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FEMA Region 6

Weather Threat Briefing

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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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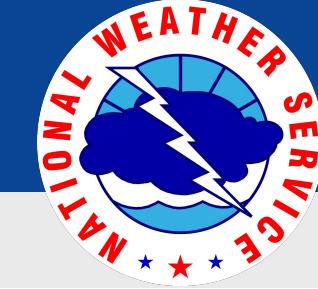
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Summary

- **Severe Weather:**
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in OK, TX. Main threats are wind and hail overnight tonight.
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in E OK, NE TX, AR, and N LA tomorrow. Main threats wind and hail.
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in EAR, LA on Friday. All hazards may occur, with wind being the primary threat.
- **Winter Weather:**
 - Storm system will bring moderate travel impacts due to snow in the mountain communities of NM tonight through Friday morning. For the mountains in NM, areas may see 6-12" of snow during the period, with locally higher amounts up to 2 feet above 8,000 feet. Snow levels start around 7,000-8,000 feet this evening, then drop Thursday afternoon to under 6,000 feet.
 - 2-4" of snow in the TX/OK Panhandles on Friday may bring minor travel impacts.
- **Fire Weather:**
 - Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for SW/CTX on Friday.
- **Flash Flooding:**
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) on Friday NE LA.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Jan 7	Thursday, Jan 8	Friday, Jan 9	Saturday, Jan 10	Sunday, Jan 11	Monday, Jan 12	Tuesday, Jan 13
Severe Storms	OK, TX	E OK, NE TX, AR N LA	EAR, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			NE LA				
Winter Weather	W-N NM (P.M.)	NM	N-NE NM (A.M) TX/OK Panhandles				
Fire Weather			SW/CTX				
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



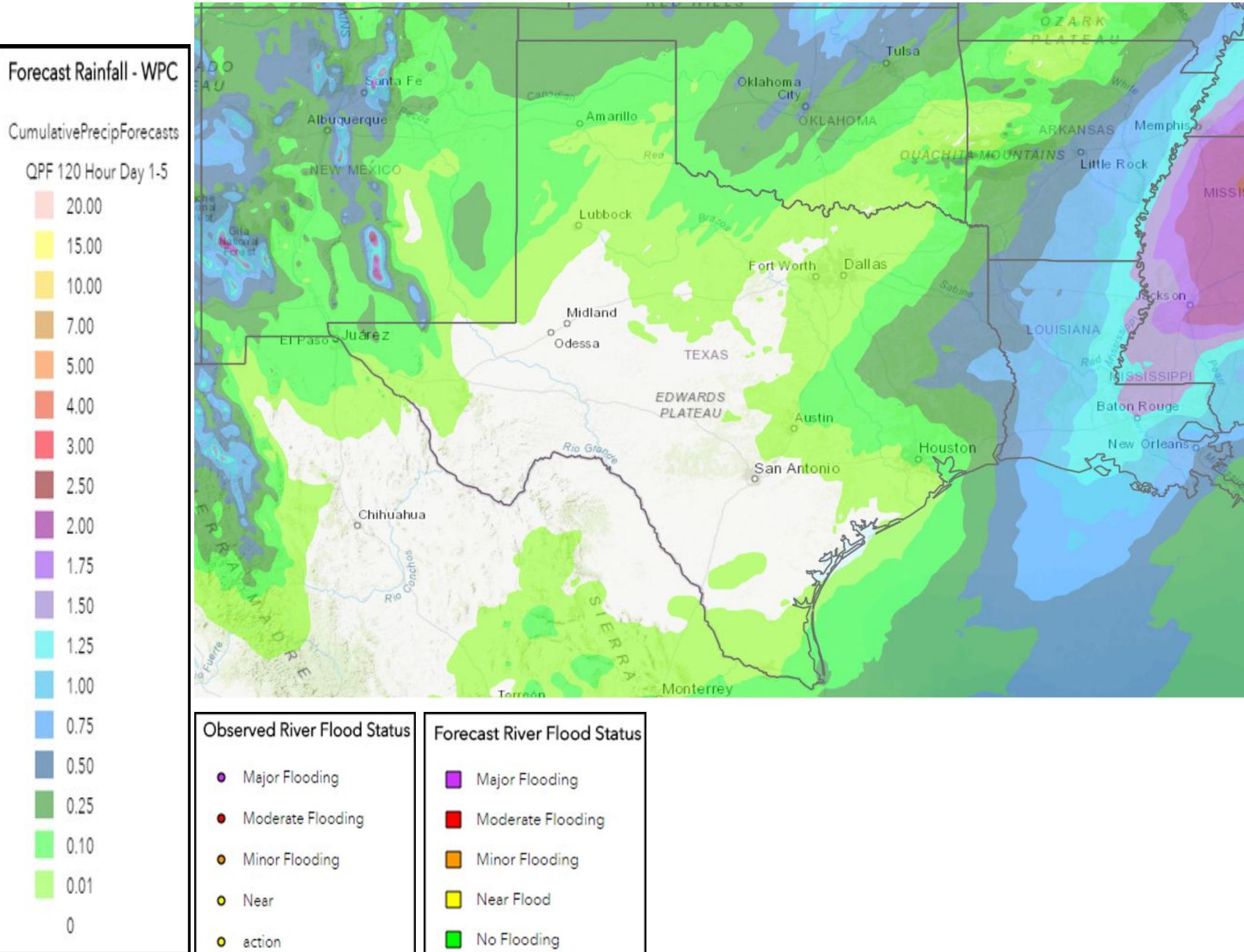
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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.



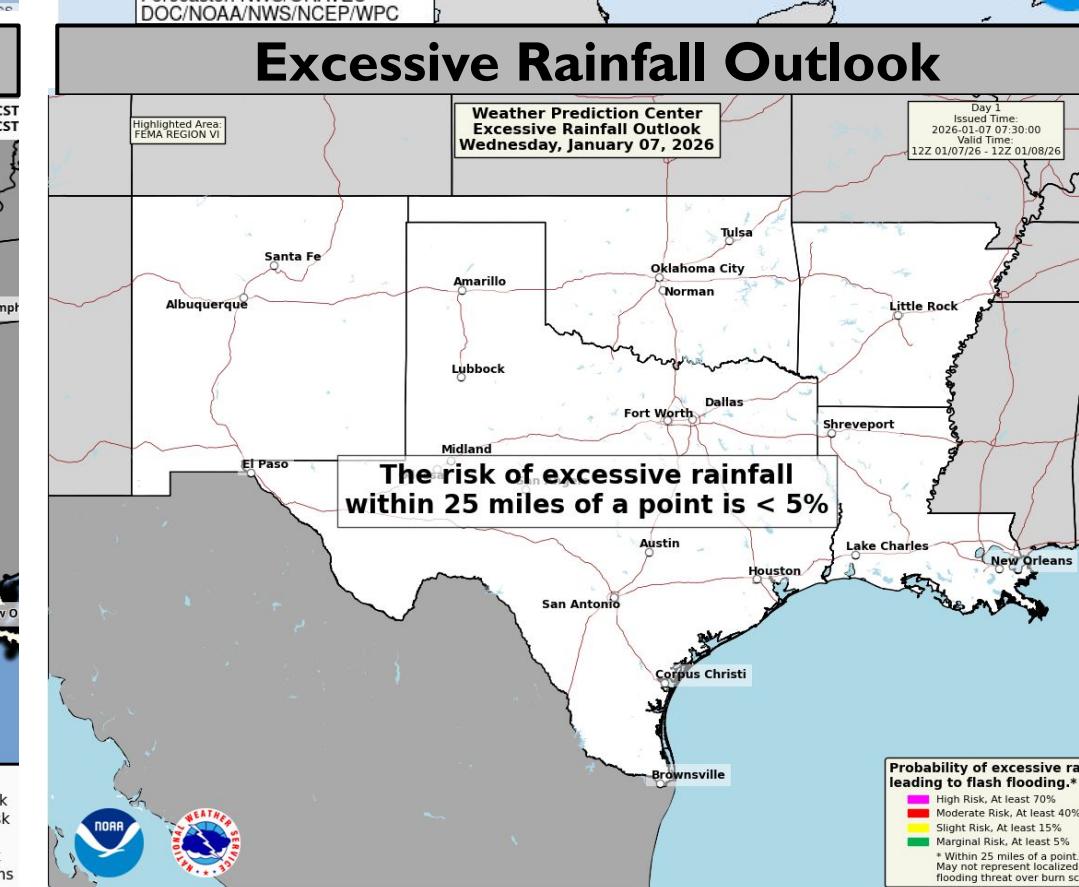
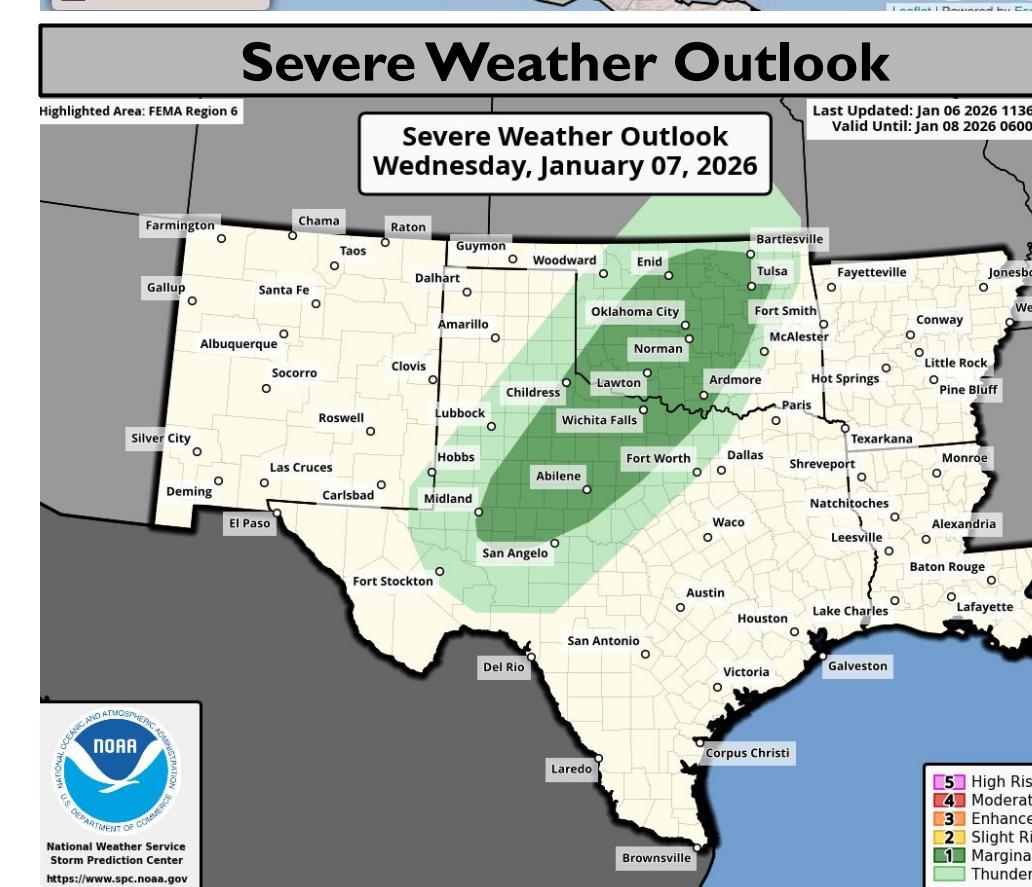
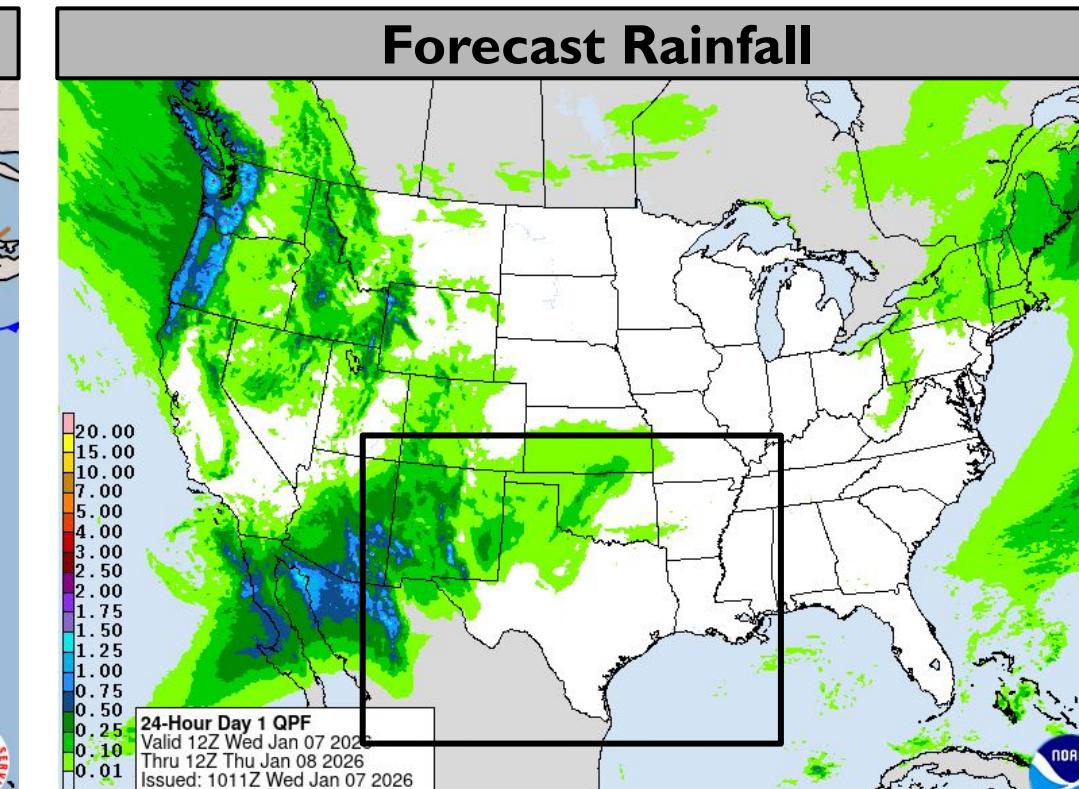
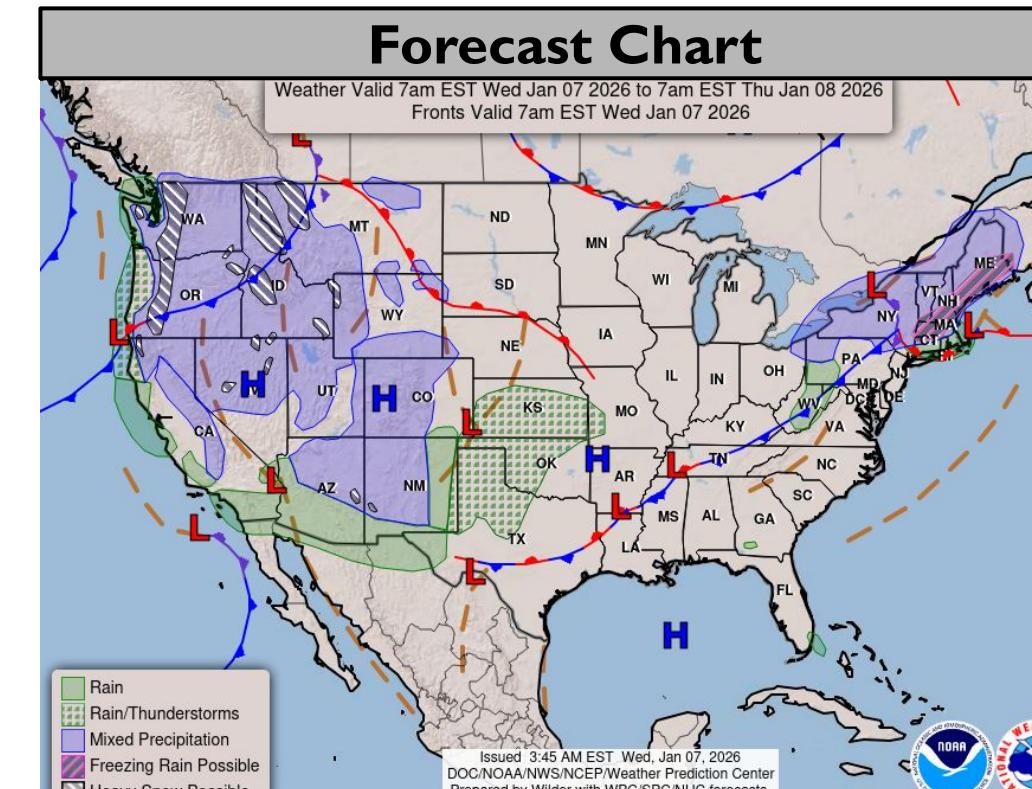
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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Today's Weather



