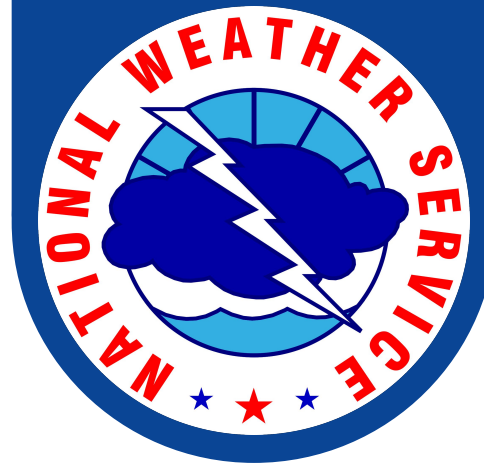




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding/River Flooding:**

- Moderate risk (level 3 of 4) today over NE OK into far NW TX with a slight risk (level 2 of 4) from N AR into OK extending into SW TX.
 - 4-6" of rain has fallen from the E TX Panhandle into Cntrl OK along/south of the I-40 corridor. Another wave of heavy rainfall is expected *overnight* over SW/Cntrl OK with rainfall rates as high as 2"/hr occurring where flash flooding is ongoing this morning.
- Marginal to slight risks (levels 1-2 of 4) on Thursday from NW AR, OK extending into SW TX. Highest threat area will be over SW TX.
- Monitoring rivers in OK and TX through Friday for responses.

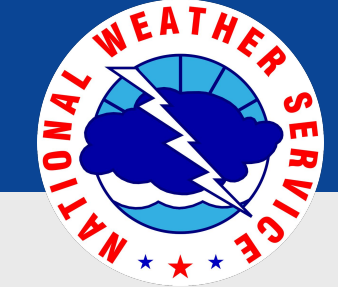
- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) today OK into NW/W TX with a marginal risk (level 1 of 5) over N AR, OK, TX Panhandle into SW TX.
 - All hazards possible, though highest threat will be for damaging winds up to 70 mph over SW OK/NW TX

- **Fire Weather:**

- Passage of a dry cold front with gusty northerly winds and low relative humidity will produce an elevated risk (level 1 of 3) over E AR and NE LA on Friday.





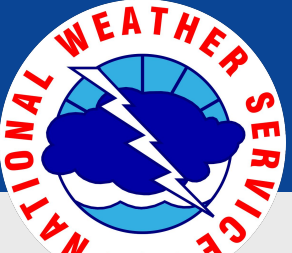
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

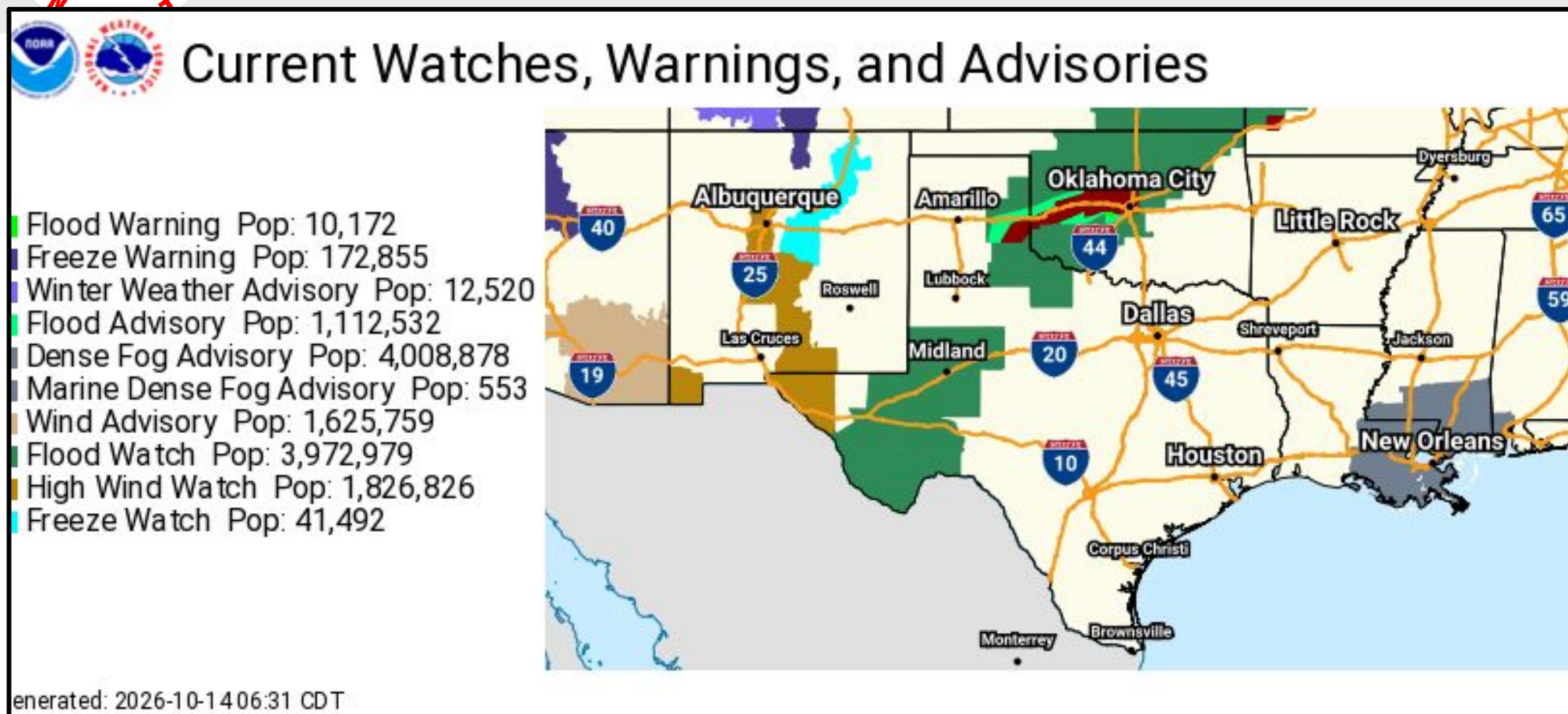
	Wednesday, Oct 14	Thursday, Oct 15	Friday, Oct 16	Saturday, Oct 17	Sunday, Oct 18	Monday, Oct 19	Tuesday, Oct 20
Severe Storms	Cntrl OK into NW-SW TX						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	OK/NW TX N AR, OK, E TX Panhandle, NW-SW TX	SW OK, W/SW TX					
Fire Weather			E AR, NE LA				
Tropical							
River Flooding	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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Current Radar/Hazards



Flood Watch E TX Panhandle through tonight.
Flood Watch NW TX/OK through Thursday afternoon.
Flood Watch W/SW TX through Friday morning.
Dense fog advisory over SE LA through 10am CDT.
High Wind Watch NM/W TX Thursday afternoon into Friday morning for northeast wind gusts up to 65 mph.





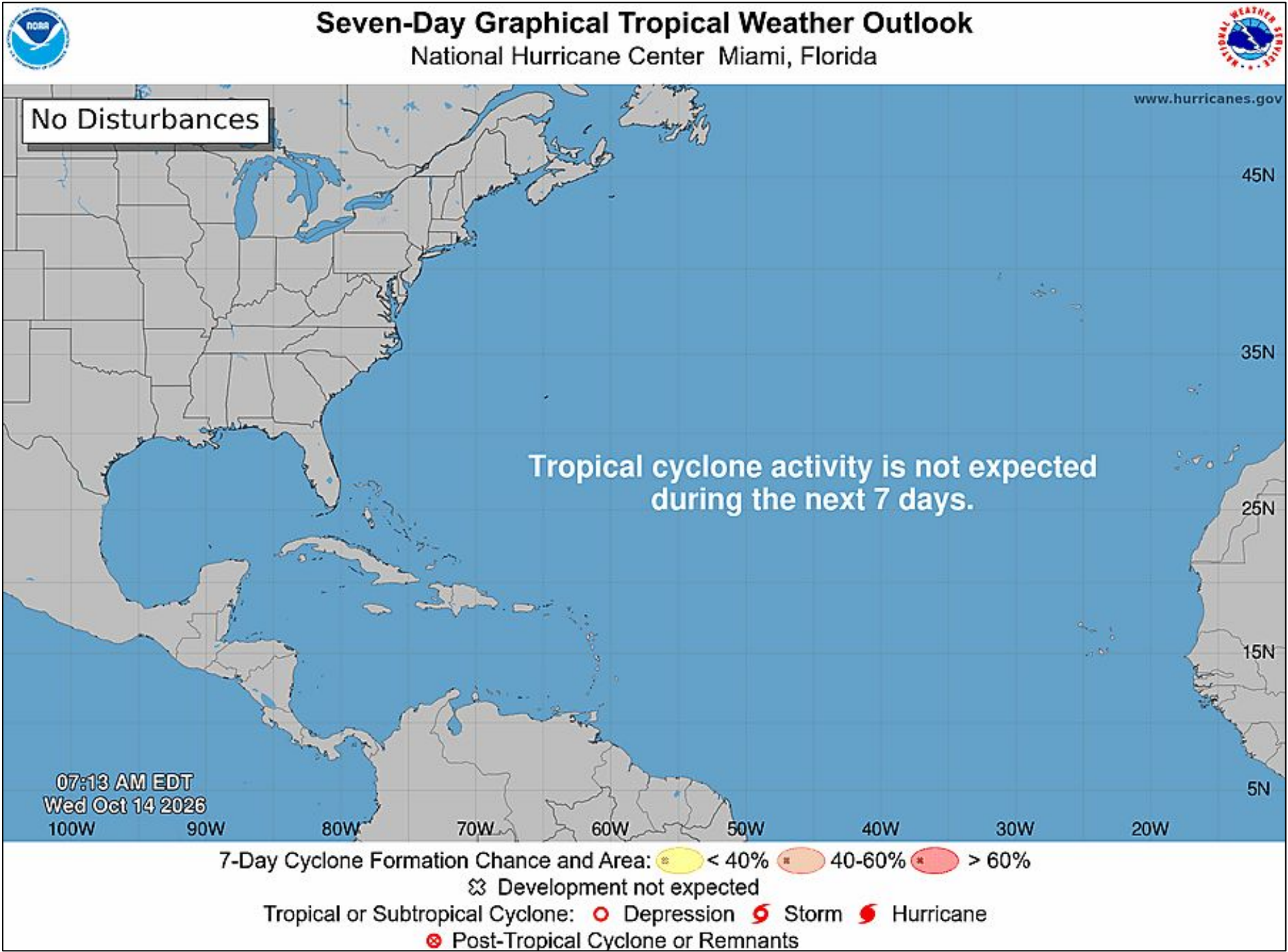
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



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



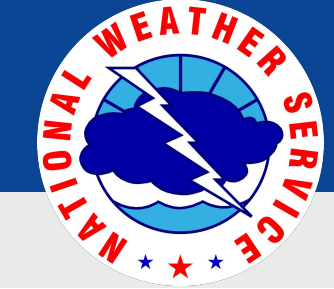


Hurricane Simon



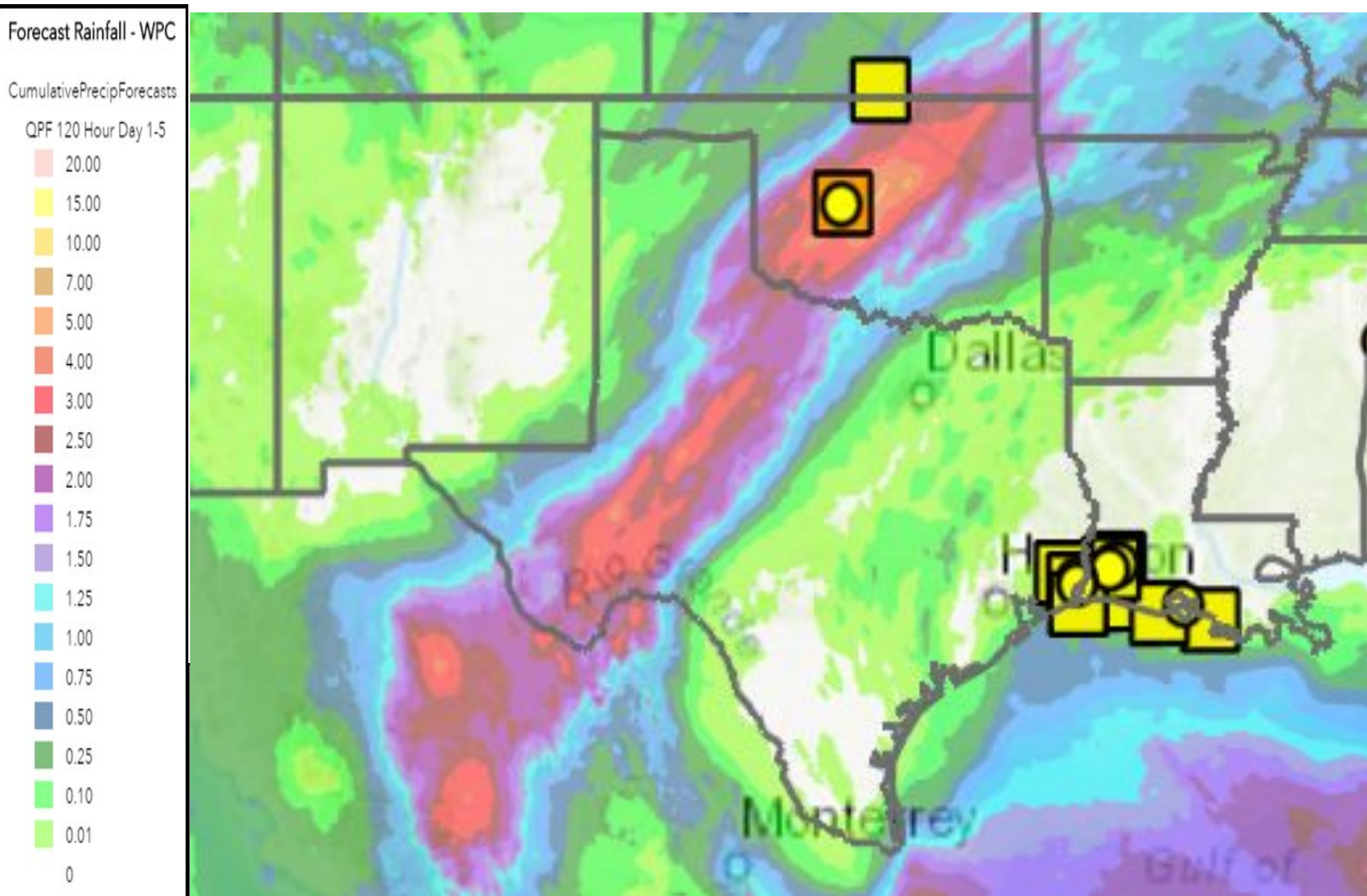
Moisture from from moisture associated will continue to stream into portions of TX/OK and AR through Thursday.





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



Canadian River near Bridgeport in cntrl OK is currently at minor flood mainly impacting croplands and oil wells near the river.

Monitoring for additional river flooding from OK into SW TX.

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.



