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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, December 27, 2025

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# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**
  - **Elevated (level 1 of 3) across NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles today; and SE NM, W TX tomorrow.**
- **Winter Weather:**
  - **Minor travel impacts above 8,000 feet today/tomorrow morning in N NM due to snow. Majority of the in N NM is forecast to fall today, becoming light snow tomorrow morning.**
  - **Monitoring for snow potential over S NM and W TX Monday through Tuesday morning.**
- **Severe Weather:**
  - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms tomorrow in AR.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Dec 27	Sunday, Dec 28	Monday, Dec 29	Tuesday, Dec 30	Wednesday, Dec 31	Thursday, Jan 1	Thursday, Jan 2
Severe Storms		AR					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather	N NM	N NM (A.M.)	S NM, WTX	S NM, WTX (A.M.)			
Fire Weather	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	SE NM, WTX					
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.*

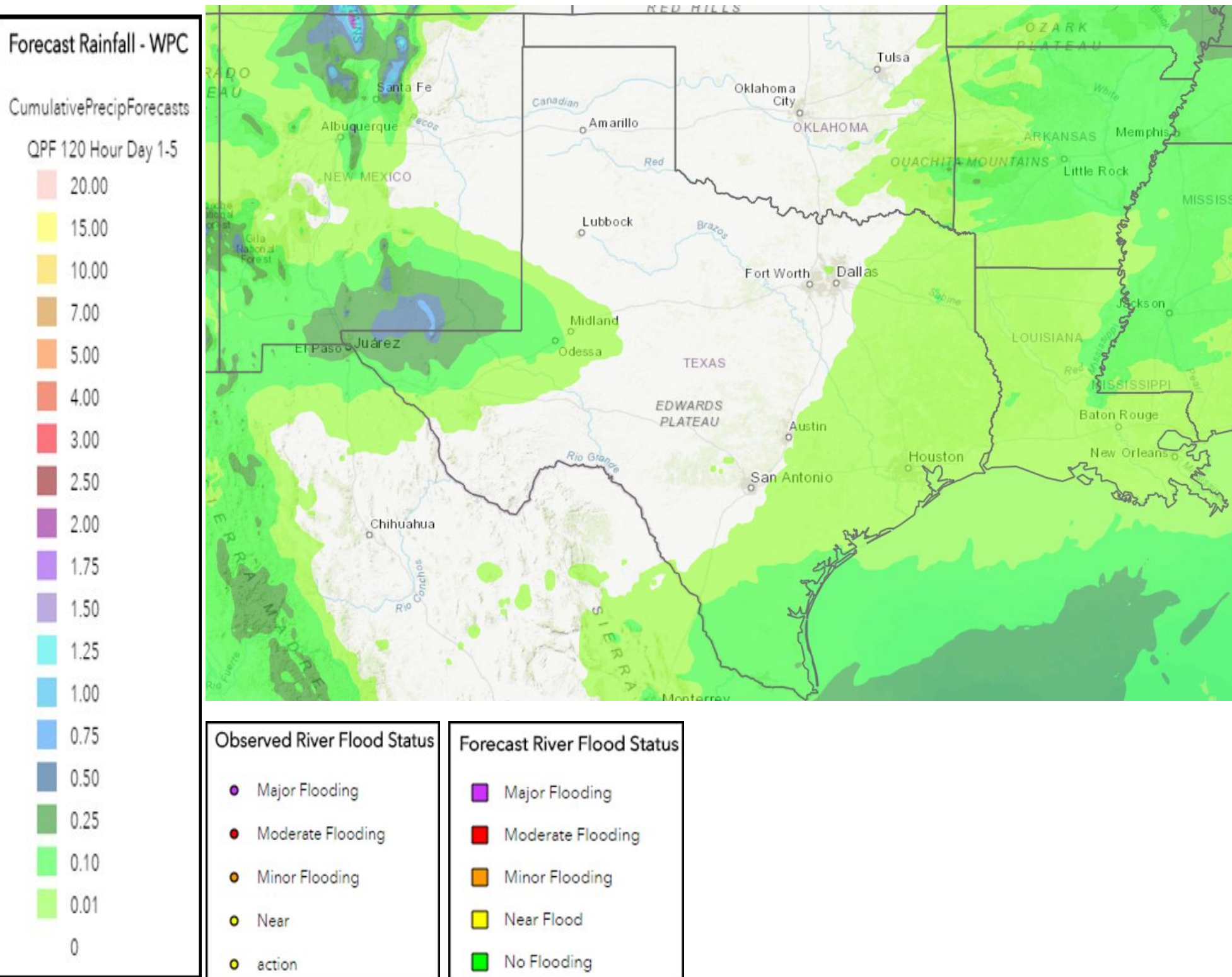
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



**No significant river flooding is expected.**

*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.*

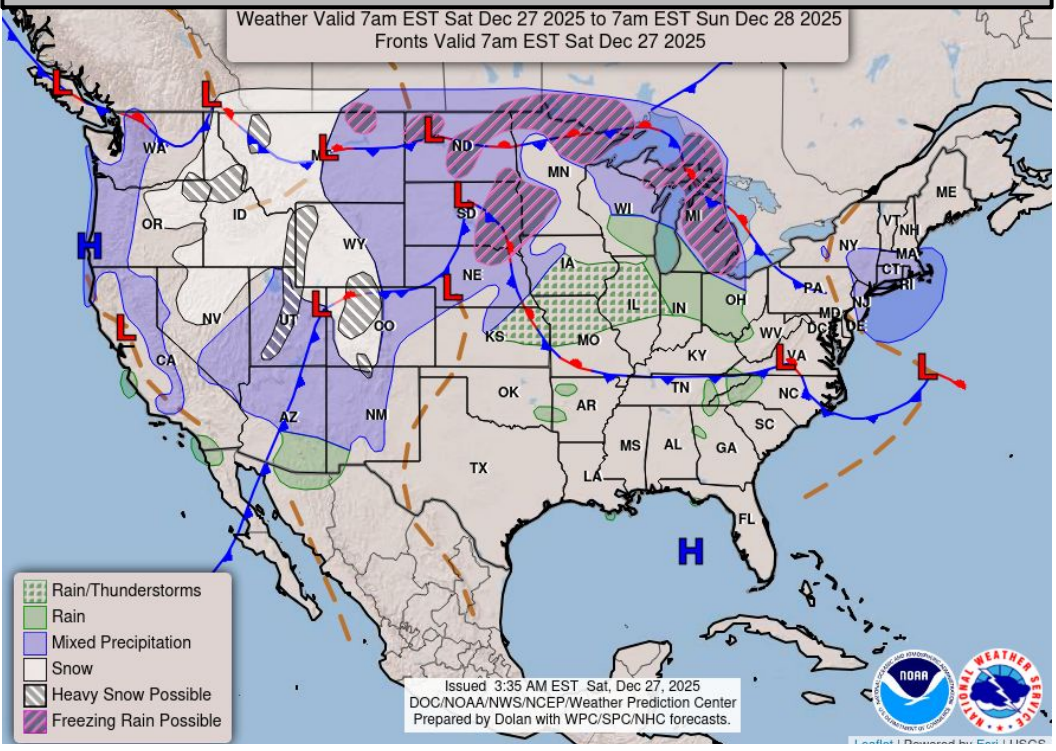




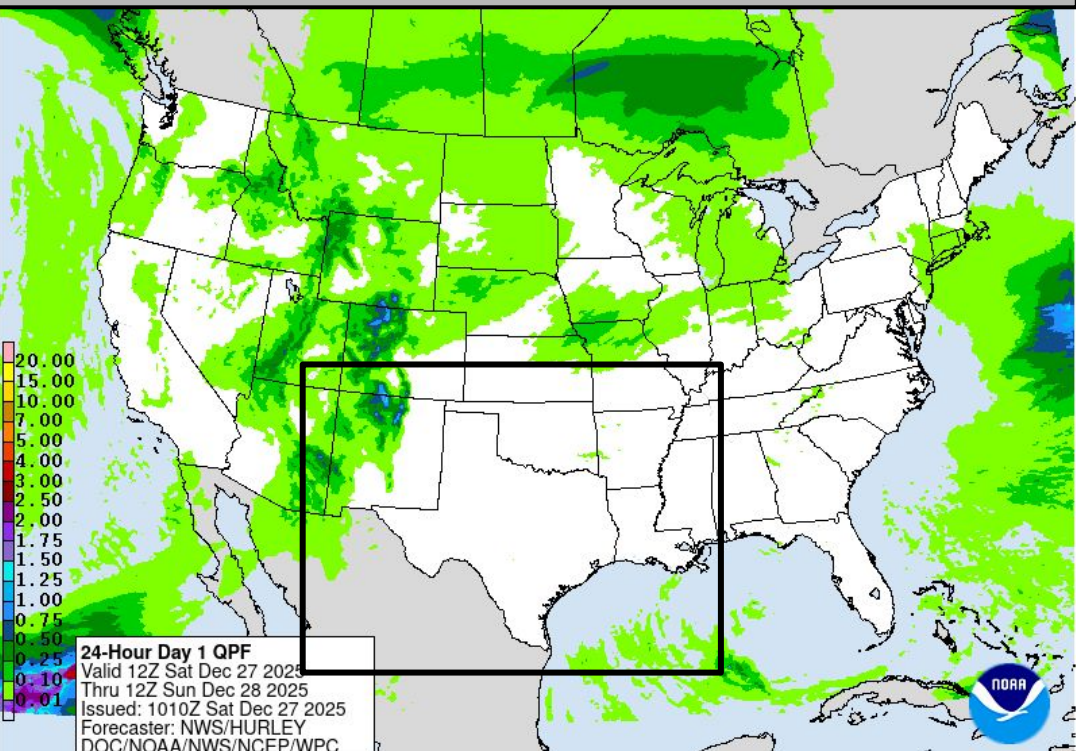


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



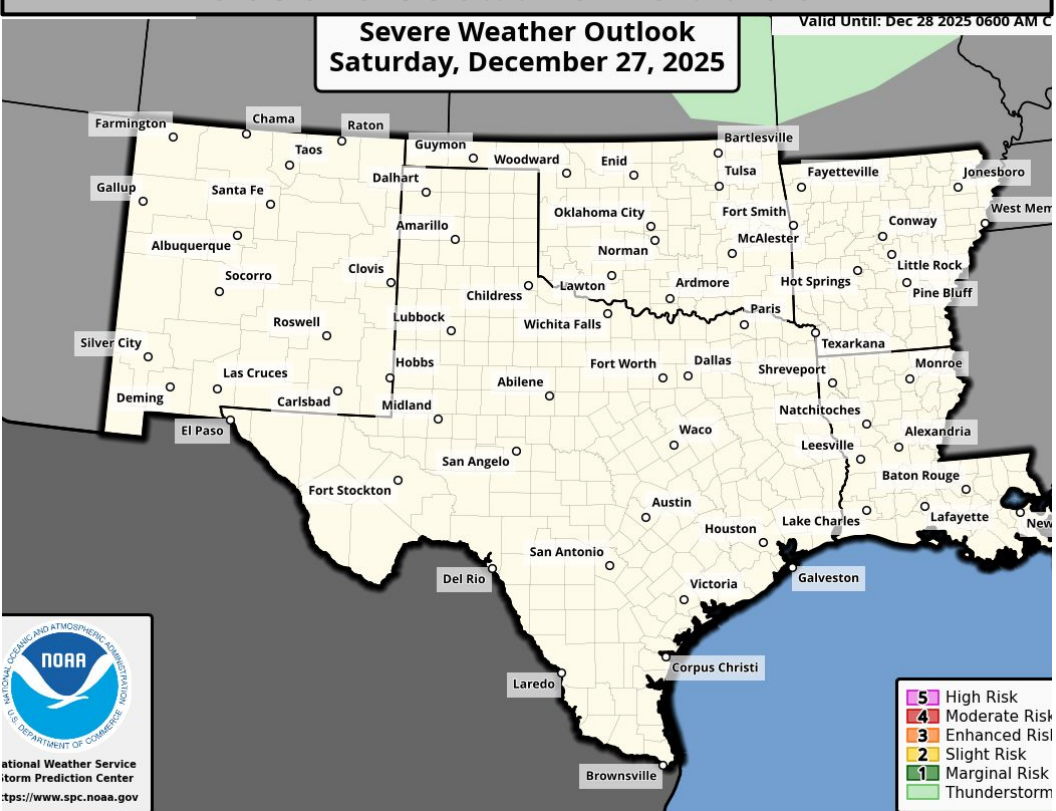
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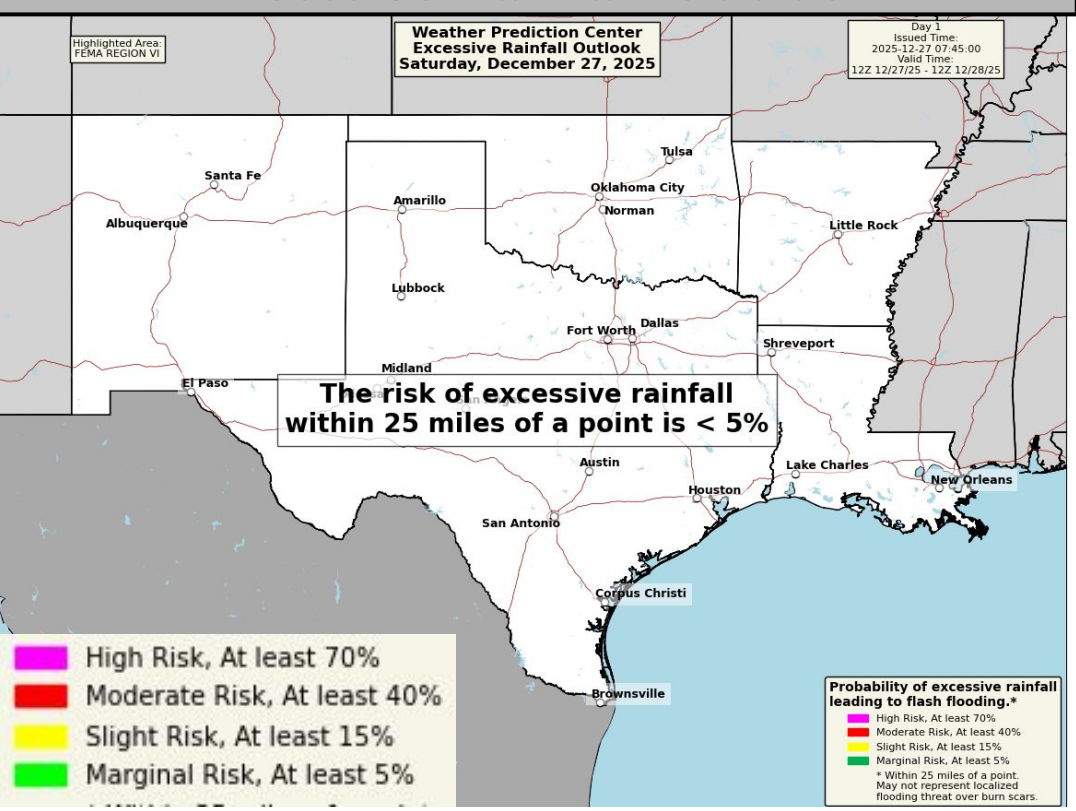
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**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather threat for NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



