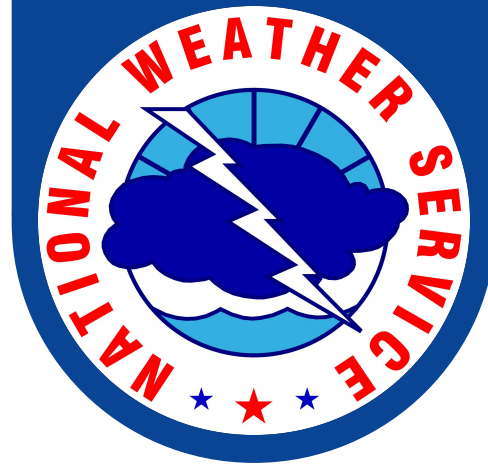




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, March 14, 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

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) today over NM, W/Far W TX.**
- **Elevated to critical Sunday over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW/W/SW/SCTX, W OK.**
 - **Wind gusts up to 65-70 mph can cause blowing dust, power outages, and difficult travel for high profile vehicles.**
- **Elevated threat Monday over S TX and Tuesday over NM, TX Panhandle, W OK, NW-SW/W TX.**

- **Severe Weather:**

- **Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) over AR, NE TX, N LA with a slight risk (level 2 of 5) over E OK, NE TX, LA. Threats of damaging wind and tornadoes over the afternoon-evening.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor river flooding is expected to continue through at least the middle of the week in portions of E TX, E AR, and S LA. Lowlands and secondary roads flooded.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 15	Monday, Mar 16	Tuesday, Mar 17	Wednesday, Mar 18	Thursday, Mar 19	Friday, Mar 20
Severe Storms		AR, NETX, N LA E OK, NETX, LA					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	NM, W/Far W TX	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW/W/SW/SC TX, W OK	STX	NM, TX Panhandle, W OK, NW-SW/W TX			
River Flooding	ETX, E AR, S LA	ETX, E AR, S LA	ETX, E AR, S LA	ETX, E AR, S LA	ETX, E AR, S LA		

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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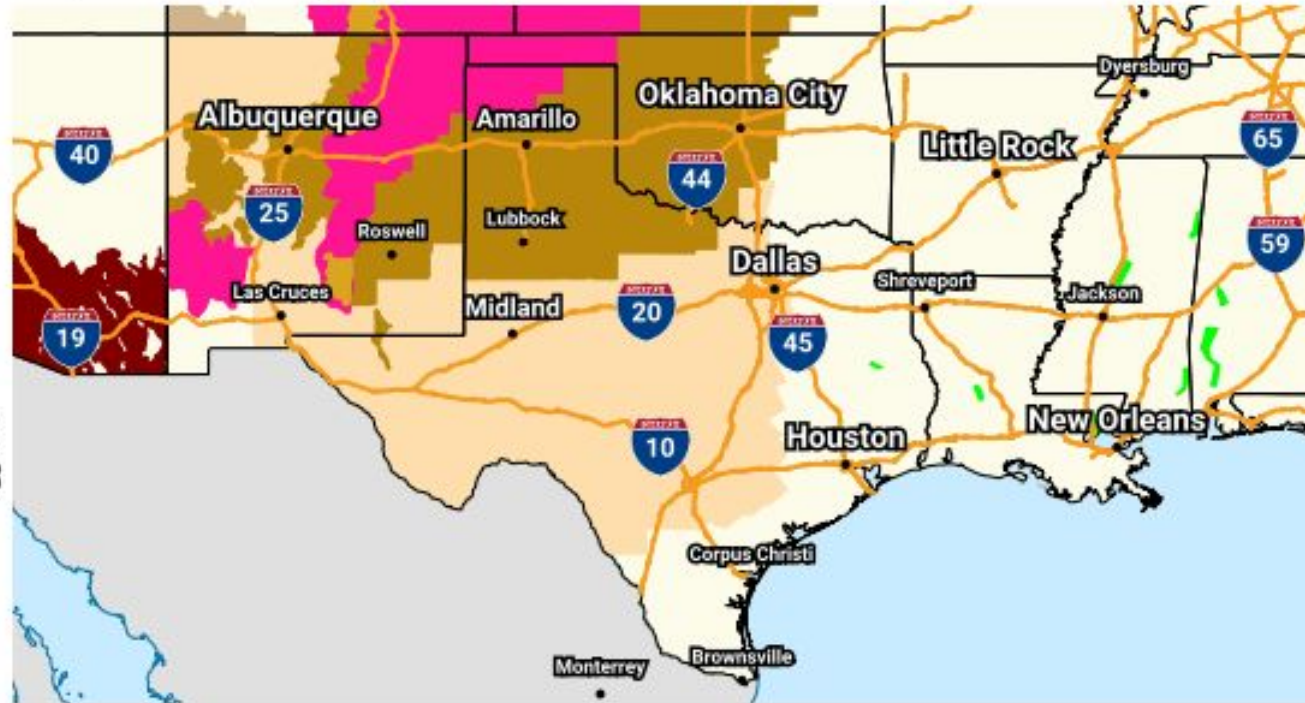


Current Radar/Hazards



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- High Wind Warning Pop: 11,828
- Flood Warning Pop: 37,635
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 285,633
- Wind Advisory Pop: 75,891
- High Wind Watch Pop: 4,596,411
- Extreme Heat Watch Pop: 5,891,764
- Fire Weather Watch Pop: 19,770,958

