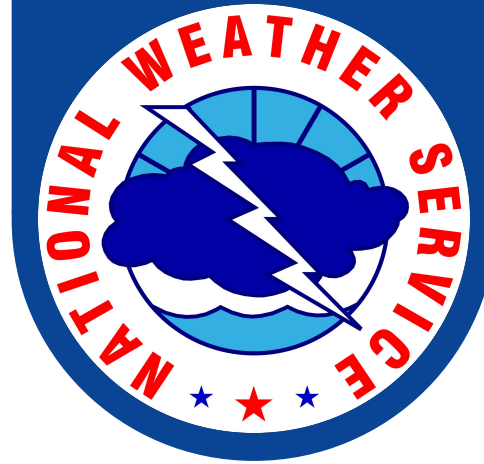




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, October 10, 2025

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.



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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

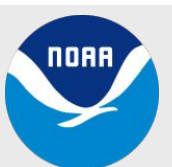
- Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) across portions of W NM today through Monday.
- Ruidoso Burn Scar: Minor risk (level 1 of 4) this weekend, likely increasing into next week.
- **Burn Scar Note: Burn scar flash flooding is generally a threat from June 15 - September 30, aligning with monsoon season. Slides have been extended into mid October for the South Fork - Salt - McBride(Ruidoso) burn areas due to the presence of moisture from Eastern Pacific tropical systems. Slides will be discontinued once this threat has ended.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- Limited fire danger in E/SE TX into LA today and Saturday.
 - Fuels are dry, but RH and winds do not meet critical conditions
- Elevated conditions (level 1 of 3) in NW TX/OK Saturday and Sunday.

- **Tropical Weather:**

- TS Jerry is moving through the central Atlantic. No impacts to FEMA 6.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Oct 10	Saturday, Oct 11	Sunday, Oct 12	Monday, Oct 13	Tuesday, Oct 14	Wednesday, Oct 15	Thursday, Oct 16
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NW NM	W NM	S NM, Far W TX	NM	NM		
Burn Scars (Jun 15-Sep 30)		S NM	S NM	S NM			
Tropical							
Fire Weather	E/SE TX to LA	W OK, NW TX	NW TX, OK				
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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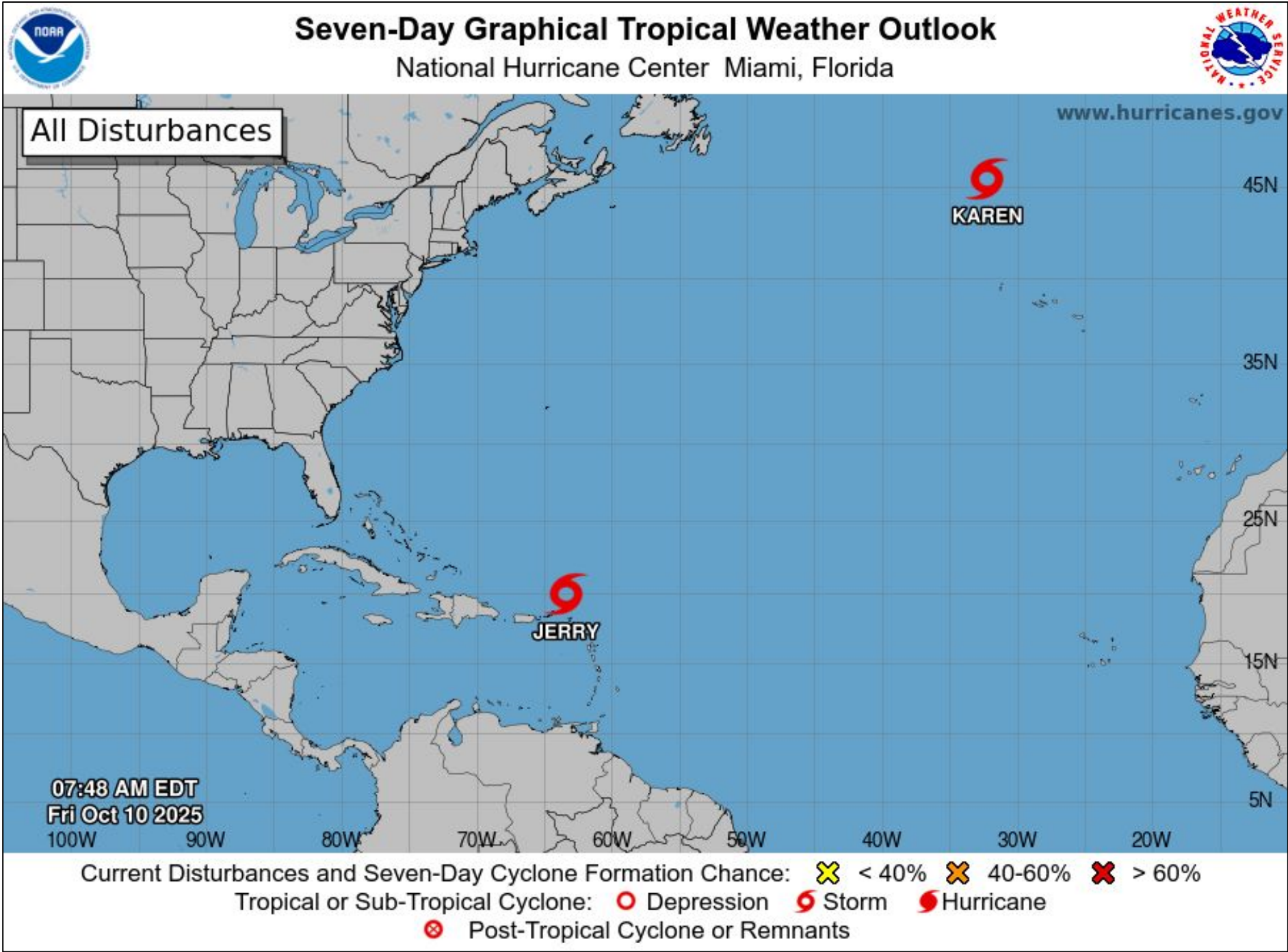
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Jerry	None



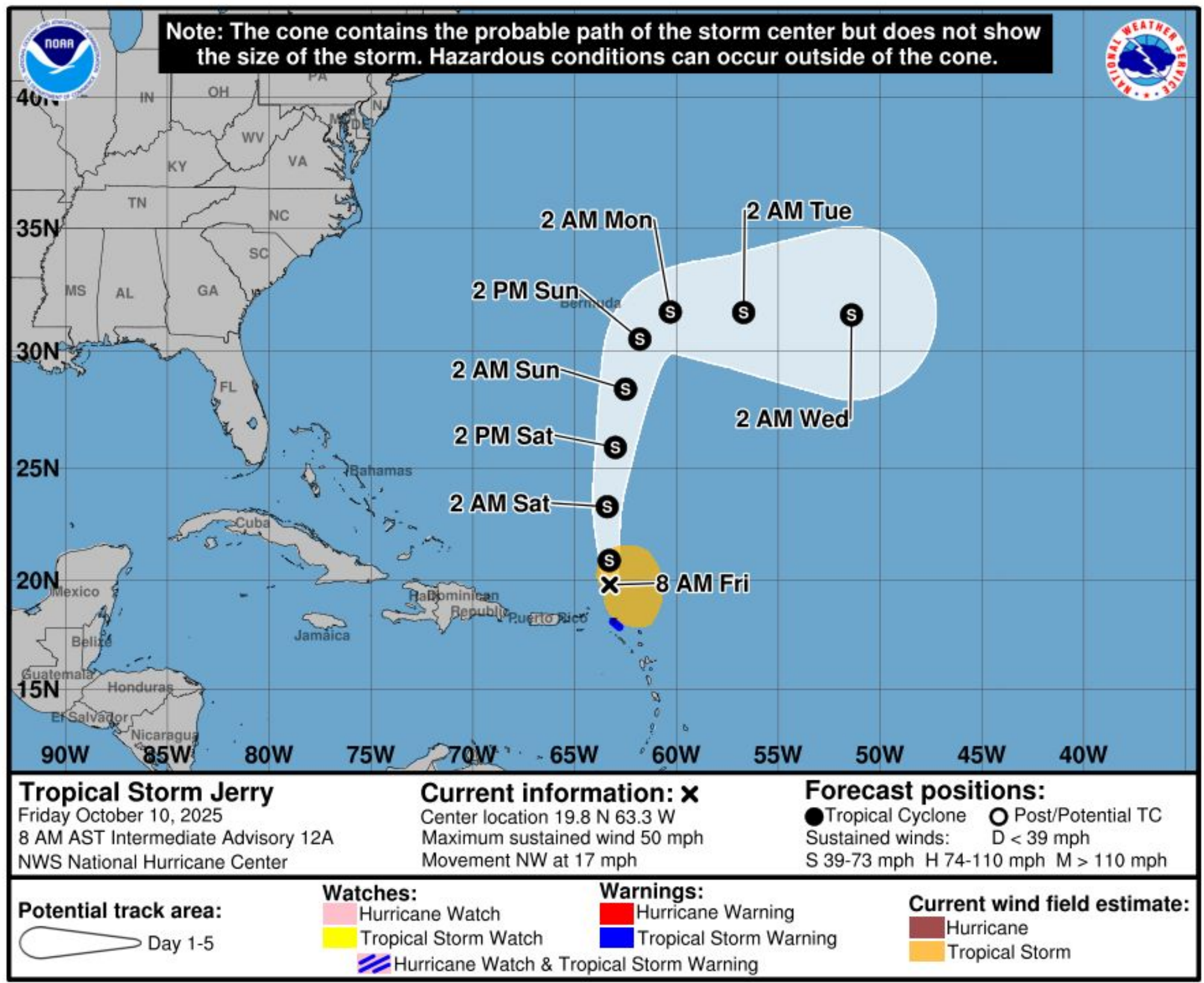
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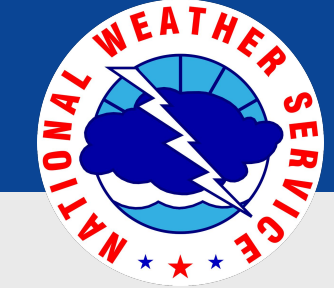
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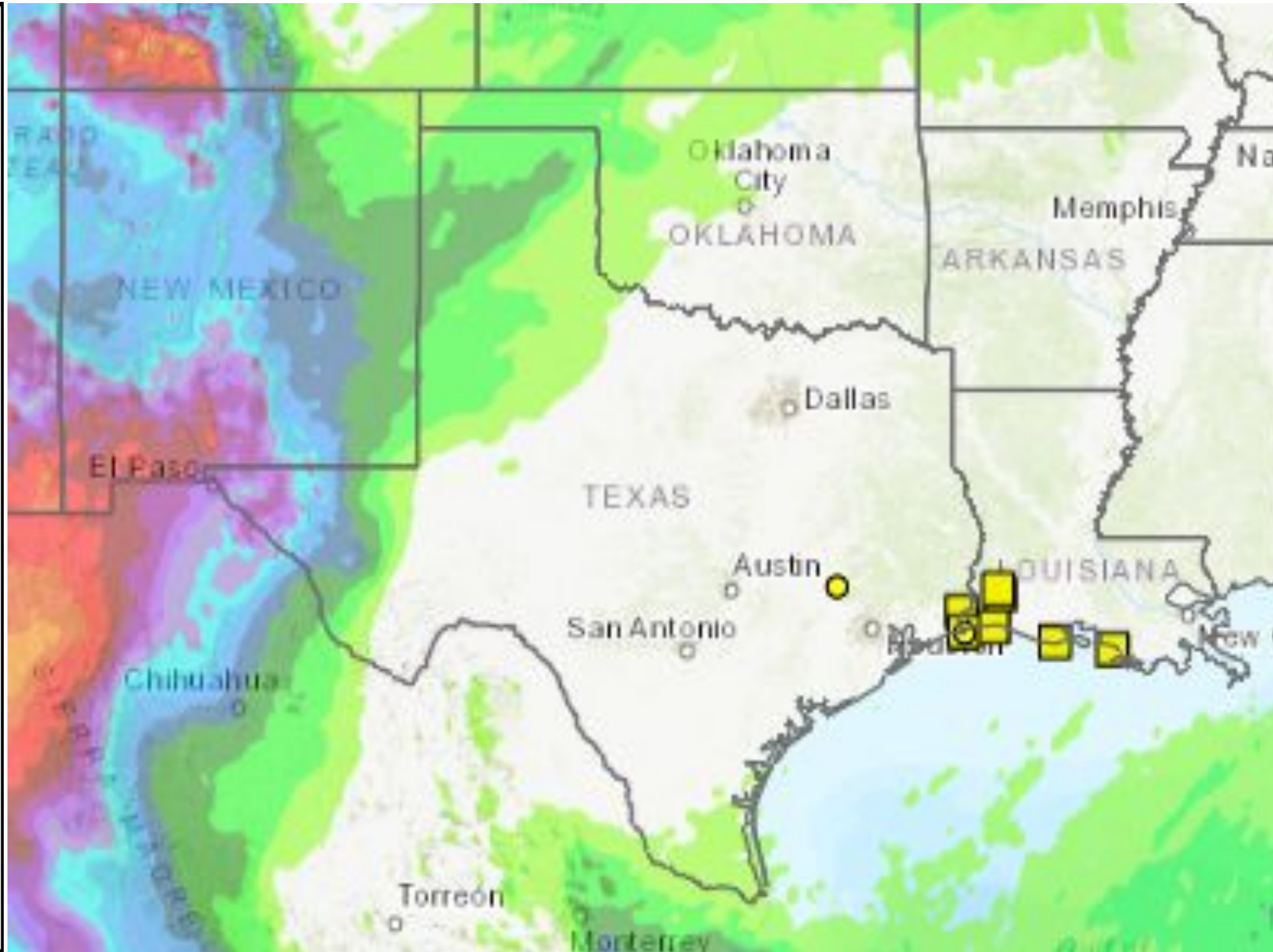
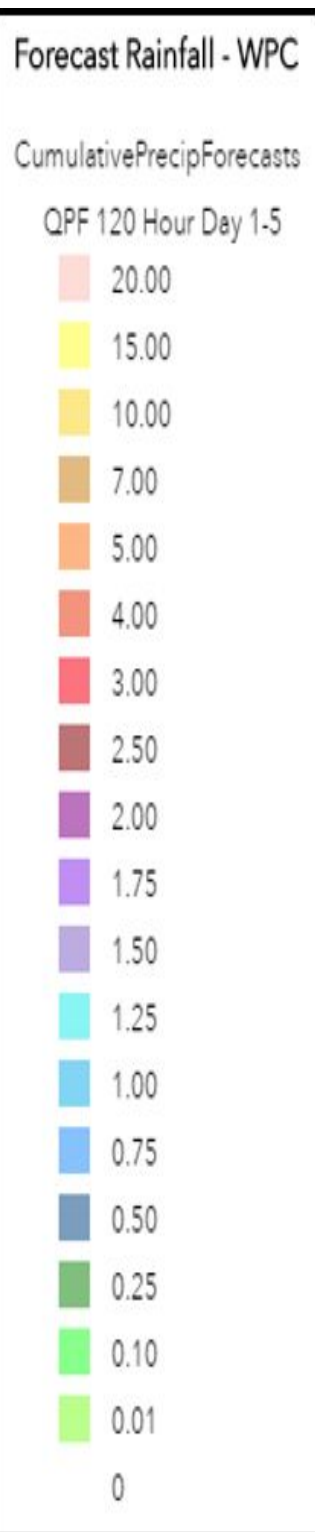
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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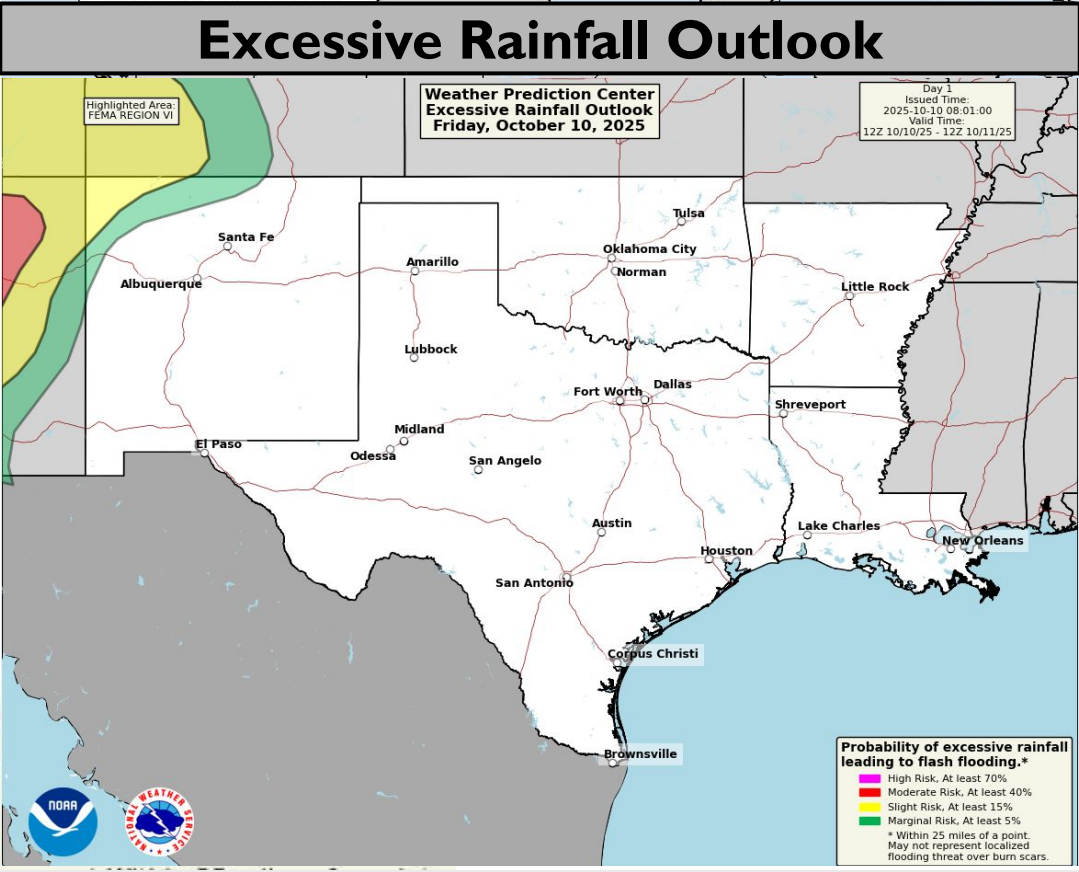
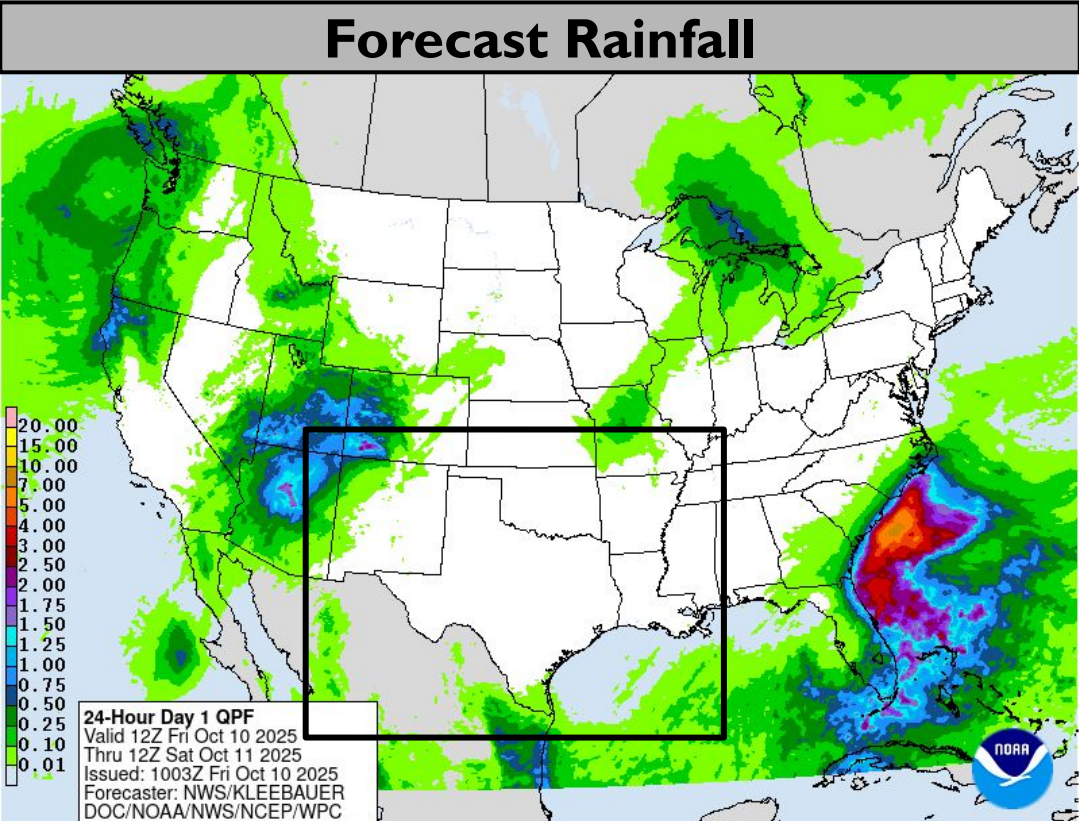
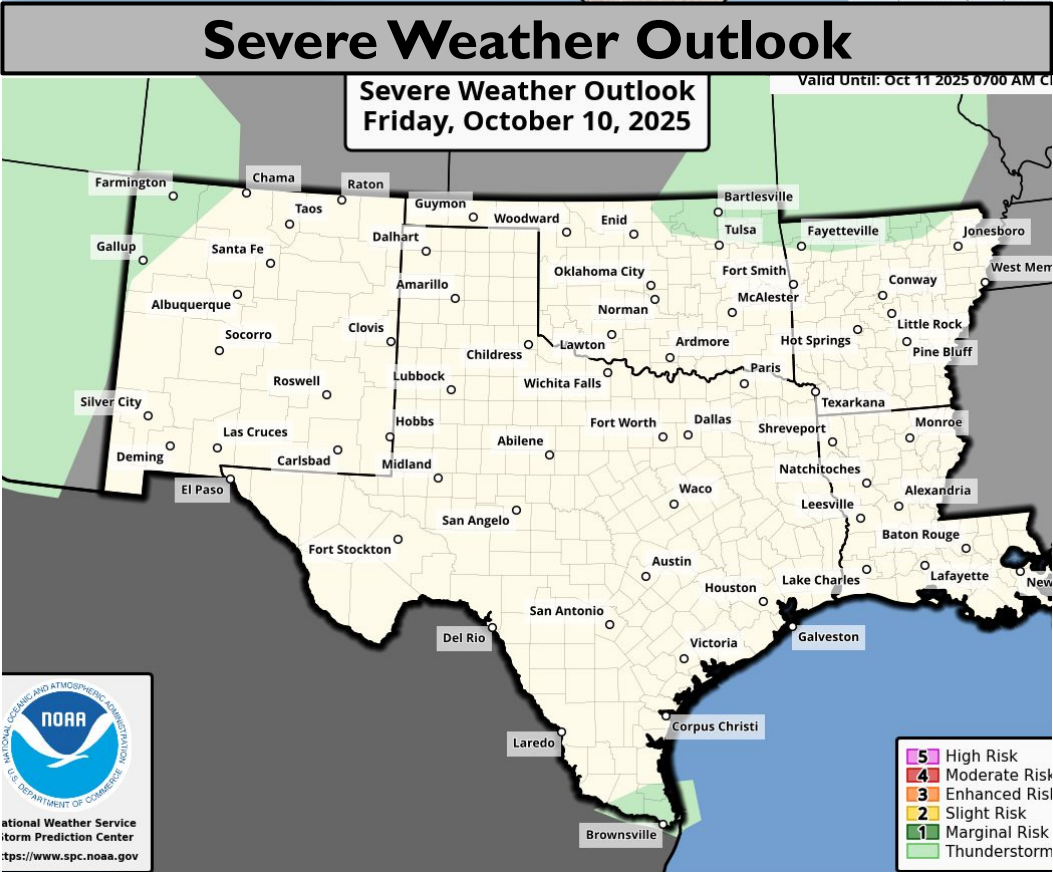
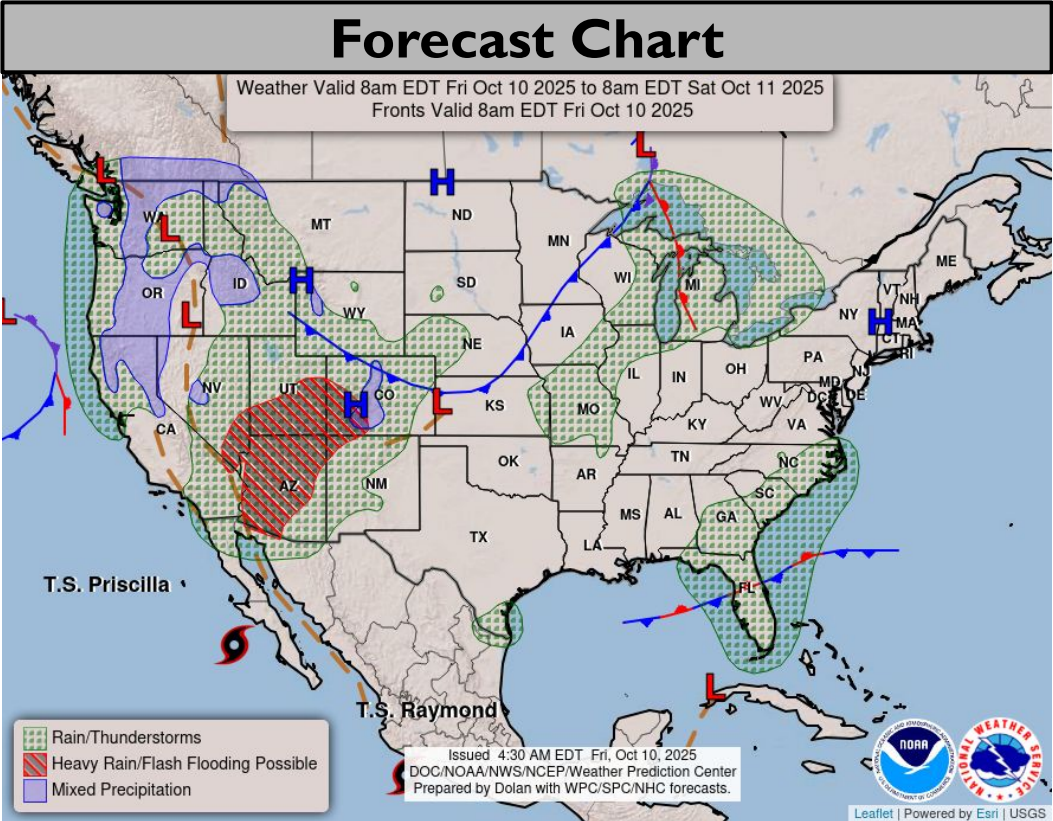
River flooding is not anticipated.

