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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Sunday, February 25, 2024

**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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions along with gusty winds/blowing dust over E NM today, and over E NM, W/N Ctl TX, OK, and AR Monday and Tuesday.**
- **Snow in the mountains in NM may cause hazardous driving conditions Monday through Tuesday.**
- **Marginal risk of severe weather over N AR and E OK on Tuesday.**
- **Continued isolated minor river flooding in E TX, AR, and LA.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Sunday, Feb 25	Monday, Feb 26	Tuesday, Feb 27	Wednesday, Feb 28	Thursday, Feb 29
<b>Severe Storms</b>			N AR, E OK		
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding</b>					
<b>Fire Weather</b>	E NM	E NM, W/N Ct TX, OK, AR	E NM, W/Ct TX, OK		
<b>Cold</b>					
<b>Winds</b>	E NM	NM, W TX, OK	NM, W/Ct TX, OK		
<b>Winter Weather</b>		NM mnts	NM mnts		
<b>River Flooding</b>	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR

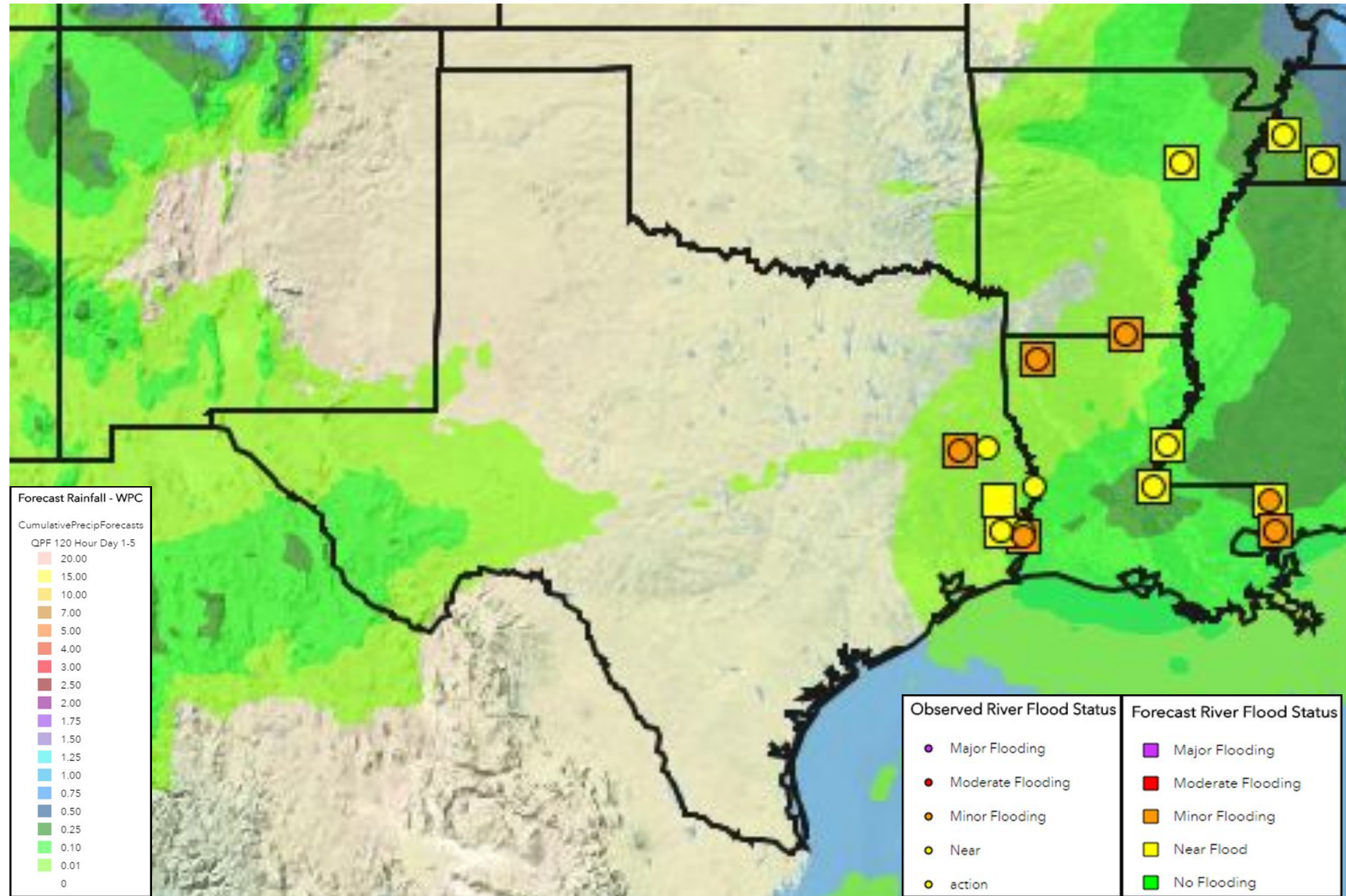
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*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.*



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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

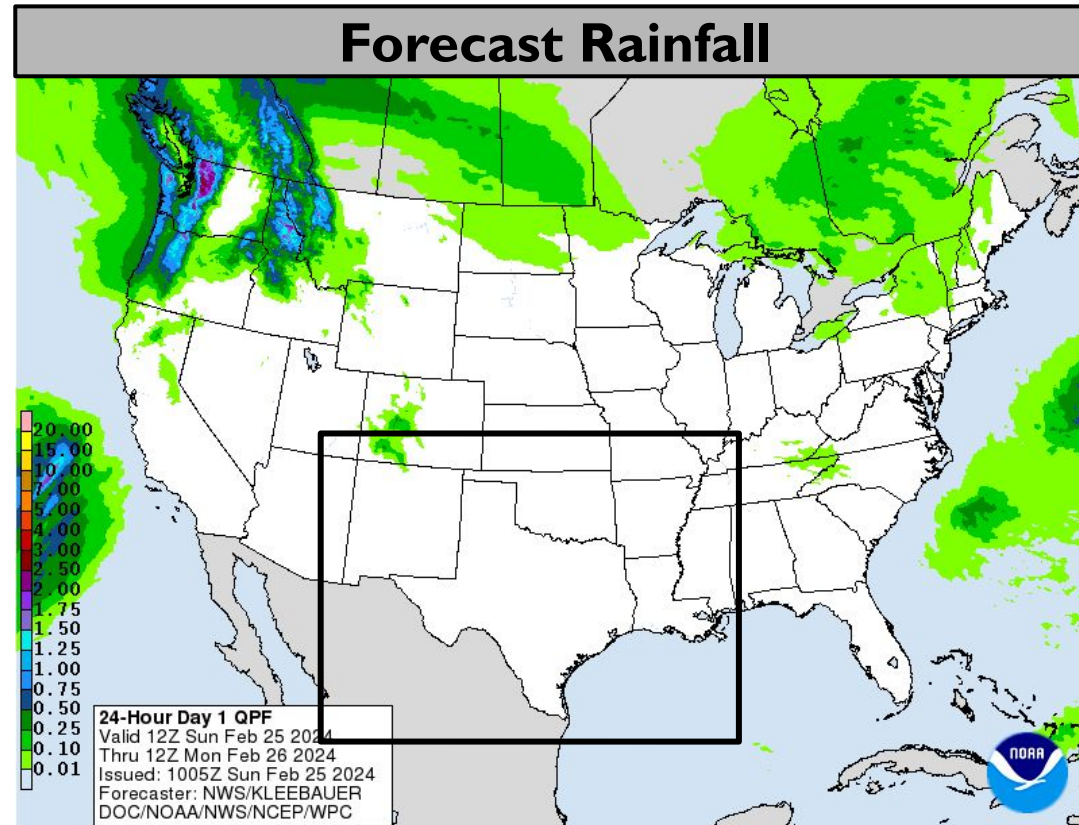
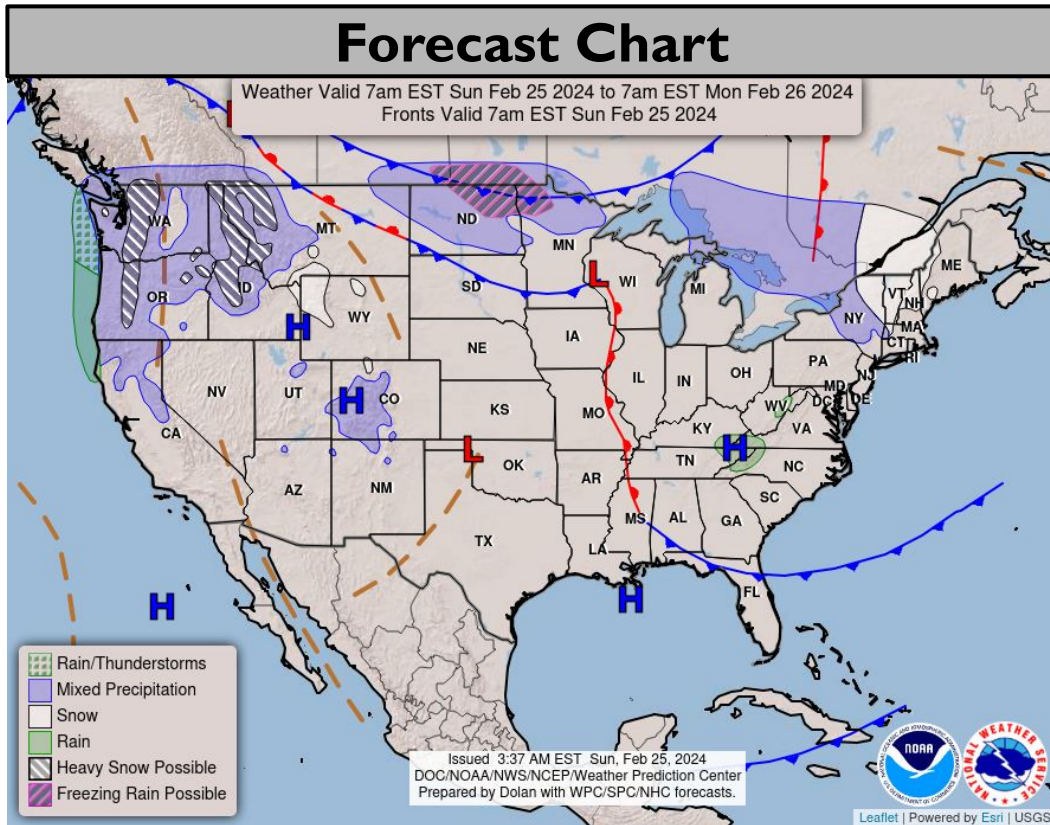


**Continued isolated minor river flooding in ETX, AR, LA with conditions improving through early next week. Impacts to secondary roads and agricultural and recreational areas.**

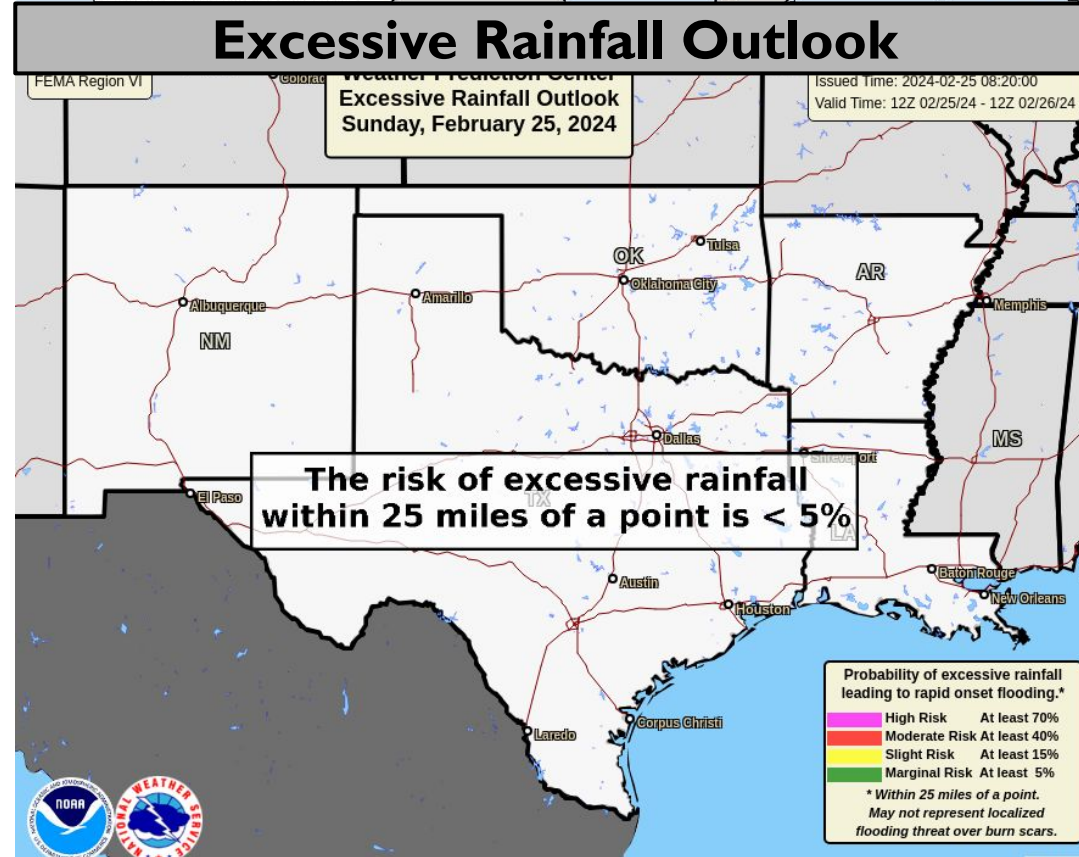
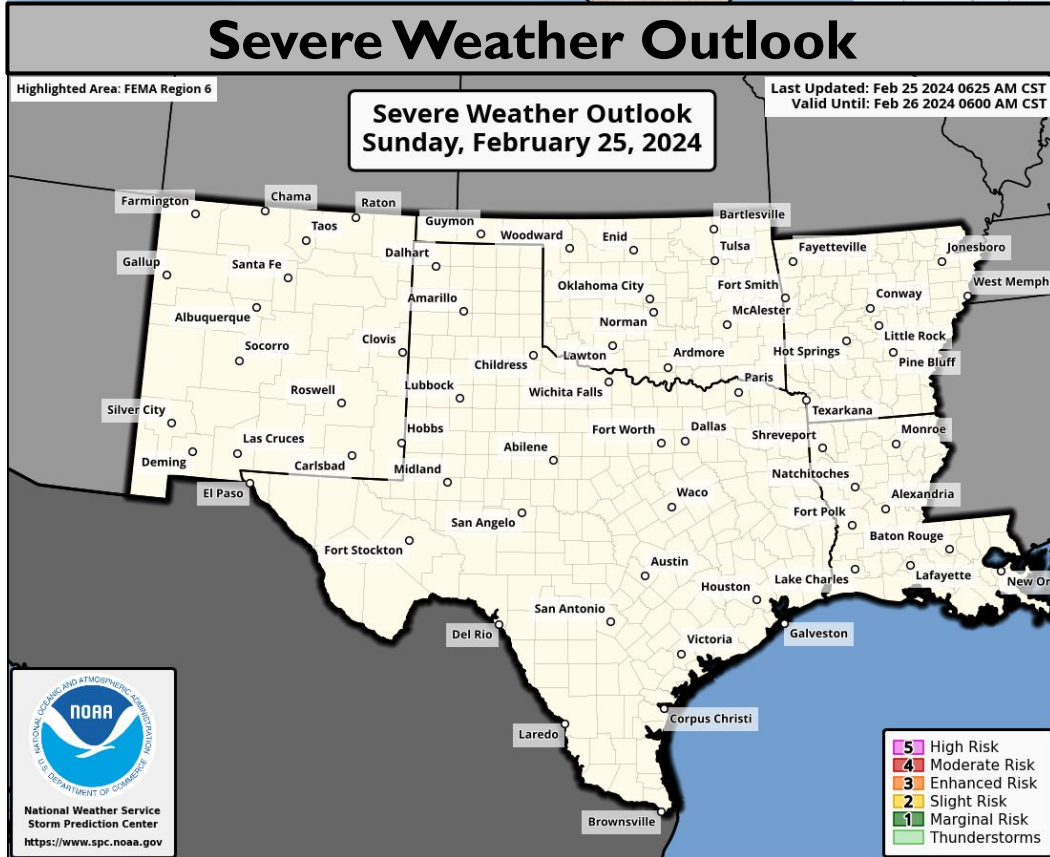
See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for latest river flooding



