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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, March 01, 2026

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# Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over SE OK, W AR, N/C TX Wednesday.
- Slight risk for OK, W AR, N/C TX on Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) on Wednesday in SE OK, AR, N TX and again on Thursday.
- Monitoring portions of OK, AR, N TX for heavy rainfall on Friday and again Saturday.

- **Fire Weather**

- Monitoring E NM for elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns Sun-Thu in the afternoon hours. Locally critical (level 2 of 3) concerns may arise on Monday.
- Portions of W/NW TX may see elevated fire weather concerns Tuesday & Thursday.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Mar 1	Monday, Mar 2	Tuesday, Mar 3	Wednesday, Mar 4	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7
Severe Storms	C OK			SE OK, W AR, N/CTX		OK, W AR, N/CTX	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding				SE OK, AR, NTX	SE OK, AR, NTX	OK, AR, NTX	OK, AR, NTX
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	E NM	N/E NM	E NM, W TX	E NM	E NM, N W TX		
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.*

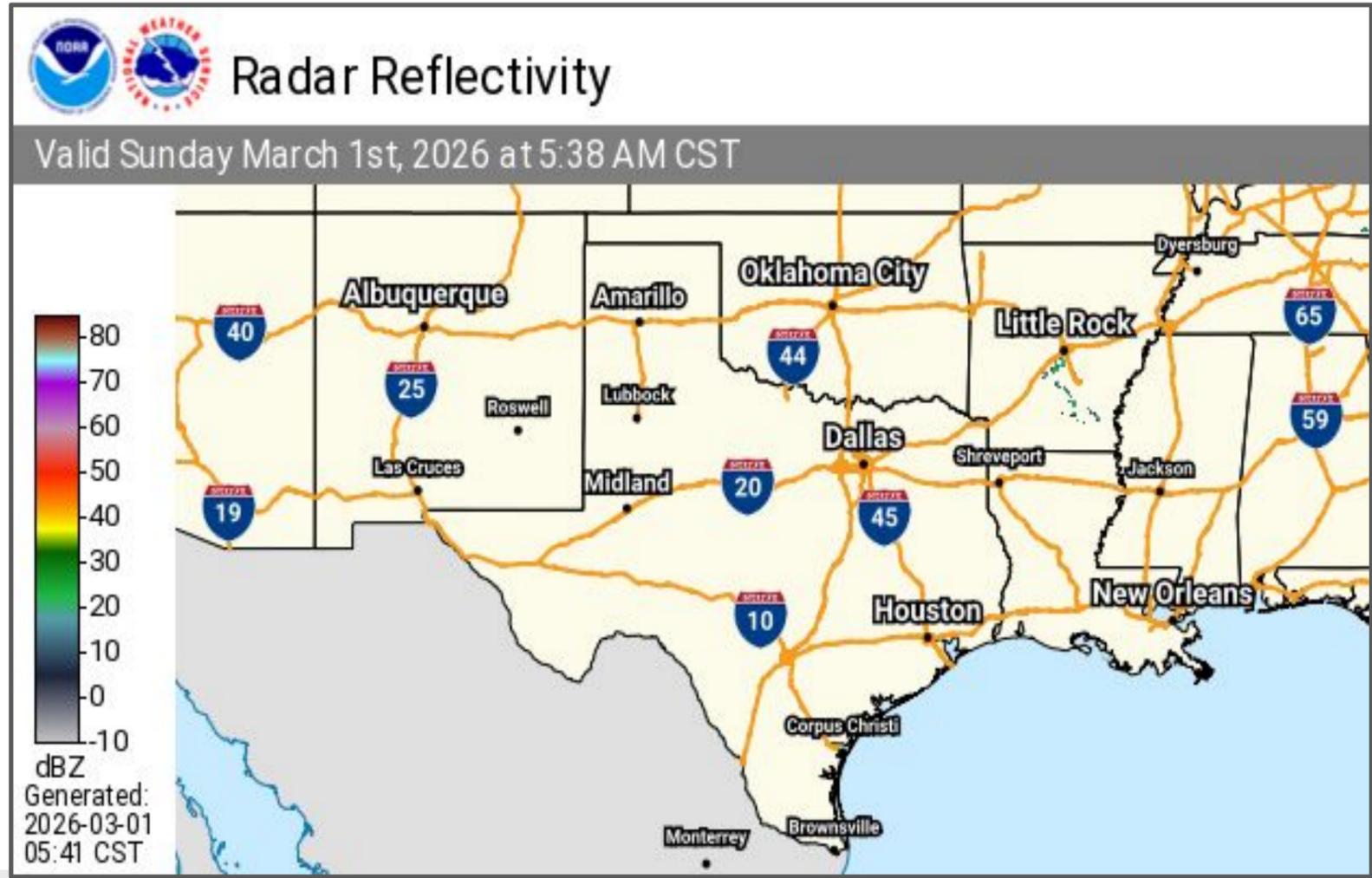
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# Current Radar/Hazards

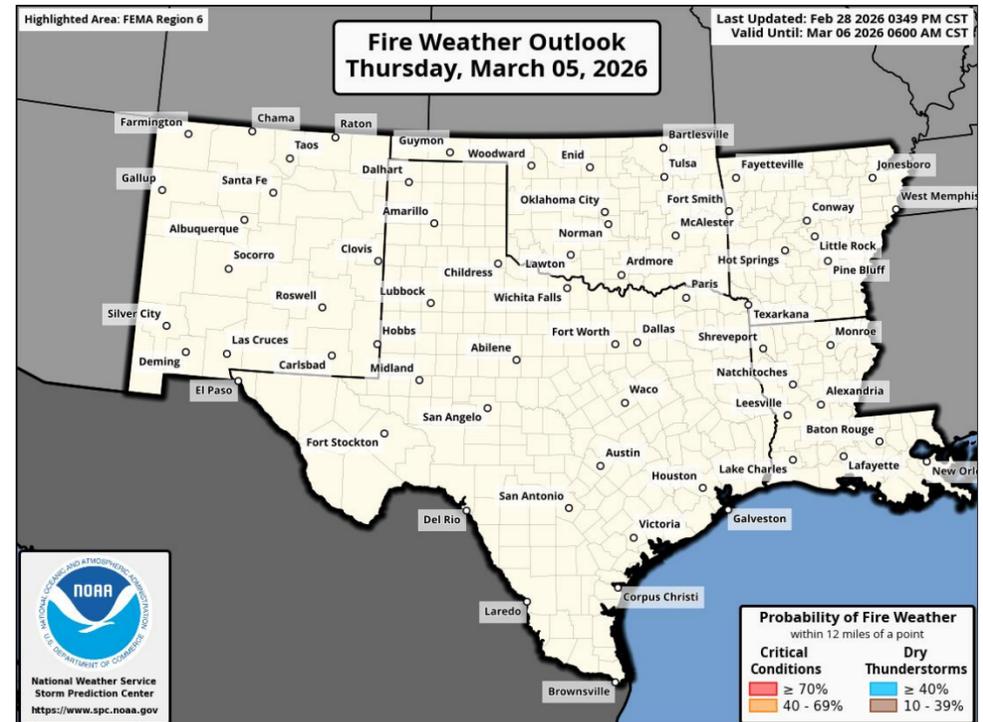
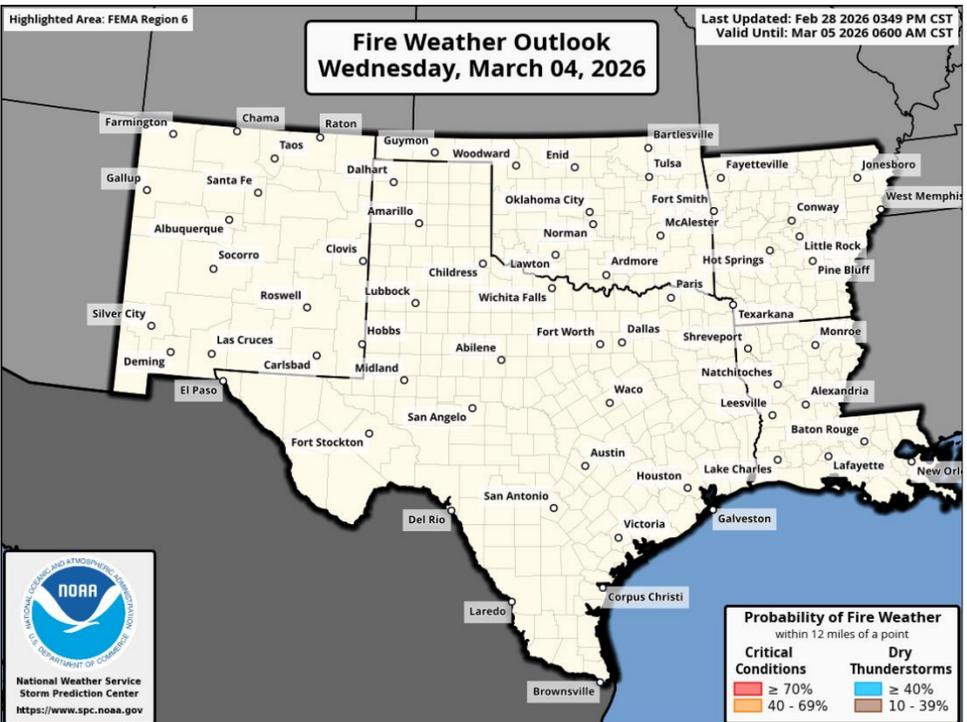
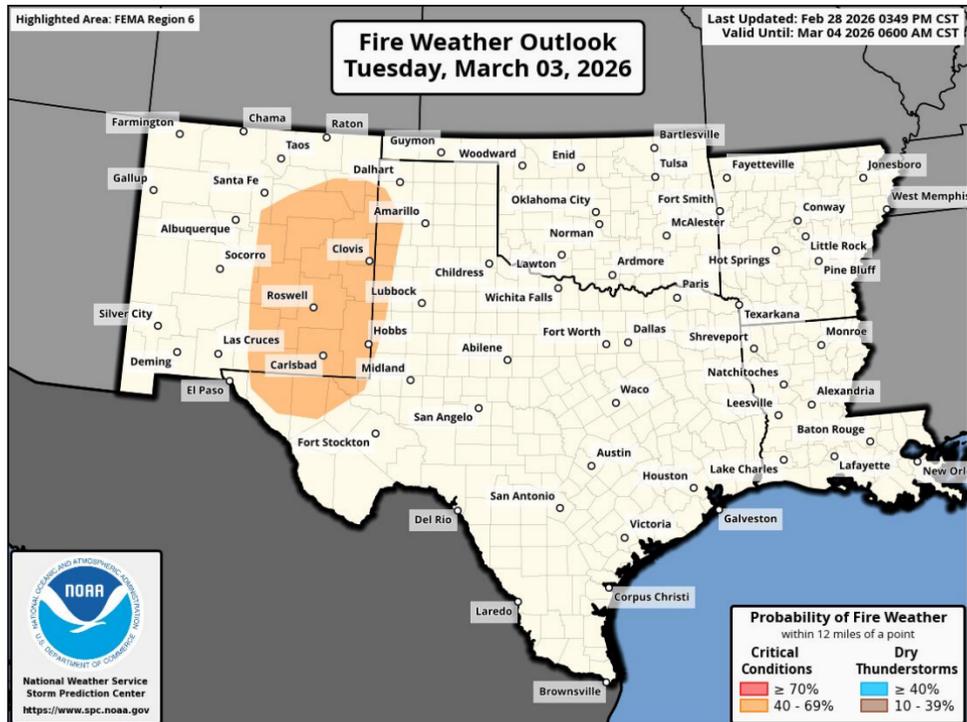
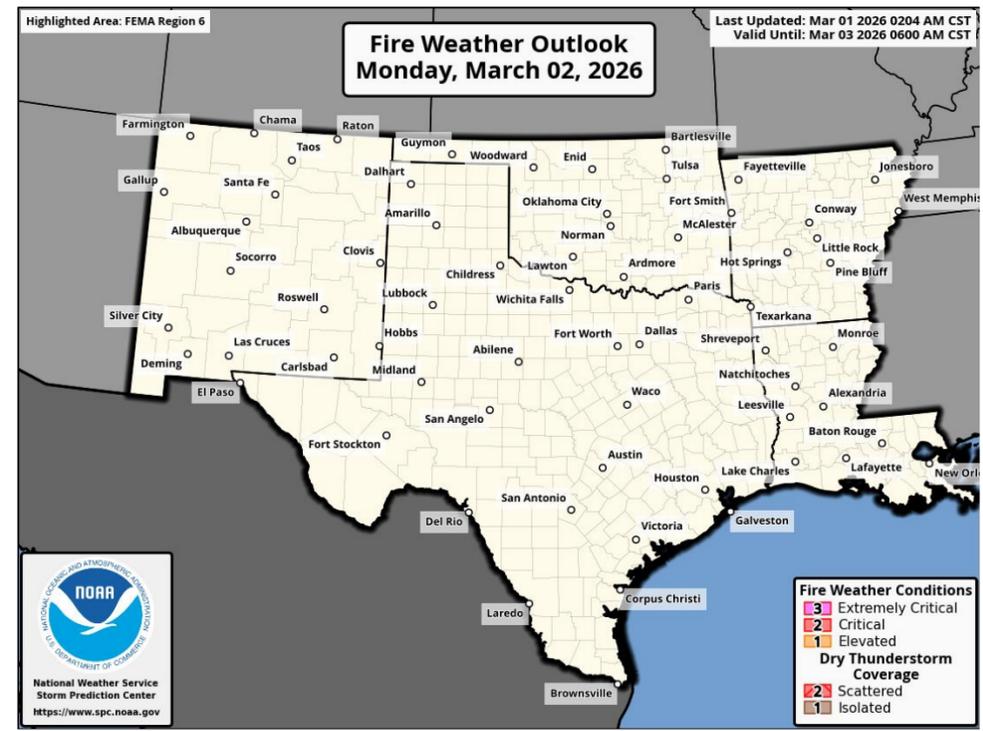
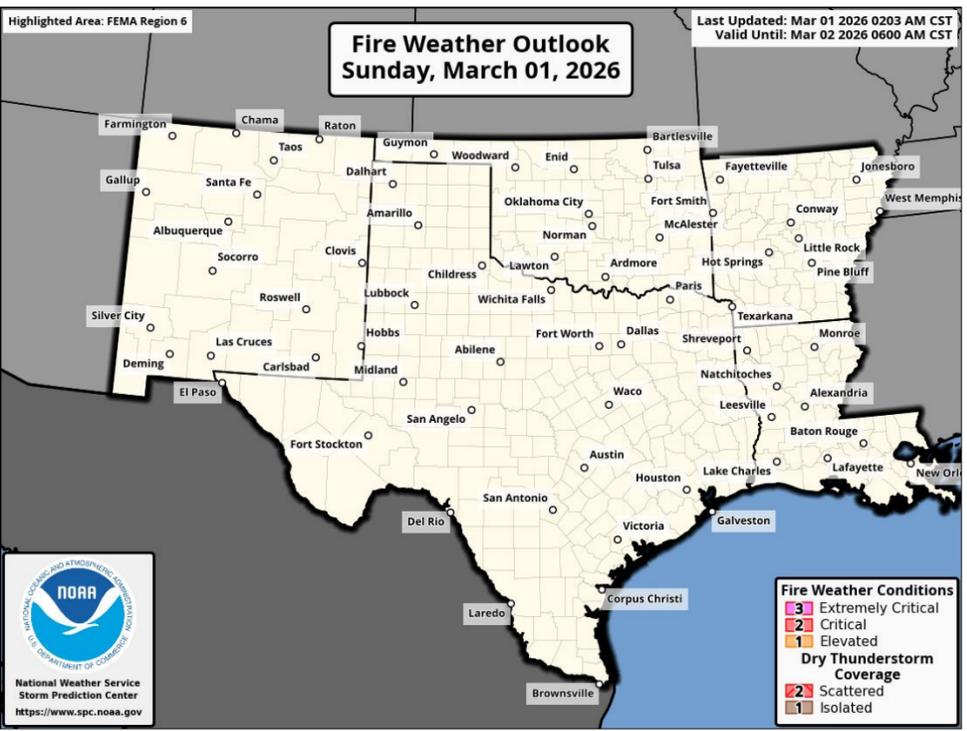
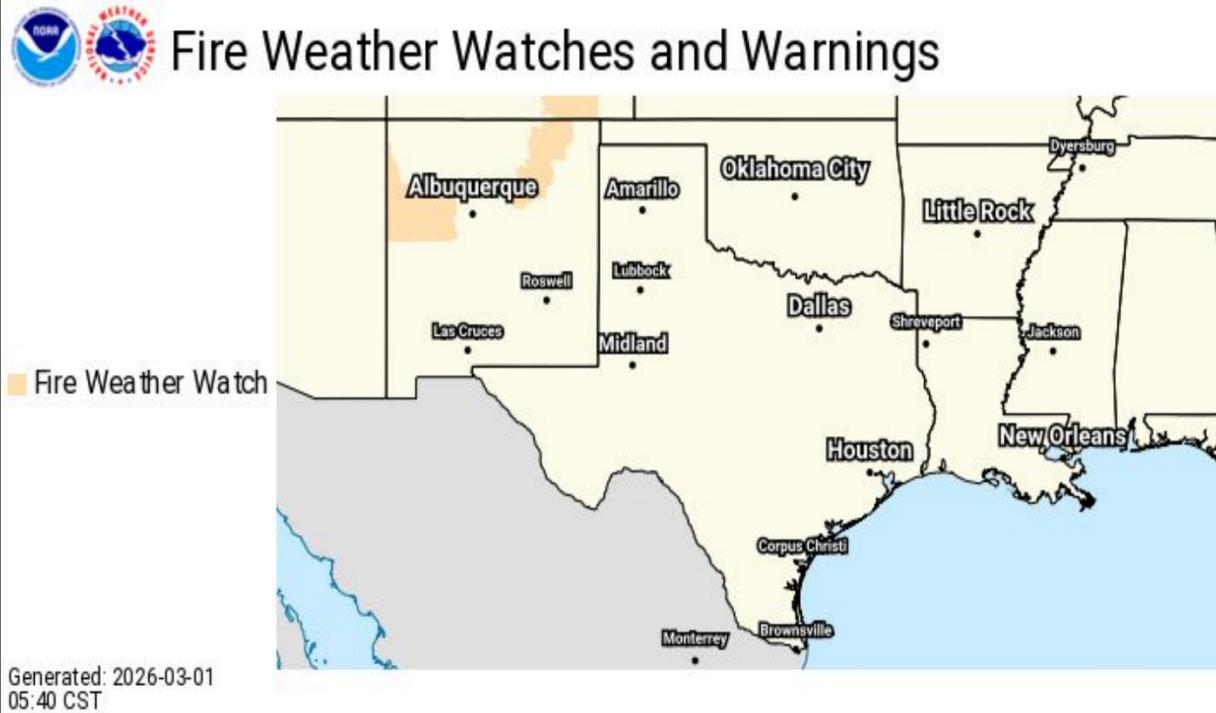