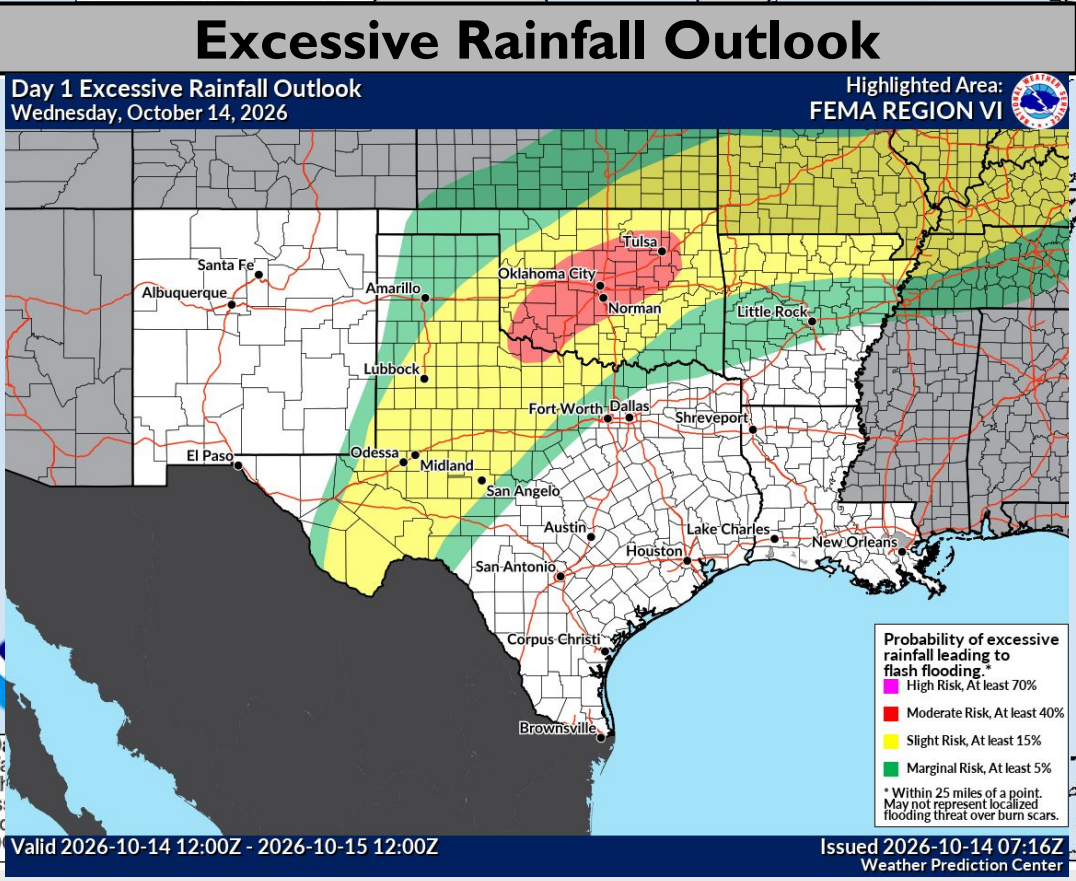
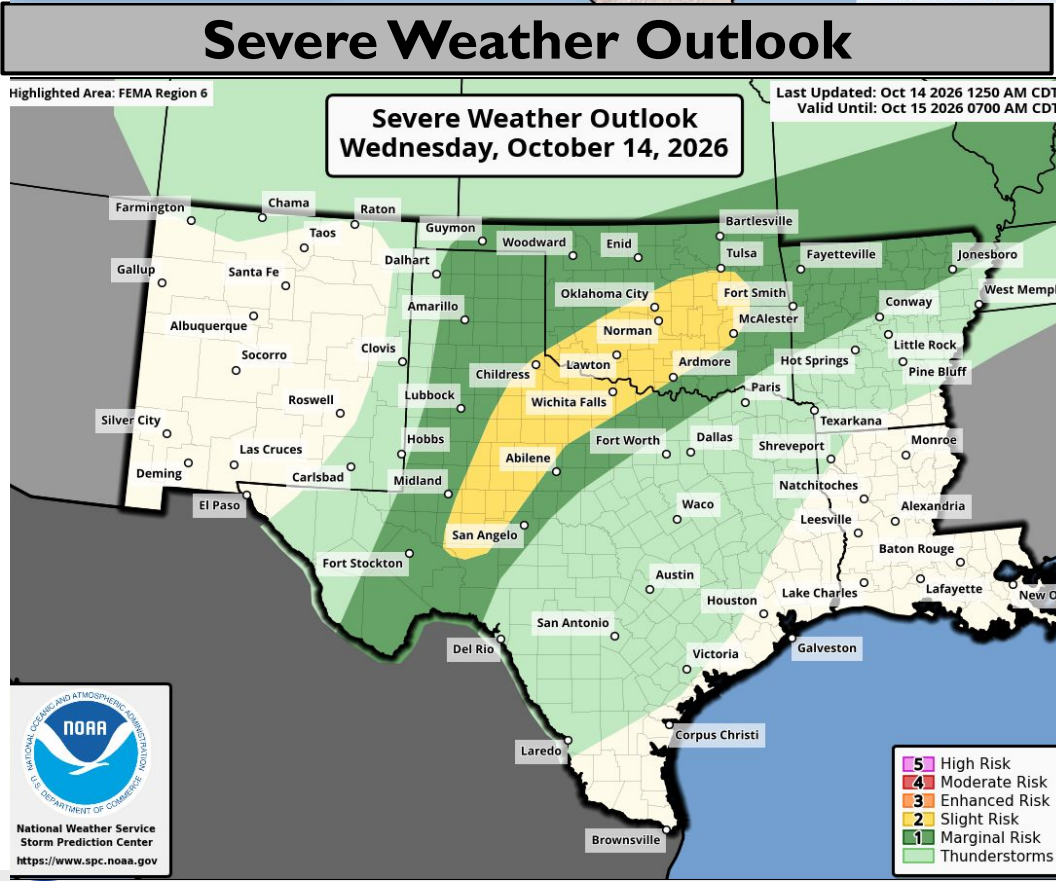
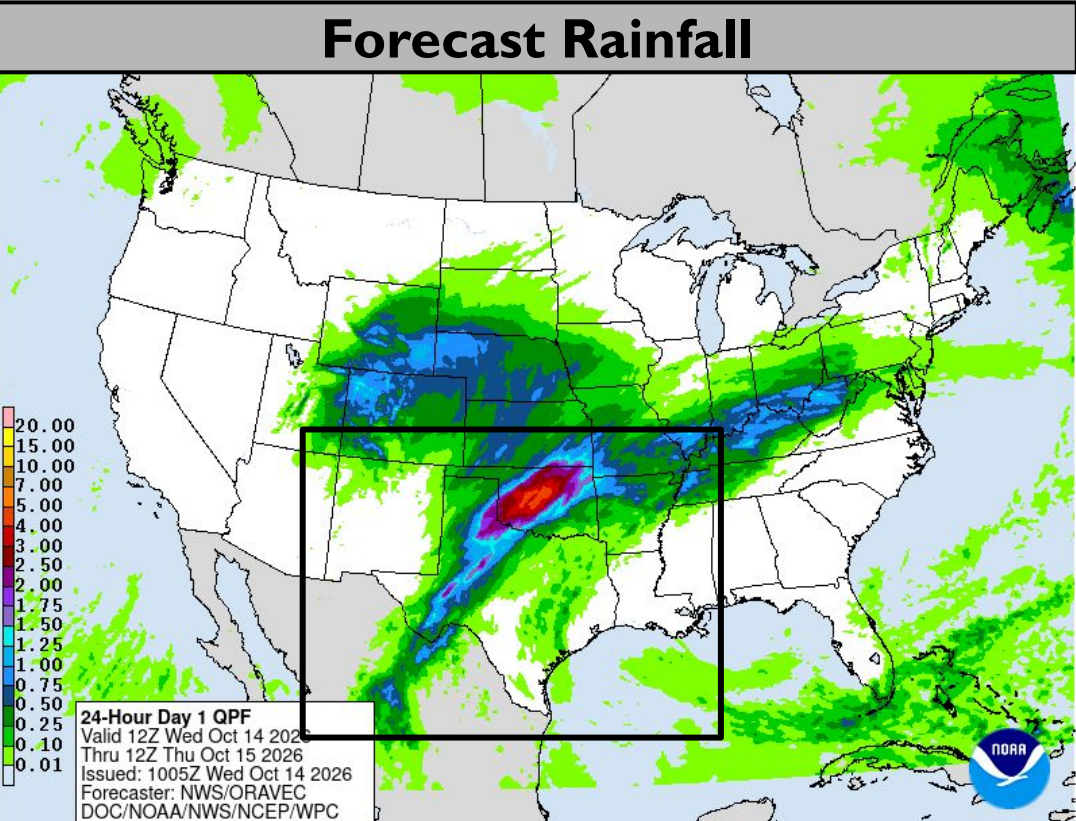
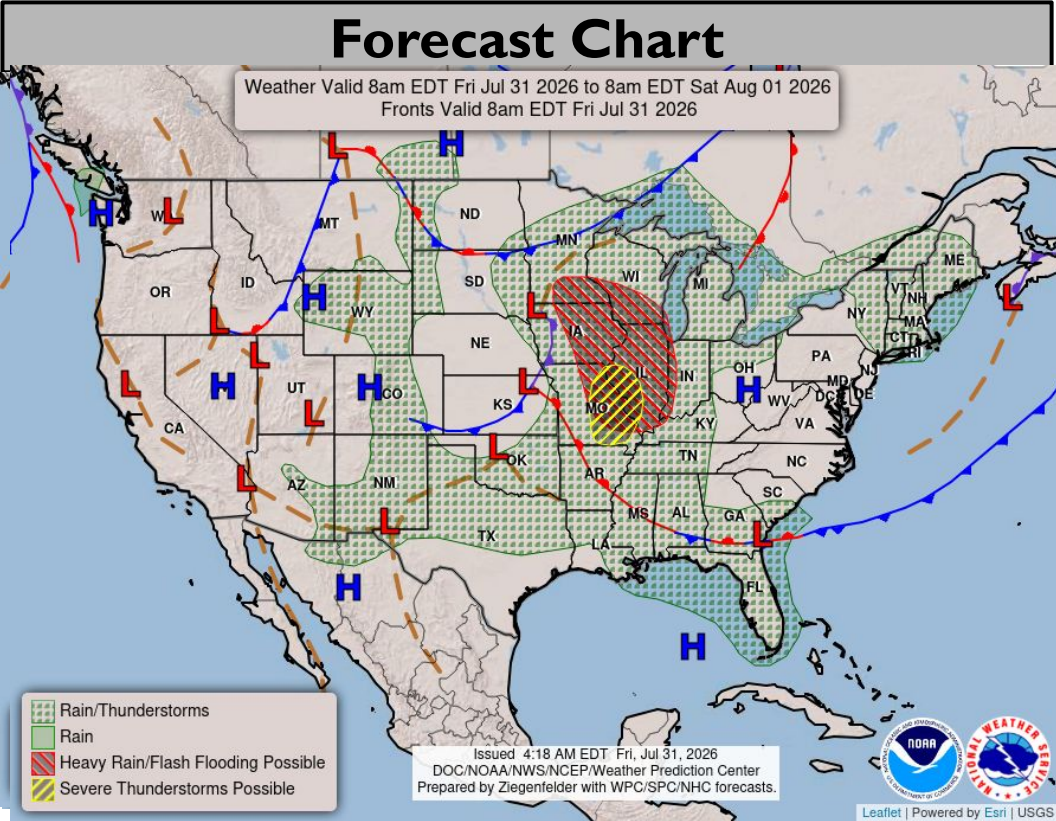
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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Today's Weather



Slight to moderate risk (levels 2-3 of 4) for flash flooding from N AR into OK, NW-SW TX. Another wave of heavy rainfall is expected *overnight* over SW/Cntrl OK with rainfall rates as high as 2"/hr occurring where flash flooding is ongoing this morning.

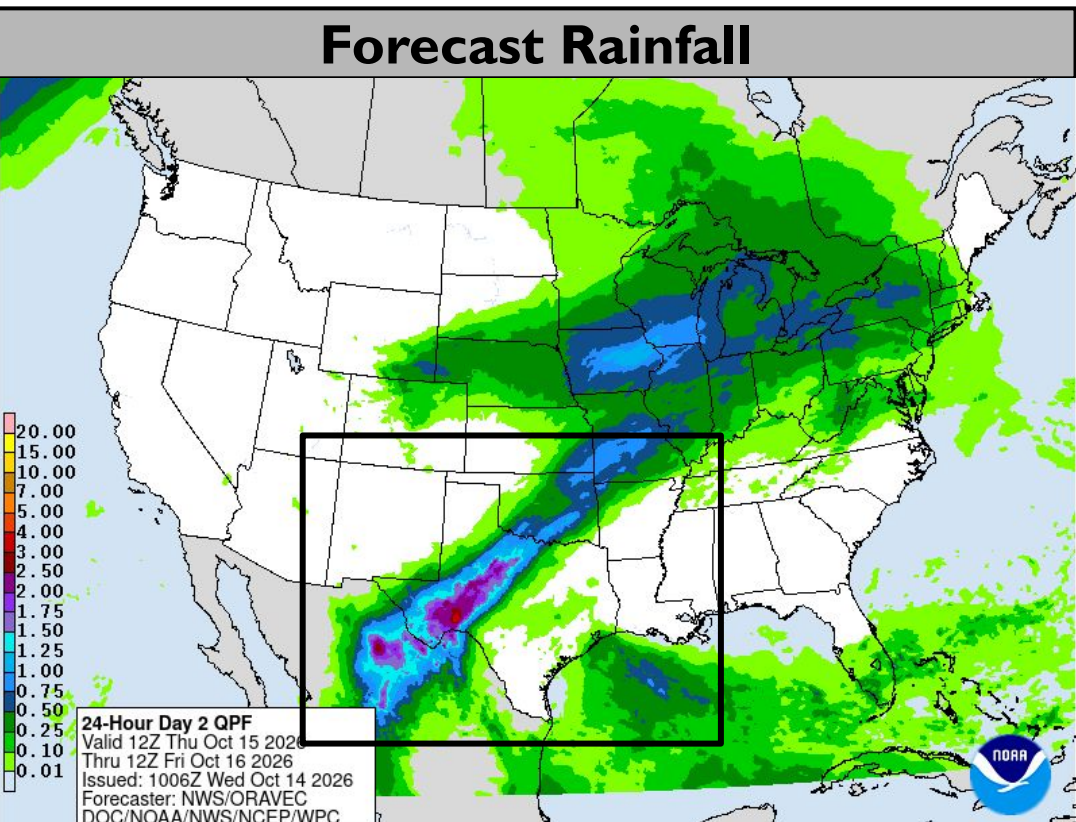
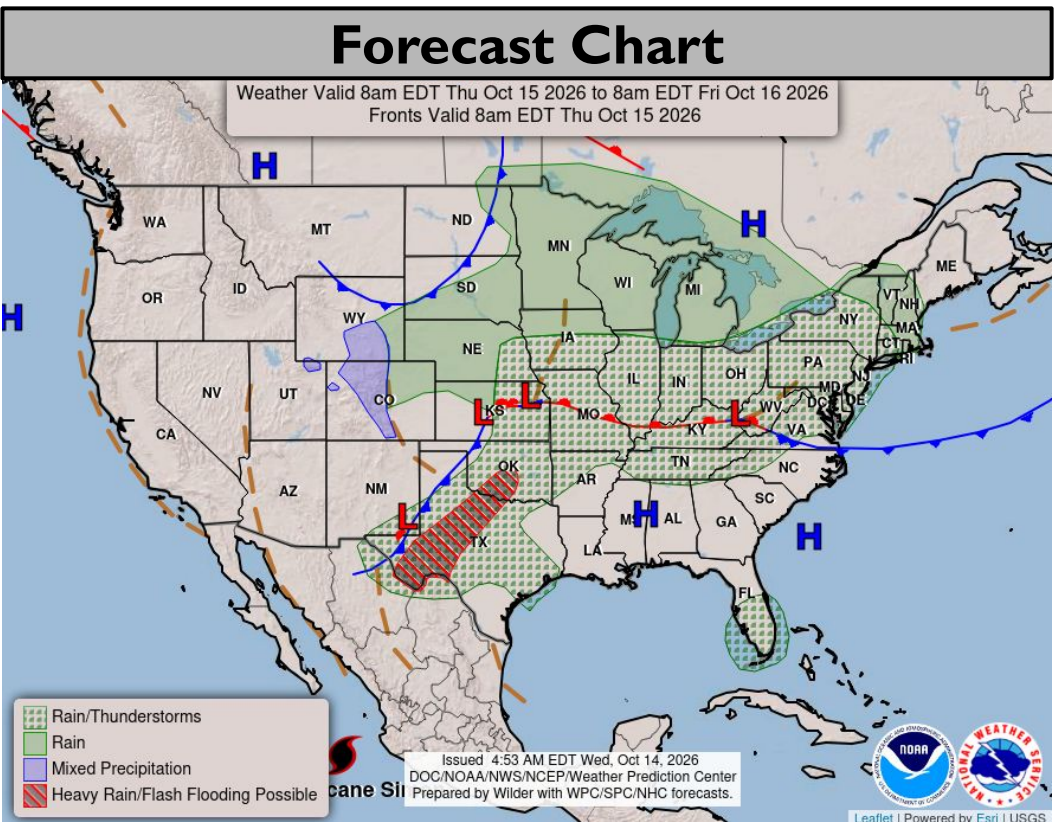
Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 for severe storms over N AR, OK, NW-SW TX. All hazards possible with highest threat of 70mph winds from SW OK into NW TX.