# Today's Weather



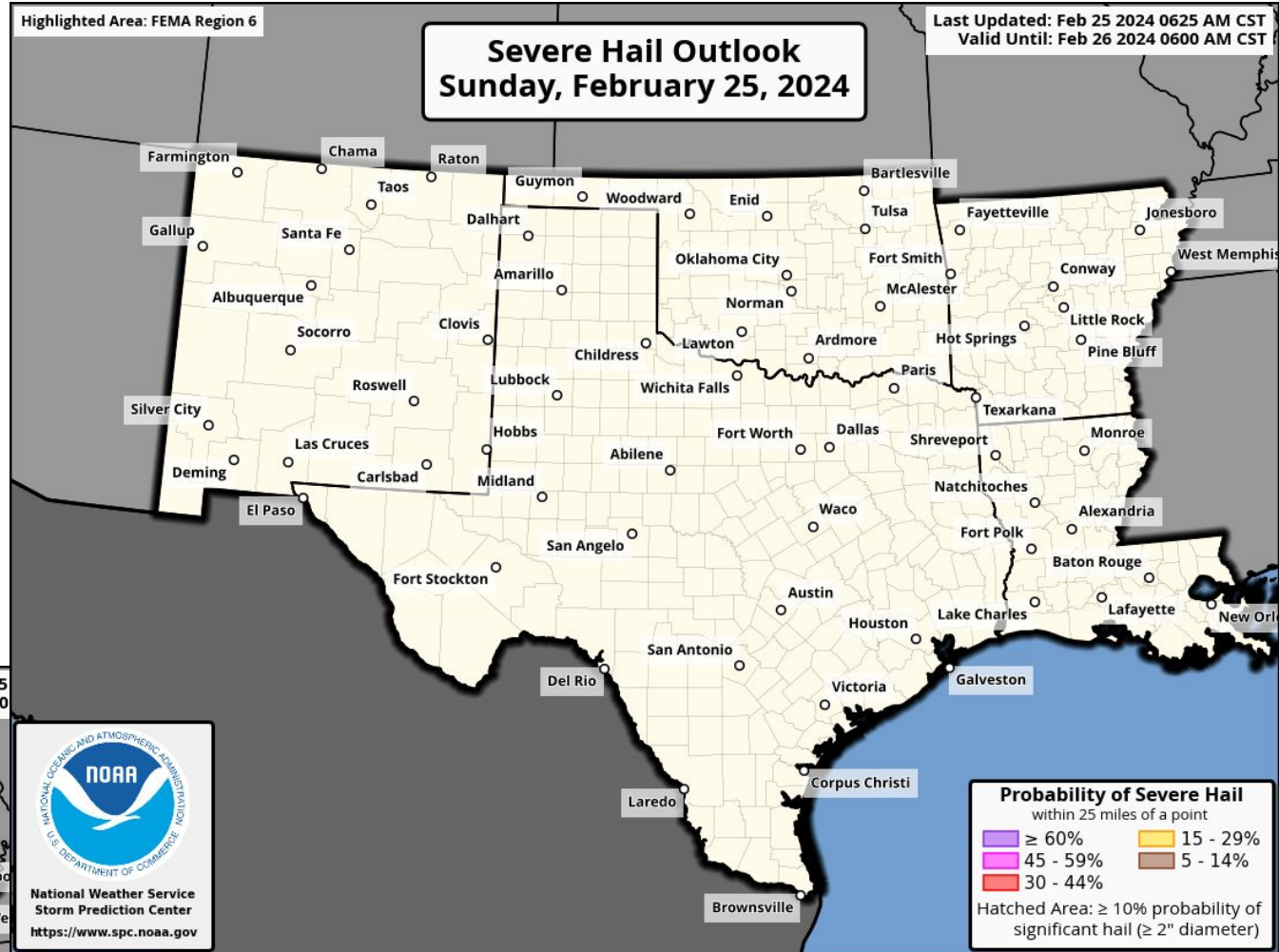
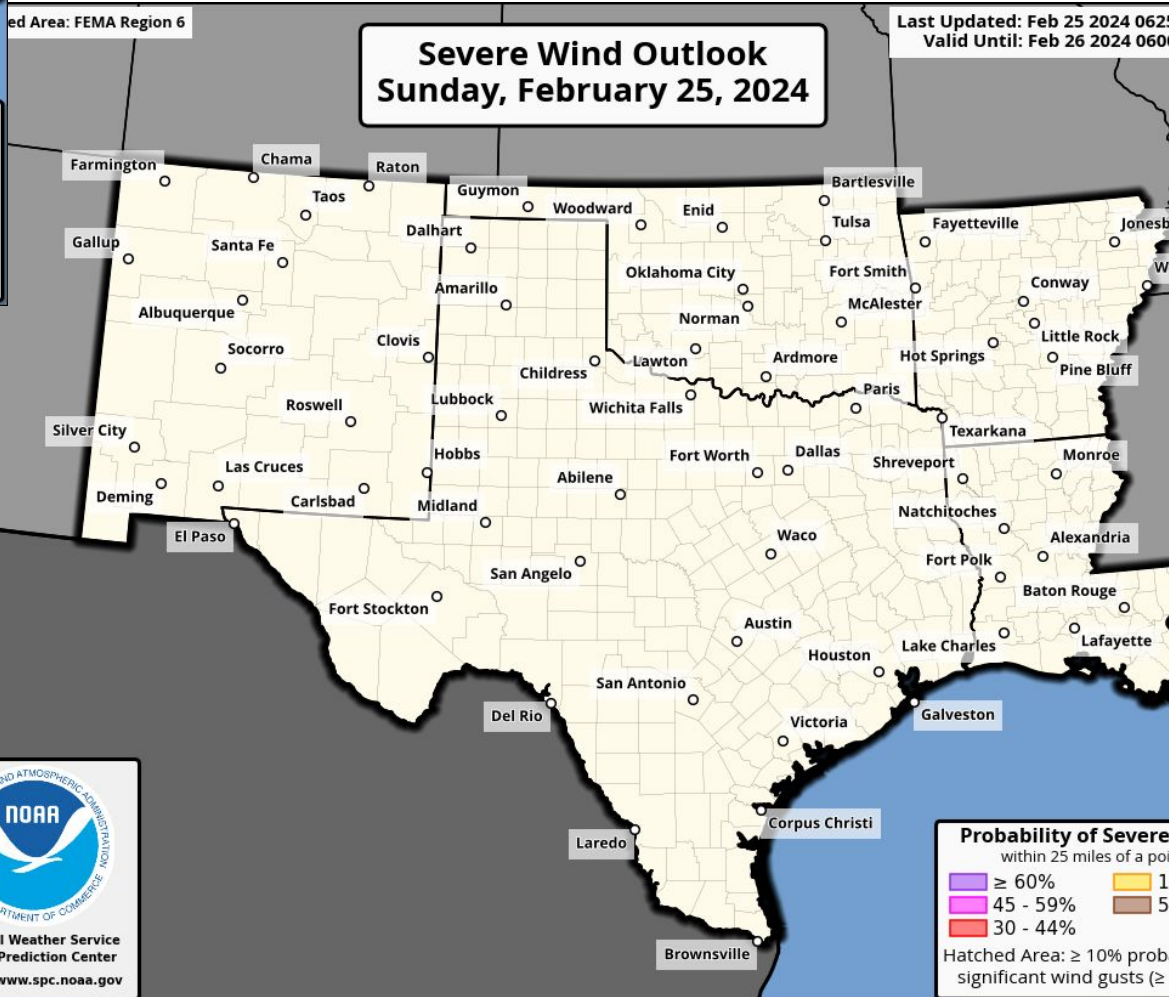
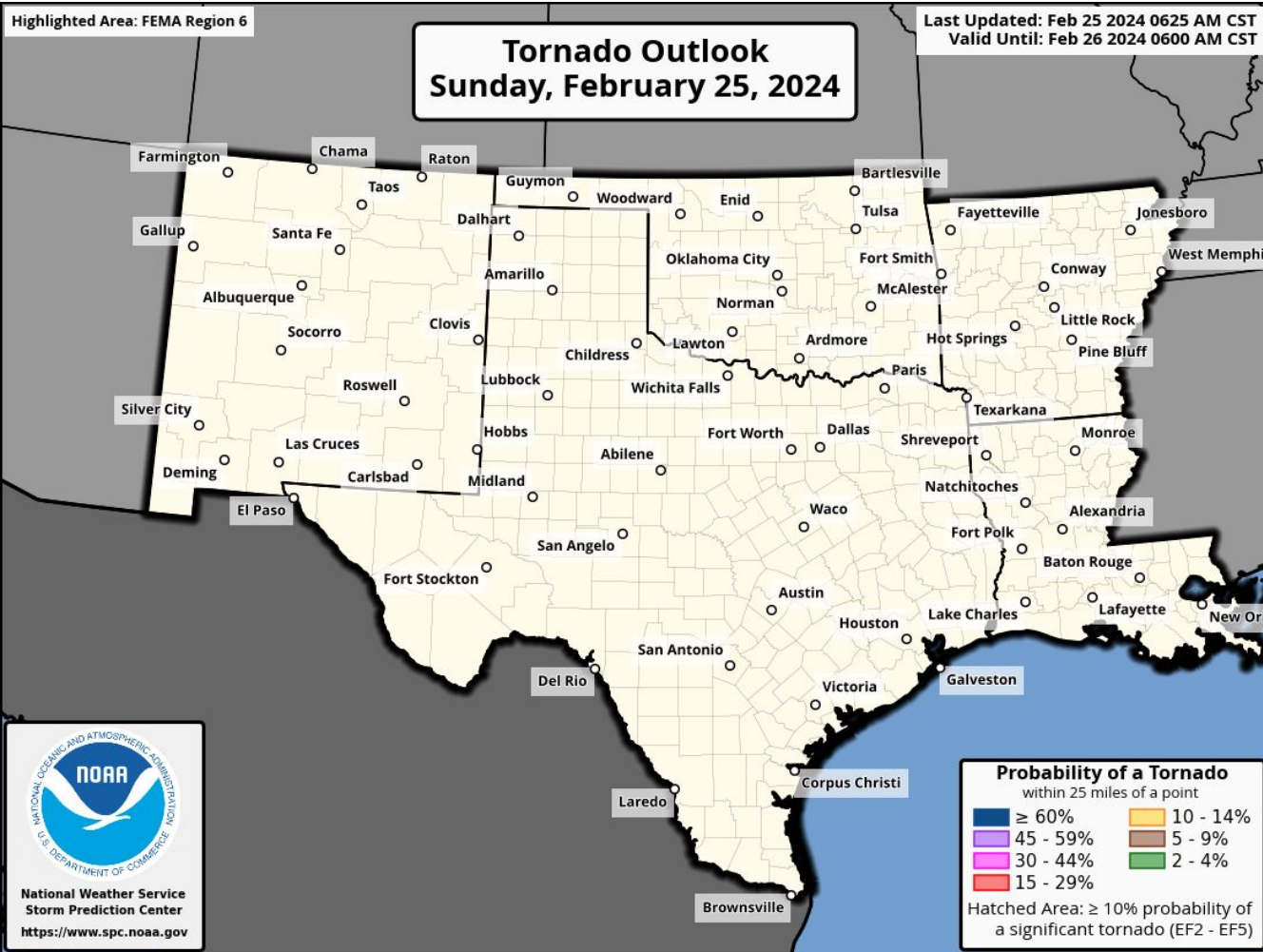
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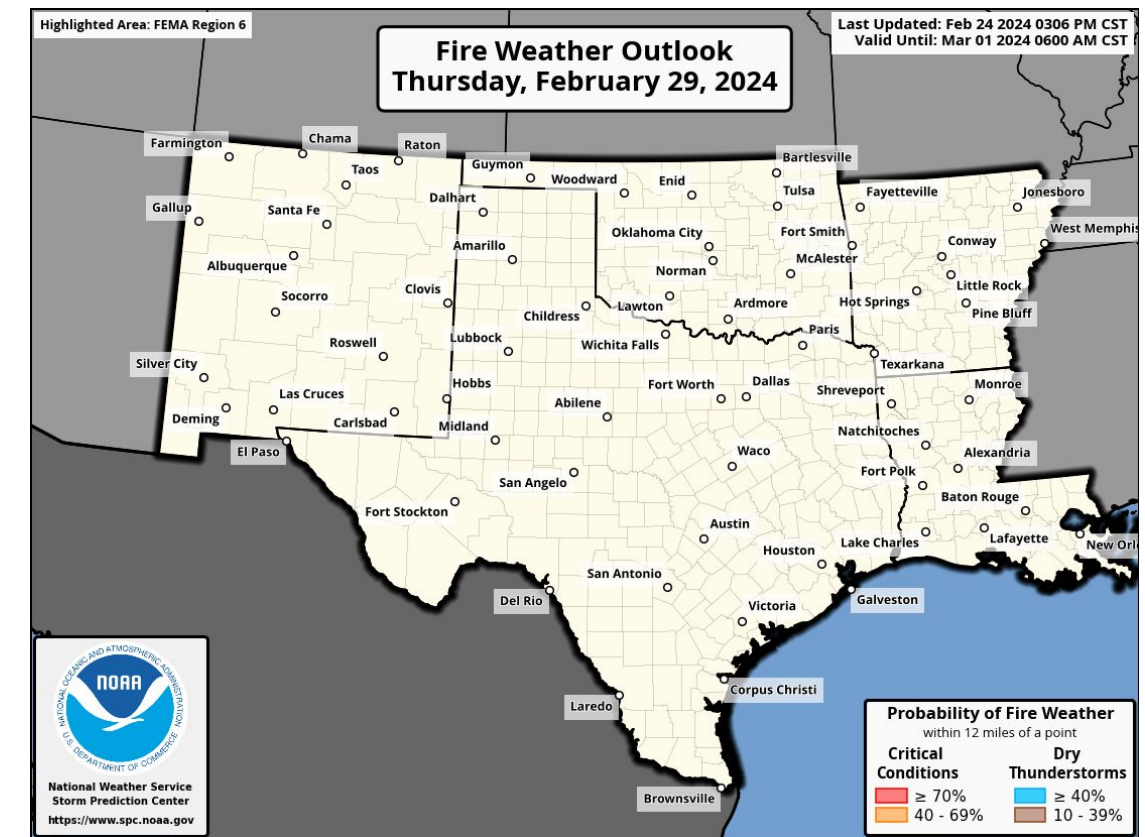
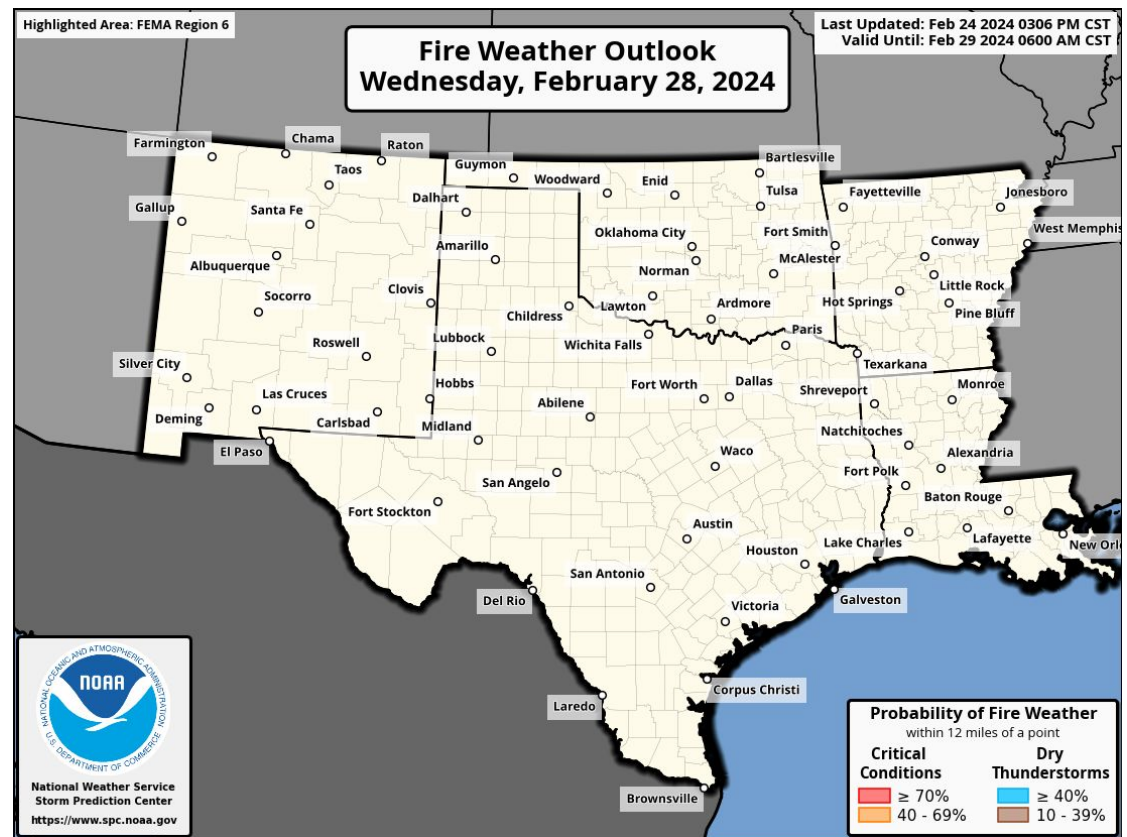
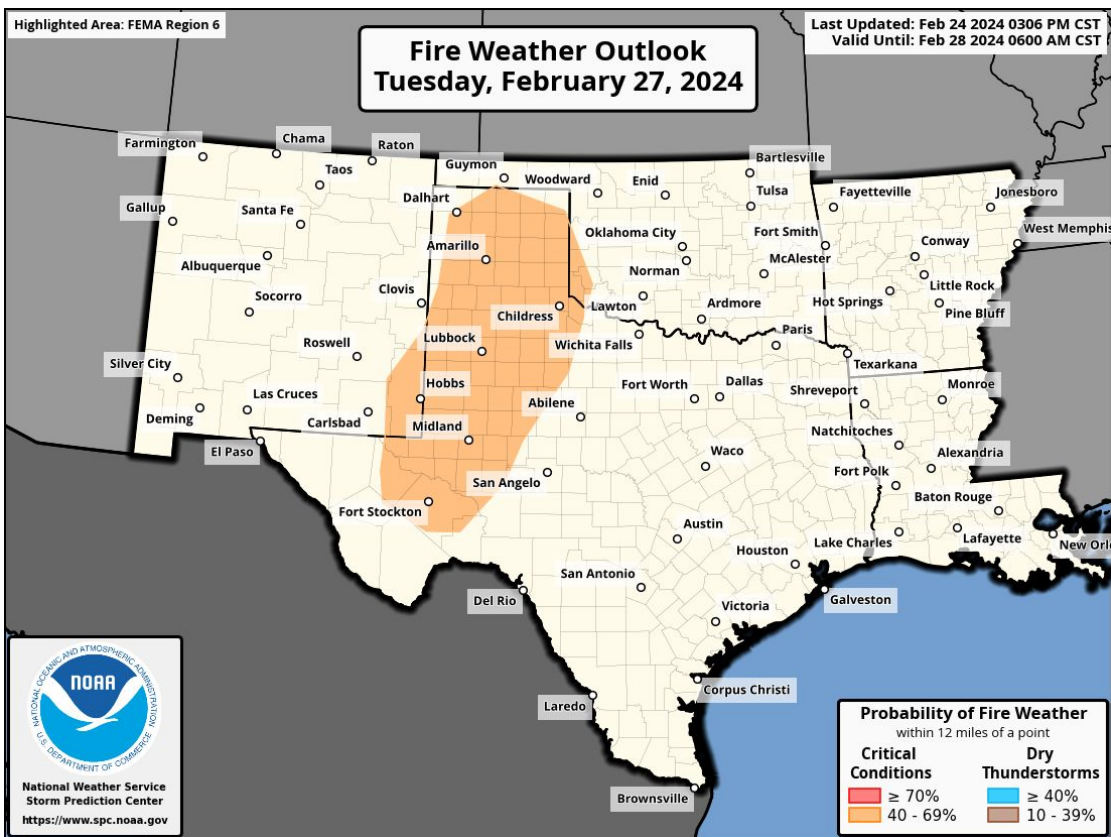
