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# FEMA Region 6

## Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, December 29, 2025

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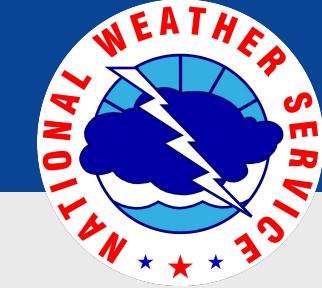
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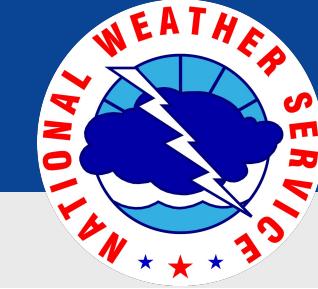
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# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**
  - Elevated (level 1 of 3) across **W OK, TX, SW AR, W LA** today.
  - Elevated fire weather concerns continue tomorrow in **W OK, NW TX**.
- **Winter Weather:**
  - Minor to locally moderate travel impacts in the mountains of **SE NM, W TX** due to snow today. Mountainous portions of **SE NM, W TX/Far W TX** are expected to get 3-6" of snow, along with high winds that will significantly reduce visibility. Mountain snow is expected to end early tomorrow morning.
  - Elsewhere in **SE NM, W TX**, minor travel impacts are expected today due to 1-3" of snow. Some mixed precip may occur, but warm ground/road temps will prevent significant travel issues.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Dec 29	Tuesday, Dec 30	Wednesday, Dec 31	Thursday, Jan 1	Thursday, Jan 2	Friday, Jan 3	Saturday, Jan 4
<b>Severe Storms</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding</b>							
<b>Winter Weather</b>	<b>SE NM, W TX</b>	<b>SE NM, W TX (AM)</b>					
<b>Fire Weather</b>	<b>W OK, TX, SW AR, W LA</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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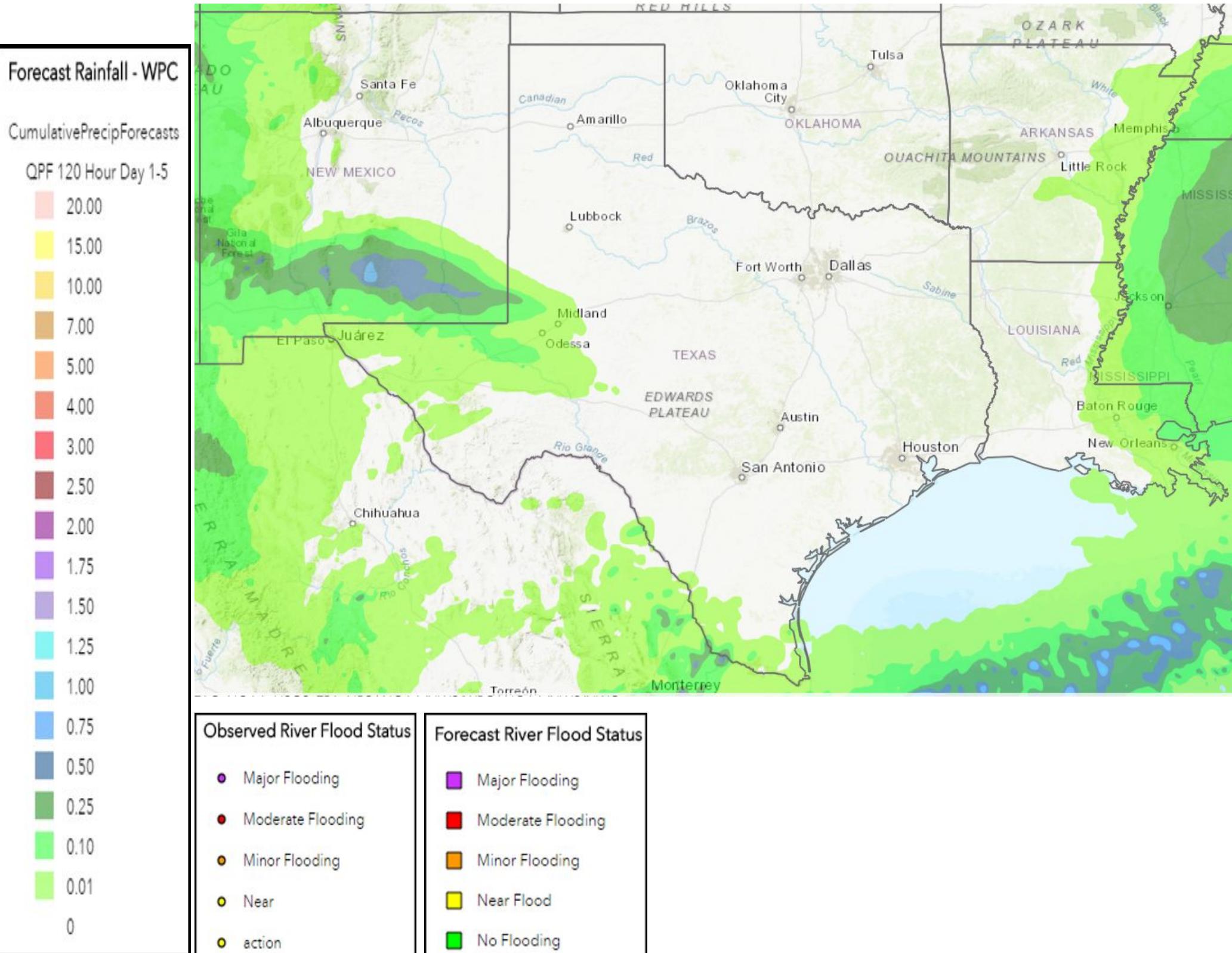
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

**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.**



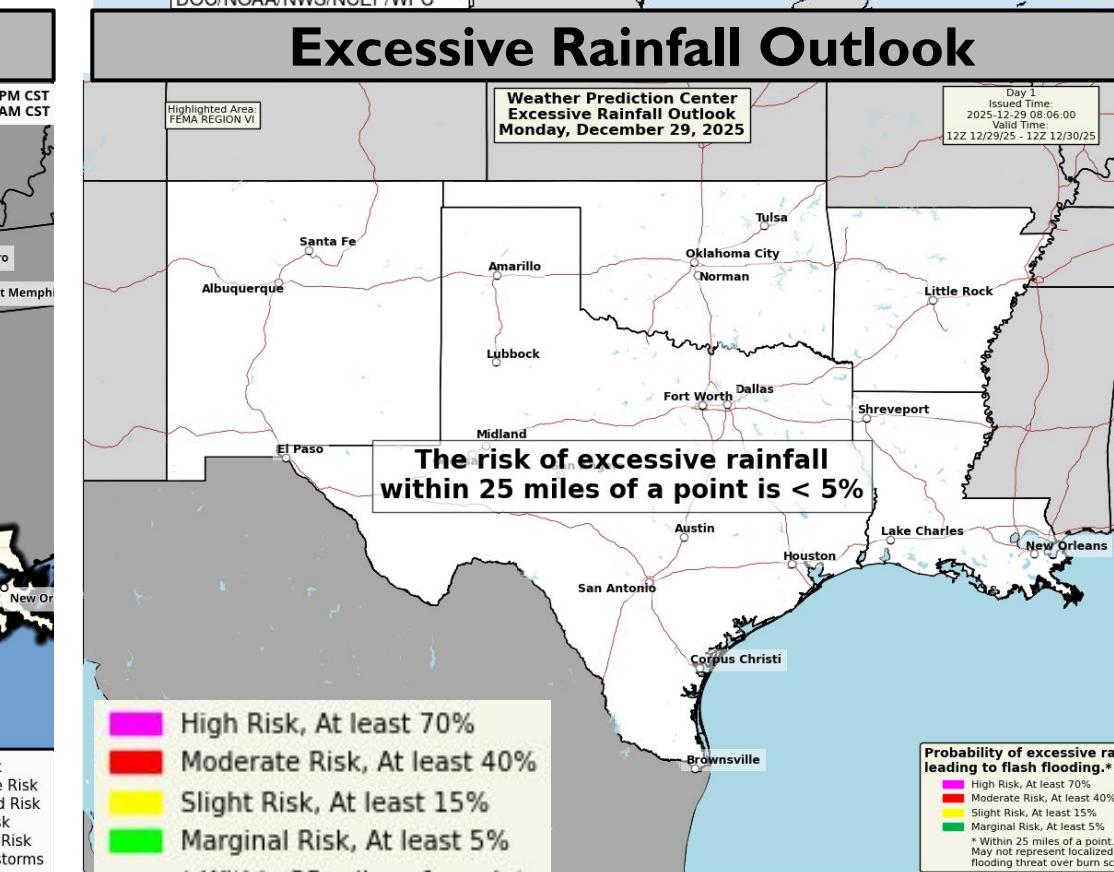
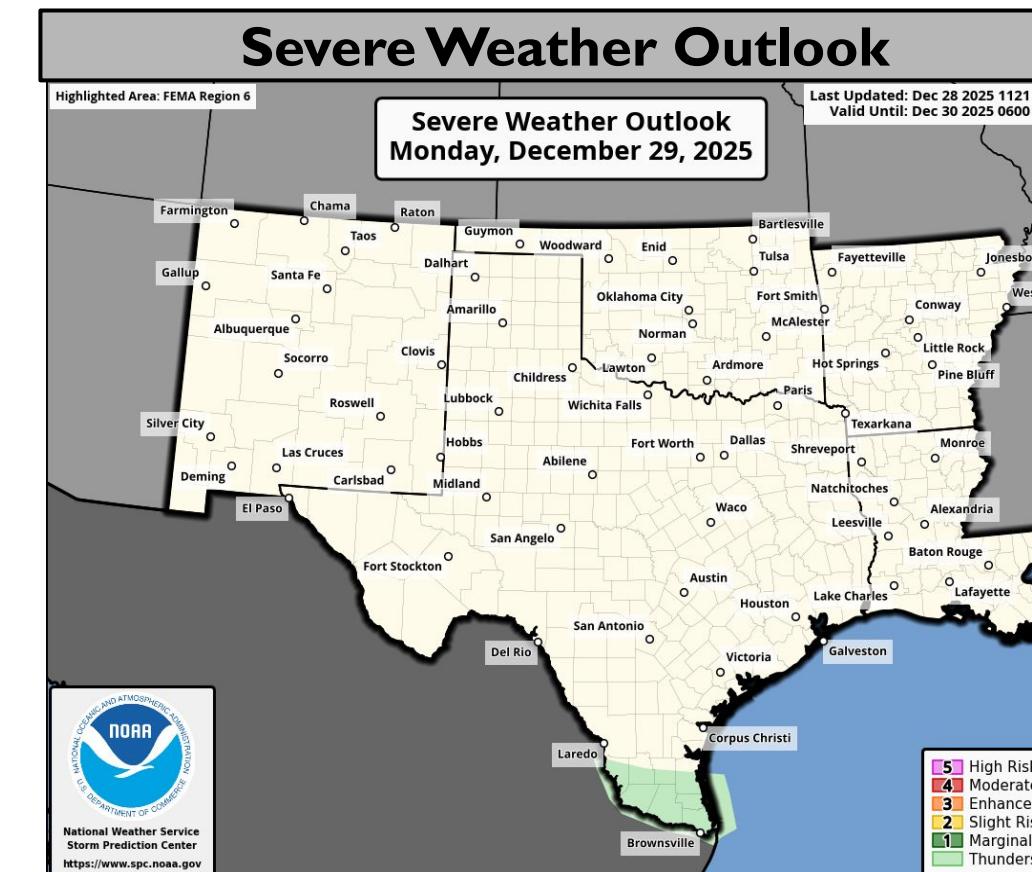
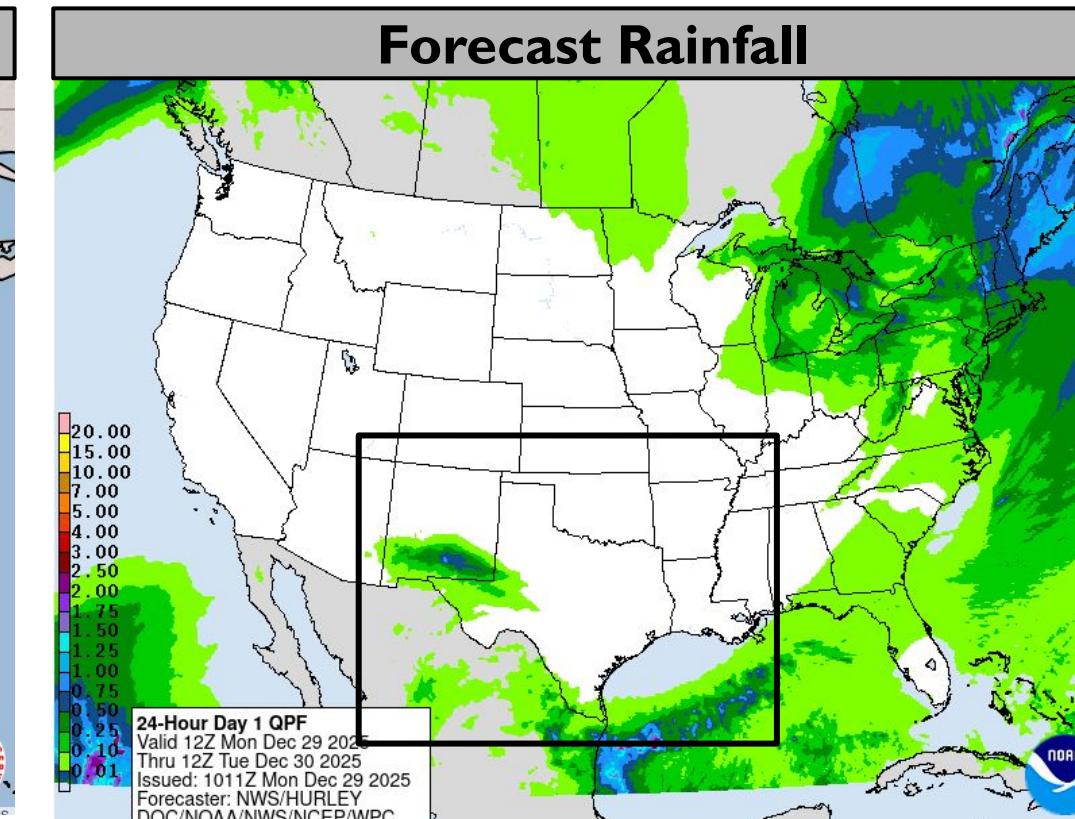
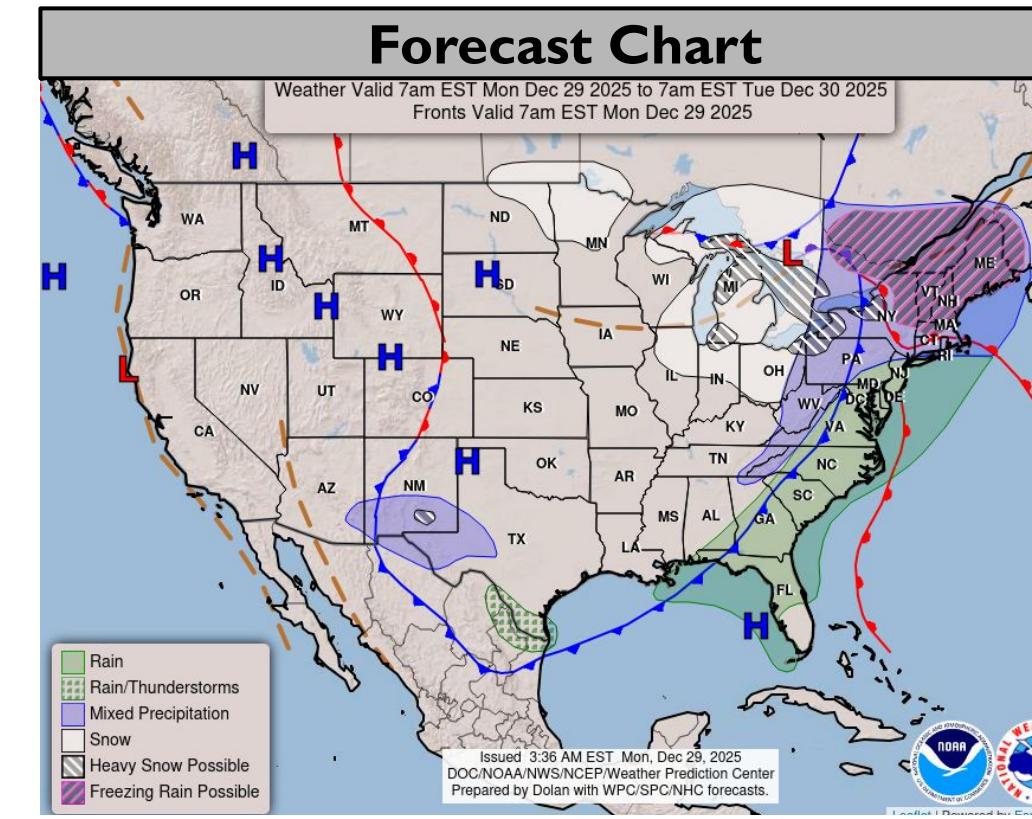
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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# Today's Weather

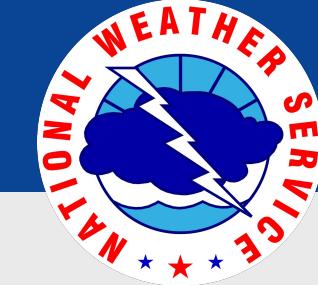


**Minor to locally moderate travel impacts tonight in the mountain communities of S NM, and W TX due to snow. Blowing snow will reduce visibilities in the Guadalupe Mountains to less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.**

