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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, March 06, 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, N/C TX, W AR** today.
 - Max reasonable tornado intensity is **EF-2**. Hail up to **2"** in diameter.
- Slight risk for **C-E TX, S AR, N LA** on Saturday.
- Slight risk for **OK, W AR, N/C TX** Tuesday; **SE OK, S AR, E TX, NW LA** Wednesday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

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

- **Fire Weather:**

- Critical (level 2 of 3) over **E NM, W/NW TX** and the **TX/OK Panhandles** today. Front brings wind shift overnight tonight.

- **River Flooding:**

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





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10	Wednesday, Mar 11	Thursday, Mar 12
Severe Storms	E OK, N/CTX, WAR	C-ETX, SAR, N LA			OK, WAR, N/CTX	SE OK, SAR, ETX, NW LA	
	OK, N/CTX, WAR						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, WAR, NETX	SAR, C-NETX, N LA	S/C-ETX, LA	SE OK, SAR, NETX, N LA	OK, WAR, S/W-N/CTX	AR, LA, C-NETX	ETX
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles						
River Flooding	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR	N/CTX, E OK, WAR

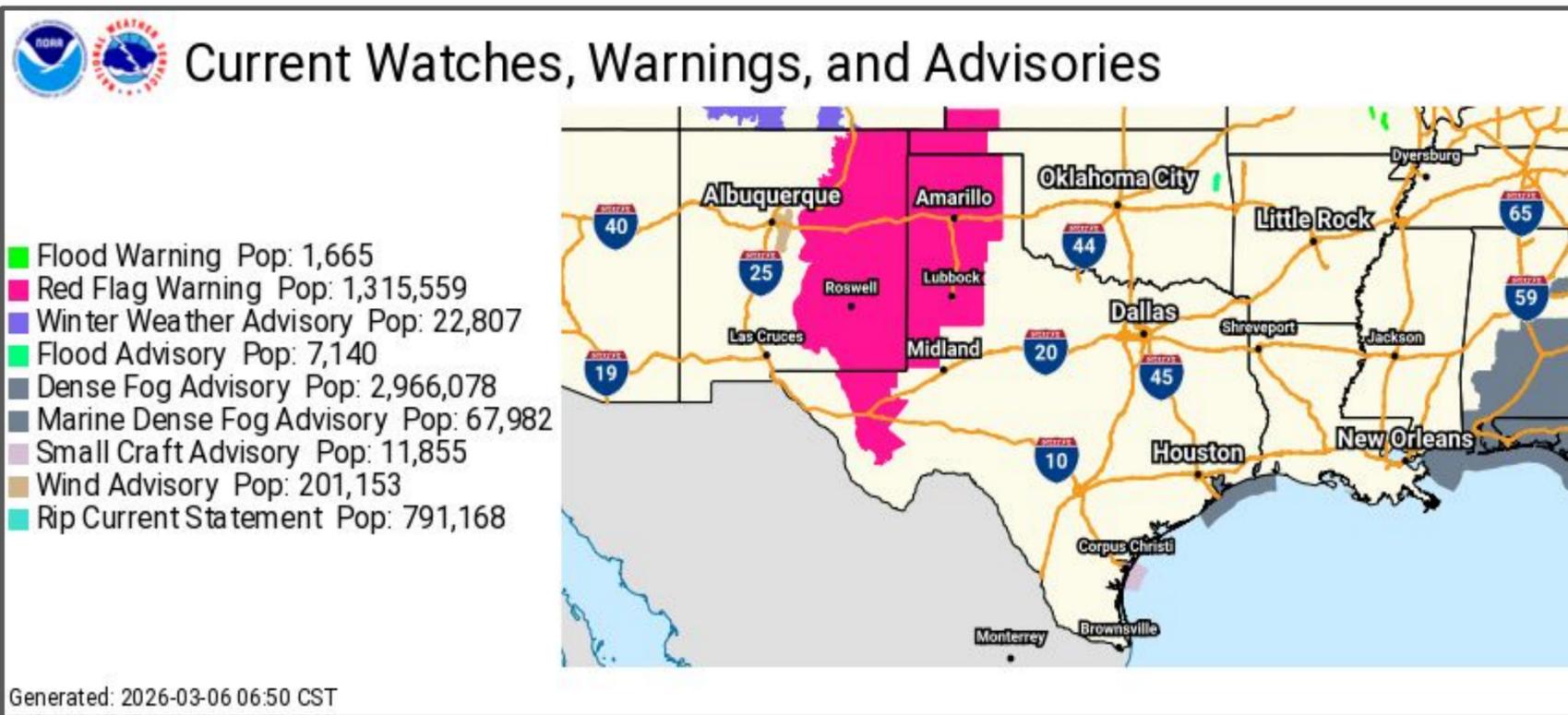
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

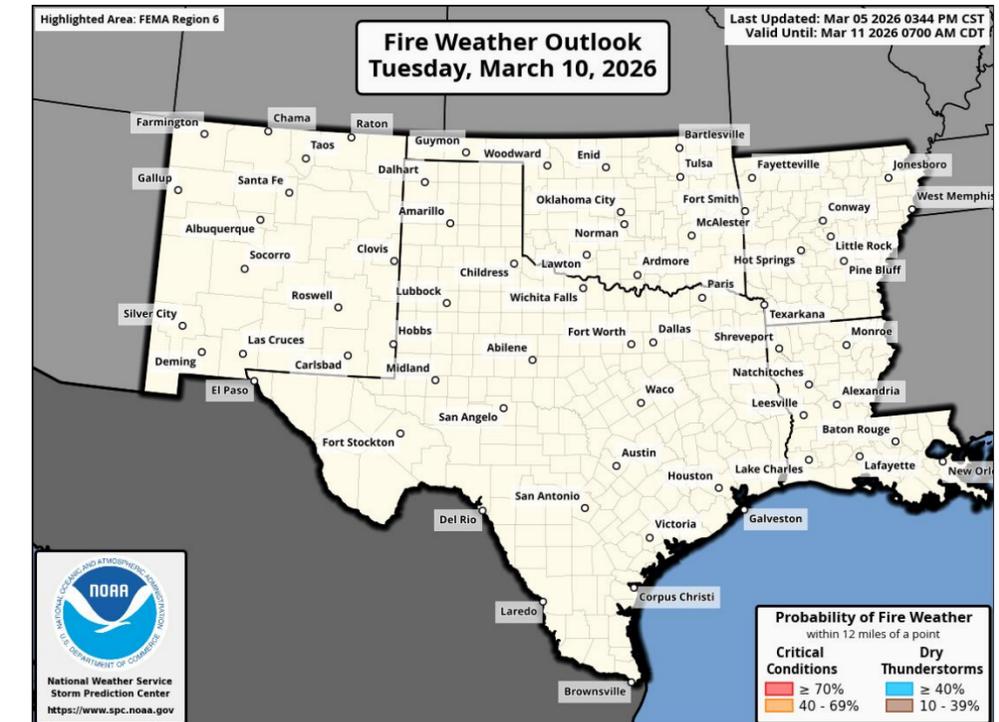
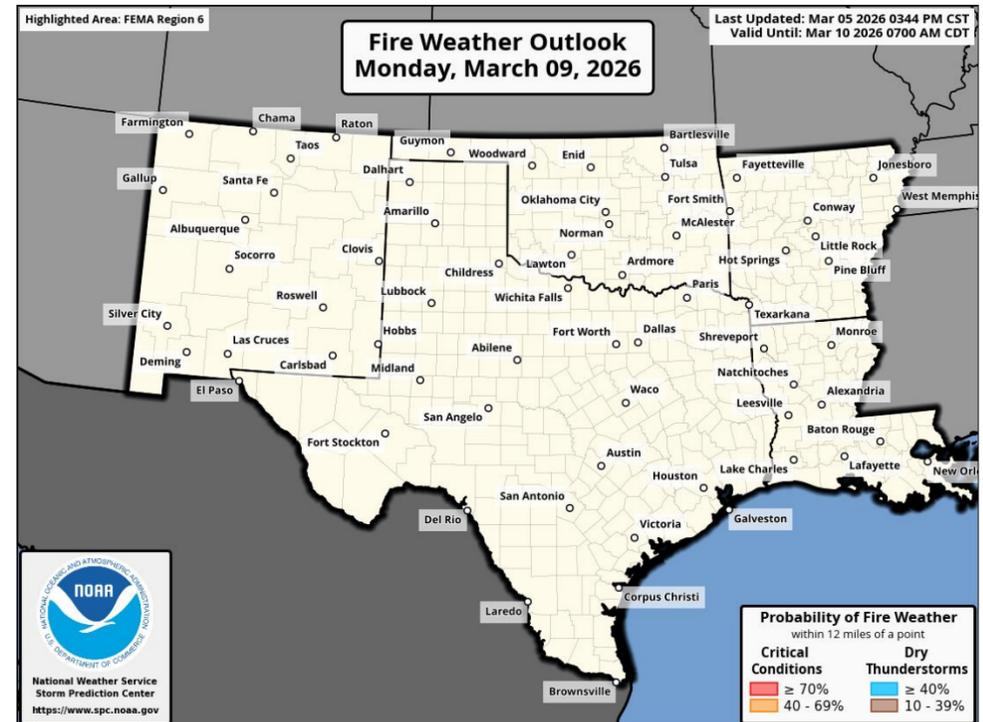
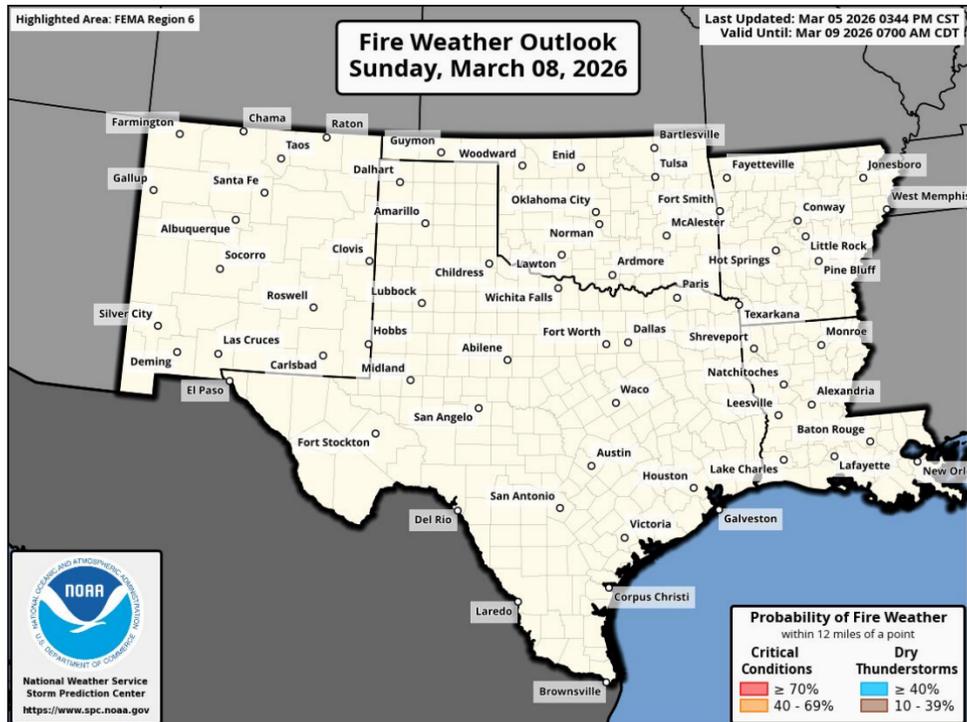
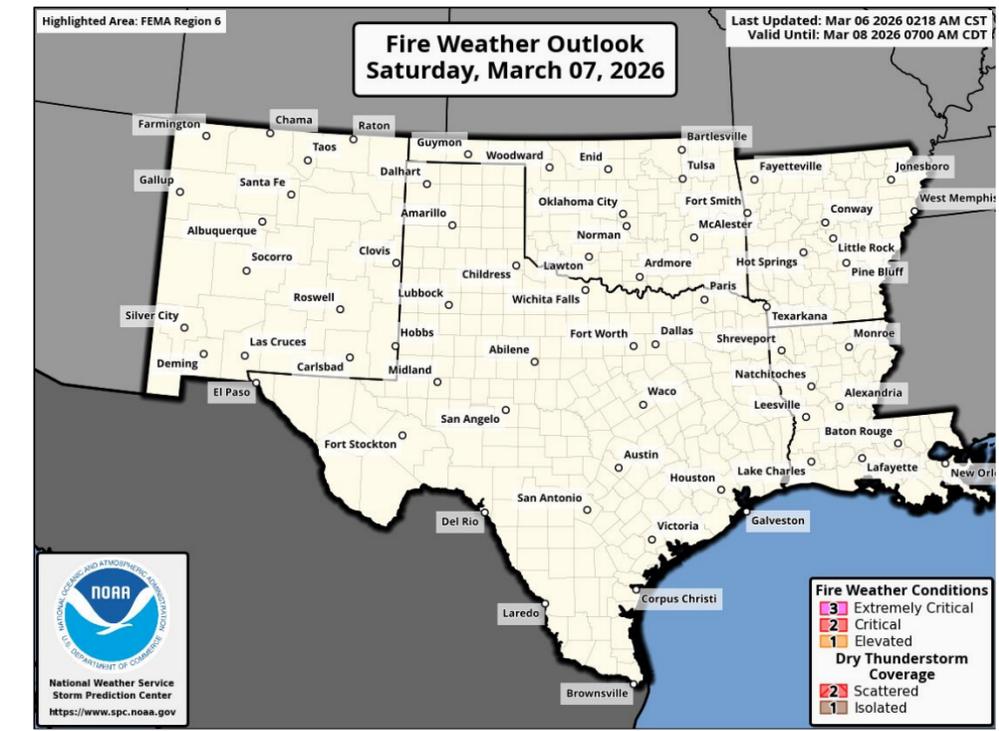
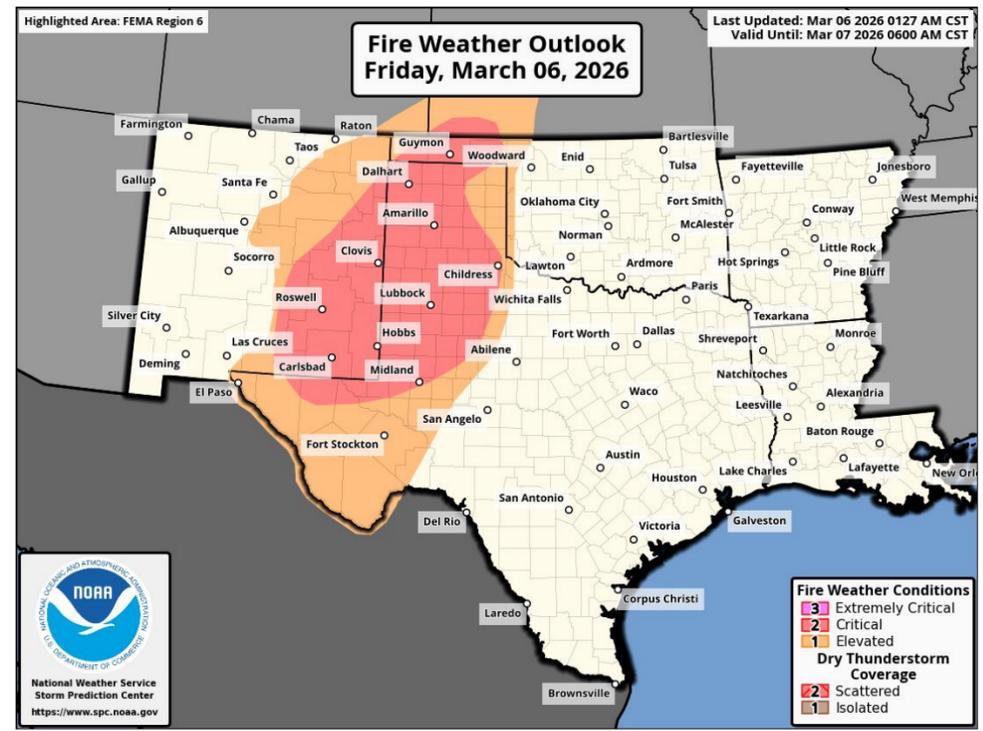
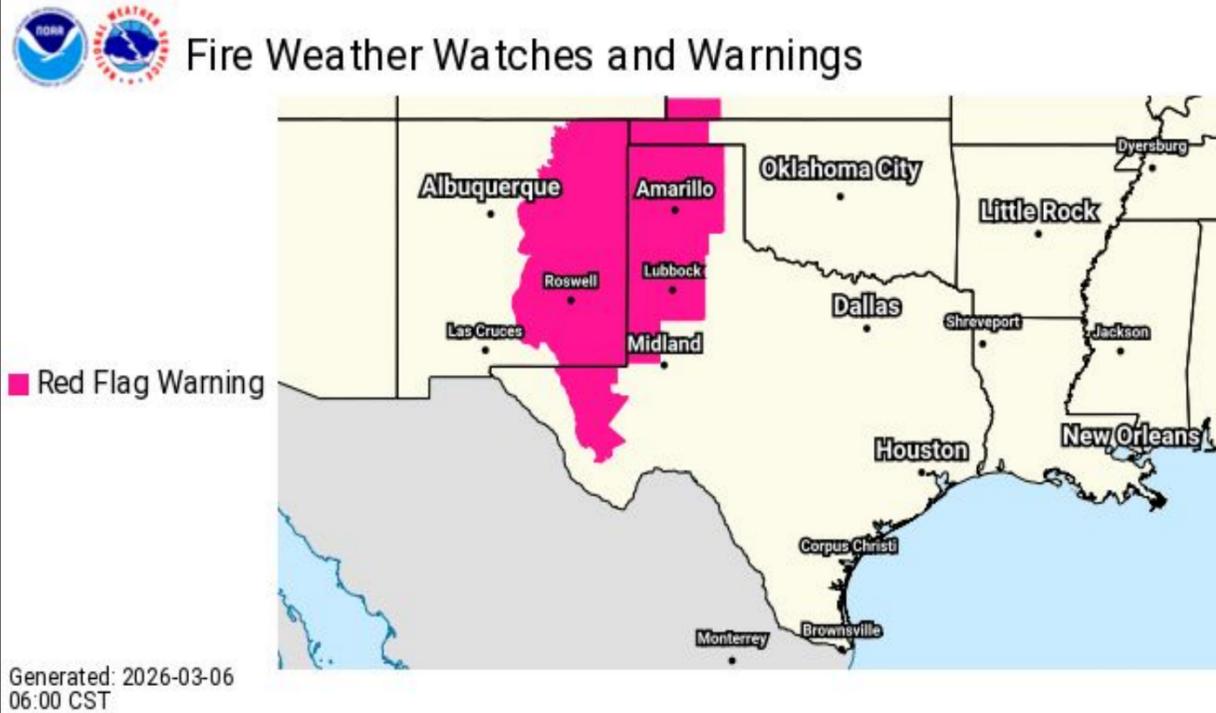


