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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:**

- **Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) over NETX, SAR and NLA today**
 - **Damaging hail the main threat.**
- **Slight risk for OK, WAR, N/C-SW TX Tuesday.**
 - **Threats include hail up to 2" and a few tornadoes (up to EF-2) along with damaging wind gusts with the highest threat area from NW-SW TX.**
- **Slight risk over AR, ETX, NLA Wednesday.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) NETX, SAR, NLA today.**
- **Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) Tuesday over OK, WAR, SW-N/C TX.**
- **Marginal risk Wednesday over SE OK, AR, NLA and NETX.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NE NM and the TX Panhandle today, Tuesday and Thursday.**

- **River Flooding:**

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





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10	Wednesday, Mar 11	Thursday, Mar 12	Friday, Mar 13	Saturday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 15
Severe Storms	SAR, N LA	OK, W/N AR, N/C-SW TX	AR, ETX, N LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NETX, SAR, N LA	OK, W AR, SW-N/CTX	SE OK, AR, N LA, NETX				
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	NE NM, TX Panhandle, W OK	OK/TX Panhandles, W TX, E NM		E NM, TX Panhandle			
River Flooding	N/ETX, LA, AR	N/ETX, LA, AR	N/ETX, AR	N/ETX, LA, 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

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Red Flag Warning Pop: 49,061
 Red Flag Warning Pop: 595,595
 Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 19,451,294
 Thick Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 65,258
 Current Statement Pop: 202,546



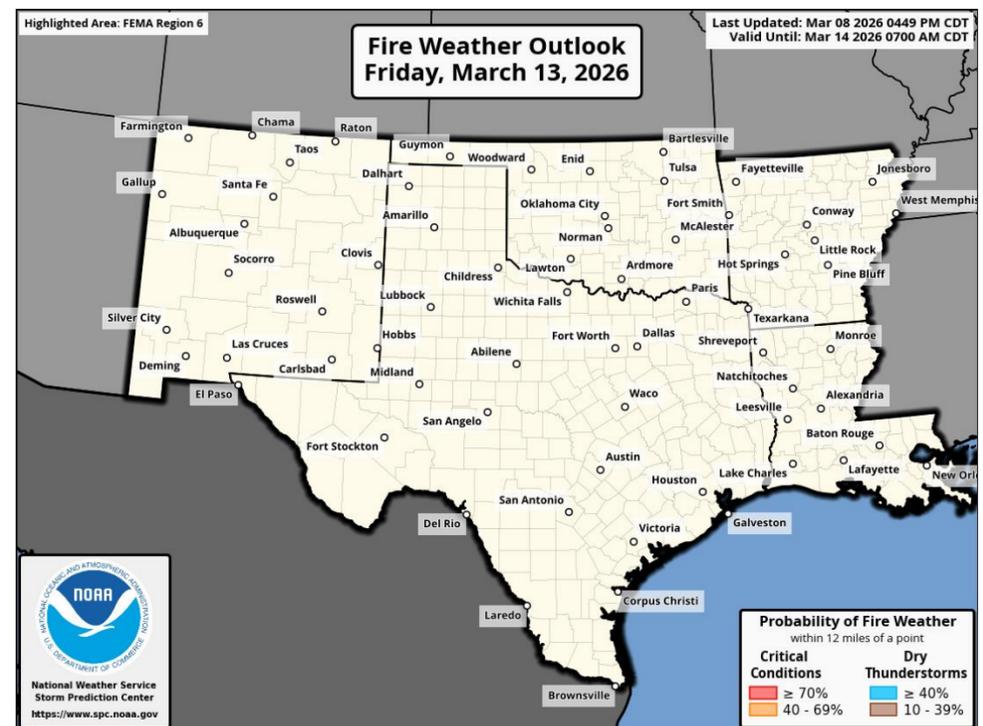
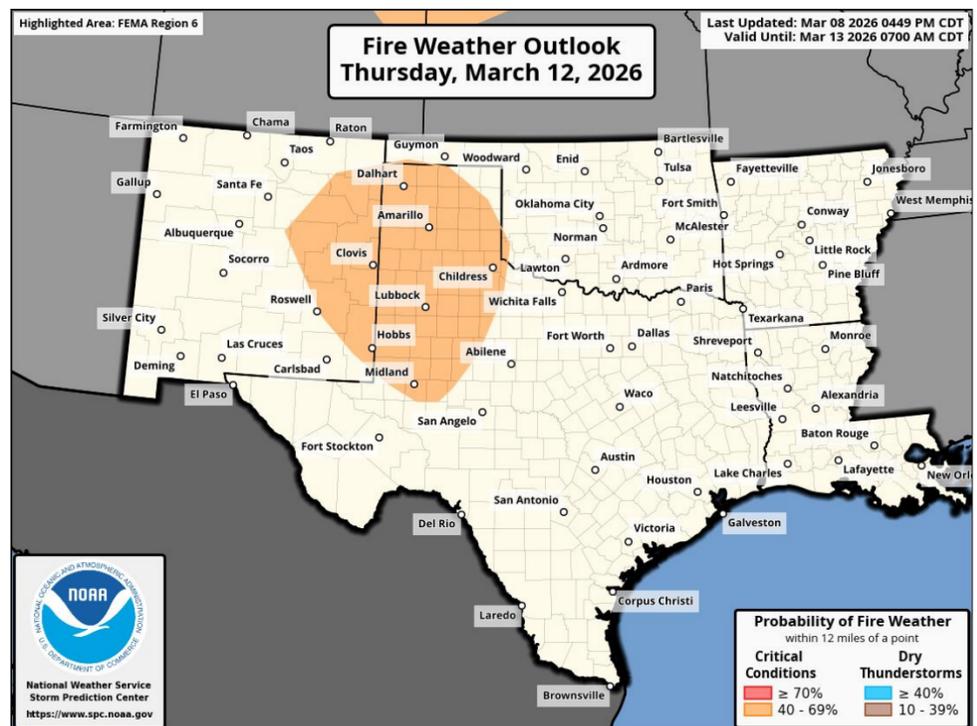
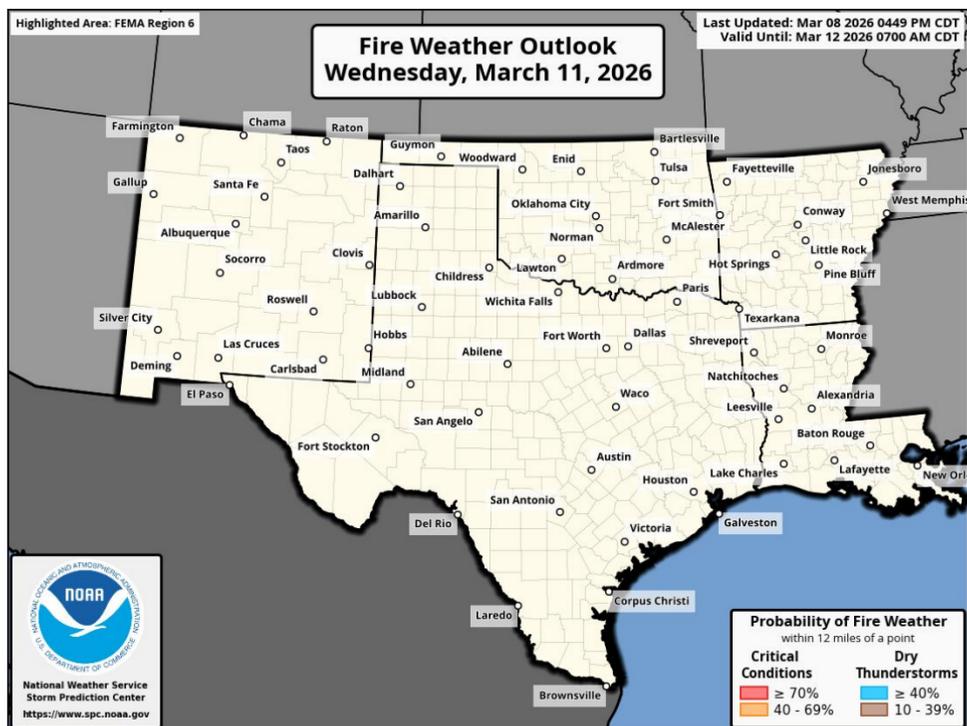
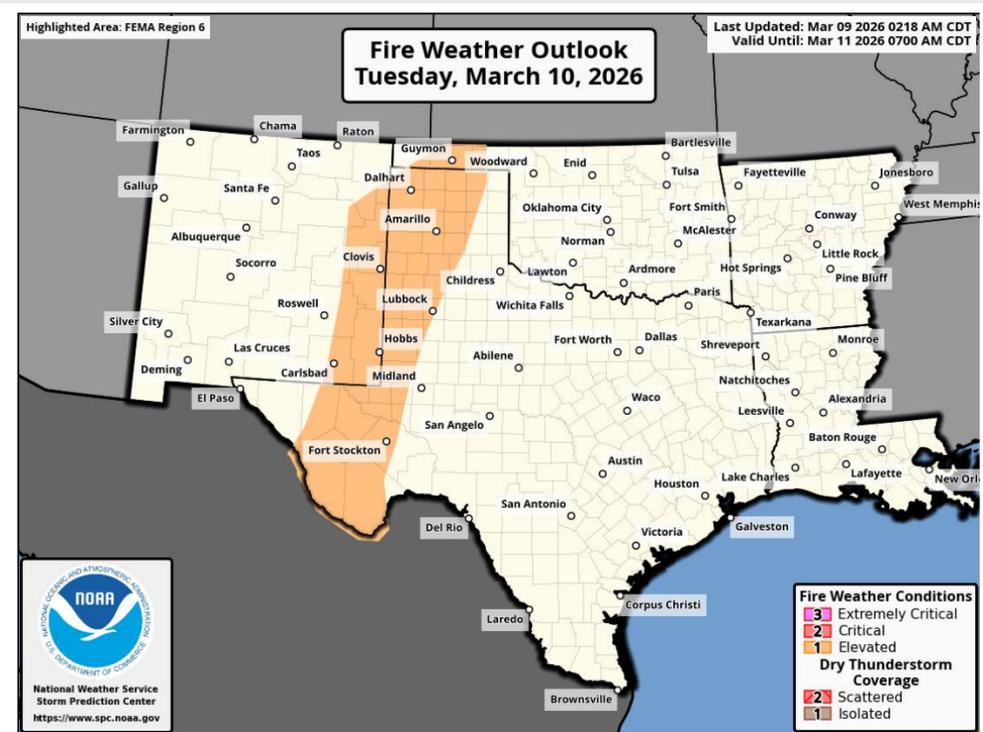
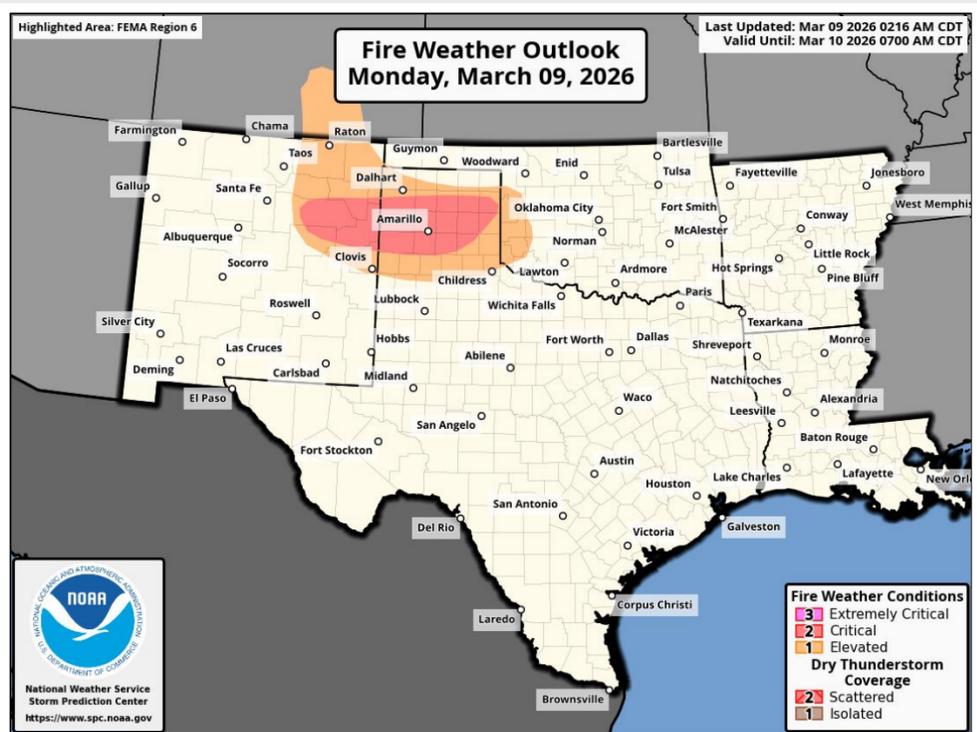
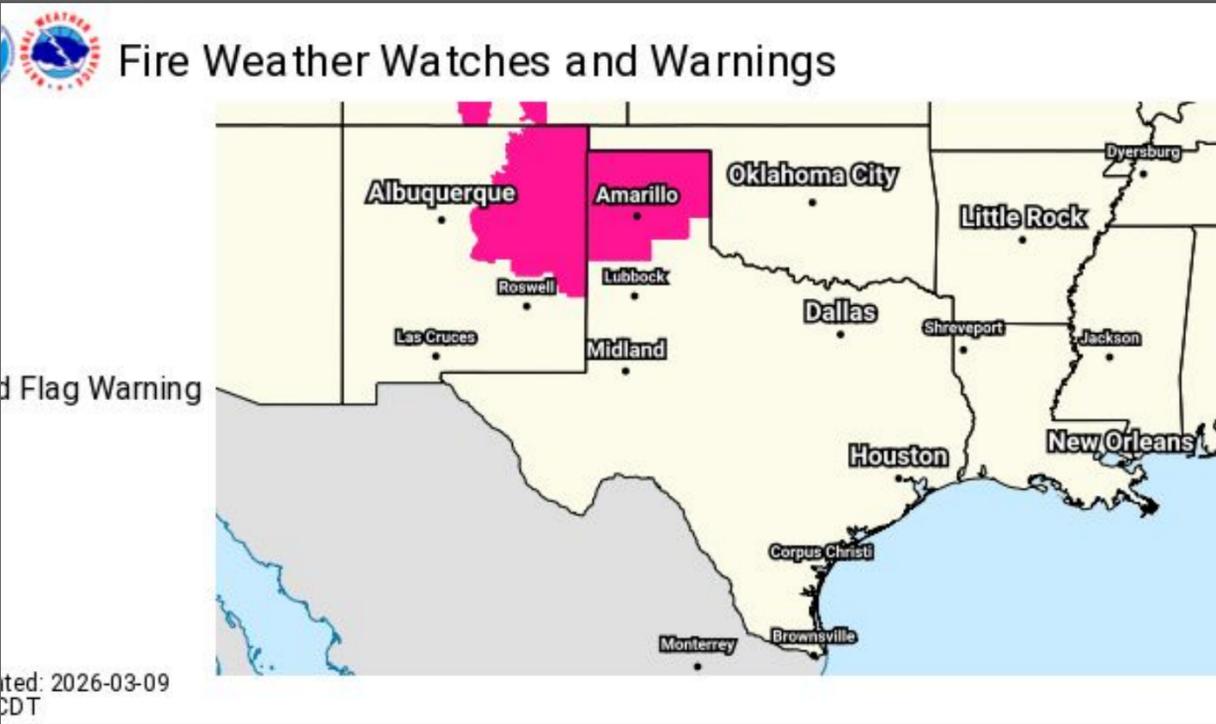
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Red Flag Warnings over E/NE NM and the TX/OK Panhandles 10am-9pm





