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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, March 02, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- **Tuesday through Saturday, portions of the Southern Plains and MS Valley will see chances for severe thunderstorms each afternoon/evening.**
  - **Severe threat in C-ETX may persist into Sunday.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) on Wednesday in SE OK, AR, N TX.**
- **Monitoring portions of OK, AR, N TX, and LA for heavy rainfall on Friday and again Saturday.**
  - **Heavy rain may persist into Sunday for TX, LA.**

- **Fire Weather**

- **Monitoring NE-E NM for elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns through Friday in the afternoon hours. Locally critical (level 2 of 3) concerns may arise this afternoon in NM.**
- **Portions of W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles may see elevated fire weather concerns Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Mar 2	Tuesday, Mar 3	Wednesday, Mar 4	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8
Severe Storms		W OK	SE OK, W AR, N/CTX	SW OK, W/NW TX	OK, N/CTX	SE OK, AR, NTX, N LA	S/C-ETX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			SE OK, AR, NTX	SW OK	E OK, W AR, NTX, NW LA	OK, AR, NTX, N LA	S/C-ETX, LA
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	NE NM	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles		
River Flooding							

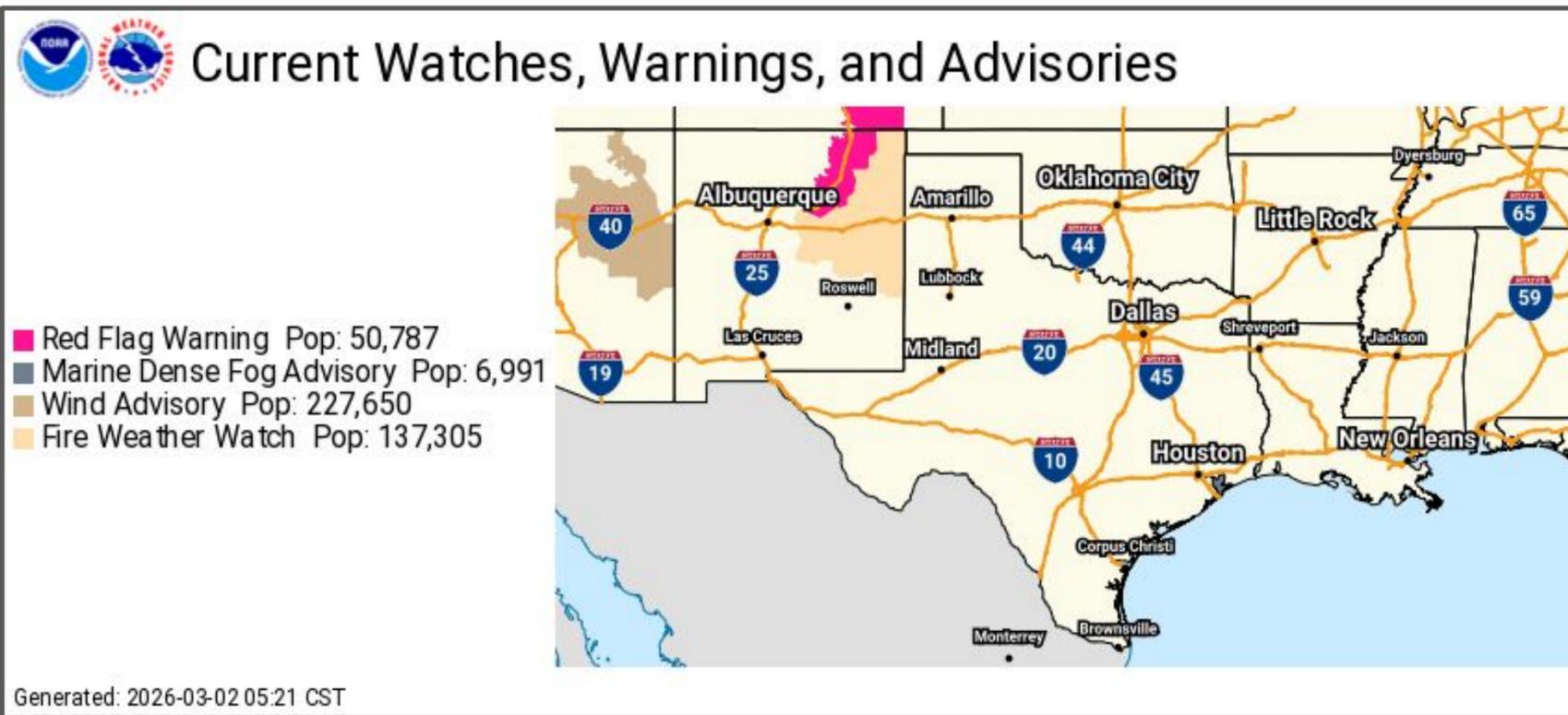
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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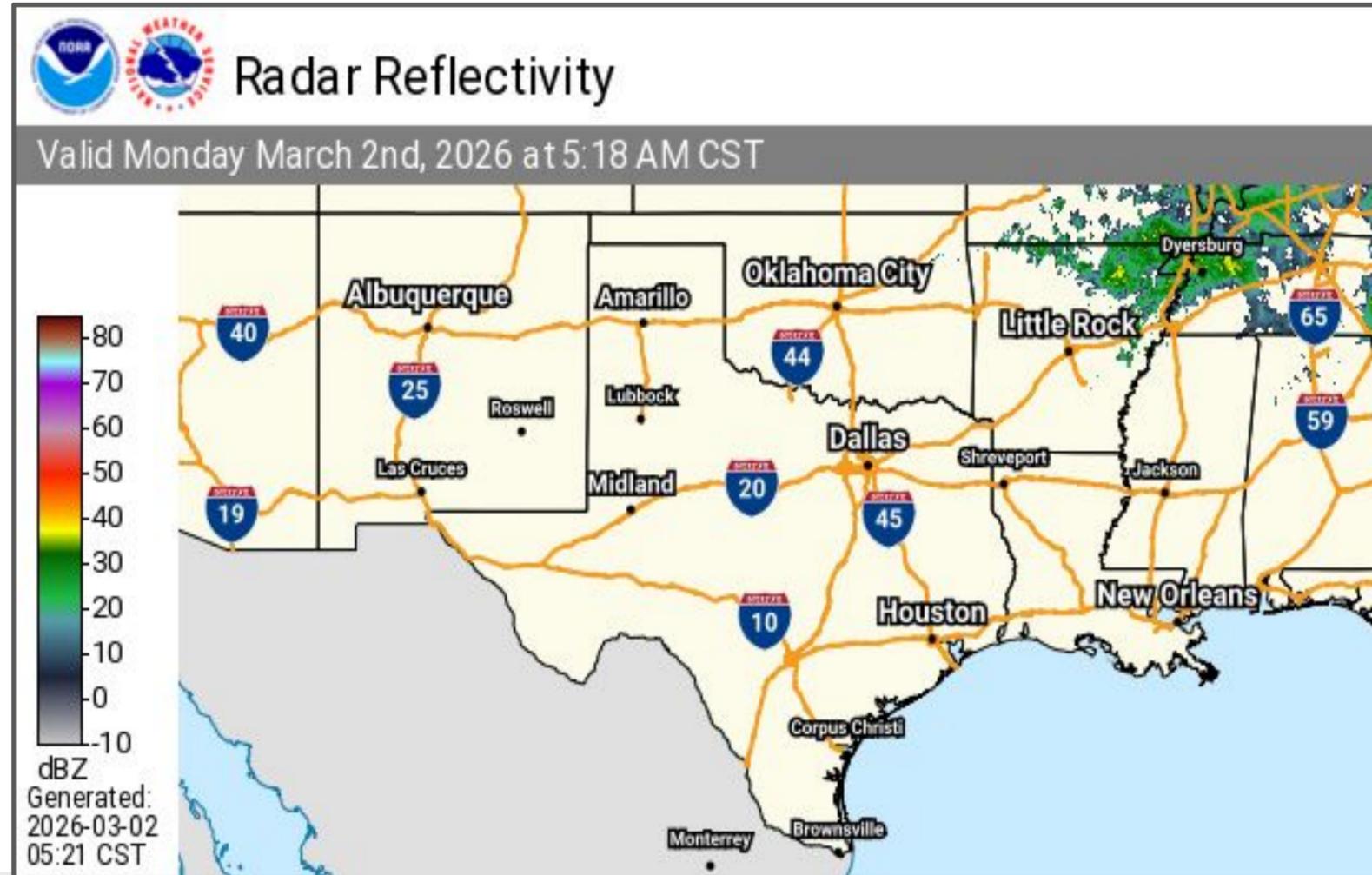


# Current Radar/Hazards



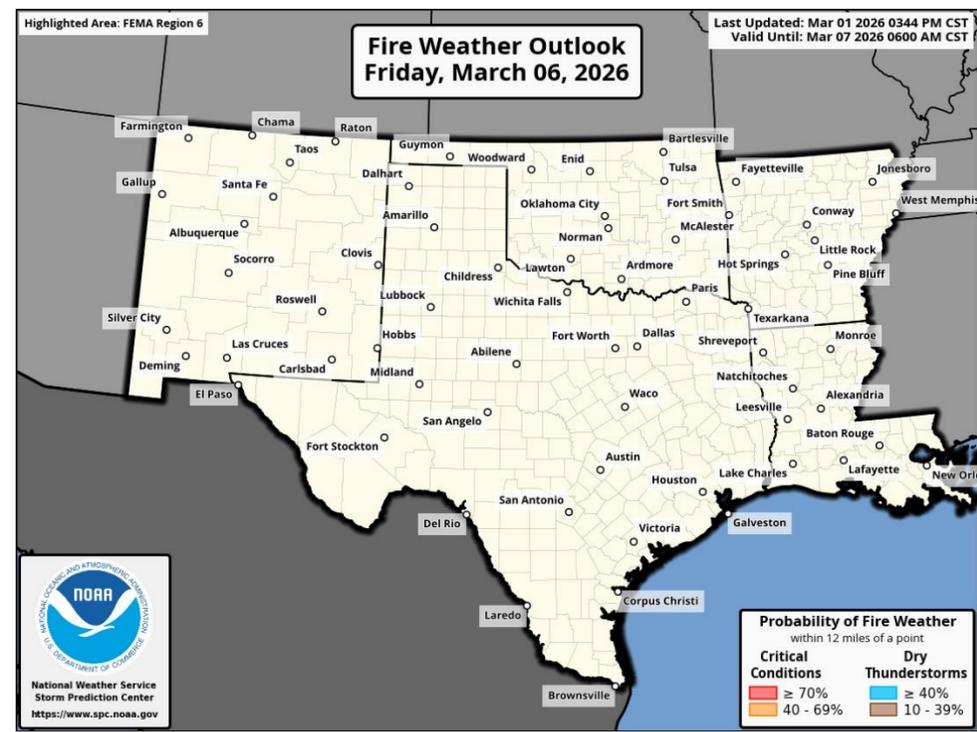
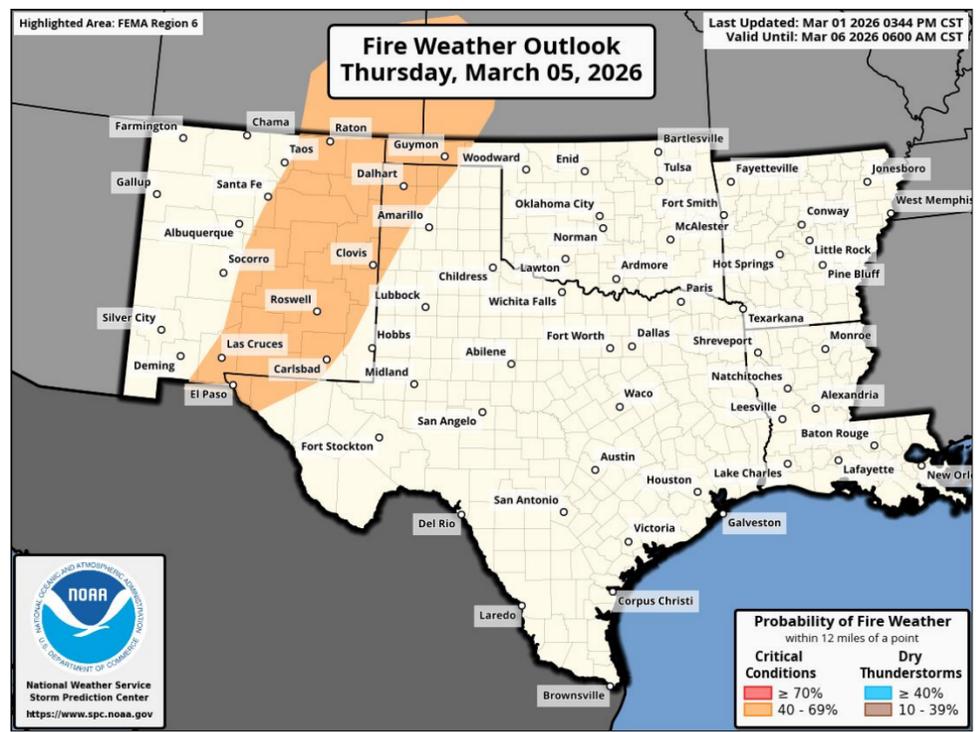
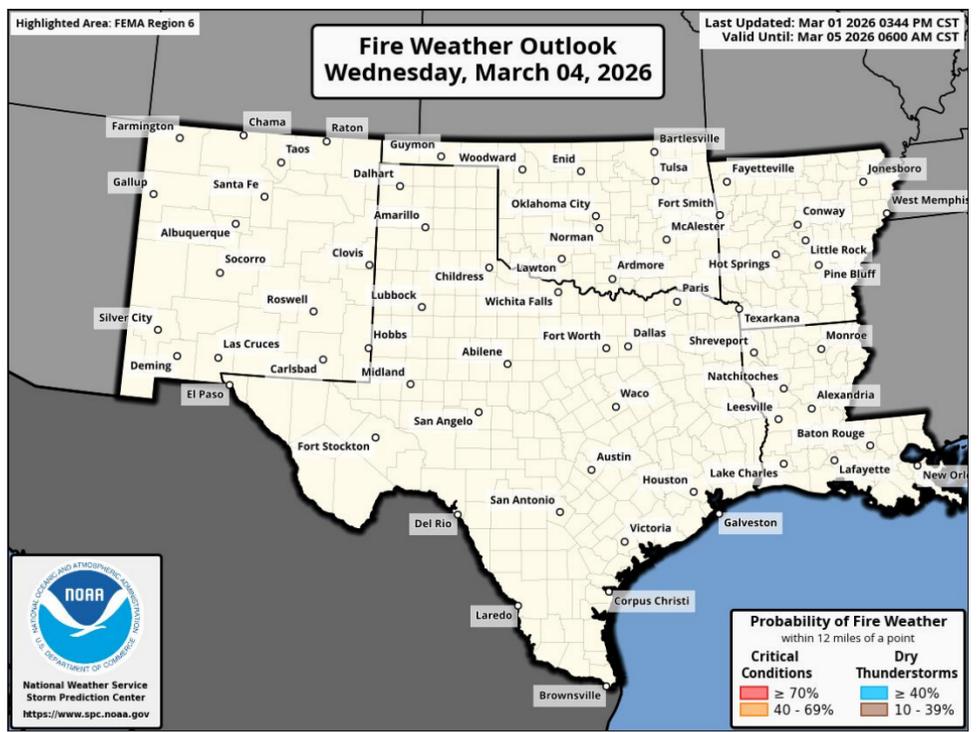
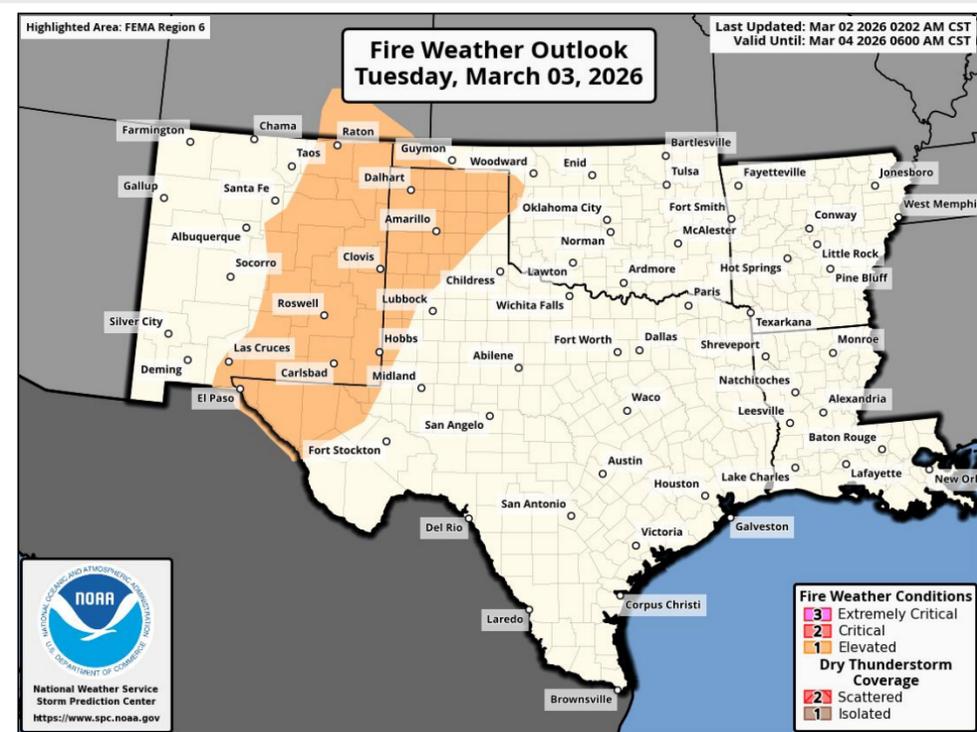
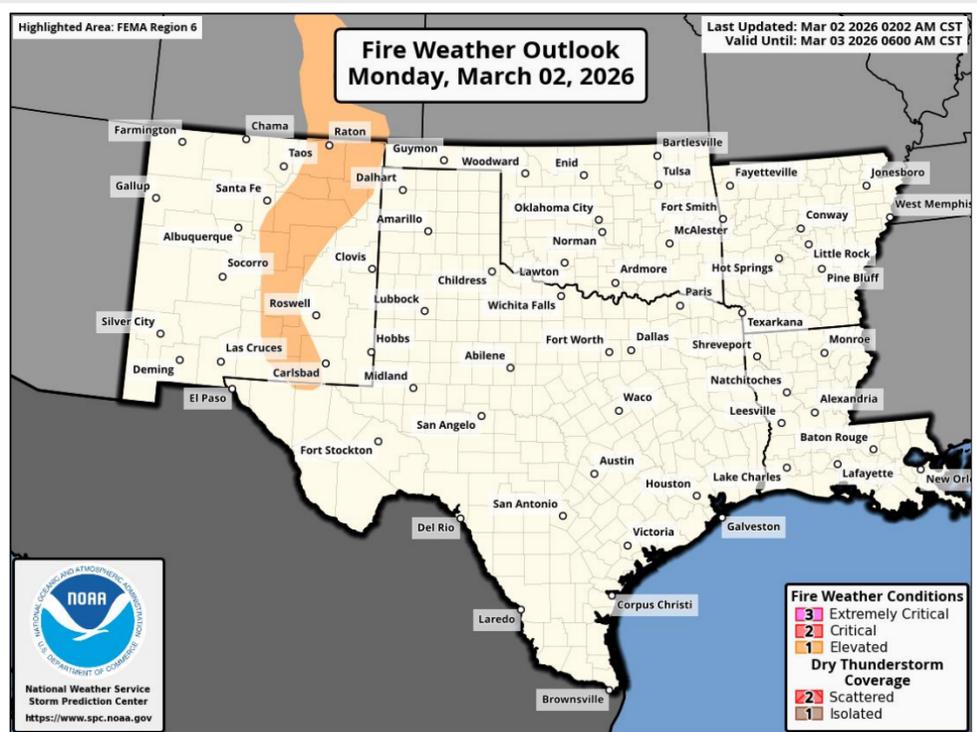
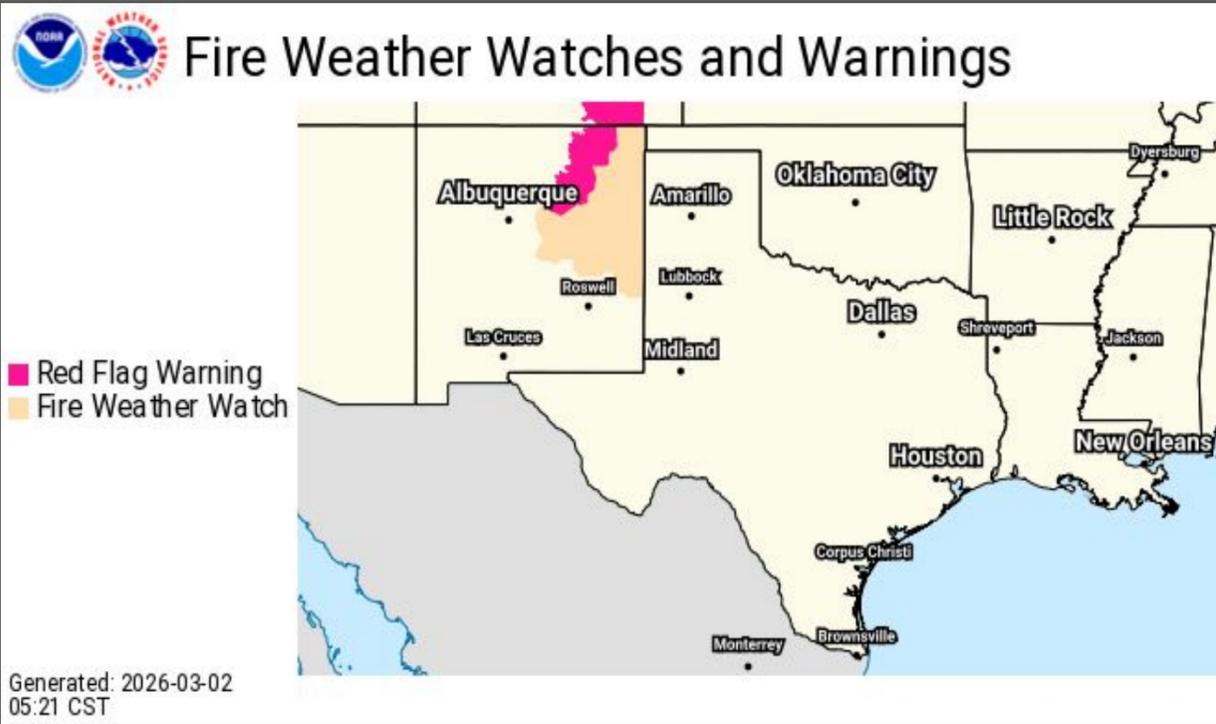
**Red Flag Warning in NE NM from Noon CT through 8 PM CT Today.**