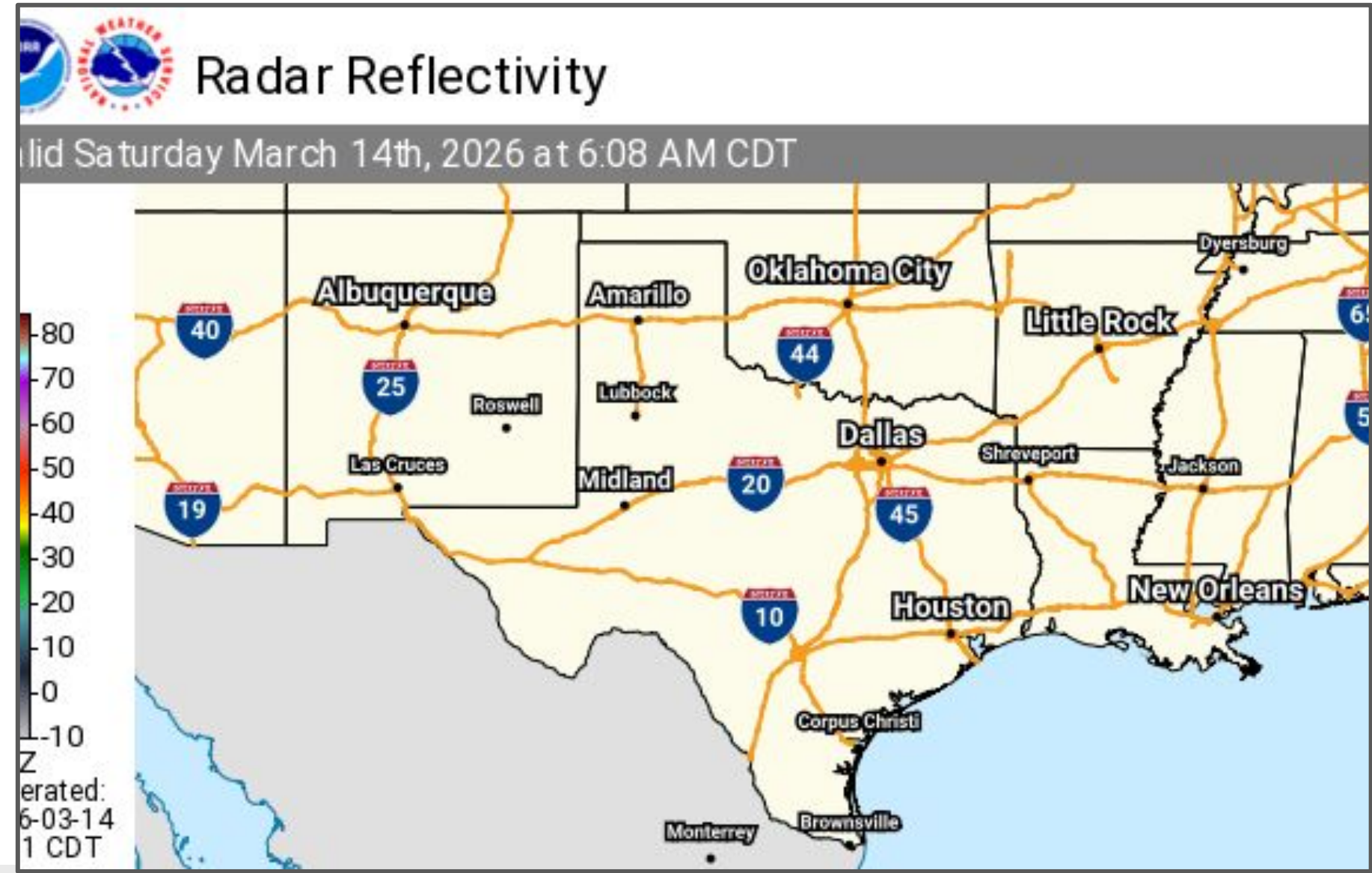


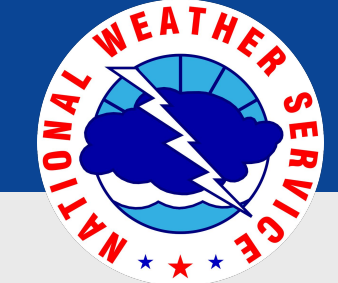
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Red Flag Warnings today over NM from 1 PM - 1 AM CDT and TX/OK Panhandles 12 PM - 8 PM CDT.

