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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, January 27, 2025

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Summary

- **Elevated fire weather threat over E NM today due to gusty winds/low relative humidity.**
- **Strong weather system will produce a slight chance (level 2 of 5) of severe storms Wed over W-Cntrl TX and Thu over N and Cntrl TX. In addition, a slight risk (level 2 of 4) of heavy rainfall/flash flooding Thu over SE OK, SW AR, NW LA, N/E TX and Fri over E TX, AR and LA.**
- **Snow will develop Wednesday and Thursday over N NM.**
- **Minor river flooding will continue into next week in E TX. Additional minor (possibly moderate) flooding may occur in E TX and LA starting late week with the expected heavy rainfall.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Jan 27	Tuesday, Jan 28	Wednesday, Jan 29	Thursday, Jan 30	Friday, Jan 31	Saturday, Feb 1	Sunday, Feb 2
Severe Storms			WCtrnl TX	N/Cntrl TX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			S OK, W-Ctrl/N/NETX, SW AR	SE OK, SW AR, NW LA, N/E TX	SE LA		
Fire Weather	W NM						
Winter			N NM	N NM			
River Flooding	ETX	ETX	ETX	ETX, LA	ETX , LA	ETX , LA	ETX , LA

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 4 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

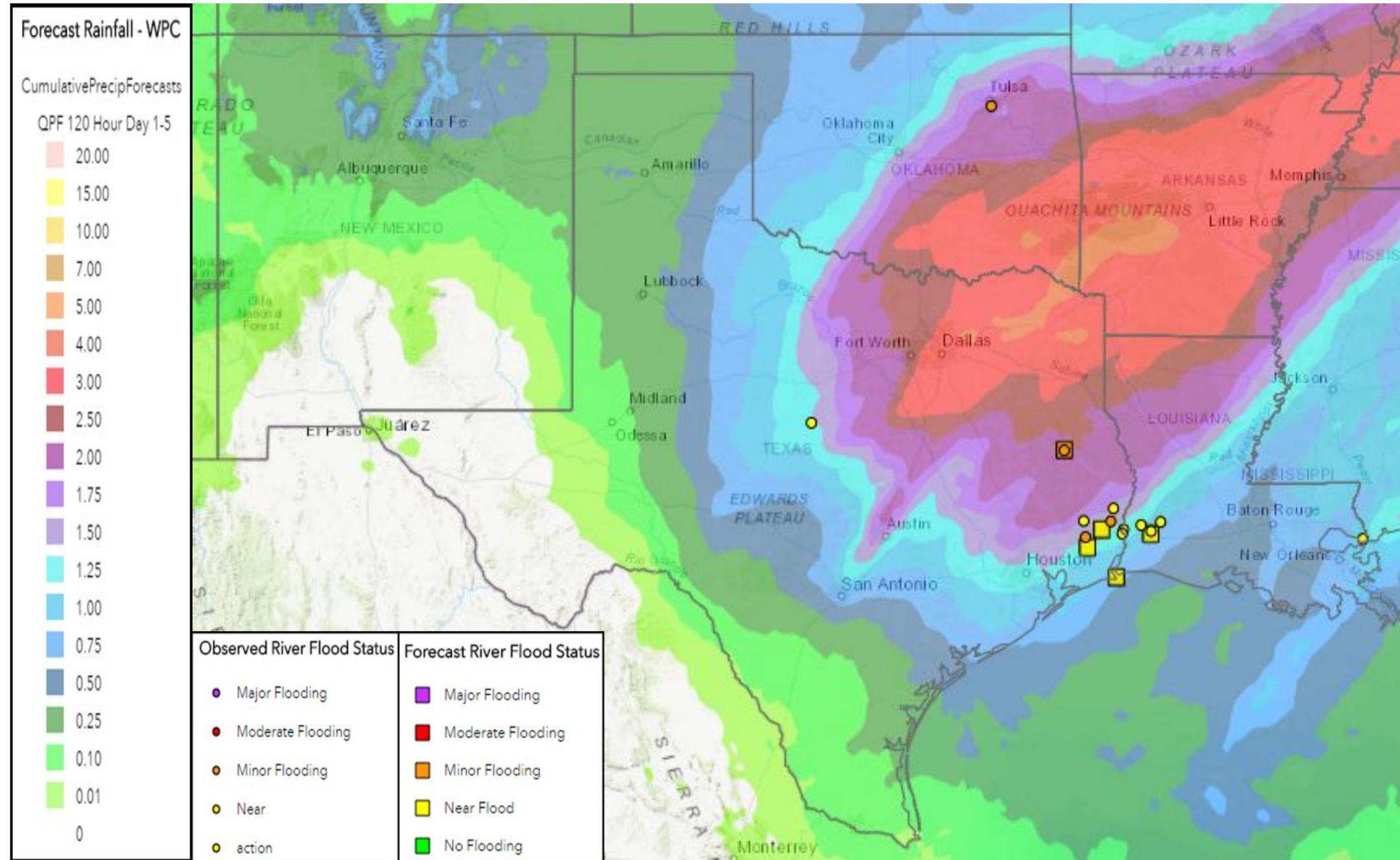
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Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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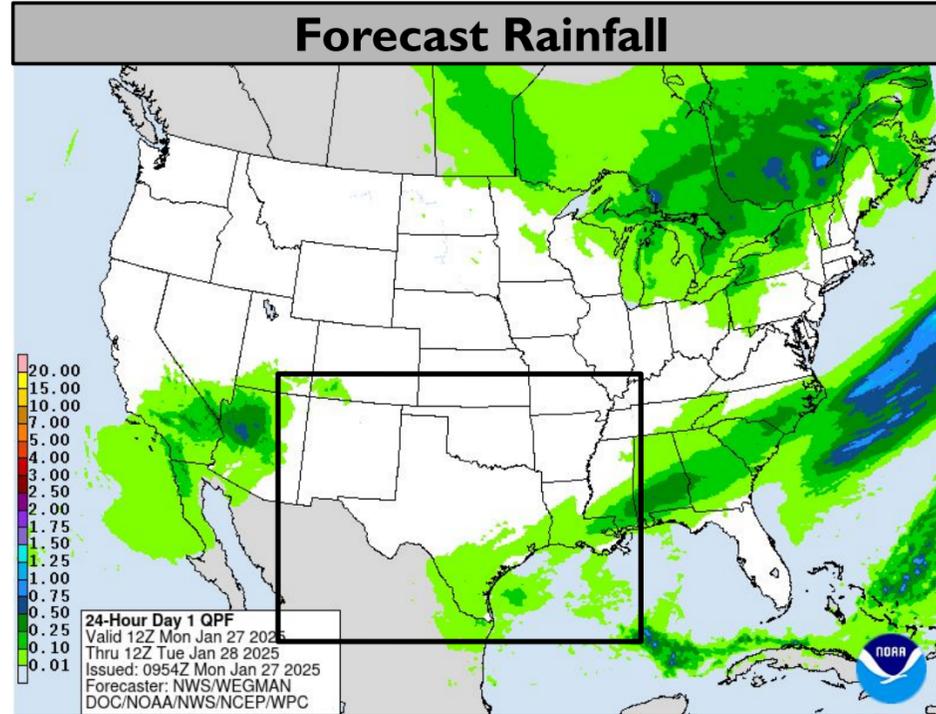
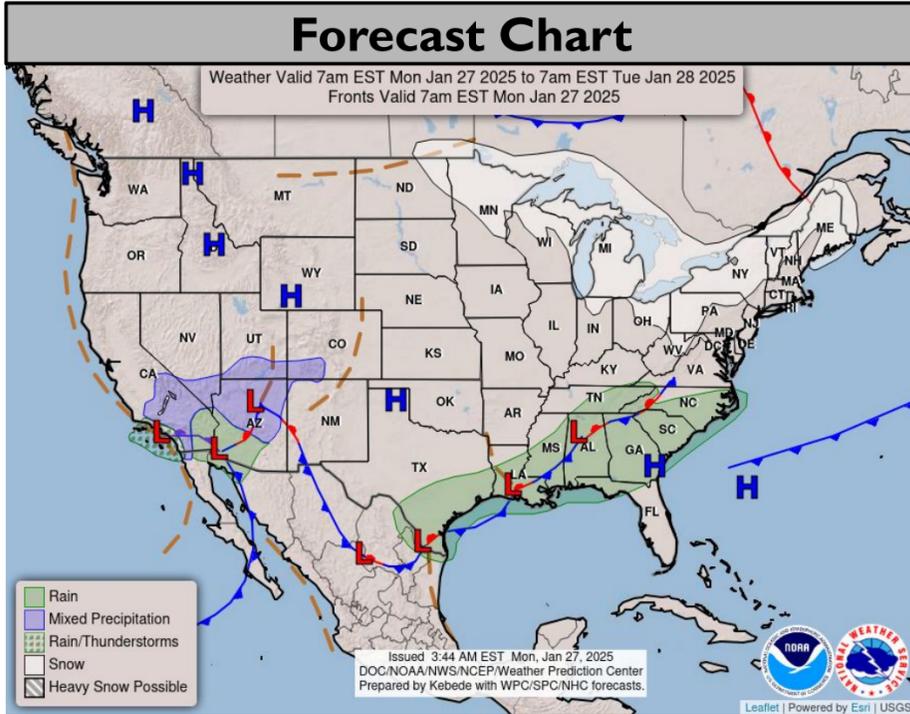


Minor river flooding continues next week in E TX with flooding of low-lying pastures, swampland, and secondary roads.

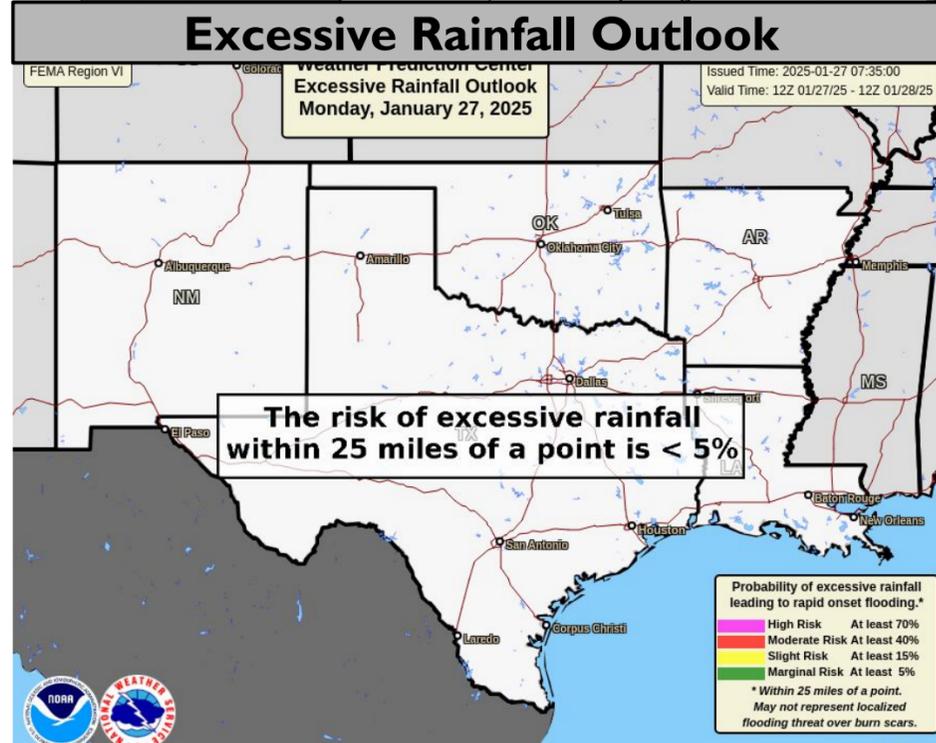
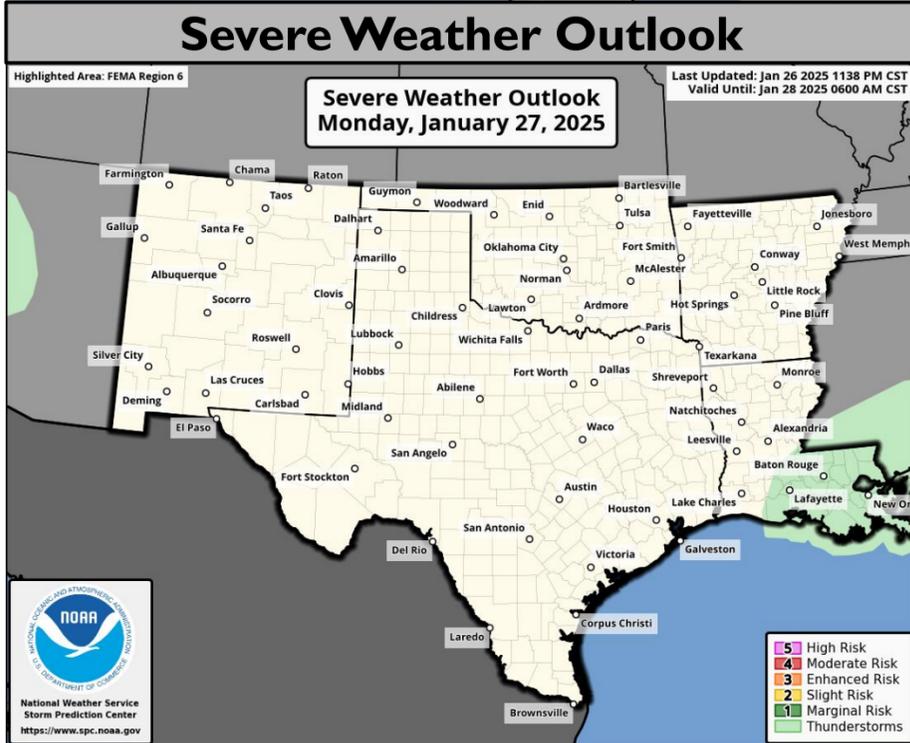
Additional minor to isolated moderate flooding may occur in E TX and LA late week with rainfall mid to late week.