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

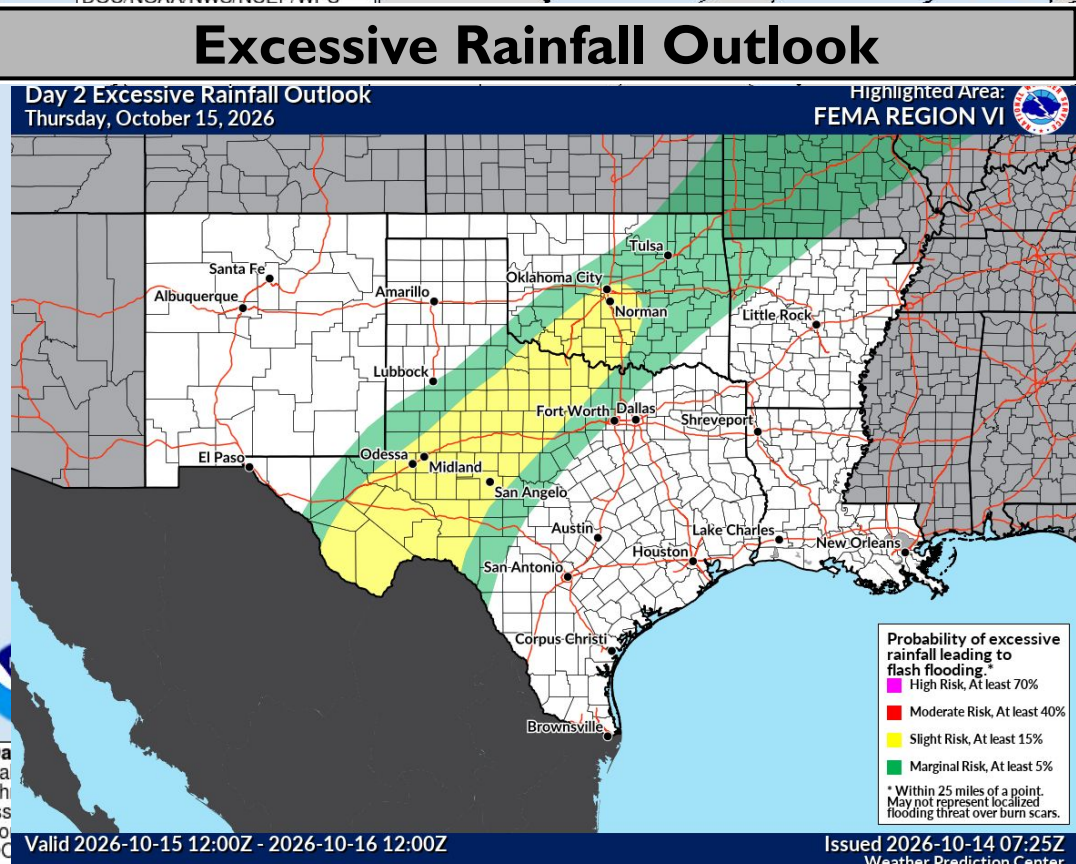
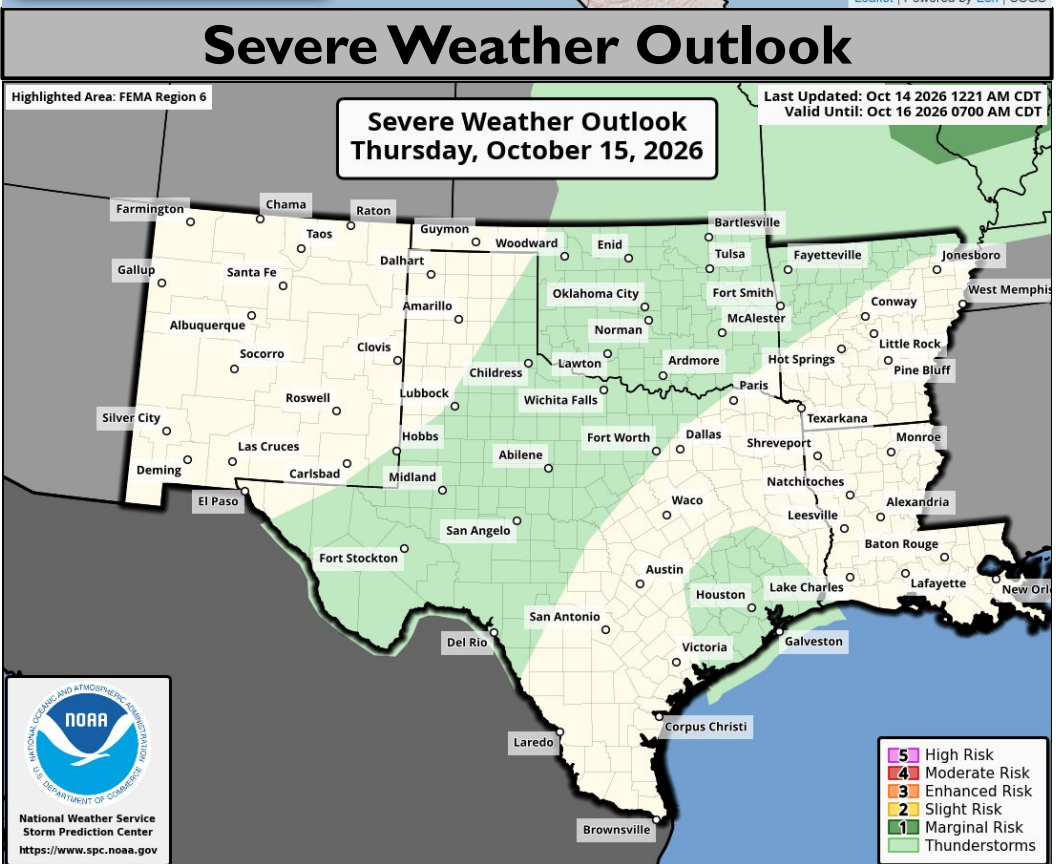