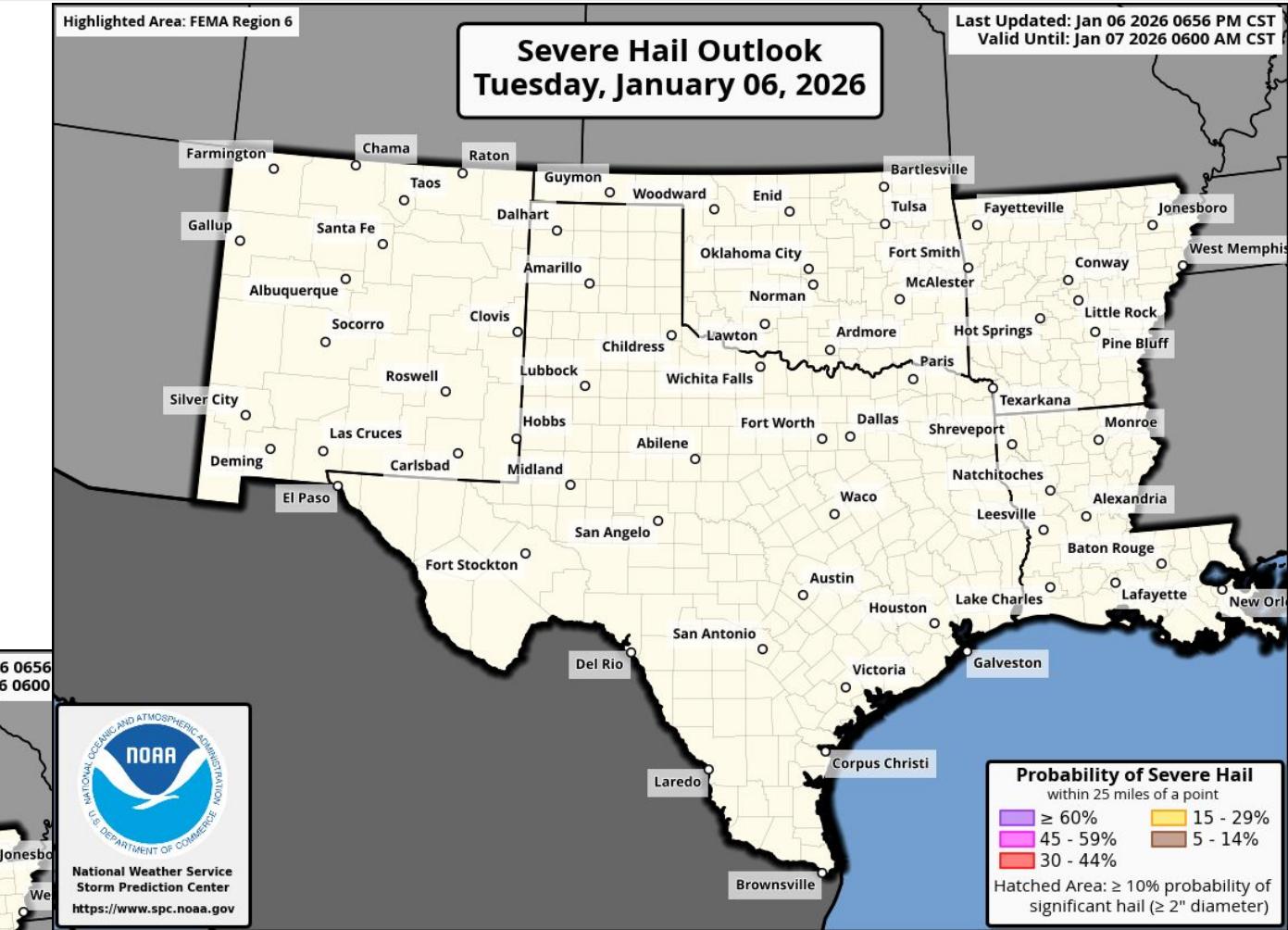
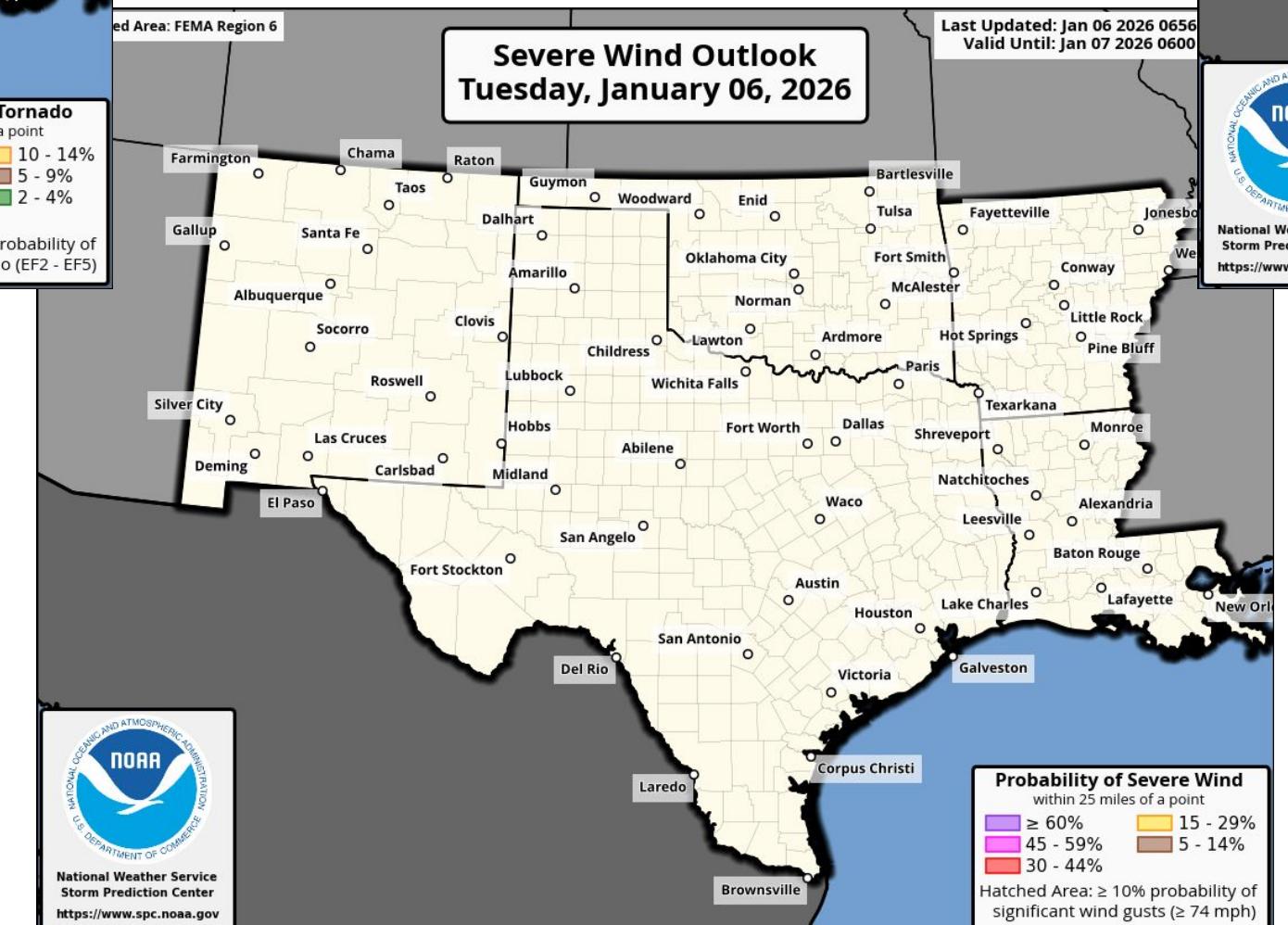
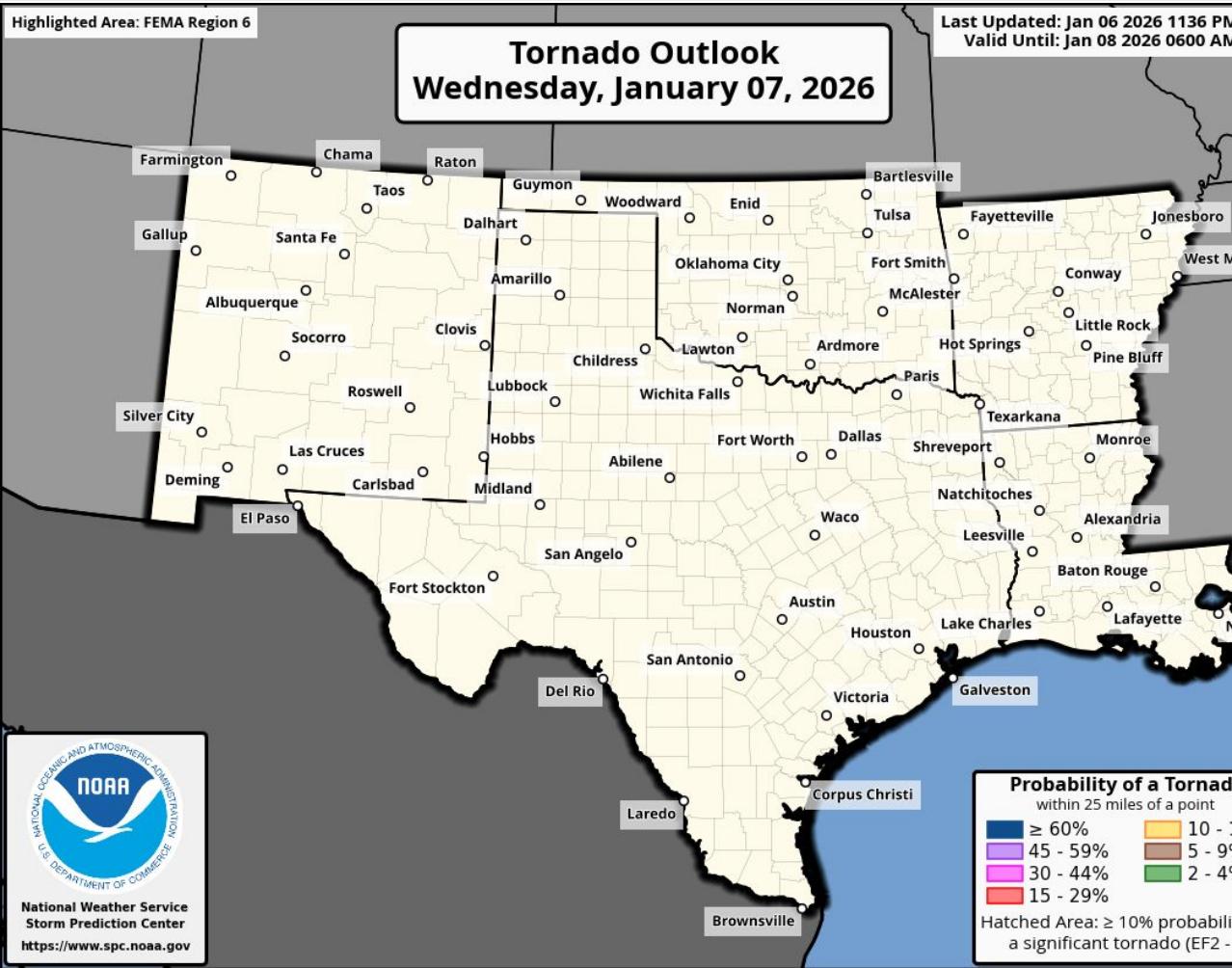
W-N NM may see minor travel impacts due to snow starting this evening above 7,000 feet.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe storms in OK, TX. Main threats are wind and hail overnight. Threat lingers into Thursday morning.



