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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday October 21, 2020

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- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across E NM and the TX/OK Panhandles on Thursday.**
- **Winter travel impacts may develop in the high terrain and eastern NM beginning Sunday.**
- **No impacts to FEMA 6 from Hurricane Epsilon and the area in the Caribbean that NHC was tracking is no longer a concern for potential tropical development.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 21, 2020 - Oct 25, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather		E NM & TX/OK Panhandles			
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Winter Weather					NM
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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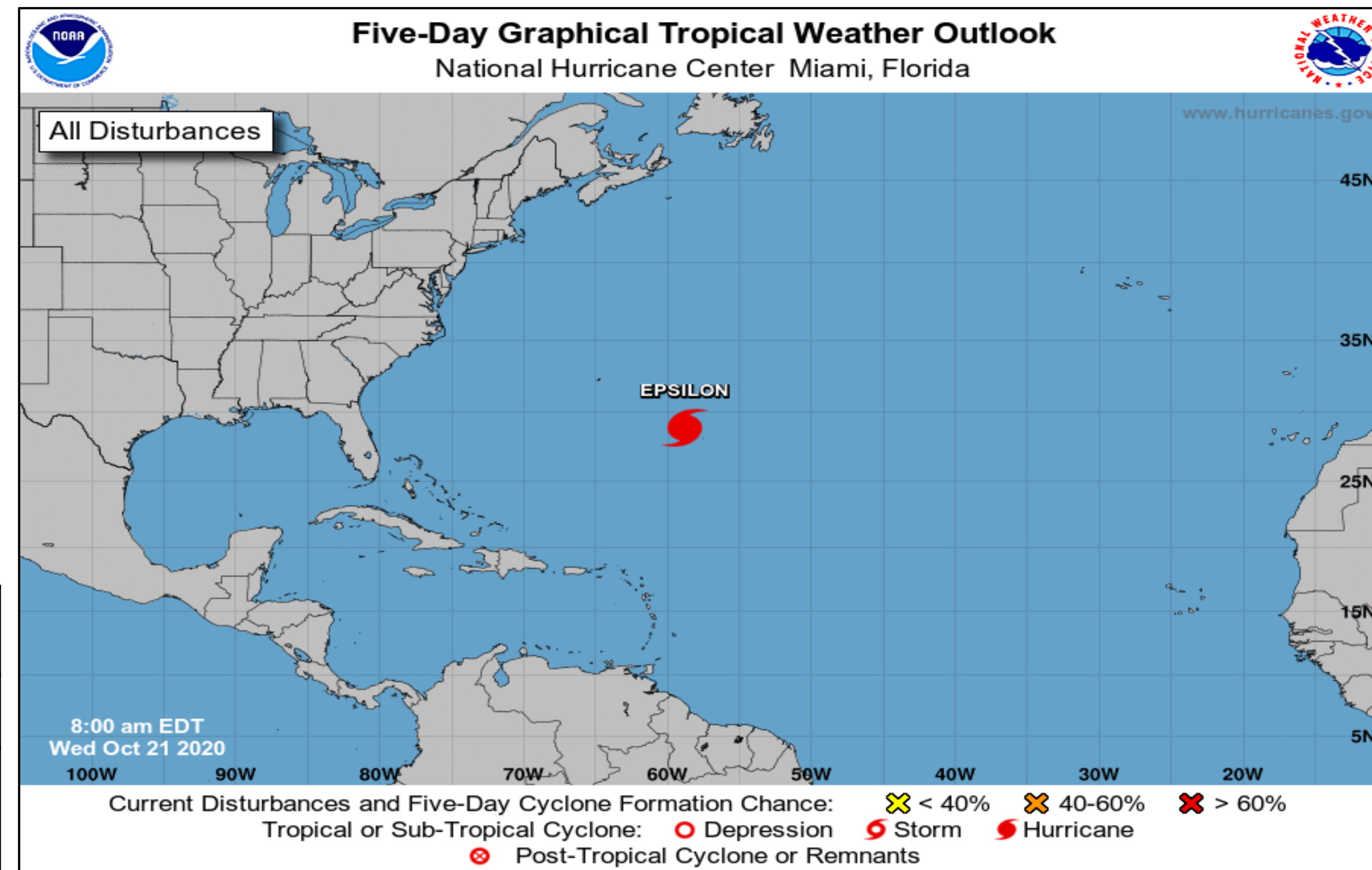
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Areas of Possible Development

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

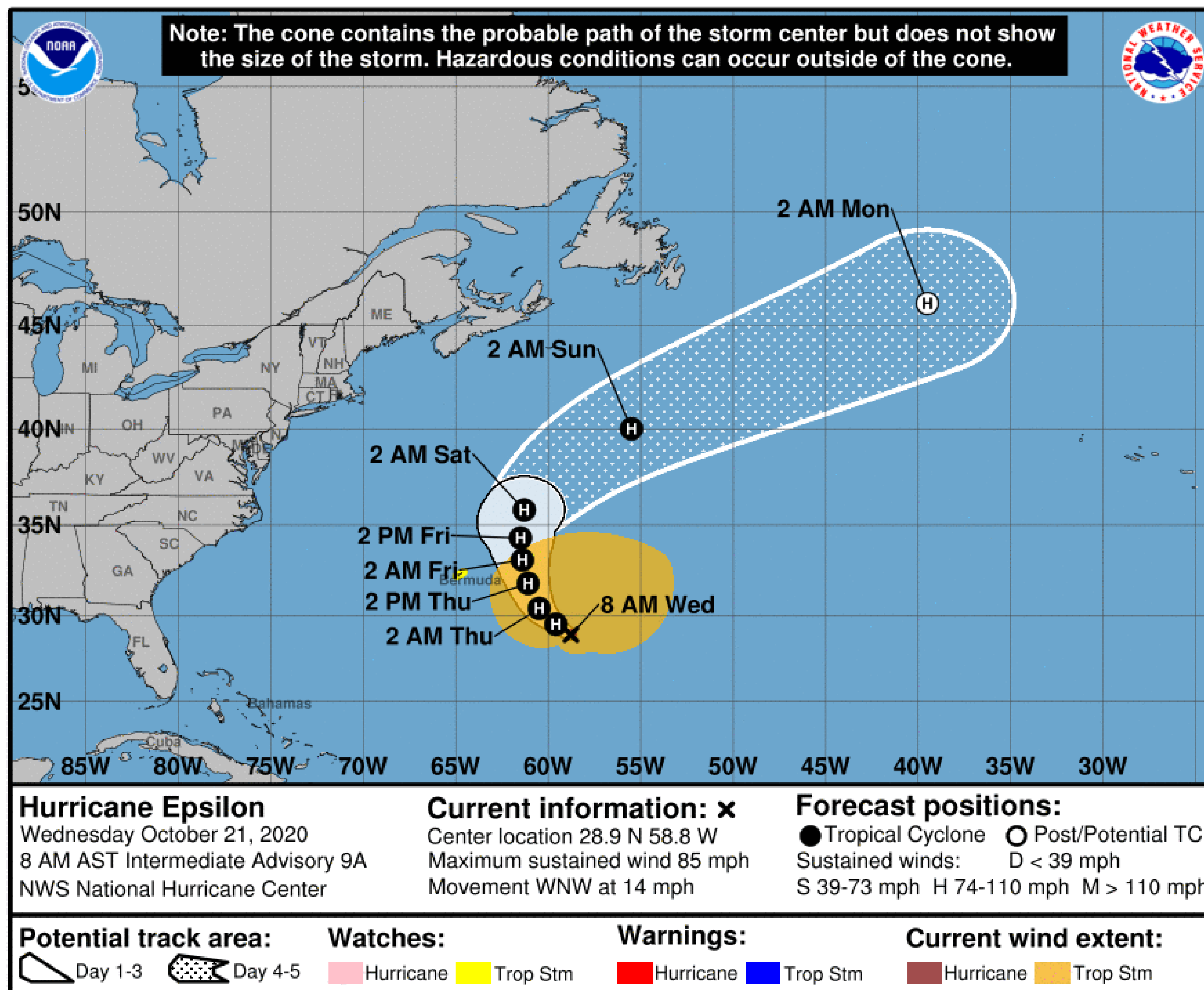
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Epsilon	None.



Epsilon



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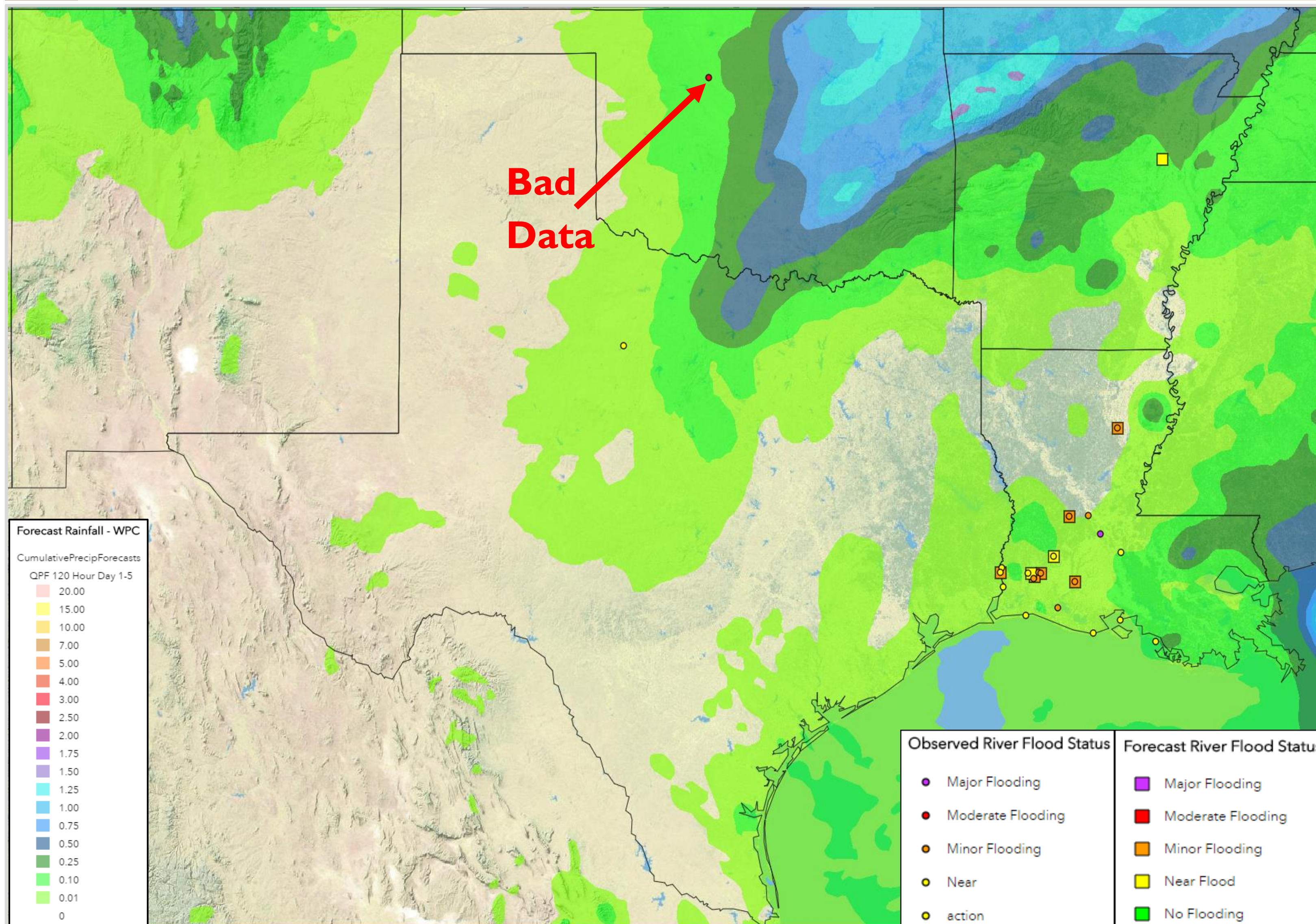
Hurricane Epsilon will move slowly west-northwest today and then north-northwest over the central Atlantic over the next few days before turning eastward out to sea this weekend.
No impacts to FEMA 6.