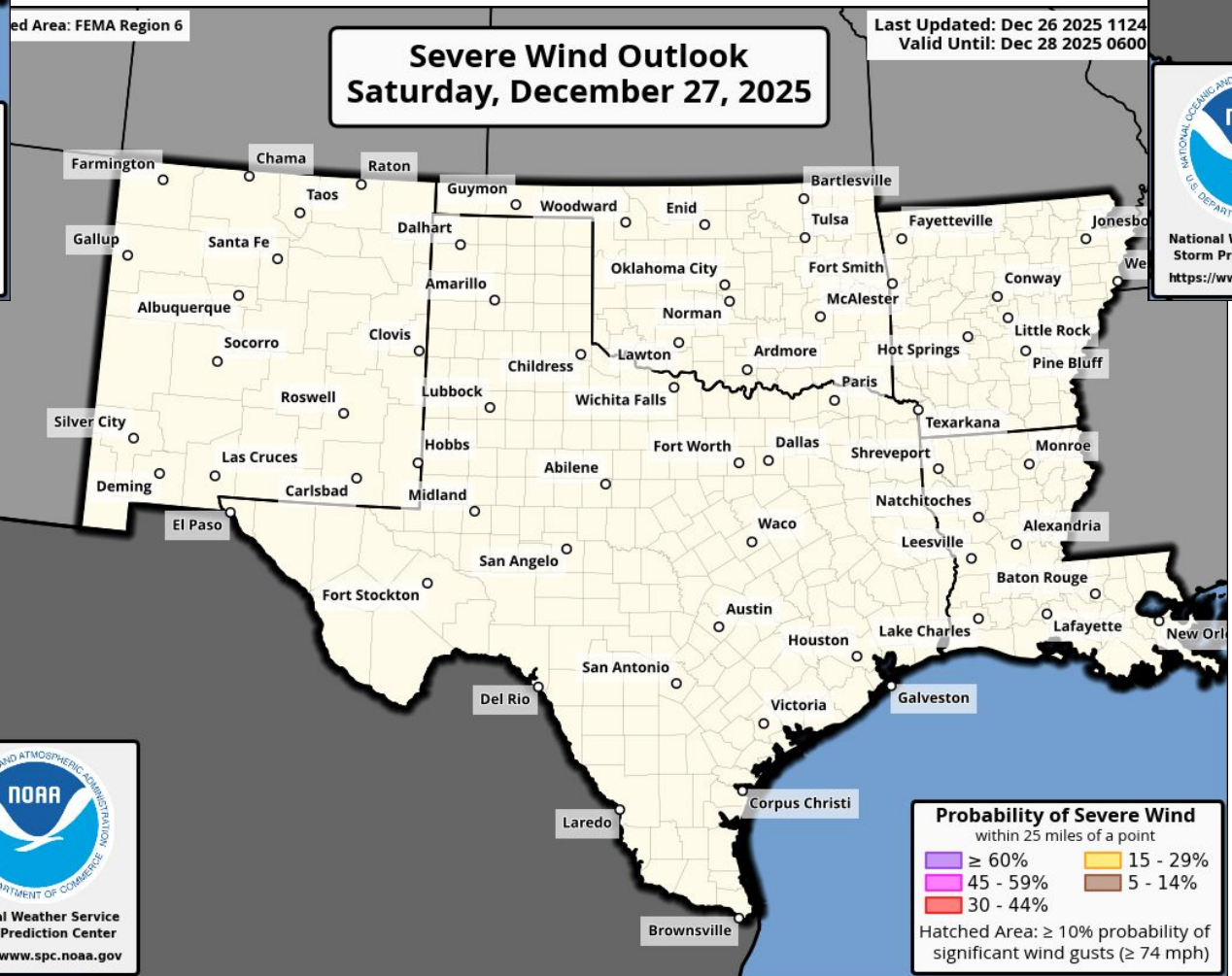
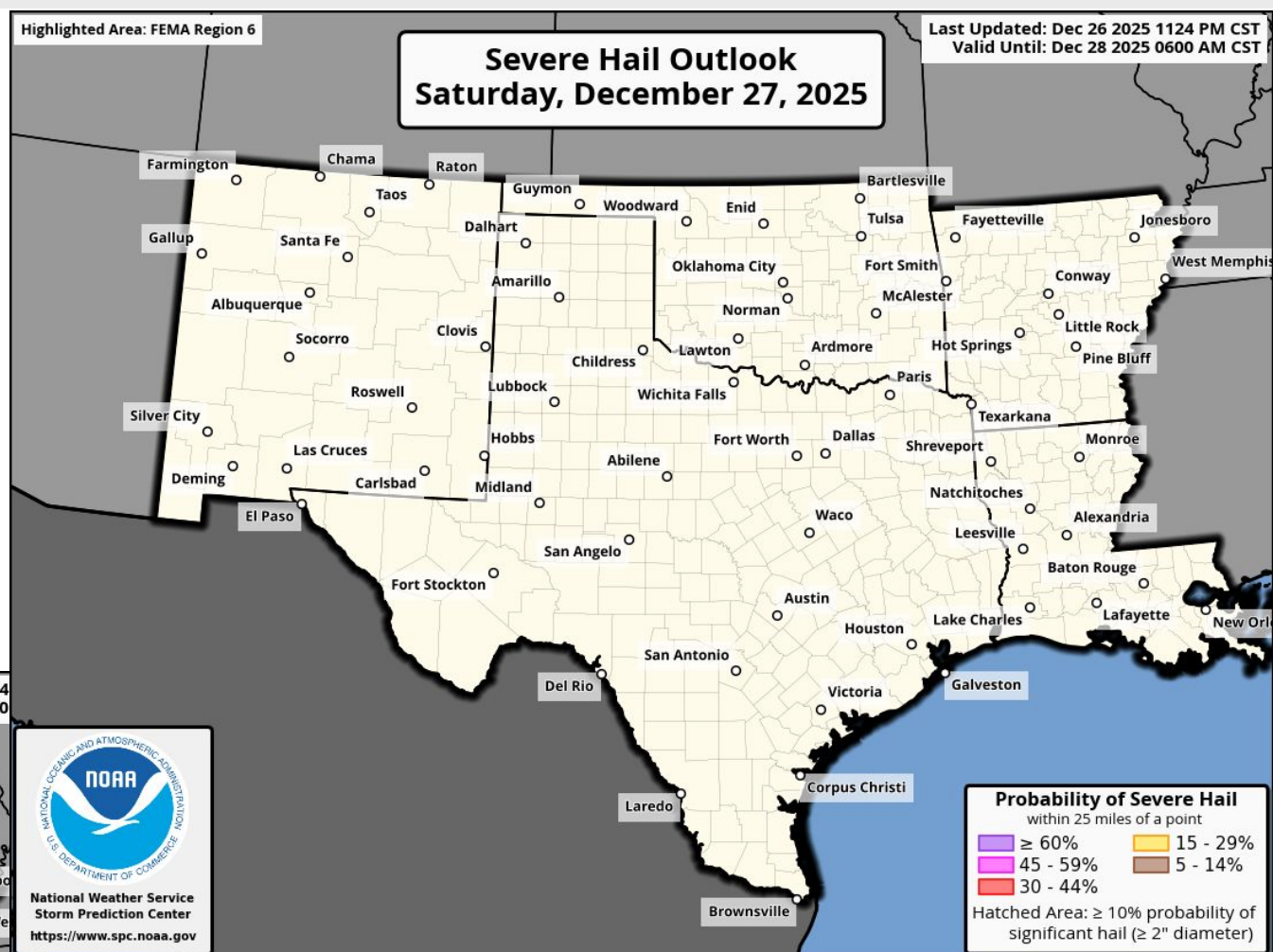
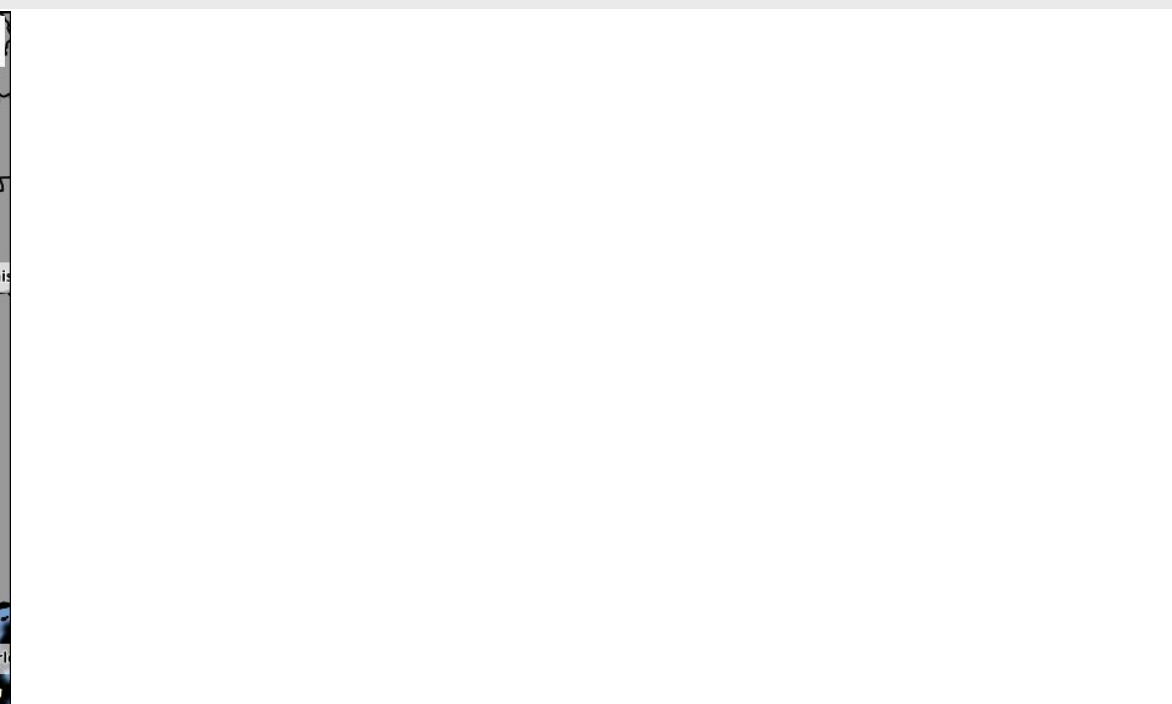
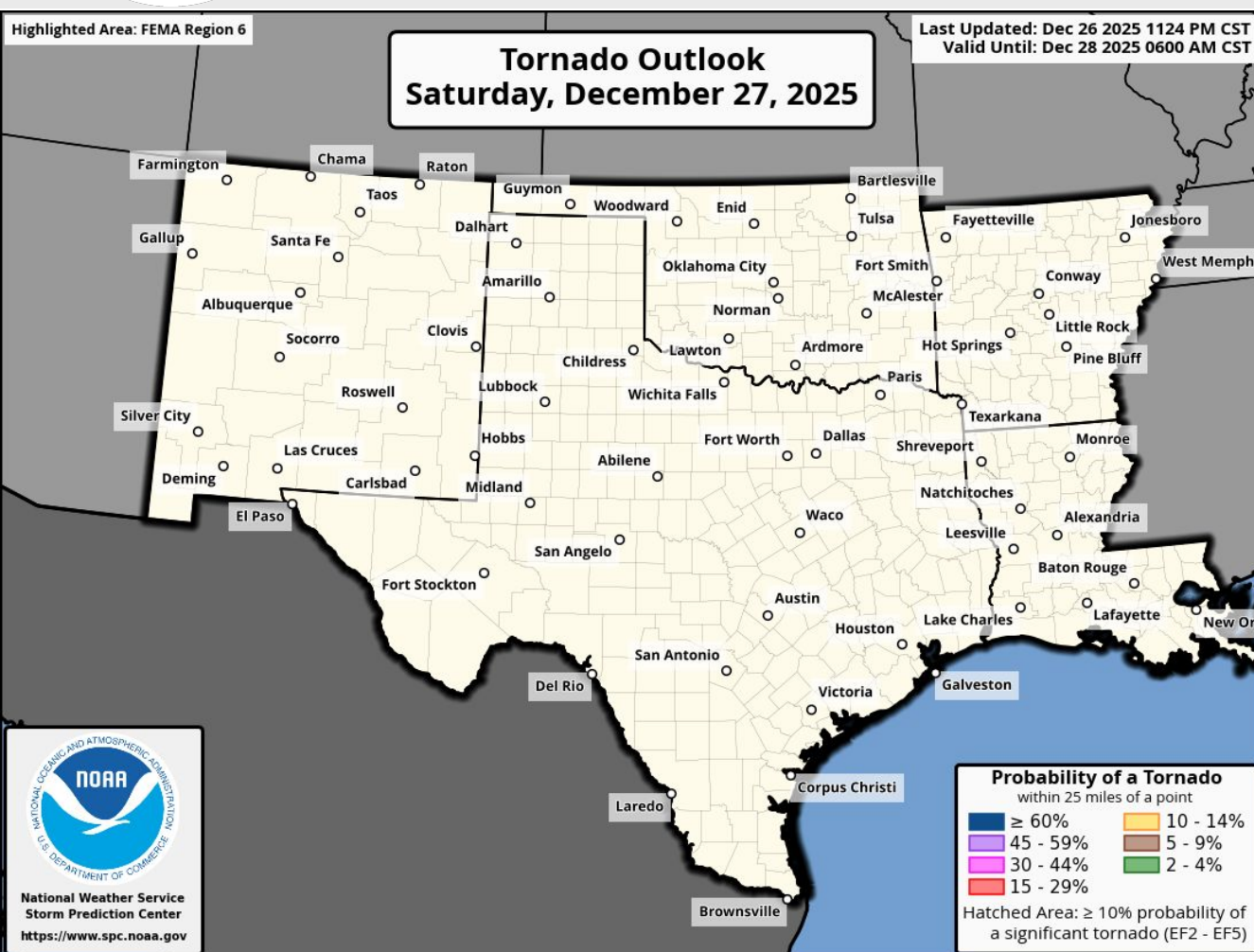
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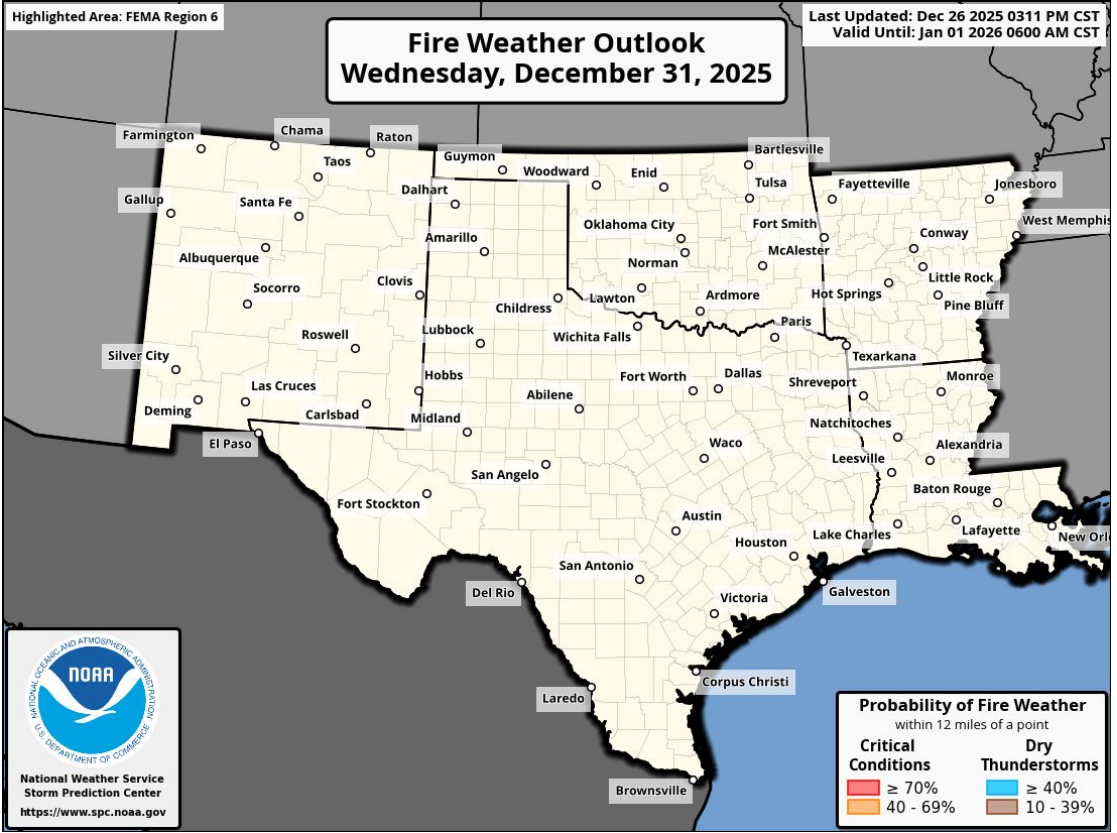
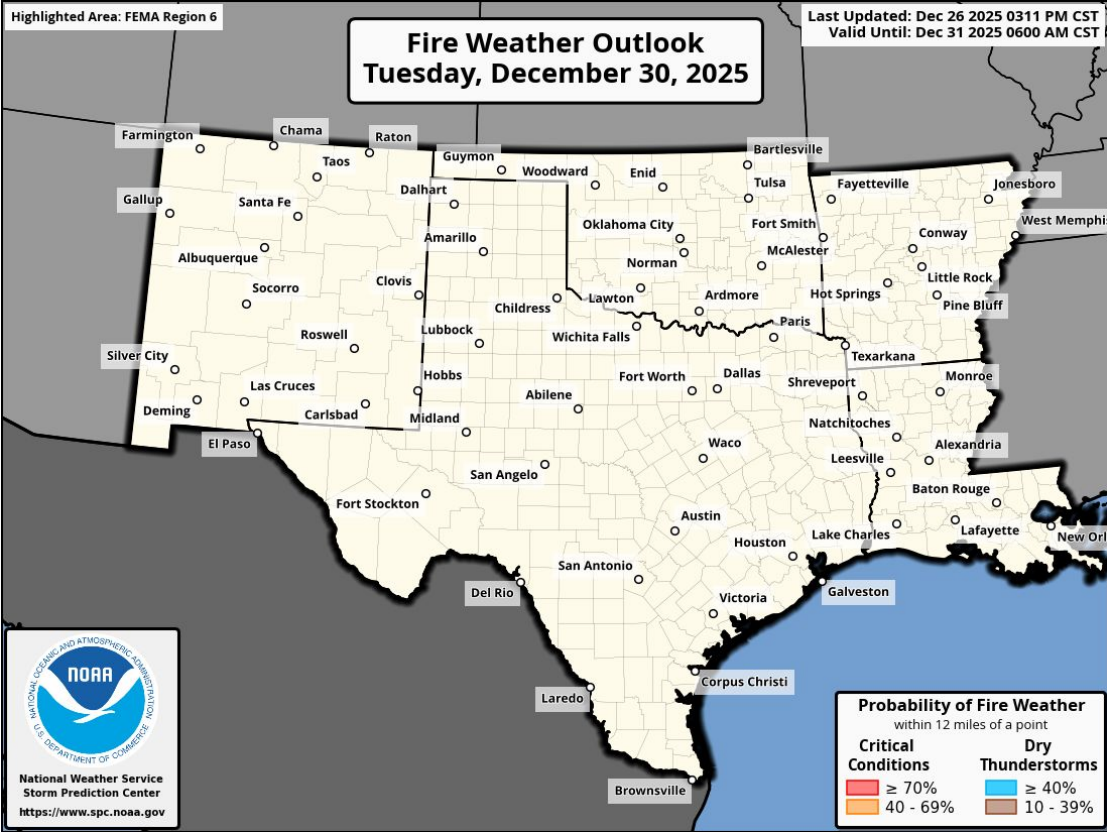
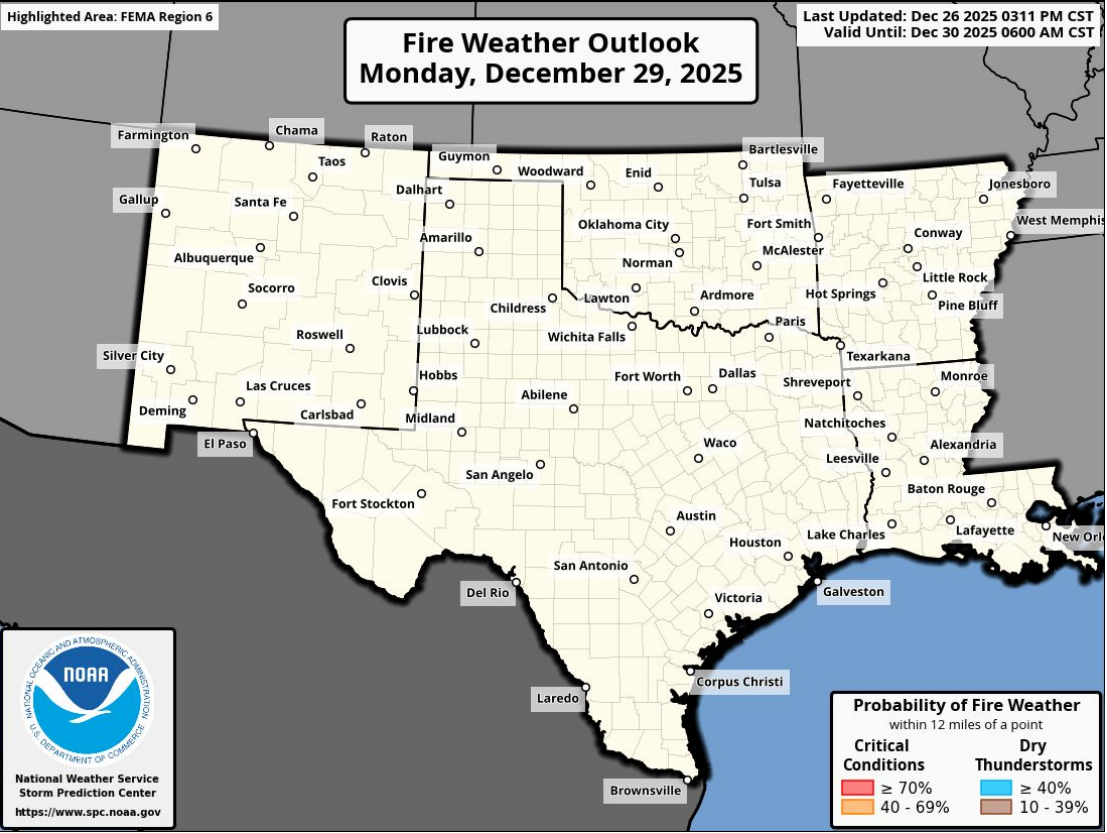
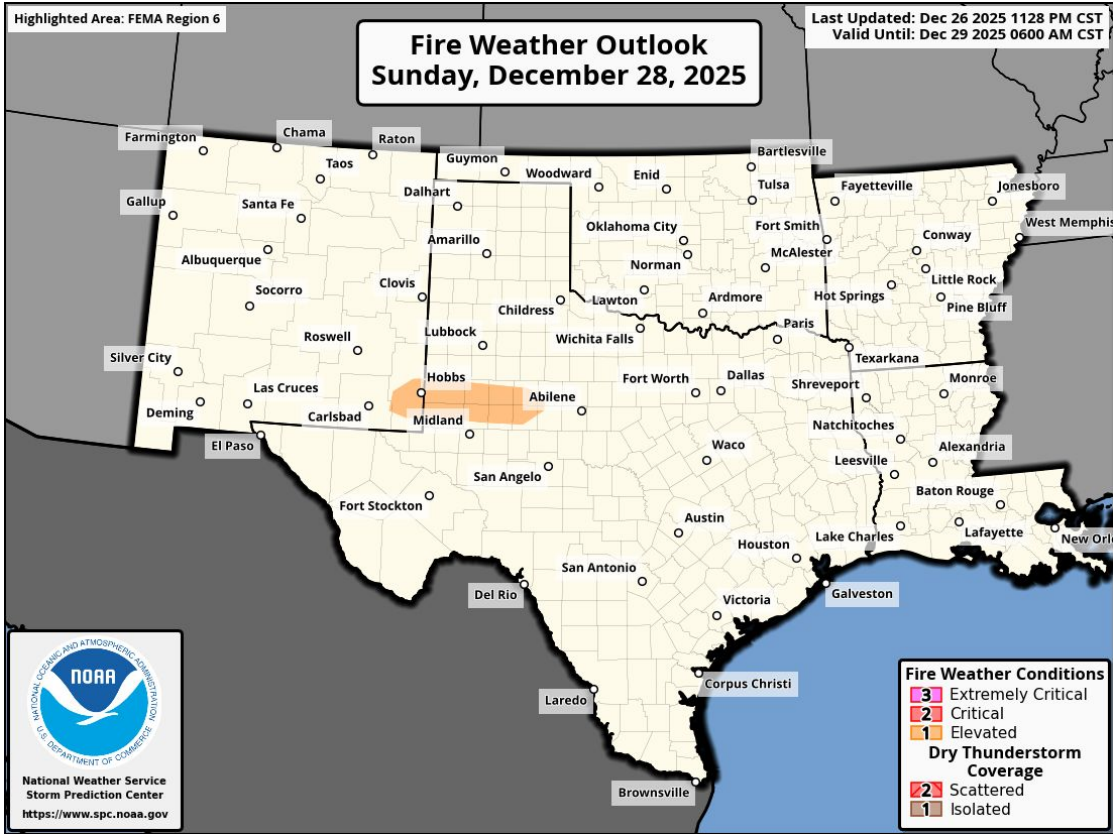
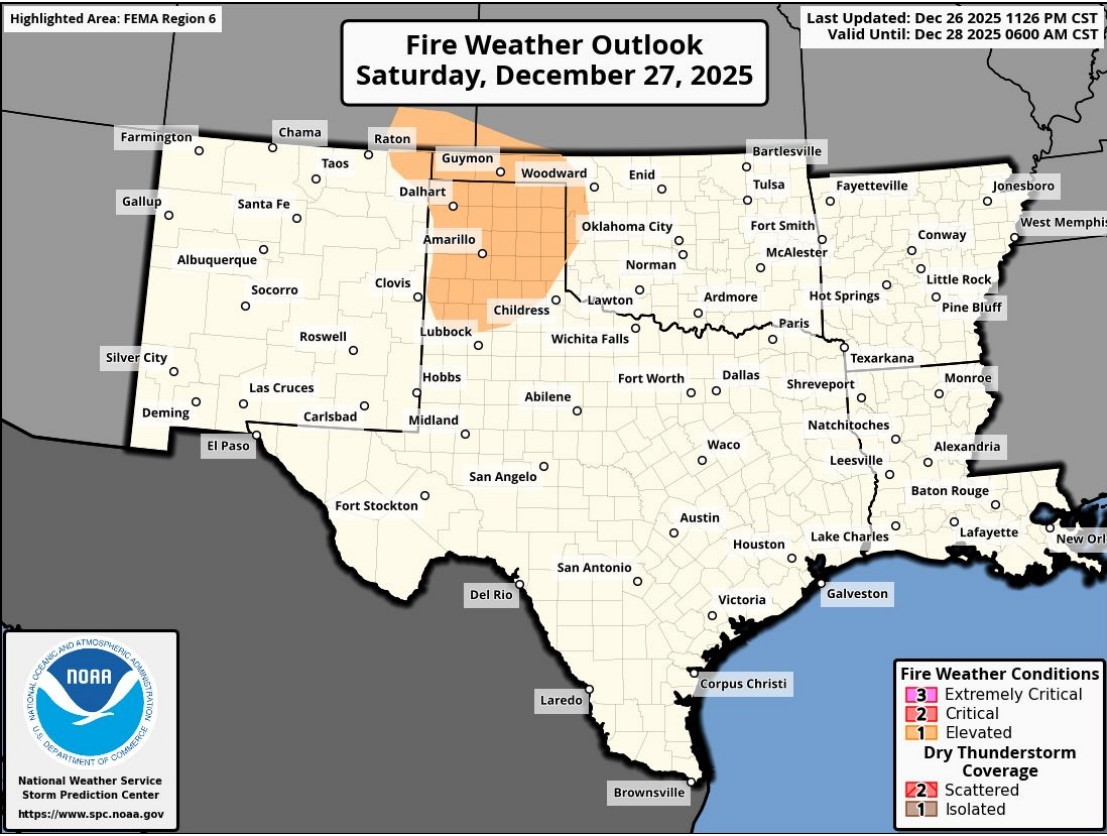
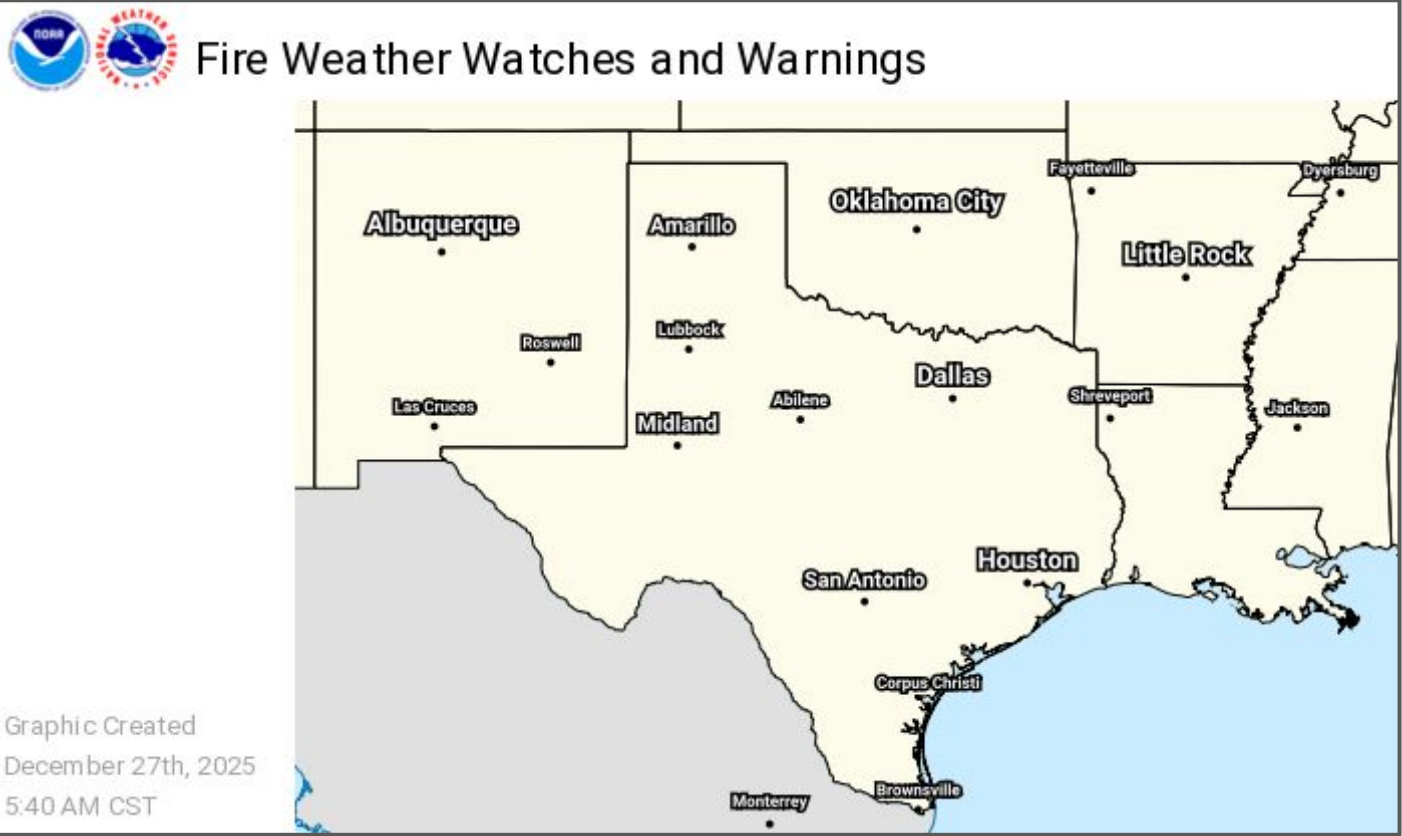
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