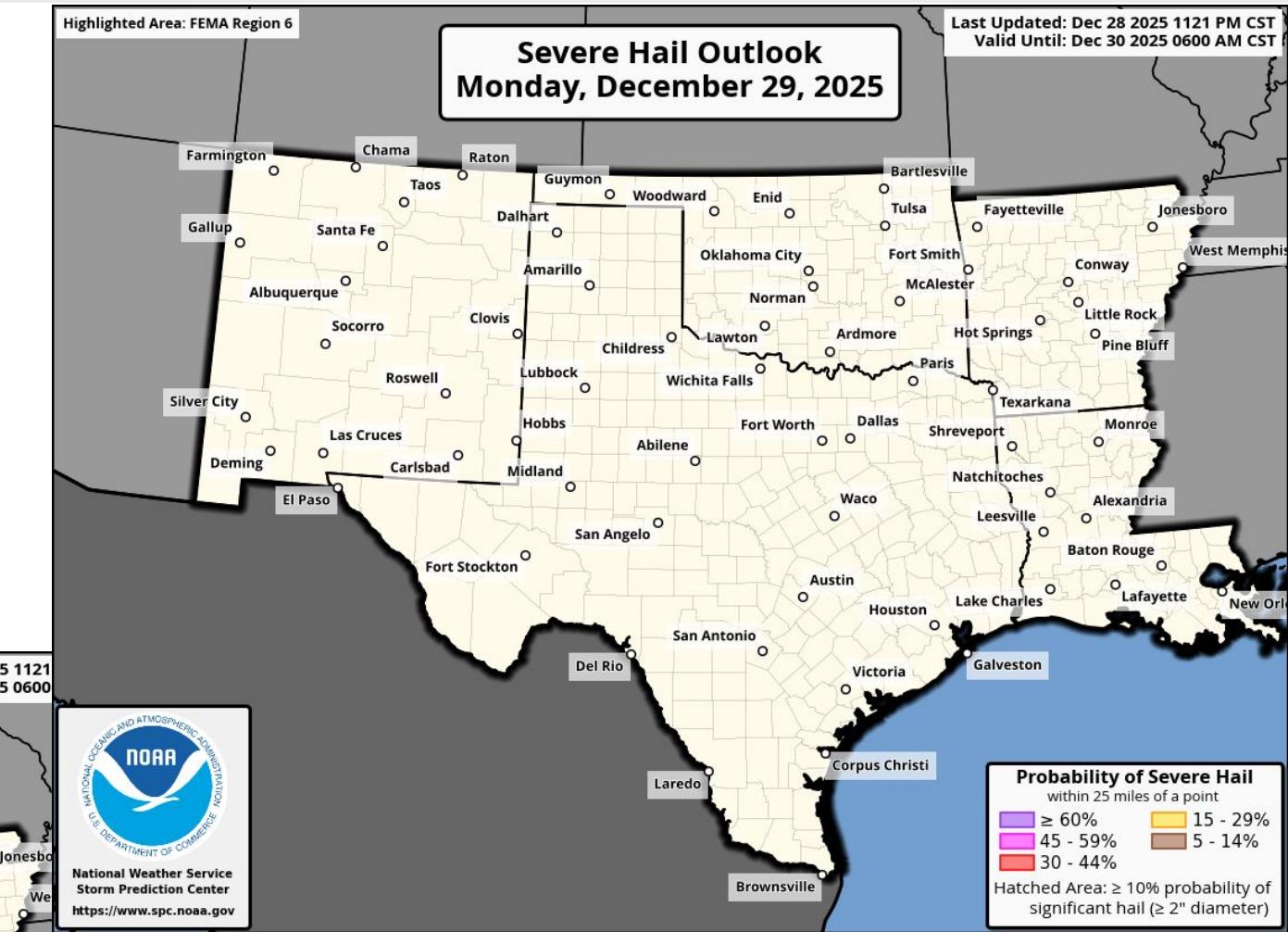
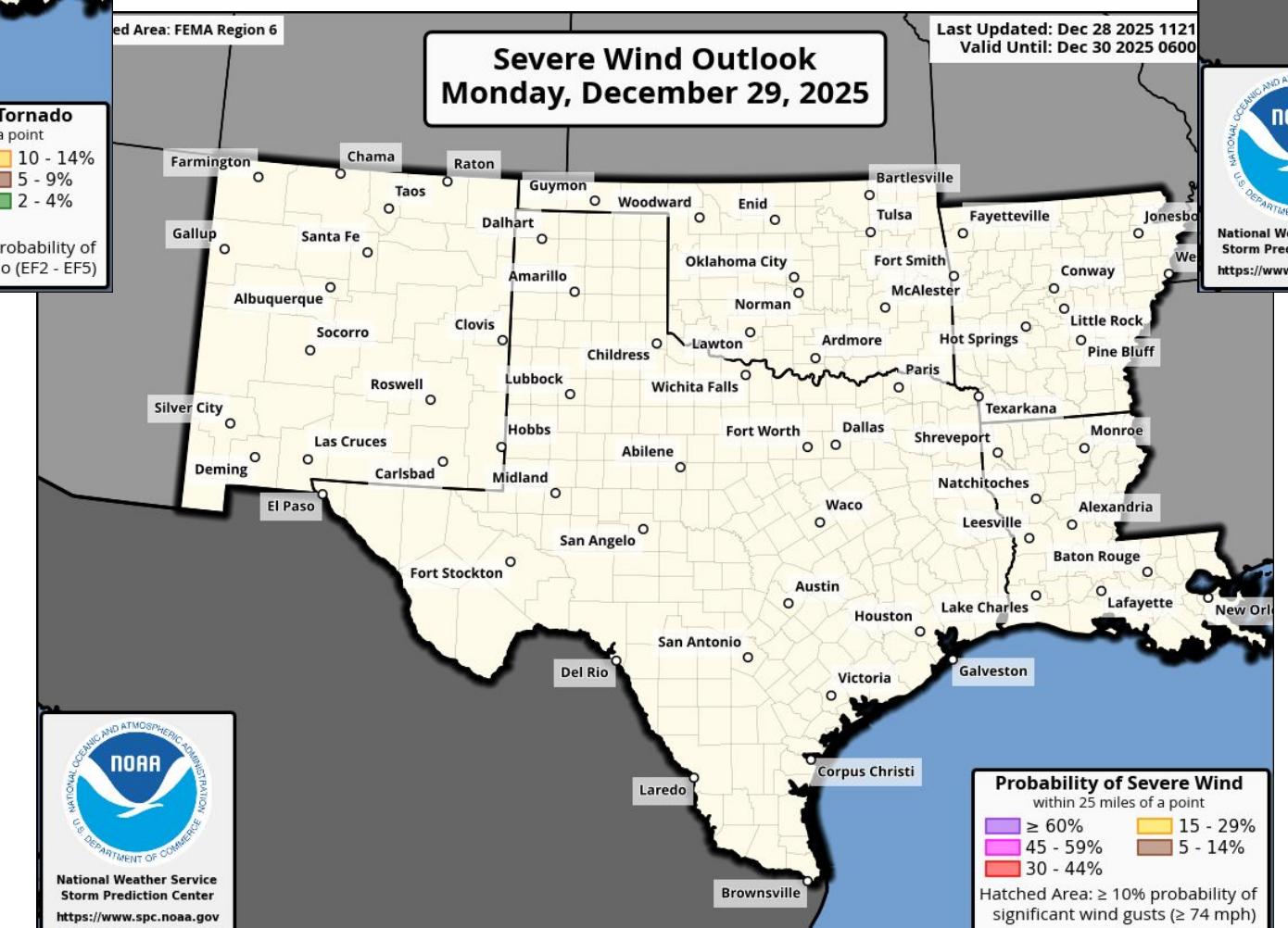
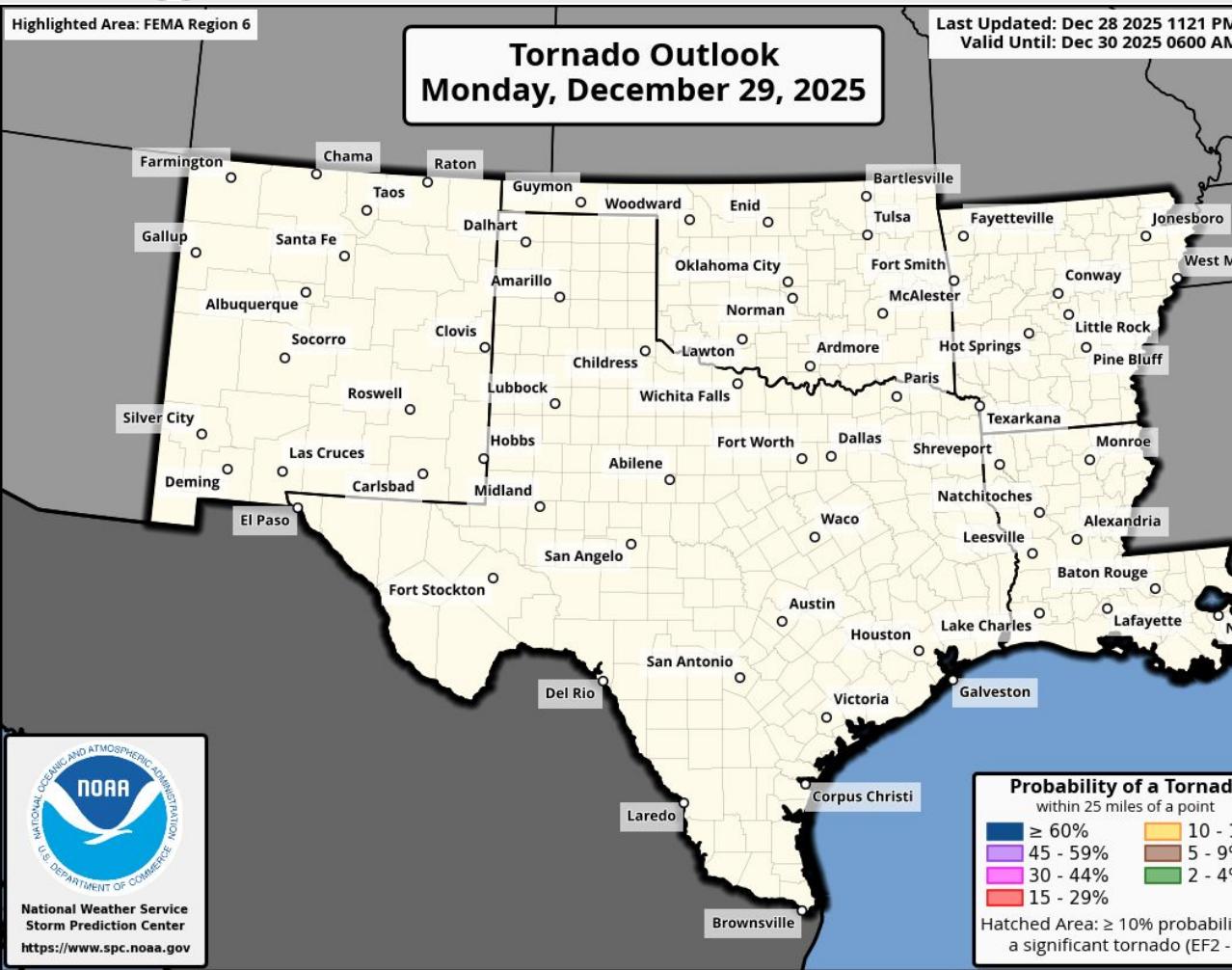
**Minor travel impacts elsewhere in SE NM, W TX where light snow or light mixed precip falls.**

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



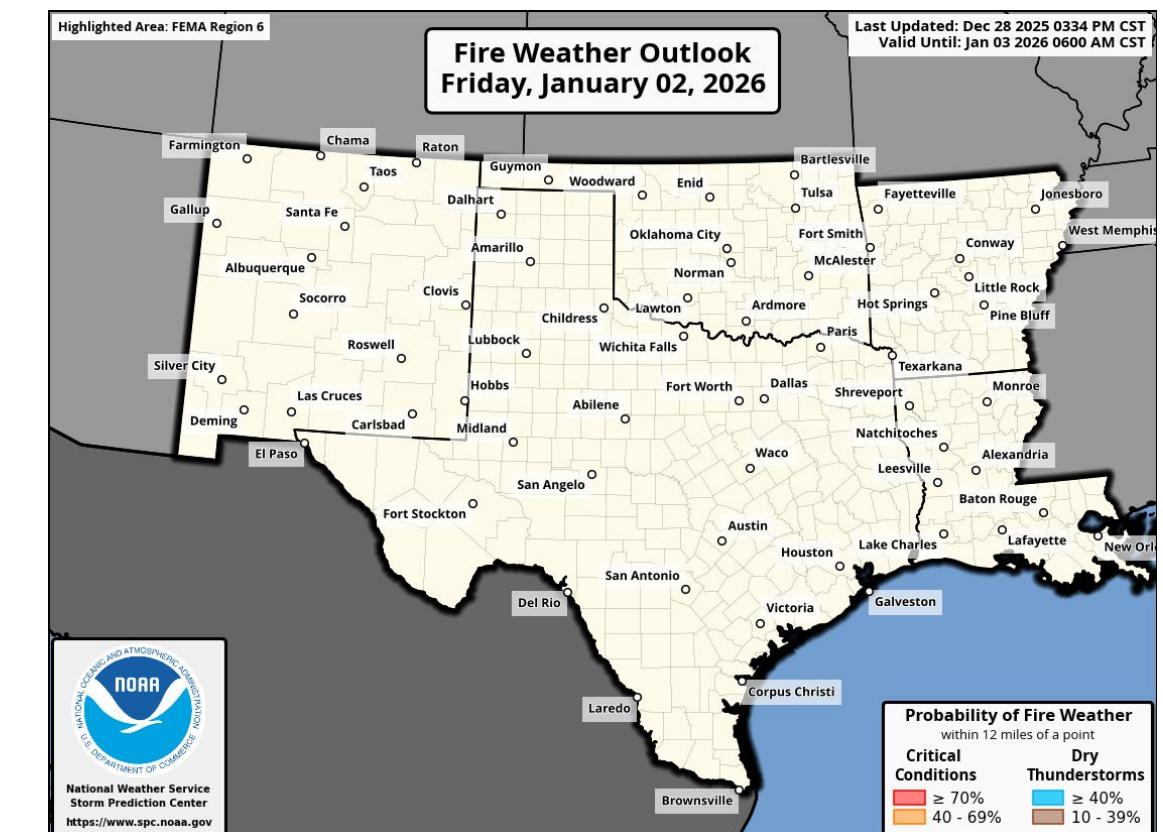
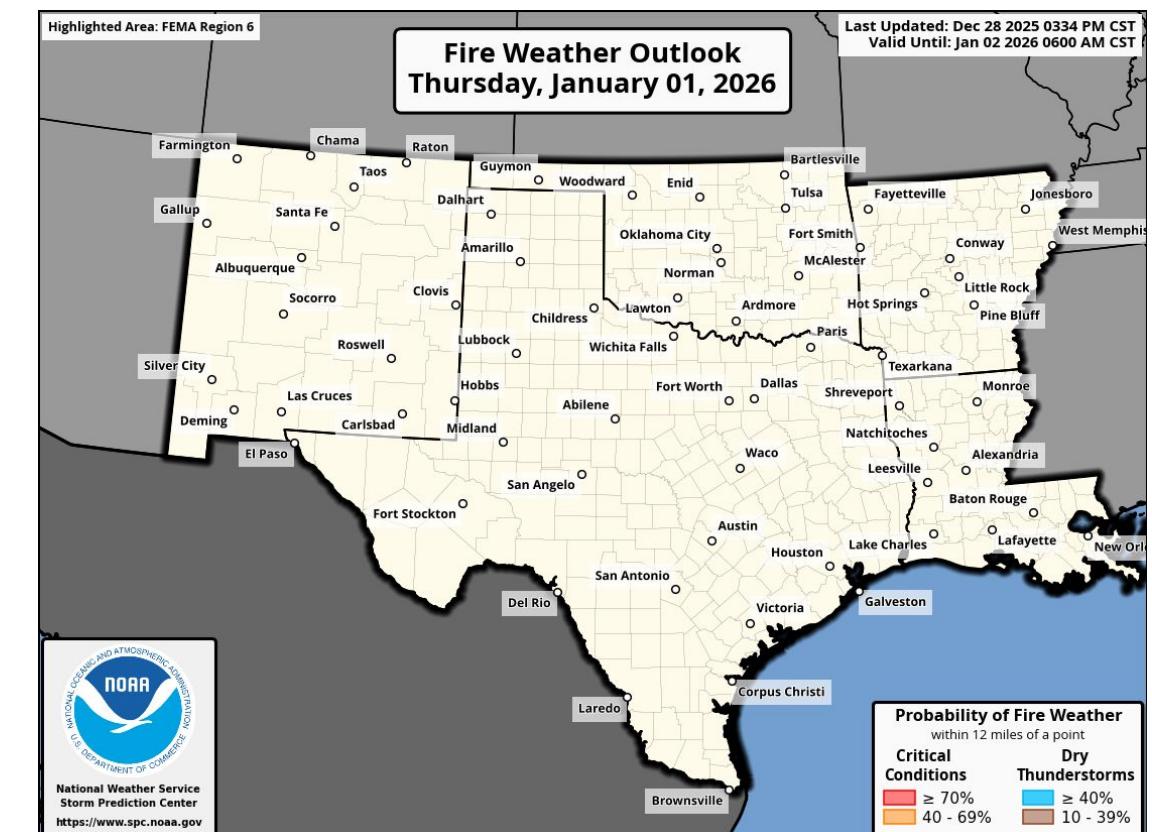
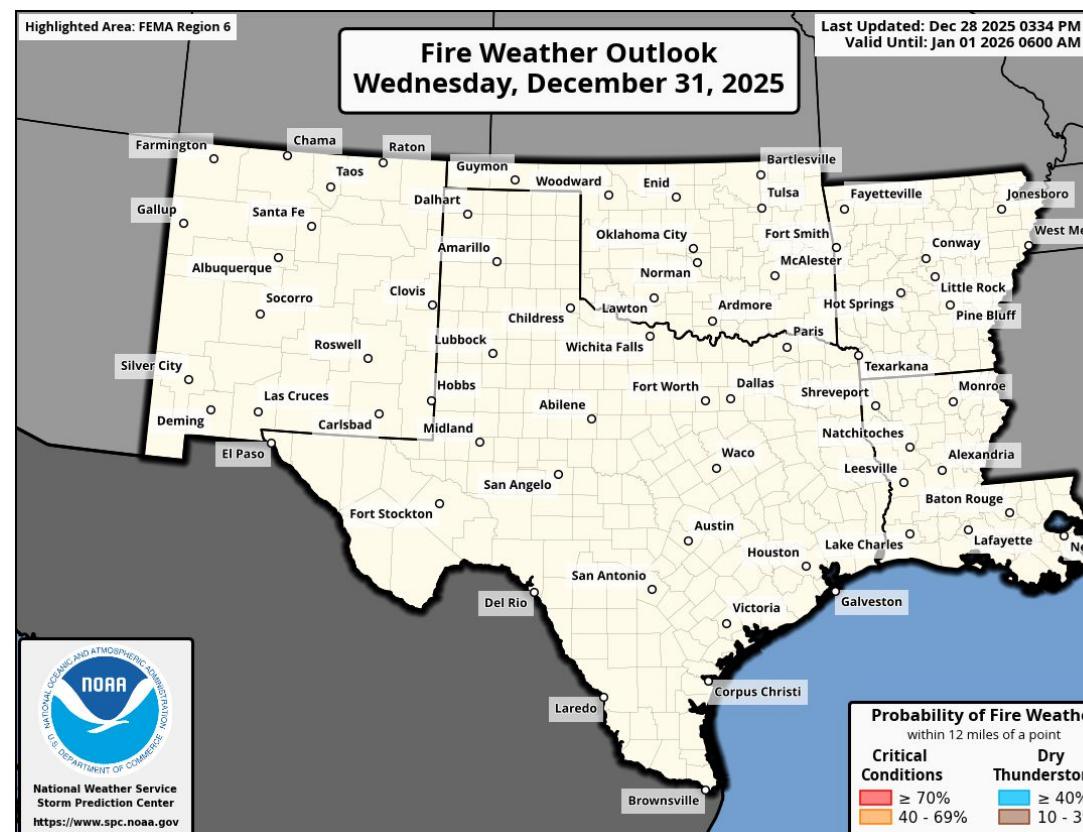
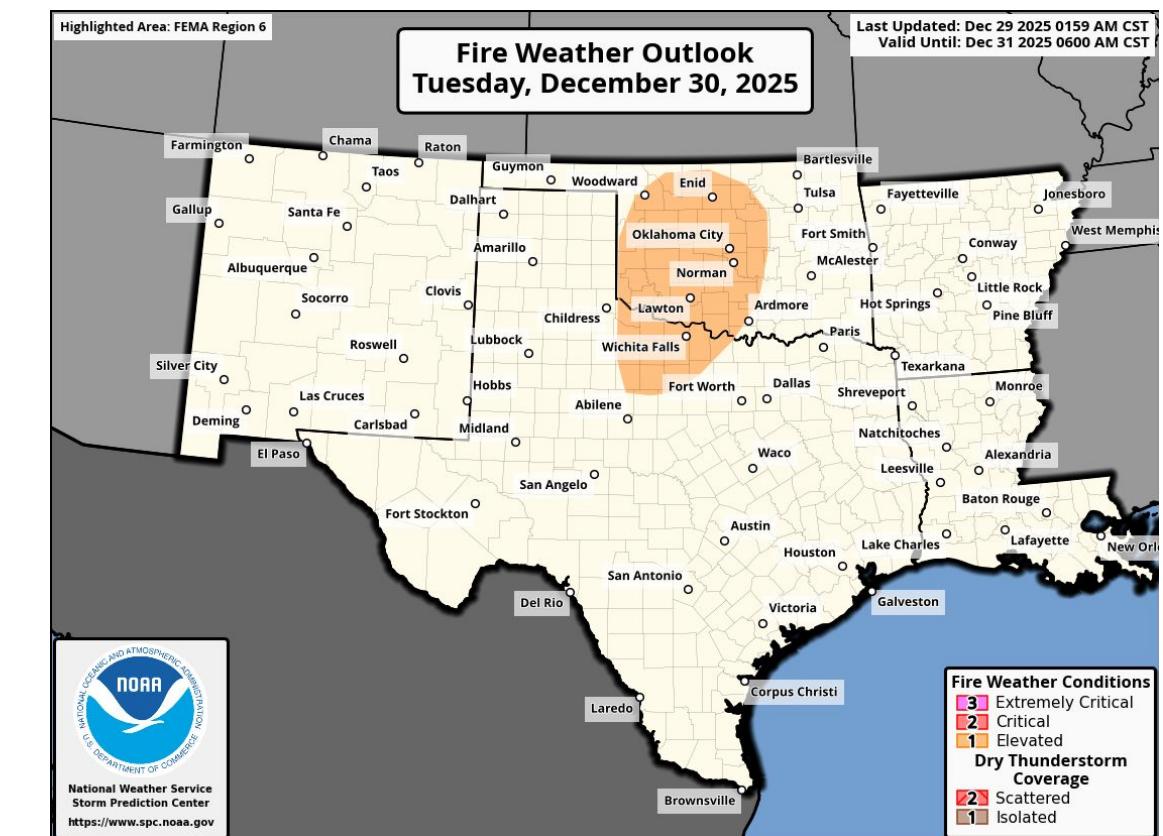
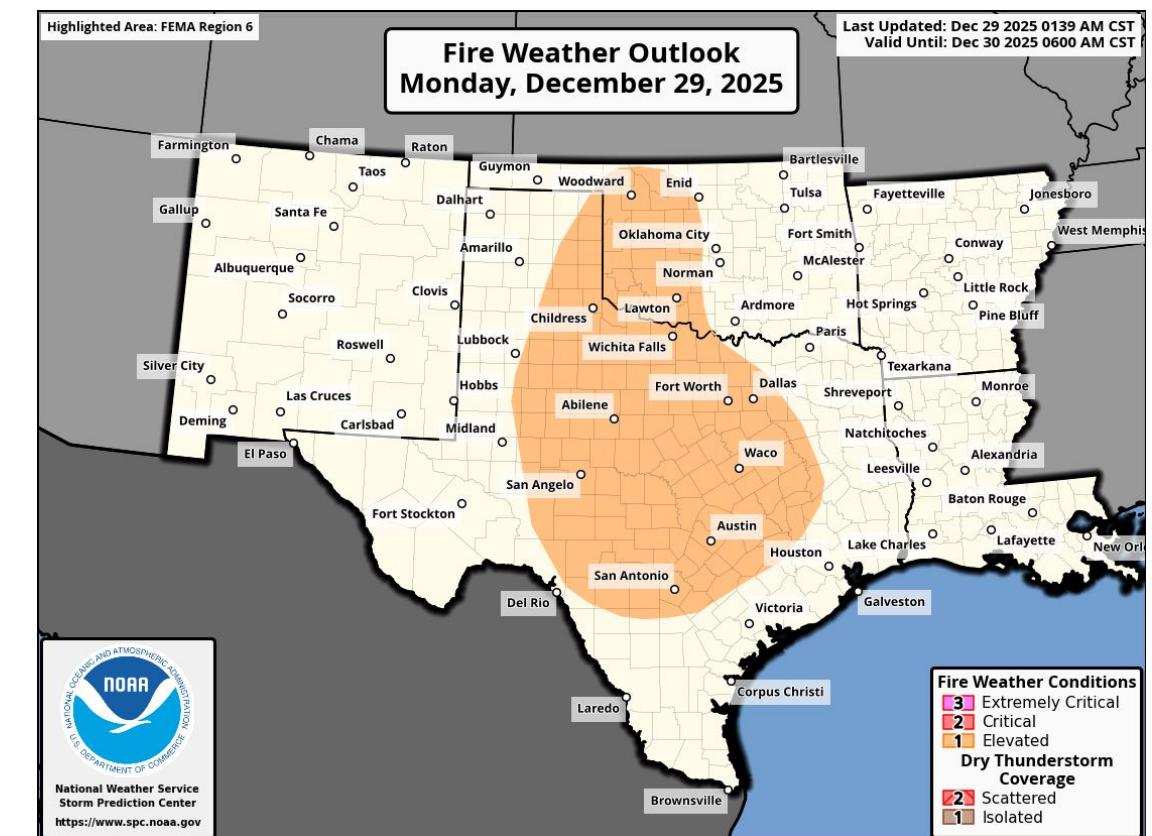
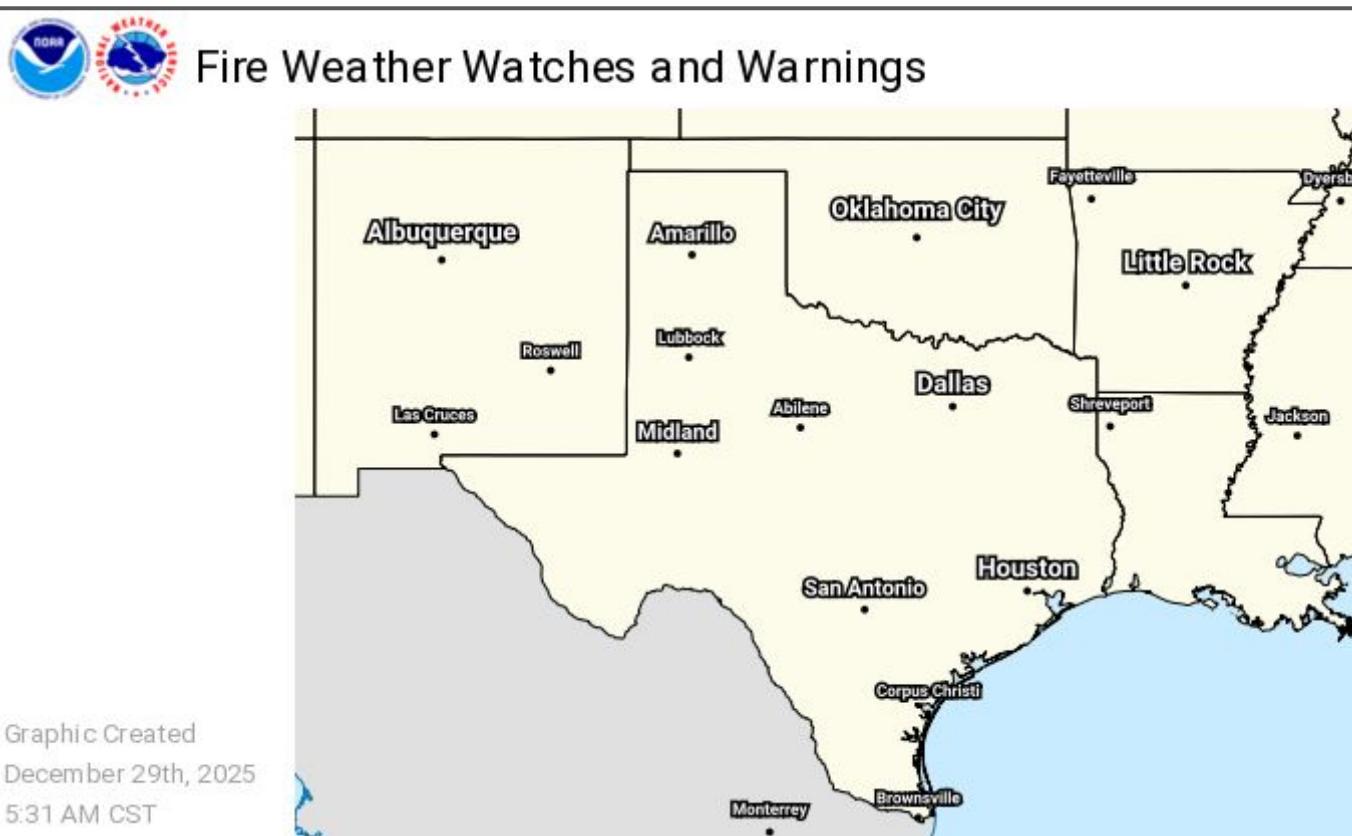


