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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in C-NE OK. Main threat is damaging wind, with a tornado or two conceivable through noon CT today in C-NE OK.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in SE AR, LA tomorrow. All hazards may occur, with wind being the primary threat in the afternoon.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in E LA on Saturday morning.

- **Winter Weather:**

- Storm system will bring moderate travel impacts due to snow in the mountain communities of NM continuing through Friday morning. For the mountains in NM, areas may see 6-12" of snow, with locally higher amounts up to 2 feet above 8,000 feet through Friday morning.
- 3-6" of snow in the TX/OK Panhandles on late tonight through Friday may bring minor travel impacts.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for SW/CTX tomorrow, and S TX Saturday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) tomorrow in E LA. Heaviest rainfall likely late morning-late evening.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Jan 8	Friday, Jan 9	Saturday, Jan 10	Sunday, Jan 11	Monday, Jan 12	Tuesday, Jan 13	Wednesday, Jan 14
Severe Storms	C-NE OK	SE AR, LA	SE LA (A.M.)				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N OK, E LA	E LA					
Winter Weather	NM	N-NE NM (A.M)					
		TX/OK Panhandles					
Fire Weather		SW/CTX	C-STX				
River Flooding							

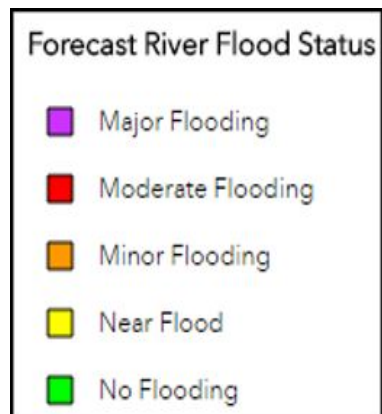
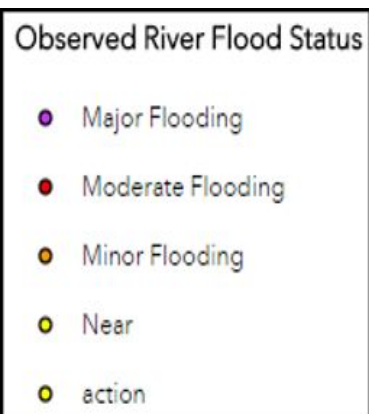
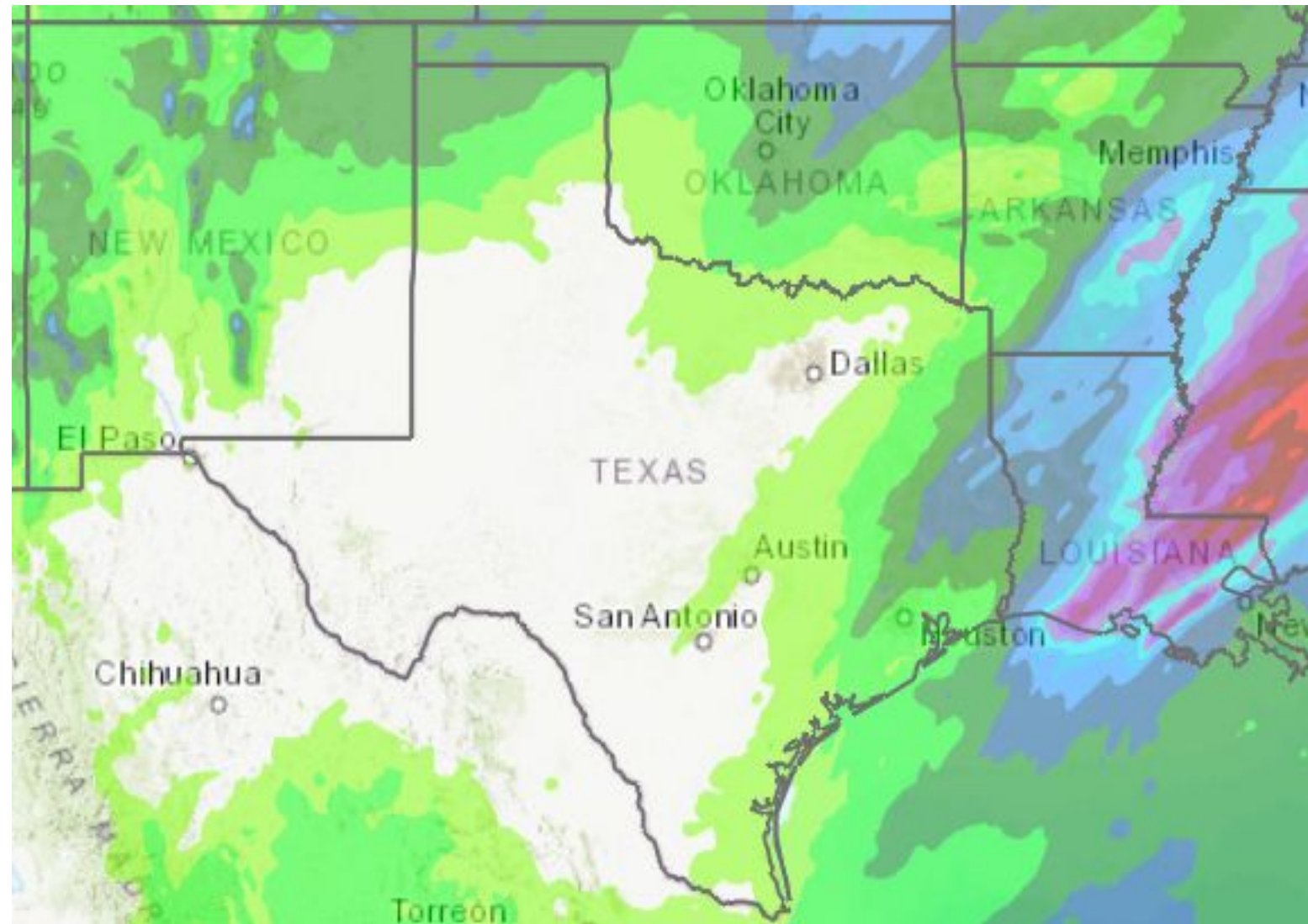
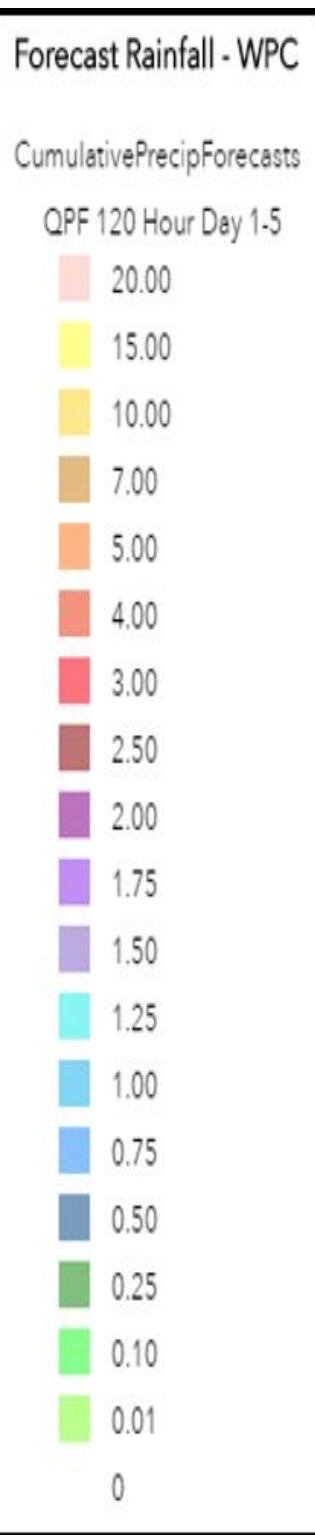
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

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

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



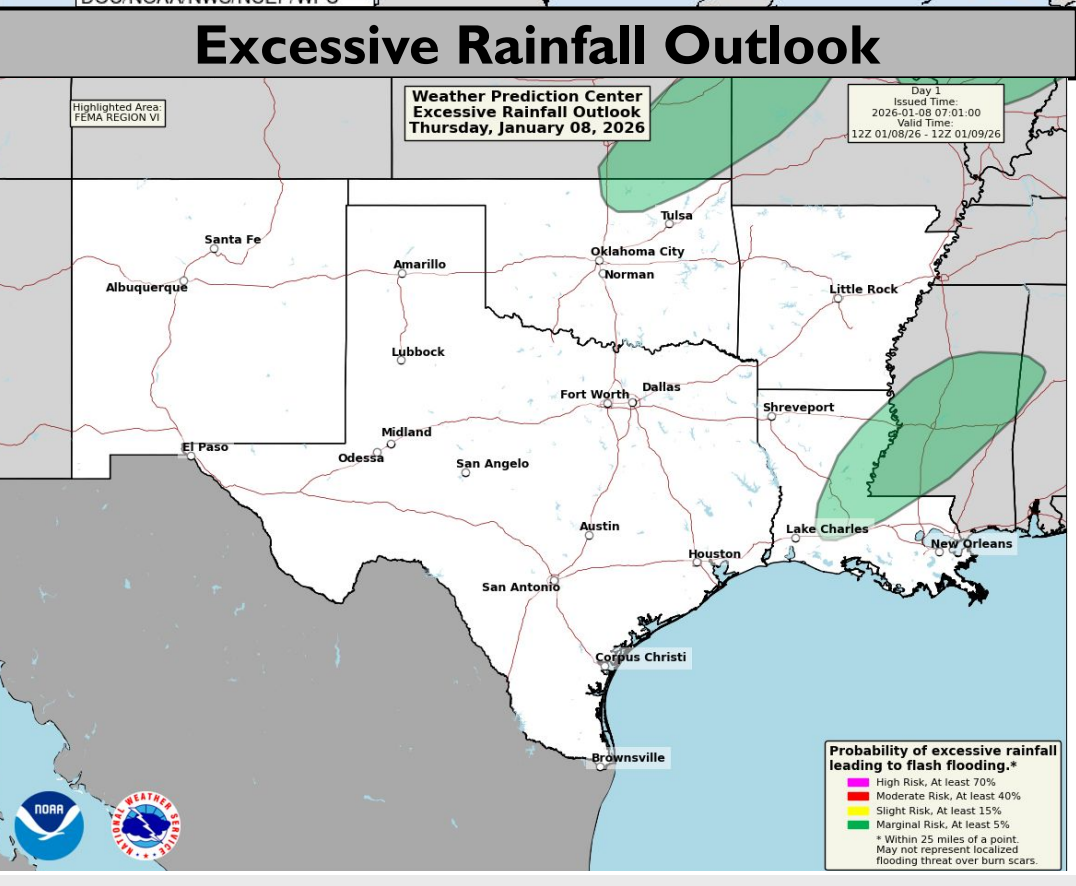
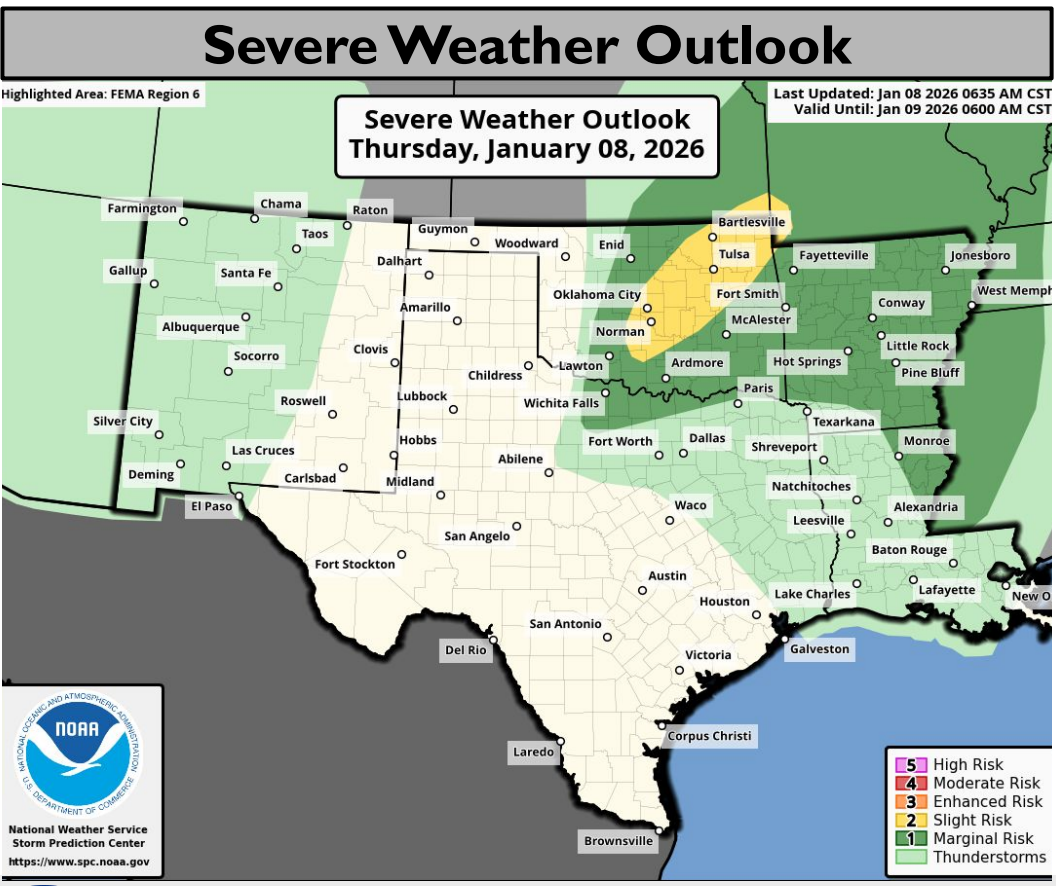
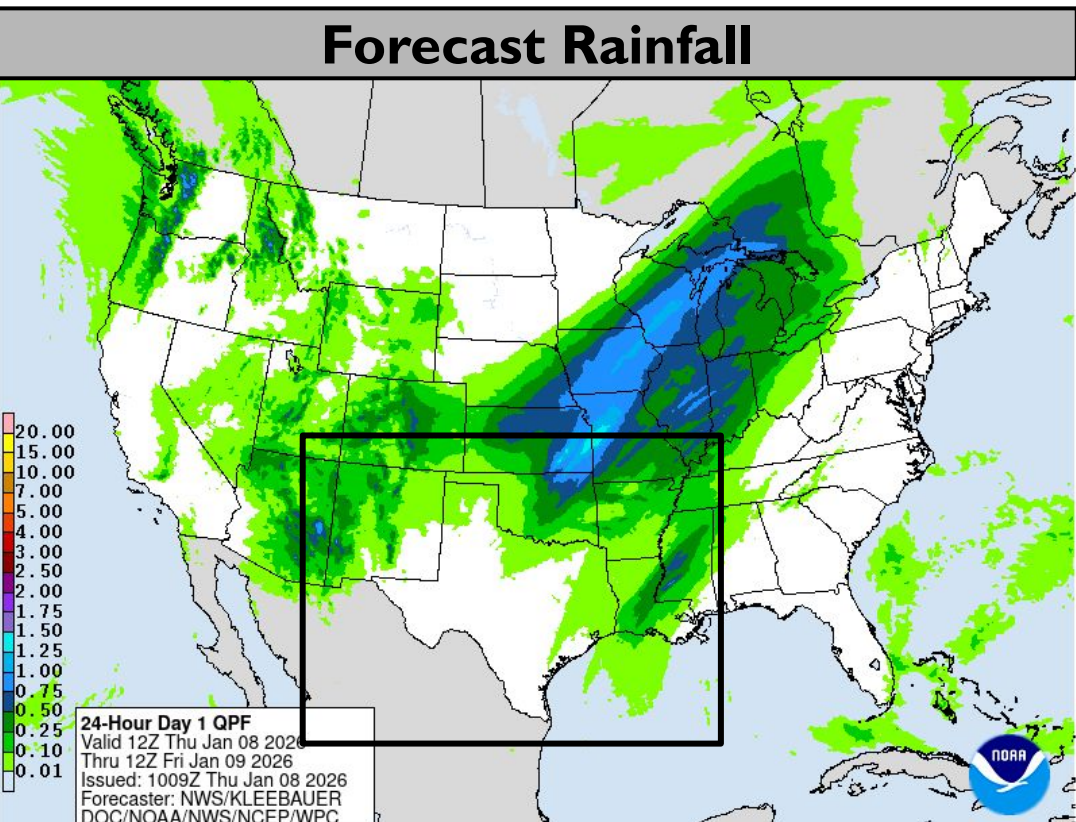
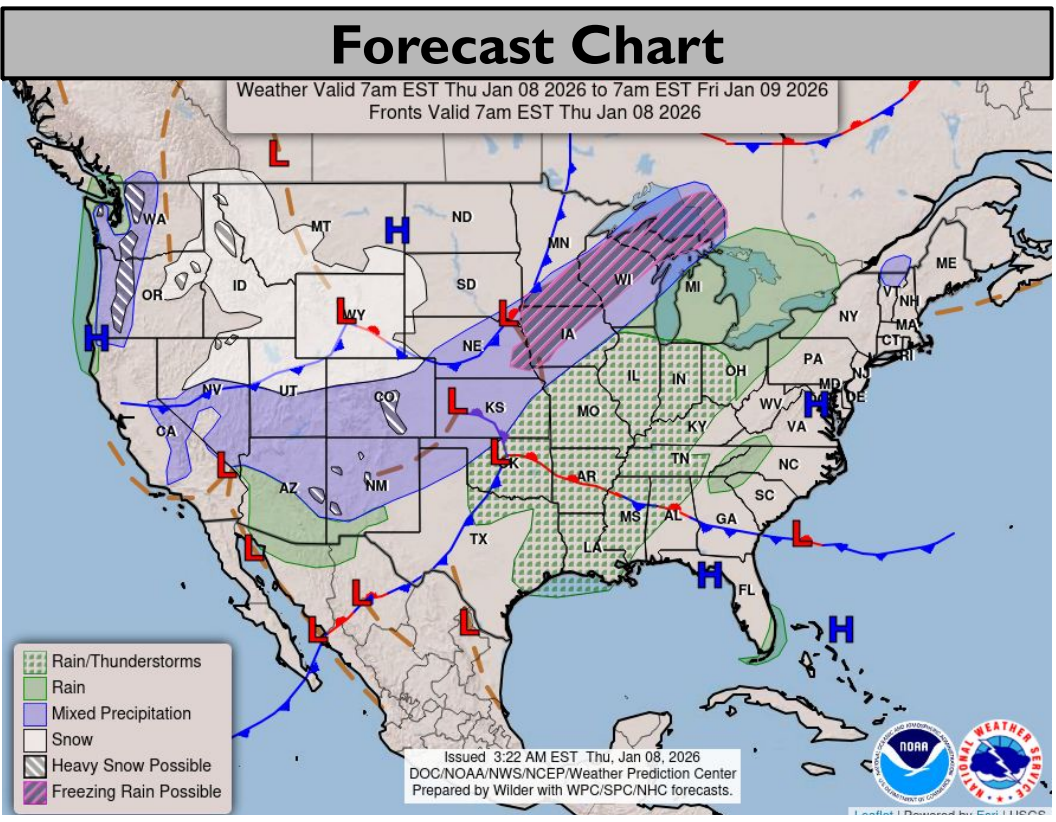
No significant river flooding is expected.

Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.





