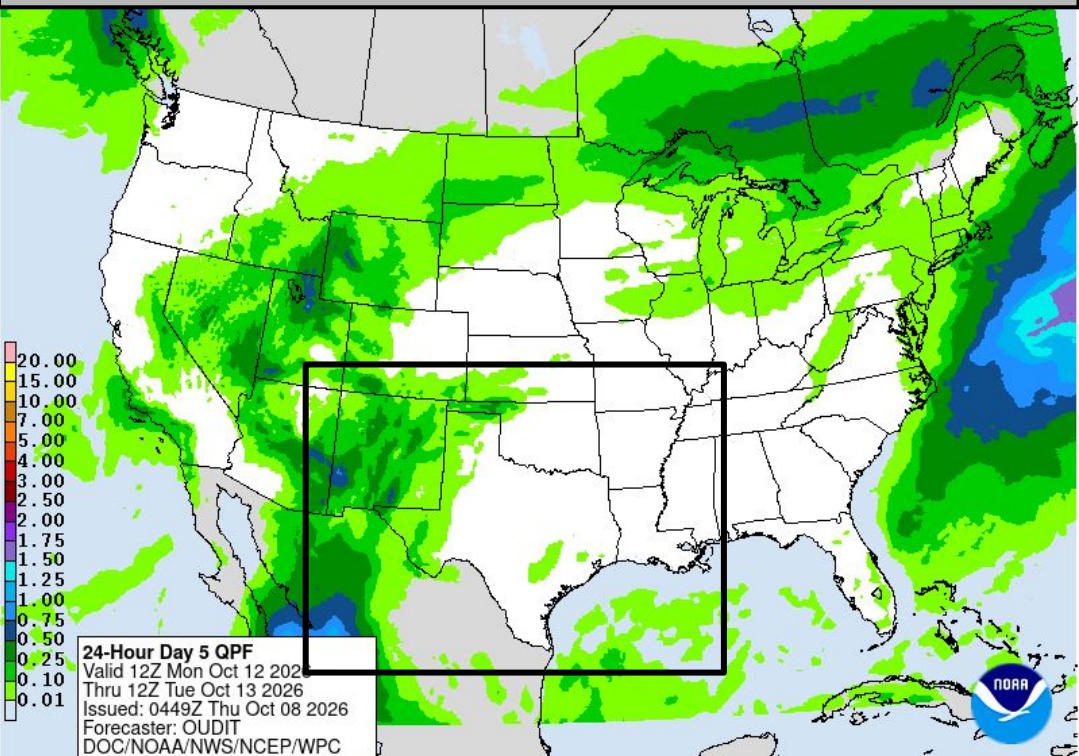


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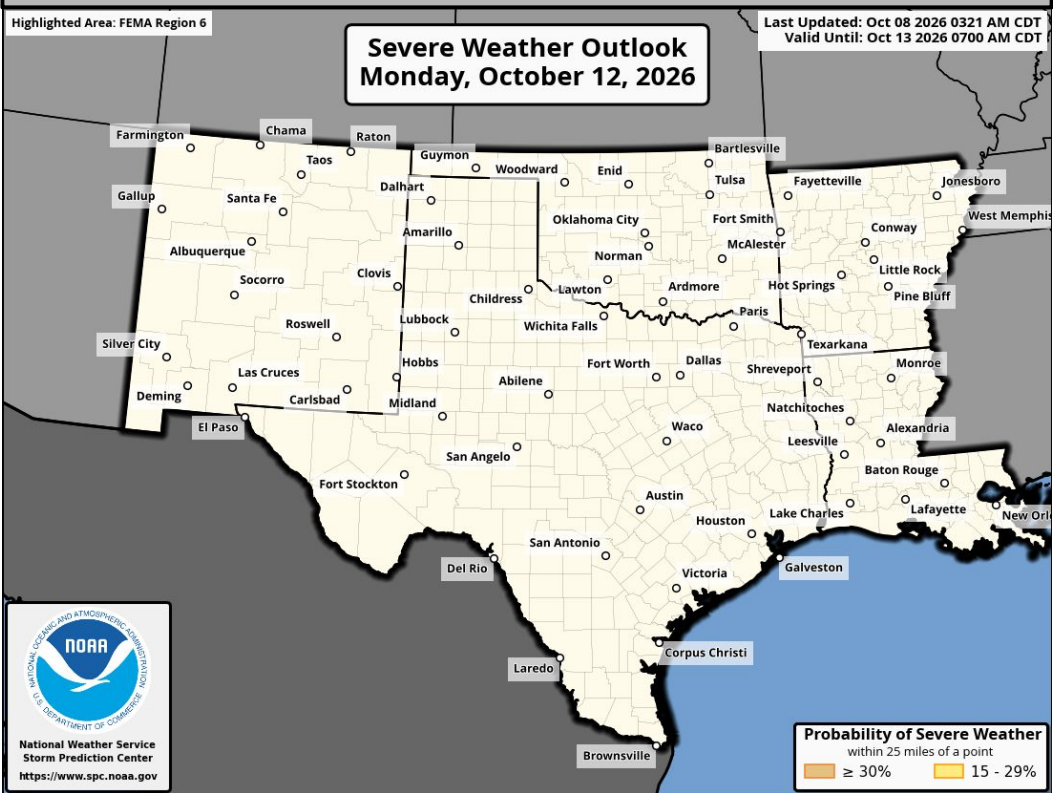


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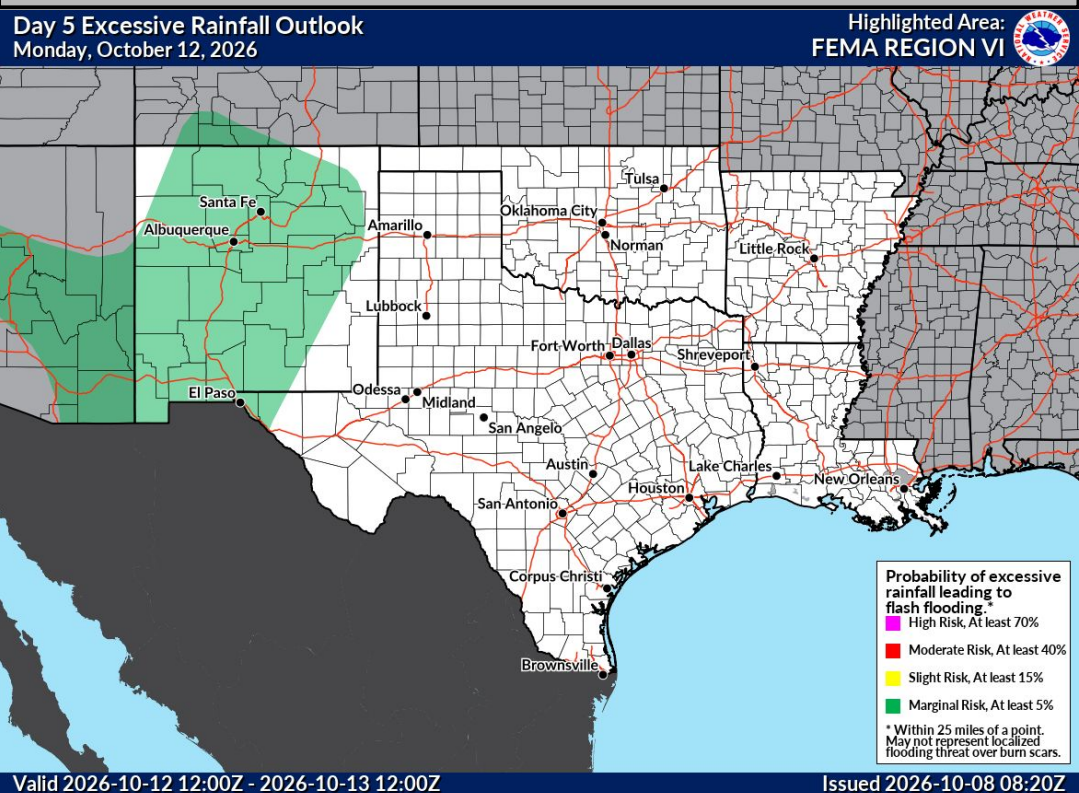