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

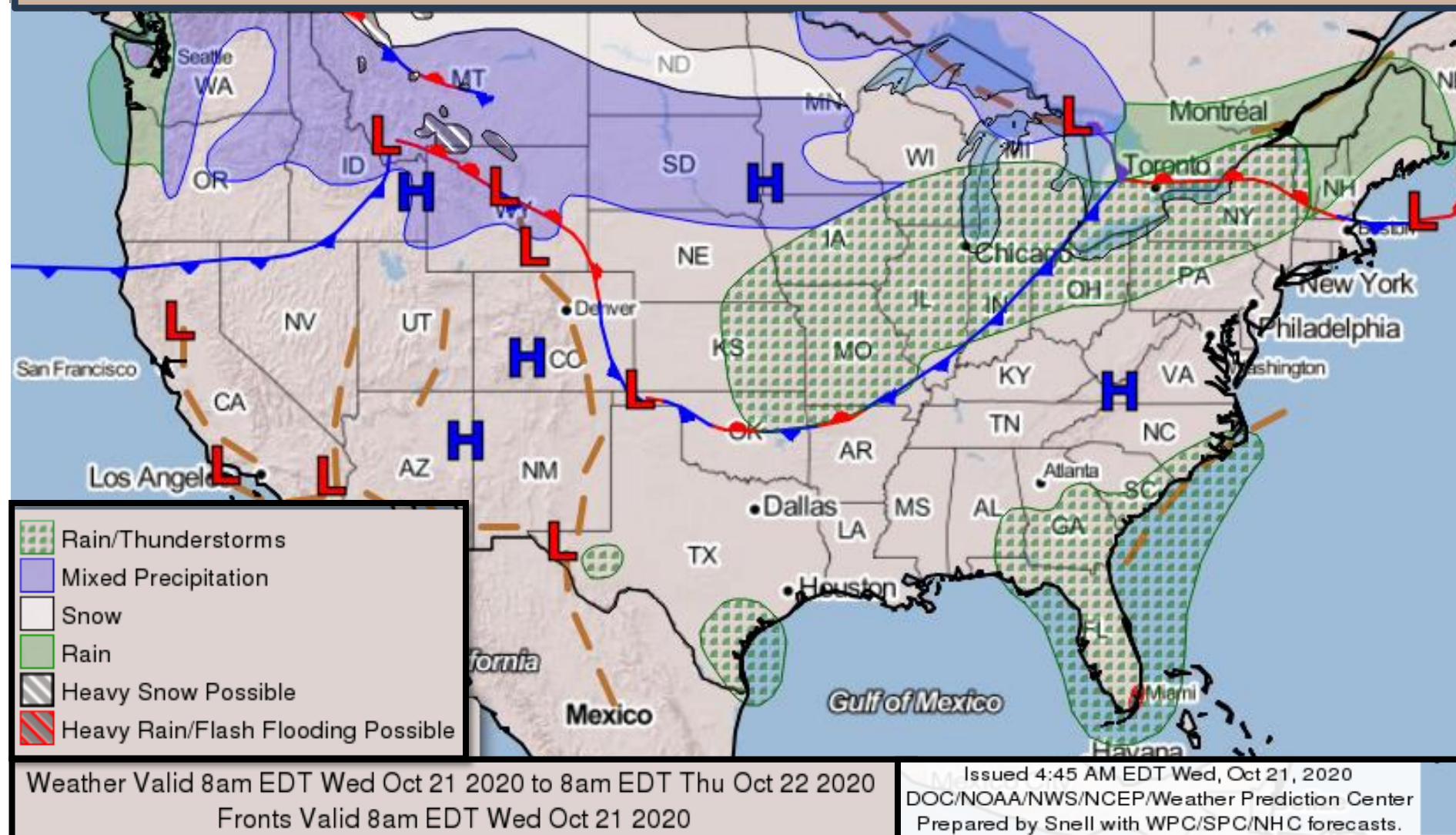


Minor river flooding continues across SW LA.

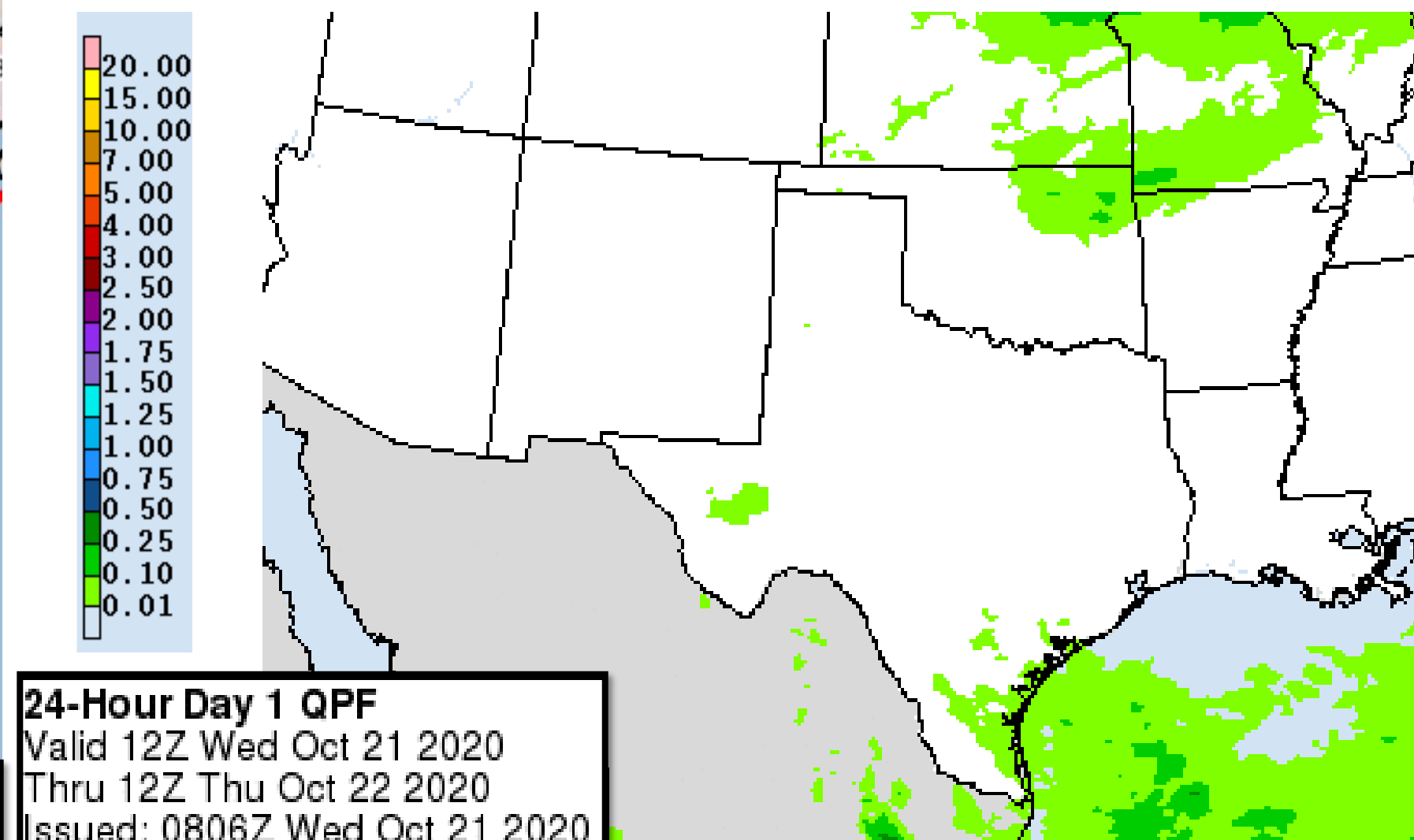
- The Calcasieu River will continue to slowly recede. Glenmora will drop below minor flood by Friday. White Oak Park (east of Lake Charles) will remain in minor flood stage through the end of the week. Impacts: Water over lowest portions of Goos Ferry Road. Cars should be moved to higher ground.
- The Mermentau River at Mermentau will remain in minor flood through the end of the week. Impacts: Minor lowland flooding near the river.

Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



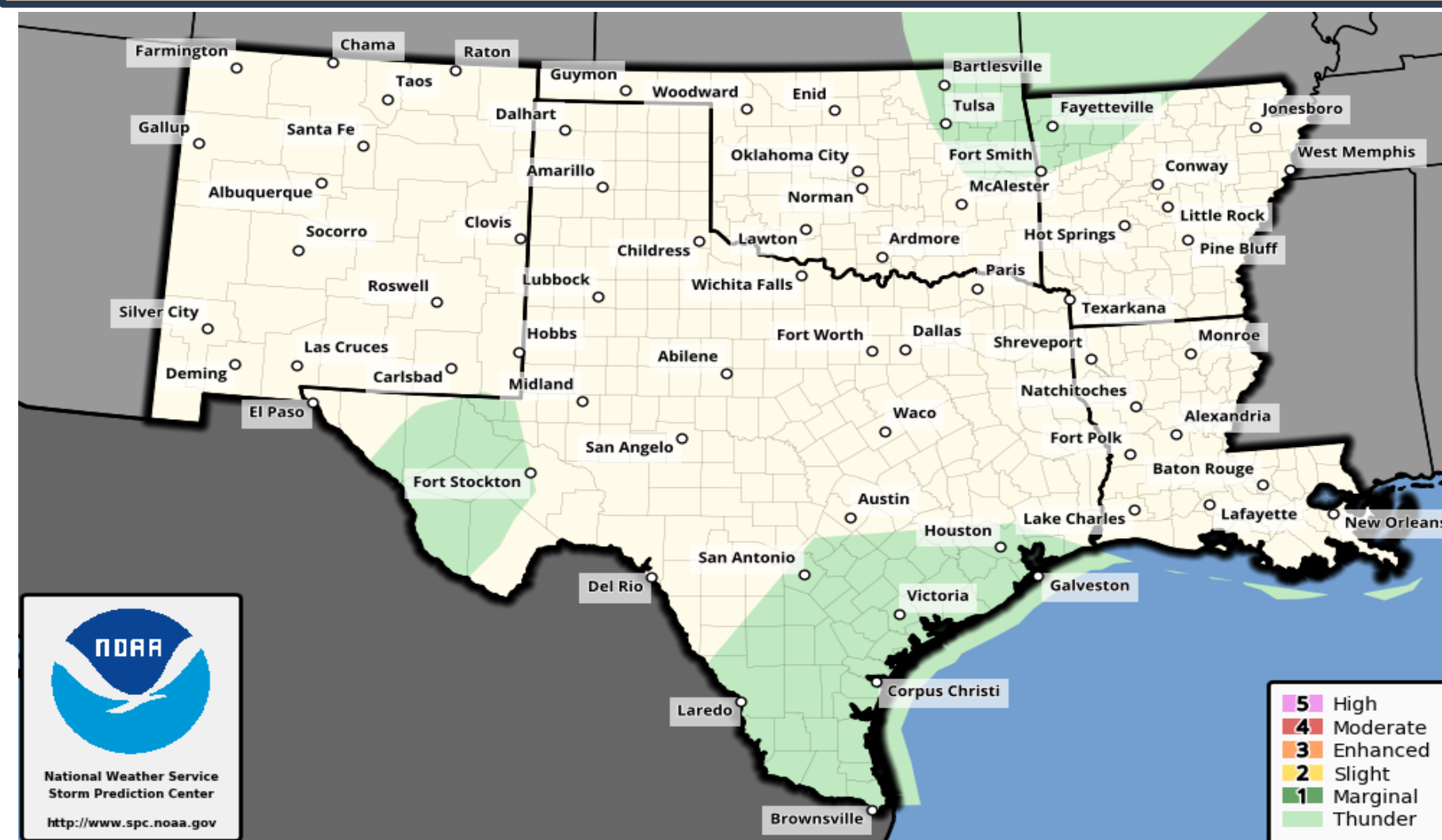
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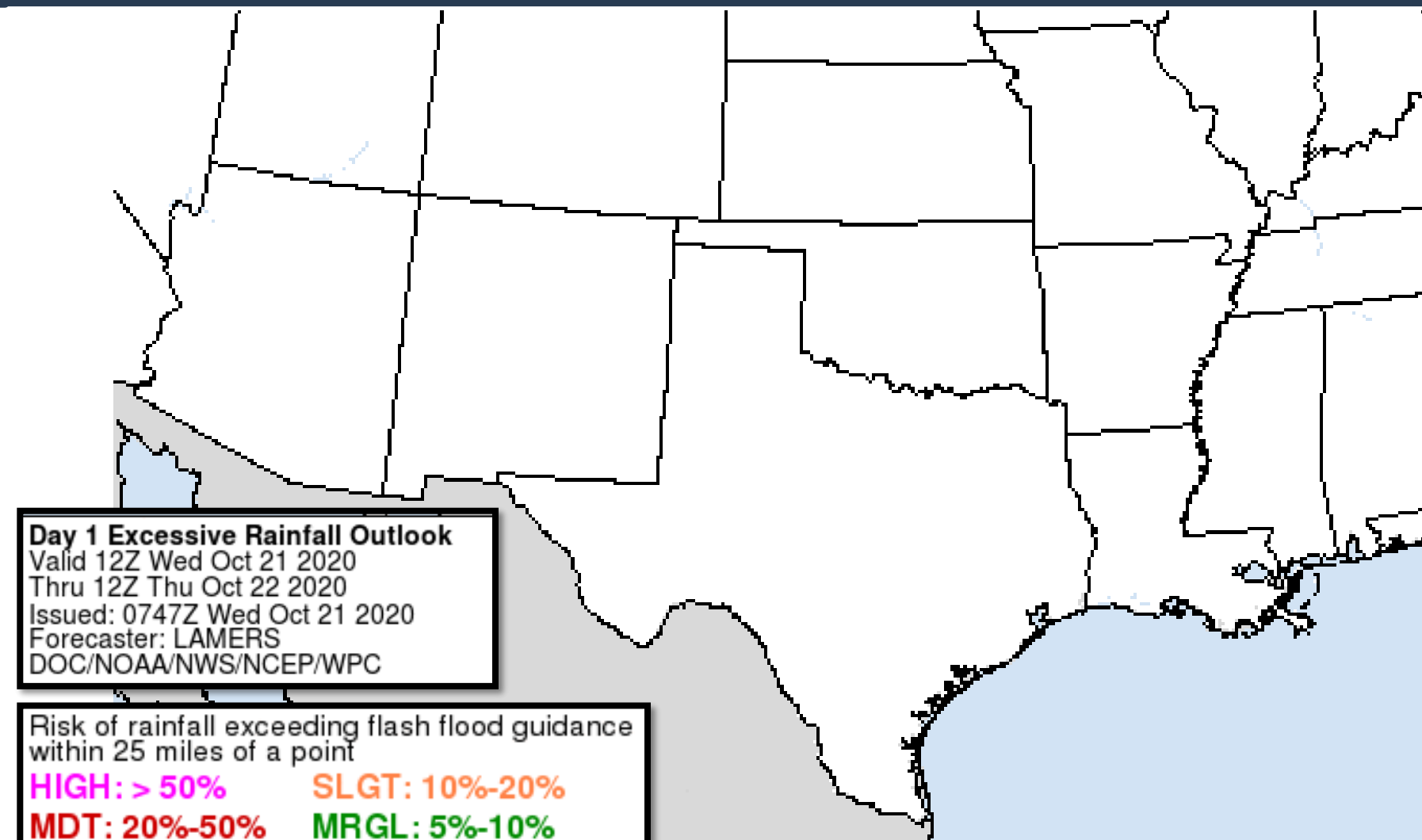
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Severe Weather Outlook



