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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, November 17, 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

- **Winter Weather:**
  - 1-4” snow will bring slick driving conditions to the N NM Mts tonight into Wednesday morning.
  - Monitoring for light snow in the N NM Mts over the weekend and again early next week.

- **Tropical:**
  - No tropical impacts are expected in the next 7 days.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

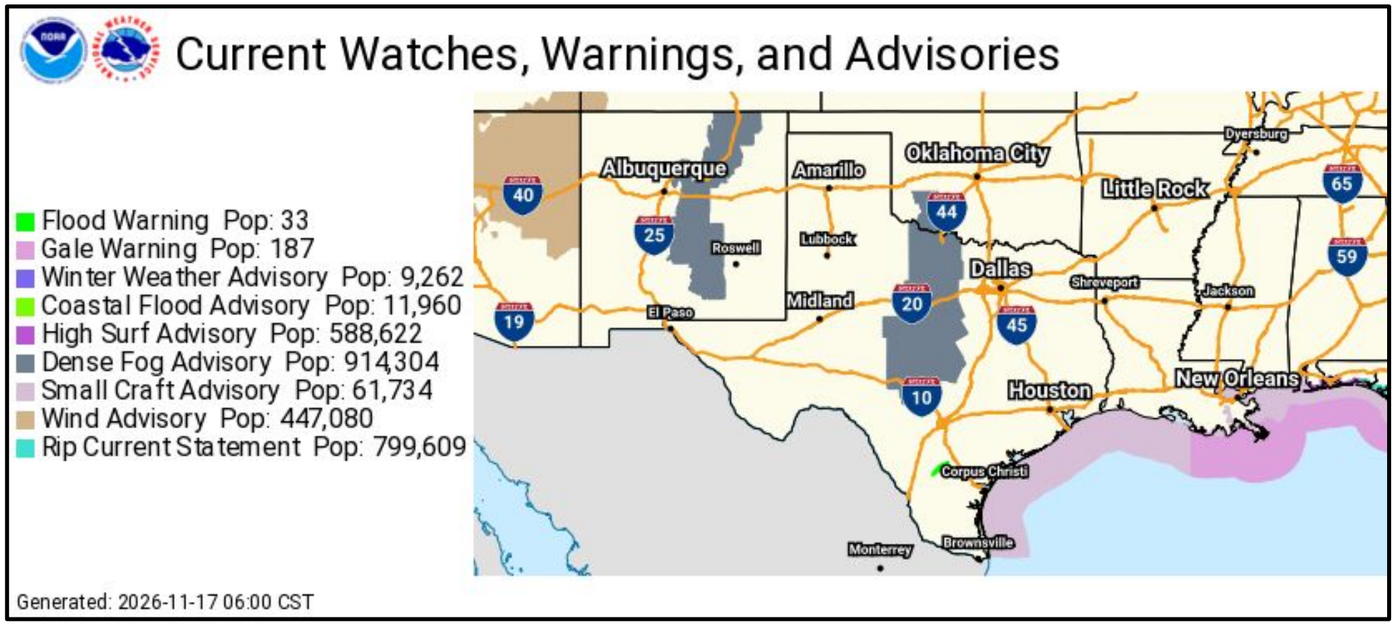
	Tuesday, Nov 17	Wednesday, Nov 18	Thursday, Nov 19	Friday, Nov 20	Saturday, Nov 21	Sunday, Nov 22	Monday, Nov 23
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather	N NM Mts (late)	N NM Mts (A.M.)					
Fire Weather							
Tropical							
River Flooding							

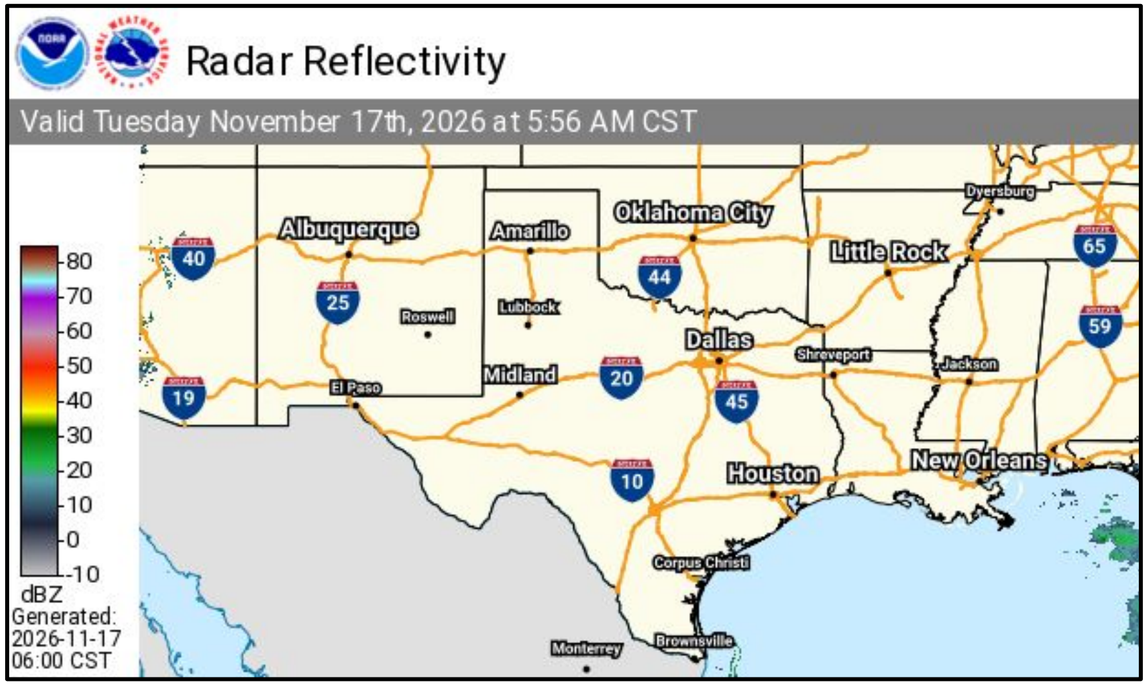
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

Current Radar/Hazards

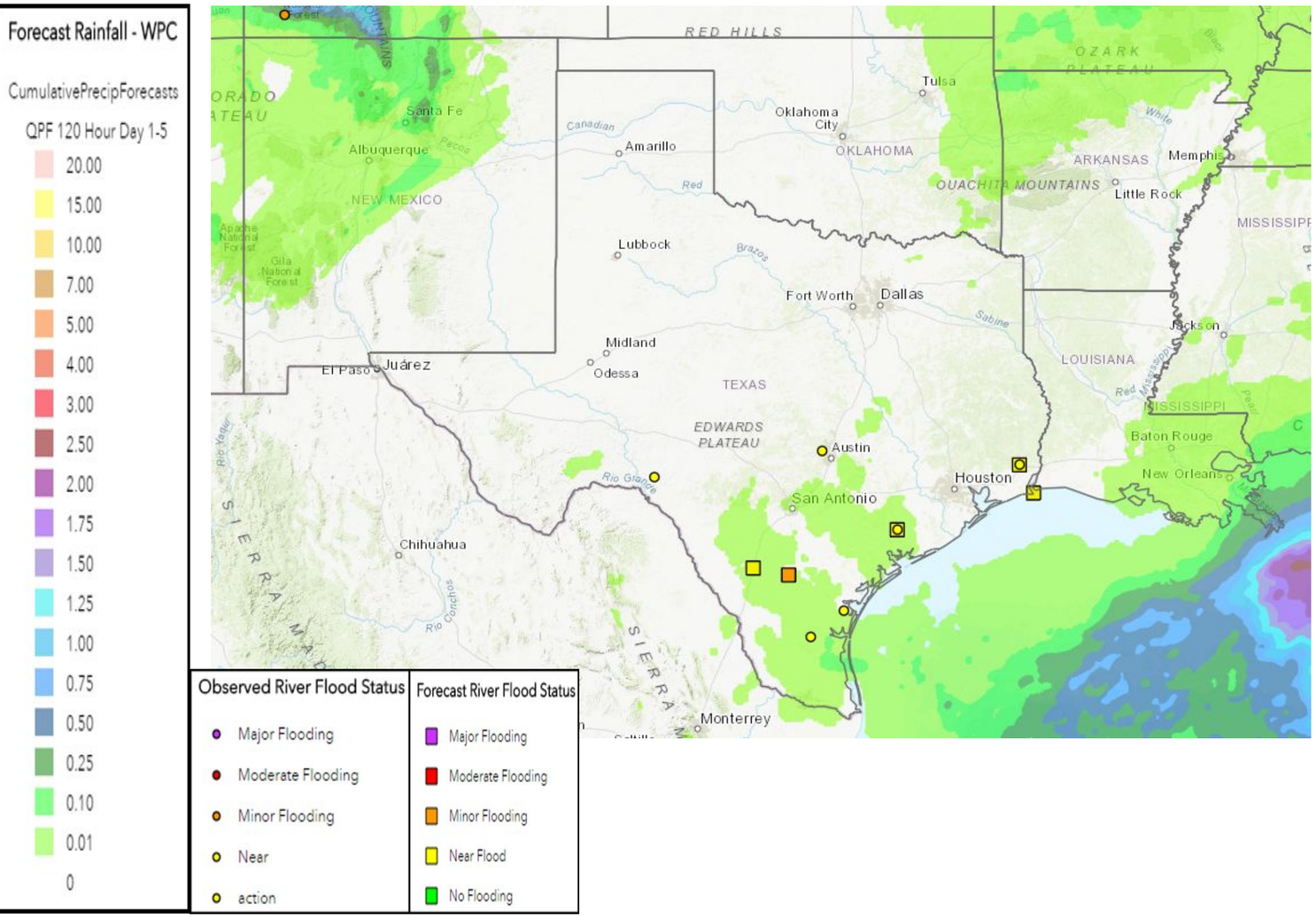




Dense Fog Advisories in NM through 10am CST and in SW OK, NW/C TX through 9am CST.

