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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday October 7, 2020

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- **Hurricane Delta is forecast to make landfall along the coast of Louisiana on Friday.**
  - **Moderate to potentially significant impacts on Thursday and Friday for southern LA.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions across NM and Far West Texas on Thursday and across NM, W TX, and the TX/OK Panhandles this weekend.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 7, 2020 - Oct 11, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms			SE LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		LA/SETX	LA/SE AR	LA/E AR	
			E & SETX		
Fire Weather		TX/OK Panhandles E NM		NM Far West Texas	NM/W TX & TX/OK Panhandles
Tropical Winds / Surge		LA	LA		
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	LA	LA	LA	LA/AR	LA/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.*

# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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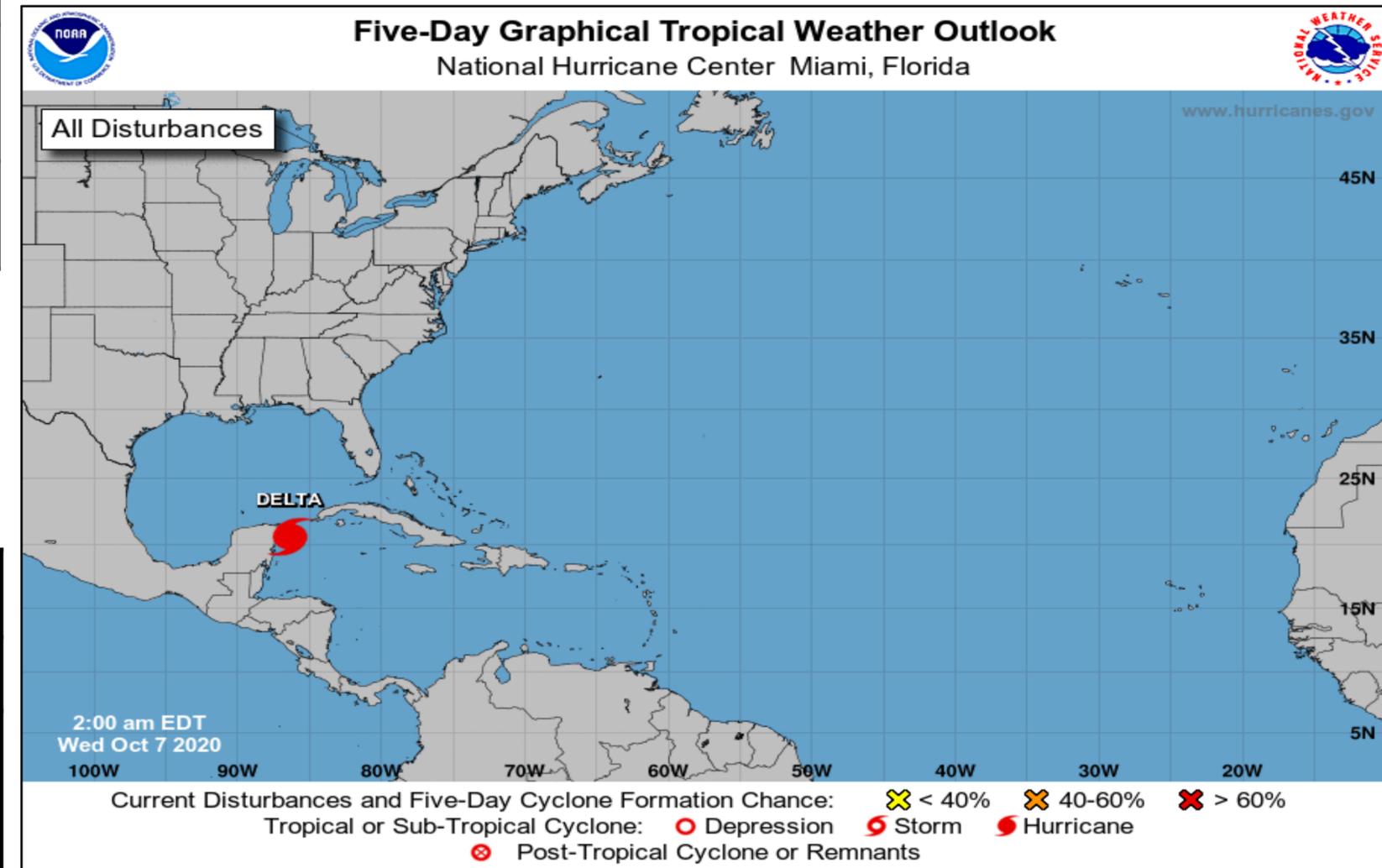
See next slides for more information on Gamma and Delta

## 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
<b>Delta</b>	<b>Storm surge, flooding, and TS to hurricane force winds along the LA coast. Inland heavy rain/flash flood threat for LA/E AR/SE &amp; E TX.</b>