Today's Weather

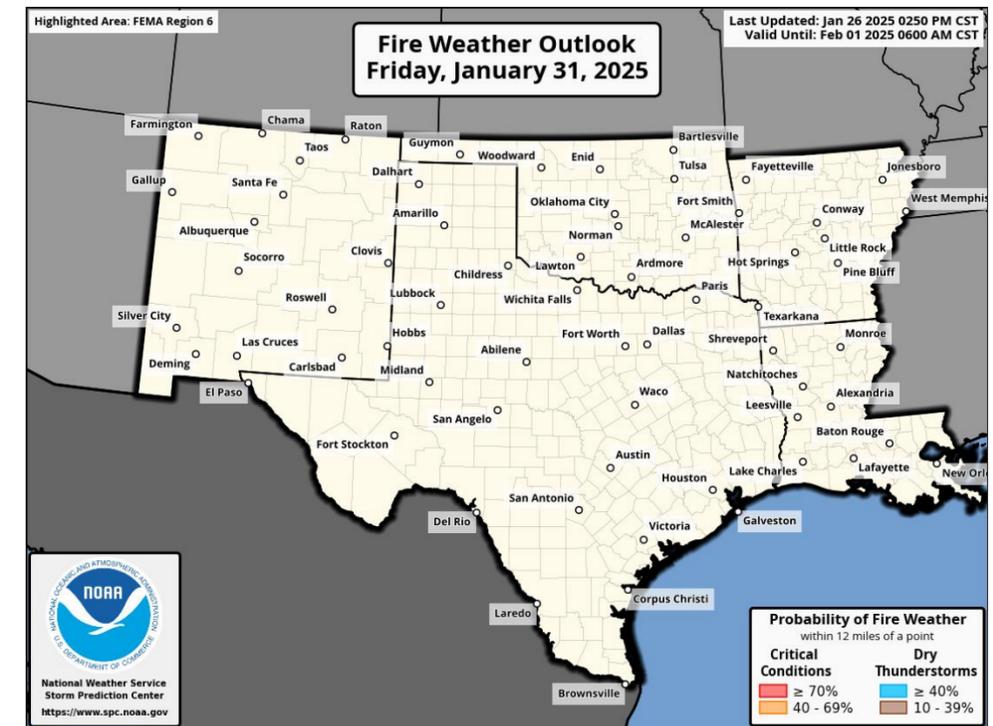
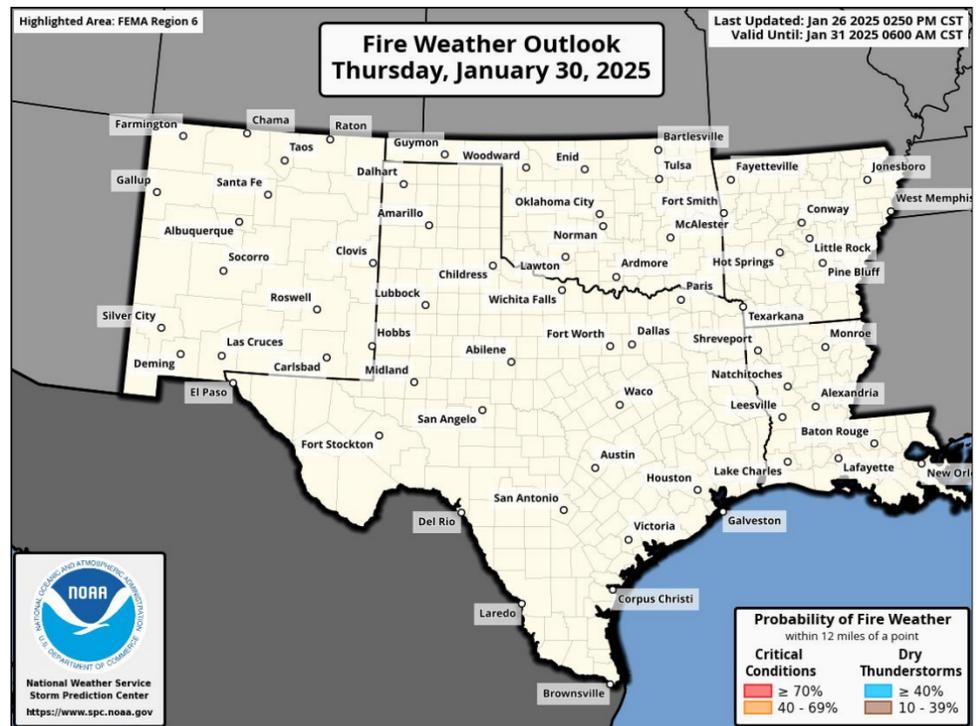
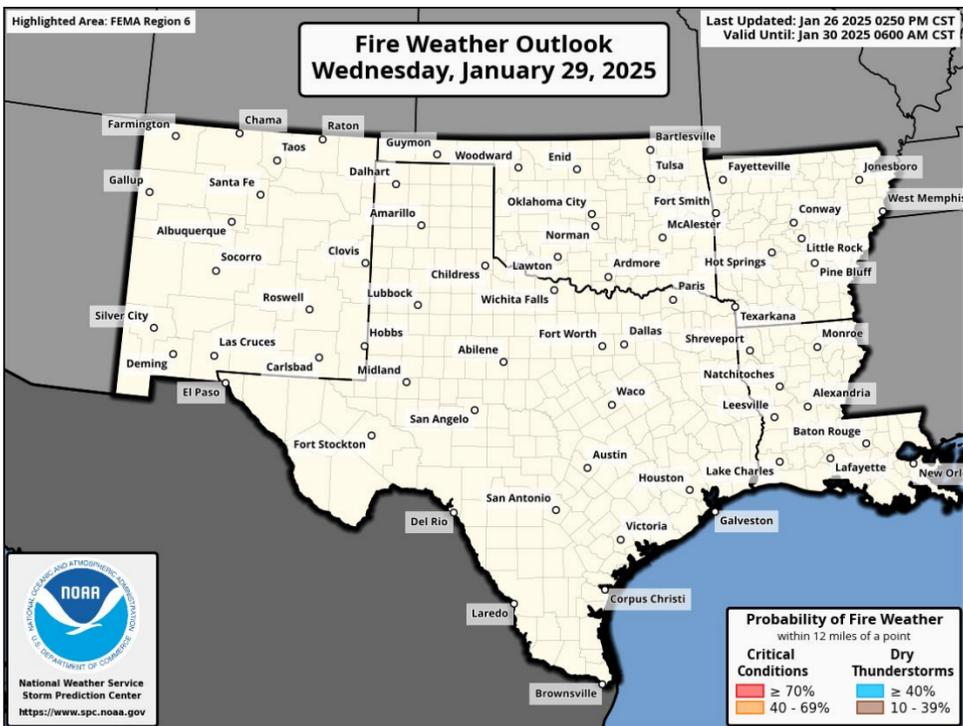
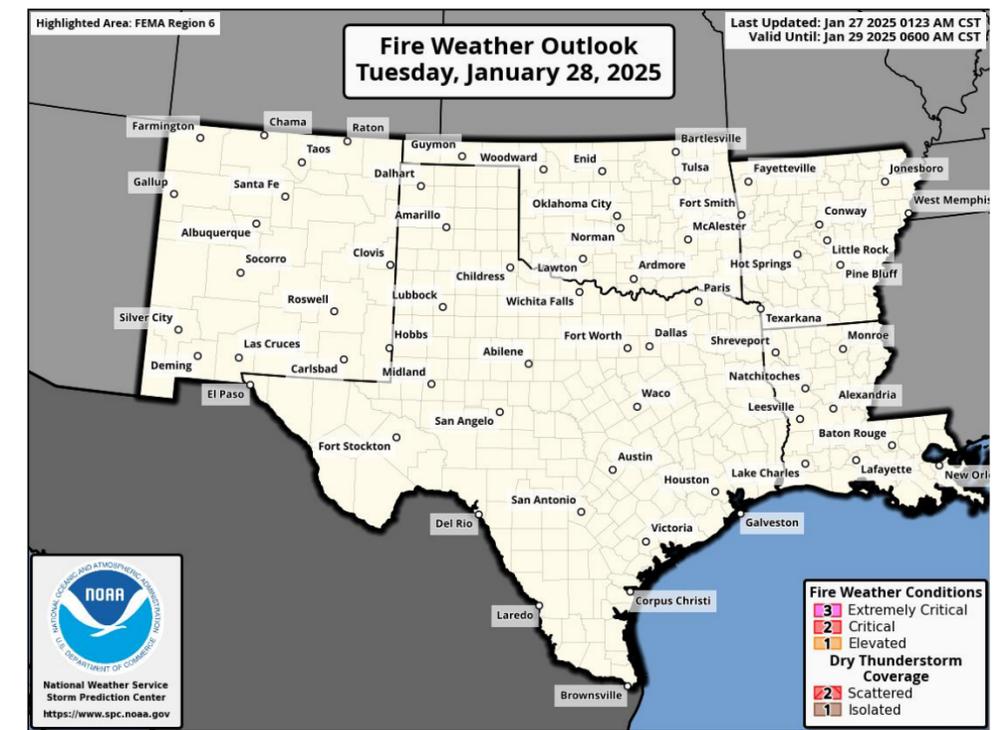
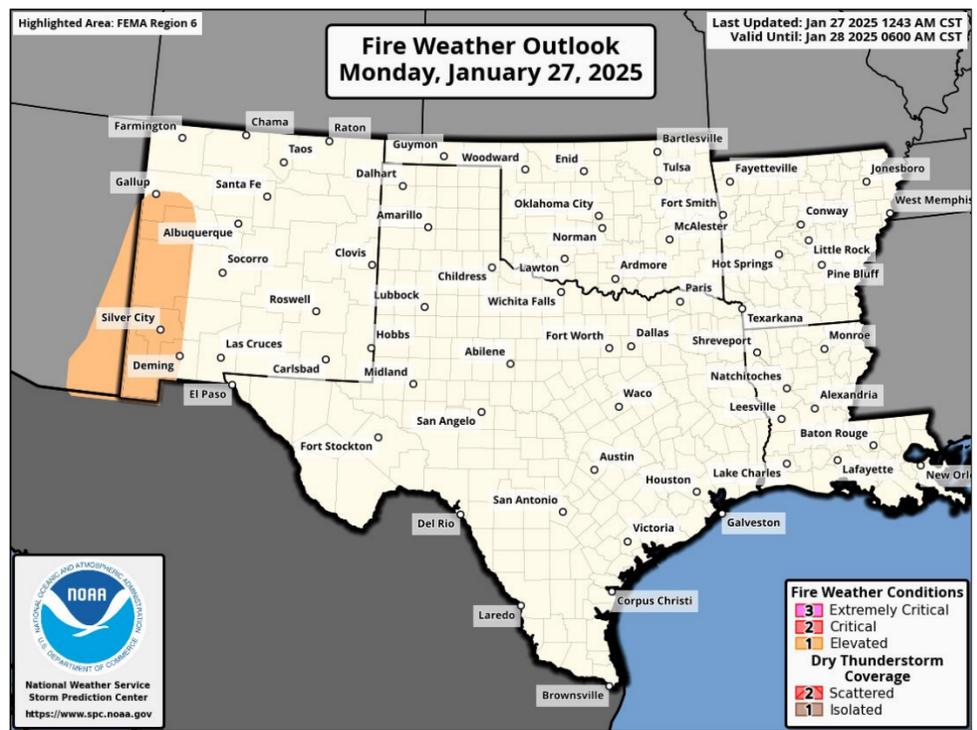
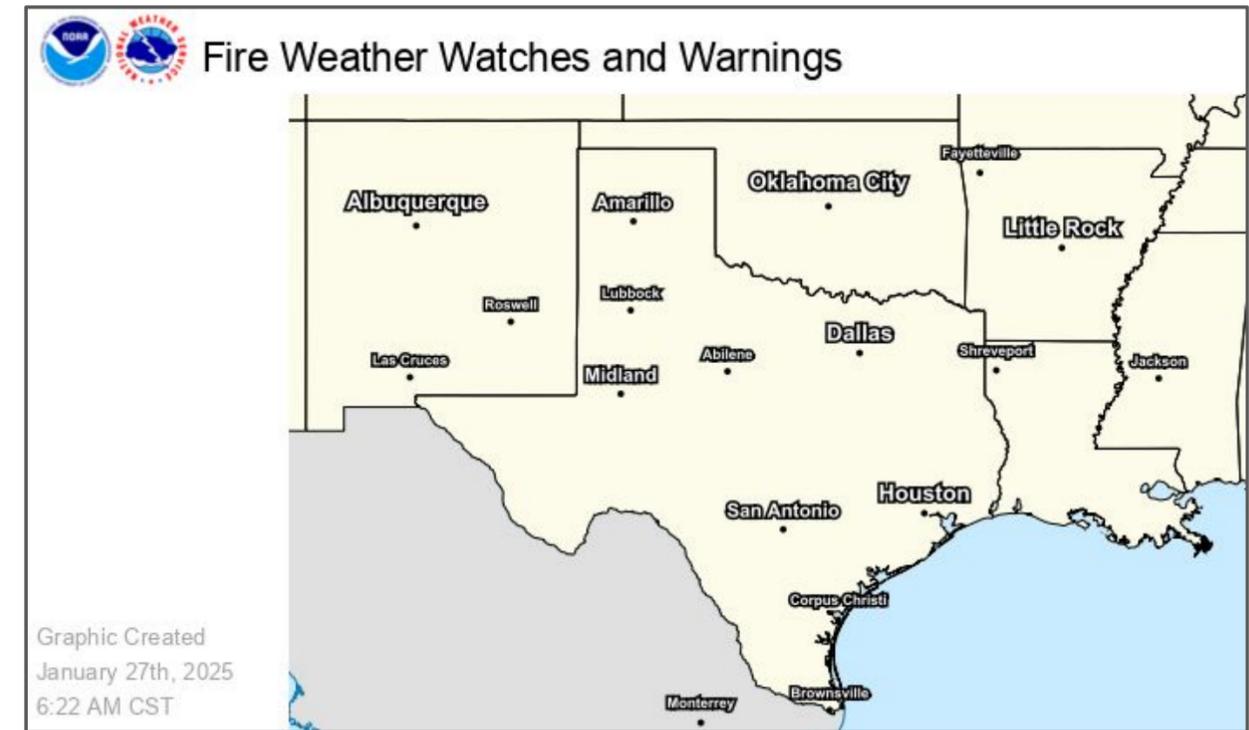