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

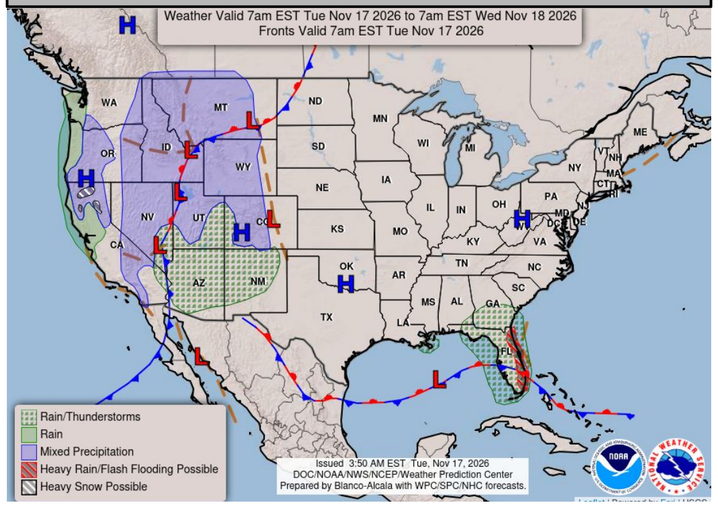


Nueces River near Tilden, TX is at minor flood stage this morning and will drop below minor Wednesday morning. Hunting cabins, oil field pump jacks and tank batteries flood well away from the channel. Livestock are cut off and can drown.

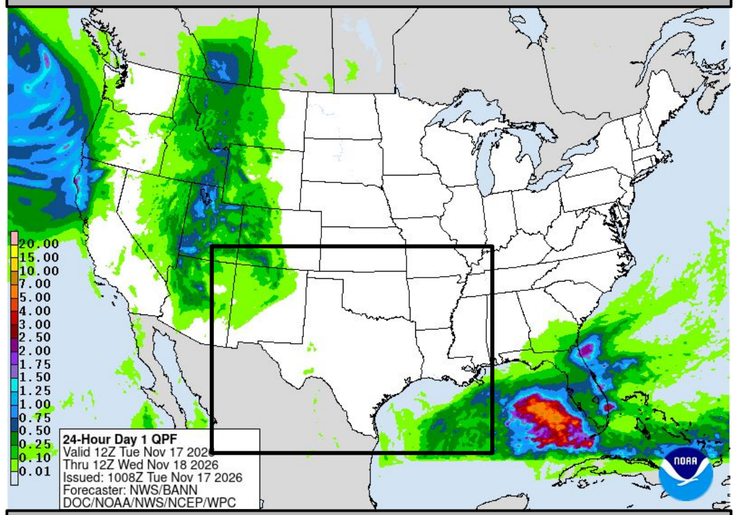
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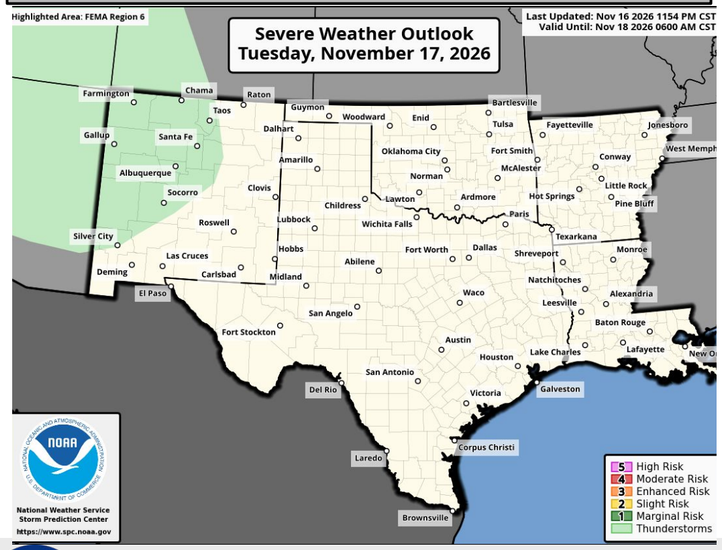
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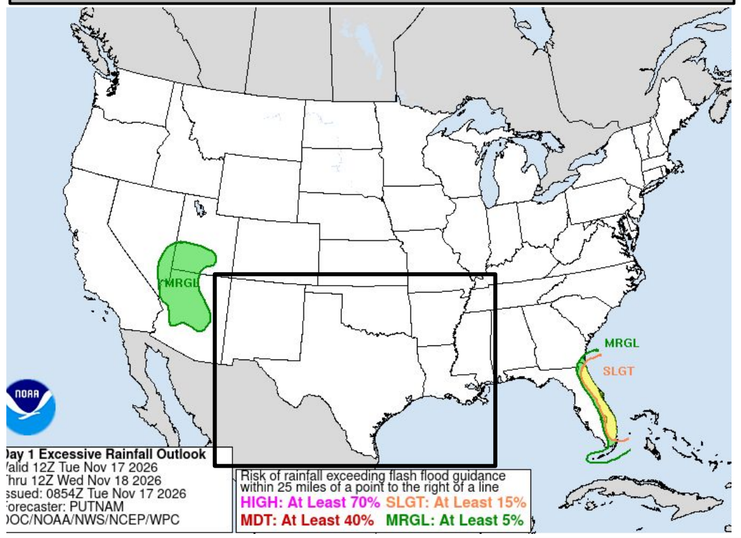
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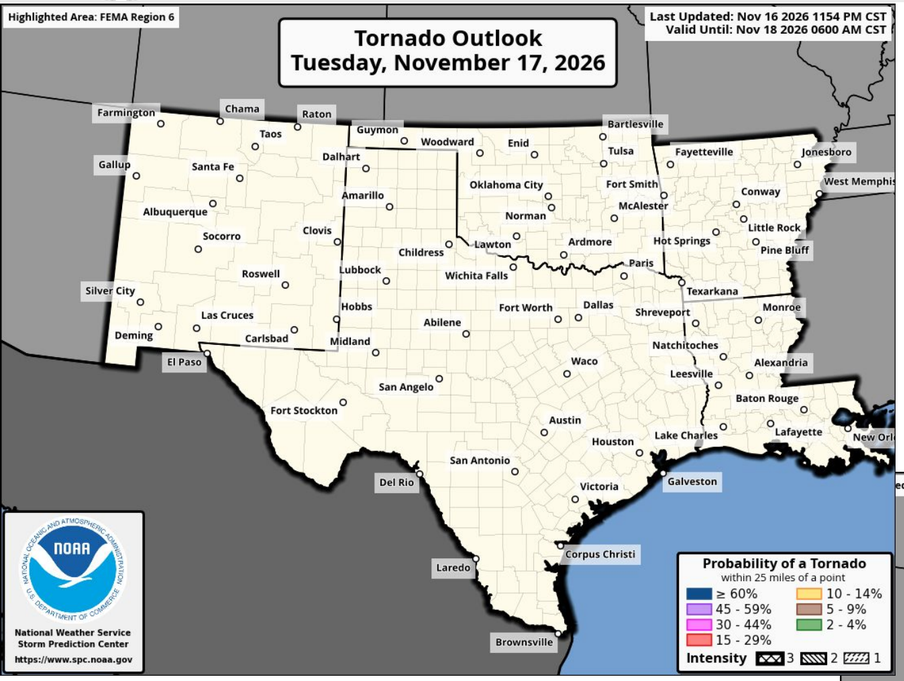


