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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, July 28, 2025

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> 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 <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.



• <u>Heat:</u> Eastern portions of FEMA 6 will be experiencing dangerous heat through the week, with the highest risk for heat-related impacts in EAR and ELA through Wednesday. Heat eases by the end of the week.

• Flash Flooding:

- Burn Scar flash flooding peaks today in NM with Major risk (level 3 of 4) then back to Moderate (level 2 of 4) through Thursday.
- Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding for NM/Far W TX through most of the week. Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for the TX/OK Panhandles on Thursday. Precip in S LA starting Tuesday has a marginal risk, but may rise to slight.
- Tropical: No tropical impacts expected in FEMA 6 over the next 7 days.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Jul 28	Tuesday, Jul 29	Wednesday, Jul 30	Thursday, Jul 31	Friday, Aug I	Saturday, Aug 2	Sunday, Aug 3
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NM, Far W TX	NM, Far SE LA	NM,TX/OK Panhandles, LA	TX/OK Panhandles	NM, OK, AR, N/E TX, LA	S LA	
Burn Scars	NM	NM	N NM S NM	NM			
Tropical							
Heat	EAR, ELA OK, NETX, AR, LA	EAR, ELA OK, NETX, AR, LA	E AR, E LA E OK, NETX, AR, N LA	SE OK, NETX, S/E AR, N LA	N LA		
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

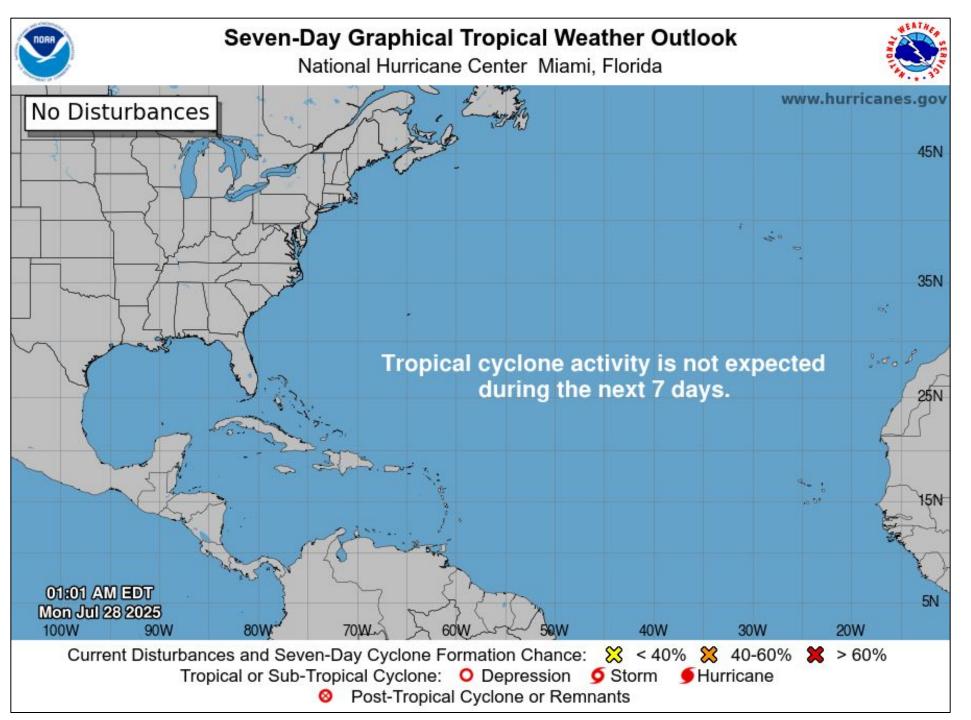




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development				
Area Chance of Potential Impacts to FEMA 6				

Active Tropical Cyclones				
Storm Potential Impacts to FEMA 6				



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





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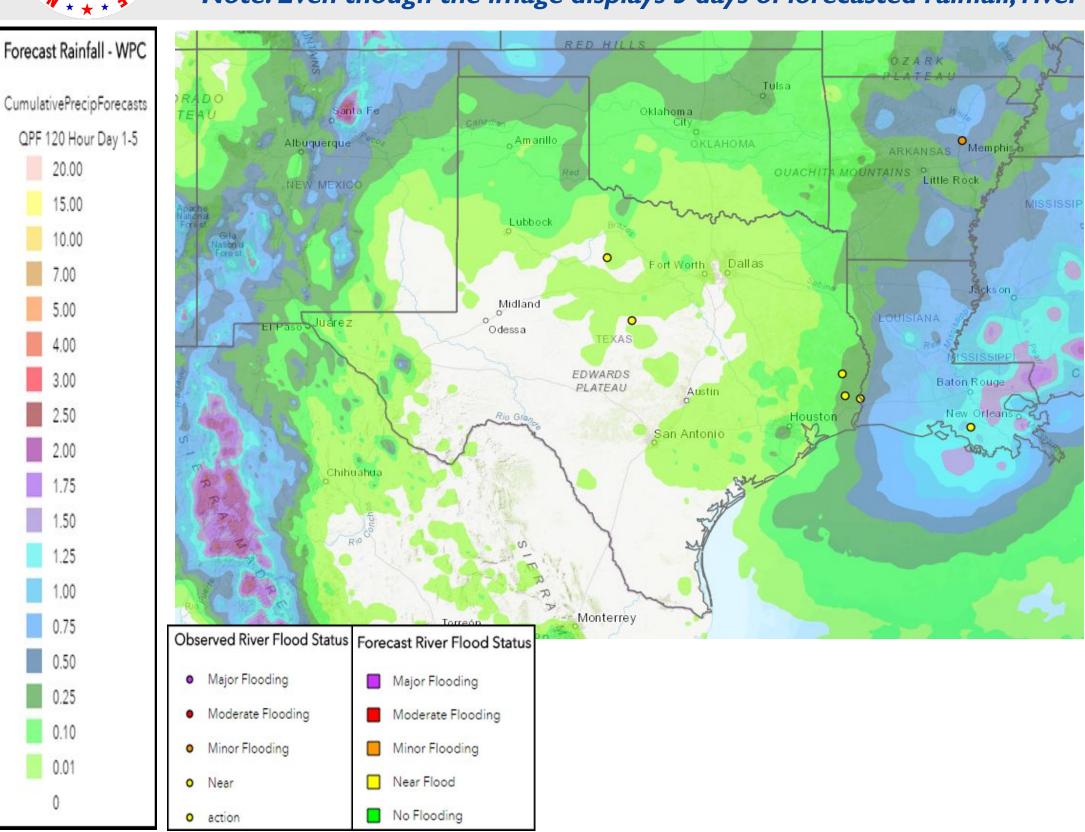
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



