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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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.





Summary

- **Snow continues across NM/Far W TX today with a wintry mix across N TX, SE OK, AR, N LA Thursday into Friday leading to hazardous travel conditions.**
- **Marginal risk for excessive rainfall (level 1 of 4) leading to isolated flash flood potential across the Gulf Coast on Thursday and SE LA Friday.**
- **Minor river flooding will continue in E AR, SE TX, W LA through the week.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Wednesday, Jan 8	Thursday, Jan 9	Friday, Jan 10	Saturday, Jan 11	Sunday, Jan 12
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		Gulf Coast	SE LA		
Fire Weather					
Winter Weather	NM, far W TX	NTX, SE OK, AR, N LA	NTX, SE OK, AR, N LA		
River Flooding	E AR, SETX, W LA	E AR, SETX, W LA	E AR, SETX, W LA	E AR, SETX, W LA	E AR, SETX, W LA

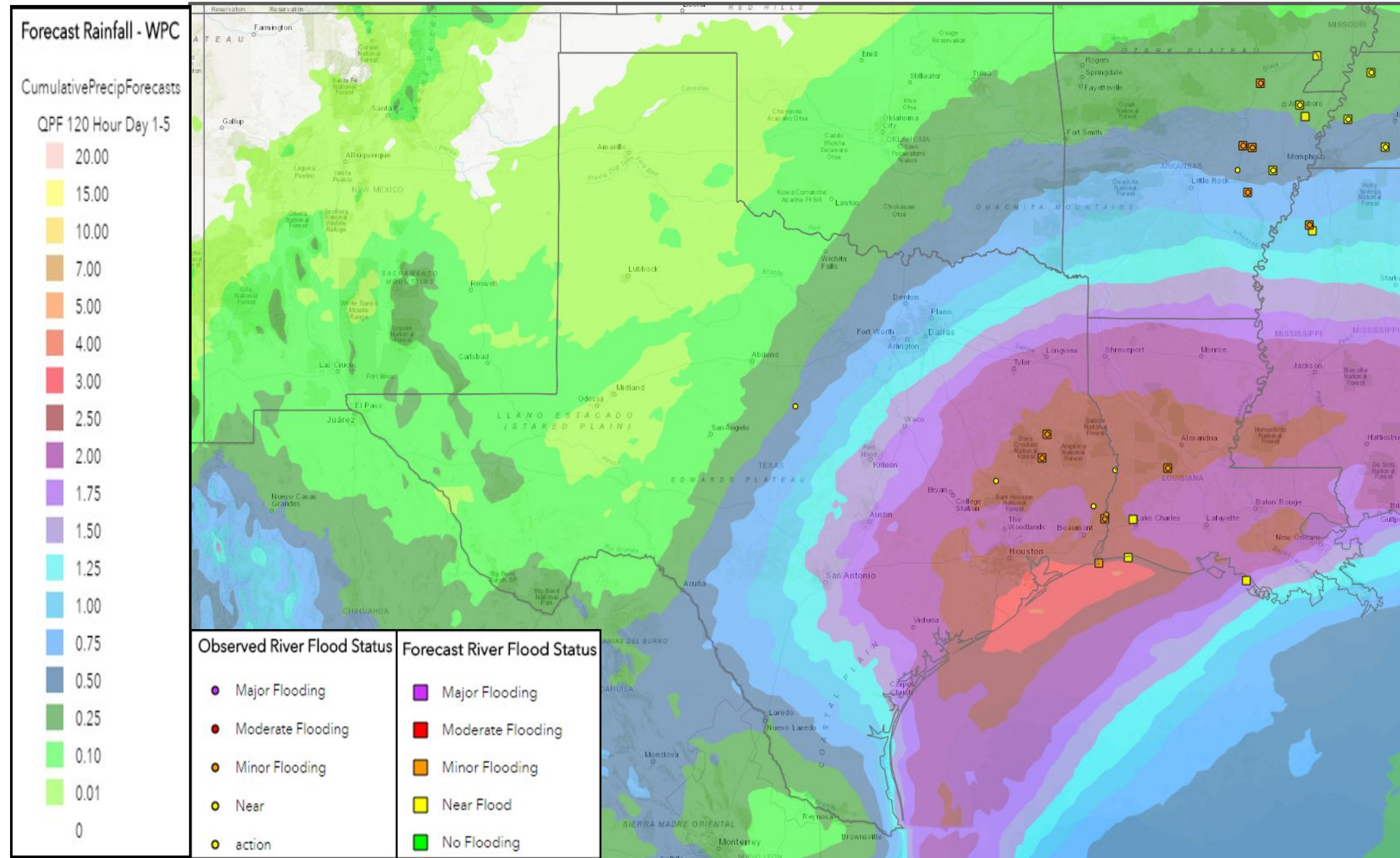
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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

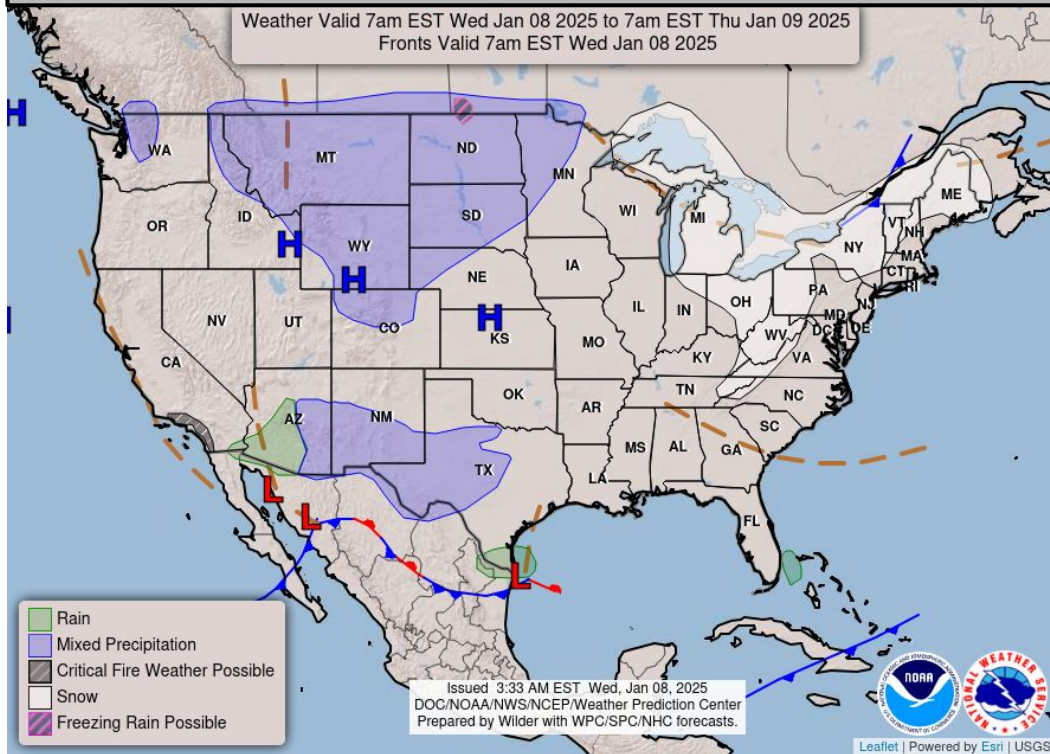


Minor river flooding in E AR, SE TX, W LA with flooding of low-lying pastures and swampland as well as inundation of secondary roads.