# Fire Weather Outlooks

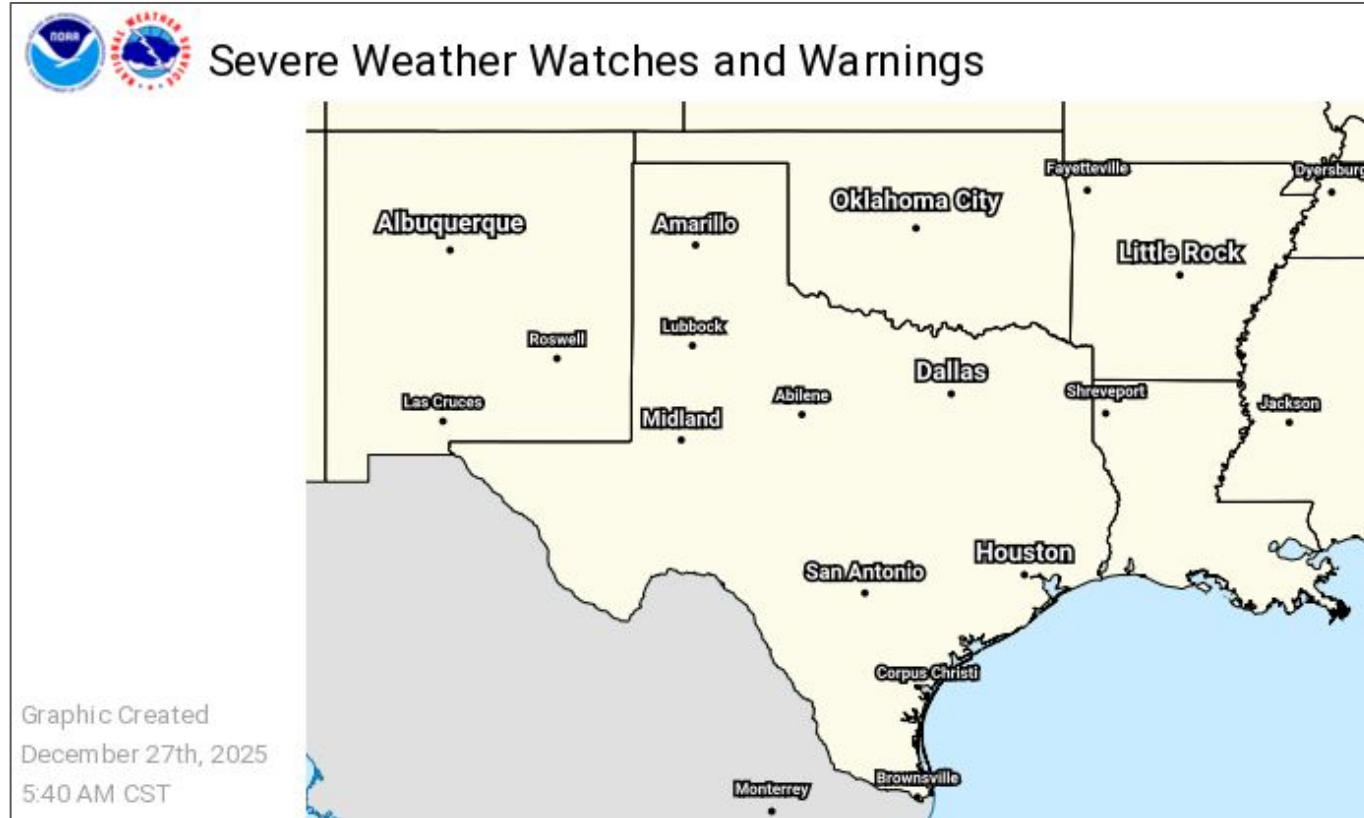




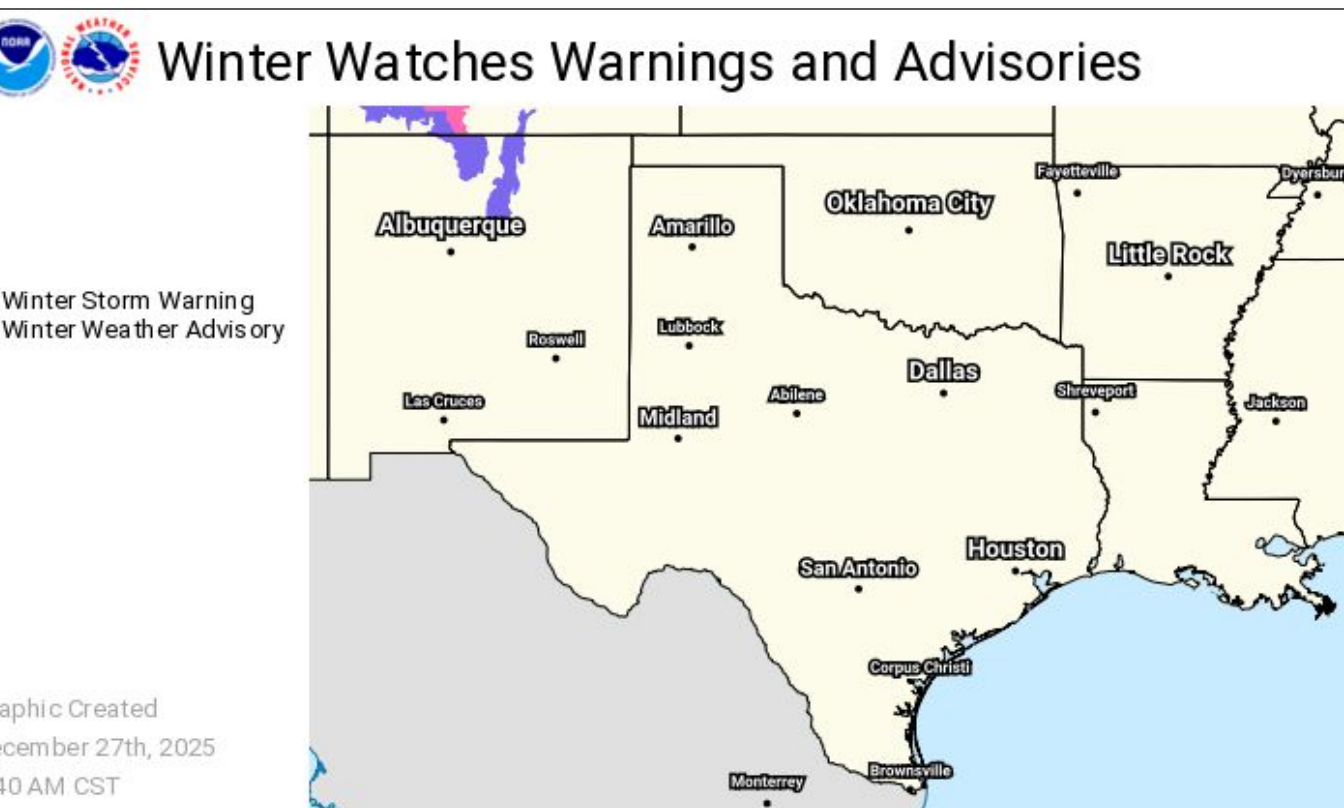


# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



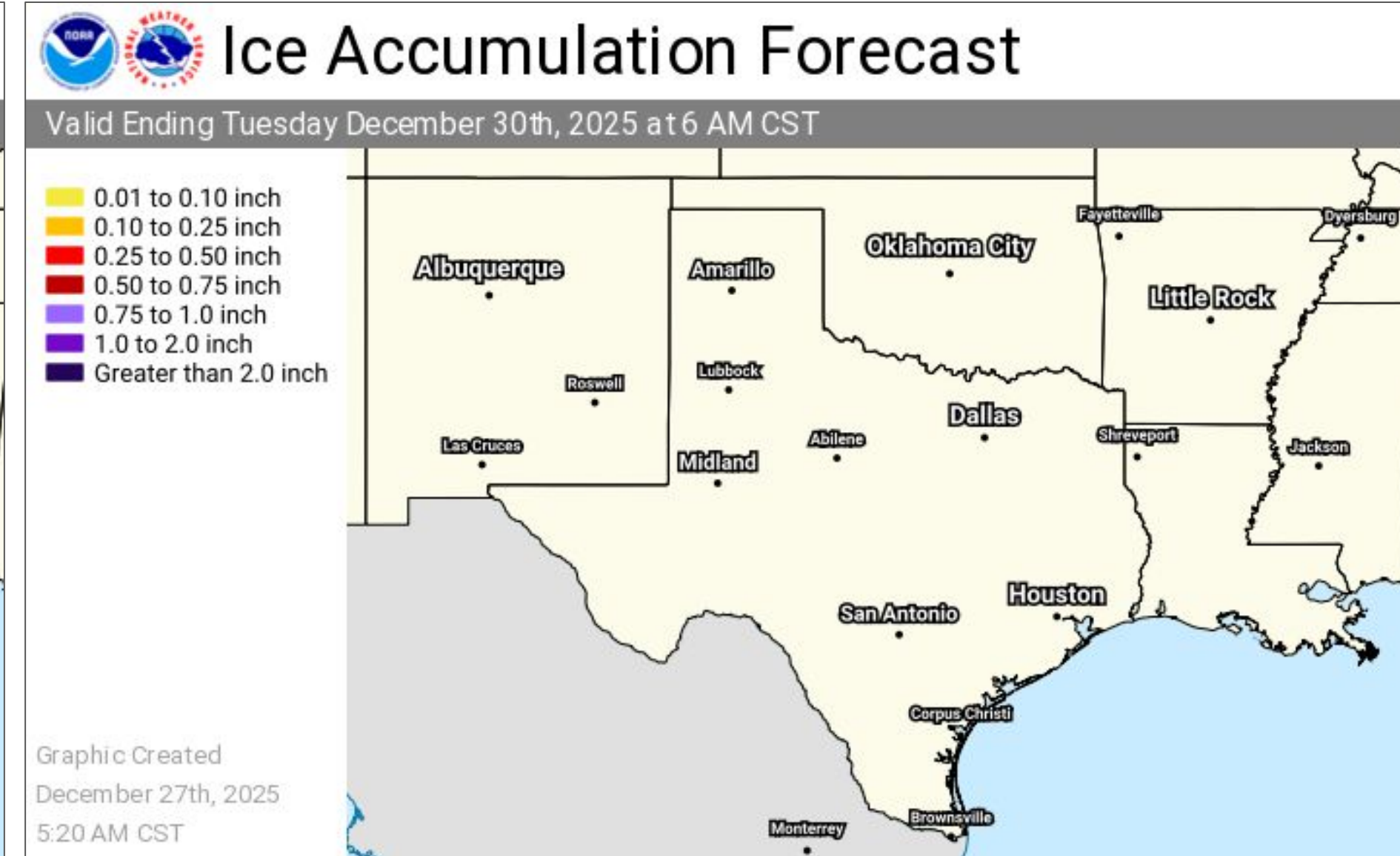
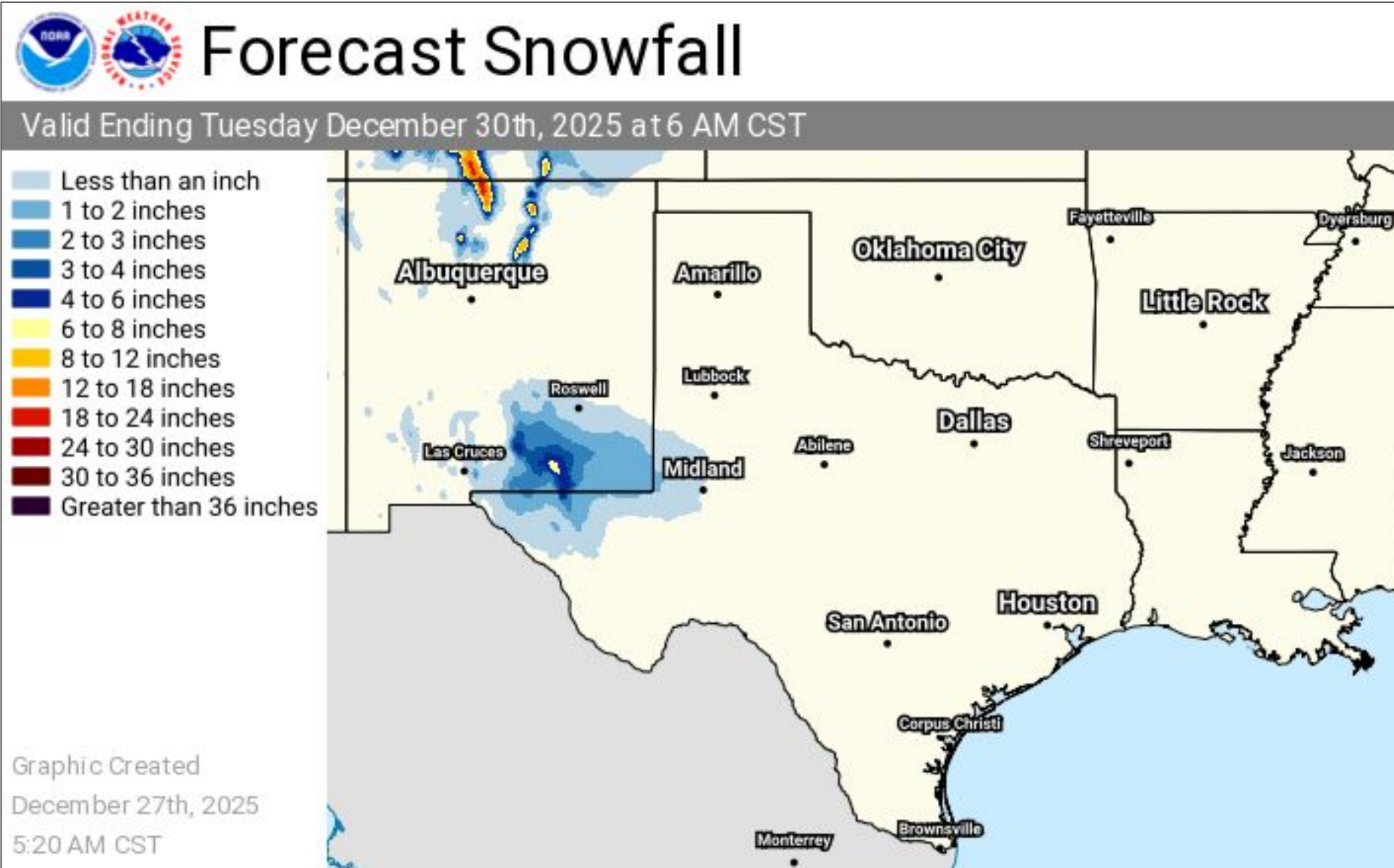
**Winter Weather Advisory  
for N NM valid through  
noon CT tomorrow. Total  
snow accumulations 1 to 5  
inches between 7500 and  
9000 feet and 6 to 12  
inches above 9000 feet.  
Winds gusting as high as  
35 mph.**