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



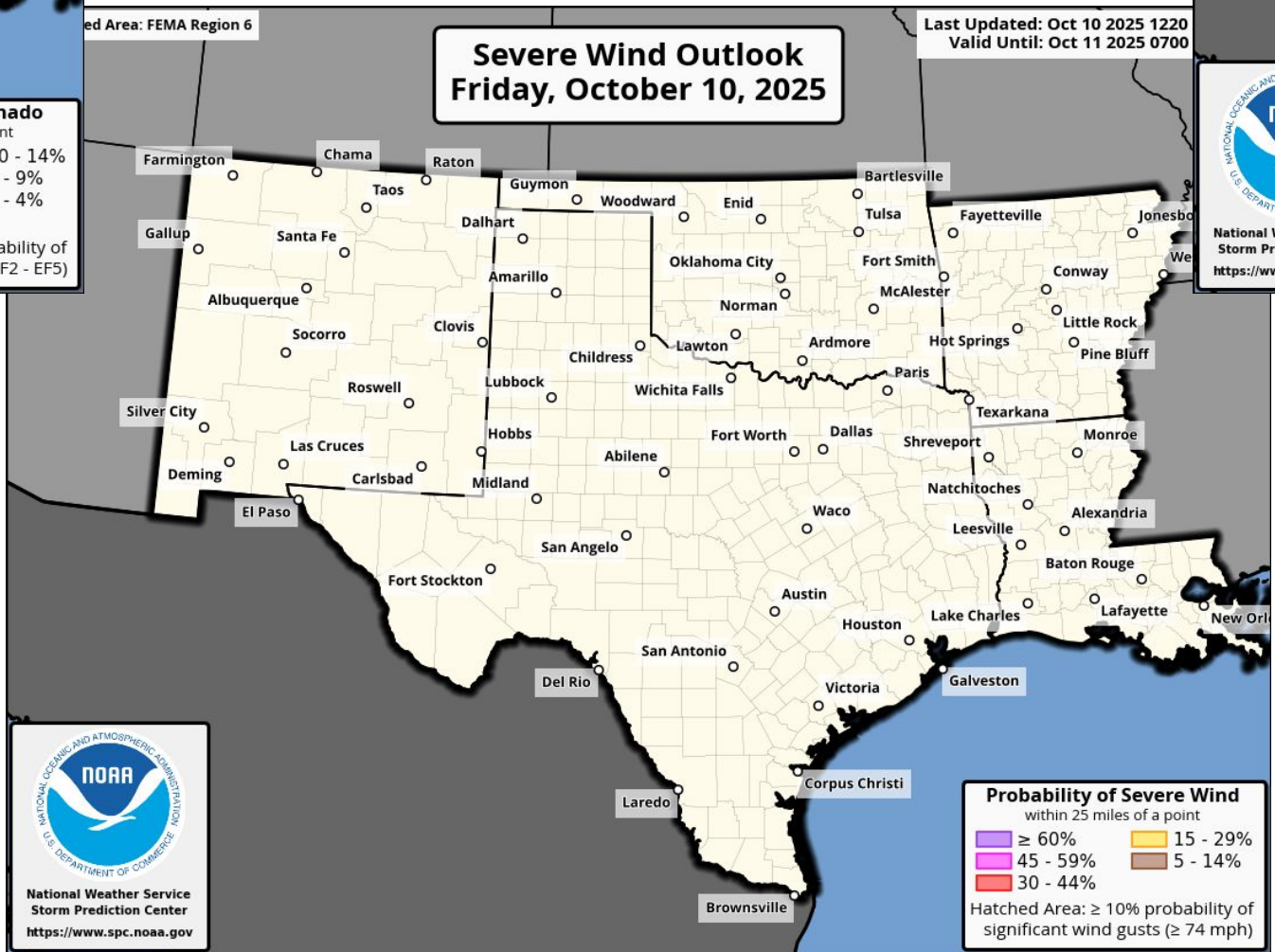
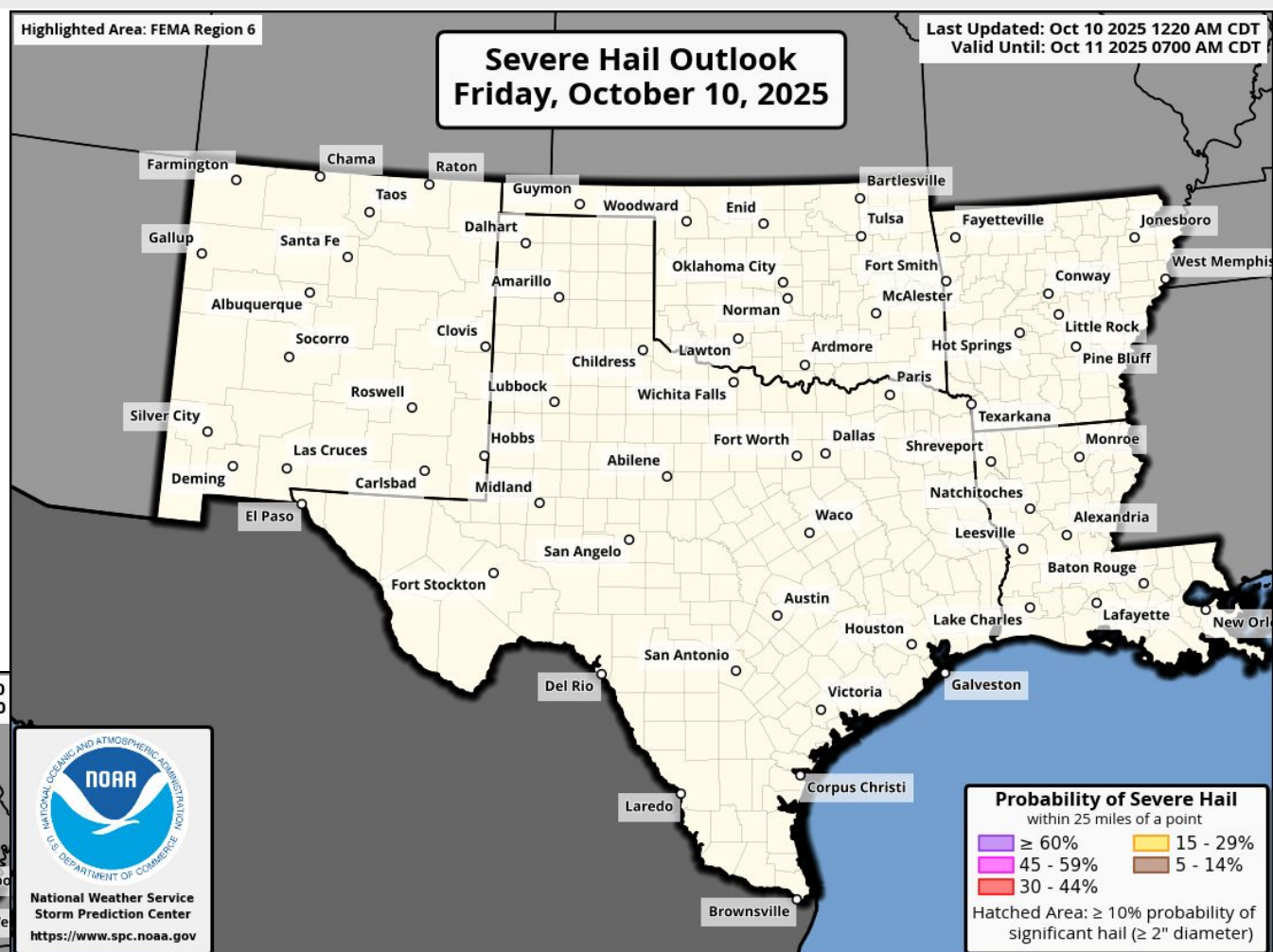
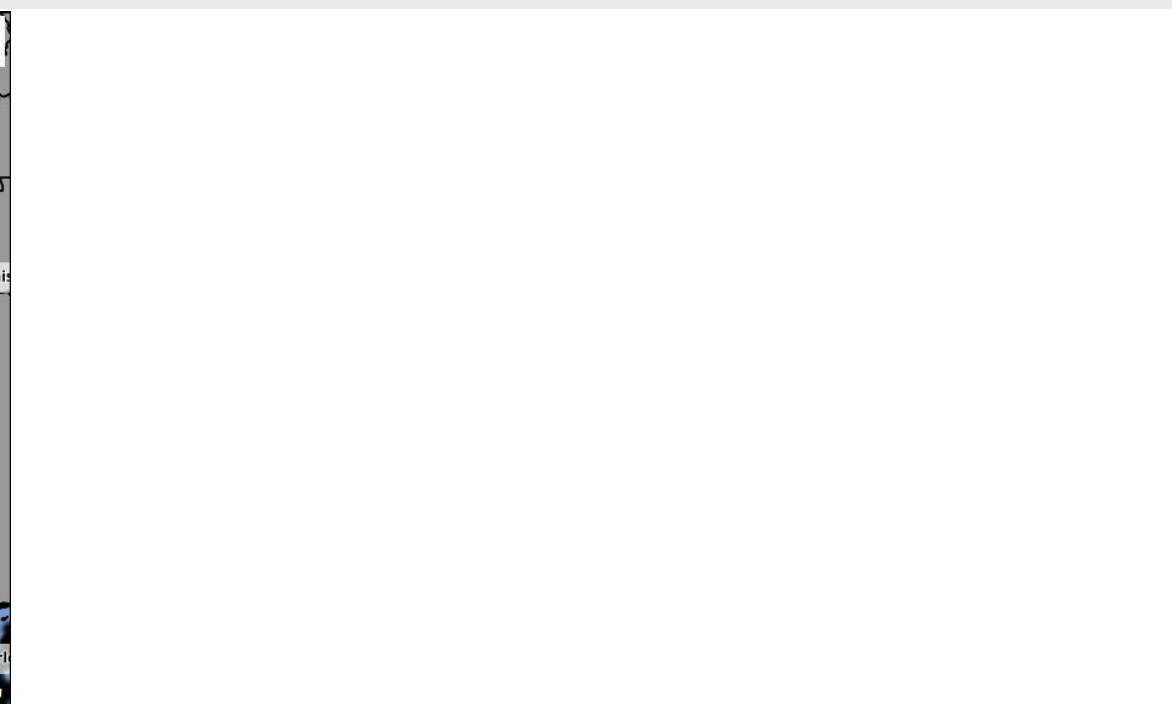
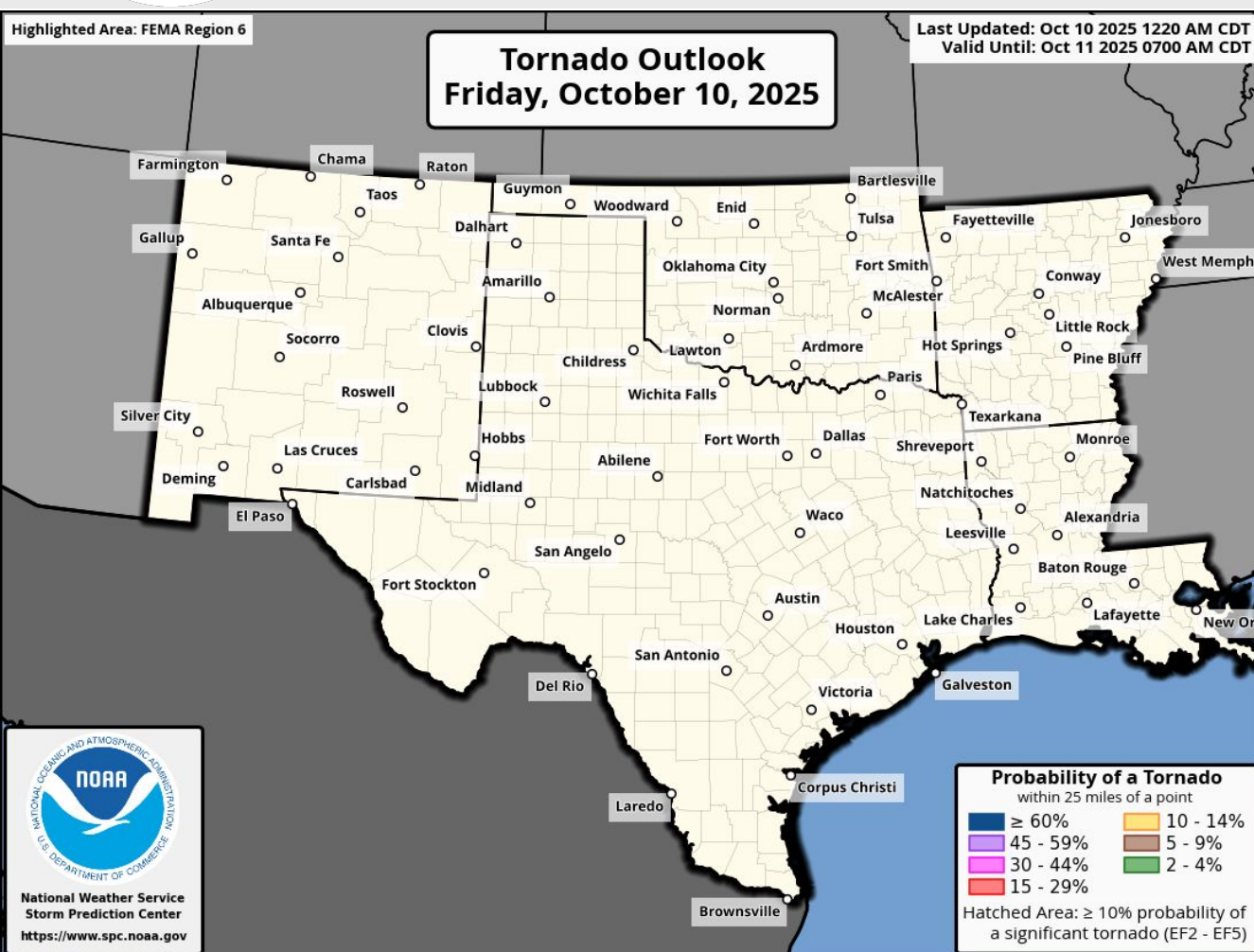
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**Elevated fire weather conditions in NWTX, SW OK.
Limited fire danger in E/SE TX into LA.**

