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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:** Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over NM, SW-NE TX, SE OK, NW AR, SE LA today; SW NM, SE OK, C-E TX, AR, LA on Wednesday; SW NM, AR and N LA on Thursday; NM and far W TX on Friday & Saturday.
  - **Burn Scar:** Major risk (level 3 of 4) today over NM, moderate risk (level 2 of 4) on Wednesday, minor (level 1 of 4) on Thursday. Back to moderate on Friday.
- **Severe Storms:** Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today over SW NM.
- **Heat:** Hazardous heat expands across LA, TX and OK late week and over the weekend.
  - **Heat Advisory** for SE AR, NE LA today.
- **Tropical:** Tropical Storm Erin will move west/northwest over the next several days. As of now, Erin is expected to stay in the Atlantic with little impacts to the U.S. No tropical impacts to FEMA 6 over the next 7 days





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Aug 12	Wednesday, Aug 13	Thursday, Aug 14	Friday, Aug 15	Saturday, Aug 16	Sunday, Aug 17	Monday, Aug 18
Severe Storms	SW NM						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NM, SW-NE TX, SE OK, NW AR, SE LA	SW NM, SE OK, C-E TX, AR, LA	SW NM, AR, N LA	NM, far W TX	NM, far W TX		
Burn Scars	N NM	NM	NM	NM			
	S NM						
Tropical							
Heat	AR, LA			LA, STX	LA, TX	LA, TX	LA, TX
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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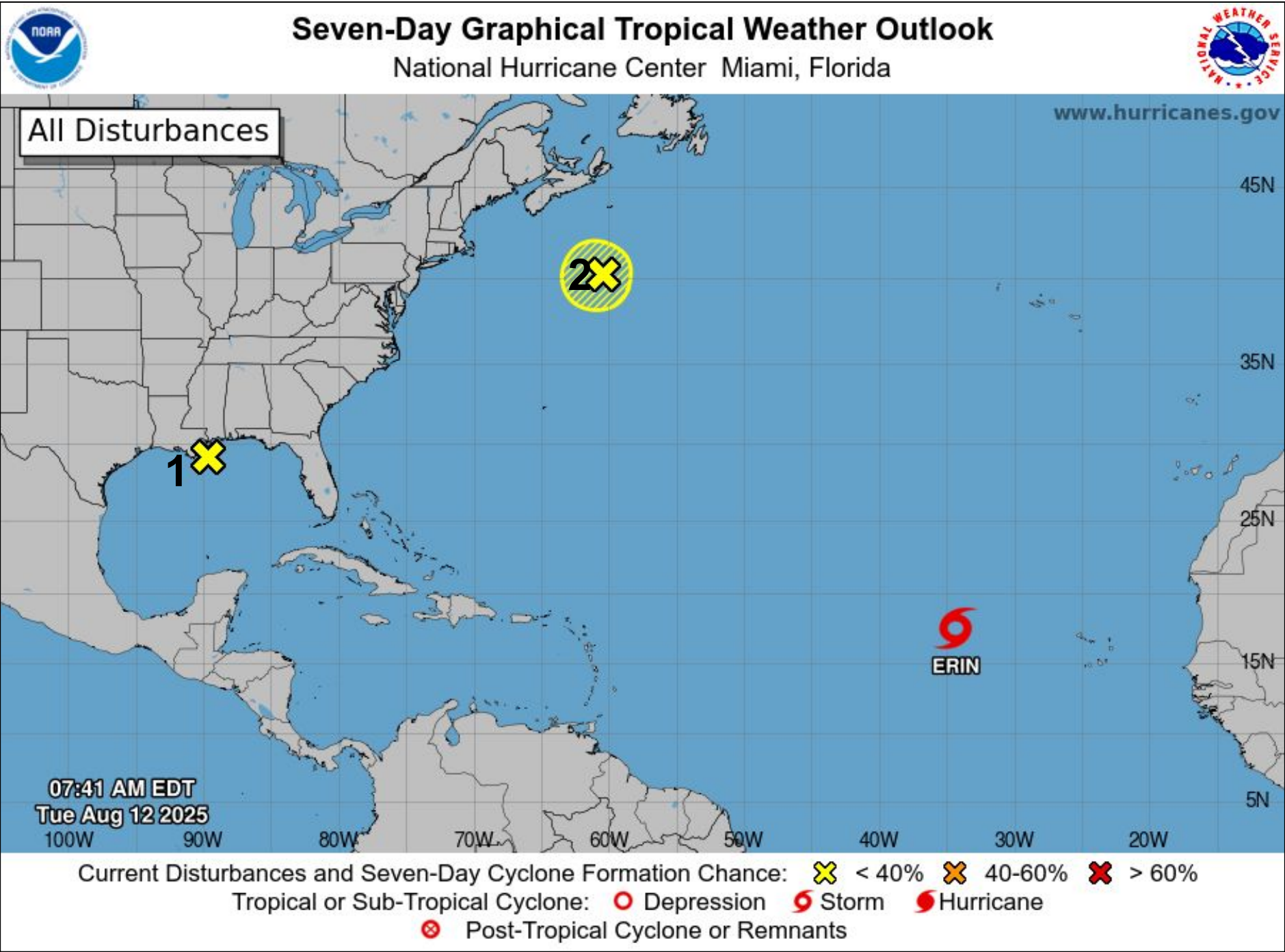




# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Very Low	Isolated heavy rain in LA next day or two.
2	Low	None.

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
T.S. Erin	None over the next 7 days.



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



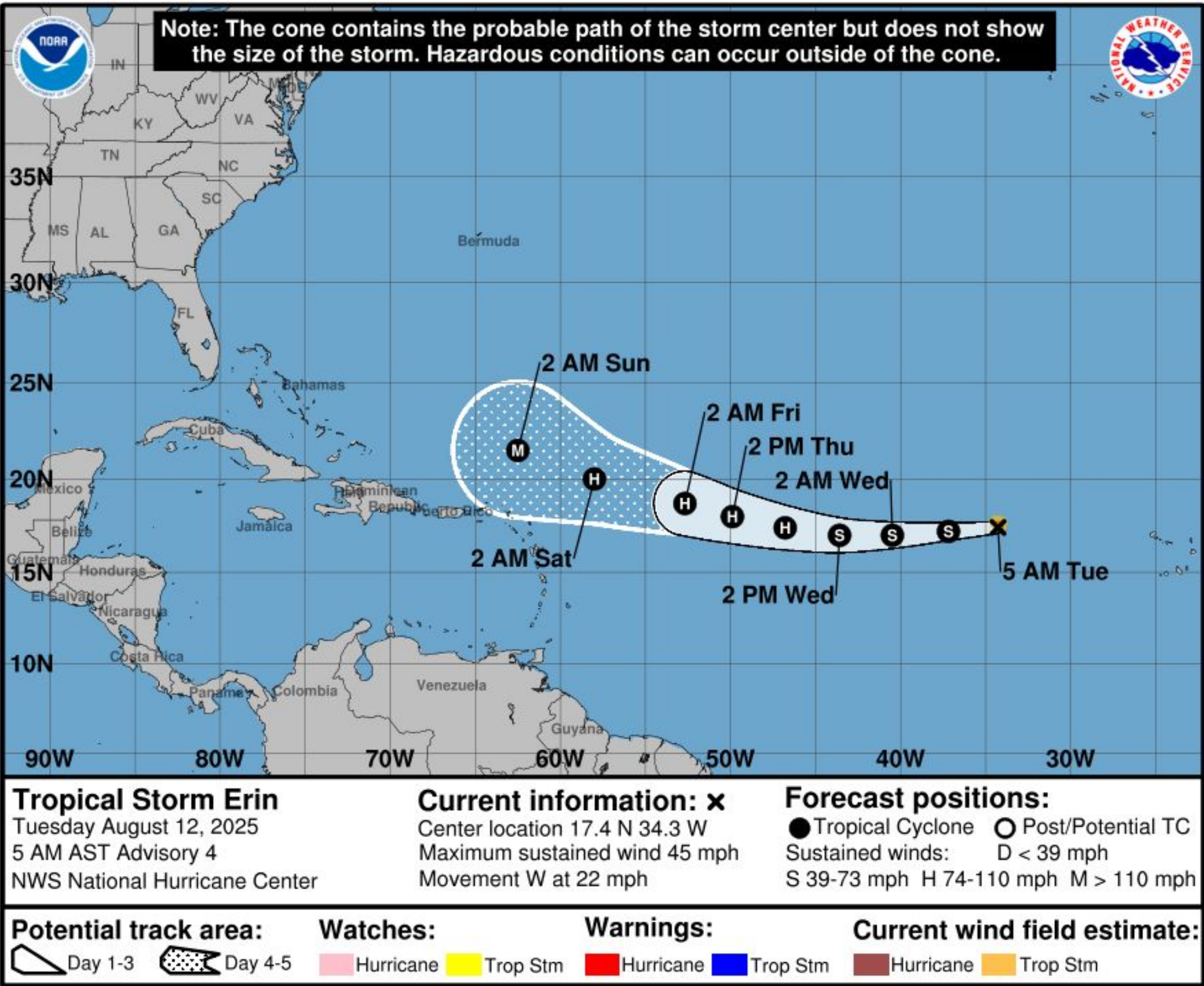




T.S. Erin

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No impacts to FEMA 6 from T.S. Erin.

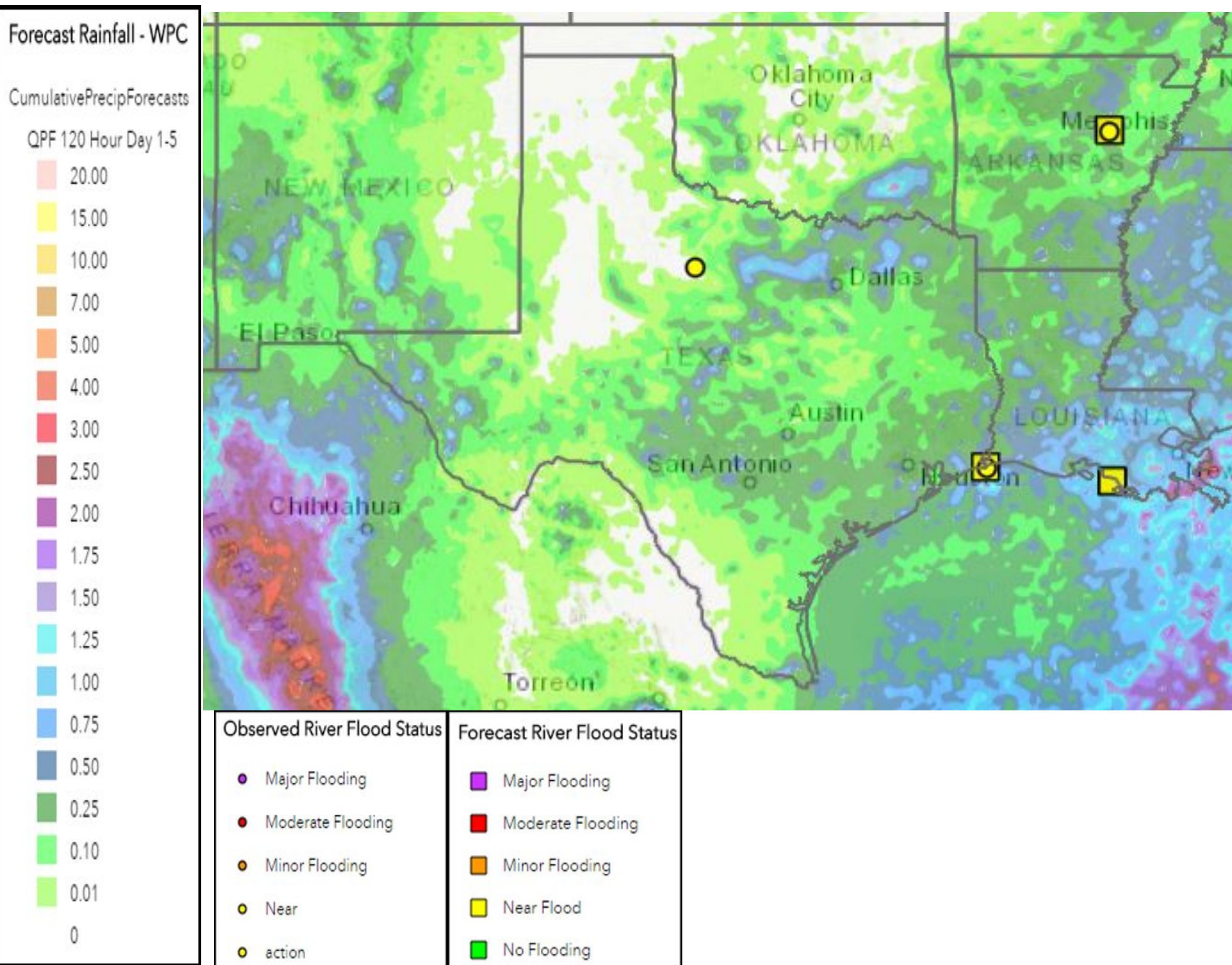






# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



**No river significant flooding.**

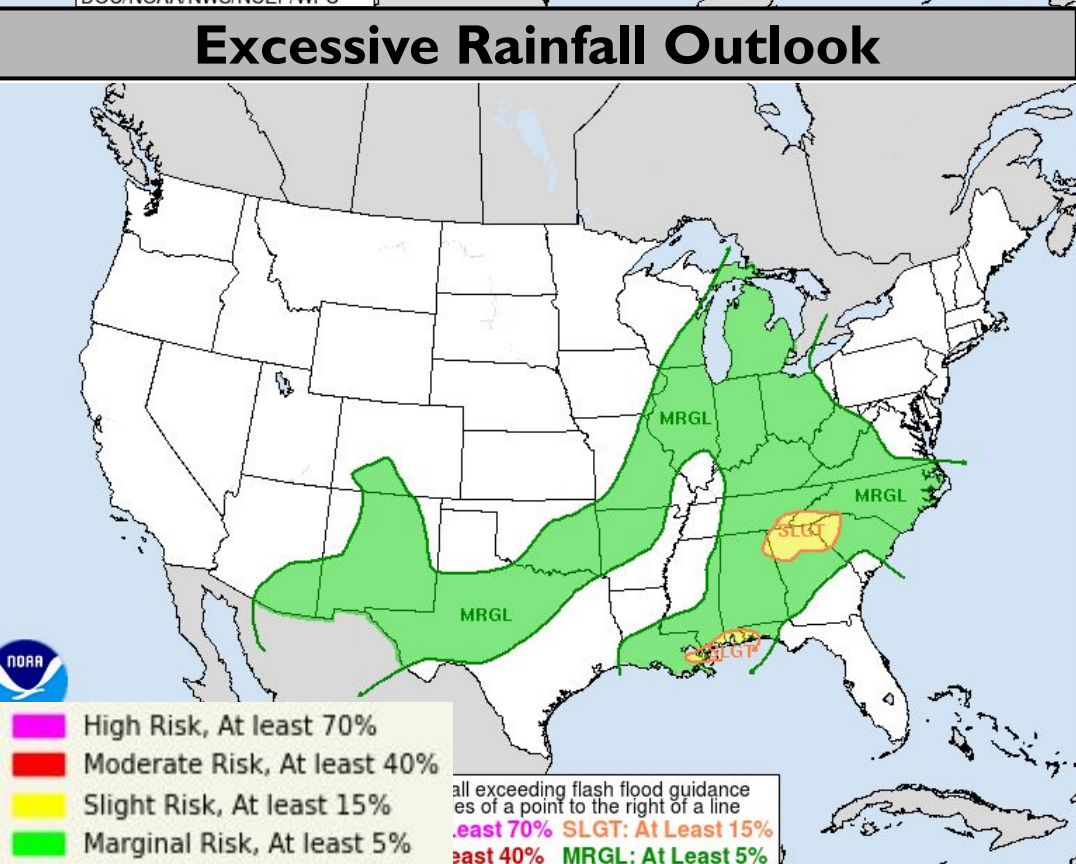
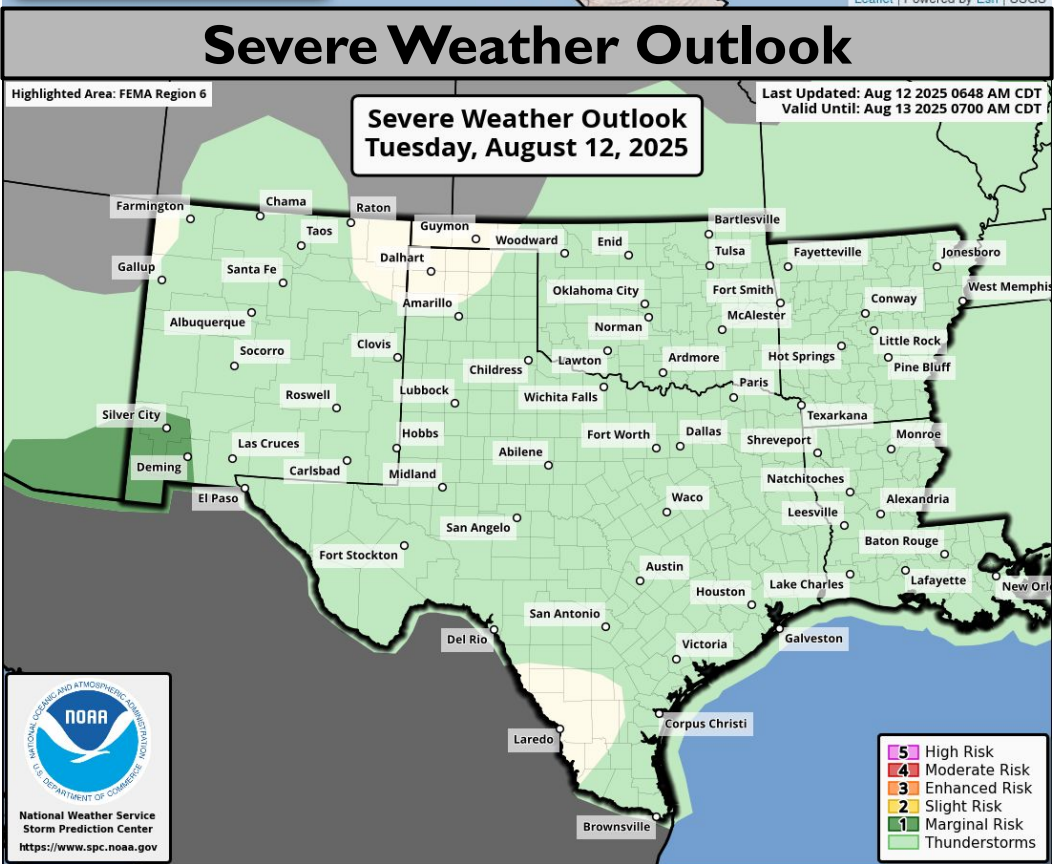
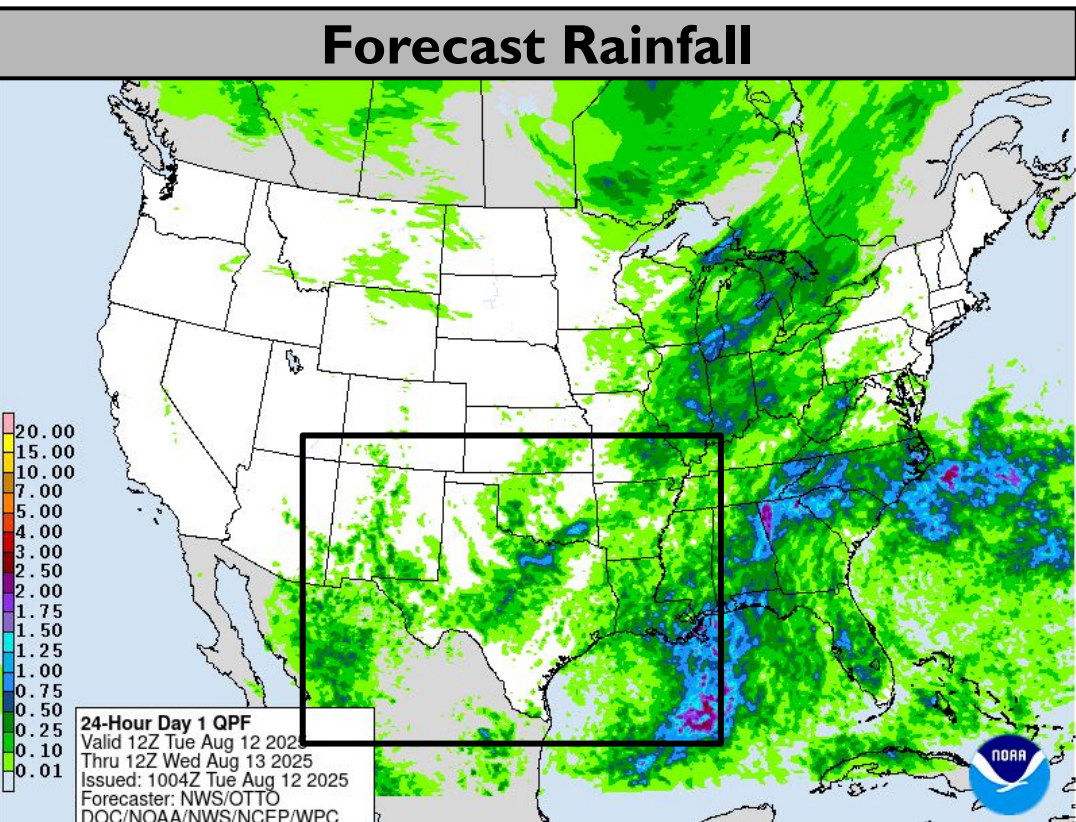
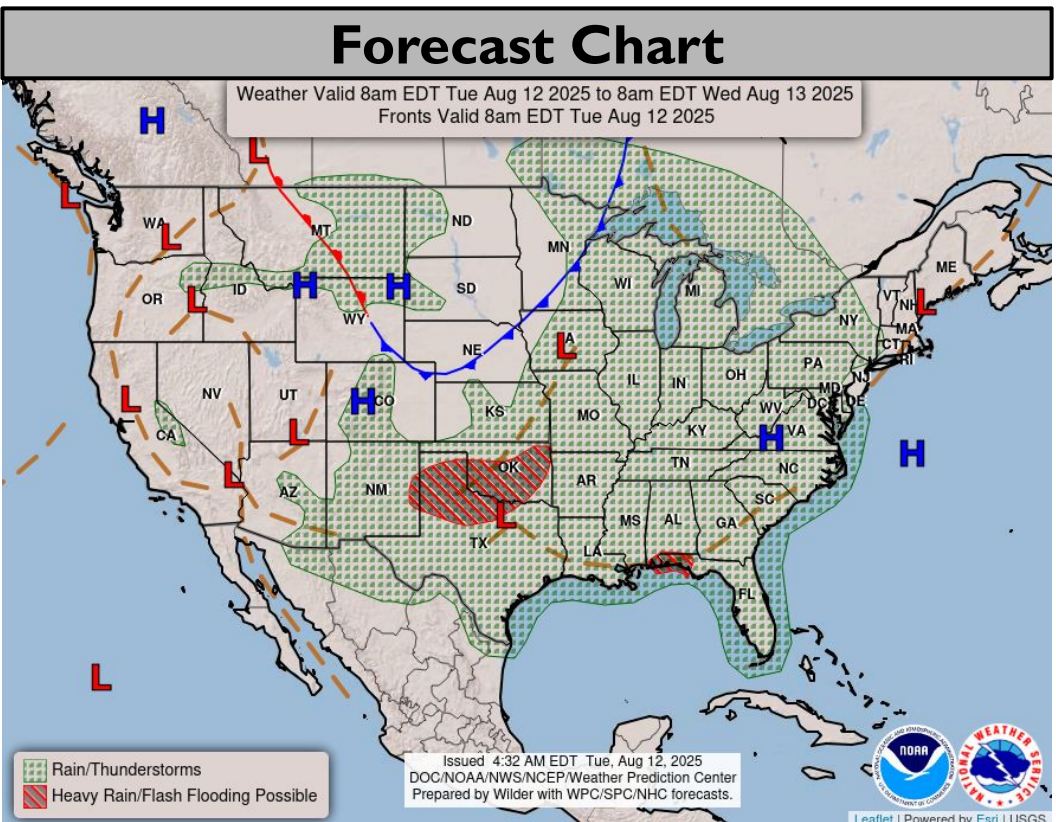
*Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.*