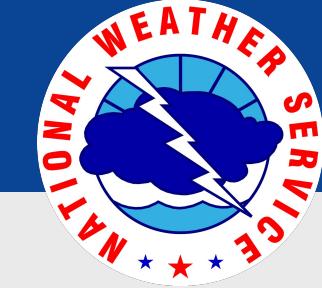
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





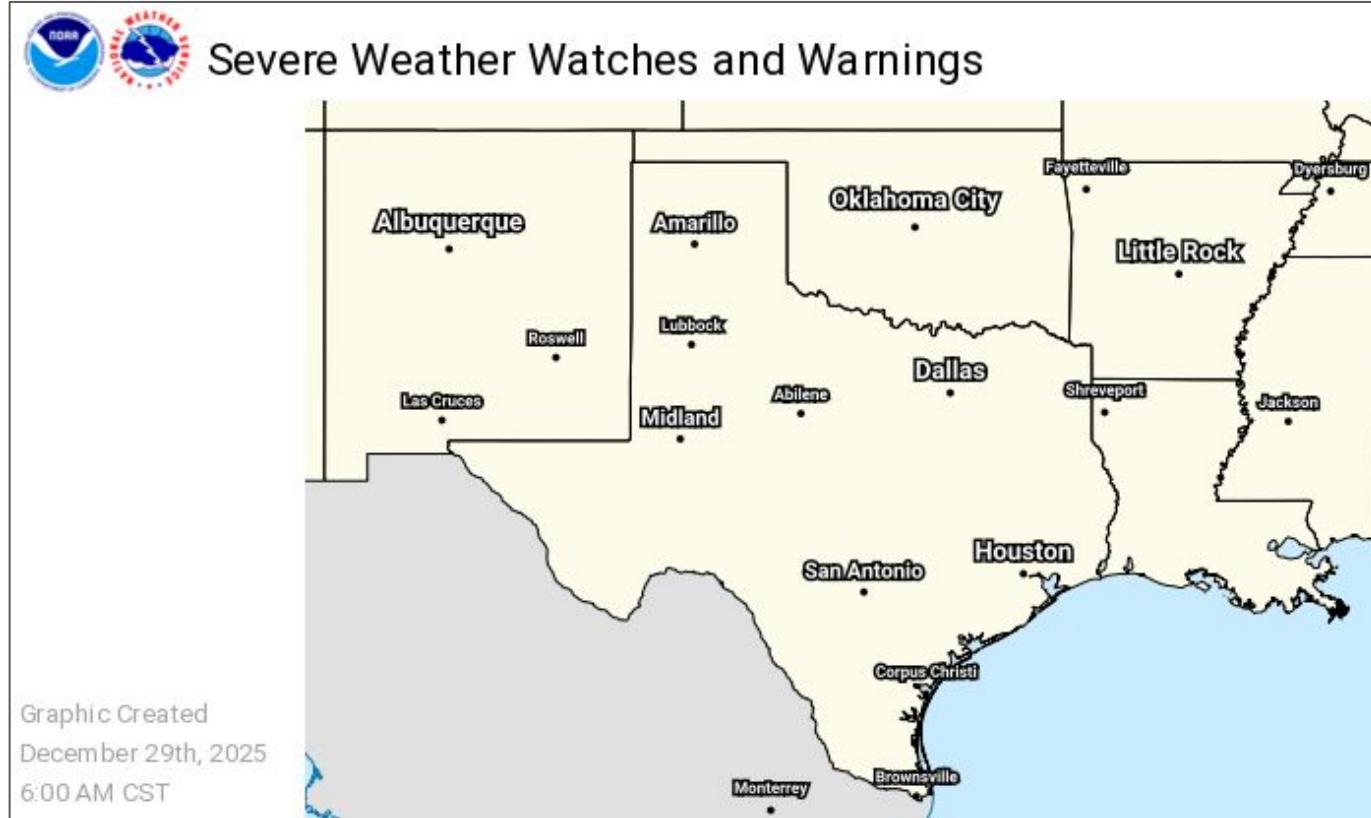
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

## Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

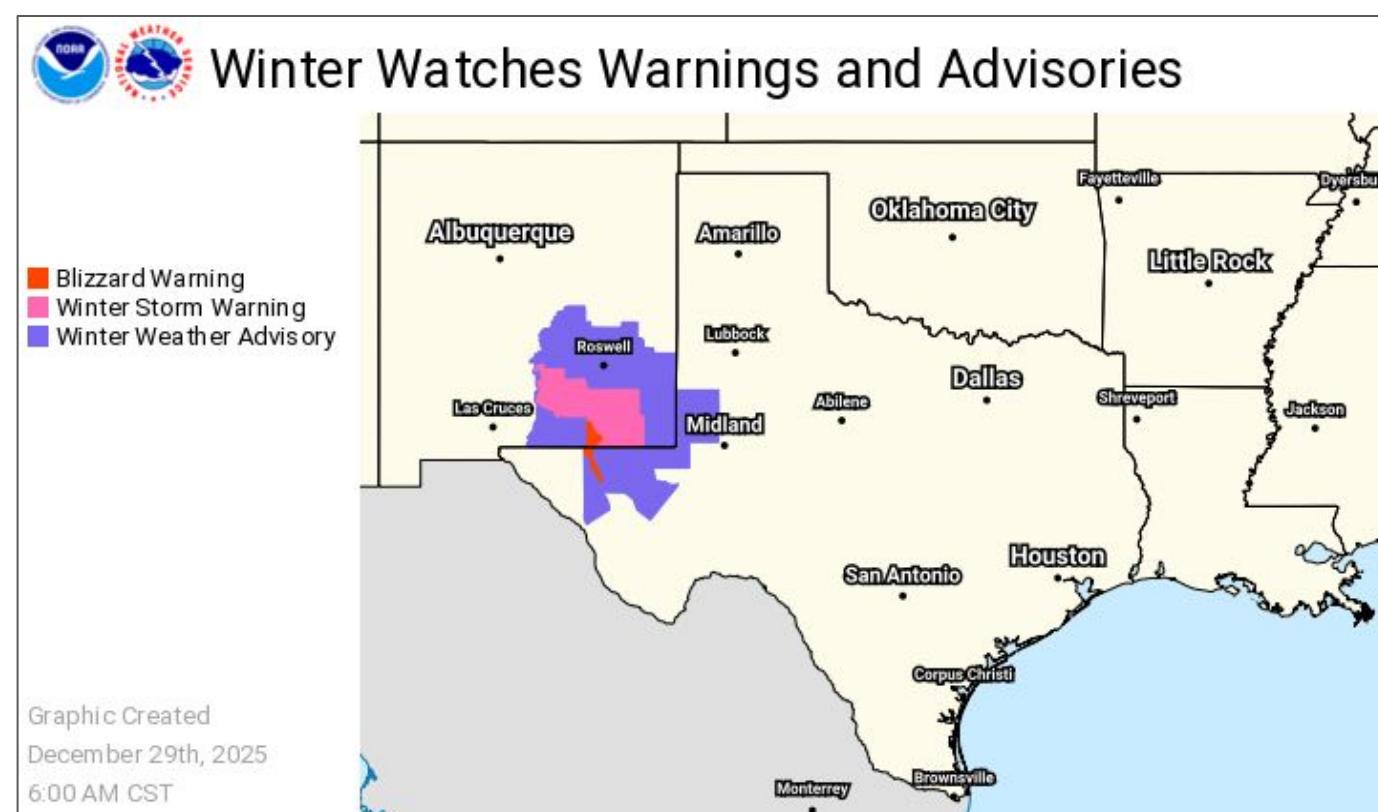


**Blizzard Warning for the Guadalupe Mountains in NM, TX through Midnight CT Tuesday morning.** 3-6" of snowfall, along with gusts up to 50 mph, will lead to visibility less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.

**Winter Storm Warning for southeast NM through Midnight CT Tuesday morning.** 3-5" of snowfall expected.

**Winter Weather Advisories for SE NM, W TX valid through Midnight CT Tuesday morning.** 1-3" of snow expected.

**Wind Advisories in effect for C-S TX, S LA through this afternoon. Blowing dust may occur.**



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# Winter Weather

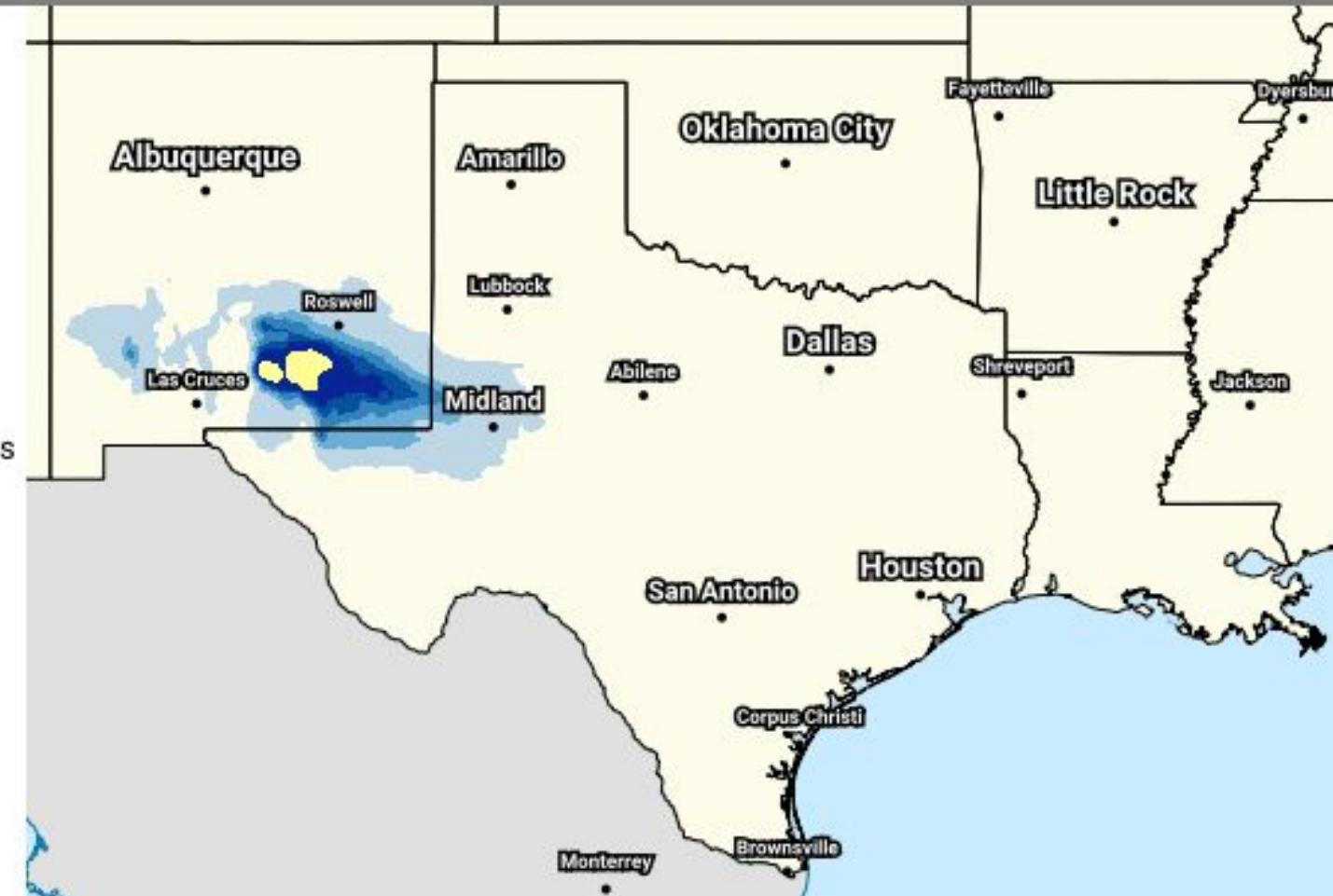
Through the next 3 days



## Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Thursday January 1st, 2026 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



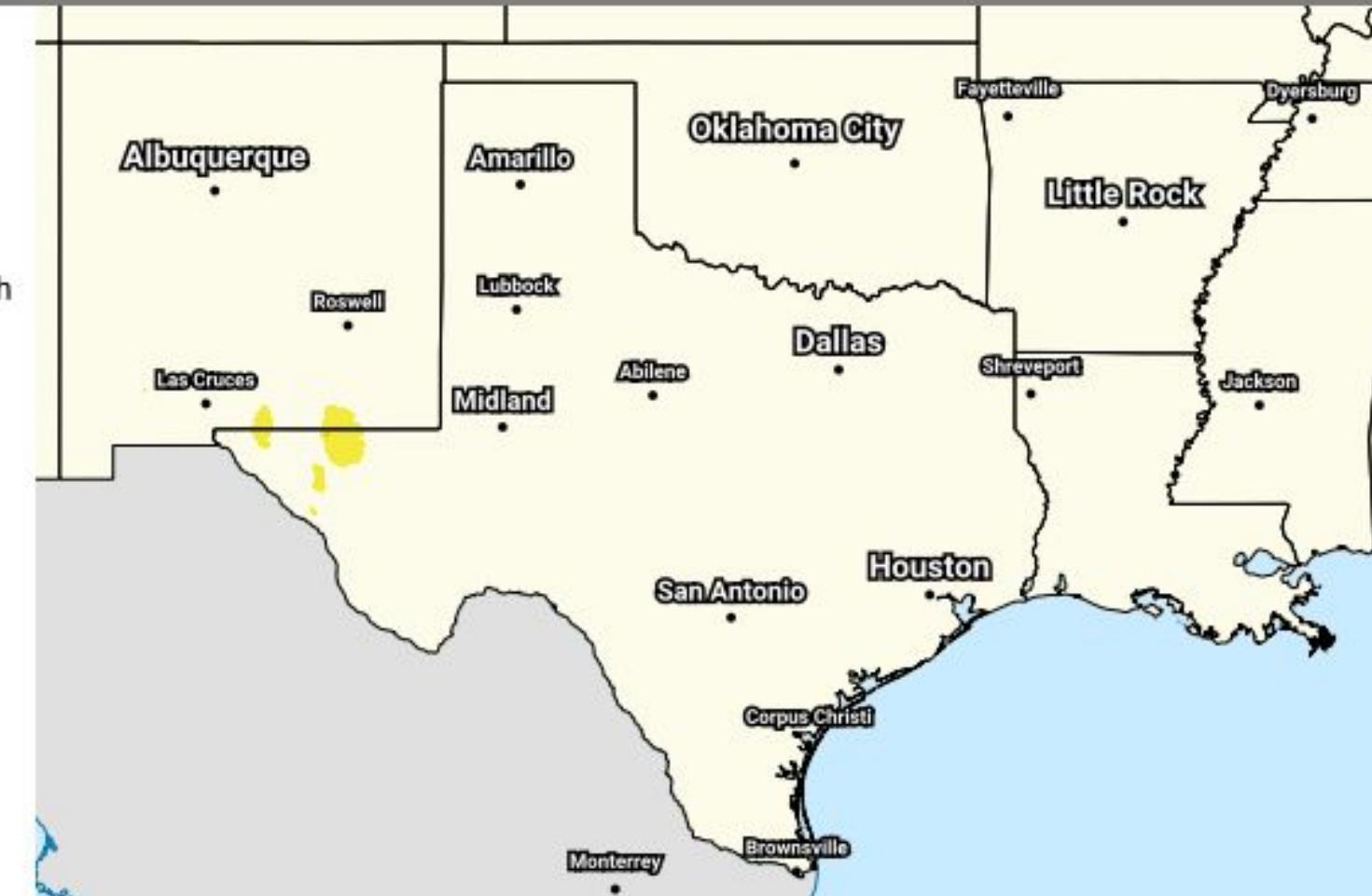
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## Ice Accumulation Forecast

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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