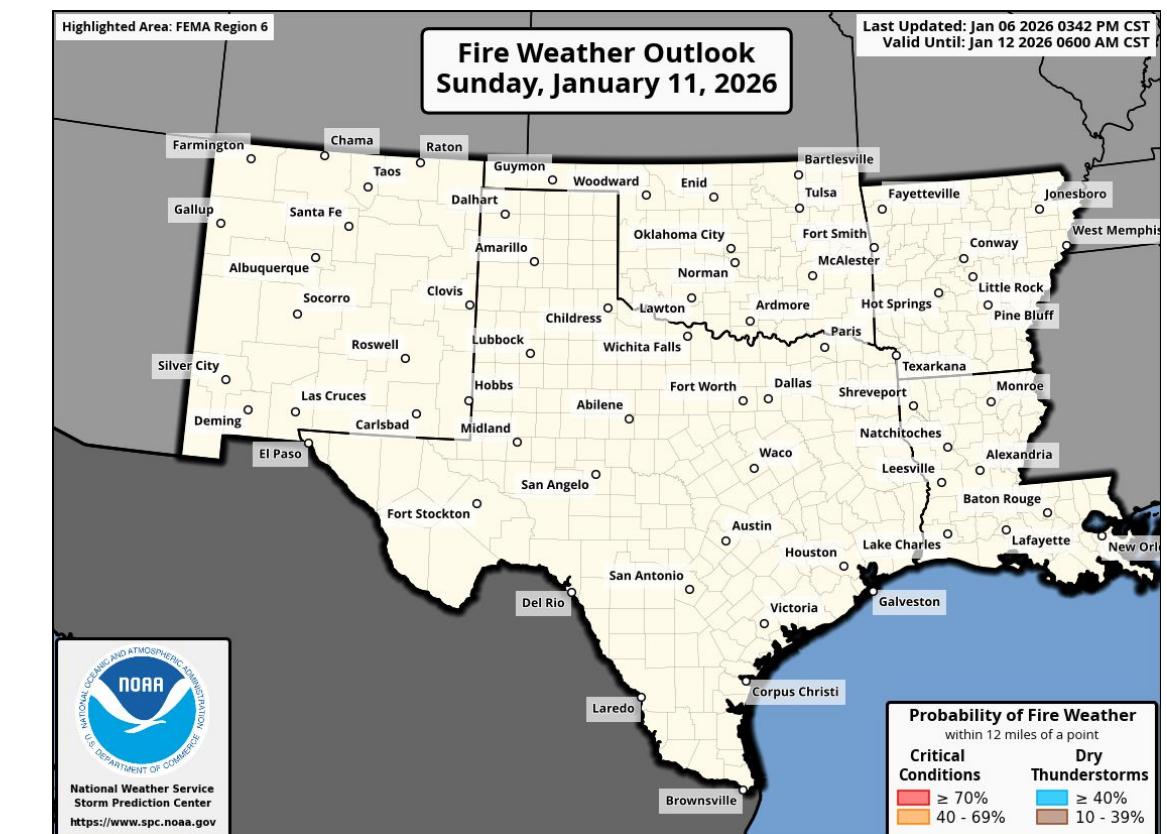
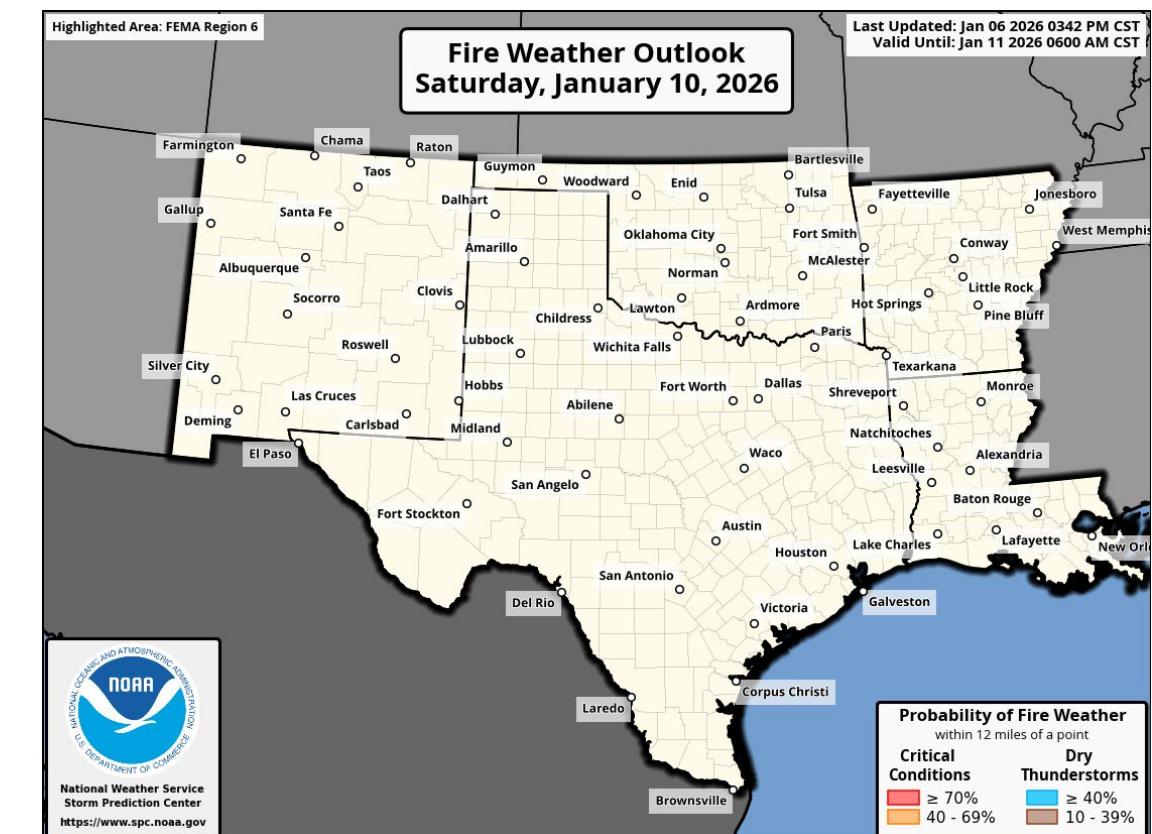
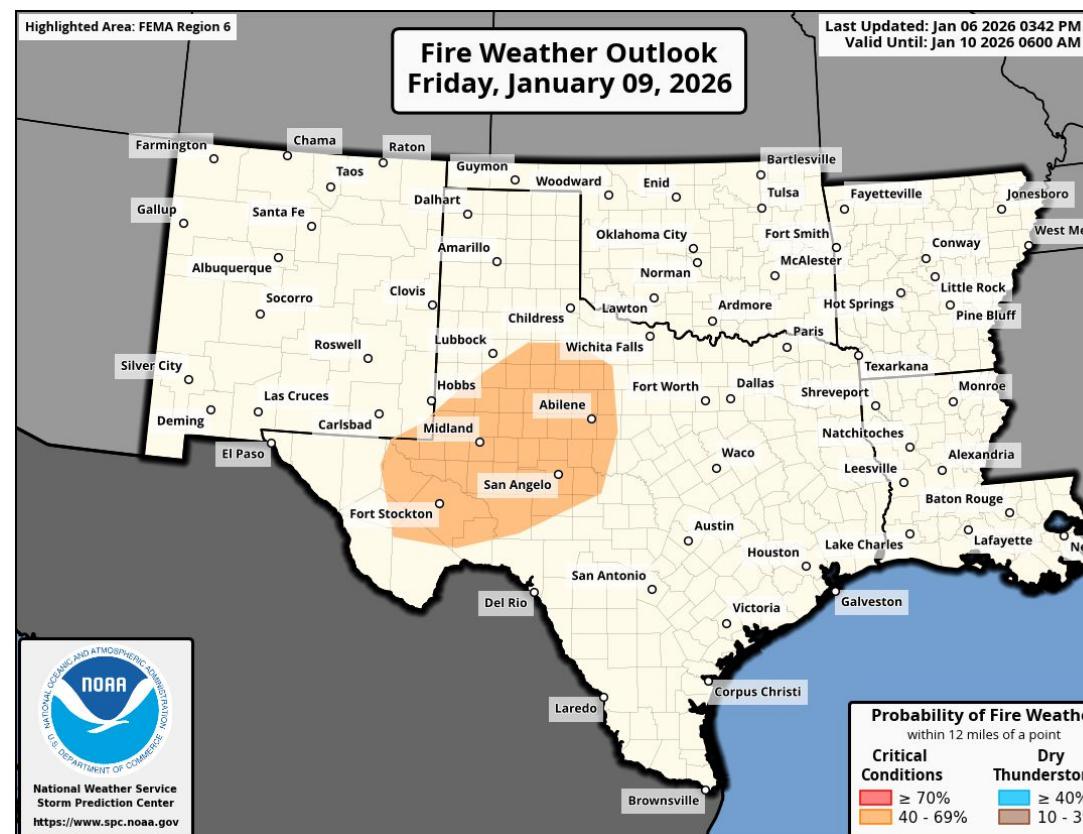
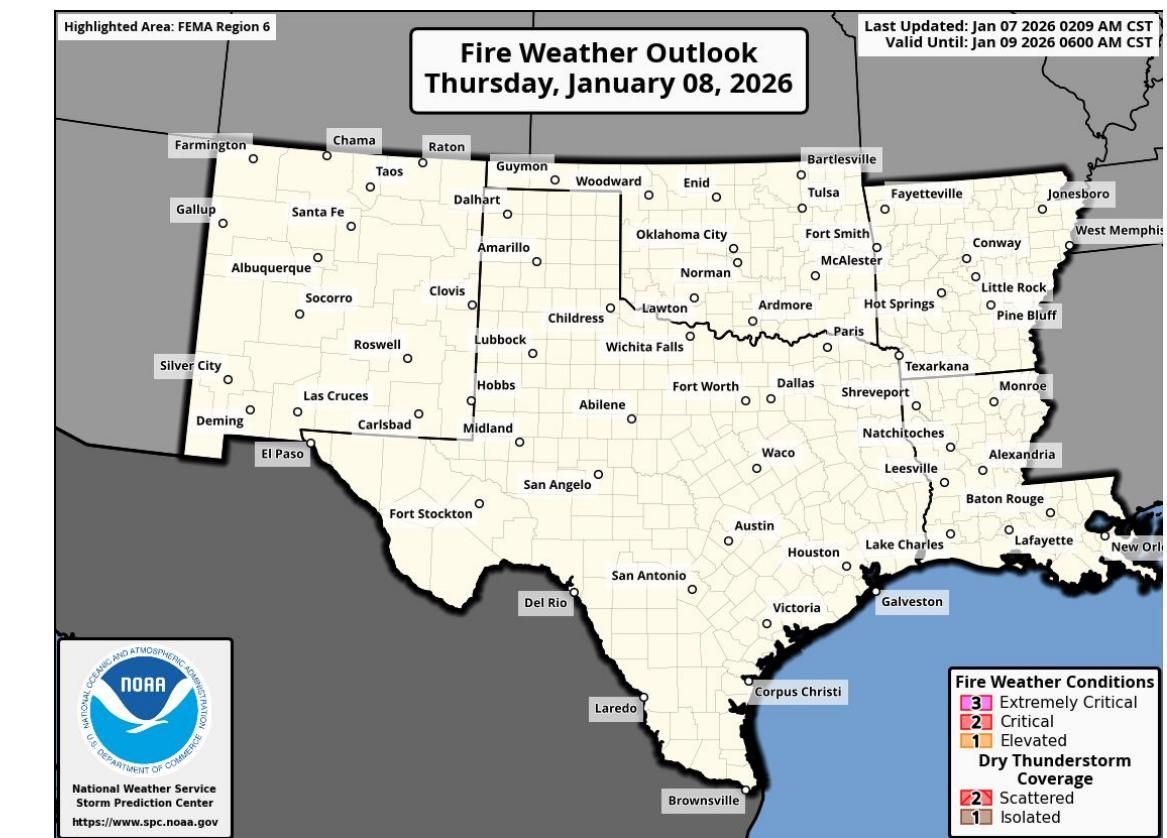
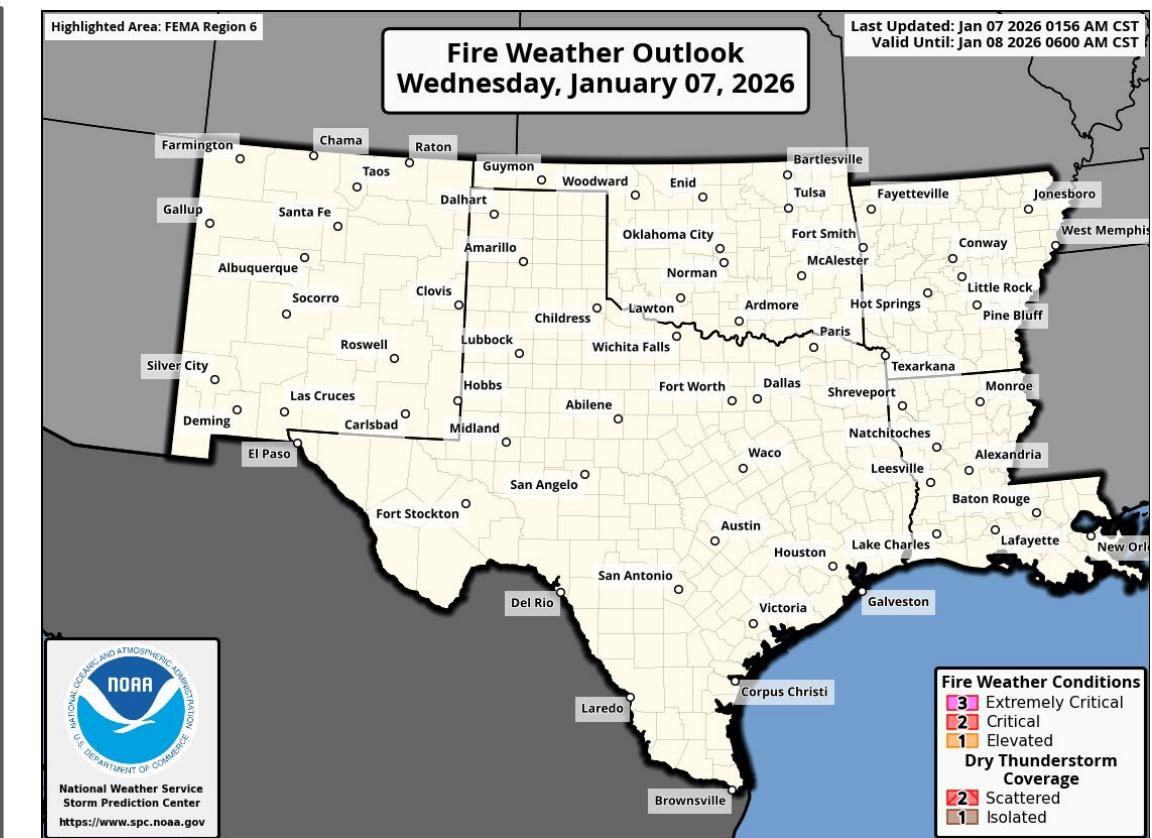
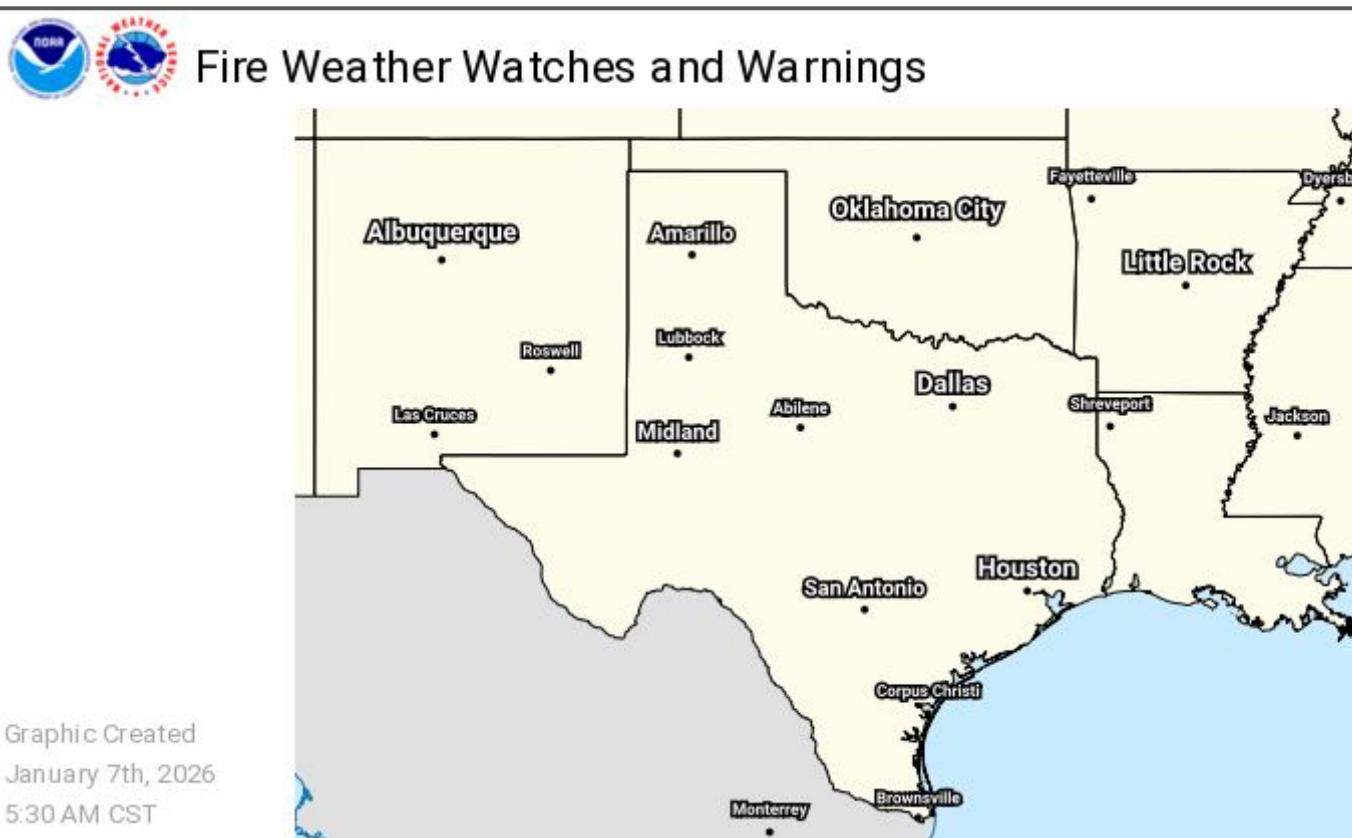


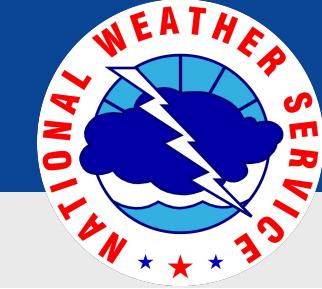
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



Wind Watches Warnings and Advisories



Severe Weather Watches and Warnings

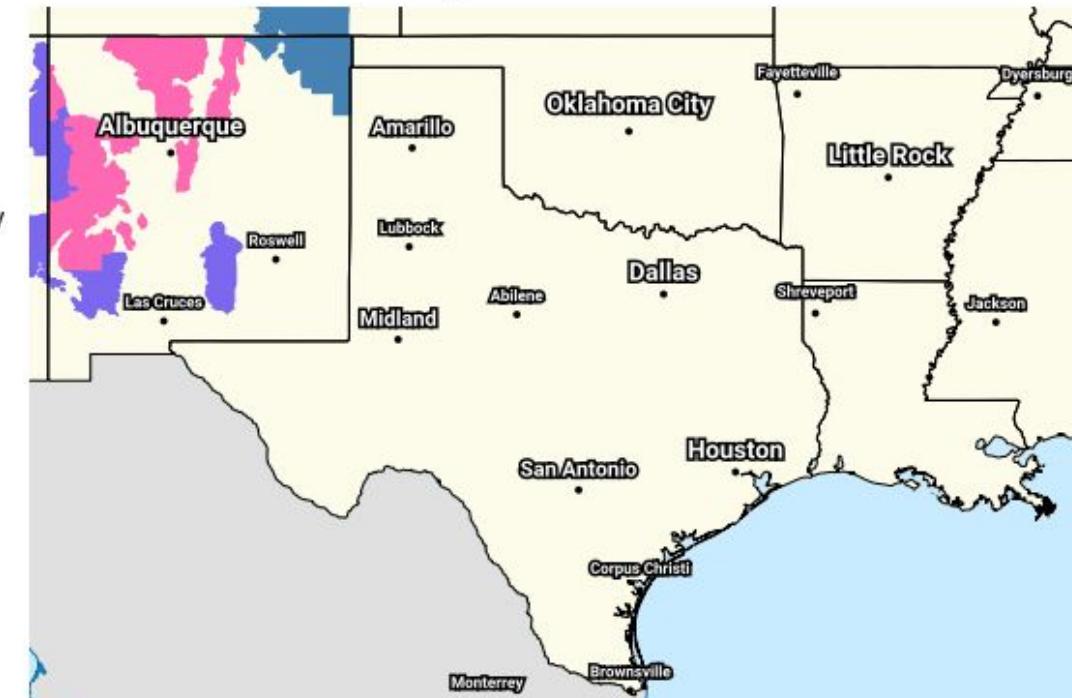


Winter Storm Warning in effect from 5 PM CT today through 6 AM CT for the West Mountains of NM. 6-12" of snow through the period, with localized 2 feet above 8,000 feet. Snow levels this evening start at 7,000-8,000 feet, then drop to under 6,000 feet Thursday afternoon.

Winter Storm Warning in effect from 11 PM CT this evening through noon CT Friday North Mountains of NM. 6-12" of snow through the period, with localized 2 feet above 8,000 feet. Snow levels tonight start at 7,000-8,000 feet, then drop to under 6,000 feet Thursday afternoon.



Winter Watches Warnings and Advisories



Flood Watches Warnings and Advisories



Winter Storm Watch in NE NM (Raton Pass) from late Thursday evening-late Friday evening. 4-6" of snow, and winds up to 40 mph, may lead to blowing snow reducing visibility Friday morning.

Winter Weather Advisory from 5 PM CT this afternoon through 6 AM CT Friday in S-C NM mountains. 2-6" of snow below 7,500 feet, with localized 6-12" above 7,500 feet.

High Wind Warning for SE NM, Far WTX (Guadalupe Mountains) from Midnight CT Thursday morning through 9 PM CT Thursday evening. Gusts up to 70 mph.



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Winter Weather

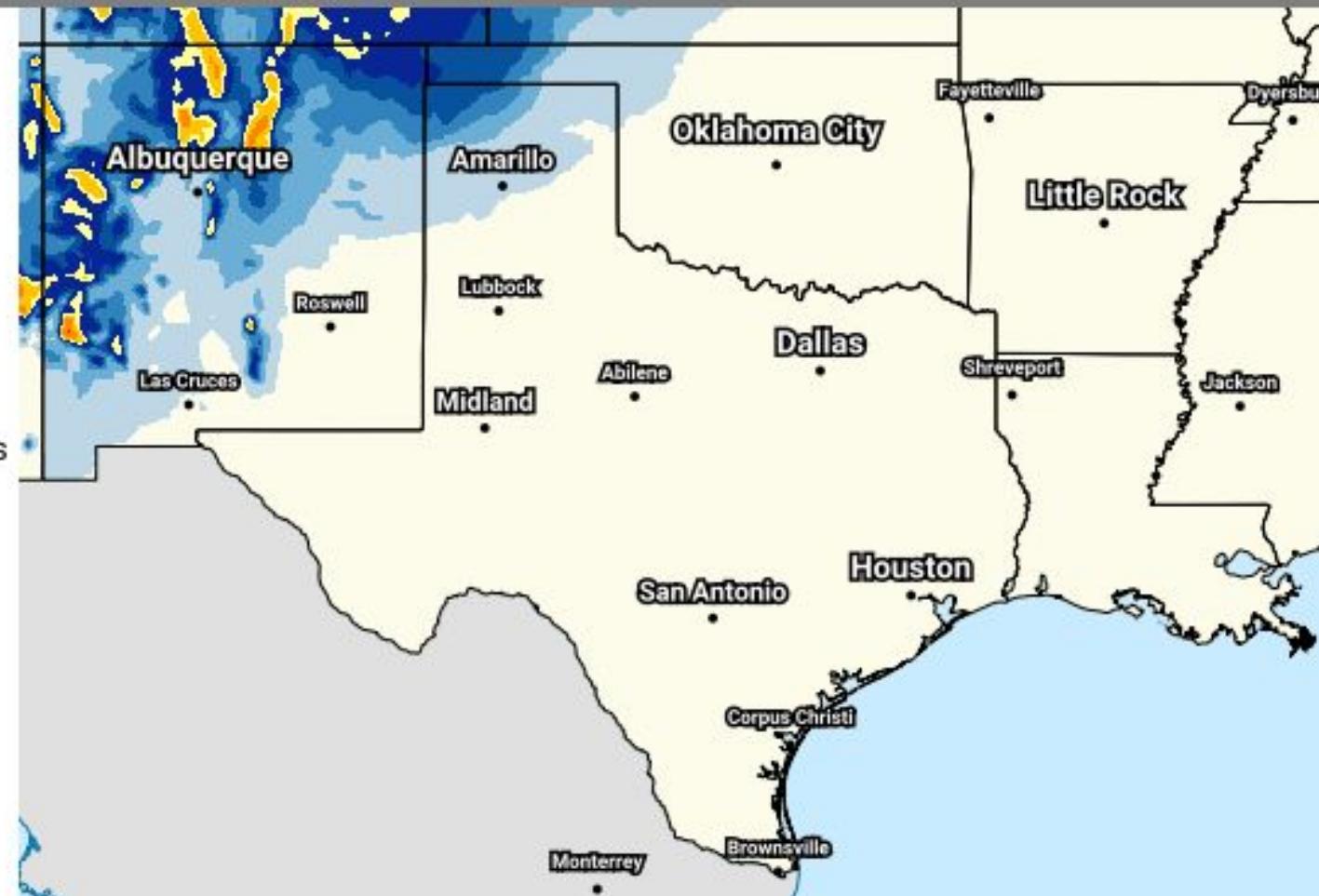
Through the next 3 days



Forecast Snowfall

Valid Ending Saturday January 10th, 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 7th, 2026
5:20 AM CST



Ice Accumulation Forecast

Valid Ending Saturday January 10th, 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