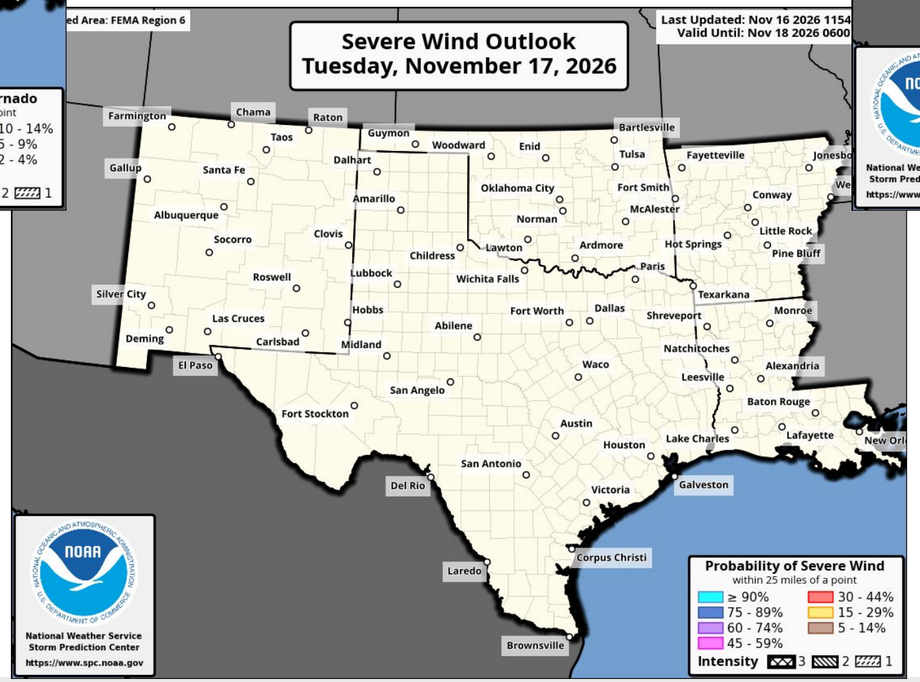
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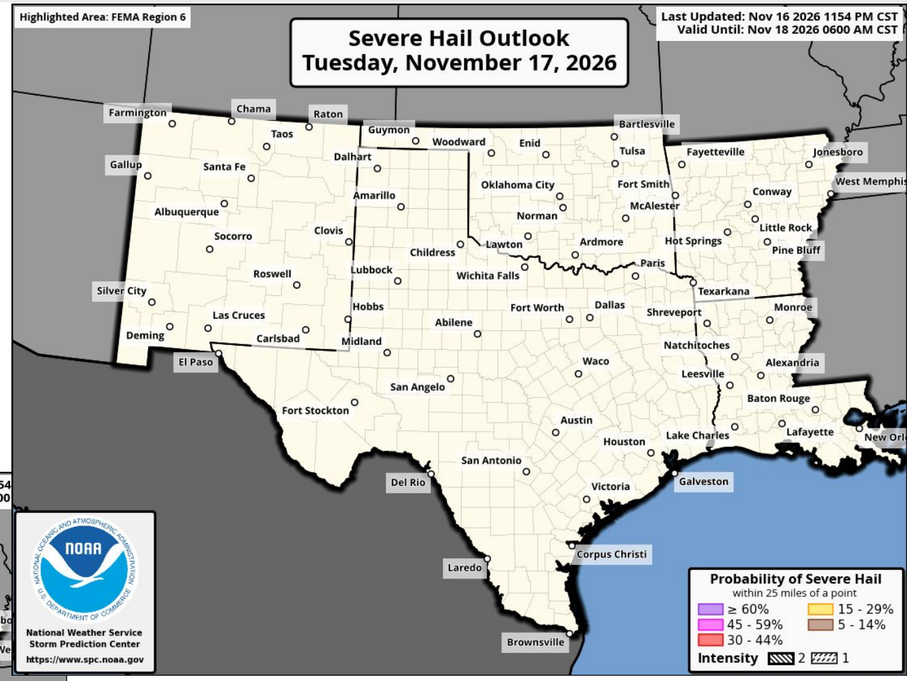


1-4" of snow above 9000 ft may bring travel impacts to N NM mts tonight.

Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



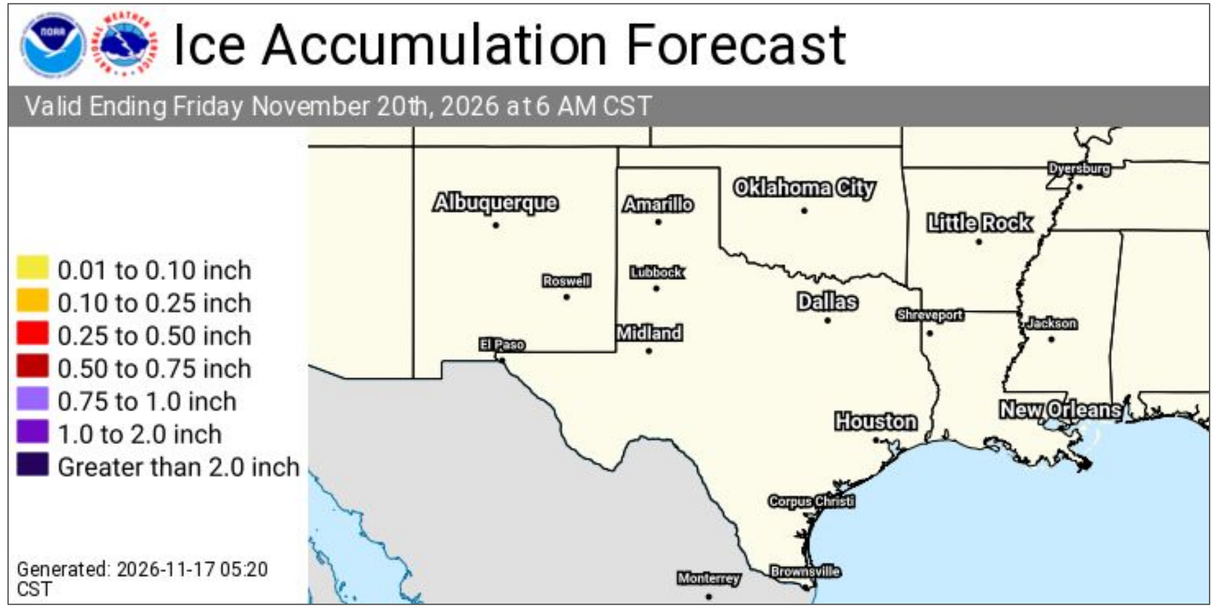




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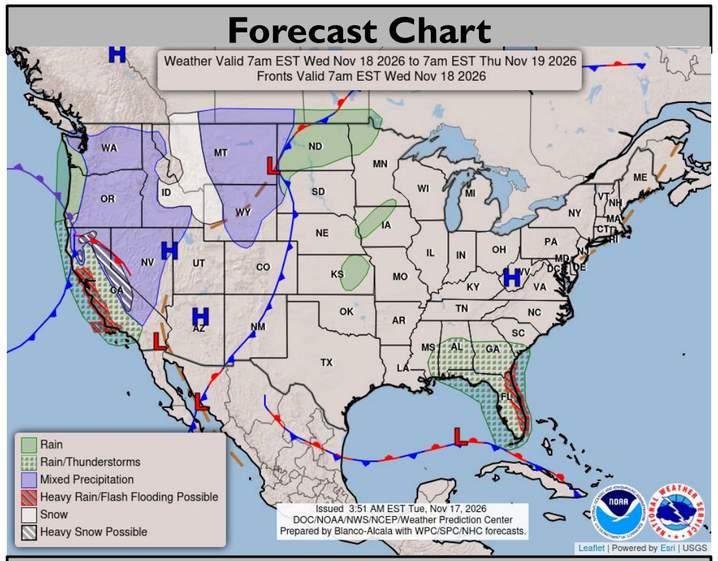
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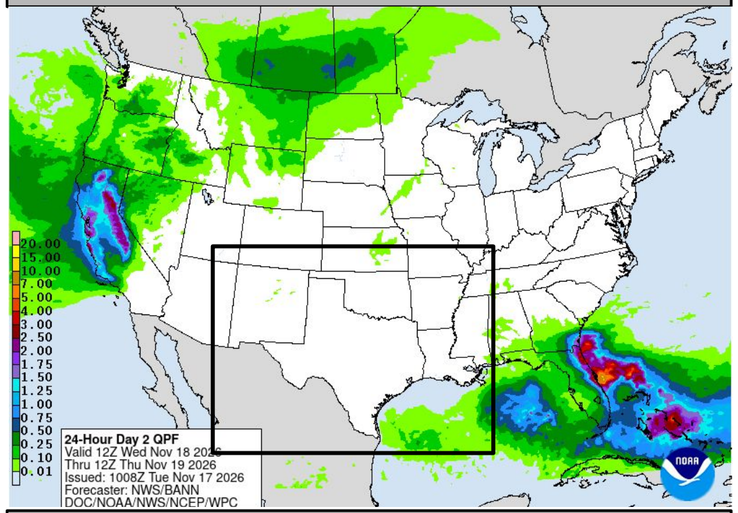