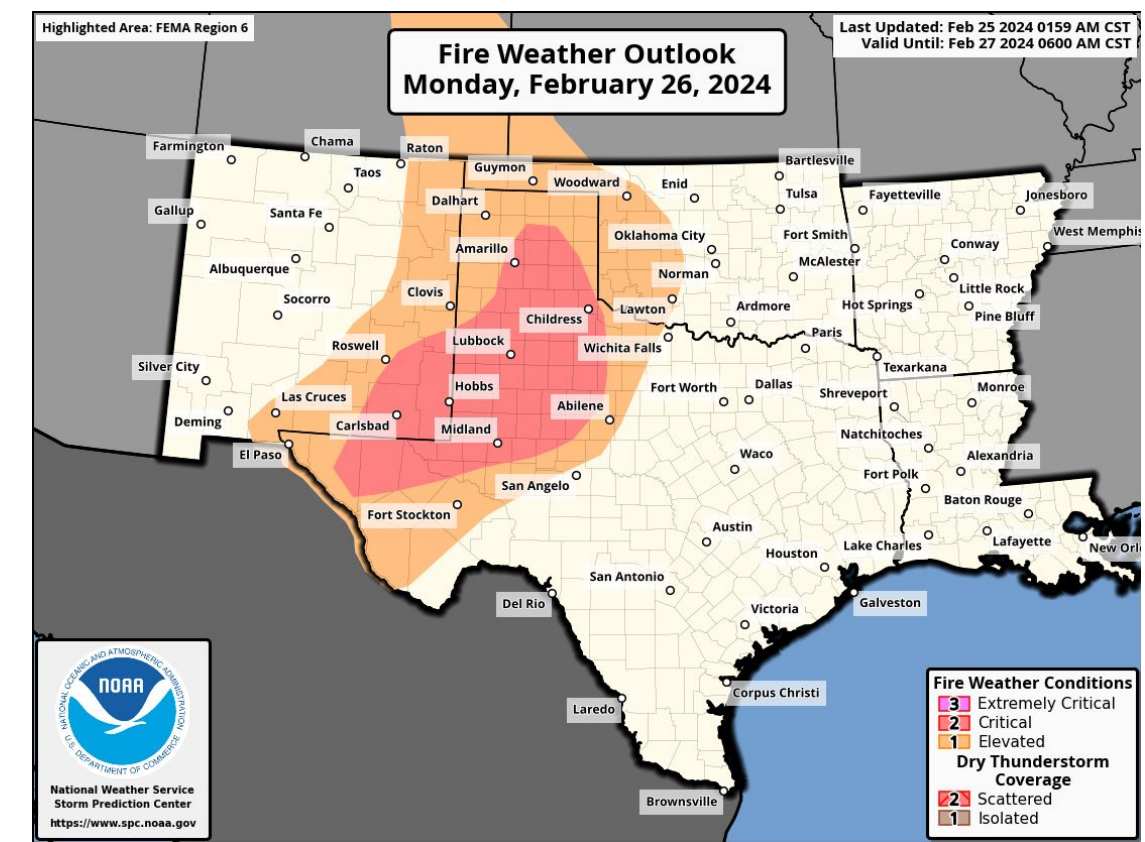
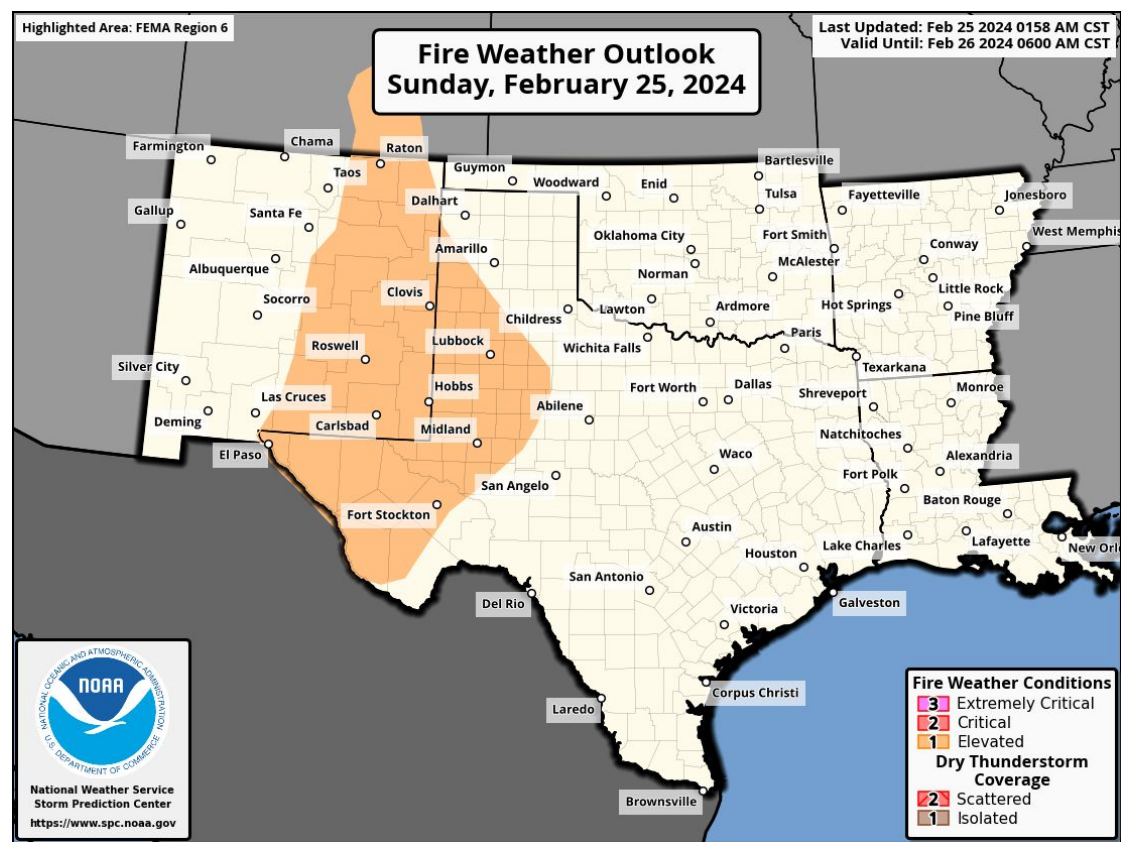
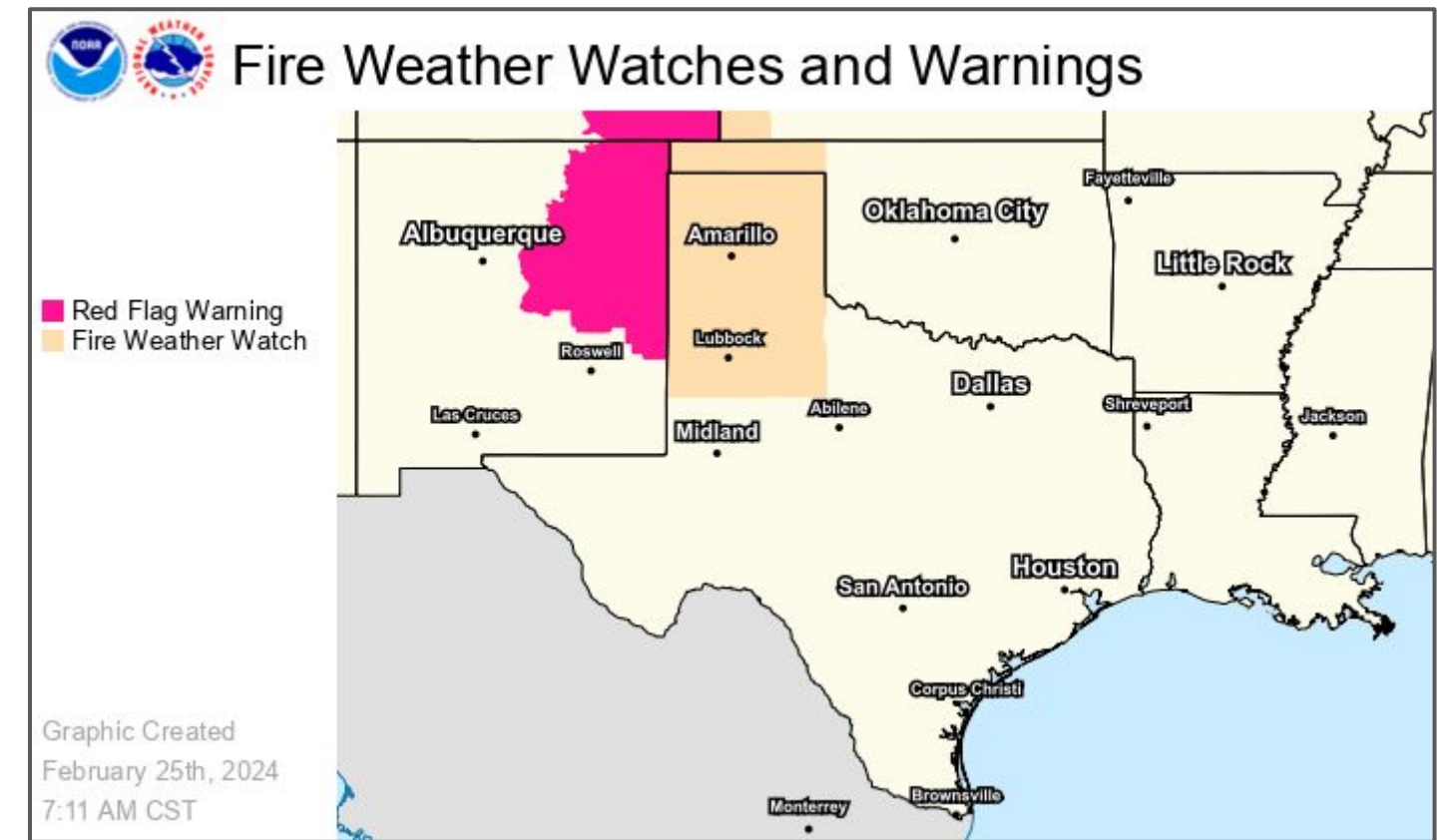
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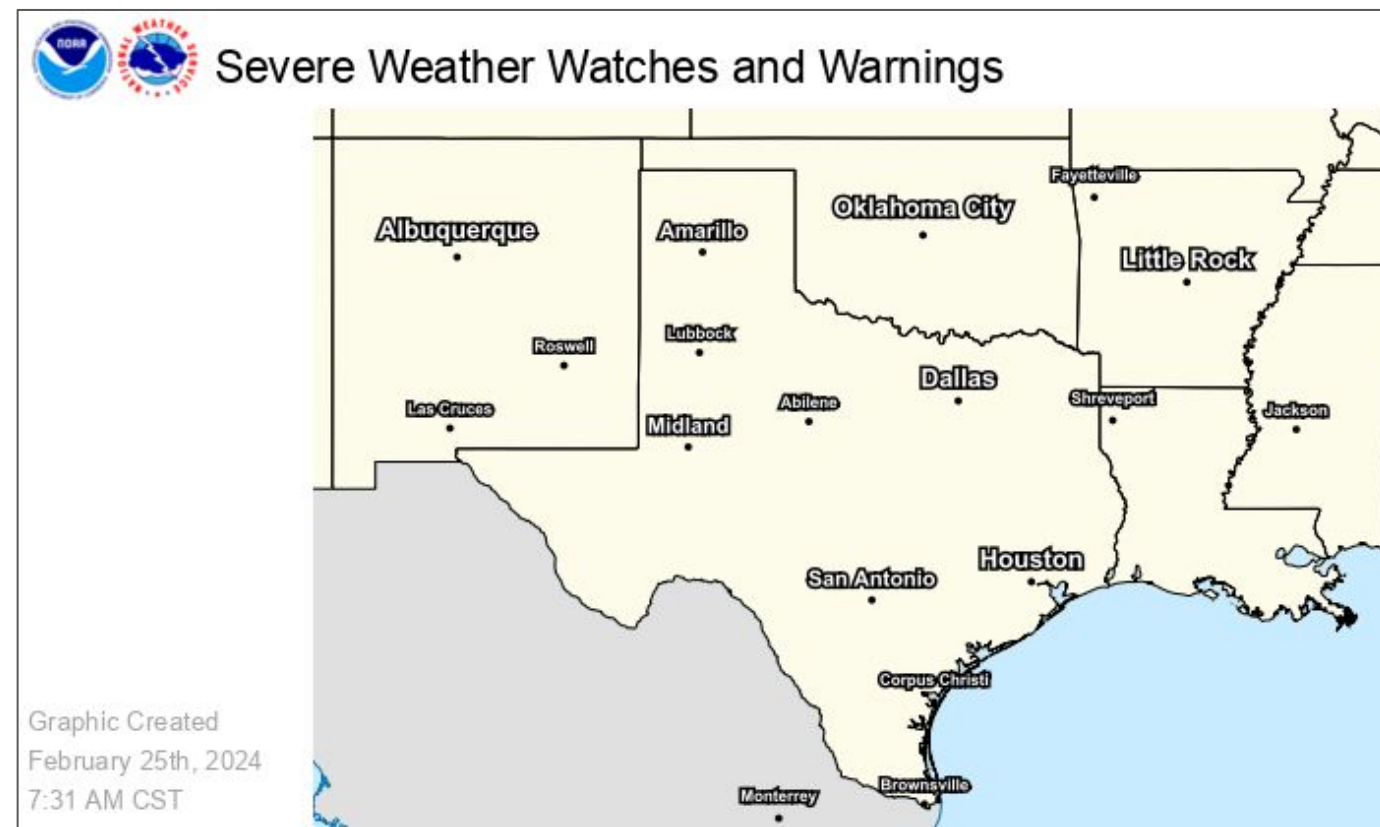
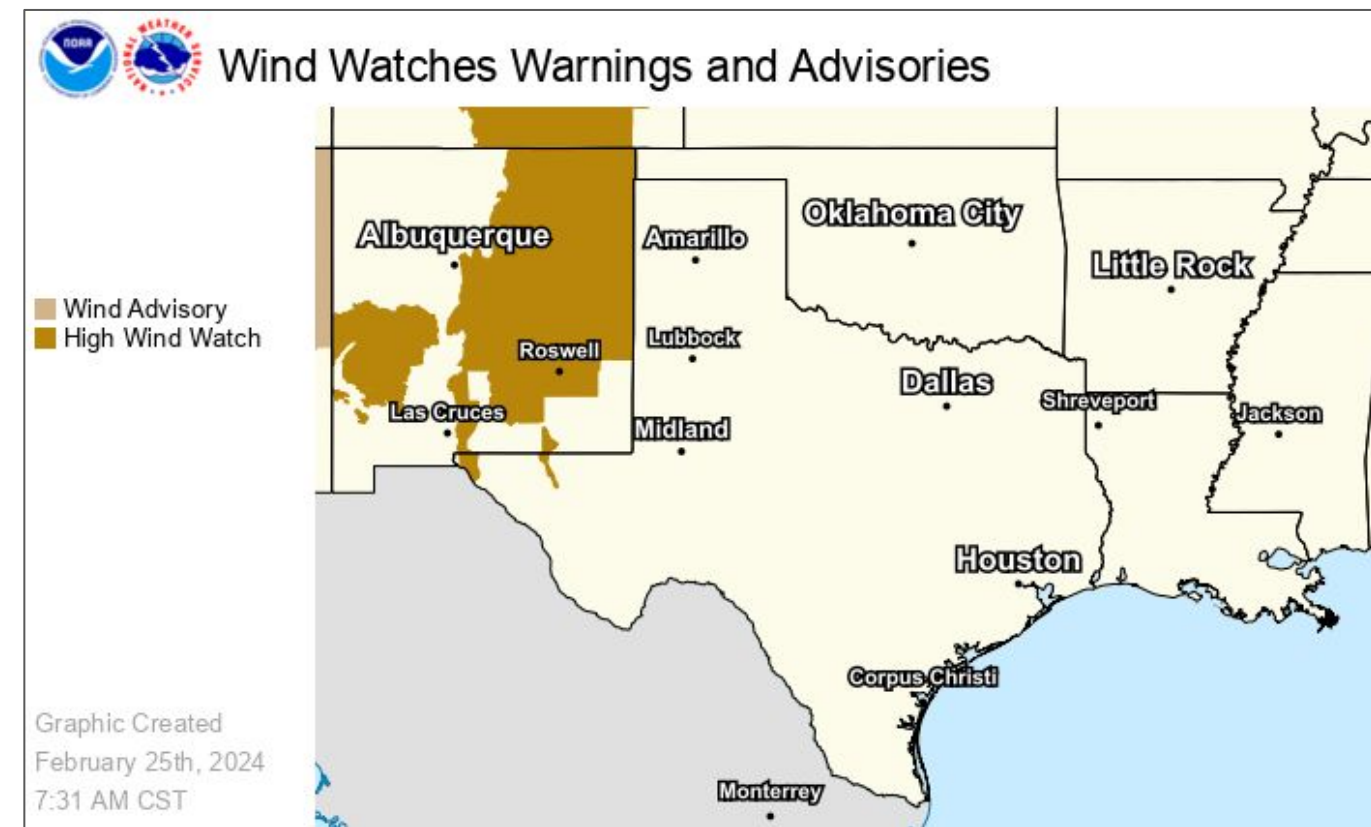
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