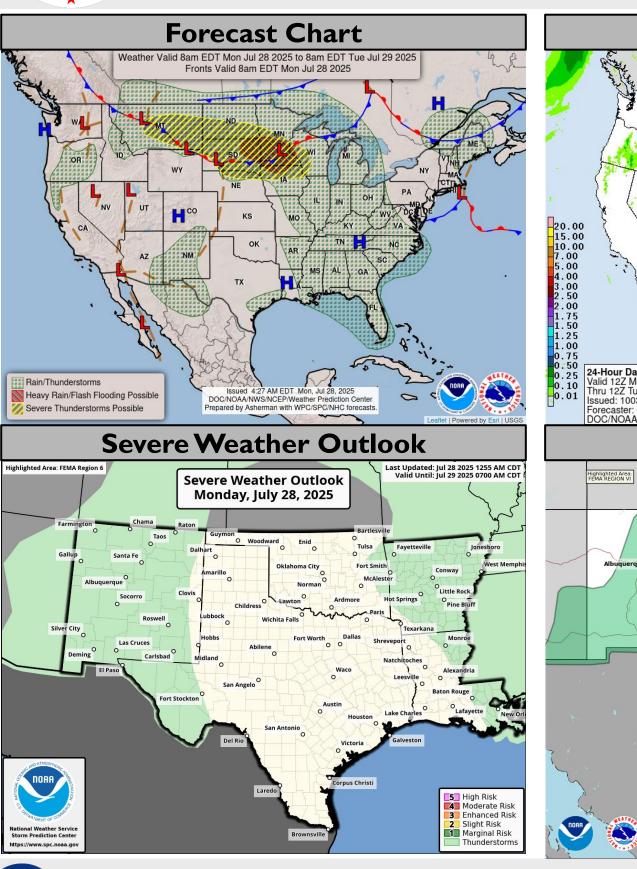
Isolated minor river flooding in EAR is forecast to recede by the end of the week. Rural secondary crossings, roadways, and croplands will be flooded.

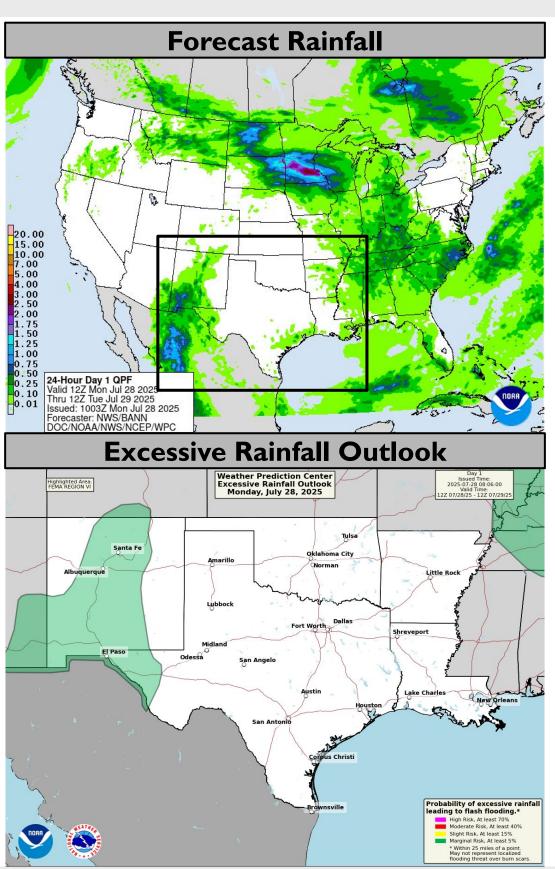
> Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.





Today's Weather





Extreme heat risk for EAR, E LA with temps feeling like 110-115.

Heat Risk across OK, NETX, AR, LA.