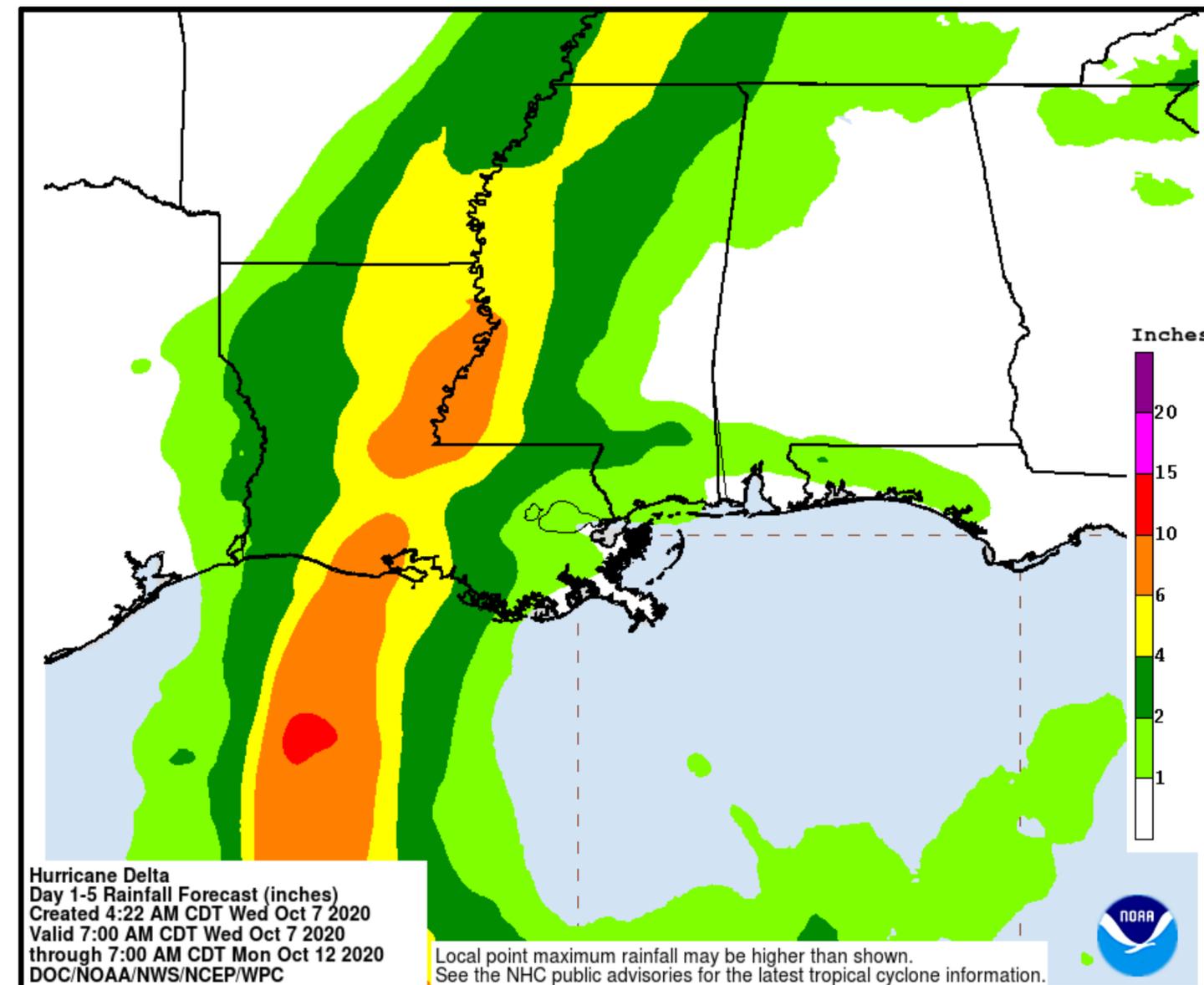
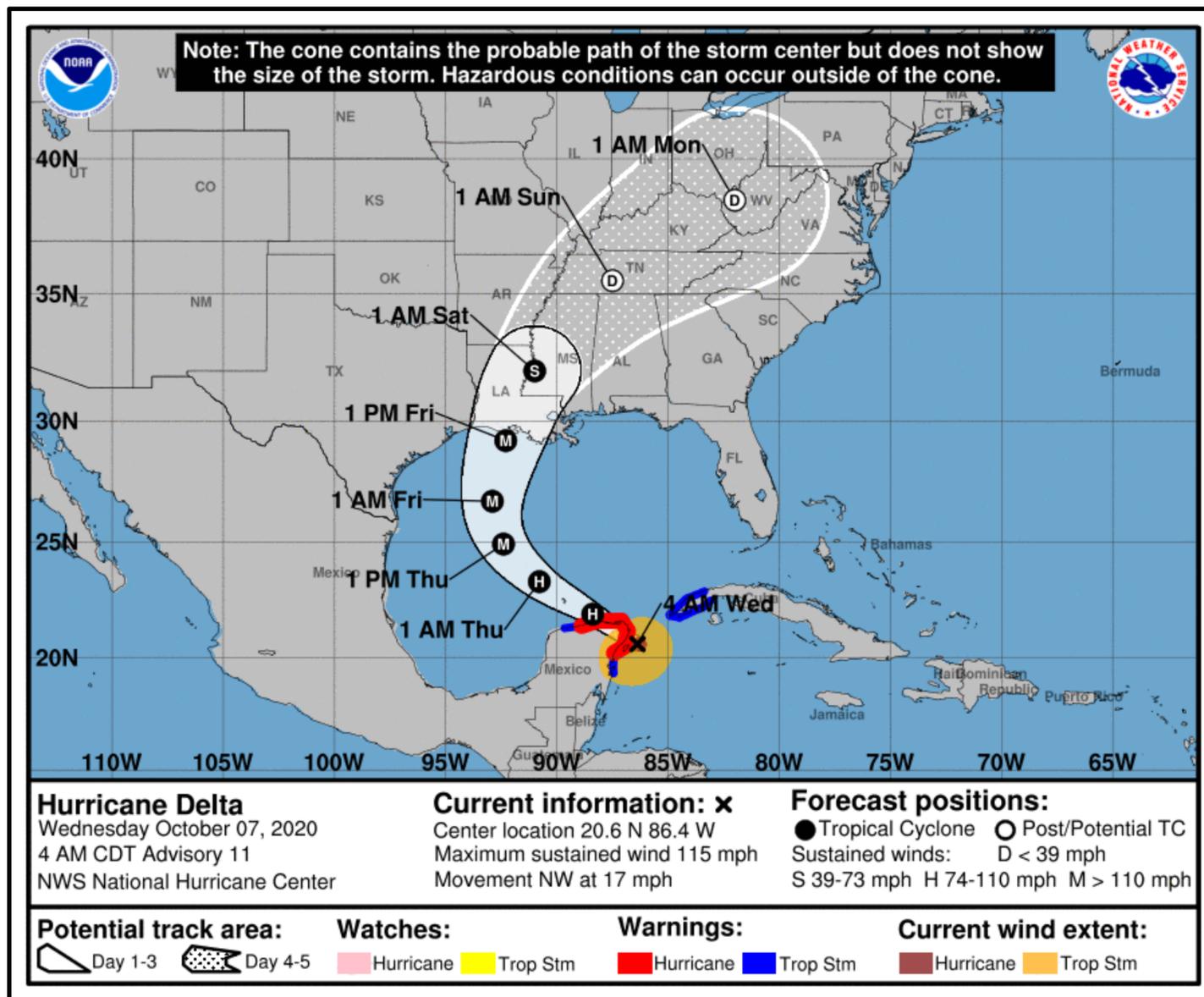


# Delta Summary



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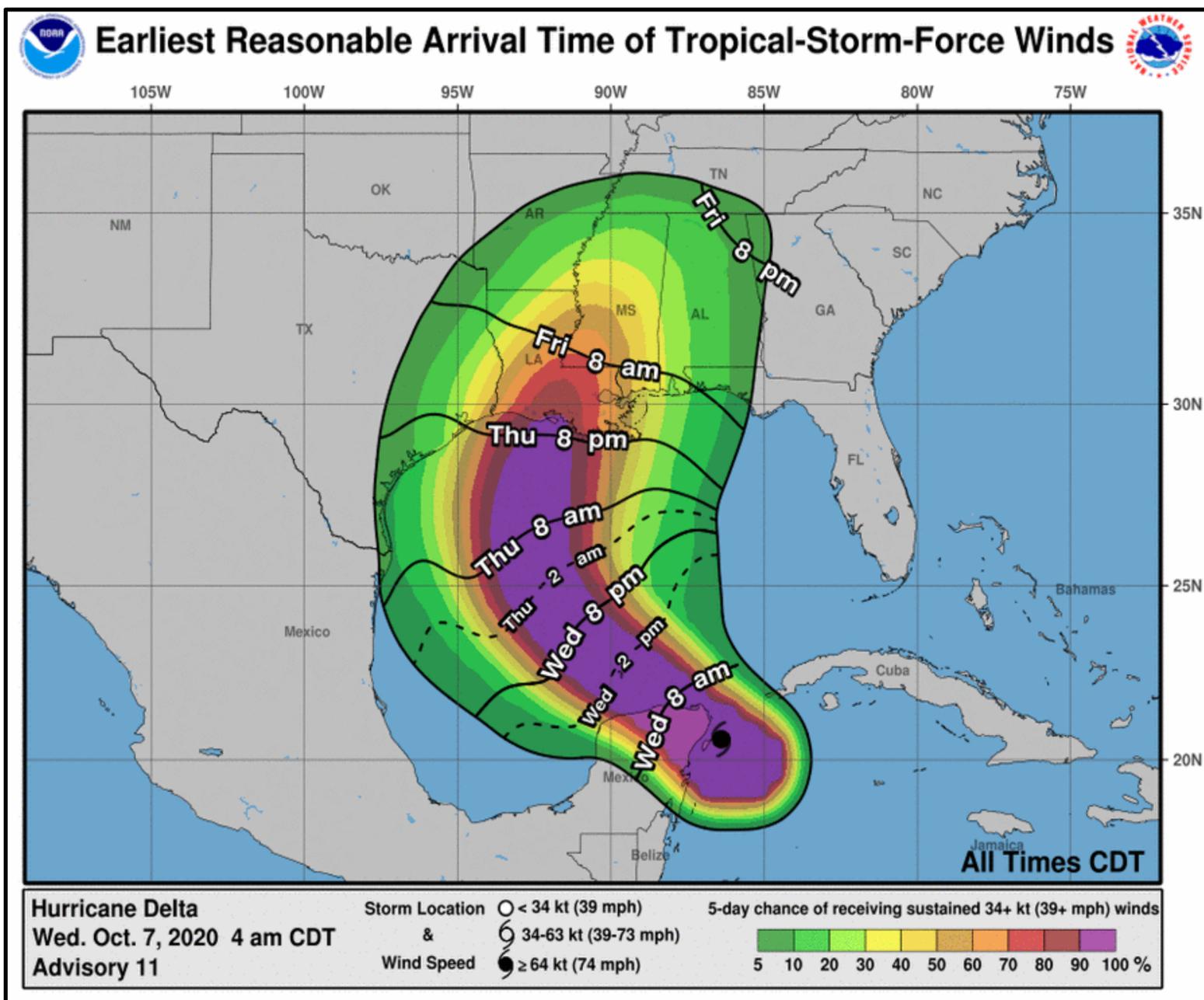
- **Summary:** Delta will approach the coast of Louisiana on Friday.
- **POTENTIAL Impacts:** Storm surge, heavy rainfall and tropical storm to hurricane force winds for southern LA Thursday into Friday. Inland heavy rain/flash flood potential for LA/E AR/SE & ETX Friday into Saturday.



