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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, February 25, 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.





Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) conditions today over E NM, S and W TX today.**
- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions Thursday over SW TX.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Cache River at Patterson in NE AR is expected remain above minor flood stage through Wednesday evening. Secondary roads and pastures flooded.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Feb 25	Thursday, Feb 26	Friday, Feb 27	Saturday, Feb 28	Sunday, Mar 1	Monday, Mar 2	Tuesday, Mar 3
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	E NM, W/STX	SWTX					
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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Current Radar/Hazards

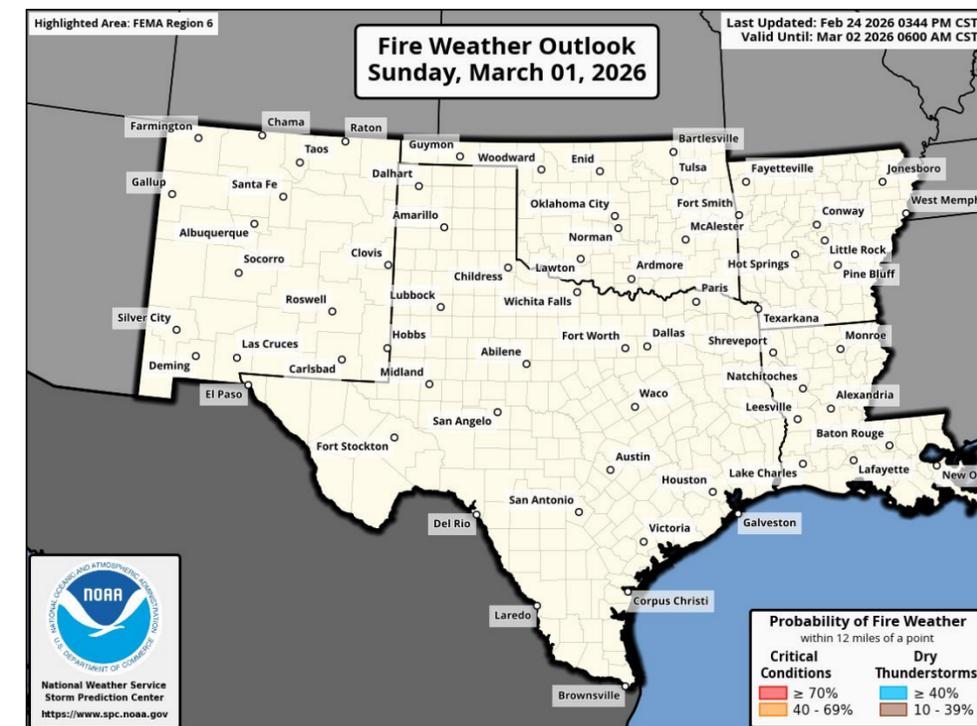
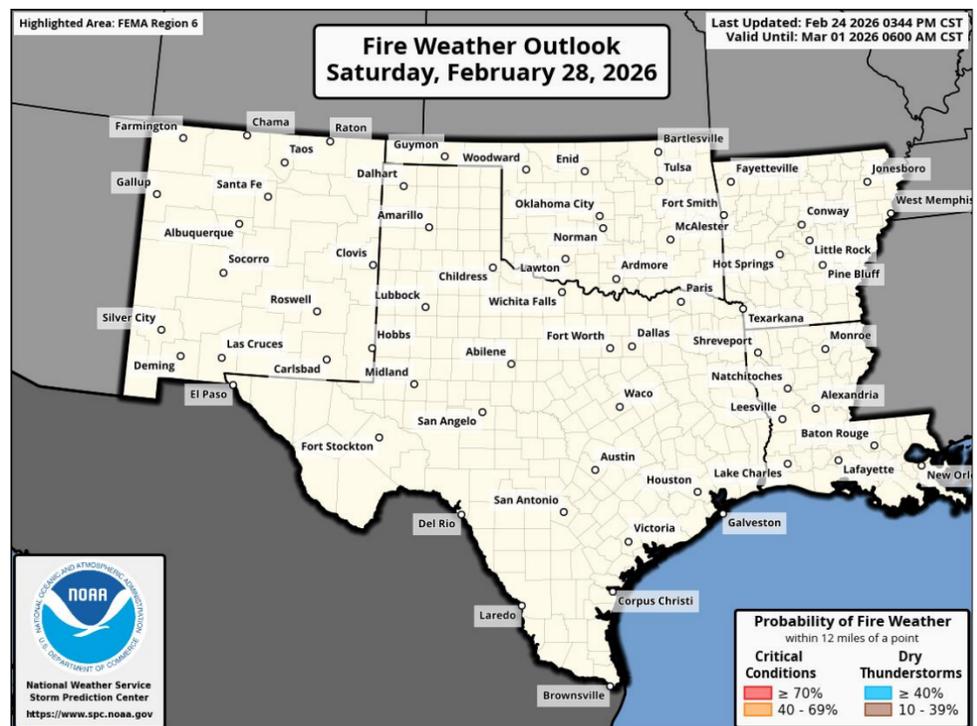
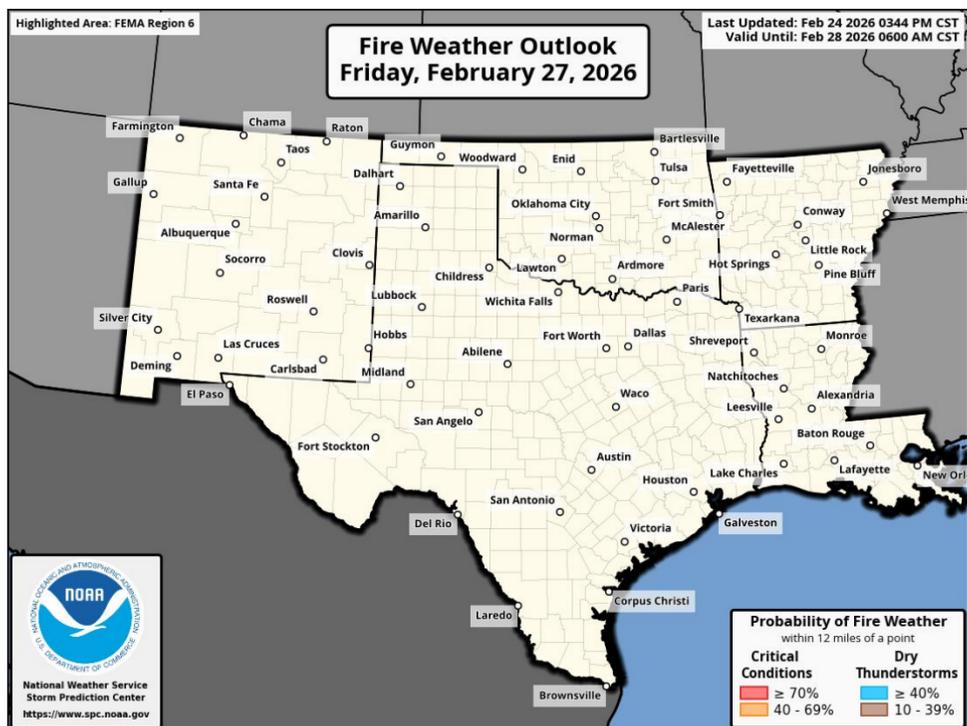
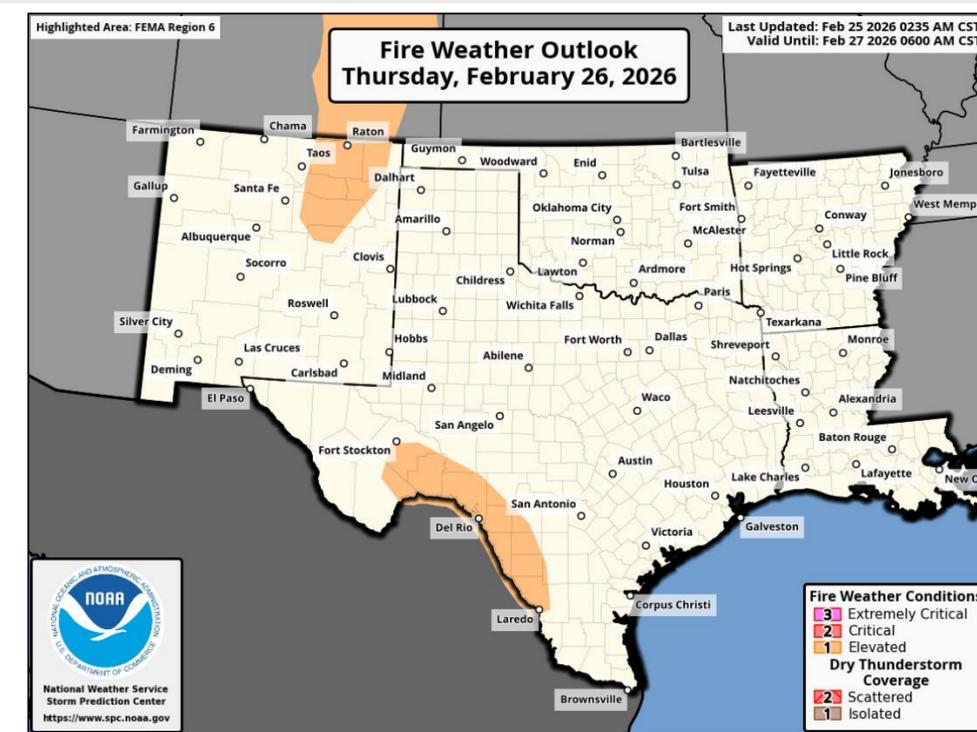
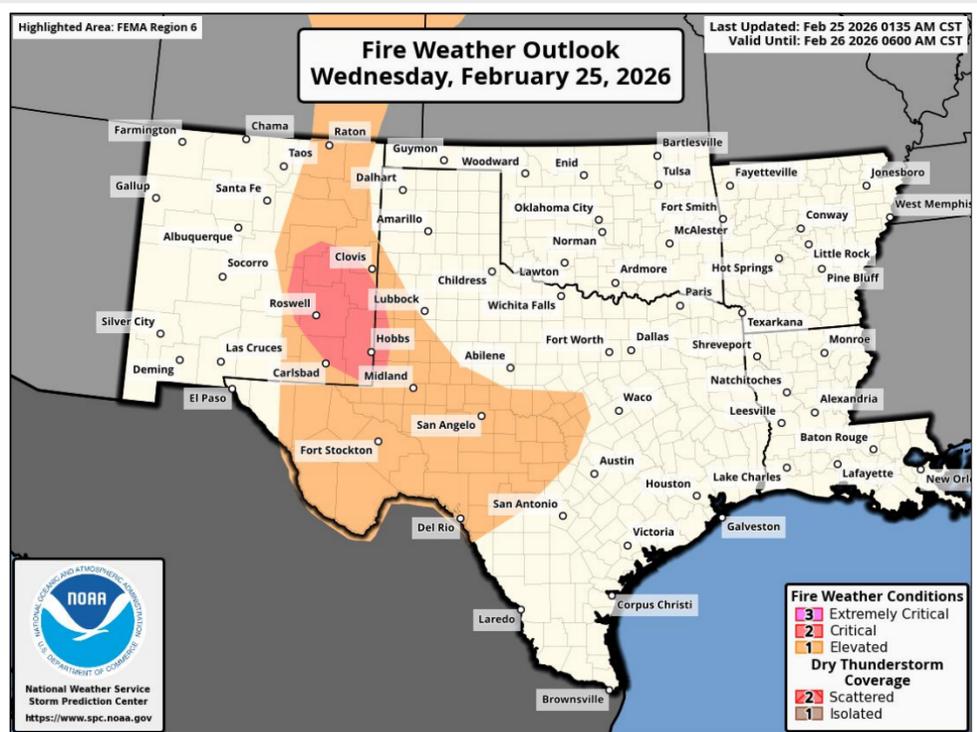
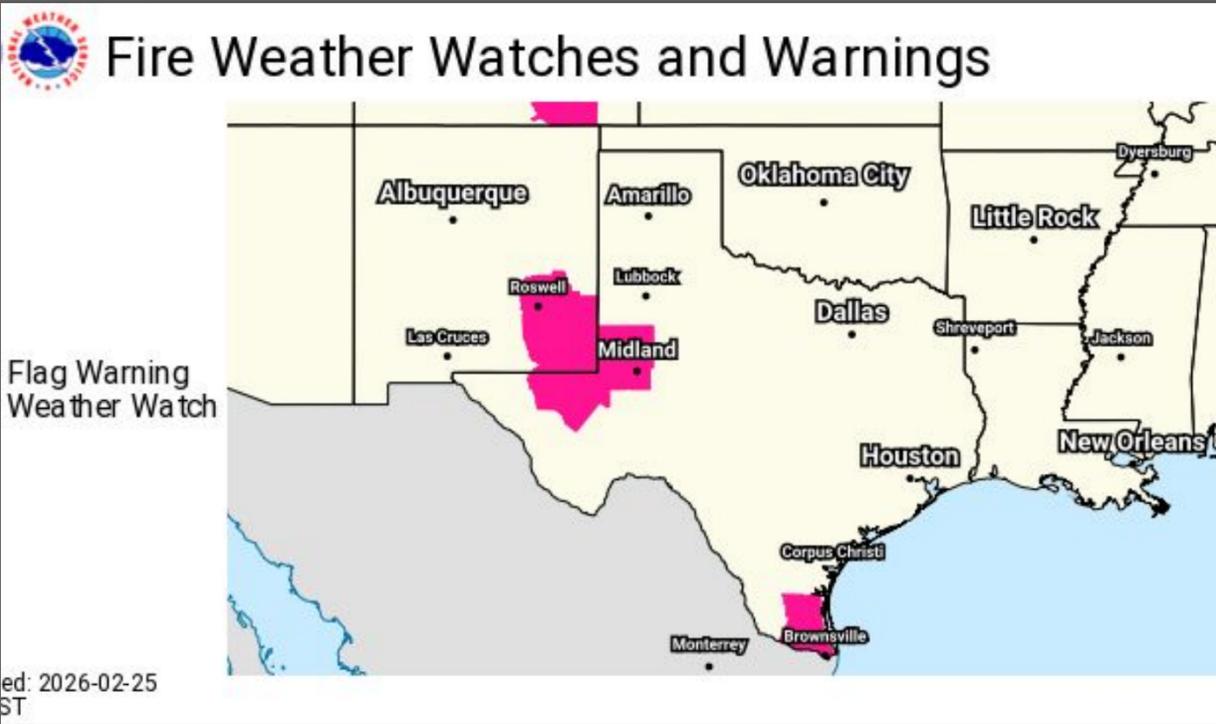


Red Flag Warnings through 8pm west TX/SE NM and through 6pm in STX.

