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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, March 05, 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

- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) over **OK, NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles** today.
- Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) over **OK, N/C TX, W AR** on Friday.
- Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) over **TX, AR, LA** on Saturday.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over **OK, W AR, N/C TX** on Tuesday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over **NW OK, E TX Panhandle** today.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over **SE OK, W AR, NE TX** Friday.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over **SE OK, AR, N/E/C/SW TX, N LA** Saturday.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over **SSW/C/SE/E TX, LA** on Sunday.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over **SW/C/NE TX** on Monday.
- Monitoring Tuesday and Wednesday.

- **Fire Weather:**

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

	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10	Wednesday, Mar 11
Severe Storms	TX Panhandle, W OK	OK	SC/SE TX, W LA			OK, W AR, N/C TX	
	OK, NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	N/C TX, W AR	NE/C/S/SW TX, AR, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NW OK, E TX Panhandle	SE OK, W AR, NE TX	SE OK, AR, N/E/C/SW TX, N LA	SW/C/SE/E TX, LA	SW/C/NE TX	OK, W AR, N/C/E TX	AR, LA, NE TX
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles					
River Flooding		N/C TX, E OK, W AR	N/C TX, E OK, W AR	N/C TX, E OK, W AR	N/C TX, E OK, W AR	N/C TX, E OK, W AR	N/C TX, E OK, W AR

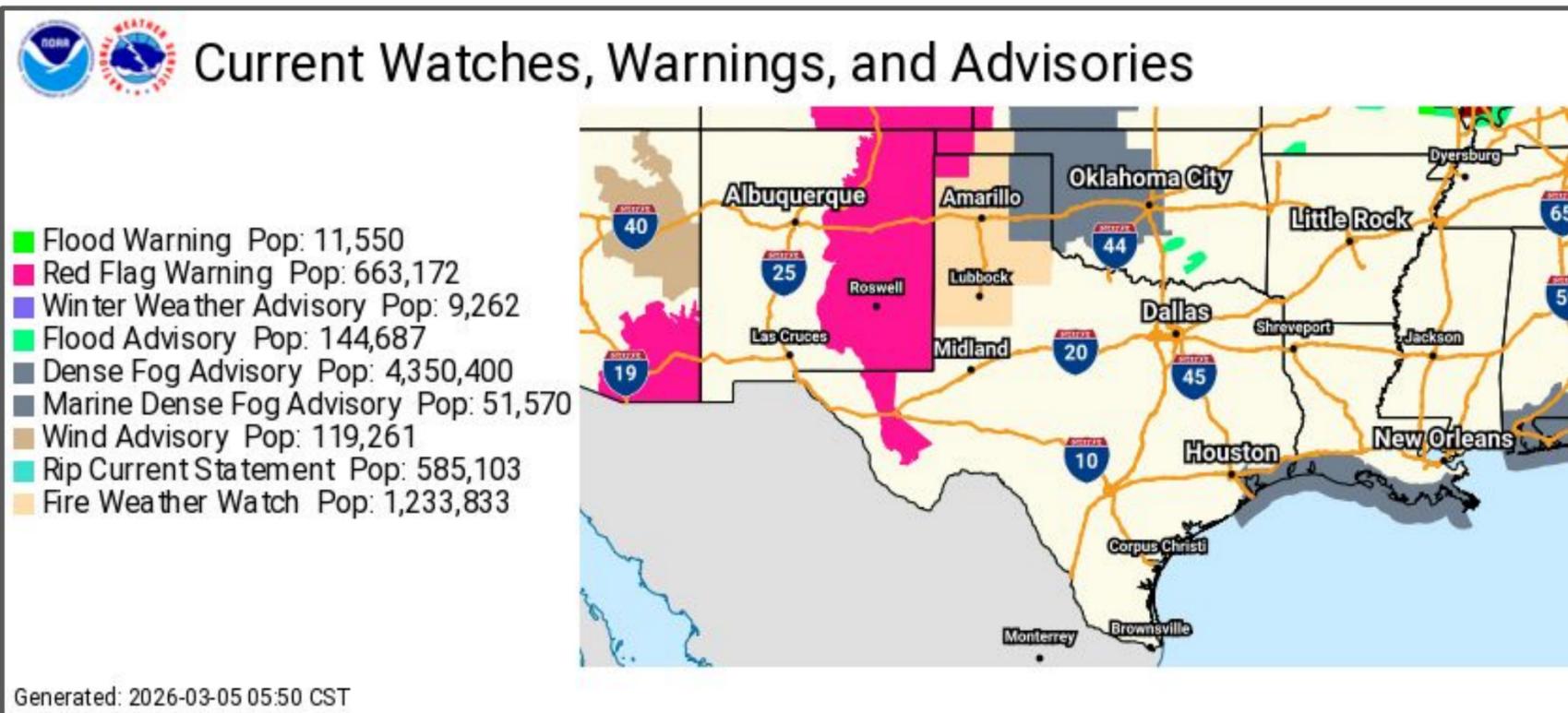
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

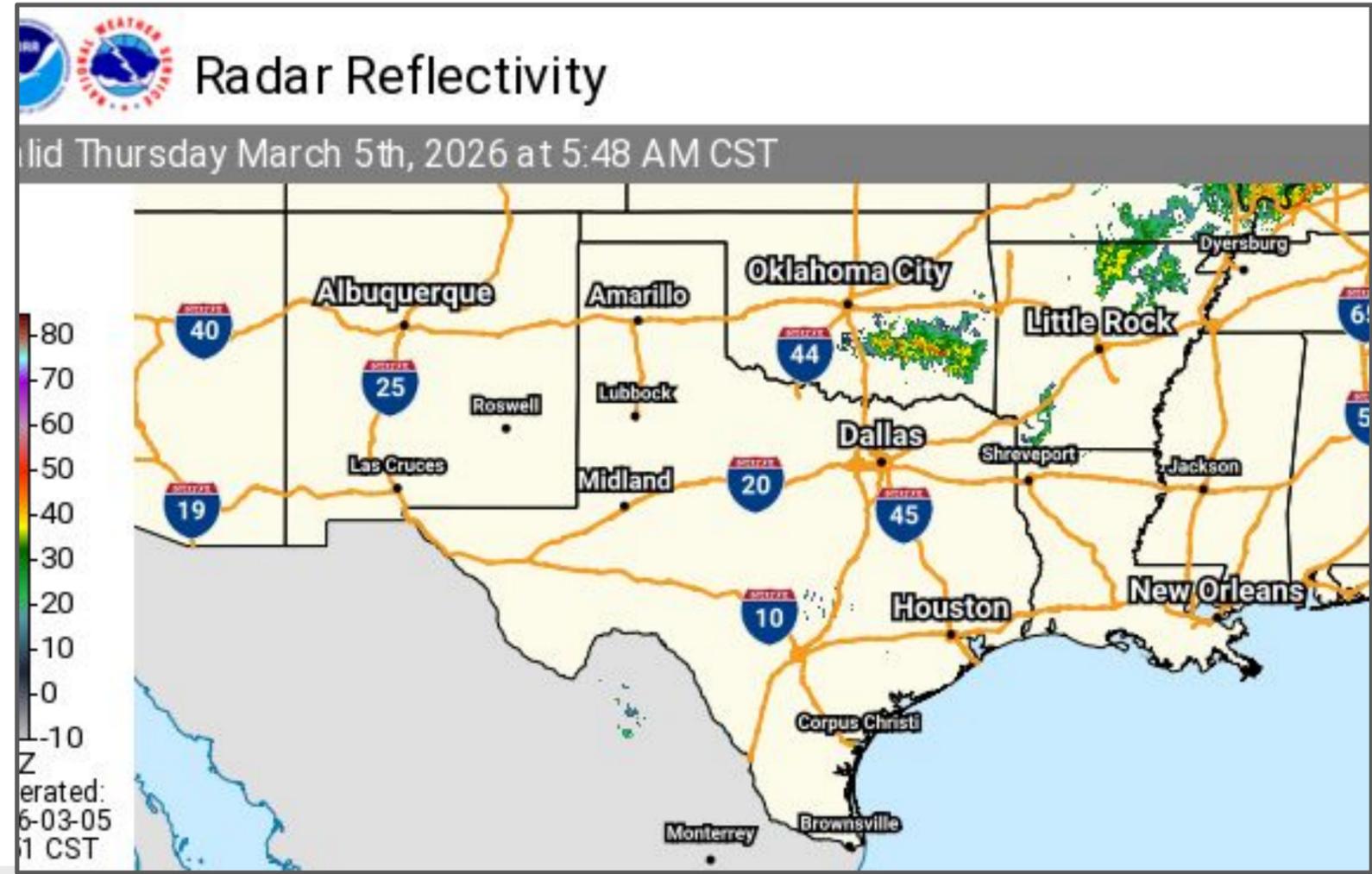
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Current Radar/Hazards

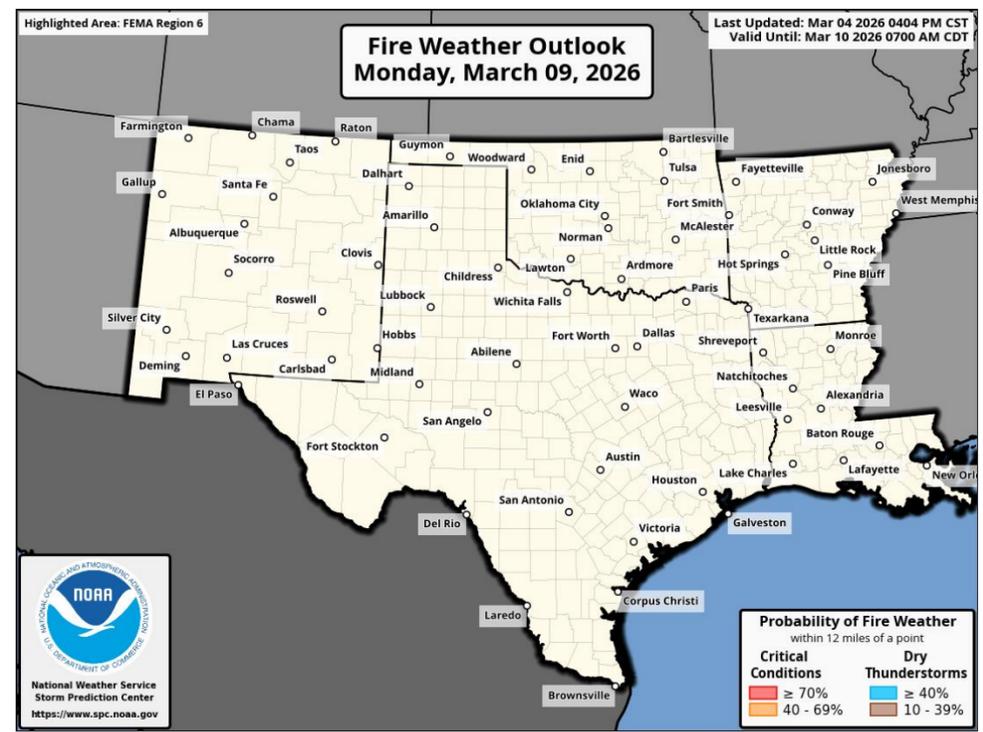
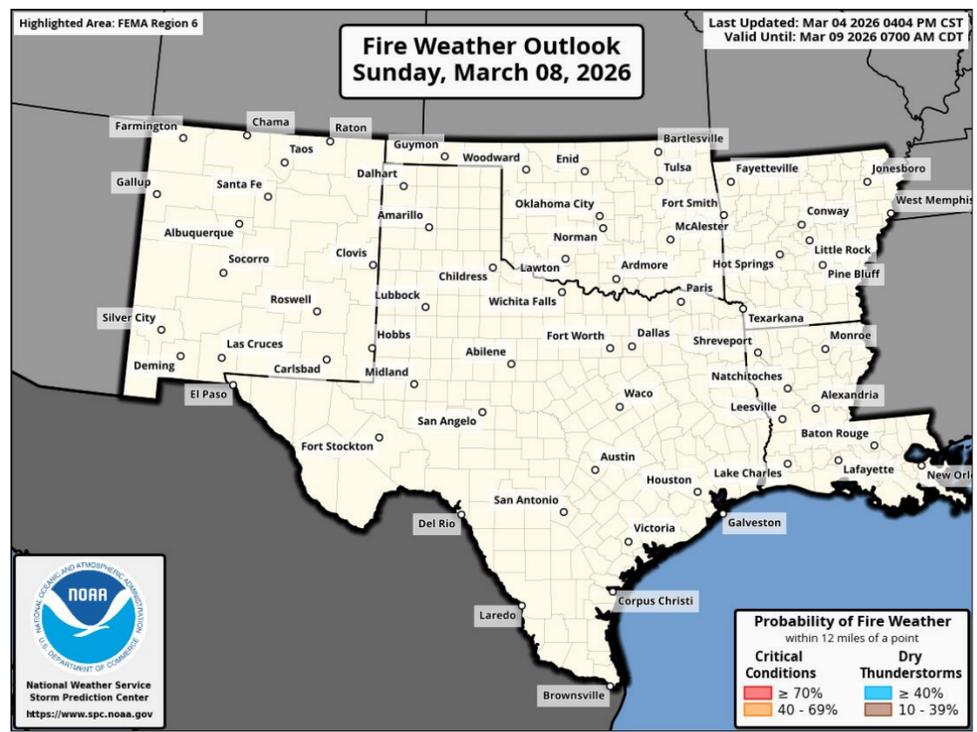
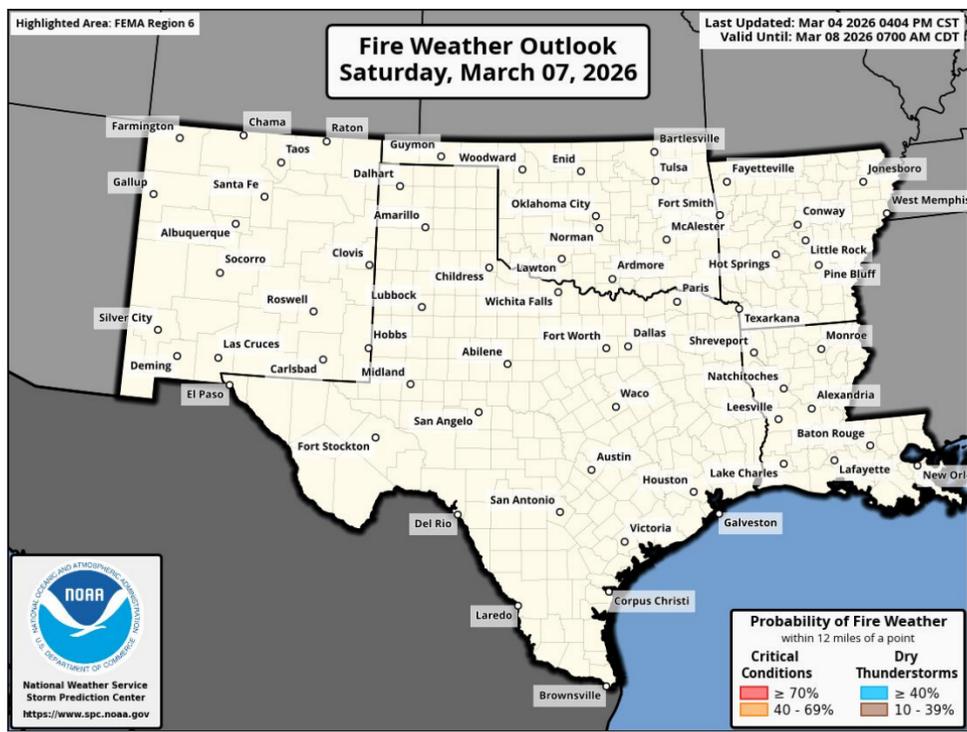
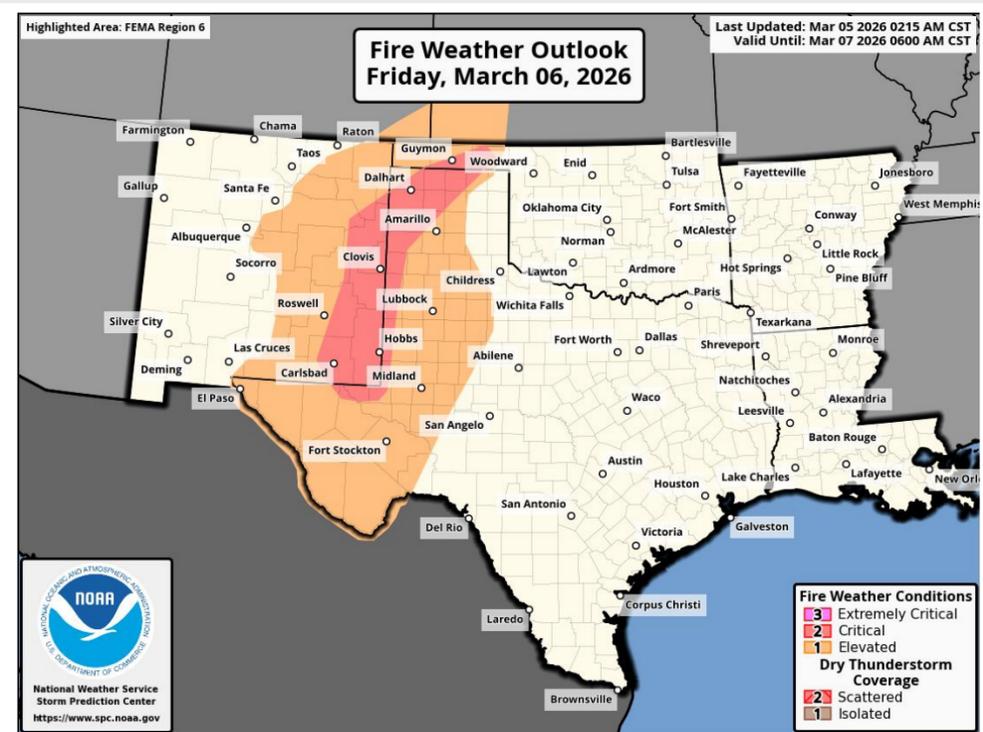
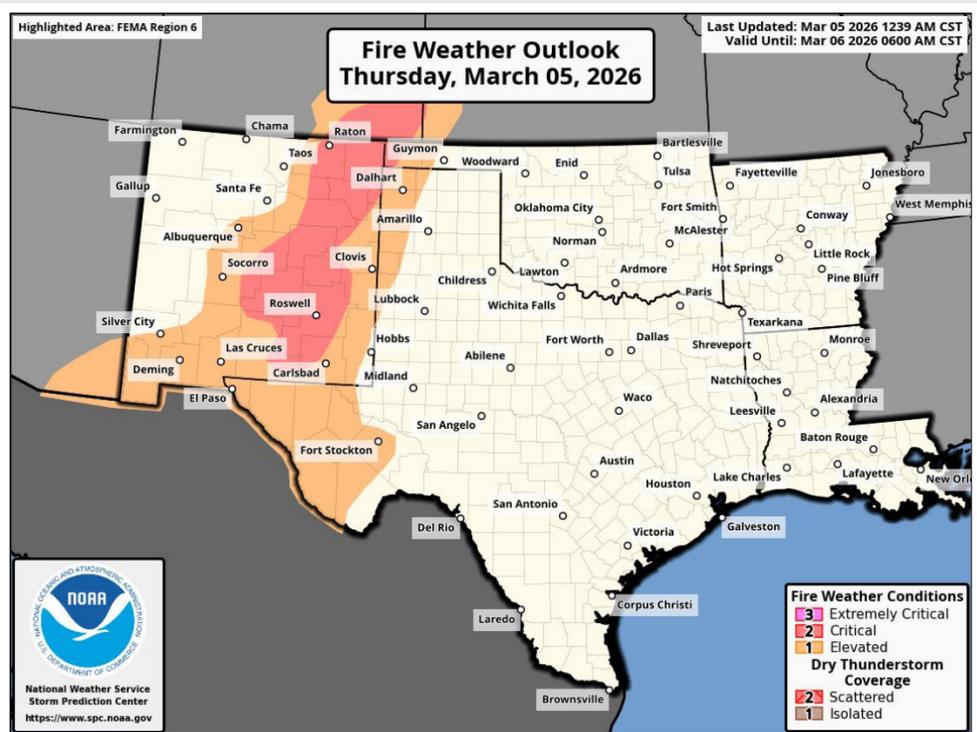
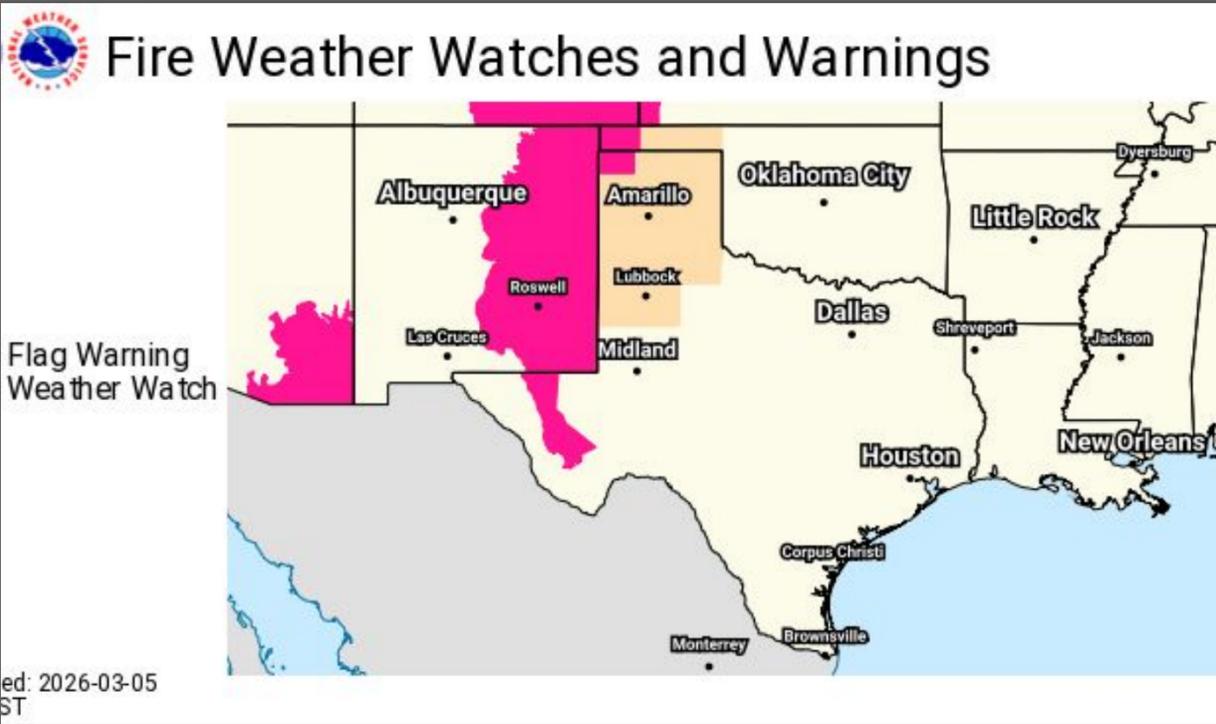