**Fire Weather Watches in NM from Noon CT Monday through 8 PM CT Monday.**





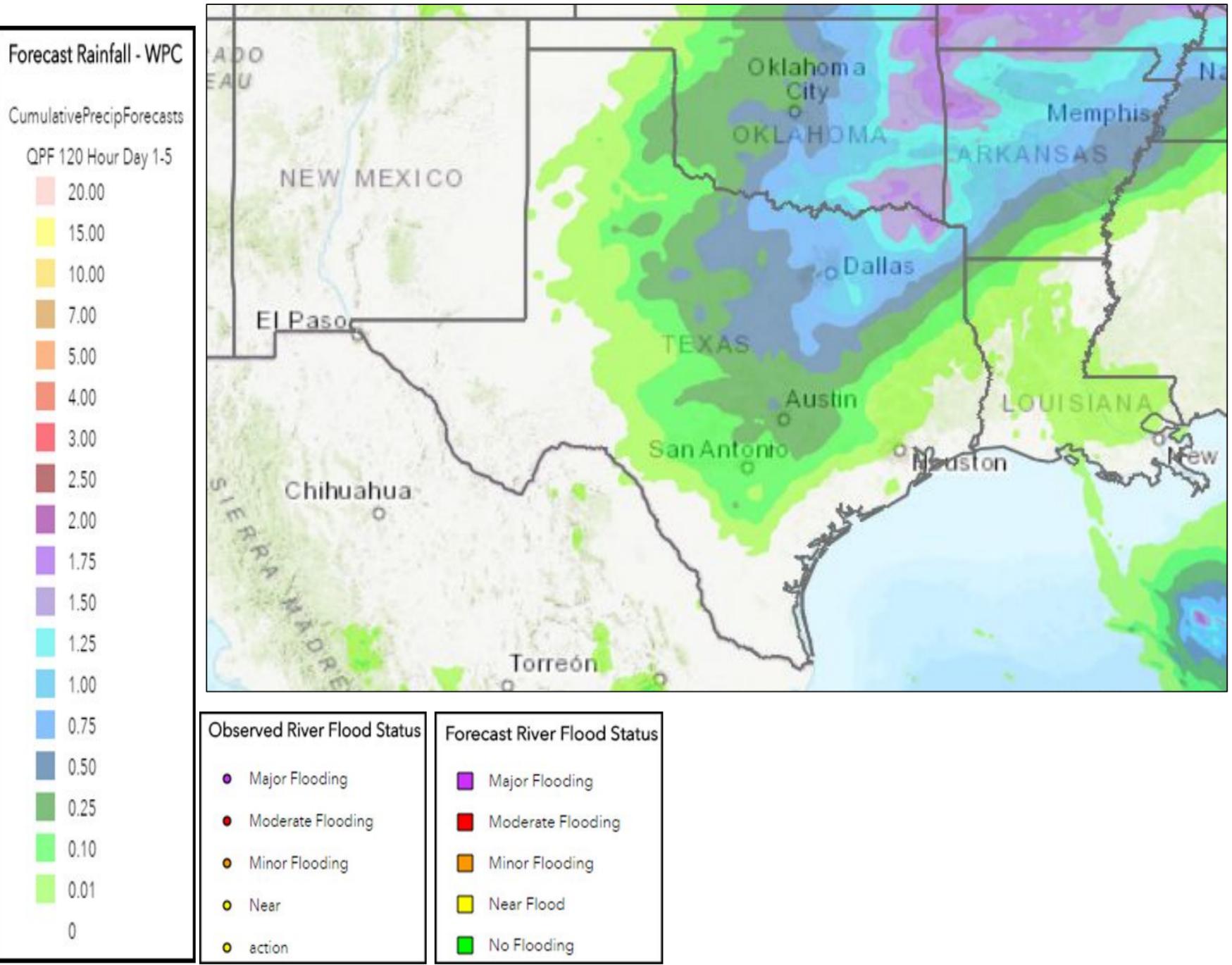
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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*



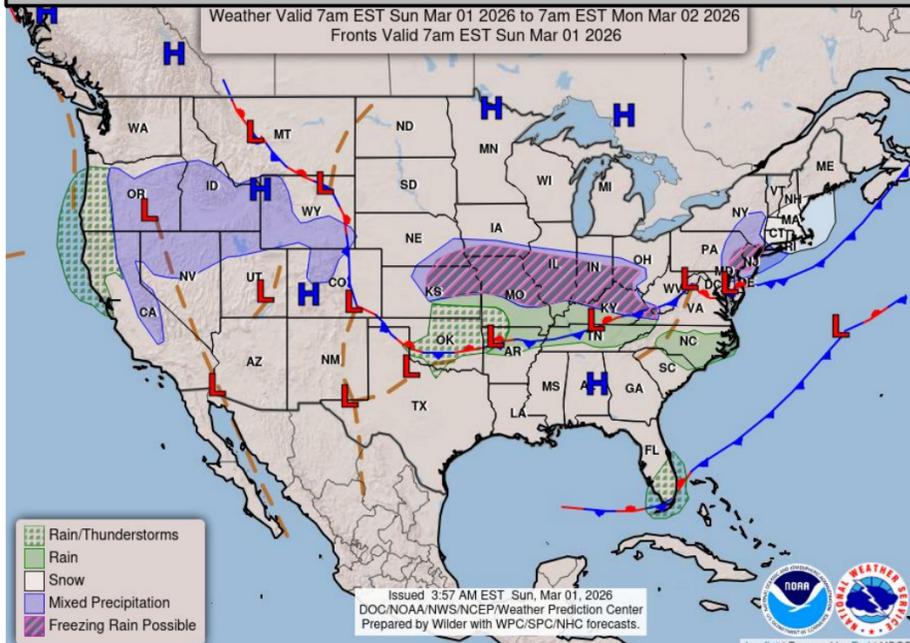
**River flooding is not anticipated.**

*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.*

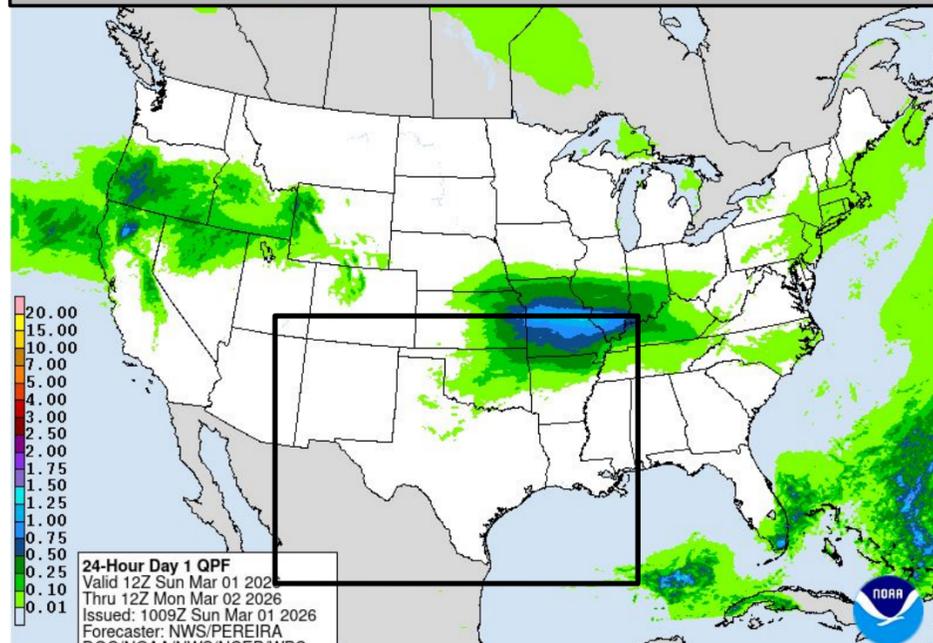


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



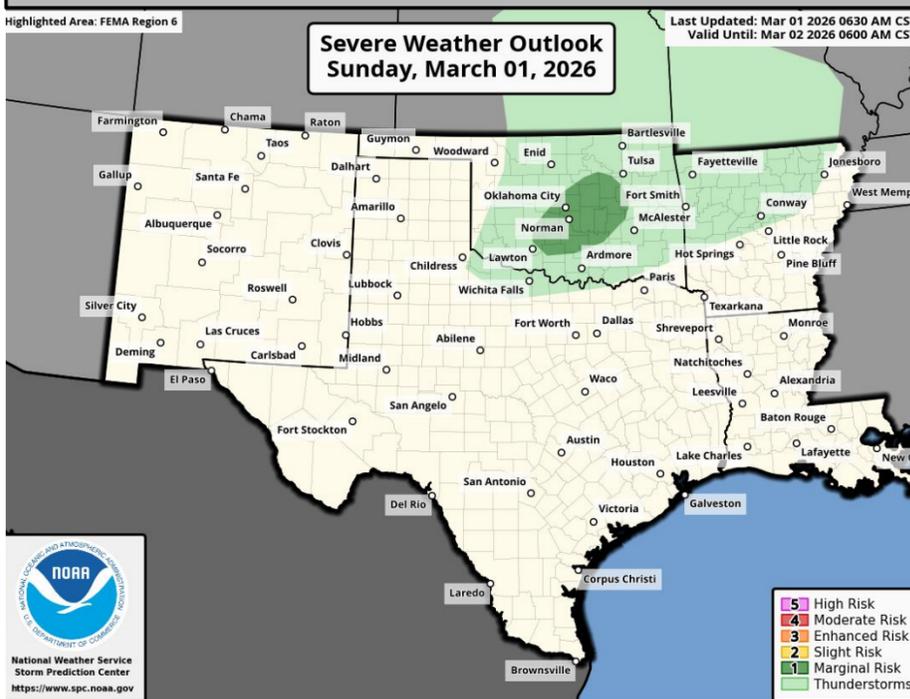
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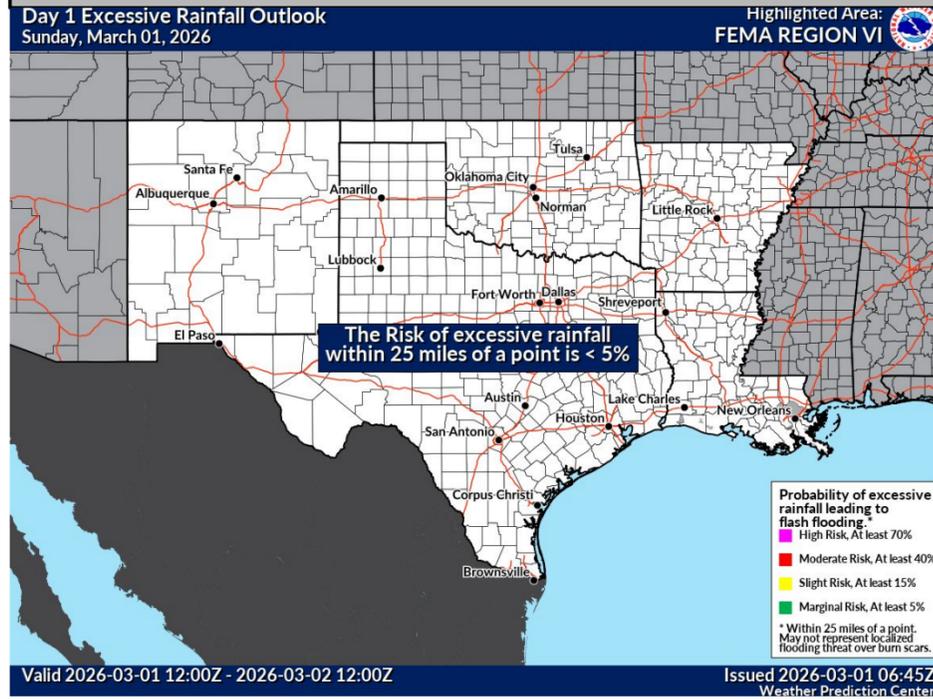
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**Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM in the afternoon.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