Elevated fire weather conditions over W NM.





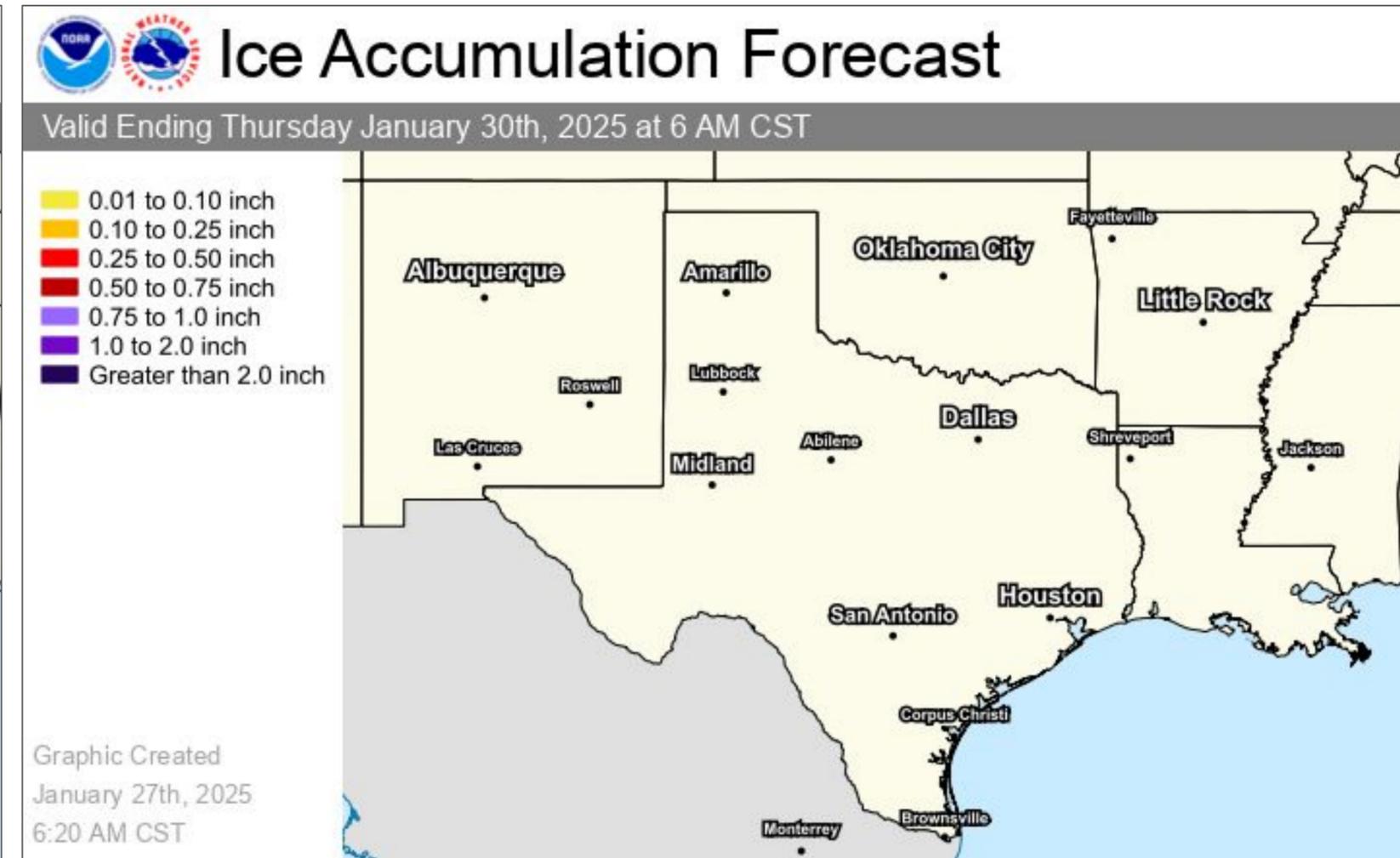
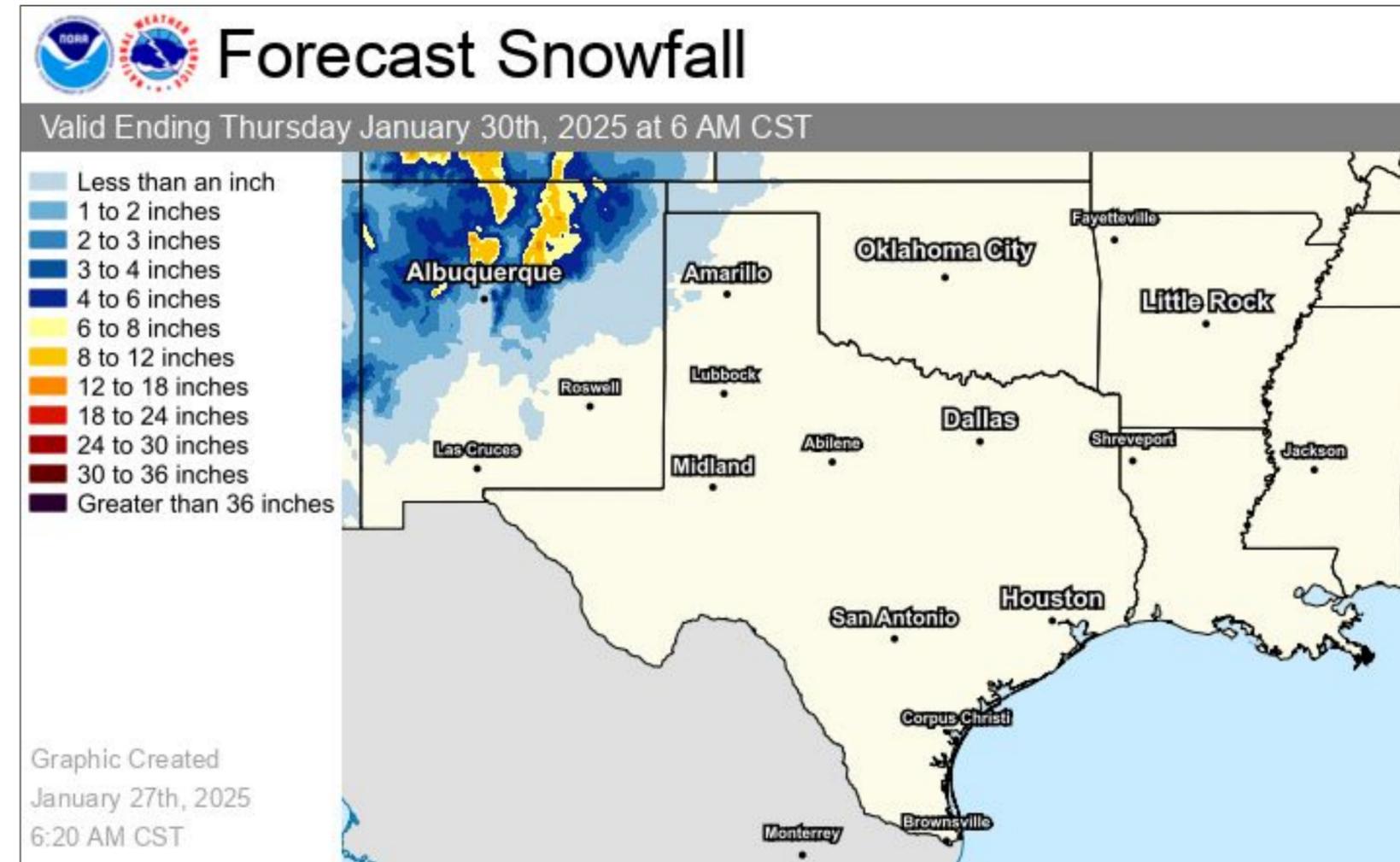
Fire Weather Outlooks