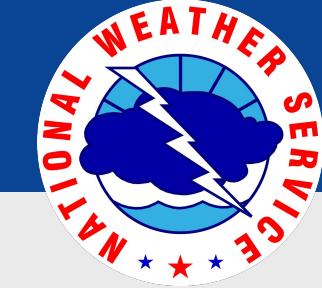


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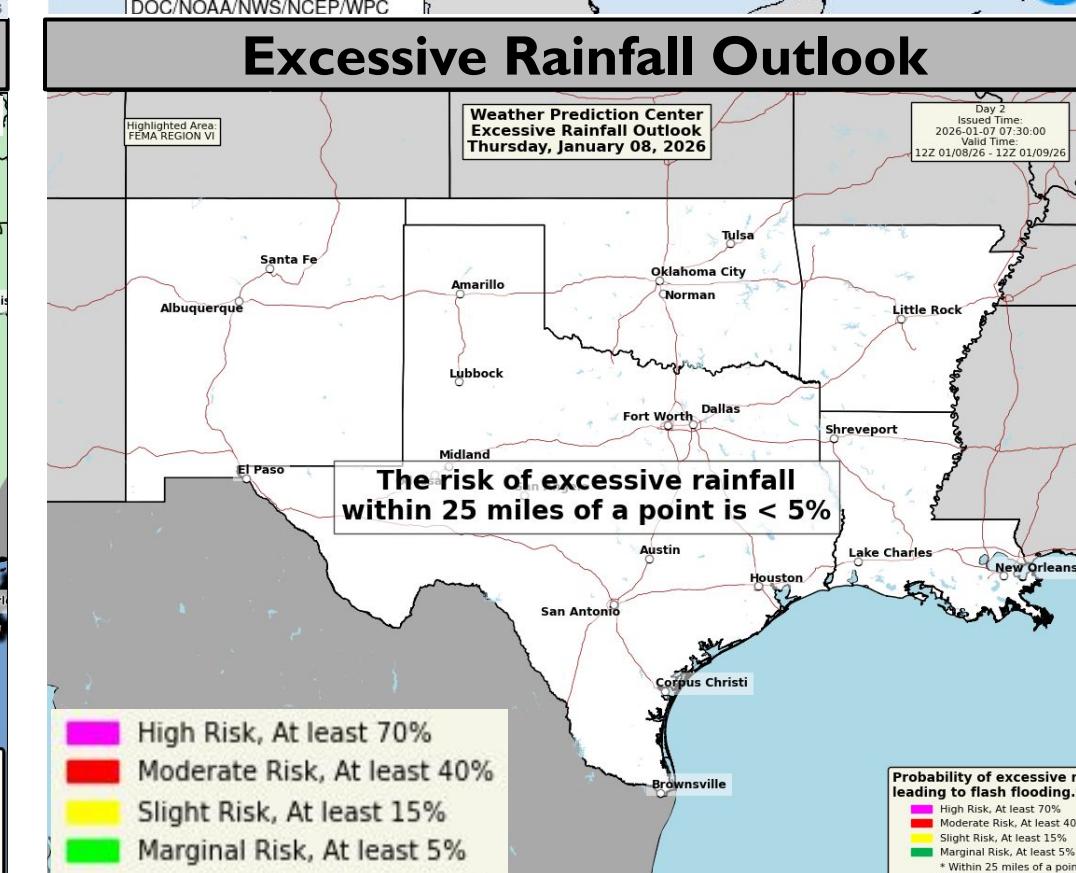
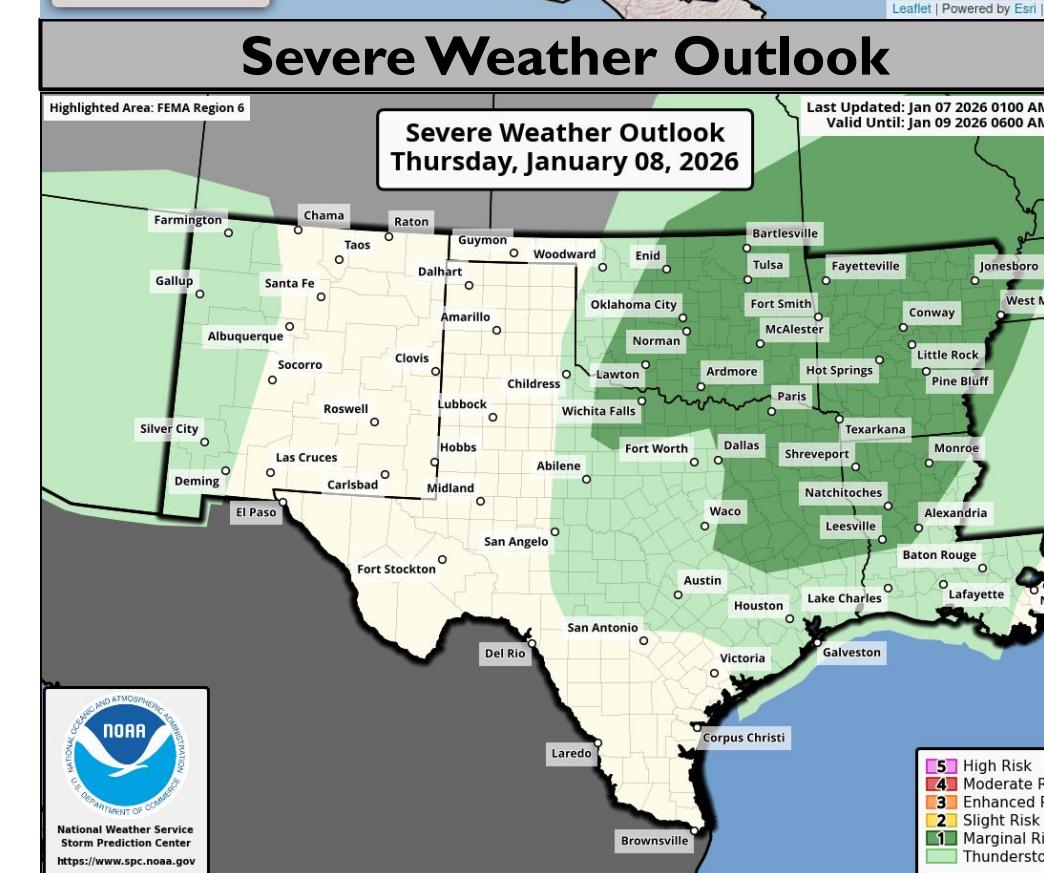
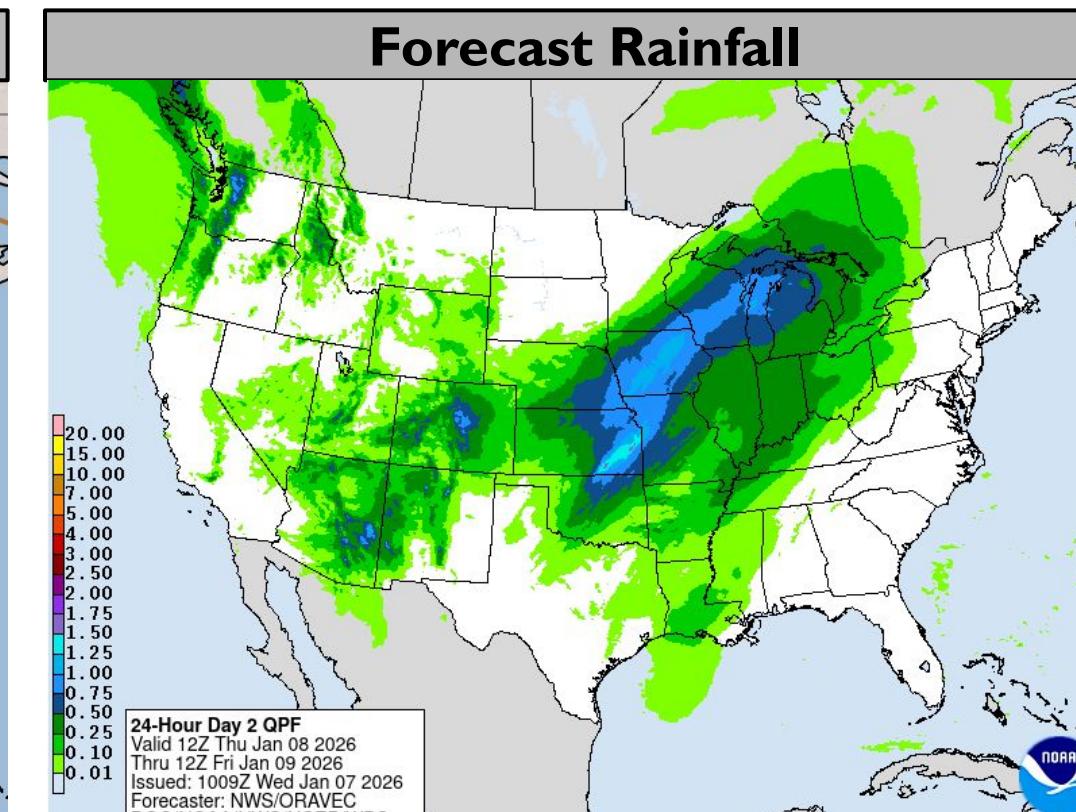
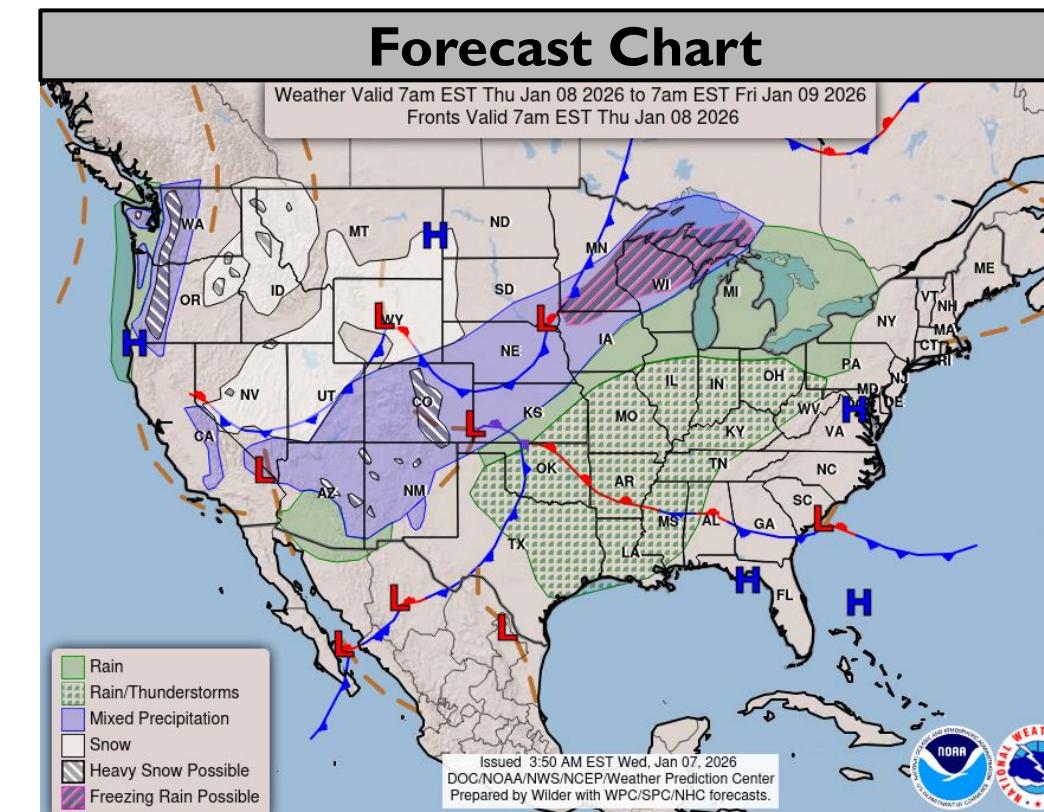


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Tomorrow's Weather



Moderate travel impacts due to snow in the NM mountain communities. Snow levels drop in the afternoon to under 6,000 feet.

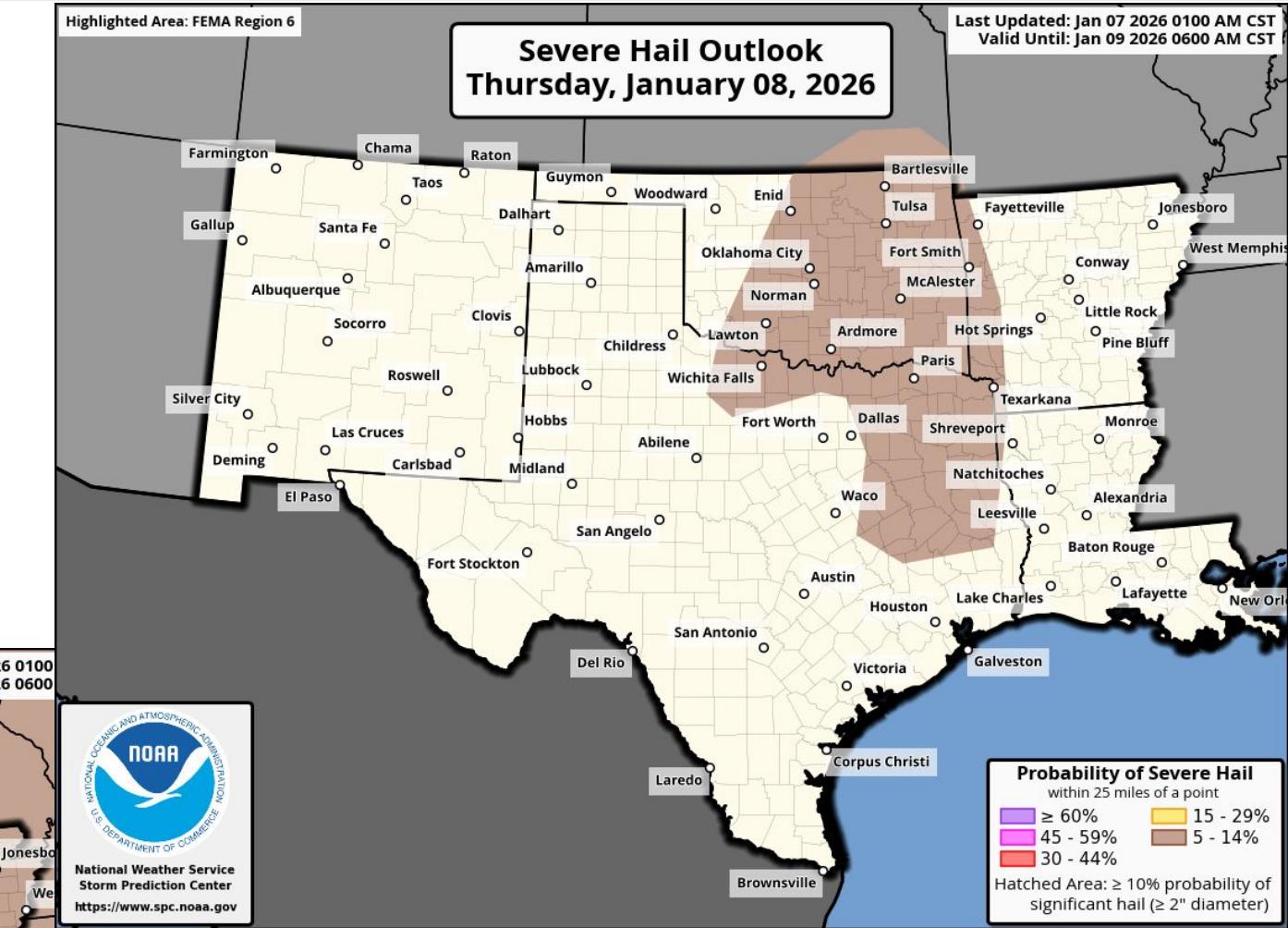
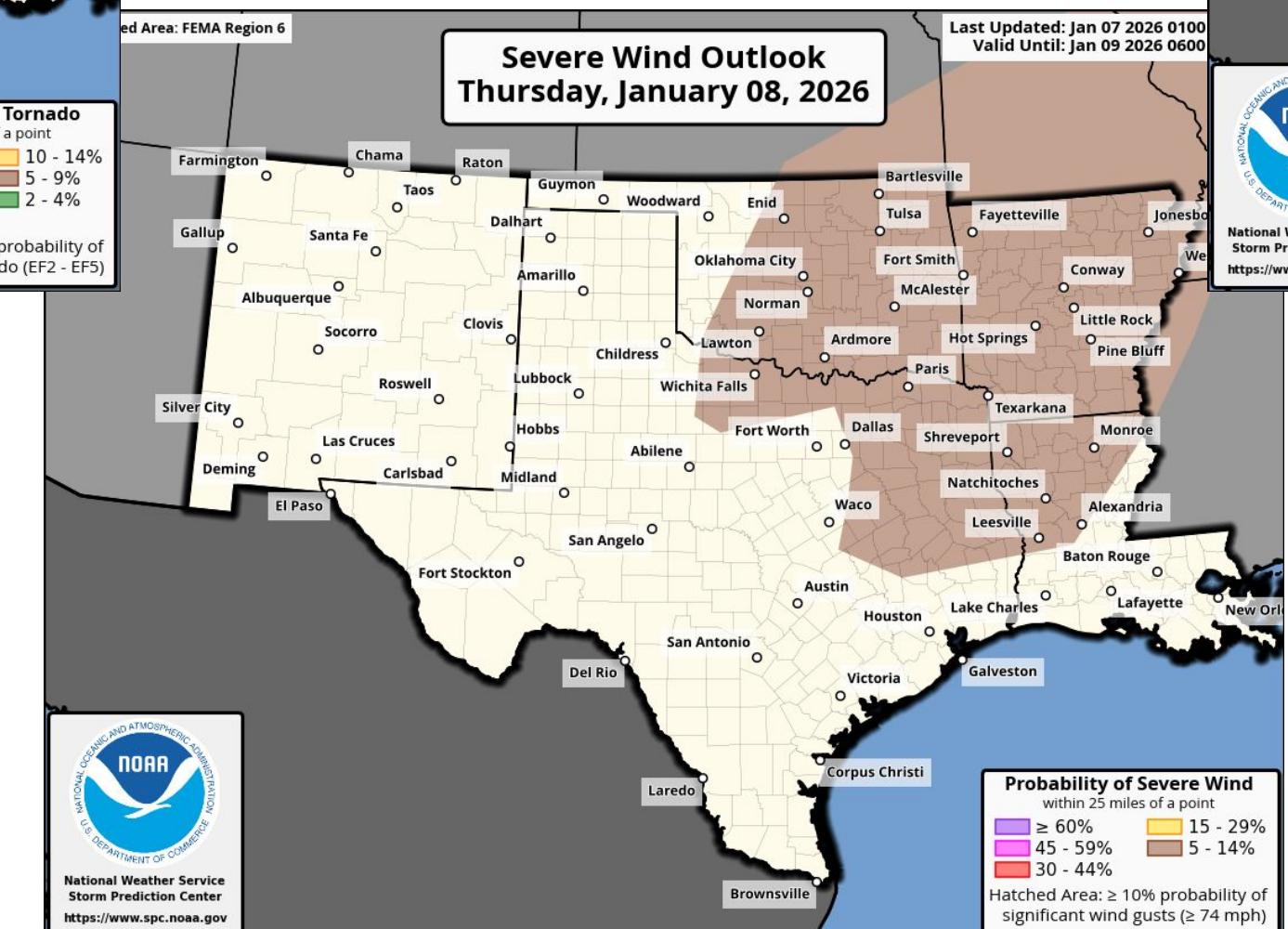
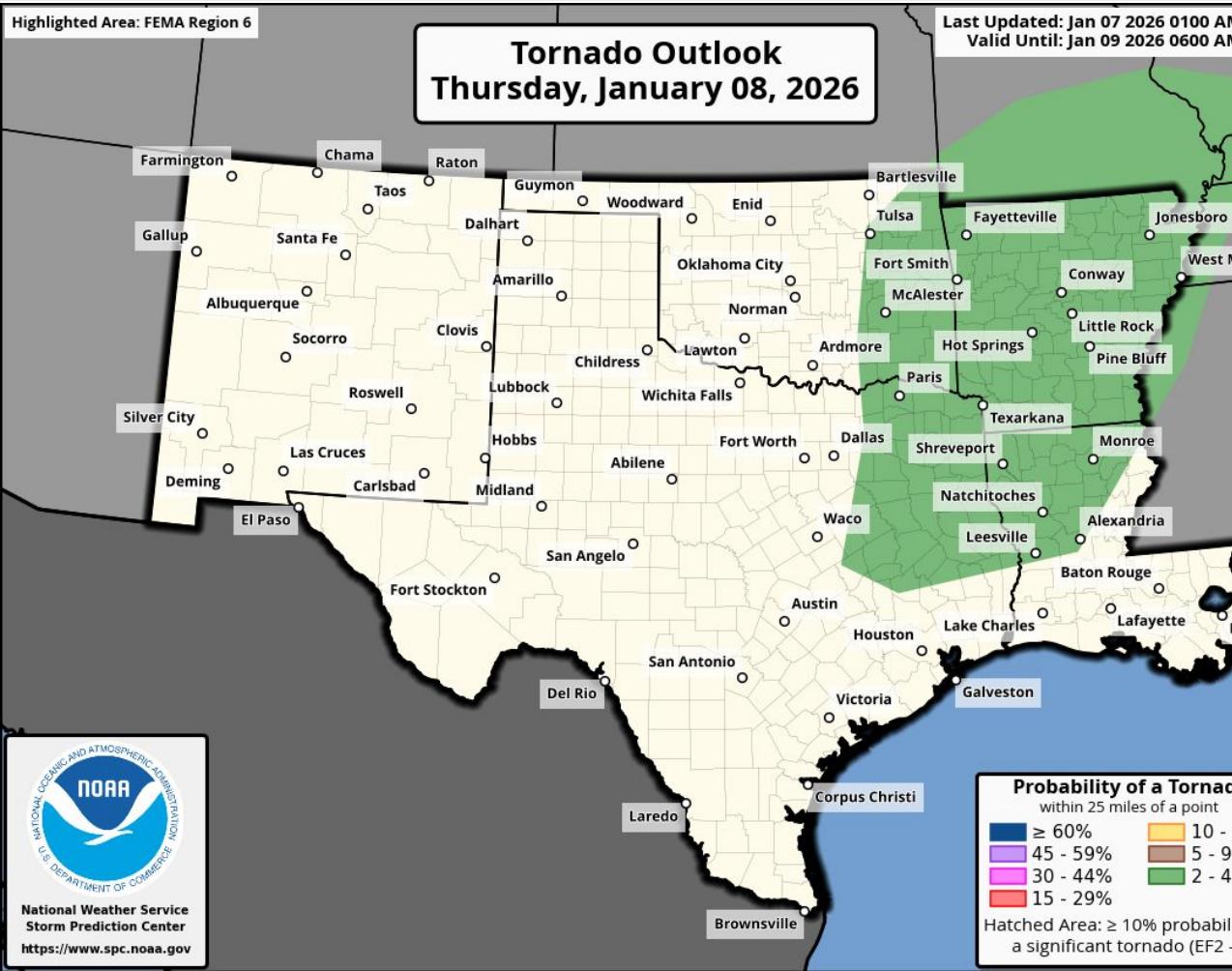
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms for E OK, AR, NE TX, and N LA. Wind/hail main threats.