**Red Flag Warnings for E NM, W TX,
TX/OK Panhandles through 8 PM.
Fire Weather Watches in E NM, W TX,
TX/OK Panhandles for Friday.**





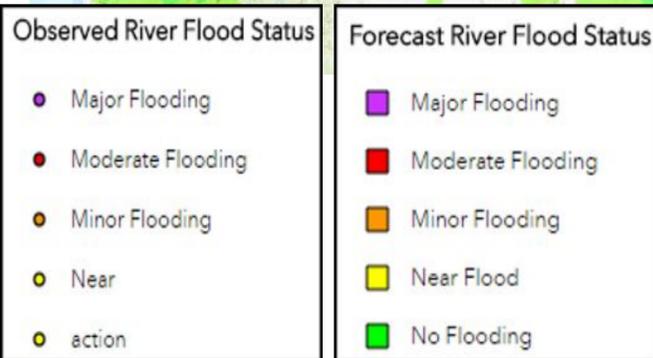
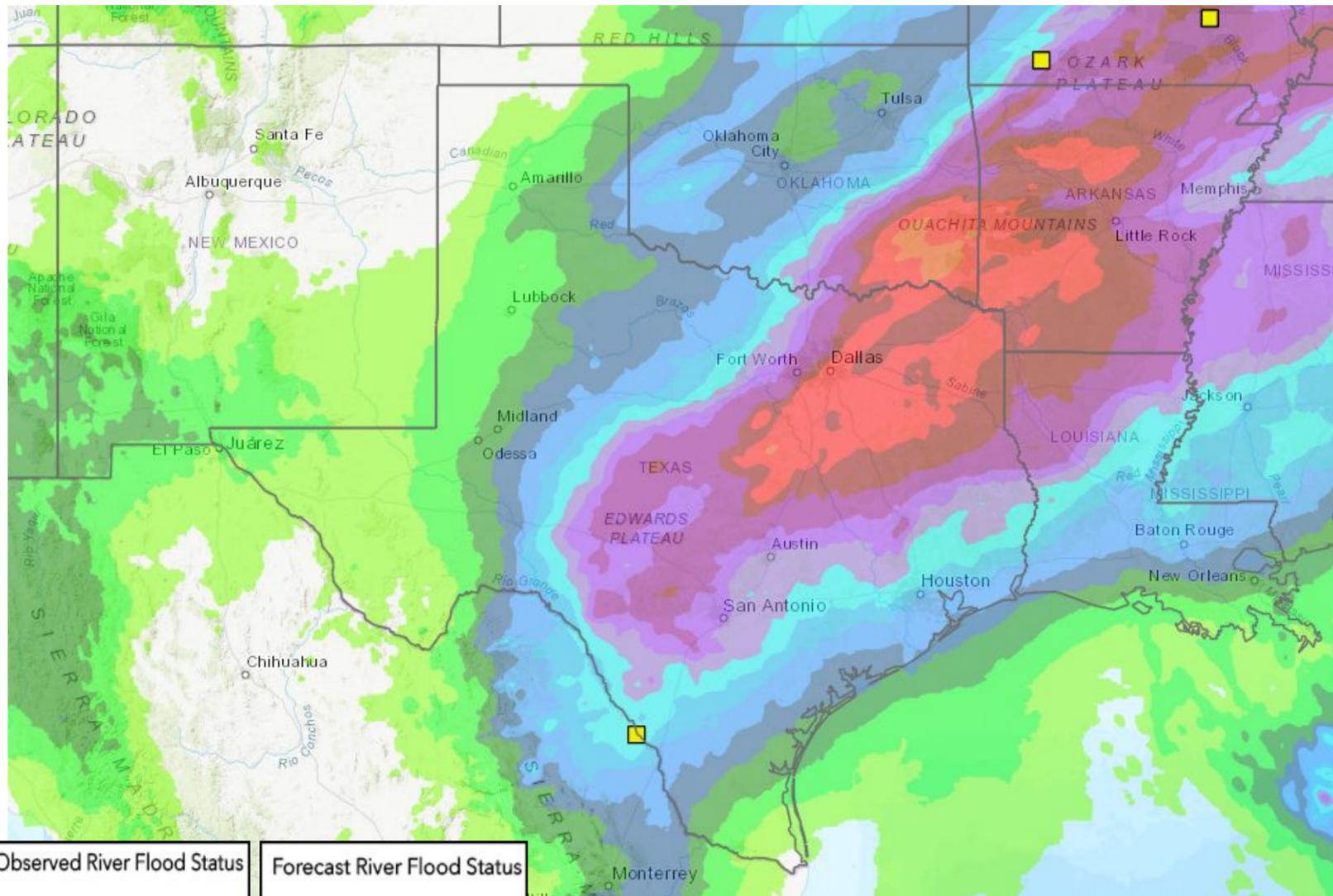
Fire Weather Outlooks





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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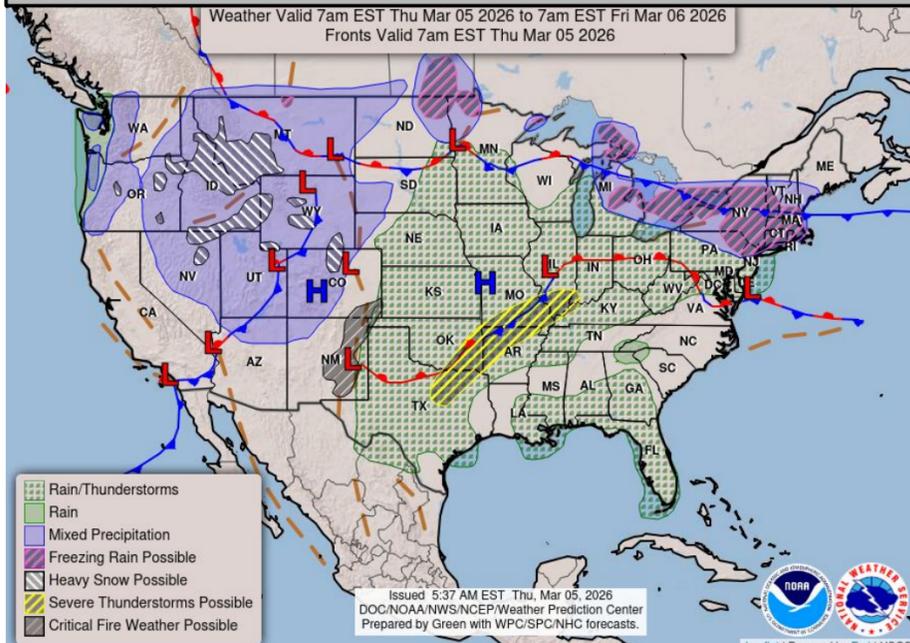
Monitoring for the development of minor to isolated moderate river flooding over N/C TX, E OK and W AR.

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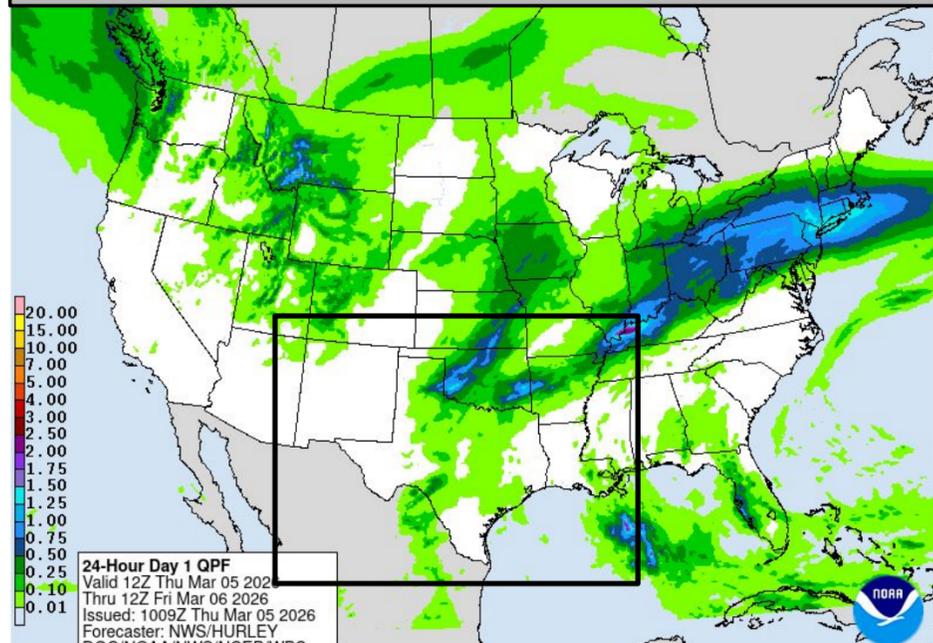


Today's Weather

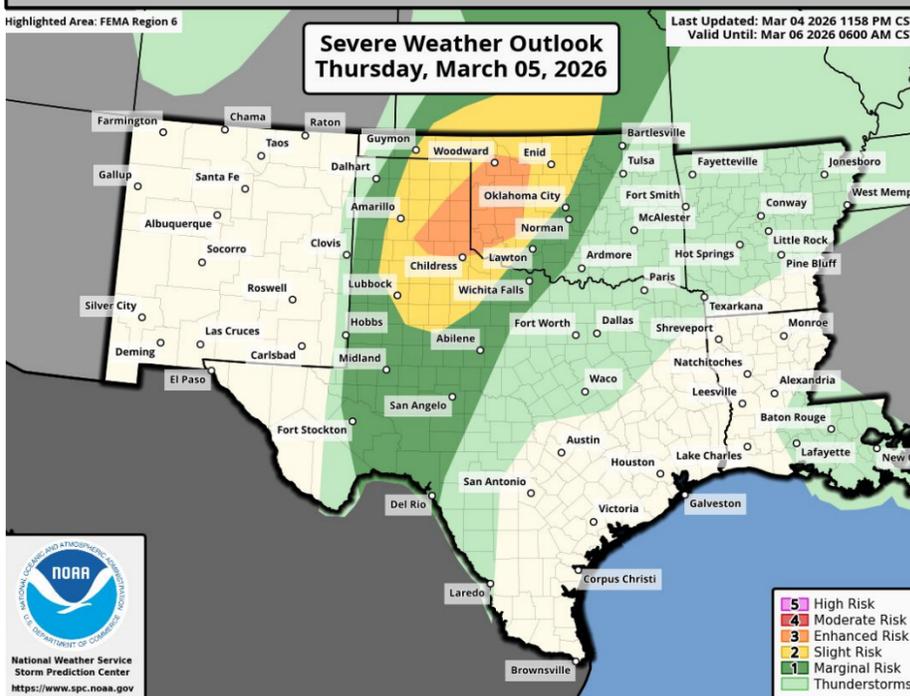
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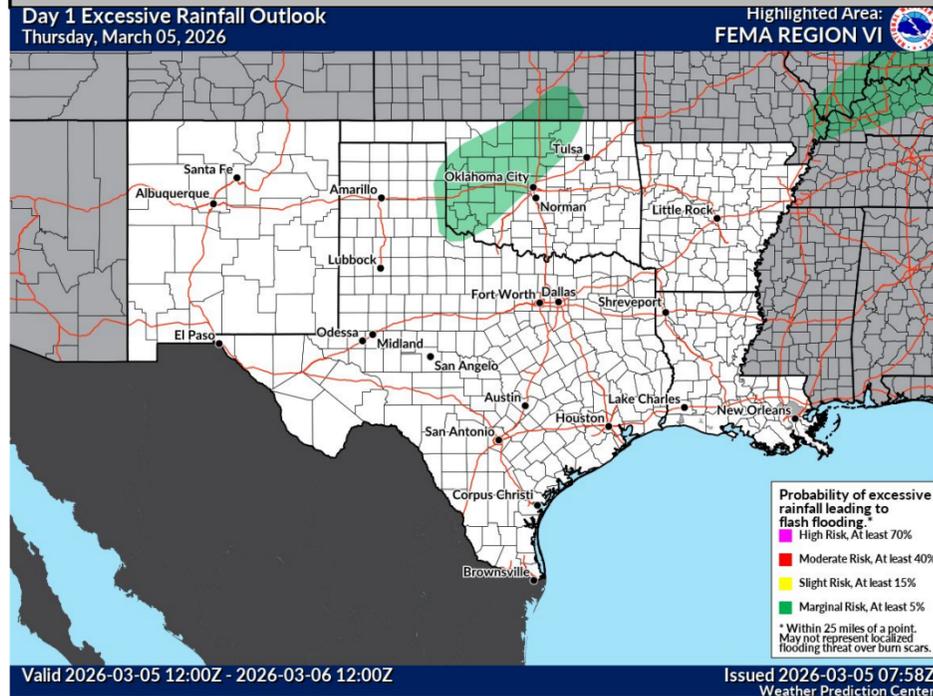
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms in TX Panhandle, W OK.

