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# FEMA Region 6

## Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, December 28, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).



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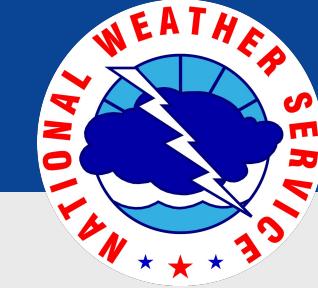
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# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**
  - Elevated (level 1 of 3) across **SE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, OK** today; and **NW TX, W OK** tomorrow & Tuesday.
- **Winter Weather:**
  - Minor to locally moderate travel impacts in **SE NM, W TX** due to slight chance of wintry mix and forecast snow tonight, with additional snow tomorrow/tomorrow night. Travel impacts most likely in mountains of **SE NM, W TX** through Tuesday morning due to locally heavy snow.
- **Severe Weather:**
  - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today in **AR**.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

|                                    | Sunday, Dec 28                                   | Monday, Dec 29     | Tuesday, Dec 30             | Wednesday, Dec 31 | Thursday, Jan 1 | Thursday, Jan 2 | Friday, Jan 3 |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Severe Storms</b>               | AR   |                    |                             |                   |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding</b> |  |                    |                             |                   |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Winter Weather</b>              | <b>N NM<br/>(AM)<br/>SE NM, W TX<br/>(PM)</b>    | <b>SE NM, W TX</b> | <b>SE NM, W TX<br/>(AM)</b> |                   |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Fire Weather</b>                | <b>SE NM, TX/OK<br/>Panhandles,<br/>W TX, OK</b> | <b>NW TX, W OK</b> | <b>NW TX, W OK</b>          |                   |                 |                 |               |
| <b>River Flooding</b>              |  |                    |                             |                   |                 |                 |               |

*\*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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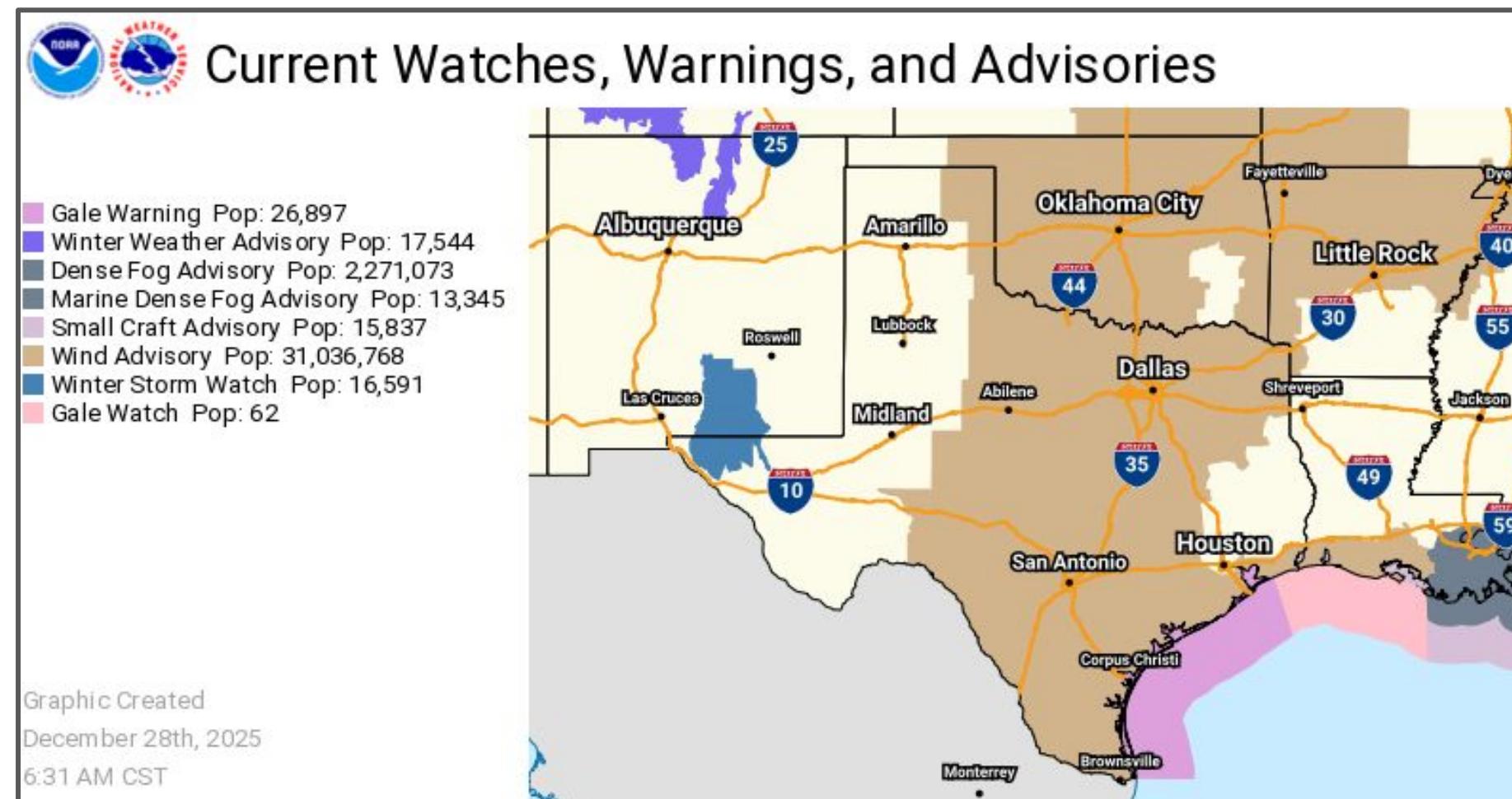


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# Current Radar/Hazards



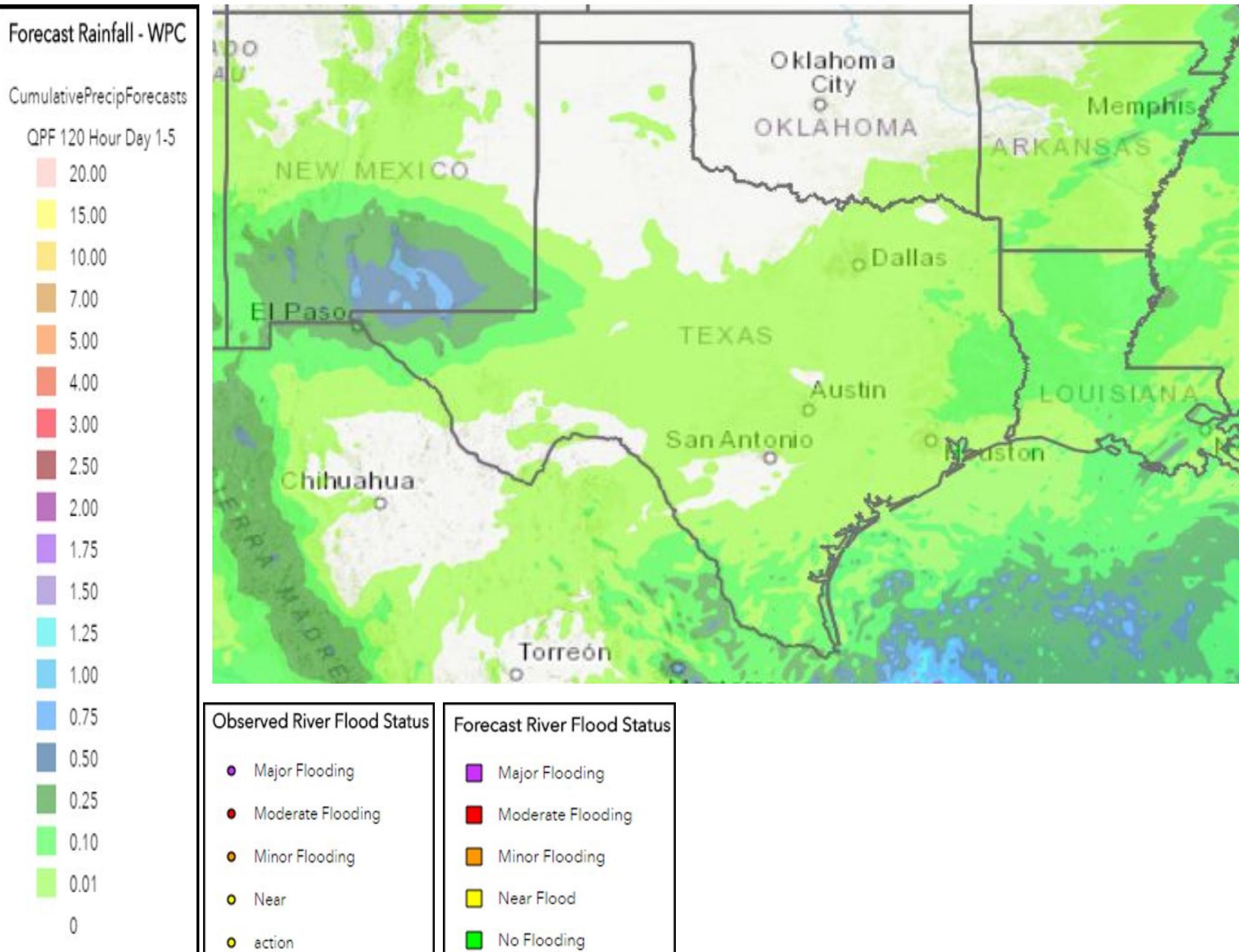
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

**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.**

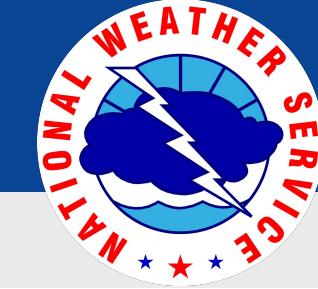
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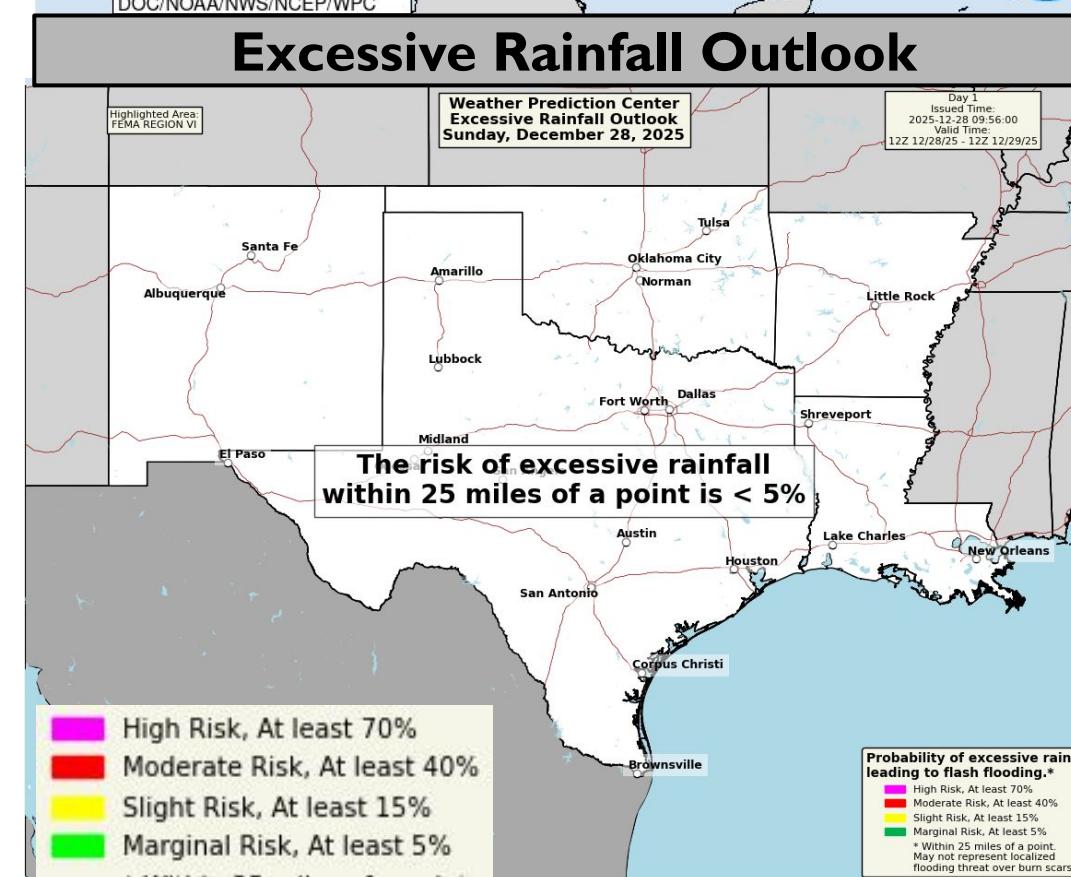
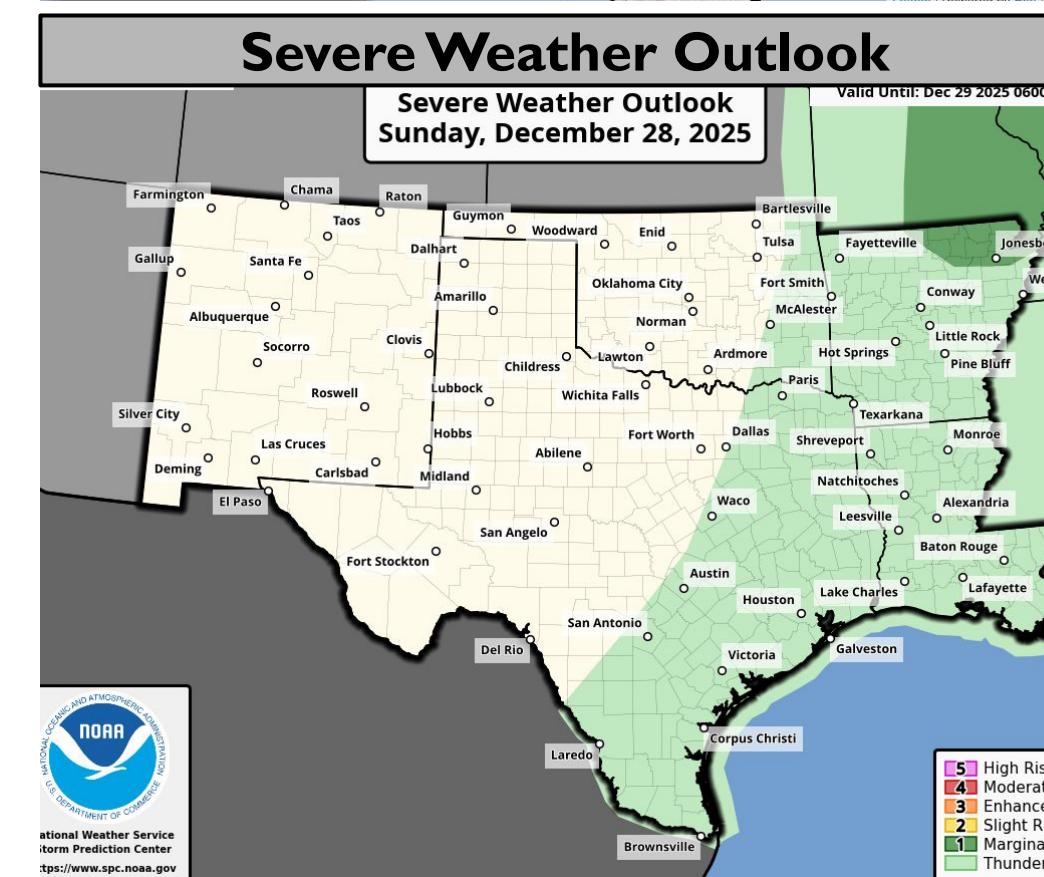
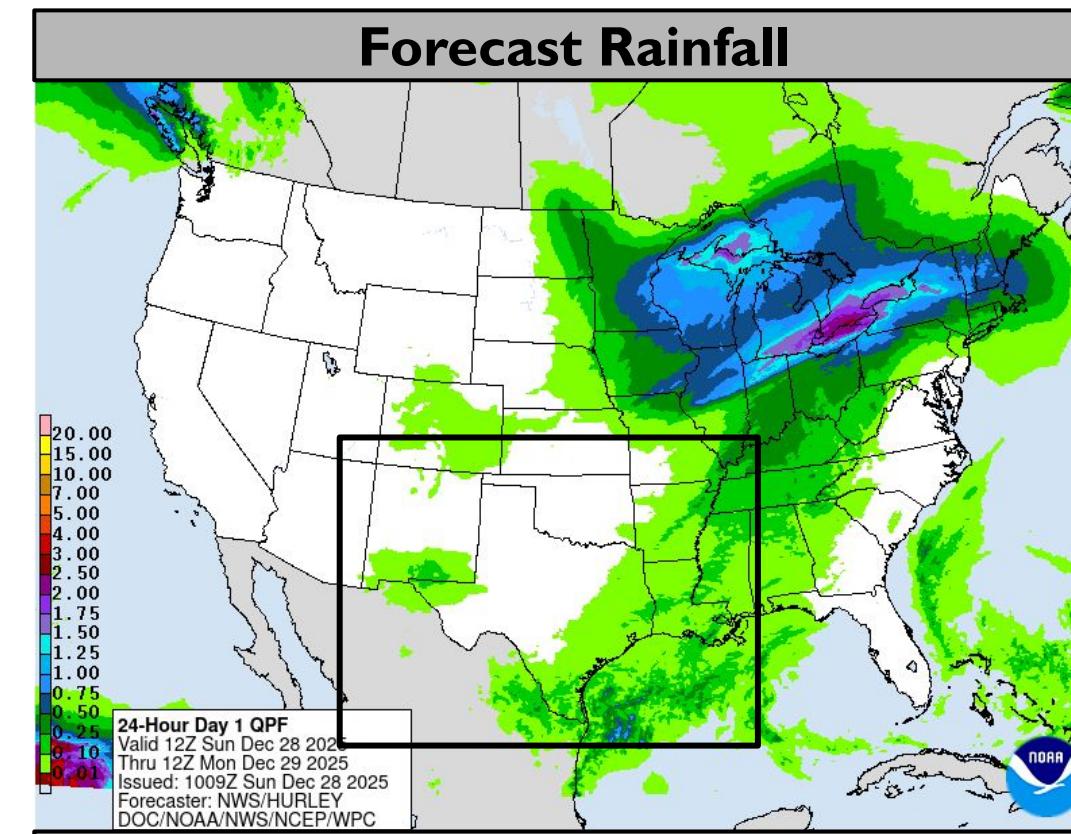
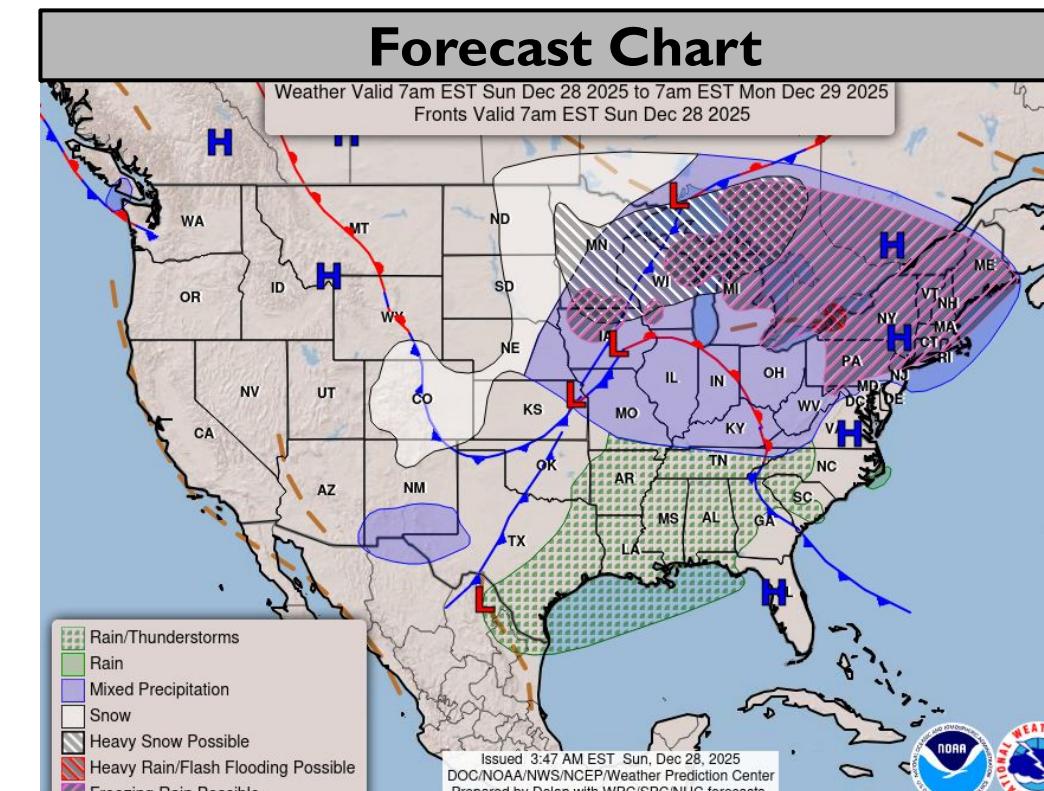
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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# Today's Weather