**Red Flag Warnings for E NM, W TX,
TX/OK Panhandles through 8 PM.**





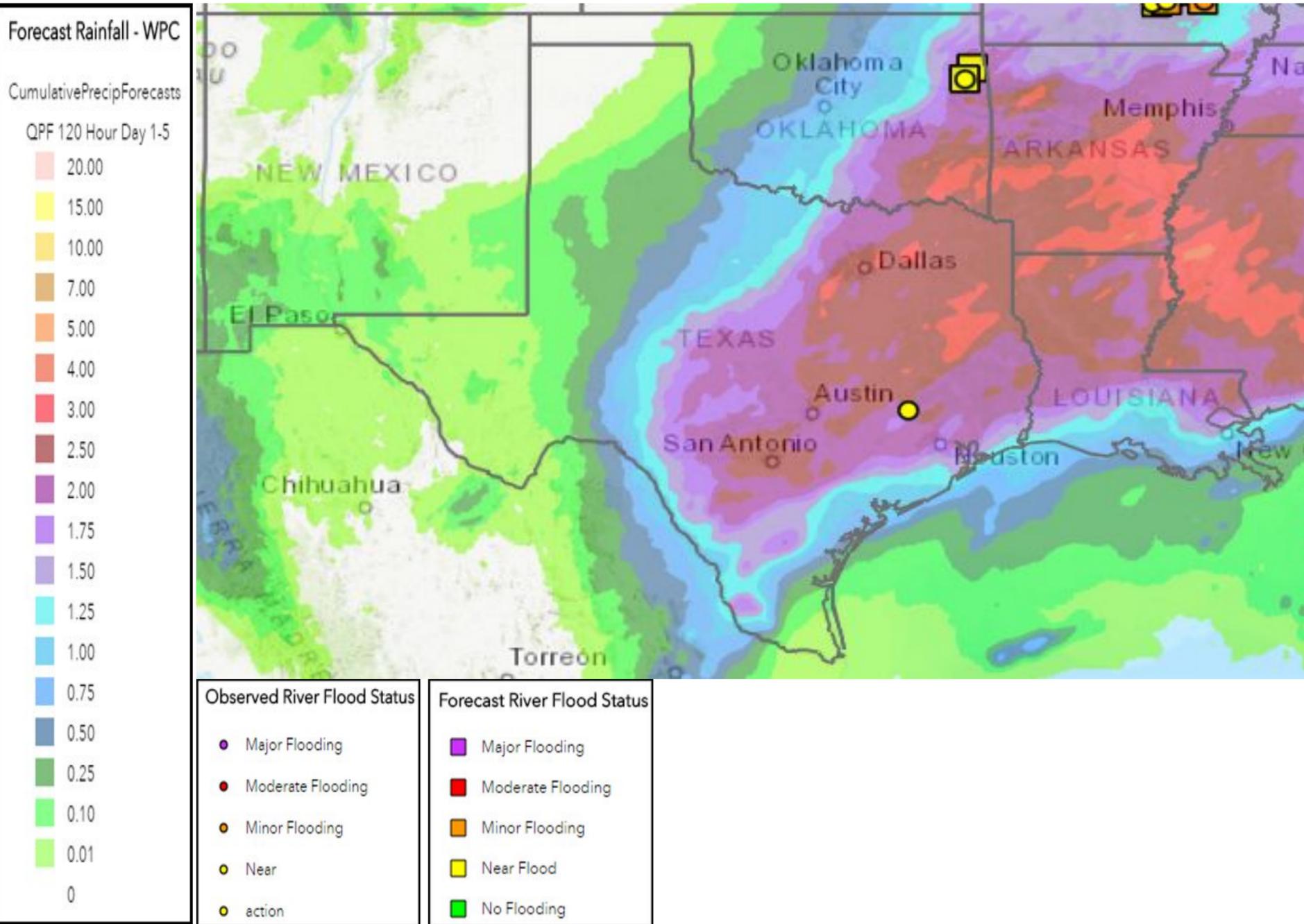
Fire Weather Outlooks





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

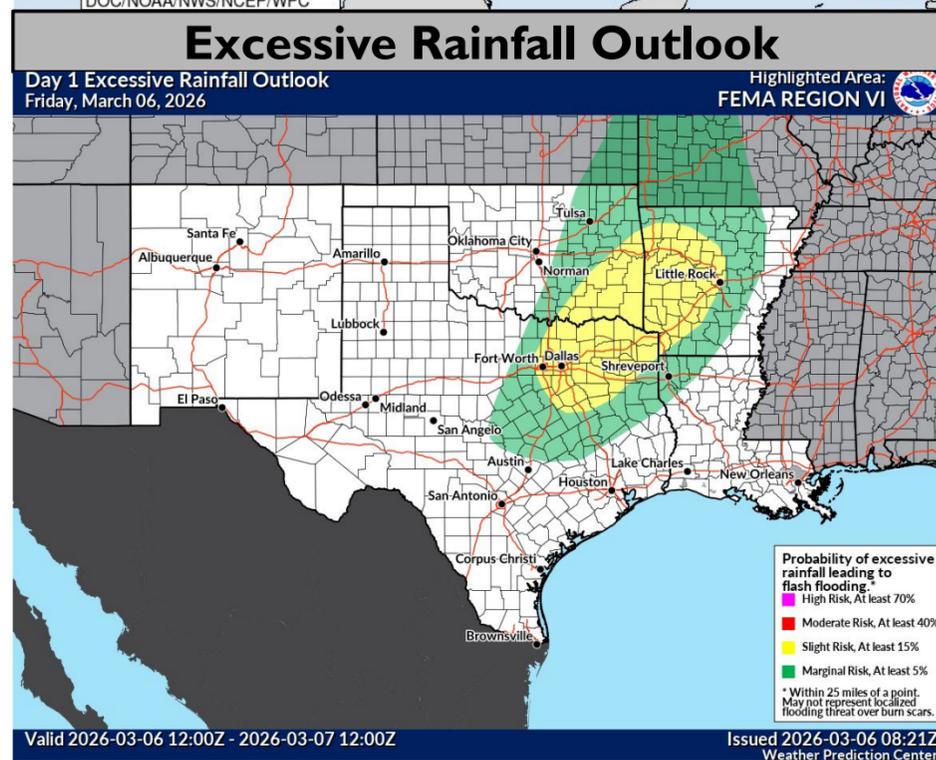
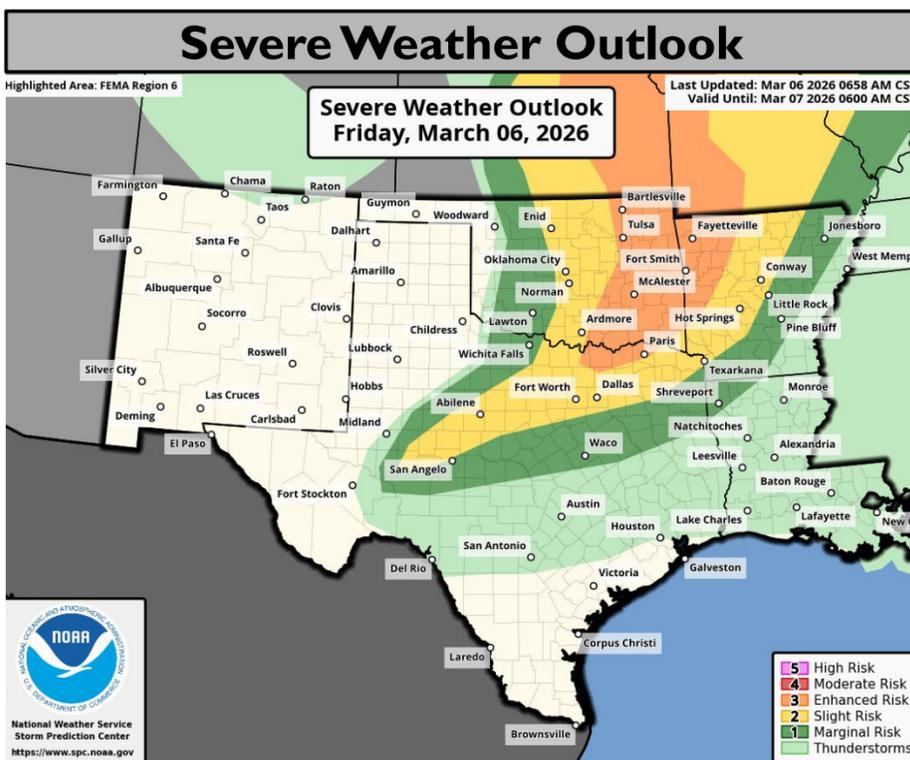
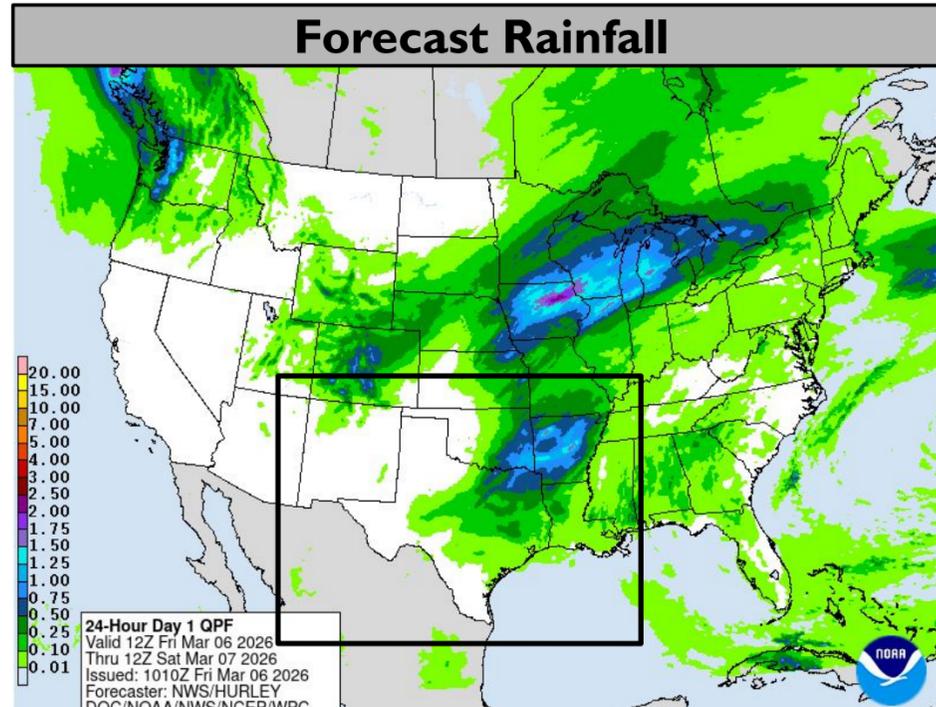
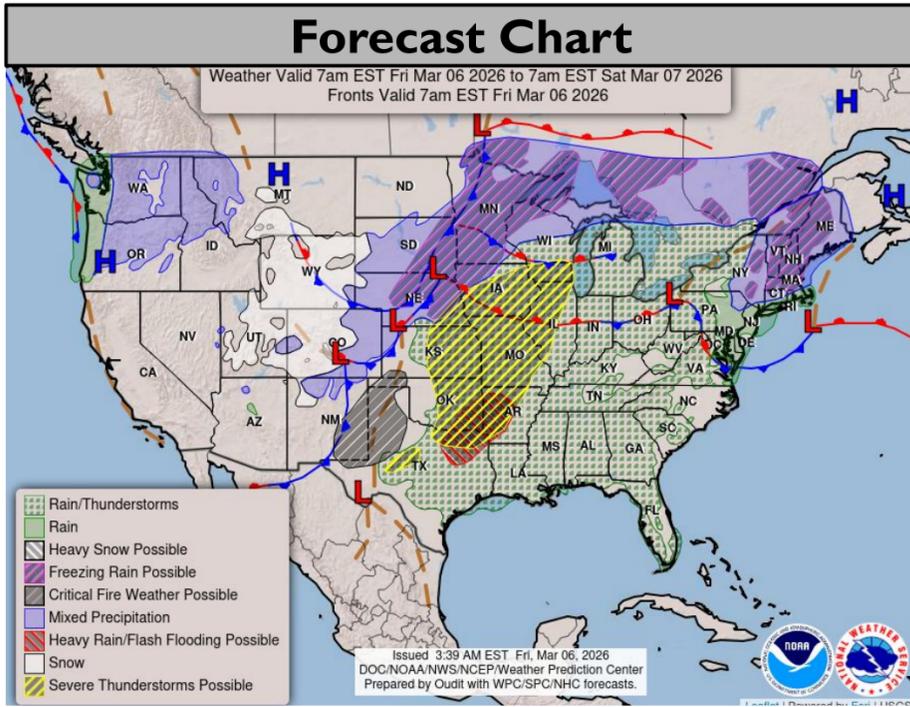


Monitoring for the development of minor to isolated moderate river flooding over N/C TX, E OK and W AR.