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



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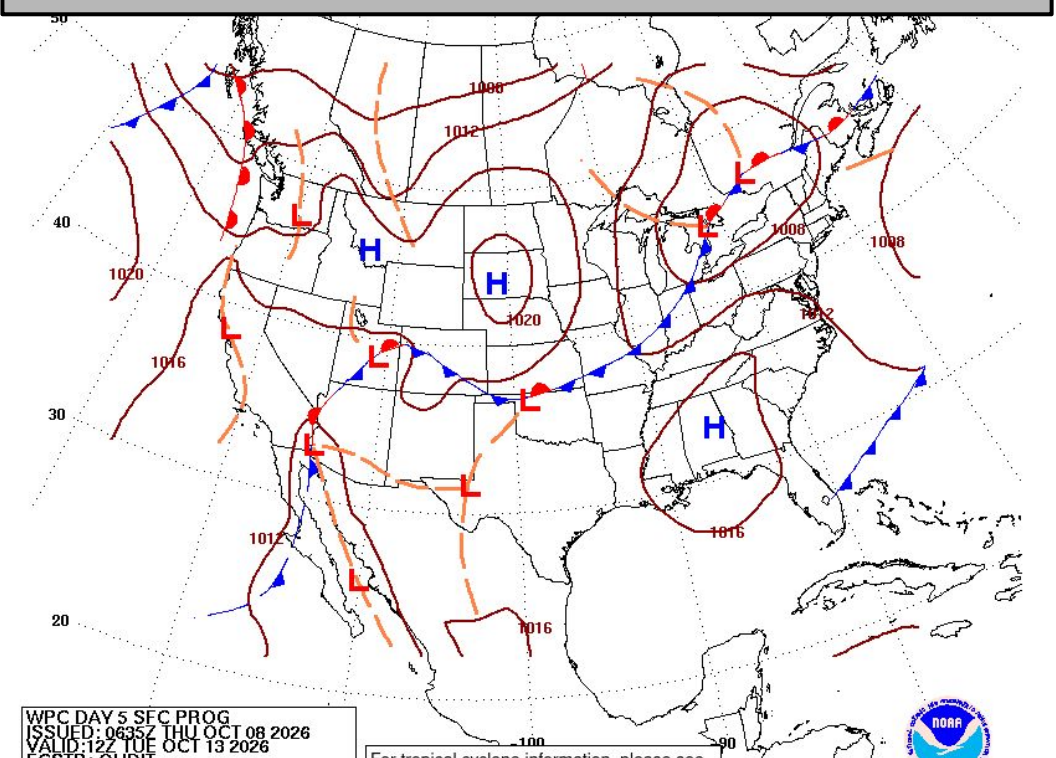


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