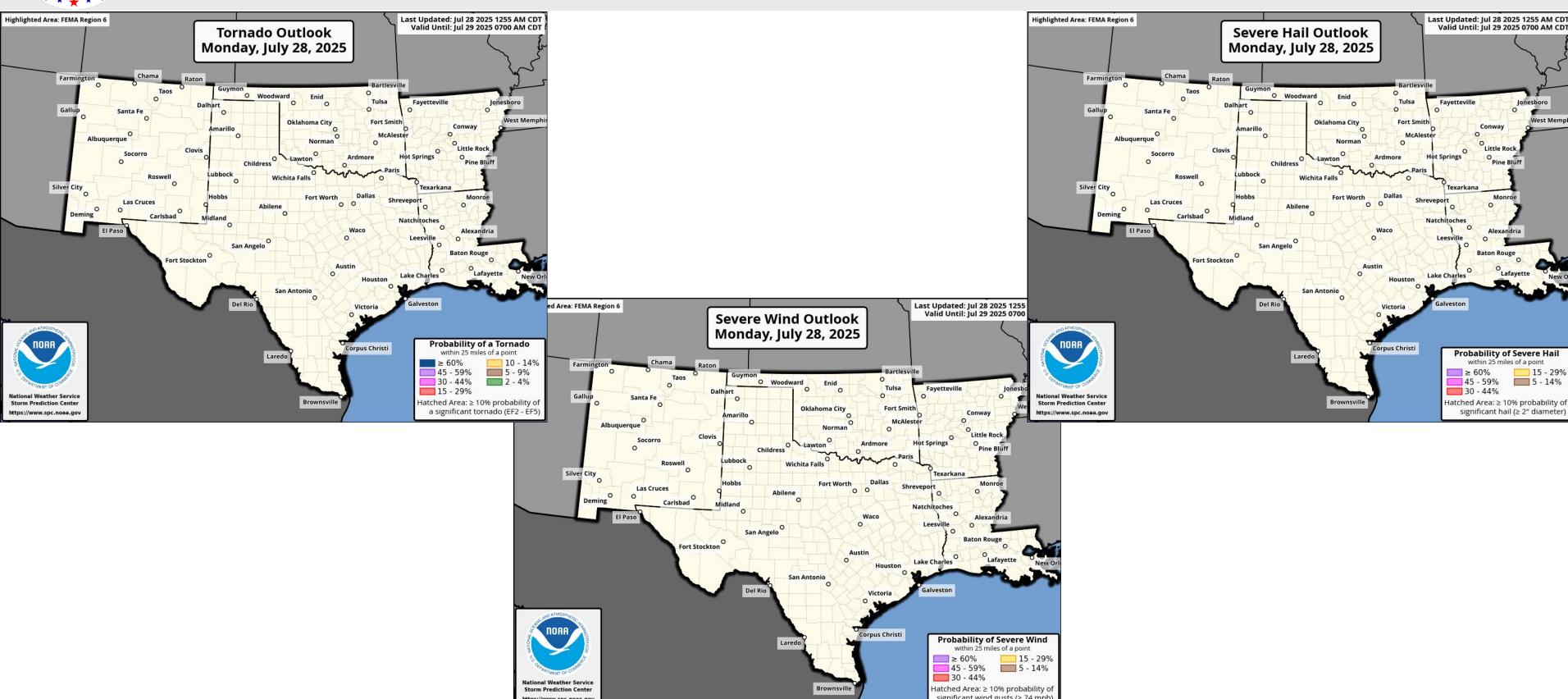
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far W TX.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides





Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

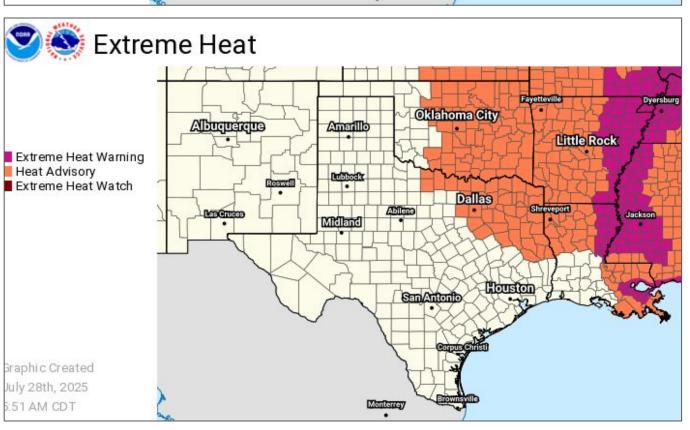
Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards





Extreme Heat Warnings in EAR, ELA.

Heat Advisories for OK, NETX, AR, and LA.





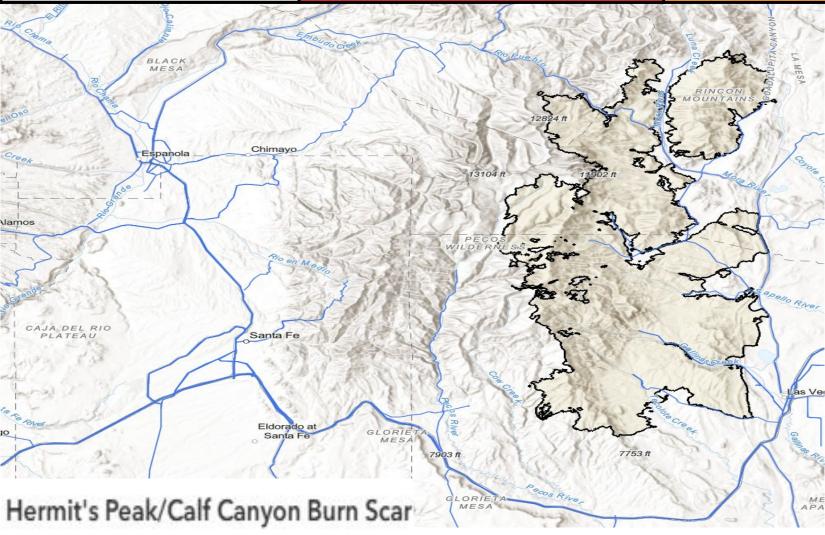




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scars New Mexico

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Monday, Jul 28	Tuesday, Jul 29	Wednesday, Jul 30	Thursday, Jul 31
Flash Flooding	Major	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing - CDT		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening



Little to None	No Flash Flood Threat		
Minor (level of 4)	Slight Risk of Flash Flooding		
Moderate (level 2 of 4)	Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%		
Major (level 3 of 4)	Flood Watch Issued OR Debris Flow Probability > 50%		
Extreme (level 4 of 4)	Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day		
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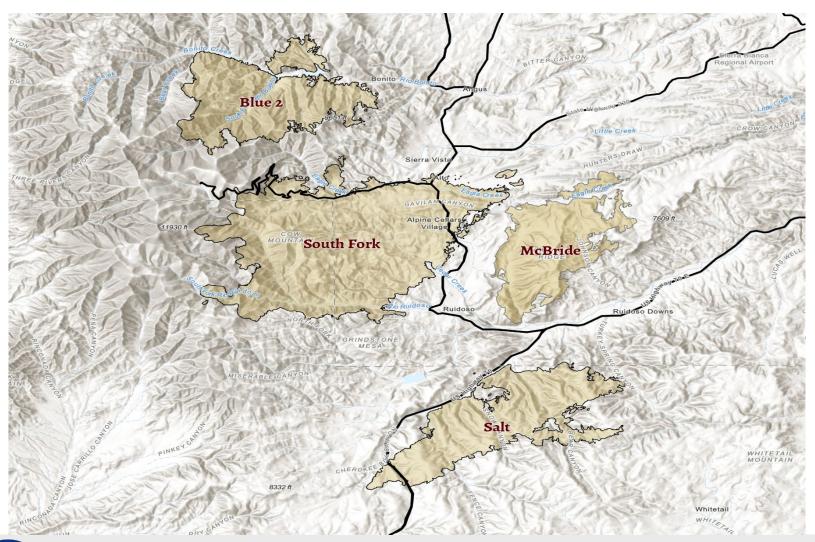