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



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms over E OK, N/C TX, W AR. All Hazards are a threat. Timing: 3PM CT-Midnight

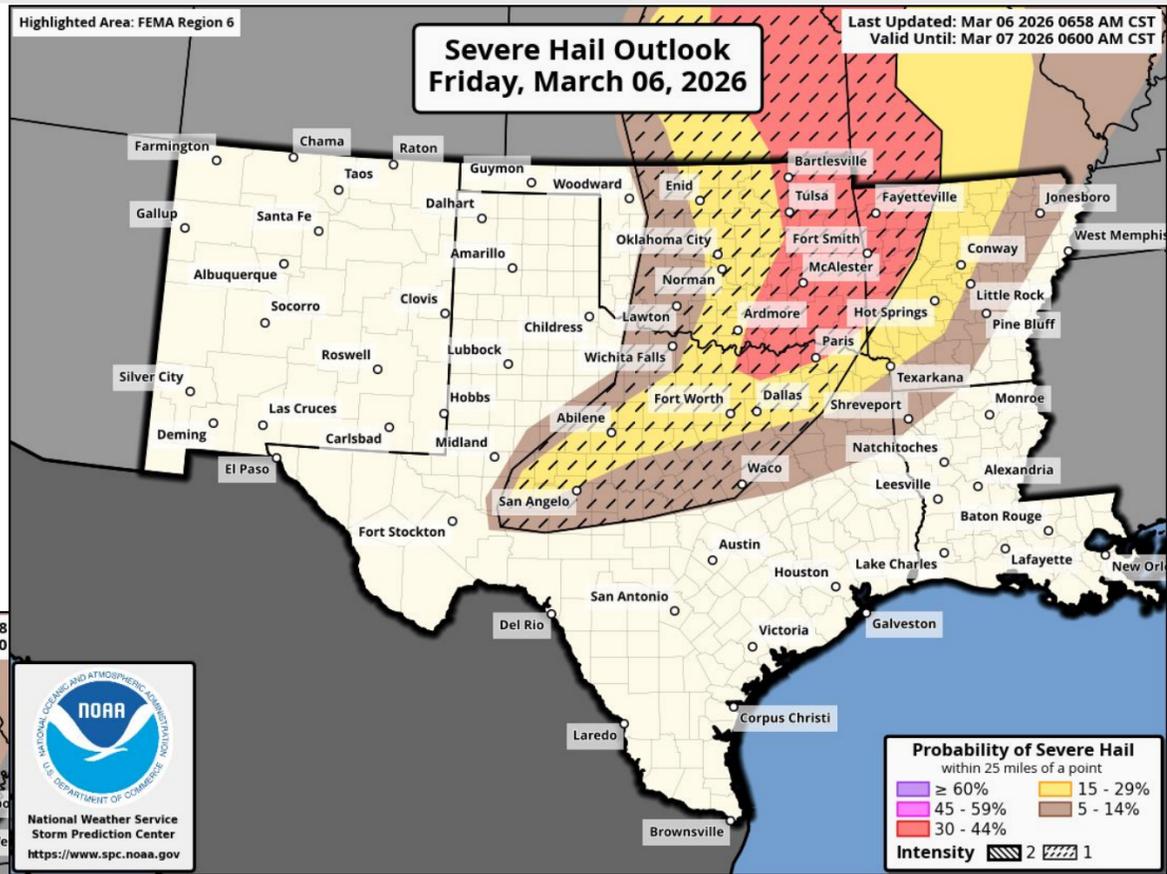
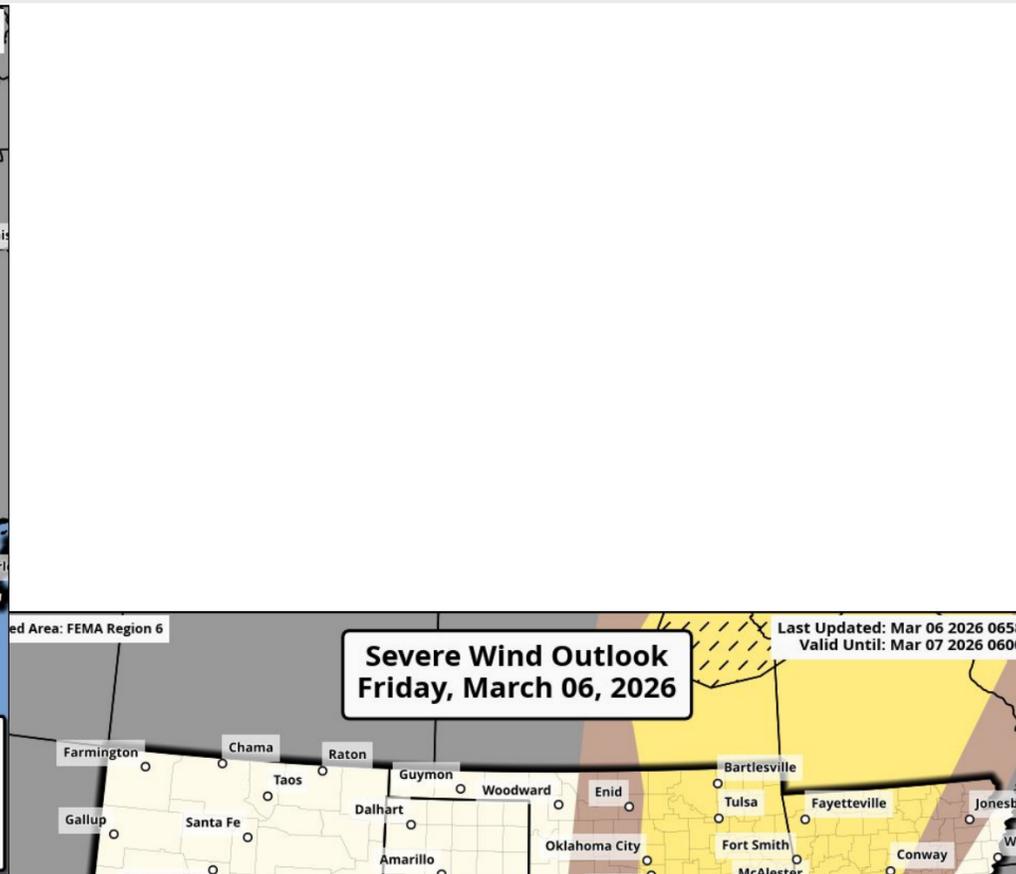
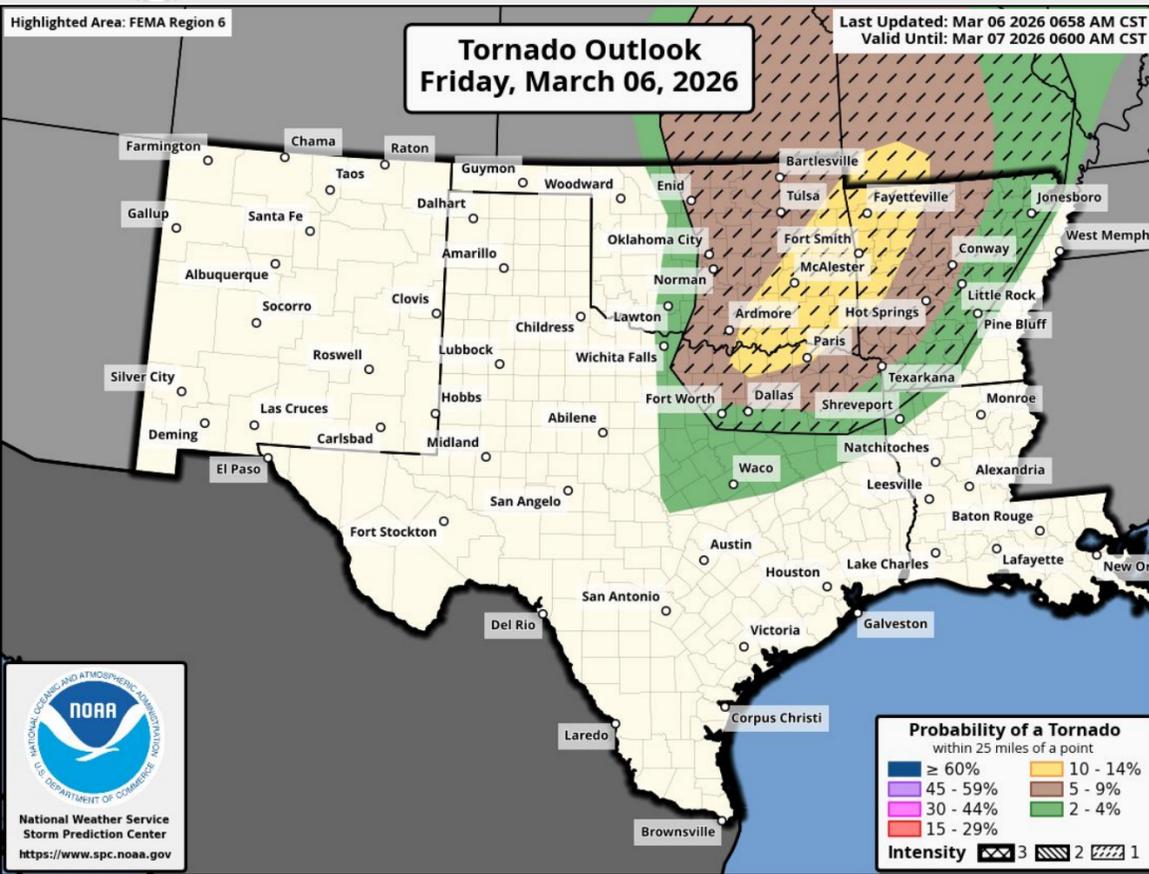
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in N/C TX, W AR, OK.

Critical (level 2 of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles. Winds shift from SW to North after 8 PM CT.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE OK, W AR, NETX. Isolated spots of 7-10".

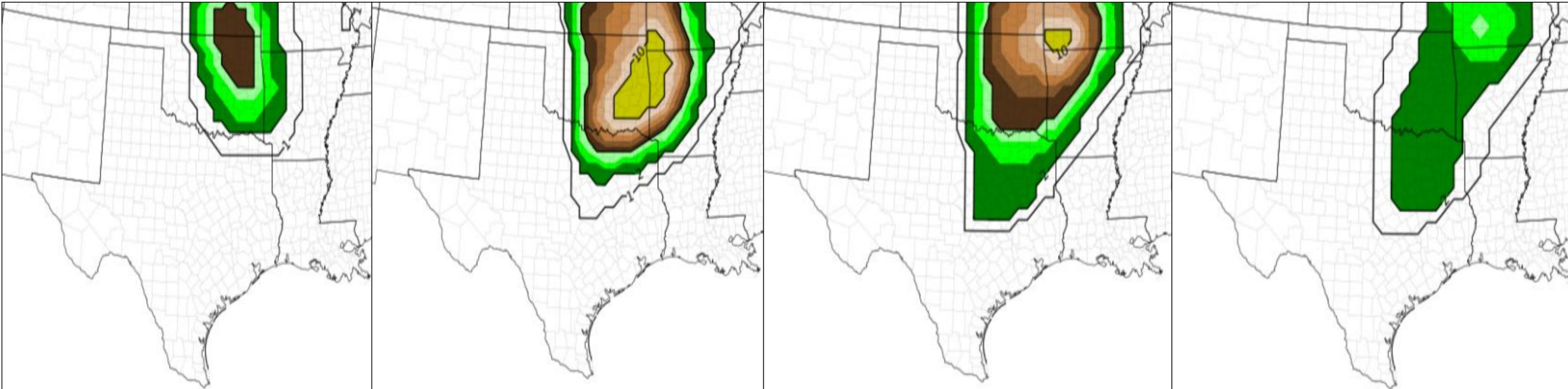


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Today's Tornado Threat Timing