# Today's Weather



**Dangerous heat in portions of SE AR, NE LA. Temps feel as hot as 110 degrees.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for isolated heavy rain/flash flooding in NM, SW-NE TX, SE OK, NW AR, SE LA.**

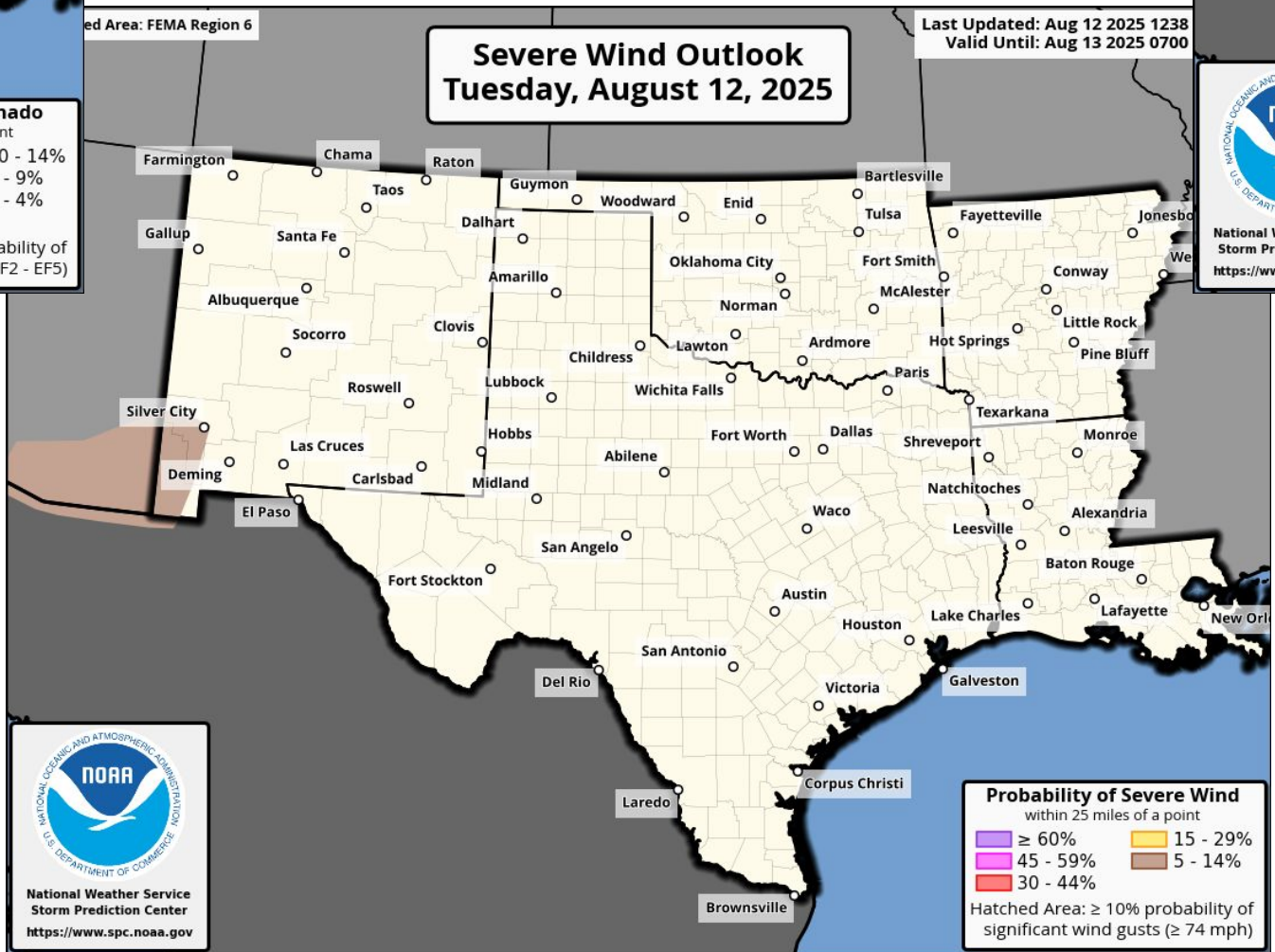
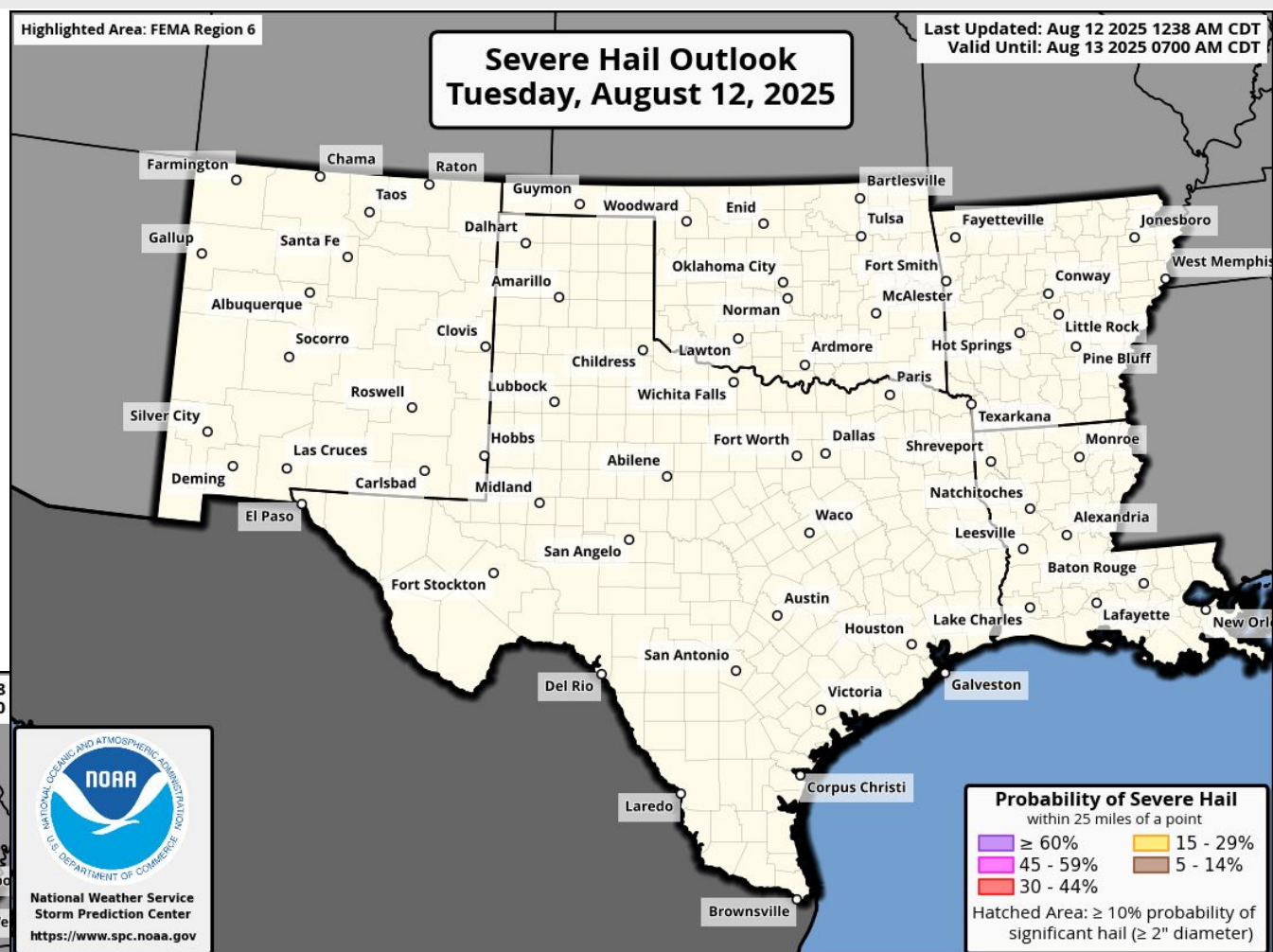
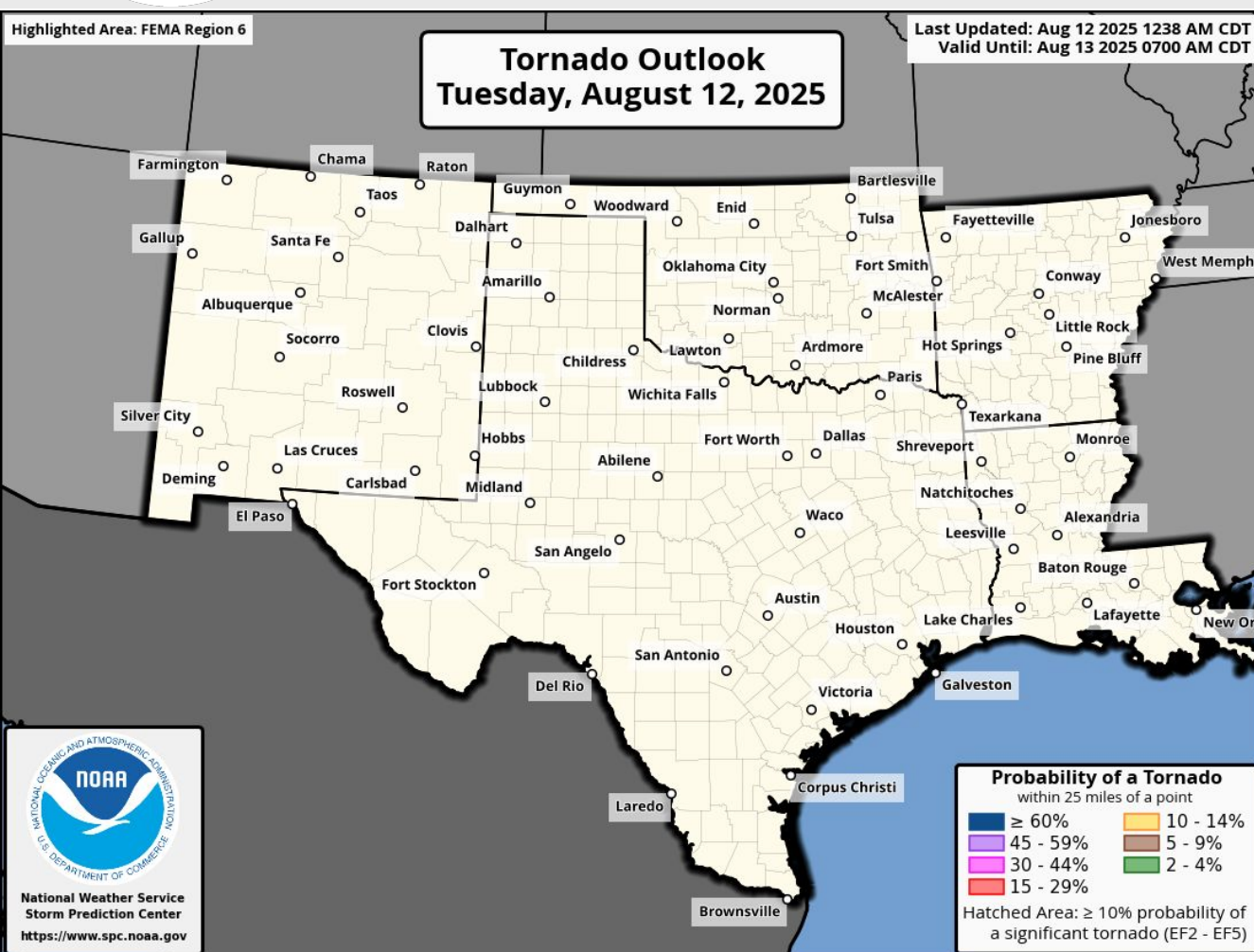
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in SW NM today, due to isolated severe winds.**

