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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday February 14, 2021

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- **Dangerously cold temperatures/wind chill values continue across FEMA Region 6 into next week.**
- **Major winter storm will bring snow or a wintry mix with travel and infrastructure impacts to NM, TX, OK into AR and LA through late Monday.**
- **Another round of winter weather is possible Wednesday into Thursday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 14, 2021 - Feb 18, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather					
Winds					
Winter Weather / Cold Temps	NM, OK, AR, TX, LA	OK, AR, TX, LA	OK, TX, AR, LA	OK, TX, AR, LA	OK, TX, AR
River Flooding	LA, AR	LA, AR	LA, AR	LA, AR	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.

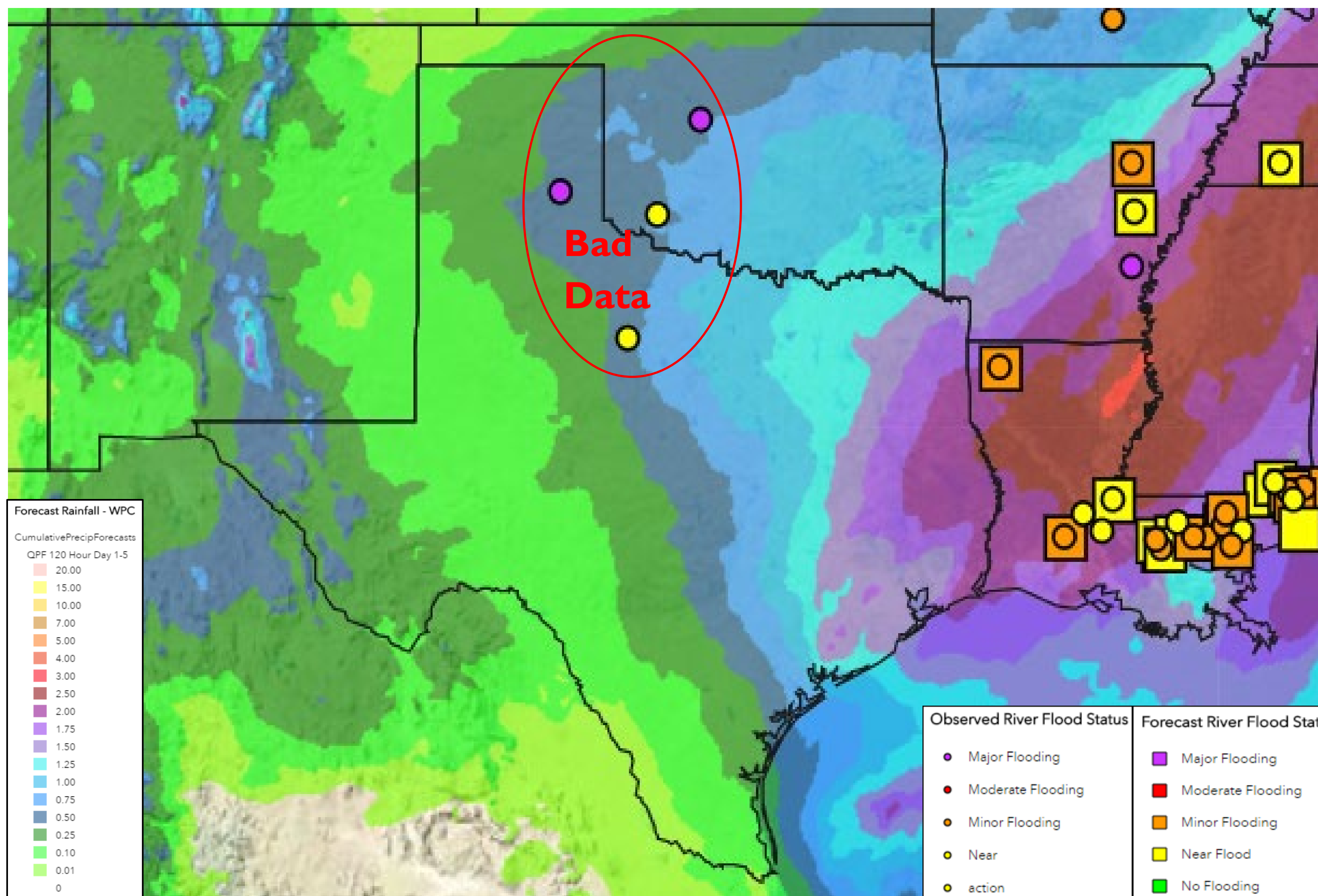
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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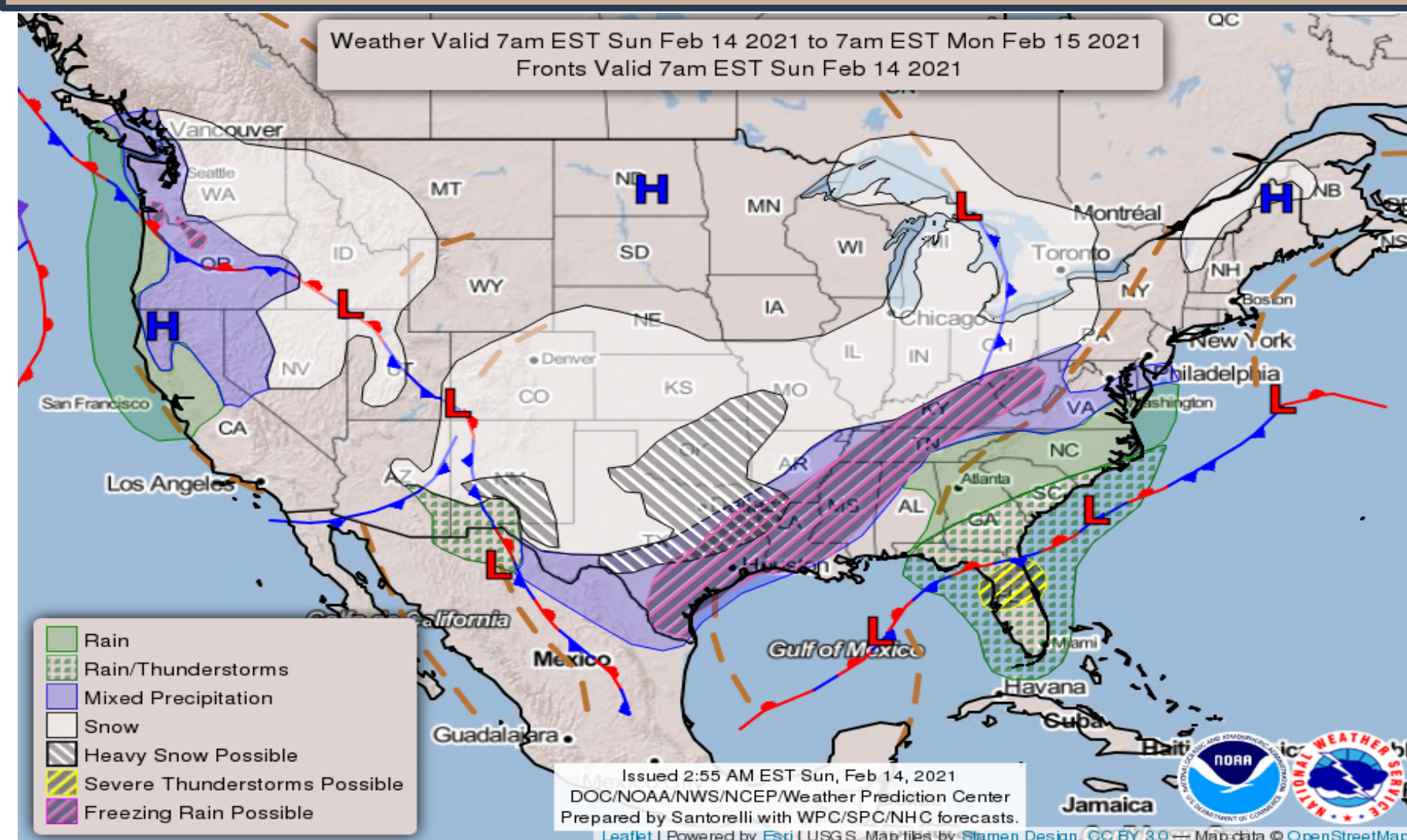
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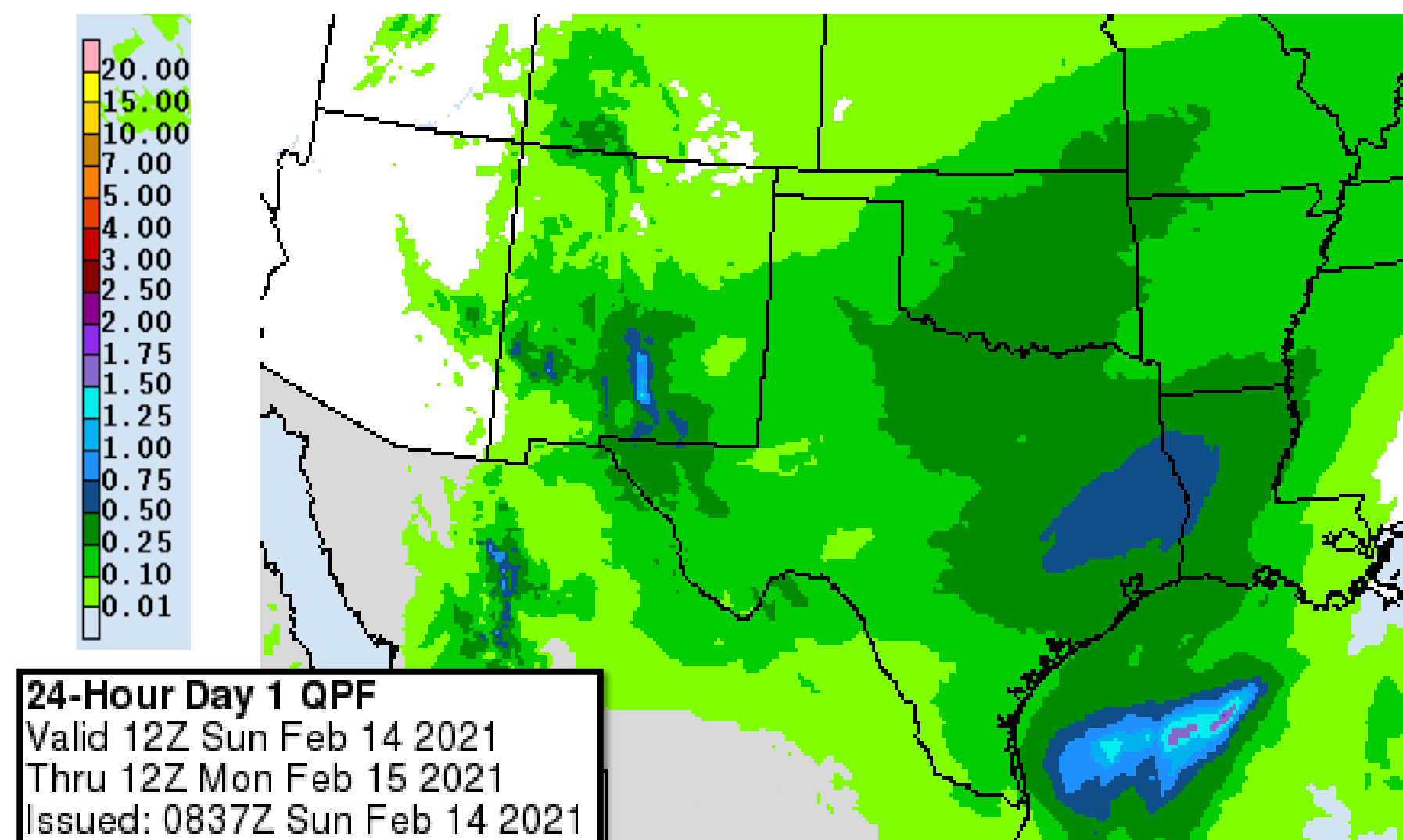
Mainly minor river flooding will continue at points in NW LA and NE AR, with the Tangipahoa River at Robert (LA) expected to reach moderate flood today. Evacuation of trailers at Hidden Oaks must be completed, and water covers secondary roads.

Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

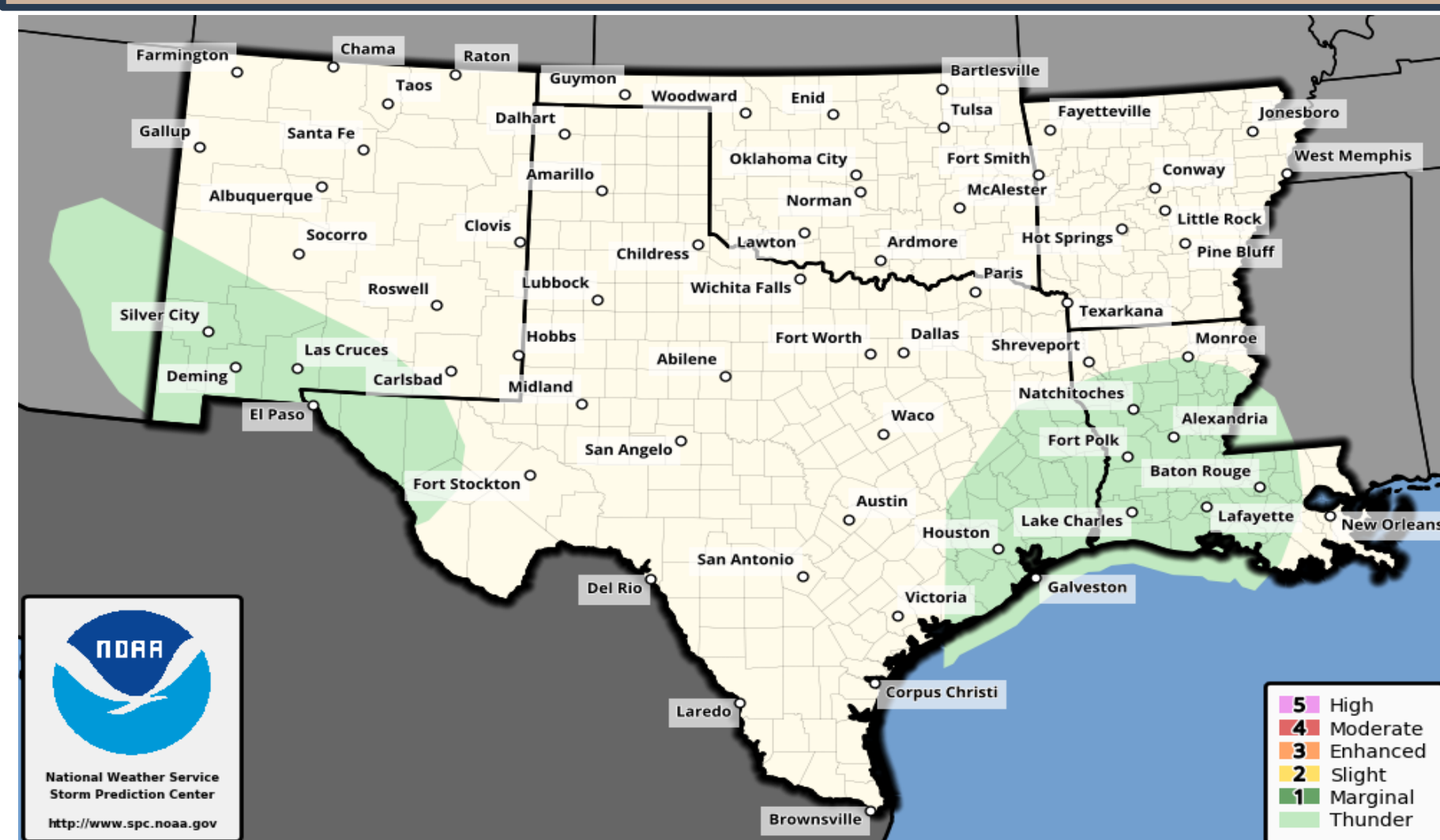


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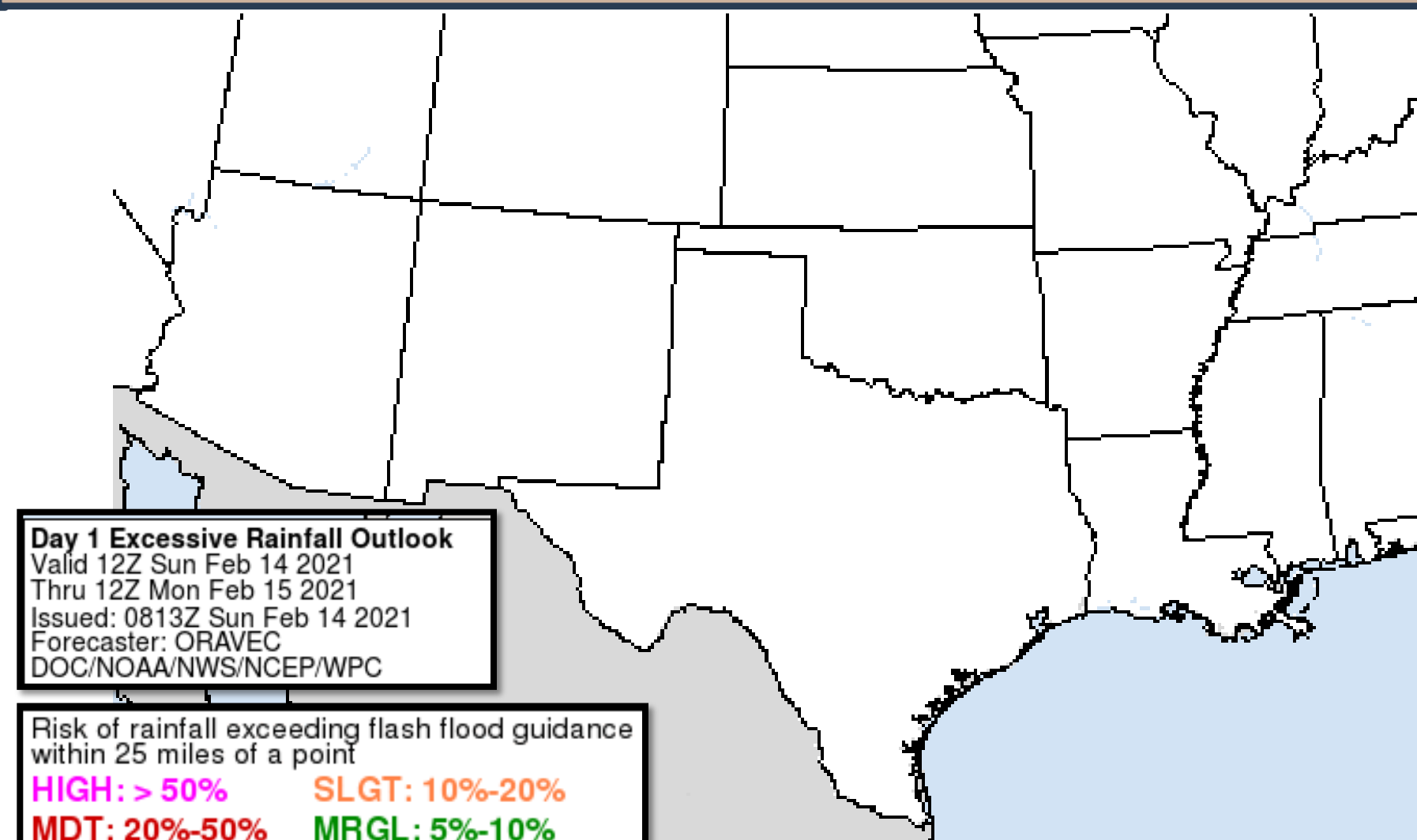


