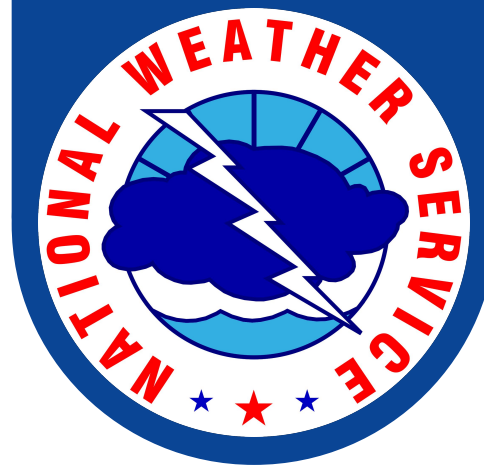




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Today and Saturday have the greatest risks for severe storms and flash flooding over SE OK, AR, Ctrl/ETX, LA. An isolated severe storm threat may occur across LA on Friday.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions could develop across S NM, W TX on Monday.**
- **Minor river flooding will continue in NE AR, ETX through the weekend.**



FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Thursday, Dec 26	Friday, Dec 27	Saturday, Dec 28	Sunday, Dec 29	Monday, Dec 30
Severe Storms	Ctrl/SE/NETX, LA, SAR	S LA	ETX, SAR, LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, AR, NW LA, E/SETX				
Fire Weather					S NM, WTX
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	NE AR, ETX	NE AR, ETX	NE AR, ETX	NE AR, ETX	NE AR, ETX

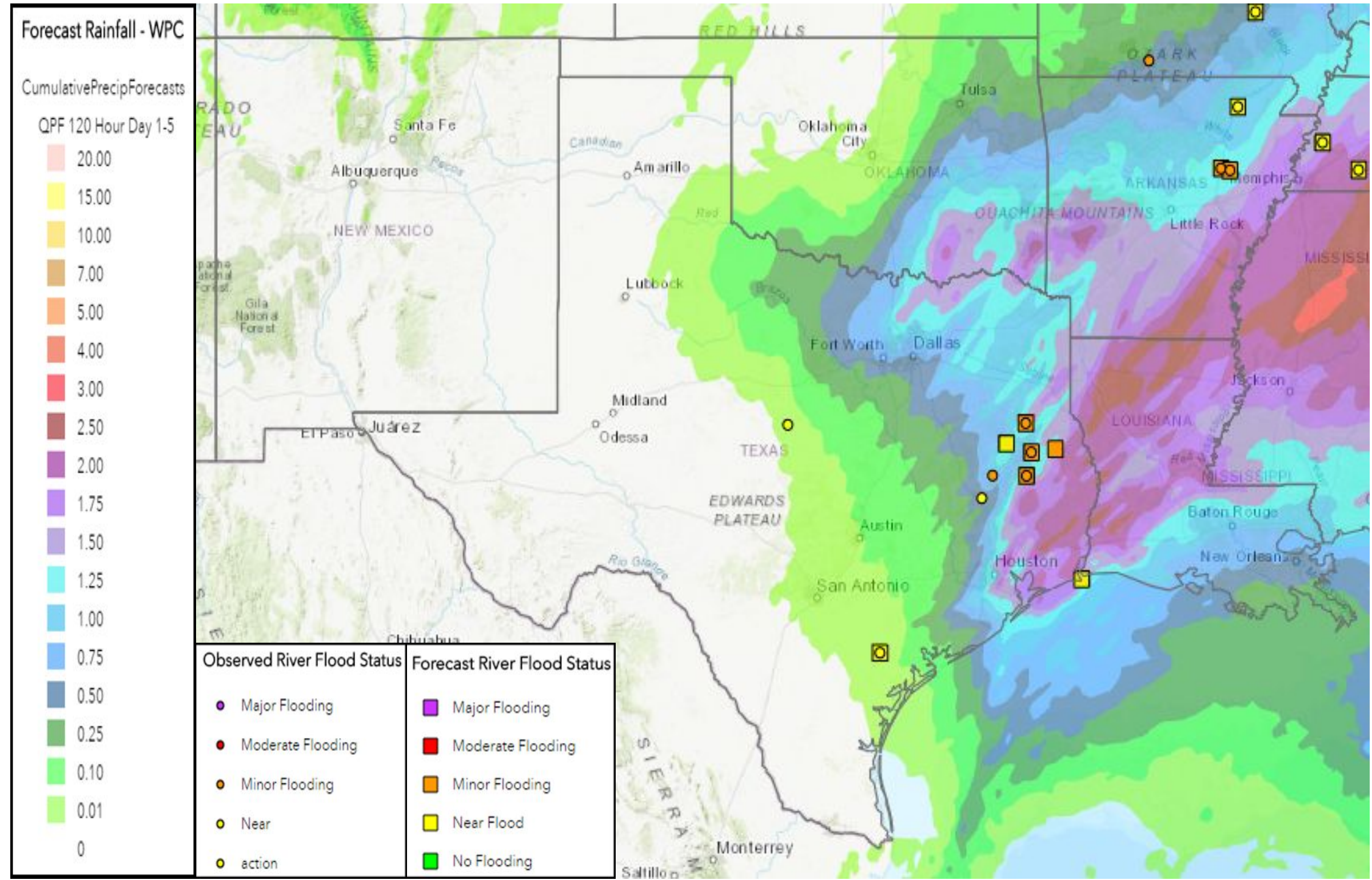
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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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



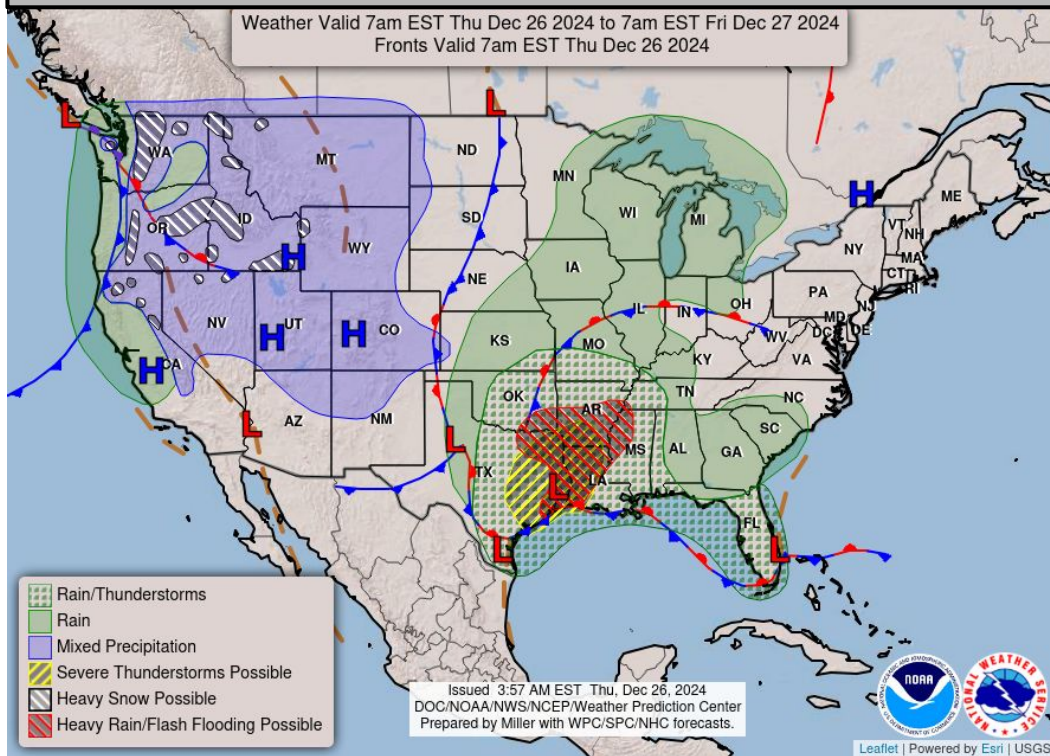
Minor river flooding in NE AR, E TX with flooding of low-lying pastures and swampland as well as inundation of secondary roads.

Rainfall could produce additional minor flooding in NE TX, LA, AR by this weekend.

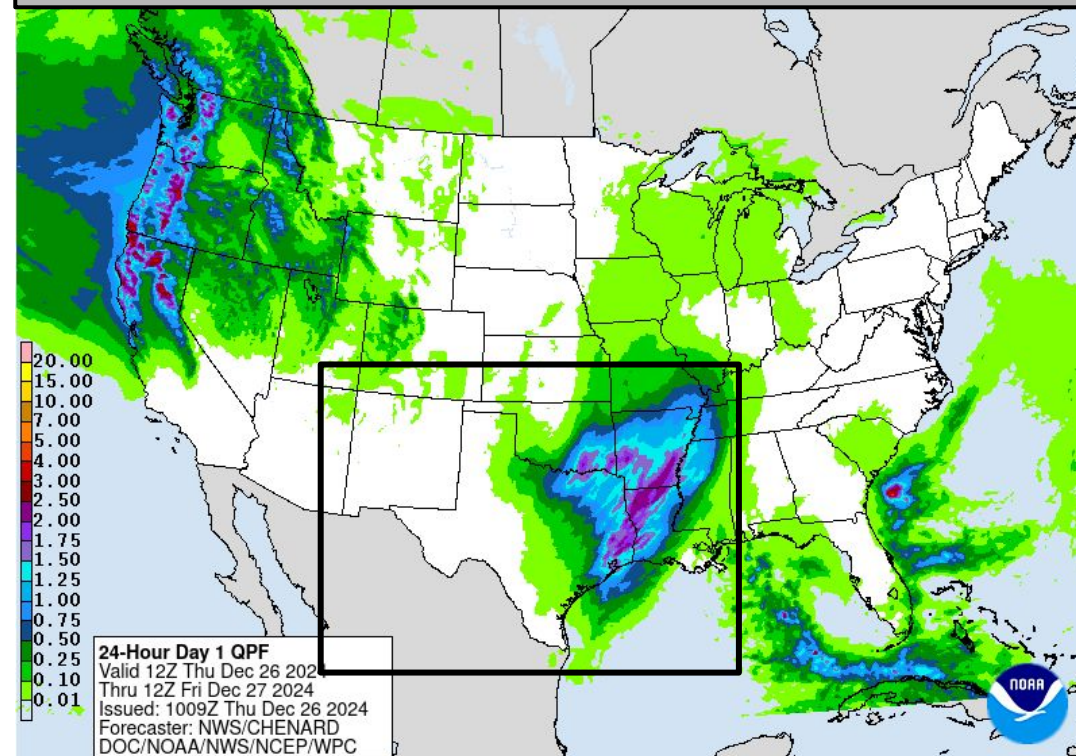


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



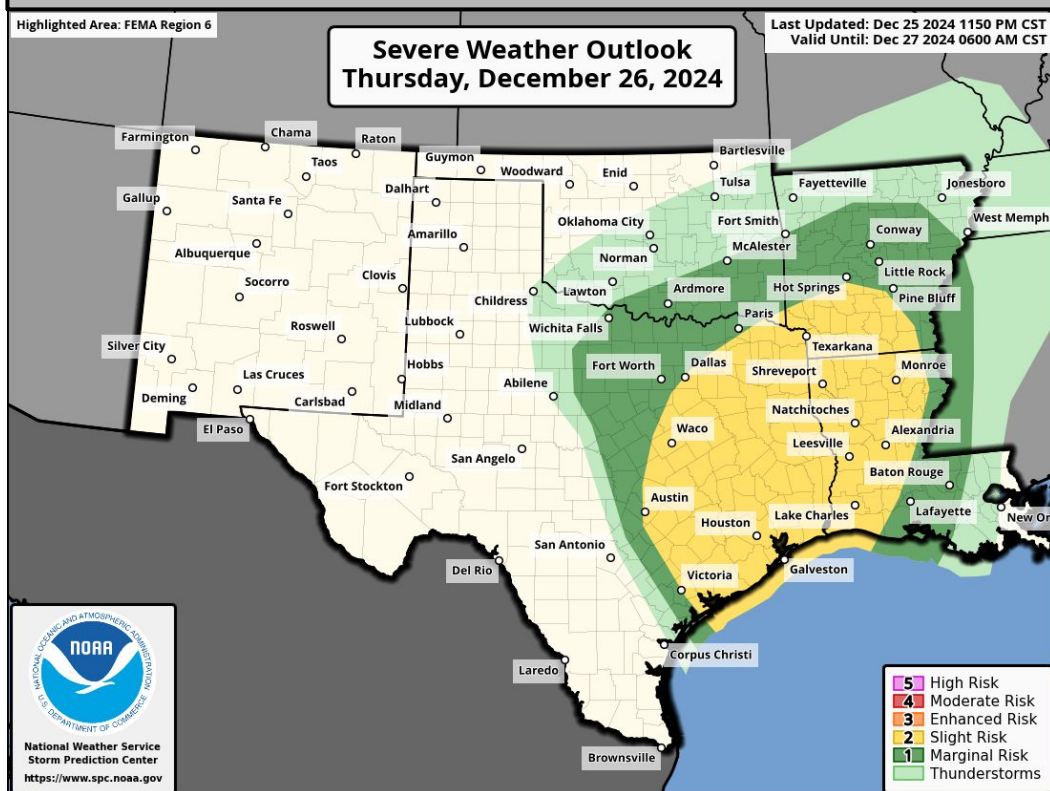
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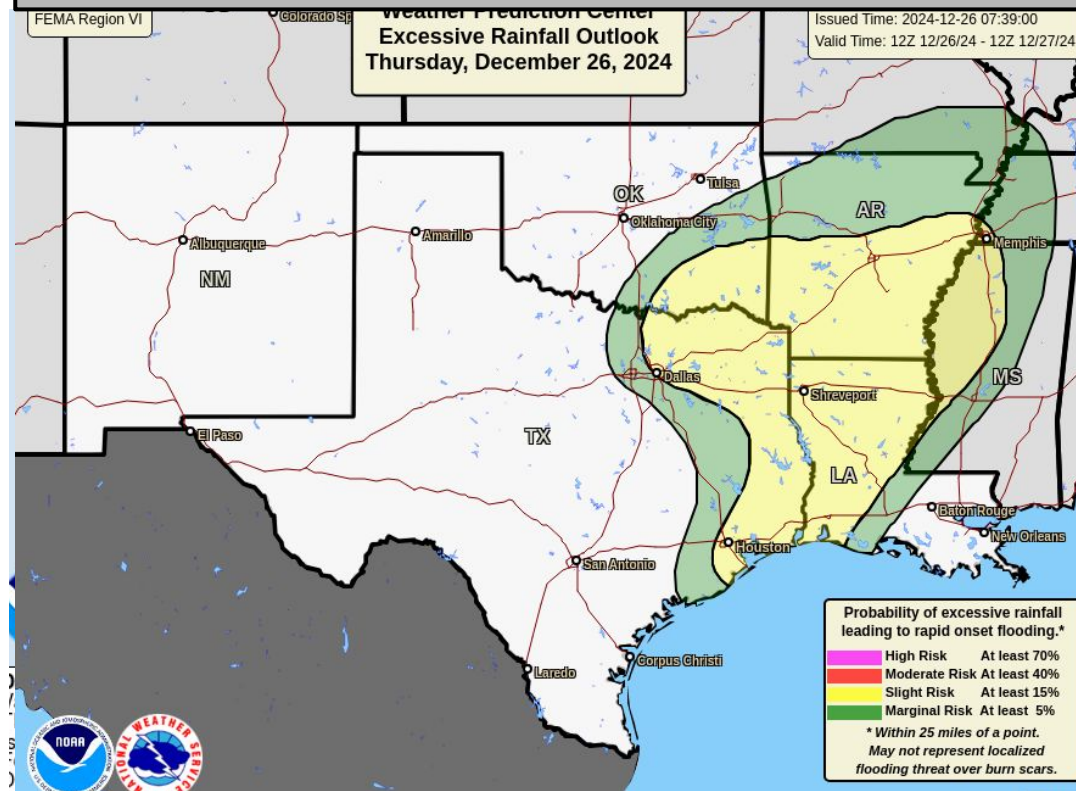
Slight risk for severe storms (level 2 out of 5) over Ctrl/SE/NE TX, LA, S AR; threats include isolated tornadoes, damaging winds, large hail

