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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday October 20, 2020

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- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across E NM and the TX/OK Panhandles on Thursday.**
- **Epsilon is expected to strengthen into a hurricane by tomorrow in the Central Atlantic. No impact to FEMA Region 6.**
- **An area in the Caribbean Sea has a low chance of development this week. No impacts to FEMA Region 6 expected.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 20, 2020 - Oct 24, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather			E NM & TX/OK Panhandles		
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA

	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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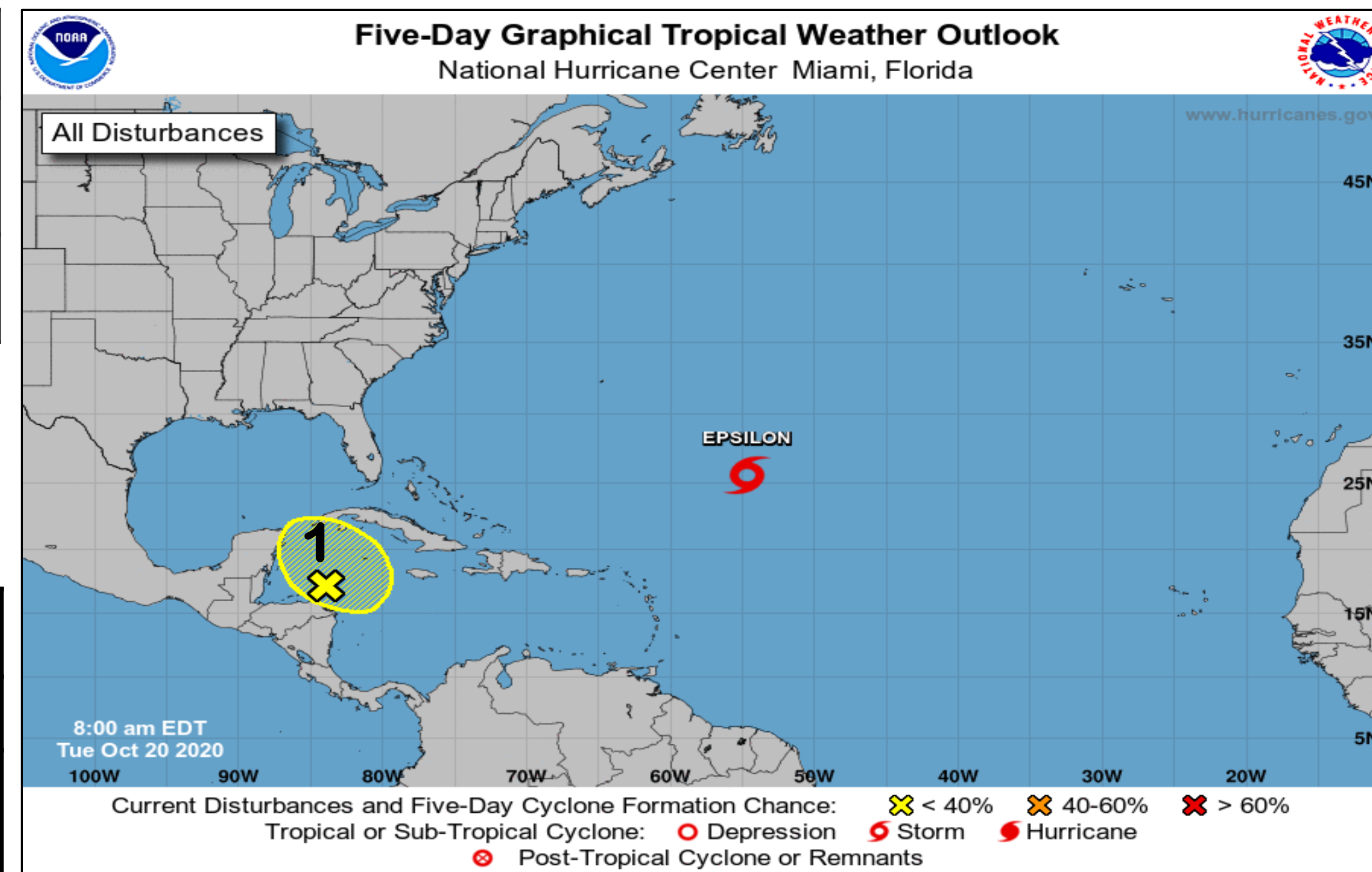
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## Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Low	None in the next 5 days.

## Active Tropical Cyclones

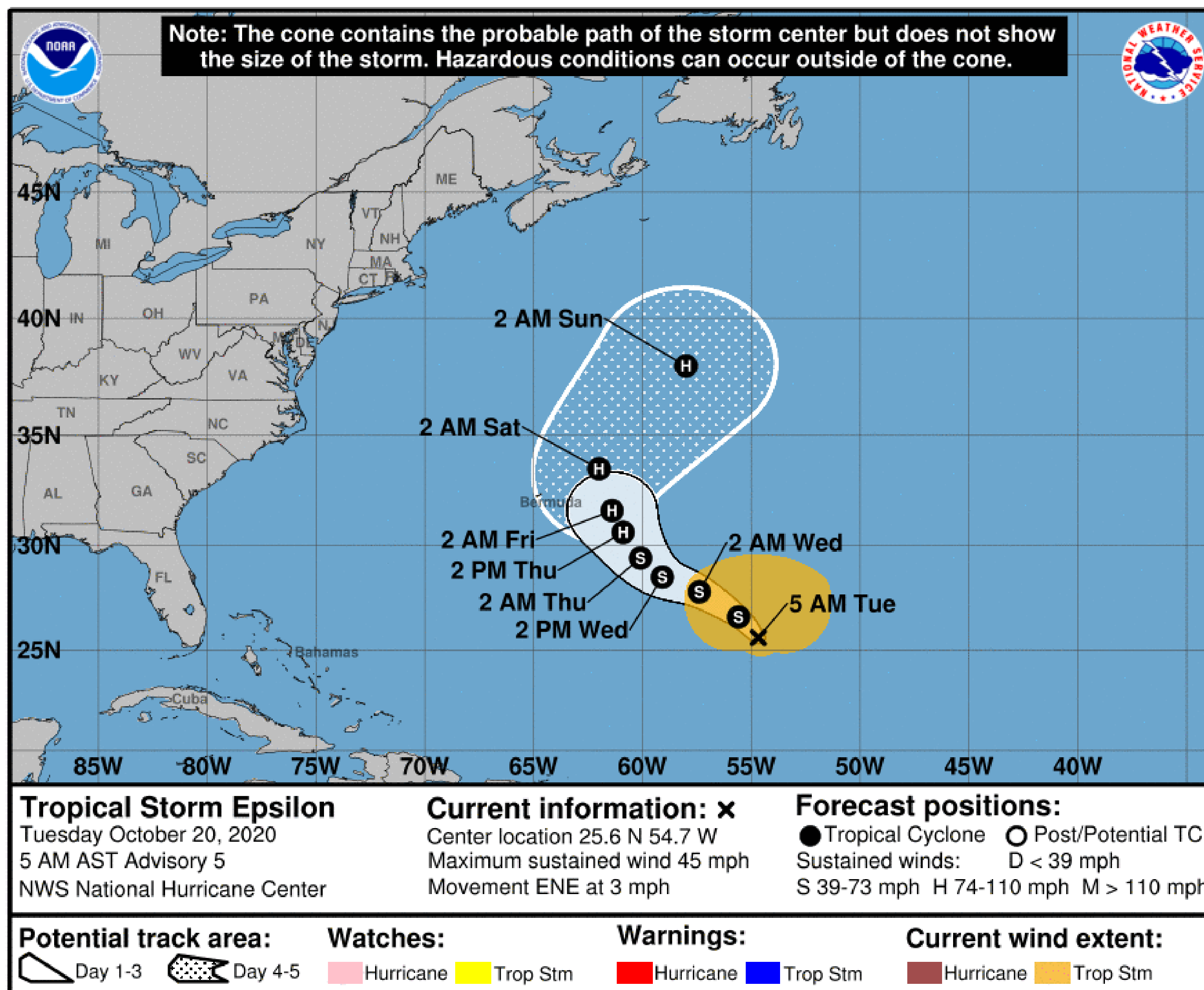
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Epsilon	None.



# Epsilon



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**Tropical Storm Epsilon is expected to become a hurricane by Wednesday over the Atlantic.**

**This storm will move slowly west-northwest over the central Atlantic in the next five days with no immediate US impacts.**

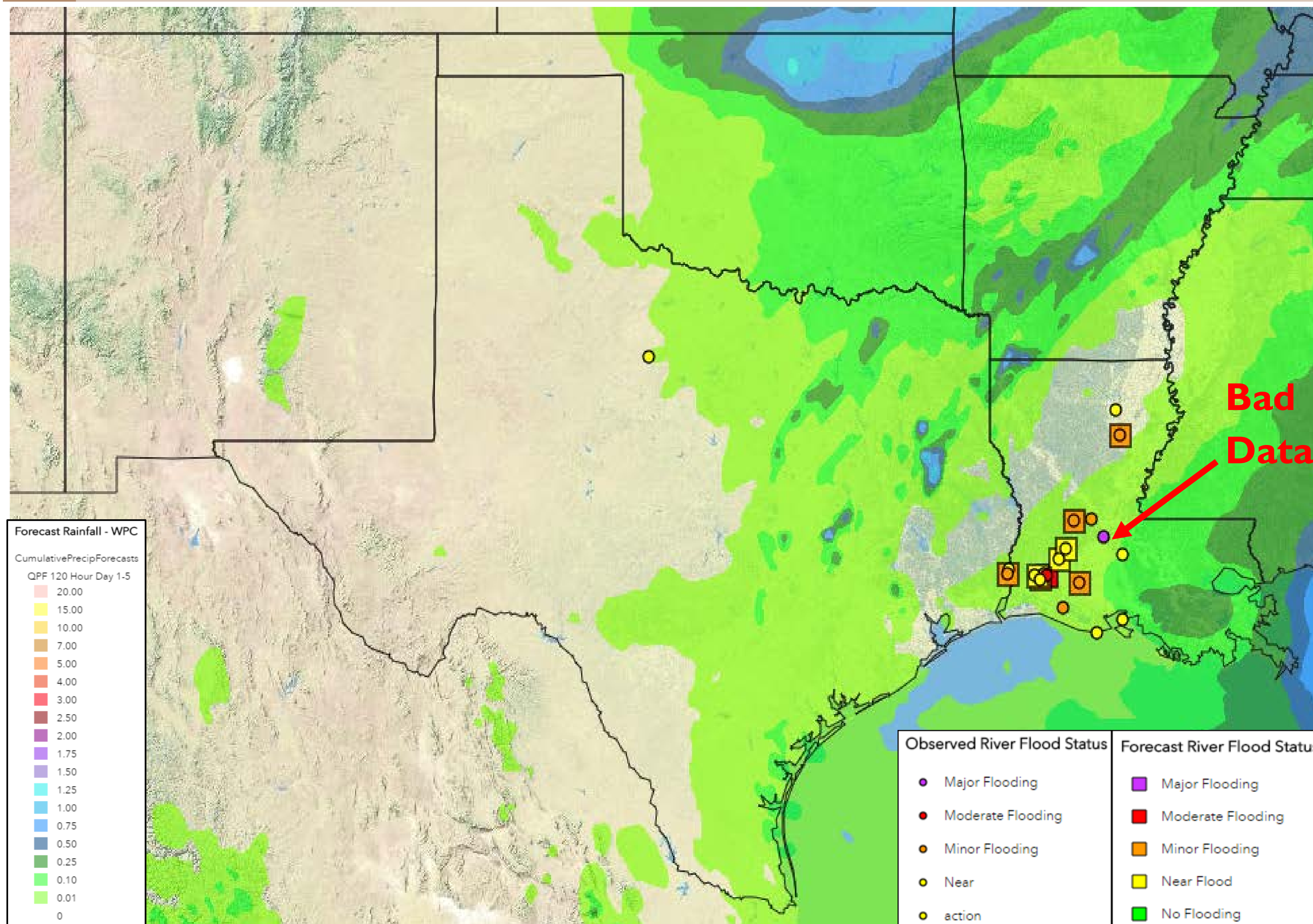


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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