**Fire Weather Watches for E NM Tuesday morning through Tuesday evening.**





# Fire Weather Outlooks





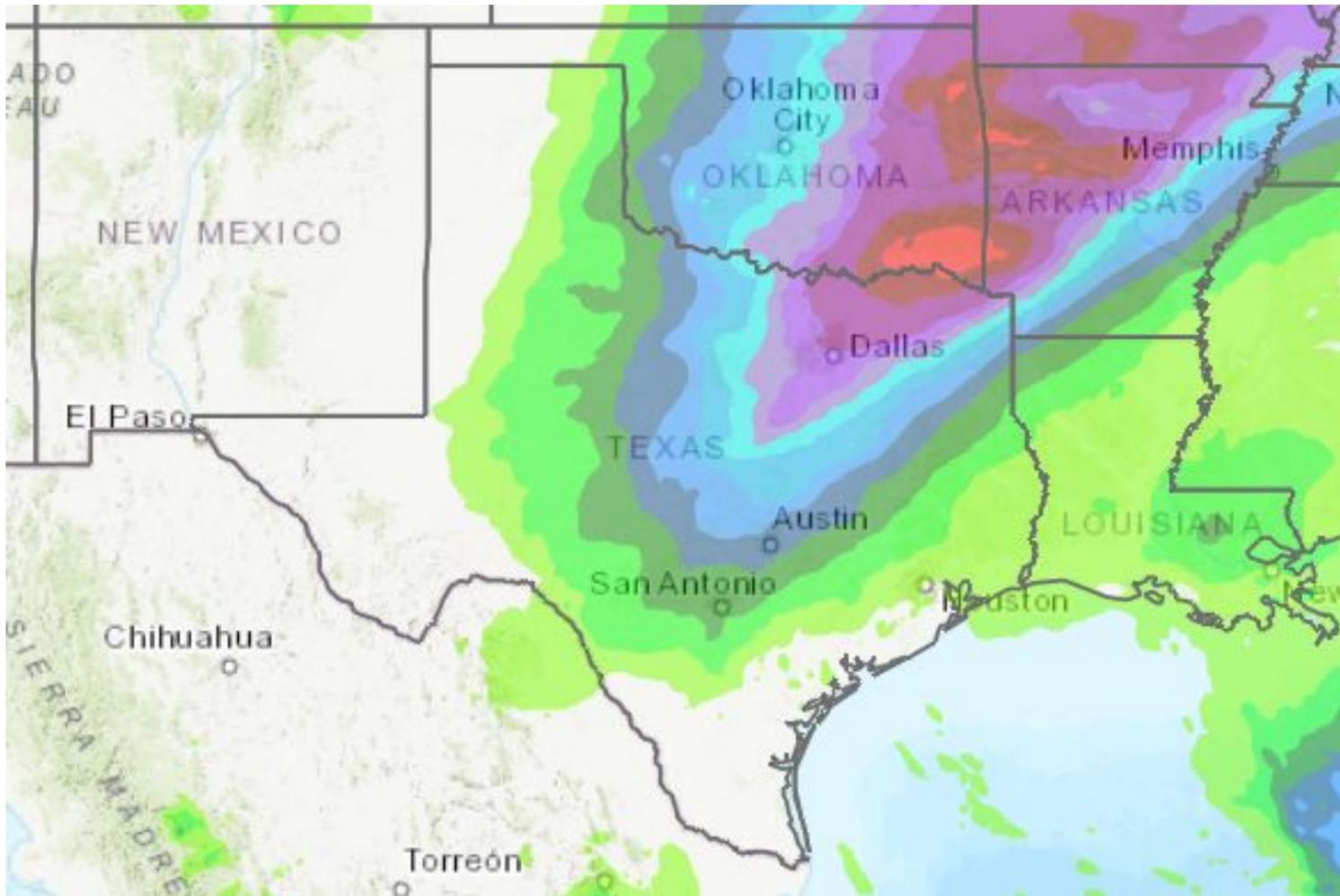
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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

Forecast Rainfall - WPC

Cumulative Precip Forecasts

QPF 120 Hour Day 1-5



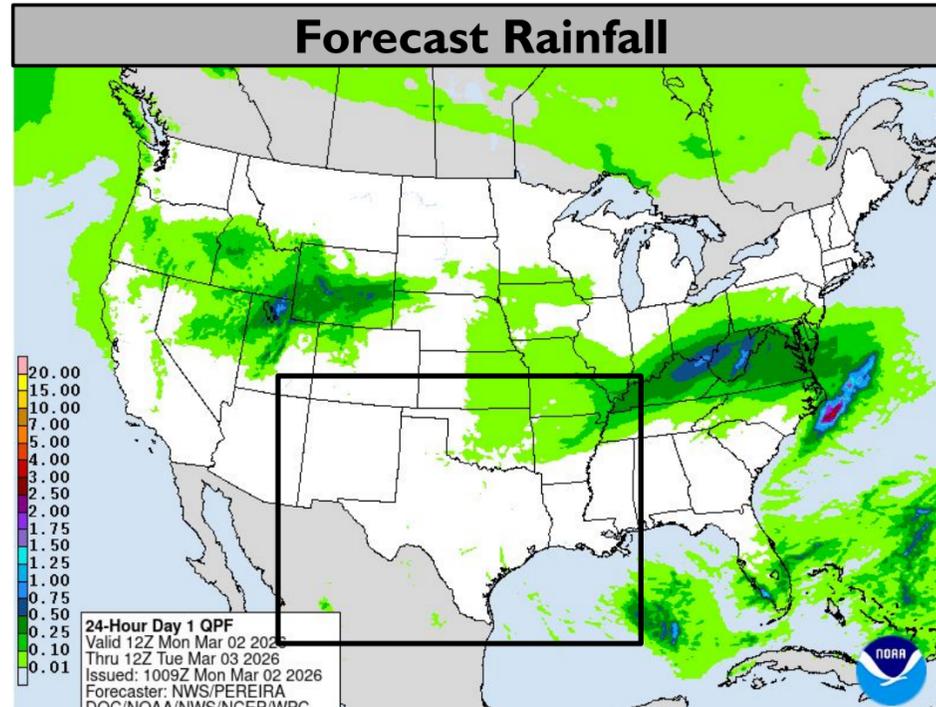
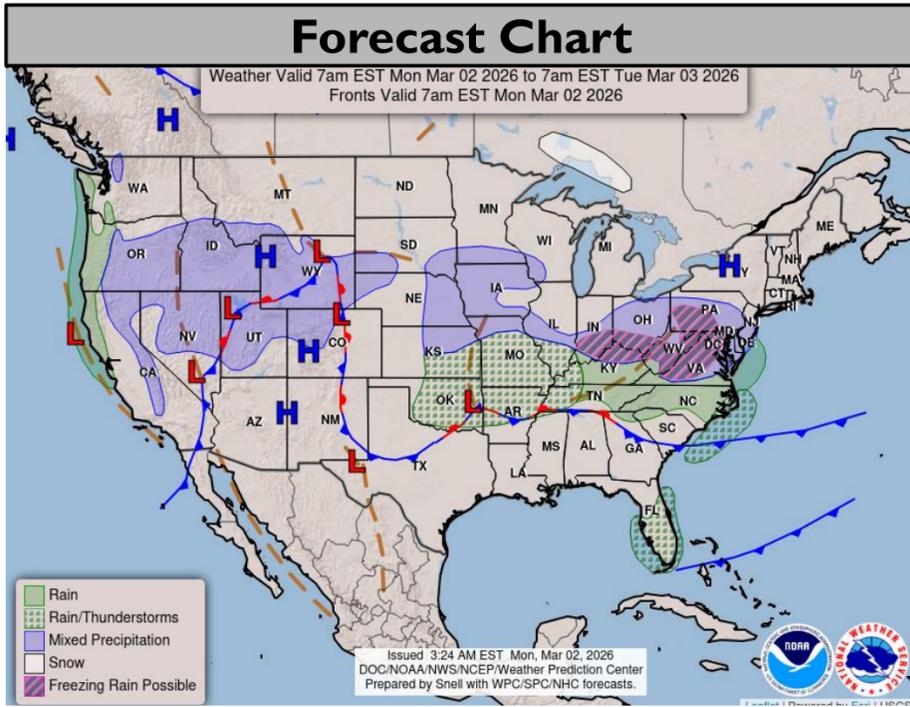
Observed River Flood Status	Forecast River Flood Status
Major Flooding	Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding	Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding	Minor Flooding
Near	Near Flood
action	No Flooding