**Minor to locally moderate travel impacts tonight in the mountain communities of SE NM, and W TX due to wintry precip overnight.**

**Minor travel impacts due to light snow above 6,000 feet in N NM this morning.**

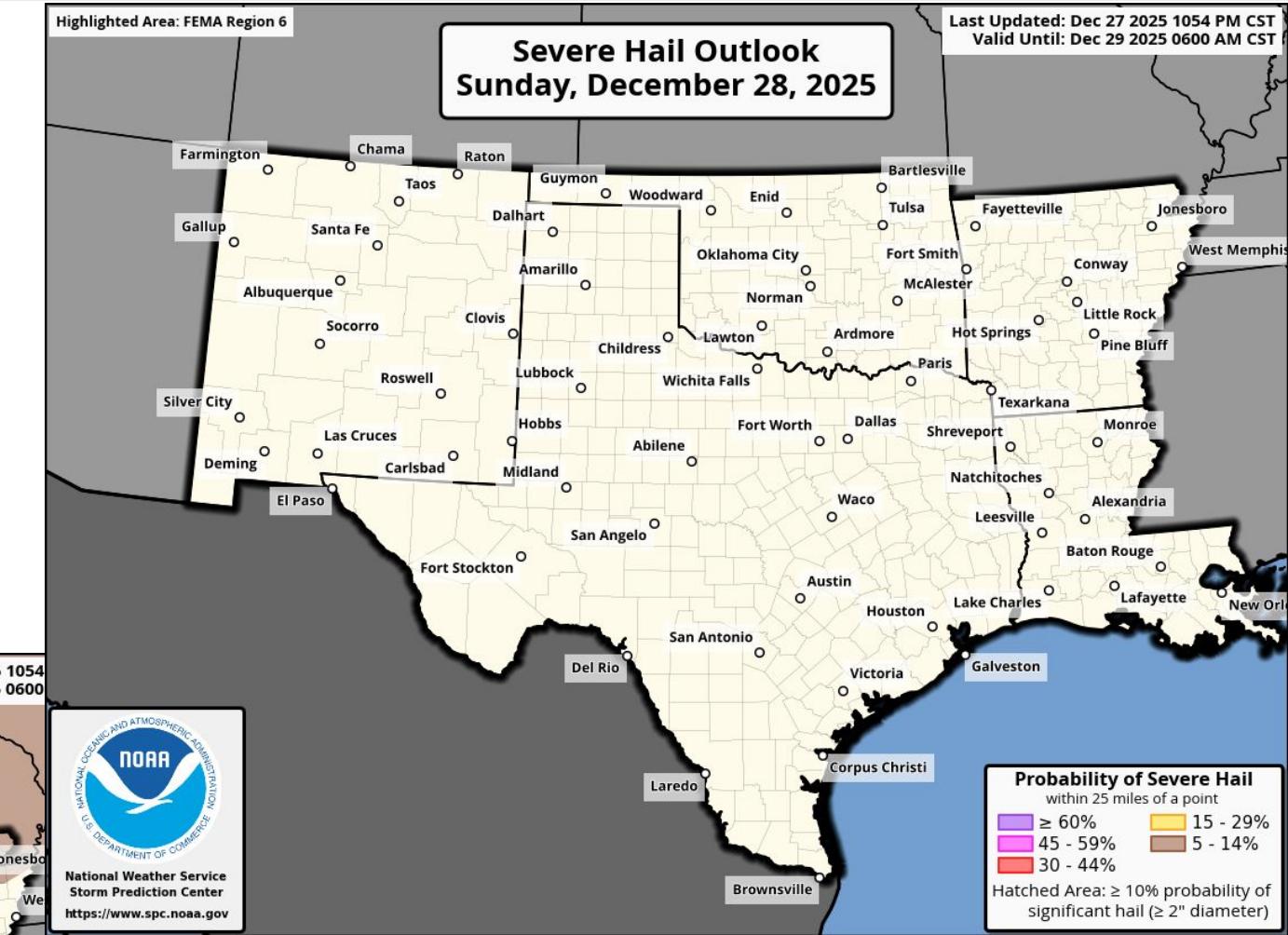
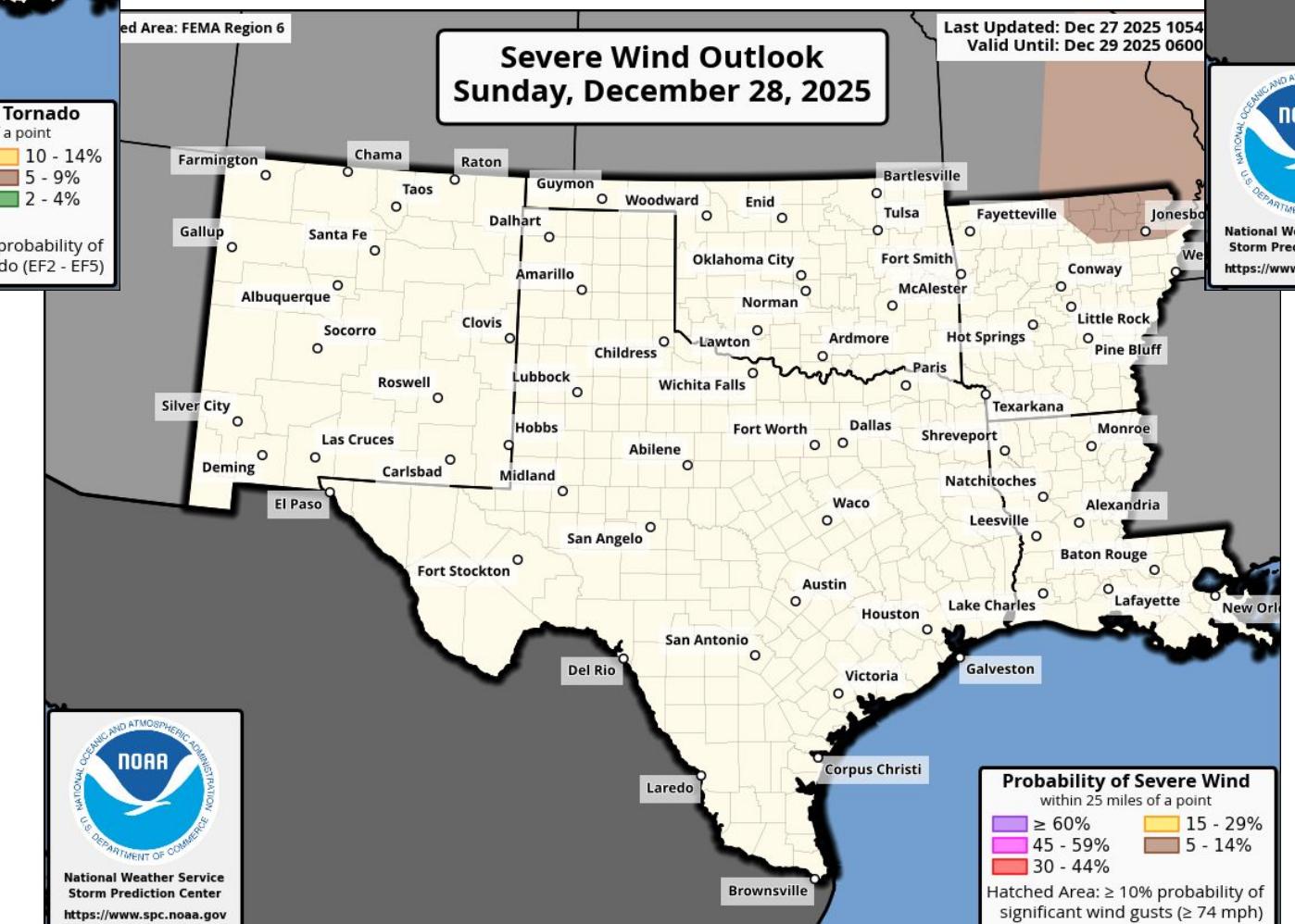
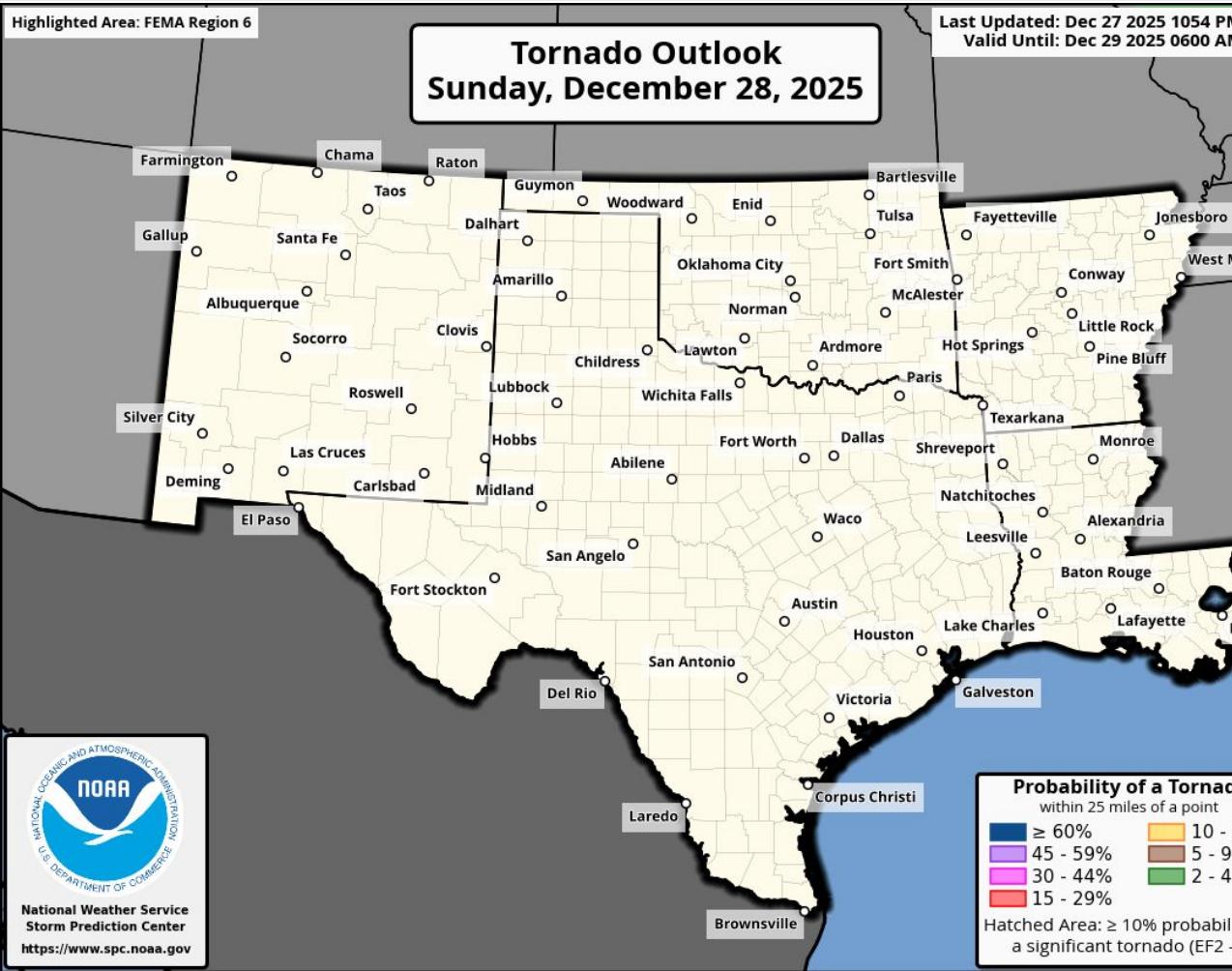
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over AR.**

**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in SE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, OK as a cold front brings breezy winds from the north.**



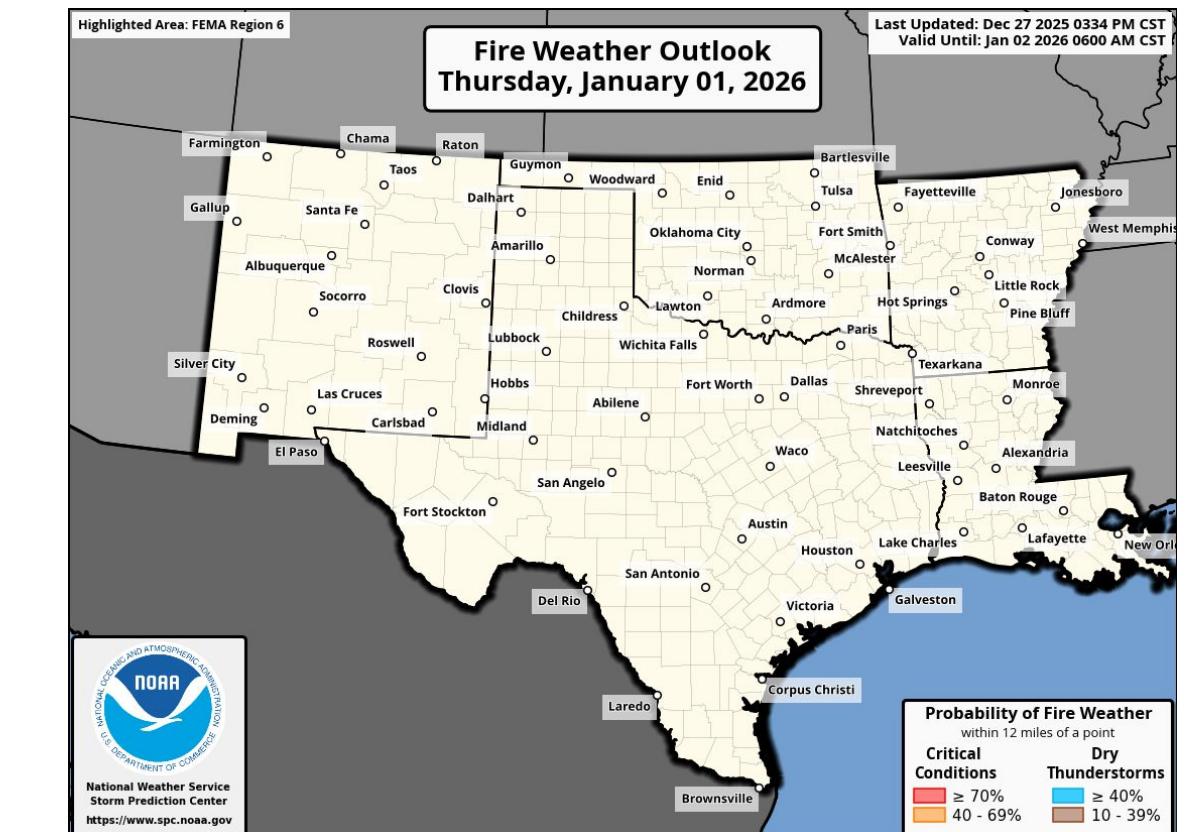
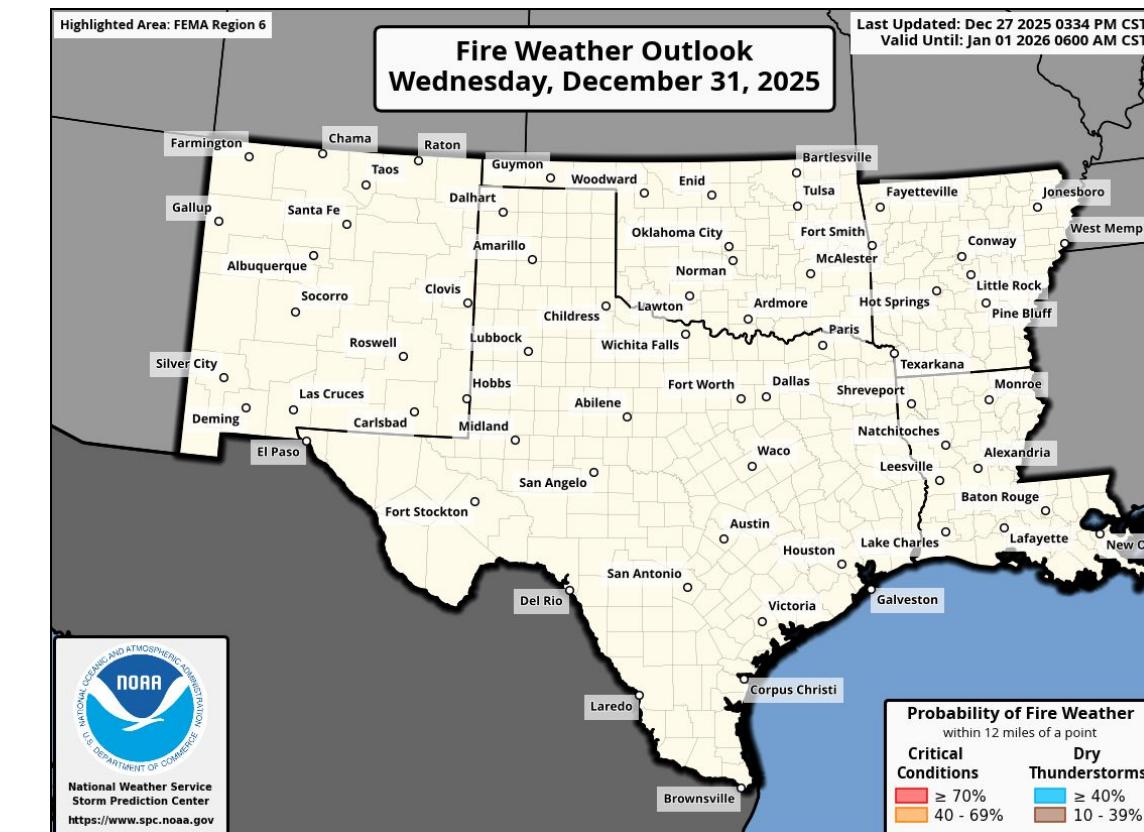
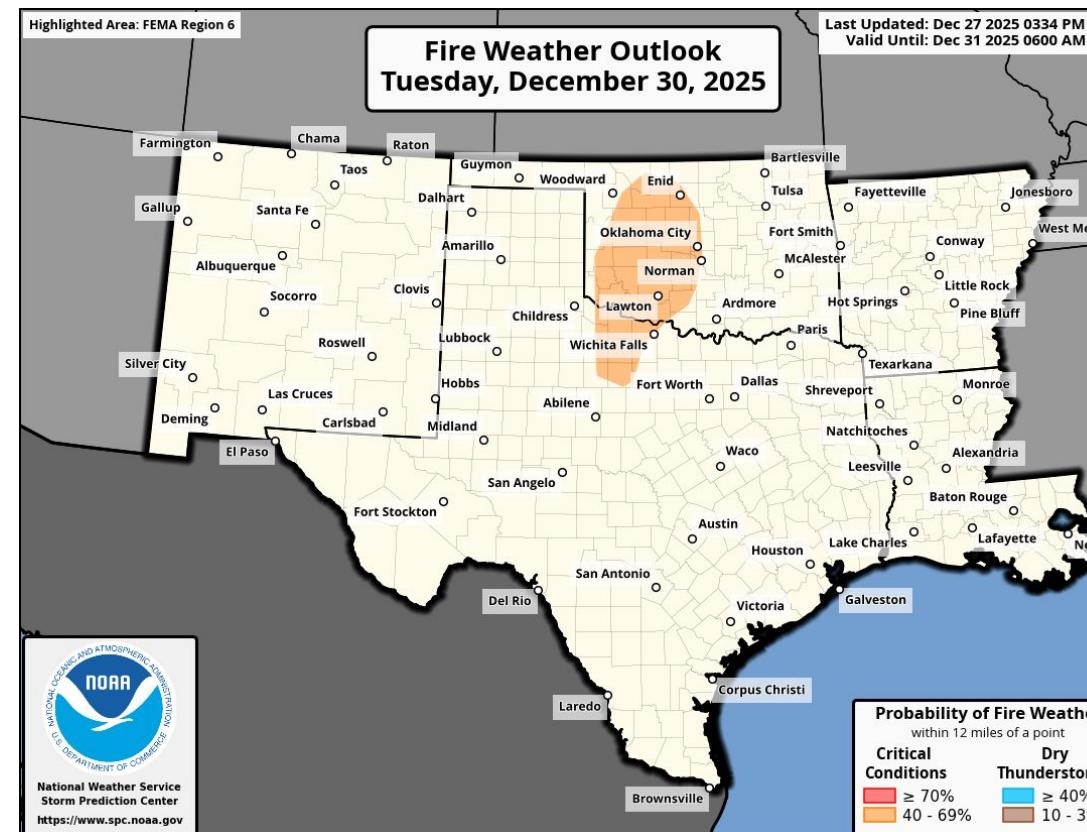
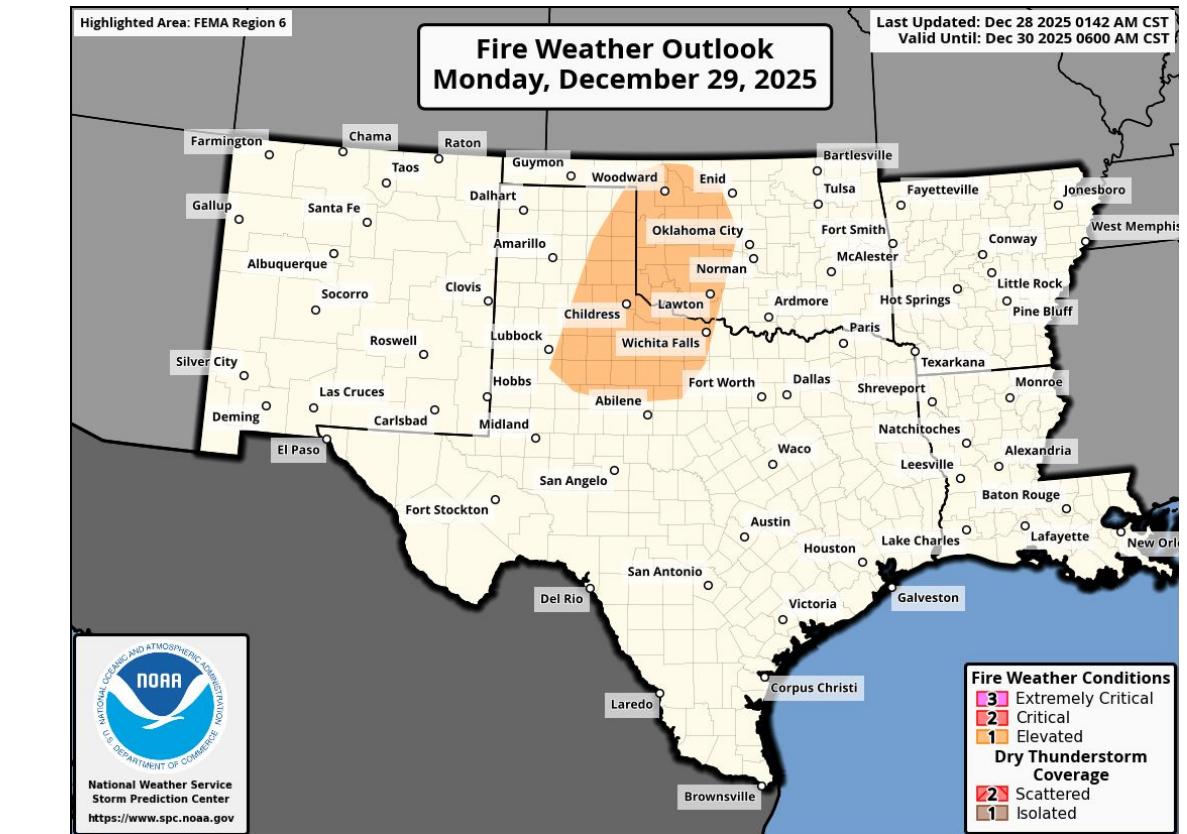
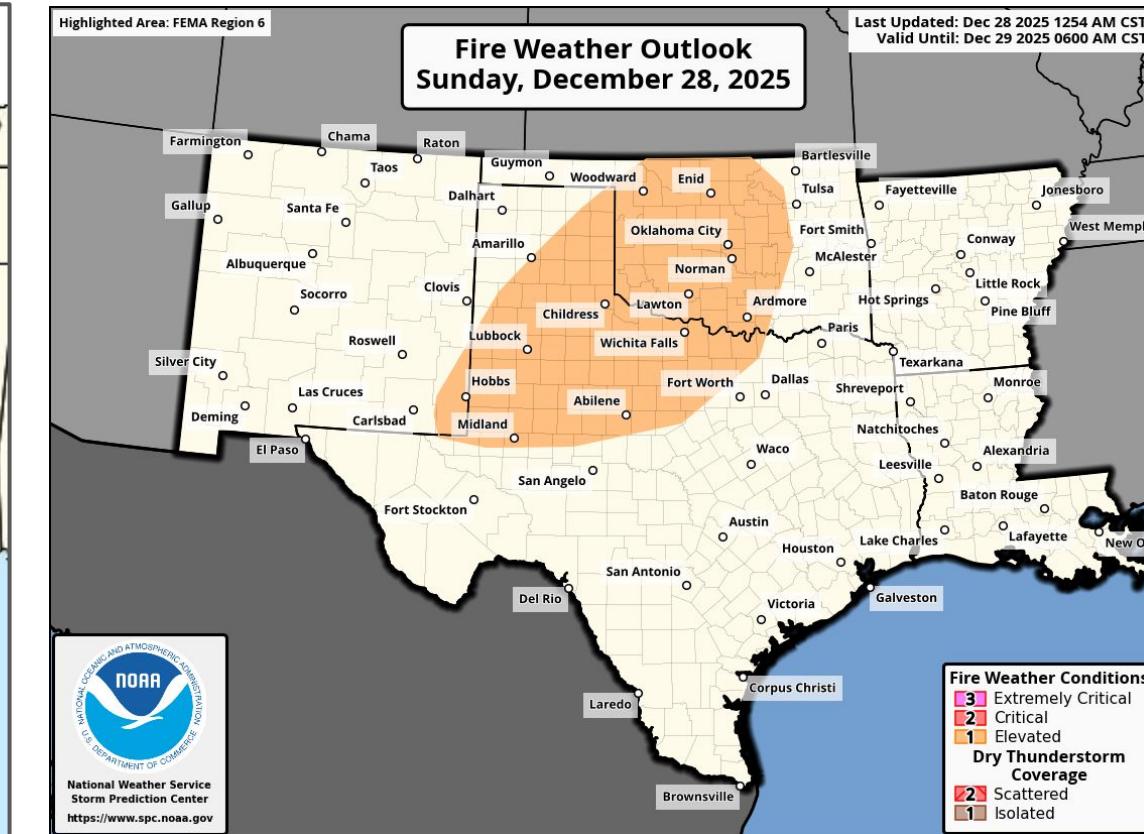


