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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.





Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over SE OK, W/NW AR and N/C TX today and over W OK, N TX and the TX/OK Panhandles on Thursday.
- Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) over OK, N/C TX and W AR on Friday.
- Slight risk over E OK, AR, and N TX Tuesday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal to Slight risk (level 1-2 of 4) today in N AR, E OK, N E TX.
- Marginal risk Friday over E OK, AR, N E TX and over AR, SE OK, N/Cntrl/E TX, NW LA on Saturday.
- Marginal risk S AR, E TX, and LA on Sunday.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over E NM, W/NW TX and the TX/OK Panhandles Thursday and Friday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Monitoring for minor to isolated moderate river flooding to develop over N/C TX, E OK and AR starting on Friday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Mar 4	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10
Severe Storms	SE OK, NW AR, N/CTX	W OK, NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	OK N/CTX, W AR				OK, W AR, N/CTX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, NW AR, NTX		E OK, AR, N/ETX, NW LA	OK, AR, NTX, N LA	S/C-ETX, LA	TX, S AR, N LA	
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	E NM	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles				
River Flooding			N/CTX, E OK, W AR	N/CTX, E OK, W AR	N/CTX, E OK, W AR	N/CTX, E OK, W AR	N/CTX, E OK, W AR

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

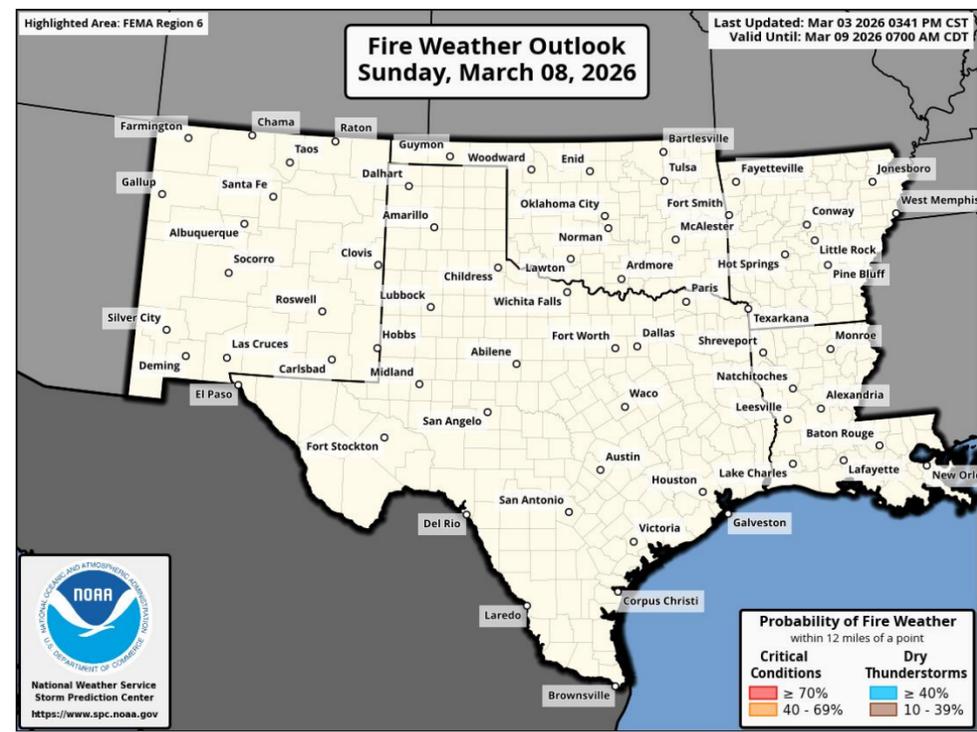
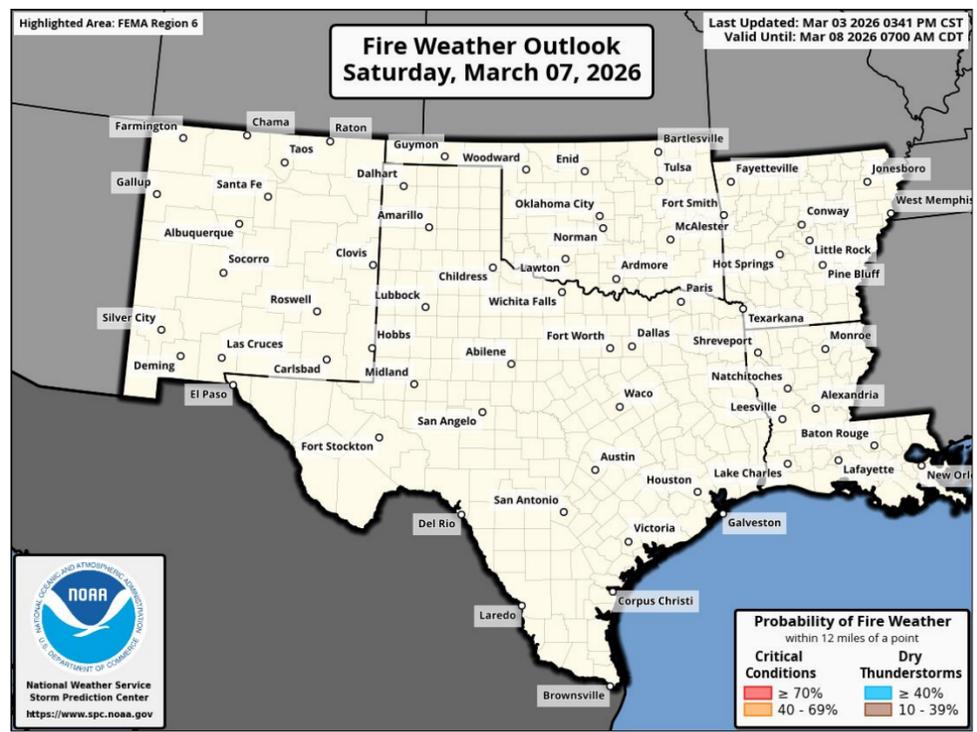
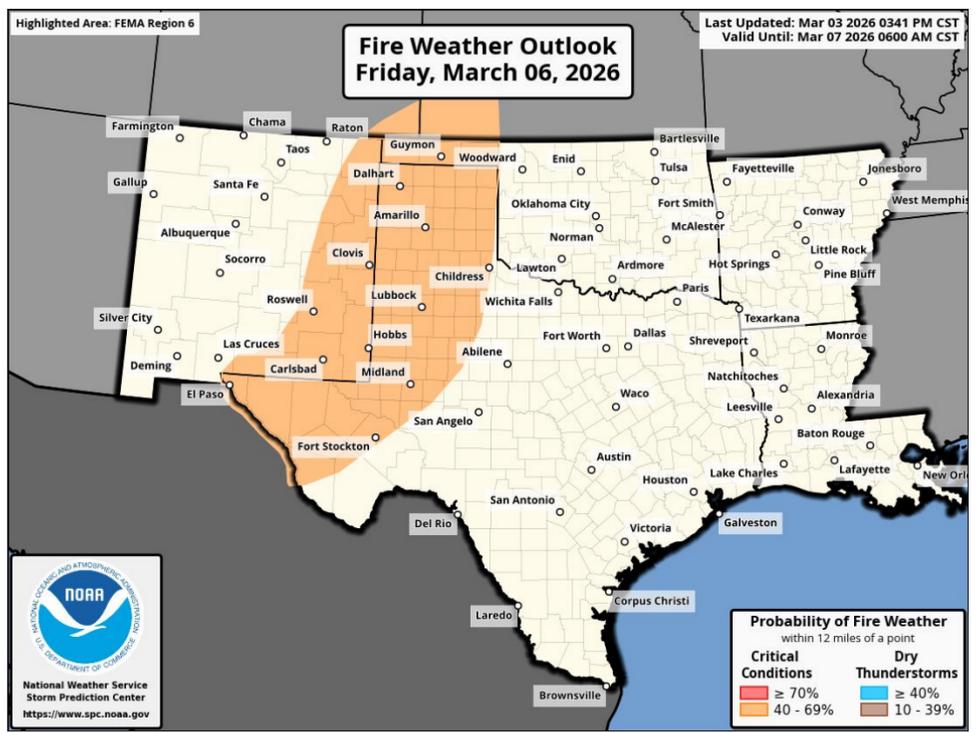
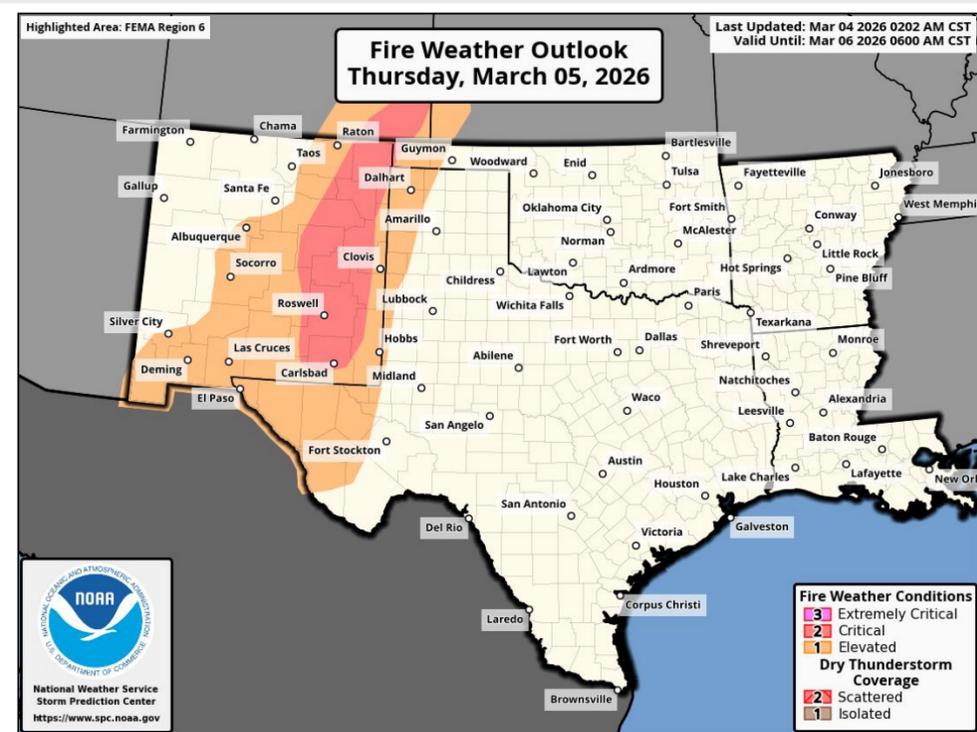
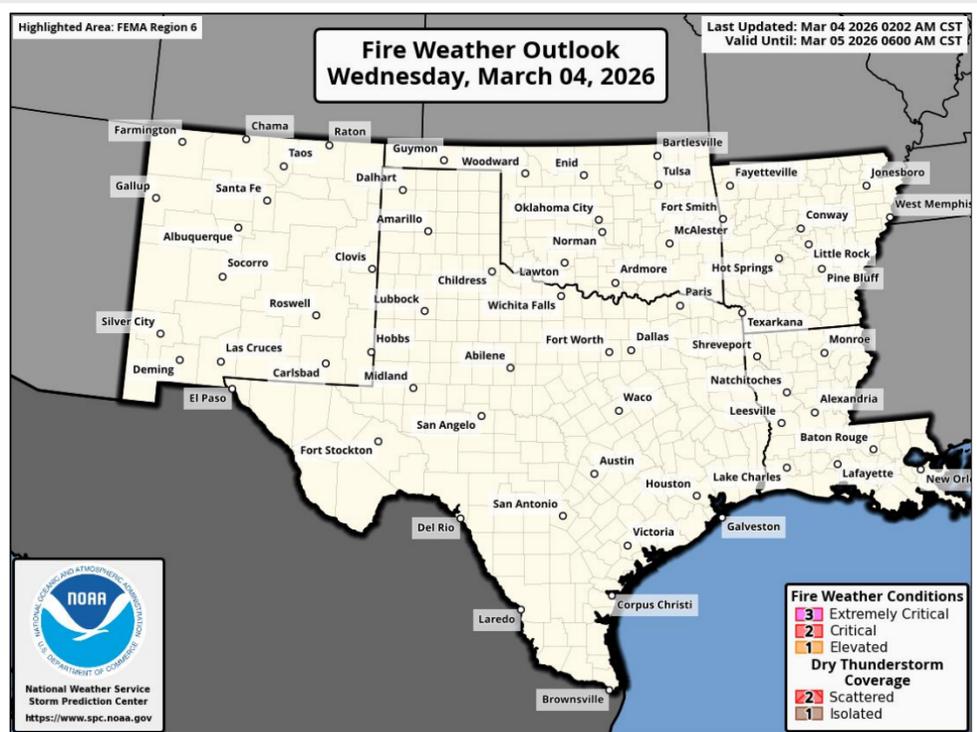
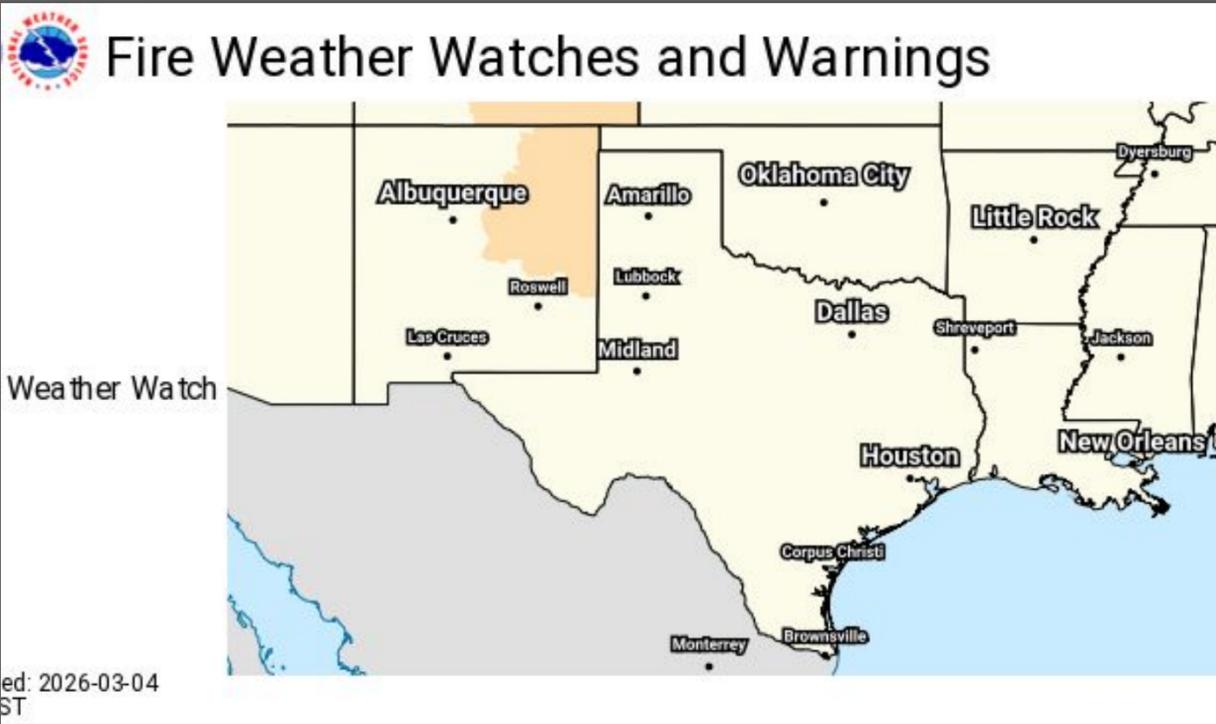


Fire Weather Watch for E NM Thursday morning through Thursday evening.