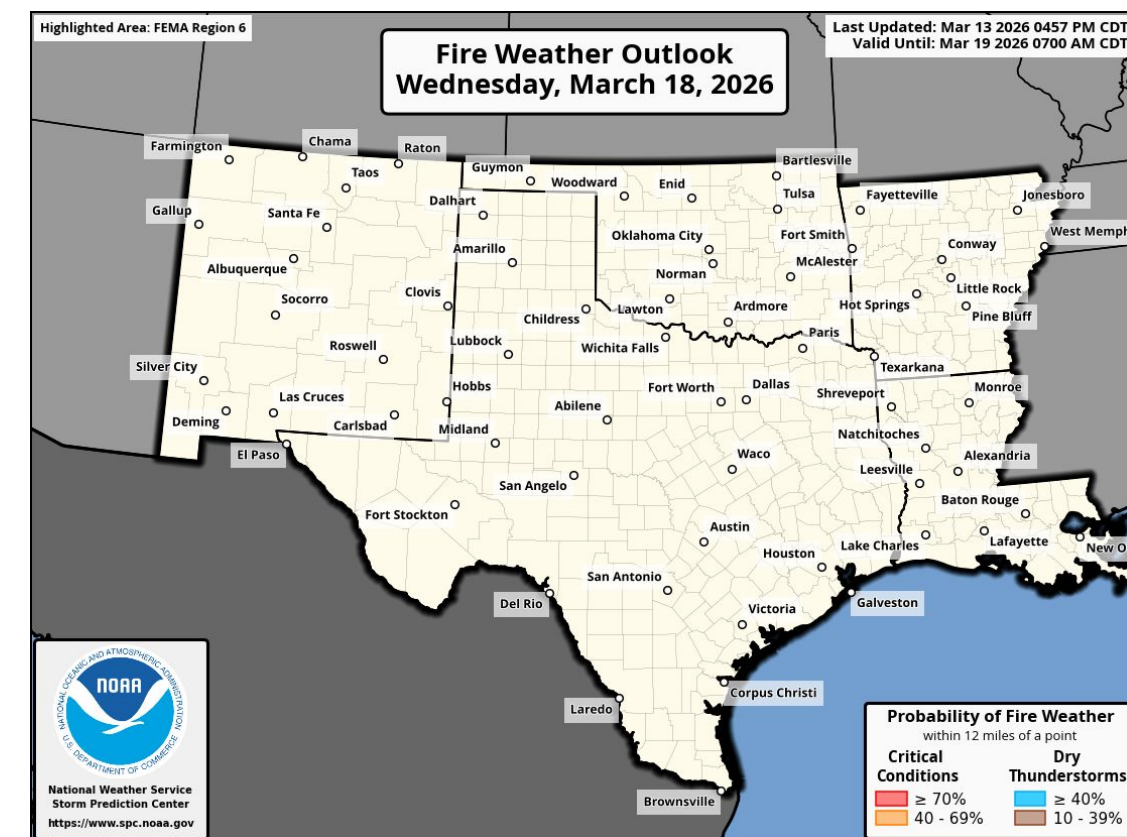
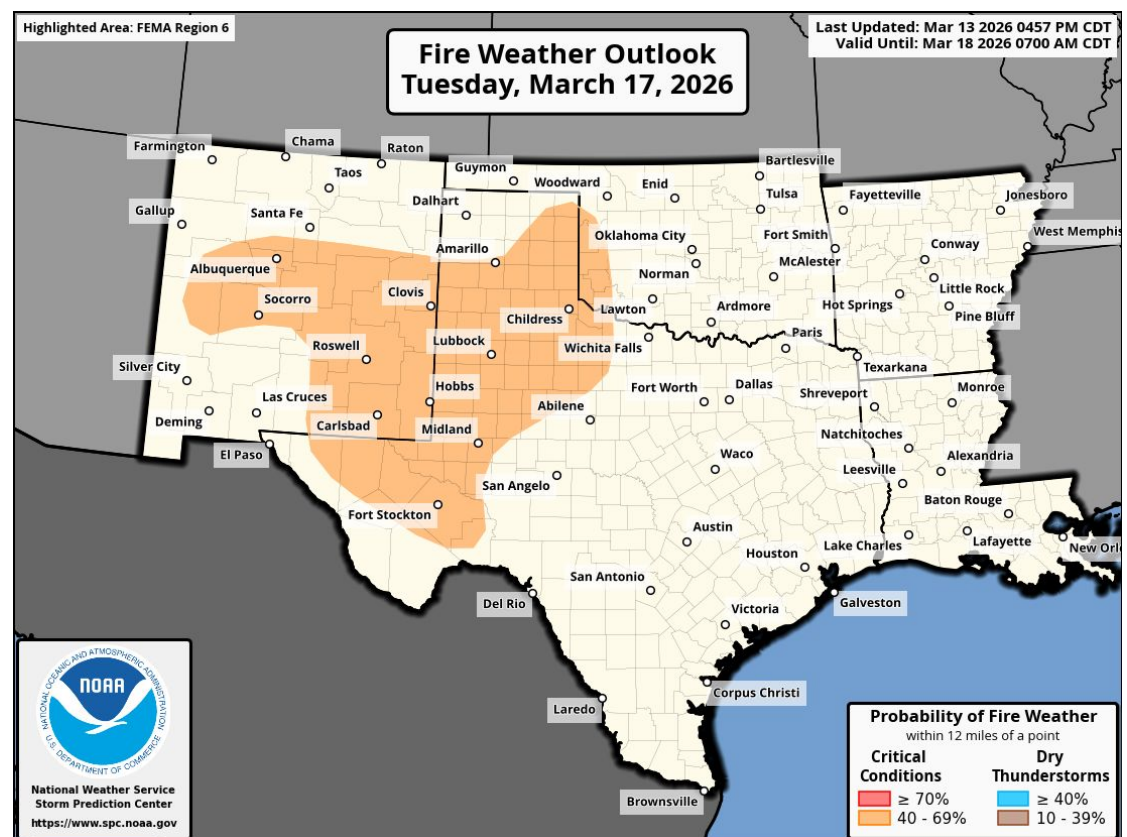
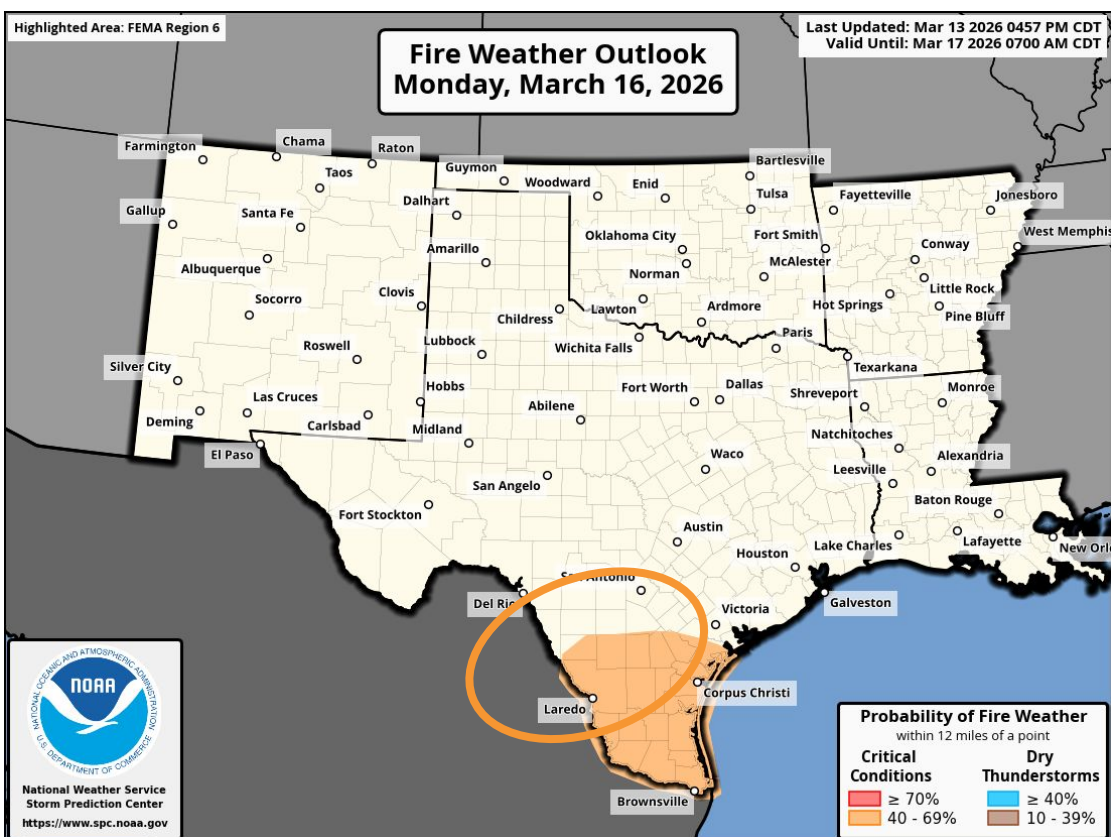