Wind advisory S LA/SE TX through 6pm for gusts to 35mph; over cntrl NM through 7pm for gusts to 55 mph.



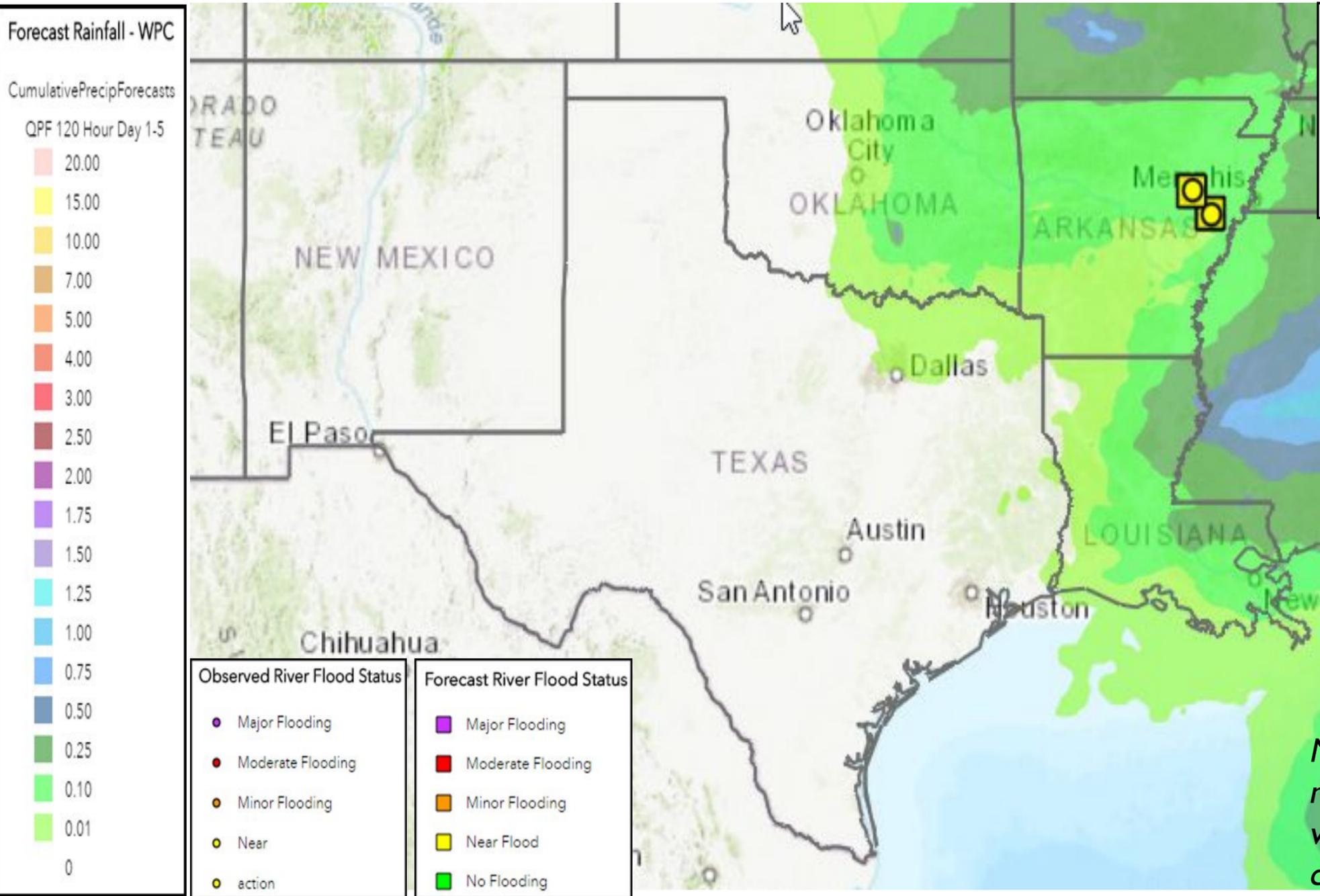
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



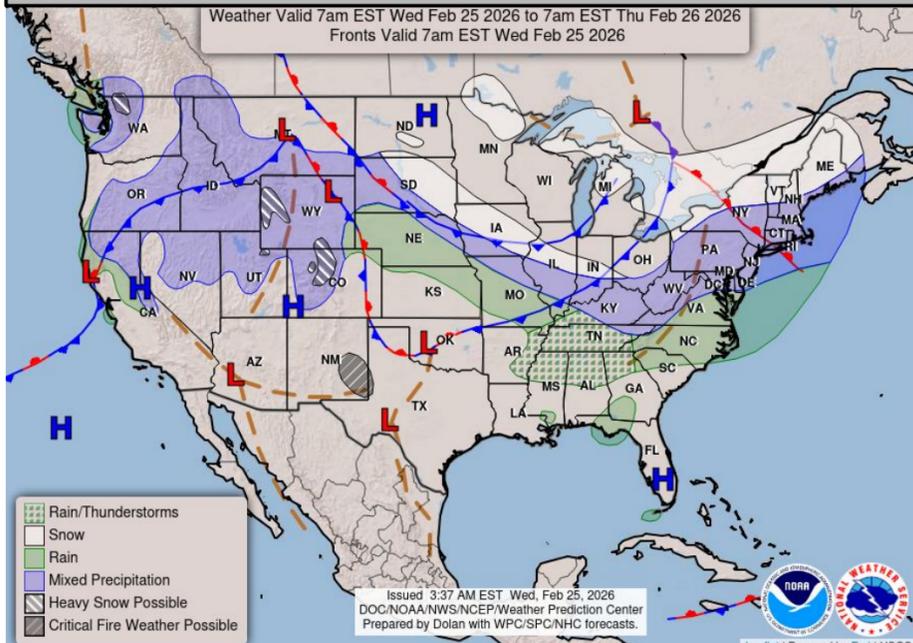
River flooding is not anticipated.

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.

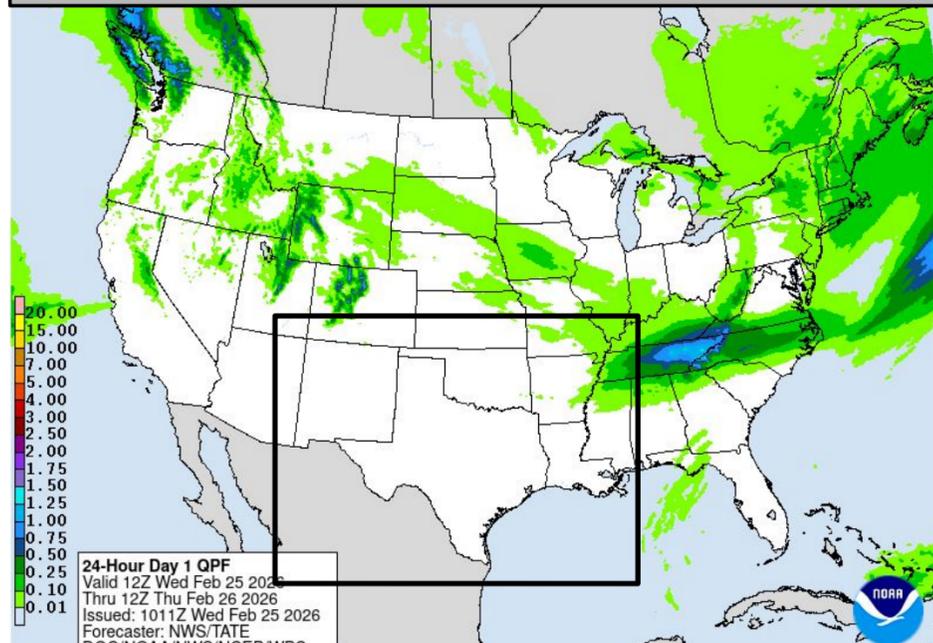


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

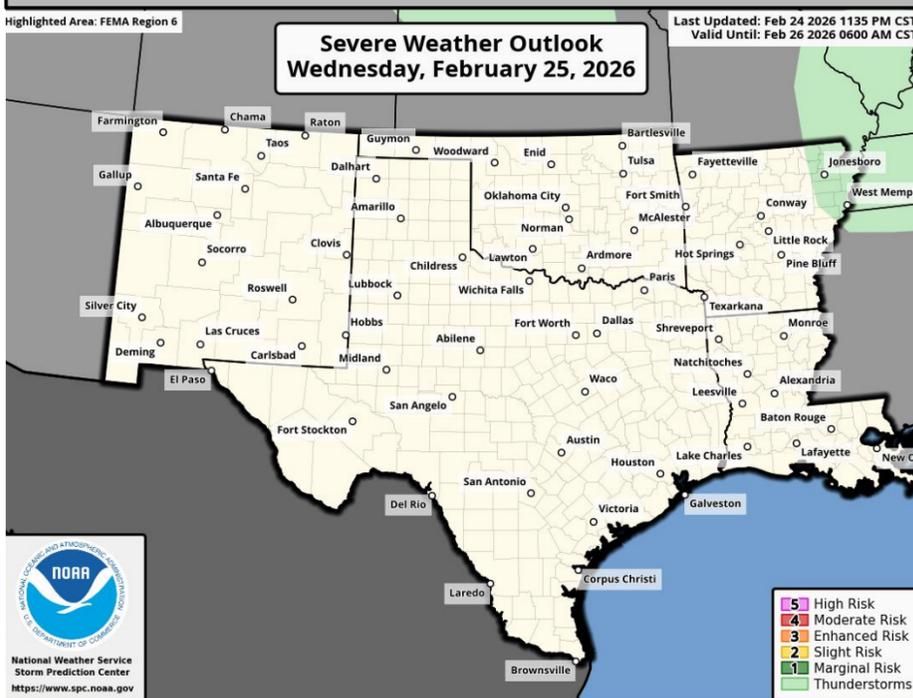


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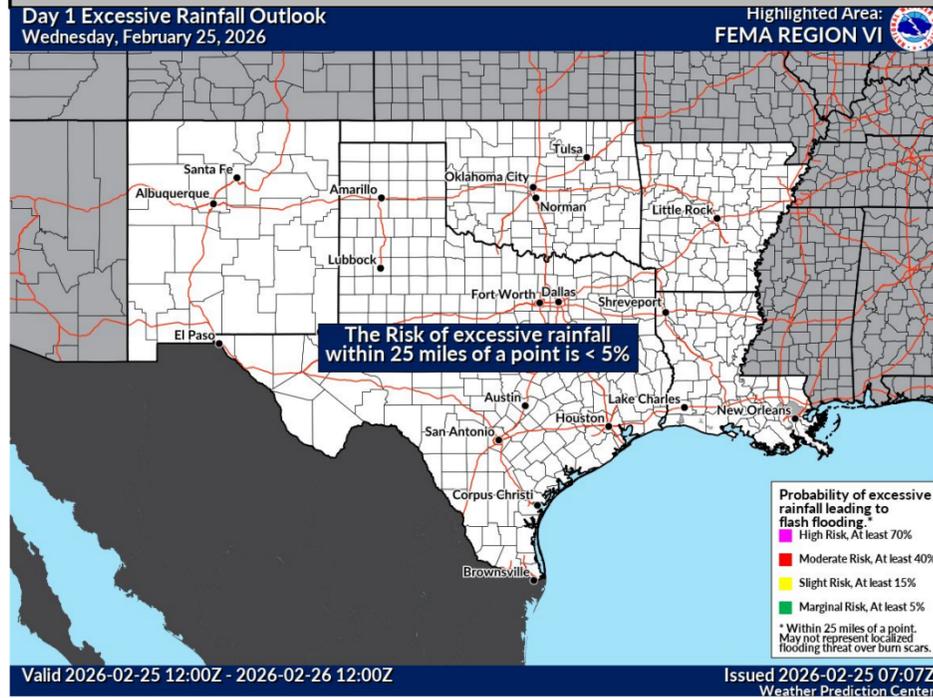


Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather conditions in E NM, S and W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

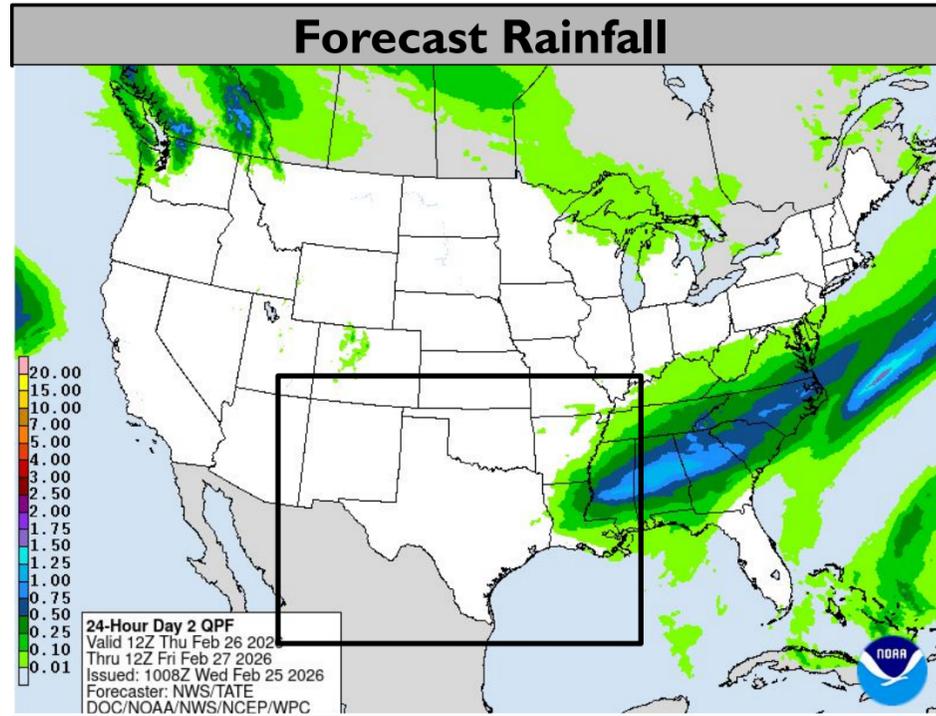
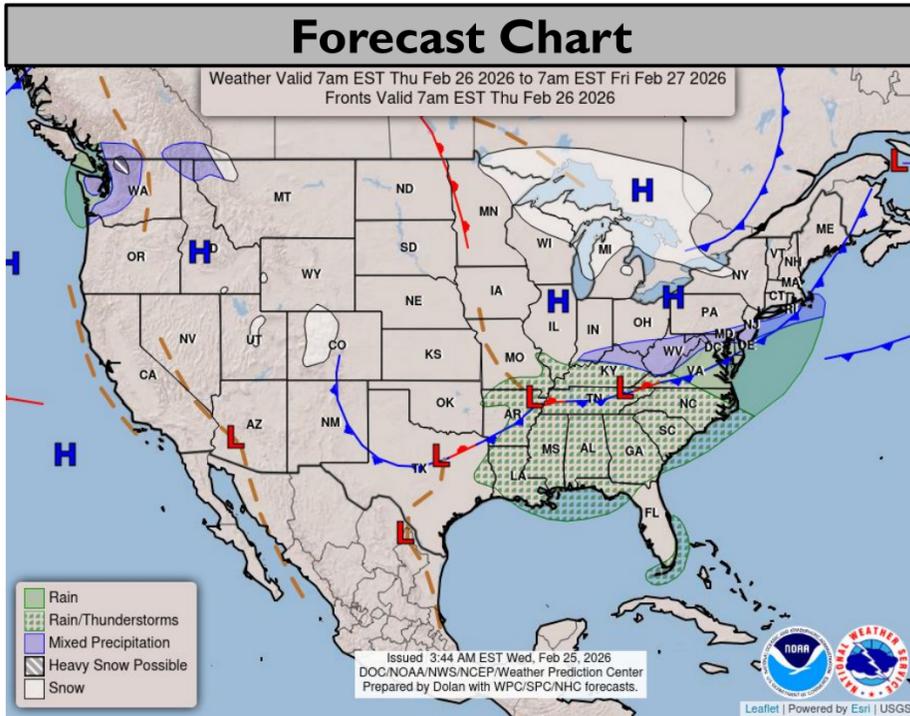


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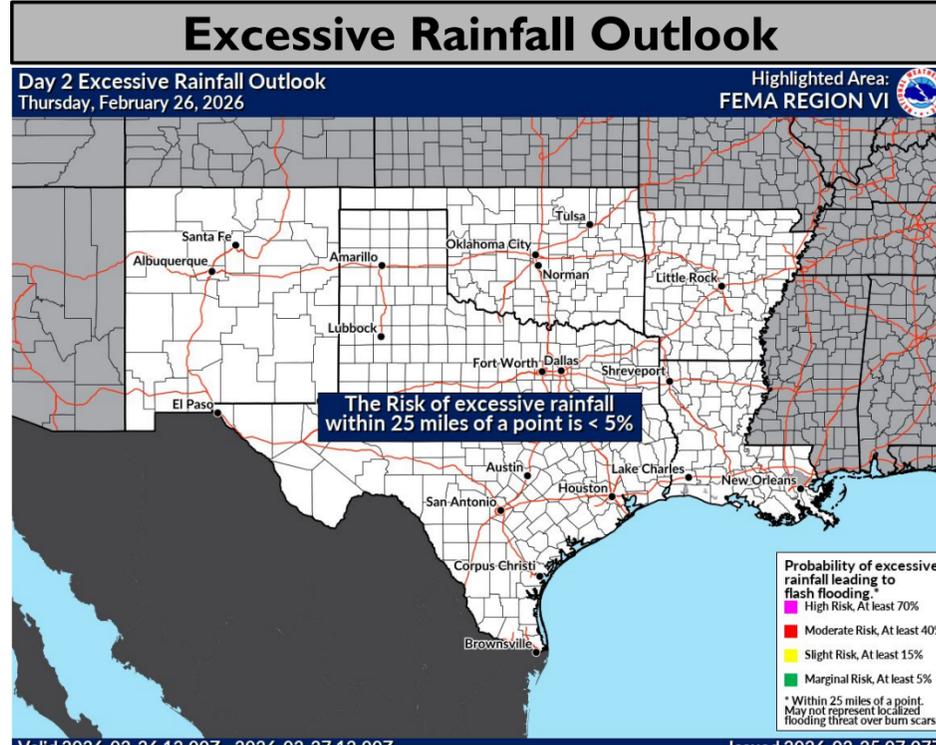
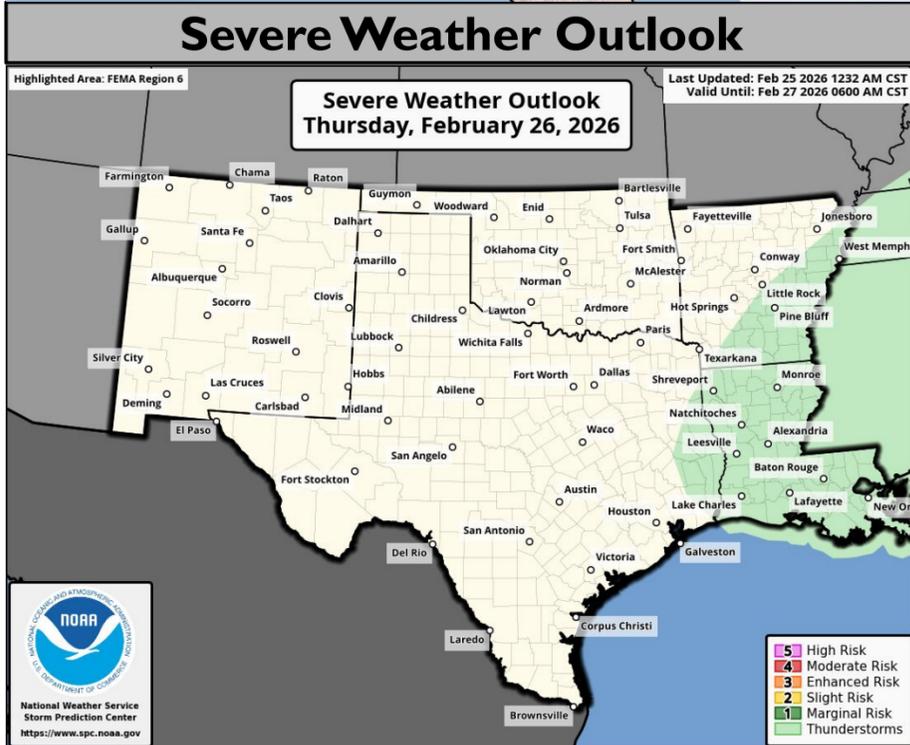




Tomorrow's Weather



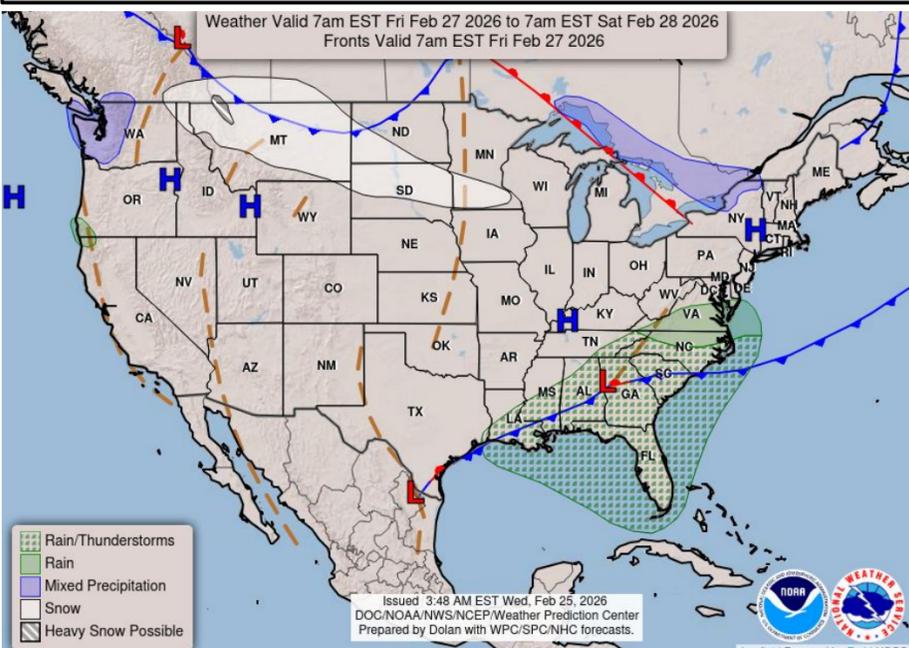
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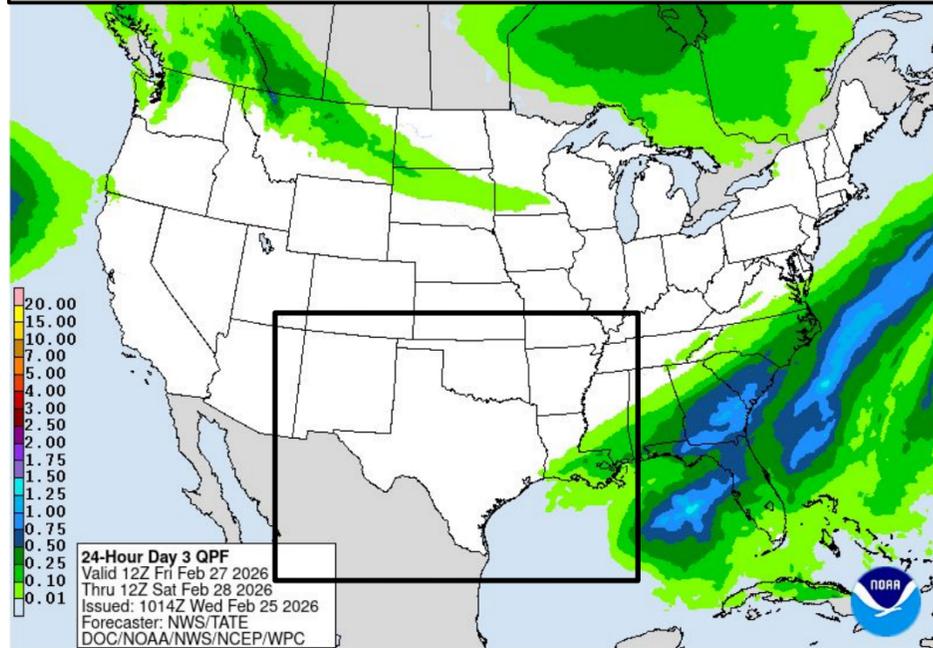