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Monday, Jul 28	Tuesday, Jul 29	Wednesday, Jul 30	Thursday, Jul 31
Flash Flooding	Major	Moderate	Minor	Moderate
Timing - CDT		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening



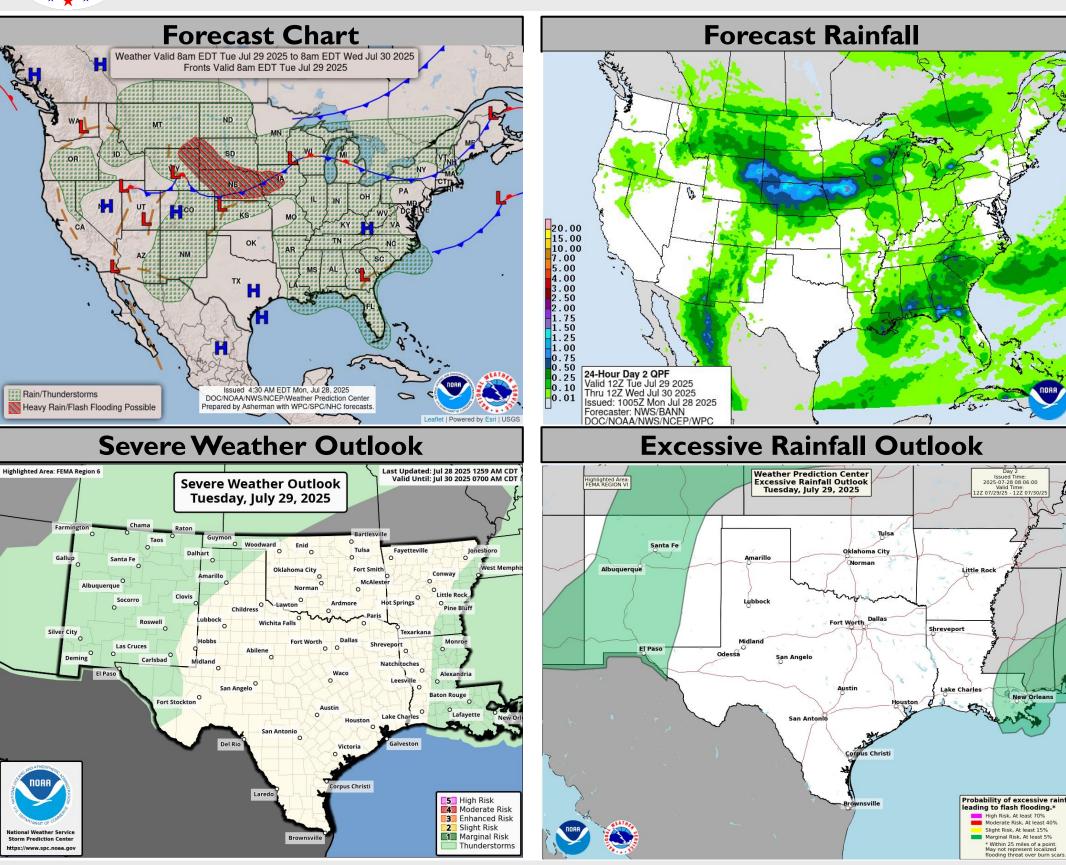
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- WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is *Not Applicable* to burn scars.
- *Note* 2nd year burn scars can be more dangerous than year 1.





Tomorrow's Weather



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Heat Risk across OK, NETX, AR, LA.