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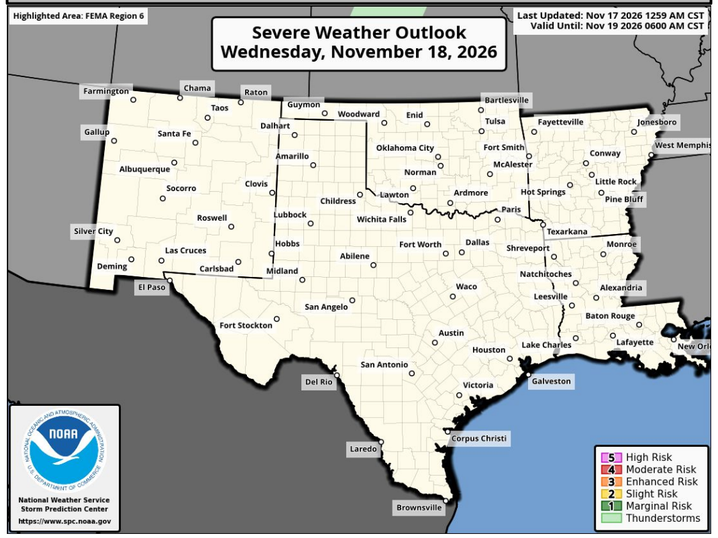
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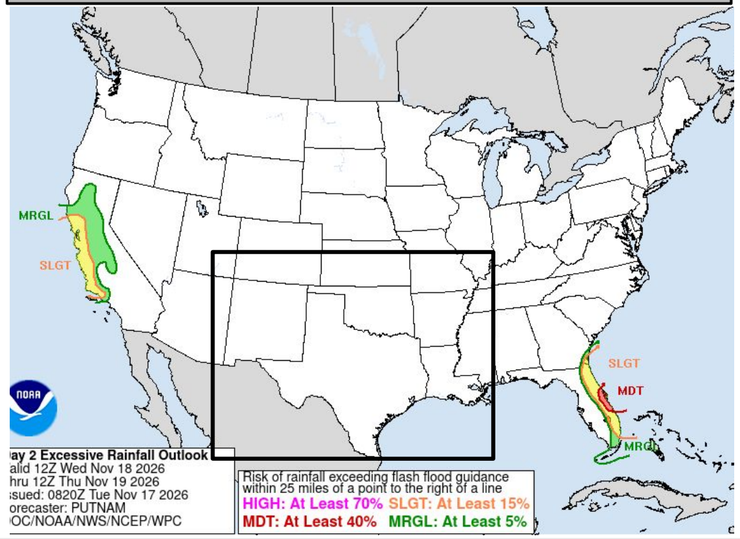
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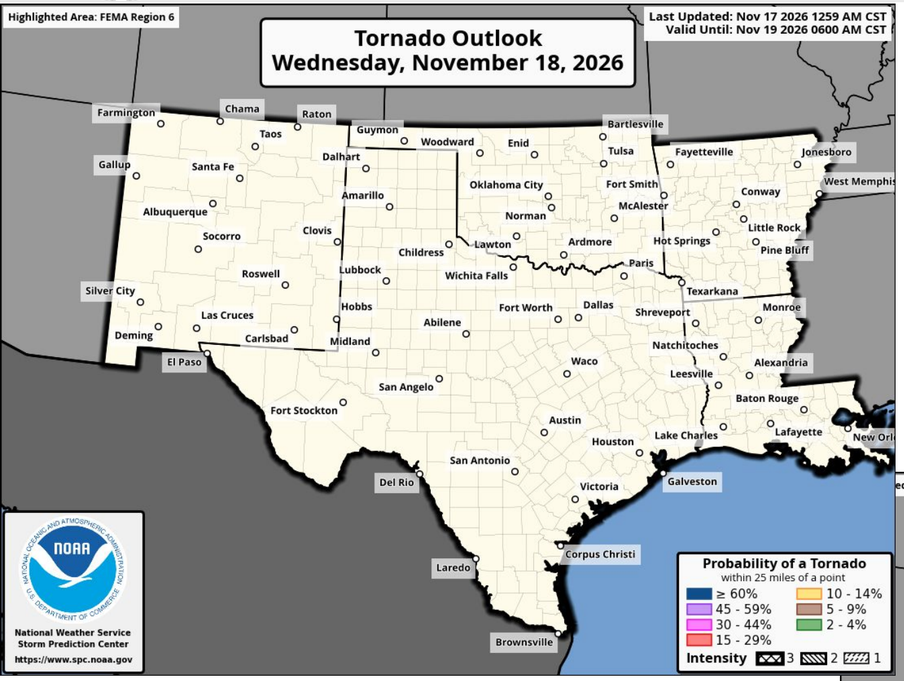
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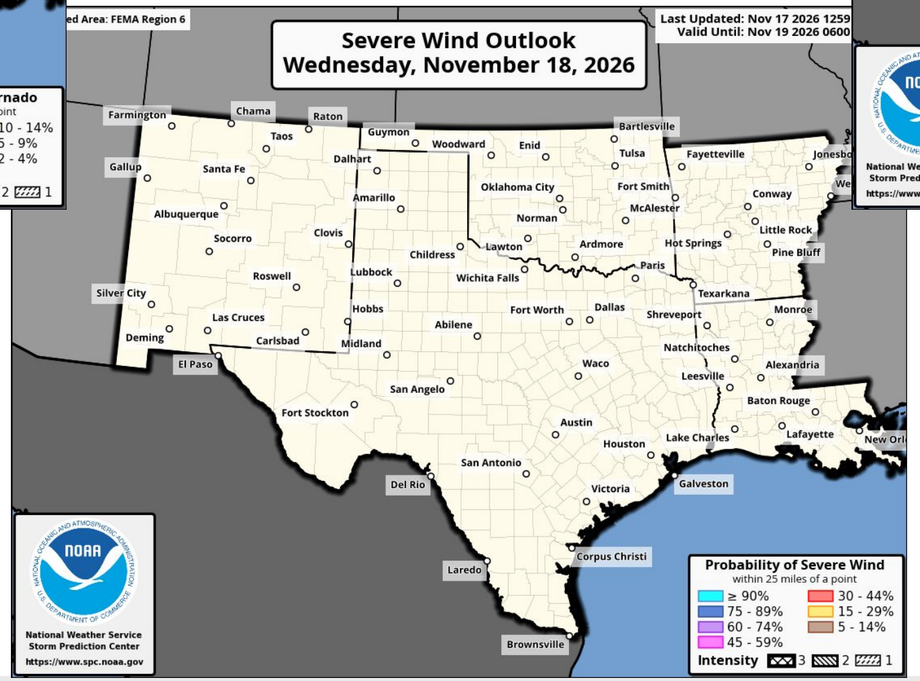
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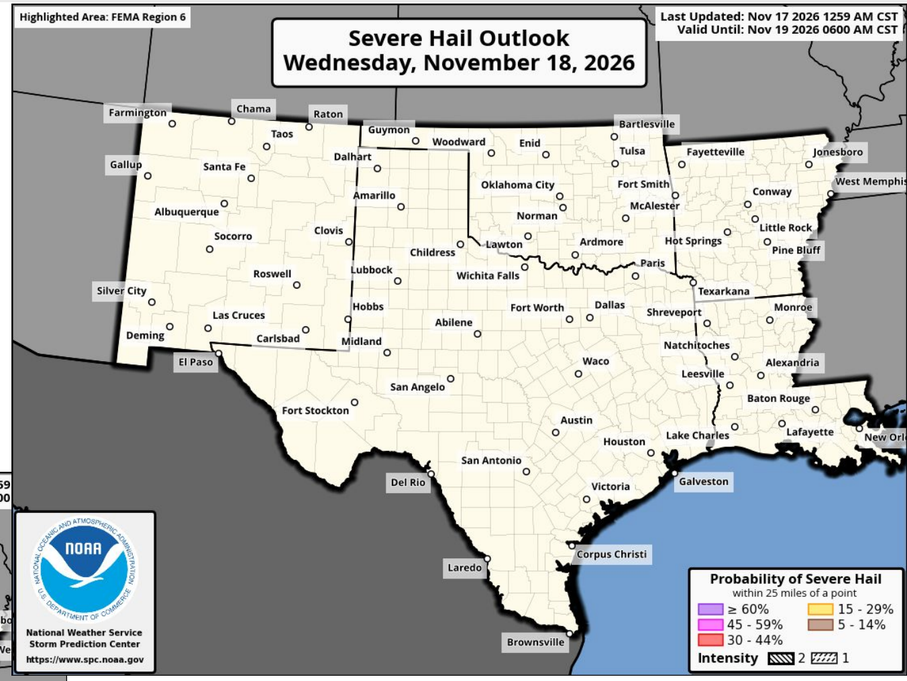
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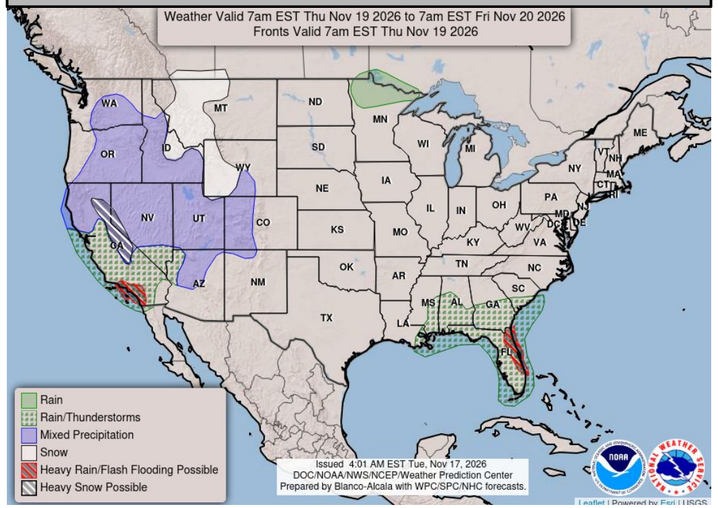