Light snow in the TX/OK Panhandles may begin overnight.



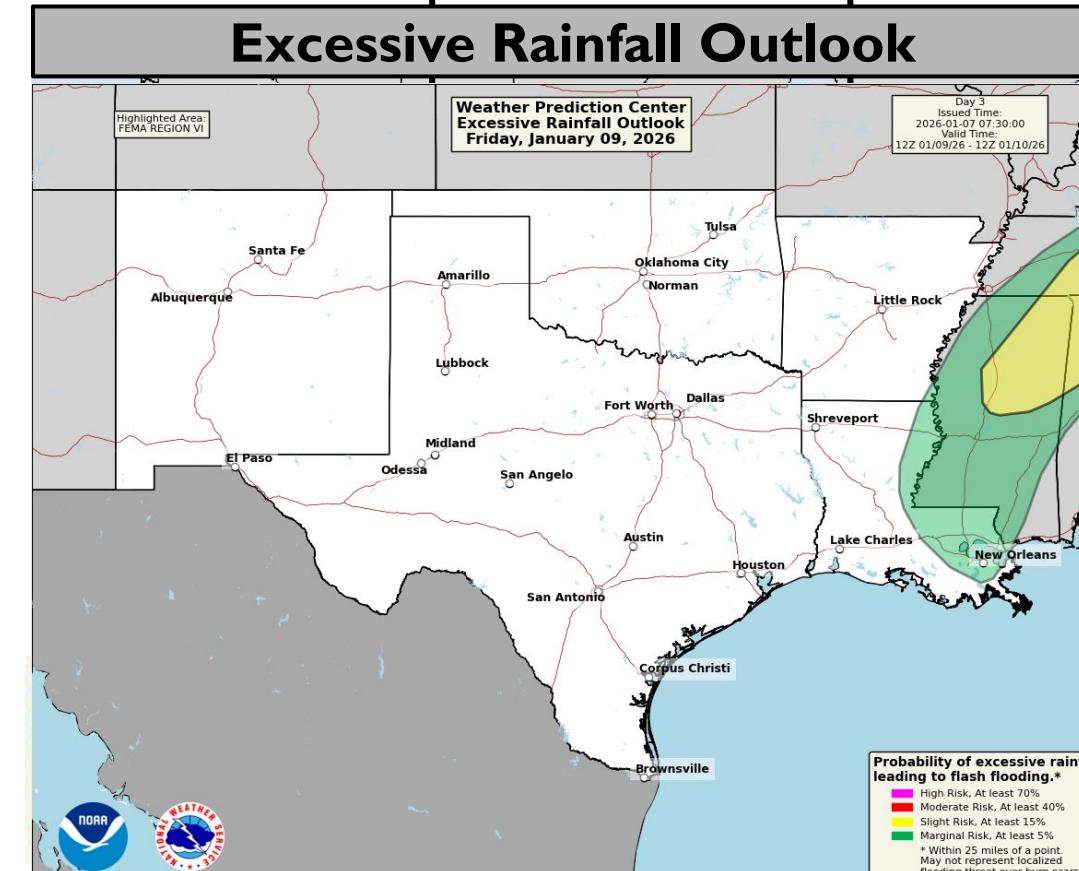
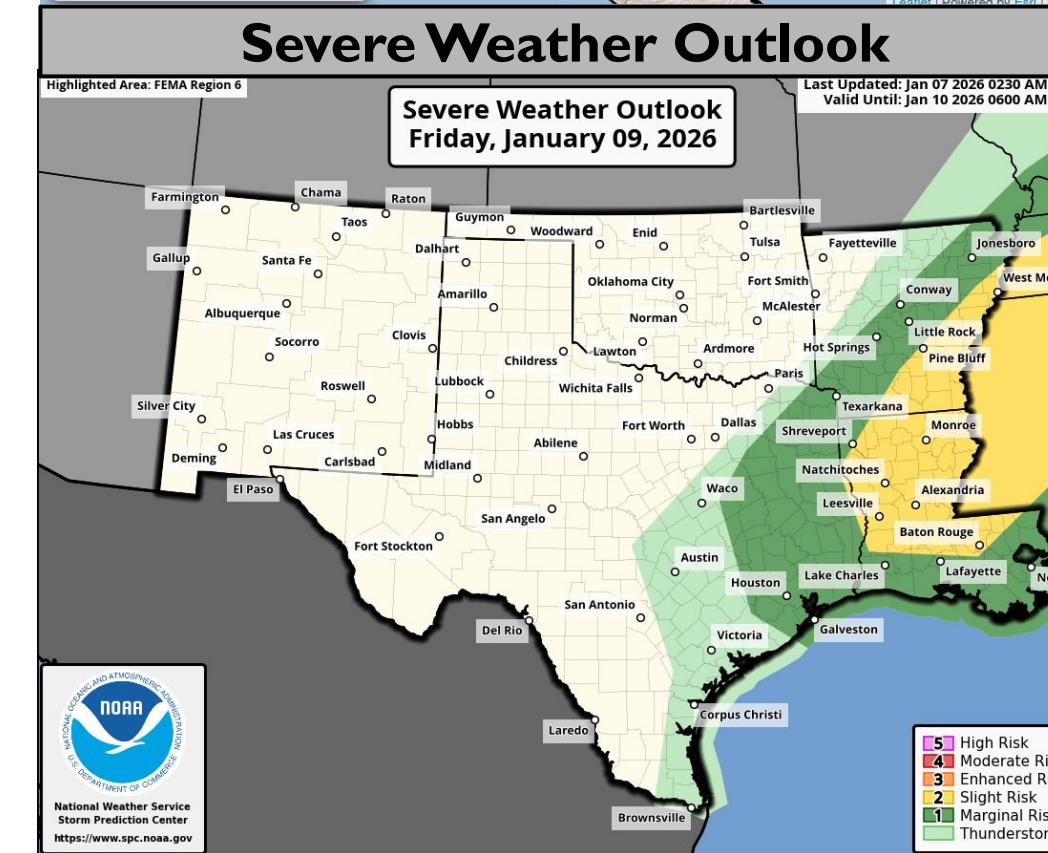
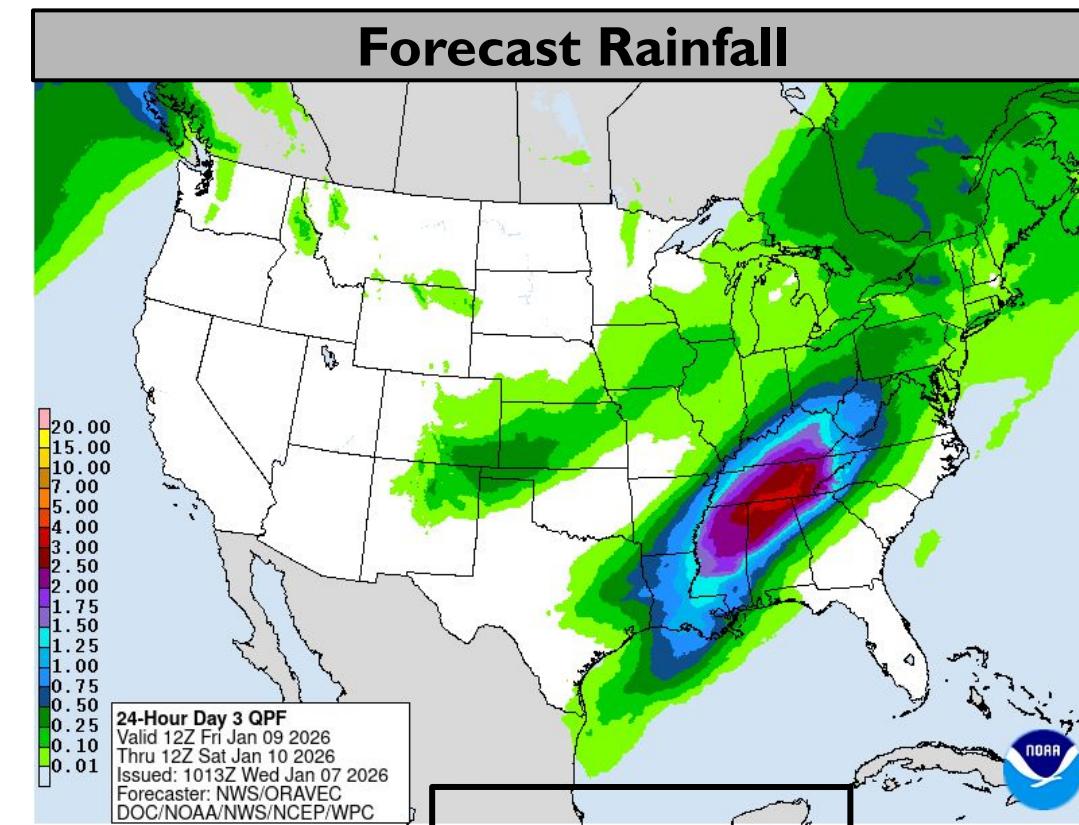
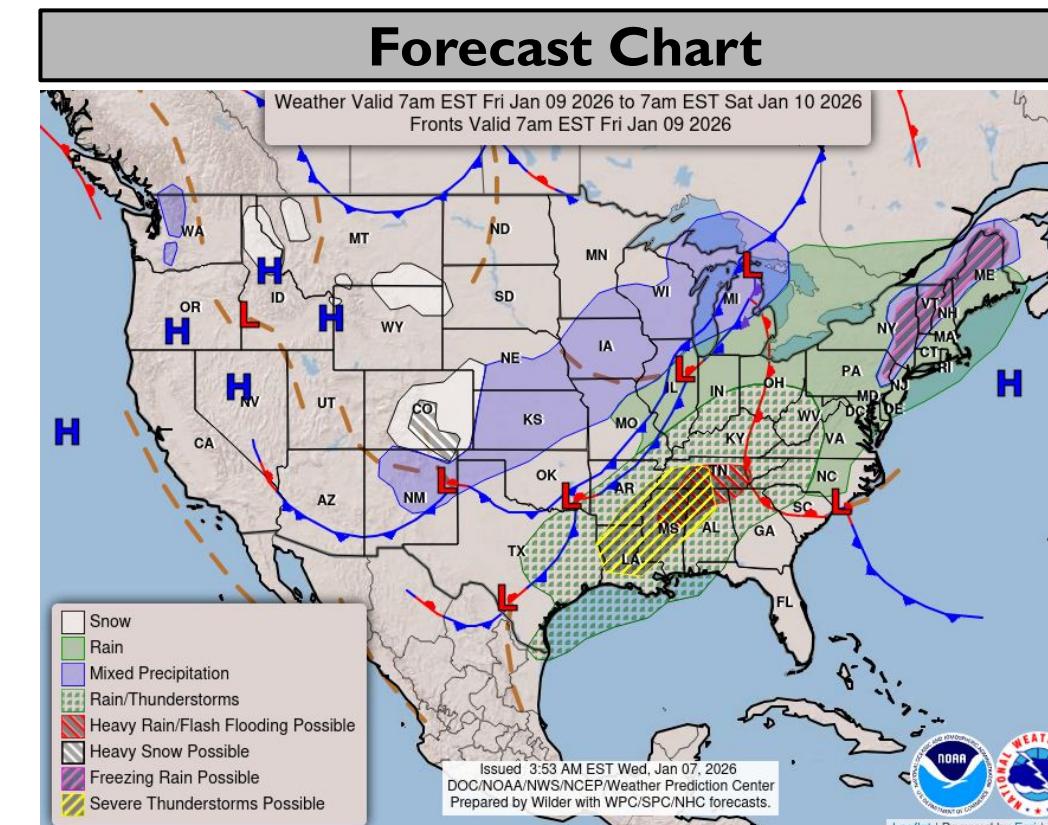


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Friday's Weather



Snow continues in N NM through the morning. Blowing snow in NE NM may lead to very low visibility.

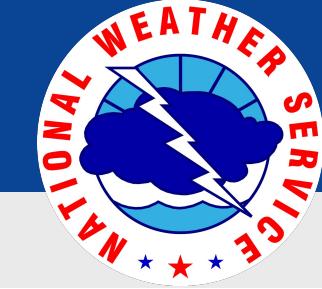
Minor travel impacts due to snow TX/OK Panhandles. 2-4" of snow may fall through the afternoon. Highest confidence for snow is in the NW Panhandles of OK/TX.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over EAR, LA. All hazards may occur, with wind being the primary threat.

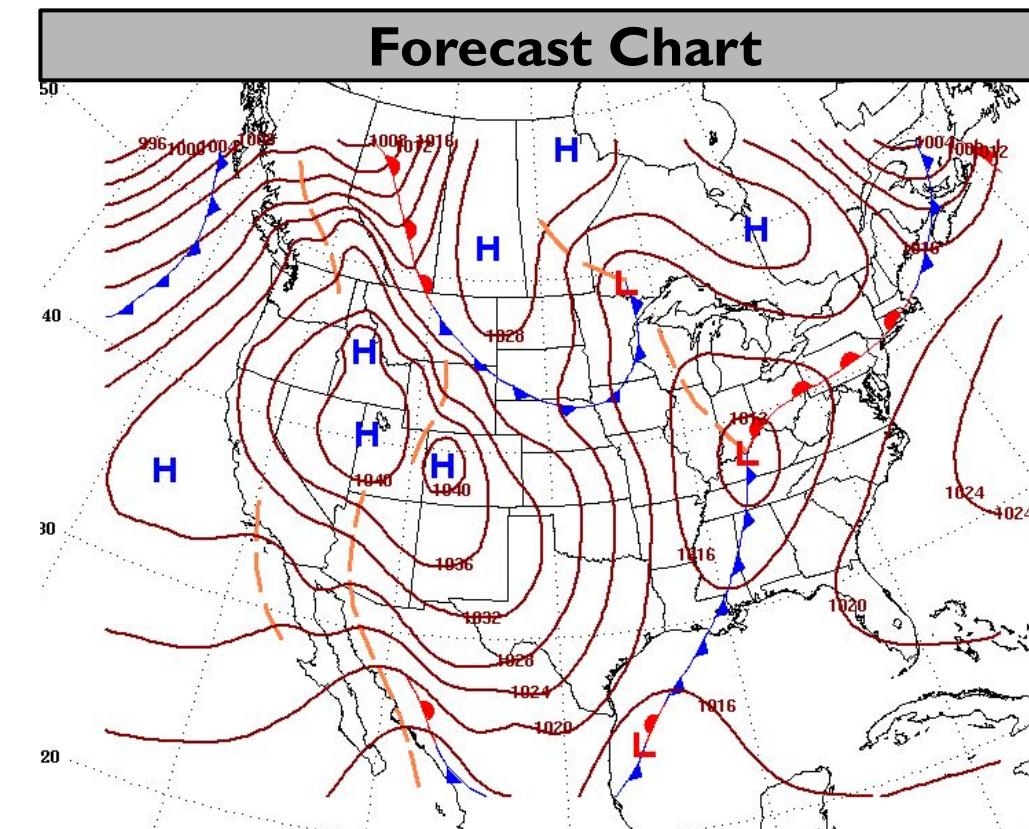
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NE LA.