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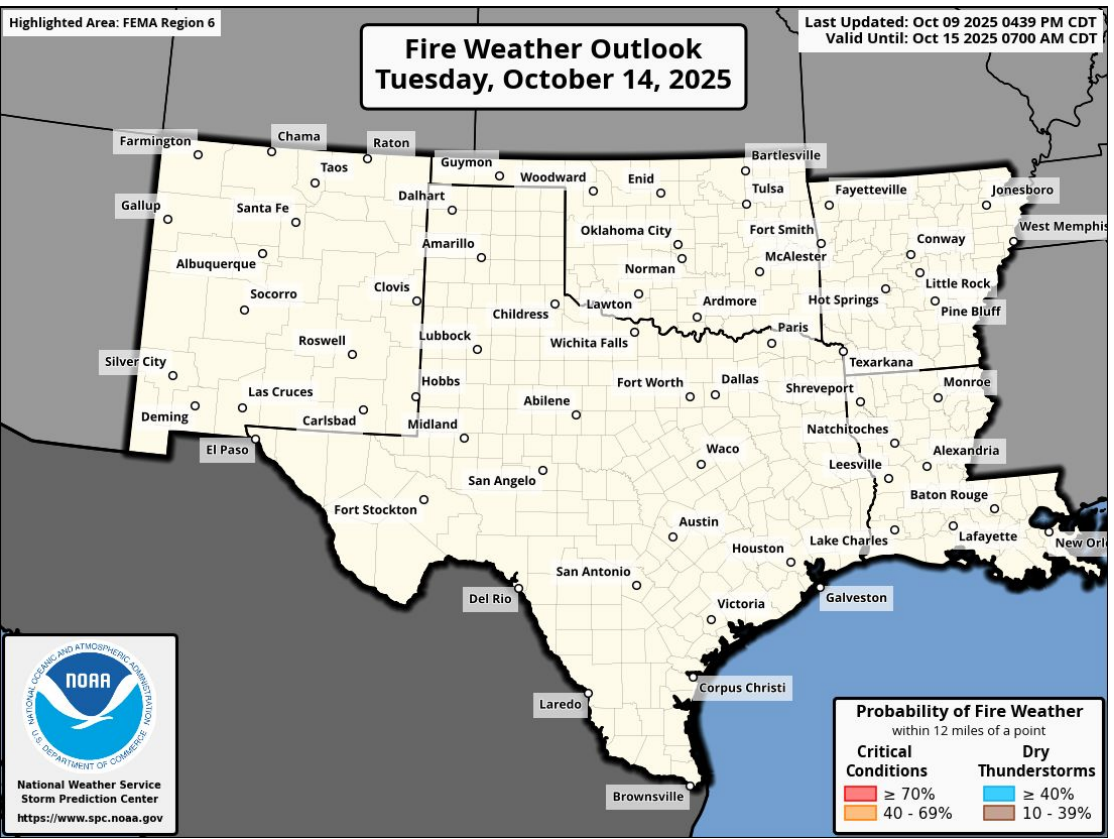
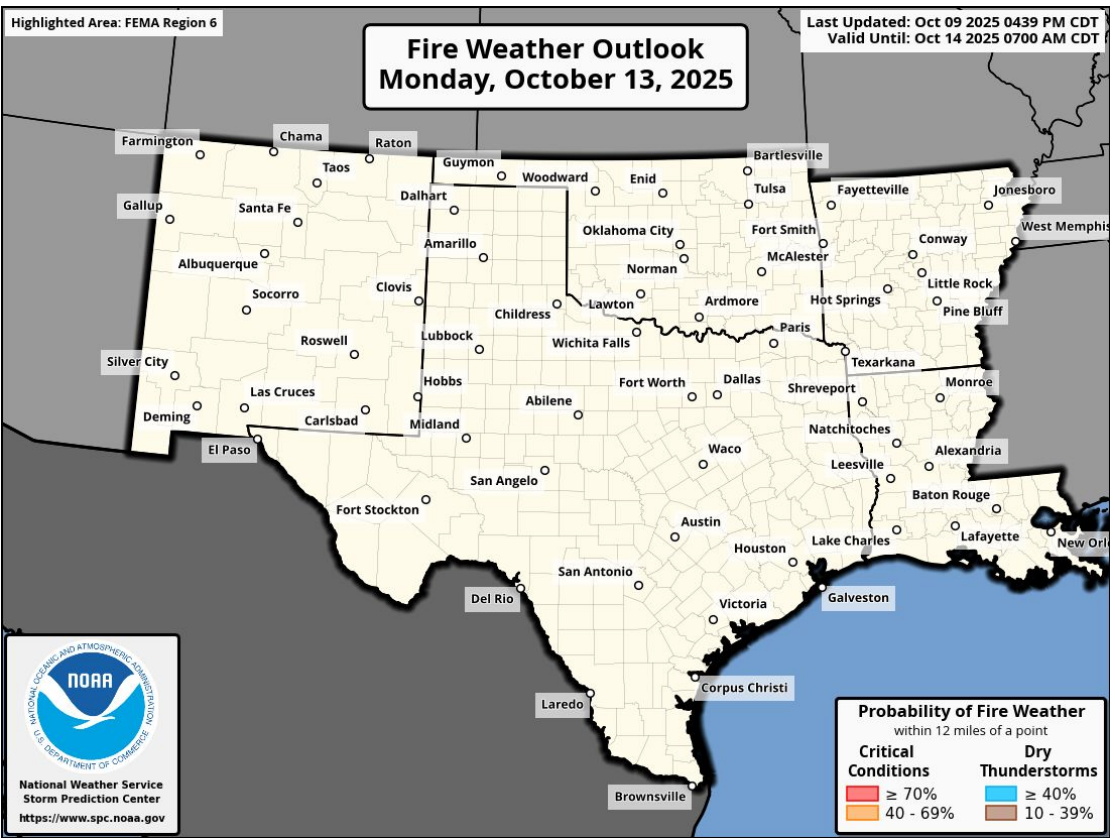
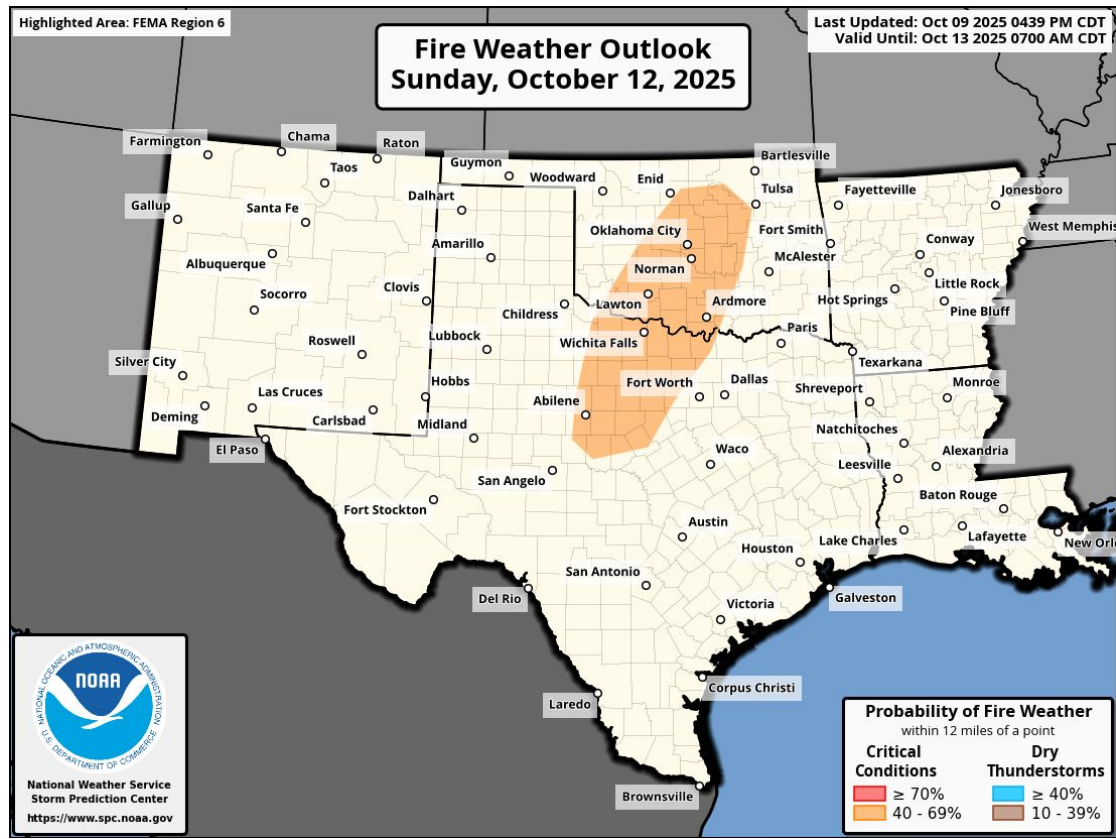
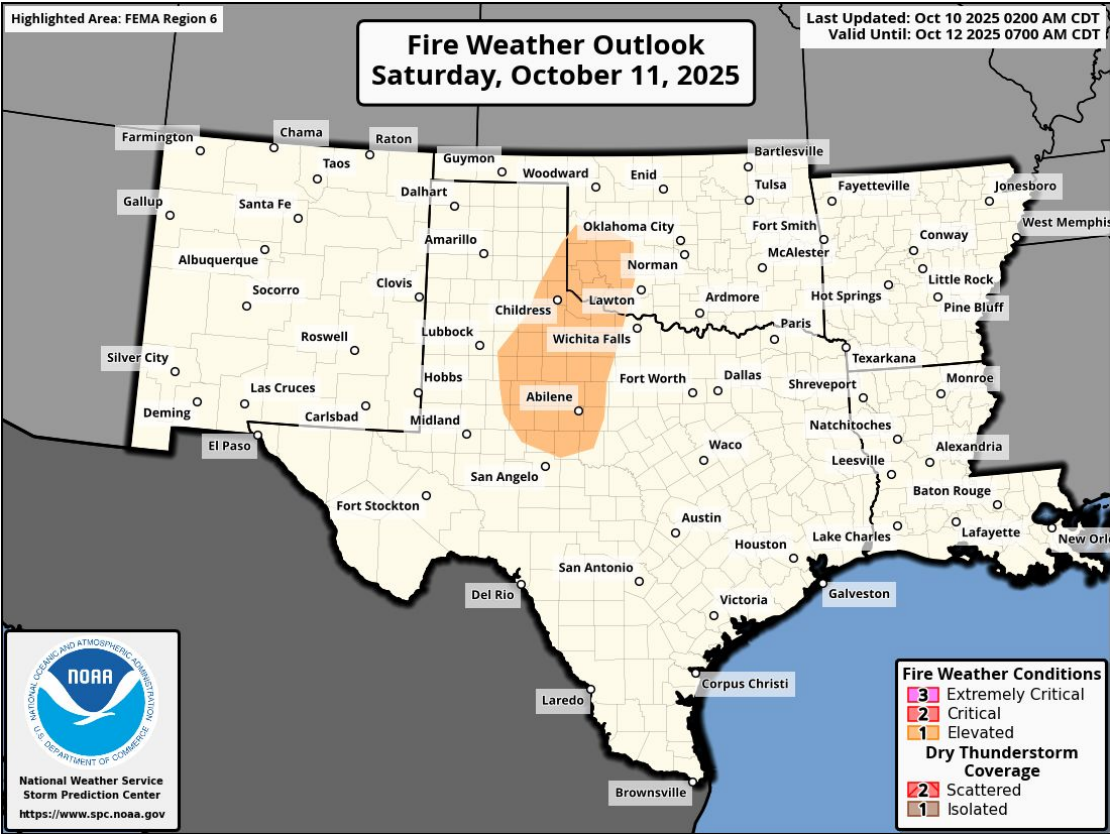
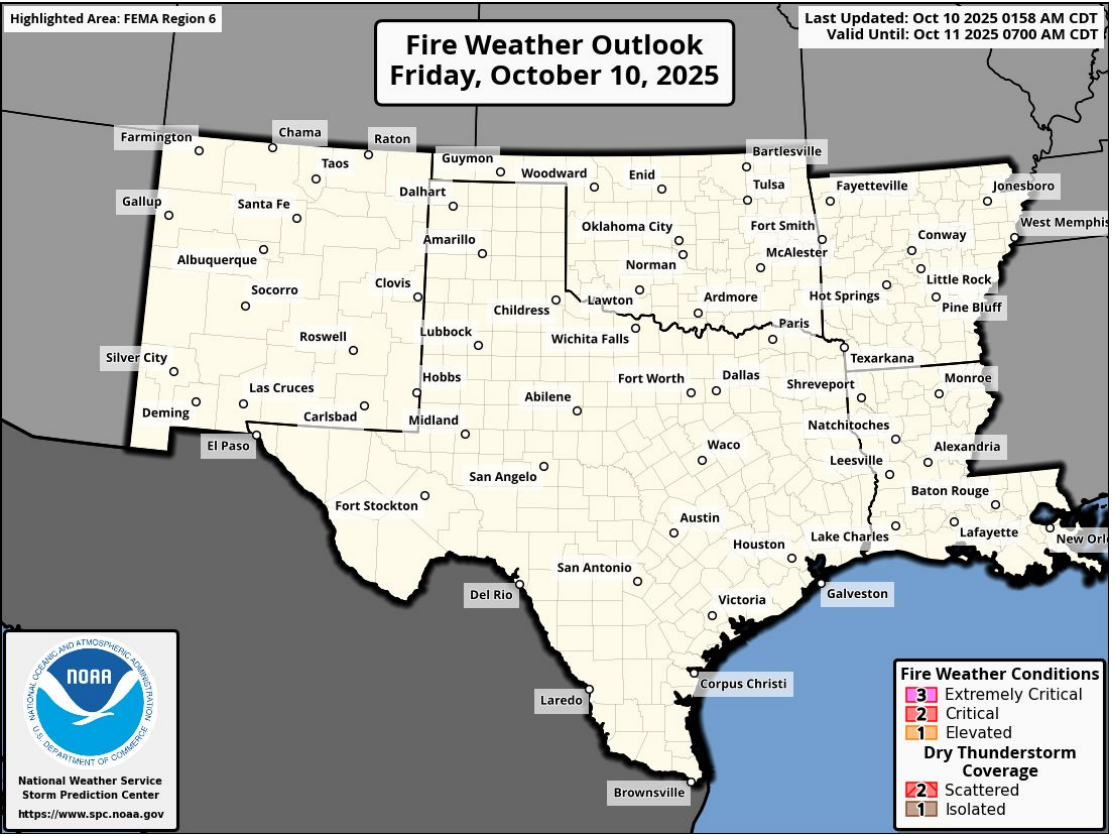
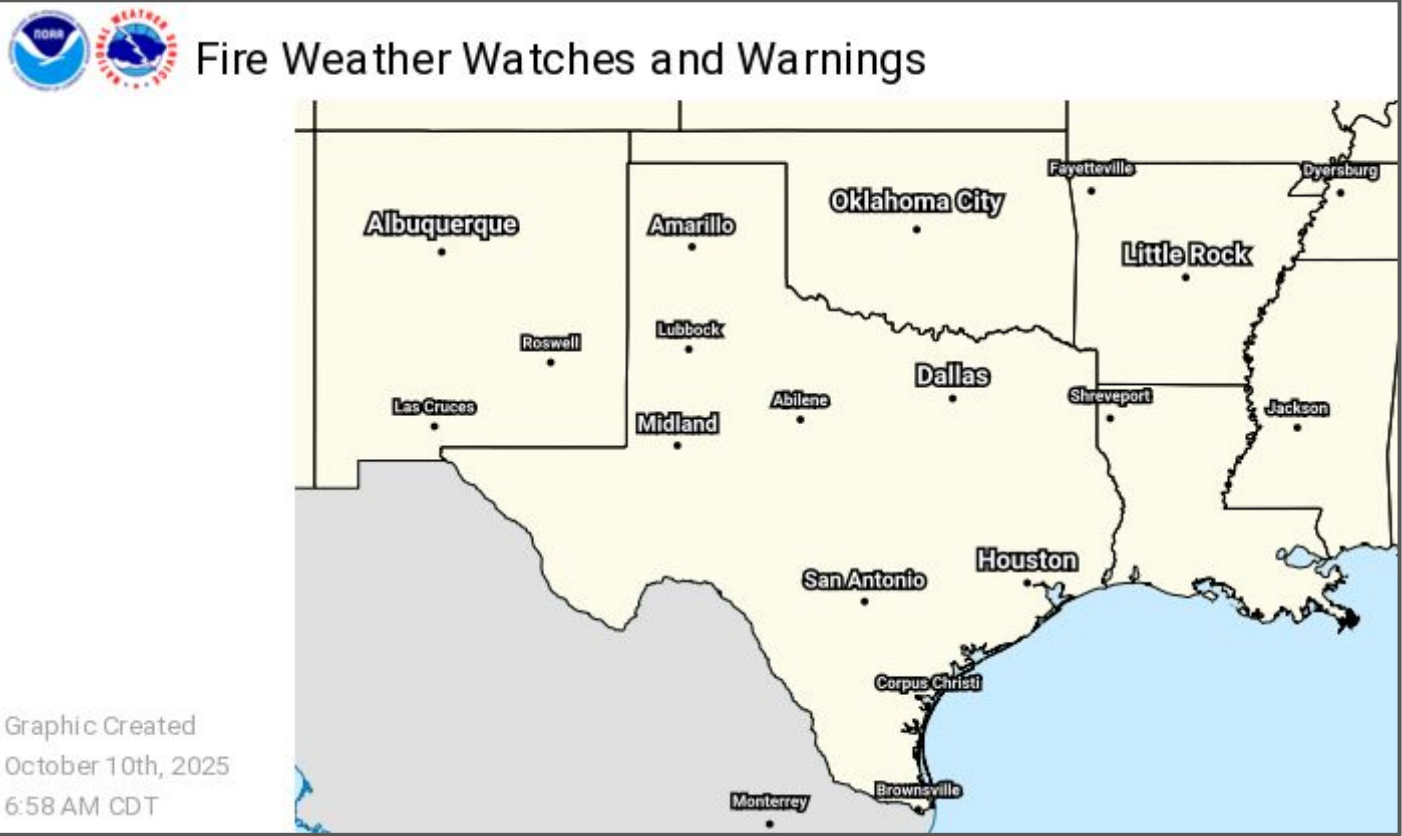


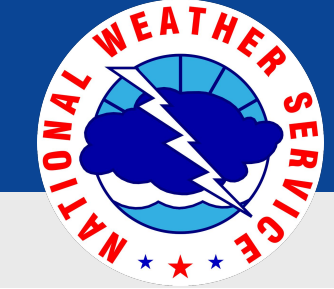
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Fire Weather Outlooks

