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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday July 3, 2020

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.



- **Marginal risk of severe storms today over the E Panhandles & OK, and over NE NM and the W Panhandle on Saturday.**
- **Marginal risk of flash flooding today AR, LA, NE TX & E OK, over LA on Saturday, and remains over SE LA on Sunday**
- **Marginal risk of flash flooding on Sunday over the E Panhandles and W OK.**
- **No tropical development expected the next 5 days.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jul 3, 2020 - Jul 7, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	E Panhandles, OK	NE NM, W Panhandles			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, AR, NE TX, LA	LA	SE LA Panhandles, W OK		
Fire Weather					
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Heat					
River Flooding	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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.

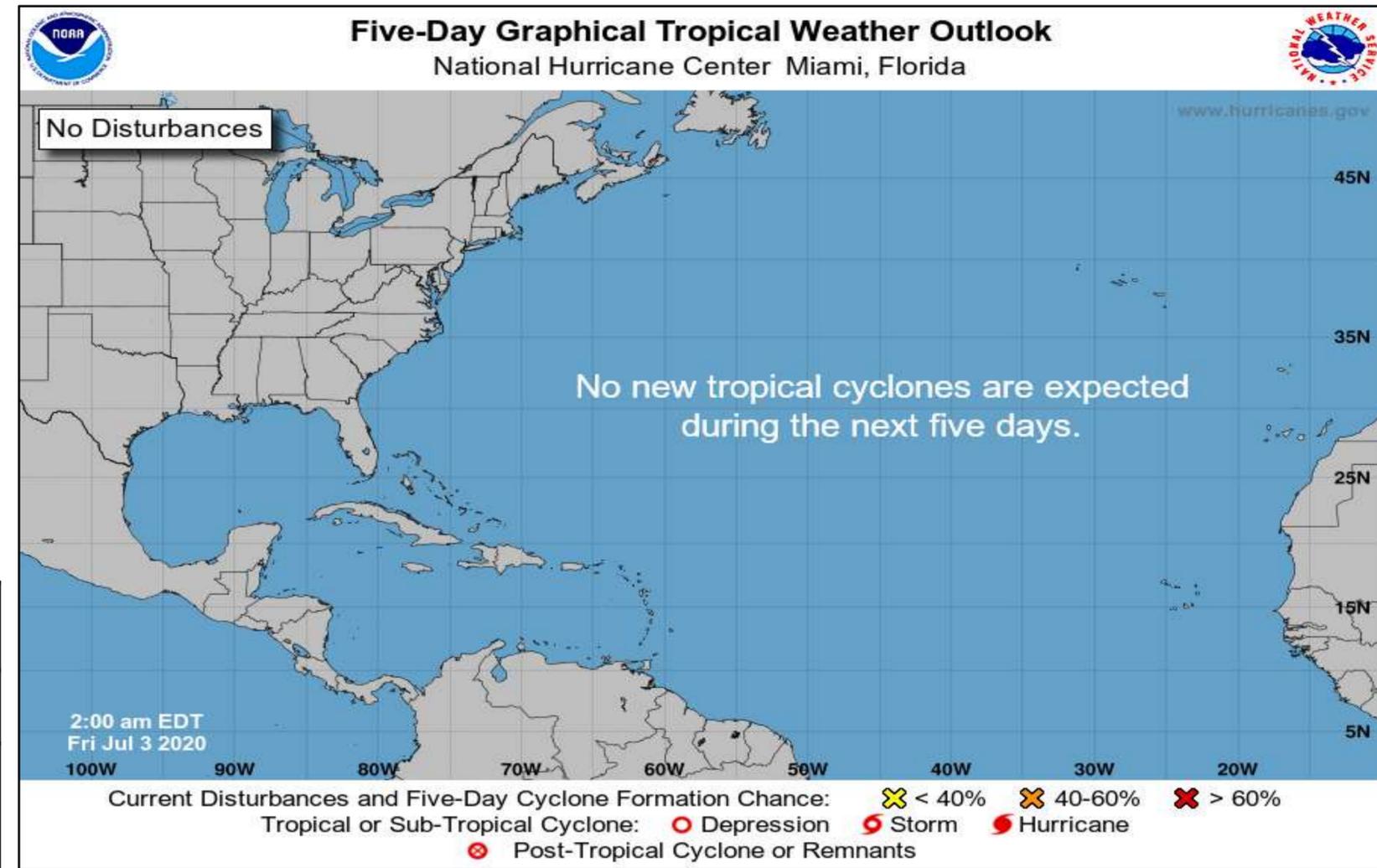


Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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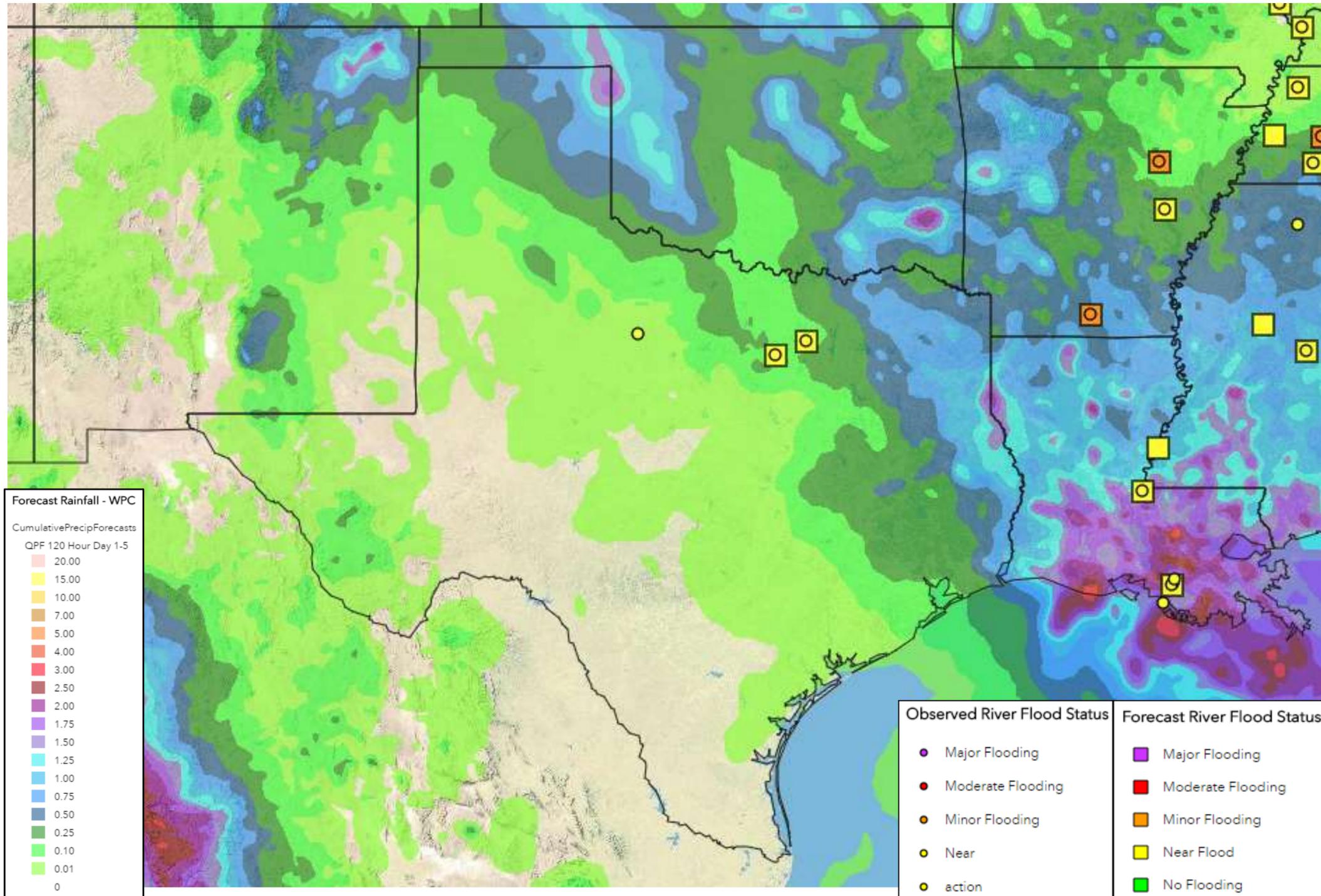