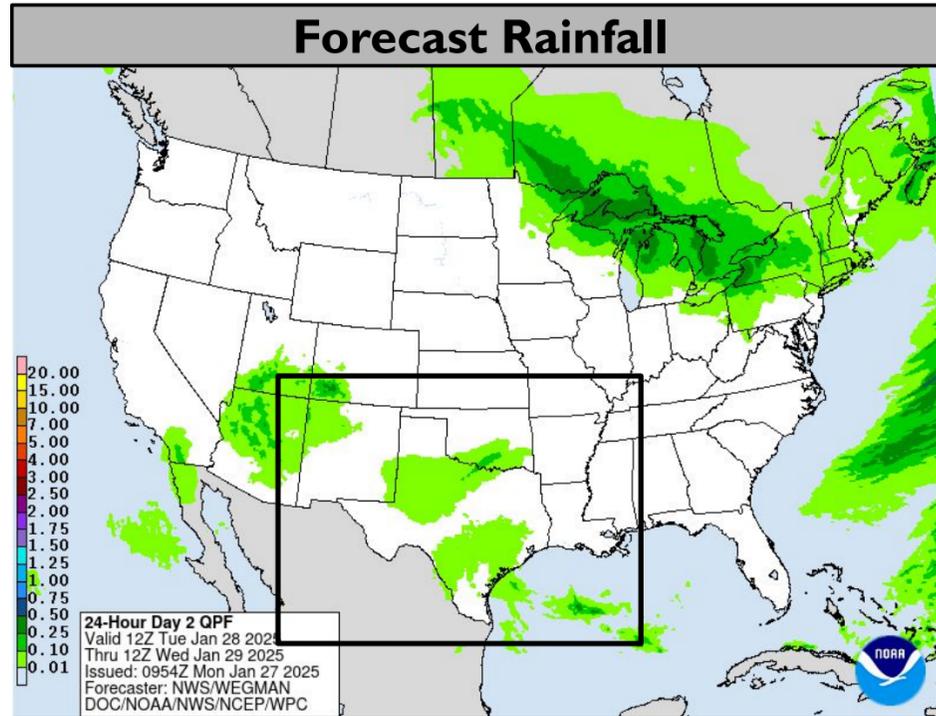
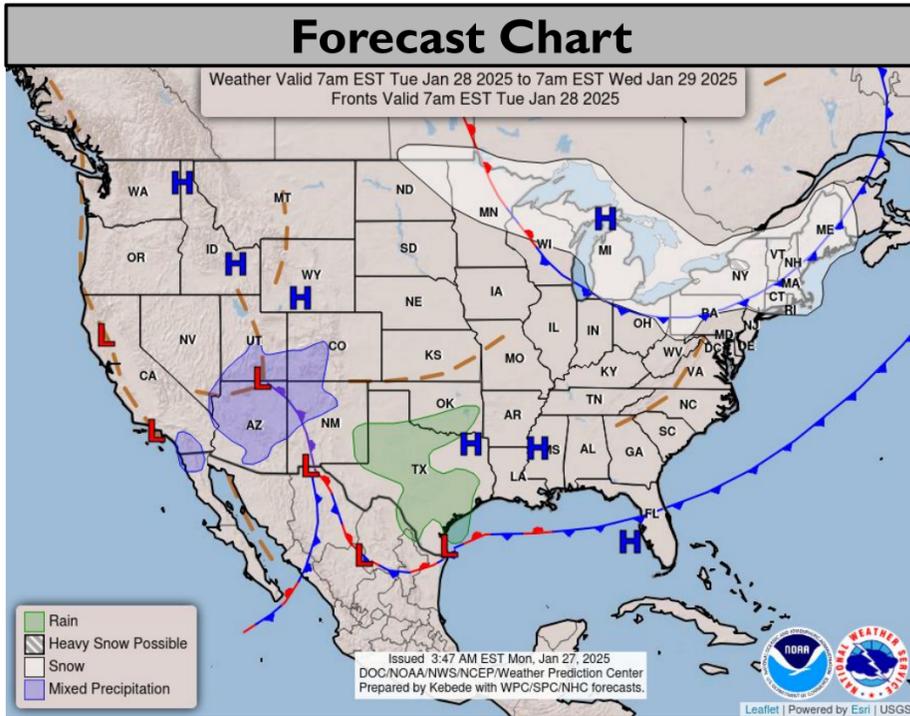
Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days

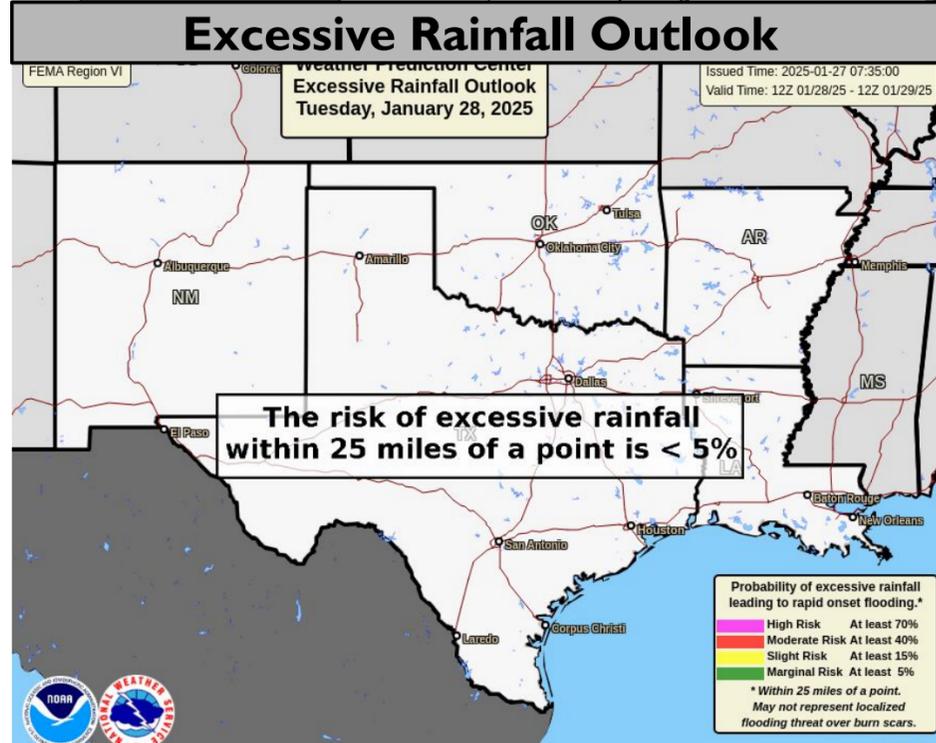
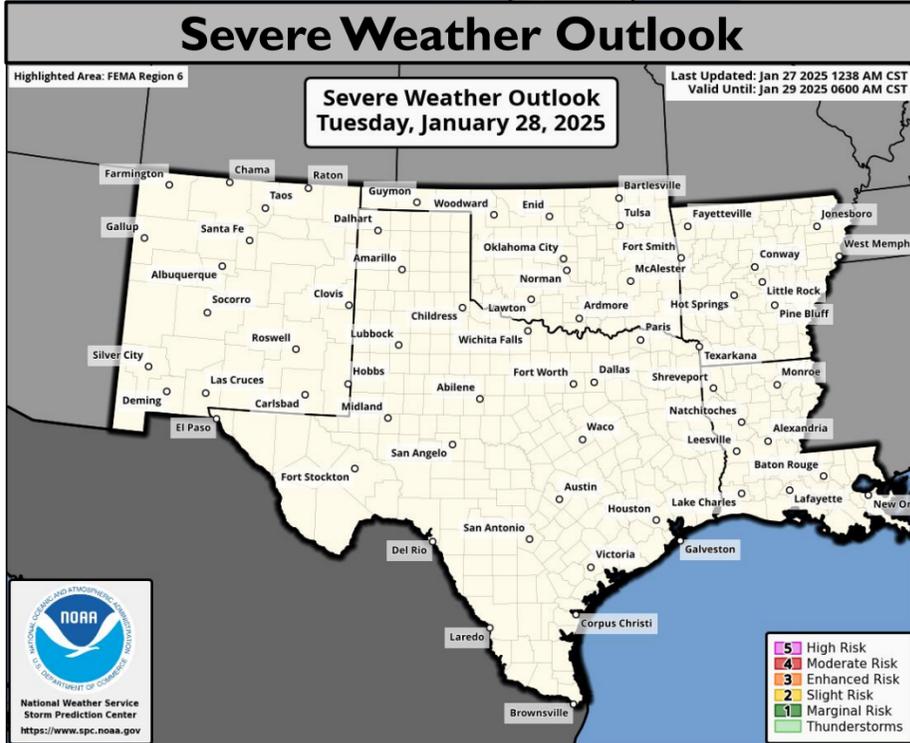