Major winter storm expected to bring travel impacts/ potential power outages and unseasonably cold temperatures to most of the Region.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



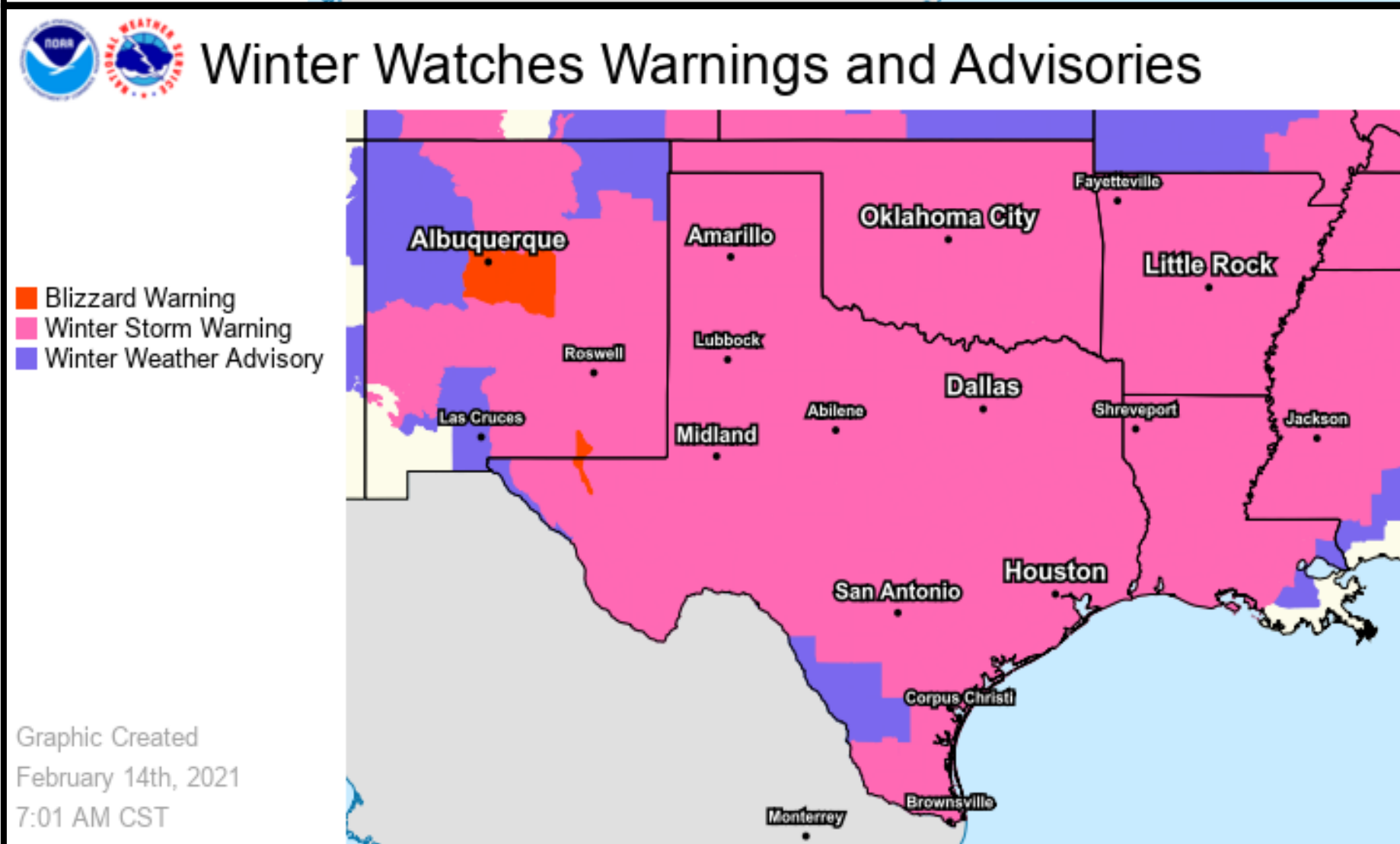
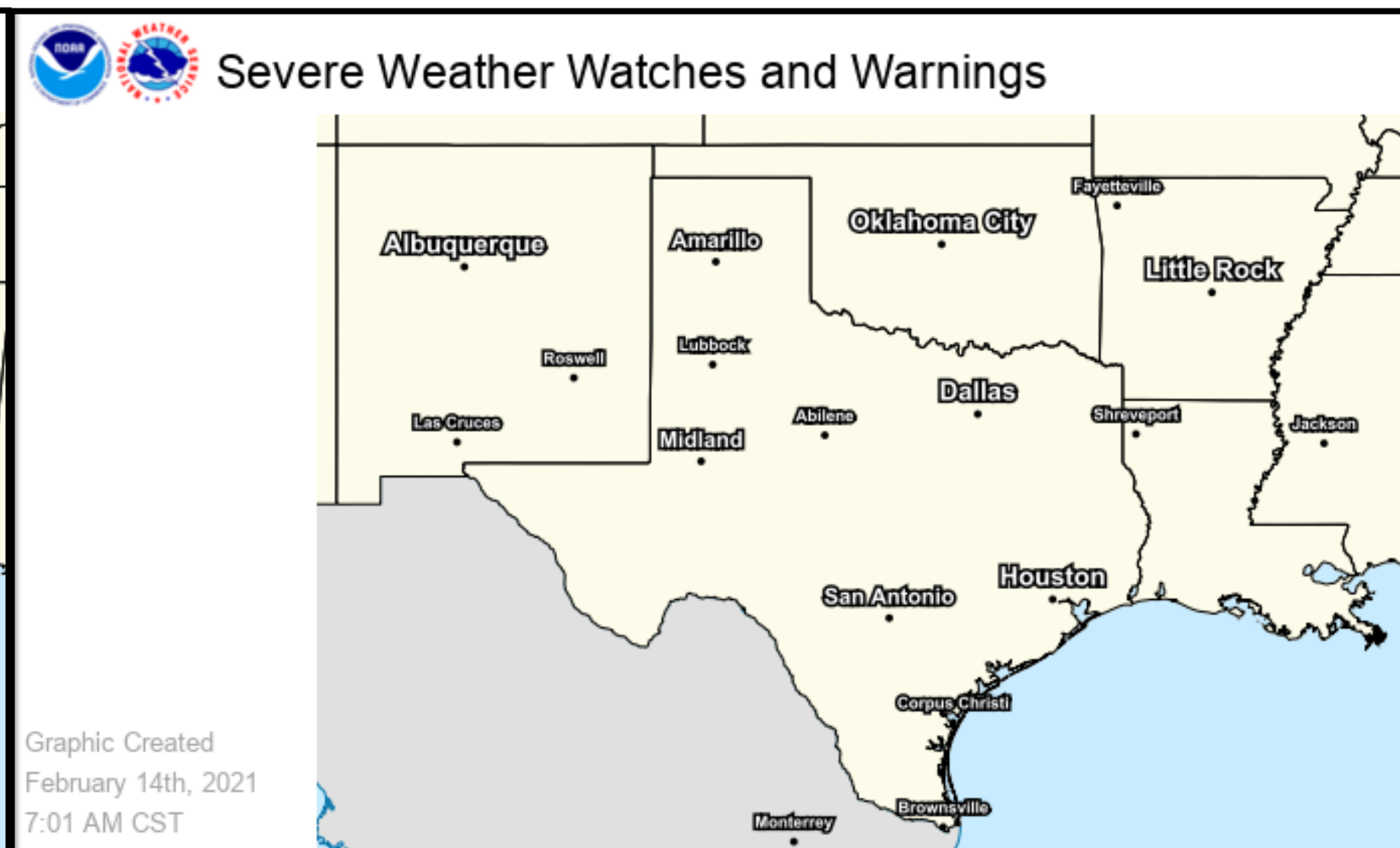
Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



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Winter storm warnings for most of FEMA Region 6.