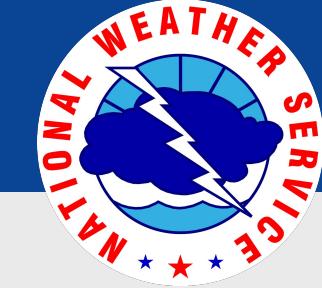


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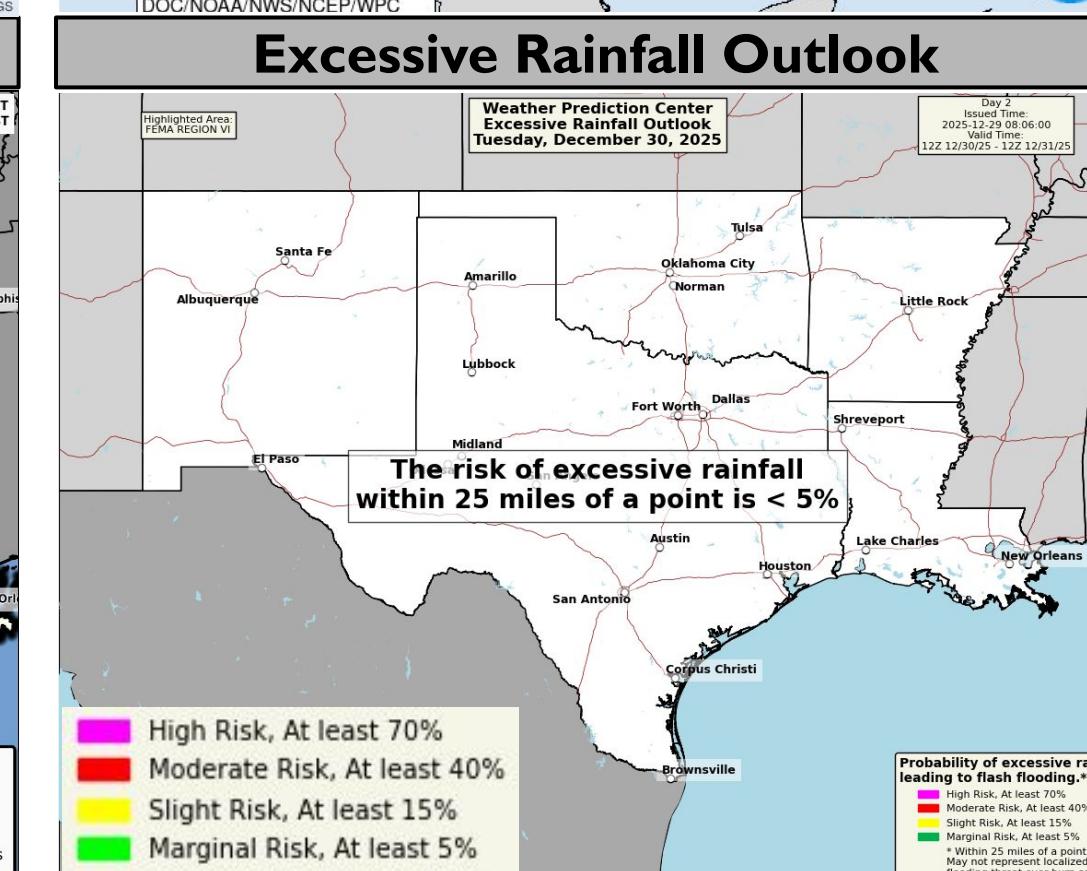
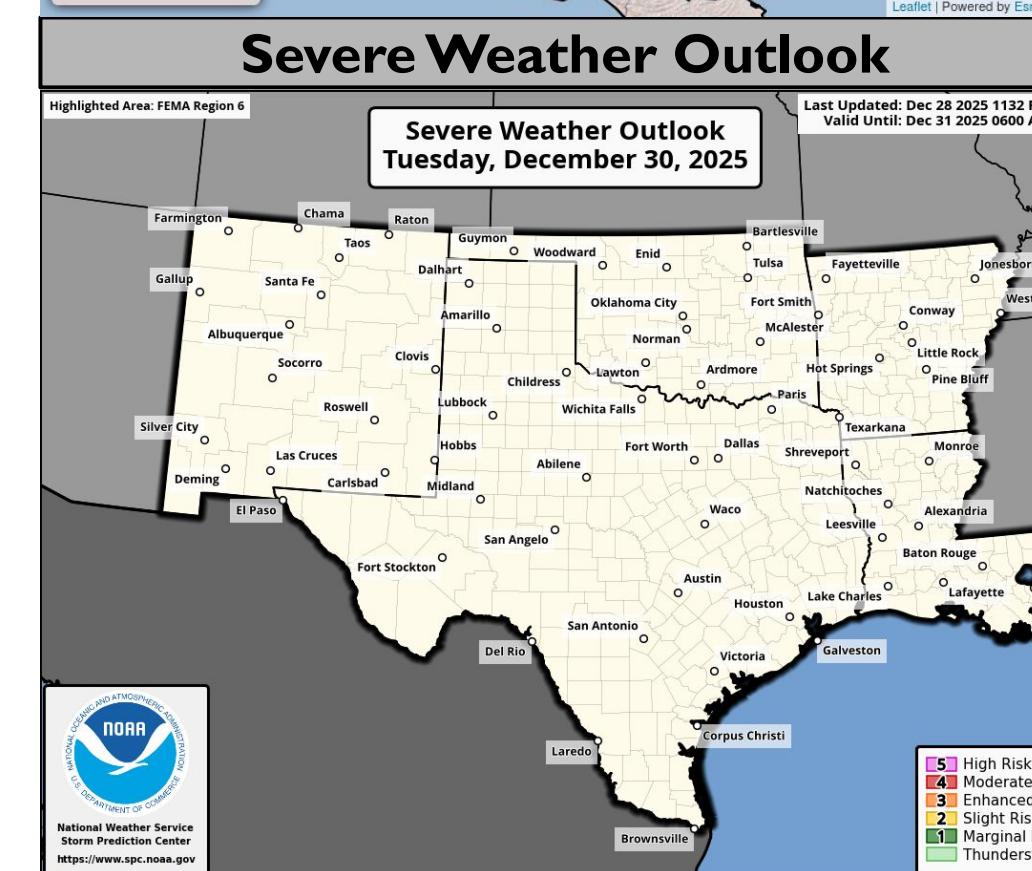
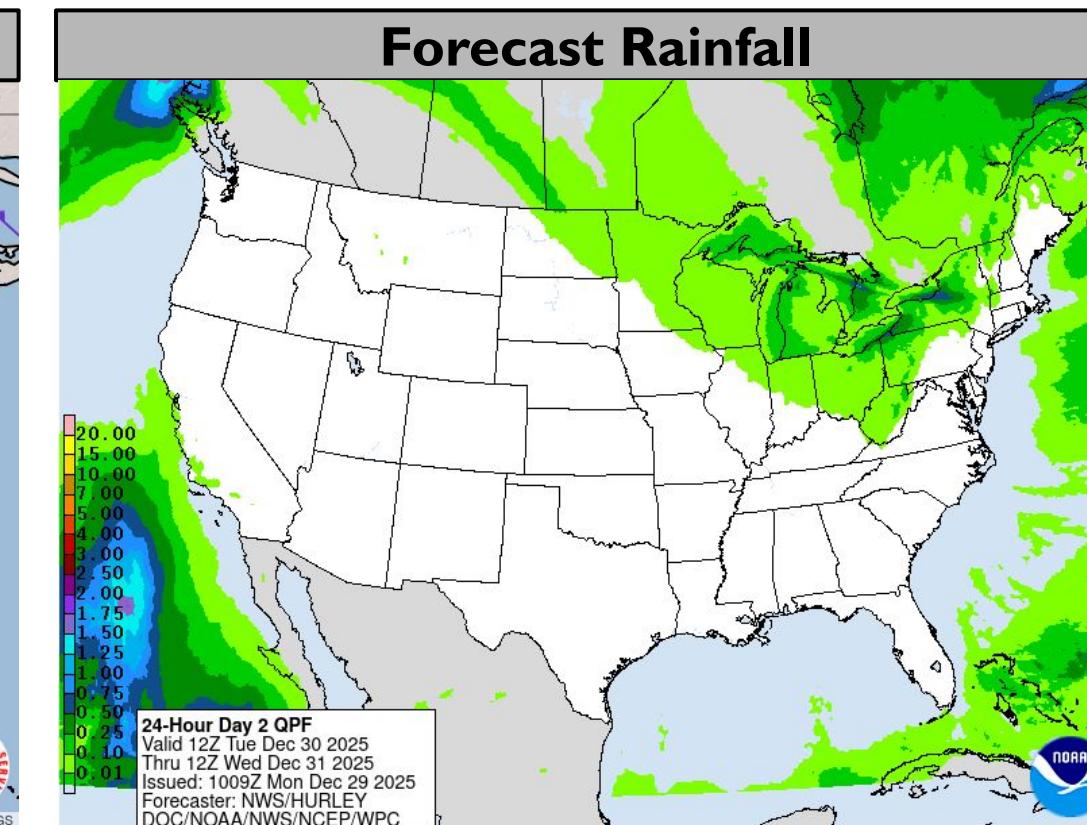
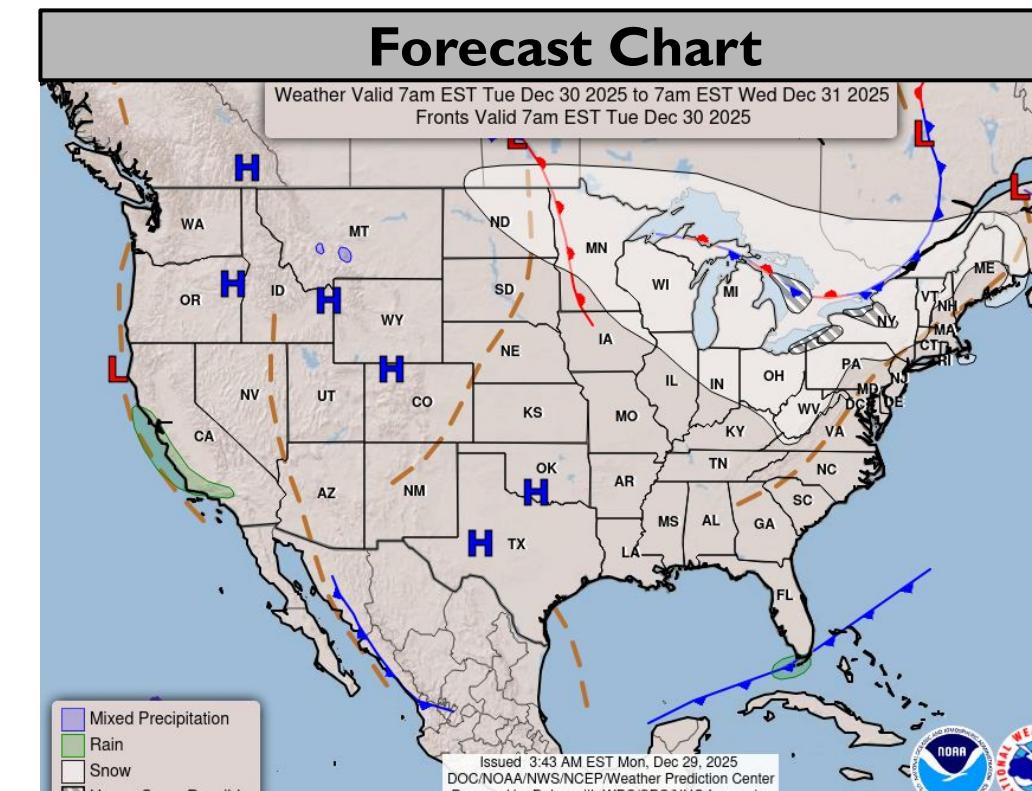


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# Tomorrow's Weather



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

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

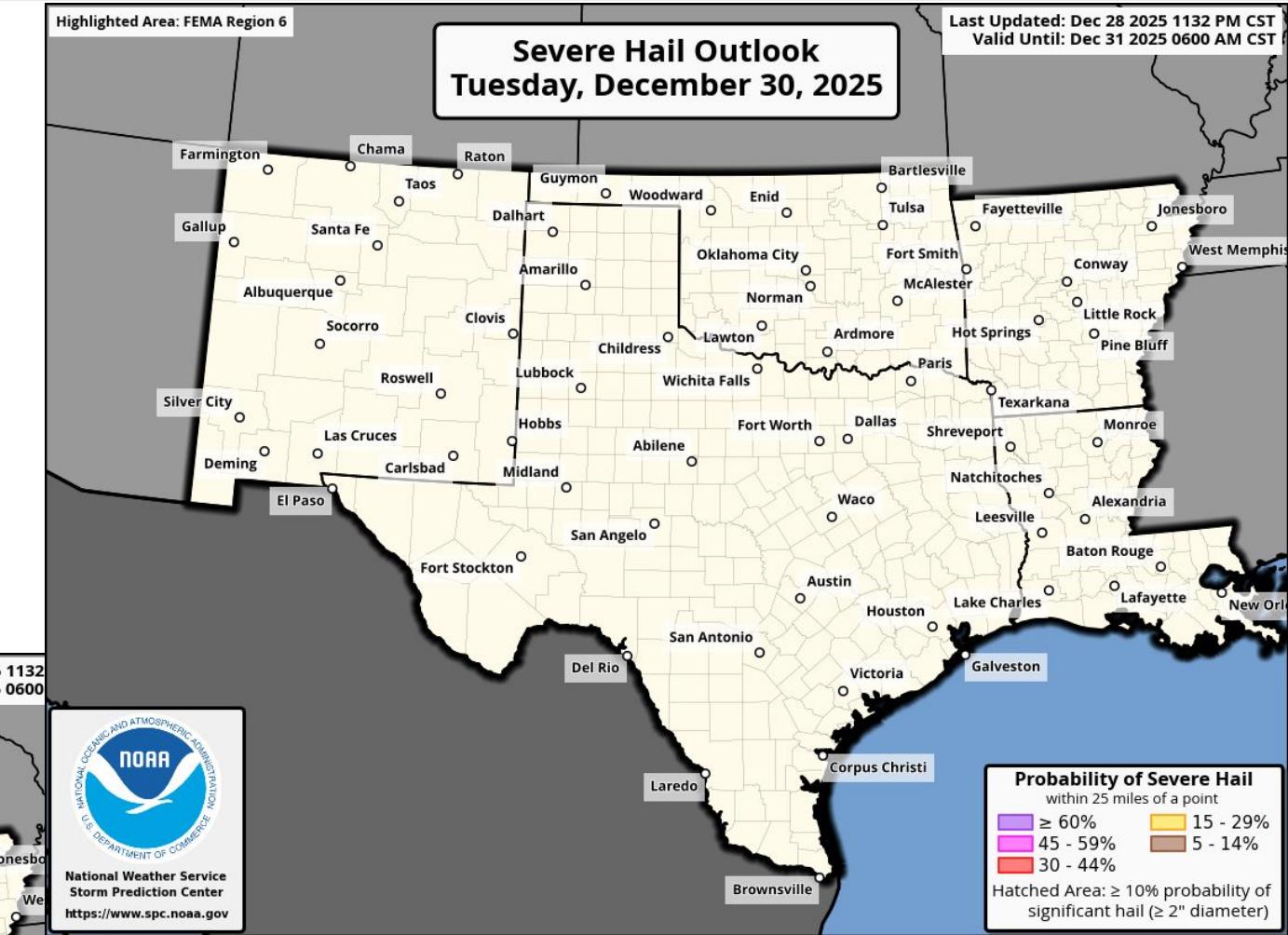
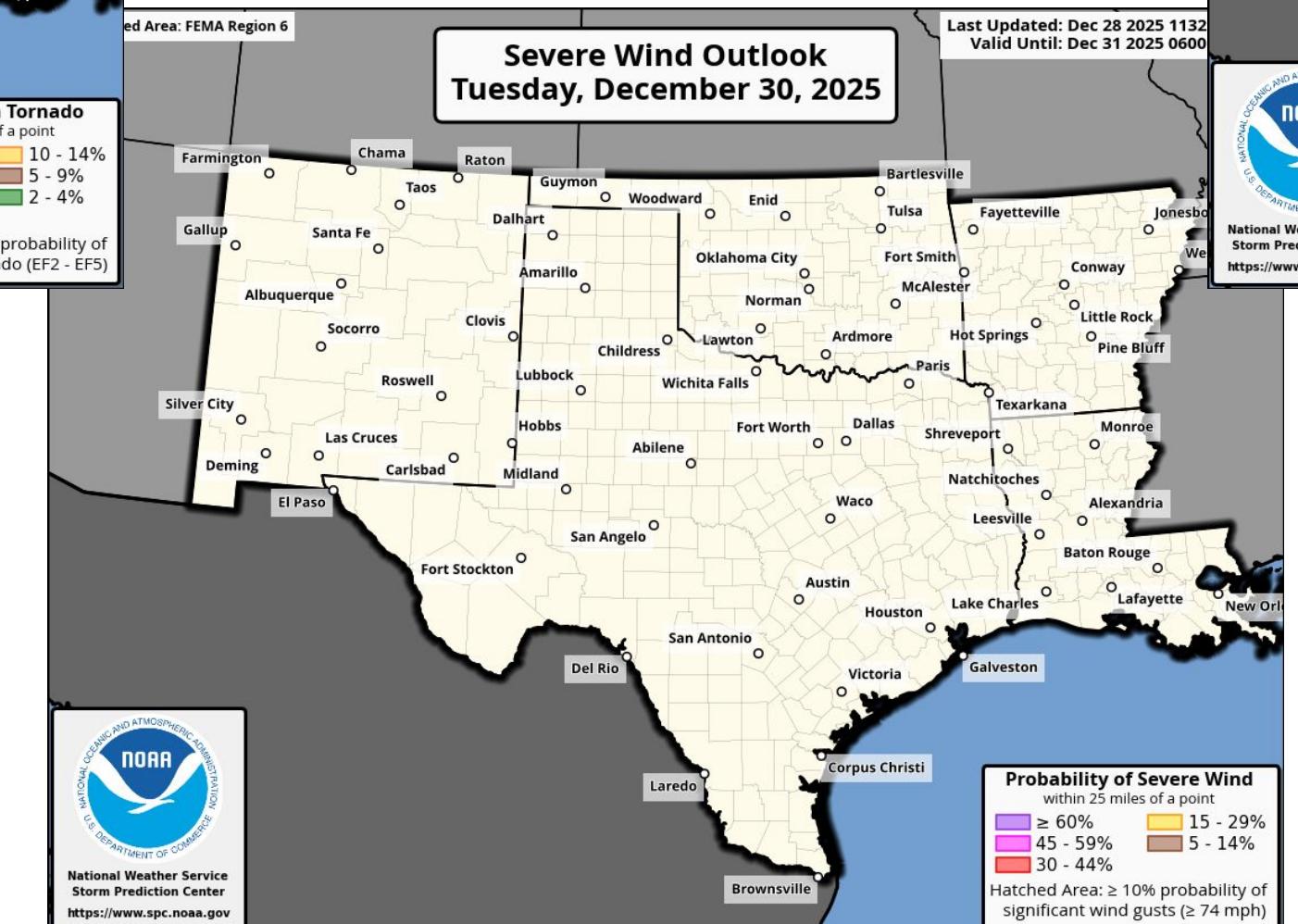
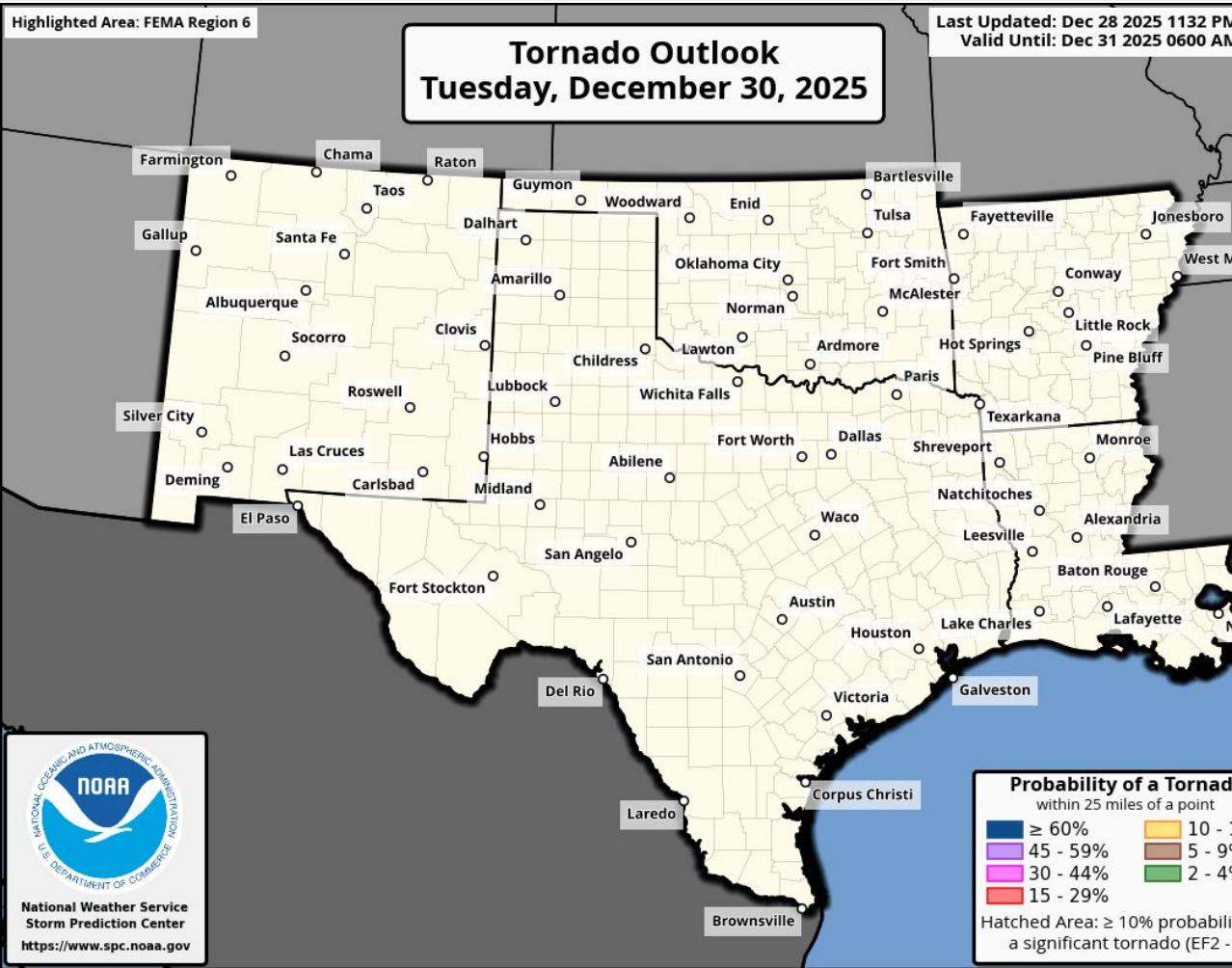