Tomorrow's Weather

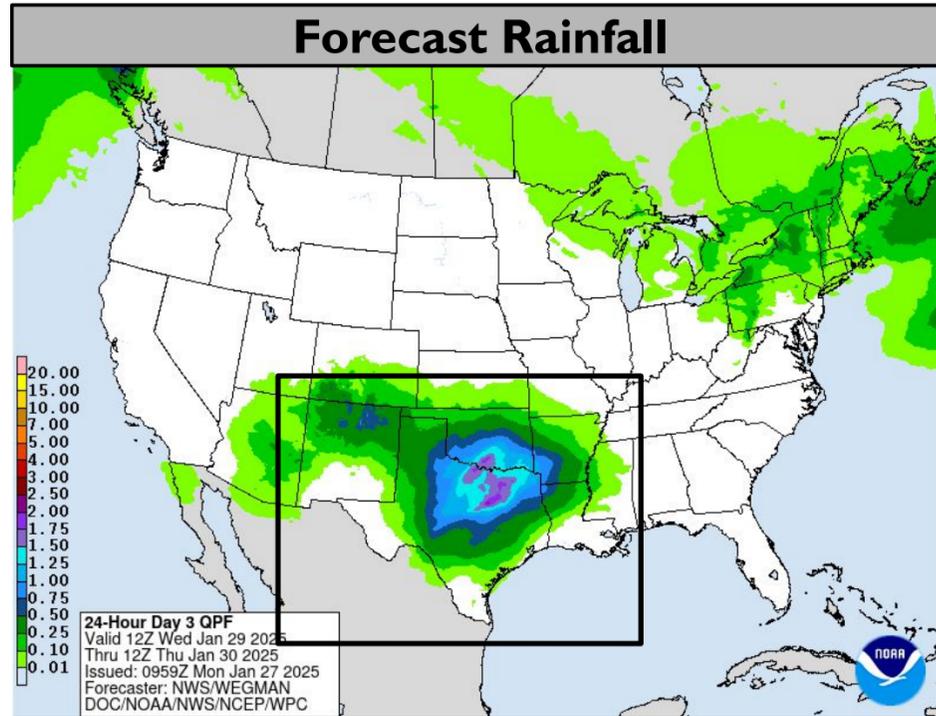
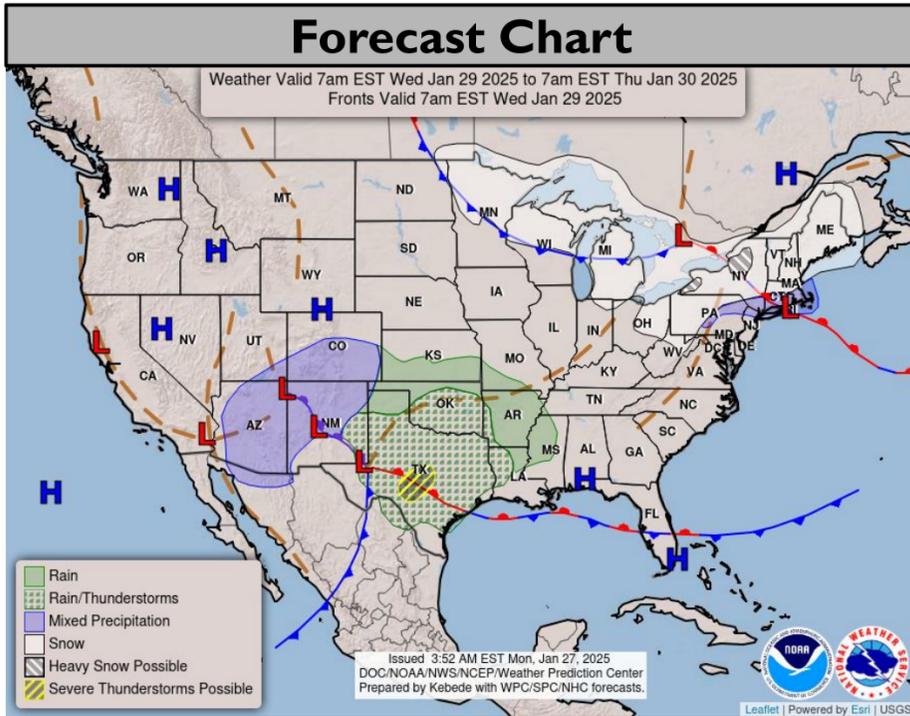


No significant weather expected.





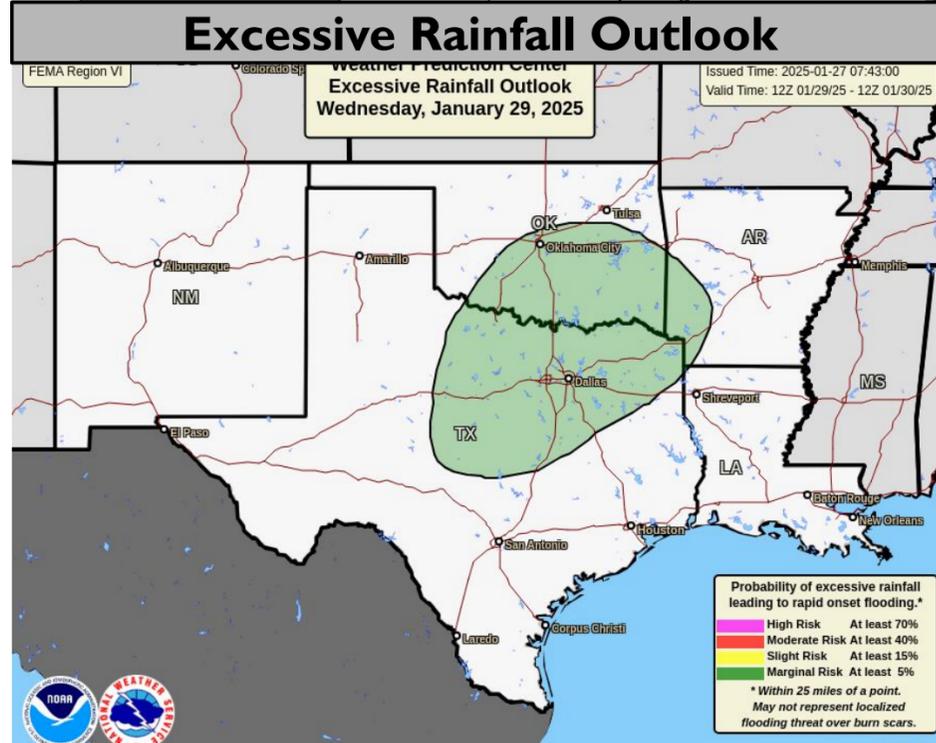
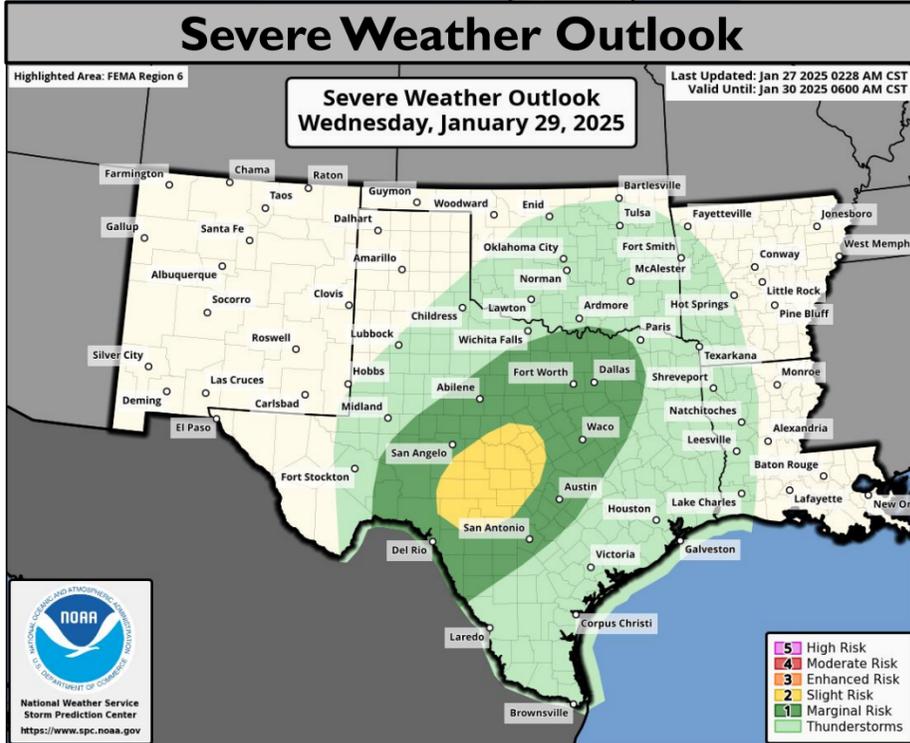
Wednesday's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms over W-Cntrl TX

Widespread minor to moderate travel impacts in N NM due to accumulating snow.

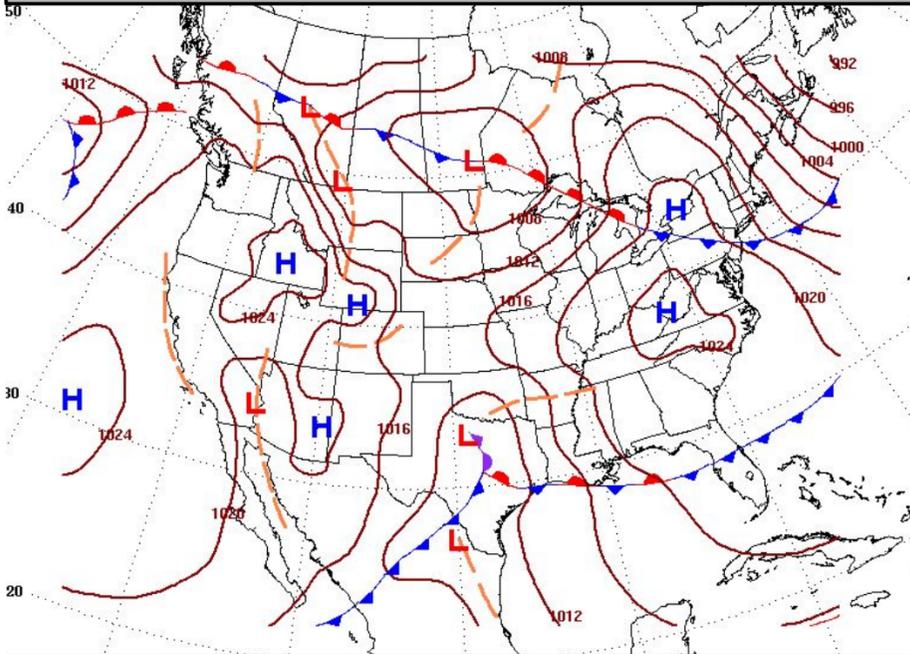
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of heavy rainfall/flash flooding across S OK, W-Cntrl/N/NE TX, SW AR.



