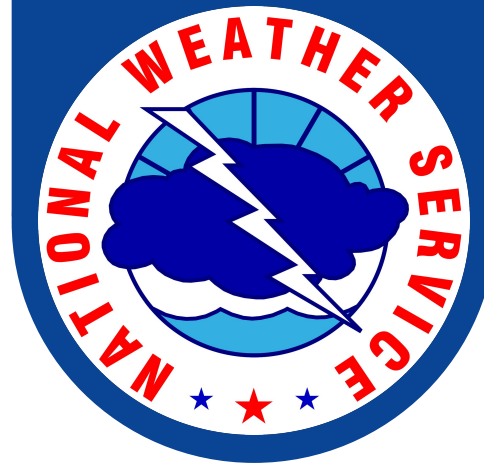




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, October 28, 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.



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Summary

- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across S NM, N/W TX, OK today into Tuesday. Lingering conditions on Wednesday in the wake of the front across TX Panhandle, NW TX, and W OK where no rain is expected.**
- **Risk for severe weather across OK, W AR, and N TX on Wednesday.**
- **Marginal risk for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding Wednesday in E OK, W AR, NE TX and Thursday across AR, LA, E TX.**
- **Tropical Weather Outlook: An area in the southwest Caribbean has a medium, 40%, chance for development in the next 7 days. No impacts in the next 7 days.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Monday, Oct 28	Tuesday, Oct 29	Wednesday, Oct 30	Thursday, Oct 31	Friday, Nov 1
Severe Storms			OK, W AR, N TX		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			E OK, W AR, N ETX	AR, LA, E TX	
Fire Weather	NM, W/N TX, OK	E NM, W TX, OK Panhandle	W OK, TX Panhandle, N W TX		
Cold					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding					

**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.*

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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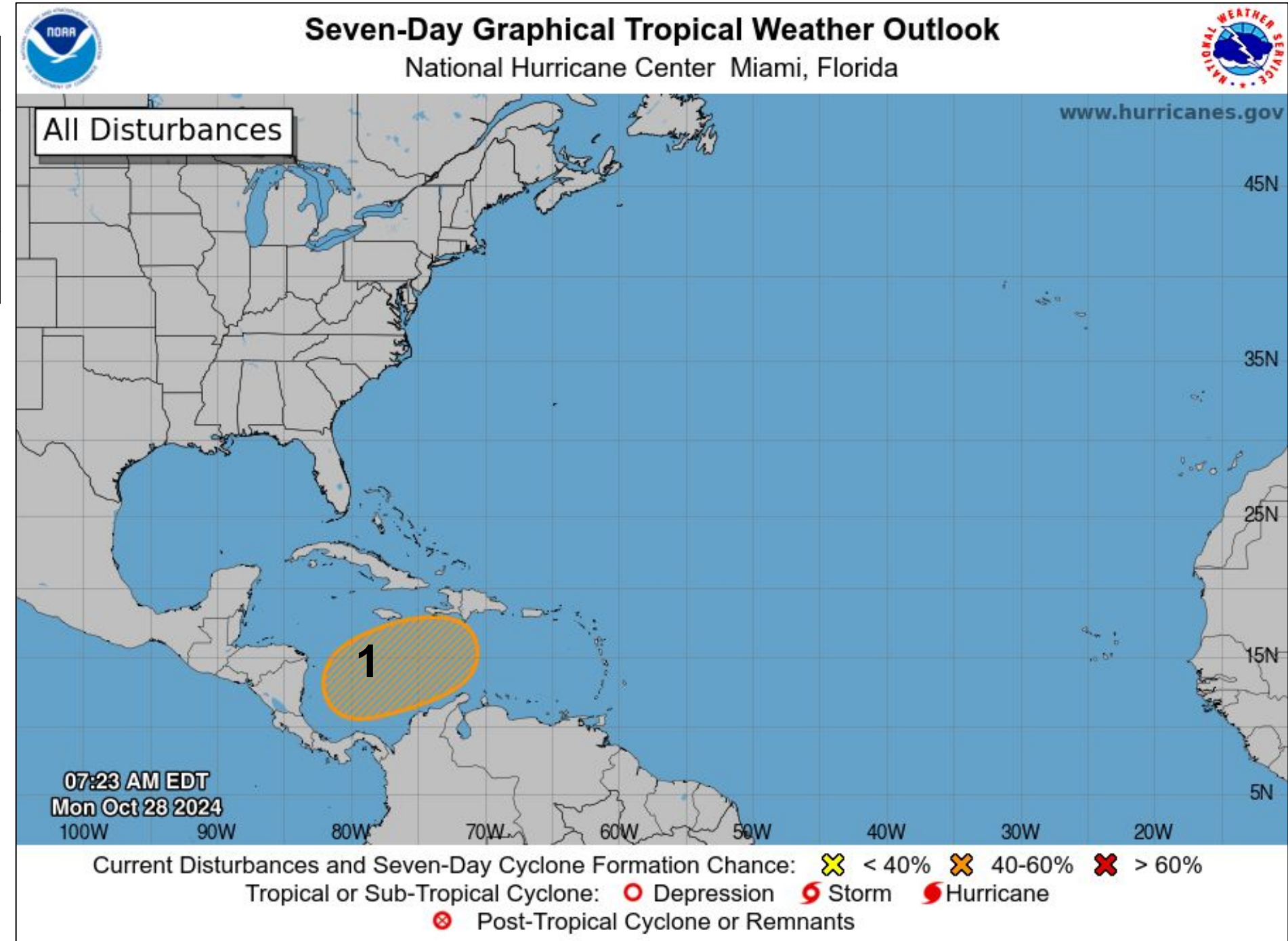
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Medium	None in the next 7 days

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



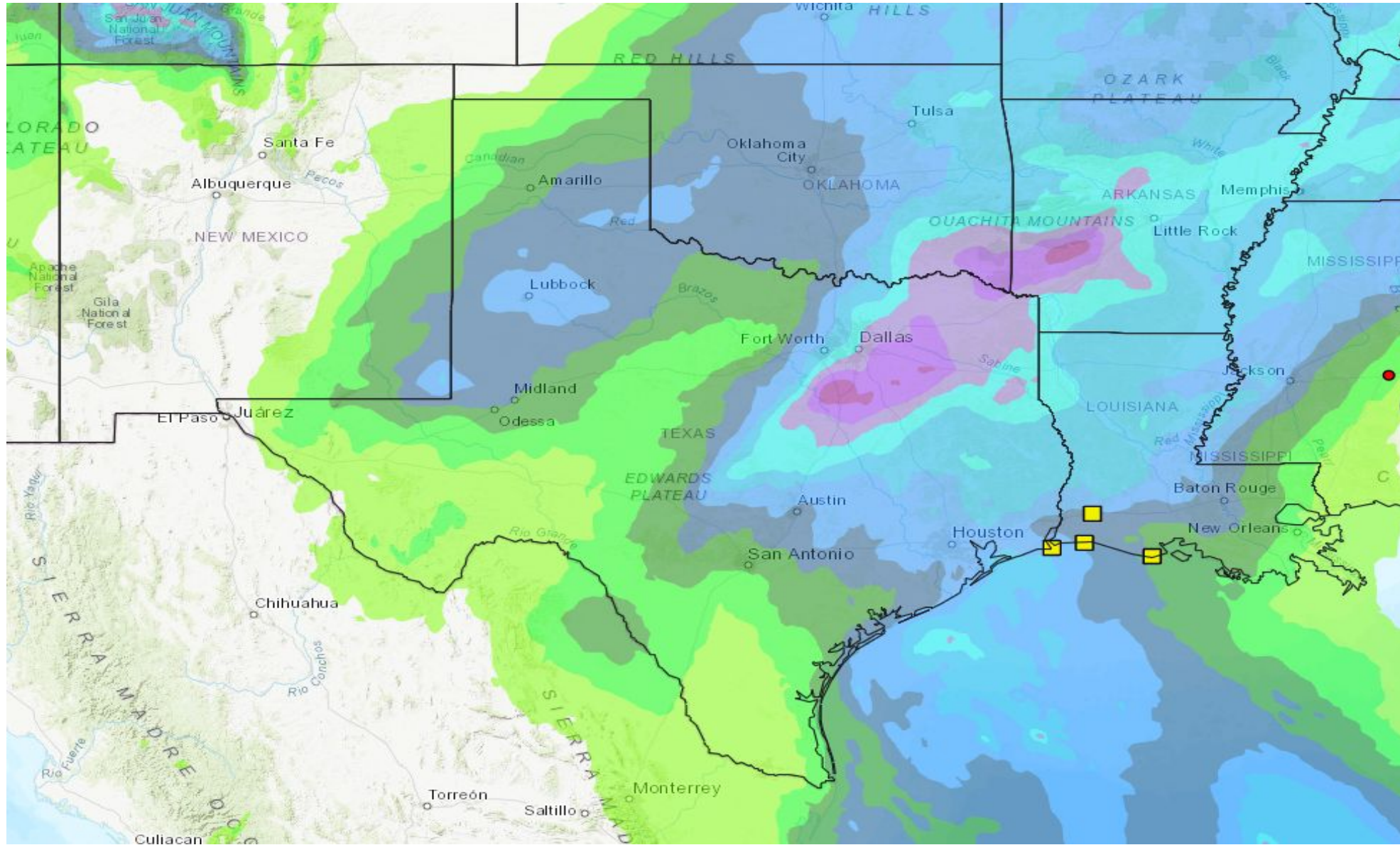
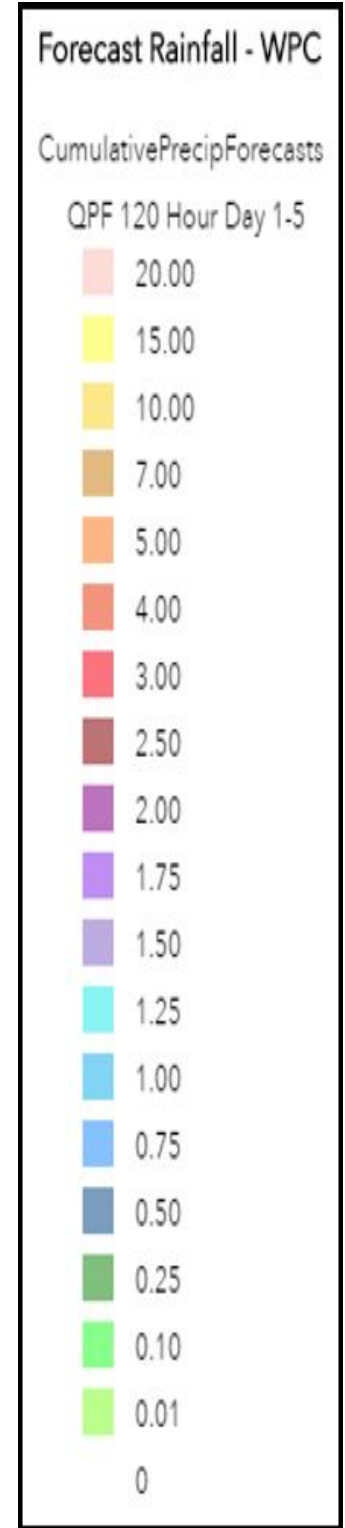
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms



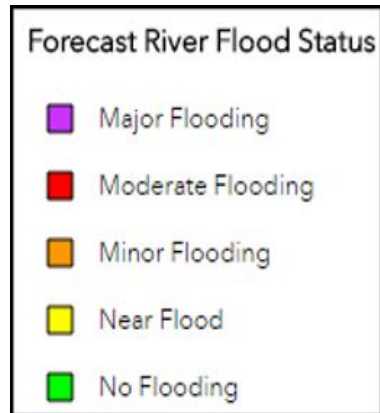
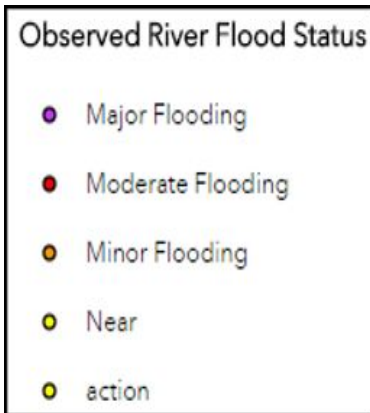


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



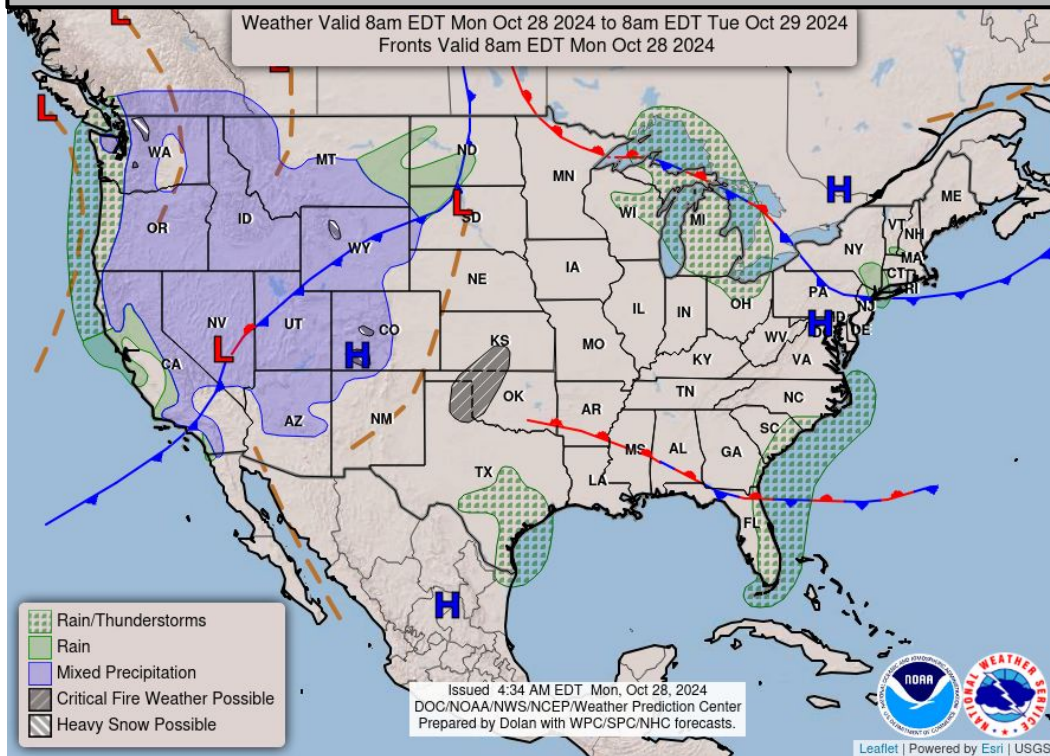
No river flooding is expected.