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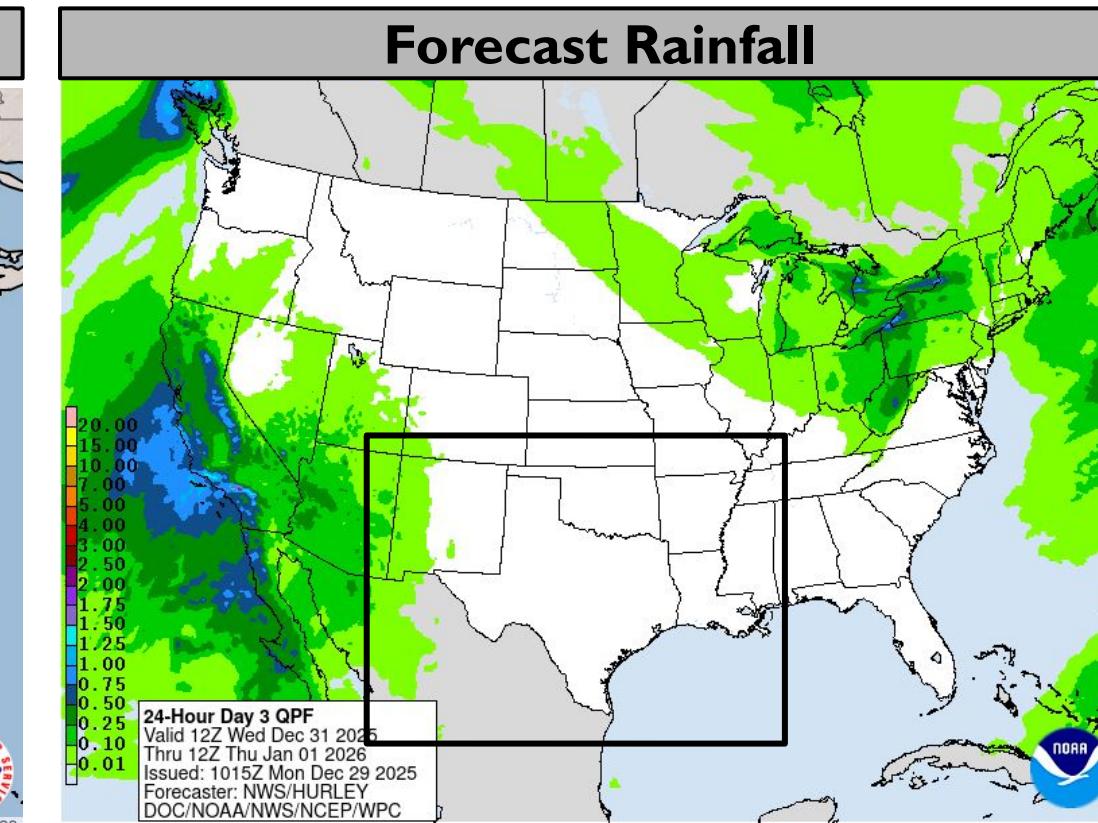
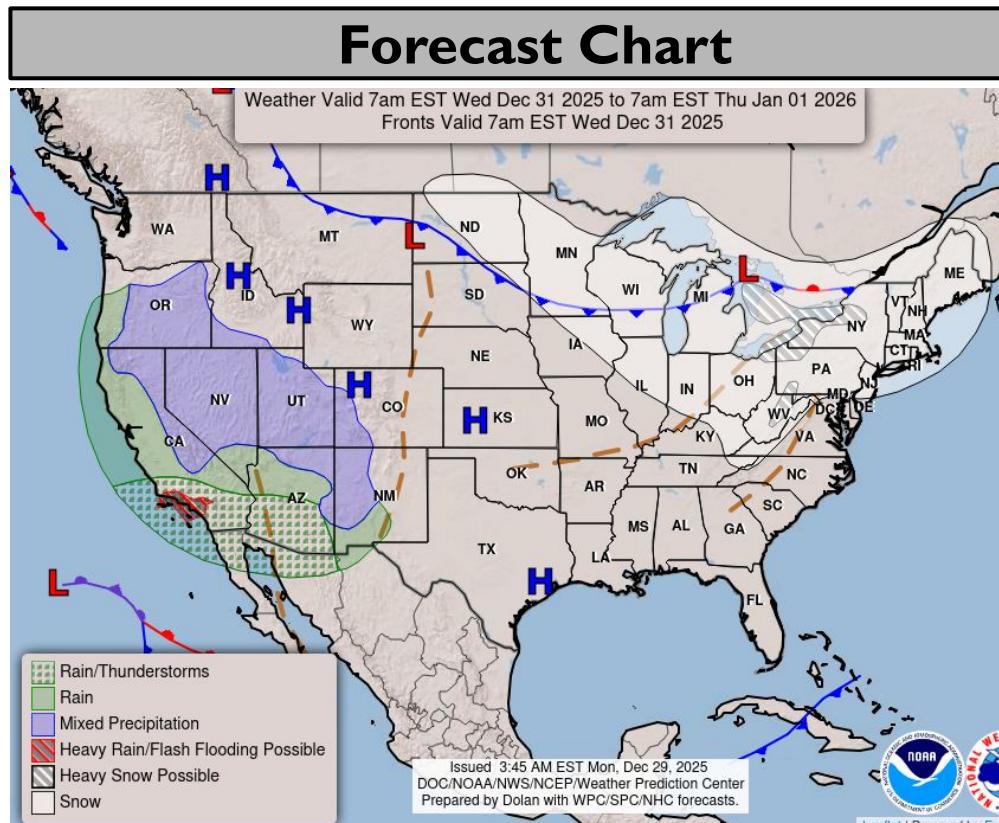


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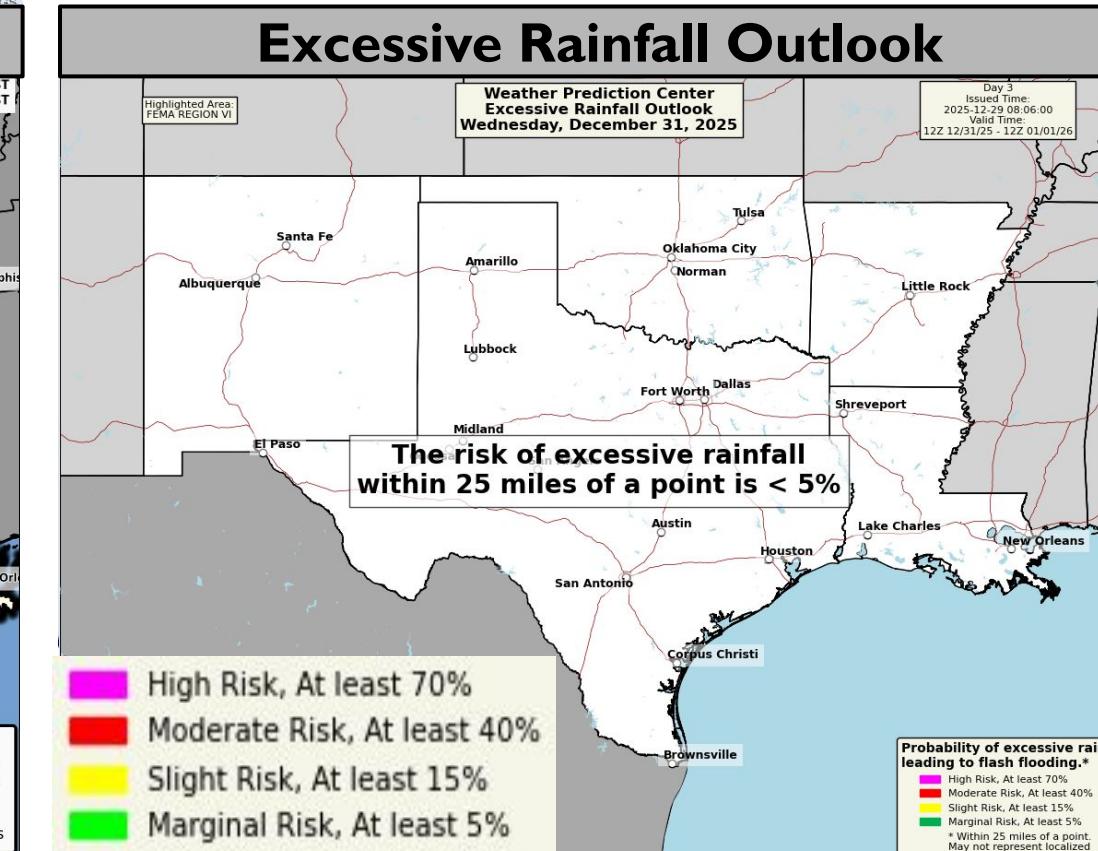
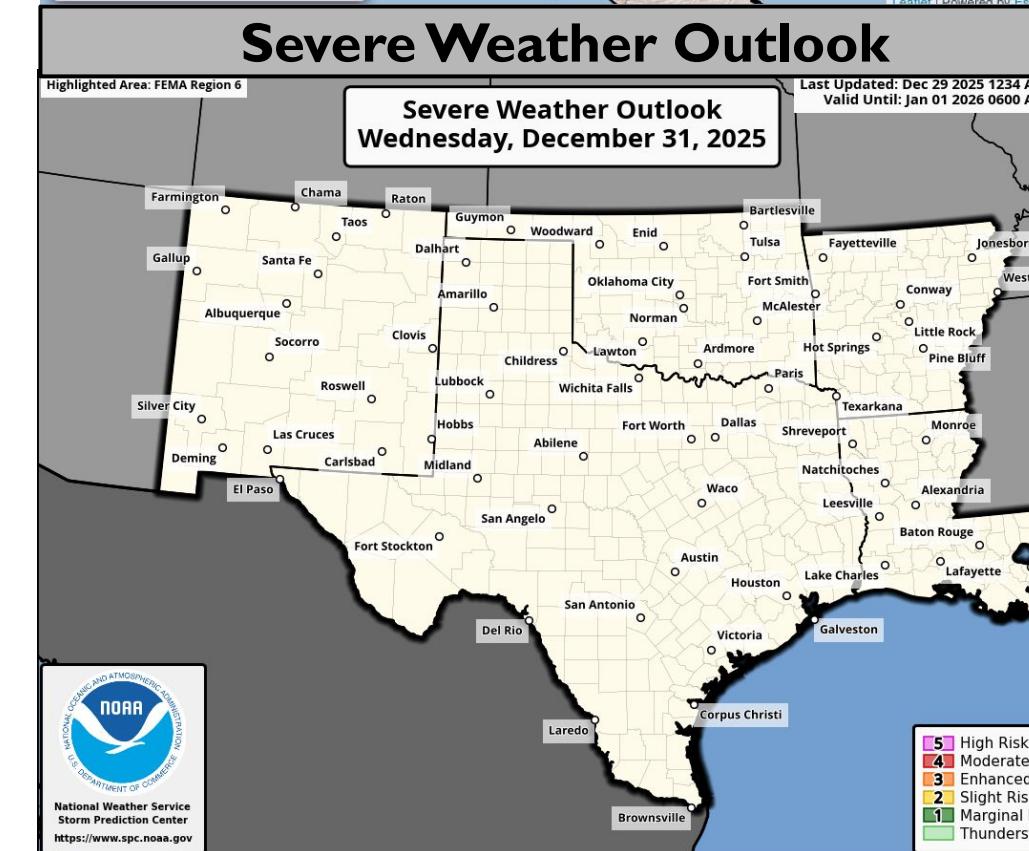


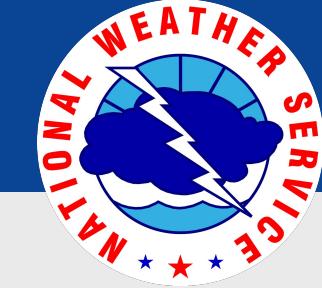


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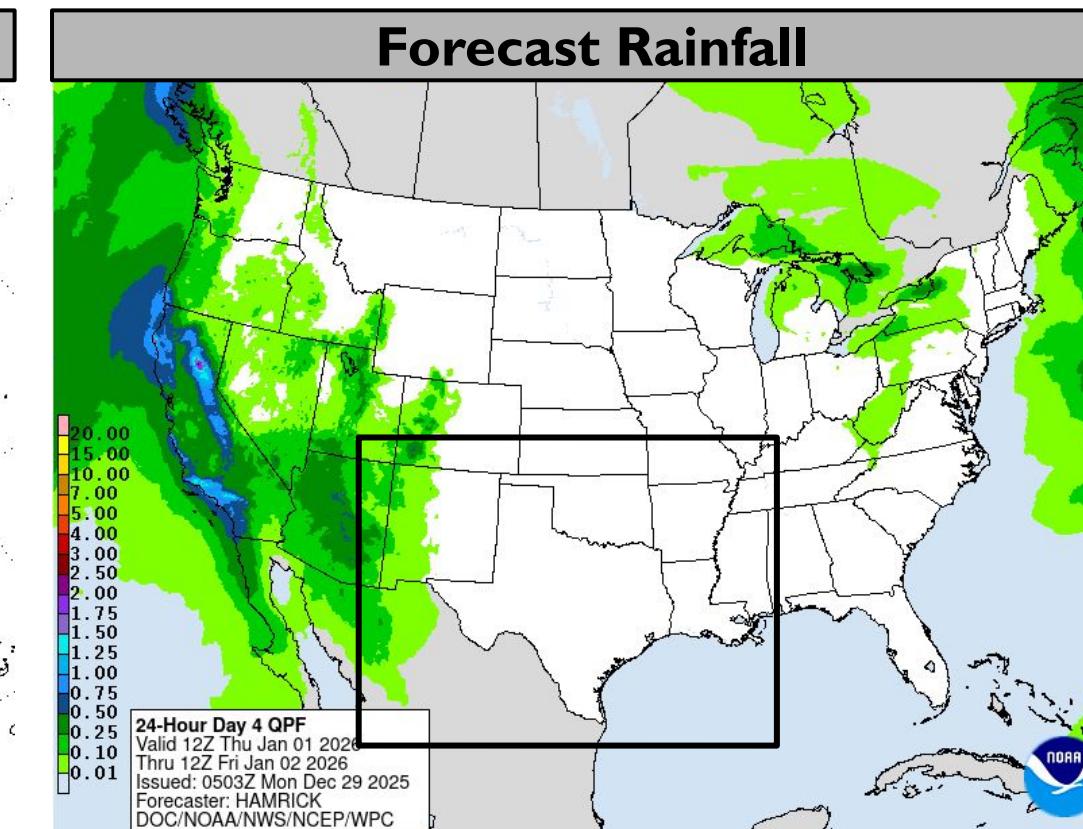
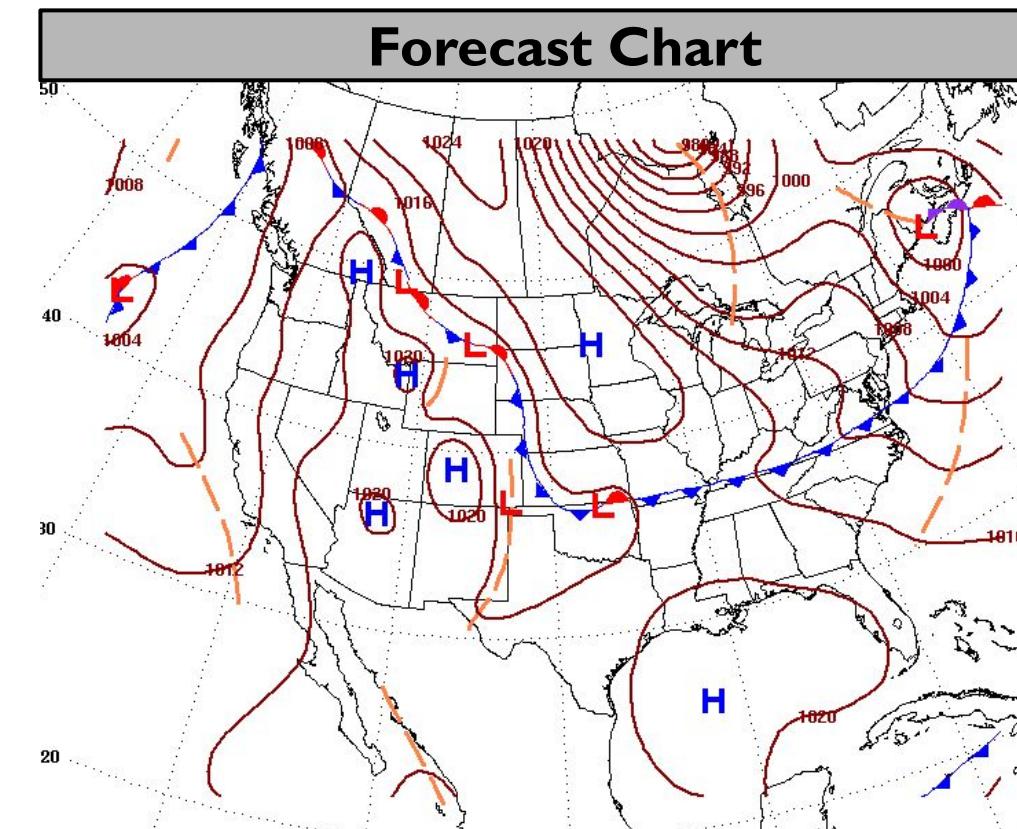


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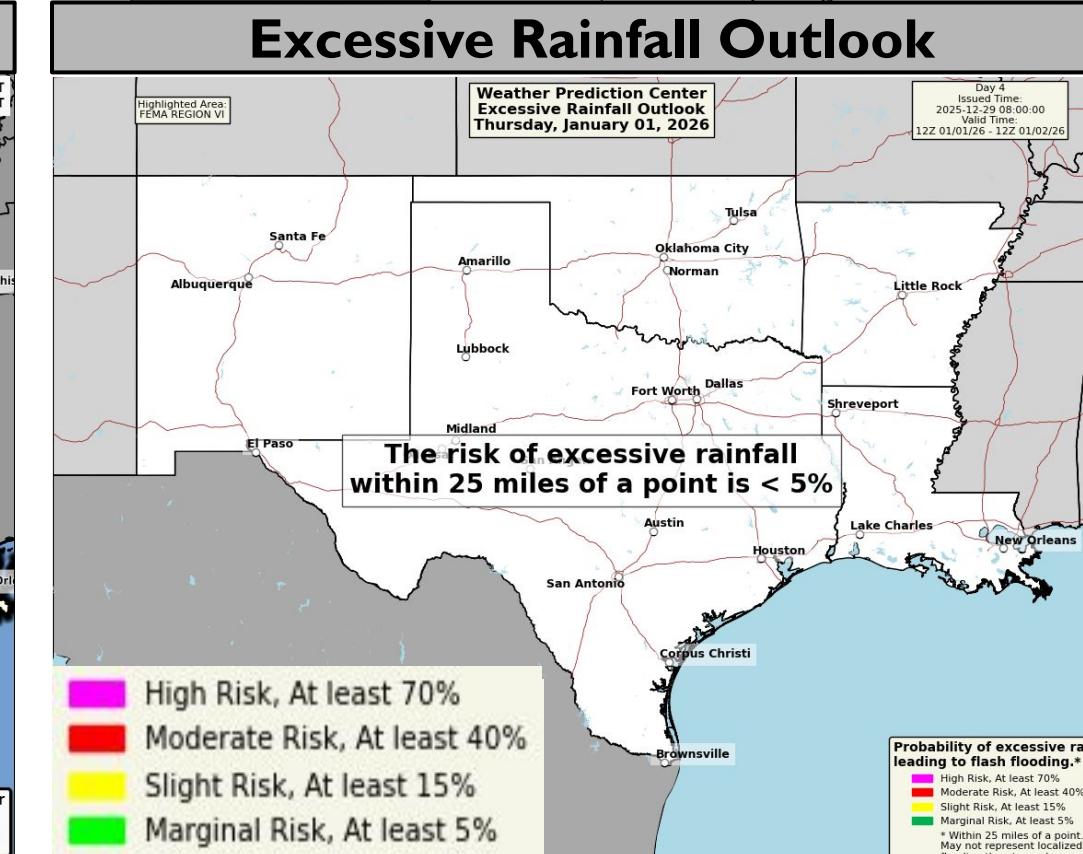
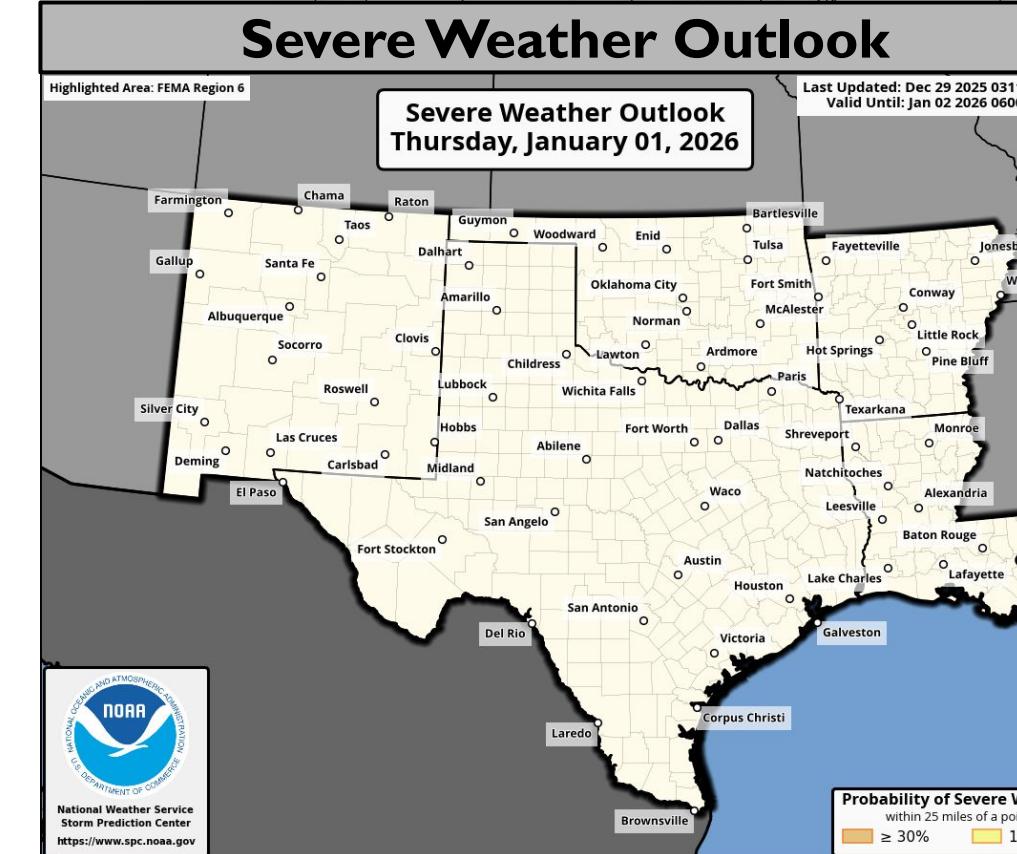