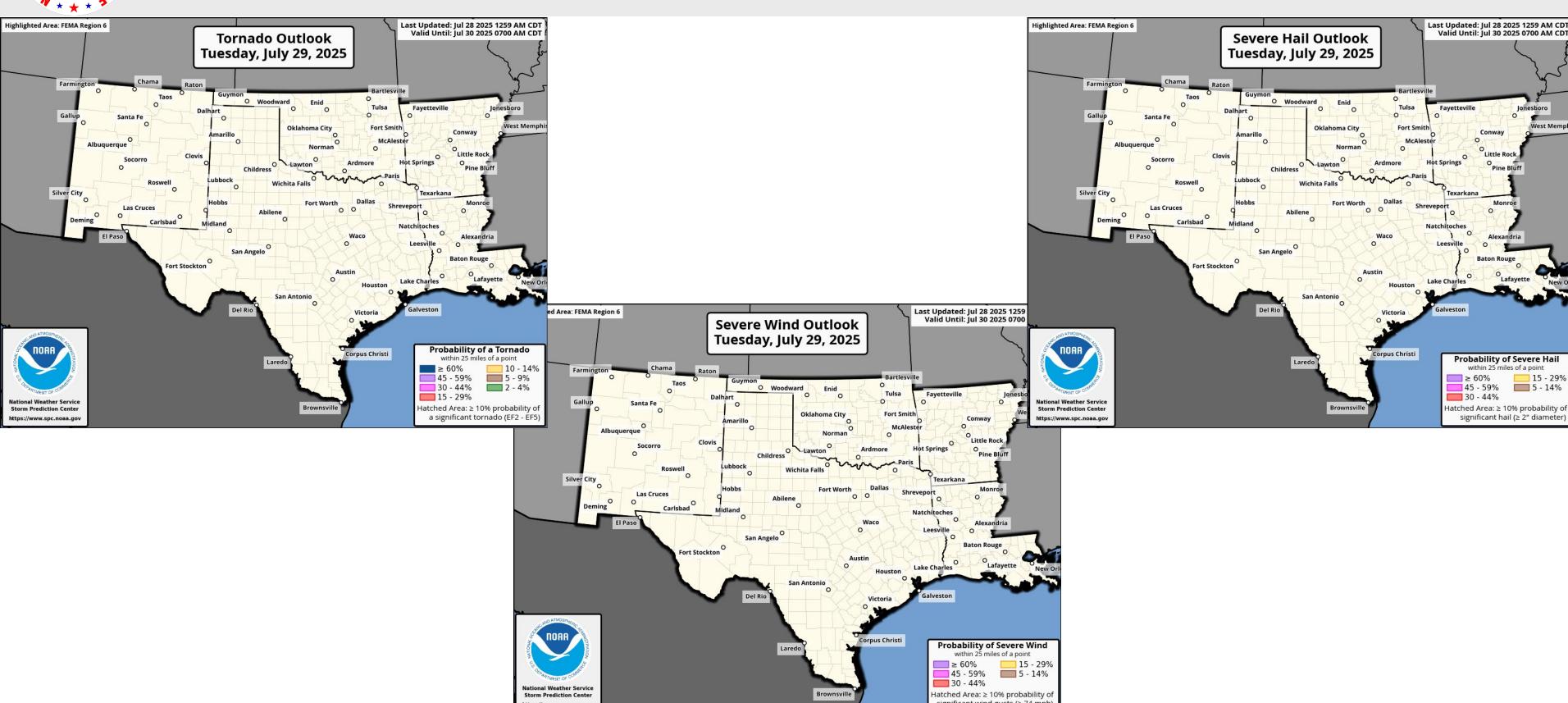
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far SE LA.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides



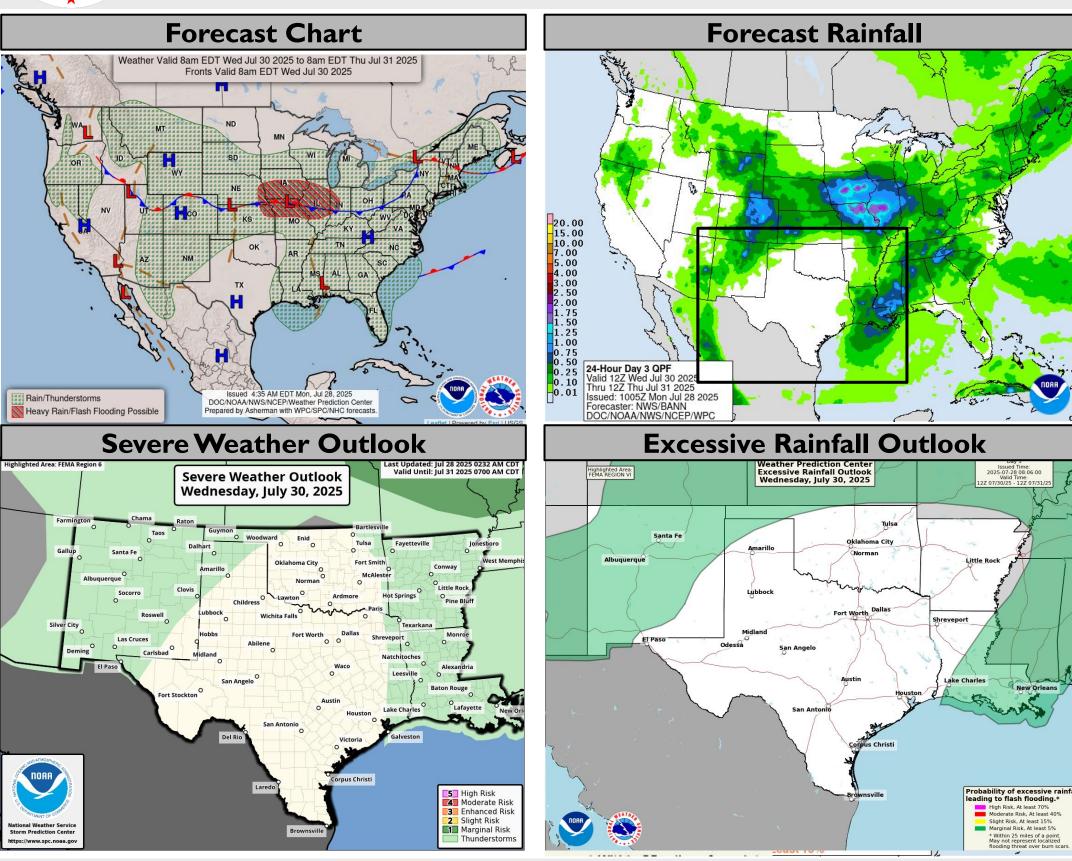


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Wednesday's Weather



Extreme heat risk for EAR, ELA with temps feeling like 110-115.

Heat Risk across SE OK, NETX, AR, N LA.