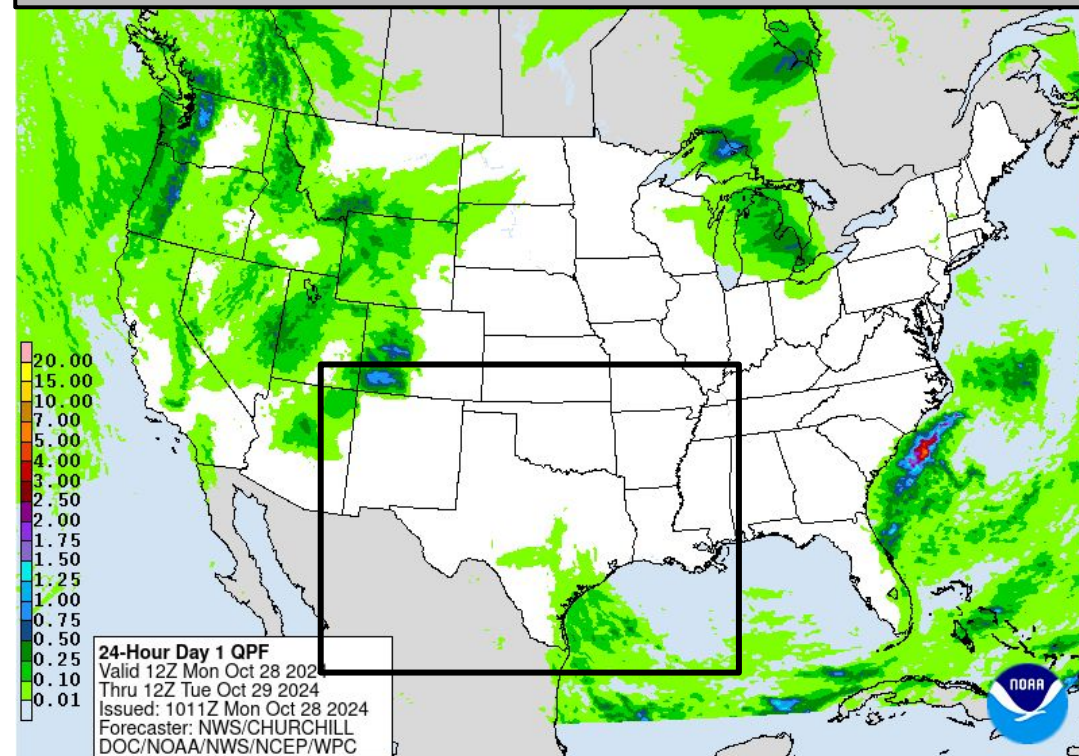


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

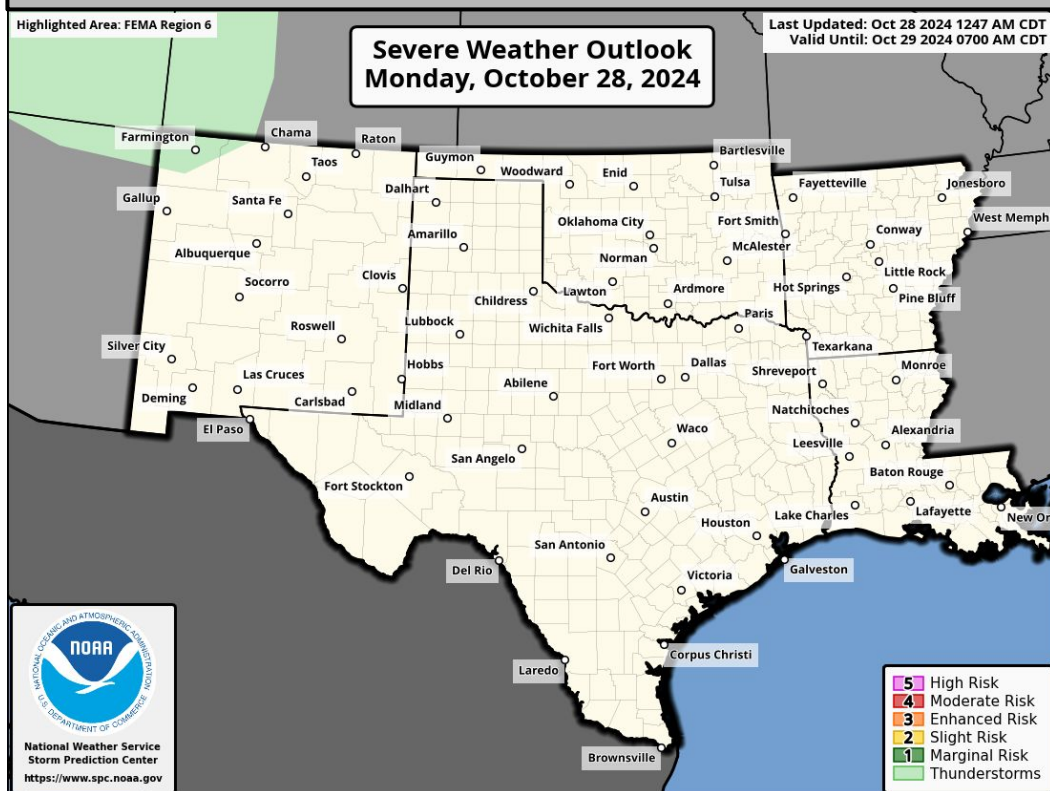


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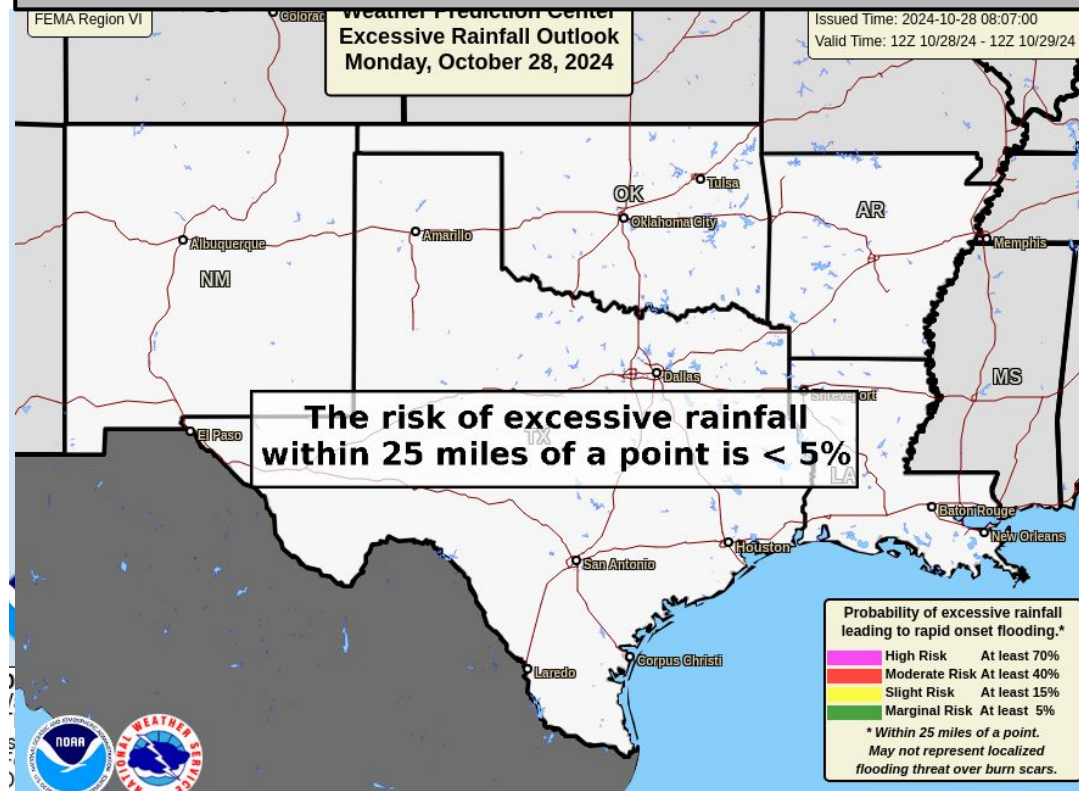


Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across NTX, OK, W AR, S NM.

Severe Weather Outlook

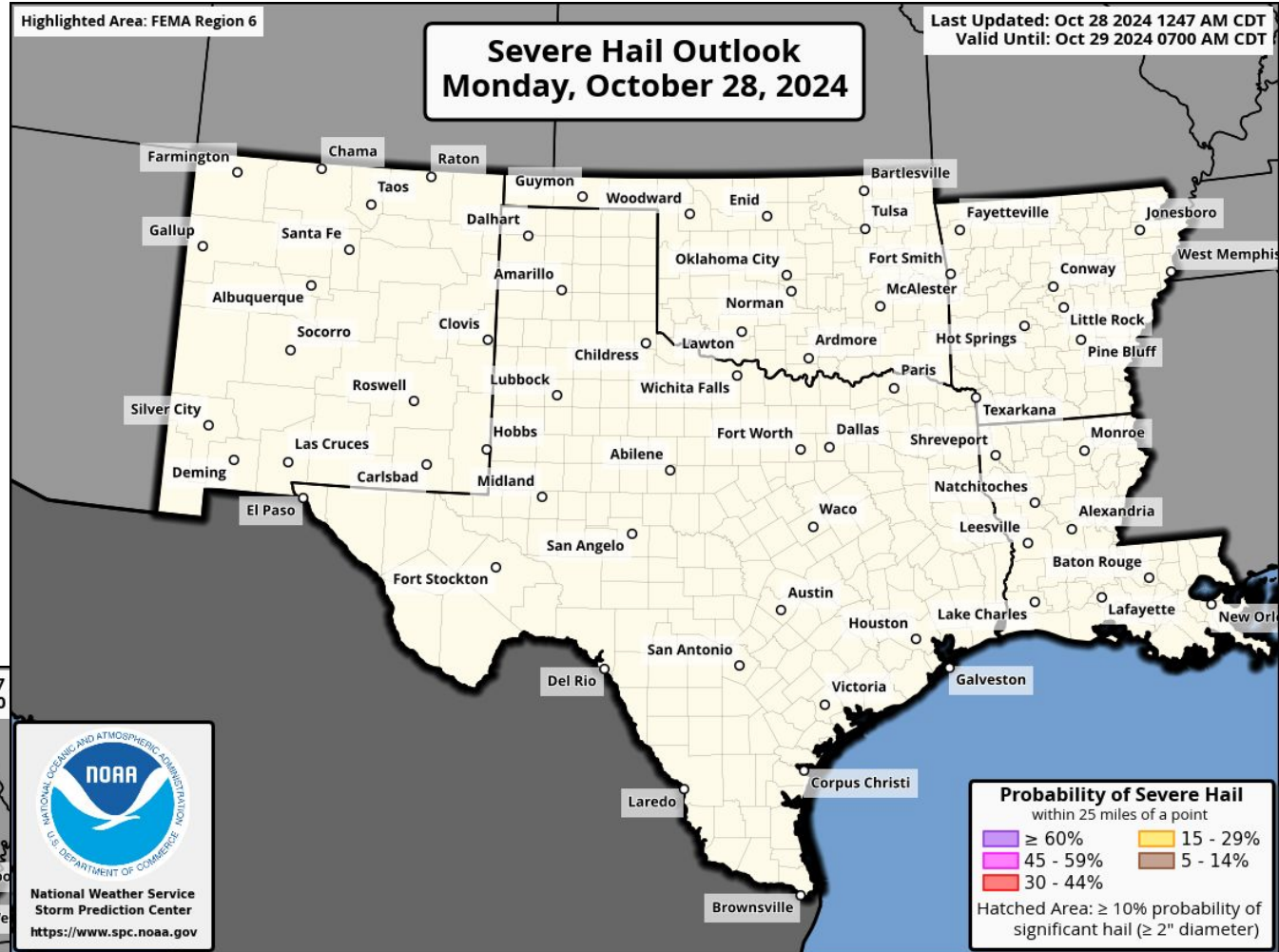
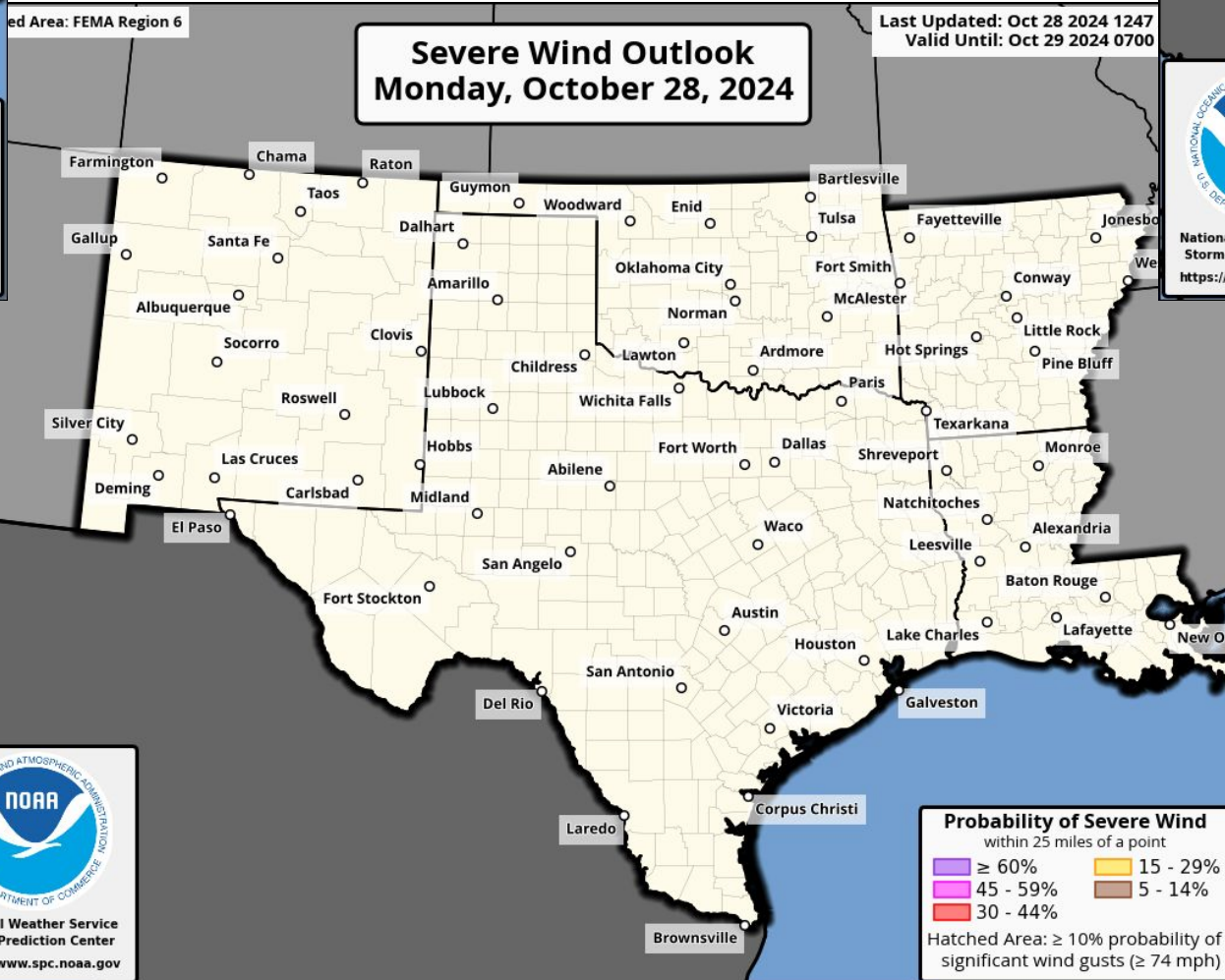
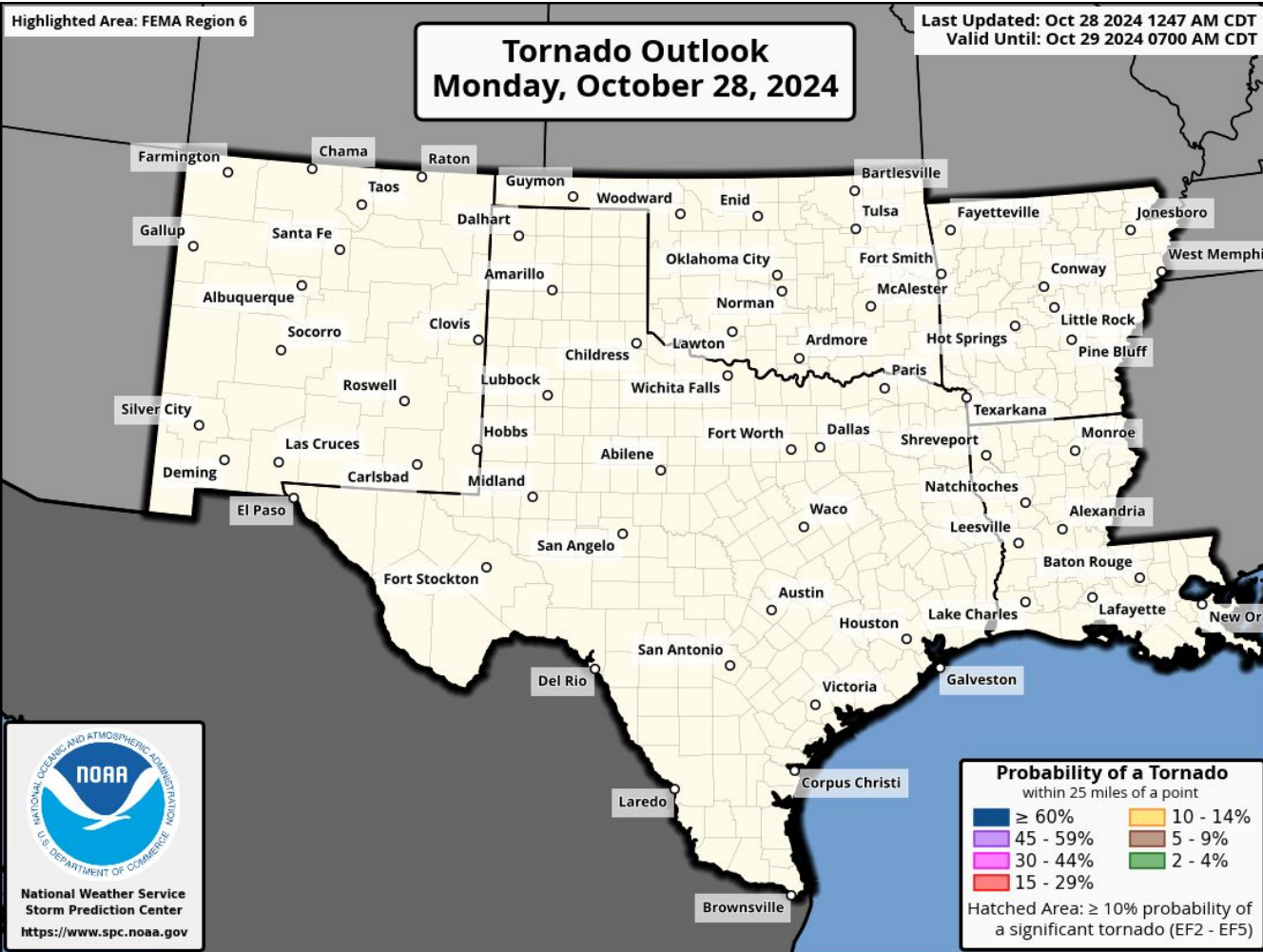