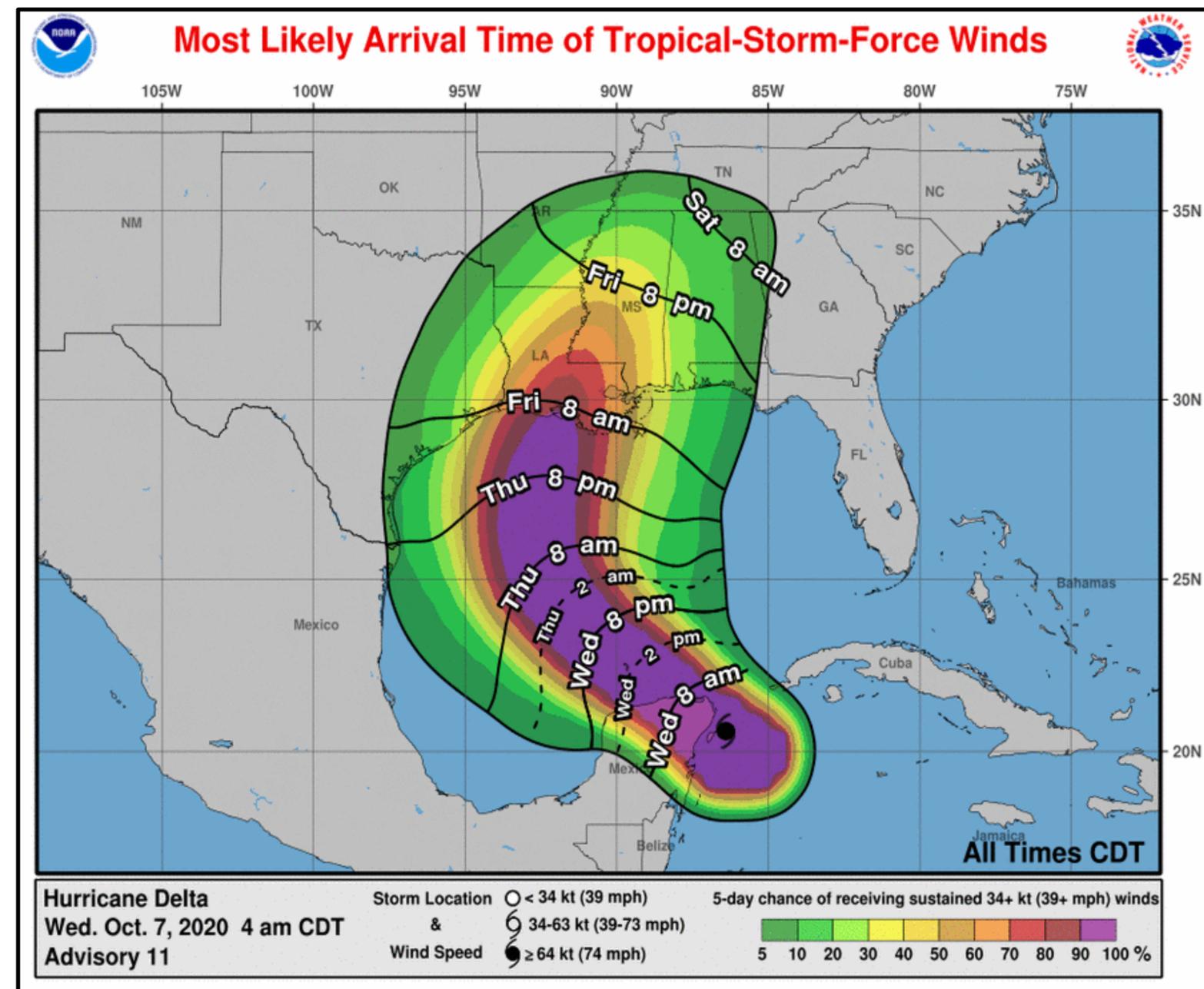
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**Sustained tropical storm force winds could arrive at the coast as early as Thursday evening.**



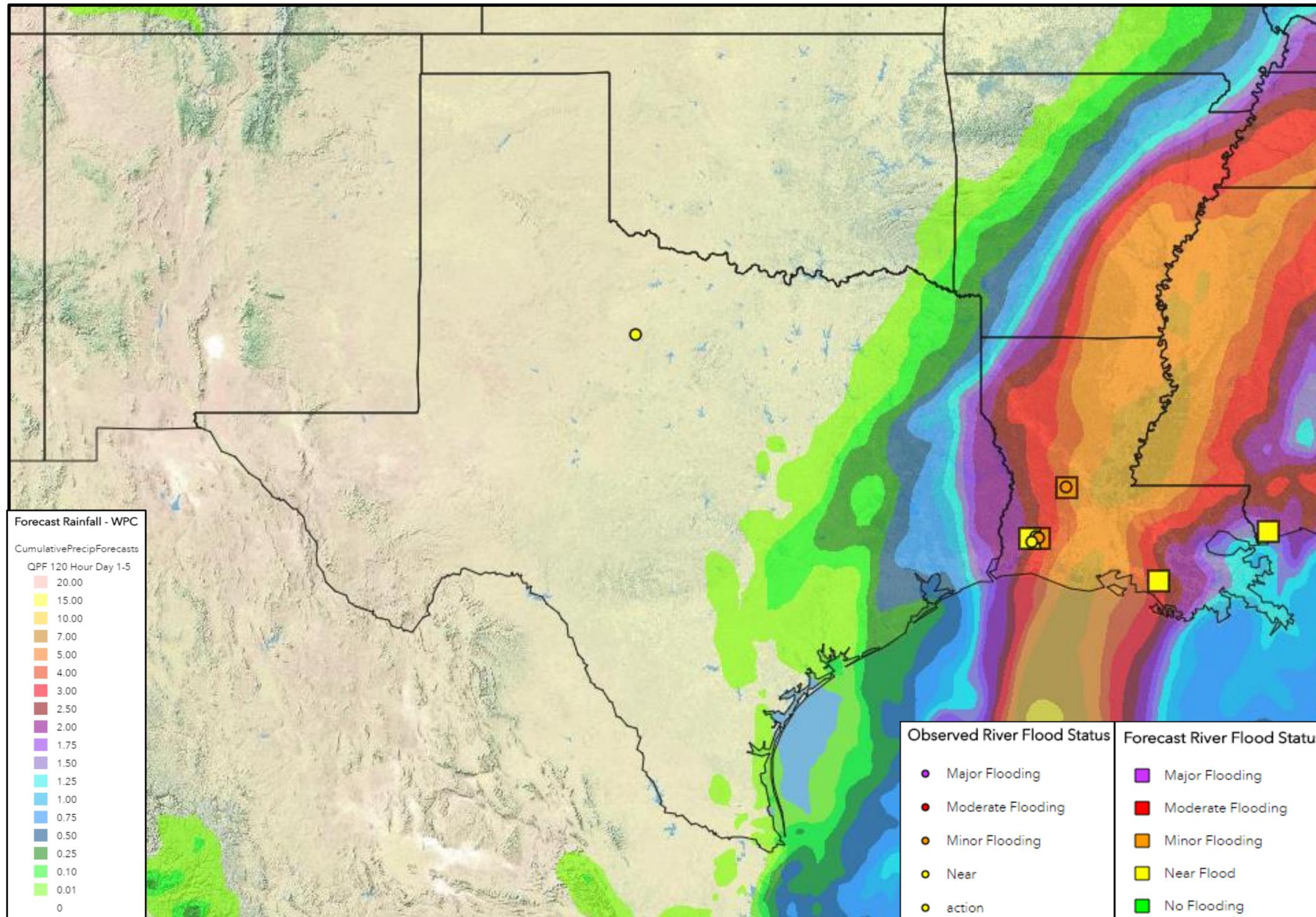
**Sustained tropical storm force winds are most likely to arrive at the coast early Friday morning.**