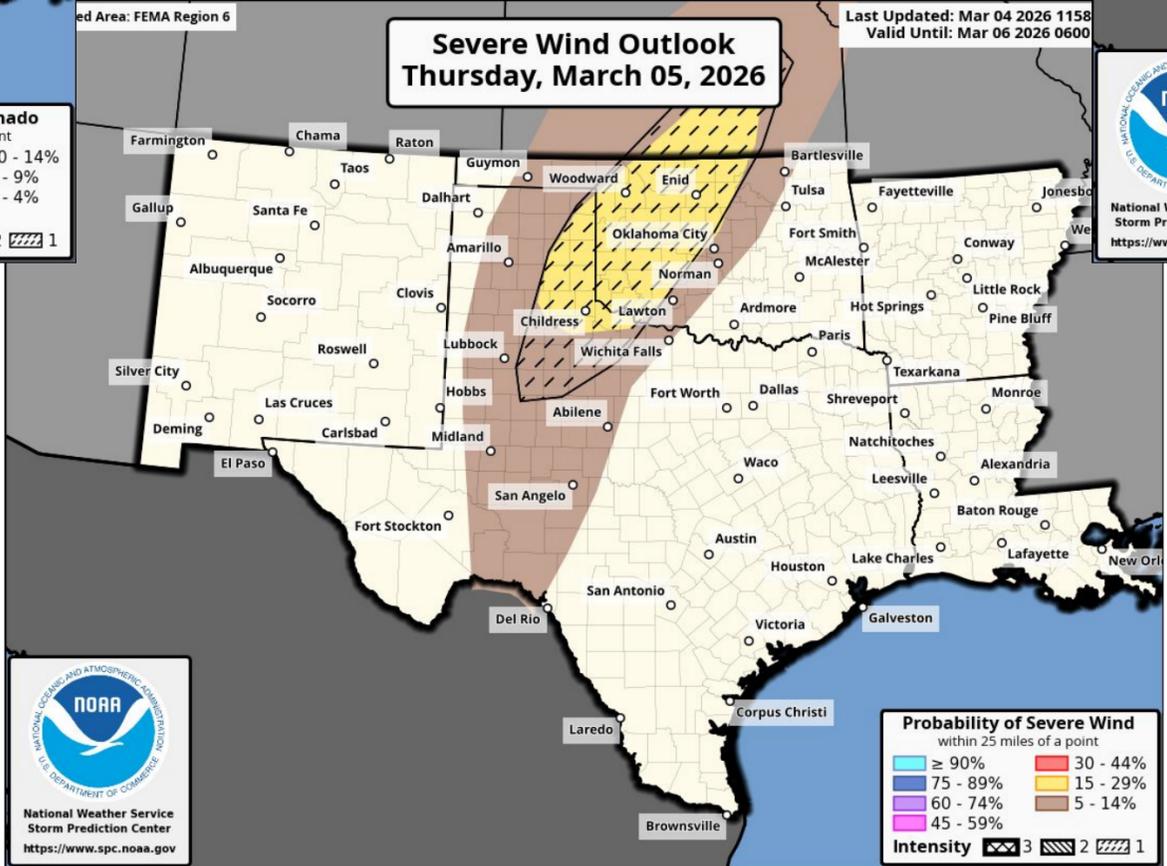
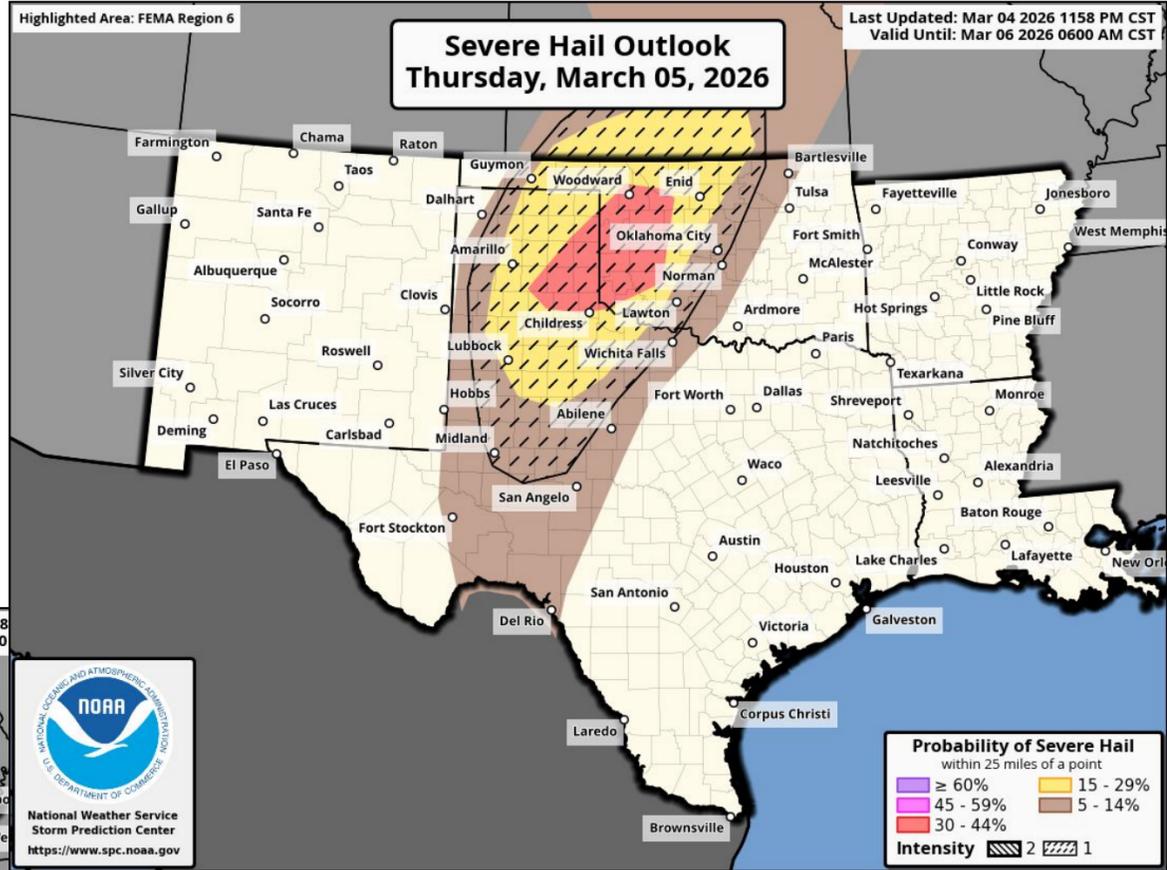
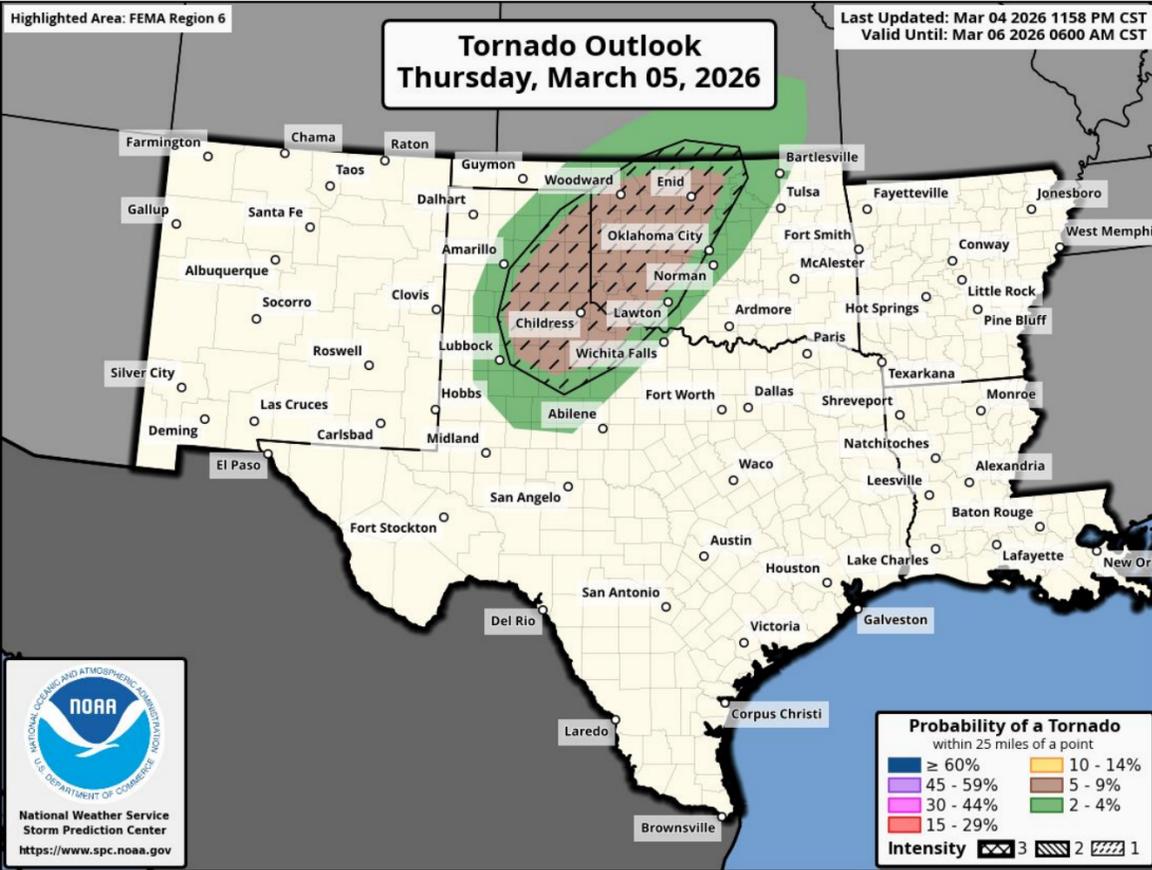
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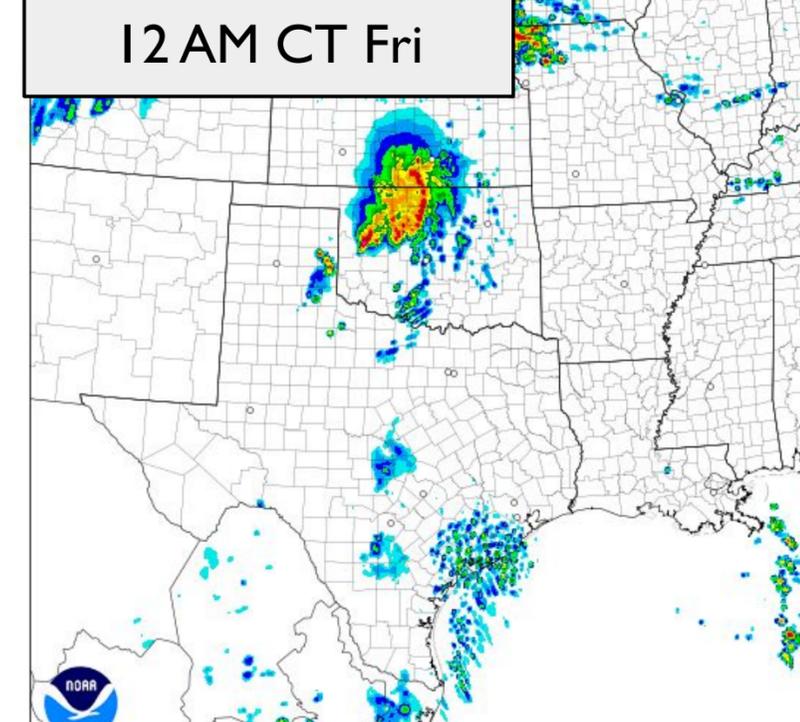
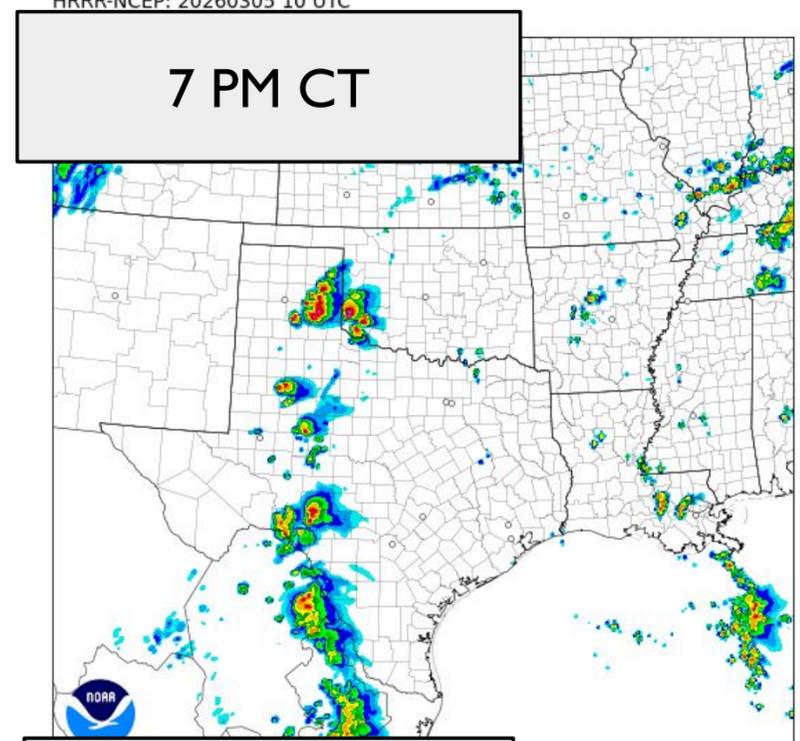
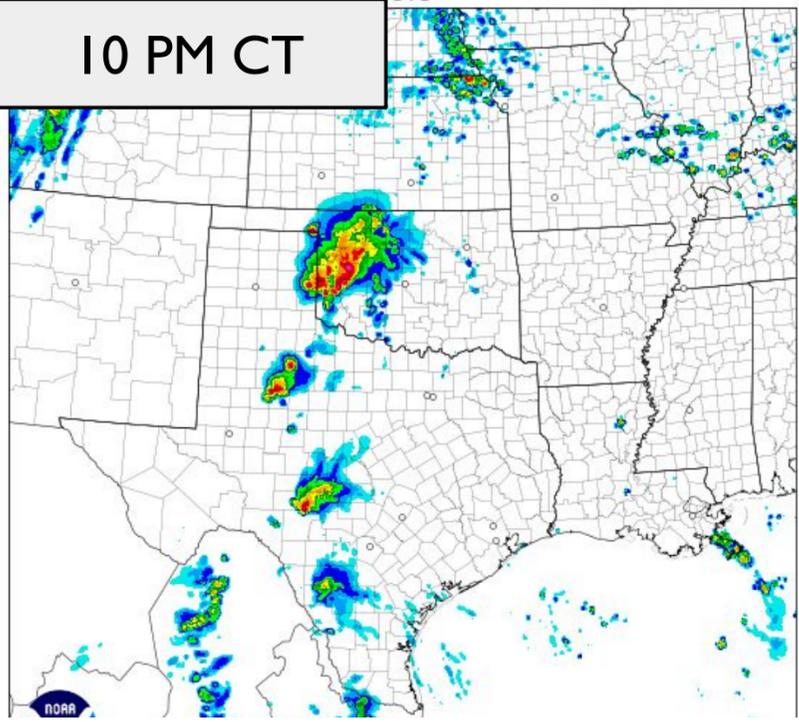
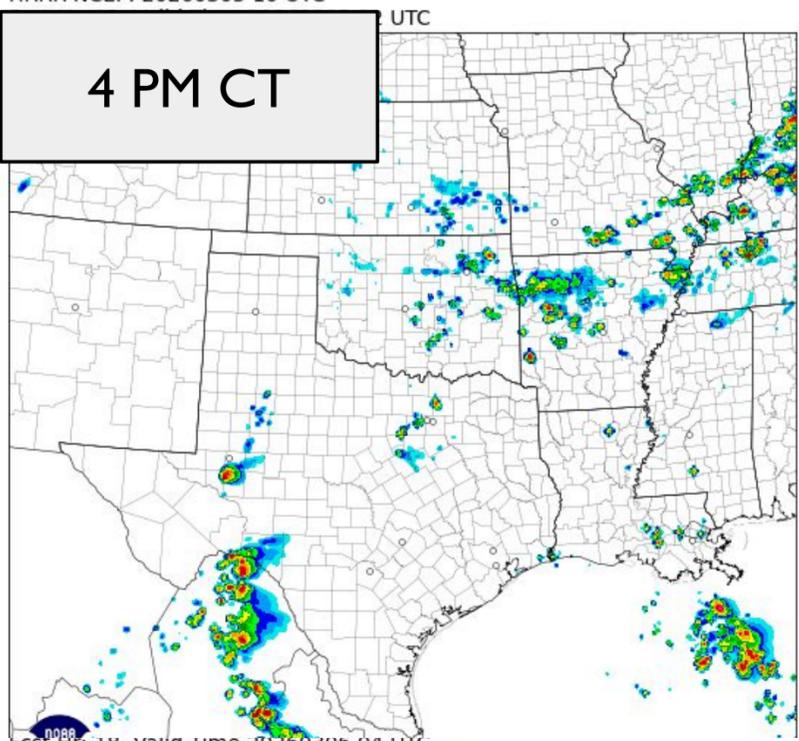
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