Today's Weather



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

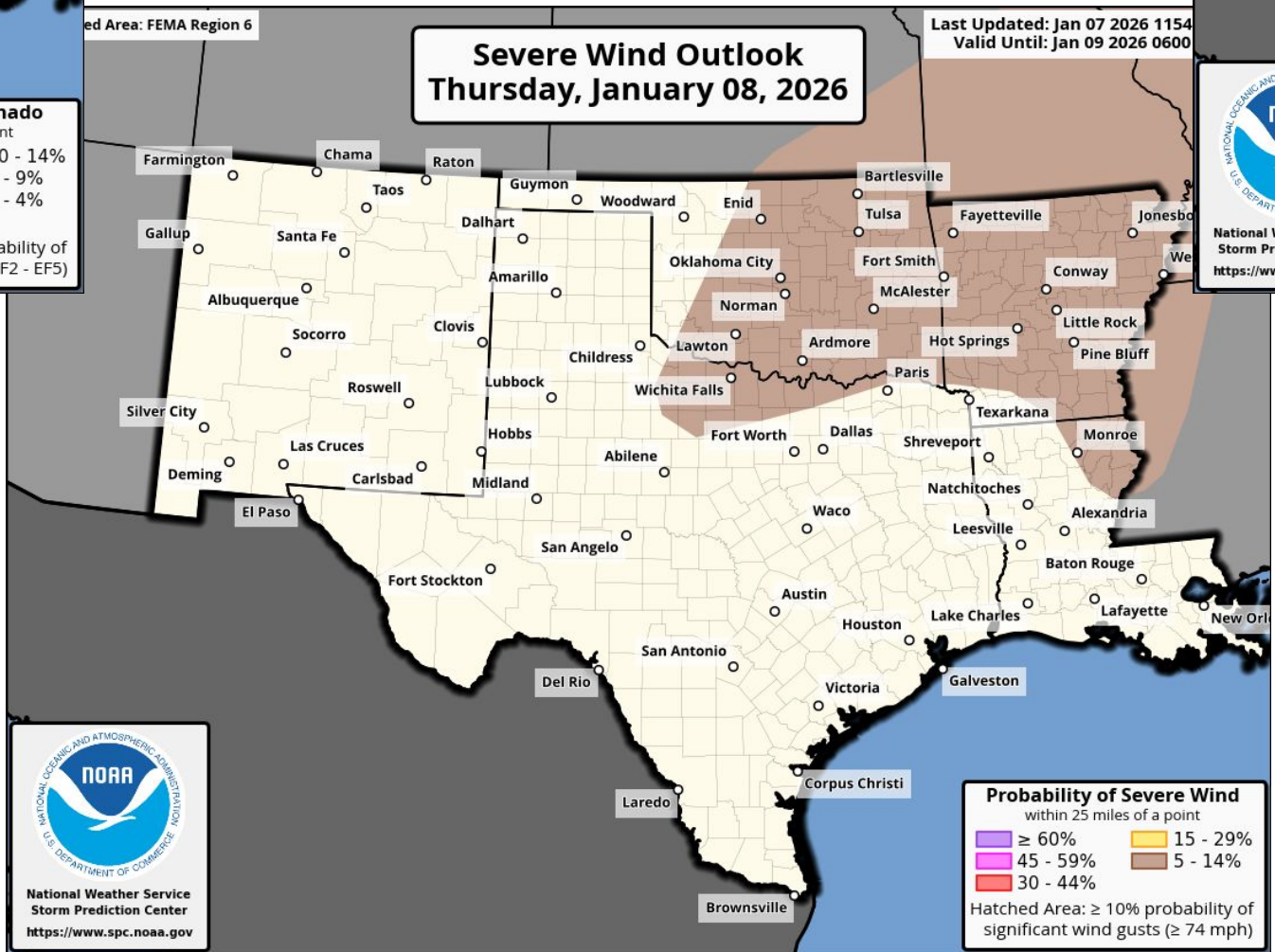
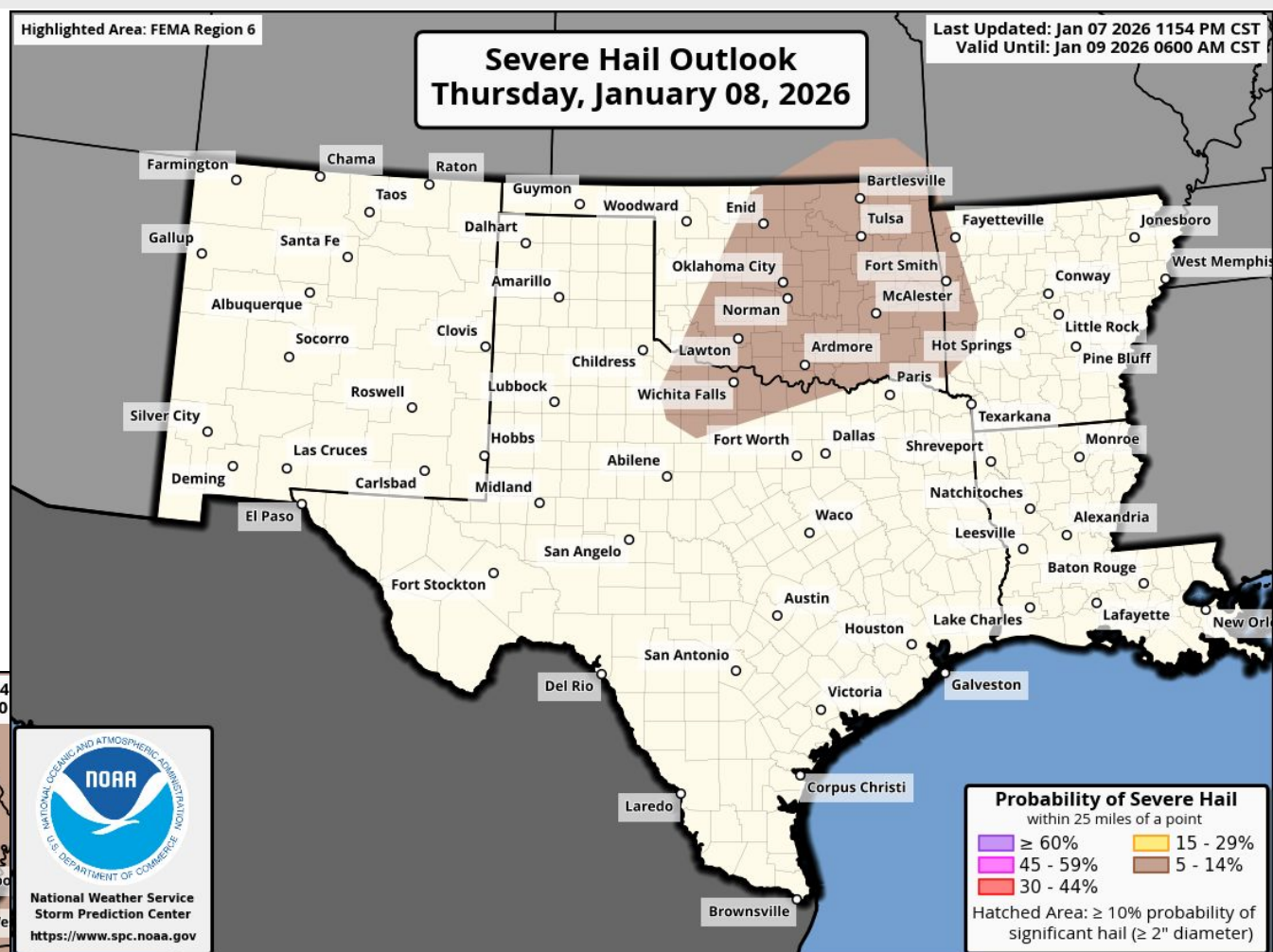
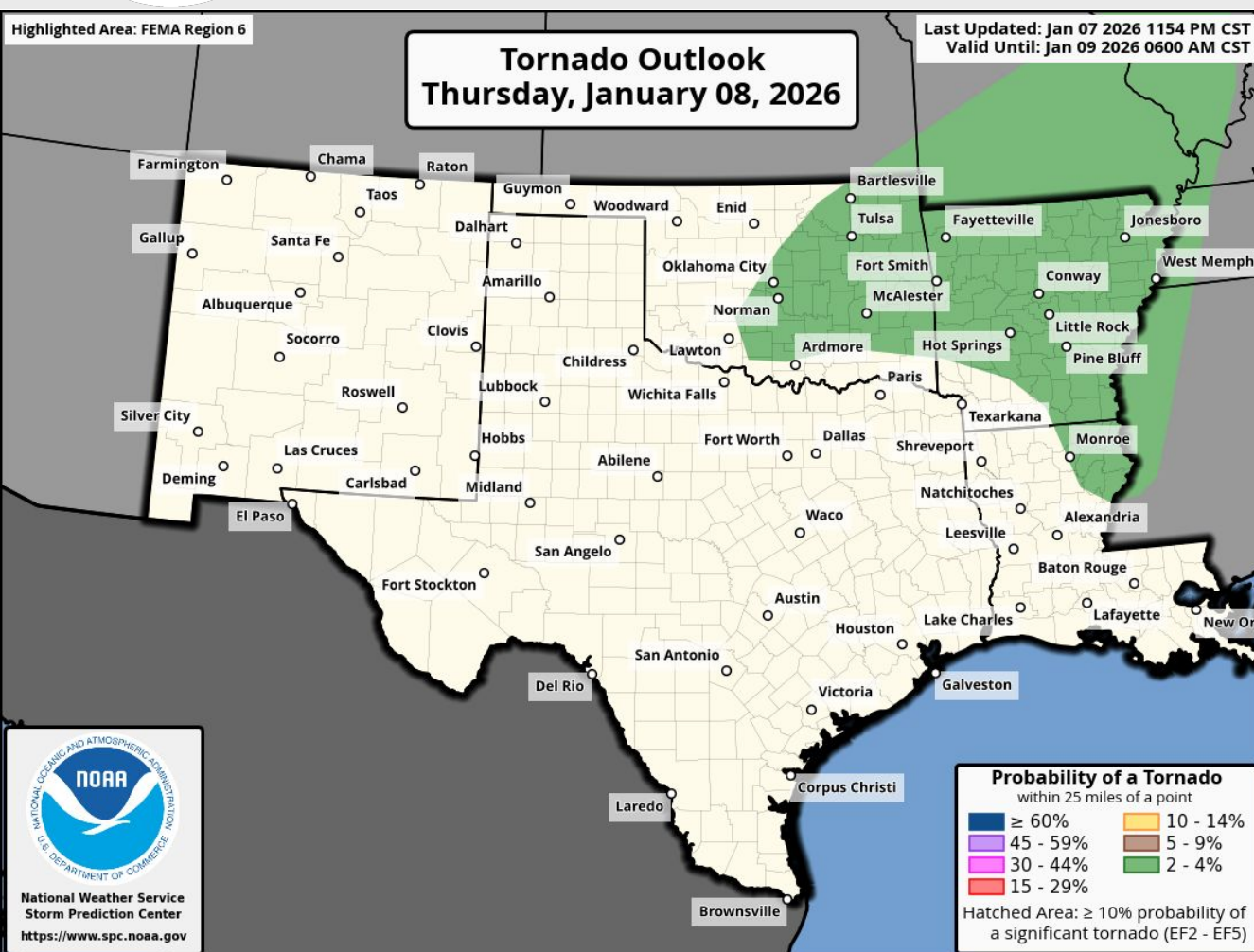
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK. Wind is the primary threat, but a tornado or two cannot be ruled out through noon CT today in C-NE OK.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in N OK, E LA.

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

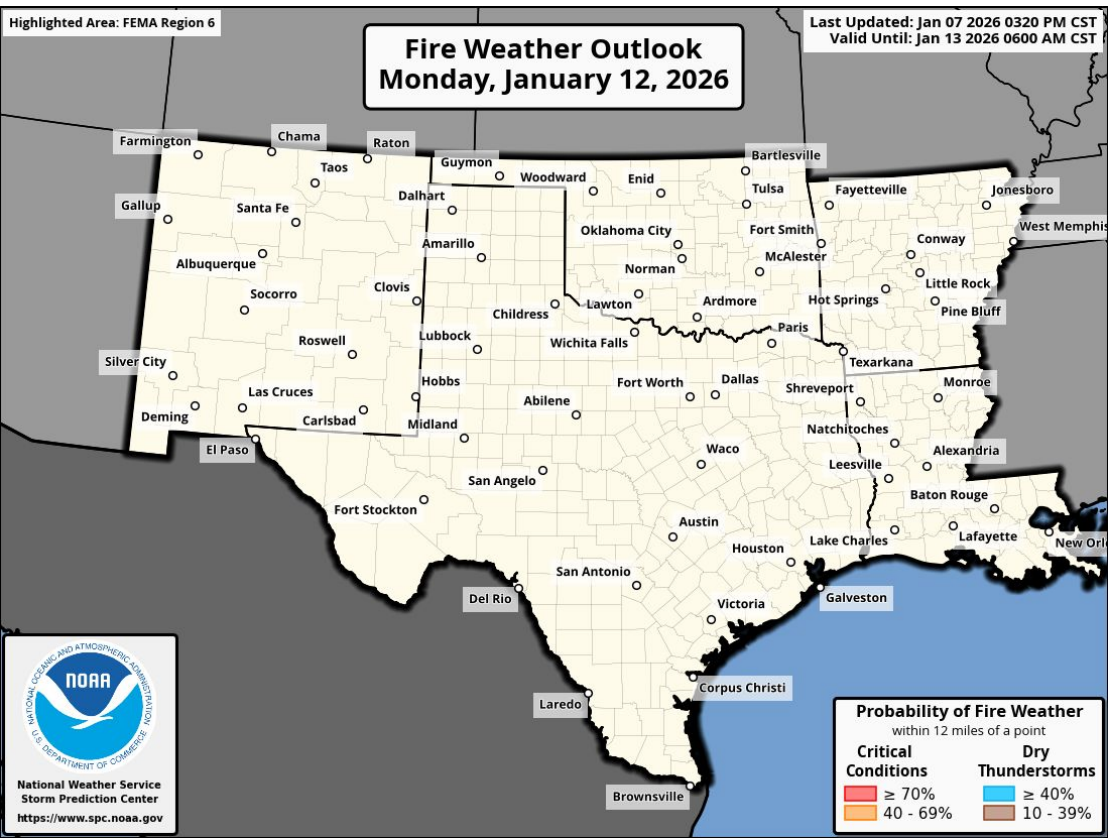
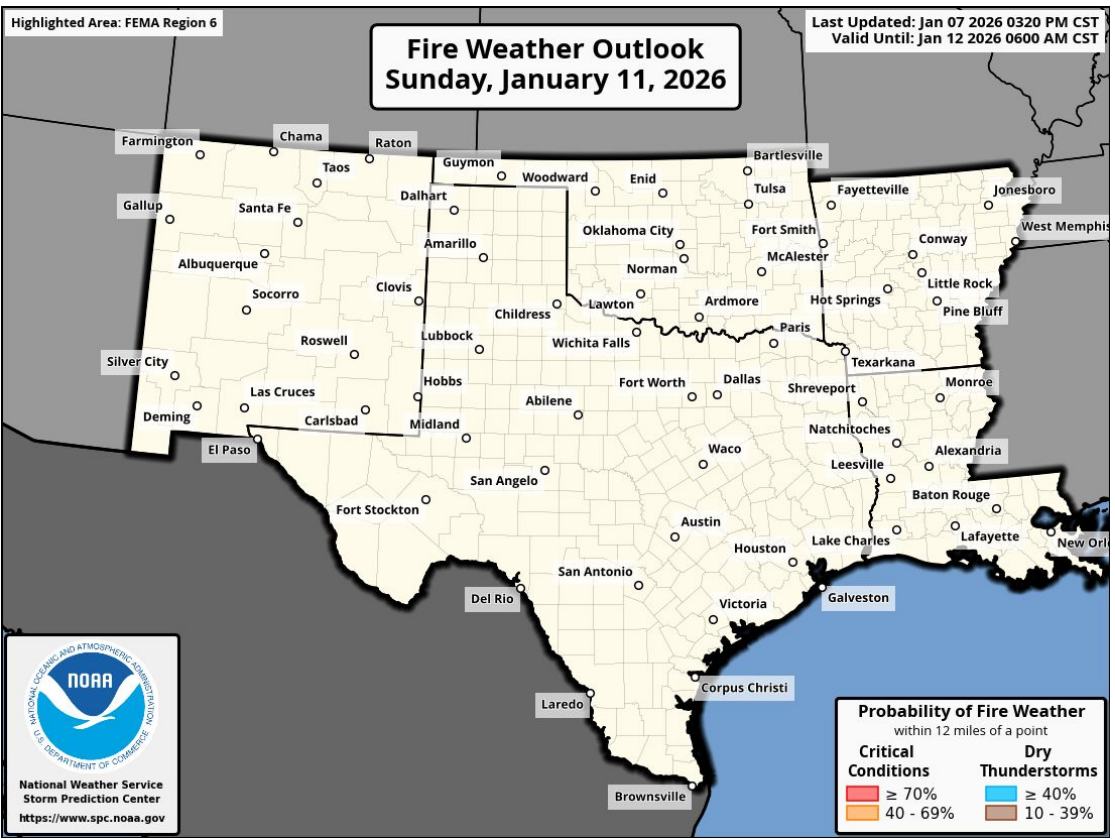
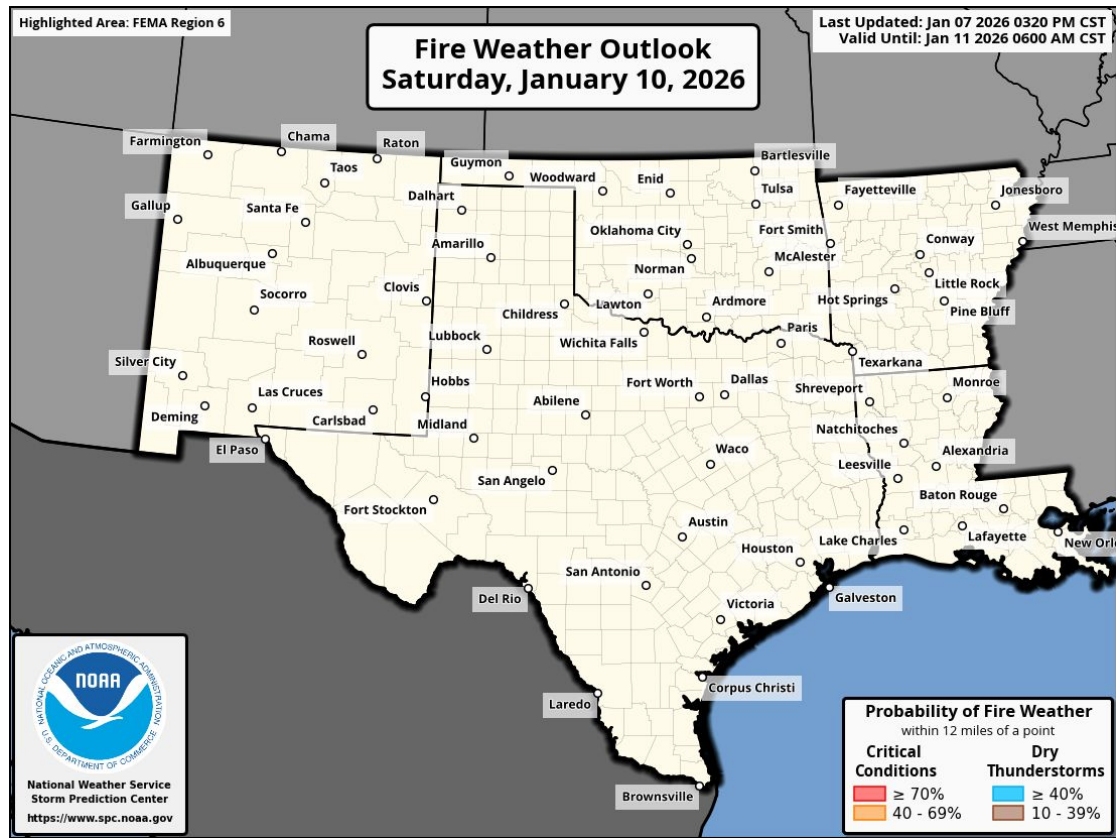
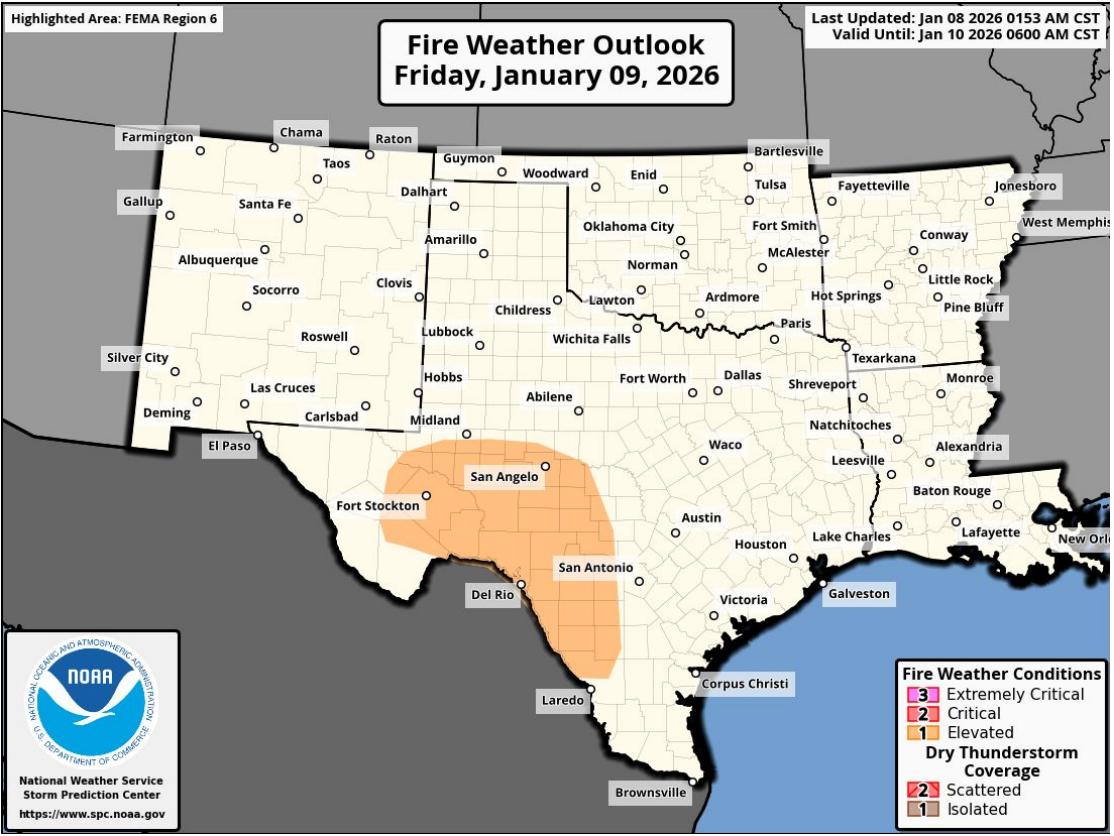
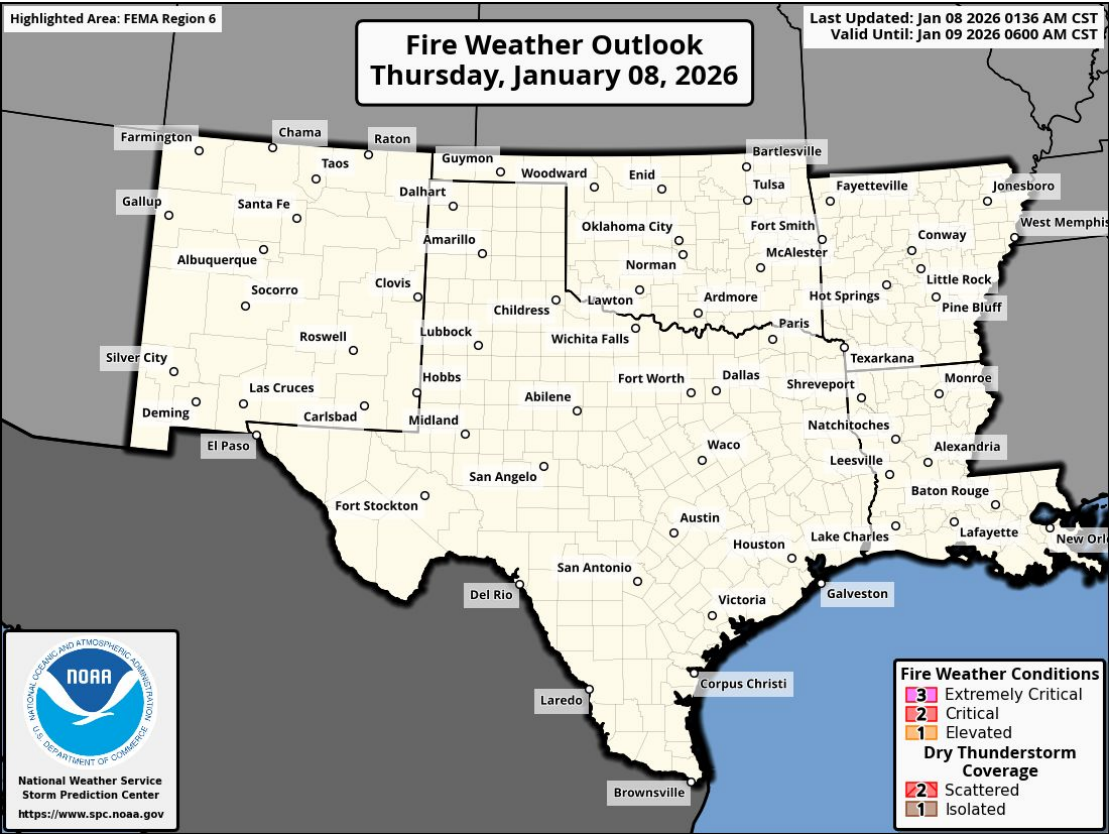
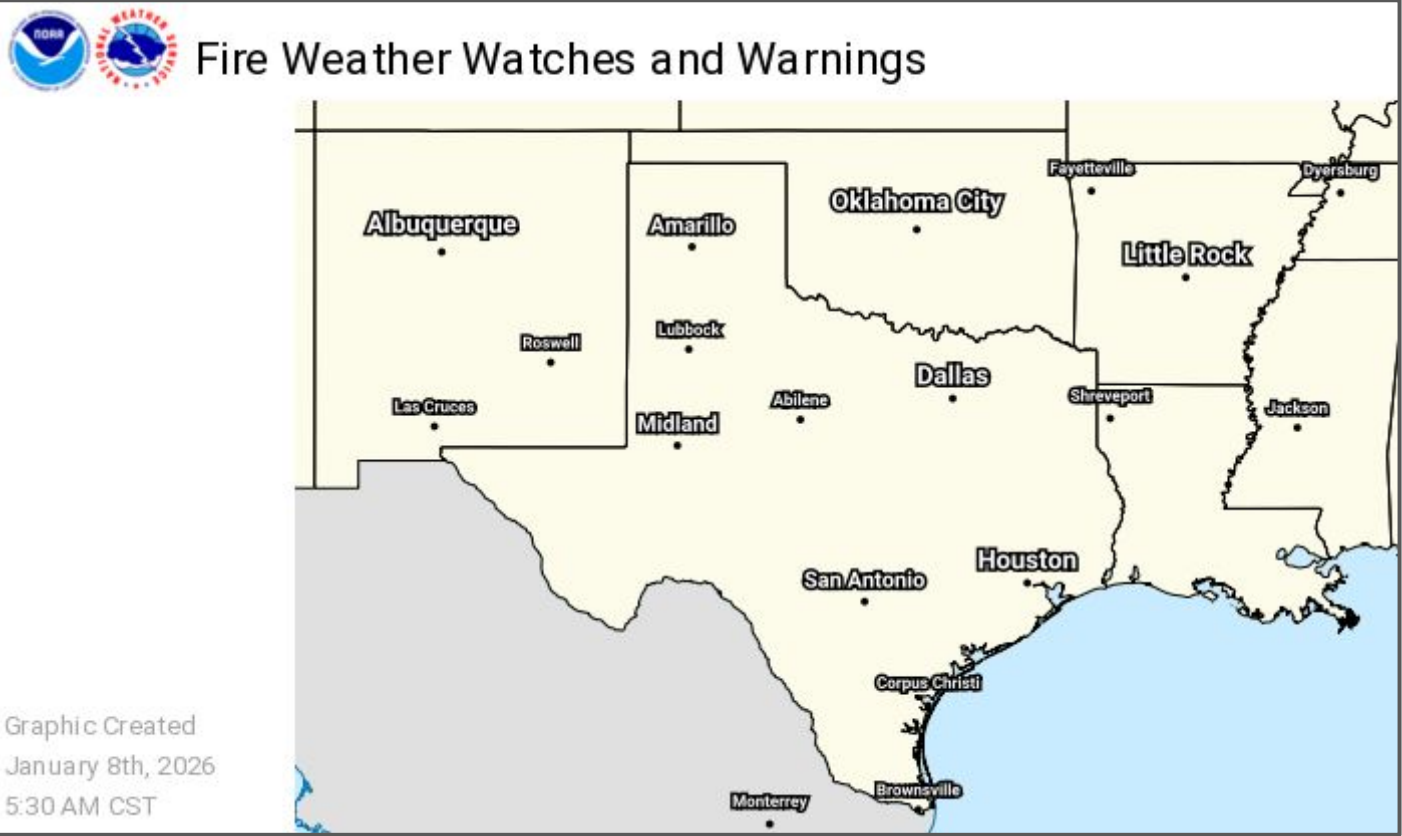