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





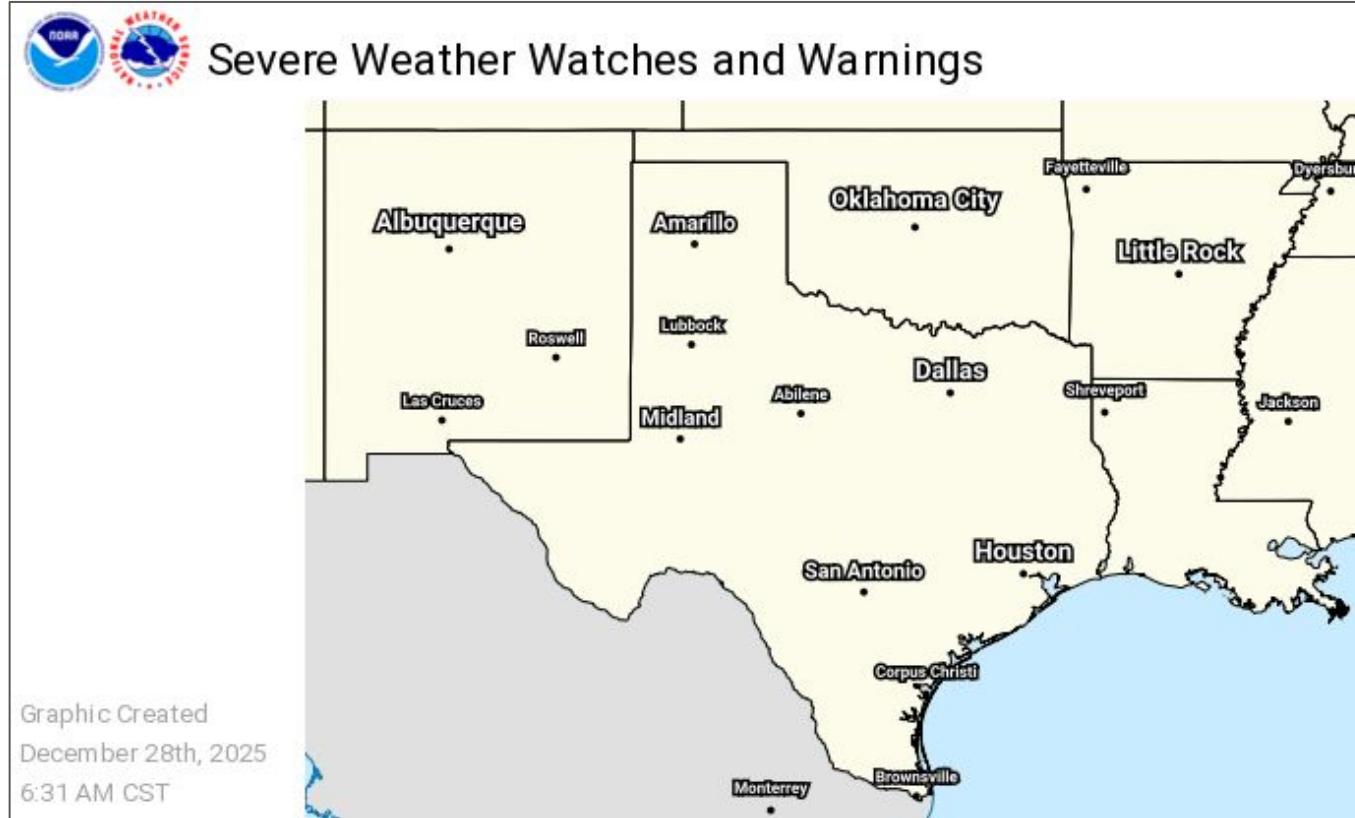
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

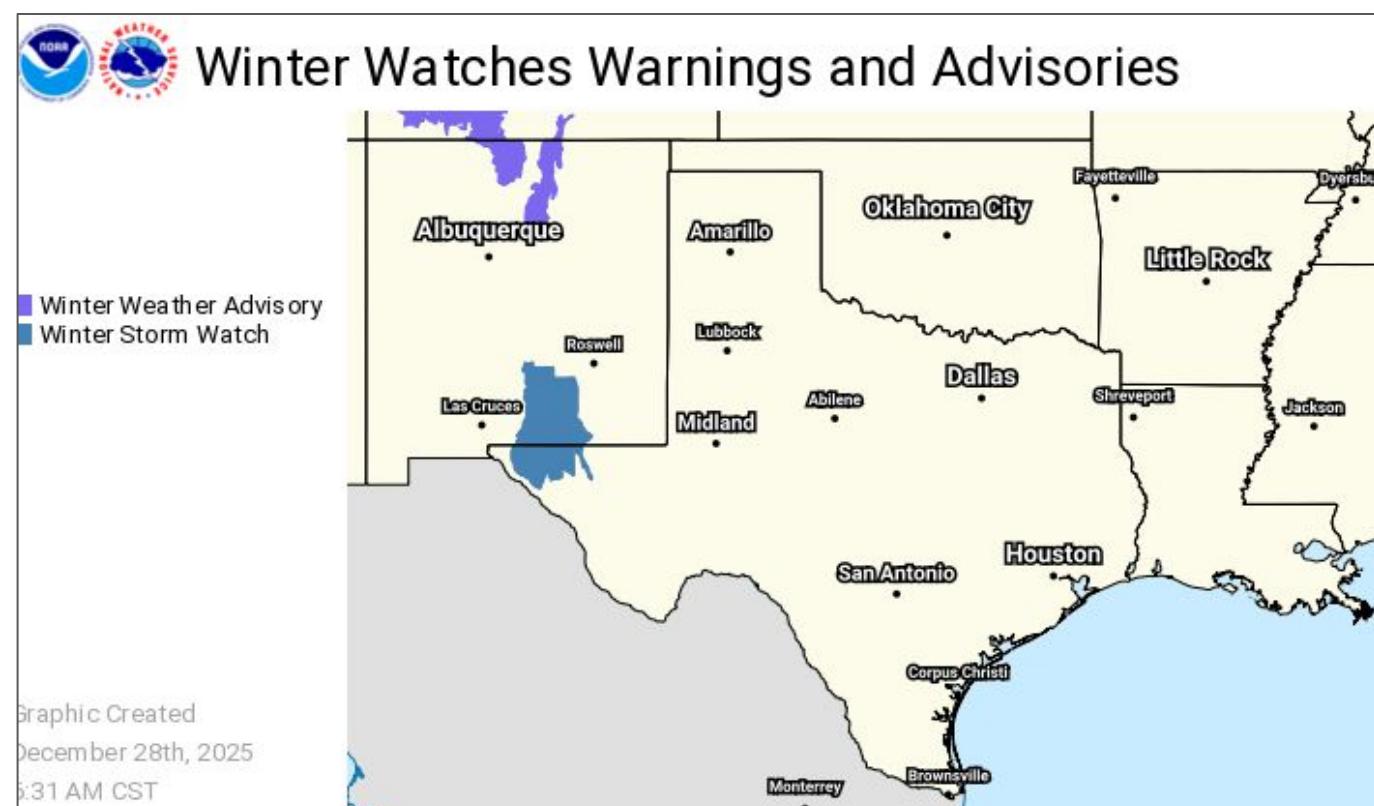
## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



**Winter Weather Advisory for N NM valid through 7 AM CT today.**

**Winter Storm Watch for SE NM, W TX mountain communities above 7,000 feet.**

**Timing:** Midnight CT Monday morning through 7 AM CT Tuesday. 4-7" snow through the period. **Strong winds up to 40-50 mph may lead to near white out conditions.**



**Wind Advisories for portions of Ok, AR, TX and LA. Gusts of 40-50 mph.**

**Timing:** OK, AR, N TX - this morning through this evening.

**C/STX, LA:** This evening through Monday morning.



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# Winter Weather

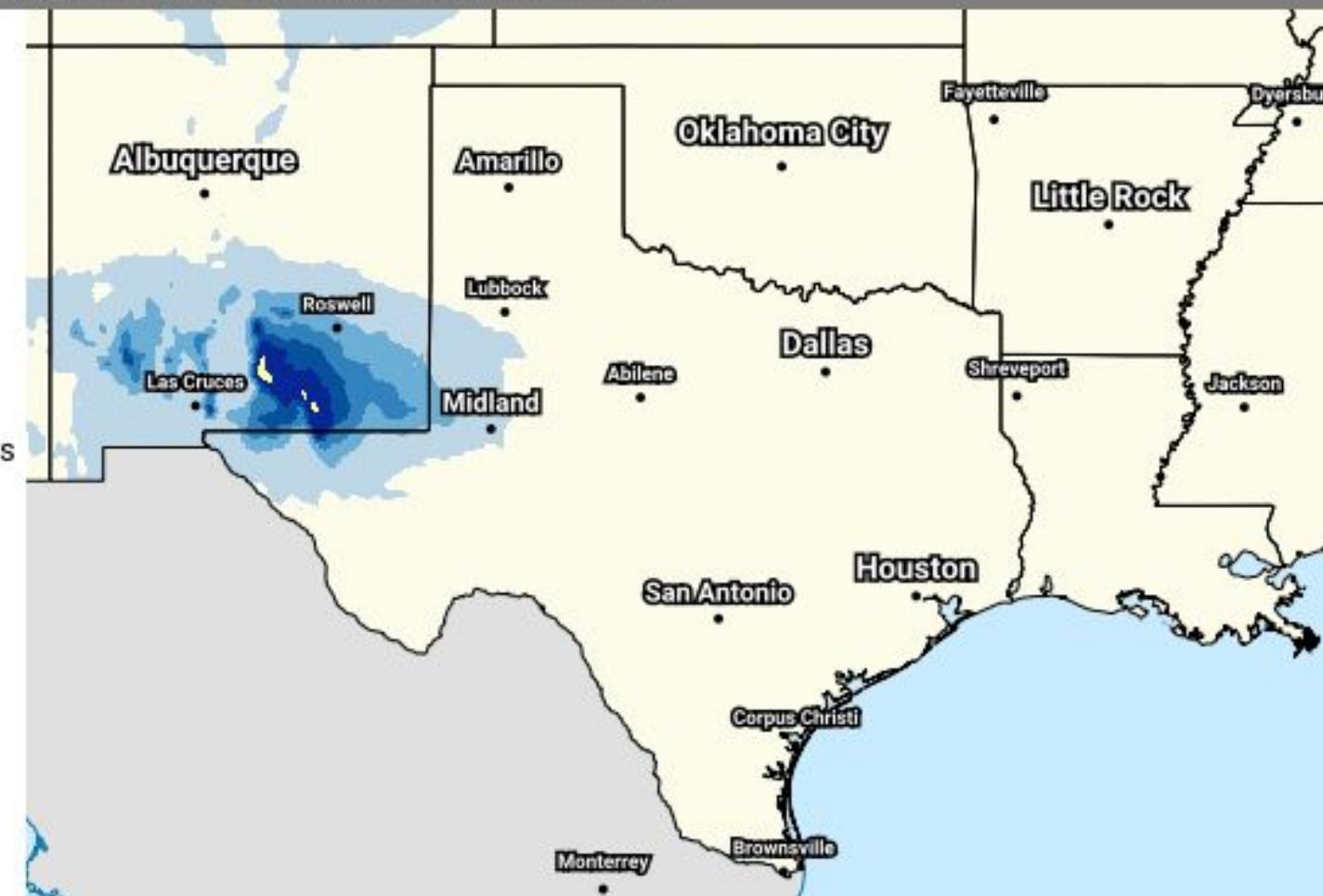
Through the next 3 days



## Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Wednesday December 31st, 2025 at 6 AM CST

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches



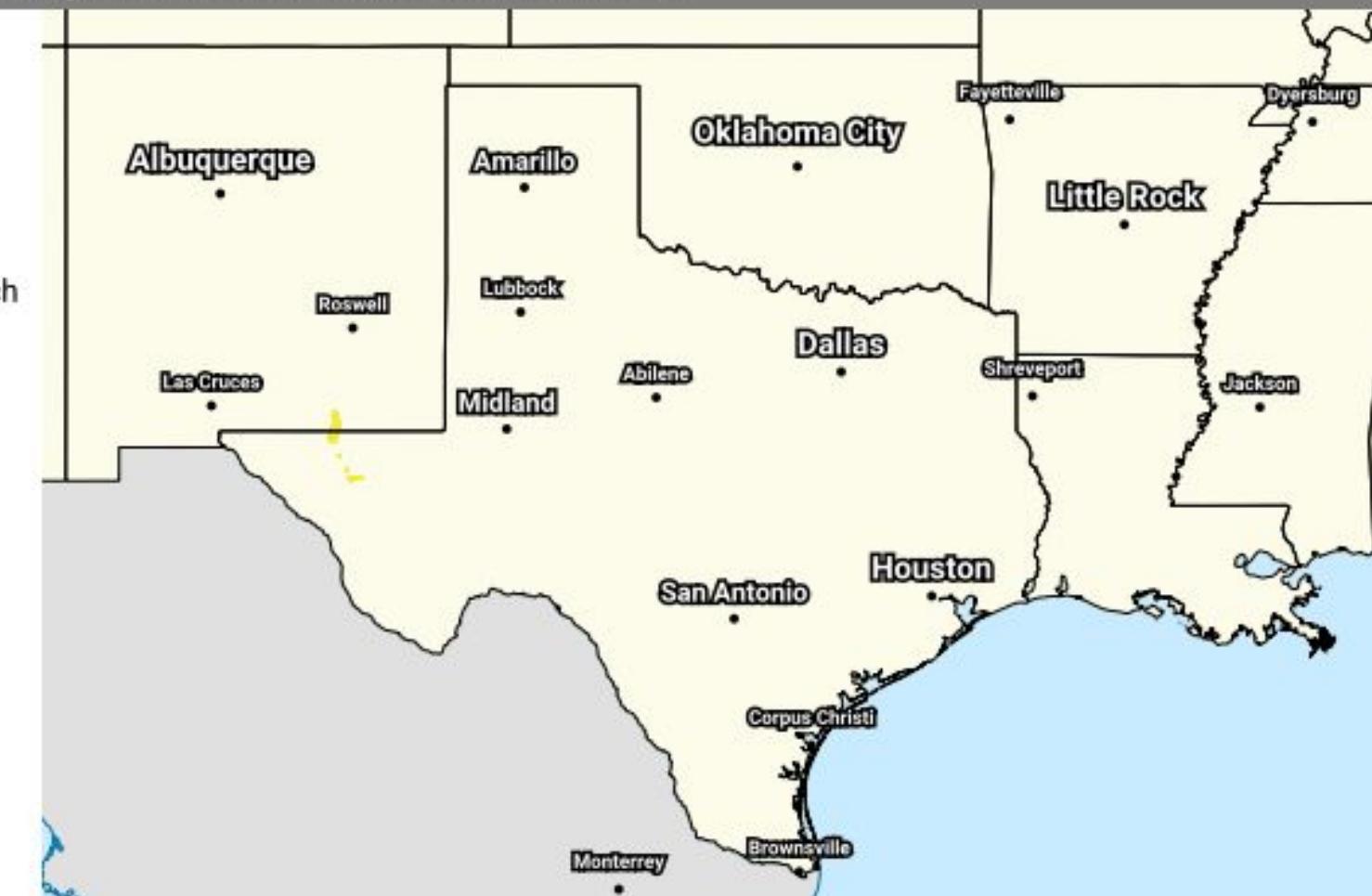
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## Ice Accumulation Forecast

