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FEMA Region 6

Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 01, 2026

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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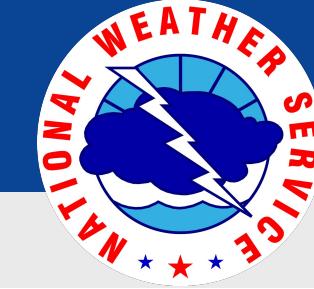
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Summary

- **Fire Weather:**
 - Elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions for Friday in W/CTX and on Monday in E NM and TX Panhandle.
- **Winter Weather:**
 - Little to no impact from light snow (1-3") in N NM Mts above 9500 ft today into Friday morning.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

| | Thursday, Jan 1 | Friday, Jan 2 | Saturday, Jan 3 | Sunday, Jan 4 | Monday, Jan 5 | Tuesday, Jan 6 | Wednesday, Jan 7 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Severe Storms | | | | | | | |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | | | | | | | |
| Winter Weather | N NM Mts | | | | | | |
| Fire Weather | | W/C TX | | | E NM, TX Panhandle | | |
| 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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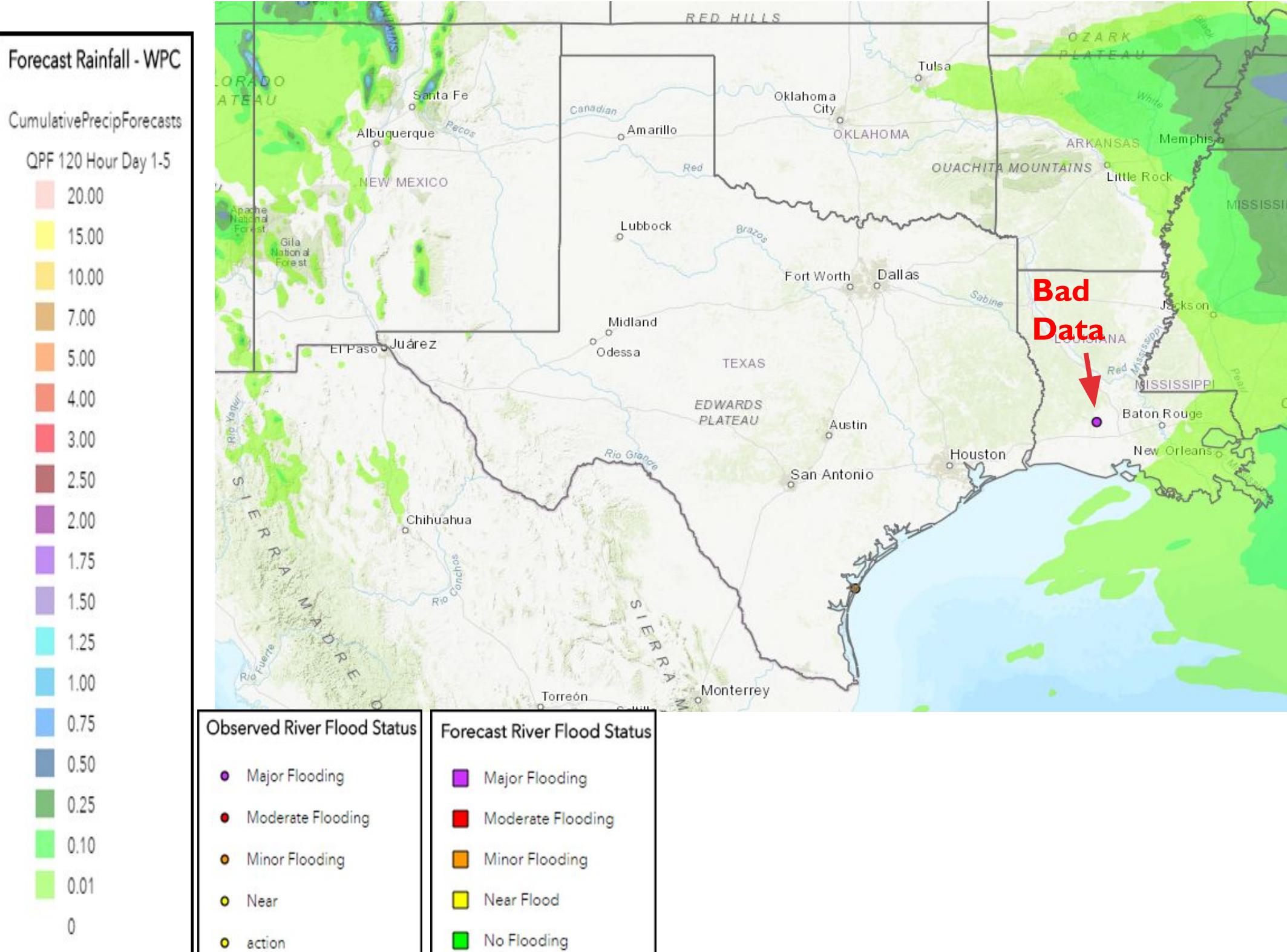
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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.



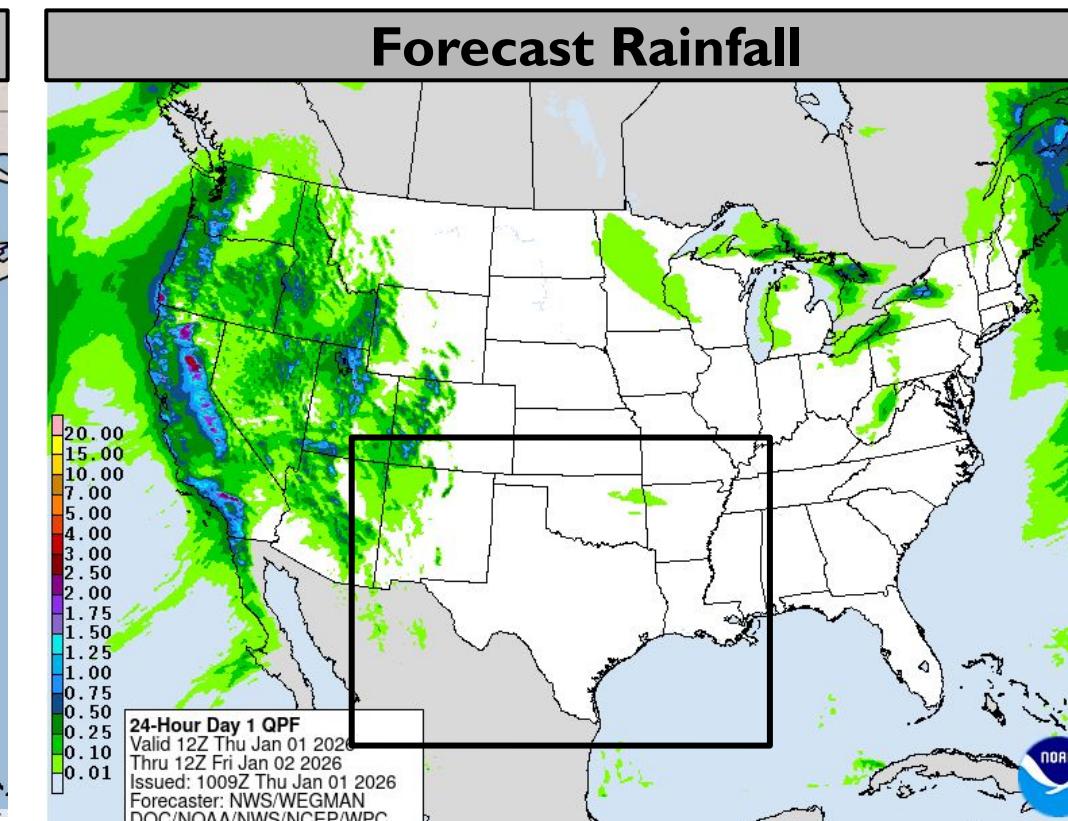
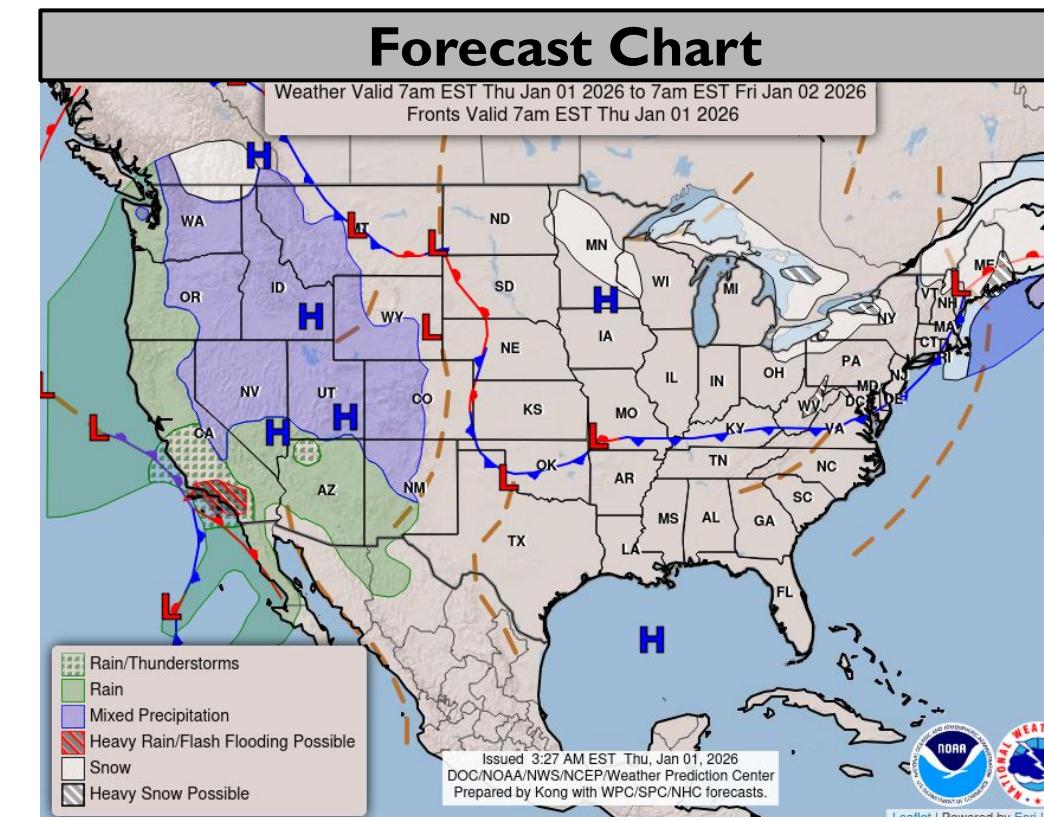
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

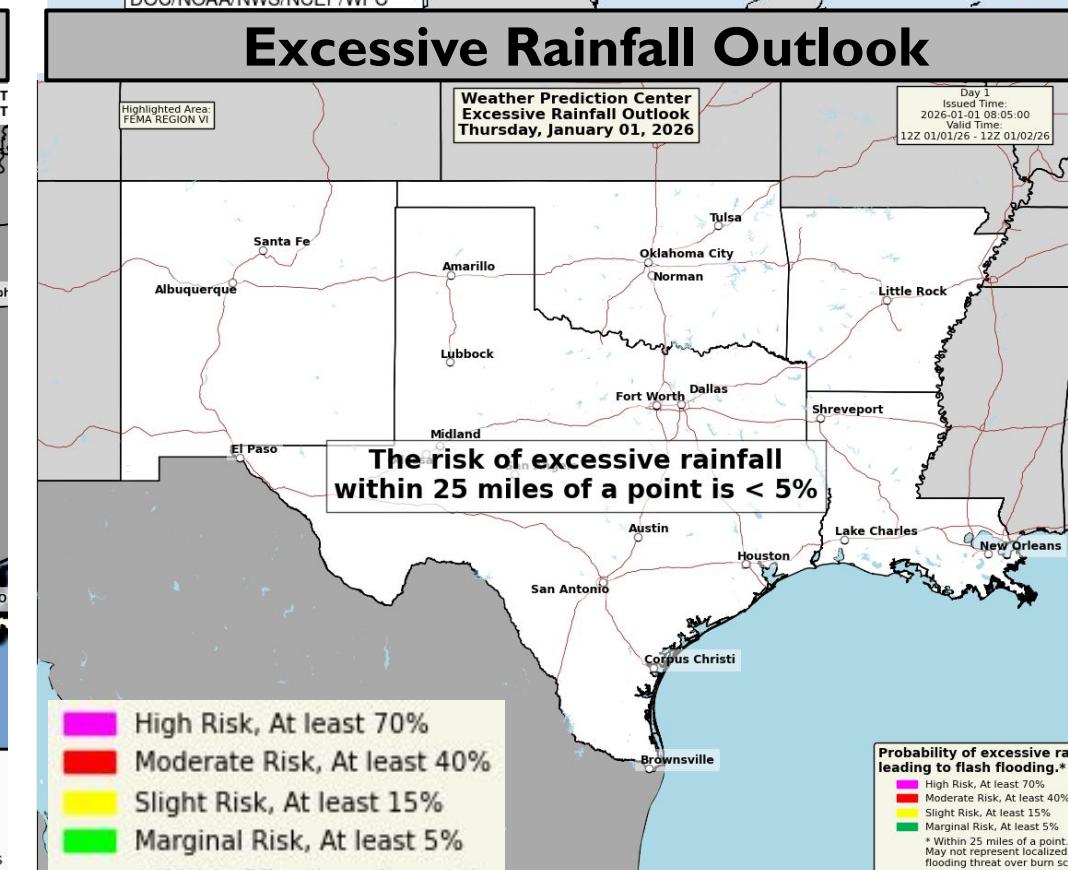
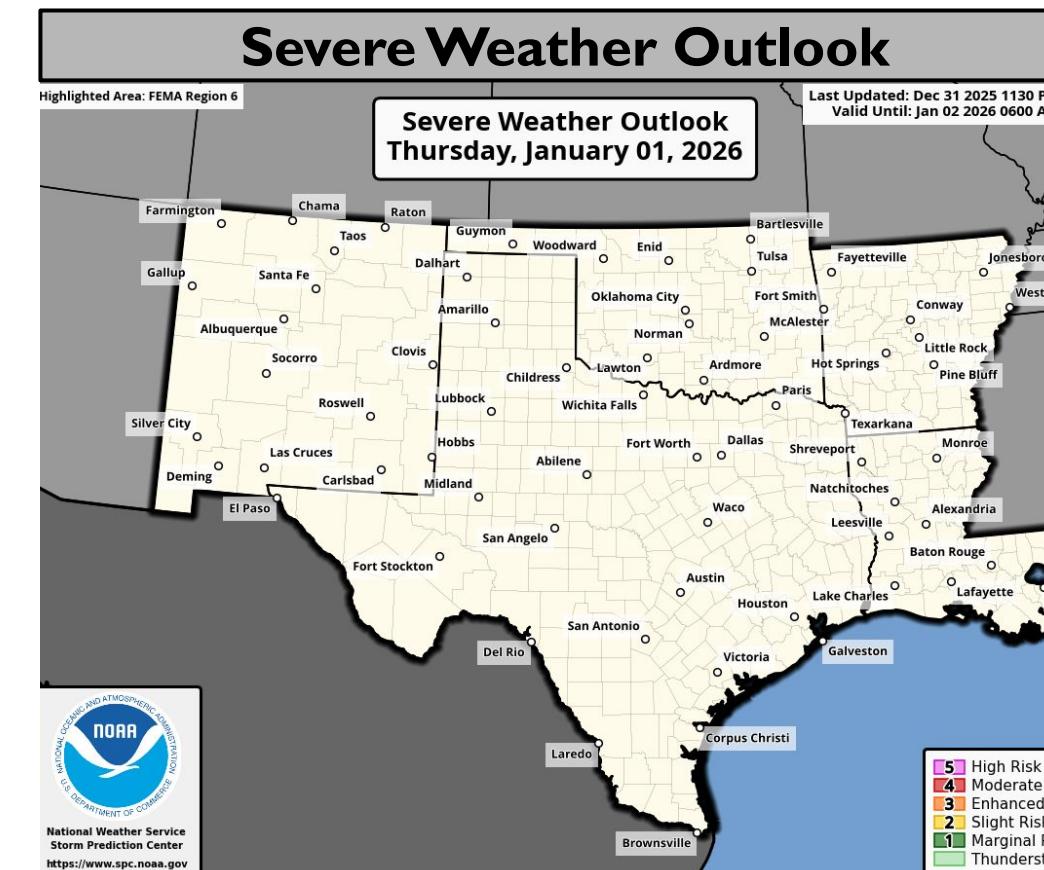
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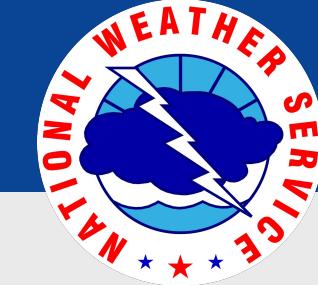