Slight risk of excessive rainfall (level 2 out of 4) over SE OK, AR, NW LA and E/SE TX

Severe Weather Outlook

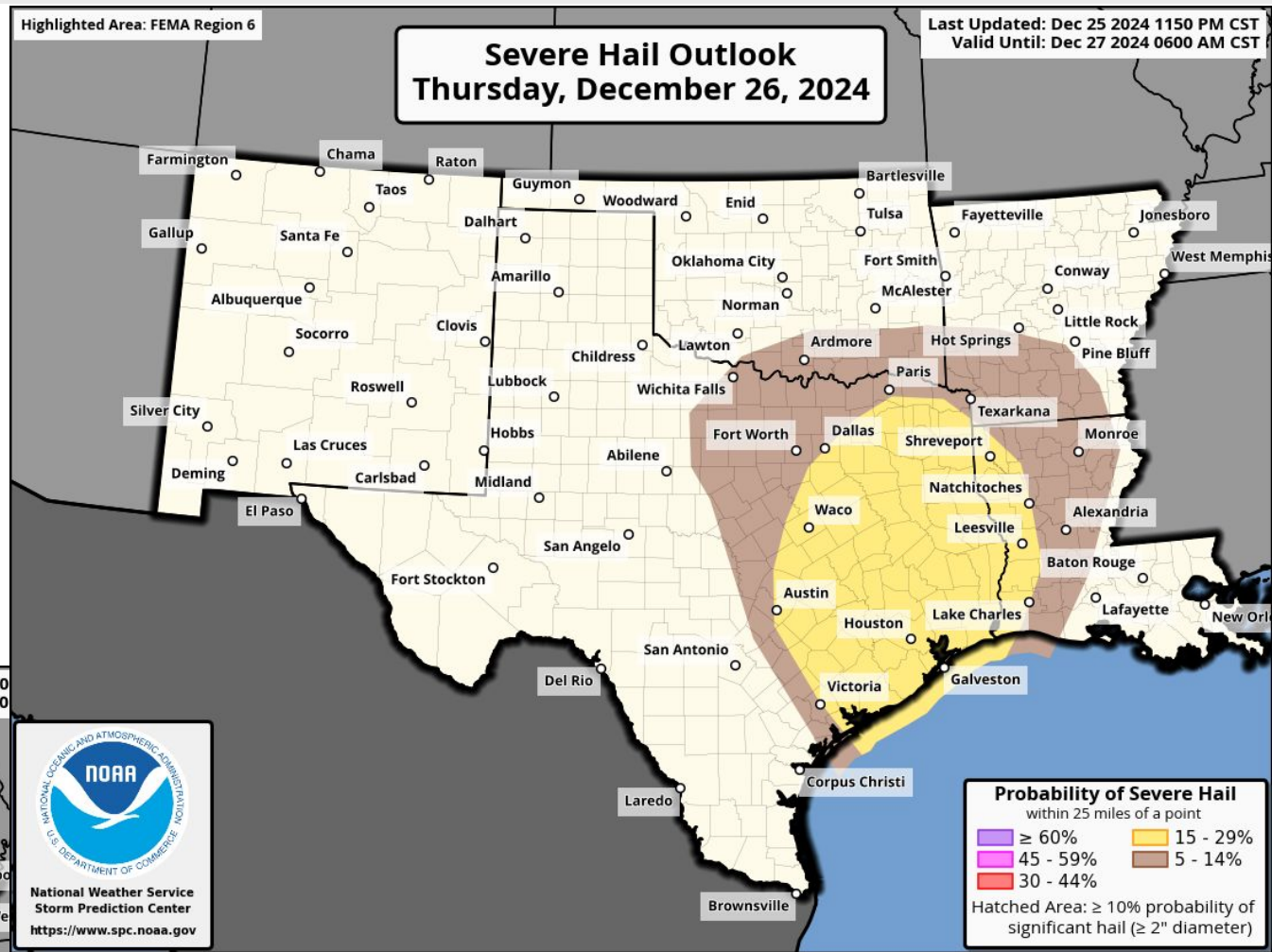
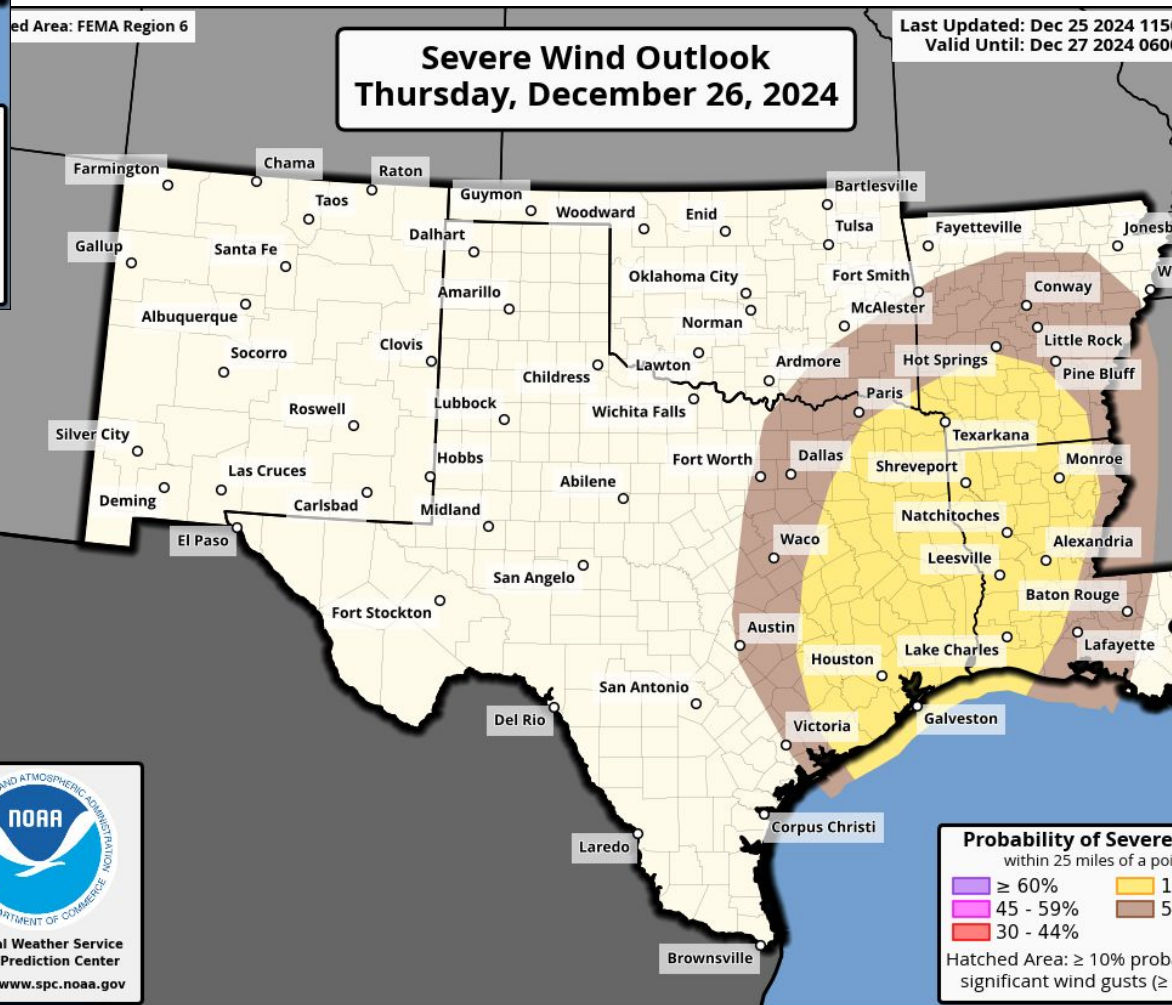
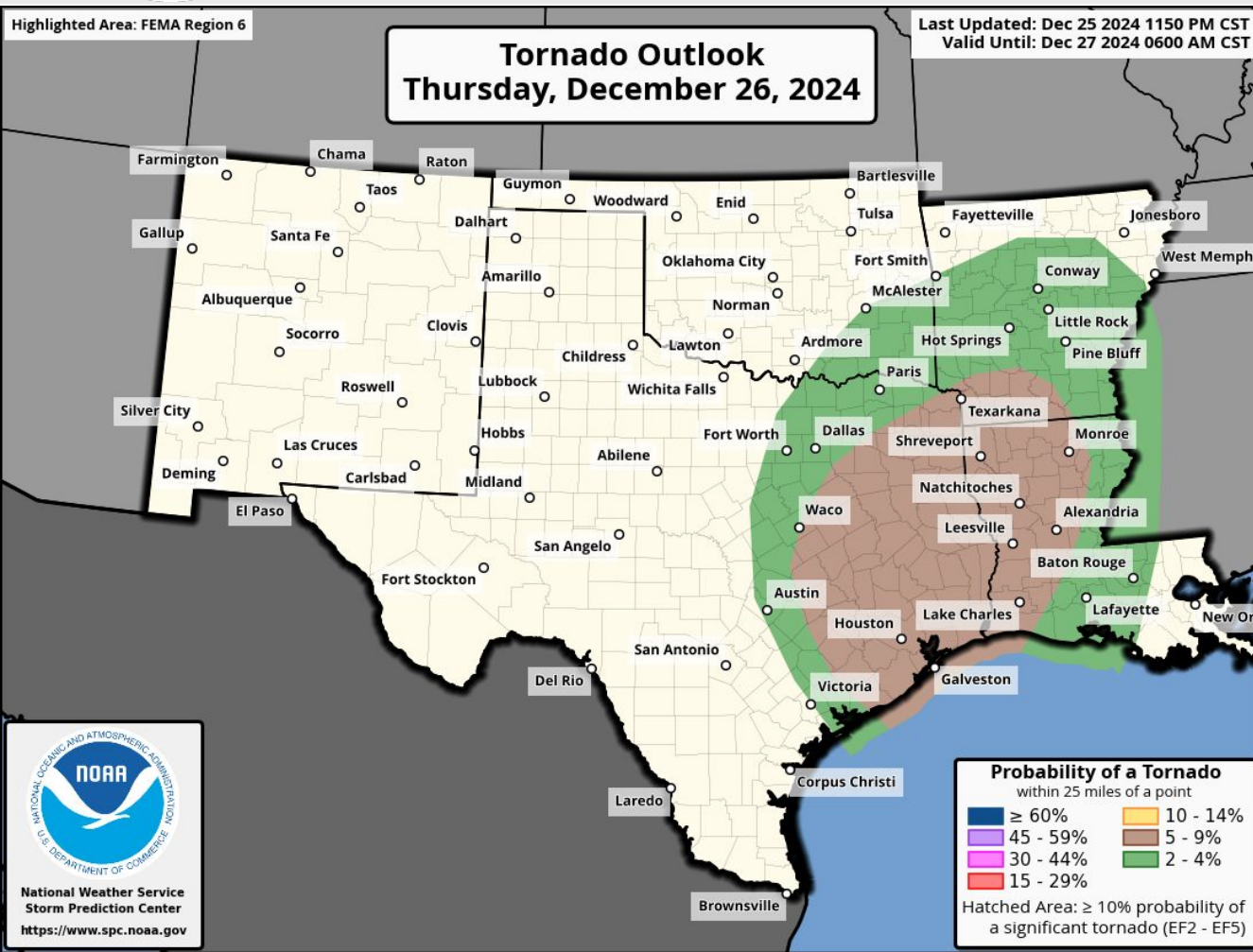