Winter Weather

Sunday - Tuesday



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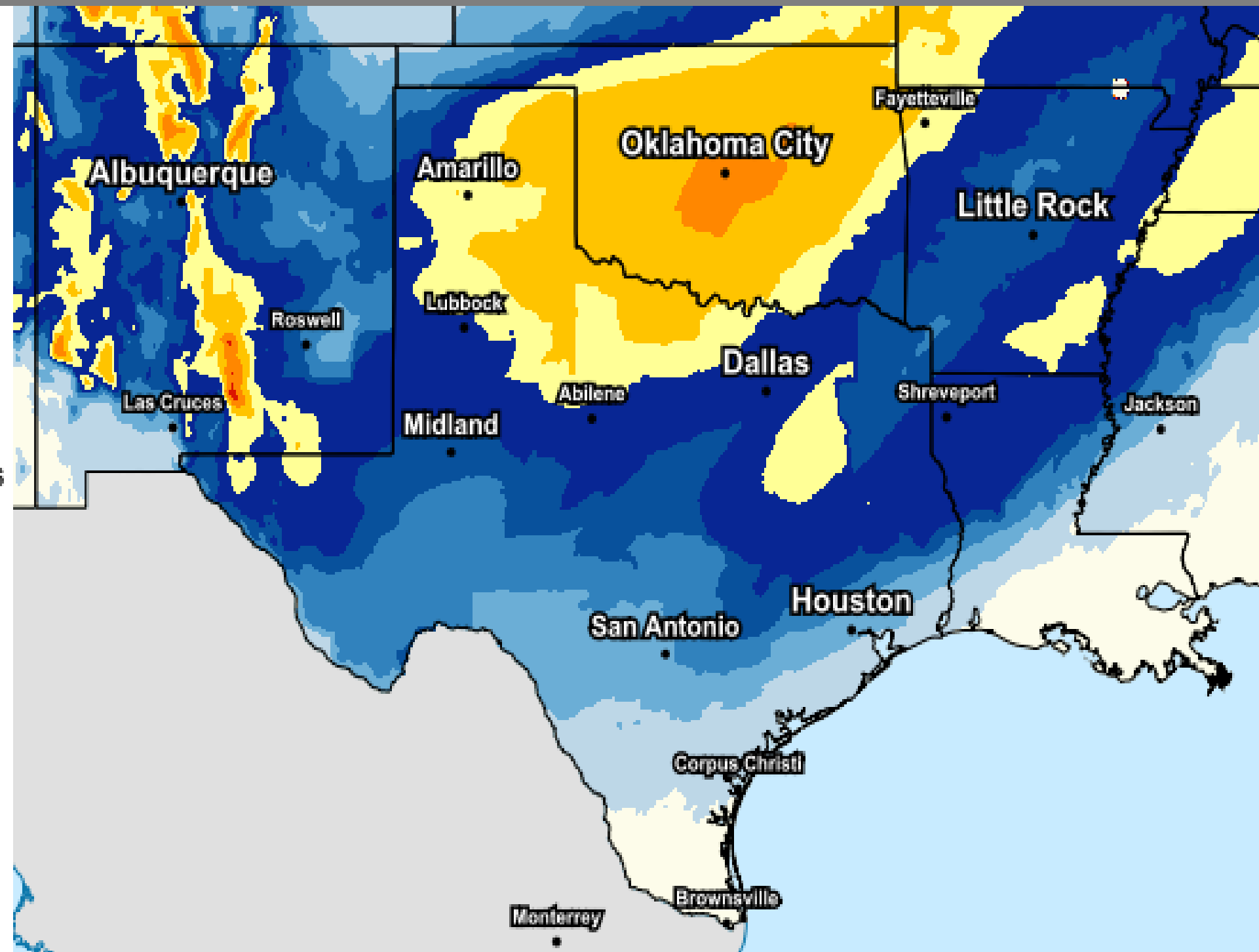
Forecast Snow Amounts



Forecast Snowfall

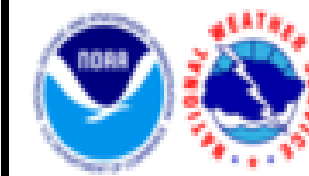
Valid Ending Wednesday February 17th, 2021 at 6 AM CST

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches



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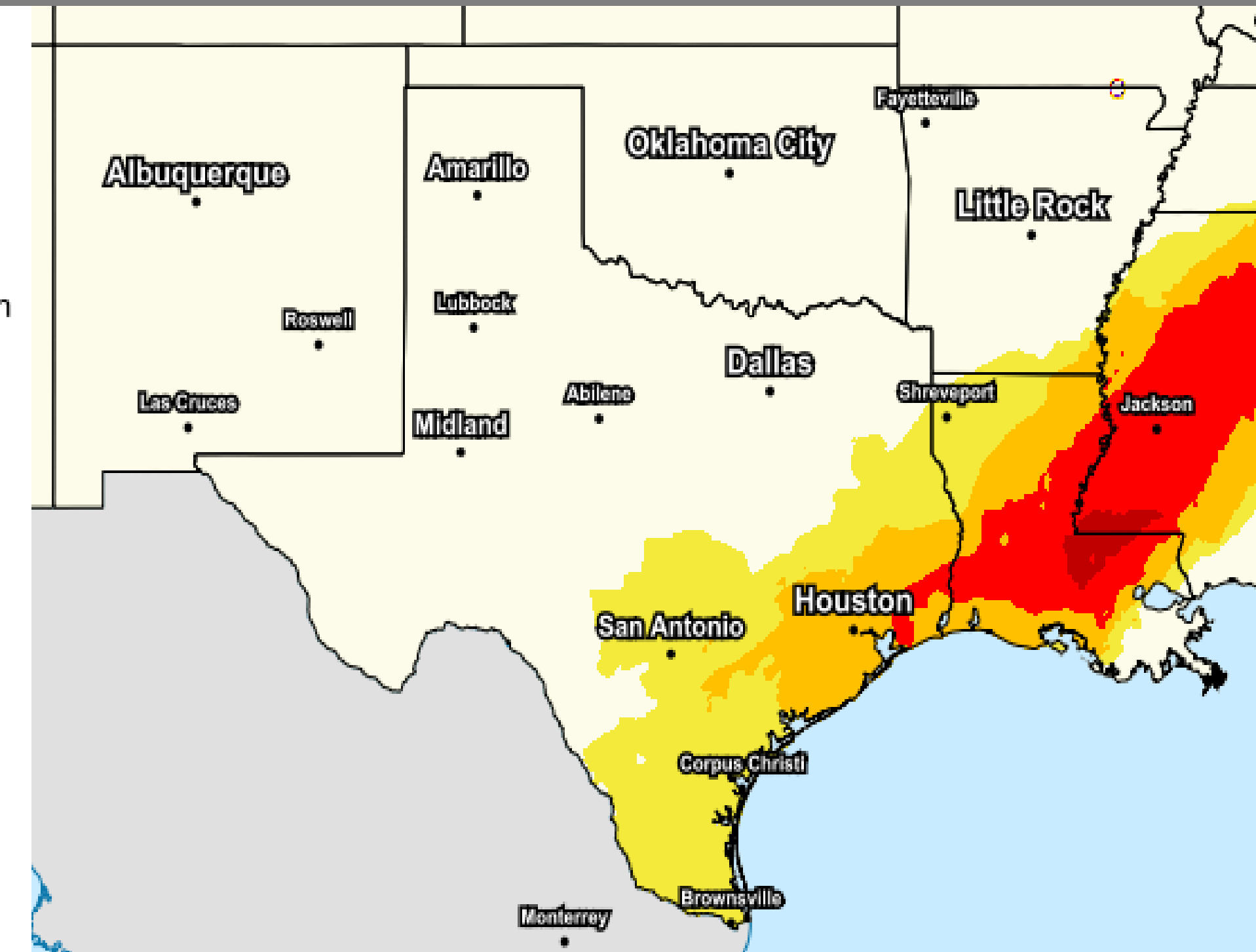
Forecast Ice Amounts



Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Wednesday February 17th, 2021 at 6 AM CST

- 0.01 to 0.10 inch
- 0.10 to 0.25 inch
- 0.25 to 0.50 inch
- 0.50 to 0.75 inch
- 0.75 to 1.0 inch
- 1.0 to 2.0 inch
- Greater than 2.0 inch