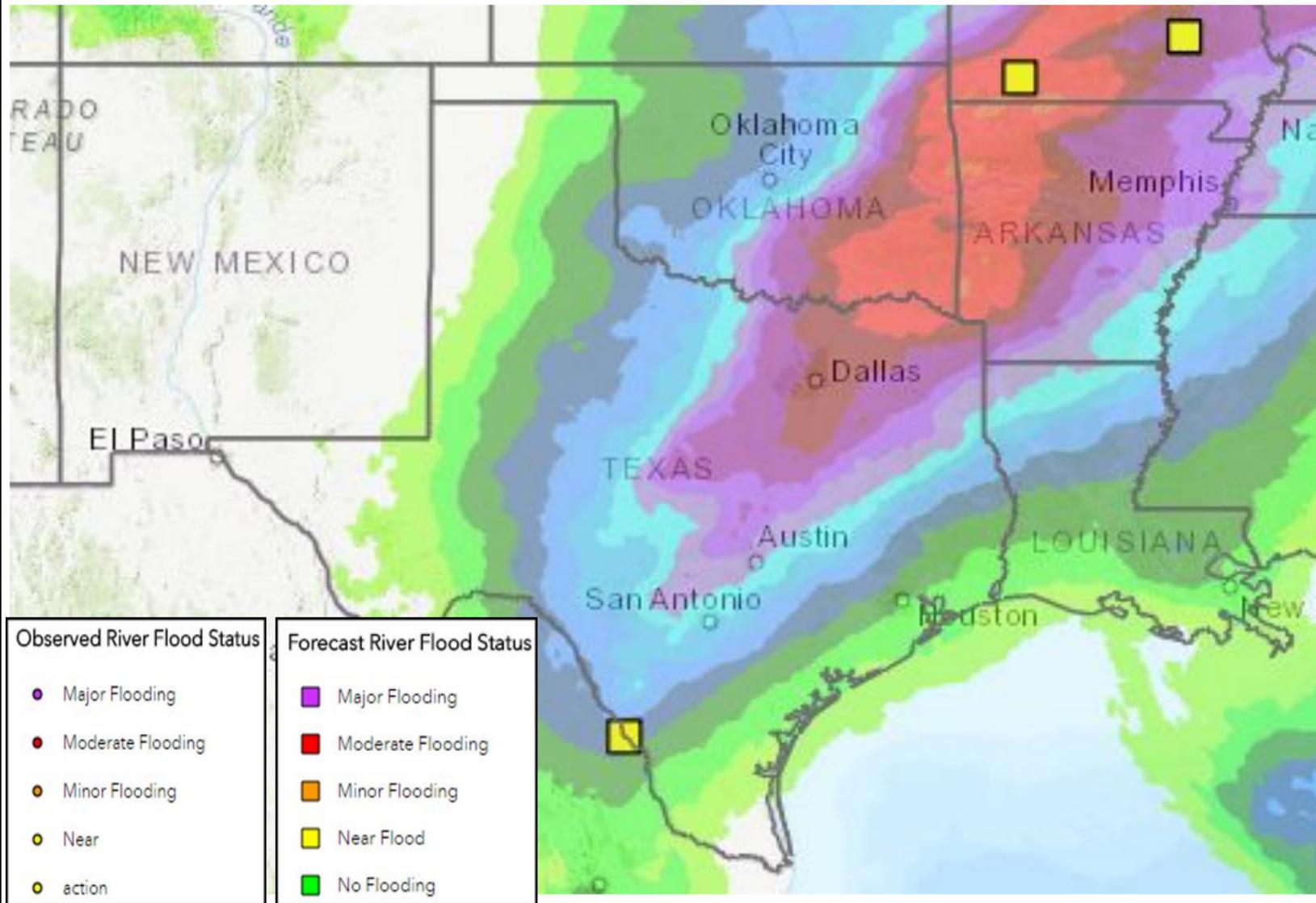
Fire Weather Outlooks





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

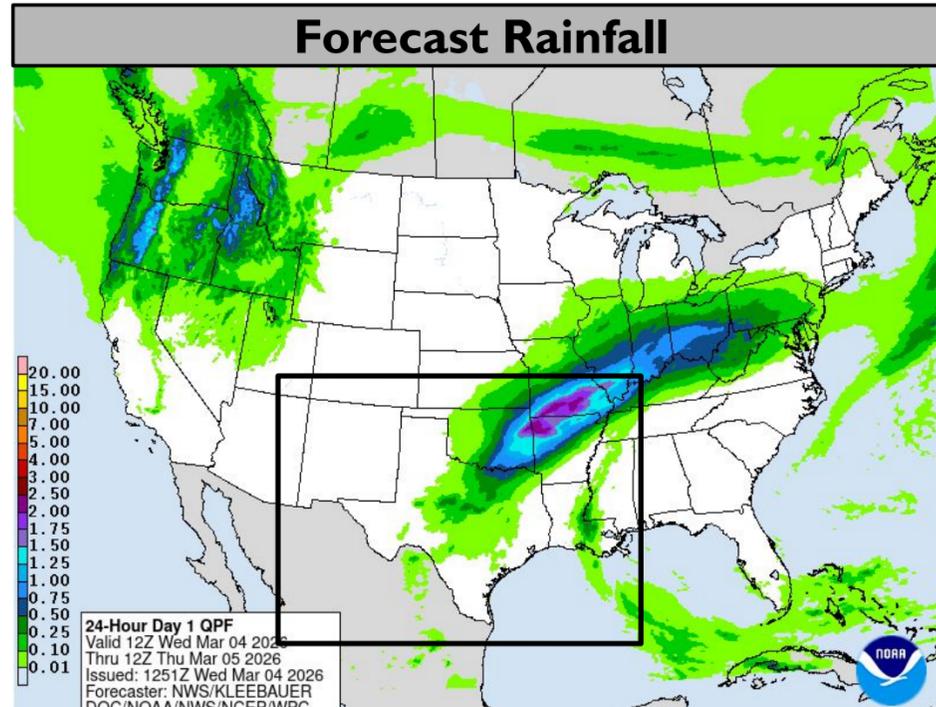
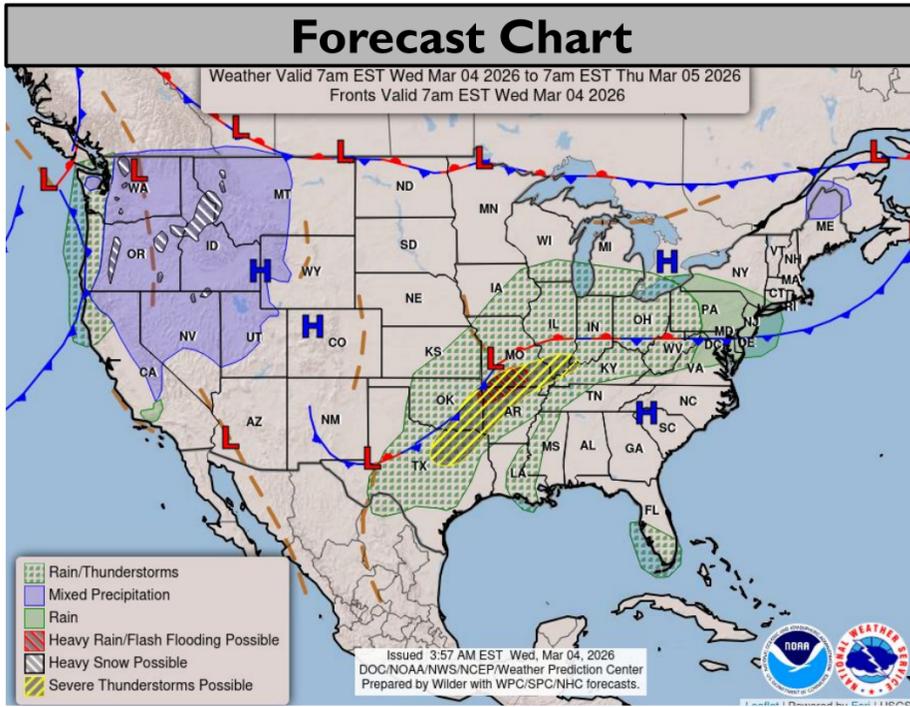


Monitoring for the development of minor to isolated moderate river flooding over N/C TX, E OK and W AR.

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.

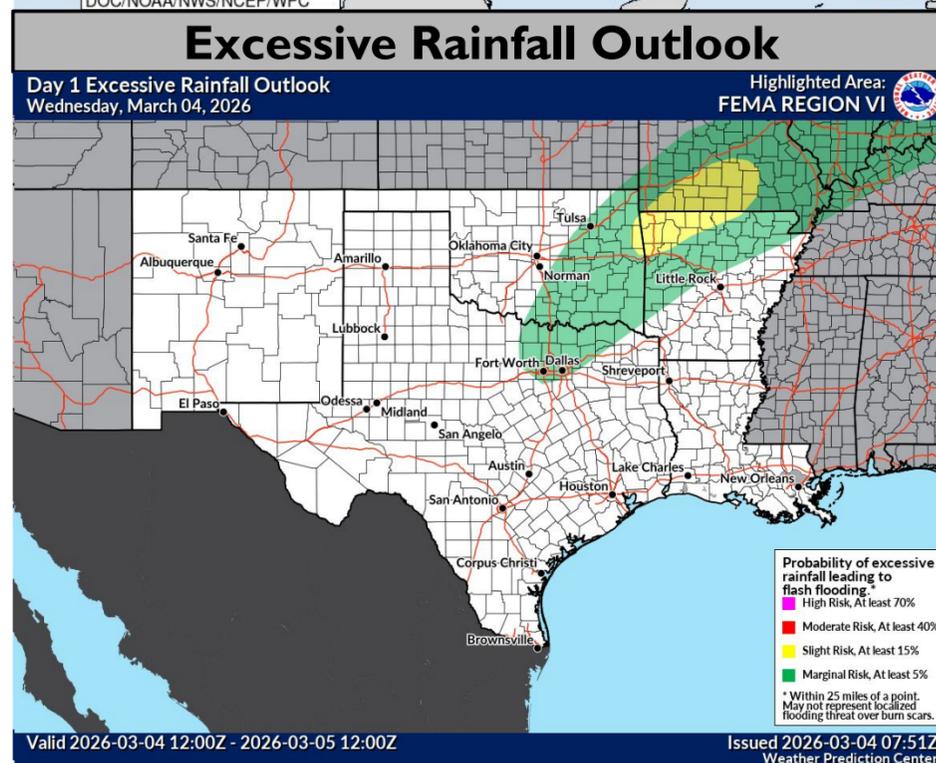
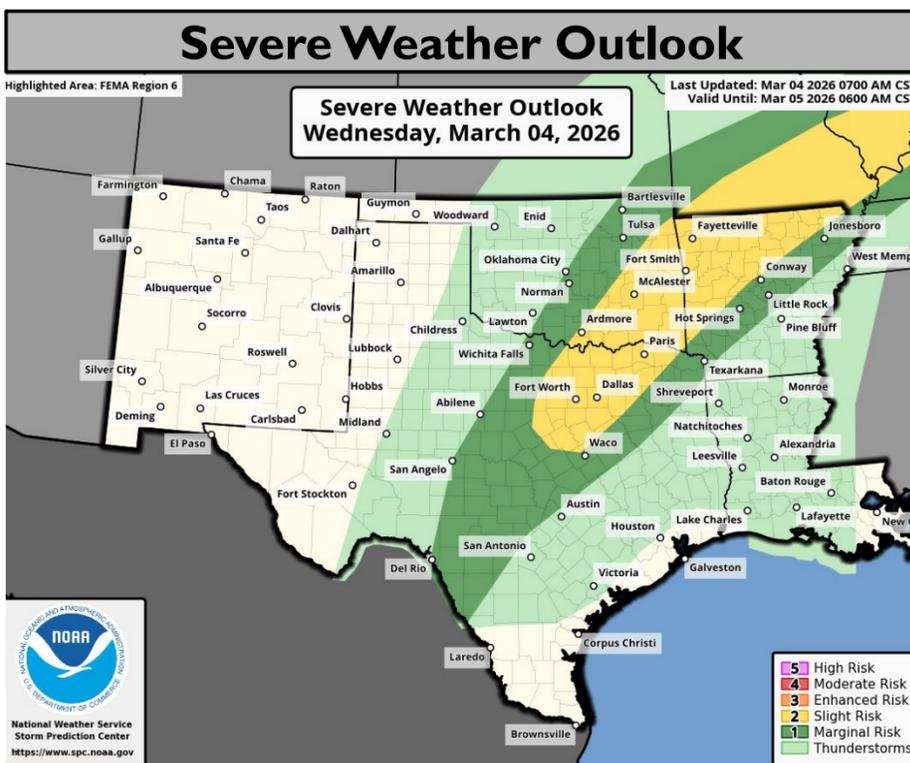