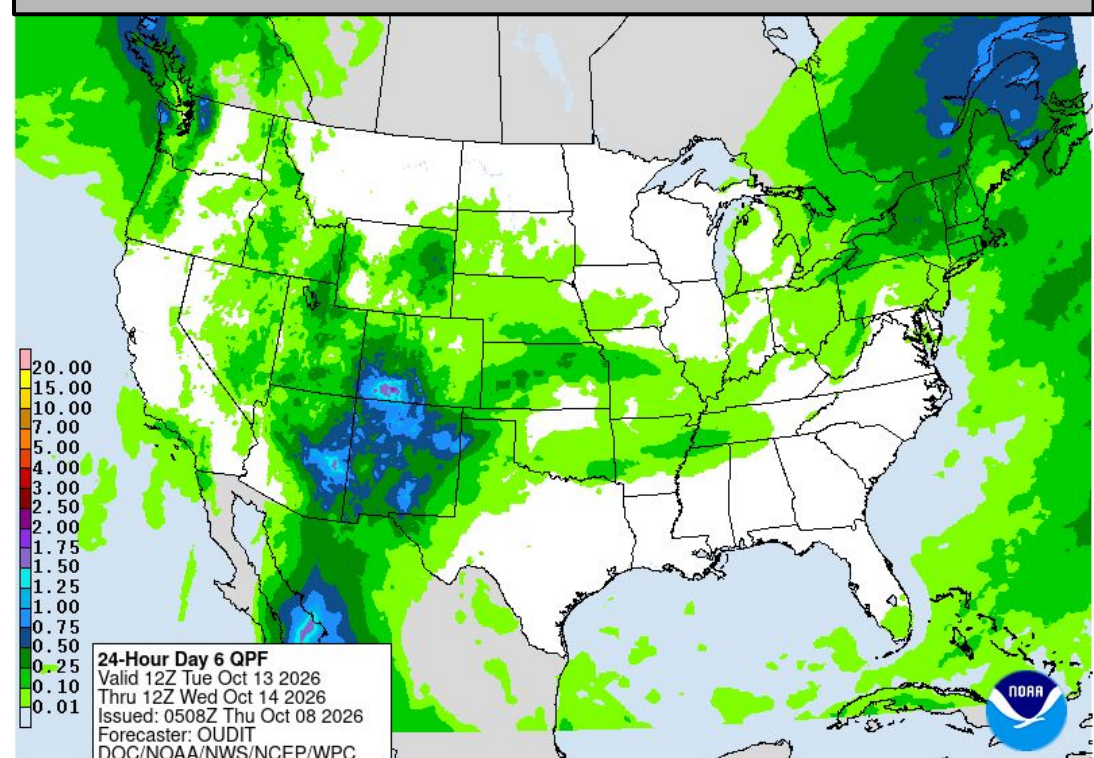


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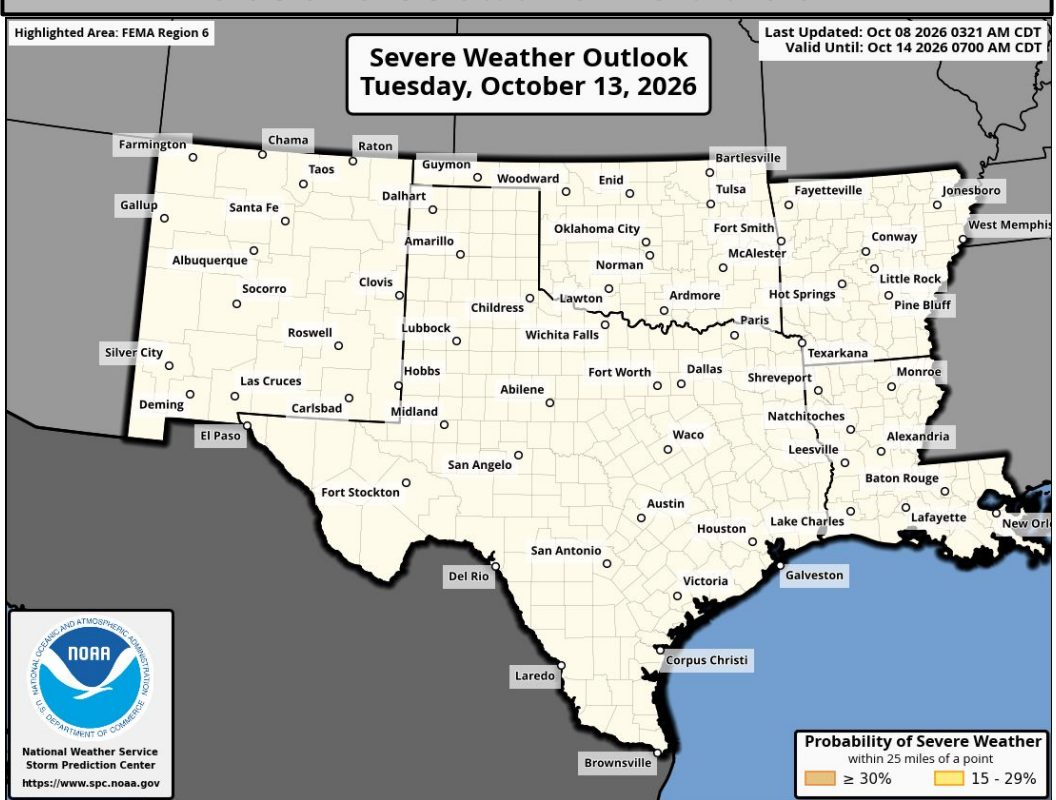


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



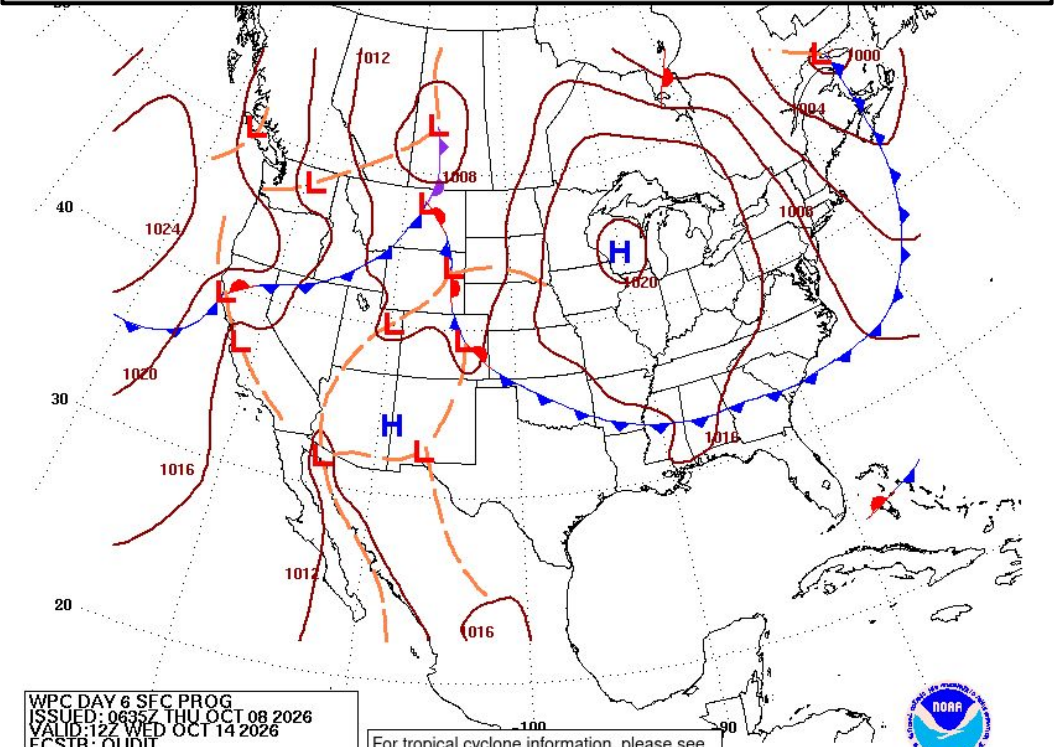