**High Wind Watch for parts of NM Monday through Tuesday.**

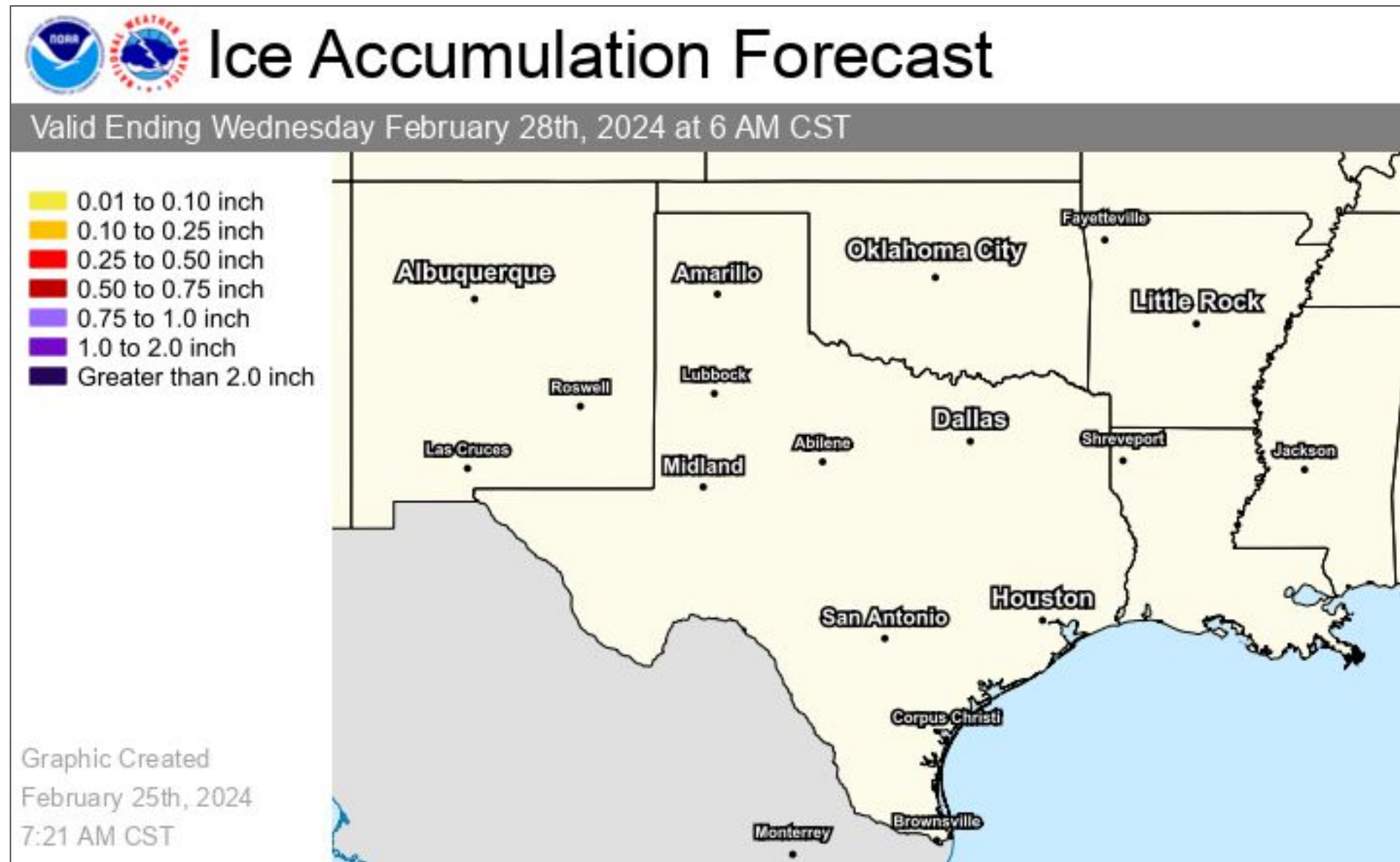
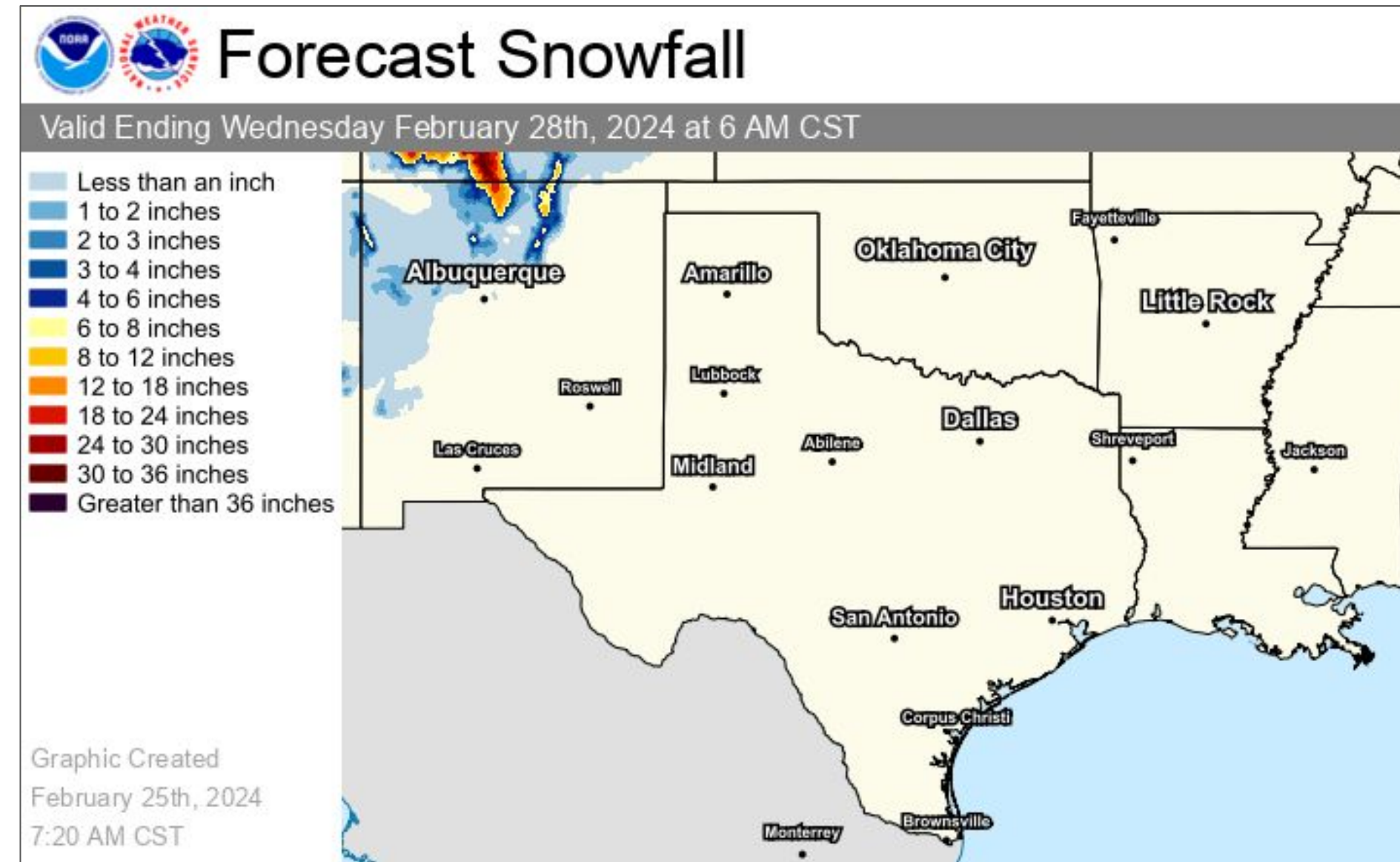
**Winter Storm Watch for NM mnts for snow from late tonight through Tuesday.**