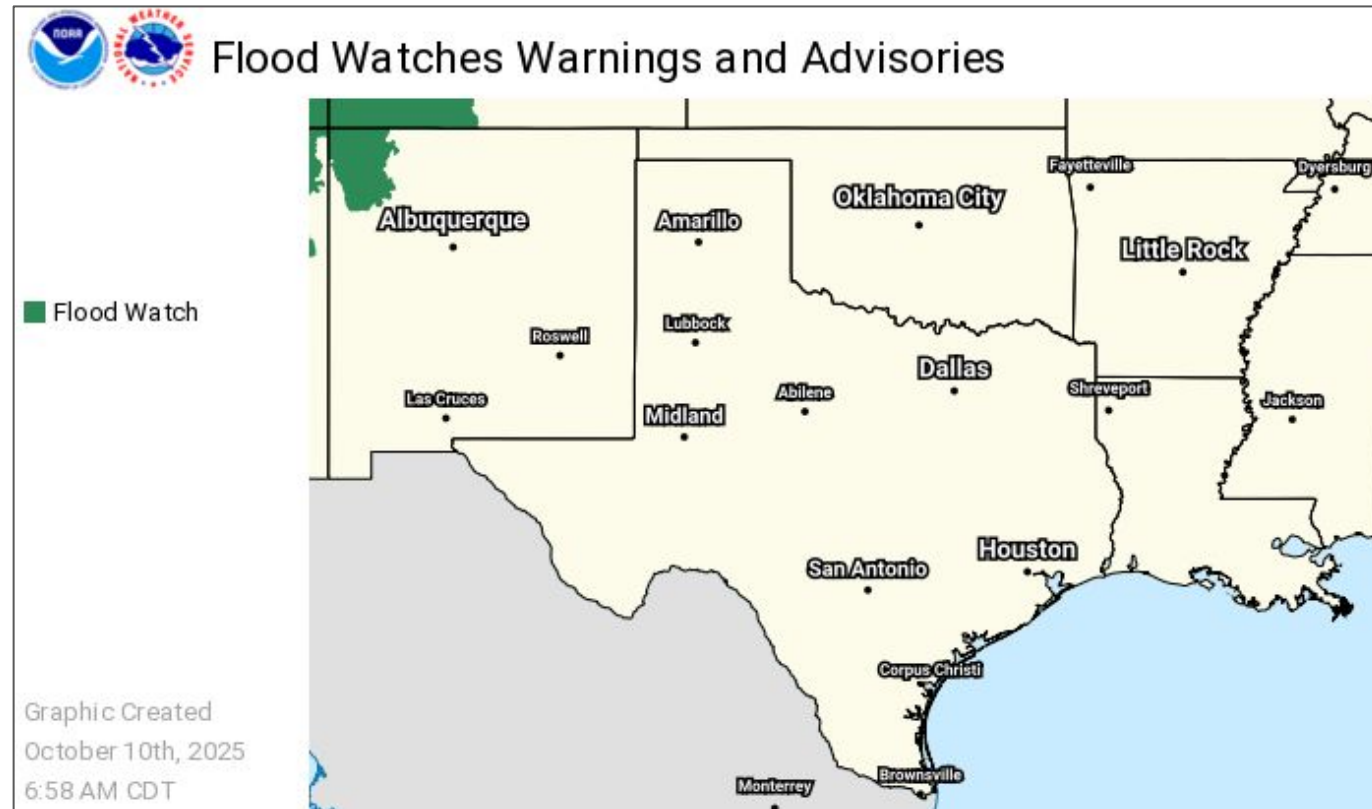
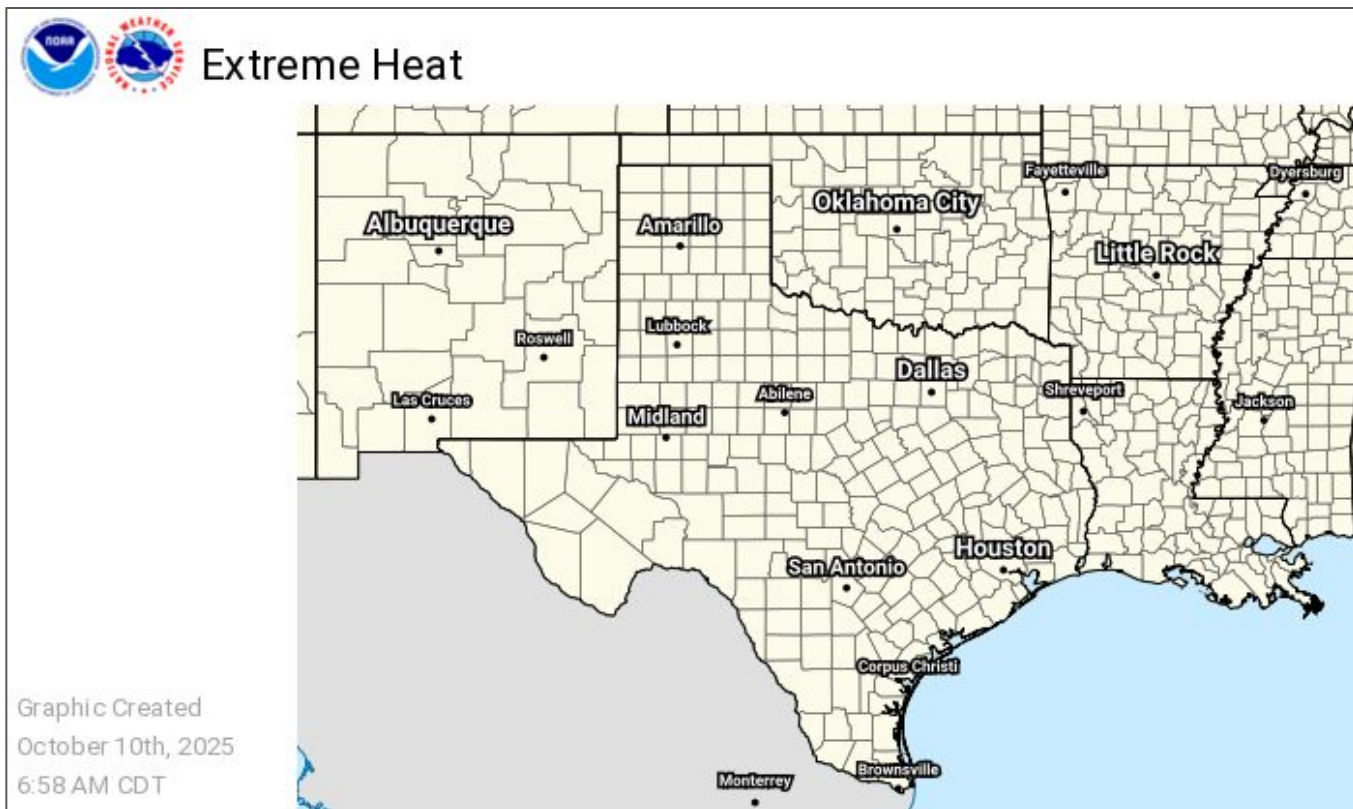
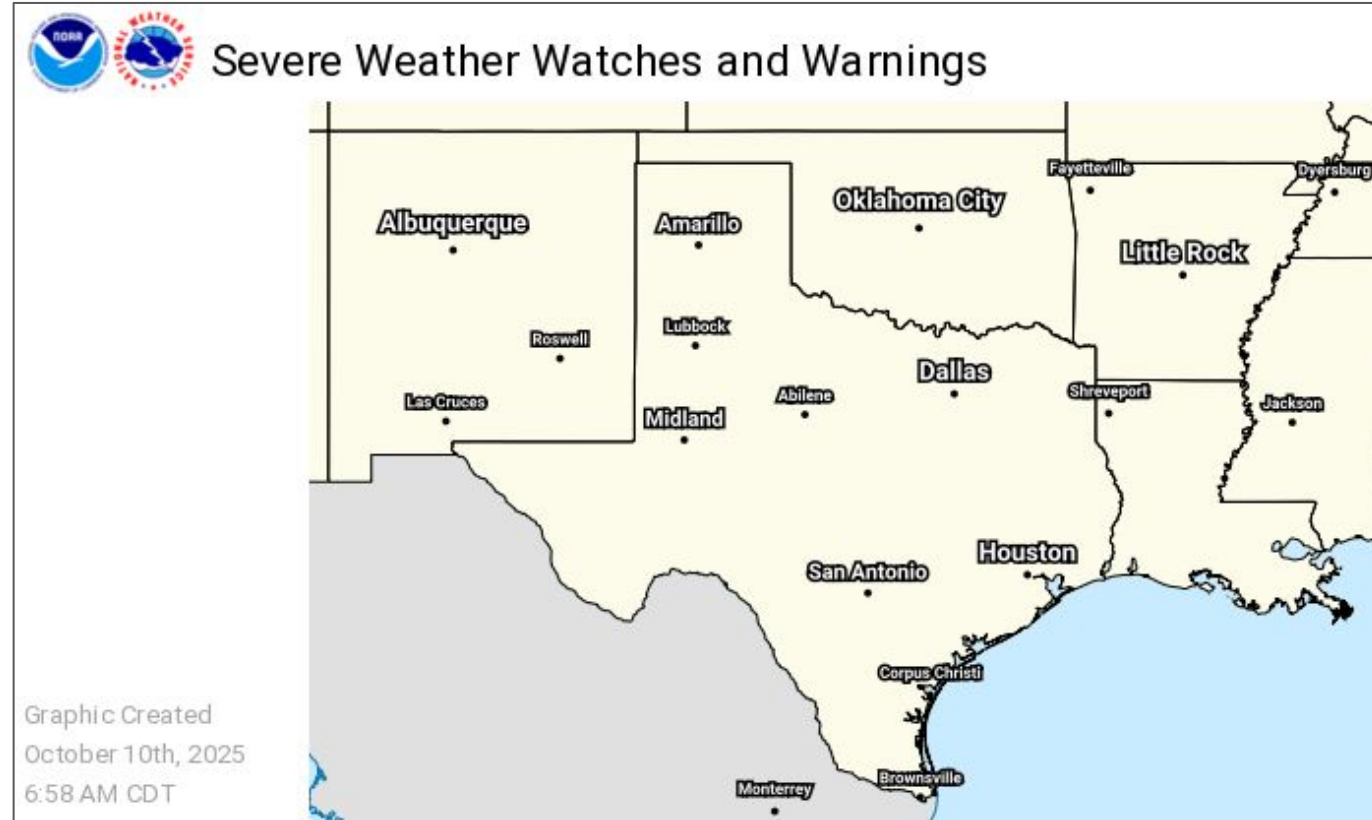




Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards

Flood Watch over NW NM through Saturday afternoon as repeated rounds of rainfall expected.

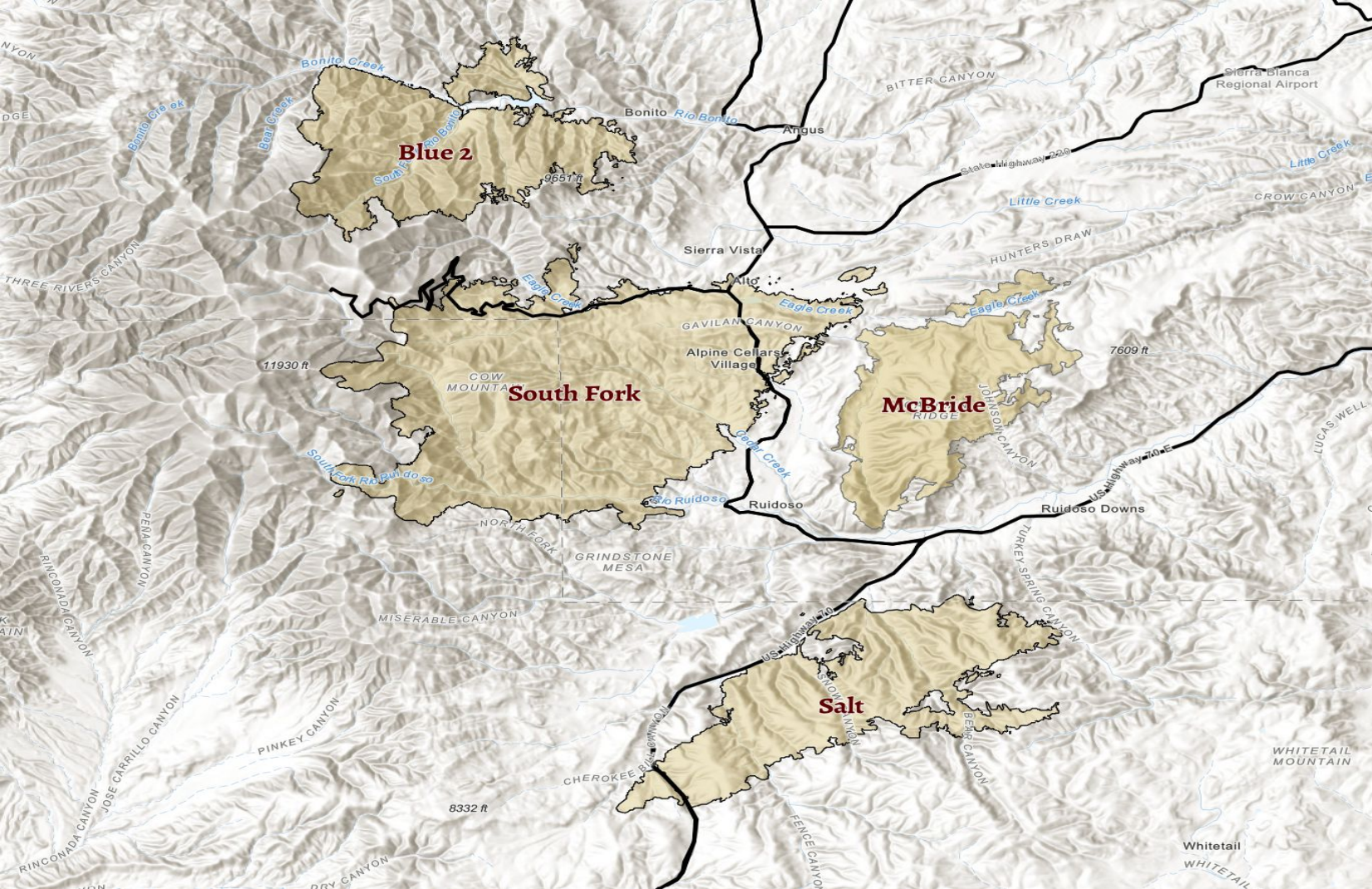




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Friday, Oct 10	Saturday, Oct 11	Sunday, Oct 12	Monday, Oct 13
Flash Flooding		Minor	Minor	Minor
Timing - CDT		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening

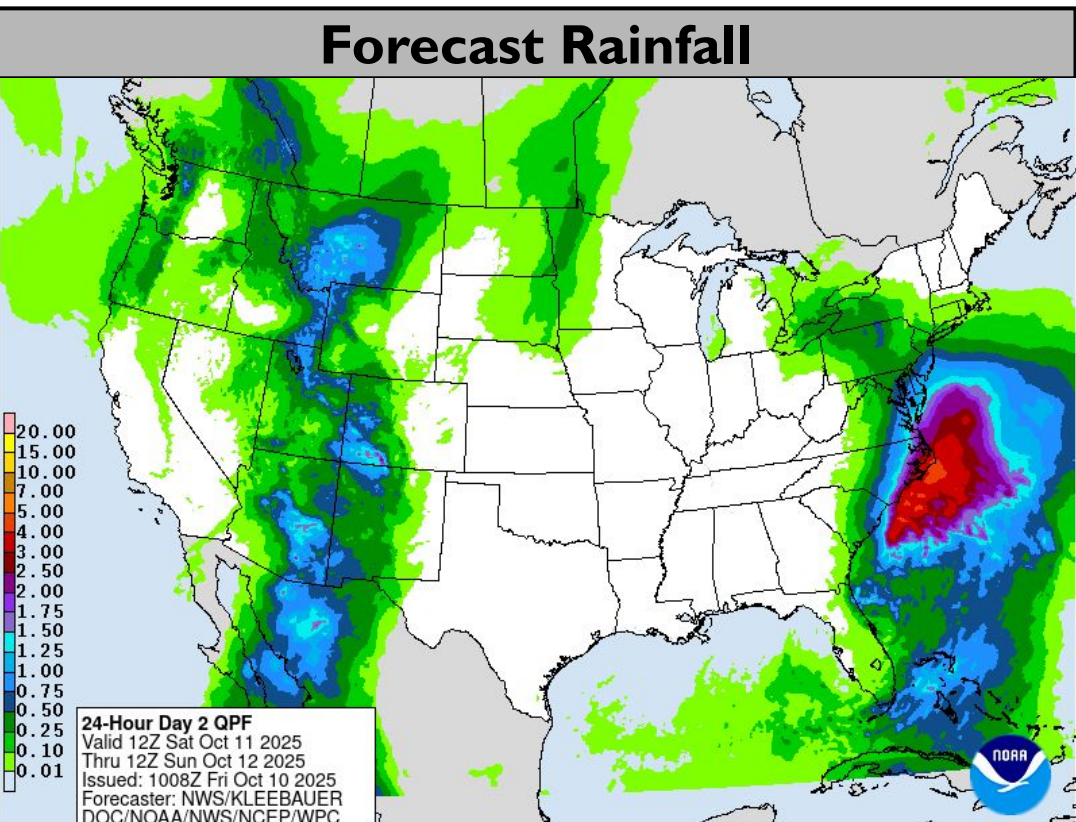
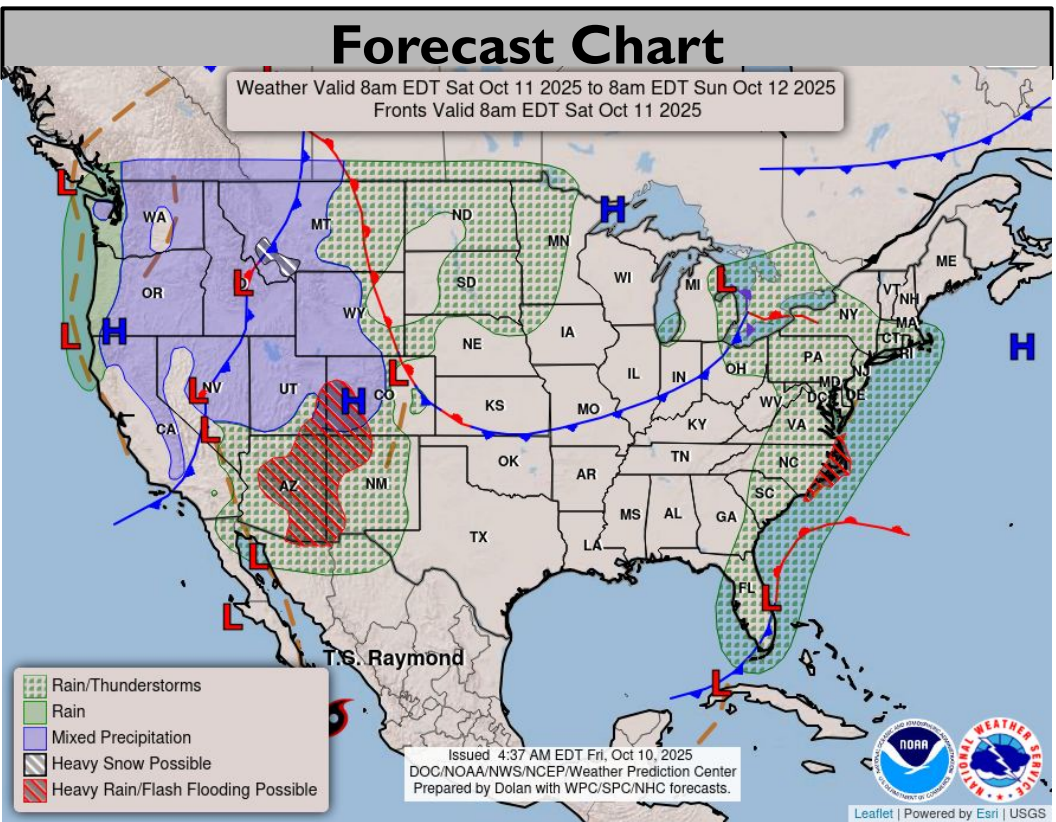


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Little to None	No Flash Flood Threat
Minor (level 1 of 4)	Slight Risk of Flash Flooding
Moderate (level 2 of 4)	Probability of Flash Flooding Issuance 40% to 60%
Major (level 3 of 4)	Flood Watch Issued OR Debris Flow Probability > 50%
Extreme (level 4 of 4)	Life Threatening Flash Flooding Likely - Historic Type Day
- WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars. *Note* 2nd year burn scars can be <u>more dangerous</u> than year 1.	

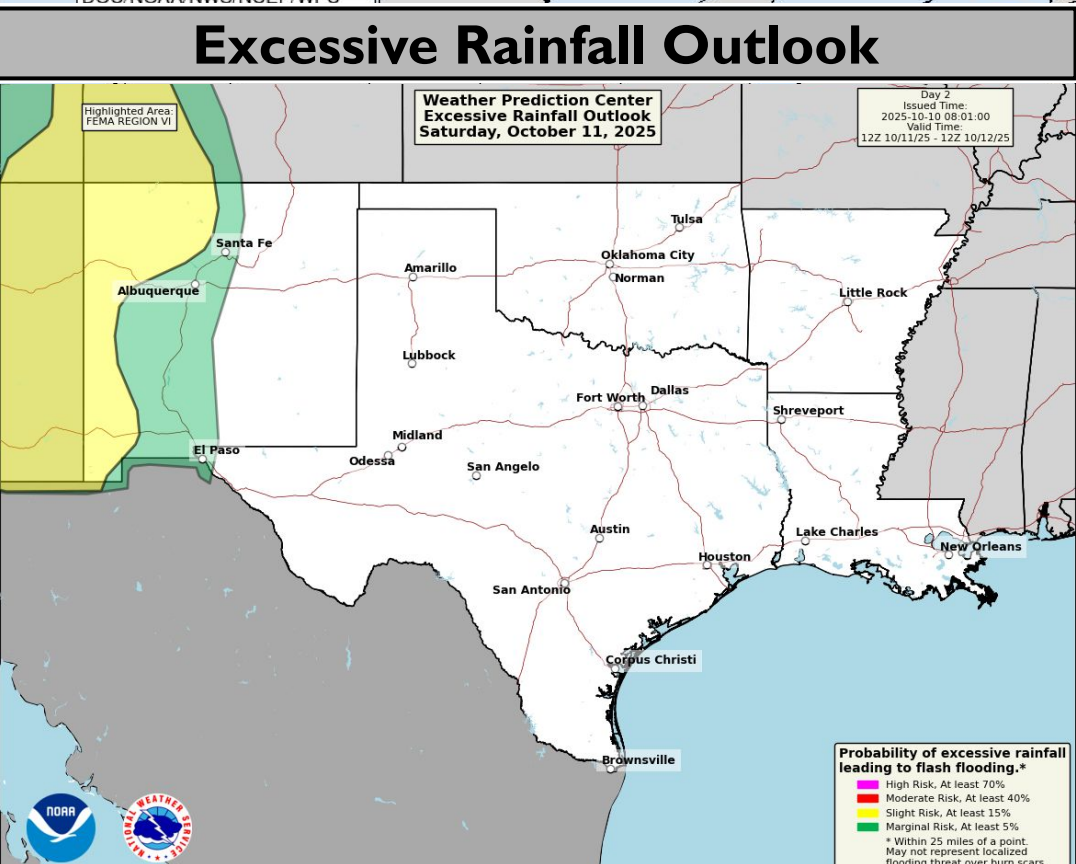
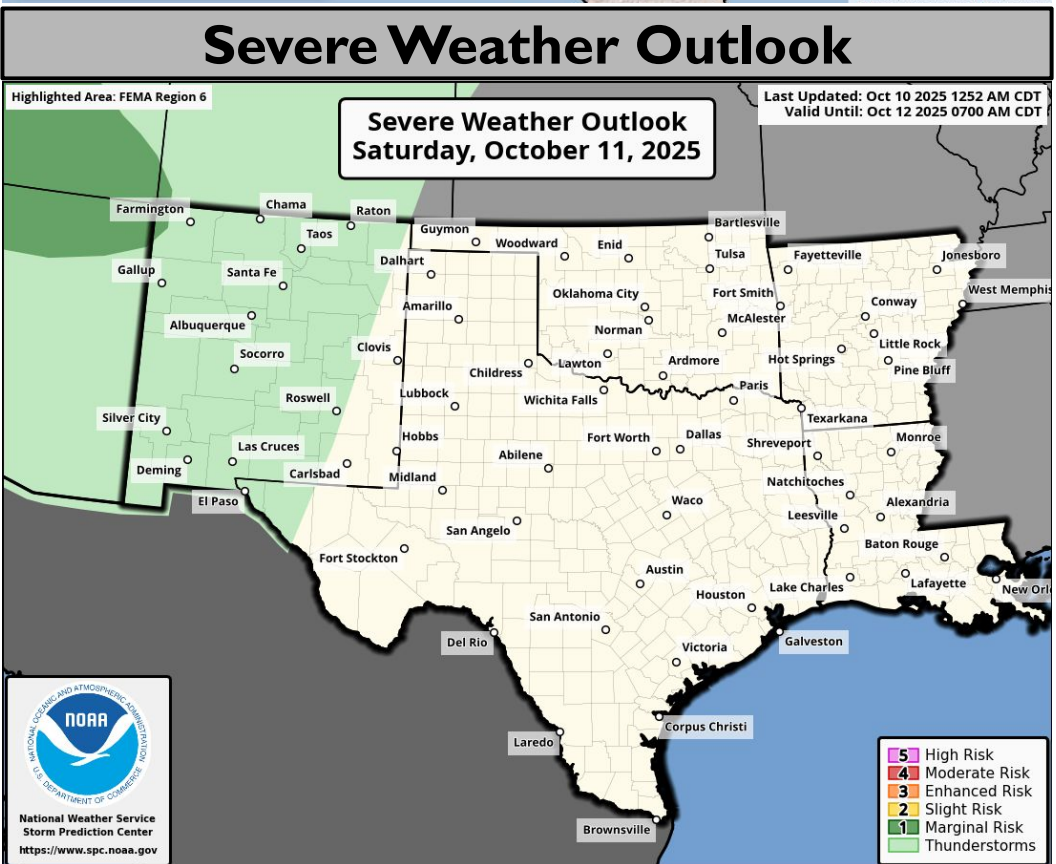


Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in W NM.