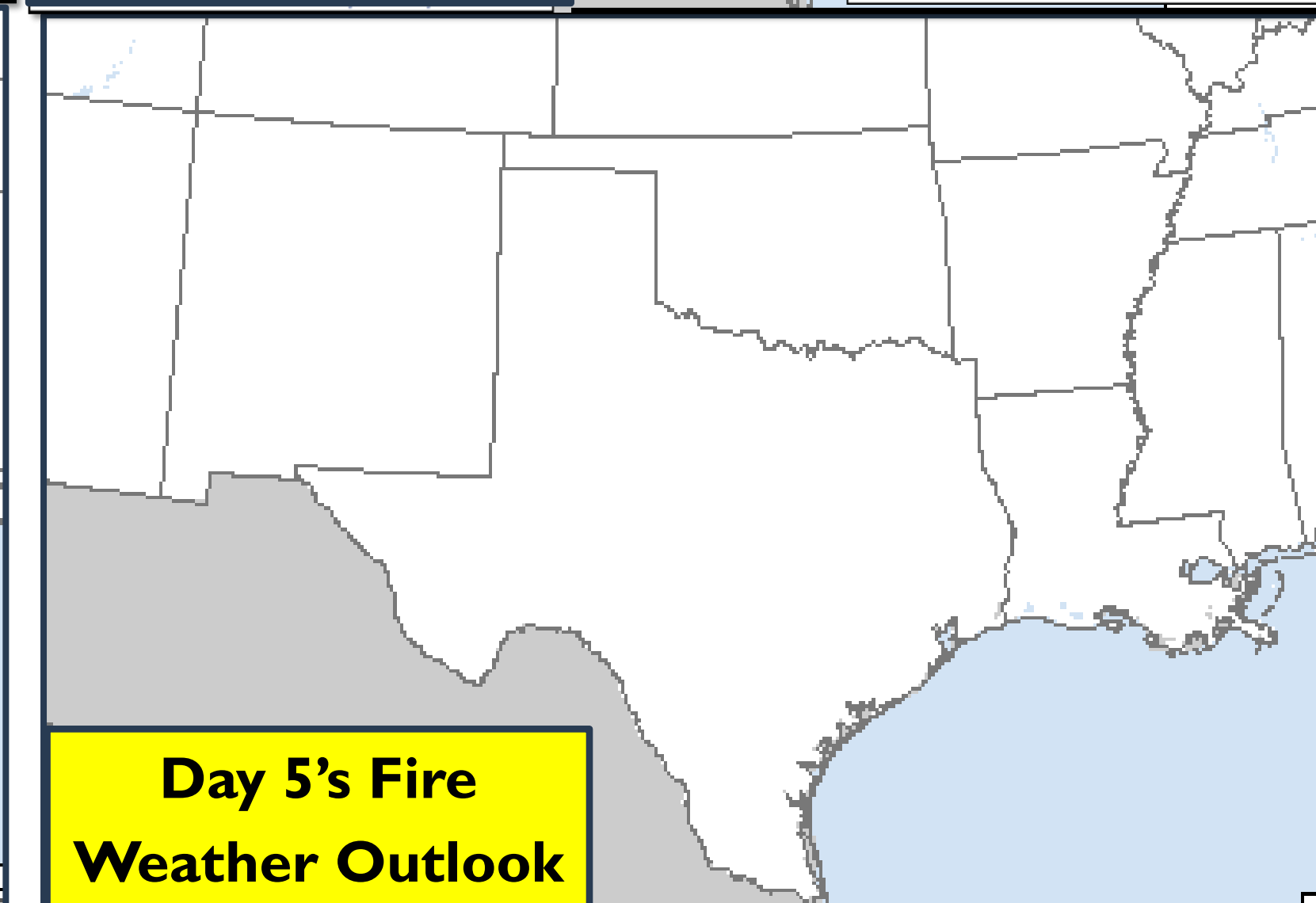
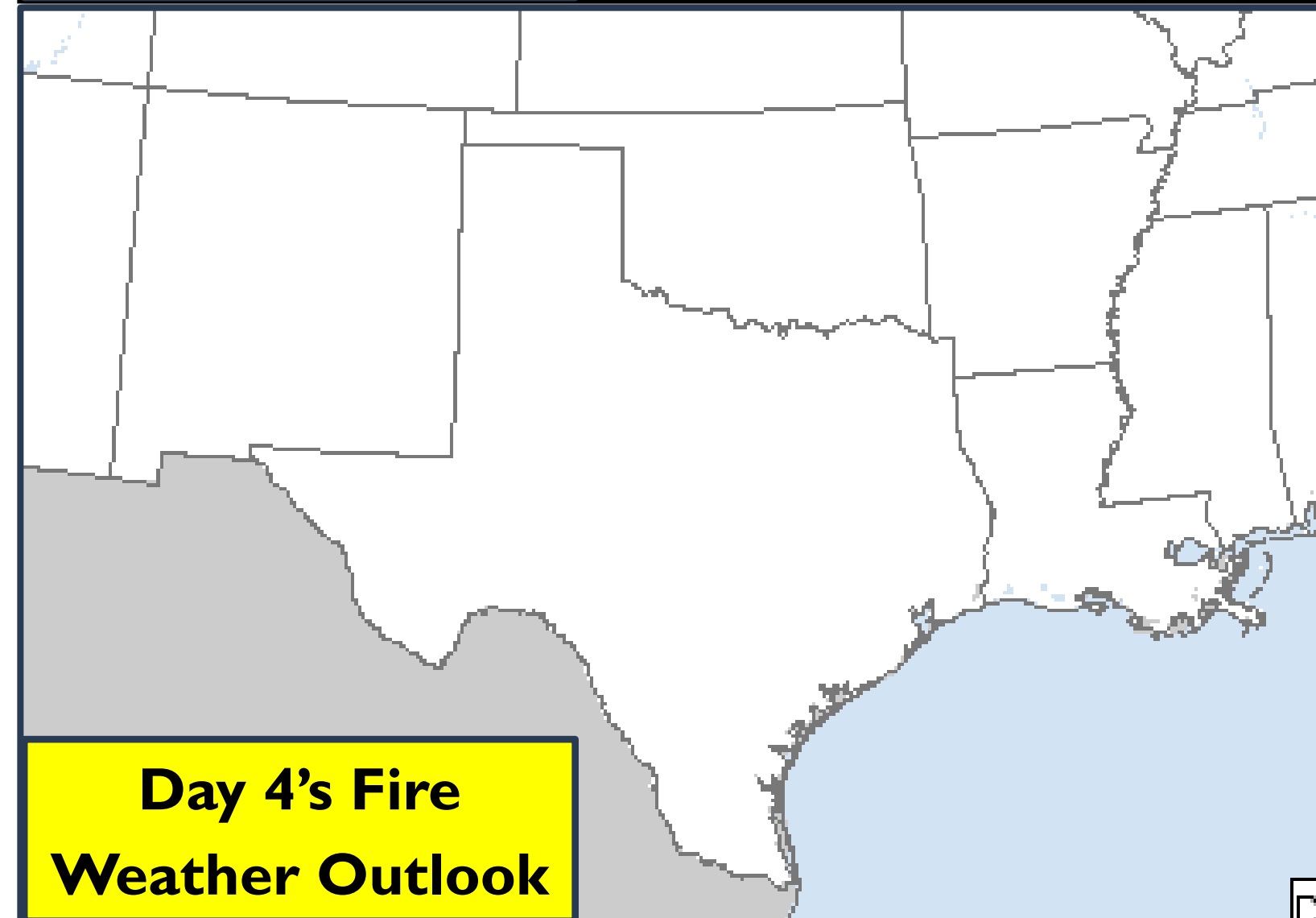
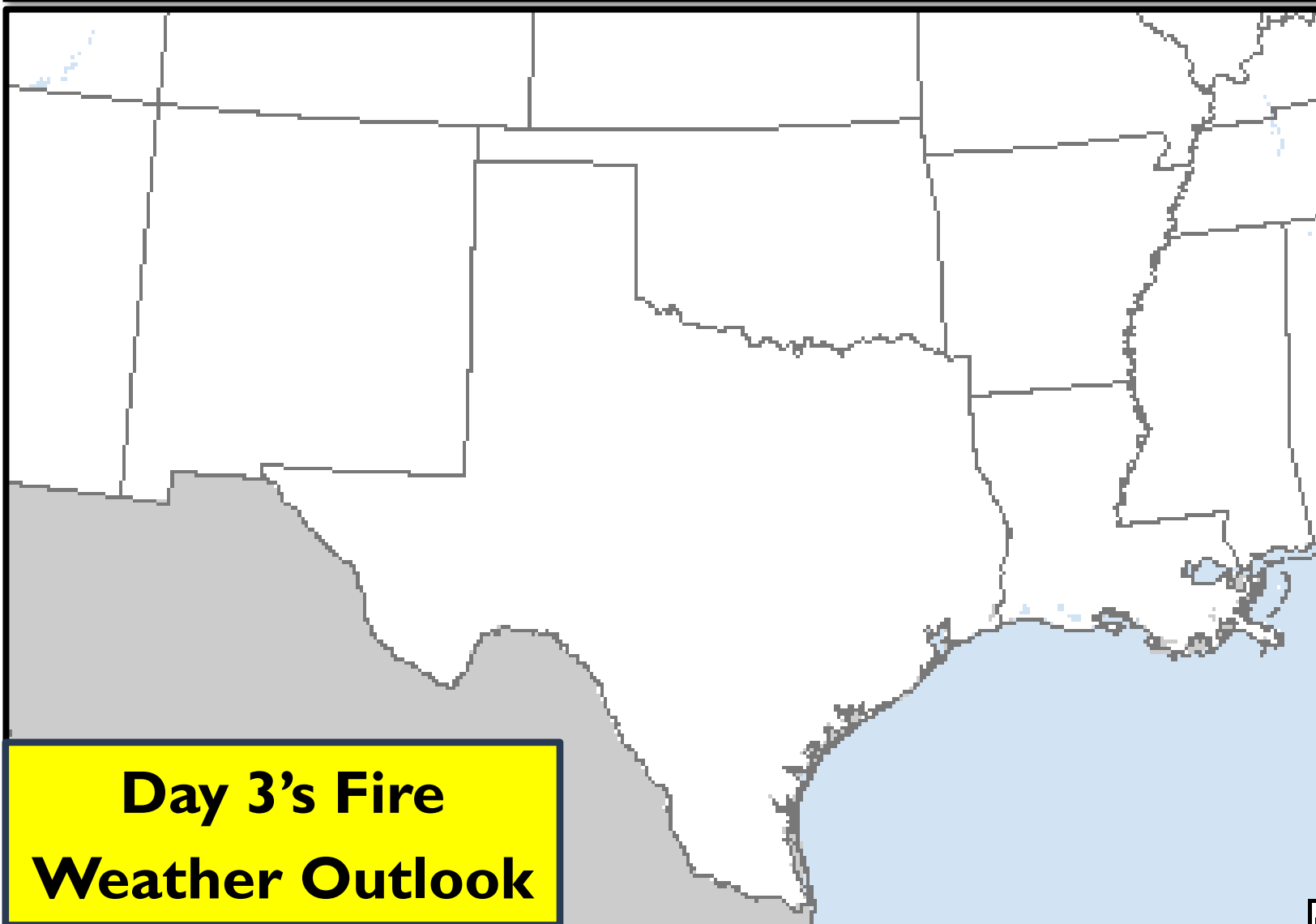
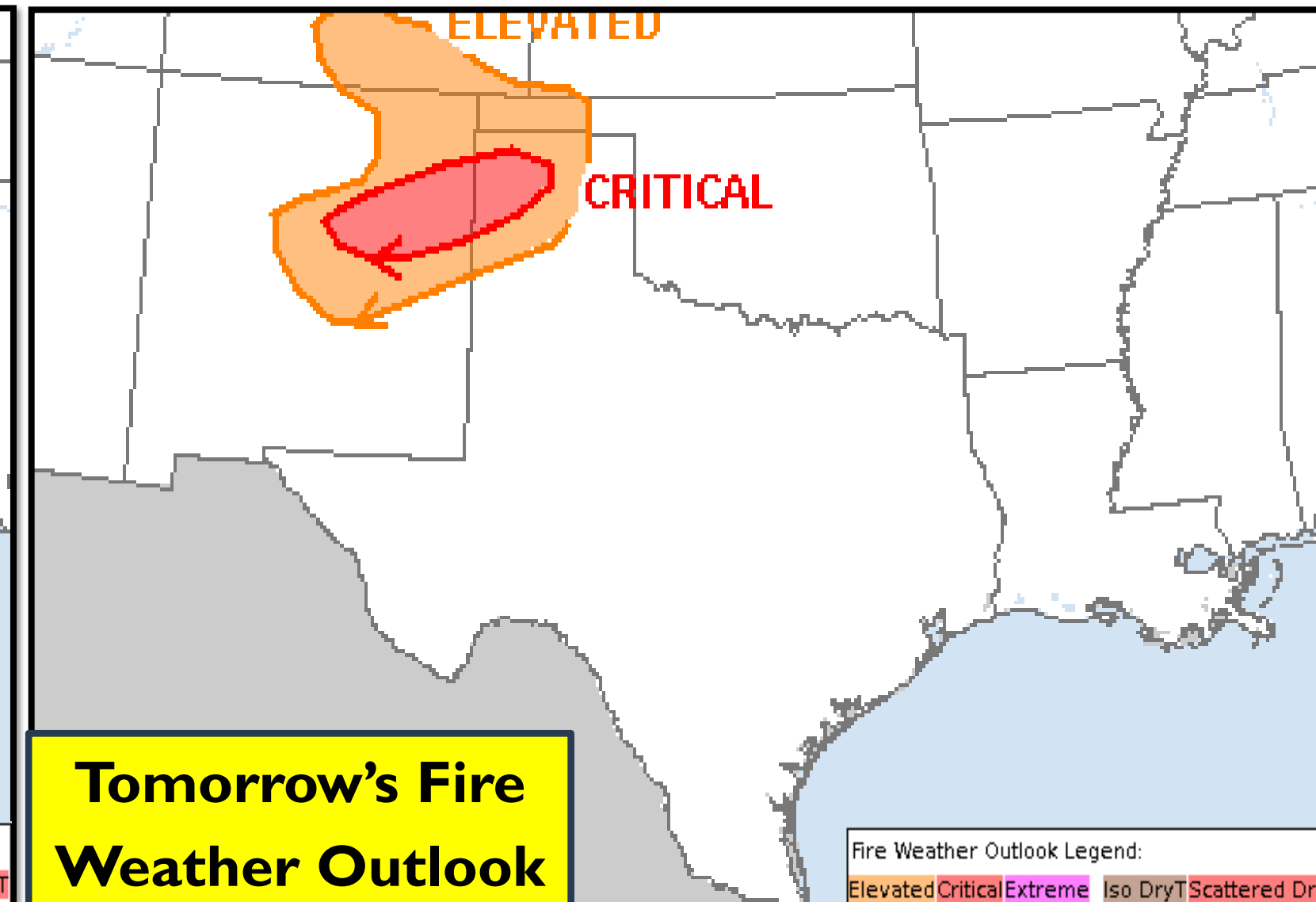
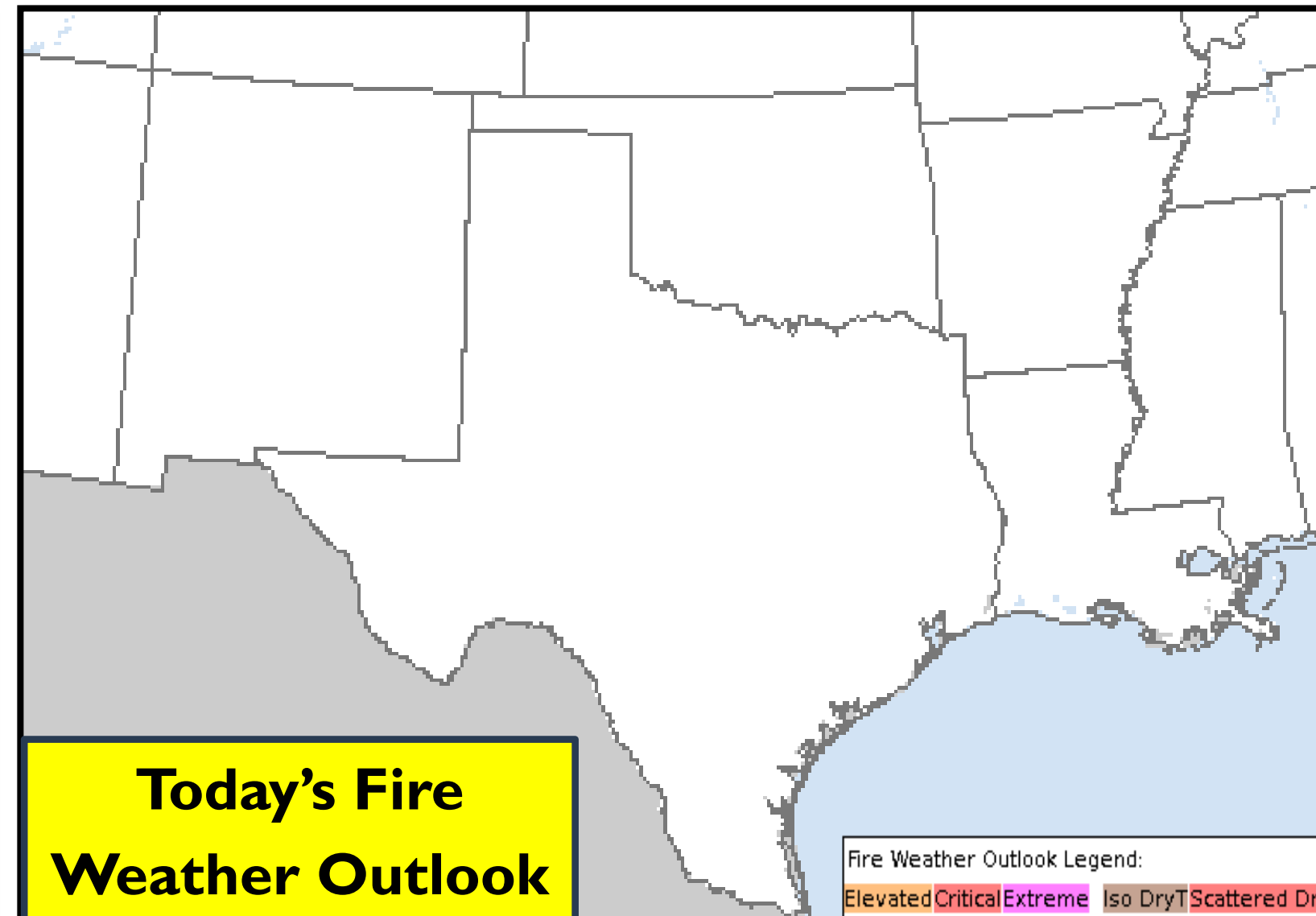
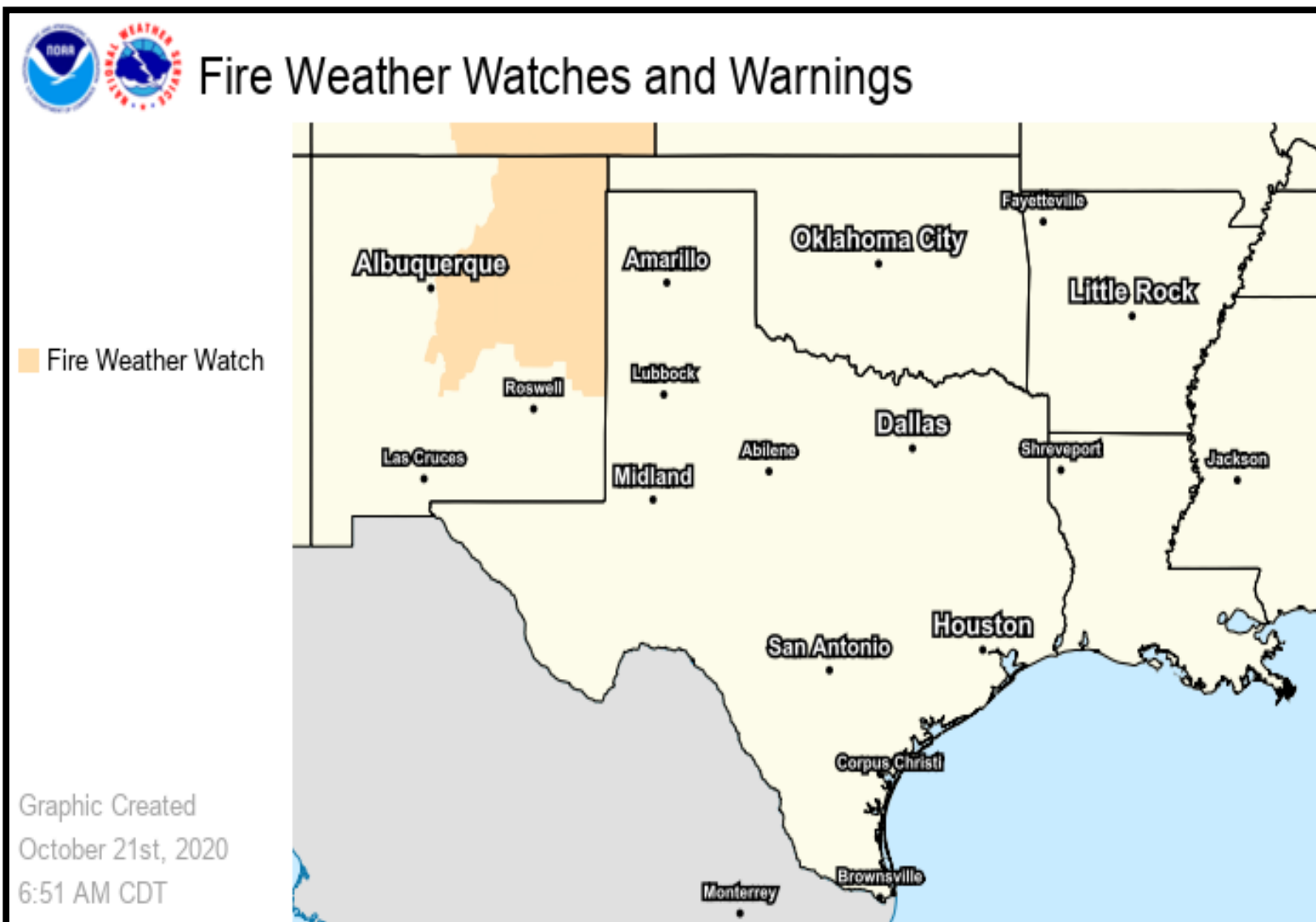
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Fire Weather Outlooks