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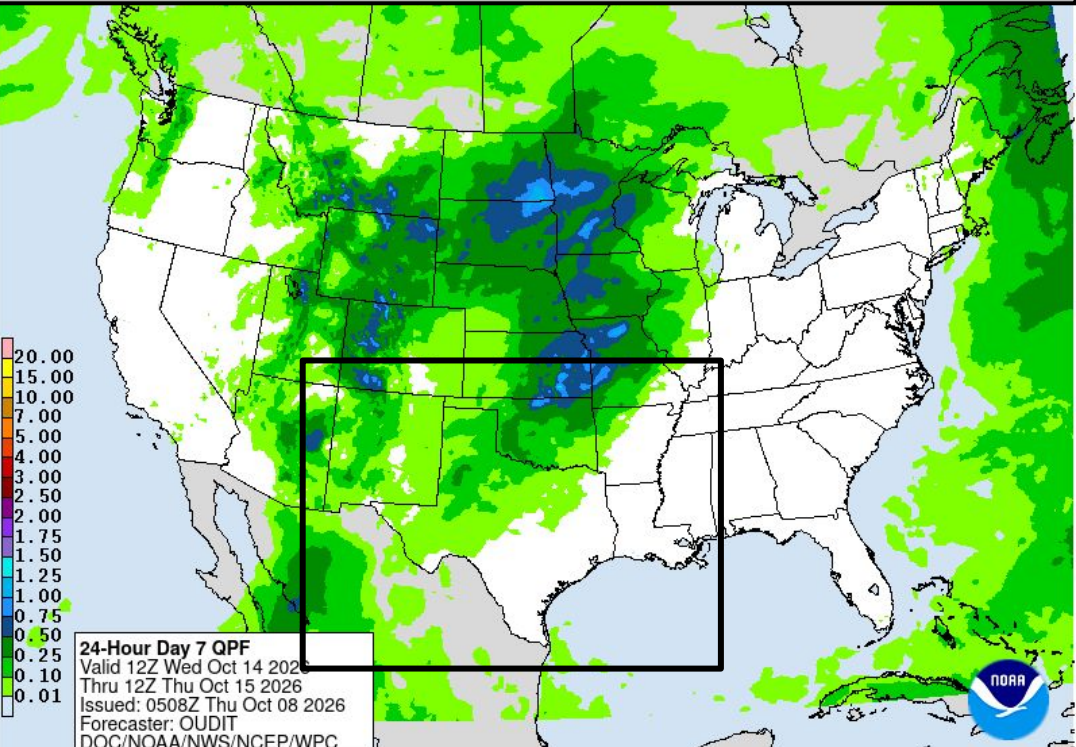


Wednesday's Weather

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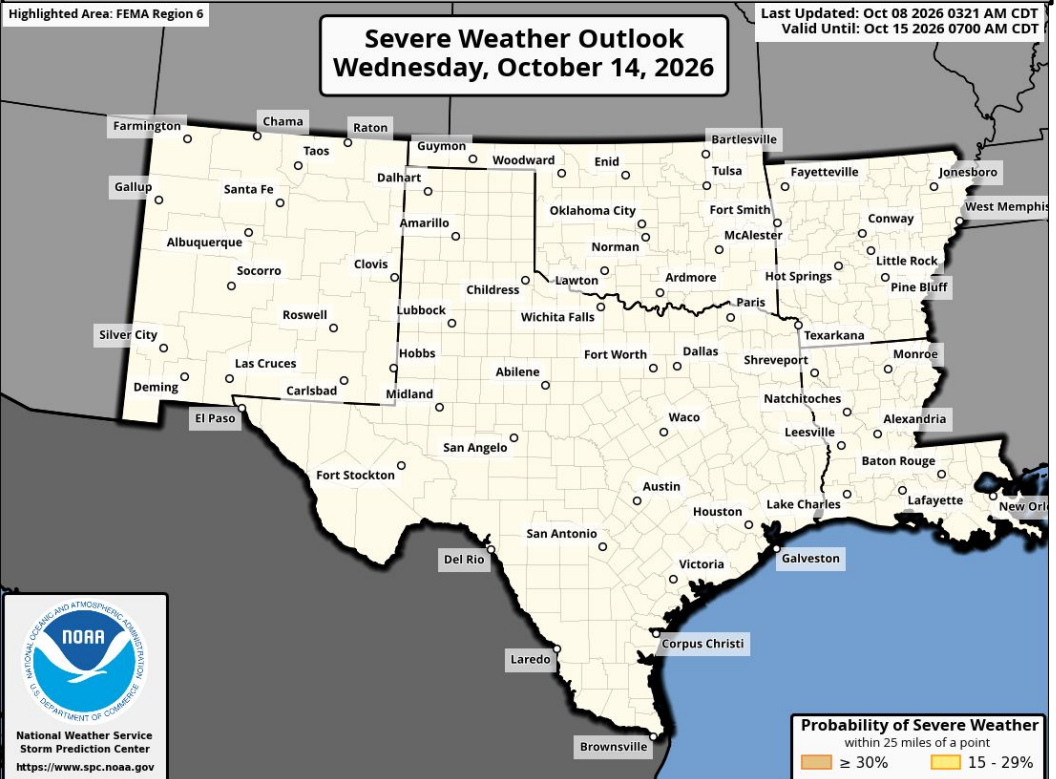