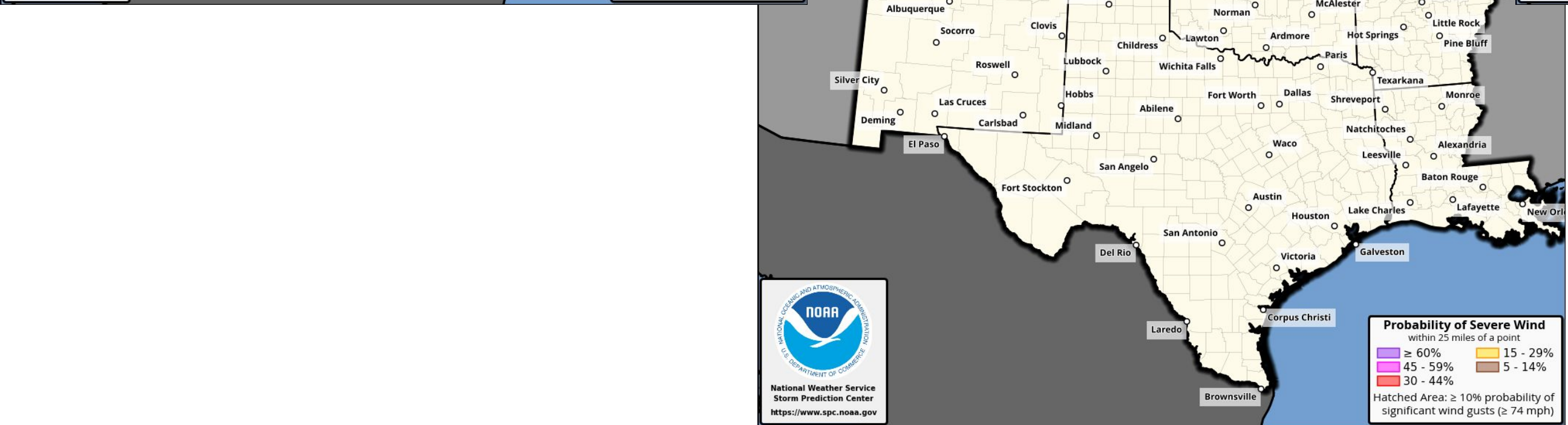
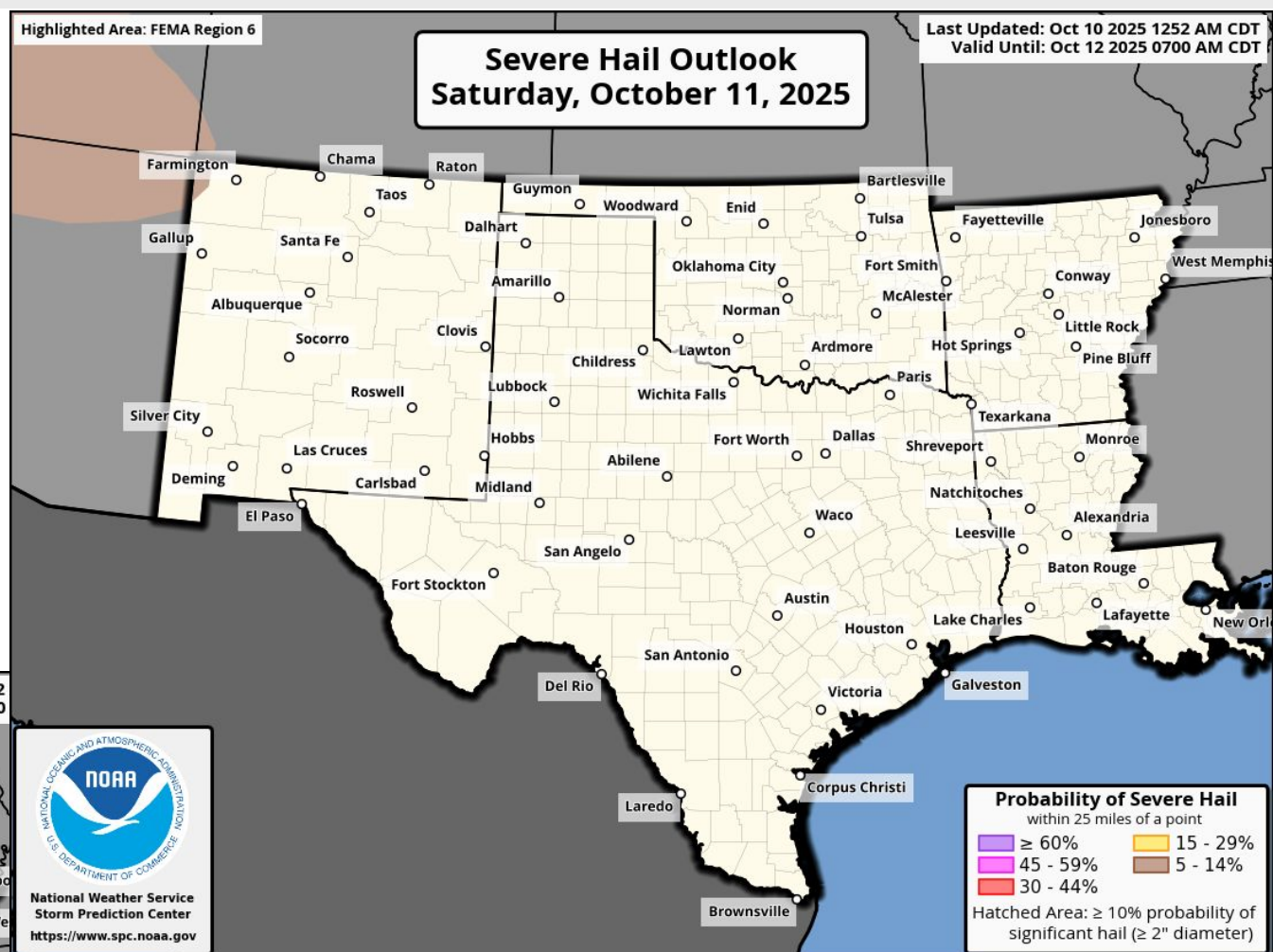
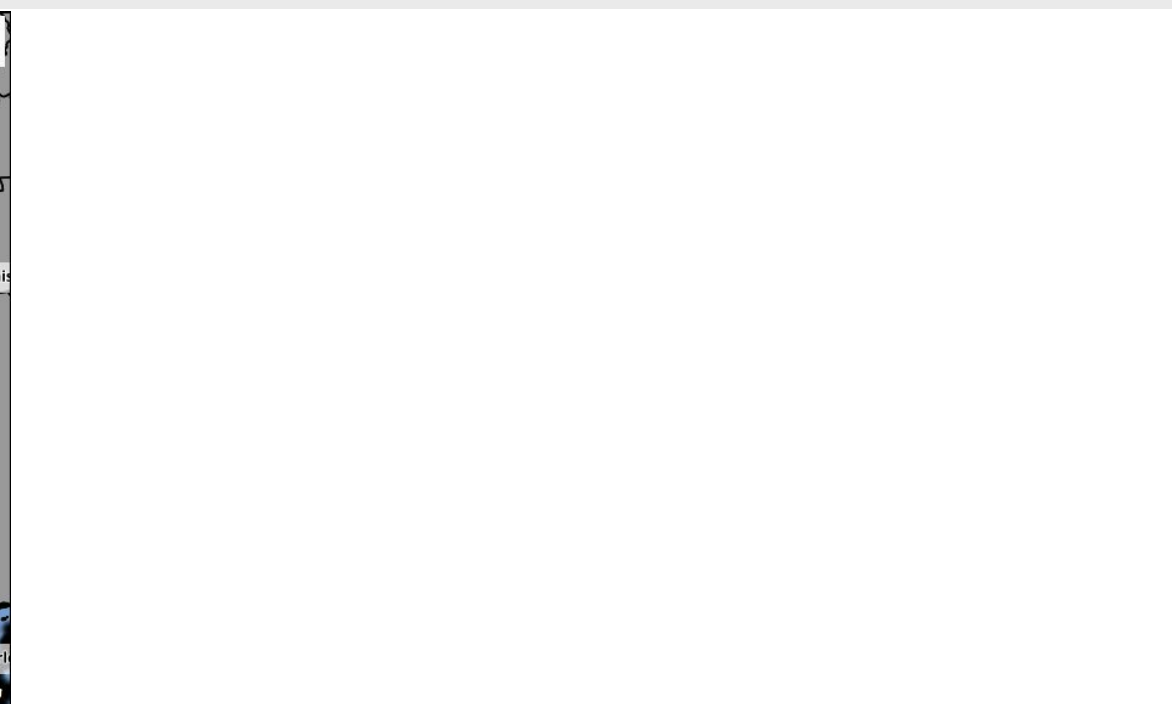
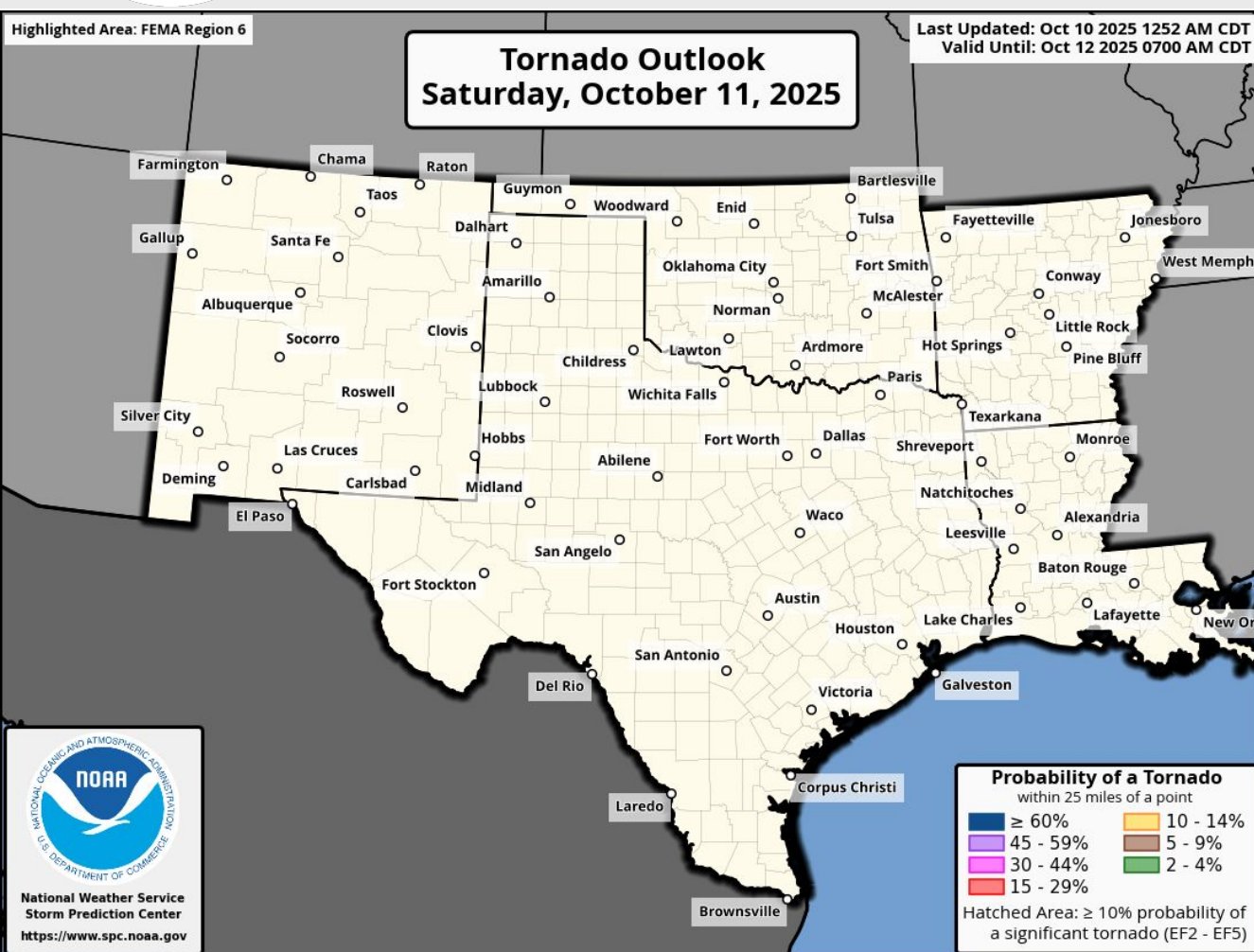
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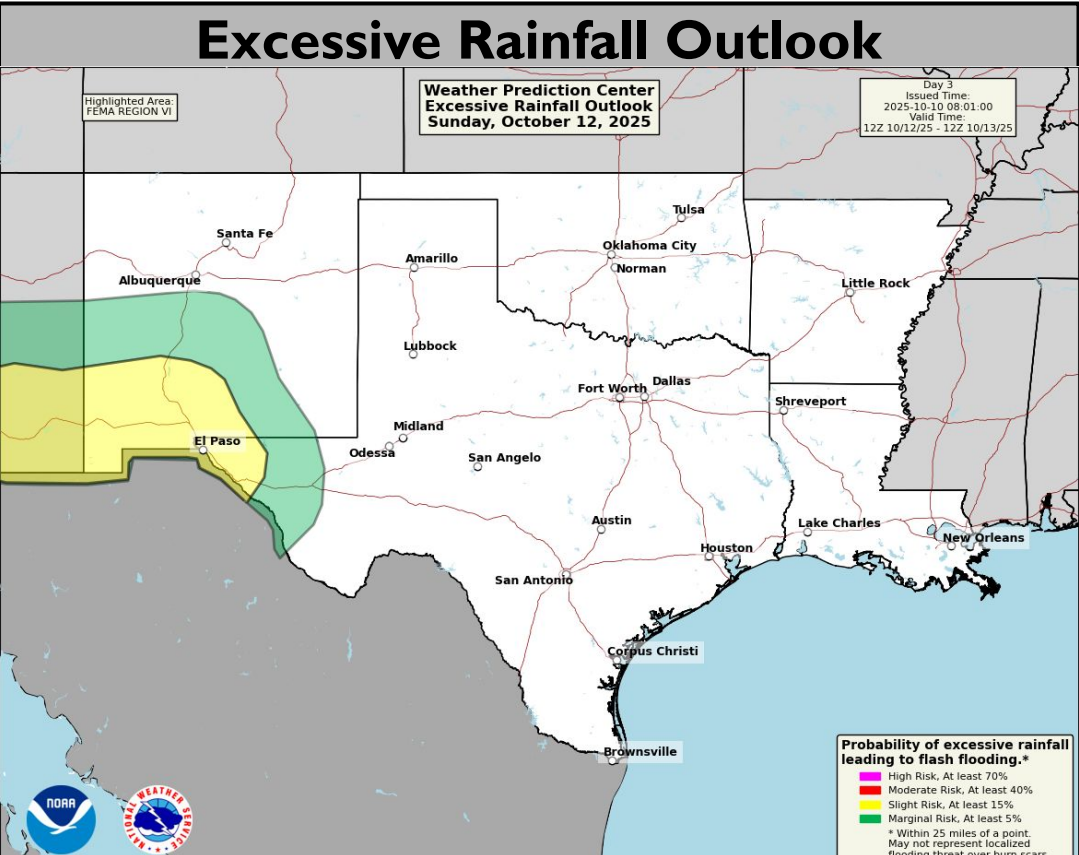
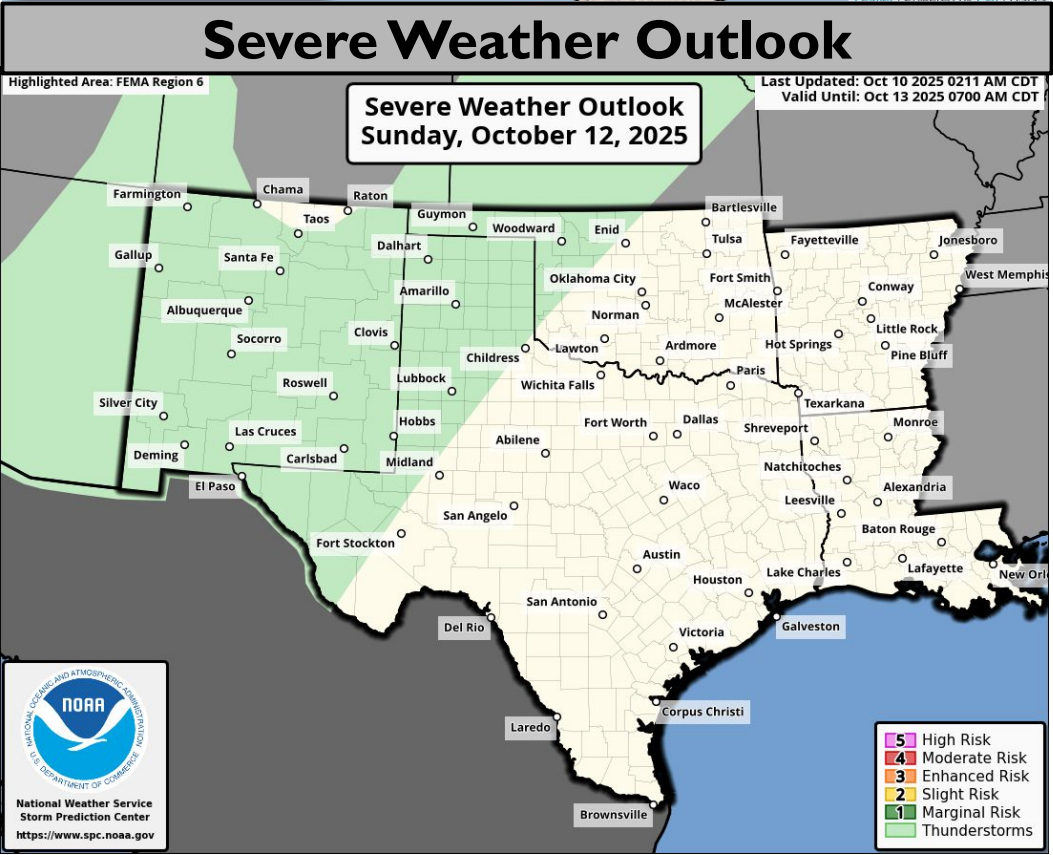
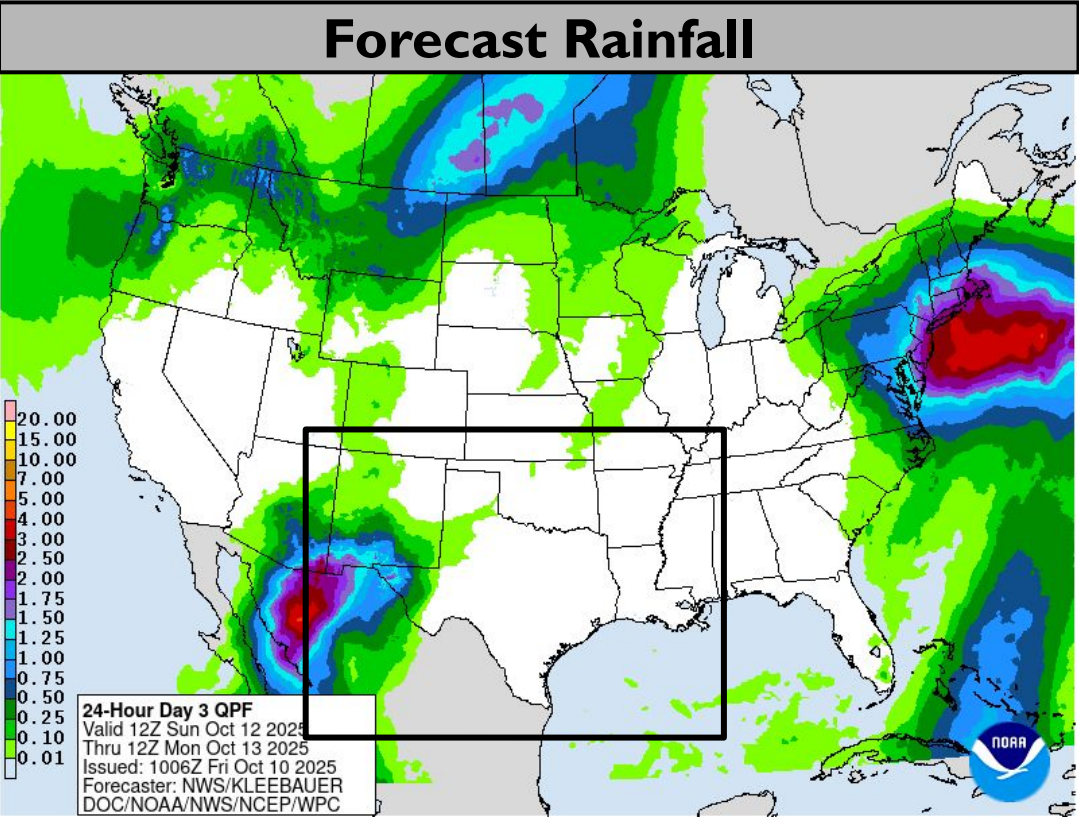
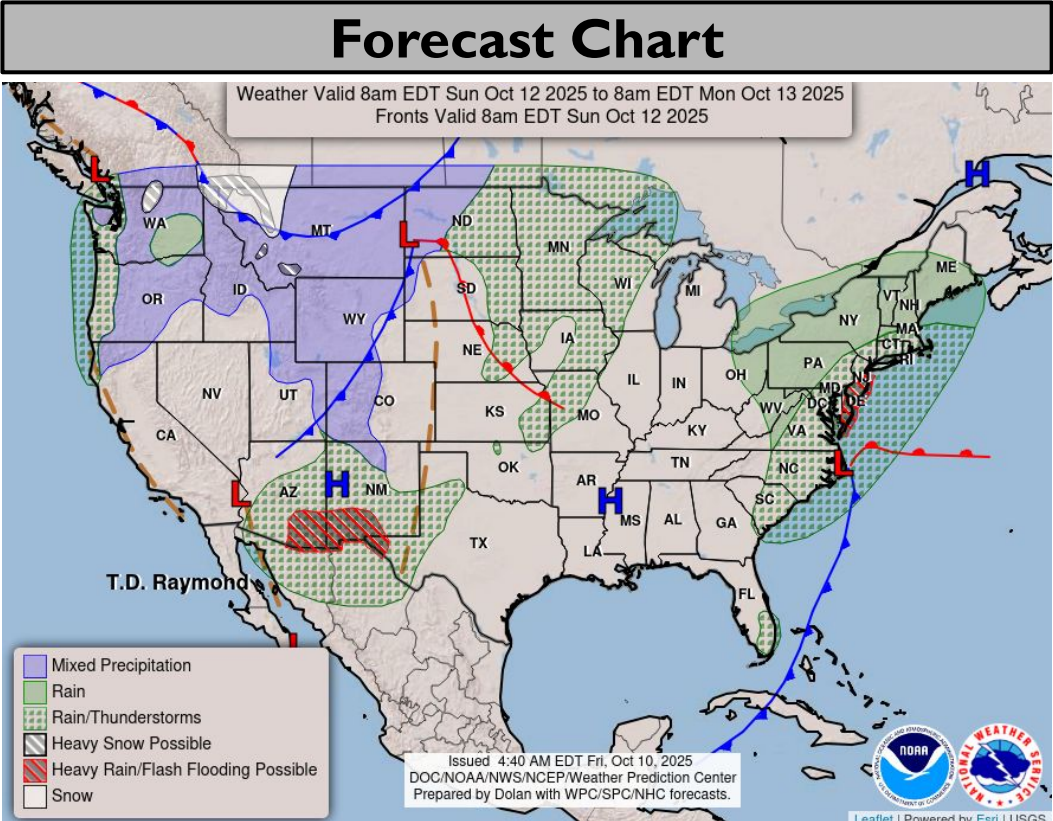


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Sunday's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in S NM, far W TX.