***\*Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides\****





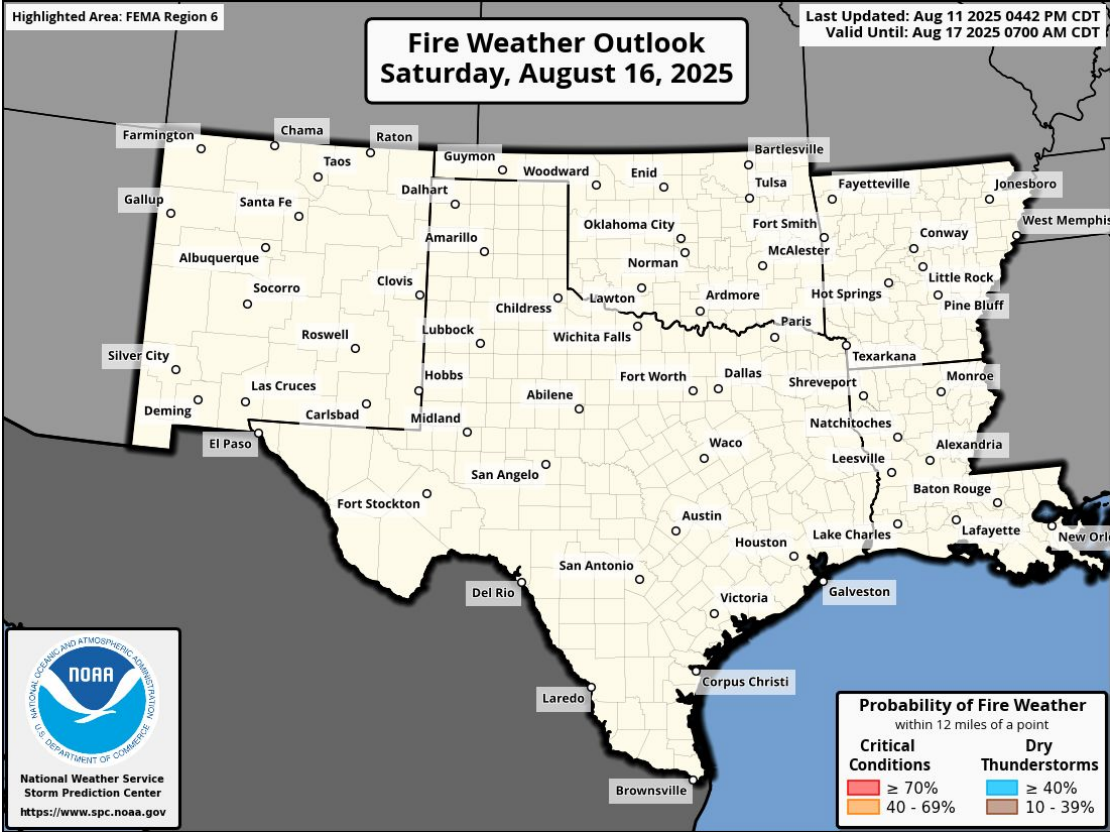
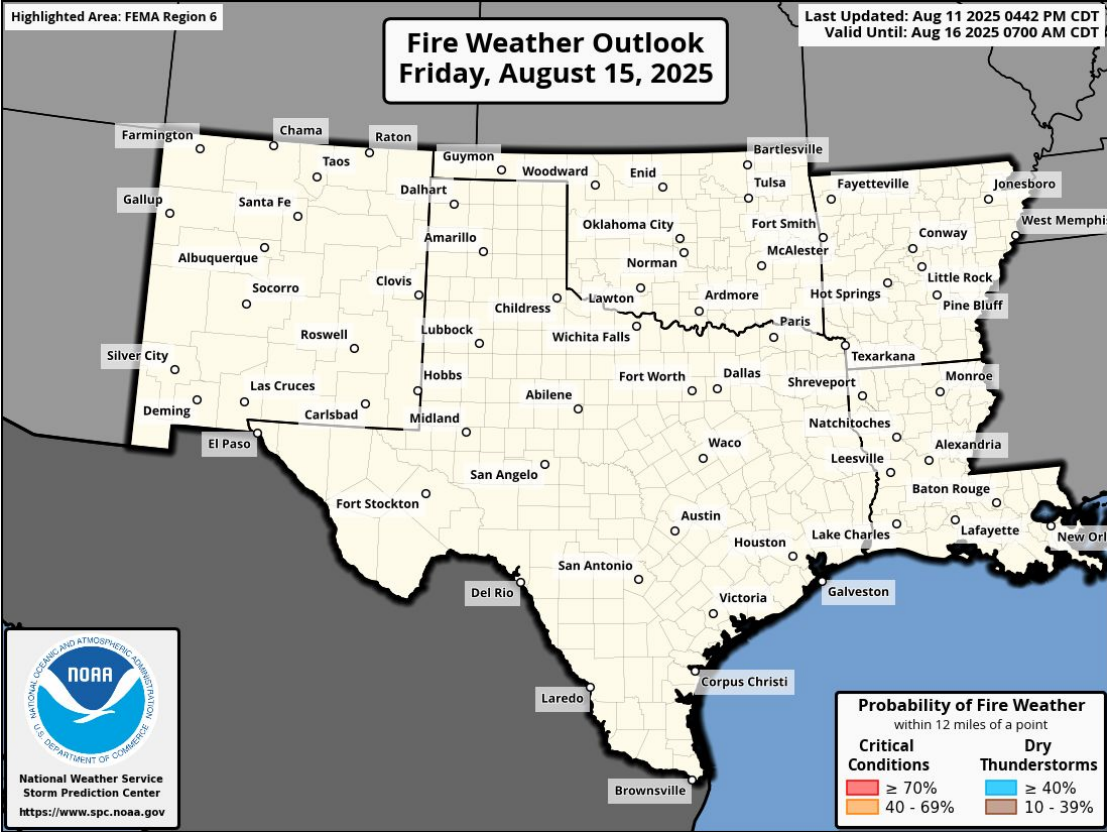
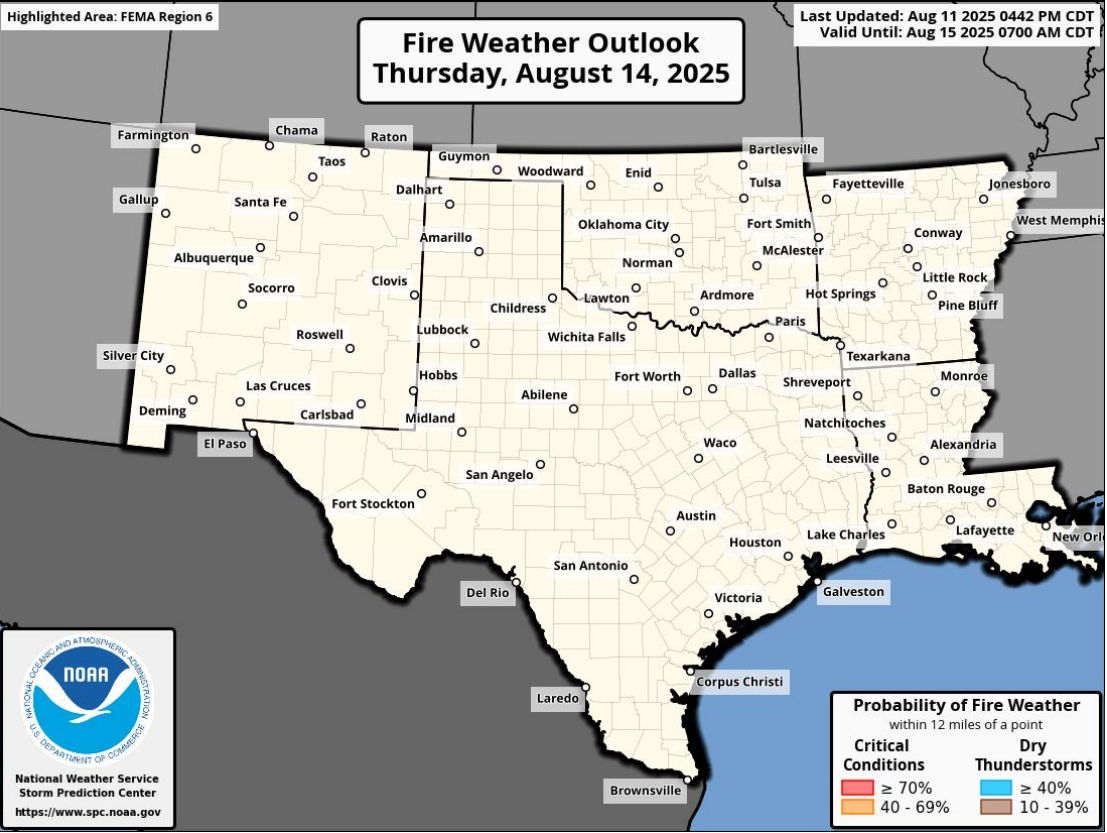
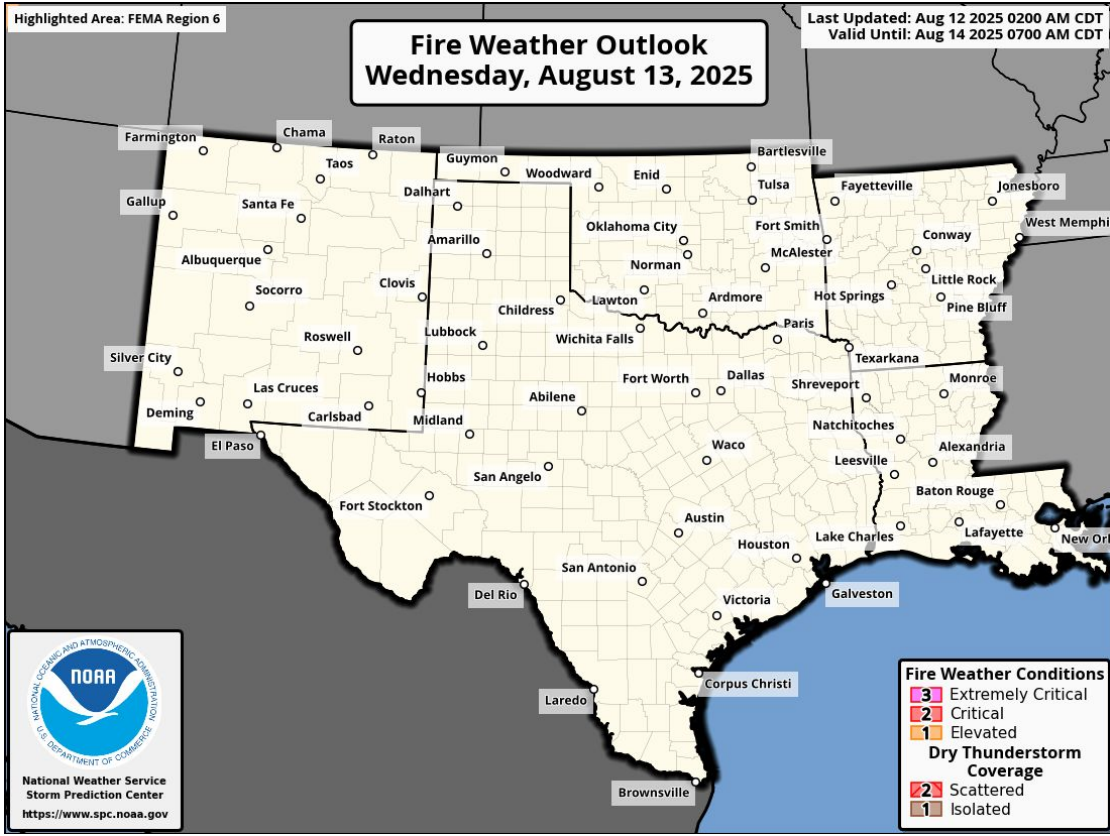
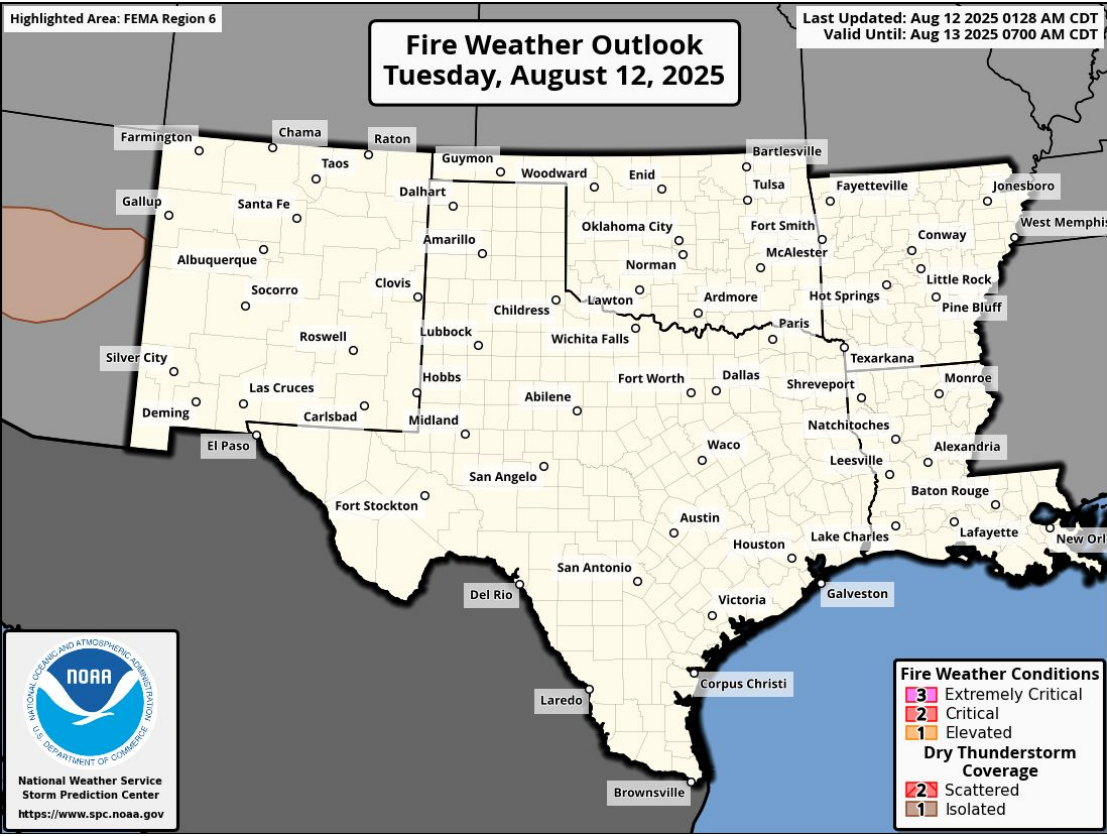
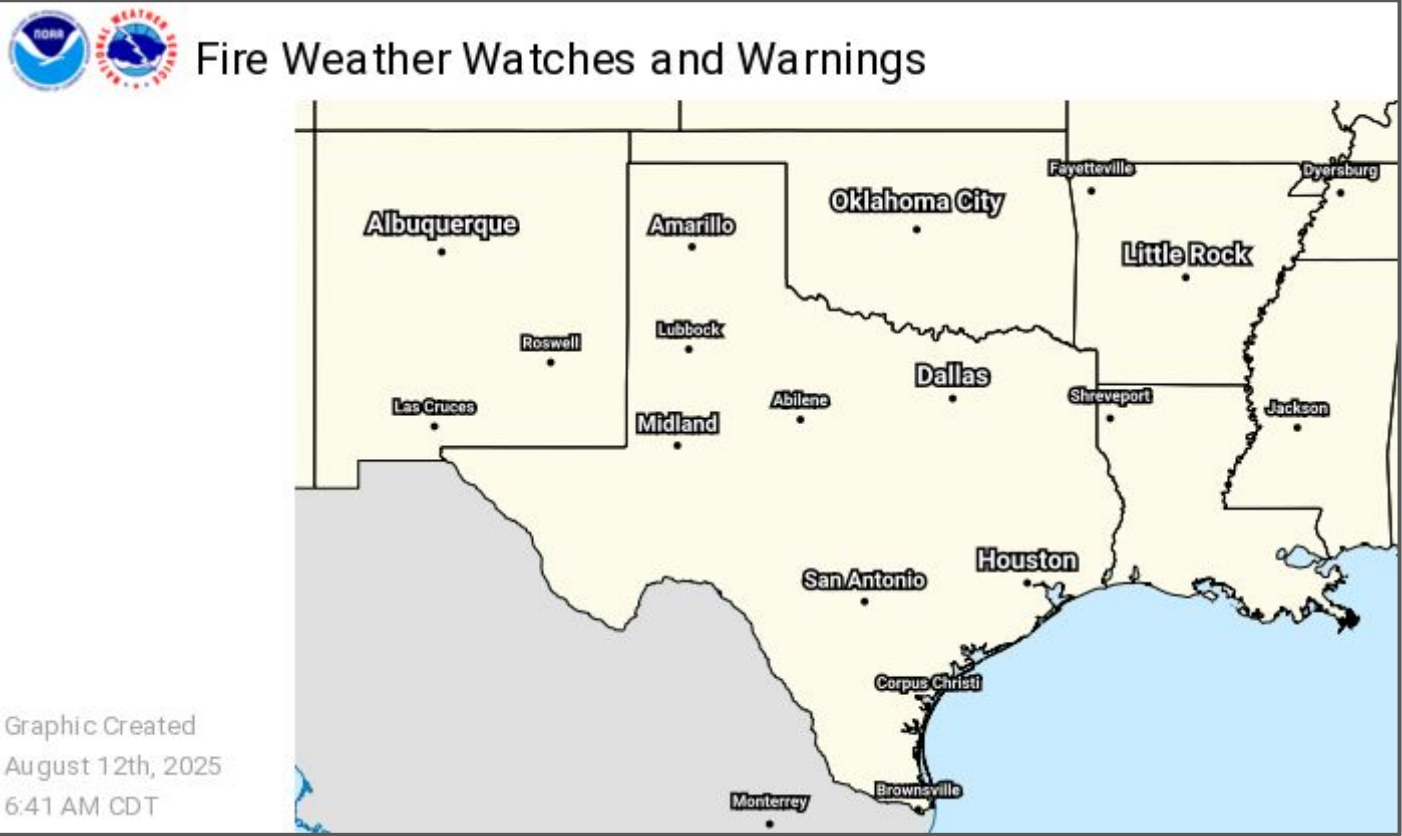
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







# Fire Weather Outlooks

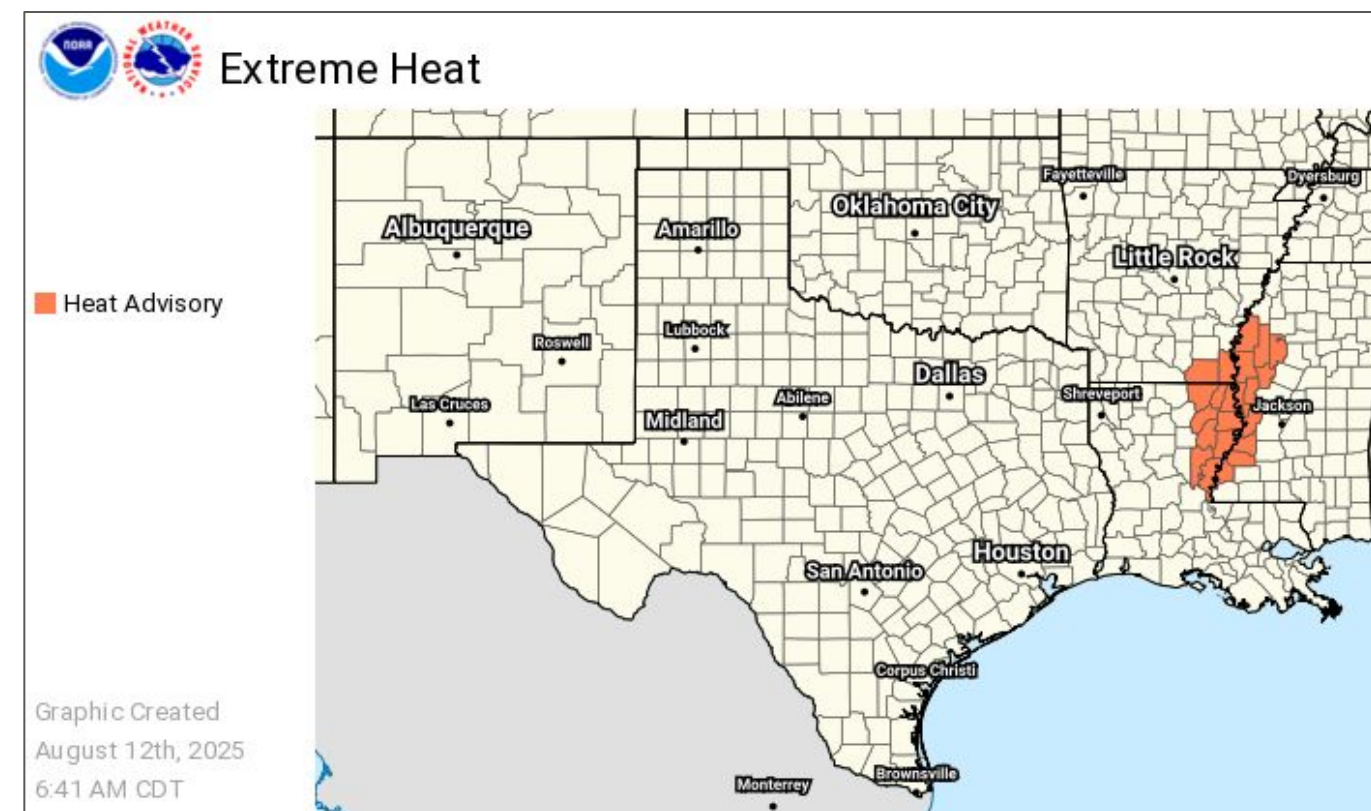
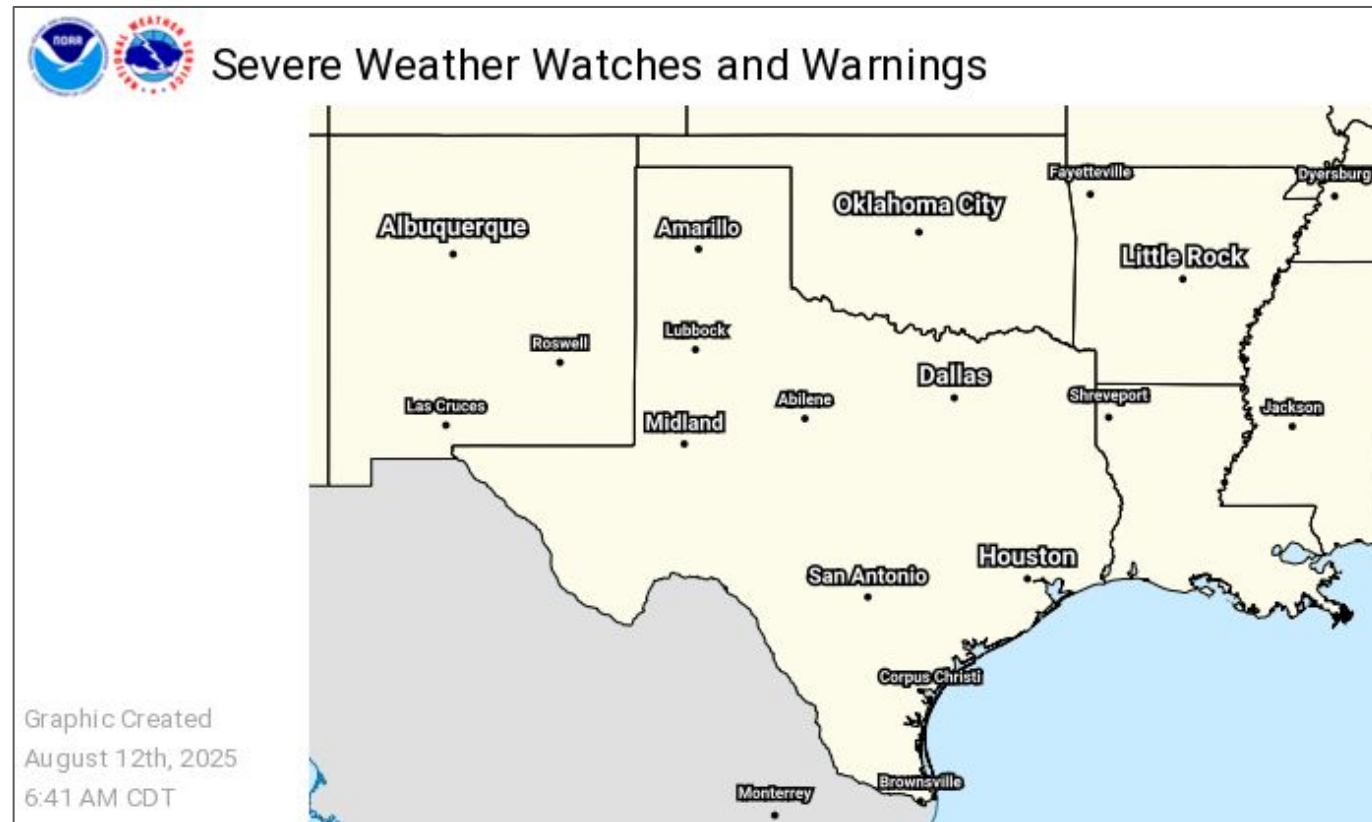






# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



**Flood Watches in OK, TX expected to expire this morning.**

**Flood Watch for Ruidoso NM is in effect through 10 PM late this evening. Rainfall rates 1" per hour may trigger debris flow flooding.**

**Heat Advisory in effect for portions of AR, LA through 7 PM CDT. Temps feel like 106-110 degrees.**



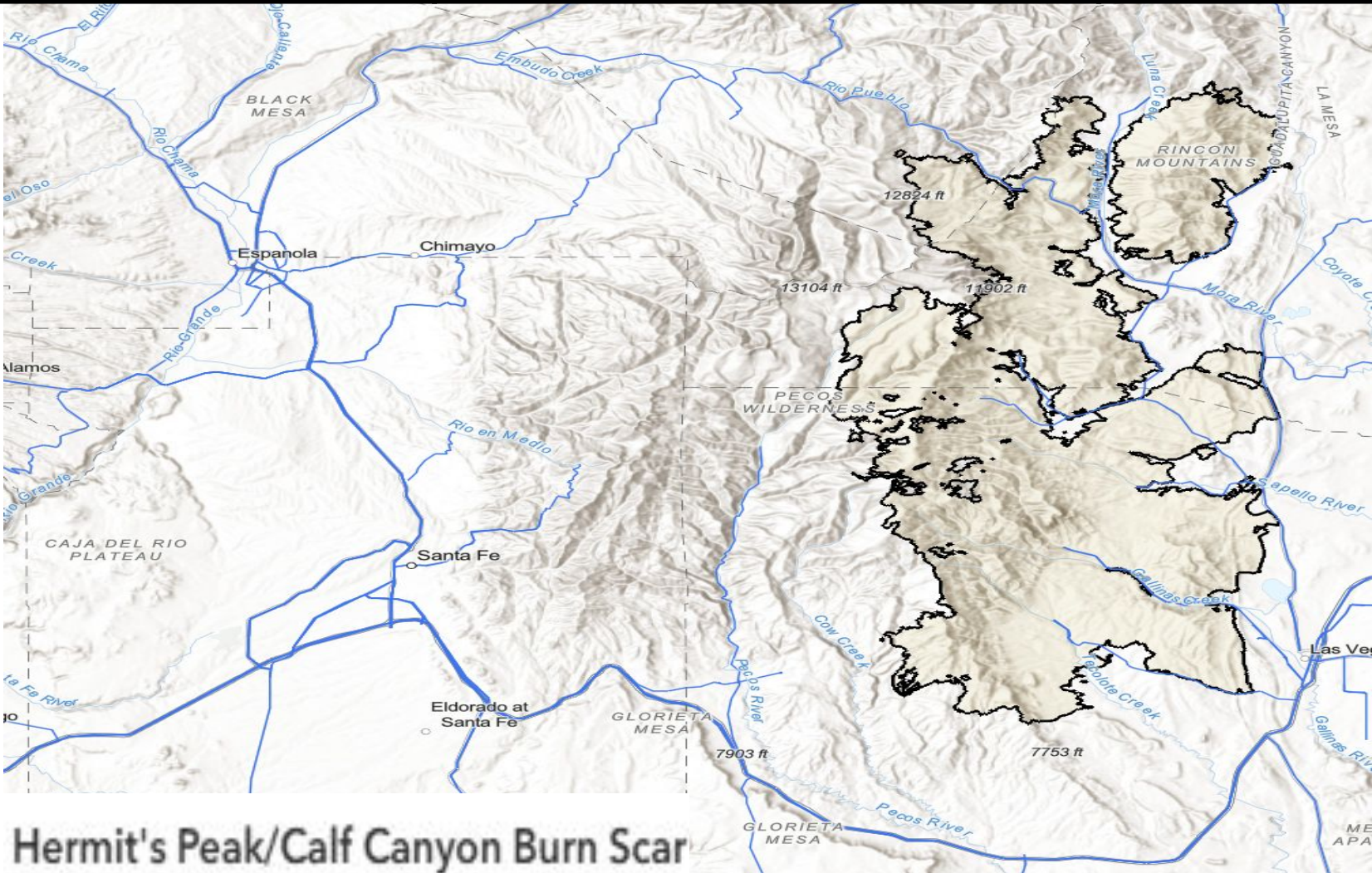




# Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - HPCC Scars New Mexico

## Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

	Tuesday, Aug 12	Wednesday, Aug 13	Thursday, Aug 14	Friday, Aug 15
Flash Flooding	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Moderate
Timing - CDT	1-9 pm	1-8 pm	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening



Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Burn Scar

Little to None	No Flash Flood Threat
Minor (level 1 of 4)	Slight Risk of Flash Flooding
Moderate (level 2 of 4)	Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%
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Extreme (level 4 of 4)	Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day
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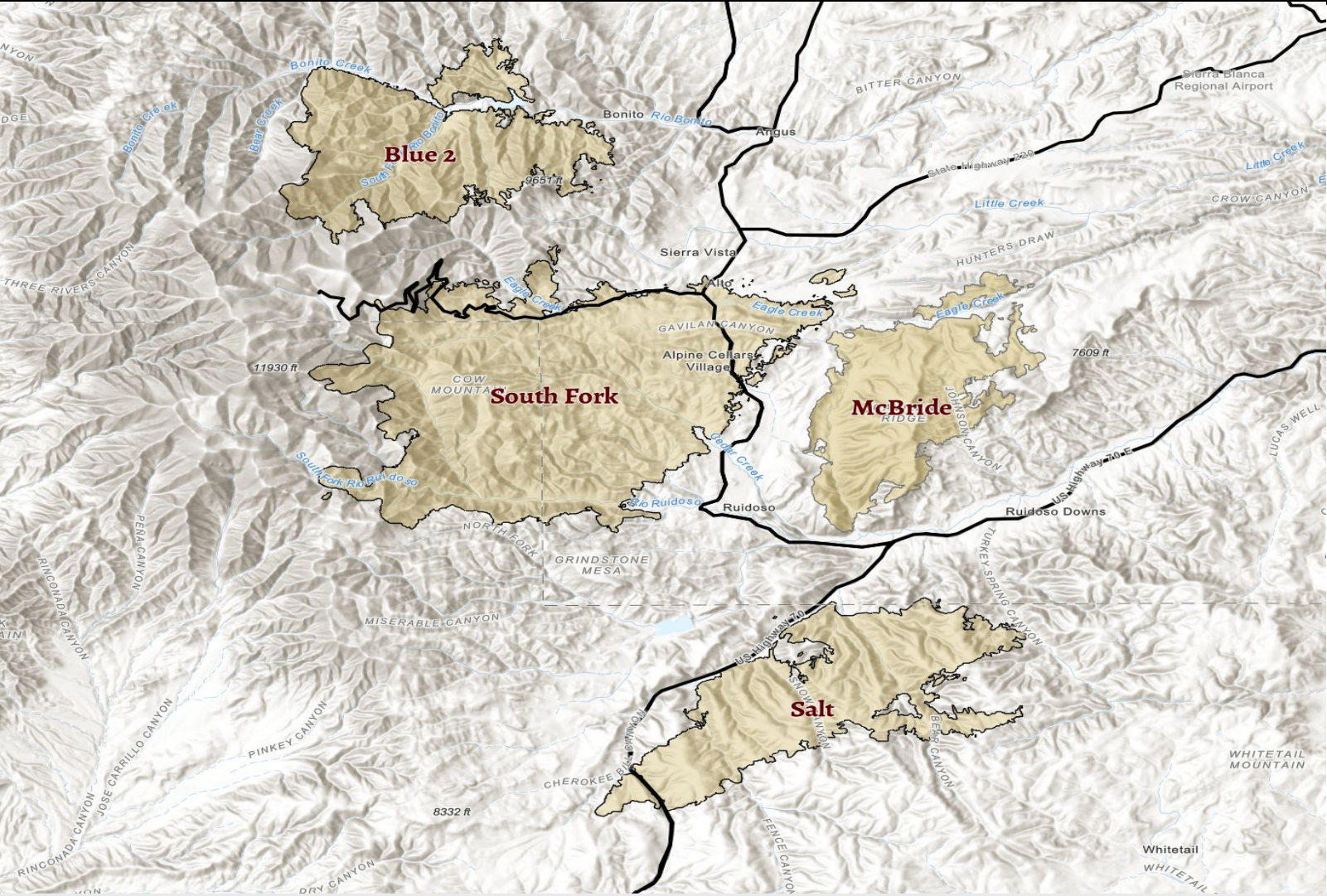




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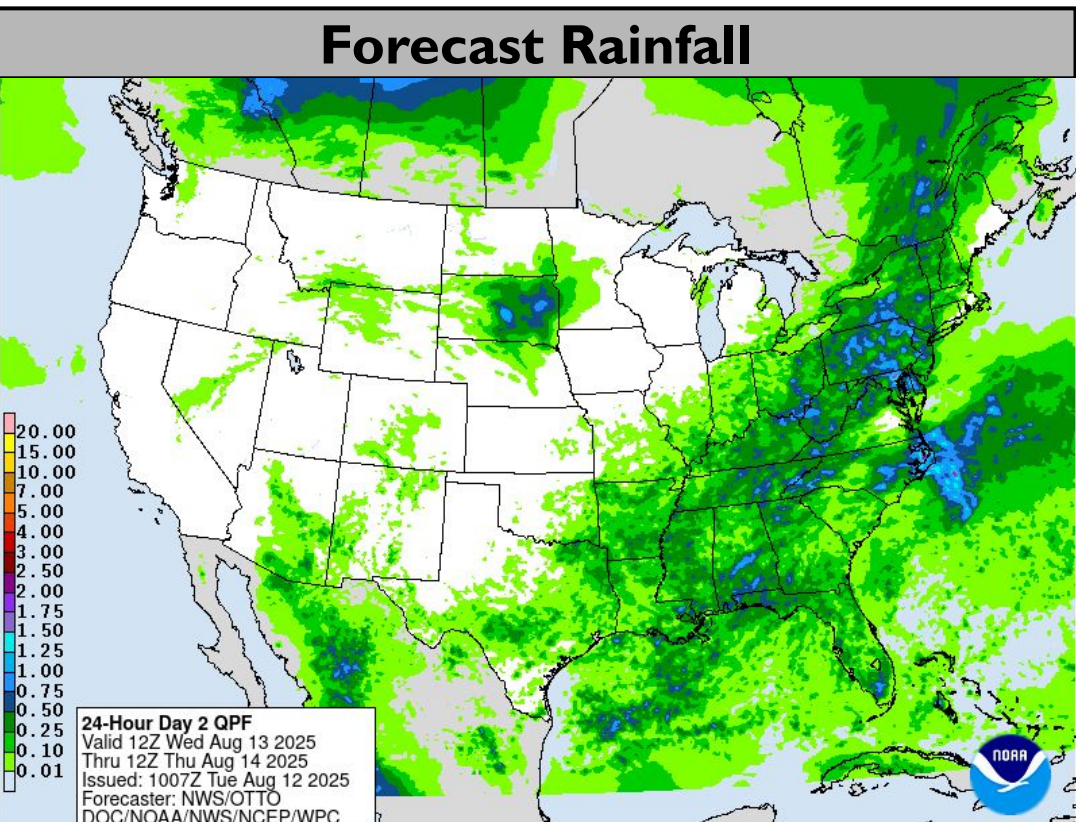
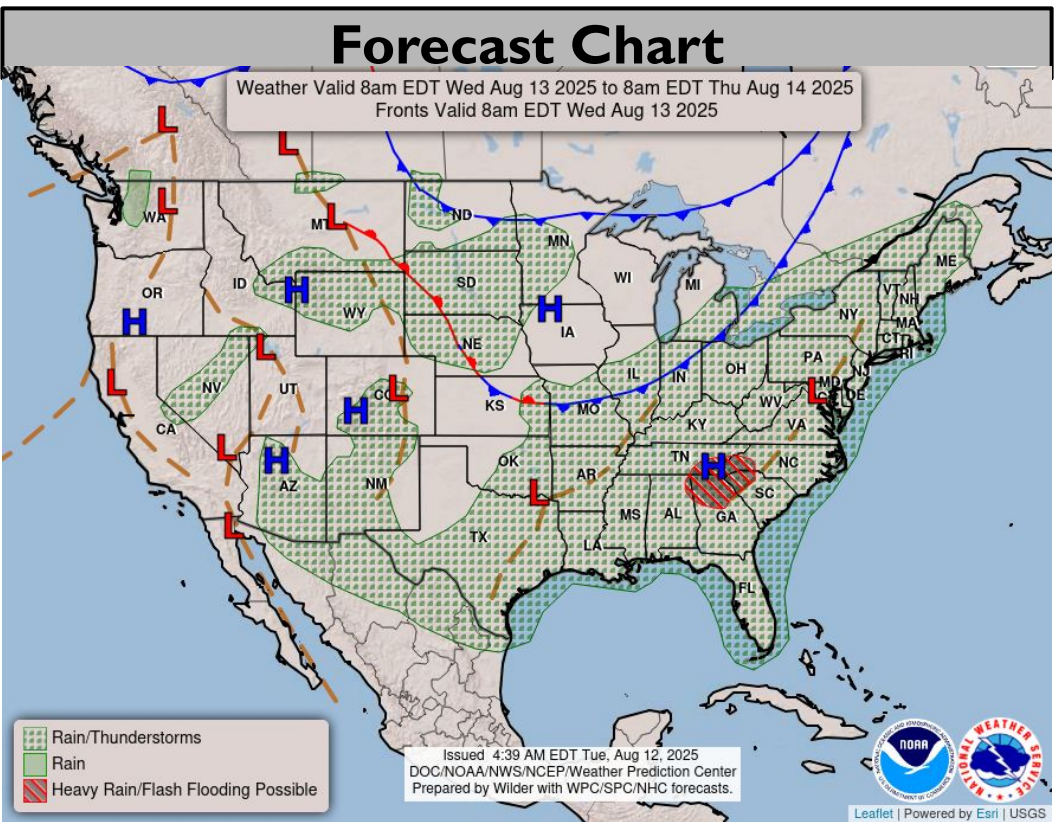


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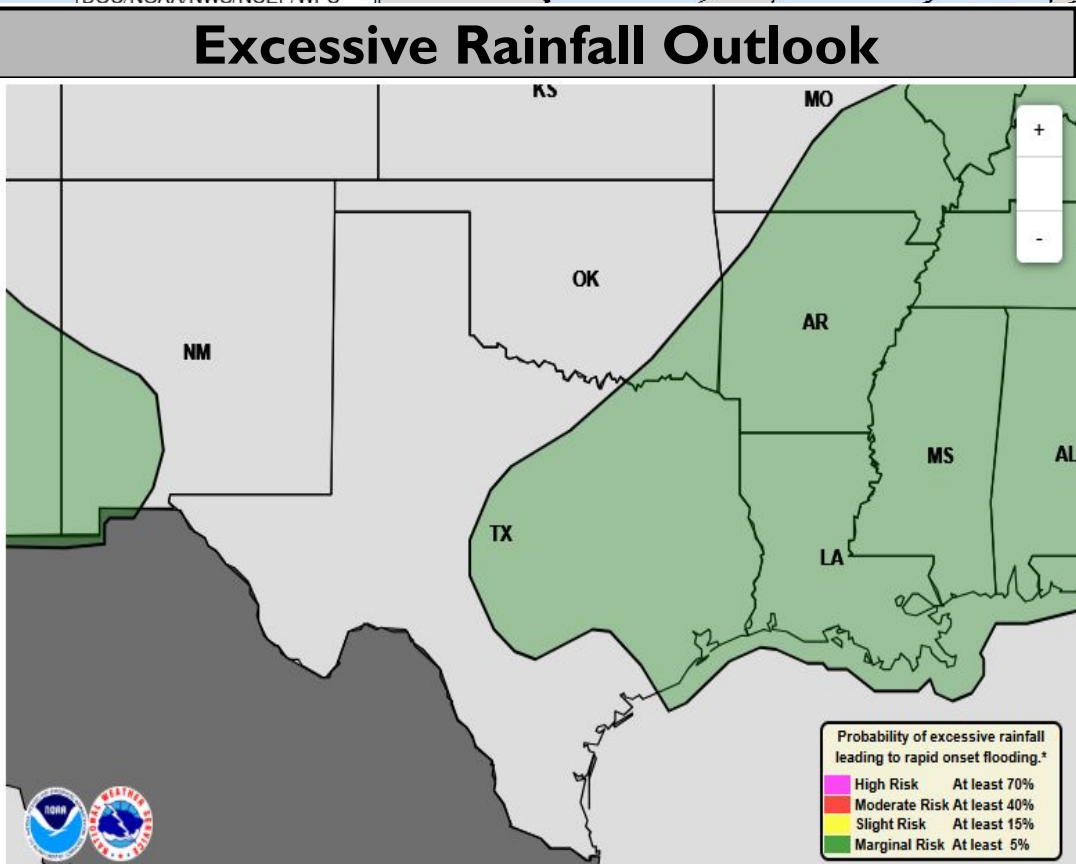
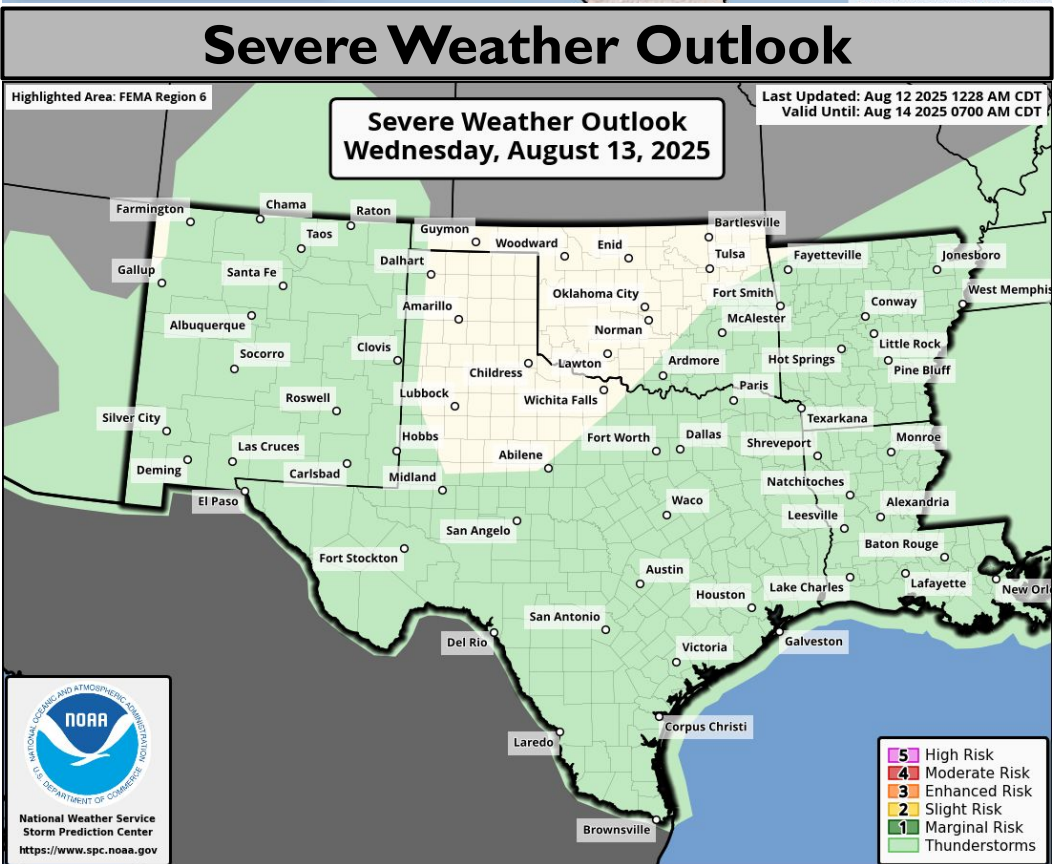




