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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, March 11, 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 risk (level 2 of 5) over E AR, E TX, LA today. Conditional strong tornadoes up to EF-2 in E TX, S AR, LA. Storms exit E LA by midnight.**
 - **Isolated wind gusts up to 74 mph in LA.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) in E TX, S AR, N LA today.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for portions of E NM, W/NW TX, and W OK through Sunday. Strong winds in the TX Panhandle (gusts over 50 mph), may also lead to blowing dust and difficult travel for high-profile vehicles.**
- **On Sunday, winds associated with a dry cold front could be high (over 40 mph), leading to critical fire weather concerns for portions of NM, NW TX, W OK.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor river flooding ongoing in portion of E TX, E AR, and S LA. Additional rainfall today/tonight could lead to additional/new river rises.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Mar 11	Thursday, Mar 12	Friday, Mar 13	Saturday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 15	Monday, Mar 16	Tuesday, Mar 17
Severe Storms	E AR, ETX, LA				ETX, AR, N LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	ETX, SAR, N LA						
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	OK/TX Panhandles, WTX, STX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX	C/E NM, TX OK Panhandles	C/E NM, Far W TX	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK		
River Flooding	N/E TX, AR	N/E TX, LA, AR	N/E TX, LA, AR	N/E TX	N/E TX		

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

- High Wind Warning Pop: 374,244
- Flood Warning Pop: 335,246
- Tornado Watch Pop: 117,463
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 505,734
- Flood Advisory Pop: 1,371,780
- Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 169,968
- Marine Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 11,488
- Small Craft Advisory Pop: 77,304
- Wind Advisory Pop: 11,793,056
- Rip Current Statement Pop: 588,622
- Fire Weather Watch Pop: 735,385



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Red Flag Warnings for portions of W OK, NW TX from Noon CT through 7 PM CT. Fire Danger Statement for portions of S TX Panhandle, Rolling Plains, and South Plains today from 11 AM through 7 PM CT.

Fire Weather Watches for Thursday likely upgraded to Red Flag Warnings in E NM, NW TX.



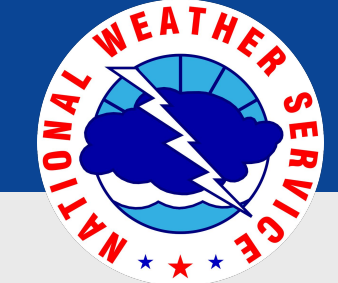
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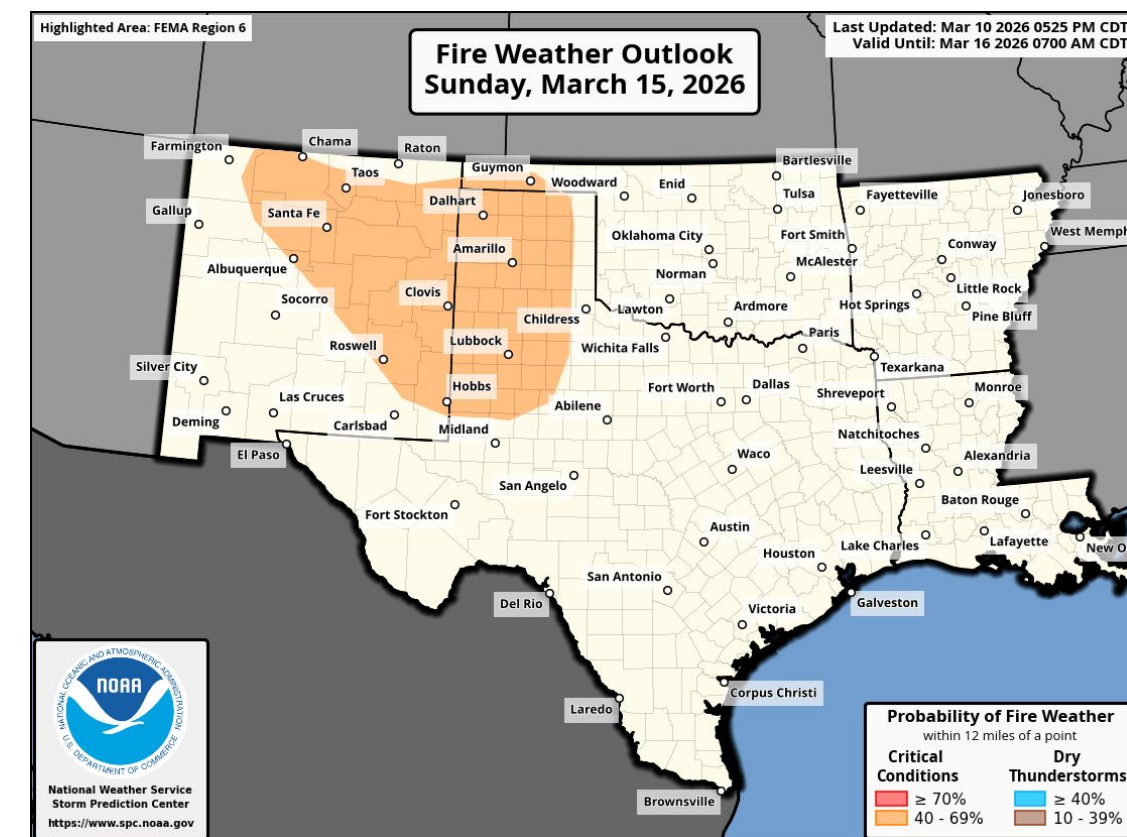
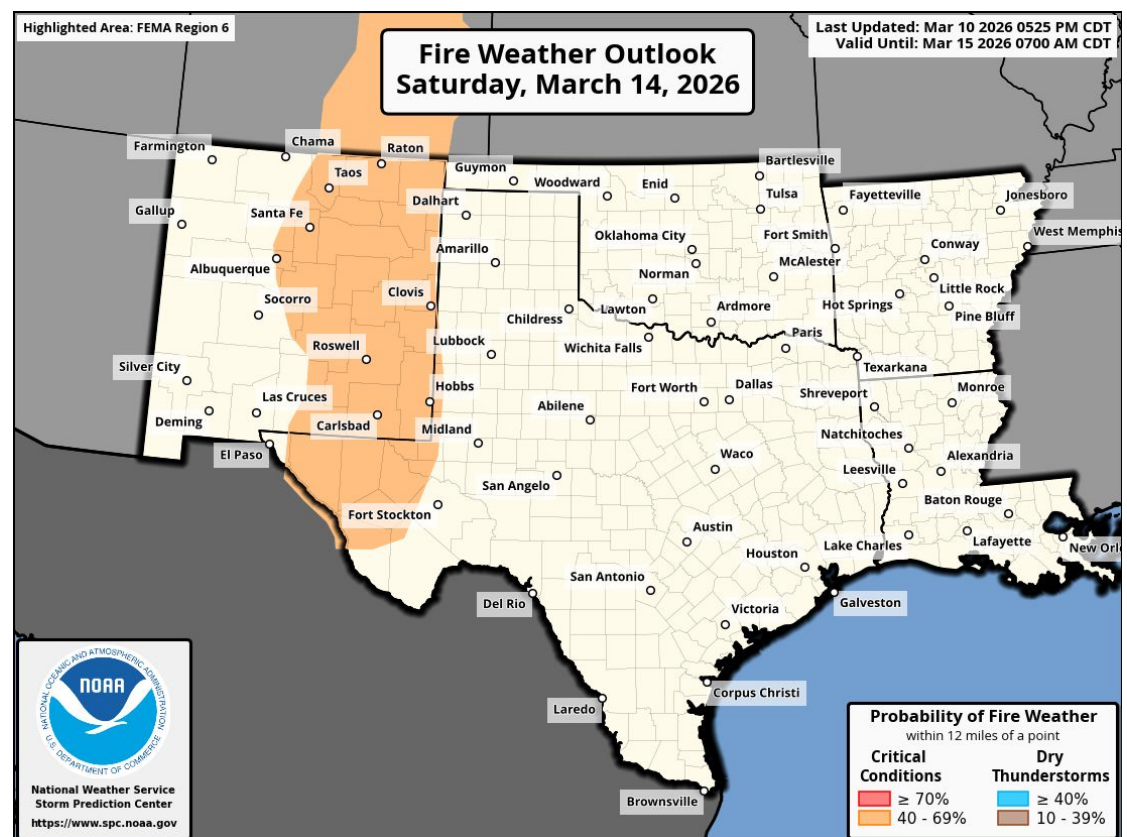
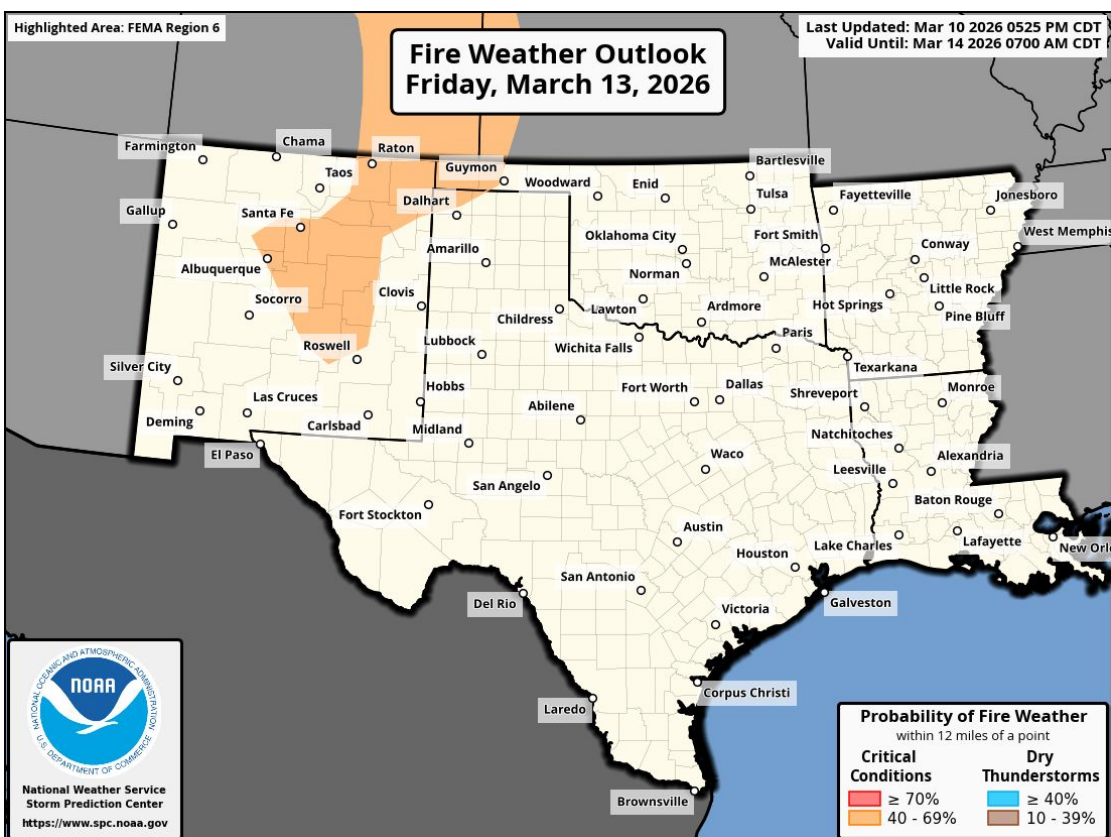
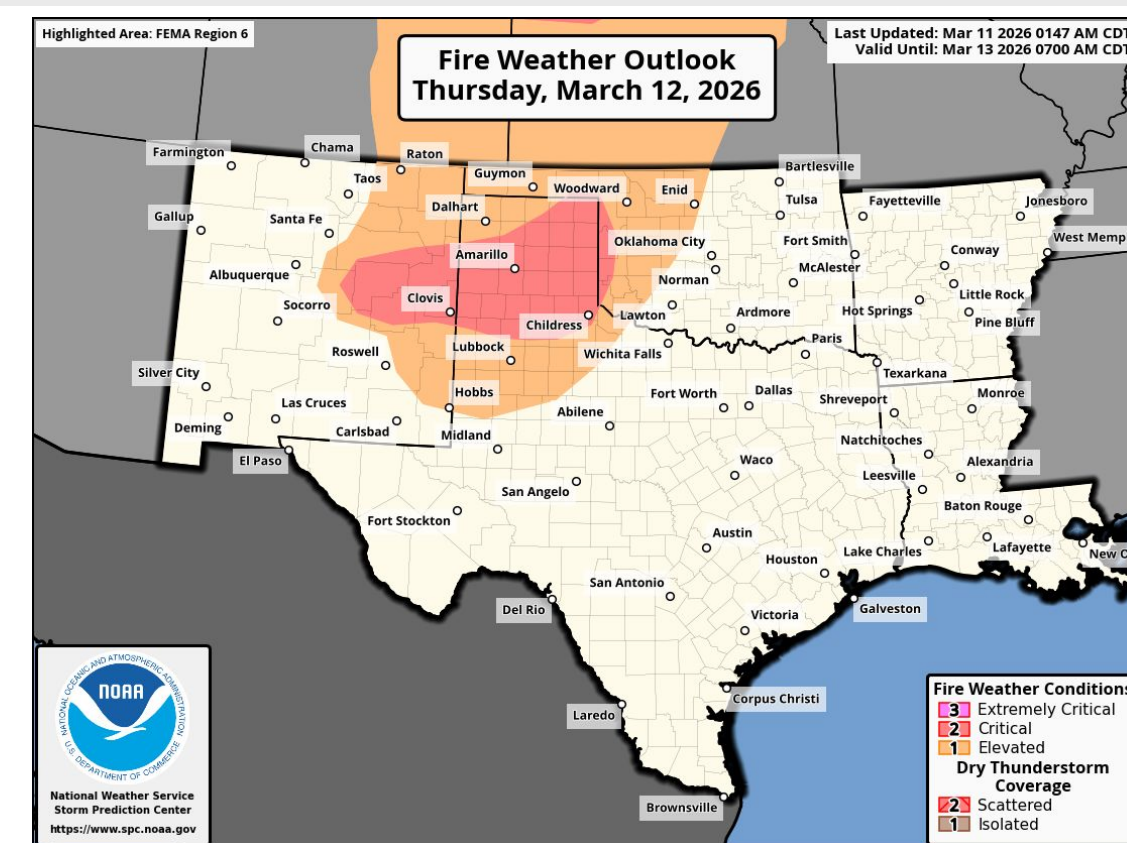
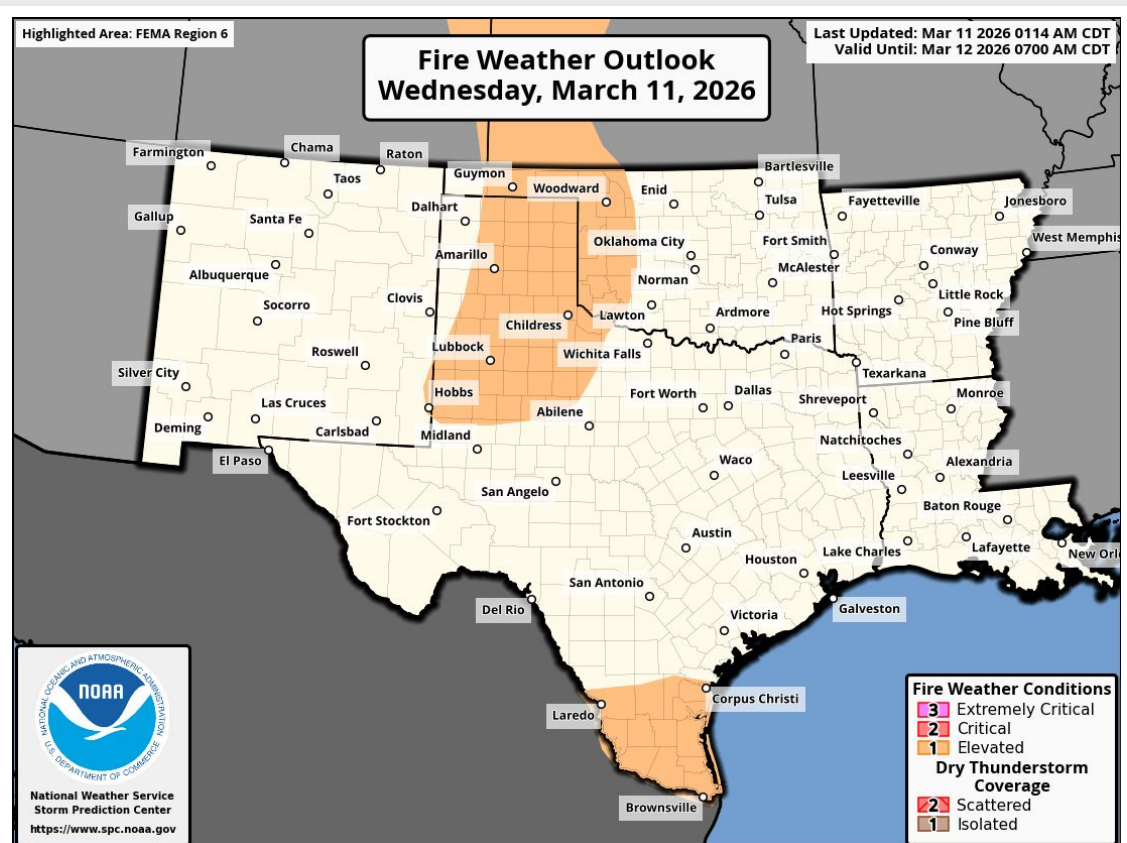
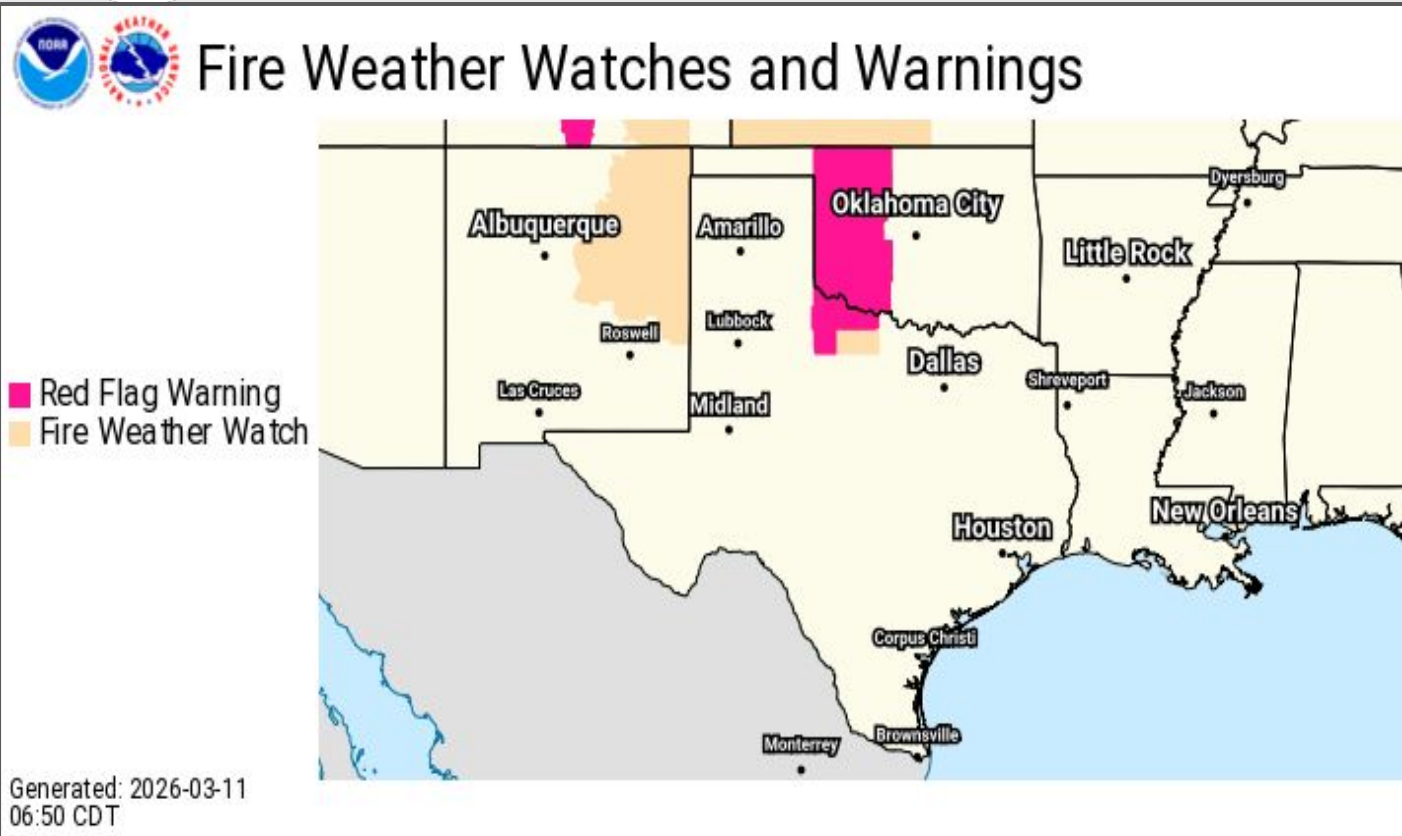