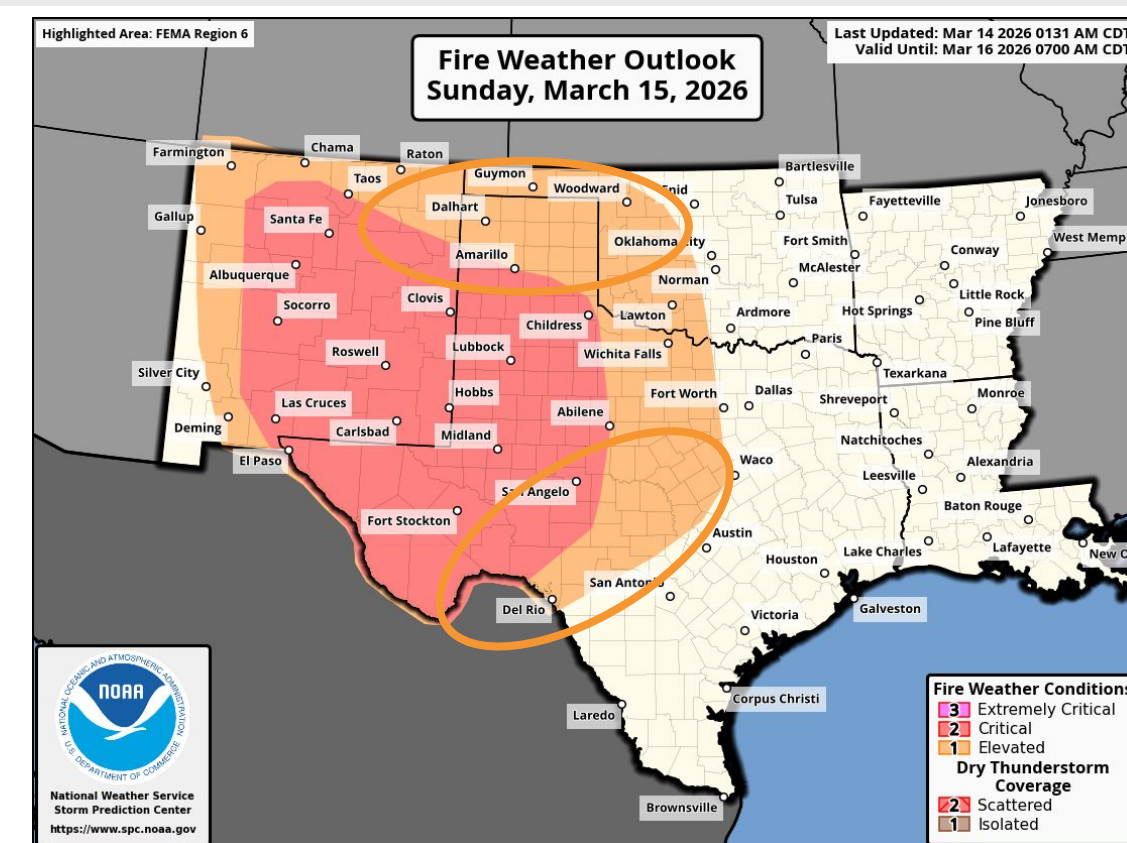
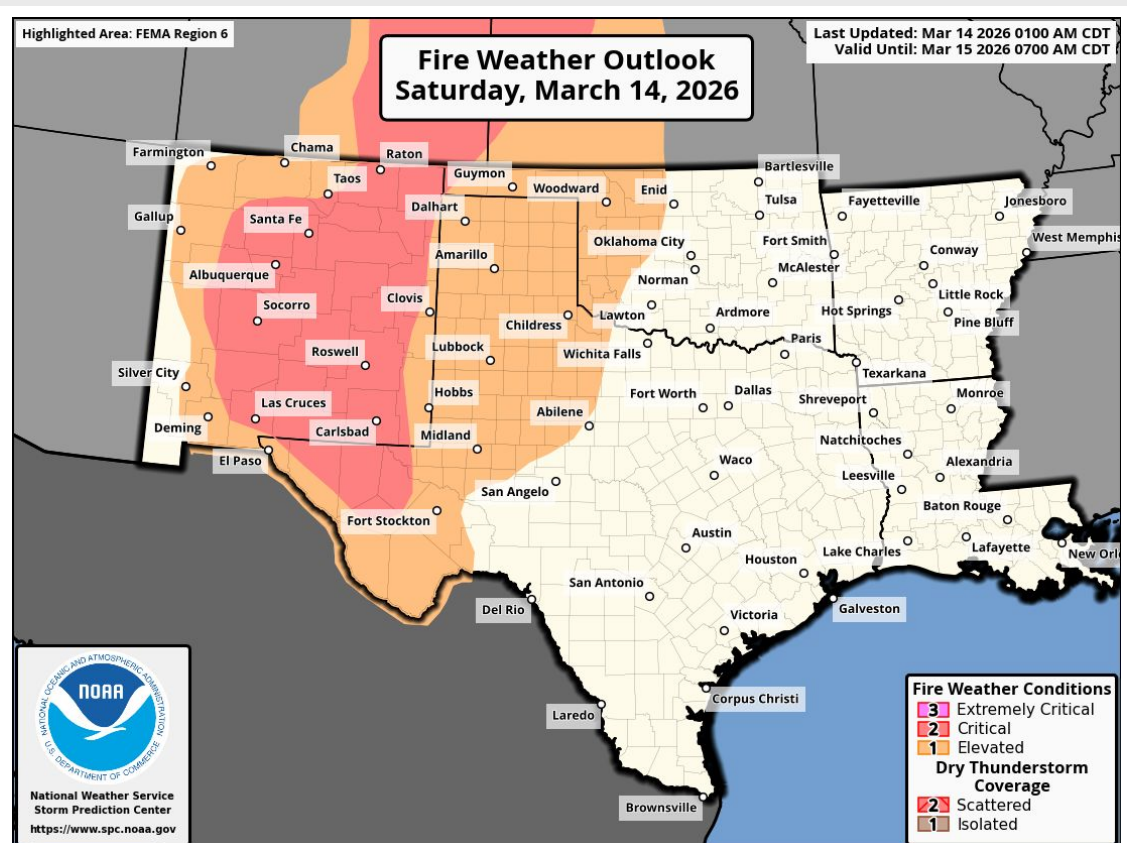
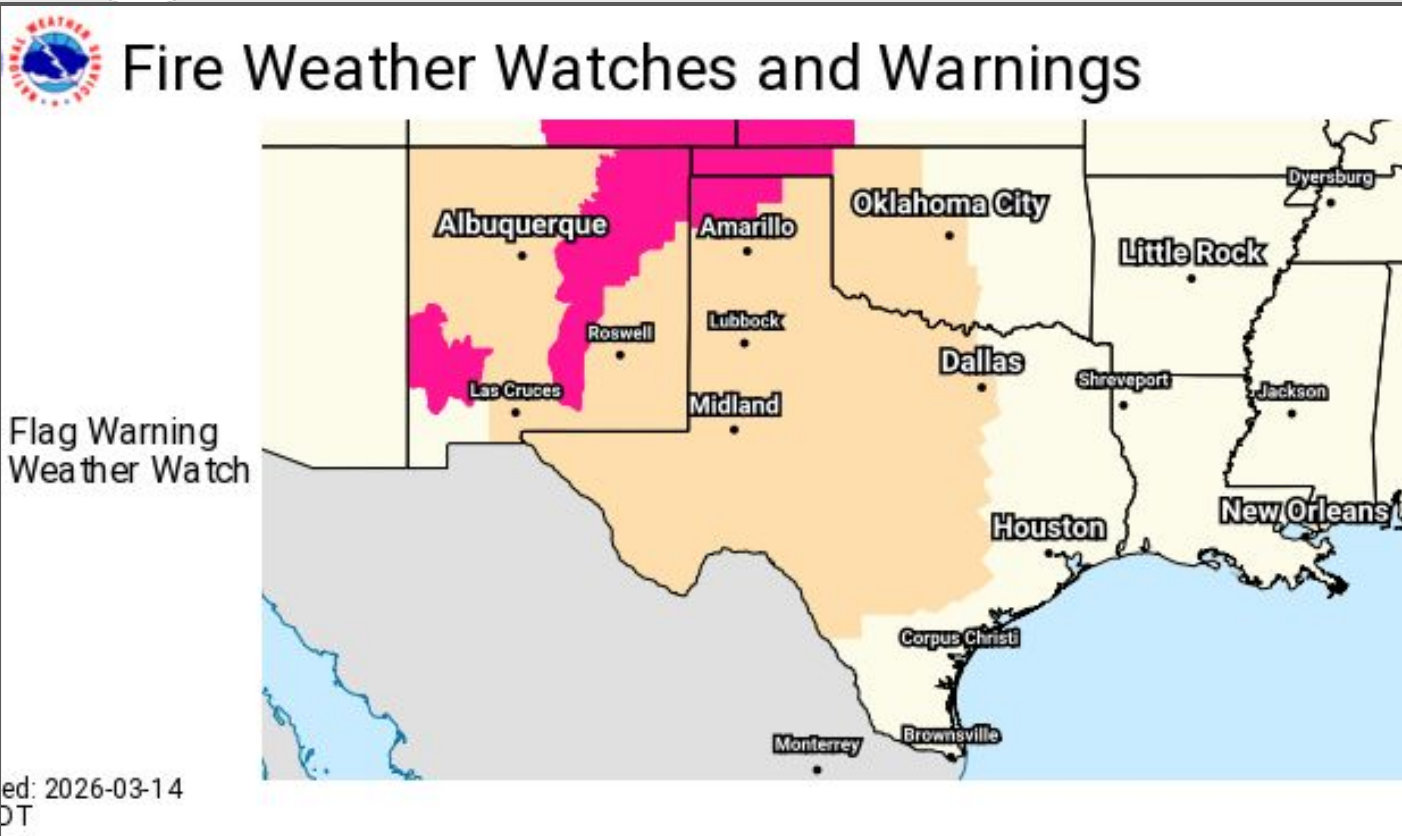
Fire Weather Watch Sunday over NM, W OK, and W 2/3 of TX starting as early 8 AM through as late as 8 PM CDT.