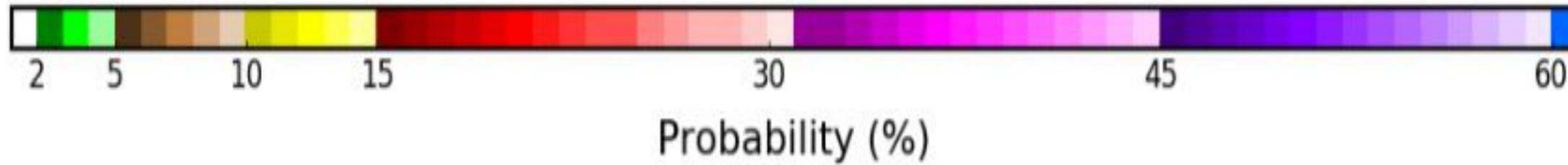


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6 PM

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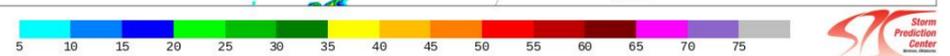
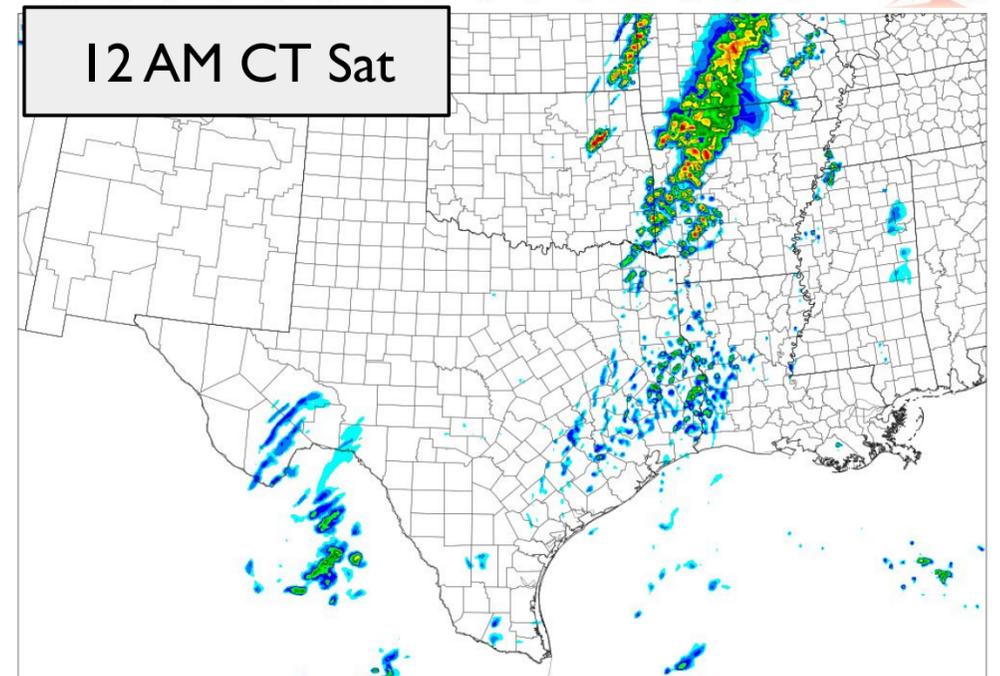
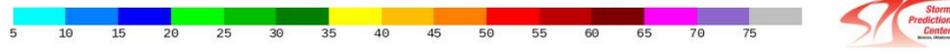
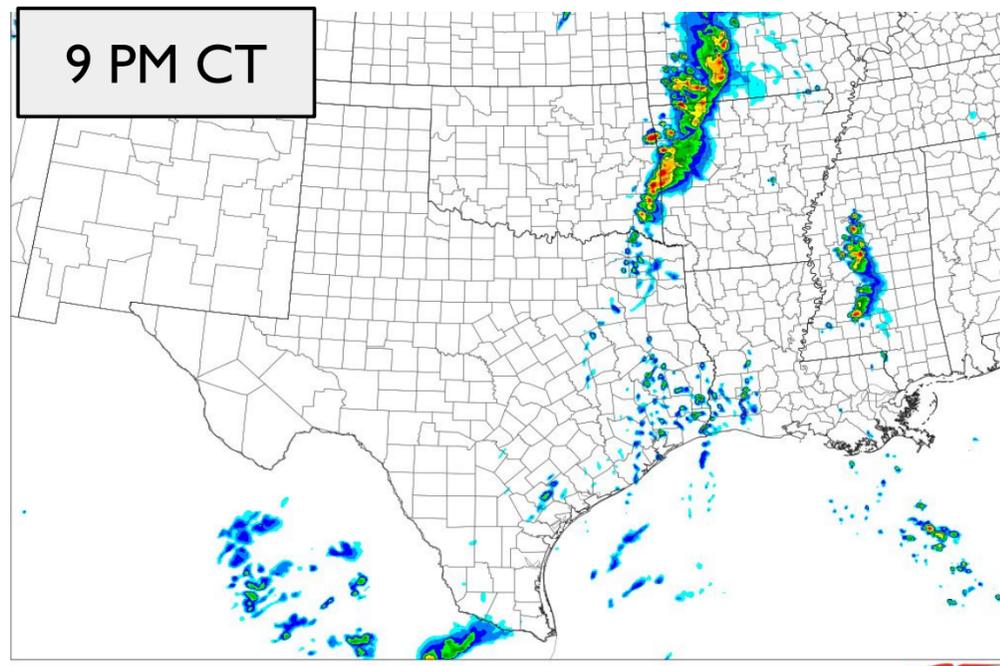
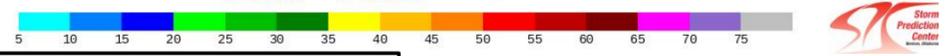
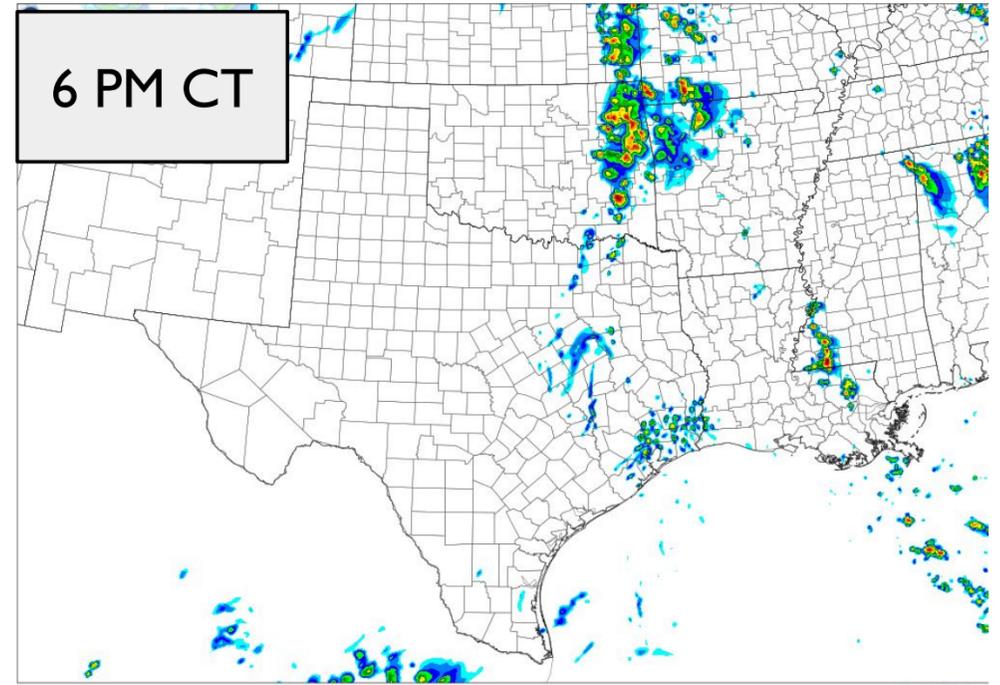
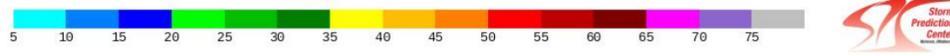
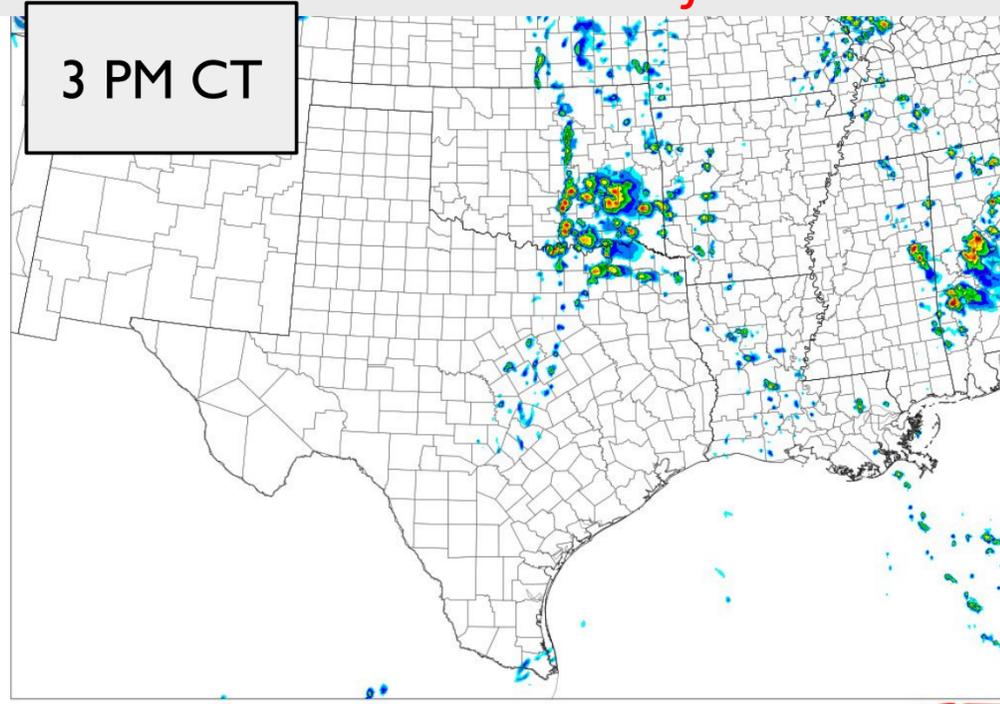
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Simulated Radar

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





Winds/RH through Saturday

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	3/6 Fri				3/7 Sat				Gust Max		
	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am		6am	9am
Abilene	28↑	37↑	31↑	26↑	20↑	13↑	12↑	17↓	21↓	23↓	37↑
Amarillo	24↑	33↑	39↑	37↑	29→	21→	23↓	23↓	22↓	22↓	39↑
El Paso	37→	29→	20→	18→	15→	9→	7→	5→	8→	16←	37→
Fort Davis	20→	30→	31→	28→	21→	12→	9↓	9→	15↓	21↓	31↑
Guadalupe Pass	46→	52→	49→	45→	40→	23→	14→	17→	30→	35→	52→
Lubbock	20↑	37↑	36↑	33↑	23→	13→	14↓	18↓	23↓	24↓	37↑
Midland/Odessa	21↑	31↑	33↑	32↑	24→	14→	13↓	21↓	30↓	31↓	33↑
San Angelo	20↑	26↑	24↑	21↑	14↑	12↑	12→	14↓	17↓	20↓	26↑
Wichita Falls	31↑	40↑	37↑	33↑	23↑	17↑	16→	23↓	30↓	31↓	40↑

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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

Minimum RH (%) Forecast

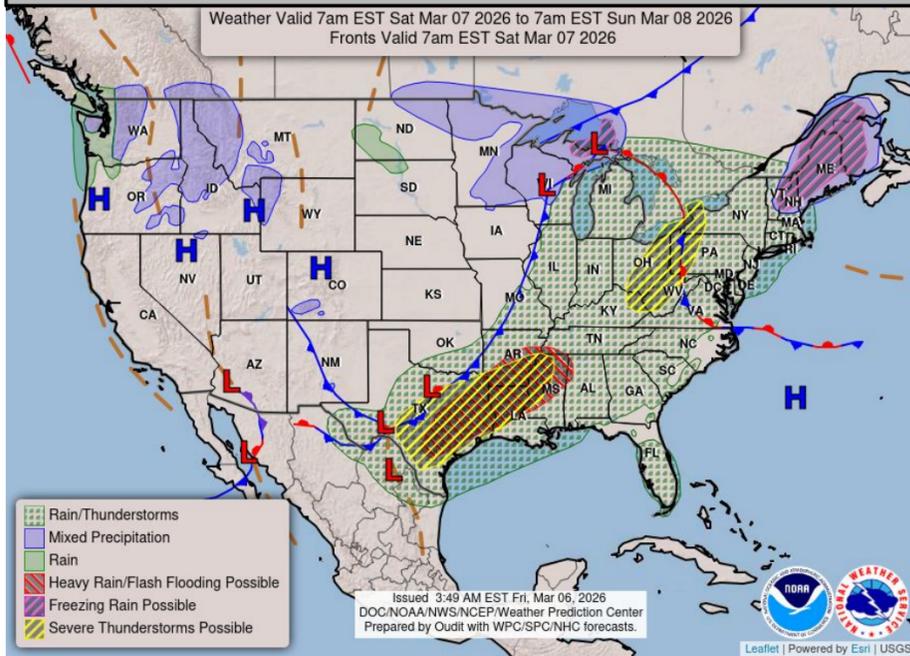
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Amarillo	56	17	11	10	11	18	35	64	61	40	10
El Paso	30	16	11	8	8	11	15	19	19	16	8
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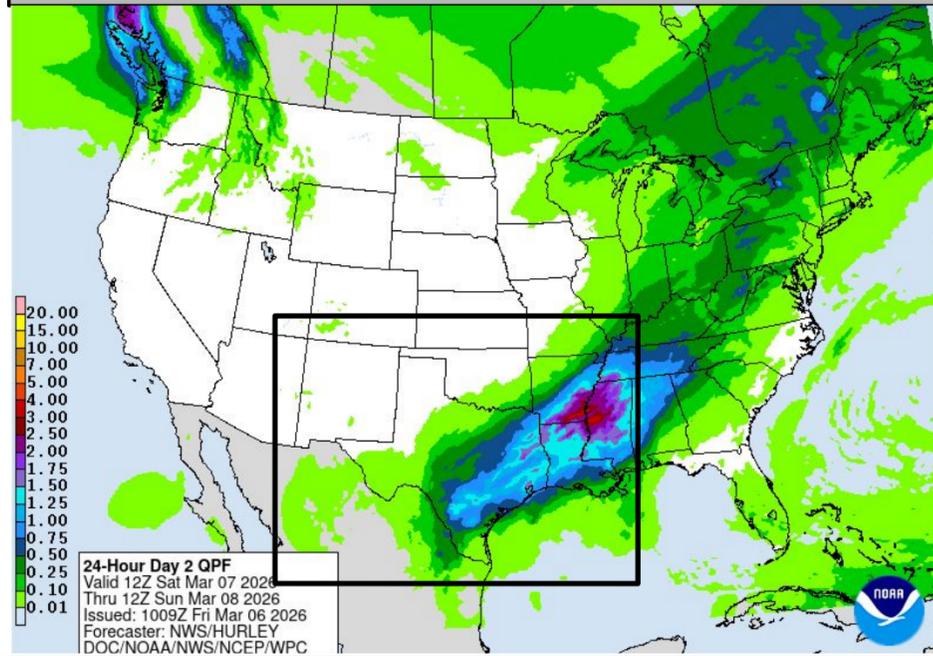


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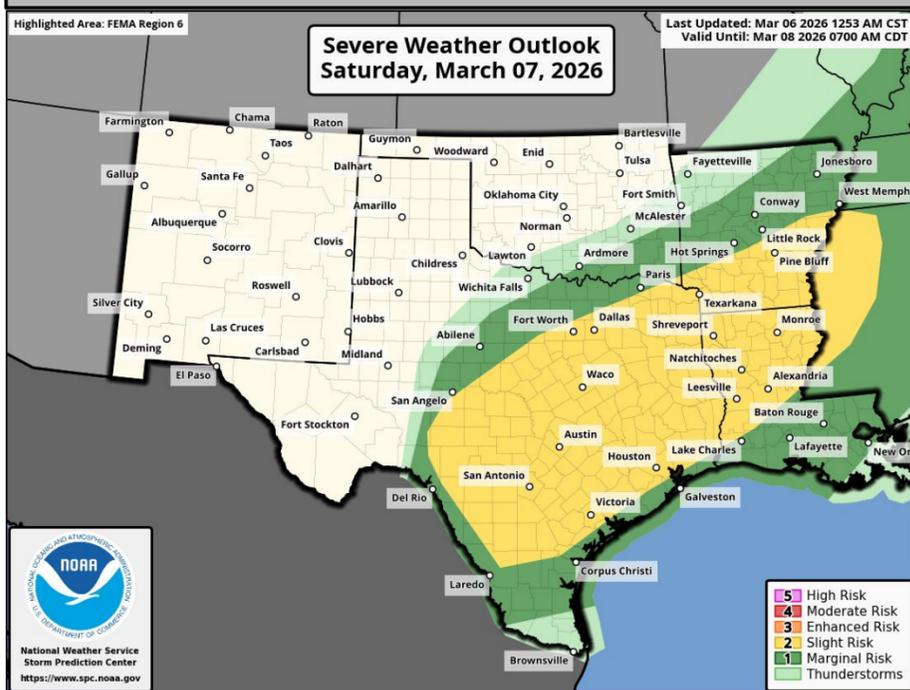
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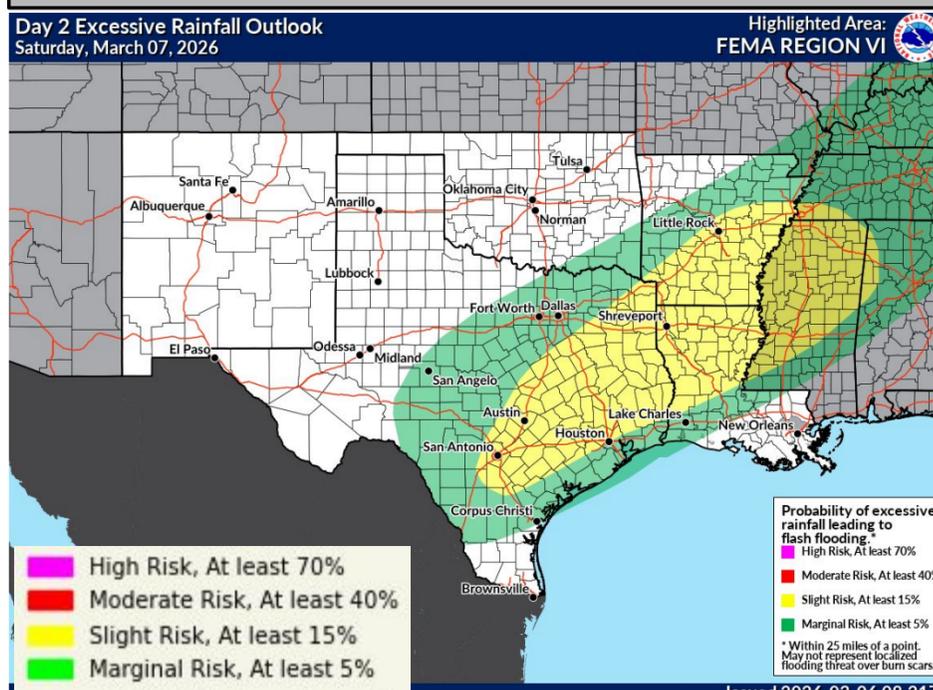
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