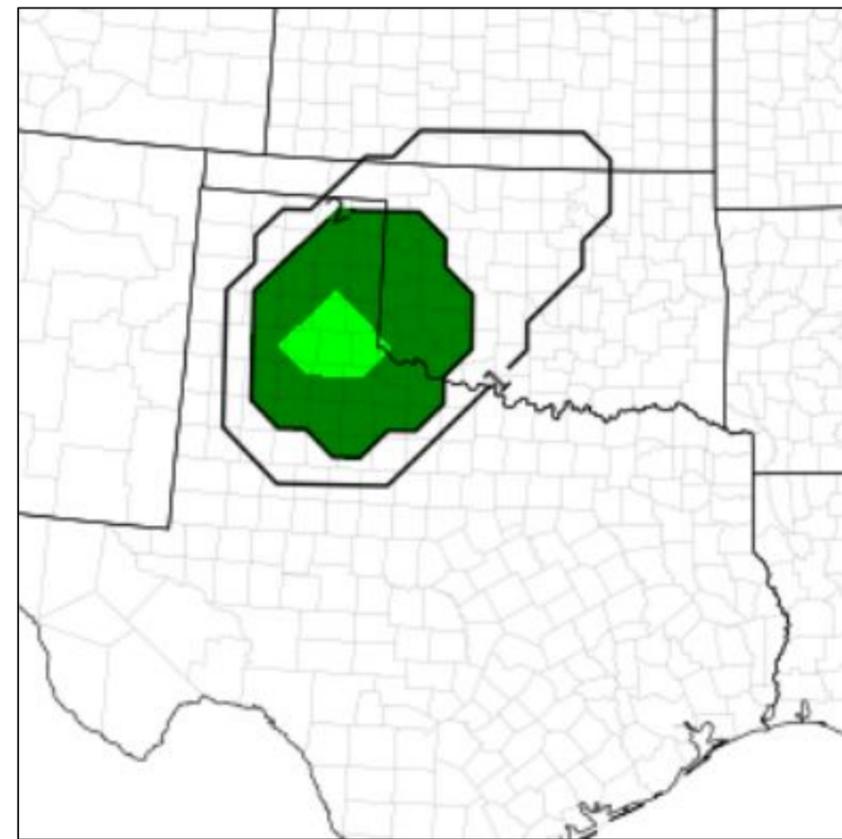
Forecast Radar

Note: This is just one model predictions of storms. Timing/location may be different.





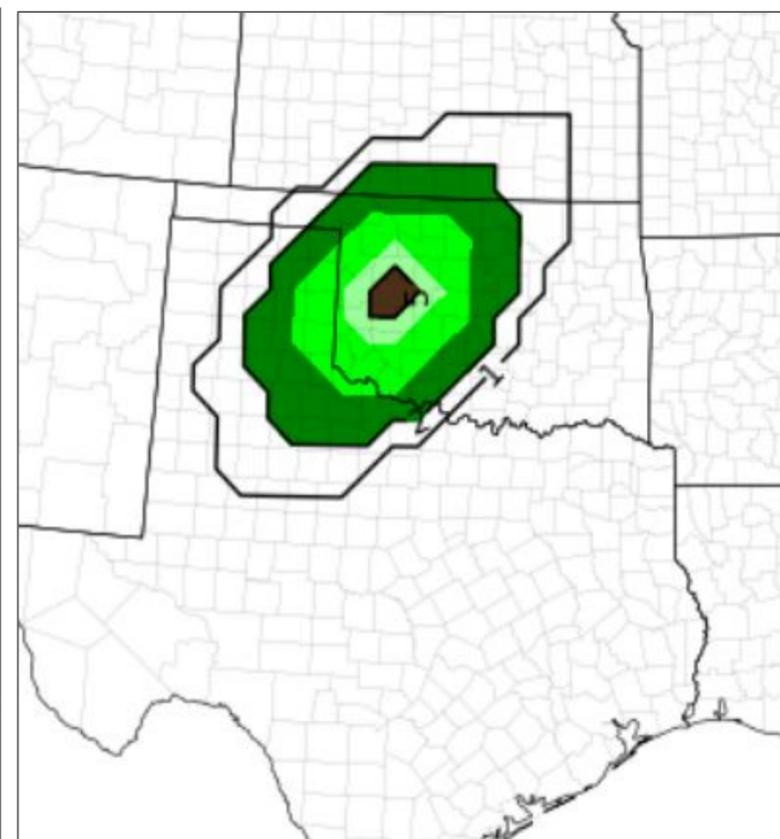
Today's Tornado Threat Timing



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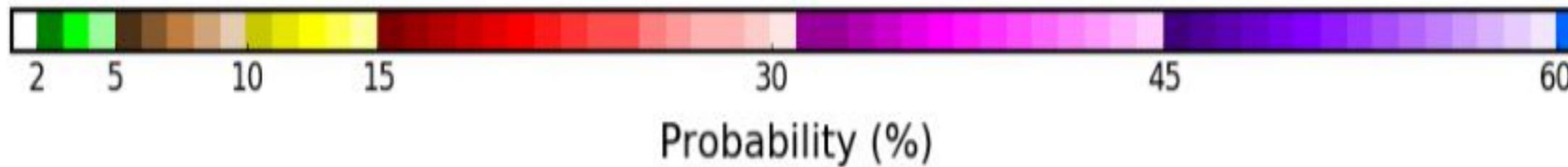
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10 PM



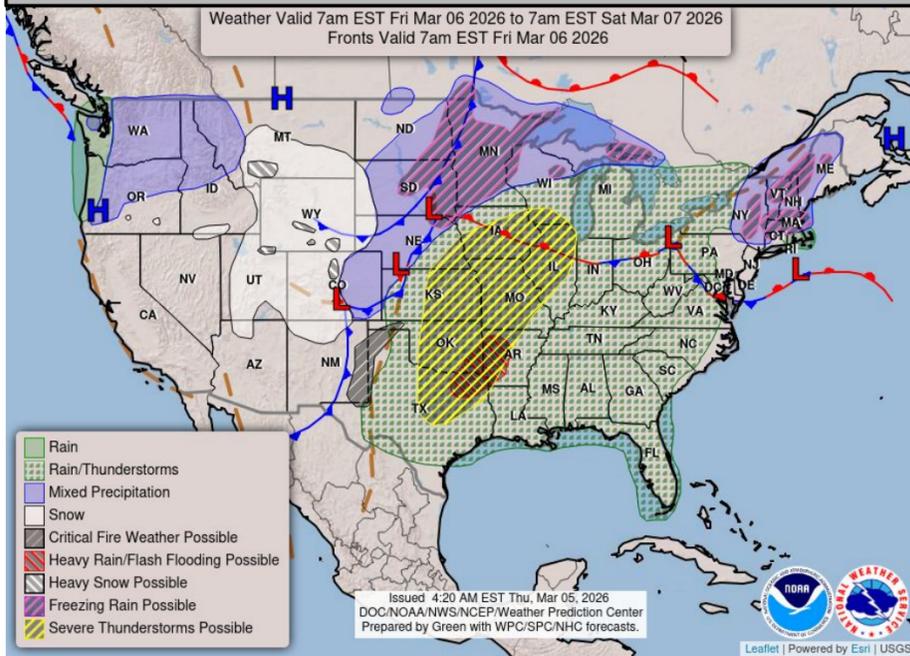
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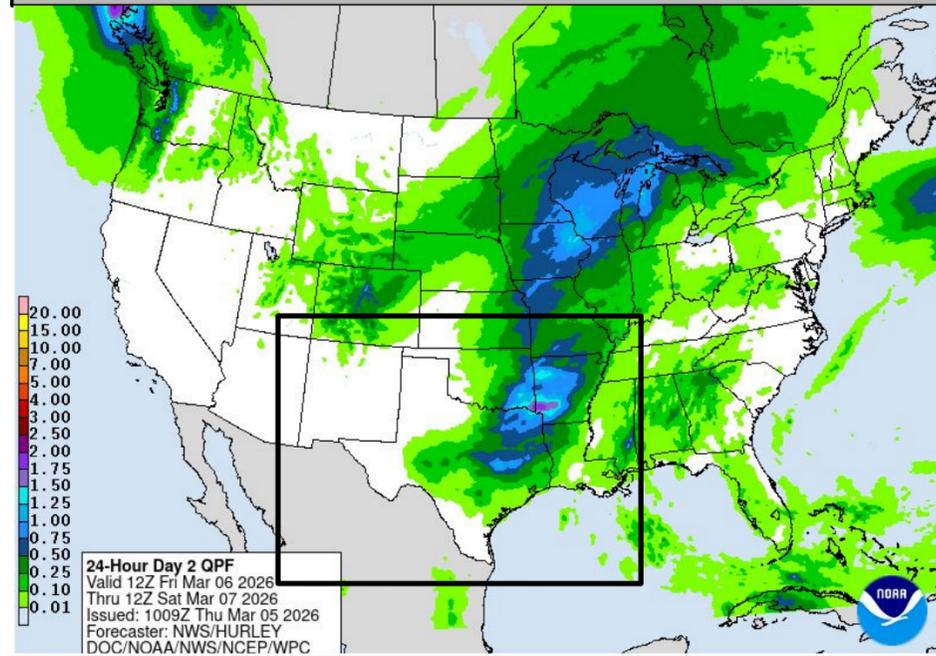


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



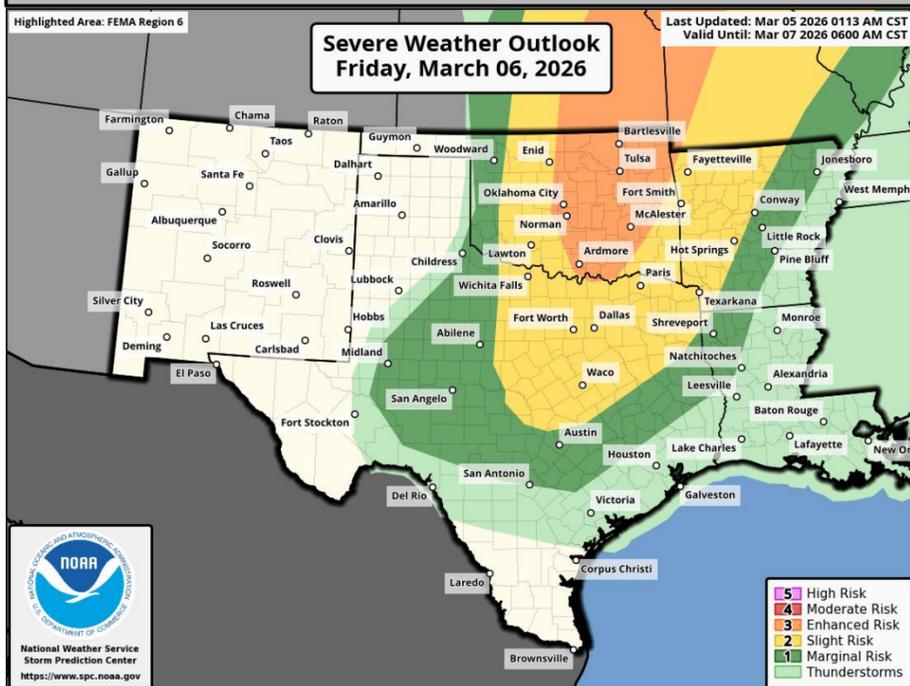
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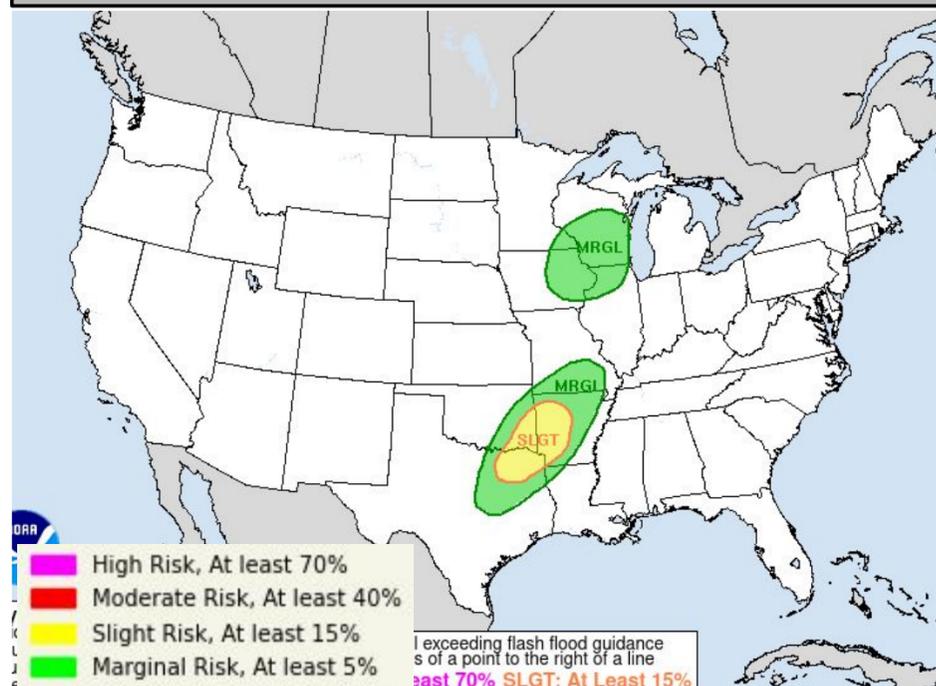
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Severe Weather Outlook