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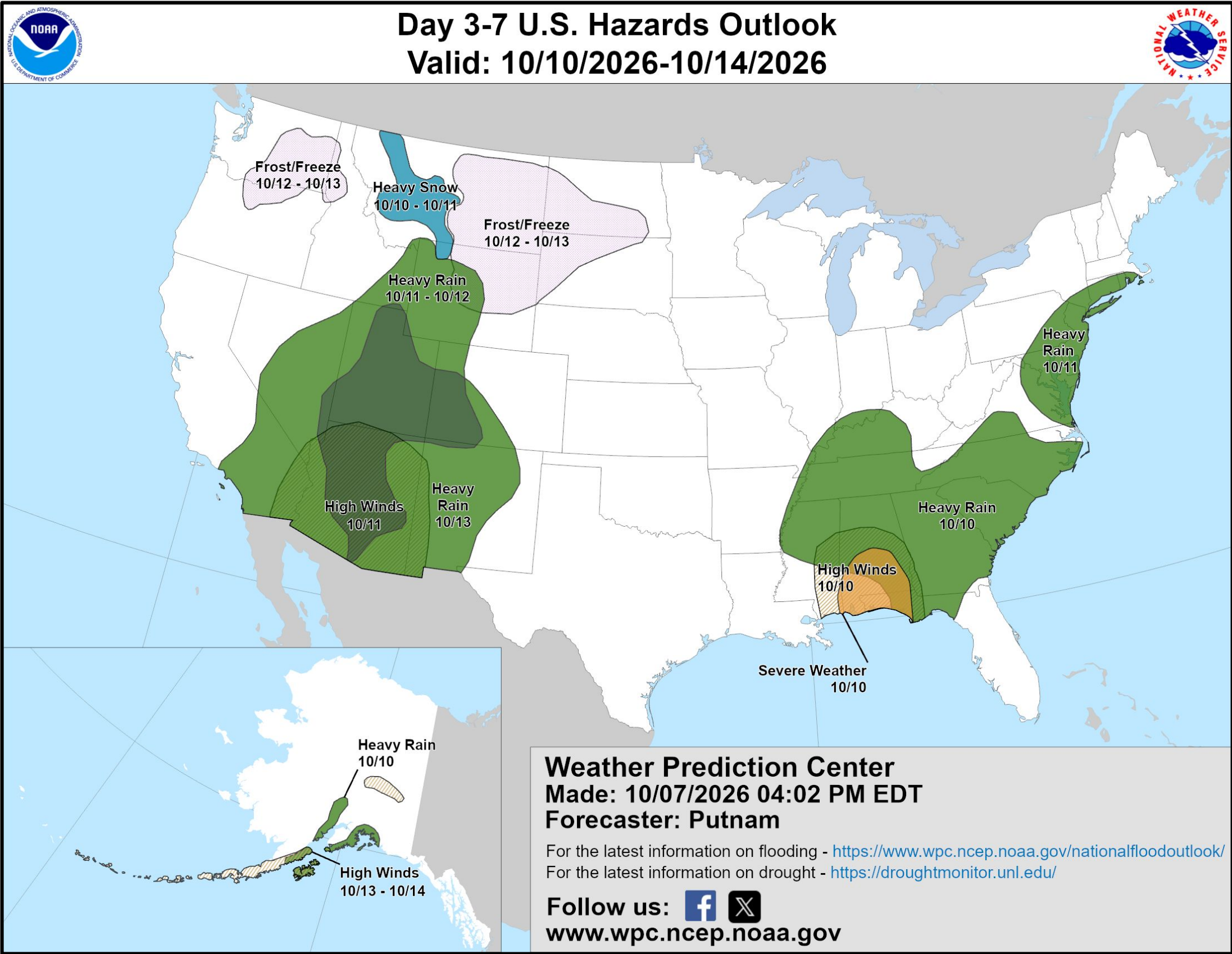
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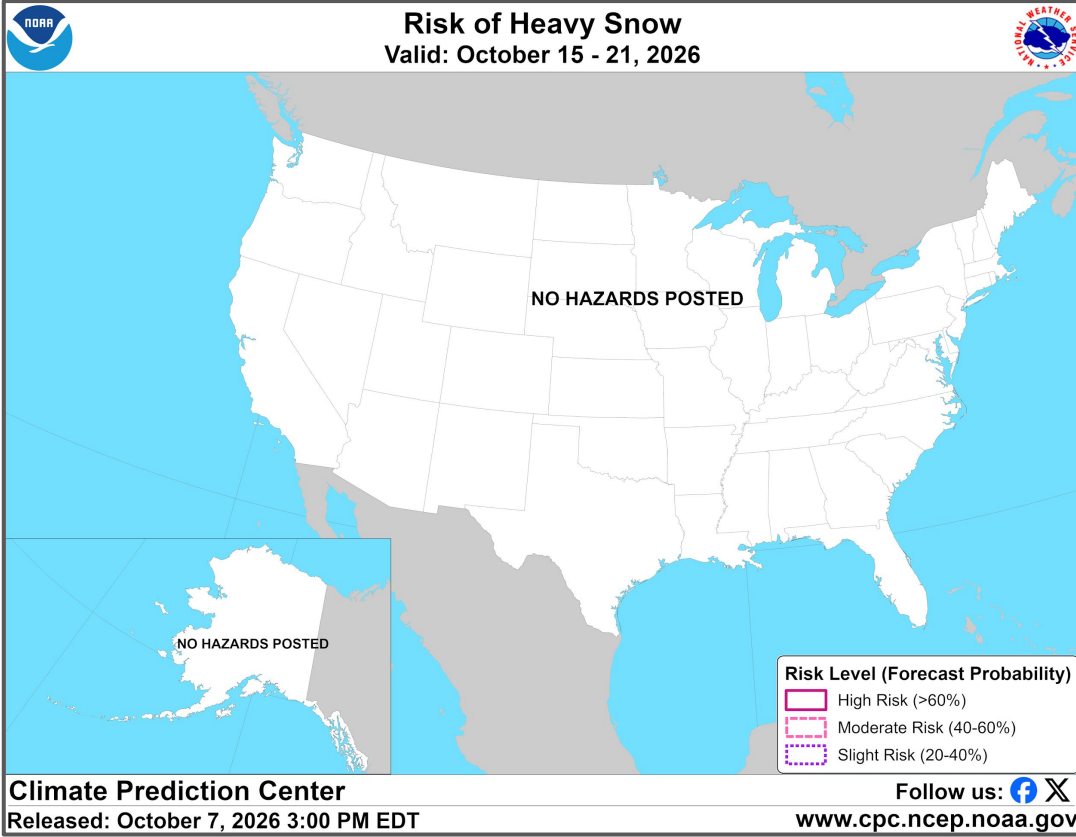
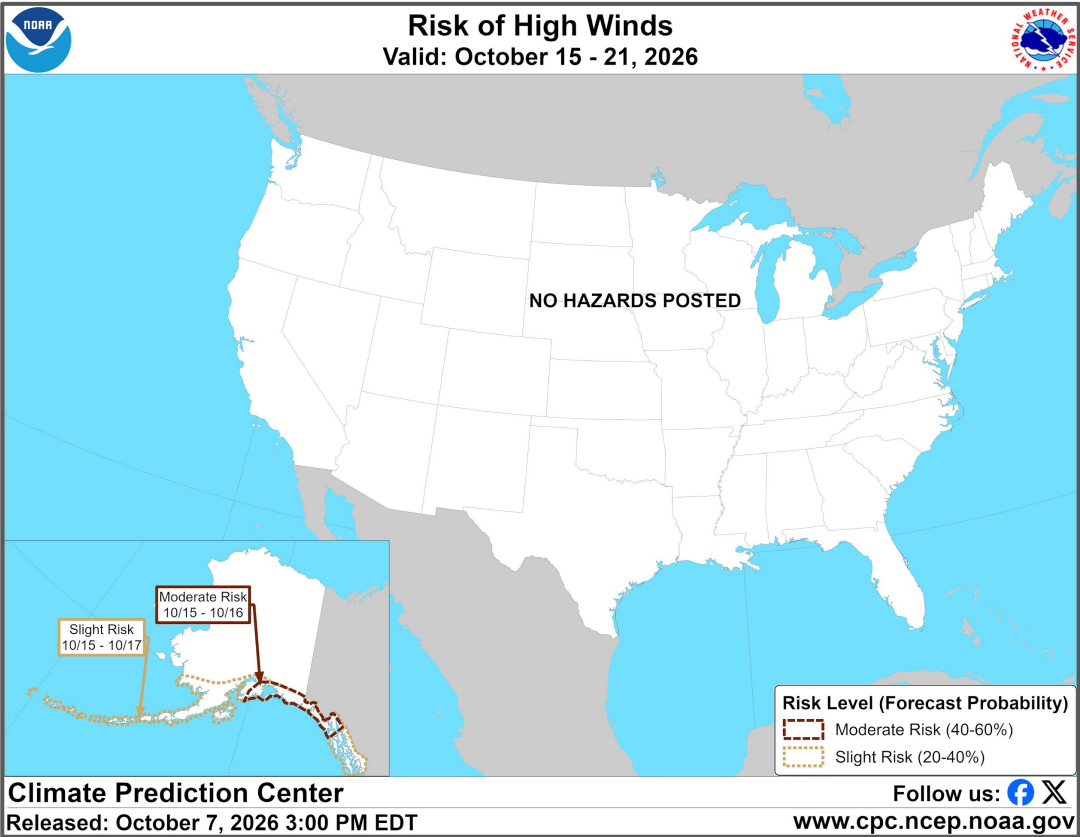