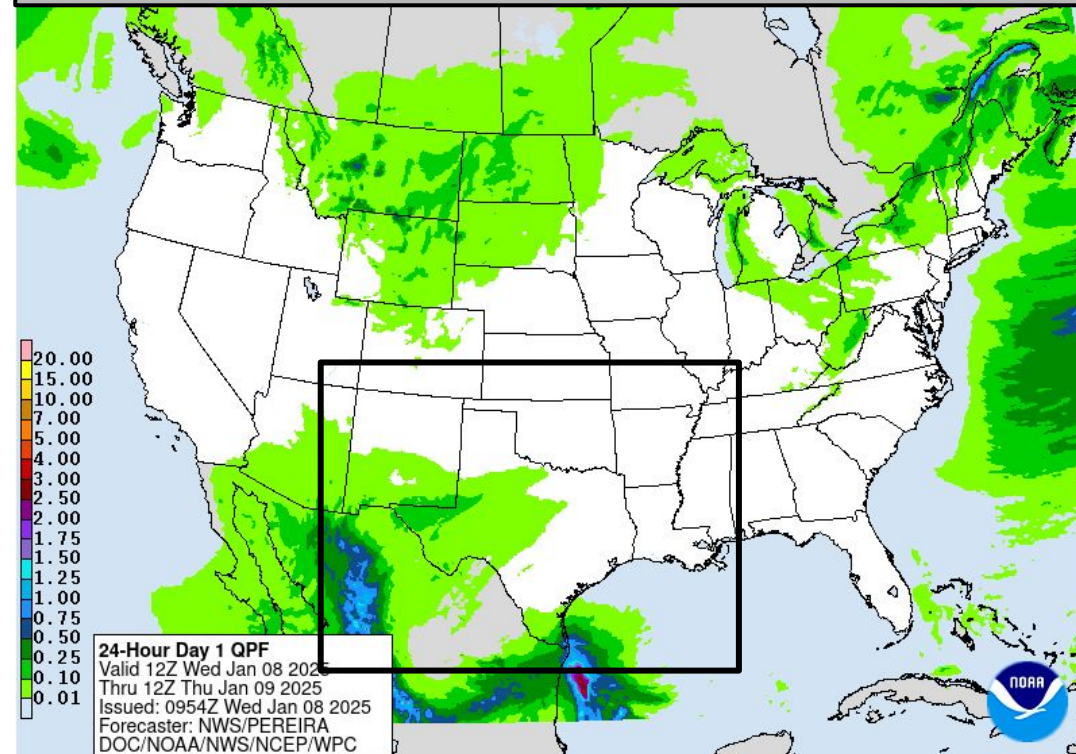


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

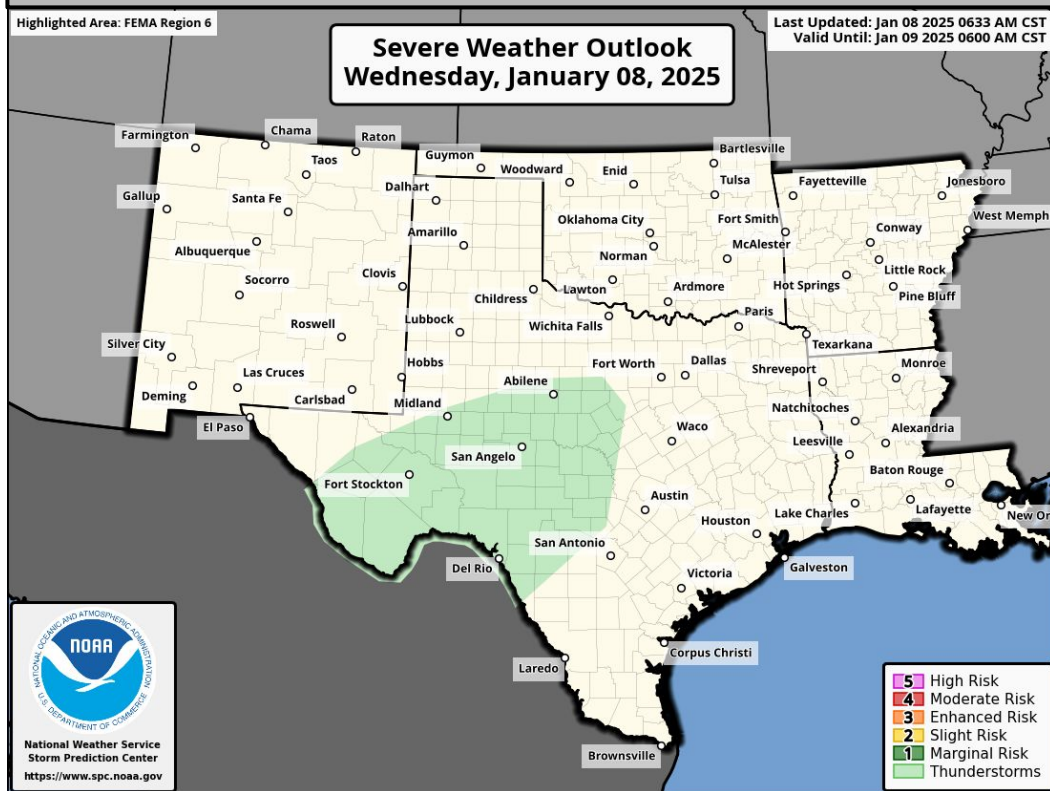


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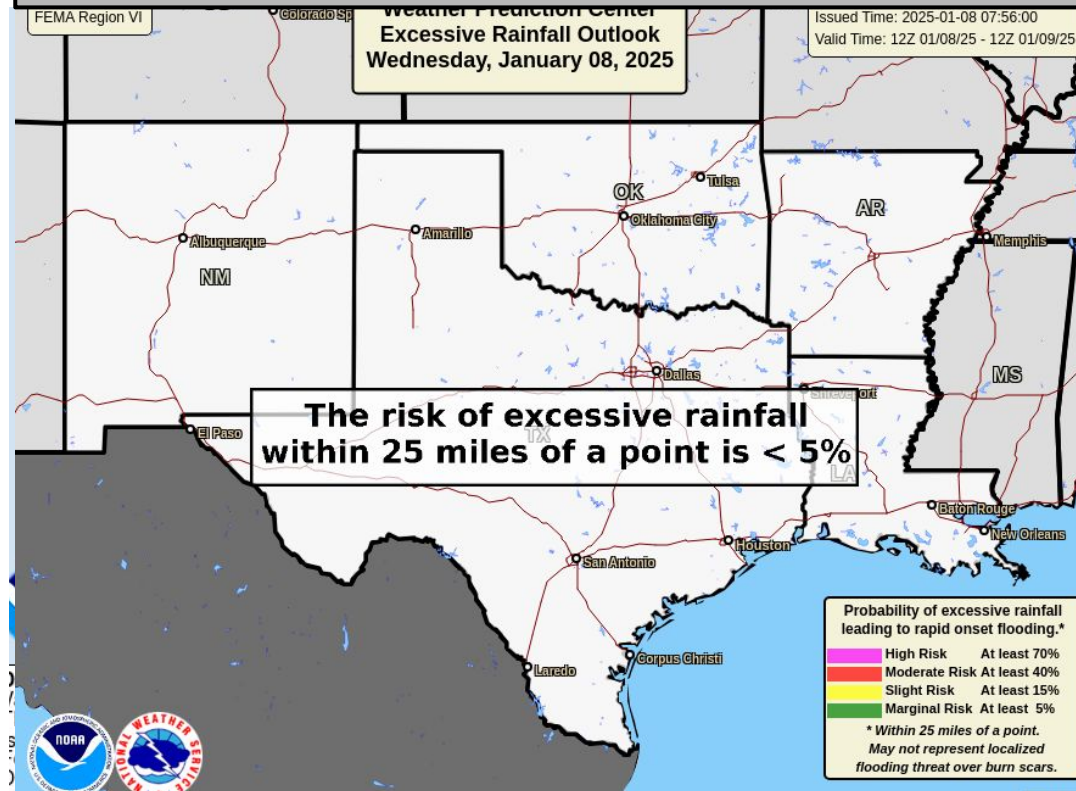


Snow continues across NM/Far W TX leading to hazardous travel conditions.

Severe Weather Outlook



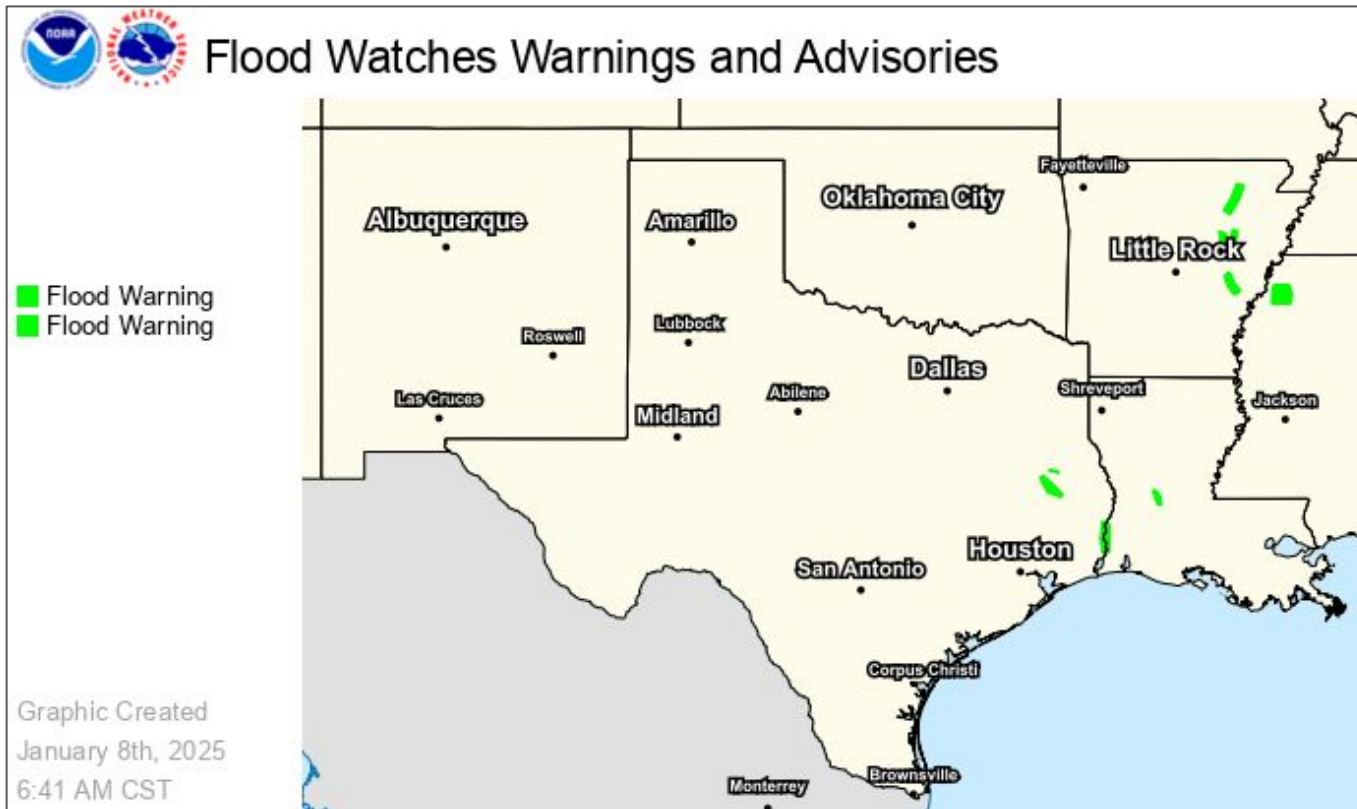
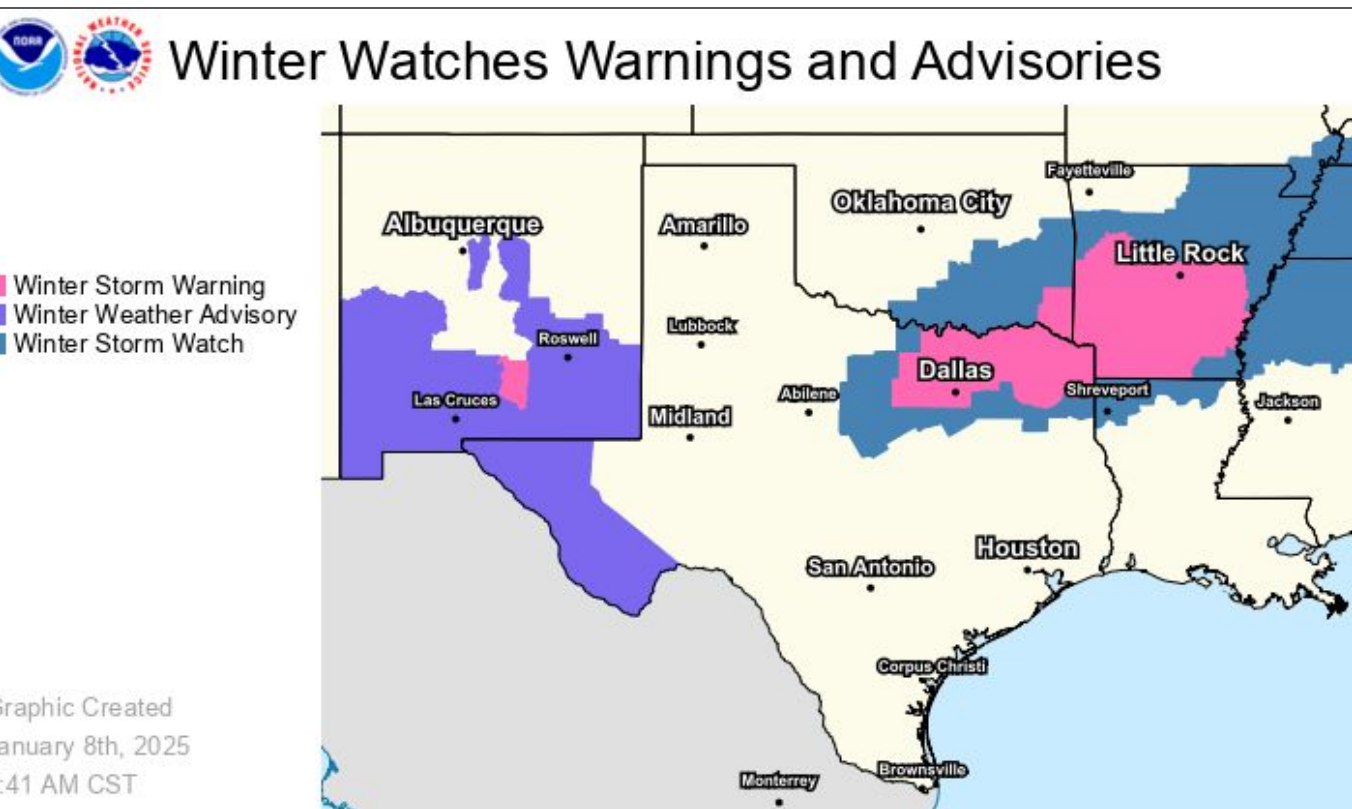
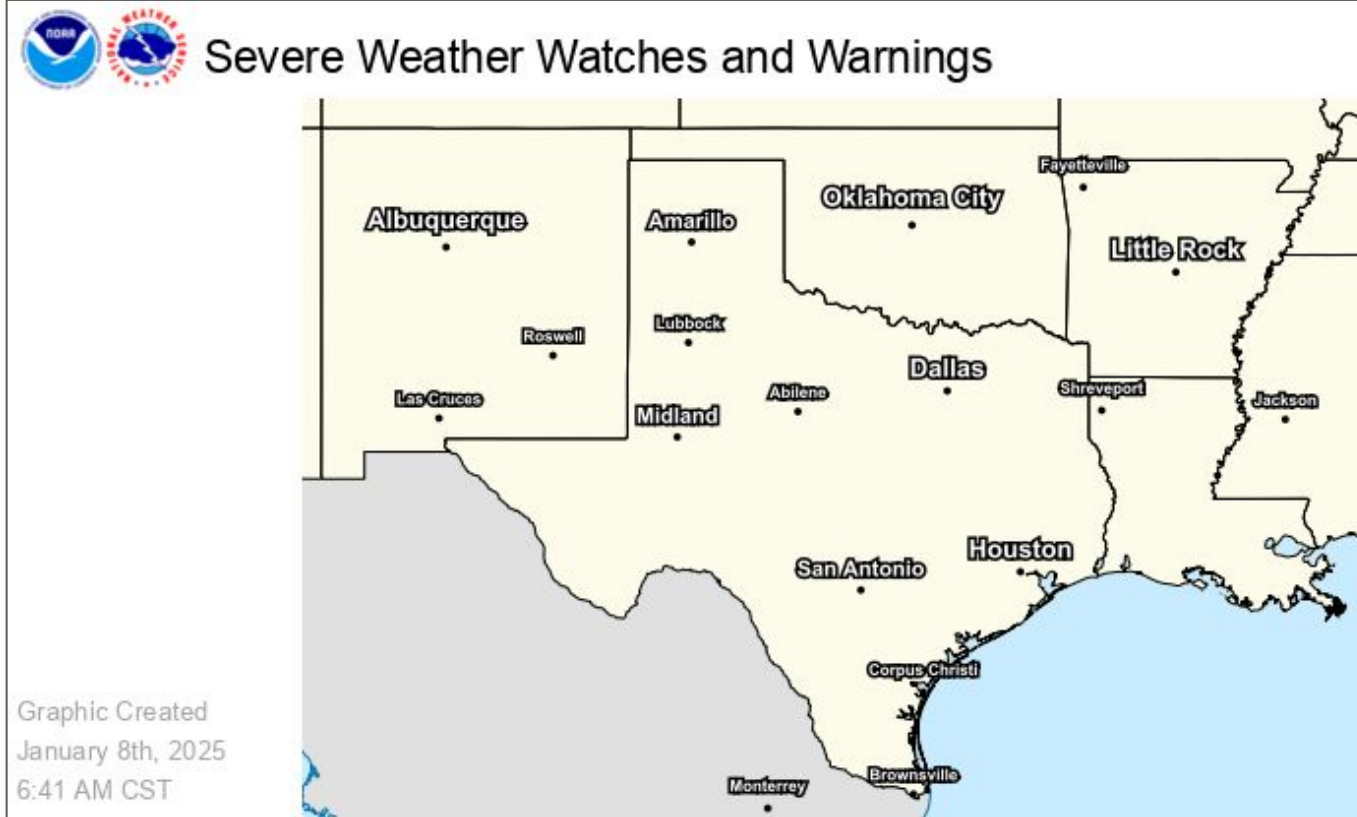
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