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Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas

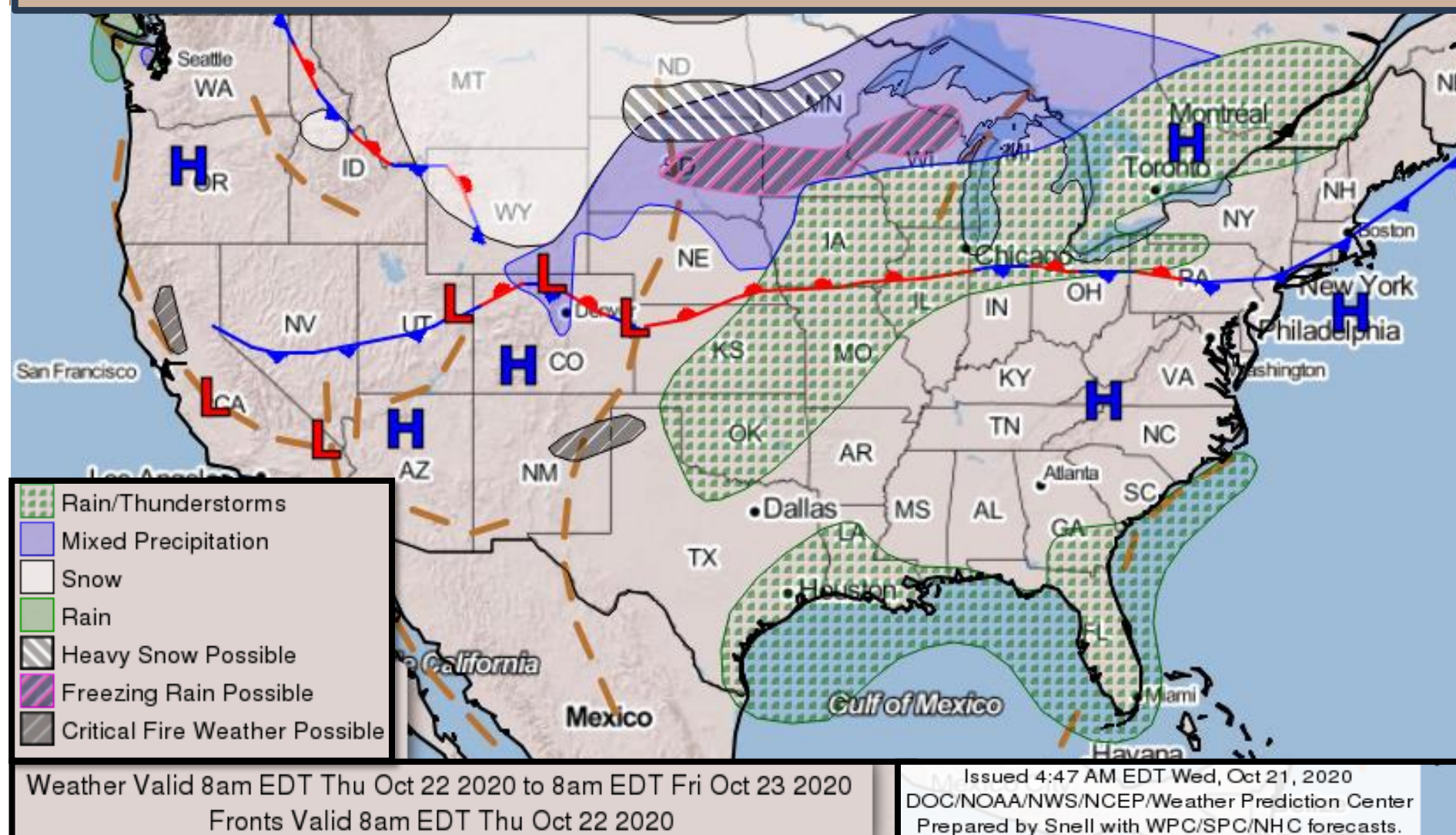
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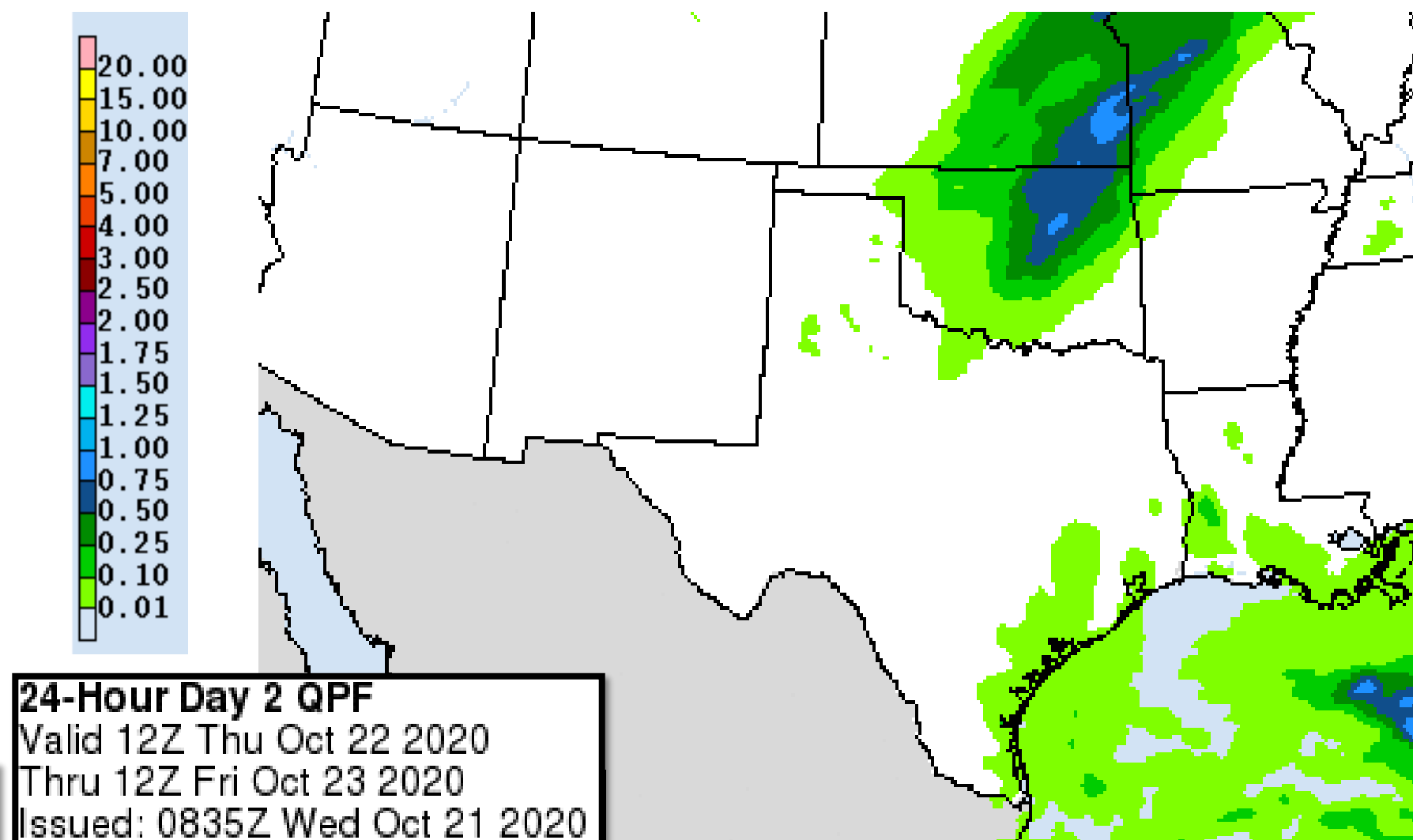