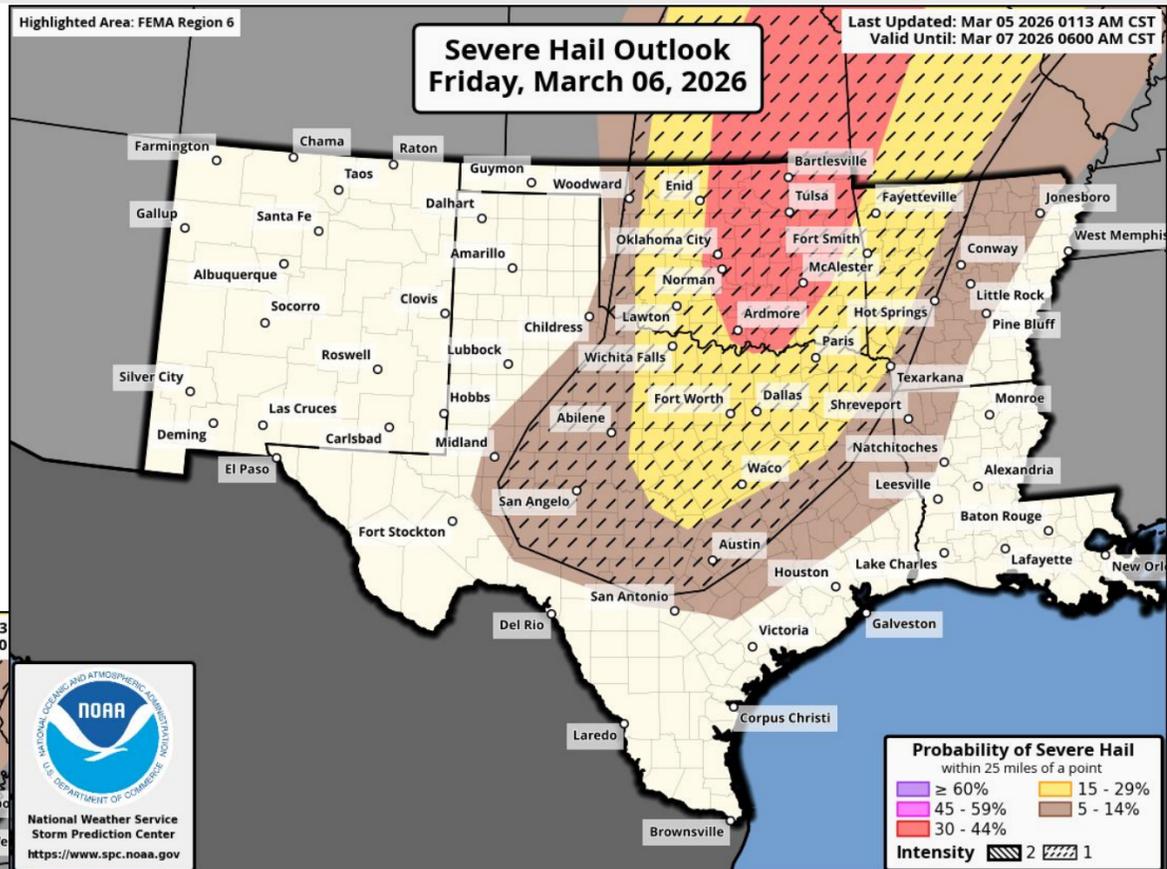
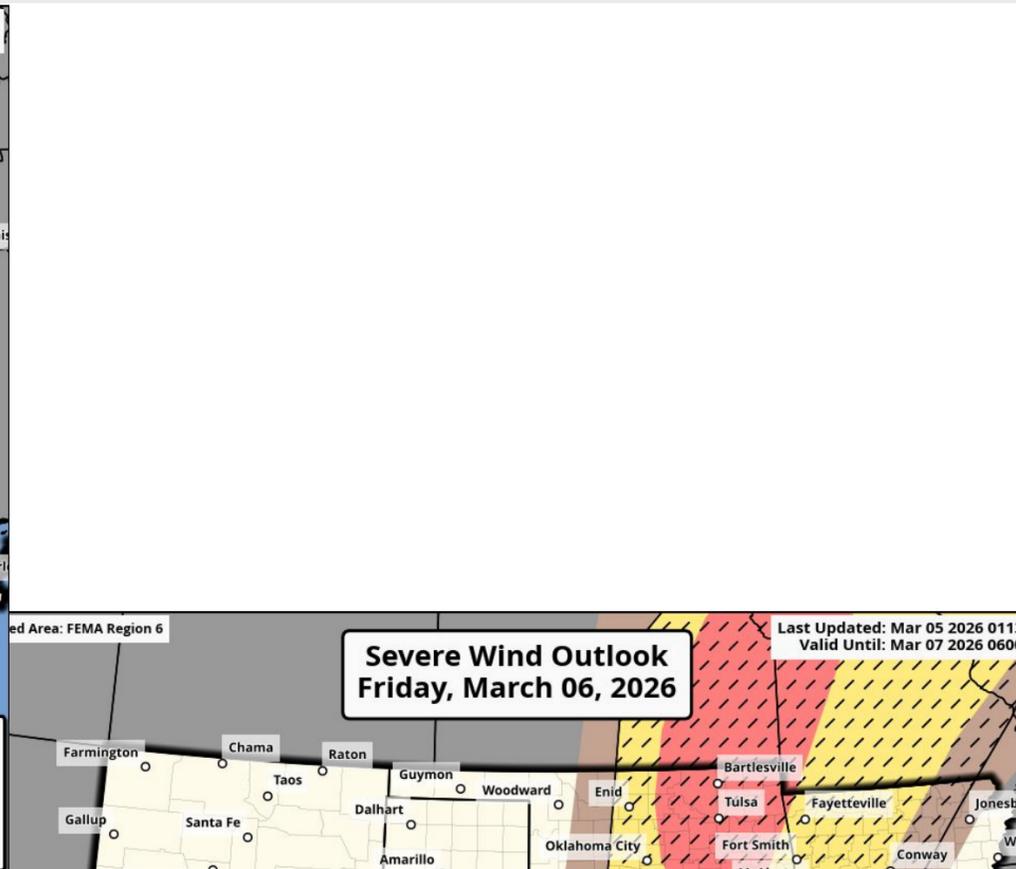
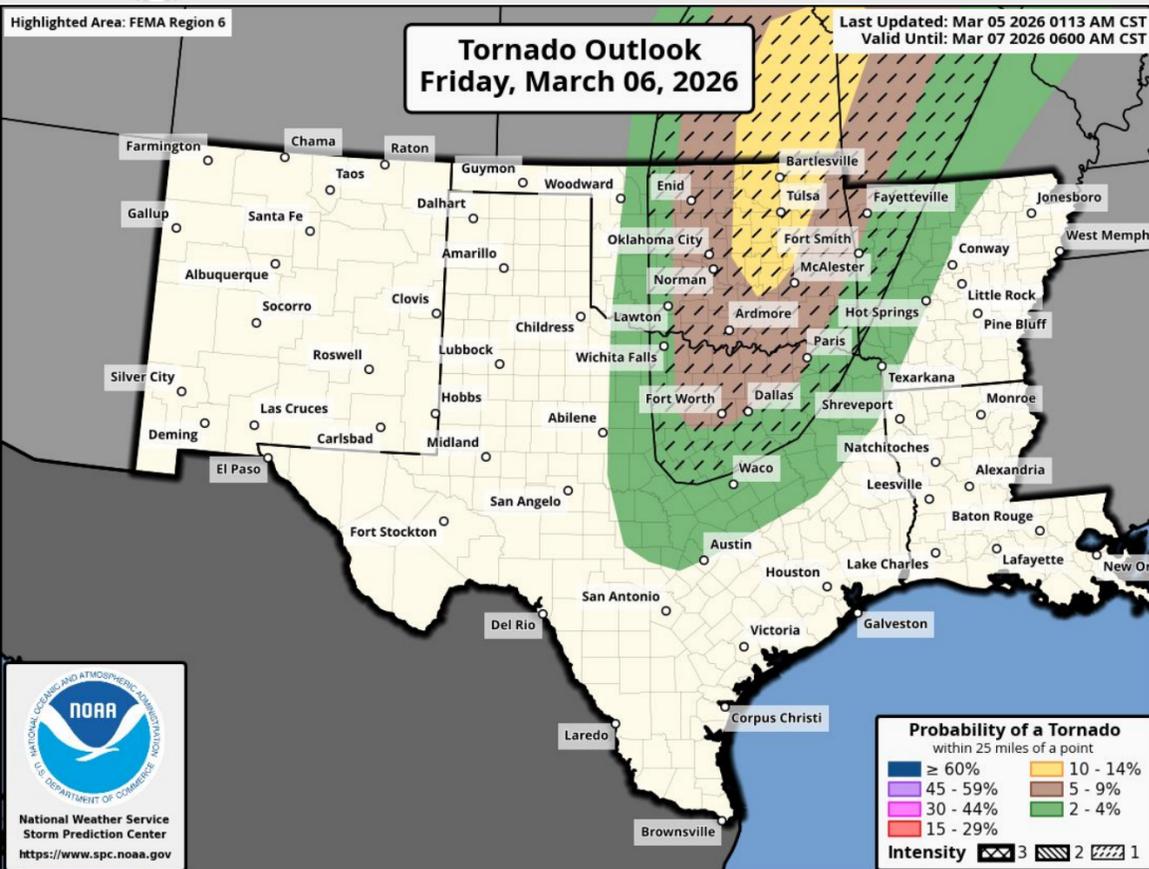


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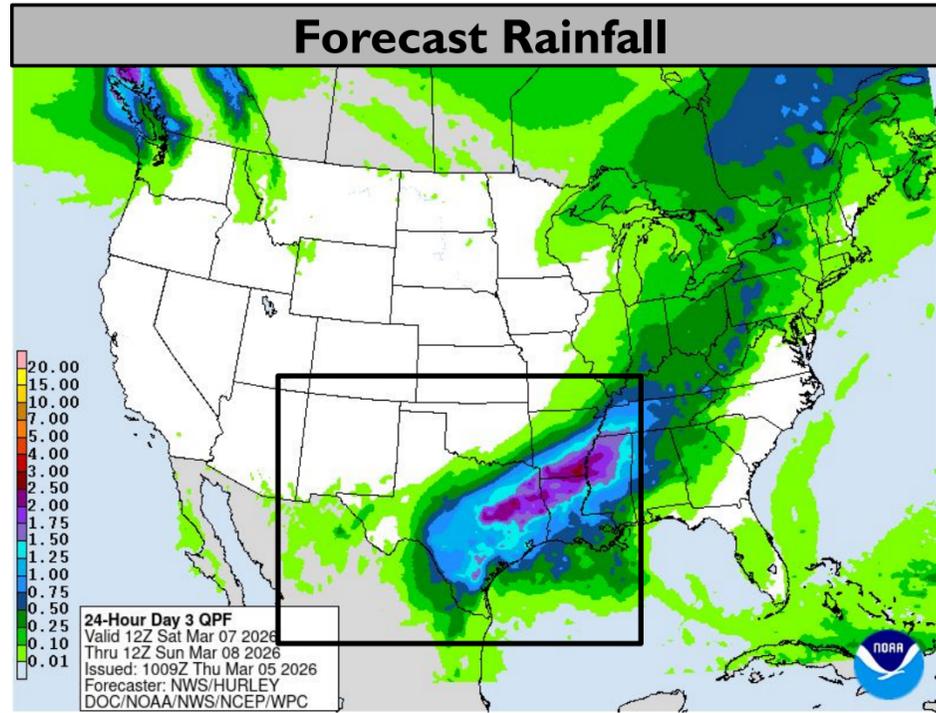
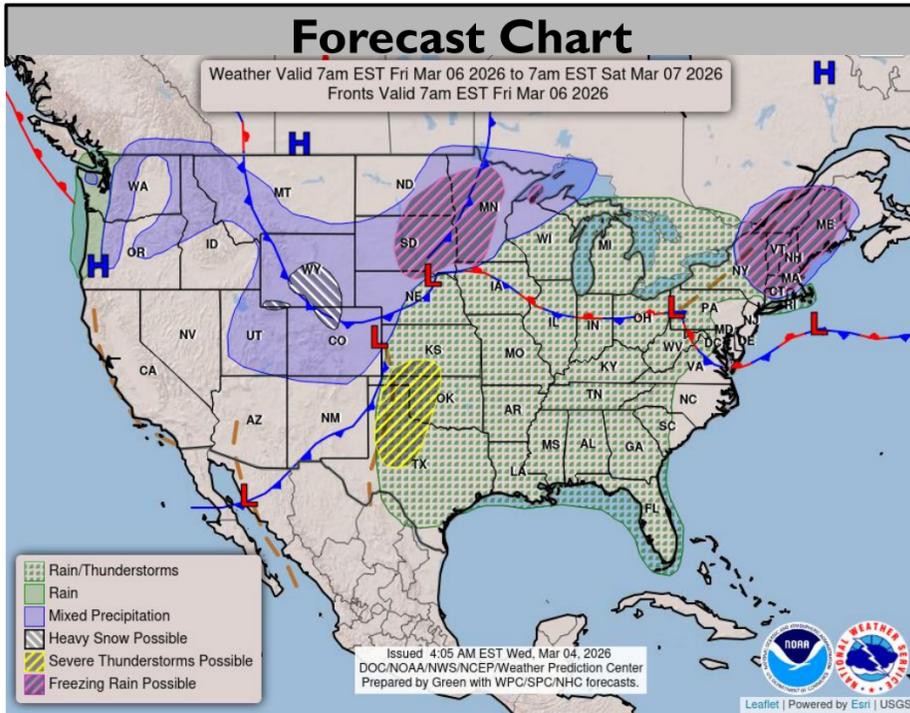


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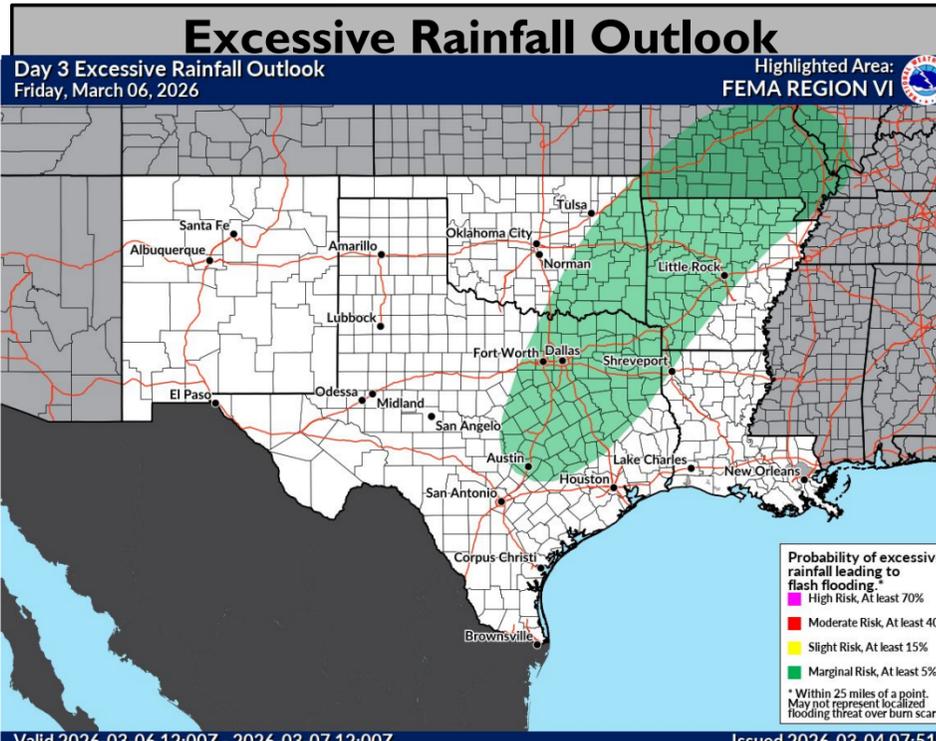
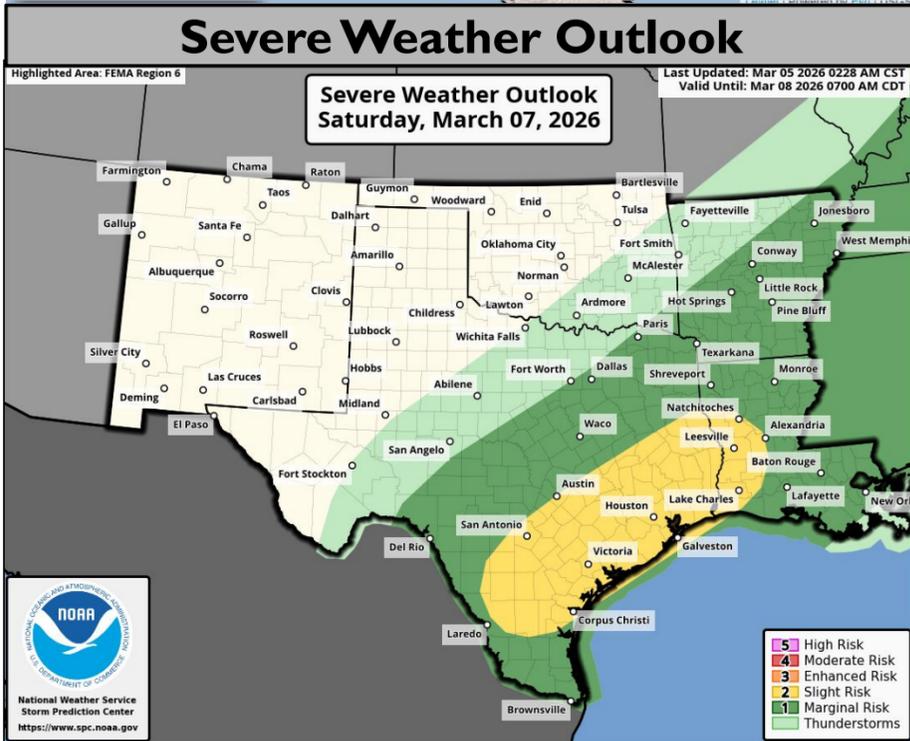
Saturday's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SC/SETX, W LA.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE/C/S/SW TX, AR, LA.