Today's Weather



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

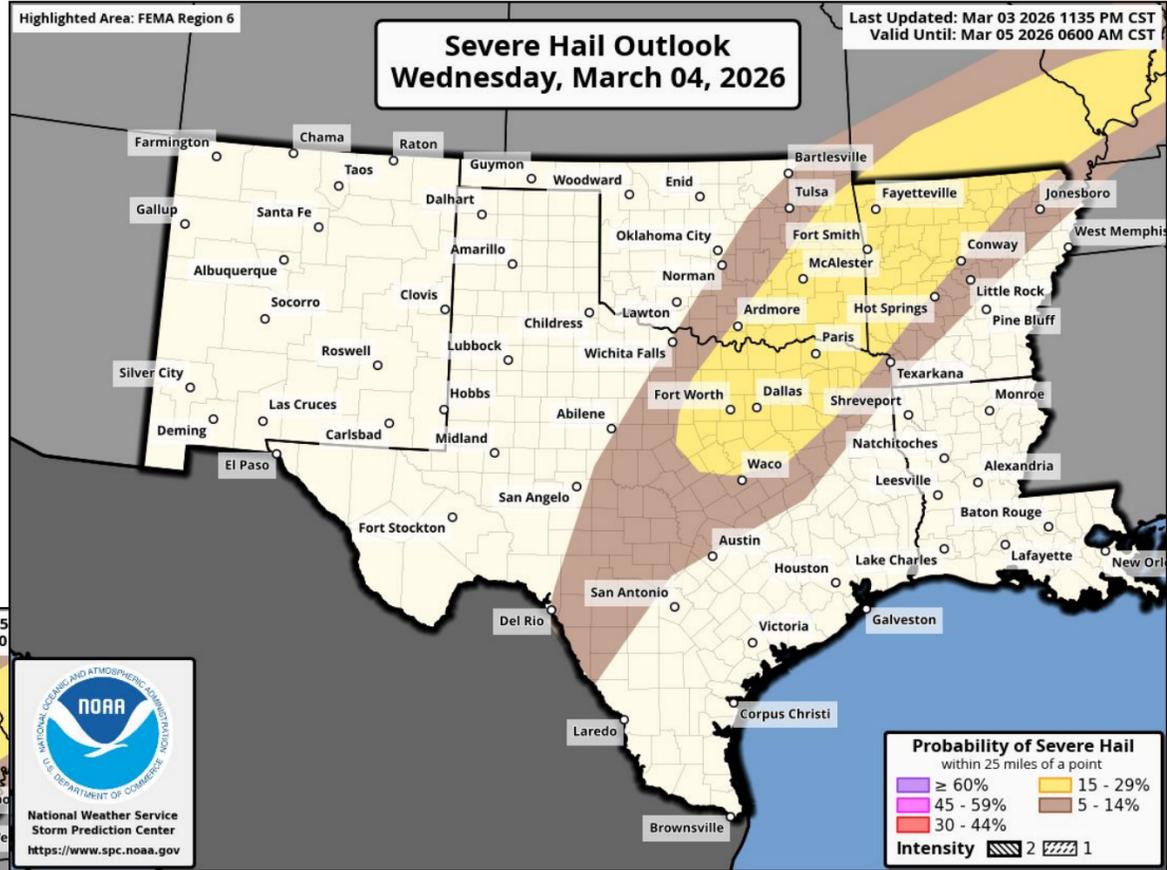
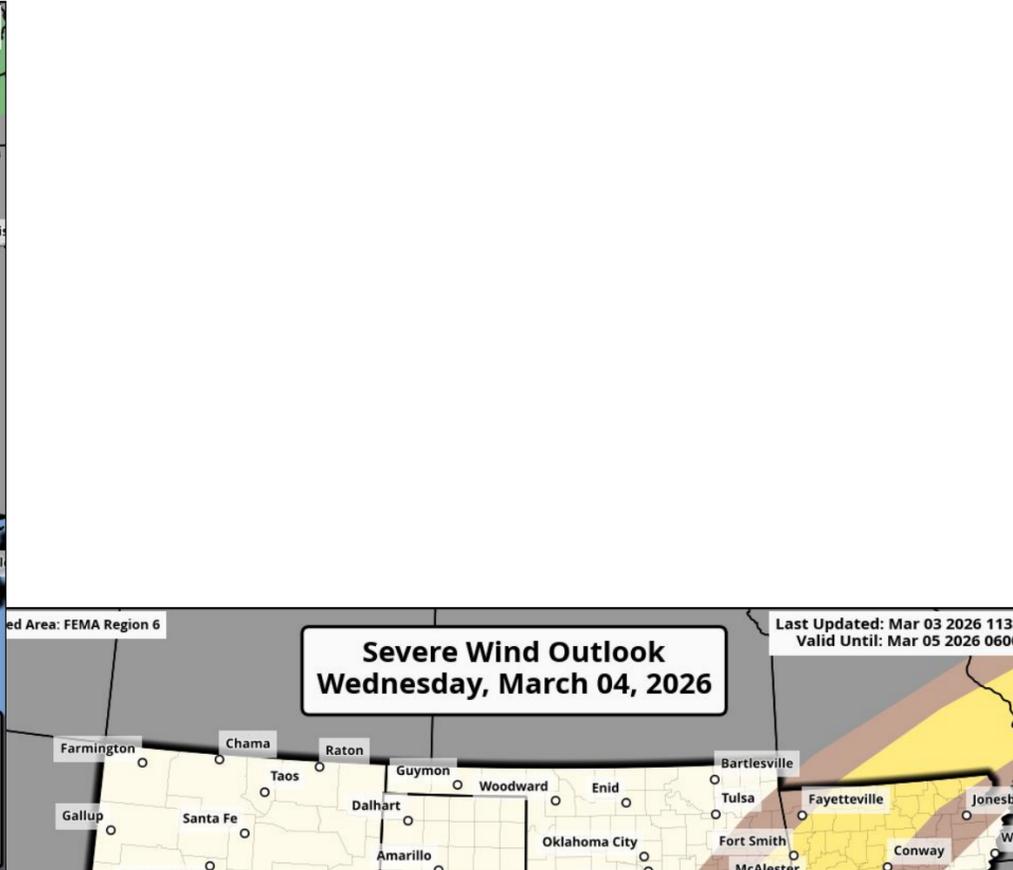
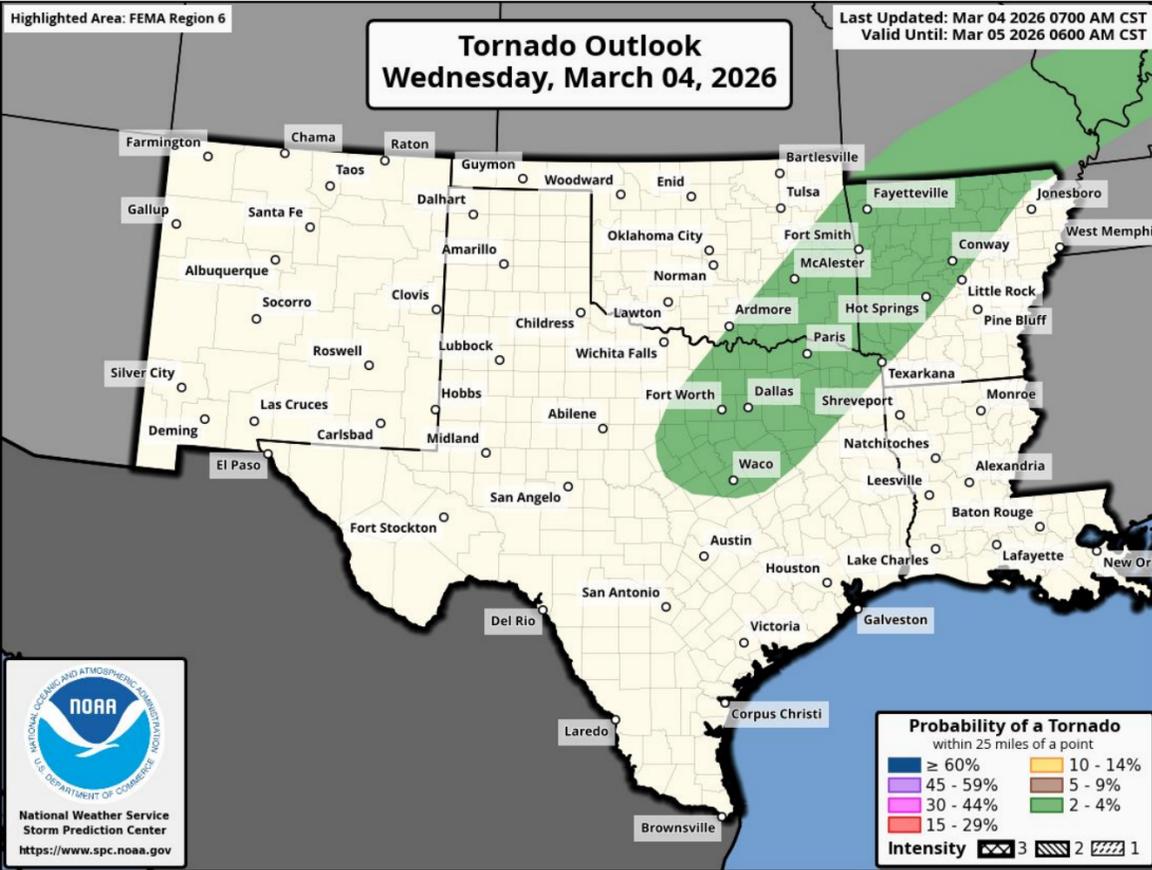
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding for SE OK, AR, N TX.



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



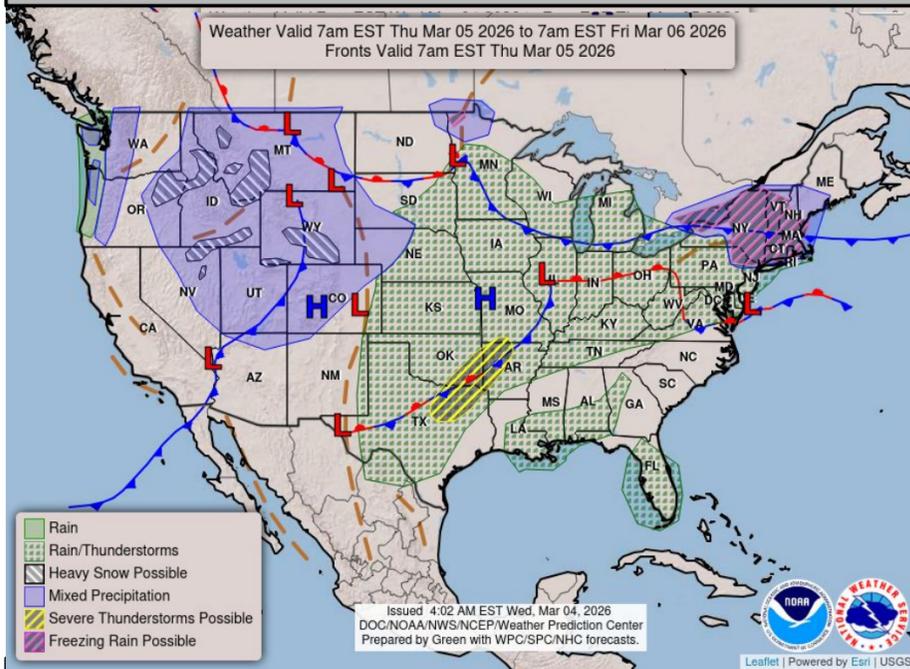
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