**Minor to Moderate river flooding continues across SW LA.**

**The Calcasieu River will continue a slow fall at all points. Near White Oak Park (east of Lake Charles), the river remains in moderate flood stage through midweek. Impacts to roads, camps and some homes is still occurring.**

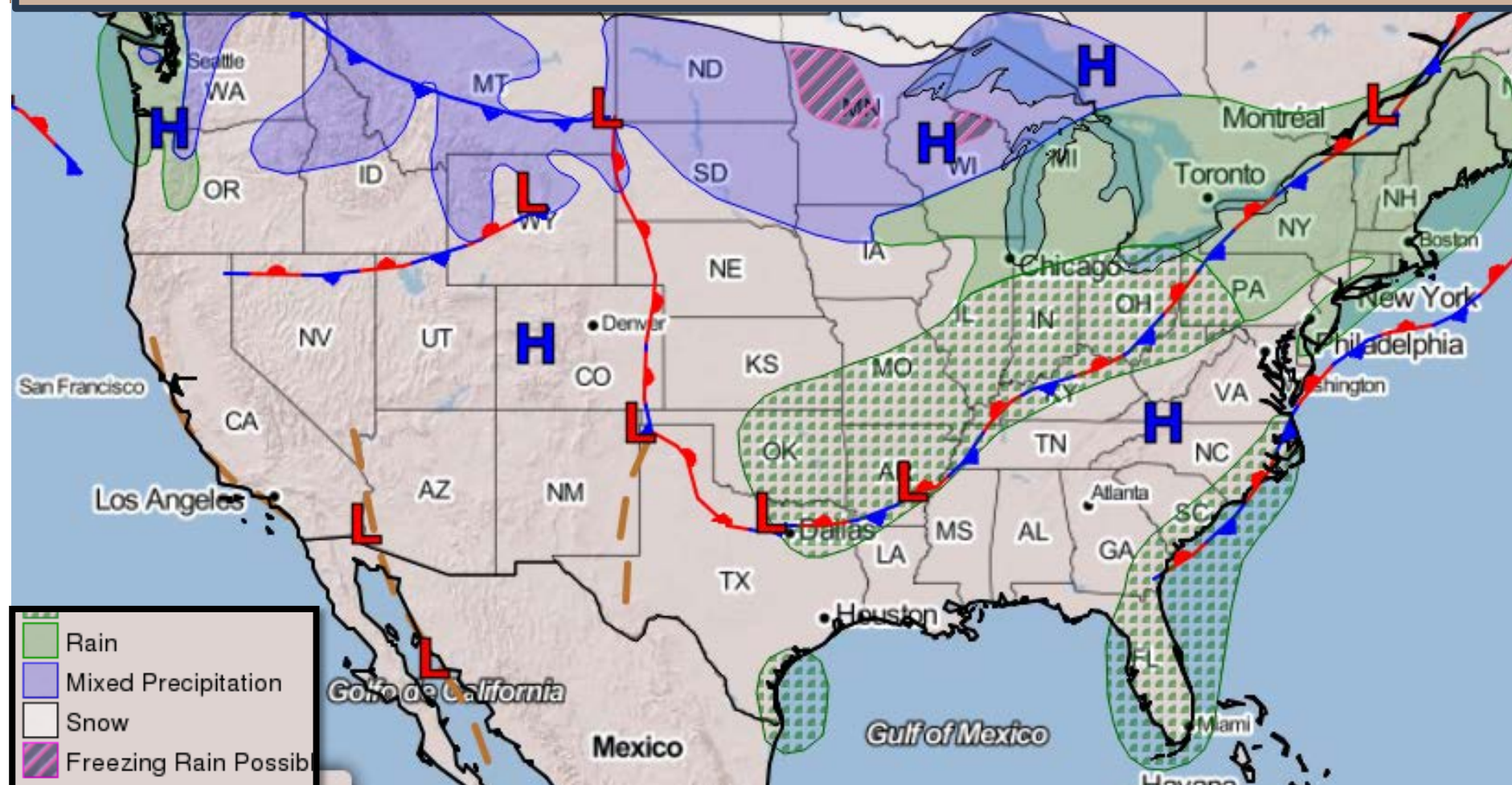


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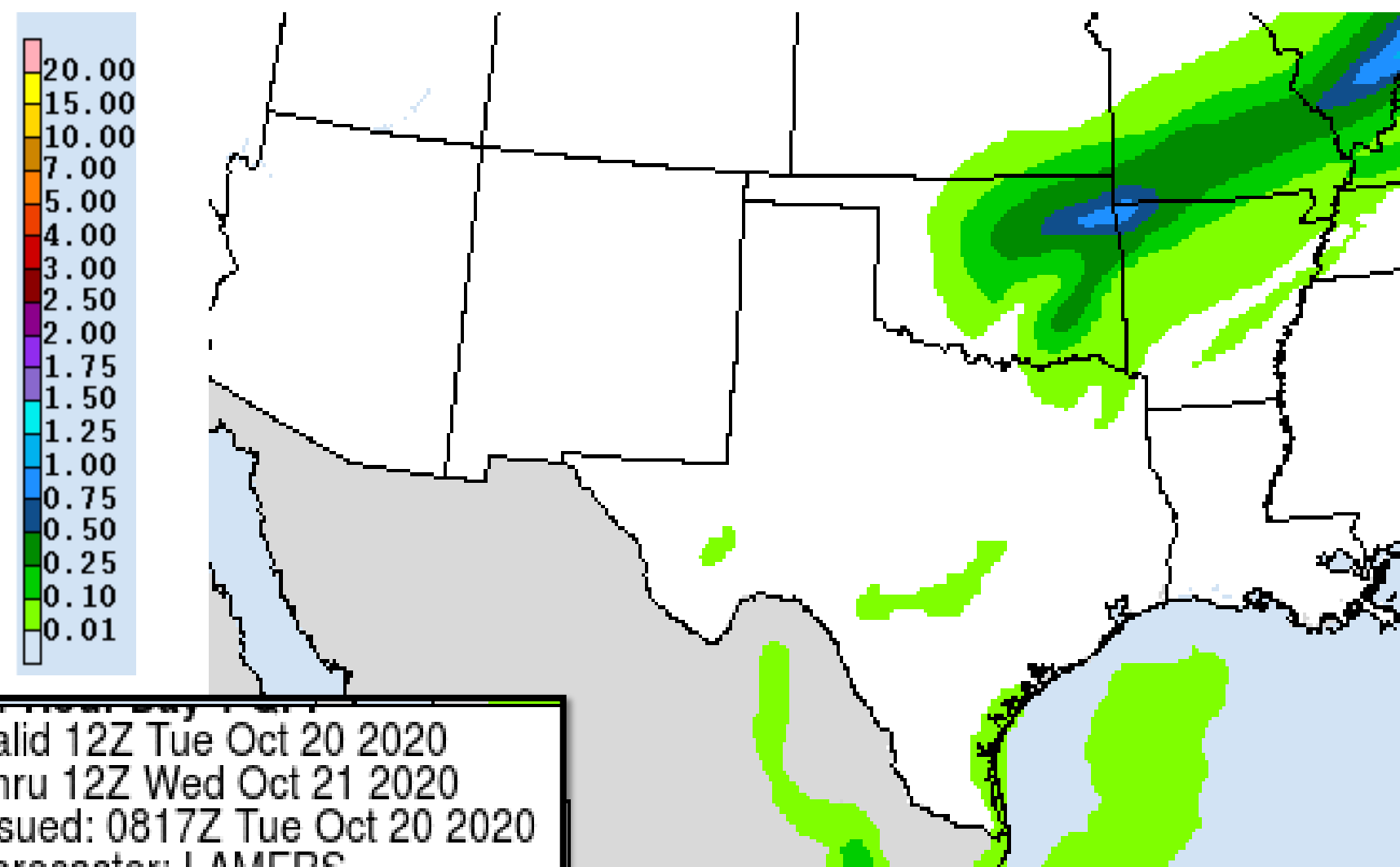
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## Forecast Chart



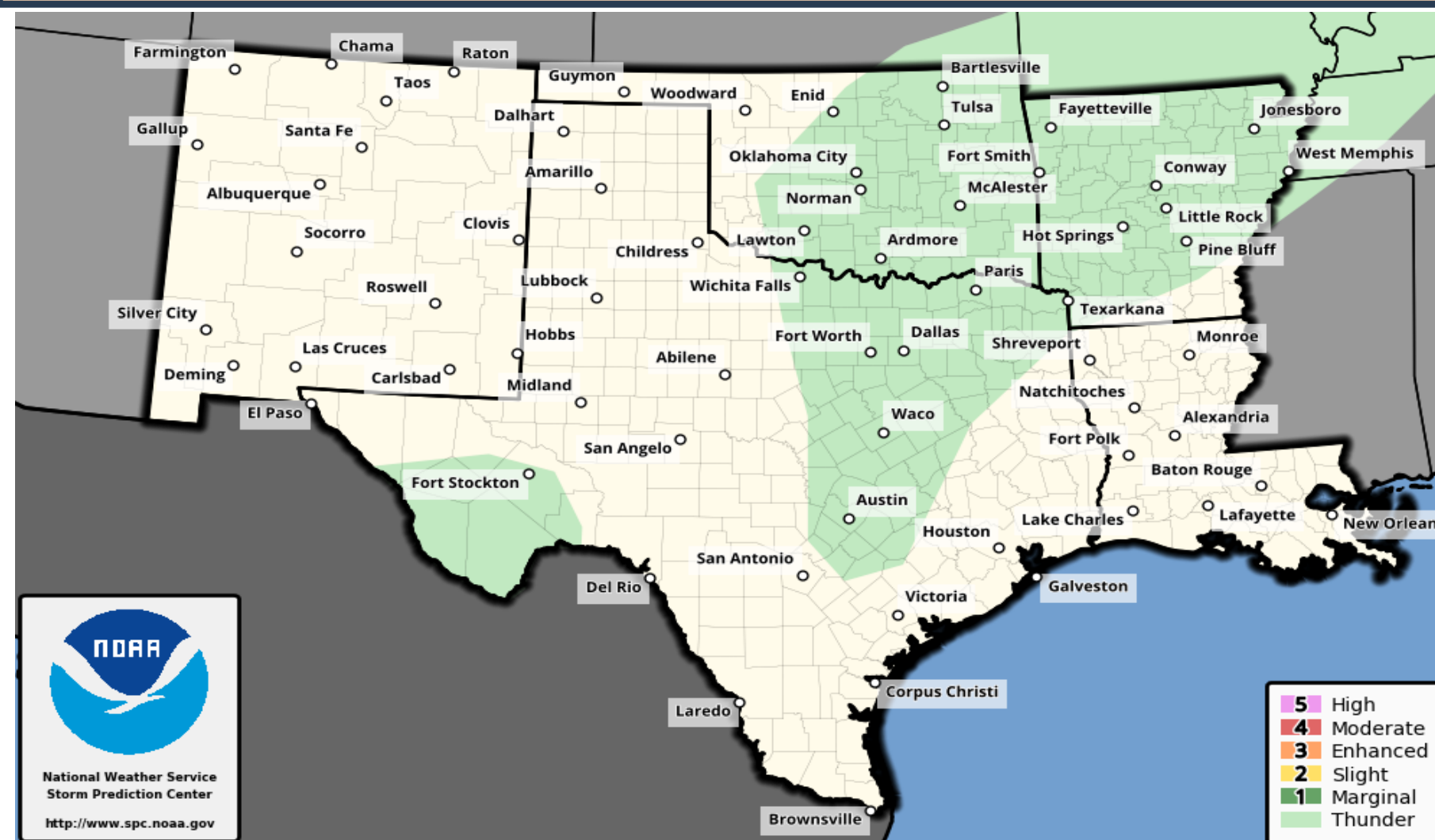
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## Forecast Rainfall