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





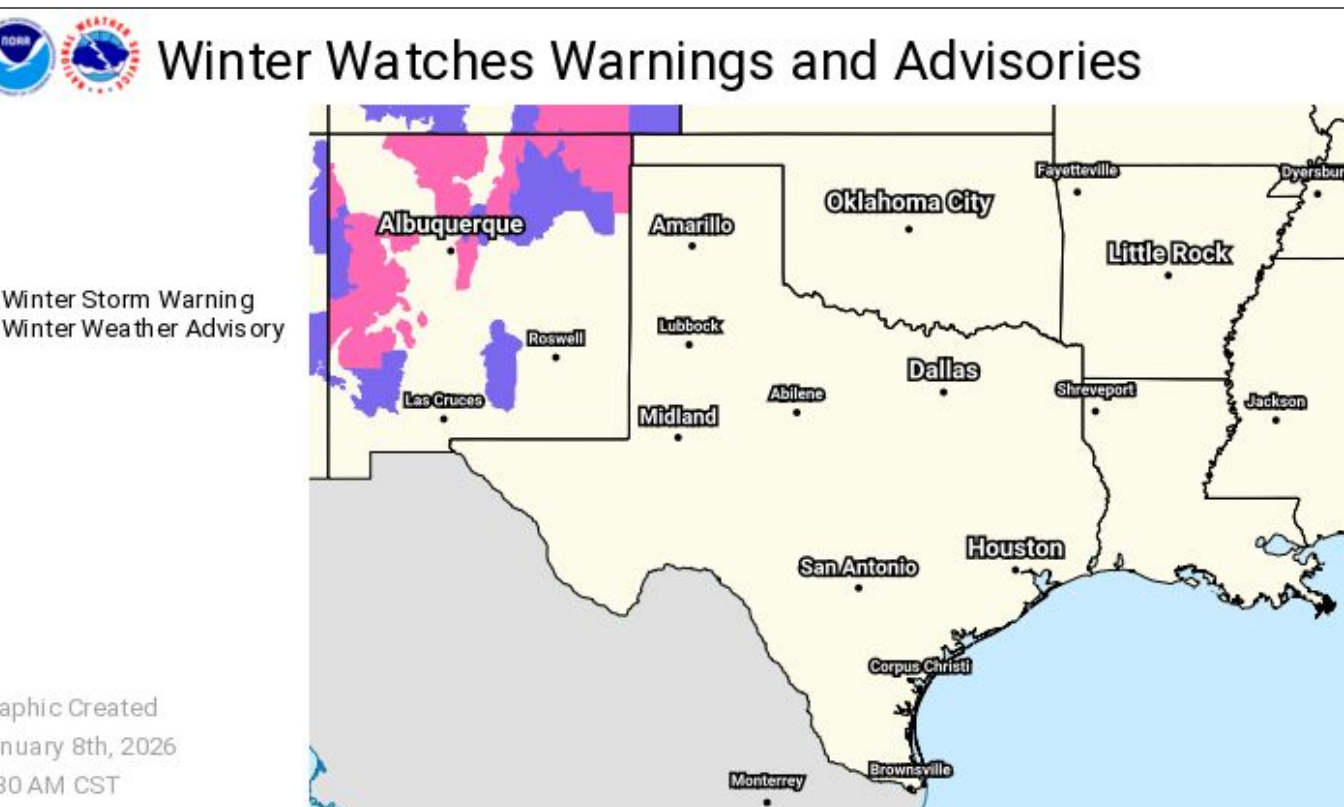
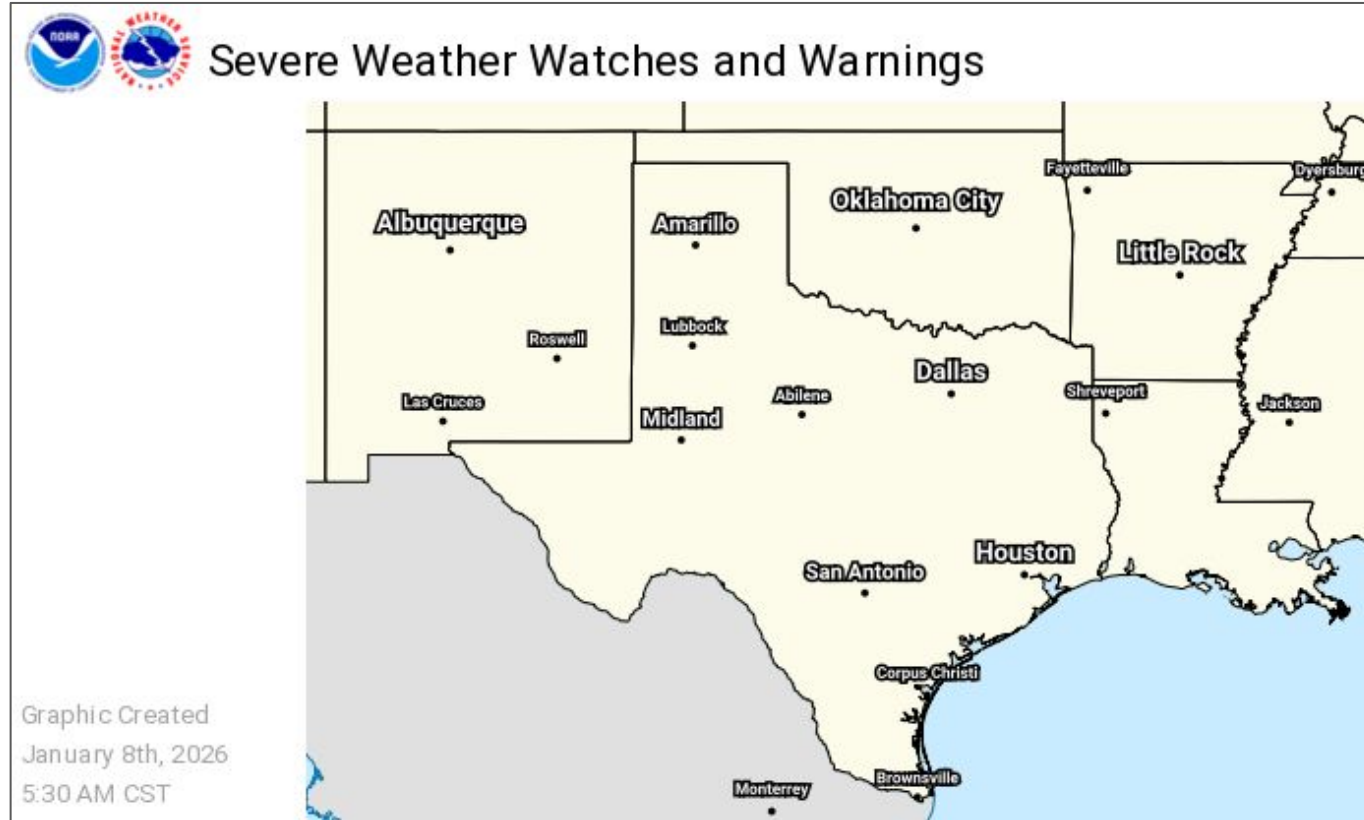
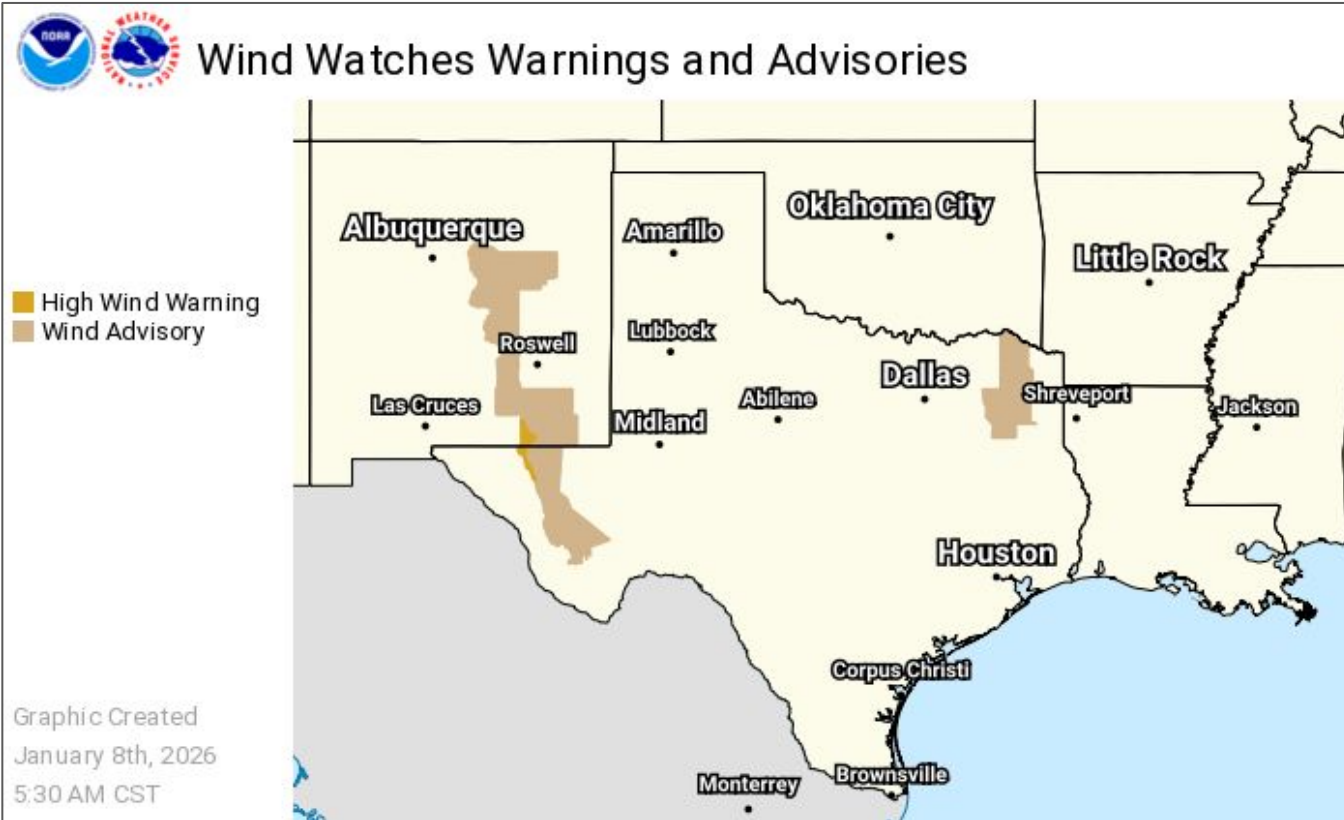
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



Winter Storm Warning for West Mountain in NM remains in effect through 6 AM CT tomorrow. 6-12" of snow through the period, with localized 2 feet above 8,000 feet. Snow levels drop to under 6,000 feet this evening.

Winter Storm Warning for Northern Mountain in NM remains in effect through Noon CT tomorrow. 6-12" of snow through the period, with localized 2 feet above 8,000 feet. Snow levels drop to under 6,000 feet this evening.

Winter Storm Warning in NE NM (Raton Pass) from 3 AM CT Friday through 9 AM CT Friday. 4-6" of snow, along with wind gusts up to 40 mph, may lead to difficult travel in blowing snow.

Winter Weather Advisories continue through noon CT tomorrow across NM. Snowfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches below 8,000 feet with higher amounts of 6 to 12 inches above 8,000 feet. Sante Fe Metro area may see 1-3" of snow through Noon CT tomorrow.