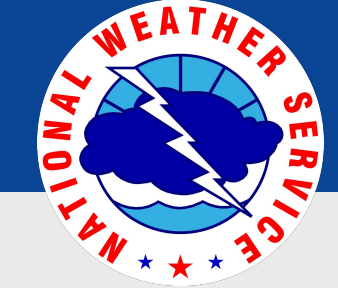


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

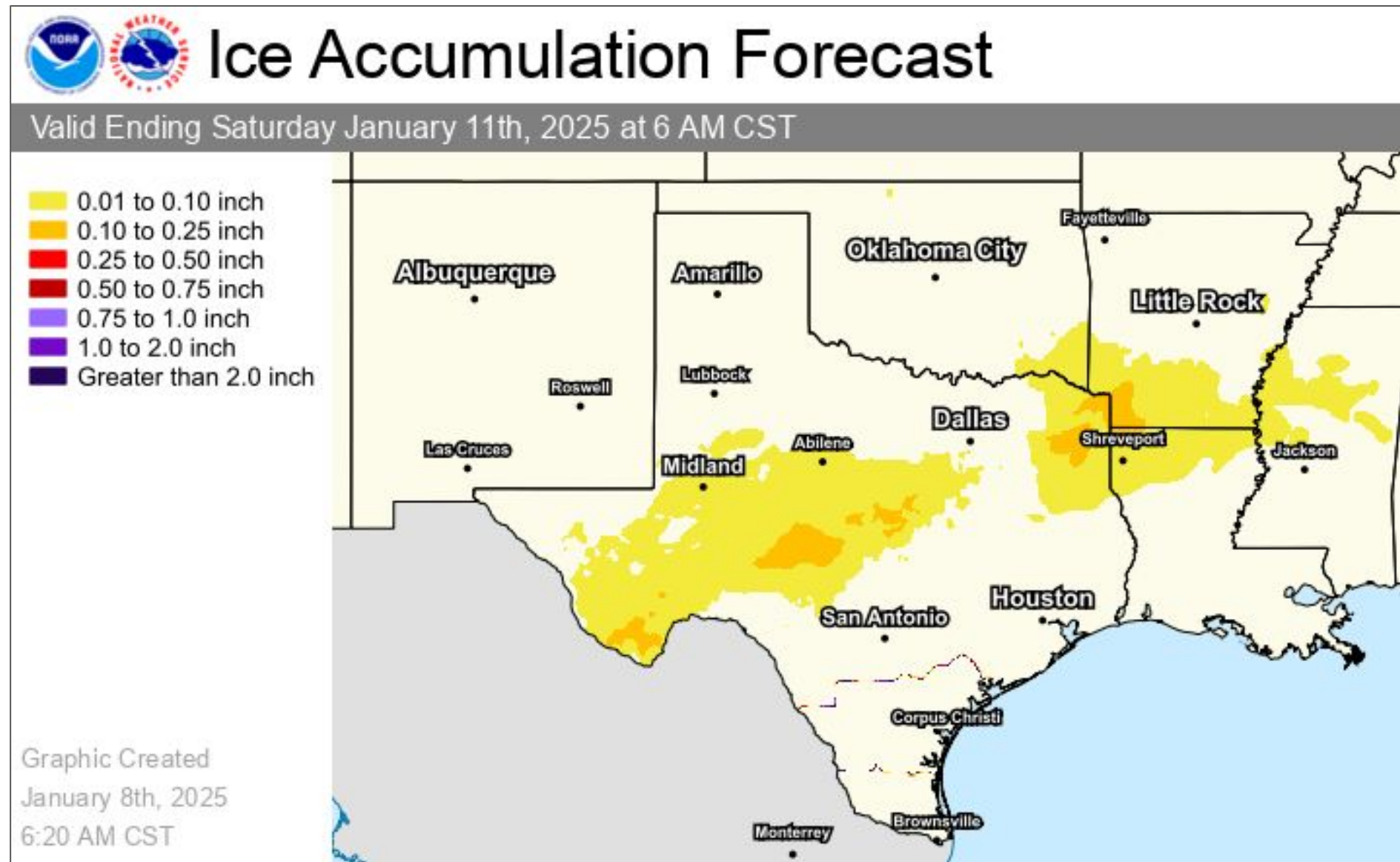
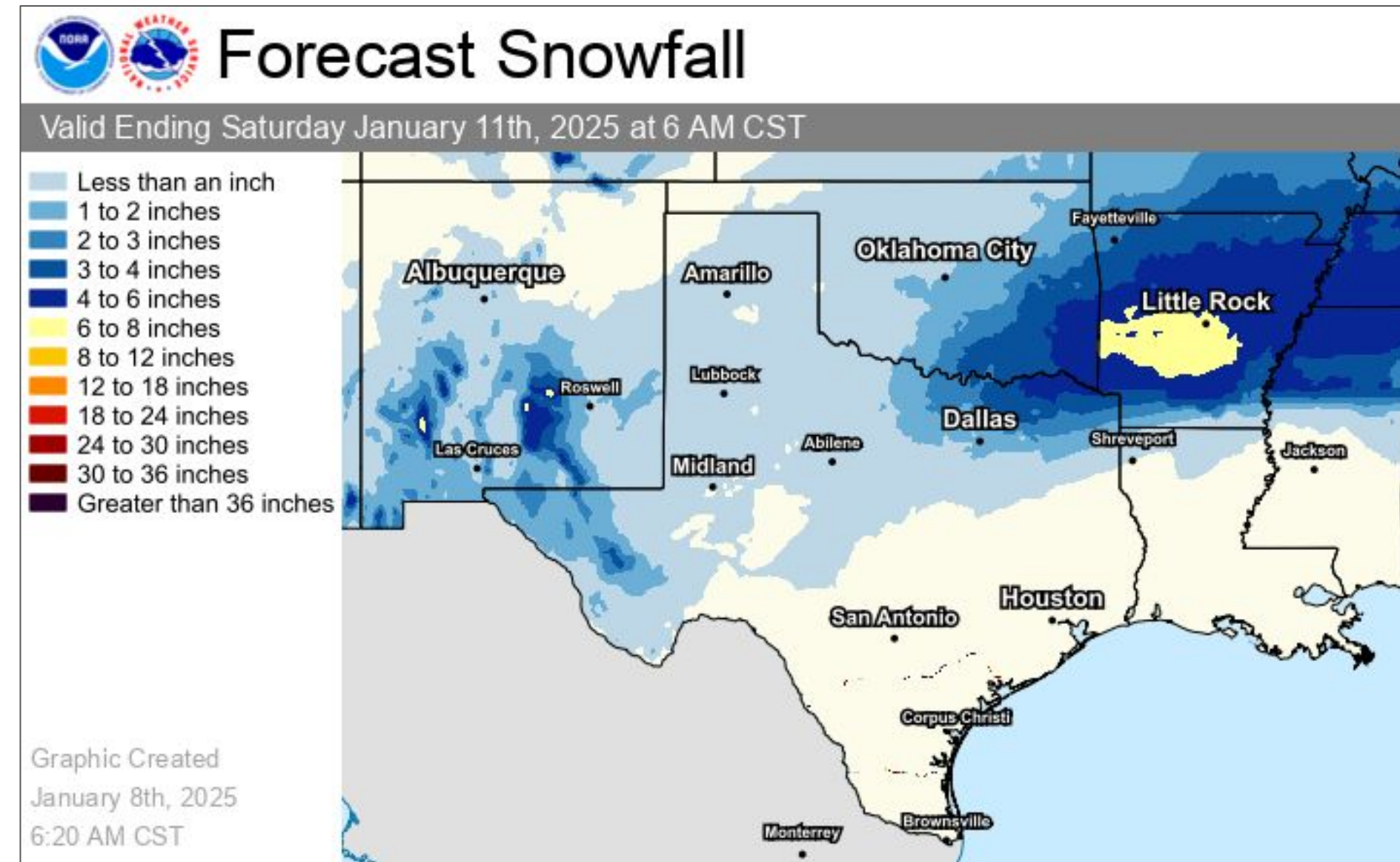


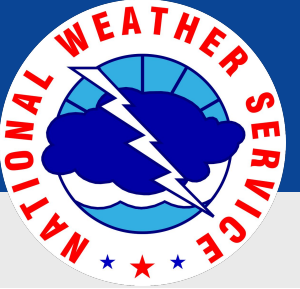
Winter Weather Advisories continue today for NM, Far W TX. Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories Thursday into Friday for N TX, SE OK, AR, N LA. Main impacts are hazardous travel conditions.



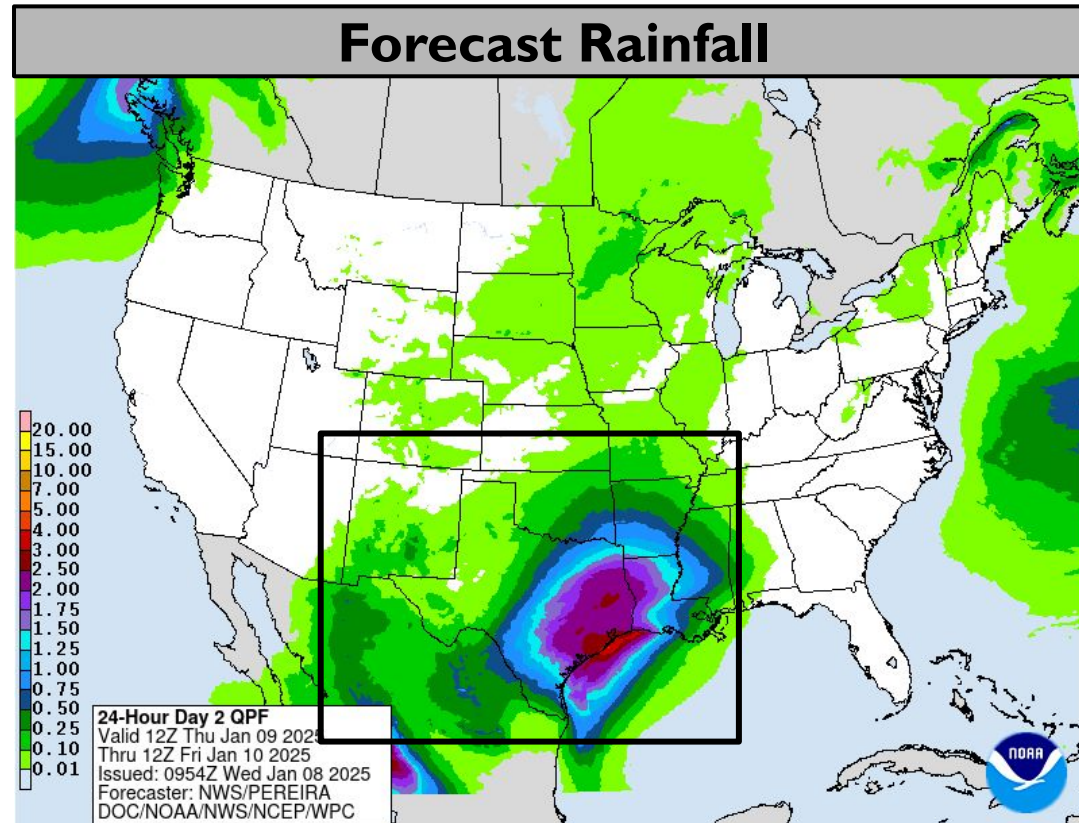
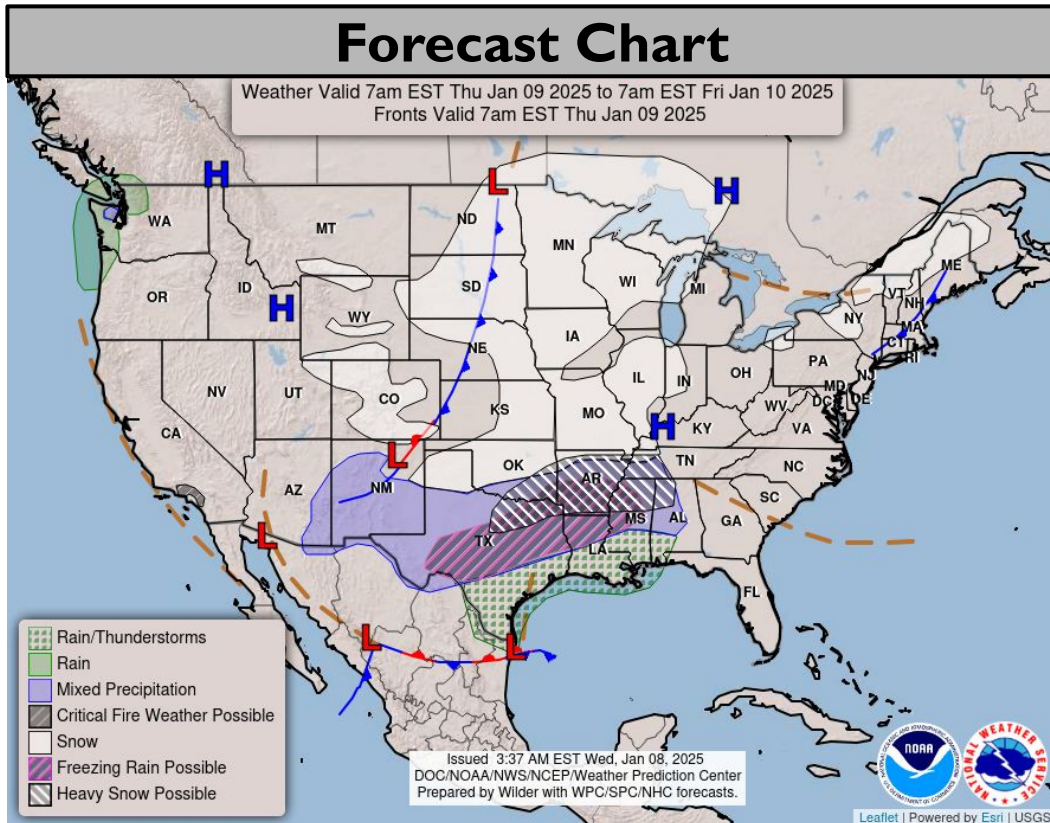
Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days