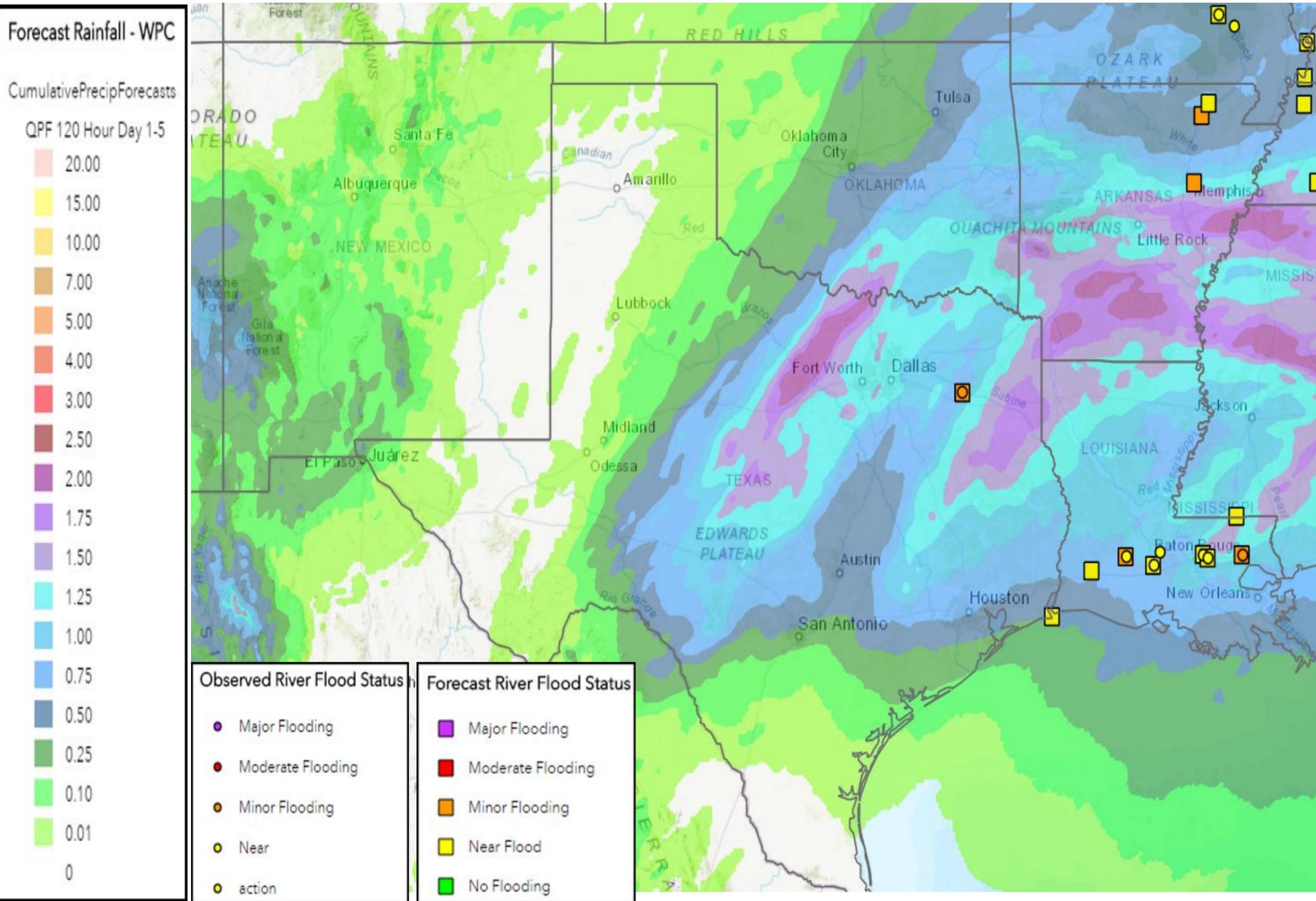
Fire Weather Outlooks





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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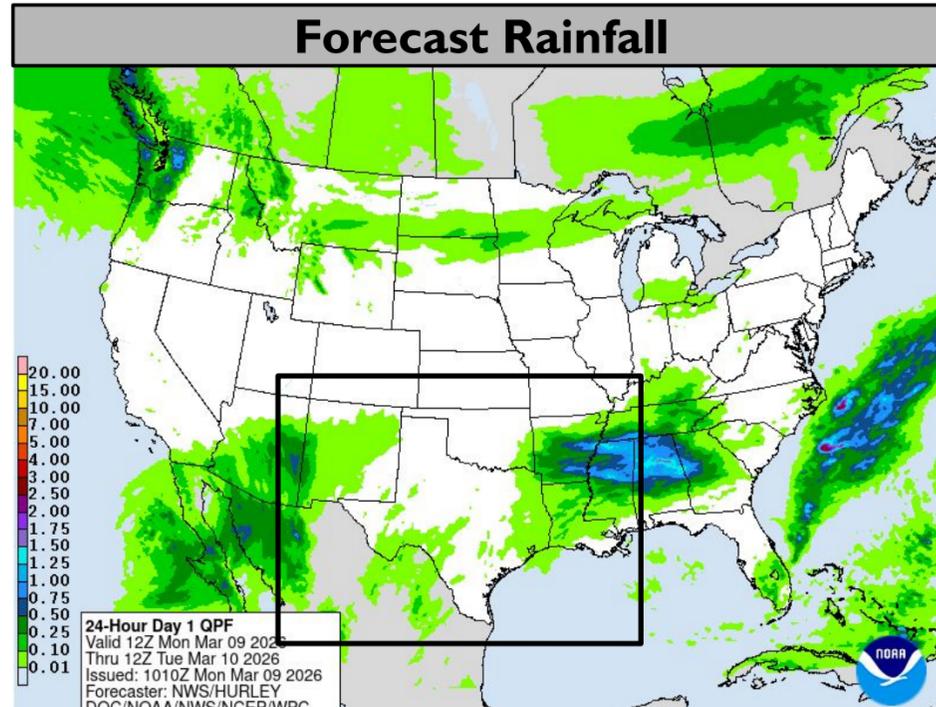
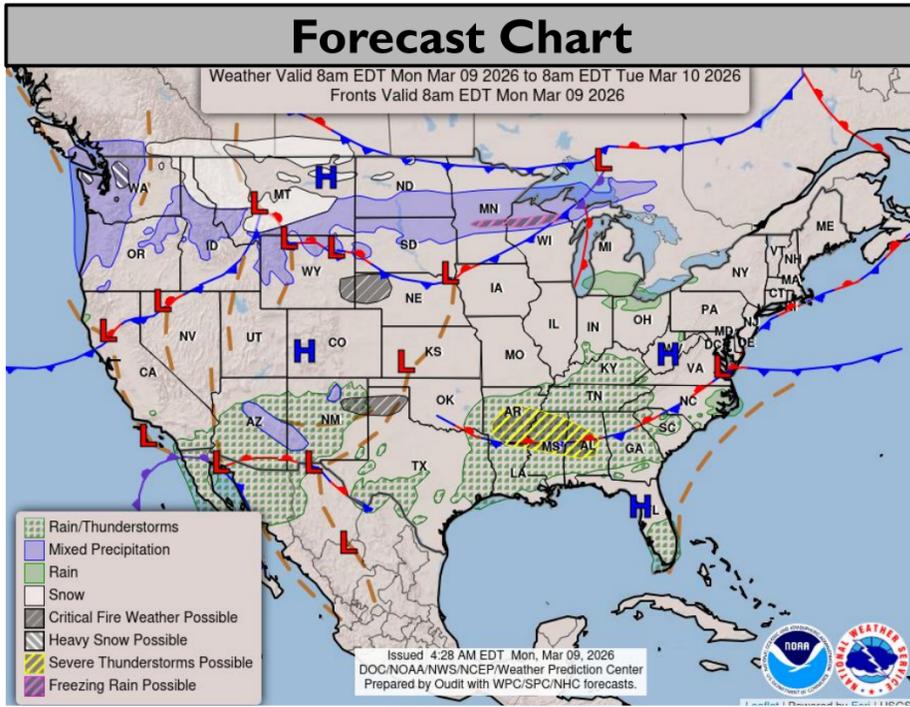


Minor river flooding through Tuesday at the Sabine River near Mineola, TX and the Tangipahoa River at Robert, LA. Minor river flooding through the week along the Cache River at Patterson, AR and the Black River at Black Rock, AR. Impacts mainly to agriculture and secondary roads. Monitoring for the development of minor to isolated moderate river flooding over N/C TX, E OK and 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.

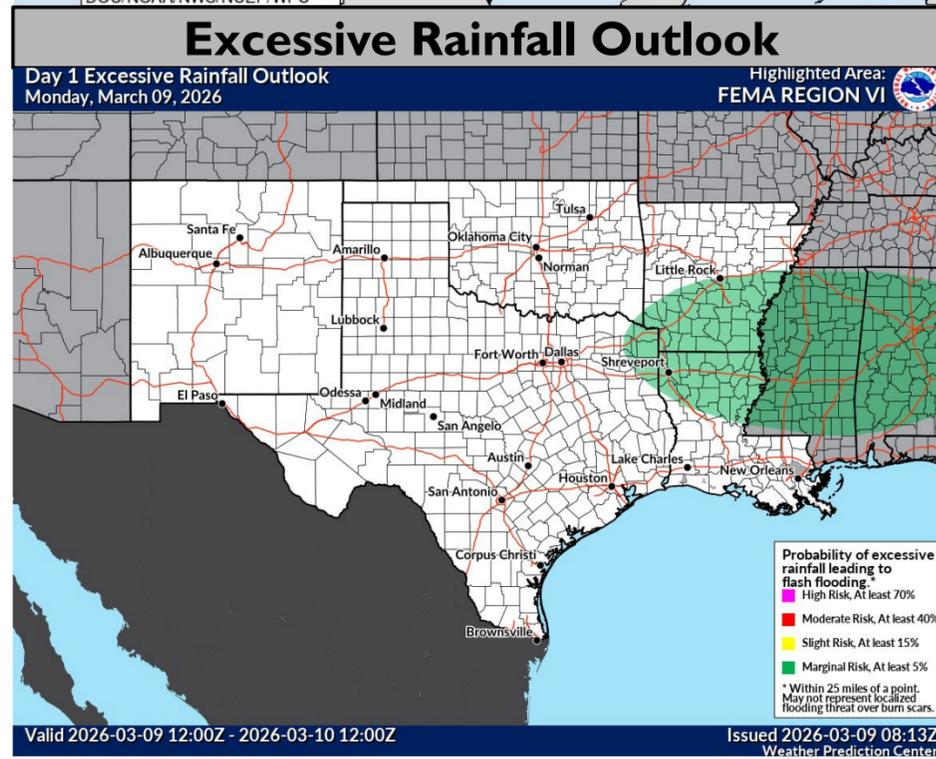
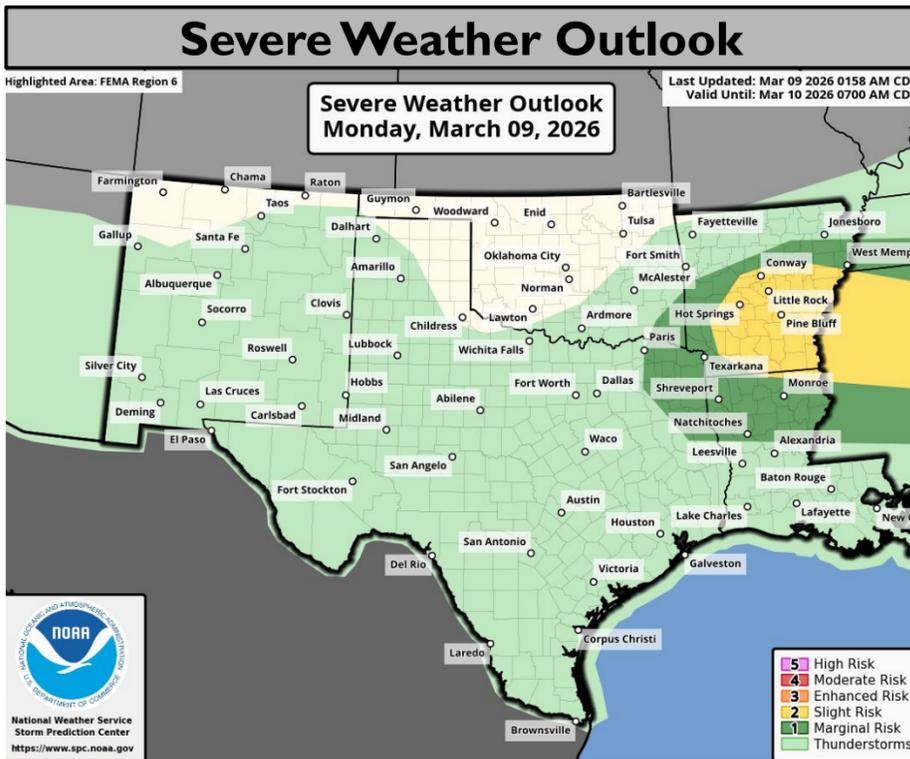


Today's Weather



Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather over E/NE NM and the TX/OK Panhandles

Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) for severe storms over NE TX, S AR and N LA; large hail the main threat.



Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NE TX, S AR, N LA



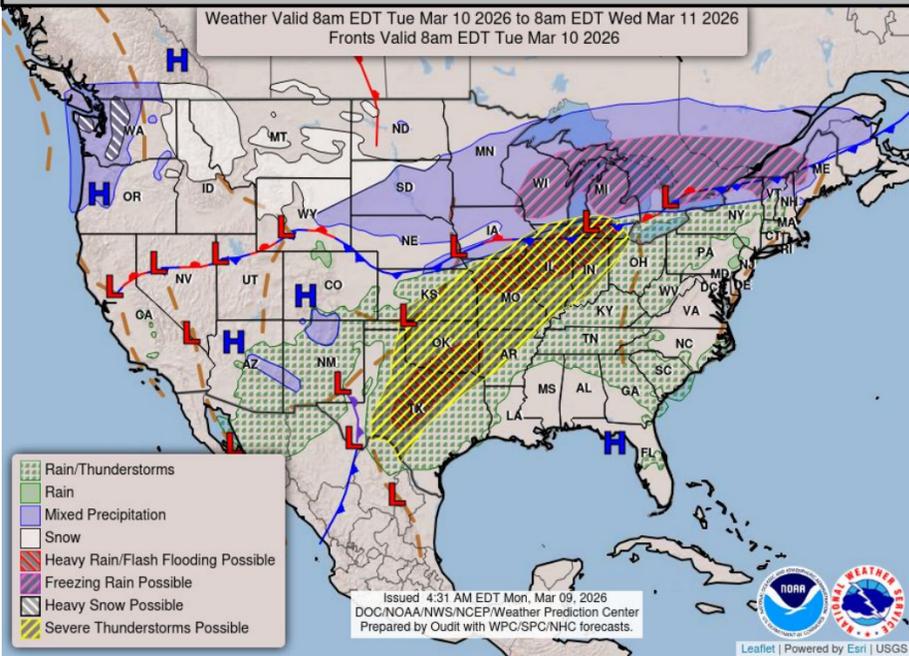
Max Wind Gust

	Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast													
	3/9 Mon		3/10 Tue				3/11 Wed				3/12 Thu			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Abilene	20↗	18↗	20↗	24↗	26↗	24↗	13↗	17↗	29↘	29↘	15↘	8↘	15↗	16↗
Amarillo	31↗	25↗	17↗	16↗	25↗	24↗	18↗	33↘	36↘	24↘	12↖	23↗	29↗	22↗
Beaver	12↖	13↖	16↗	13↗	20↗	17↗	17↘	29↘	30↘	23↘	9↗	24↗	29↗	20↗
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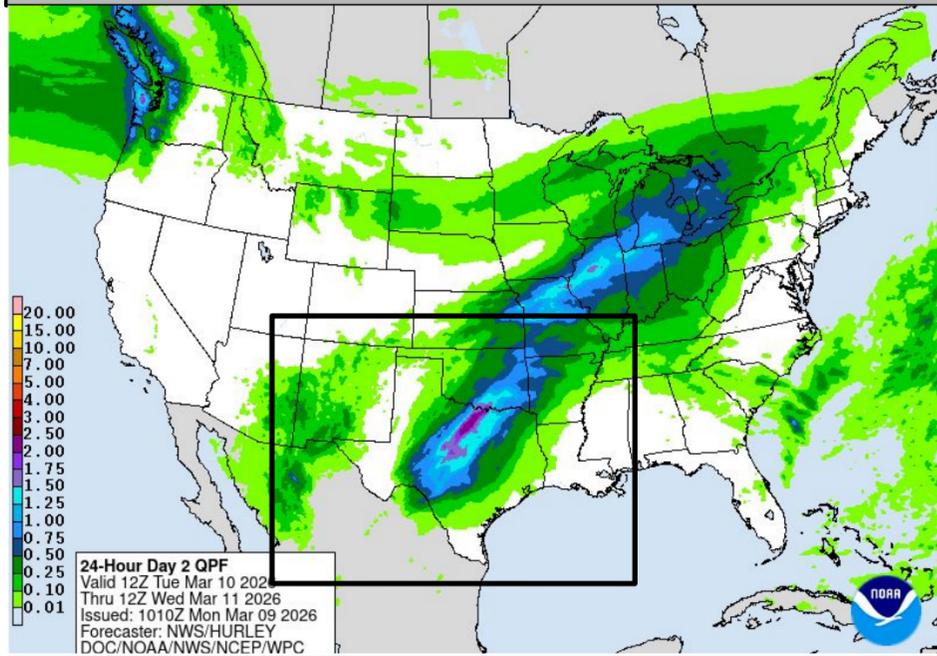


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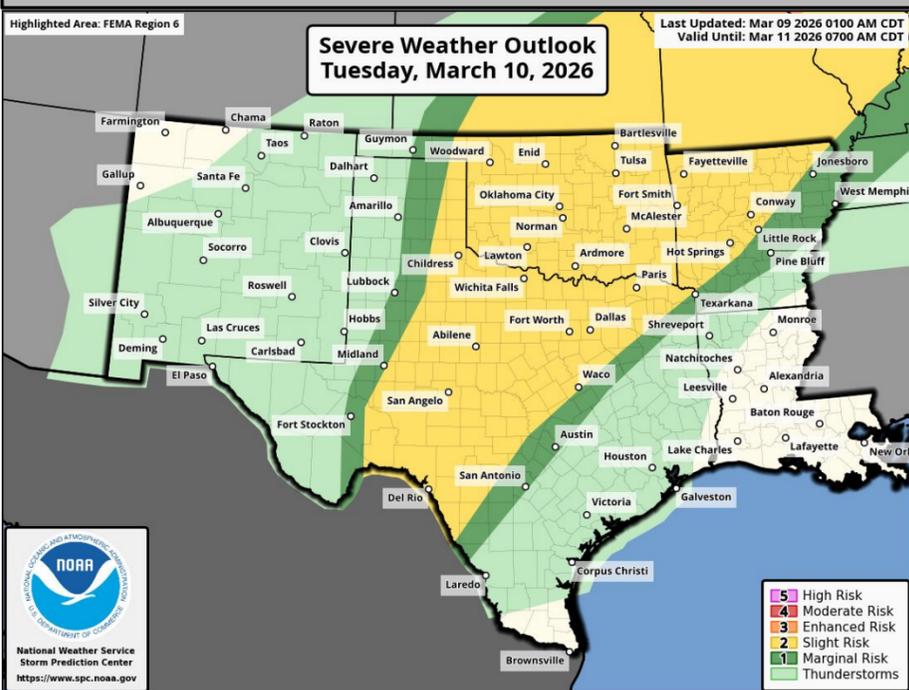
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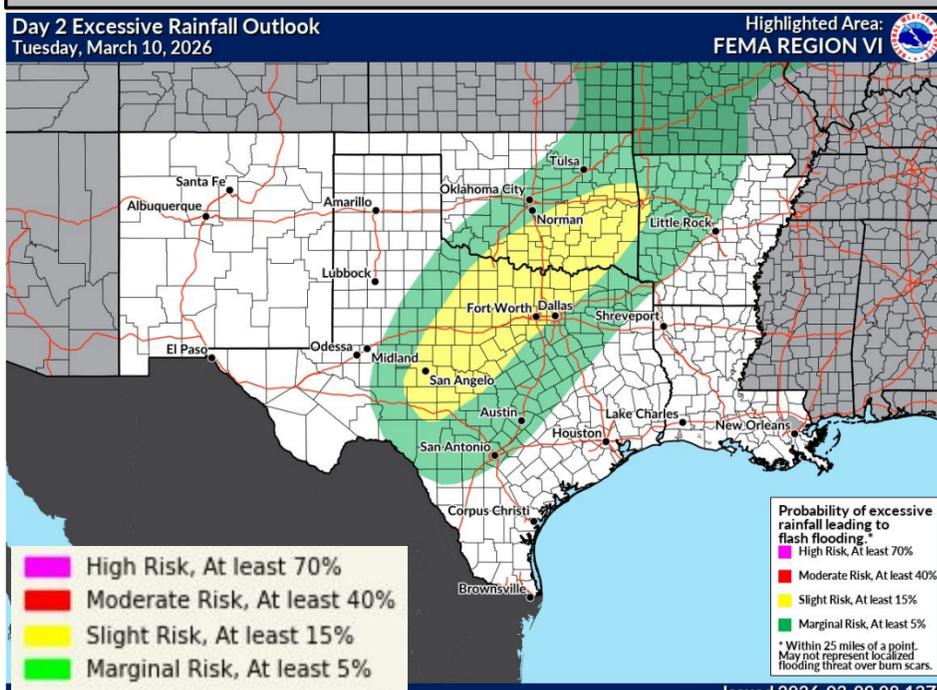
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



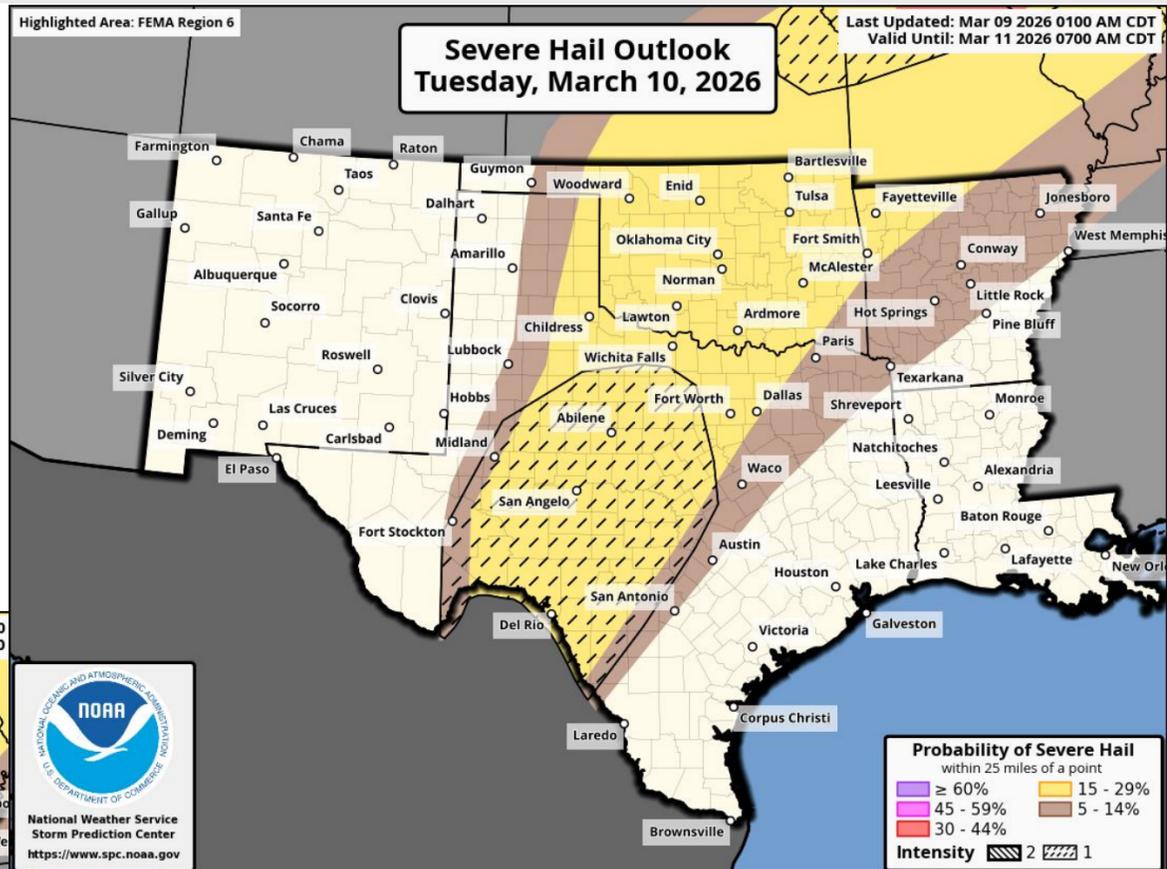
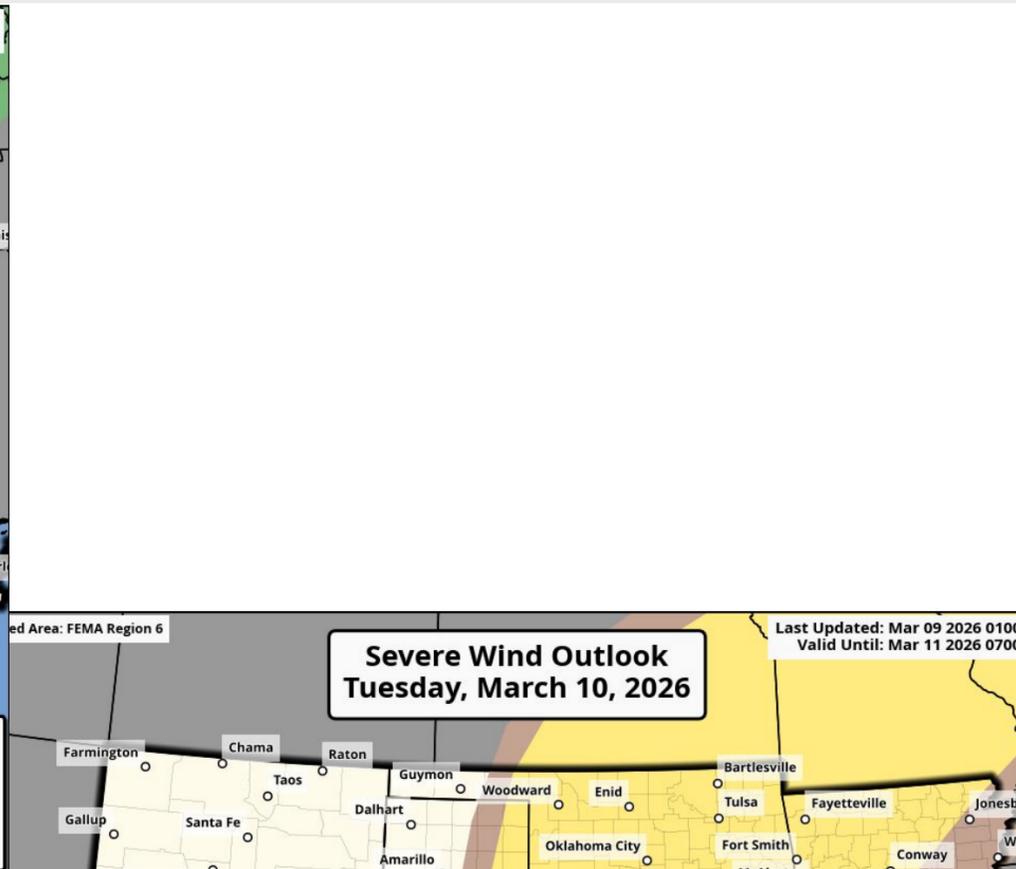
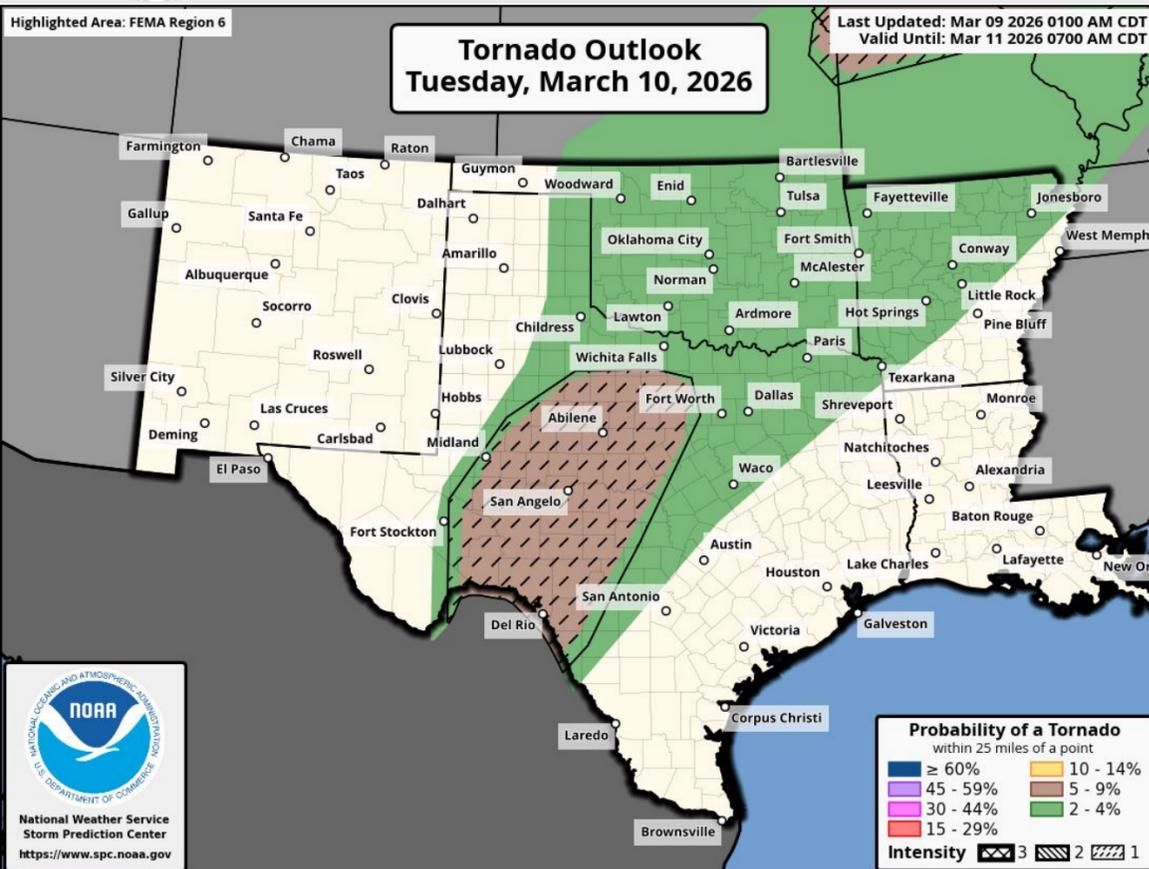
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms across OK, W/N AR, N/C-SW TX.

Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding in OK, W AR, S/W-N/C TX.

Elevated to near critical fire weather conditions over the OK/TX Panhandles, W TX, E NM.

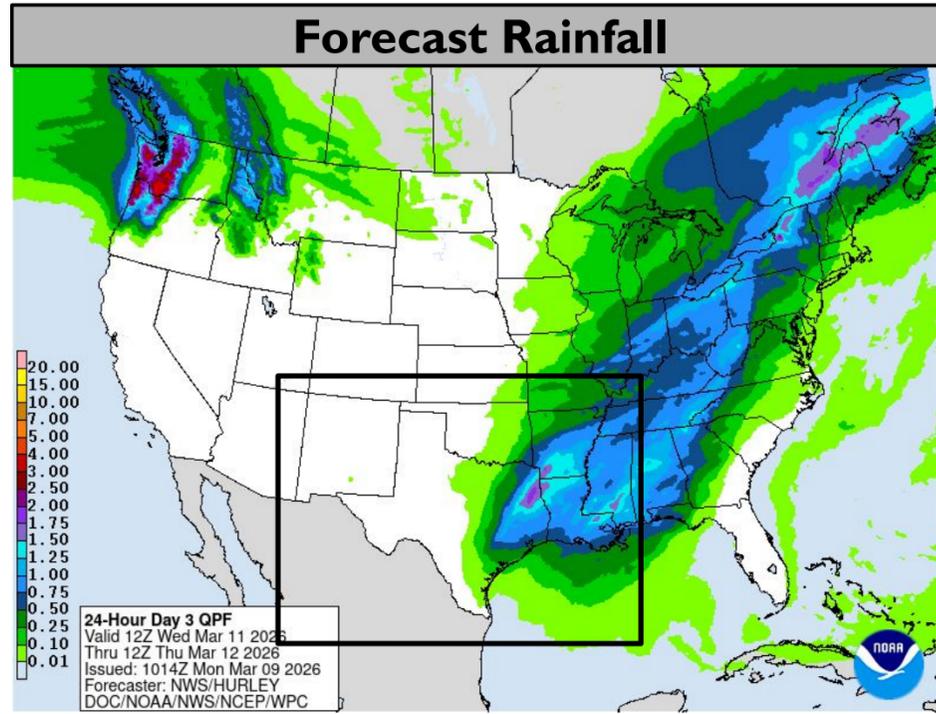
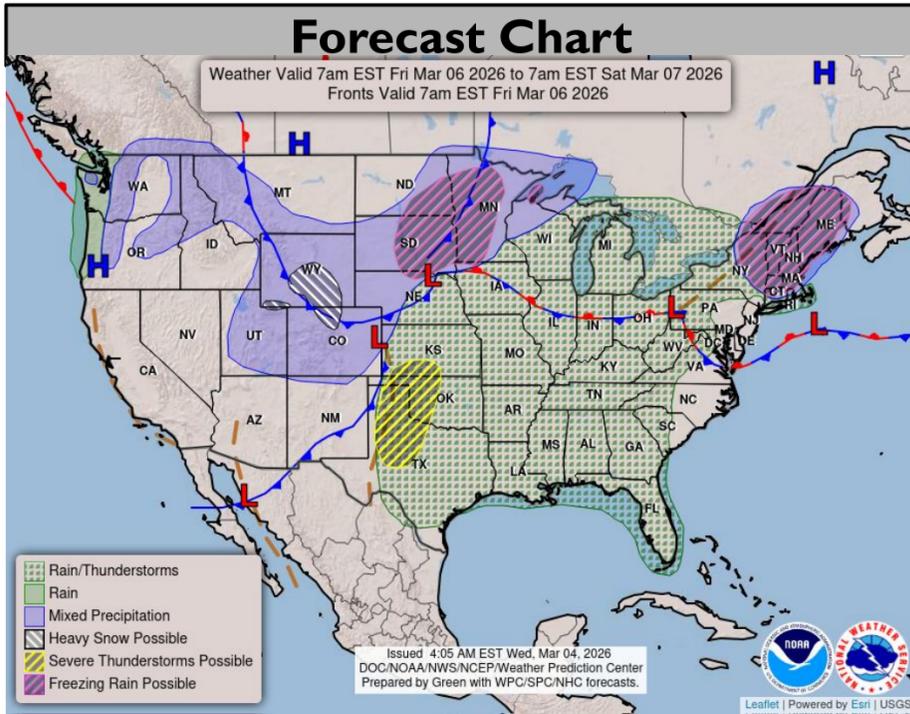


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



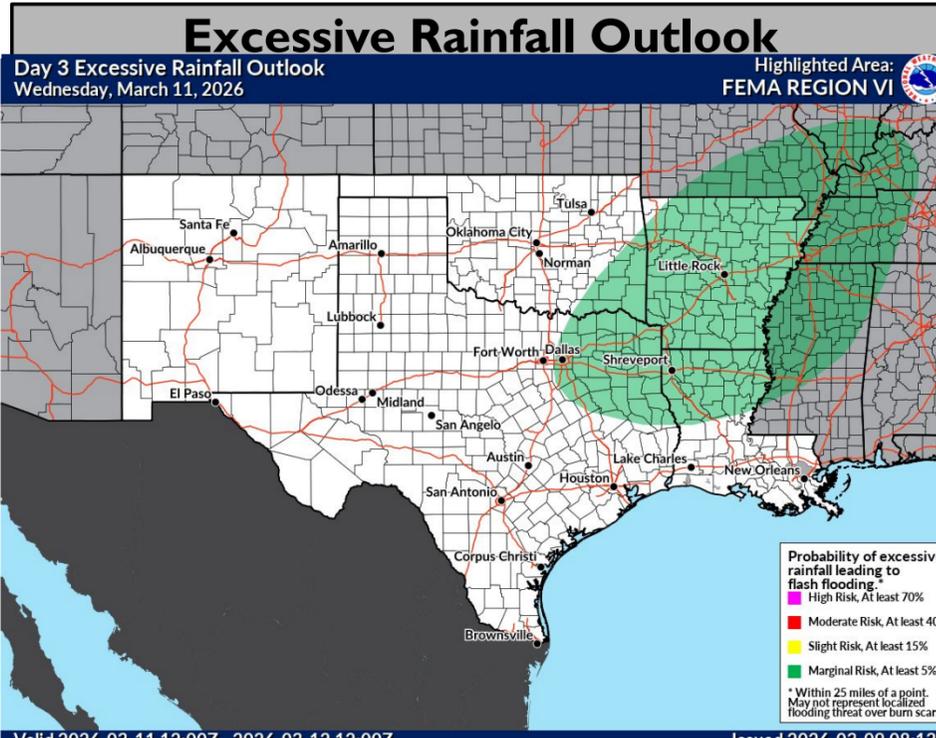
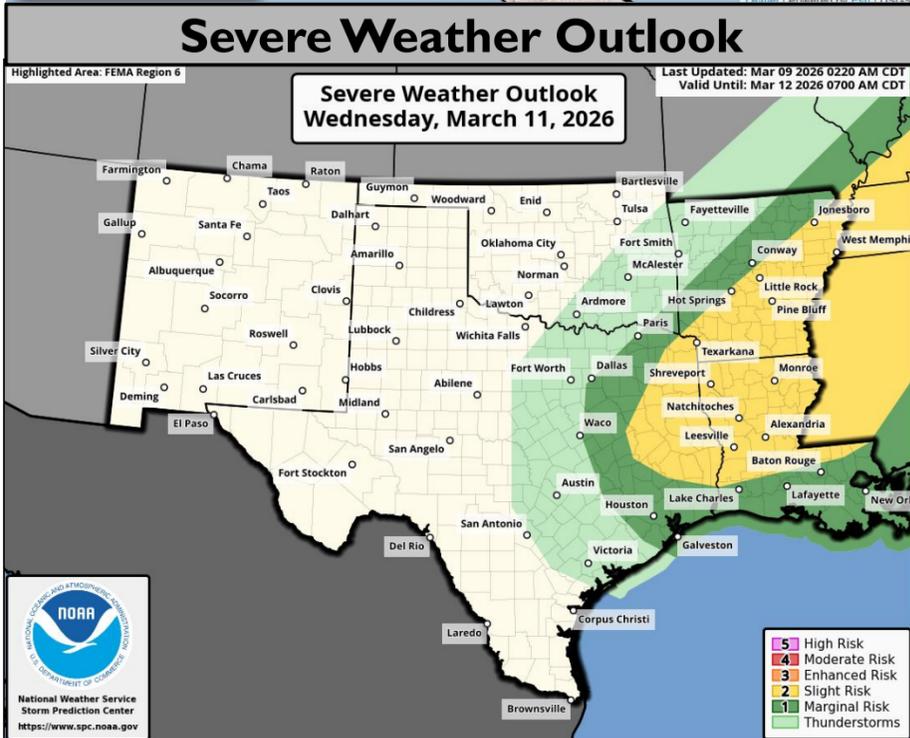


Wednesday's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in AR, ETX, N LA.