**River flooding is not anticipated in the next 48 hours.**

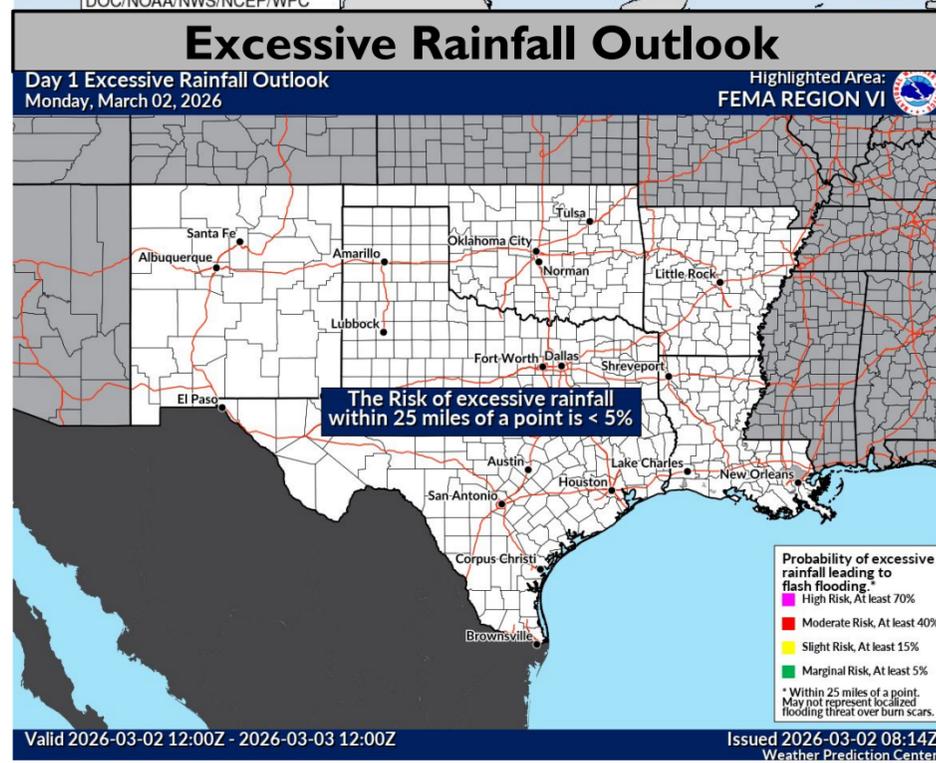
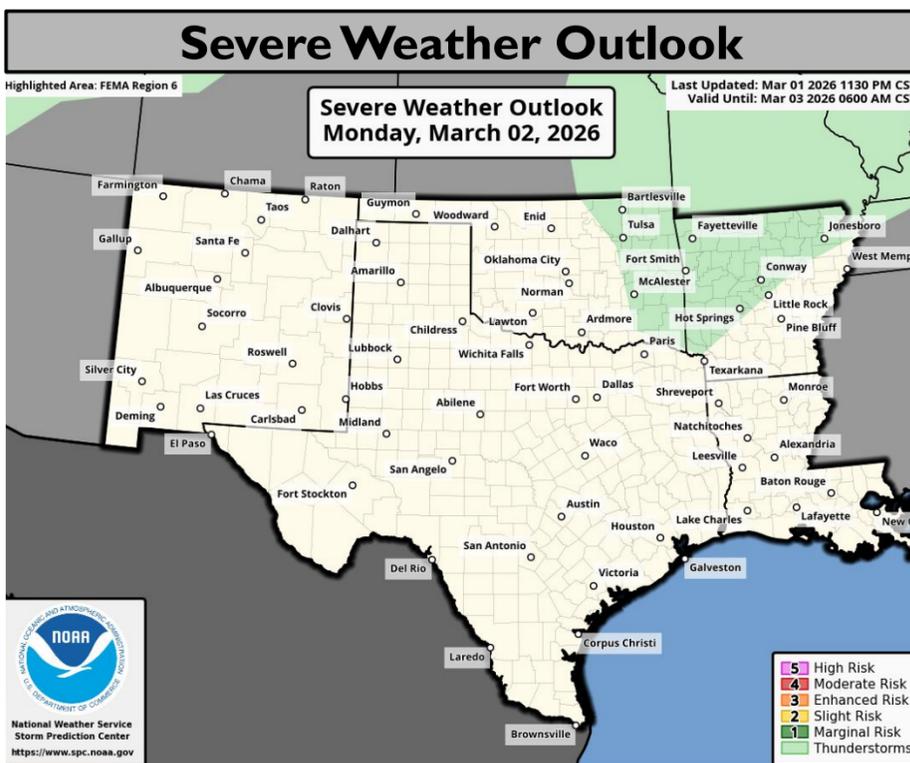
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# Today's Weather

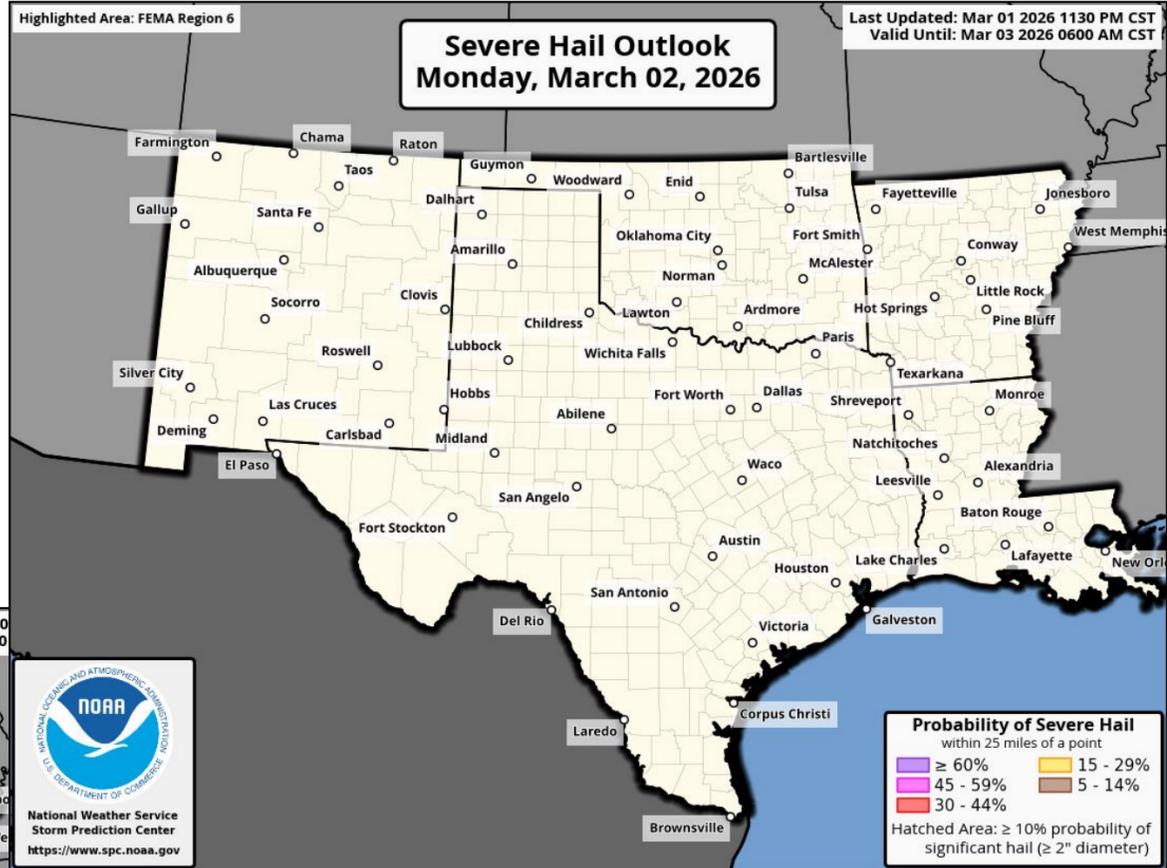
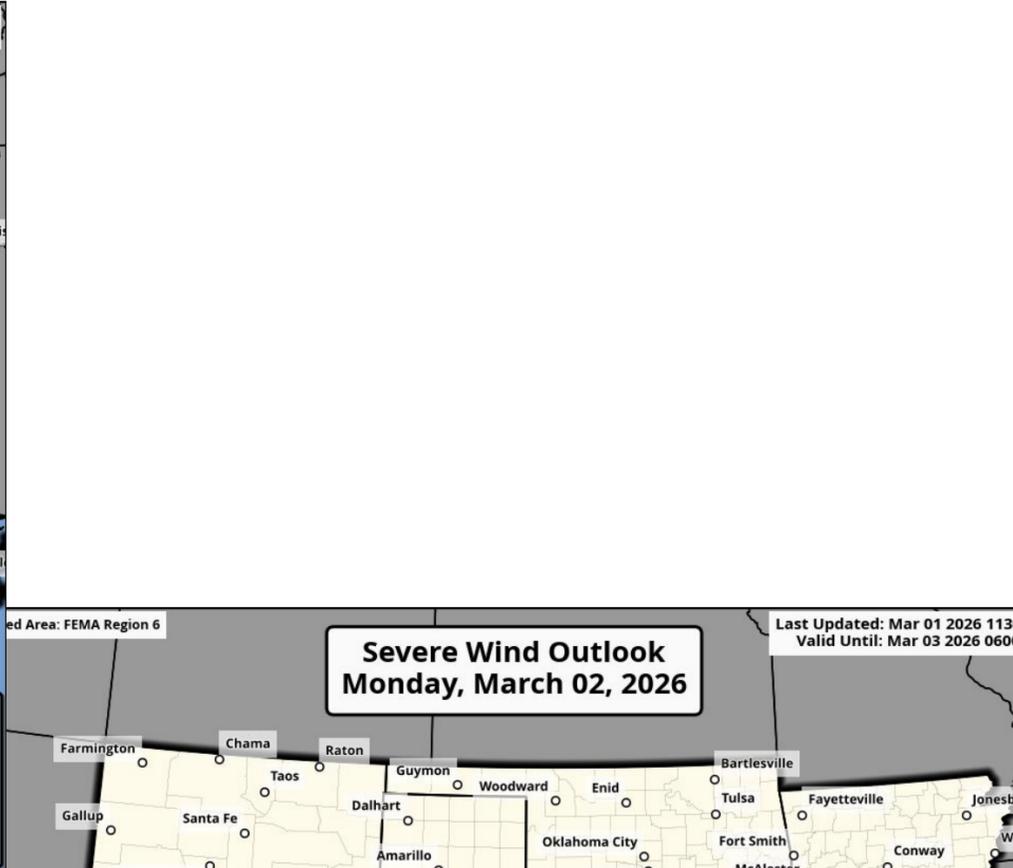
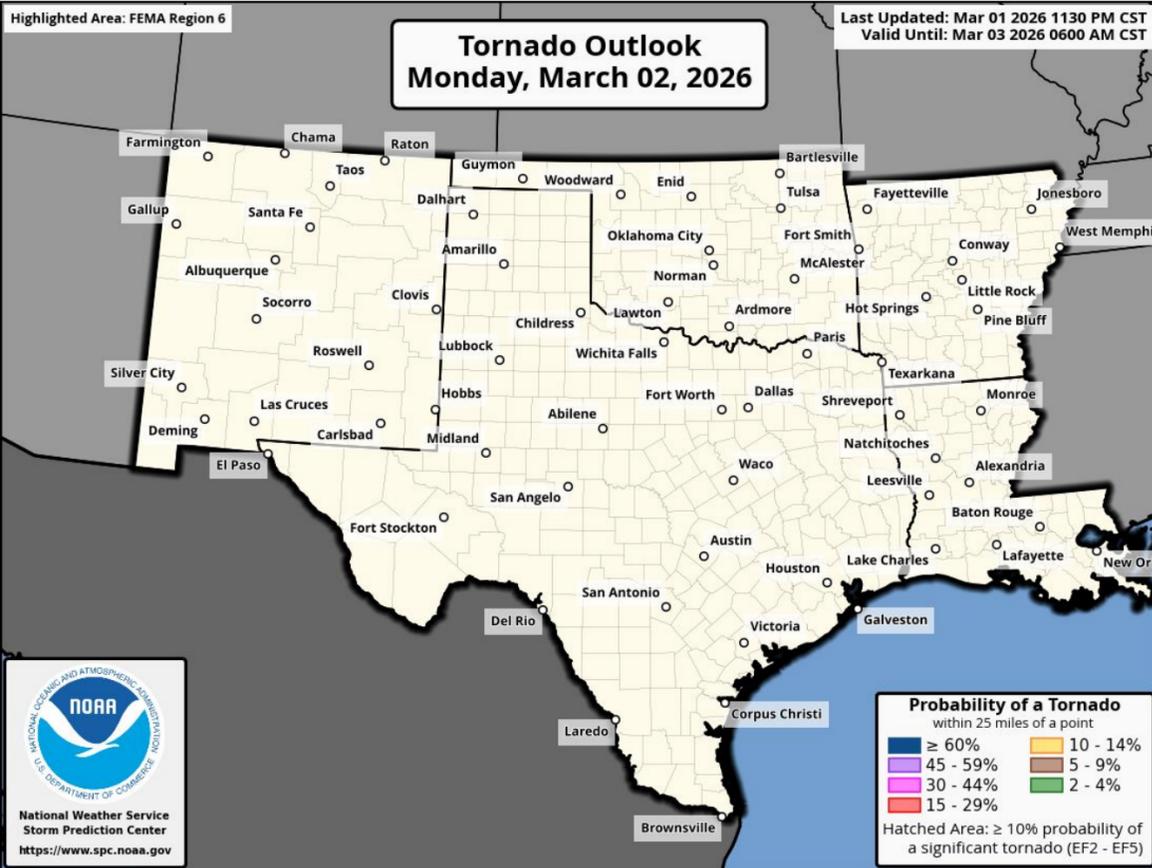


**Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in NE NM in the afternoon.**



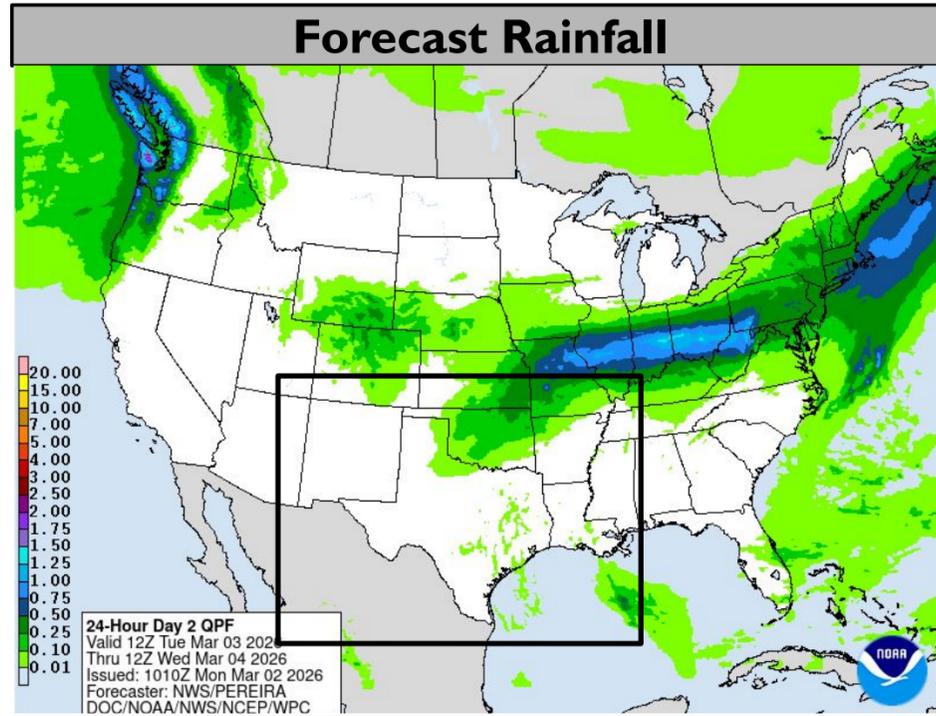
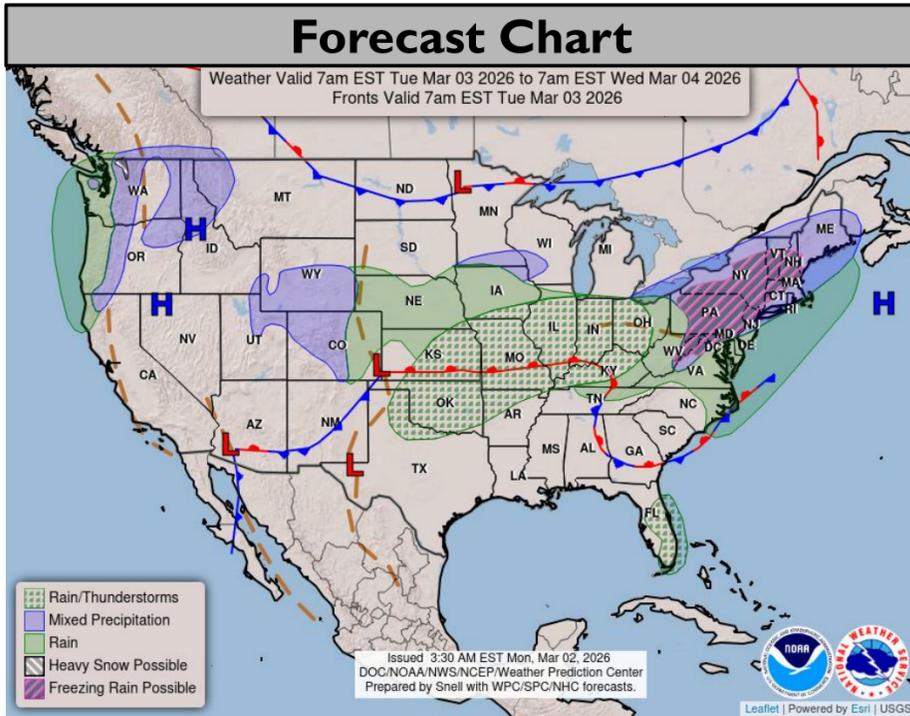