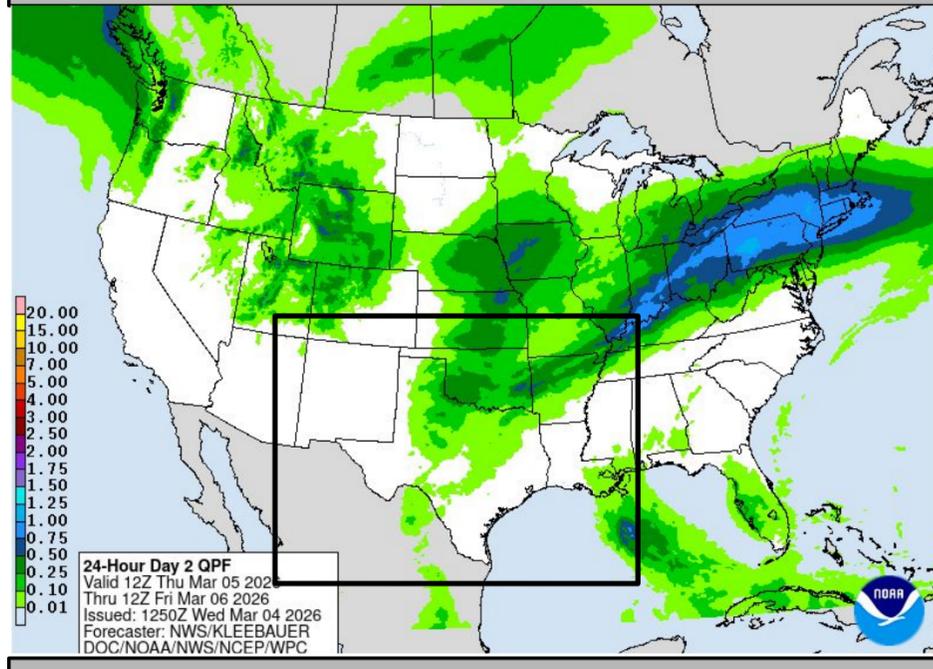


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



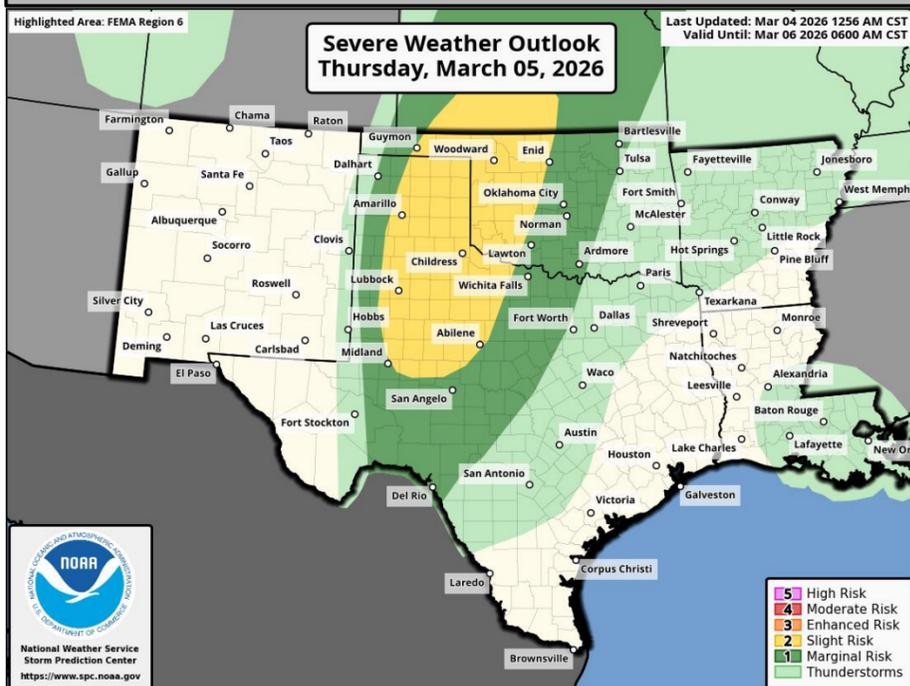
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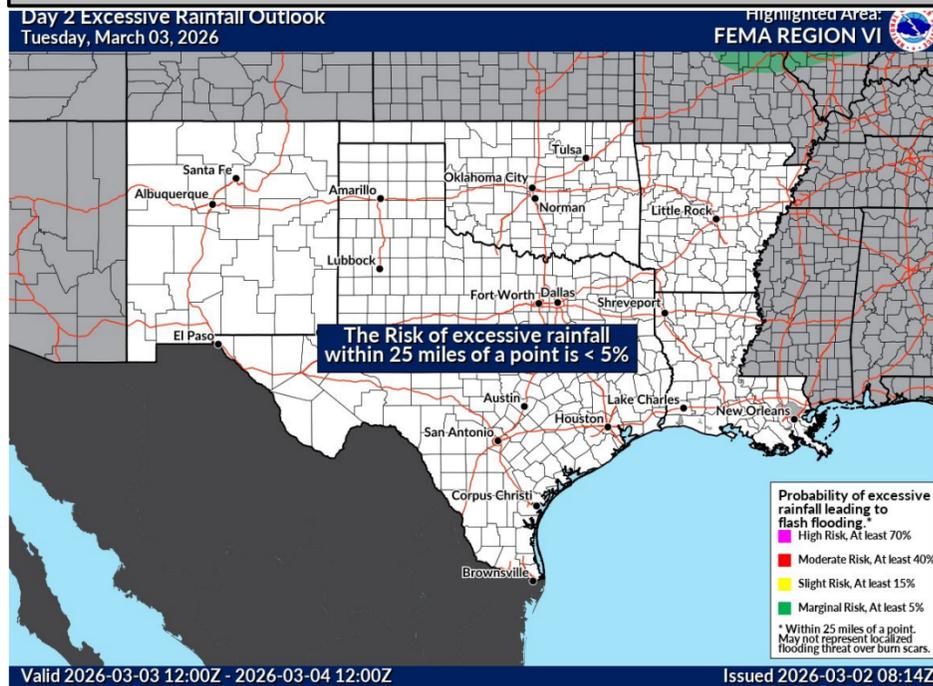
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Severe Weather Outlook

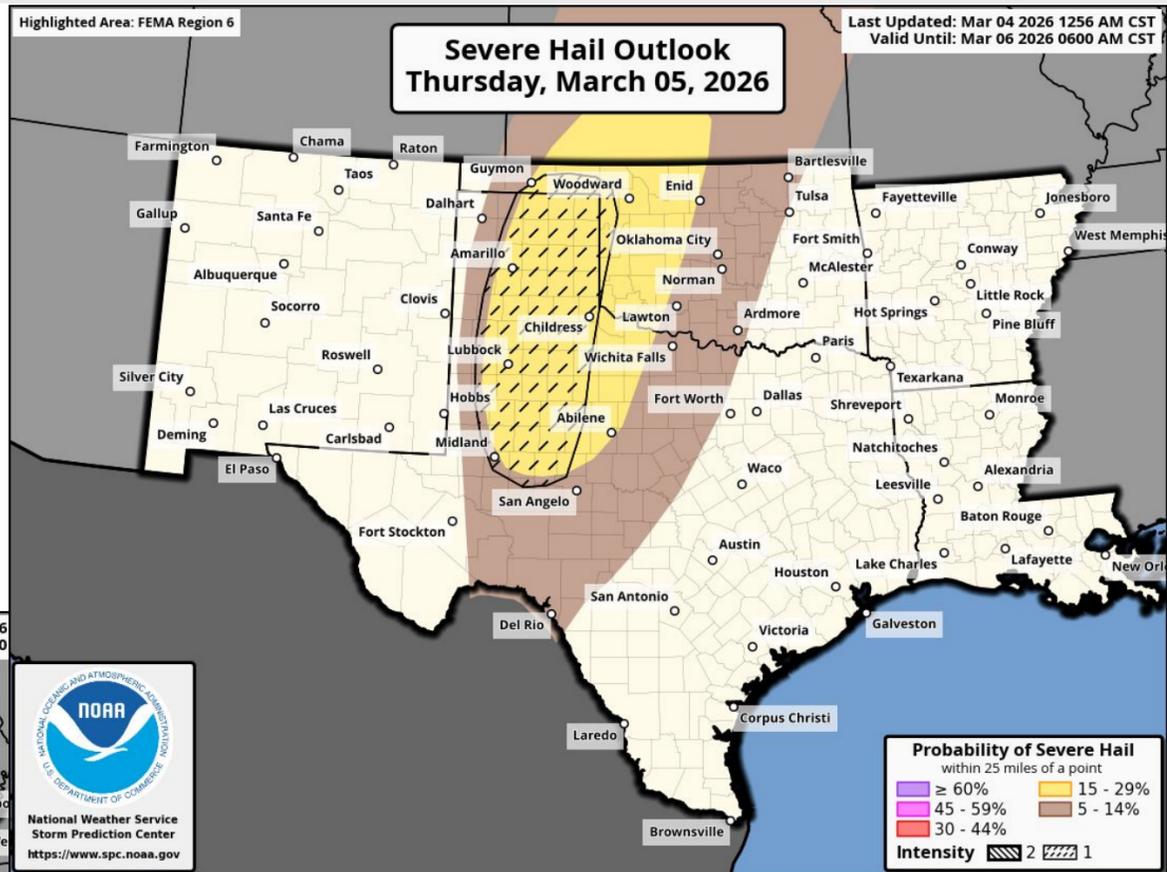
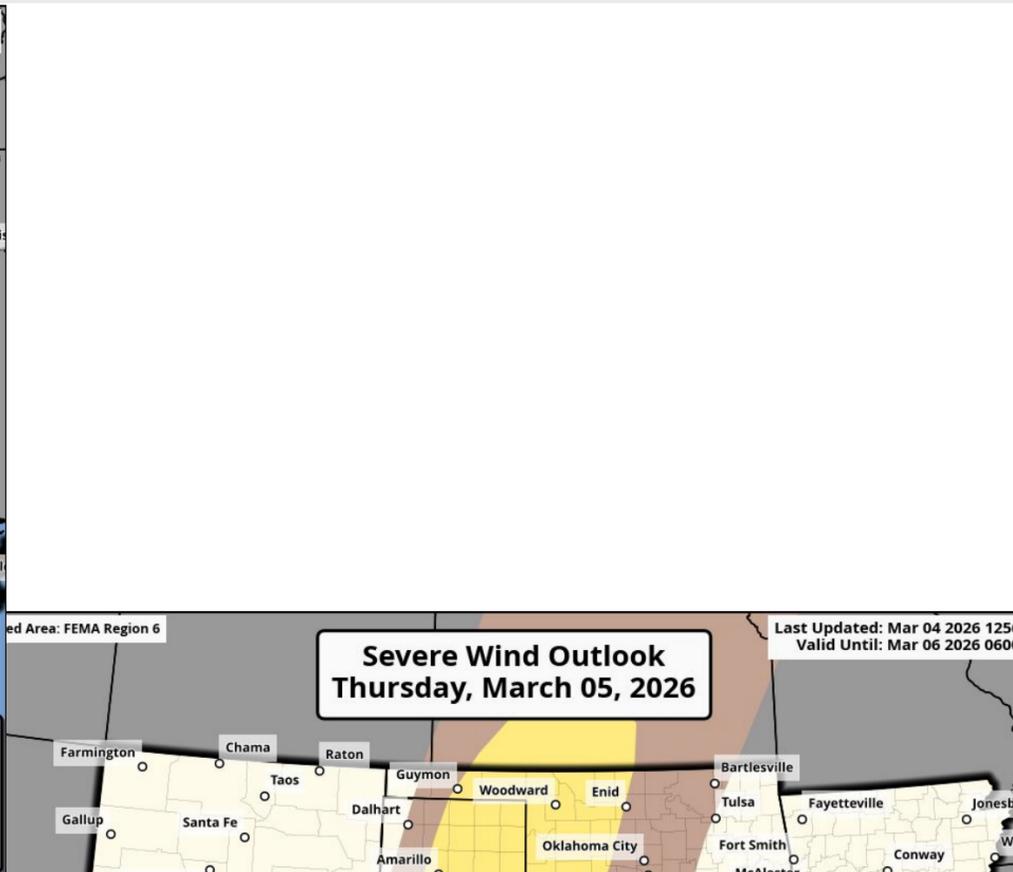
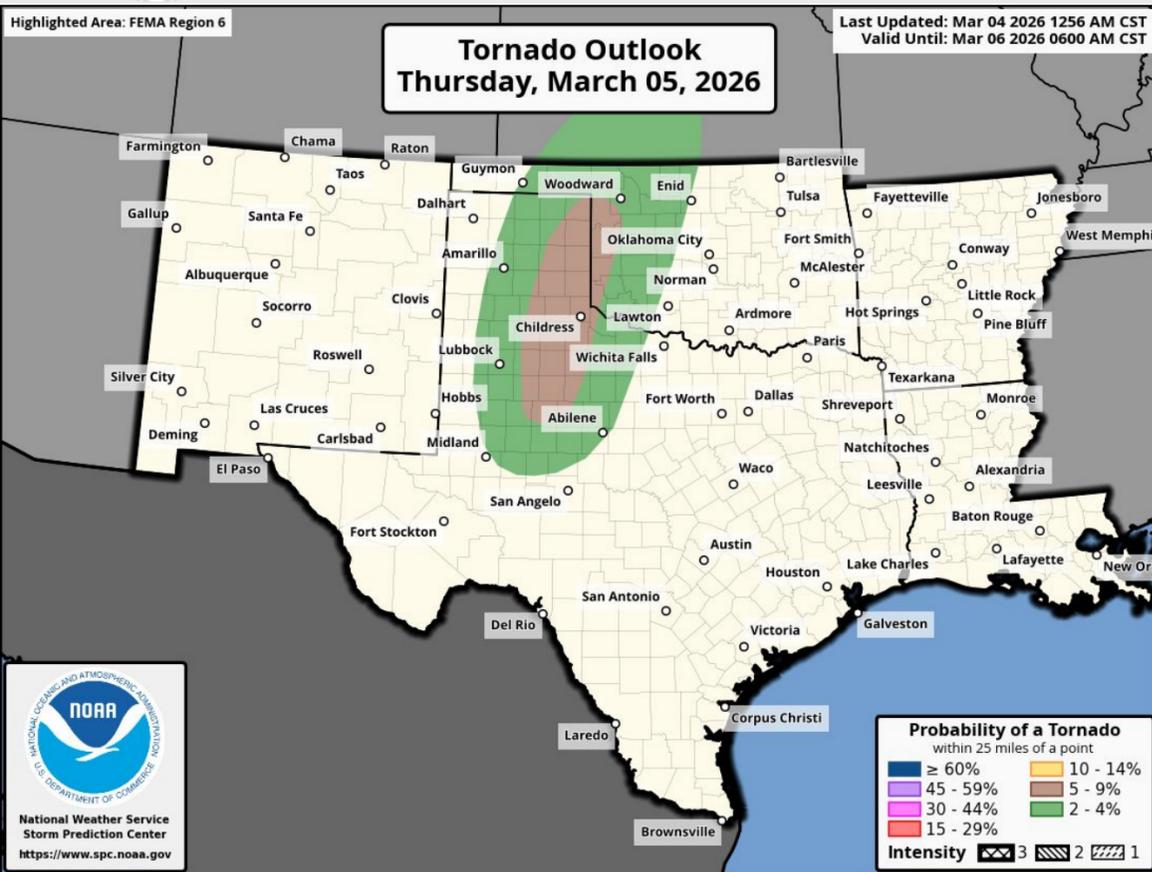