Friday's Weather

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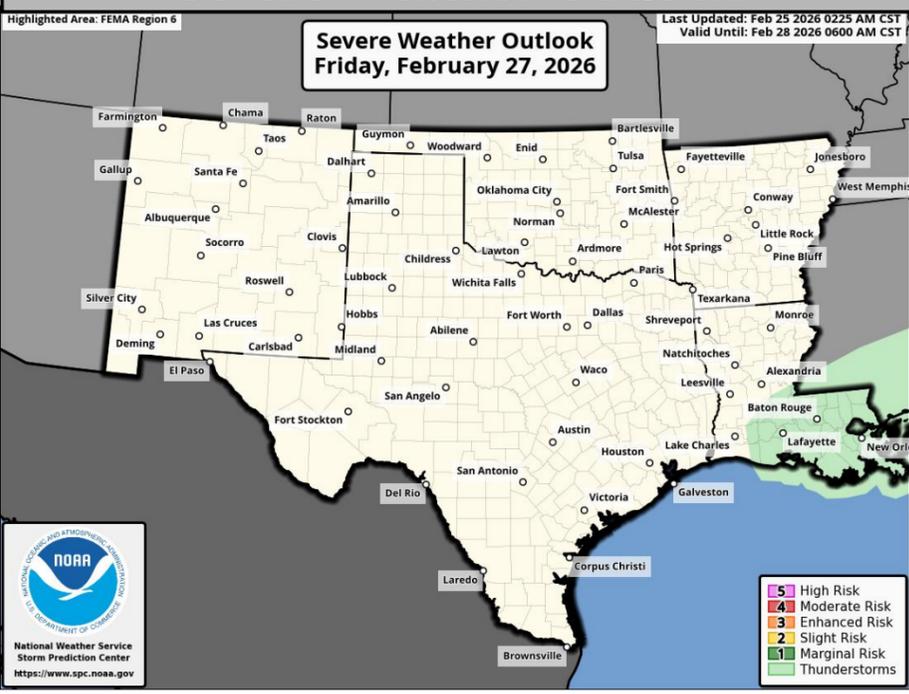


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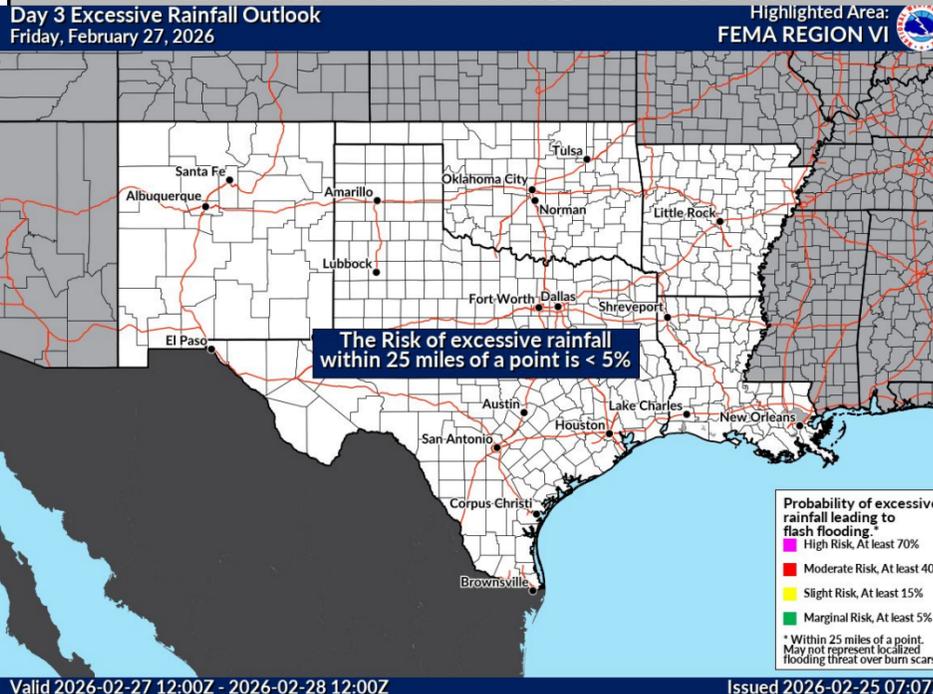


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



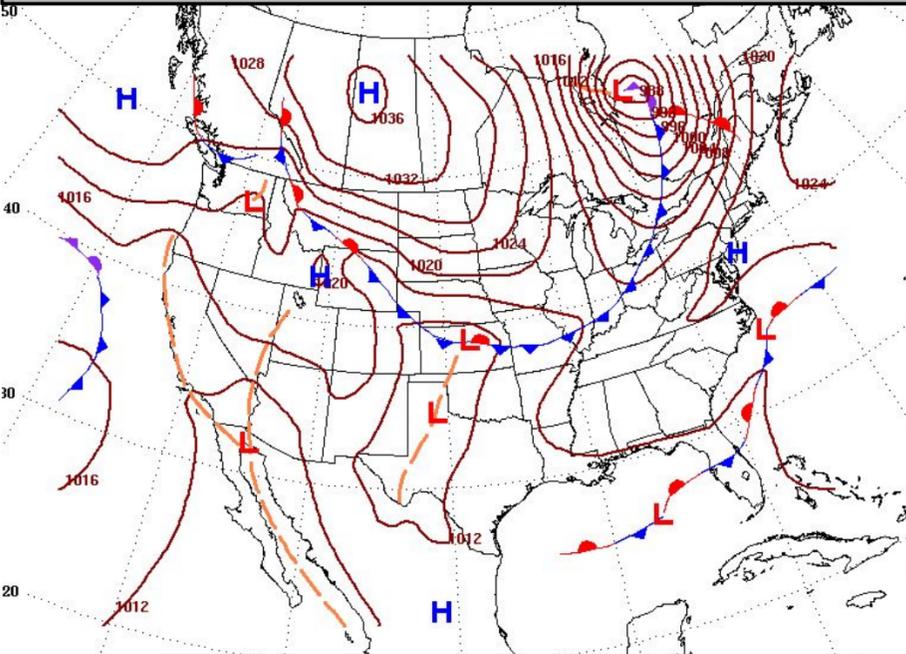
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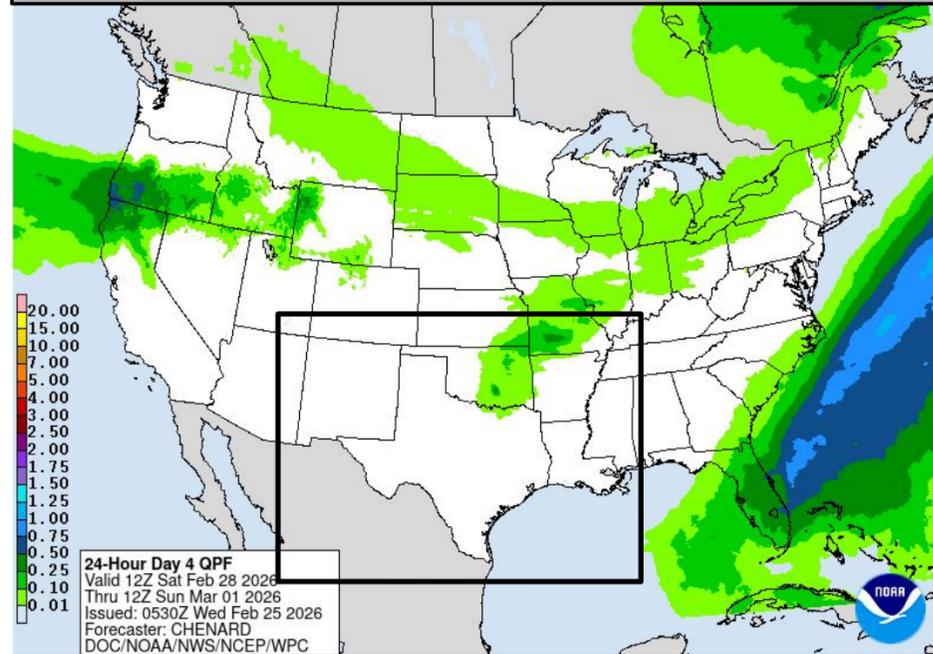


Saturday's Weather

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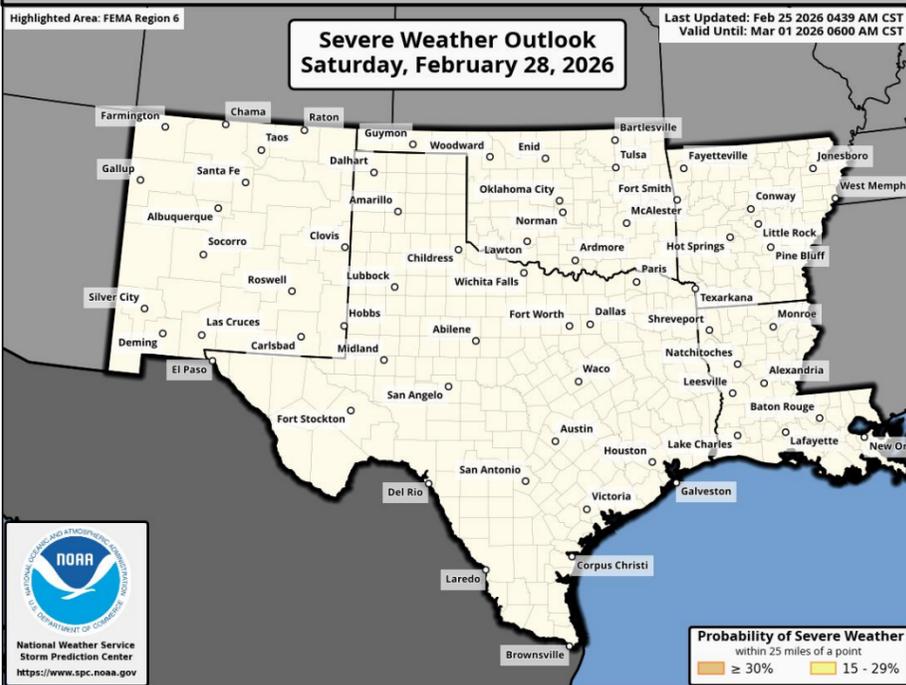


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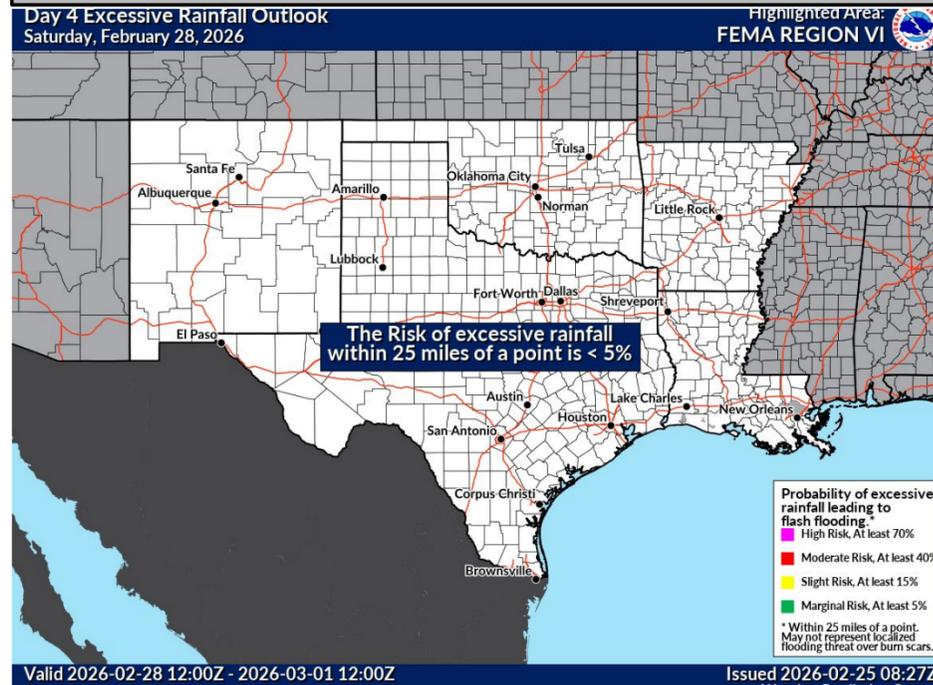