Today's Weather

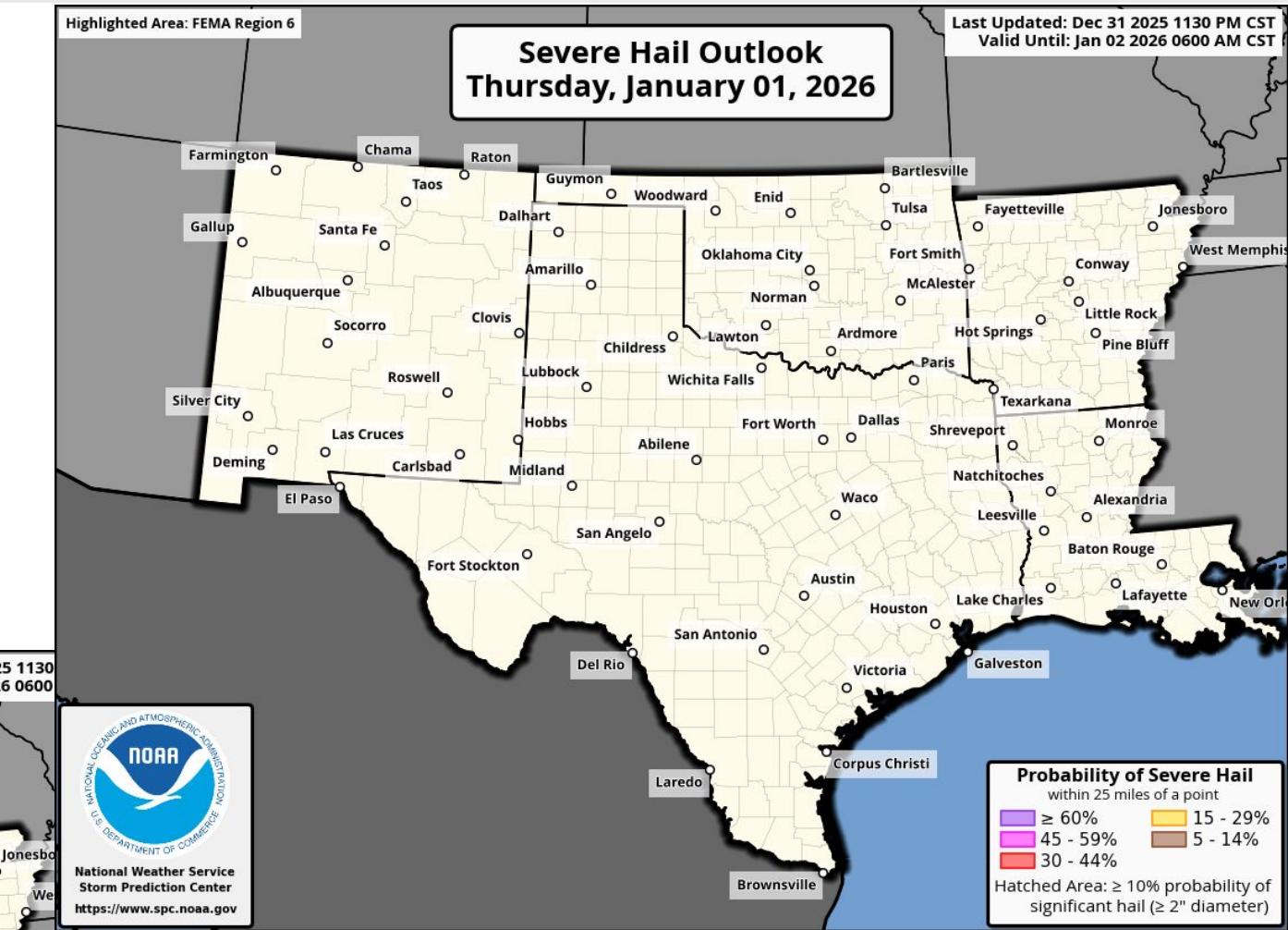
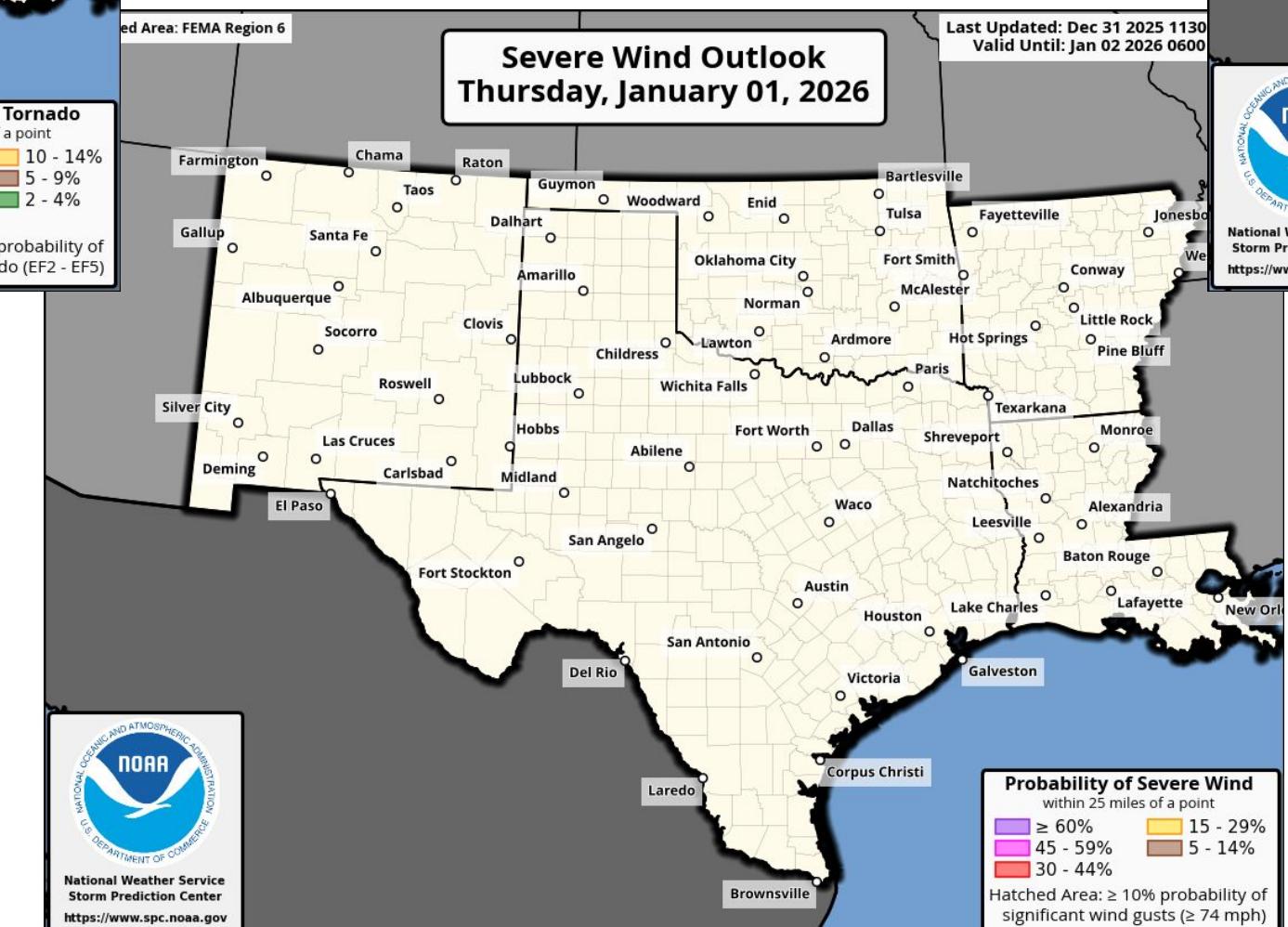
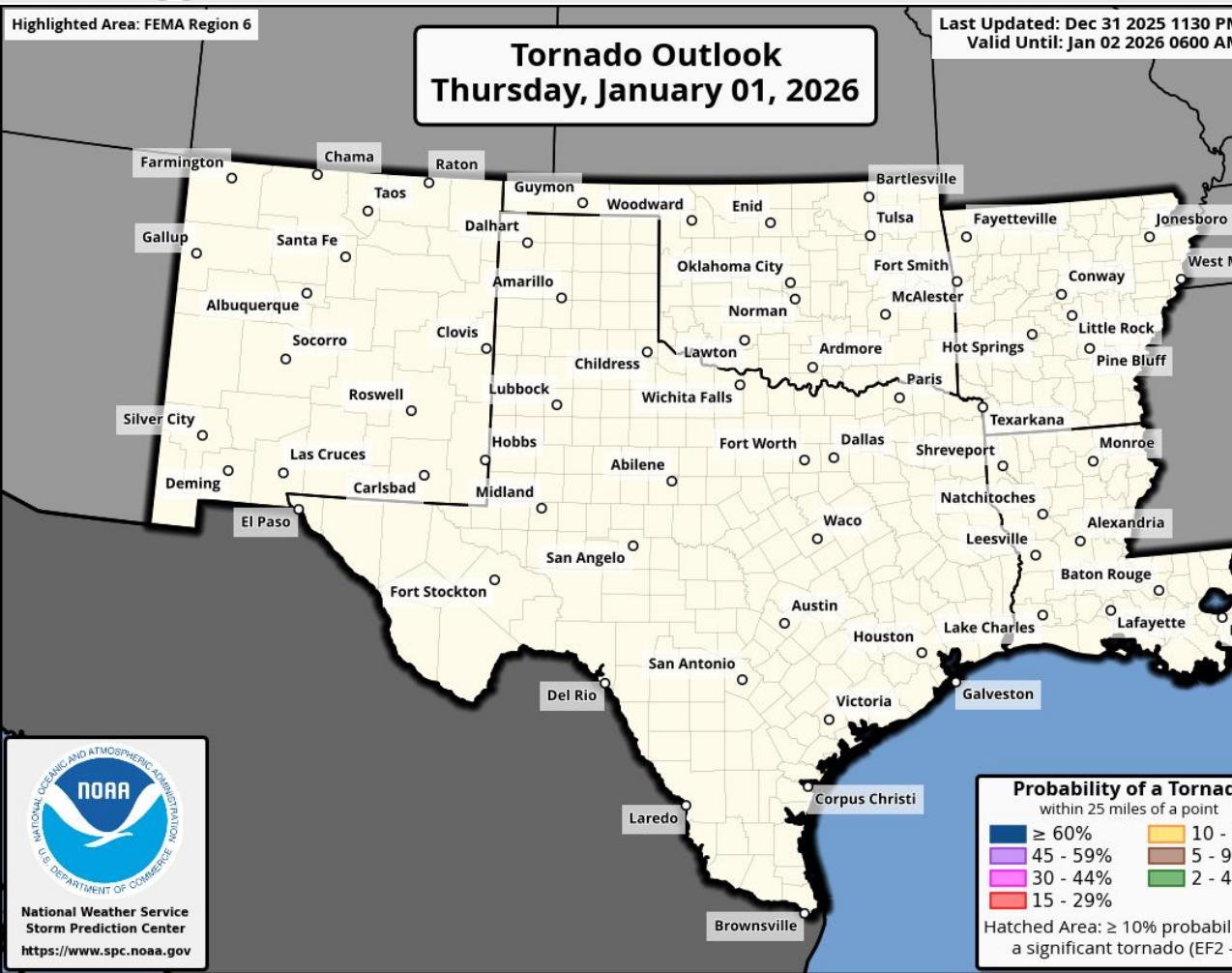


Light snow (1-3") will have little to no impact in N NM Mts above 9500 ft.