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



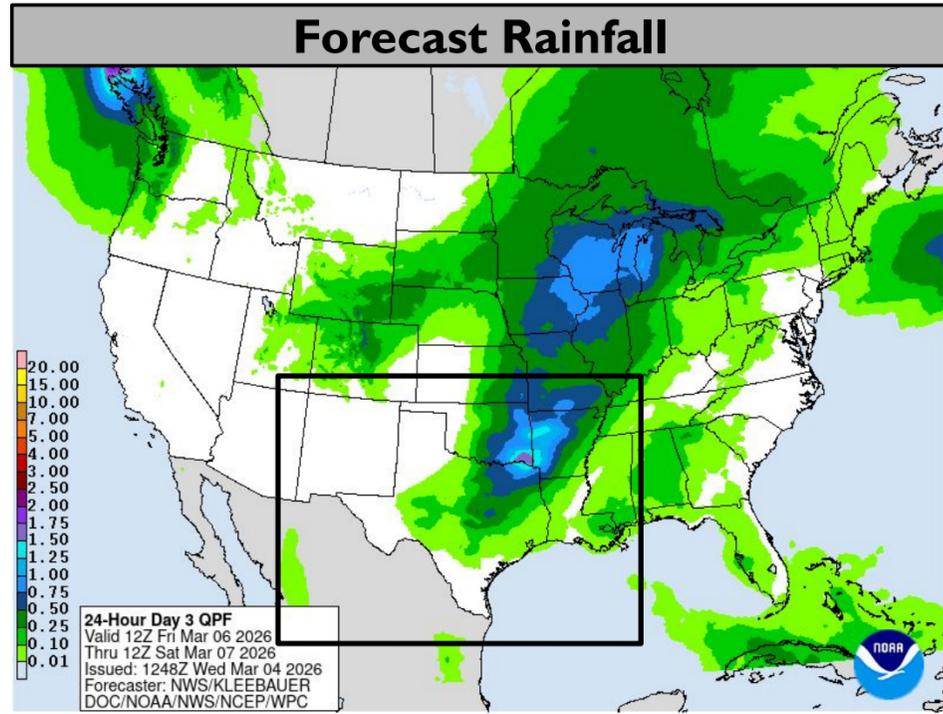
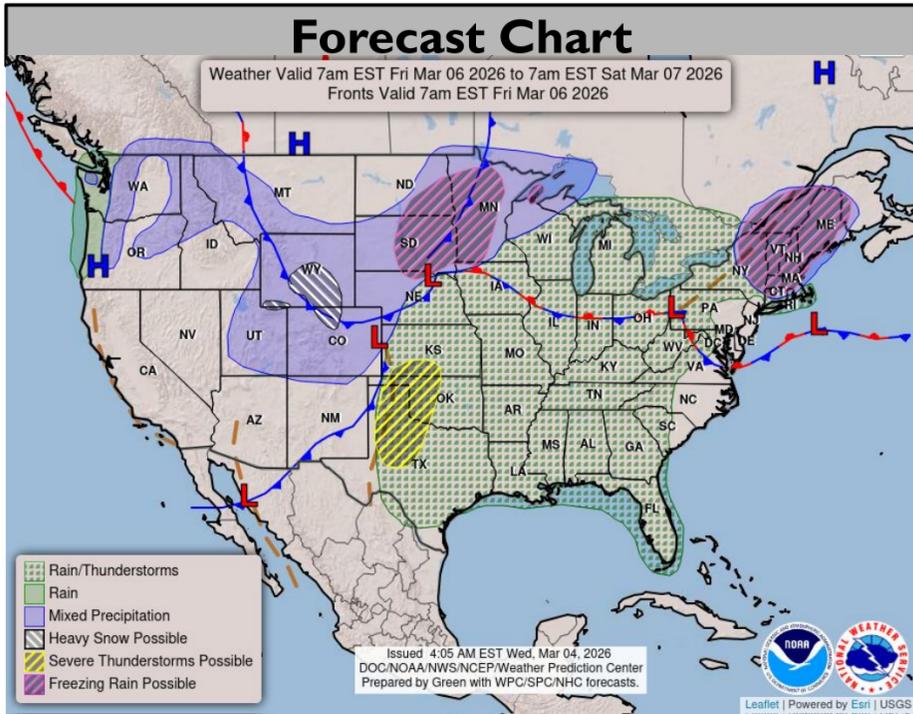


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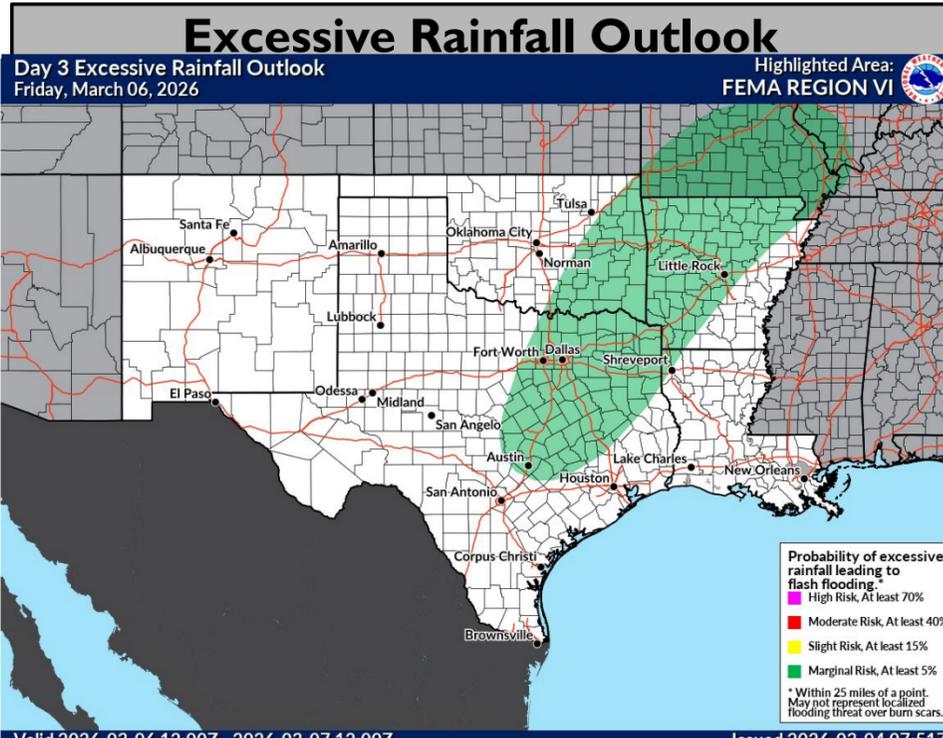
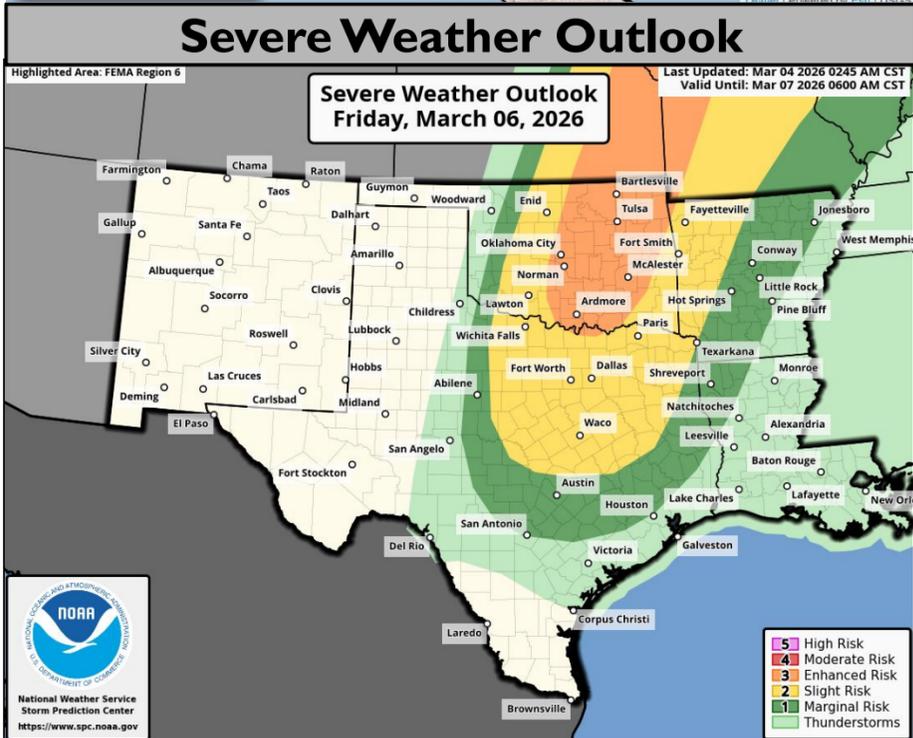


Friday's Weather



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms over OK. Large hail, damaging winds and tornadoes possible.

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



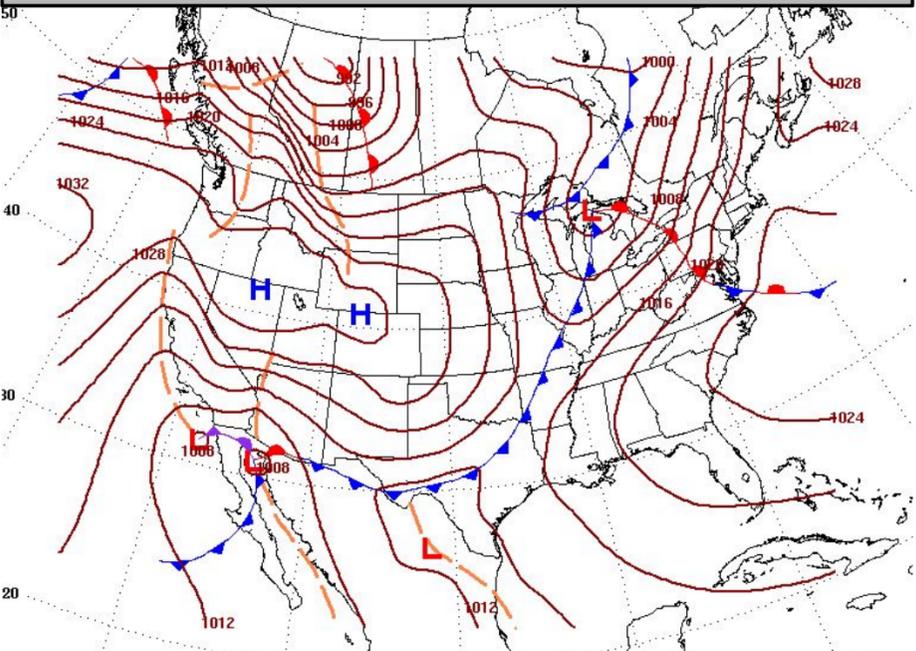
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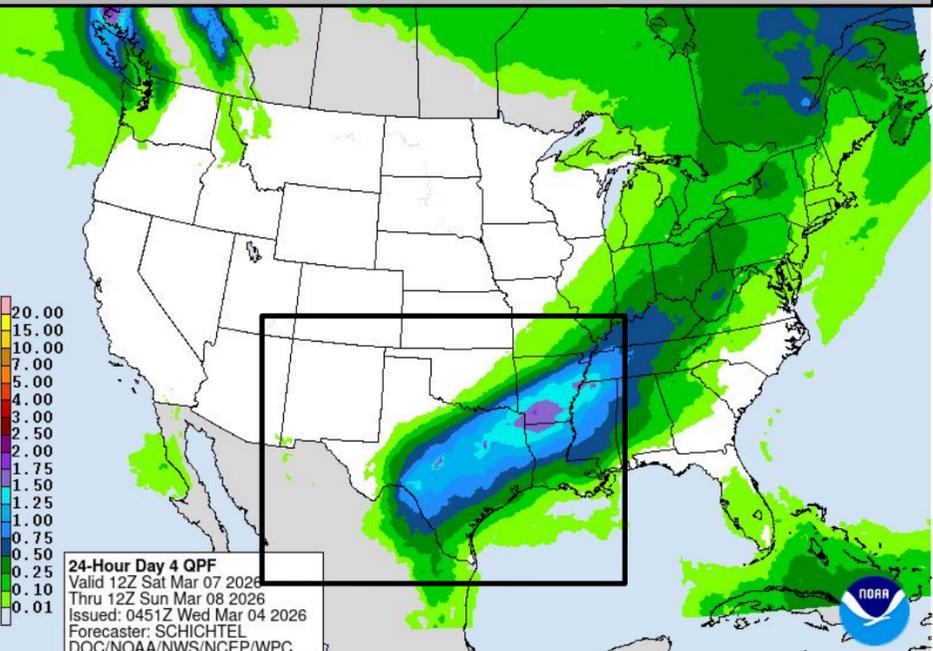


Saturday's Weather

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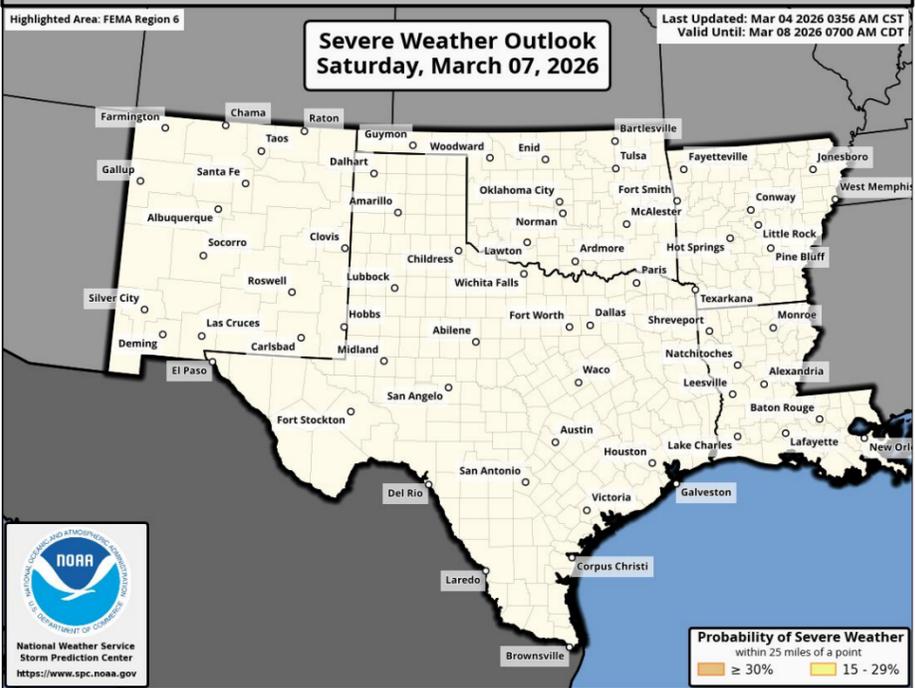


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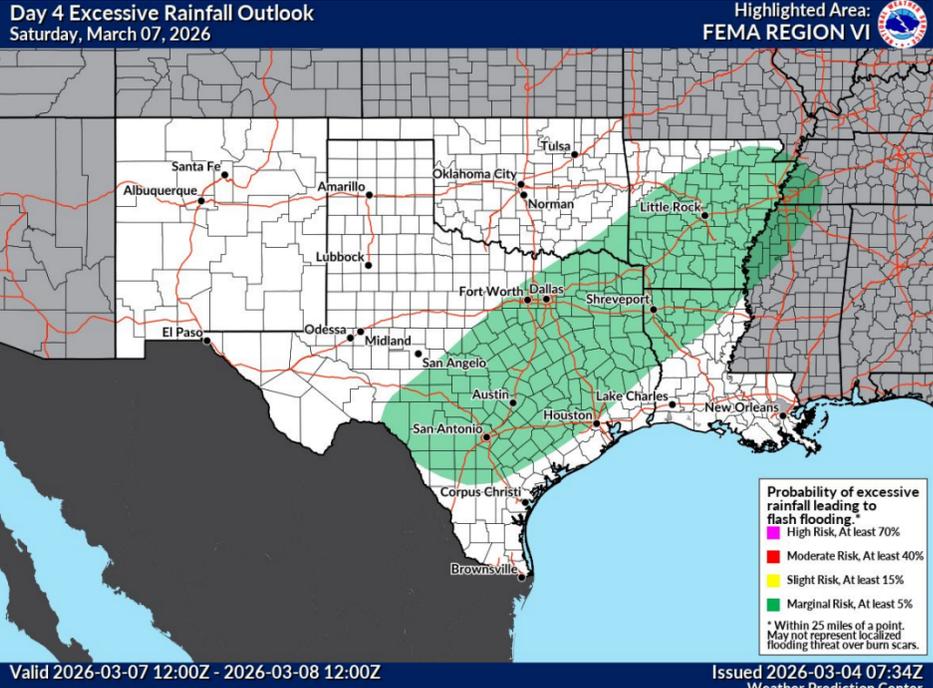