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- 0.01 to 0.10 inch
- 0.10 to 0.25 inch
- 0.25 to 0.50 inch
- 0.50 to 0.75 inch
- 0.75 to 1.0 inch
- 1.0 to 2.0 inch
- Greater than 2.0 inch

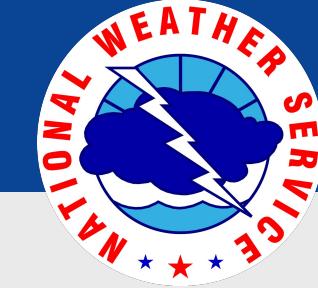


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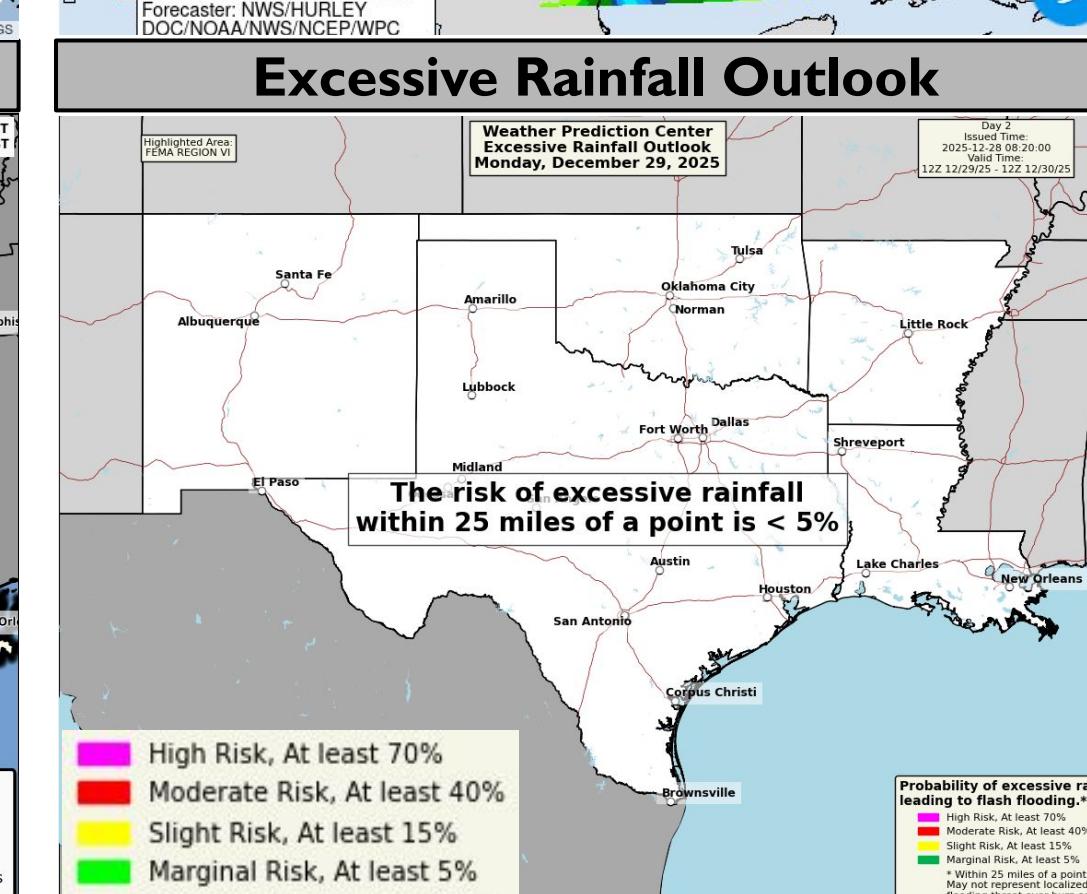
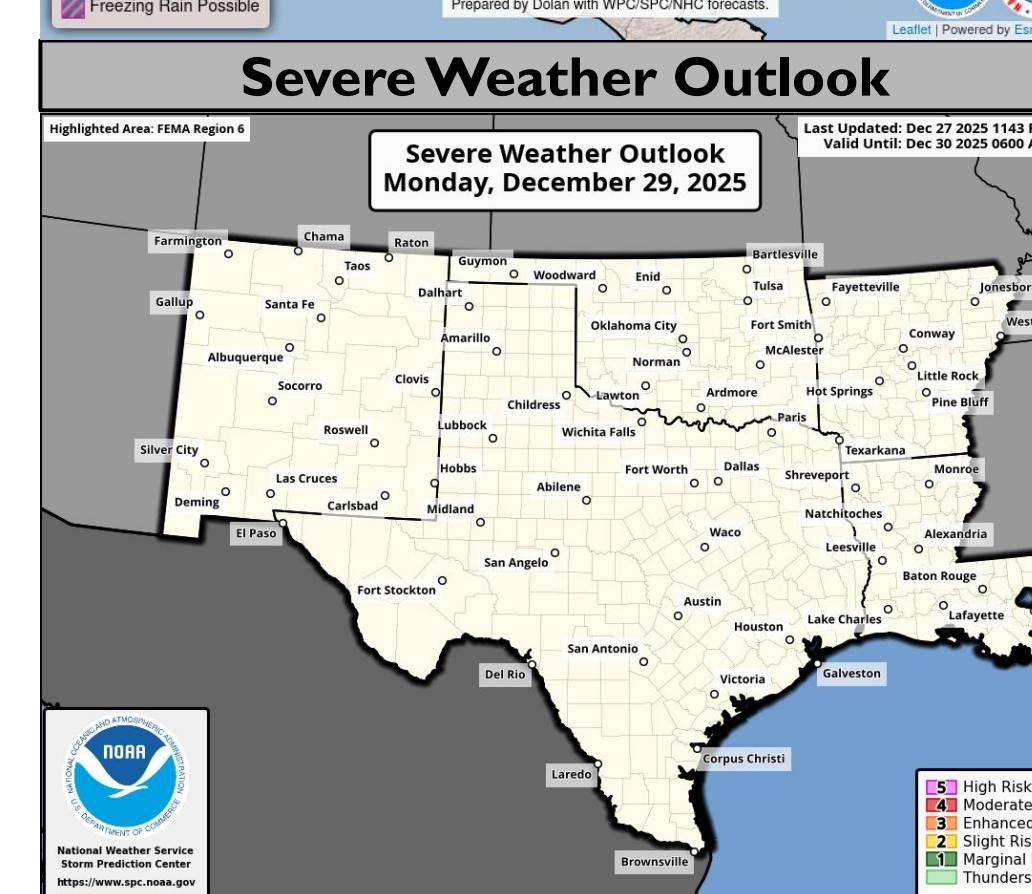
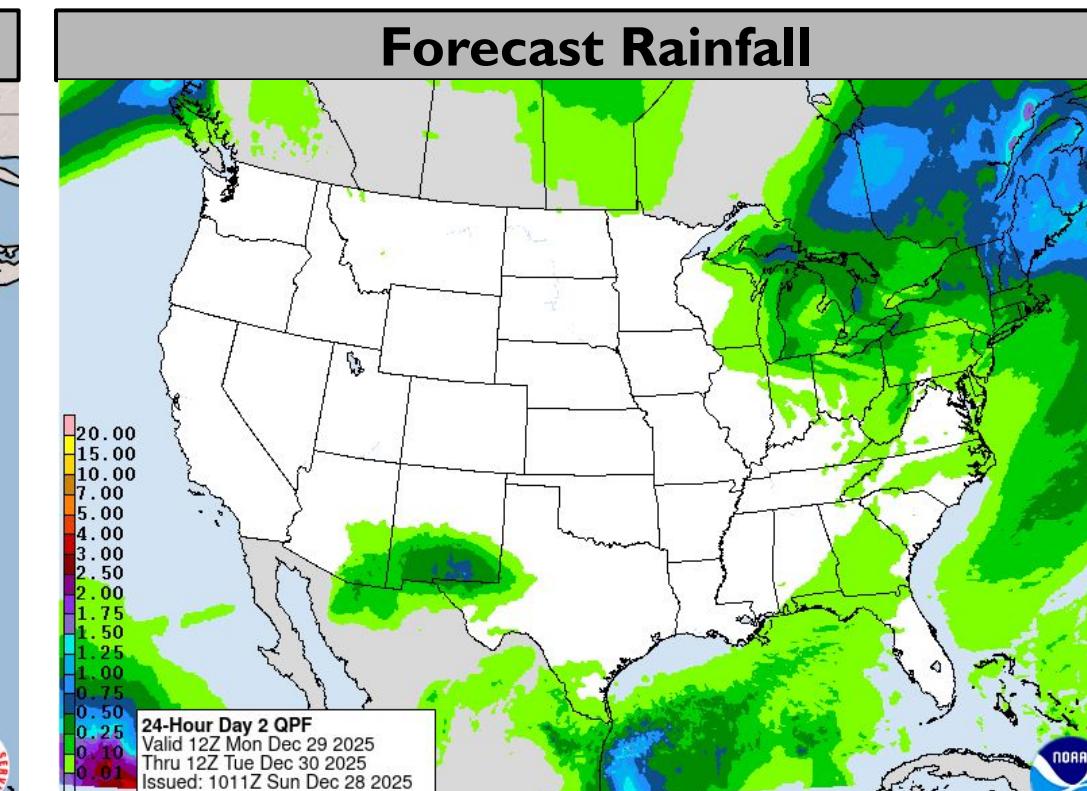
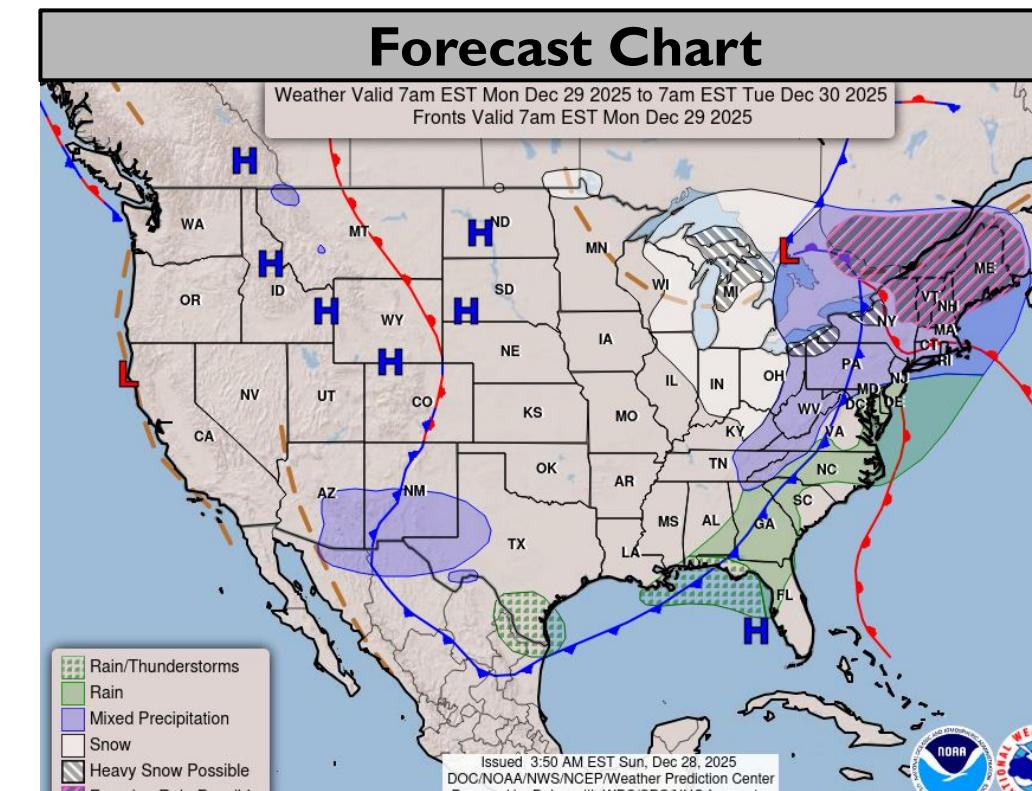


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# Tomorrow's Weather



**Minor to locally moderate travel impacts tonight in the mountain communities of S NM, and W TX due to snow.**

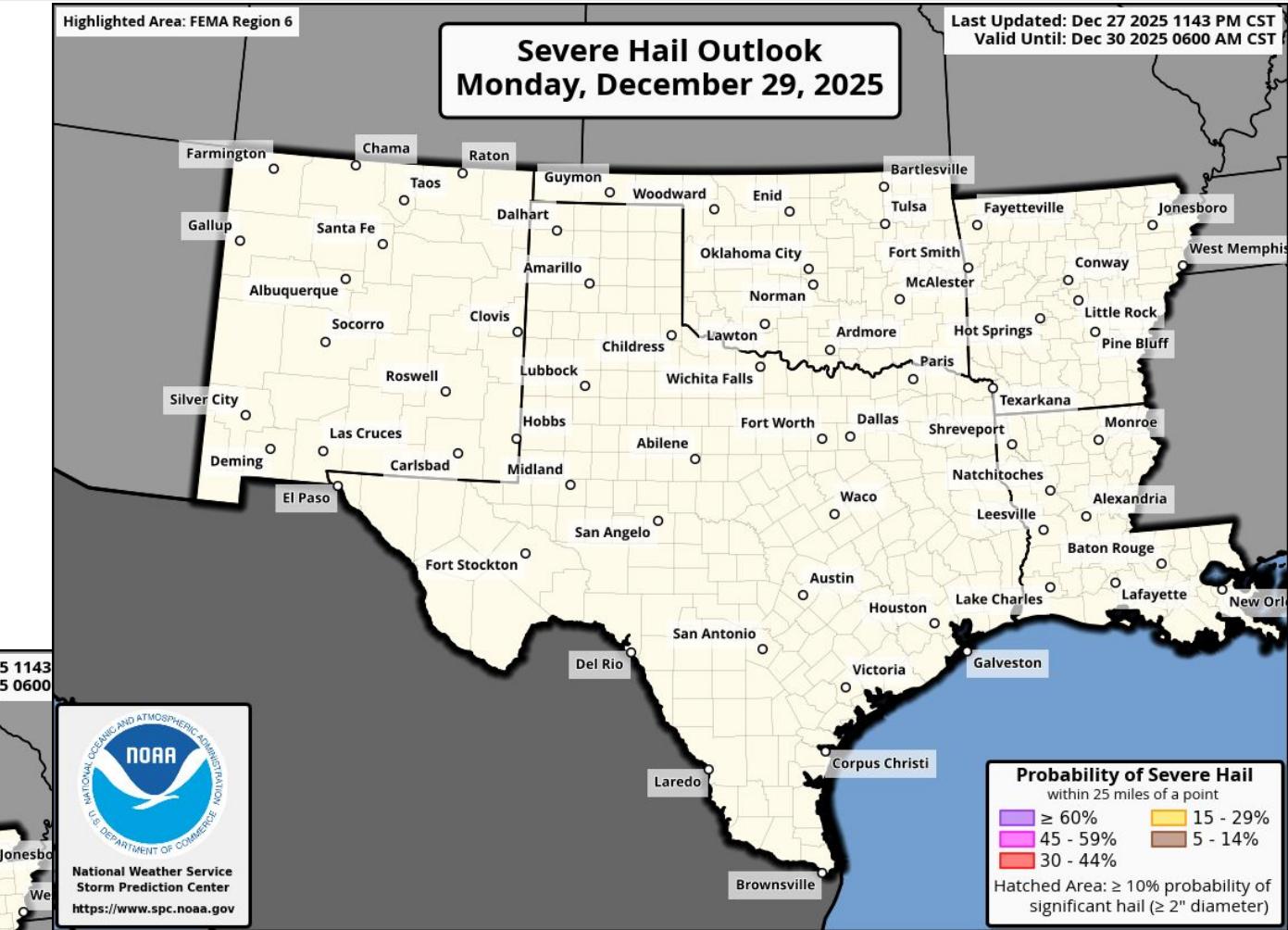
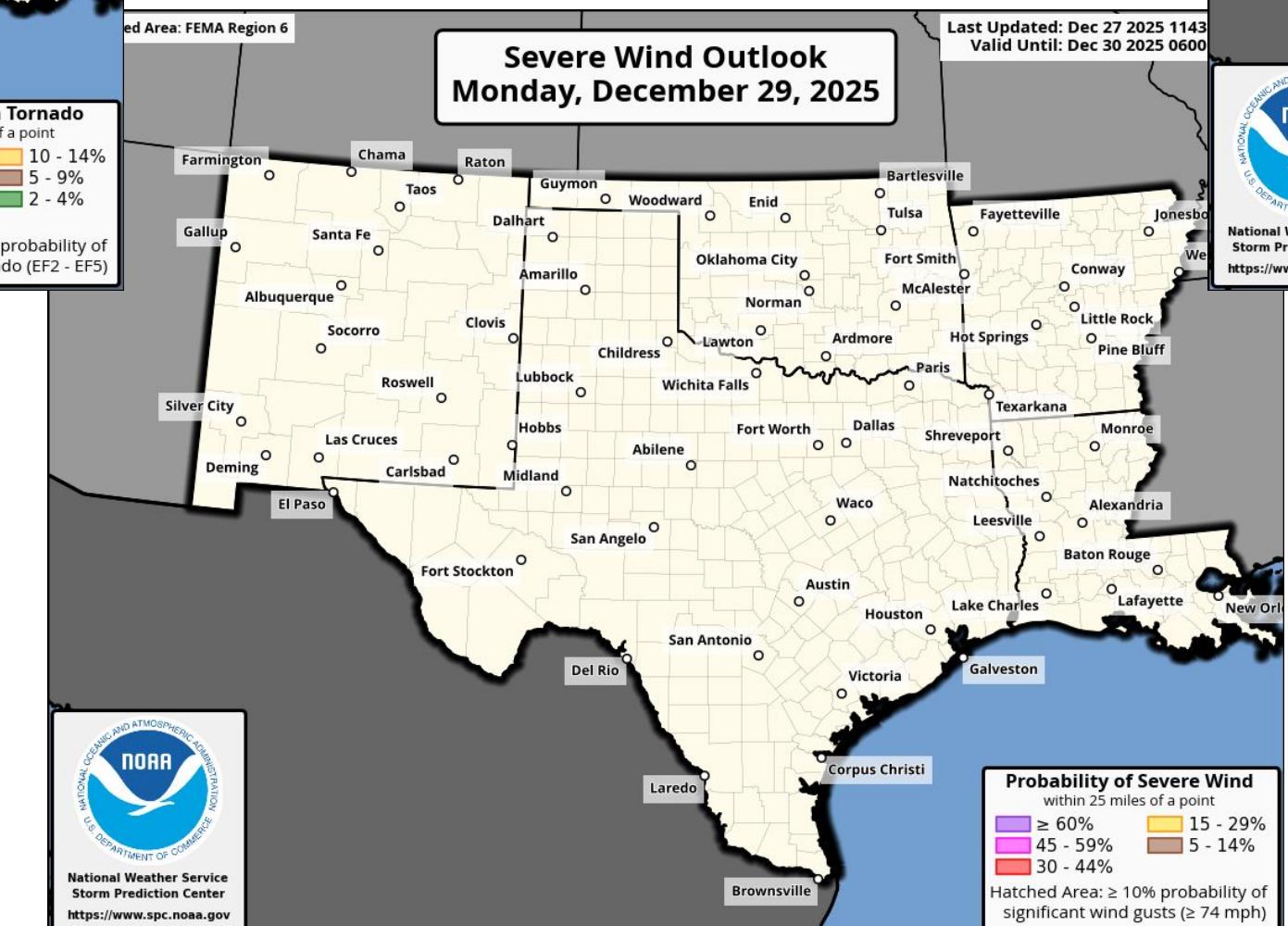
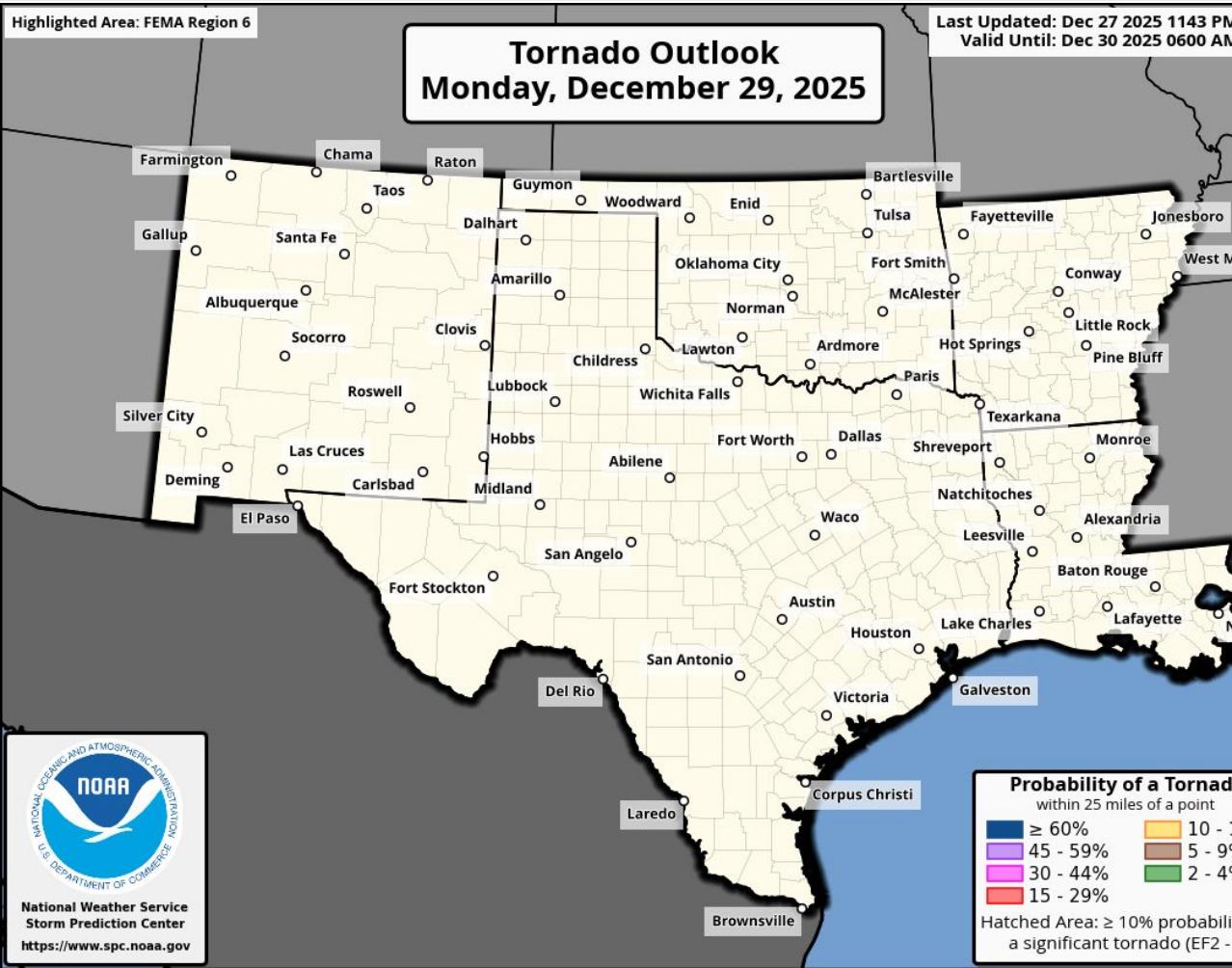
**Locally wintry mix in Far W TX.**