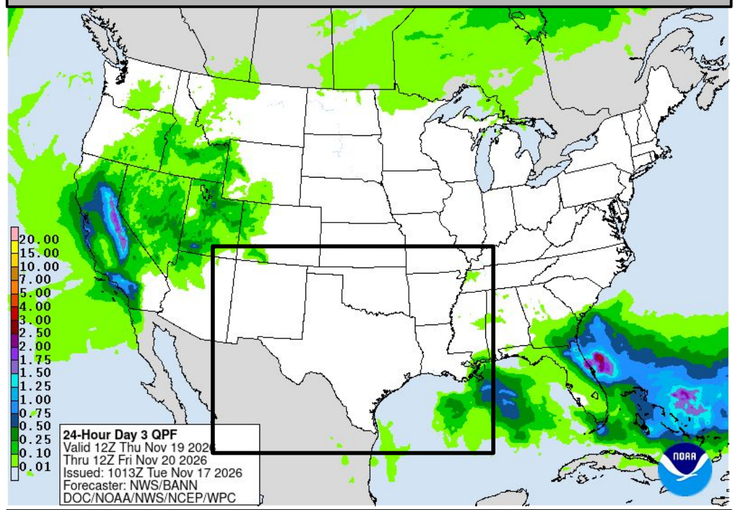


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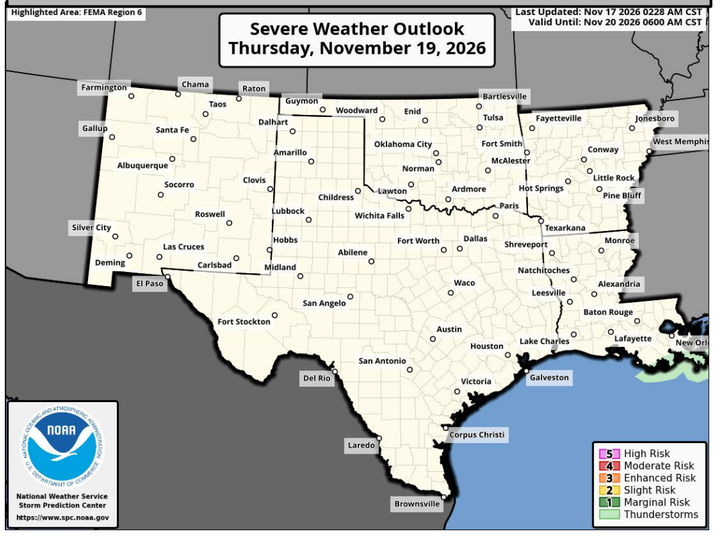
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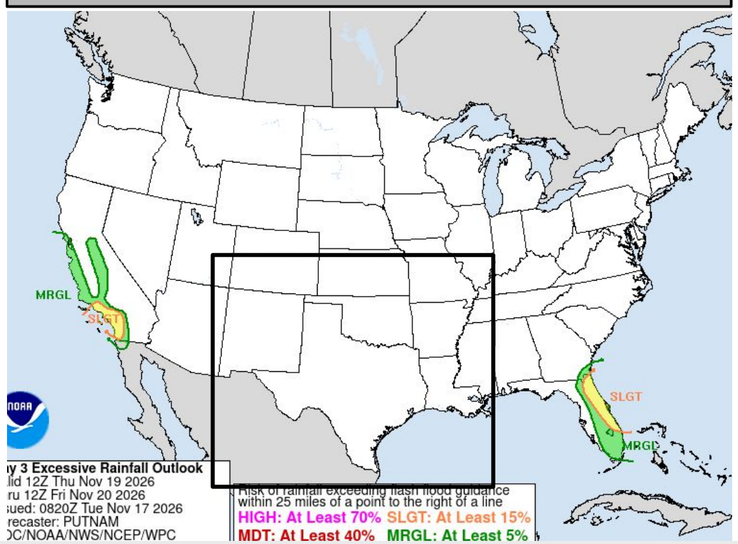
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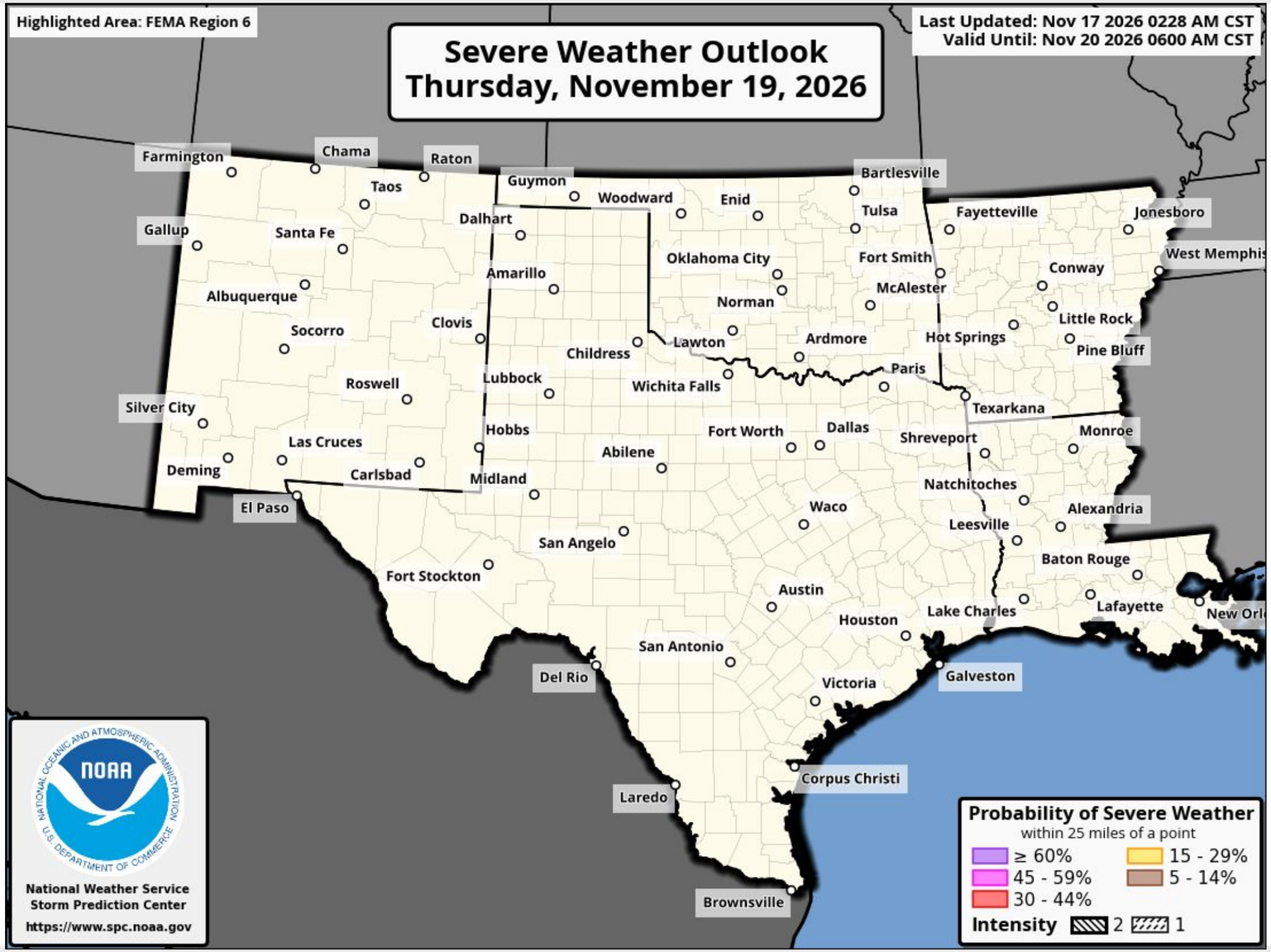
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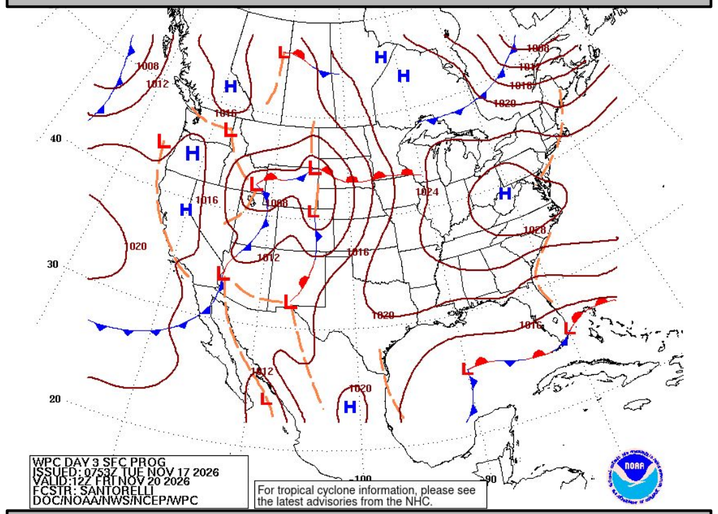
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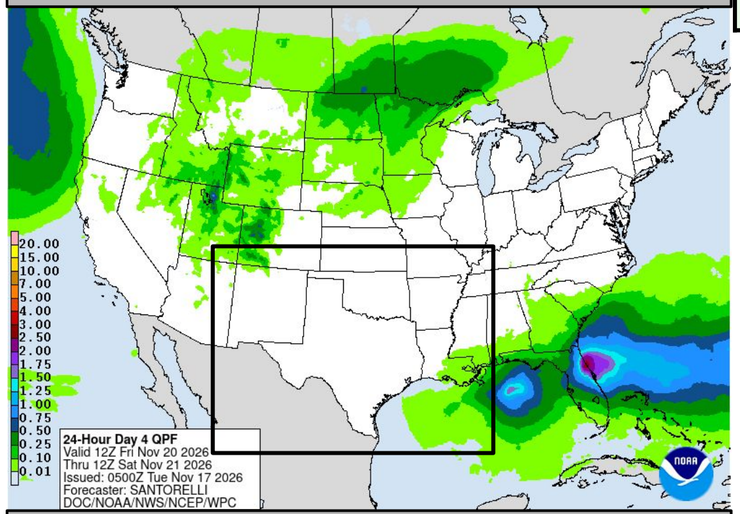
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Extreme to Exceptional Drought continues across much of AR, LA, E/SE OK and NE/E TX