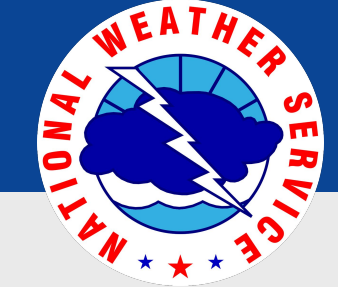
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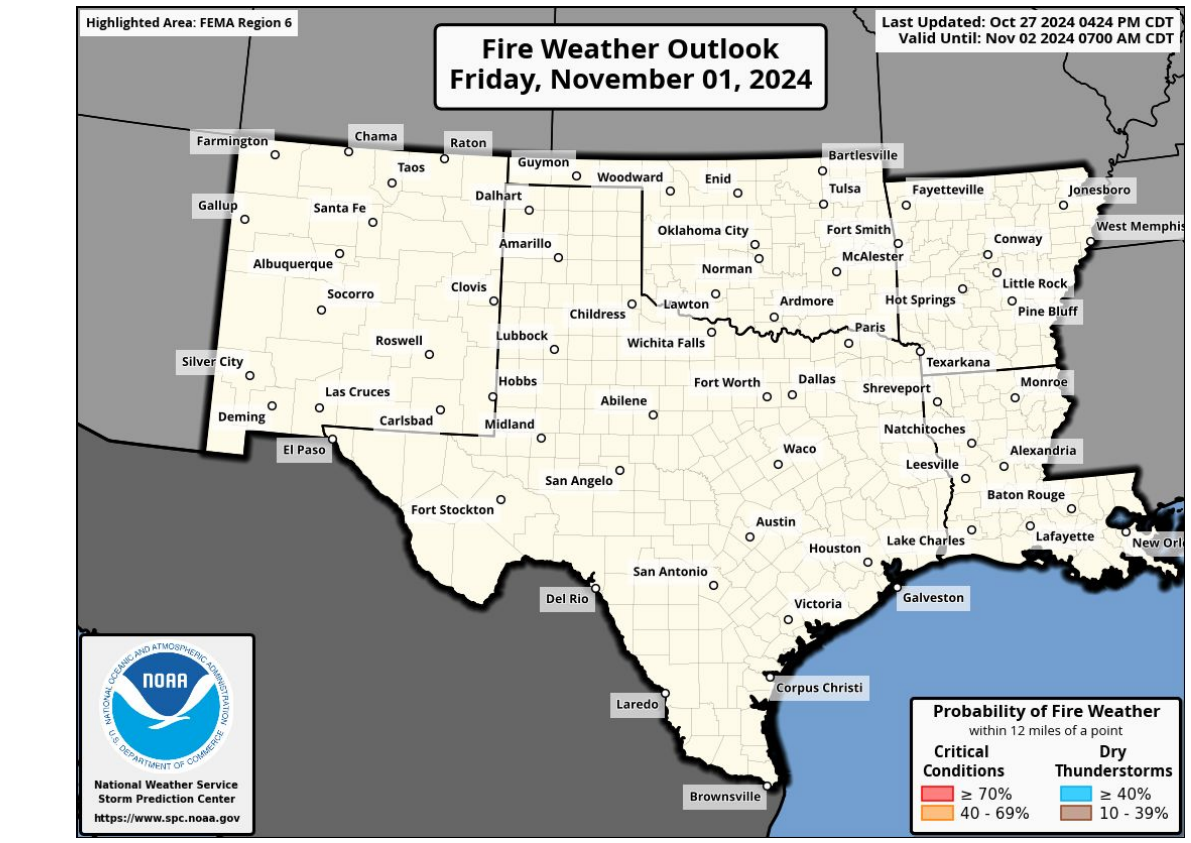
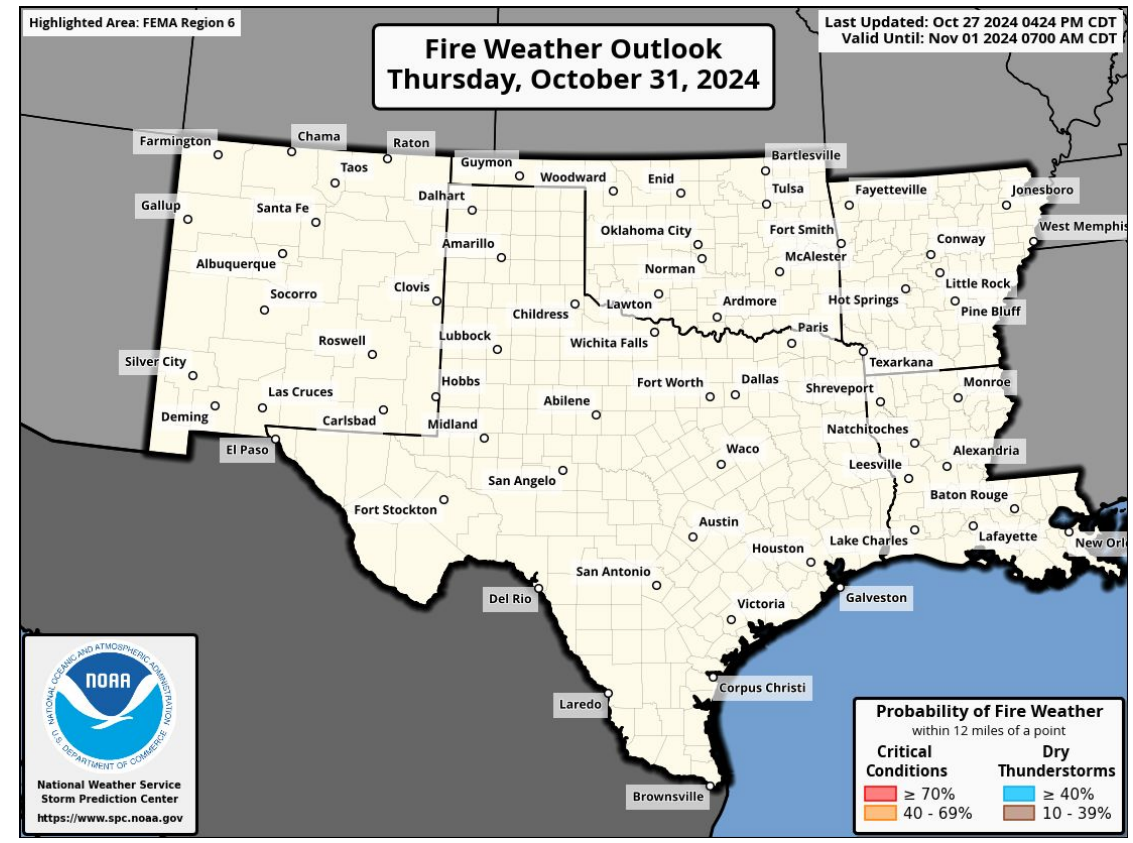
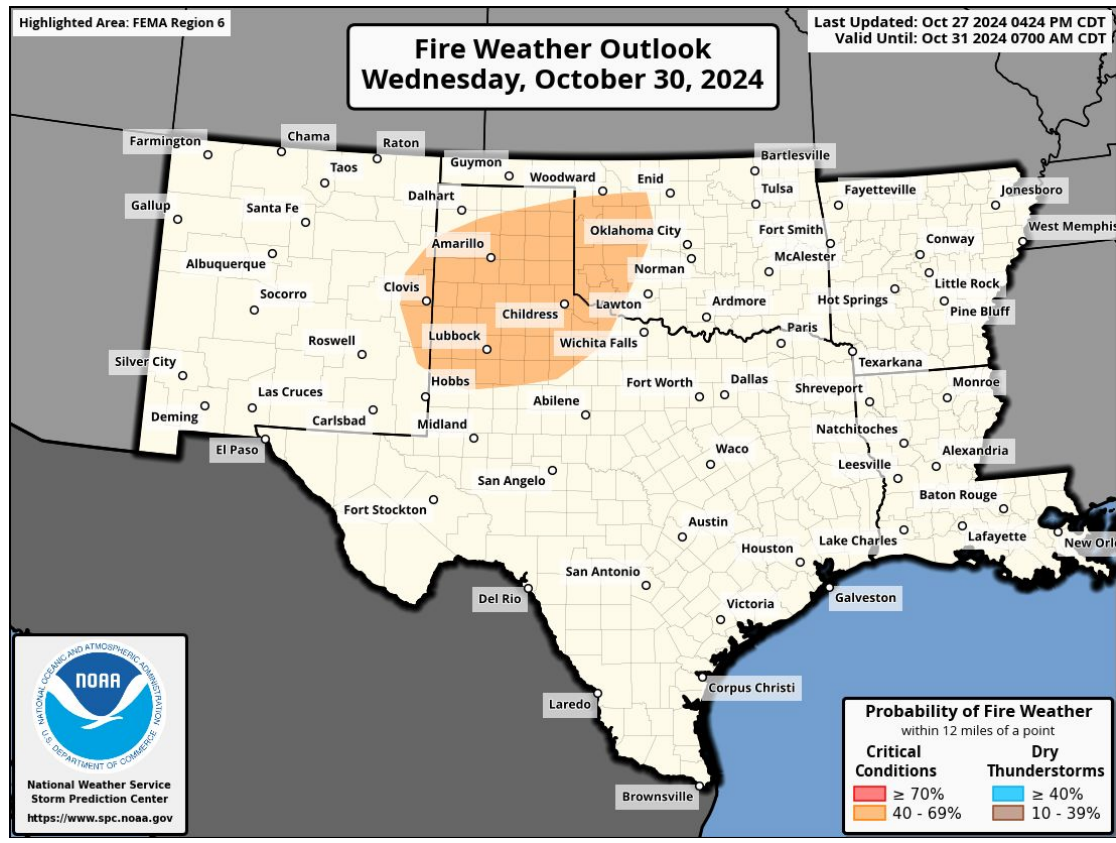
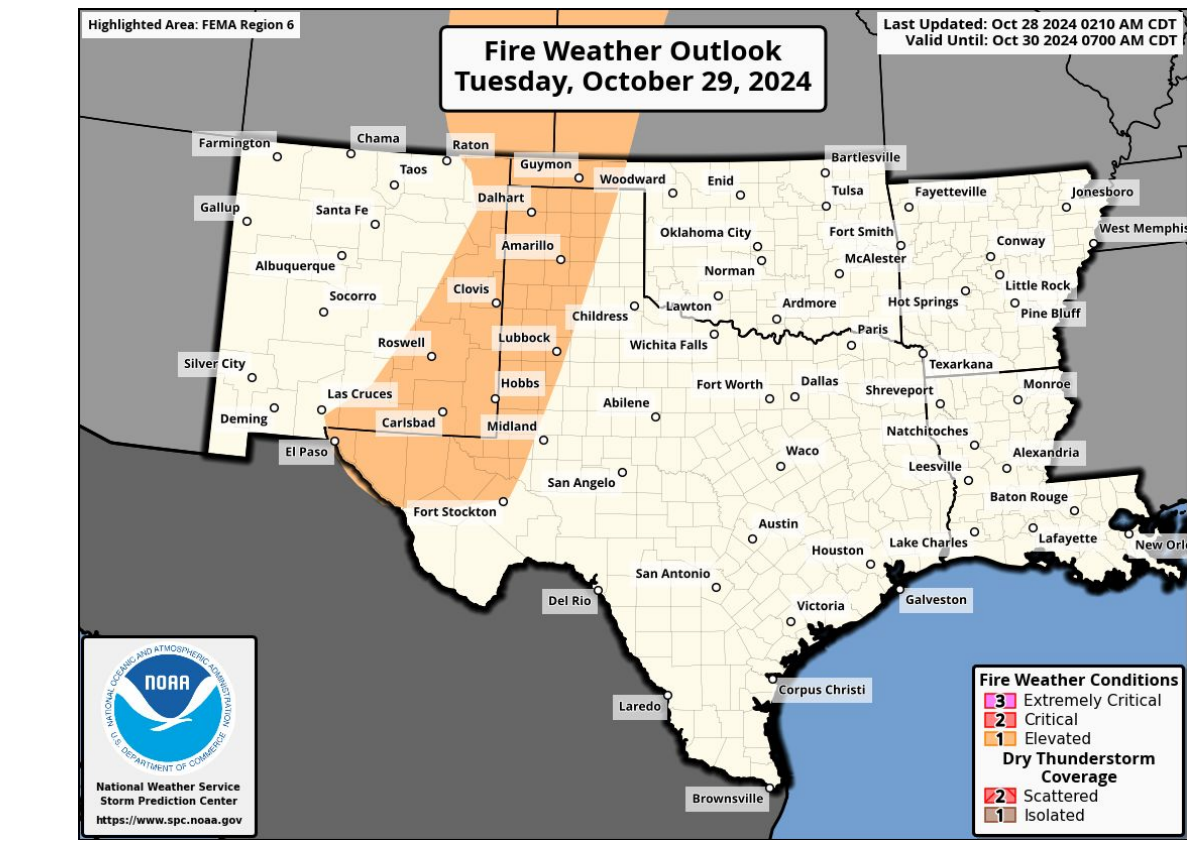
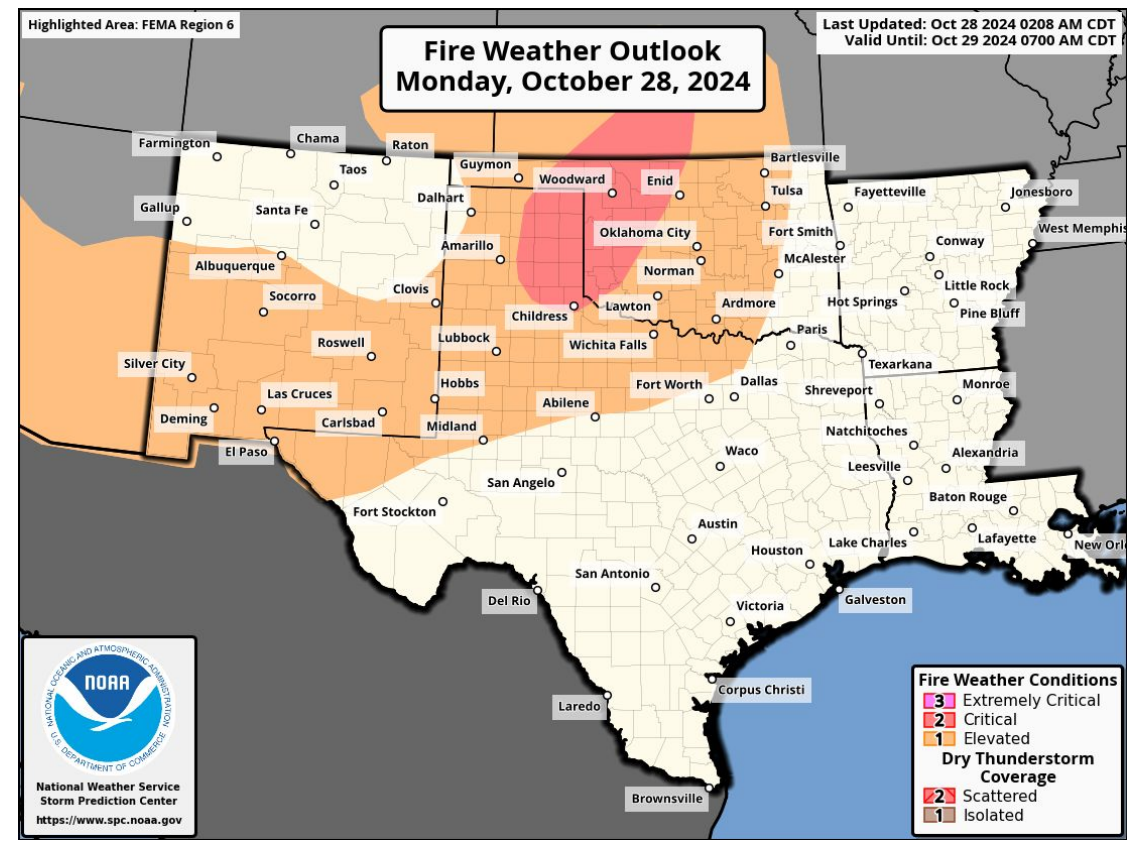
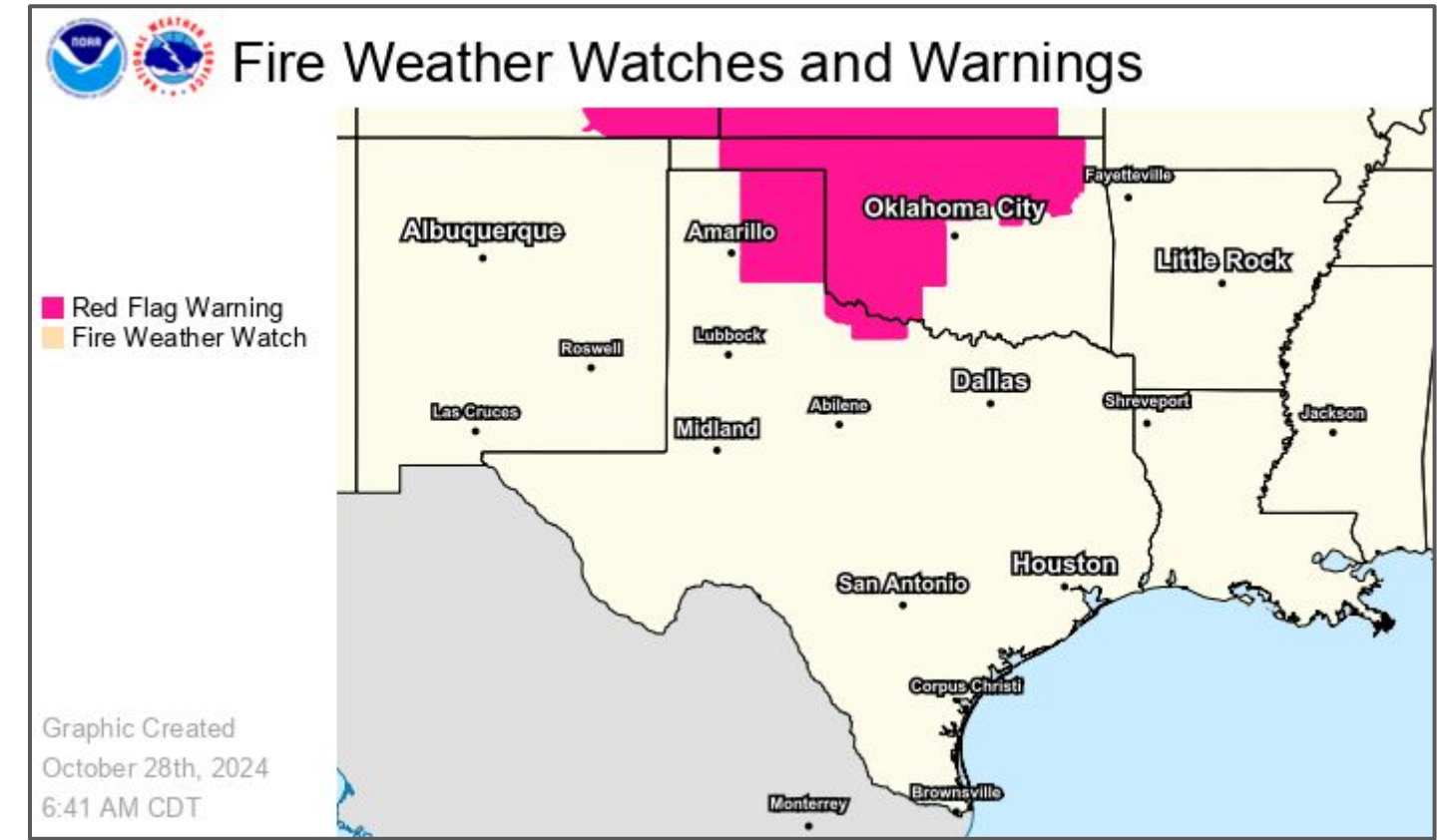