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



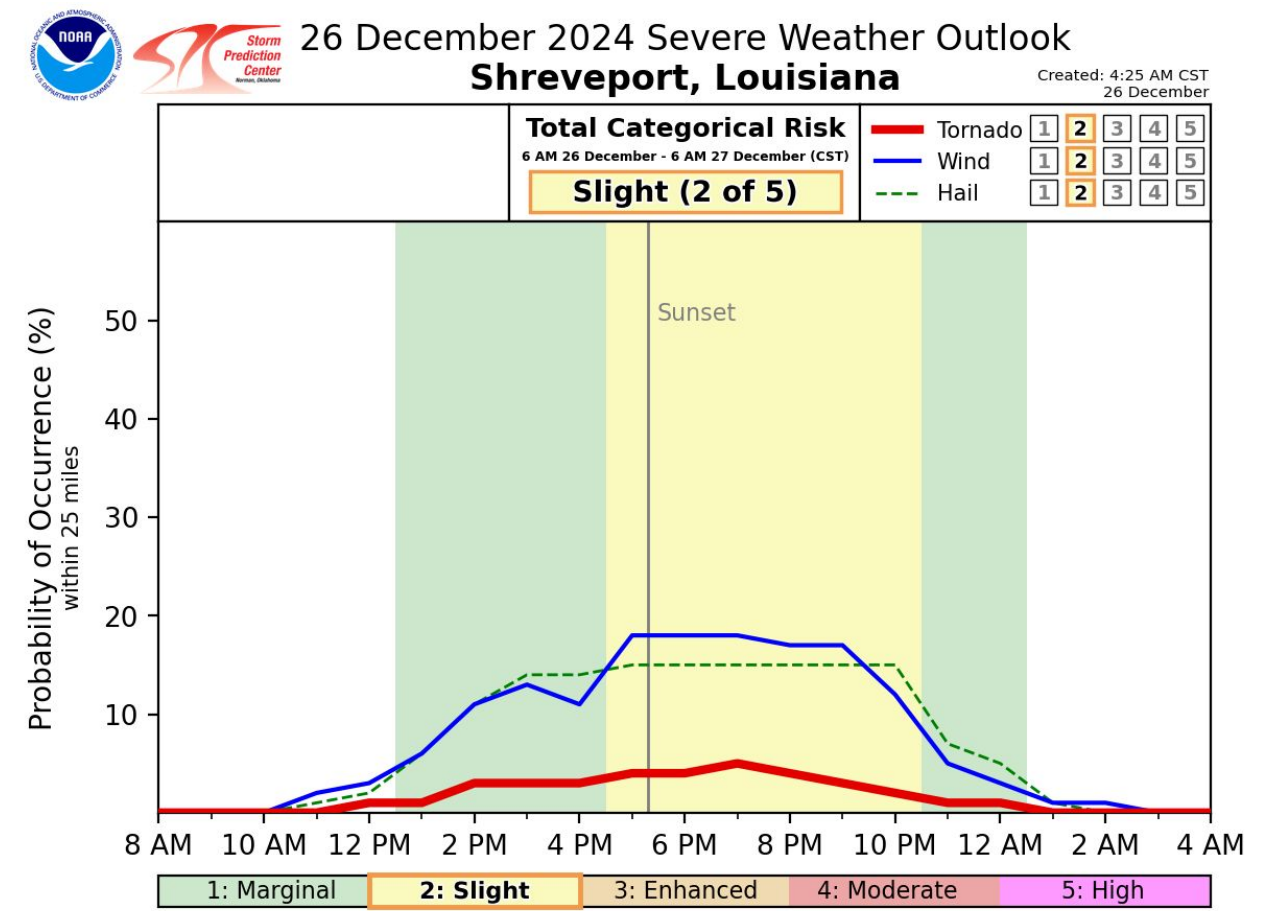
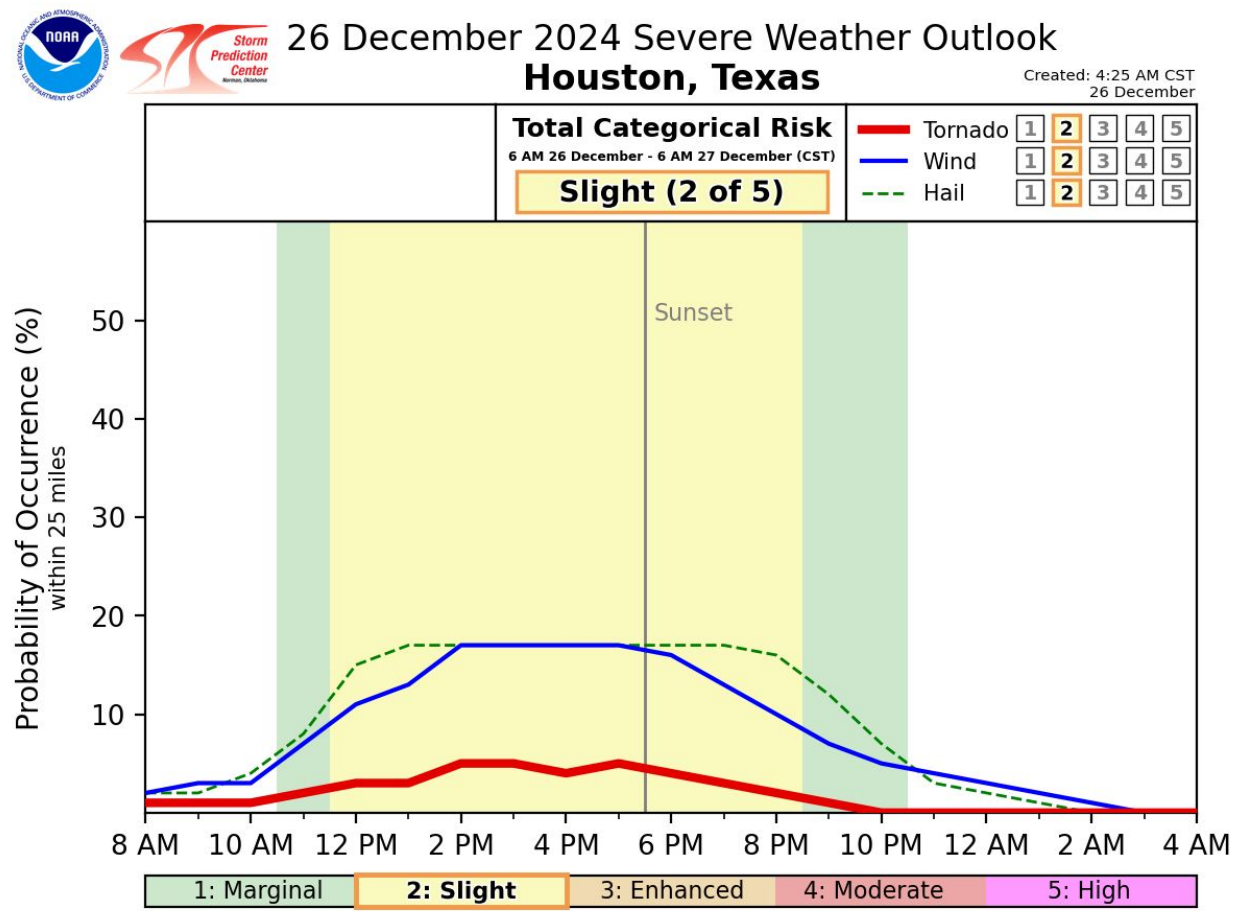
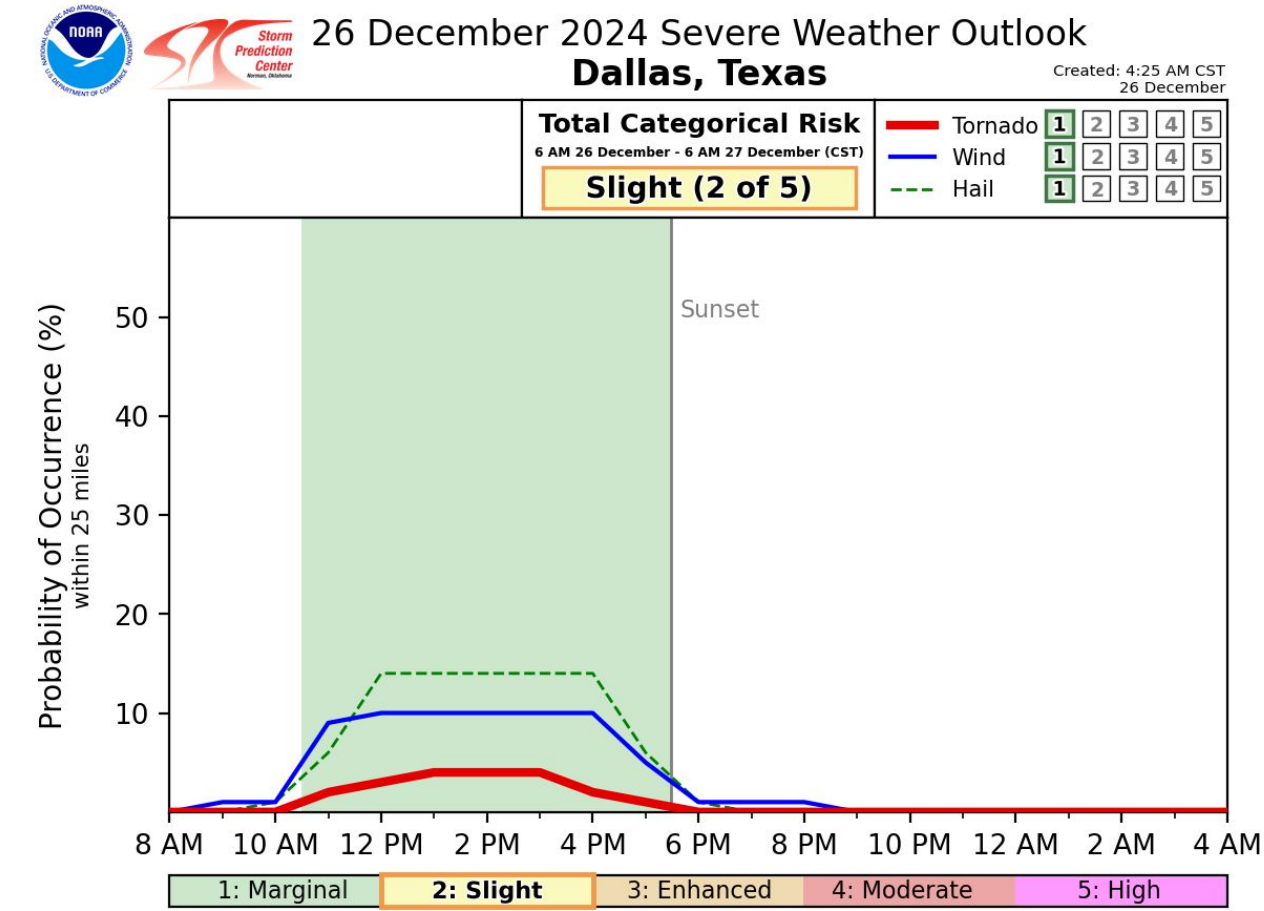


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





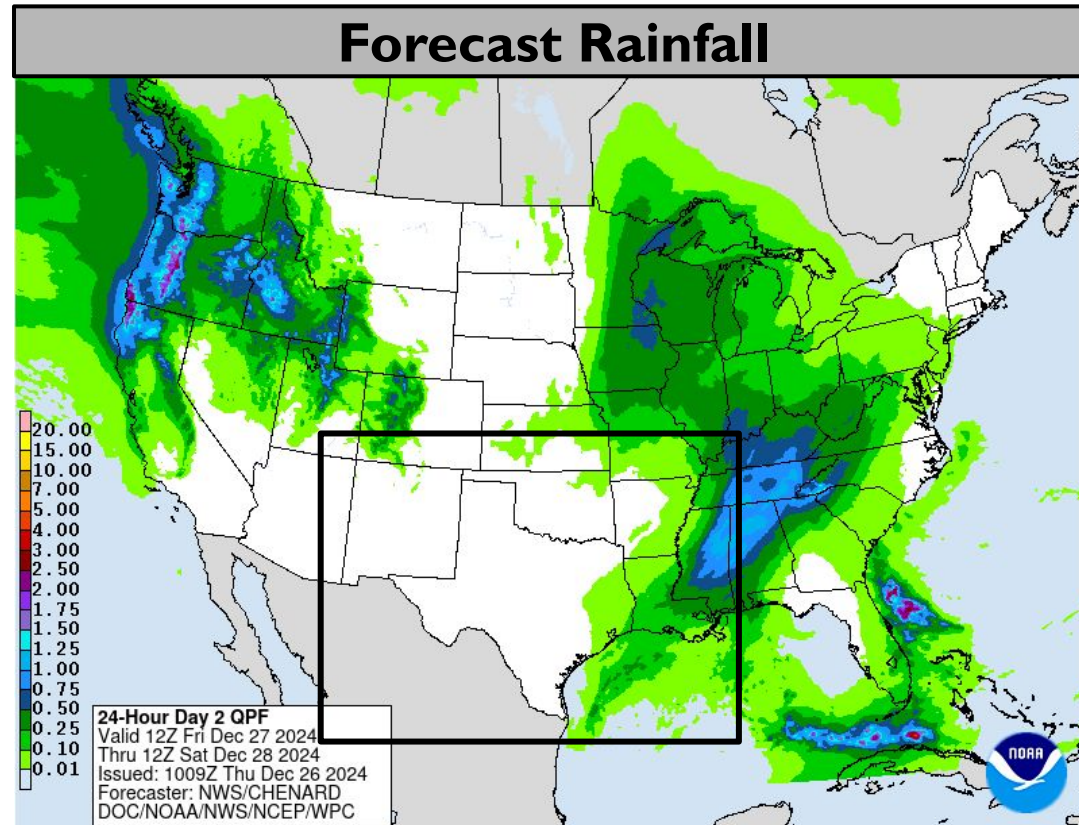
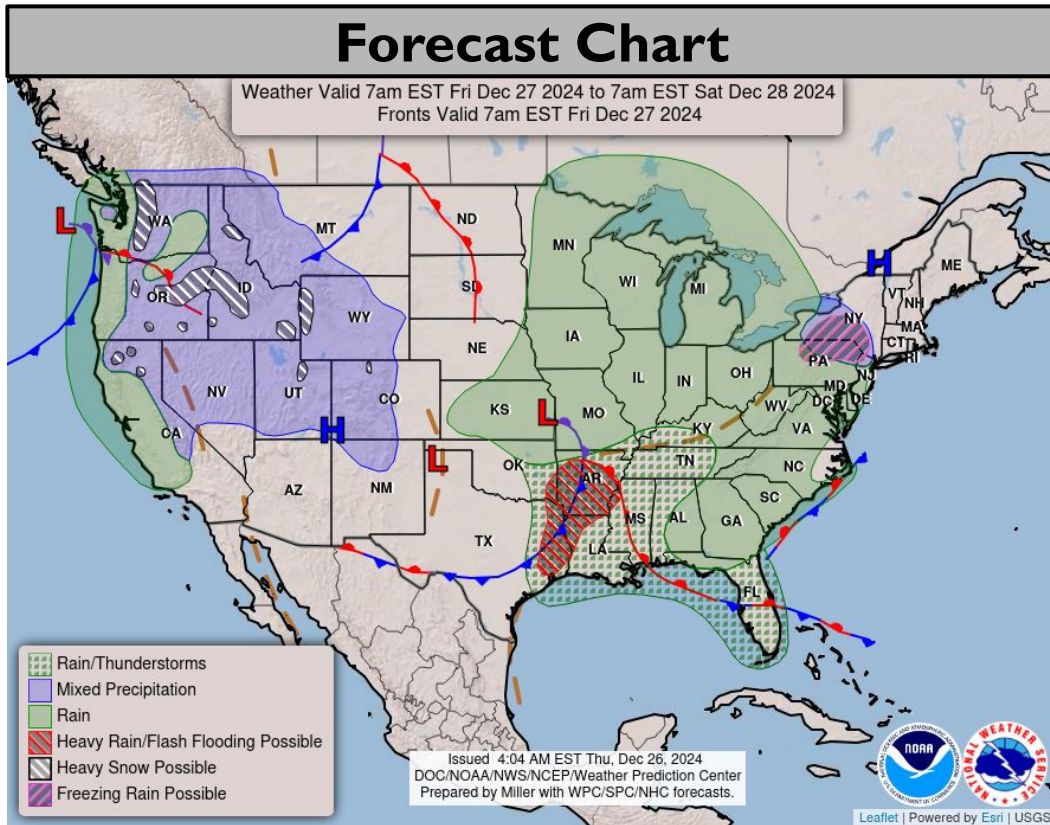
Today's Severe Thunderstorm Timing