Tomorrow's Weather



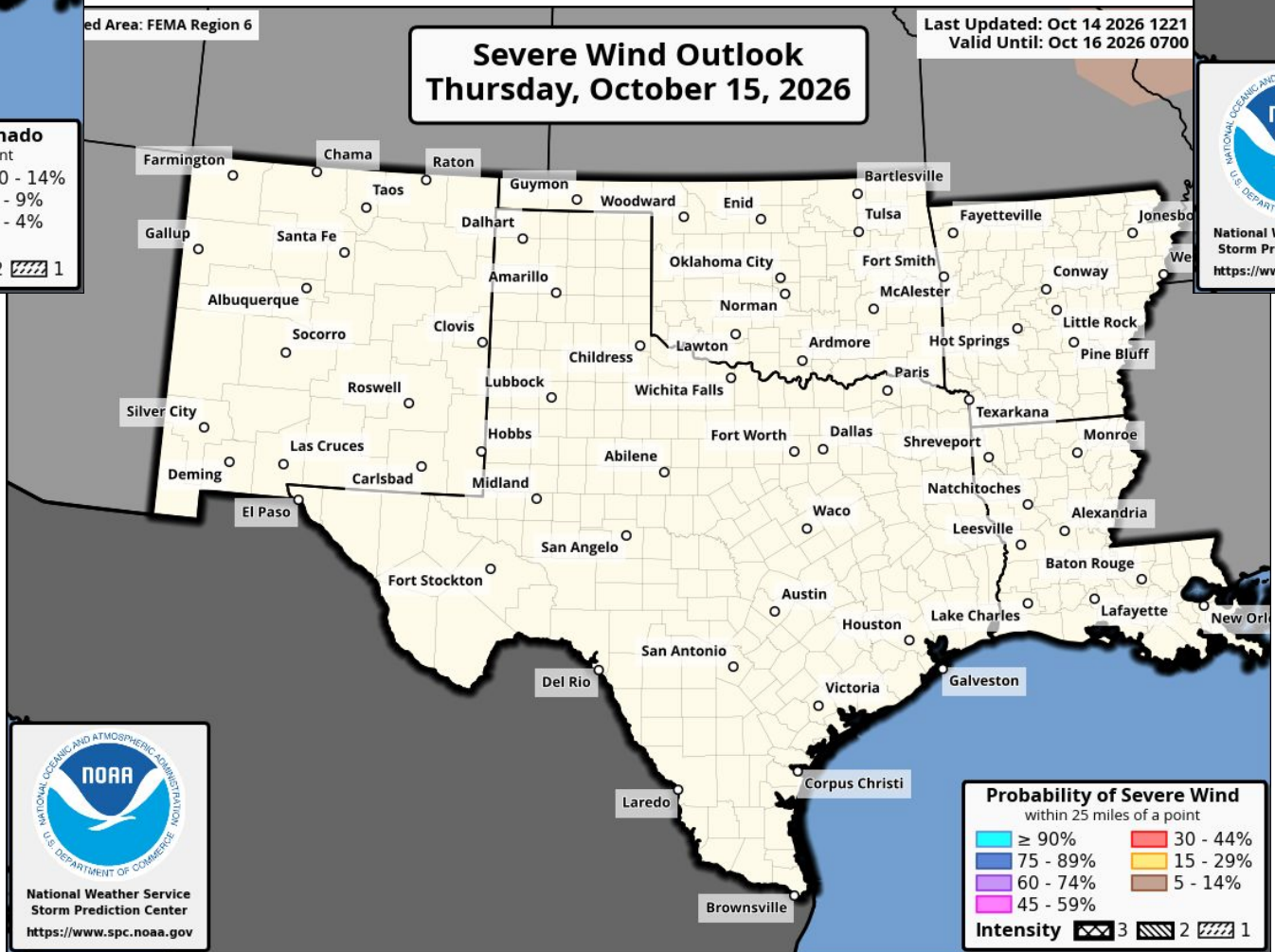
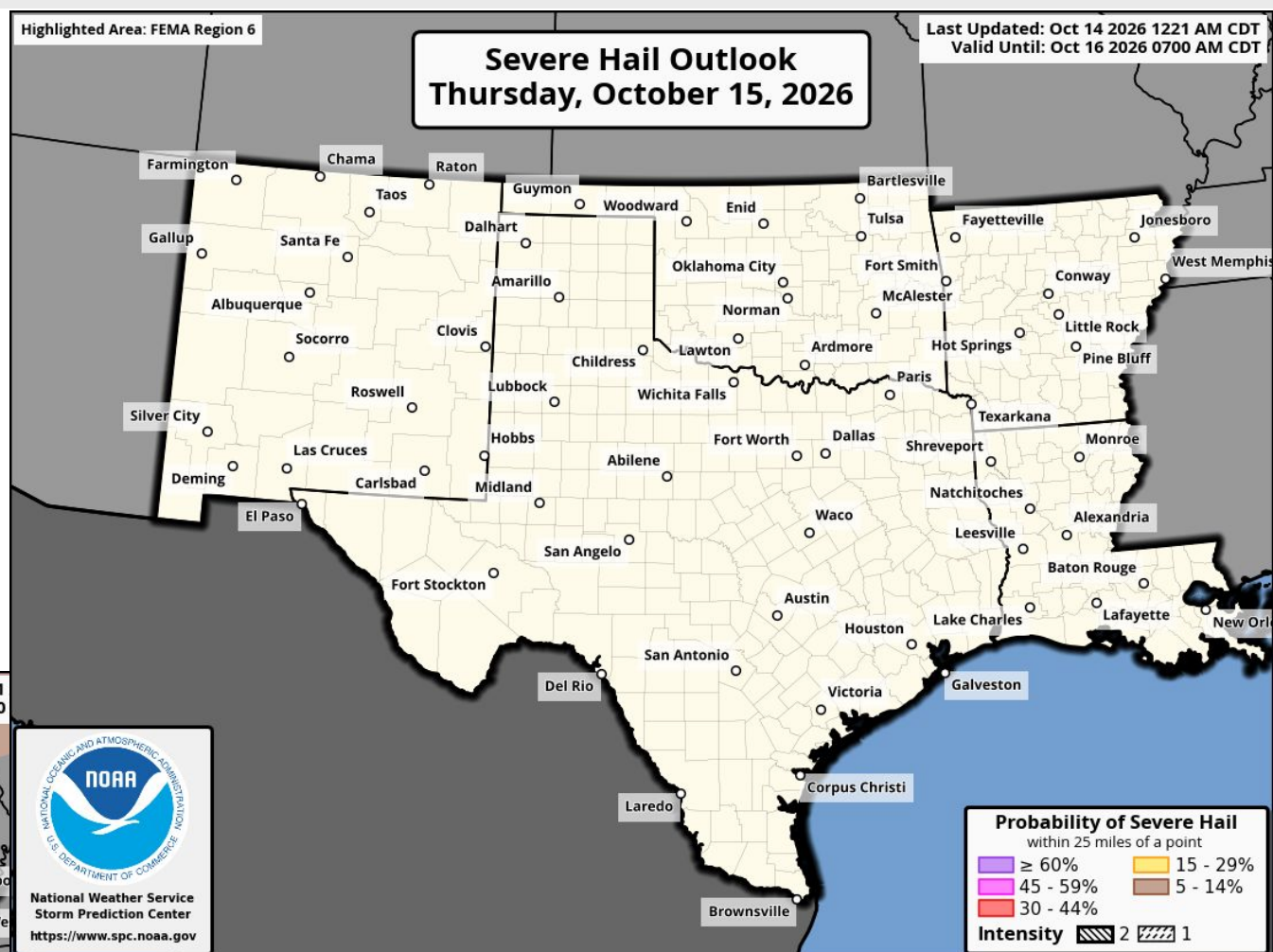
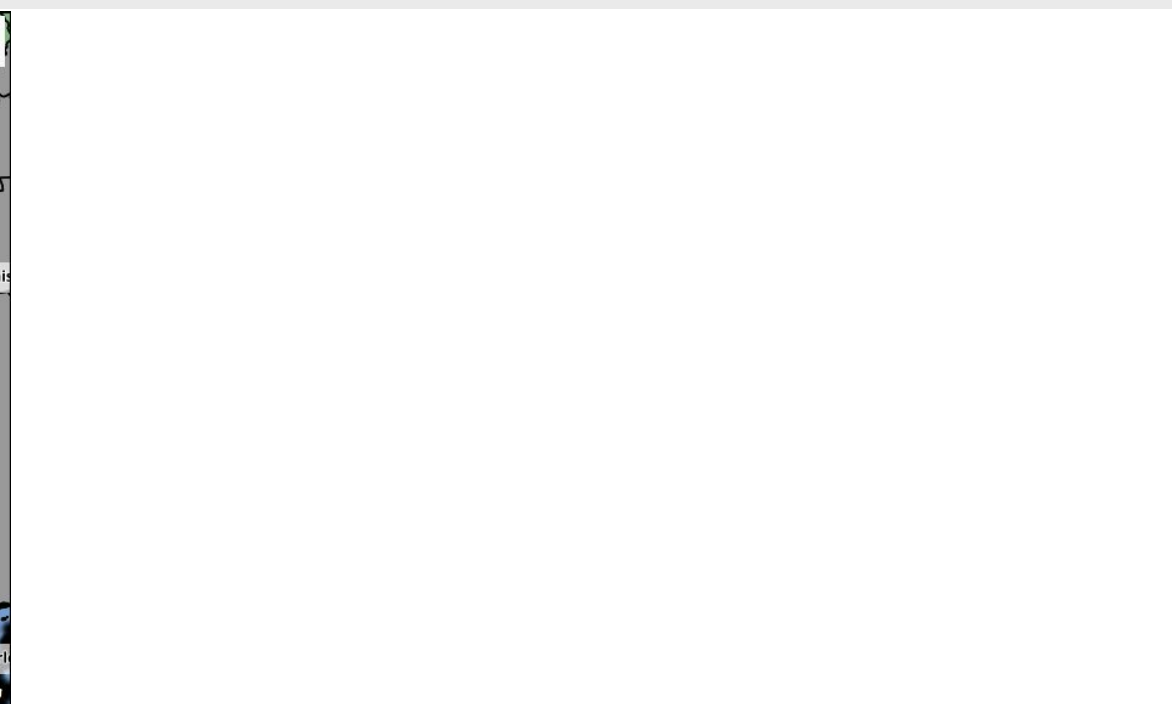
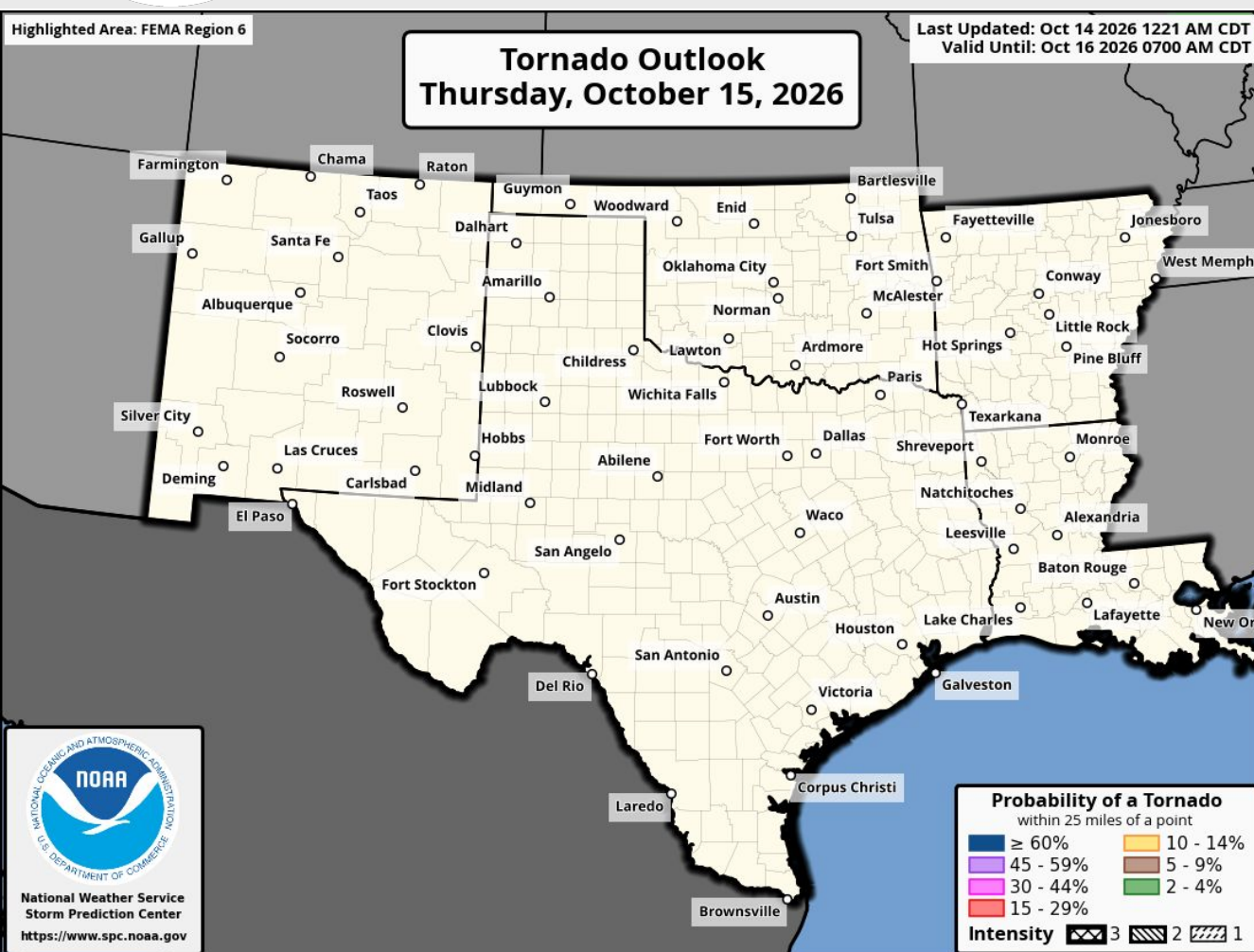
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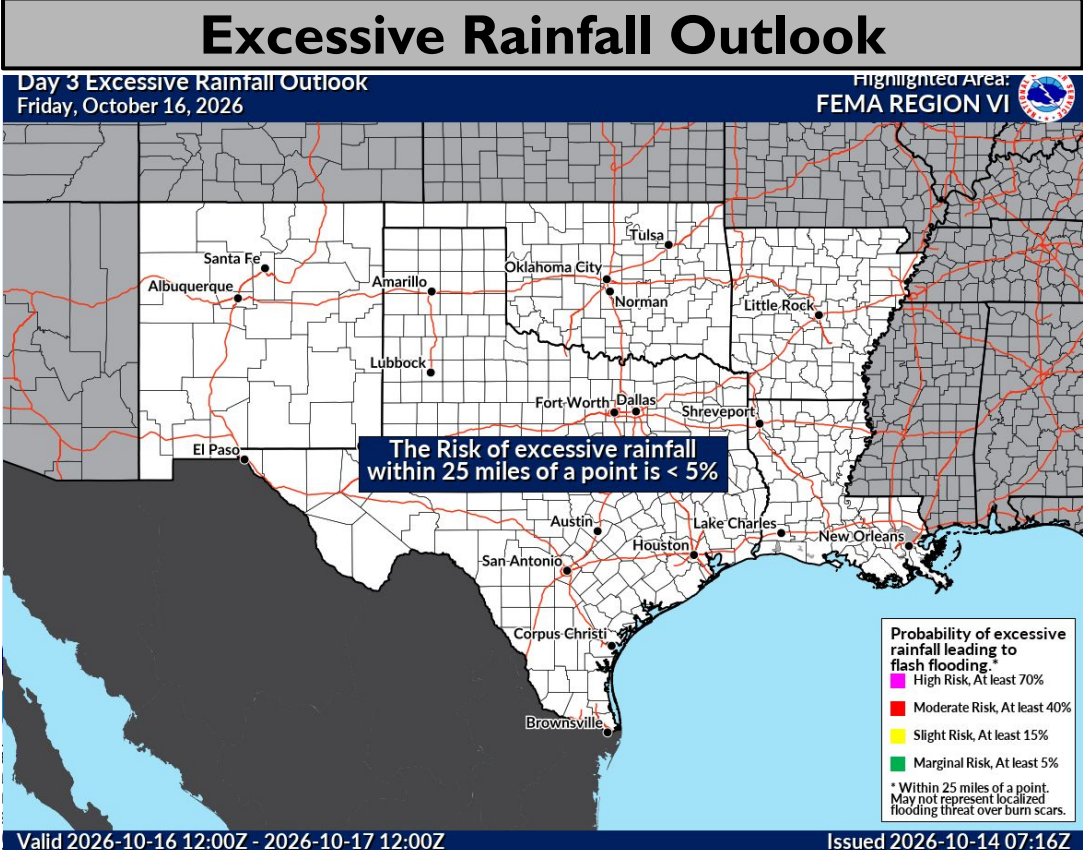
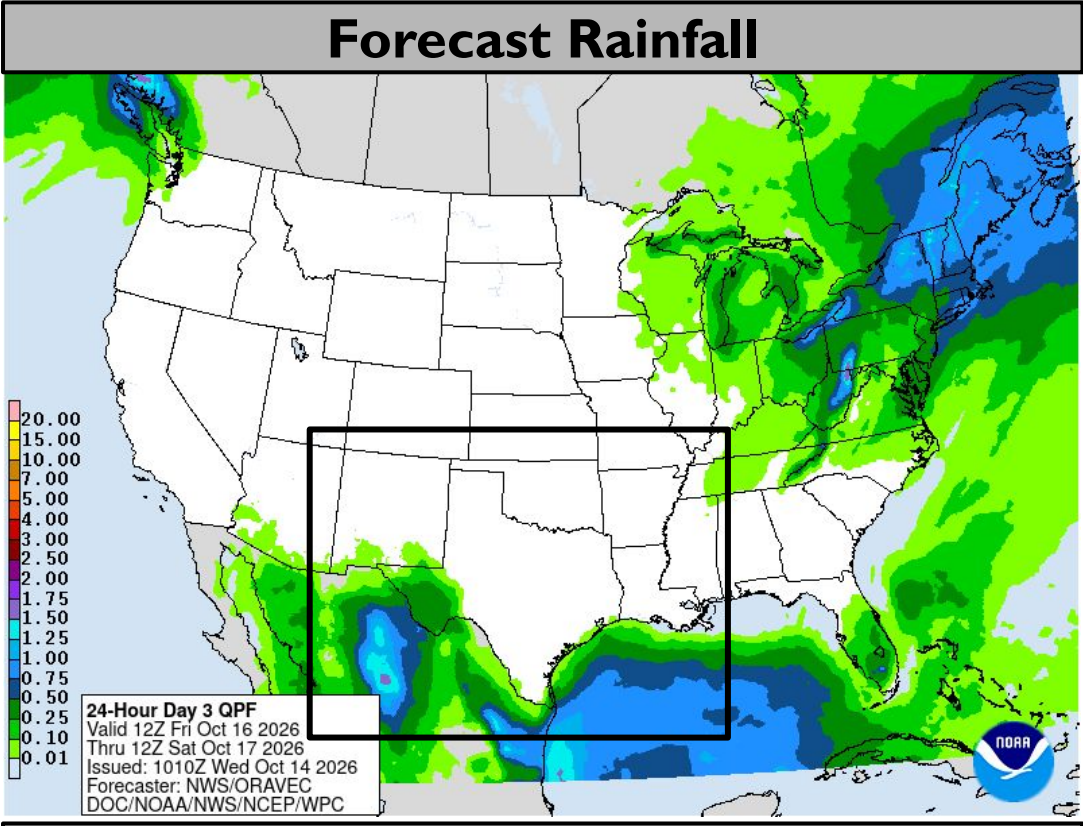
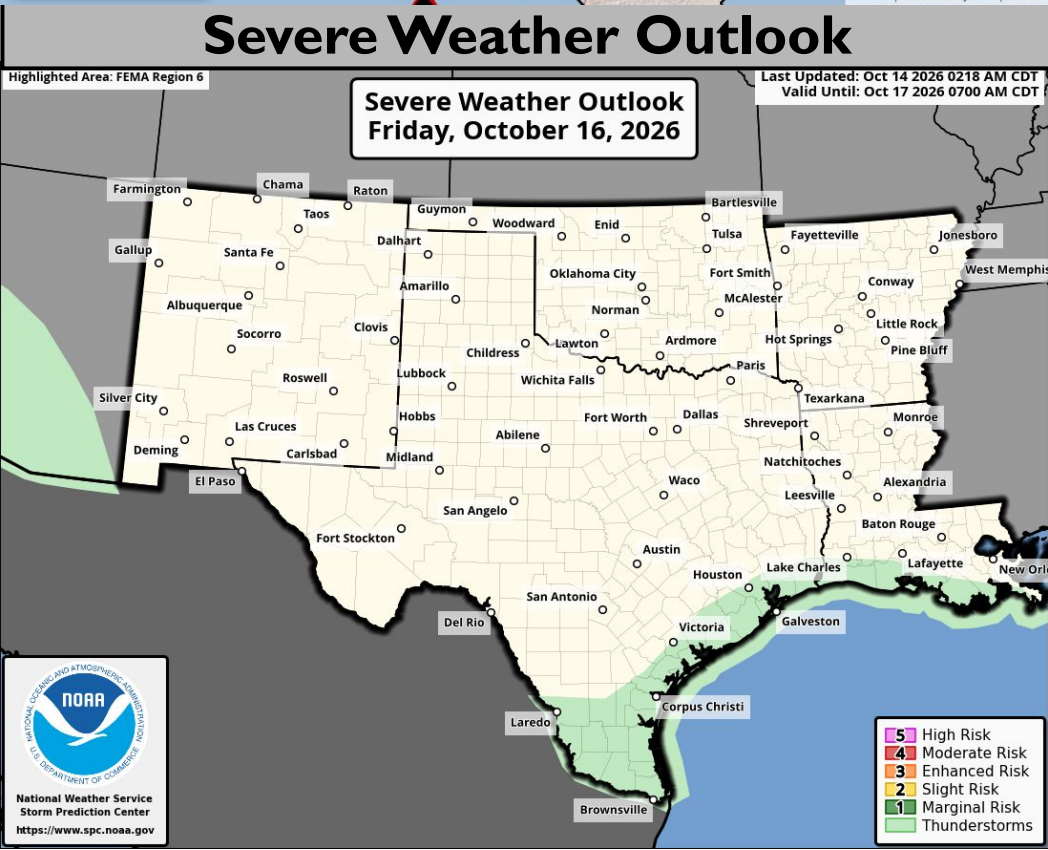
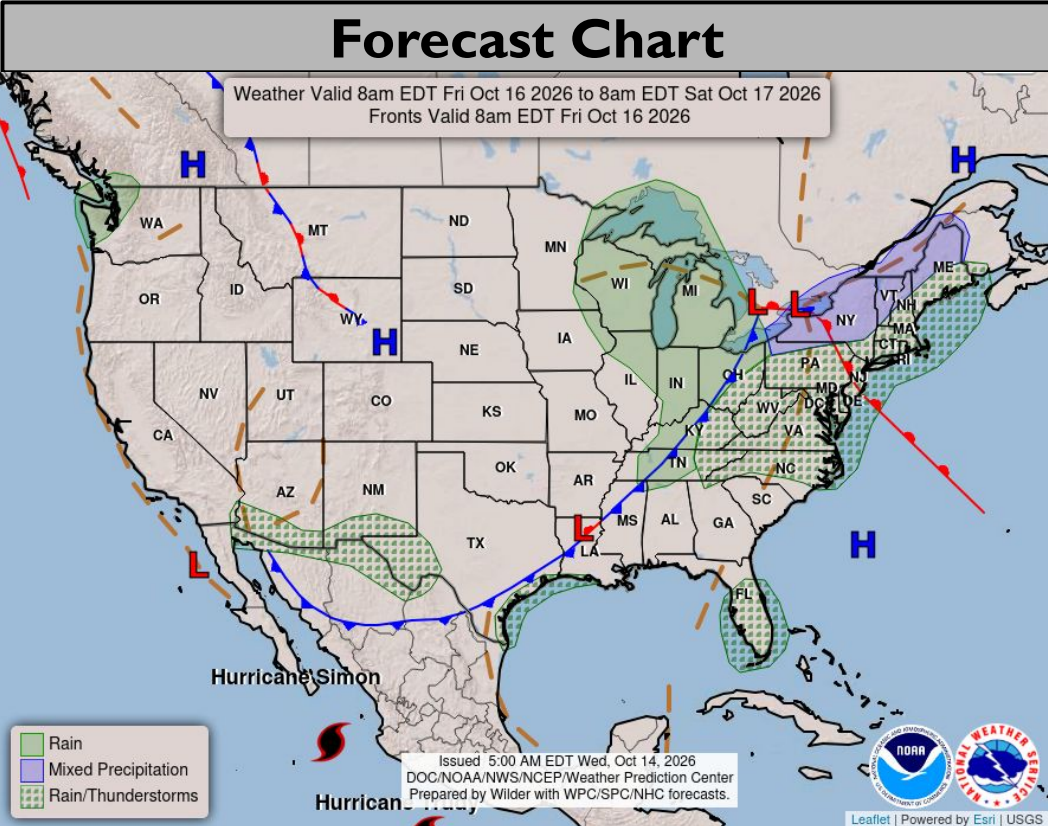