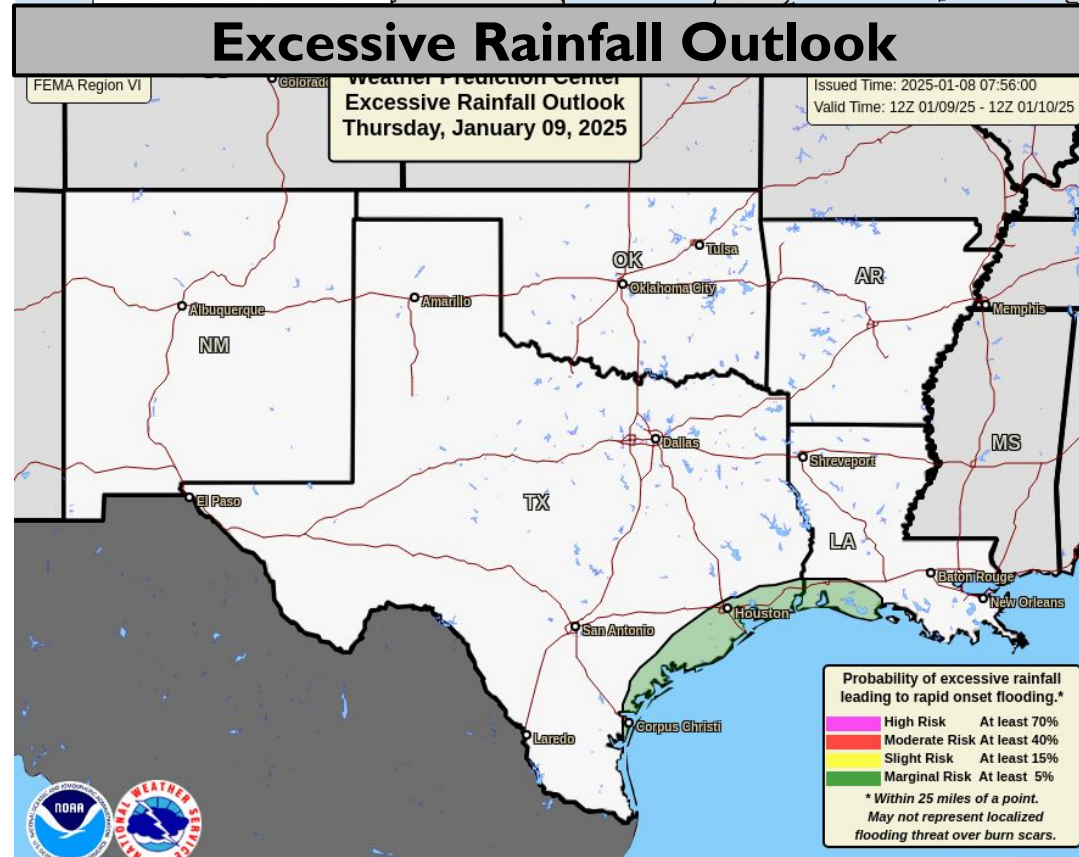
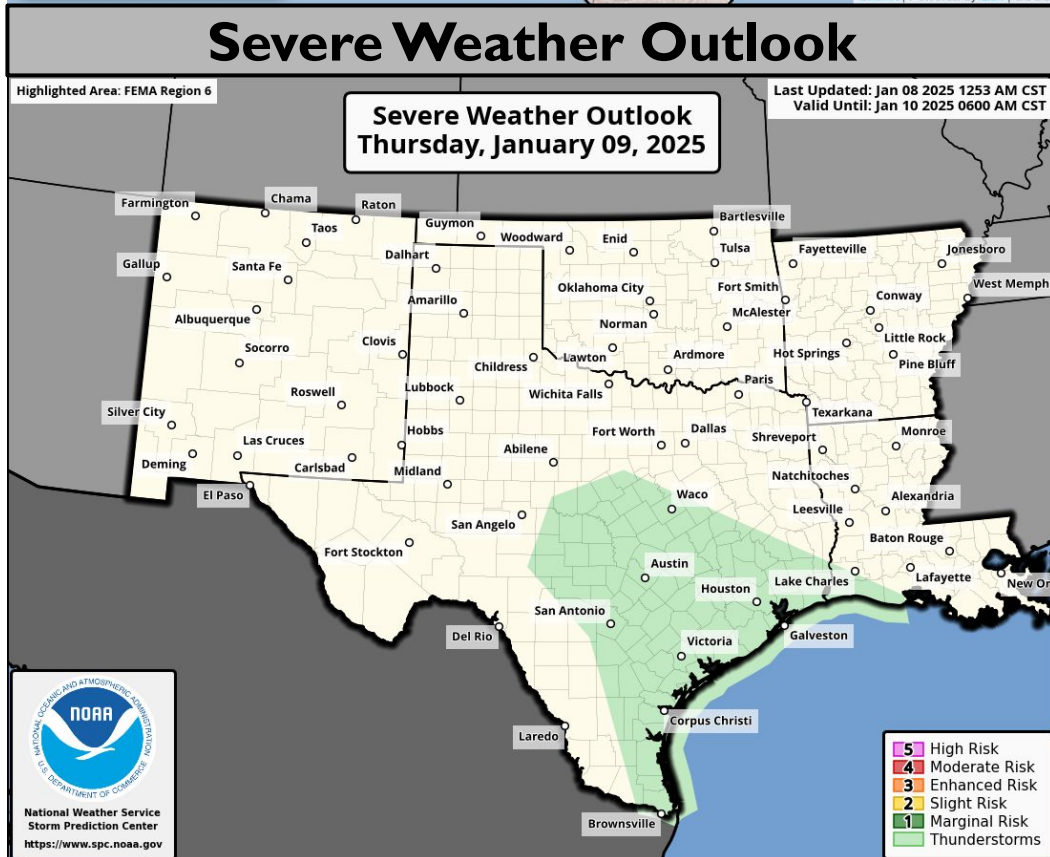


Tomorrow's Weather



Wintry mix across N TX, SE OK, AR, N LA leading to hazardous travel conditions.

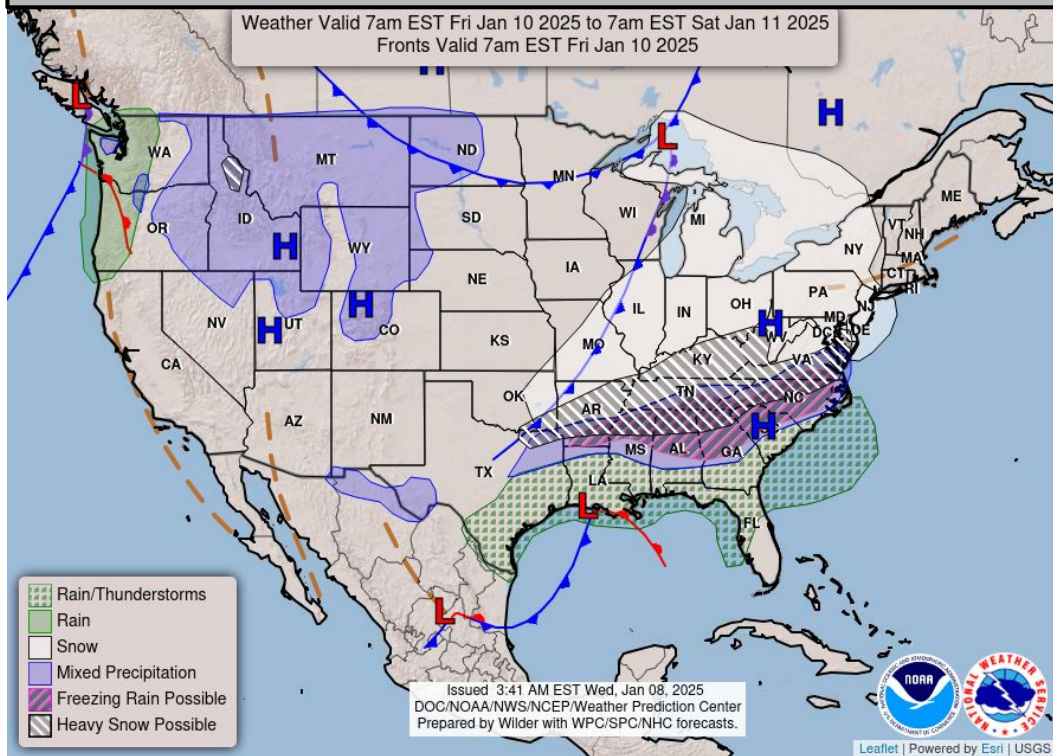
Marginal risk for excessive rainfall (level 1 of 4) leading to isolated flash flood potential along the Gulf Coast.