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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



The White River in E AR and the Ouachita River in S AR remain in minor flood stage through next week with impacts limited to low lying roads and farmland.

Additional rainfall in S LA over the next several days is not expected to lead to any widespread river flooding.

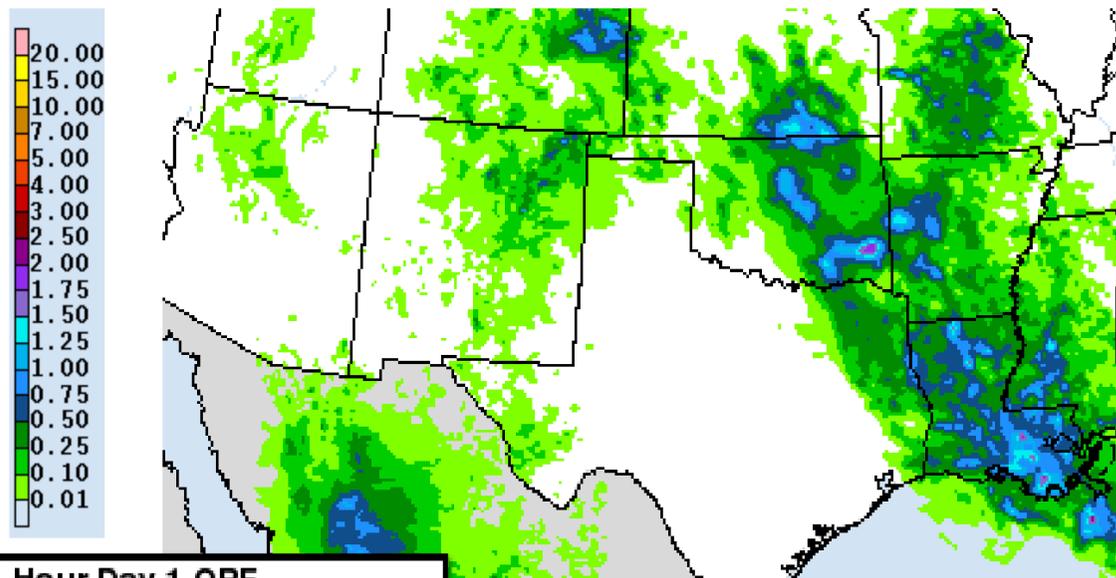
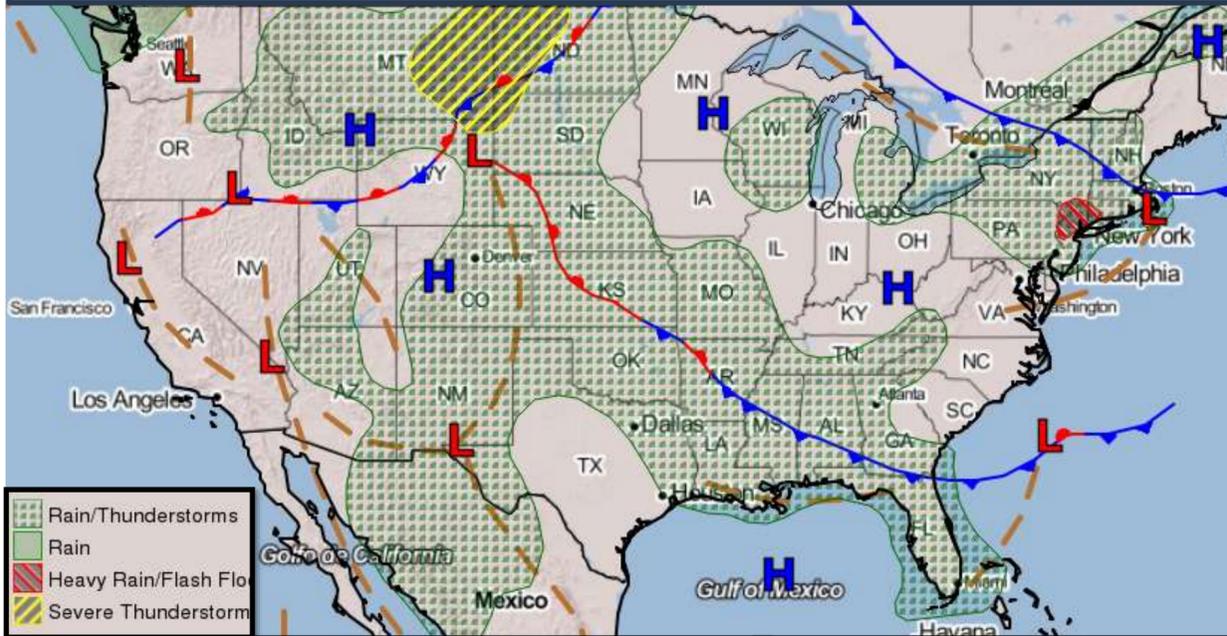
Today's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