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



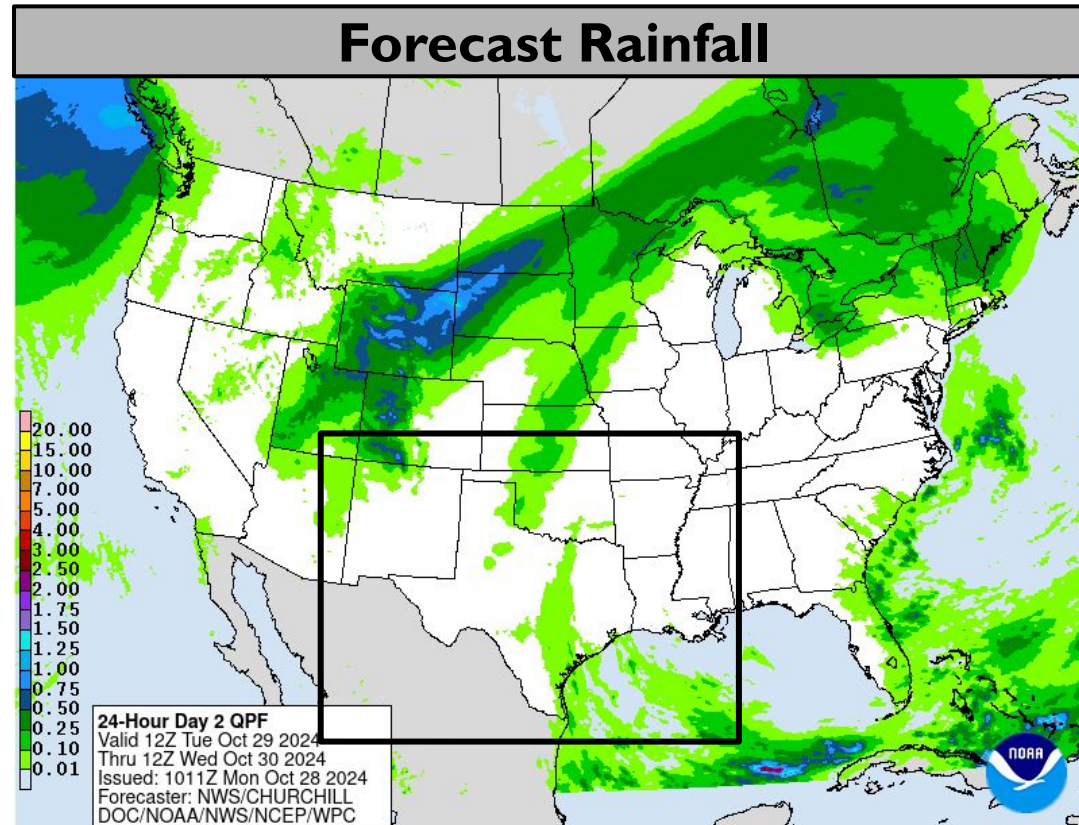
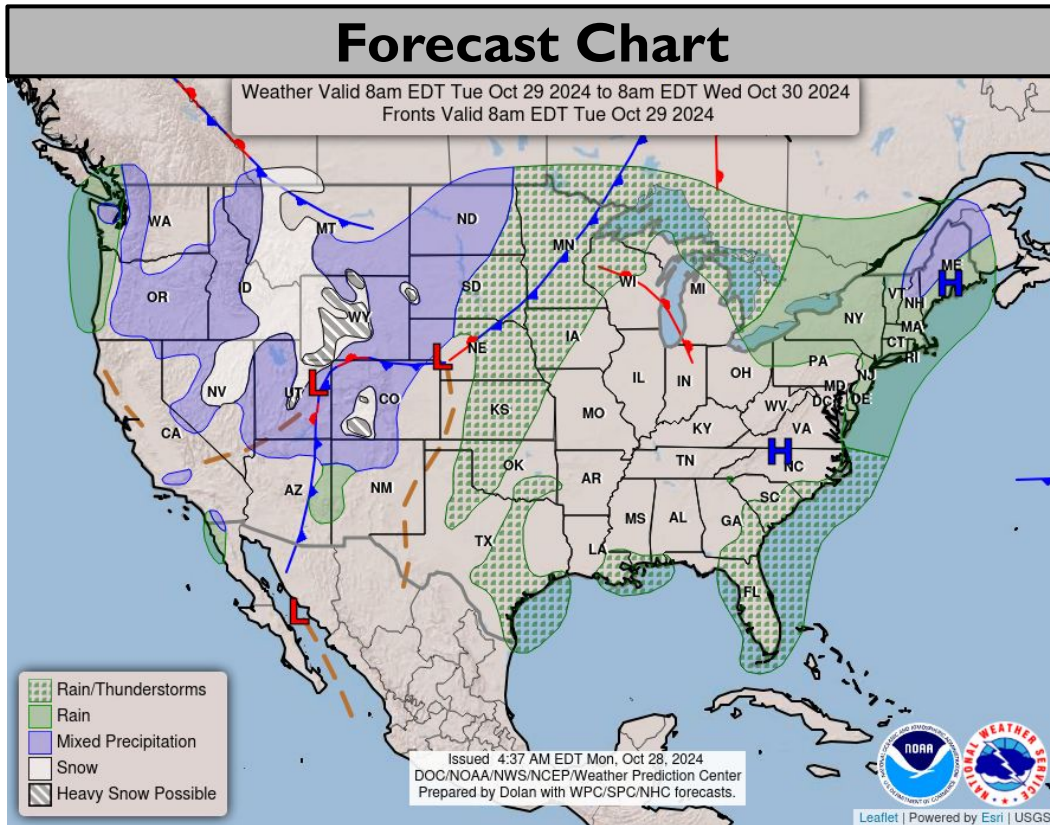


Fire Weather Outlooks

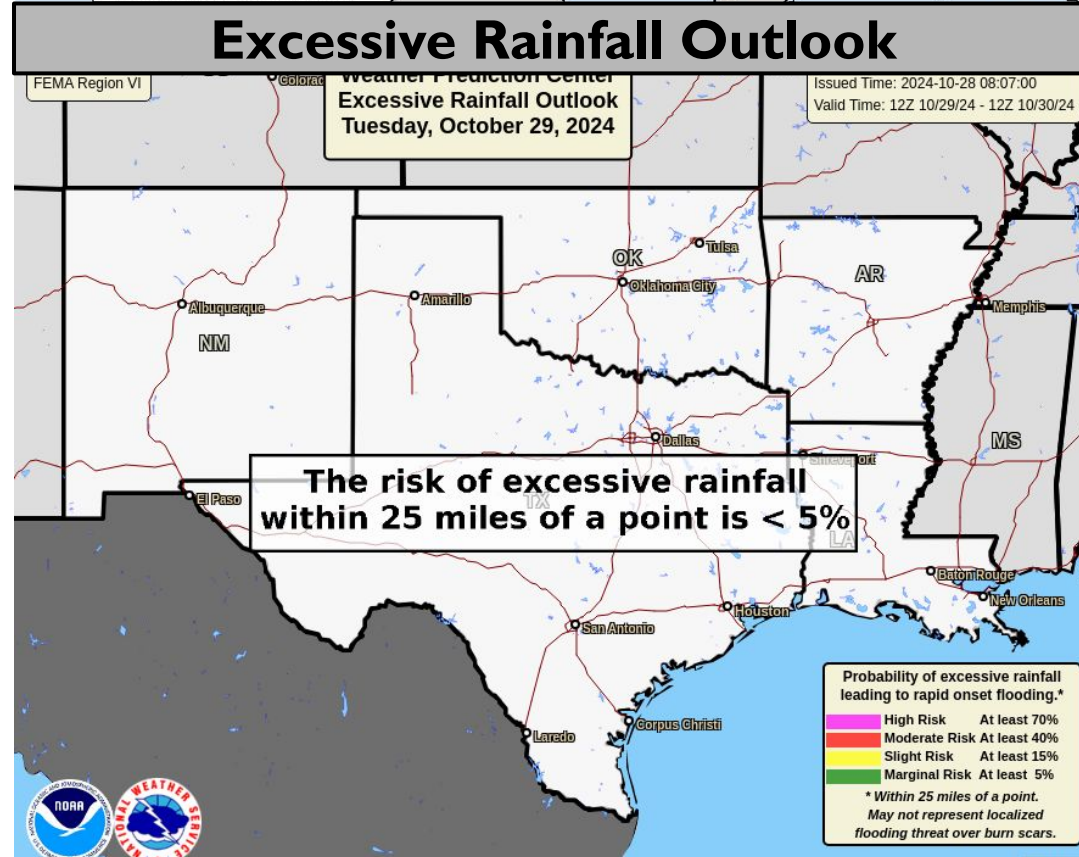
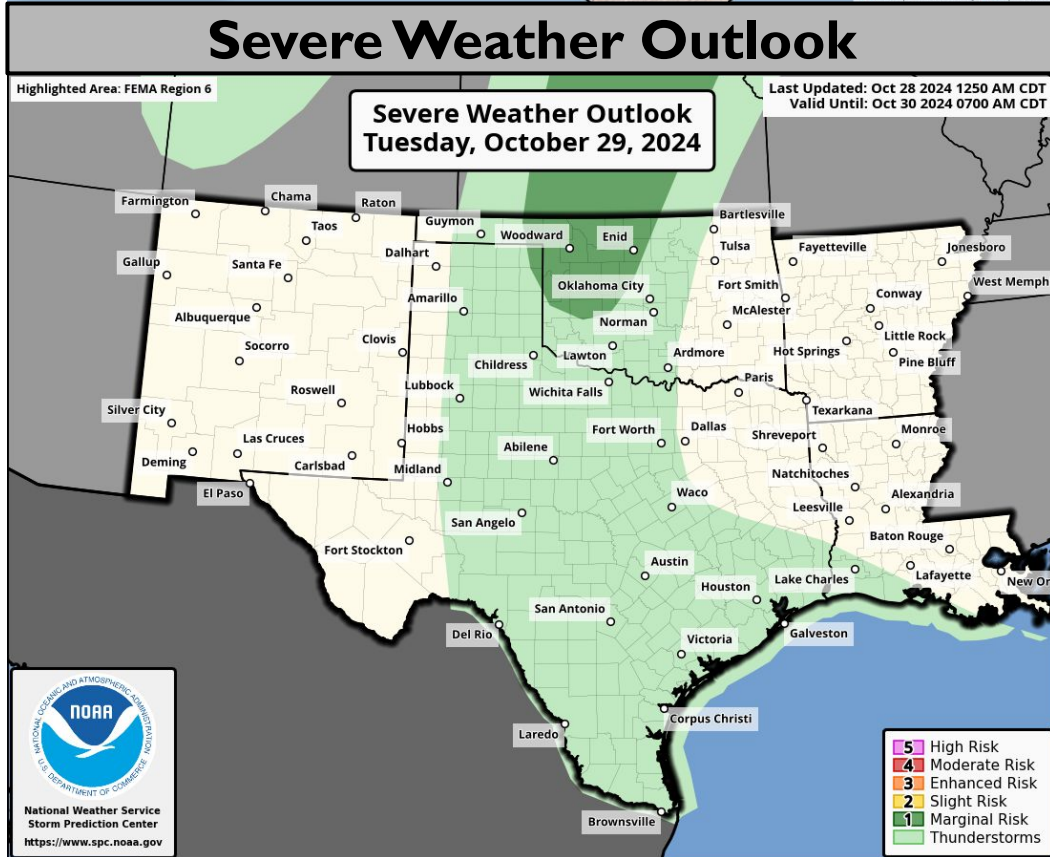