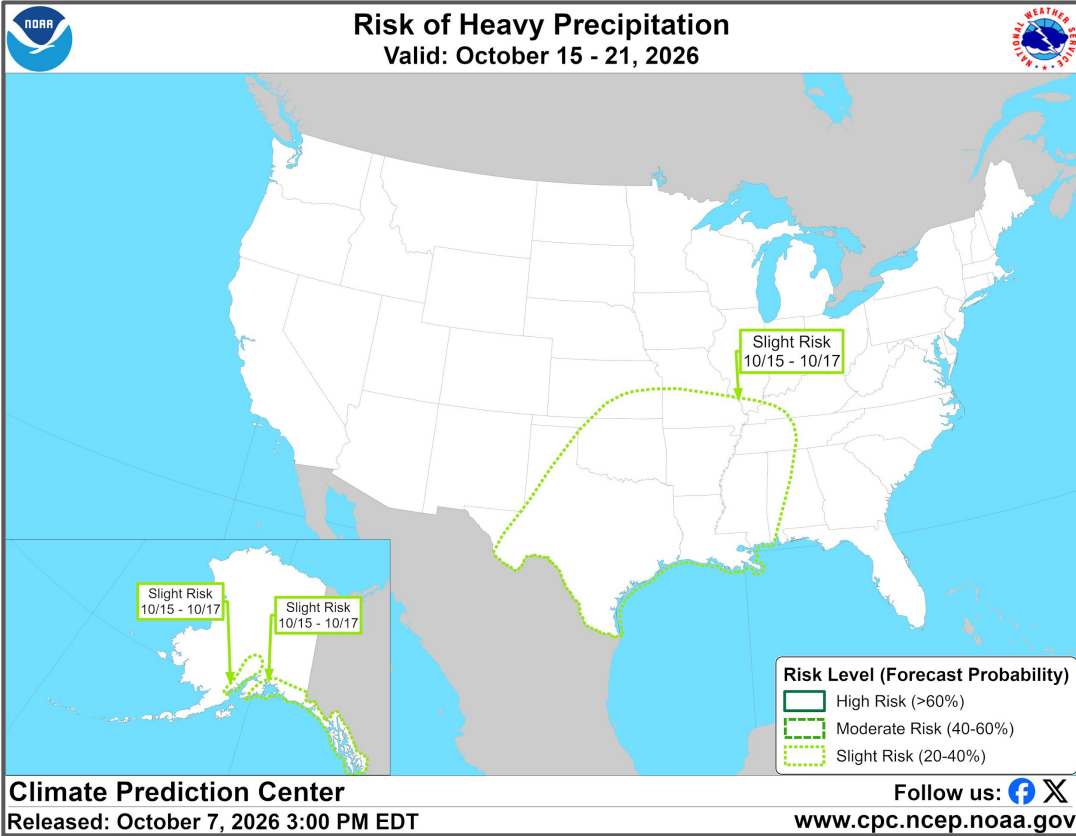
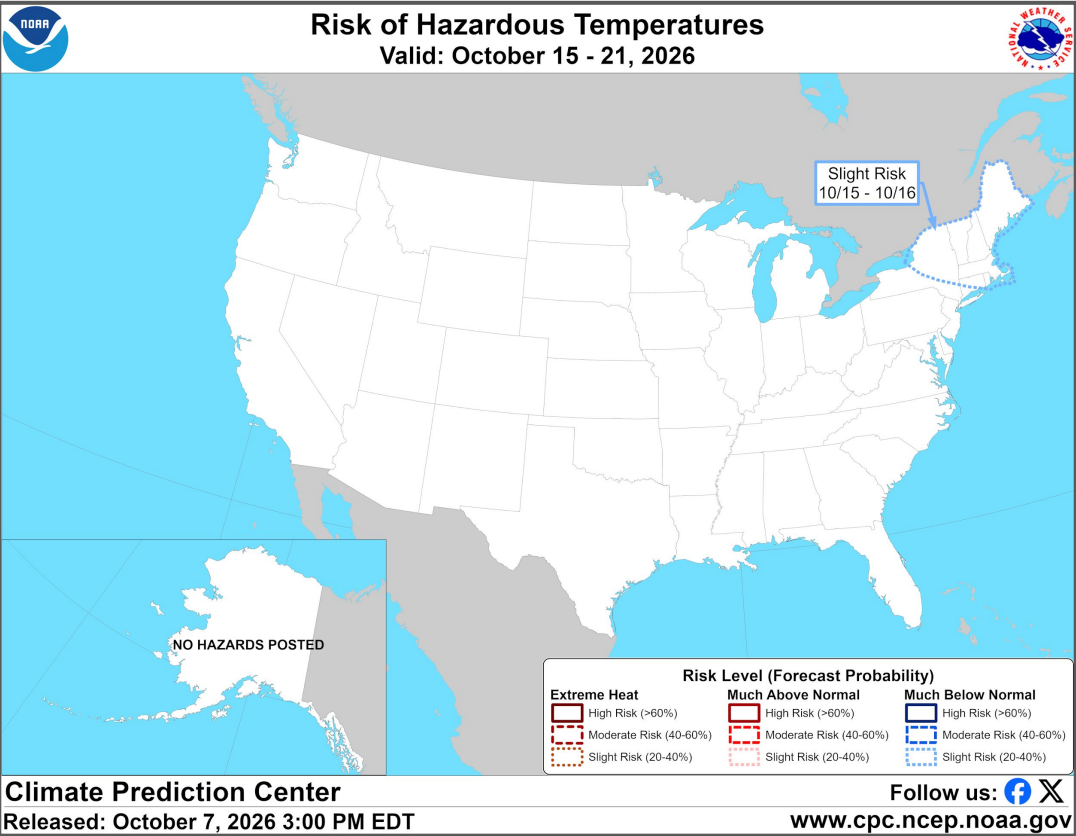
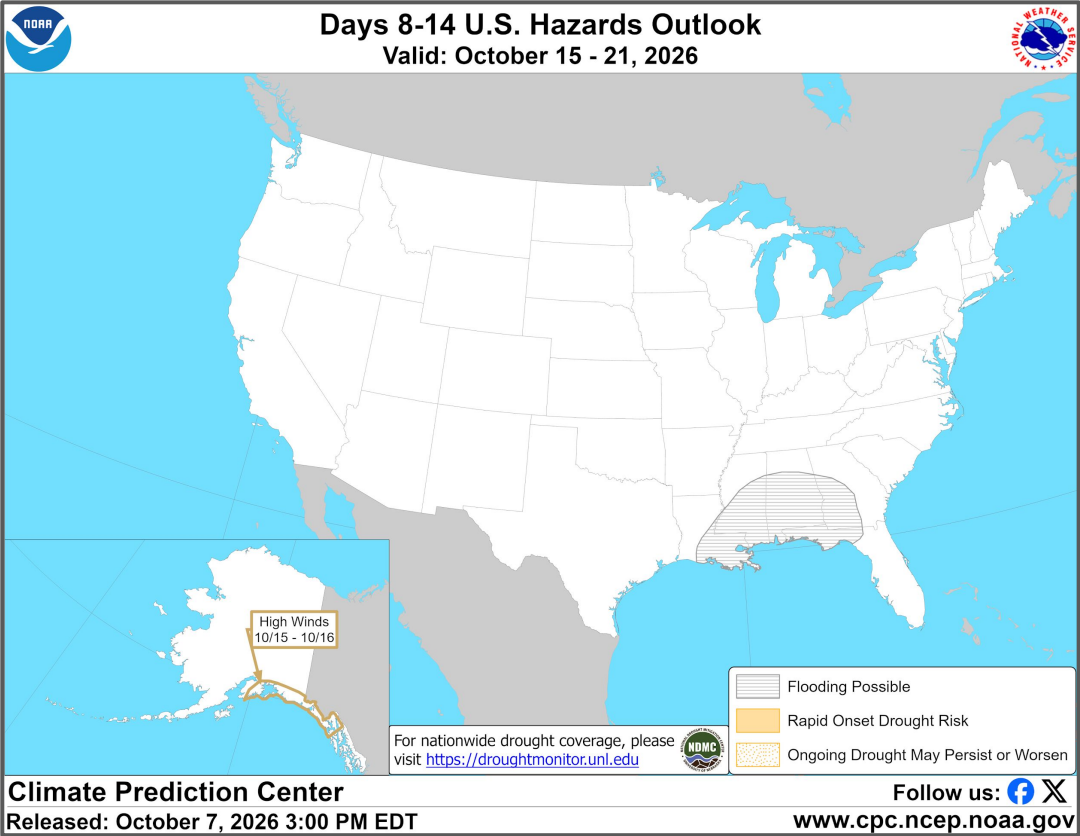


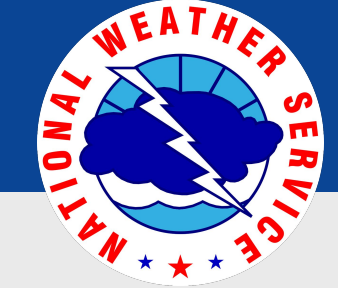
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