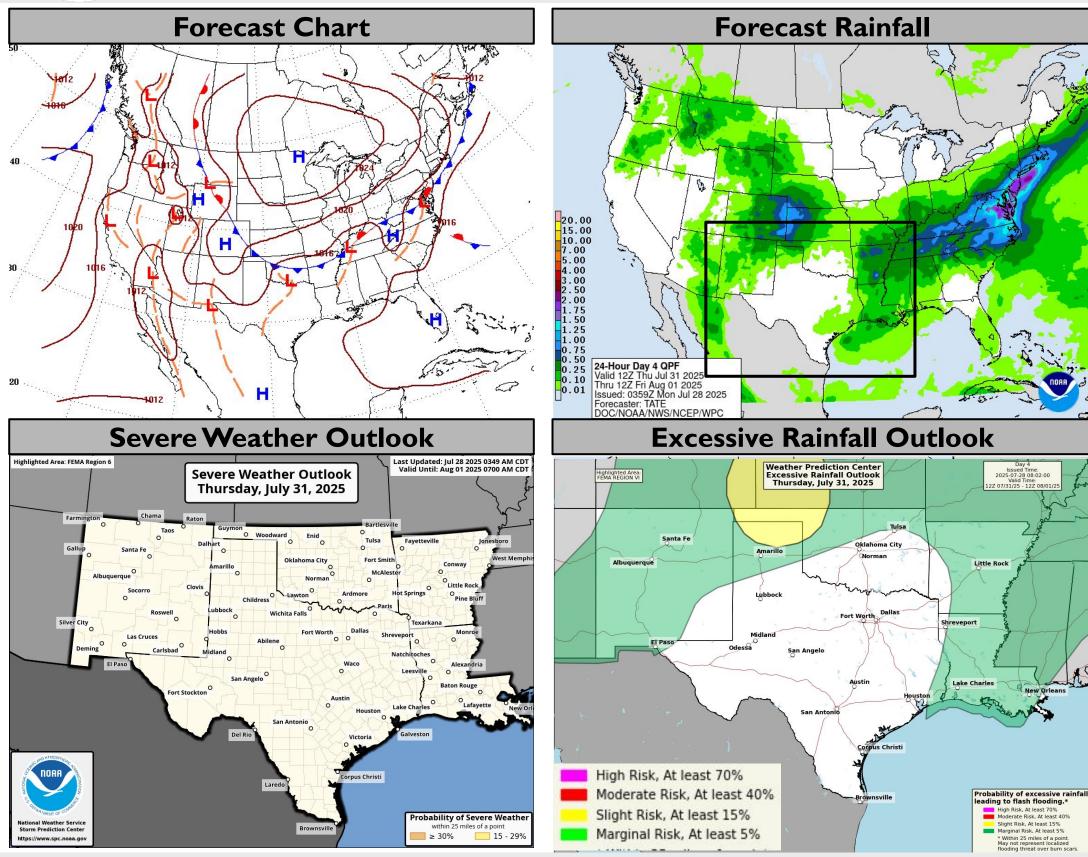
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM,TX/OK
Panhandles, LA.

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Thursday's Weather



Heat Risk across SE OK, NETX, S/E AR, N LA.

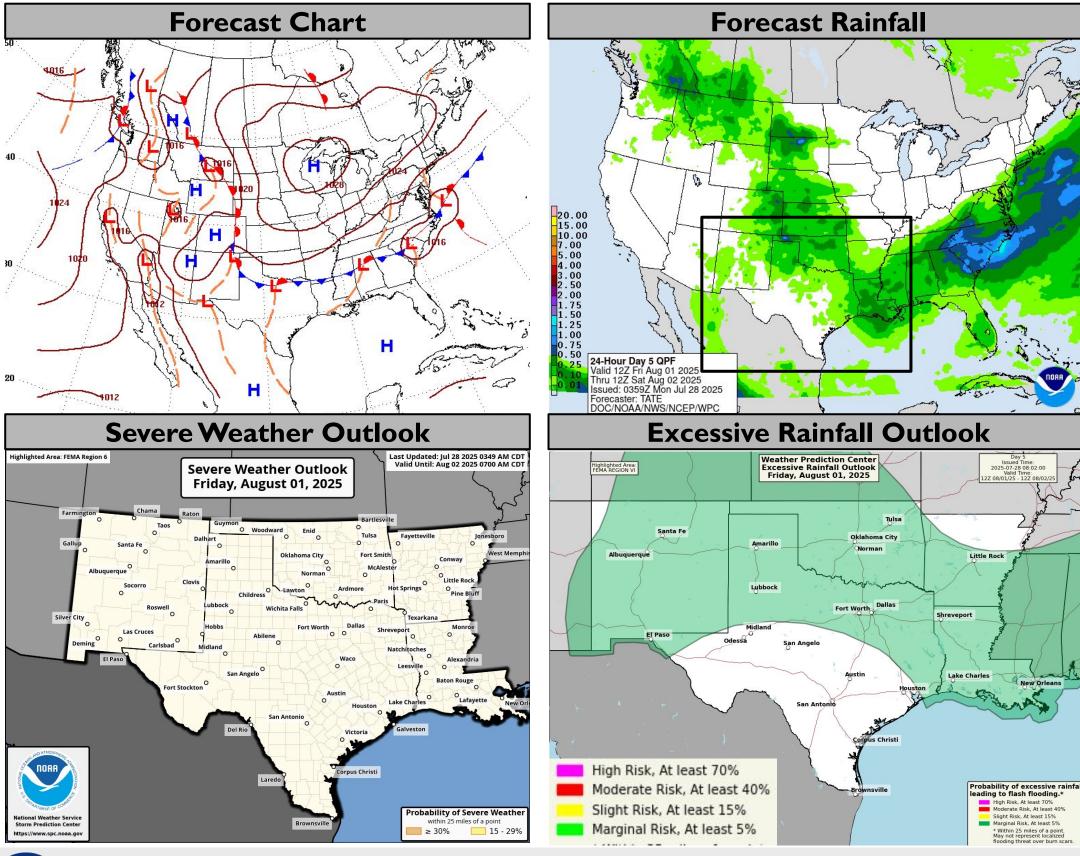
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in TX/OK Panhandles.