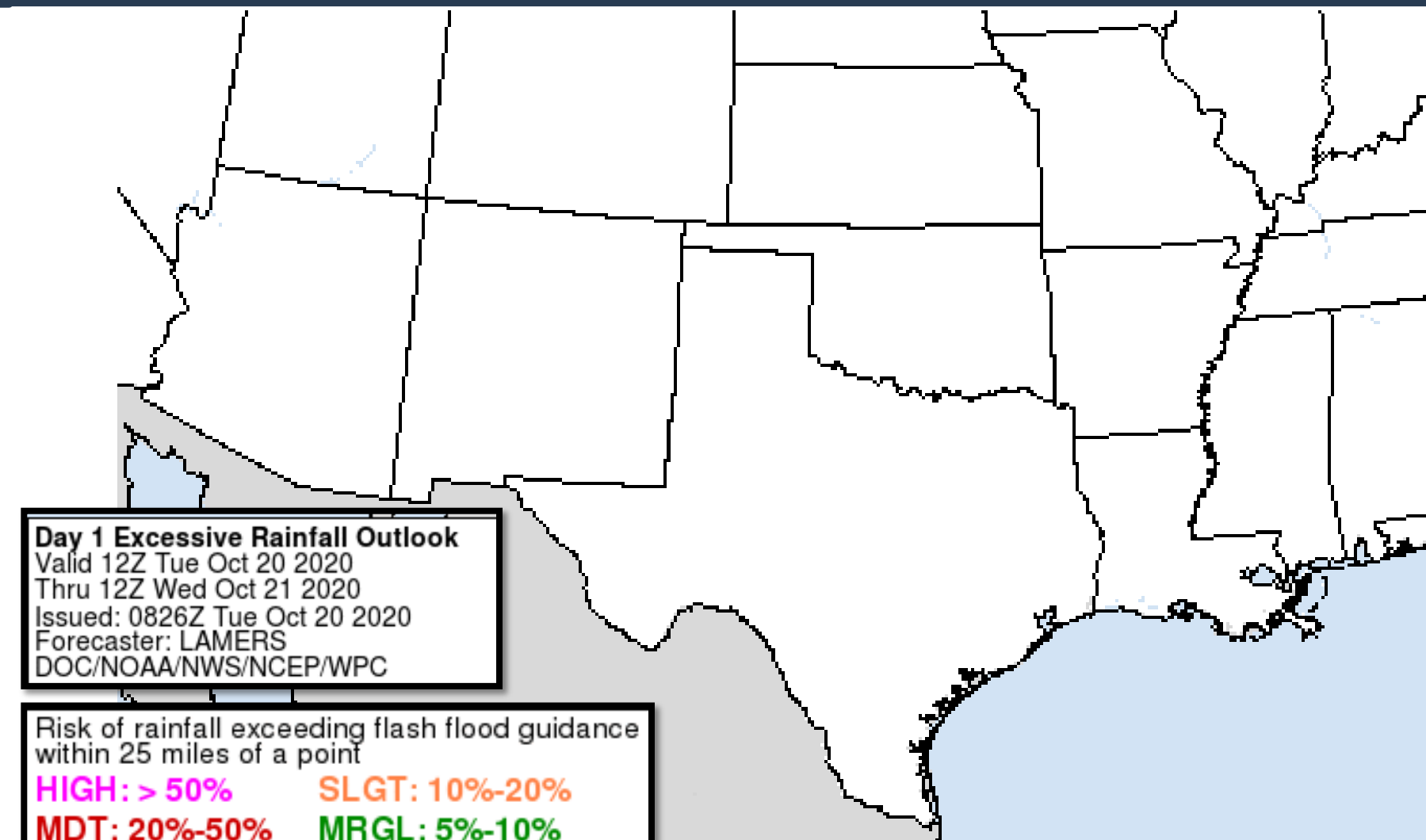


No significant weather  
expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