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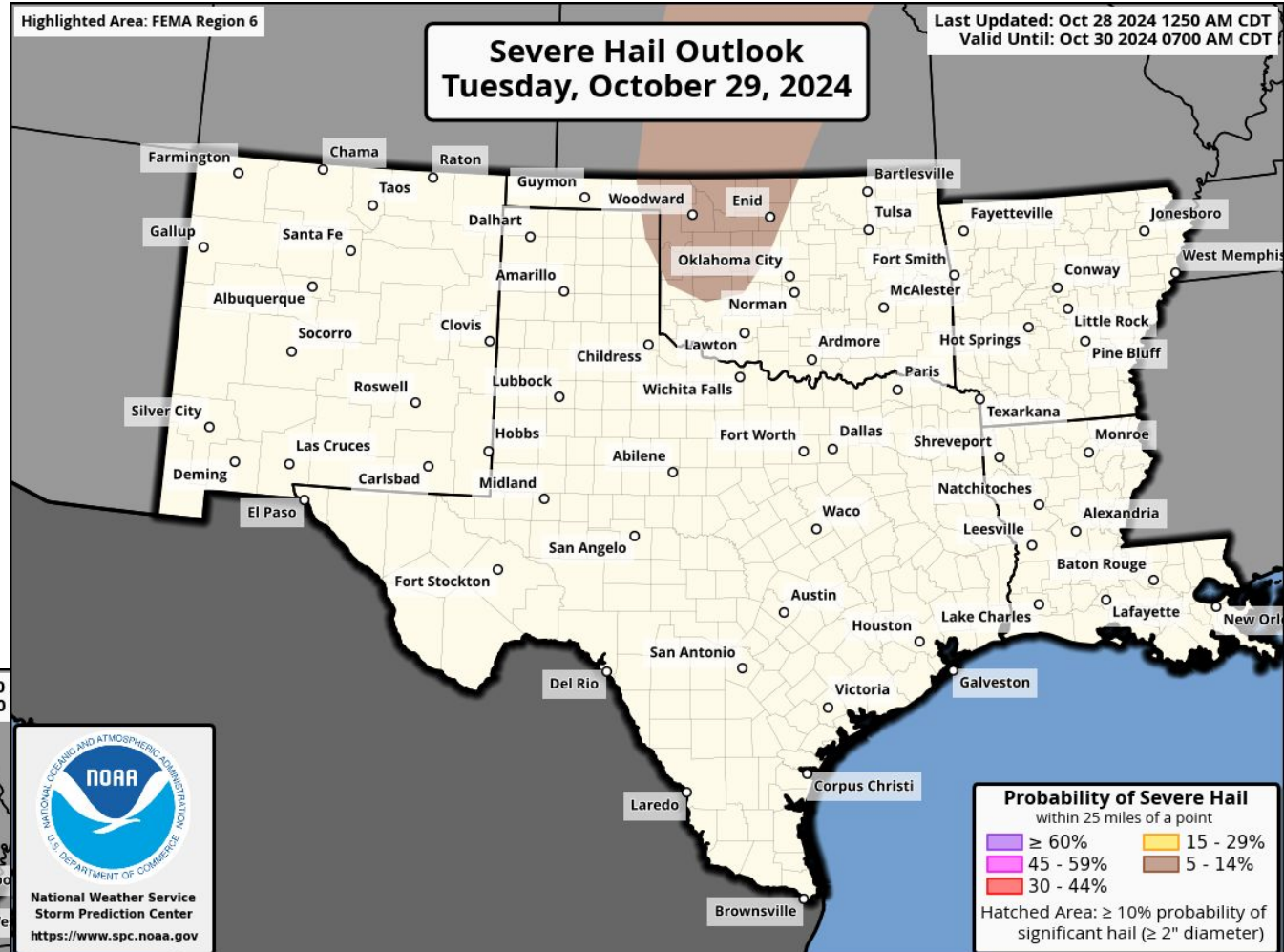
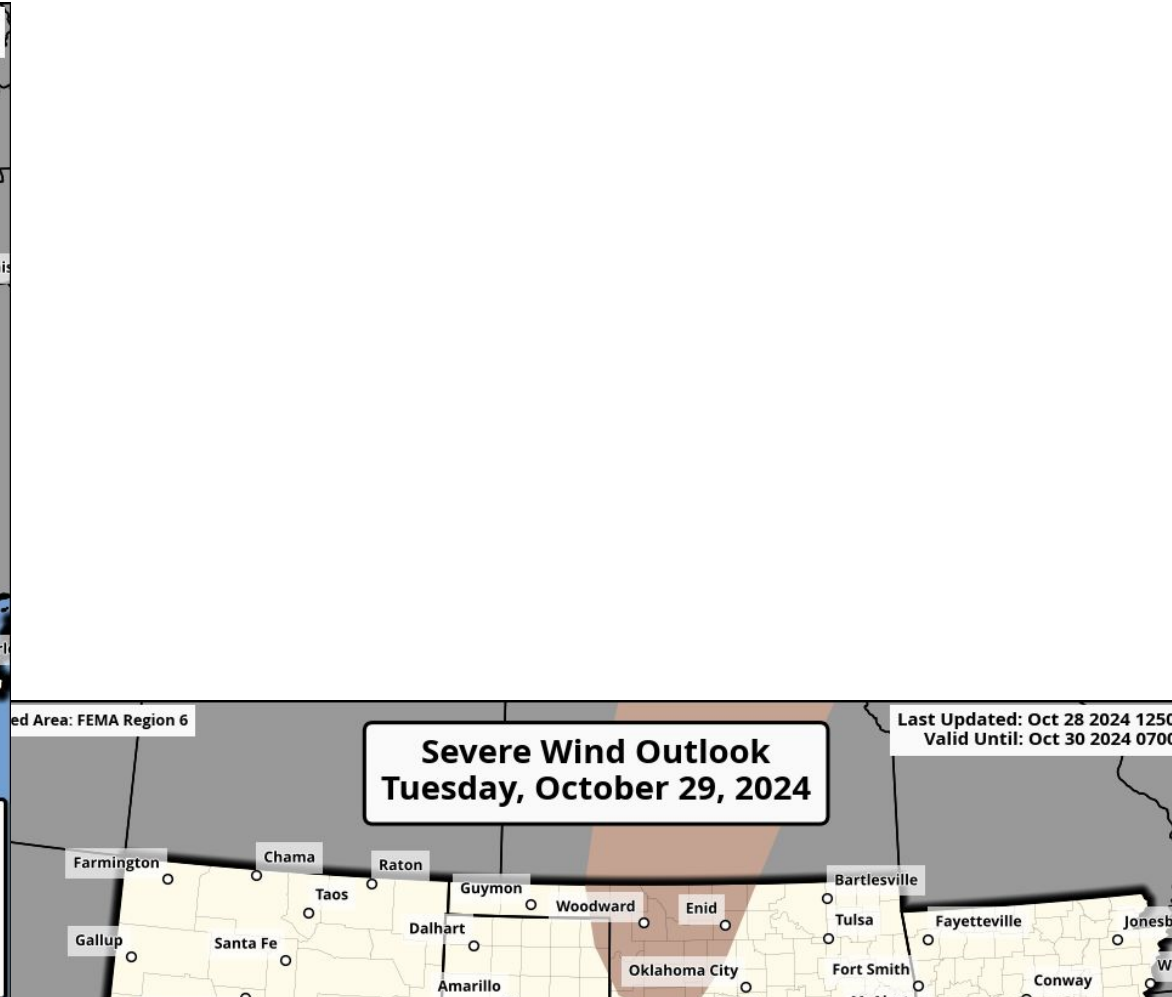
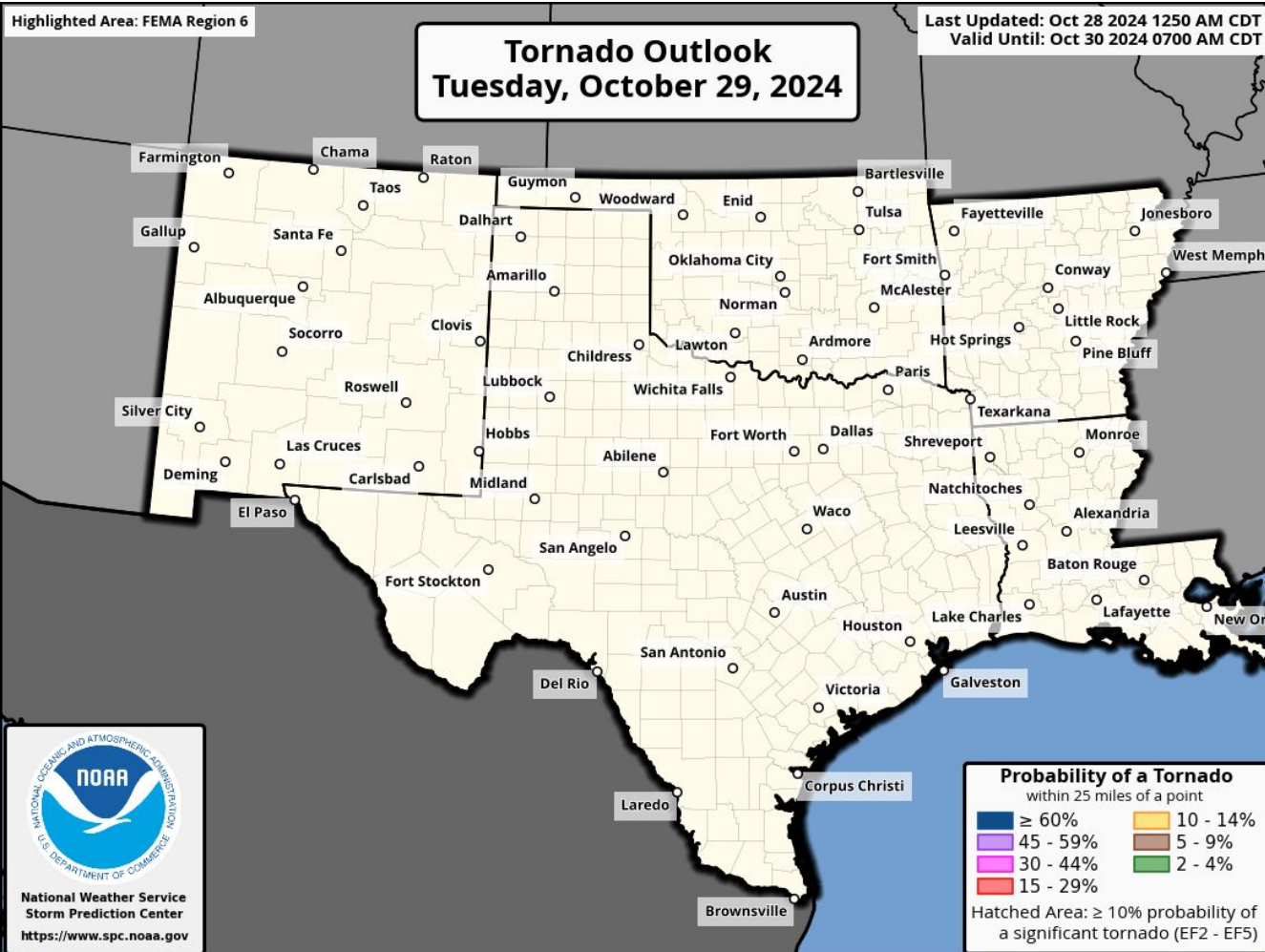