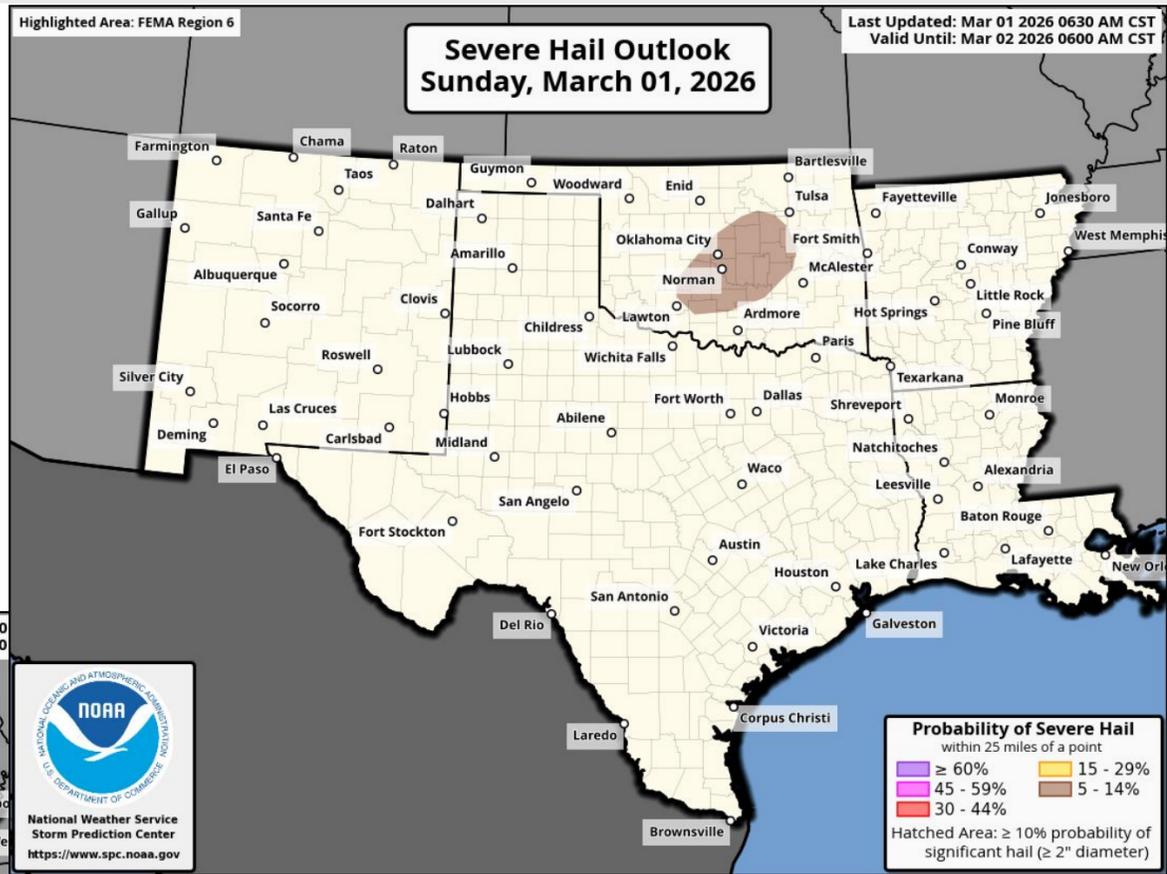
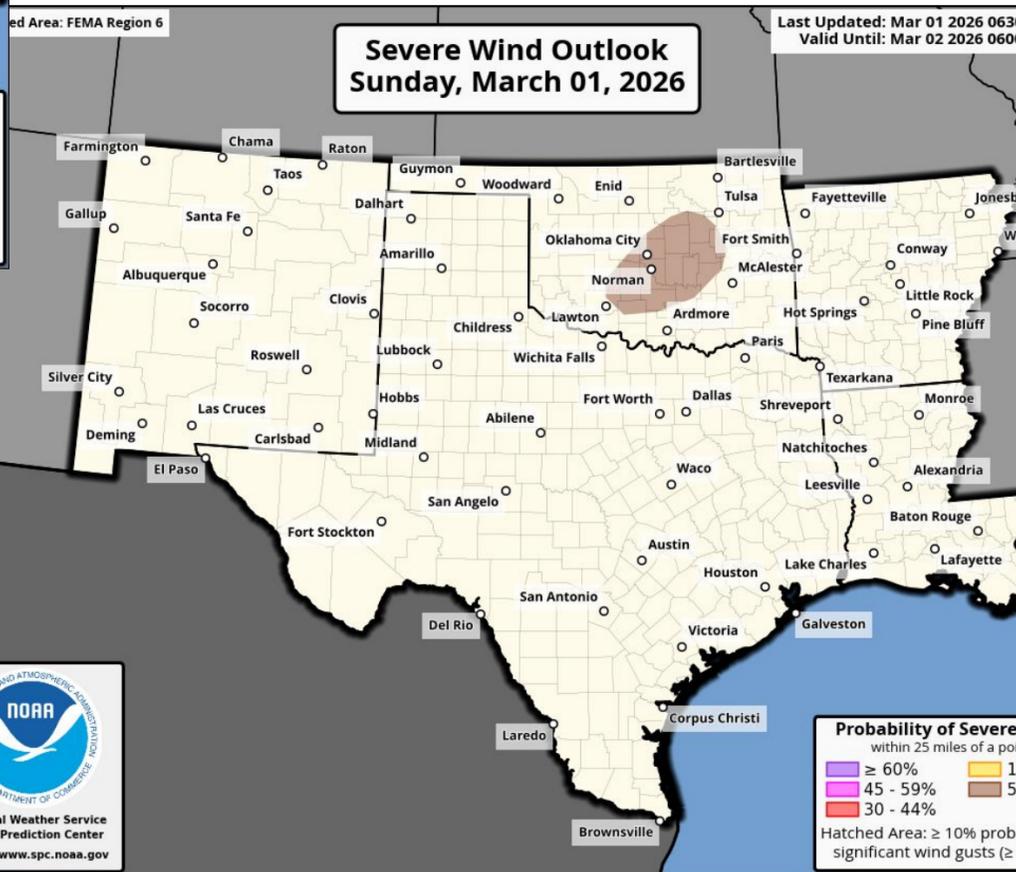
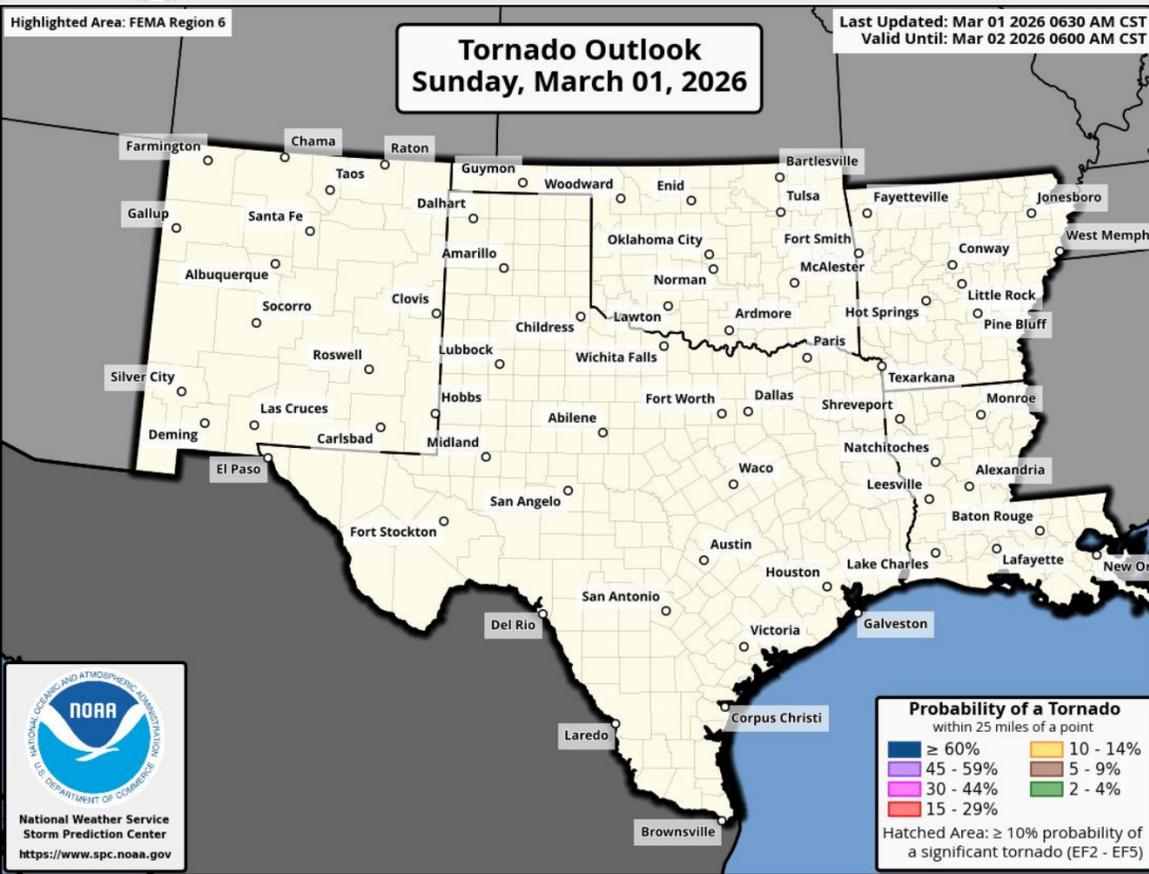


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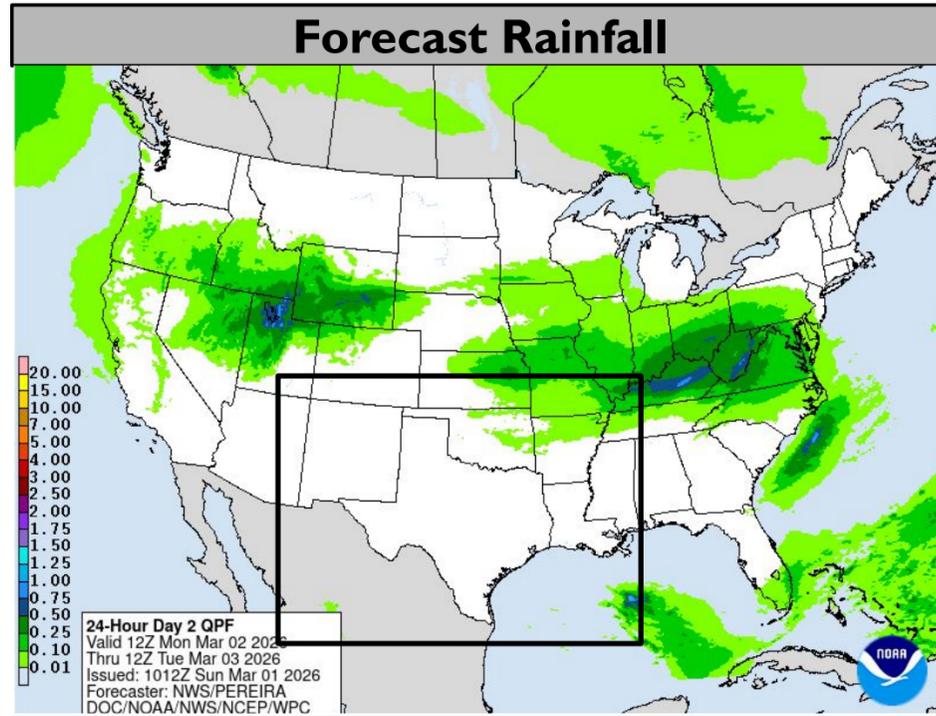
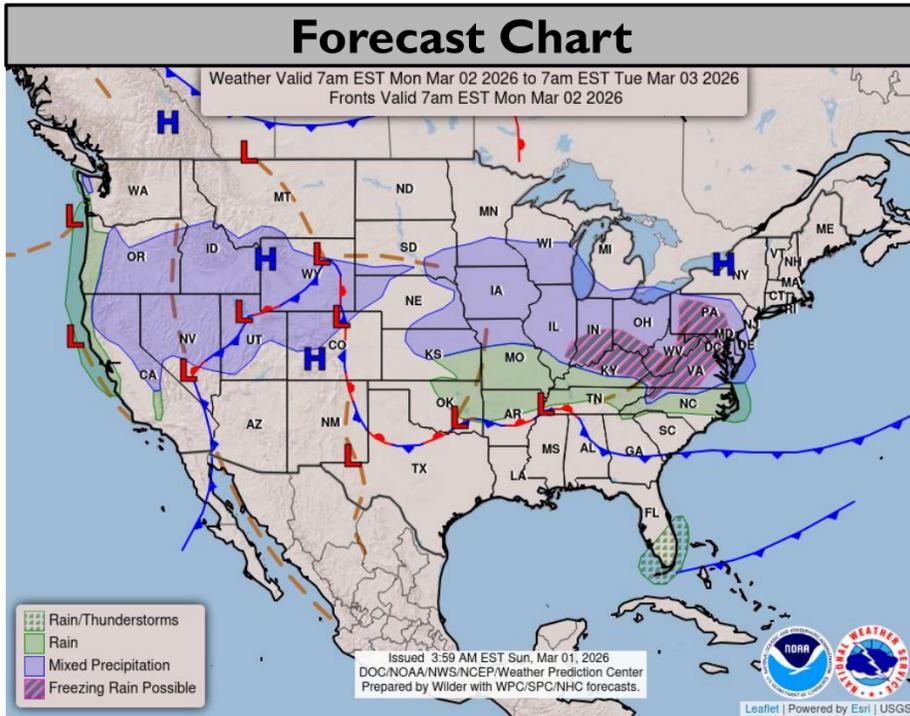