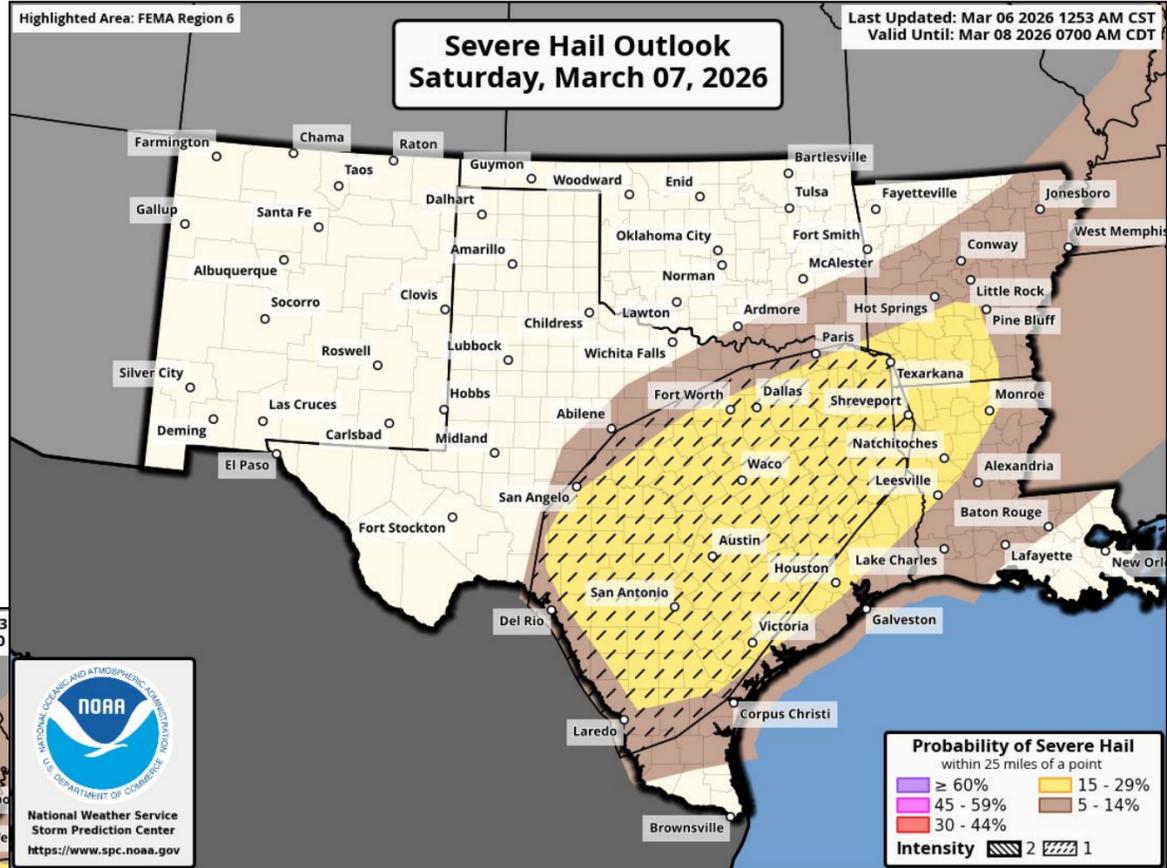
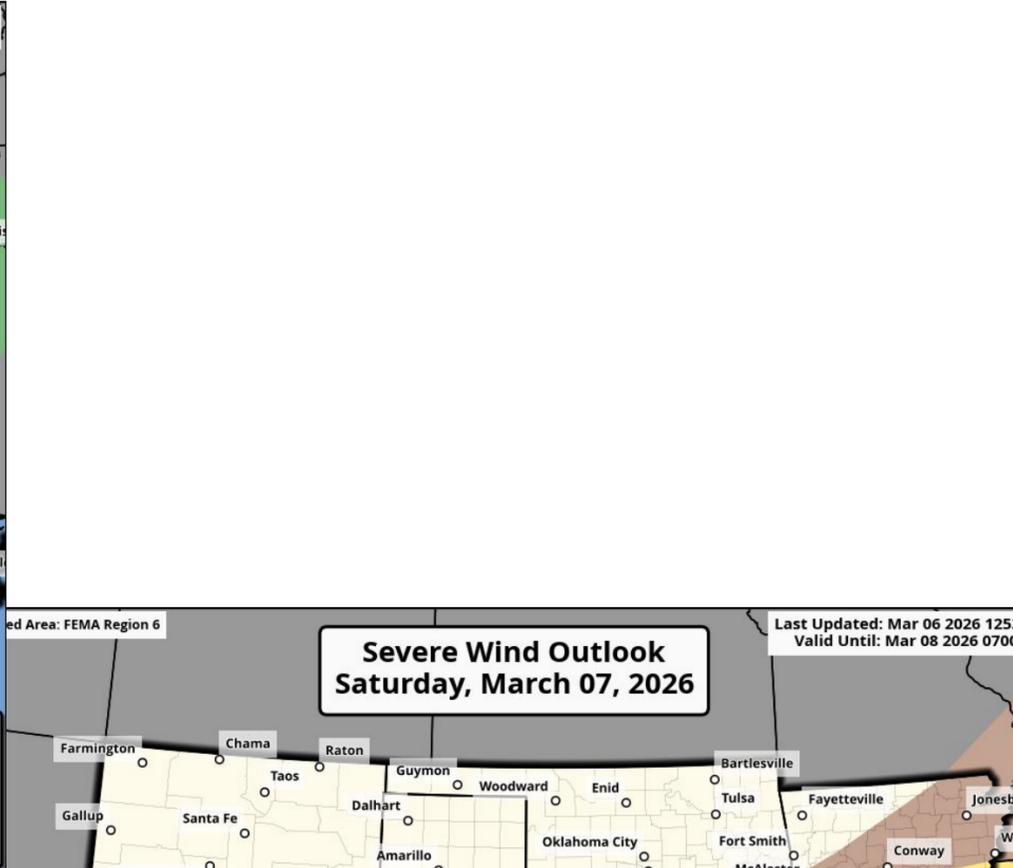
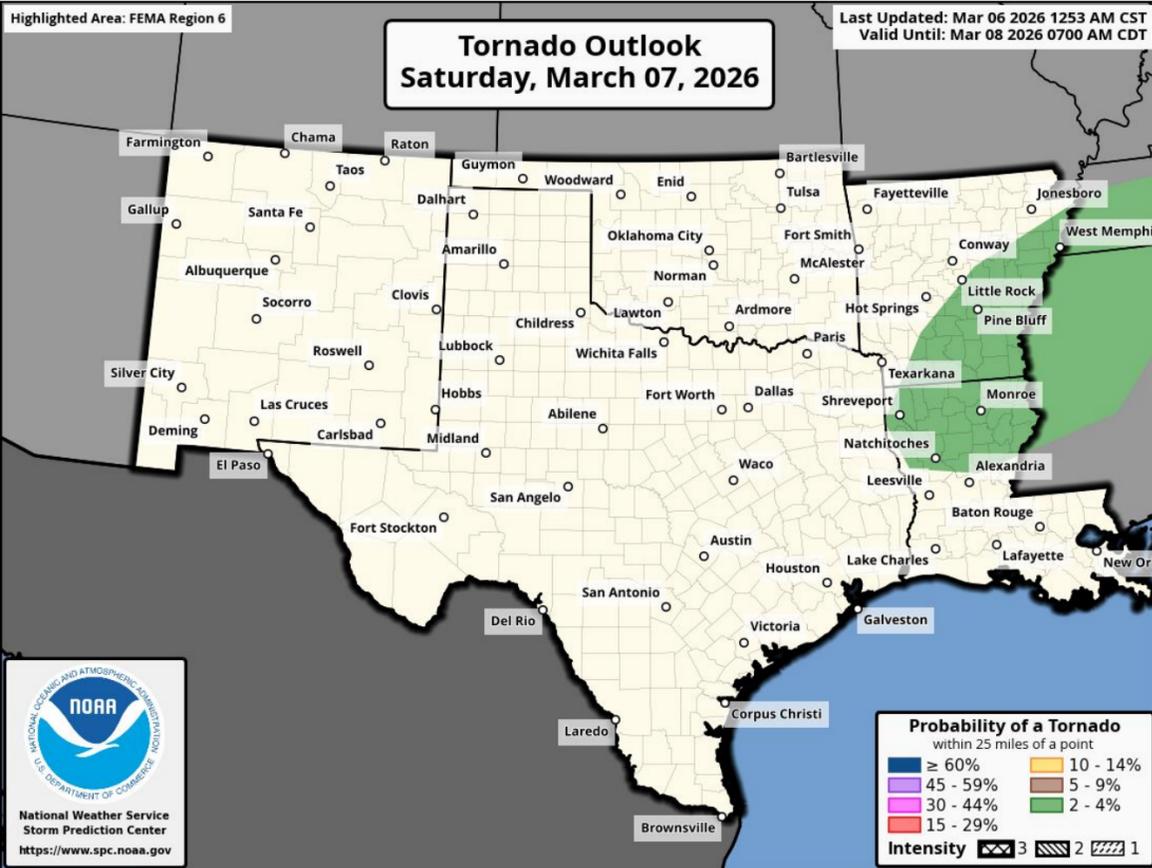


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in C-ETX, SAR, N LA. Hail up to 2" in diameter is the main threat in severe storms.

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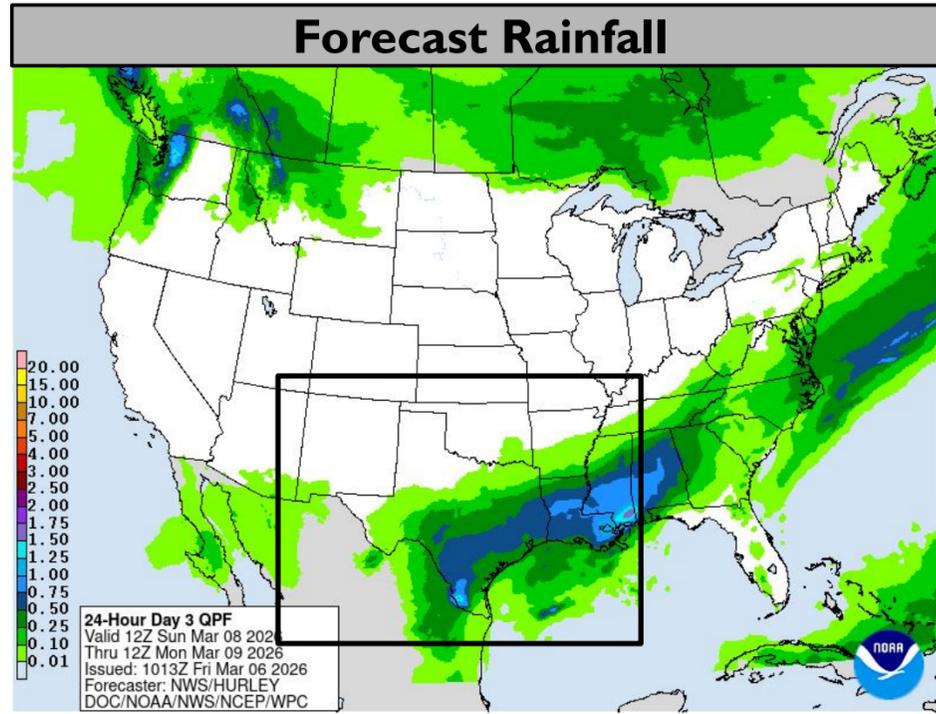
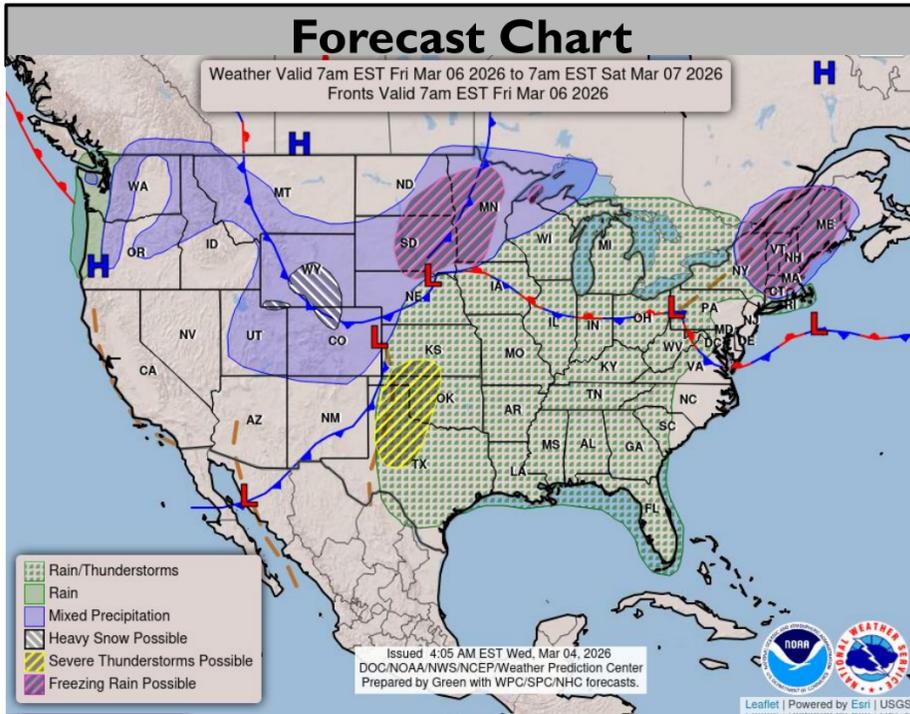


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

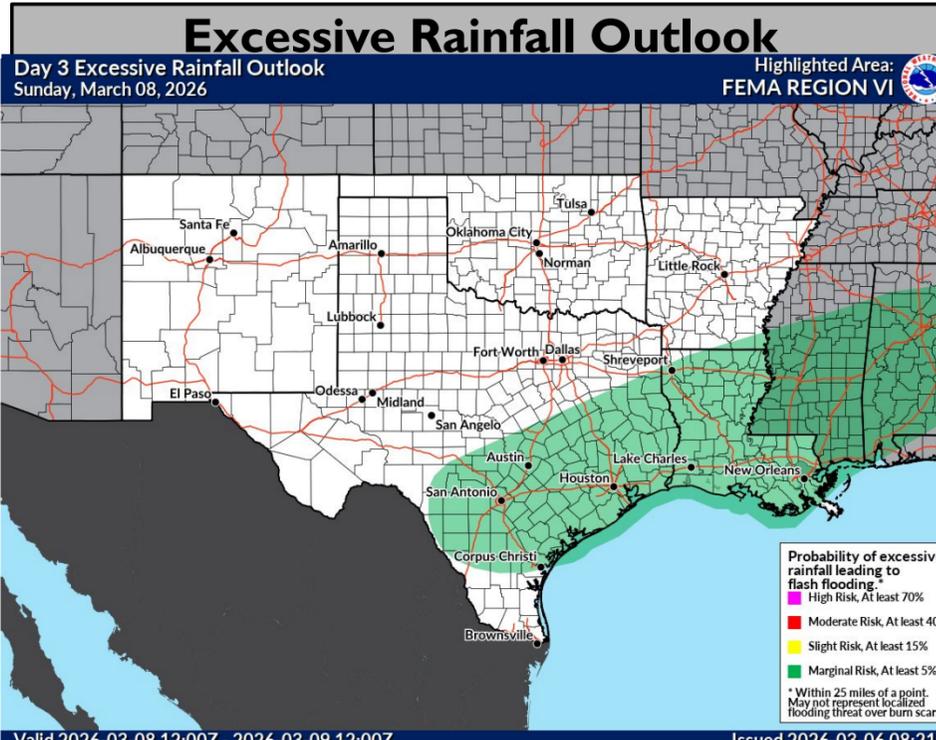
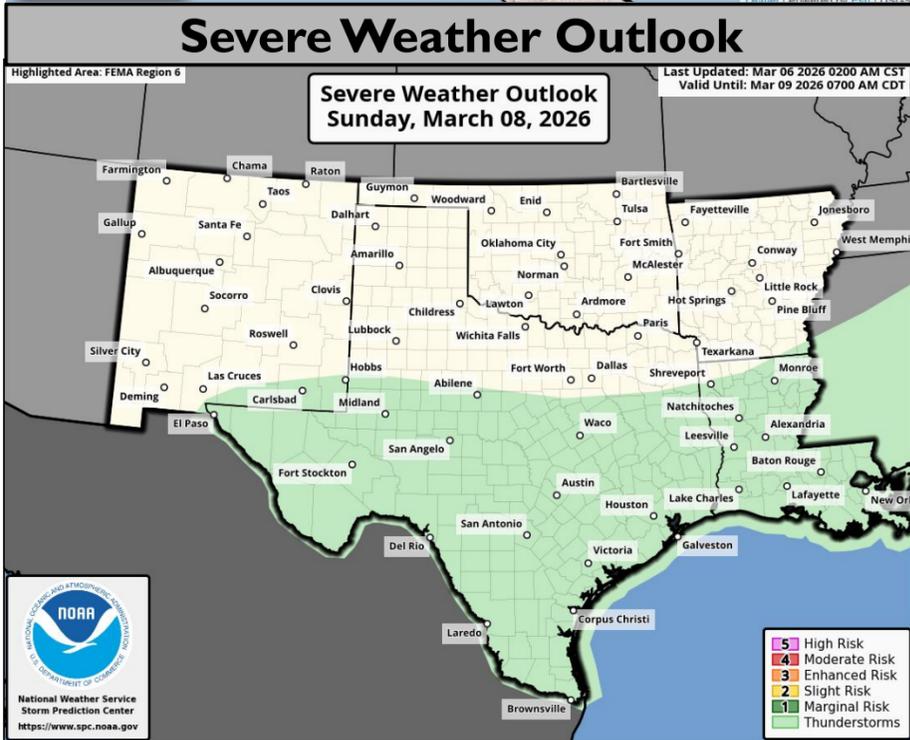