# 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



**Isolated minor river flooding continues in LA.**  
Impacts: Secondary roads and low lying areas.

**New river flooding is possible across portions of LA/AR as Delta moves inland late this week.**

# Today's Weather

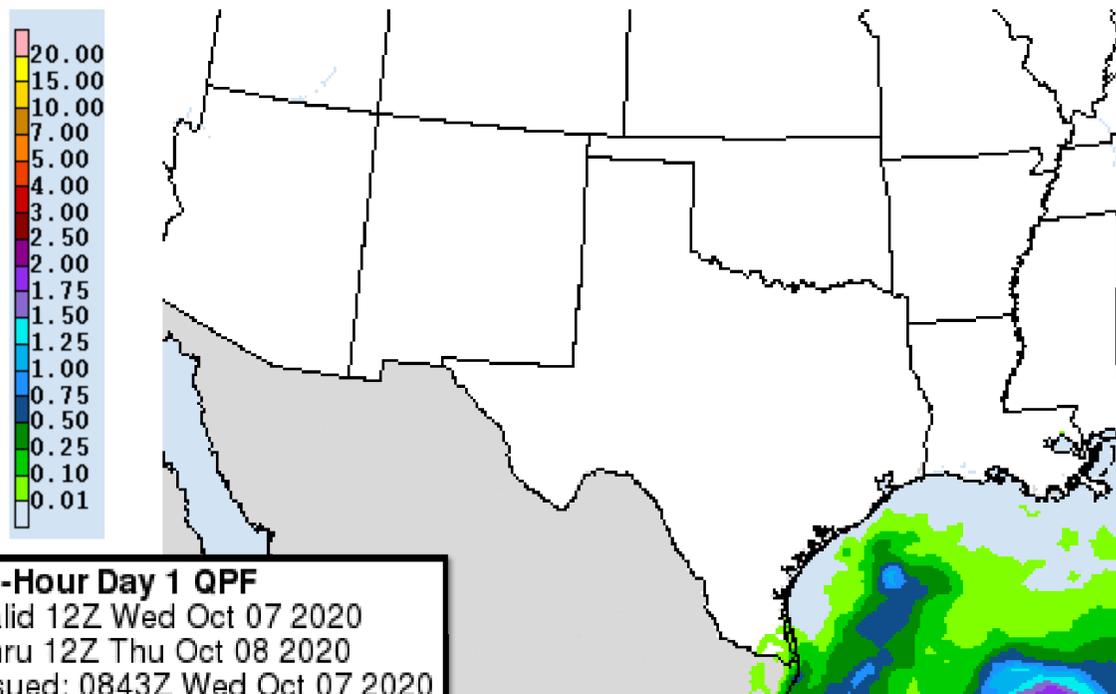
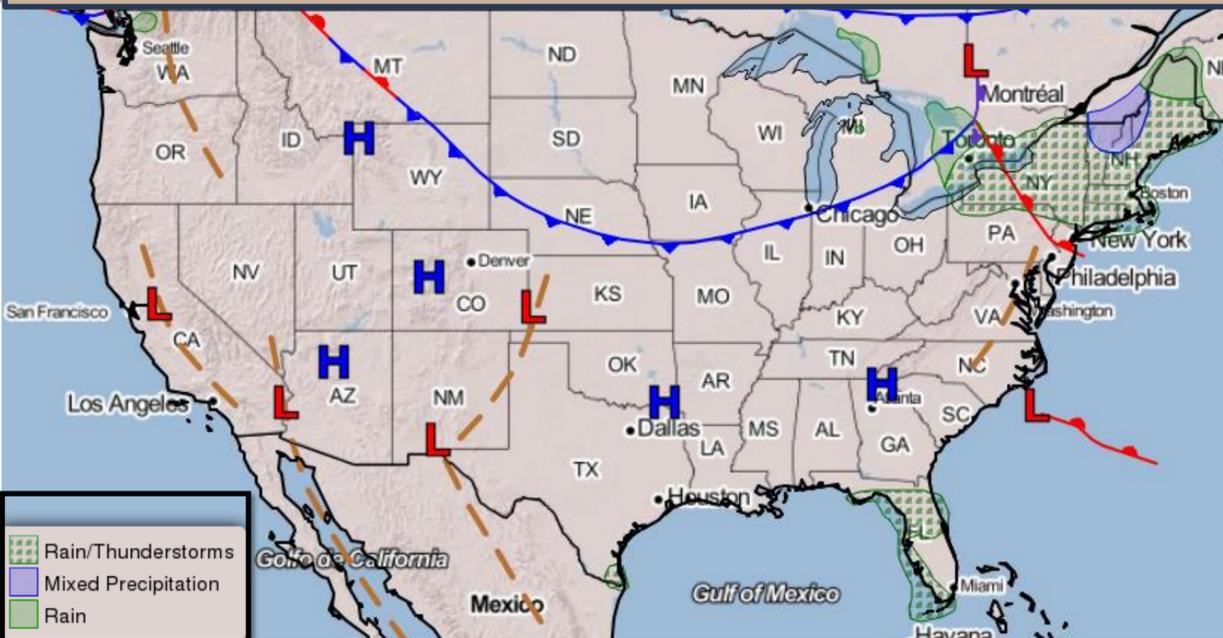


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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

**No significant weather expected.**

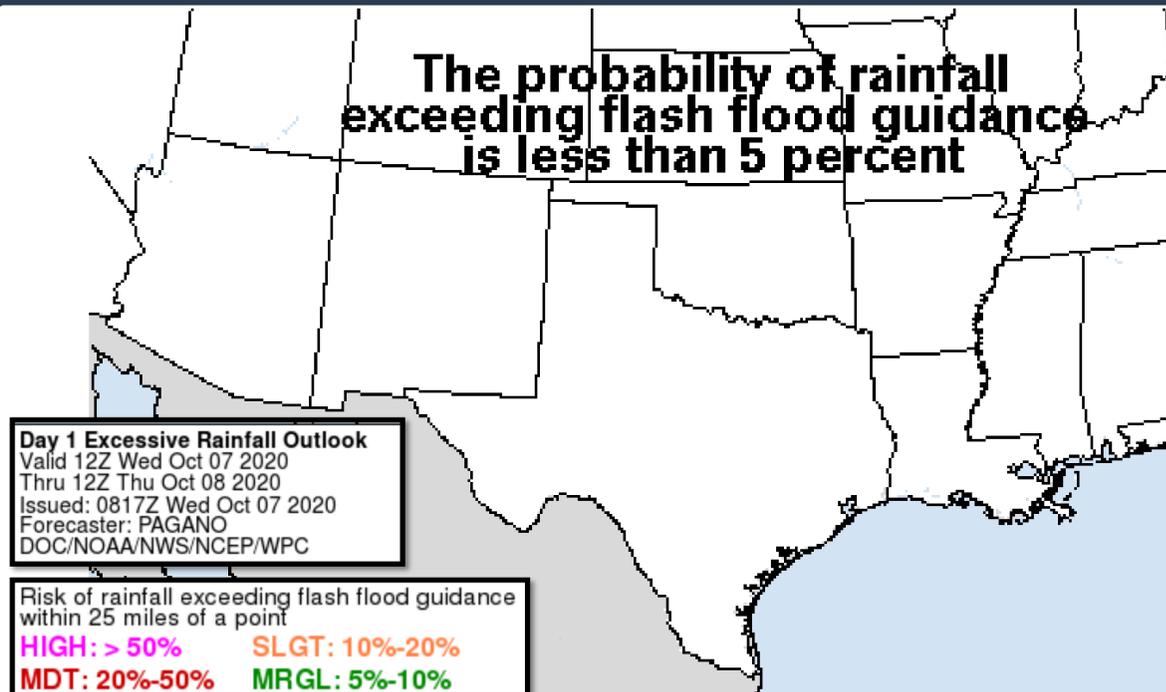


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Fronts Valid 8am EDT Wed Oct 07 2020  
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Prepared by Zavodoff with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts.