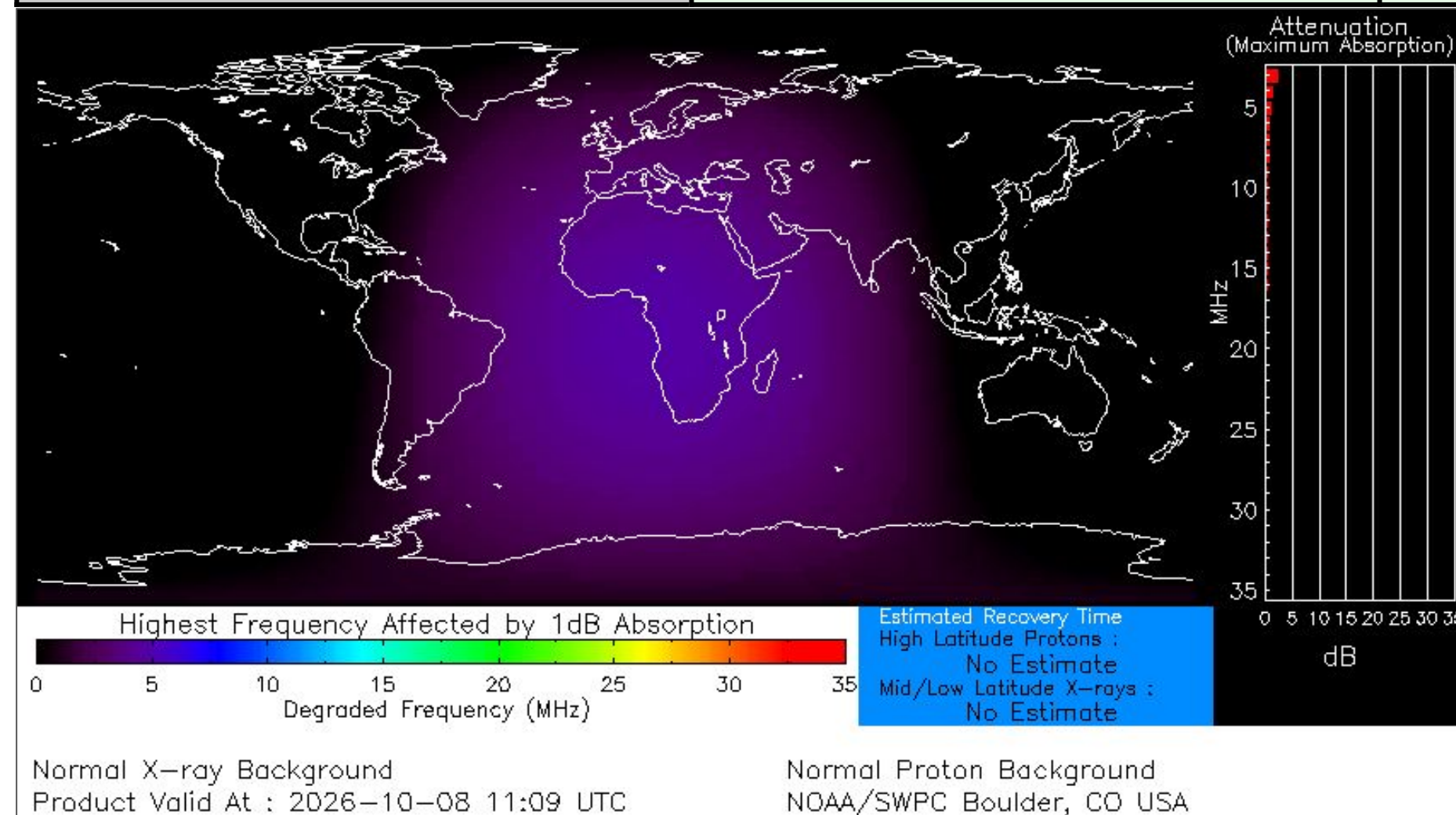
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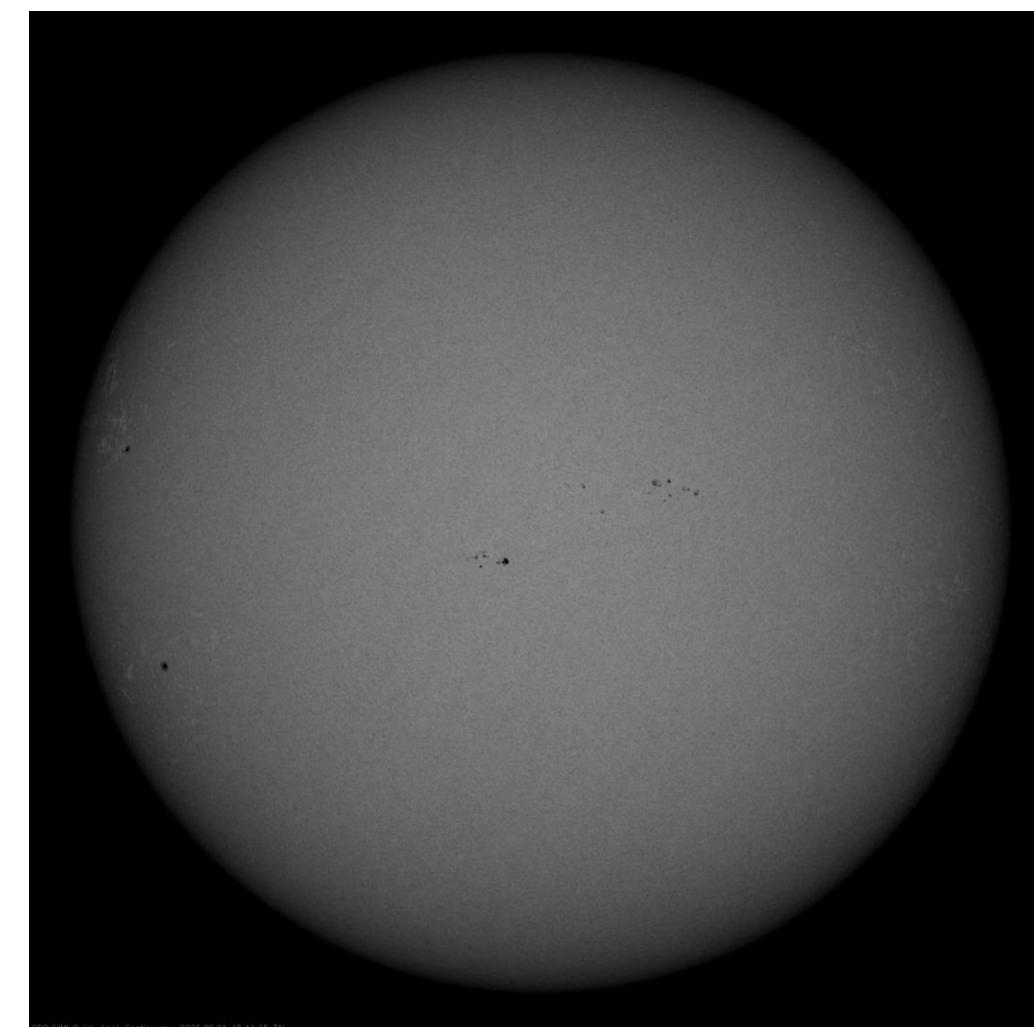
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Oct 8	Friday, Oct 9	Saturday, Oct 10
Geomagnetic Storms	Moderate (G2) Storm (Max Kp=6)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
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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