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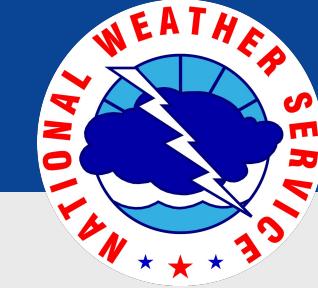
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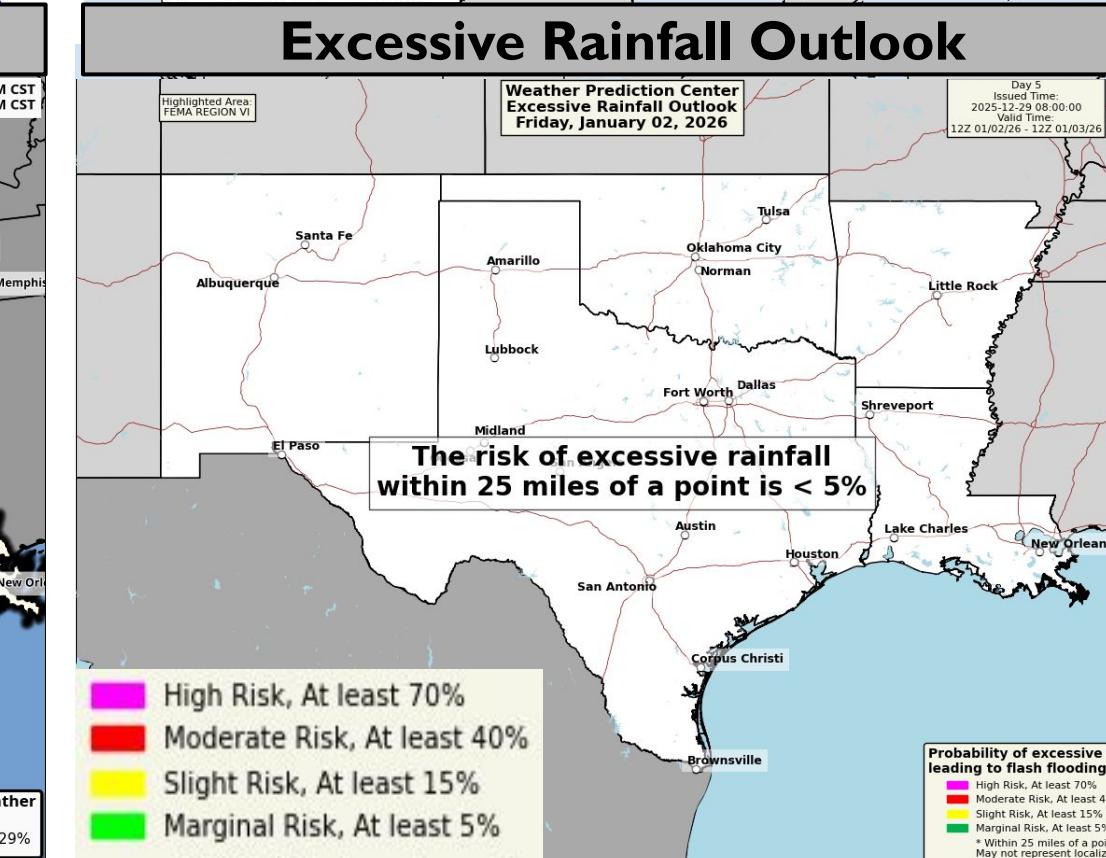
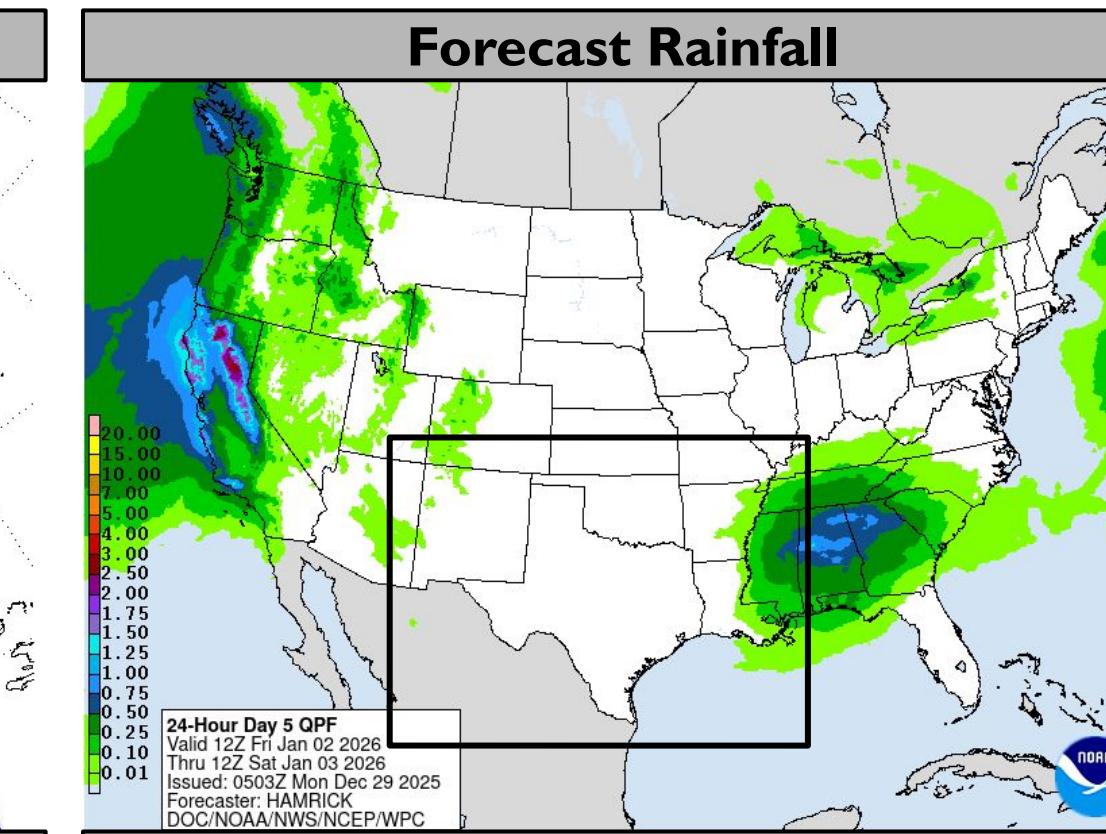
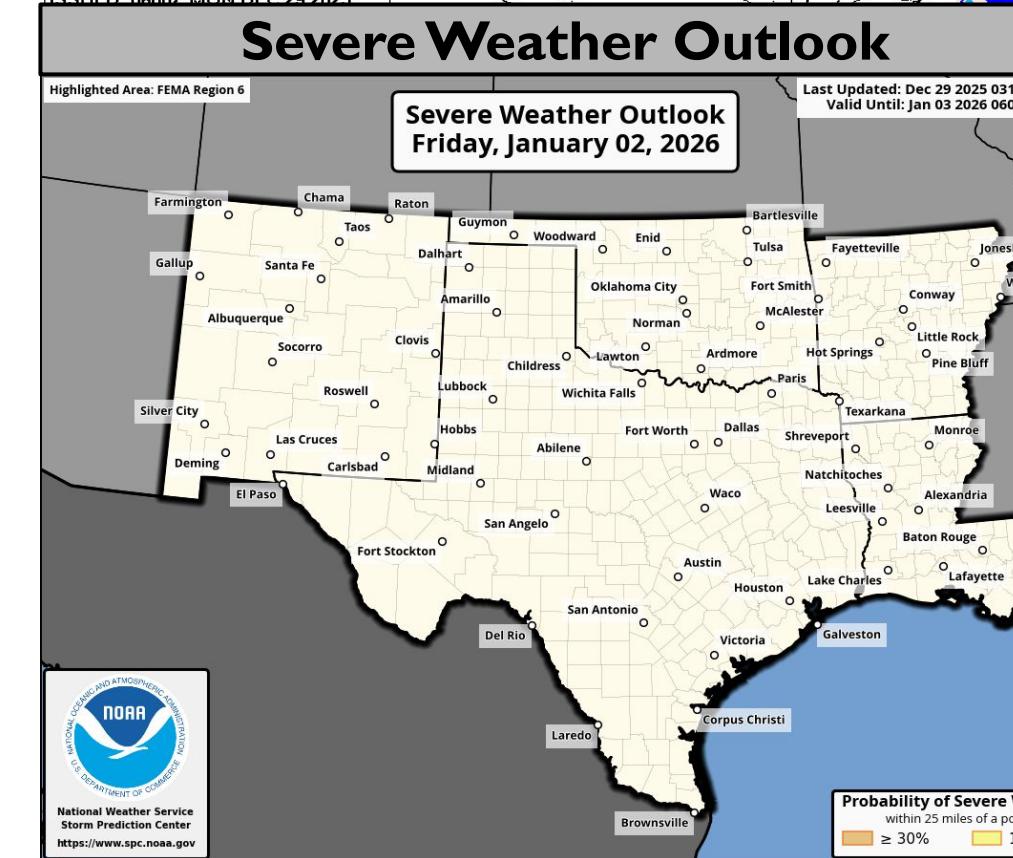
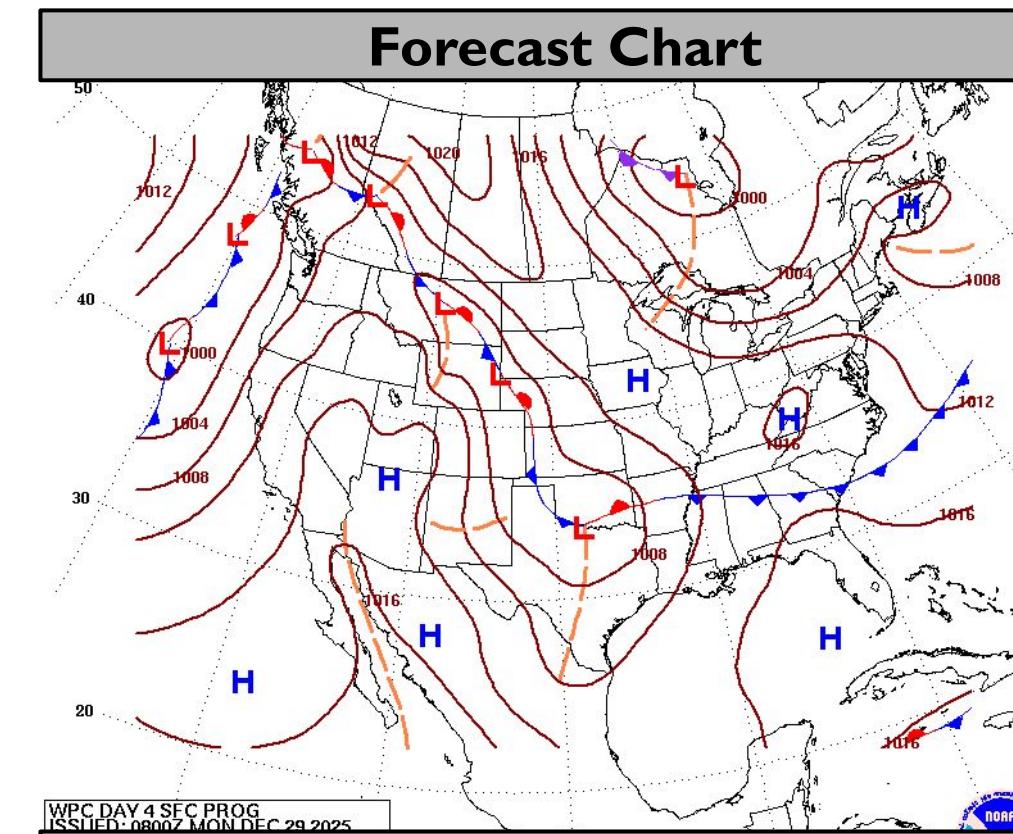
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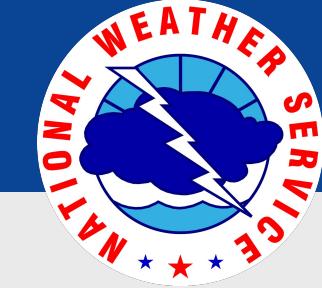


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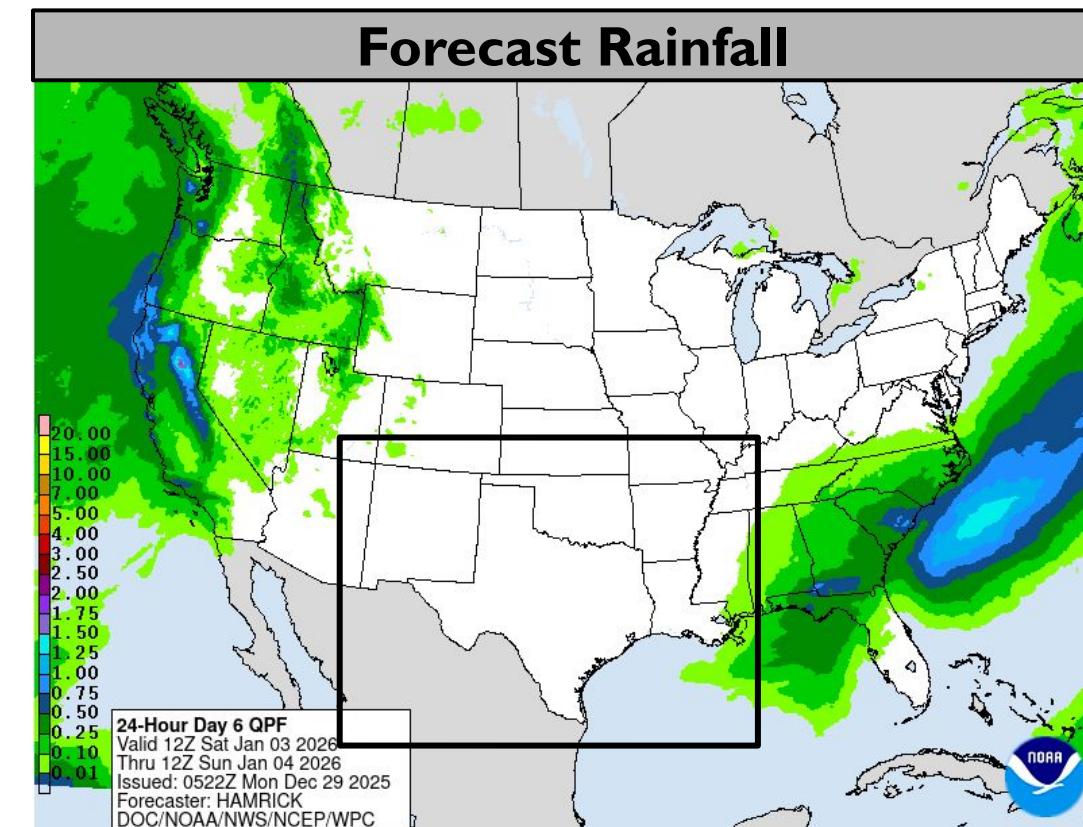
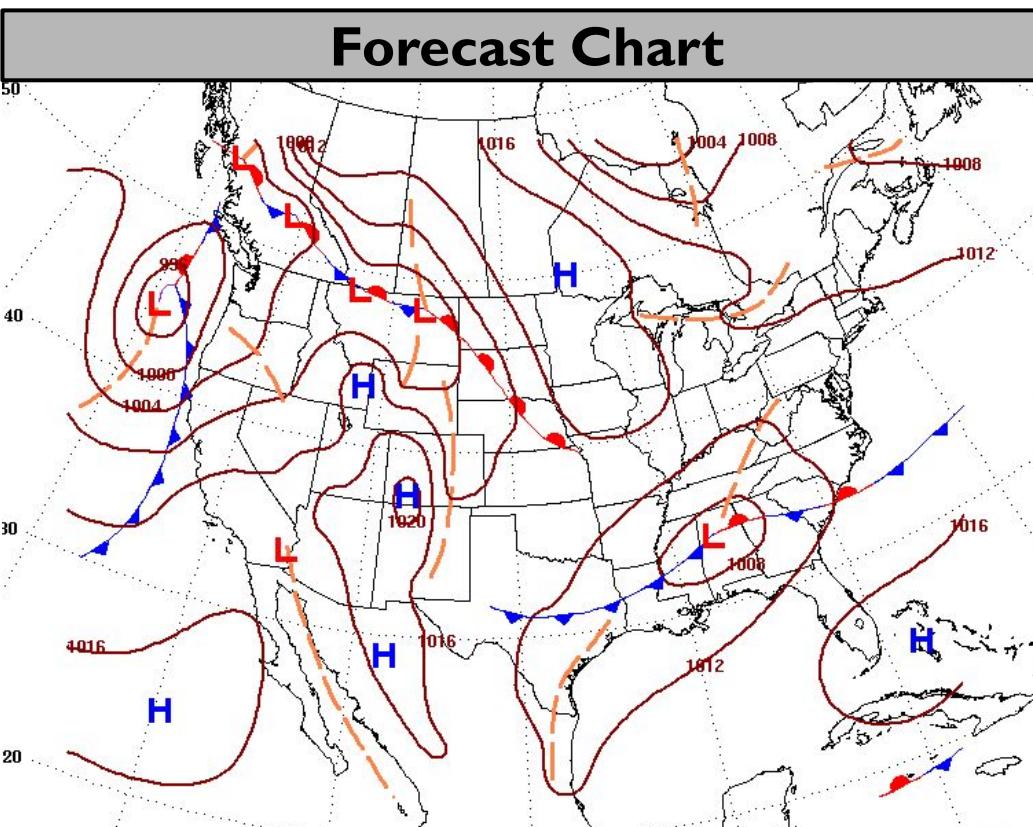


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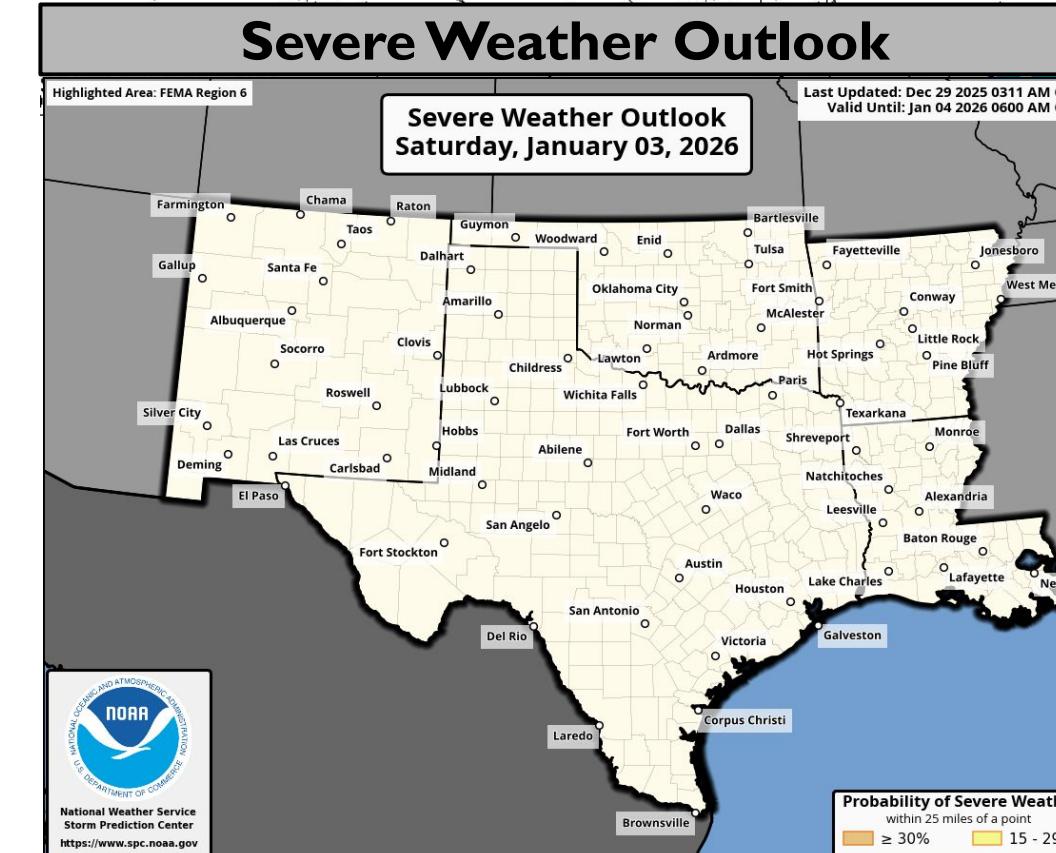
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# Saturday's Weather