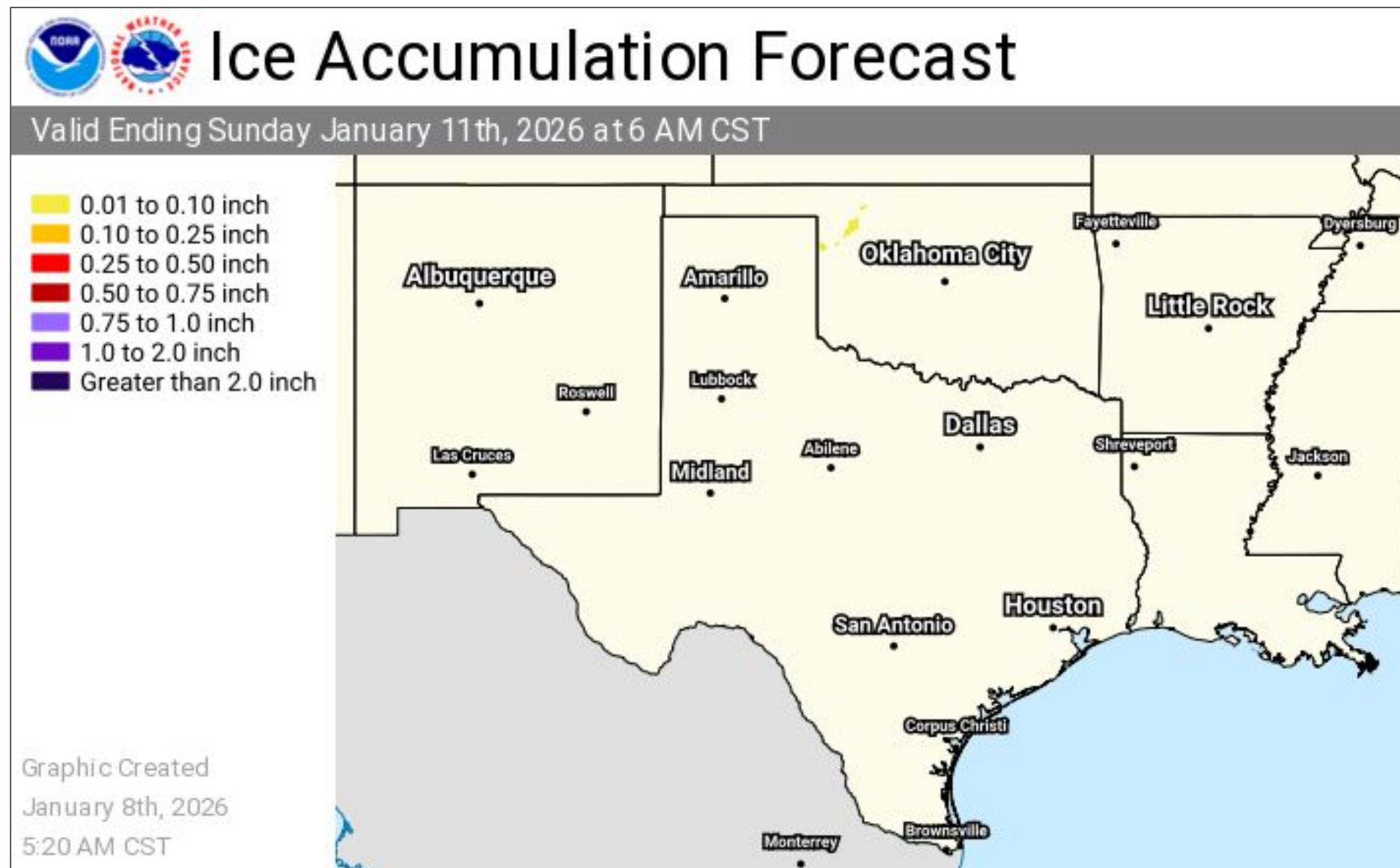
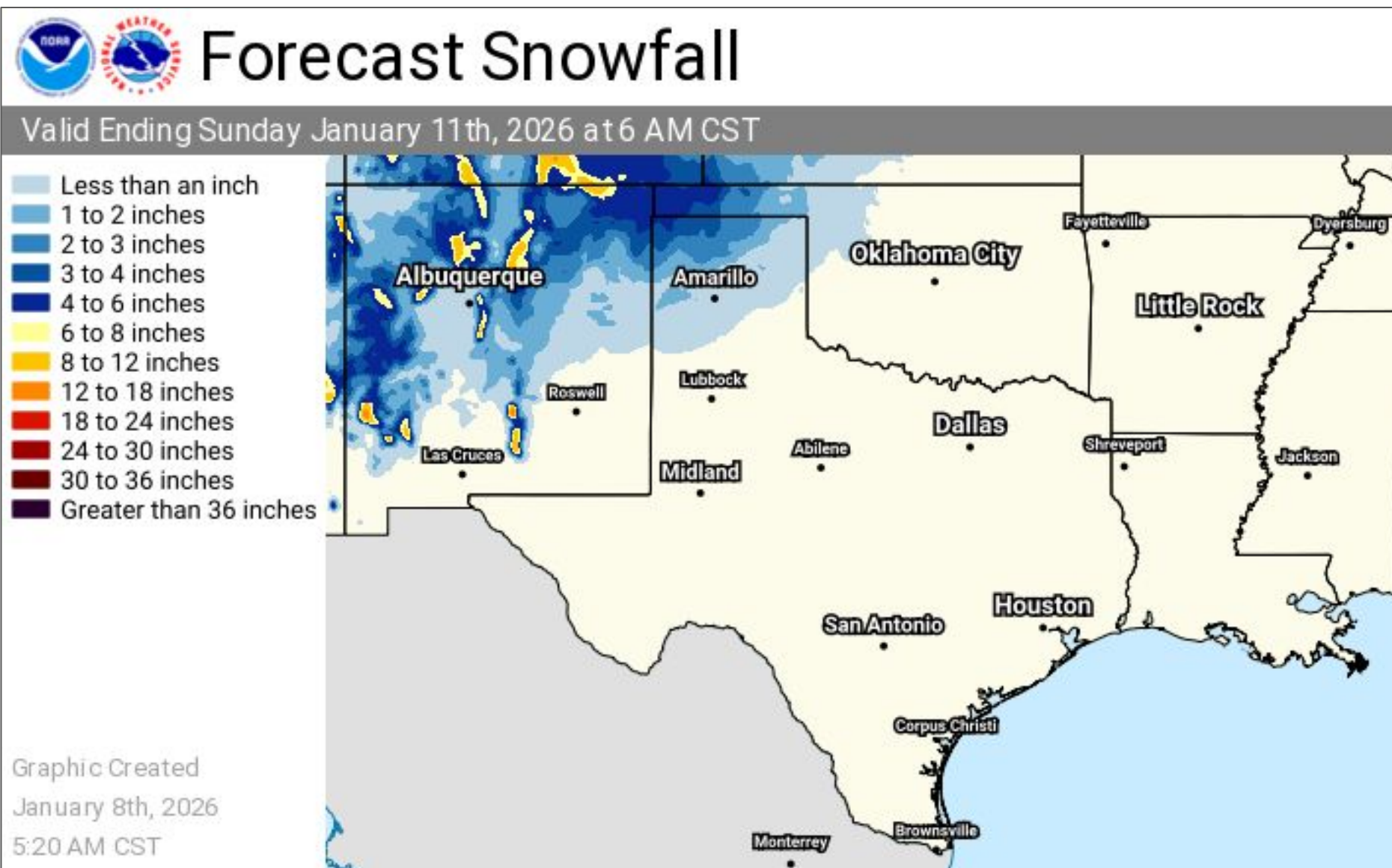
High Wind Warning for SE NM, Far W TX (Guadalupe Mountains) through 9 PM CT this evening. Gusts up to 70 mph.





Winter Weather

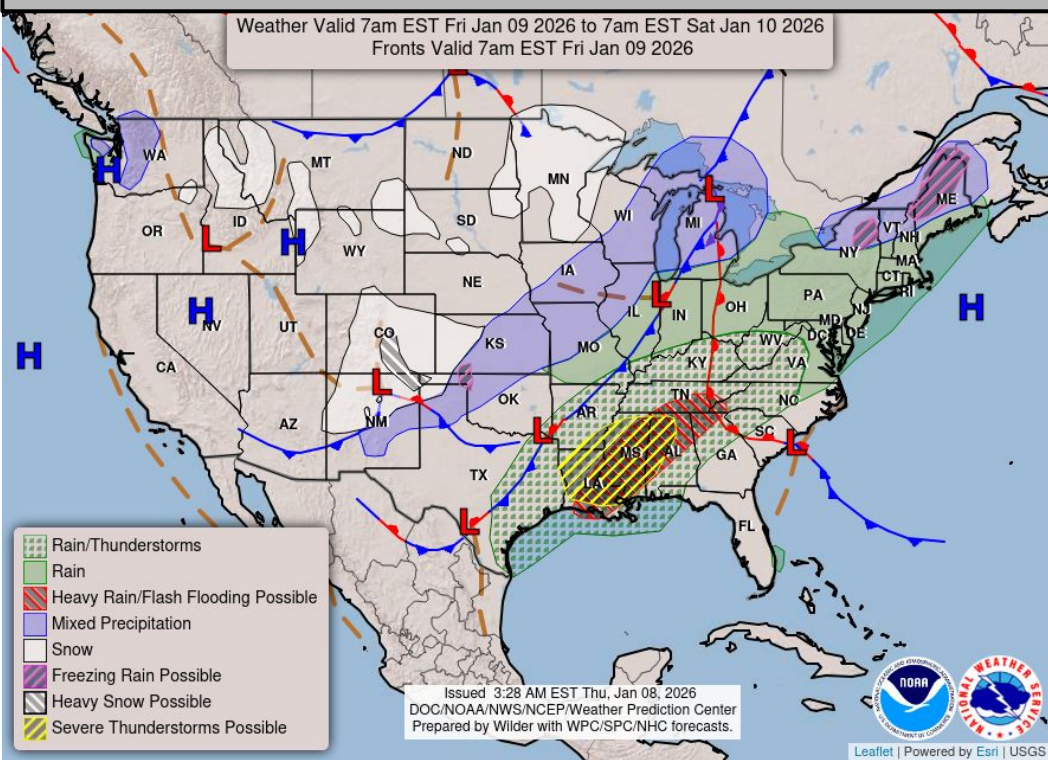
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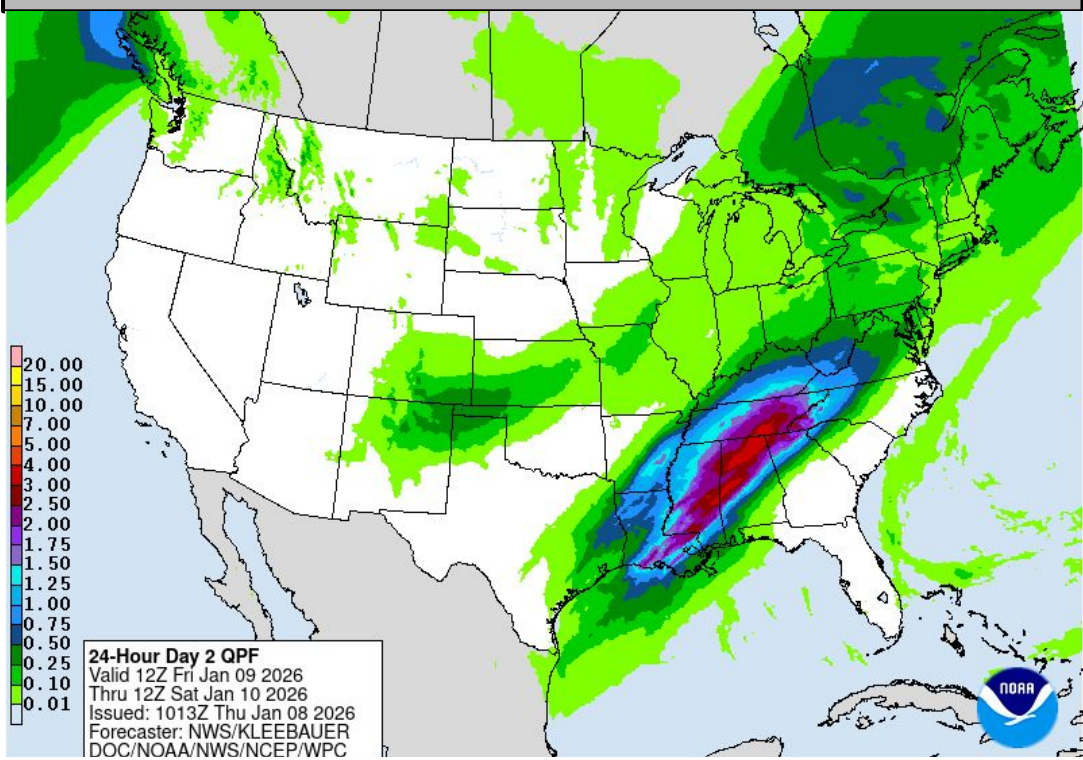


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



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

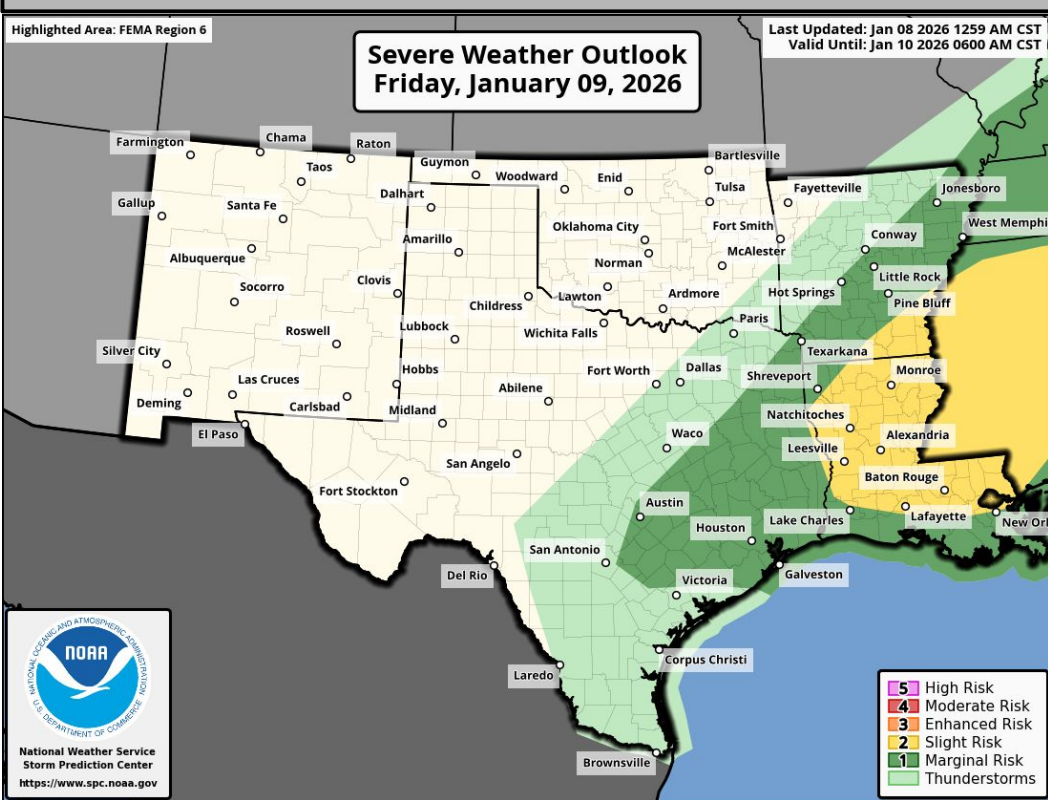
Minor travel impacts due to snow TX/OK Panhandles. 3-6" of snow may fall through the evening. Highest confidence for snow is in the NW Panhandles of OK/TX.

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

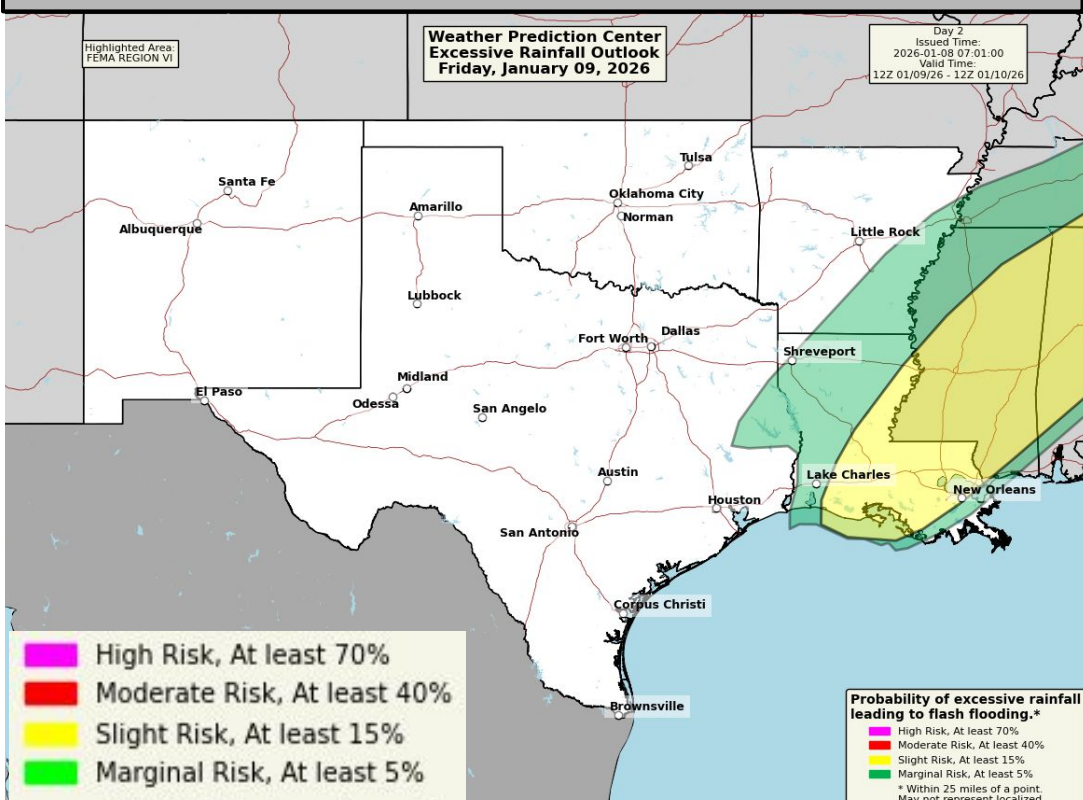
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in E LA. 2-3" of rain, with localized amounts up to 6" may lead to flash flooding in poor drainage areas from late morning-late evening.