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Friday's Weather



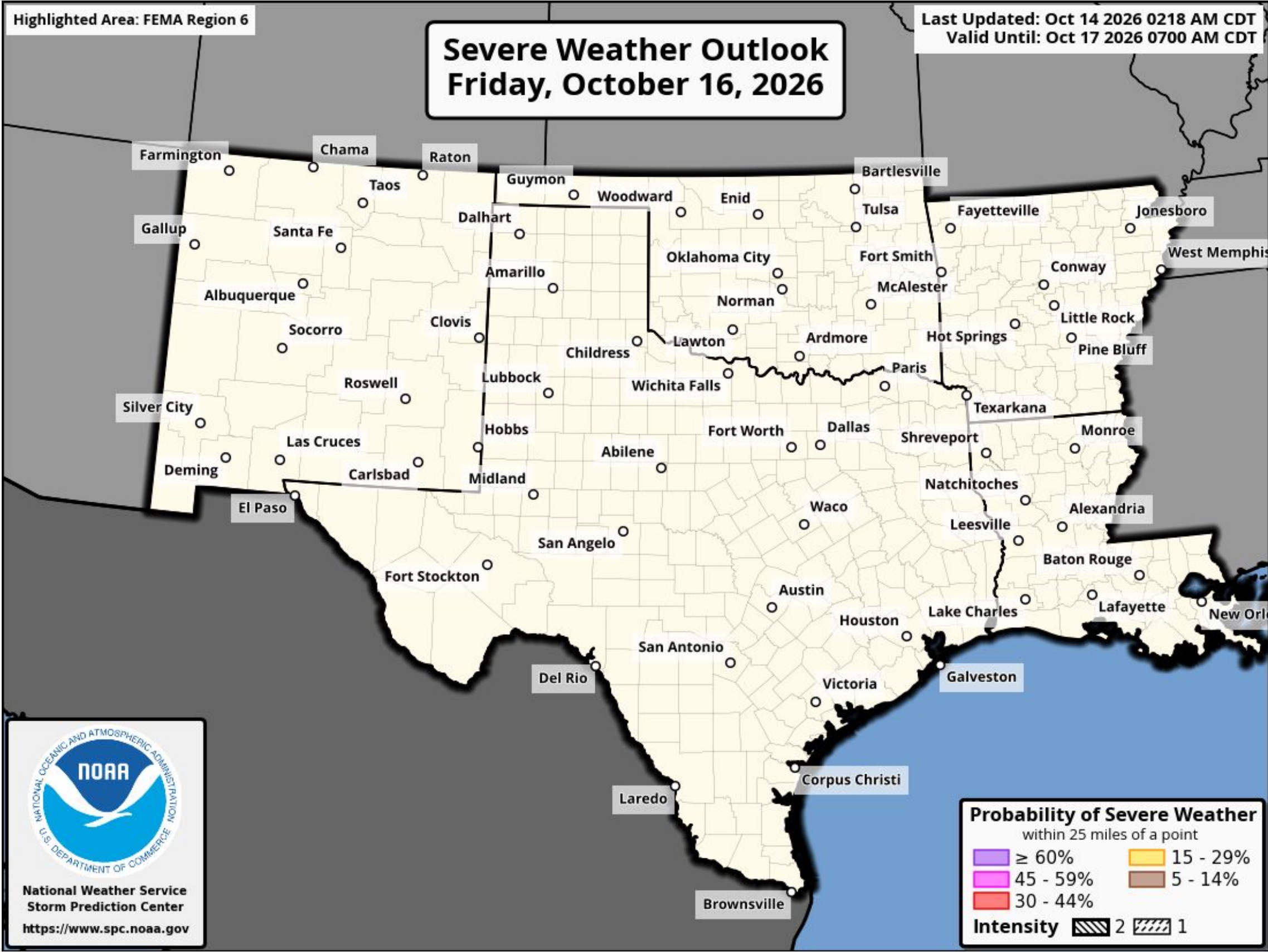
Elevated risk (level 1 of 3) for fire weather over E AR and NE LA.

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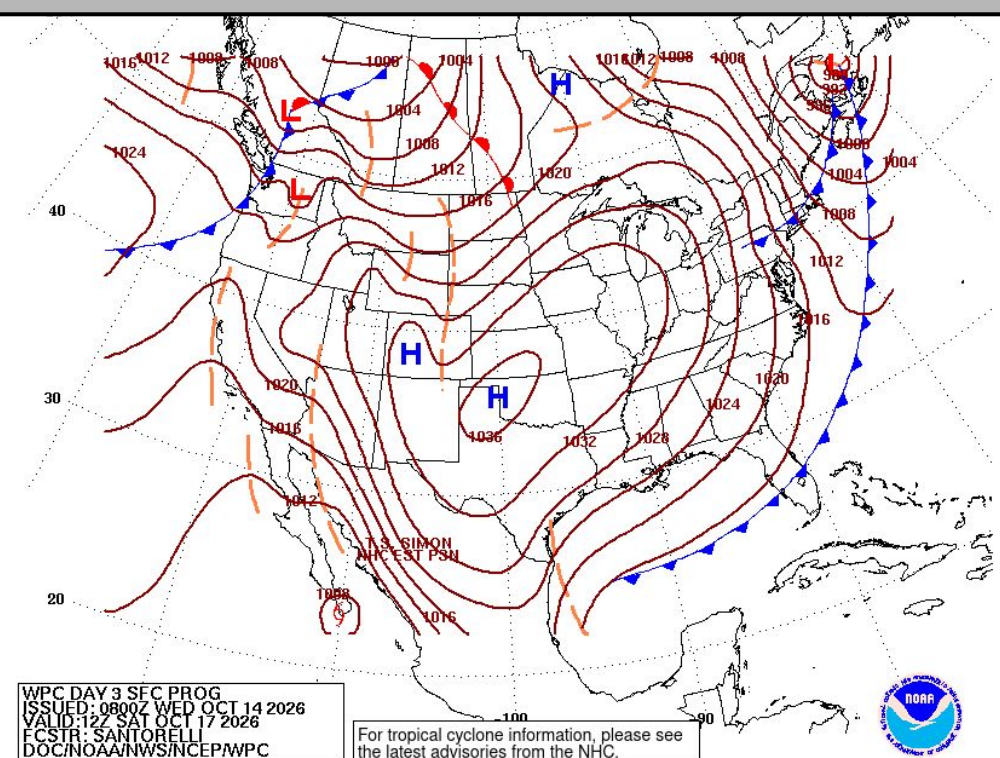
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



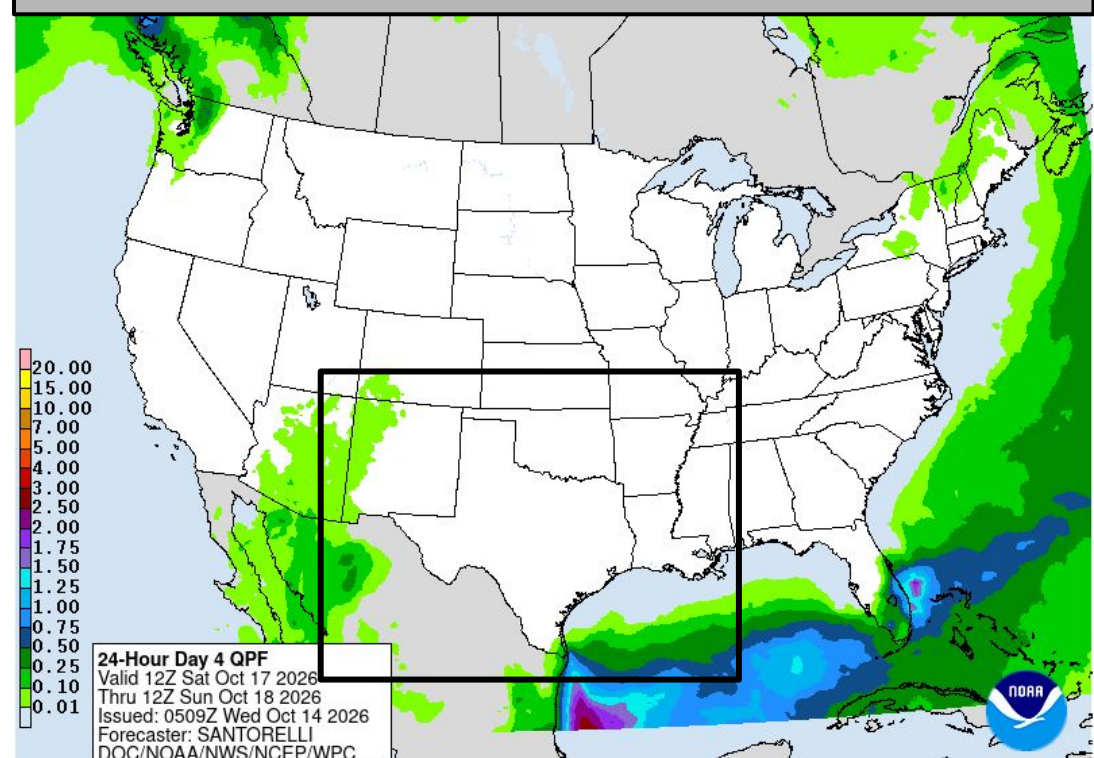


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

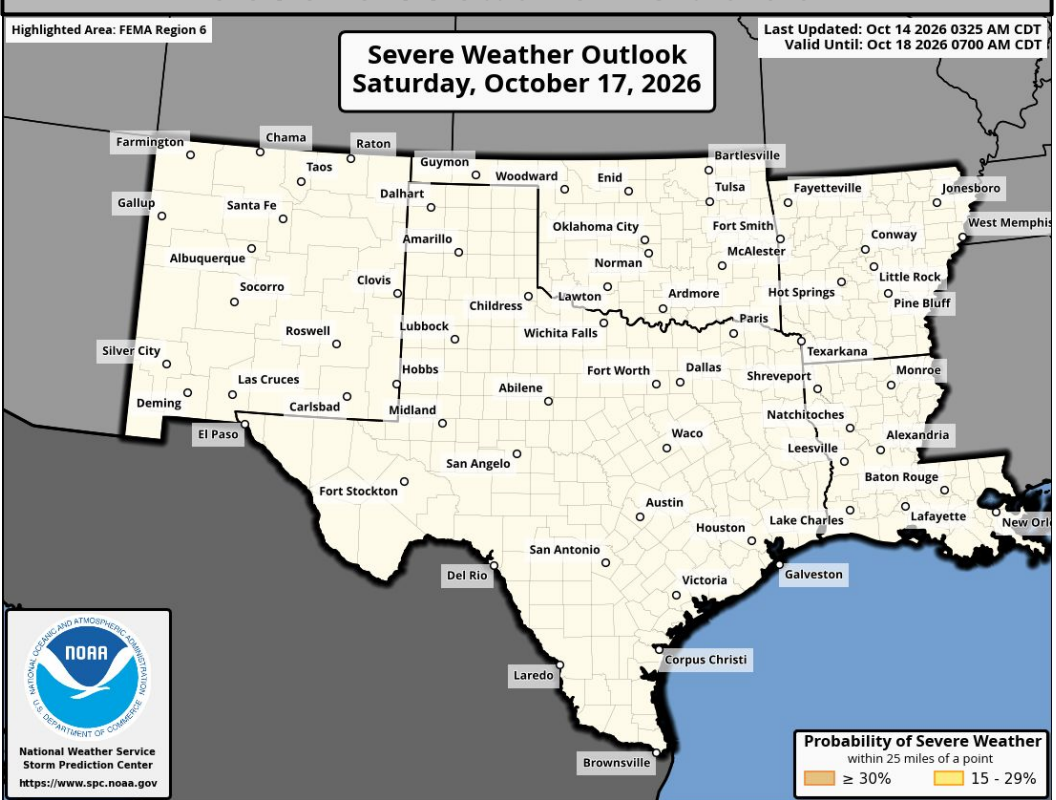


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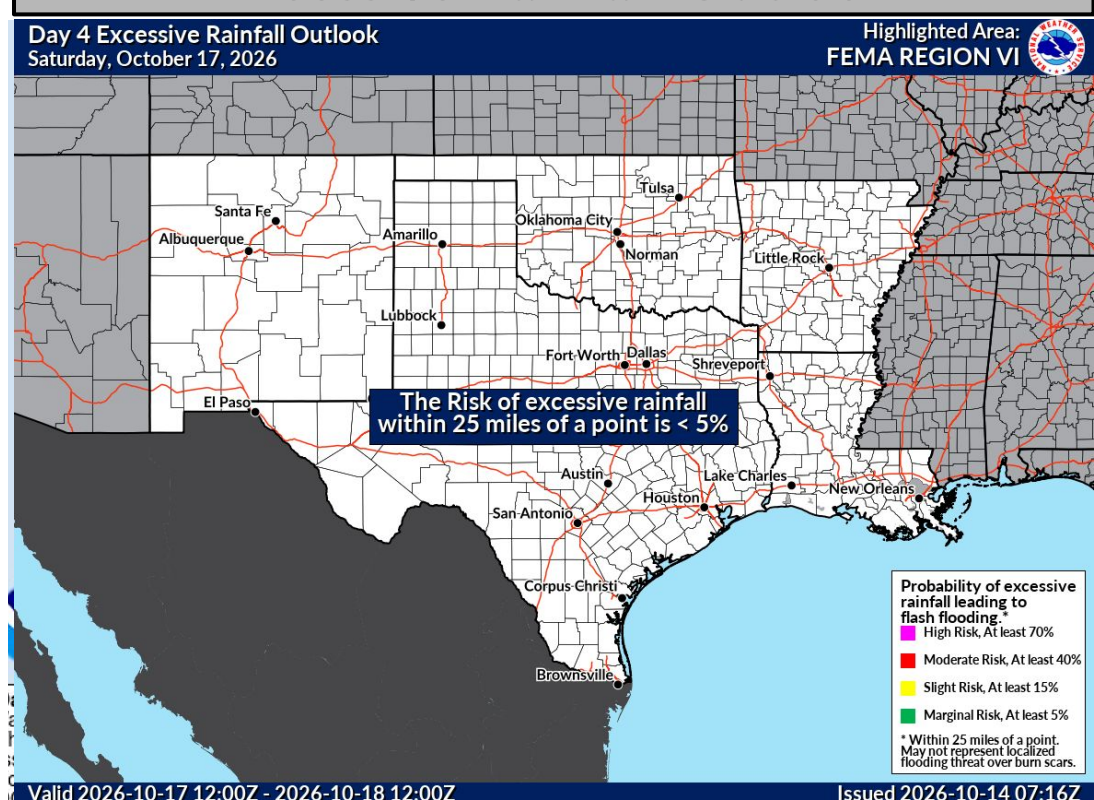


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

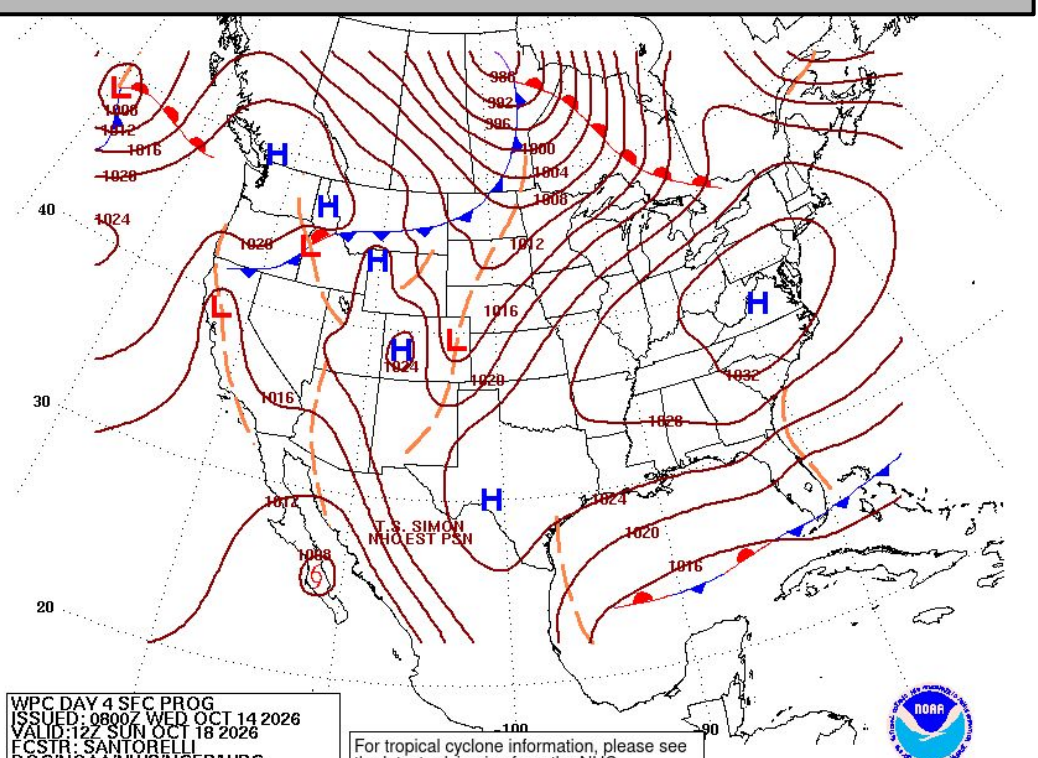


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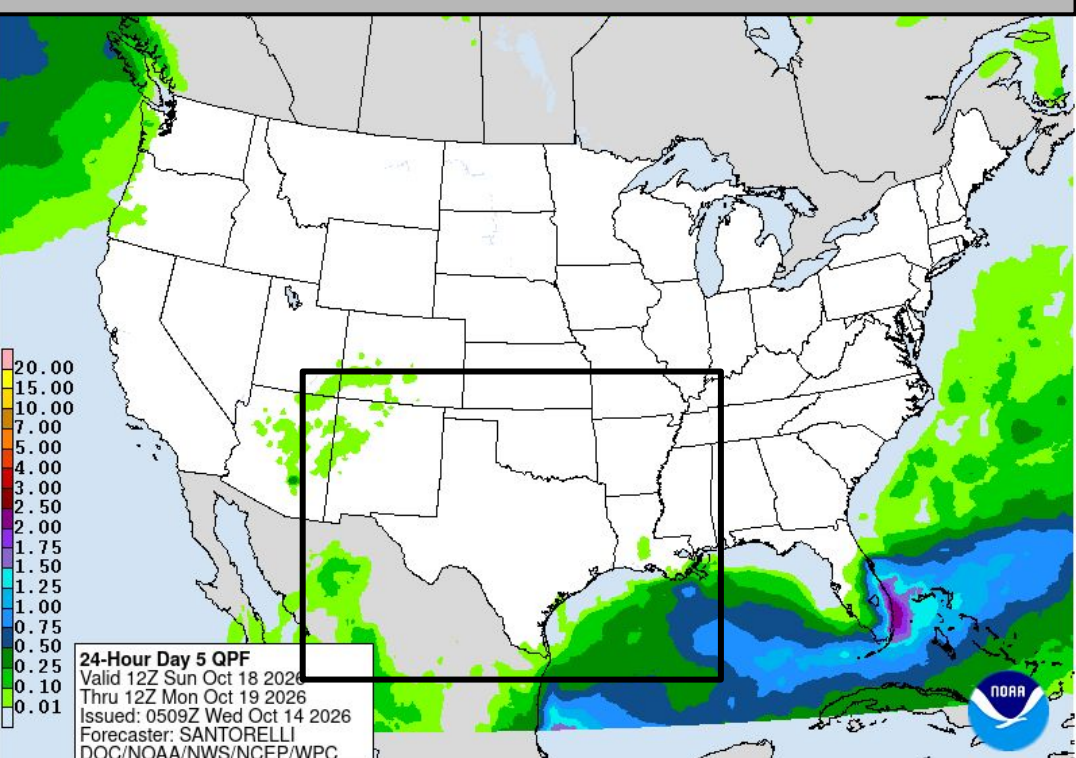