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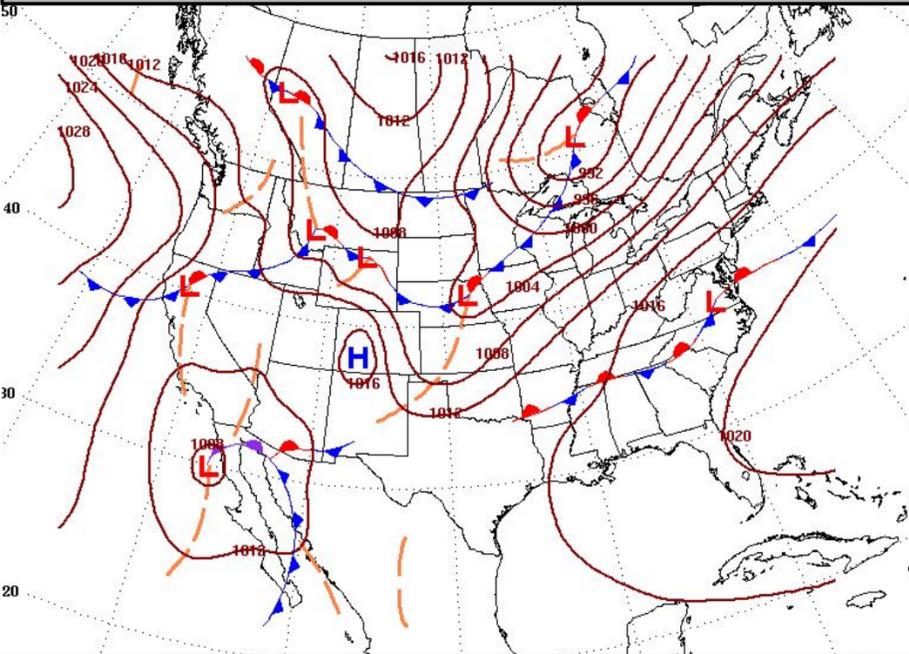
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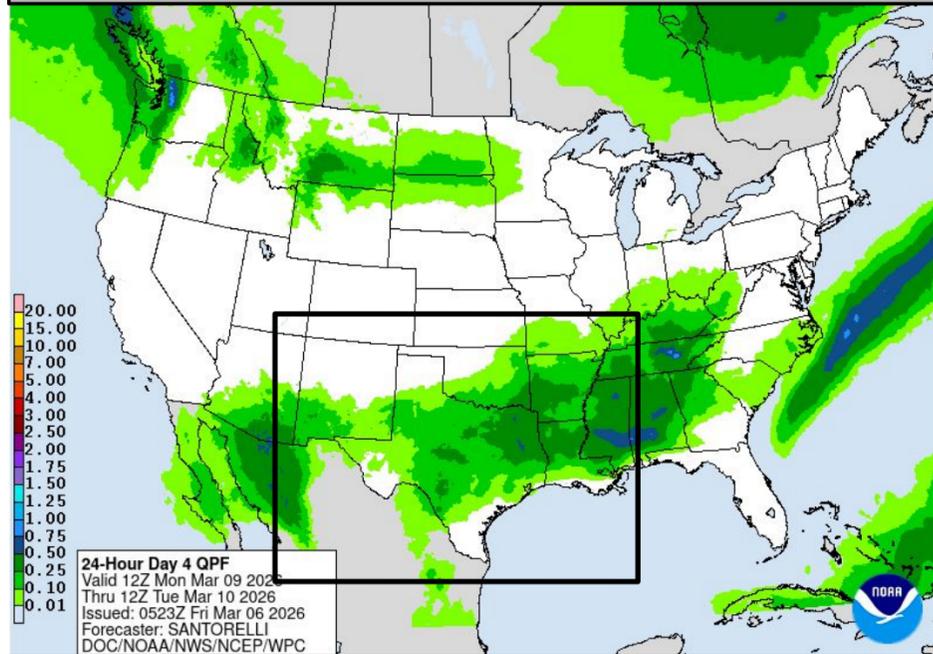


Monday's Weather

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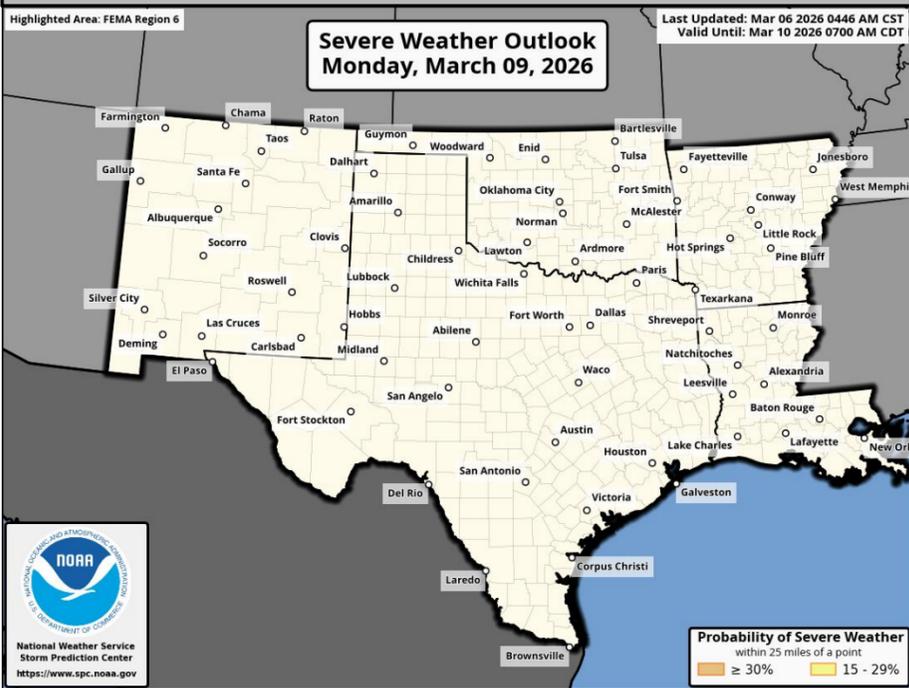


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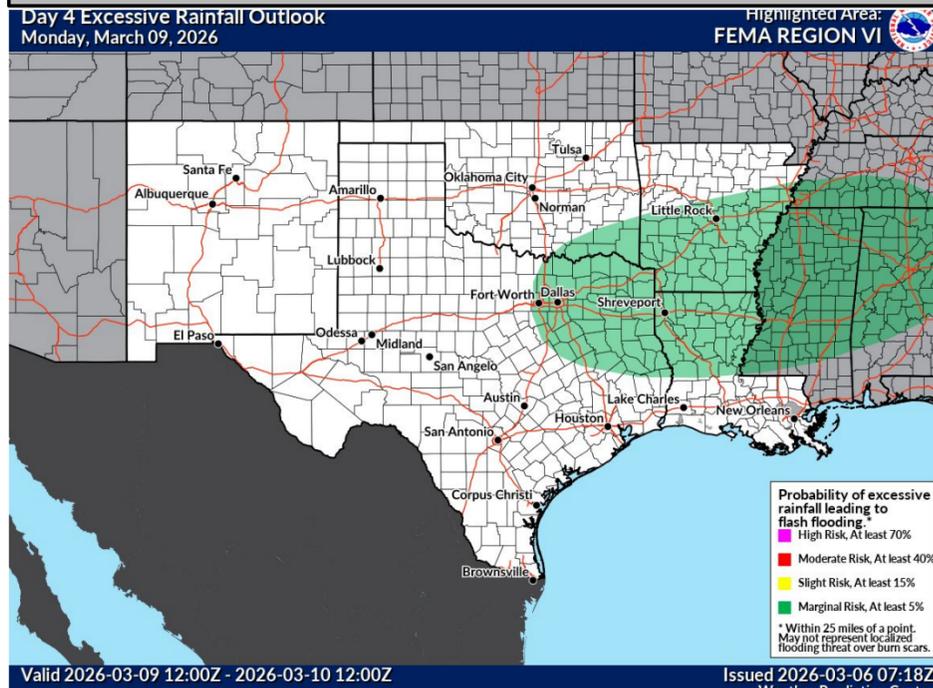


Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE OK, SAR, NETX, N LA. Isolated spots of 5-7”.

Severe Weather Outlook



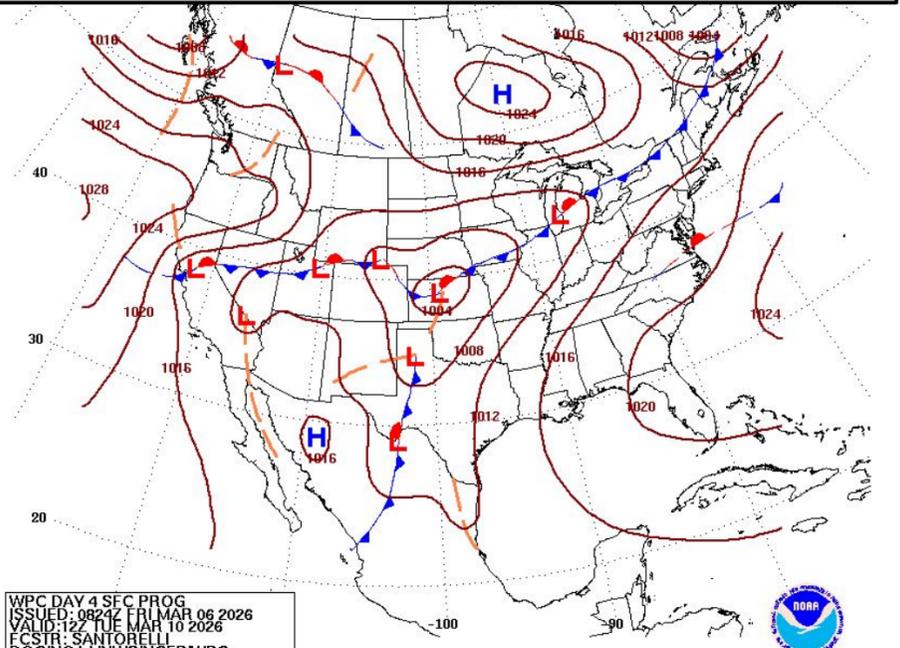
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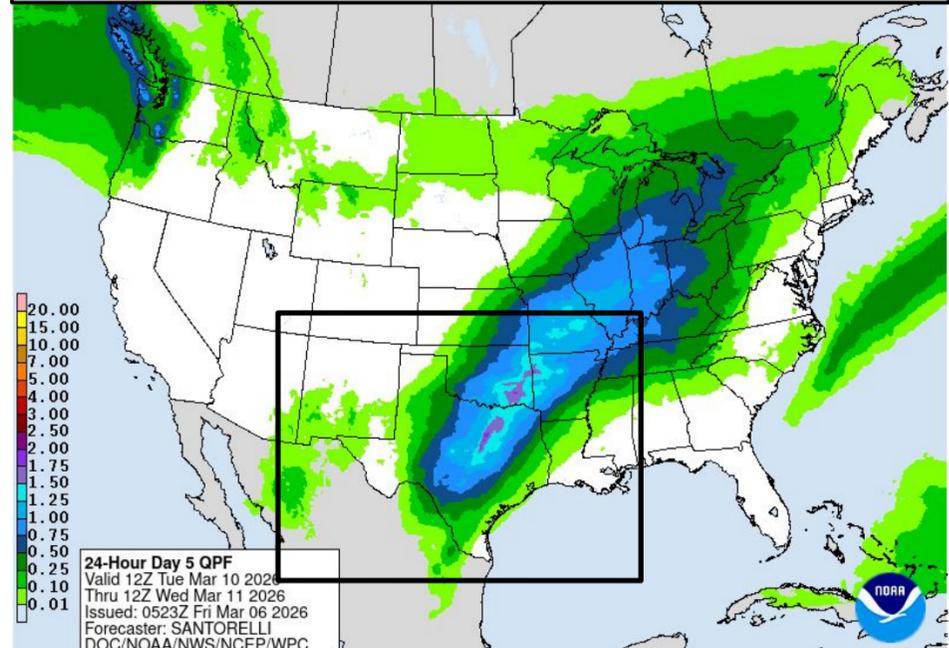
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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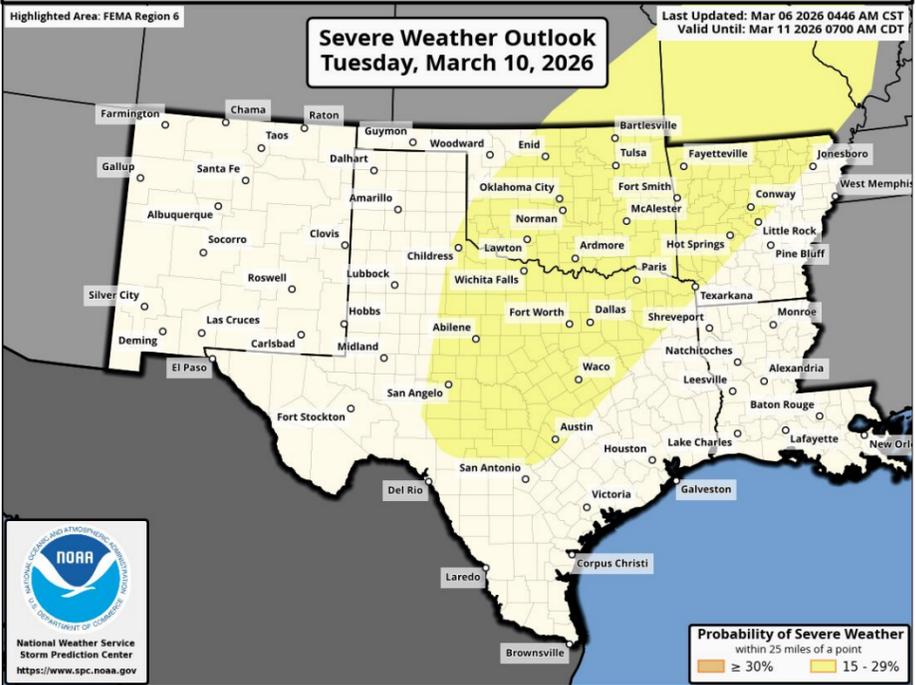


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms across OK, W AR, N/CTX.

Monitoring for flash flooding in OK, W AR, S/W-N/CTX.

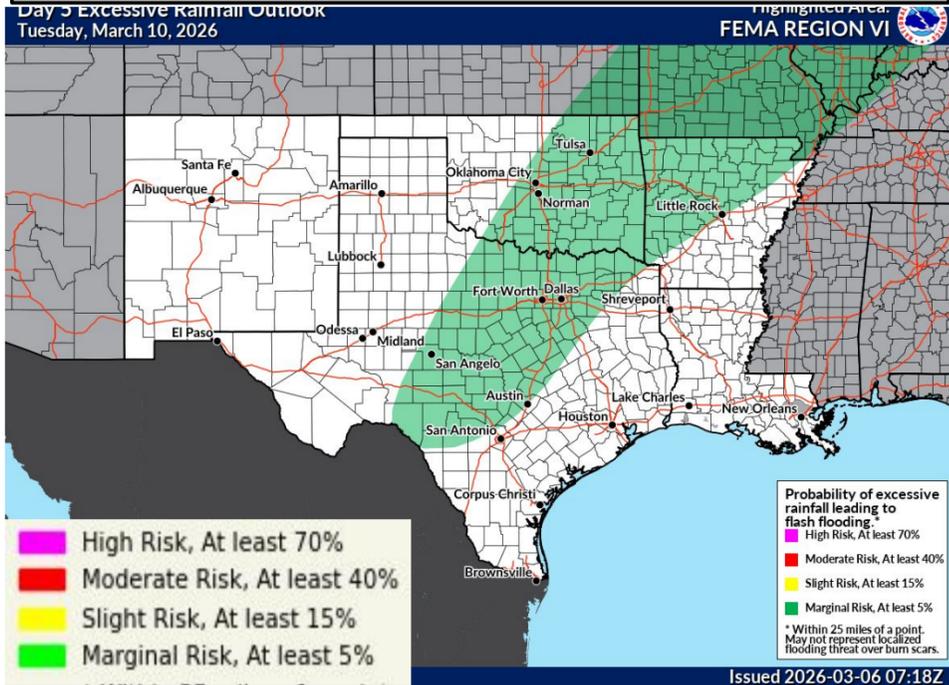
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
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Valid Until: Mar 11 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