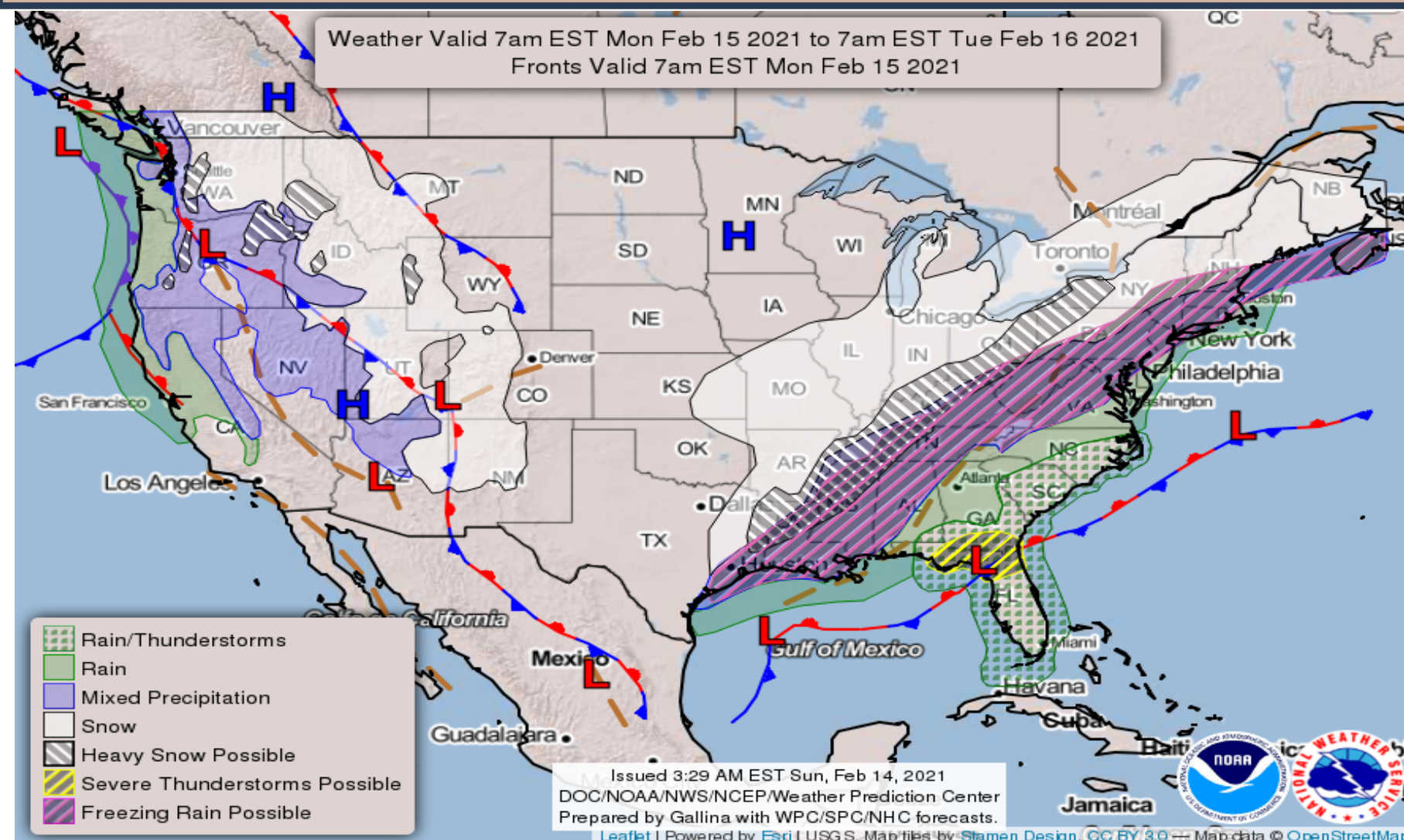
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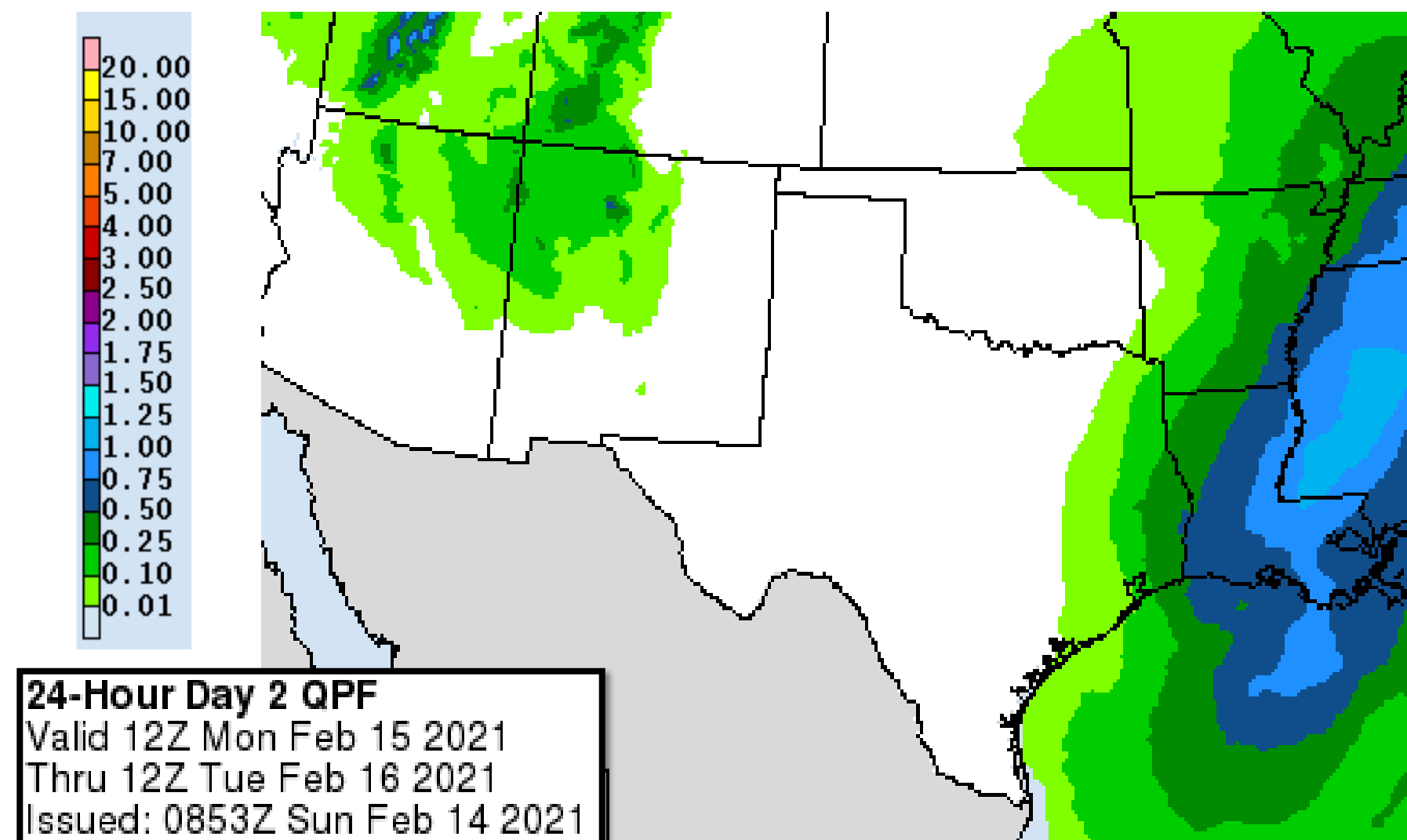


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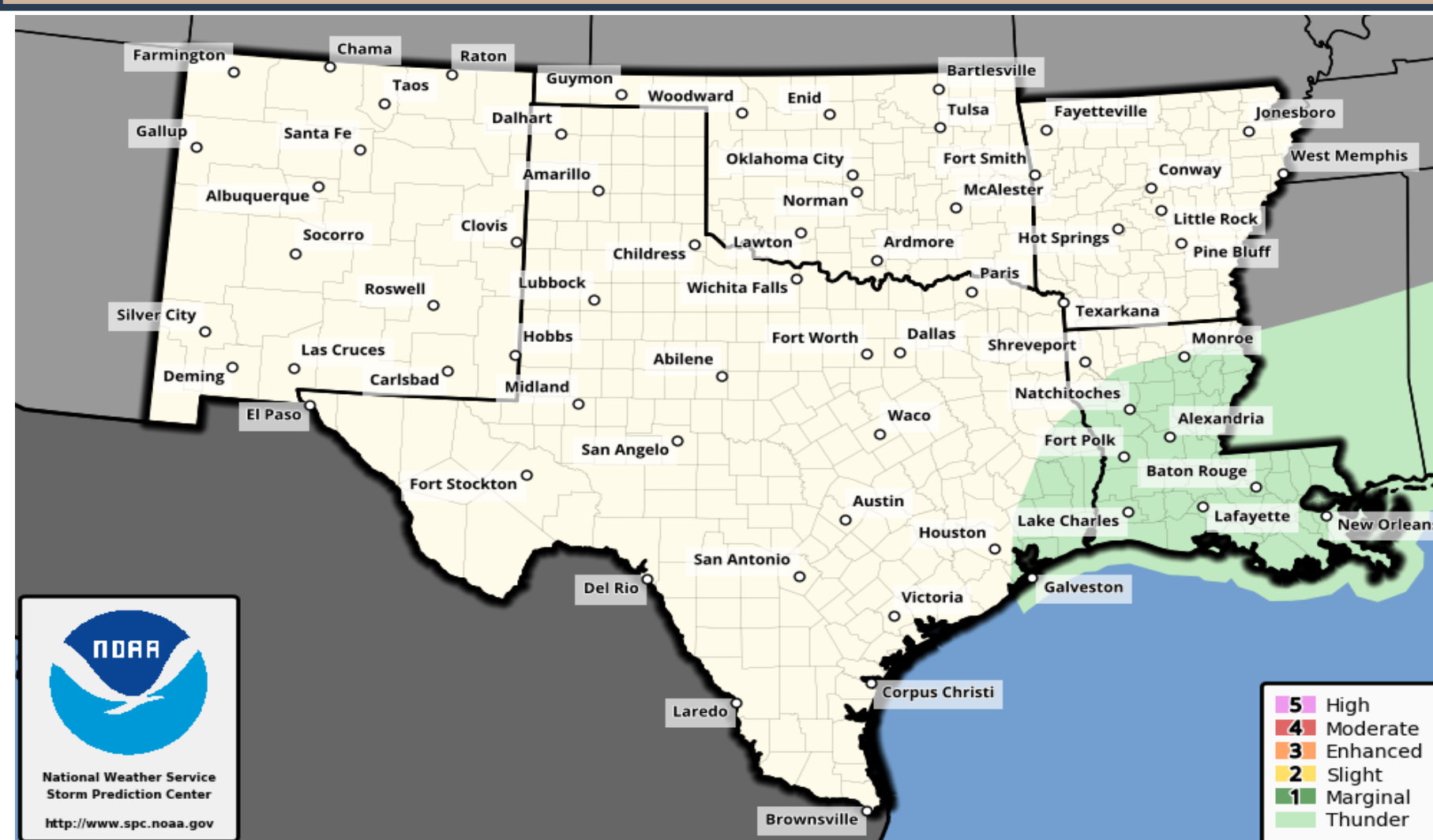