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

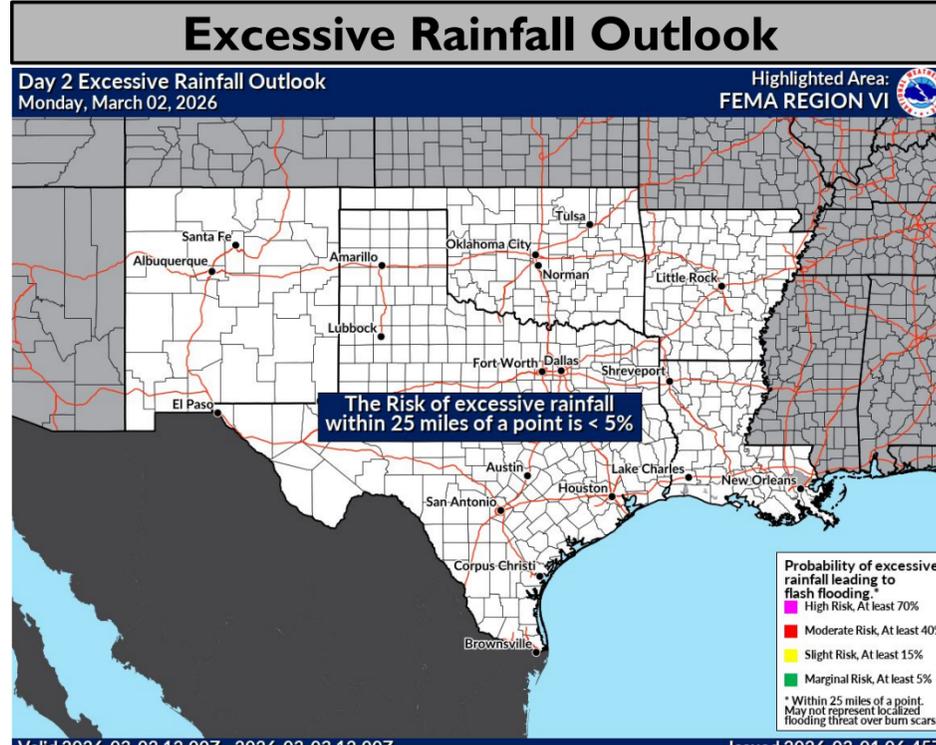
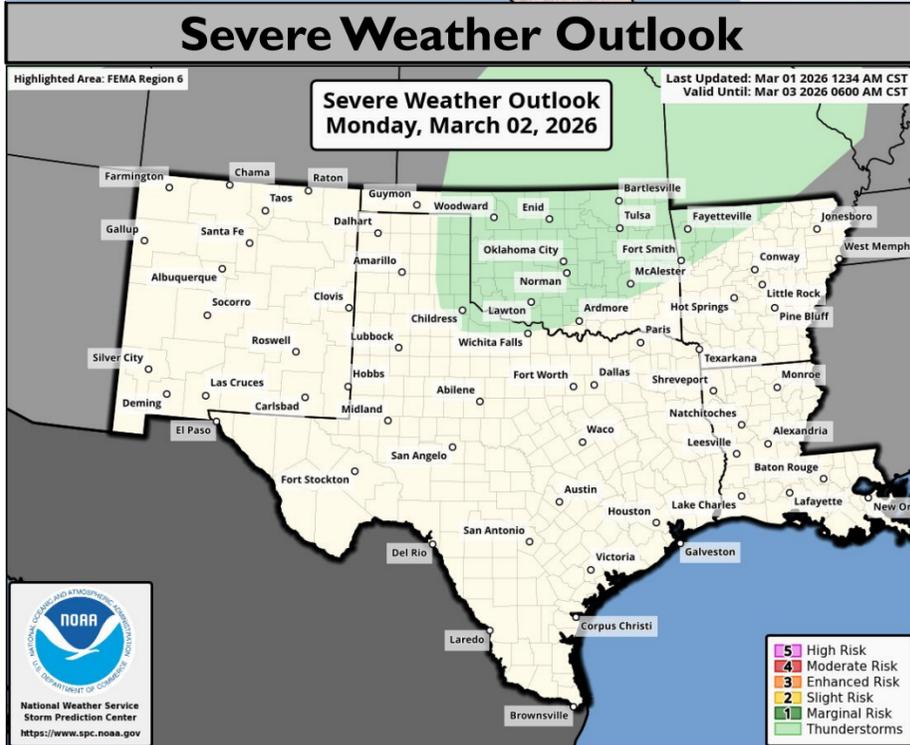




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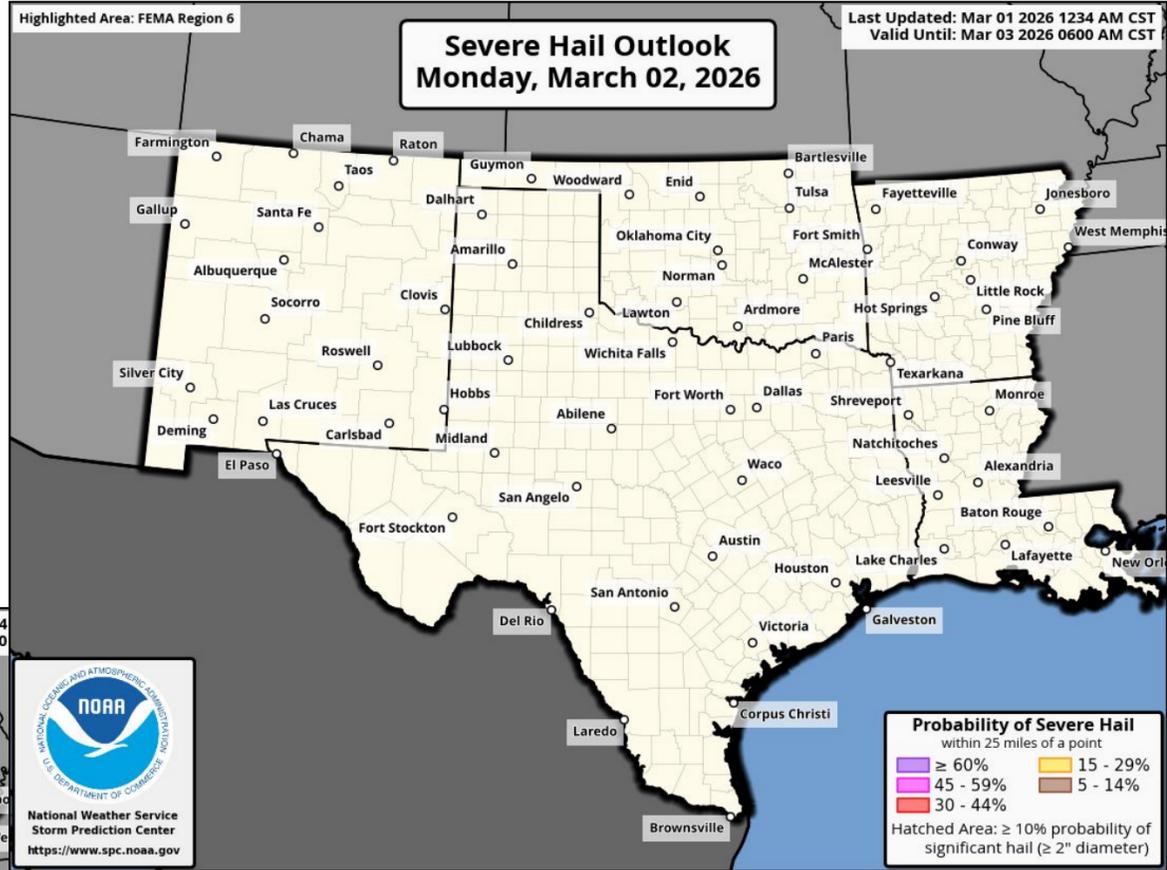
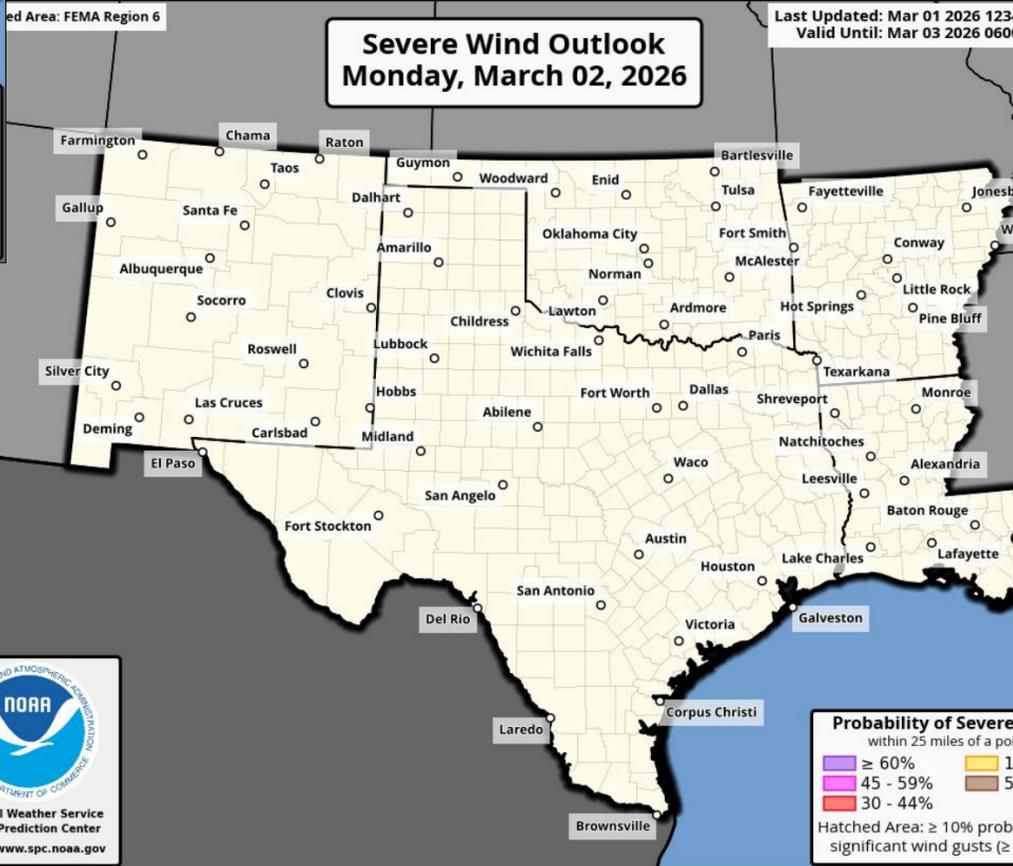
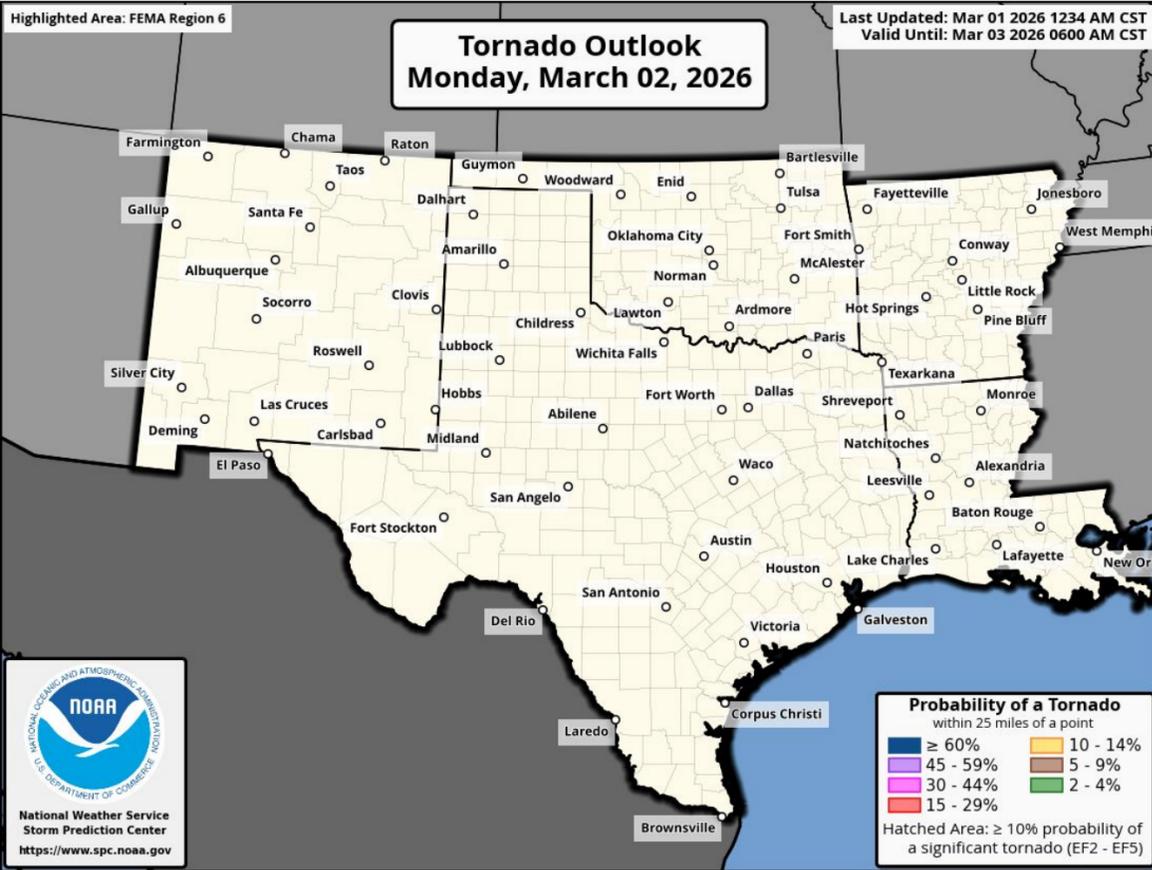


**Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in N-E NM in the afternoon.**





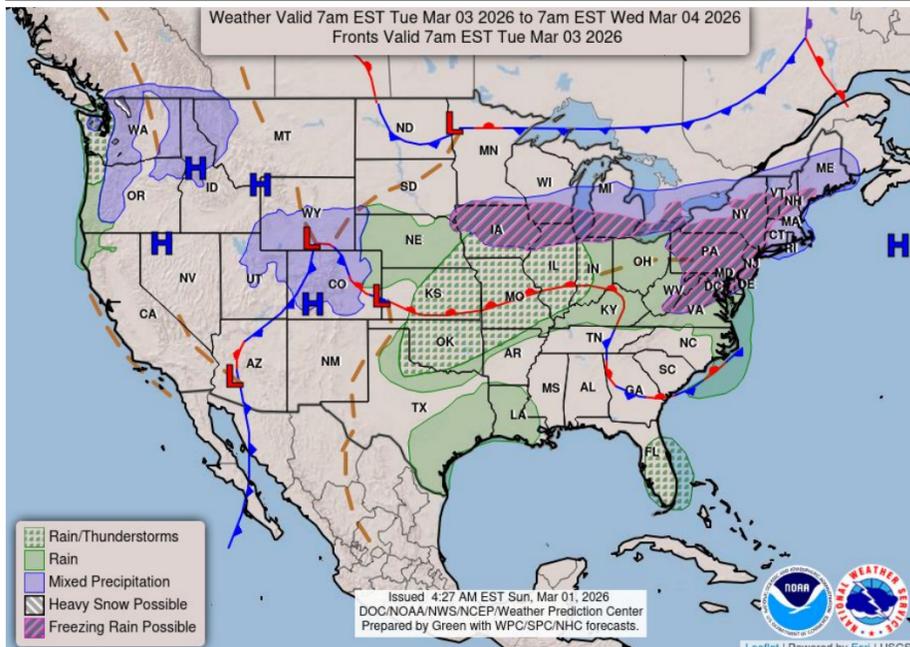
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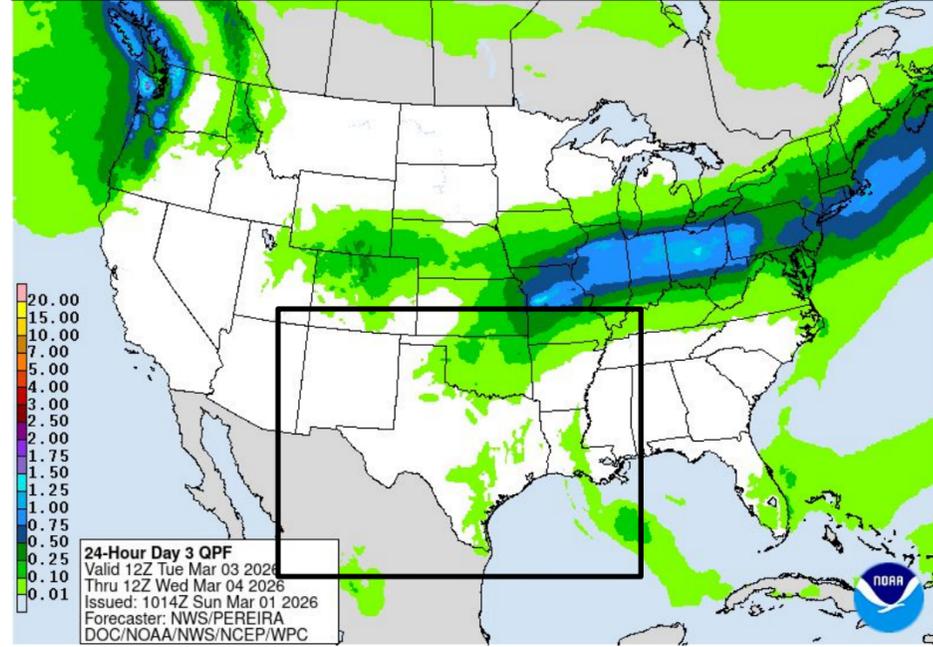


# Tuesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

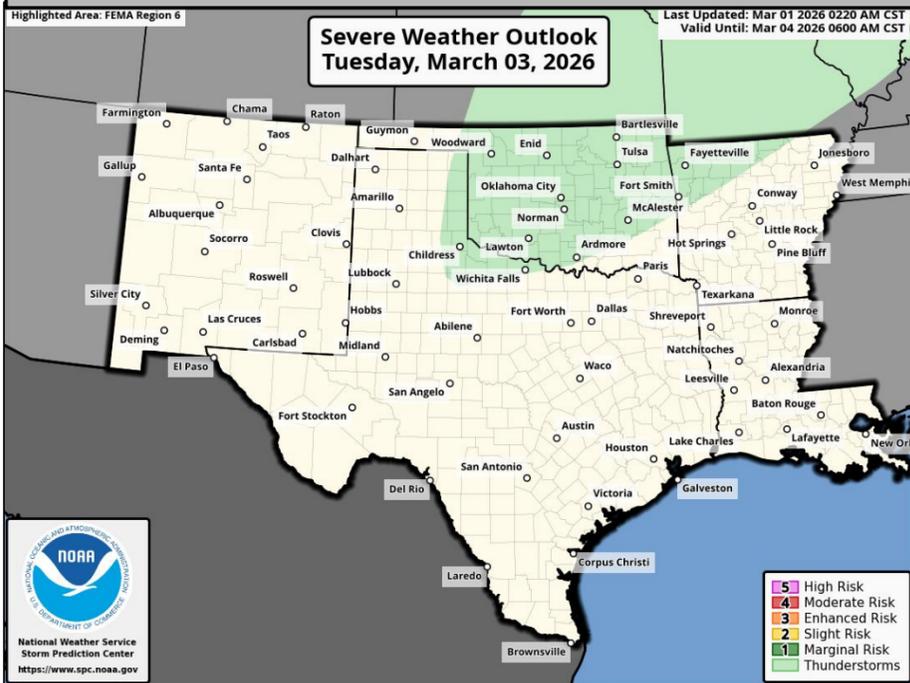


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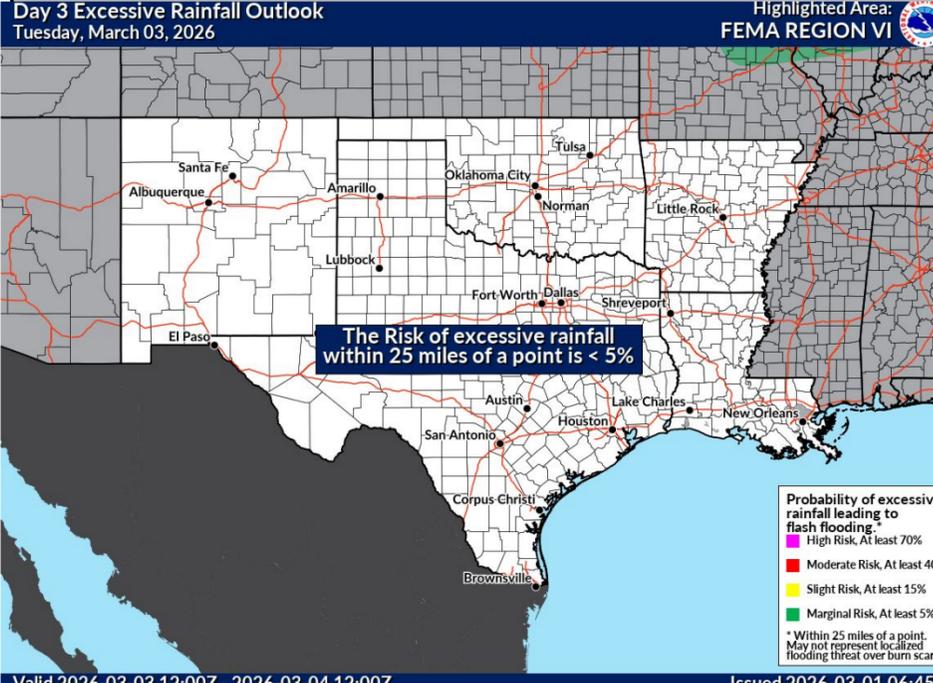


**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM, W TX in the afternoon.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



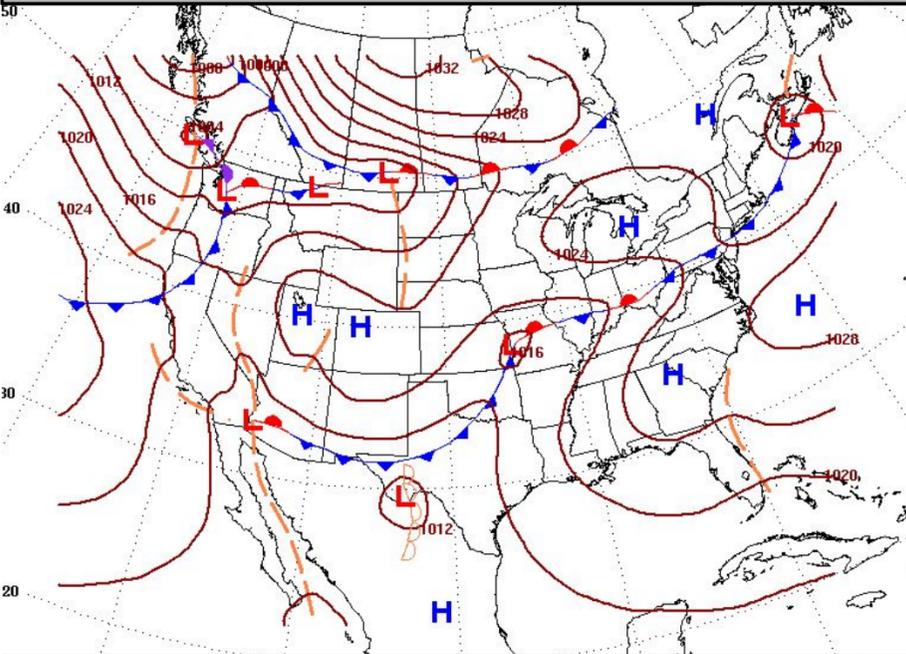
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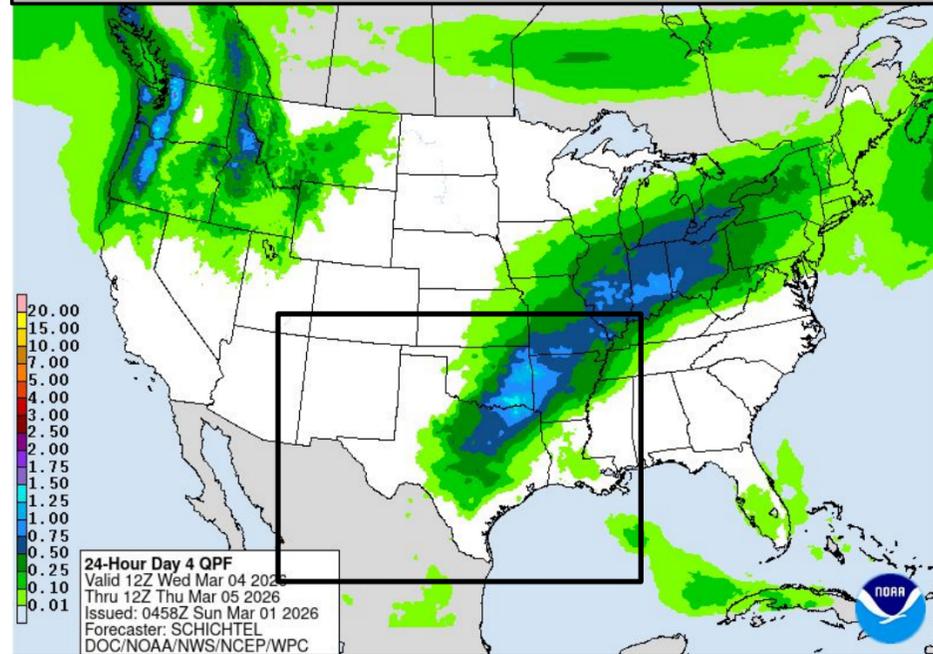


# Wednesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



### Forecast Rainfall

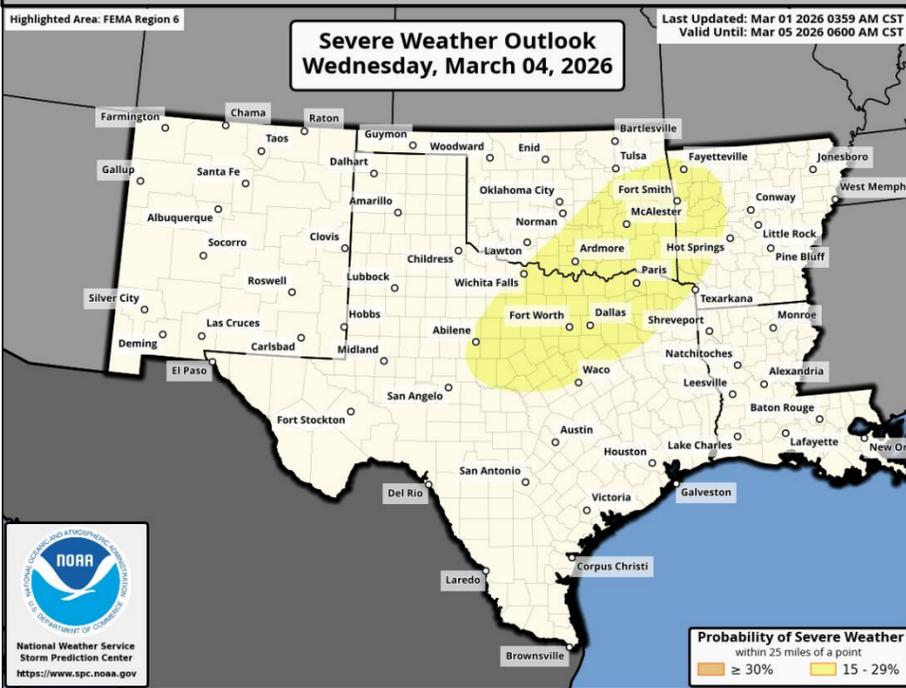


**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, W AR, N/C TX. Wind and hail are the main threats.**

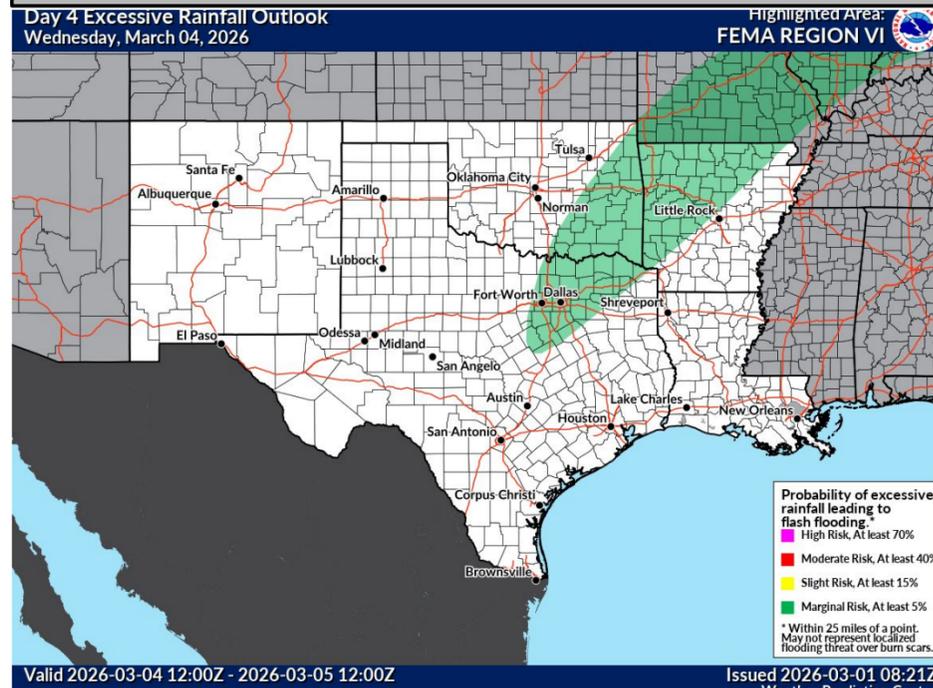
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall for SE OK, AR, NTX.**