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



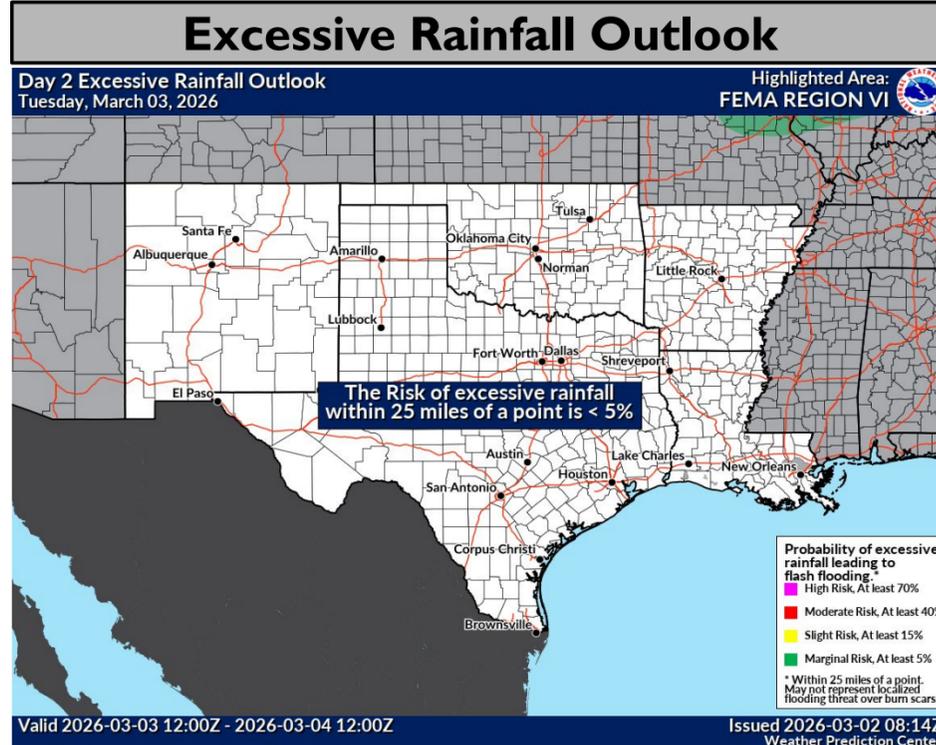
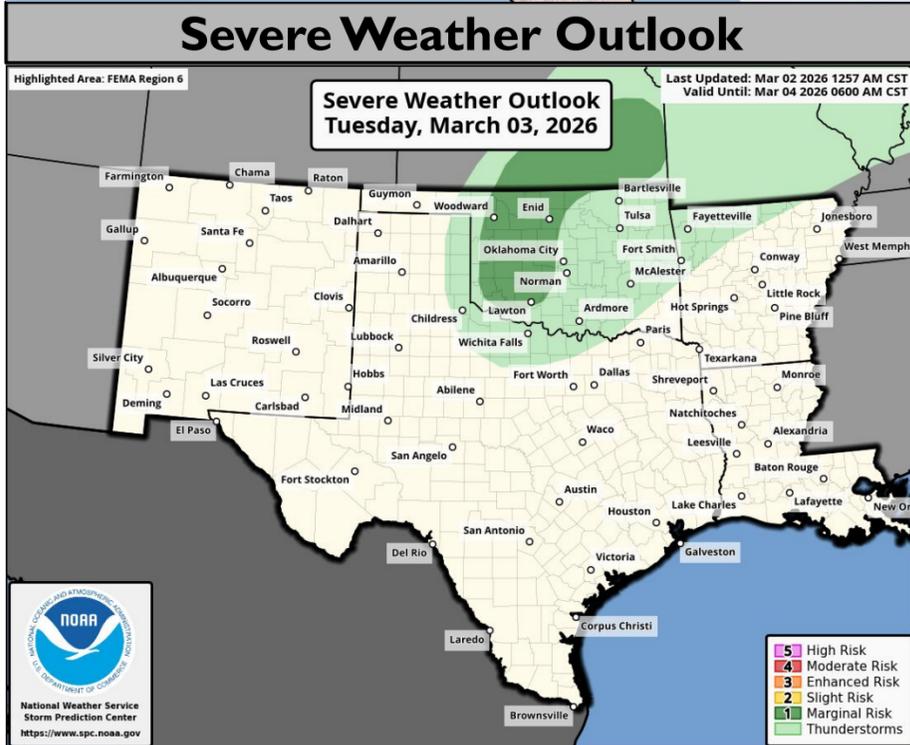


# Tomorrow's Weather



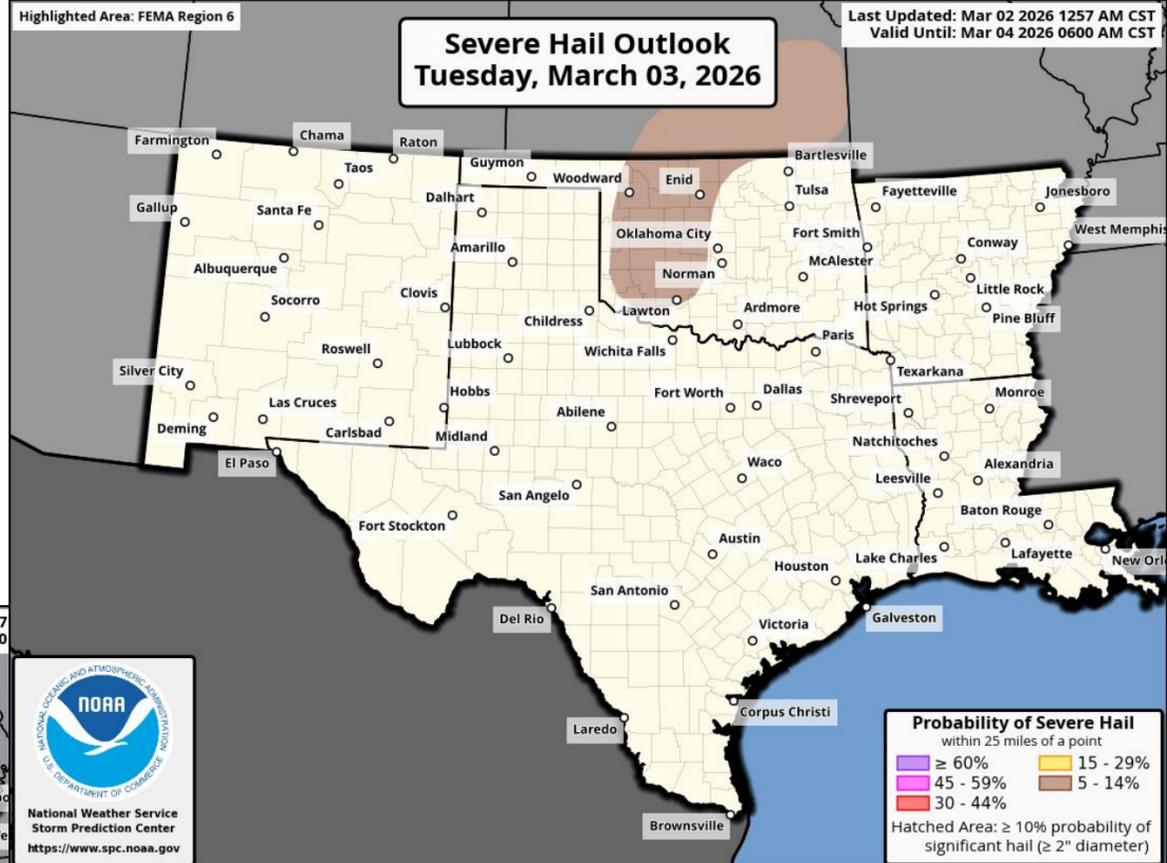
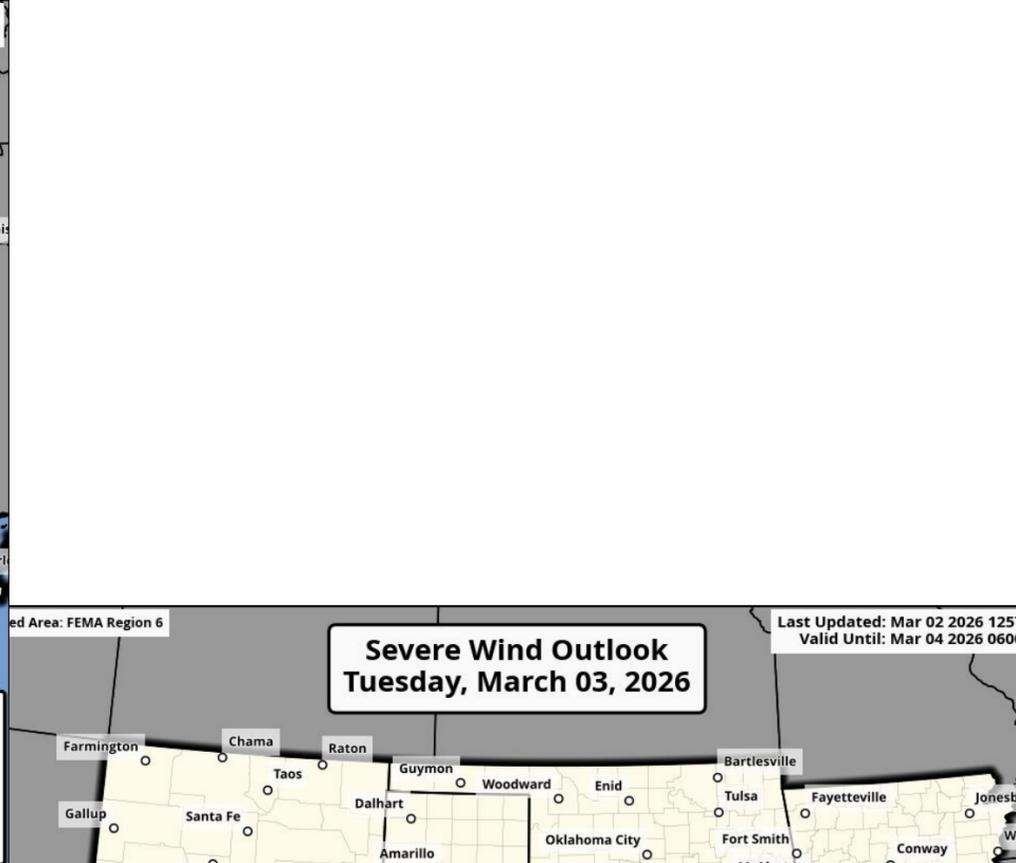
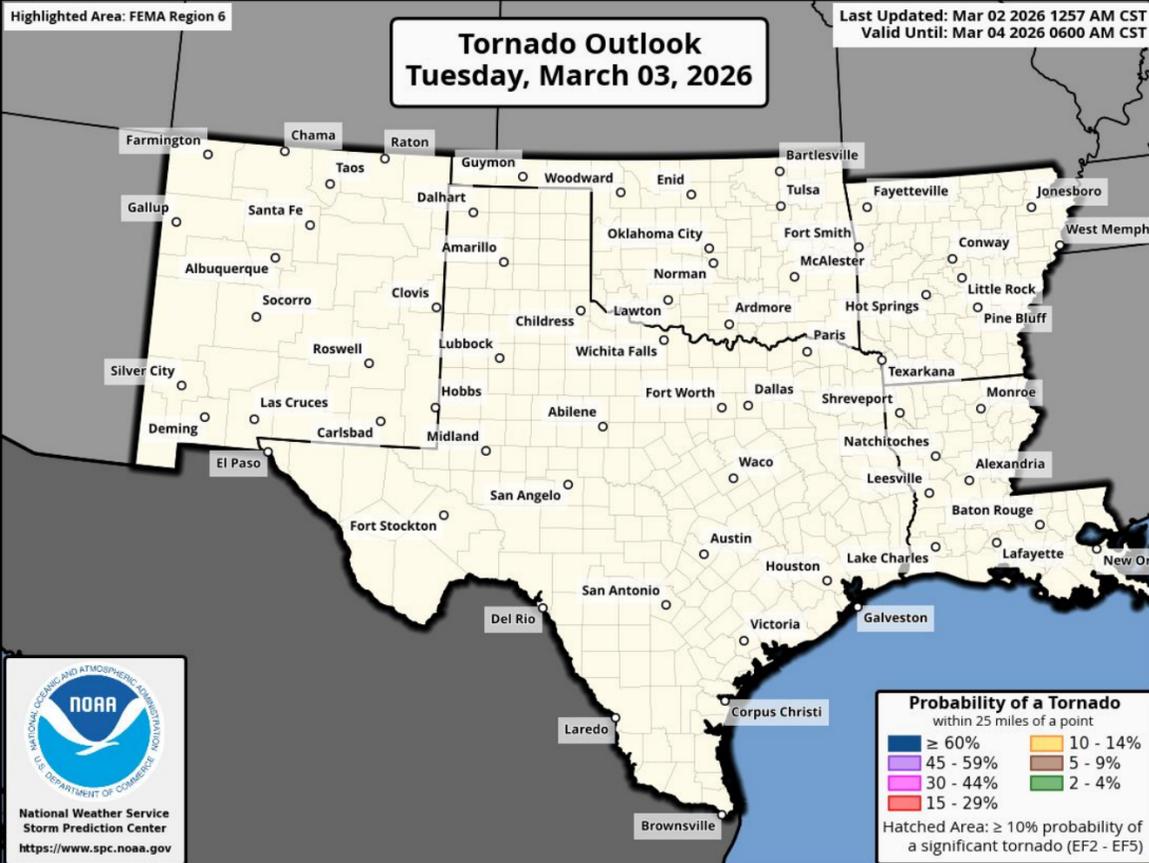
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in W OK due to hail.**





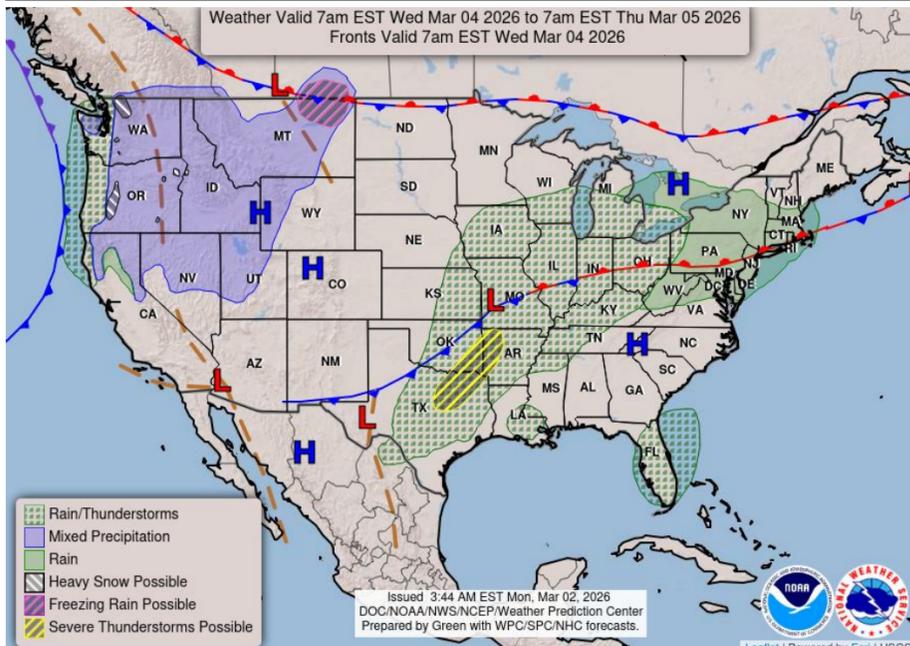
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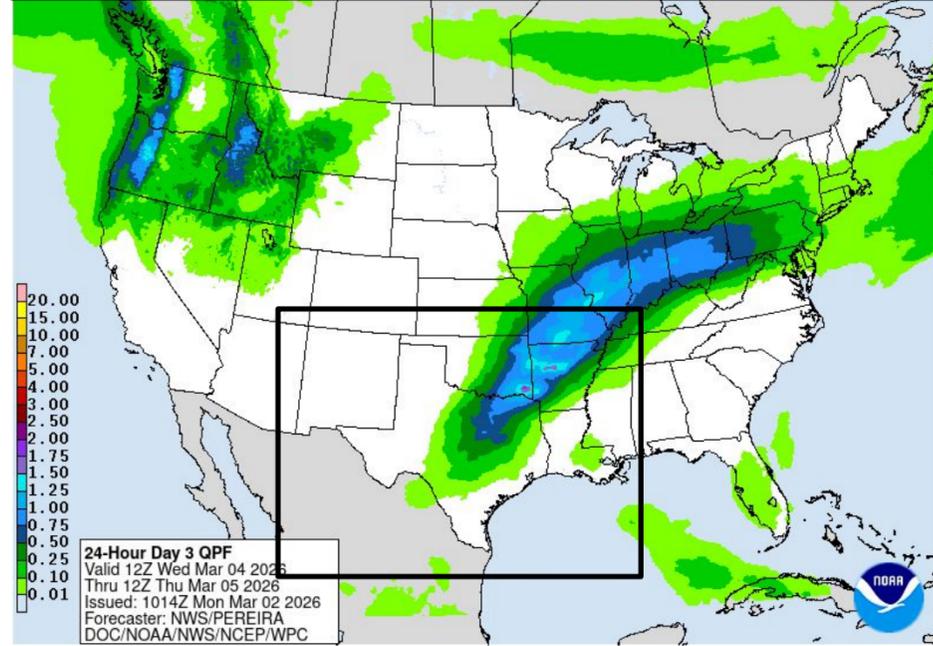