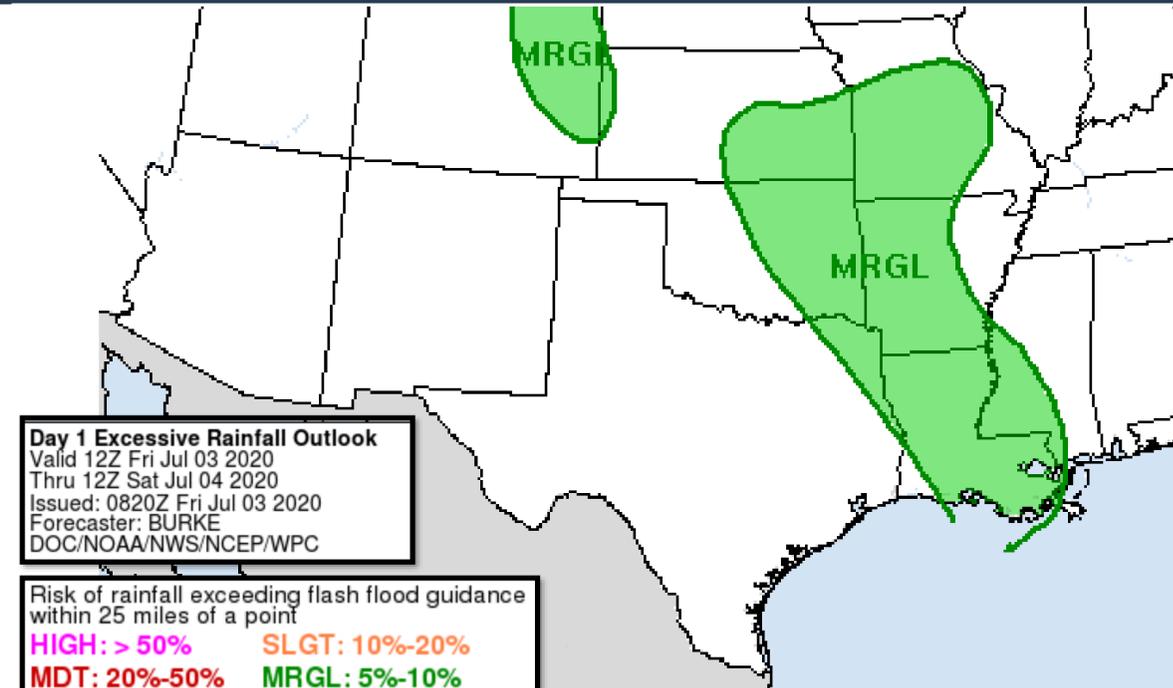
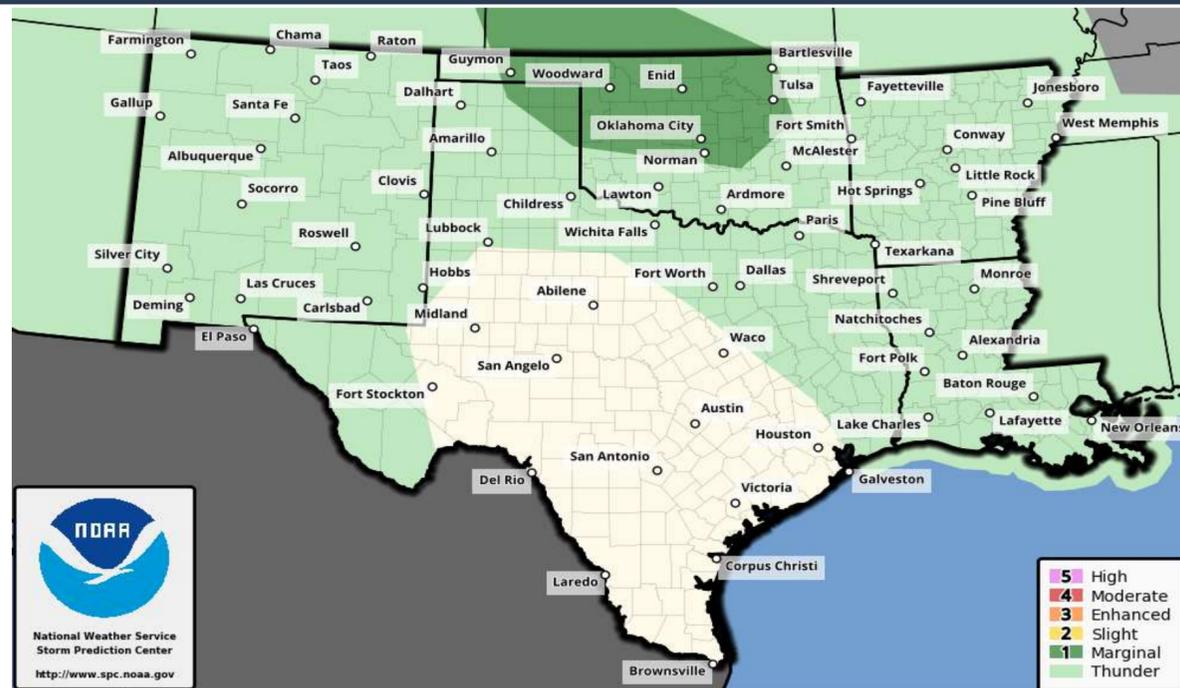
Marginal risk of flash flooding over E OK, NE TX, AR & LA.

Marginal risk of severe storms over the eastern Panhandles and OK with damaging winds and hail.

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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