Elevated fire weather conditions (level 1 of 3) in NW TX, OK

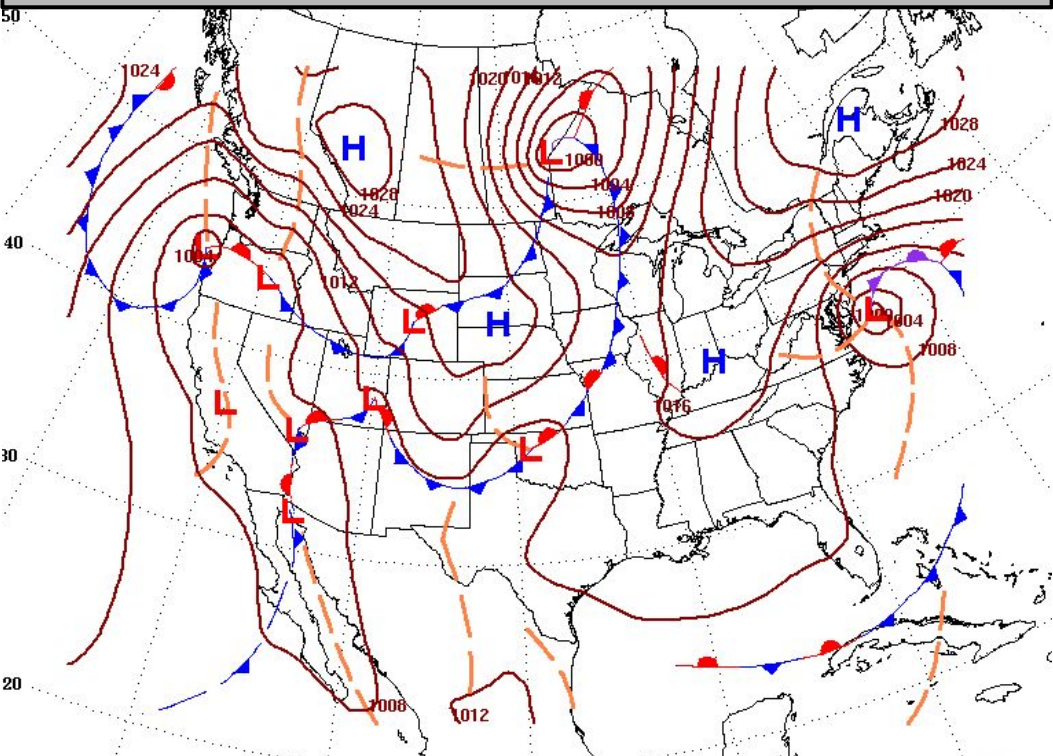
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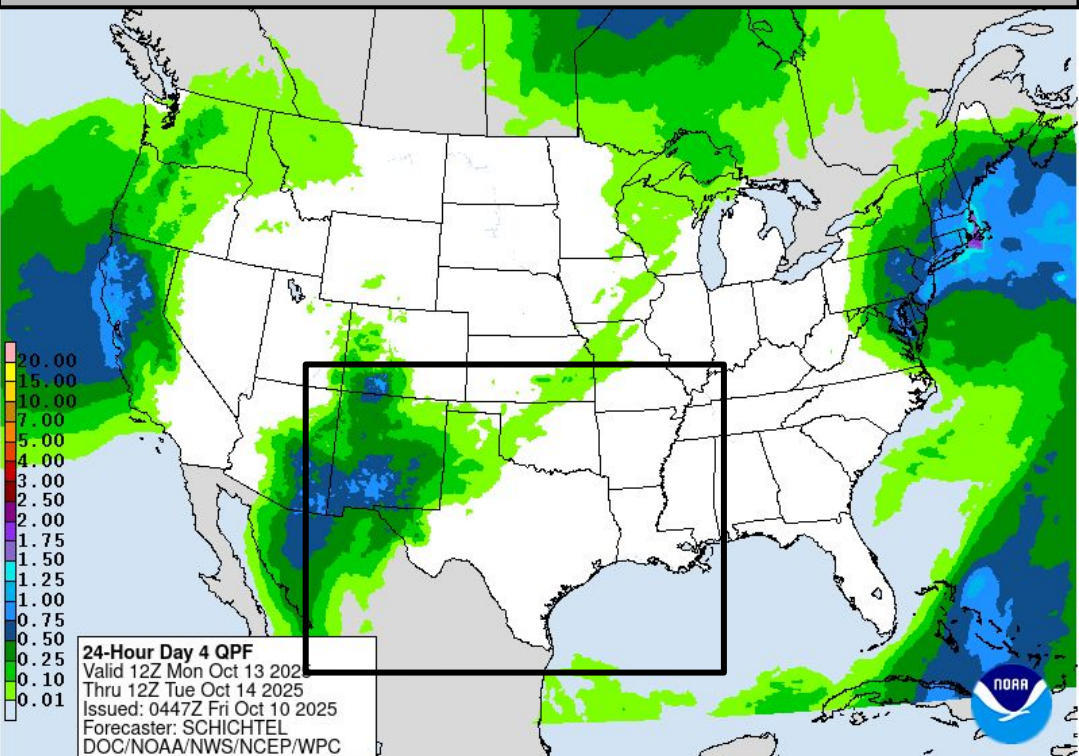


Monday's Weather

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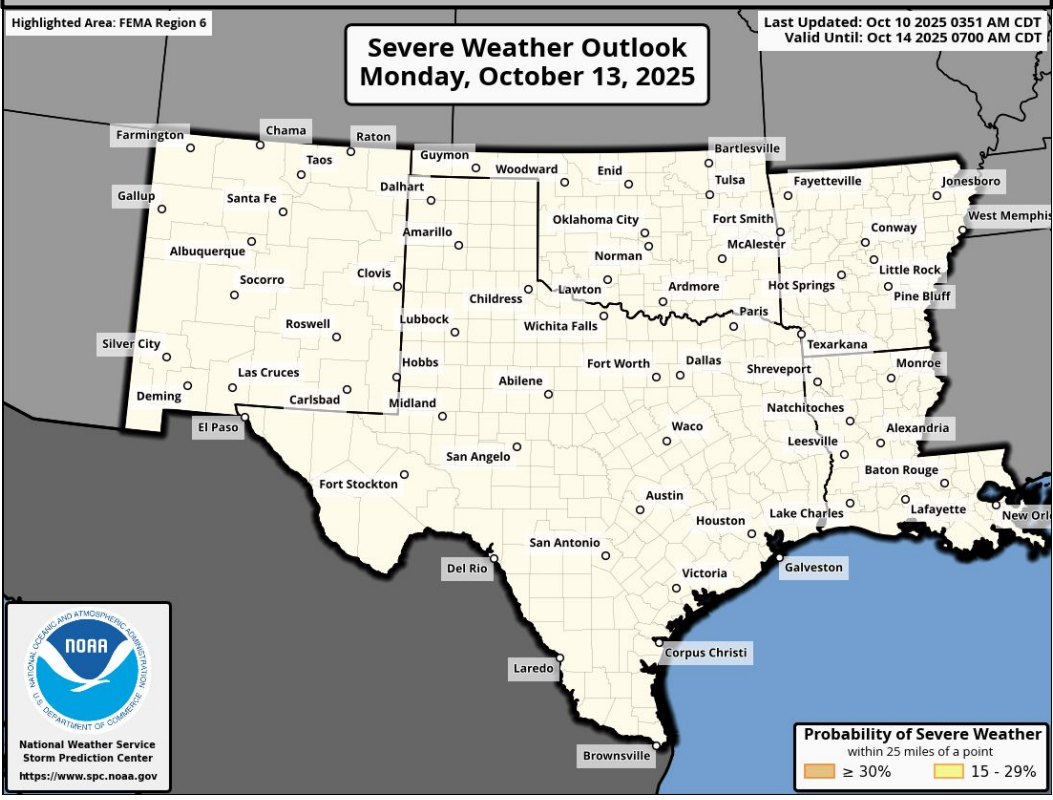


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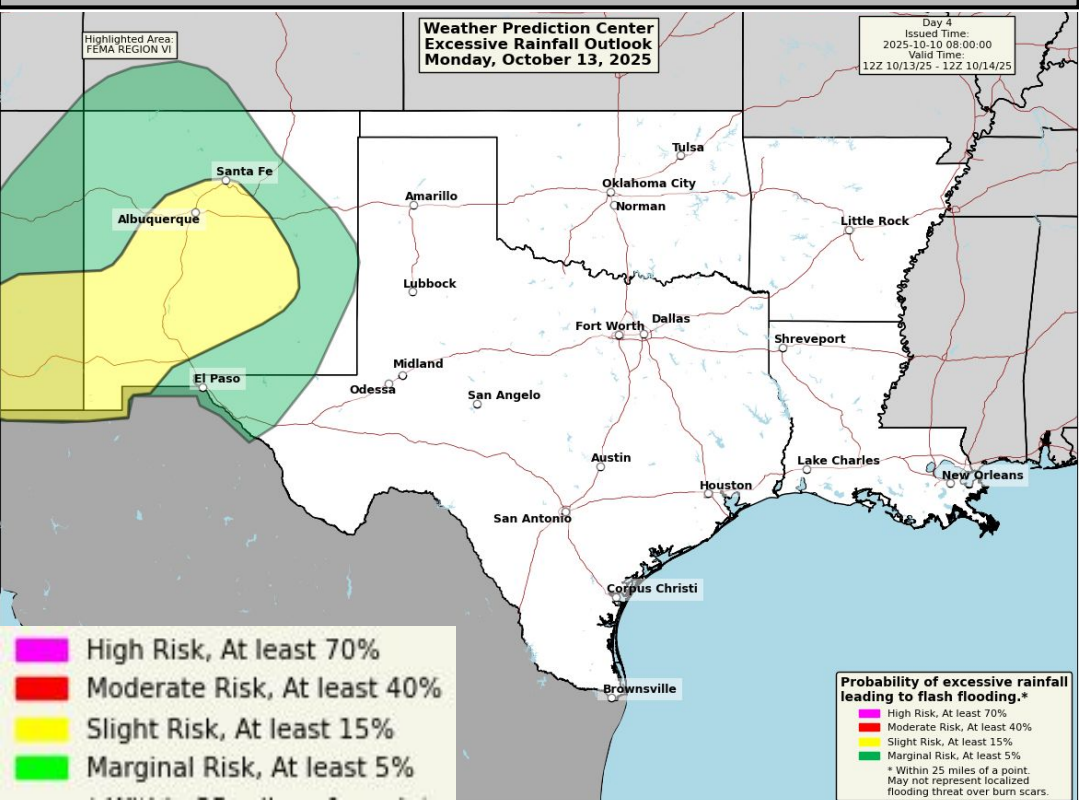


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

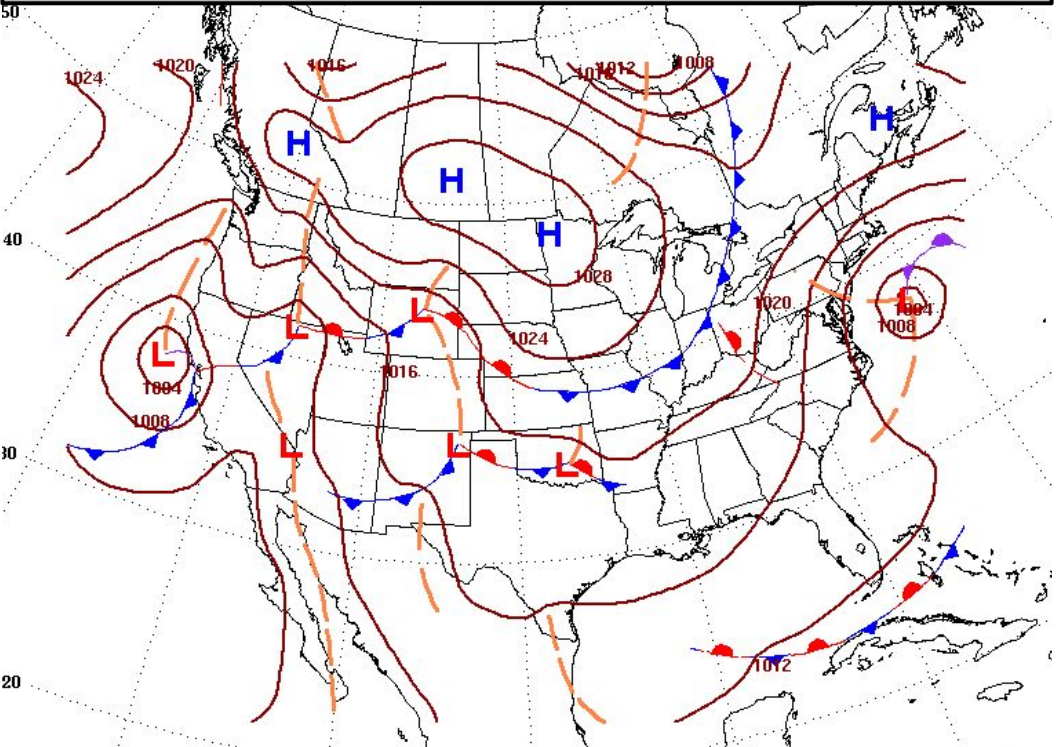


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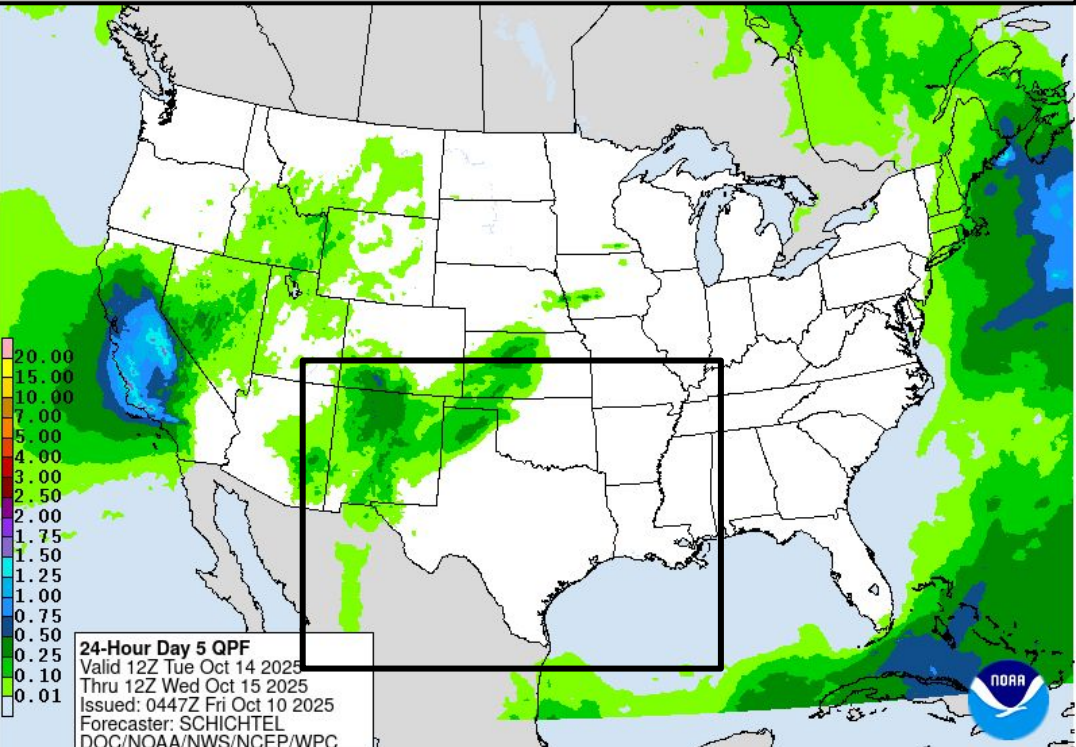


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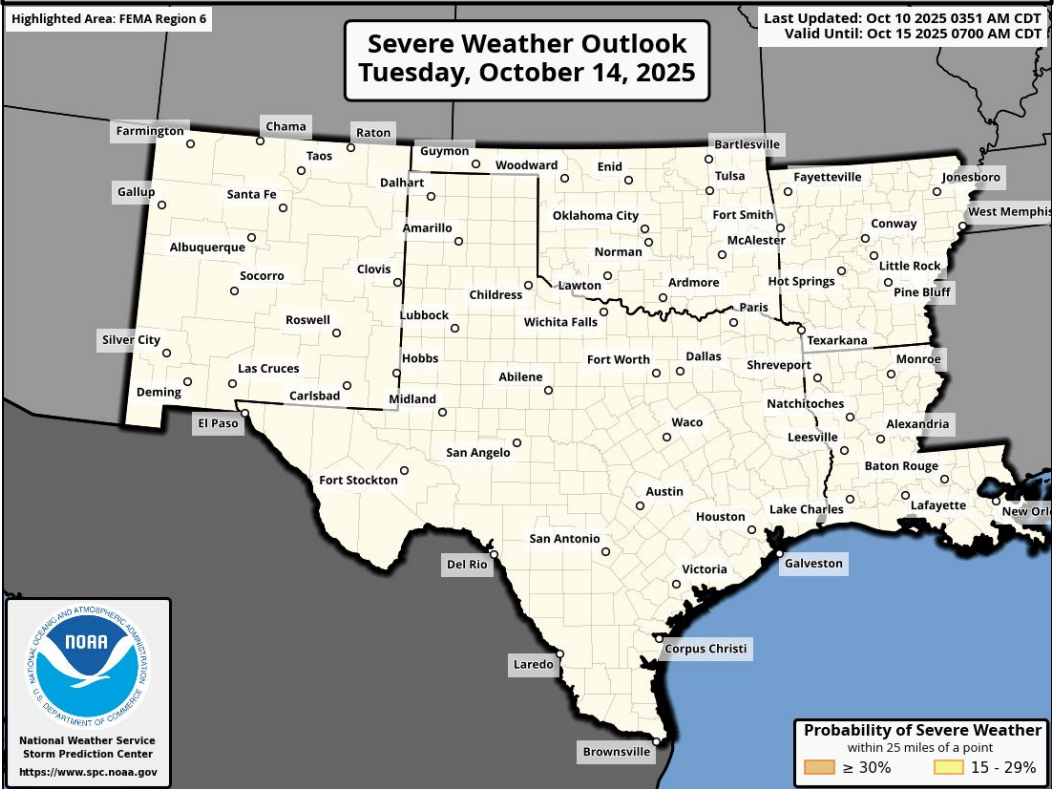


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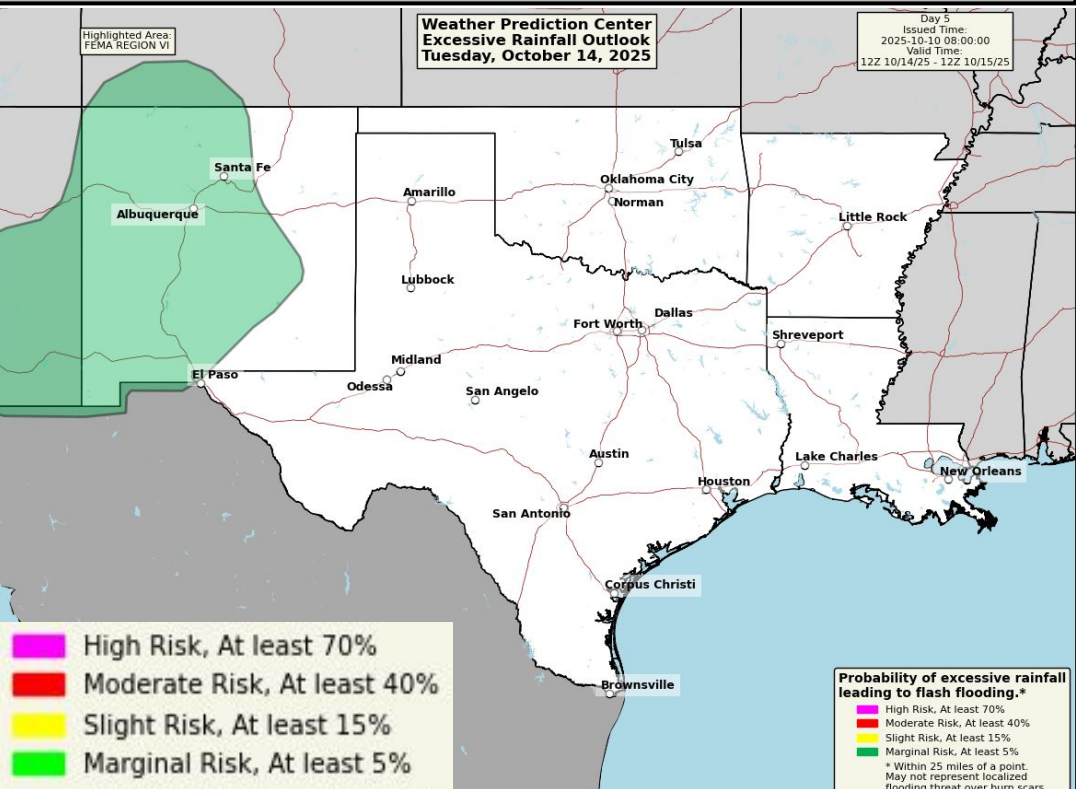


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding over NM.