**Heavy rain/flash flooding potential
in SE OK, AR, N TX, N LA.**

Severe Weather Outlook



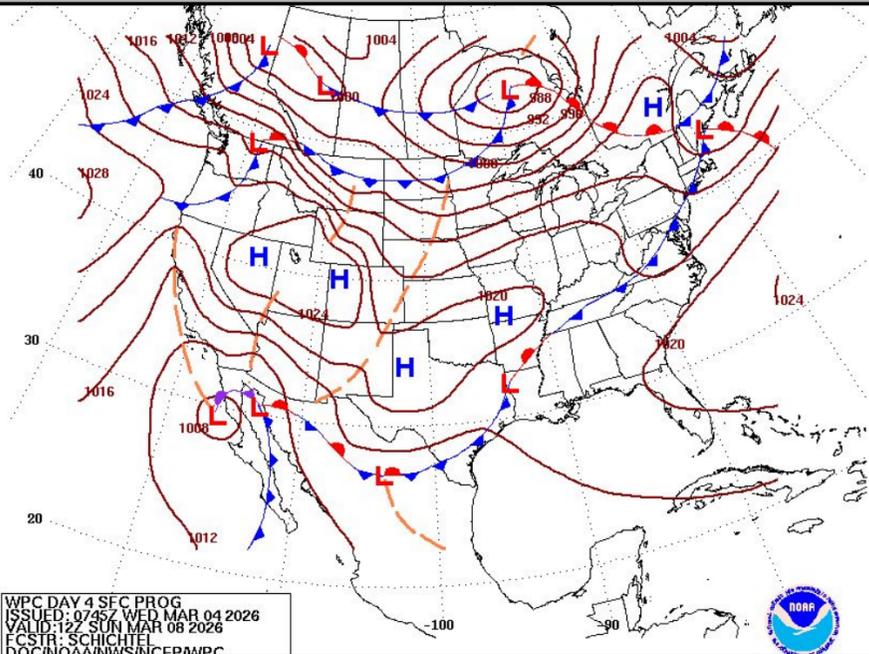
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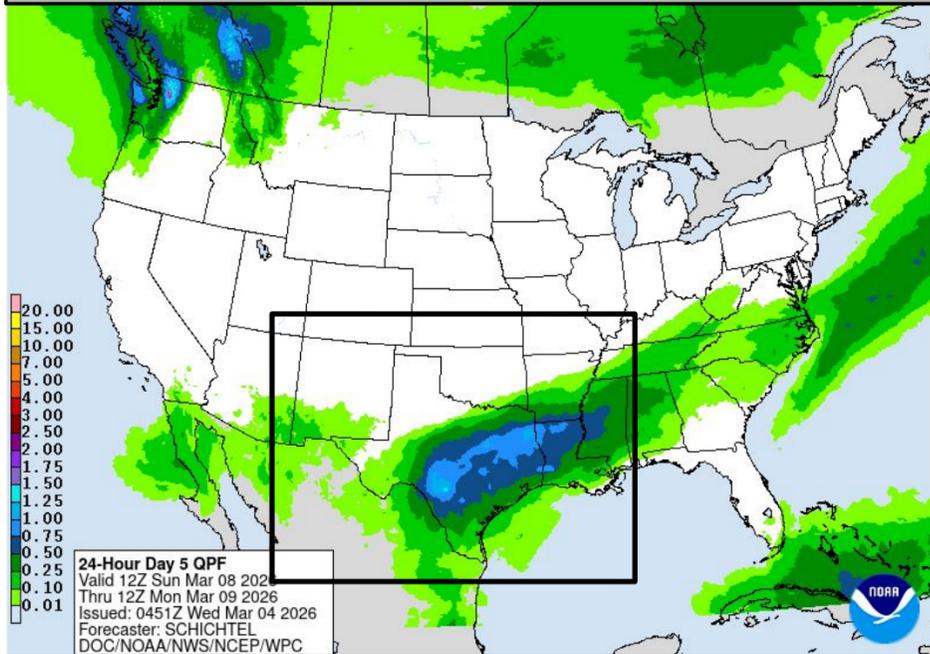
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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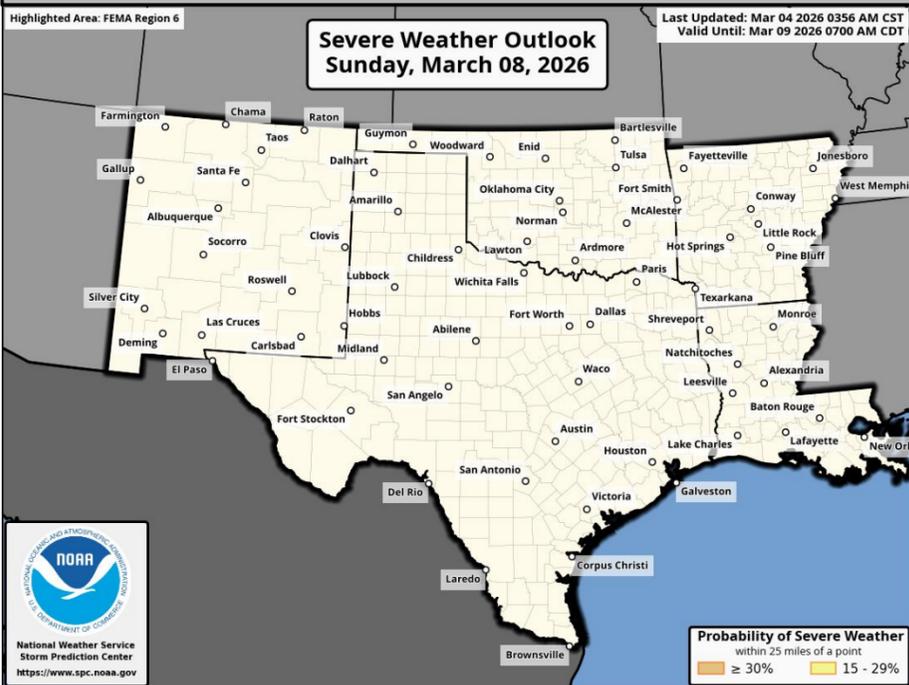
Forecast Rainfall



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Monitoring S/C-E TX, LA for heavy rain/flash flooding.

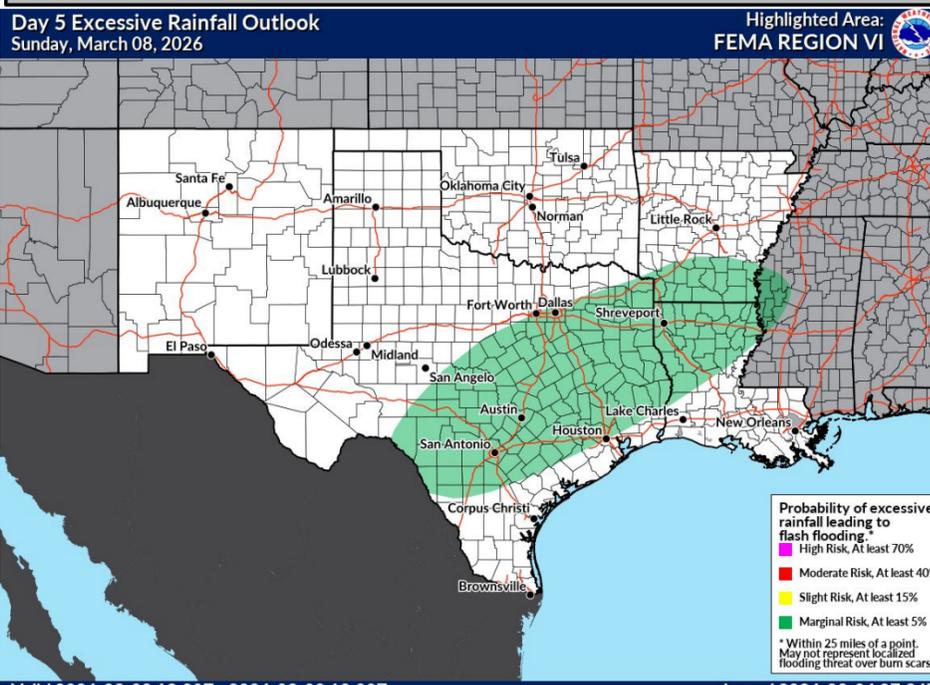
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, March 08, 2026

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, March 08, 2026

Highlighted Area:
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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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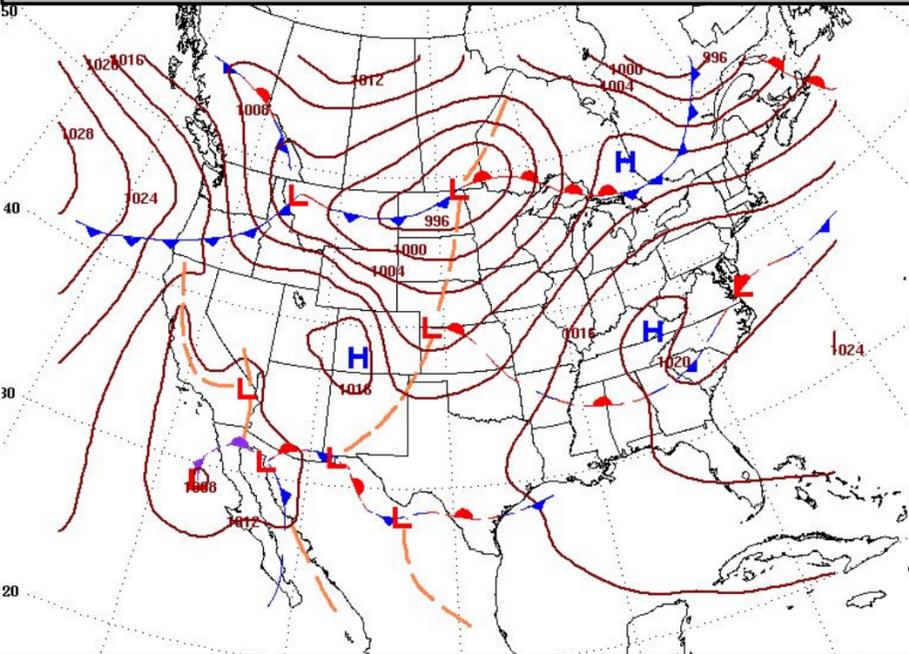
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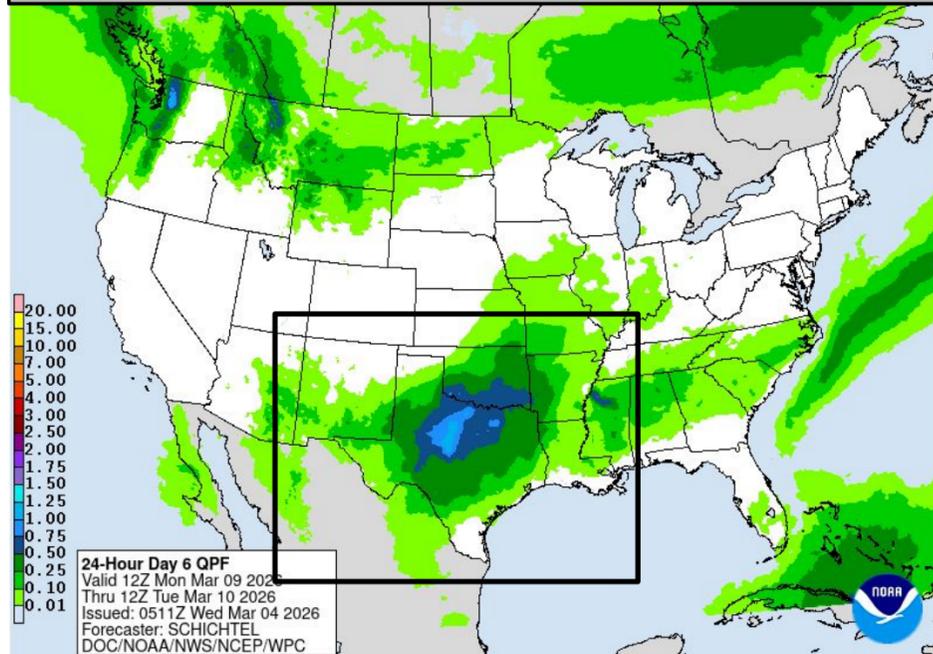


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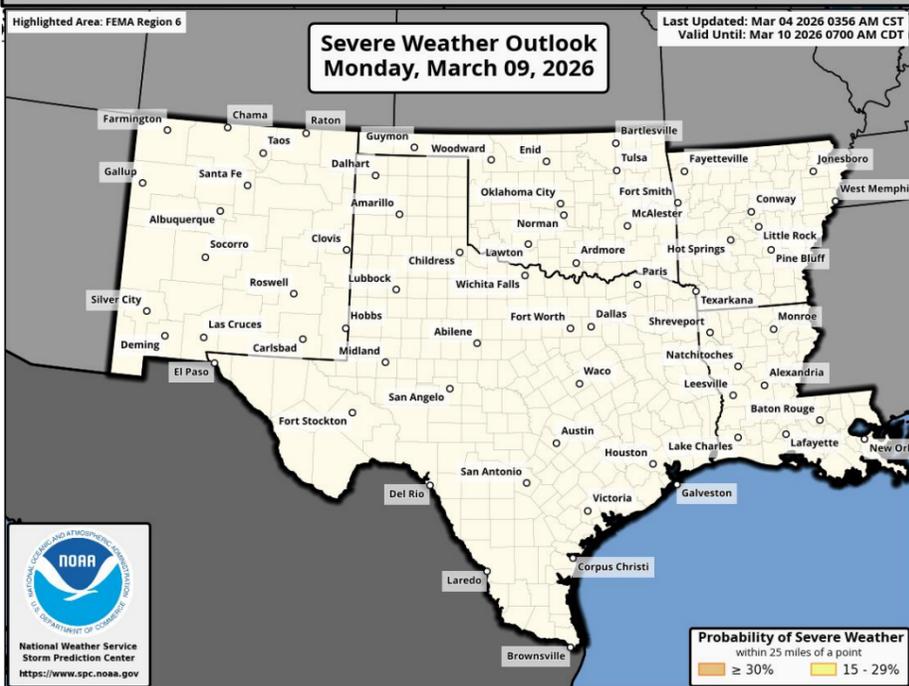