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Friday's Weather

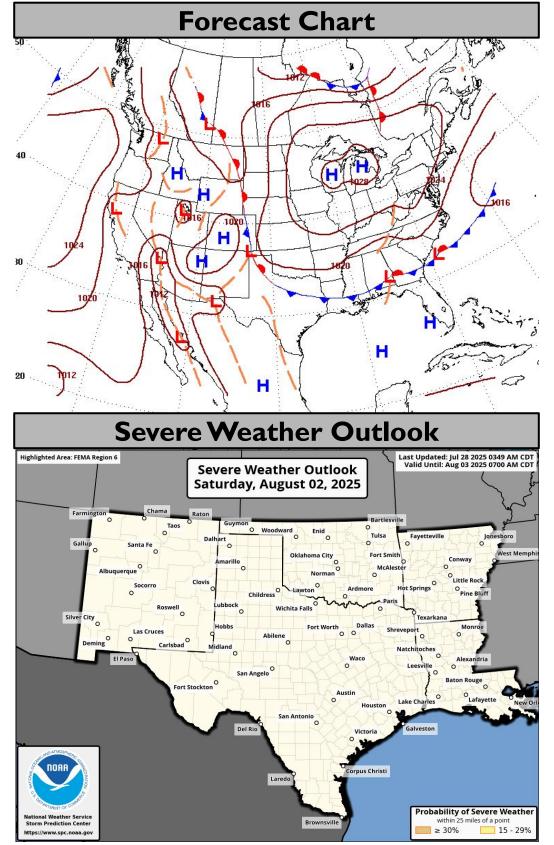


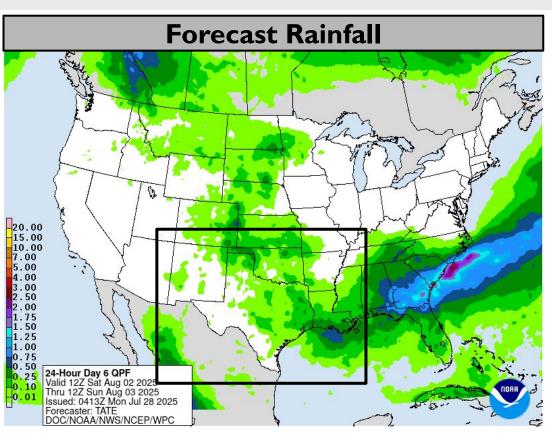
Heat Risk across N LA.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, OK, AR, N/E TX, LA.



Saturday's Weather



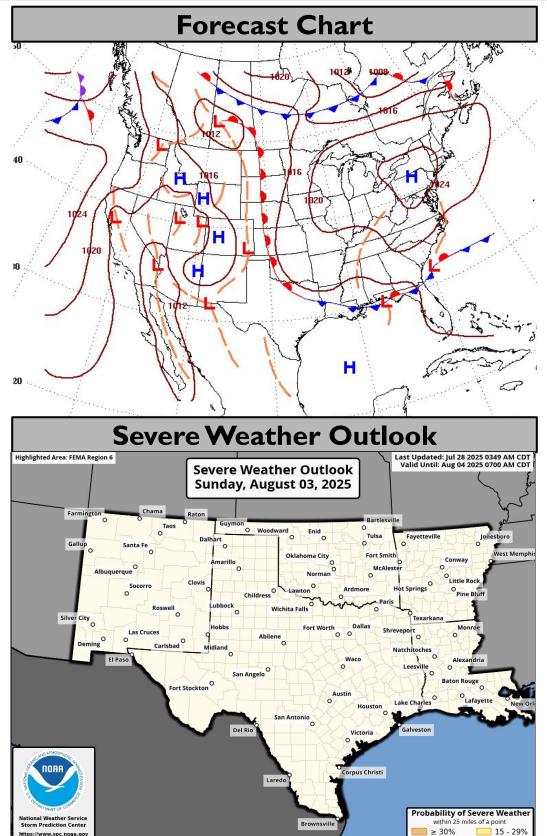


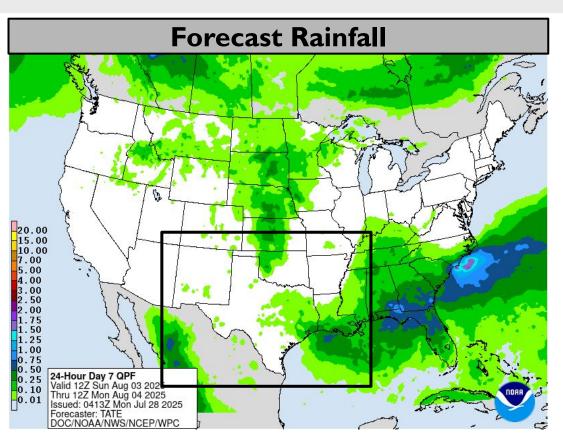
Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in S LA.