# Tomorrow's Weather



**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for isolated heavy rain/flash flooding in SW NM, SE OK, C-E TX, AR, LA.**

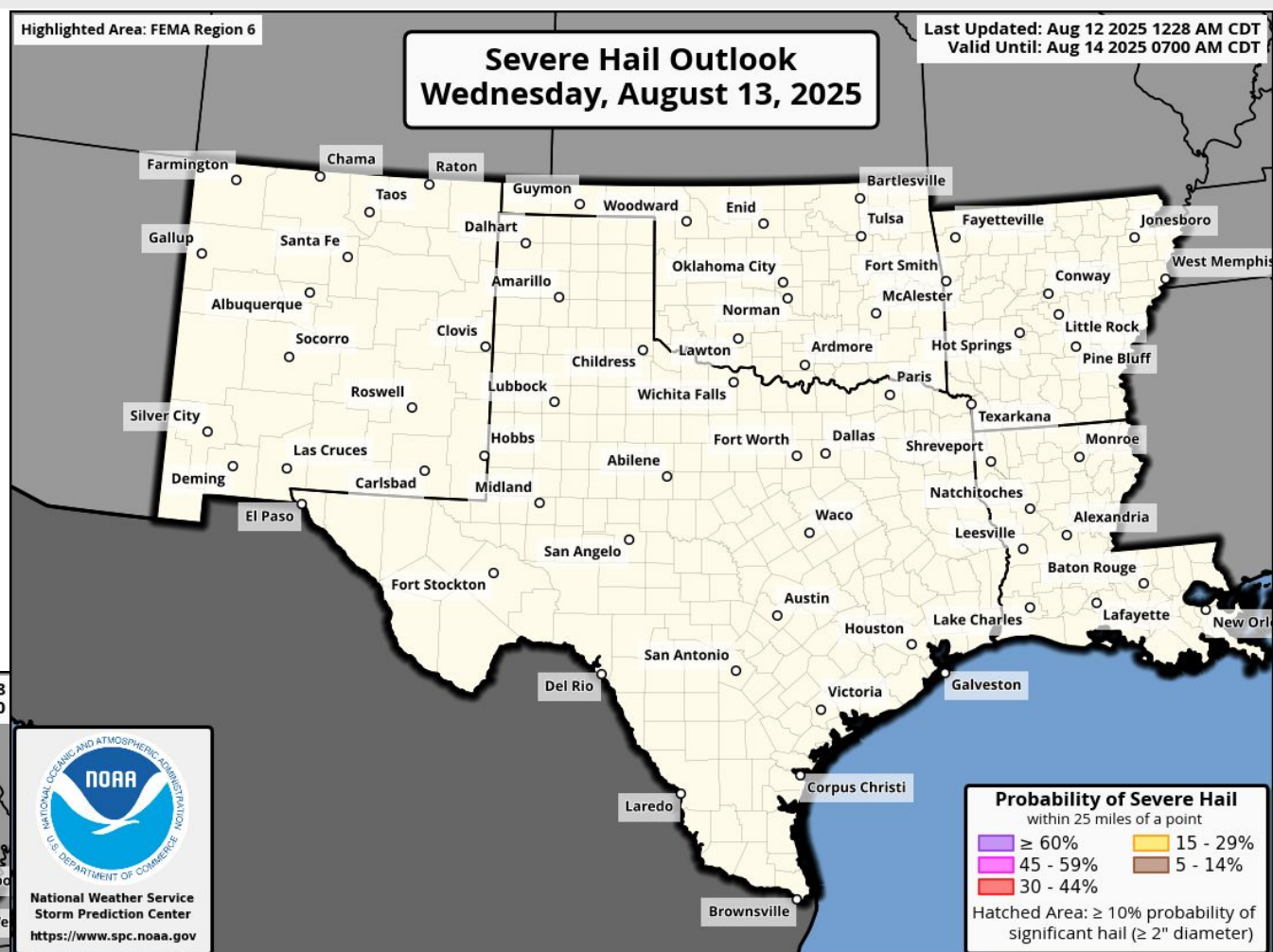
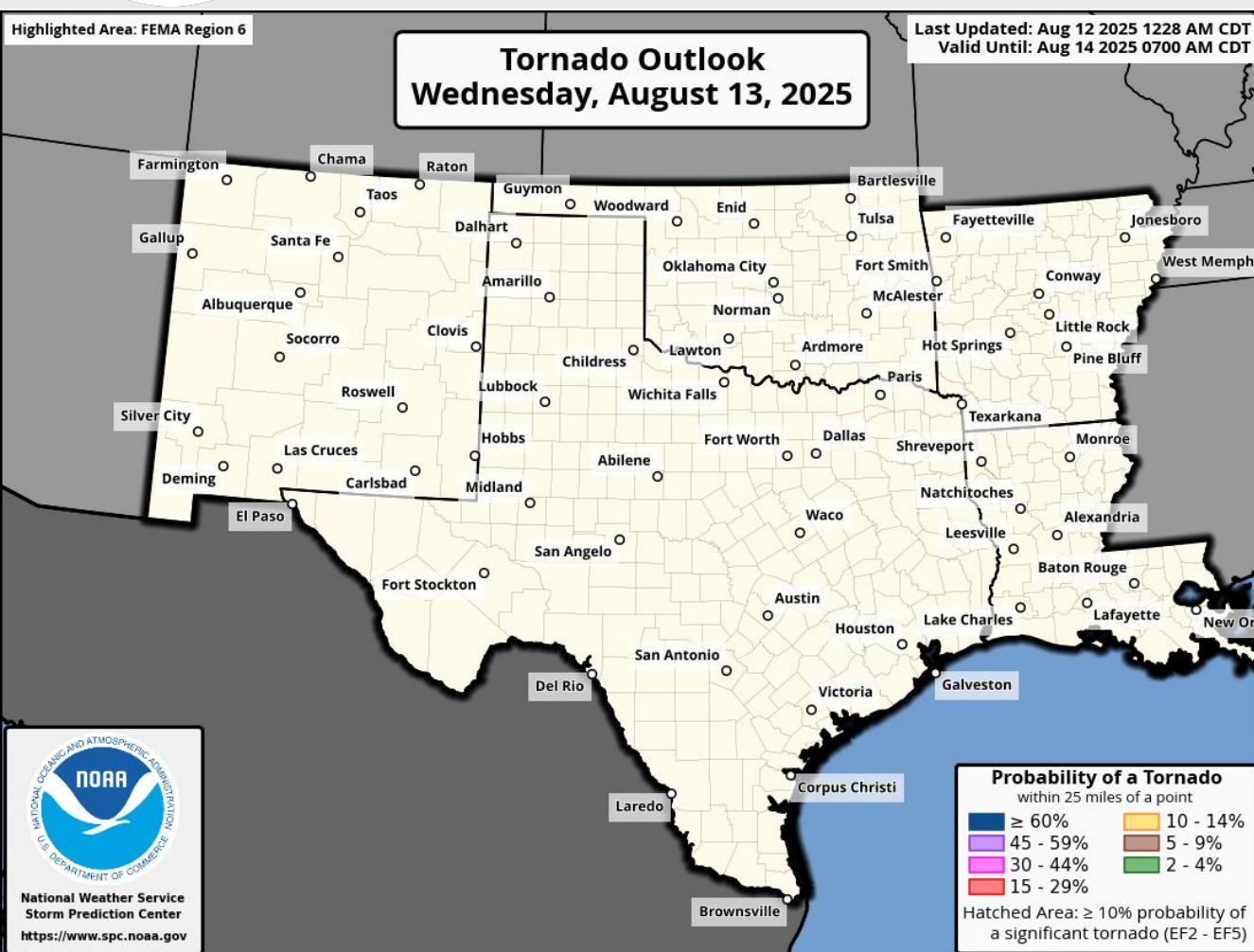


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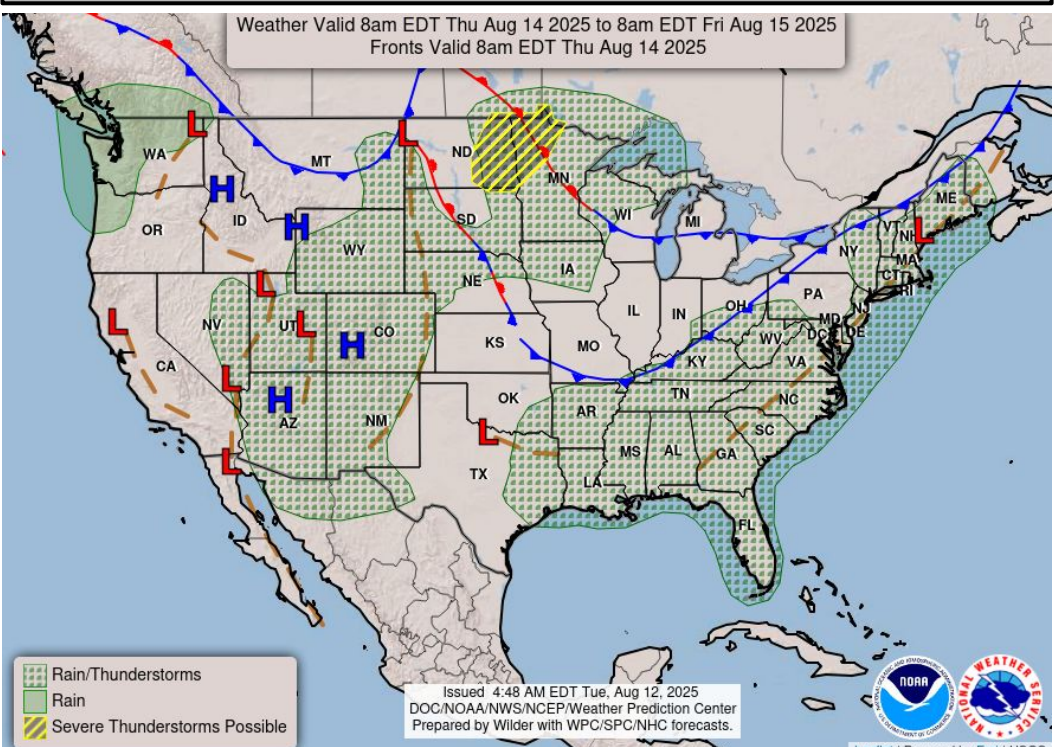




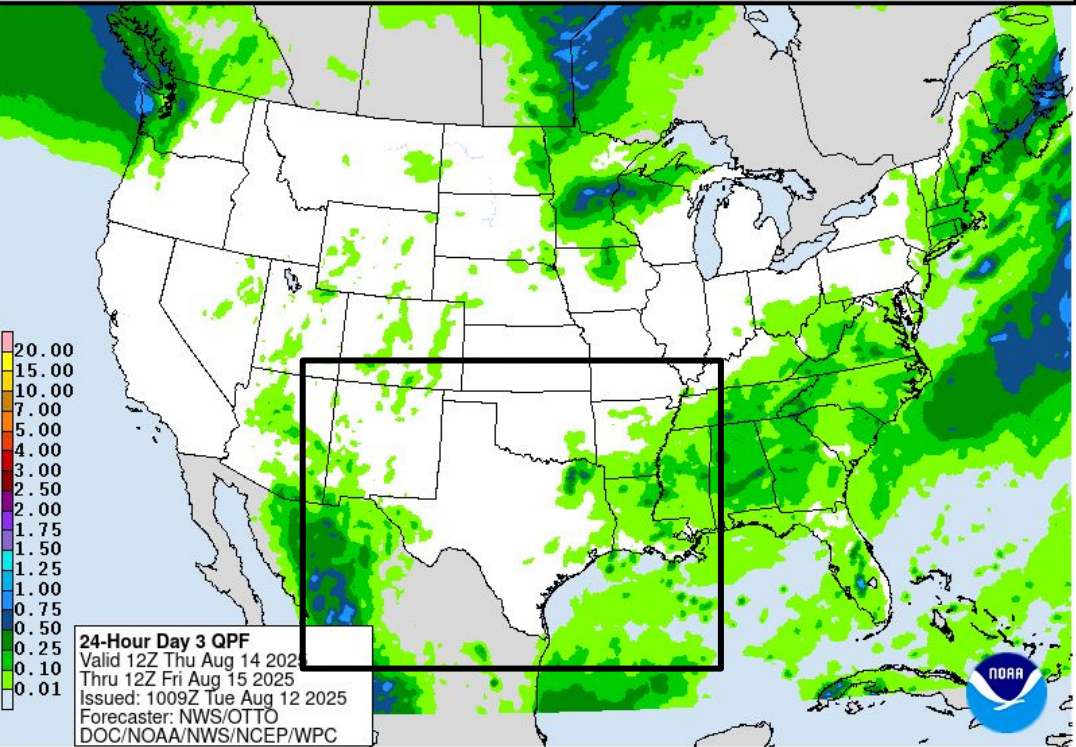


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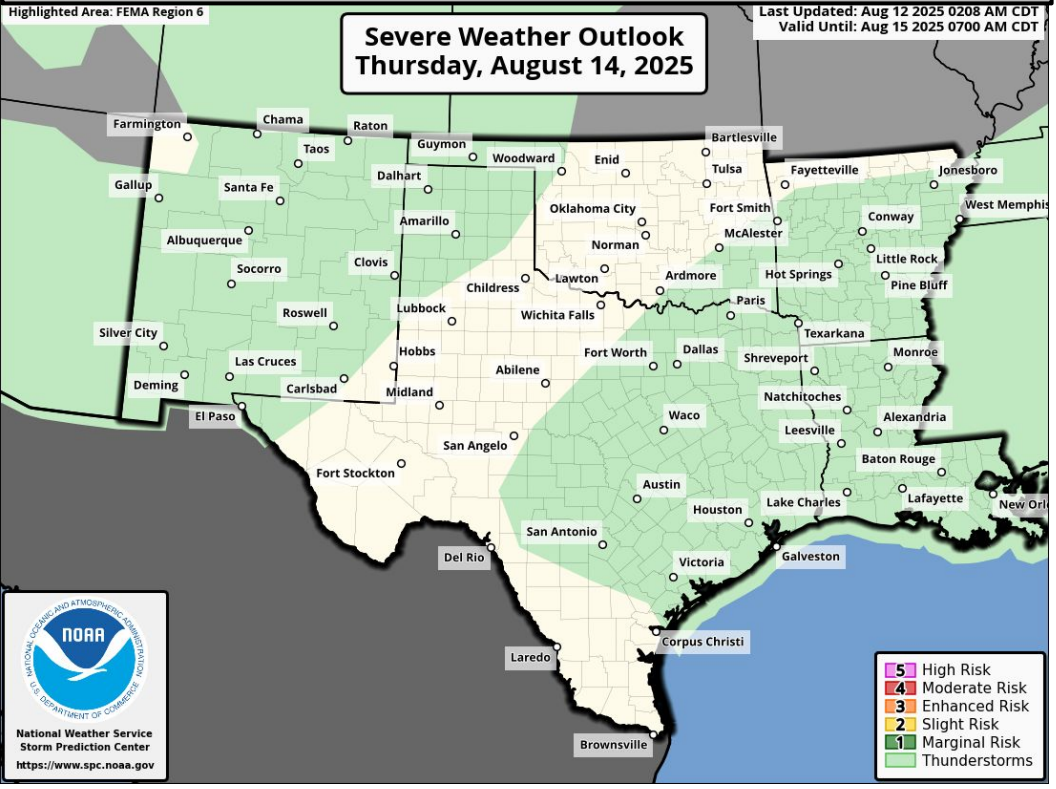


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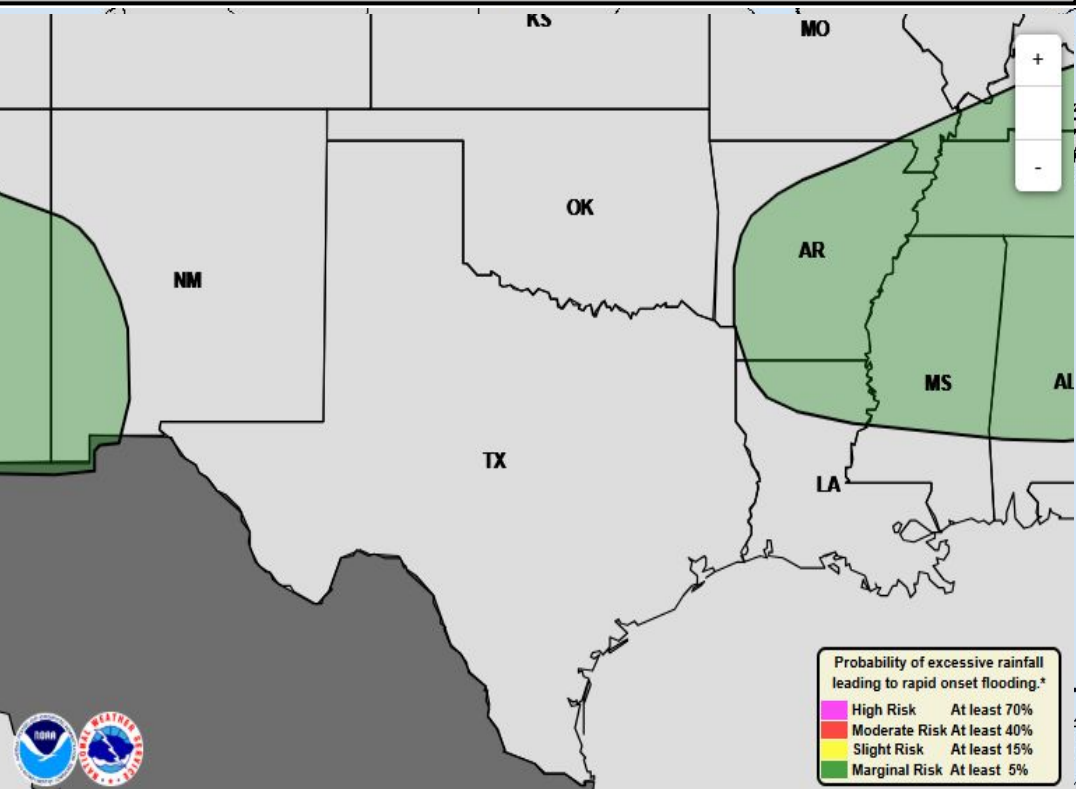


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for isolated heavy rain/flash flooding in SW NM, N LA, AR.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