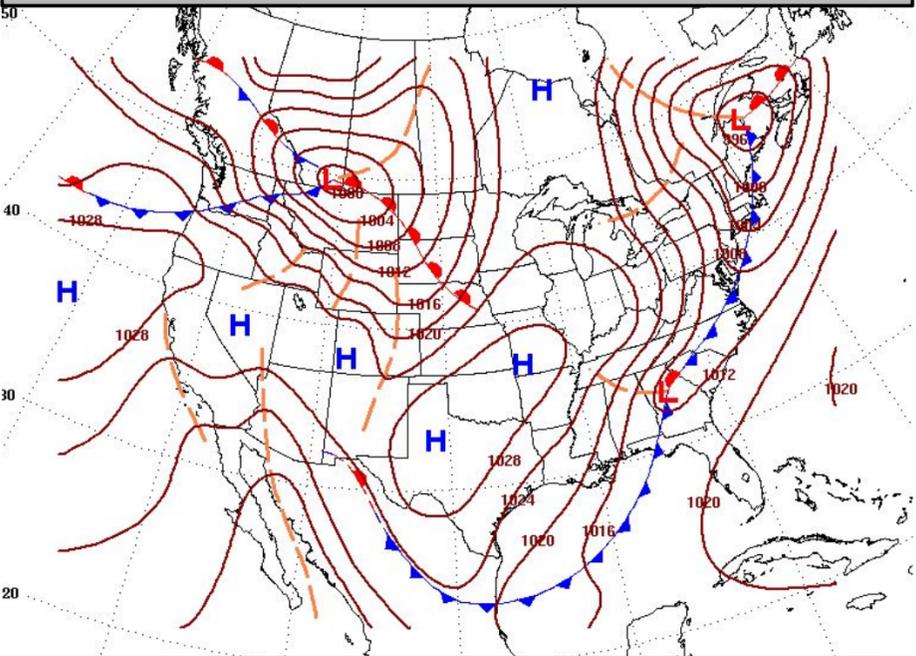
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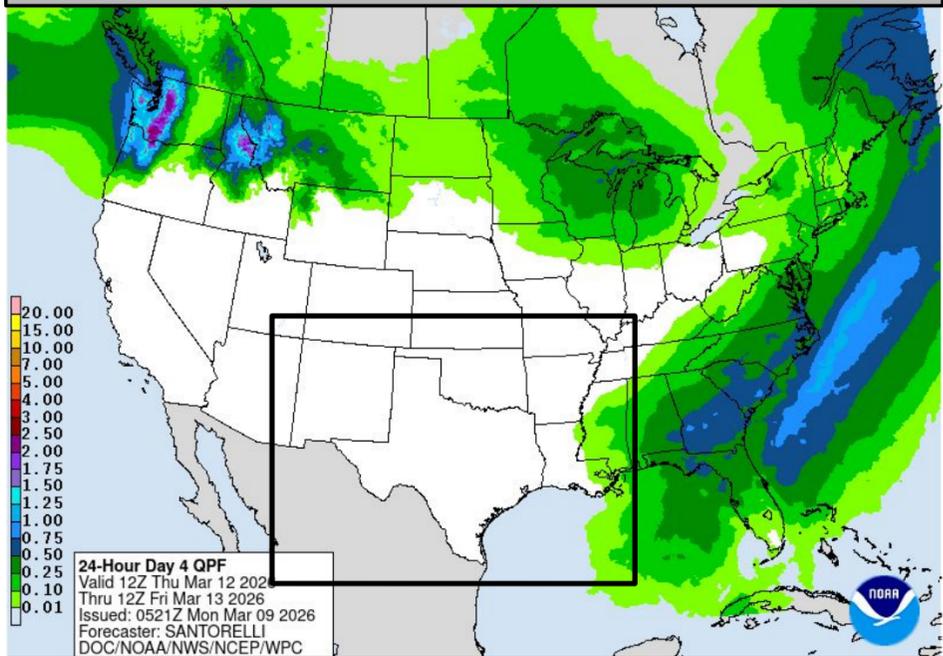


Thursday's Weather

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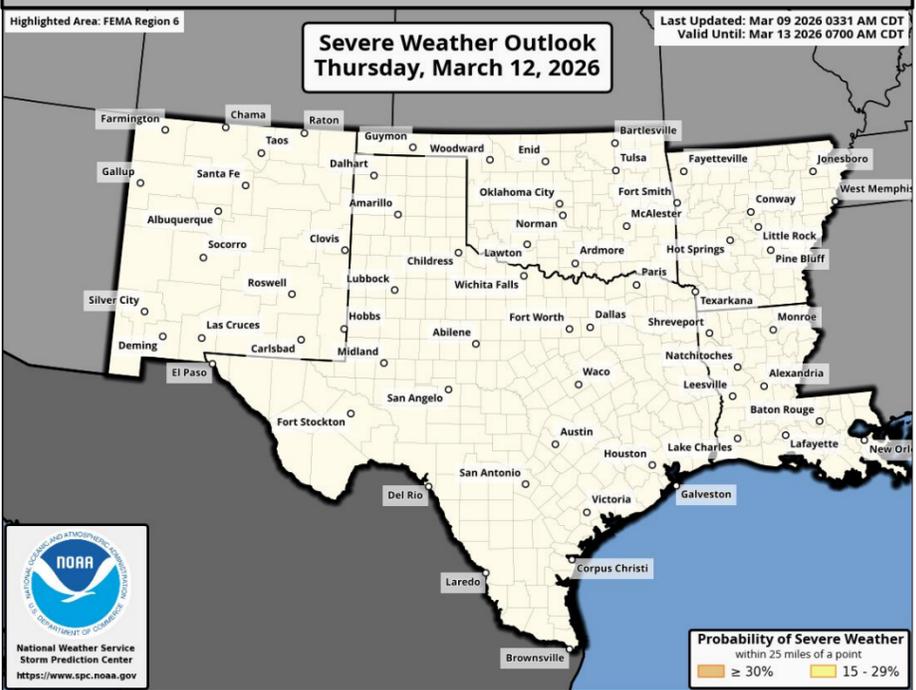


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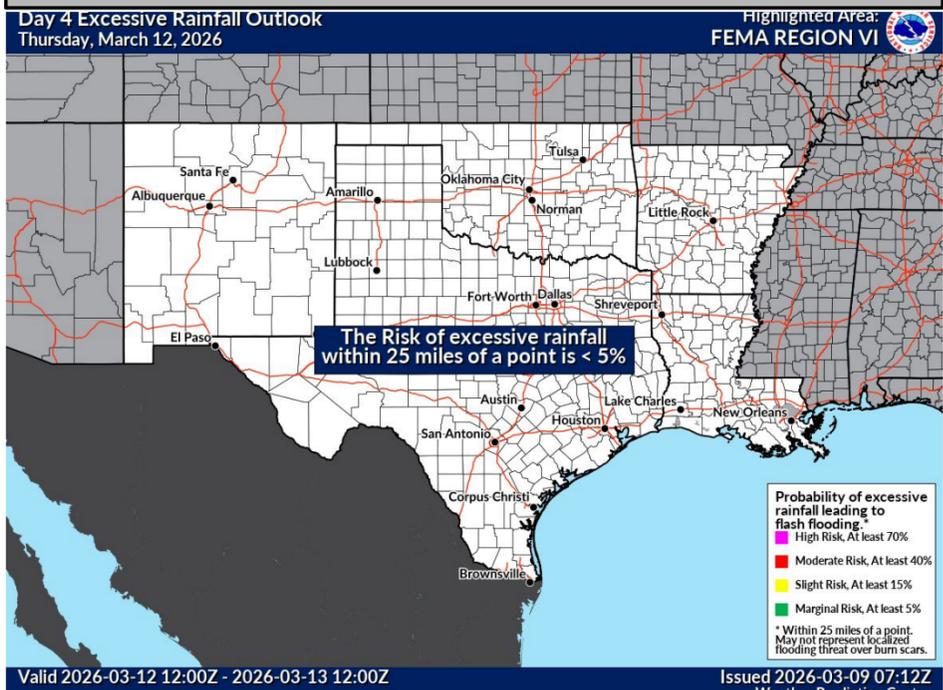


Elevated to near critical fire weather threat over E NM and the TX Panhandle

Severe Weather Outlook



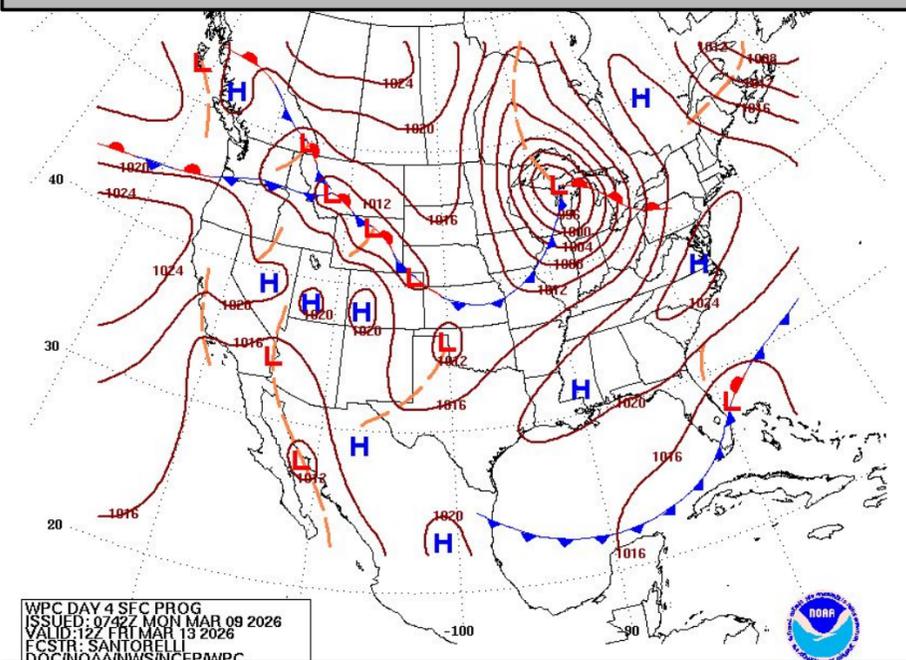
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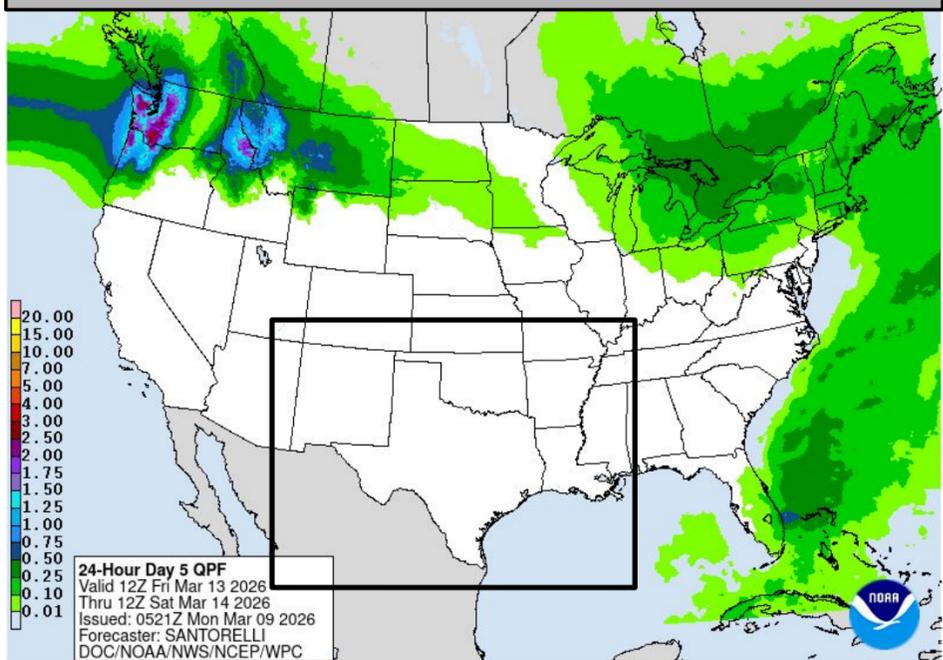
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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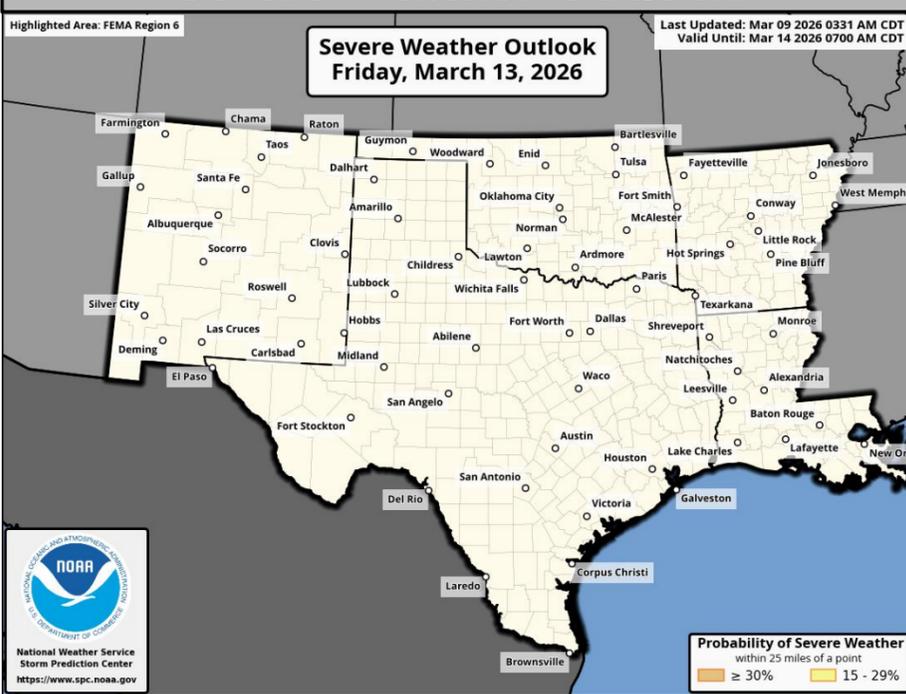
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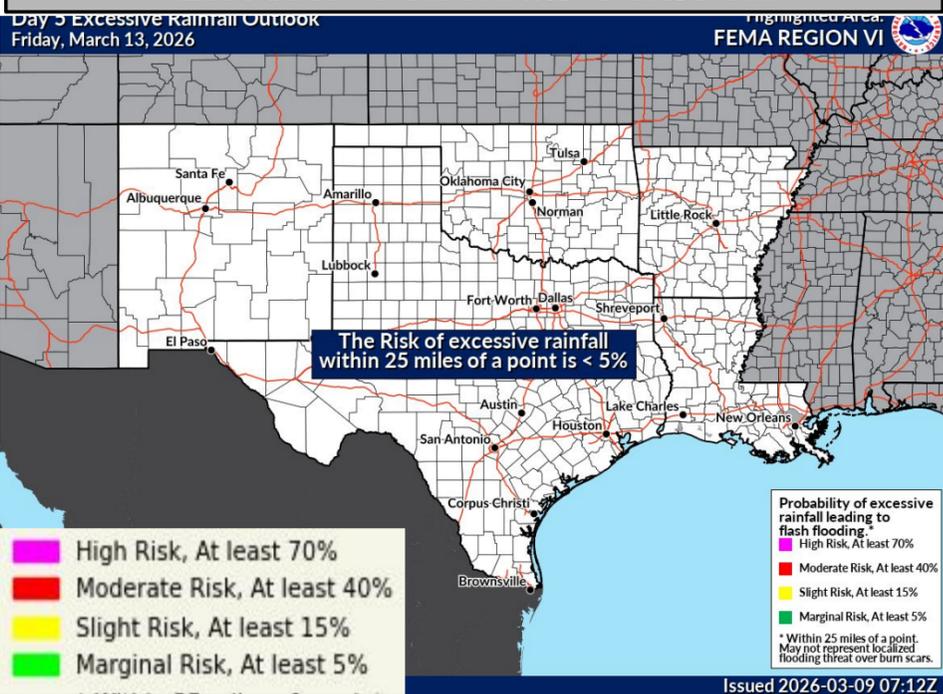
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