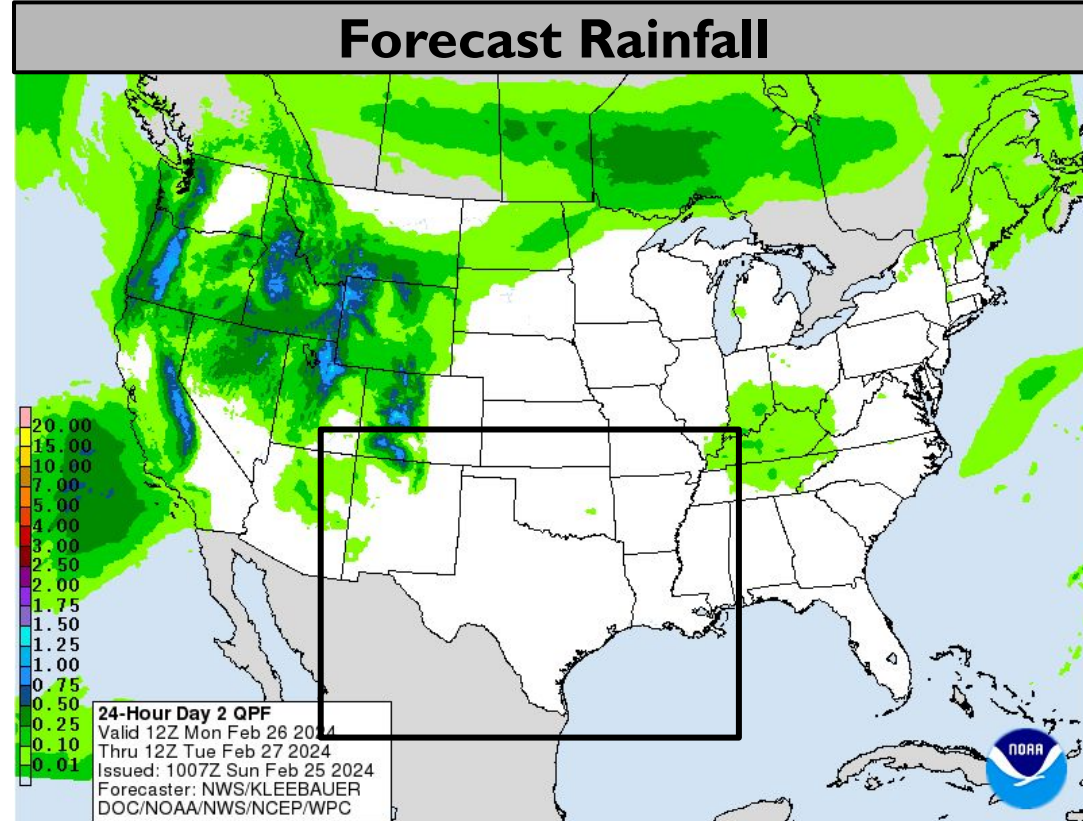
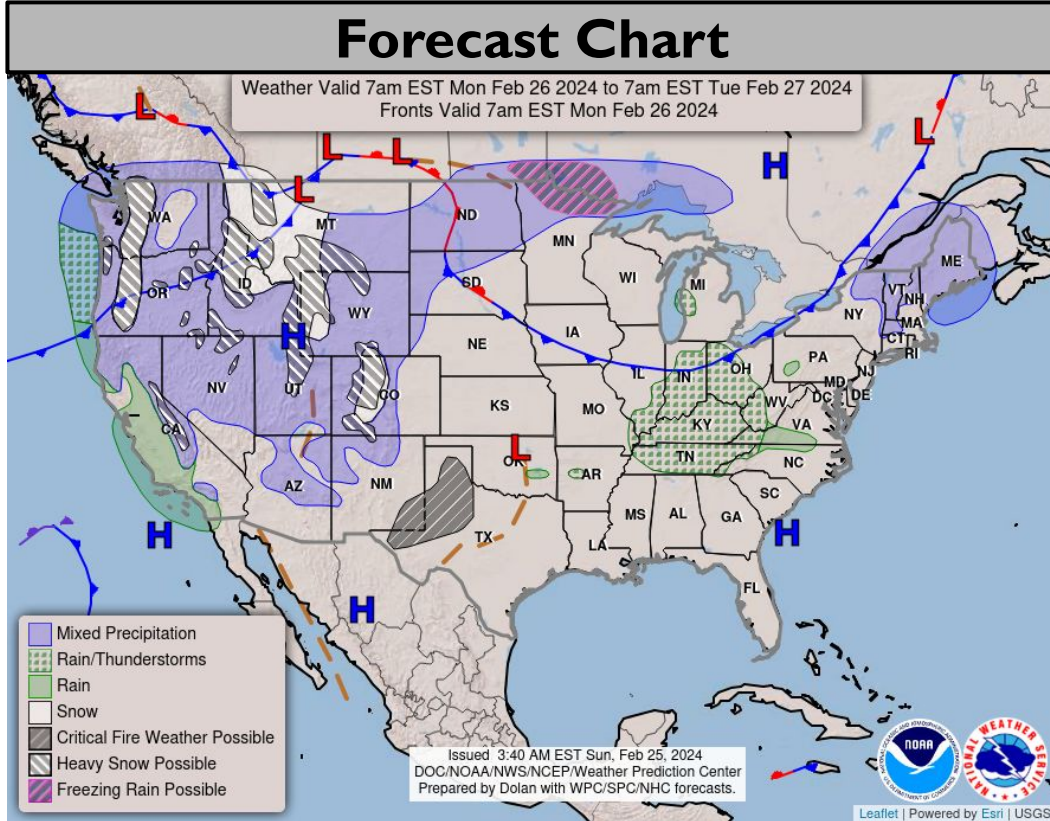
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Through the next 3 days



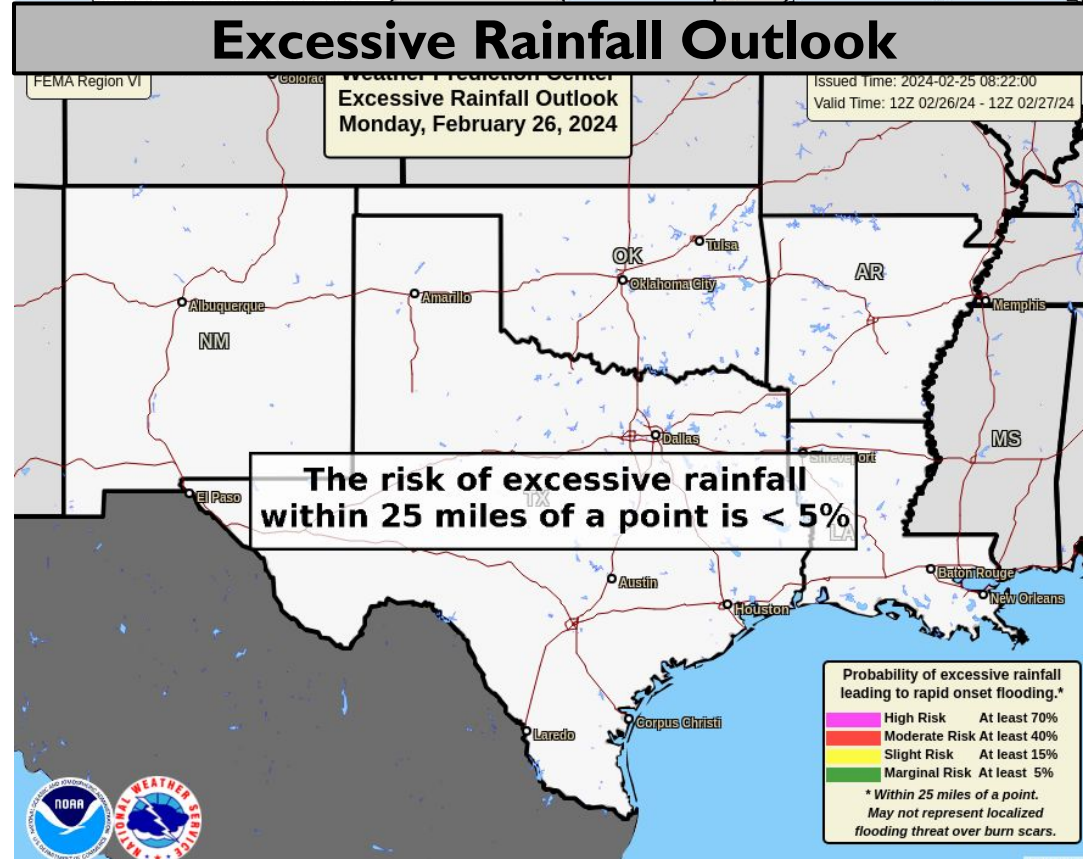
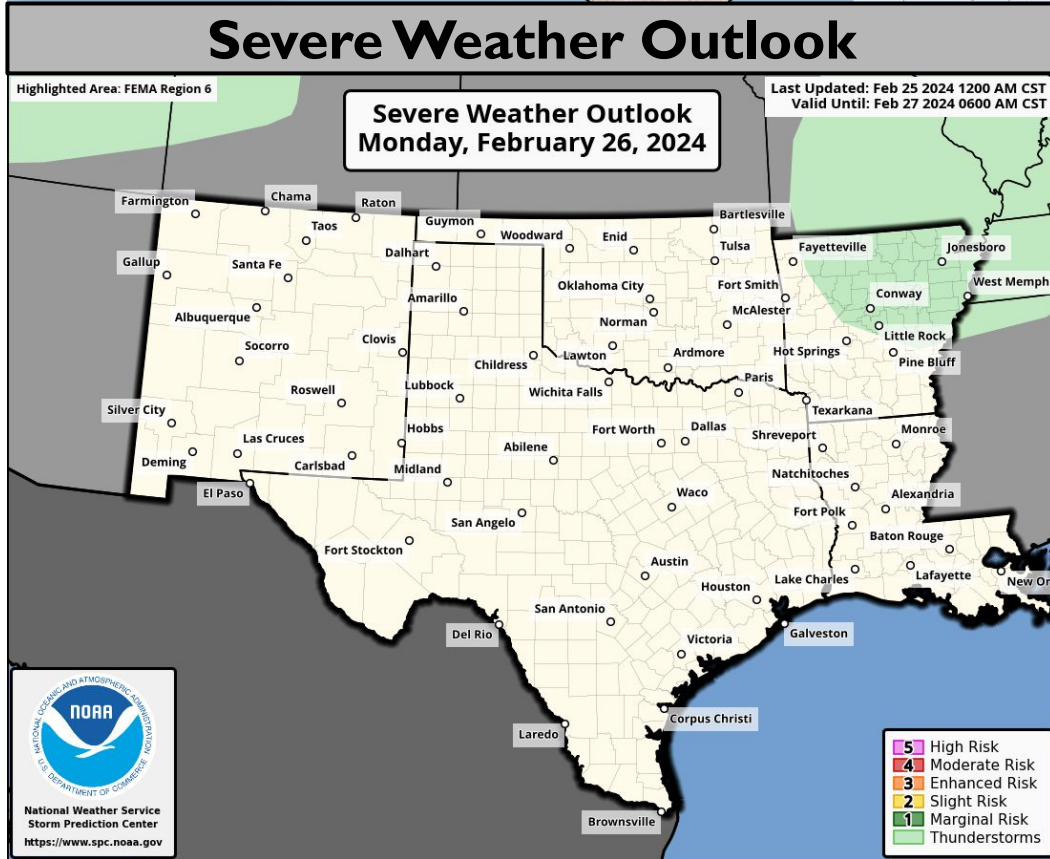