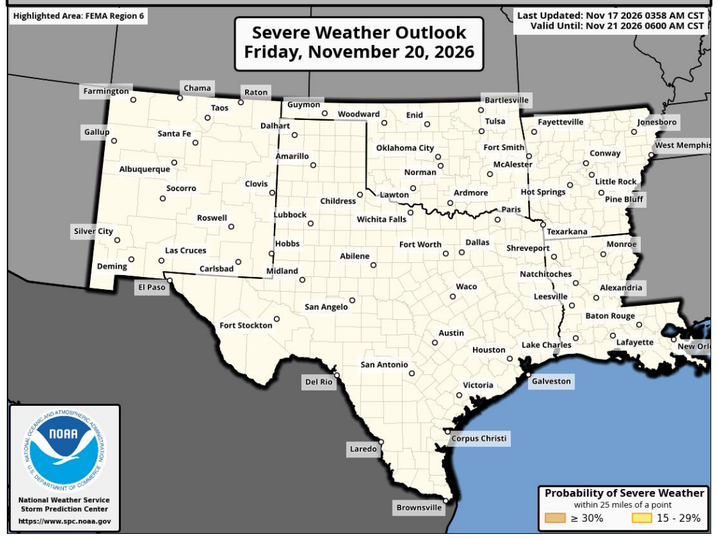
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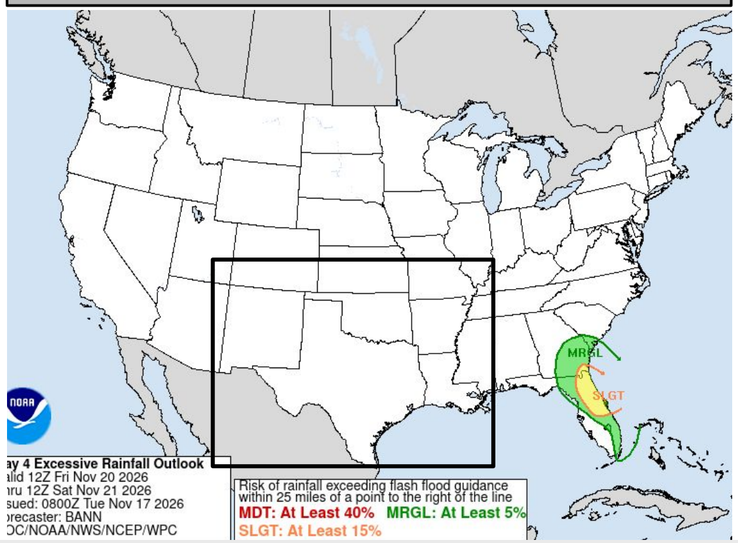
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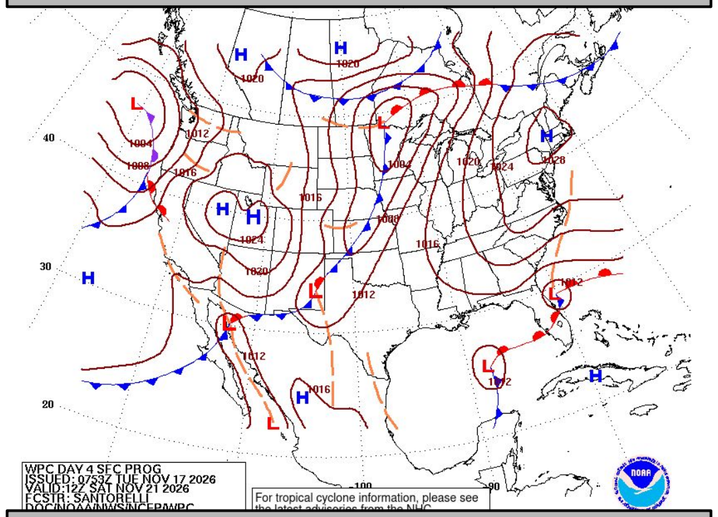
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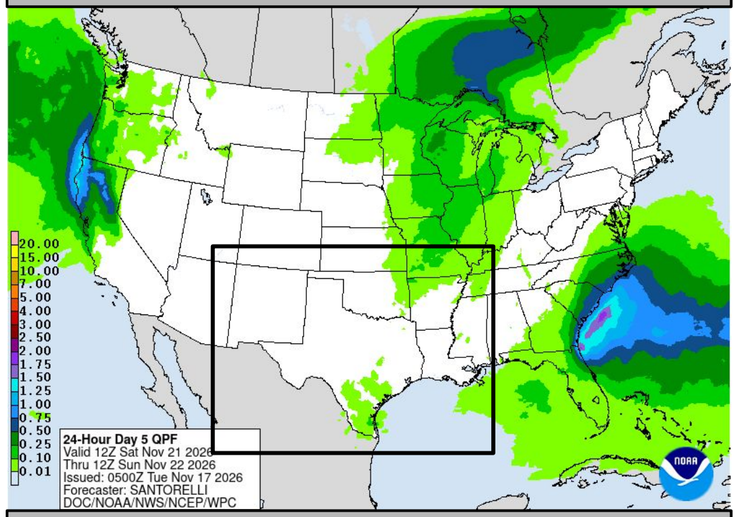
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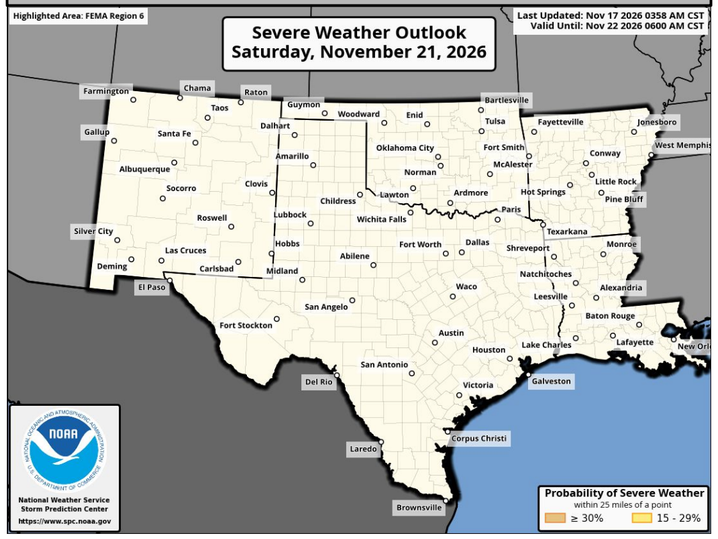
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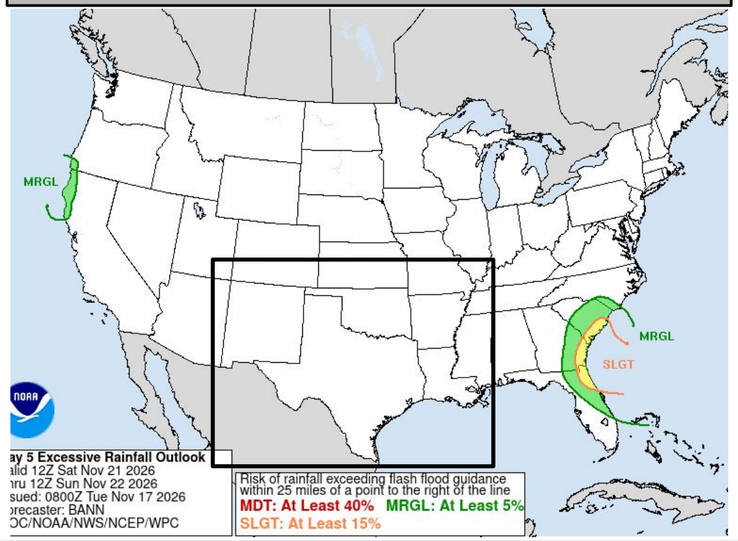
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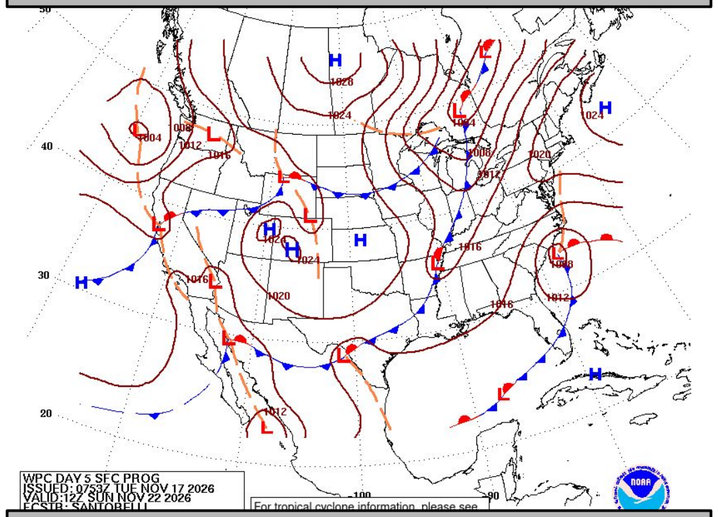


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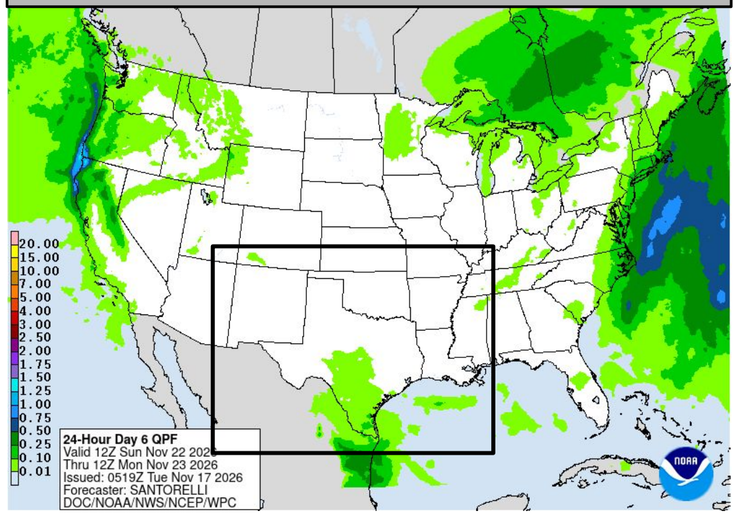
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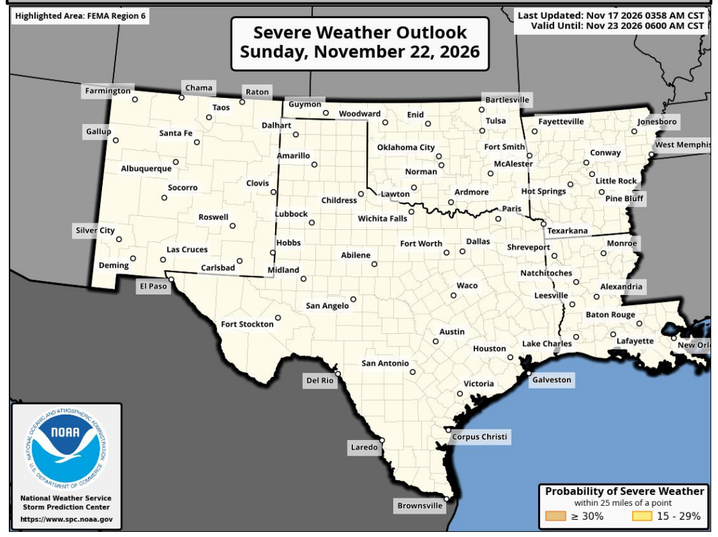