**No significant weather expected.**



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
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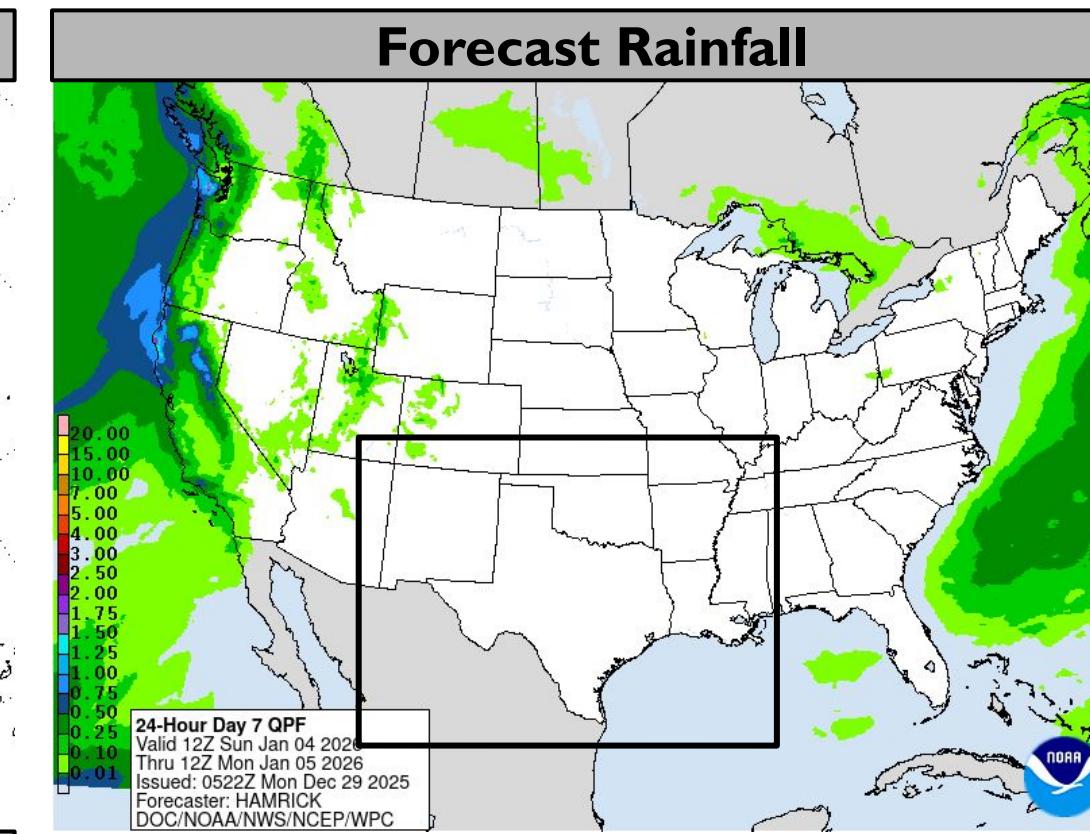
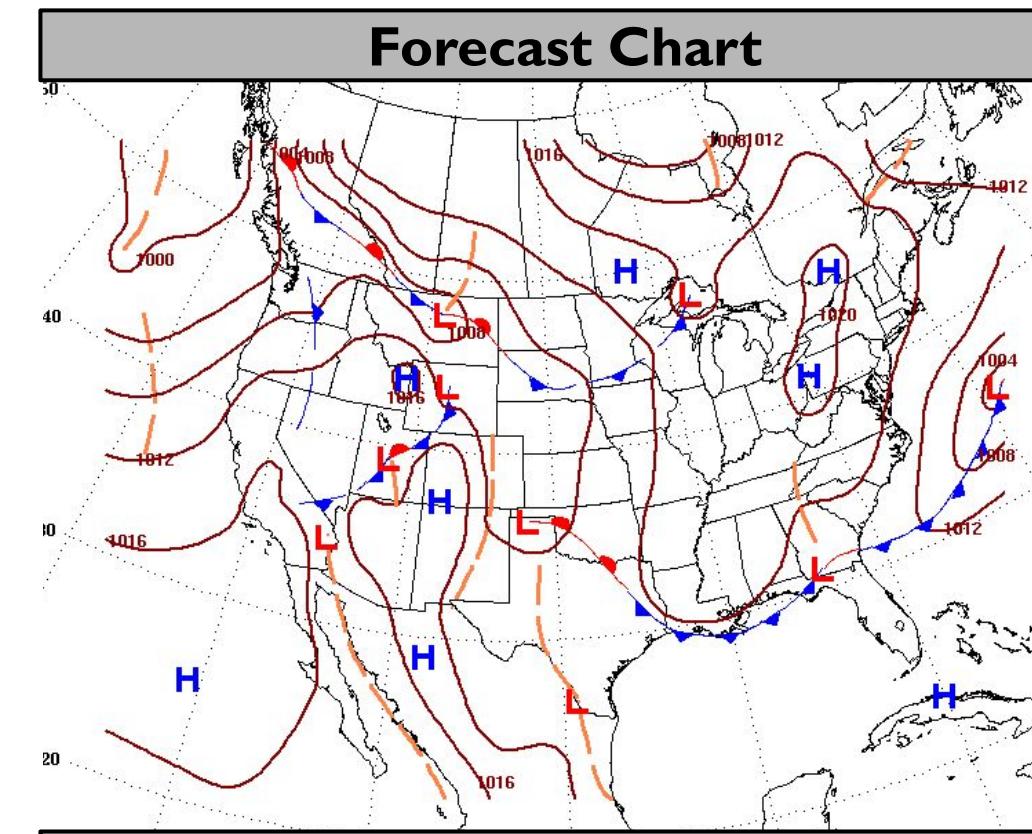


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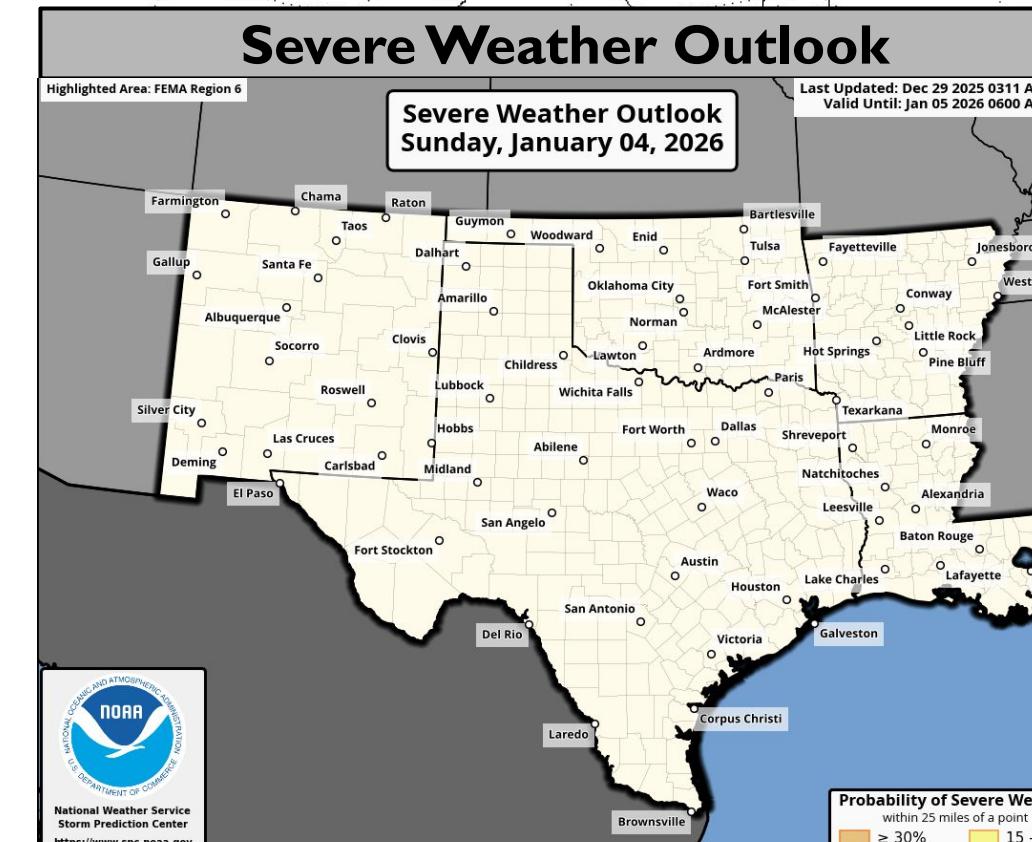
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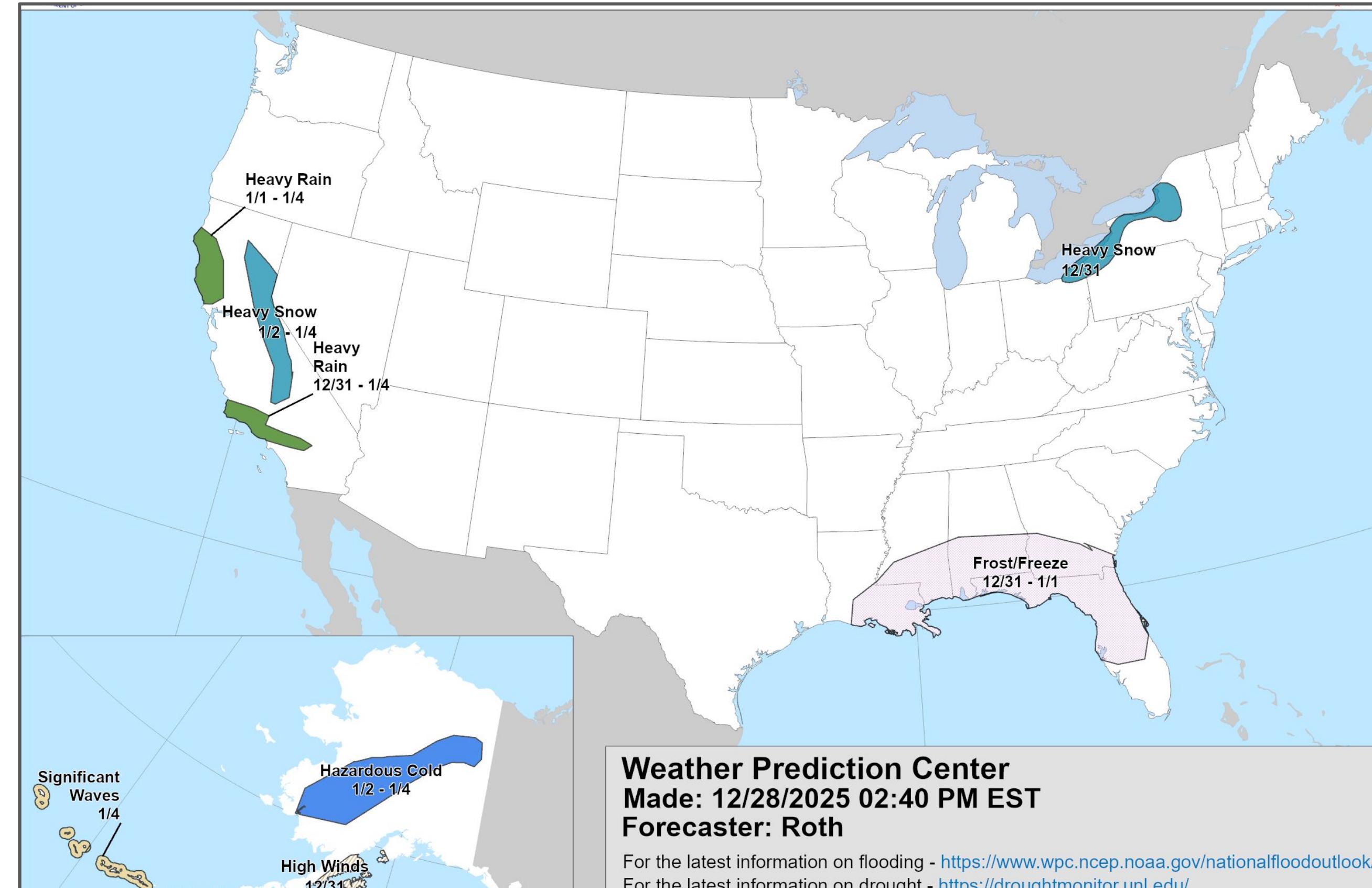
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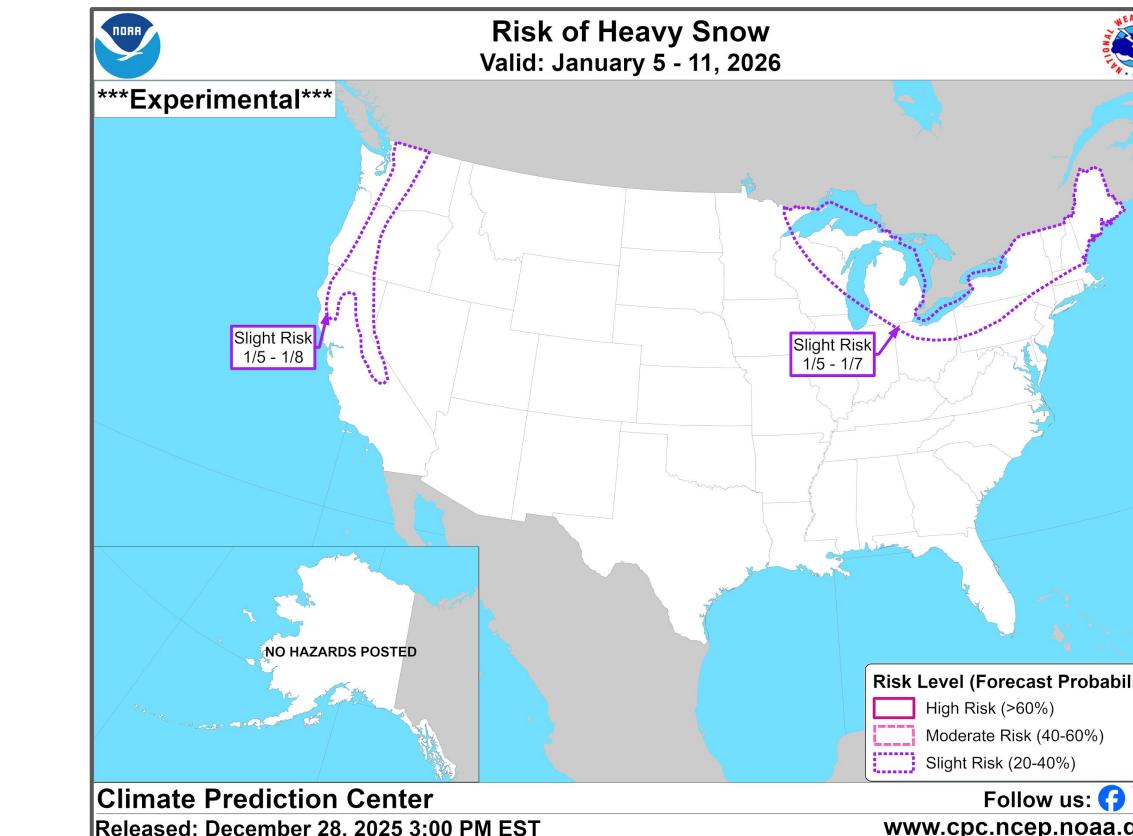
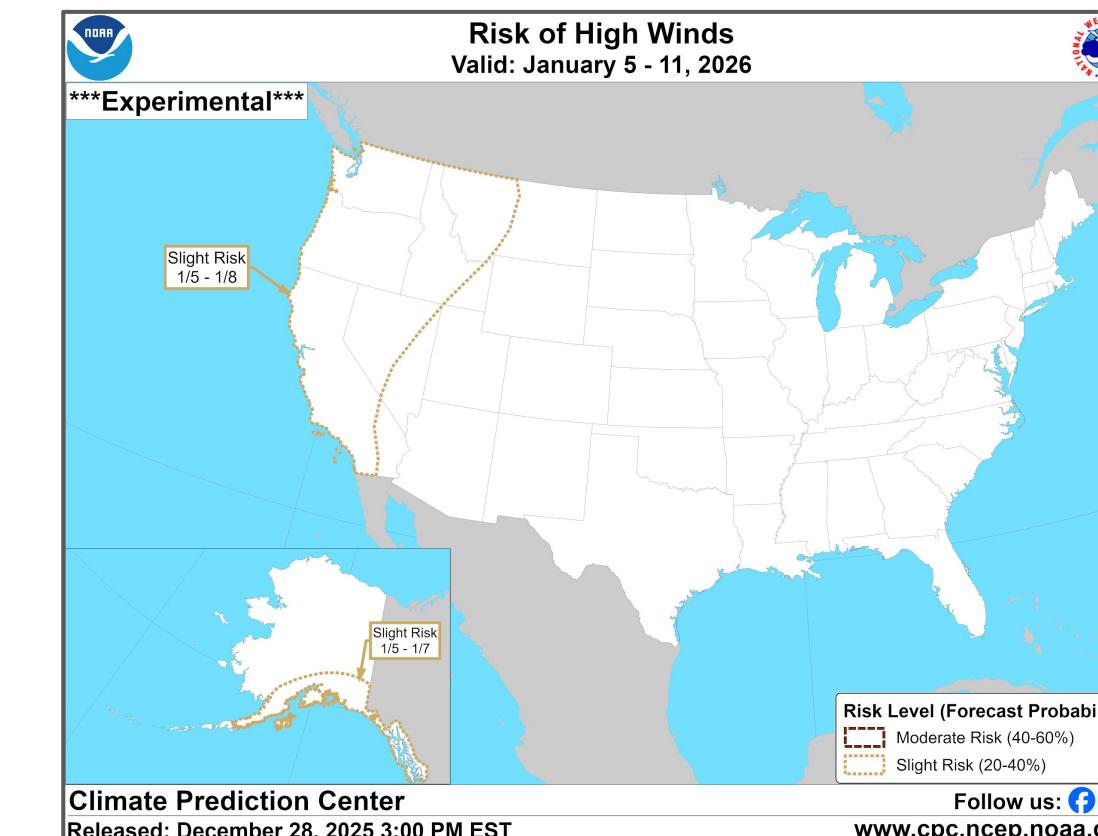
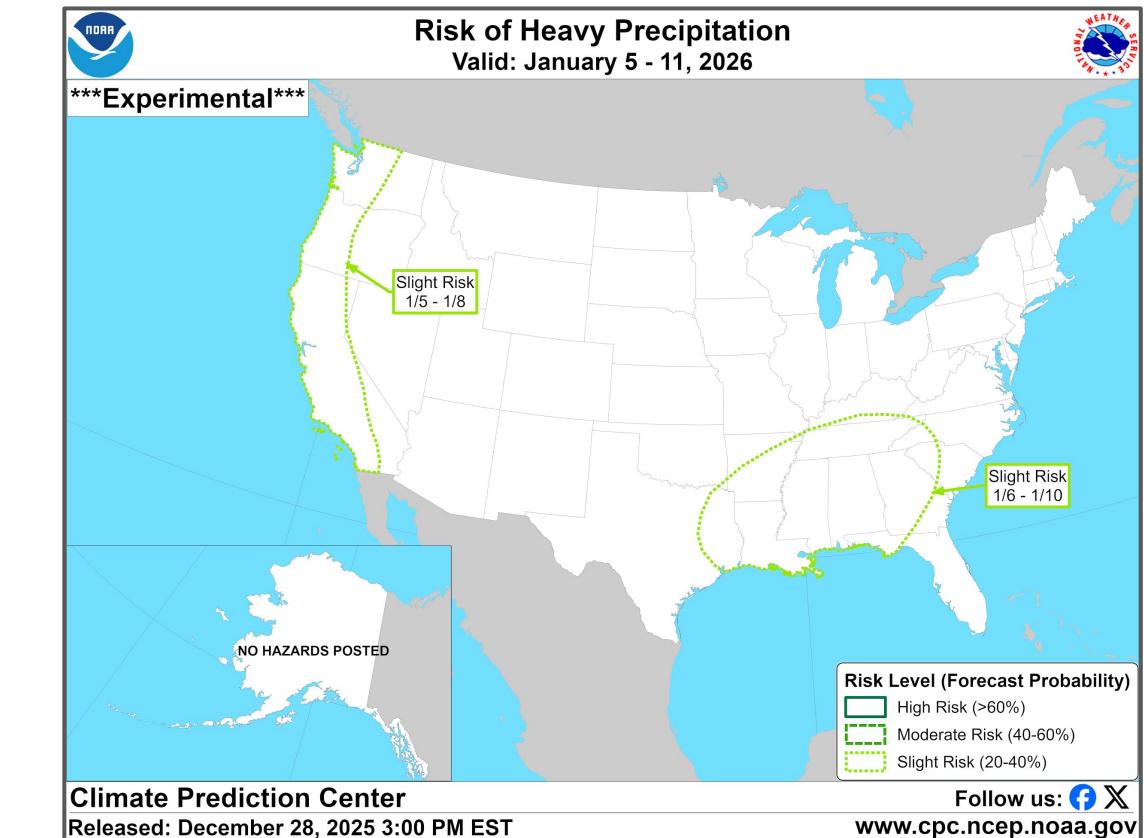
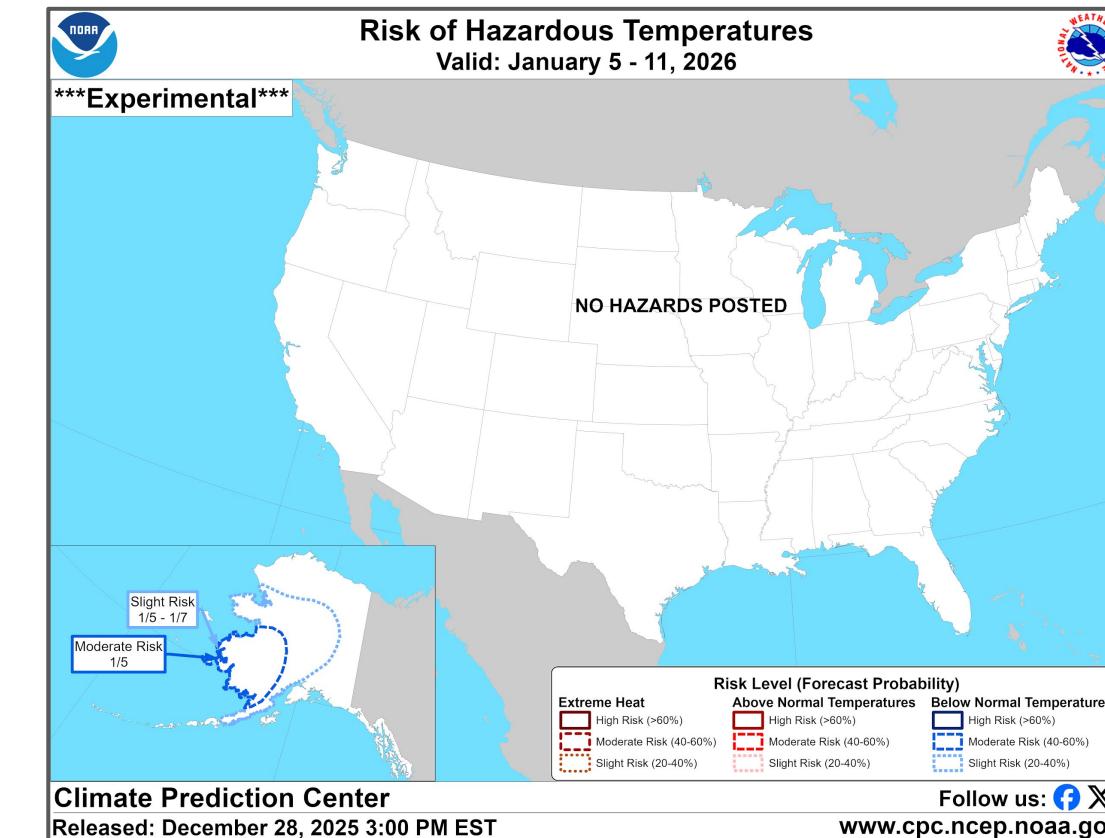
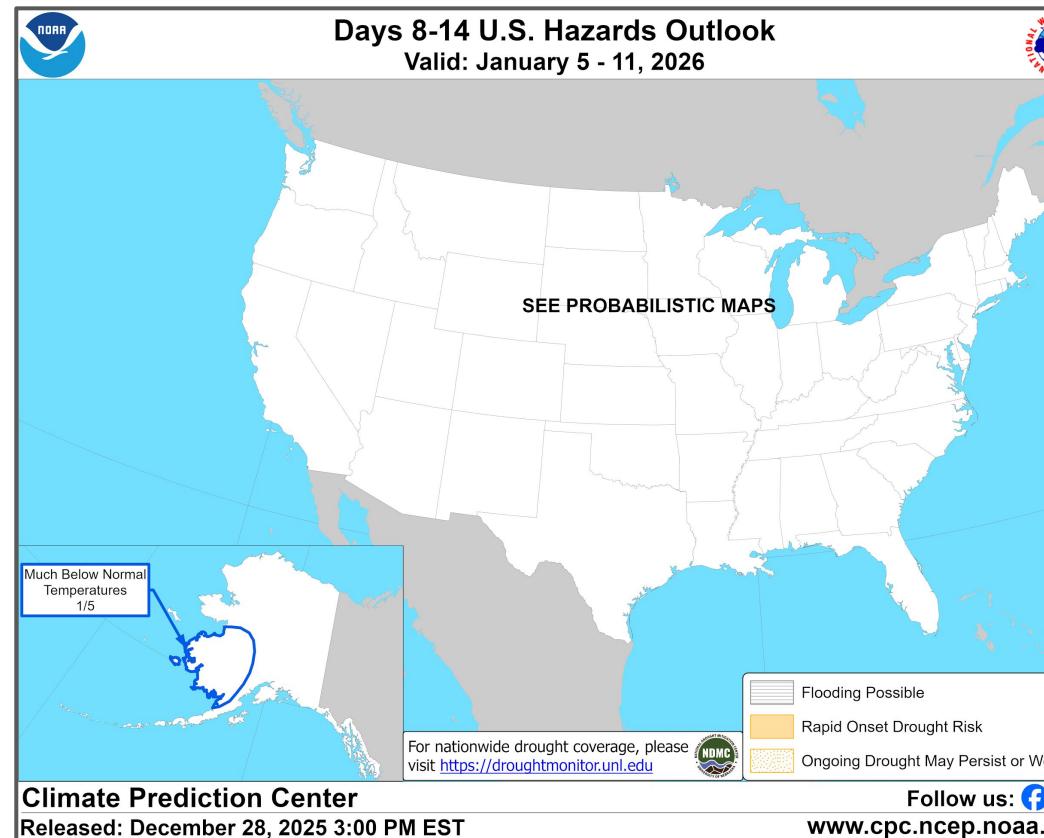