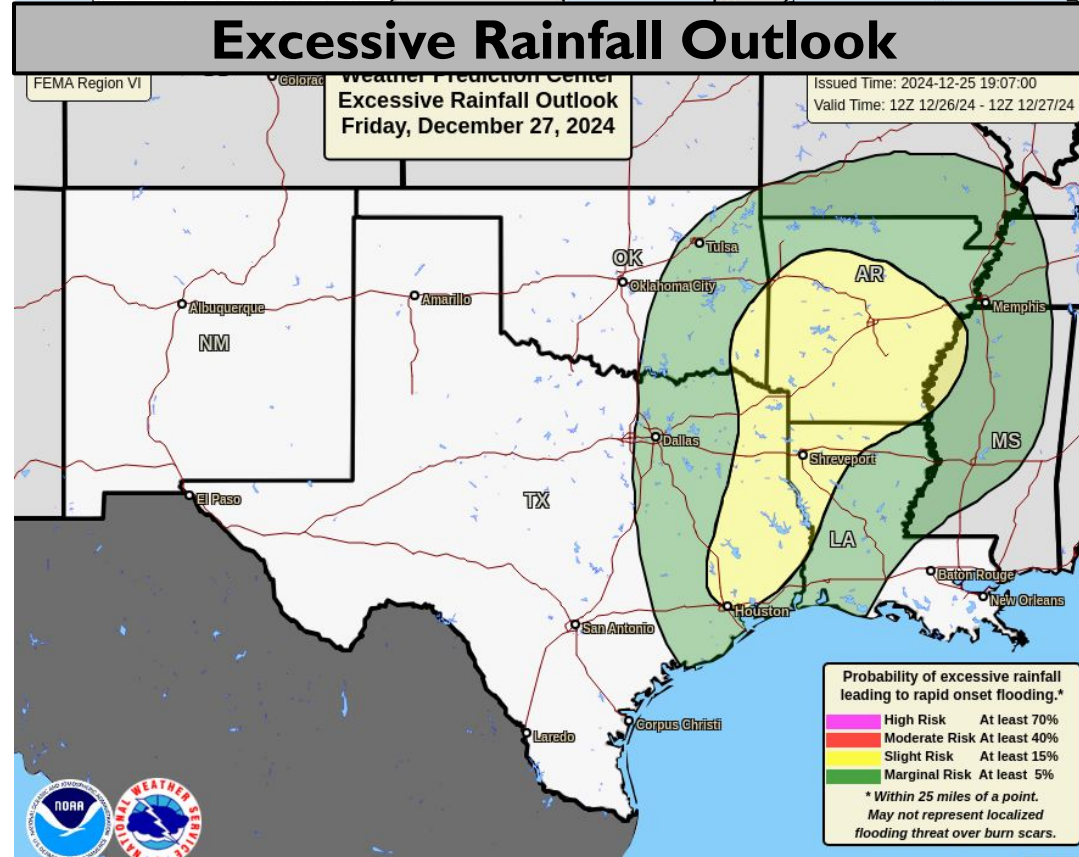
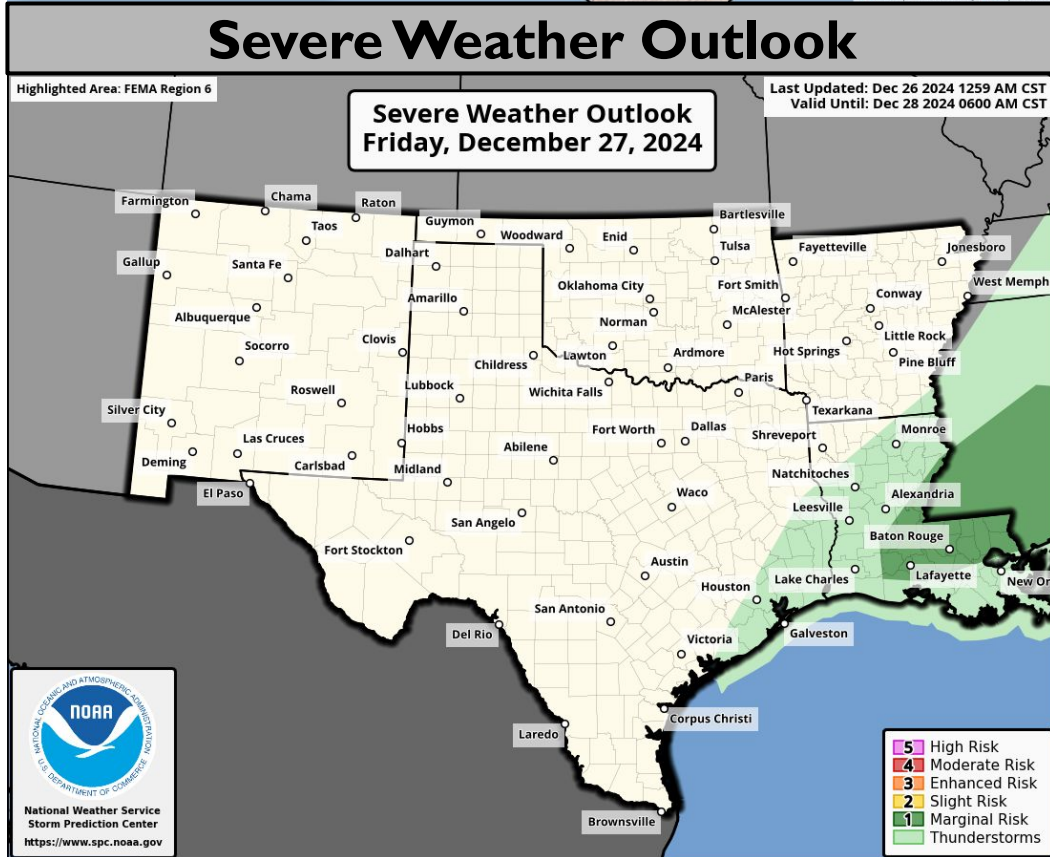
Chances are highest for severe thunderstorm hazards between 12 PM and 10 PM CT today for FEMA Region 6.



Tomorrow's Weather

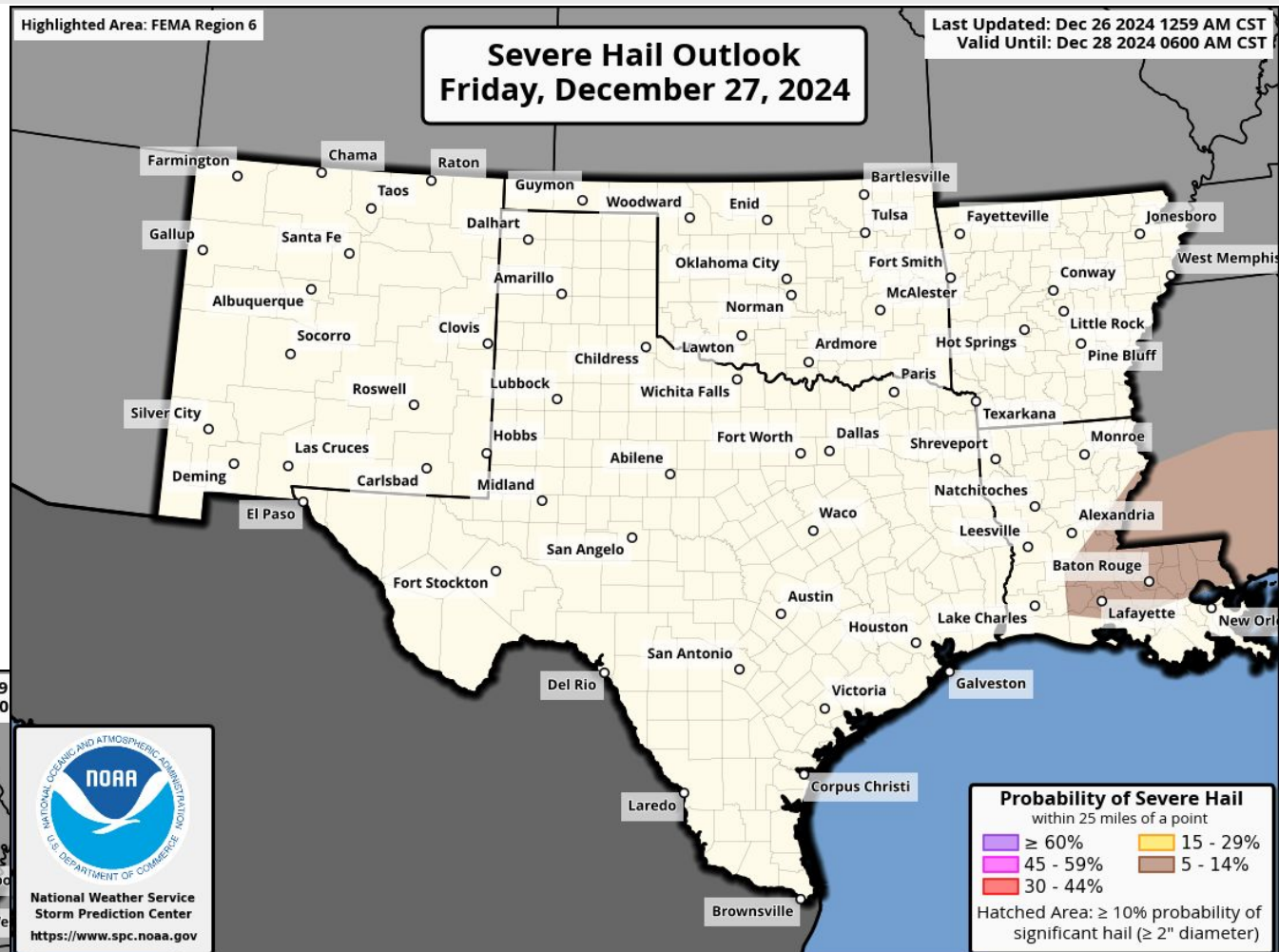
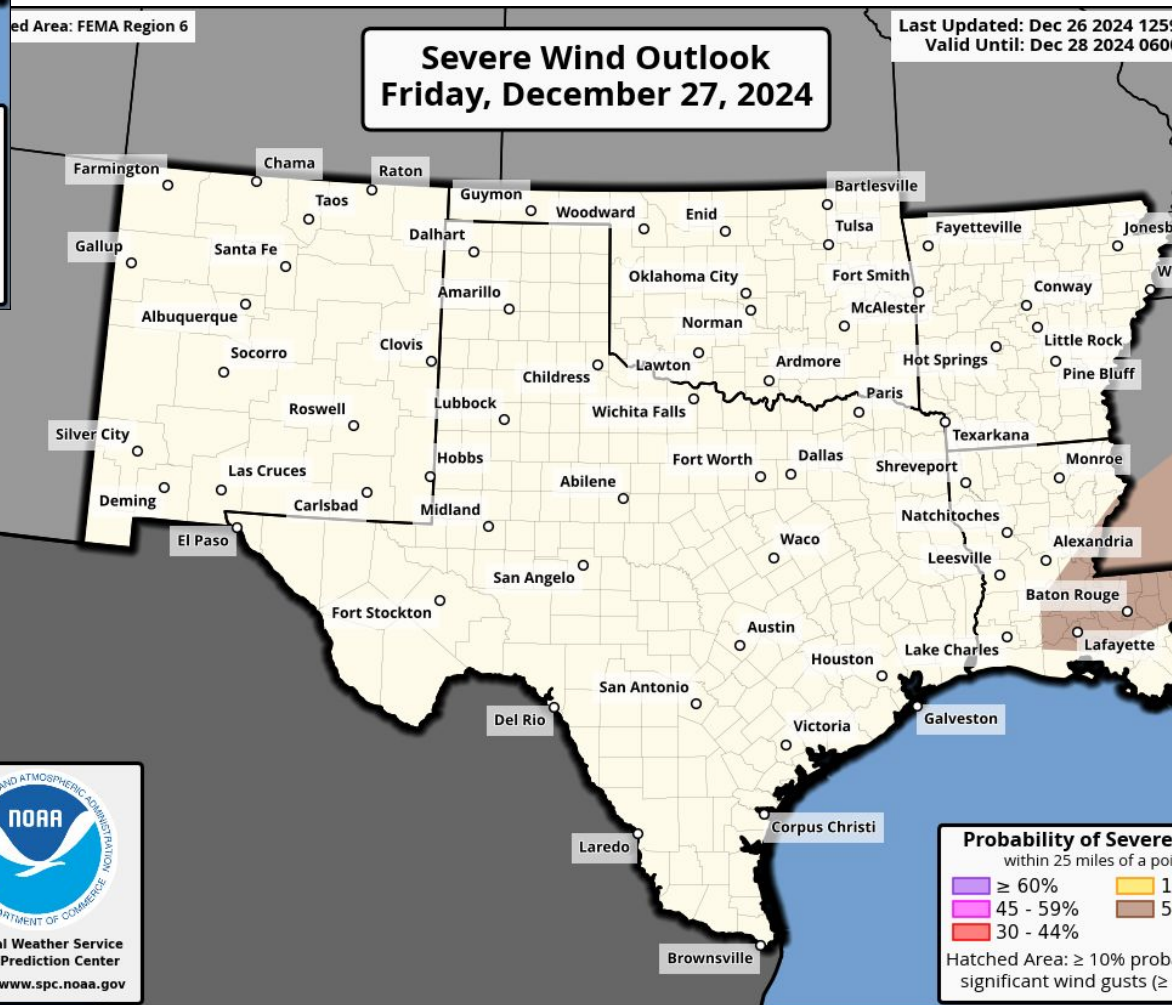
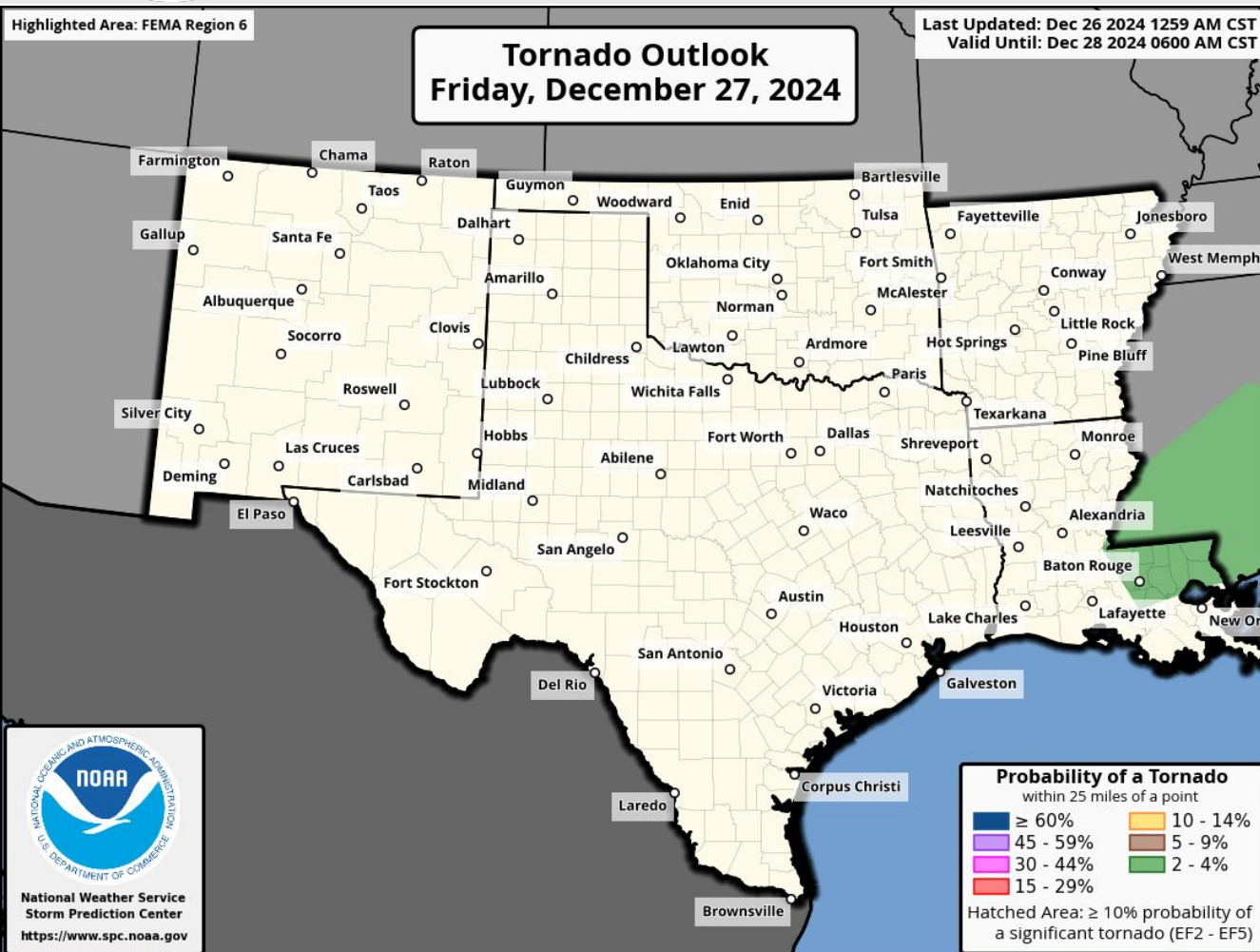