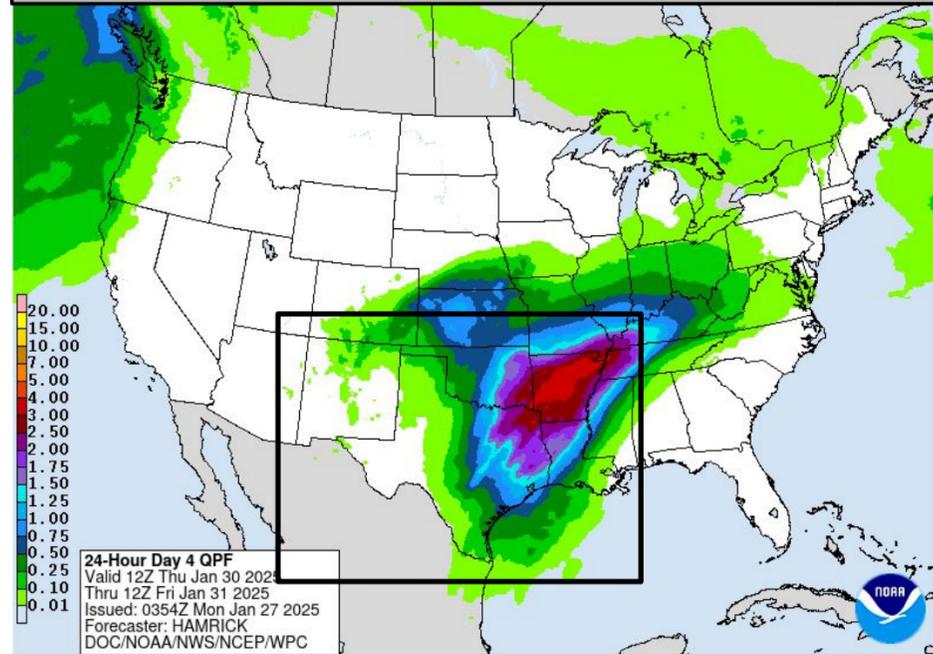


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

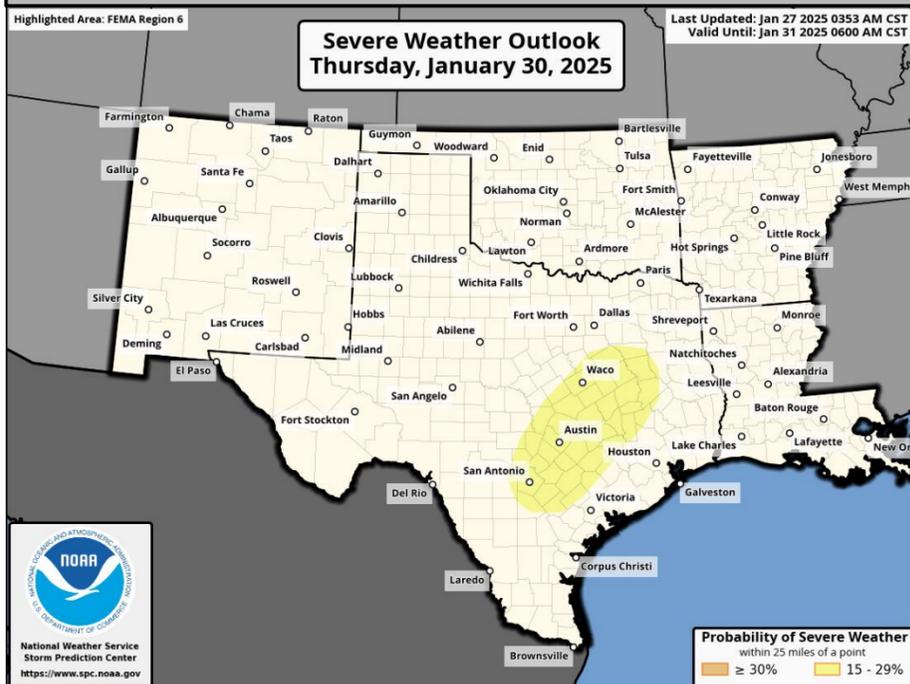


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms over N/Cntrl TX

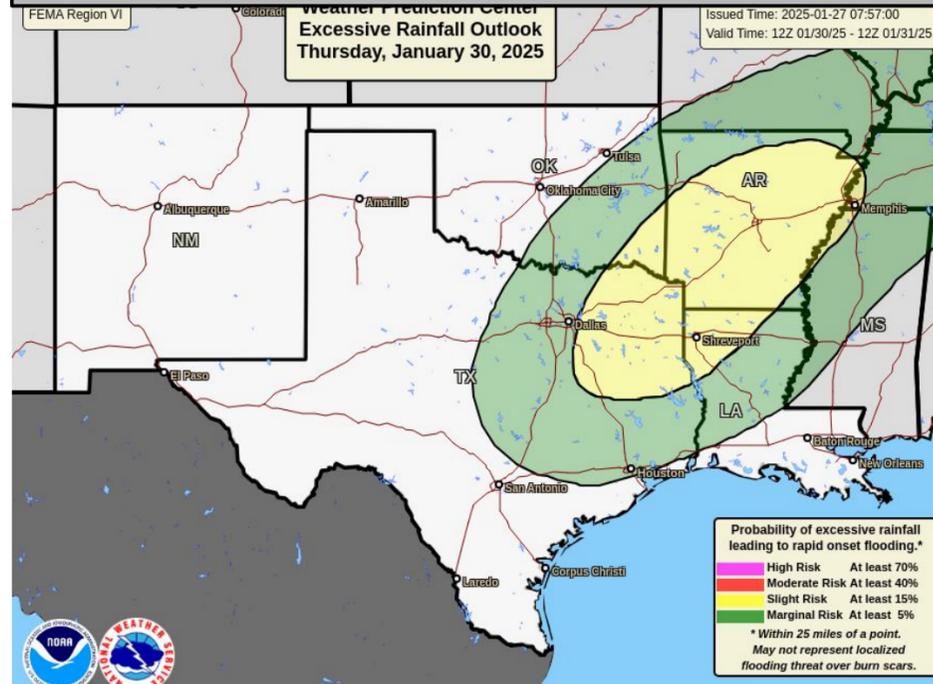
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Severe Weather Outlook



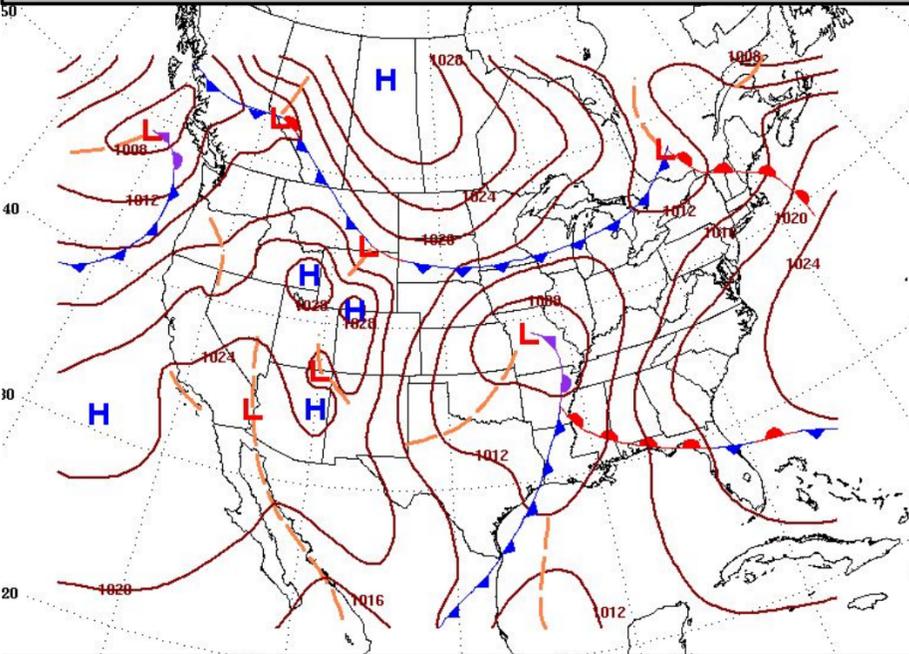
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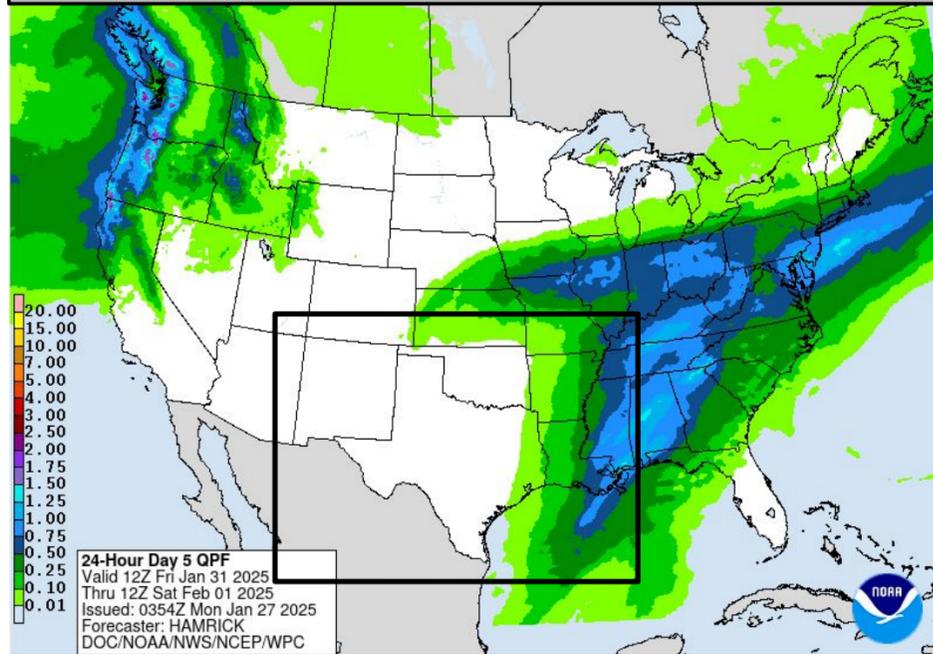


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

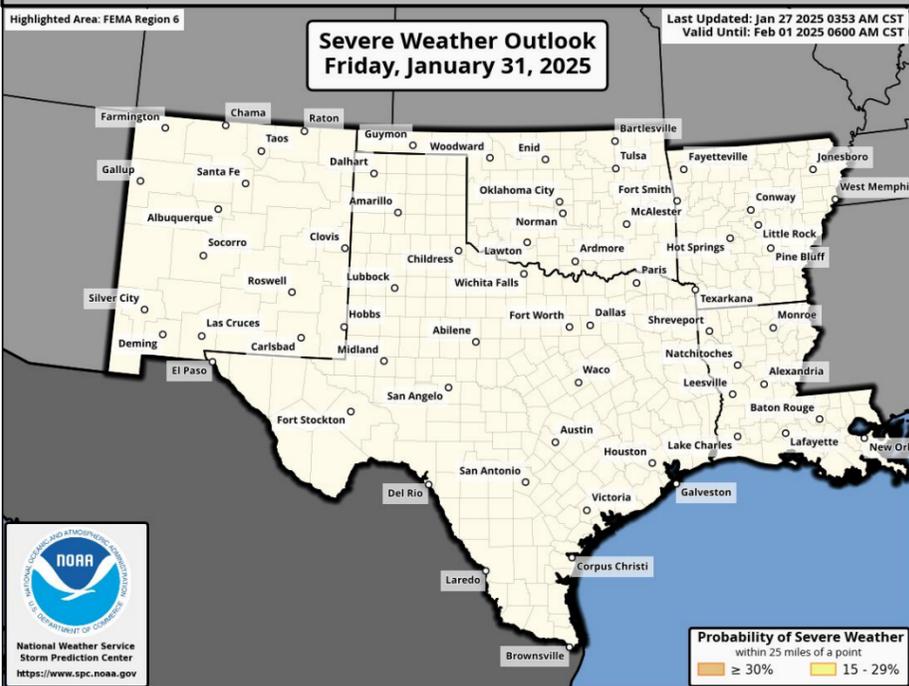


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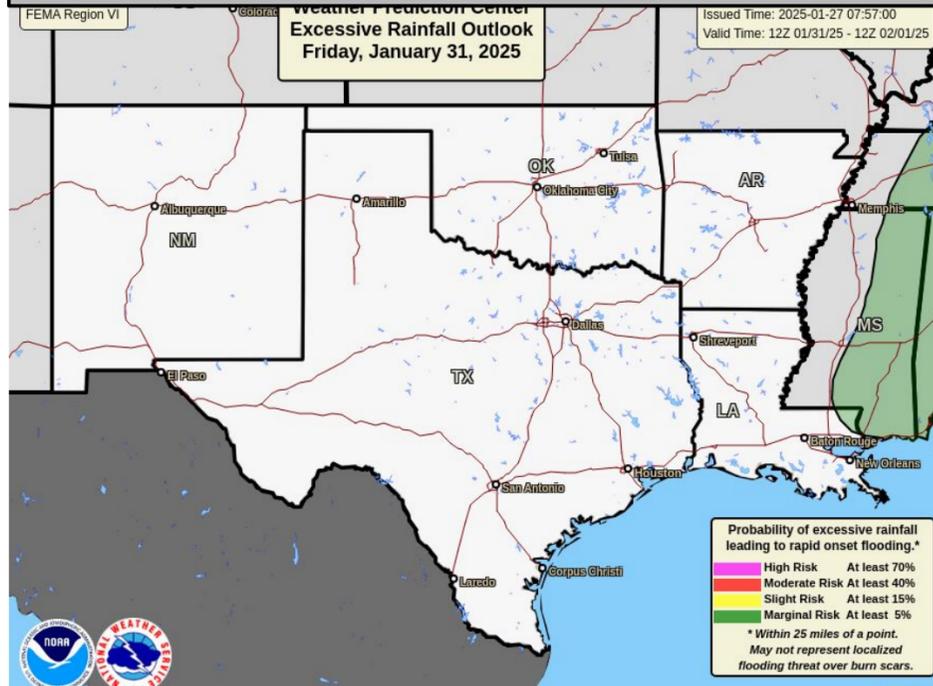


Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of heavy rainfall/flash flooding over SE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