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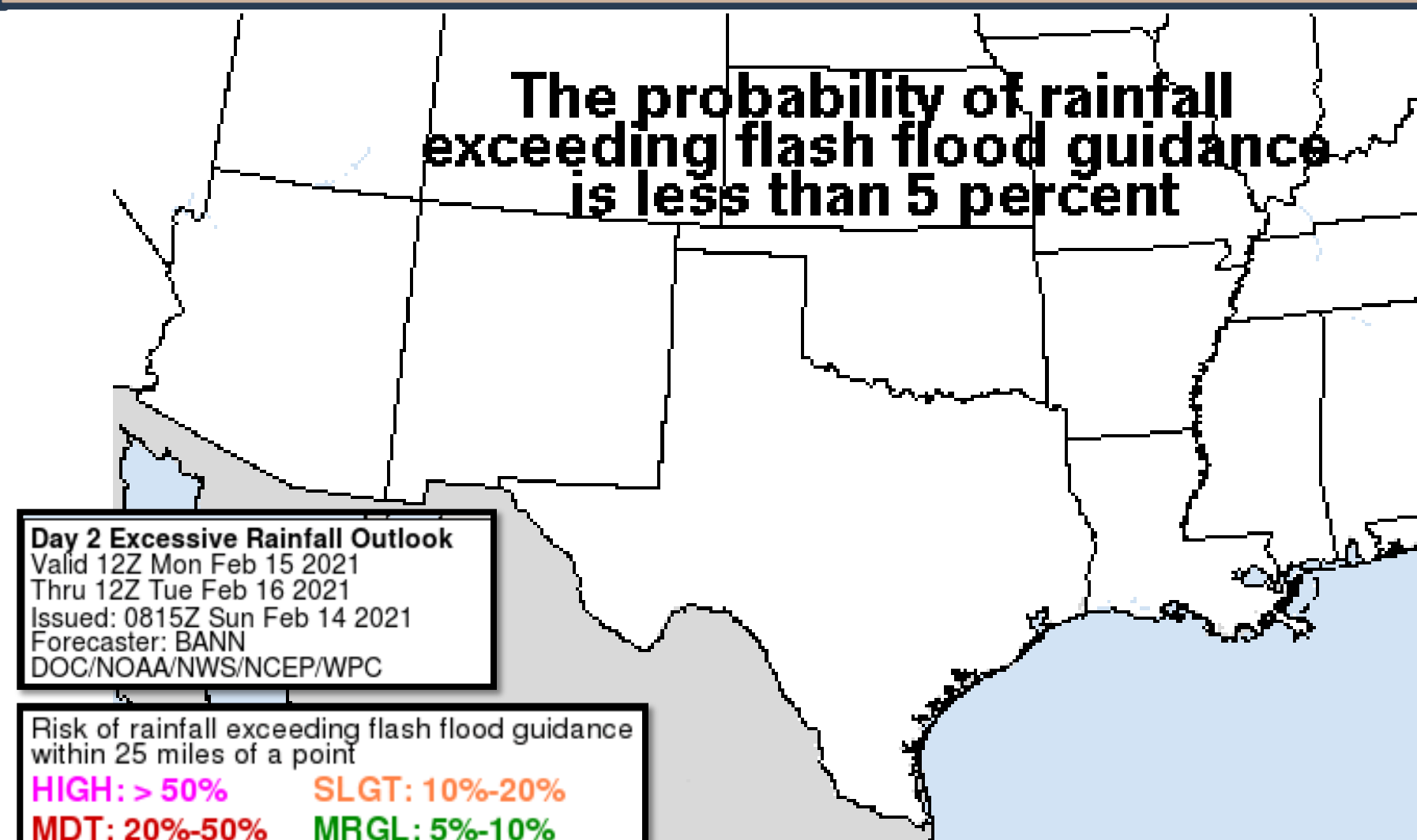


Winter storm continues with cold temperatures and potential travel impacts/power outages from wintry mix across much of the Region.

Severe Weather Outlook

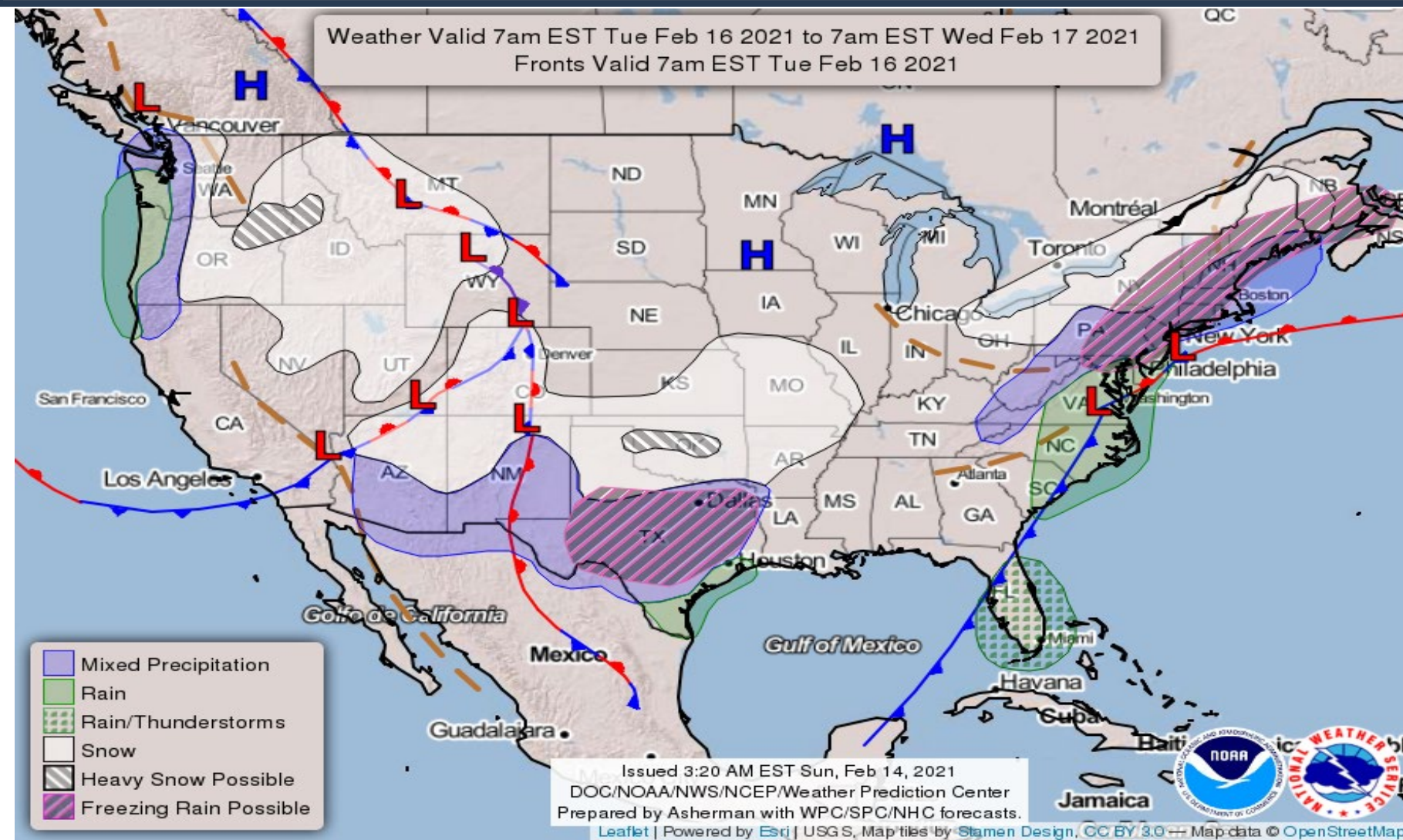


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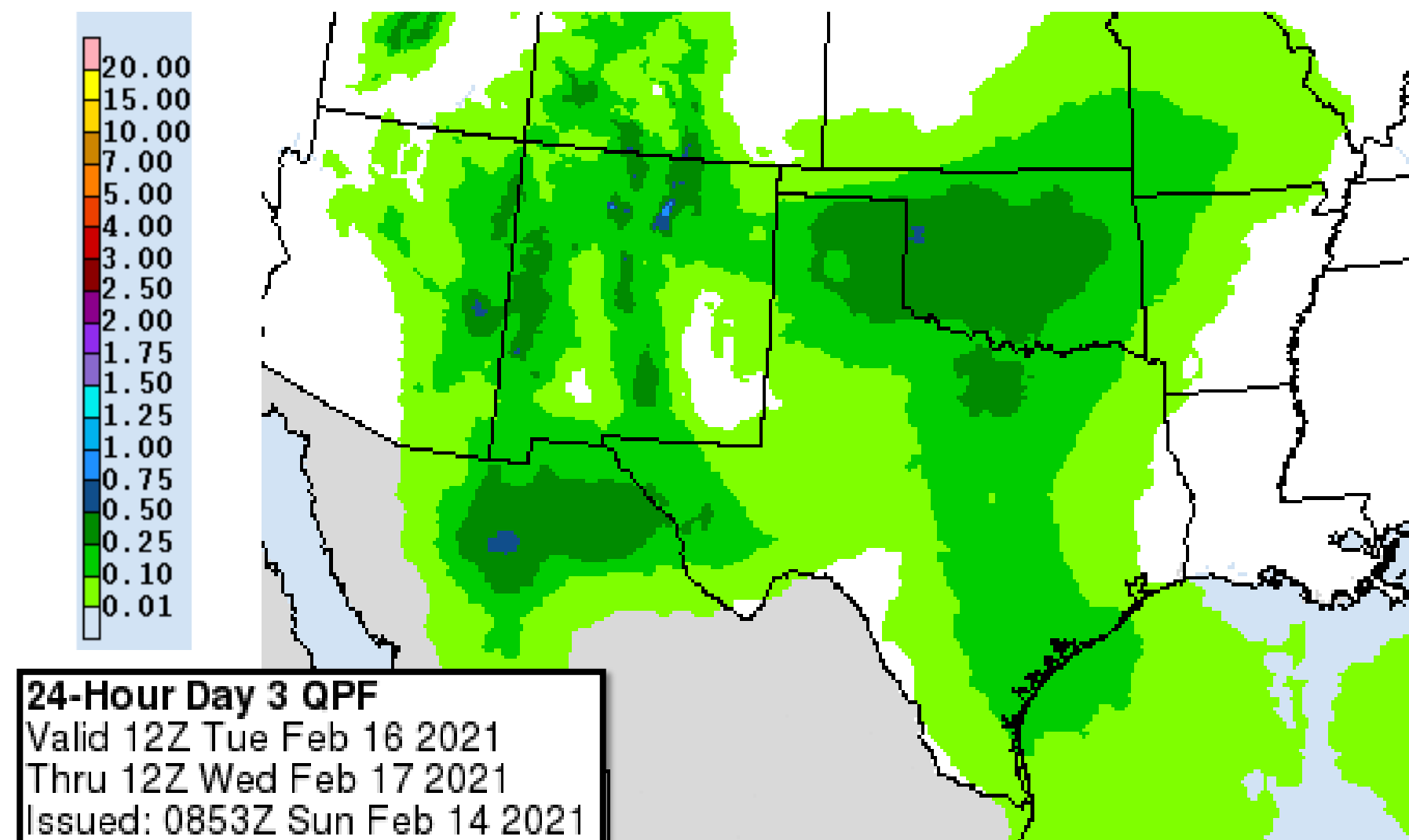