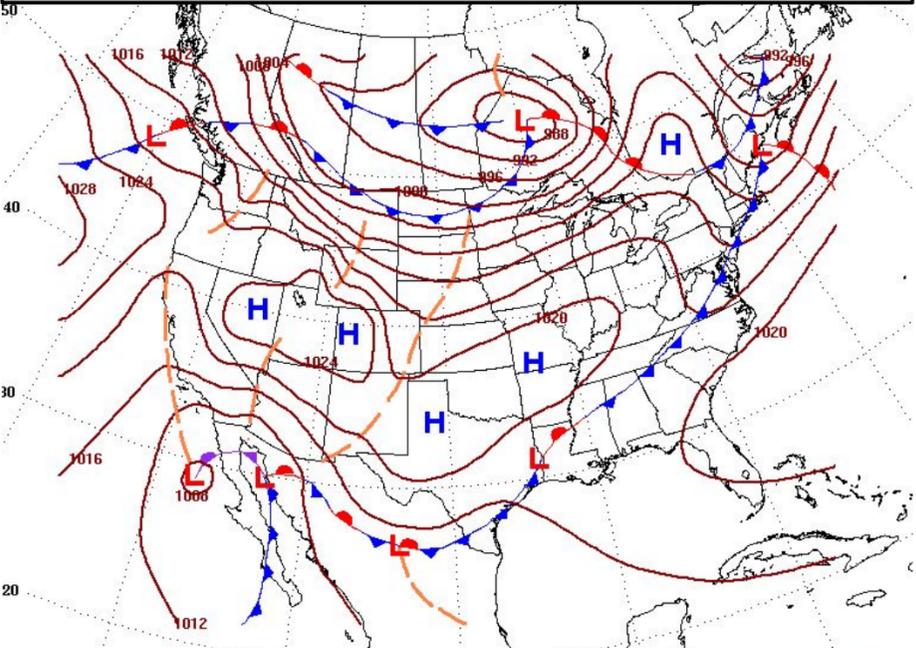
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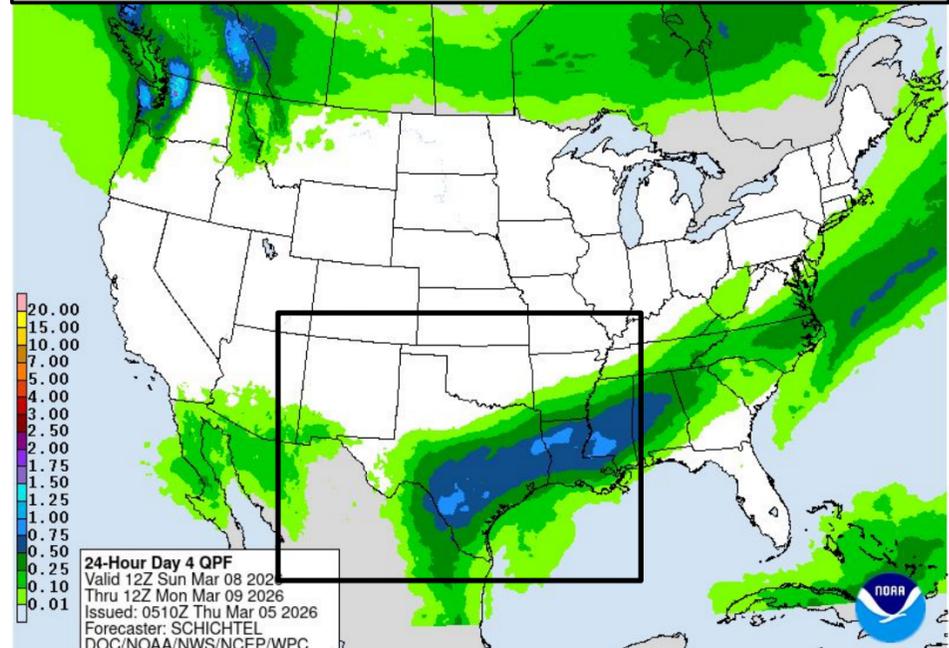


Sunday's Weather

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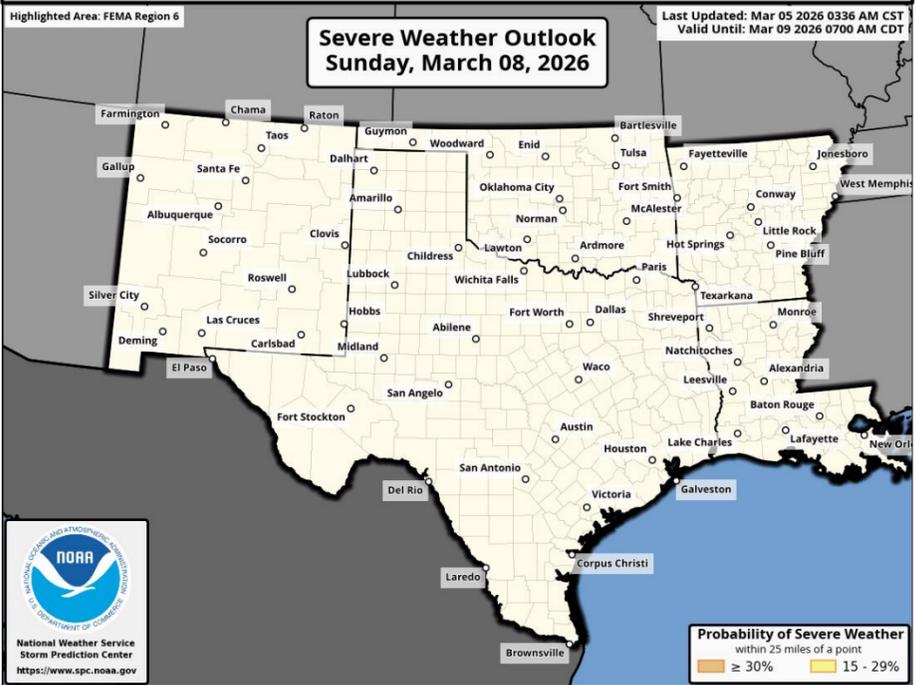


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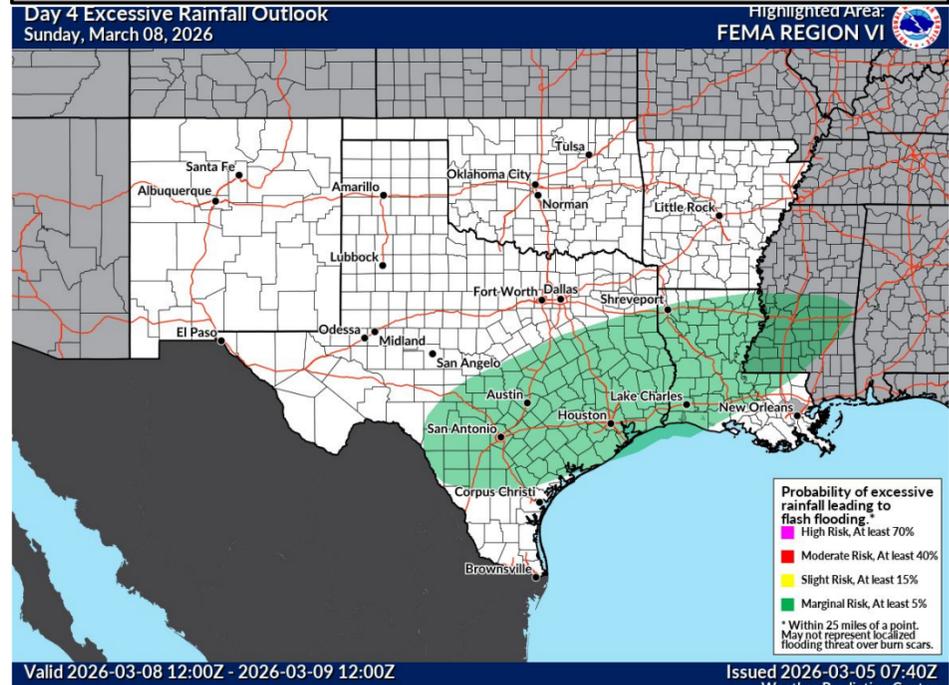


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Severe Weather Outlook



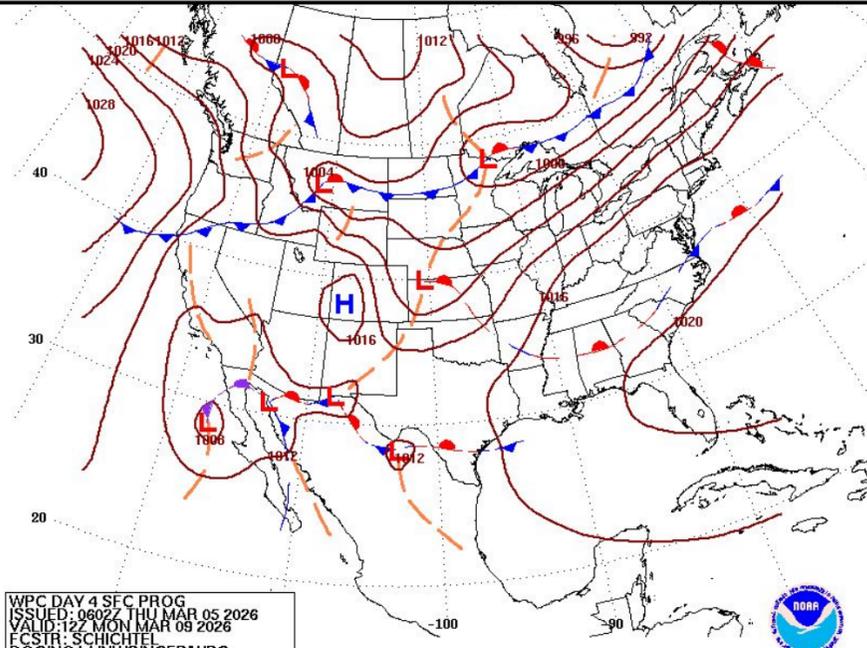
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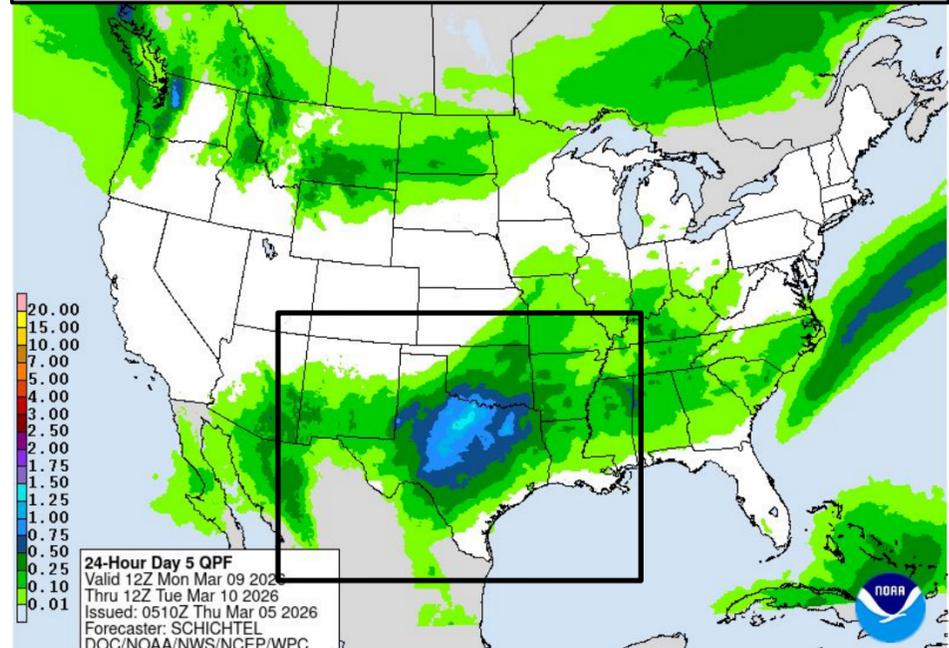
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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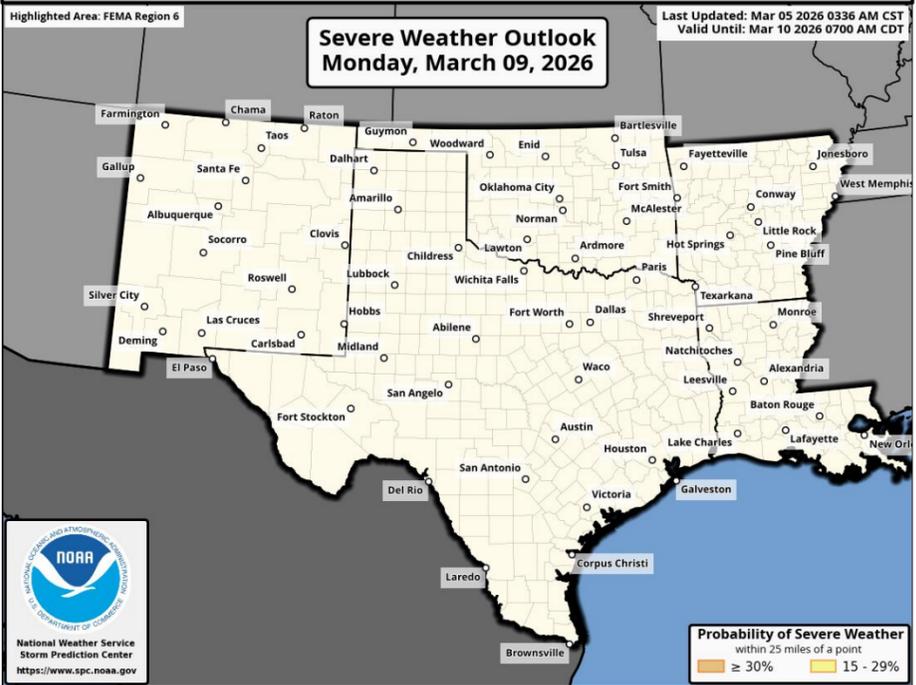
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SW/C/NE TX. Isolated spots of 5-7”.