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

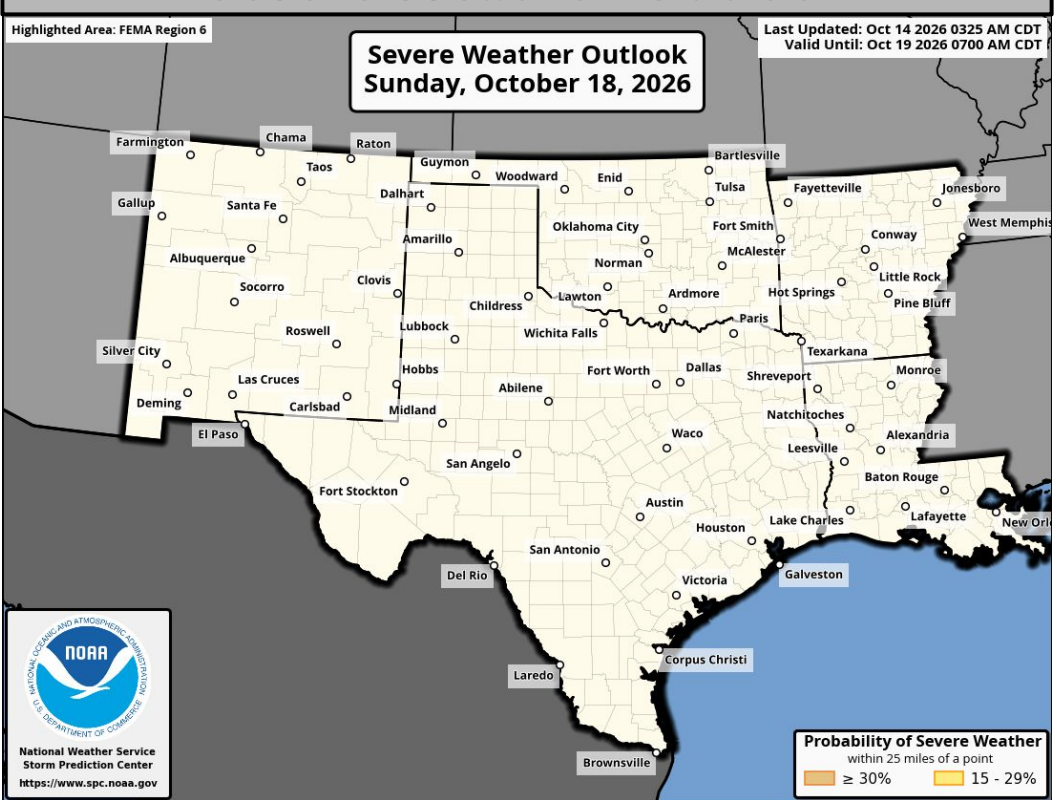


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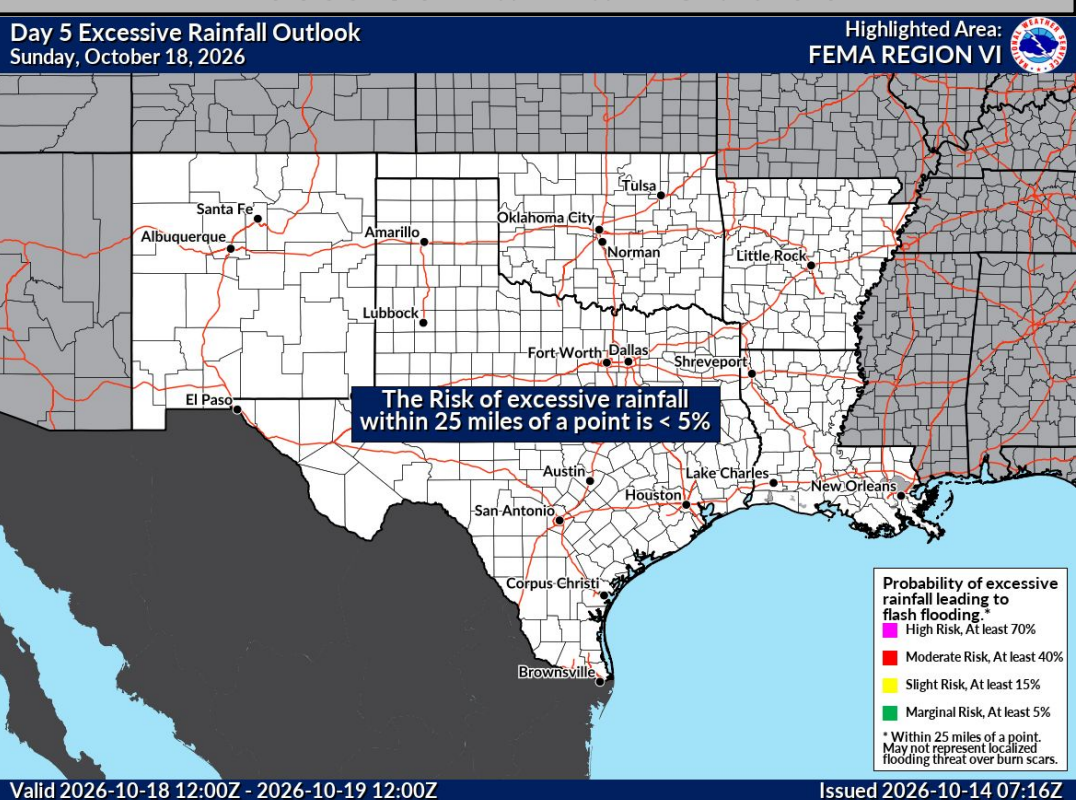


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Severe Weather Outlook



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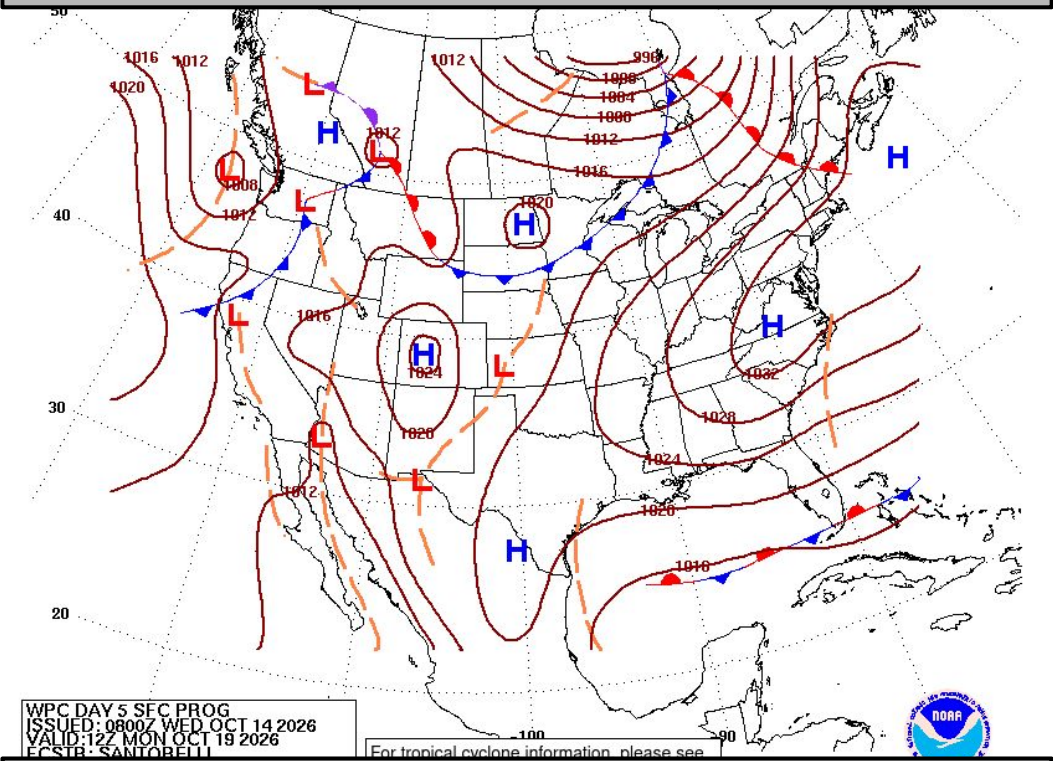
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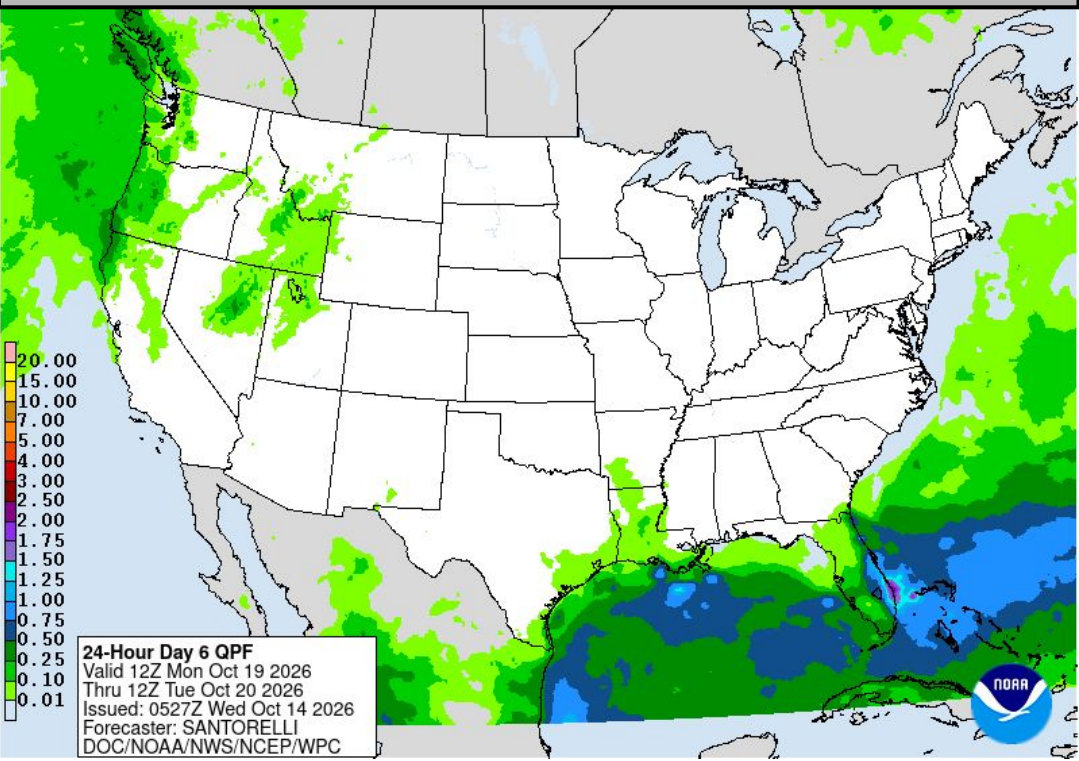


Monday's Weather

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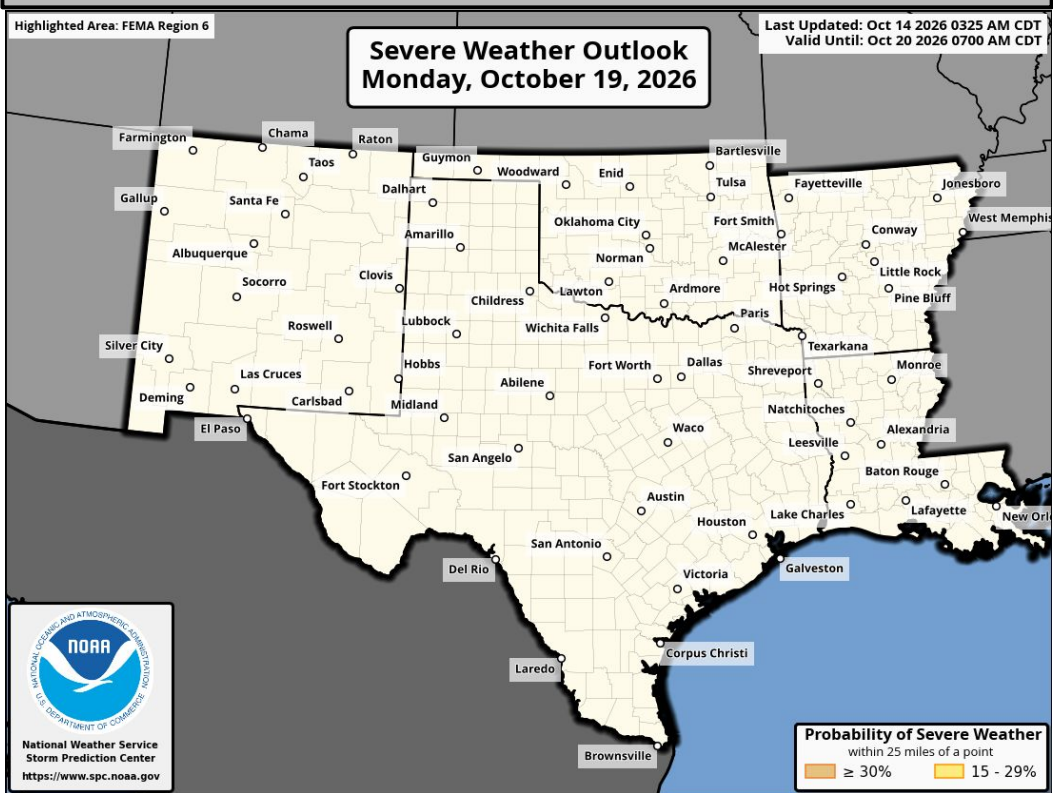