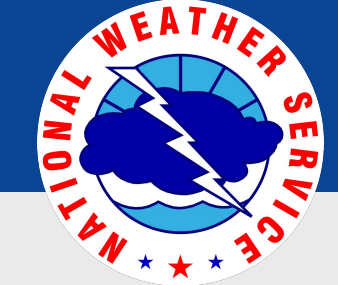
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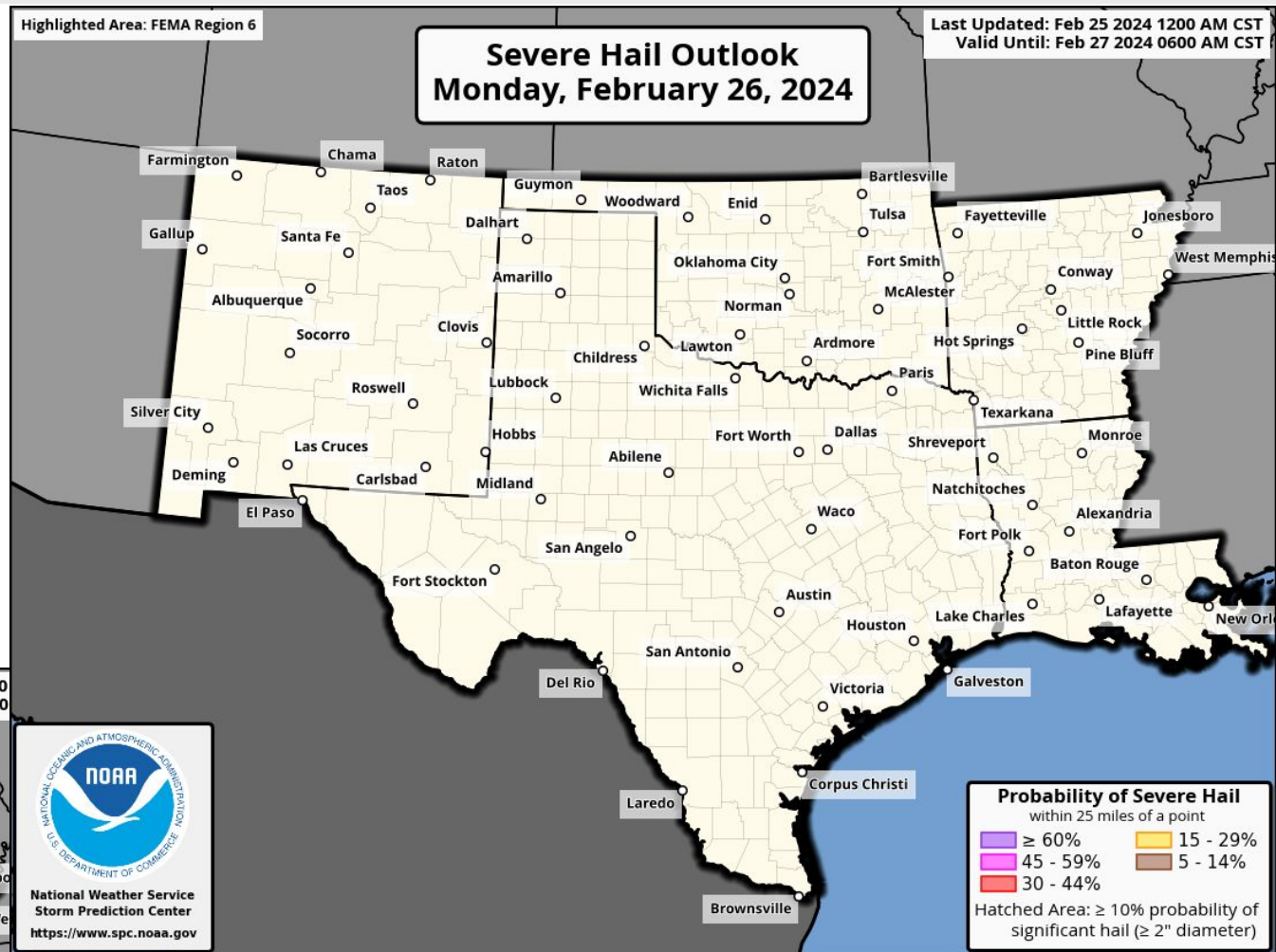
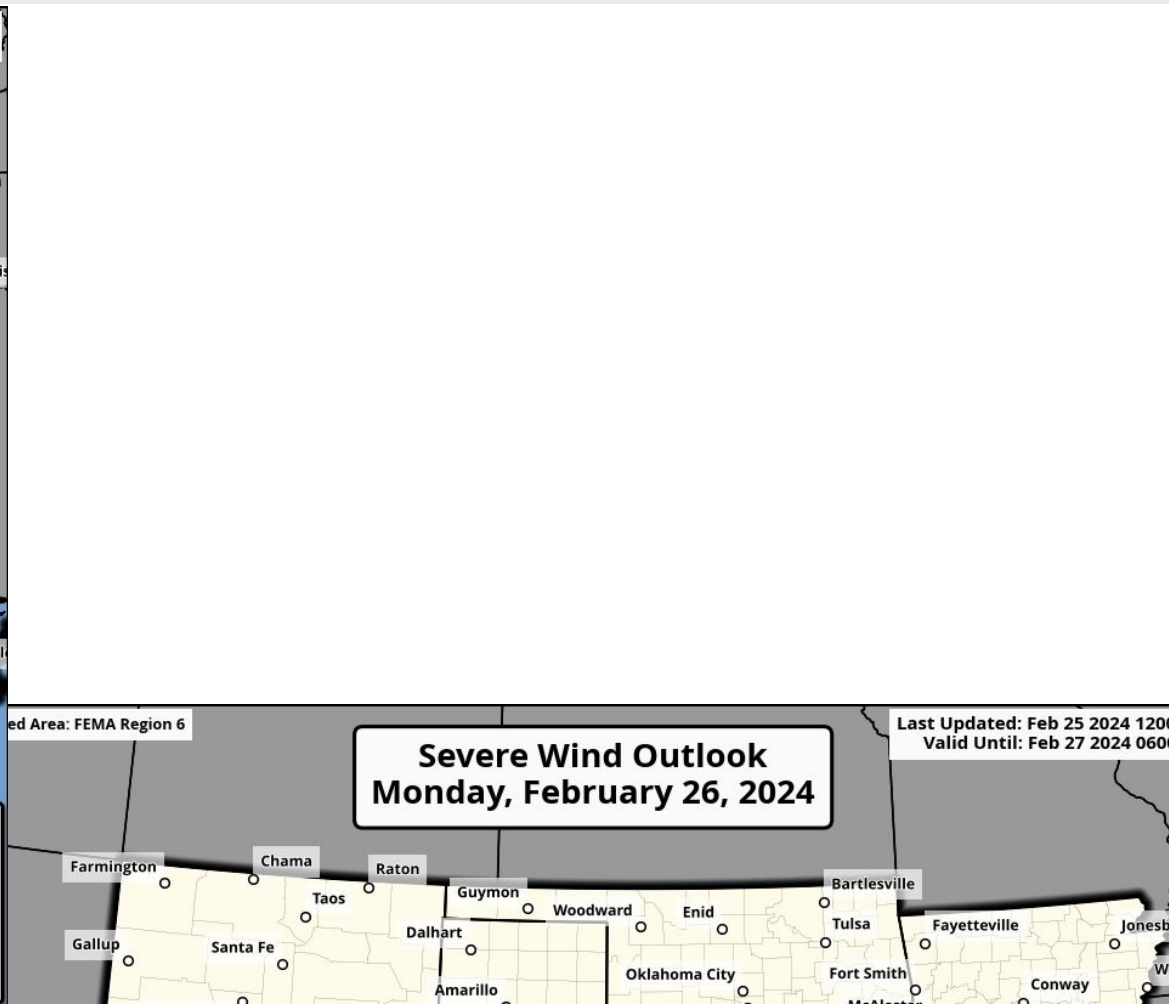
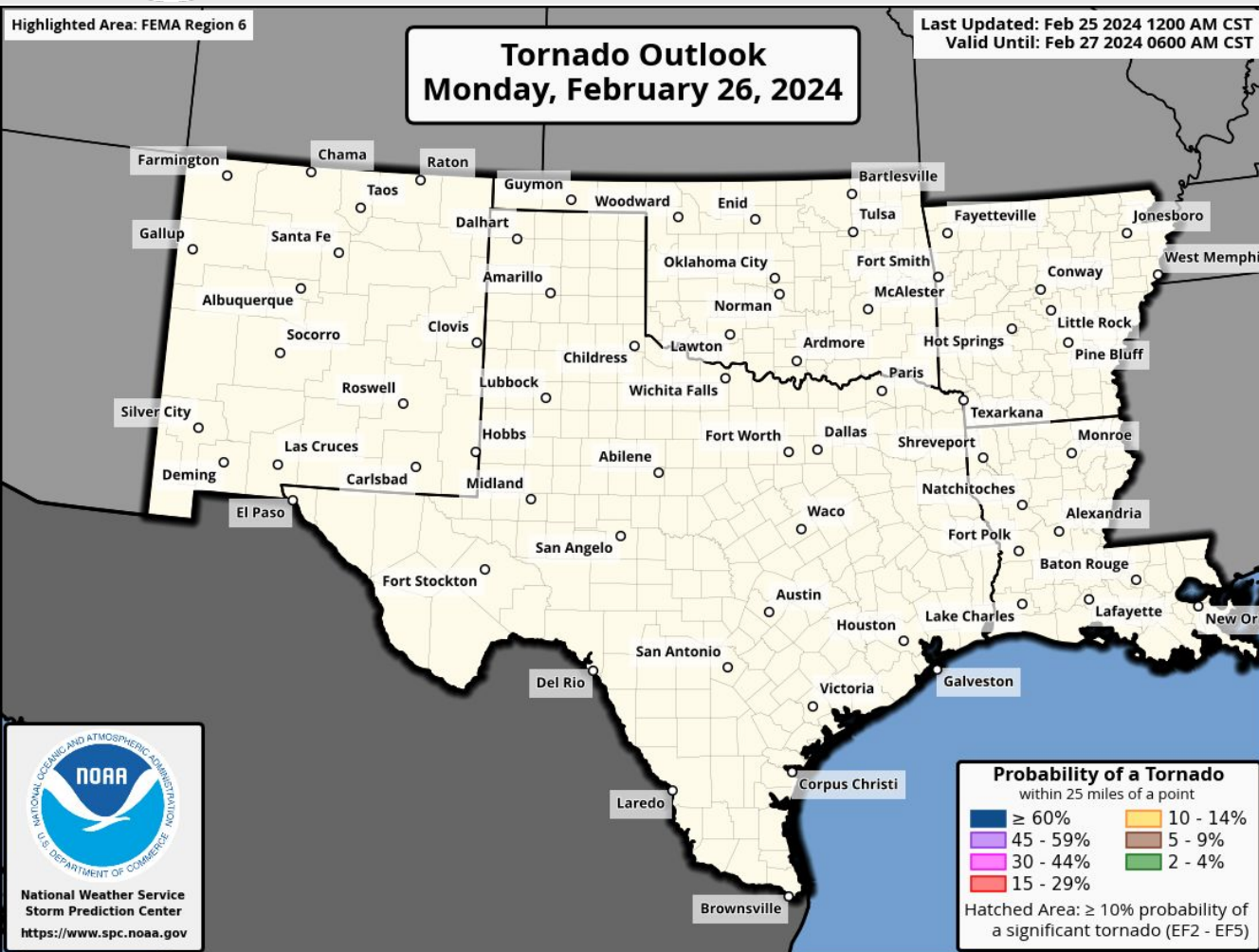
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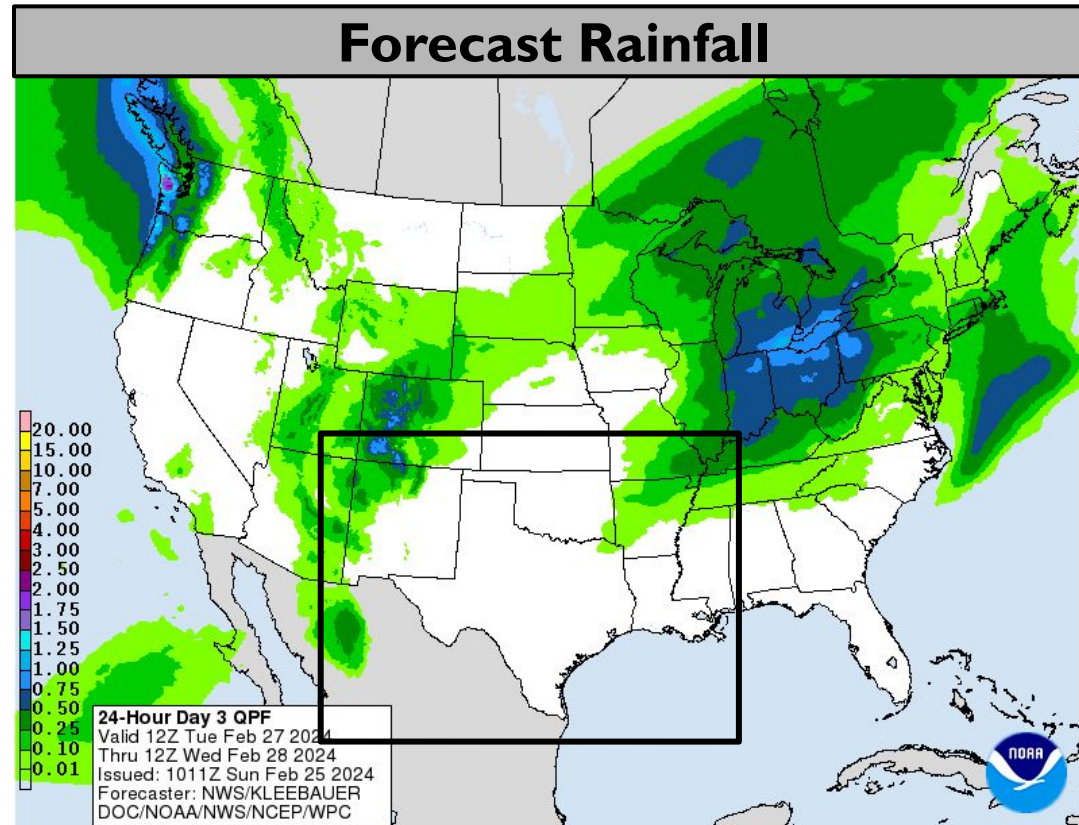
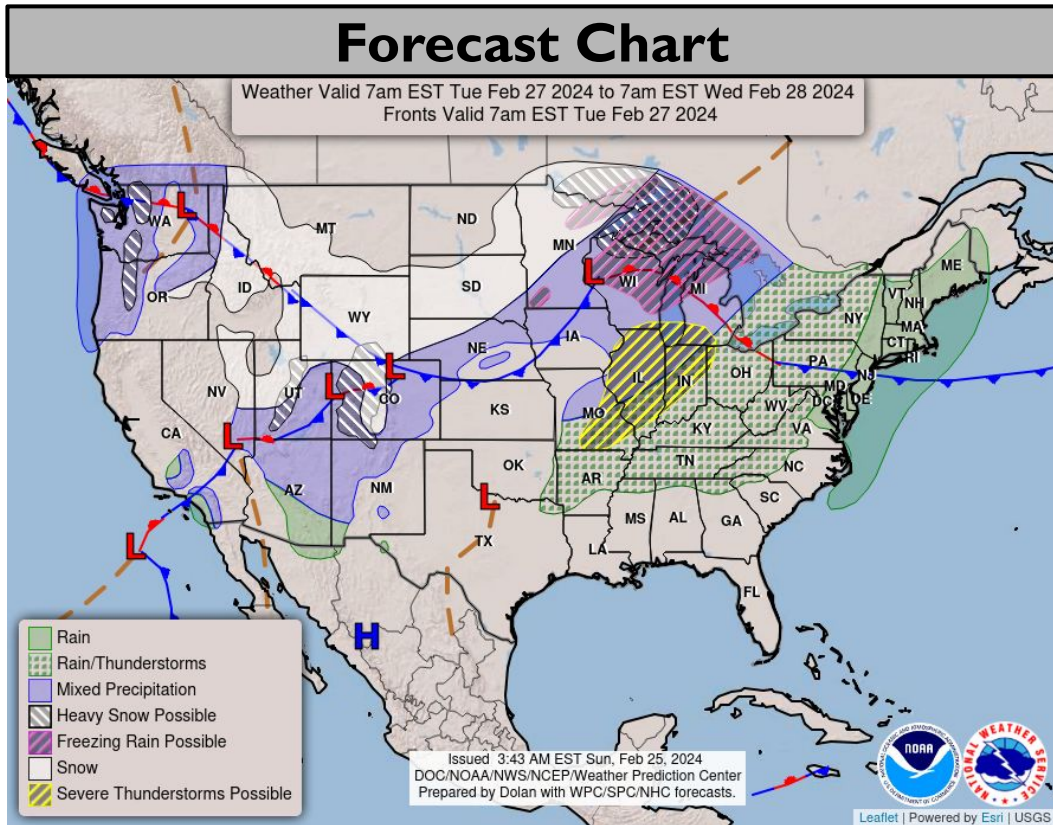