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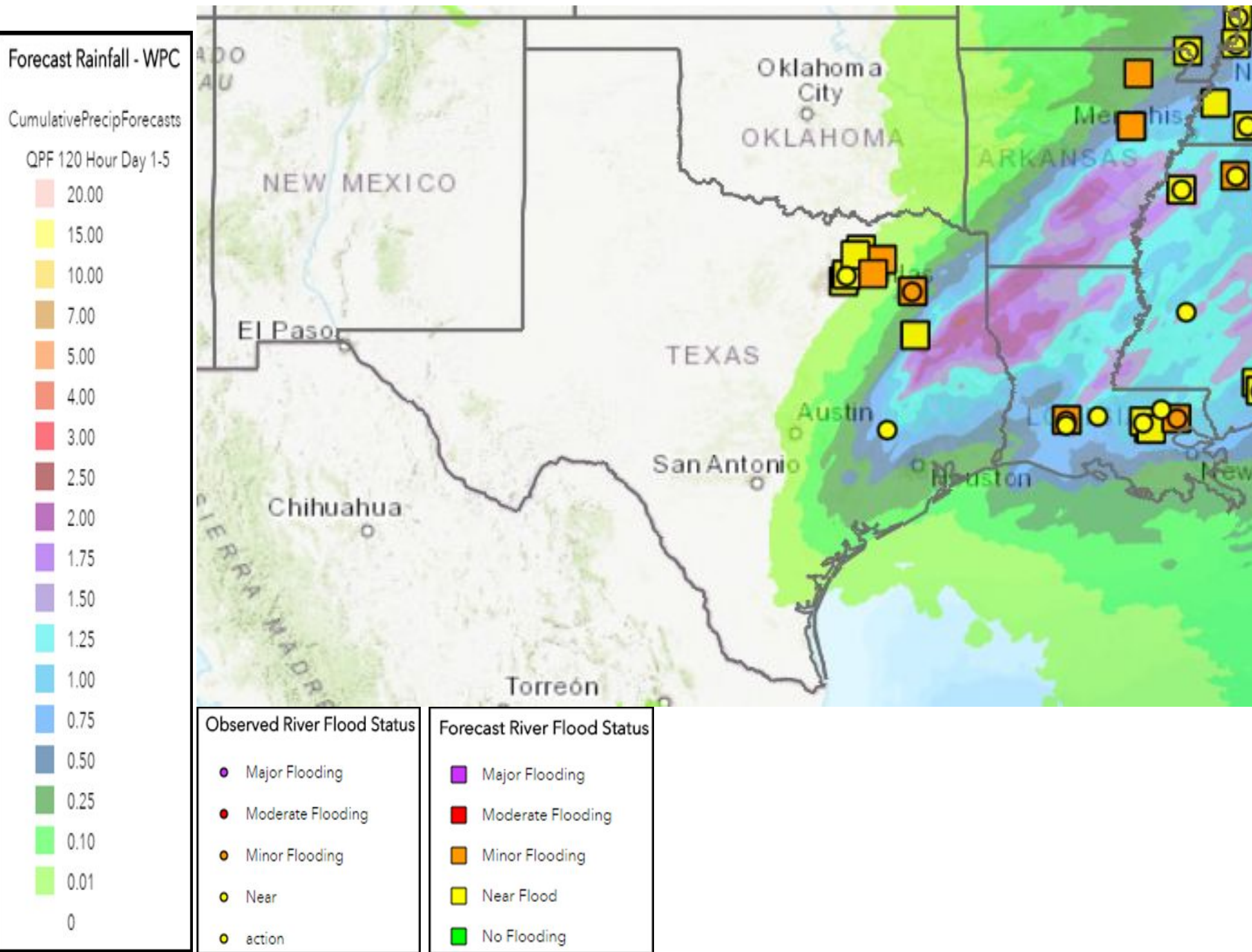
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



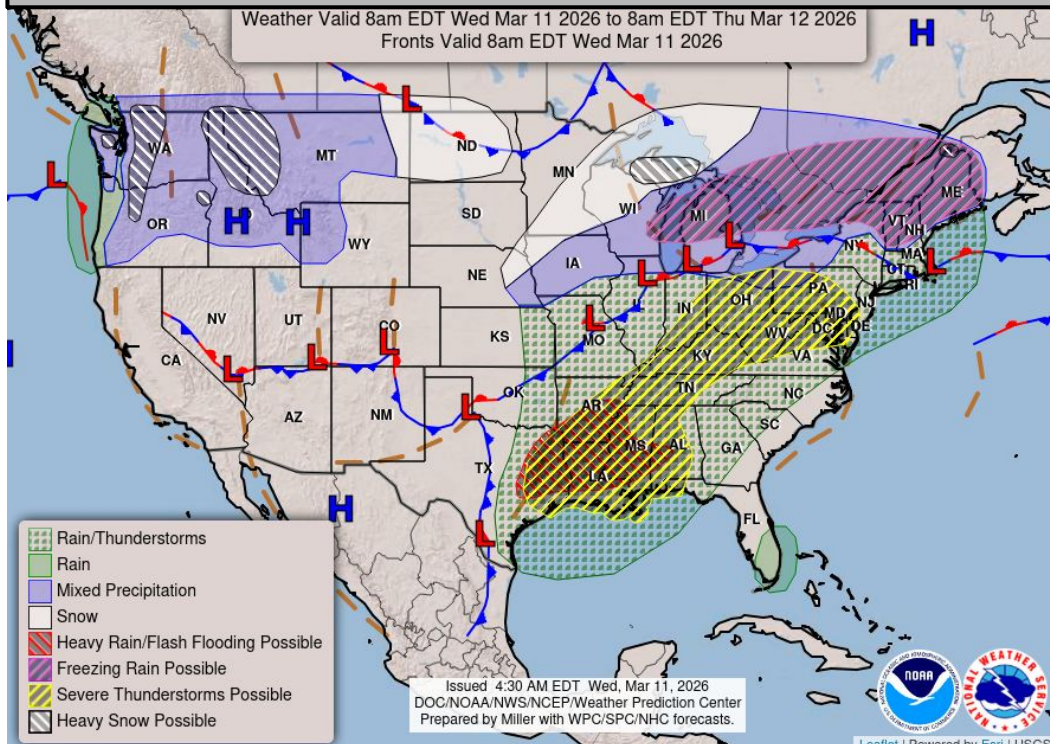
Minor river flooding at the Sabine River near Mineola, TX through at least Sunday. The Tangipahoa River at Robert, LA in Minor flooding through this evening. Minor river flooding through the week along the Cache River at Patterson, AR and the Black River at Black Rock, AR. Impacts mainly to agriculture and secondary roads. Additional rainfall today/tonight could lead to additional/new river rises.

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.

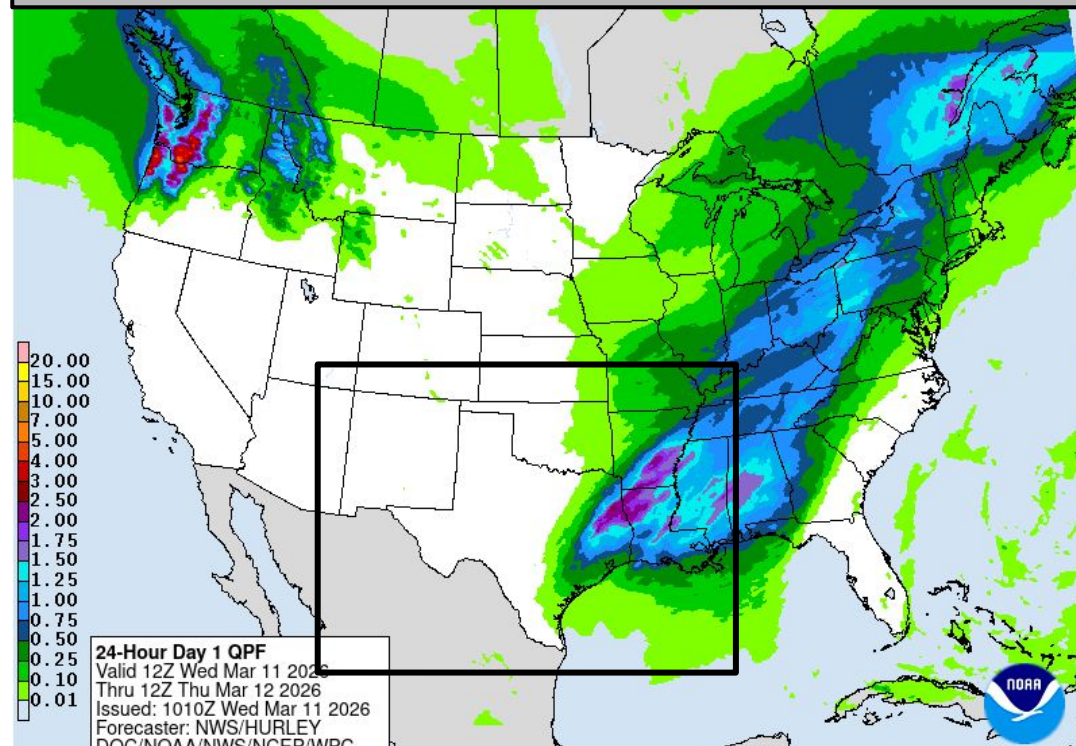


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



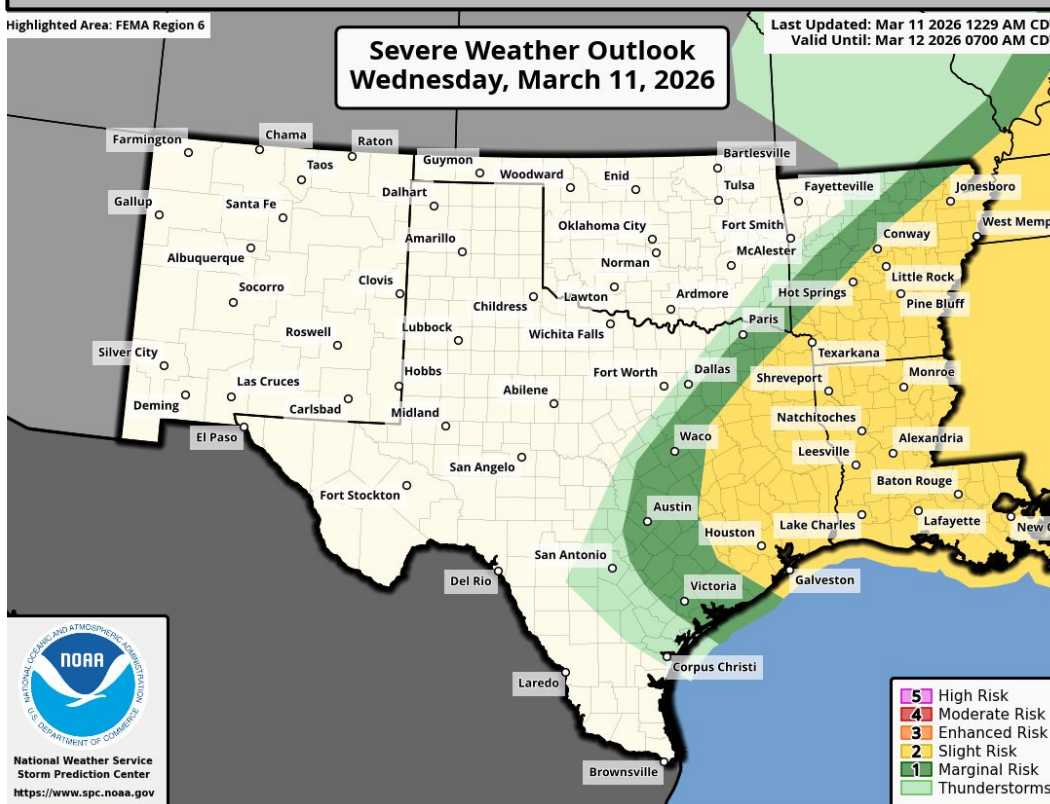
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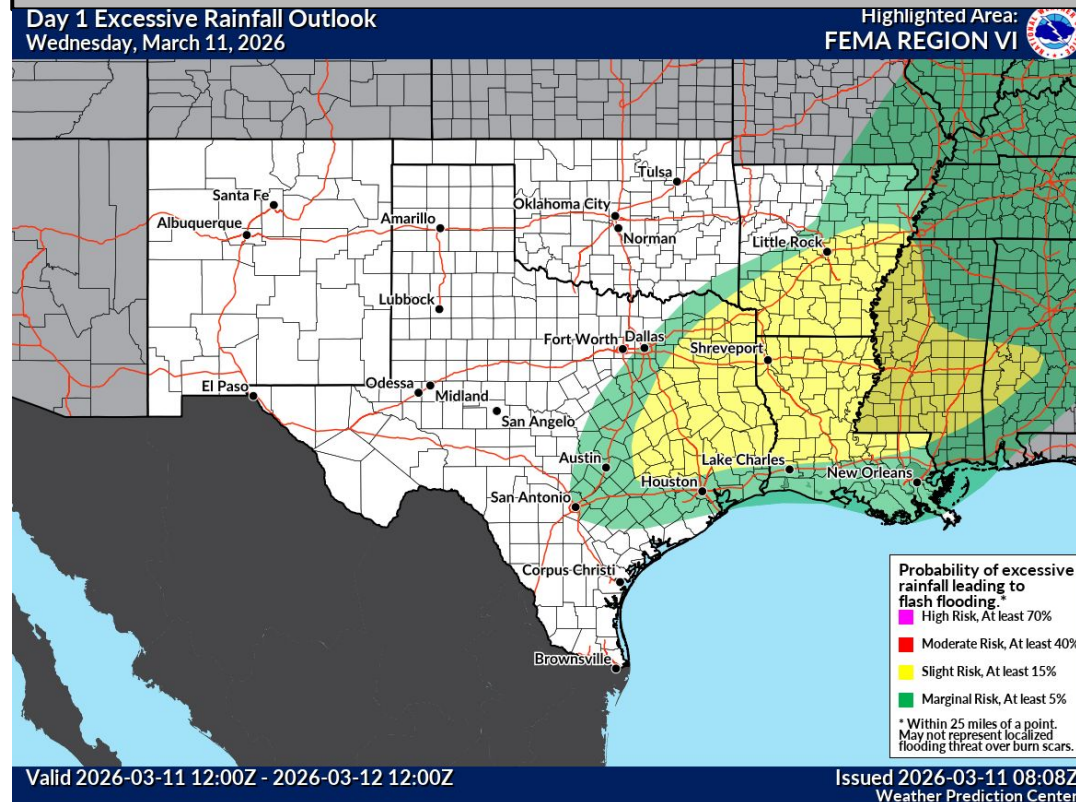
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in EAR, ETX, N LA. Conditional strong (EF-2) tornado potential. Wind gusts up to 74 mph in LA.