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

Severe Weather Outlook

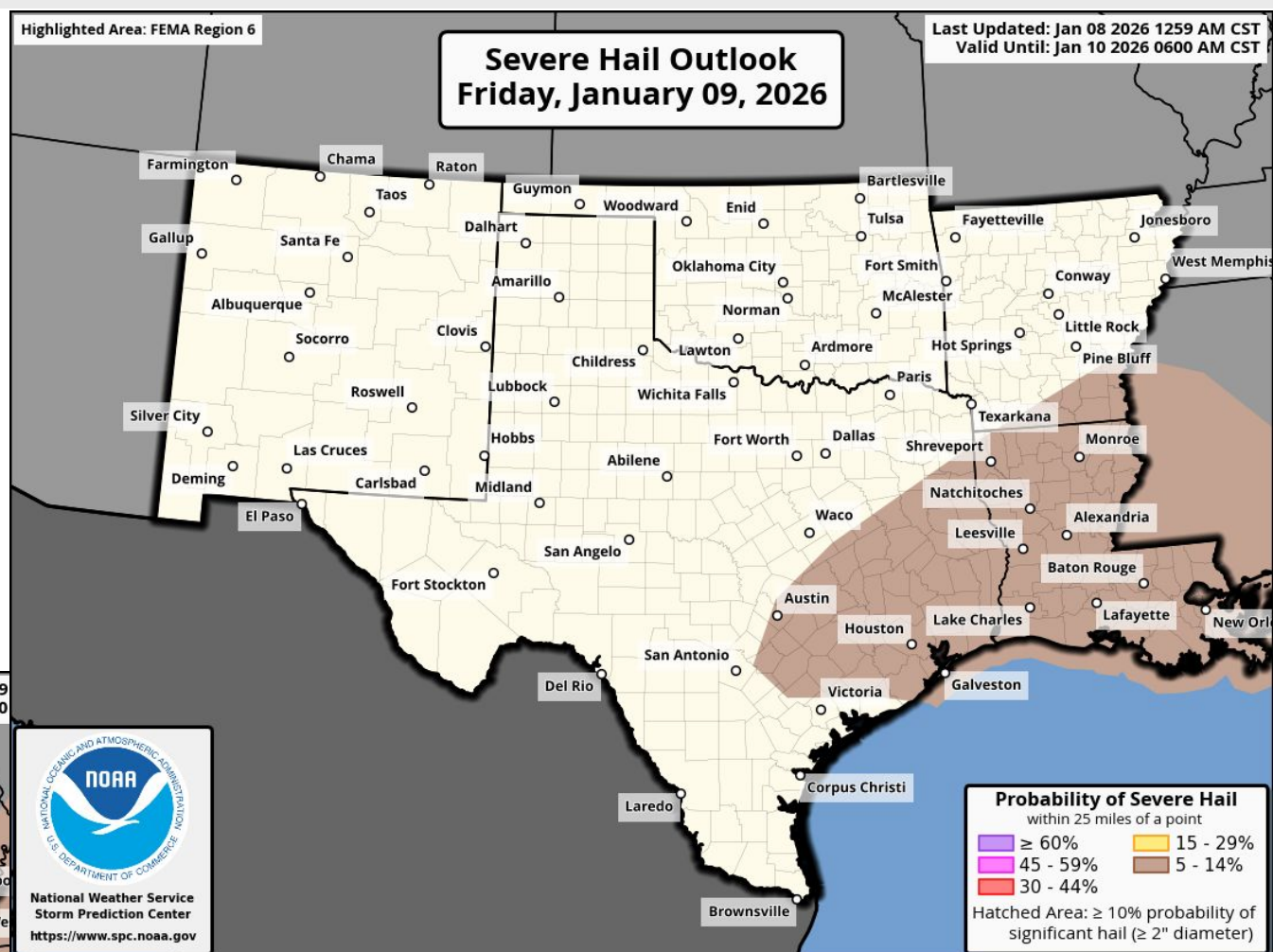
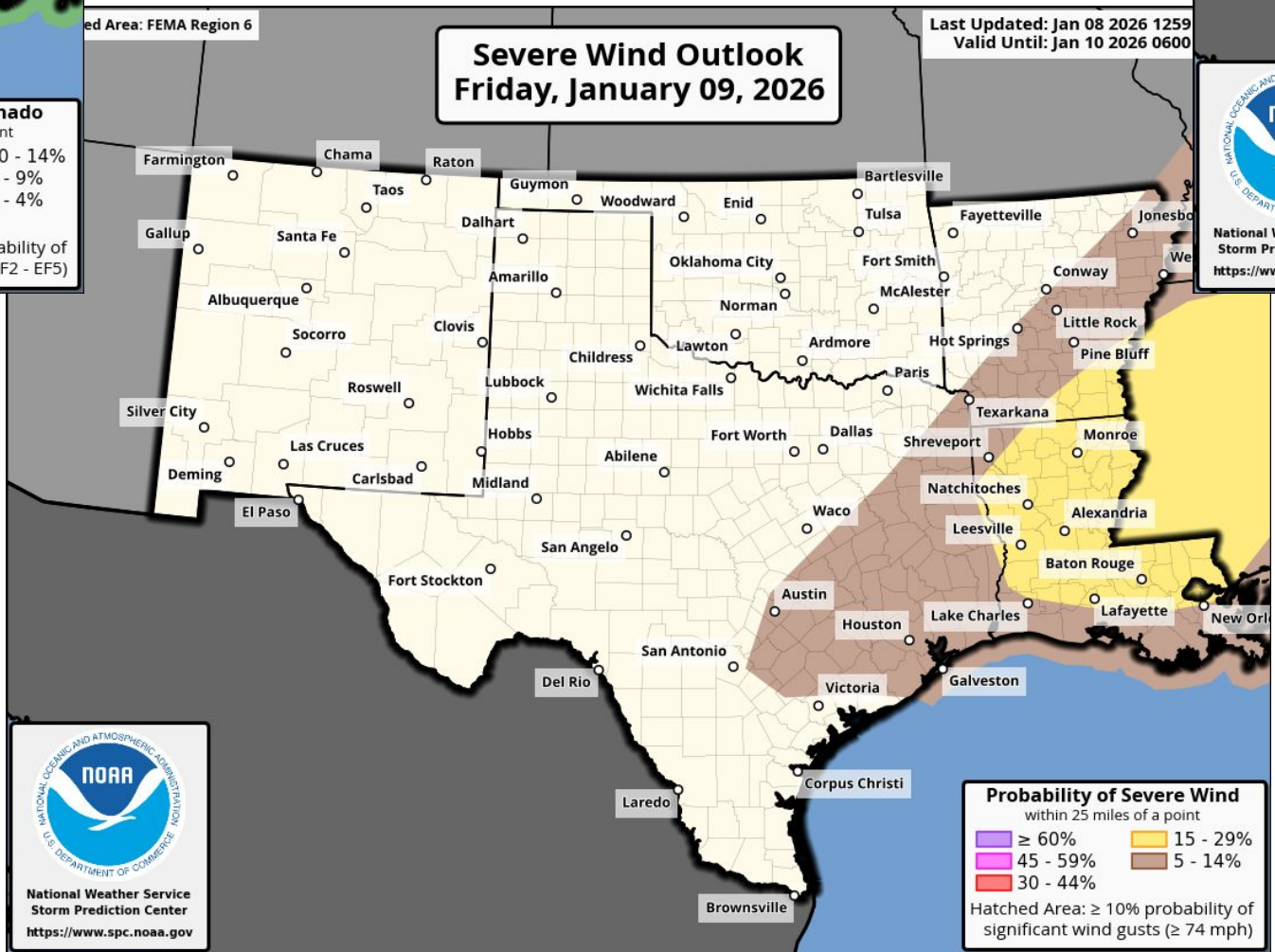
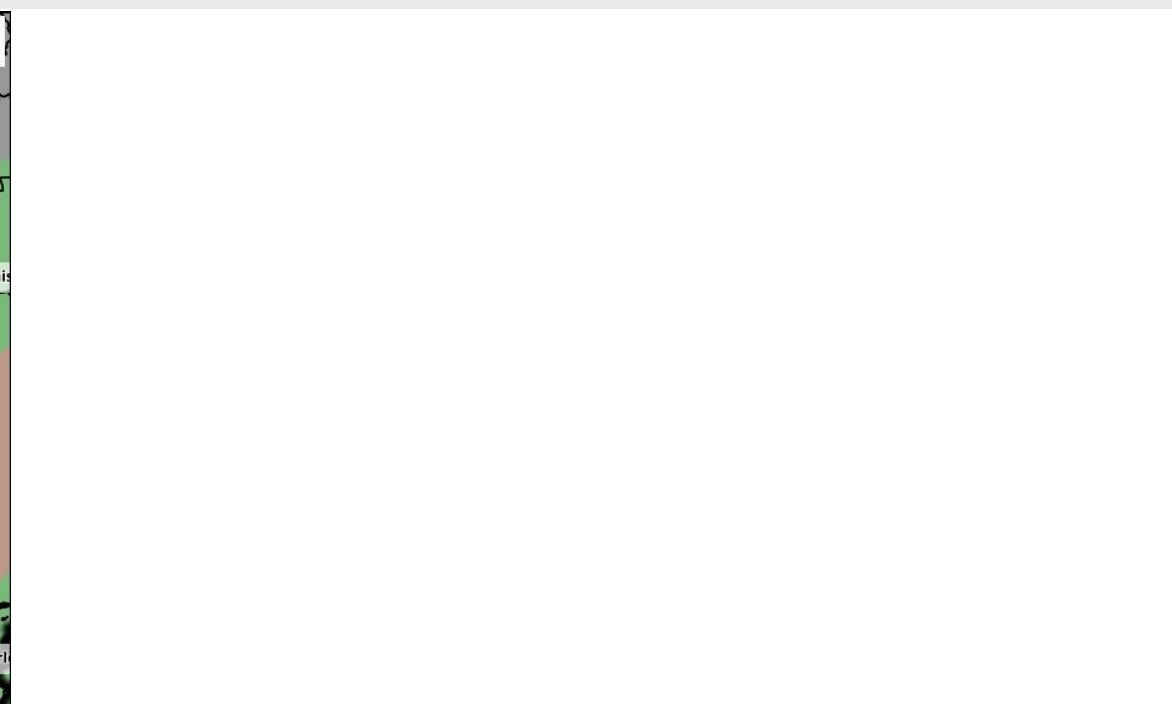
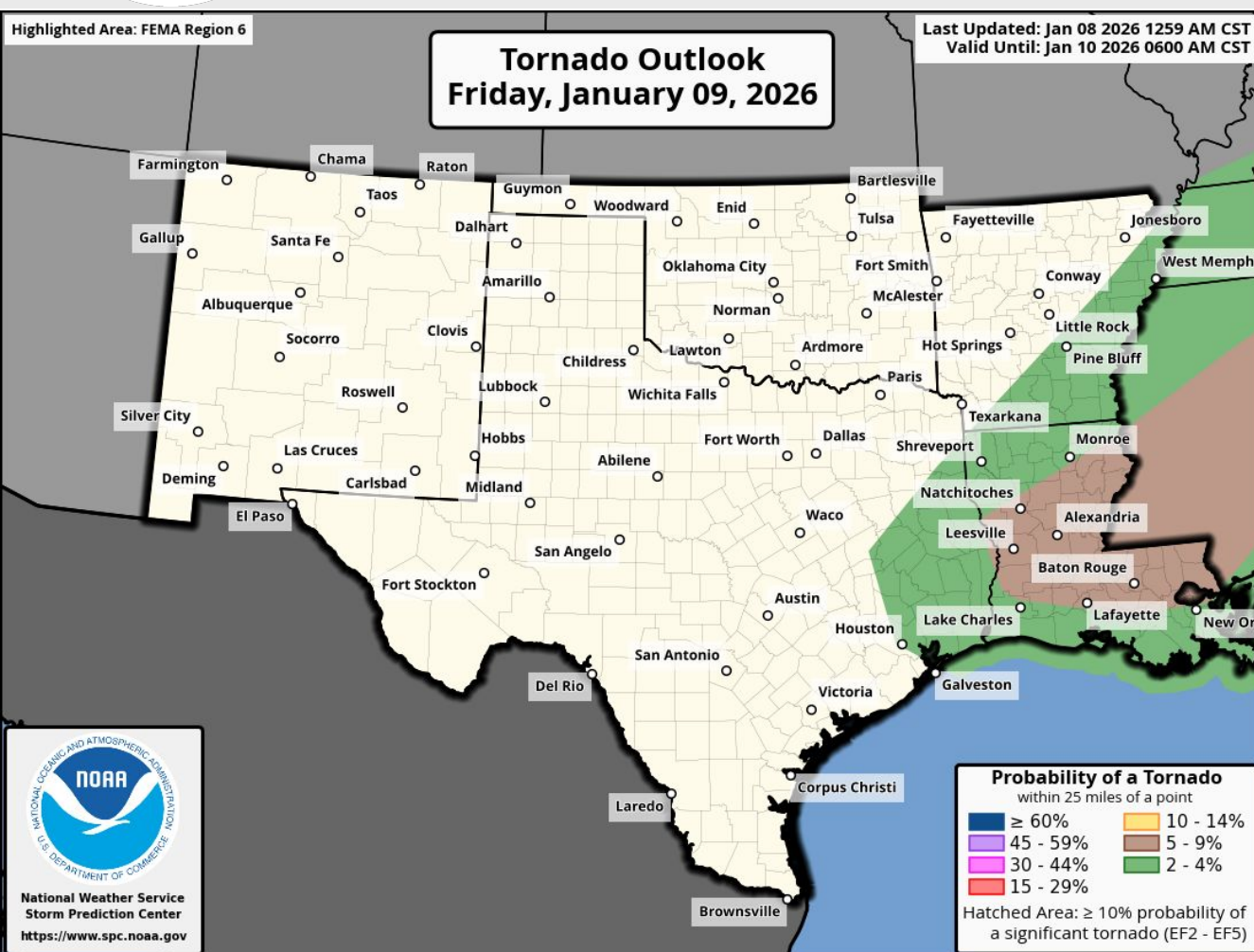


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





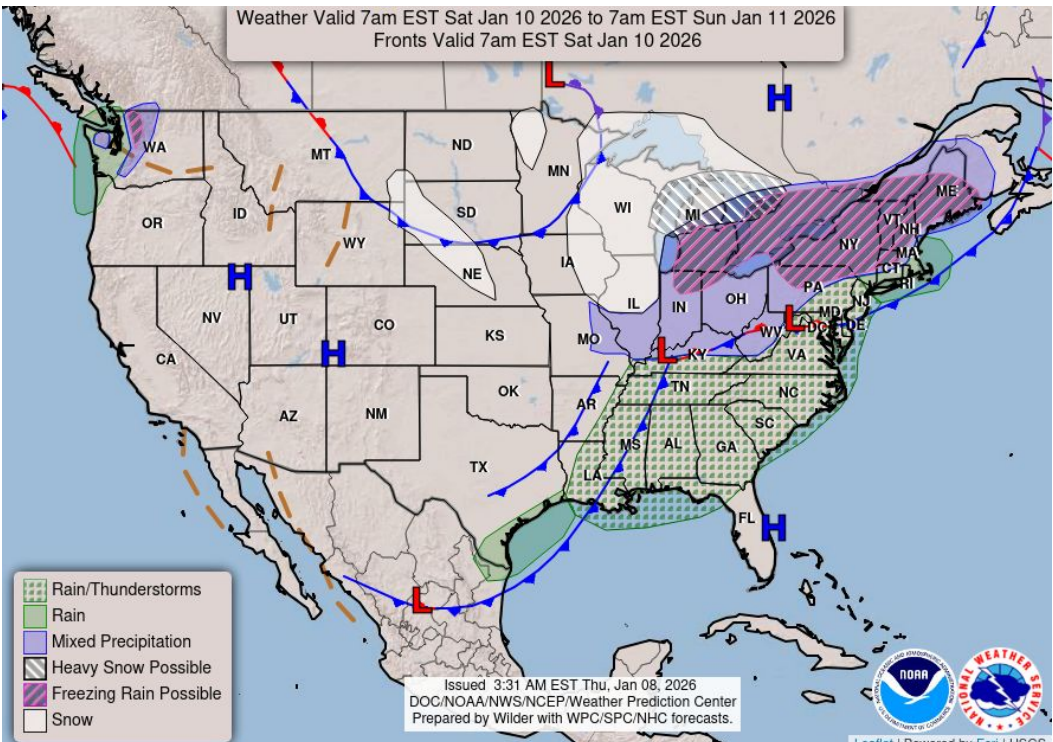
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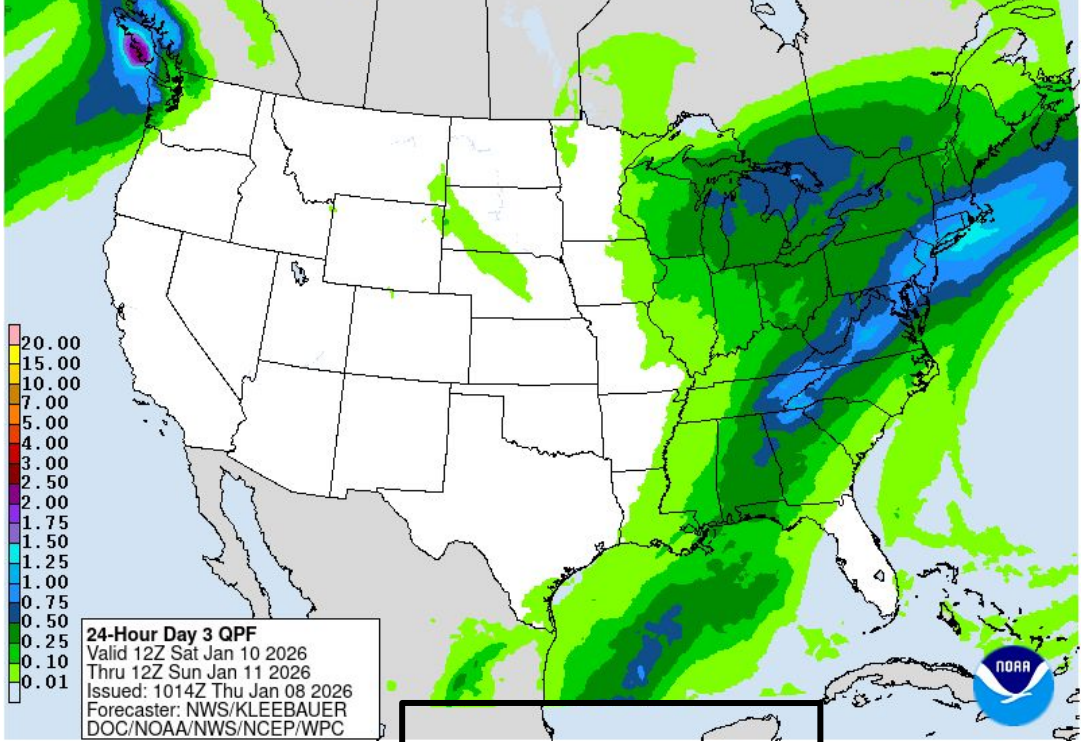


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

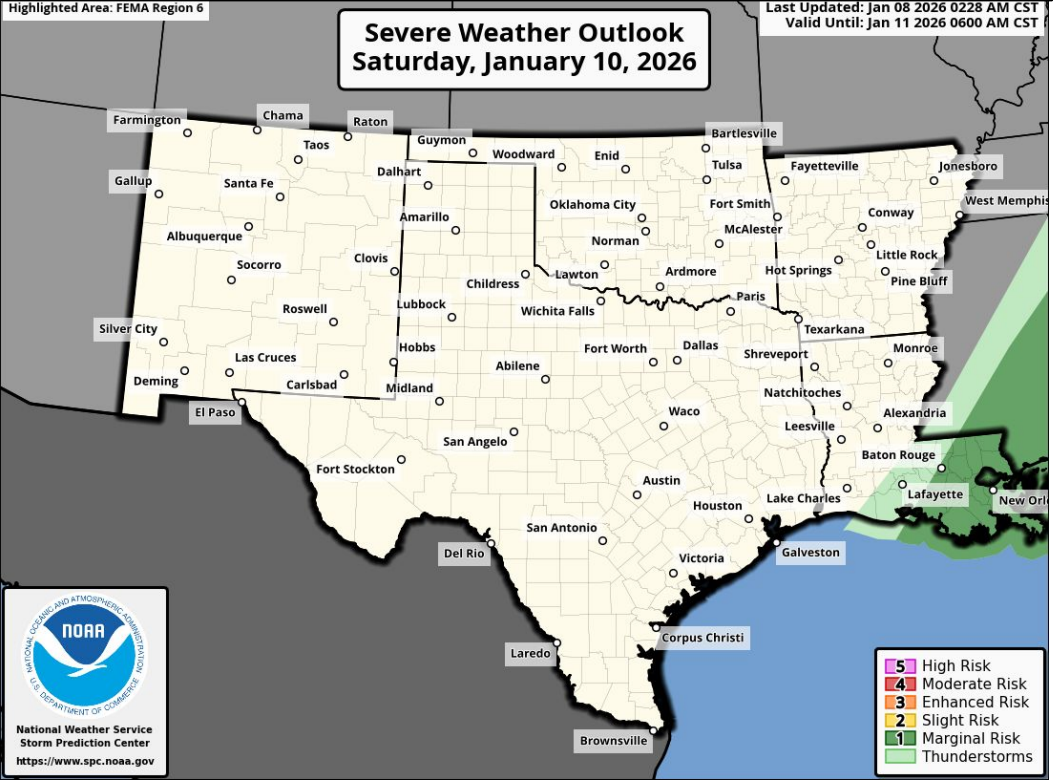


Cold morning lows in NM, TX/OK Panhandles. Slick roads in the TX/OK Panhandles.

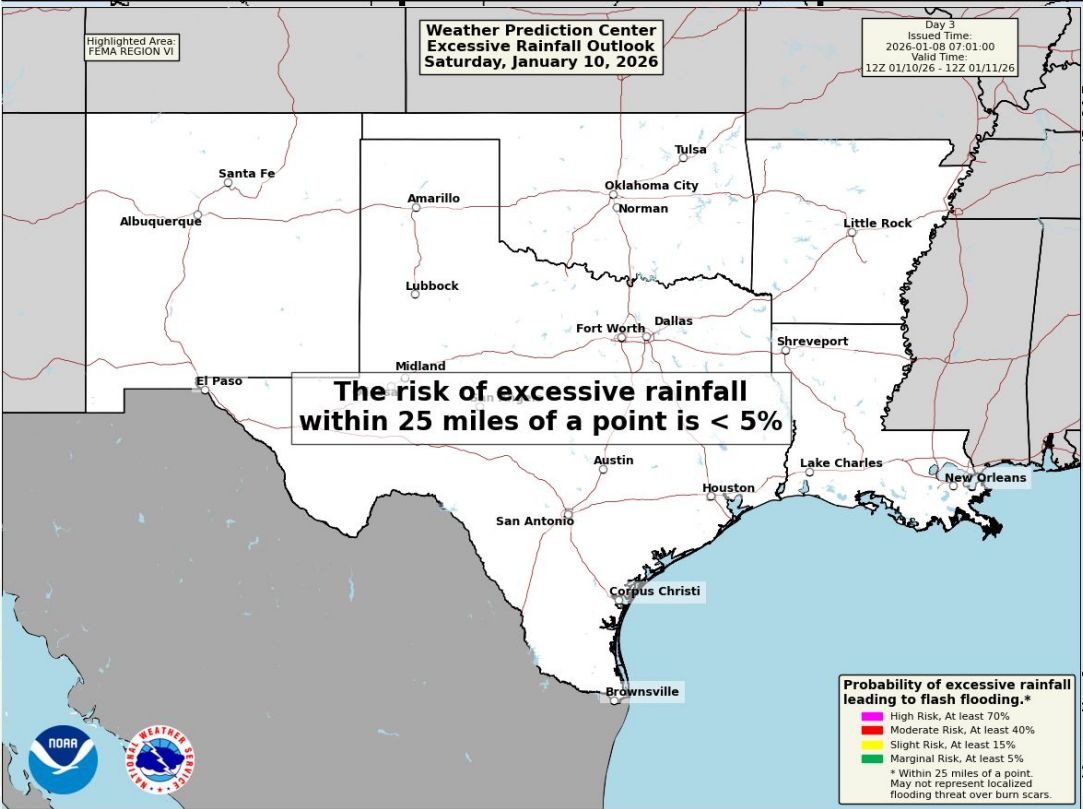
Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for C-STX.

SE LA may see isolated severe storms in the morning. Wind is the main threat.