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Forecast Chart

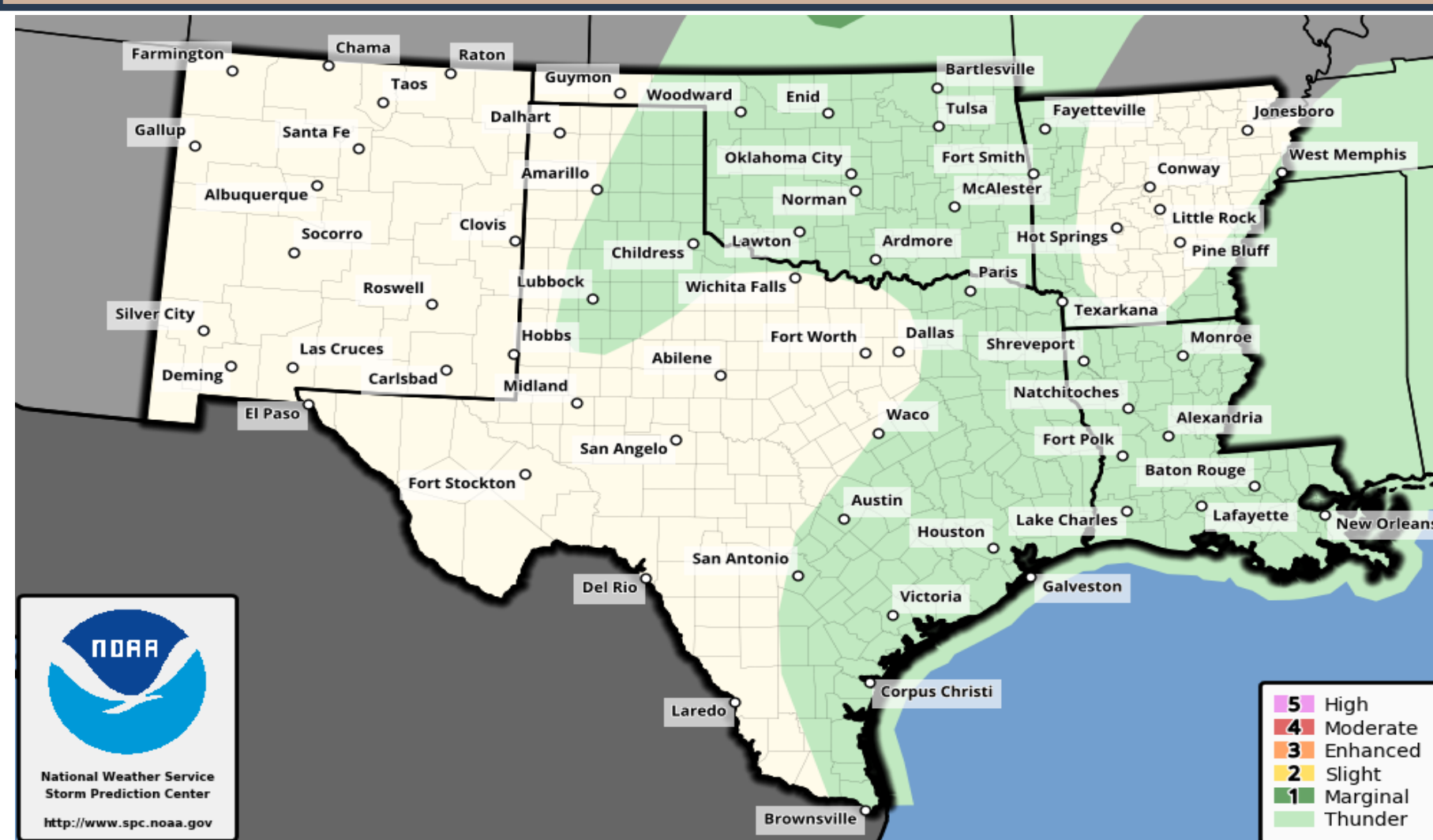


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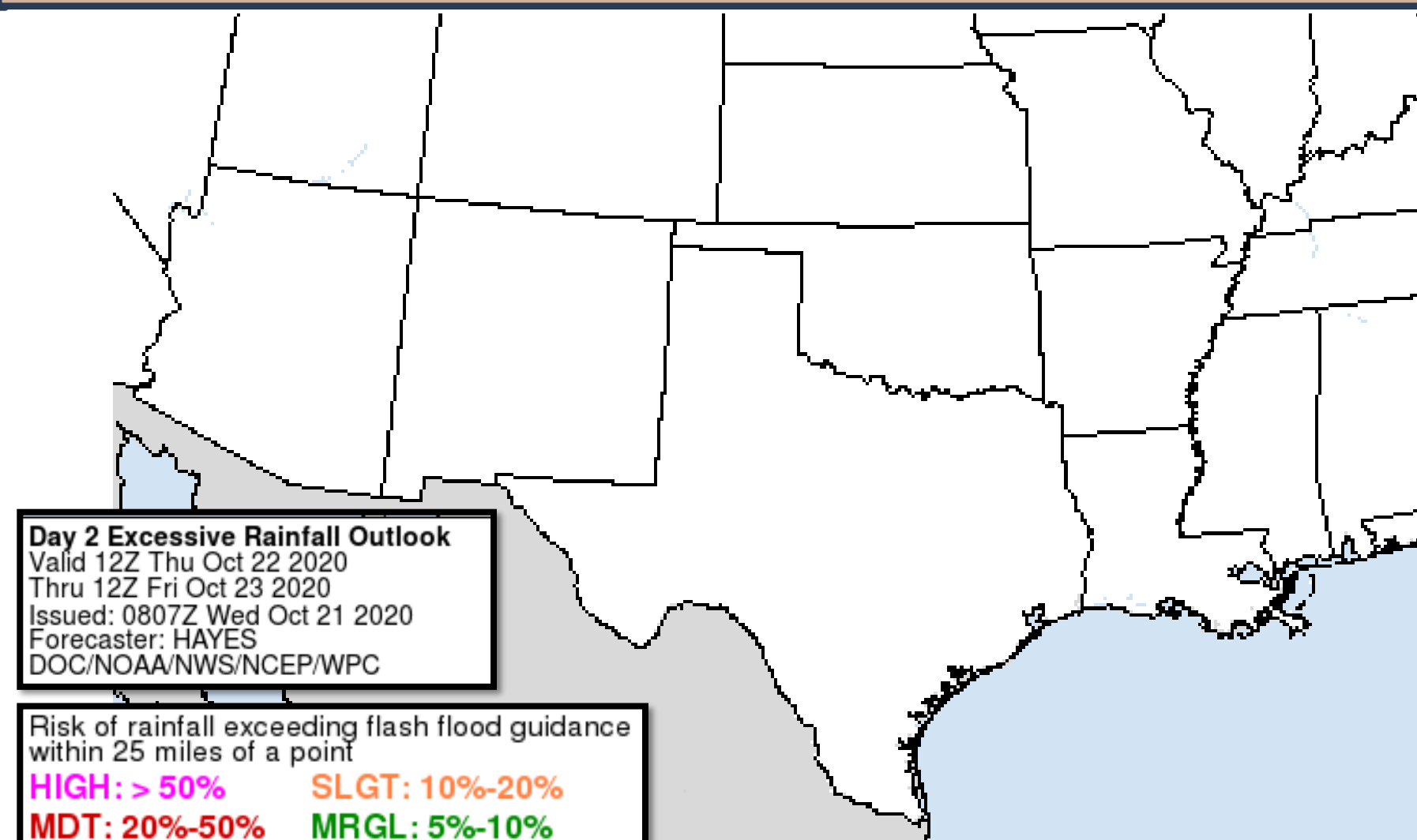