# Winter Weather

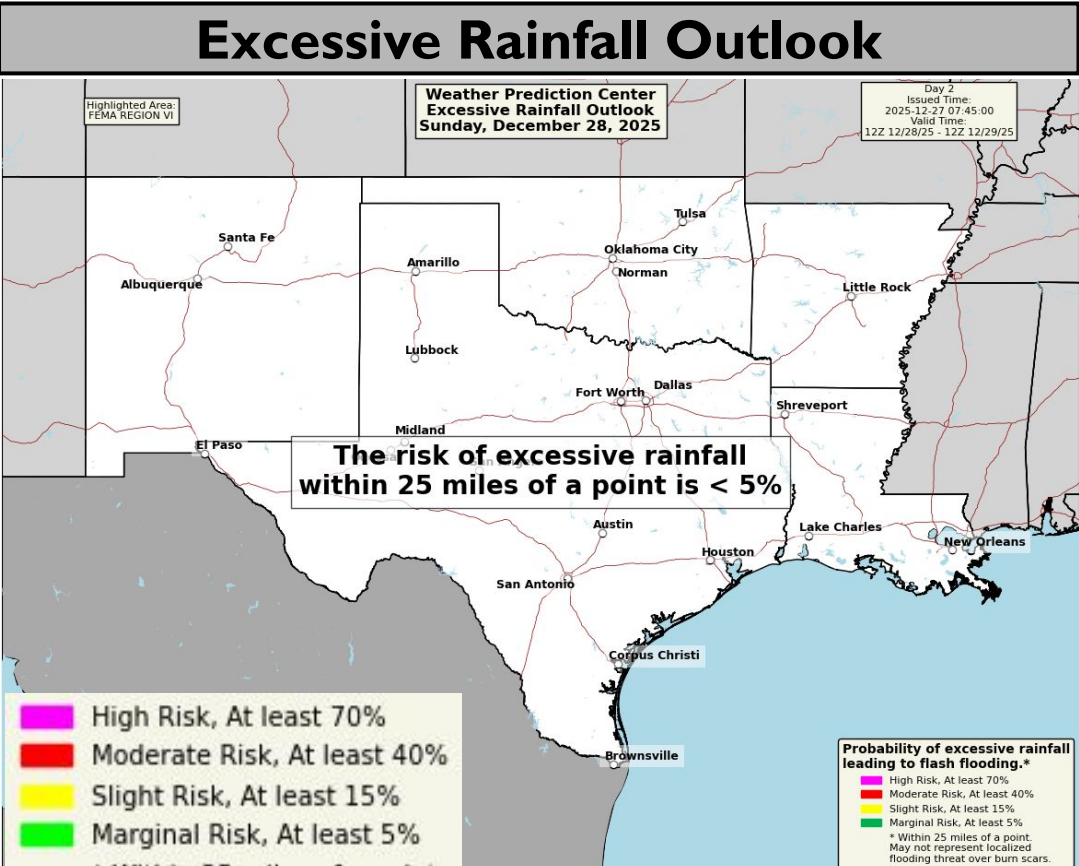
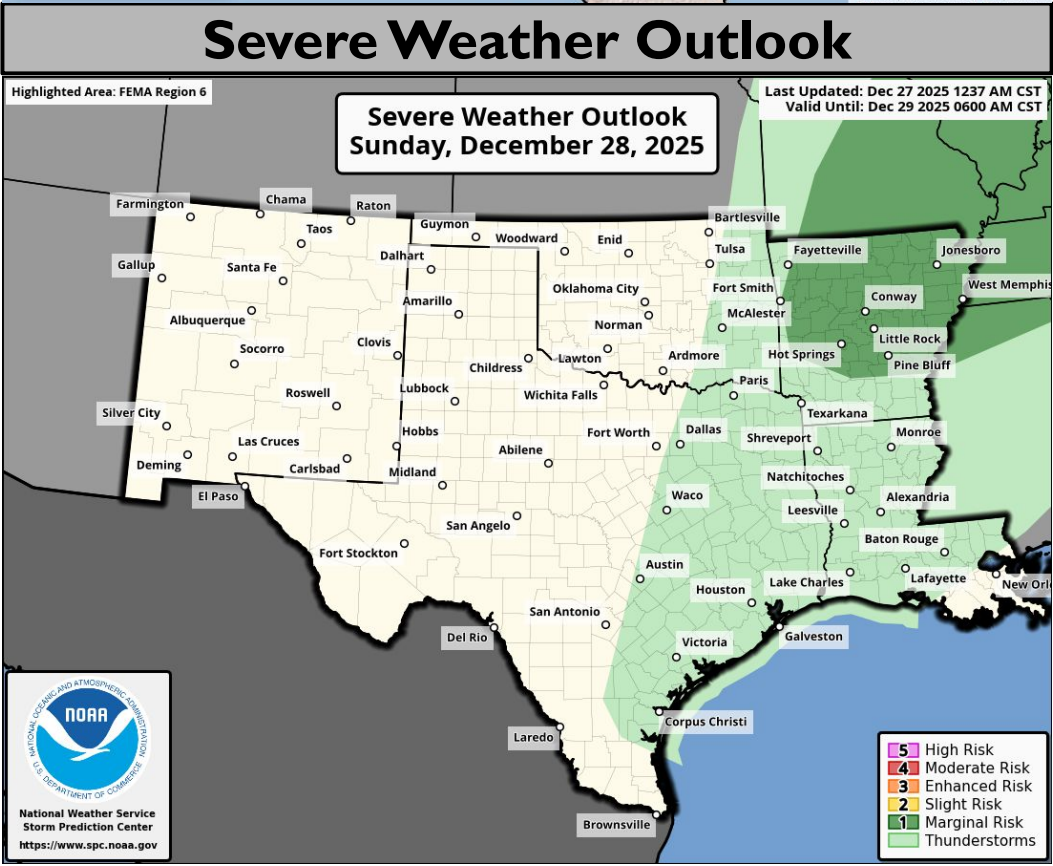
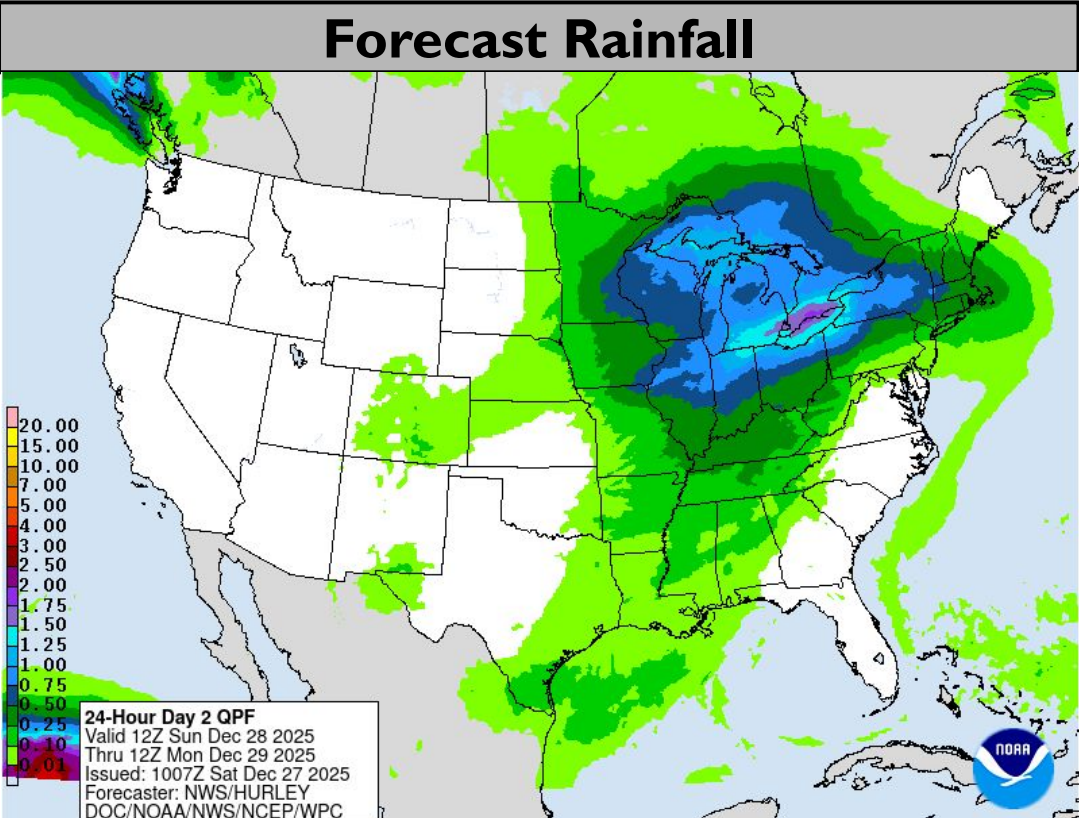
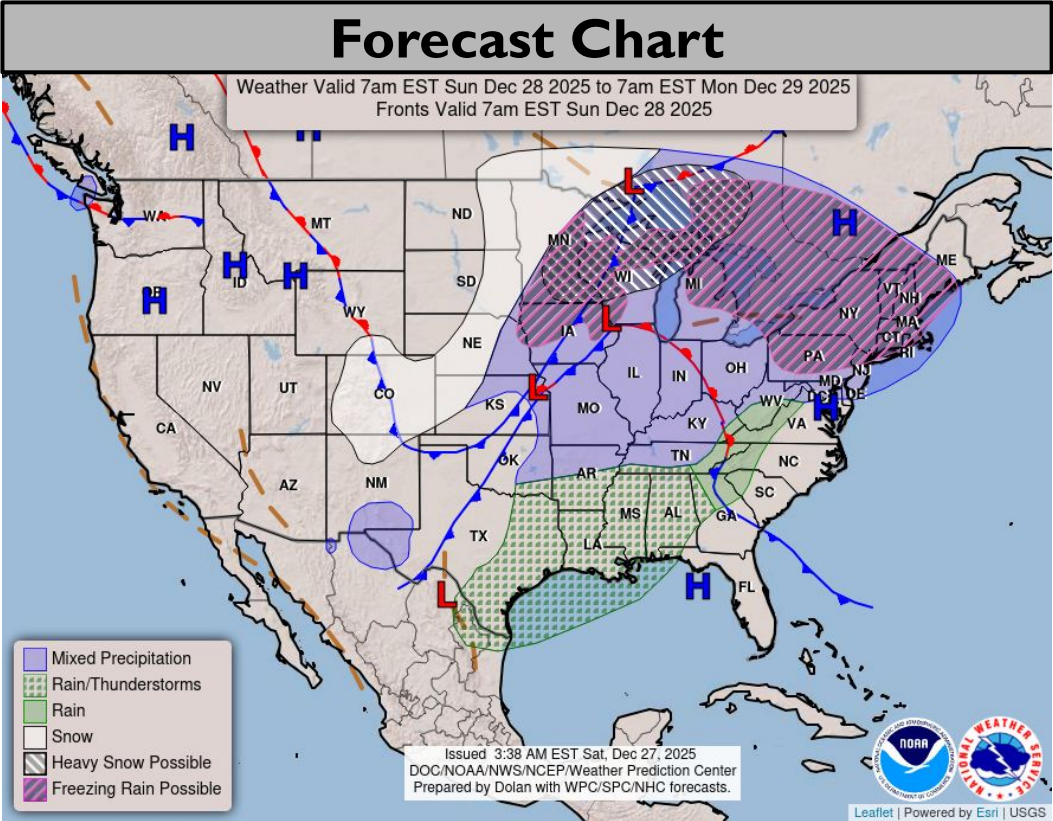
Through the next 3 days