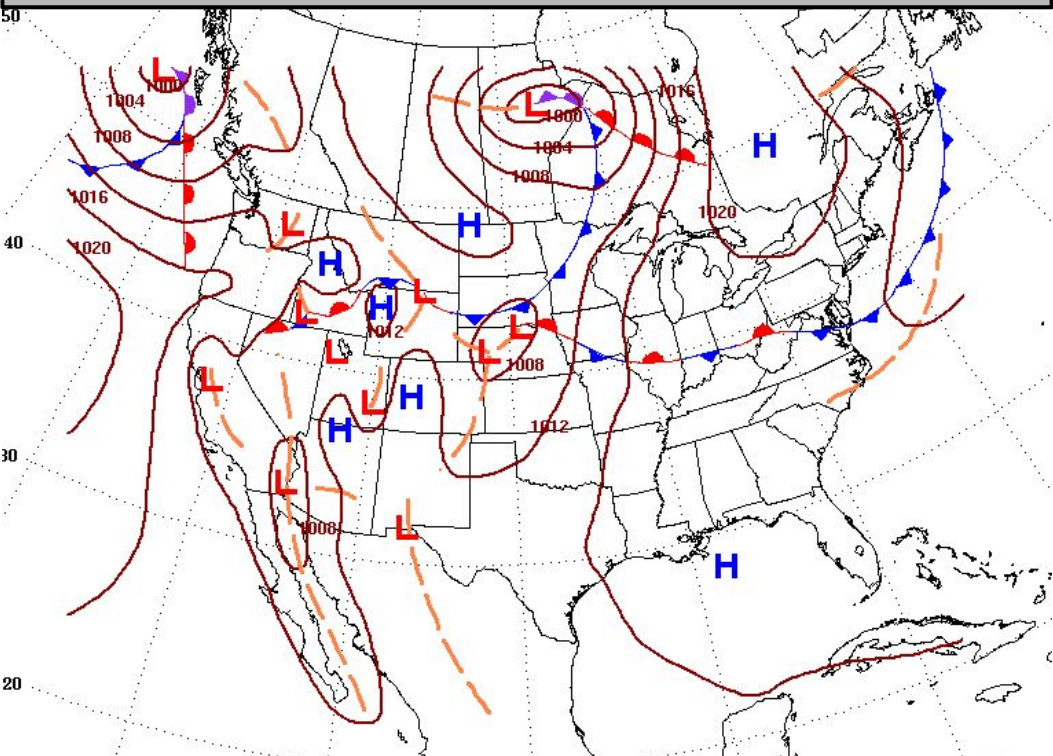
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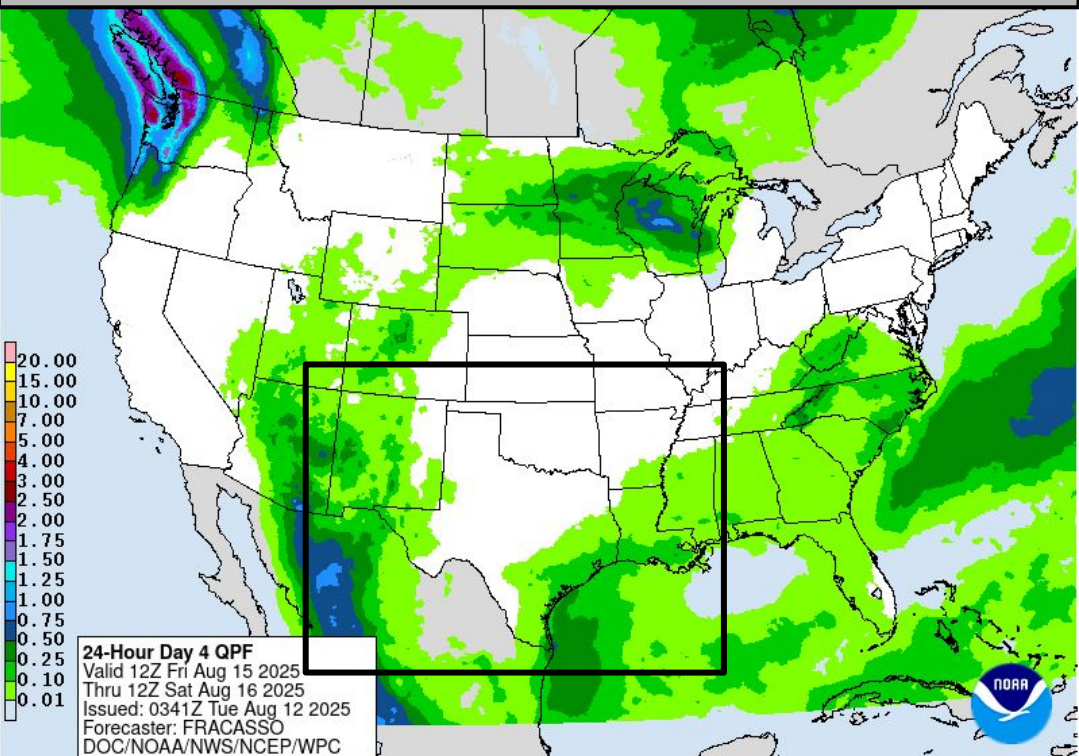


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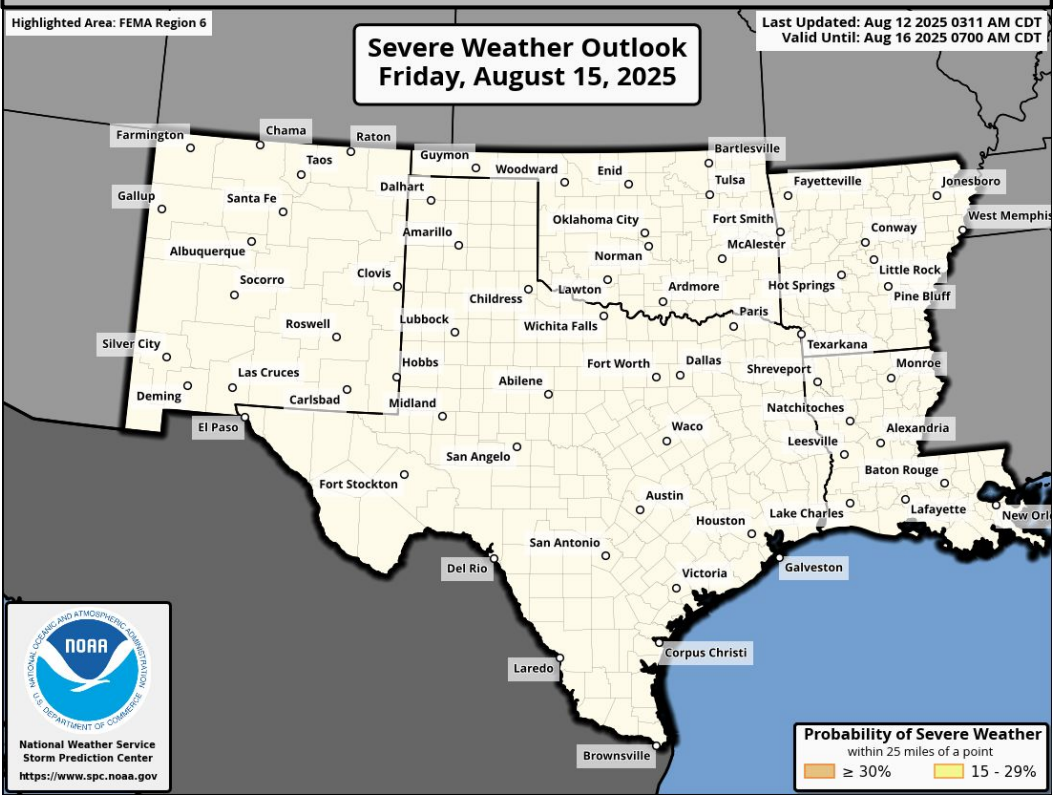
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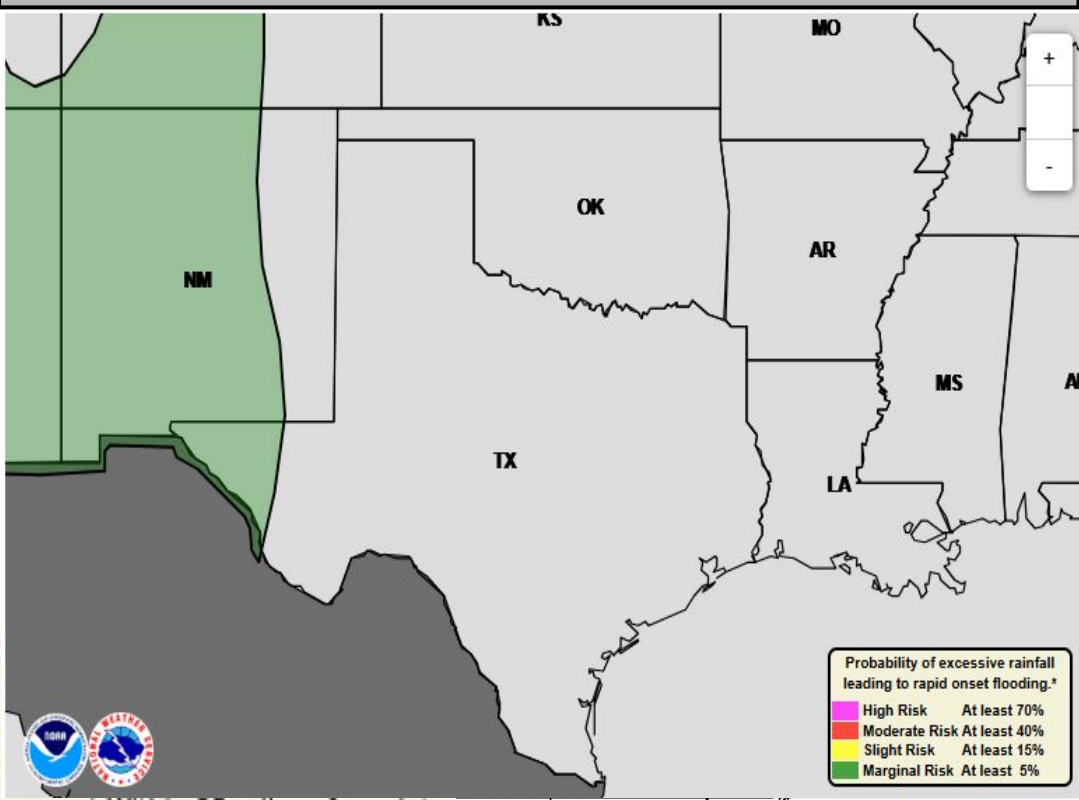
Excessive heat in LA and STX

Marginal risk (level I of 4) for isolated heavy rain/flash flooding in NM and far W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



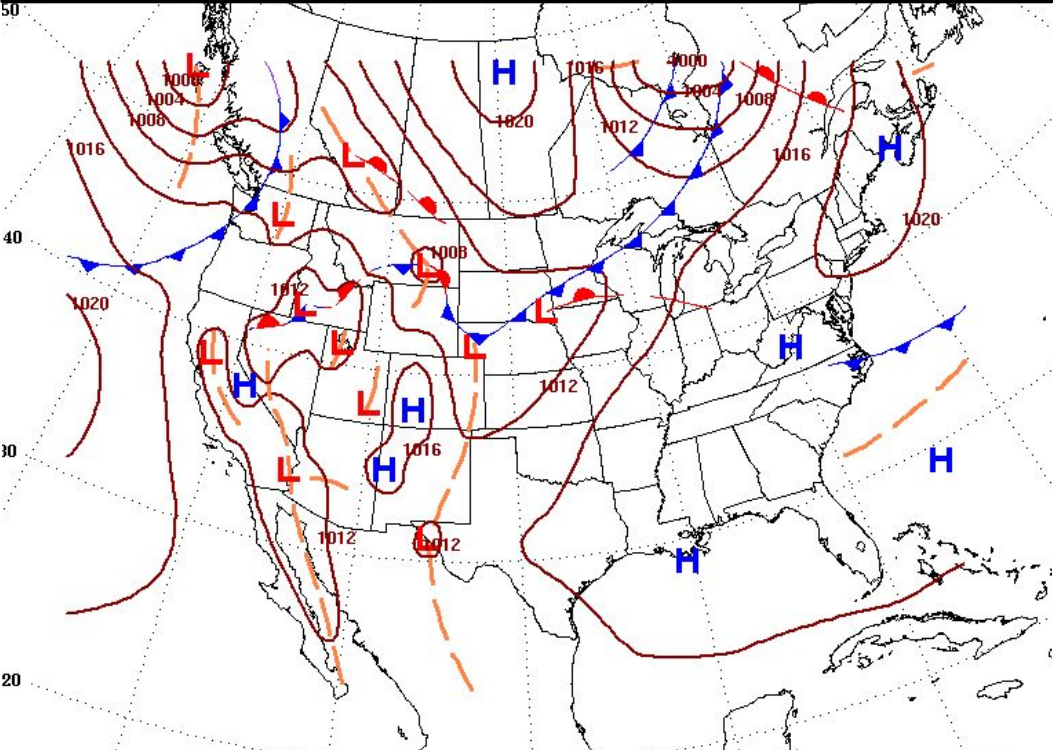
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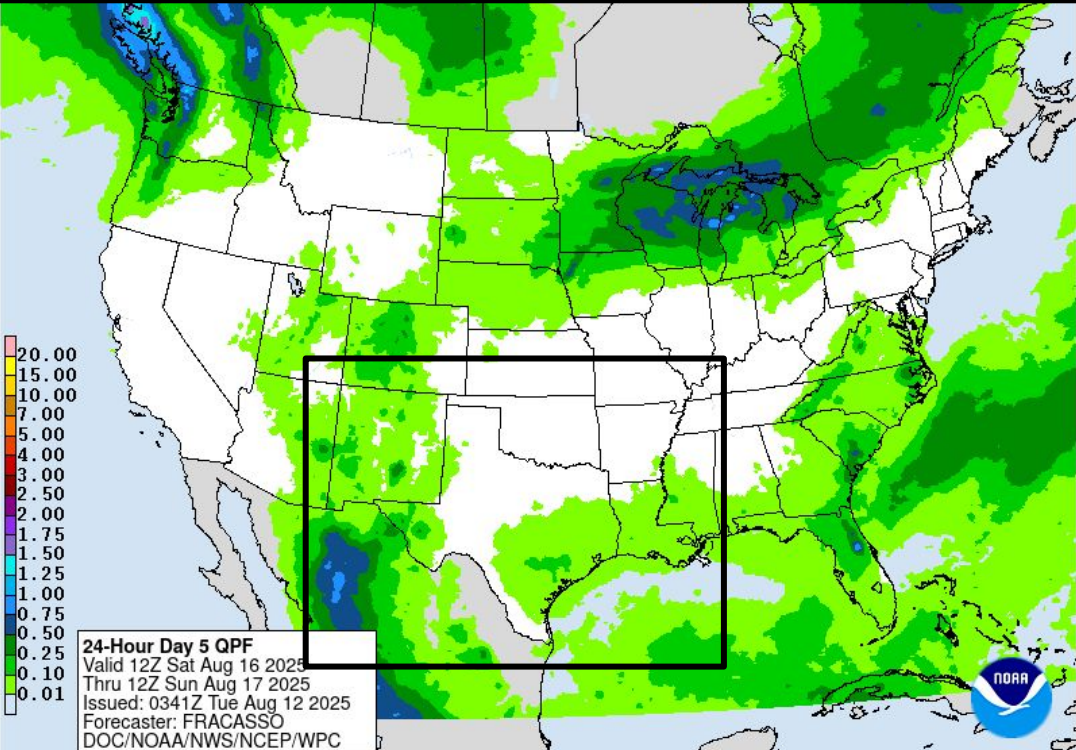


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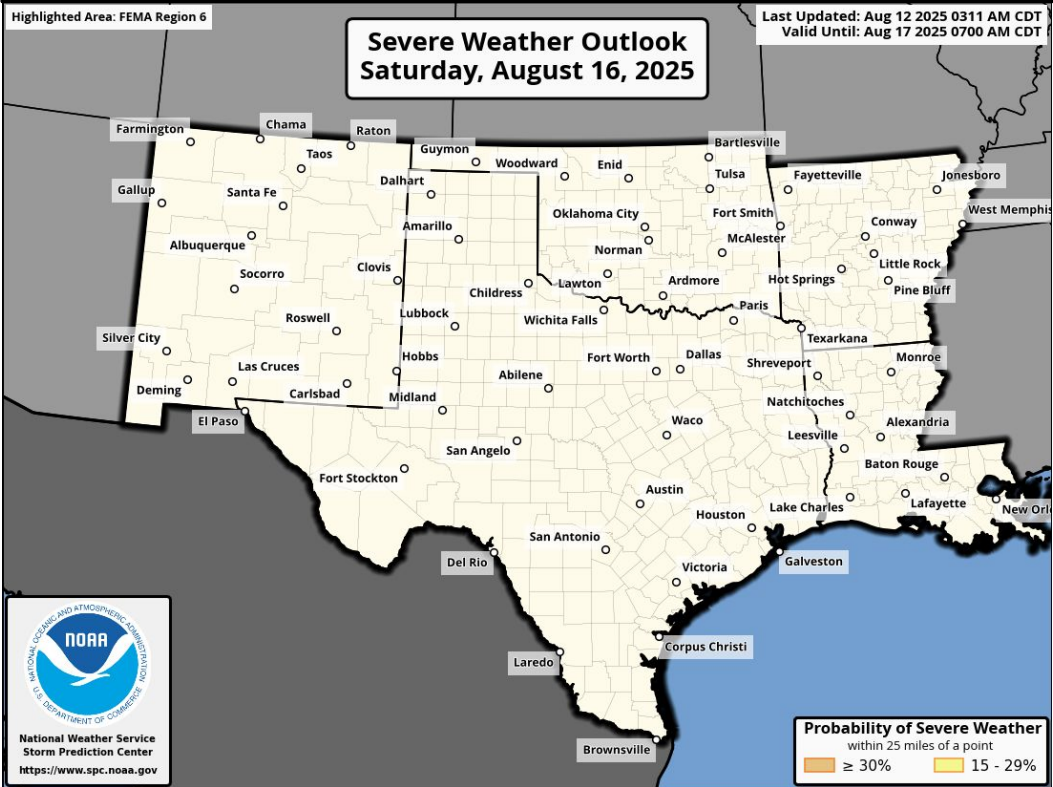
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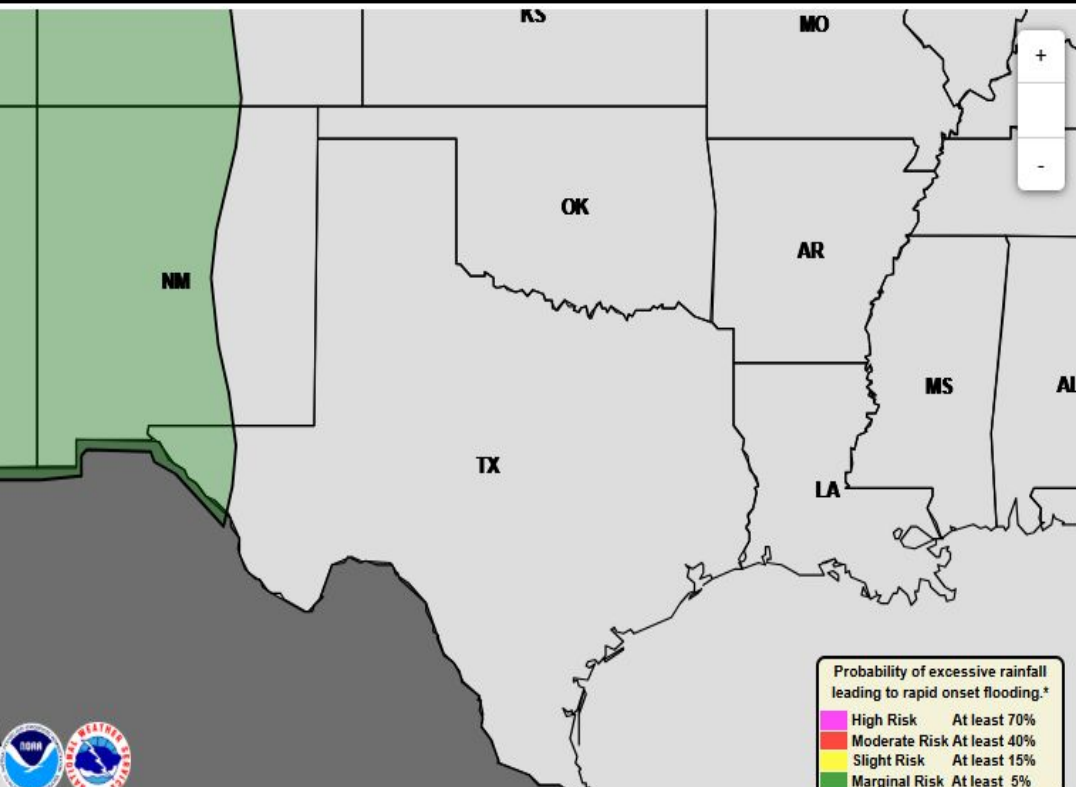
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Excessive heat in LA and TX.**