**24-Hour Day 1 QPF**  
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Thru 12Z Thu Oct 08 2020  
Issued: 0843Z Wed Oct 07 2020

## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



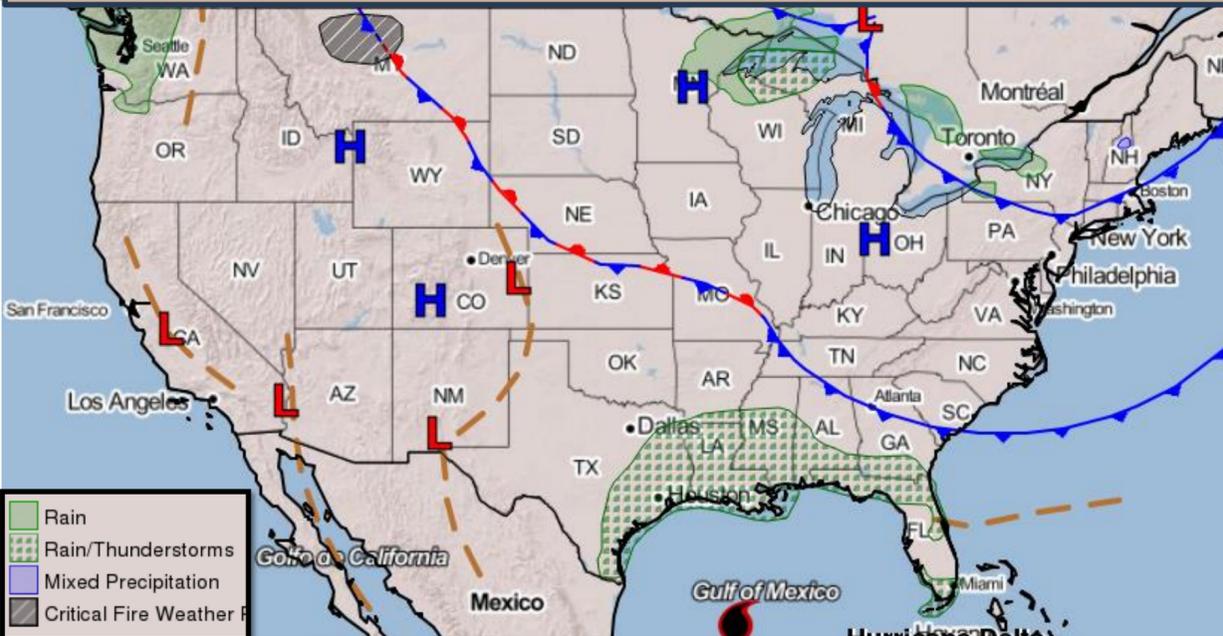
# Tomorrow's Weather



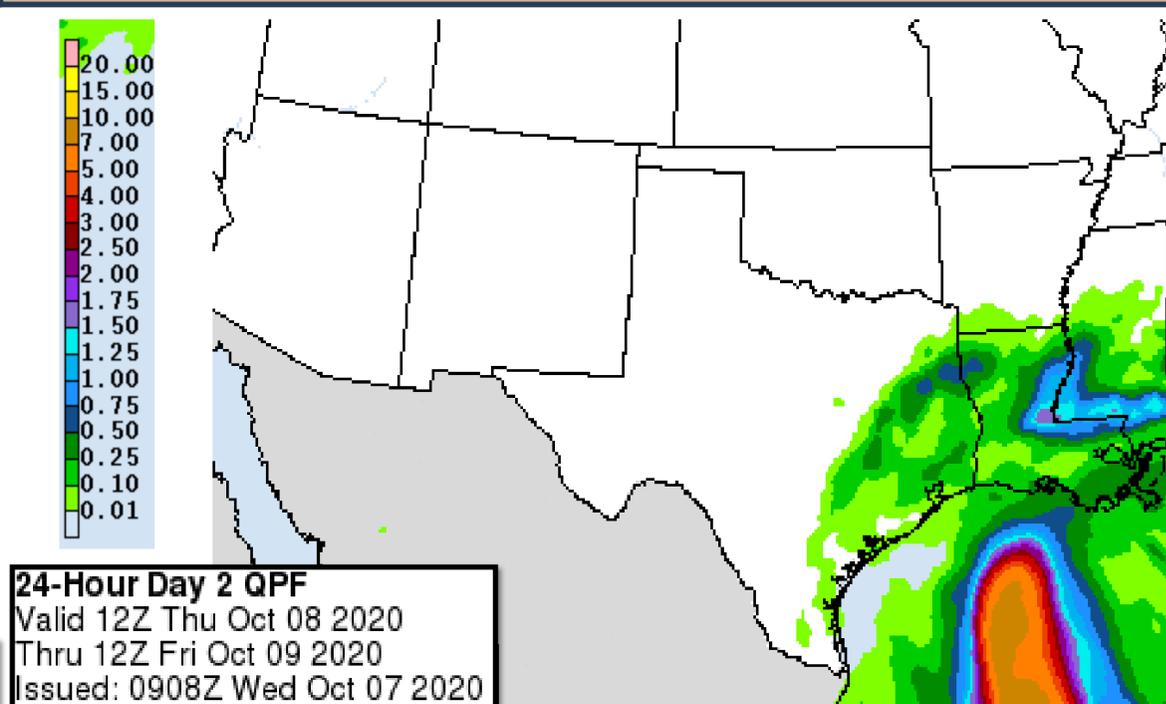
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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall



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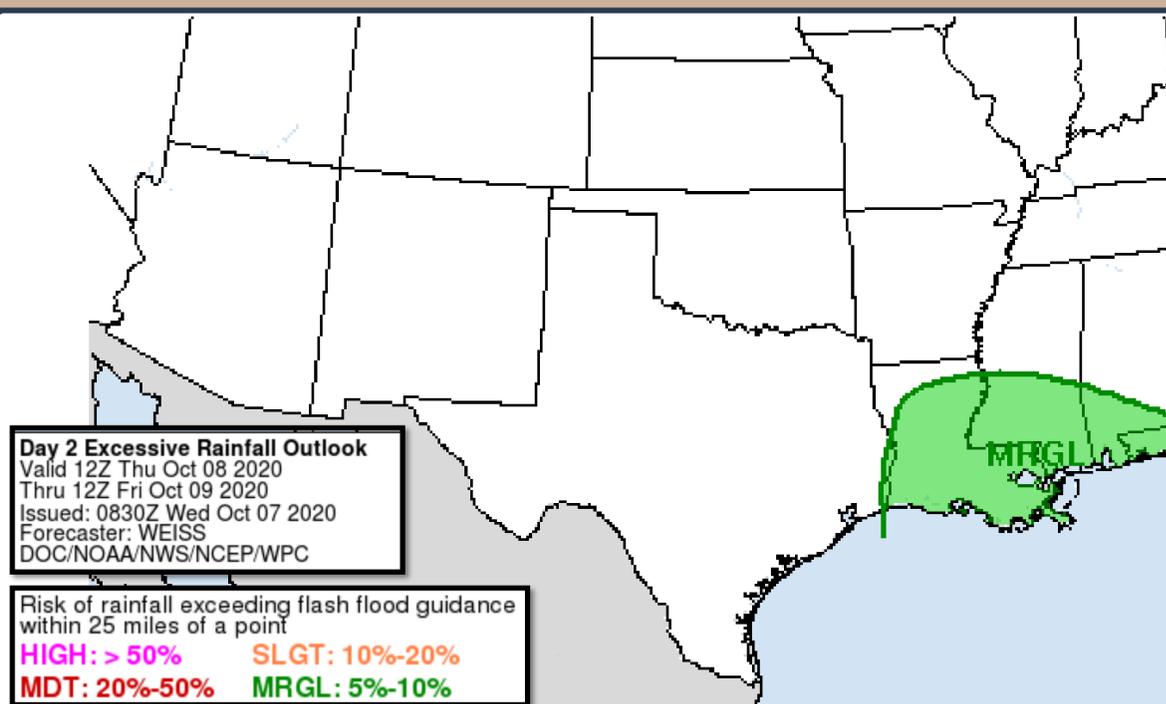
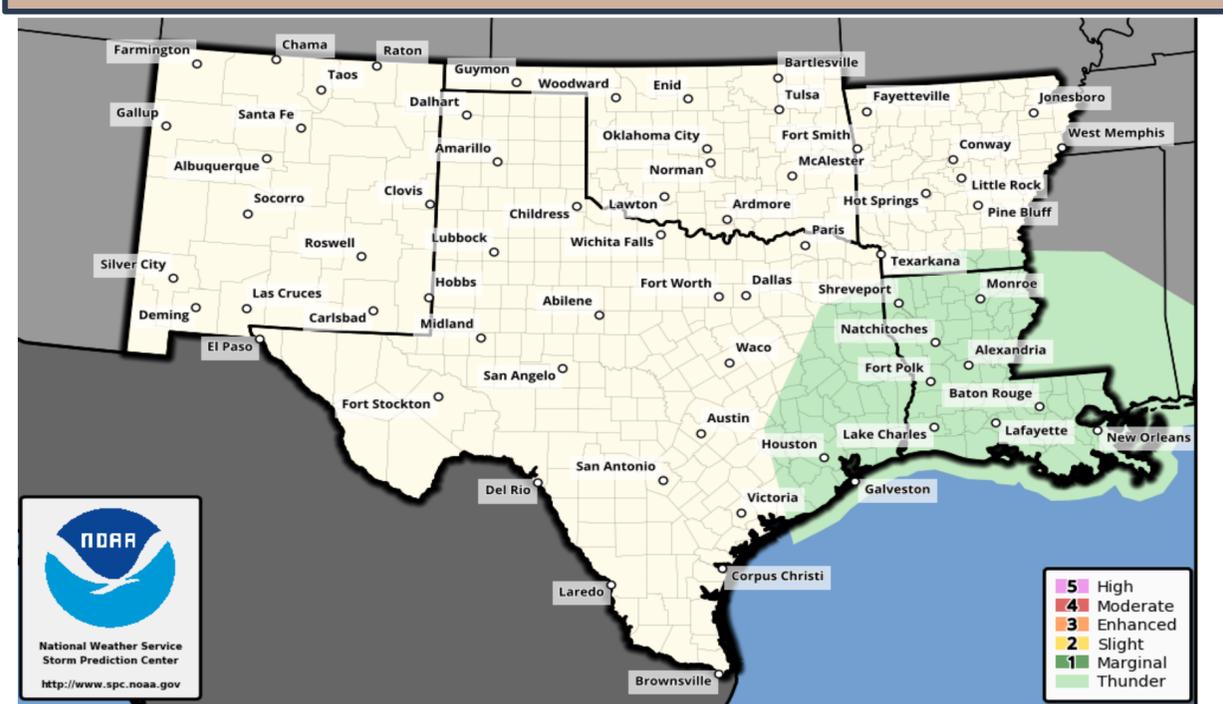
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Thru 12Z Fri Oct 09 2020  
Issued: 0908Z Wed Oct 07 2020

**Dangerous storm surge and tropical storm force winds across SE LA.**

**Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding for LA and SE TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Day 2 Excessive Rainfall Outlook**  
Valid 12Z Thu Oct 08 2020  
Thru 12Z Fri Oct 09 2020  
Issued: 0830Z Wed Oct 07 2020  
Forecaster: WEISS  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point  
**HIGH: >50%**    **SLGT: 10%-20%**  
**MDT: 20%-50%**    **MRGL: 5%-10%**

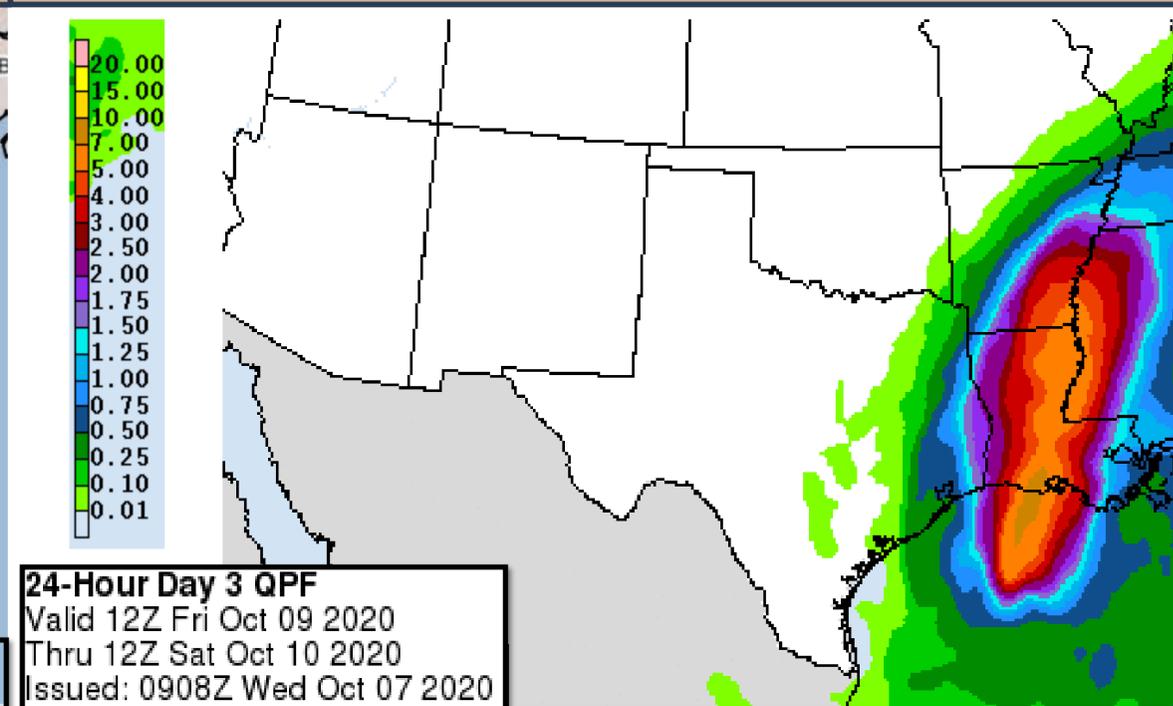
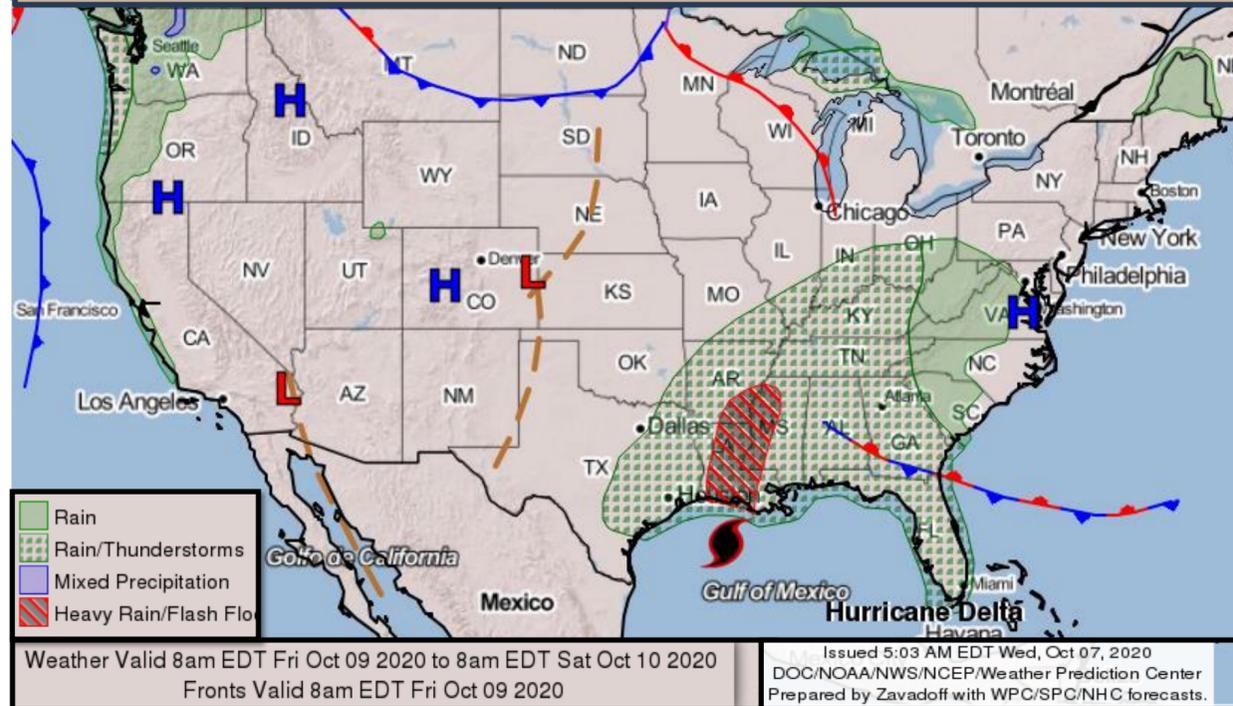
# Friday's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall