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Severe Weather Outlook



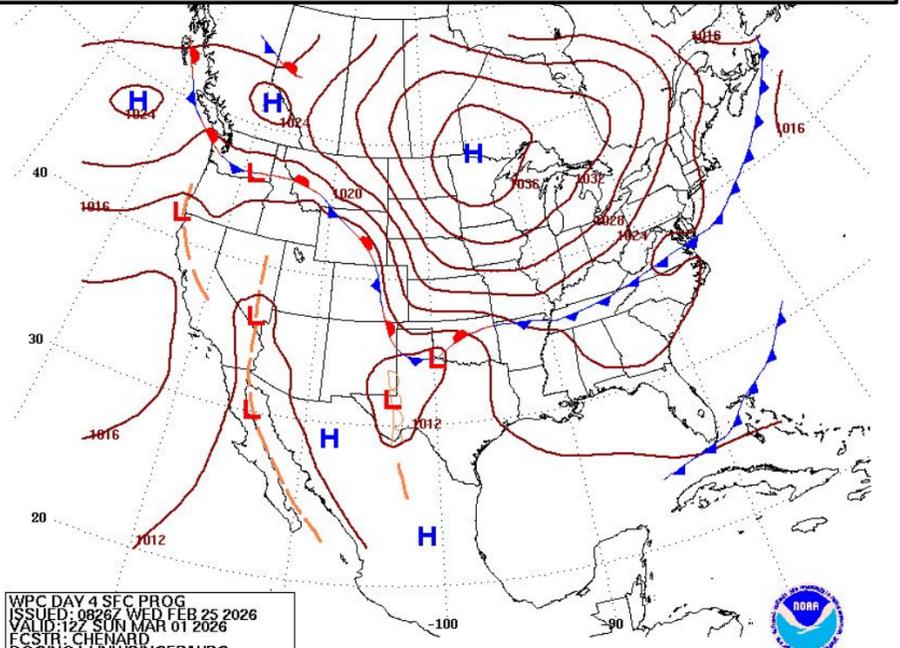
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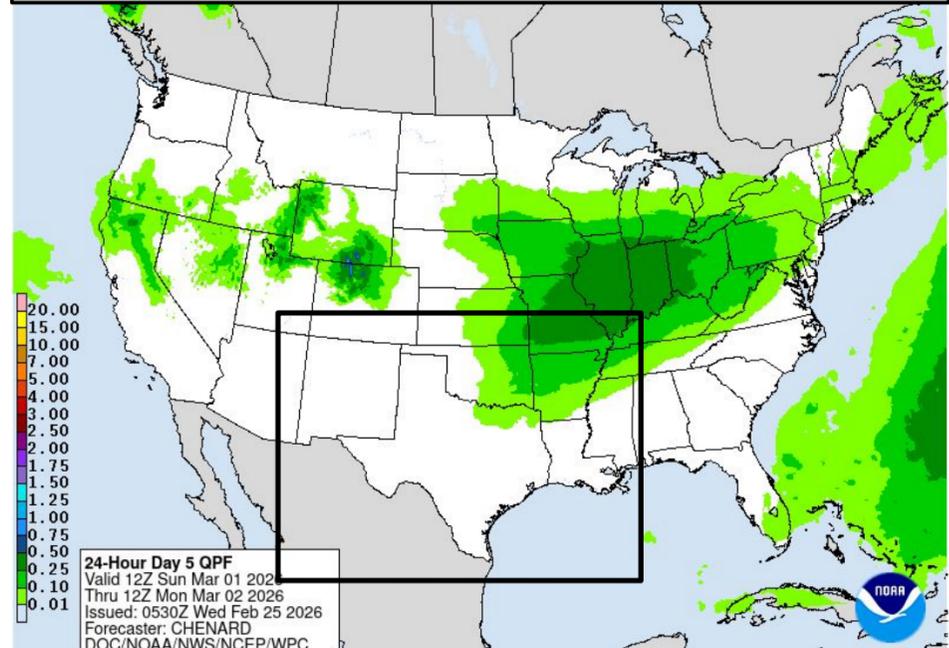
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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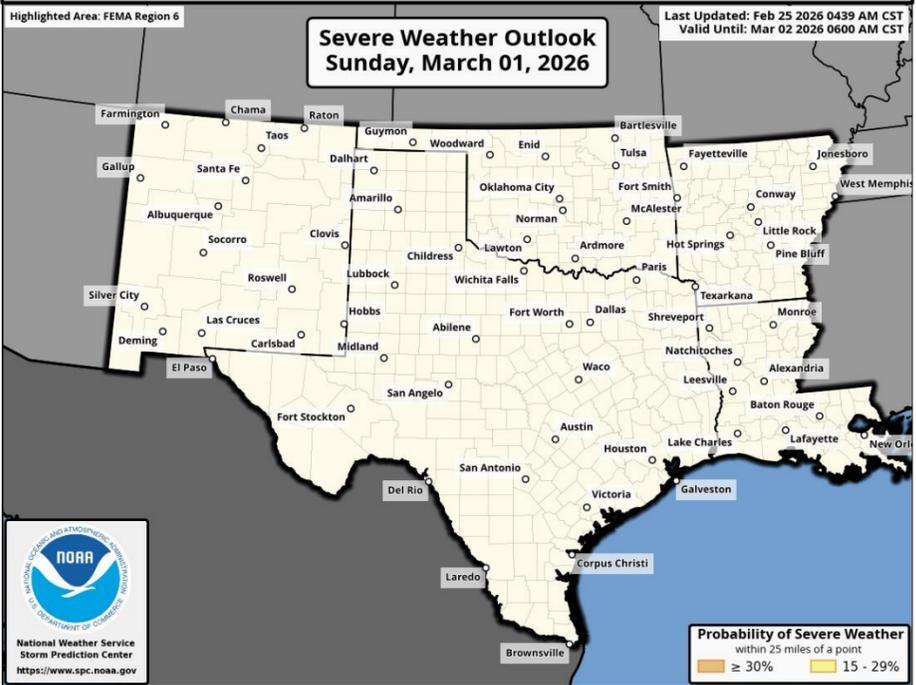
Forecast Rainfall



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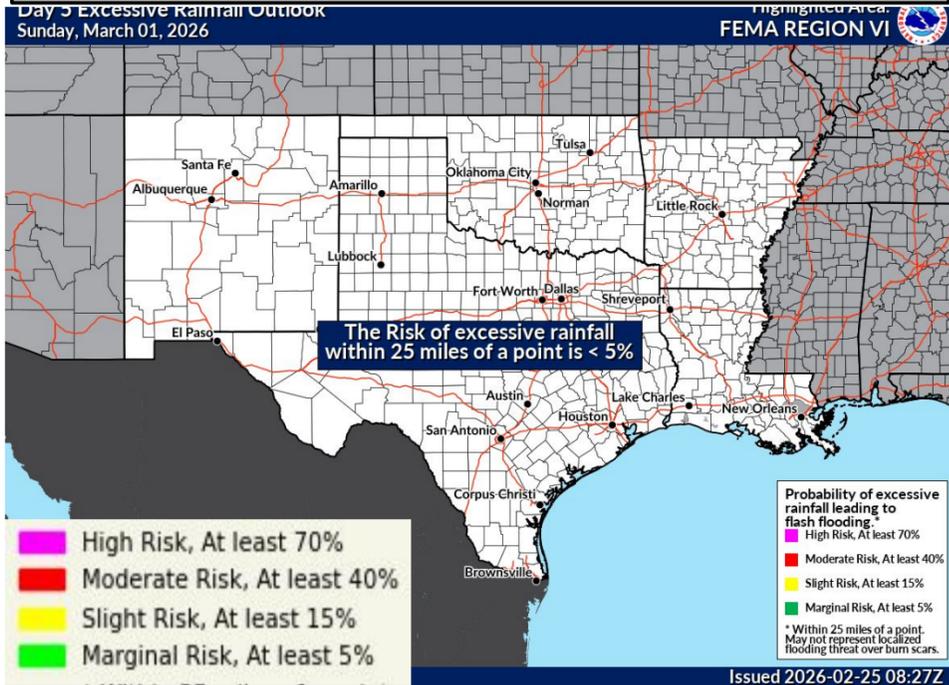


Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, March 01, 2026

Last Updated: Feb 25 2026 0439 AM CST
Valid Until: Mar 02 2026 0600 AM CST



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, March 01, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point
is < 5%

- High Risk, At least 70%
- Moderate Risk, At least 40%
- Slight Risk, At least 15%
- Marginal Risk, At least 5%

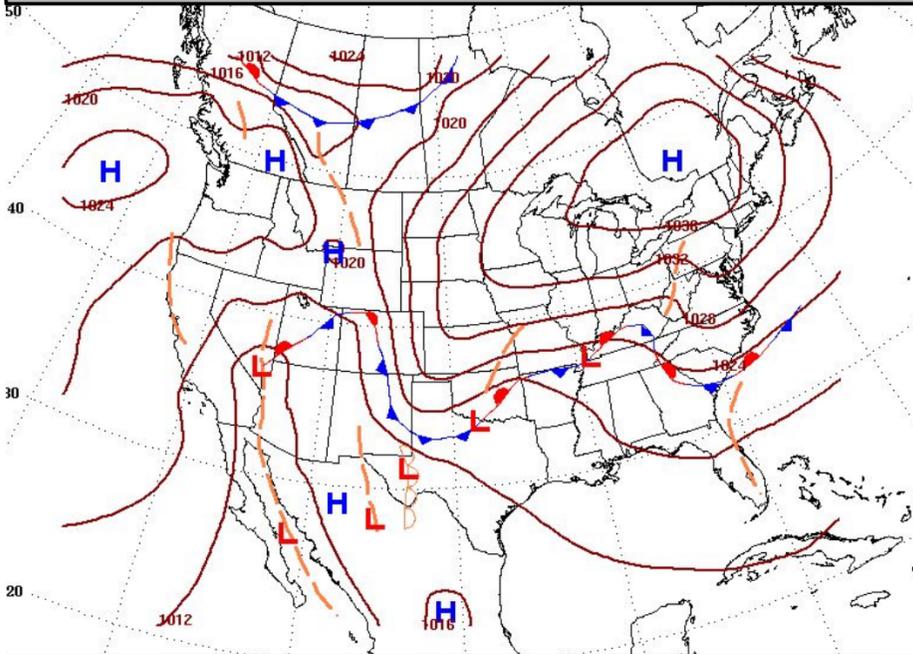
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
* High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
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Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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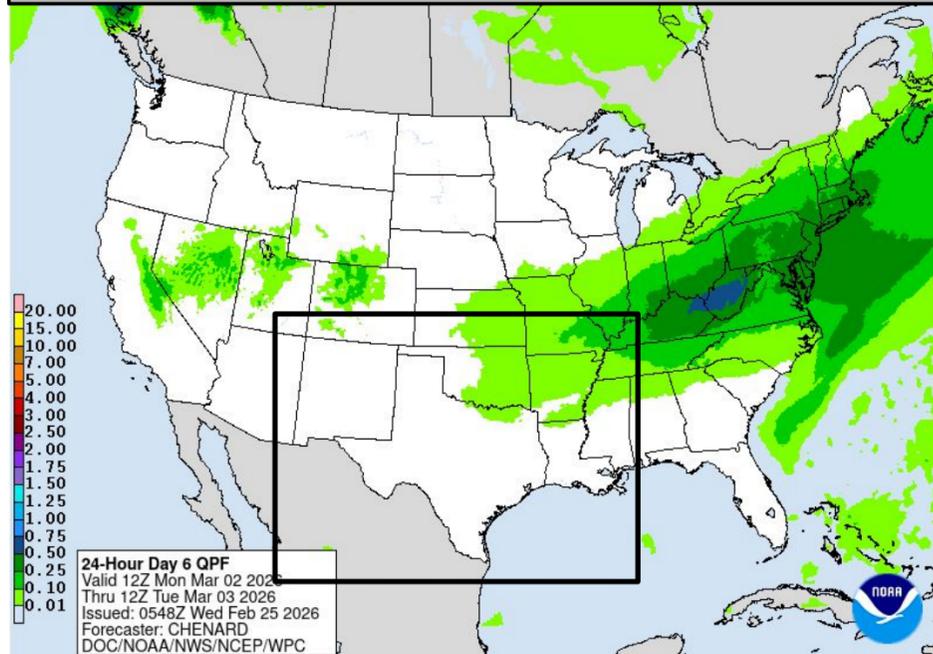


Monday's Weather

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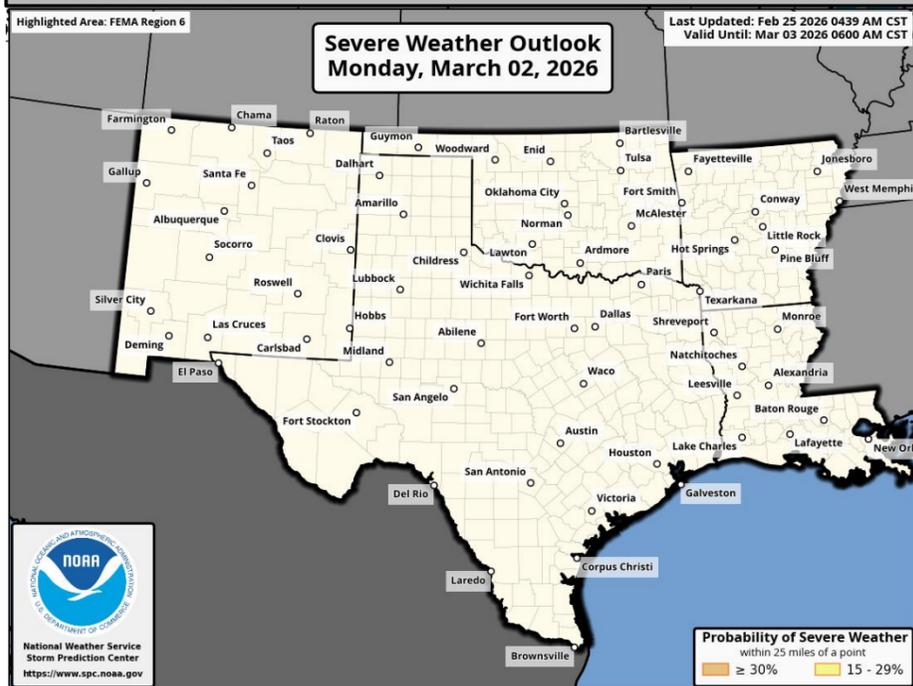