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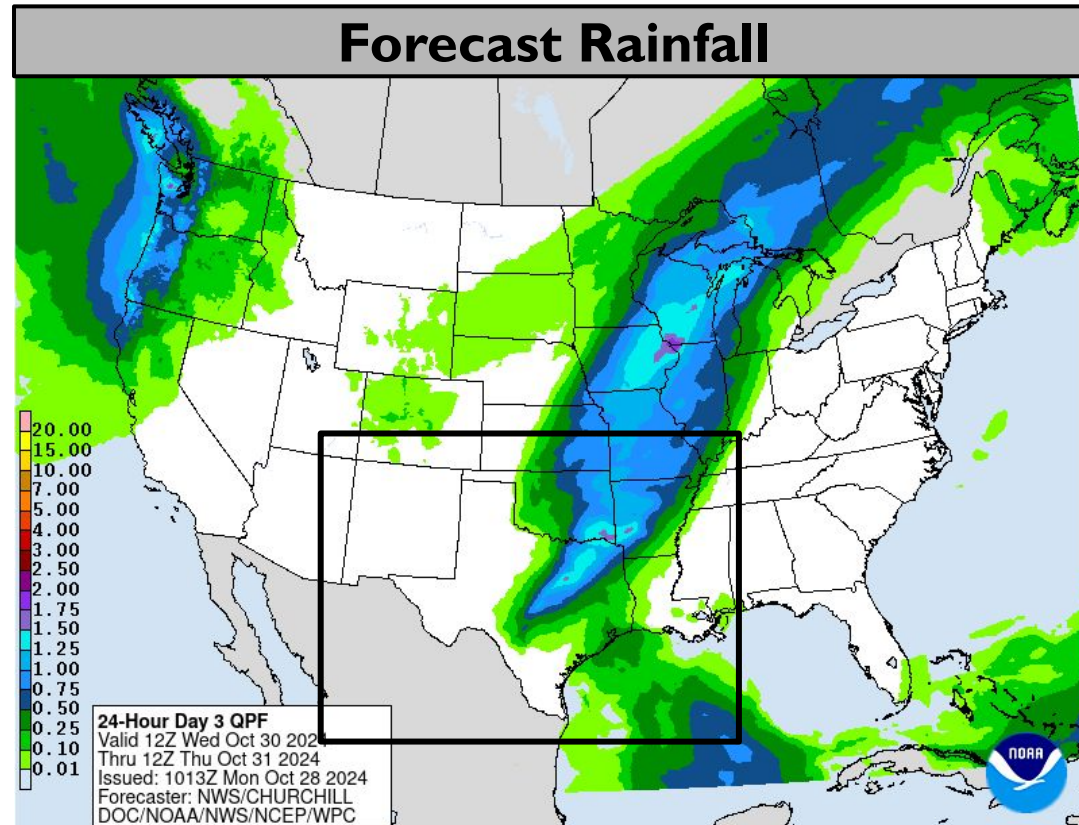
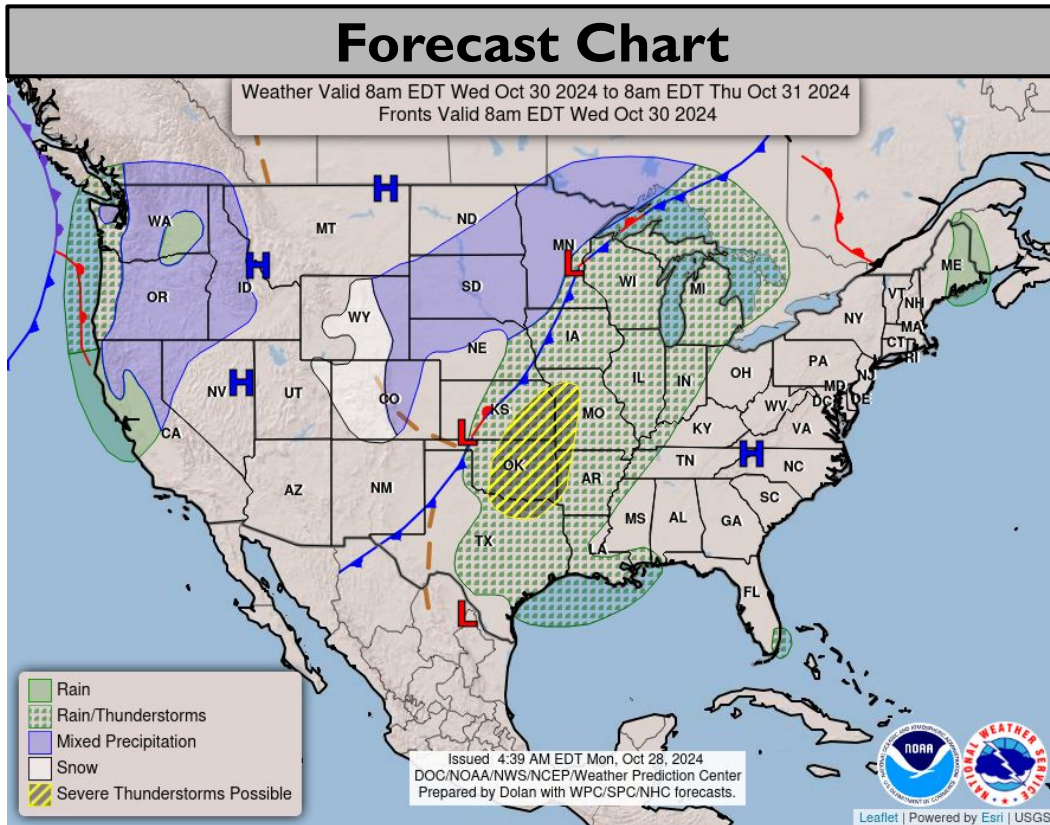


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





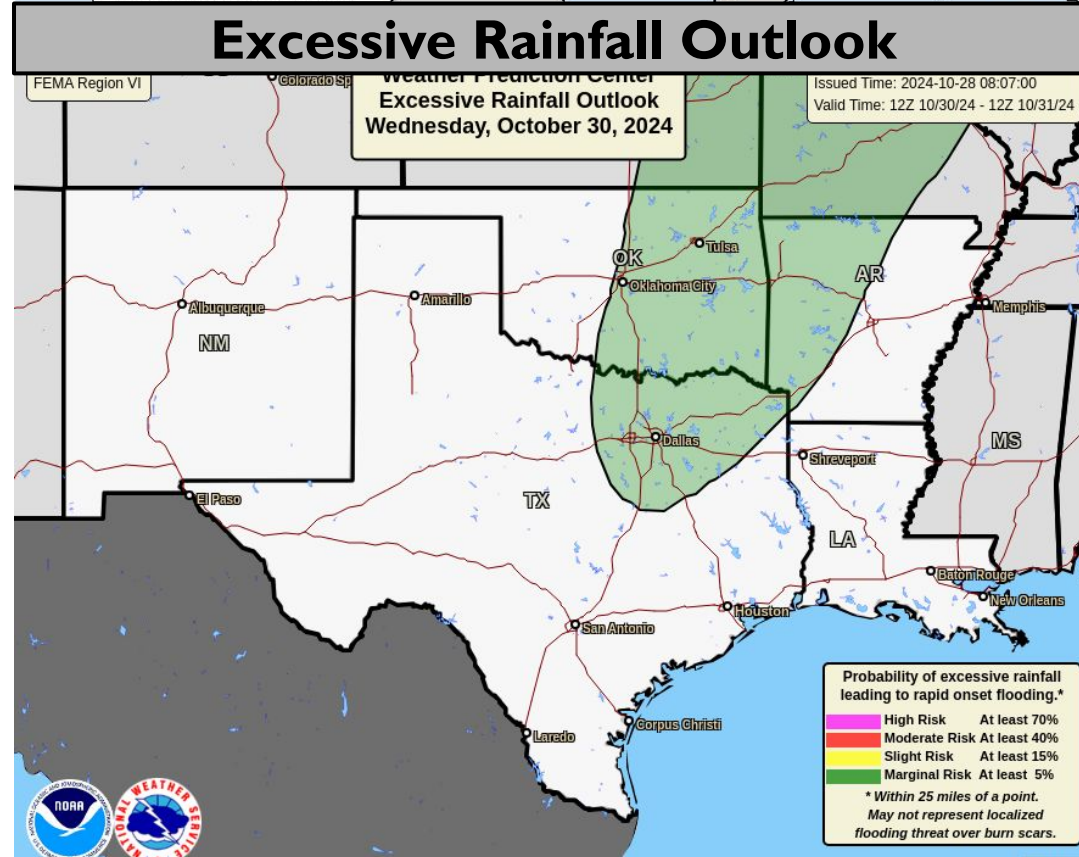
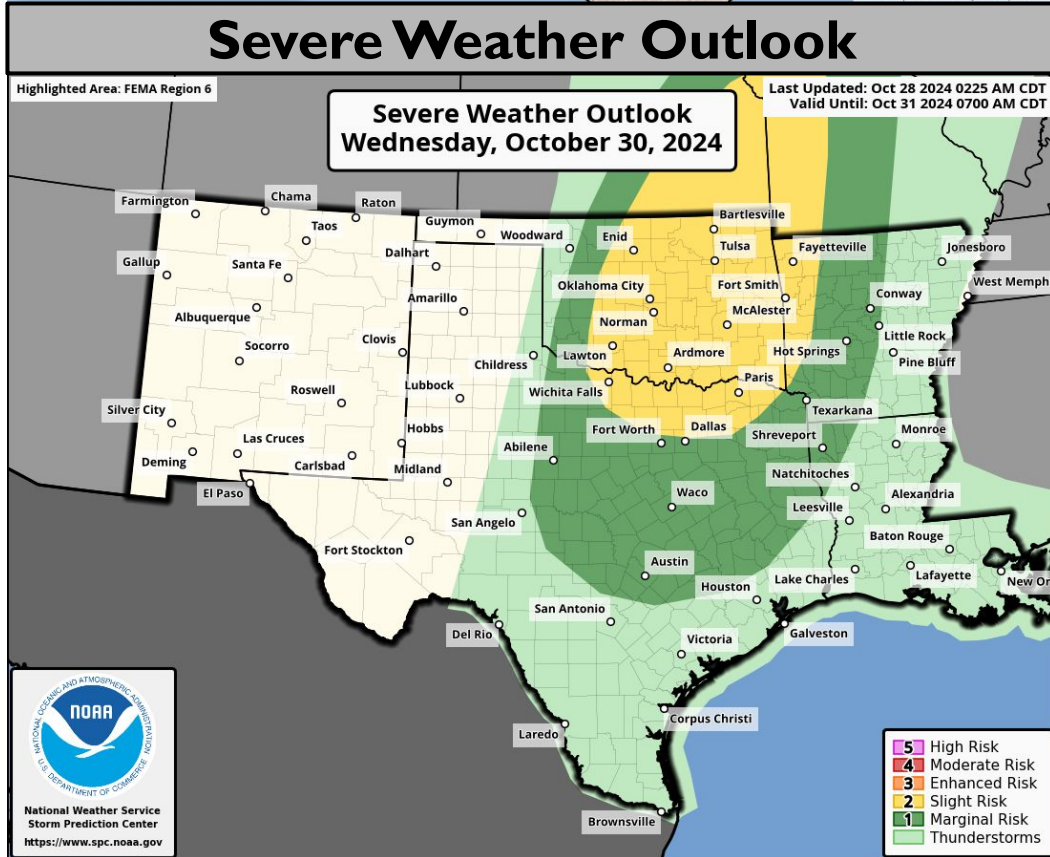
Wednesday's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across W OK, TX Panhandle, NW TX.

Risk for severe weather across OK, W AR, N TX.

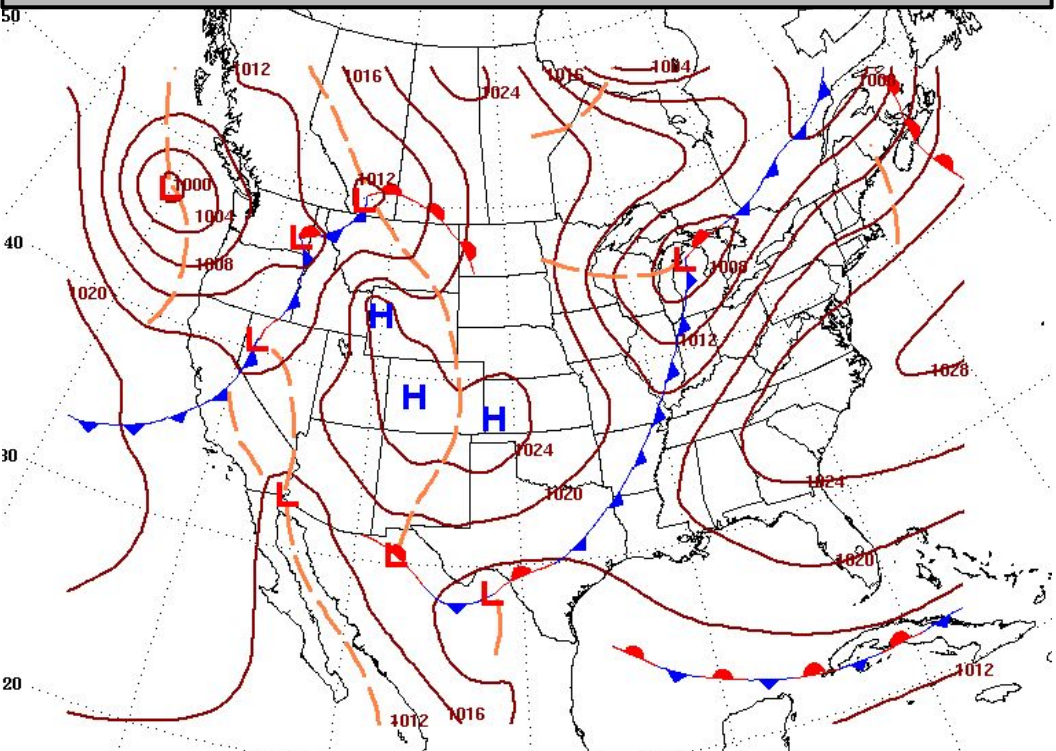
Marginal risk for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding over E OK, W AR, N ETX.



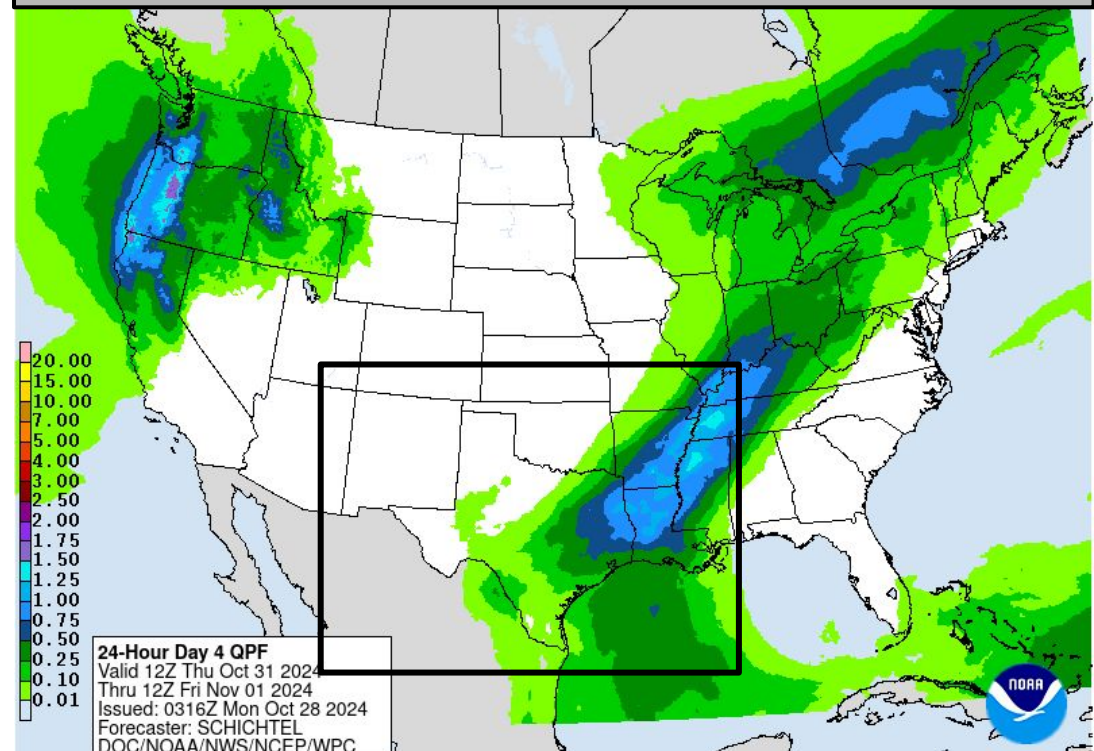


Thursday's Weather

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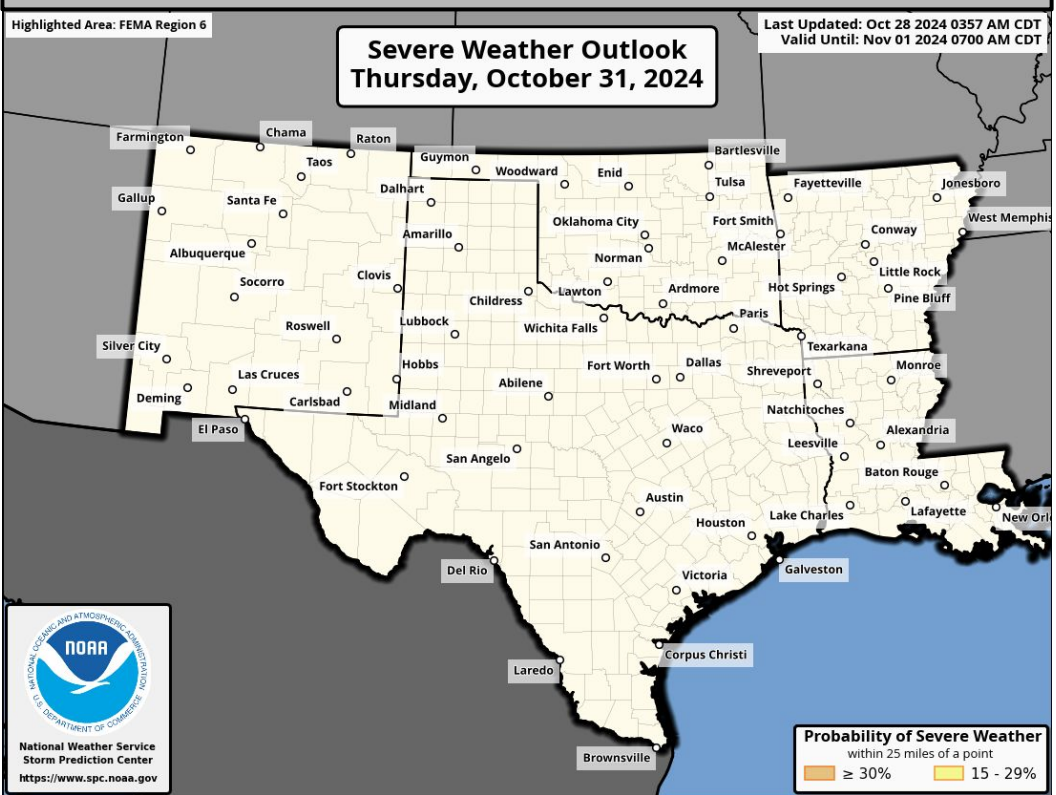