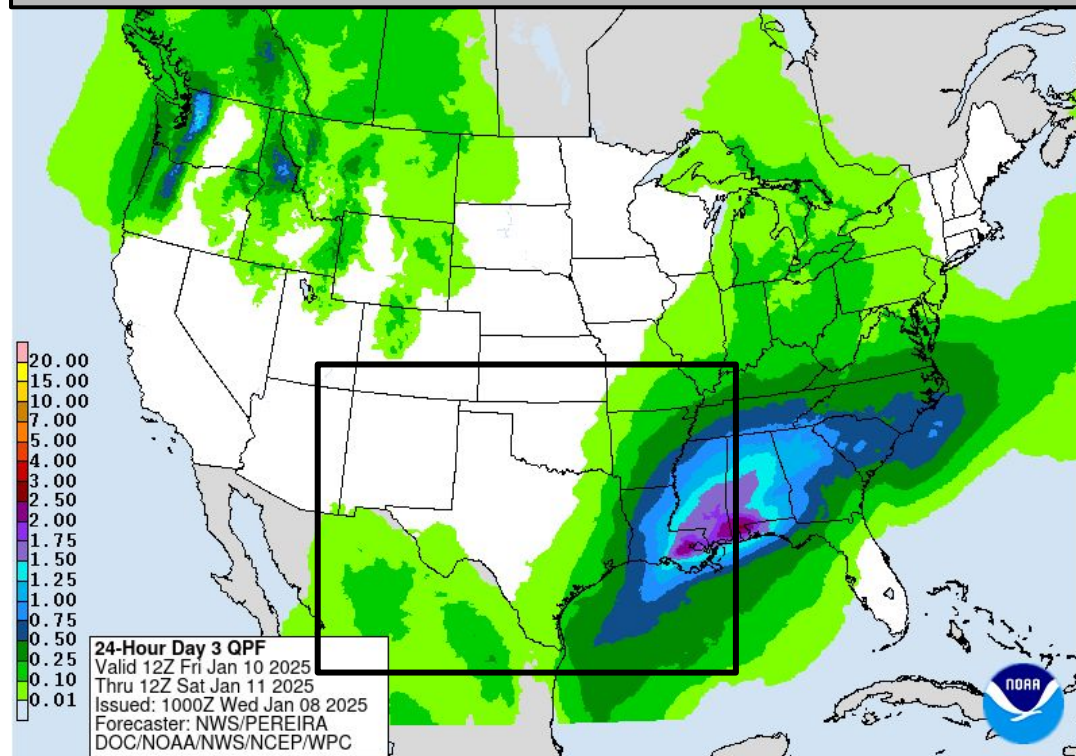


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



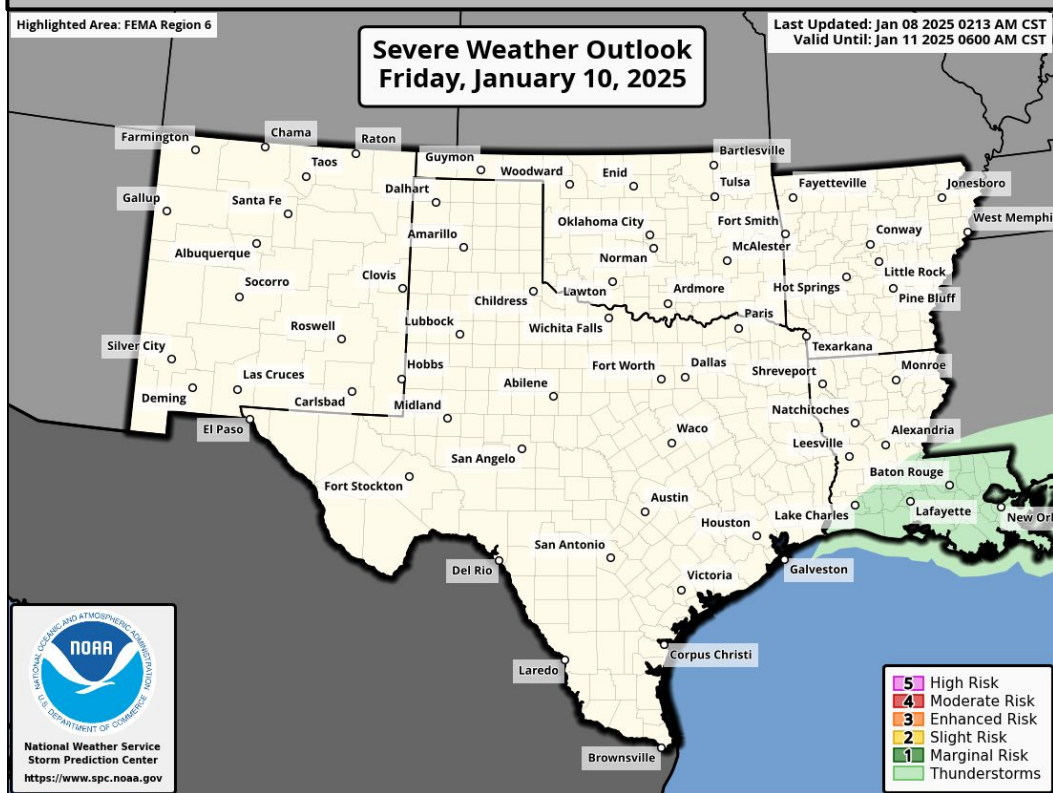
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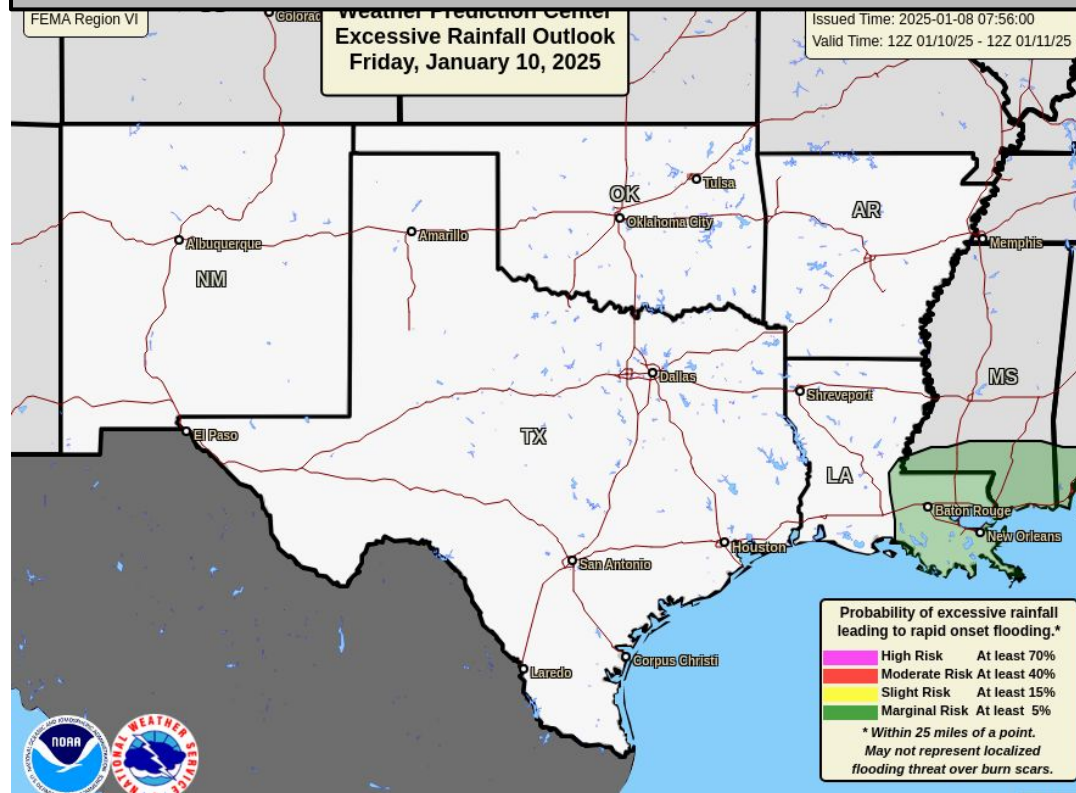
Continued wintry mix/hazardous travel conditions across N TX, SE OK, AR, N LA.

Marginal risk for excessive rainfall (level 1 of 4) leading to isolated flash flood potential for SE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



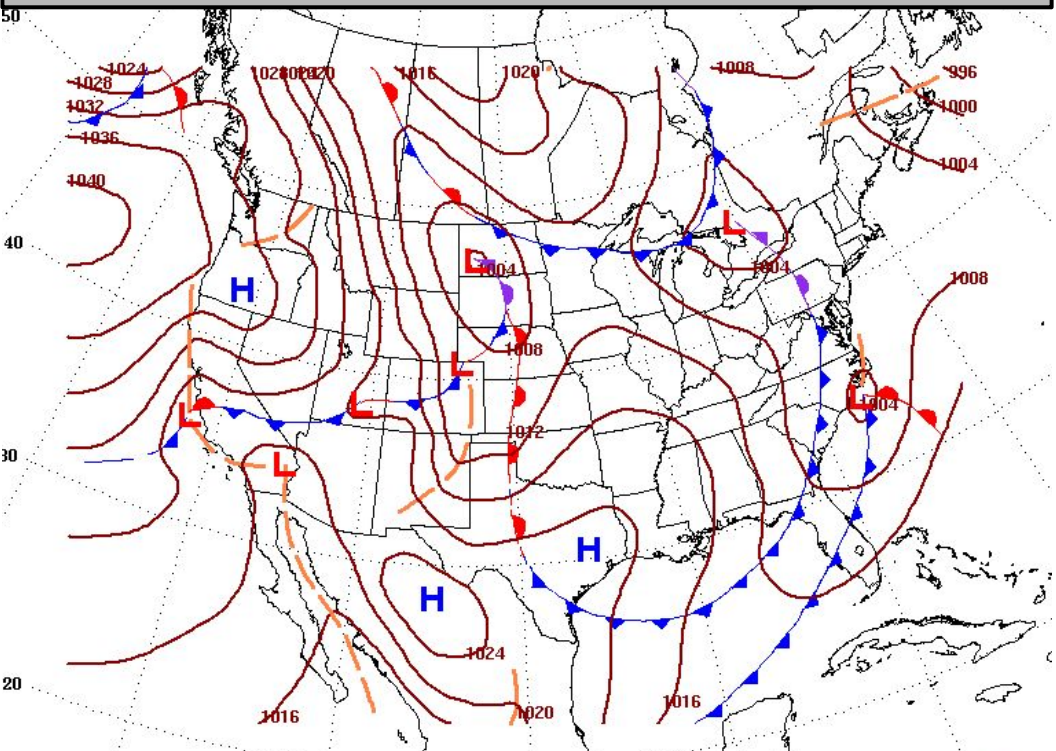
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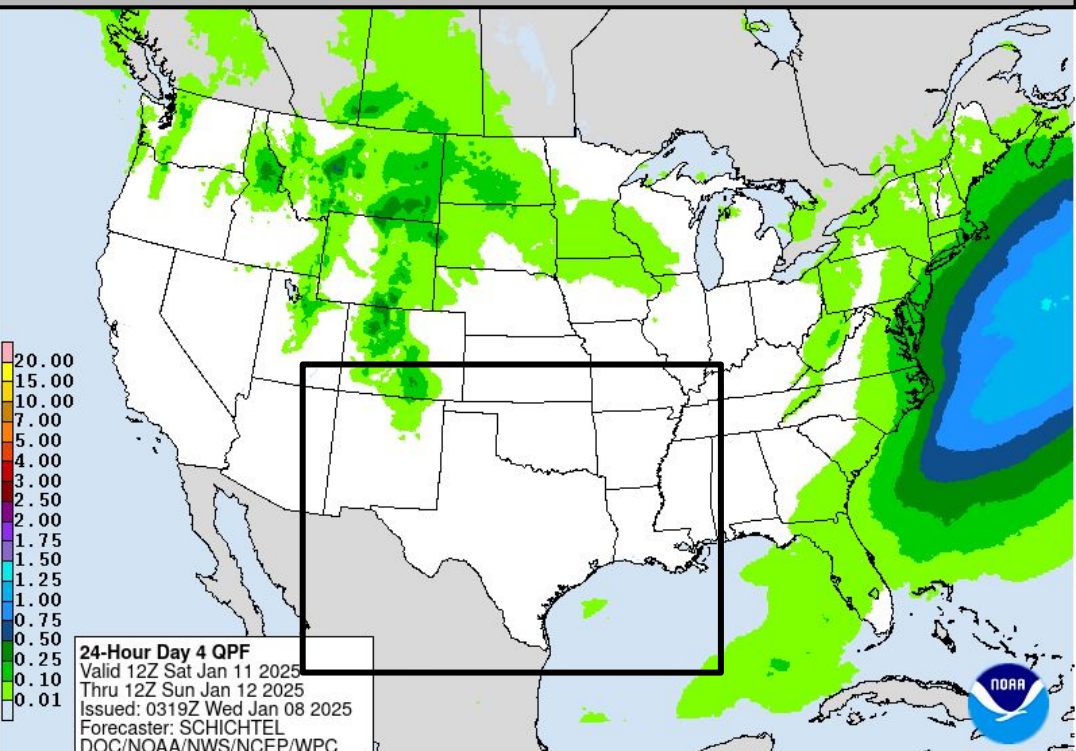