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Severe Weather Outlook

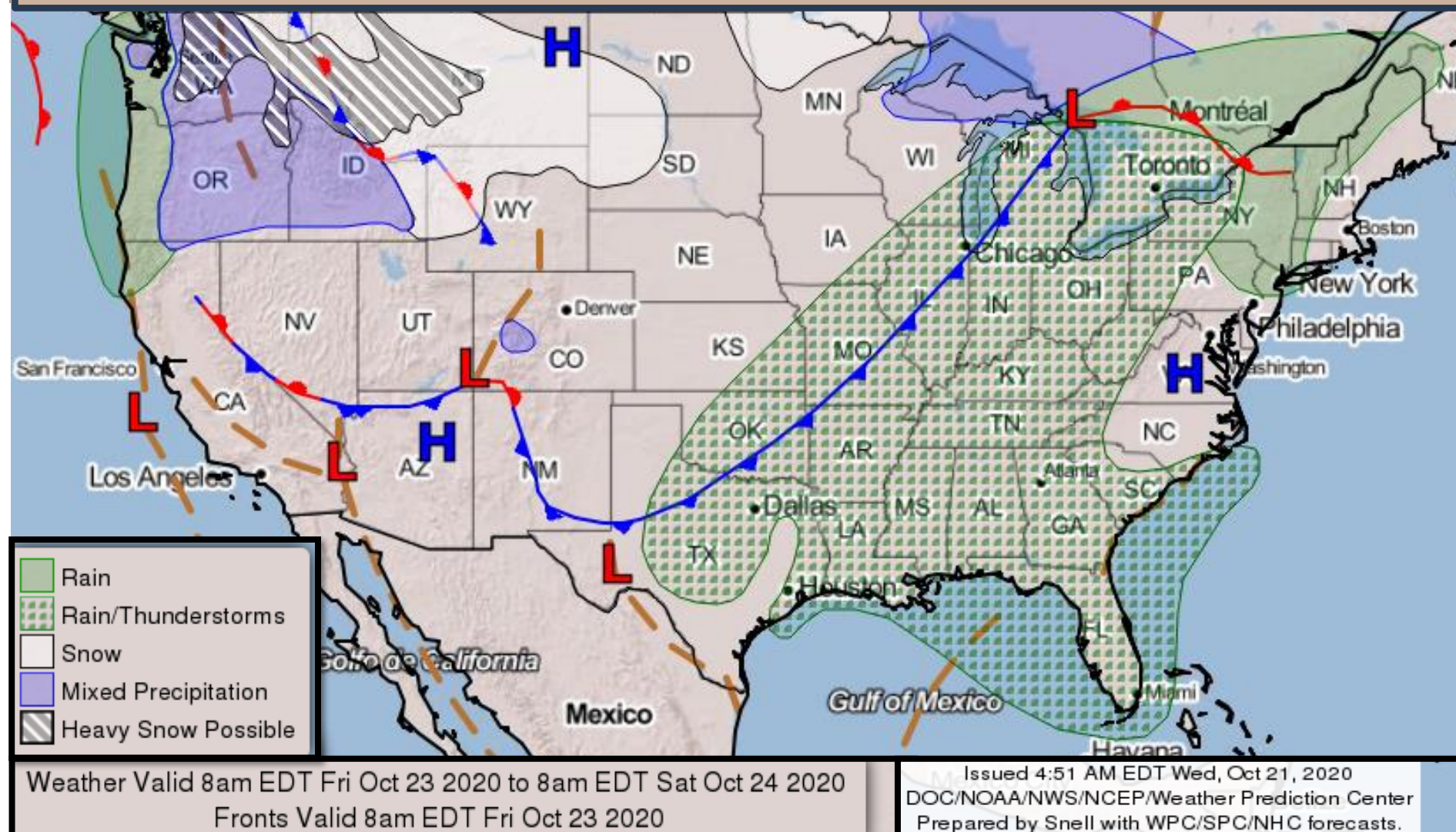


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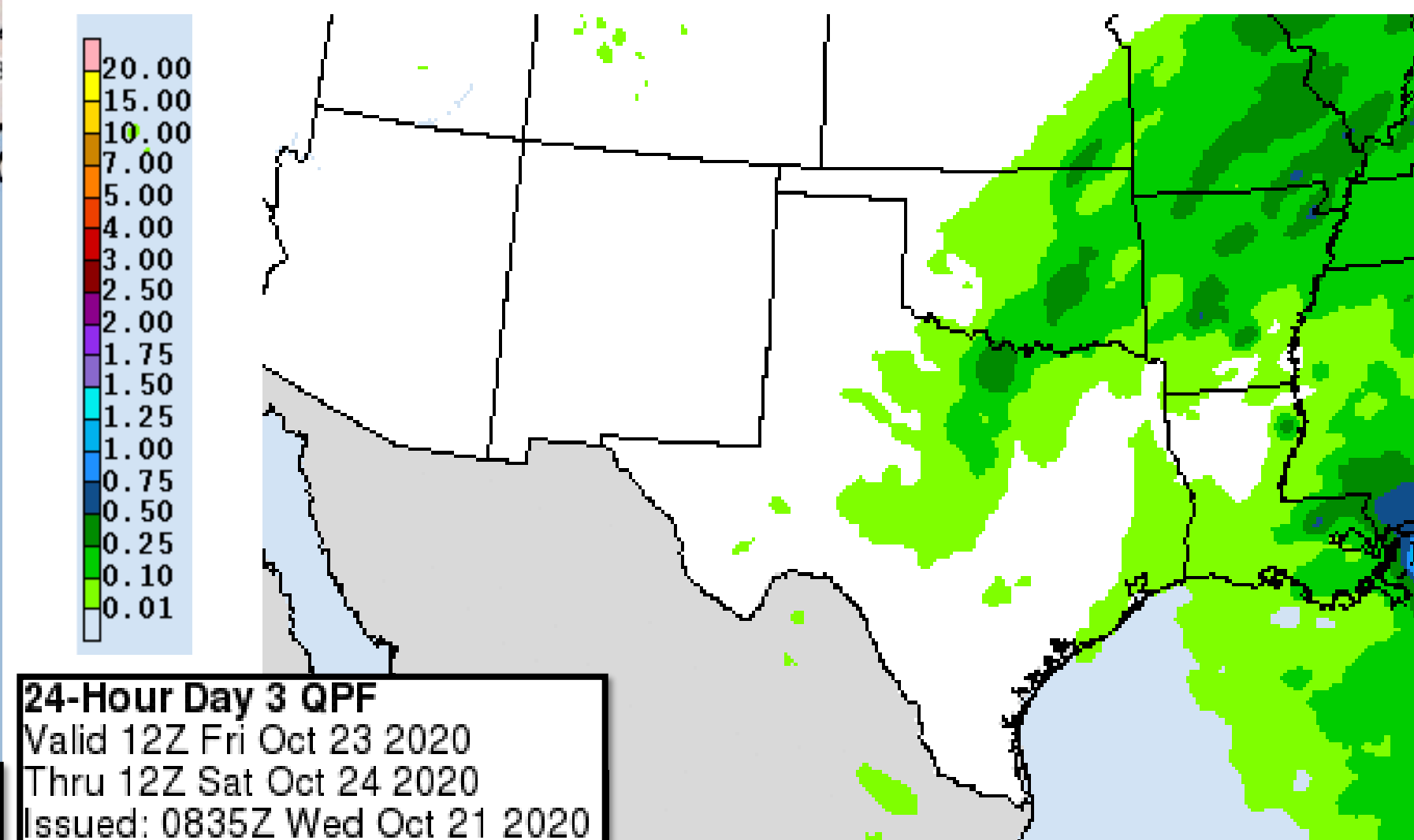


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



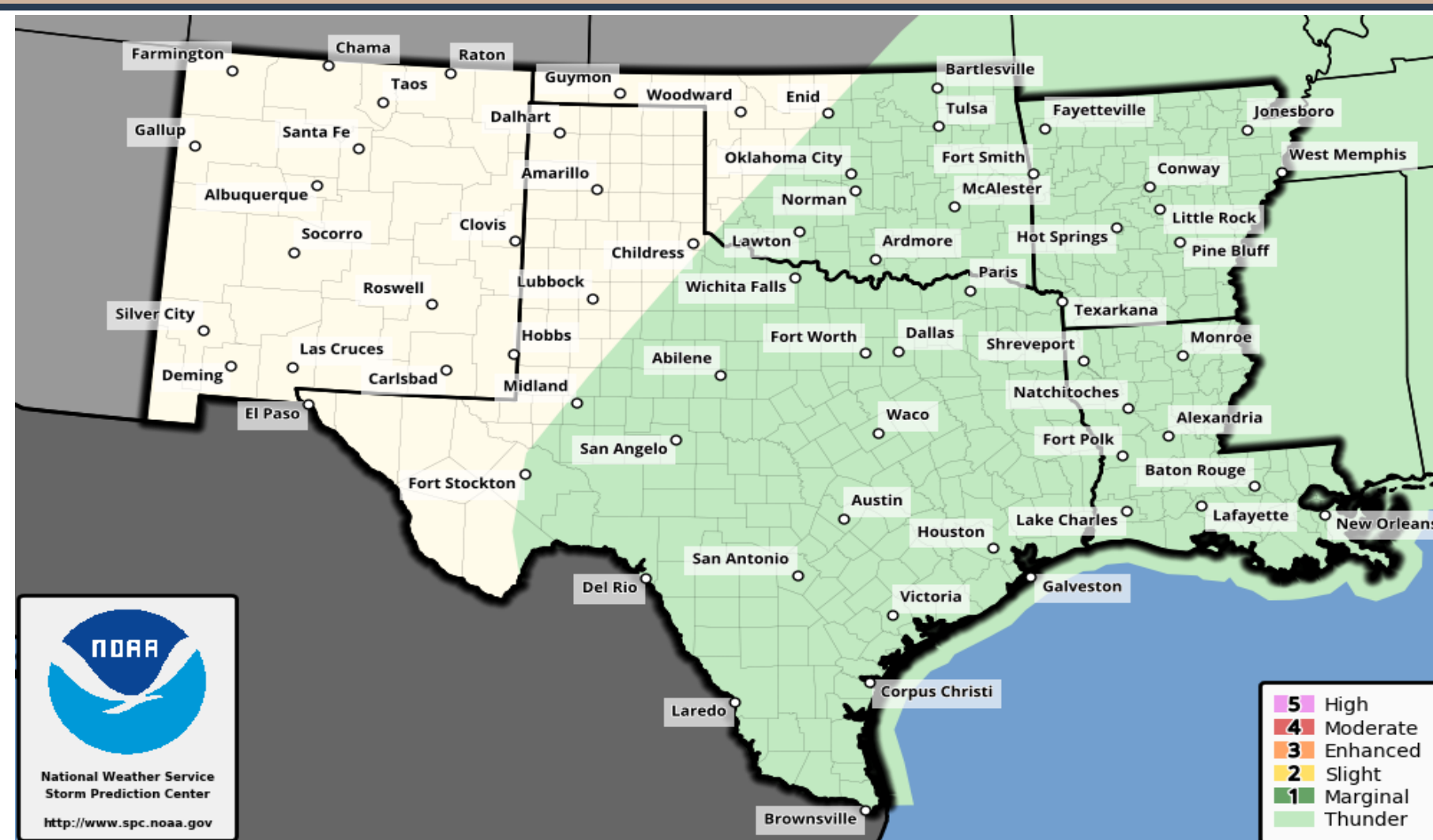
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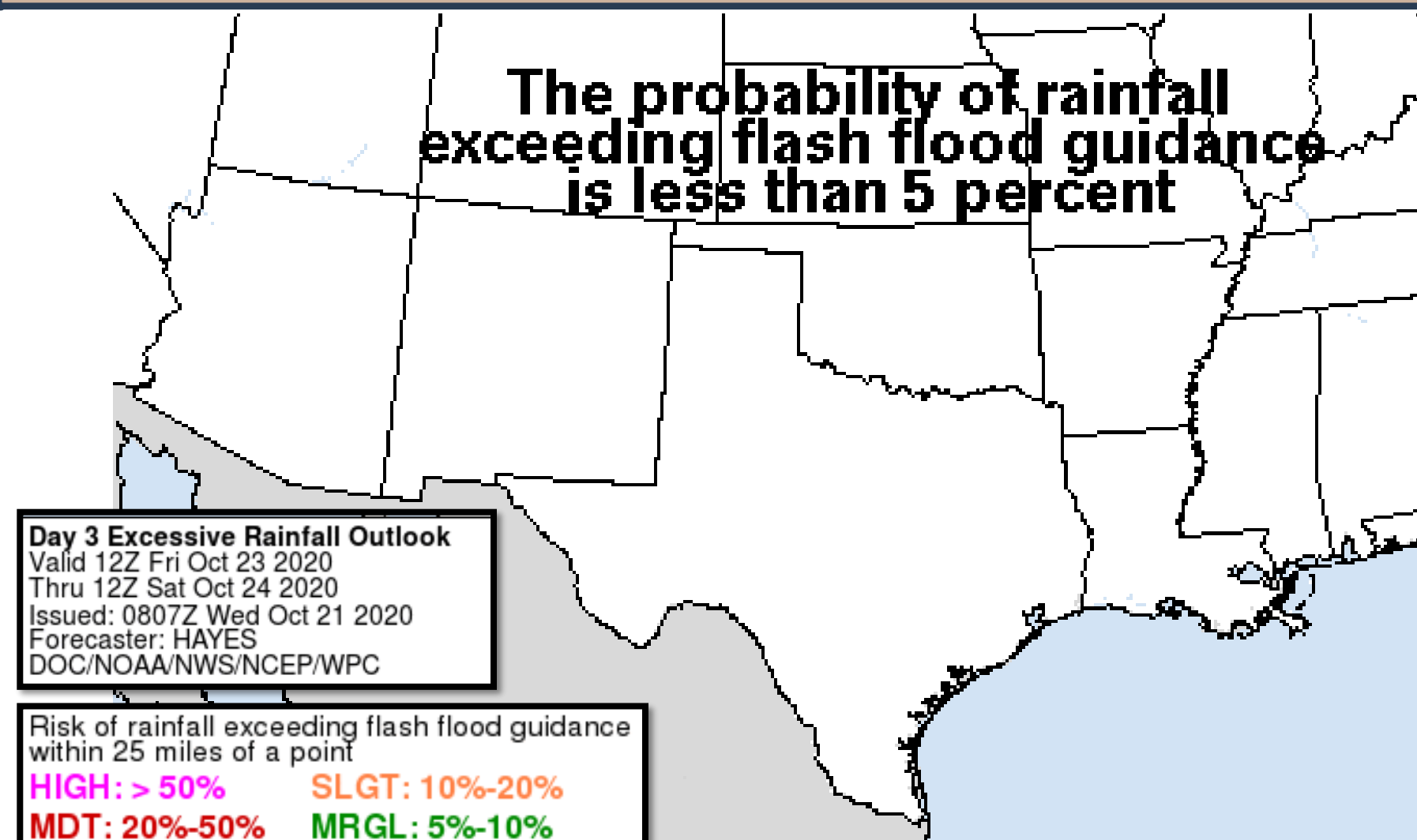
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