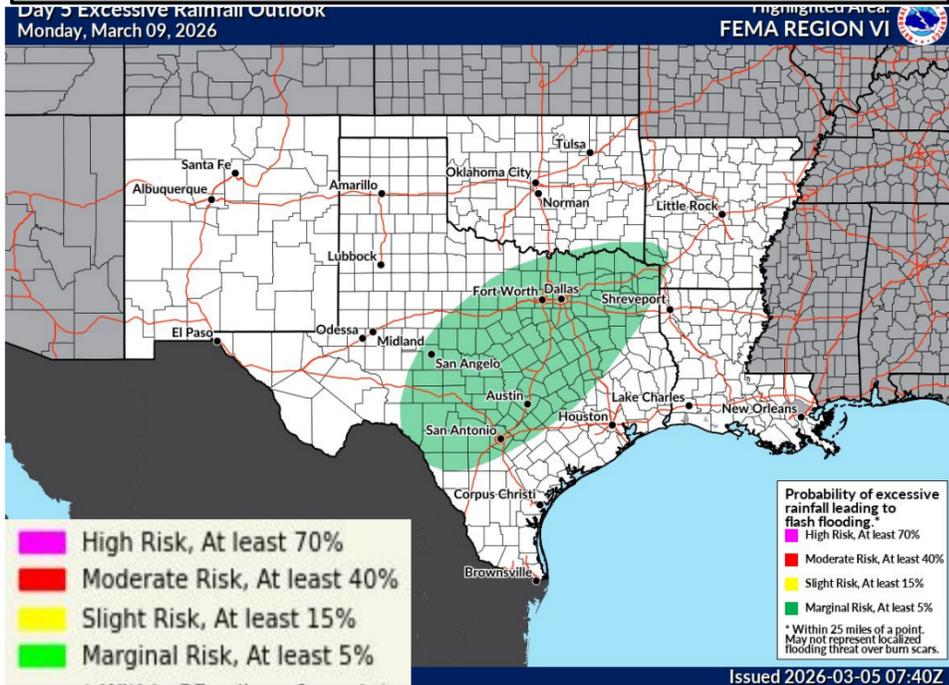
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, March 09, 2026

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



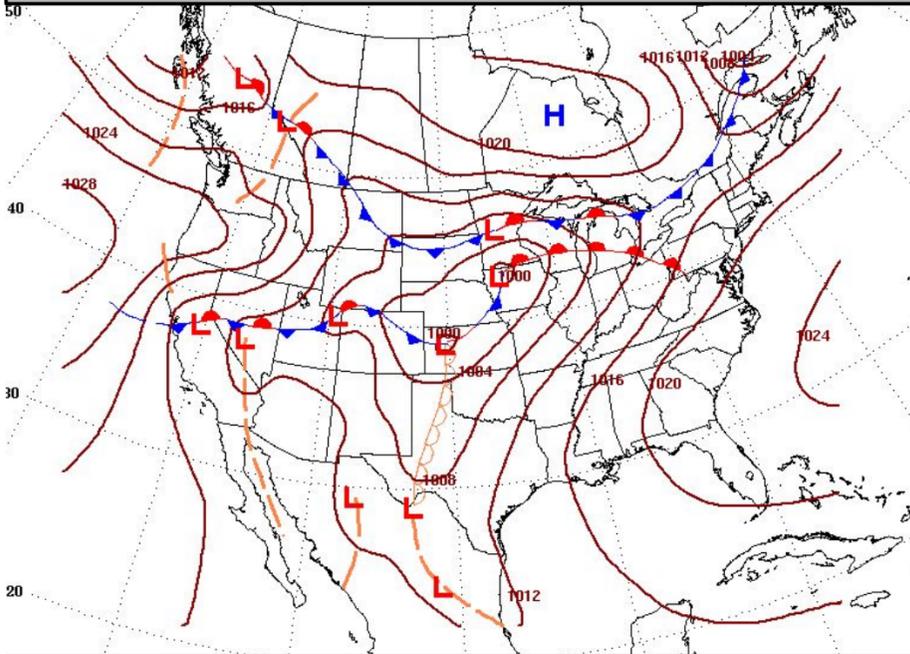
Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, March 09, 2026

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.

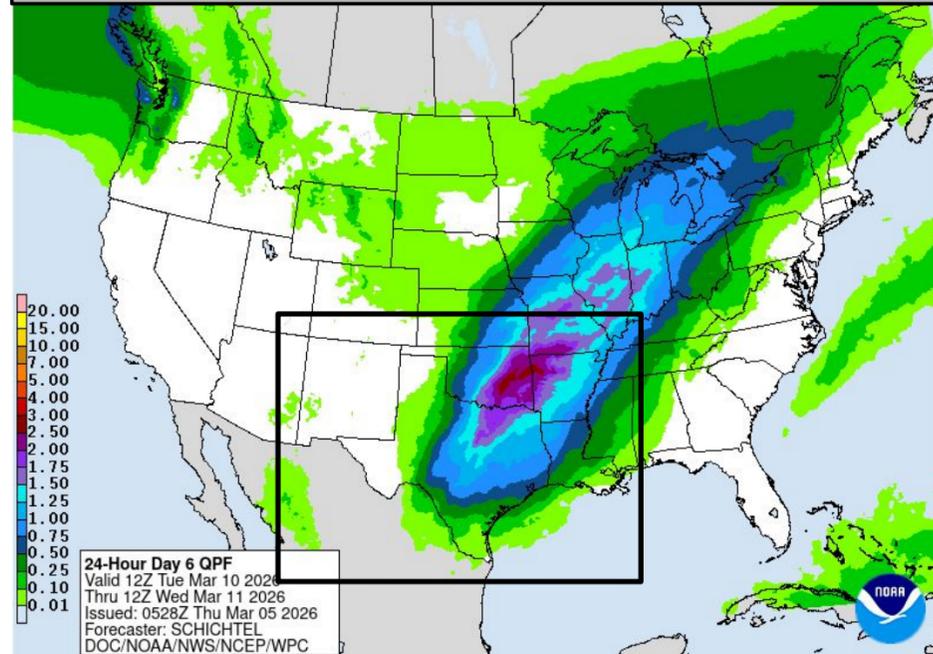


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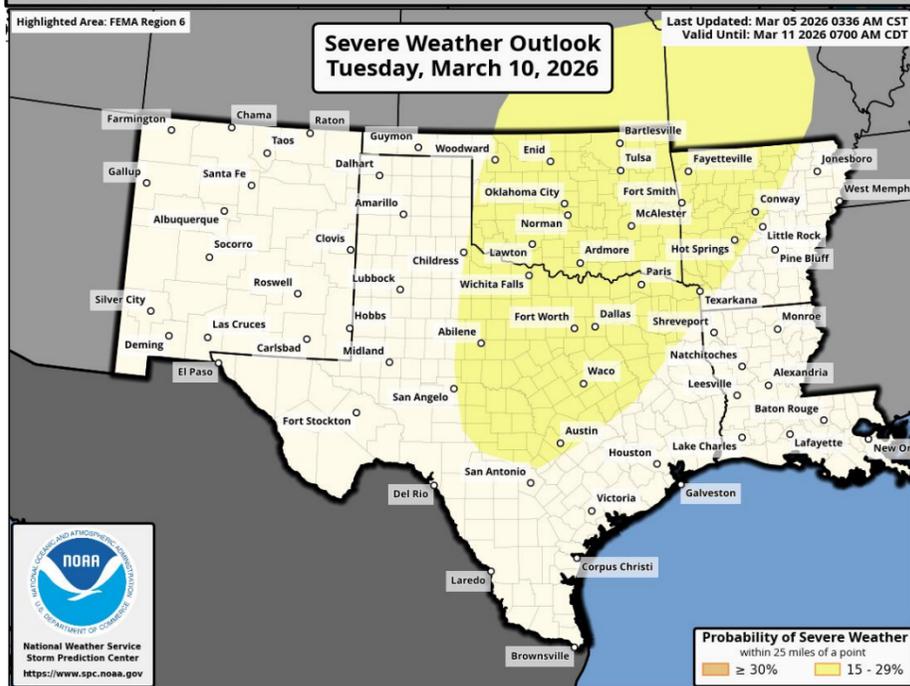
Forecast Rainfall



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms across OK, W AR, N/CTX.

Monitoring for flash flooding in OK, W AR, N/C/ETX.

Severe Weather Outlook

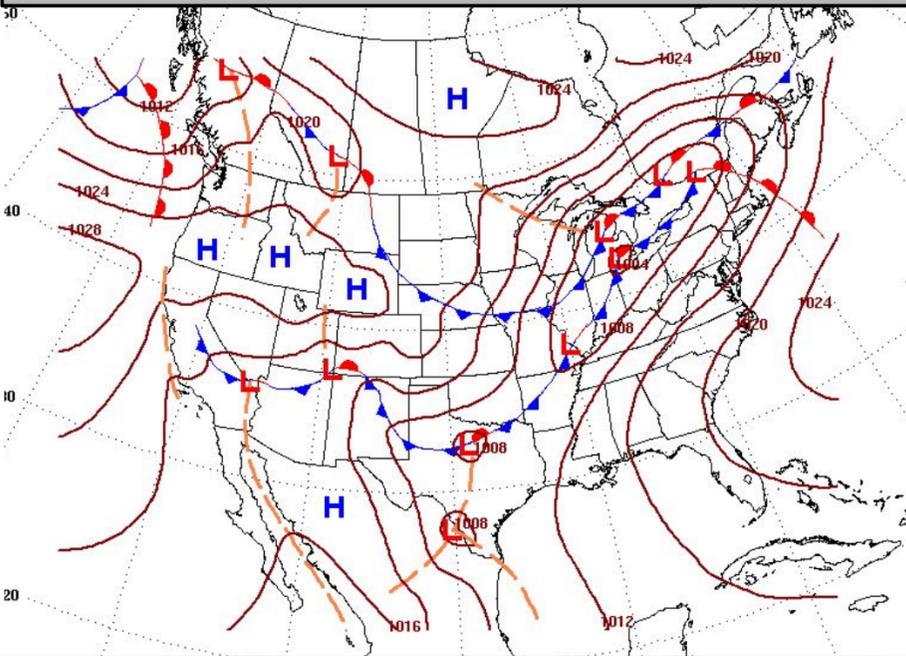


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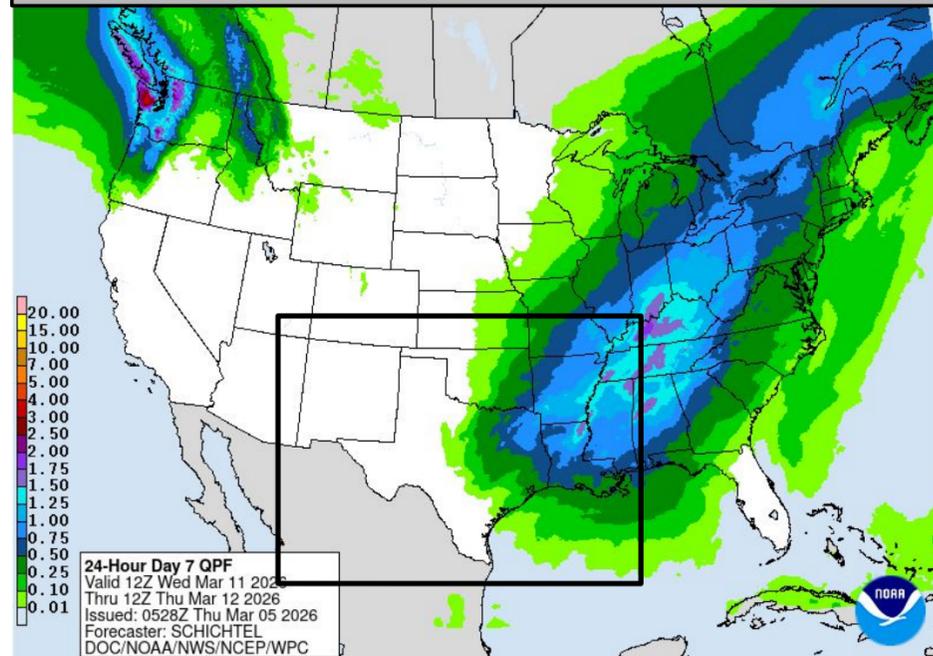


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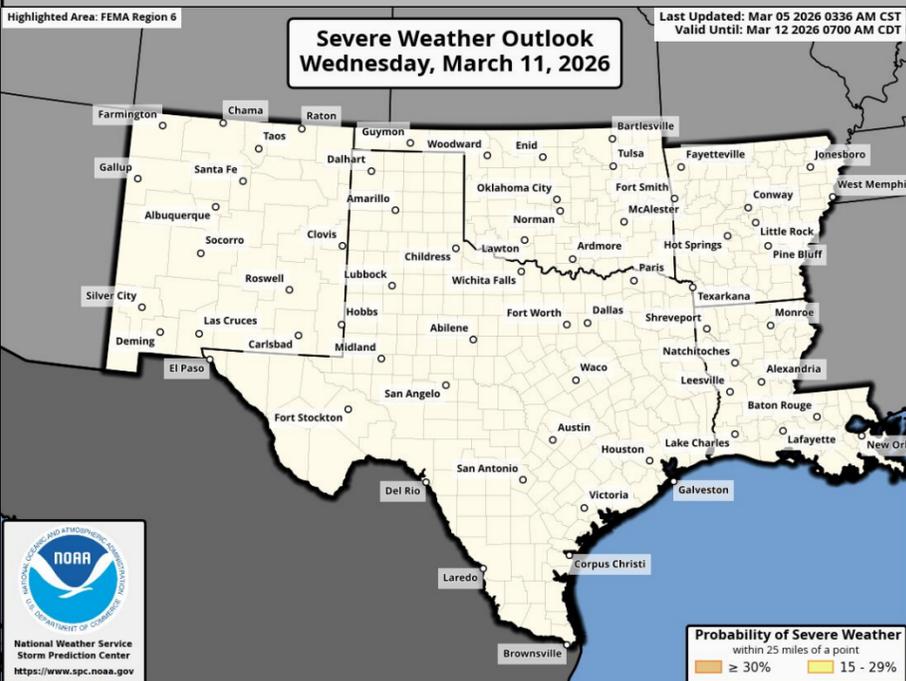