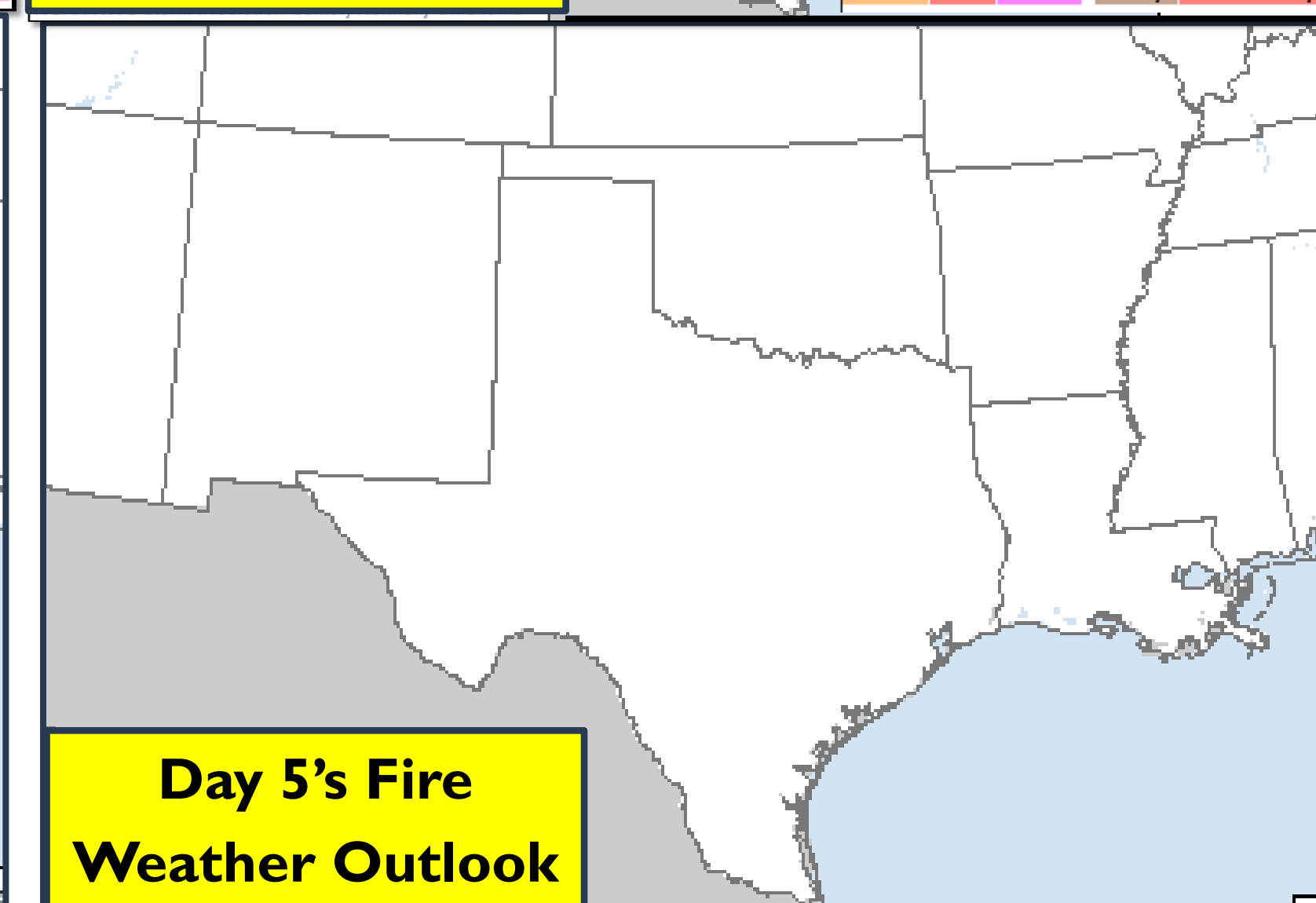
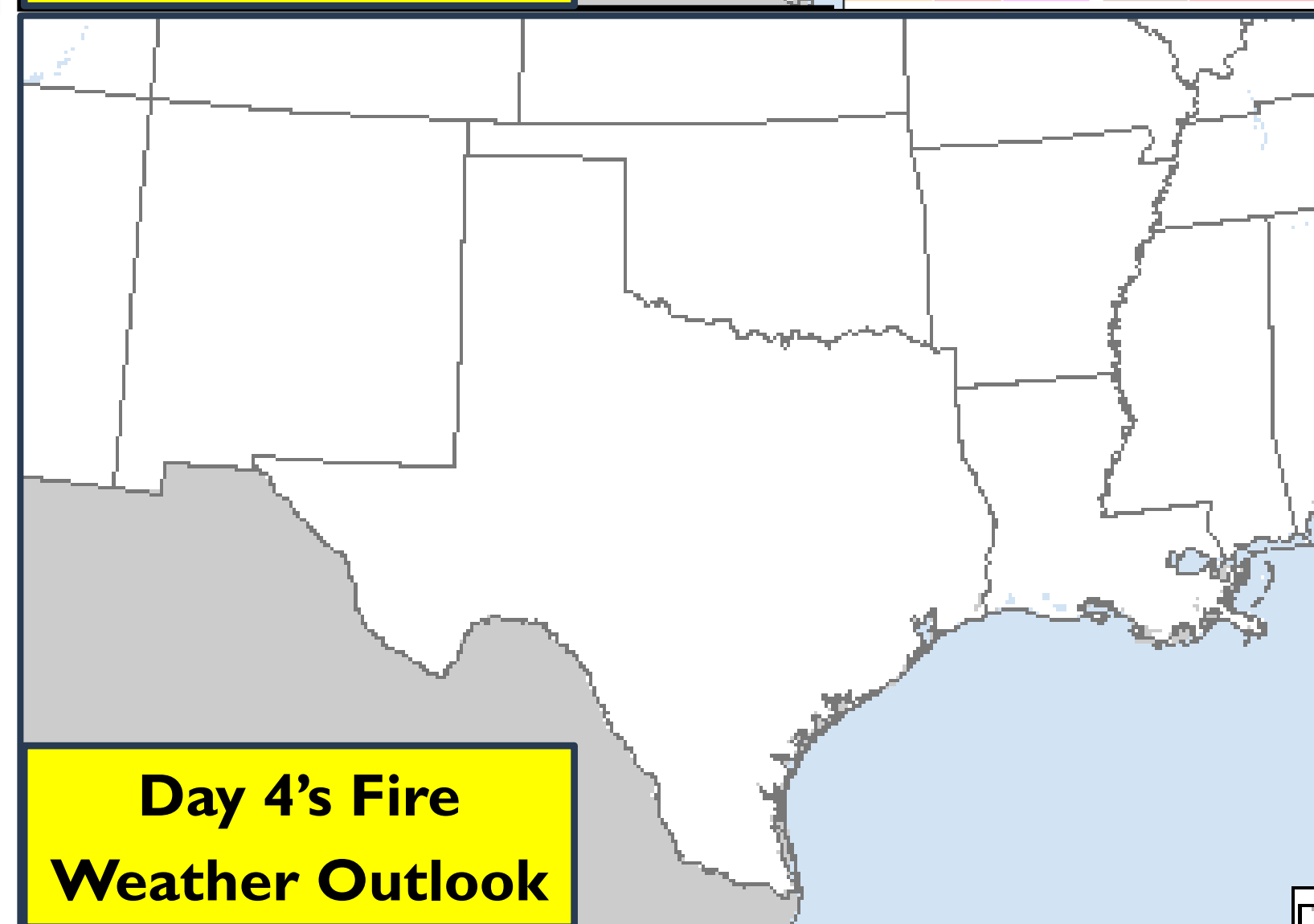
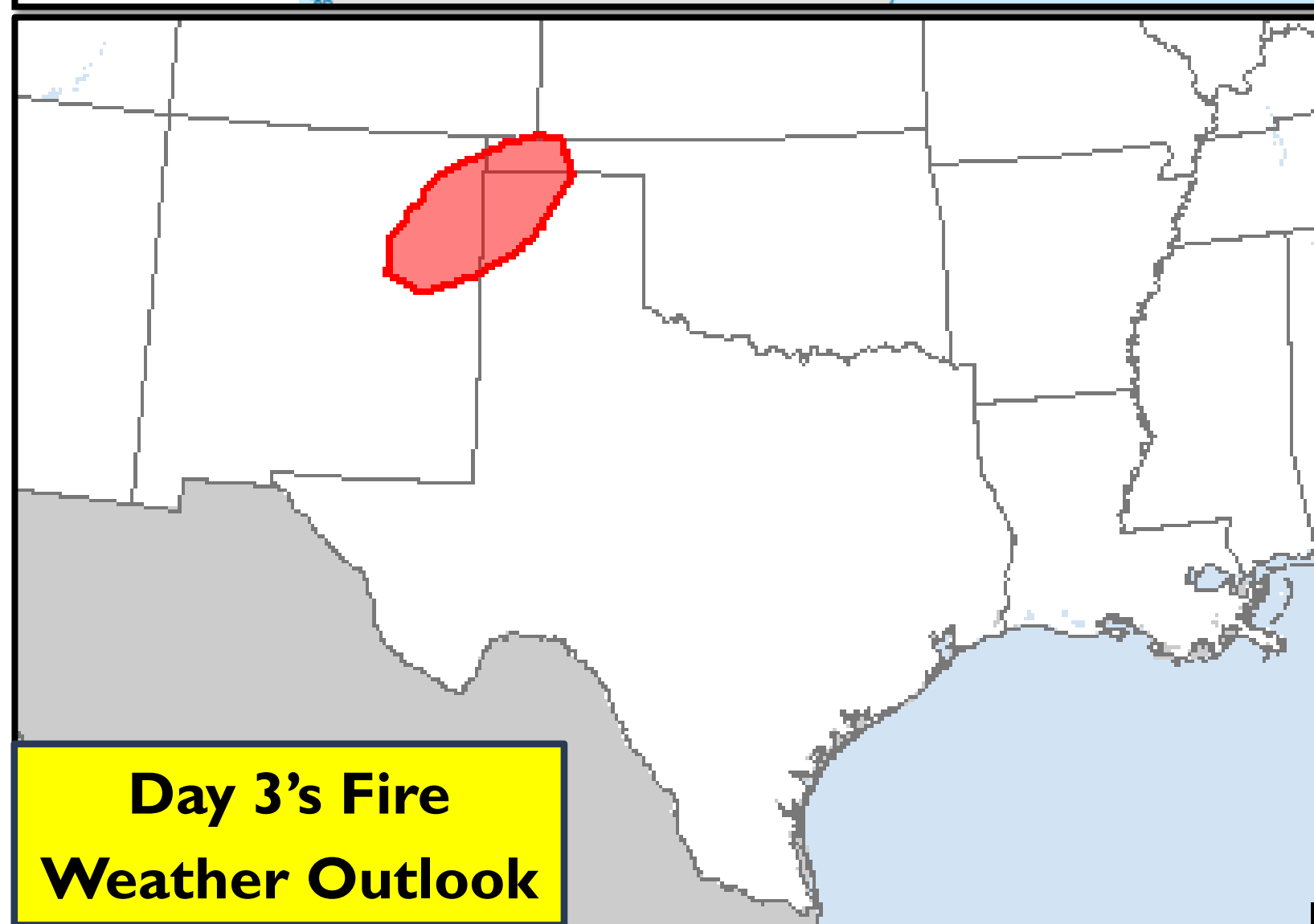
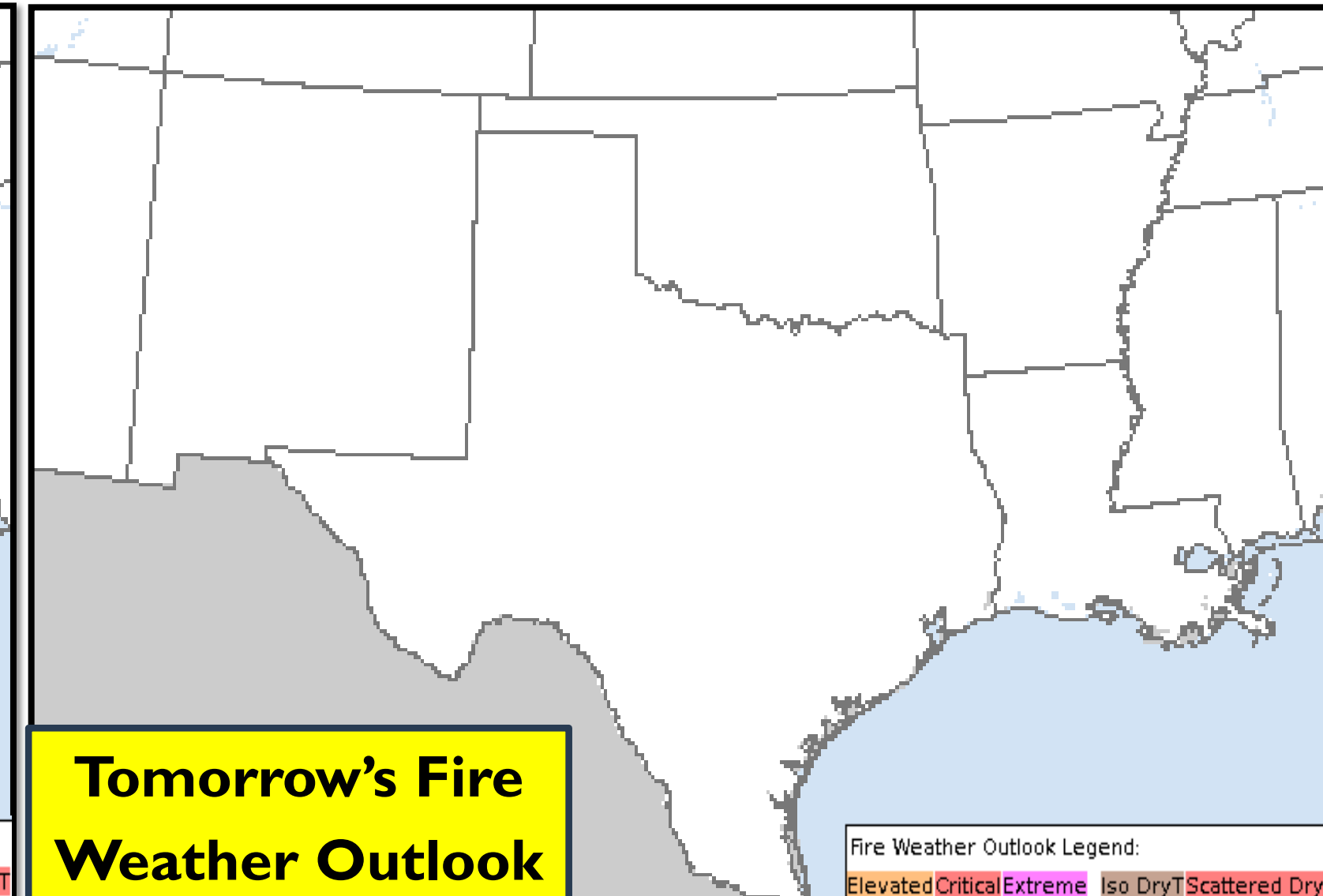
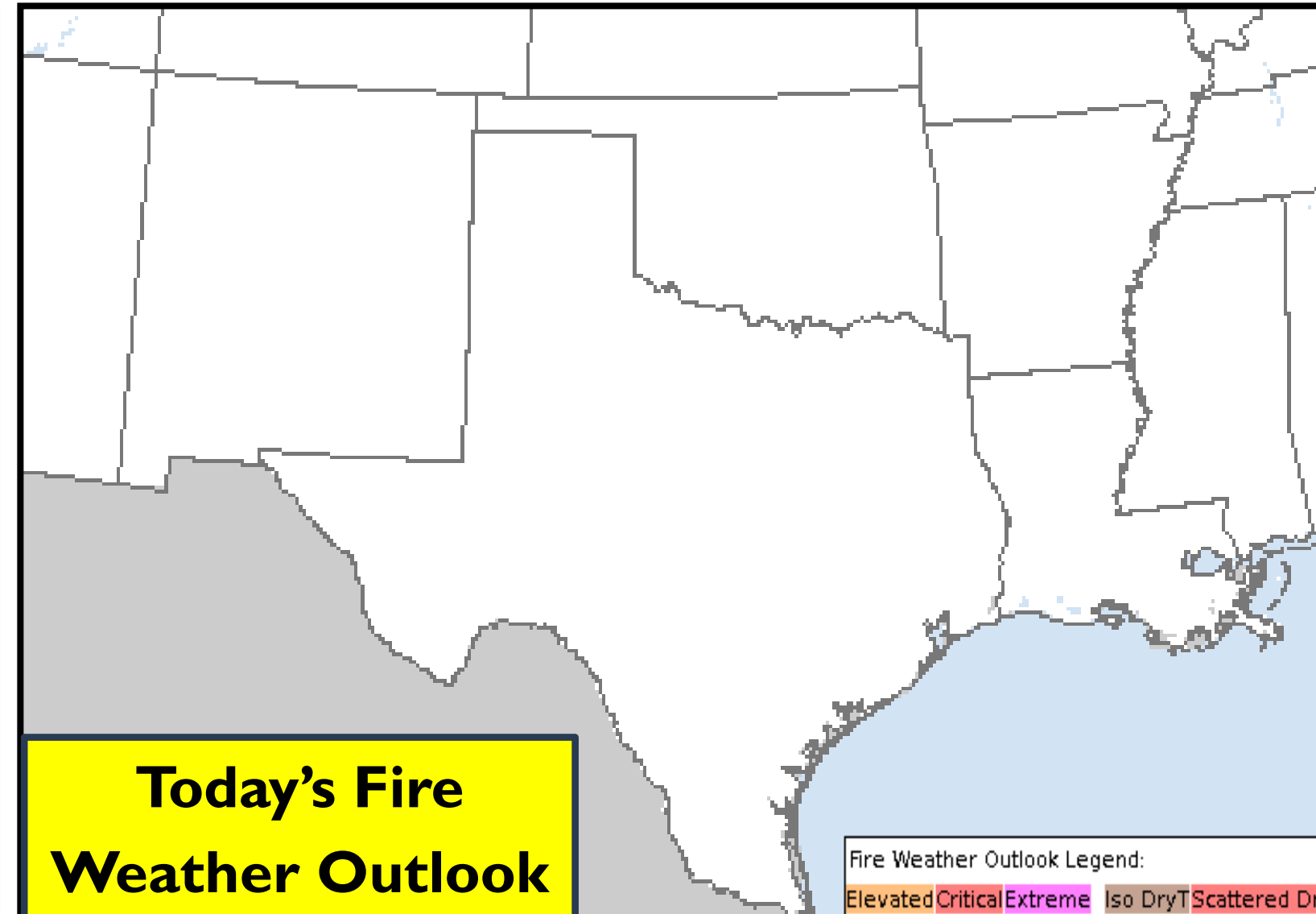
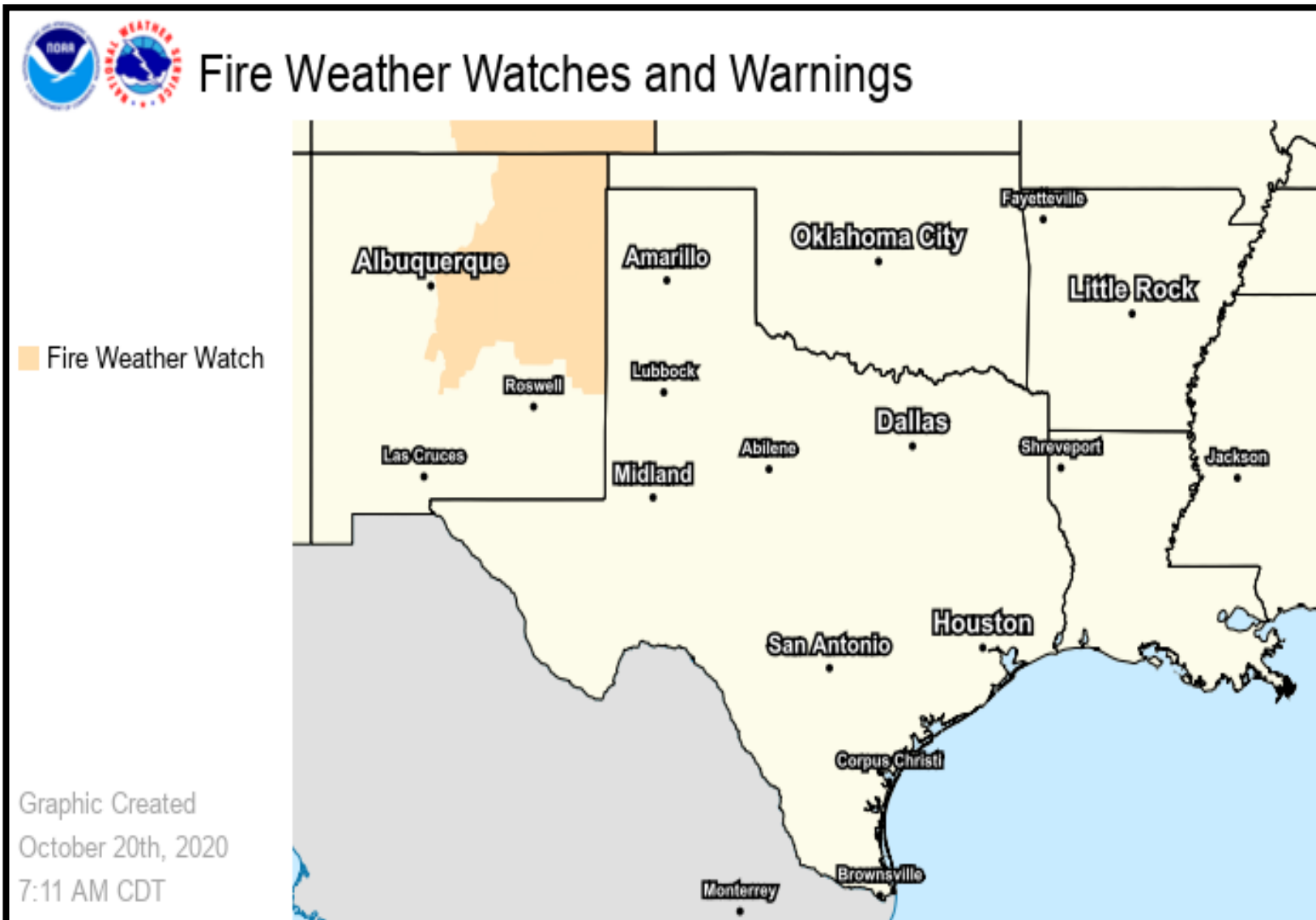