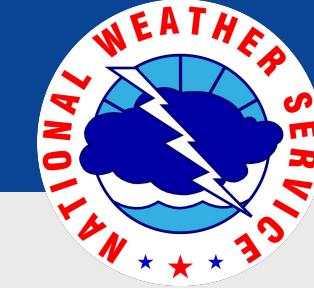
Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for SW-C TX.



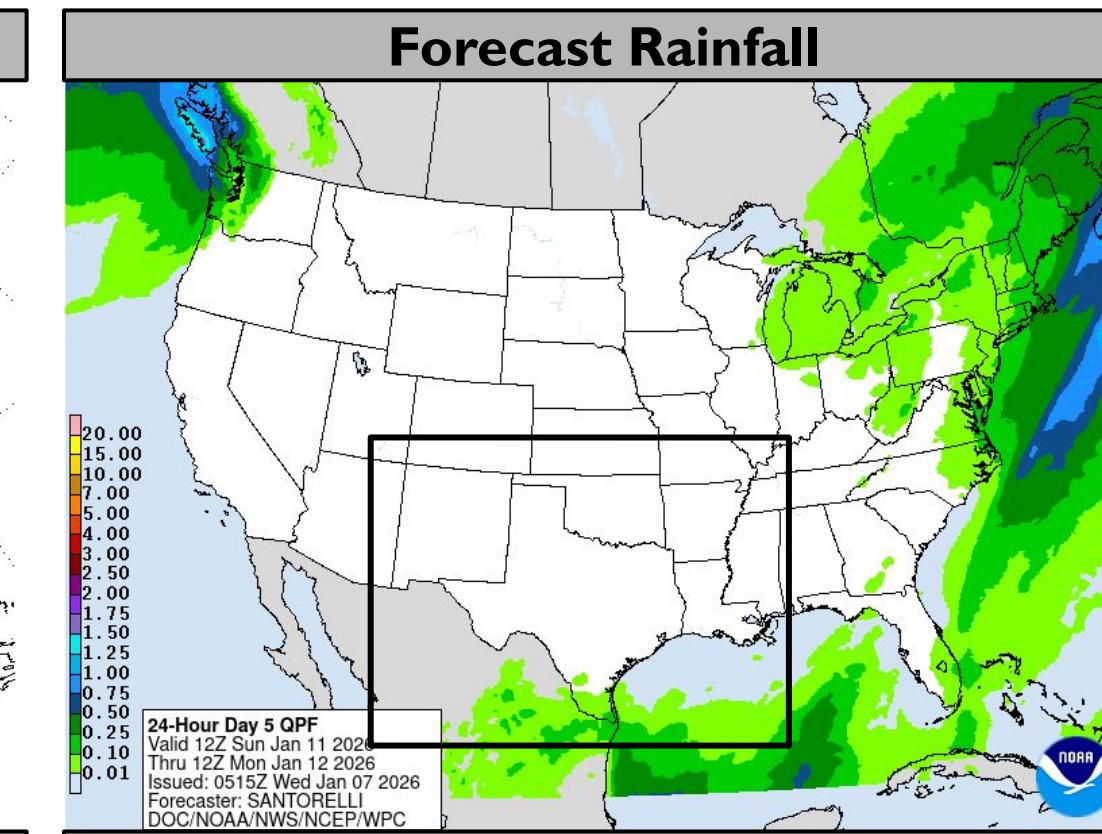
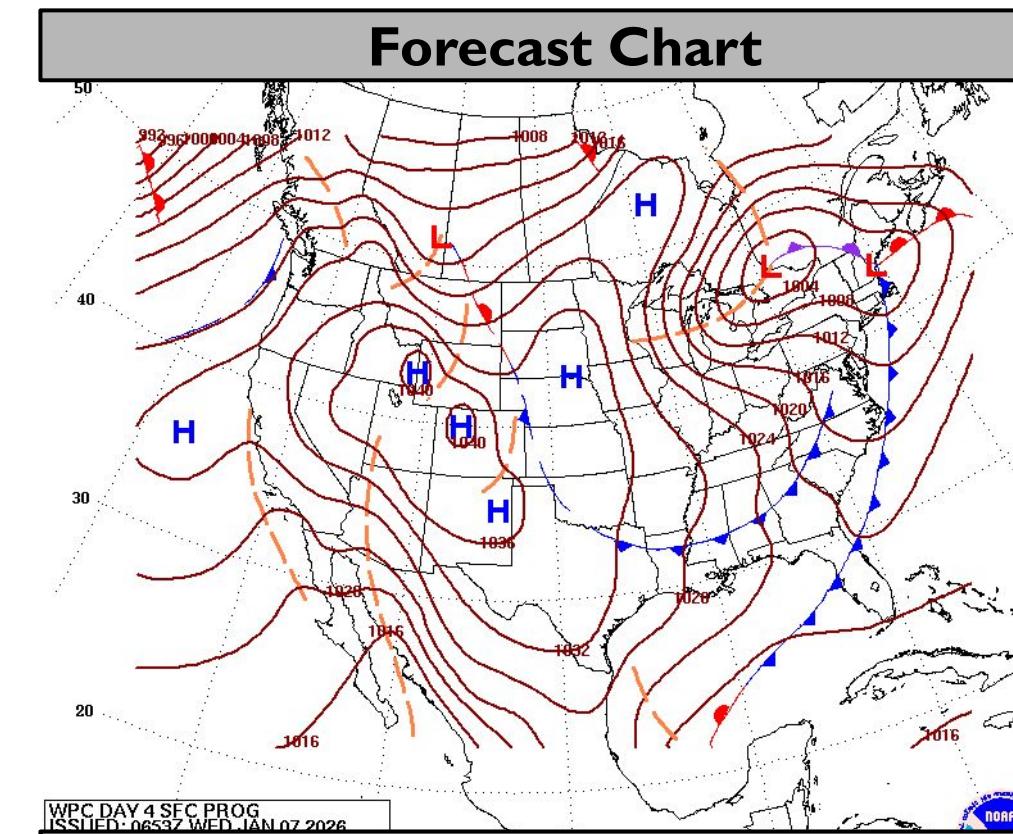


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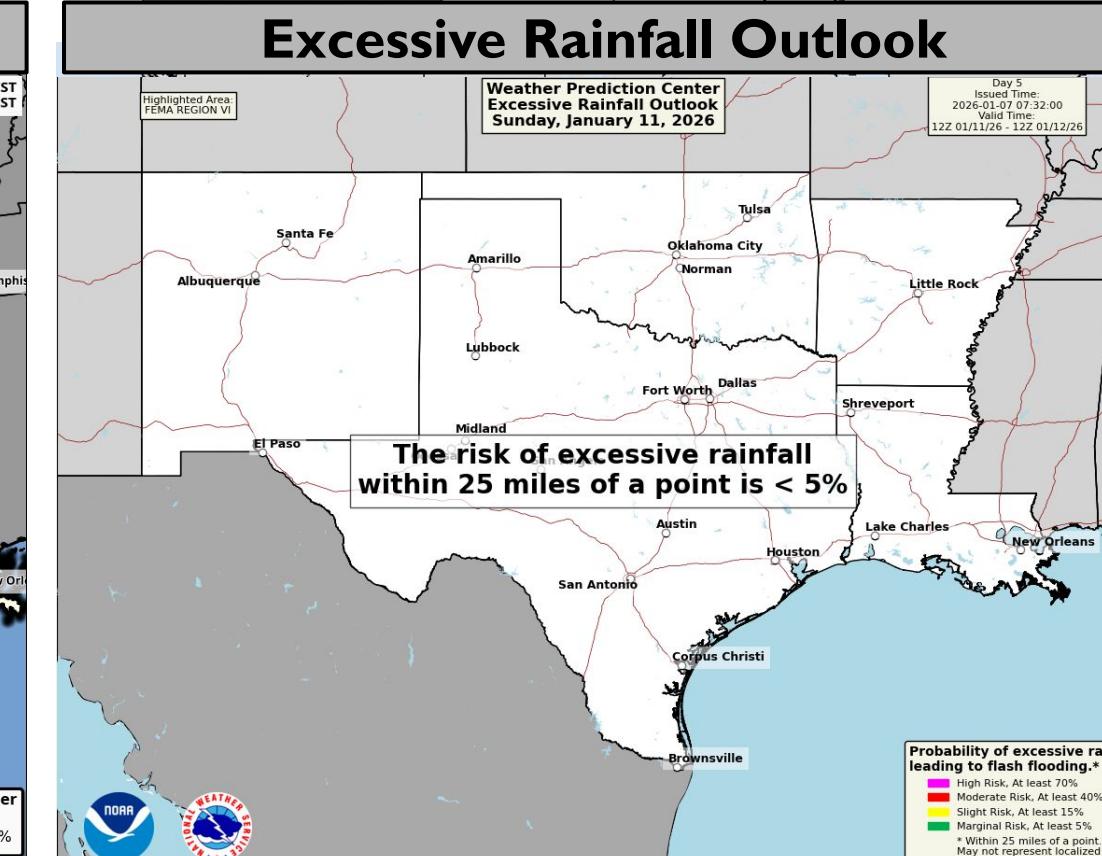
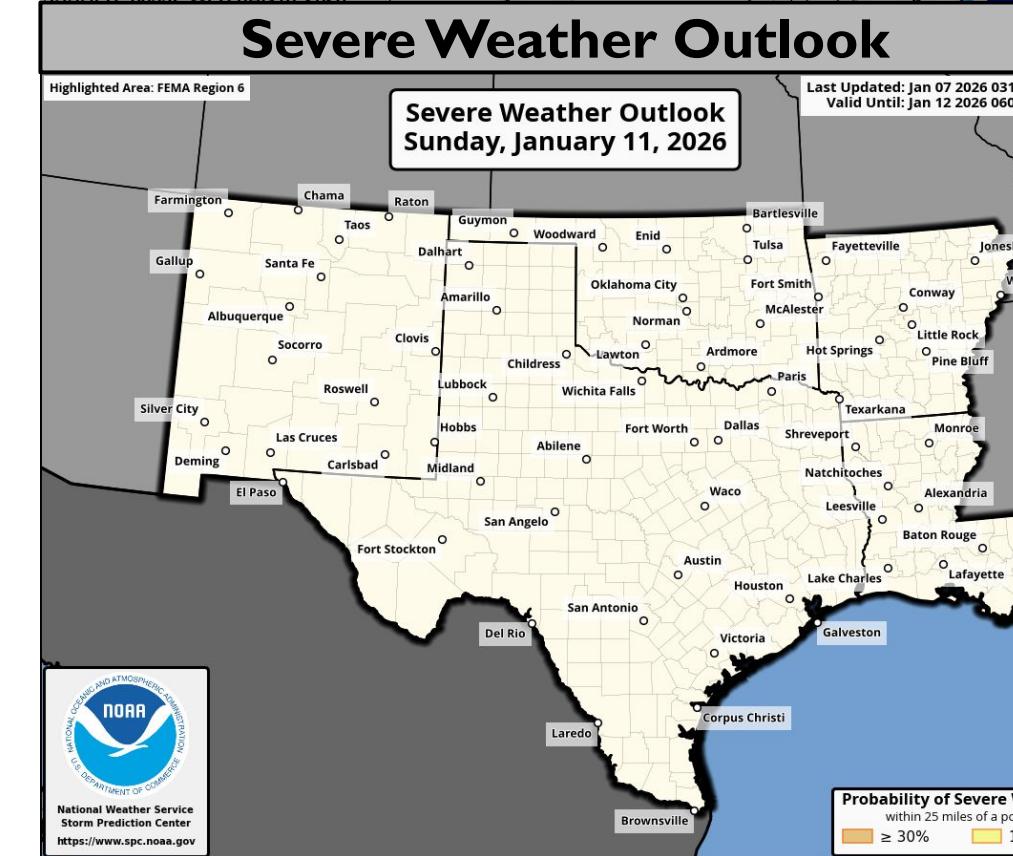