Forecast Rainfall

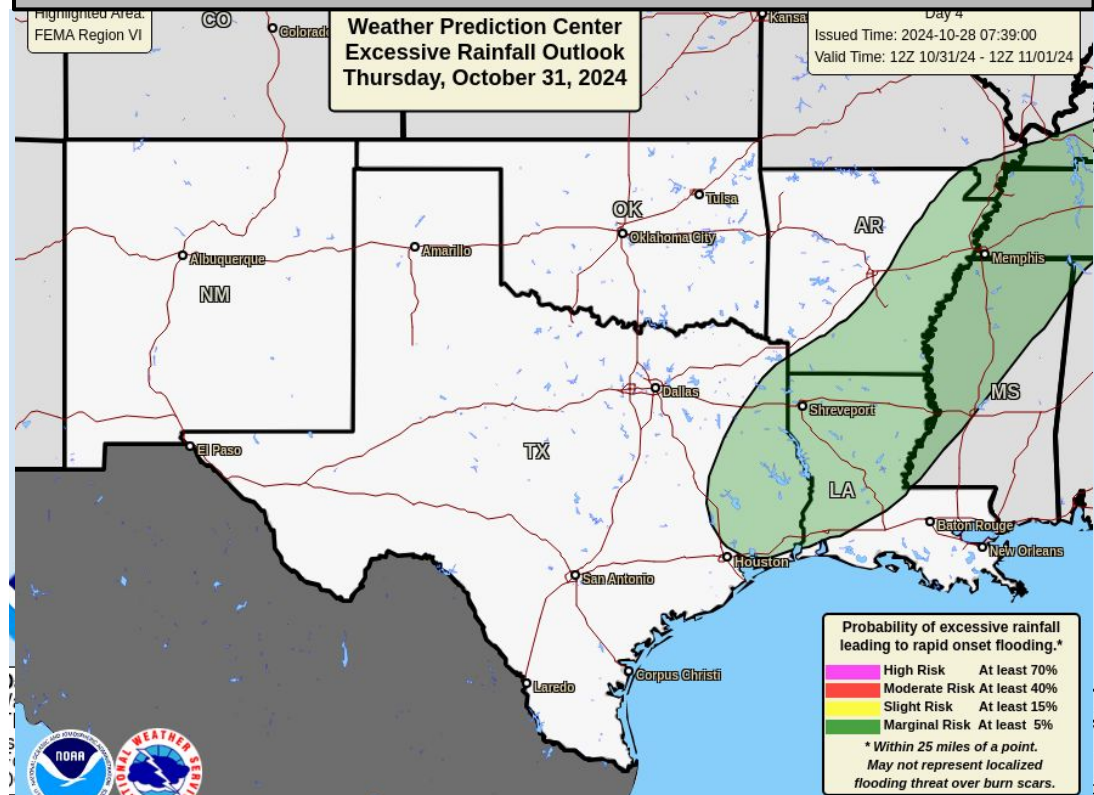


Marginal risk for heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding across AR, LA, ETX.

Severe Weather Outlook



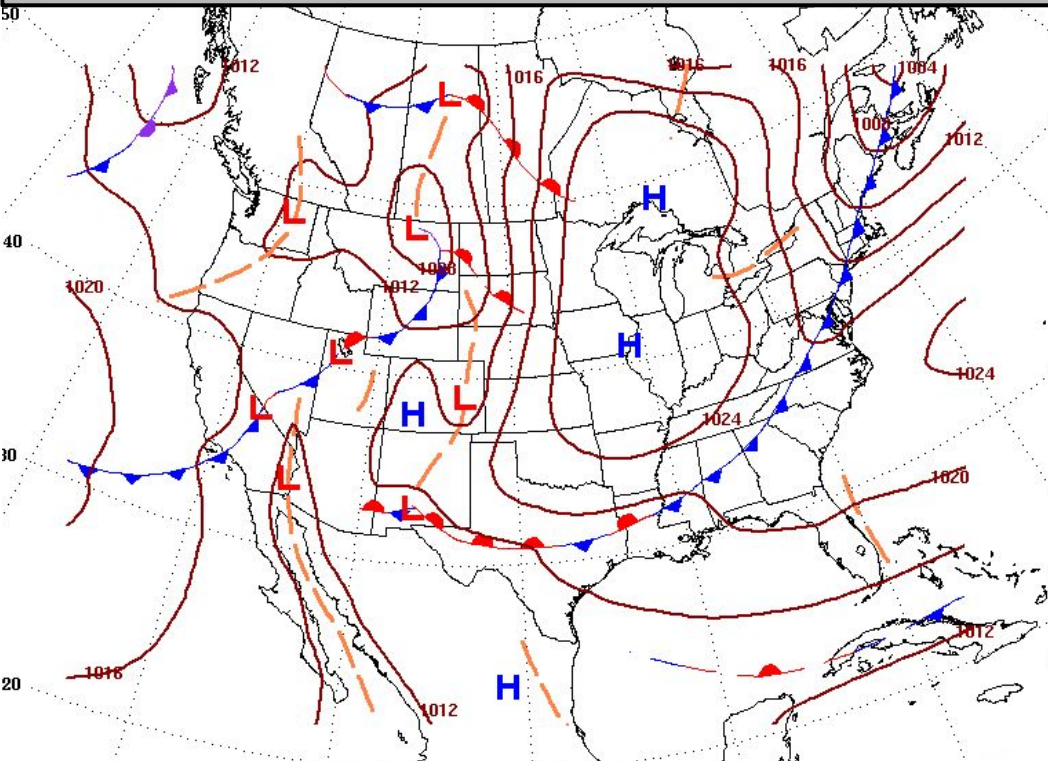
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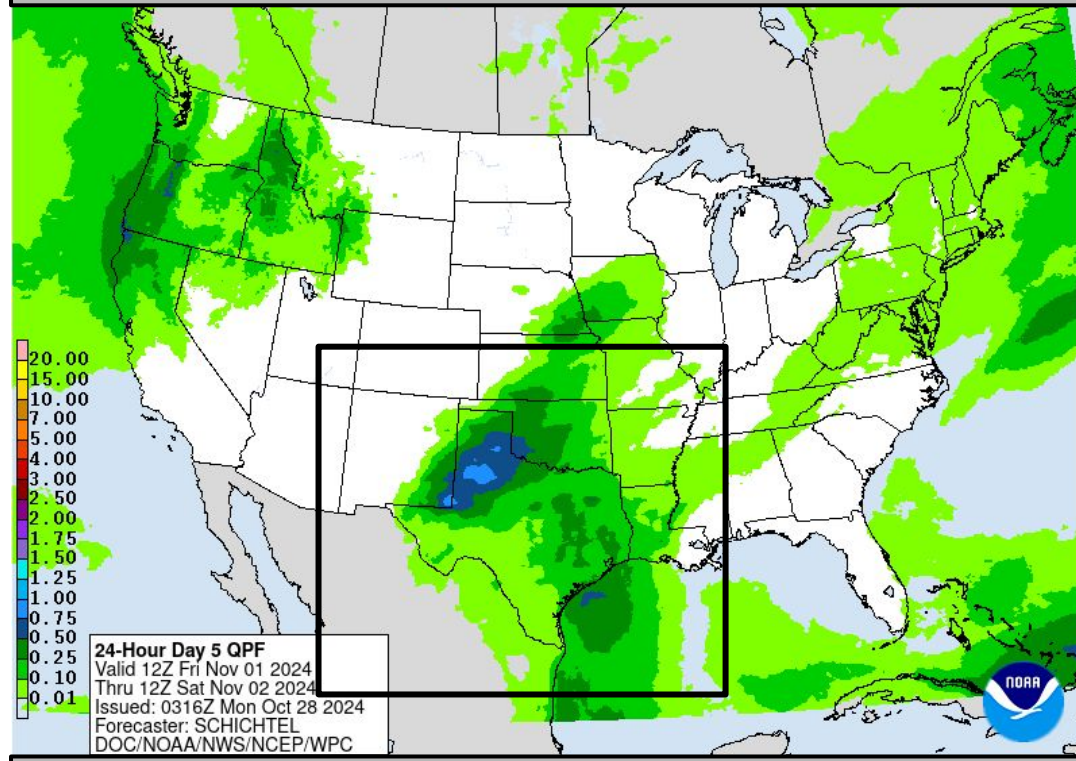


Friday's Weather

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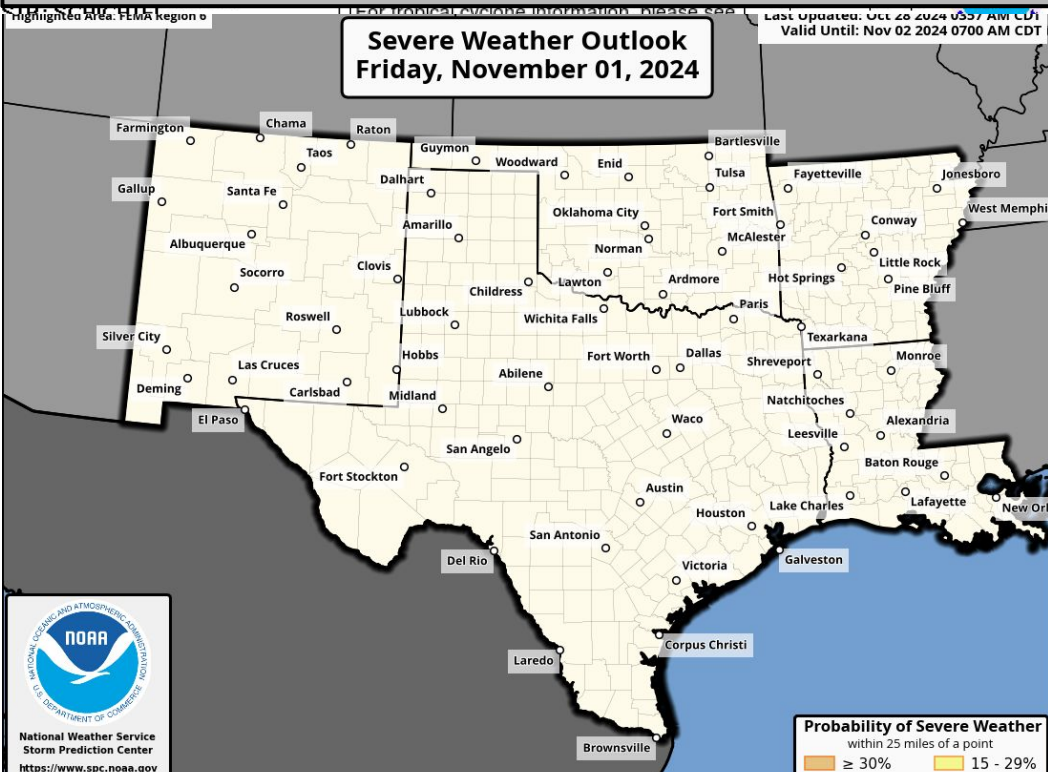


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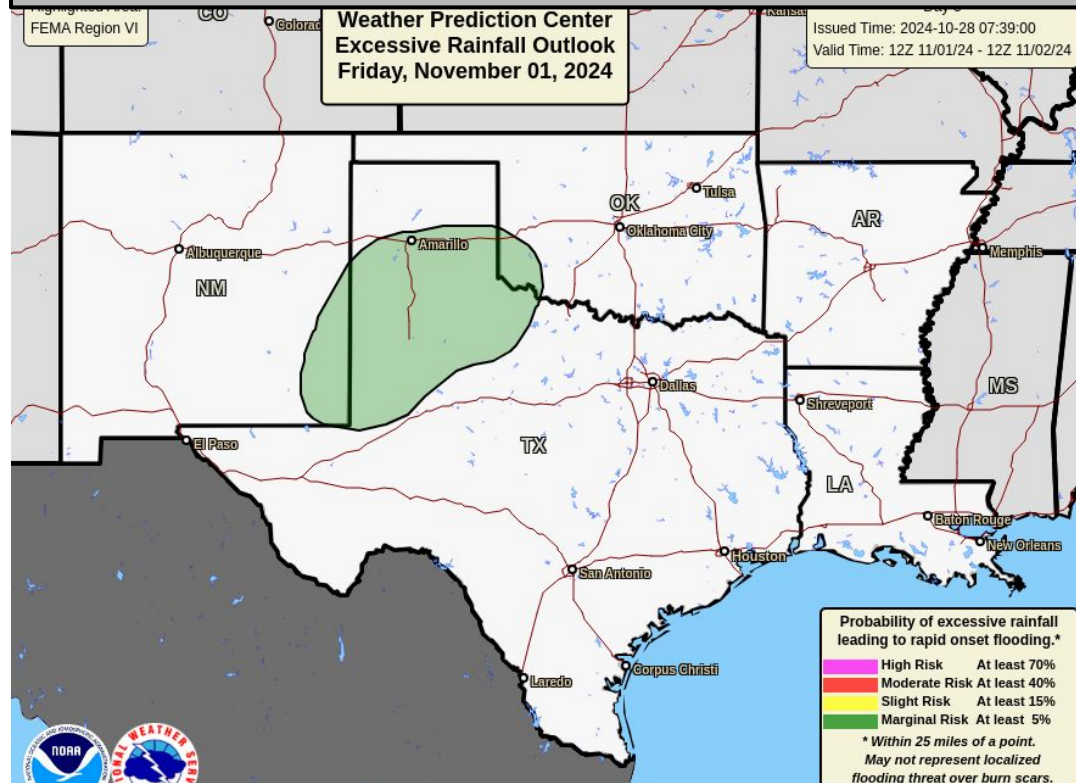