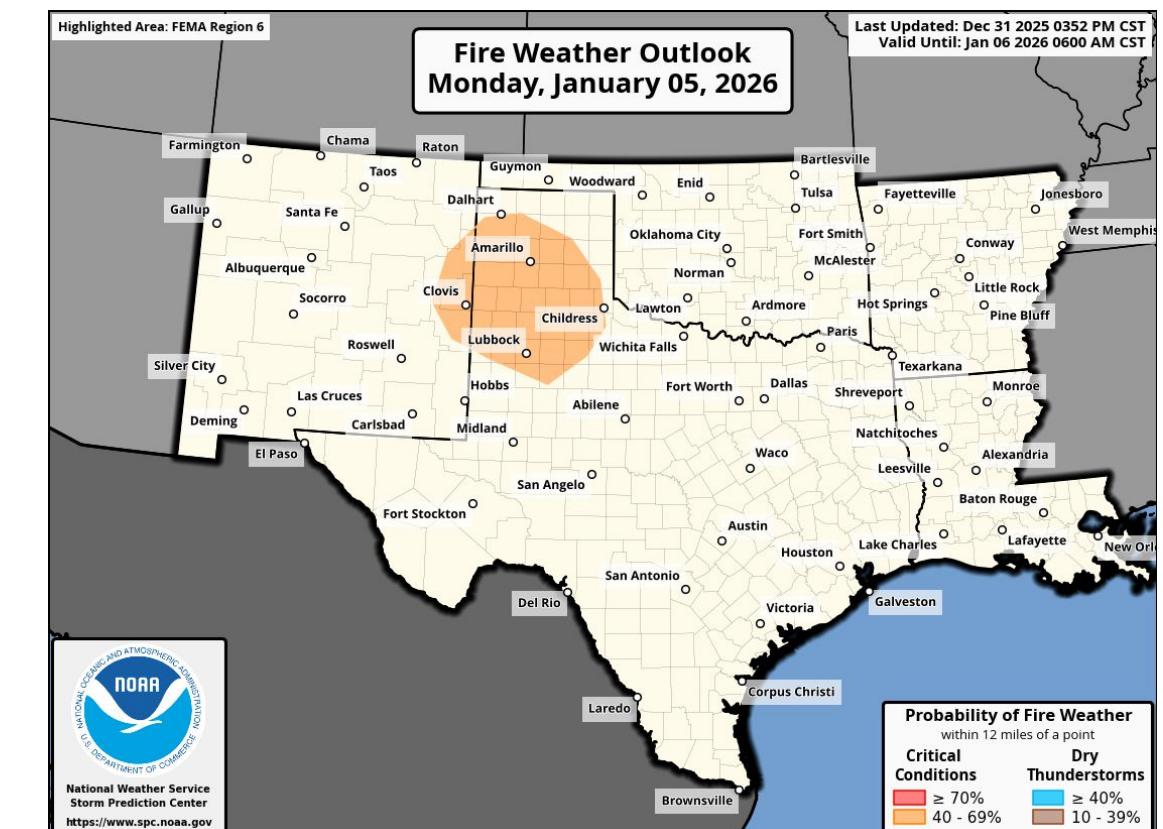
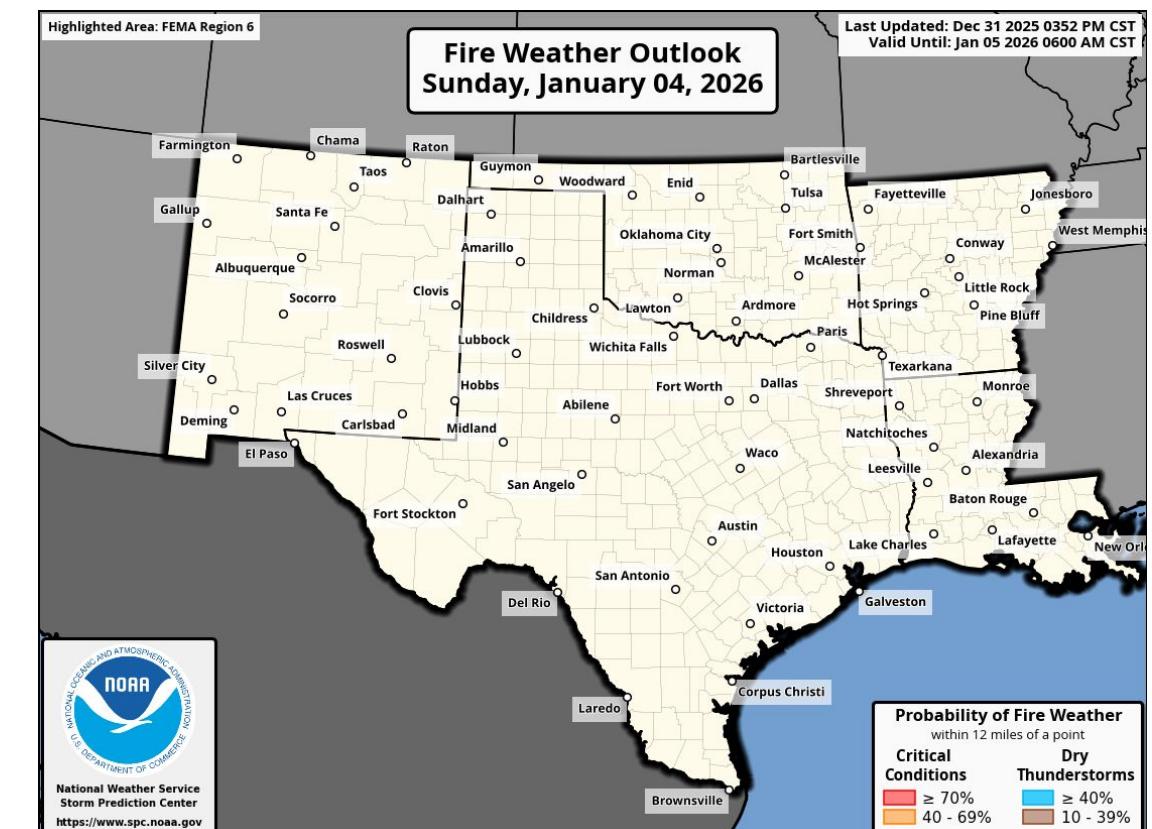
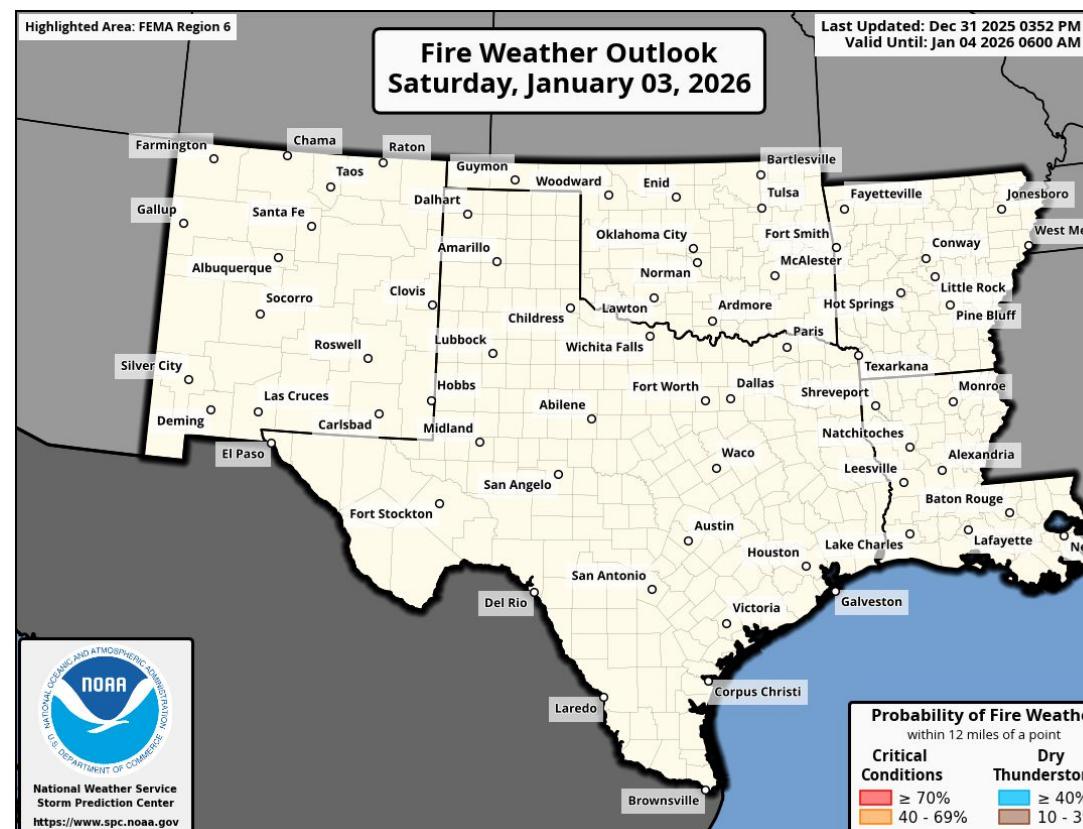
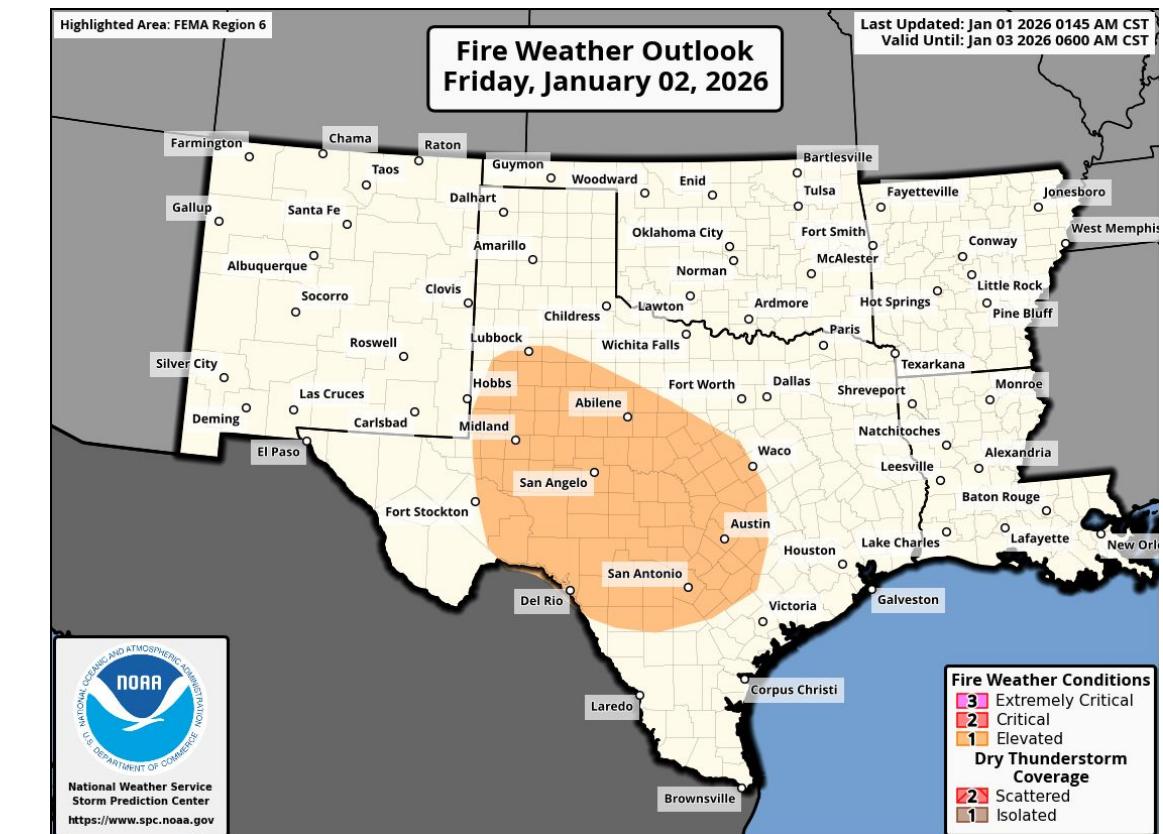
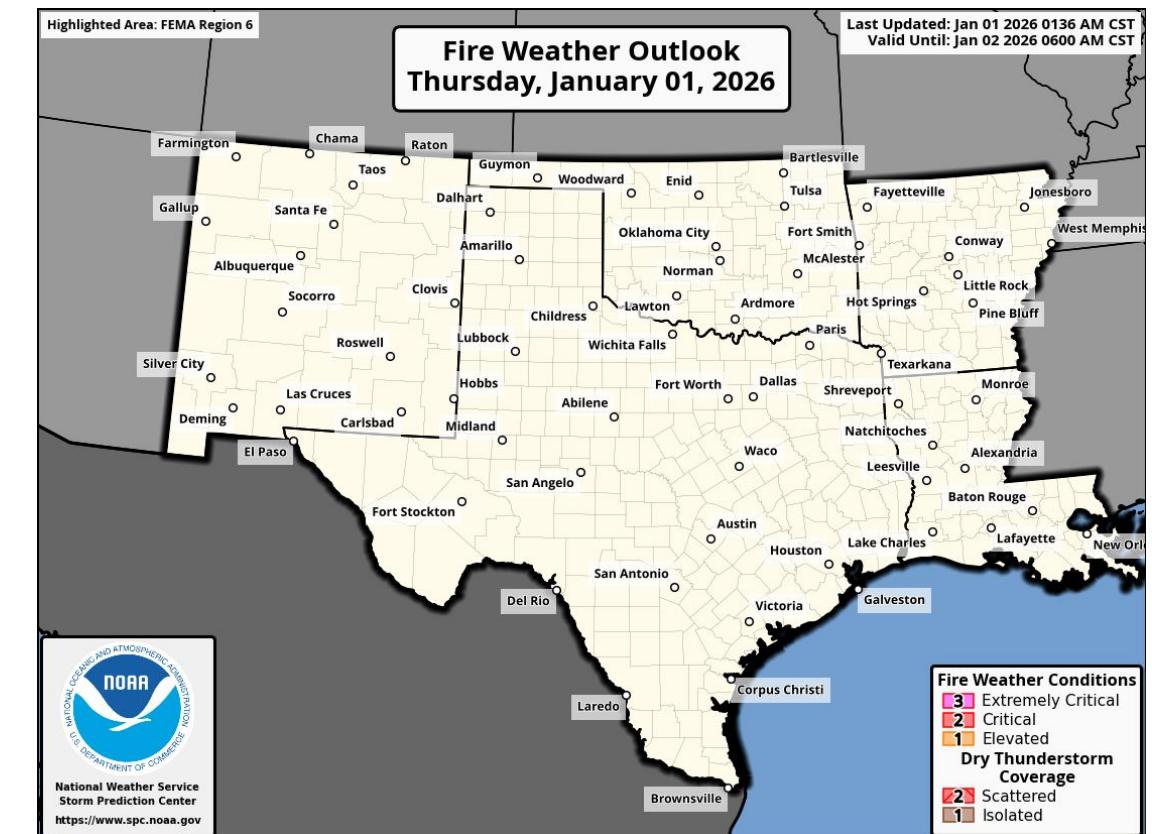
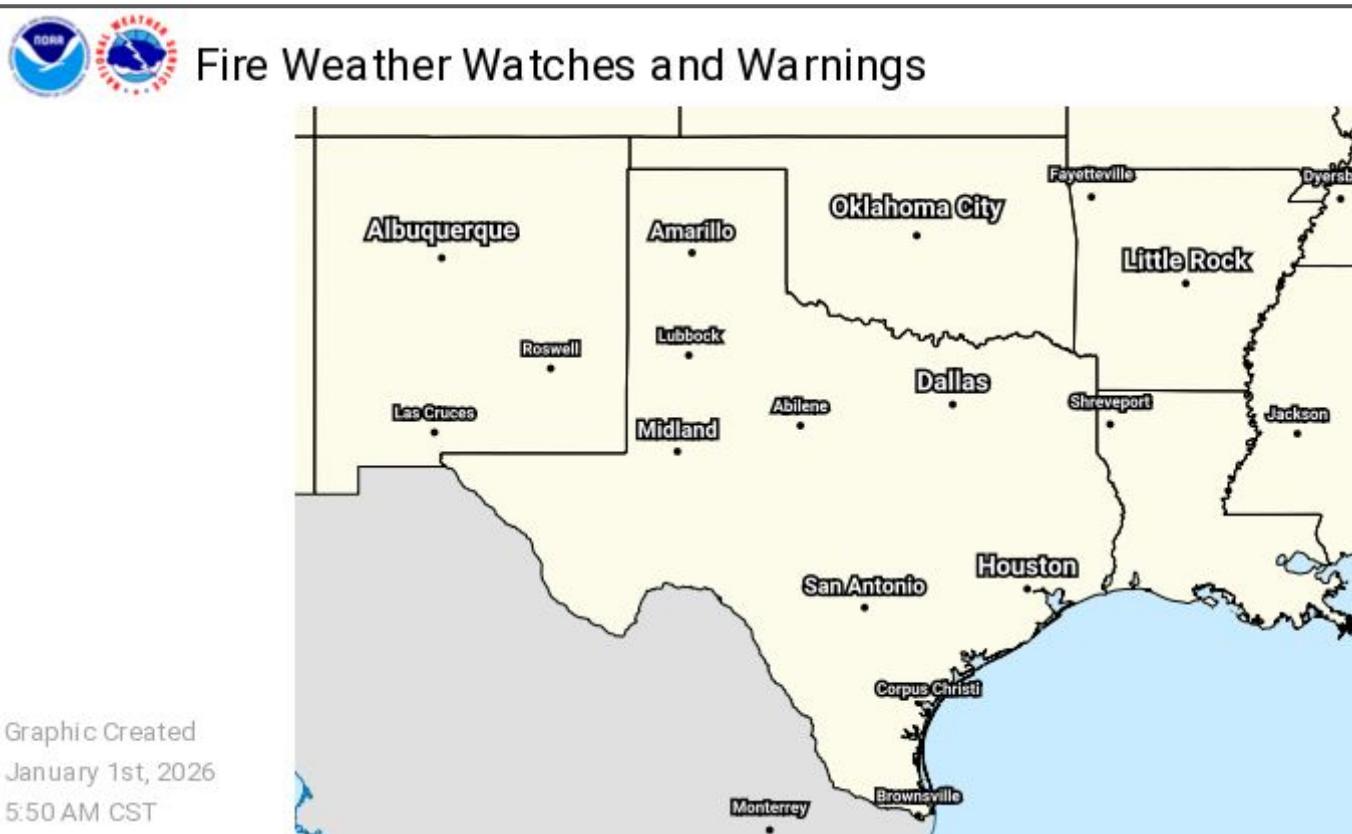


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Fire Weather Outlooks





Winter Weather

Through the next 3 days



Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Sunday January 4th, 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



Graphic Created
January 1st, 2026
5:20 AM CST



Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Sunday January 4th, 2026 at 6 AM CST

- 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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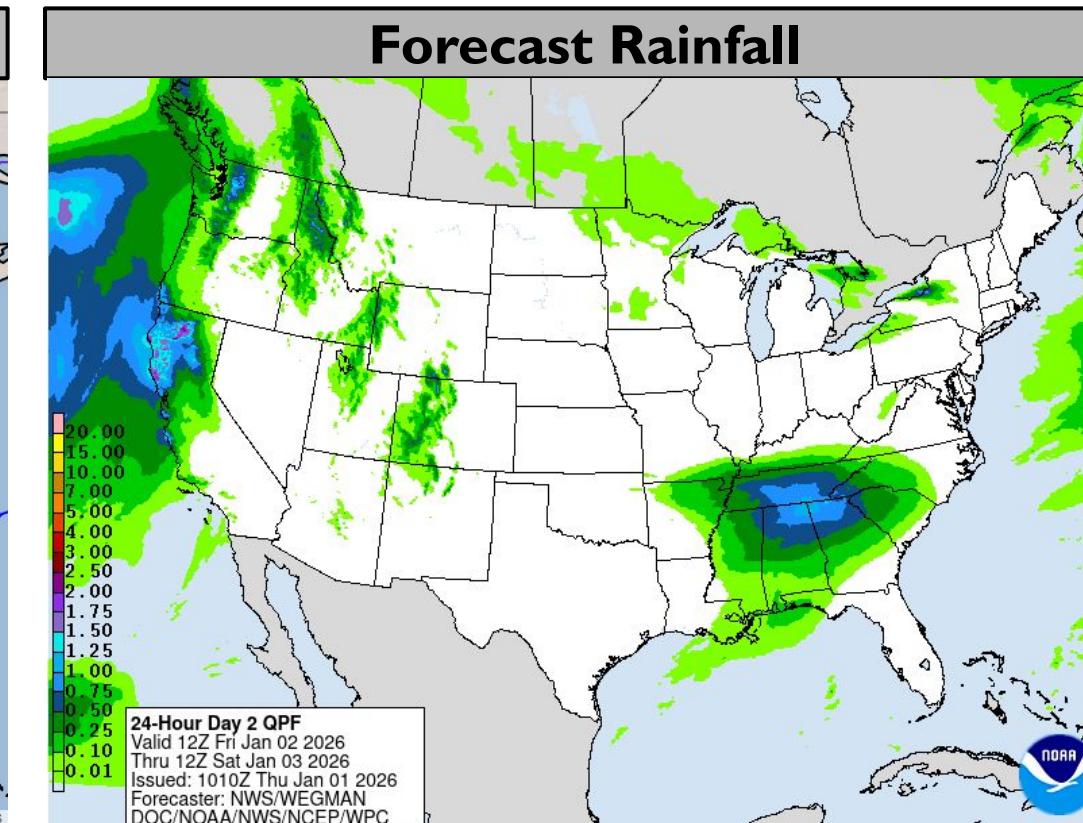
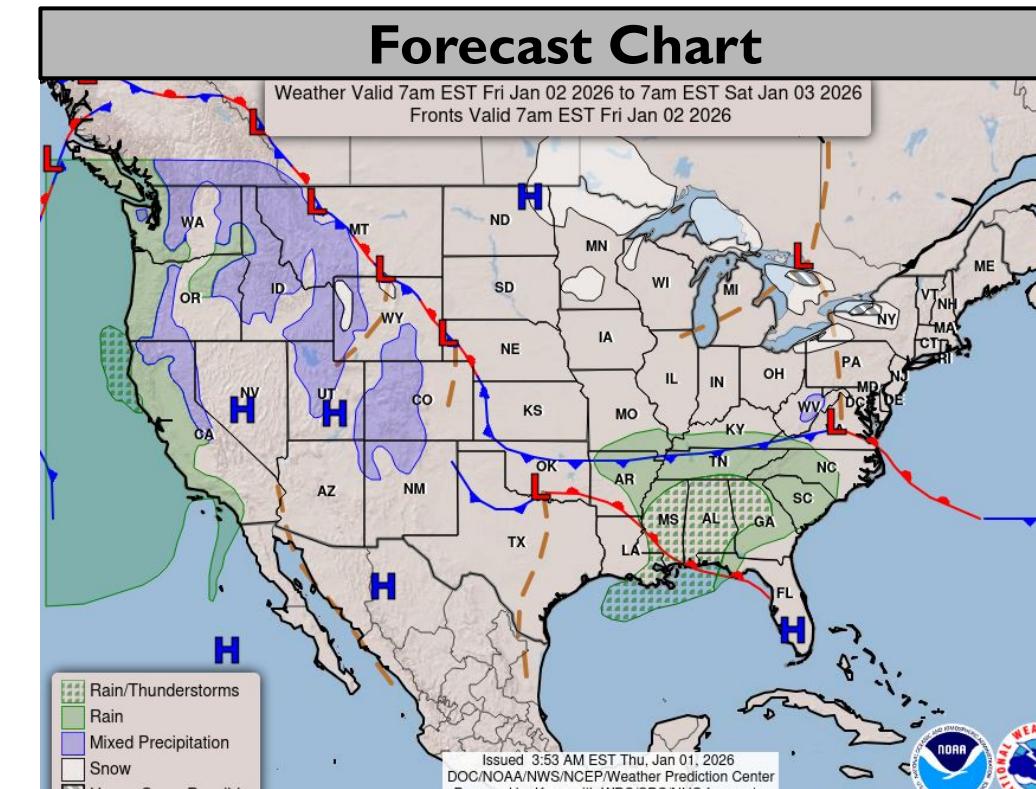