**Marginal risk of severe storms
(level 1 of 5) across S LA.**





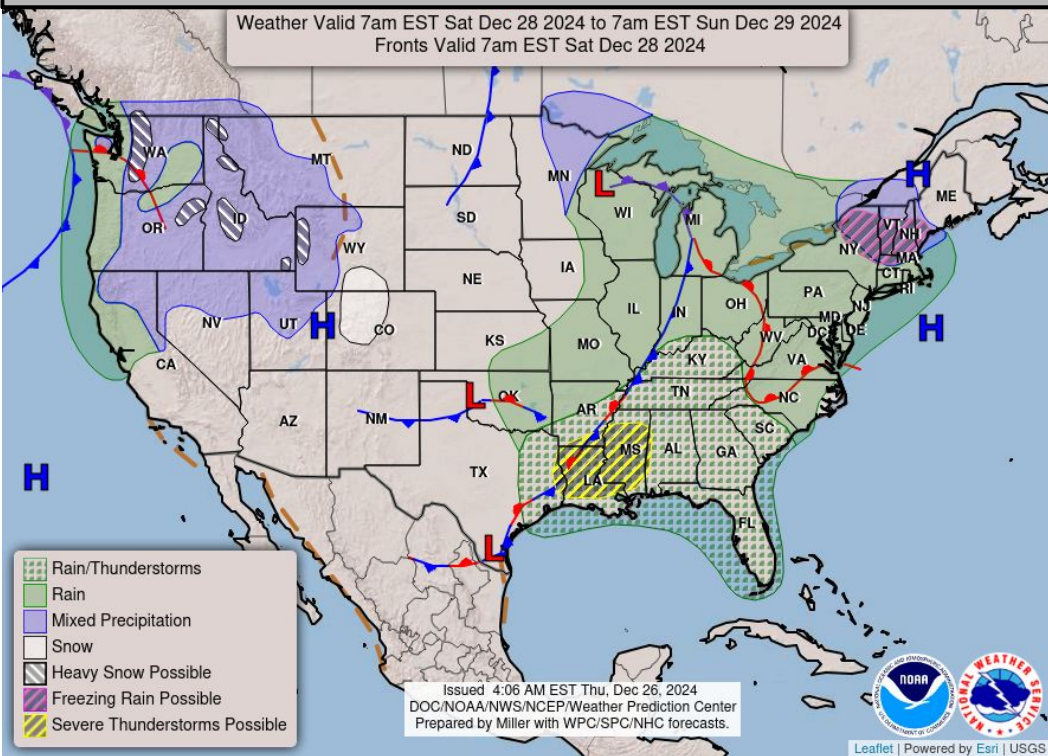
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



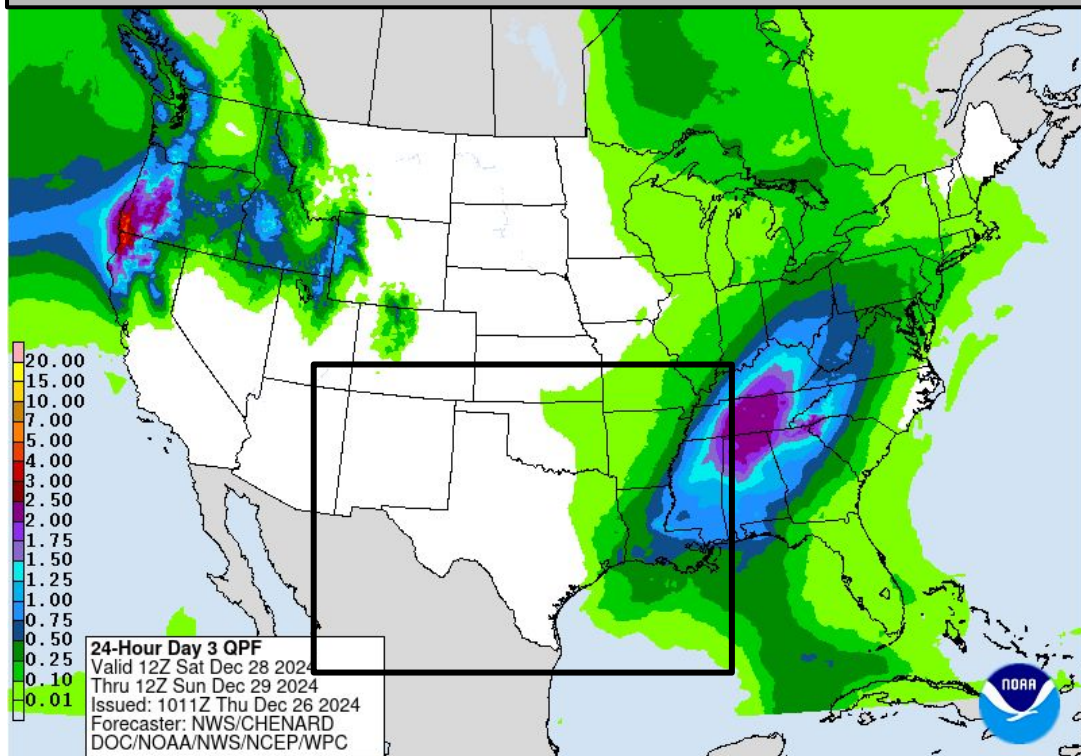


Saturday's Weather

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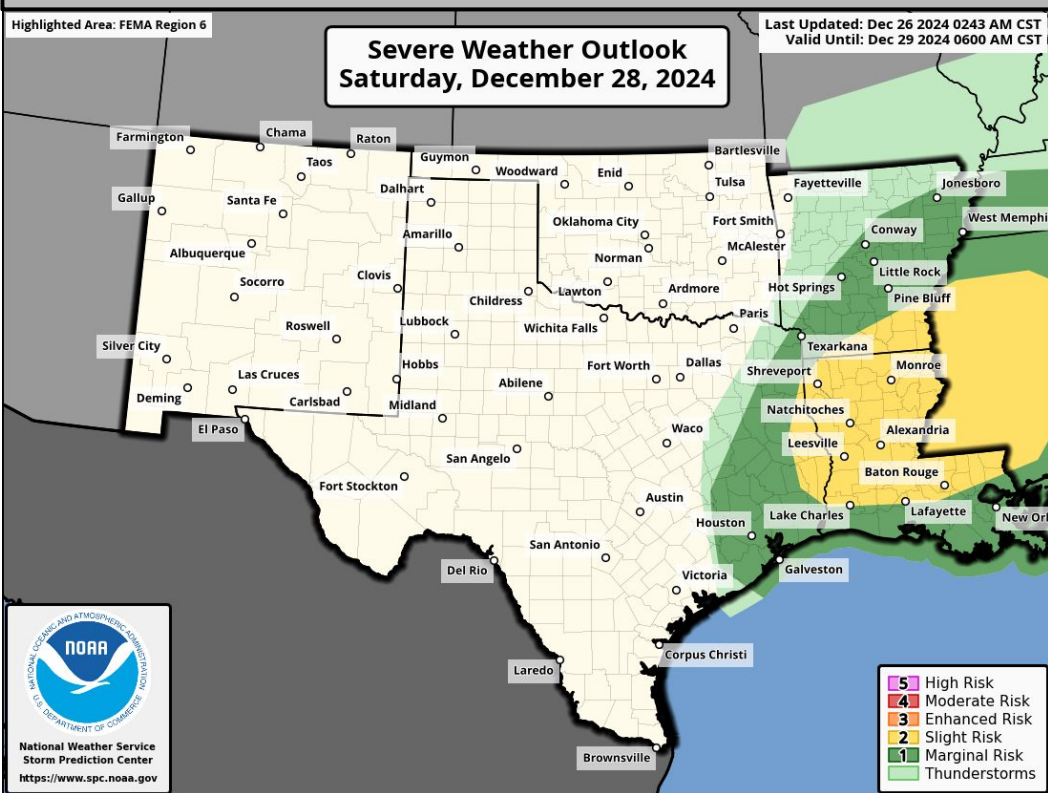


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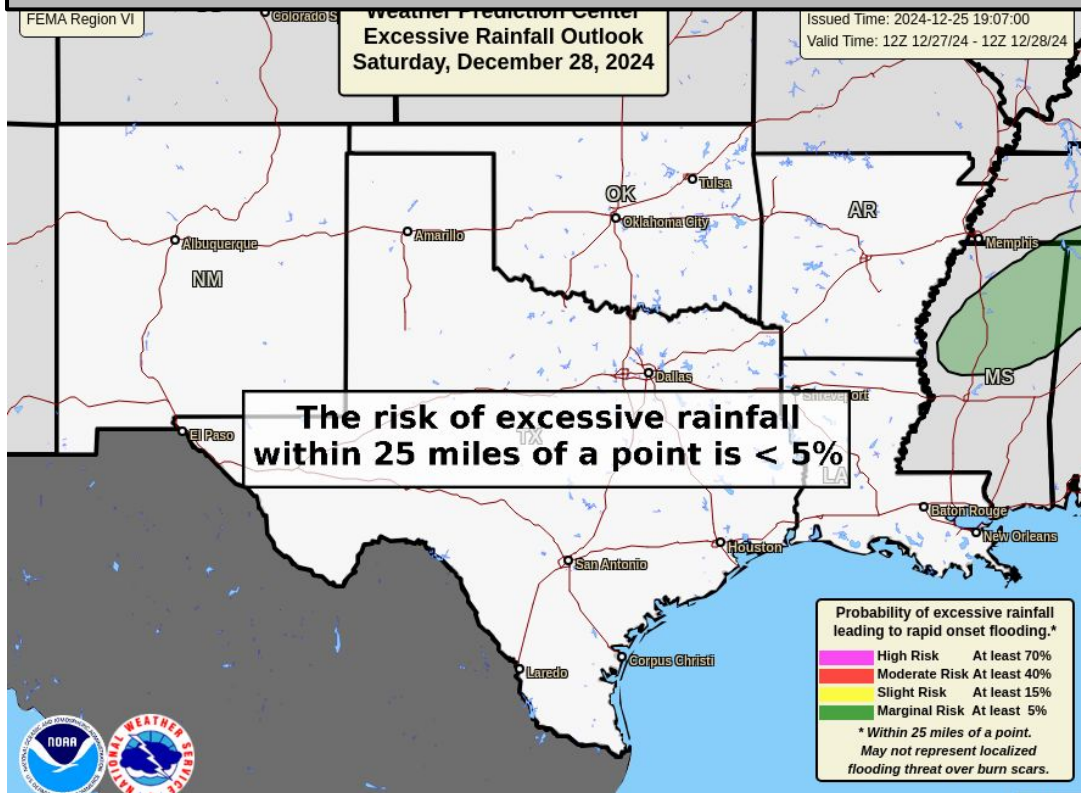


Slight risk for severe storms (level 2 of 5) across E TX, S AR, LA. Threats include large hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes.