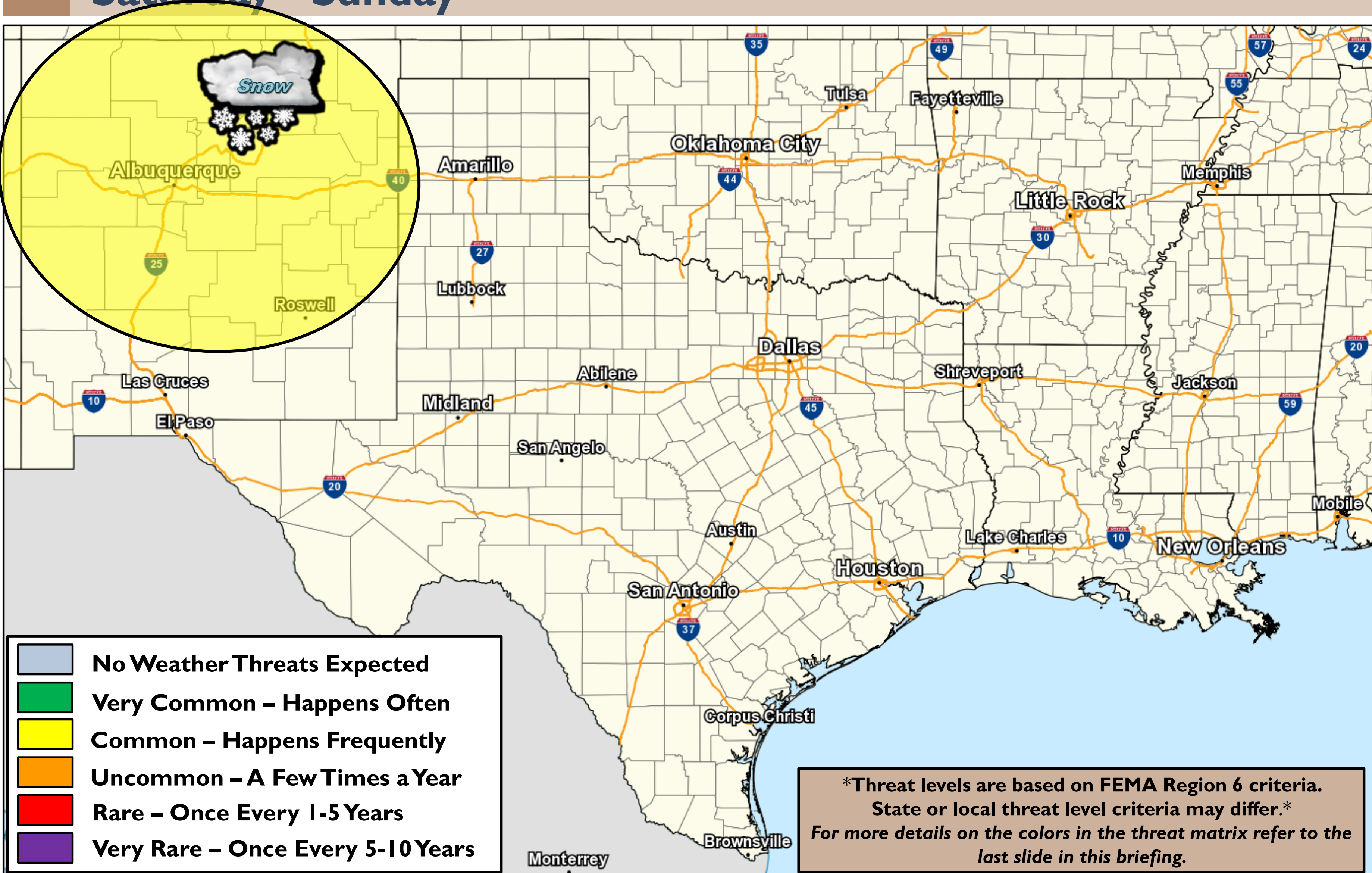
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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Winter travel impacts may develop in the high terrain and eastern NM Sunday through Tuesday.
The degree of impacts remain uncertain at this time.

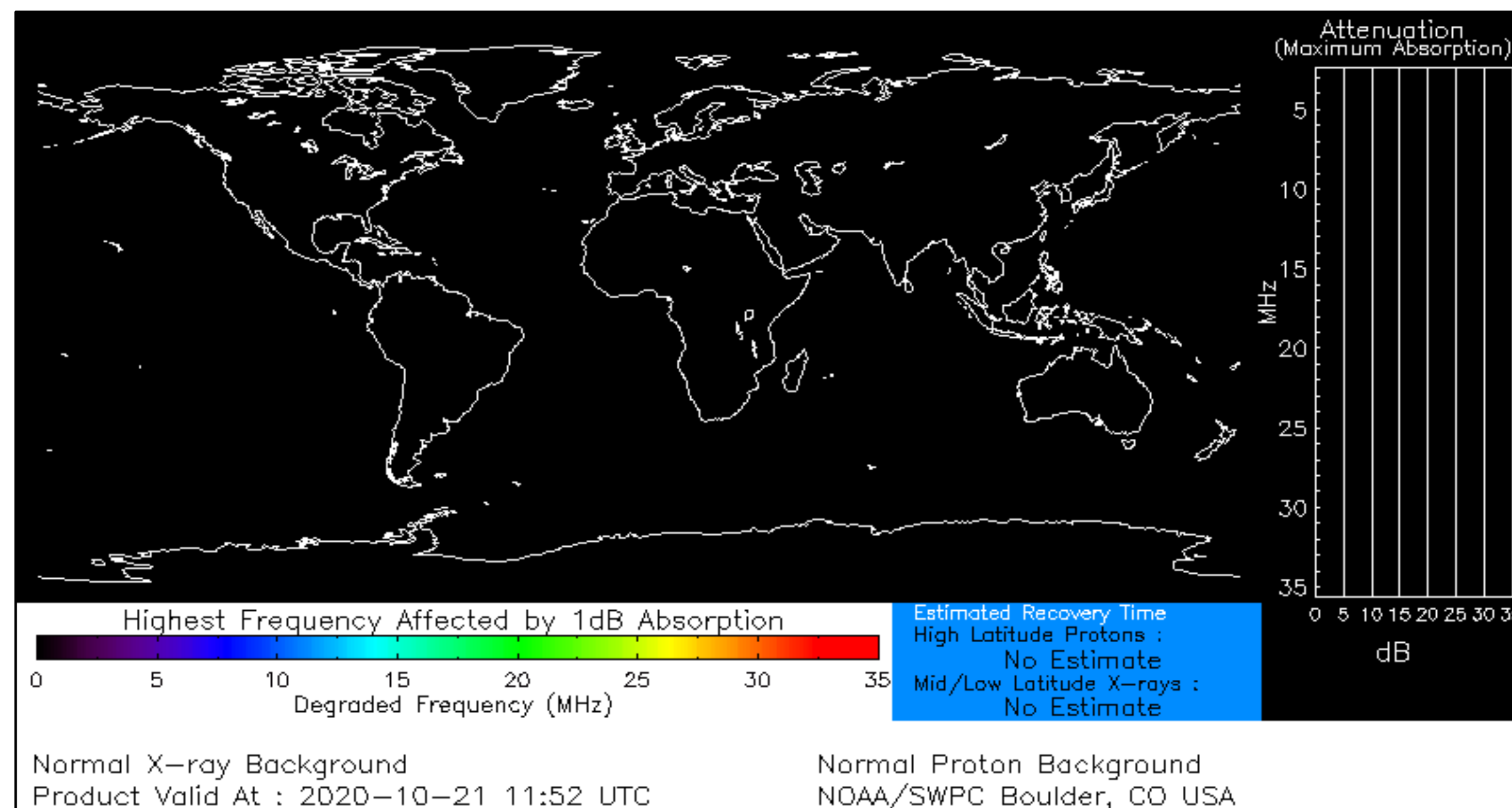


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



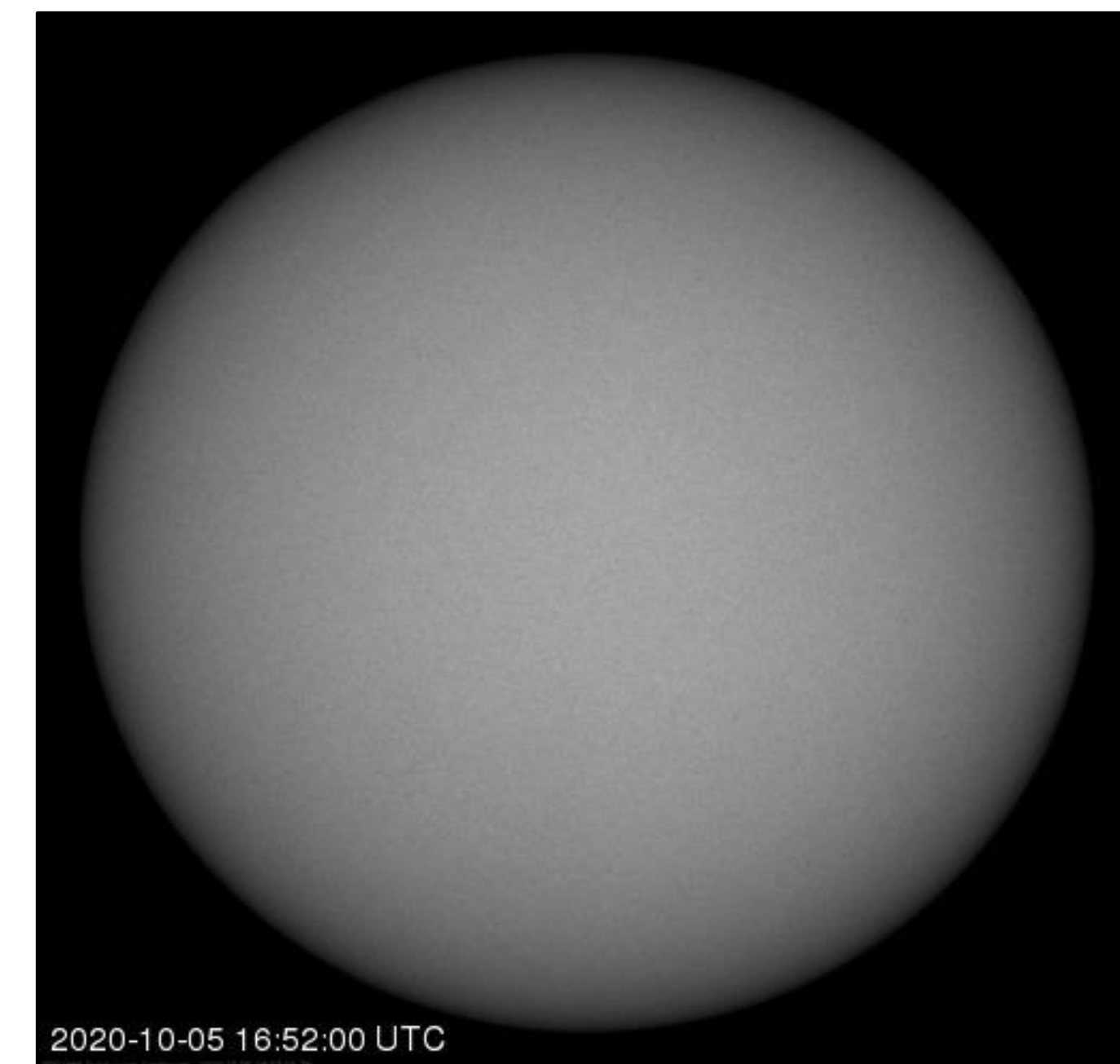
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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

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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common 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"> 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	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently 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"> 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	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year 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"> 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	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years 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"> 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	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years 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"> 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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