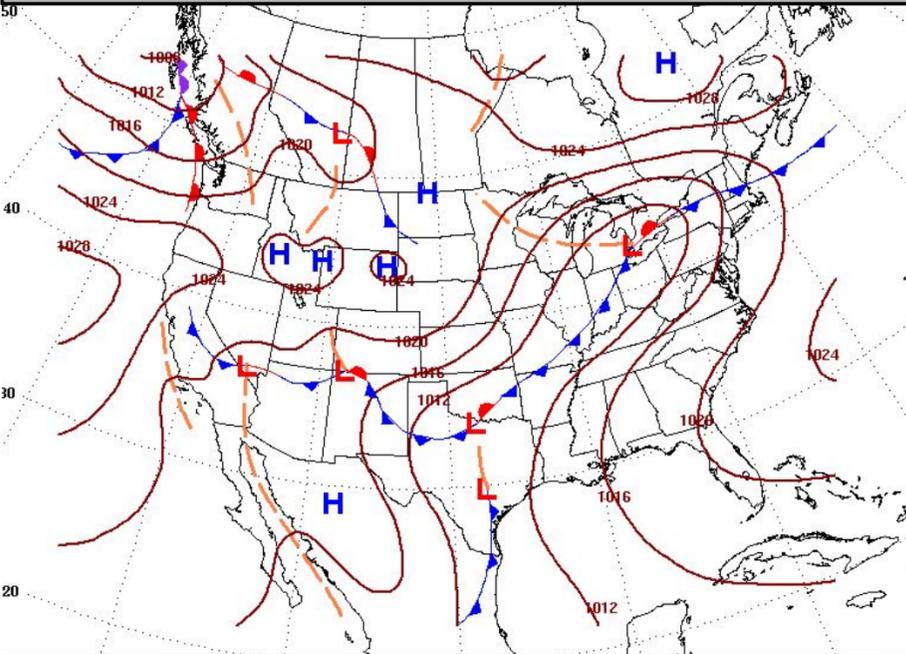
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

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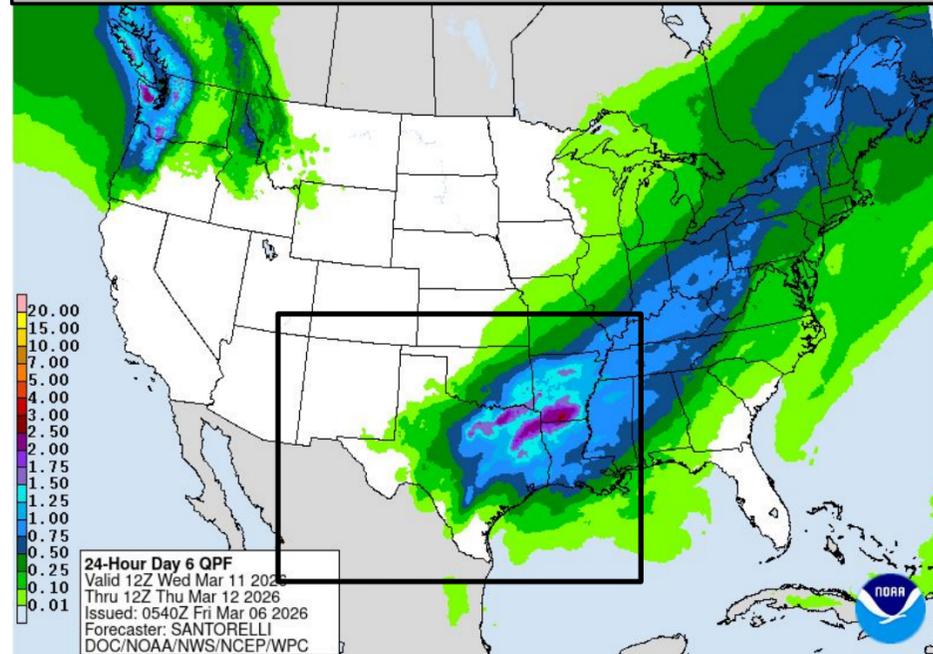


Wednesday's Weather

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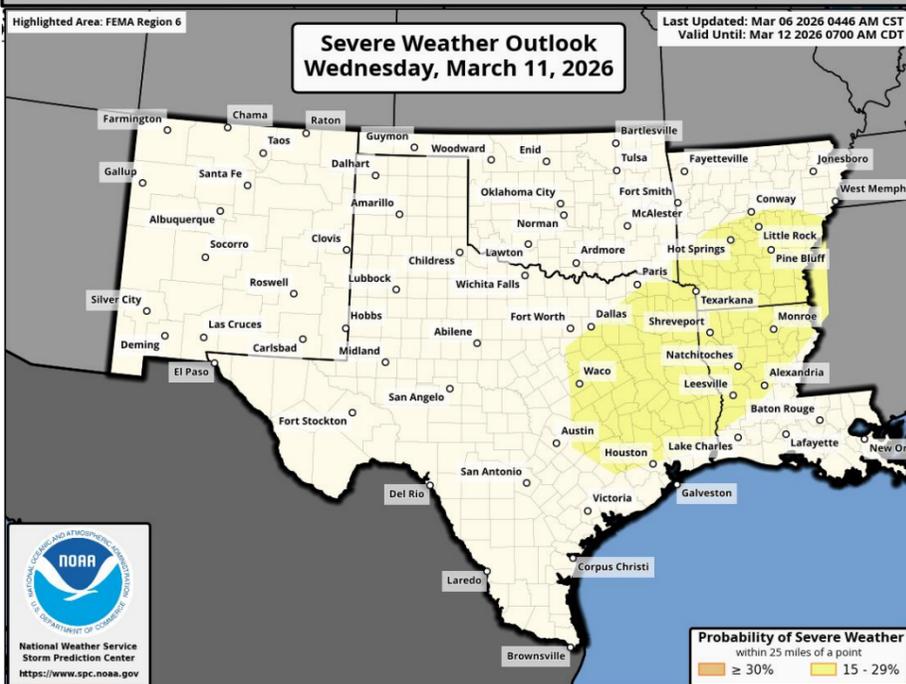
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Monitoring AR, LA, C-NETX for flash flooding.

Severe Weather Outlook

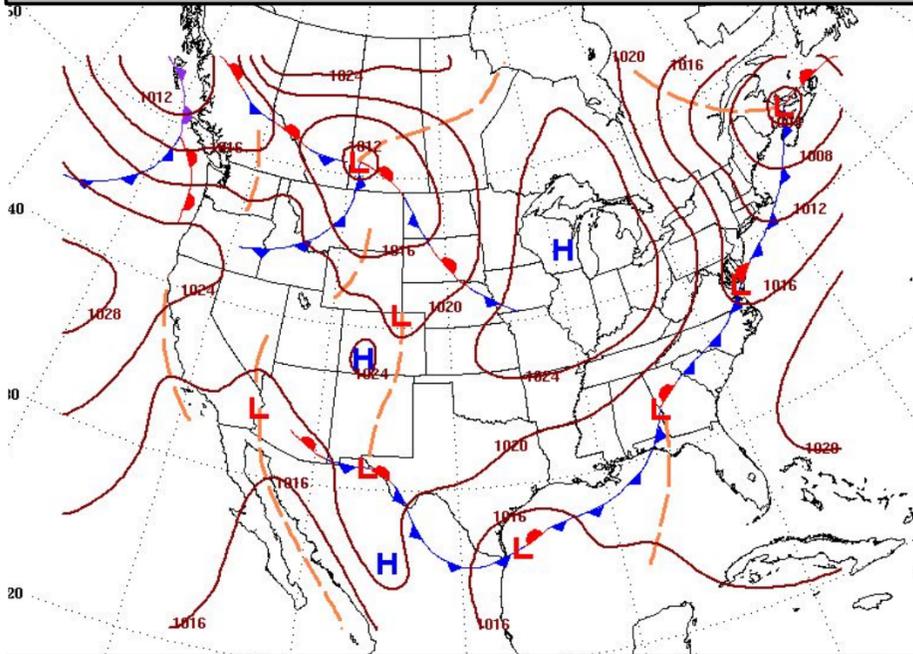


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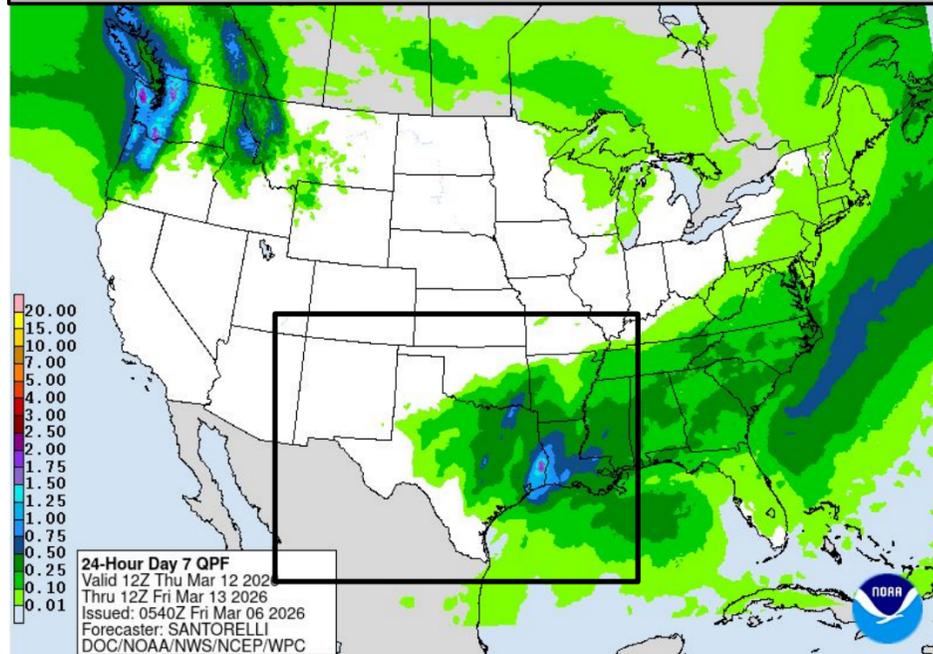


Thursday's Weather

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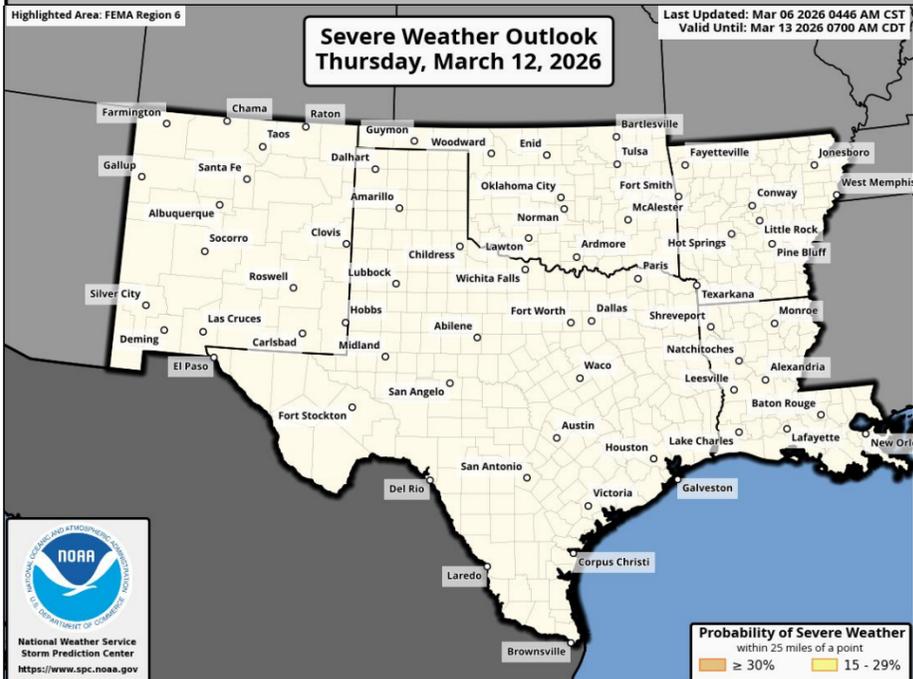


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring E TX for heavy rain.

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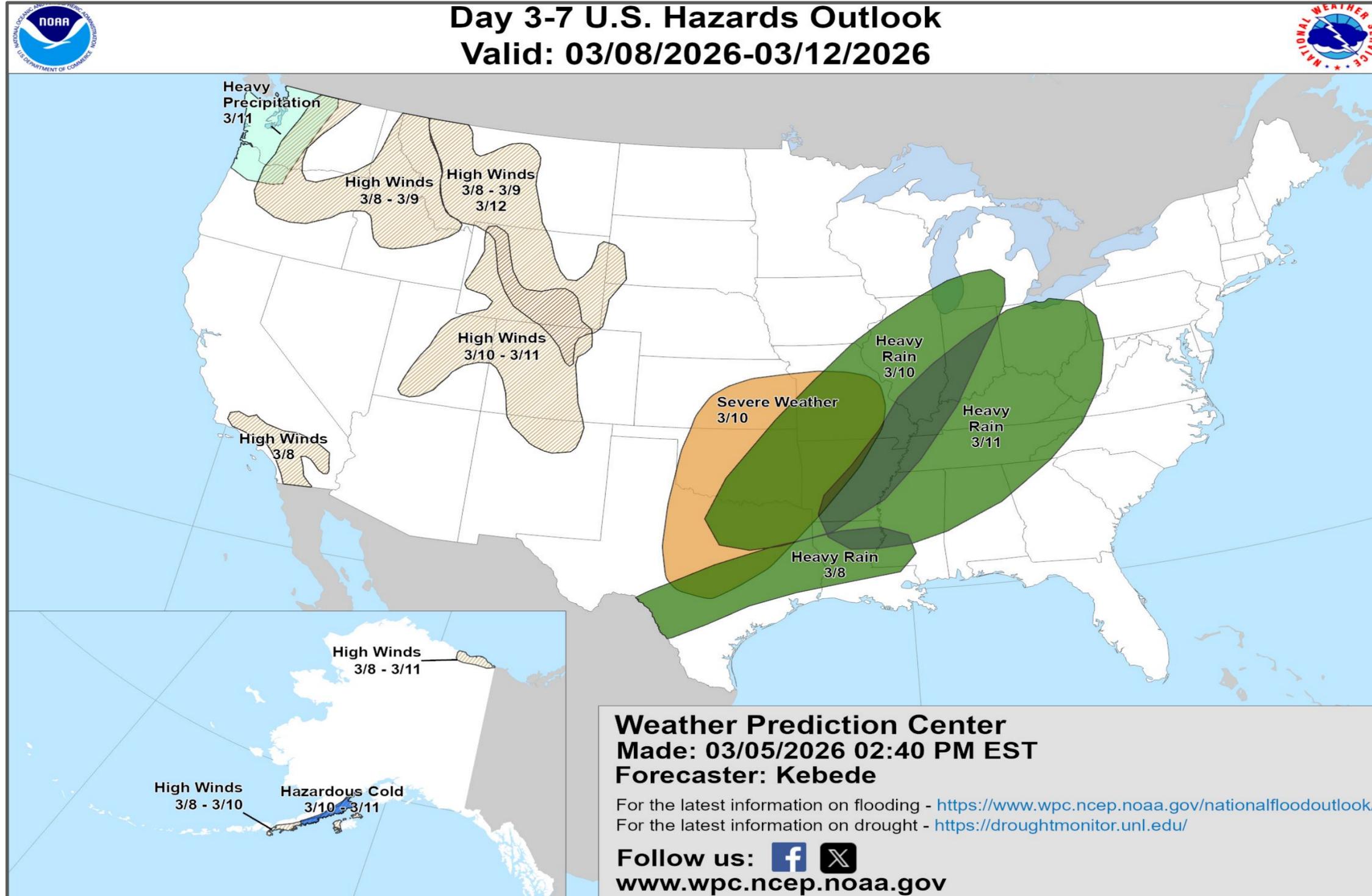