Severe Weather Outlook



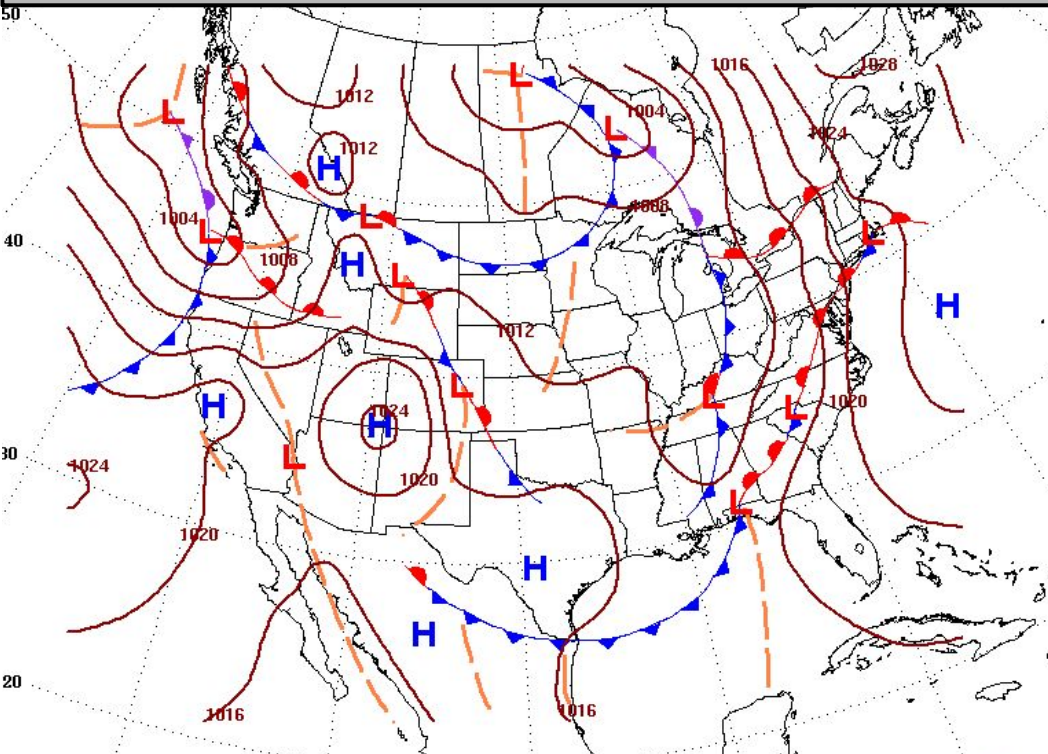
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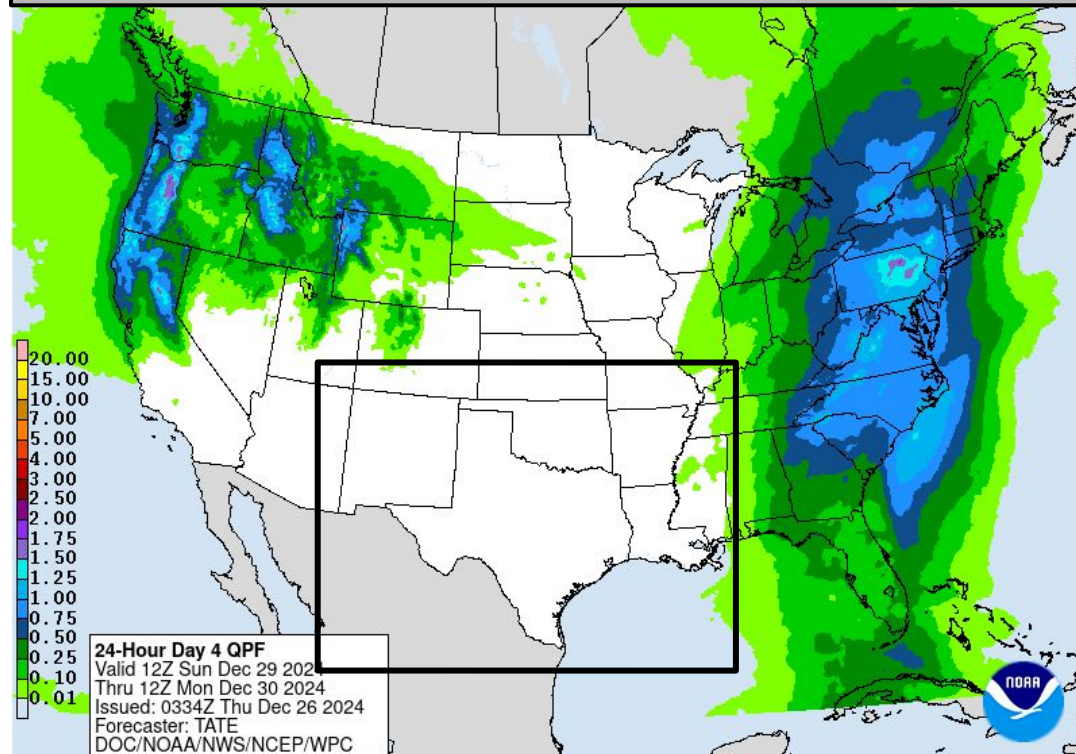


Sunday's Weather

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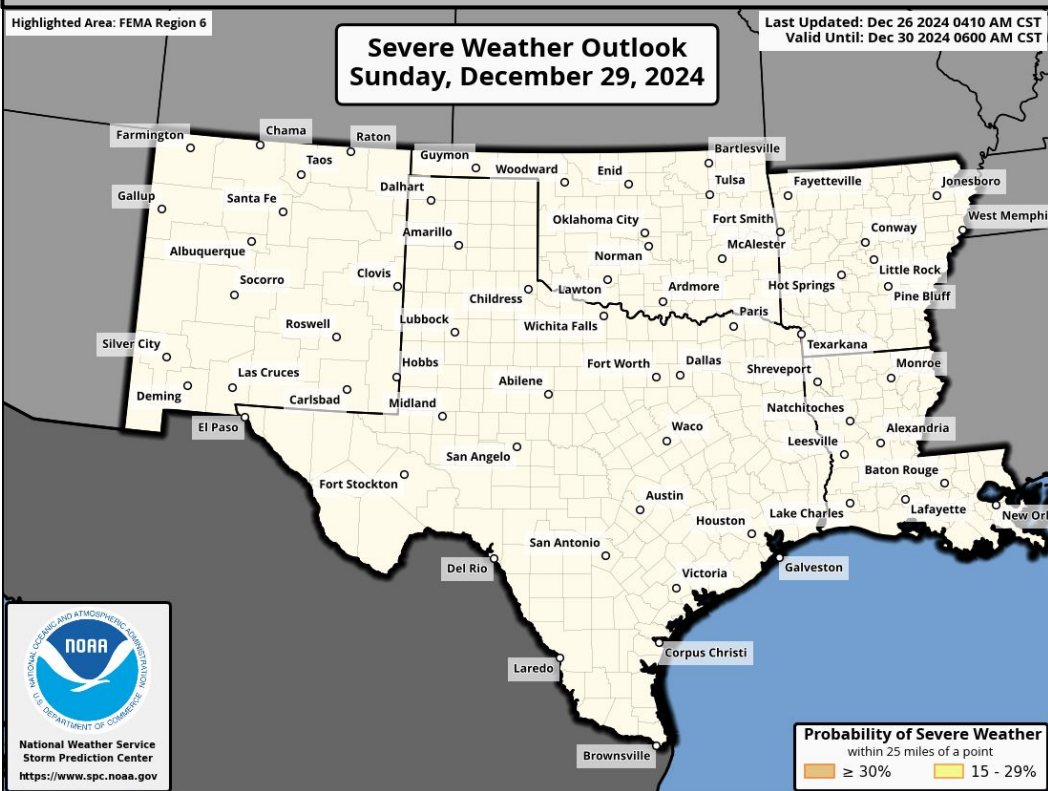


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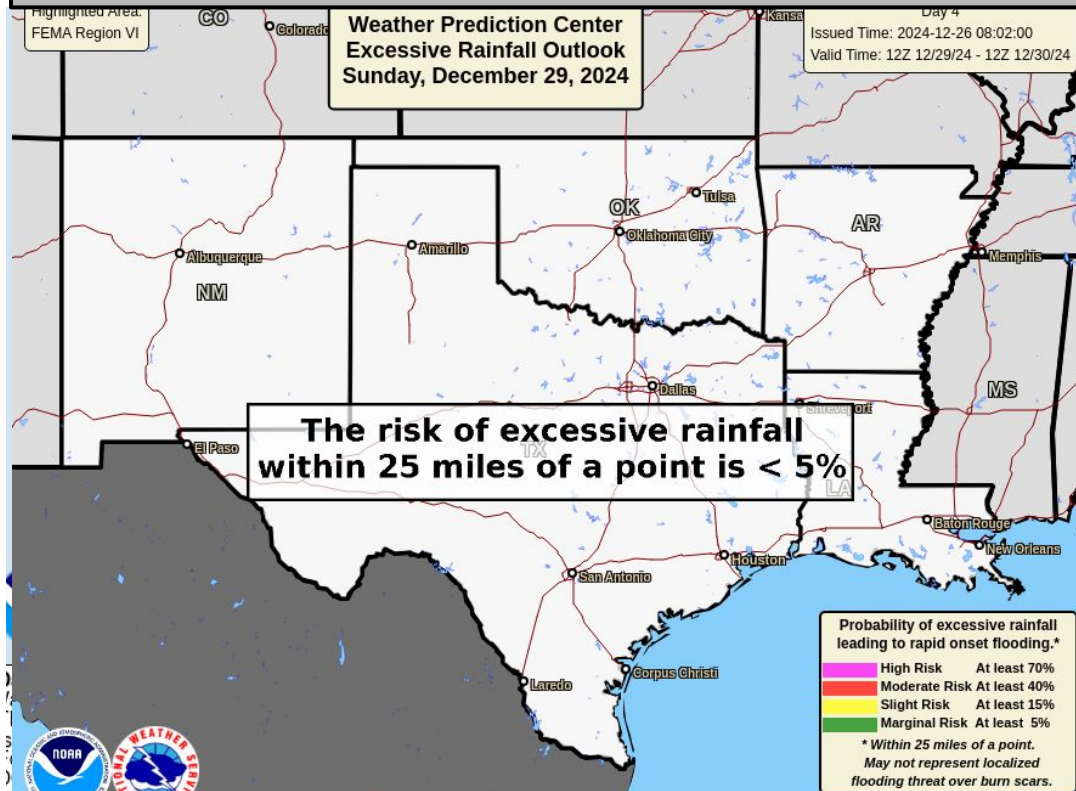


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



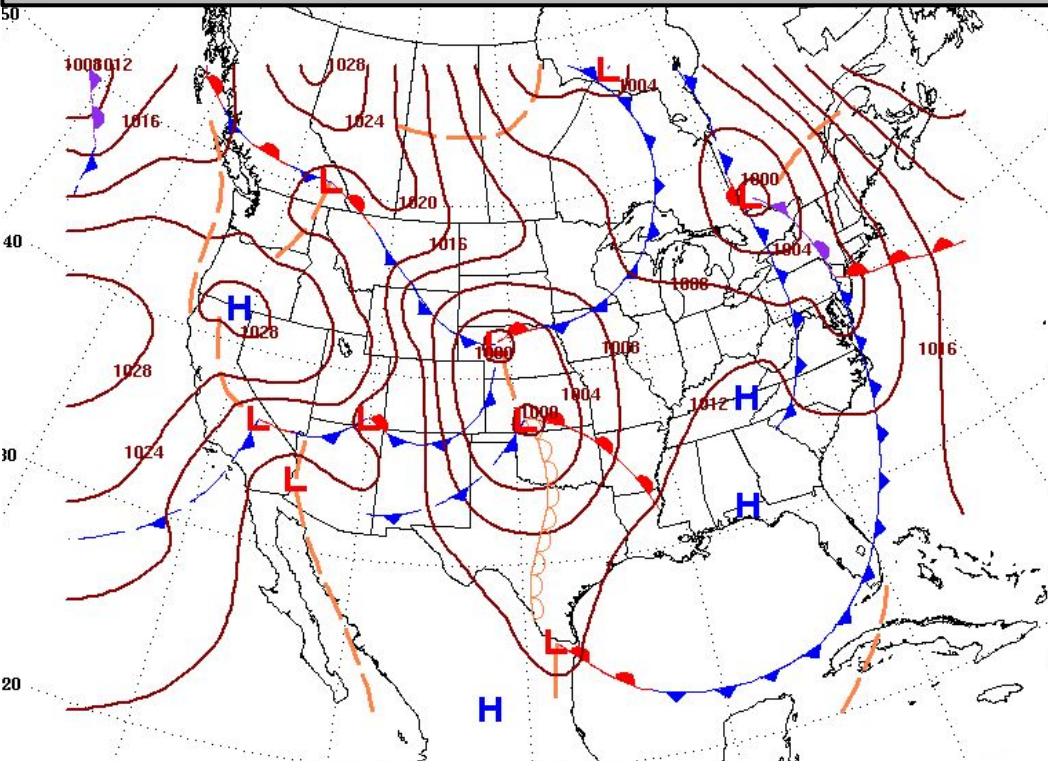
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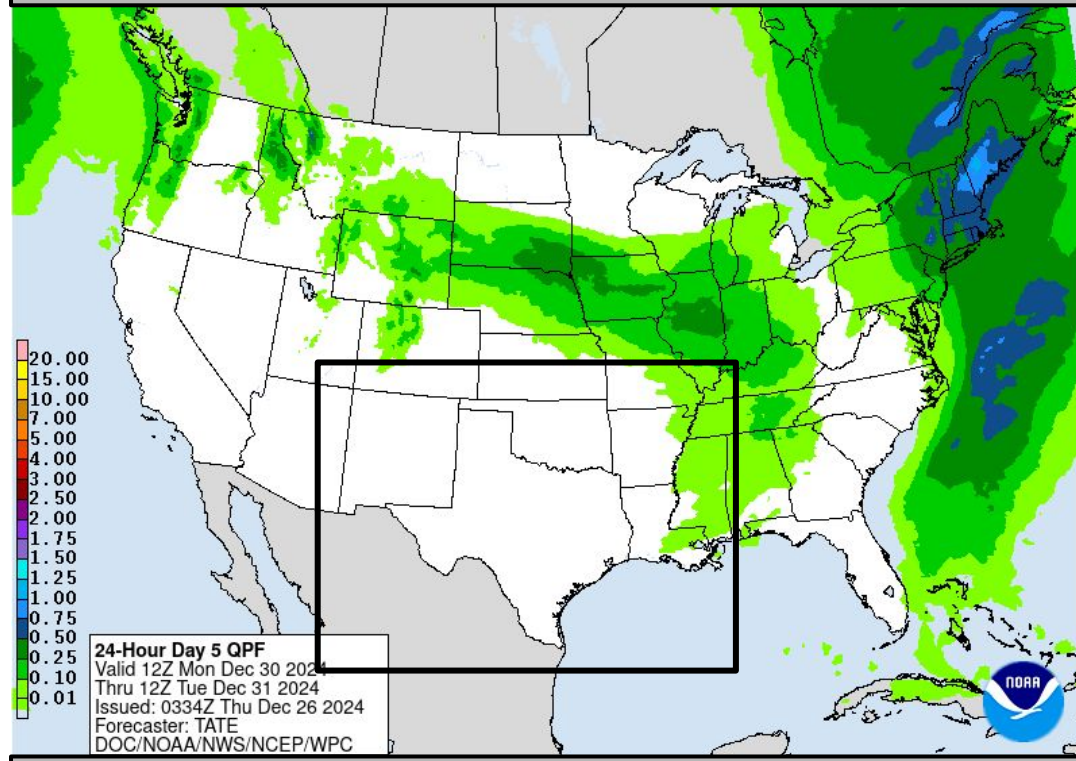