**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for NW TX, W OK.**



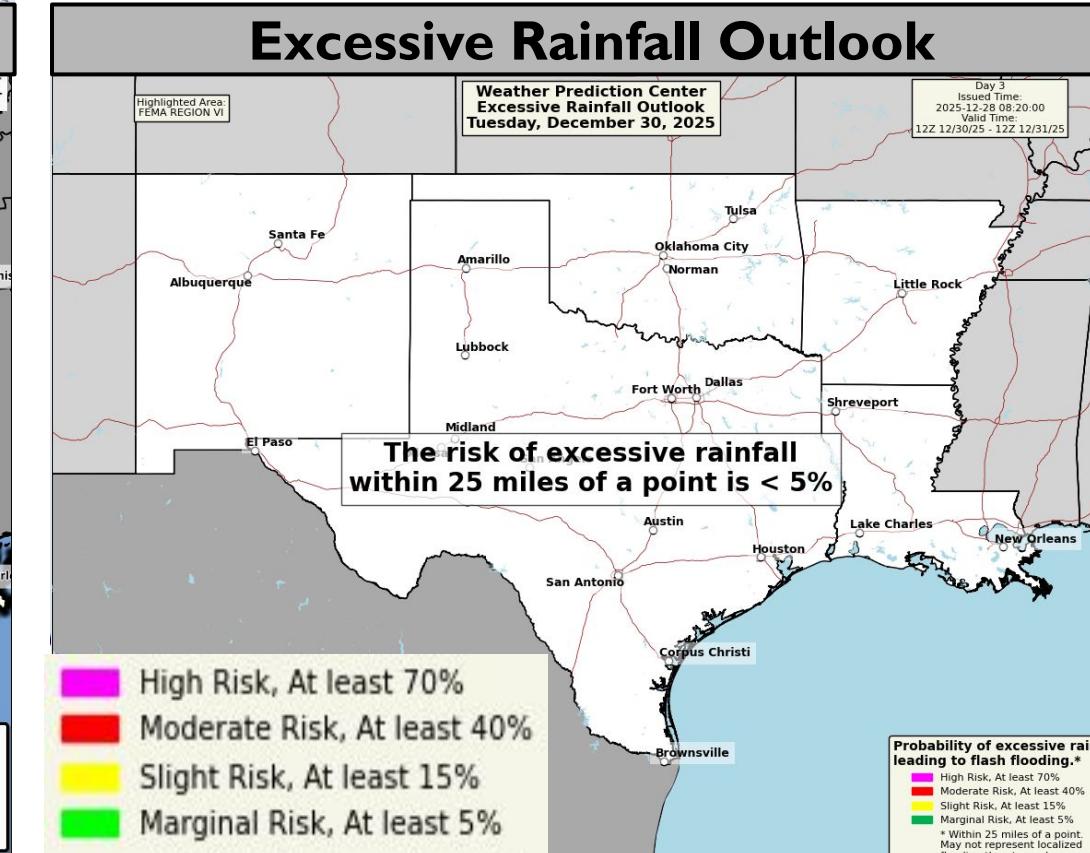
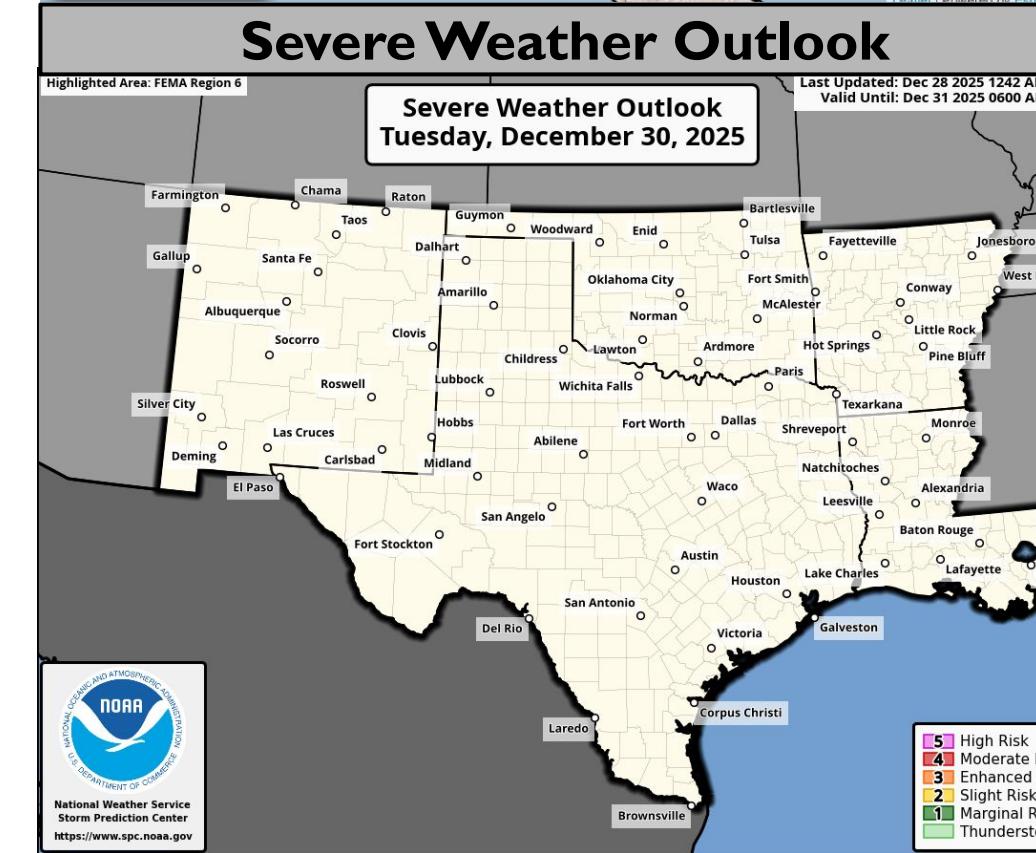
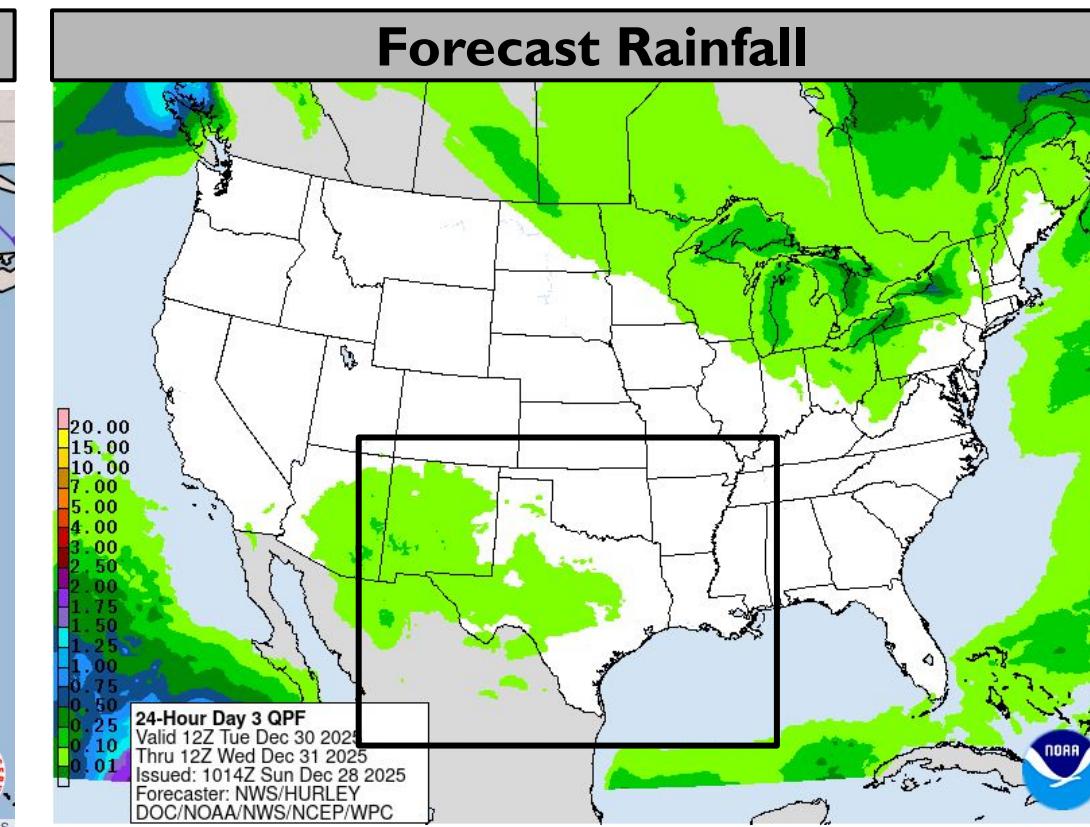
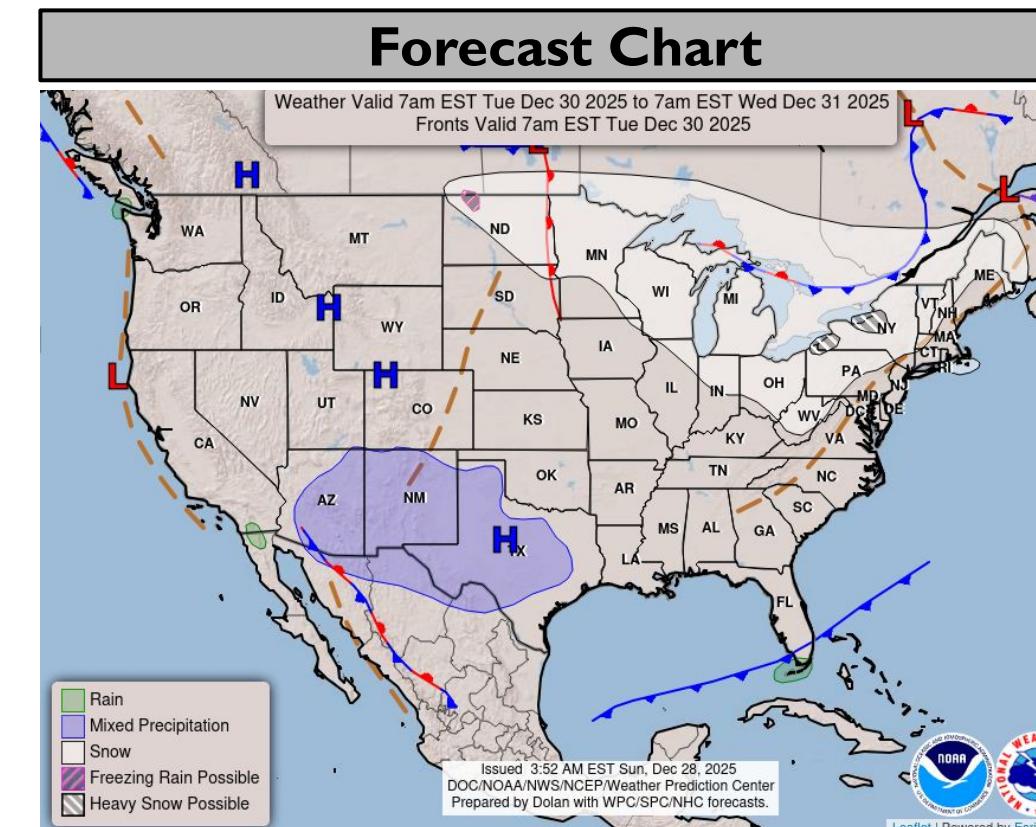