Sunday's Weather



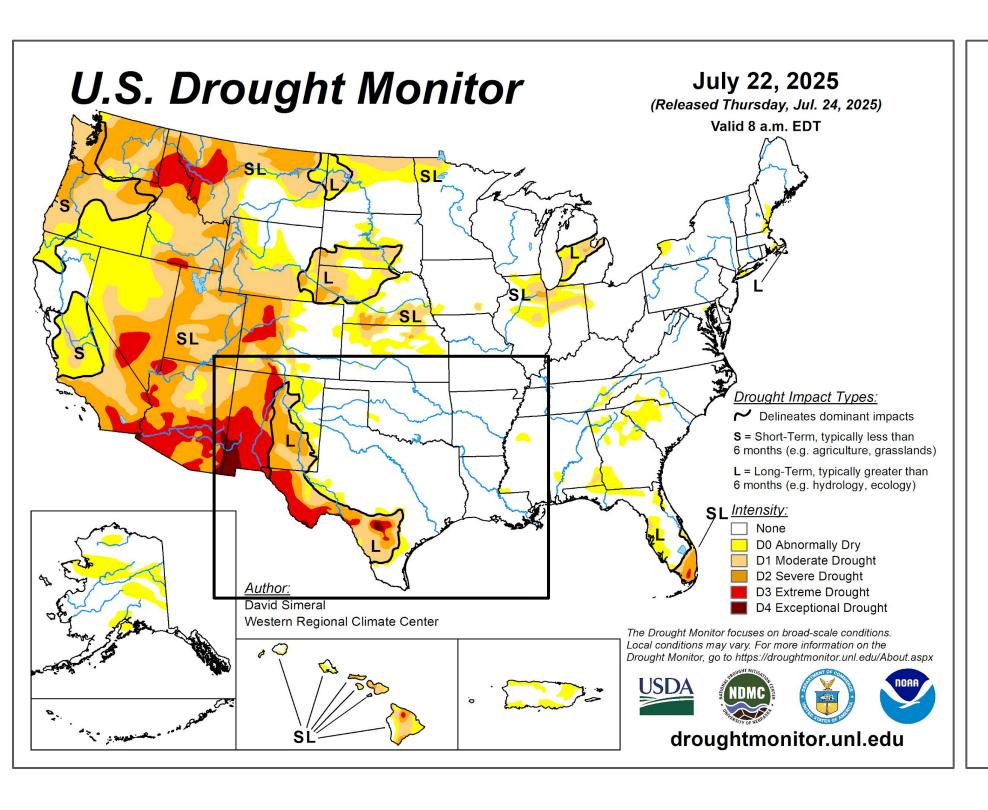


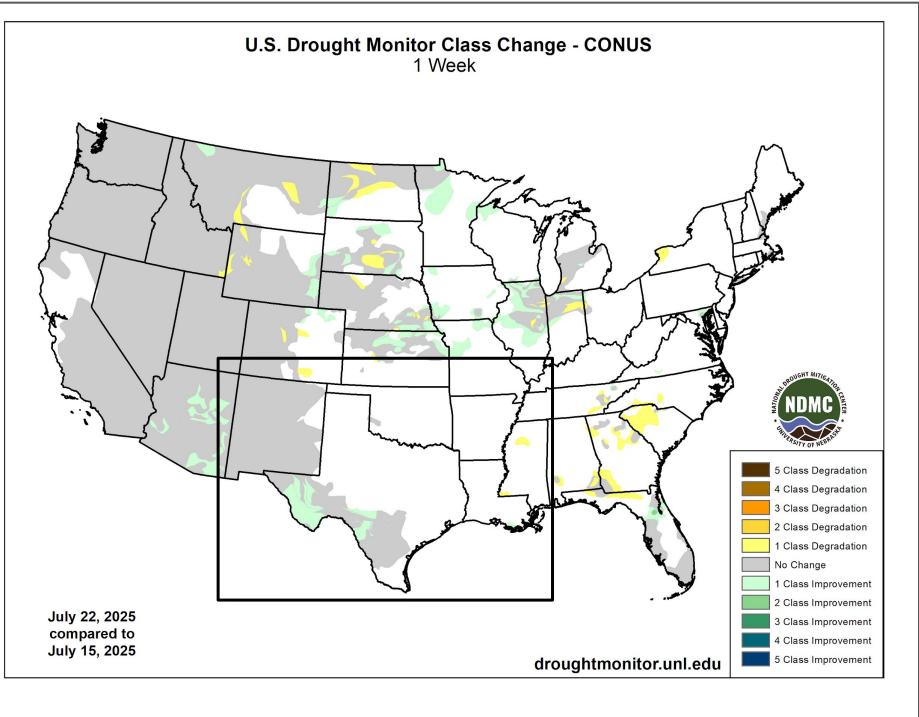
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No significant weather expected.



Drought Monitor



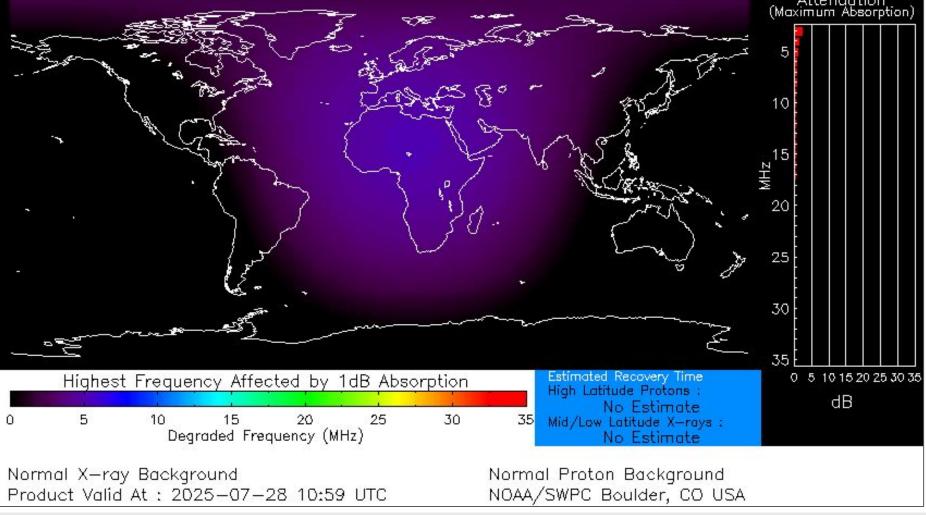






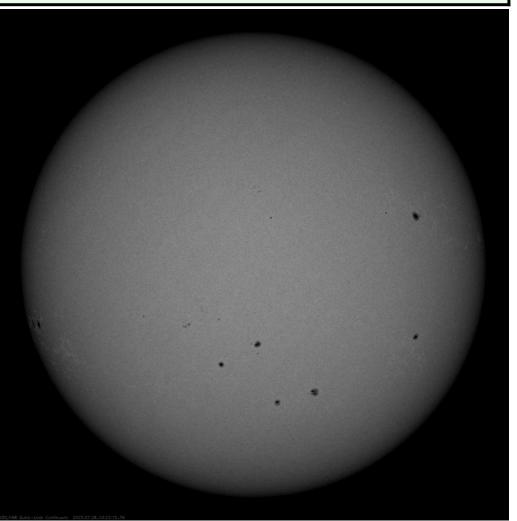
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Jul 28	Tuesday, Jul 29	Wednesday, Jul 30
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	I %	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	30%	30%	30%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



Space Weather Storm Scales

Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast





National Weather Service Southern Region

Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI				
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)	
Green	Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	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	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	Minor Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	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	 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some mino (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	Moderate Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	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	 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	Major Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	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	 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	Extreme 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	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	 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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