Monday's Weather

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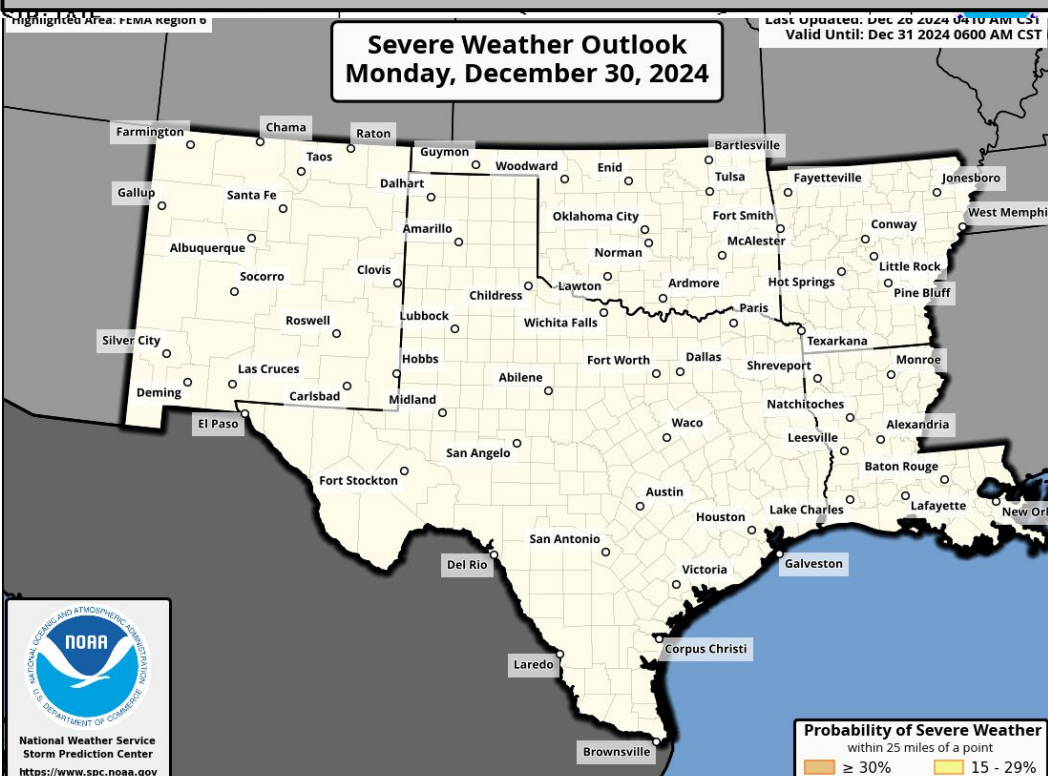


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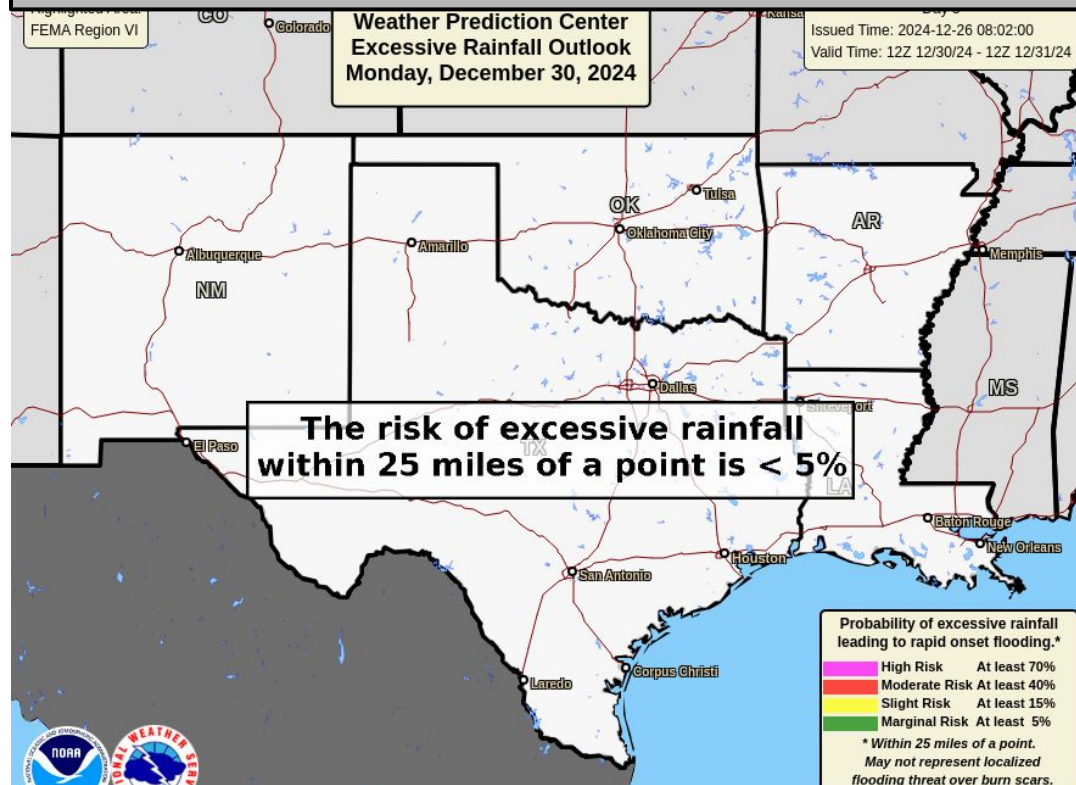


Elevated fire weather conditions across S NM, W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