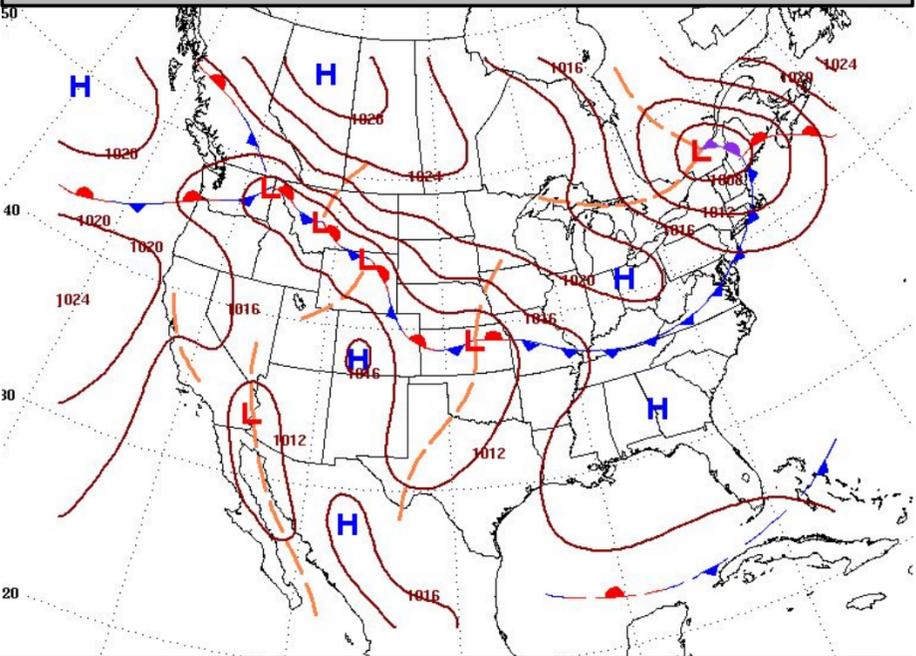


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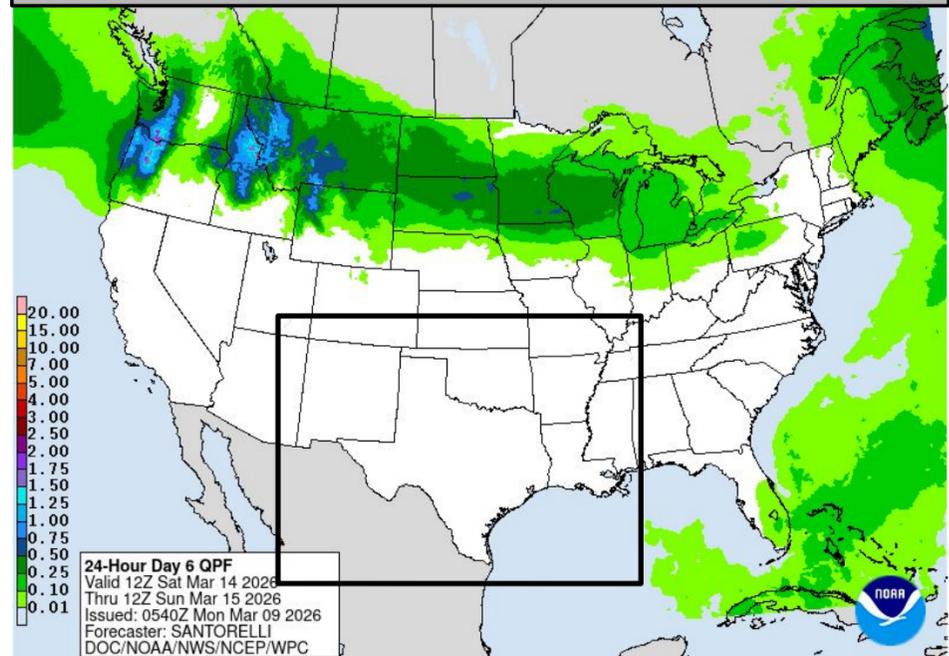


Saturday's Weather

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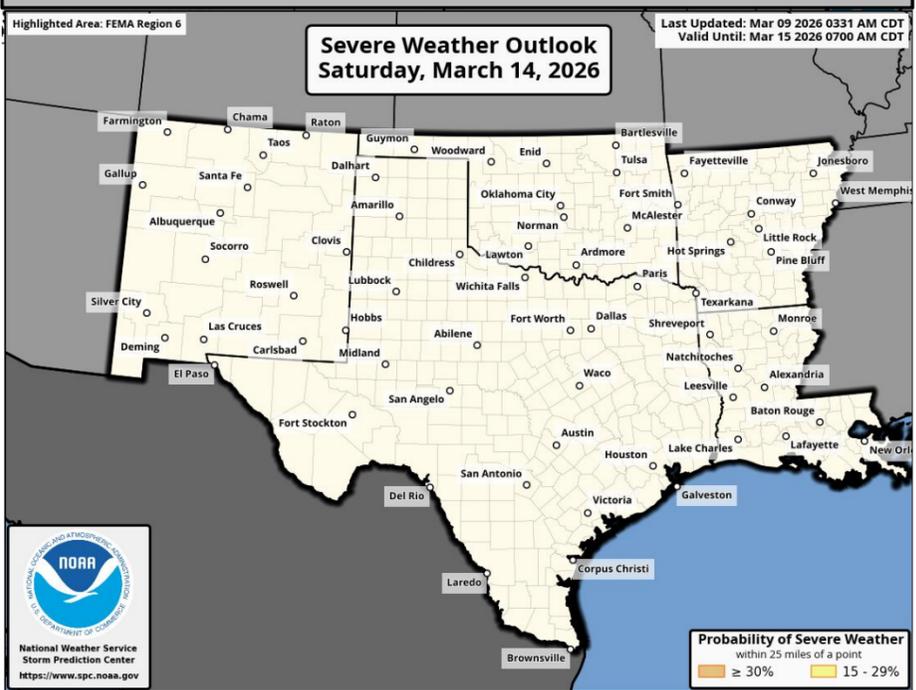


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No significant weather expected.

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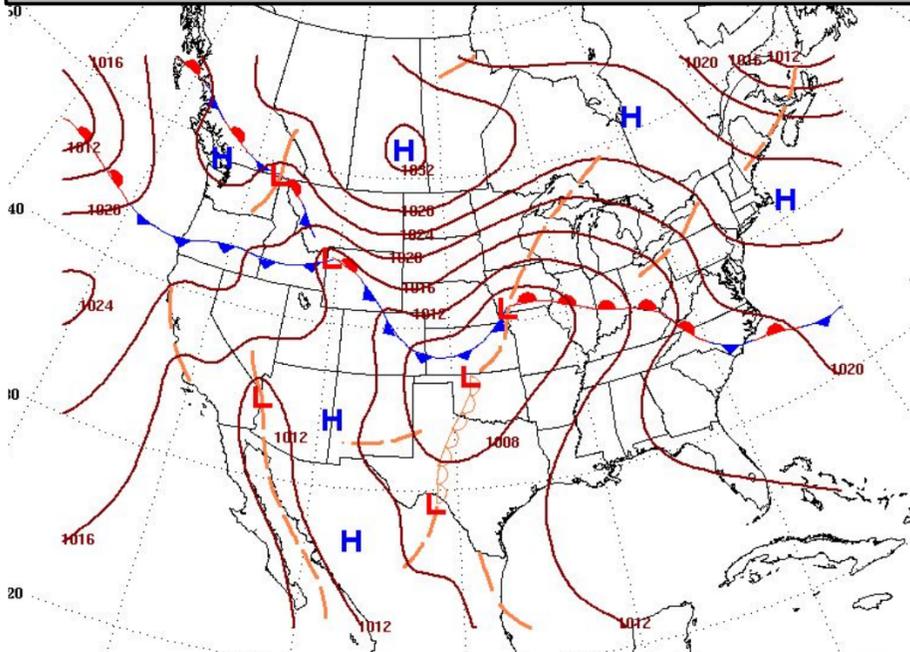


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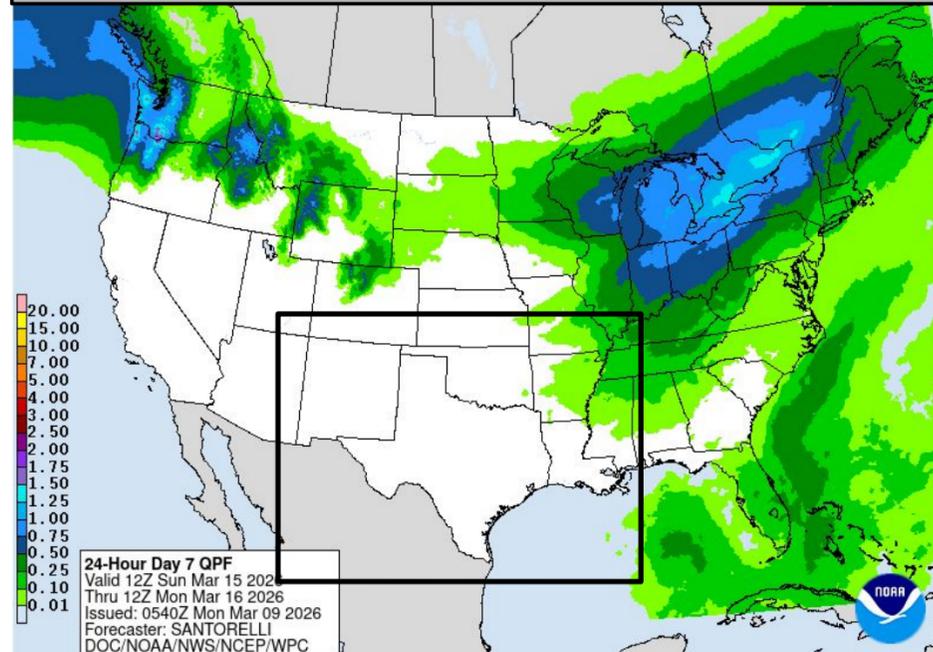


Sunday's Weather

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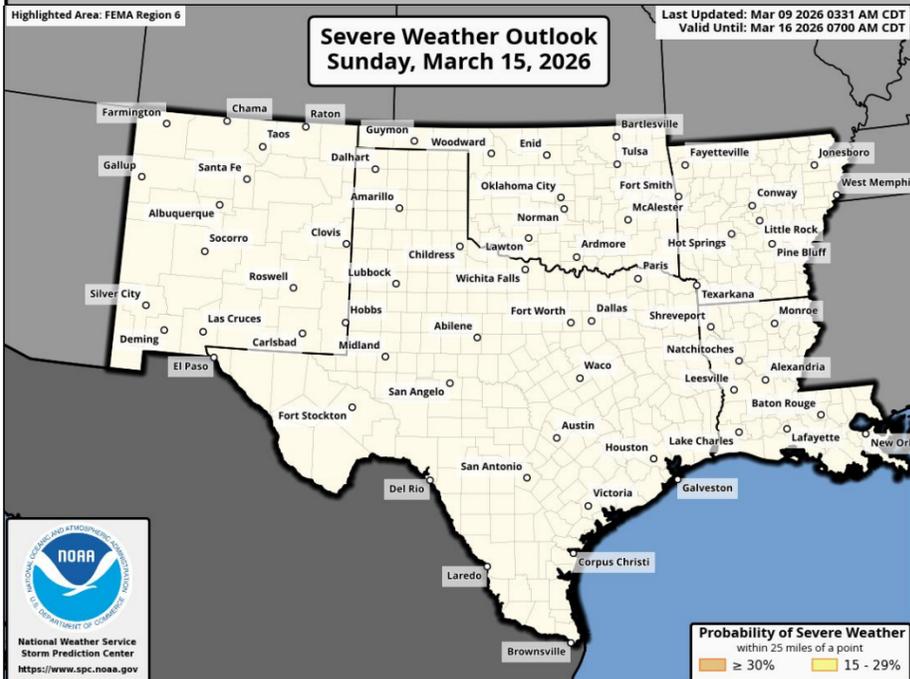