**Dangerous storm surge and tropical storm to hurricane force winds across S LA.**

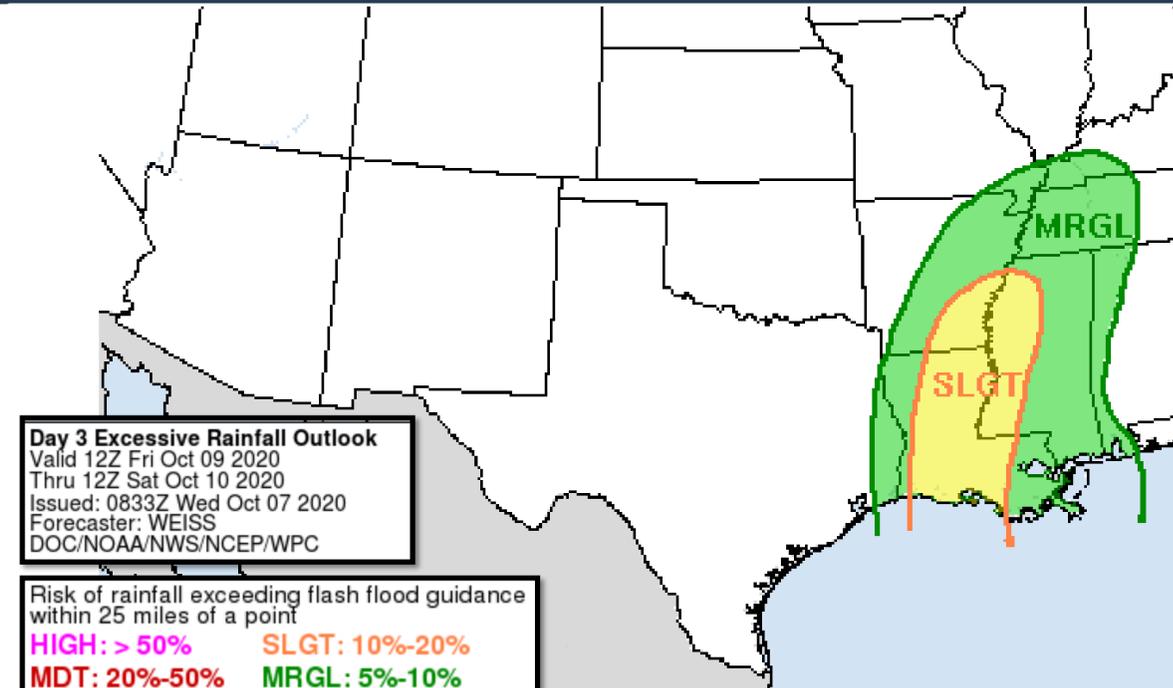
**Heavy rain/flash flooding expected across much of LA and SE AR.**

**Isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding across E & SE TX.**

**Isolated severe storms across SE LA. Brief tornadoes are the main threat.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



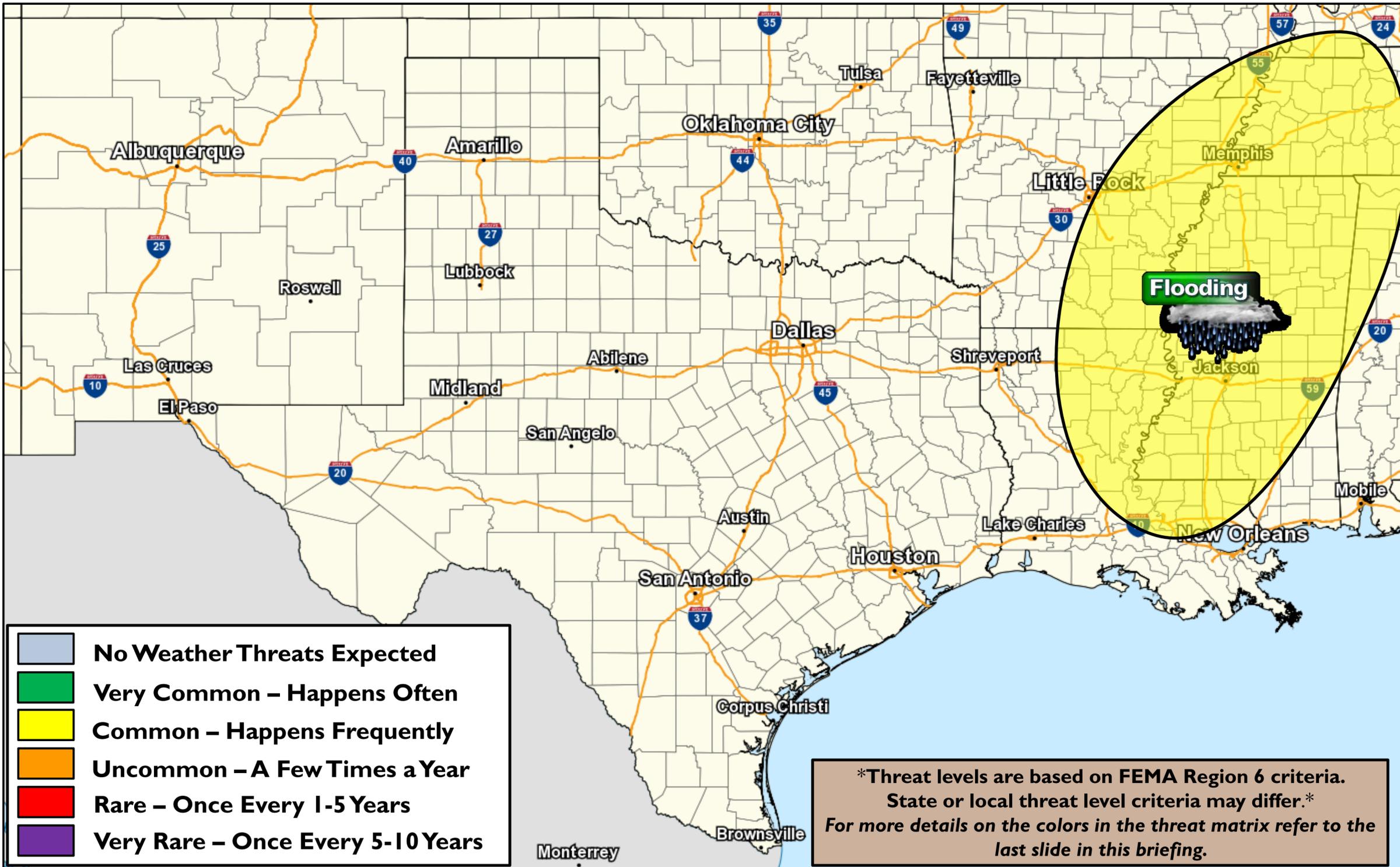
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