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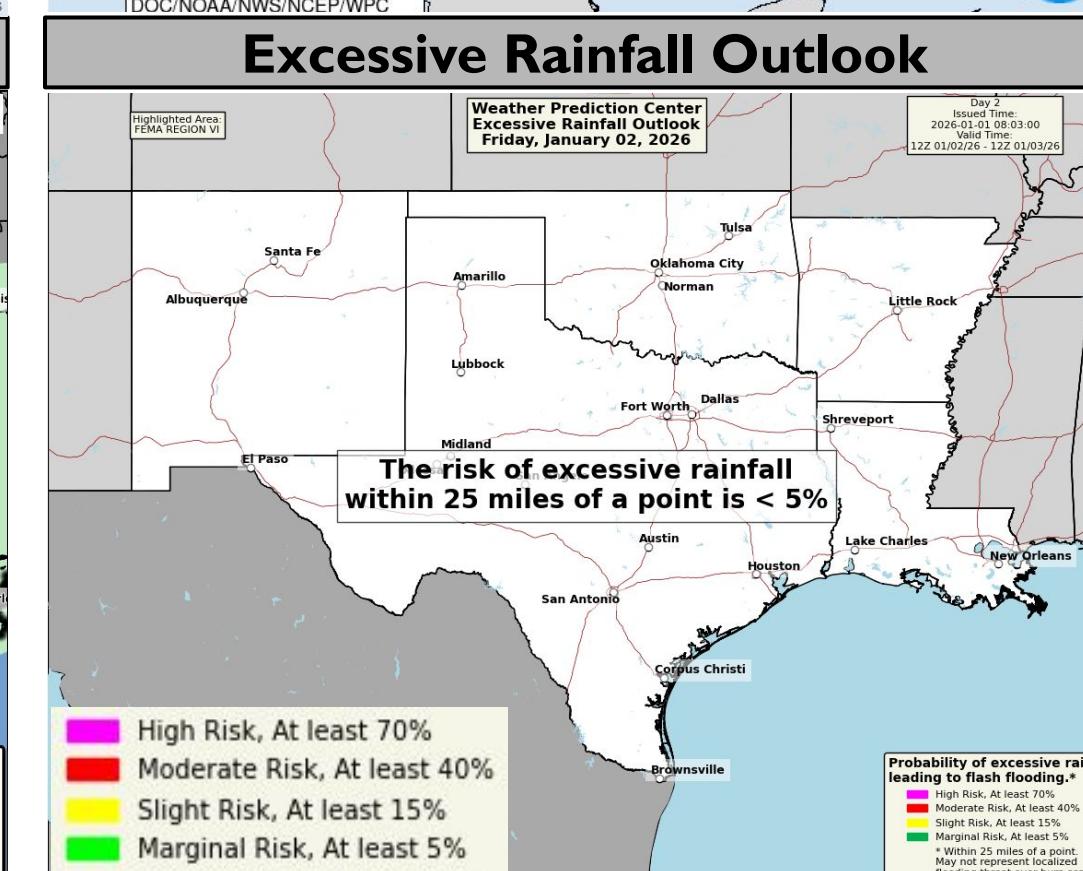
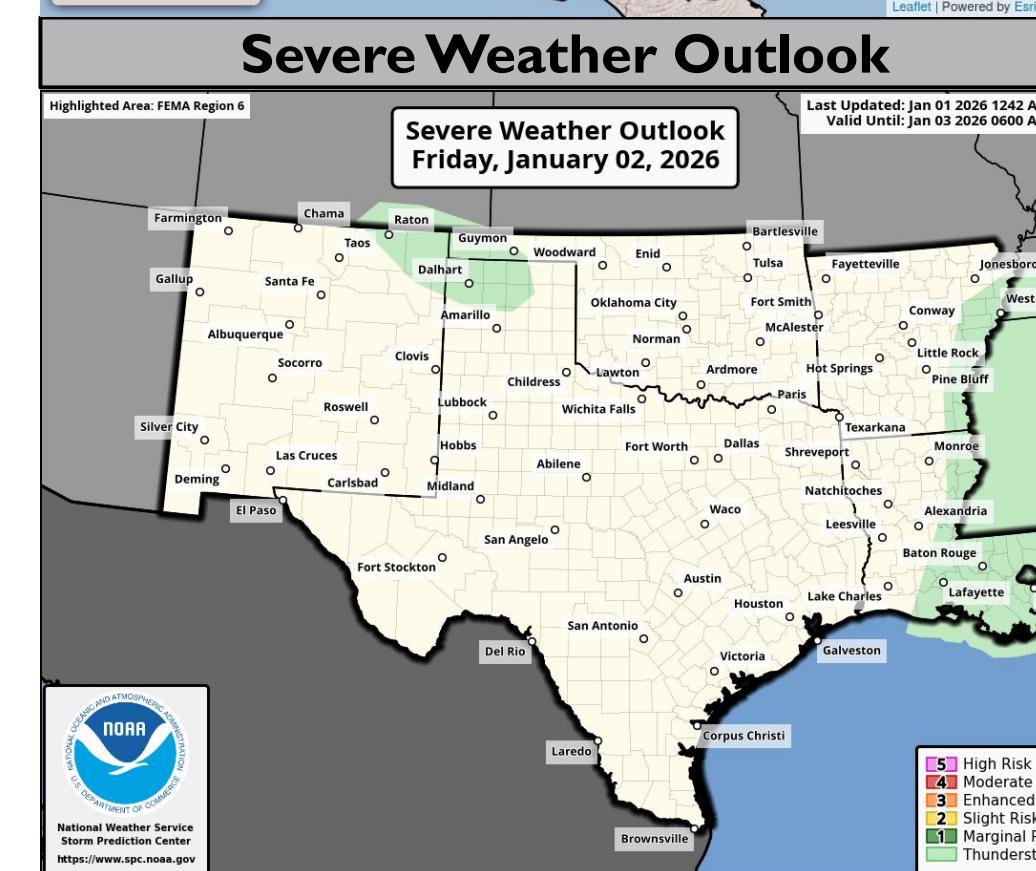
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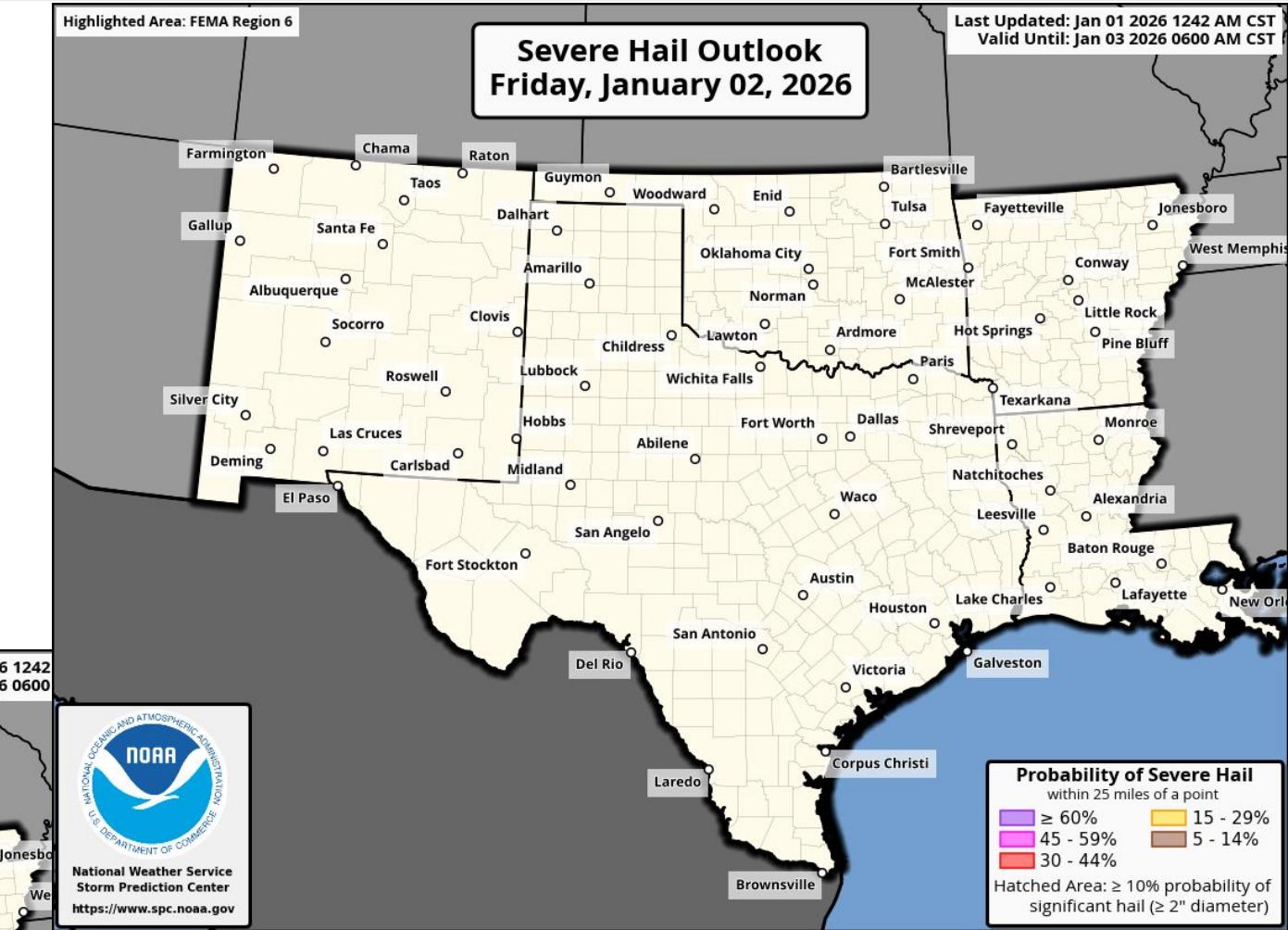
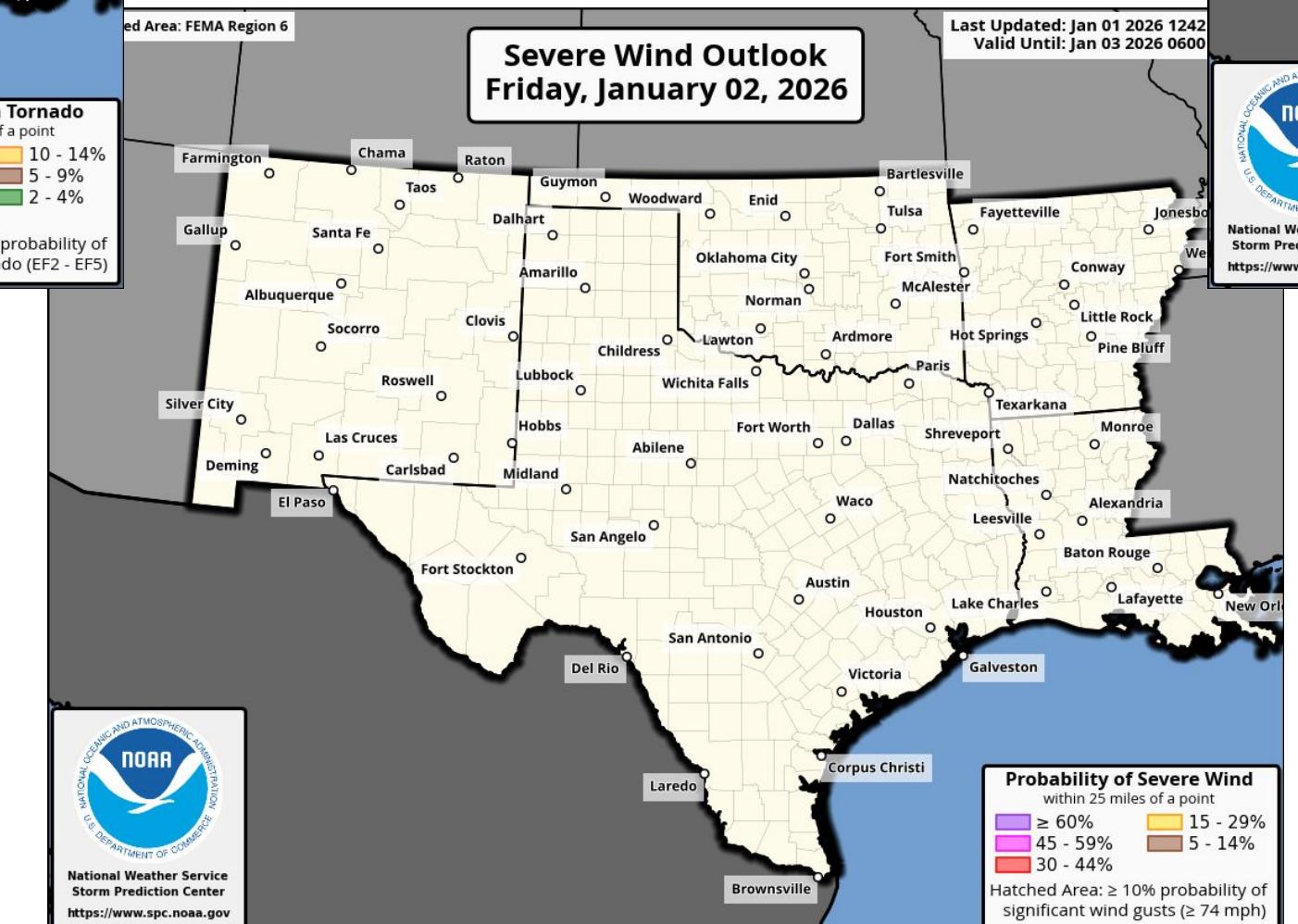
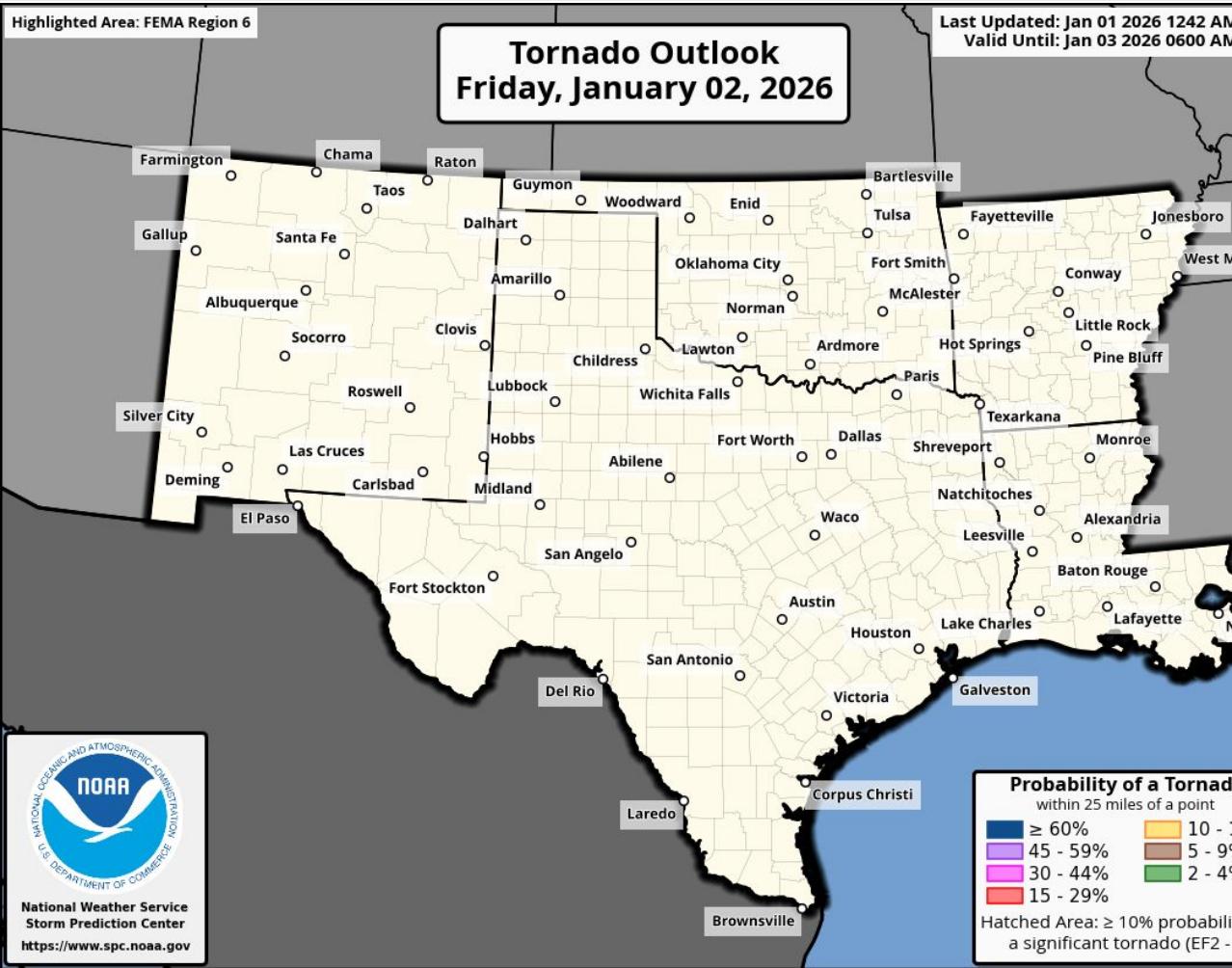


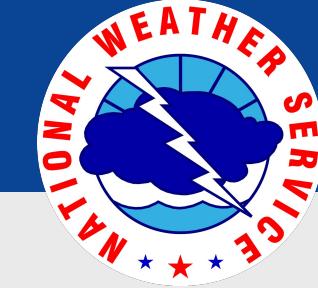
Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in W/C TX.





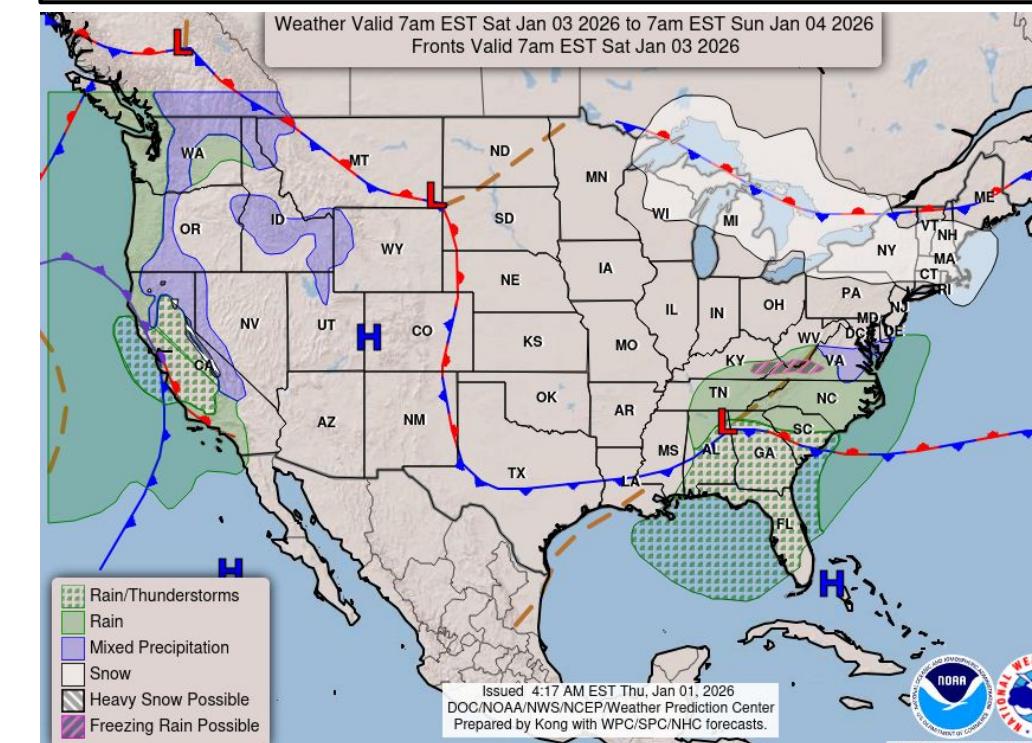
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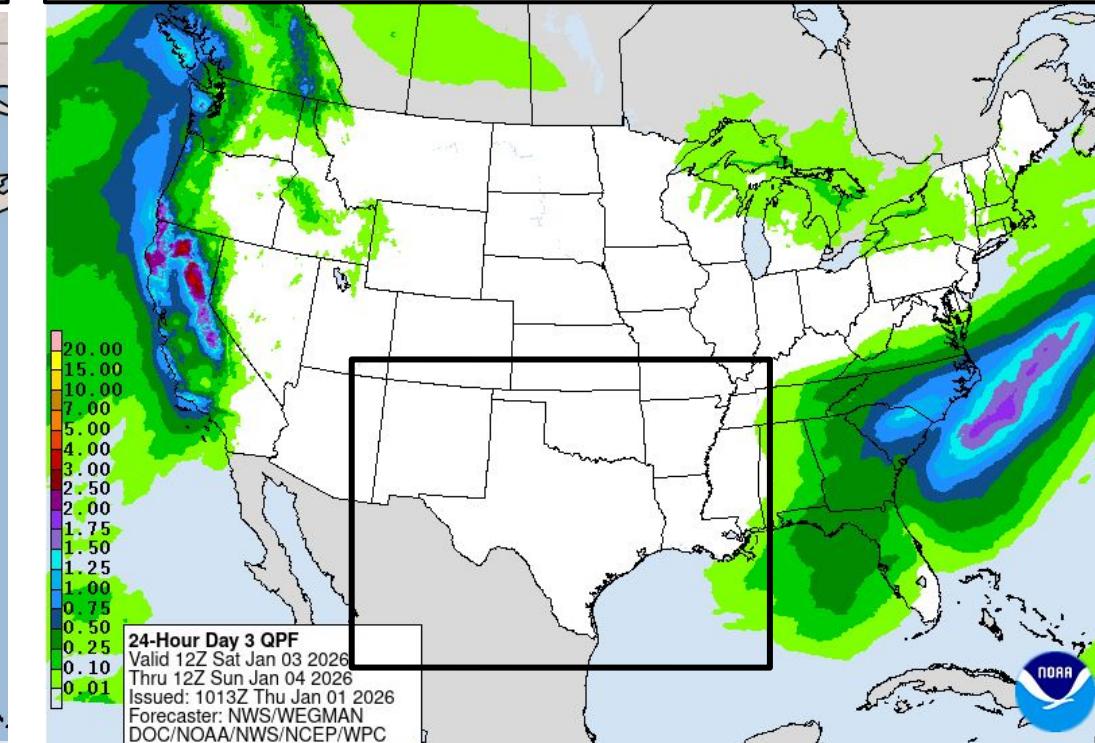