High Wind Watch for gusts up to 65-70mph on Sunday in NM, W OK, TX/OK Panhandles, NW TX.





Fire Weather Outlooks



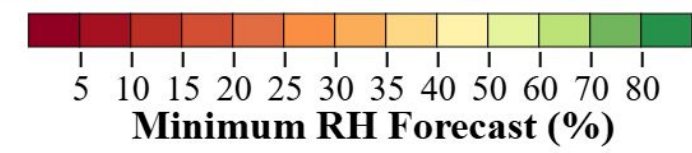


Min RH/Wind Gusts

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

Minimum RH (%) Forecast

	3/14 Sat				3/15 Sun				3/16 Mon				3/17 Tue	Gust Max	Minimum RH (%) Forecast												
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	12am		6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	RH Min
Abilene	15↑	22↑	25↑	28↑	37→	53↓	52↓	30↓	16↓	13↓	9→	15↑	53 ↓	39	19	19	44	22	15	20	26	24	15	14	30	14	
Amarillo	7↑	14↑	21↑	23↑	47↓	55↓	41↓	16↓	12→	16→	16→	18↑	55 ↓	31	11	10	15	22	19	19	26	25	12	12	22	10	
Beaver	9↑	20↑	21↑	21→	53↓	60↓	44↓	13↓	15→	18→	13→	14↑	60 ↓	40	16	15	24	37	23	22	33	28	14	14	30	14	
El Paso	10→	31→	31→	22→	29→	38→	32↓	23←	22←	17←	9←	6←	38 →	21	10	9	14	17	9	9	13	17	10	10	16	9	
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Fayetteville	20↑	25↑	26↑	36↑	44↑	44→	44→	37→	33→	32→	25→	7→	44 ↑	58	40	43	67	75	61	57	57	37	23	24	46	23	
Fort Davis	17→	29→	30→	31→	46→	48→	40↓	38→	25←	18↑	18↑	12↑	48 →	16	10	10	20	15	9	9	23	20	11	11	23	9	
Guadalupe Pass	20→	48→	52→	51→	62→	62→	56←	56←	30←	23↑	21↑	15←	62 →	16	12	13	19	17	13	13	21	21	16	16	20	12	
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Midland/Odessa	13→	22→	22→	23→	33→	47↓	47↓	33↓	14←	14↑	14↑	17↑	47 ↓	18	8	9	17	14	10	13	20	21	11	11	22	8	
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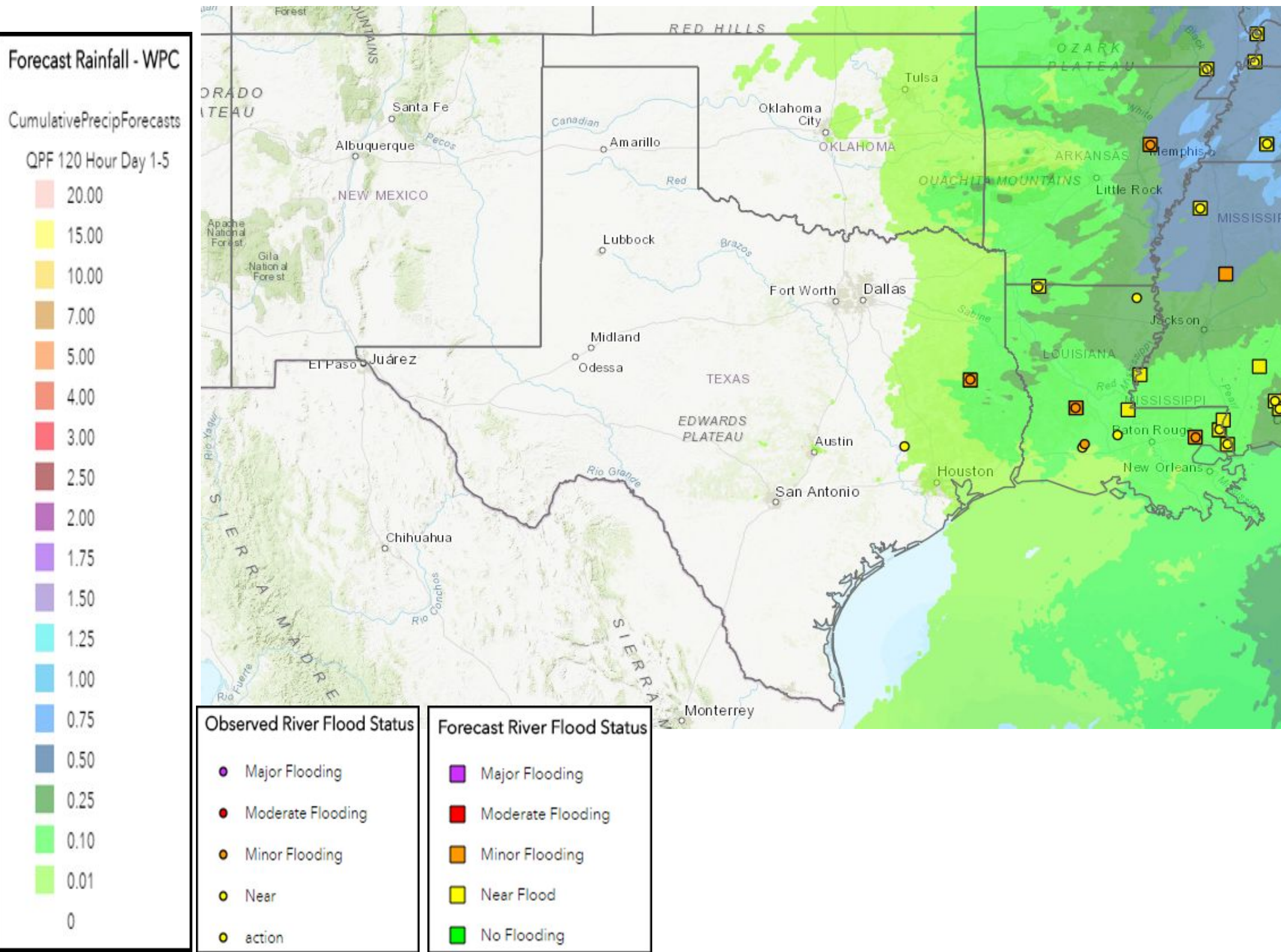