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### Severe Weather Outlook



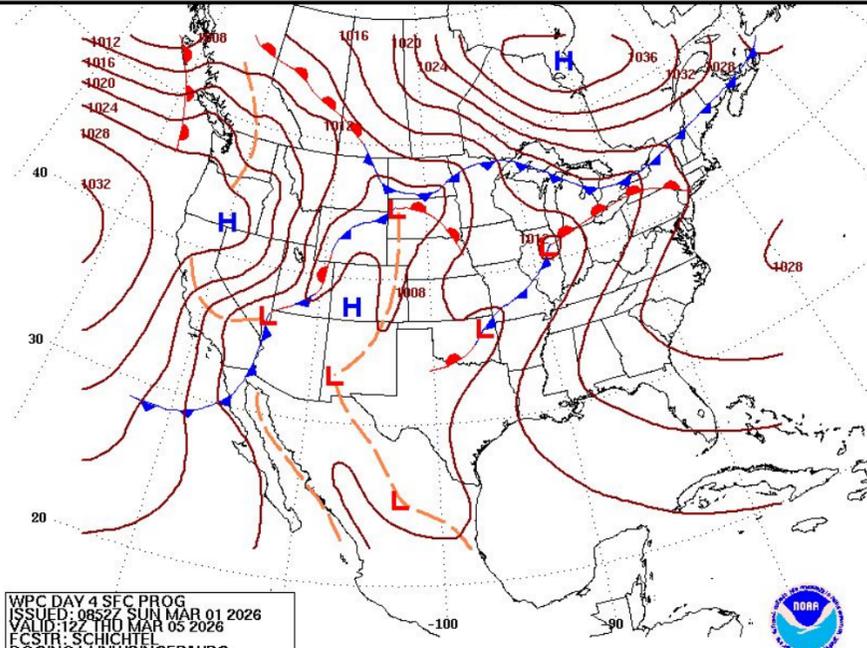
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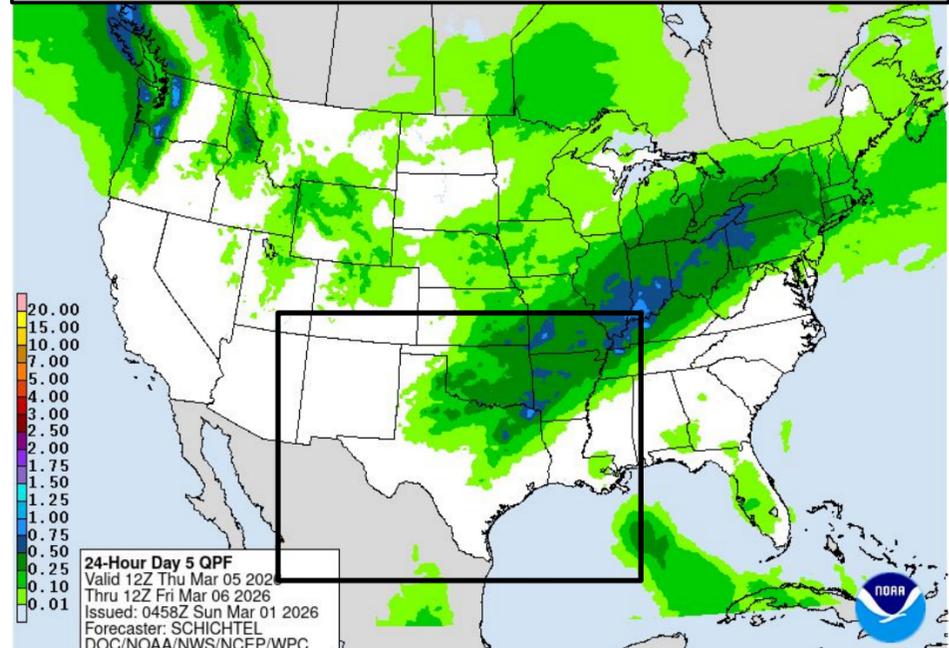
# Thursday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
ISSUED: 0852Z SUN MAR 01 2026  
VALID: 12Z THU MAR 05 2026  
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### Forecast Rainfall

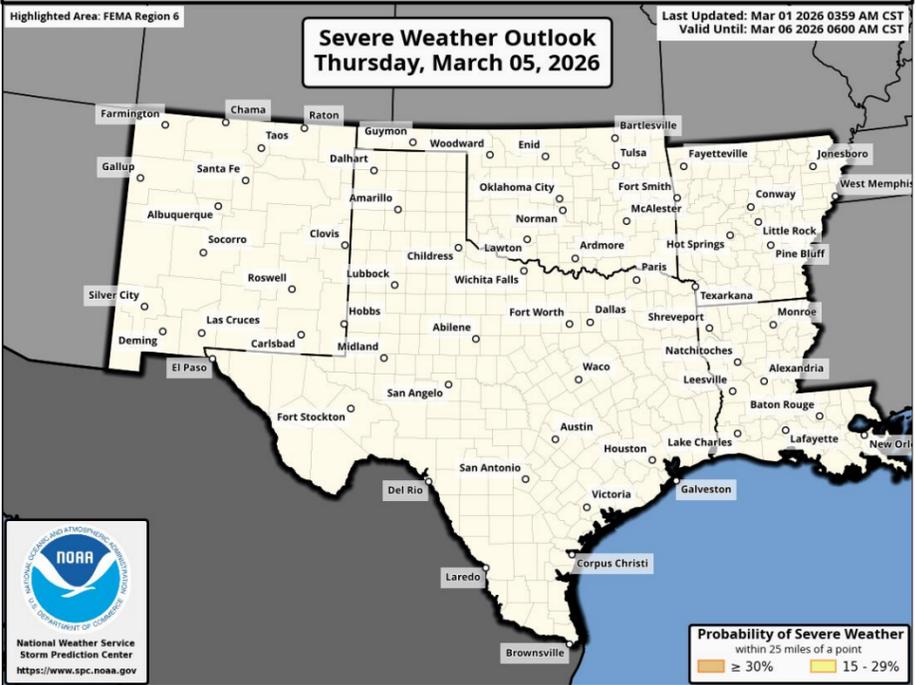


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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE OK, AR, N TX.**

**Monitoring E NM, NWTX for elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

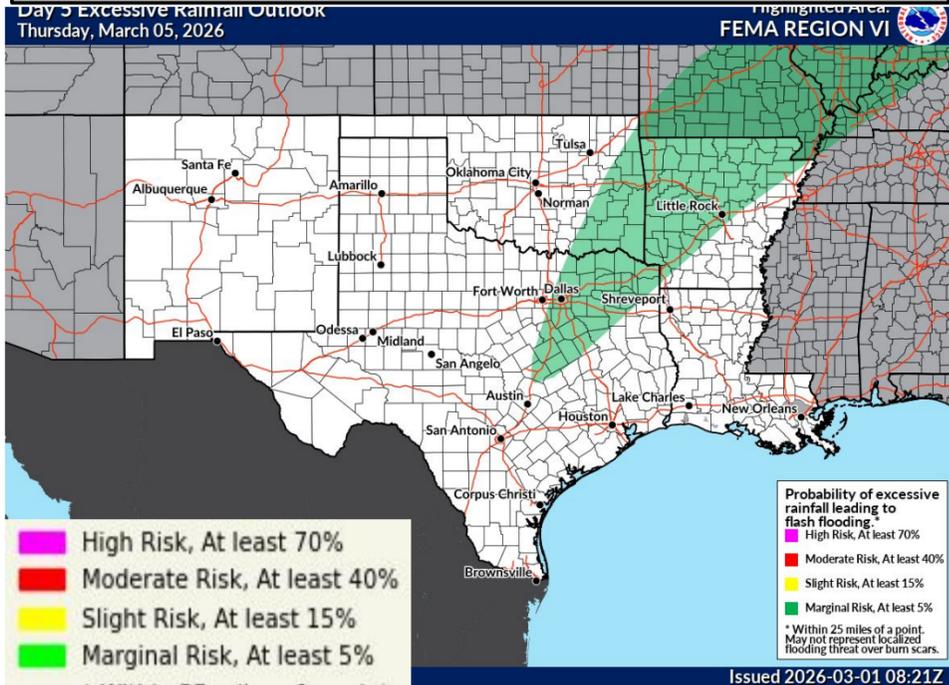


Severe Weather Outlook  
Thursday, March 05, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 01 2026 0359 AM CST  
Valid Until: Mar 06 2026 0600 AM CST



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Thursday, March 05, 2026

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

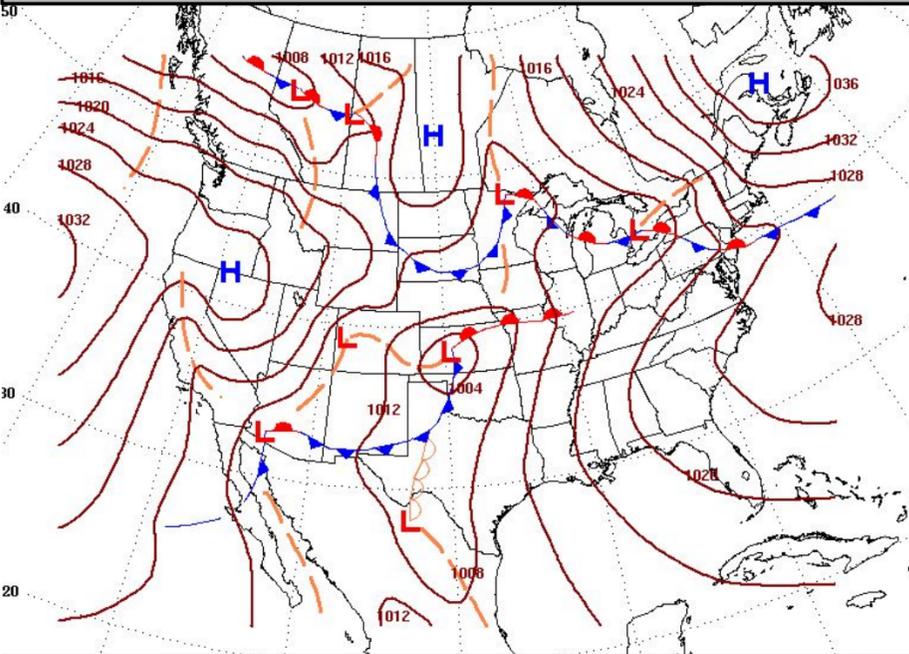
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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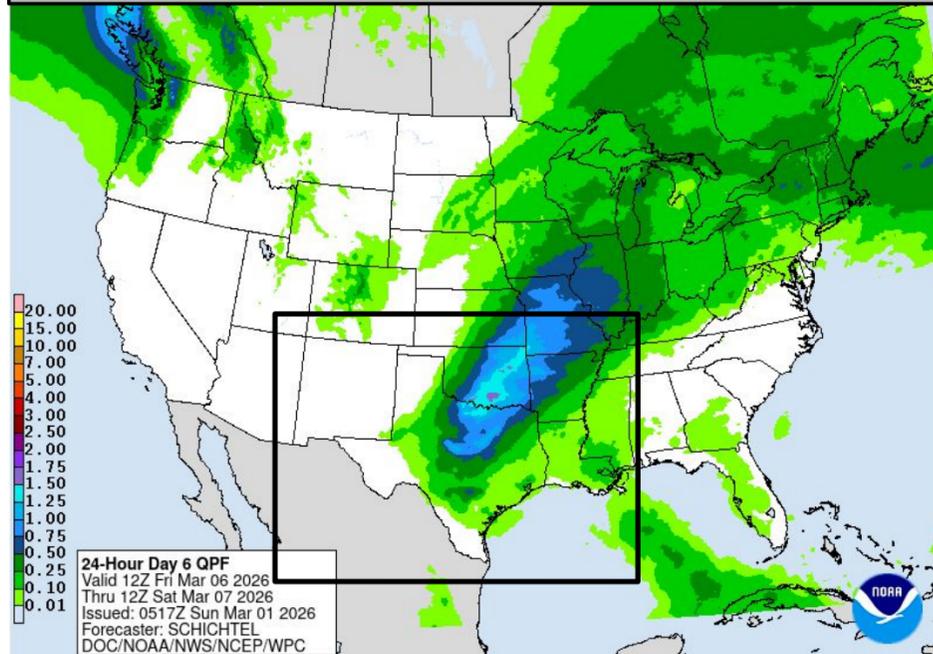