# Tomorrow's Weather



**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over AR.**

**Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns tomorrow in E NM, W TX.**

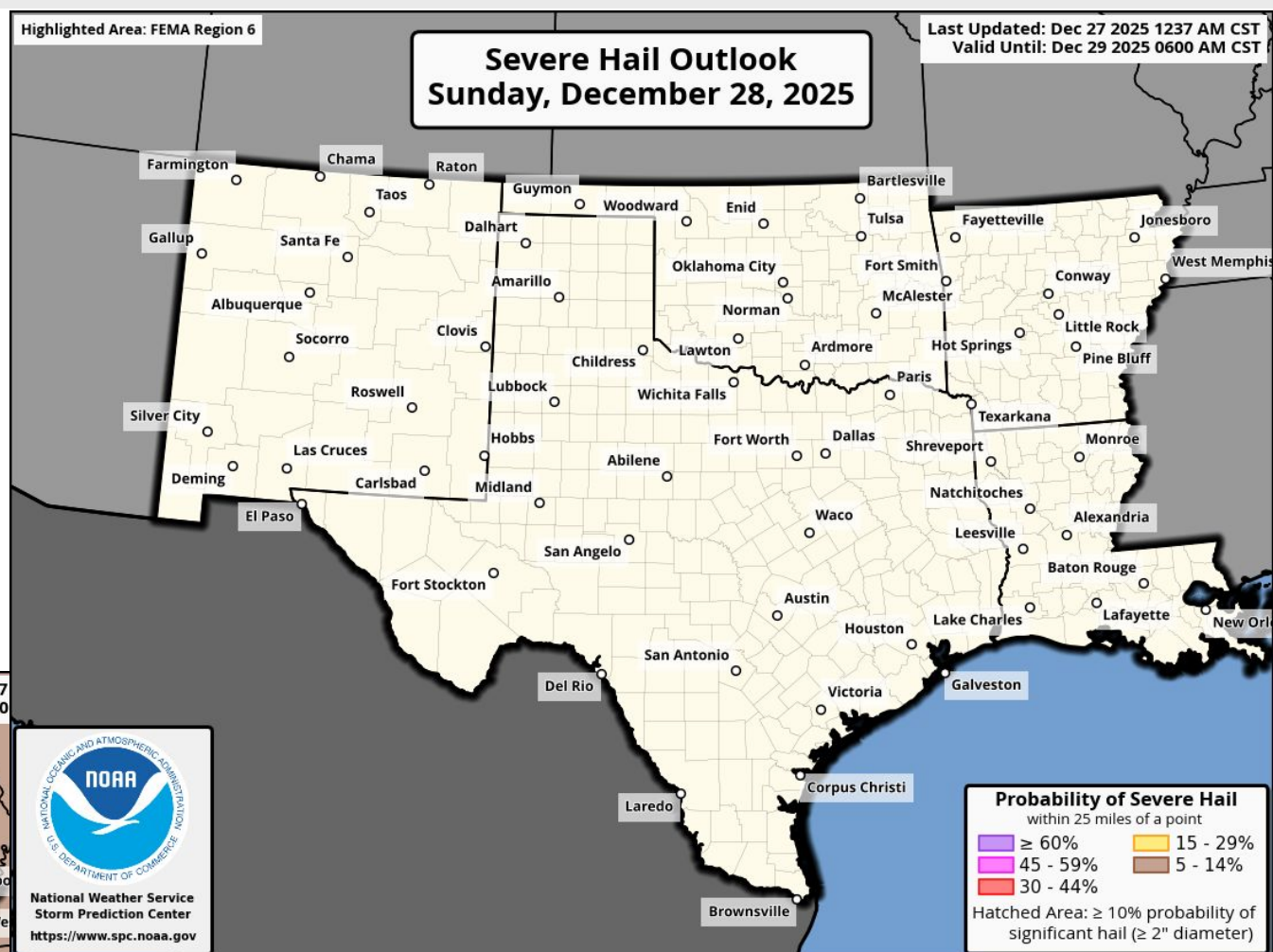
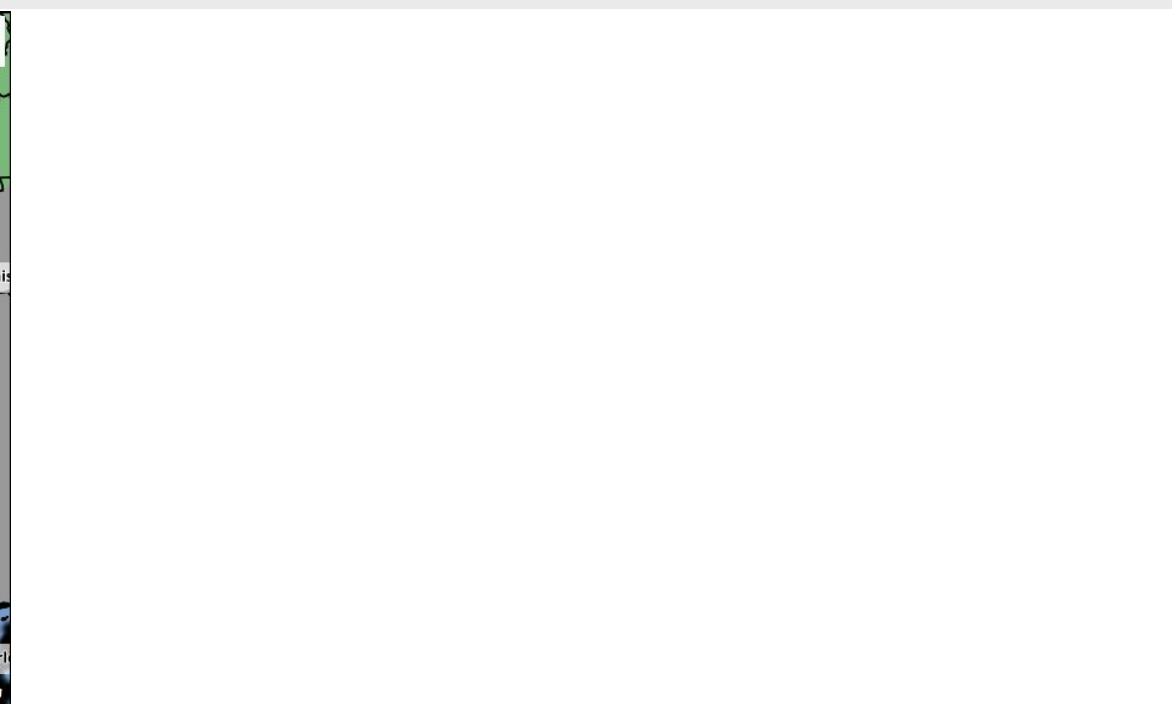
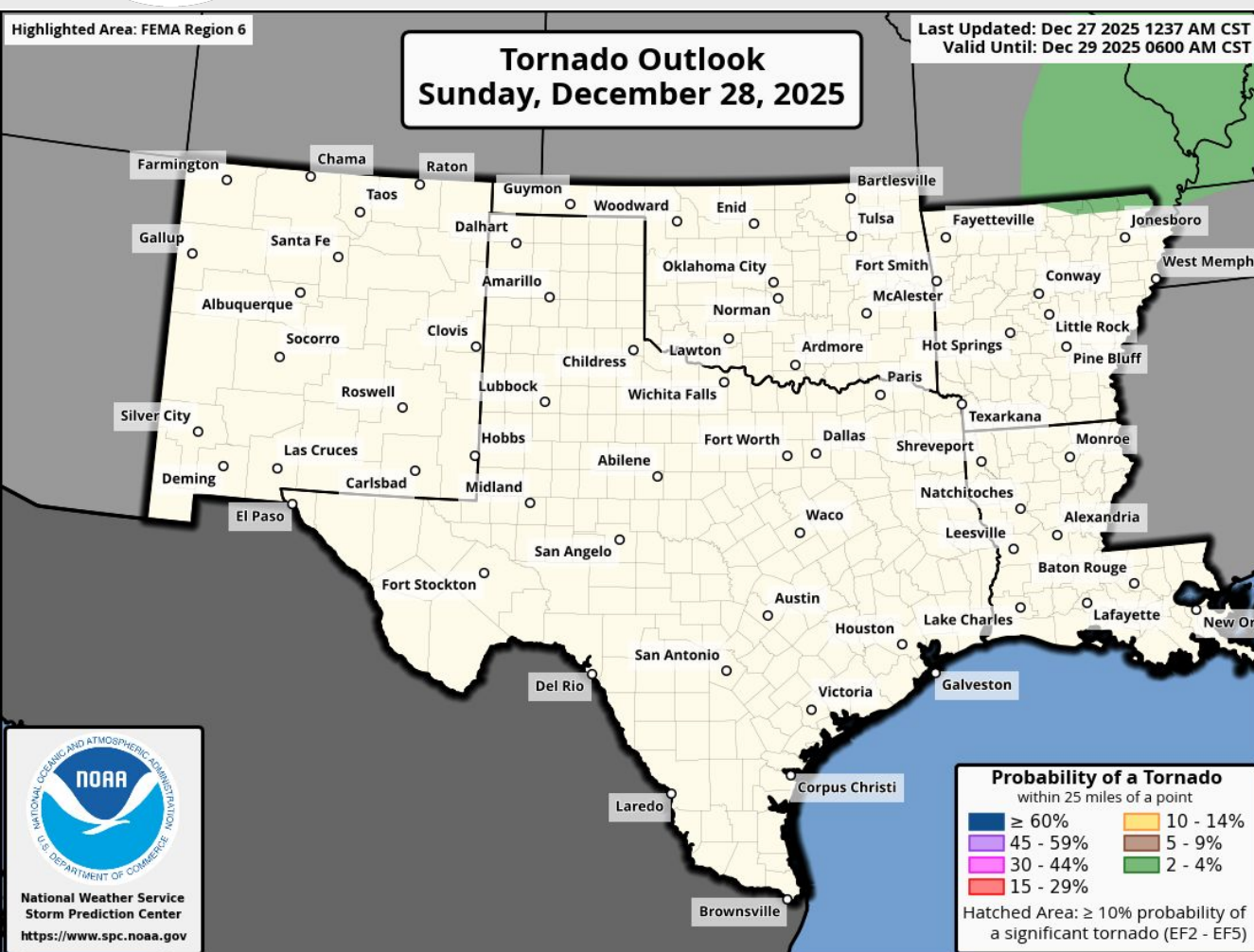
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# Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