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

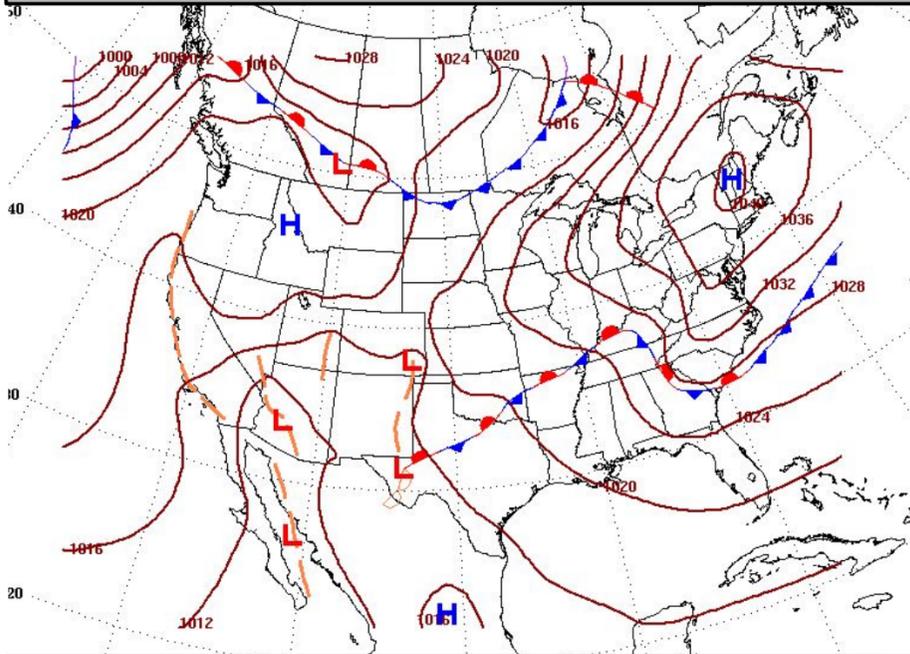


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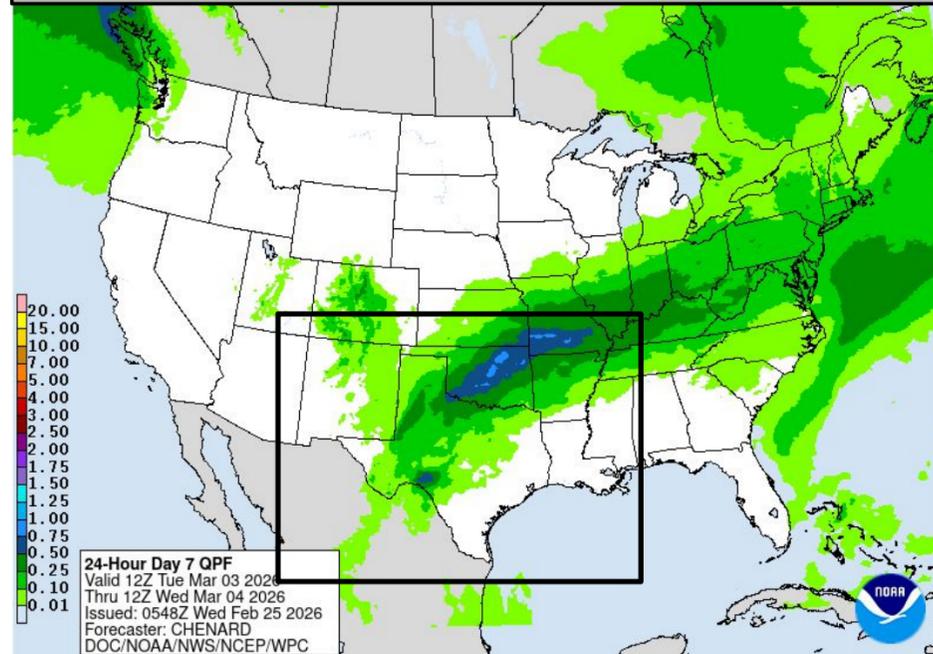


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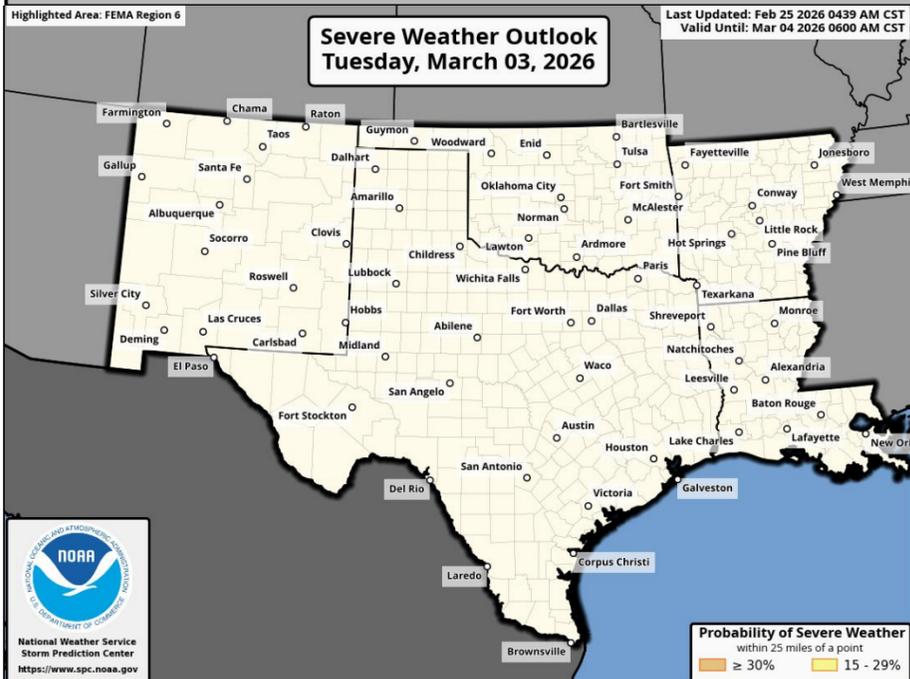


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



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Wind Gust/Direction Forecast through Wednesday

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

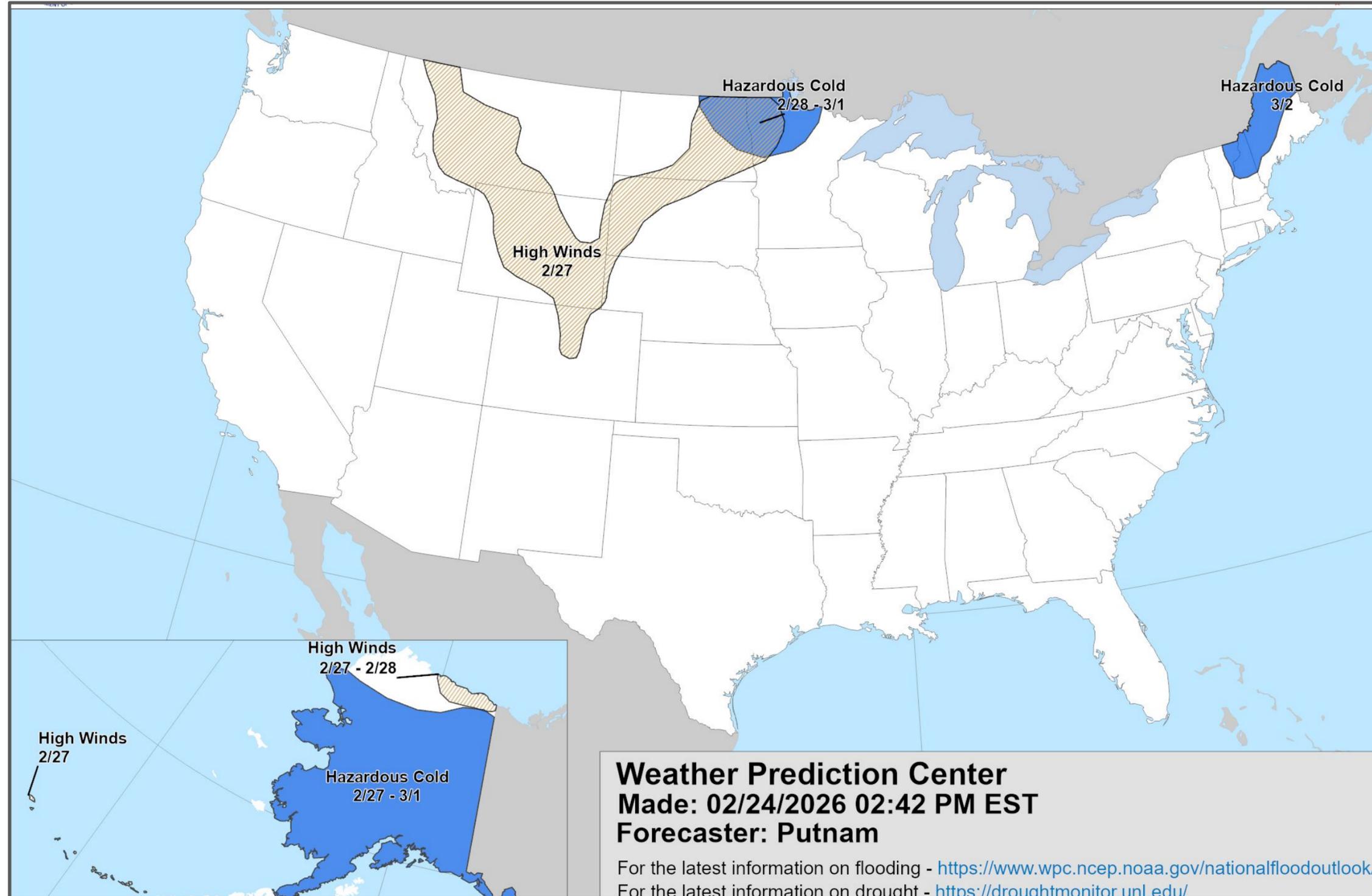
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- Strongest winds will be today and gradually weaken into the weekend.

-Breezy conditions expected over the weekend; however, low level moisture will increase (except in NM).