# Fire Weather Outlooks



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**Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas**

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# Tomorrow's Weather

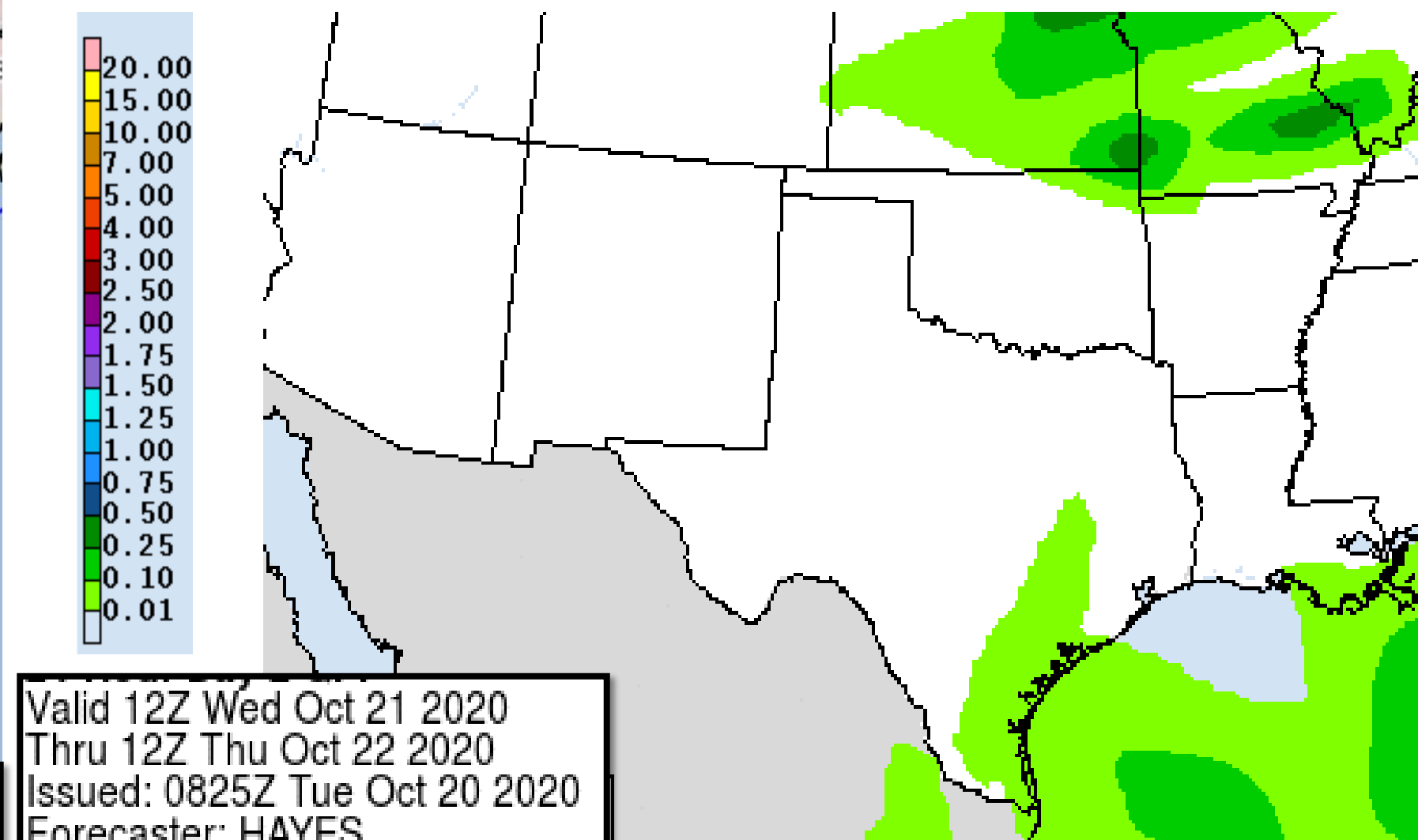
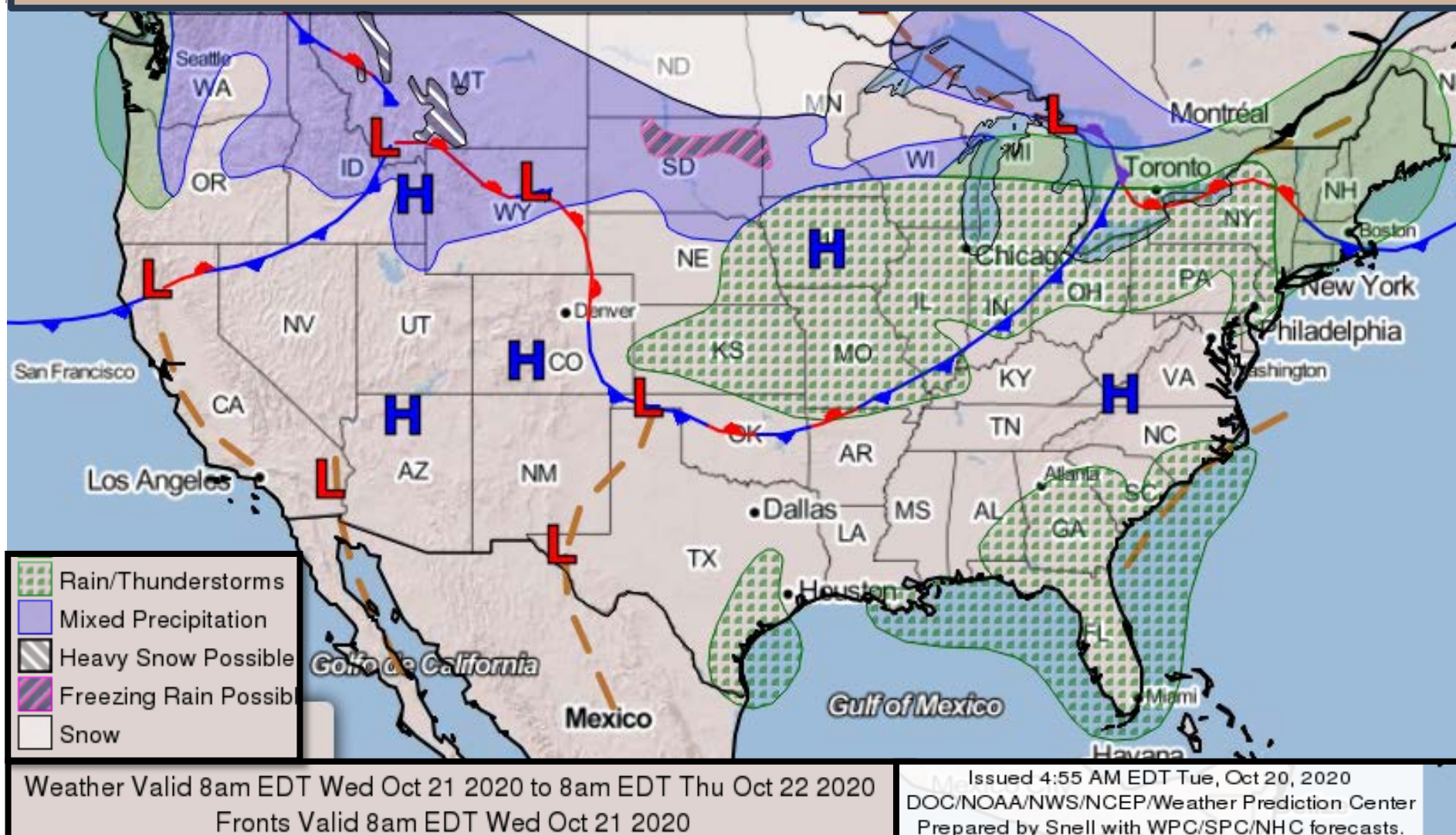