Timing: Now-Midnight CT.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

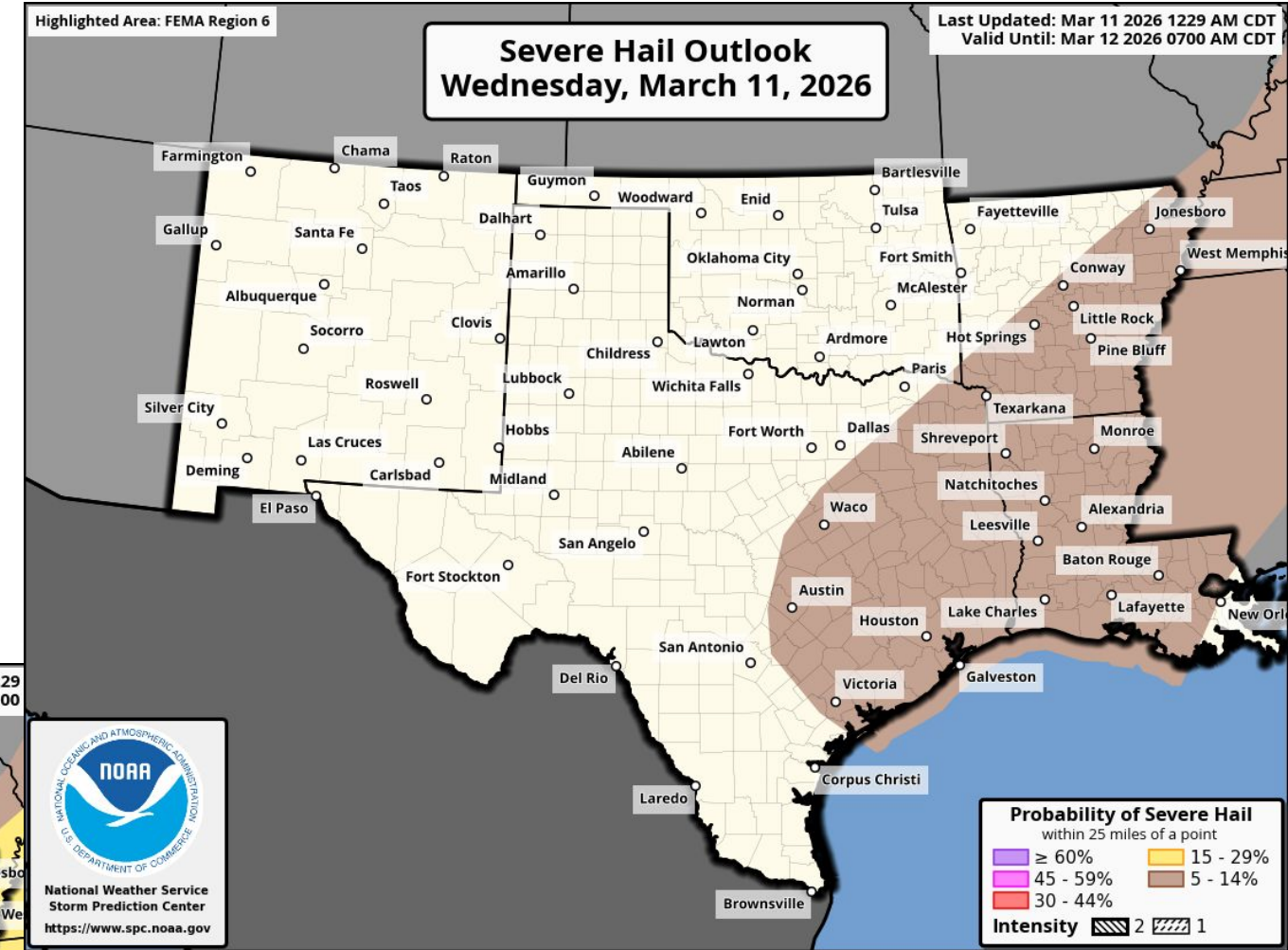
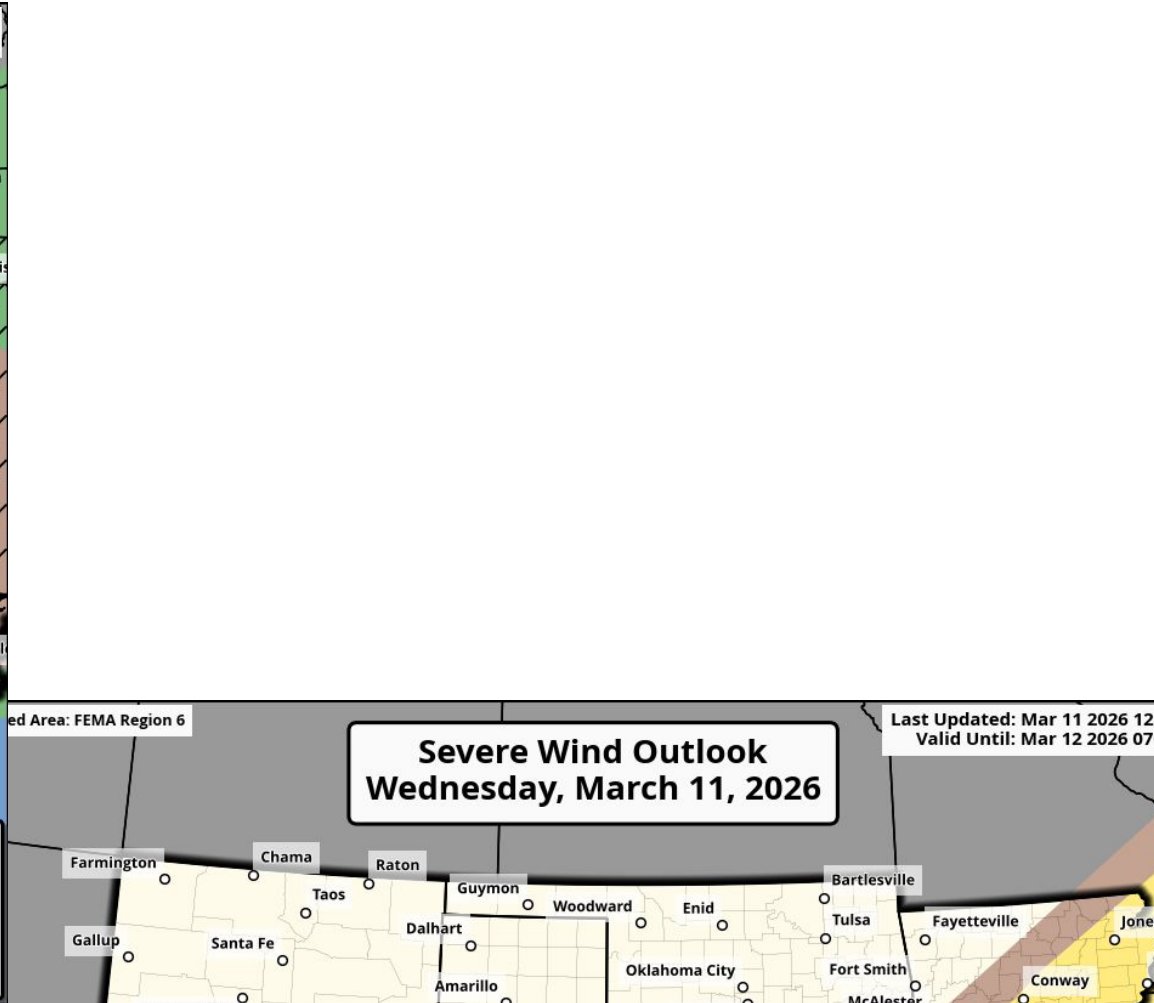
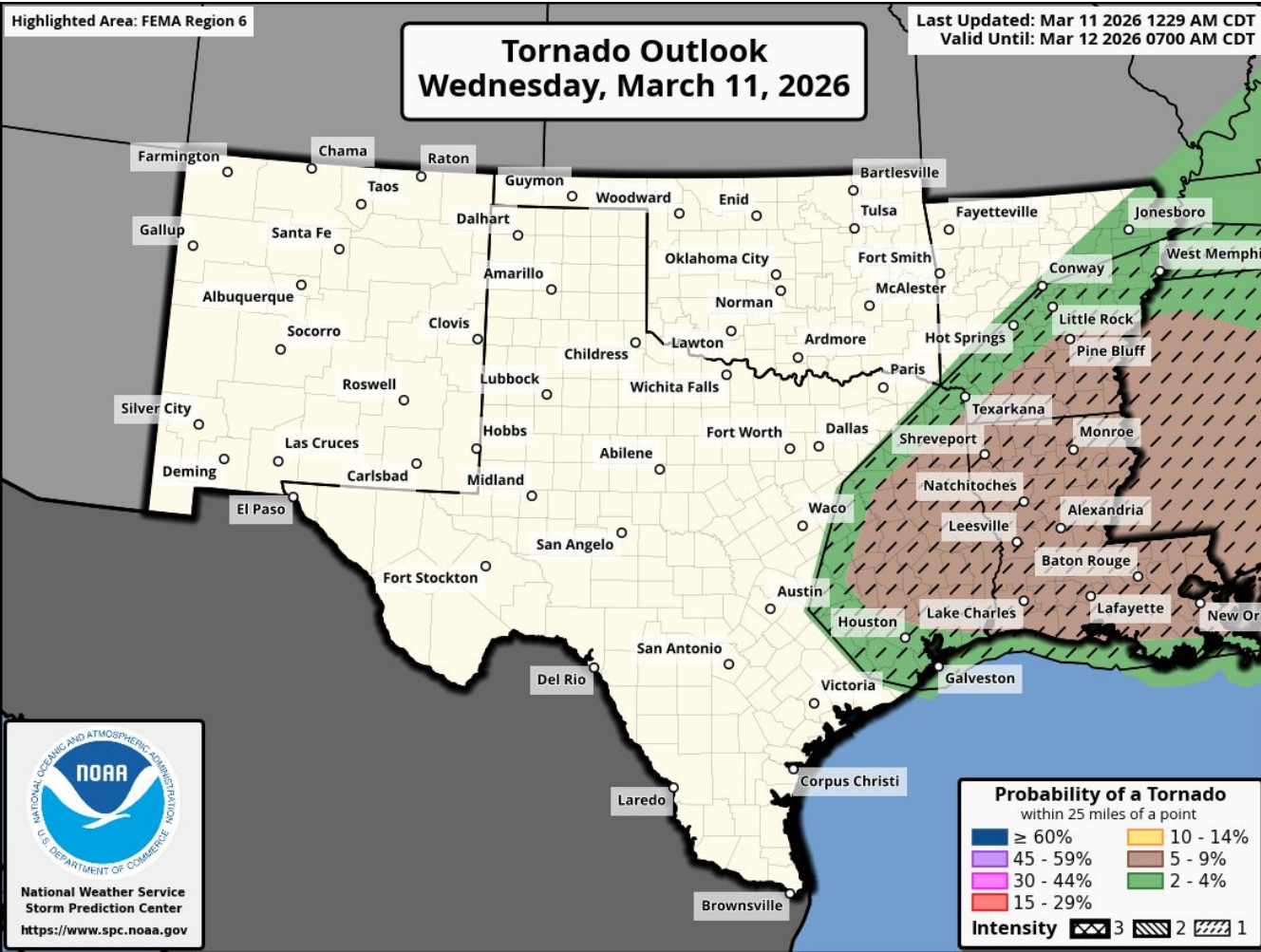


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in ETX, SAR, N LA. 3-5" of rain, locally up to 7".

Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in OK/TX Panhandles, W TX, S TX.



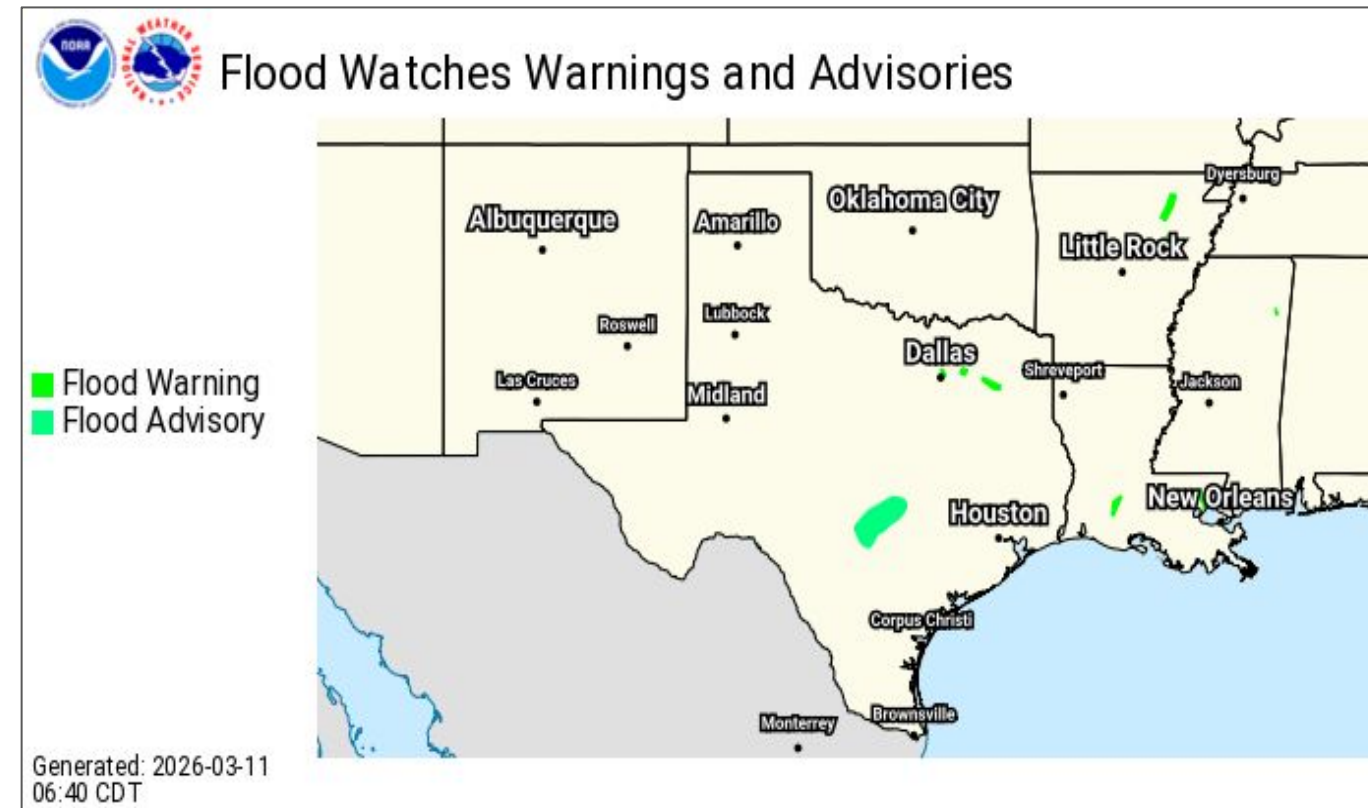
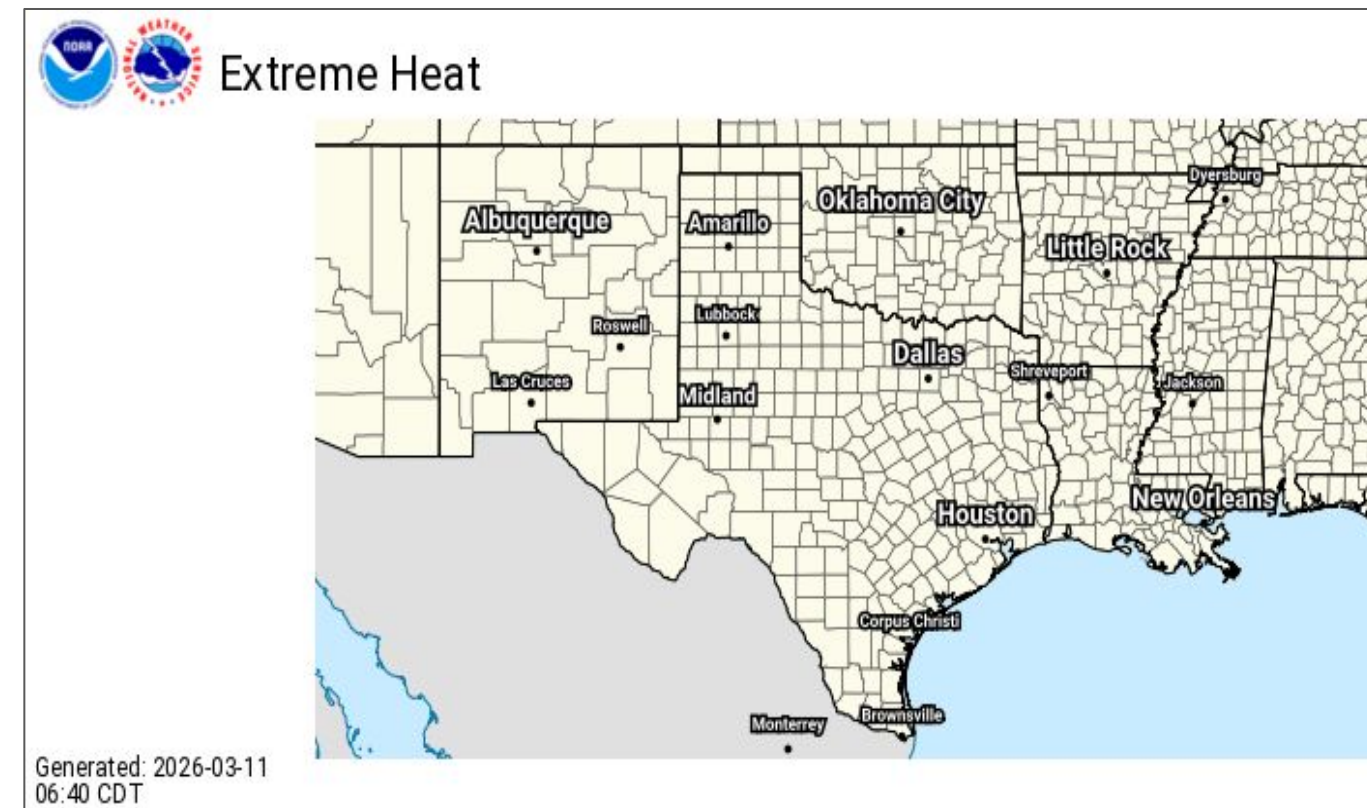
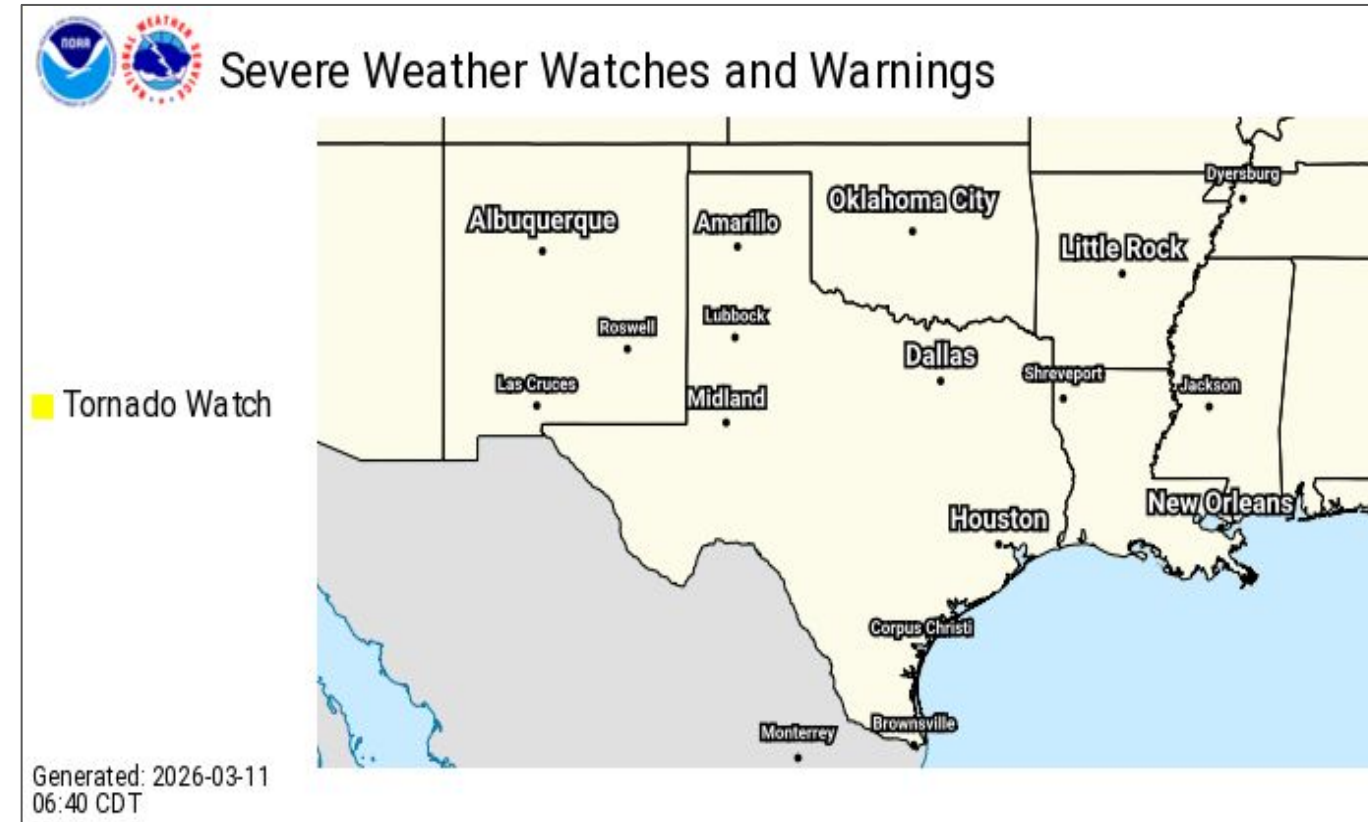
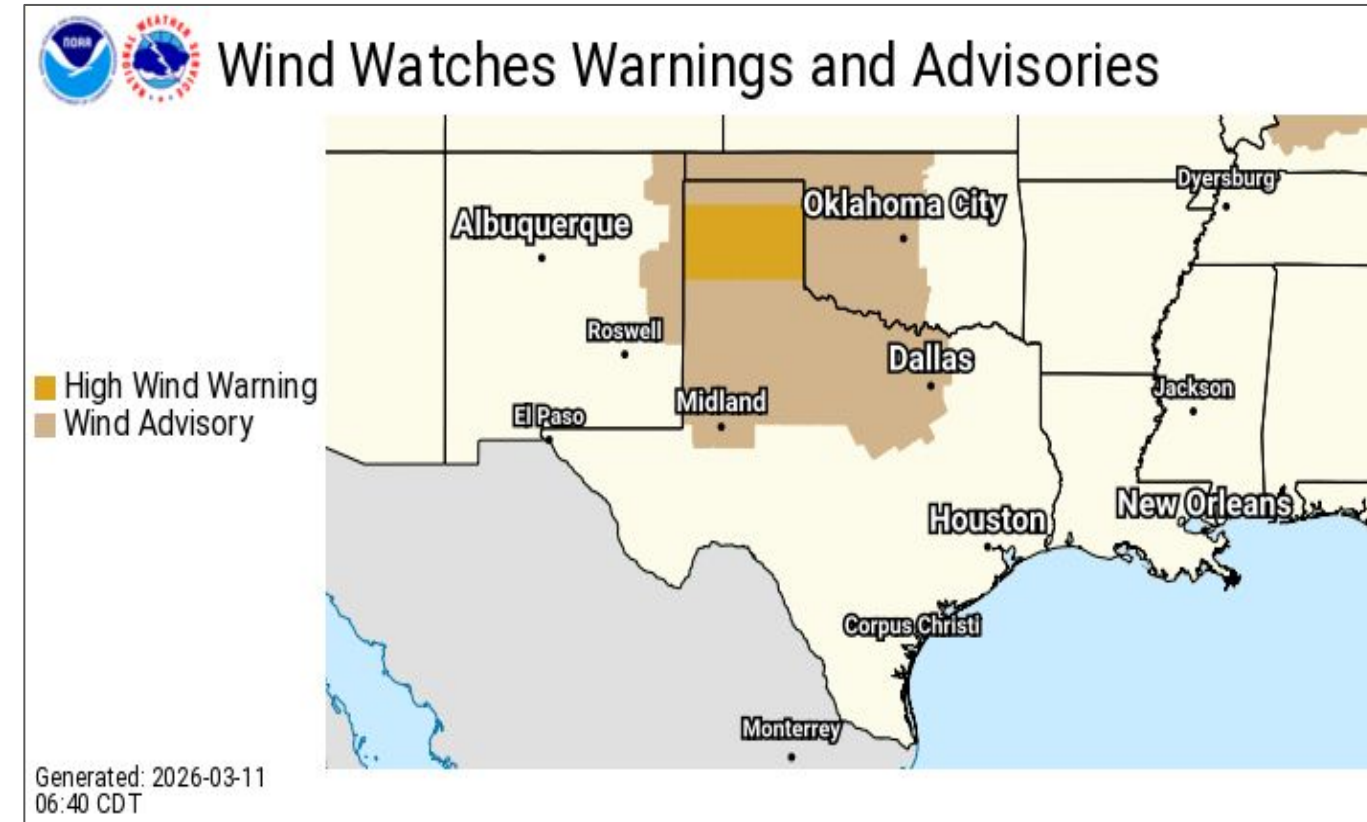
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards

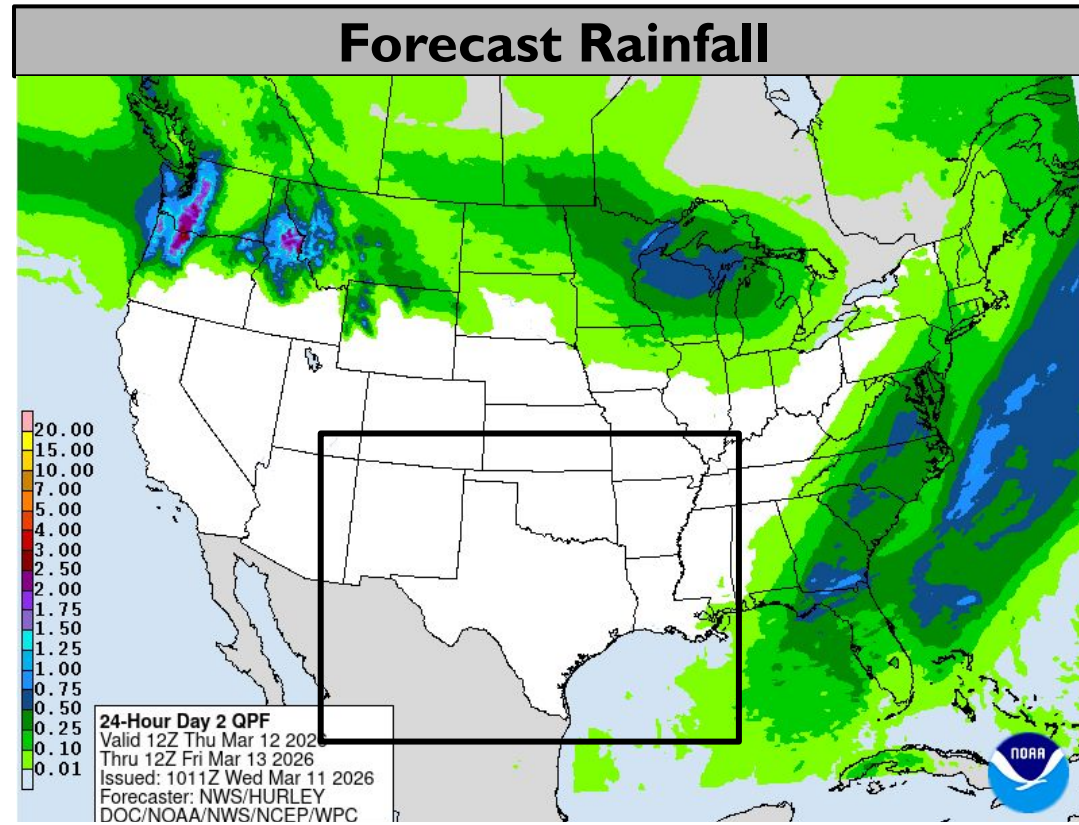
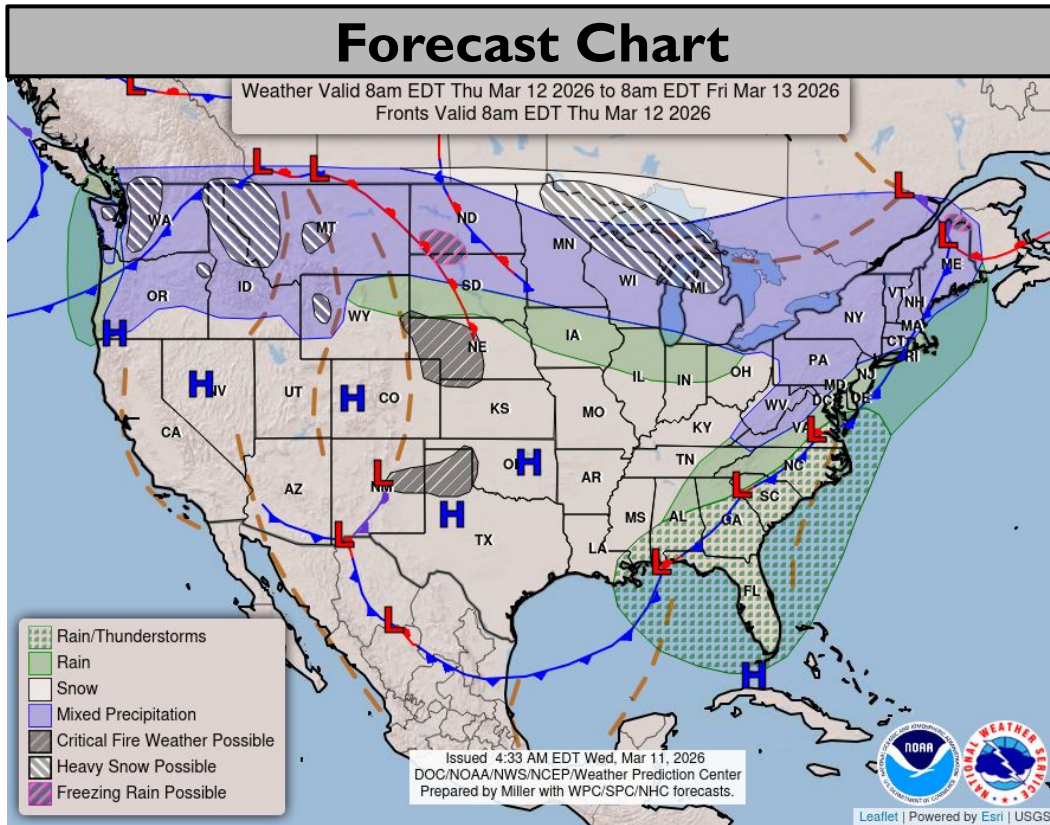


High Wind Warning in the TX Panhandle through 4 PM CT today. Gusts up to 65 mph. Blowing dust, power outages possible. Difficult travel for high profile vehicles in crosswinds.

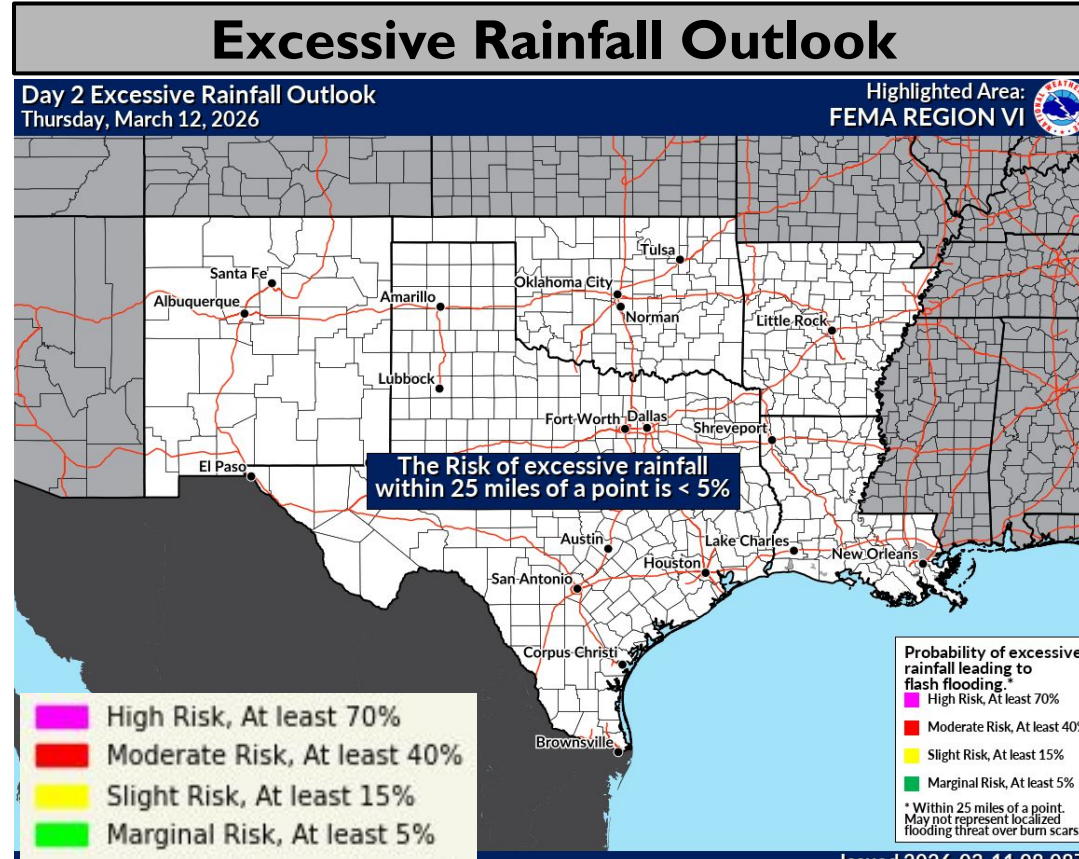
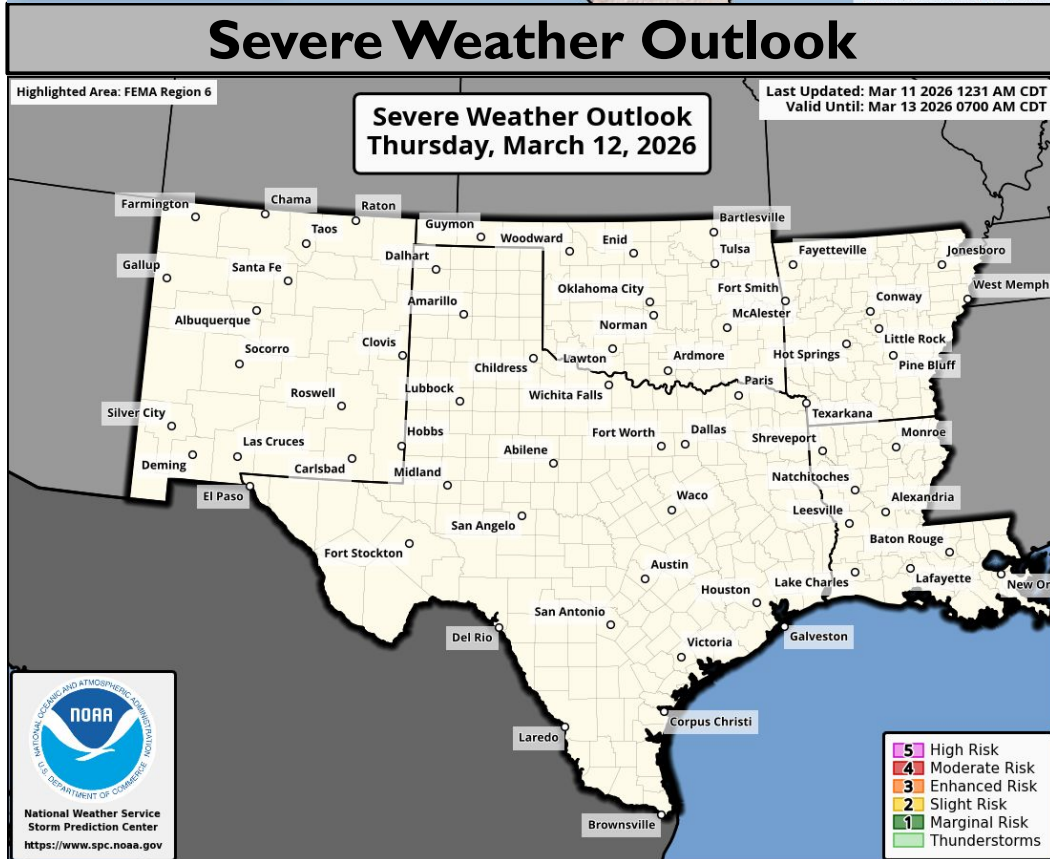
Wind Advisories today in portions of E NM, TX, OK. Gusts 40-55 mph.

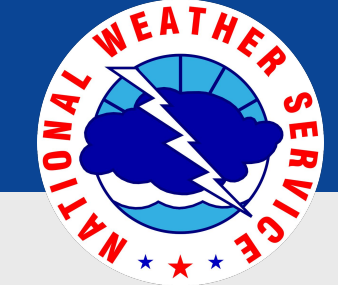


Tomorrow's Weather

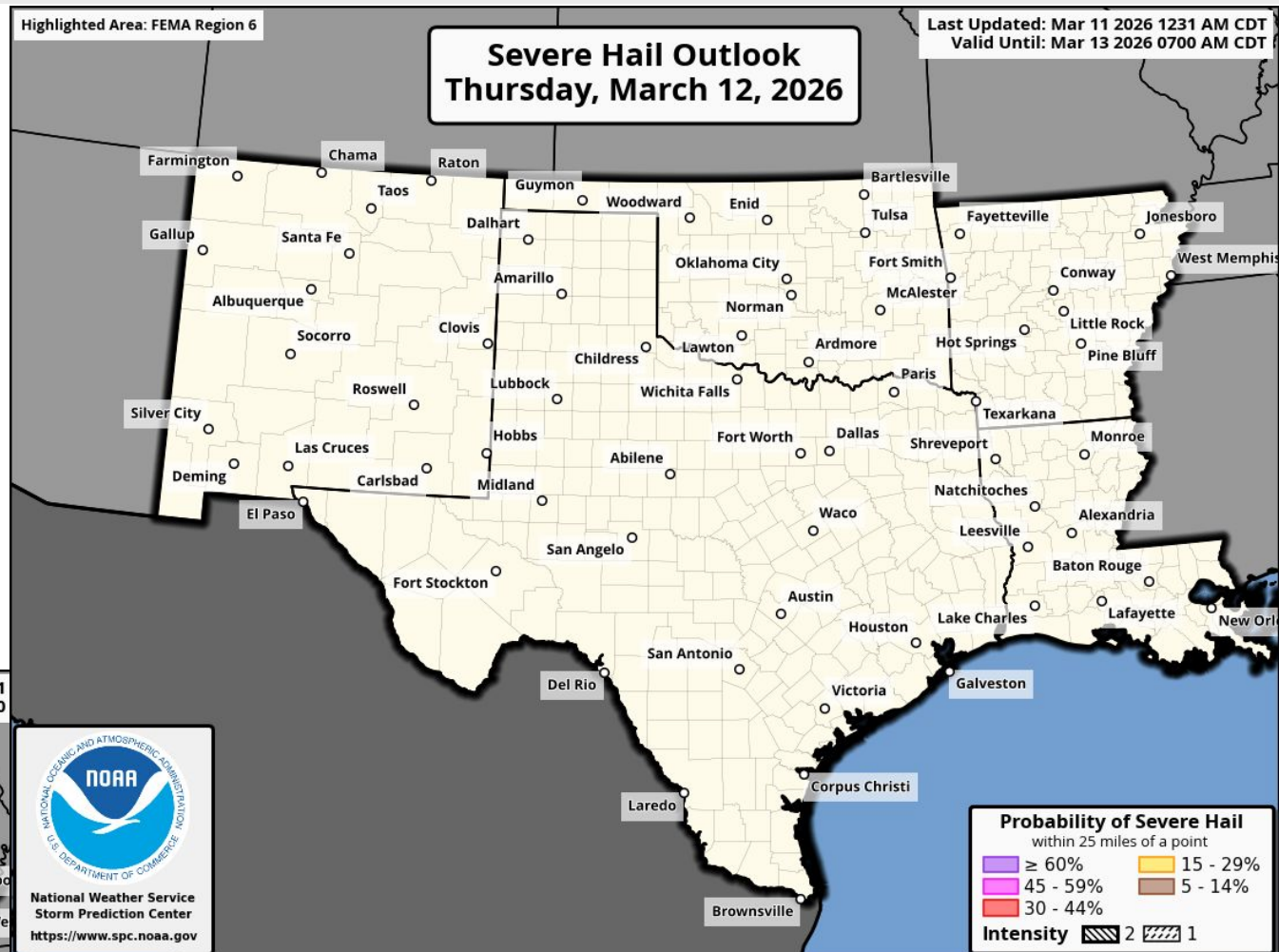
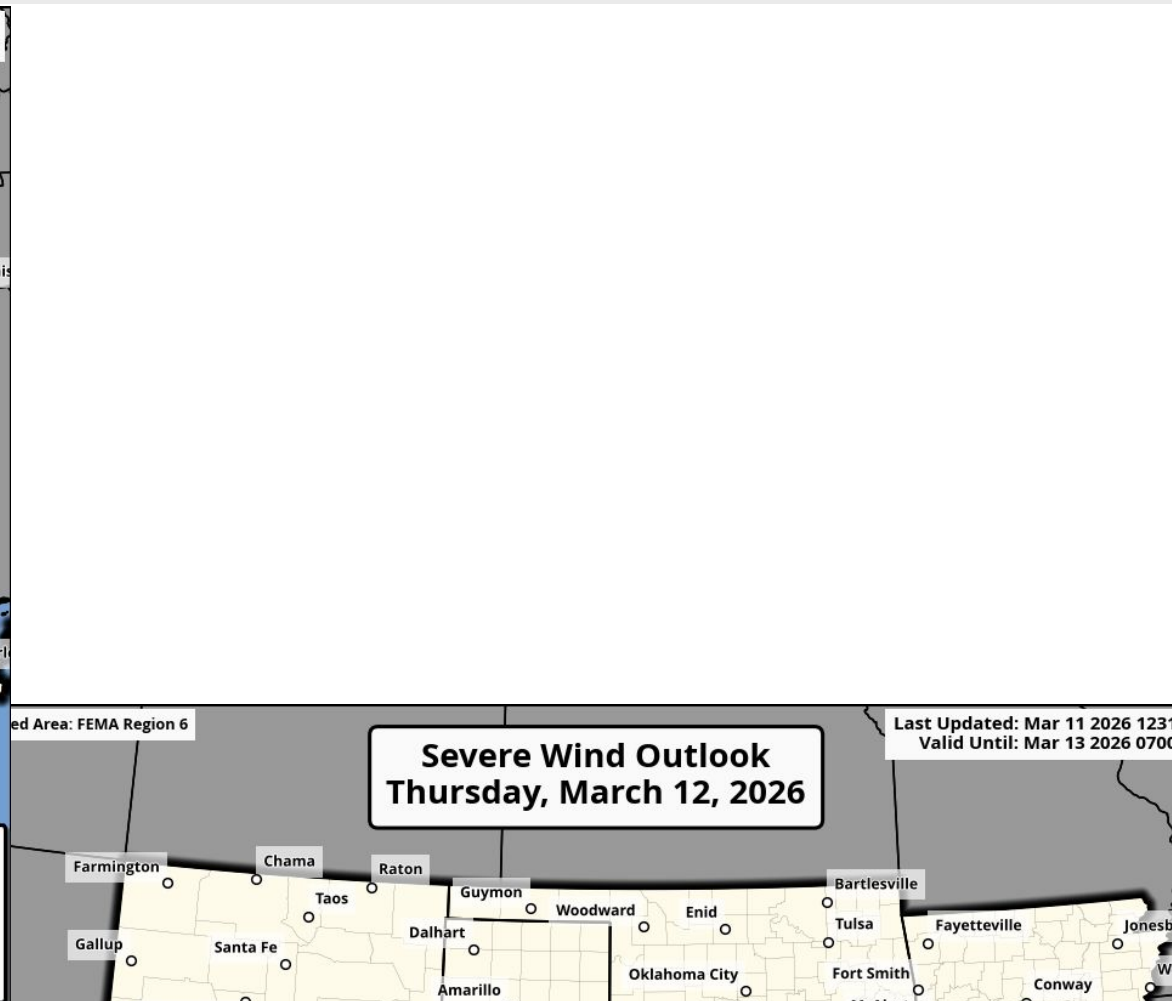
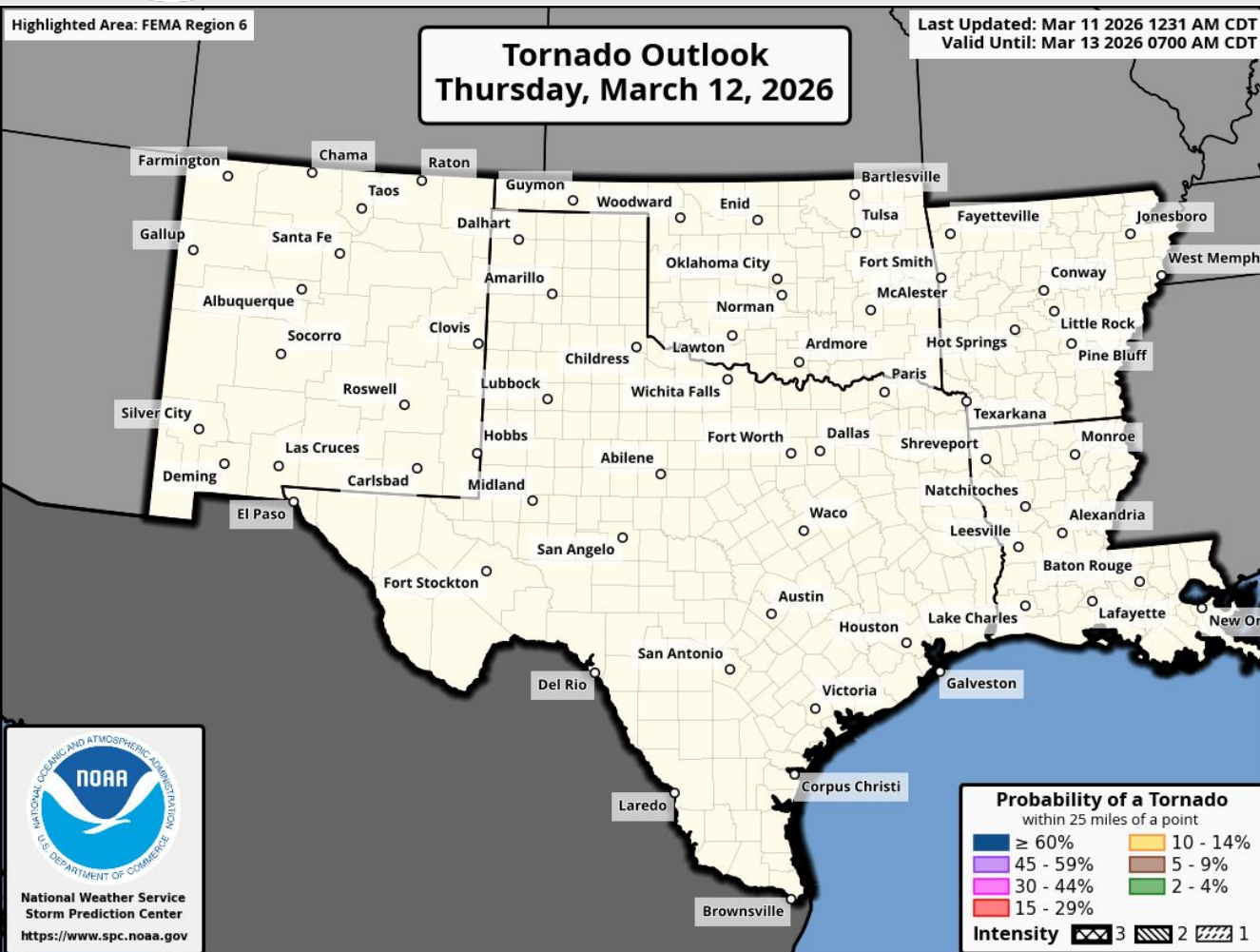


Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.



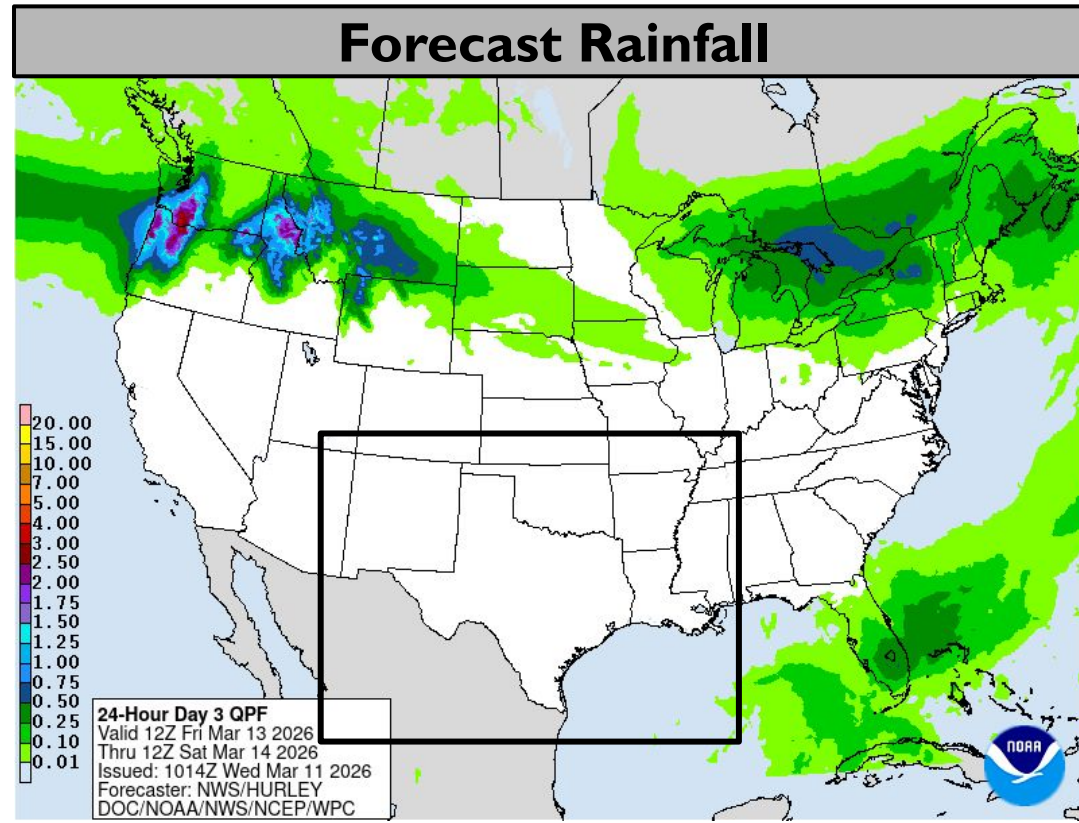
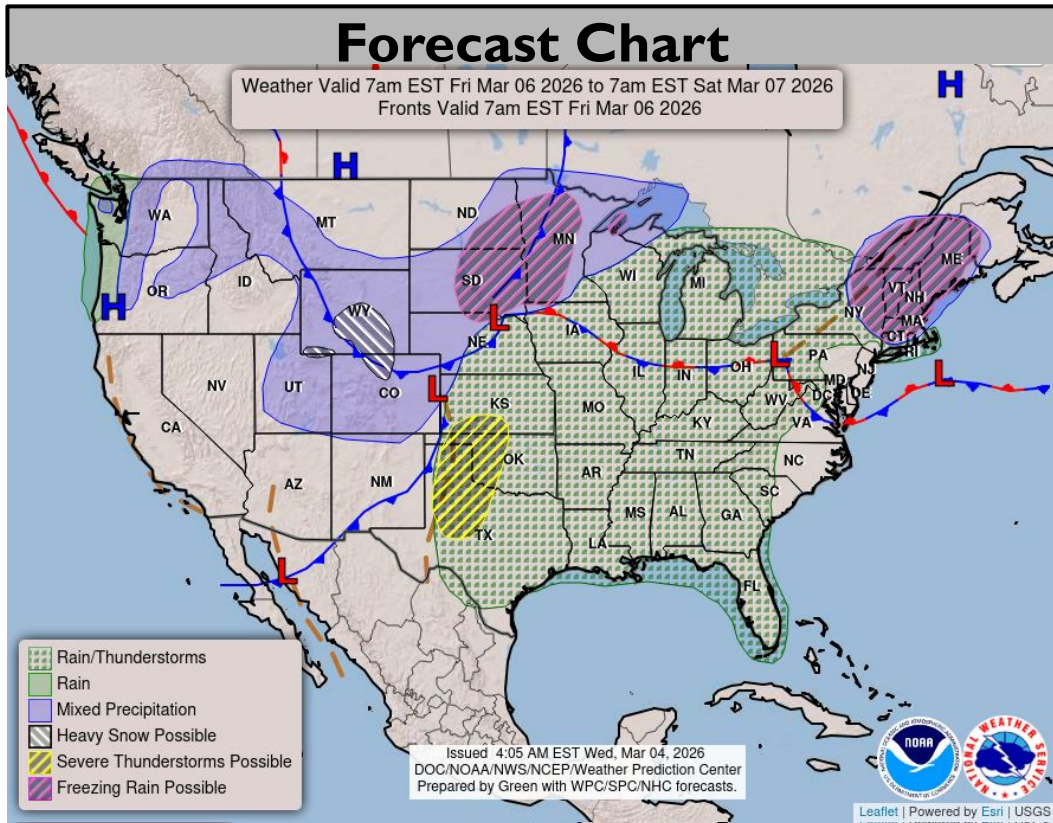


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

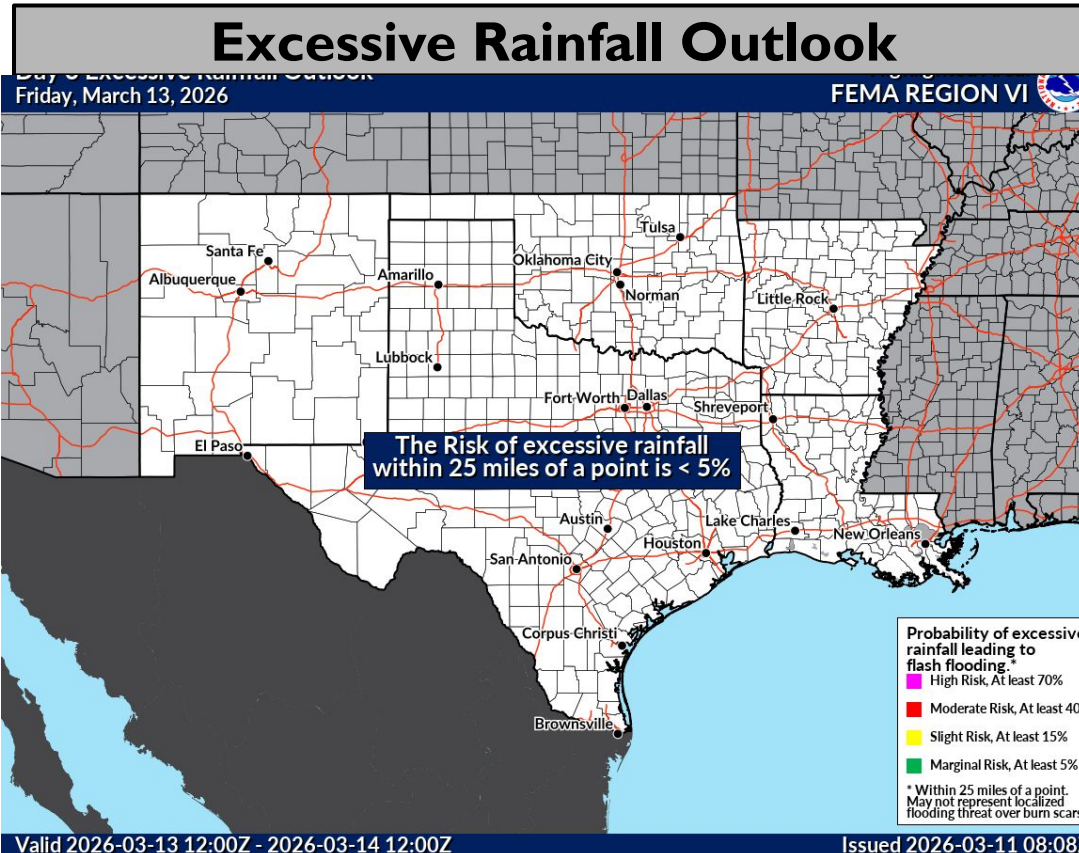
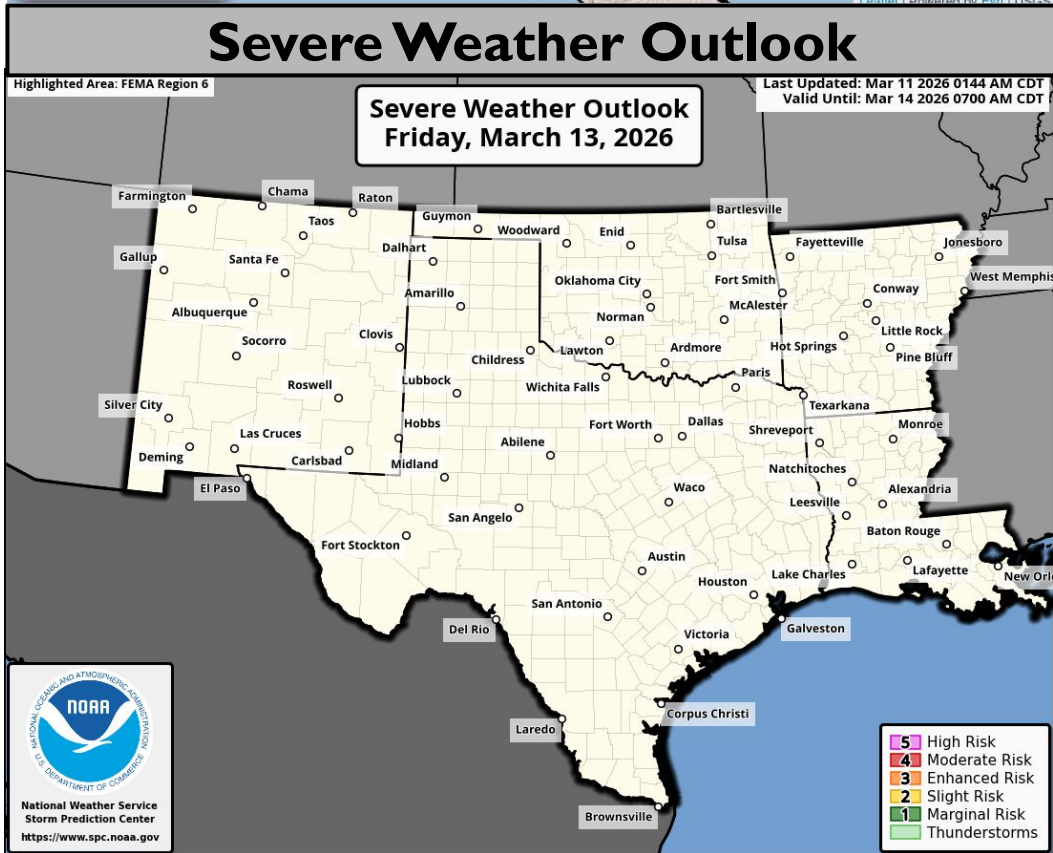




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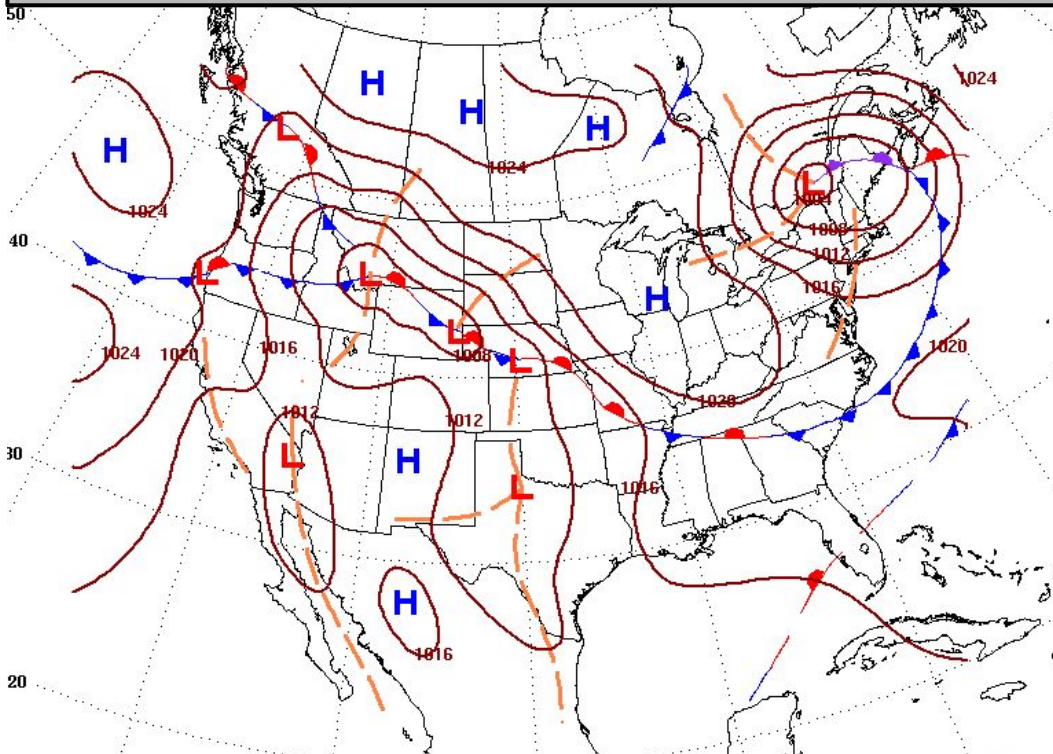
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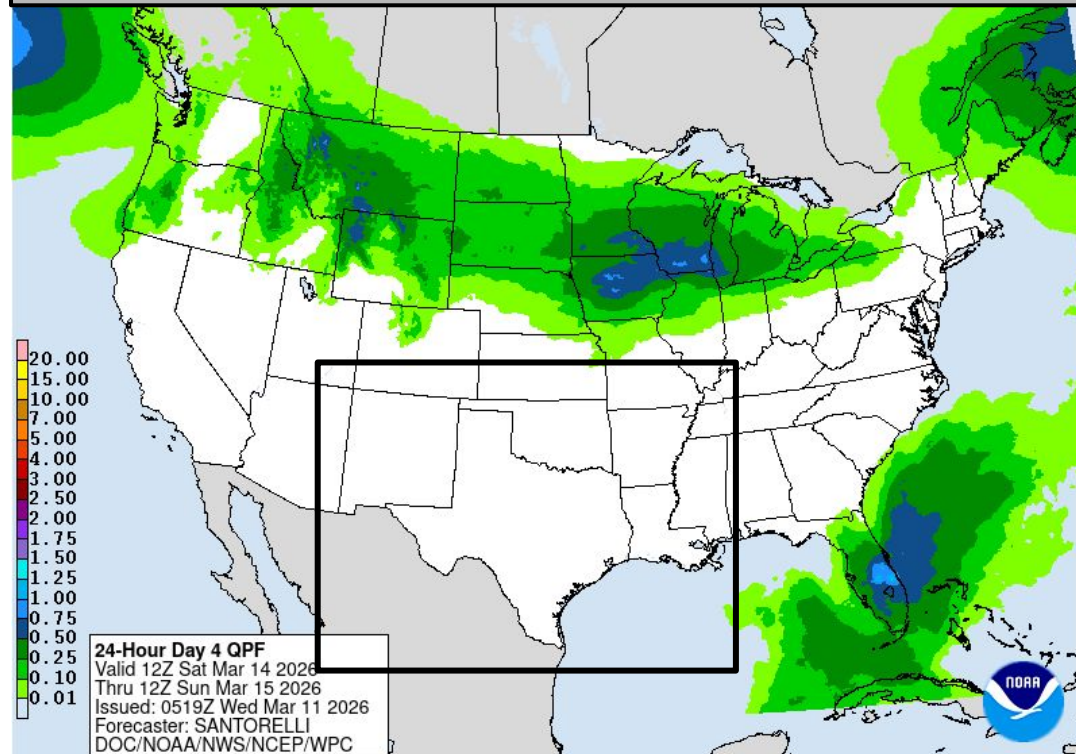