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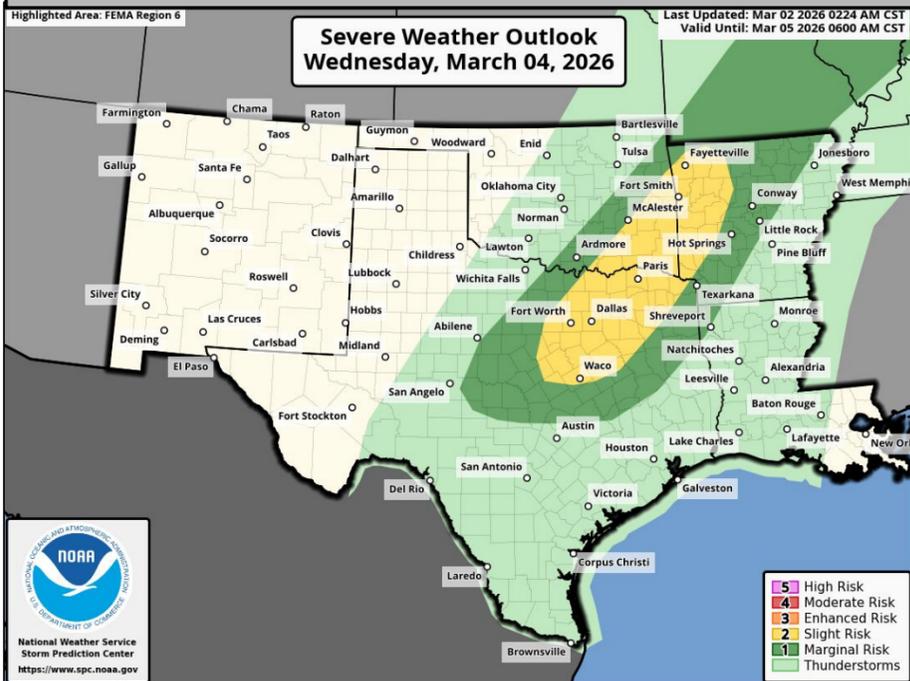
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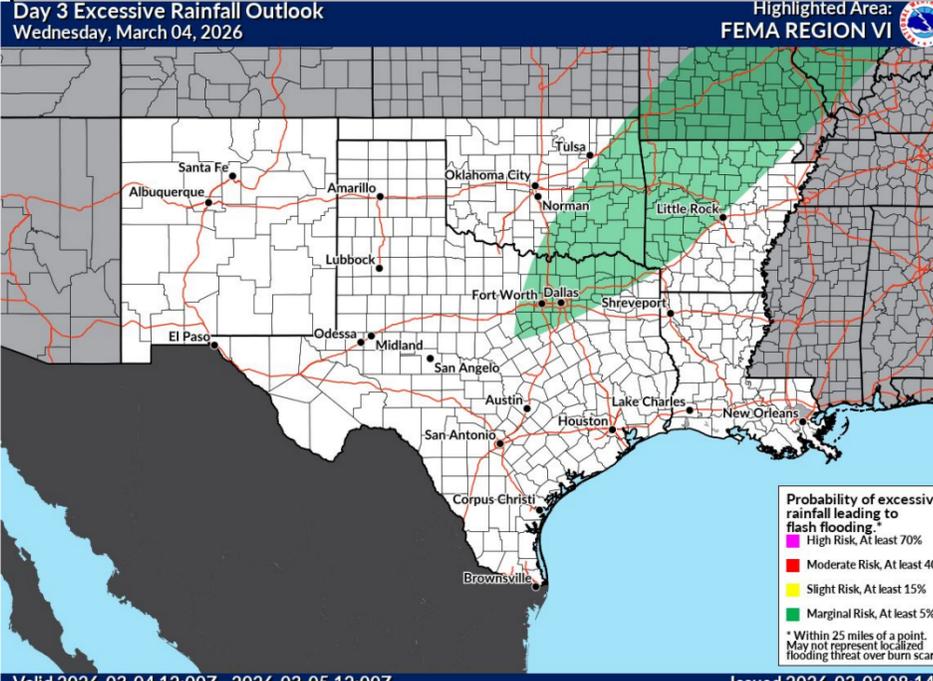
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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

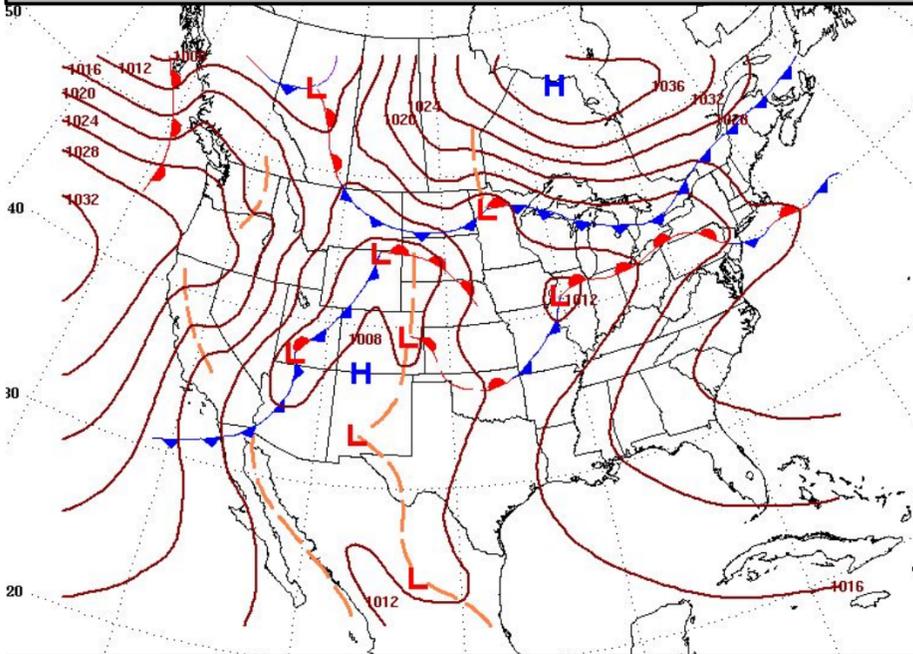
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall for SE OK, AR, N TX.**

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

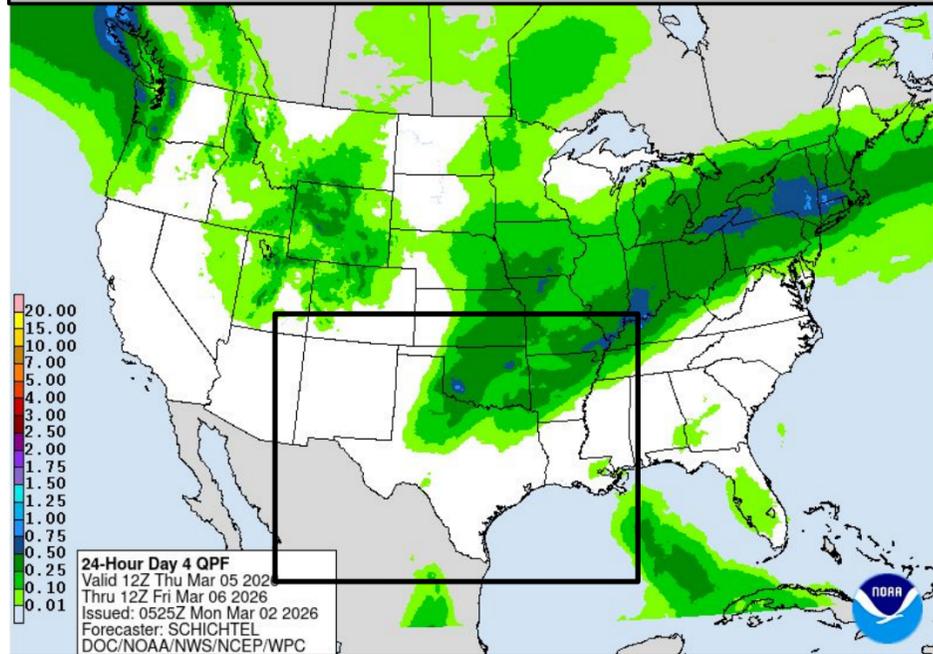


# Thursday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



### Forecast Rainfall

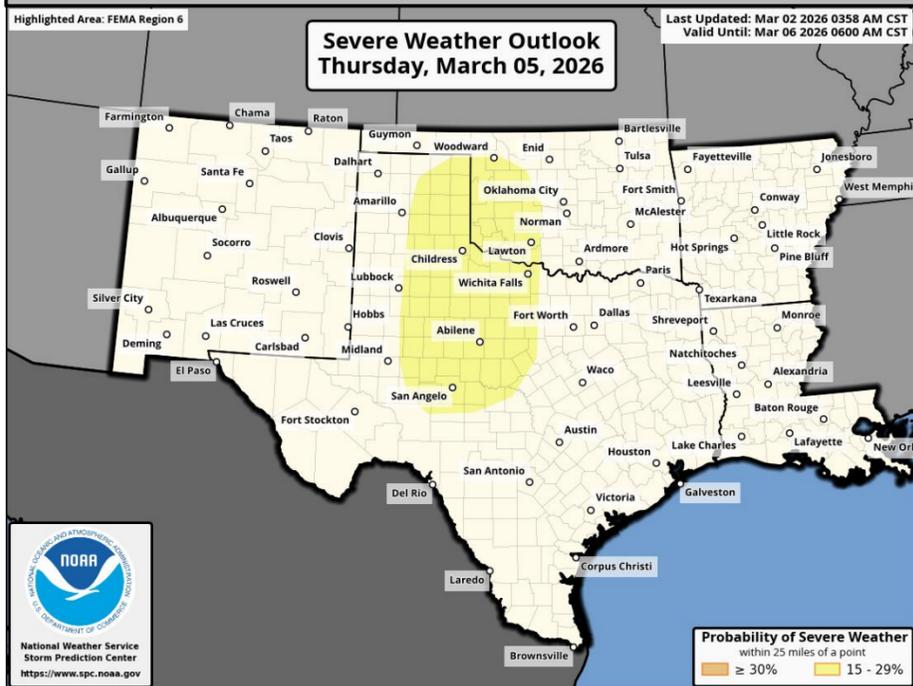


**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SW OK, W/NW TX. Hail is the main threat.**

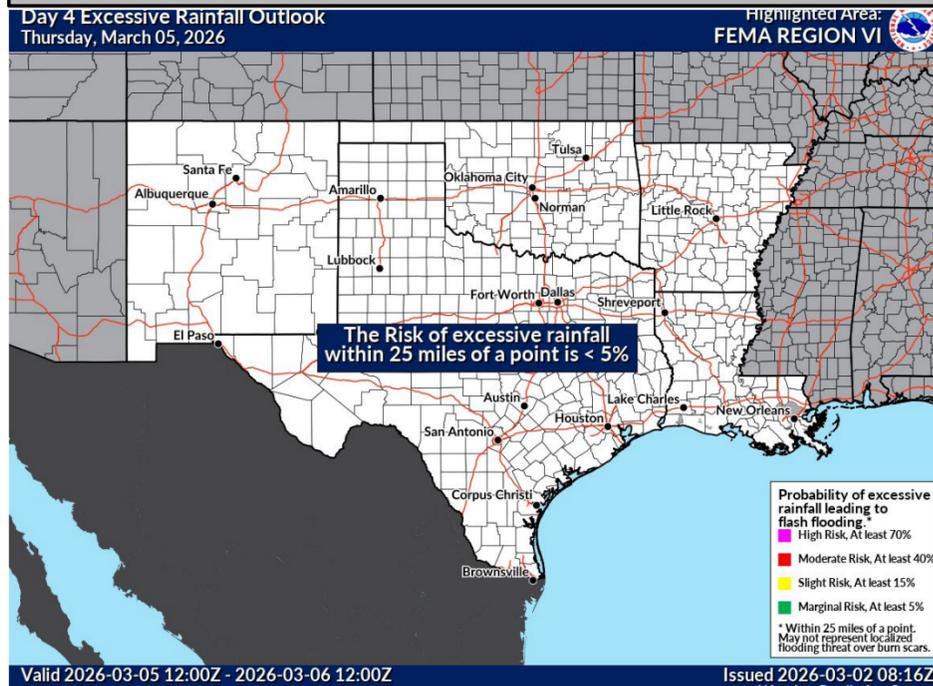
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**Locally heavy rainfall in SW OK.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