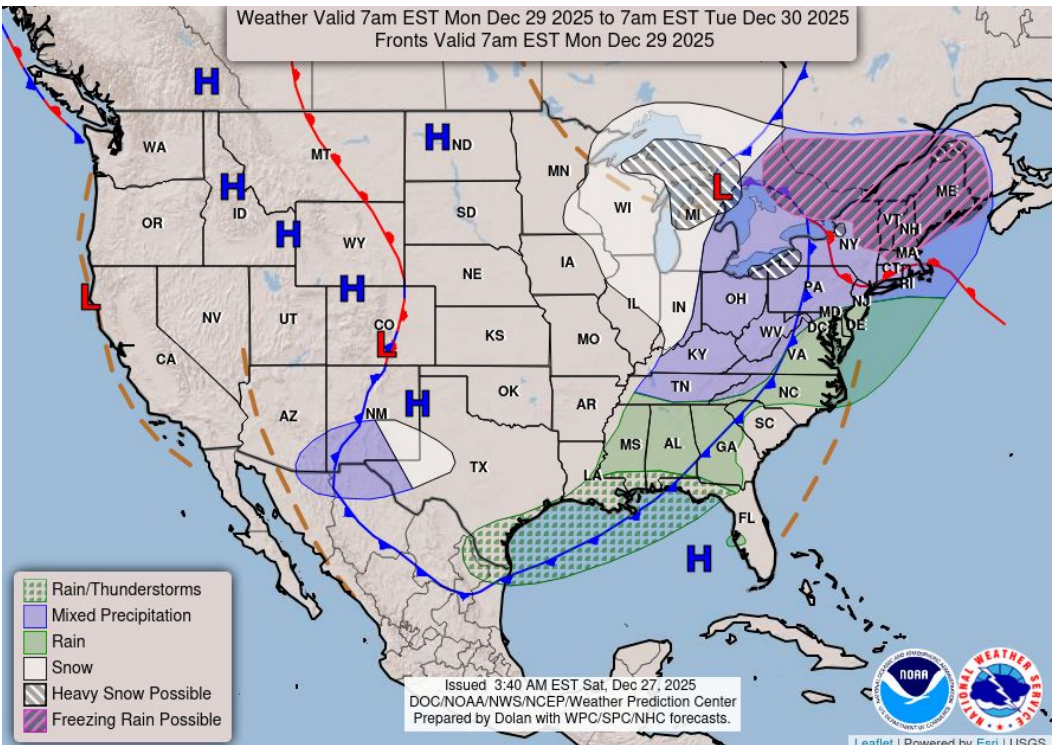




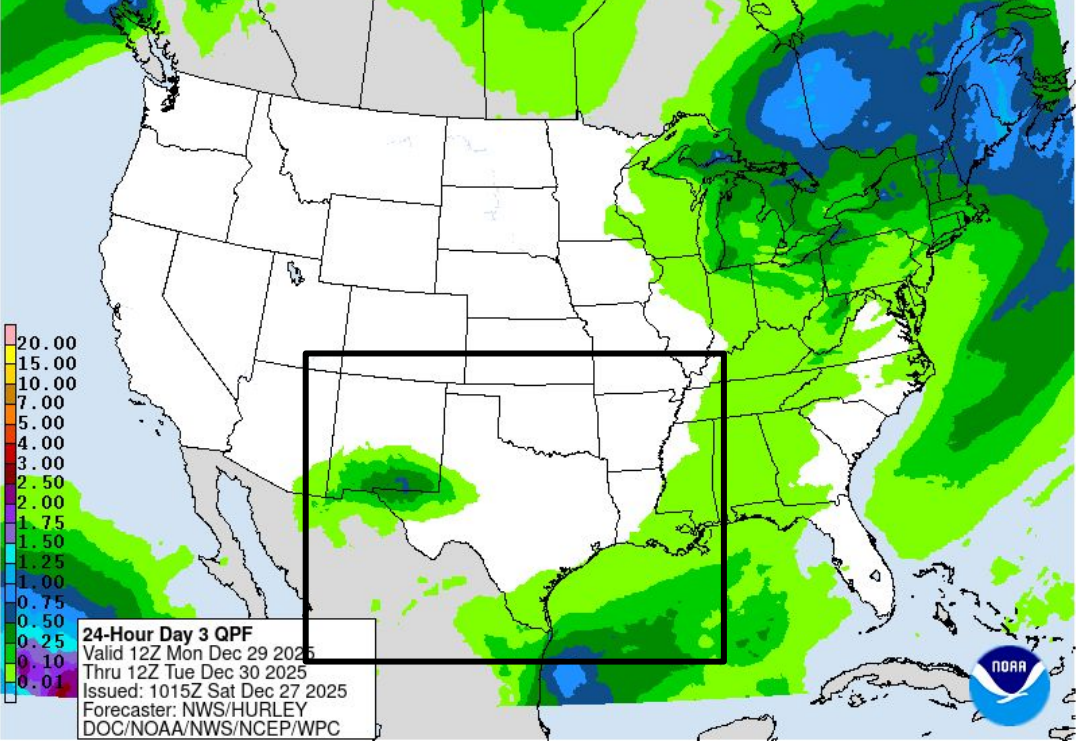


# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

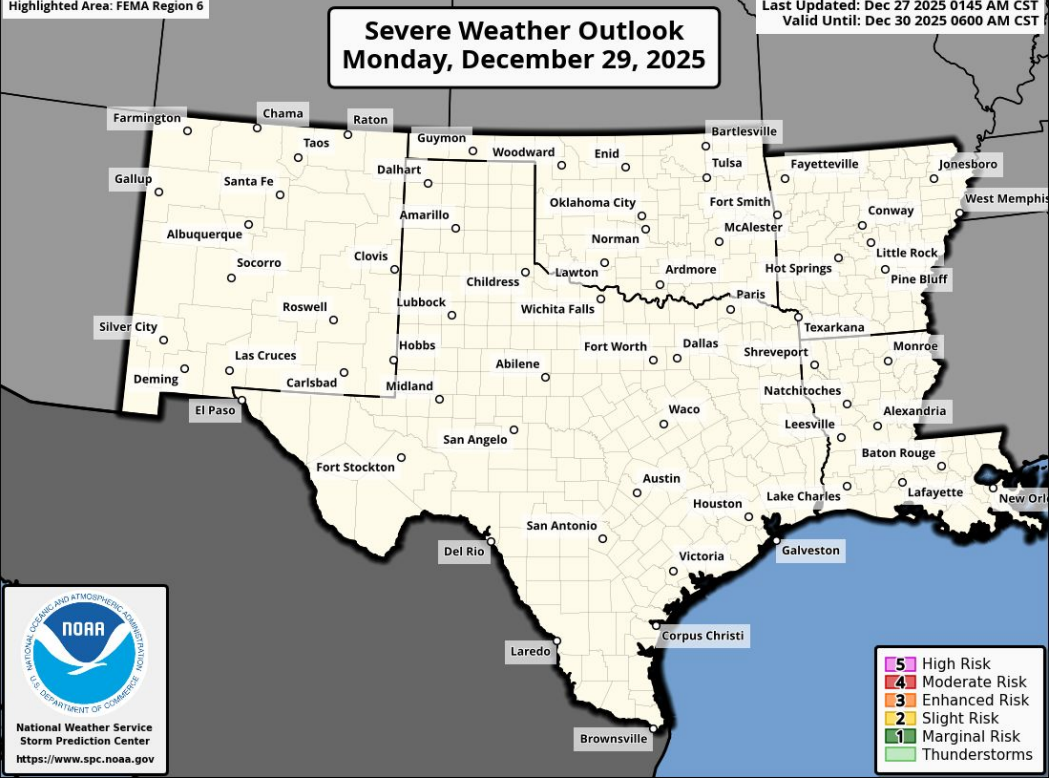


## Forecast Rainfall

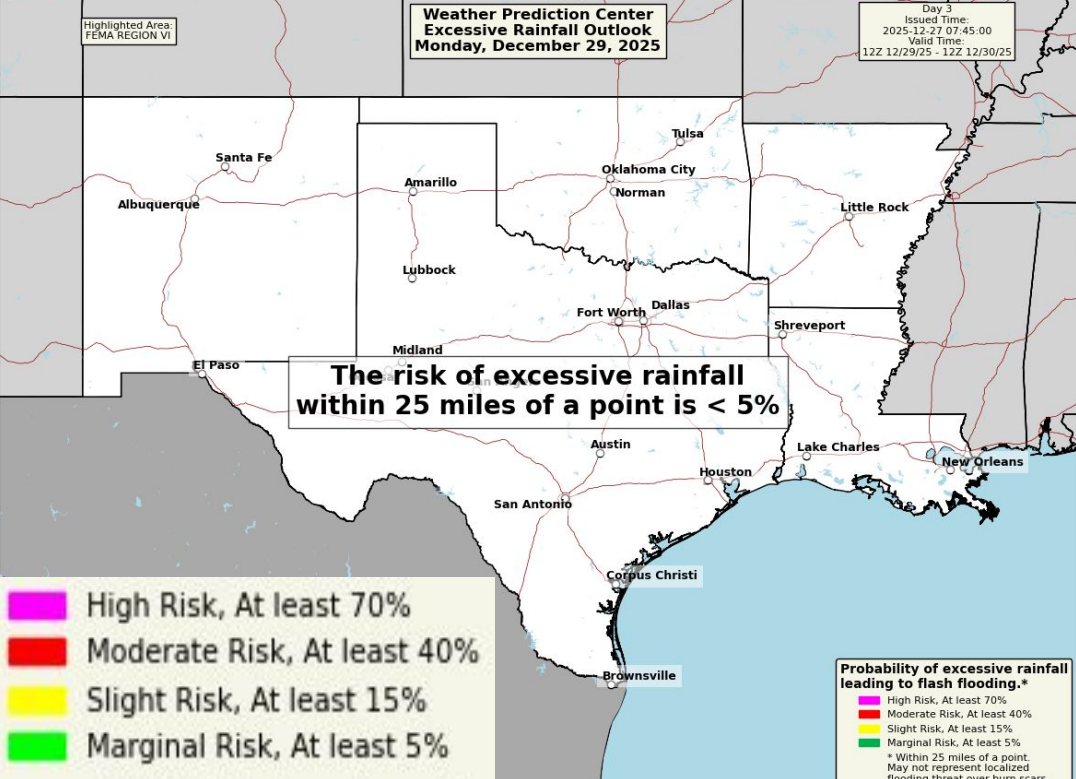


**Monitoring potential for snow in  
S NM and W TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

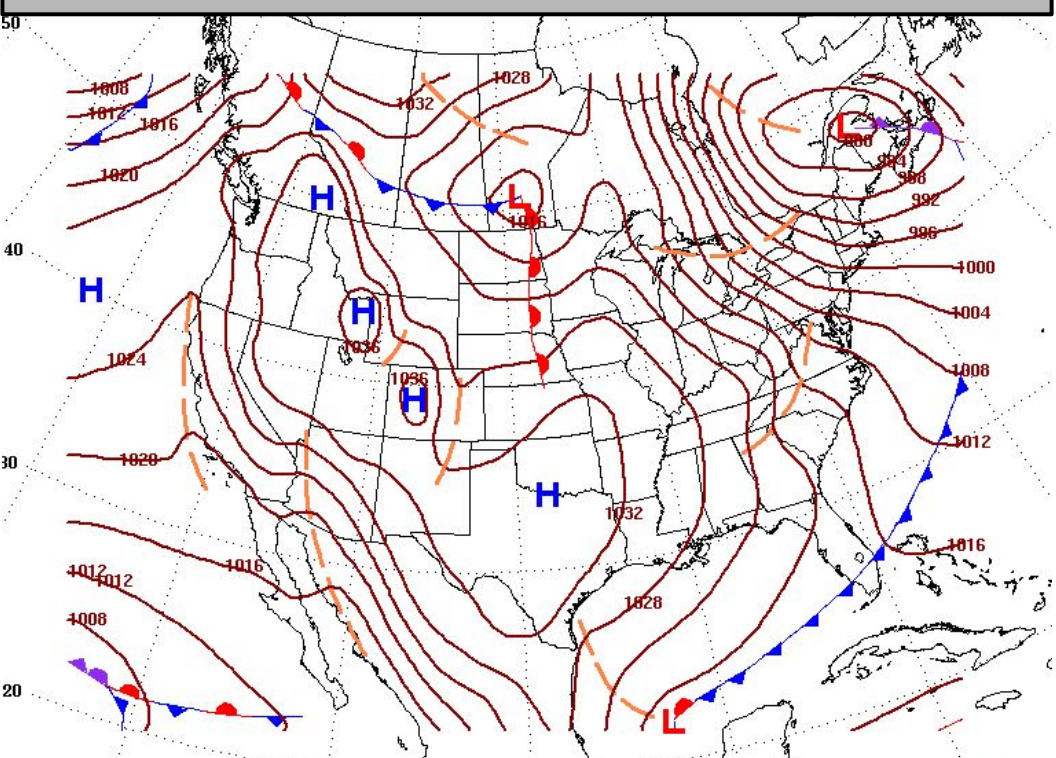




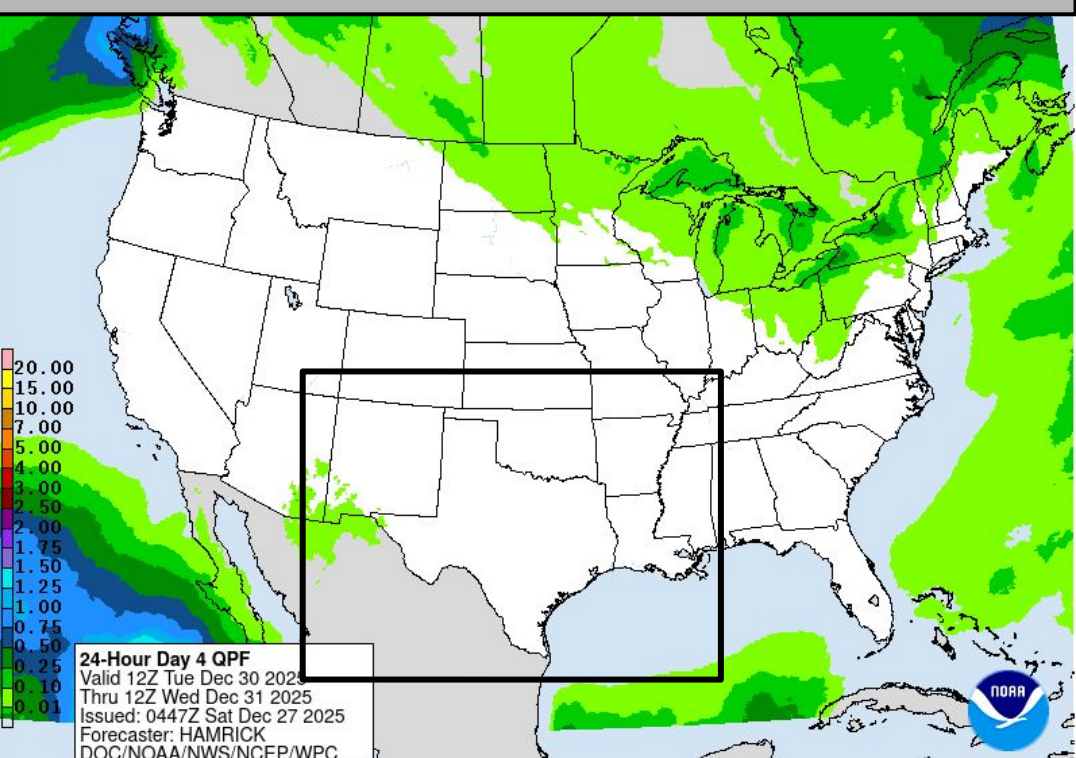


# Tuesday's Weather

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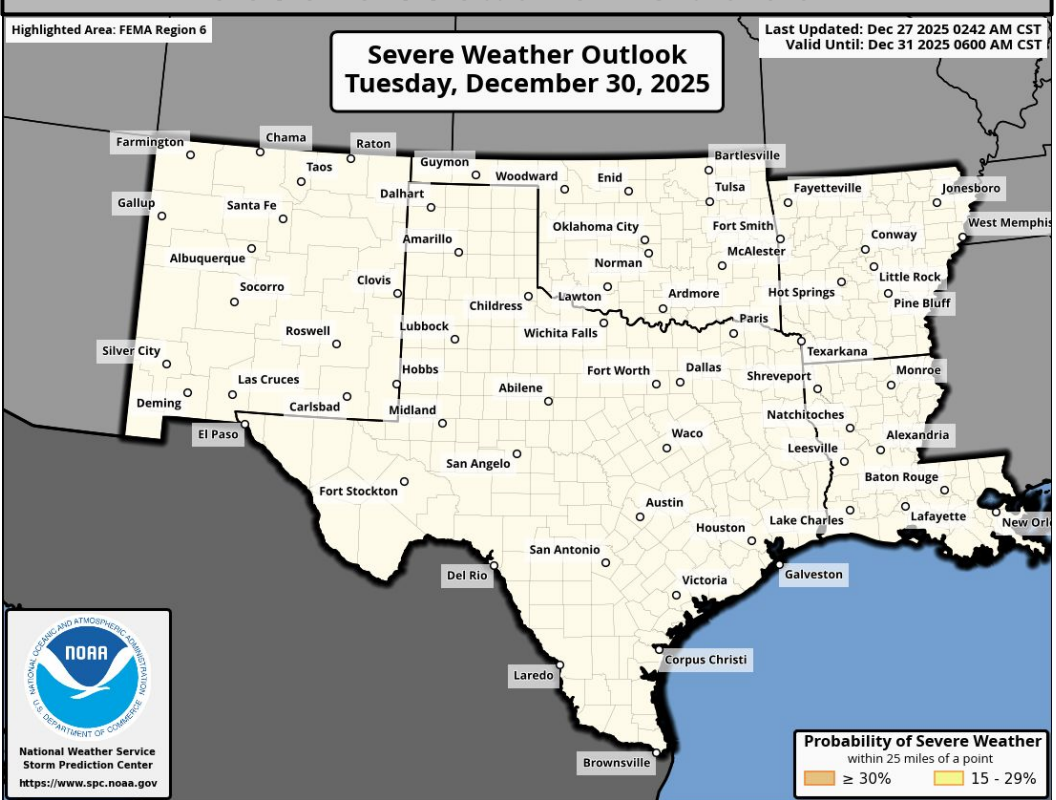


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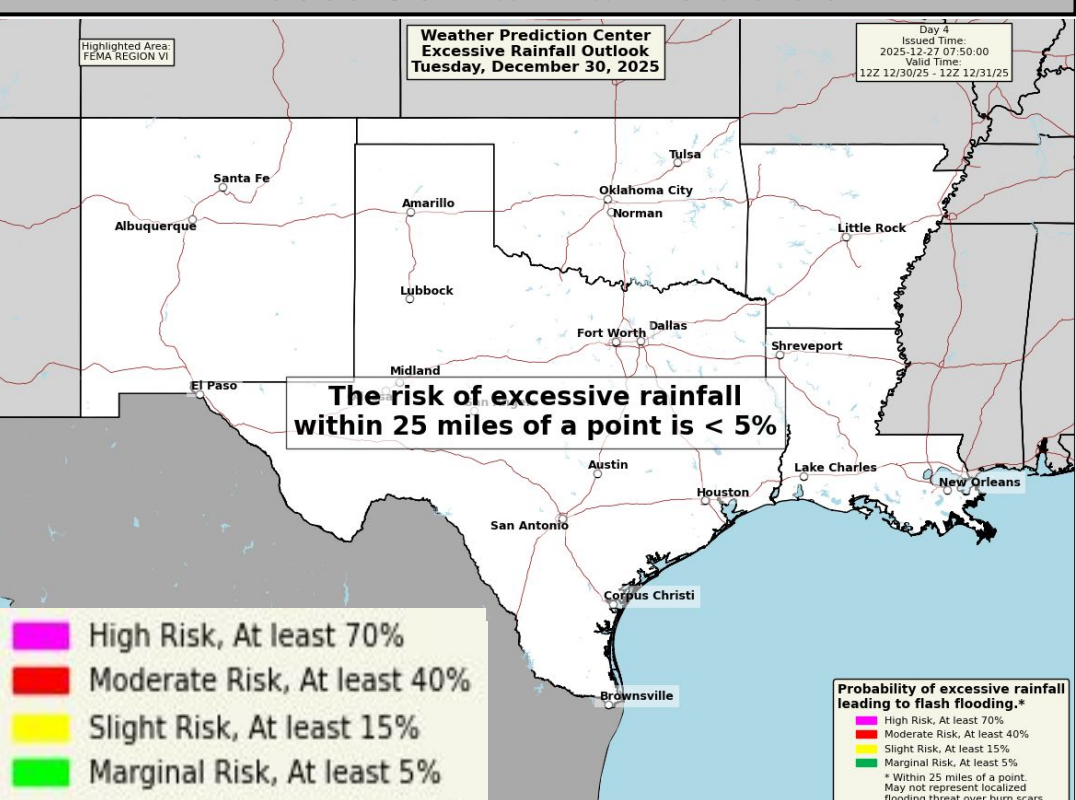


Monitoring potential for snow in S NM and W TX in the morning.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

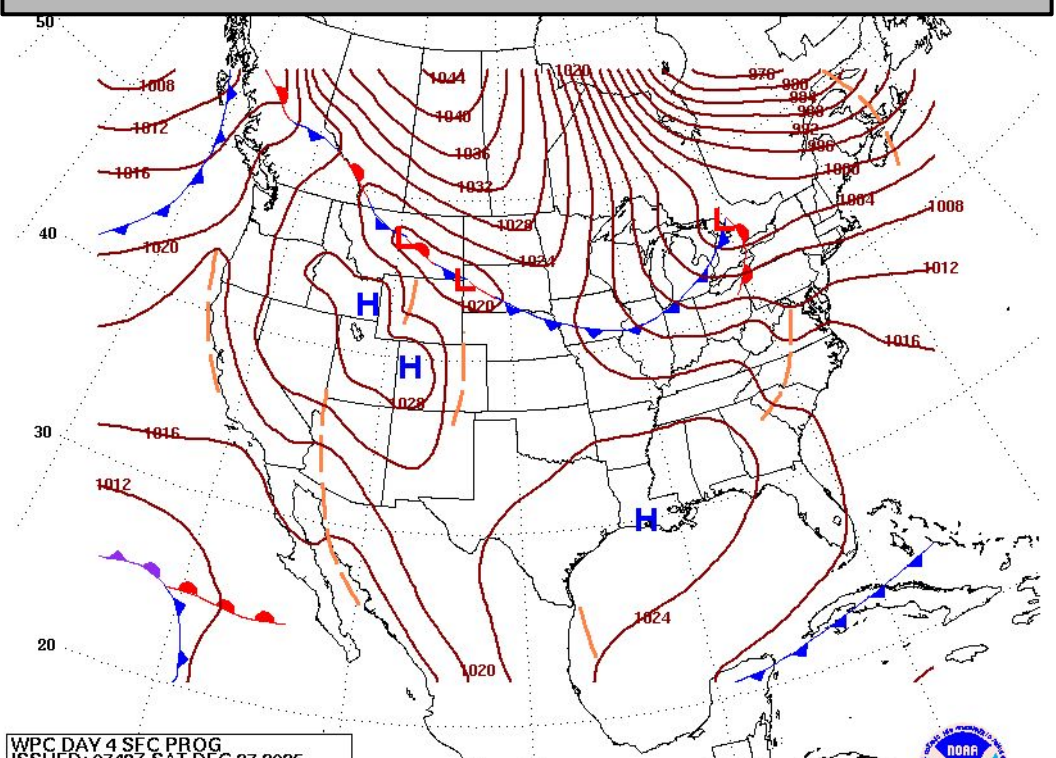






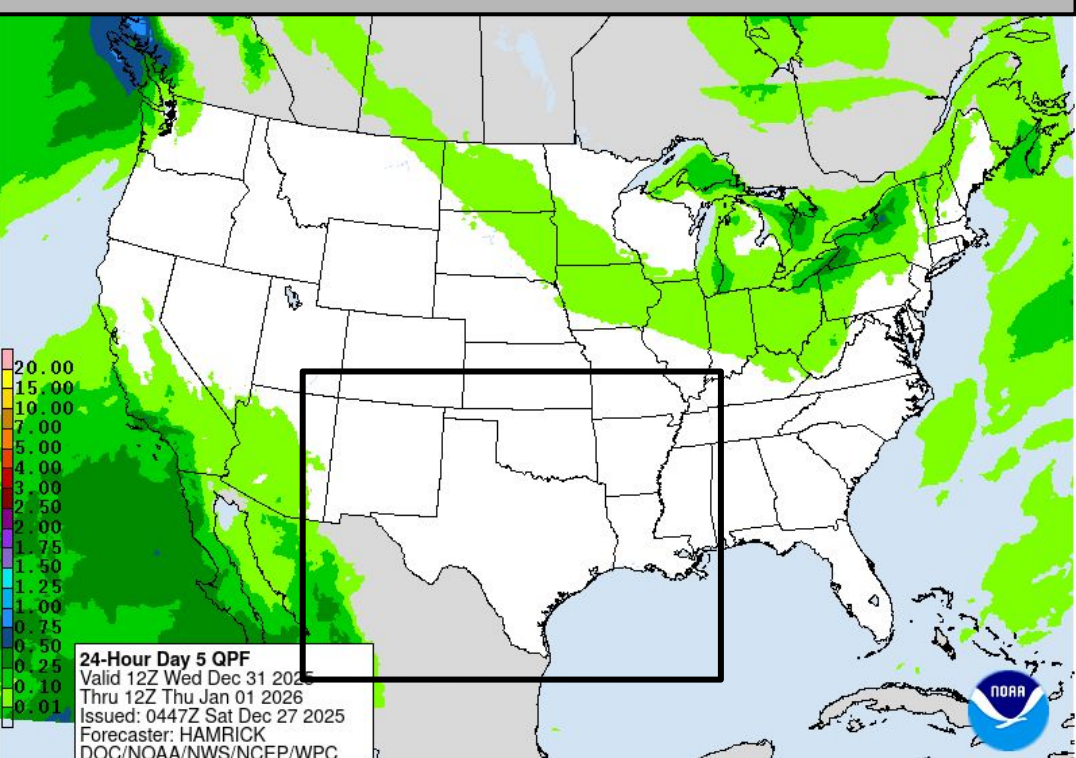
# Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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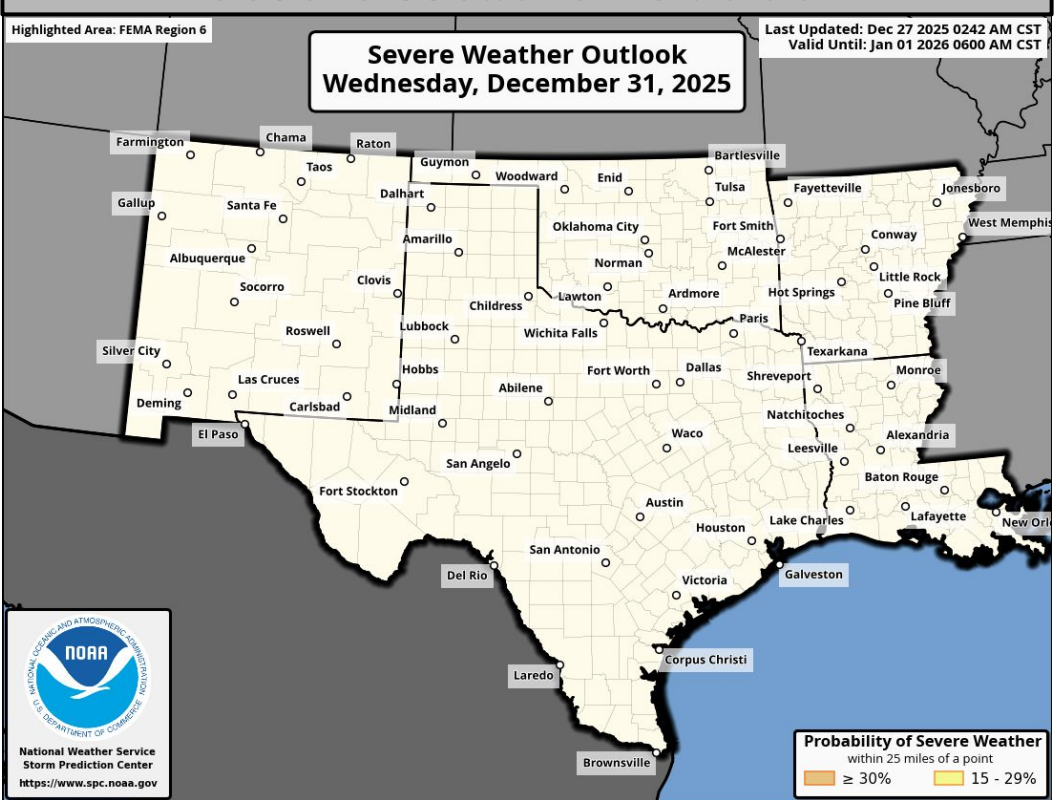
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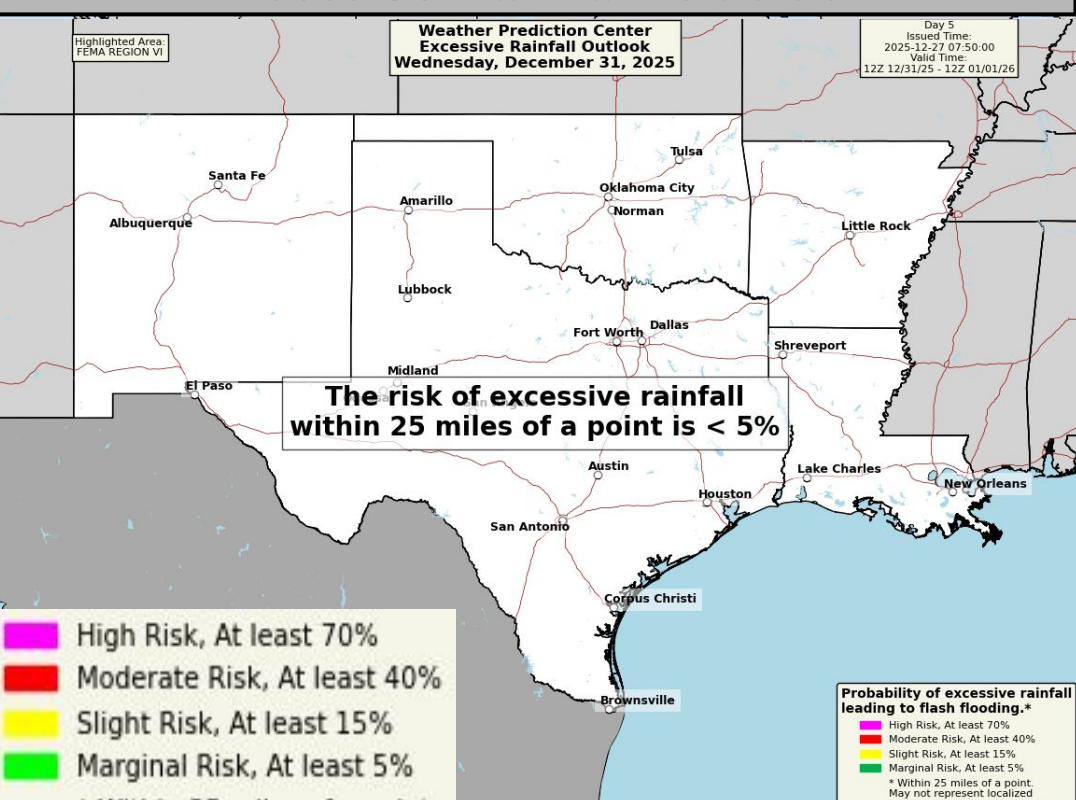
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Thru 12Z Thu Jan 01 2026  
Issued: 0447Z Sat Dec 27 2025  
Forecaster: HAMRICK  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding.\*  
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
\* Within 25 miles of a point  
May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars

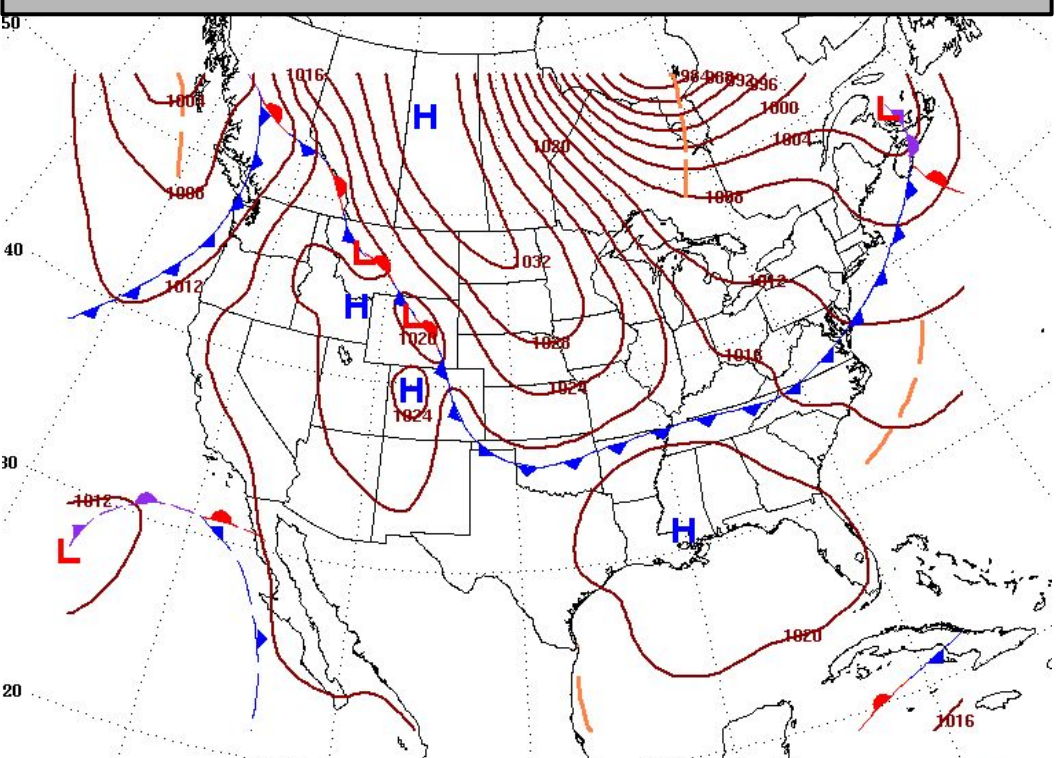




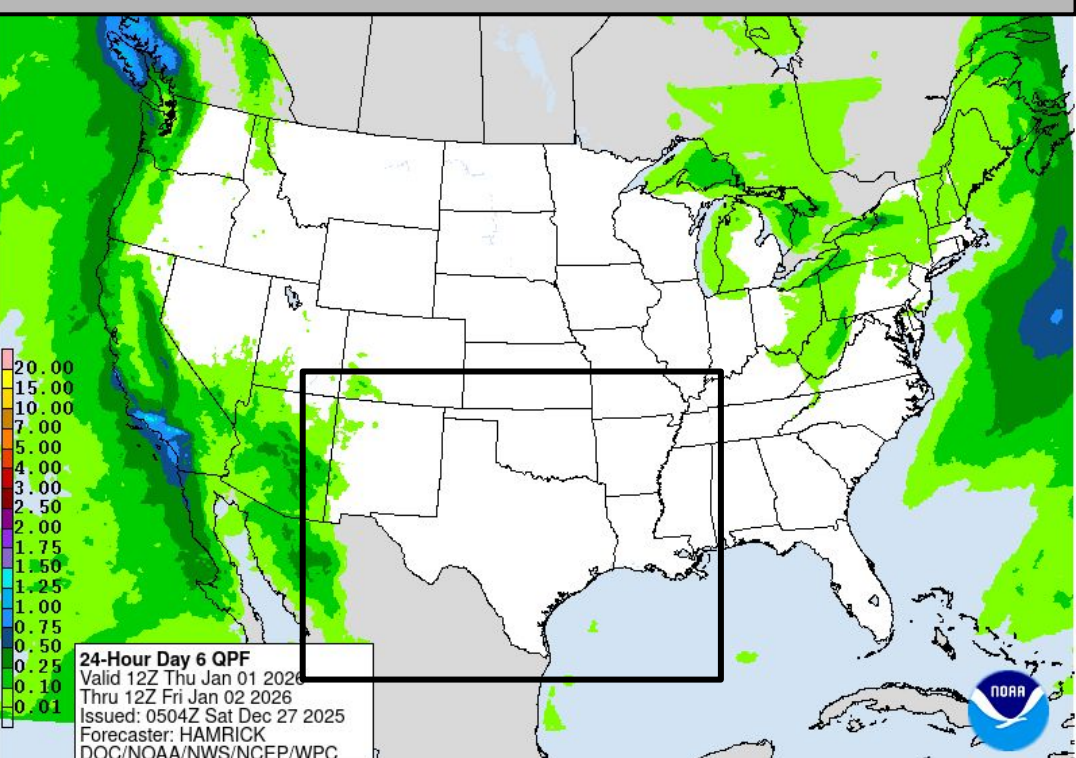


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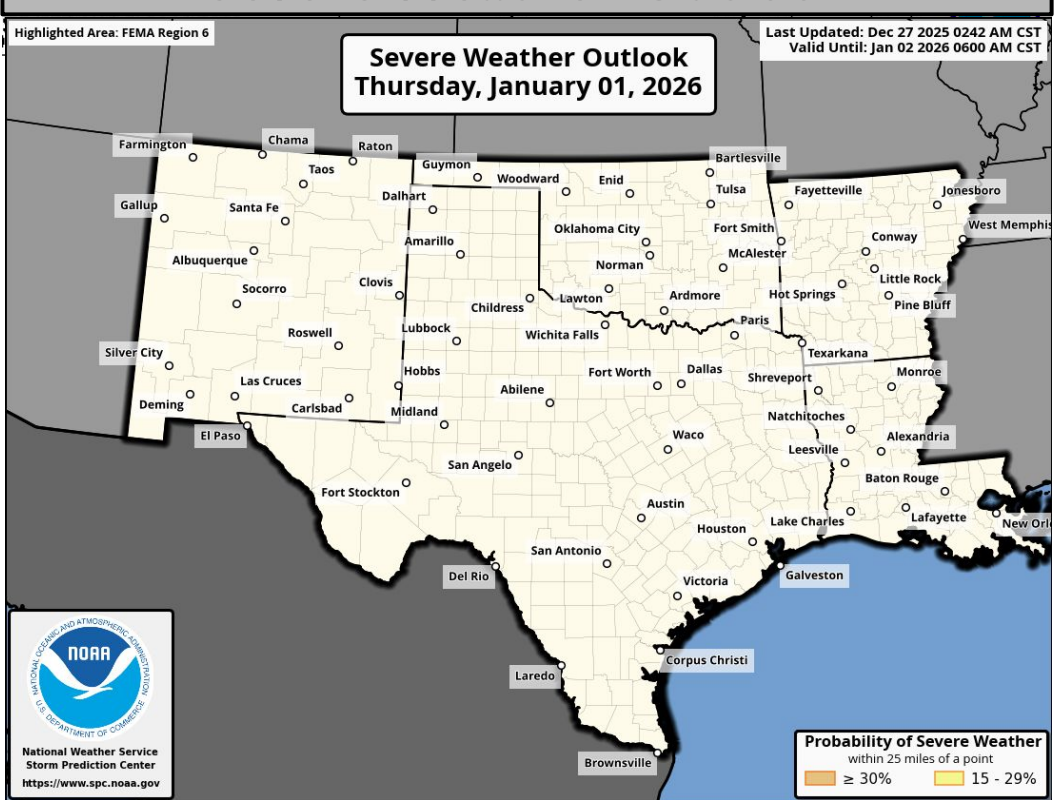


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
not available beyond Day 5

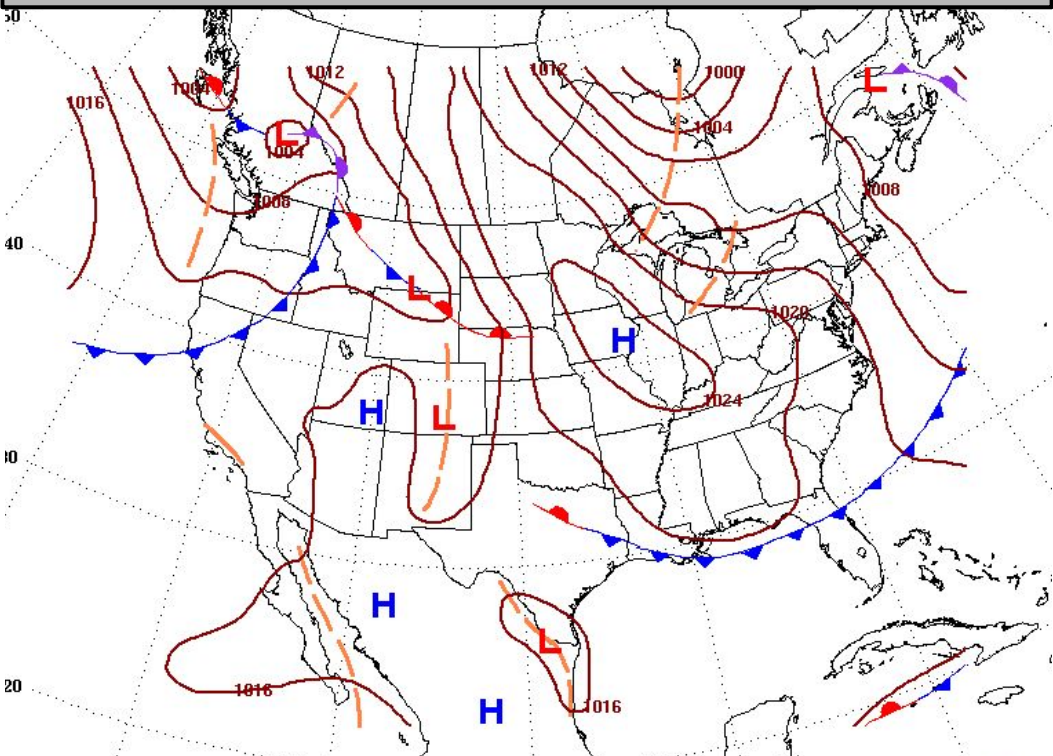




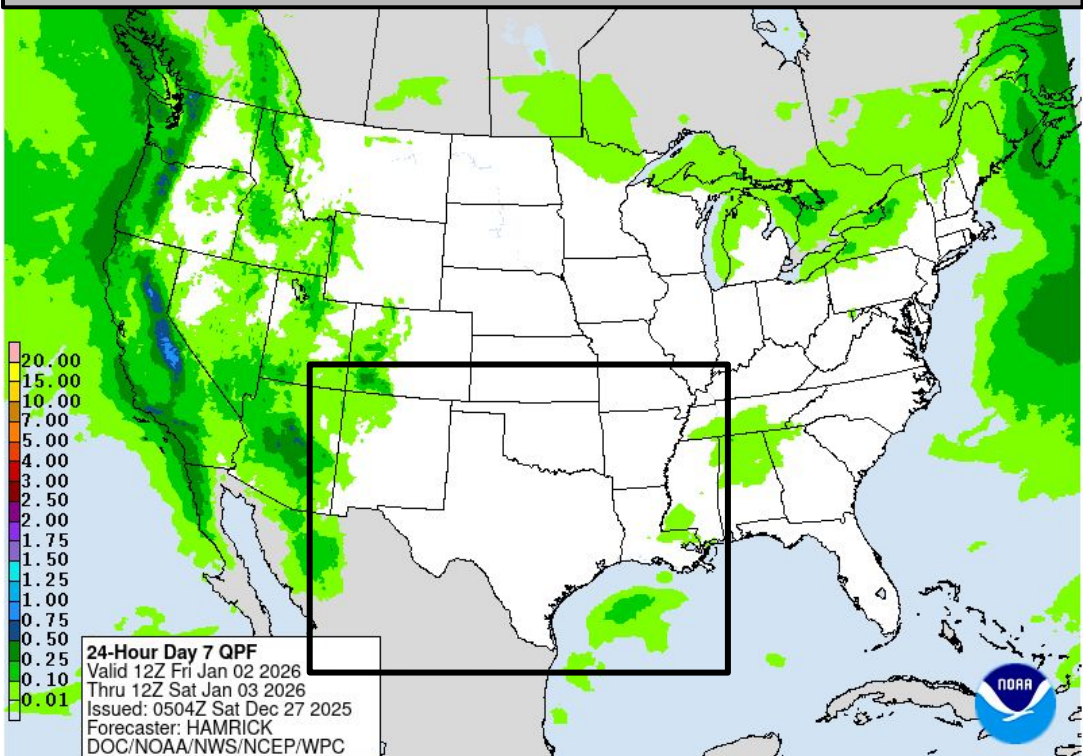


# Friday's Weather

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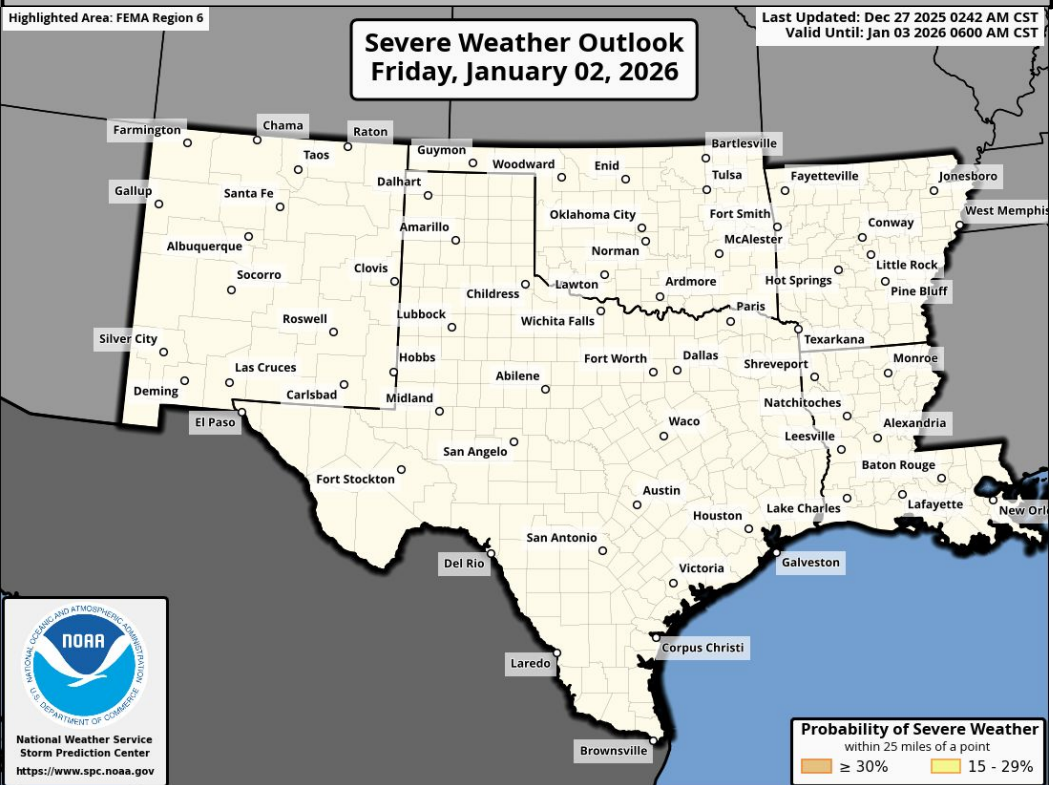