Saturday's Weather

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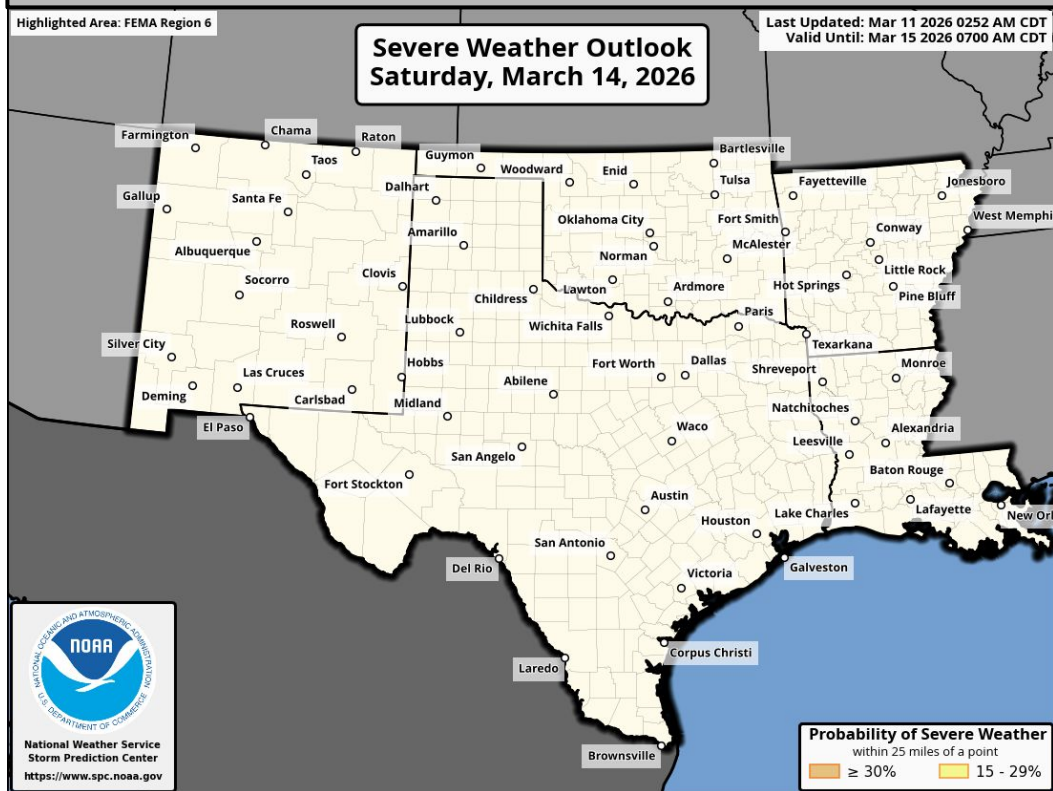


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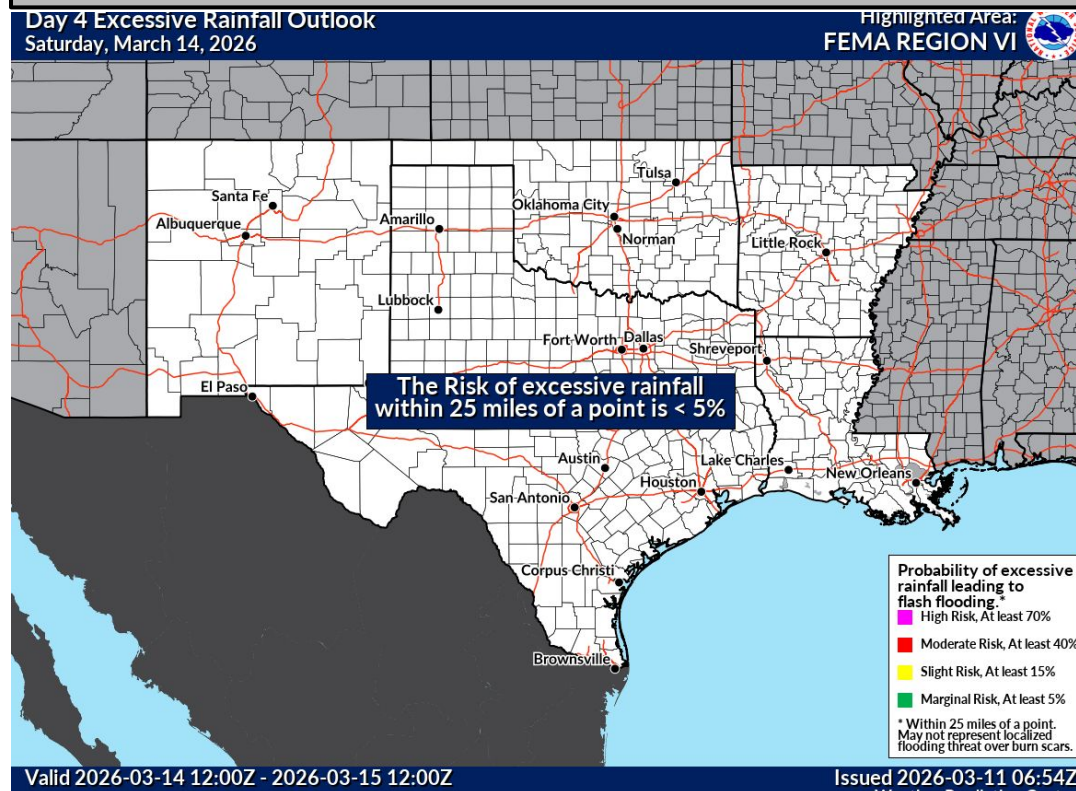


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in C/E NM, Far W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



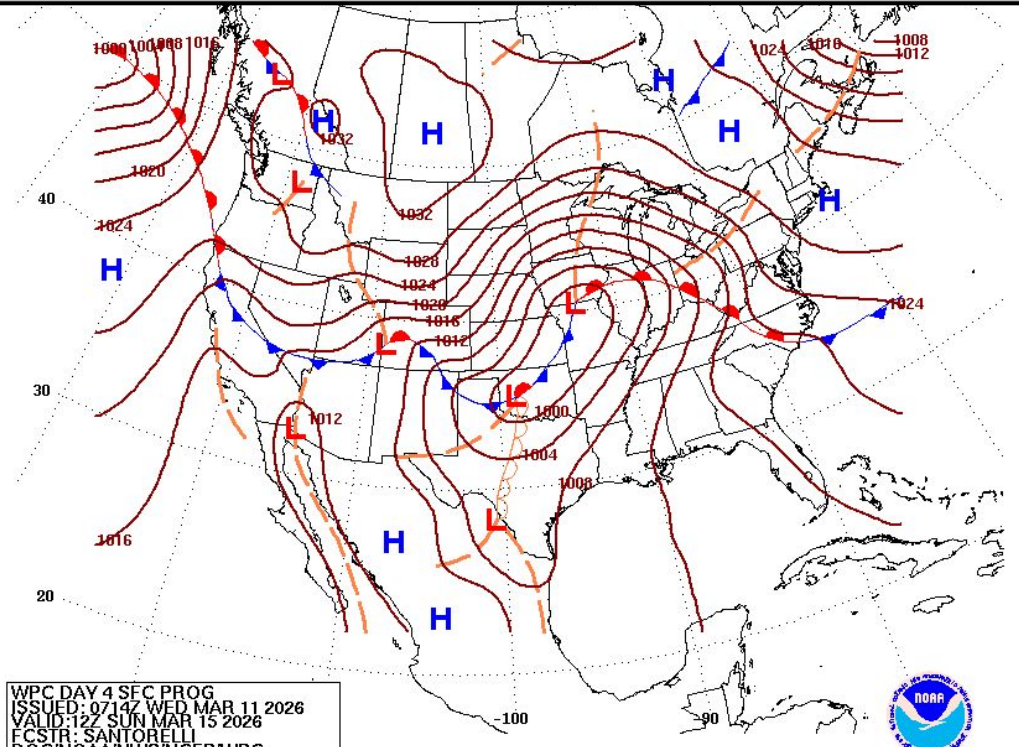
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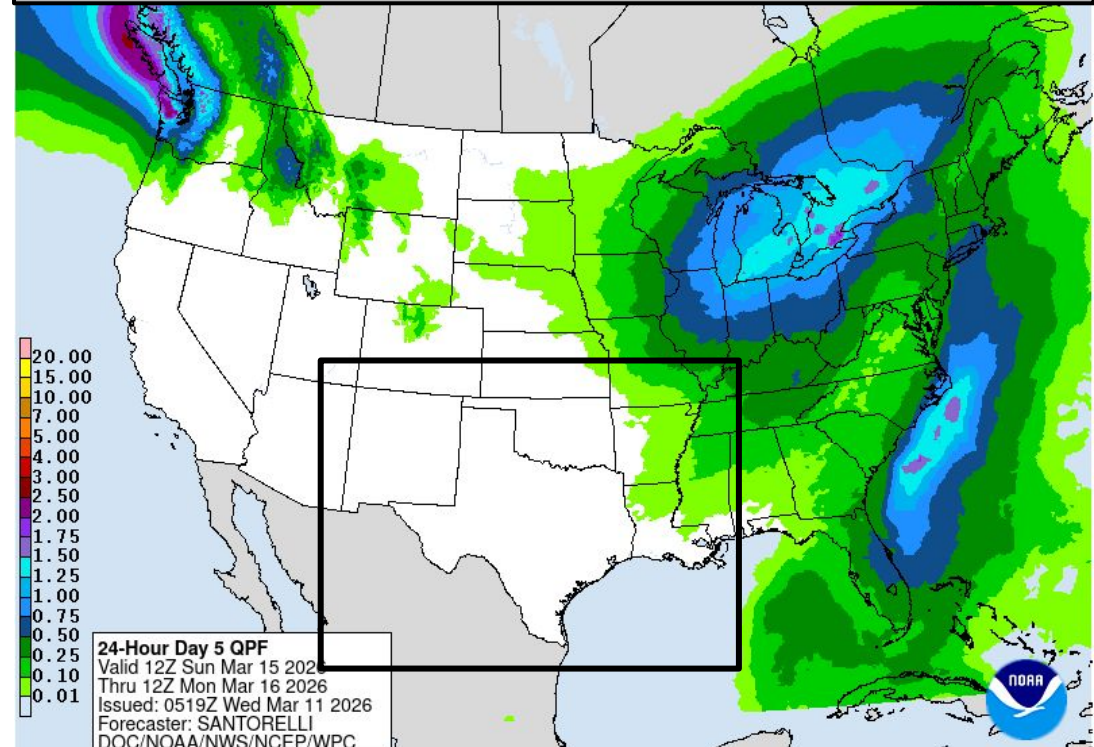
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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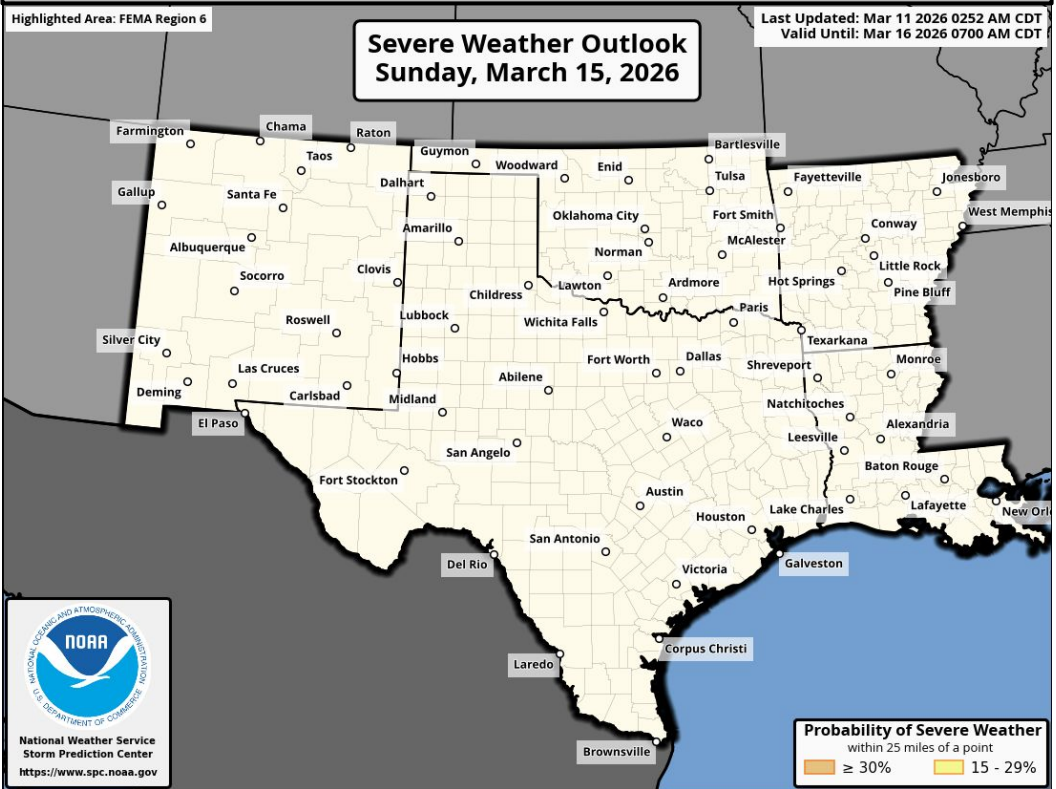


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Monitoring E TX, AR, N LA for severe storms.

Severe Weather Outlook

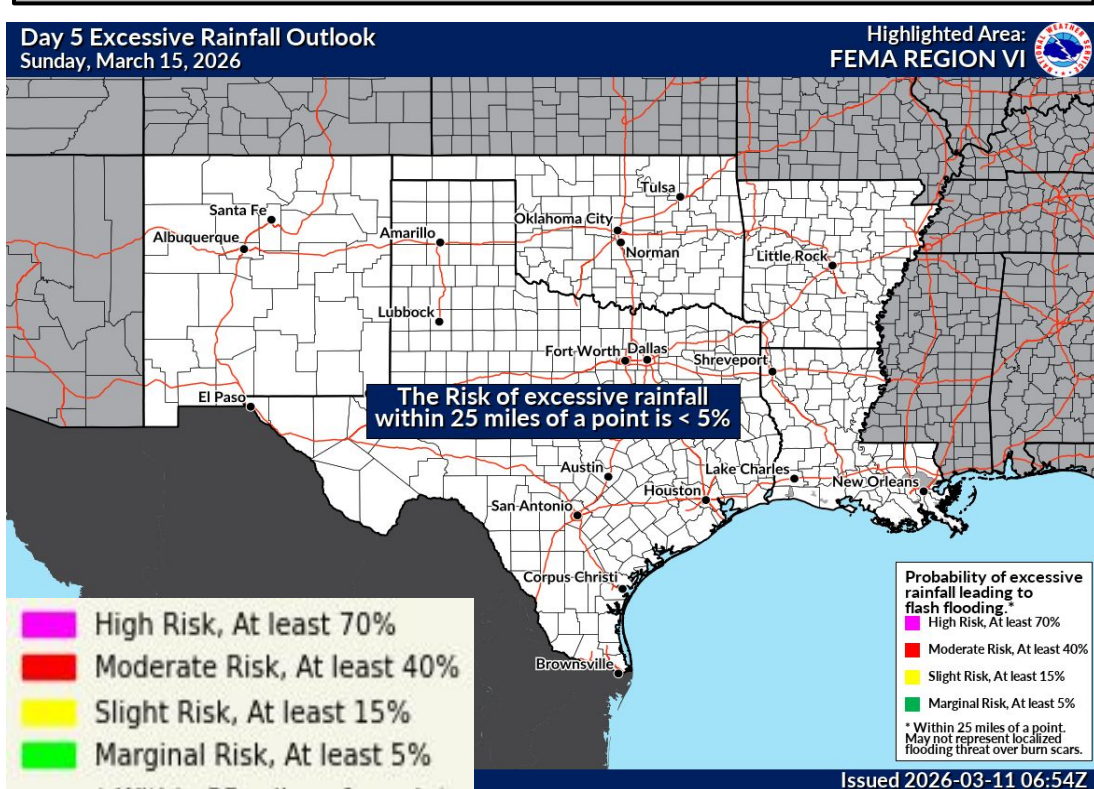


Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, March 15, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 11 2026 0252 AM CDT
Valid Until: Mar 16 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, March 15, 2026

Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI

The Risk of excessive rainfall within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding.
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

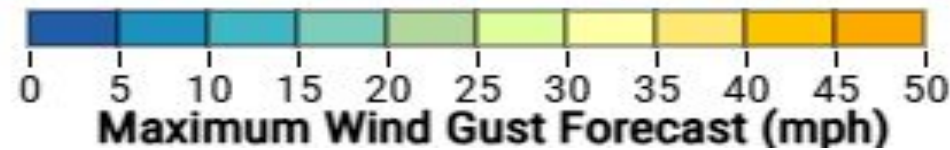
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Wind Gust Forecast Through Sunday