Significant wind shift due to a dry cold front Sunday morning/afternoon.



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

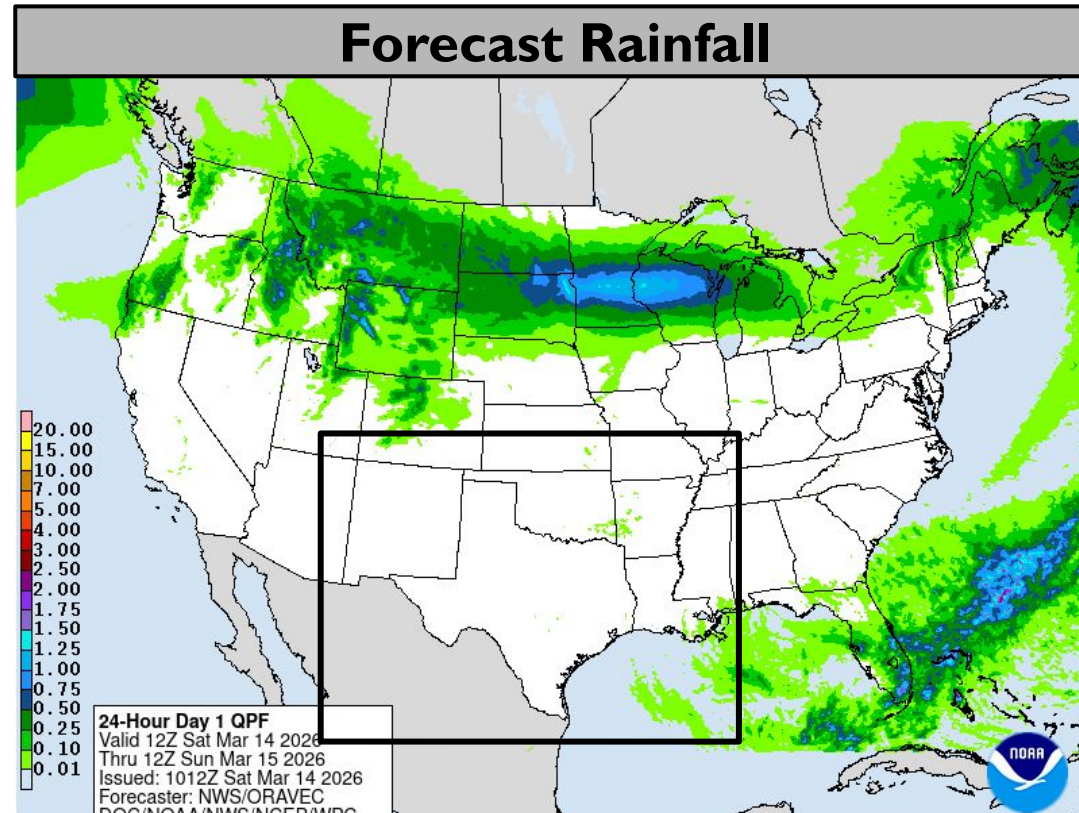
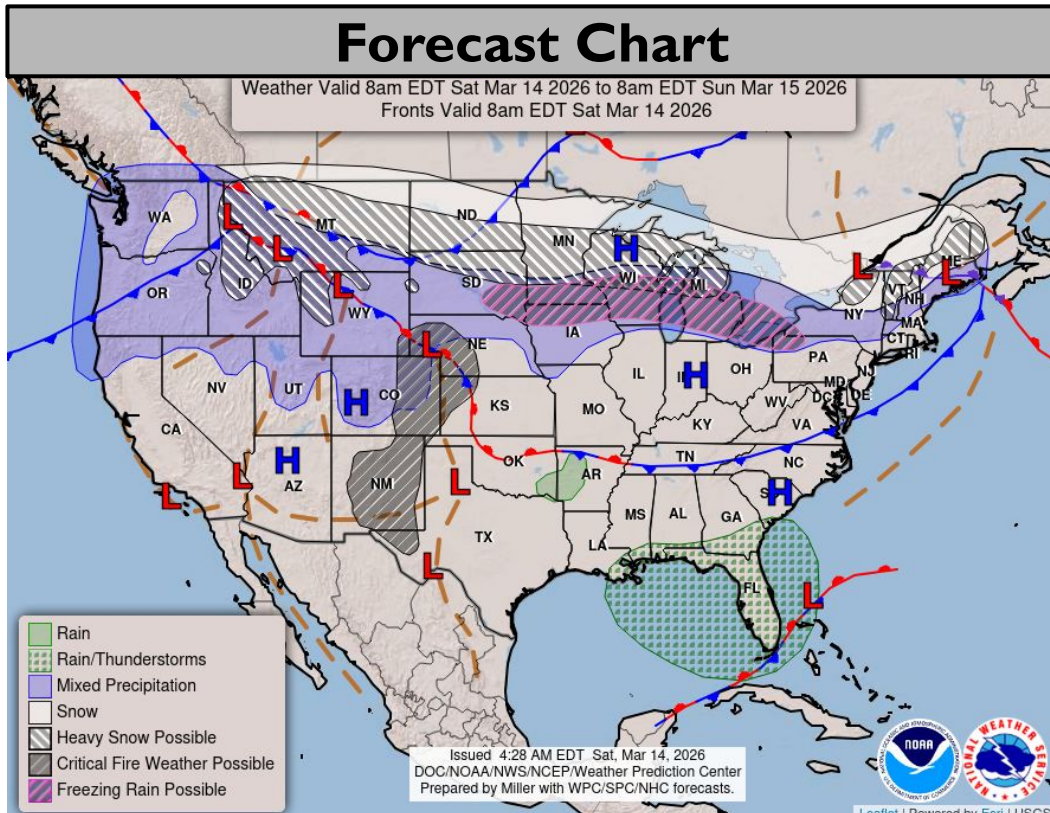