Forecast Rainfall



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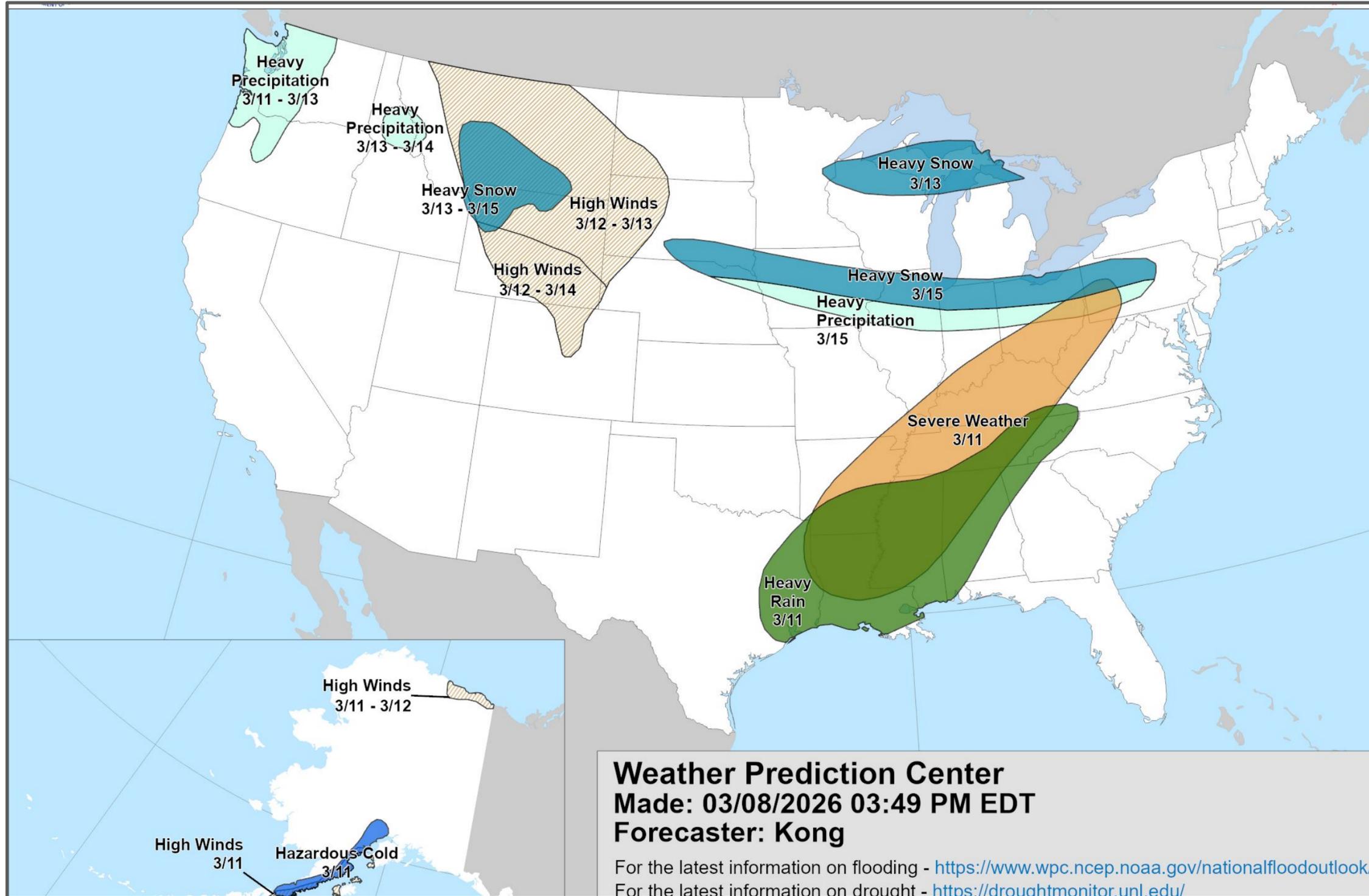
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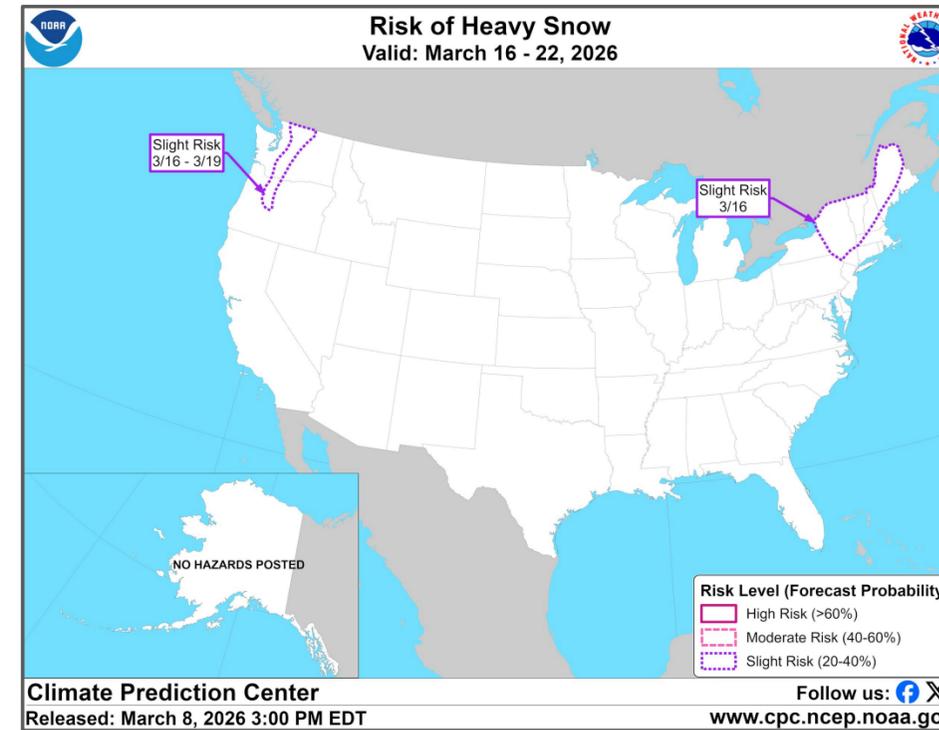
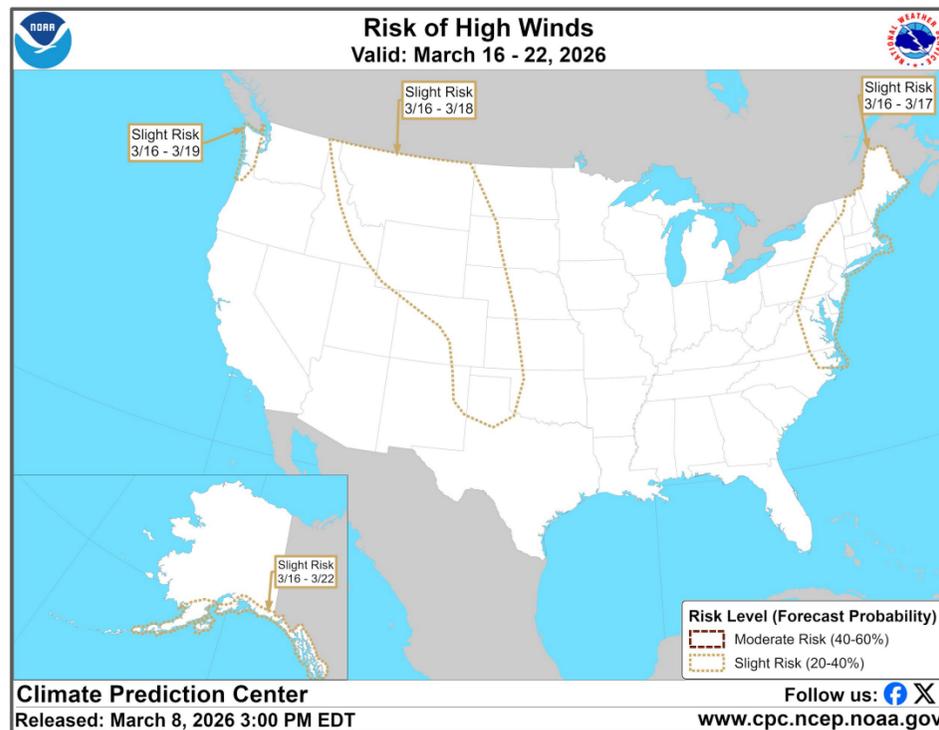
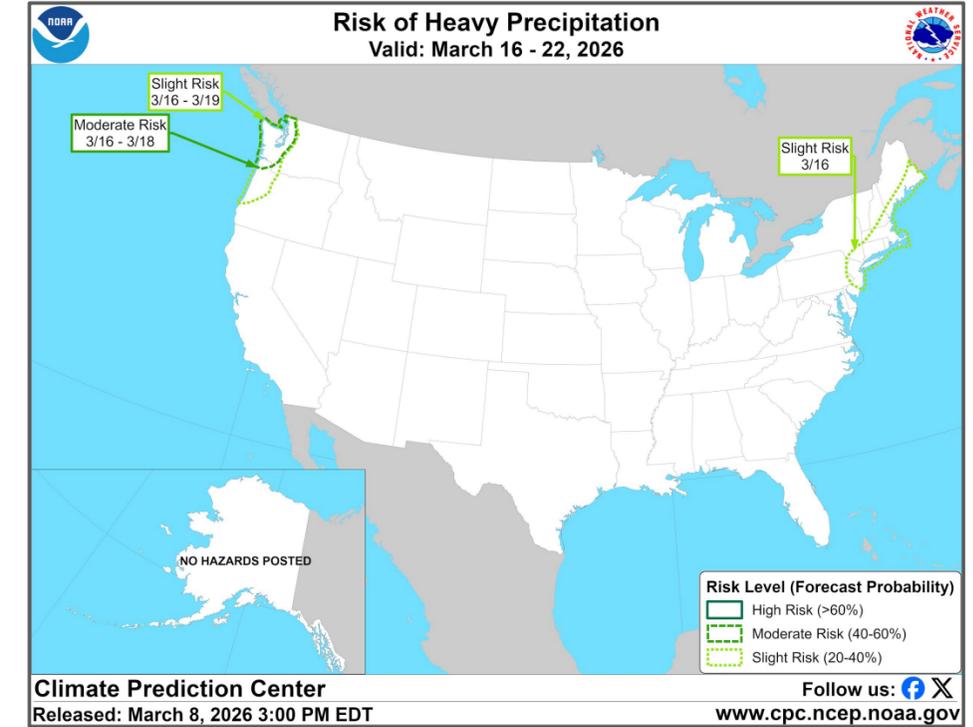
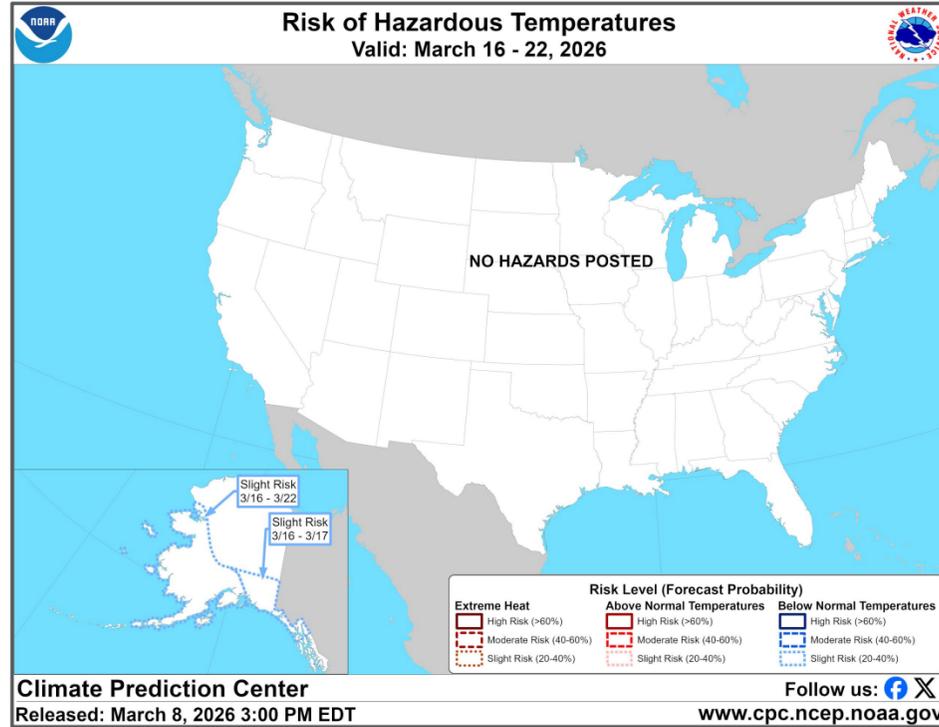
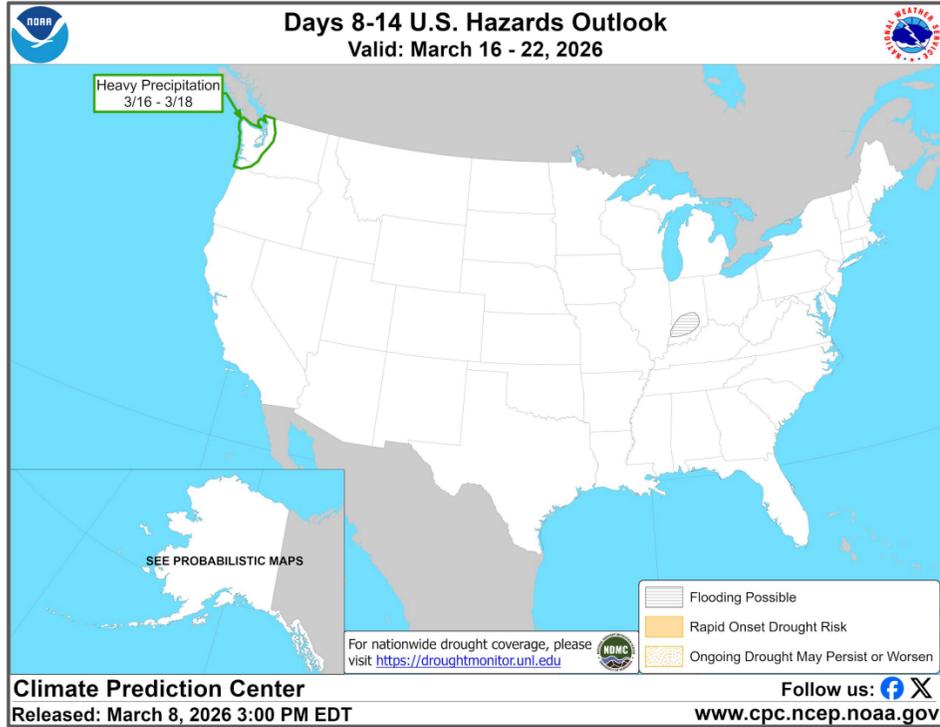