Sunday's Weather



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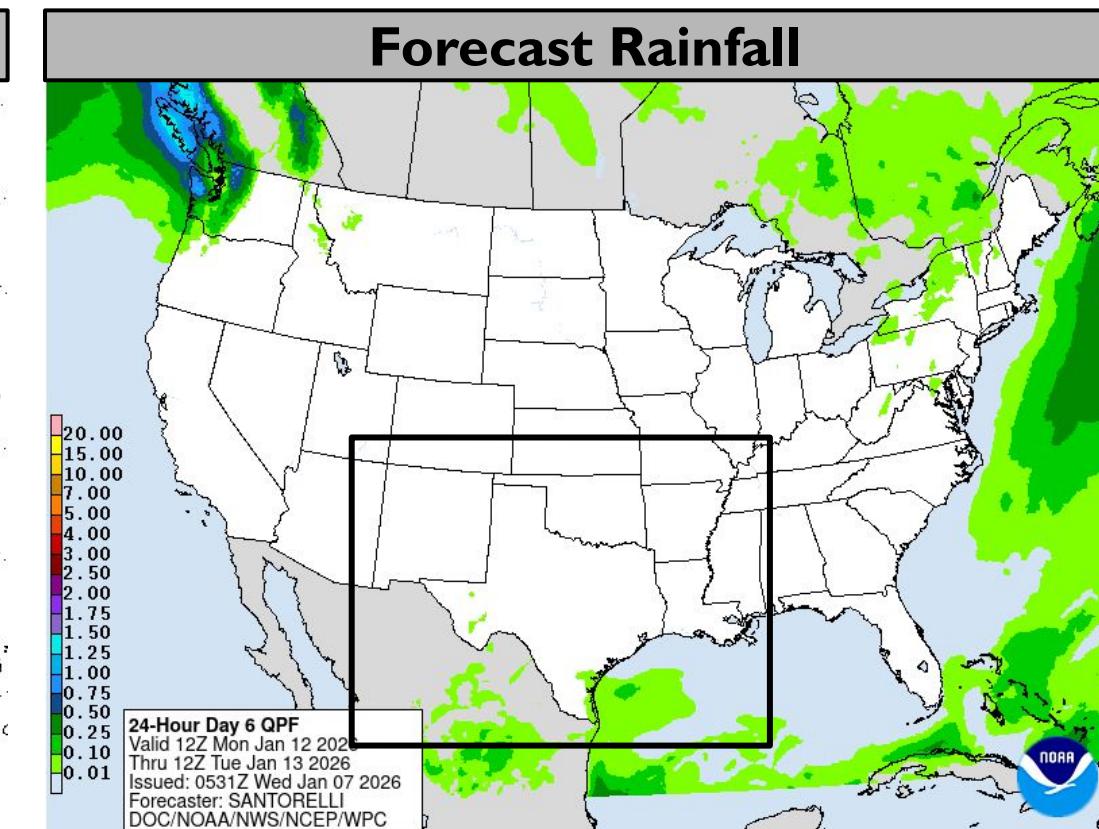
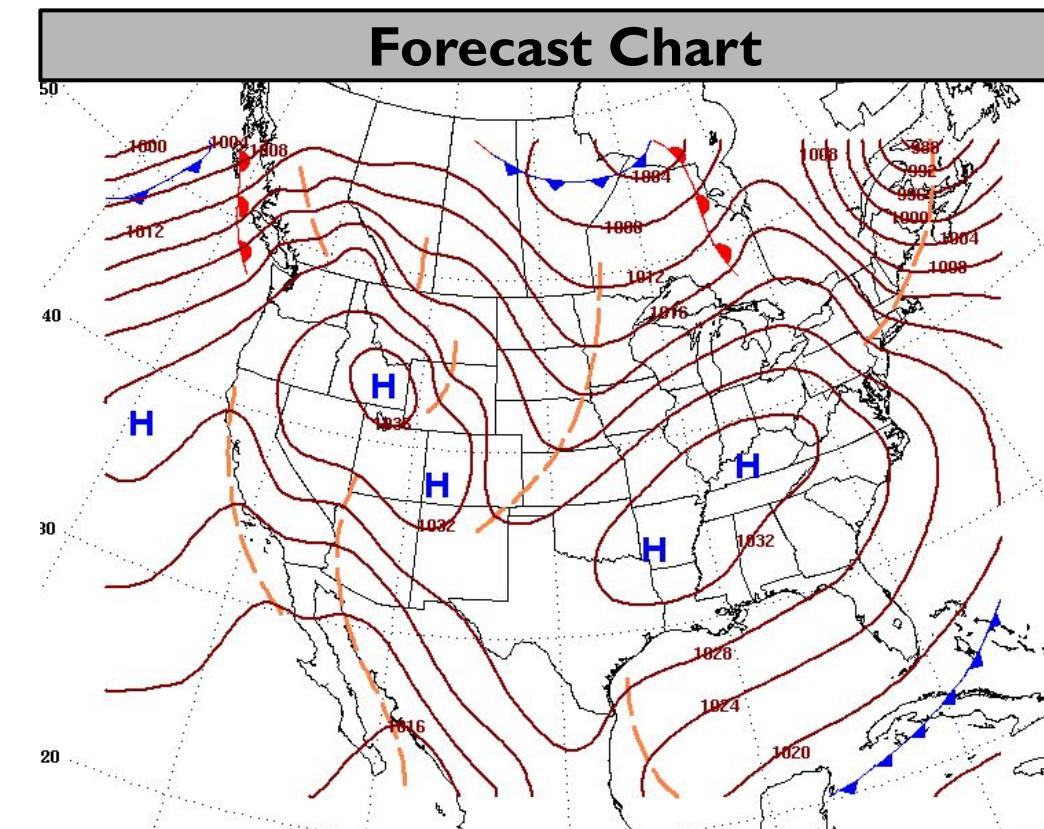
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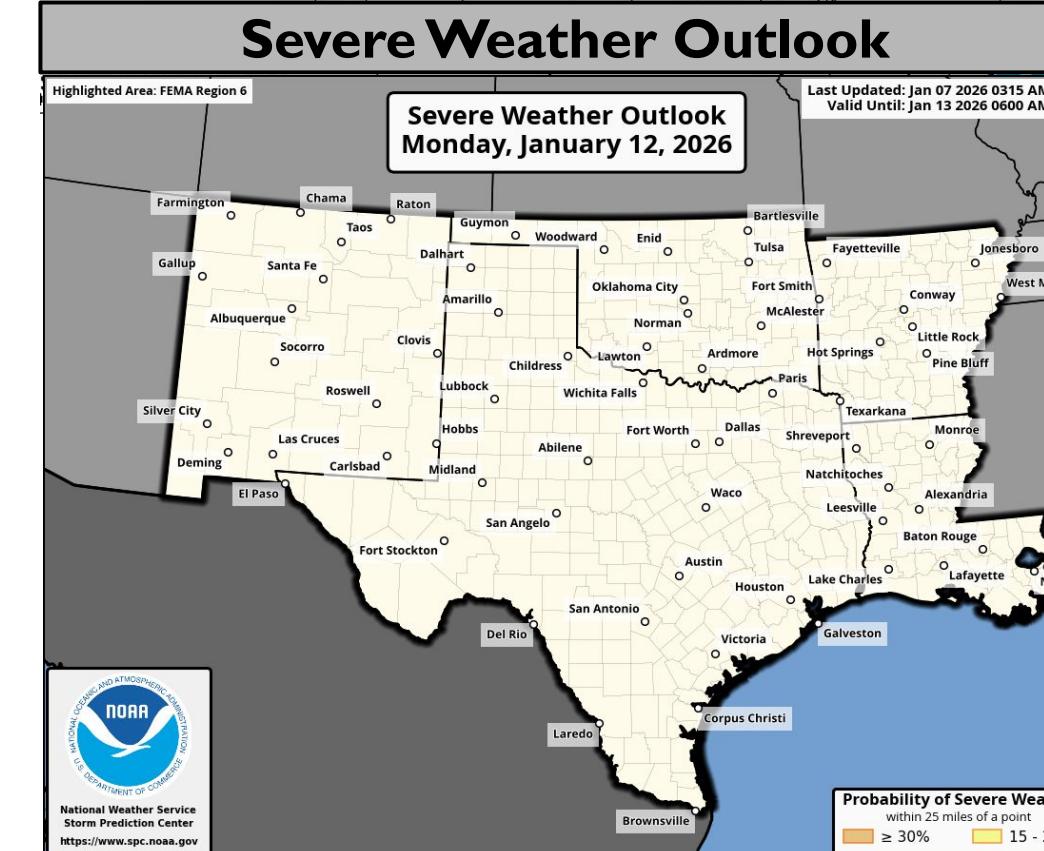
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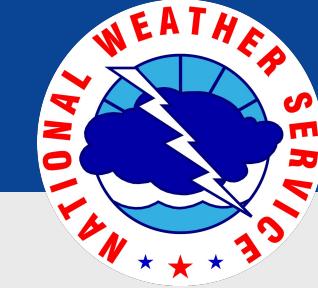
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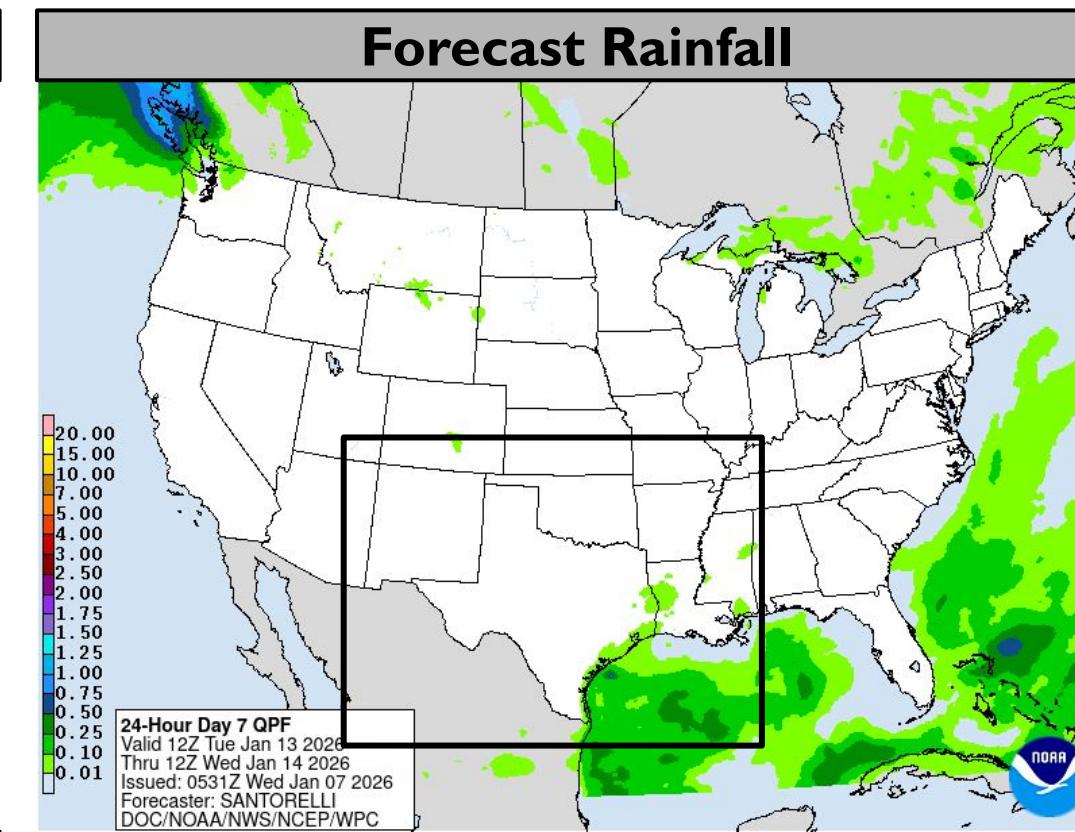
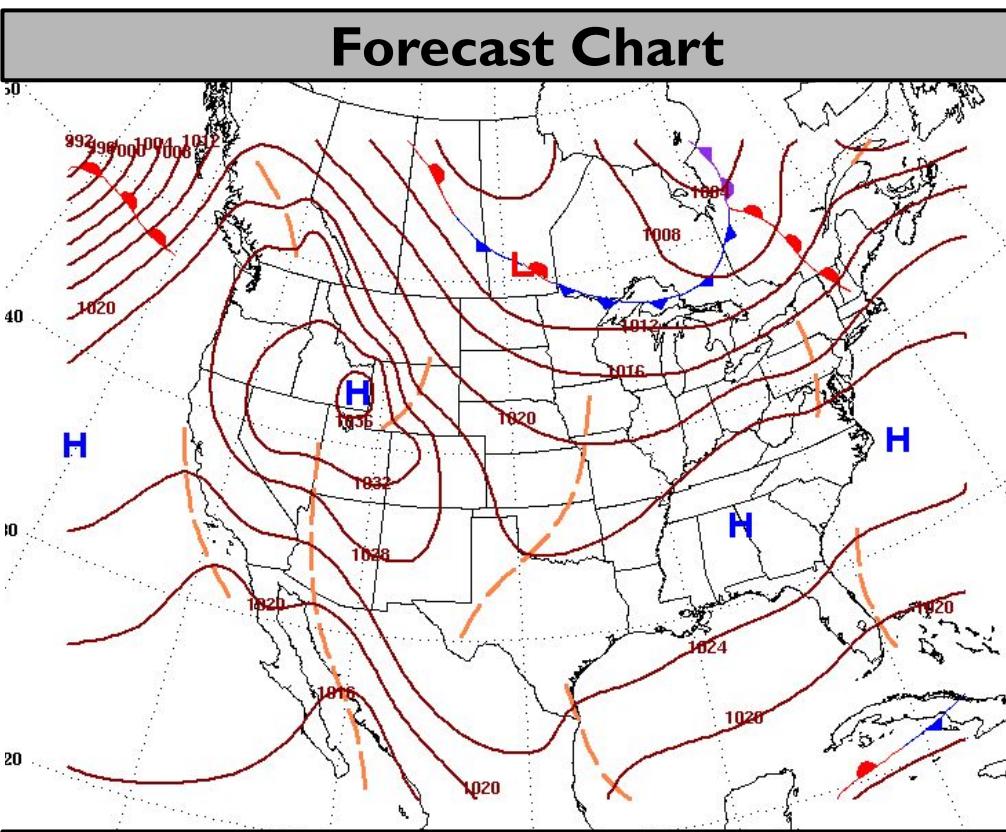
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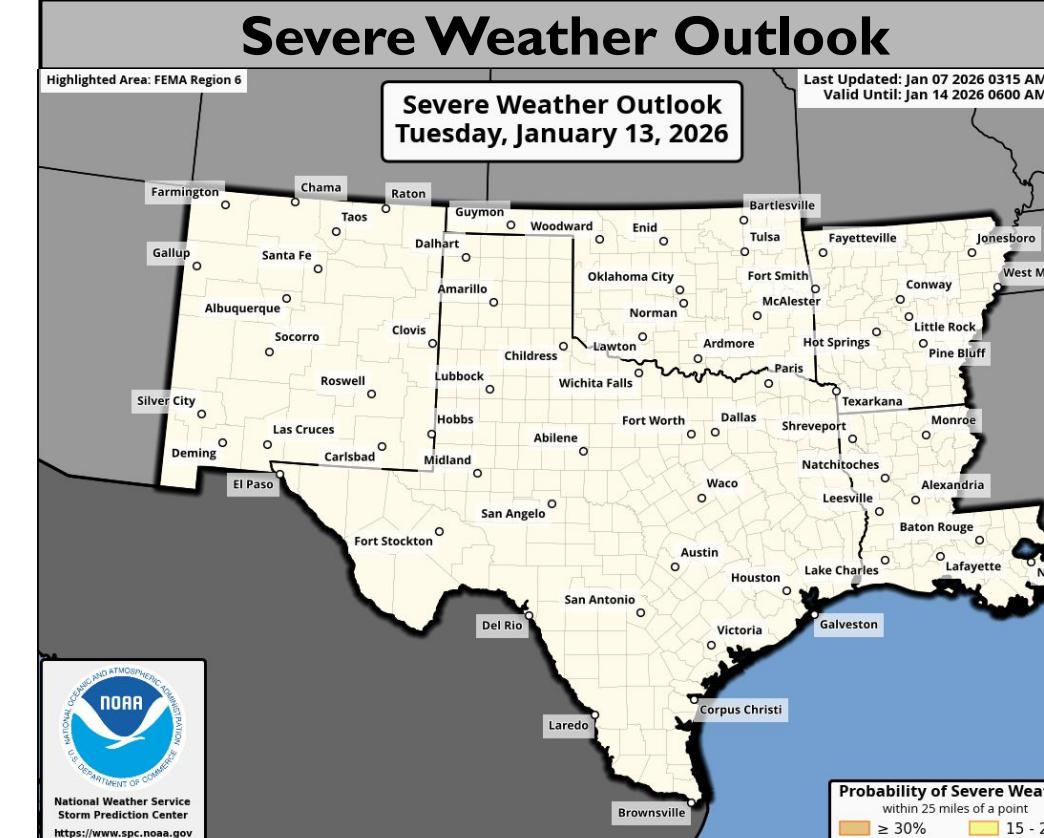
Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



Tuesday's Weather



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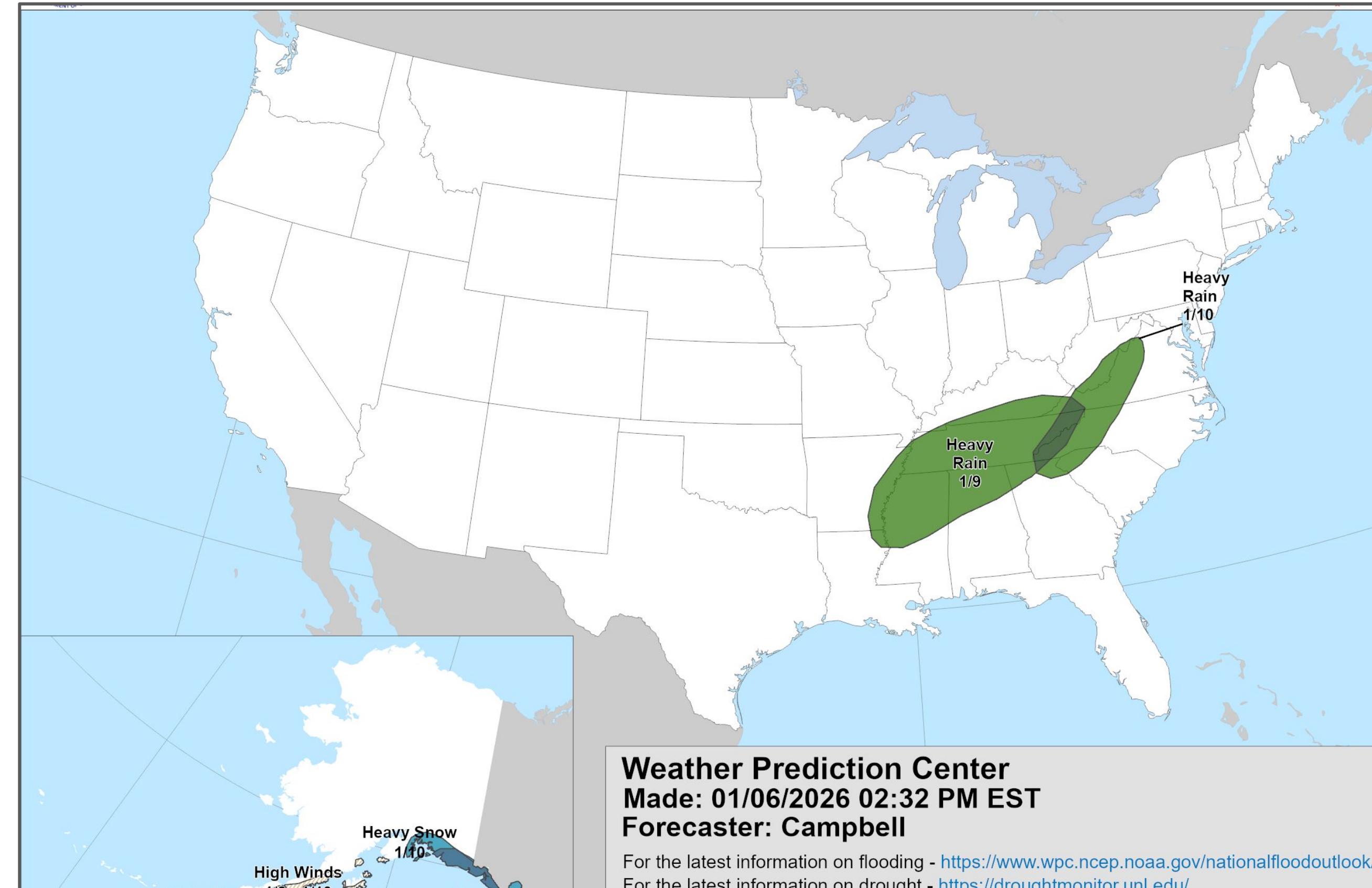


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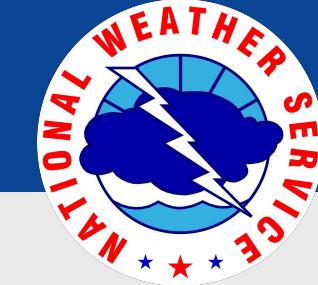