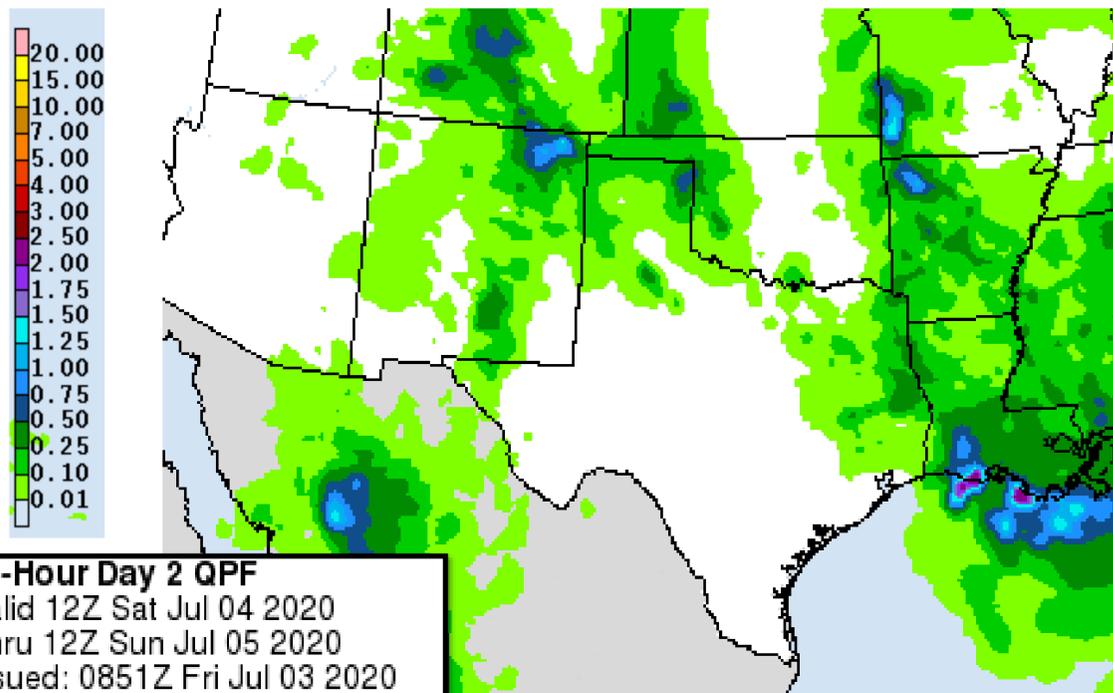
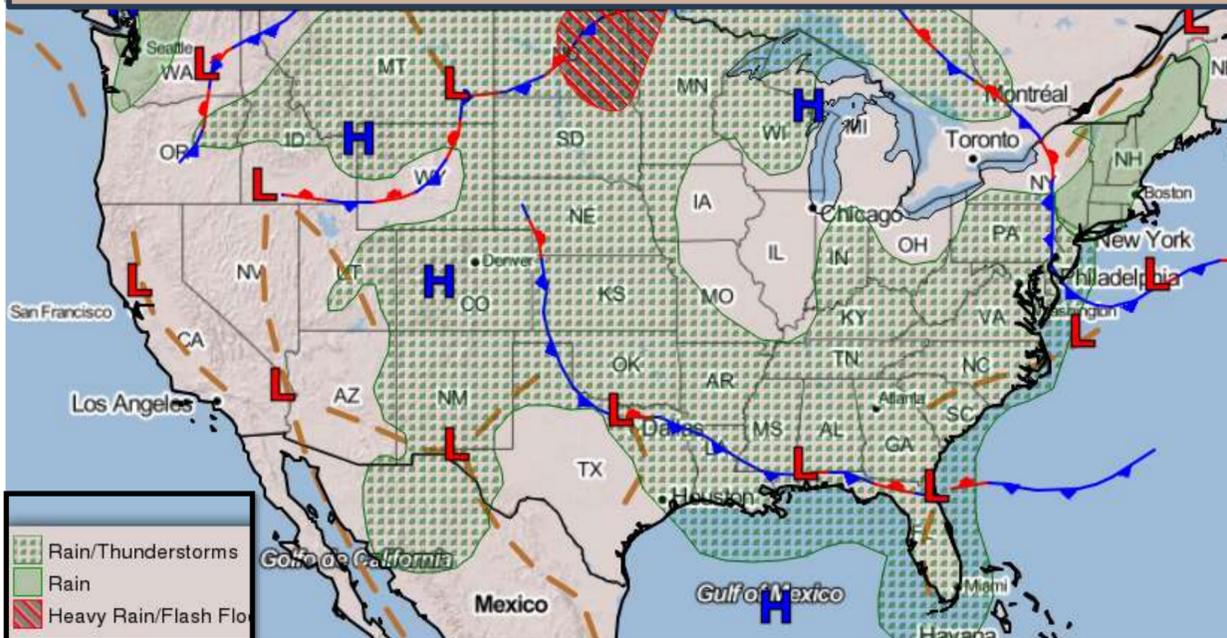
Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



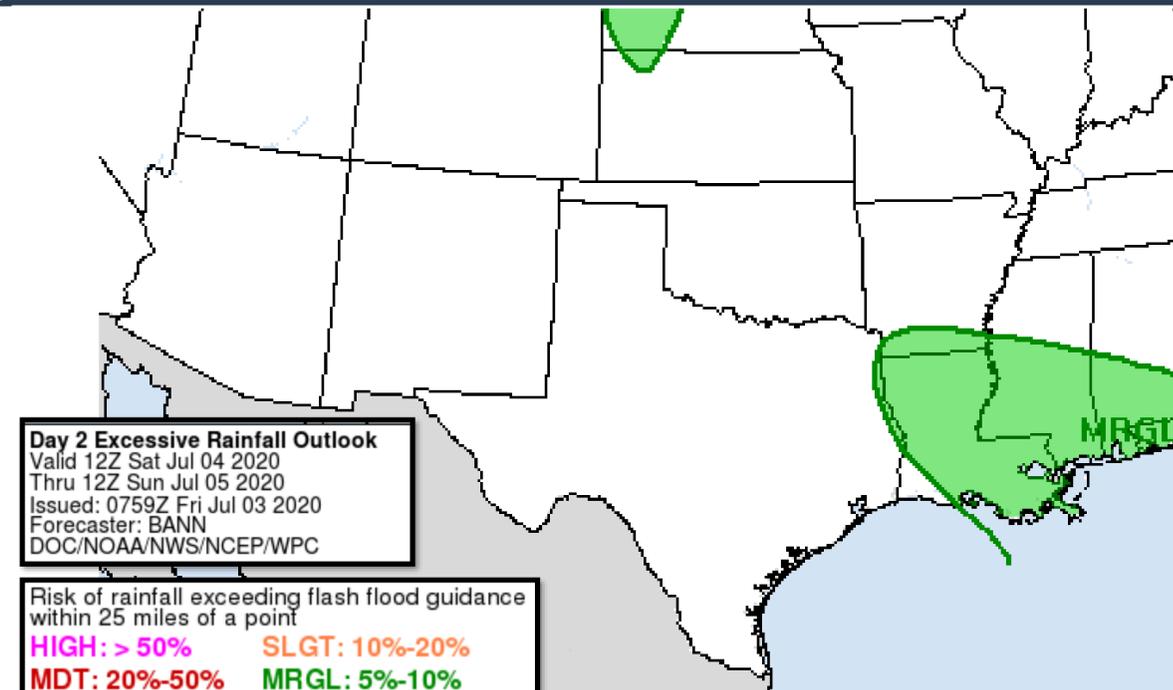
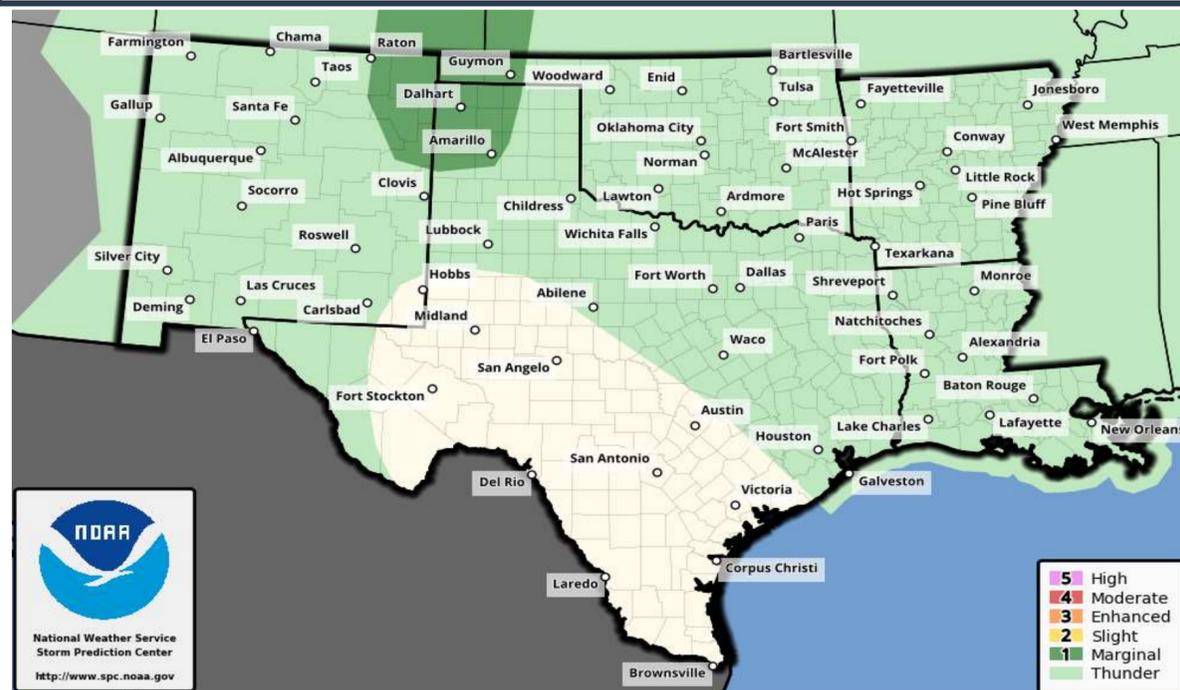
Marginal risk of flash flooding over LA.