Severe Weather Outlook



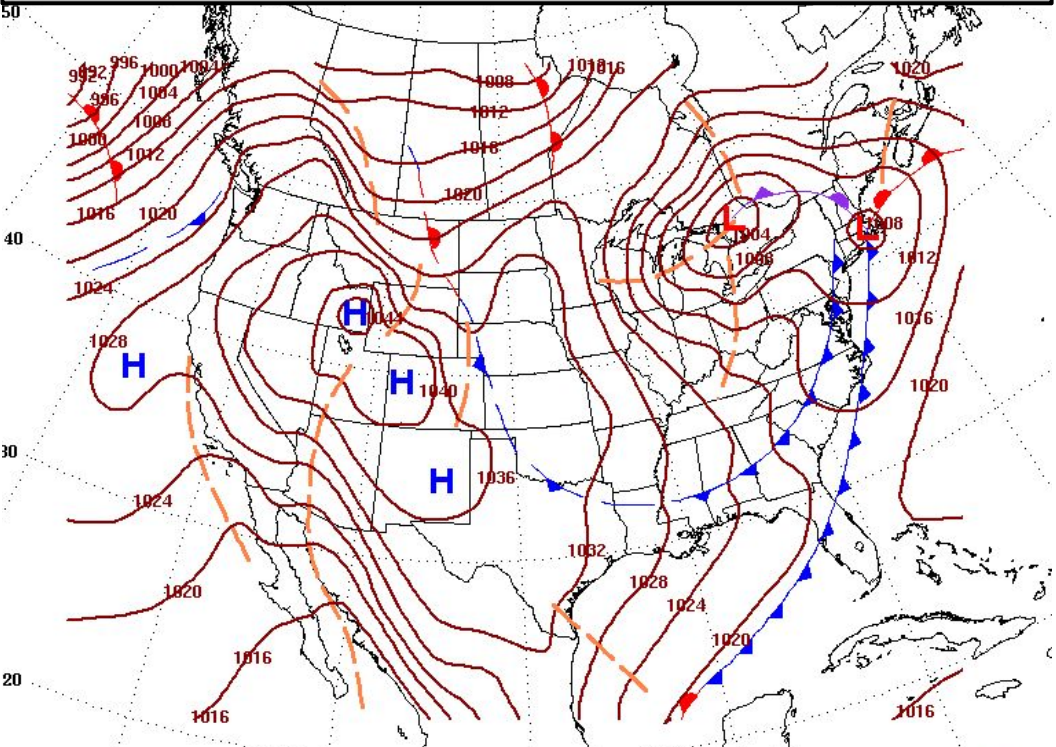
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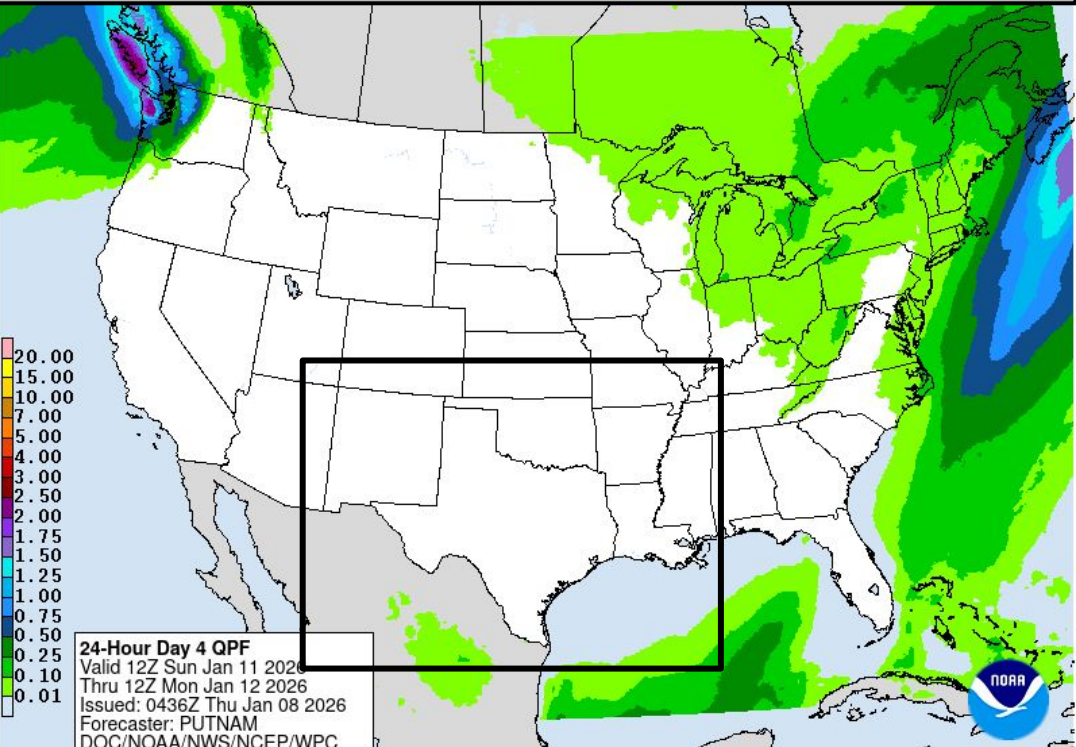


Sunday's Weather

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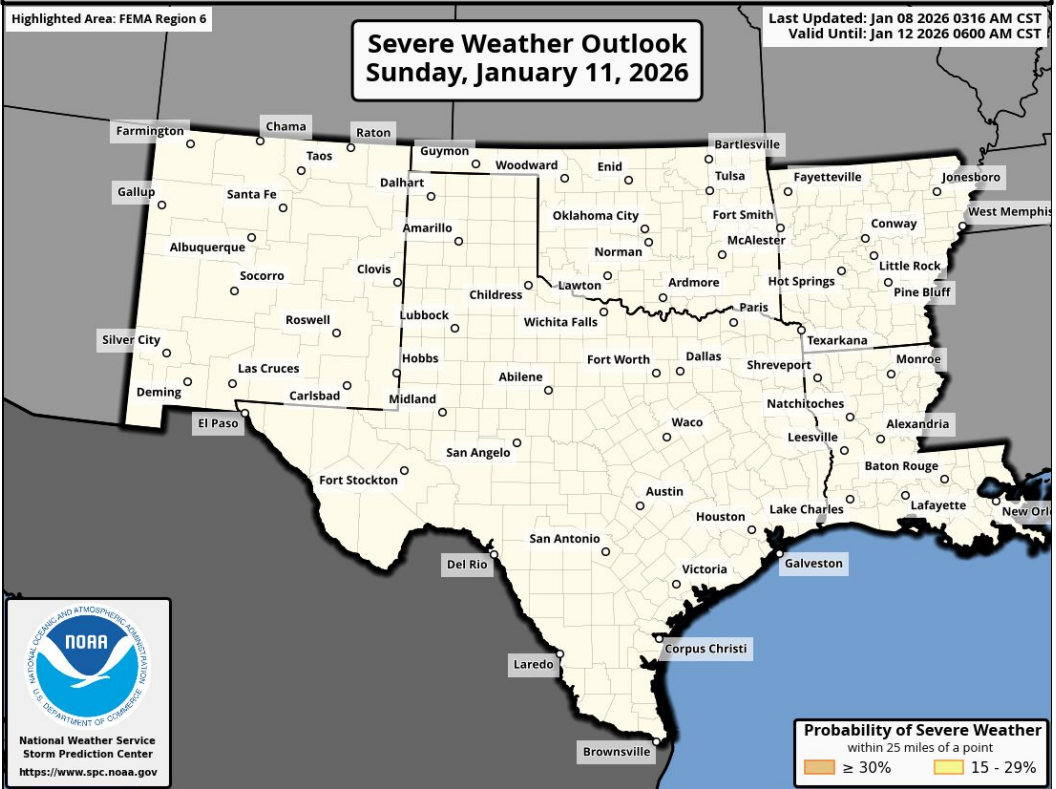


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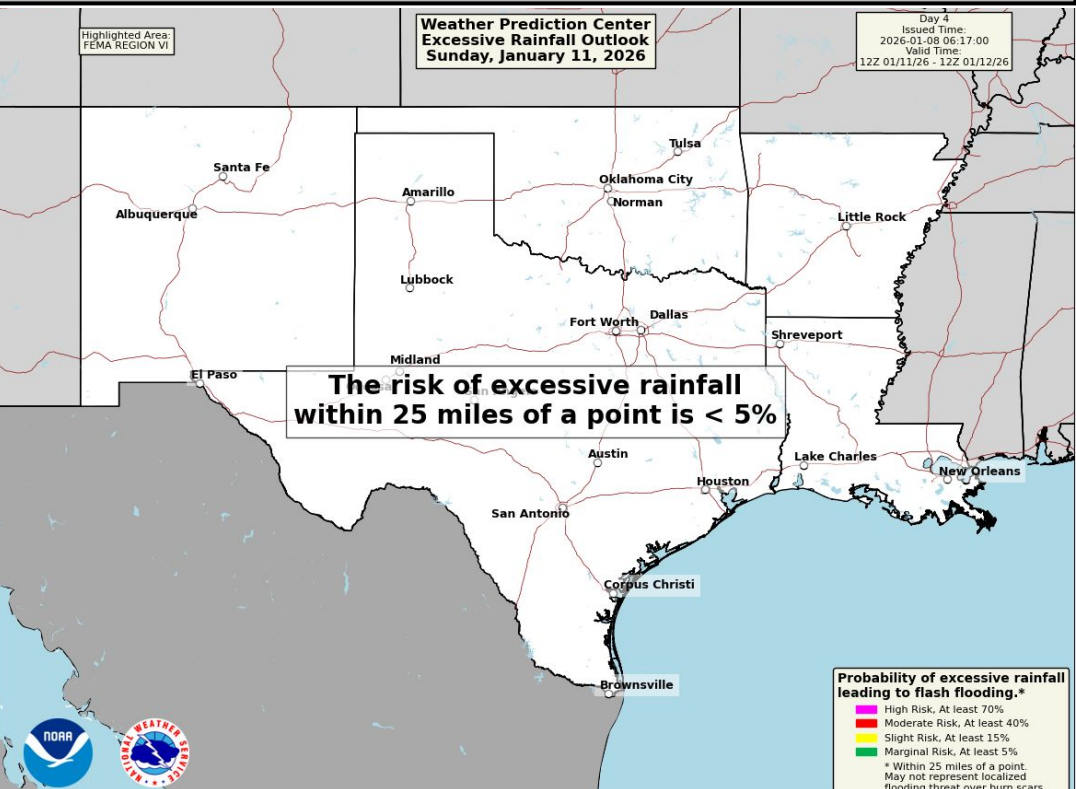


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



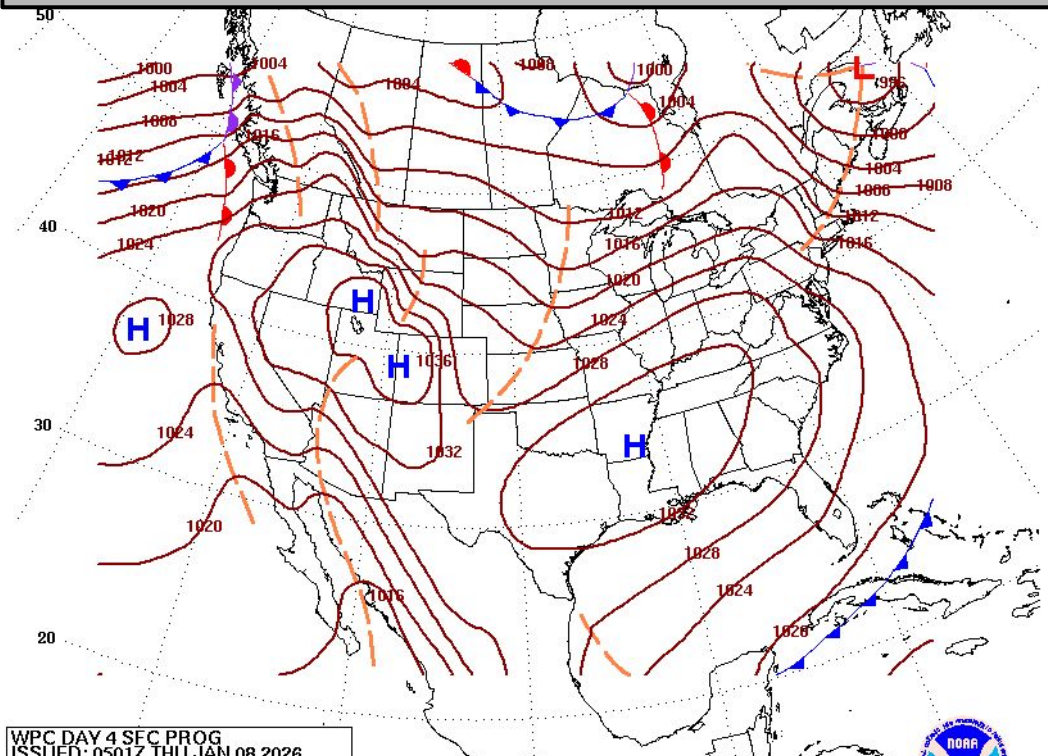
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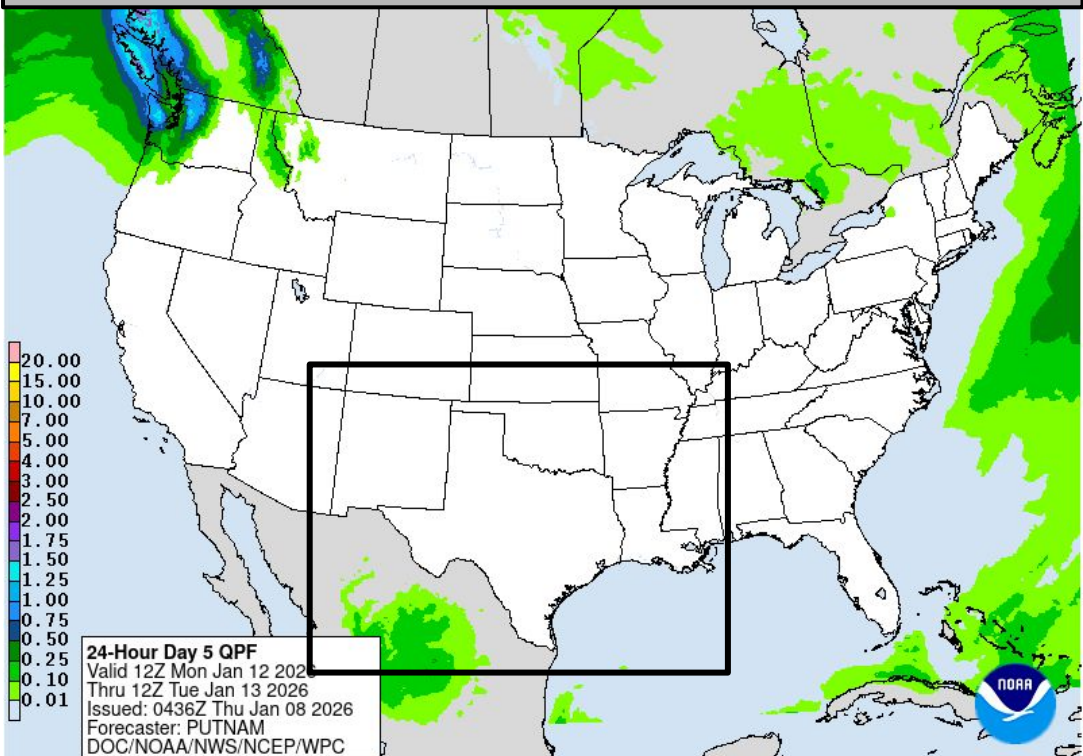


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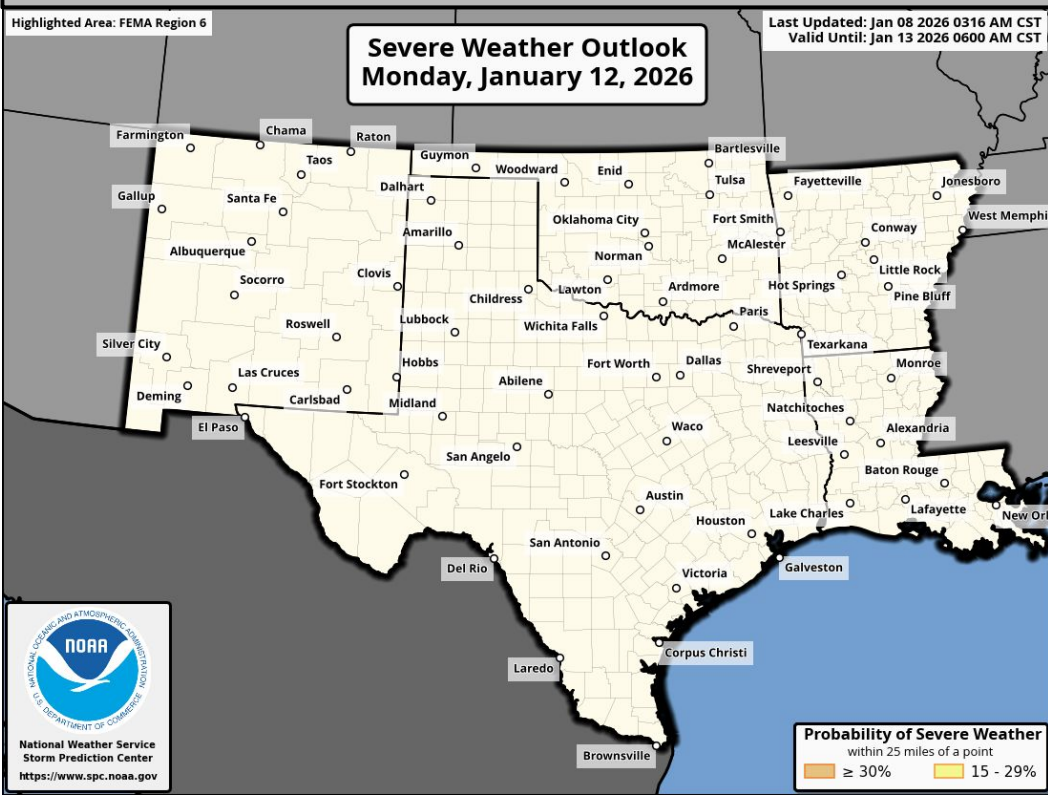


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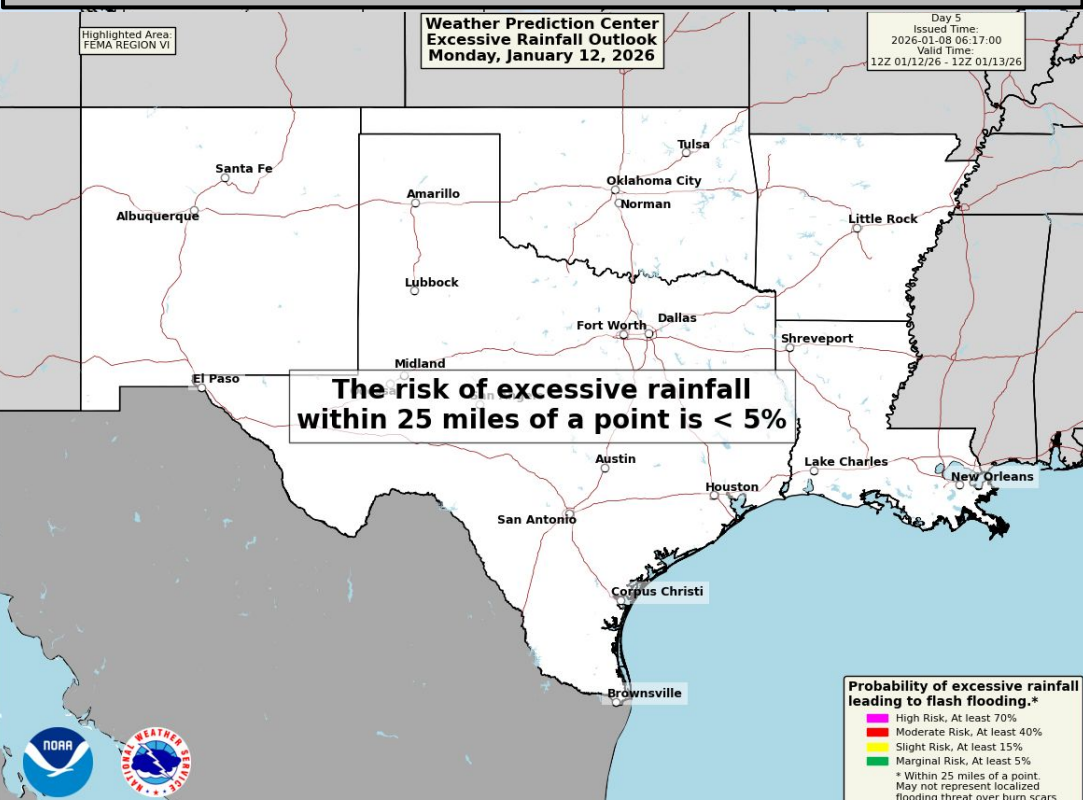