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

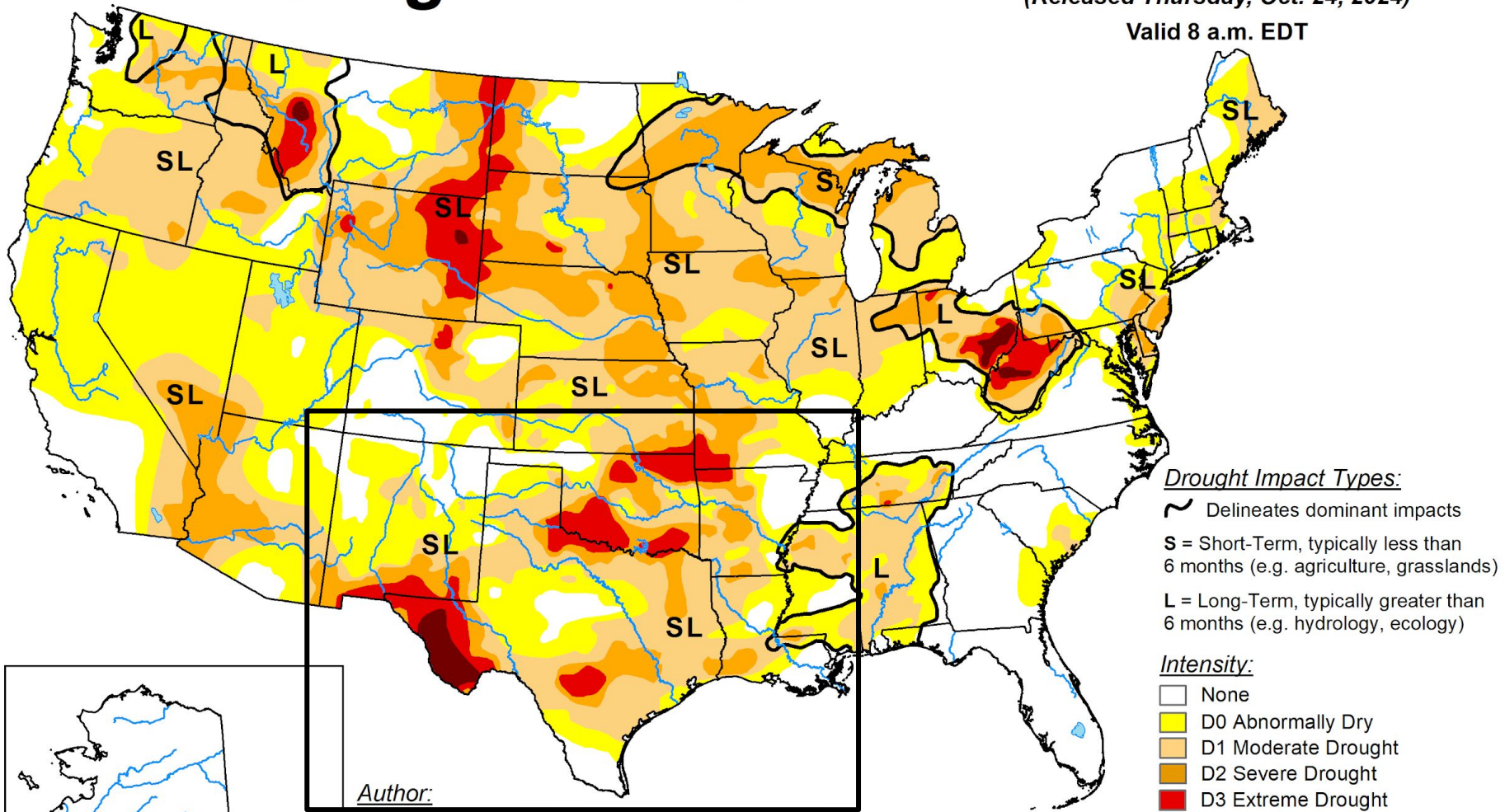




Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor

October 22, 2024
(Released Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Impact Types:
~ Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

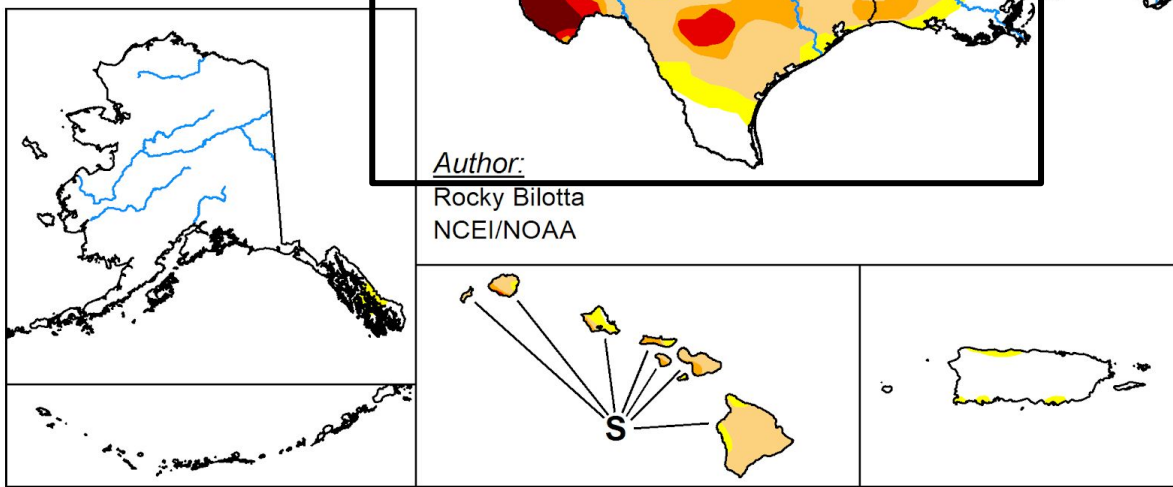
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

Author:
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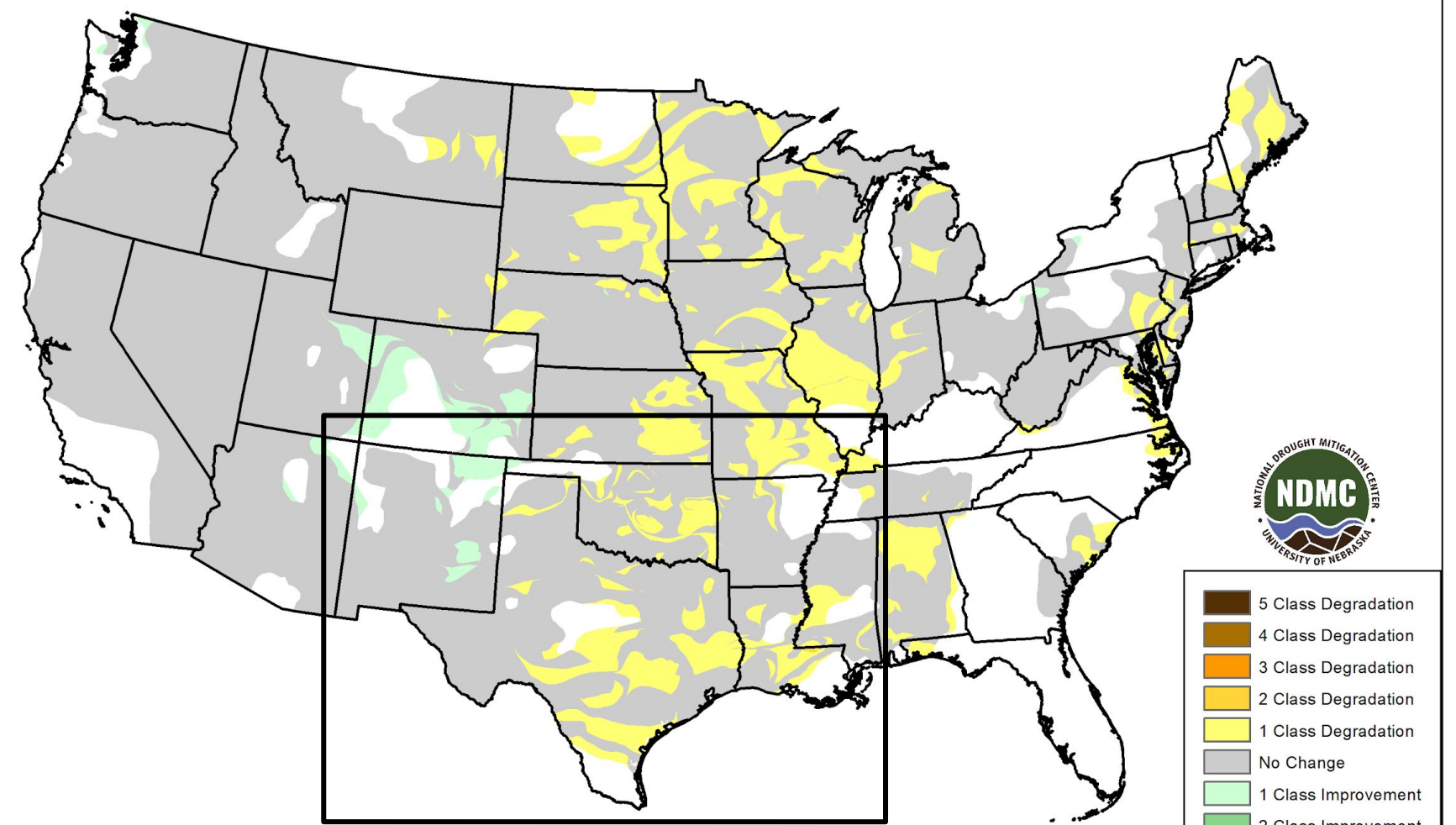
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



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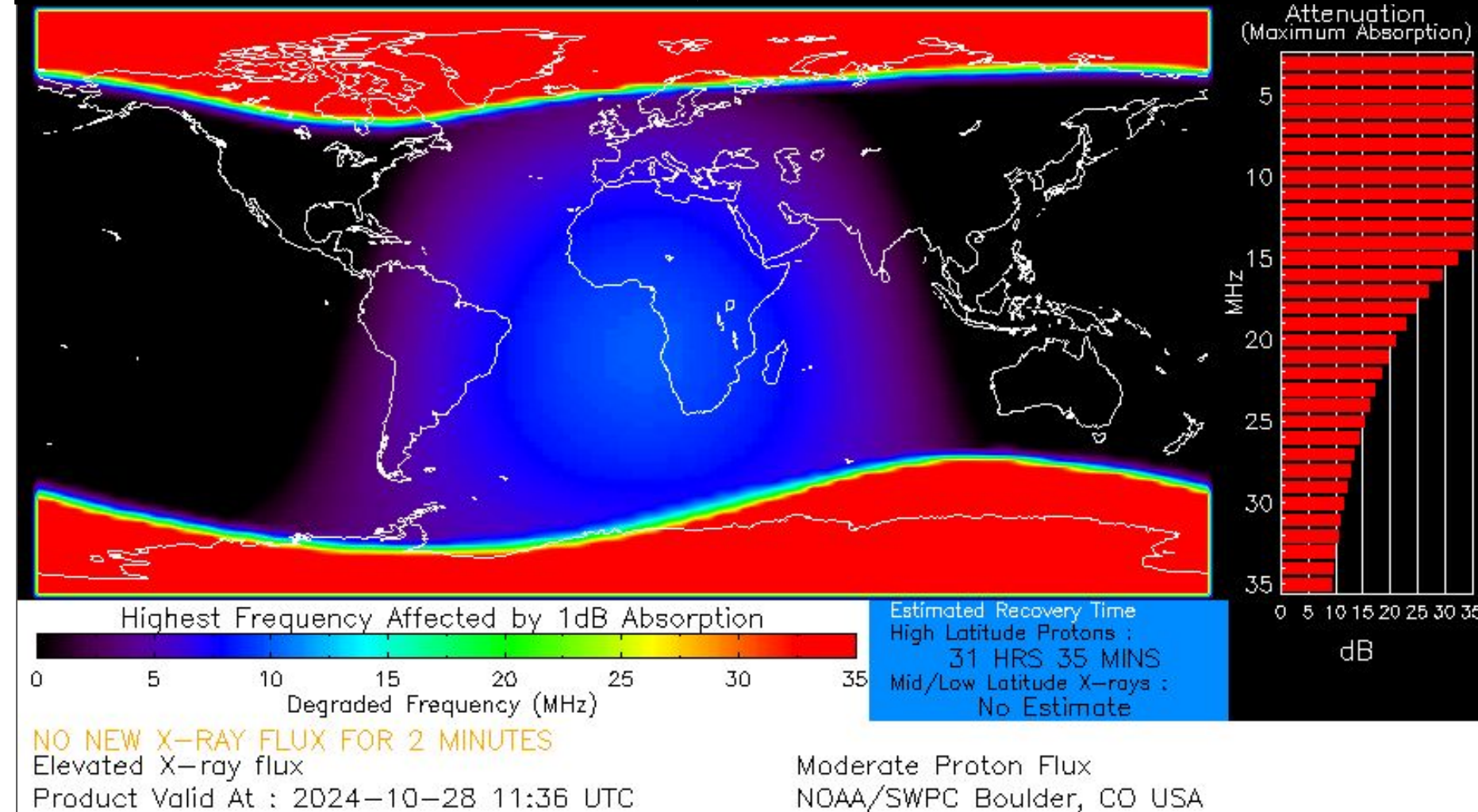


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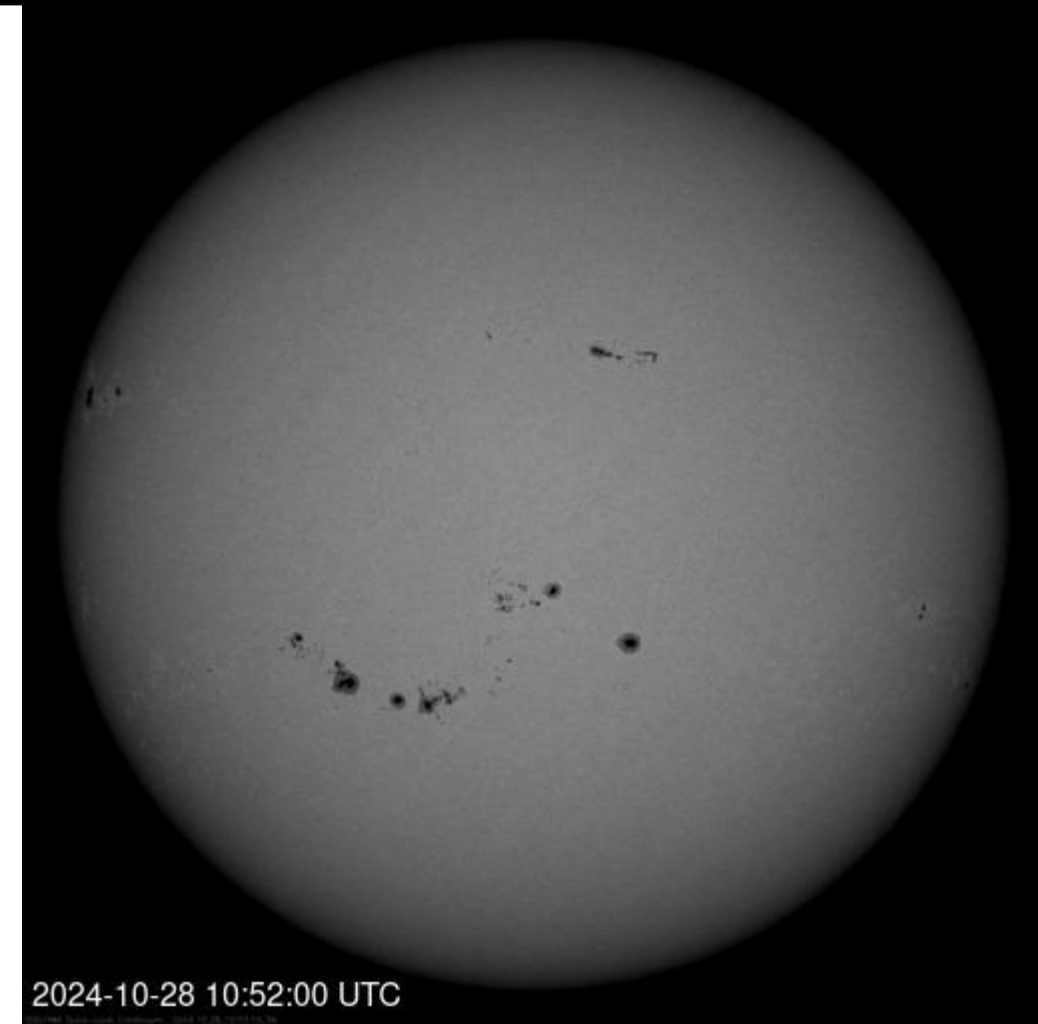
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Oct 28	Tuesday, Oct 29	Wednesday, Oct 30
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	50%	50%	50%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	75%	75%	75%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	30%	30%	30%



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

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



Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</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	<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 seabreeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</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	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</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	<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	<p style="text-align: center;">Major</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>	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	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</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>	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

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



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