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

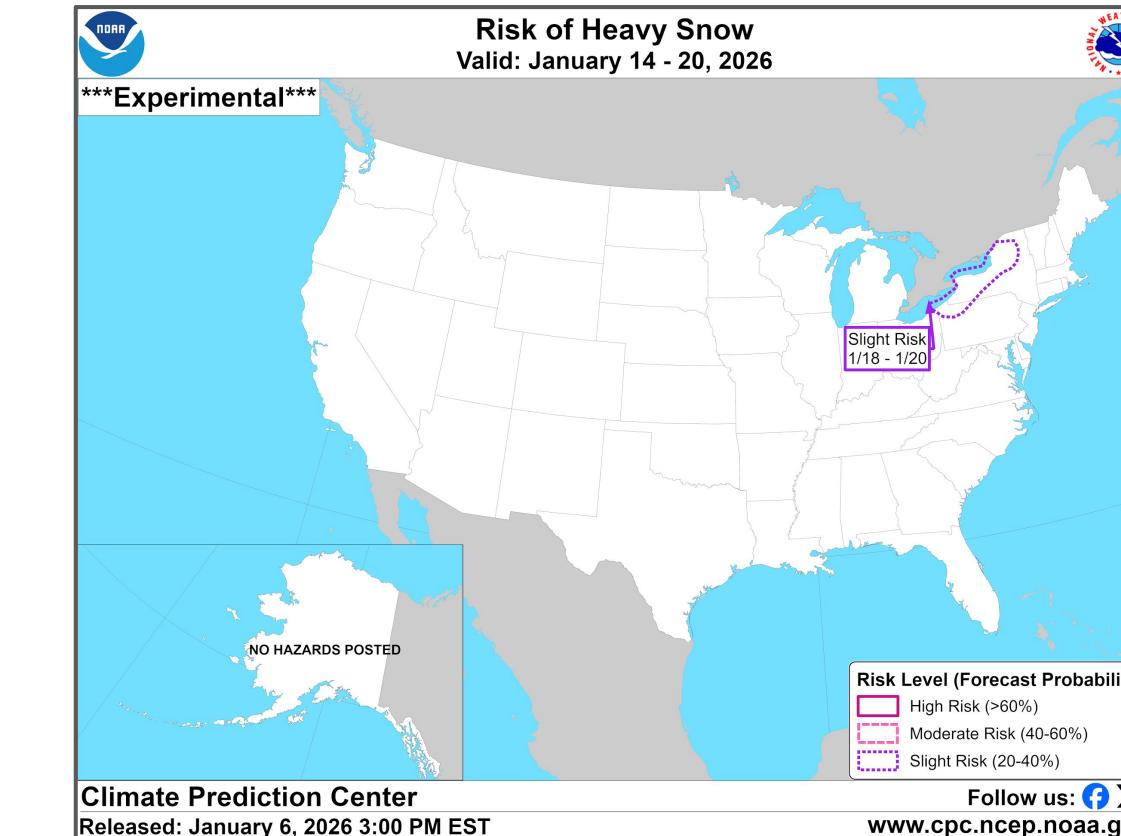
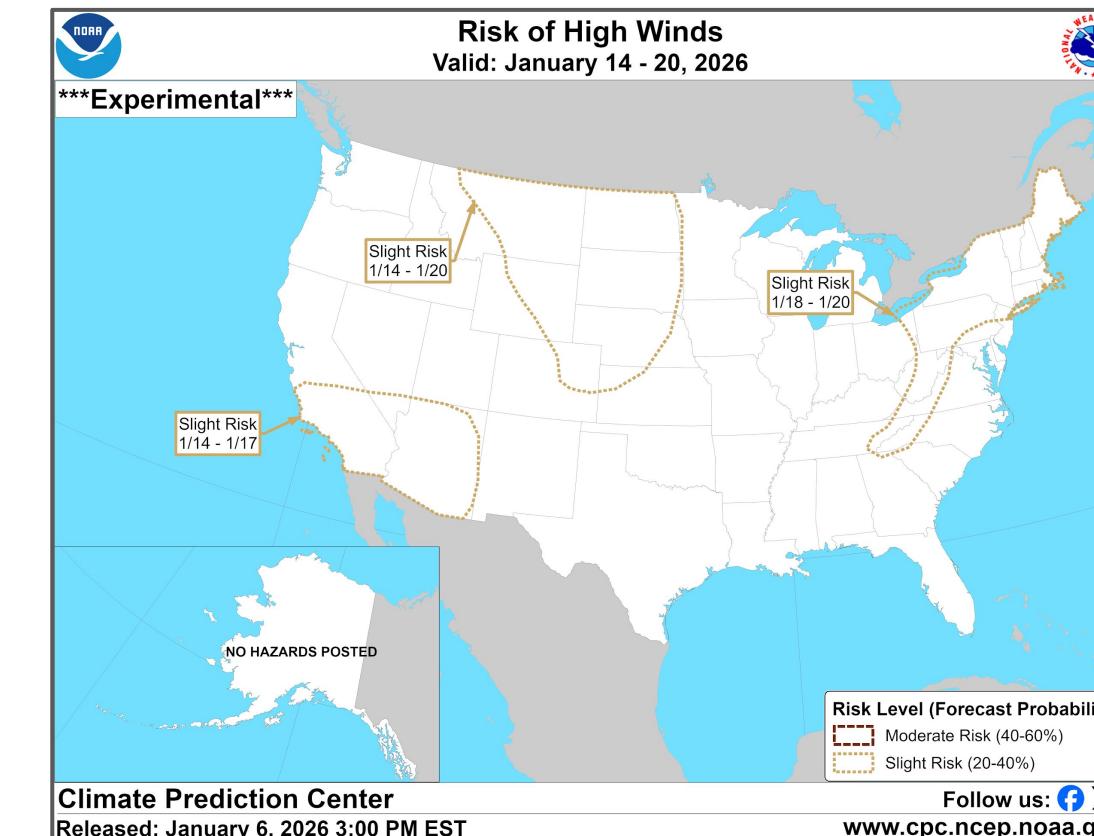
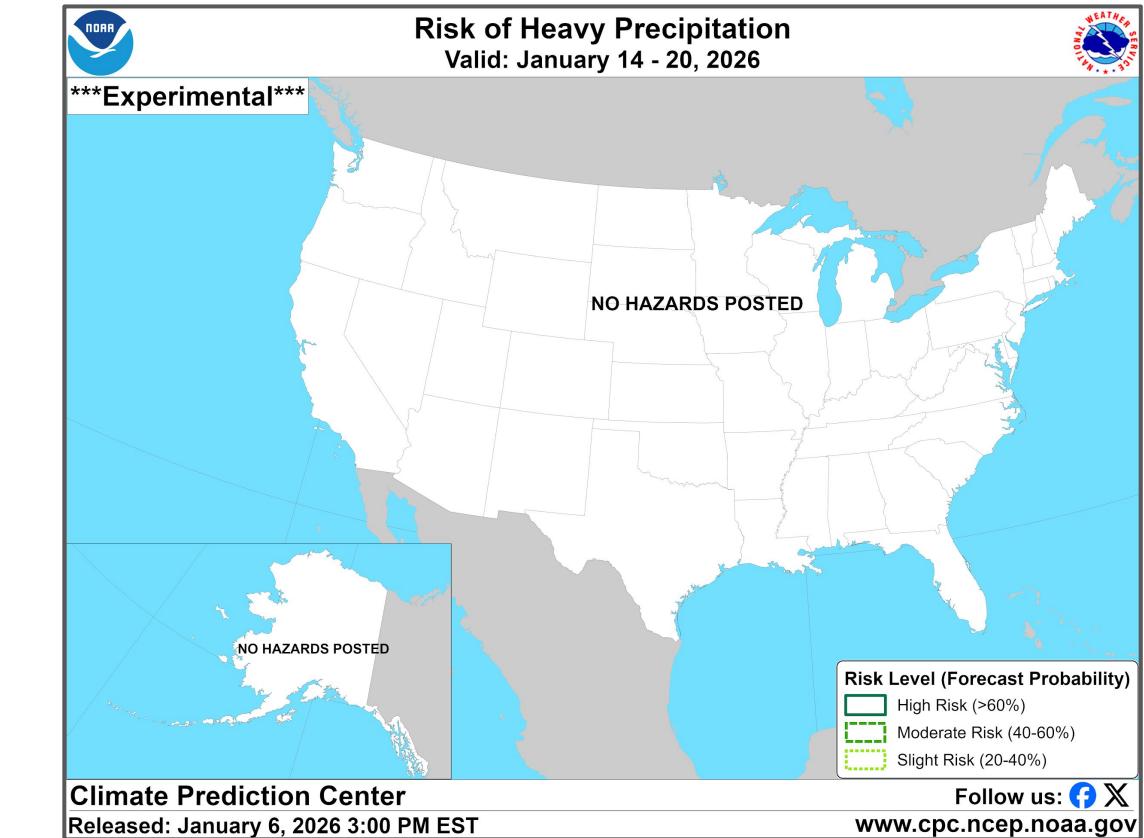
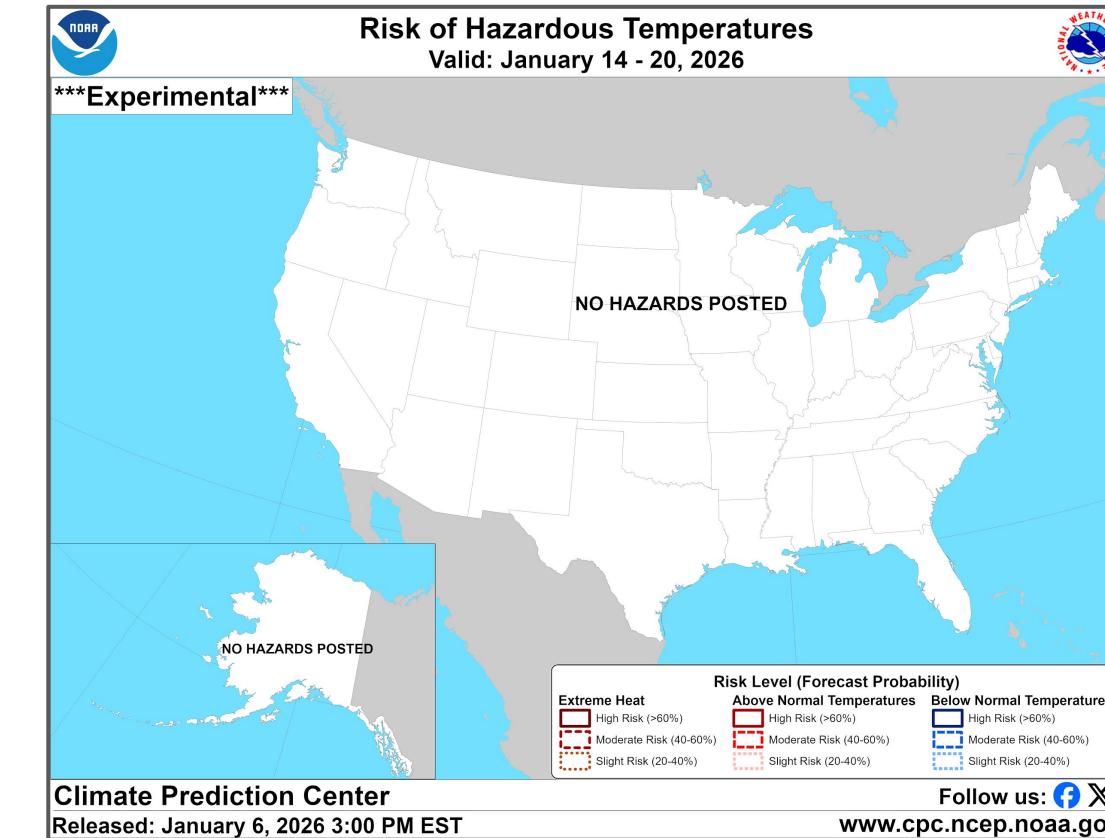
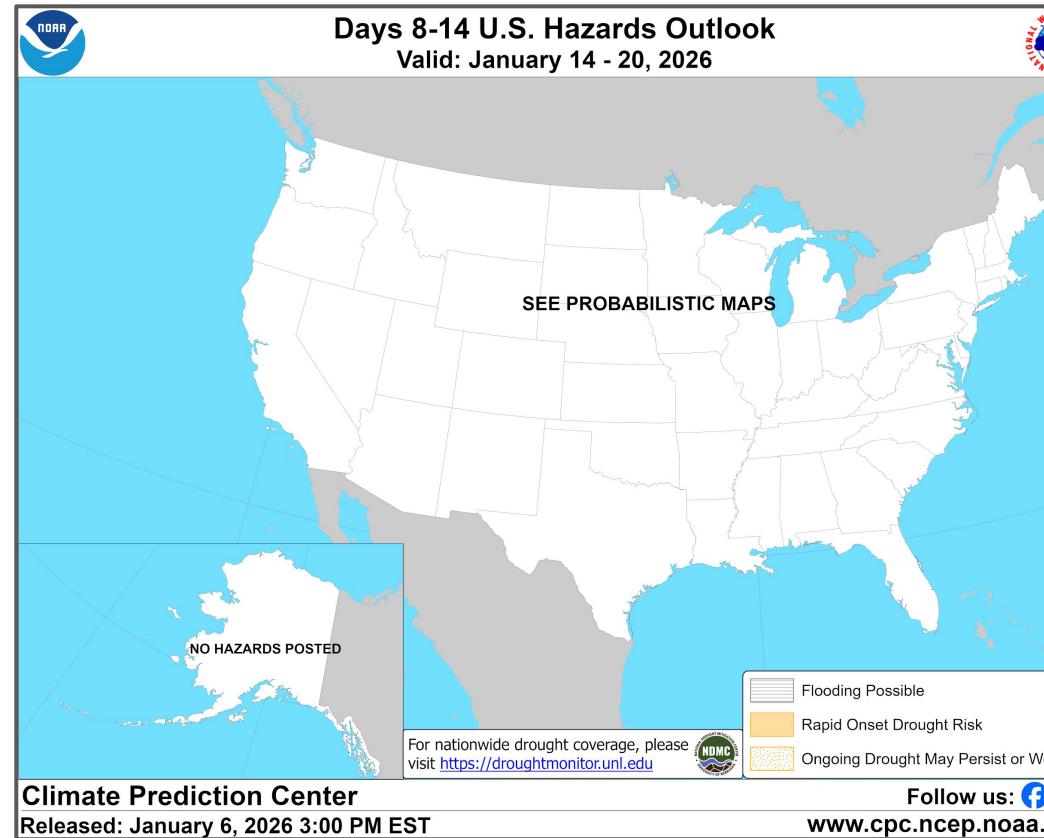


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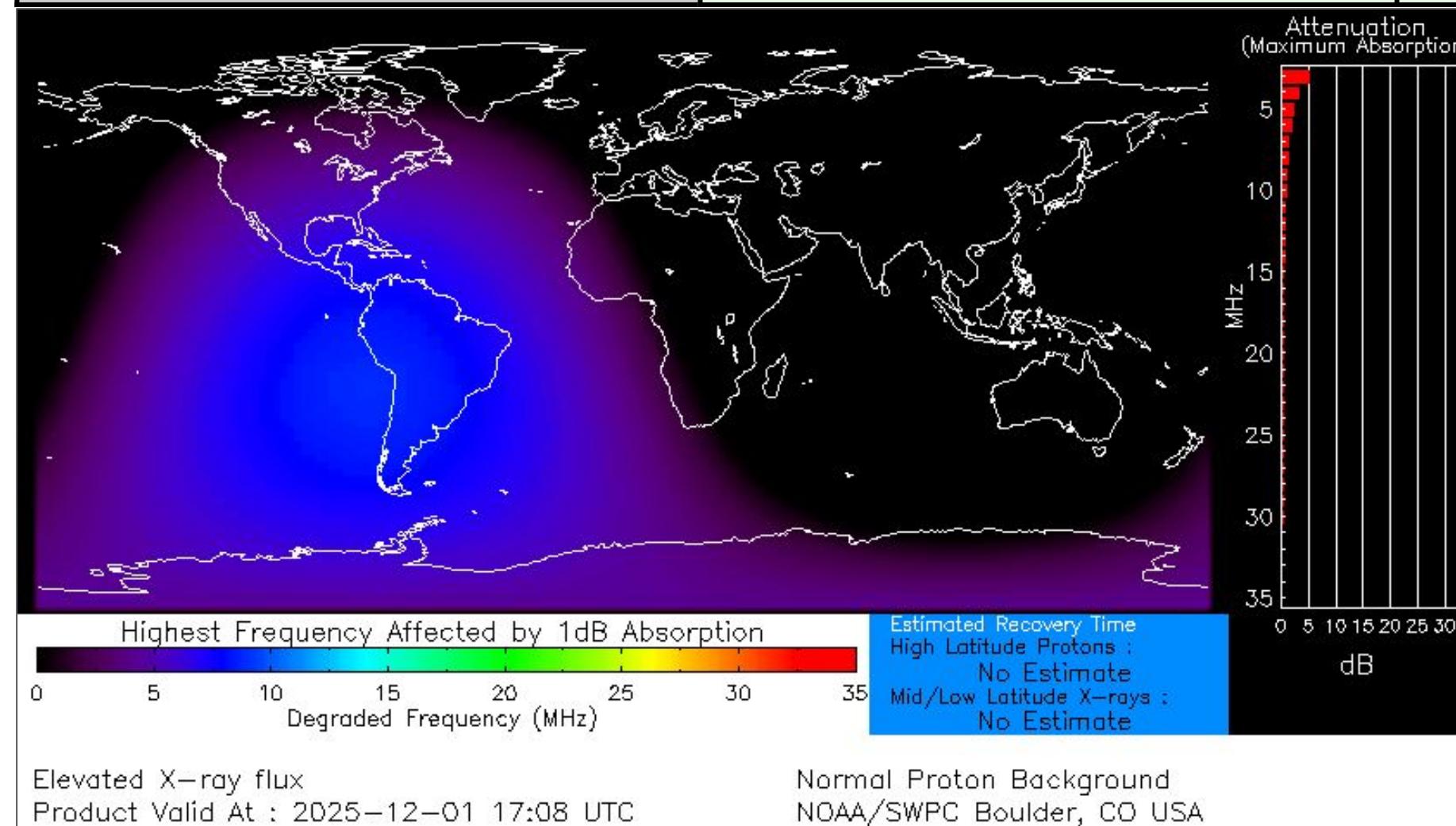
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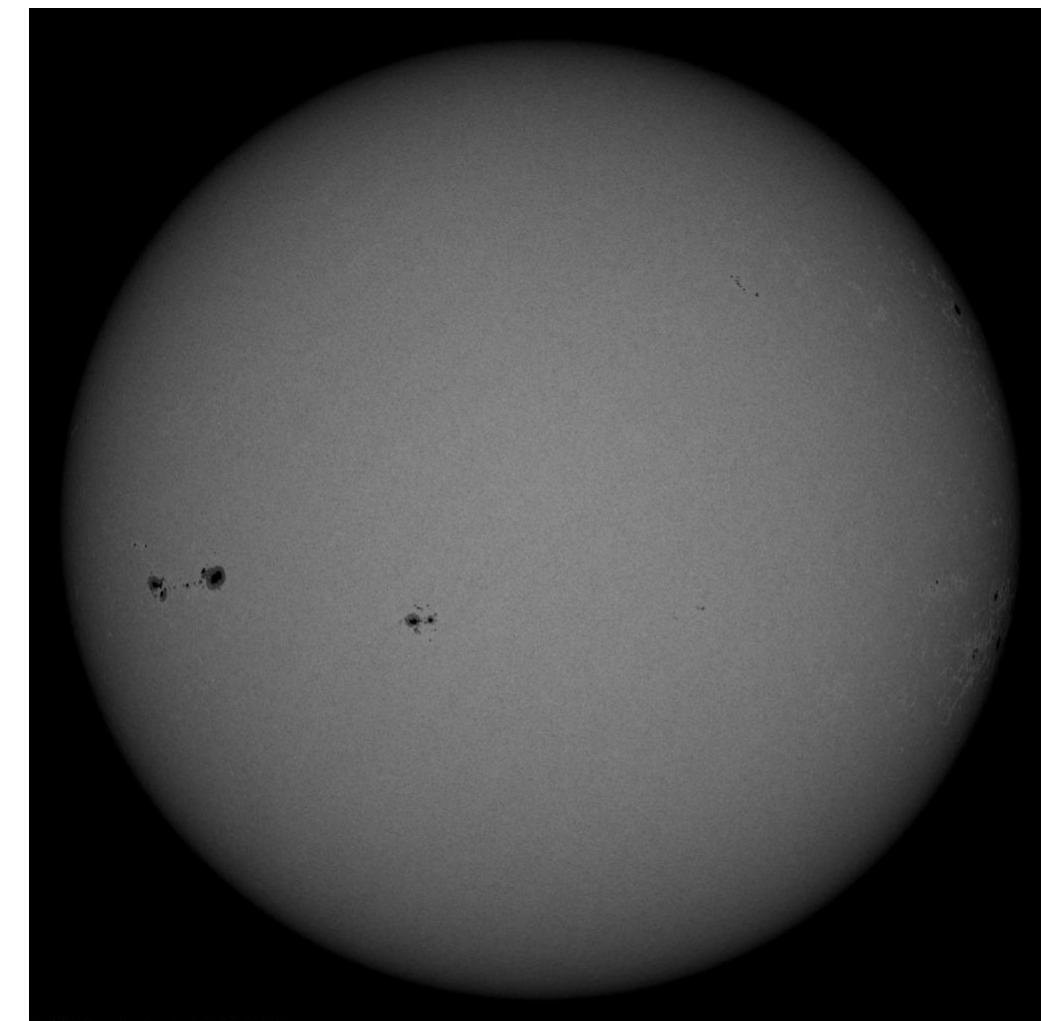
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Jan 7	Thursday, Jan 8	Friday, Jan 9
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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>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

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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