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Monitoring for locally heavy rainfall in TX, AR and LA

Severe Weather Outlook

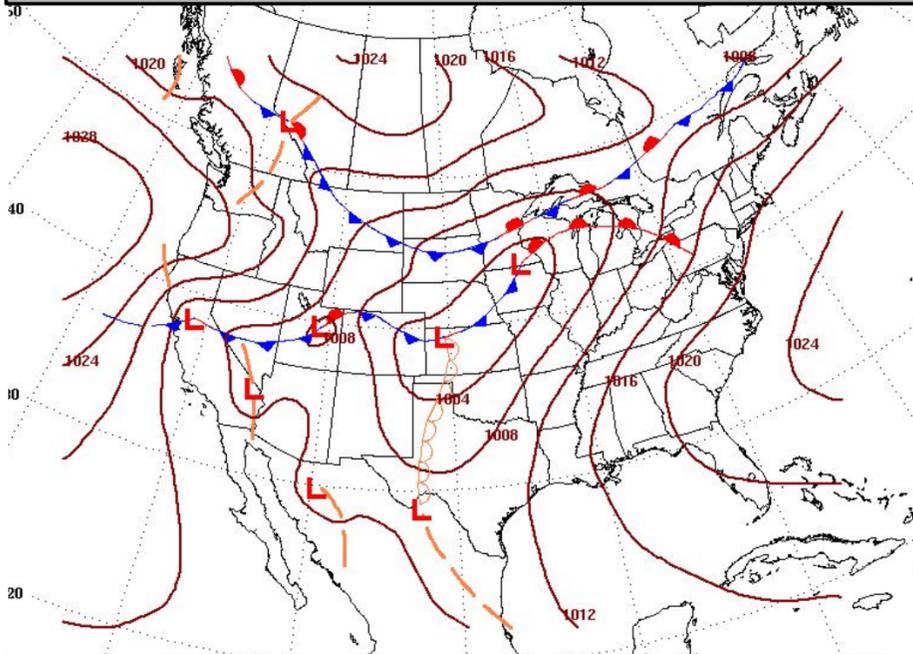


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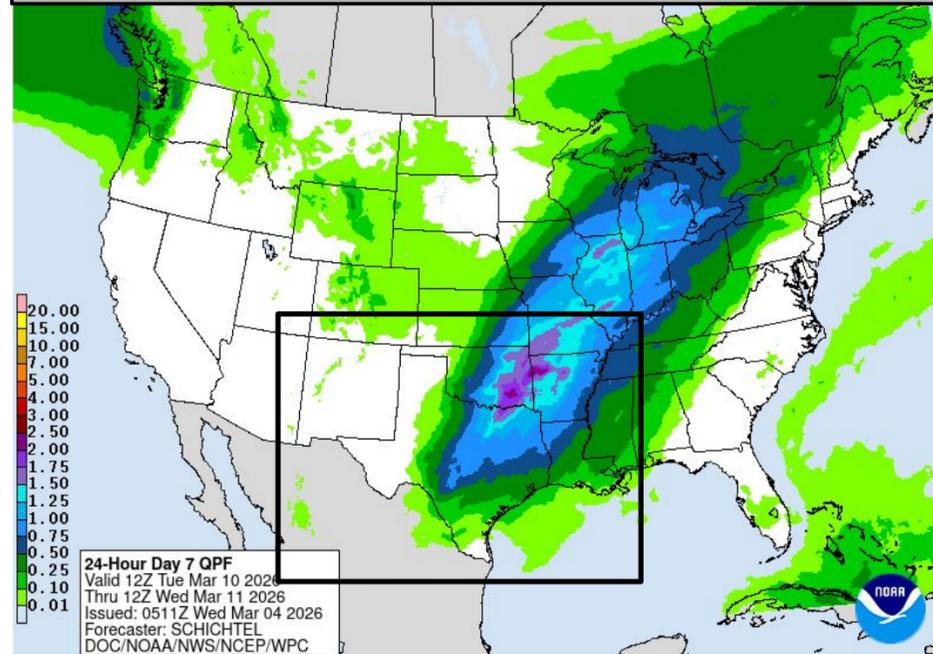


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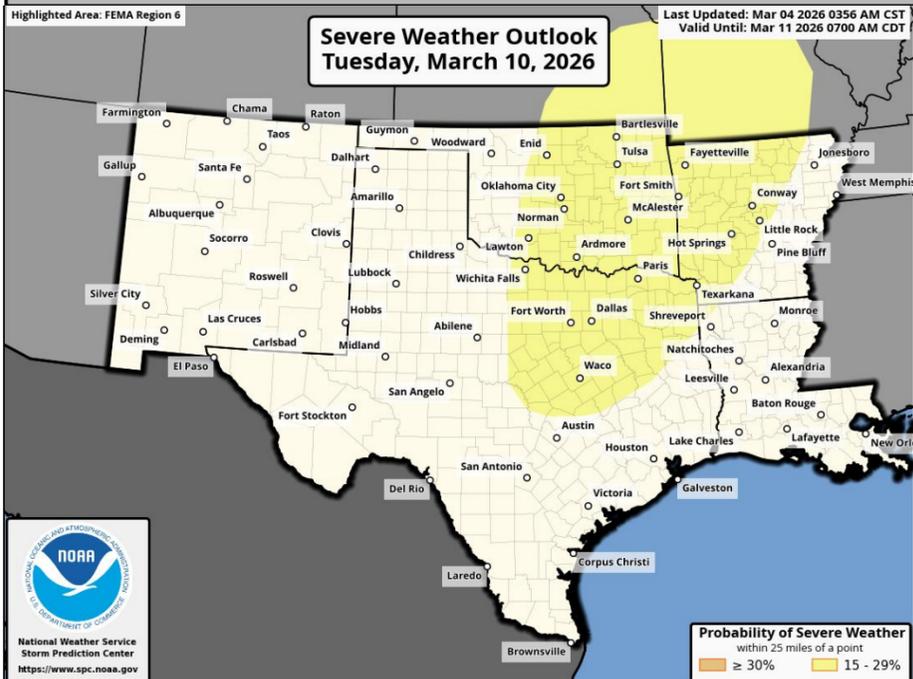


Forecast Rainfall



Marginal to slight risk (level 1-2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms across NTX, OK, W AR

Severe Weather Outlook

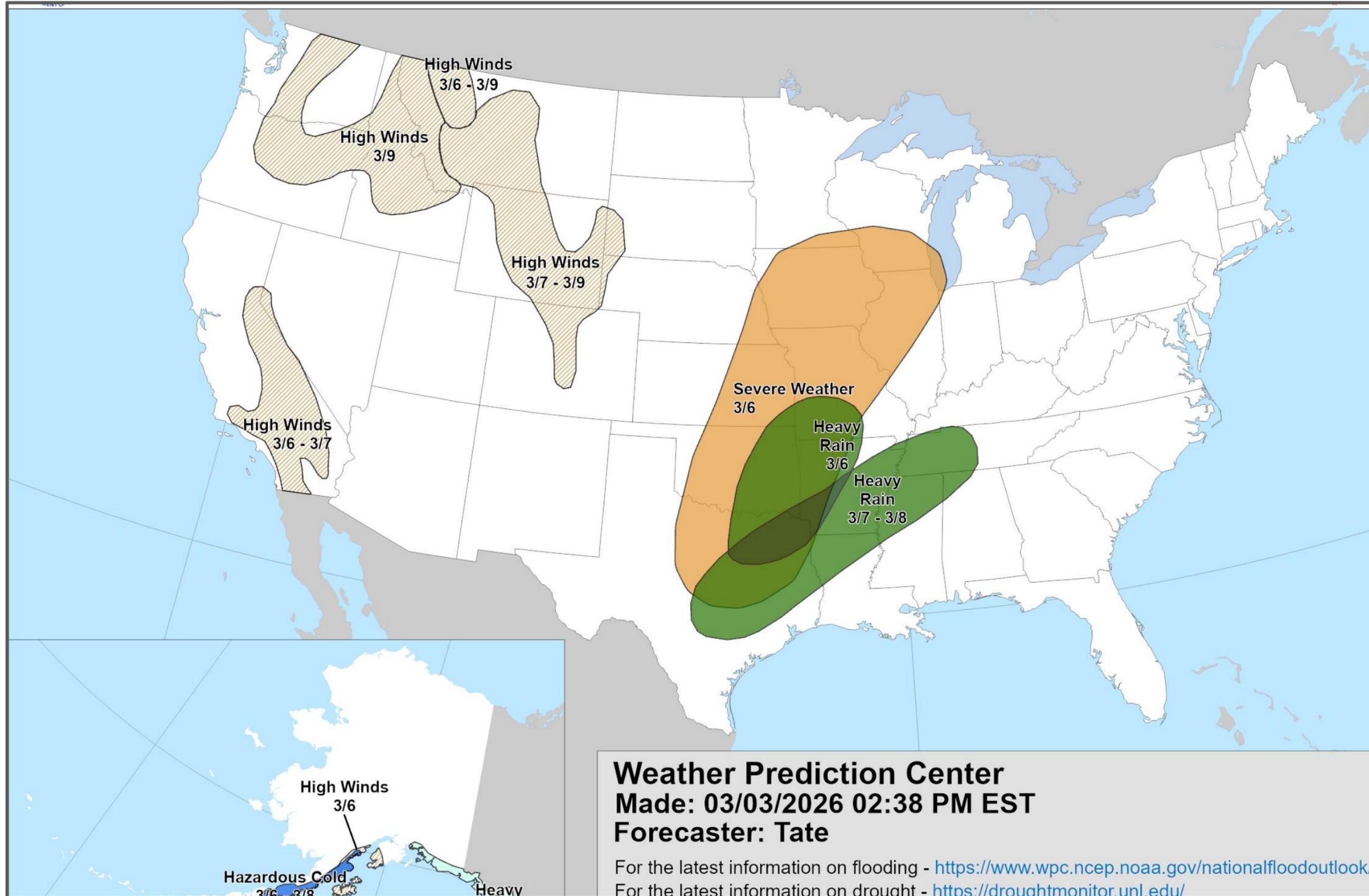


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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