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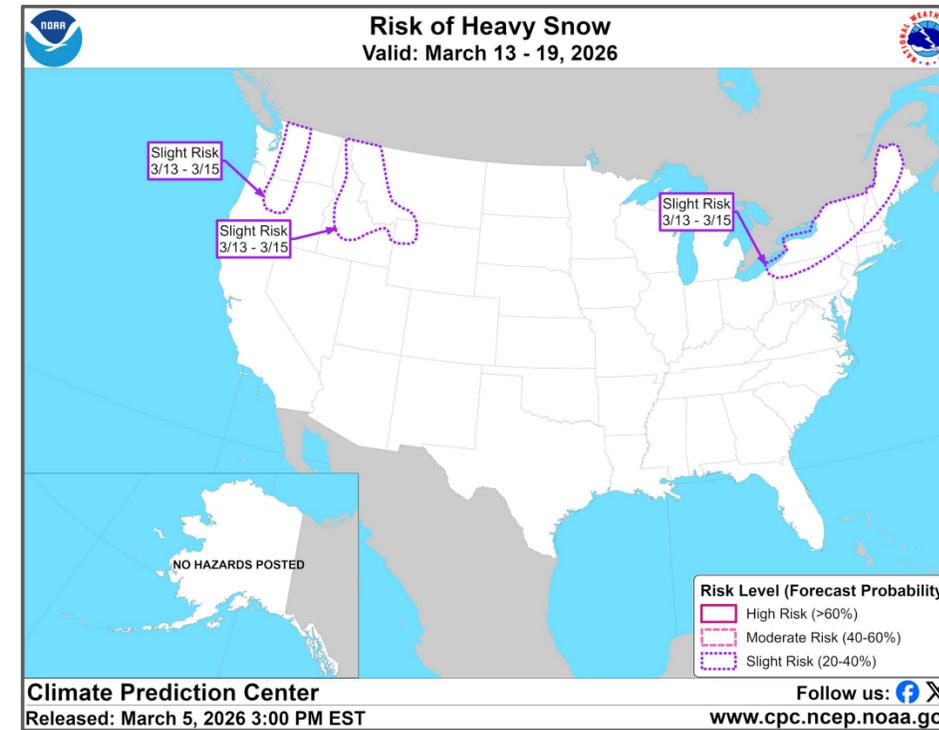
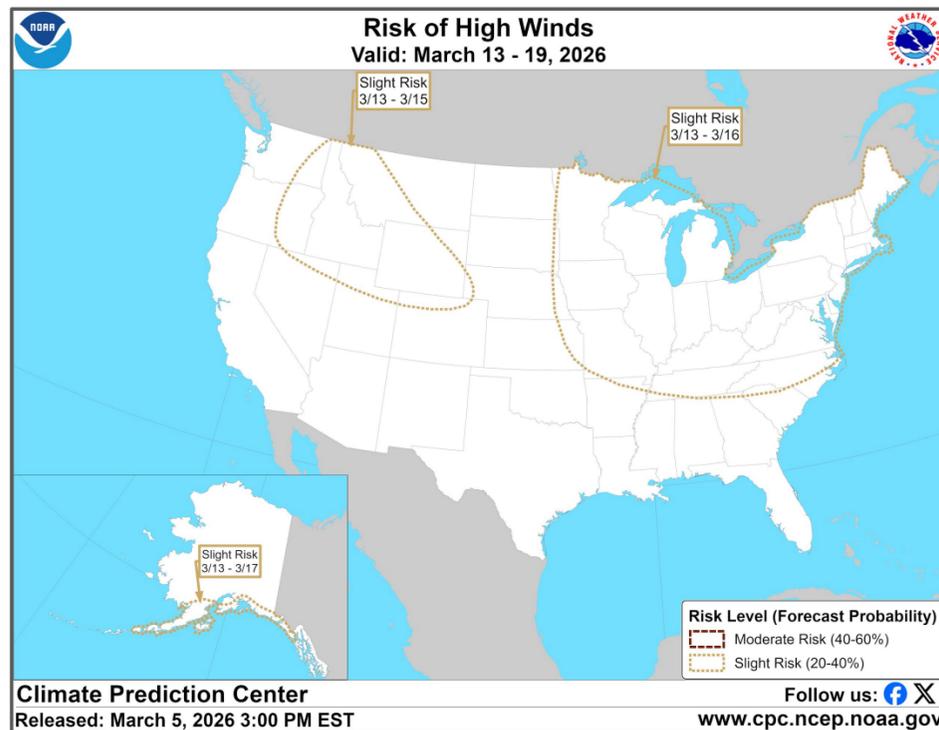
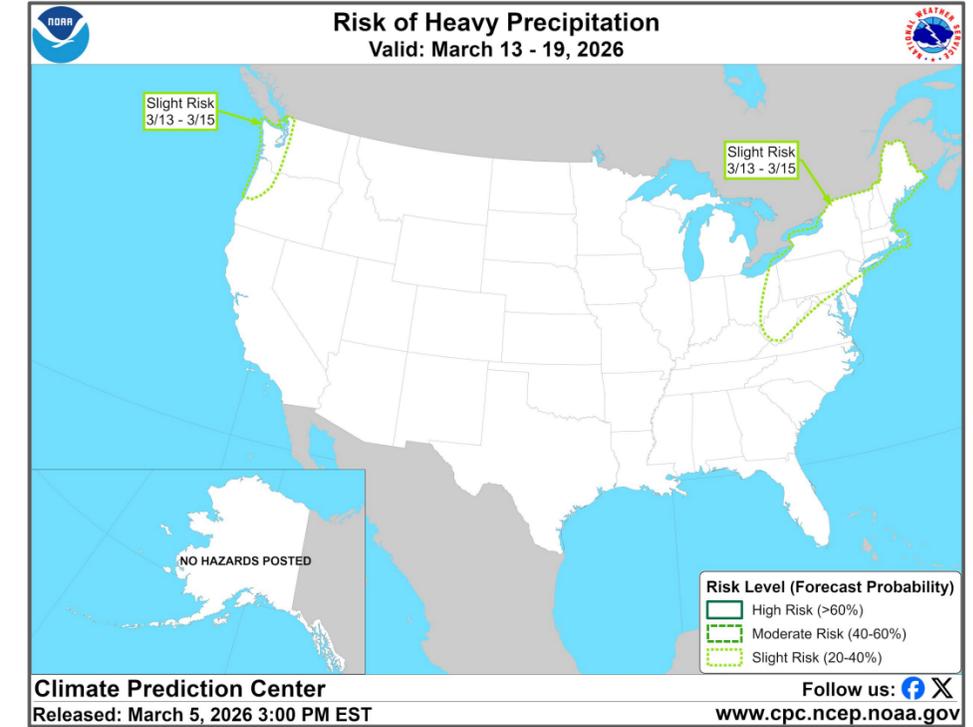
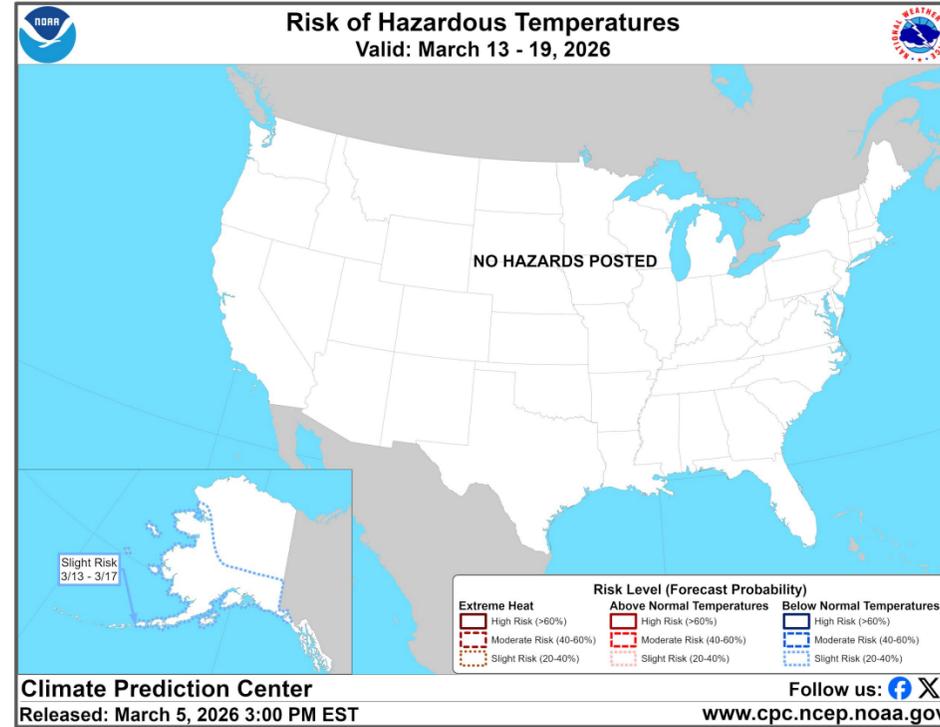
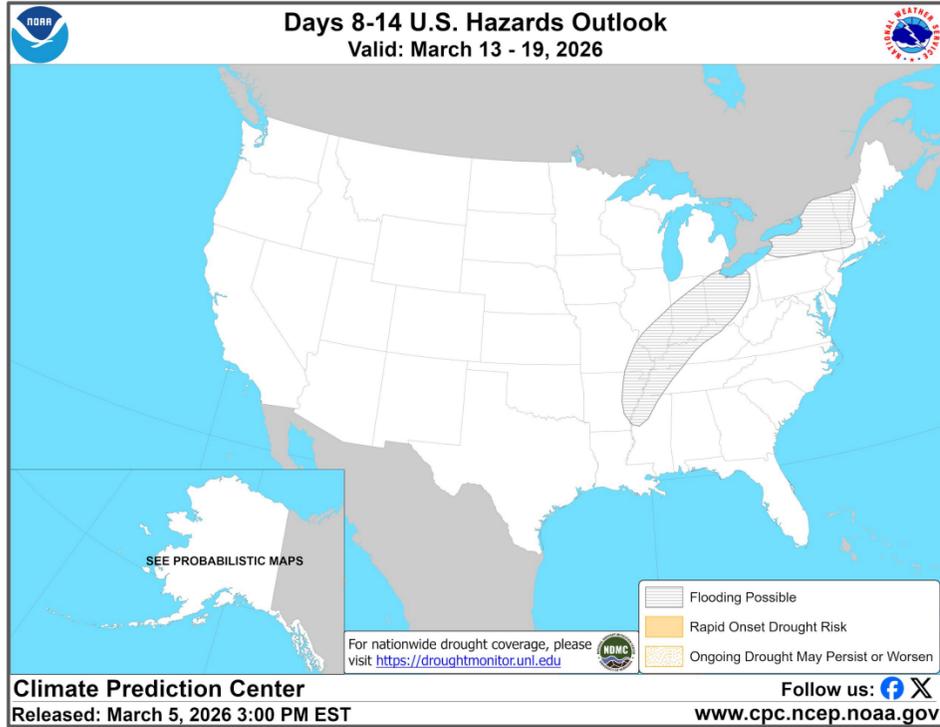


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





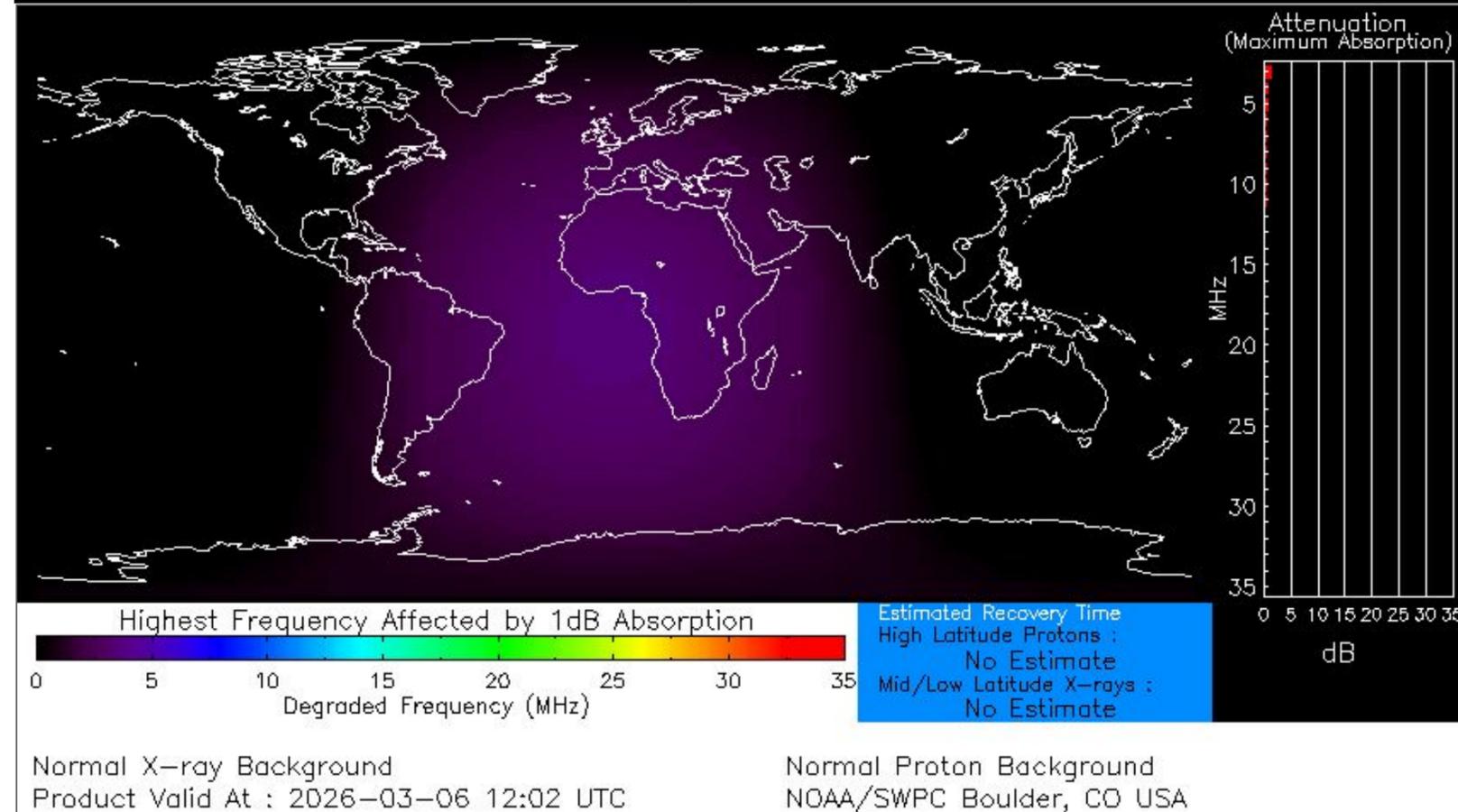
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





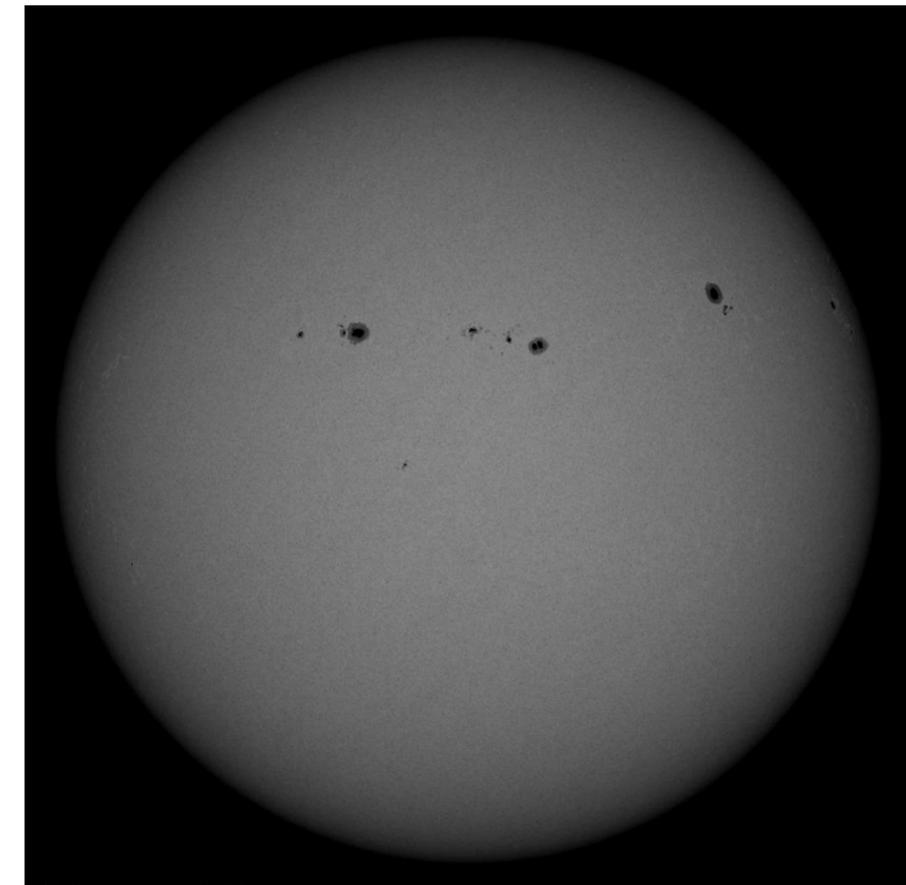
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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	<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>	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	<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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