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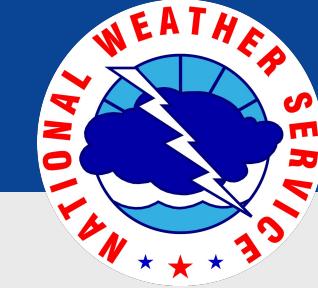
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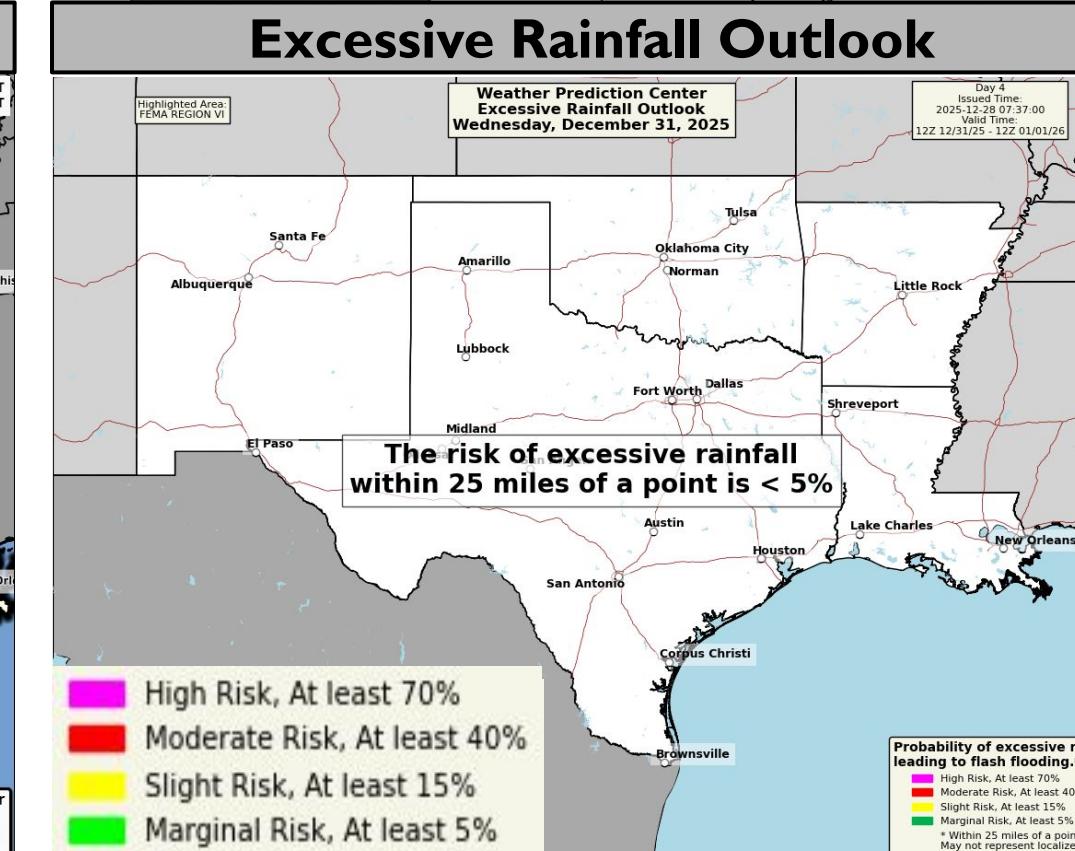
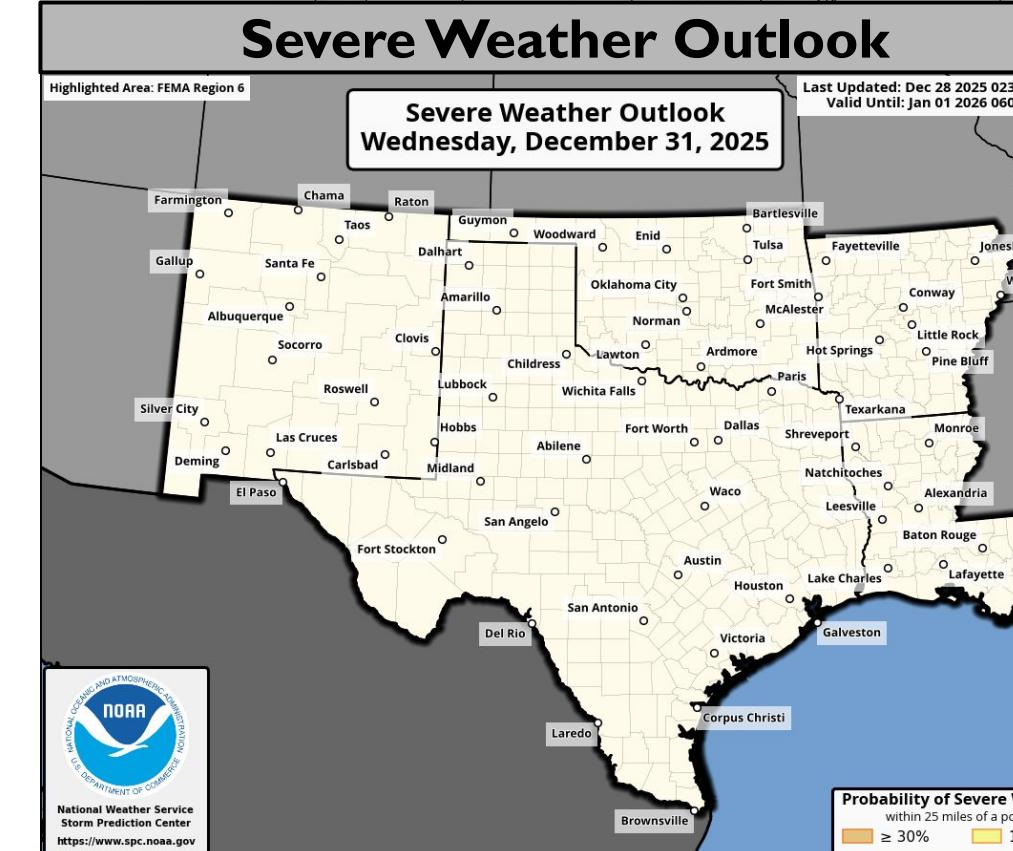
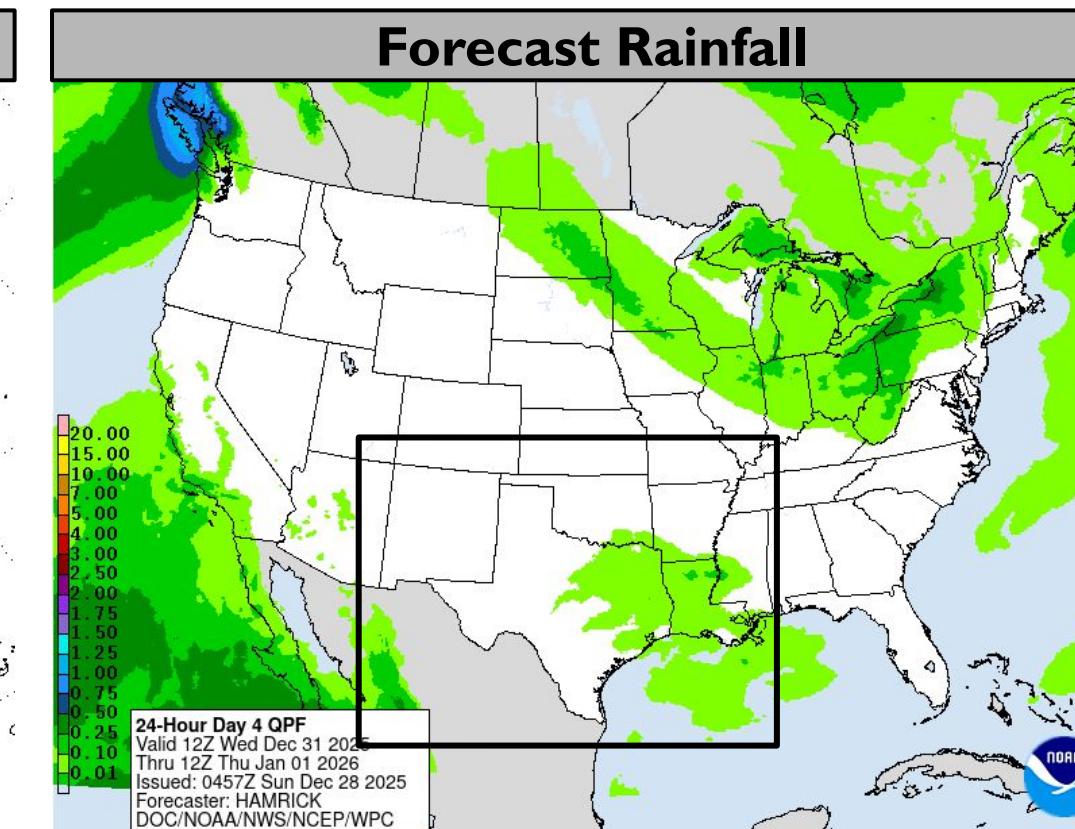
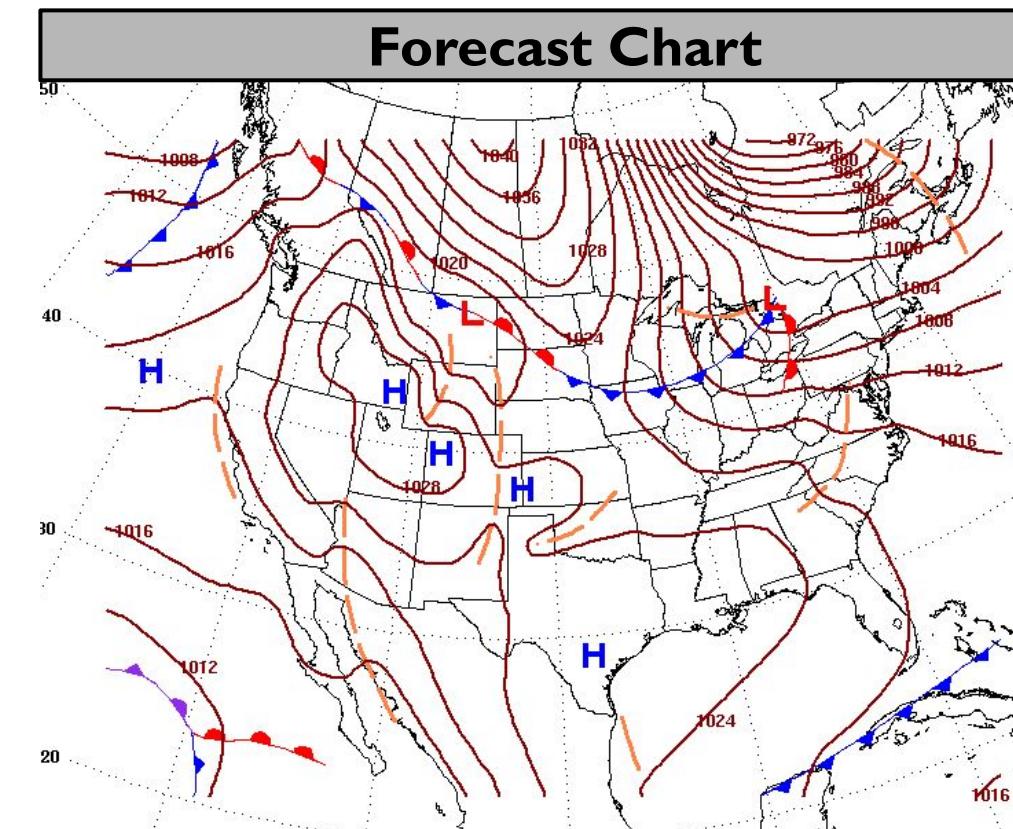
**Snowfall likely ending in S NM and W TX in the morning. Slick roads in W TX in the morning due to overnight refreeze may lead to minor travel impacts.**

**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for NW TX, W OK.**





# Wednesday's Weather



**No significant weather expected.**

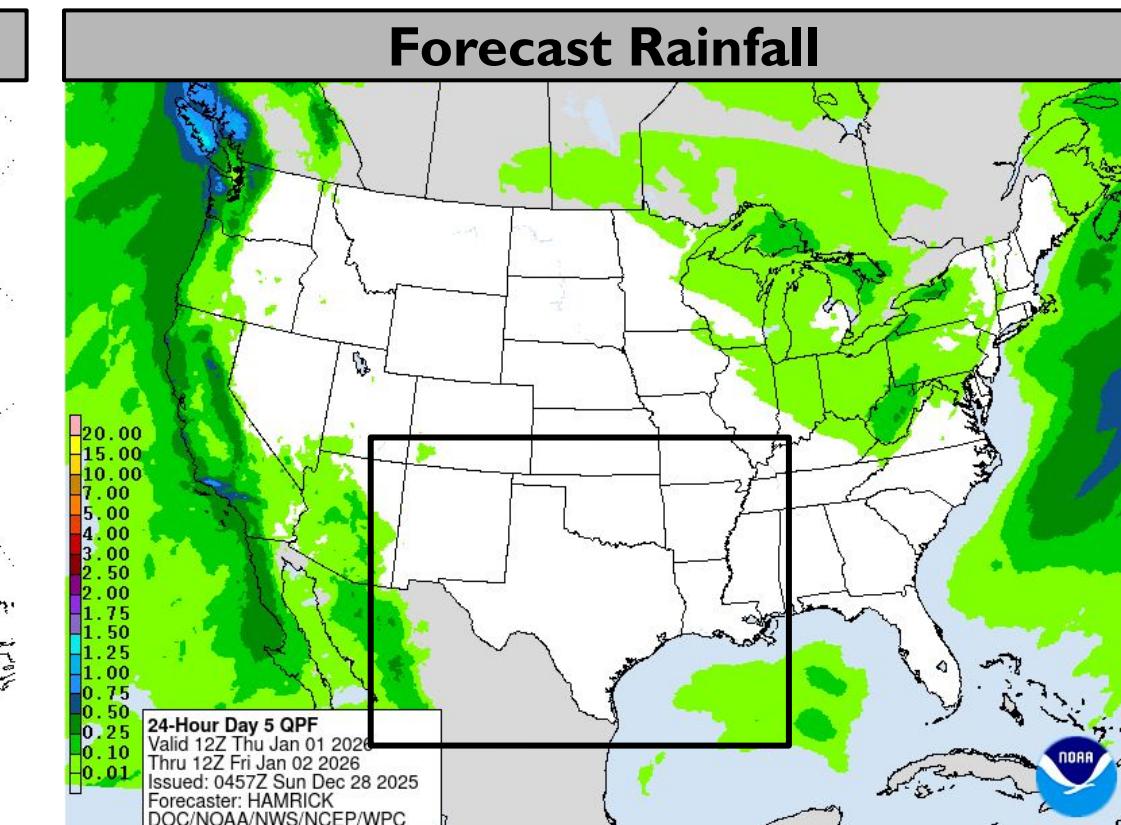
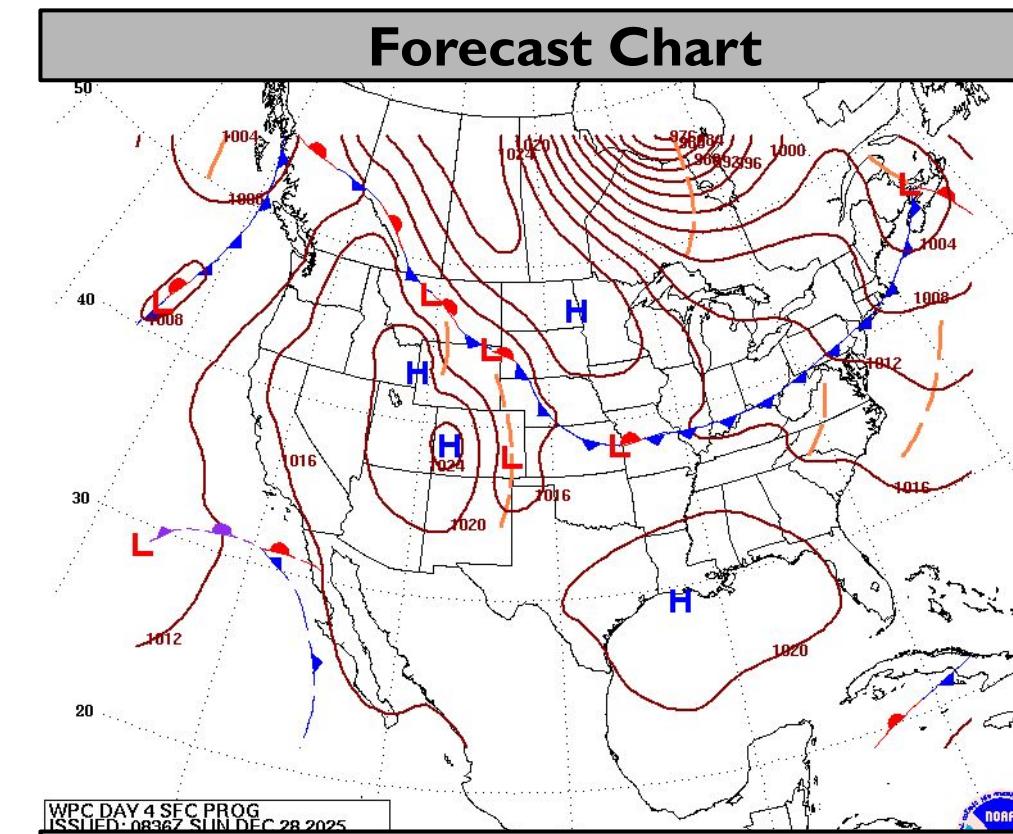


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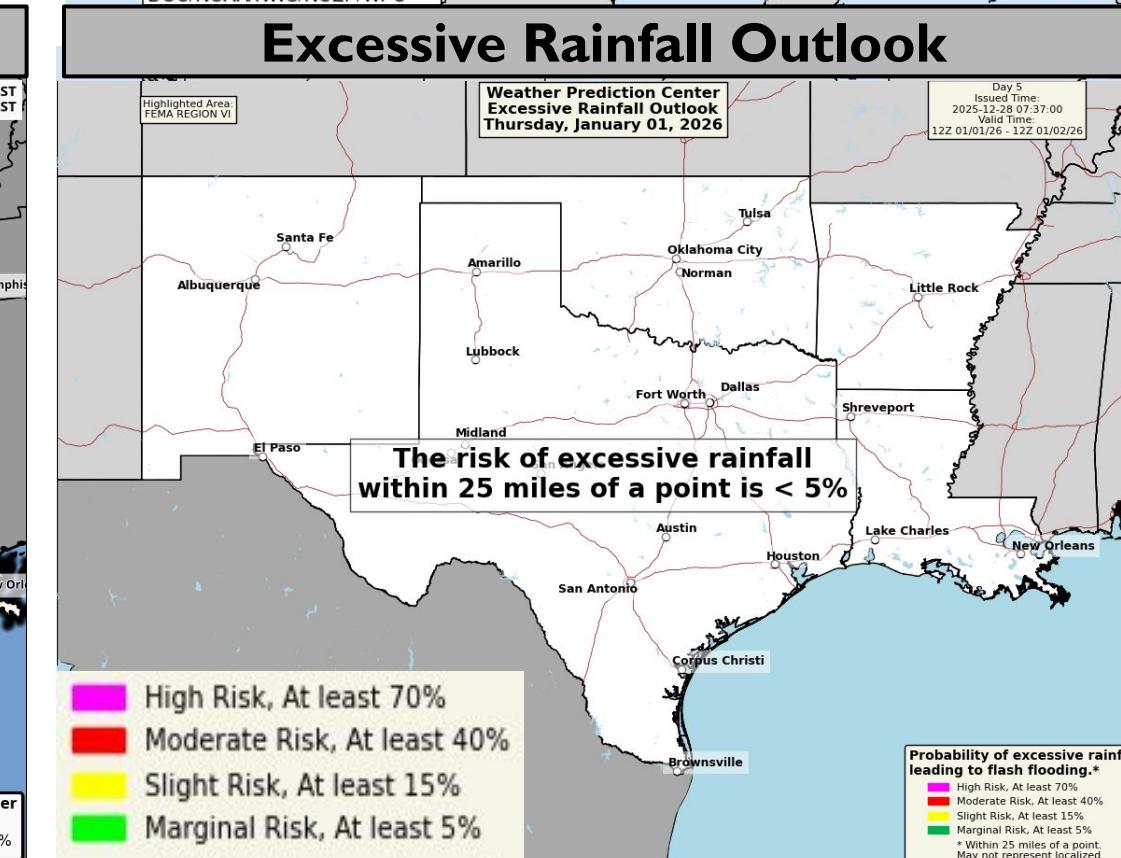
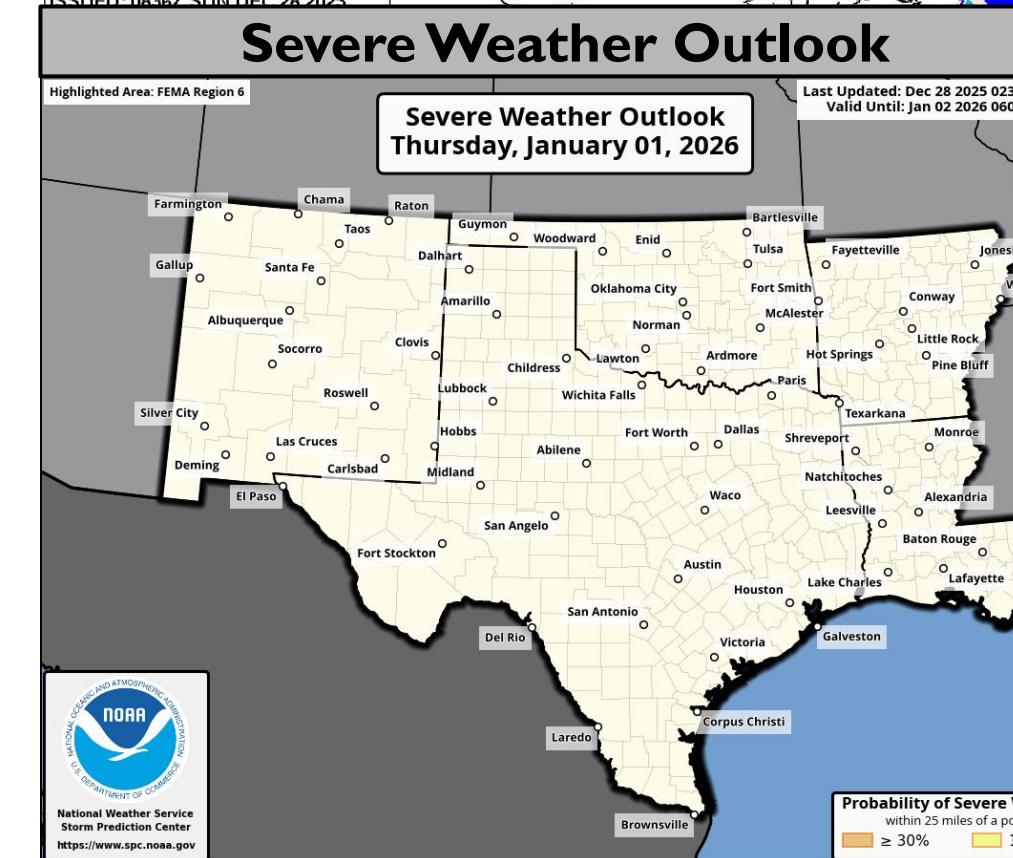
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# Thursday's Weather