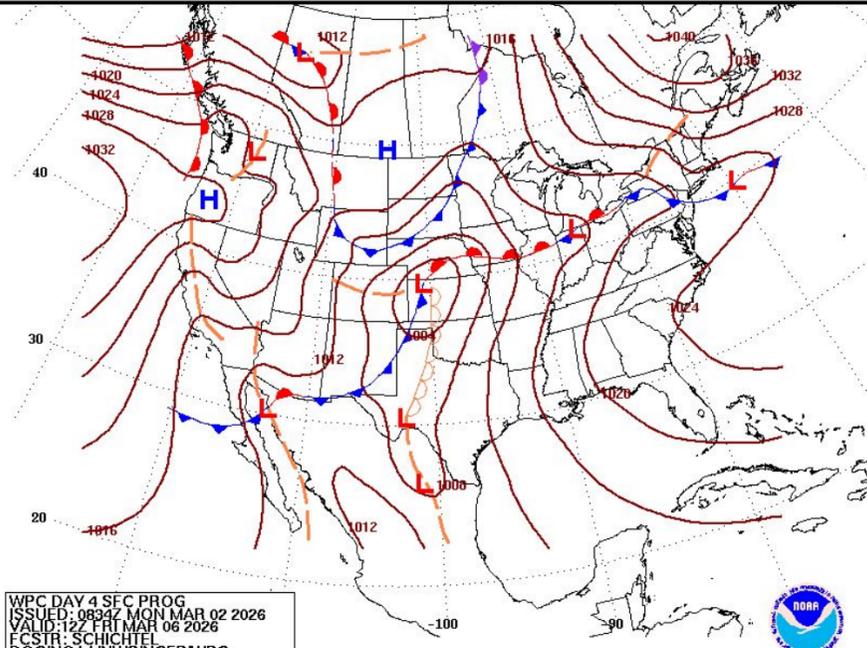
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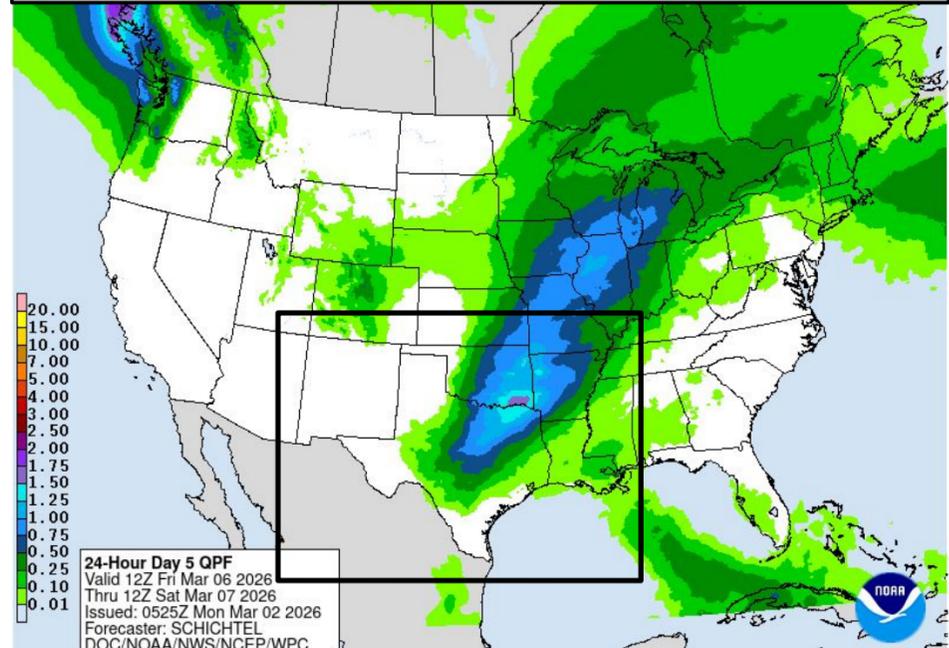
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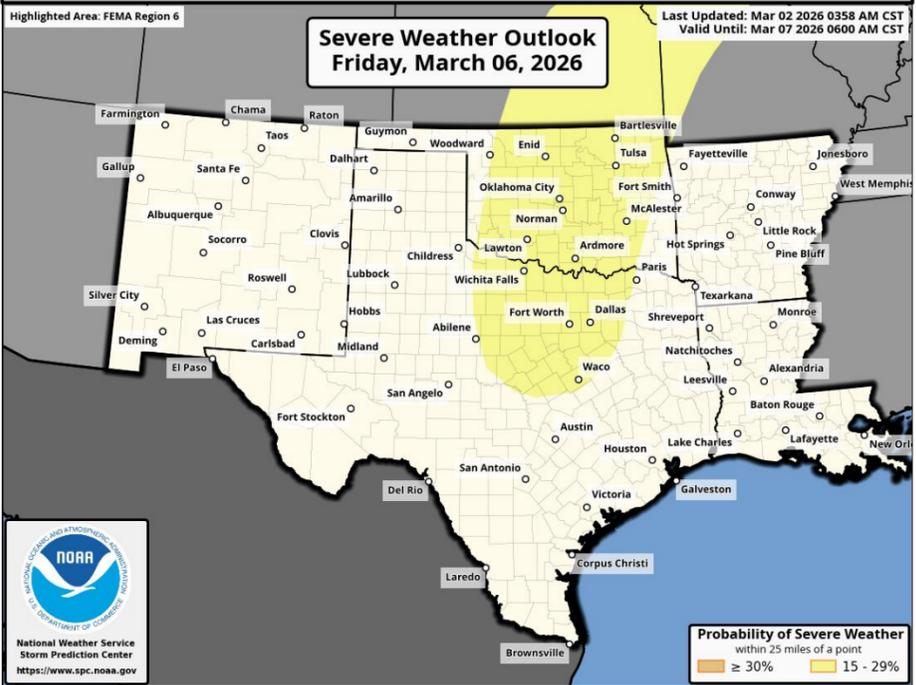
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## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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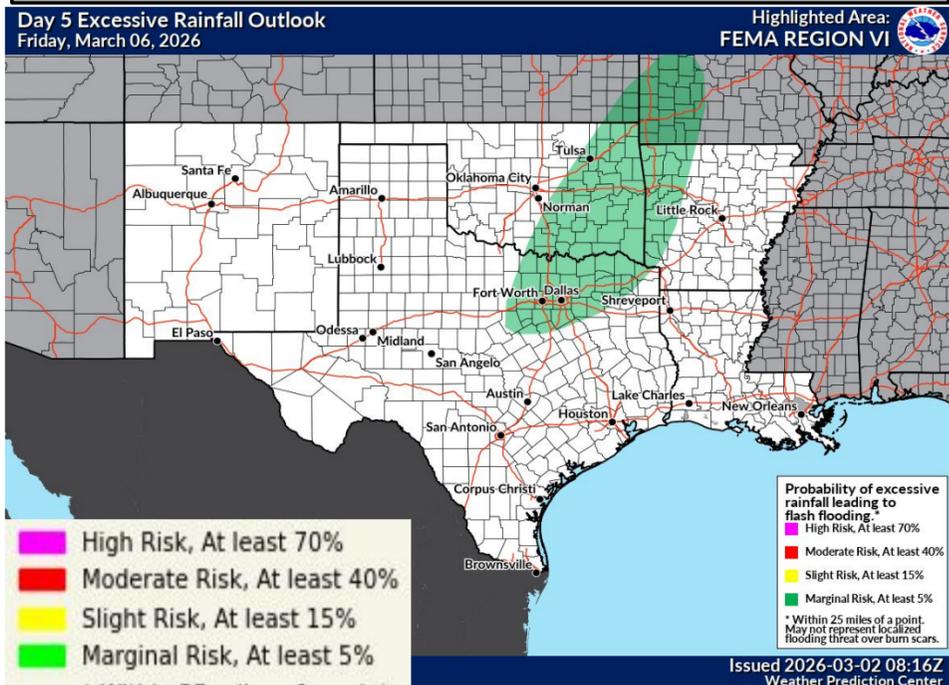
## Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6  
**Severe Weather Outlook**  
Friday, March 06, 2026  
Last Updated: Mar 02 2026 0358 AM CST  
Valid Until: Mar 07 2026 0600 AM CST

Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30%    15 - 29%

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, March 06, 2026

Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI

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%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, N/CTX. Hail and wind are the main threats. Isolated tornadoes cannot be ruled out.**

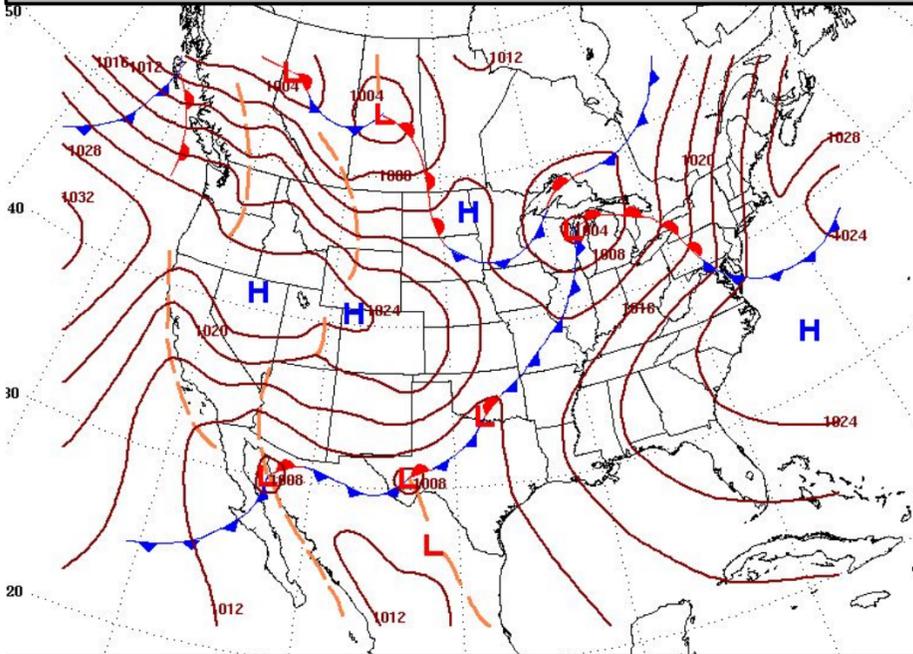
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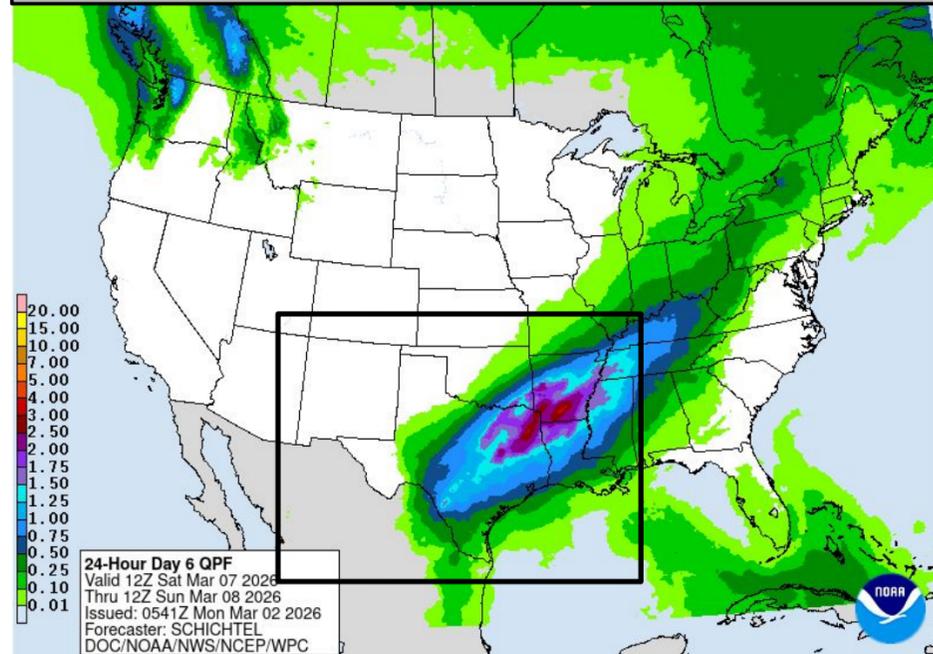


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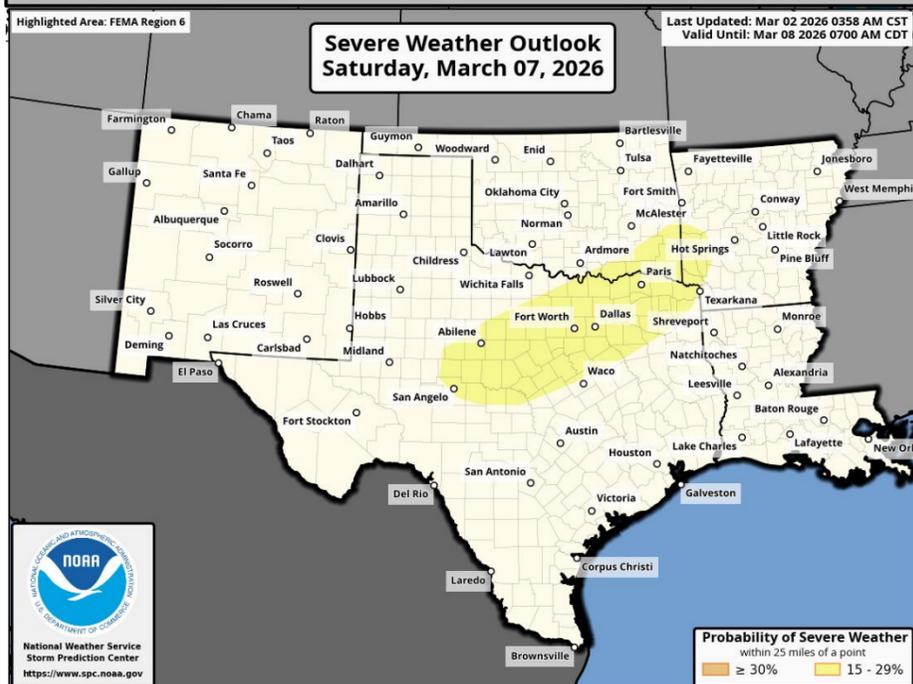
### Forecast Rainfall



**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SE OK, SW AR, NTX.**

**Heavy rain/flash flooding potential in SE OK, AR, NTX, N LA.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

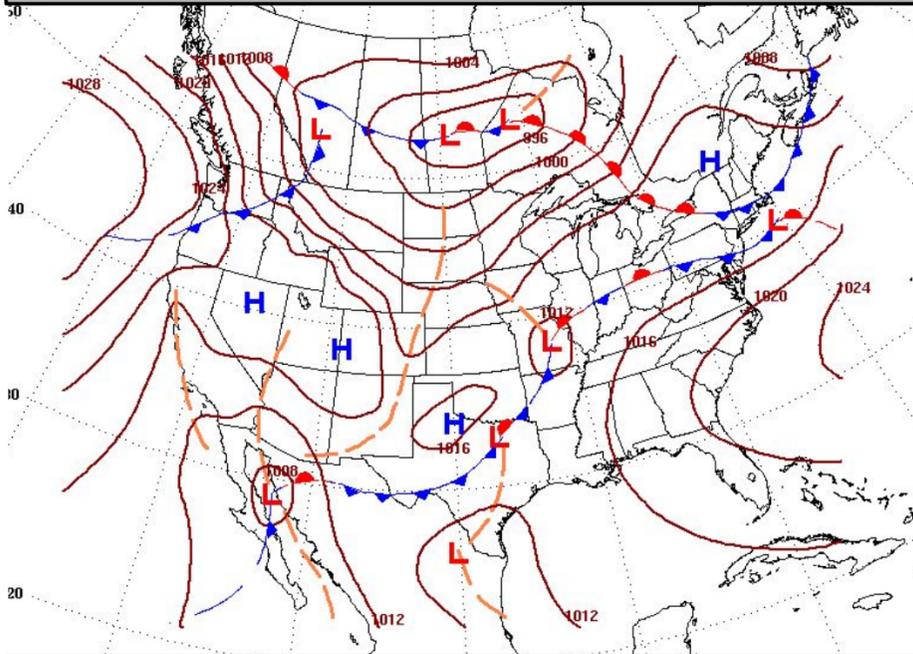


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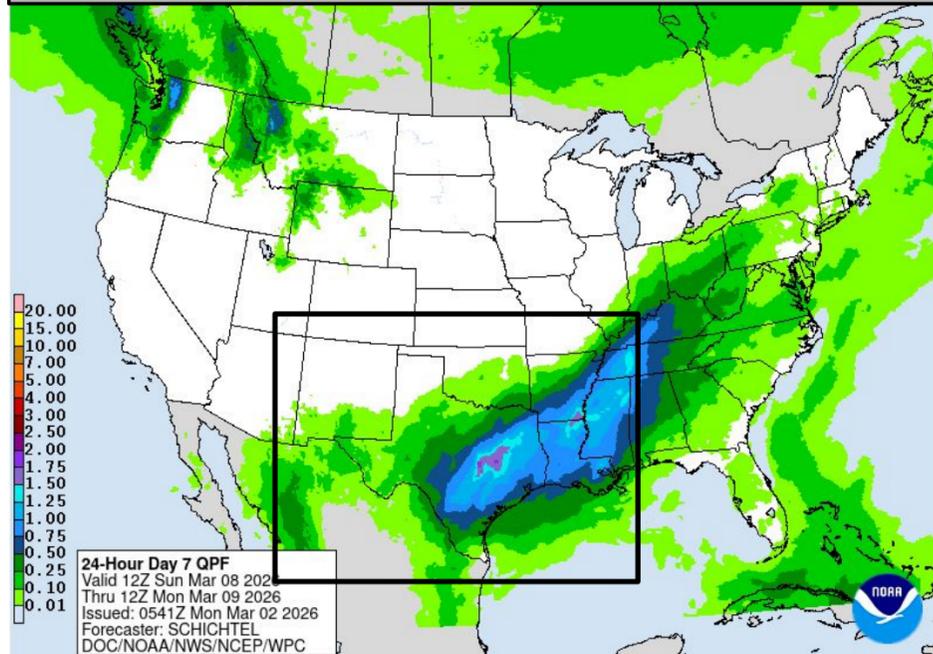