## Saturday - Sunday



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**Heavy rain/flash flooding threat continues across LA into E AR on Saturday.**

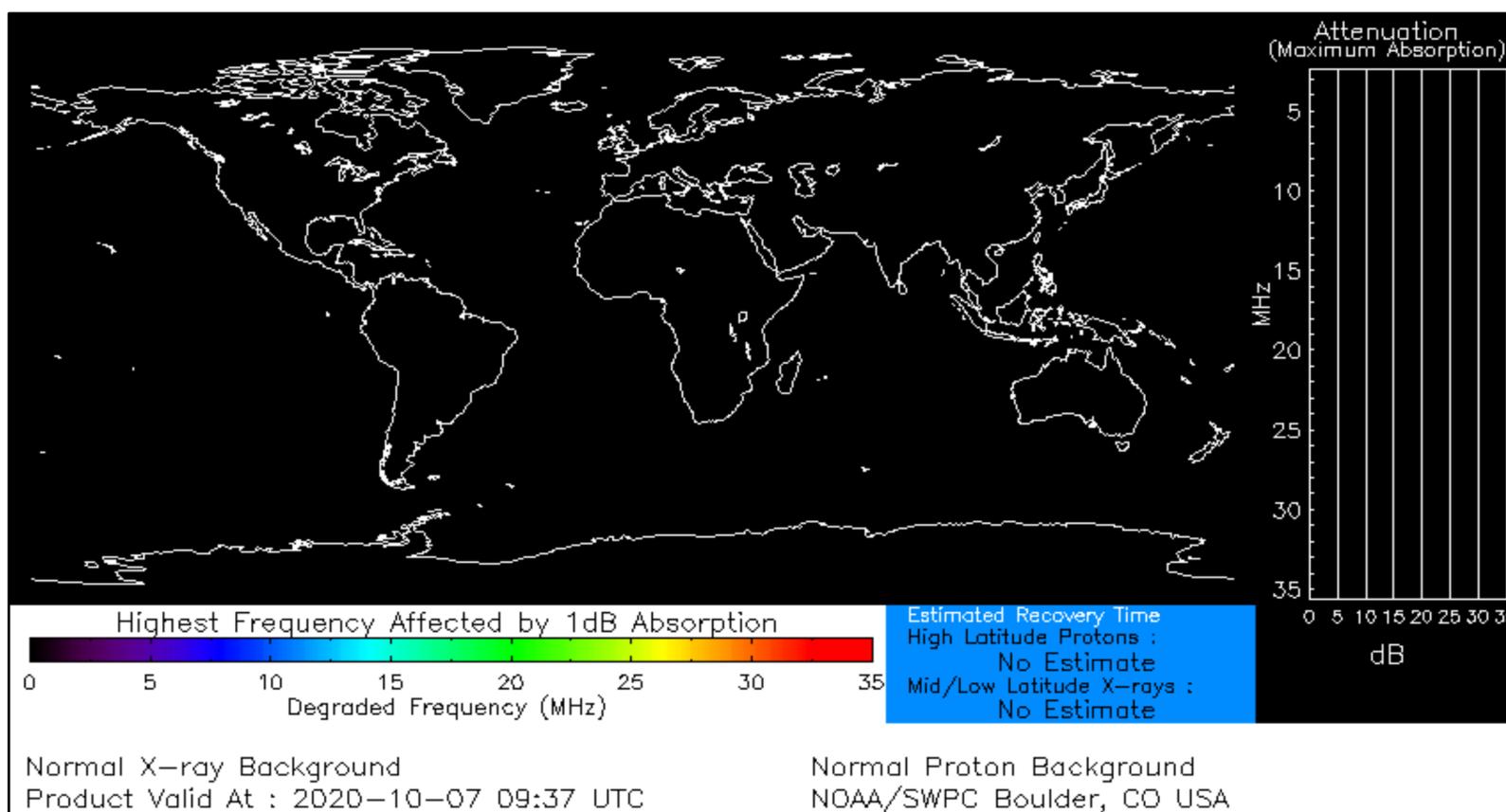


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



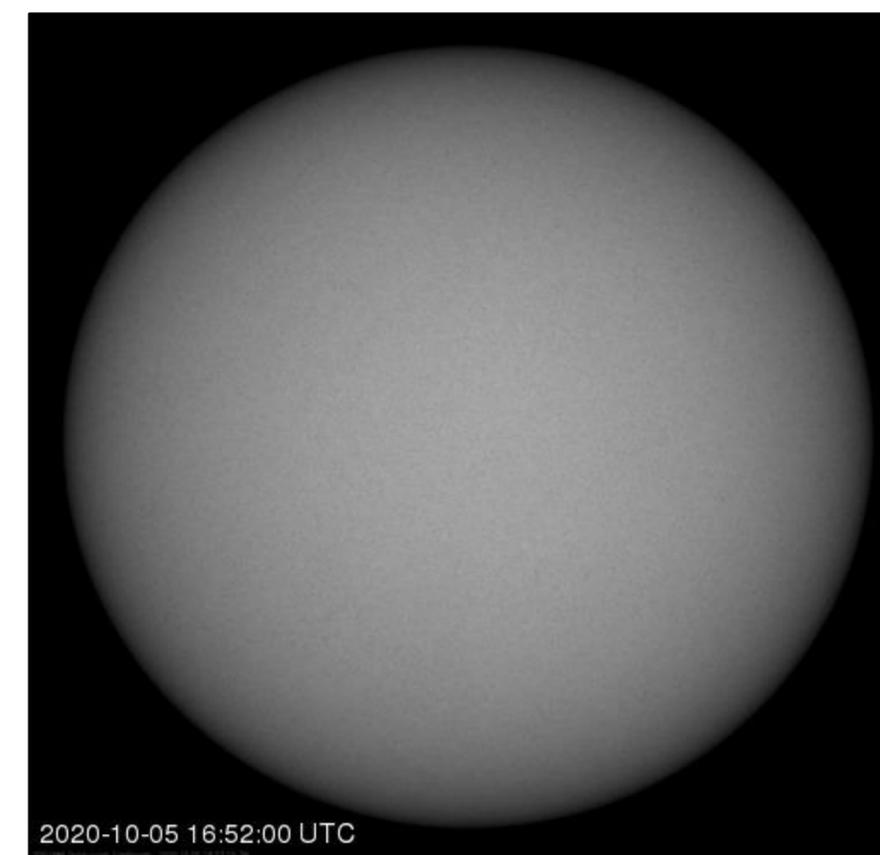
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



[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;"><b>Very Common</b></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"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b></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"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b></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"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b></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"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b></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"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov).**