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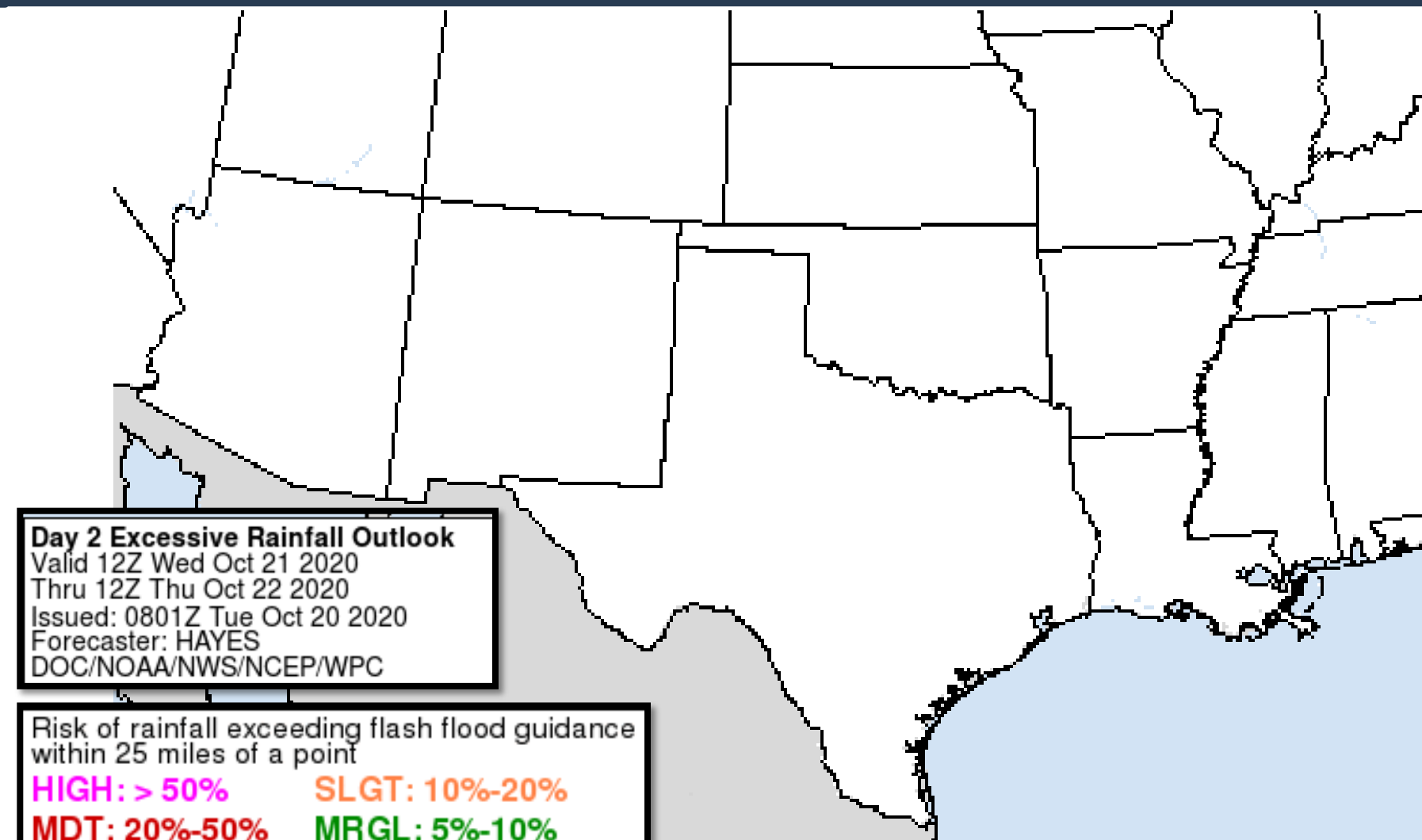
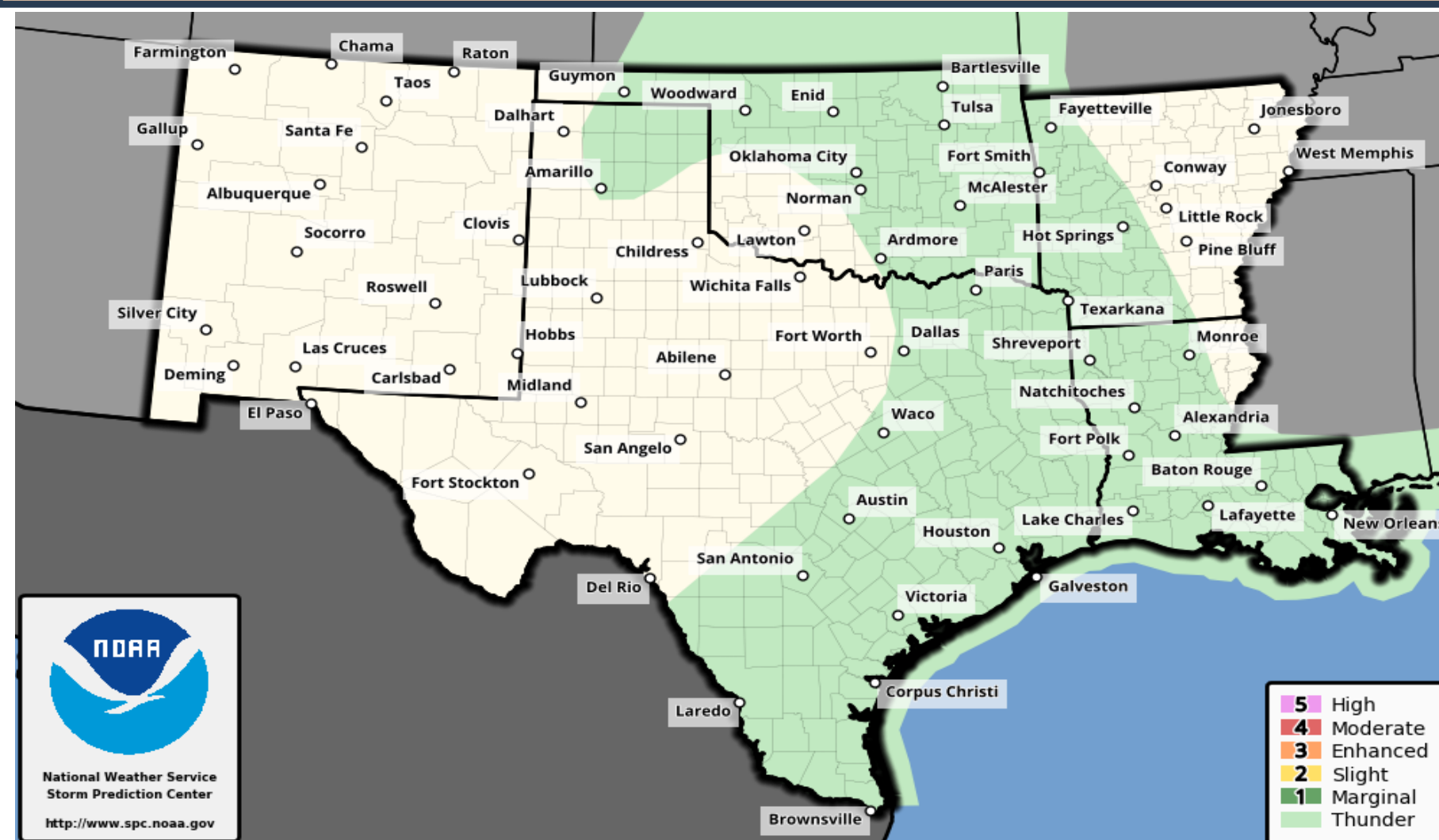
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No significant weather  
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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