# Sunday's Weather

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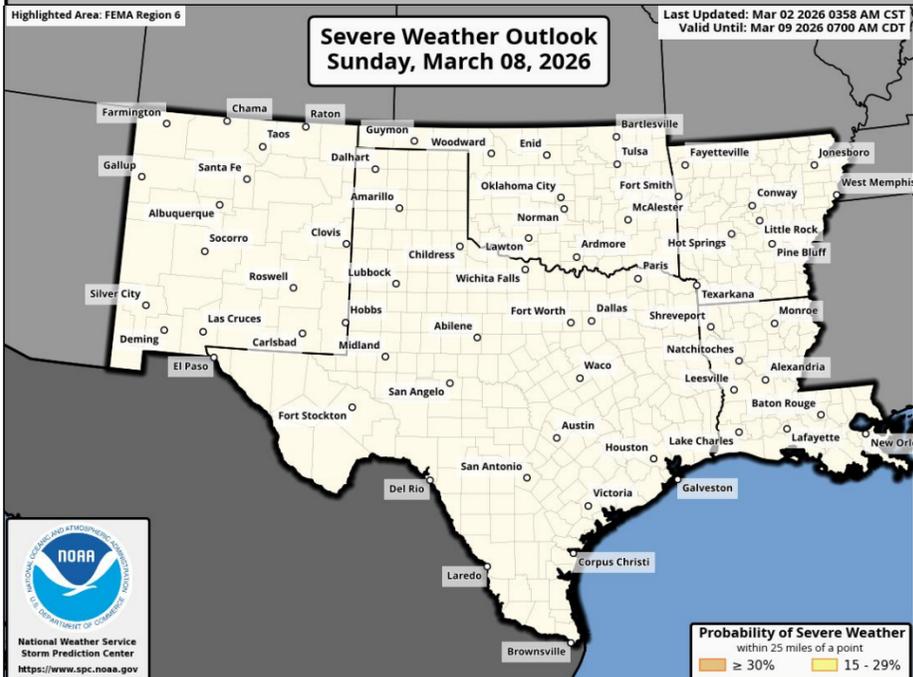
### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring S/C-ETX for severe storms.**

**Monitoring S/C-ETX, LA for heavy rain/flash flooding.**

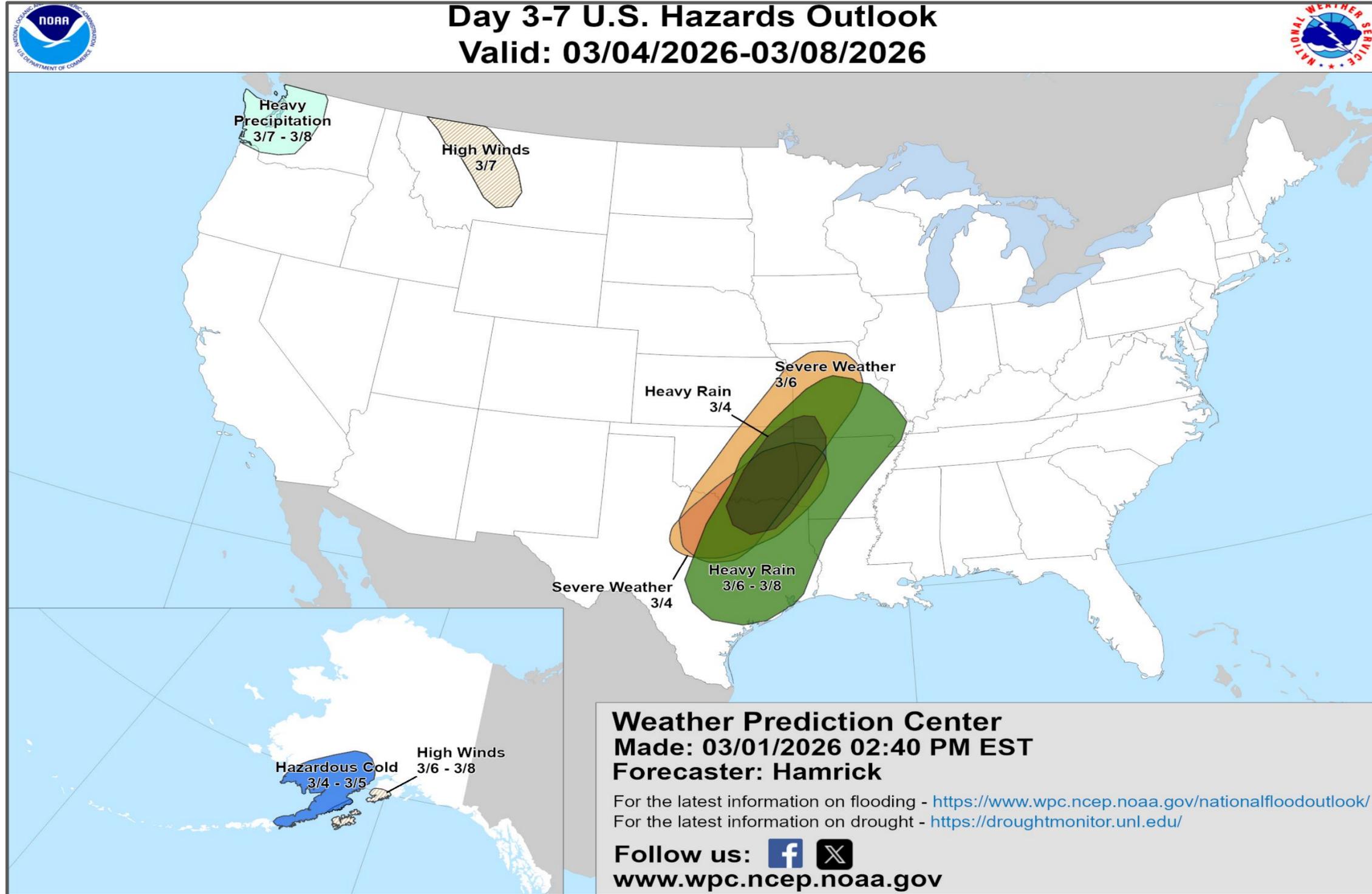
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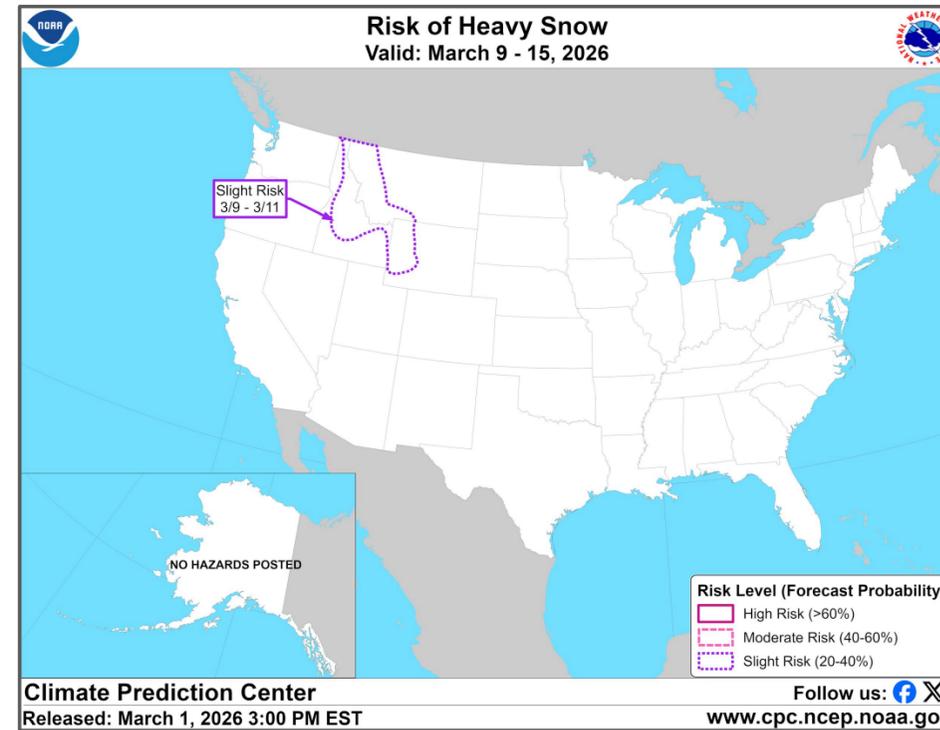
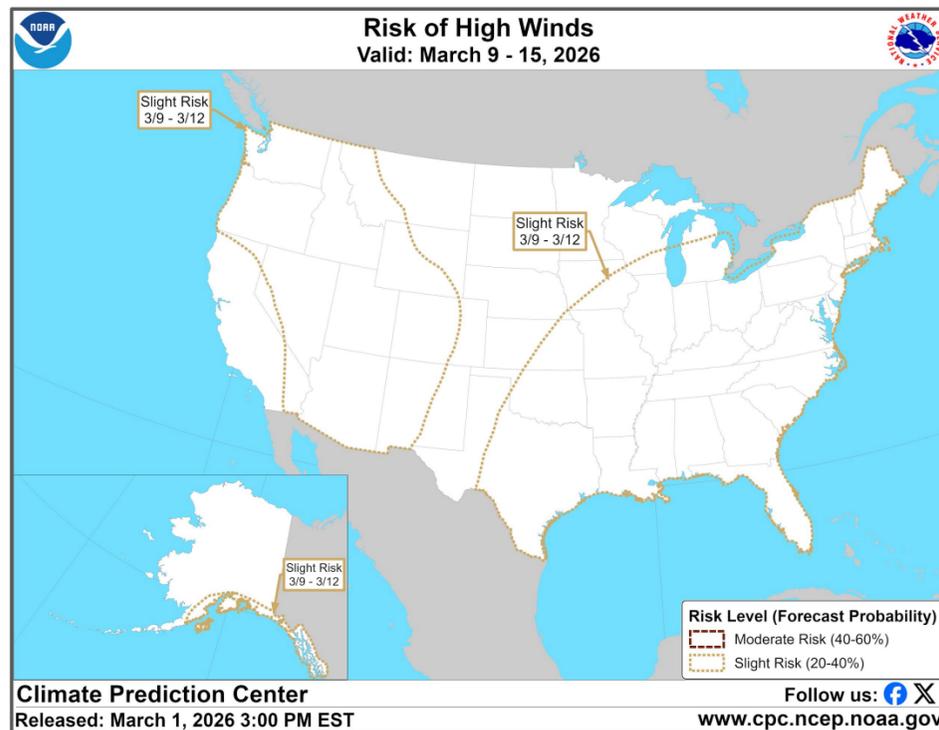
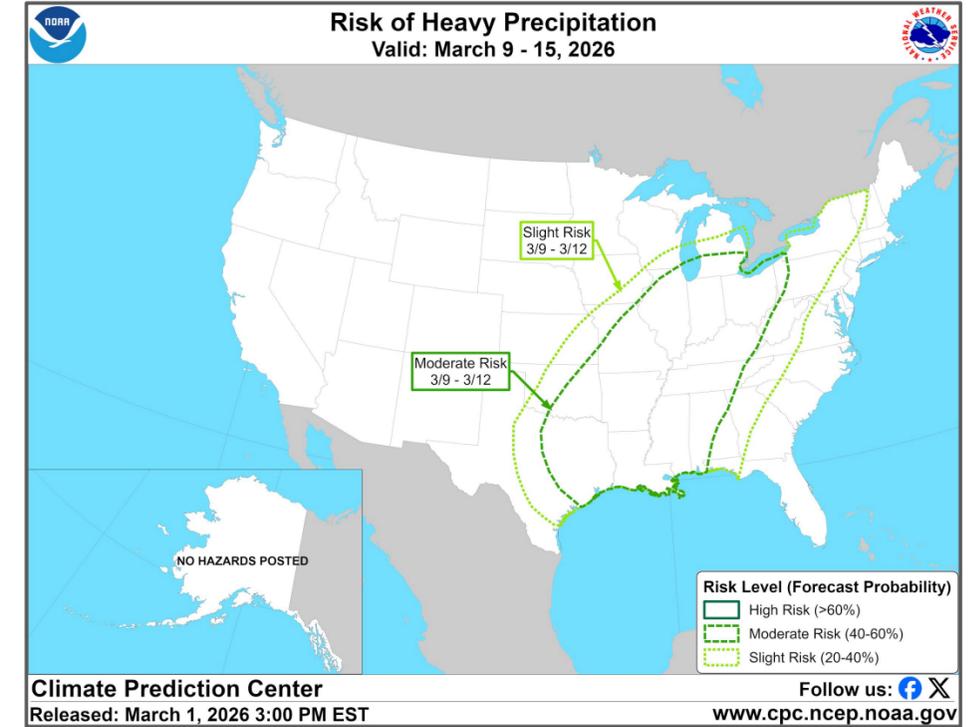
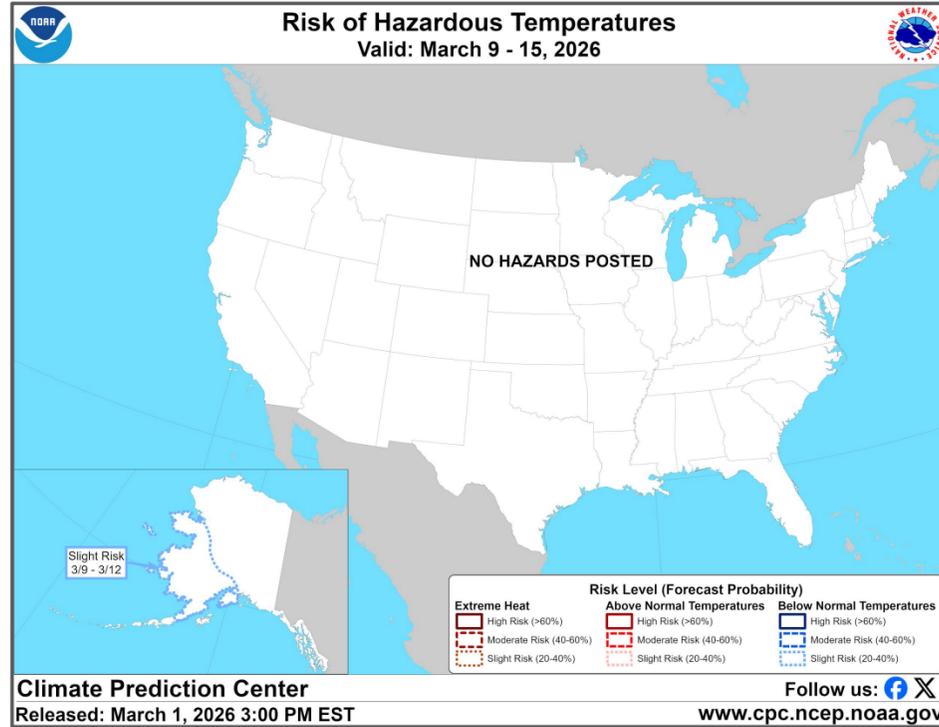
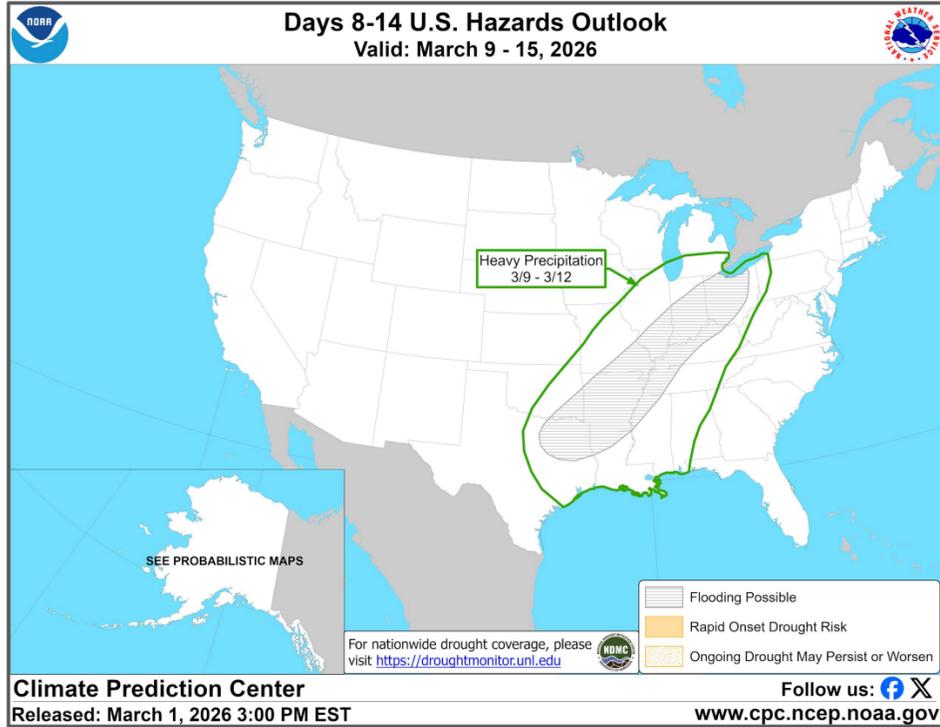