Saturday's Weather

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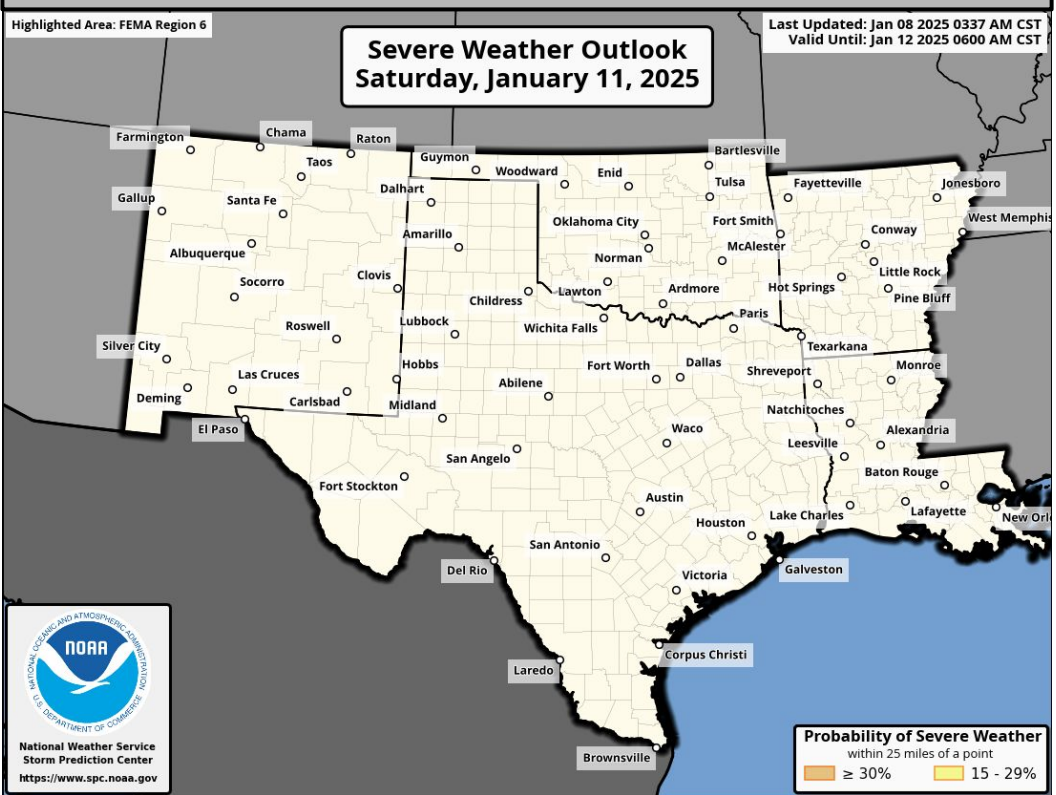


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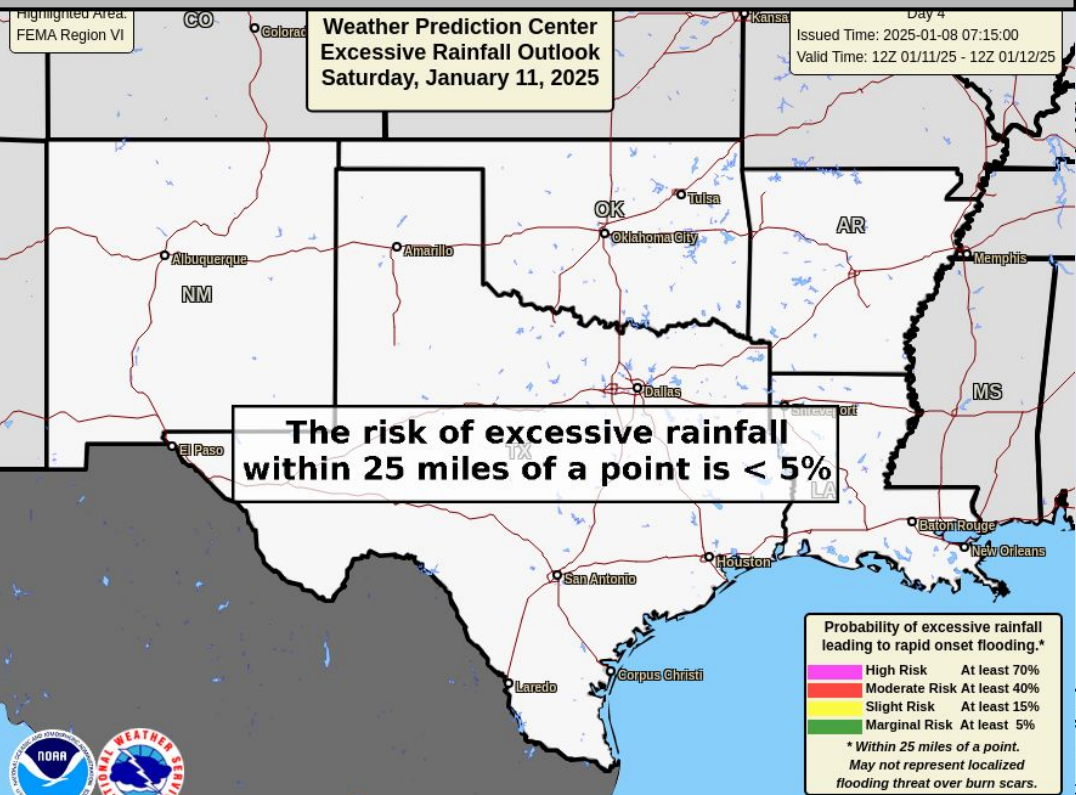


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



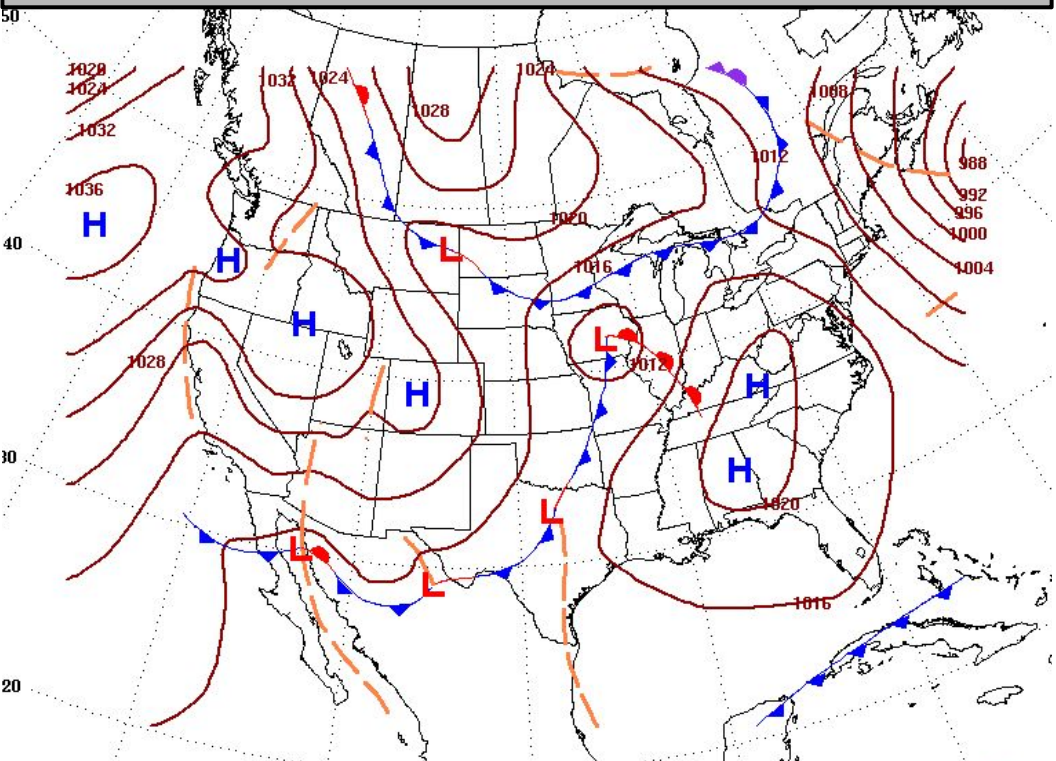
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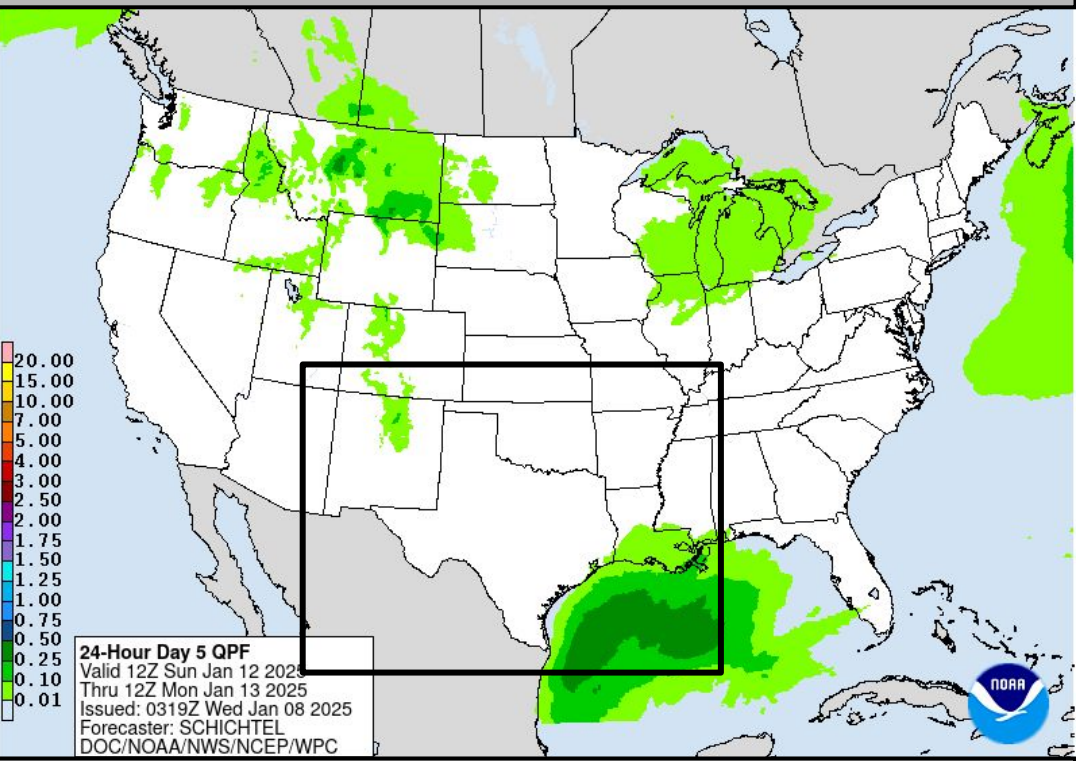


Sunday's Weather

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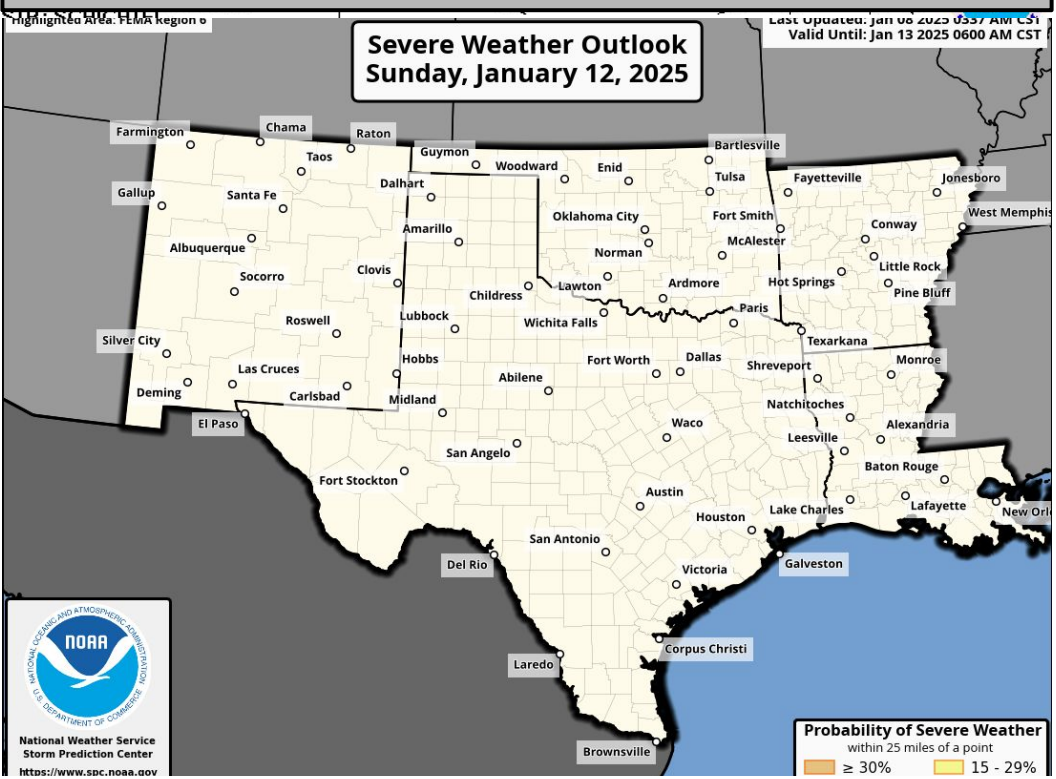