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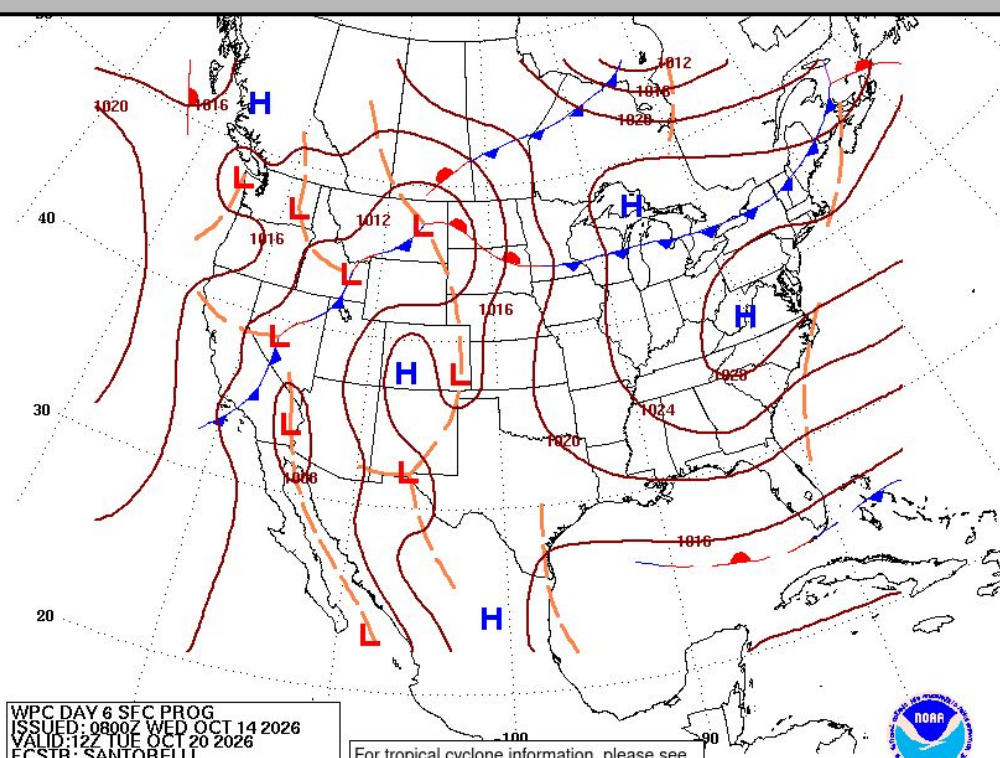
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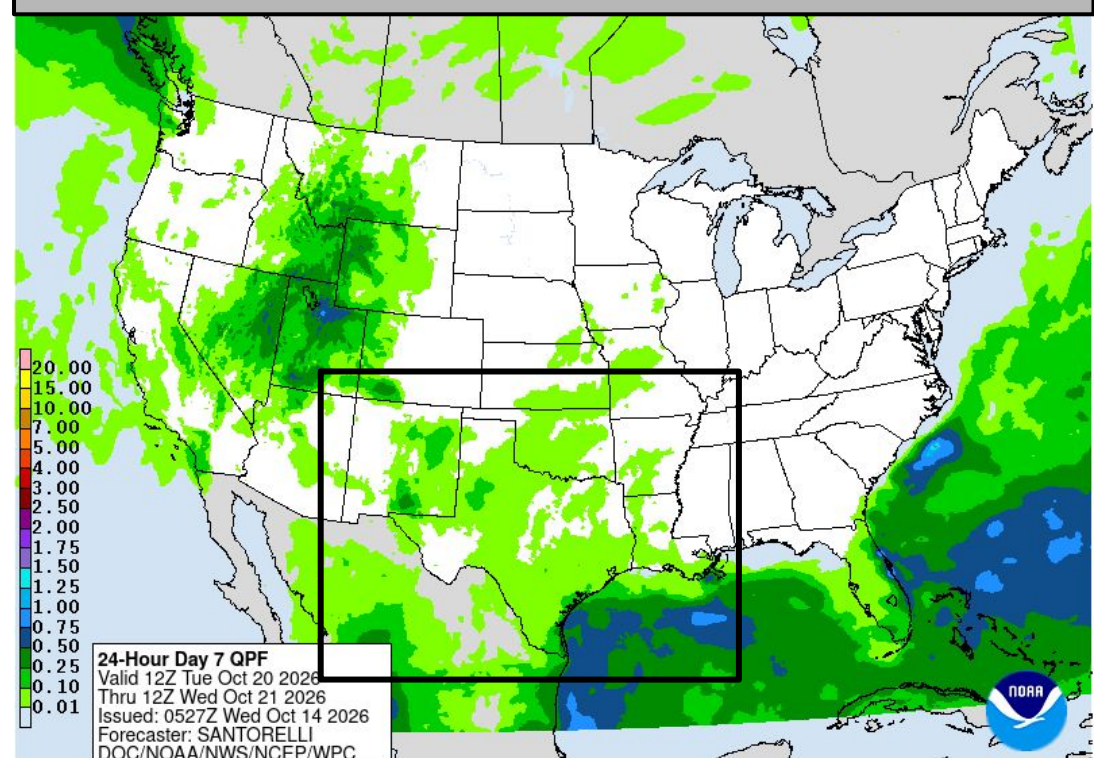


Tuesday's Weather

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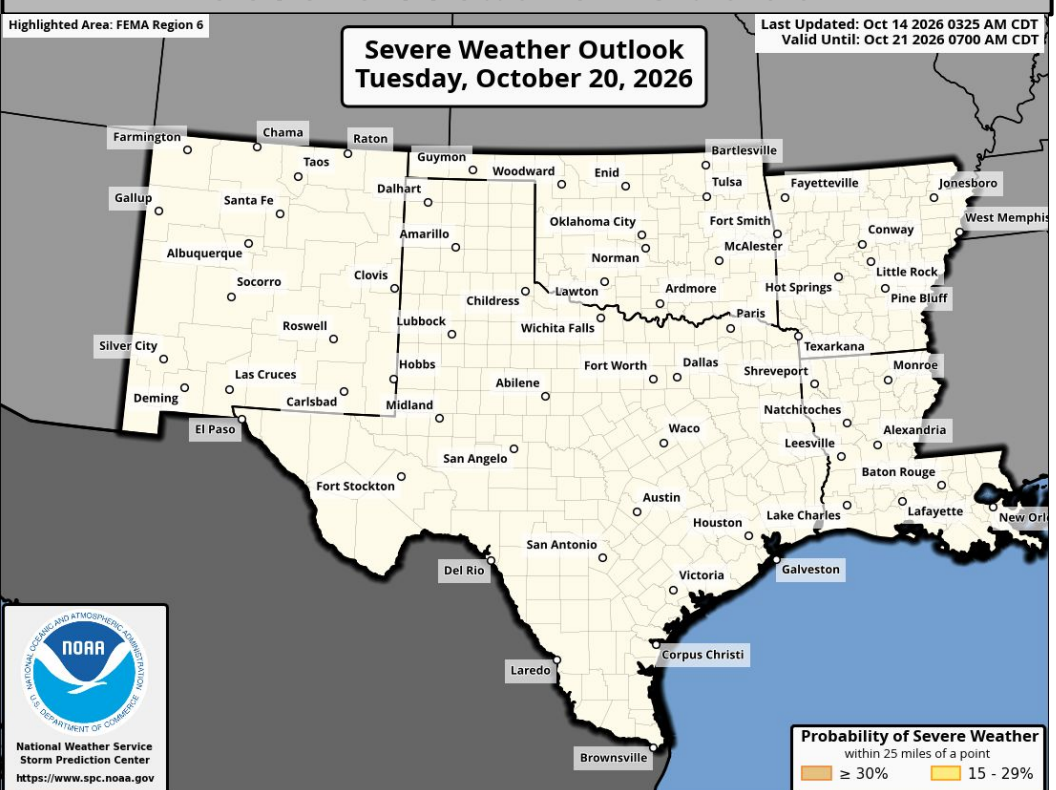


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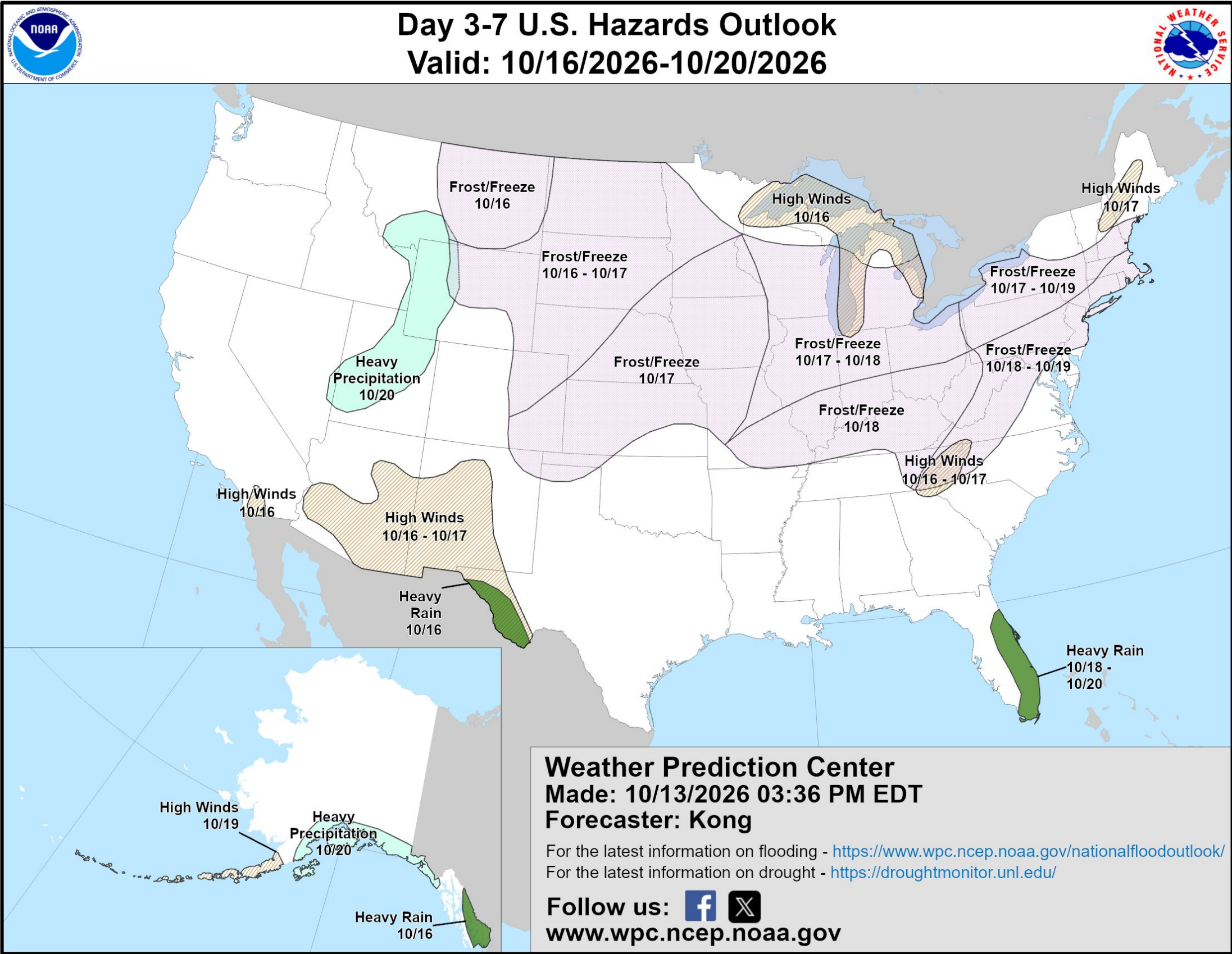