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

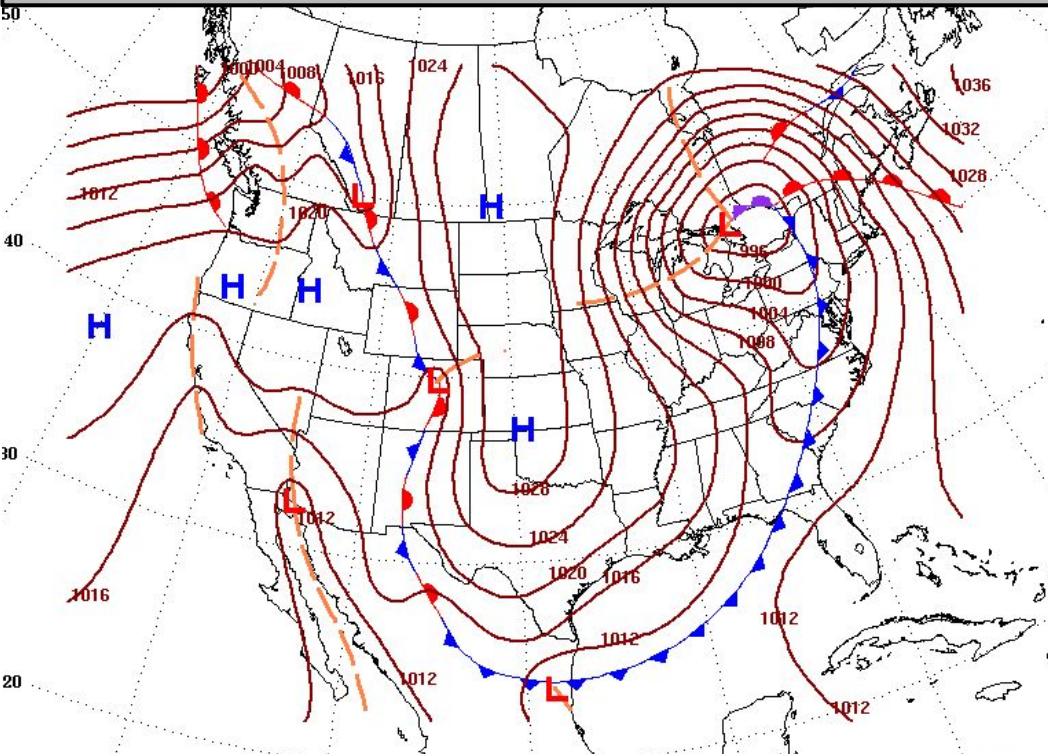
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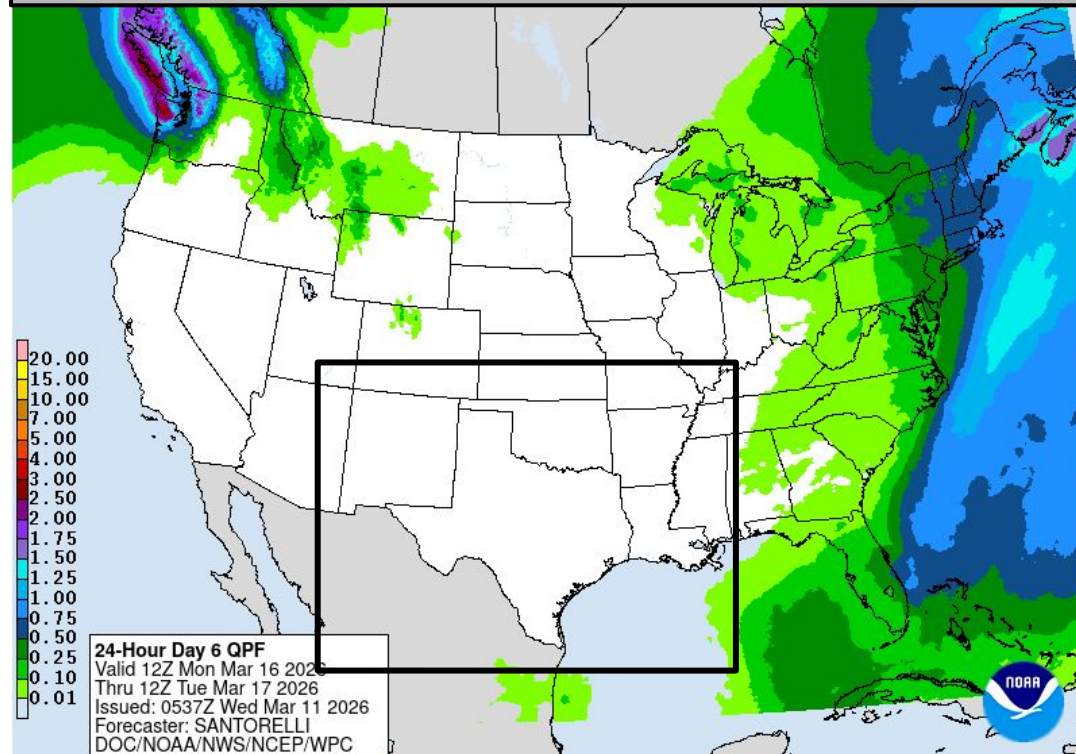


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

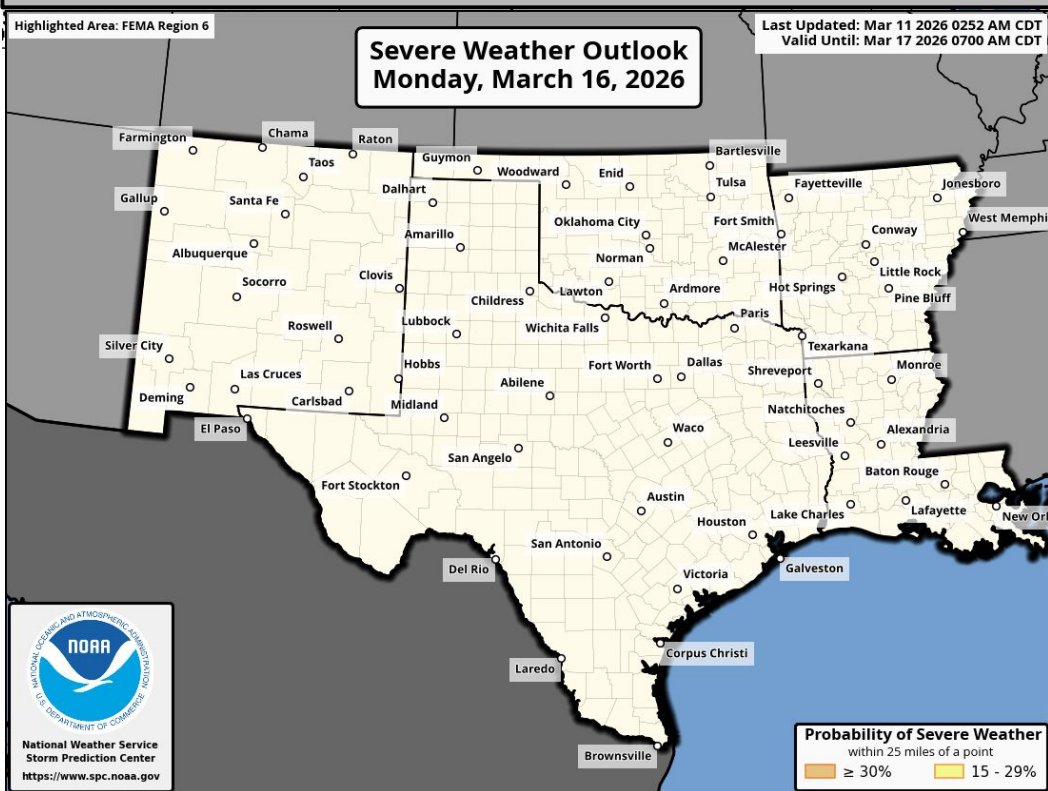


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

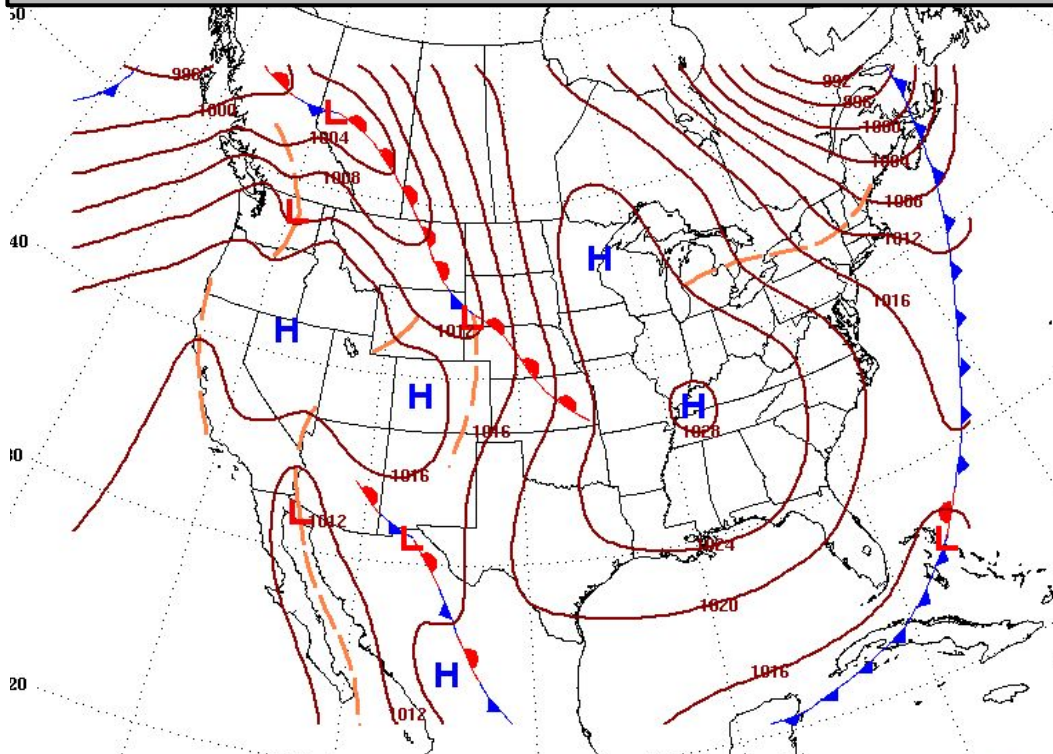


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

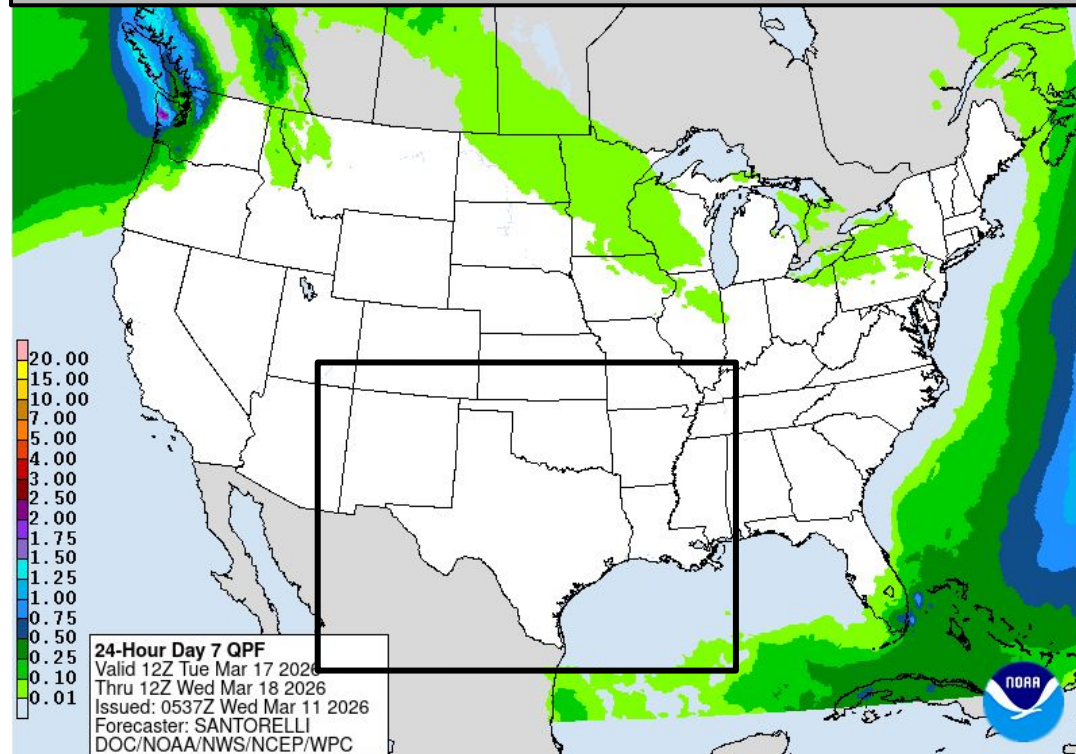


Tuesday's Weather

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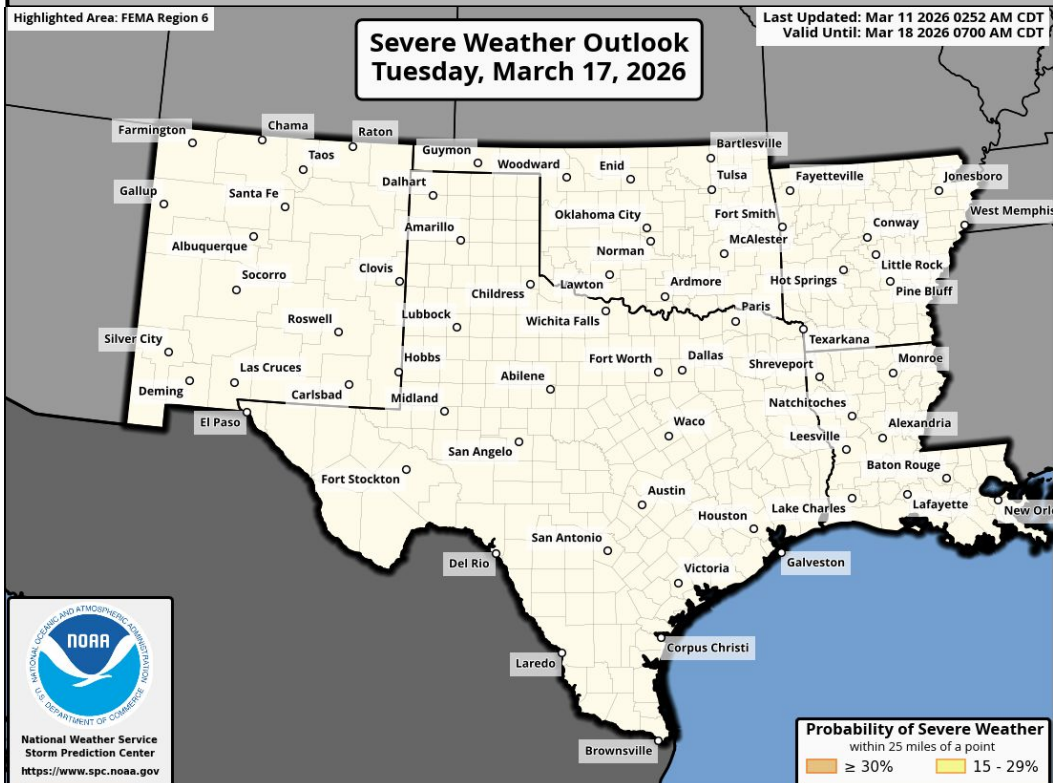


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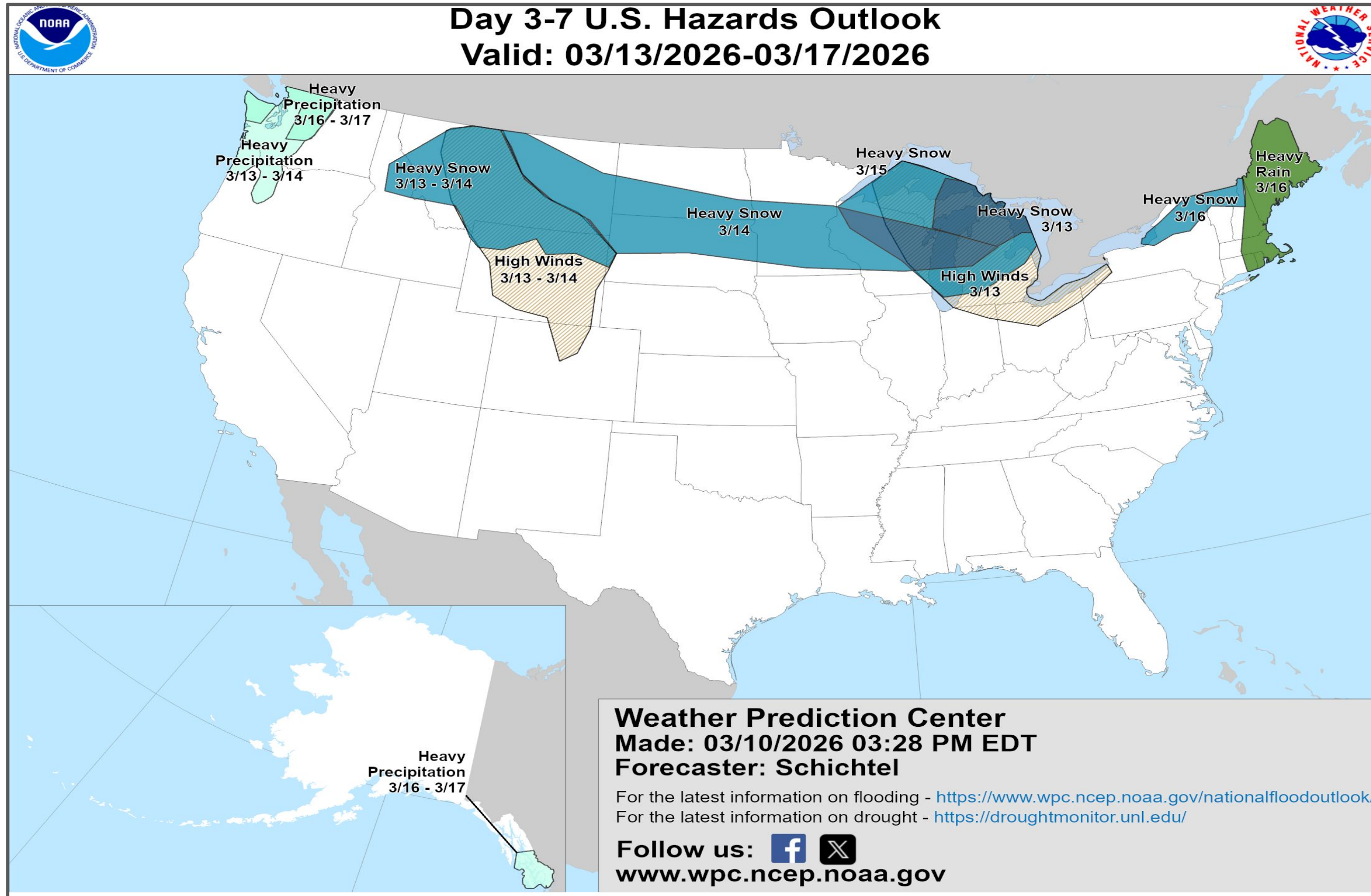
Severe Weather Outlook