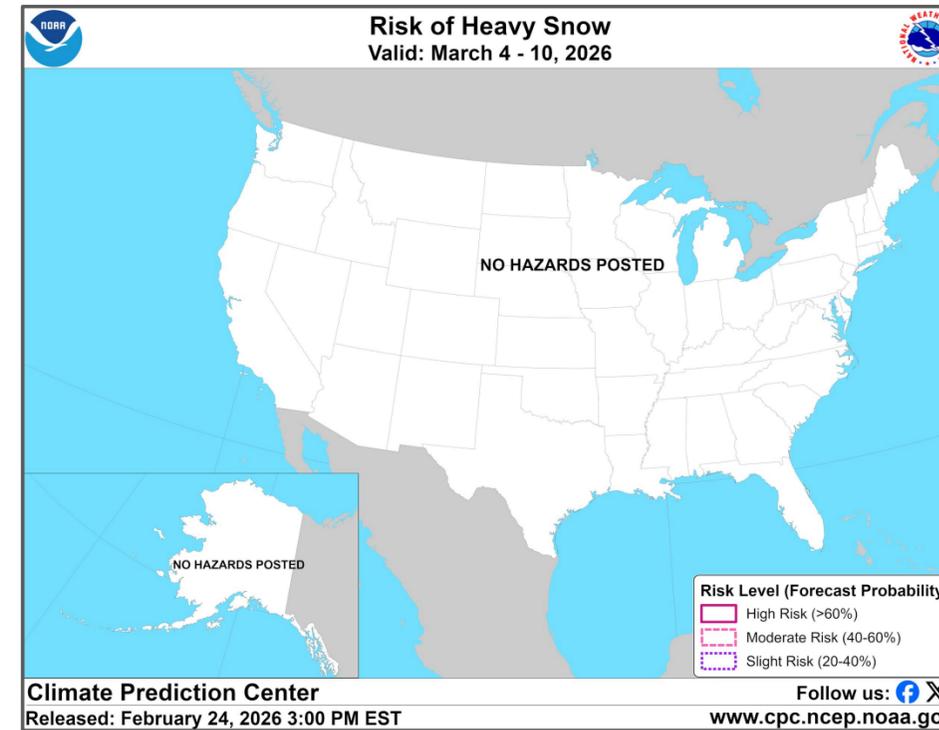
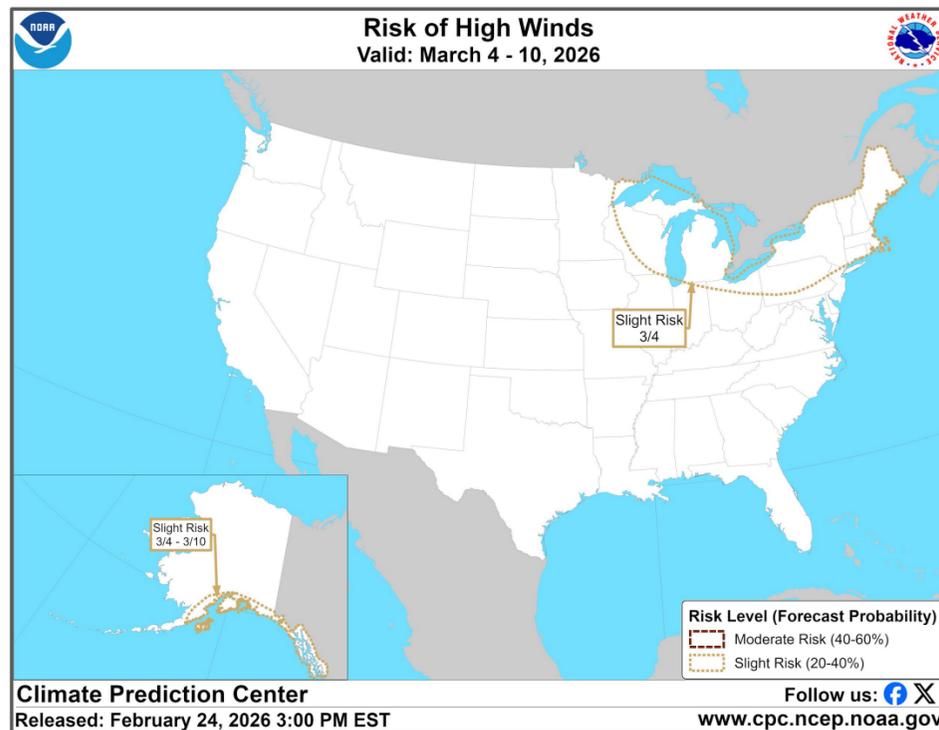
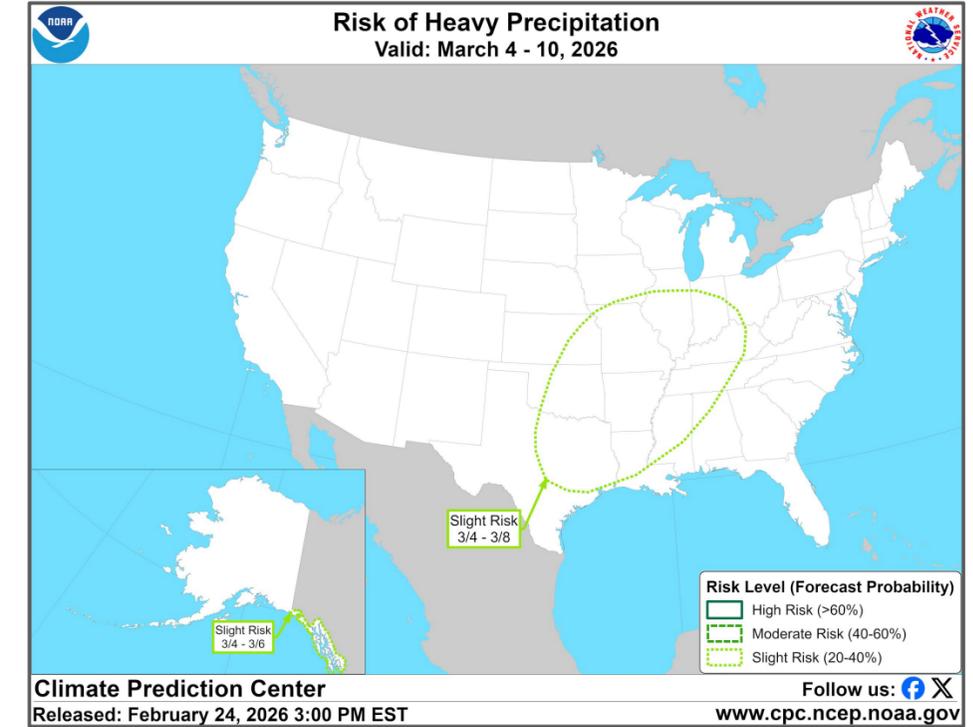
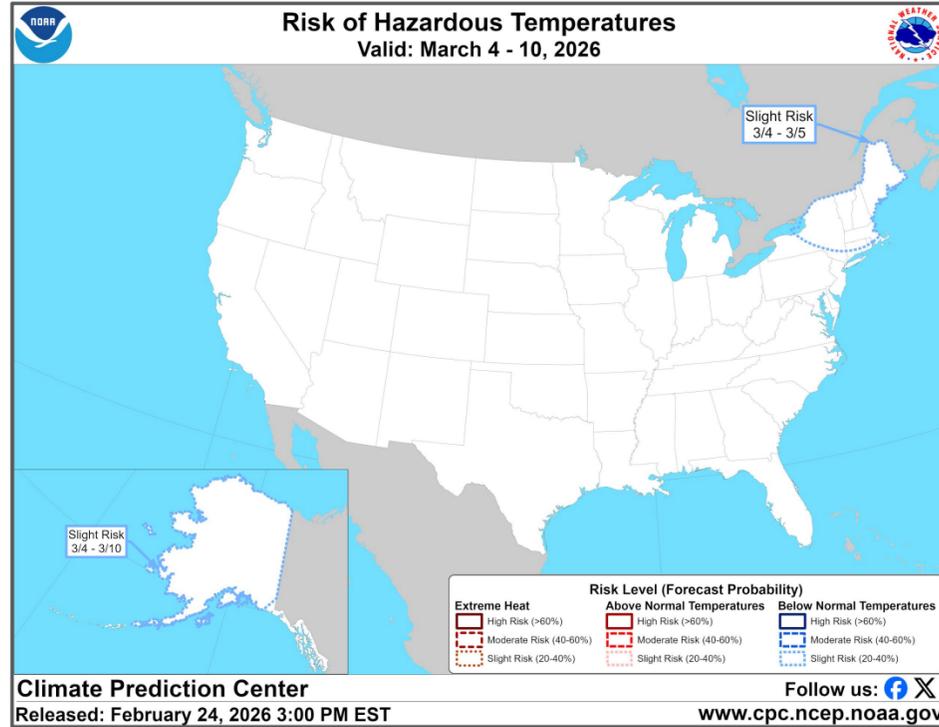
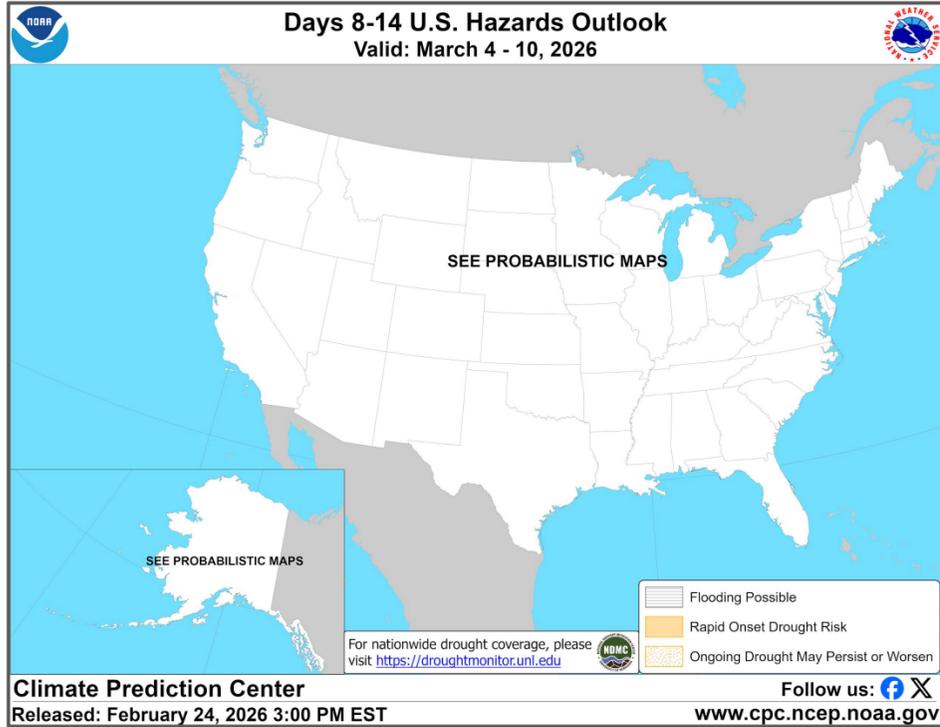


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





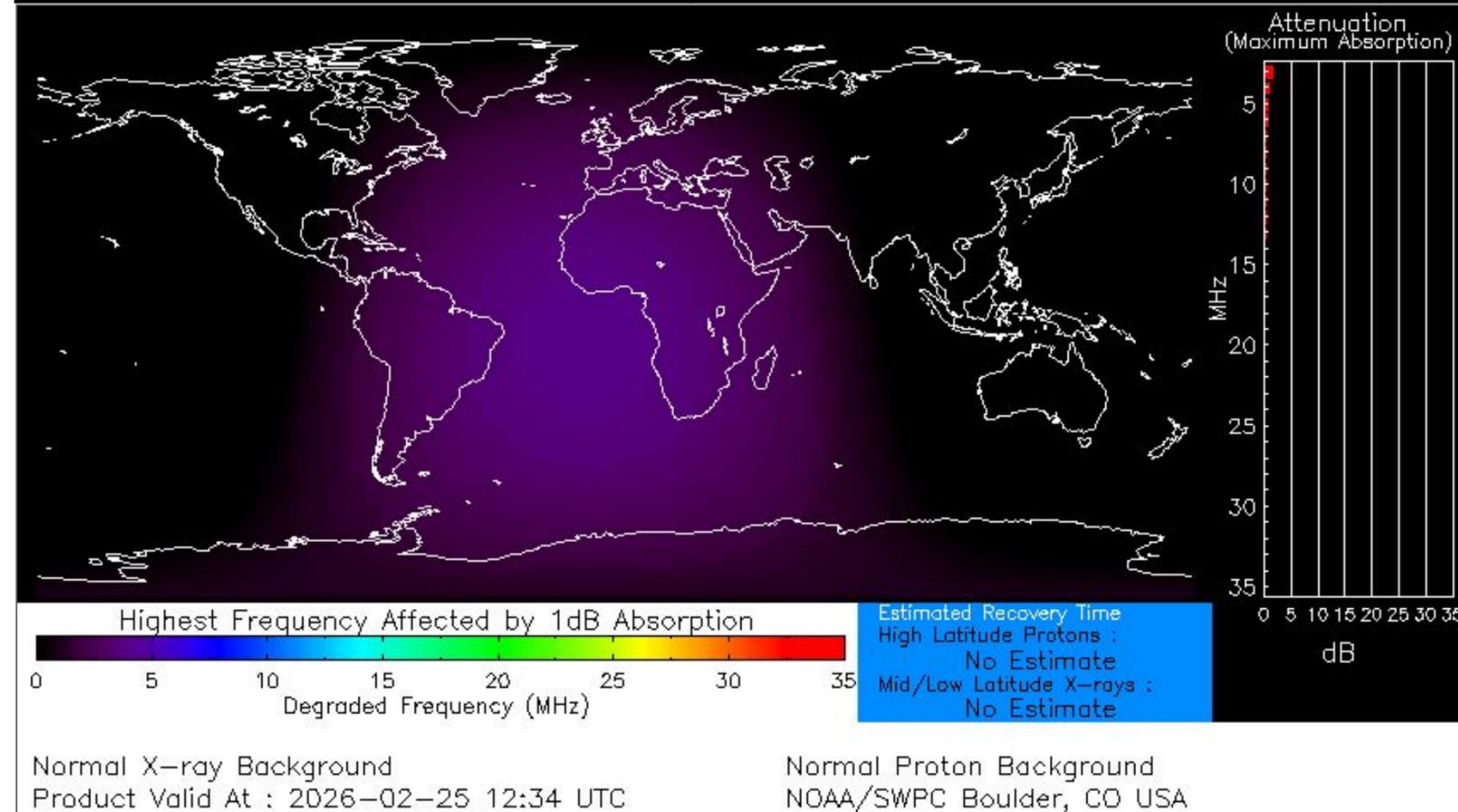
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





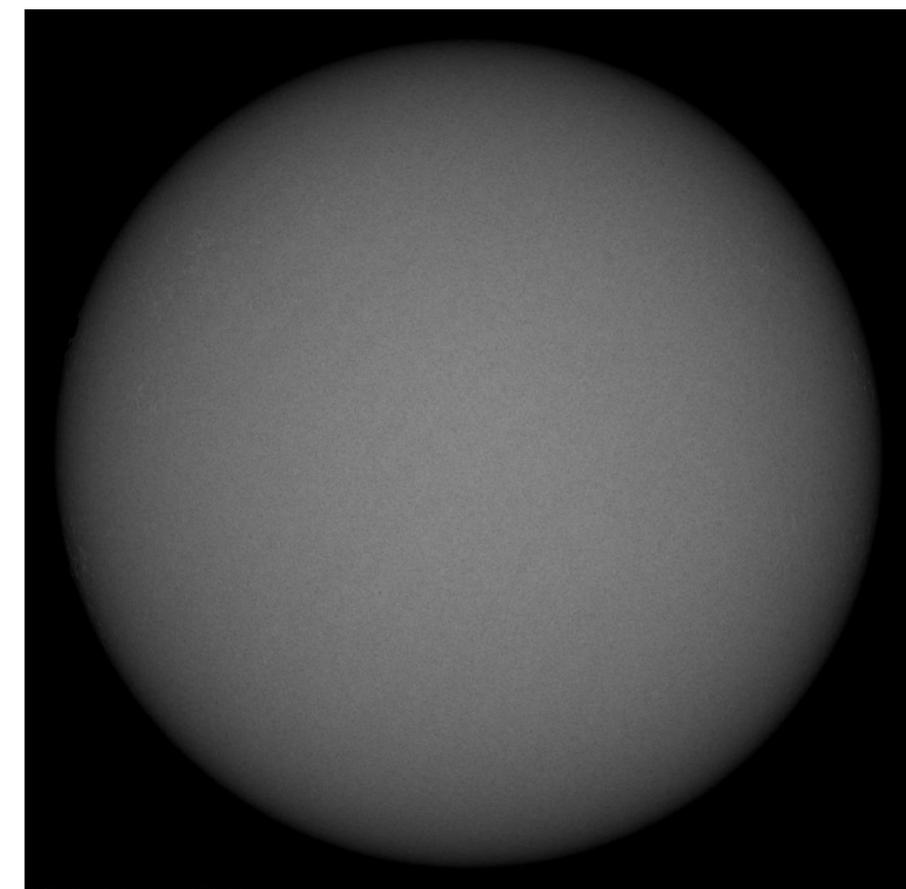
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Feb 25	Thursday, Feb 26	Friday, Feb 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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