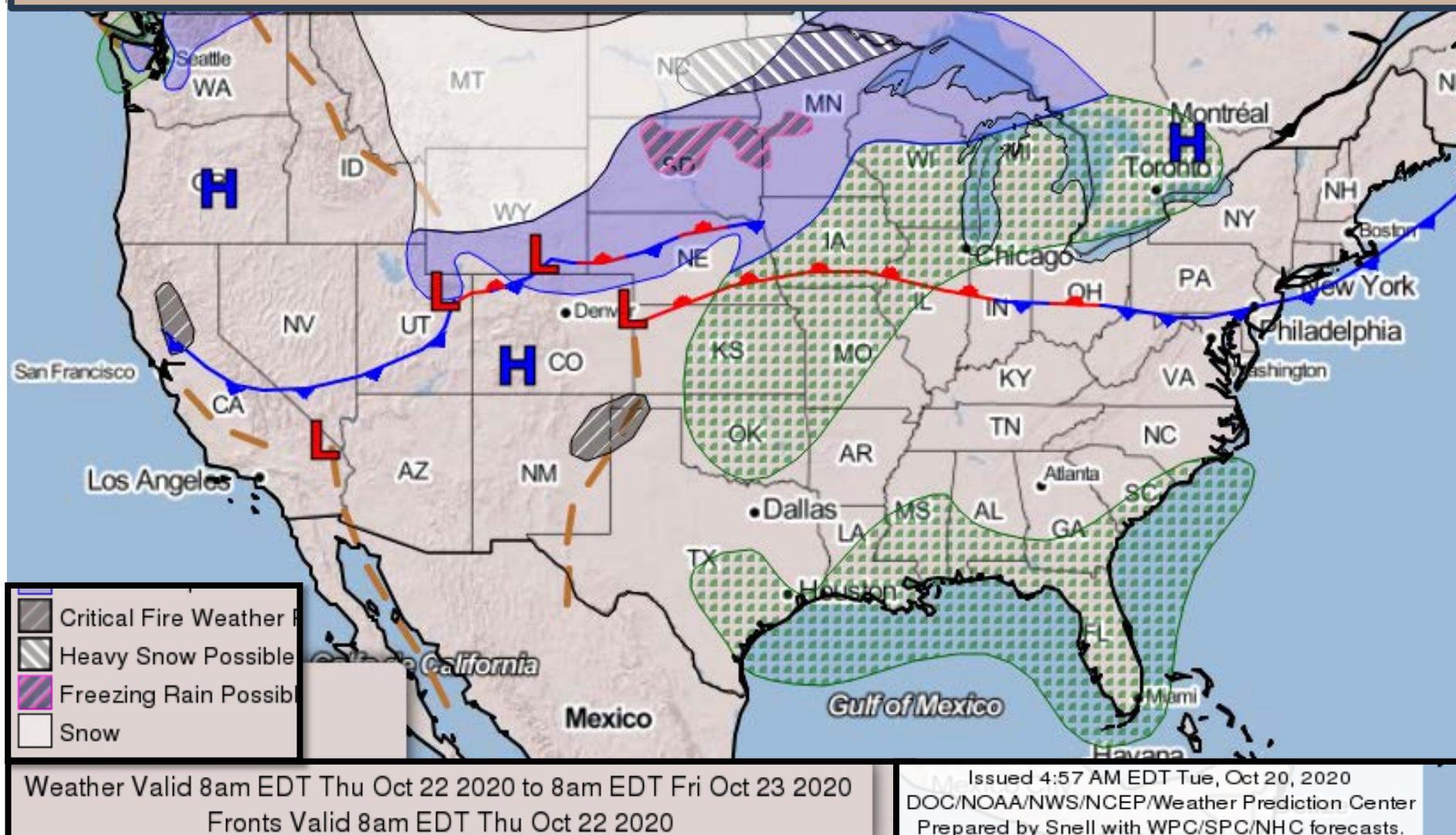


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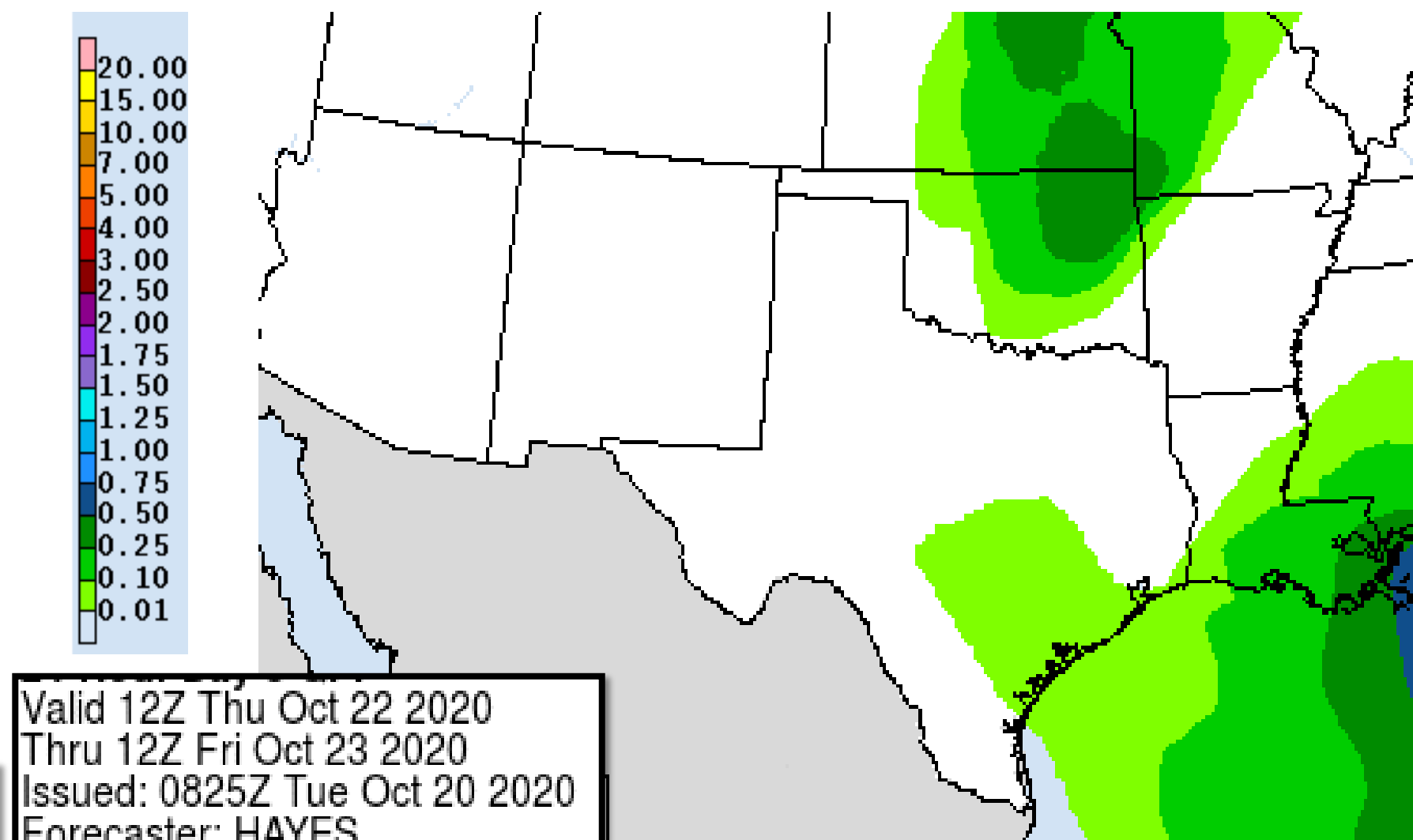


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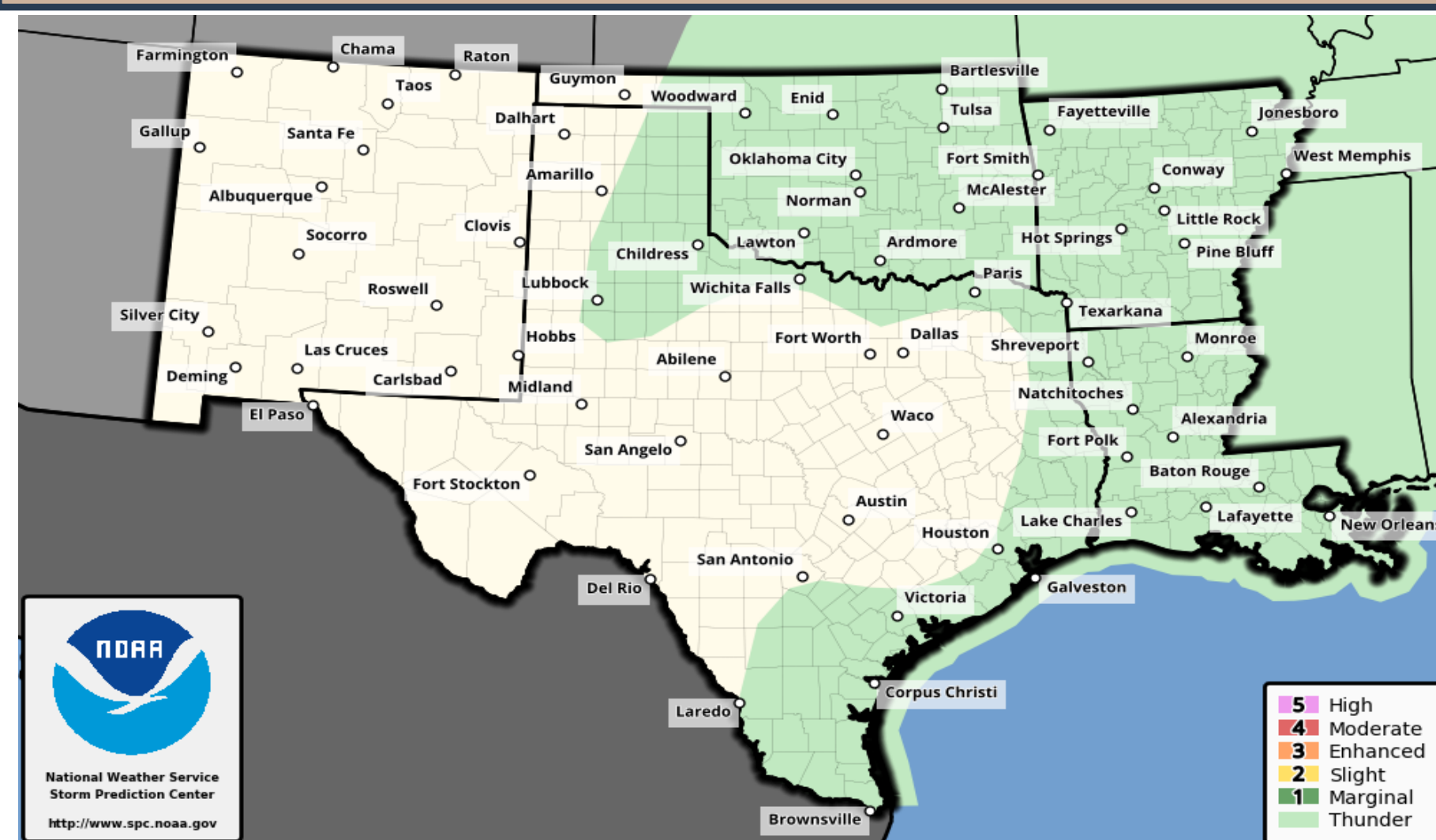


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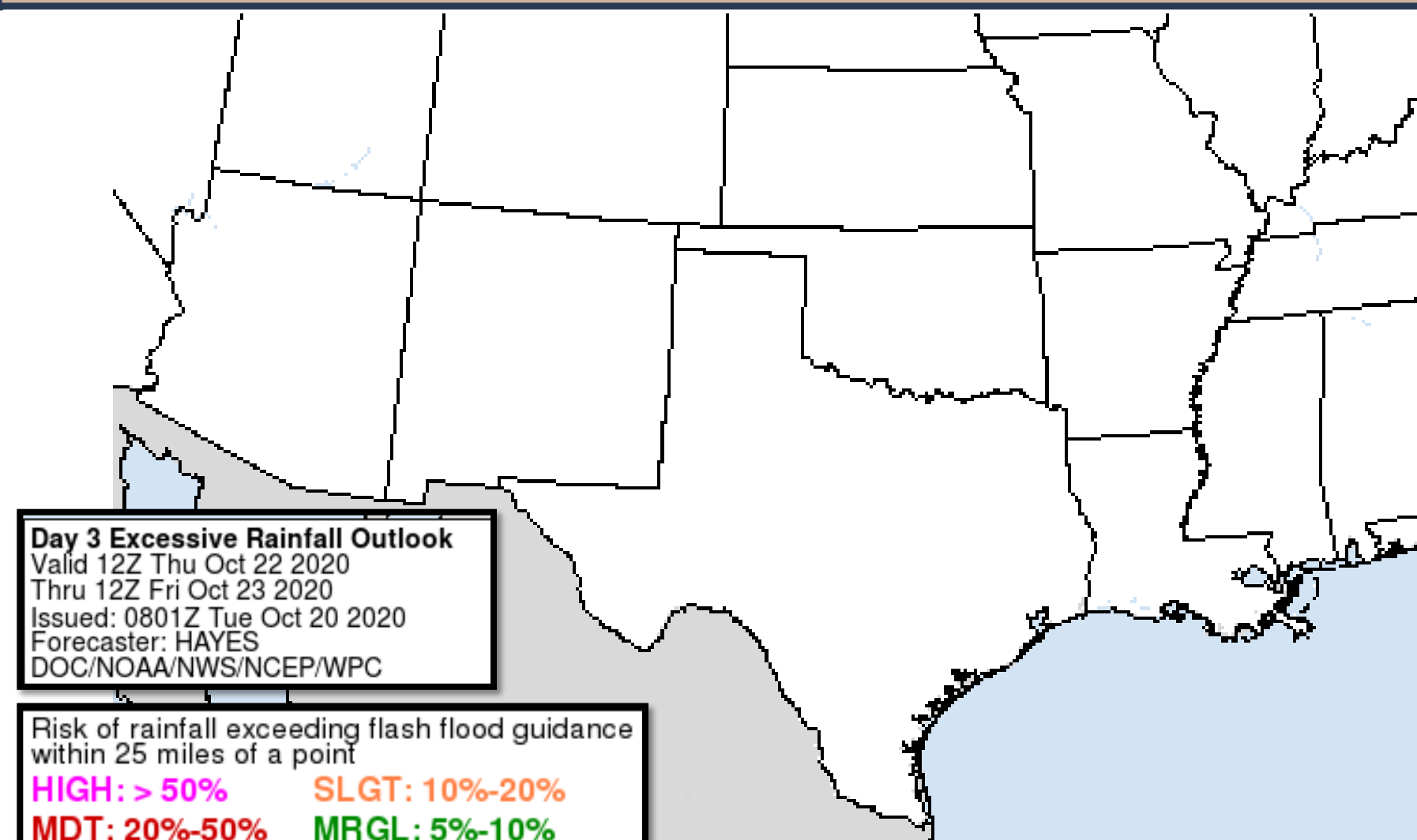