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

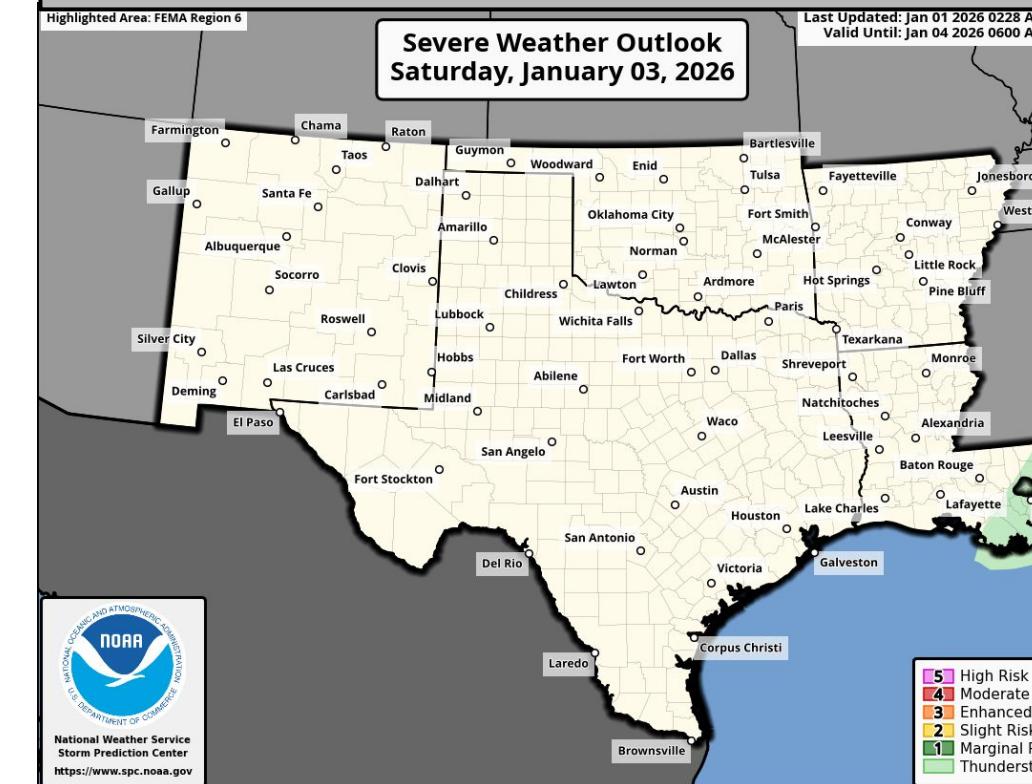


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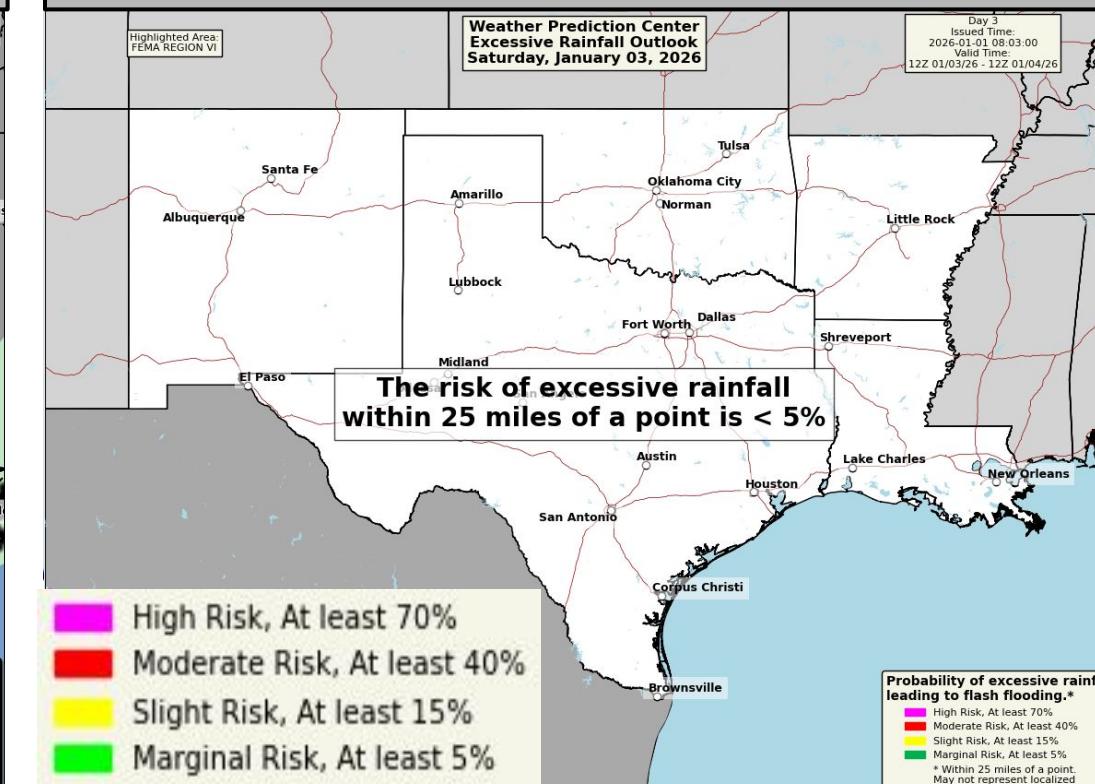


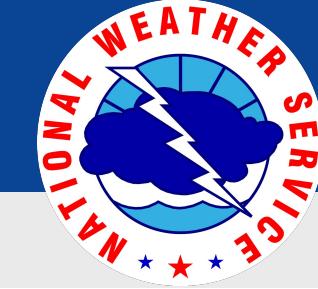
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Severe Weather Outlook

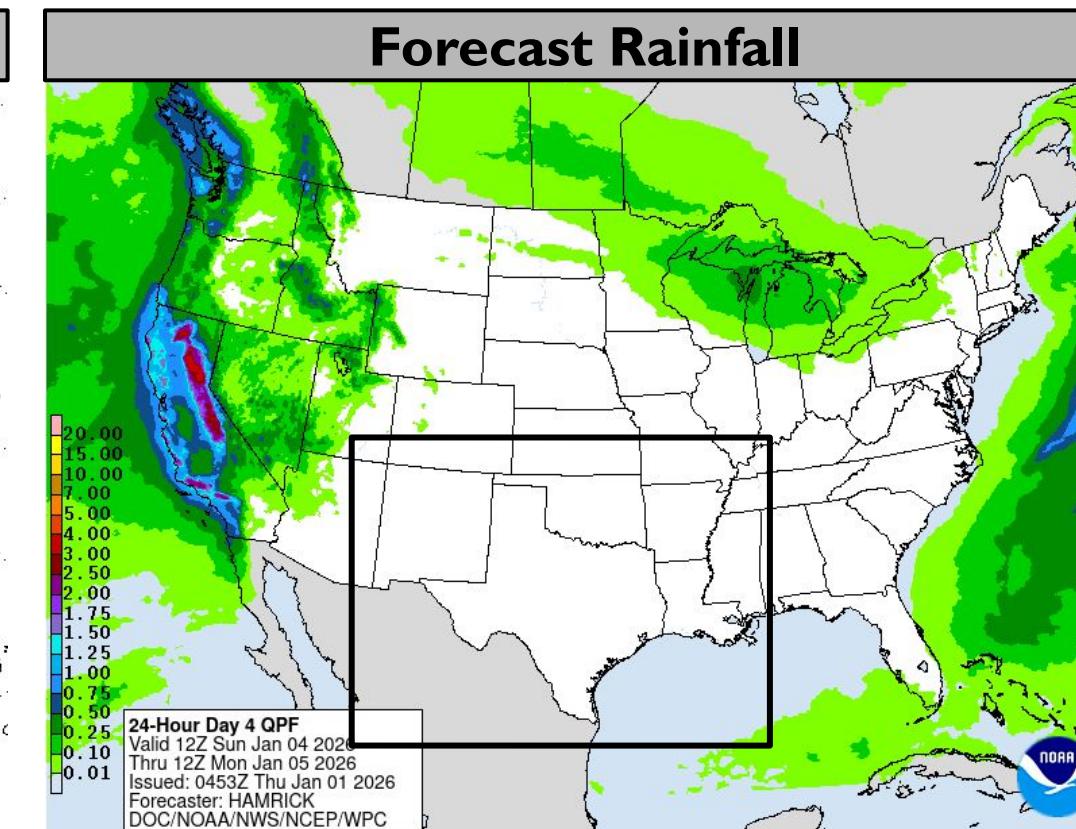
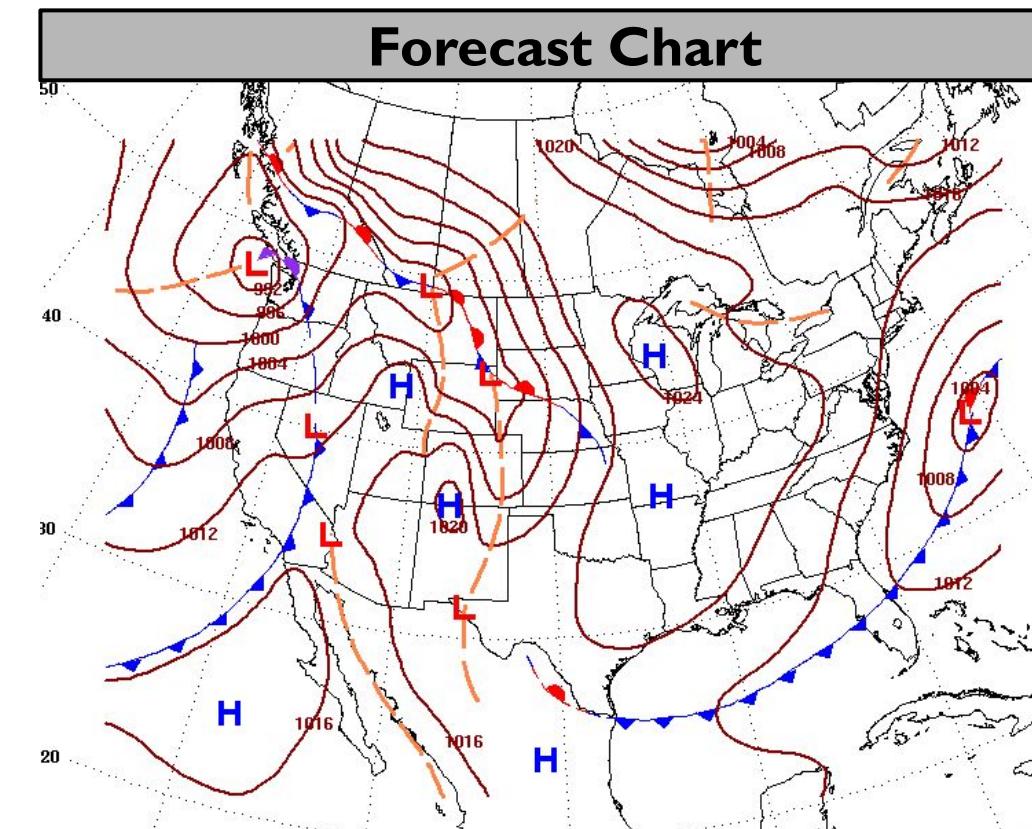


Excessive Rainfall Outlook

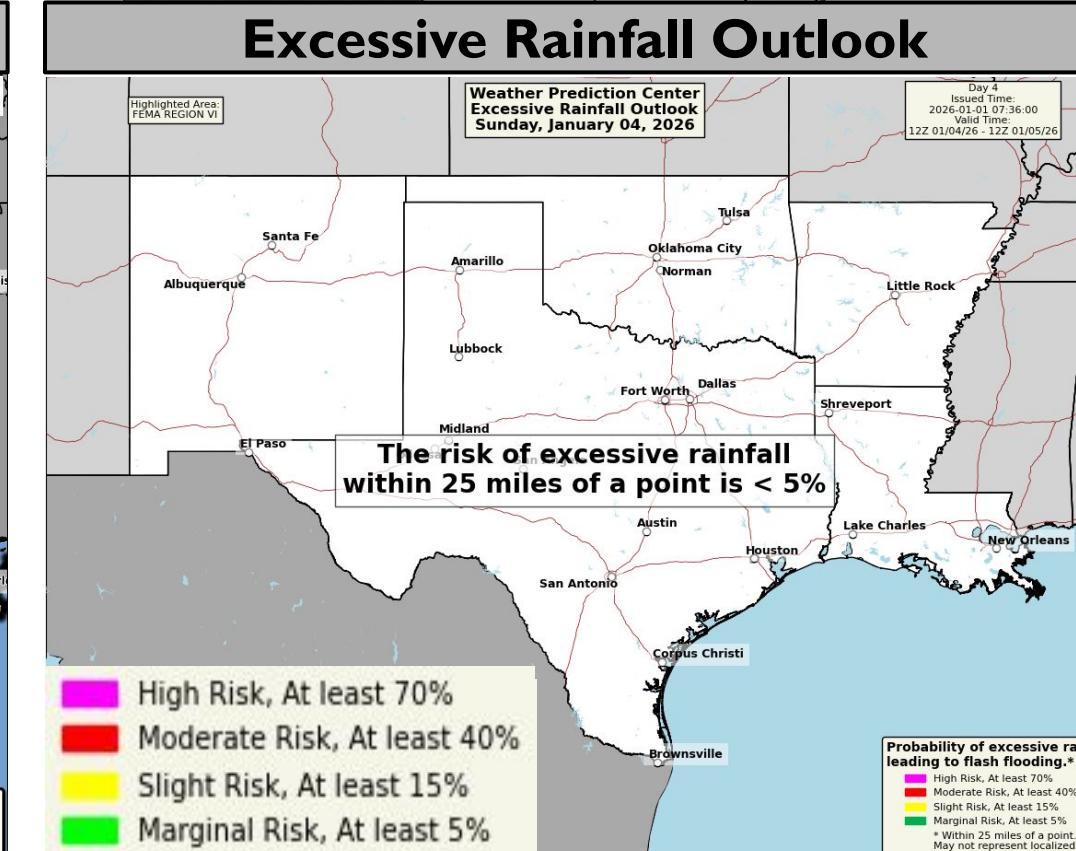
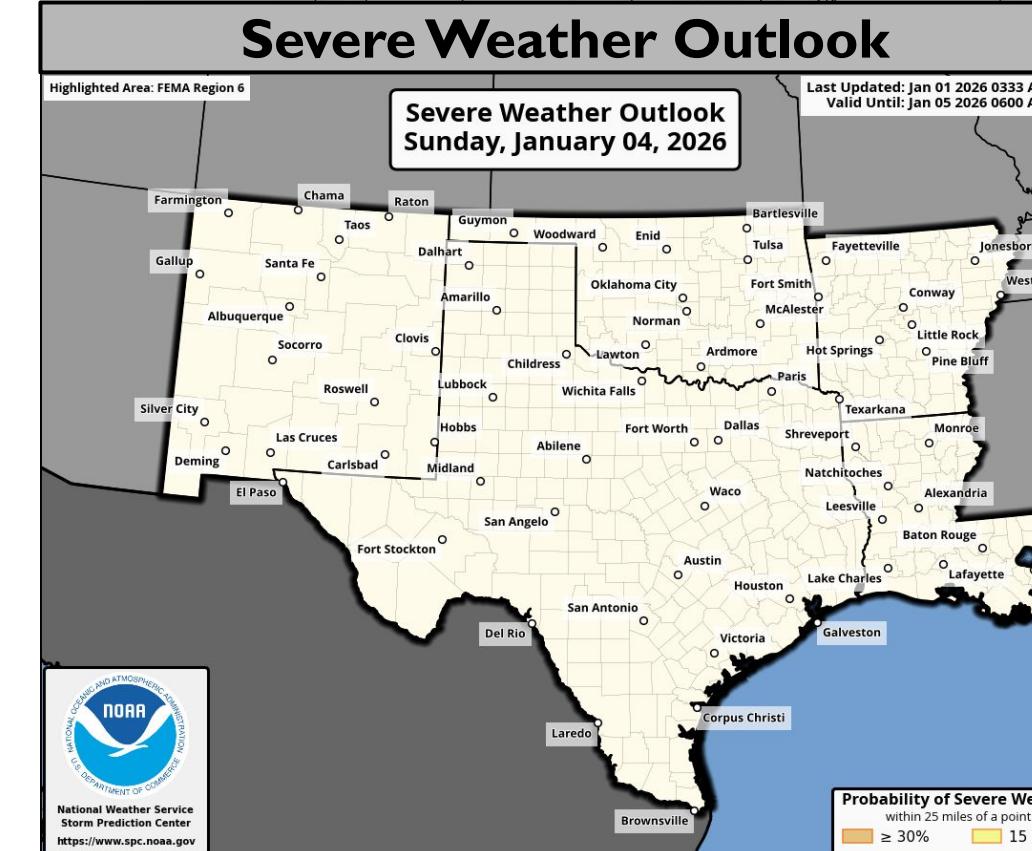