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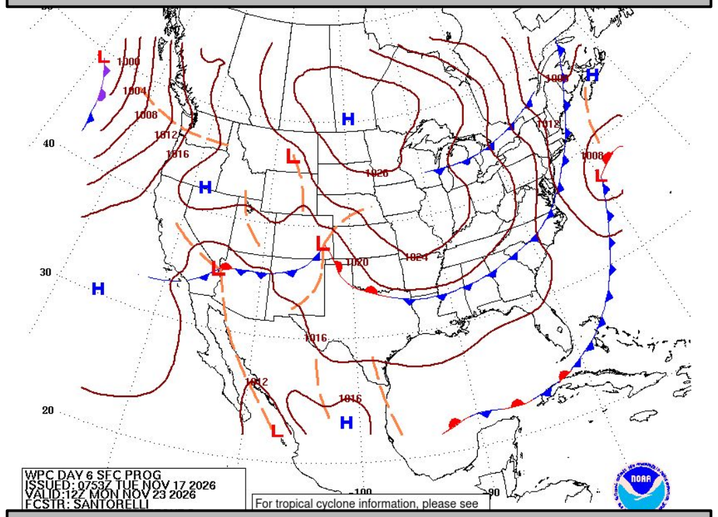
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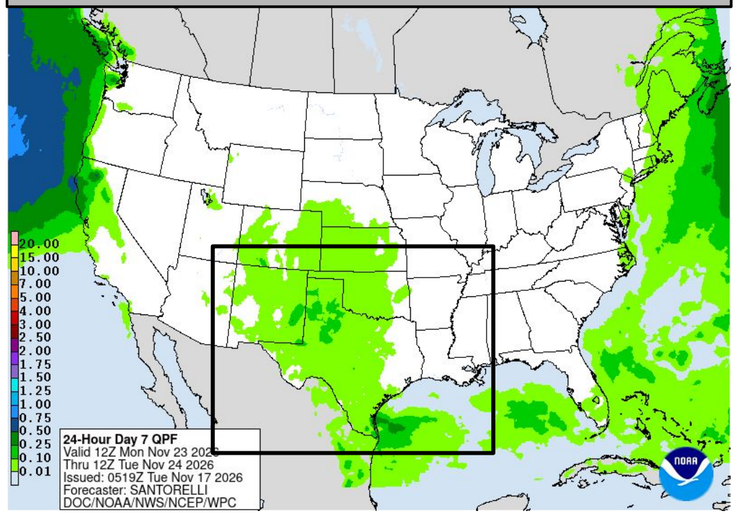
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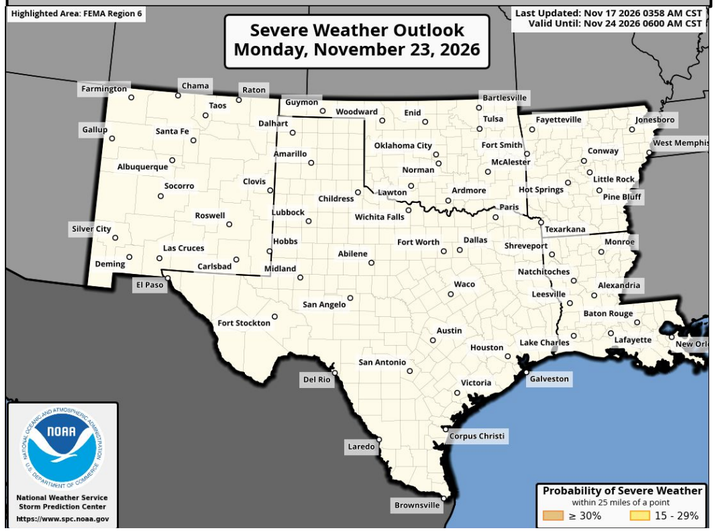
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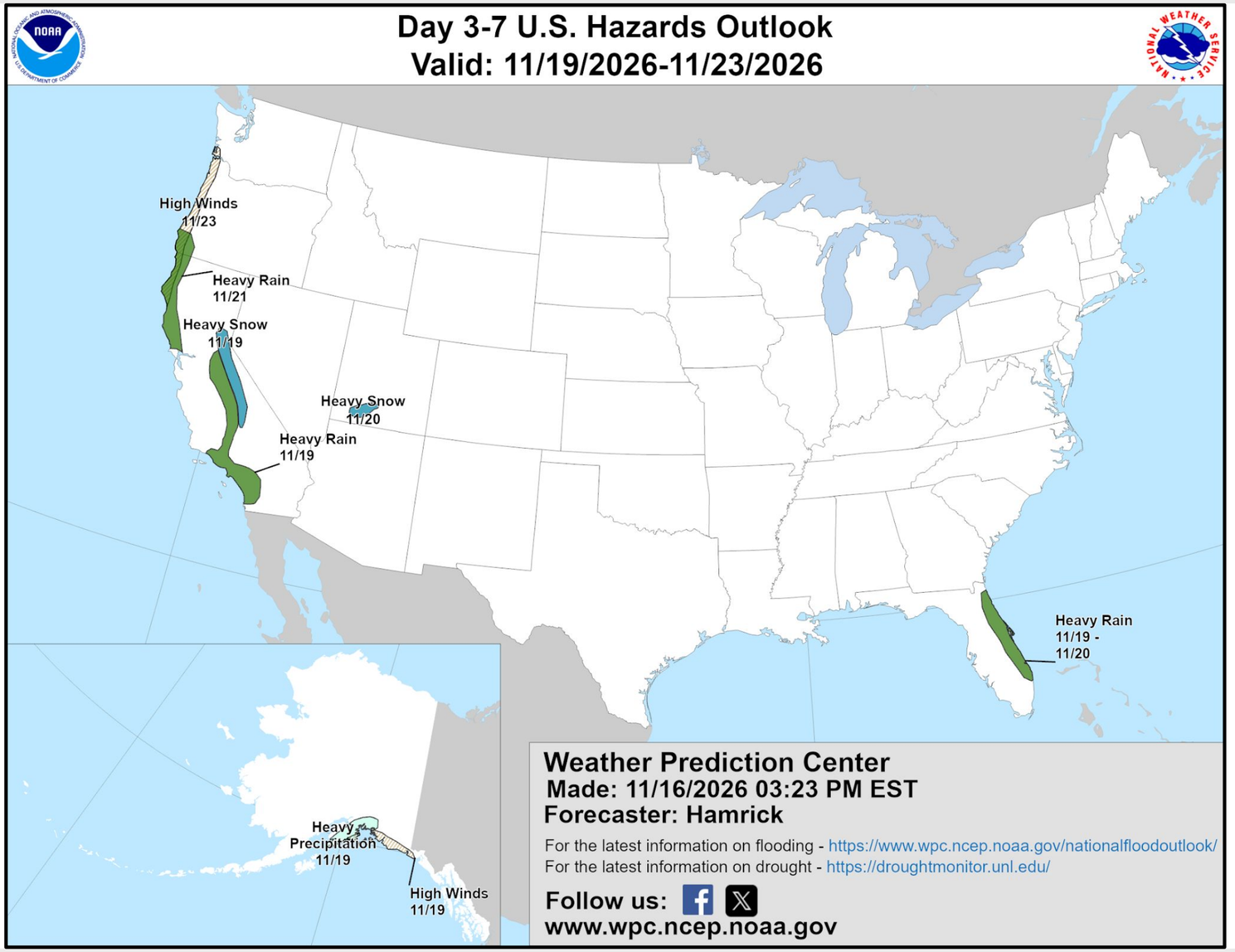
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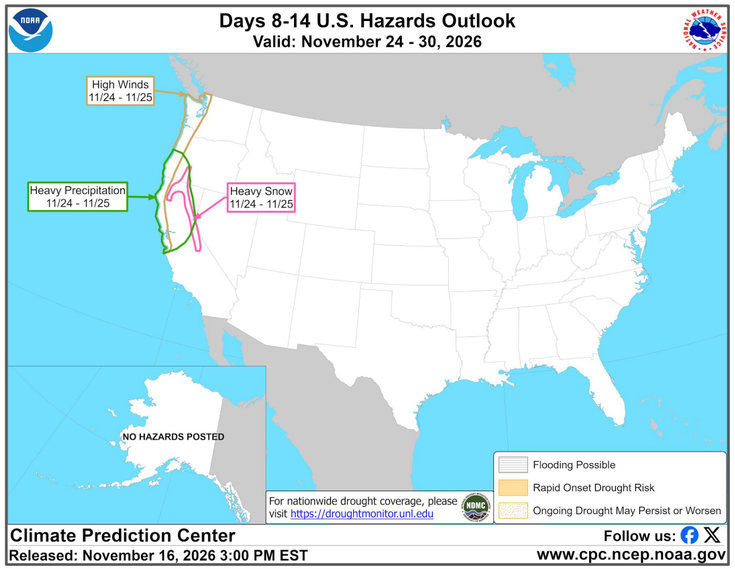
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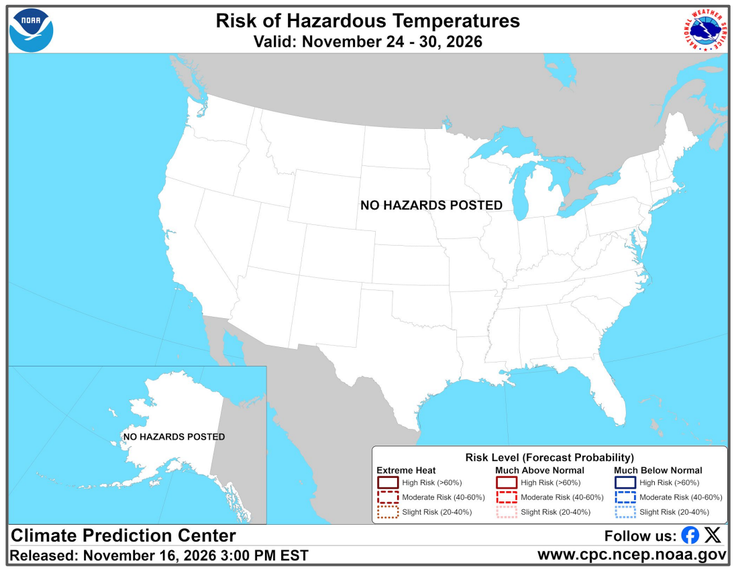
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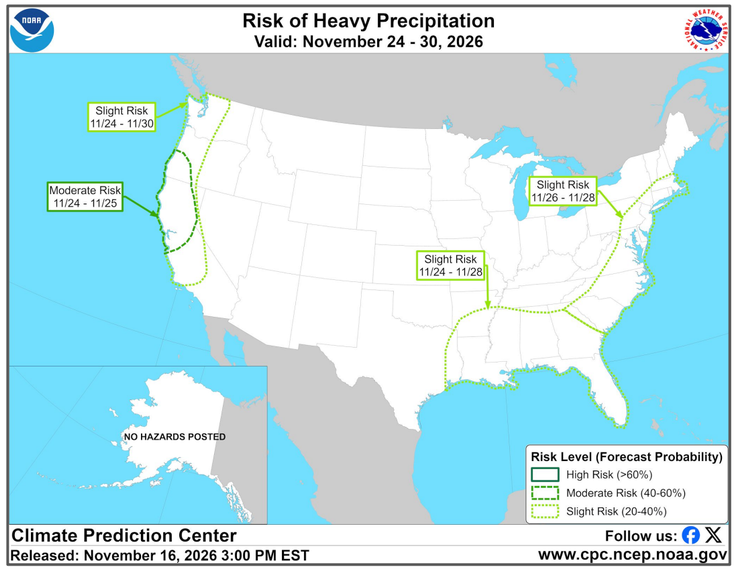
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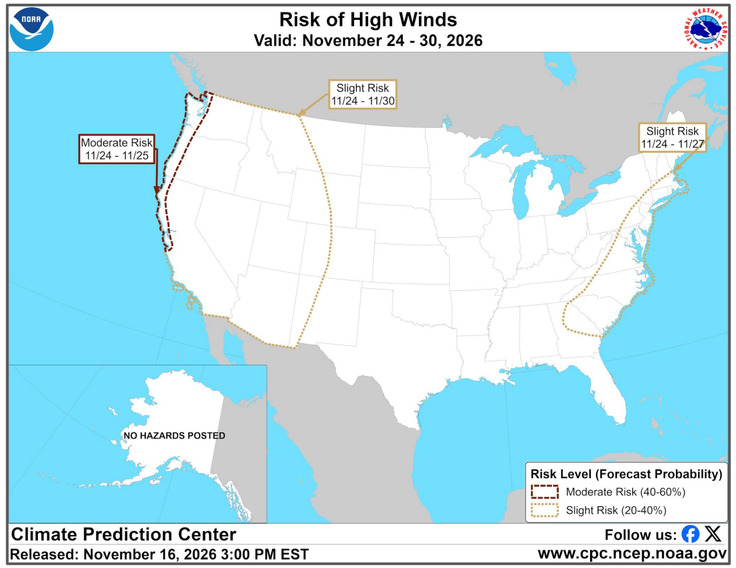