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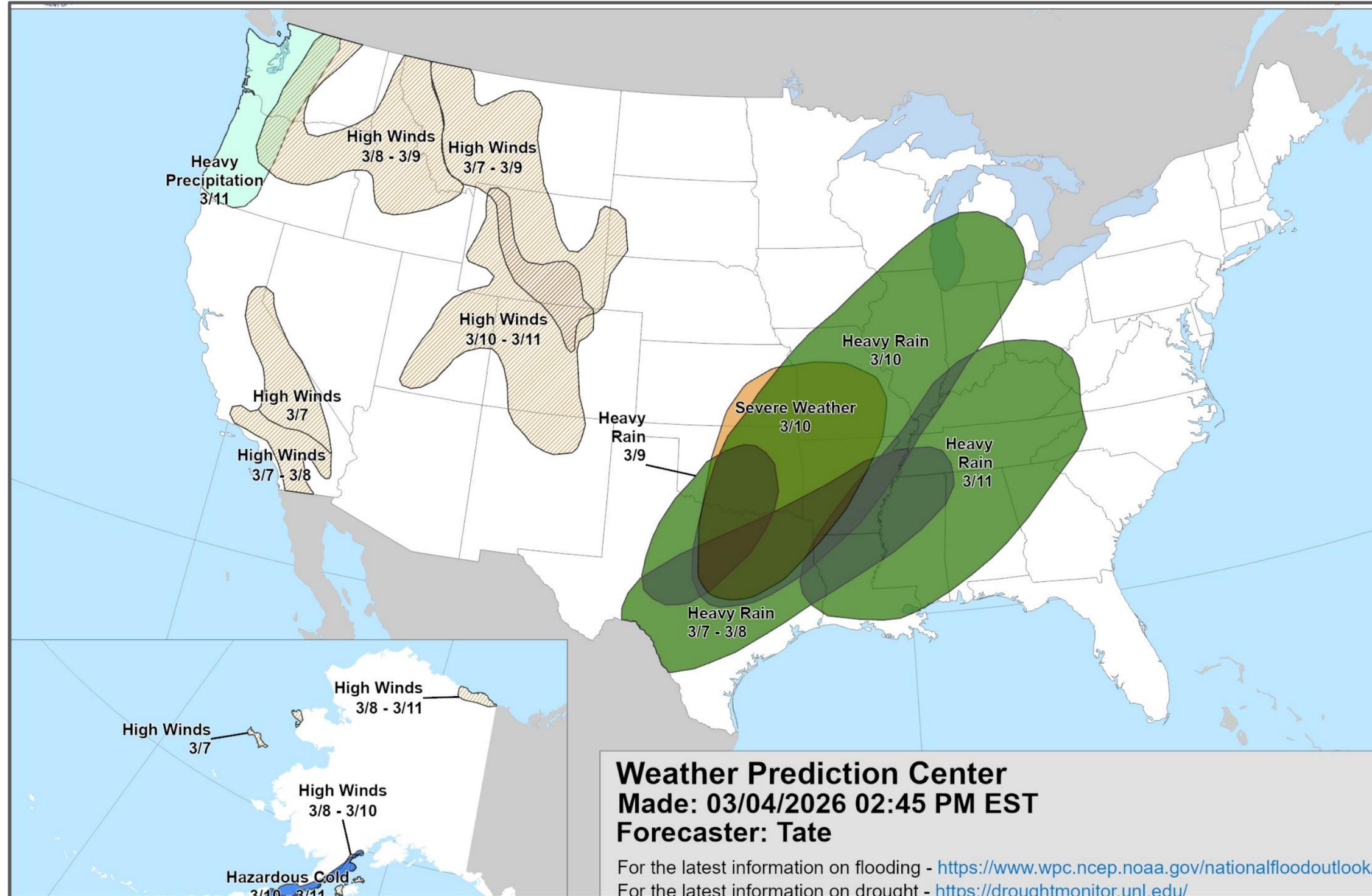
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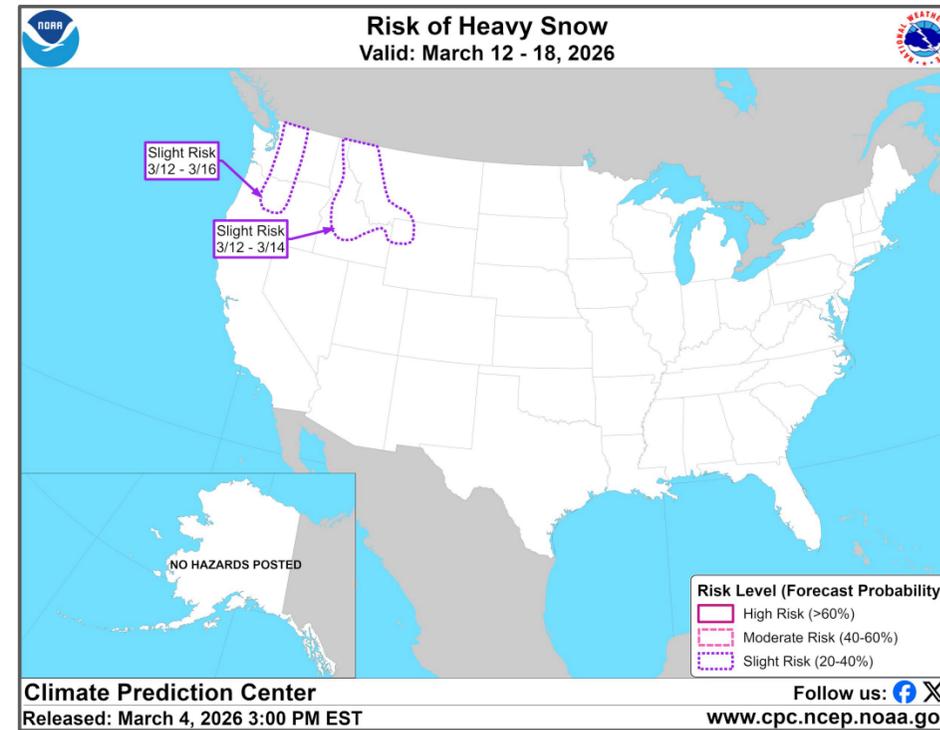
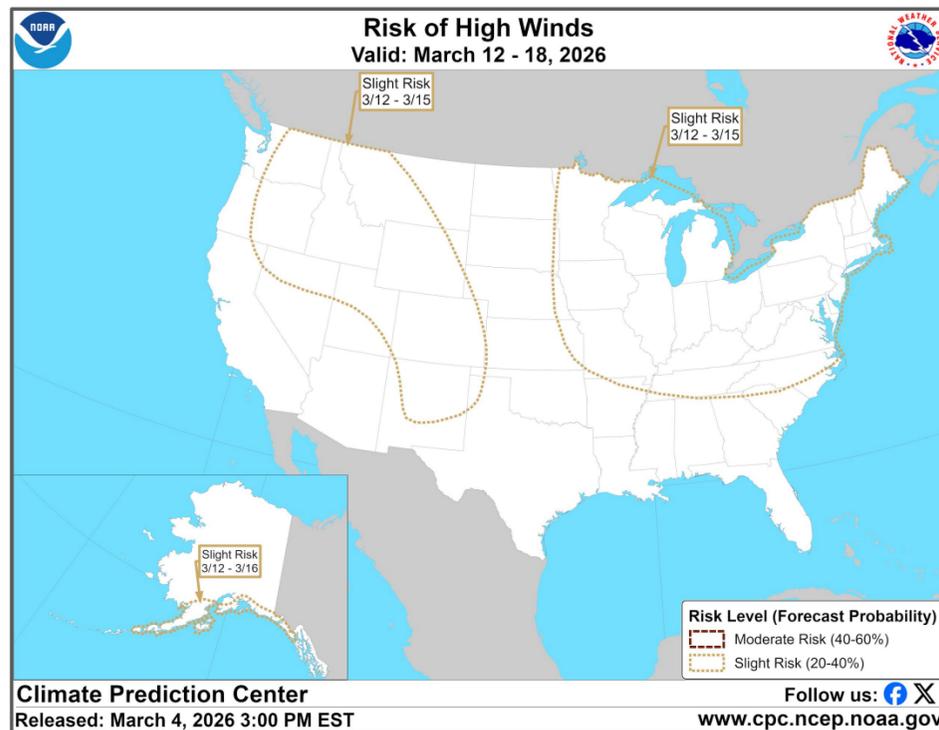
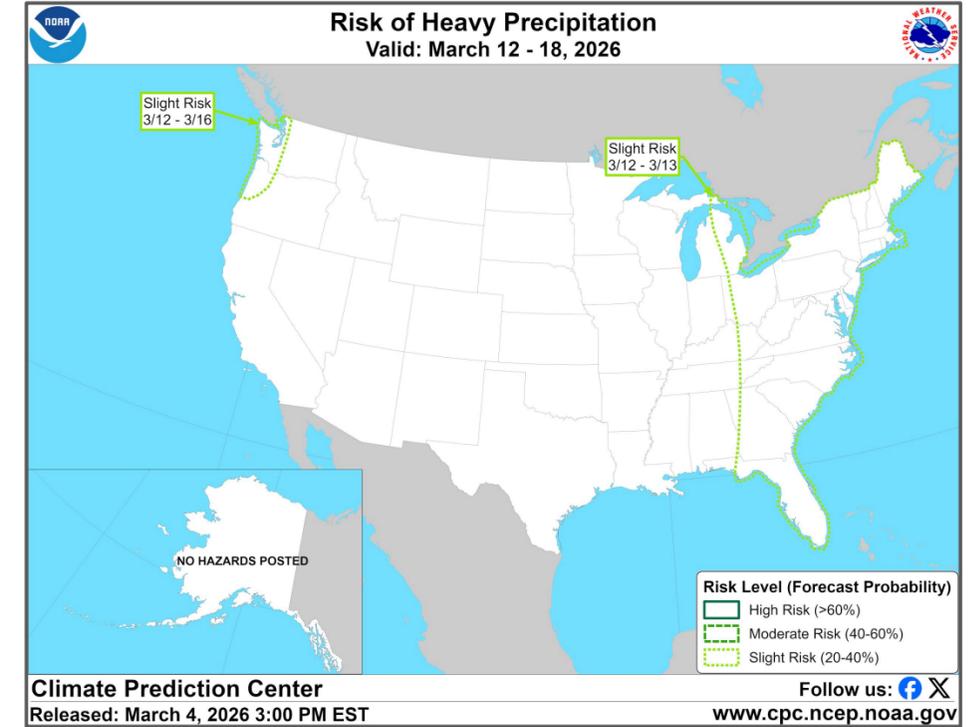
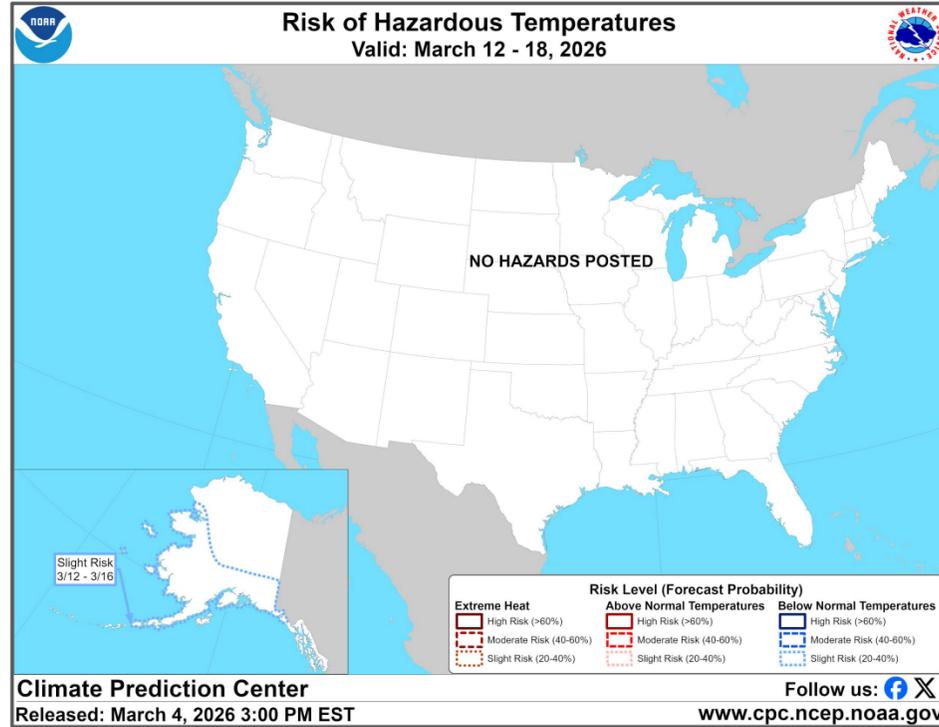
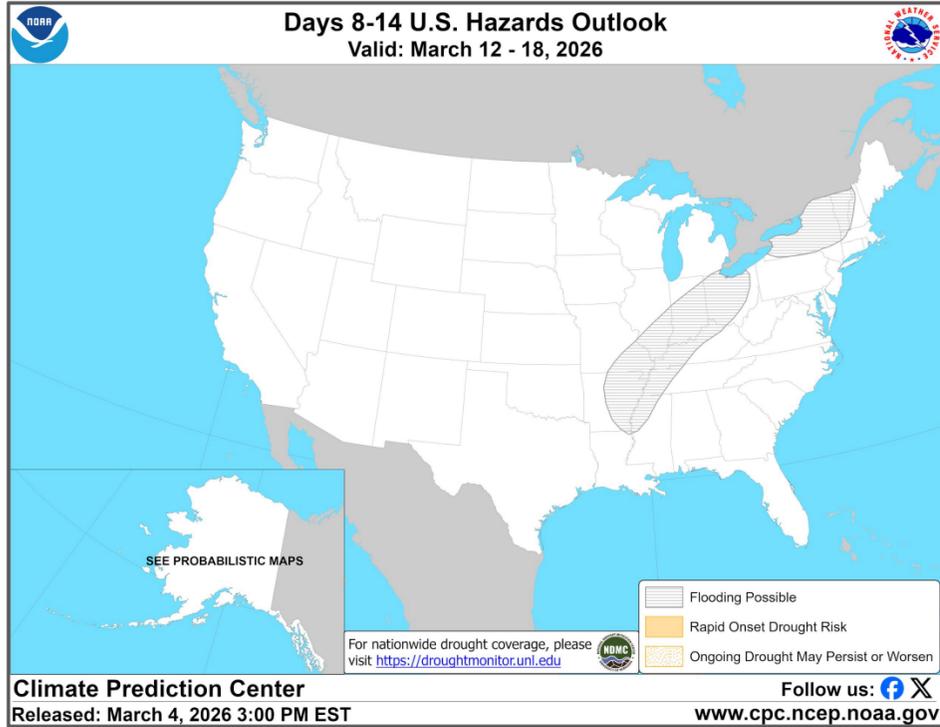


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





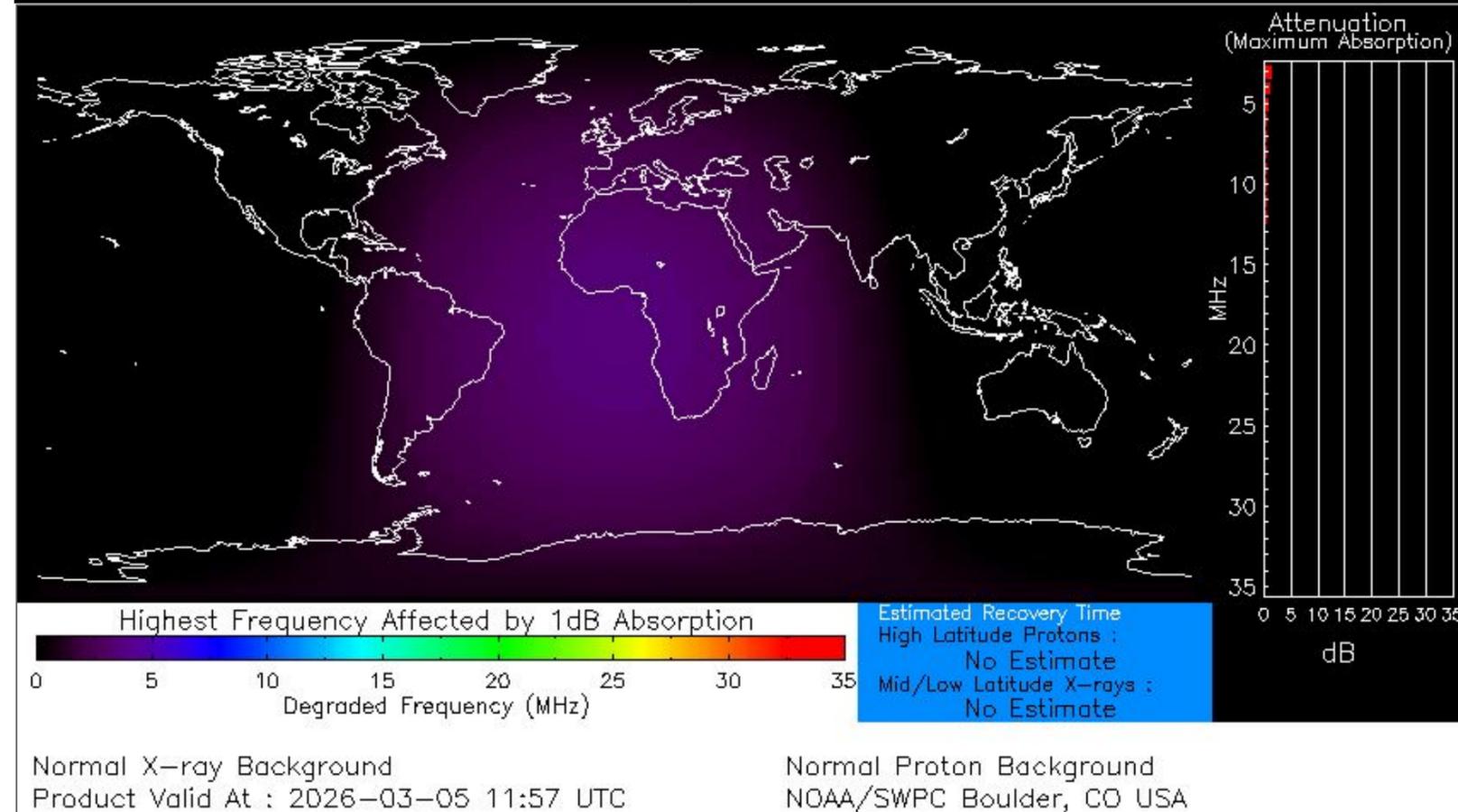
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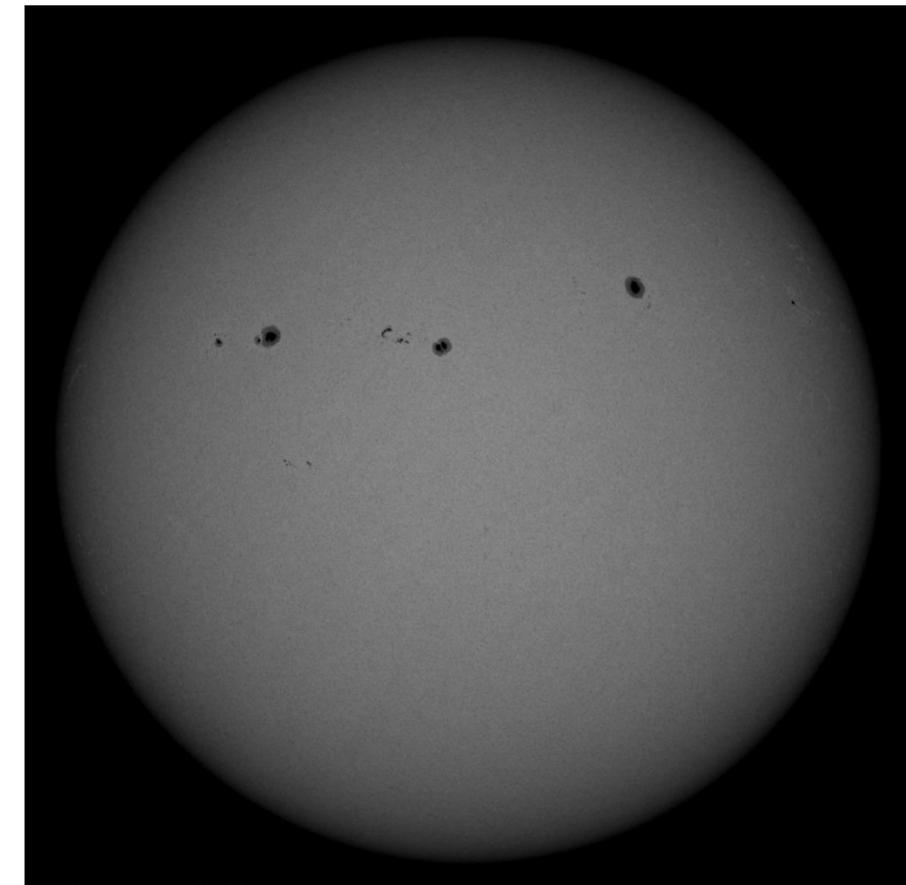
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[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

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