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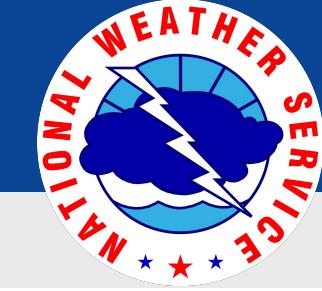
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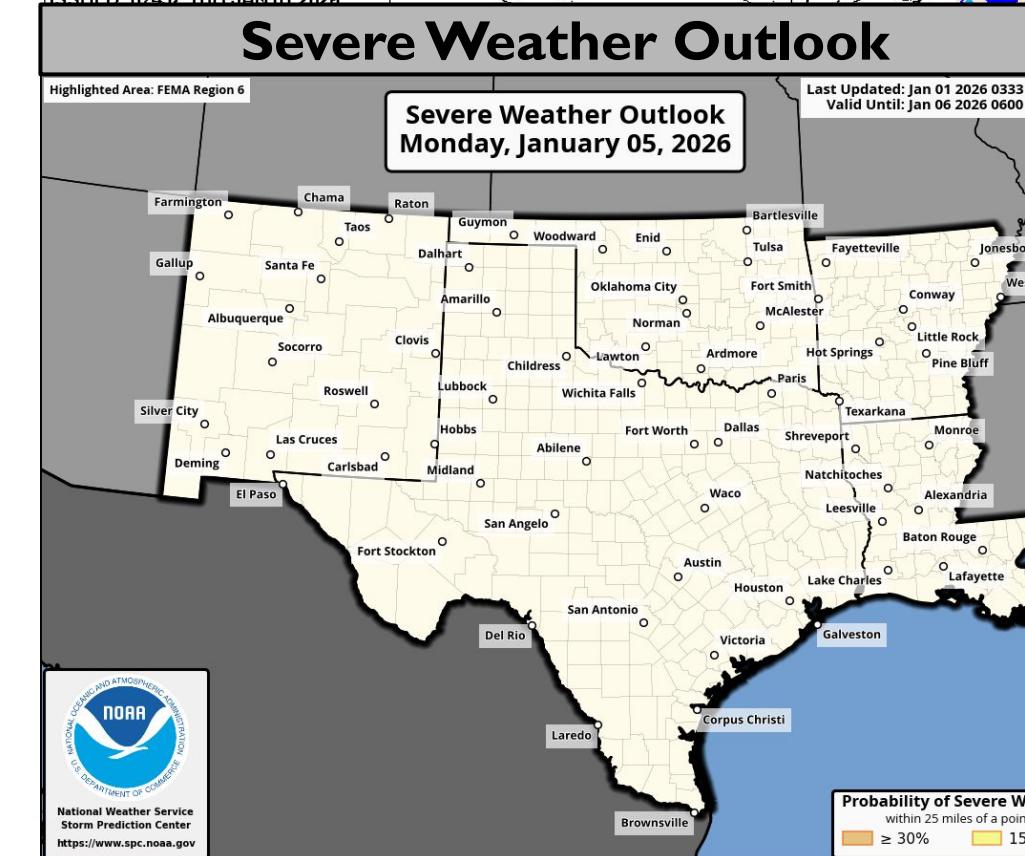
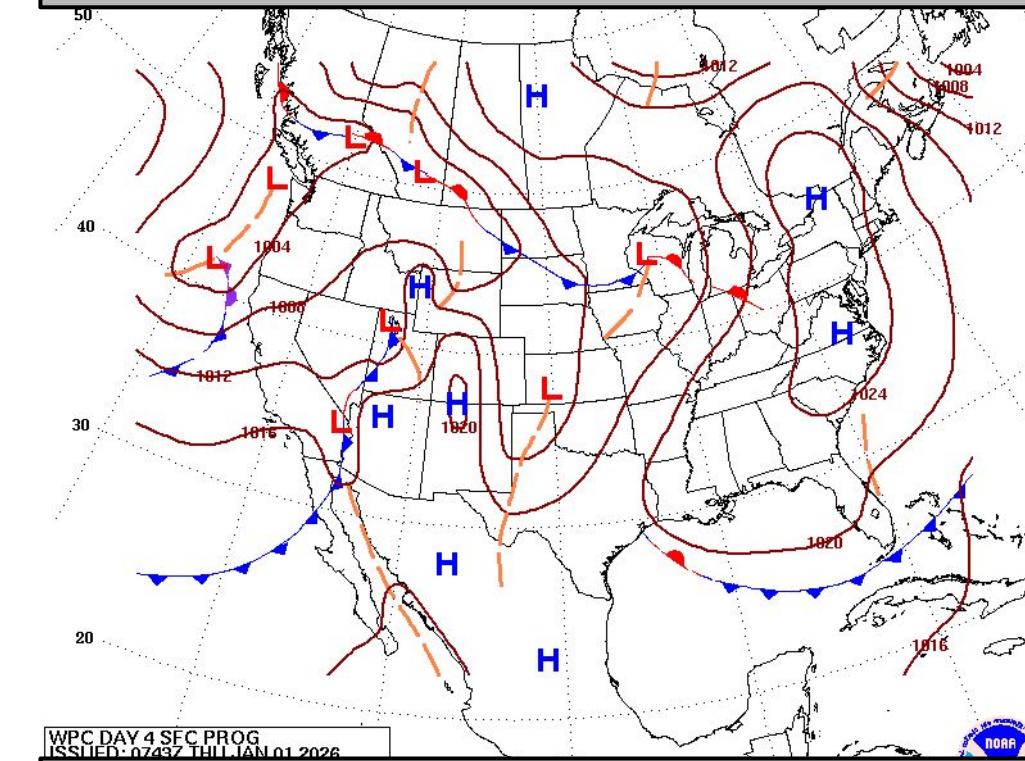
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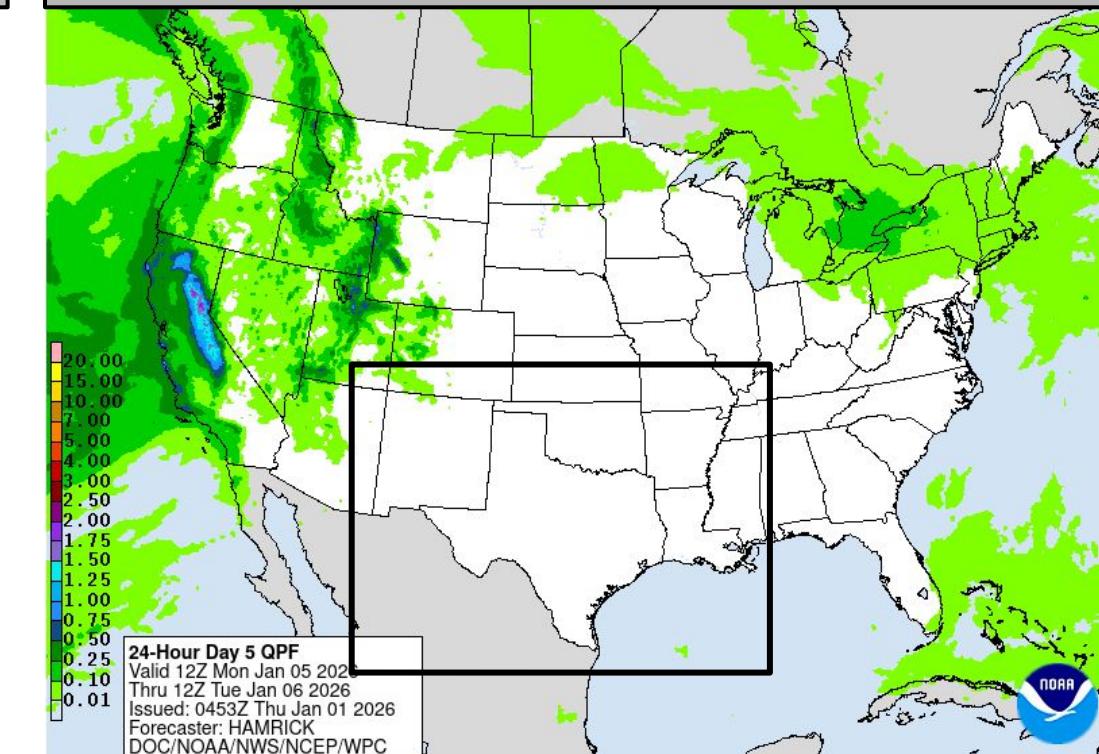


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

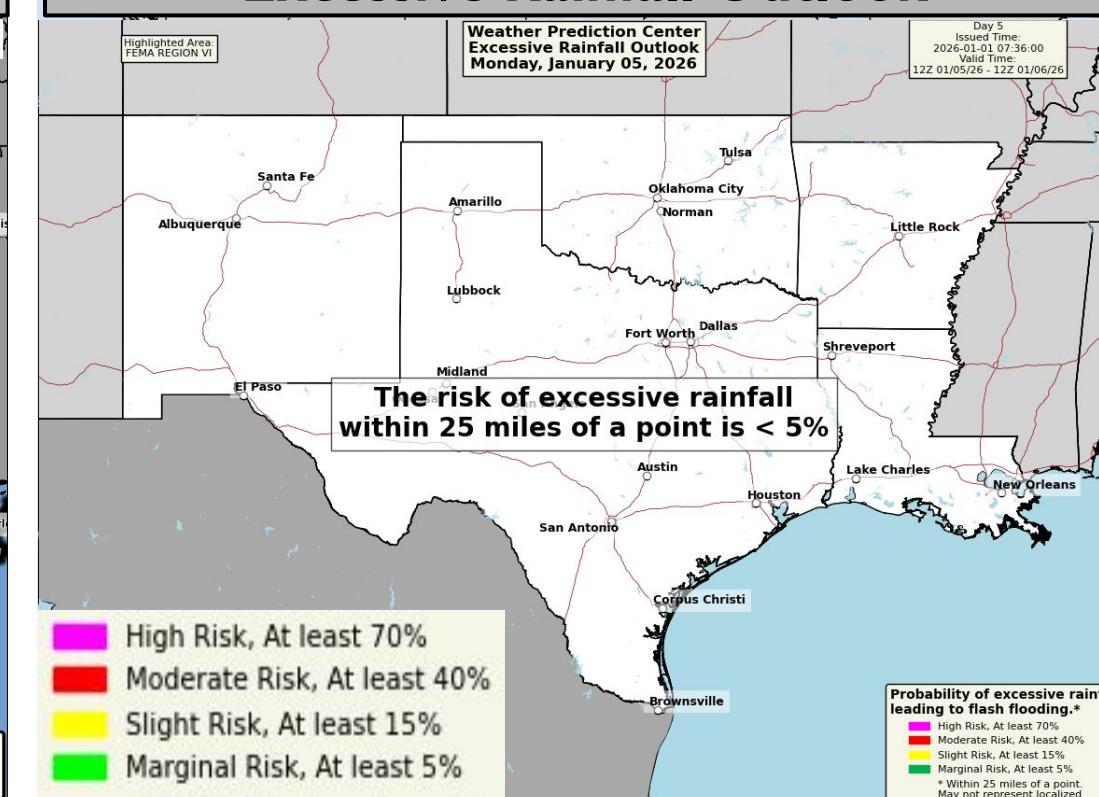


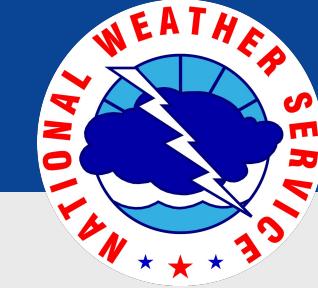
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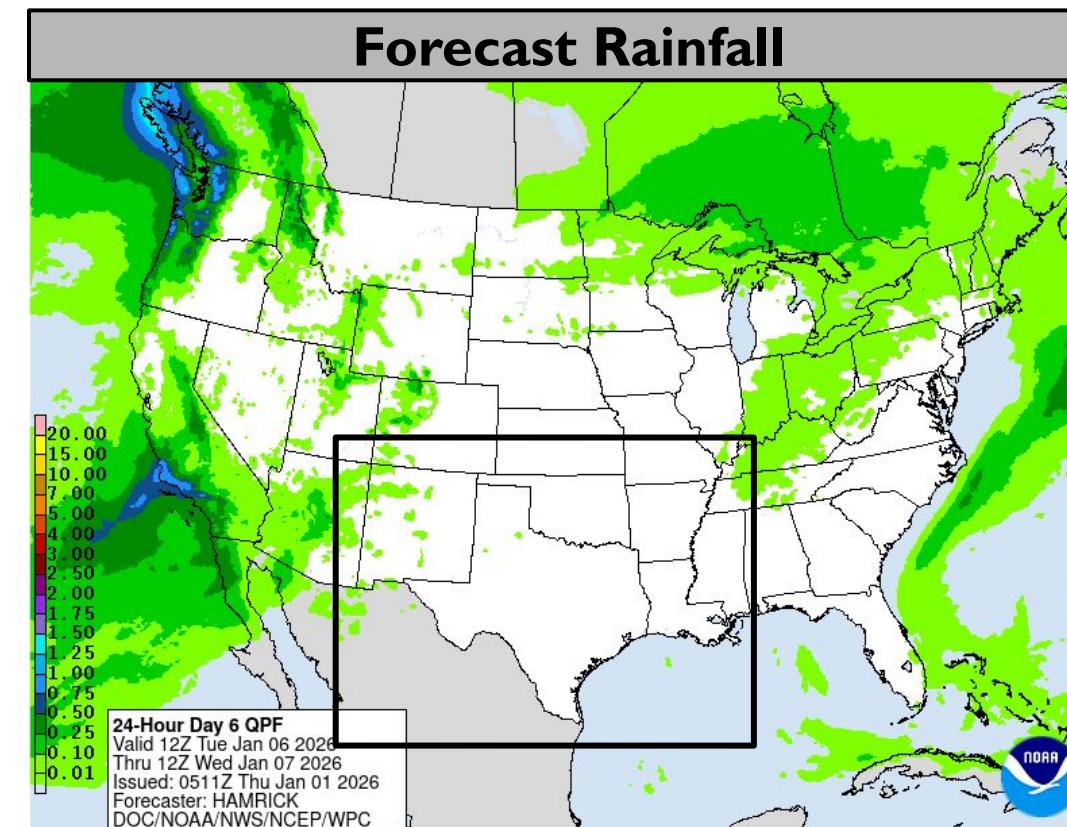
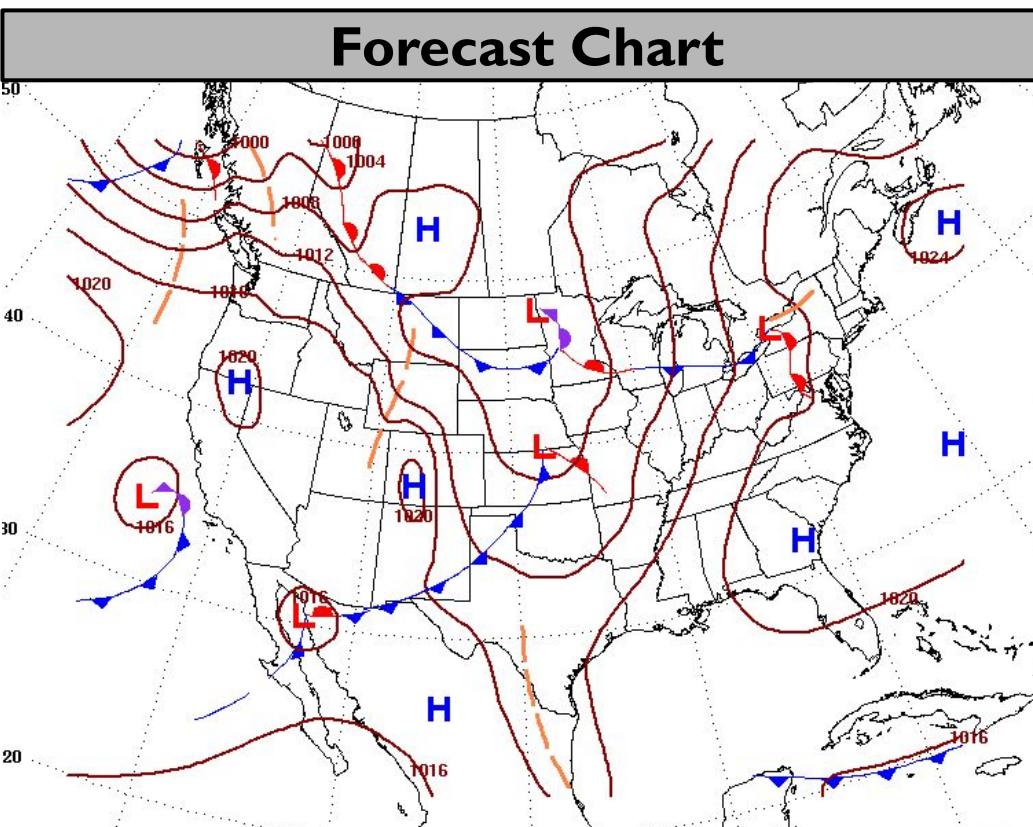
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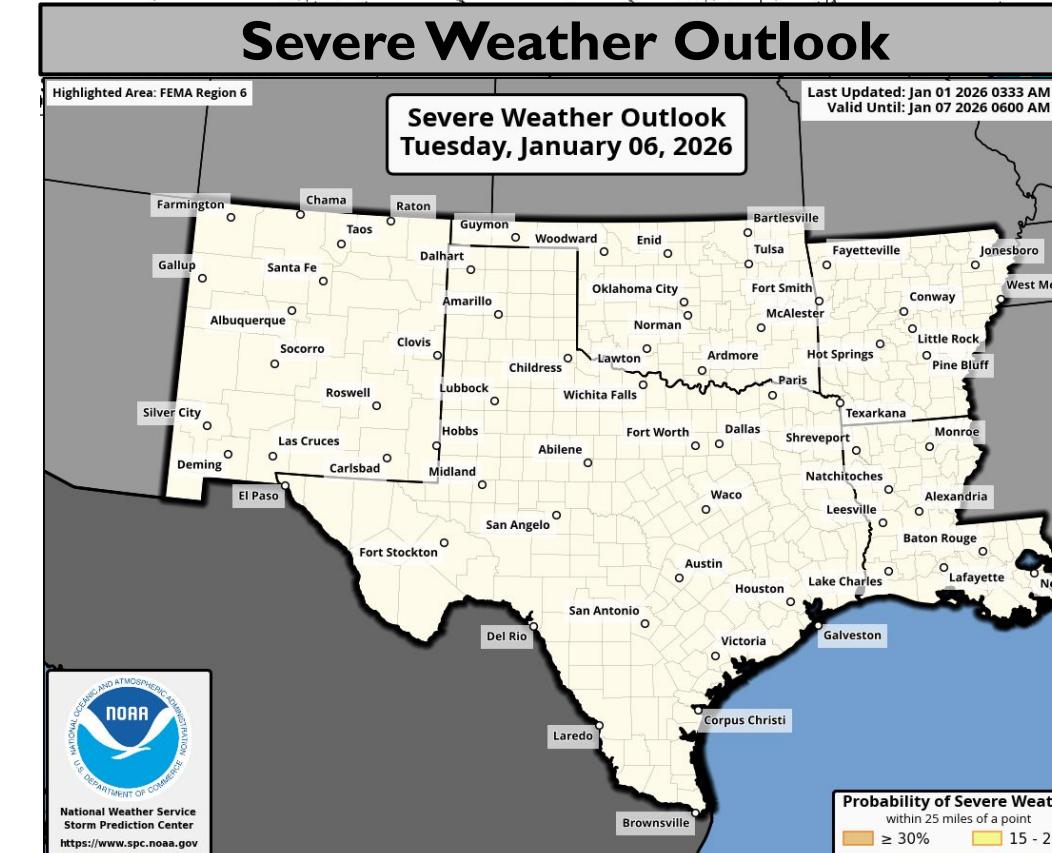