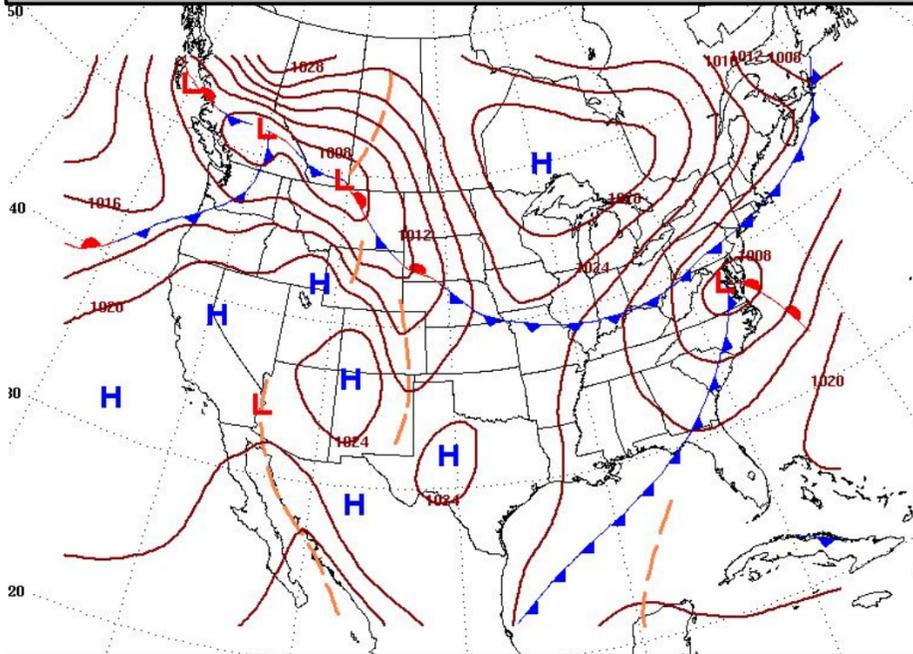
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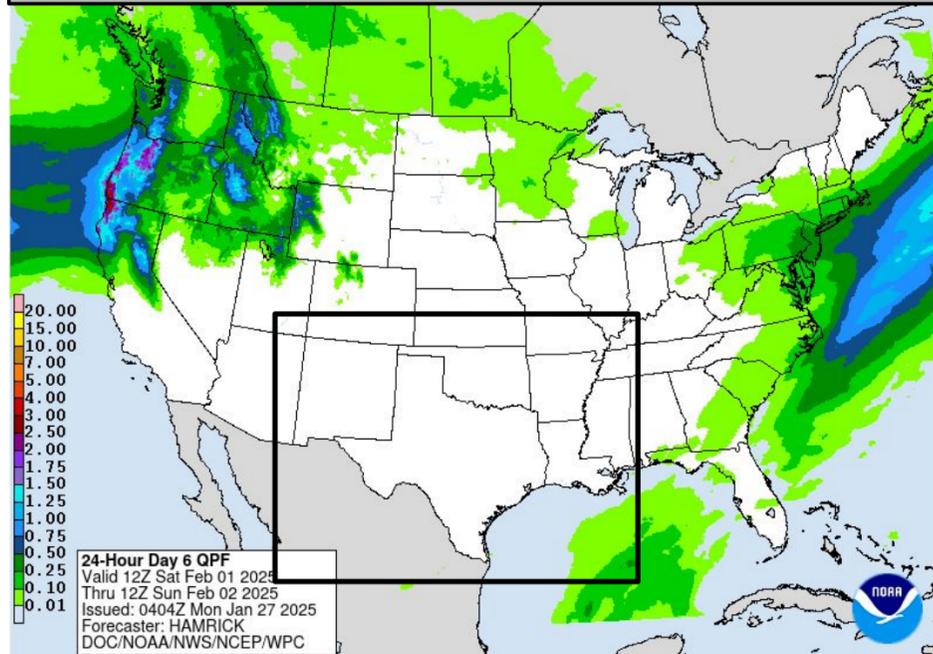


Saturday's Weather

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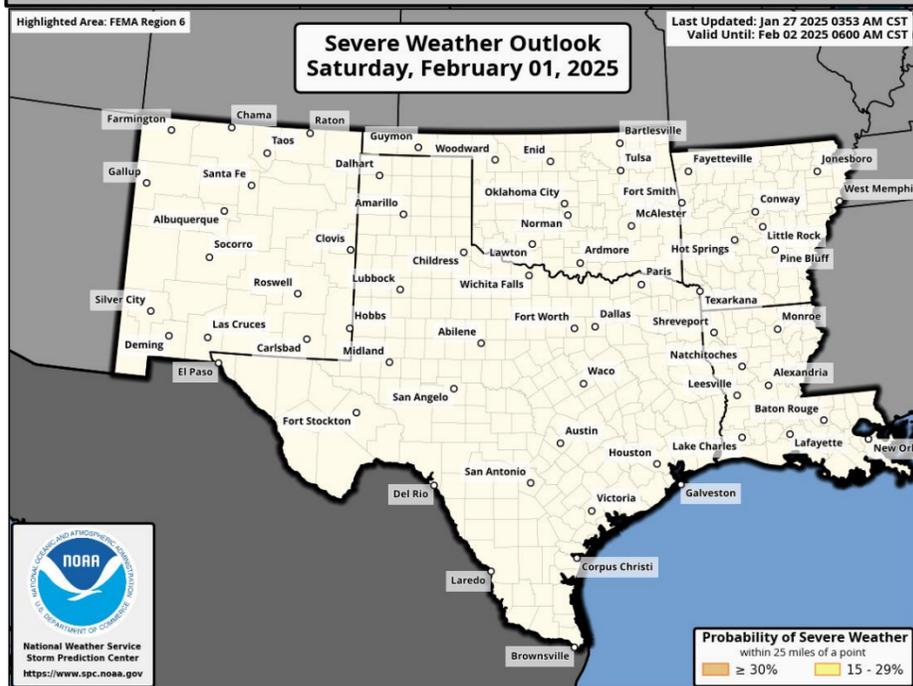


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

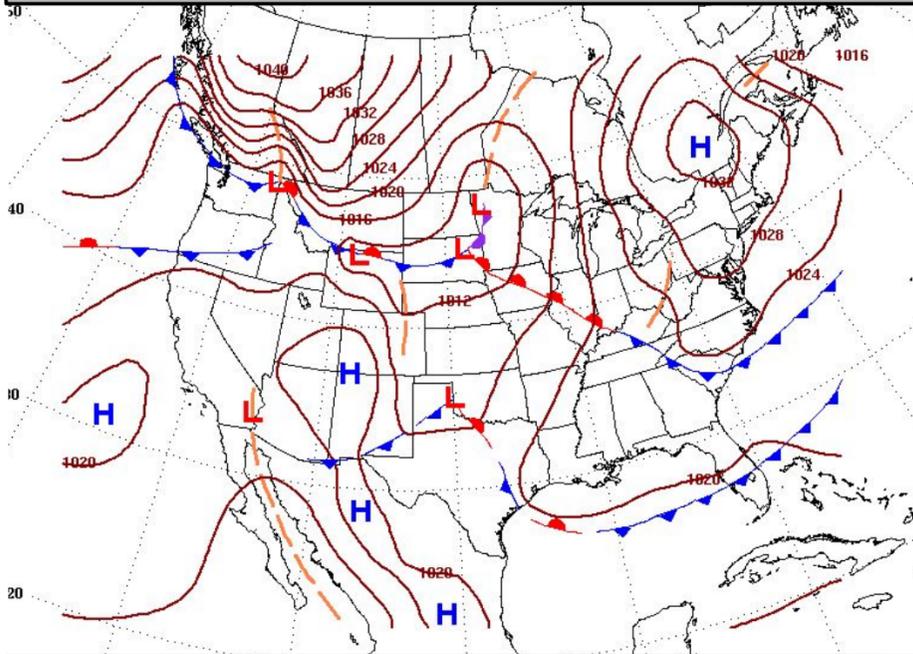


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
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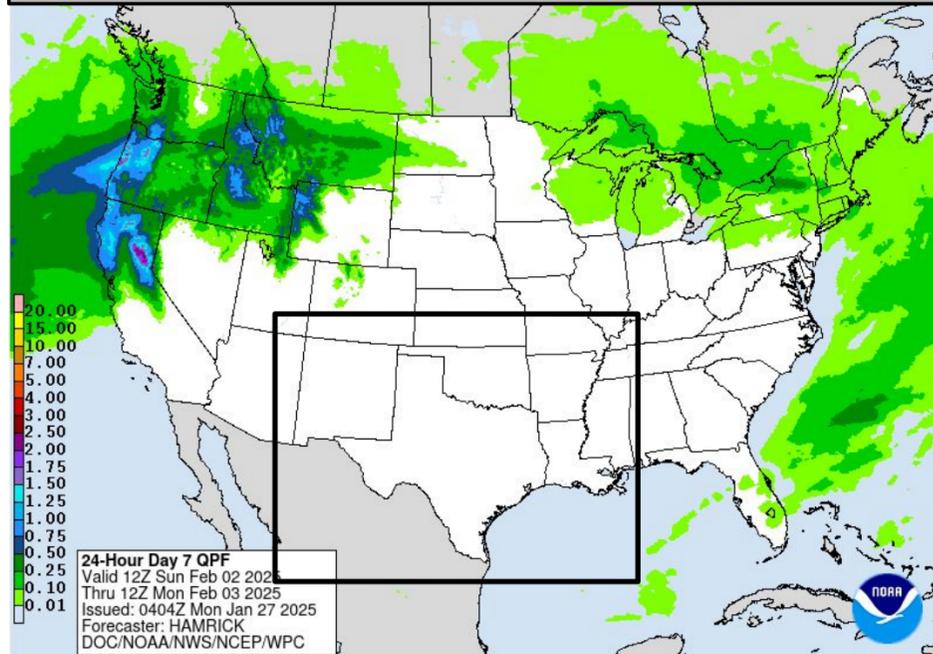


Sunday's Weather

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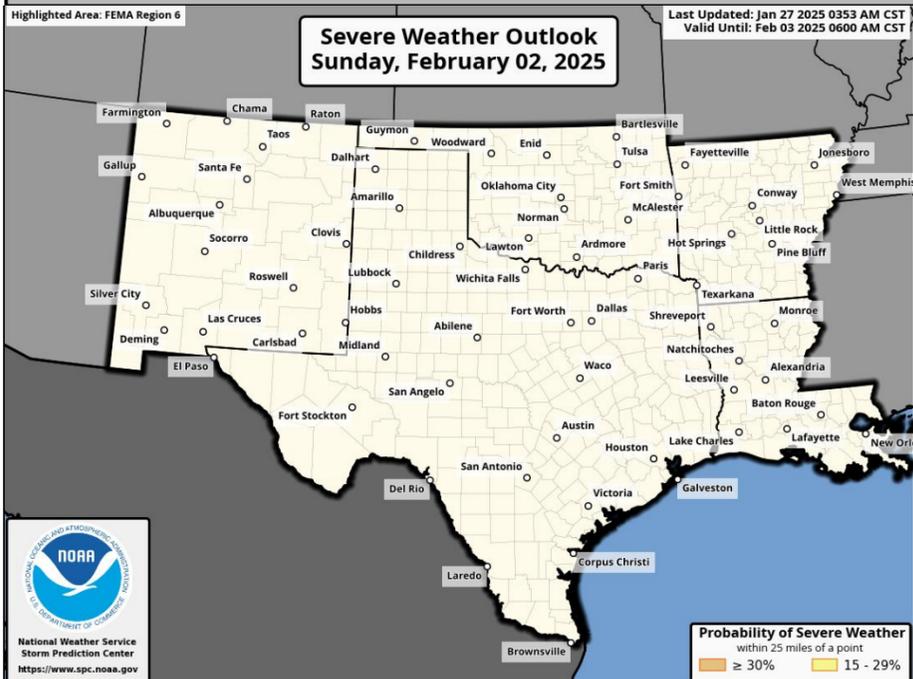