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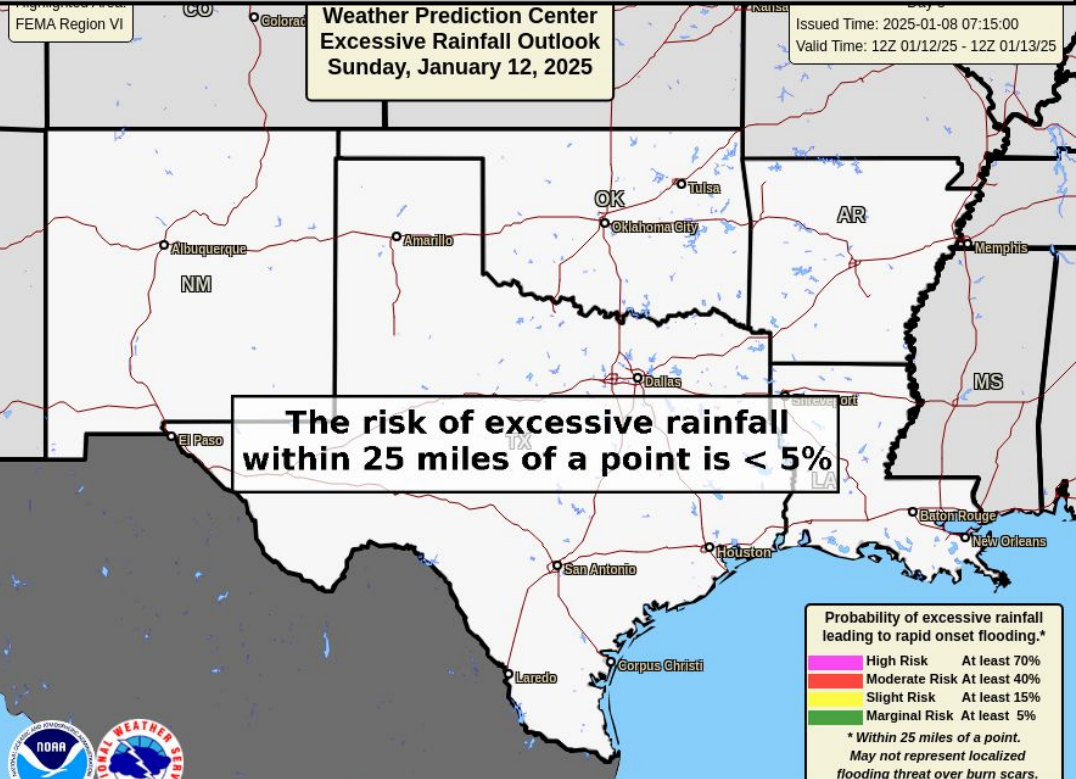


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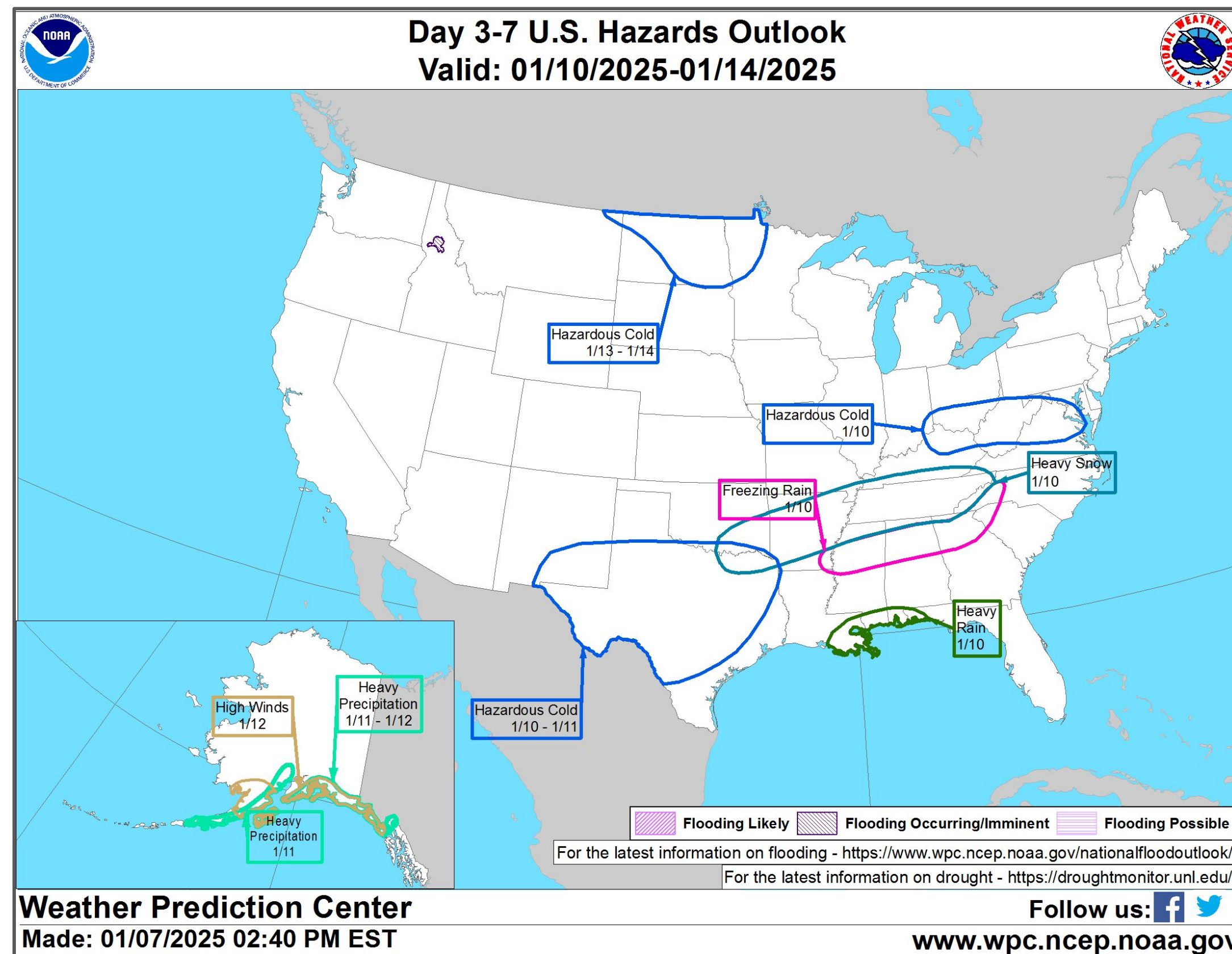