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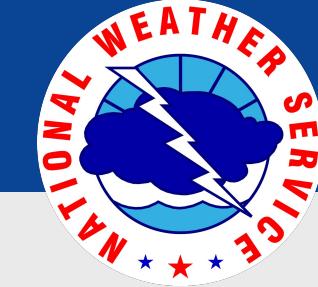


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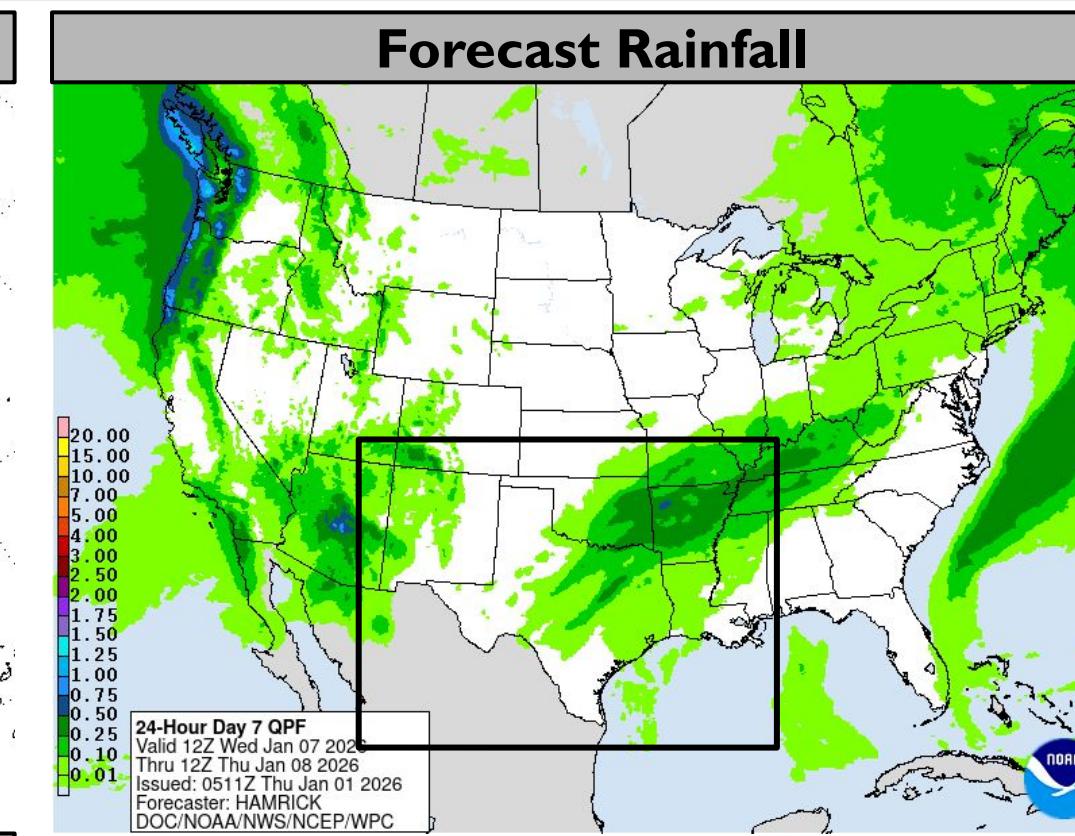
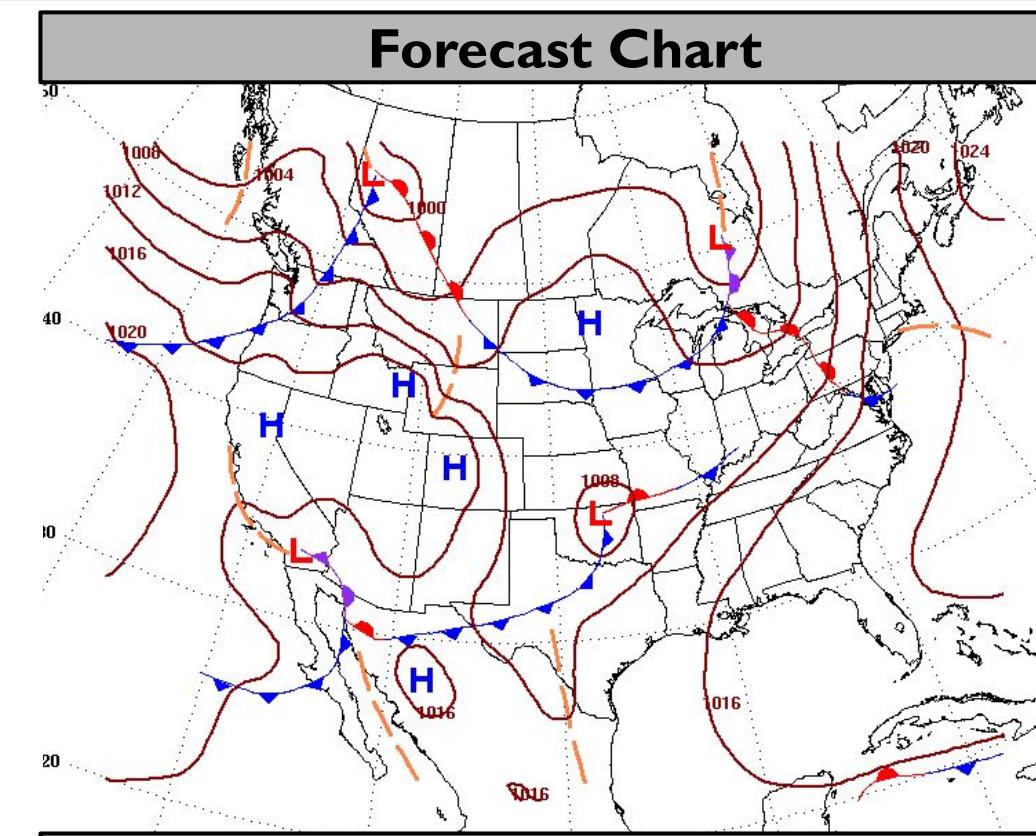


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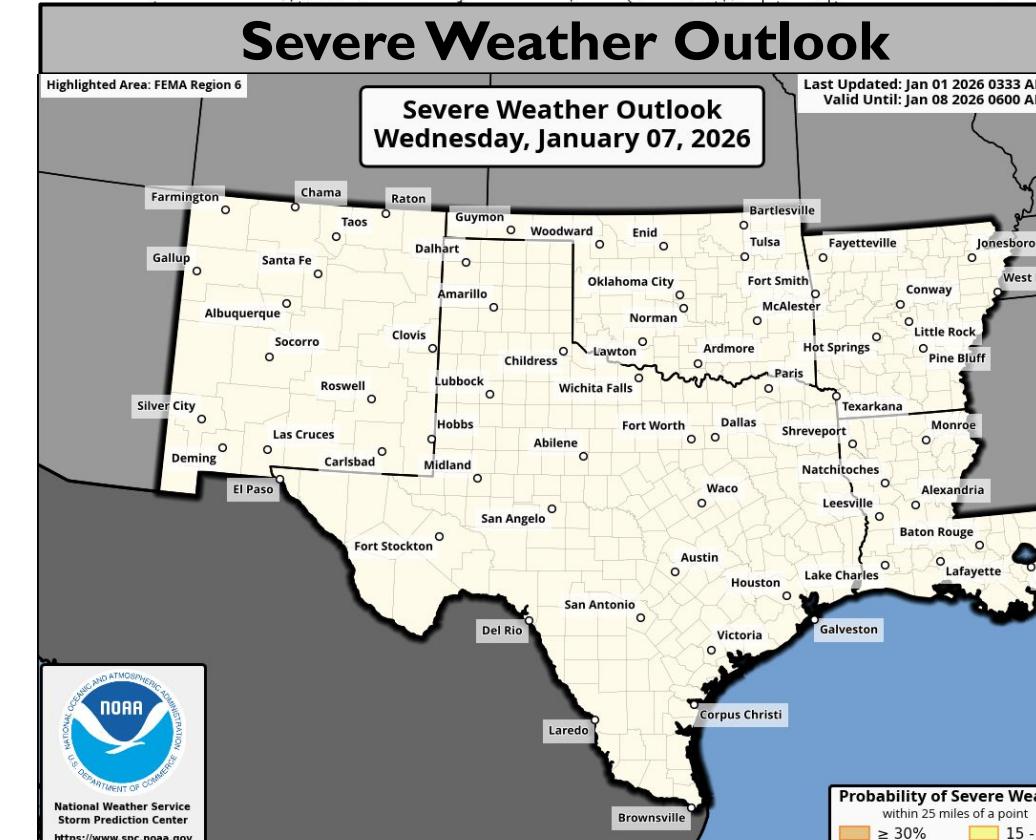
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Wednesday's Weather



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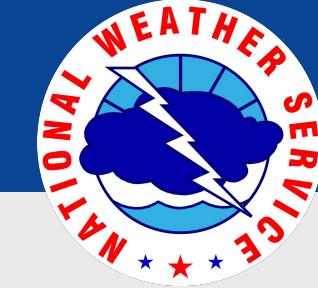


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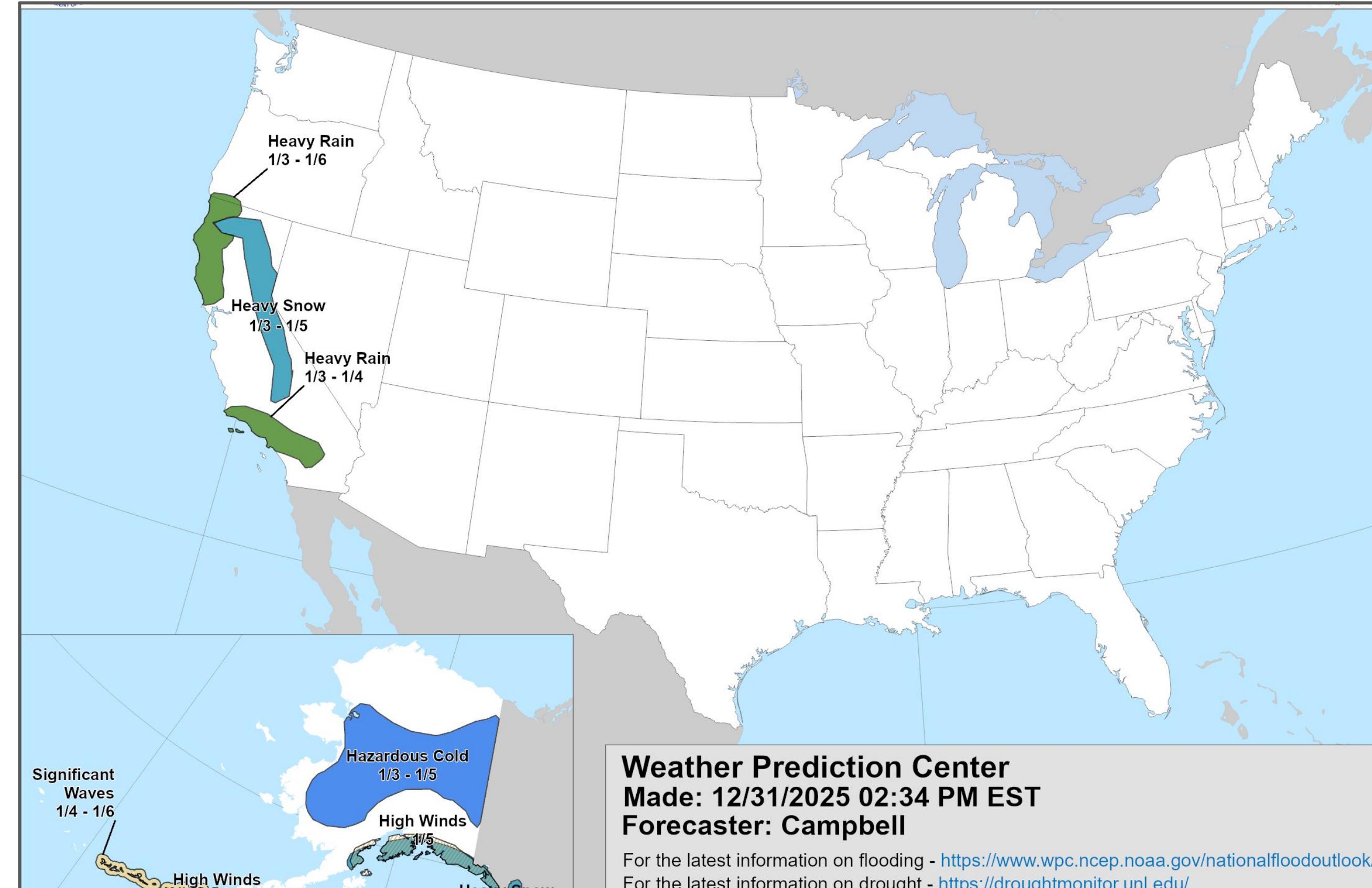