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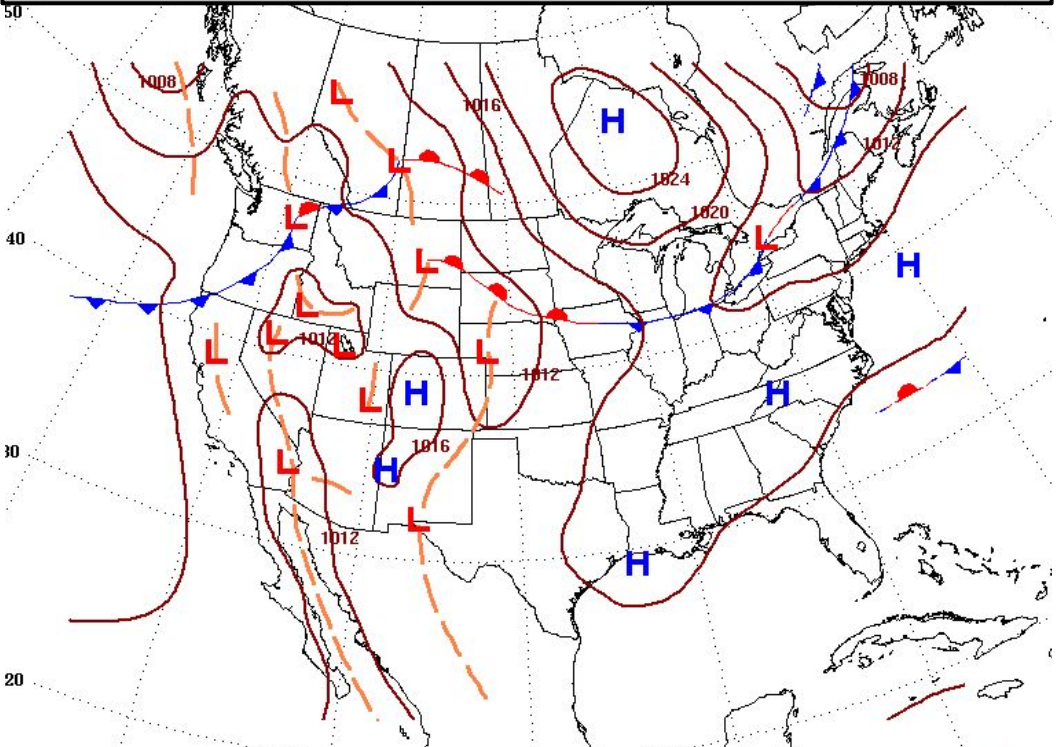




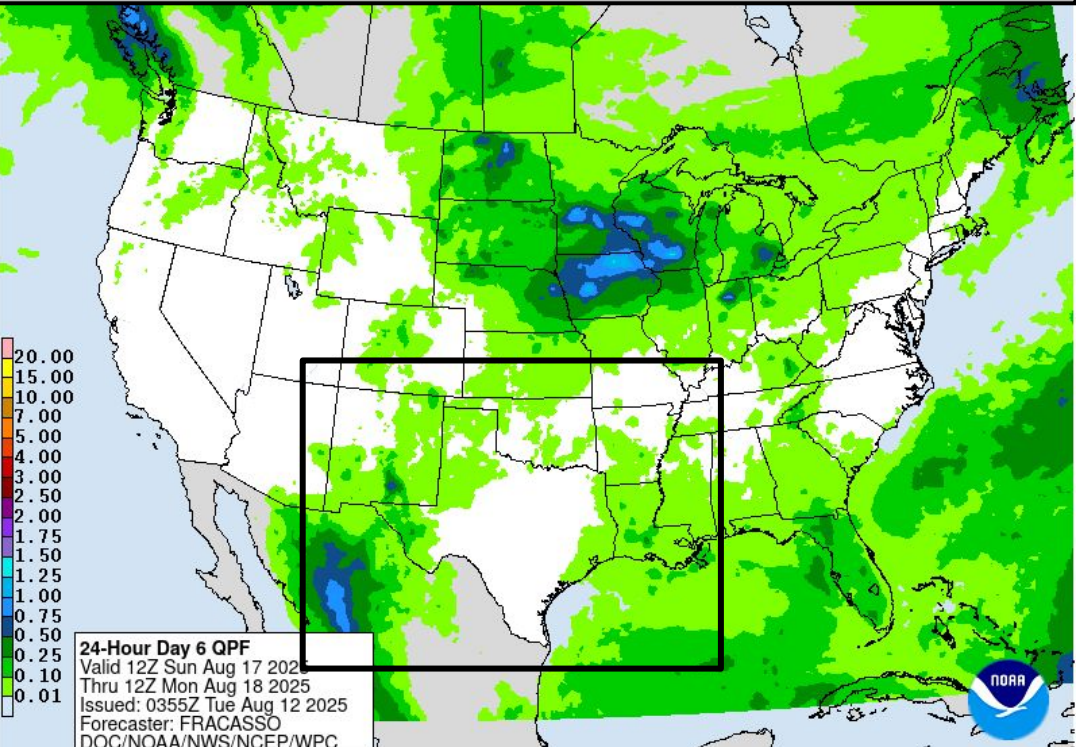


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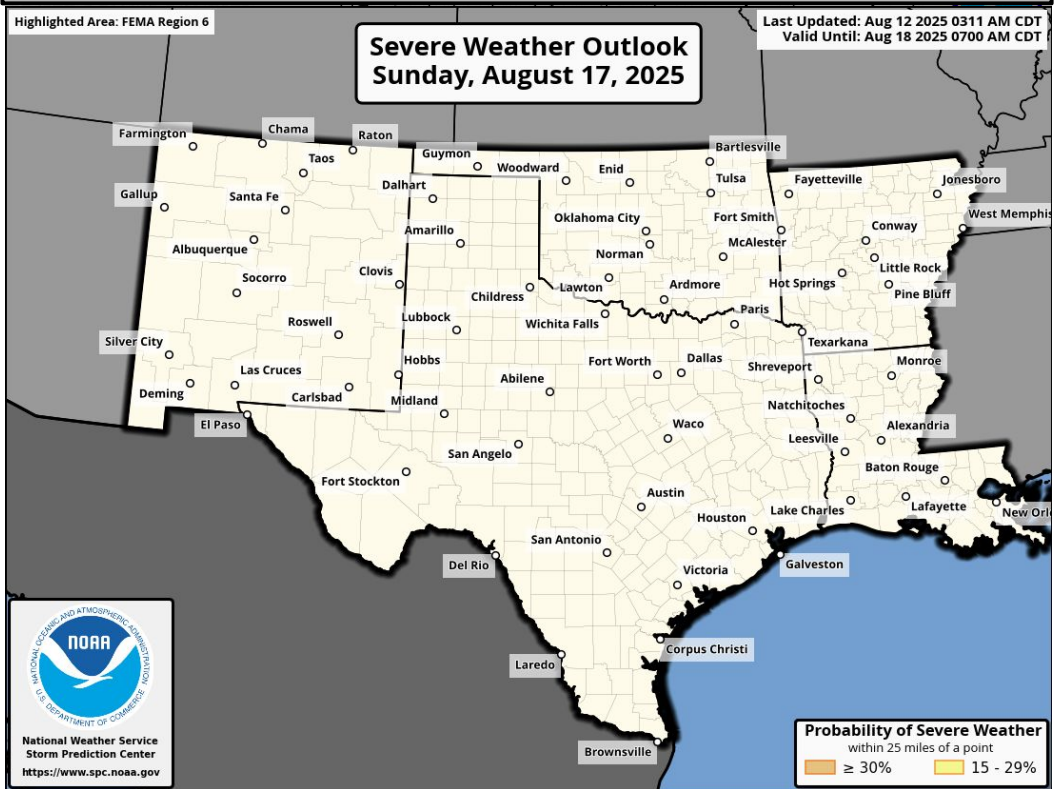


Forecast Rainfall



Excessive heat in LA,TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



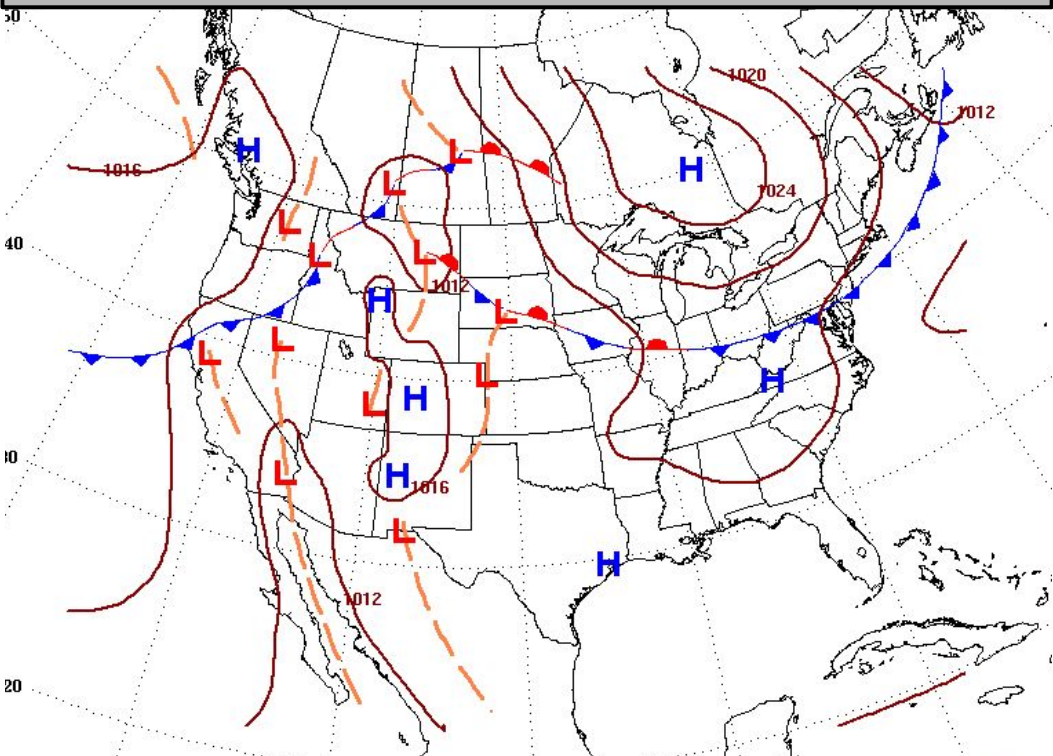
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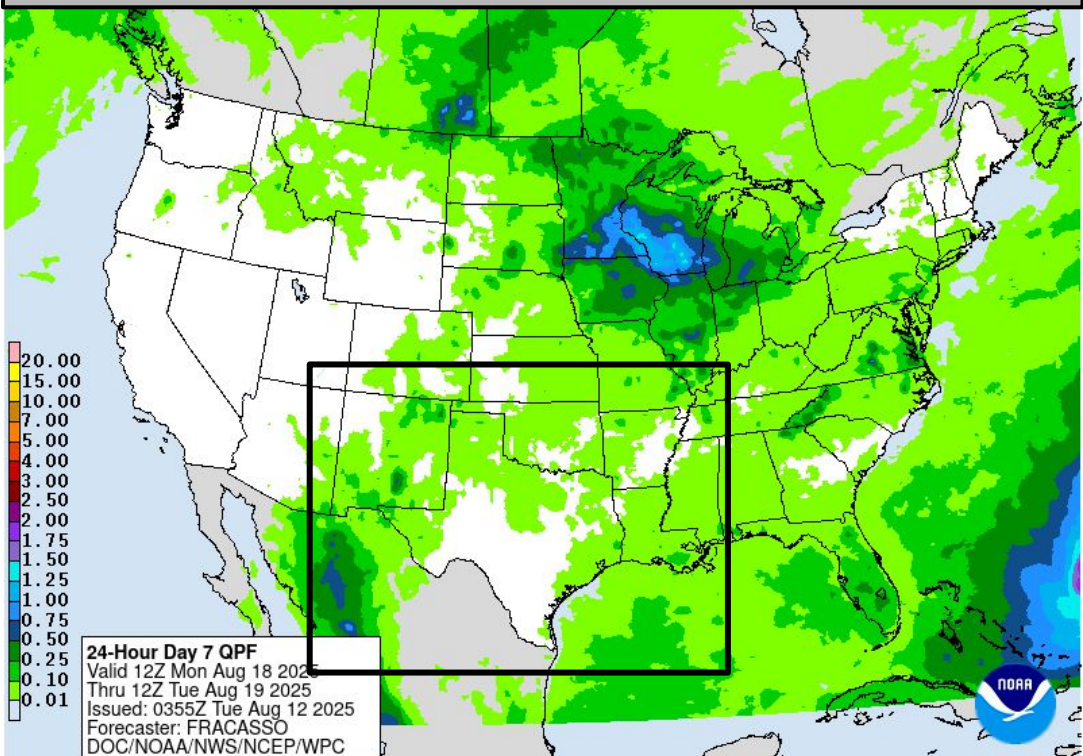


# Monday's Weather

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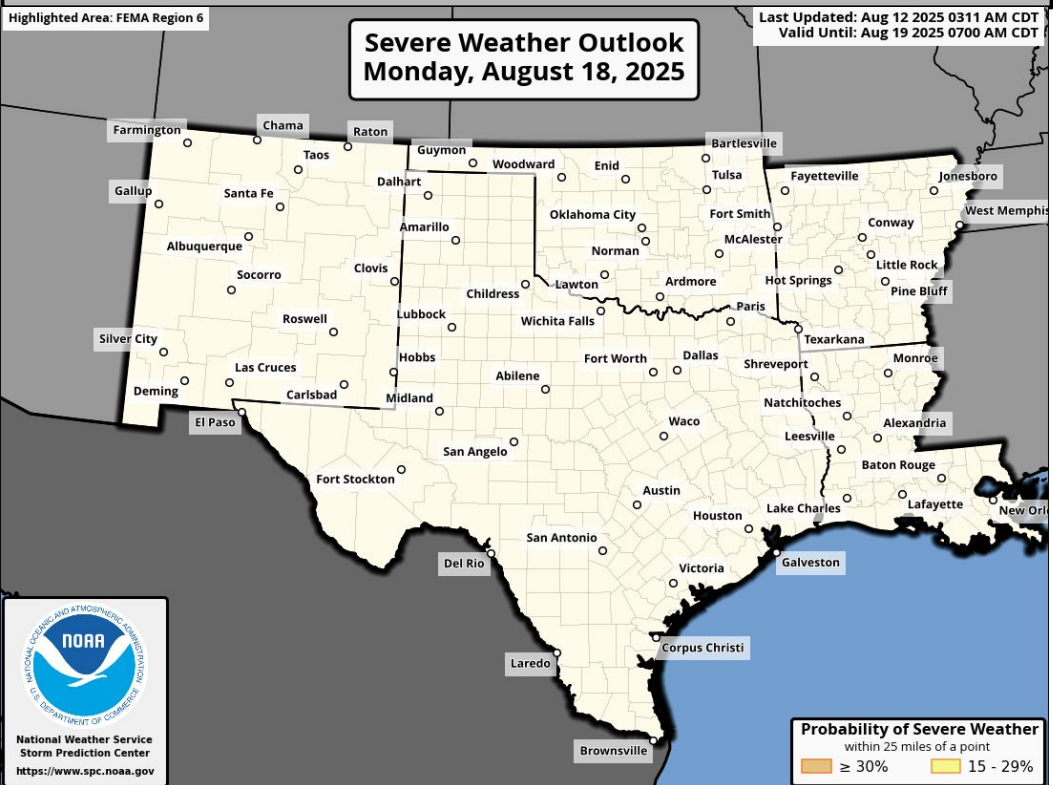