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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



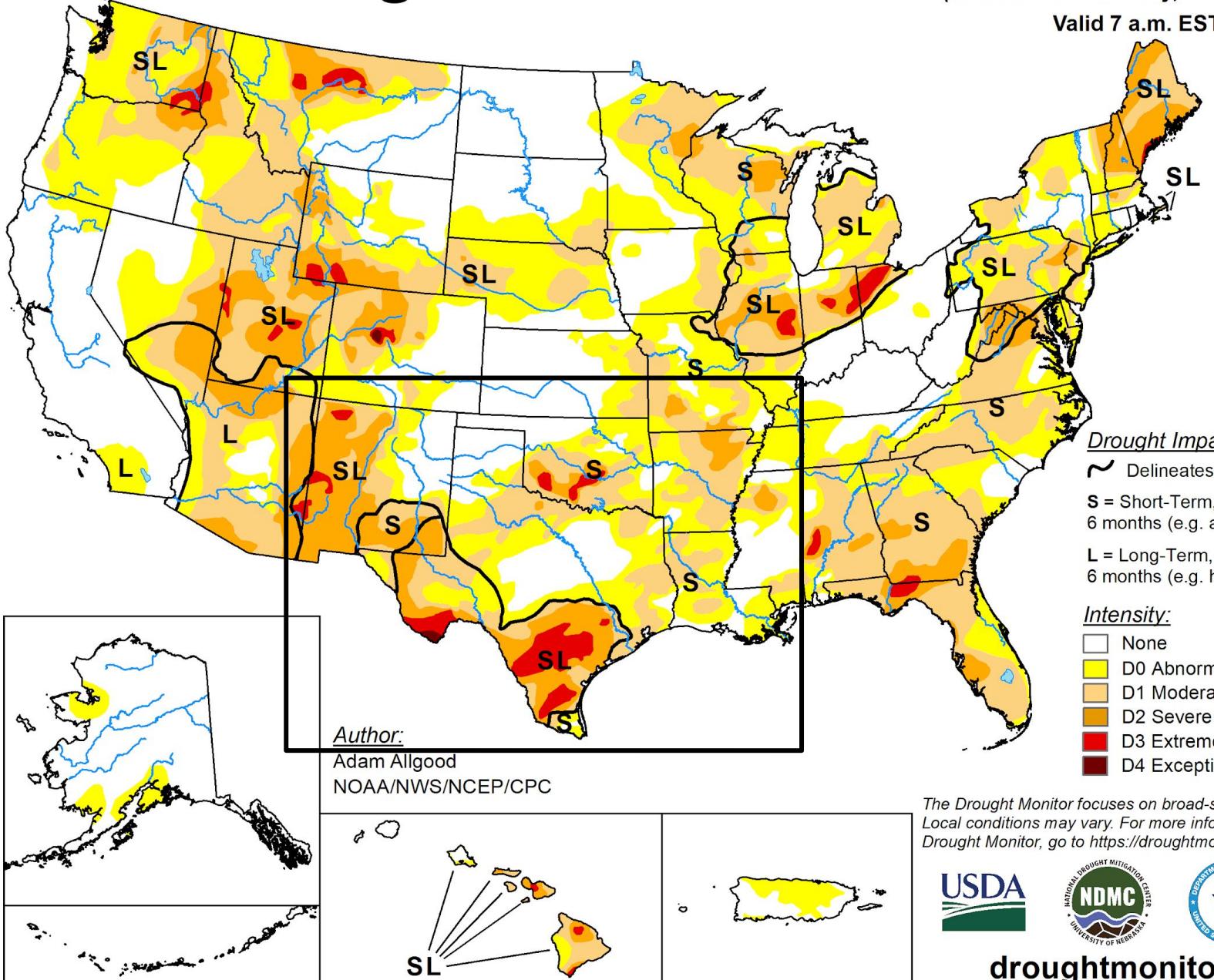


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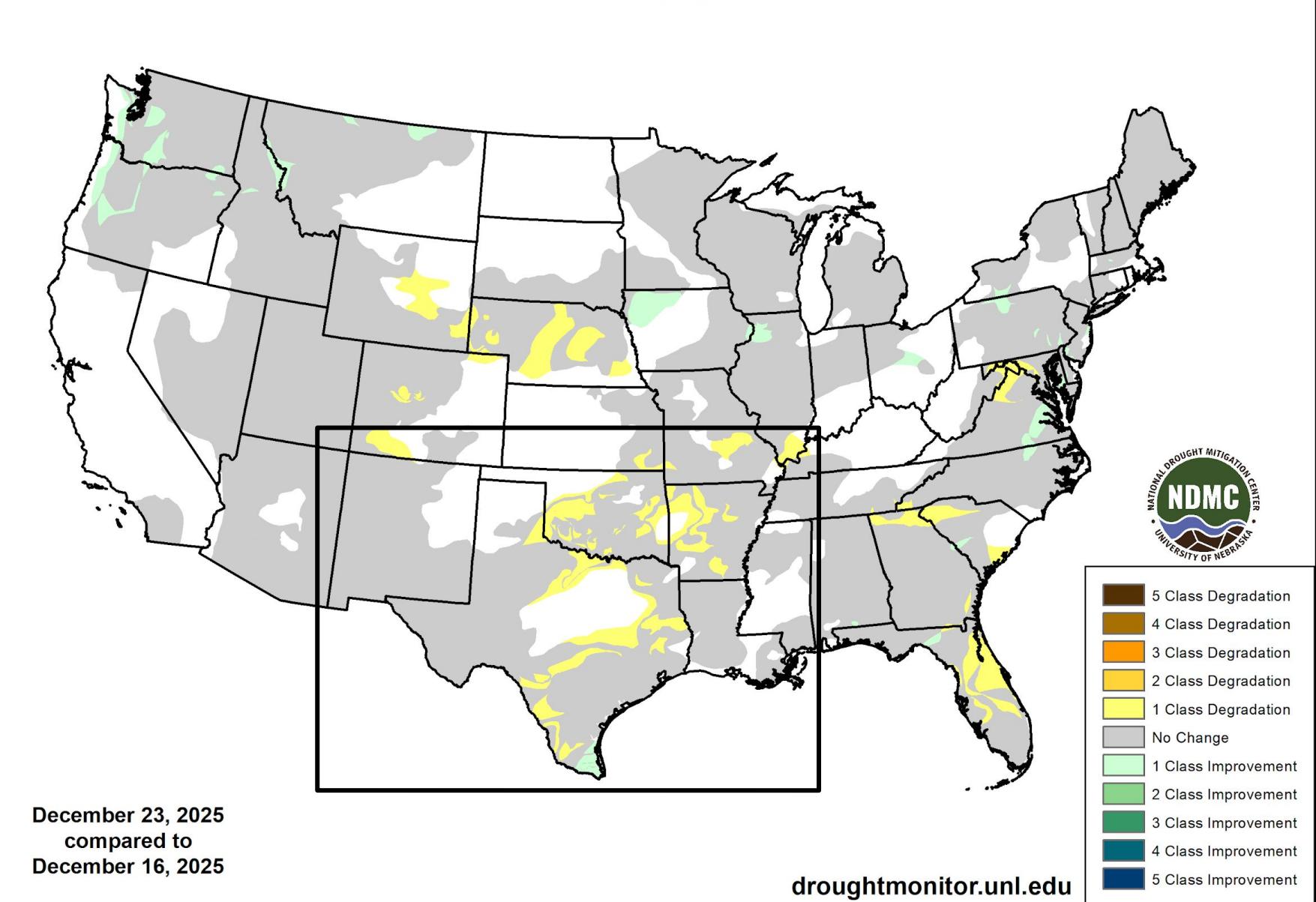
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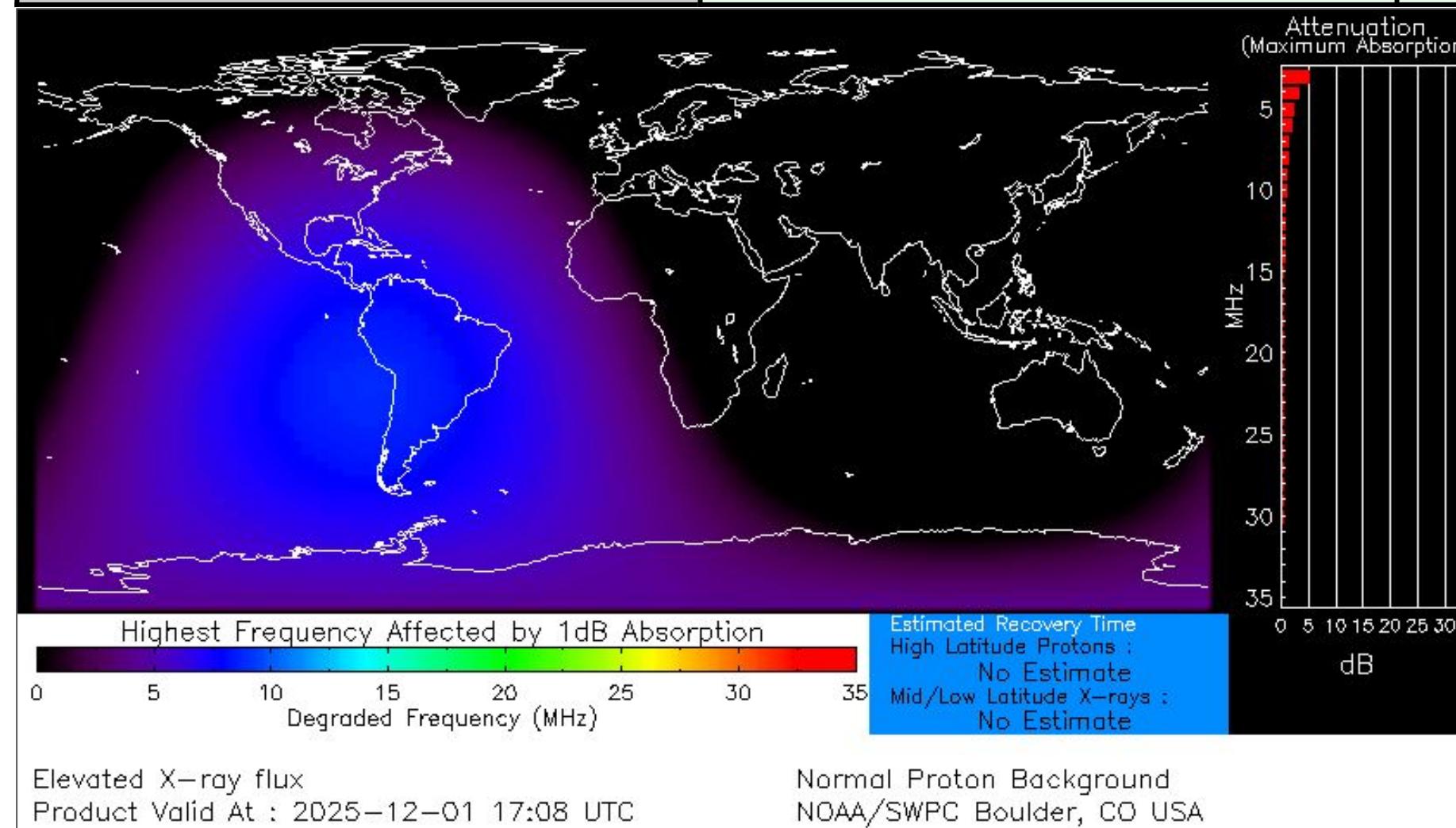
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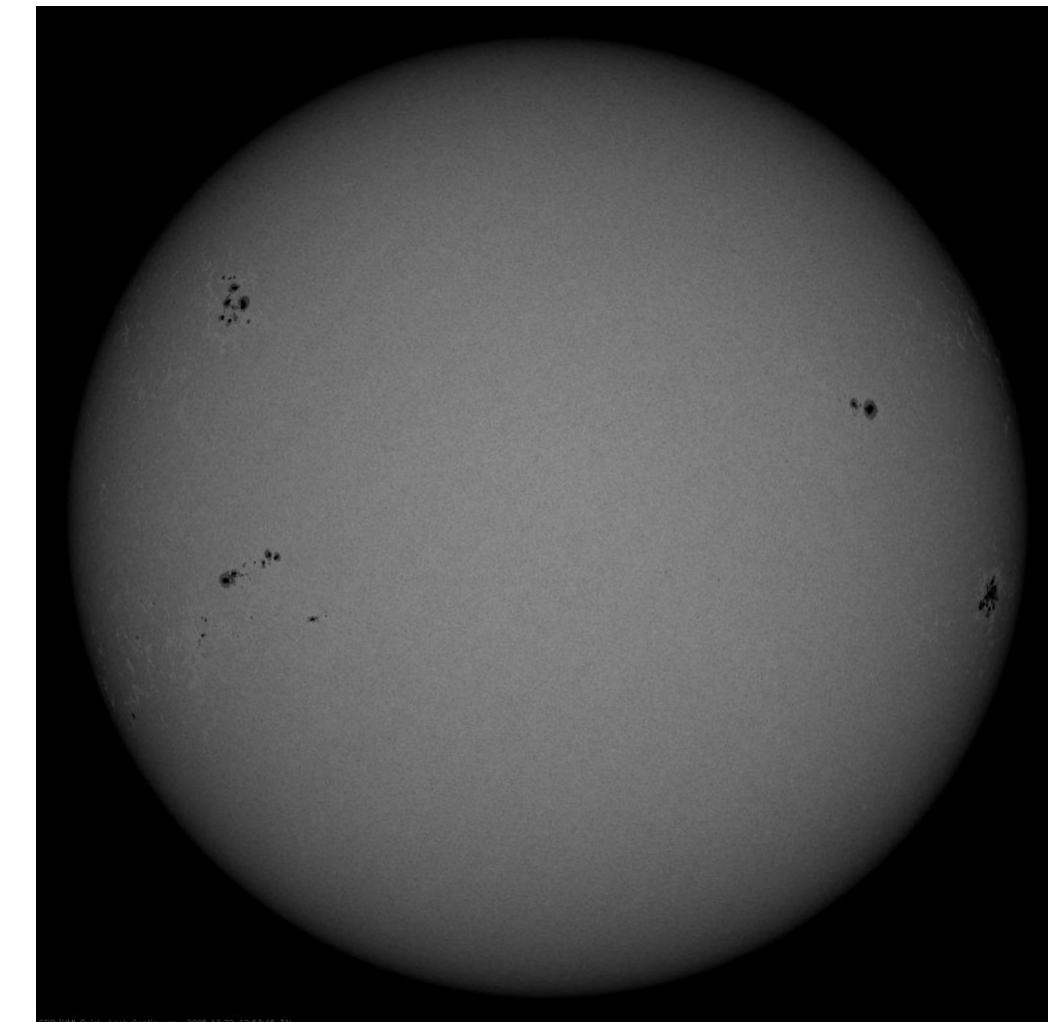
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Dec 29	Tuesday, Dec 30	Wednesday, Dec 31
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	10%	10%	10%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	45%	45%	45%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	10%	10%	10%



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



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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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooding 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</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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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>

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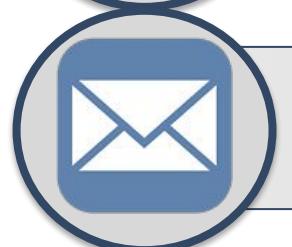
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