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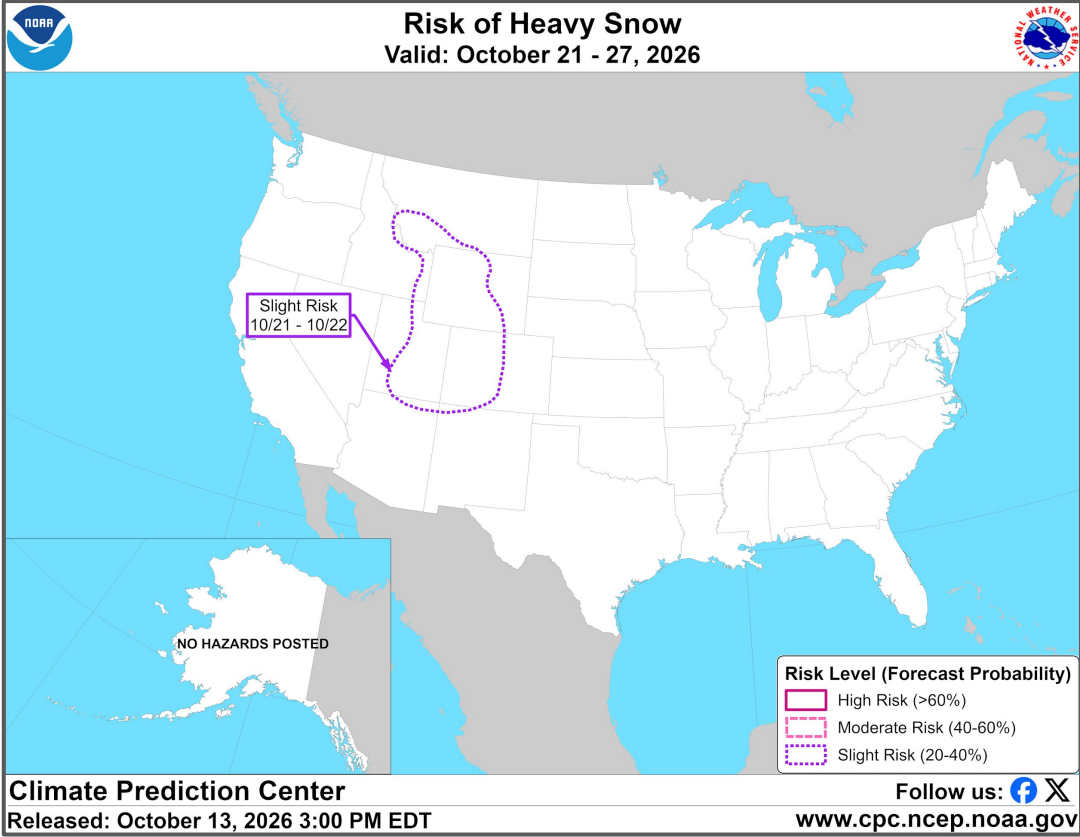
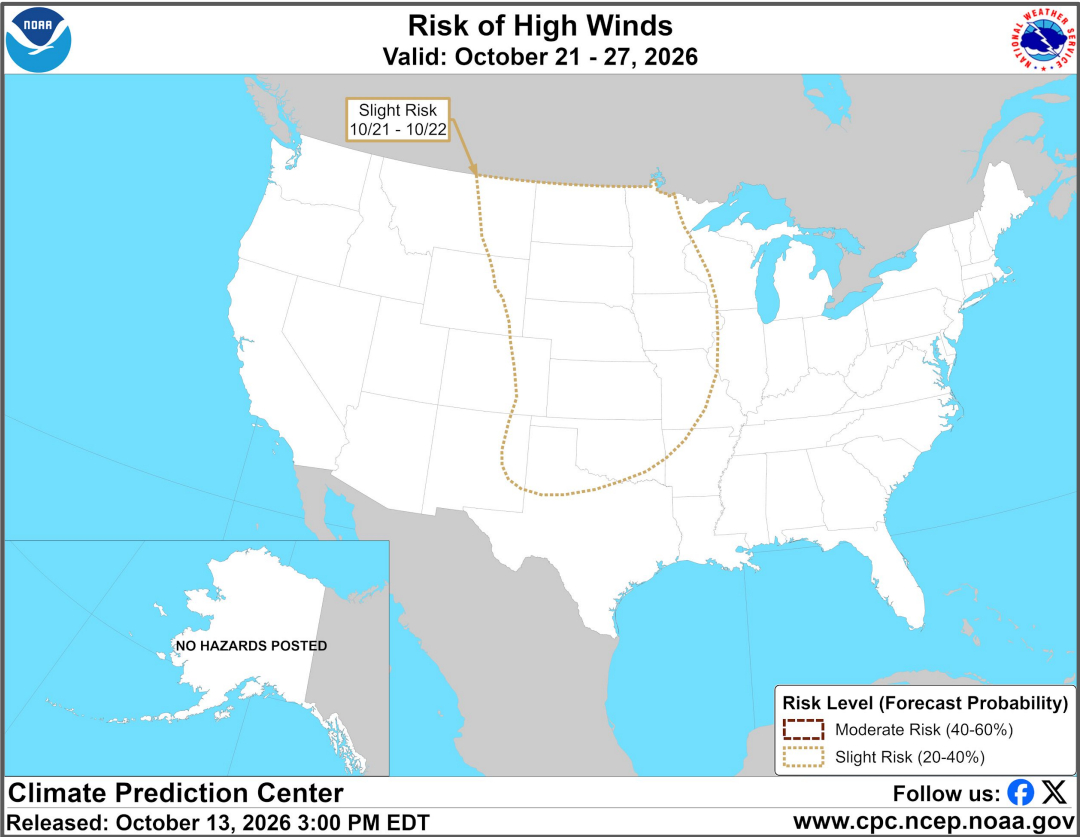
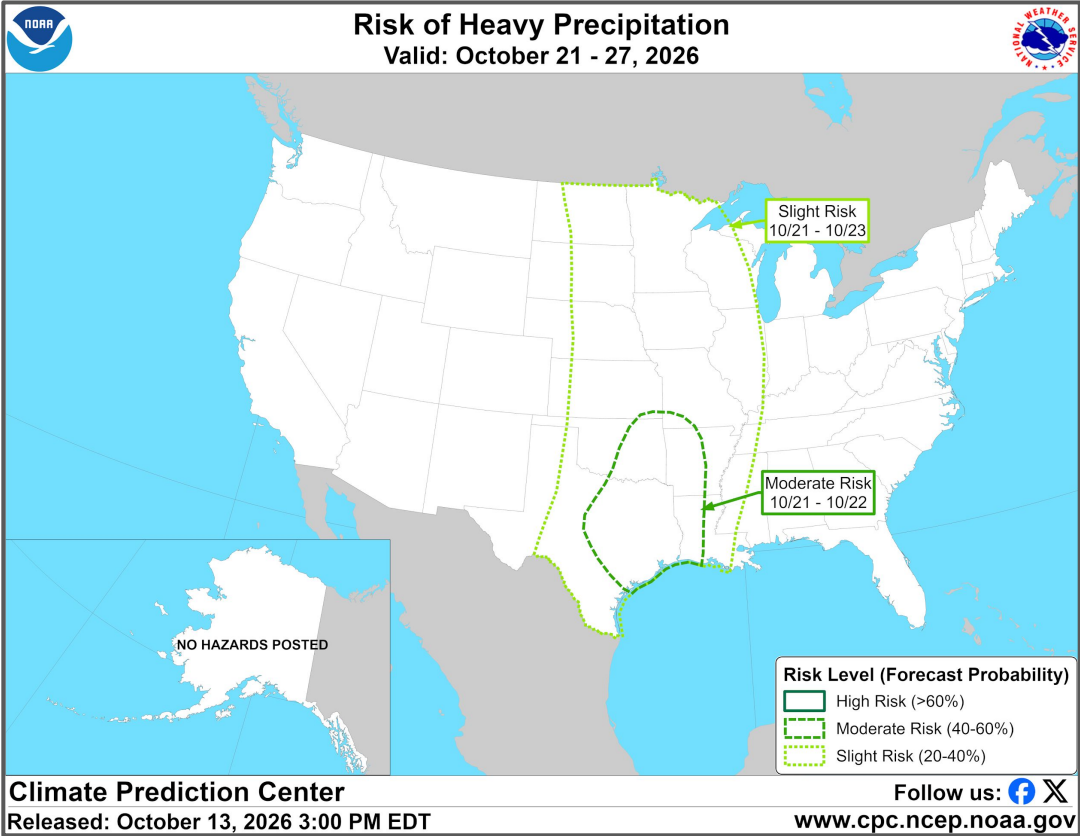
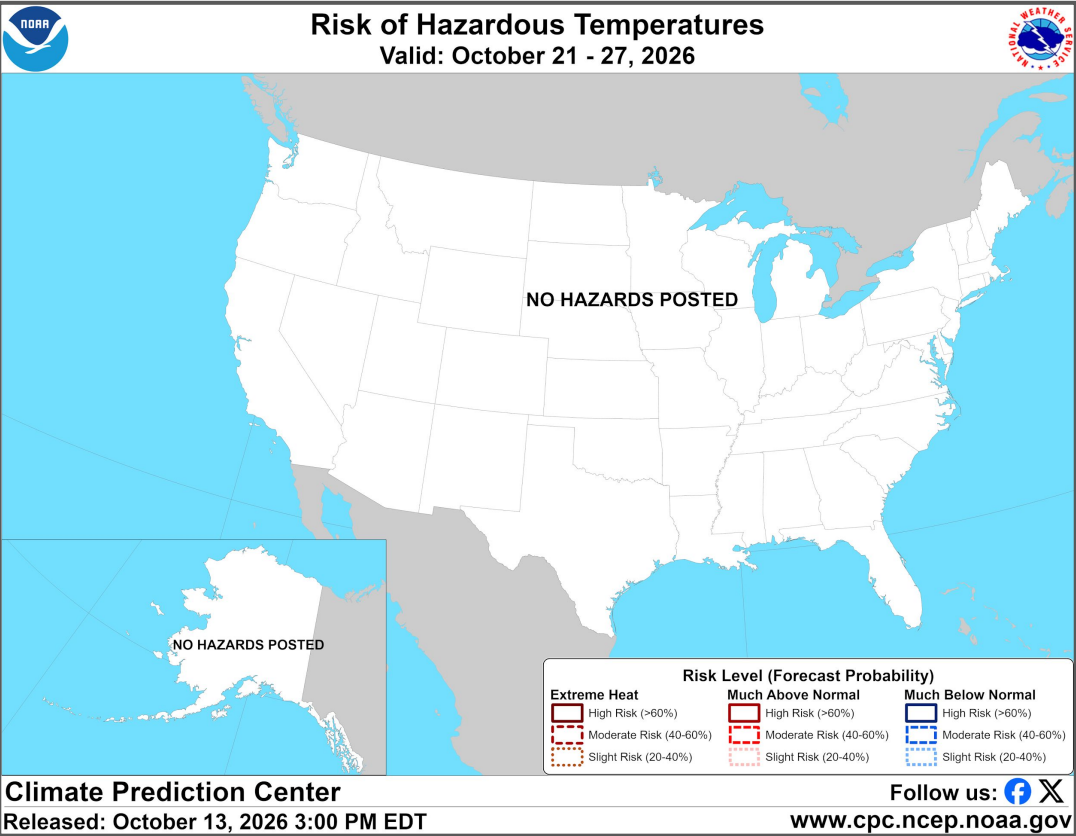
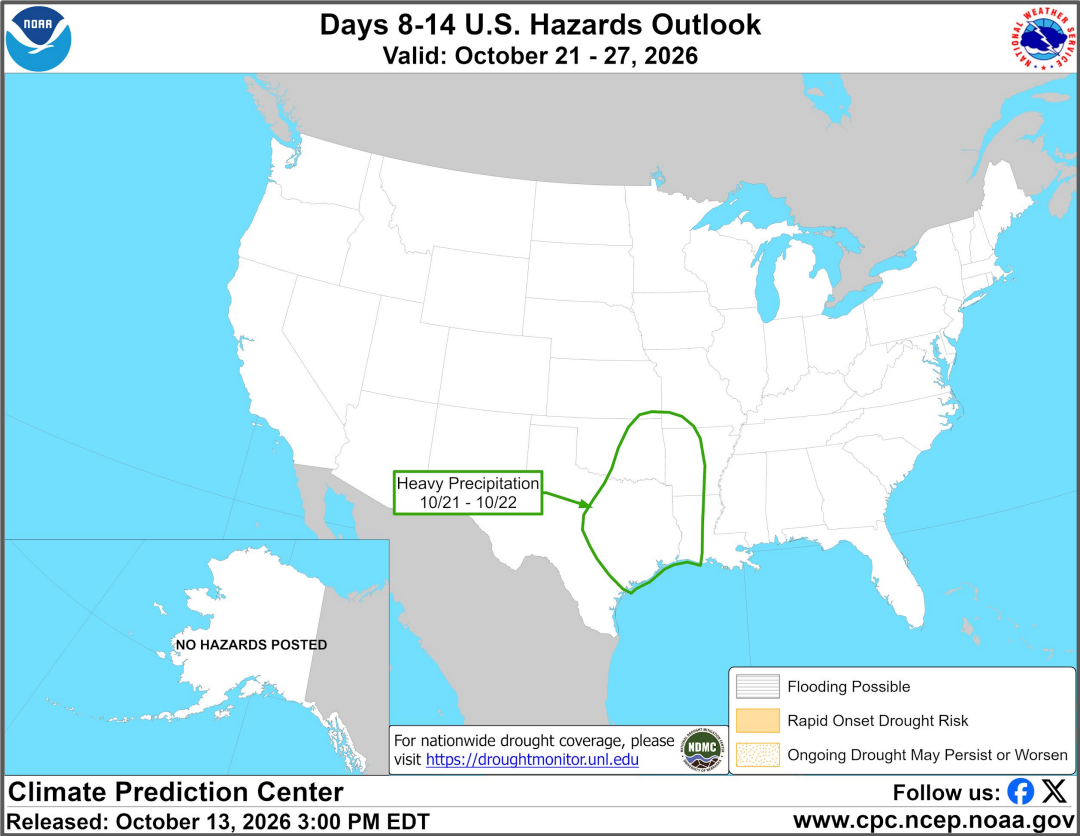


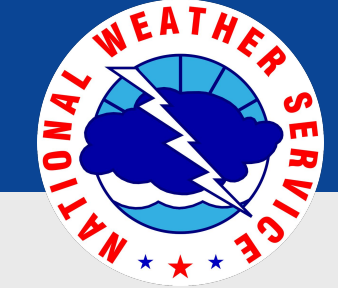
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





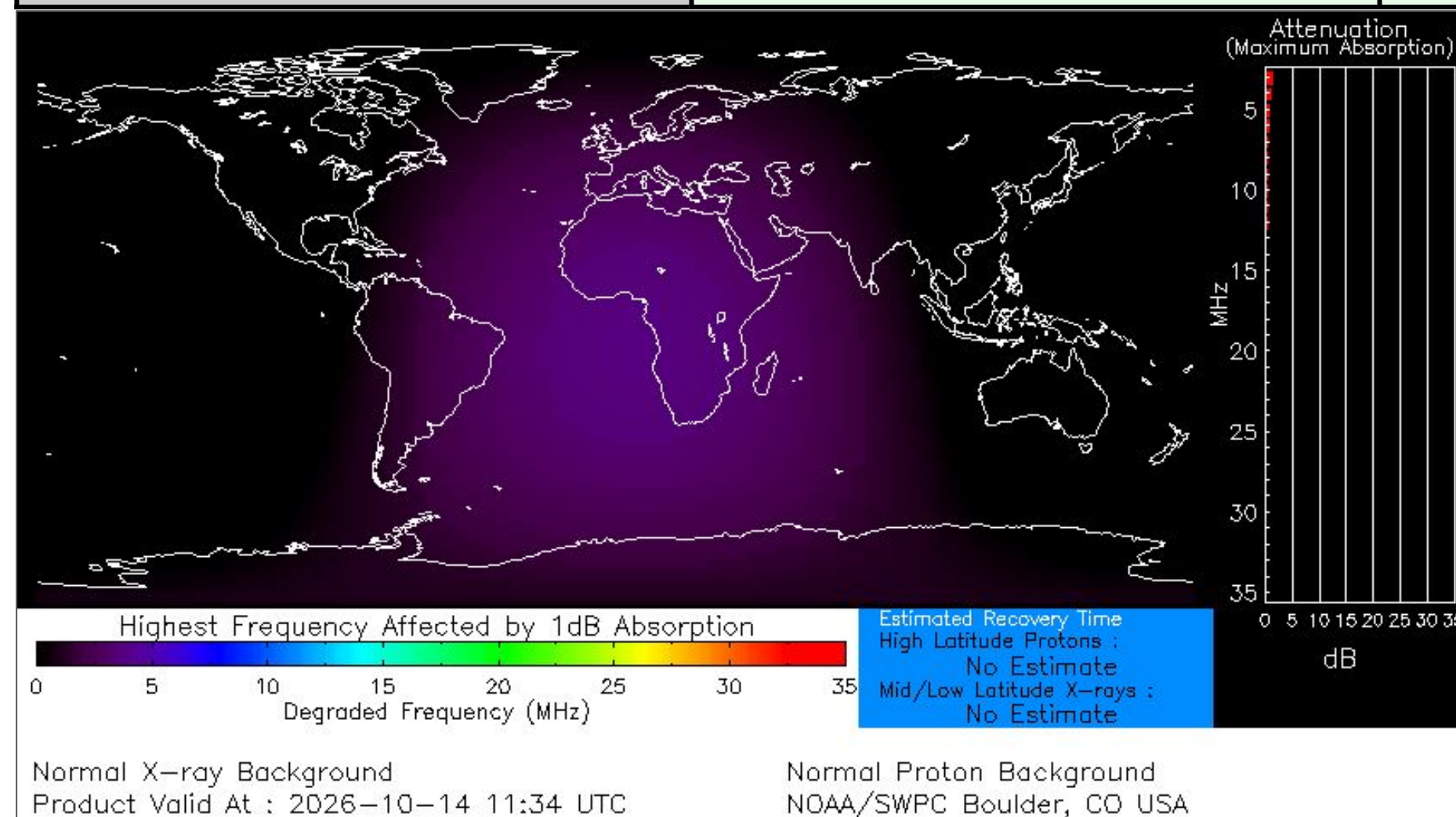
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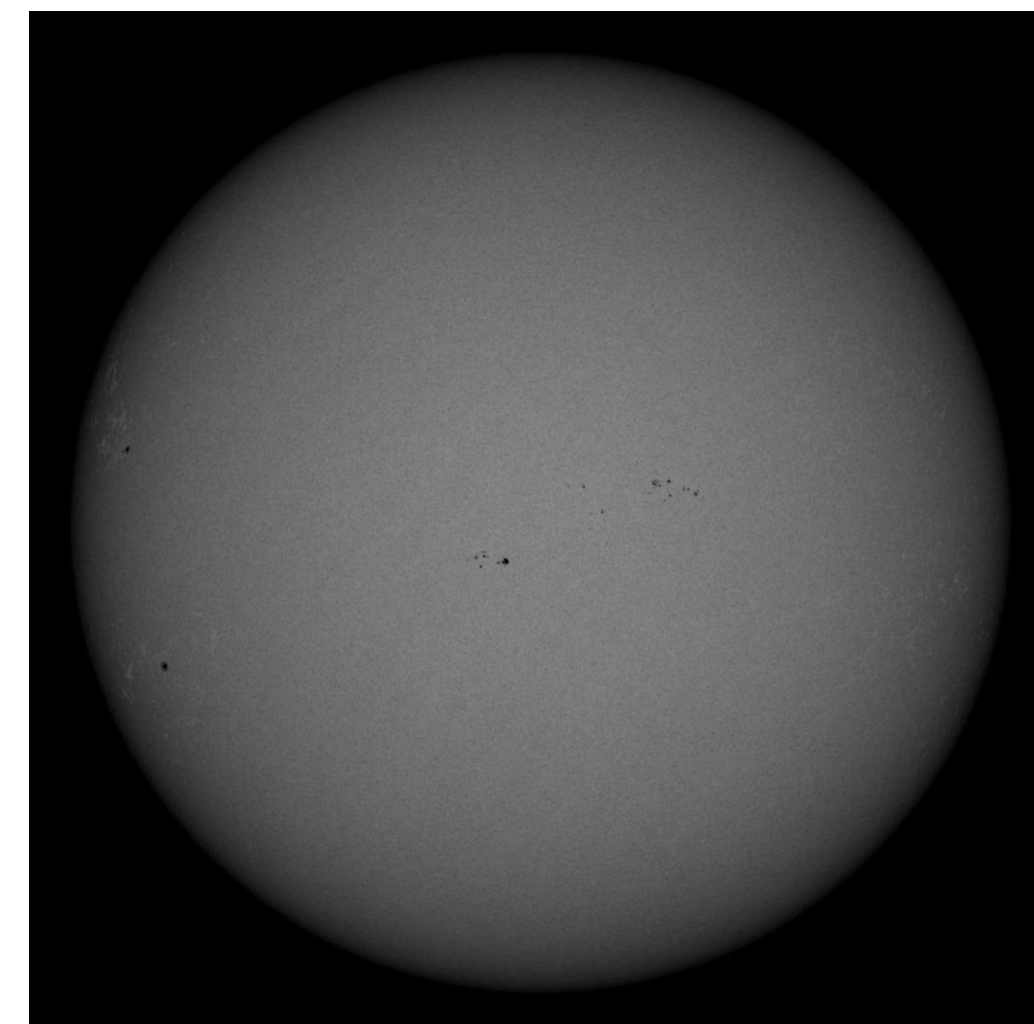
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Oct 14	Thursday, Oct 15	Friday, Oct 16
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	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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