Forecast Rainfall



**Excessive heat in LA,TX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



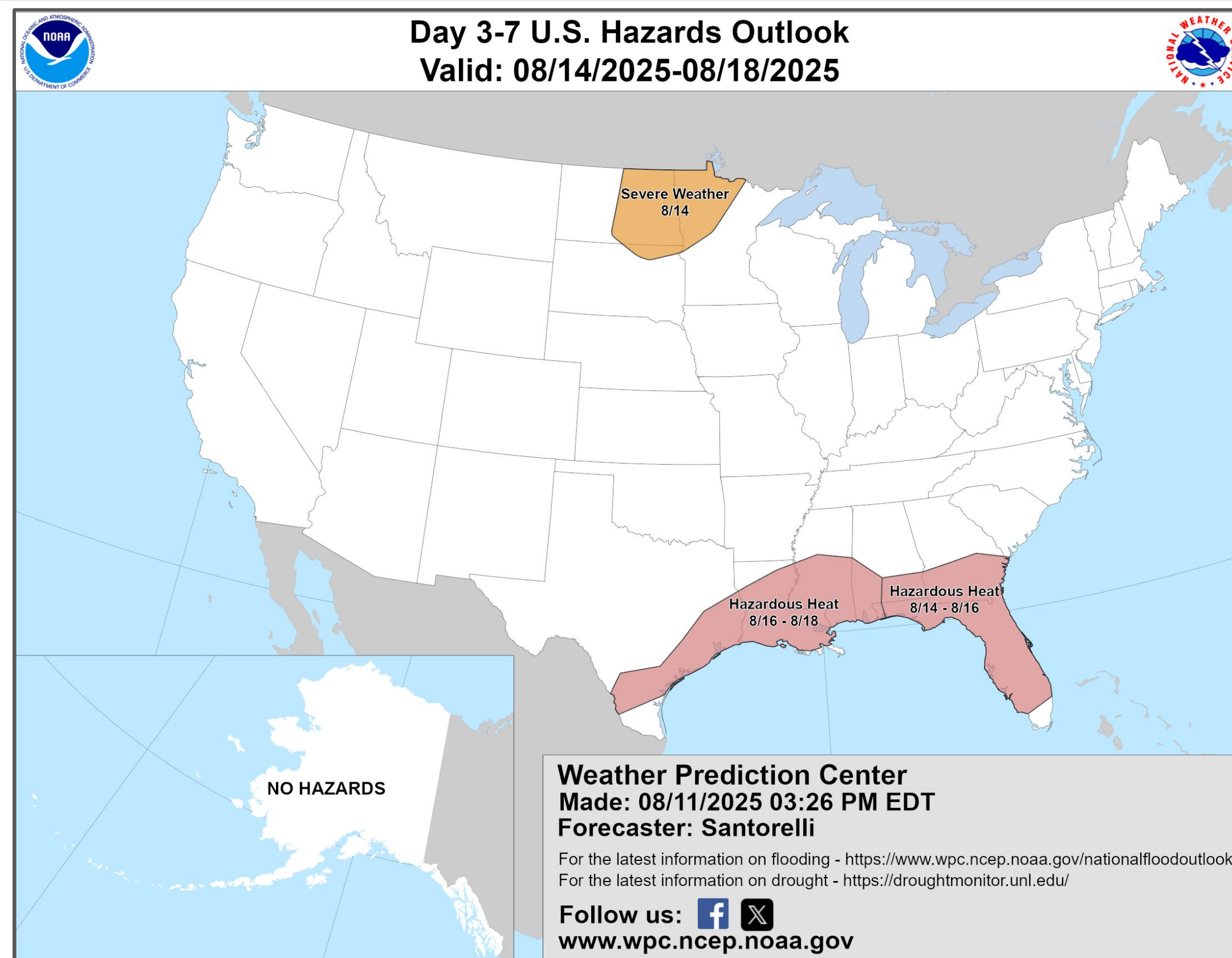
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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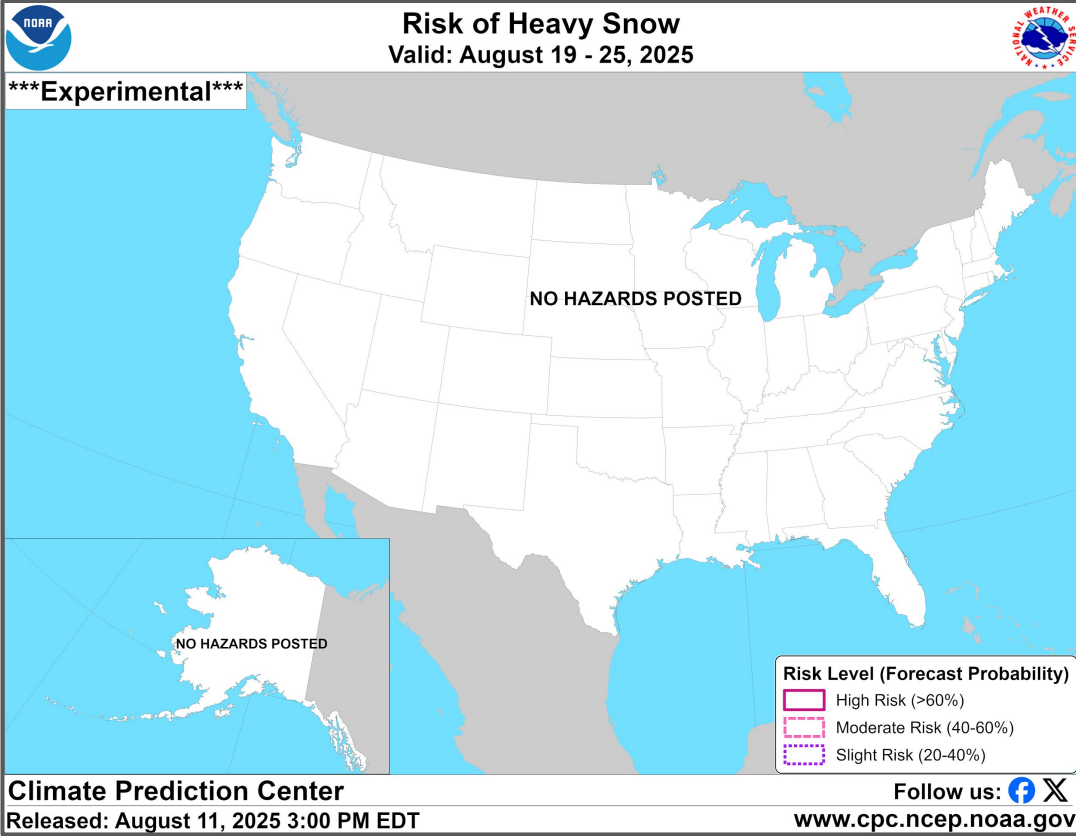
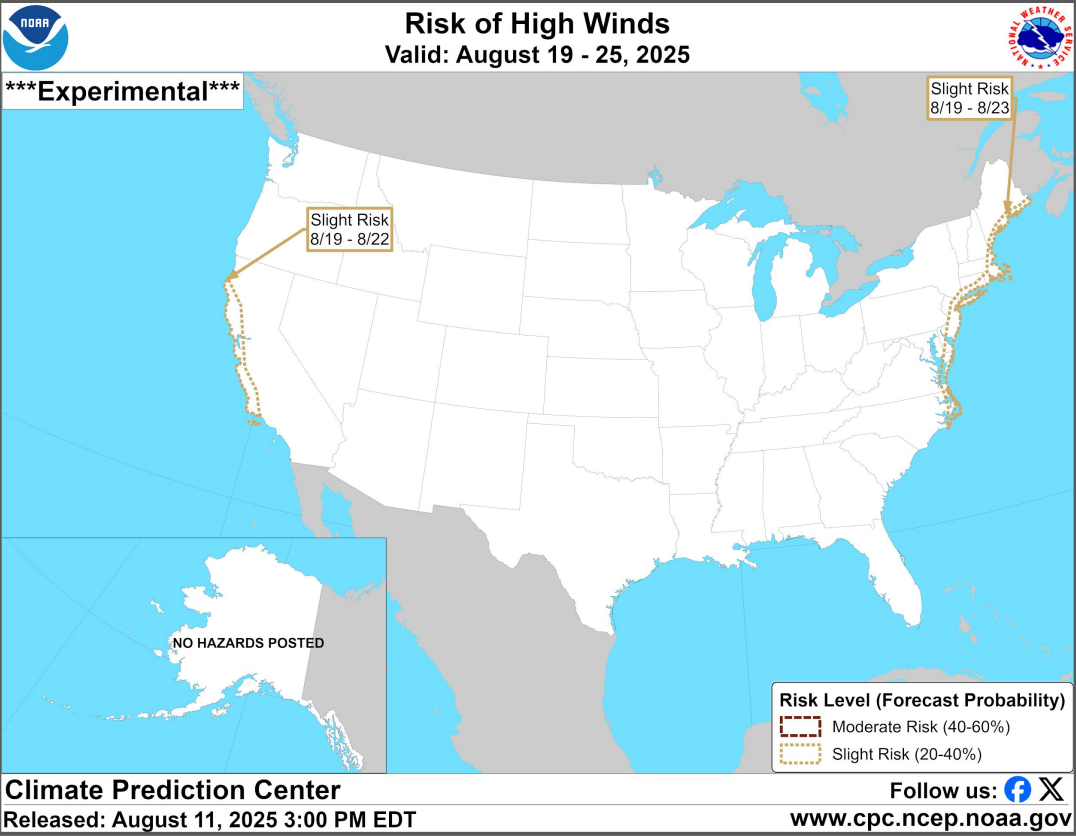
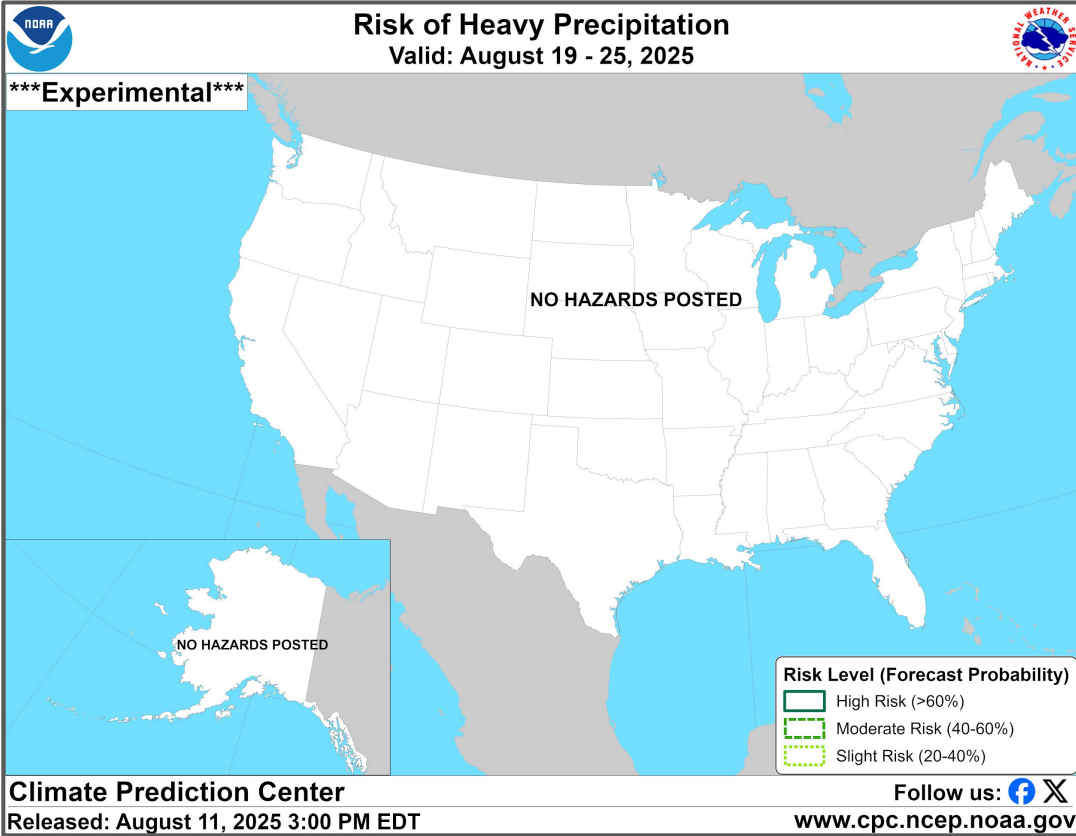
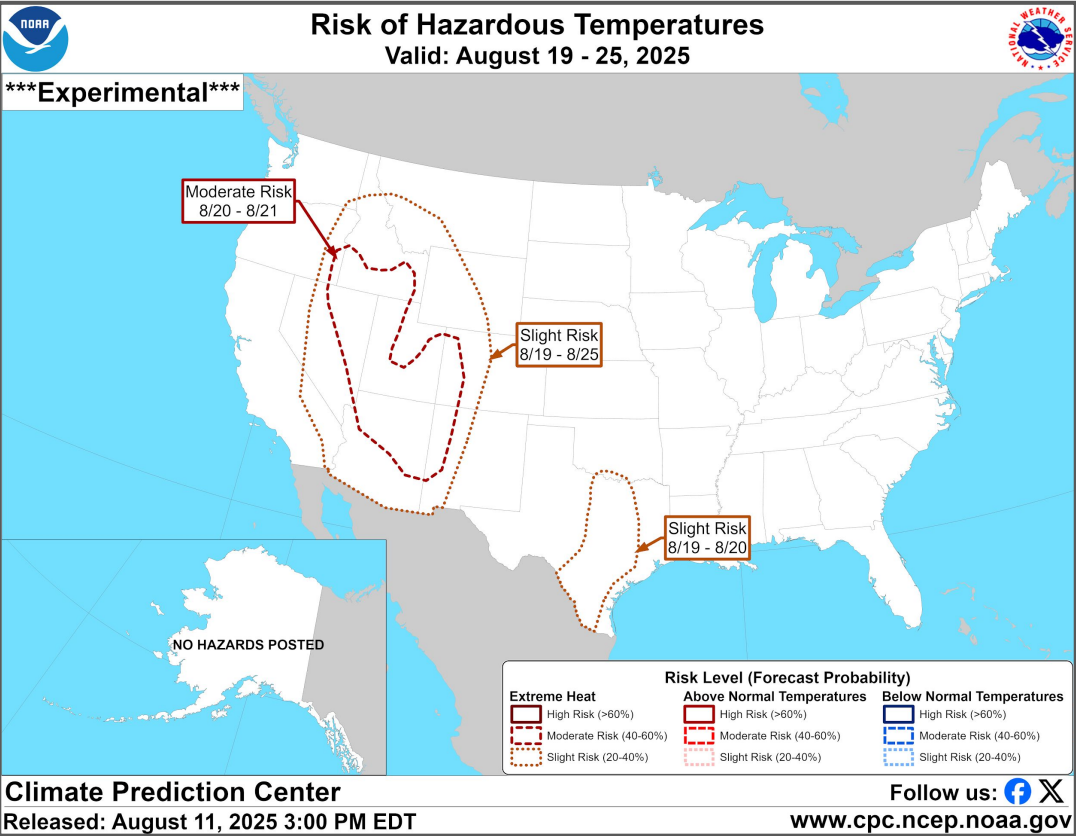
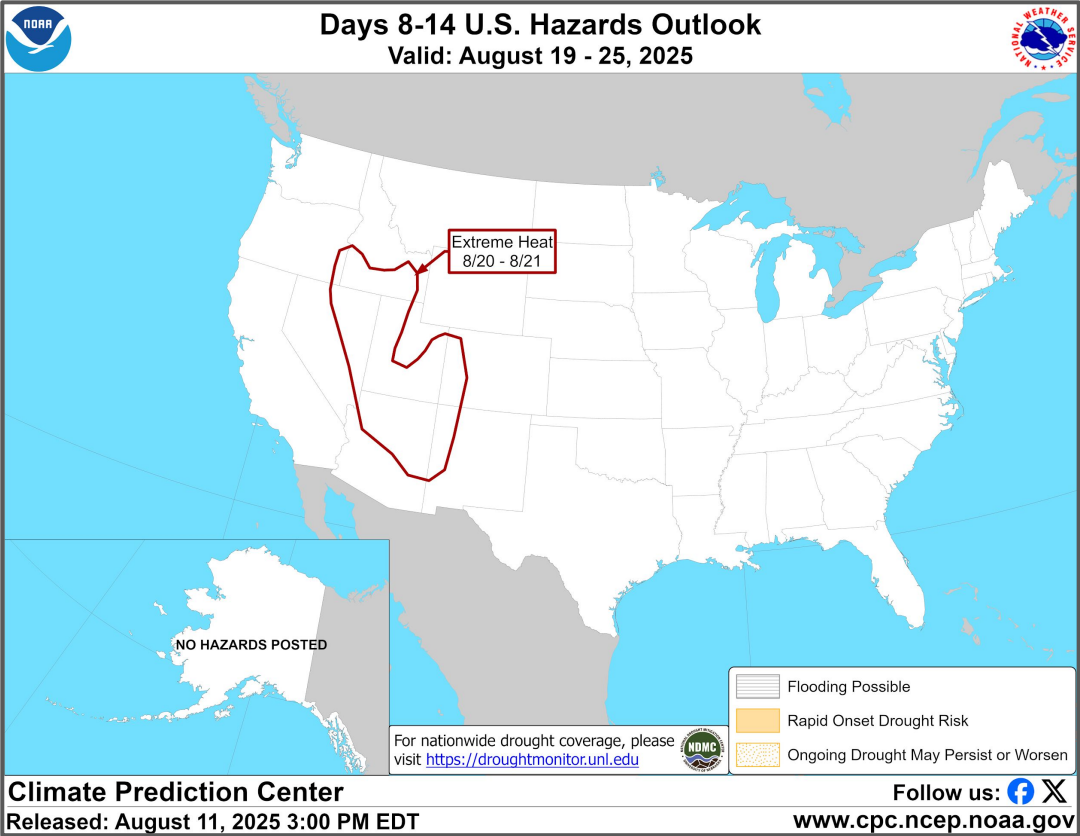
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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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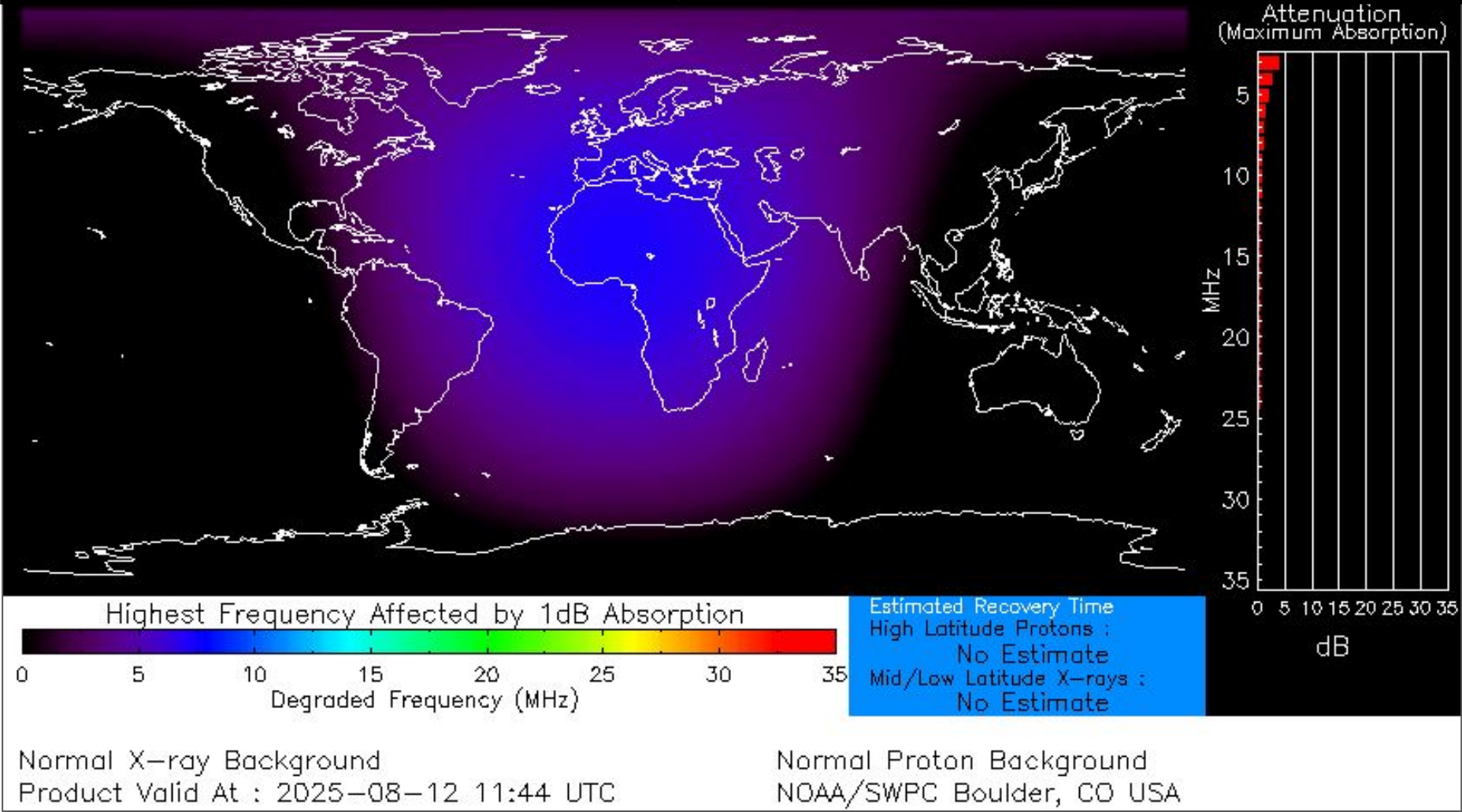






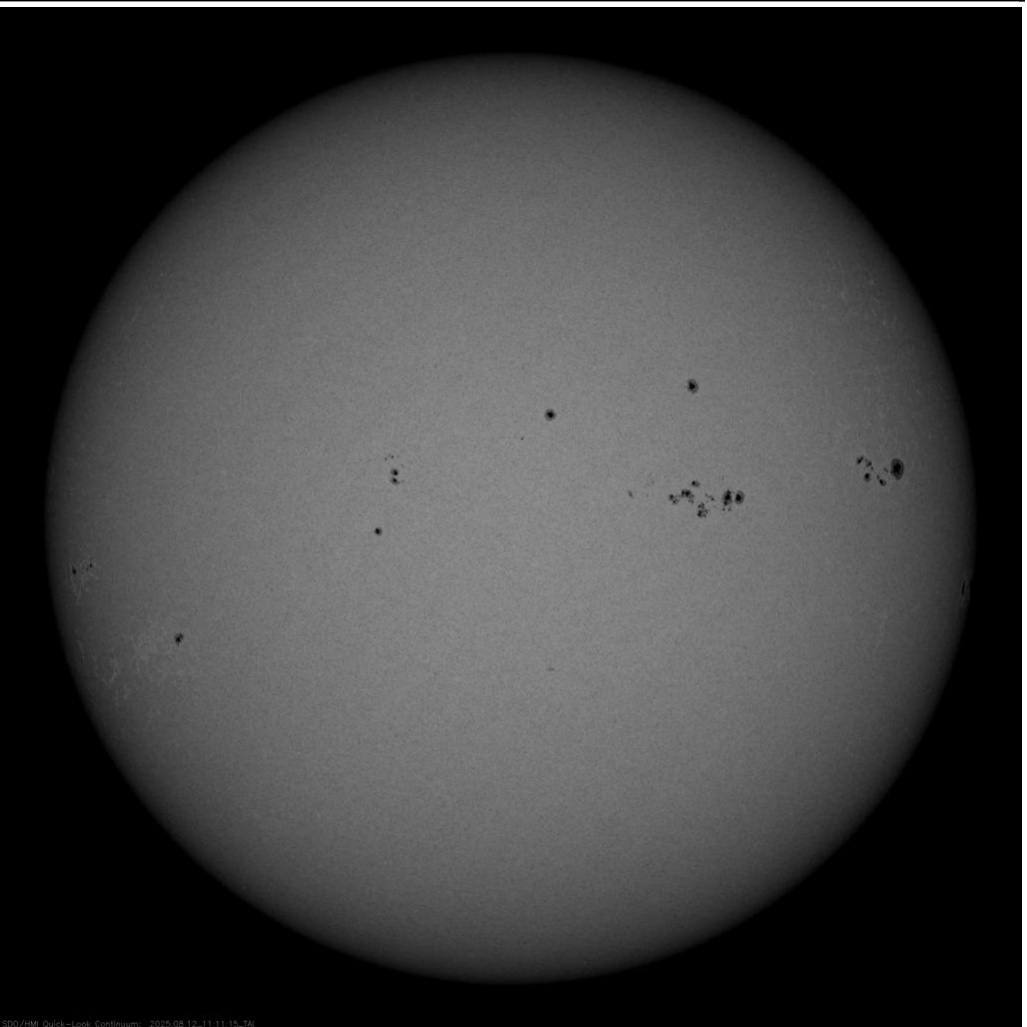
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Aug 12	Wednesday, Aug 13	Thursday, Aug 14
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



[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	<b>Little to None</b> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Minor</b> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Moderate</b> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Major</b> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Extreme</b> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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





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