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

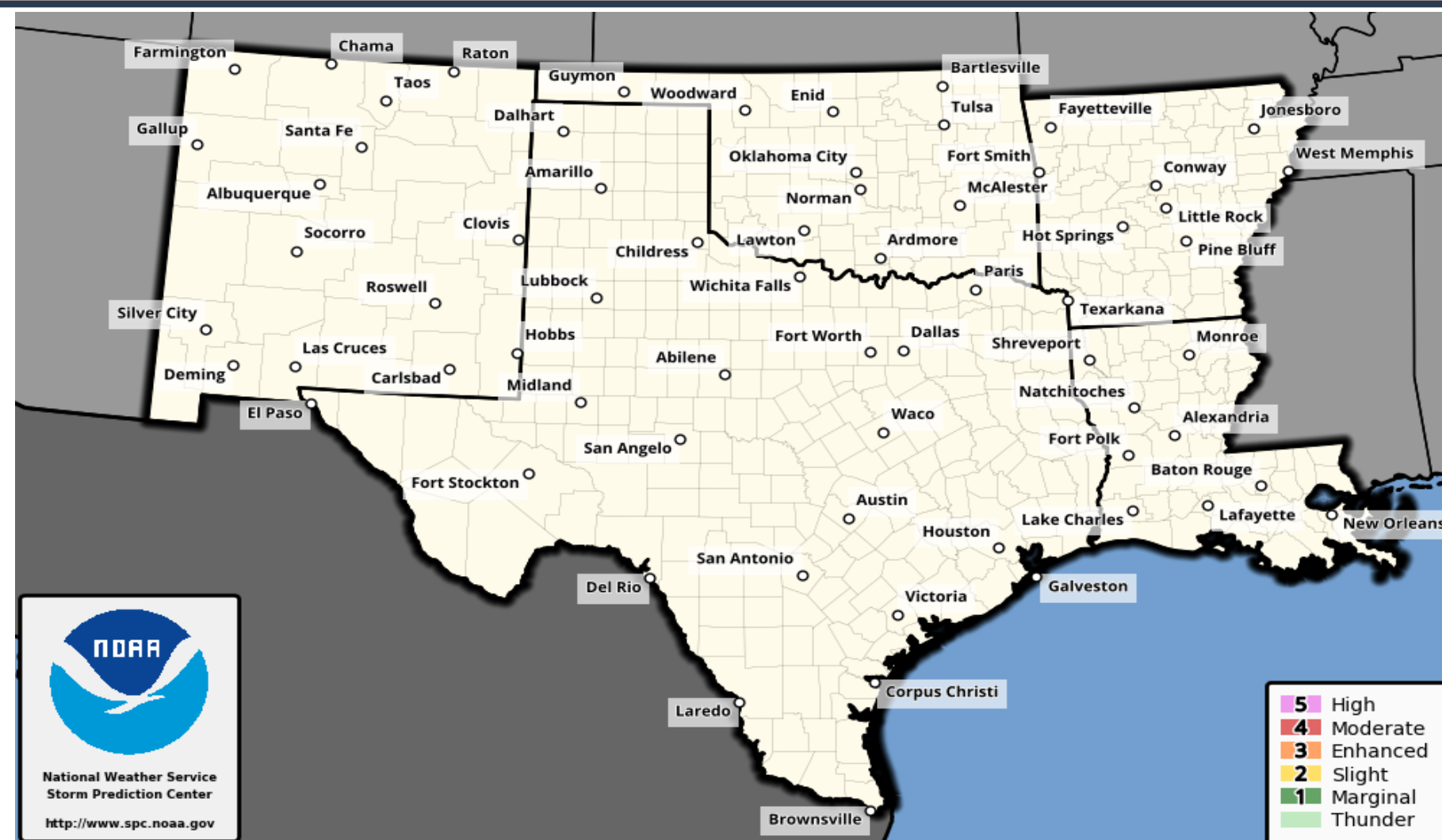


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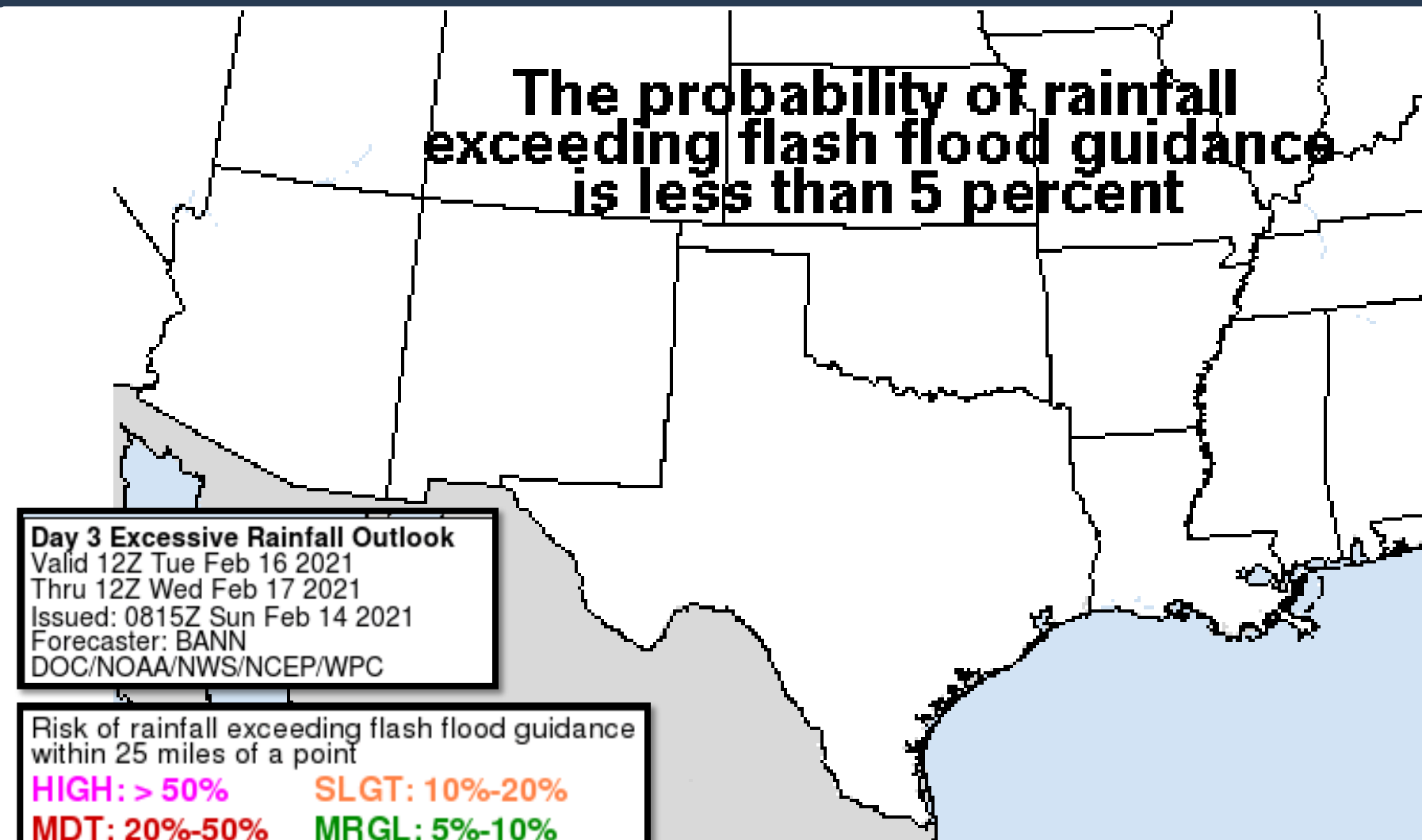


**Unseasonably cold
temperature continue across
portions of OK, TX, AR and
LA.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



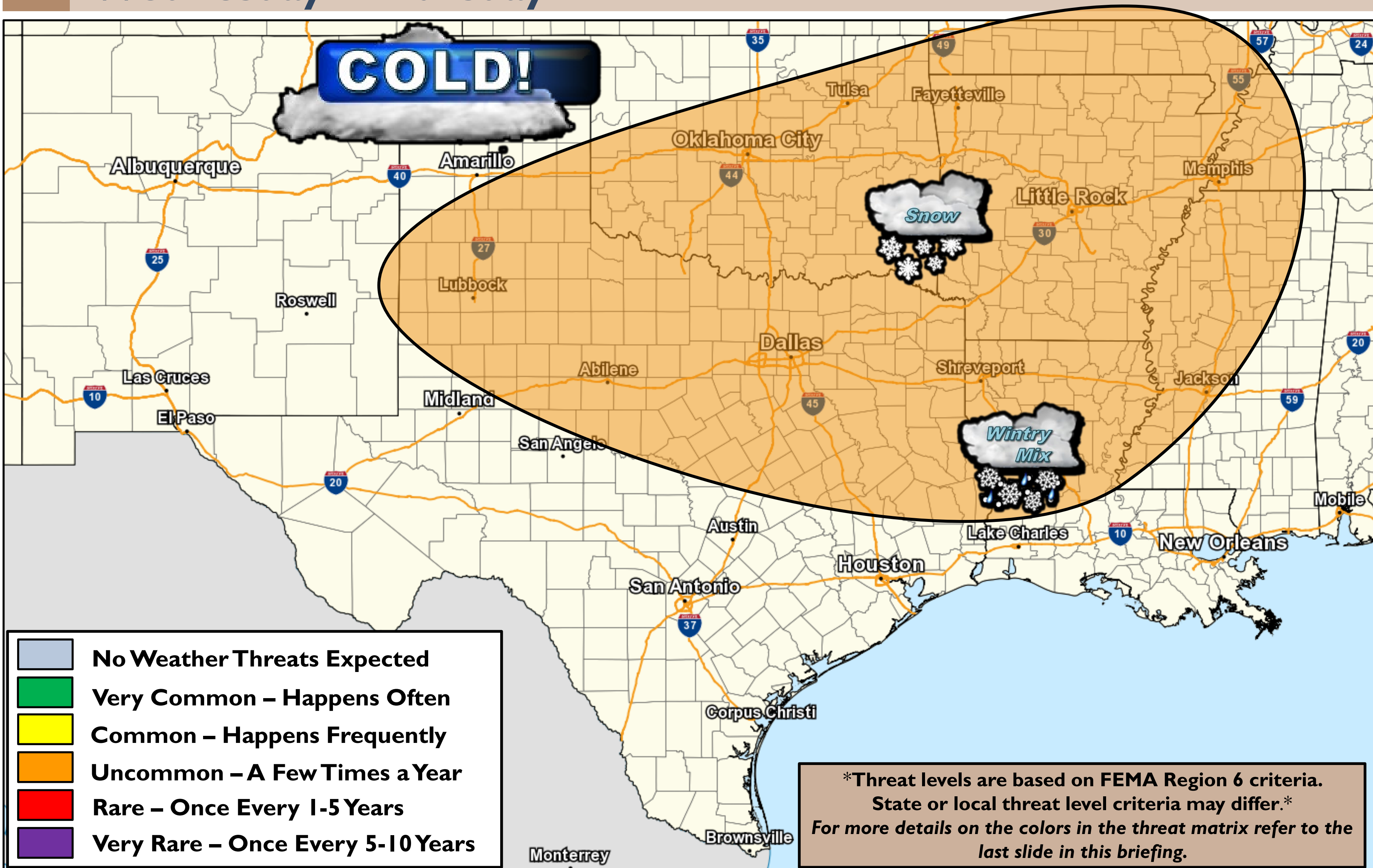
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Wednesday - Thursday