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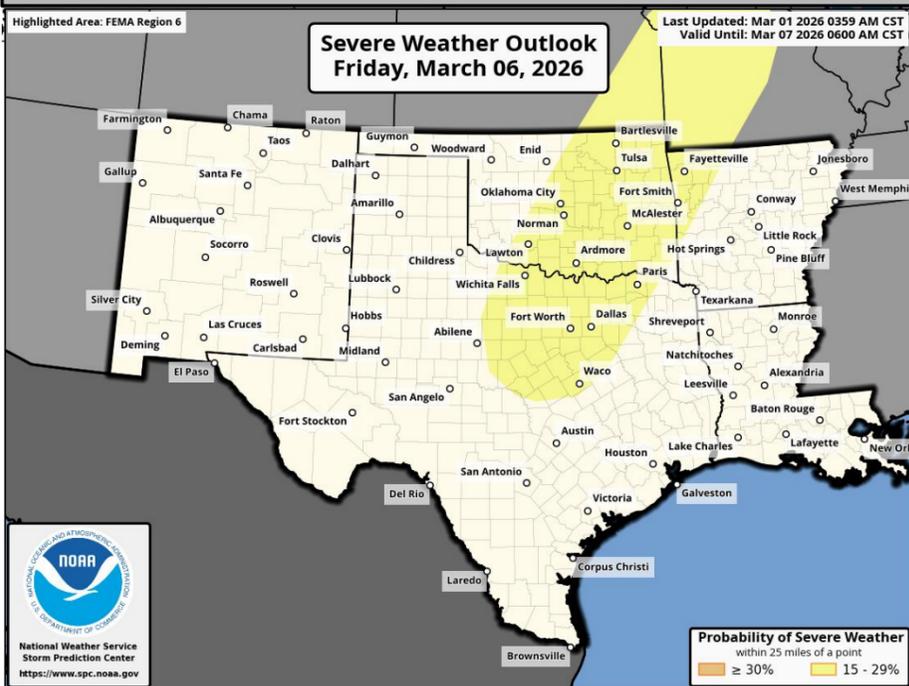
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**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, W AR, N/CTX.**

**Monitoring OK, AR, N TX for heavy rainfall.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

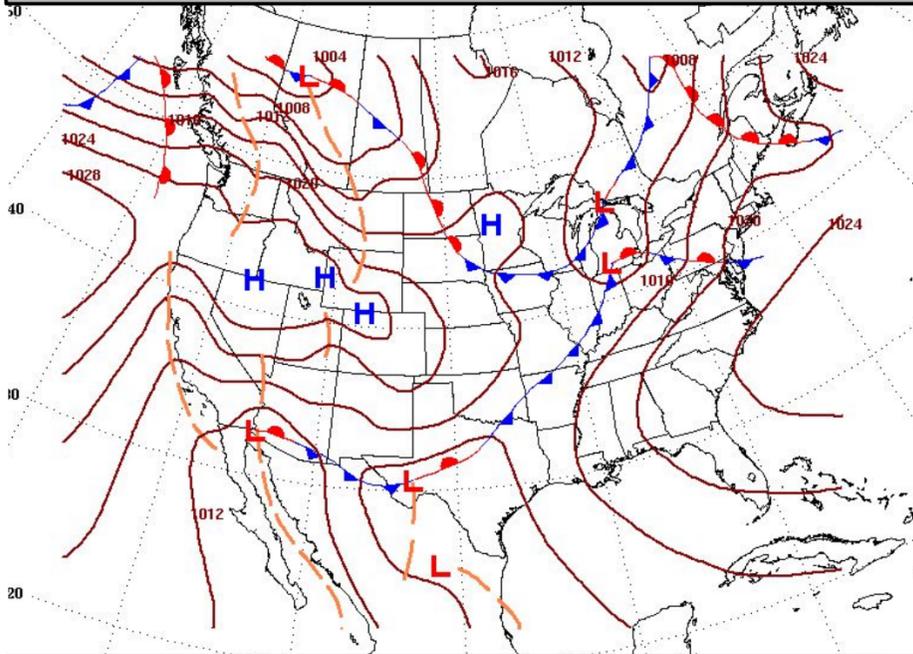


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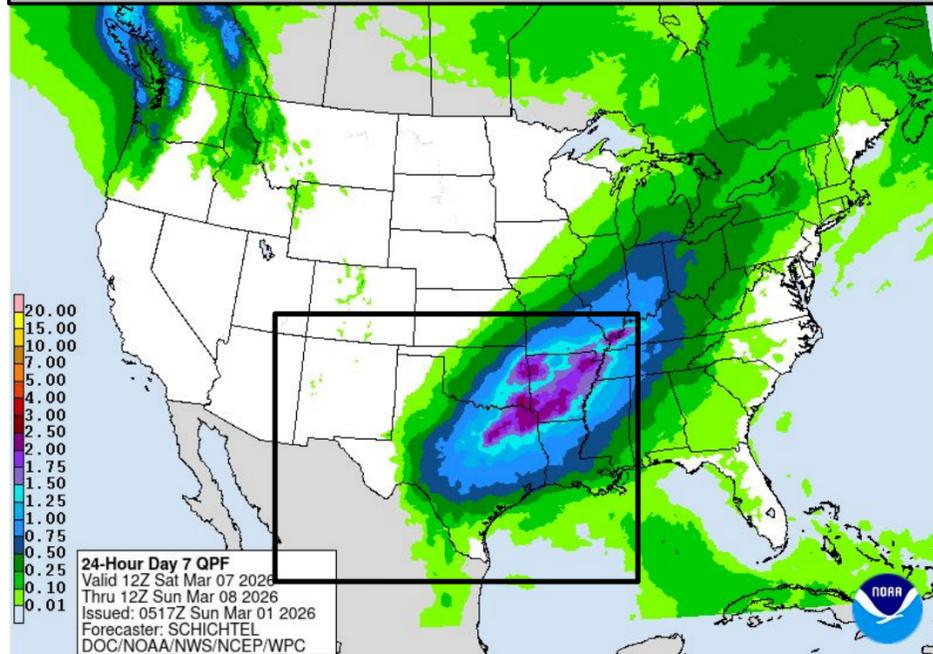


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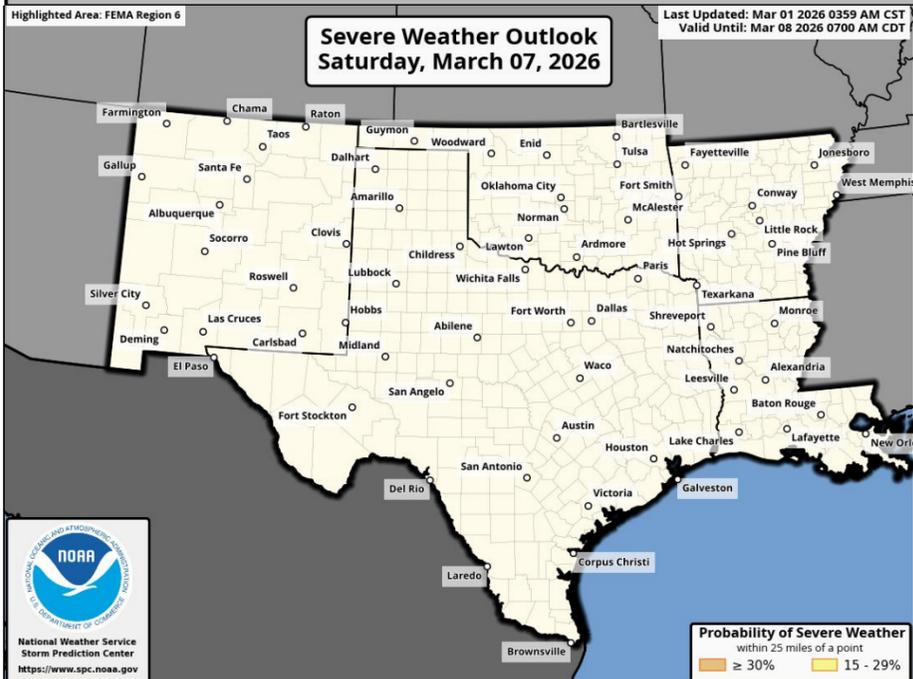


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring OK, AR, and NTX for heavy rainfall/flash flooding.**