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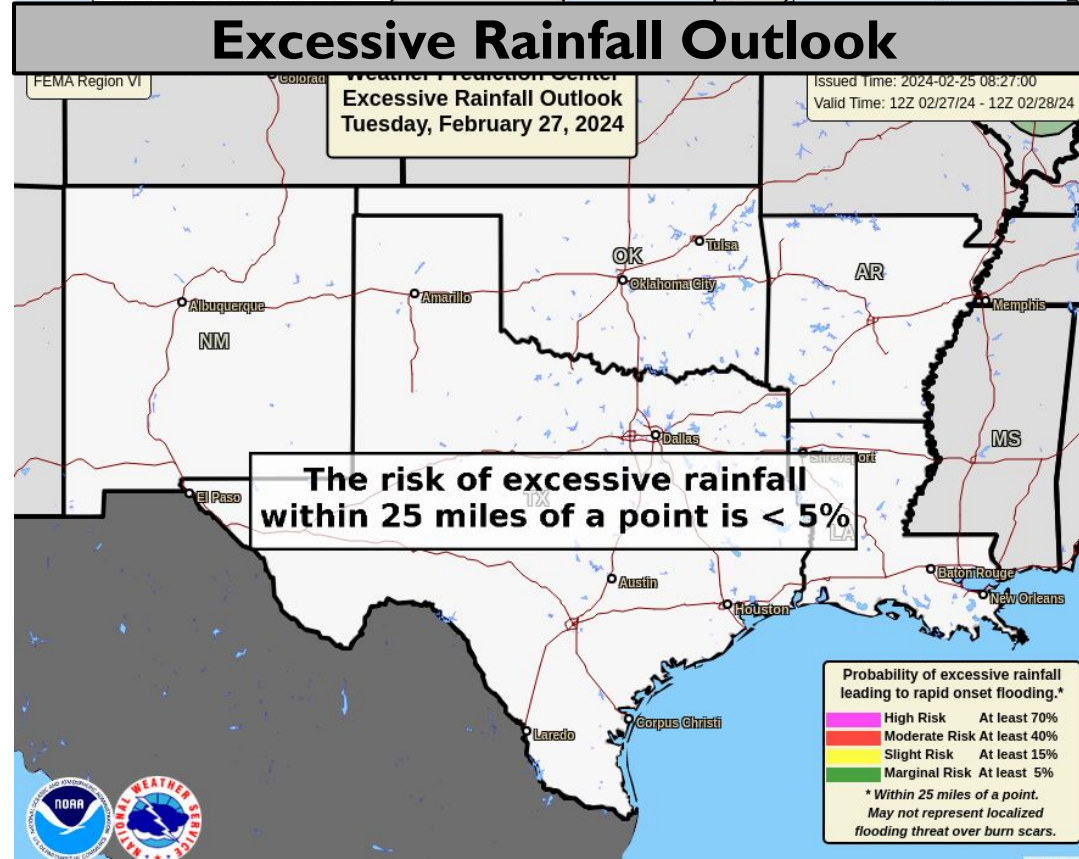
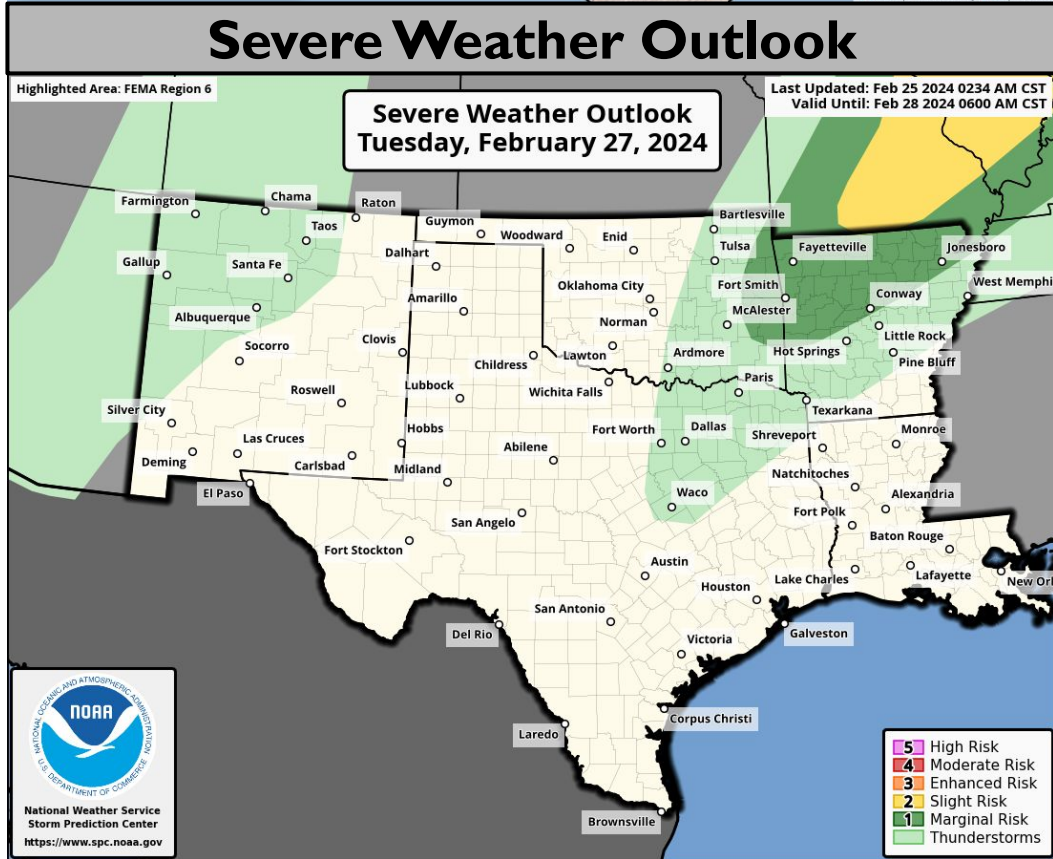
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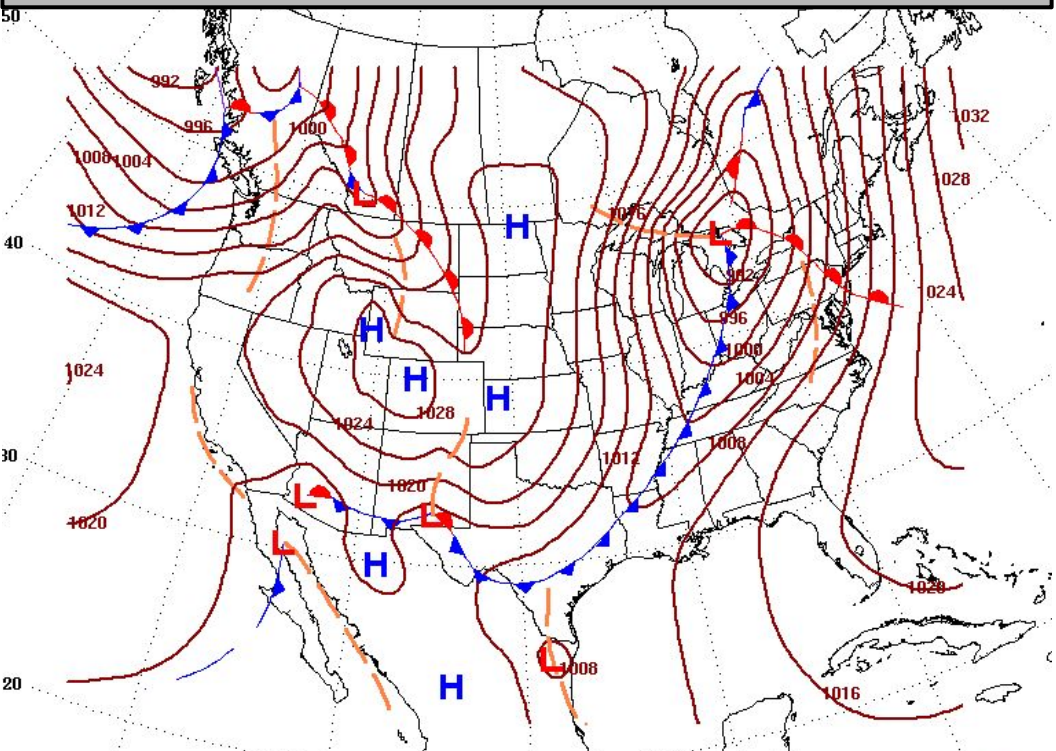
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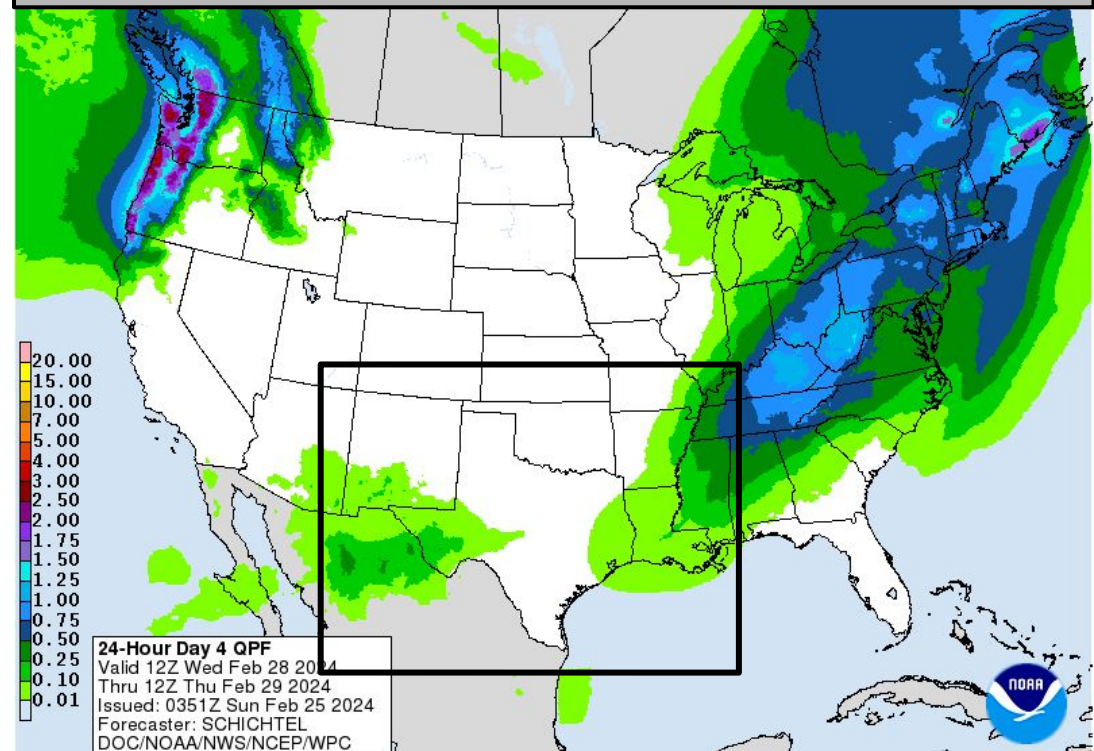


# Wednesday's Weather

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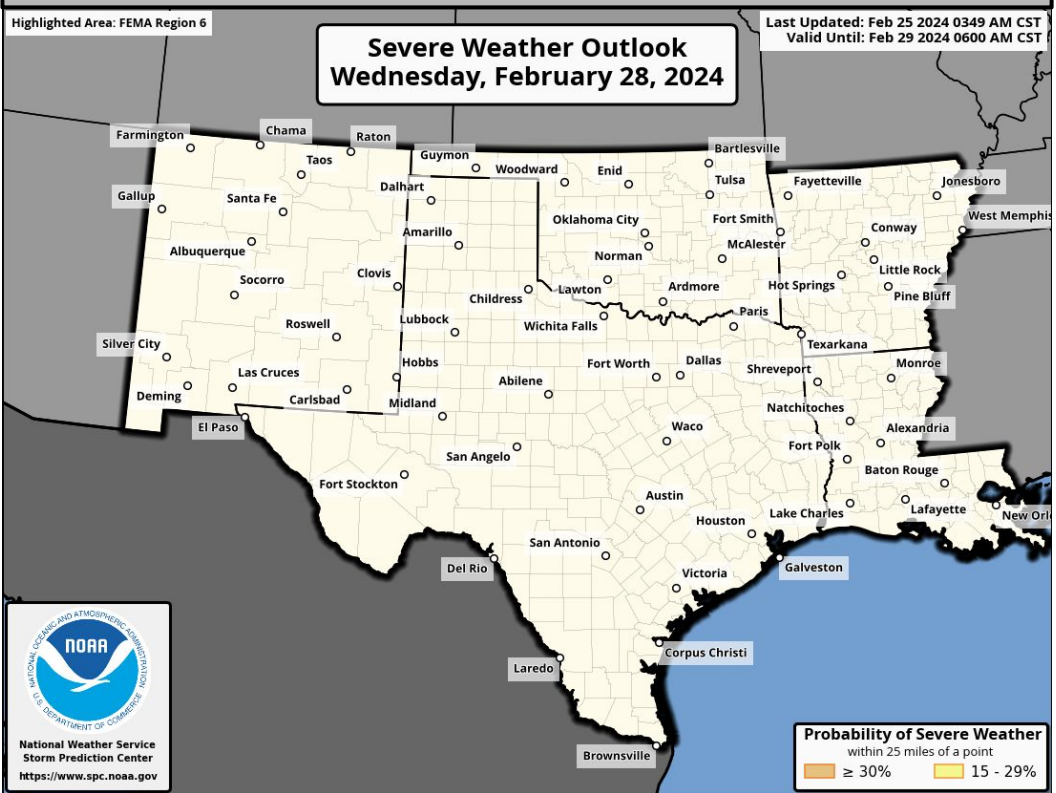


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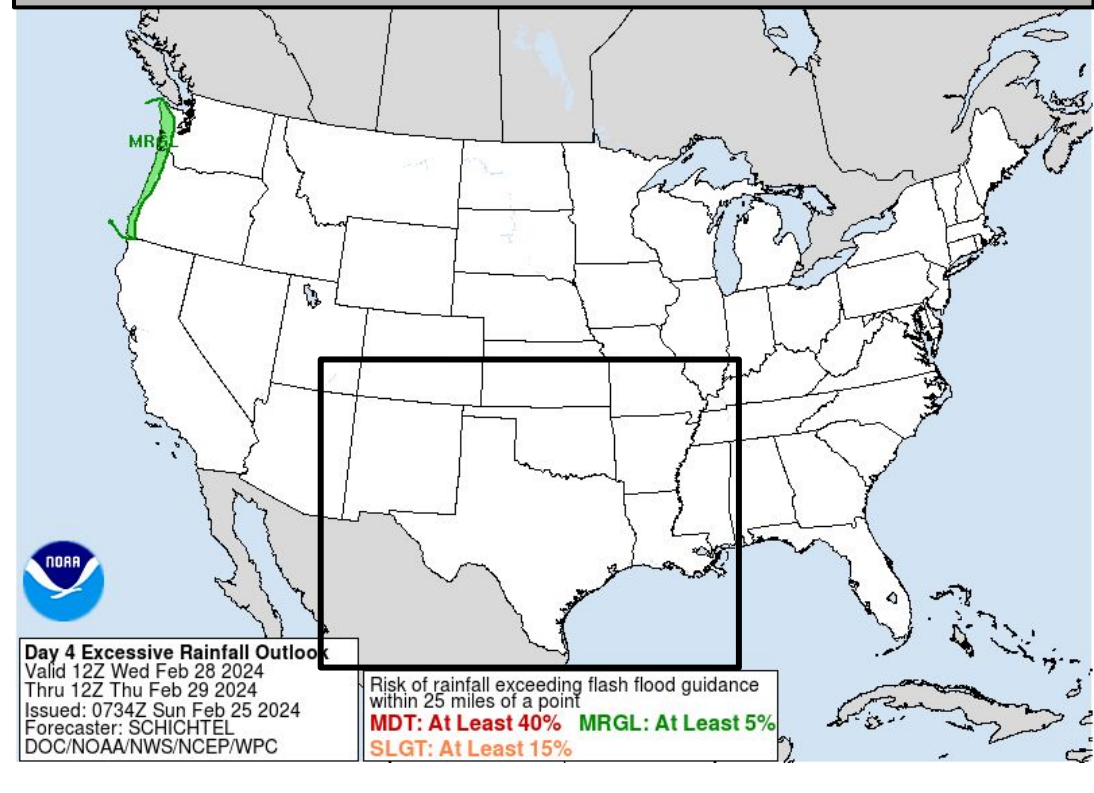


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### Severe Weather Outlook



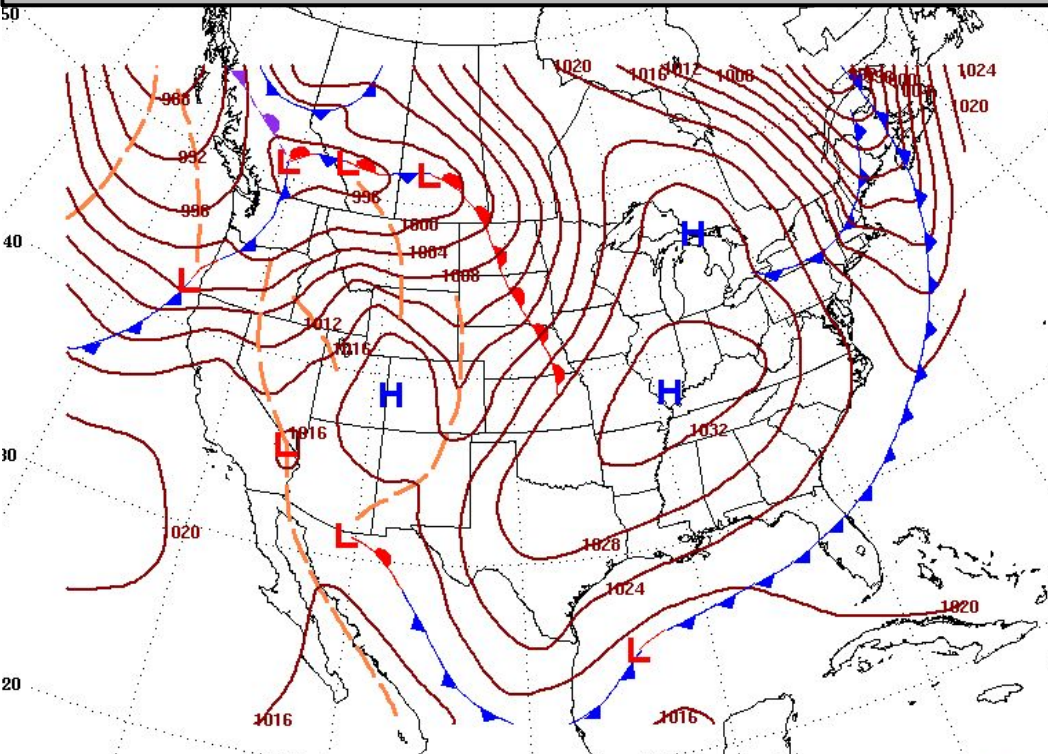
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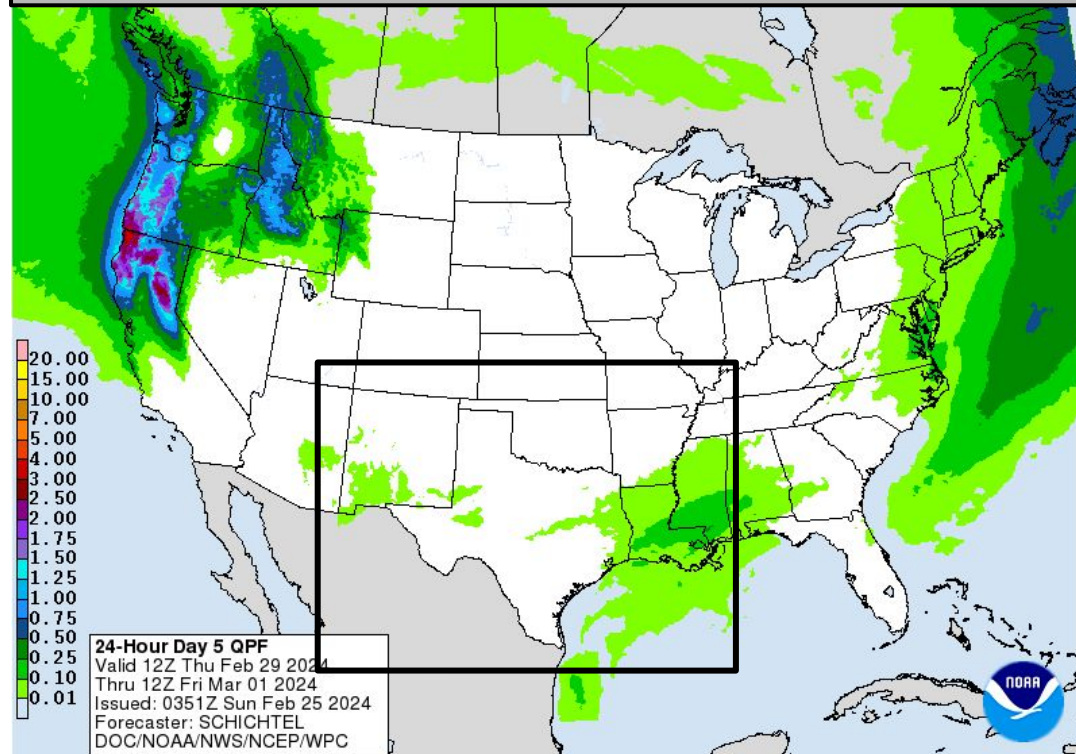