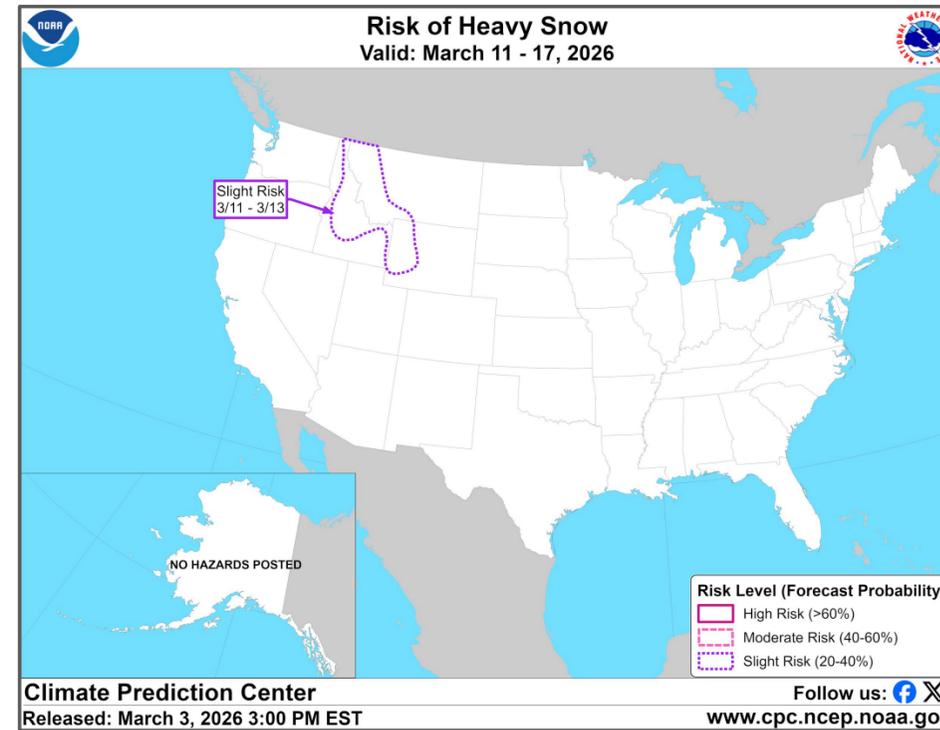
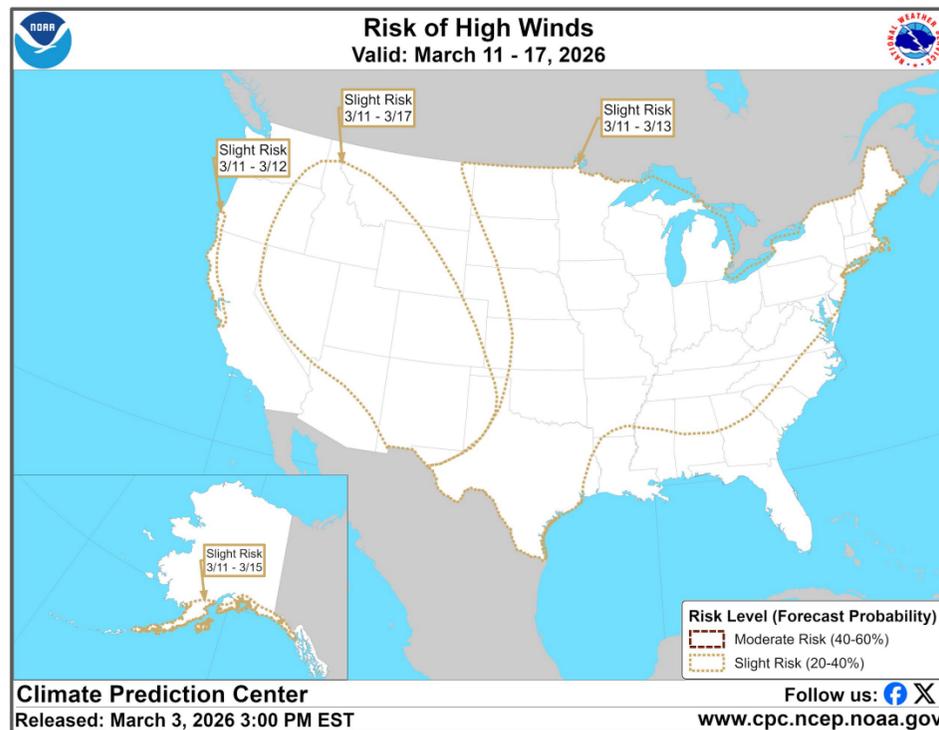
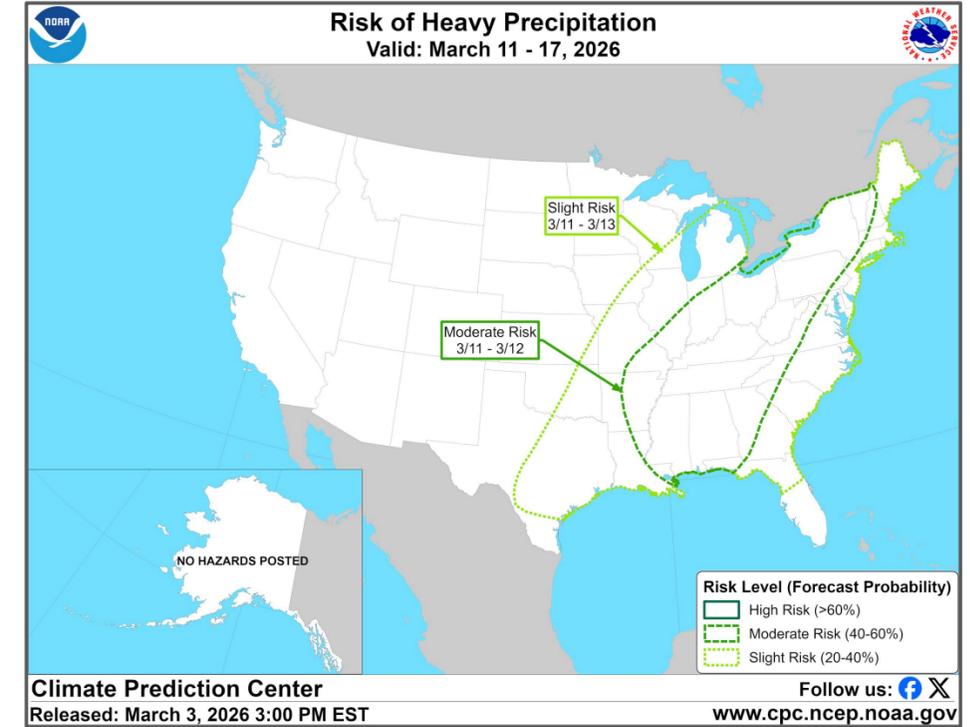
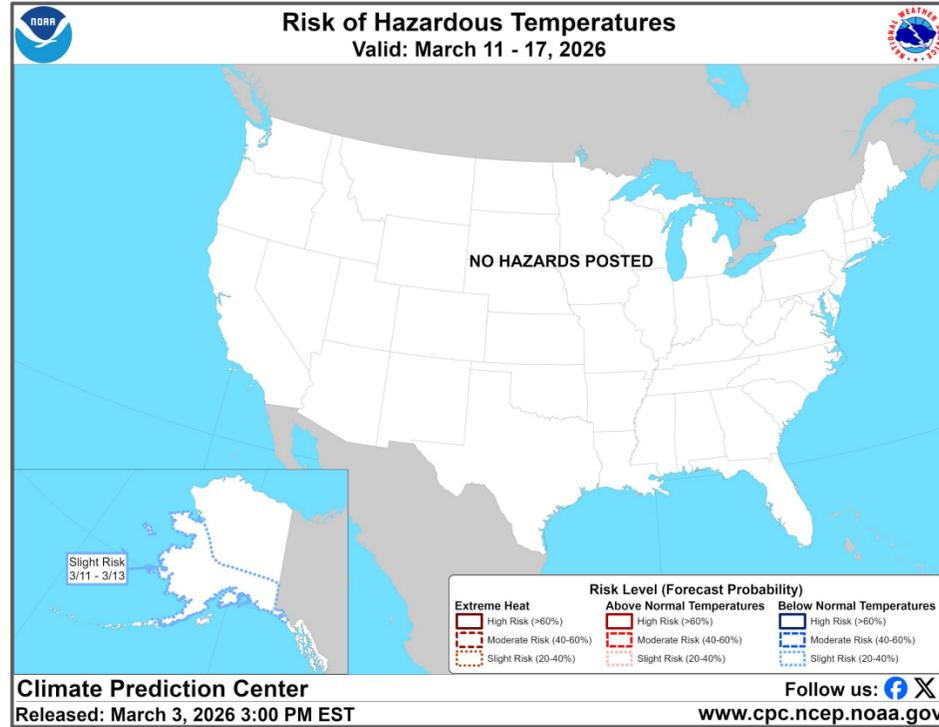
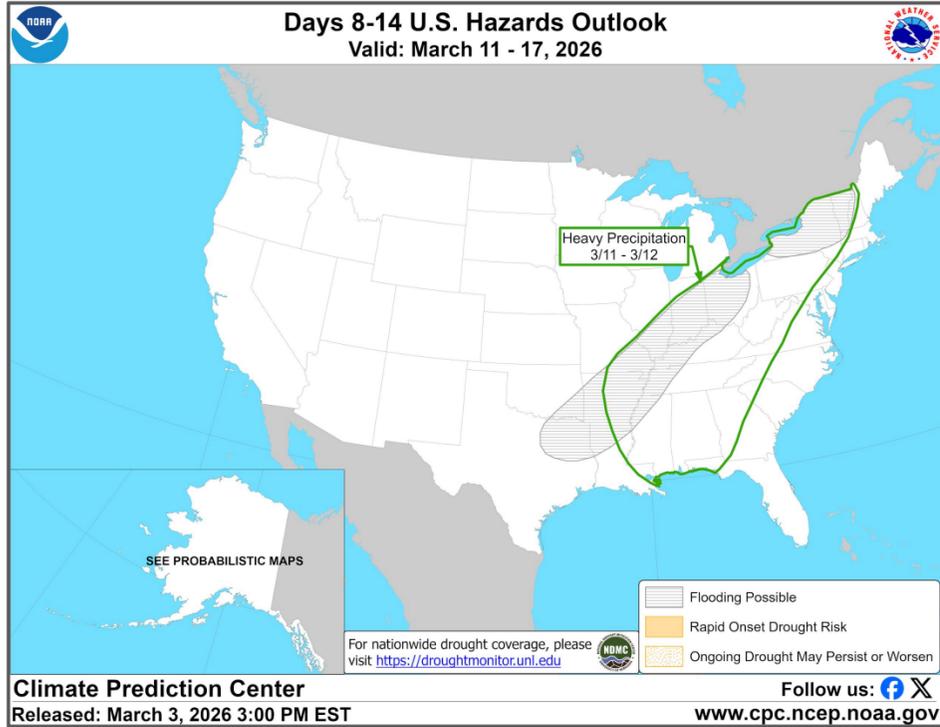


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For the latest information on flooding - <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/nationalfloodoutlook/>
For the latest information on drought - <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



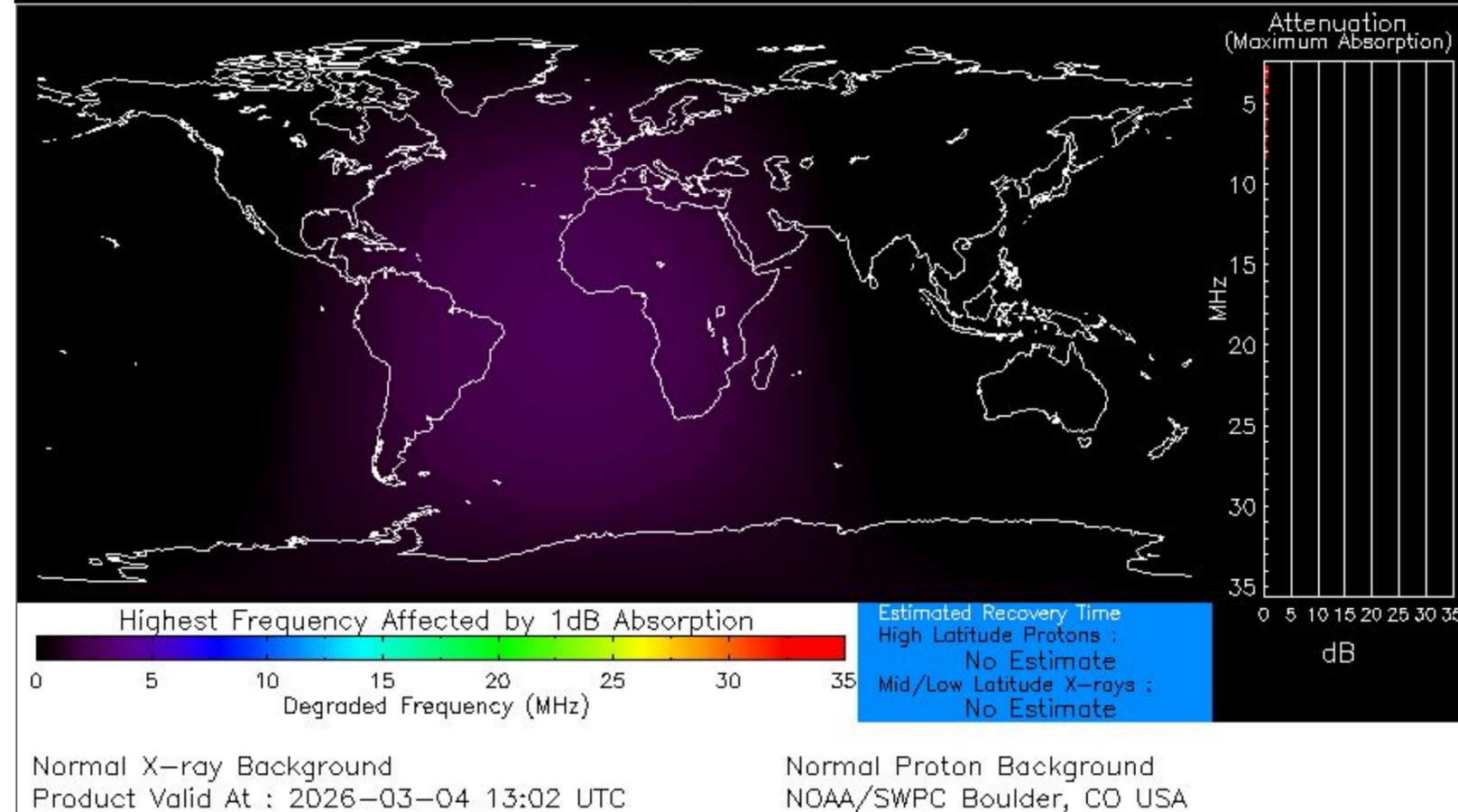
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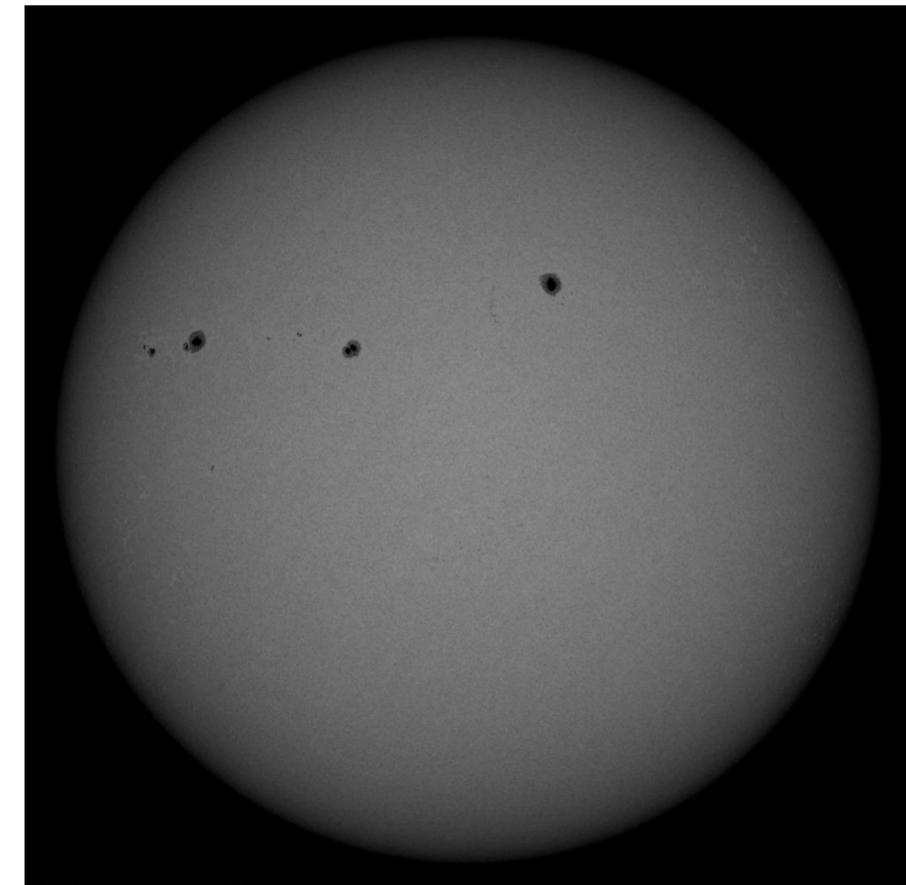
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Mar 4	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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;">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

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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