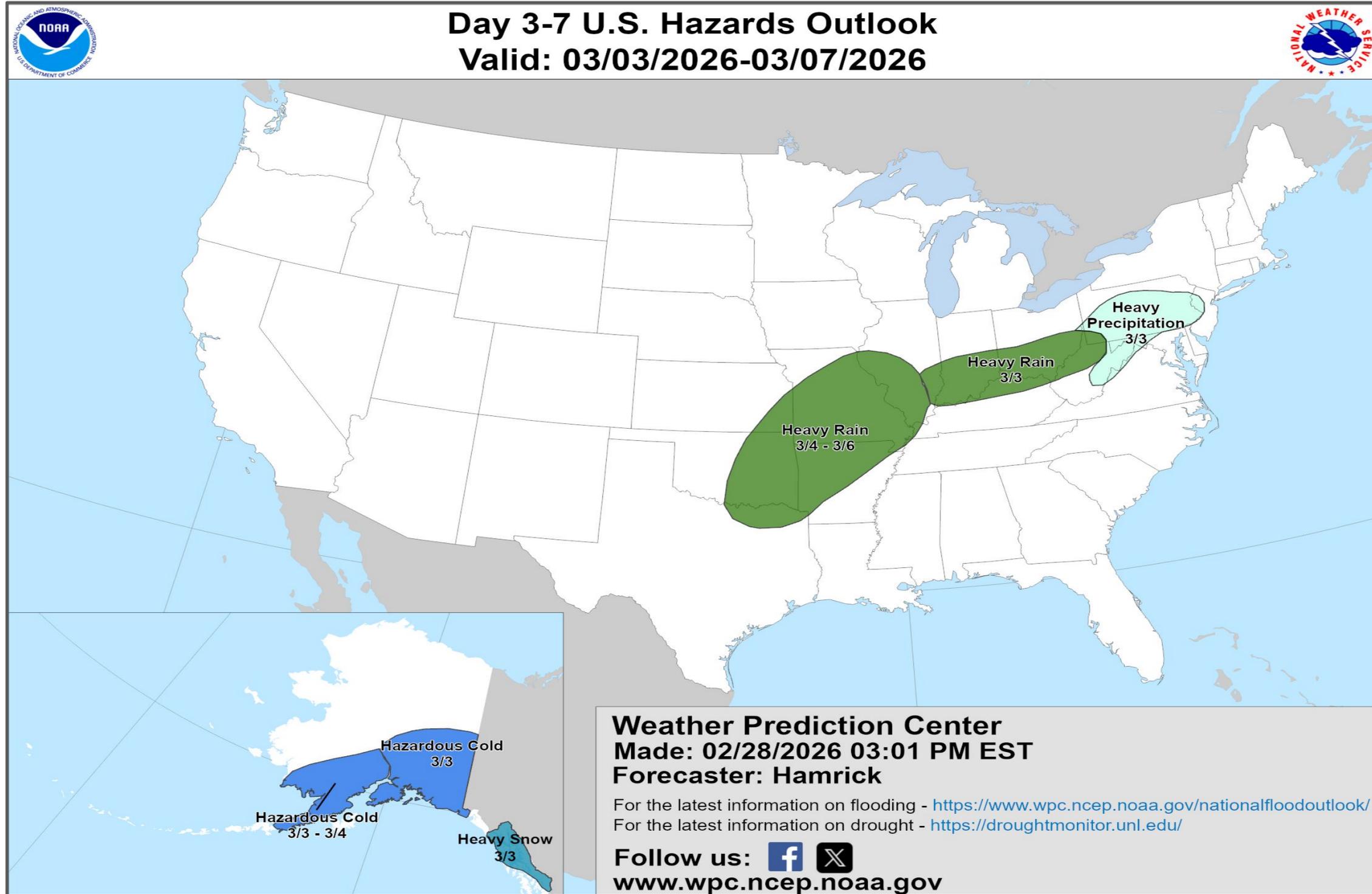
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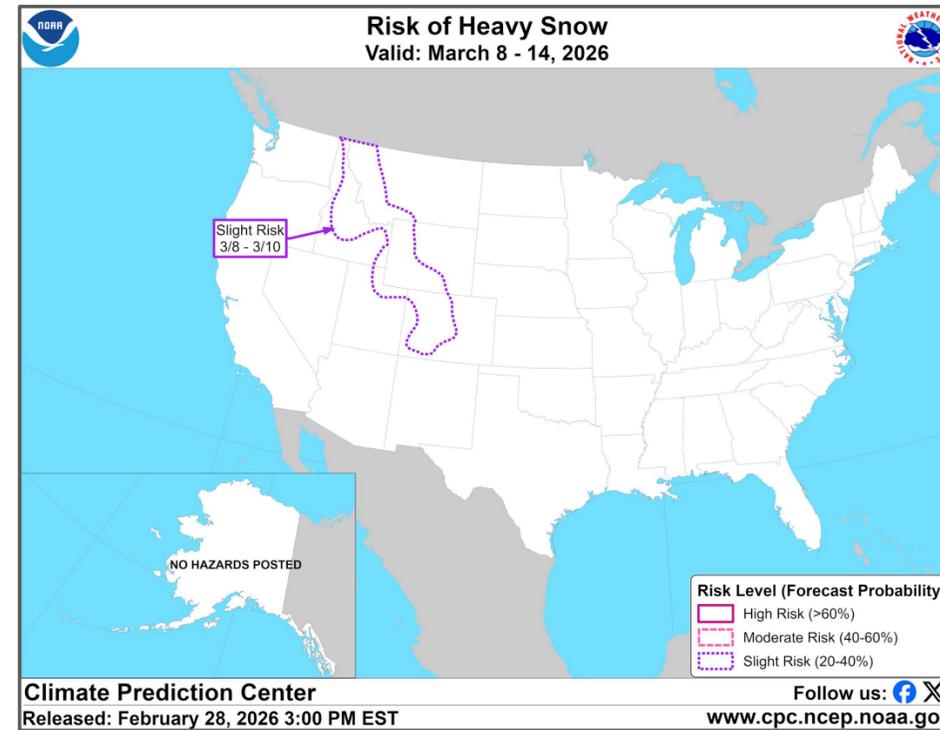
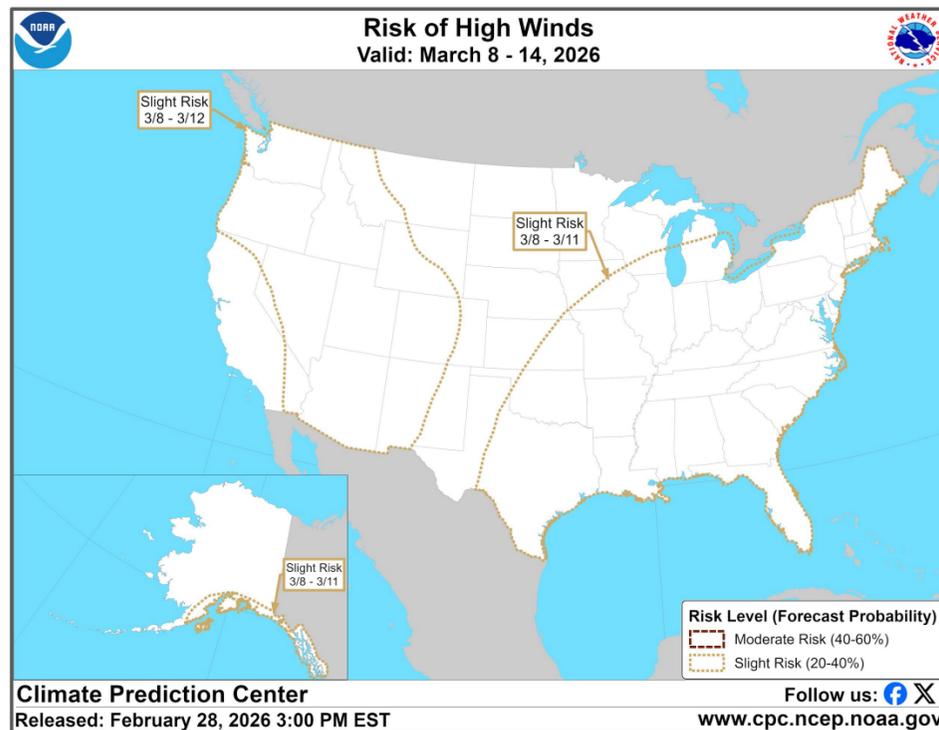
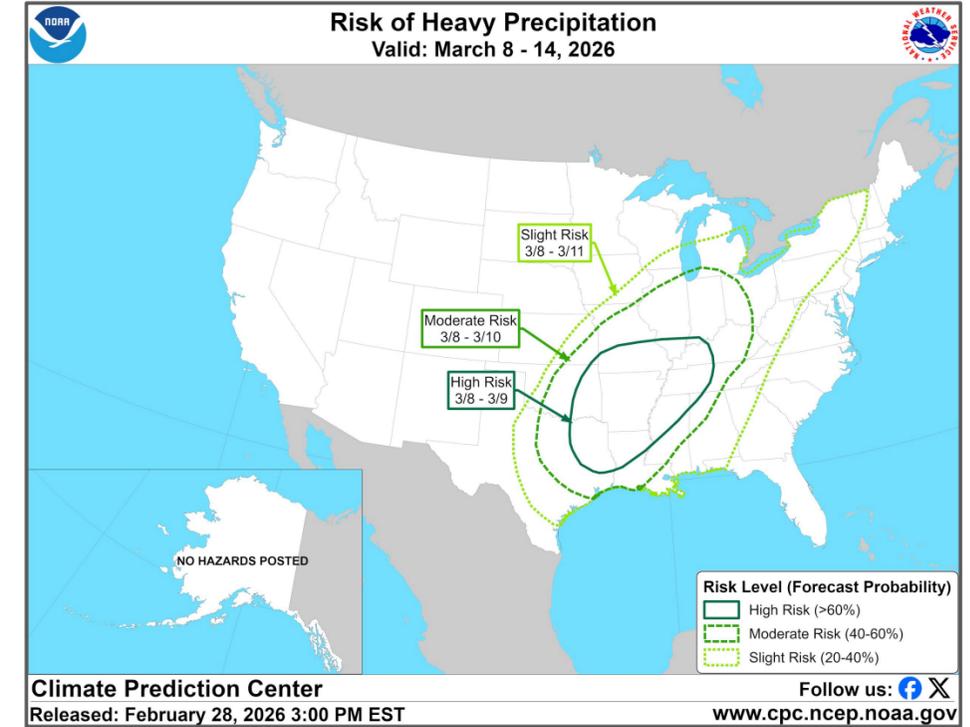
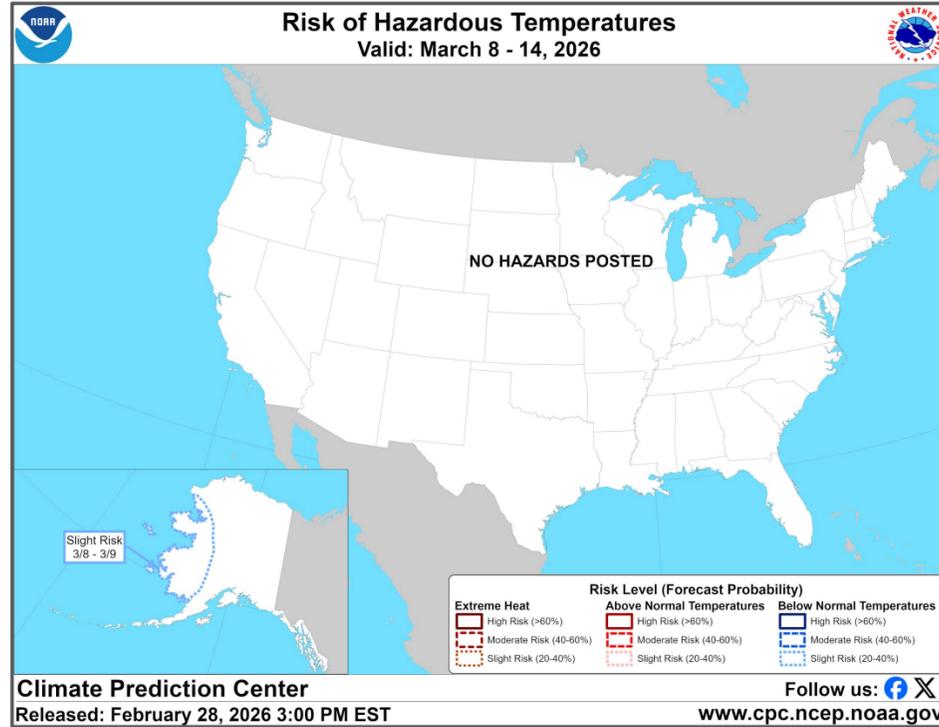
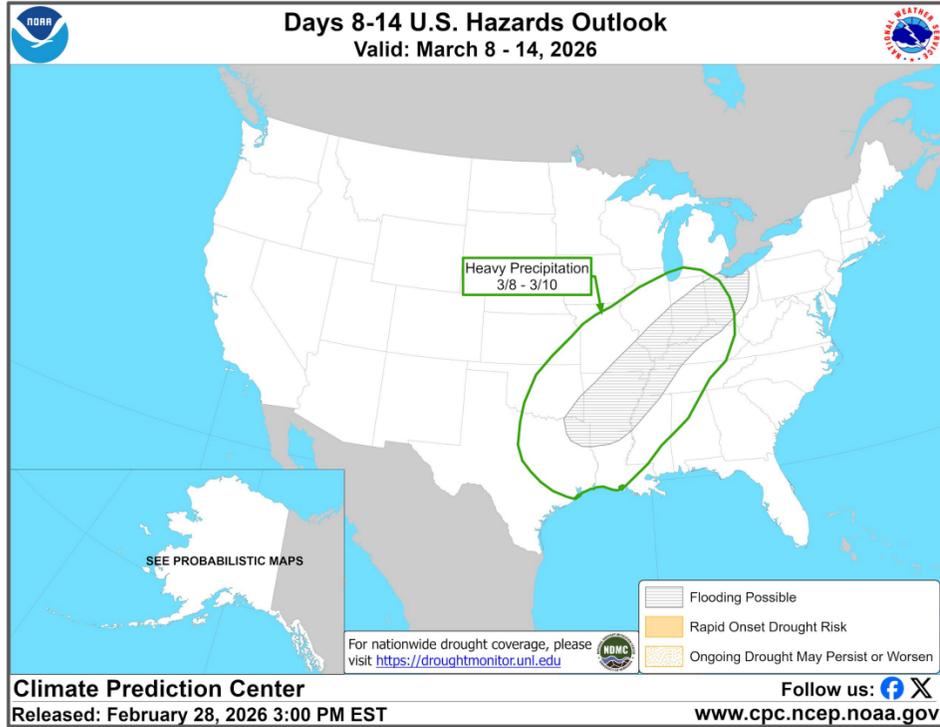


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





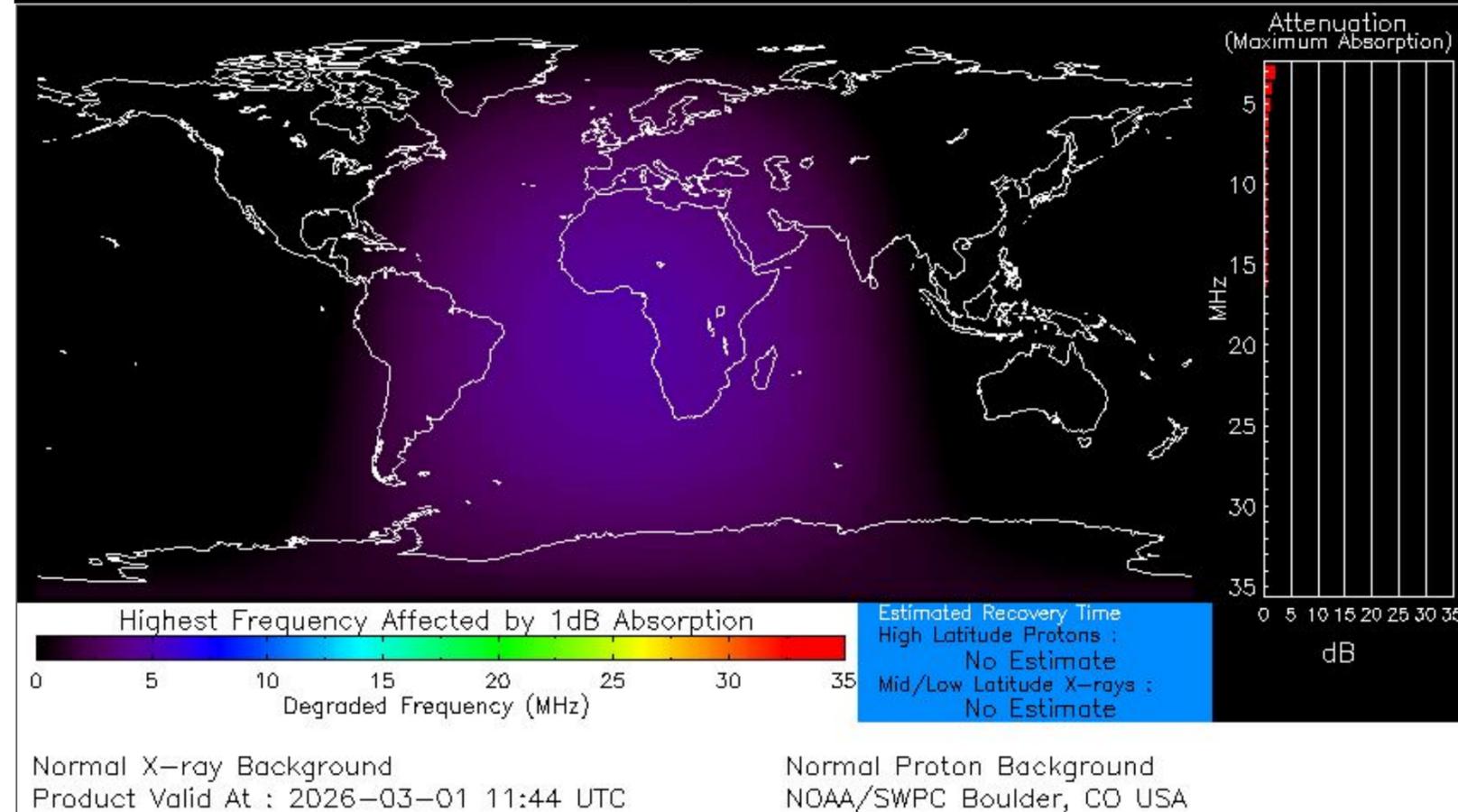
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





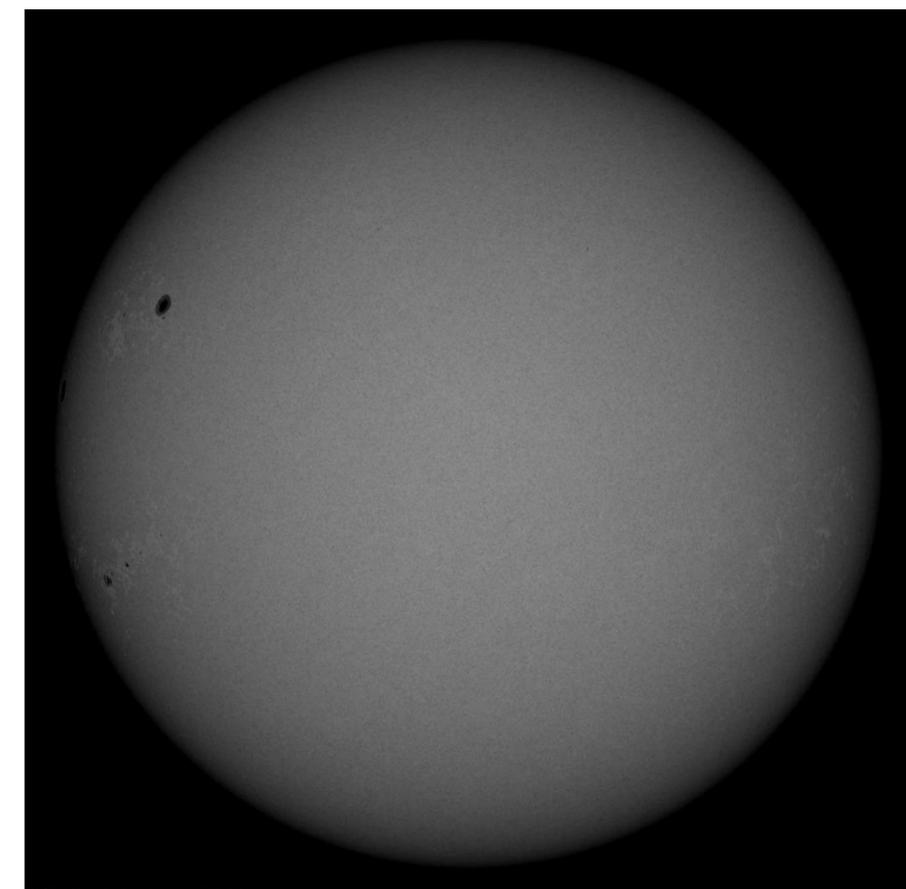
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Mar 1	Monday, Mar 2	Tuesday, Mar 3
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	25%	25%	25%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	5%	5%	5%



[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	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 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"> <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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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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