Marginal risk of severe storms over NE NM and the W Panhandles with damaging winds and some hail.

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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



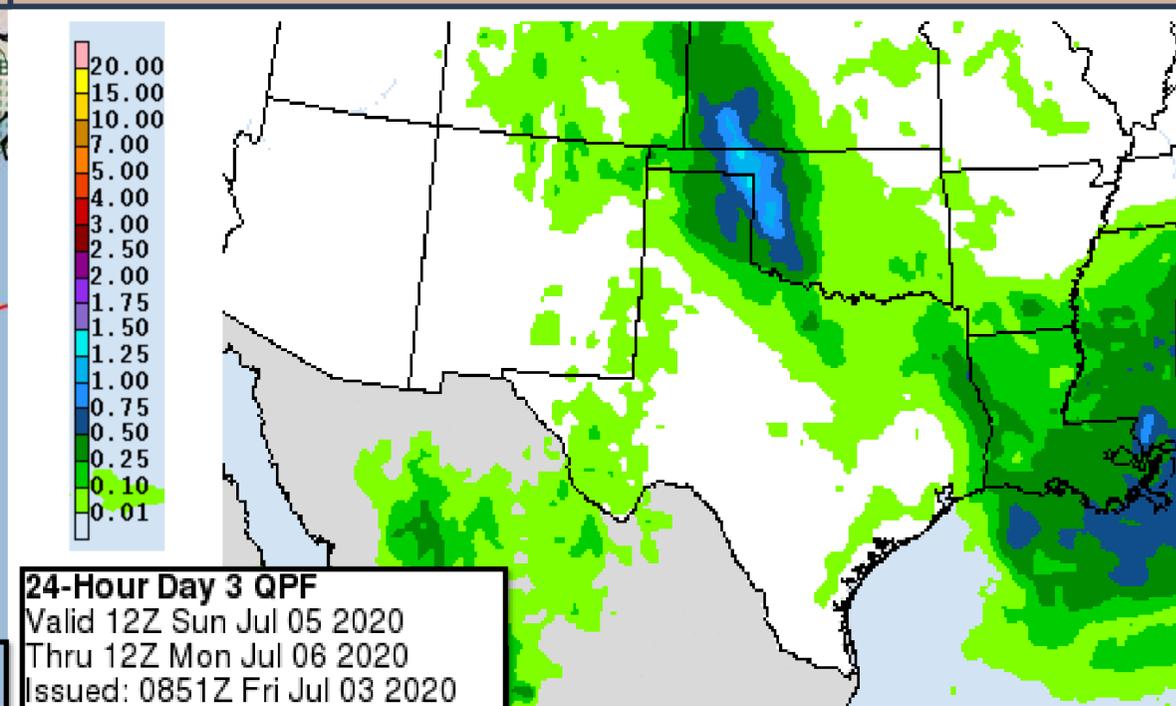
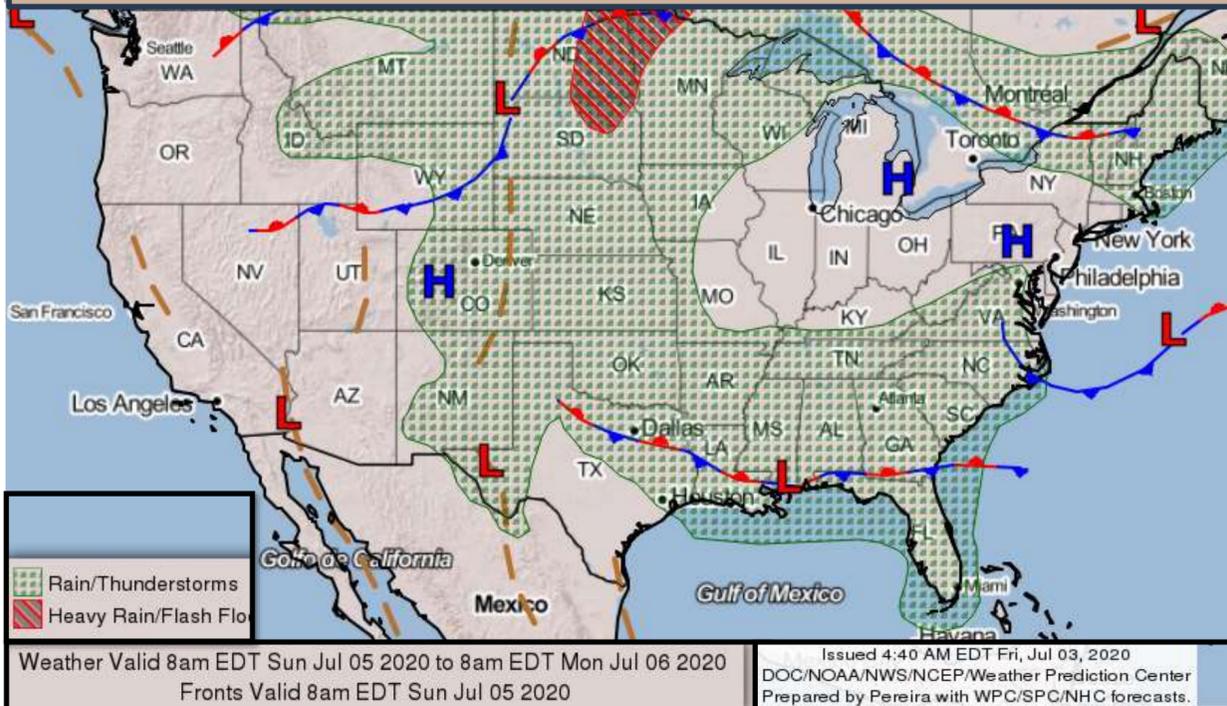
Sunday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