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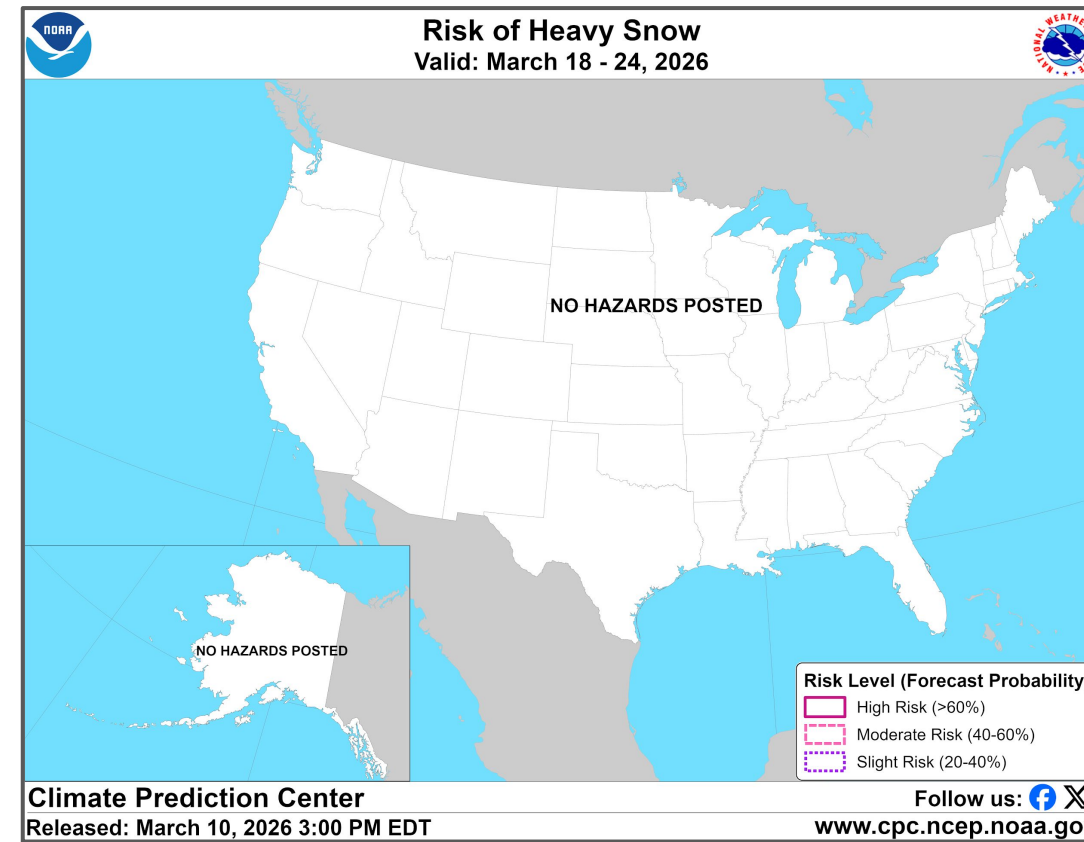
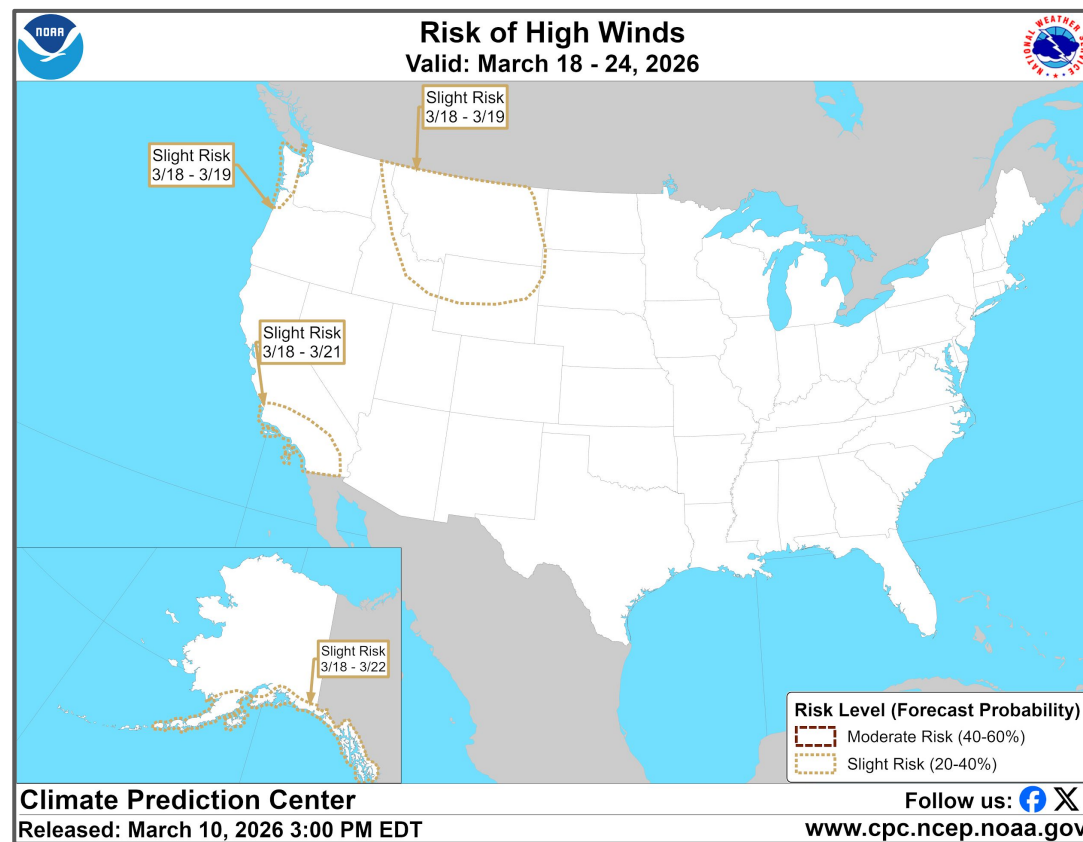
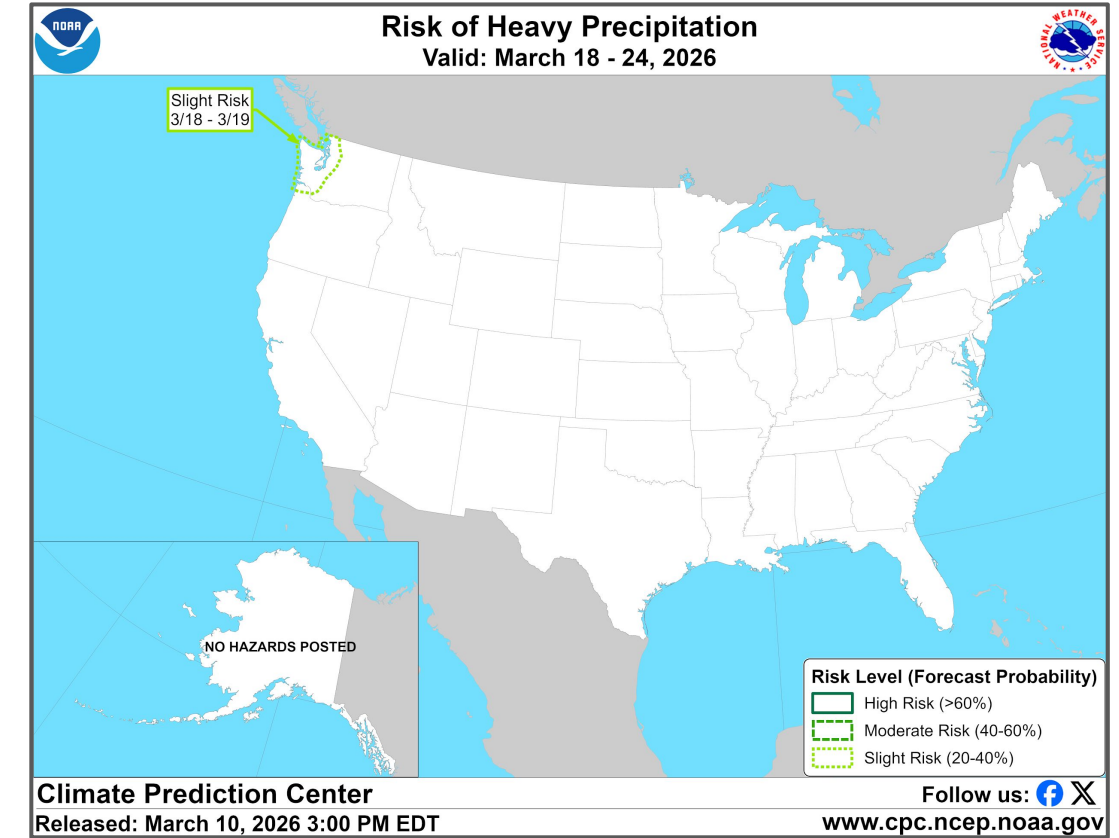
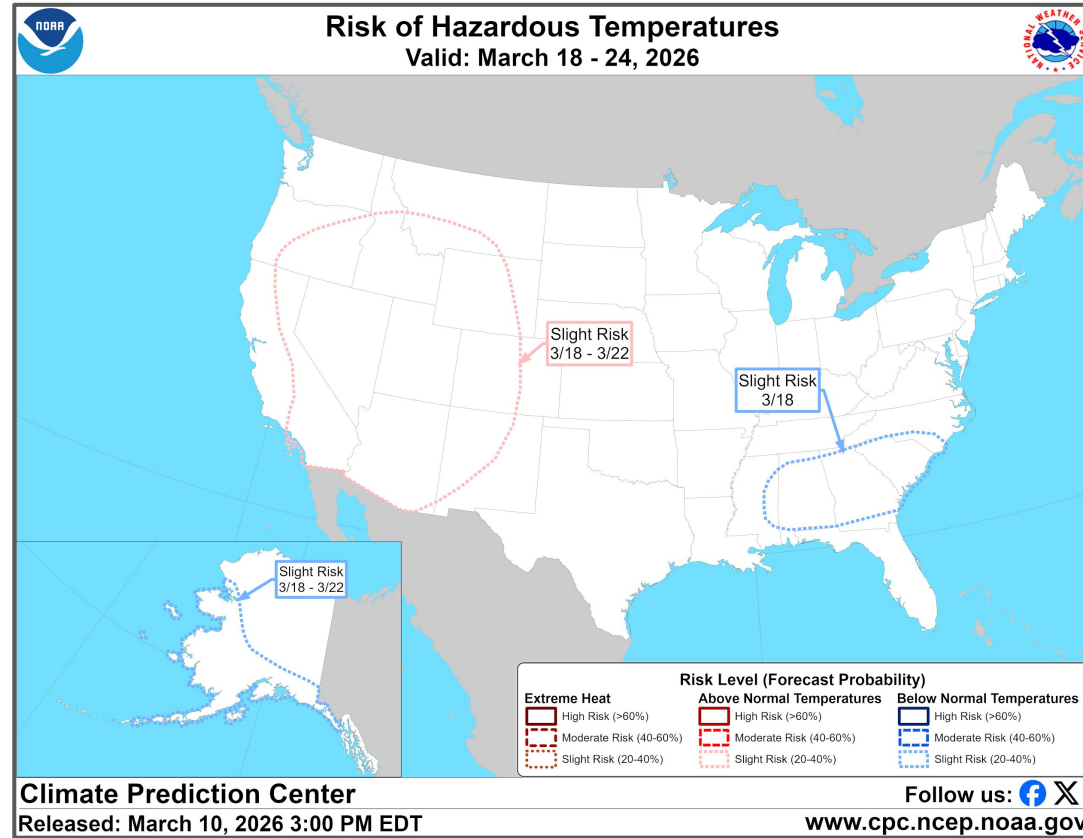
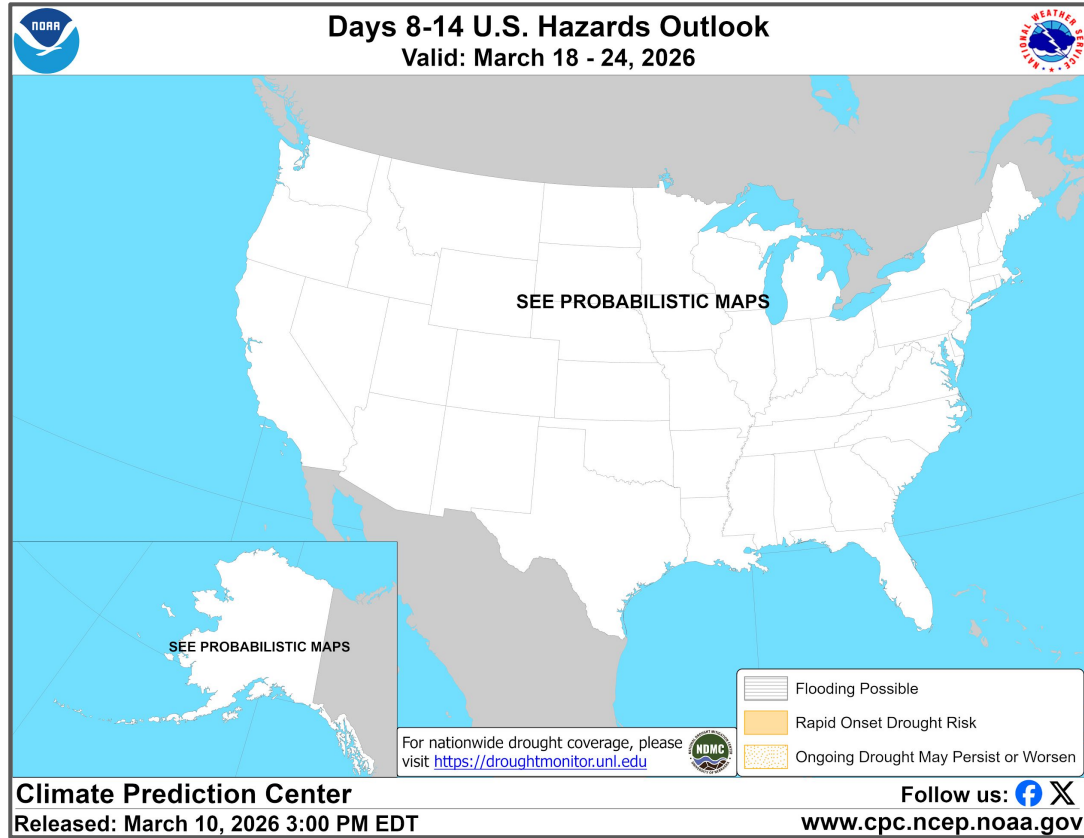


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





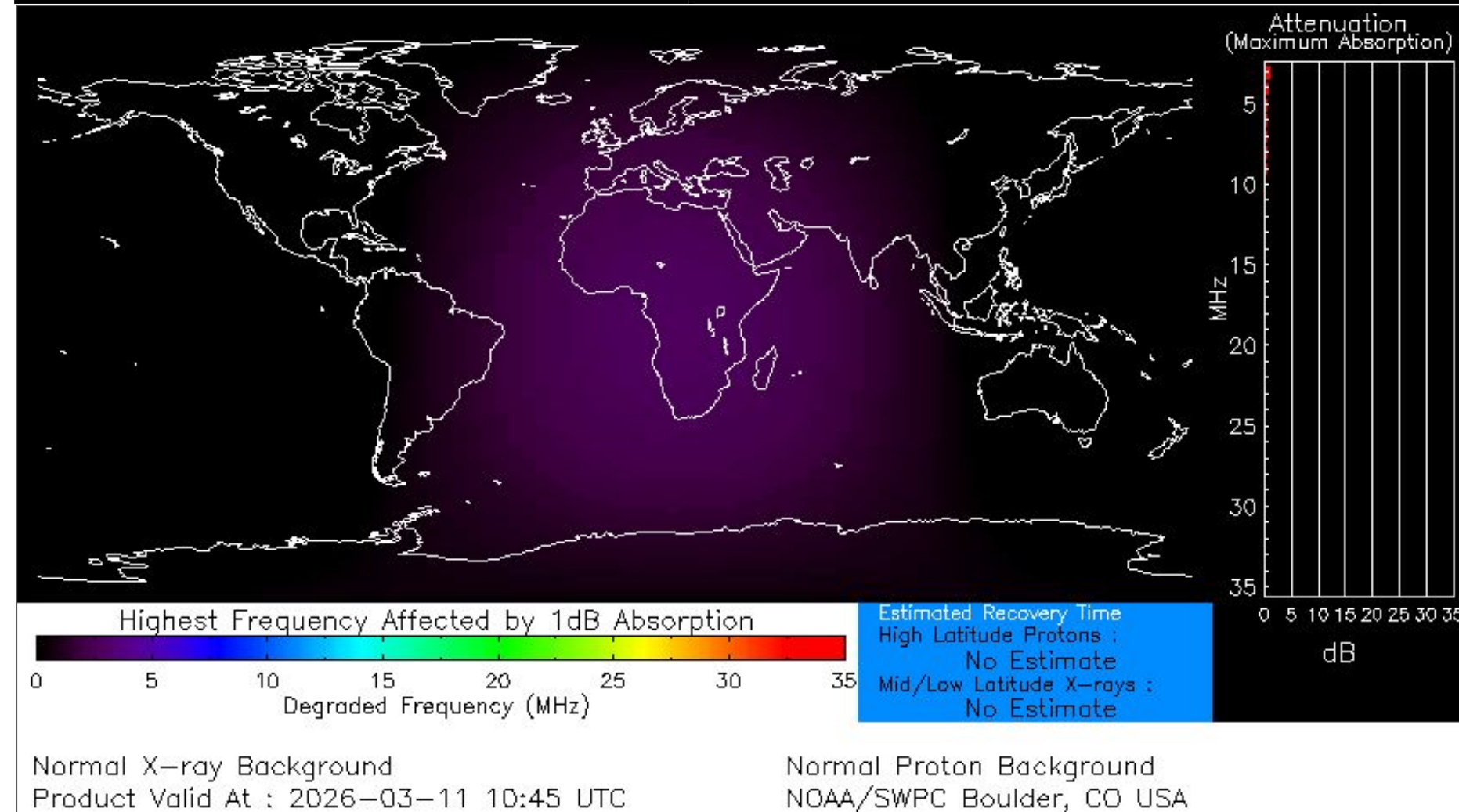
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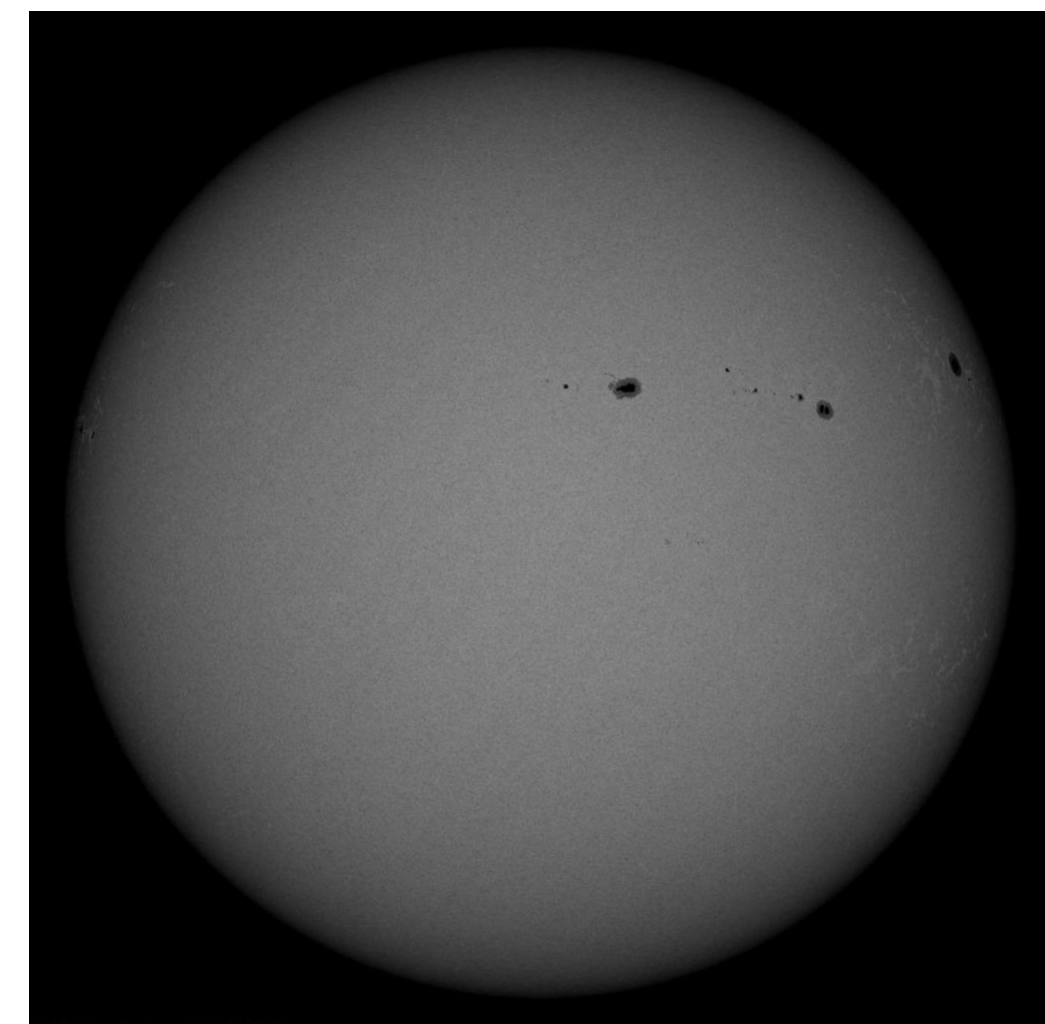
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Mar 11	Thursday, Mar 12	Friday, Mar 13
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Minor - G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)
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

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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