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



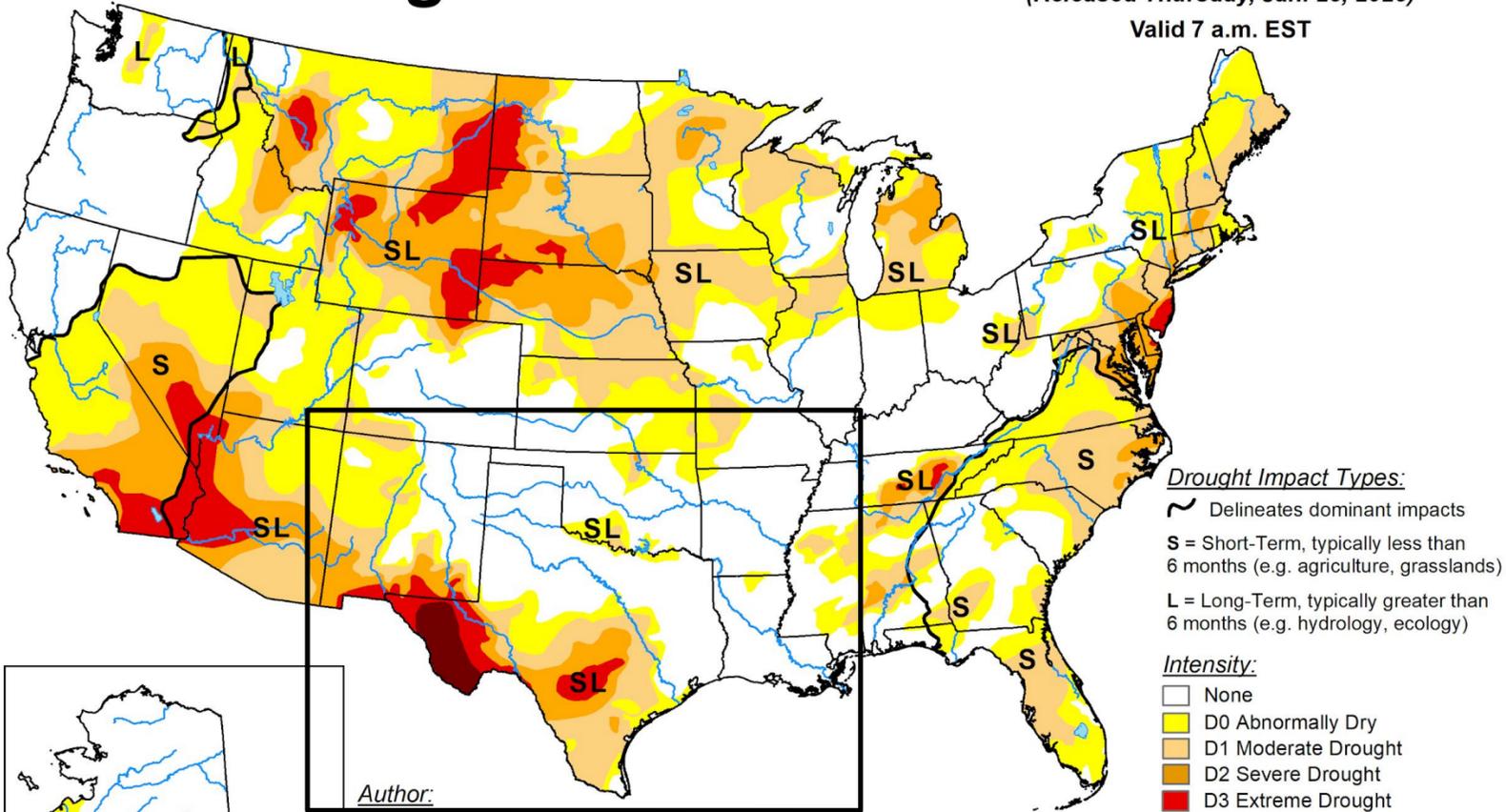
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Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor

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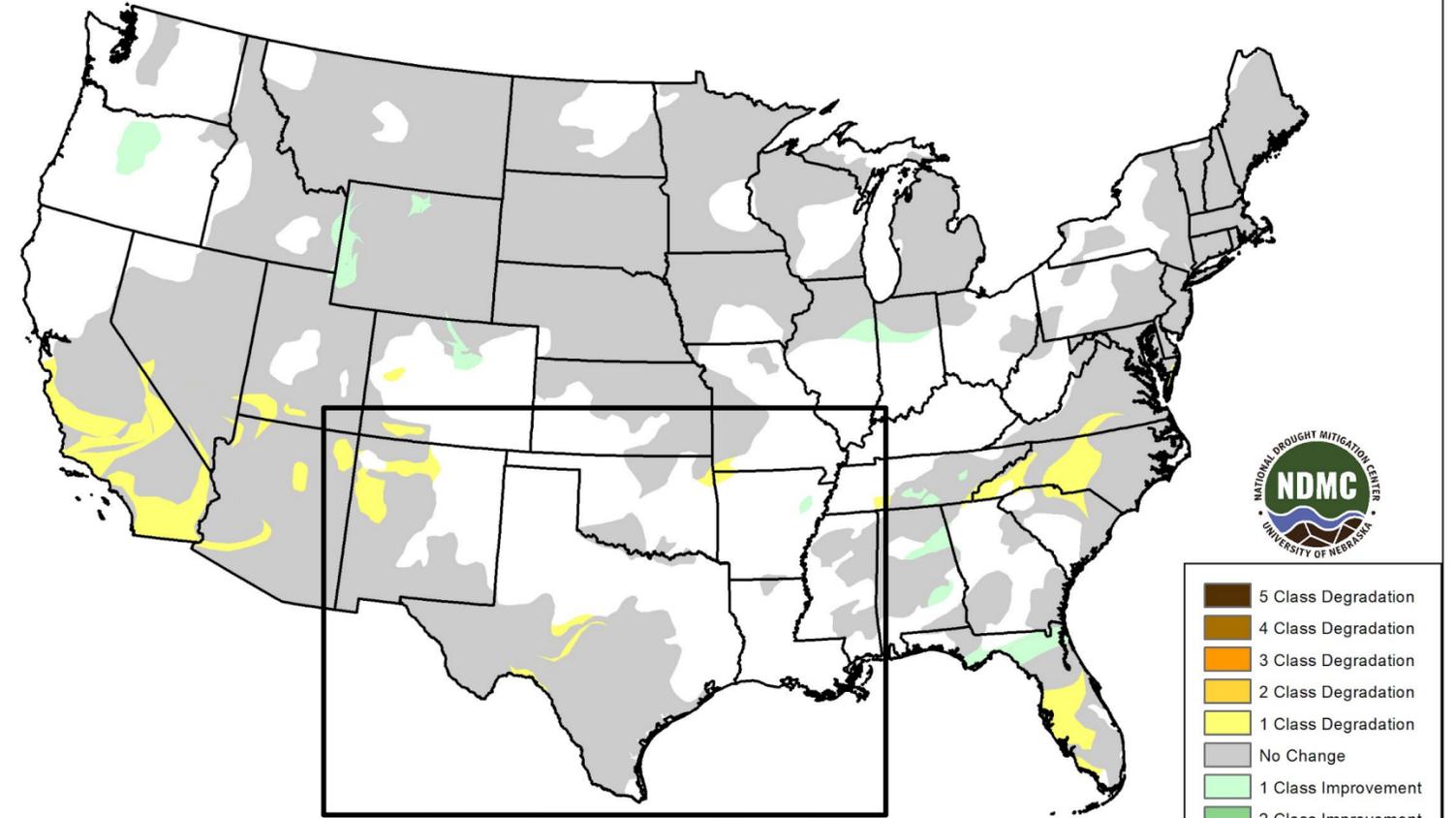
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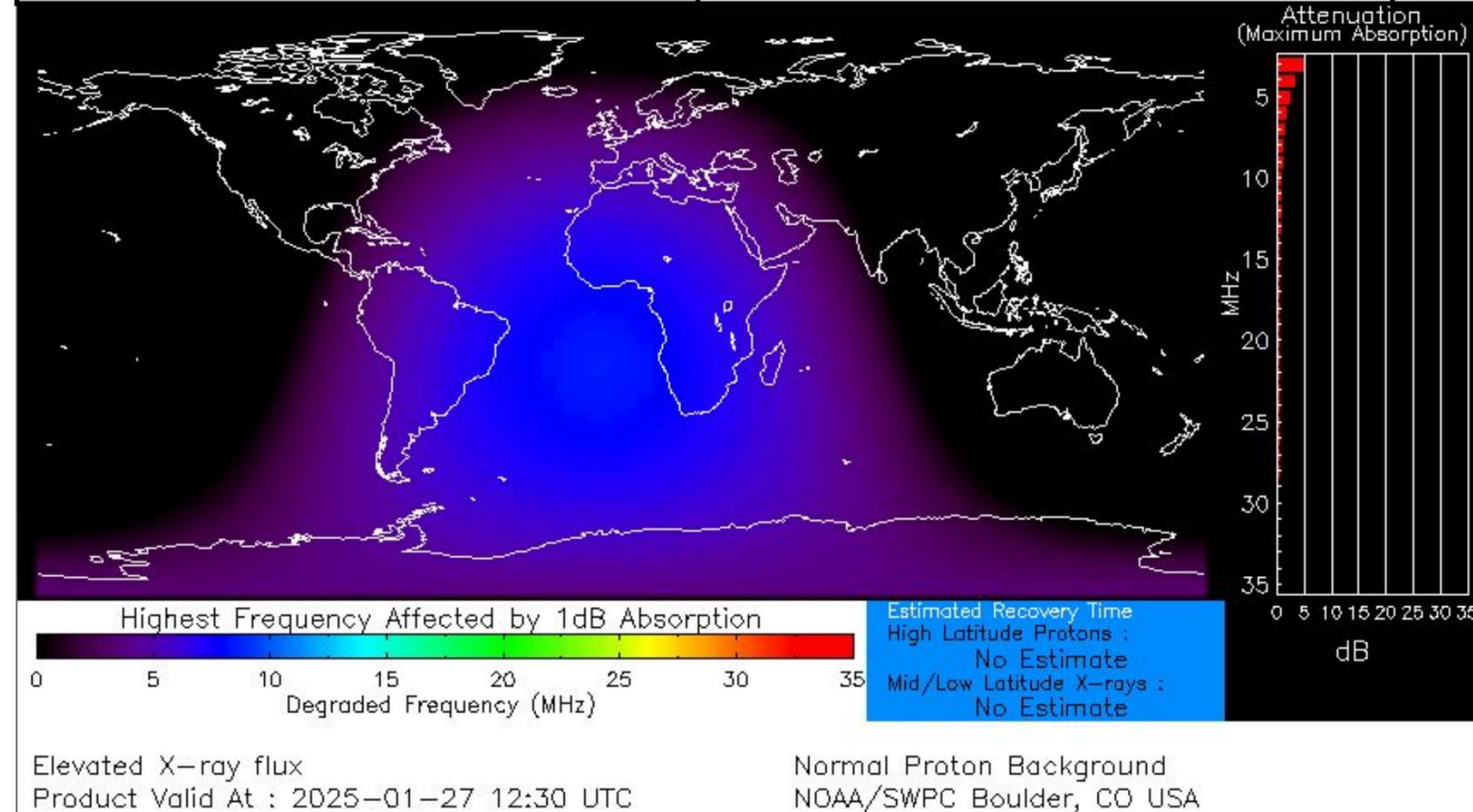
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Jan 27	Tuesday, Jan 28	Wednesday, Jan 29
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	1%	1%



[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

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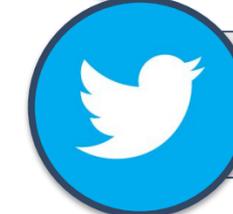
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