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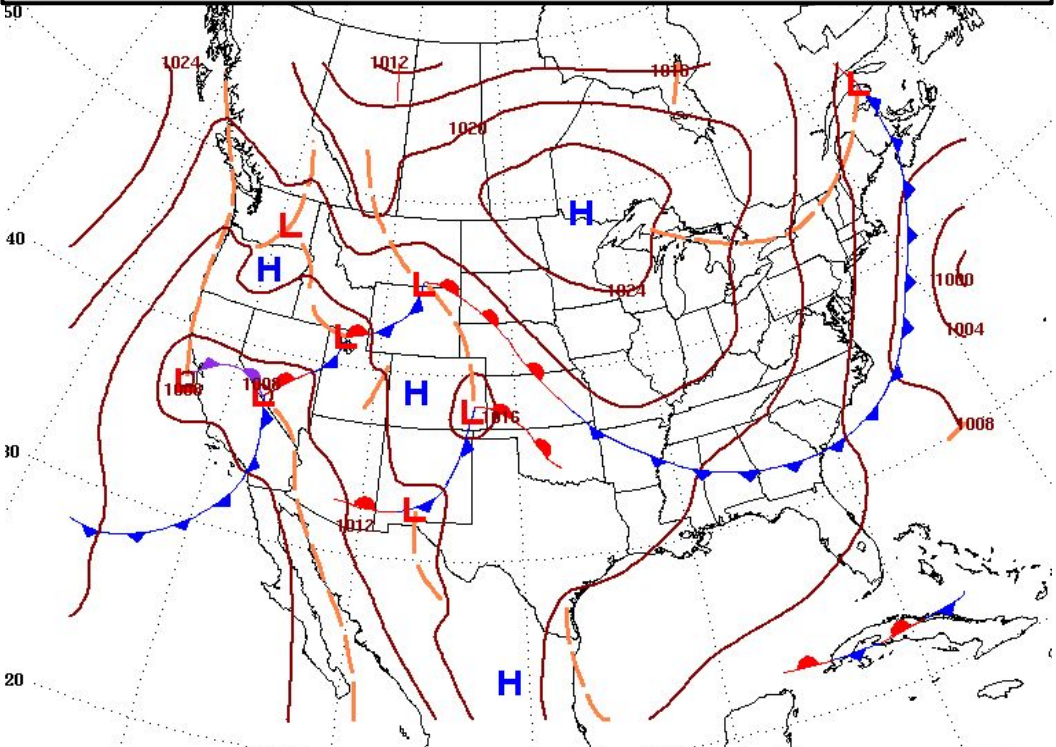
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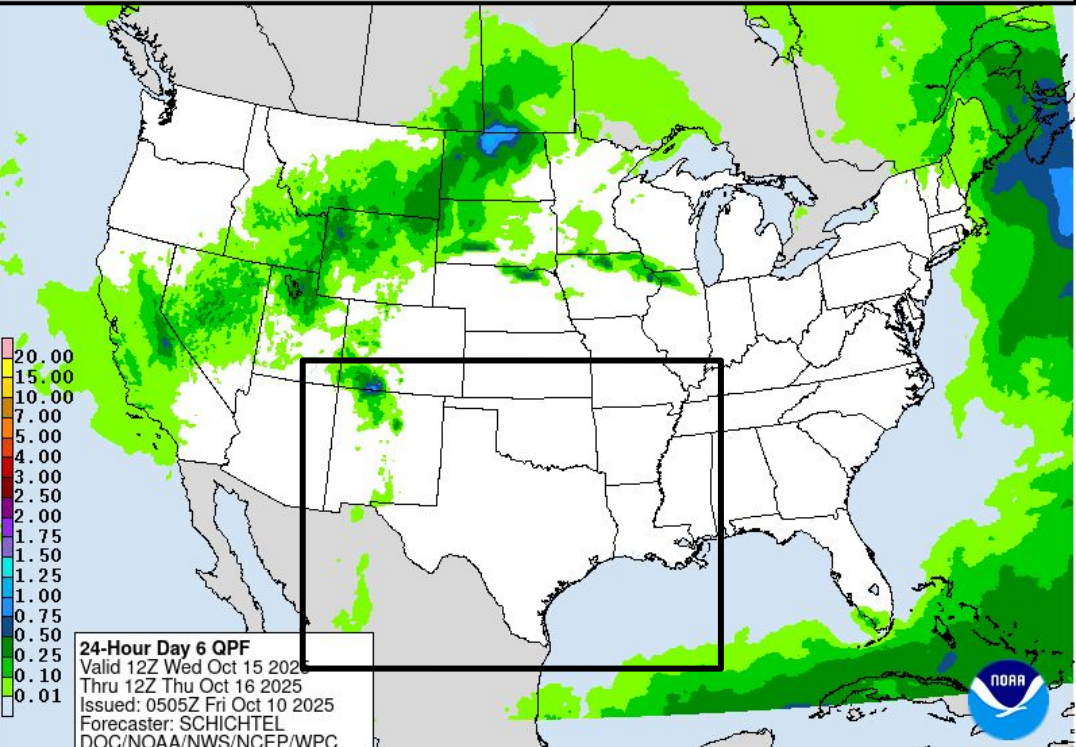


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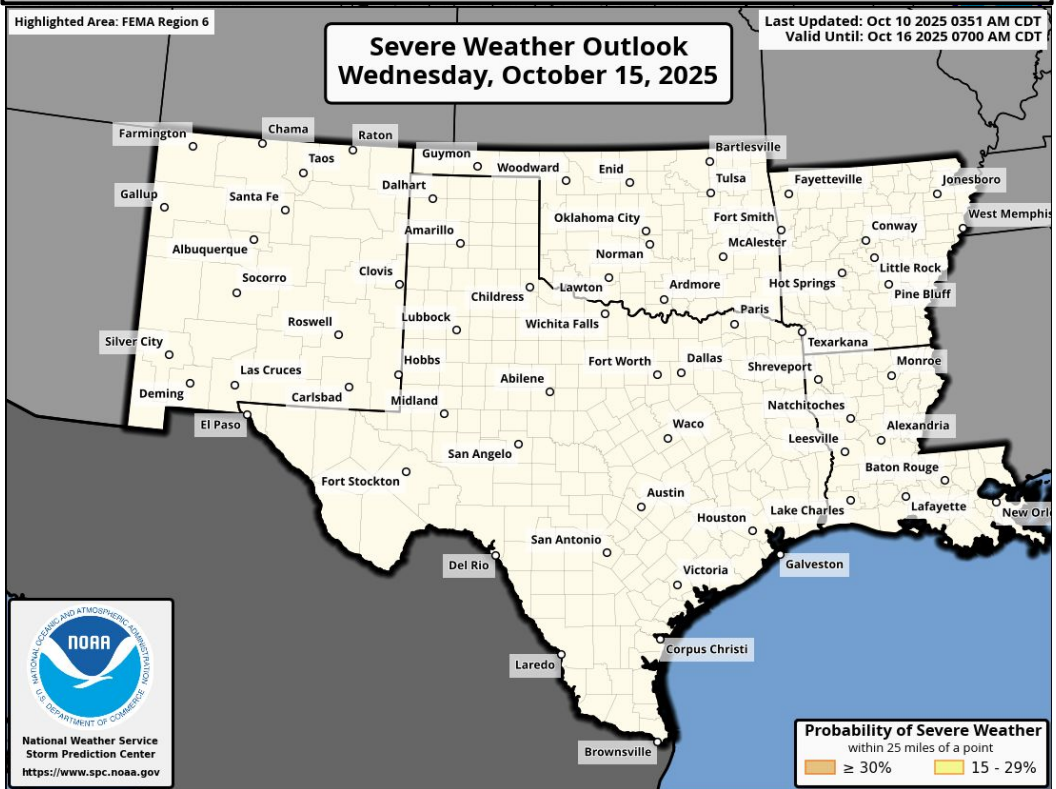


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



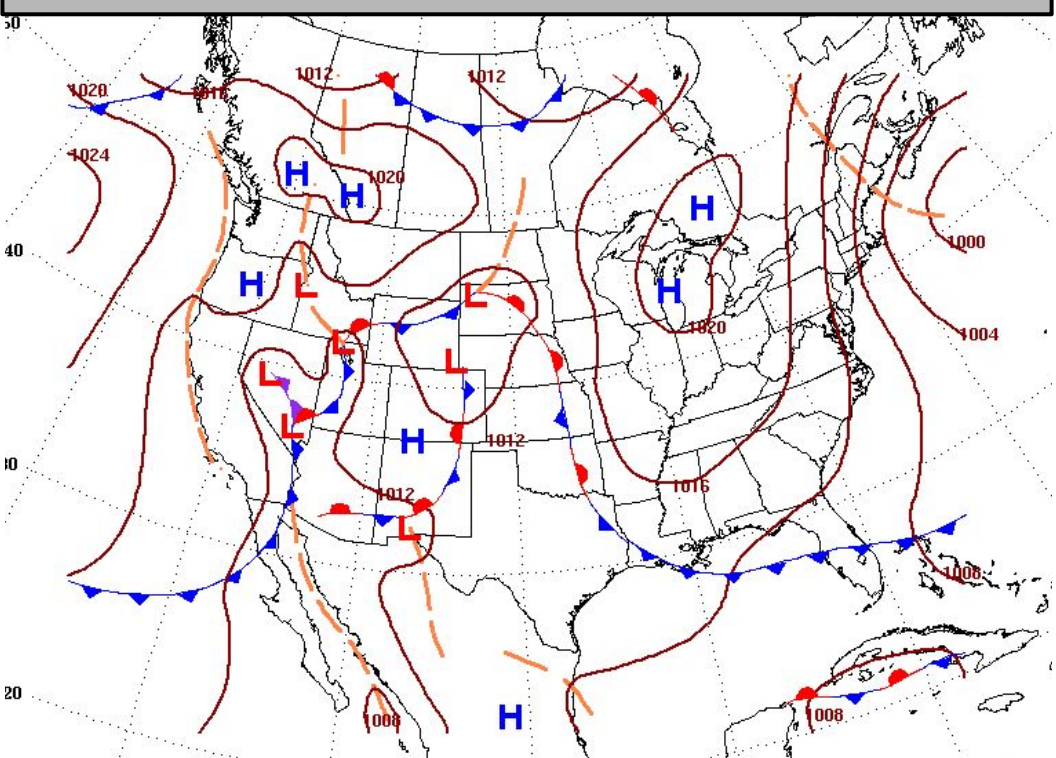
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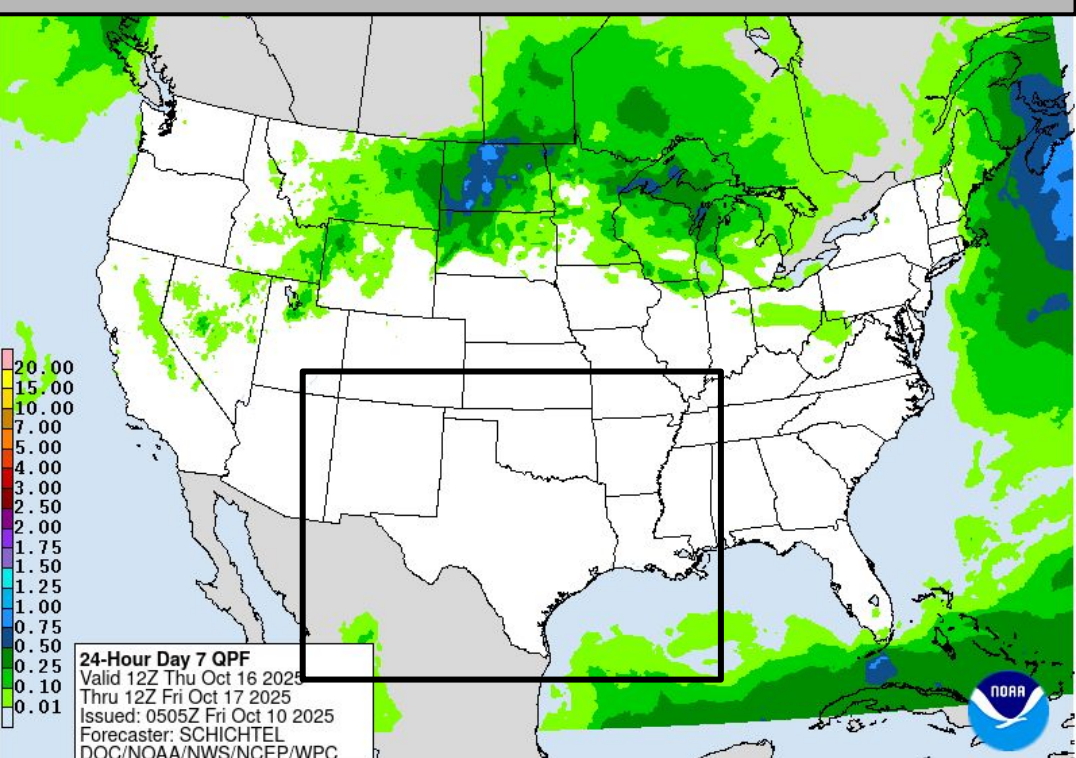


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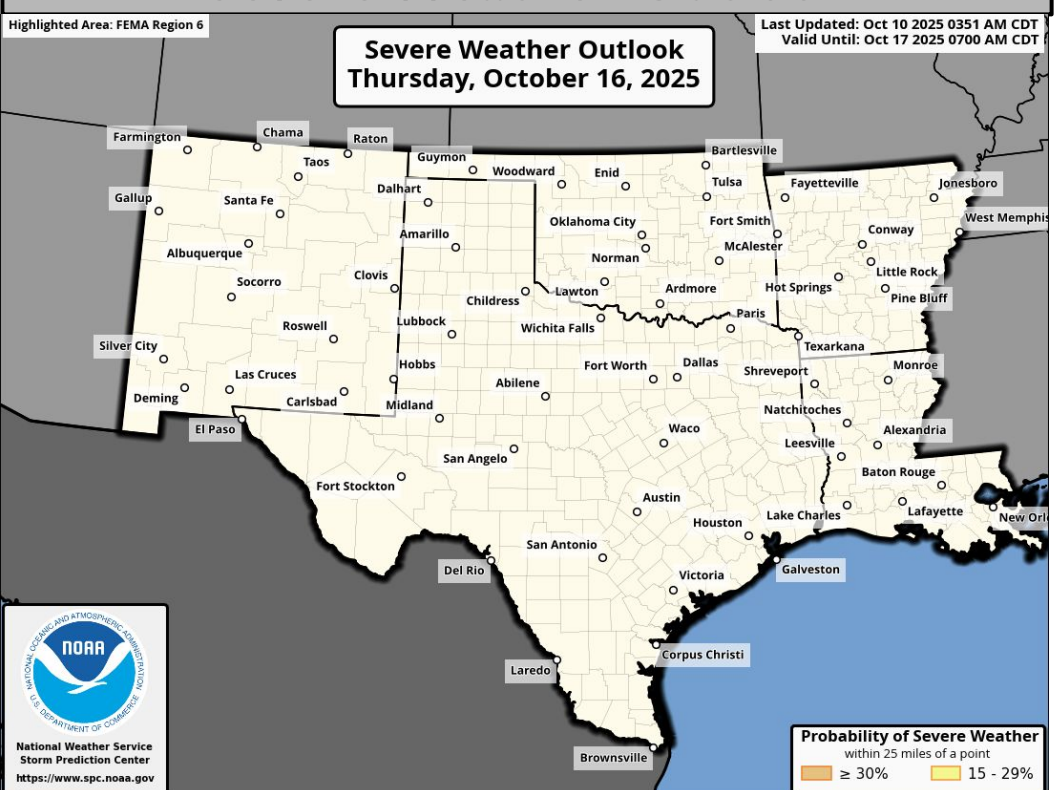


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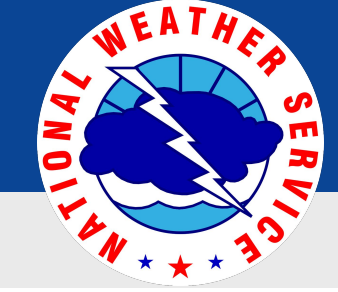
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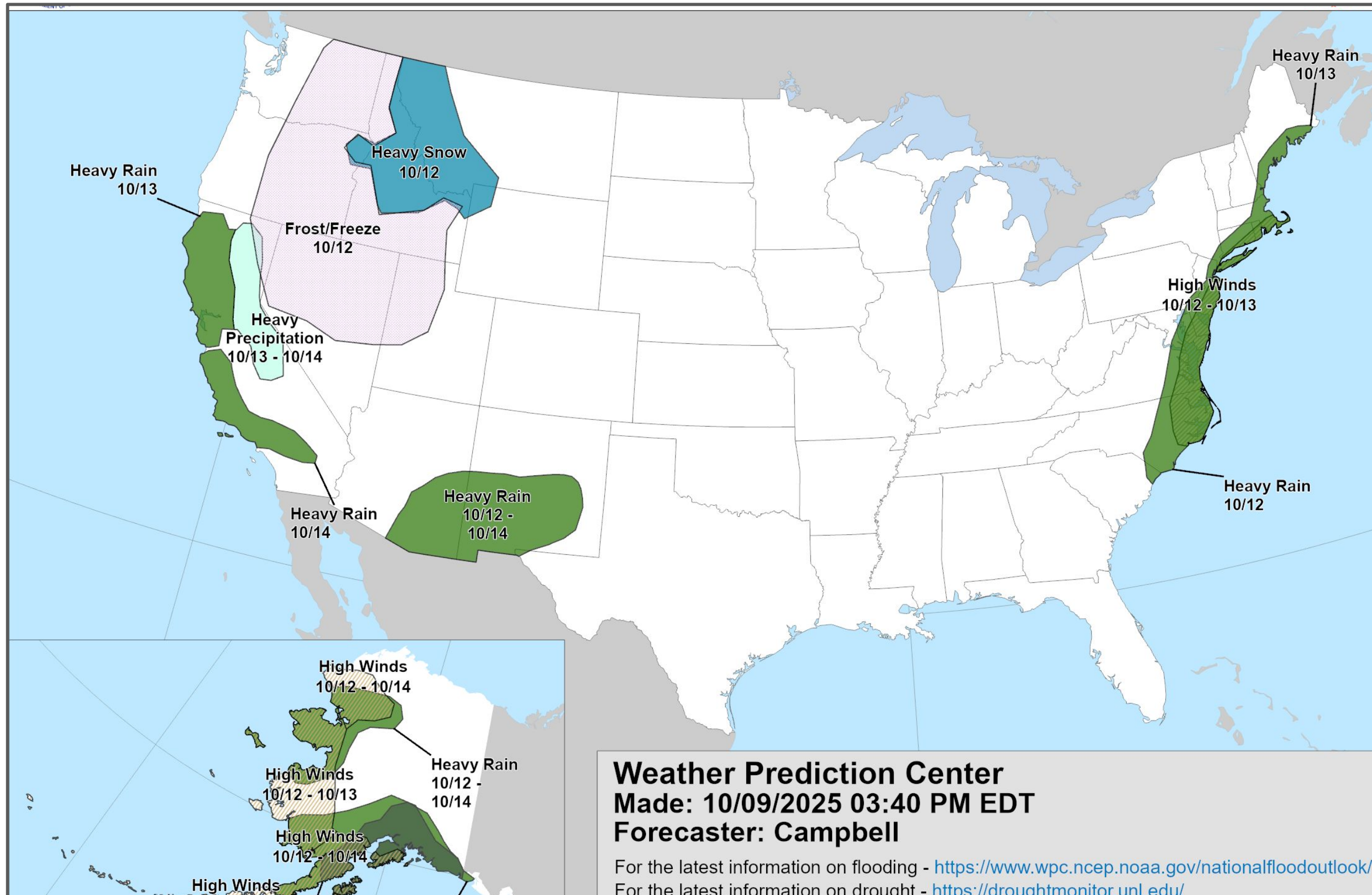