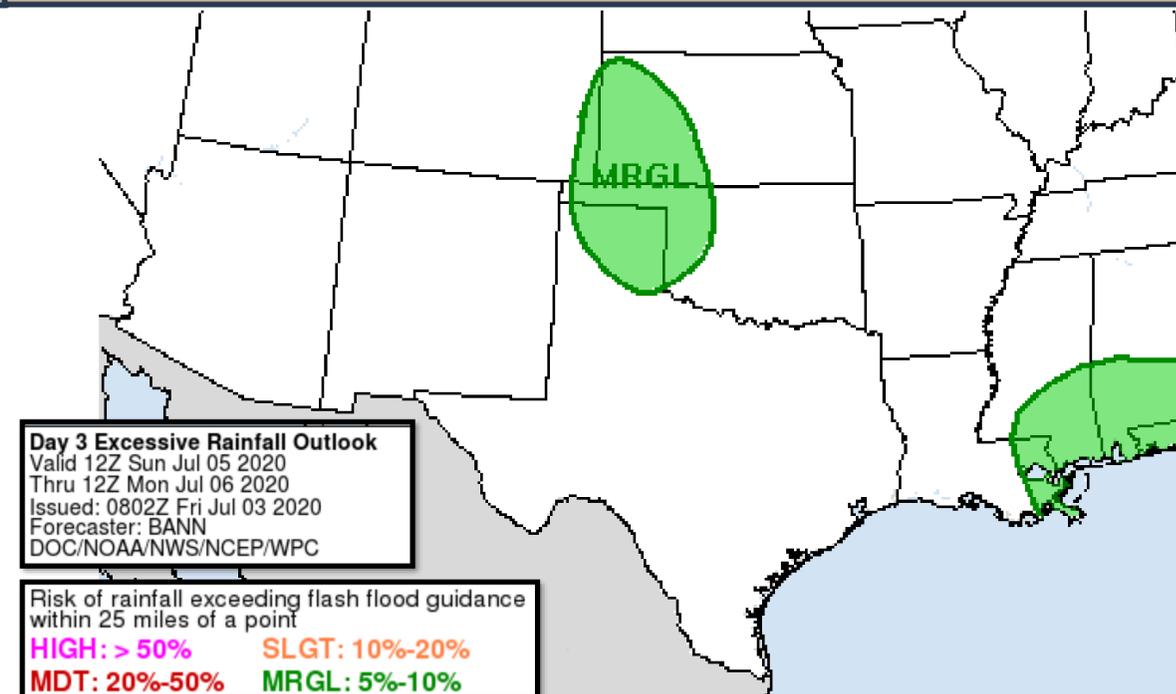
Forecast Rainfall



Marginal risk of flash flooding over SE LA as well as over the Panhandles and W OK.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



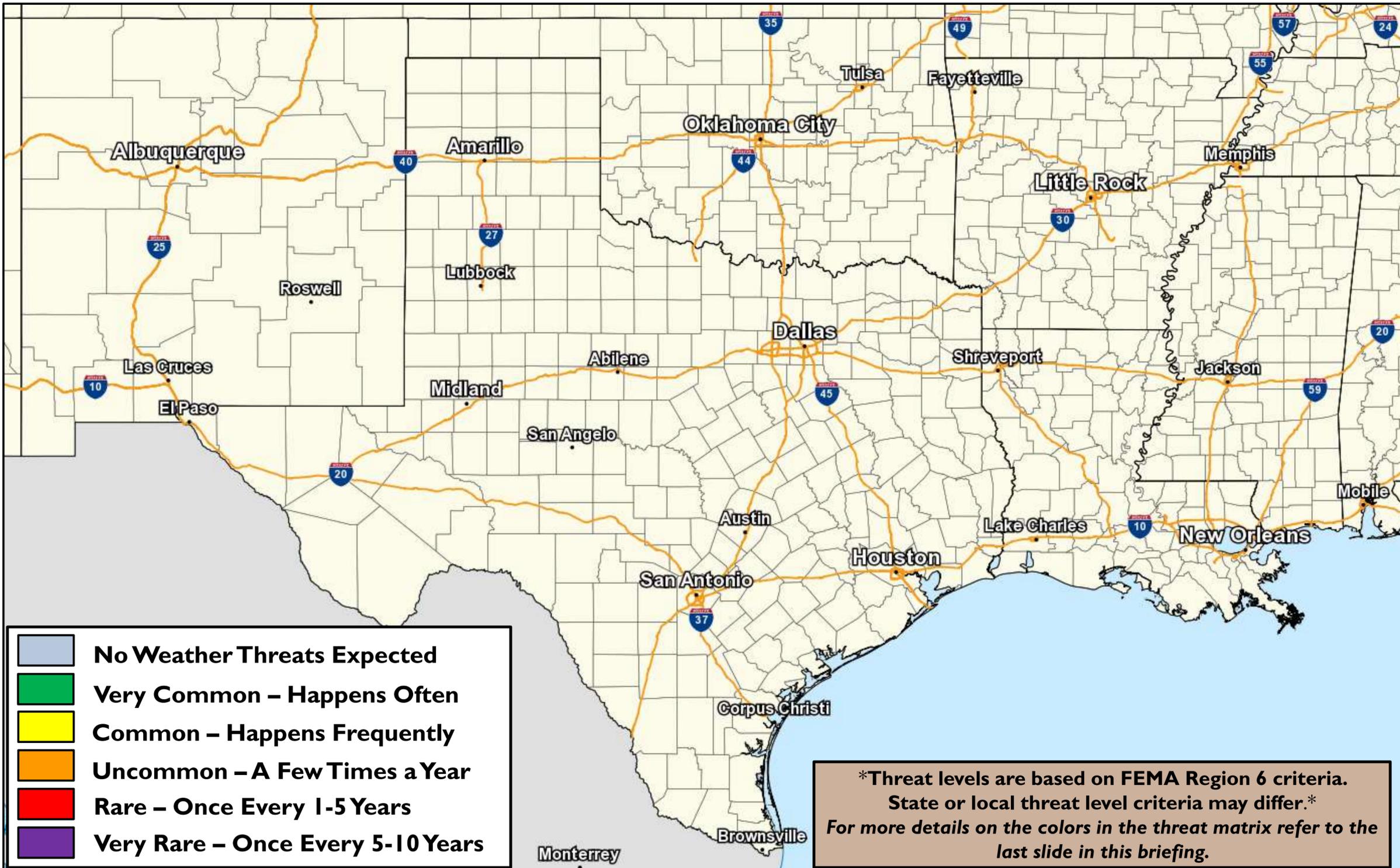
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday



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No significant weather expected.