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

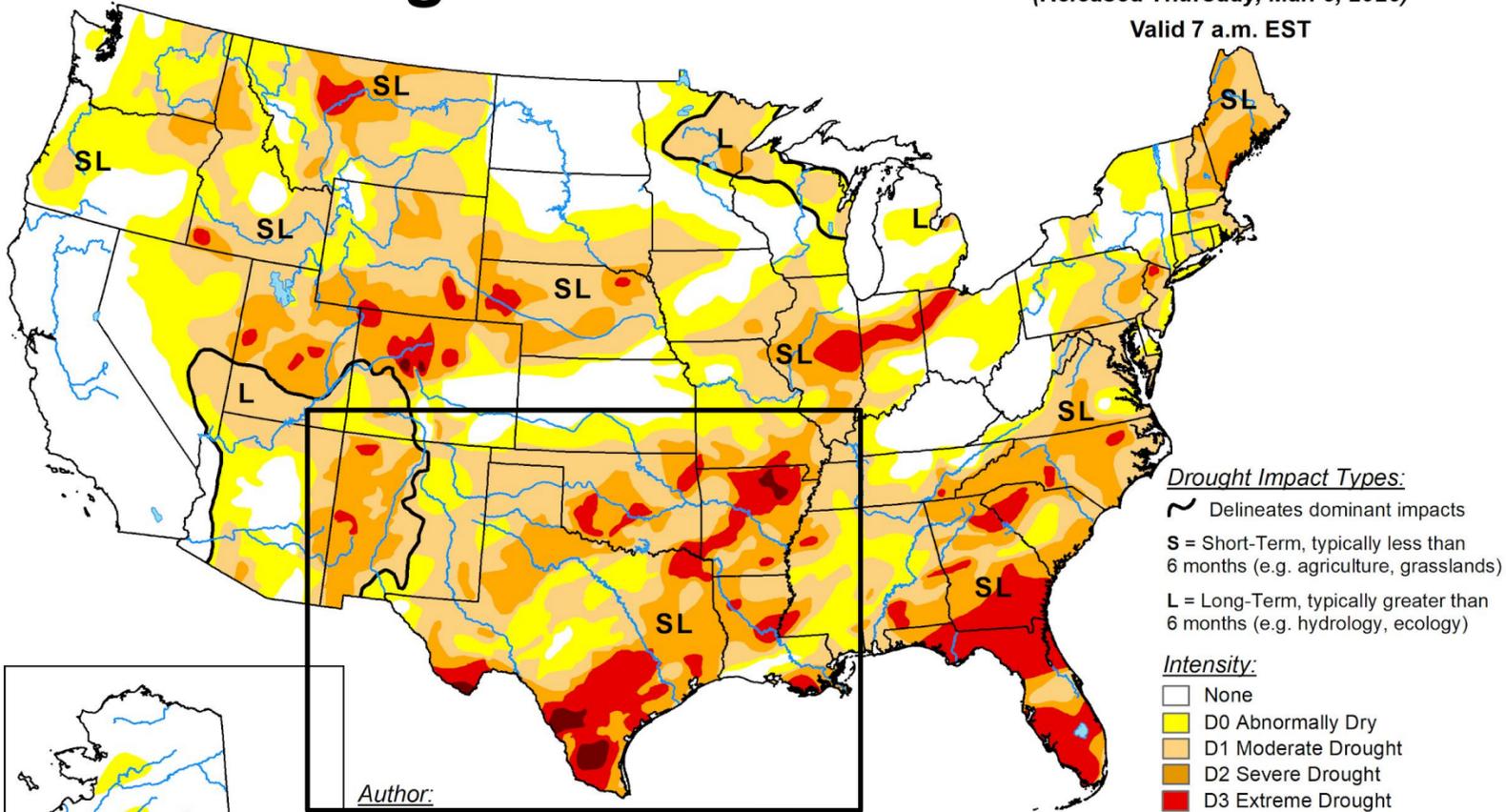




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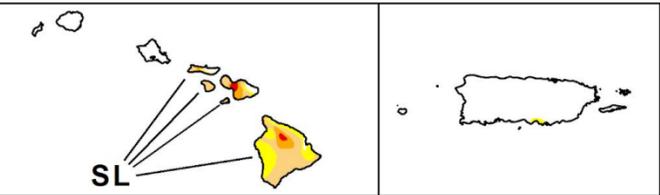
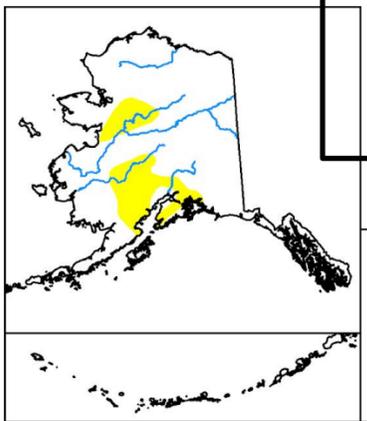


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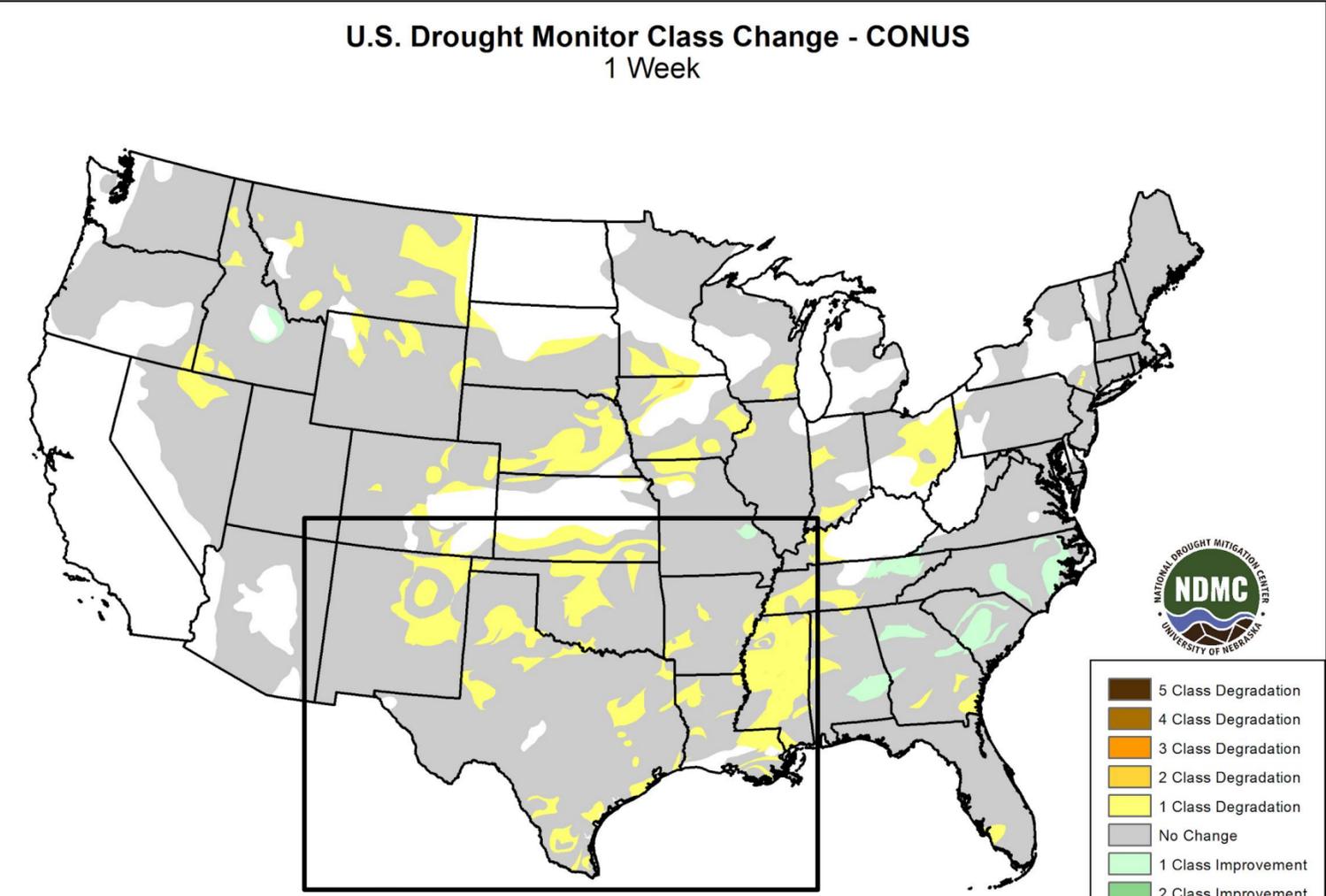
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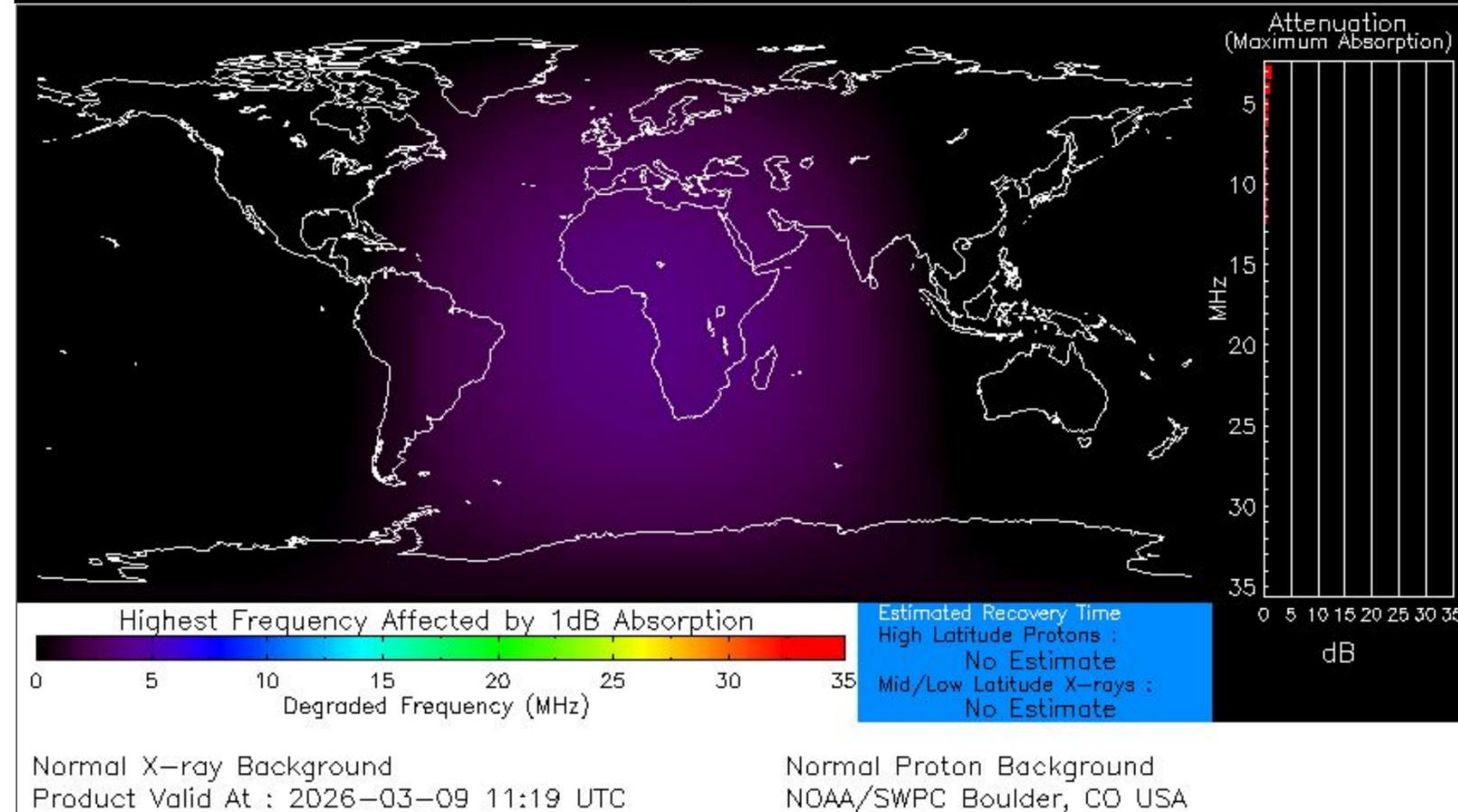
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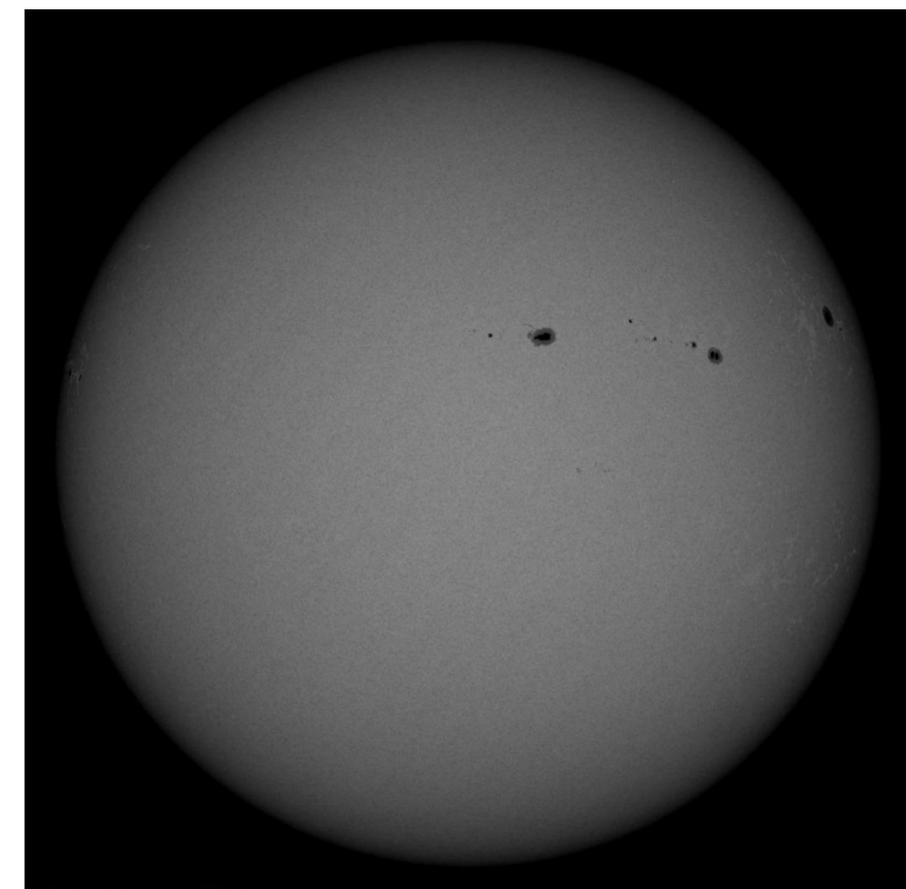
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10	Wednesday, Mar 11
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	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>	<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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