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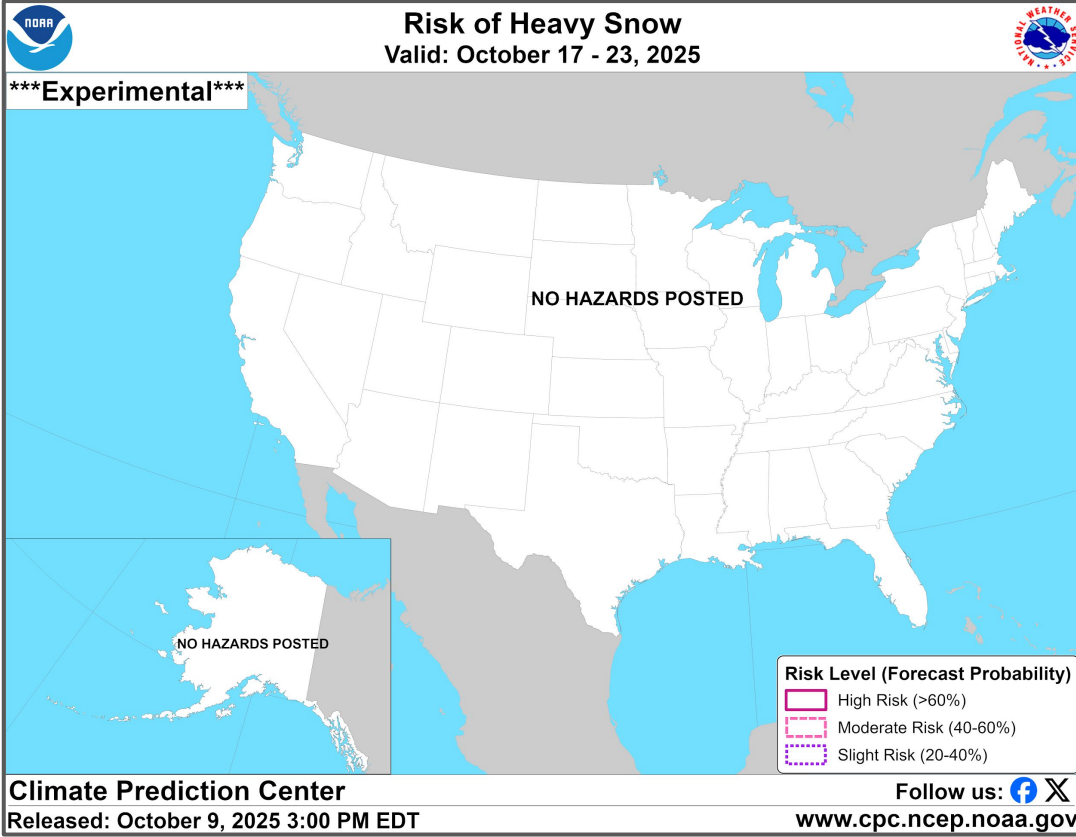
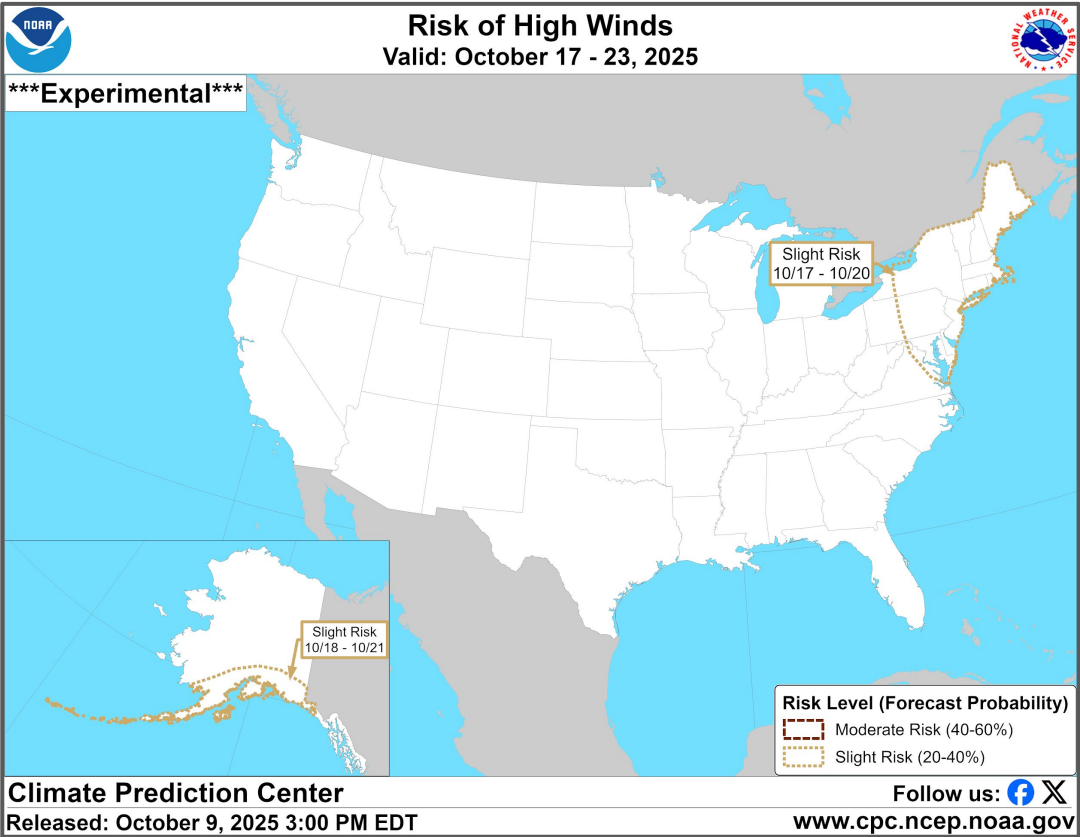
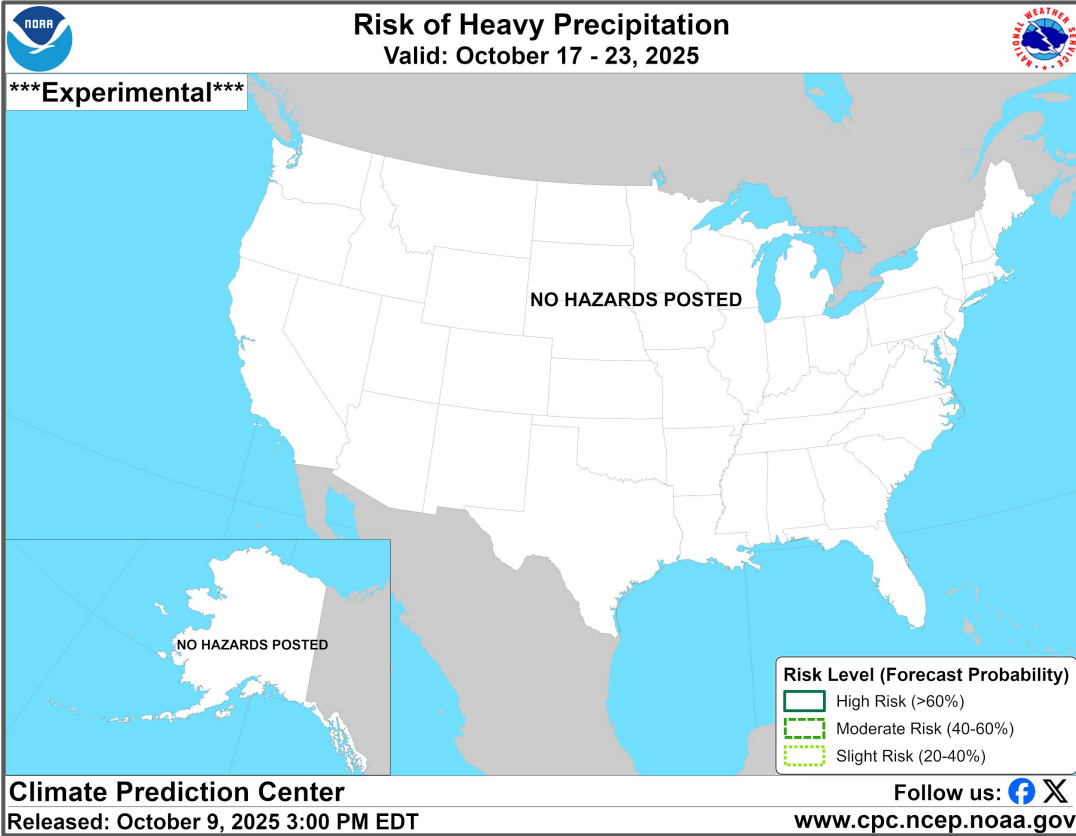
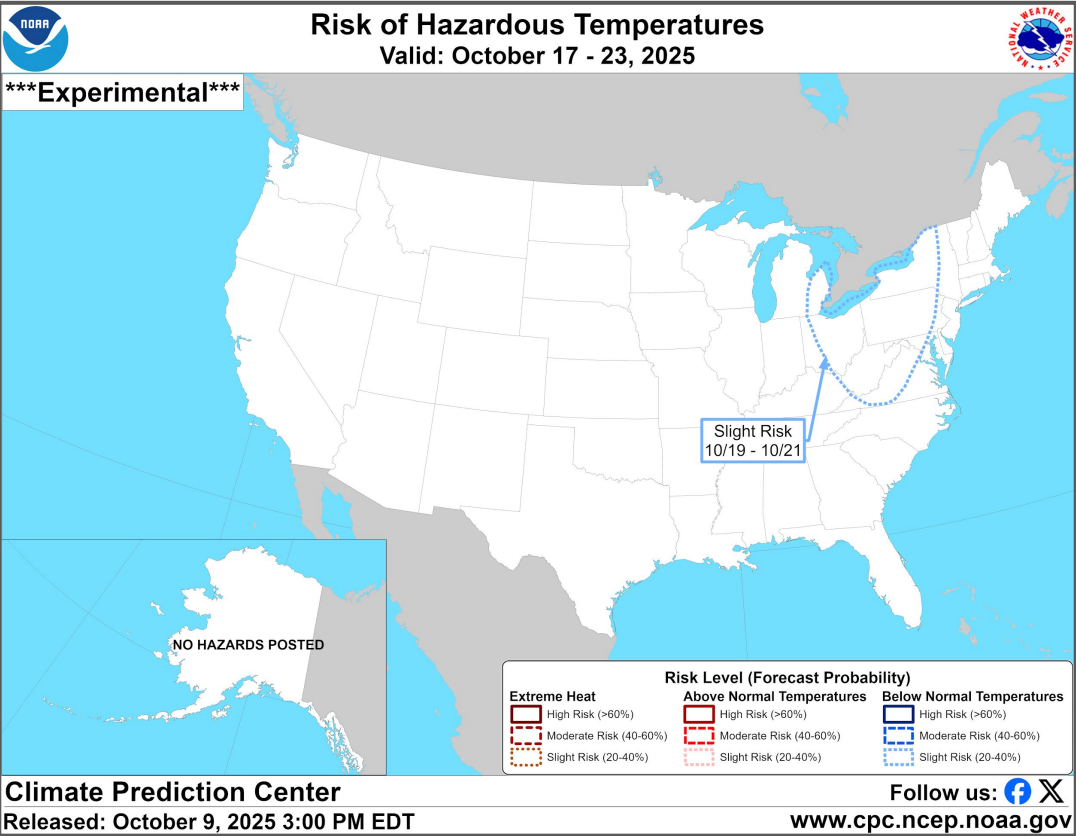
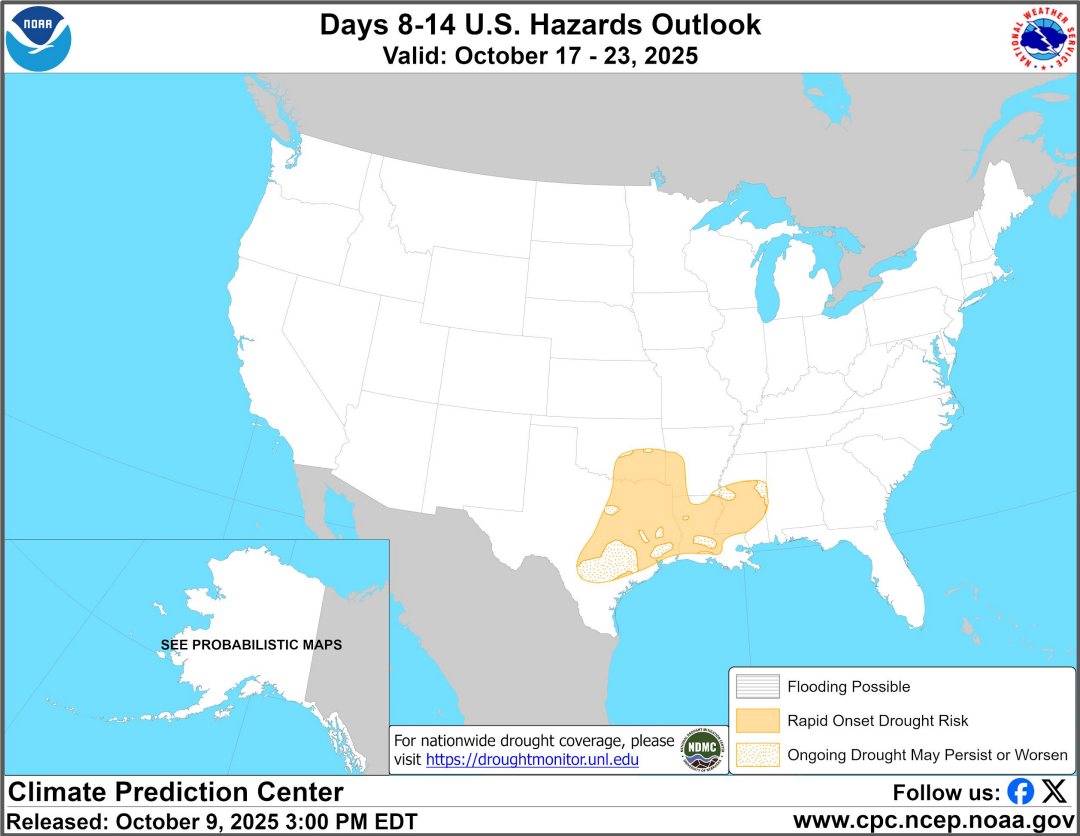


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





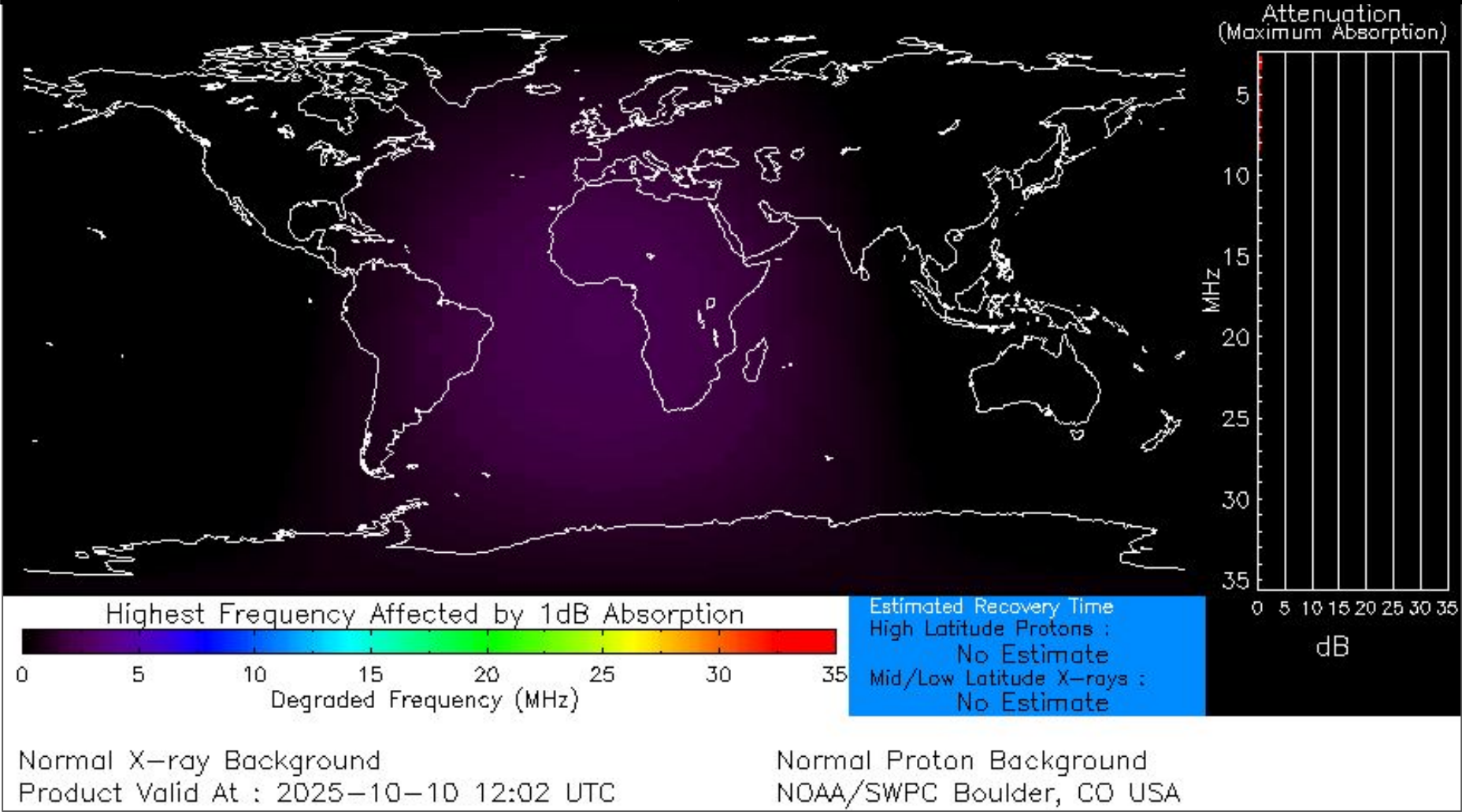
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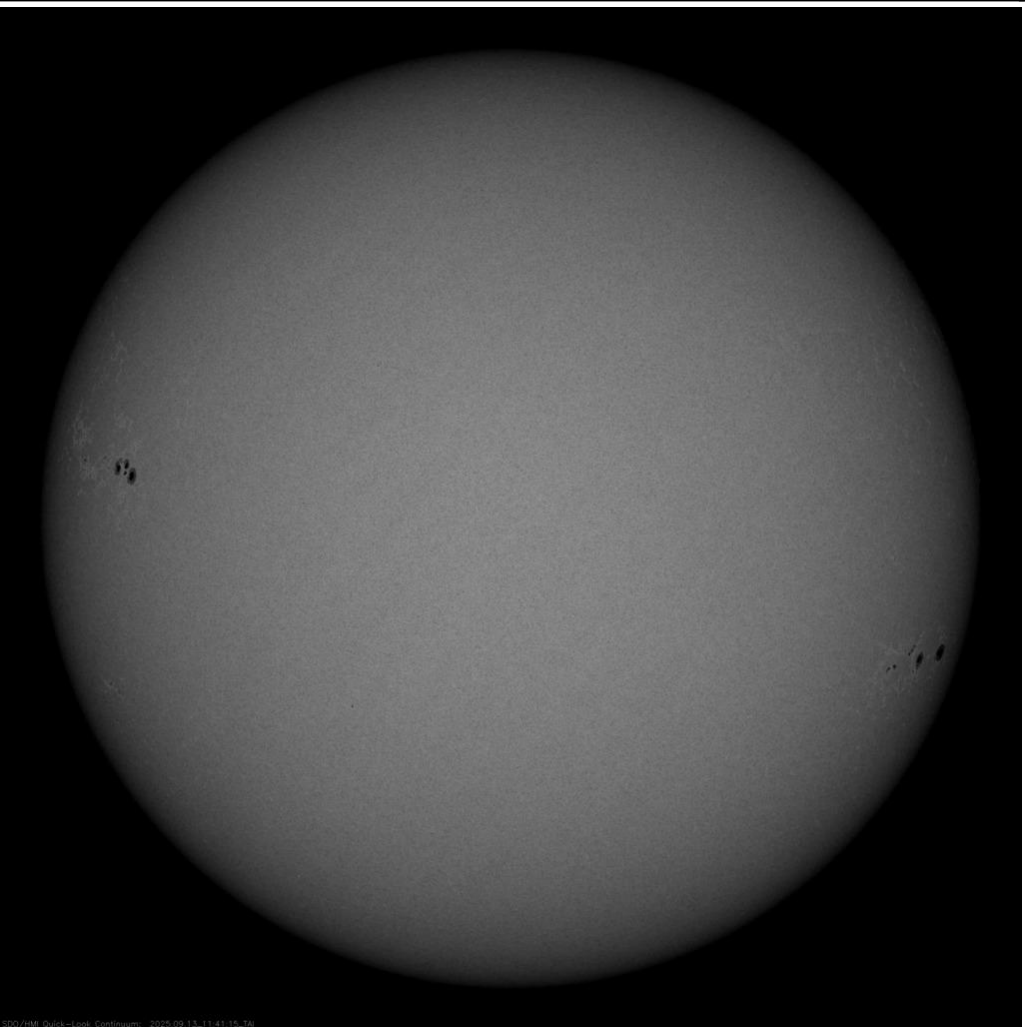
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Oct 10	Saturday, Oct 11	Sunday, Oct 12
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Active (Max Kp = 3)	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[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	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 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	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

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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