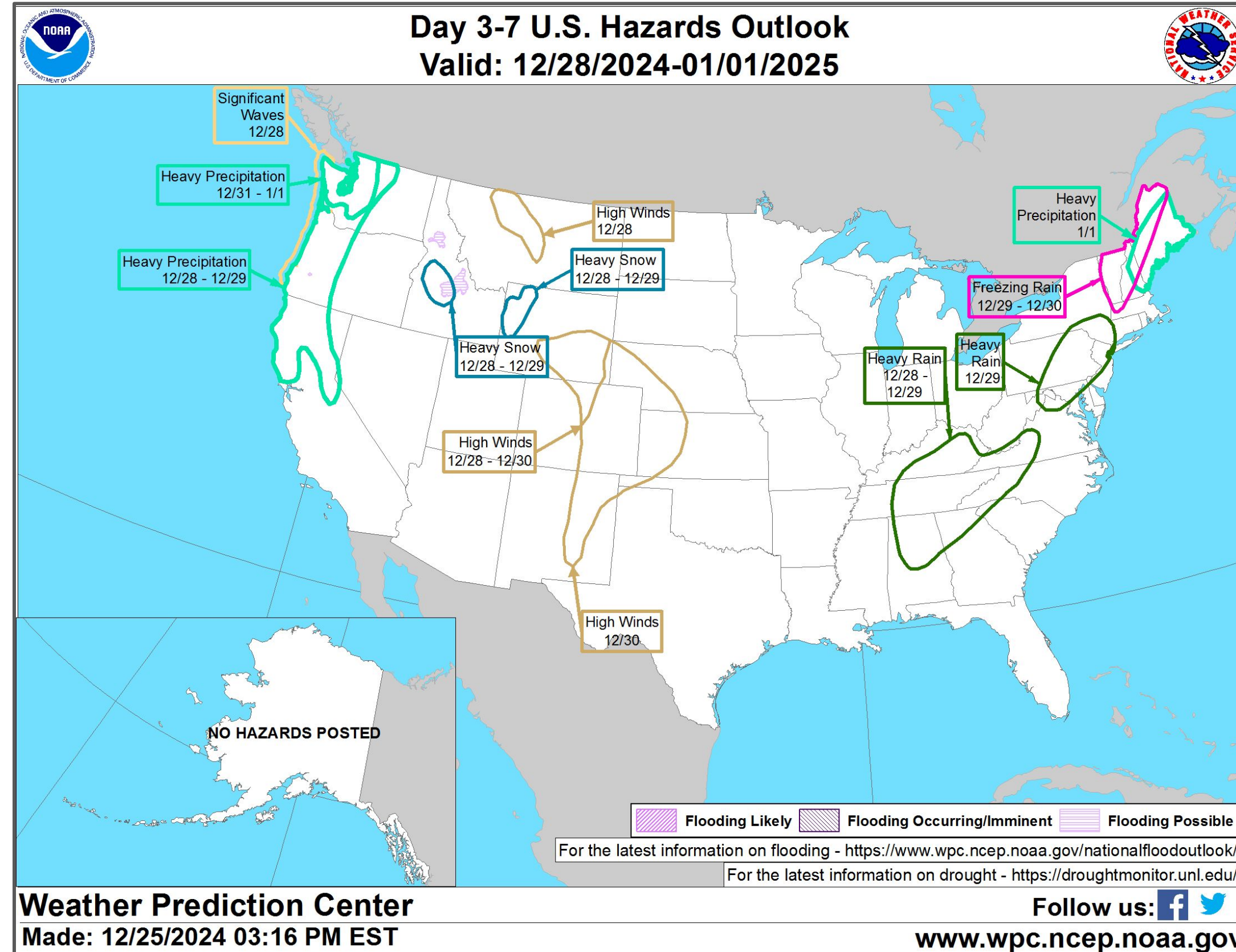


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



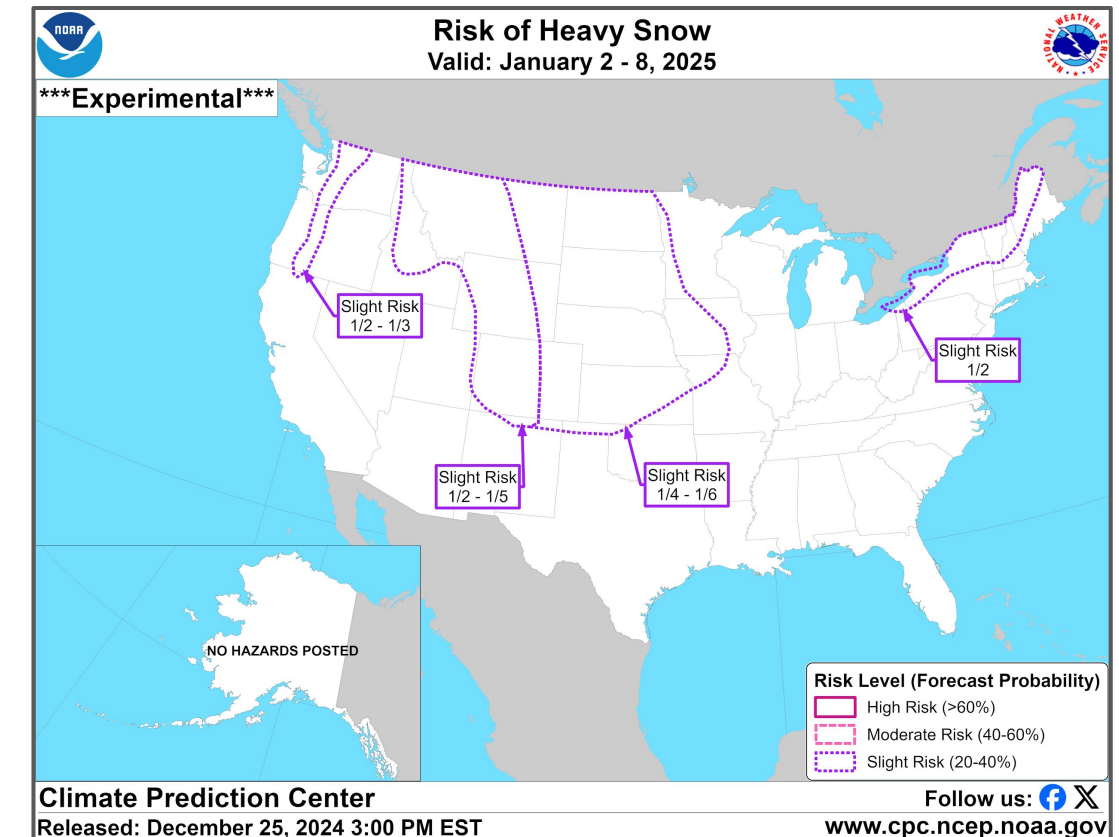
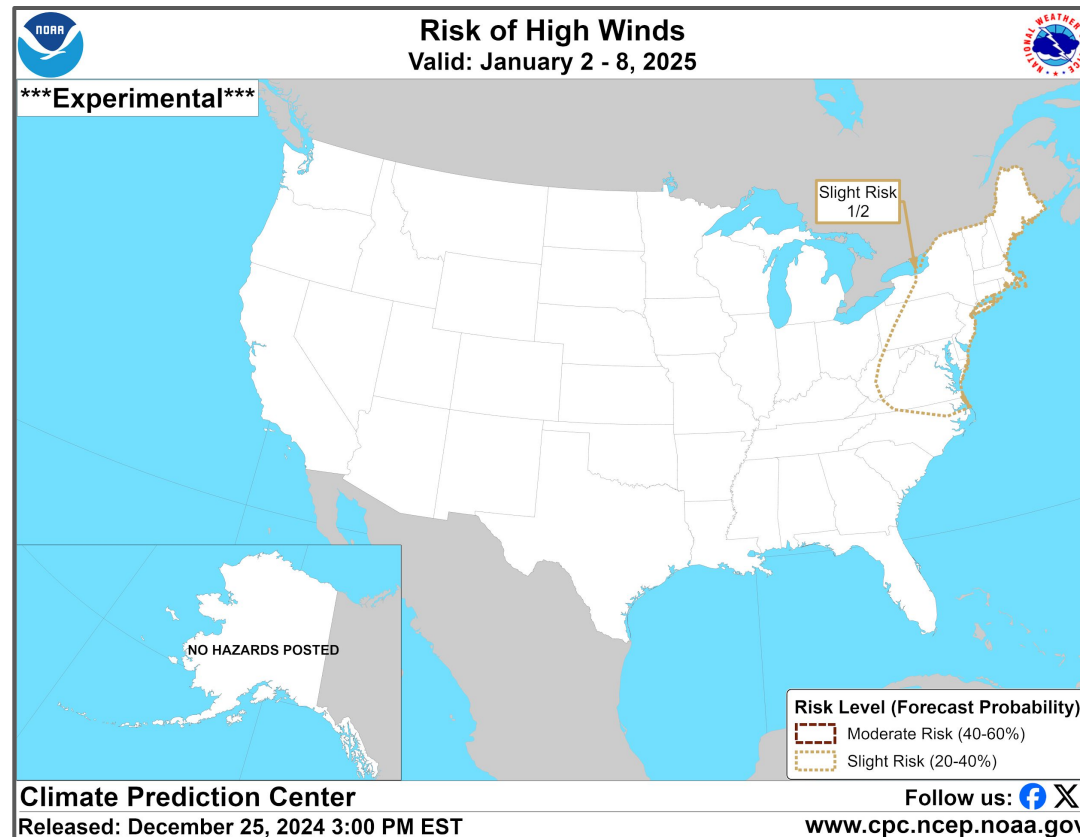
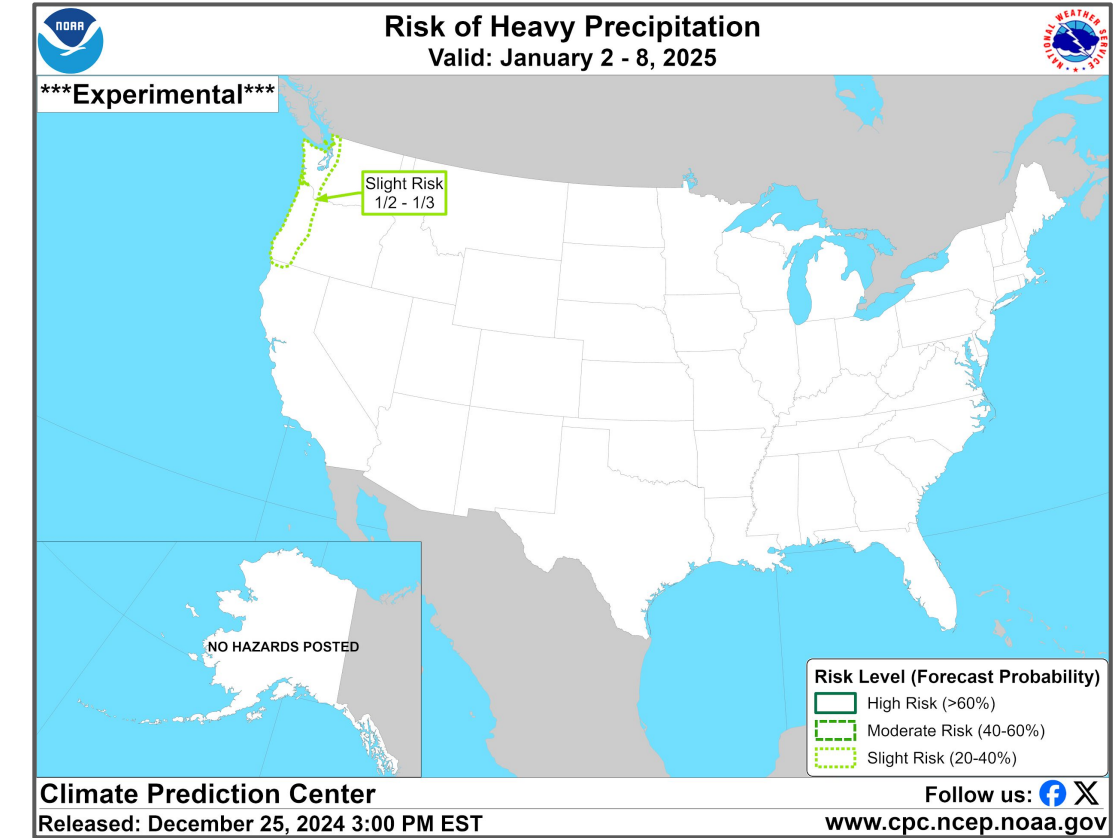
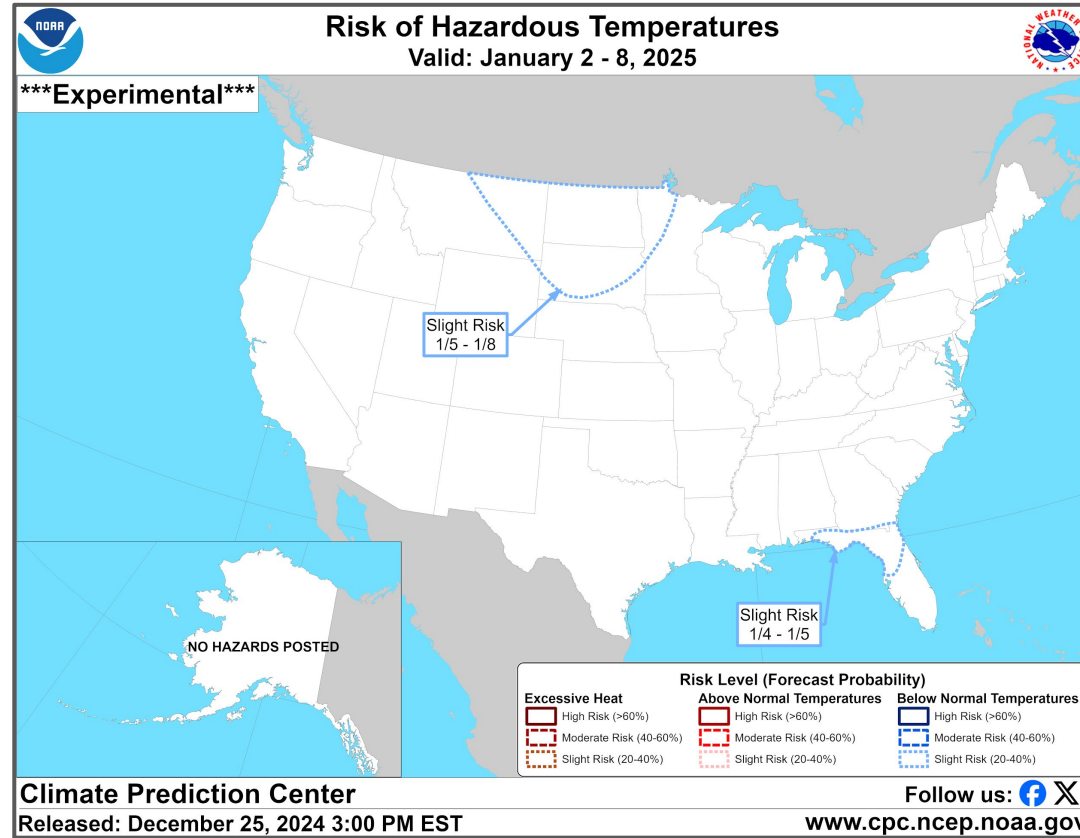
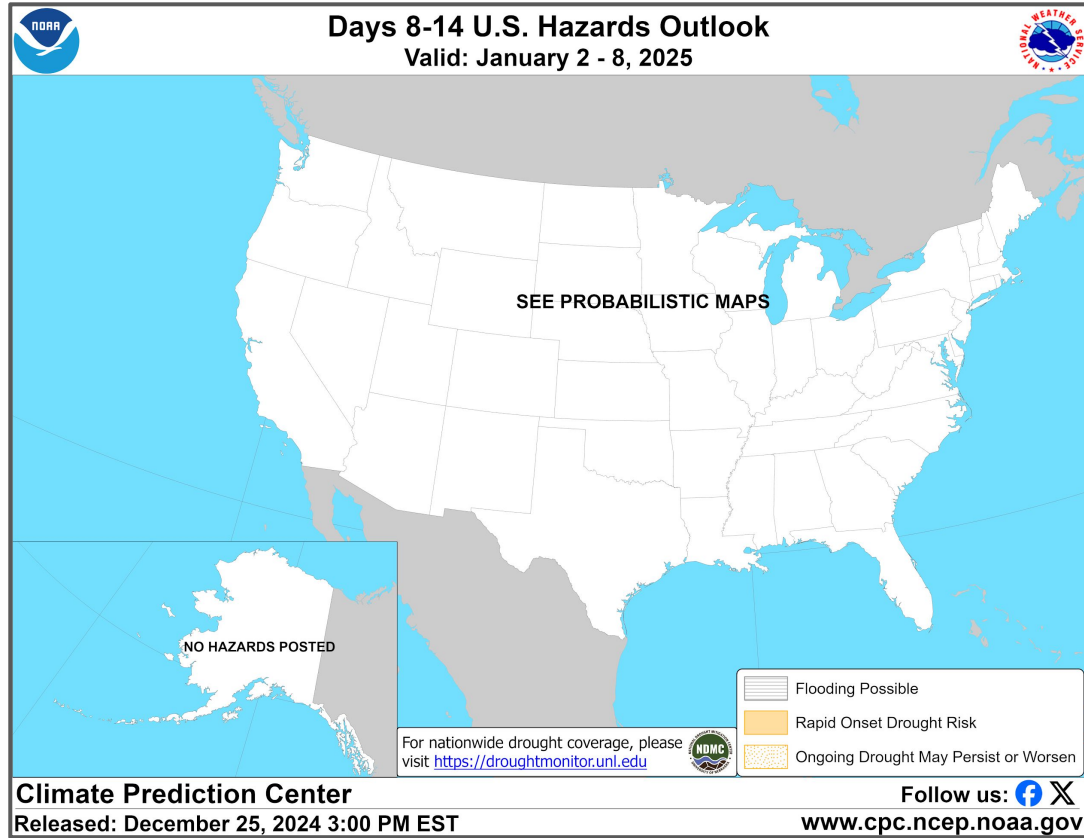
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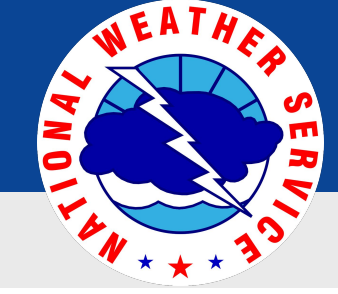
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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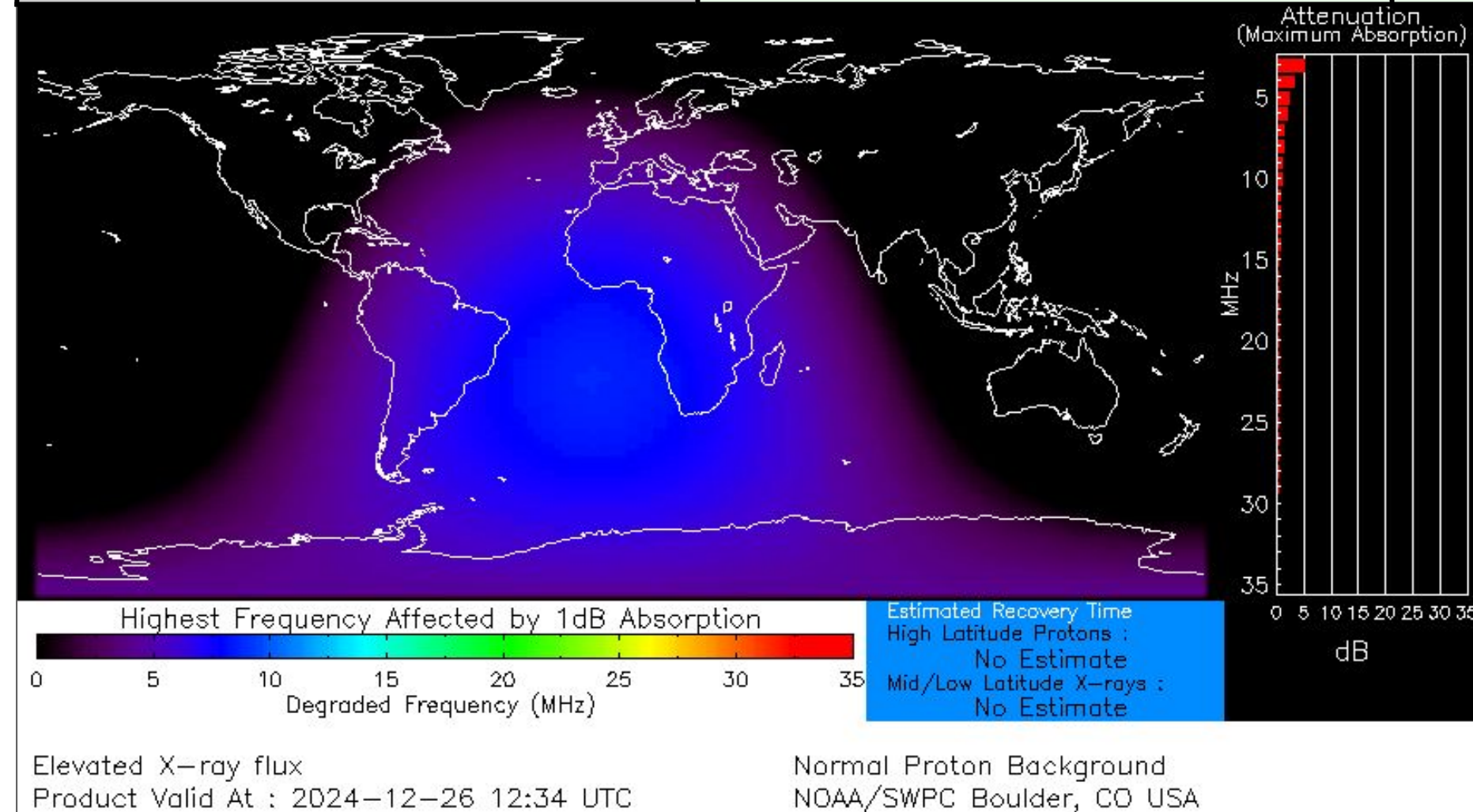
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Dec 26	Friday, Dec 27	Saturday, Dec 28
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	75%	75%	75%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



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

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

Updated SDO/HMI imagery from NASA is currently unavailable.

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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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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