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Next round of winter precipitation possible across TX, OK, AR and N LA.

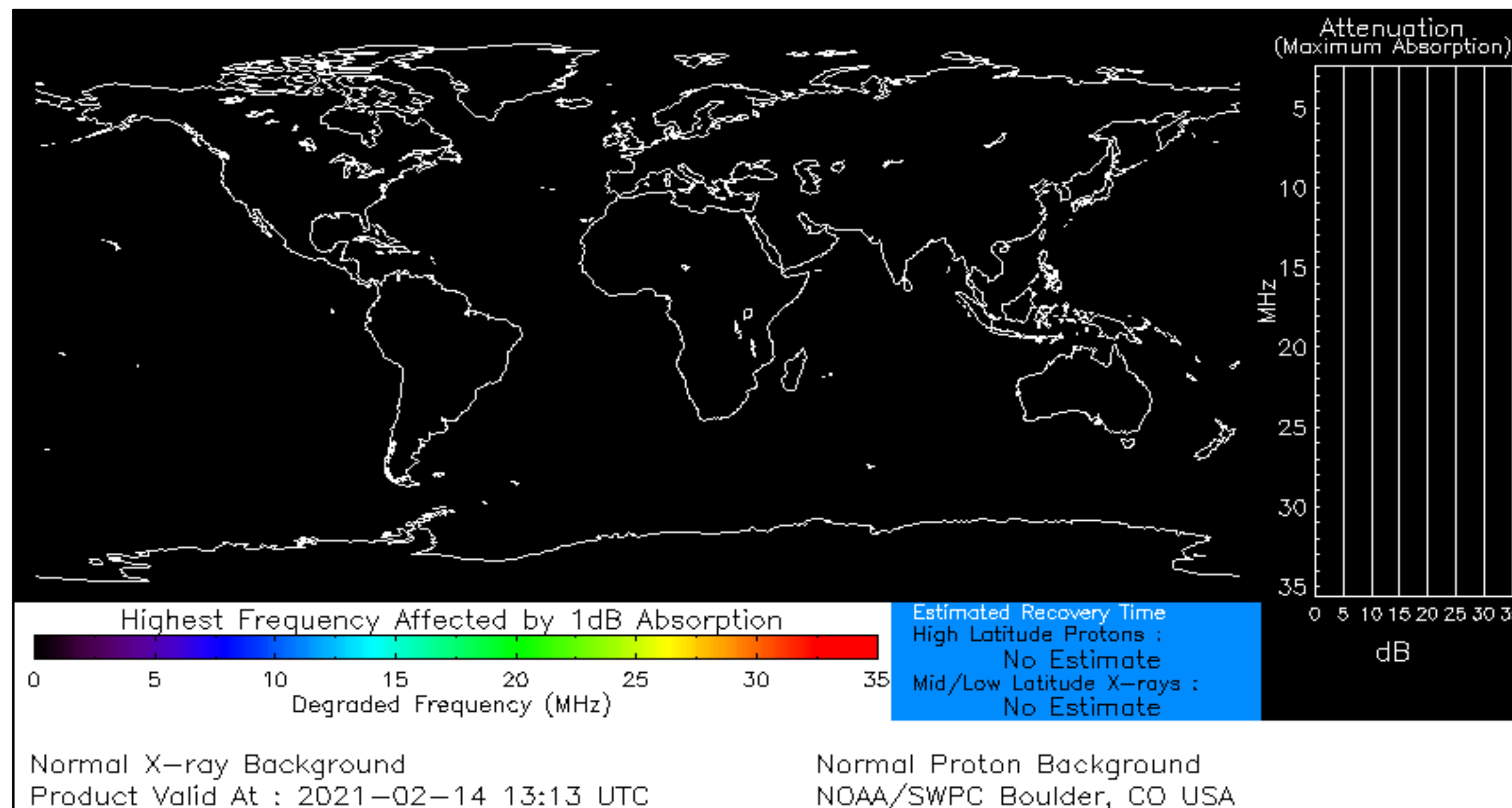


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



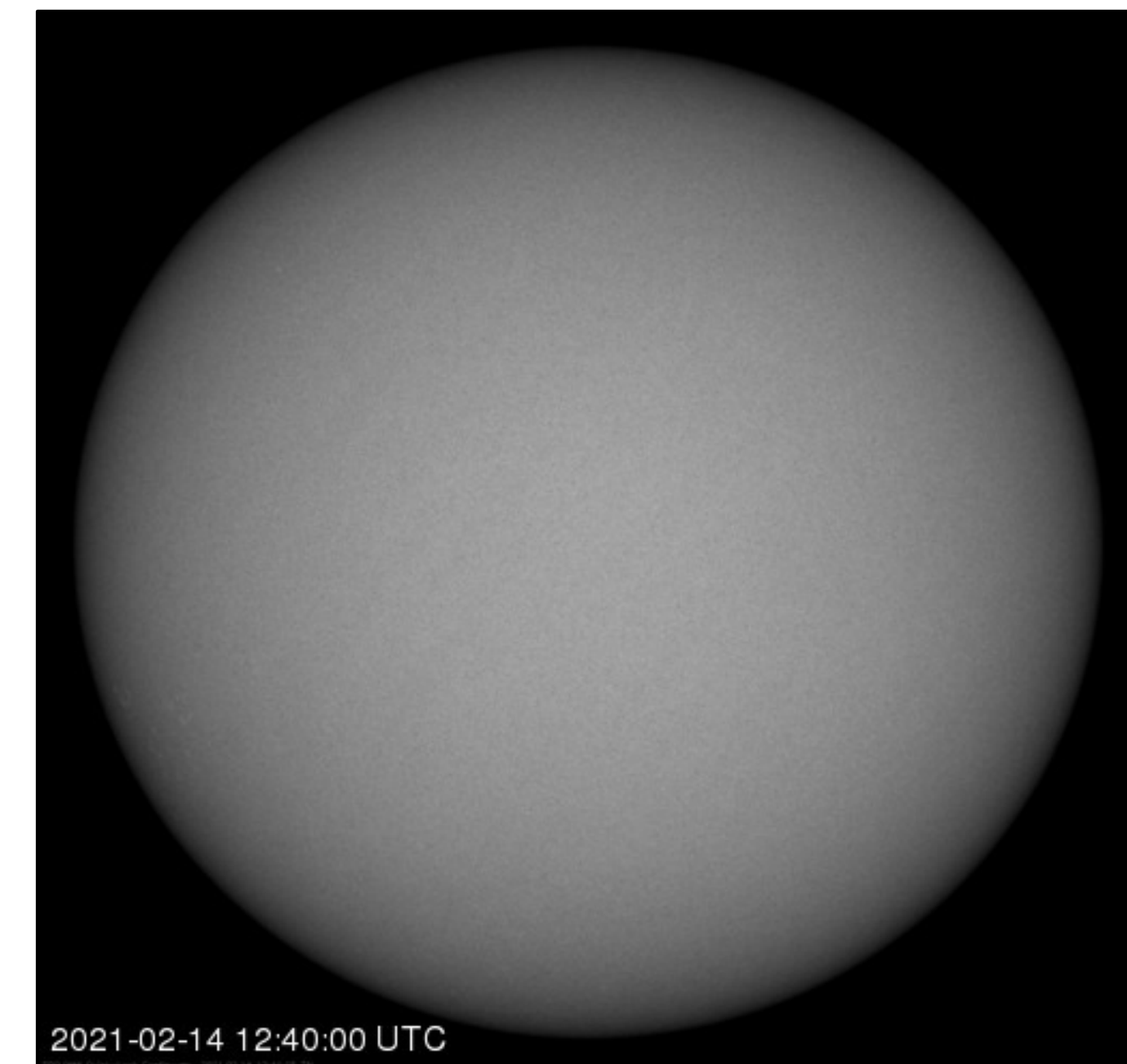
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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

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





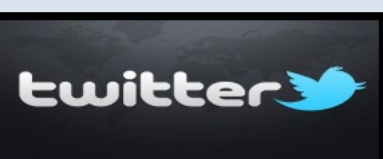
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: 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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