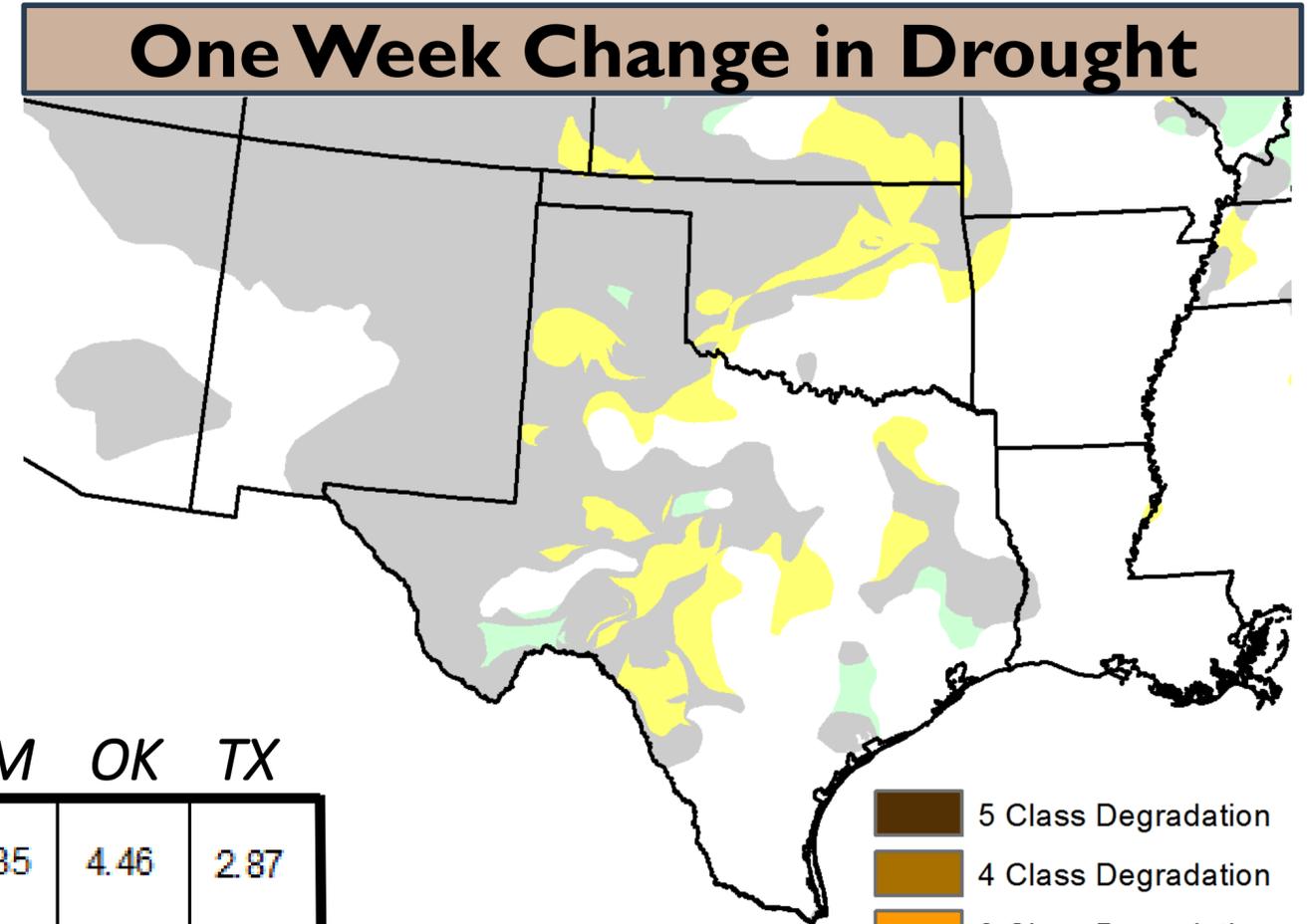
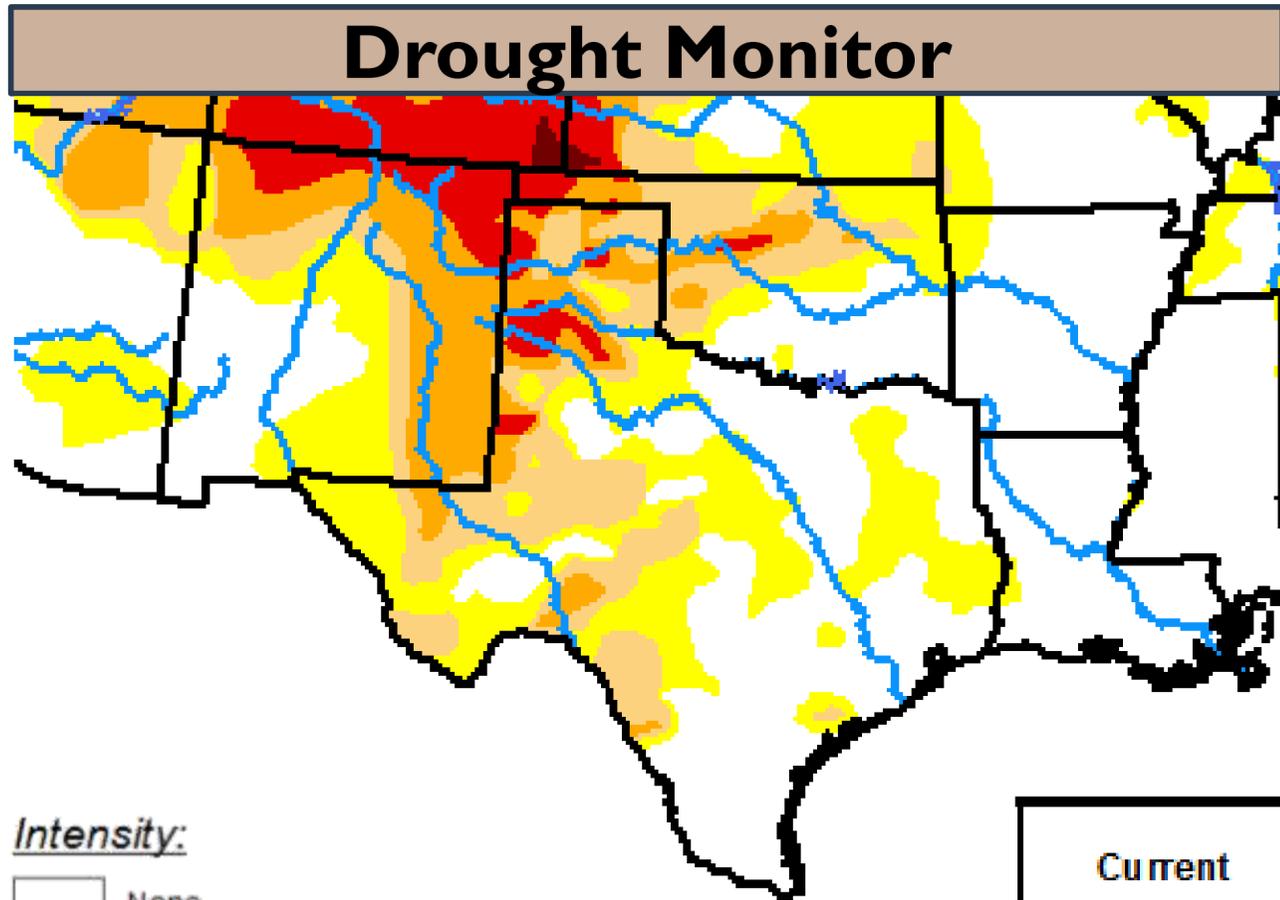