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



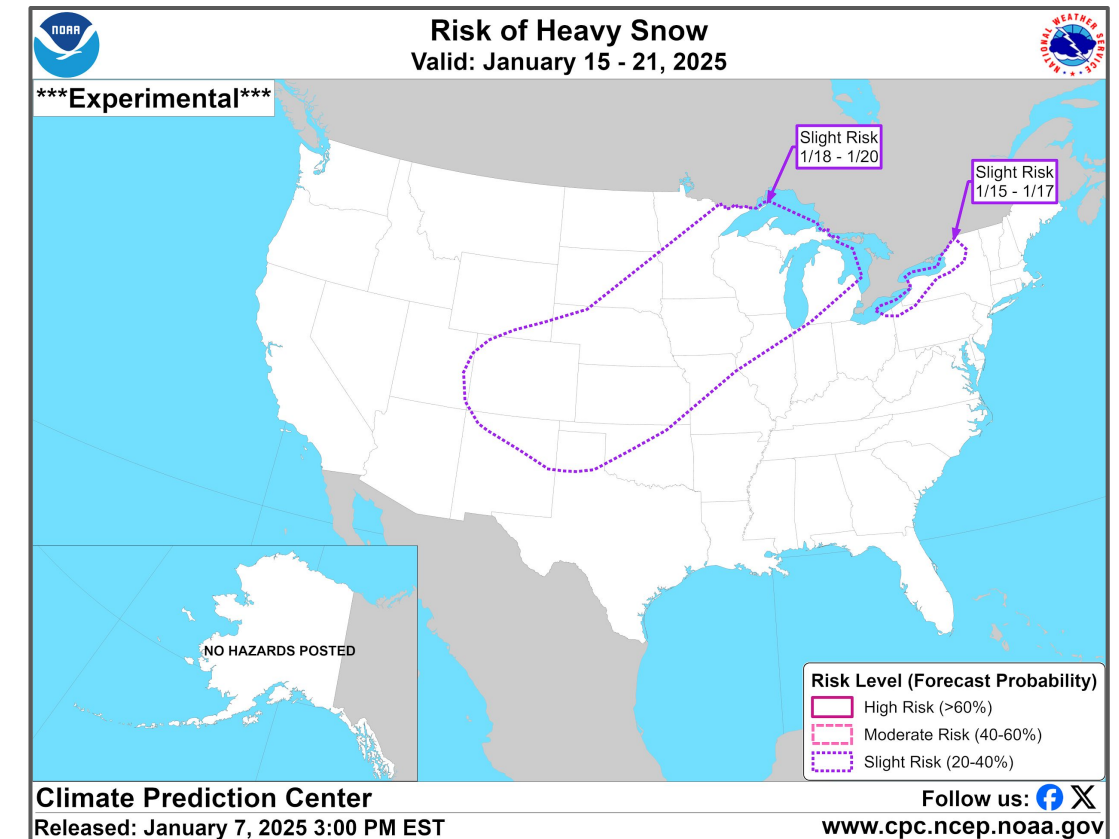
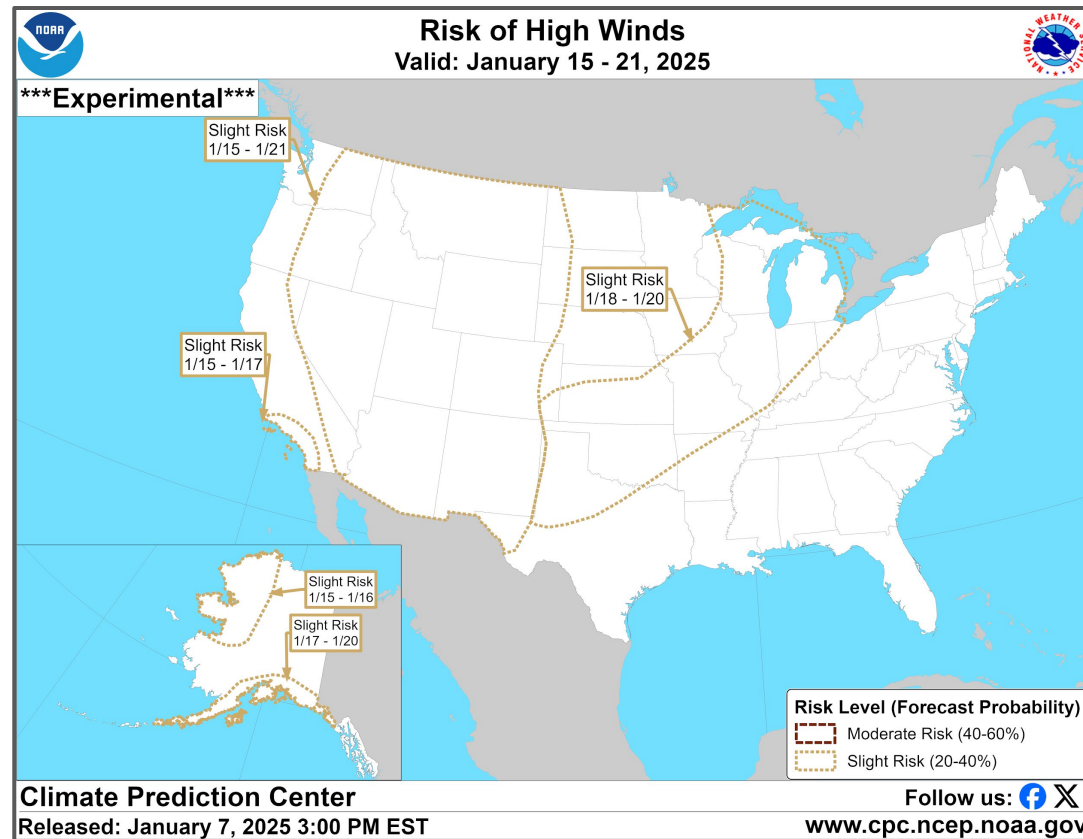
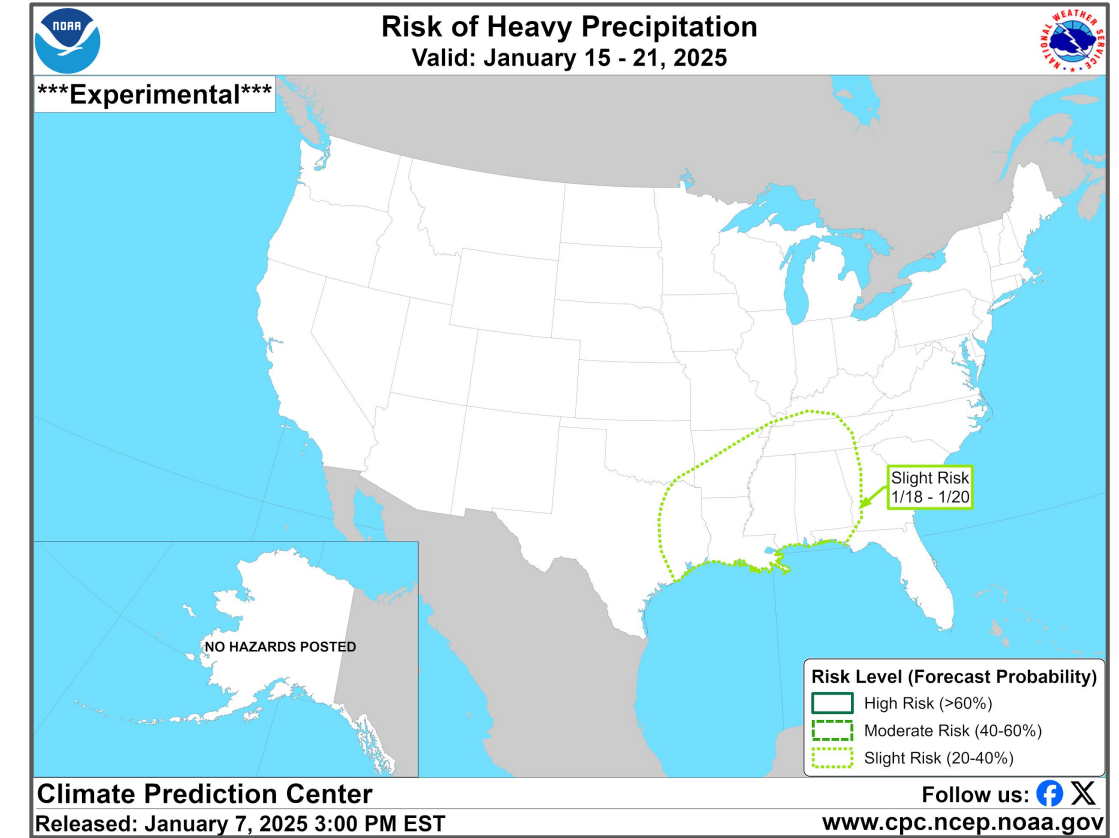
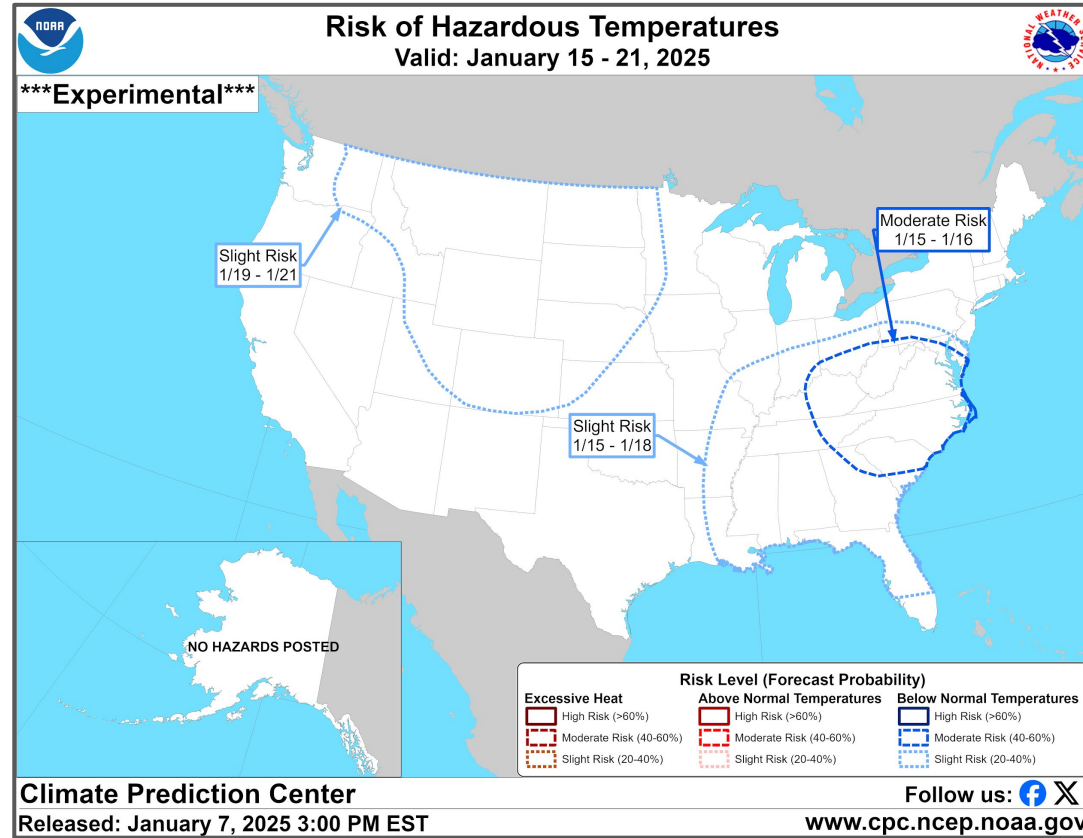
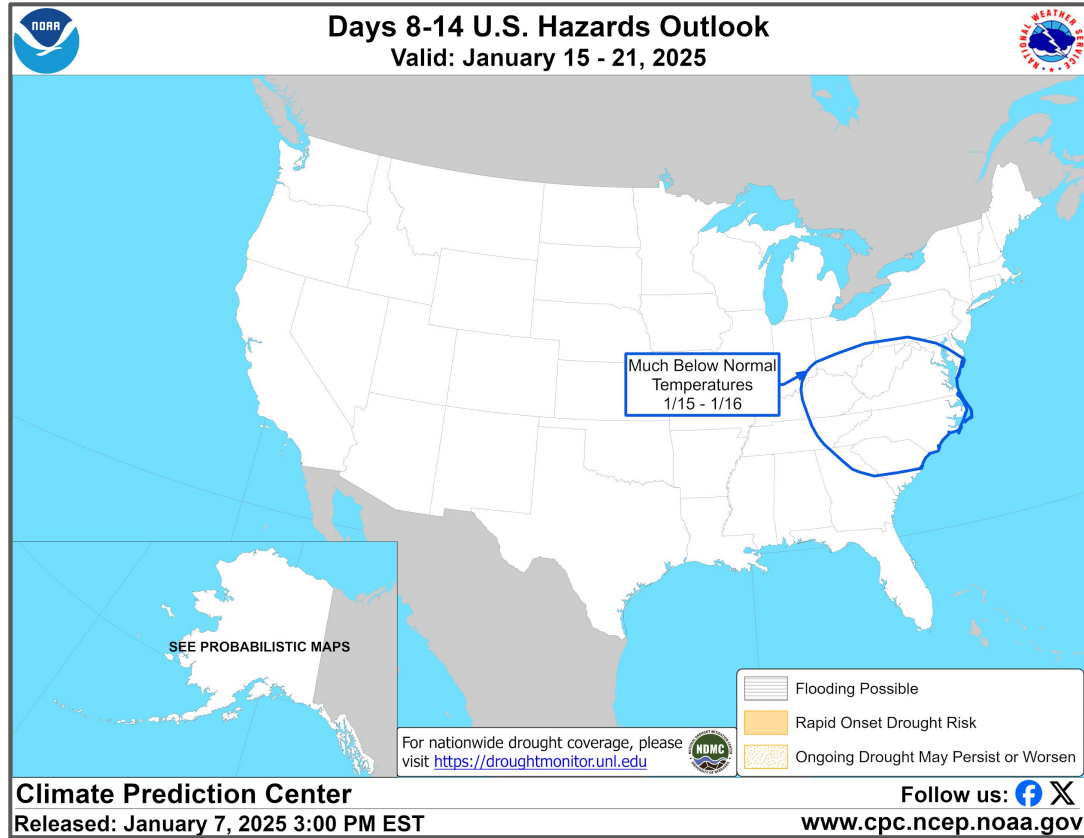
NOTE: These outlooks are issued in the afternoon and only issued on weekdays. Because of that and the fact that these slides are issued in the mornings:

1. The “day 3-7” will really be days 2-6
2. This slide will be hidden on Mondays and Sundays so the data/information is not too old

For additional information on this outlook go to <https://origin.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php>



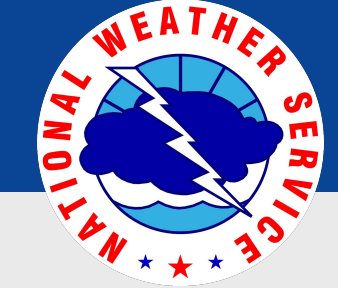
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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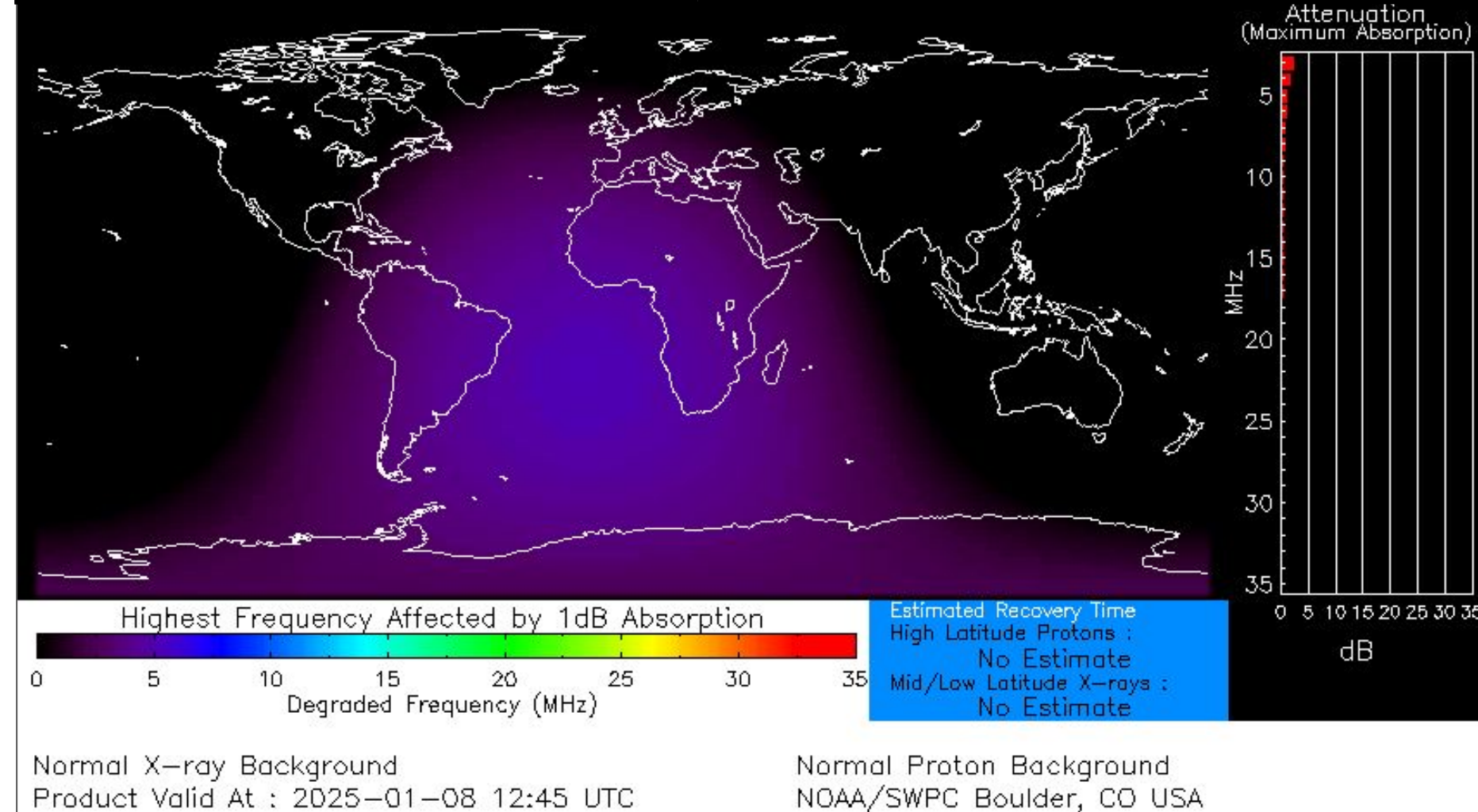
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Jan 8	Thursday, Jan 9	Friday, Jan 10
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	15%	15%	15%



[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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