**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





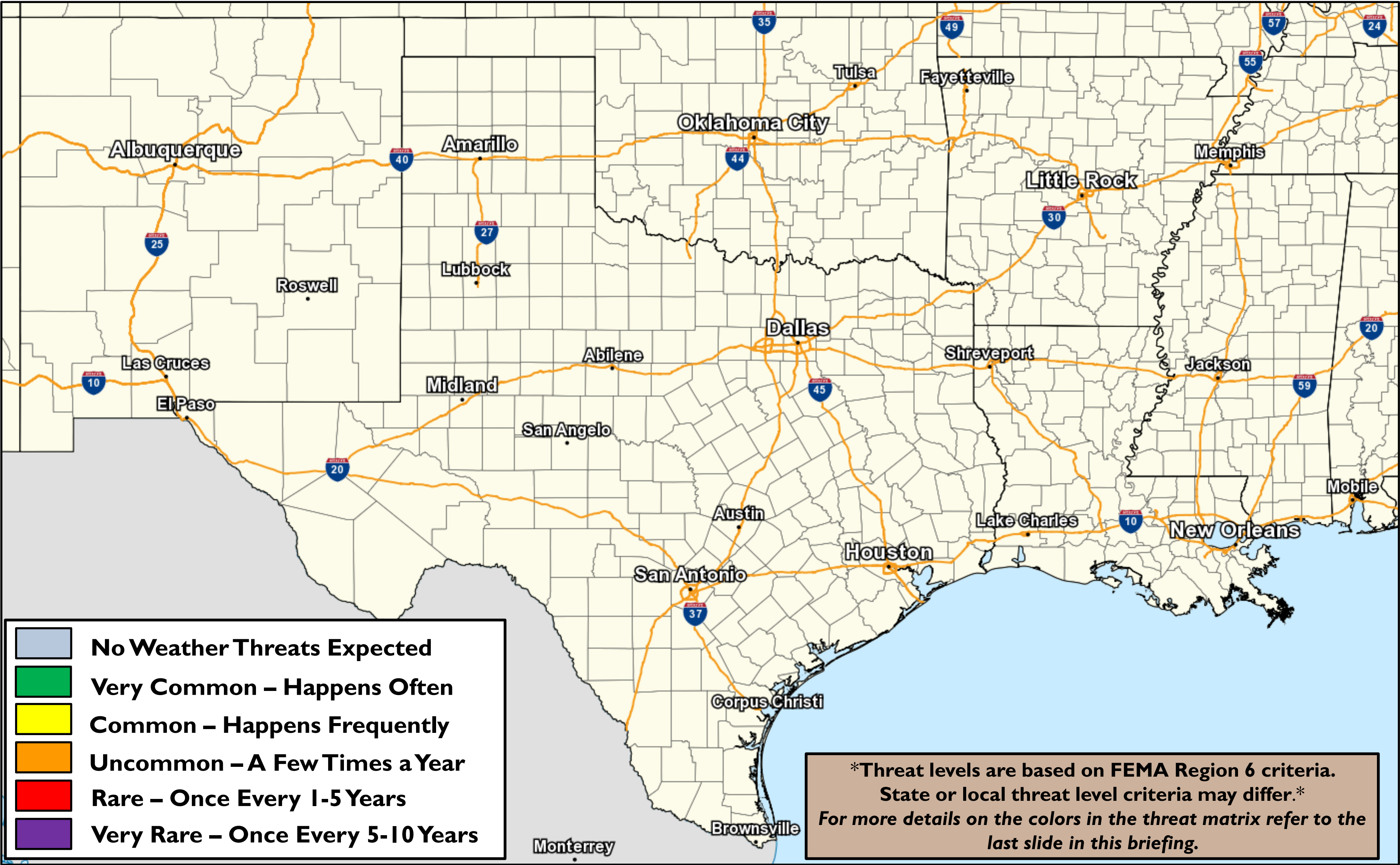
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



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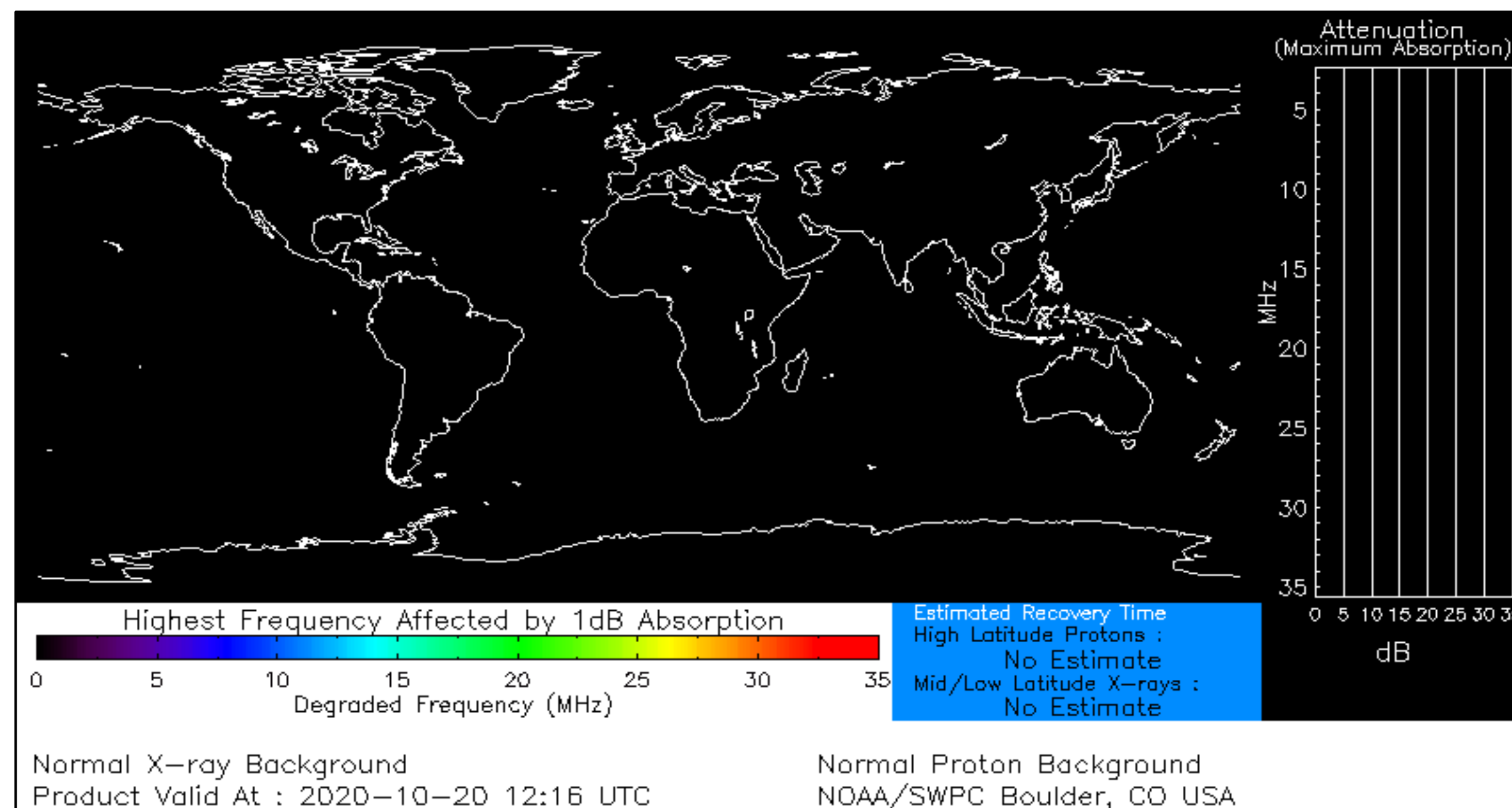


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



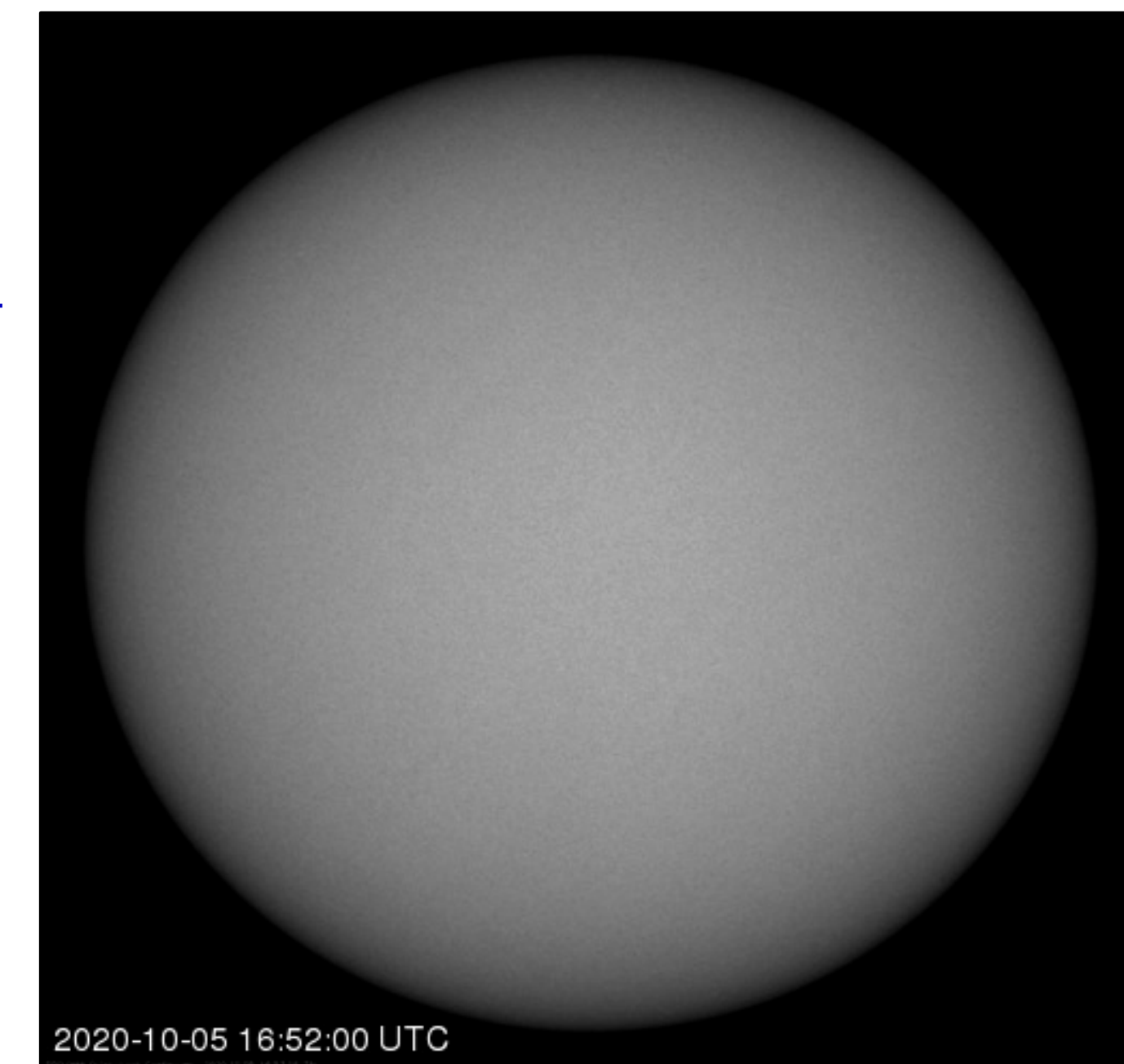
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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

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







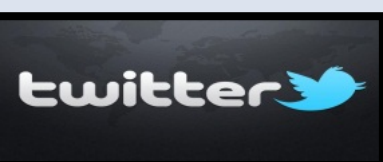
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<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	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> 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	<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	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> 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	<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	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> 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	<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	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> 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	<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>

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