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Severe Weather Outlook

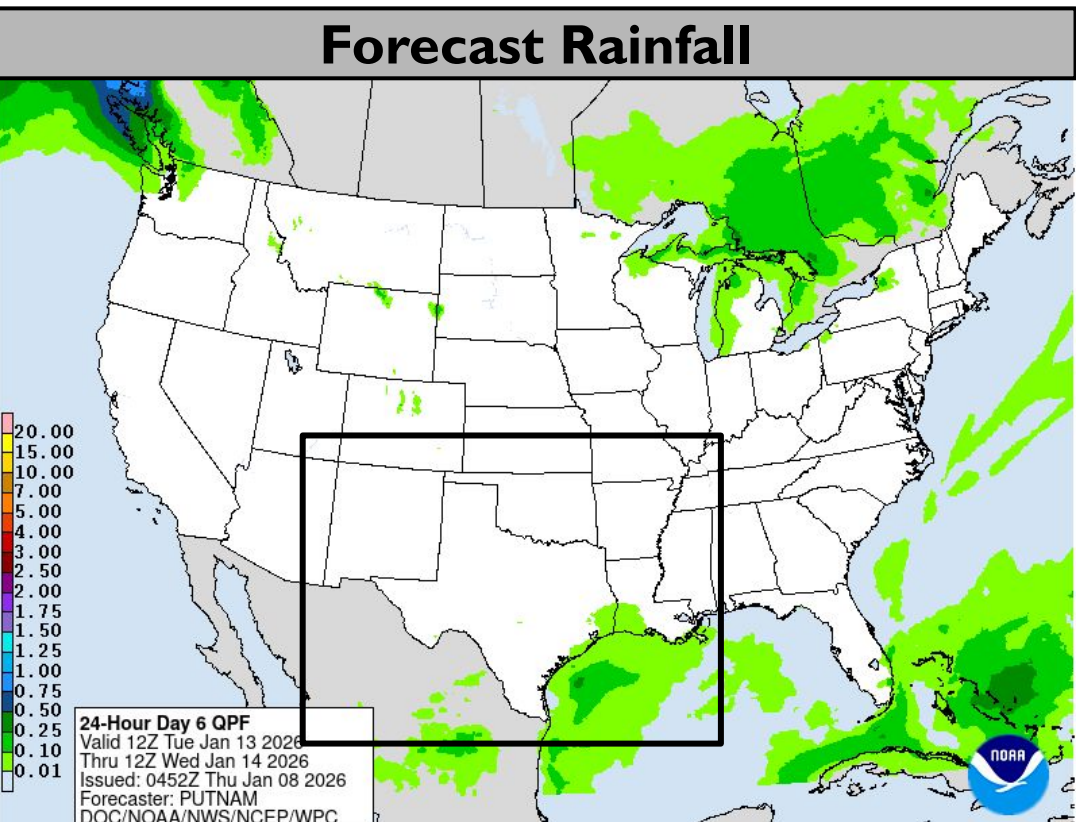
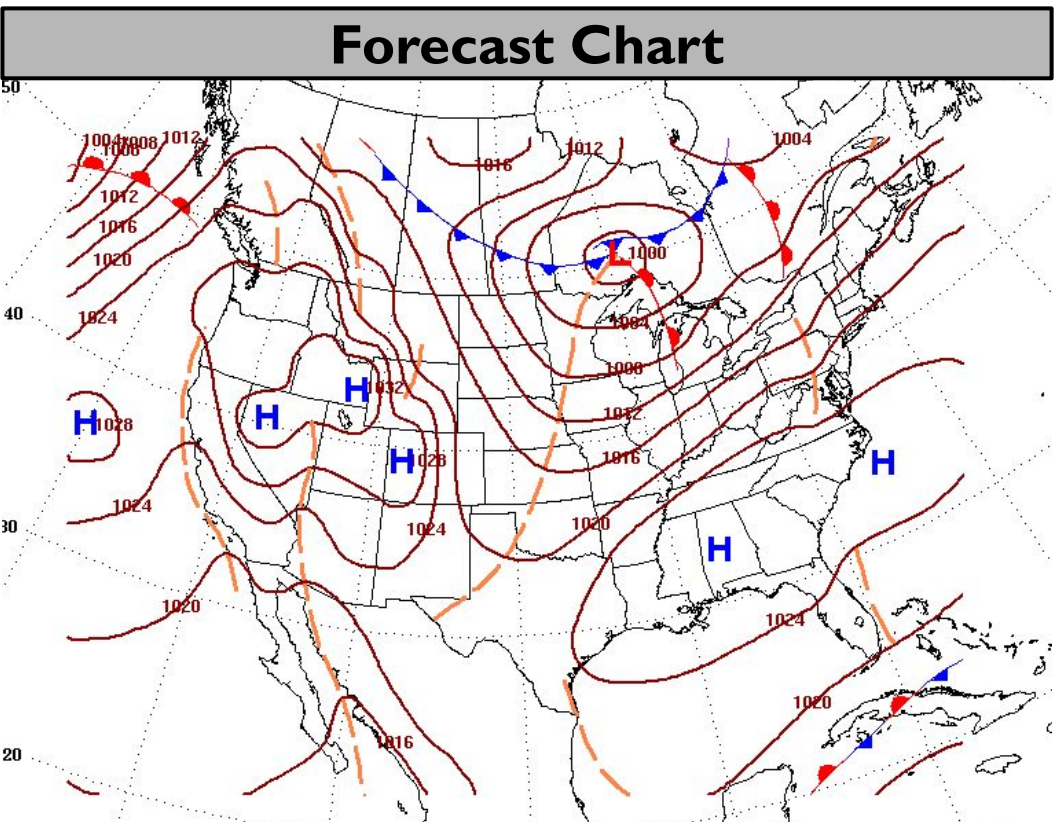


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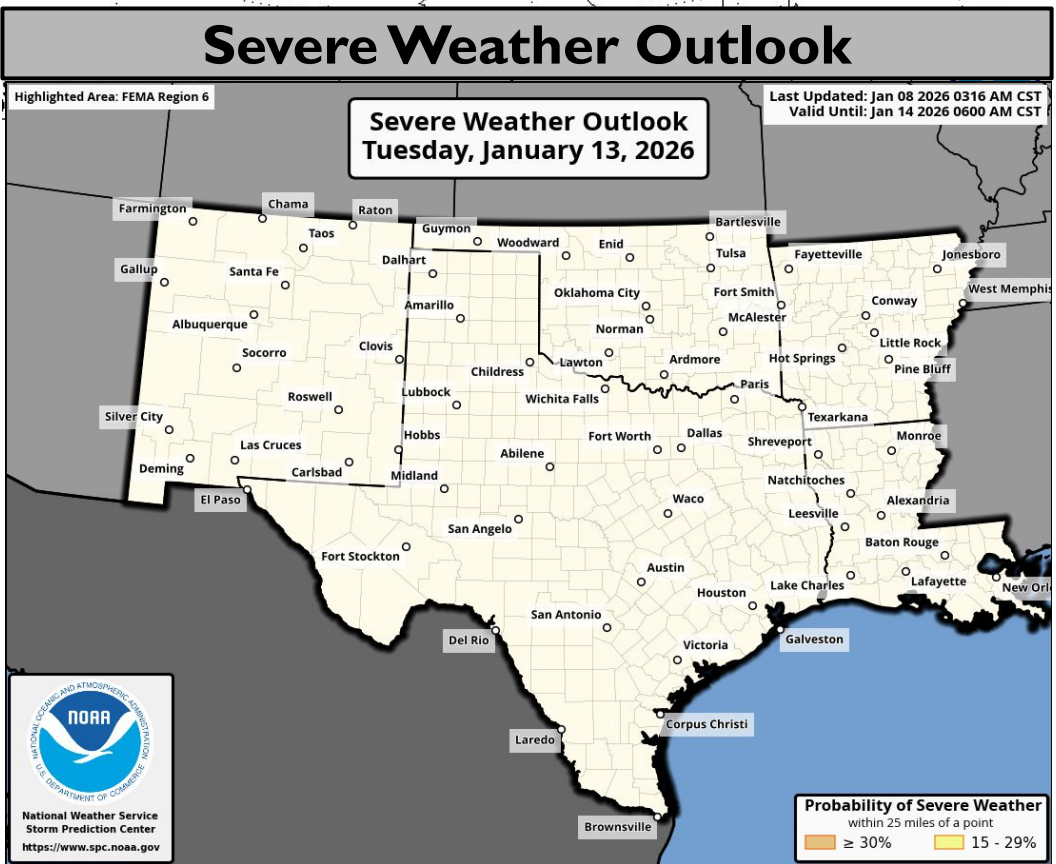




Tuesday's Weather



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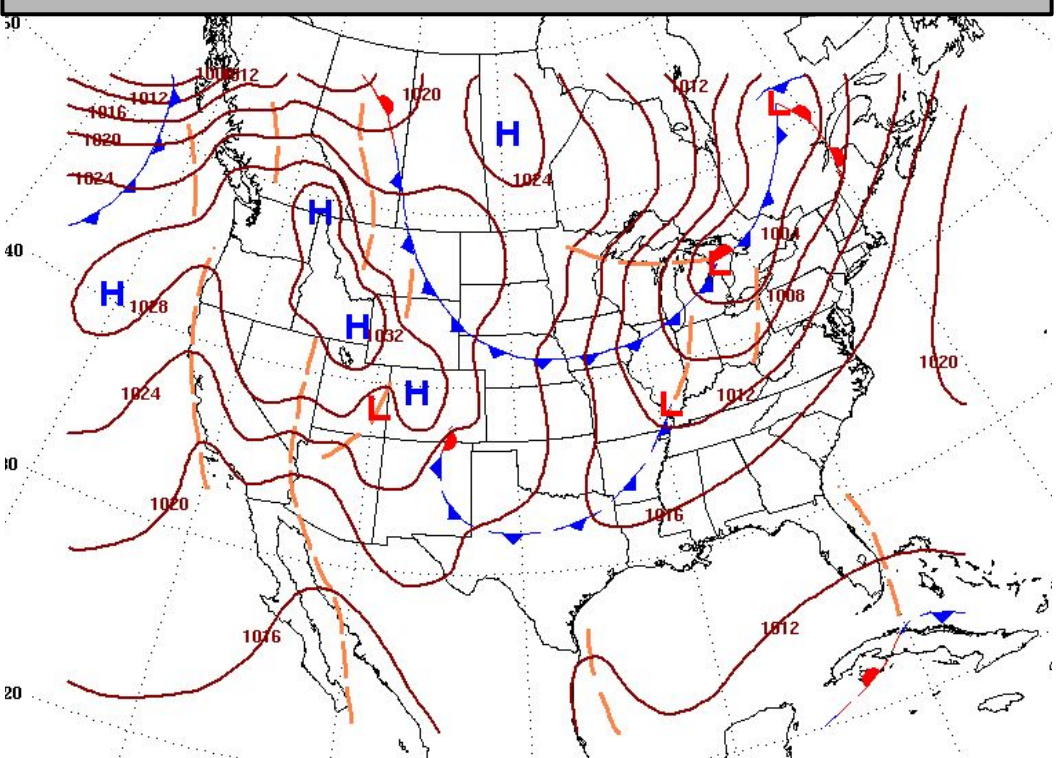


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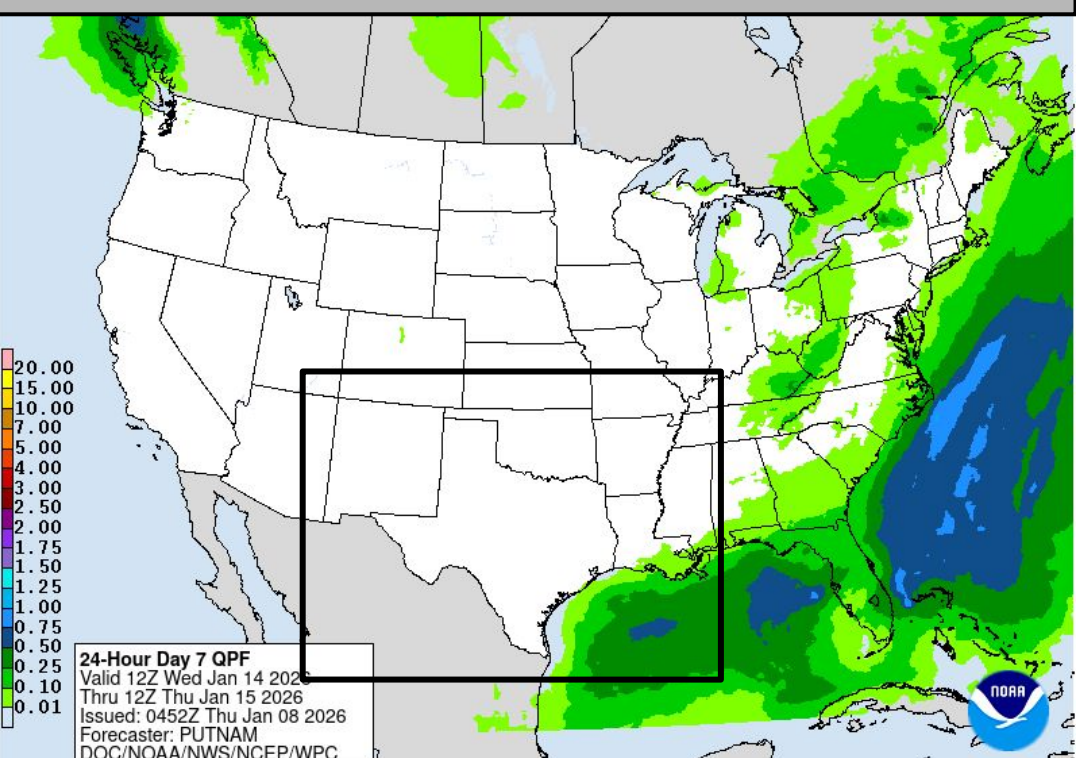


Wednesday's Weather

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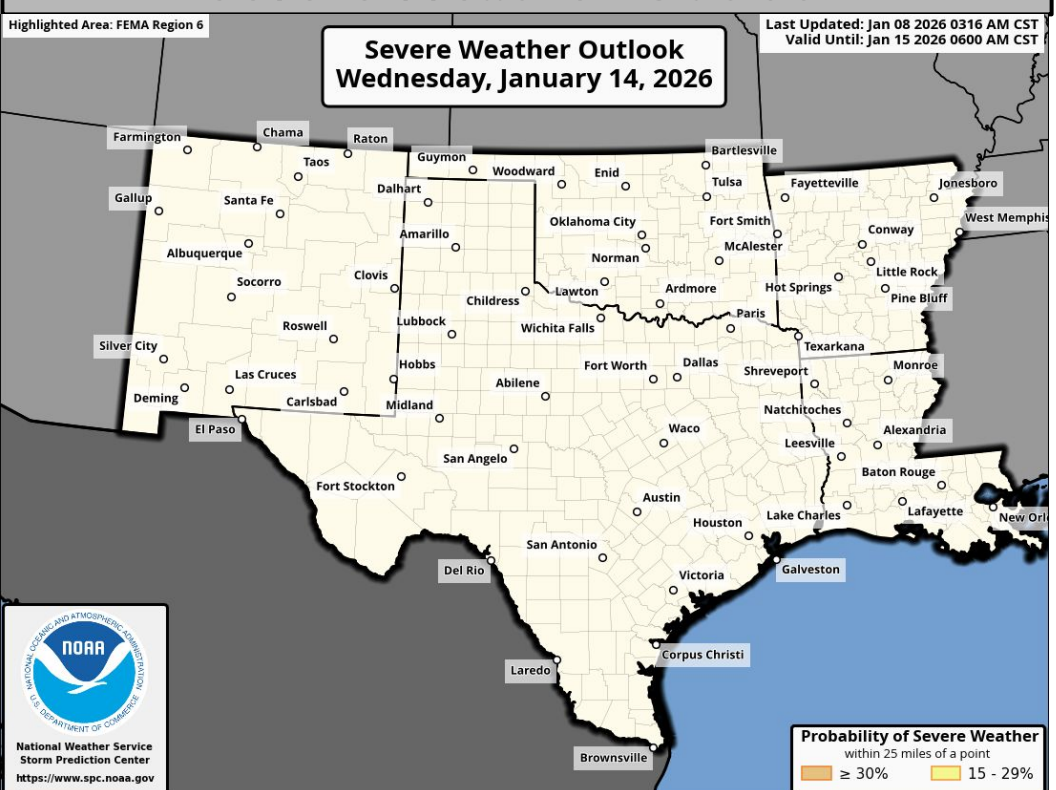