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# "Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

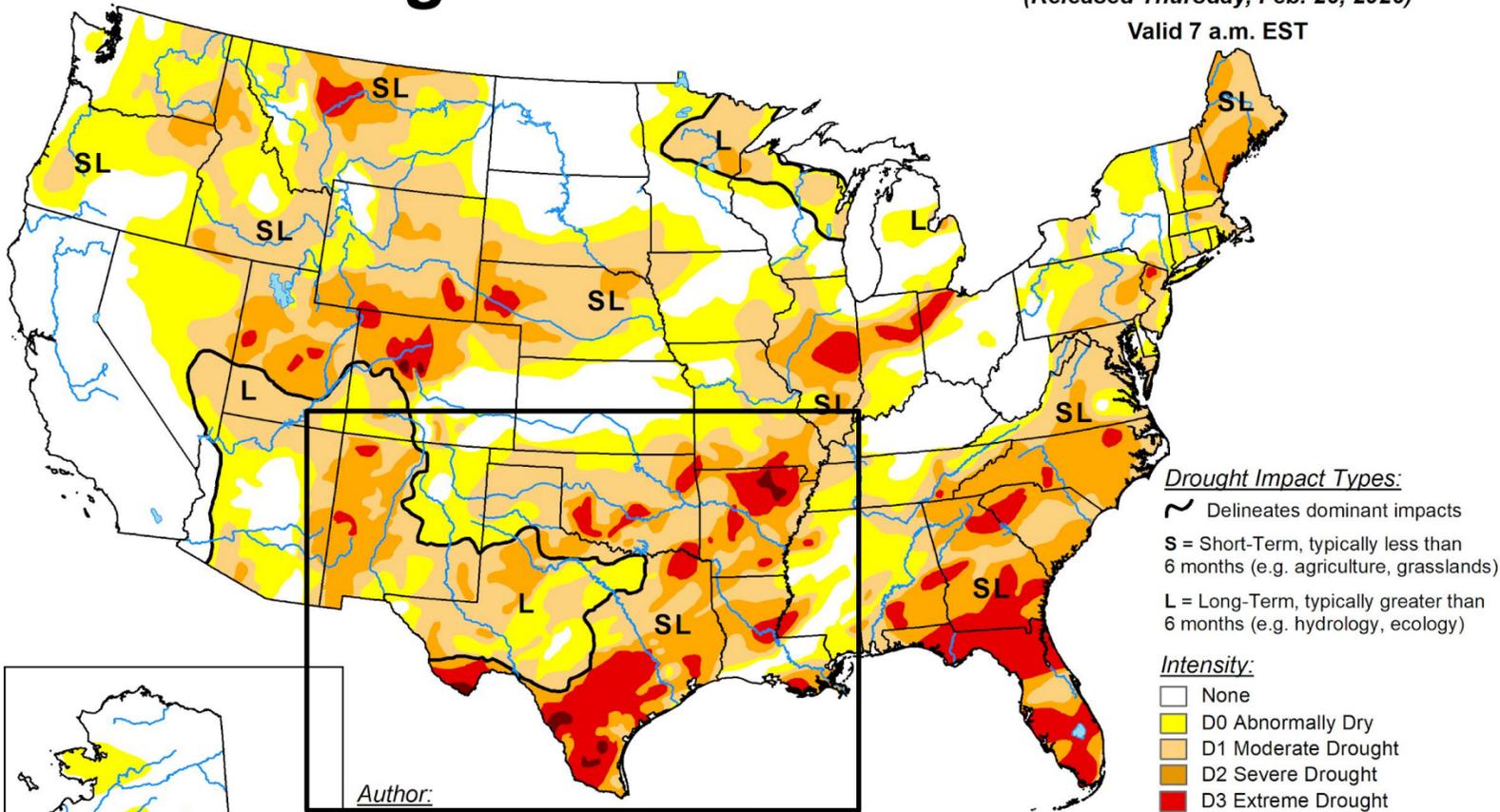




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

February 24, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

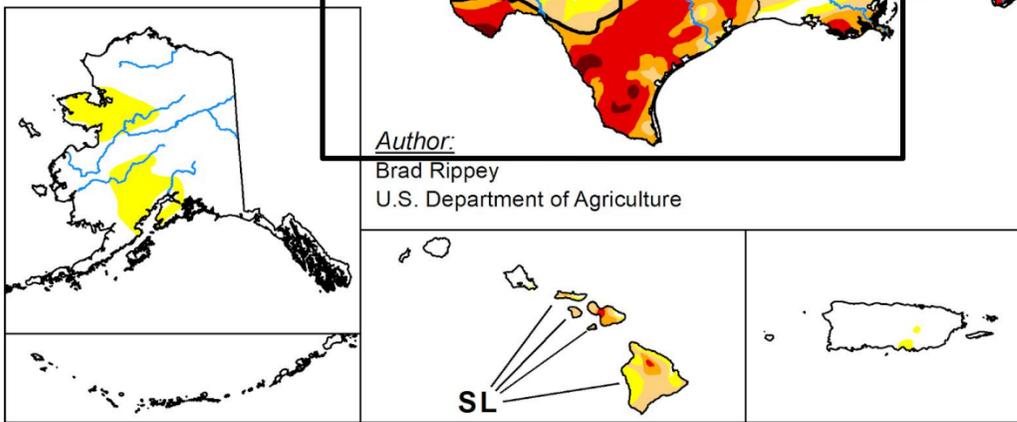


**Drought Impact Types:**  
~ Delineates dominant impacts  
**S** = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
**L** = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

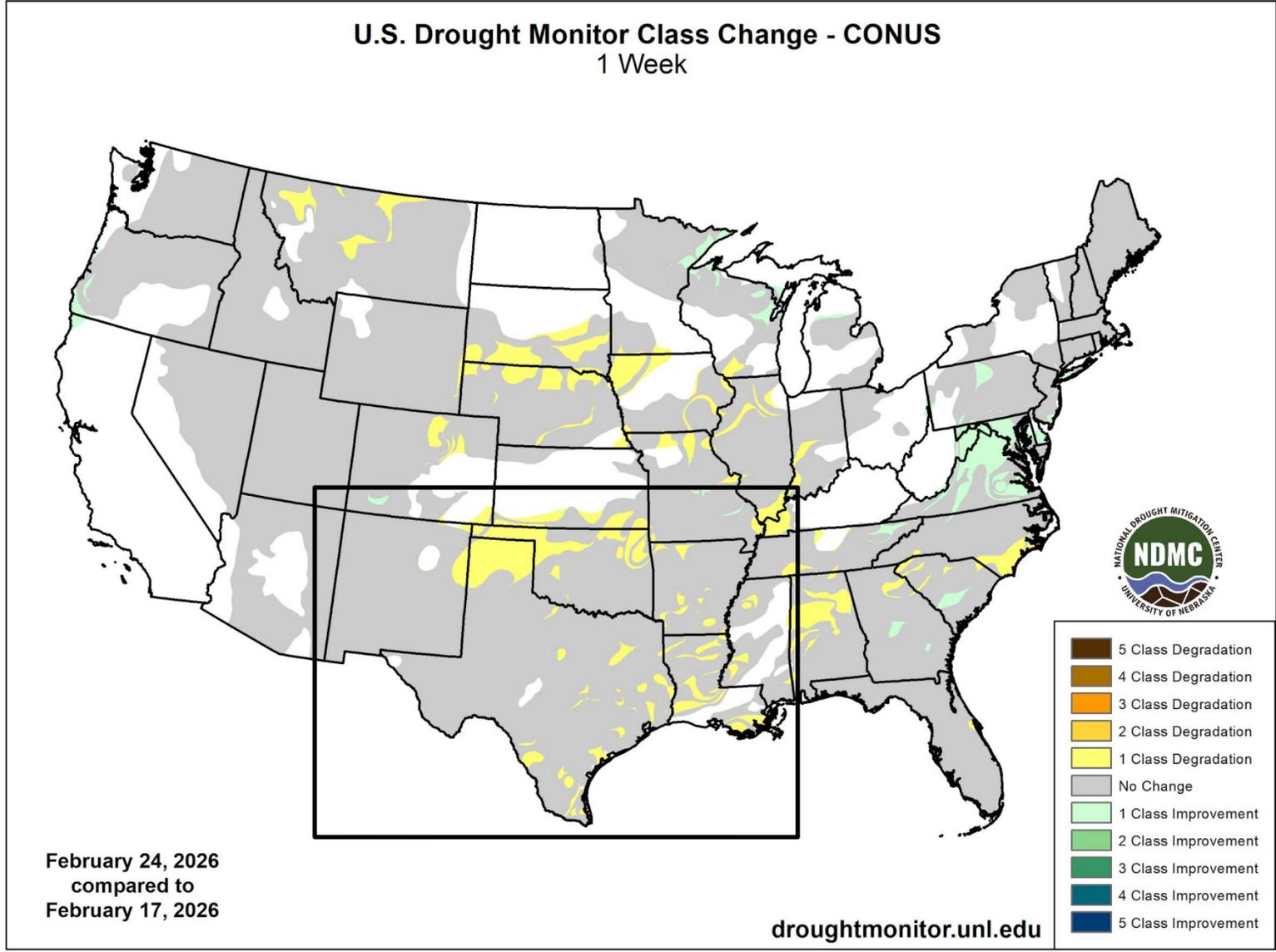
**Intensity:**  
None  
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D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

Author:  
Brad Rippey  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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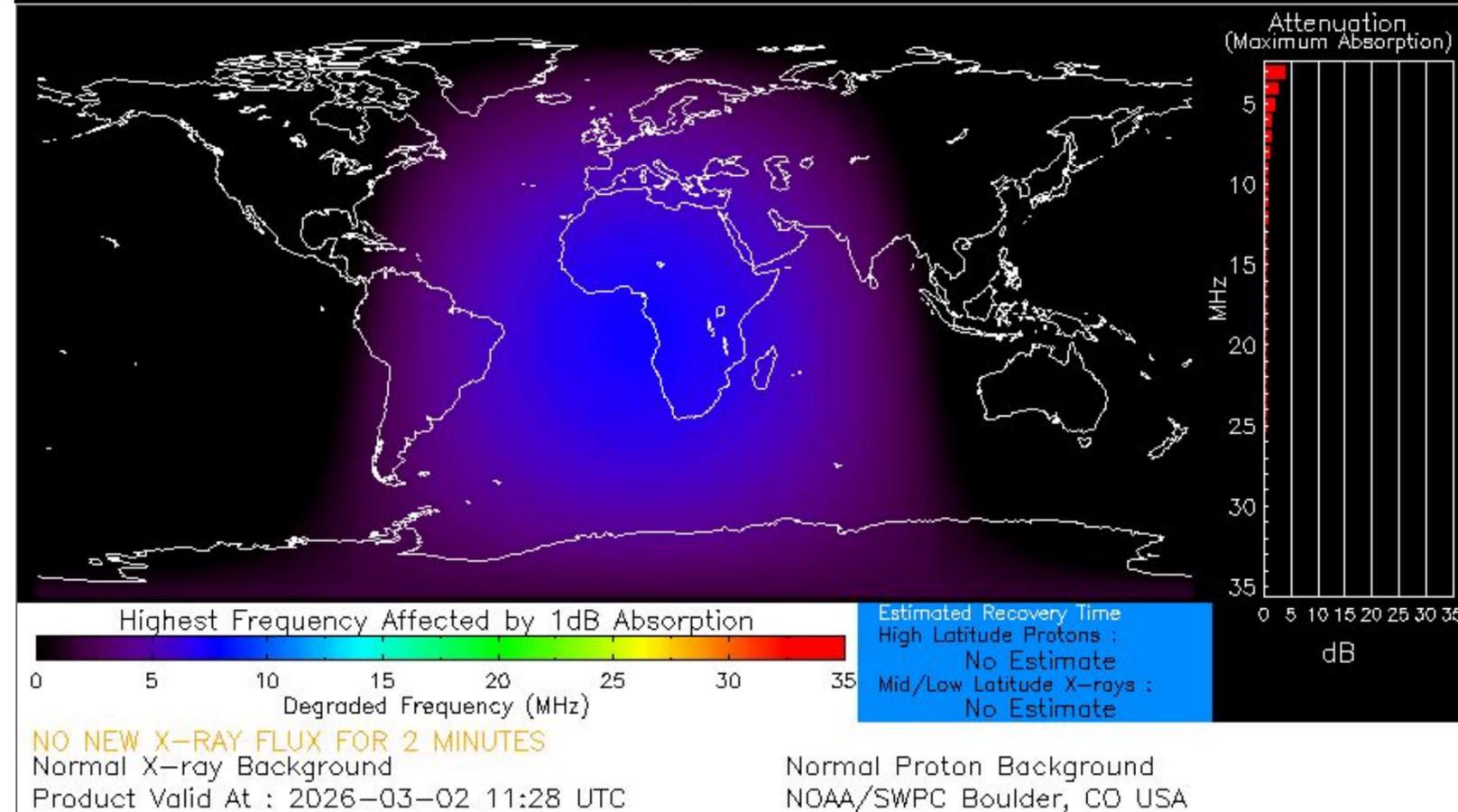
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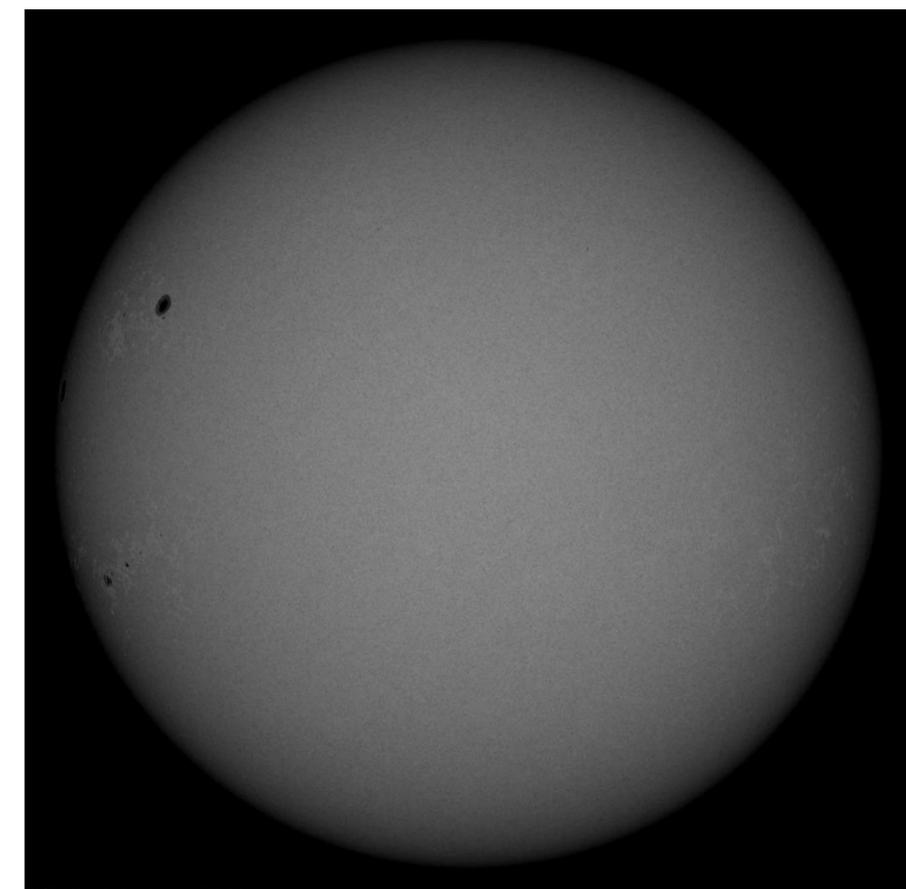
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Mar 2	Tuesday, Mar 3	Wednesday, Mar 4
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</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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