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



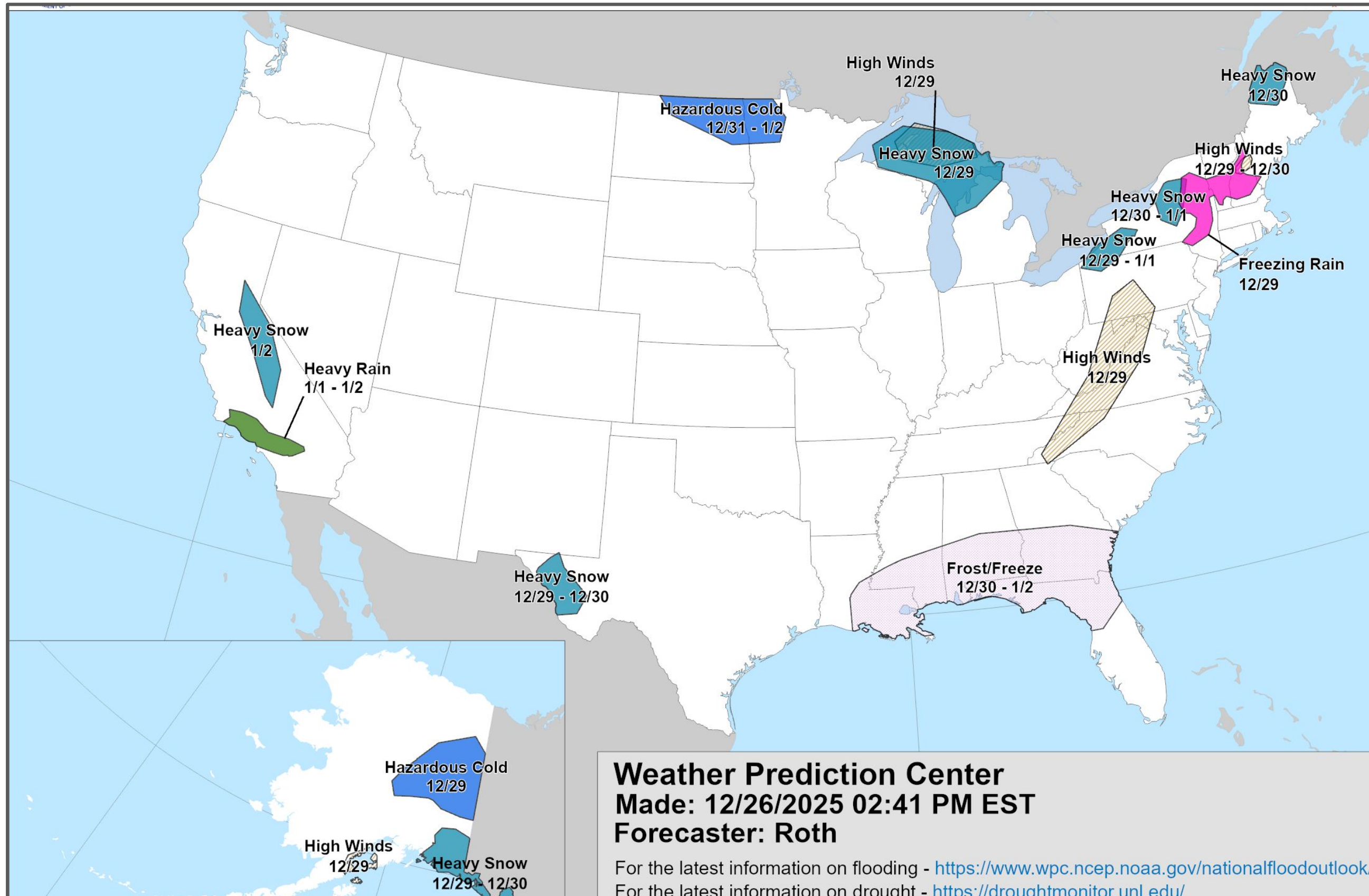
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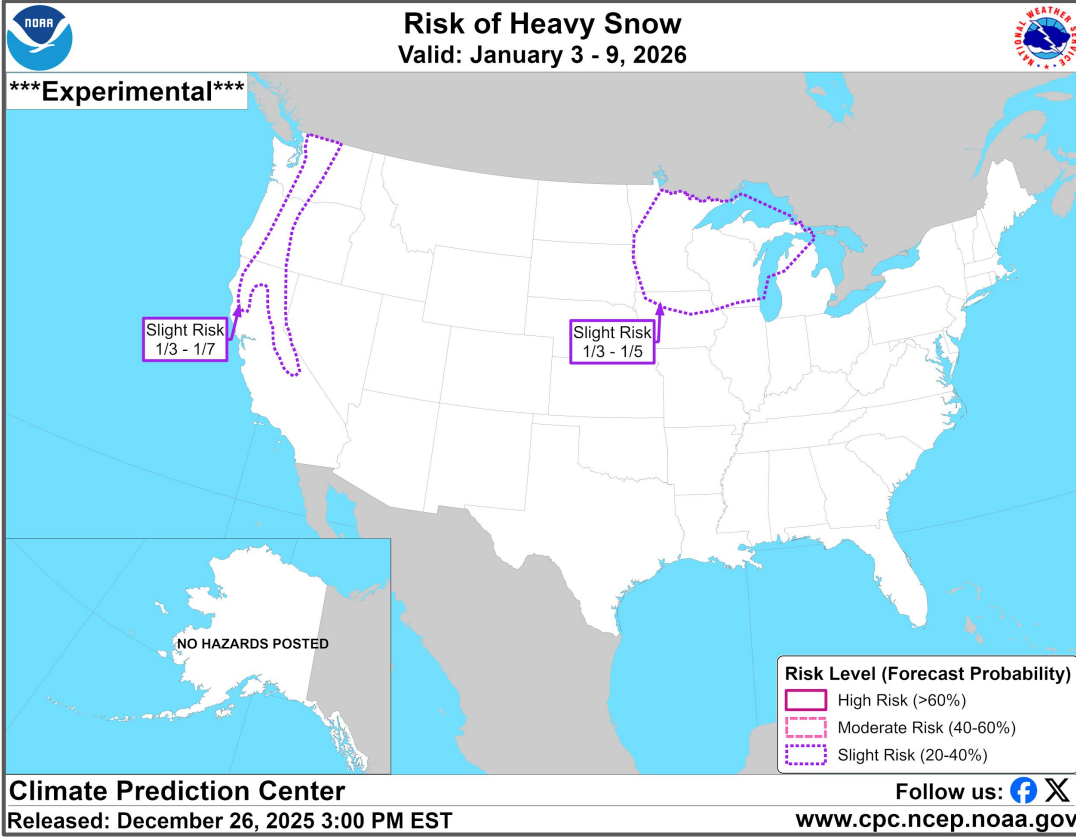
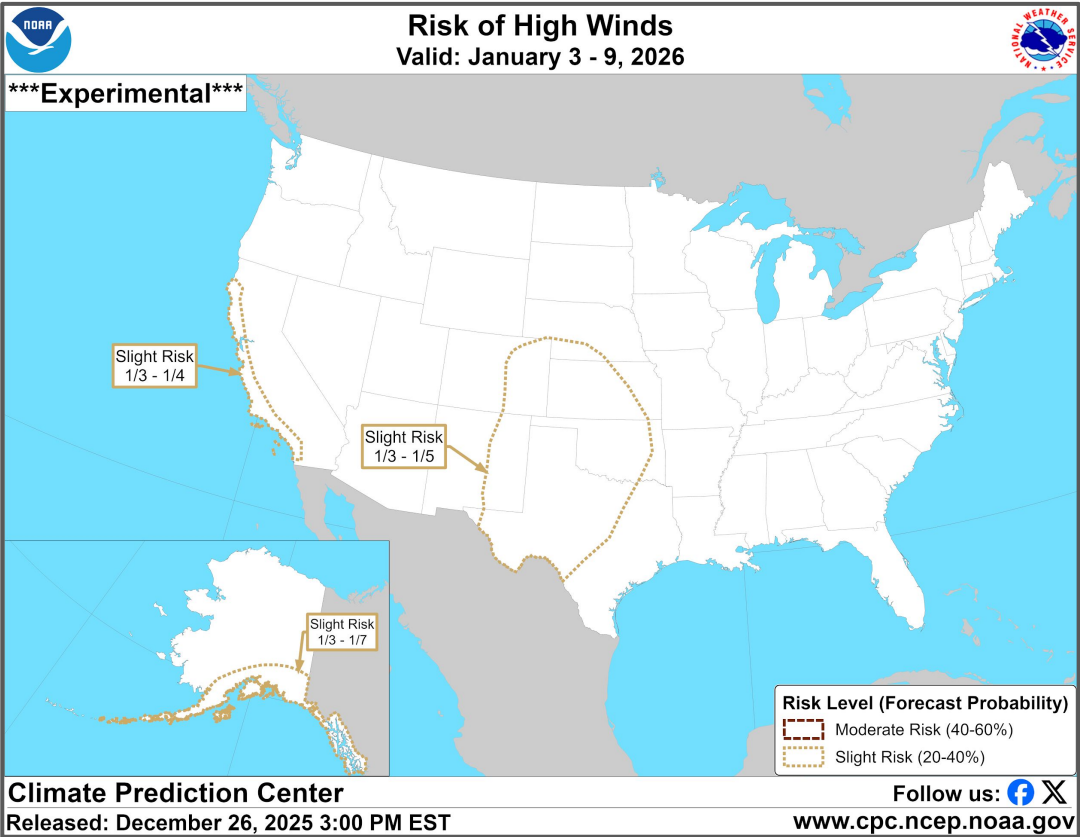
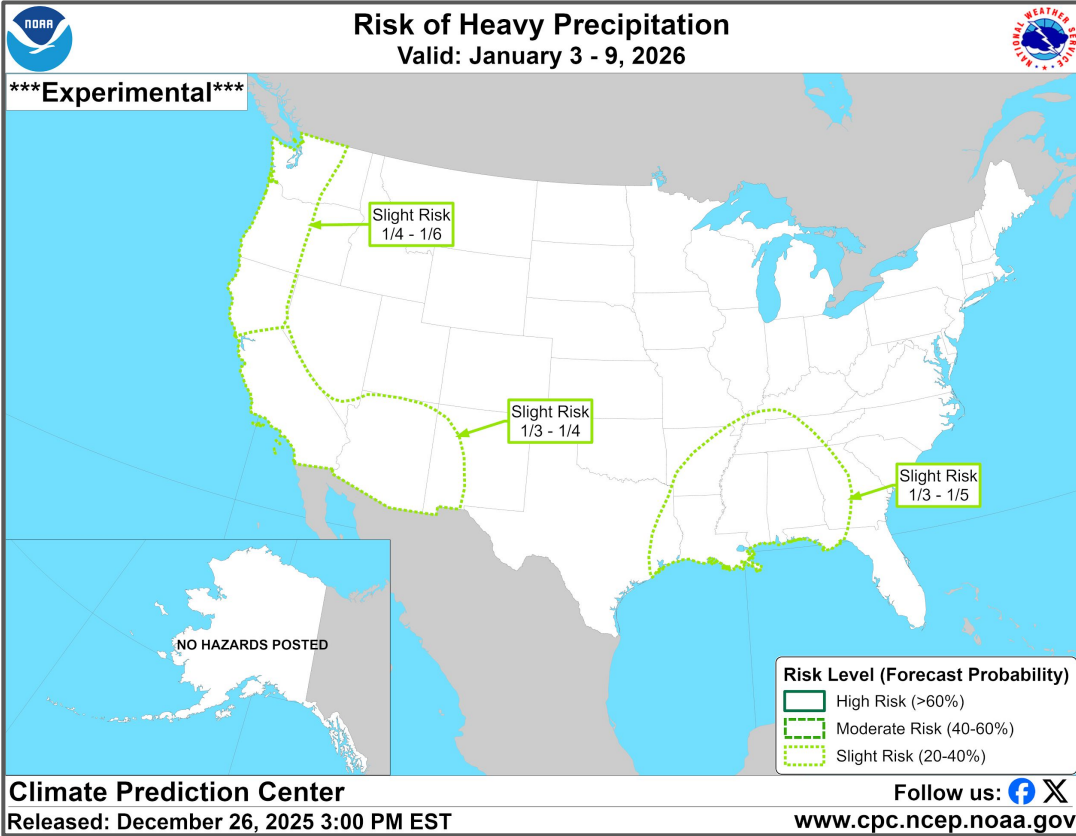
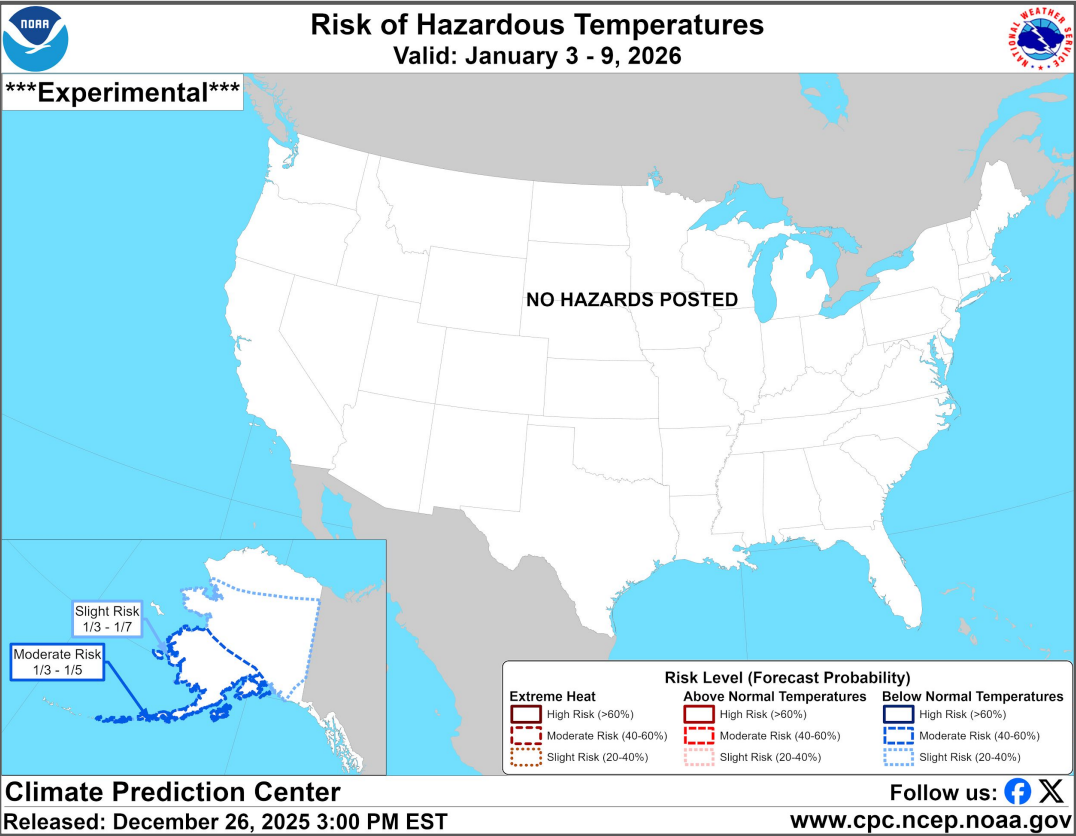
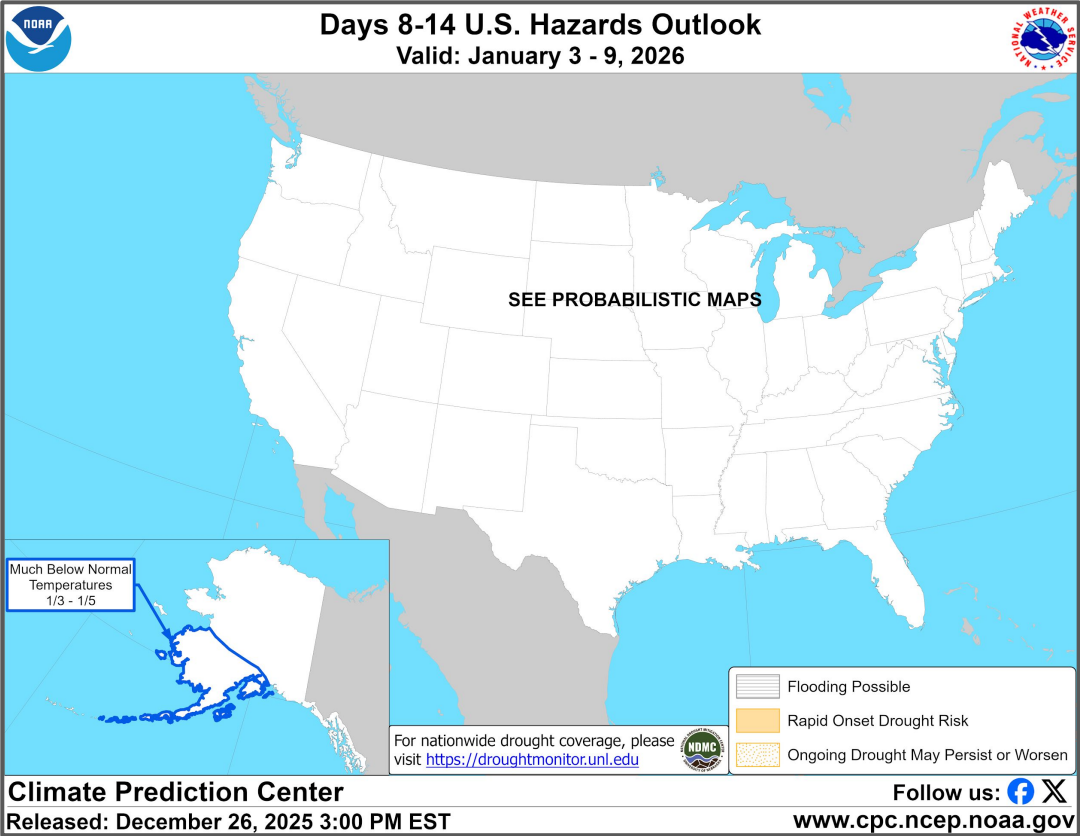
# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook







# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

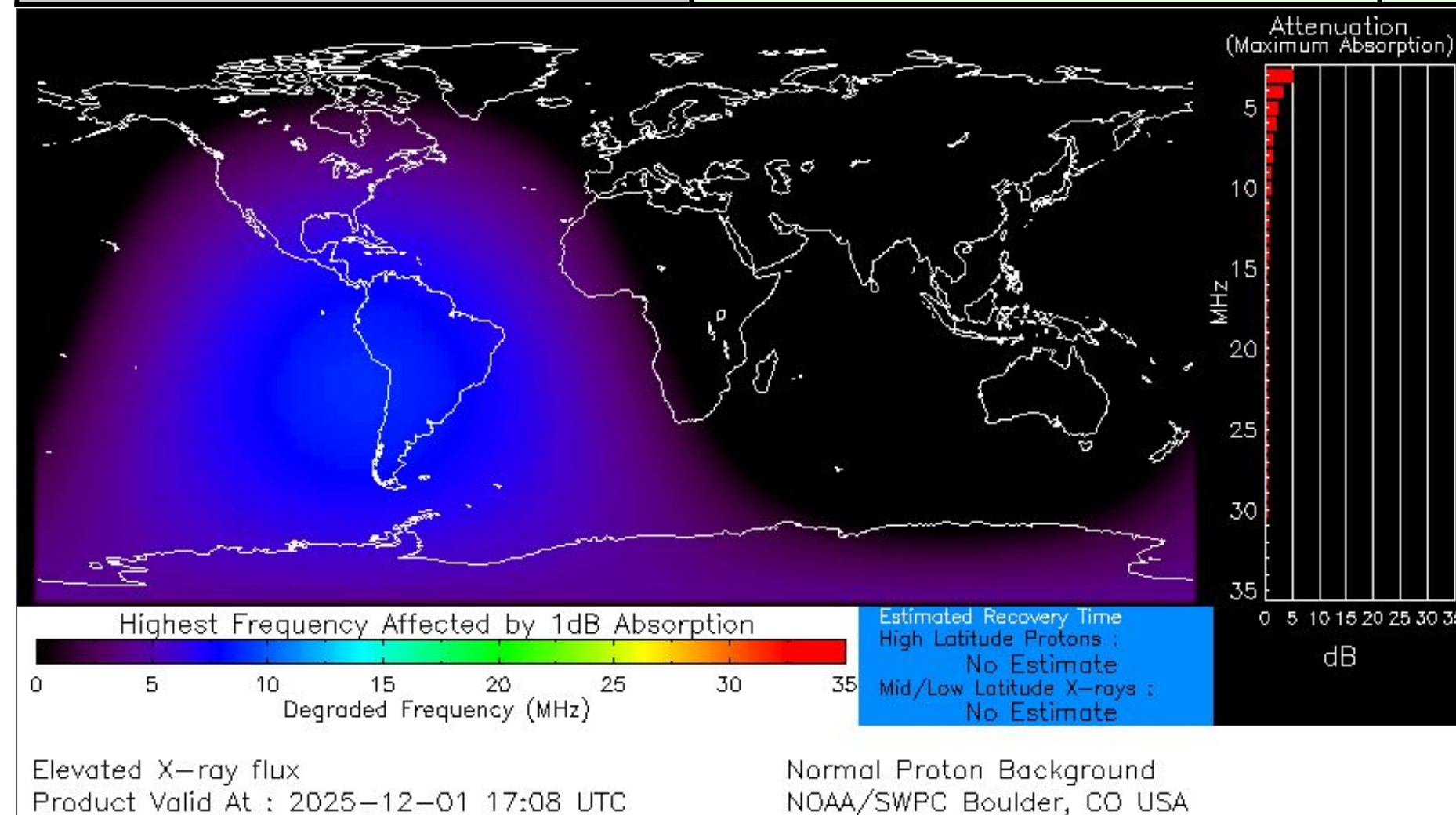






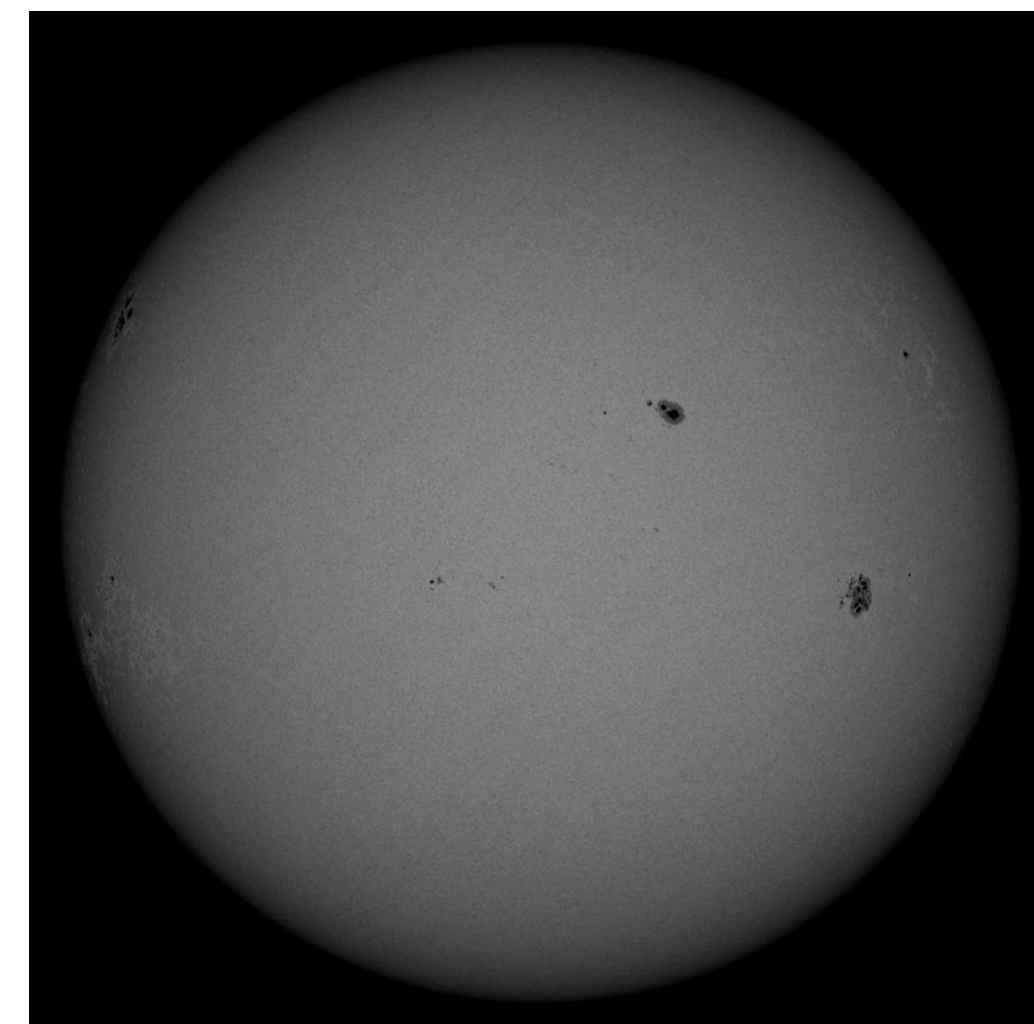
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Dec 27	Sunday, Dec 28	Monday, Dec 29
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
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	<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>

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