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

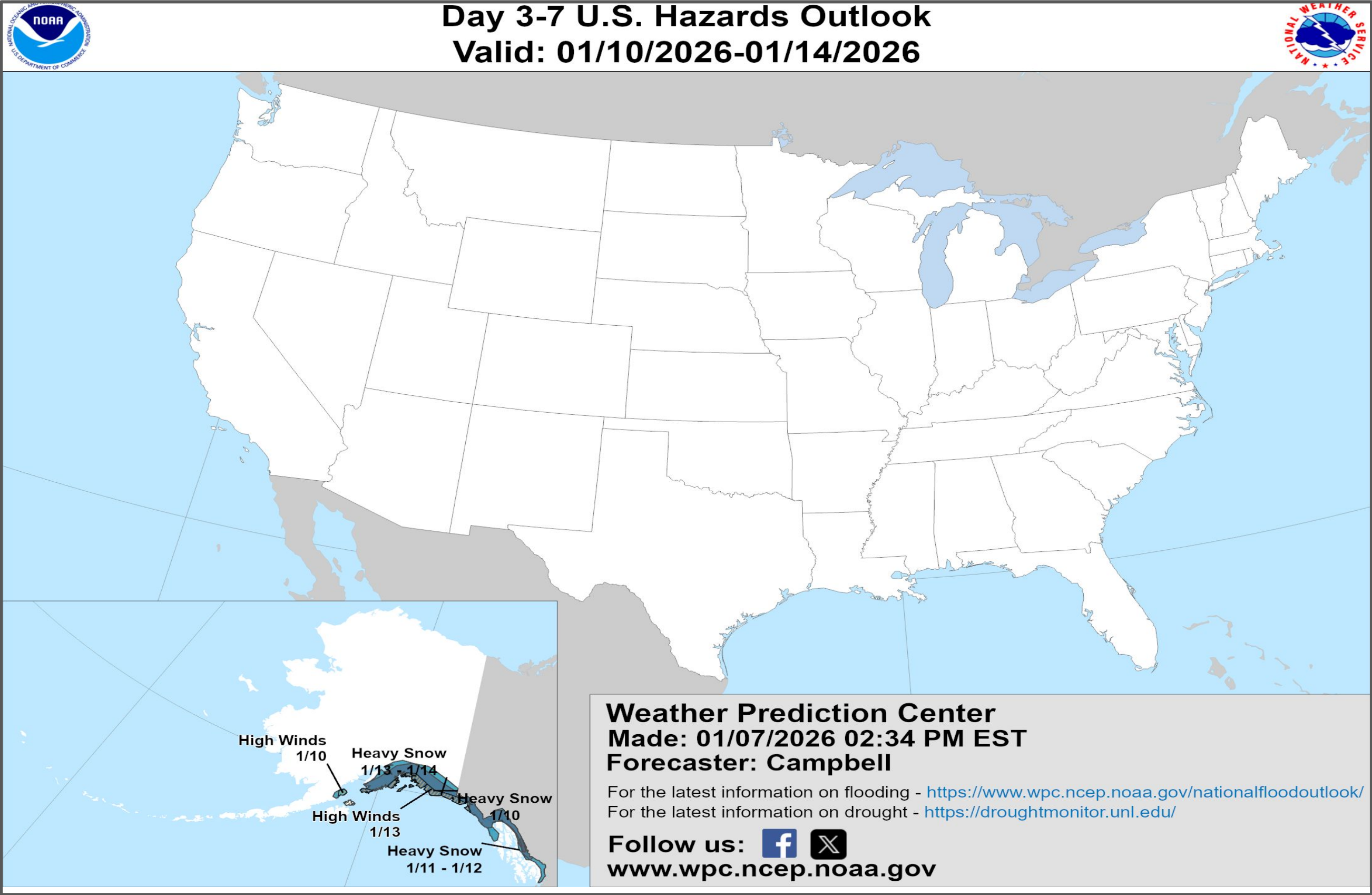


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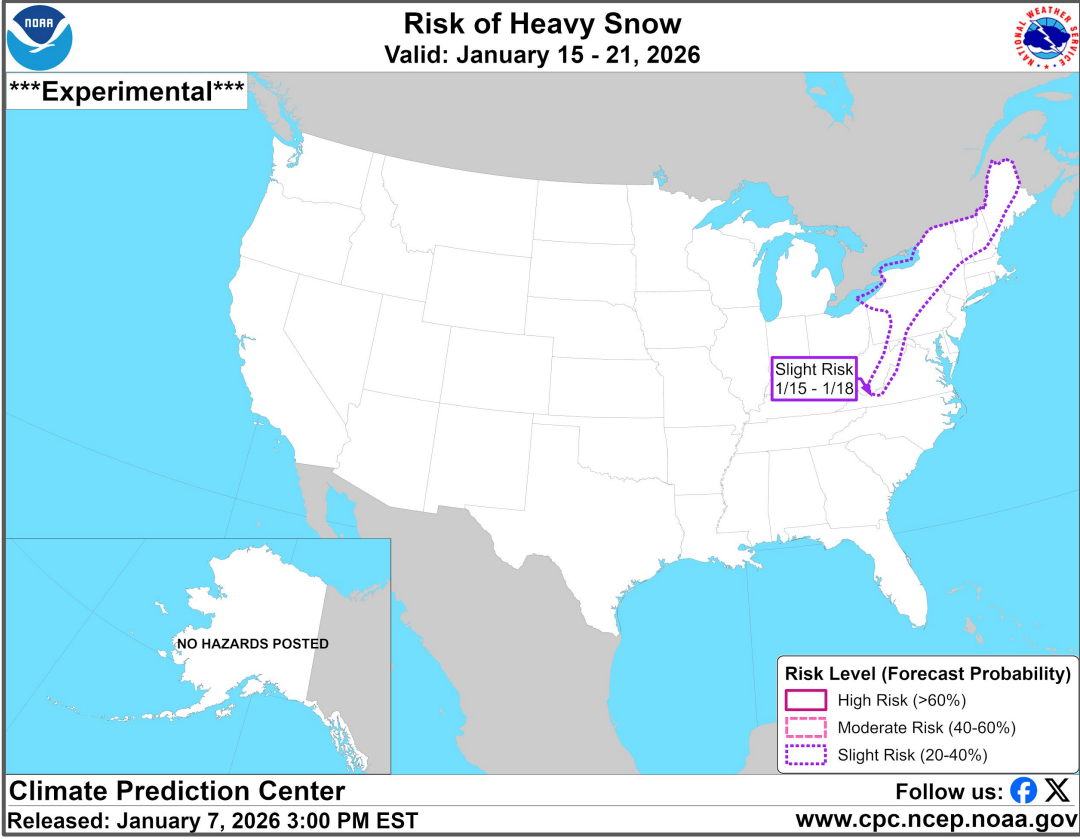
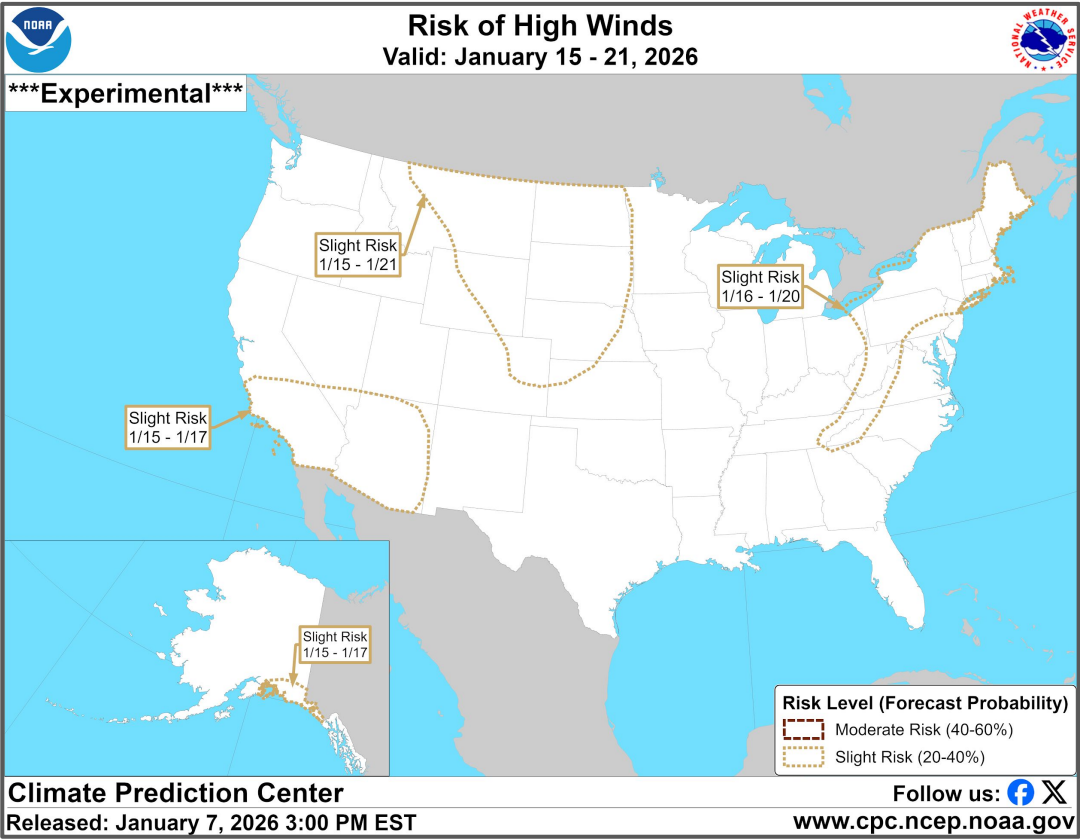
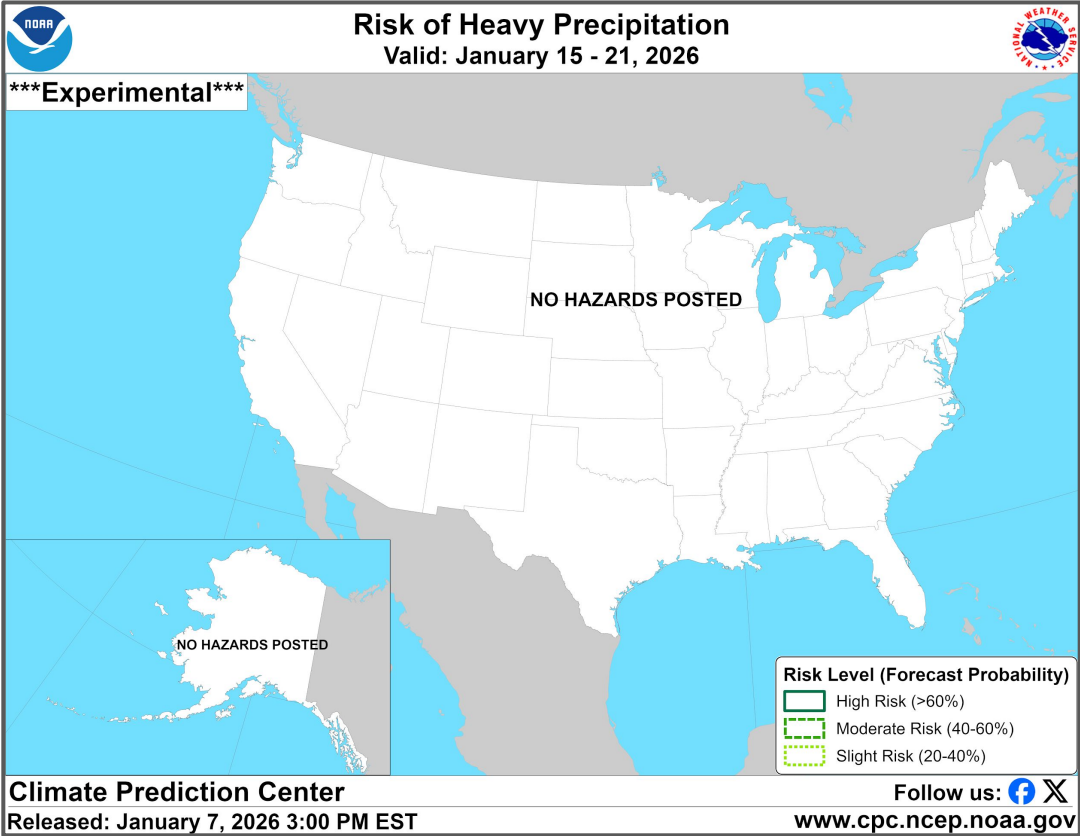
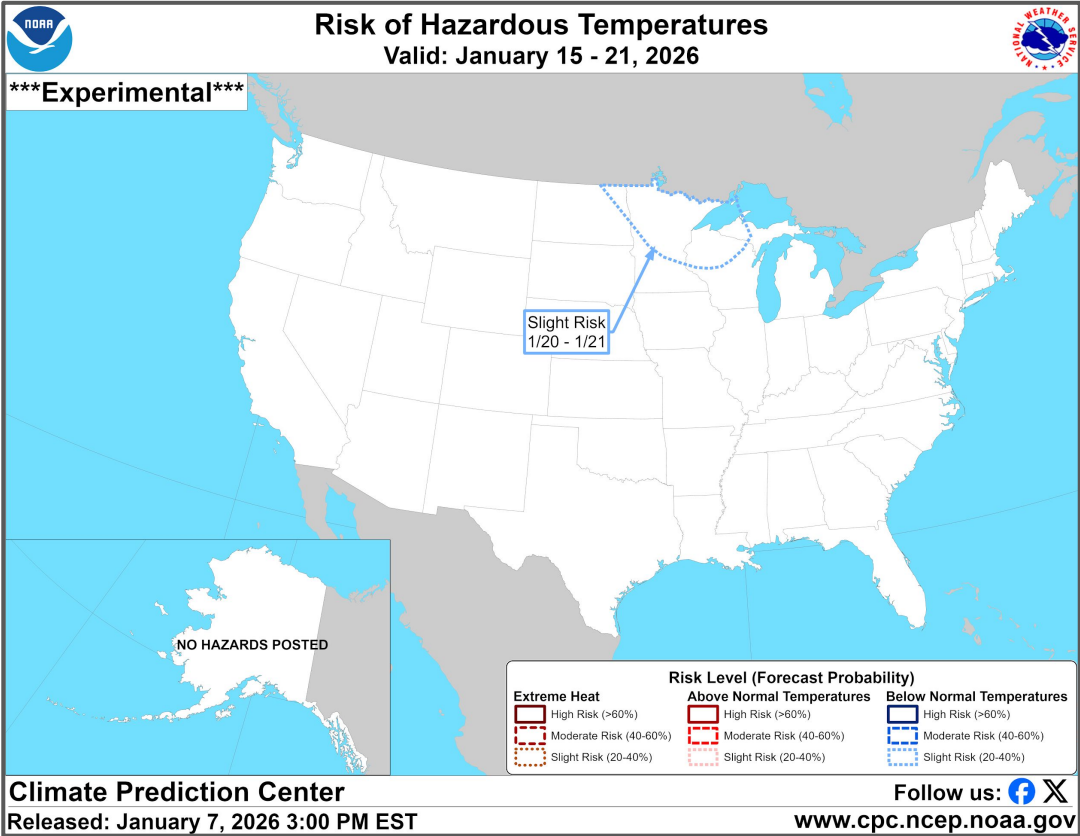
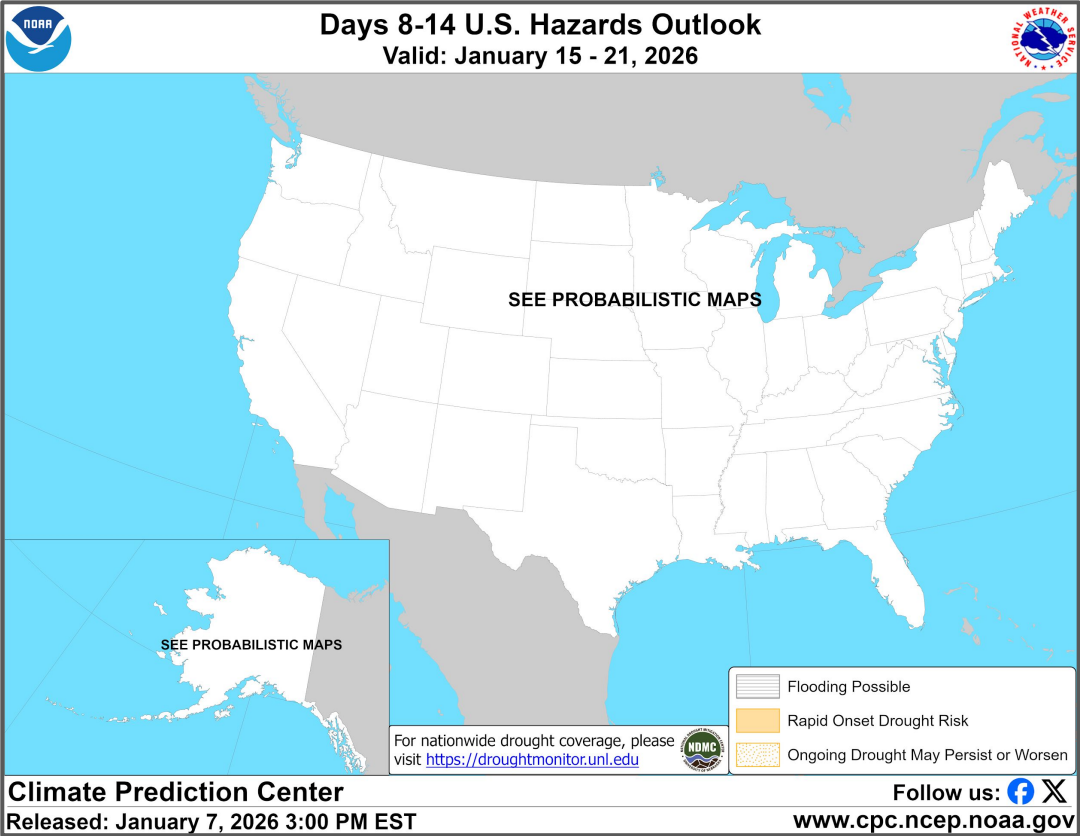


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





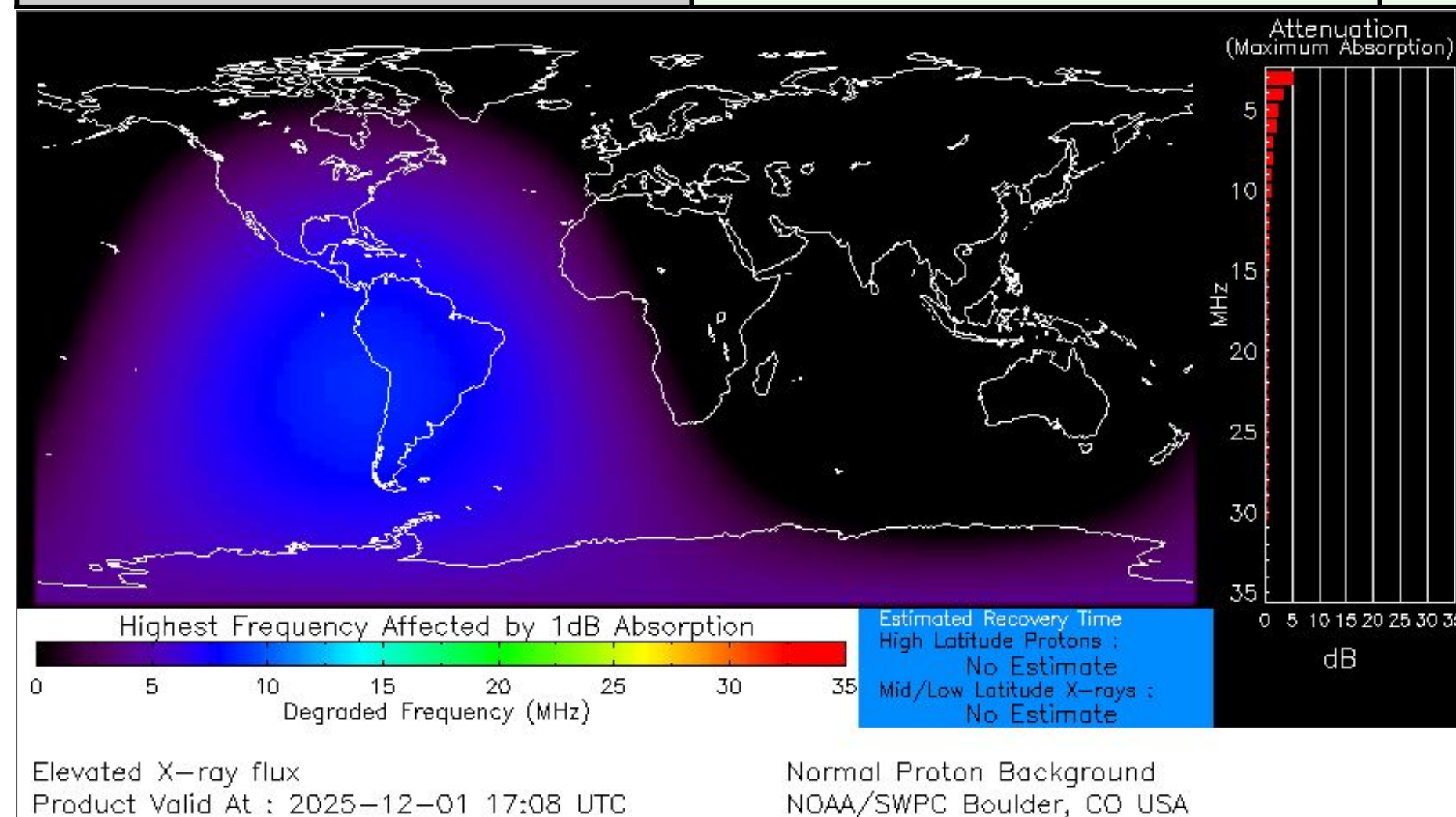
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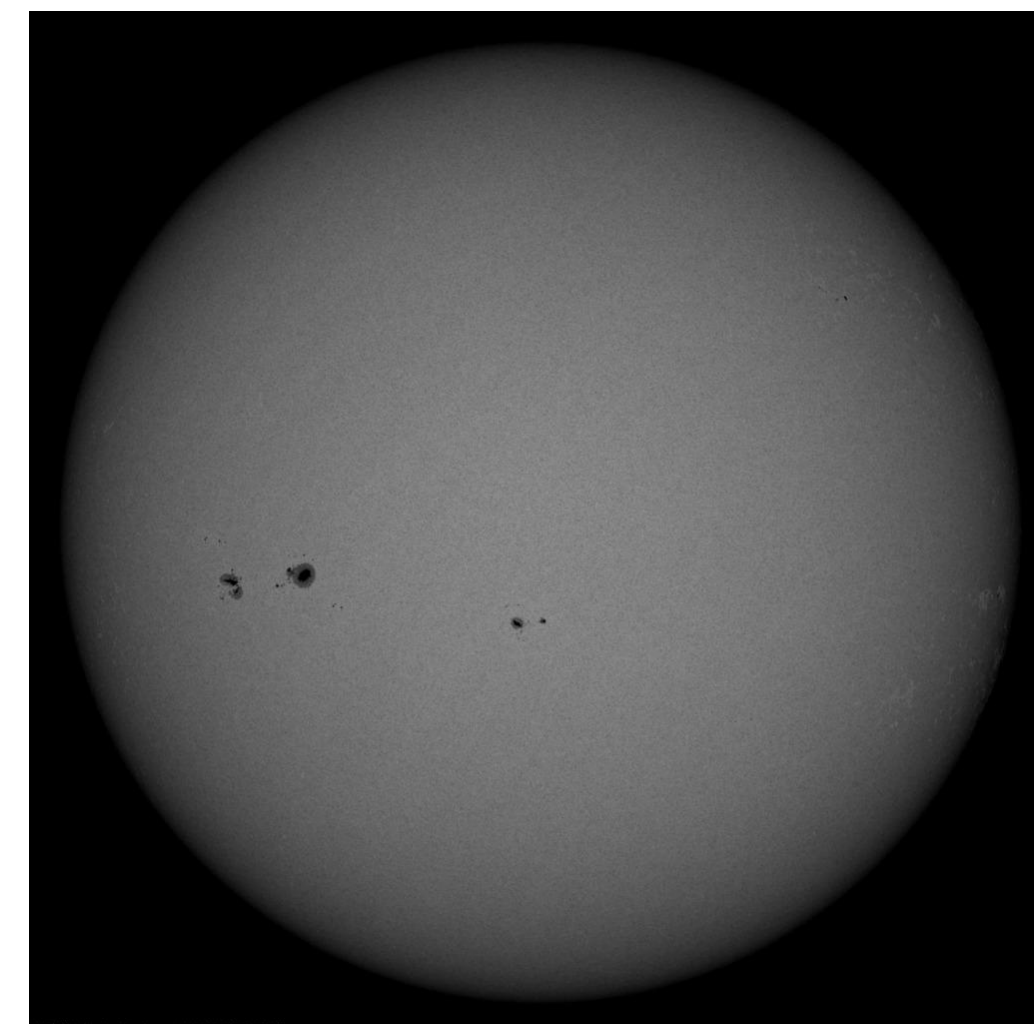
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Jan 8	Friday, Jan 9	Saturday, Jan 10
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	10%



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

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



Weather “Threat” Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Minor Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Moderate Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Major Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Extreme Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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