Drought Monitor (Released Jul 2, 2020)



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Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, June 30, 2020



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	11.35	4.46	2.87
Last Week <i>06-23-2020</i>	0.00	0.00	11.35	4.26	1.38
3 Months Ago <i>03-31-2020</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.47
One Year Ago <i>07-02-2019</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

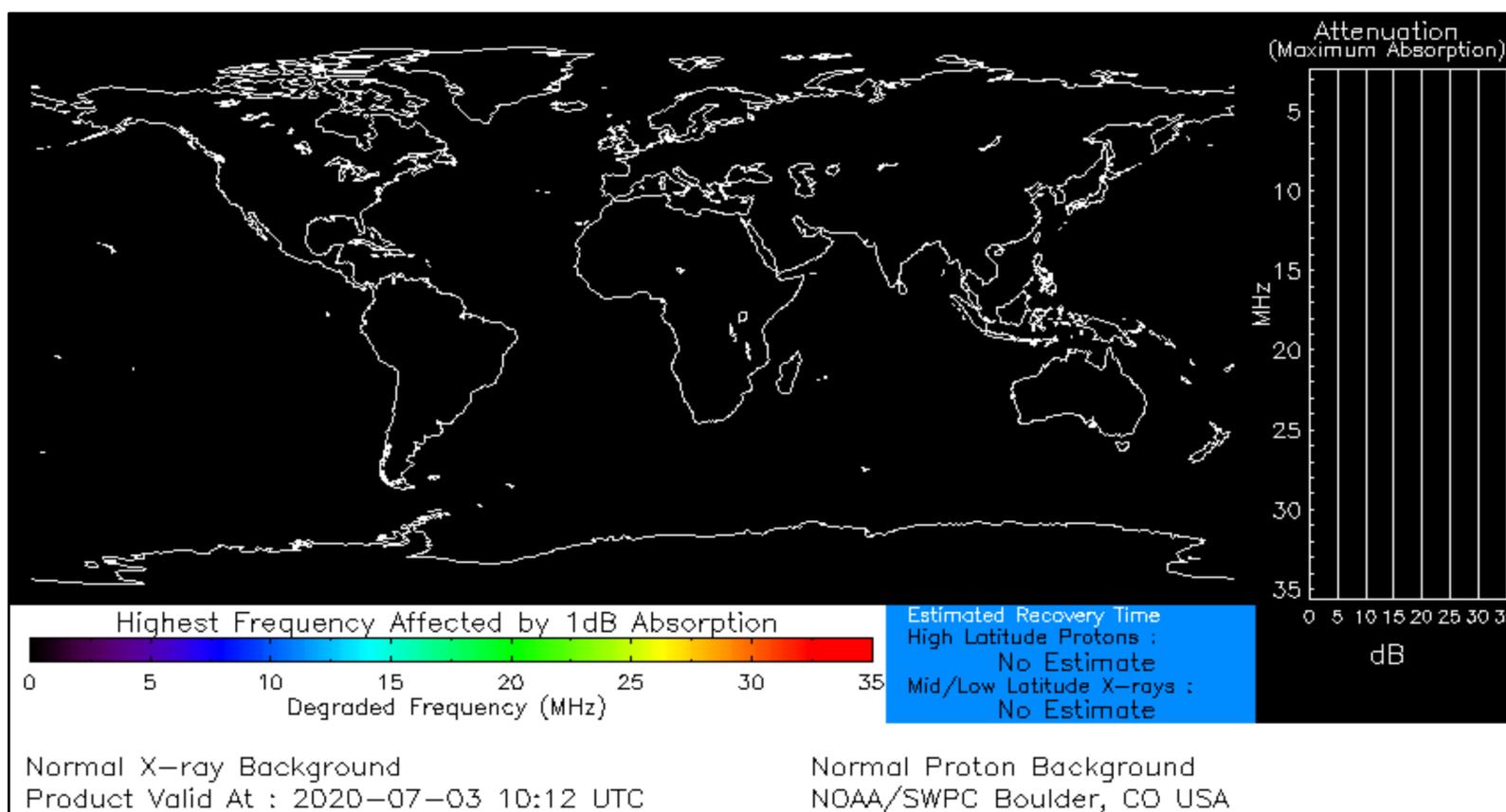
- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
- 4 Class Improvement
- 5 Class Improvement

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



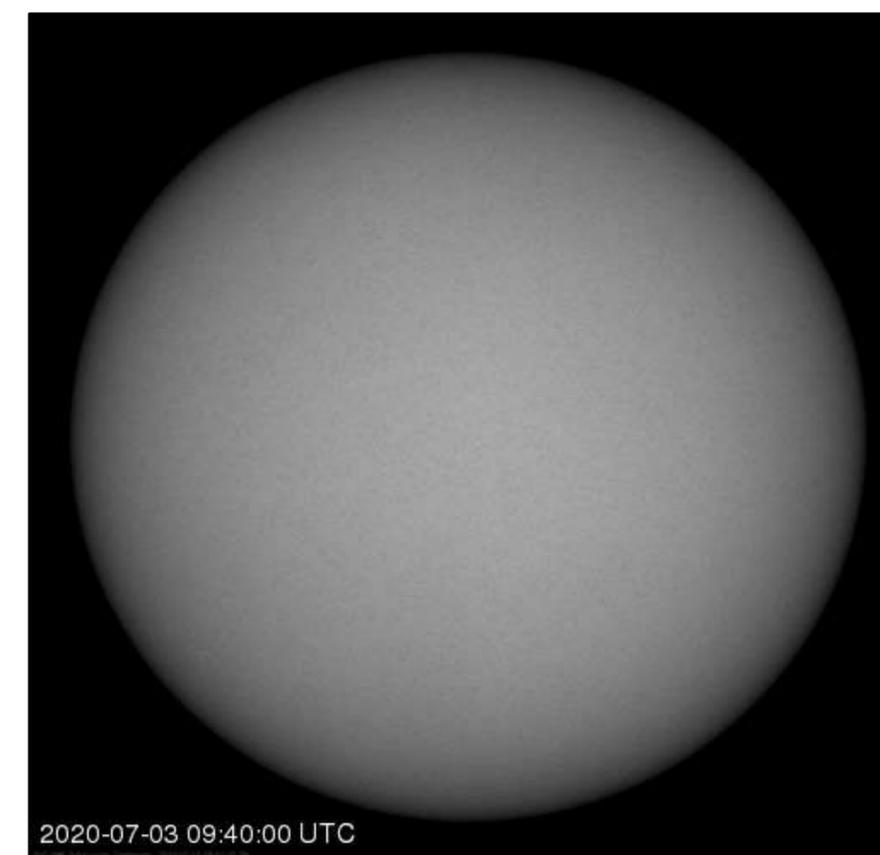
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Common</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;">Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.