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

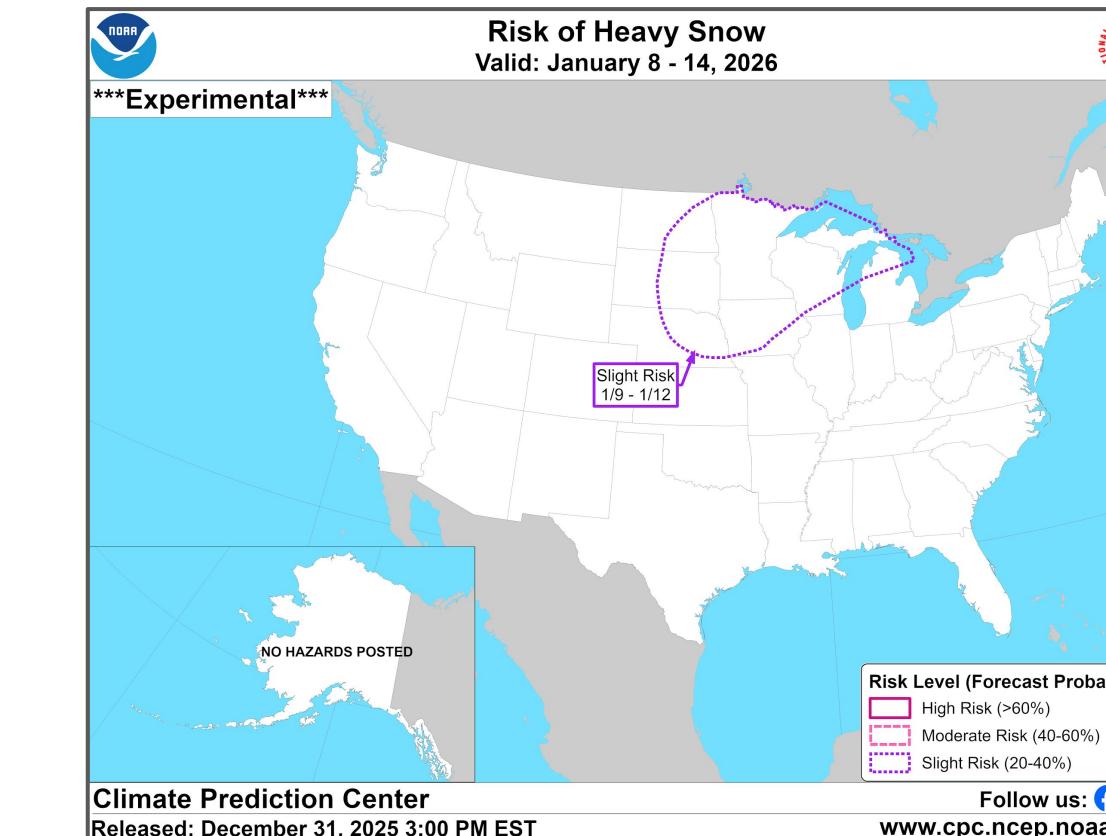
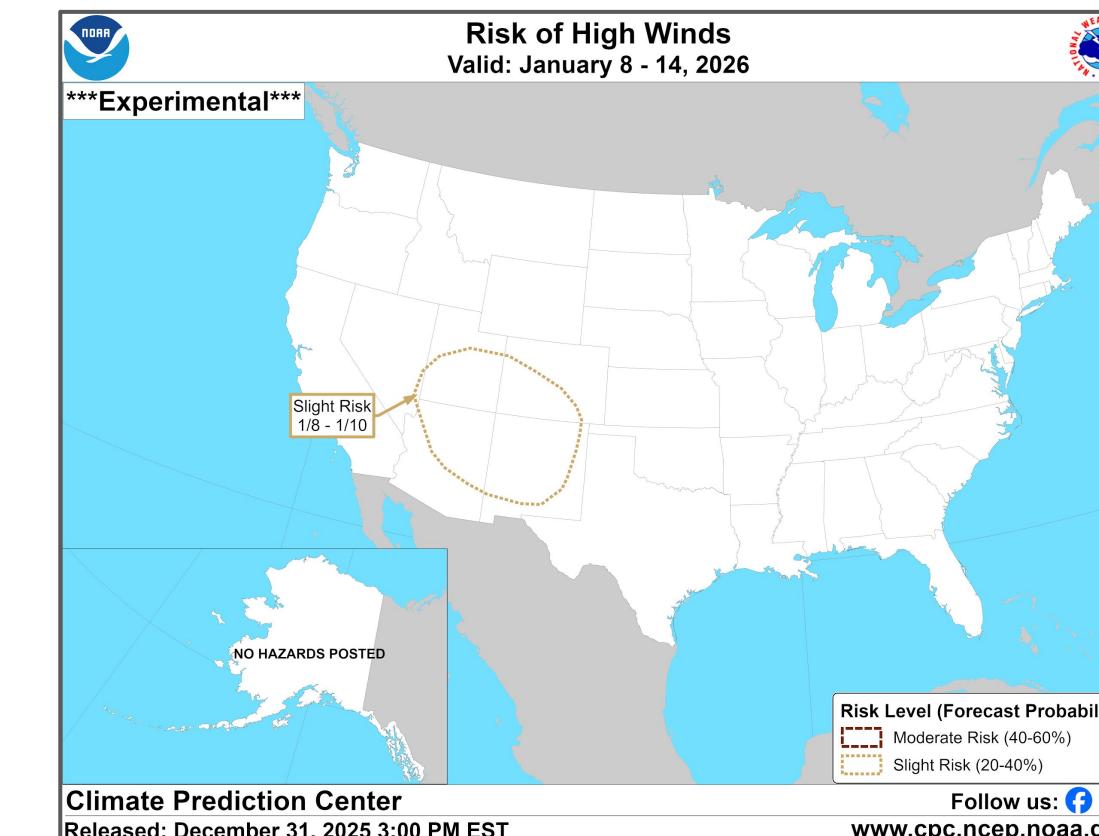
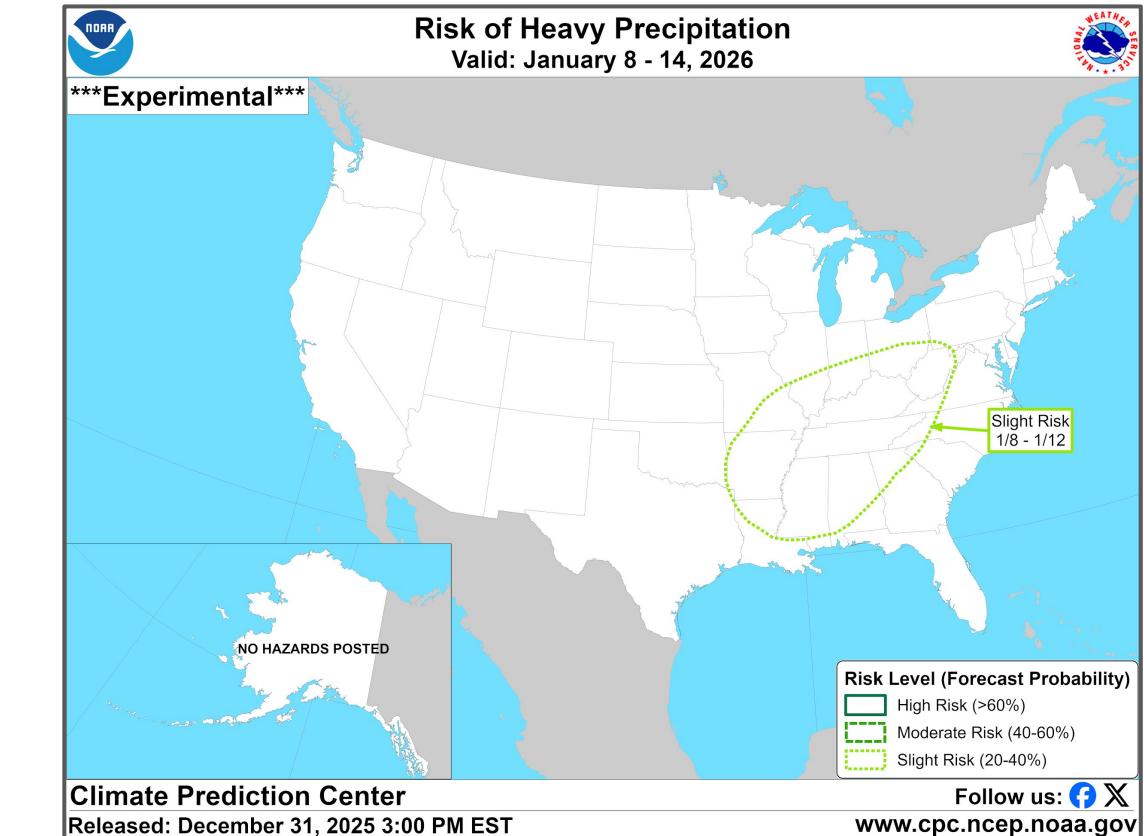
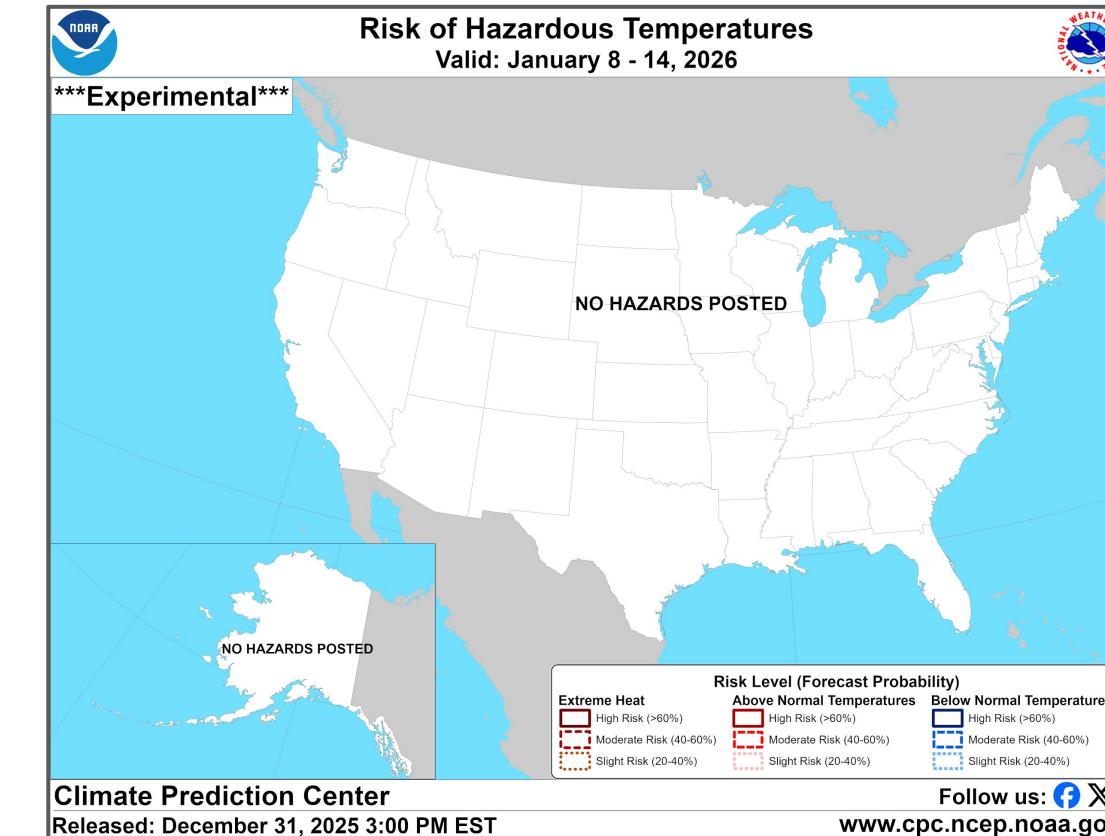
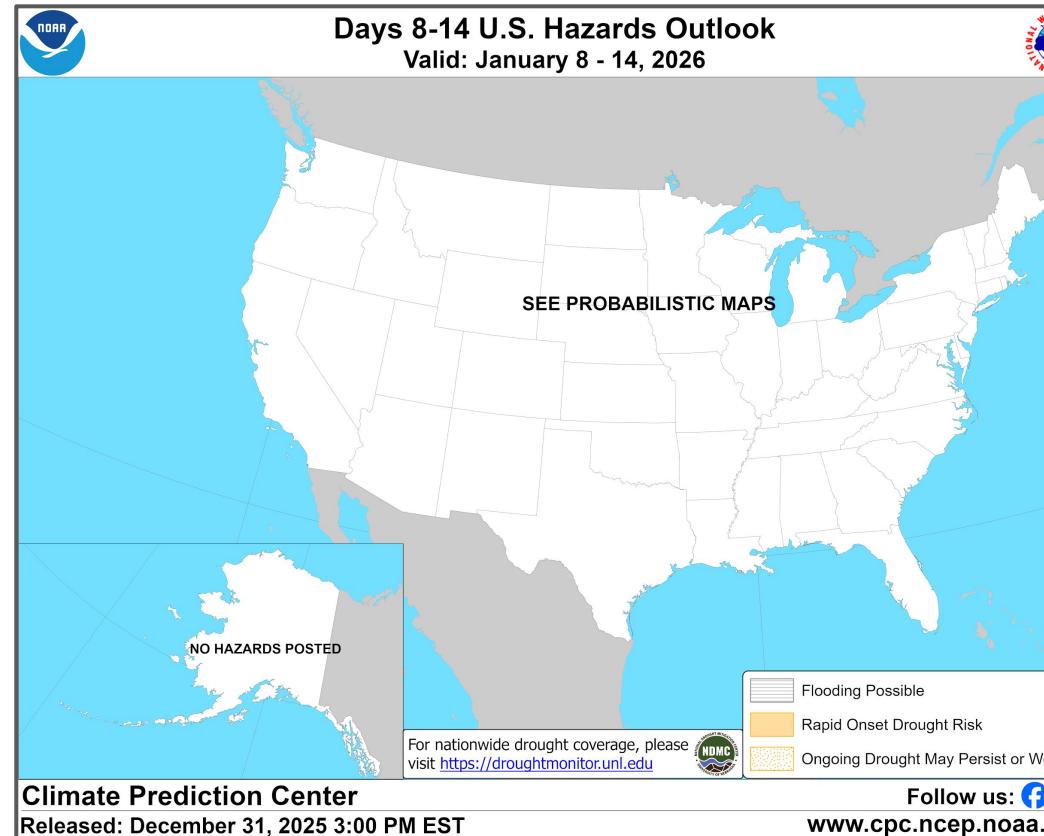


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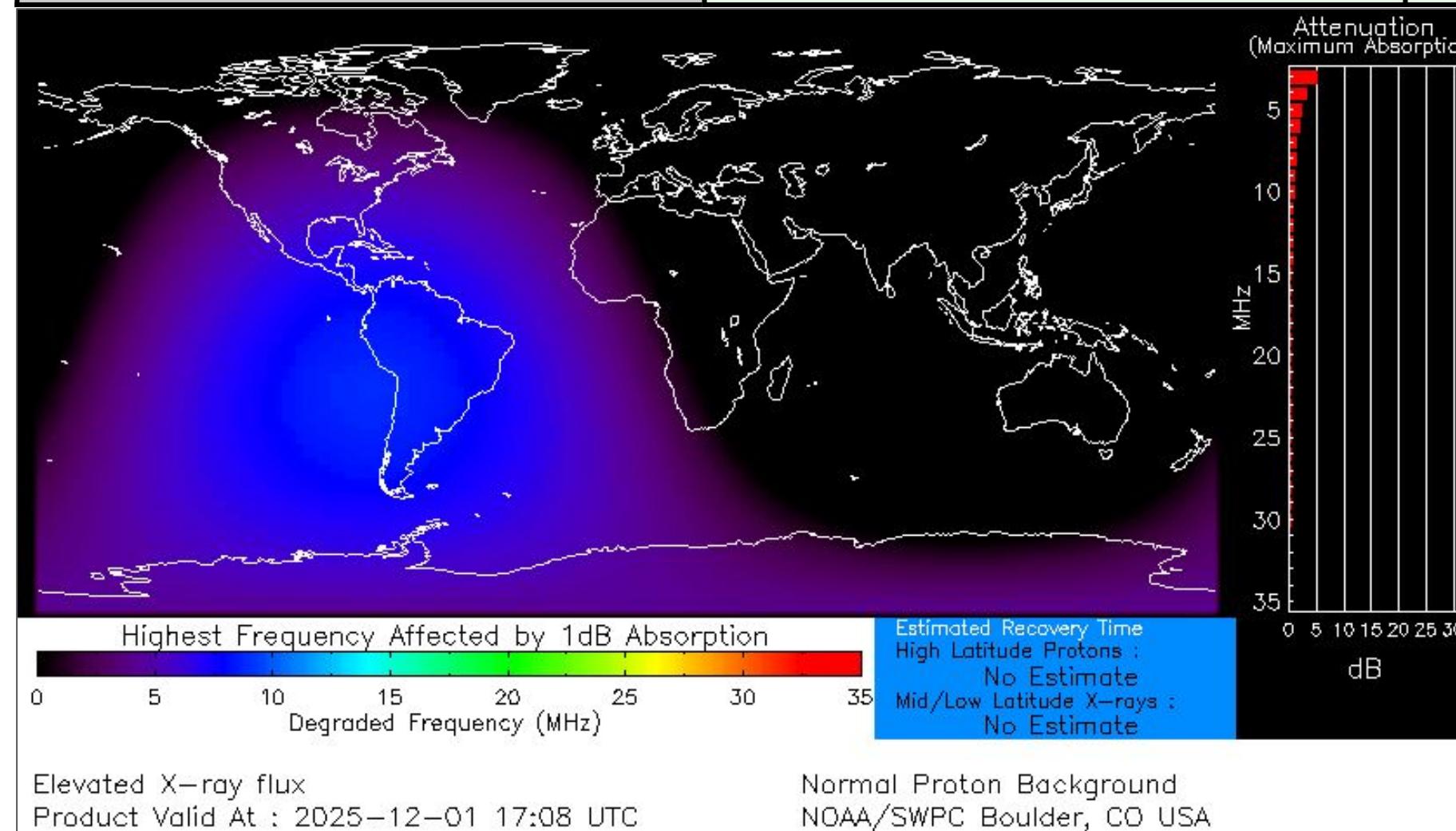
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





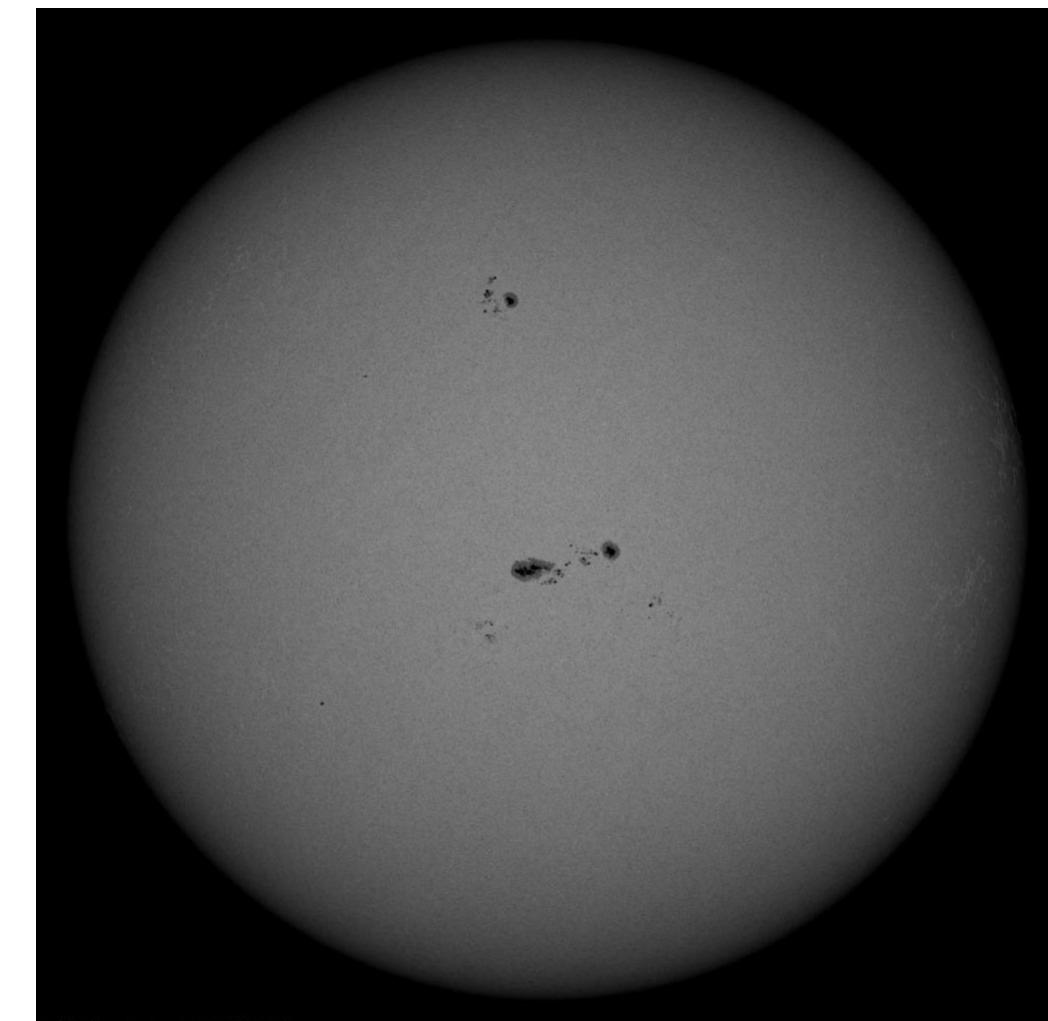
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

| | Thursday, Jan 1 | Friday, Jan 2 | Saturday, Jan 3 |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp=5) | Moderate G2 Storm (Max Kp=6) | Active (Max Kp=4) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 40% | 20% | 10% |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2) | 55% | 55% | 55% |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5) | 20% | 20% | 20% |



[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>Little to None</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"> 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 | <p>Minor</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"> 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 | <p>Moderate</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"> 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 | <p>Major</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"> 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 | <p>Extreme</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"> 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 |

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