# No significant weather expected.



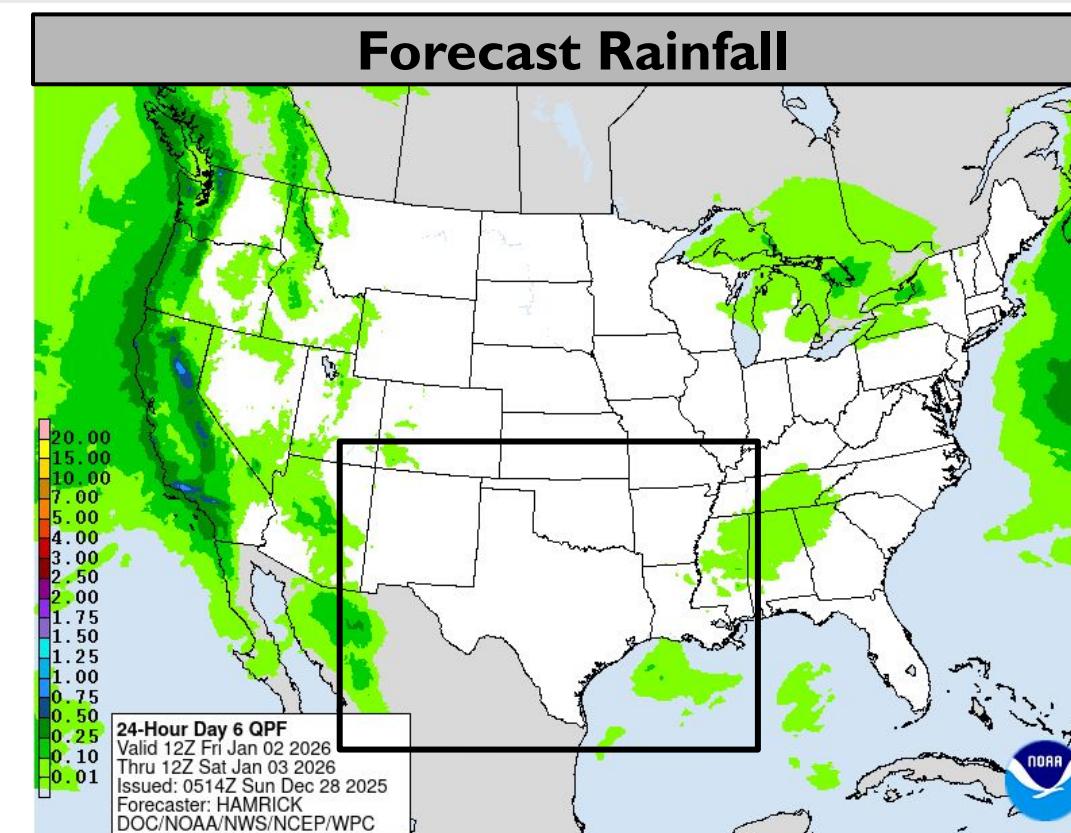
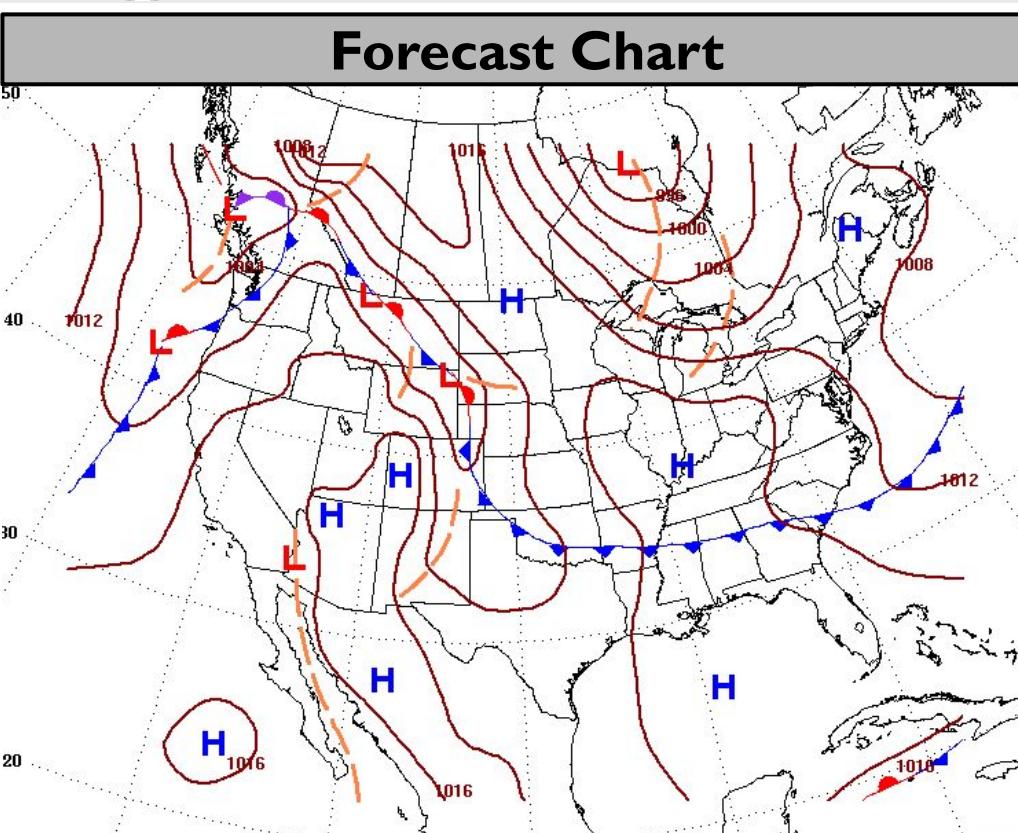
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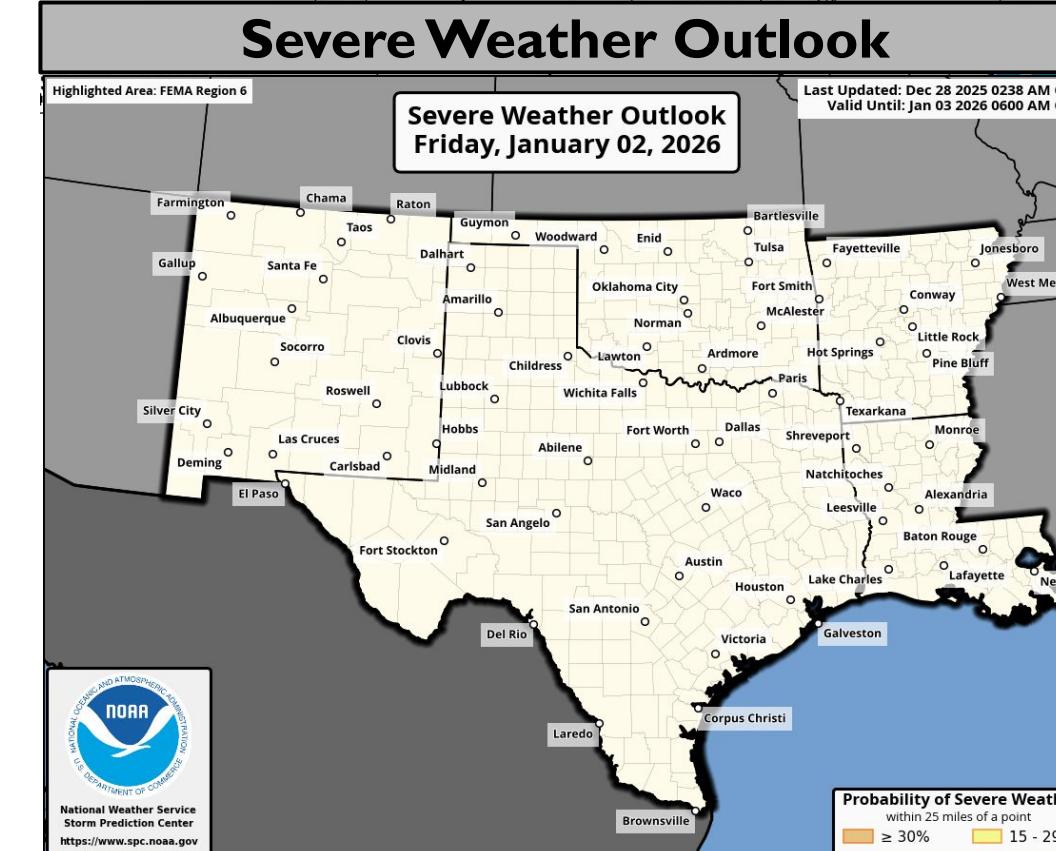
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# Friday's Weather



**No significant weather expected.**



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
not available beyond Day 5**



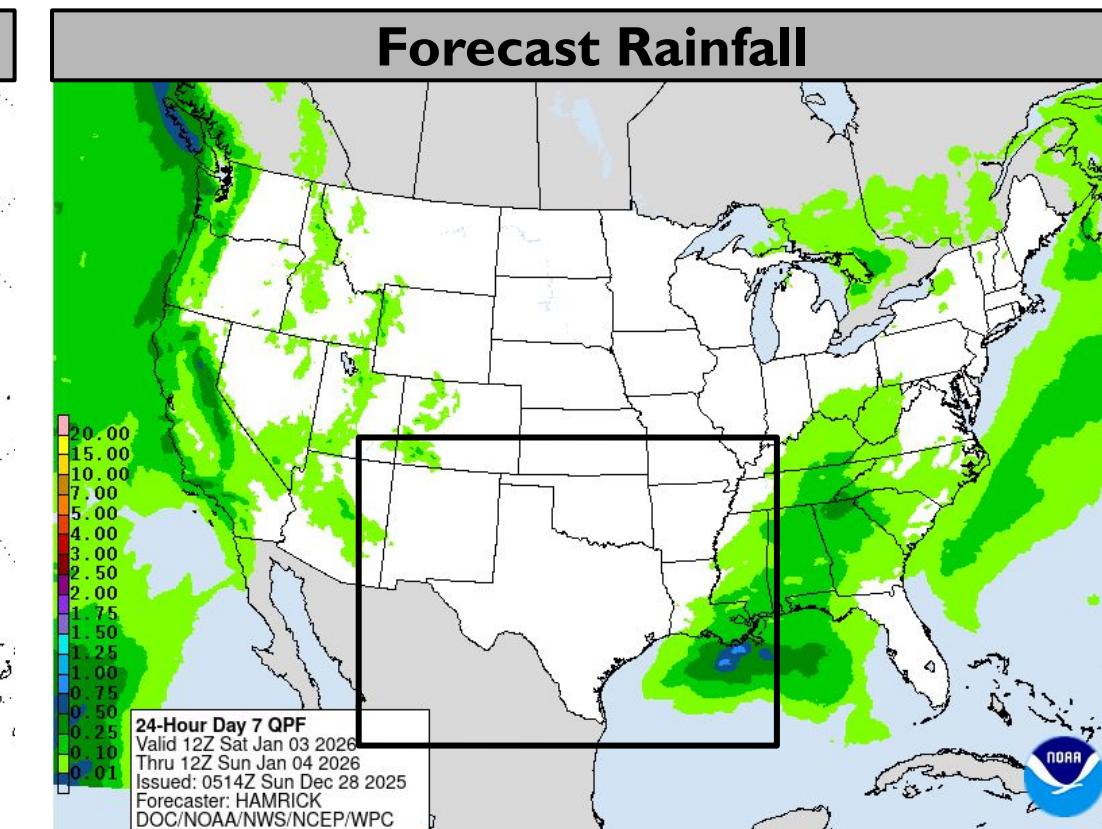
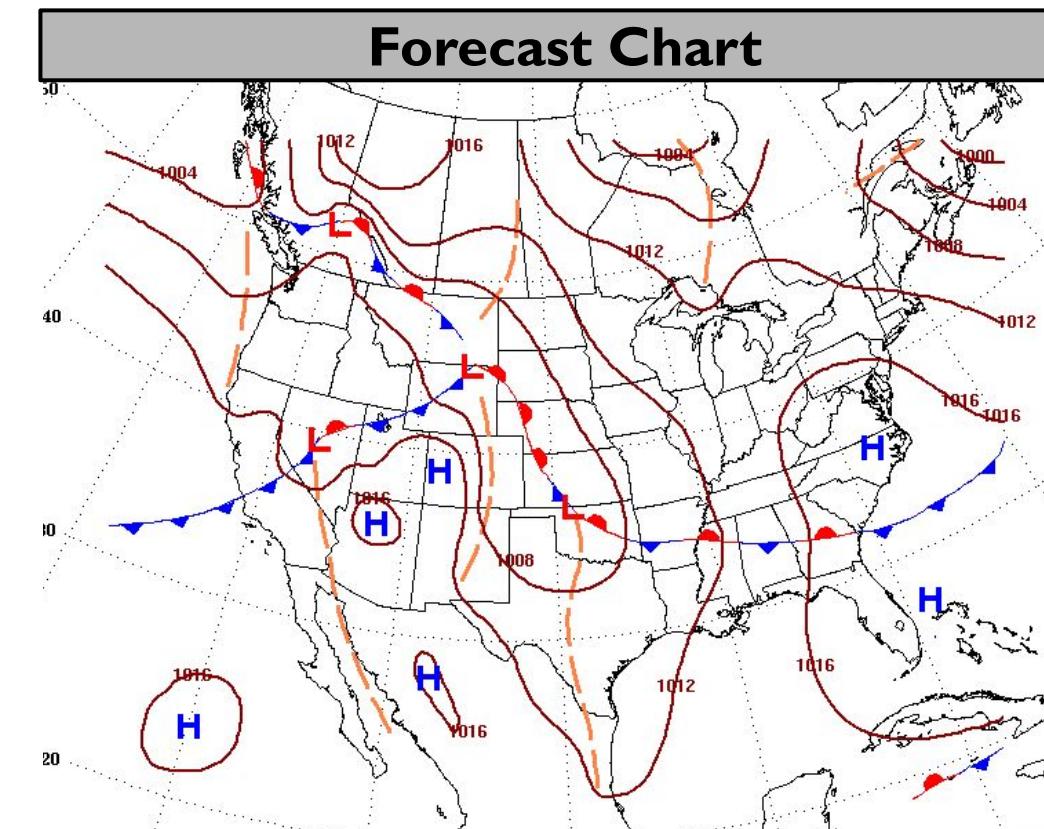
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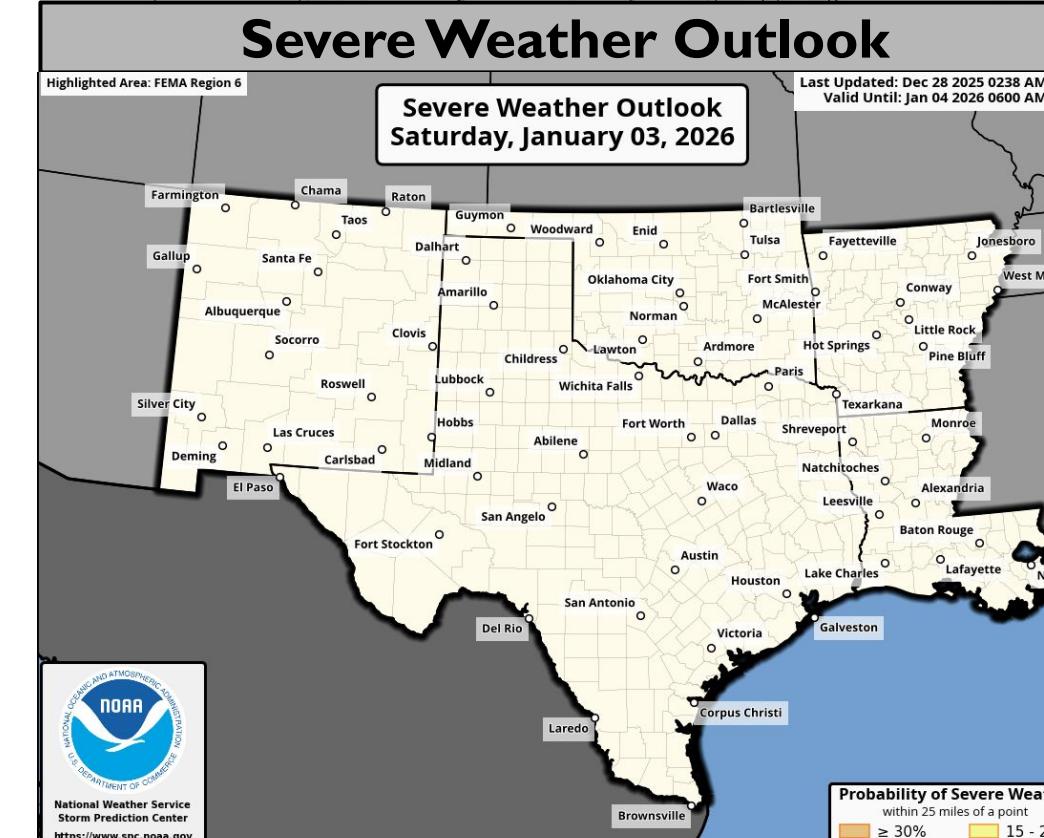
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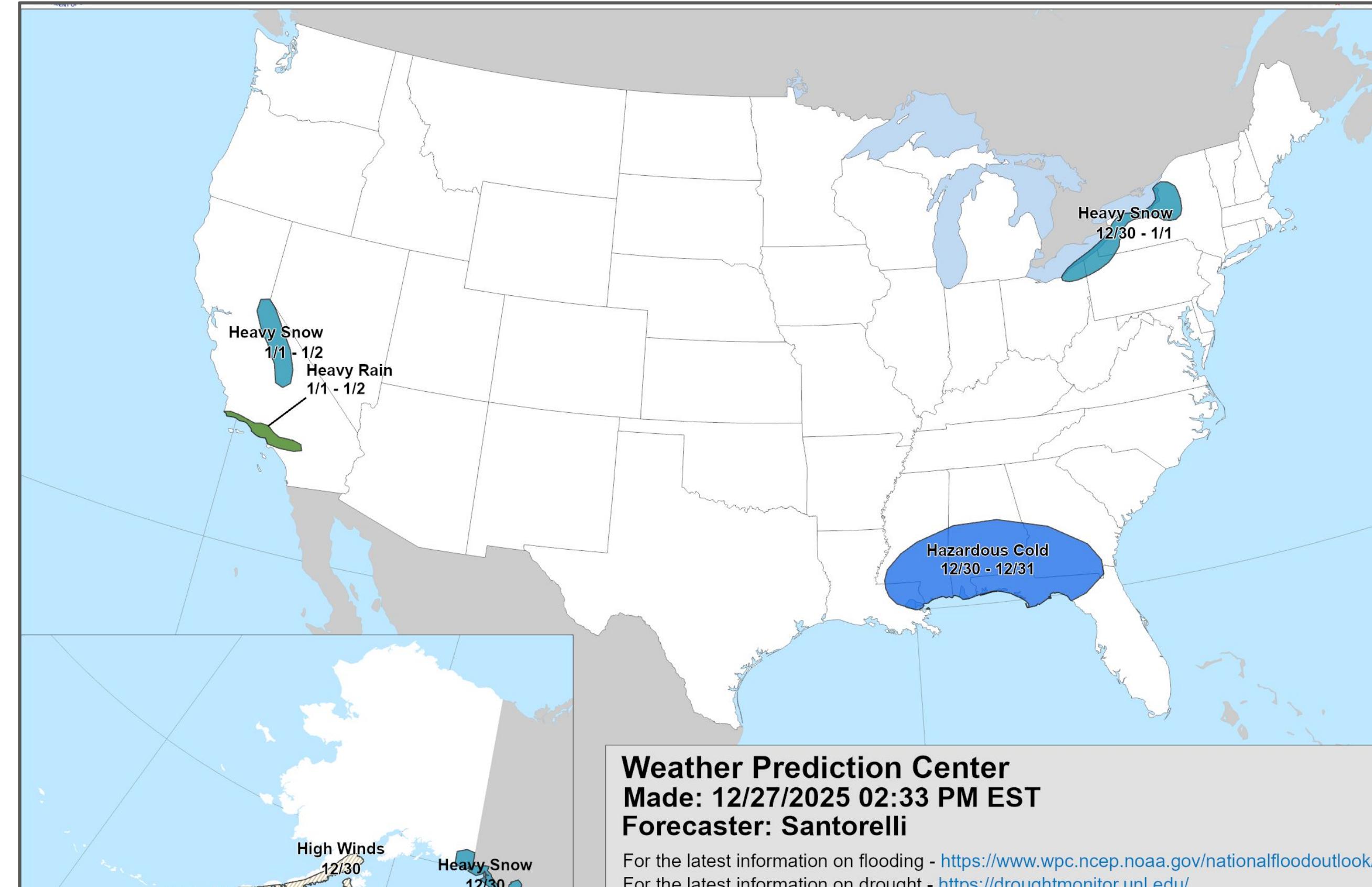
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# Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