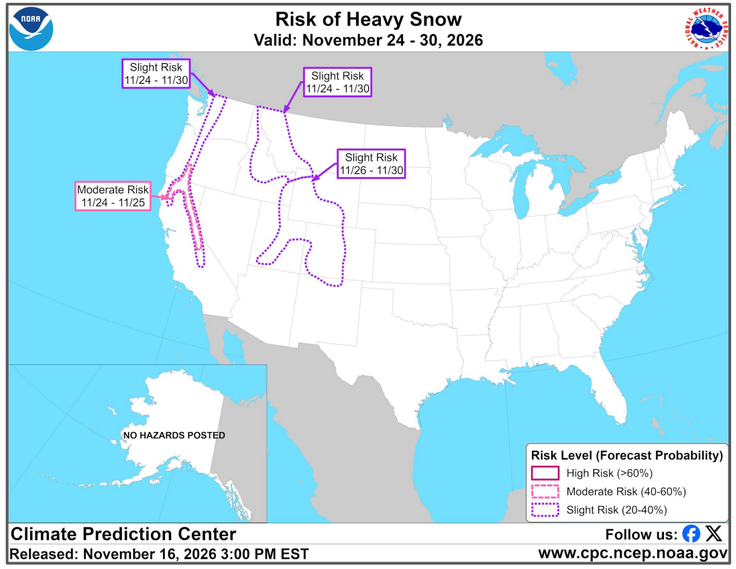
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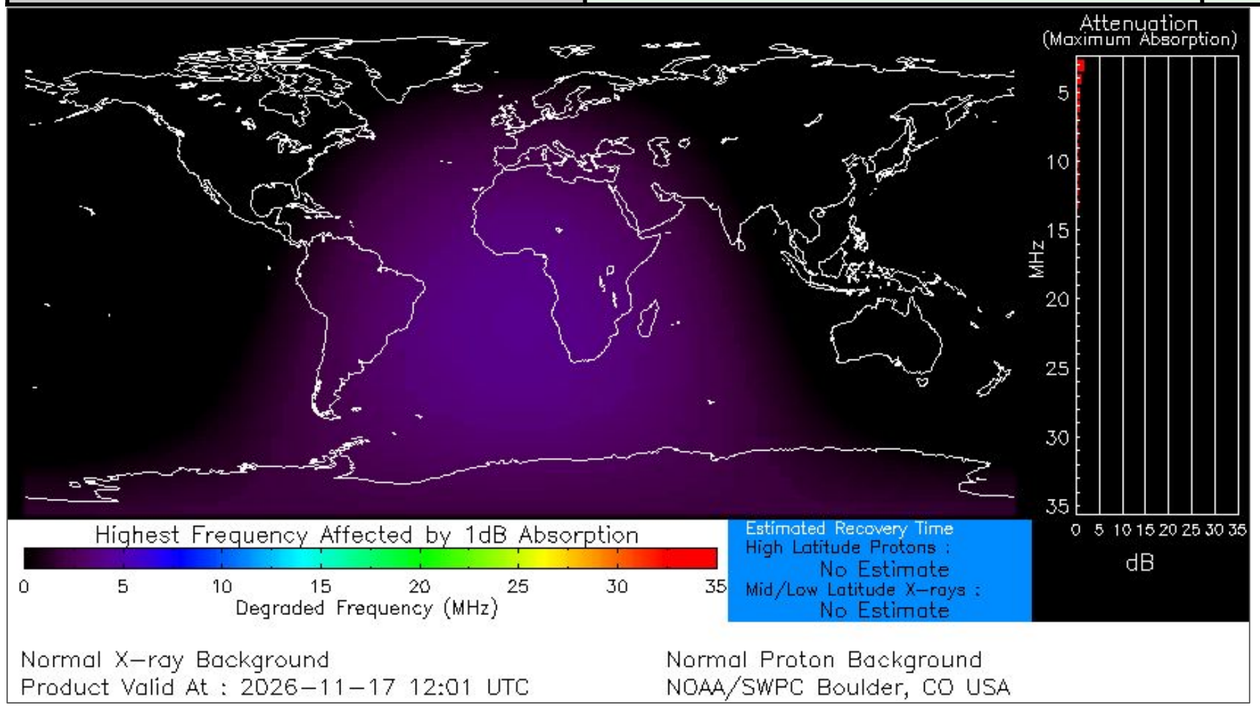






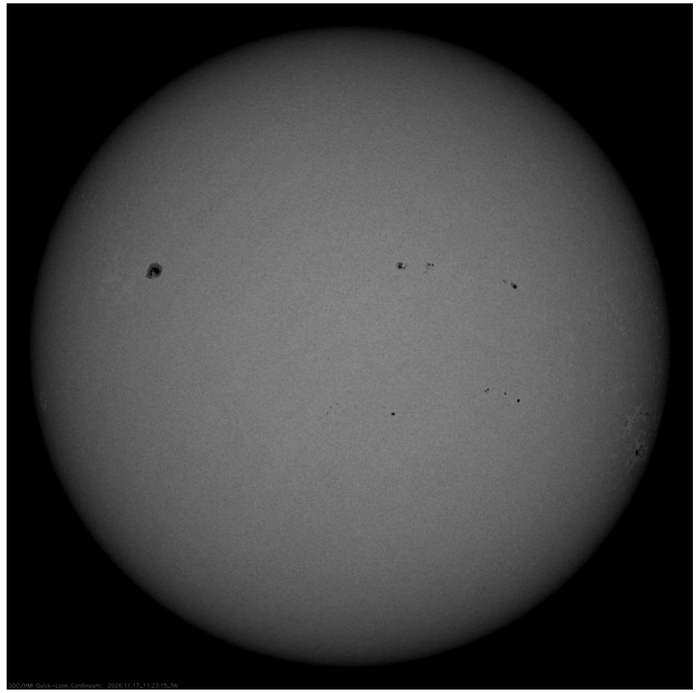
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Nov 17	Wednesday, Nov 18	Thursday, Nov 19
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
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

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