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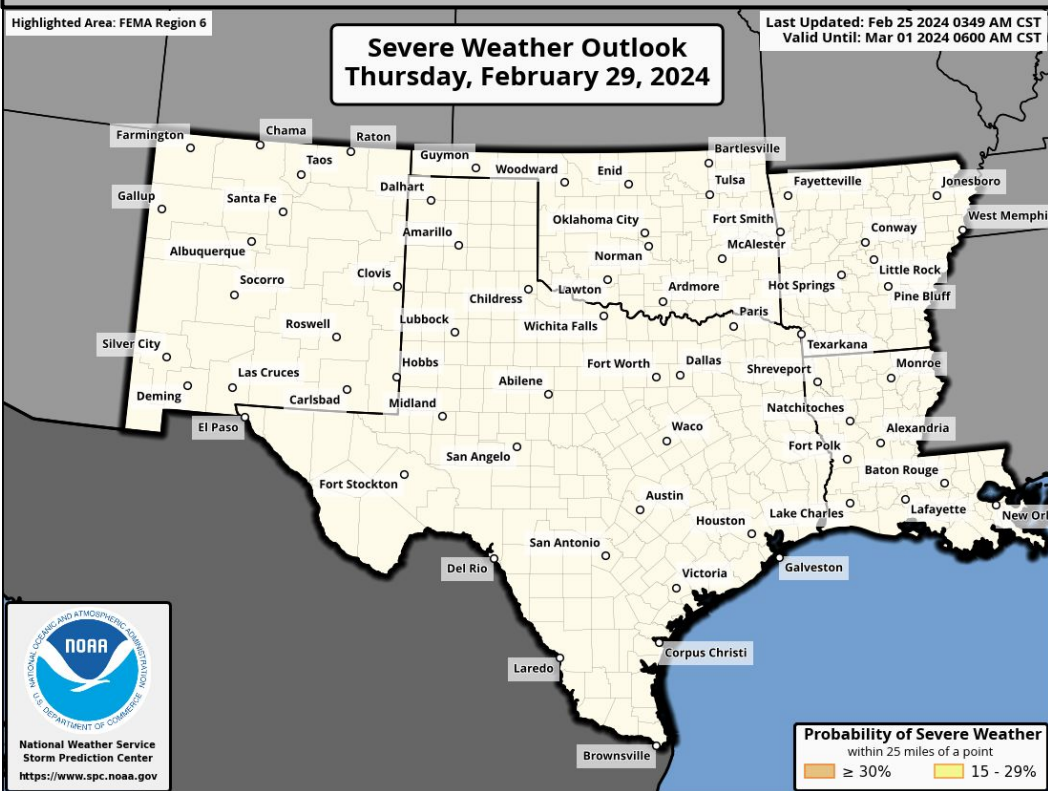


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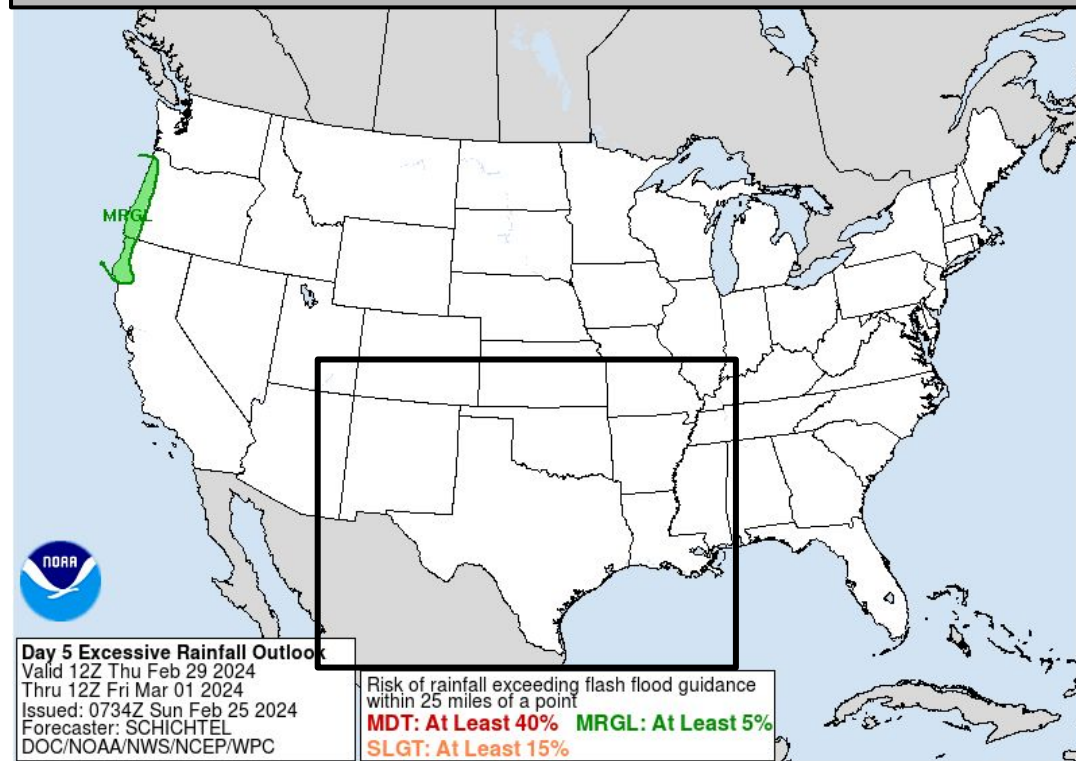


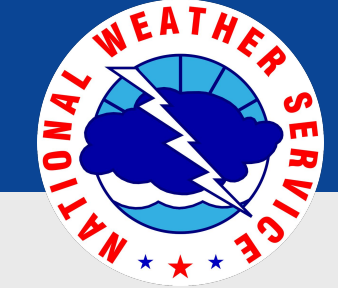
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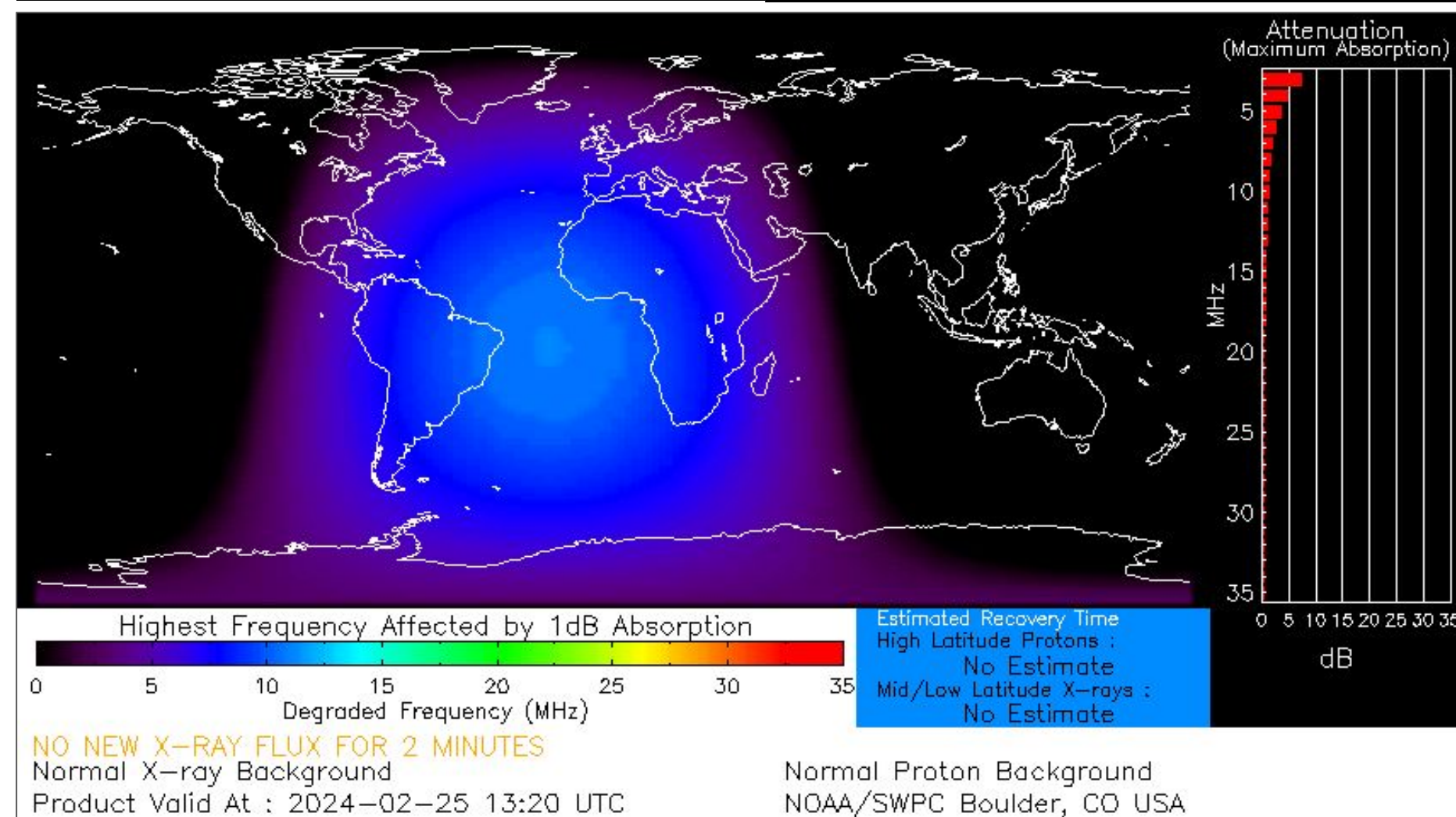
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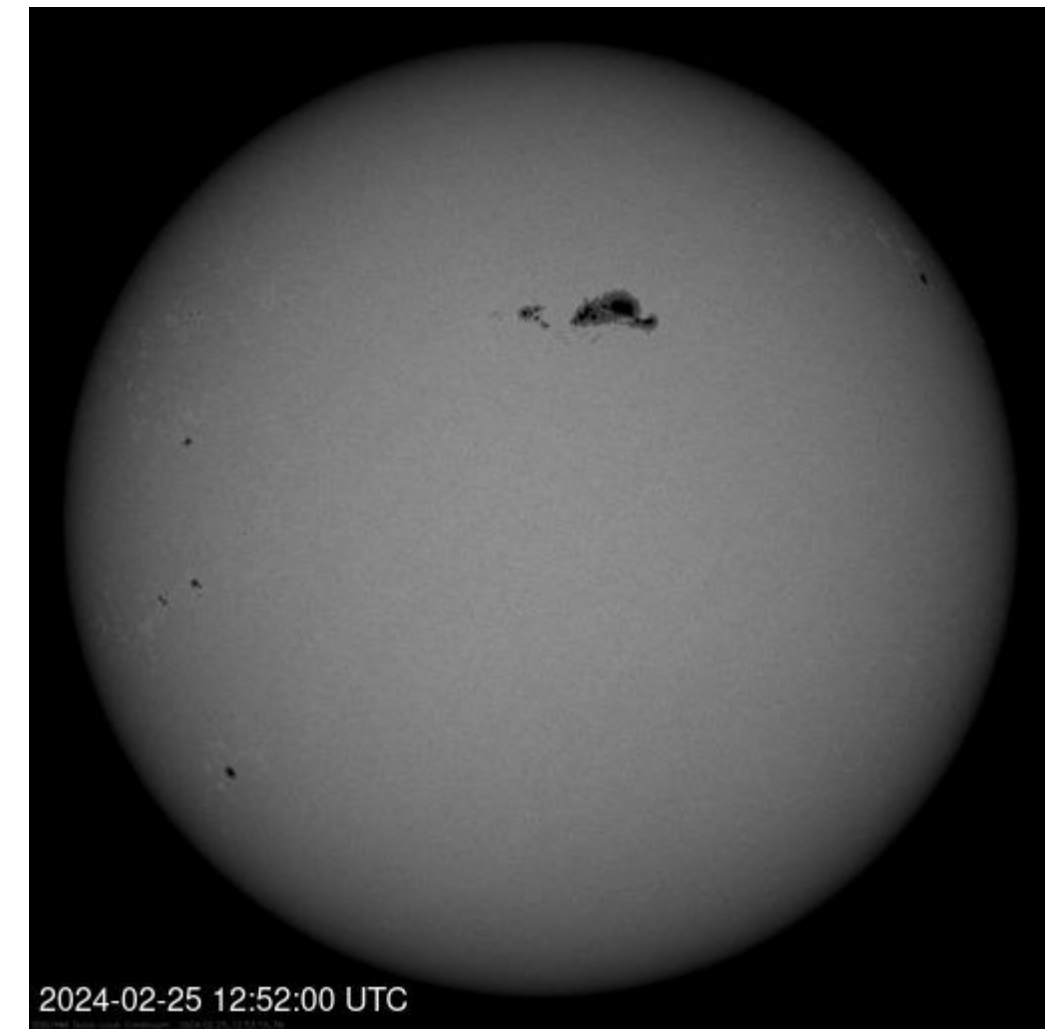
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Feb 24	Sunday, Feb 25	Monday, Feb 26
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



## 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 to No 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 MS 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 sea breeze storms in FL</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 AL 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 Atlanta 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 NE 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 Carolinas; 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)**





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