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



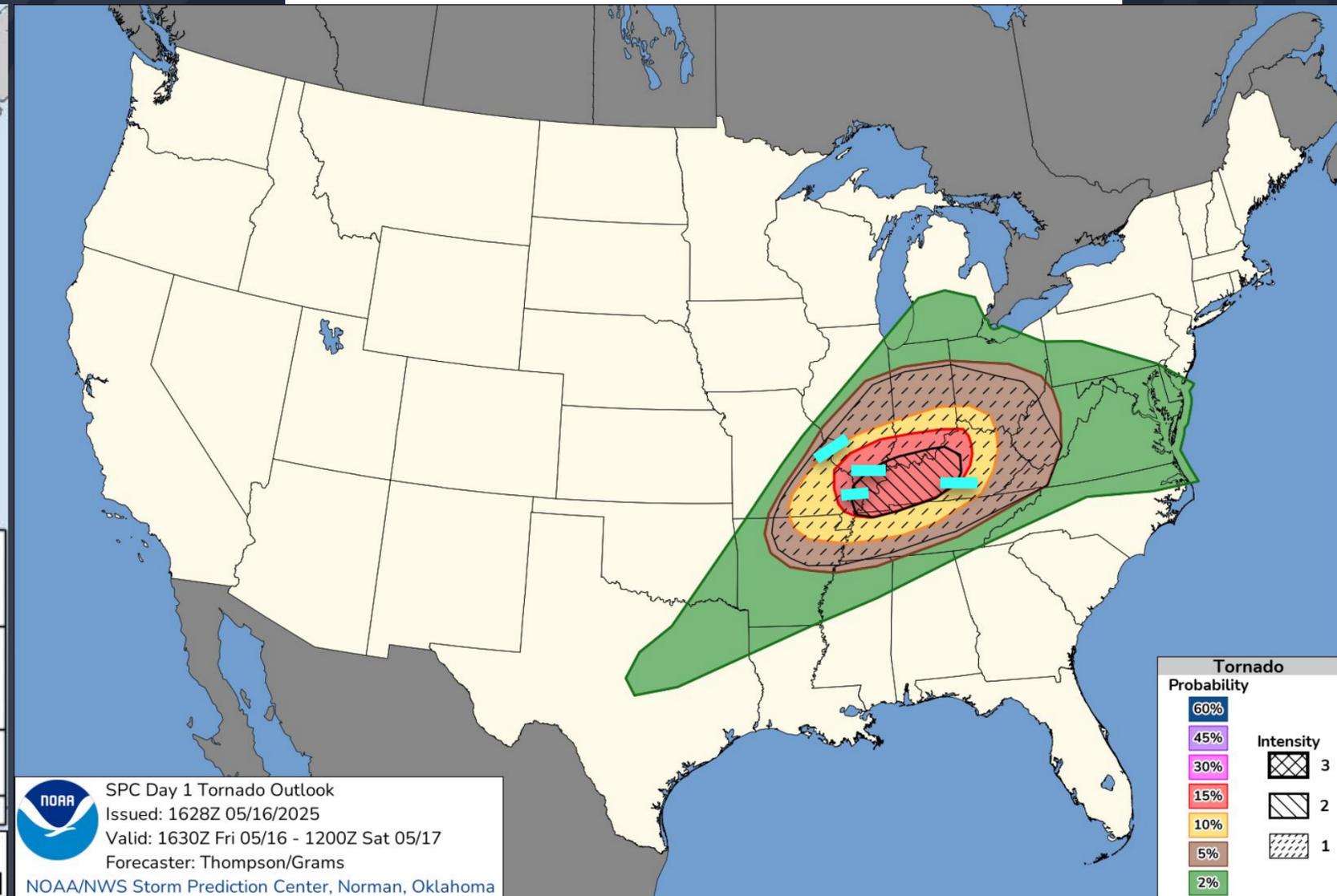
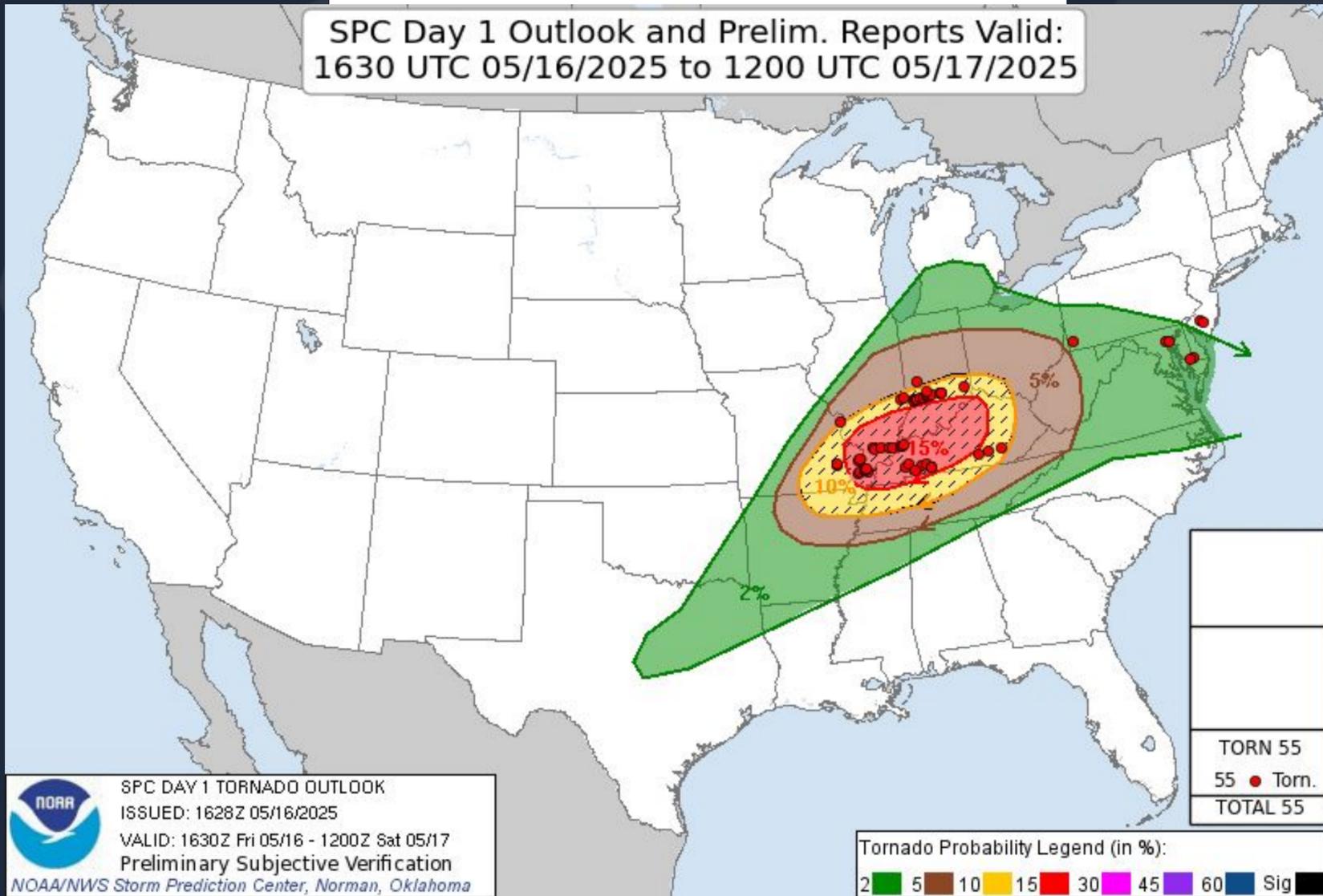
Storm Prediction Center

Convective Outlook Changes in March 2026

Utilizing Conditional Intensity to Improve Severe Weather Impacts Forecasting

Current Operational

New Conditional Intensity



EF3+ tornado paths in cyan



Key Takeaways

Outlook Categories Unchanged

Frequency of categorical outlook areas will be the same as prior years.

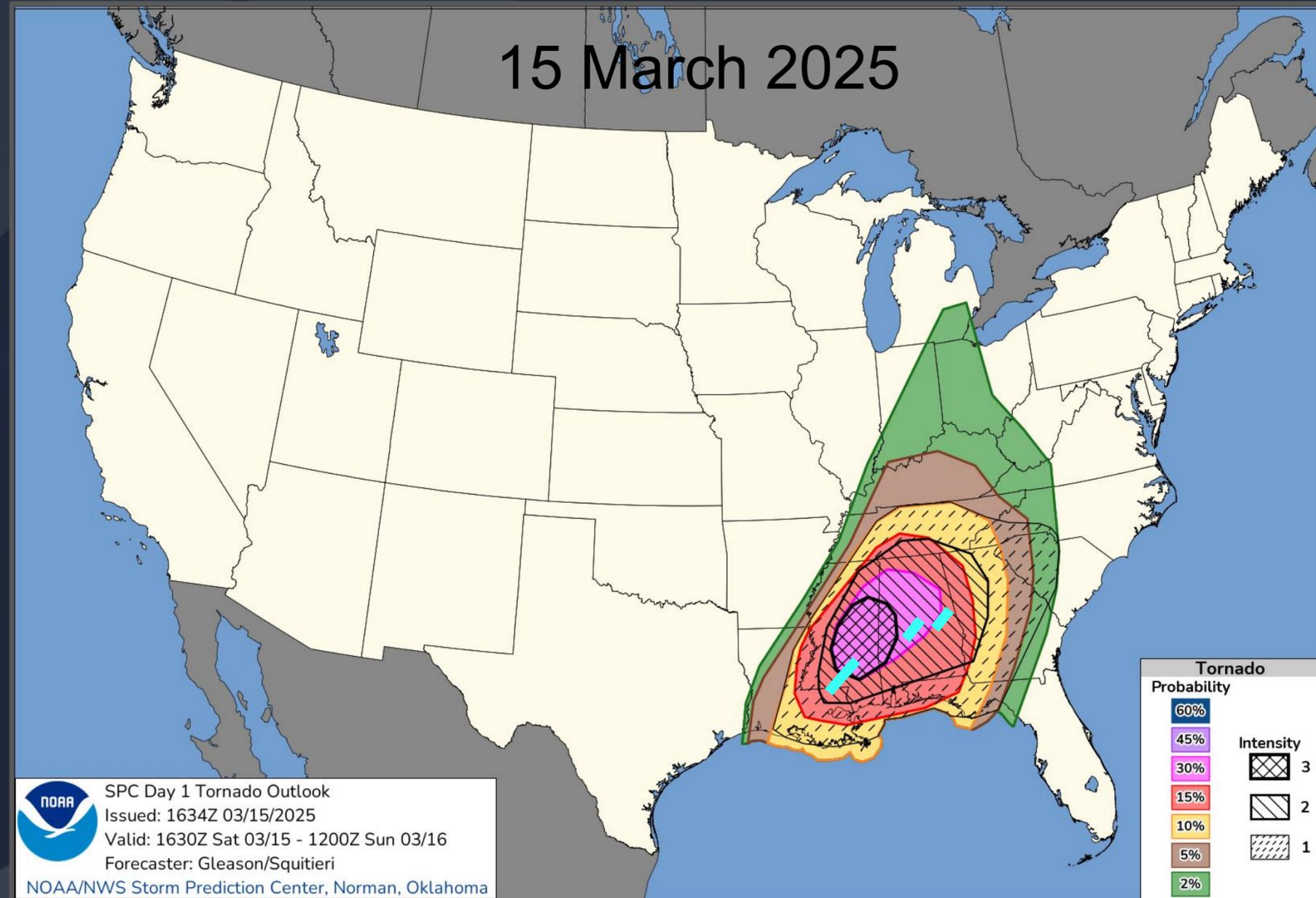
ENH in 2025 will be an ENH in 2026.

Added Intensity Information

First change to hazard intensity forecasts since early 2000s.

3 intensity categories for tornado and wind (2 for hail) to reflect potential for greater hazard intensity and impacts.

Used in Days 1-3 Convective Outlooks.



EF3+ tornado paths in cyan

Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 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</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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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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