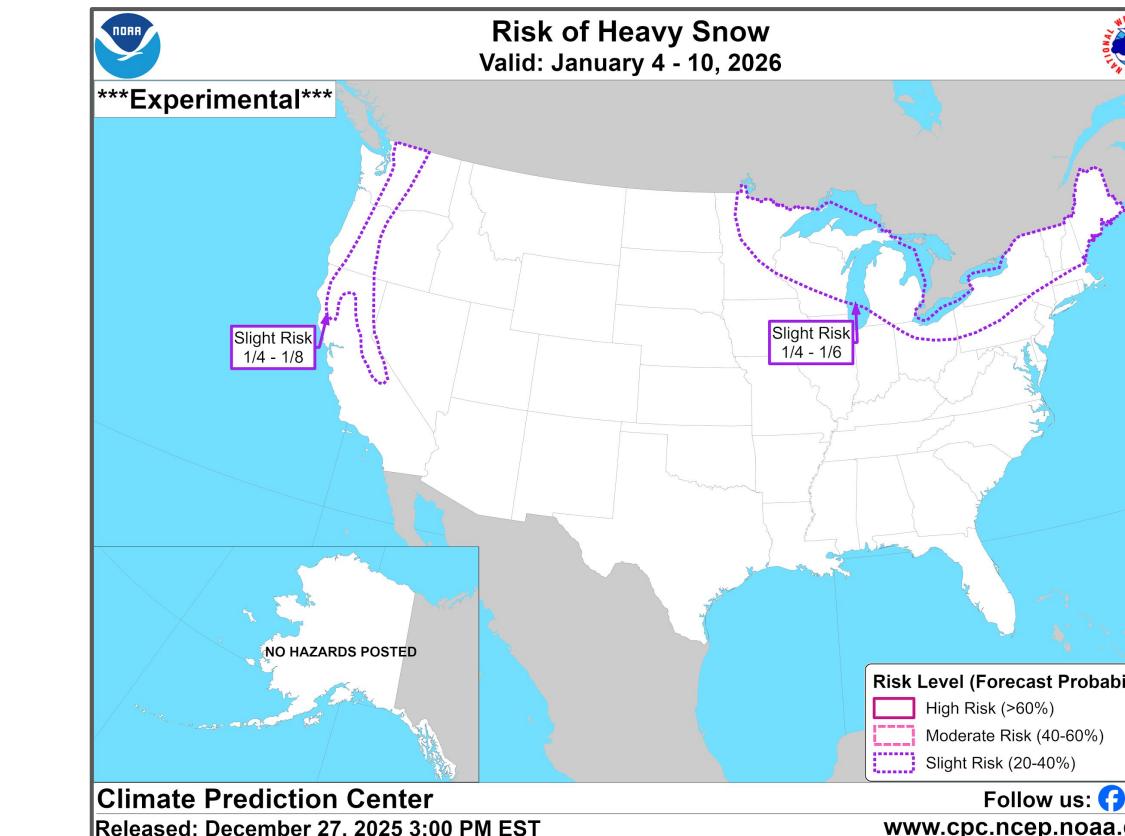
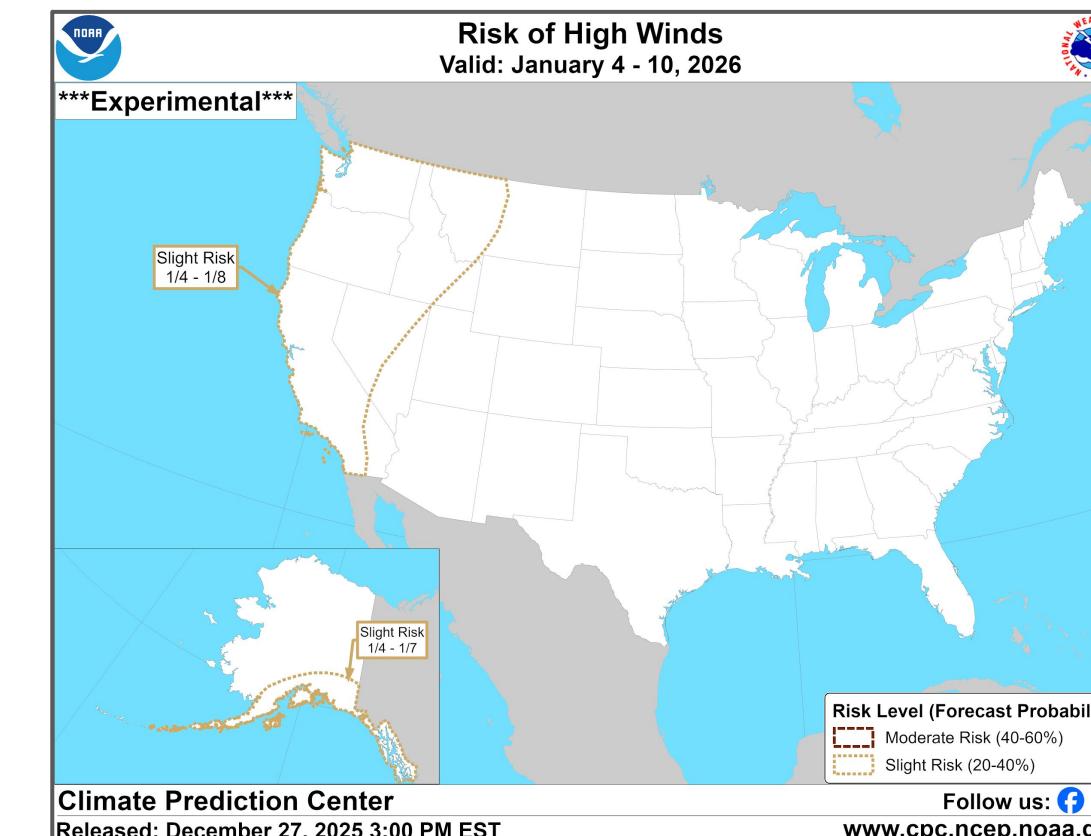
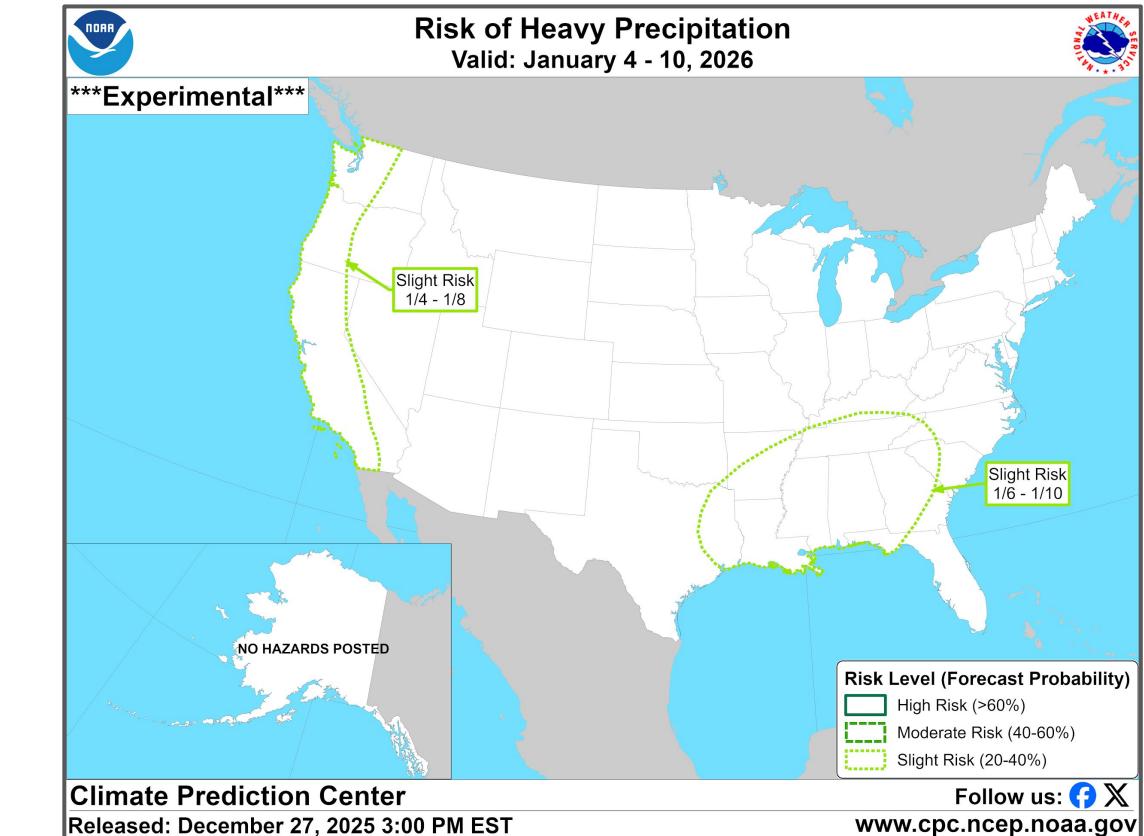
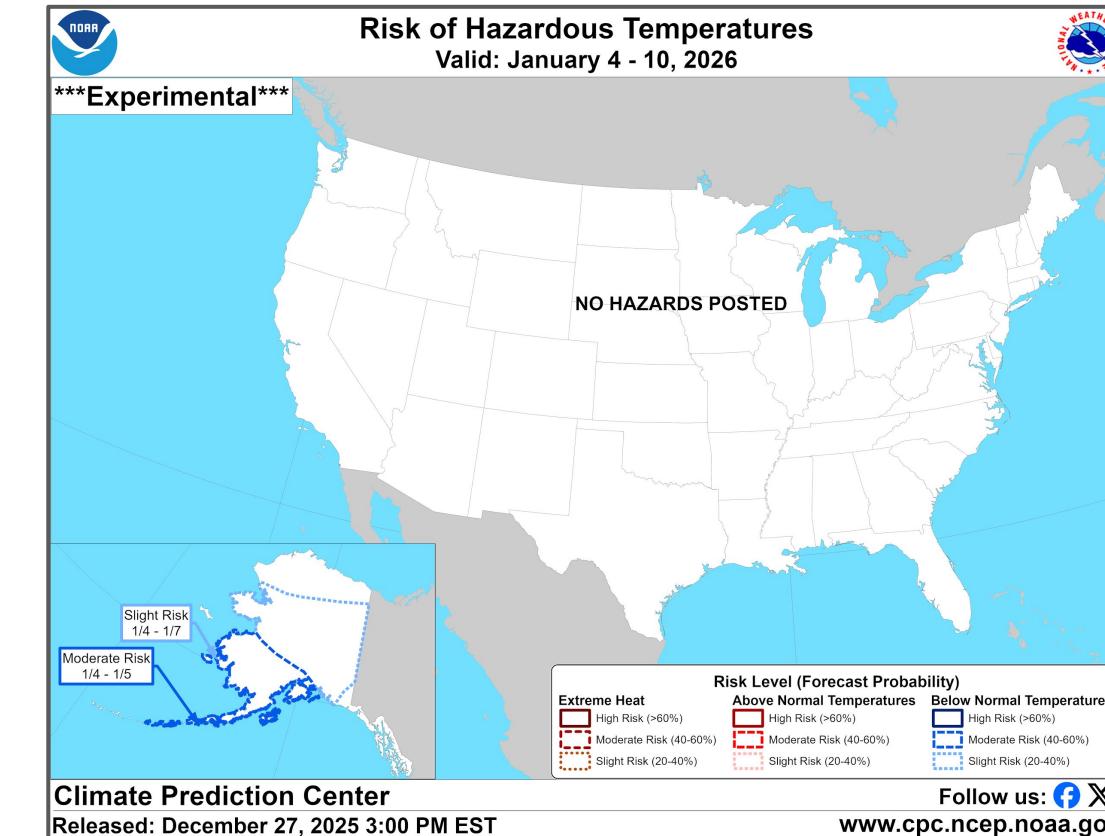
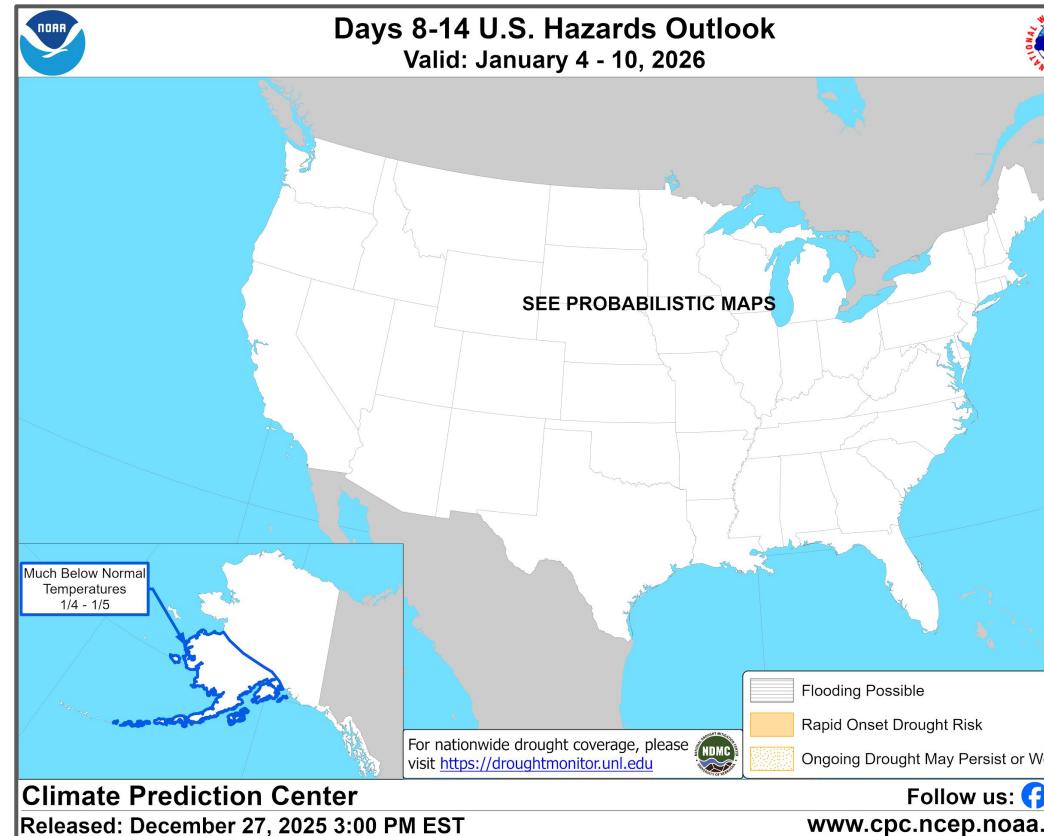


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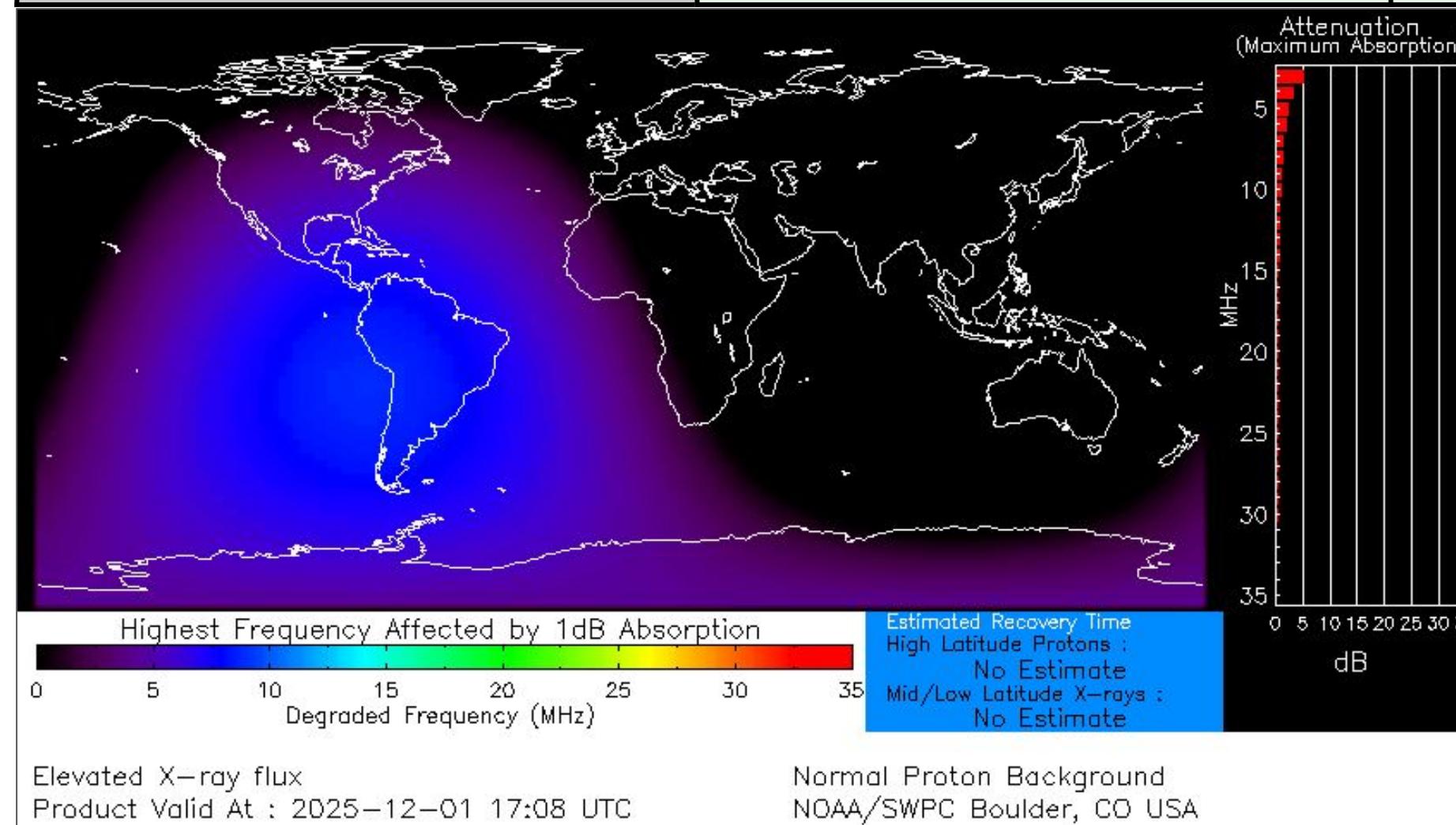
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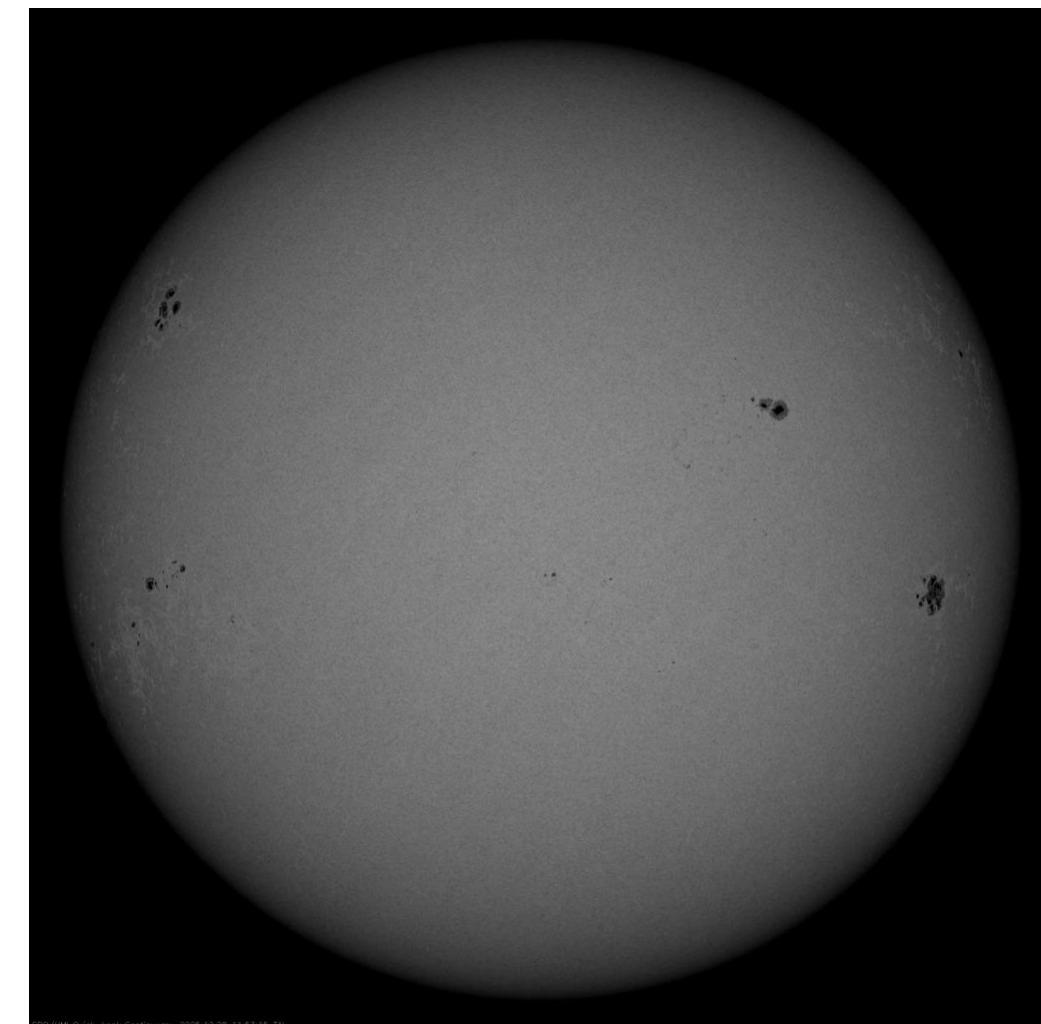
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                                      | Sunday, Dec 28              | Monday, Dec 29              | Tuesday, Dec 30             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>            | <b>Quiet<br/>(Max Kp=2)</b> | <b>Quiet<br/>(Max Kp=2)</b> | <b>Quiet<br/>(Max Kp=2)</b> |
| <b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b> | <b>15%</b>                  | <b>10%</b>                  | <b>10%</b>                  |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>        | <b>65%</b>                  | <b>65%</b>                  | <b>65%</b>                  |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>        | <b>20%</b>                  | <b>20%</b>                  | <b>20%</b>                  |



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## Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

| Color  | Definition   | Criteria  | Example(s)   |
|--------|--|---|--|
| Green  | <p><b>Little to None</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>                                      | <p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br/>Tropical: None<br/>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active</p>   | <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 | <p><b>Minor</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>   | <p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Nuisance flooding expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br/>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook</p>  | <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 | <p><b>Moderate</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>                                | <p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br/>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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"> <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    | <p><b>Major</b></p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed<br/>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>                        | <p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br/>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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"> <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 | <p><b>Extreme</b></p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed<br/>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: High Risk from SPC<br/>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br/>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br/>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"> <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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