Isolated minor river flooding over portions of E TX, E AR, and S LA is expected to continue through at least the middle of the week. Impacts mainly to agriculture and secondary roads.

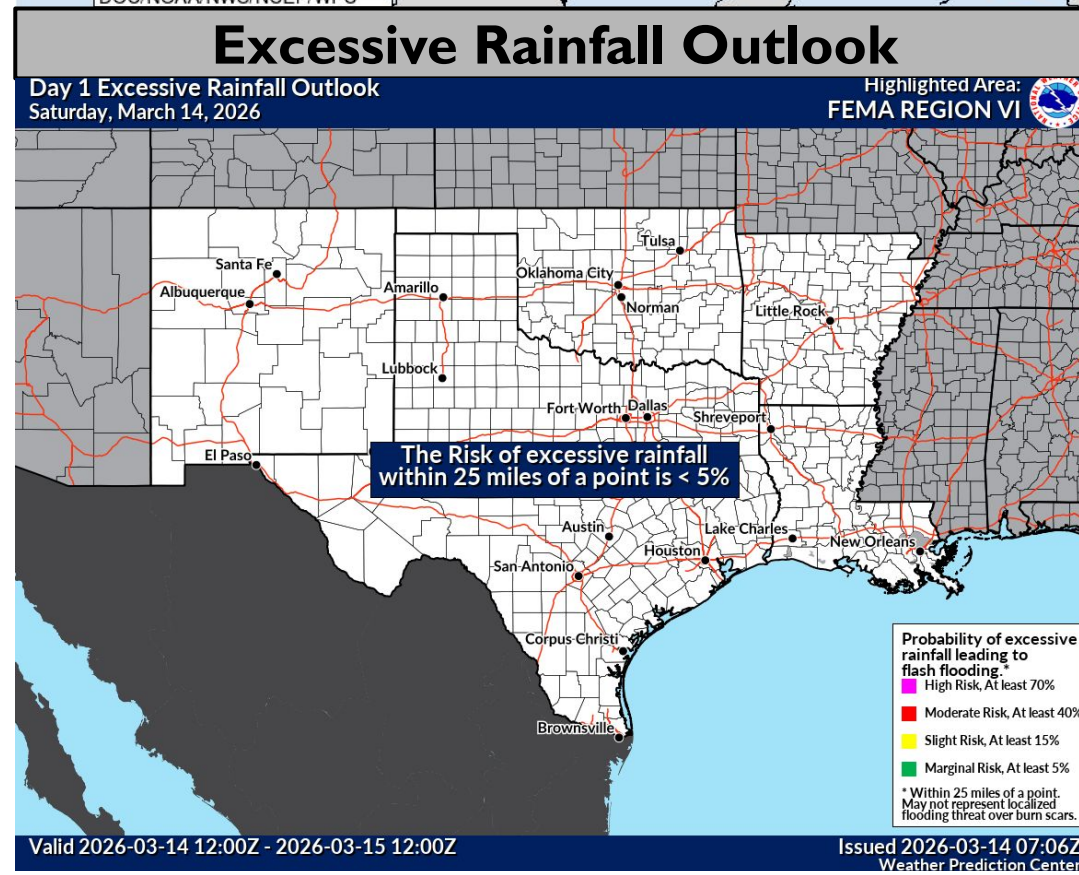
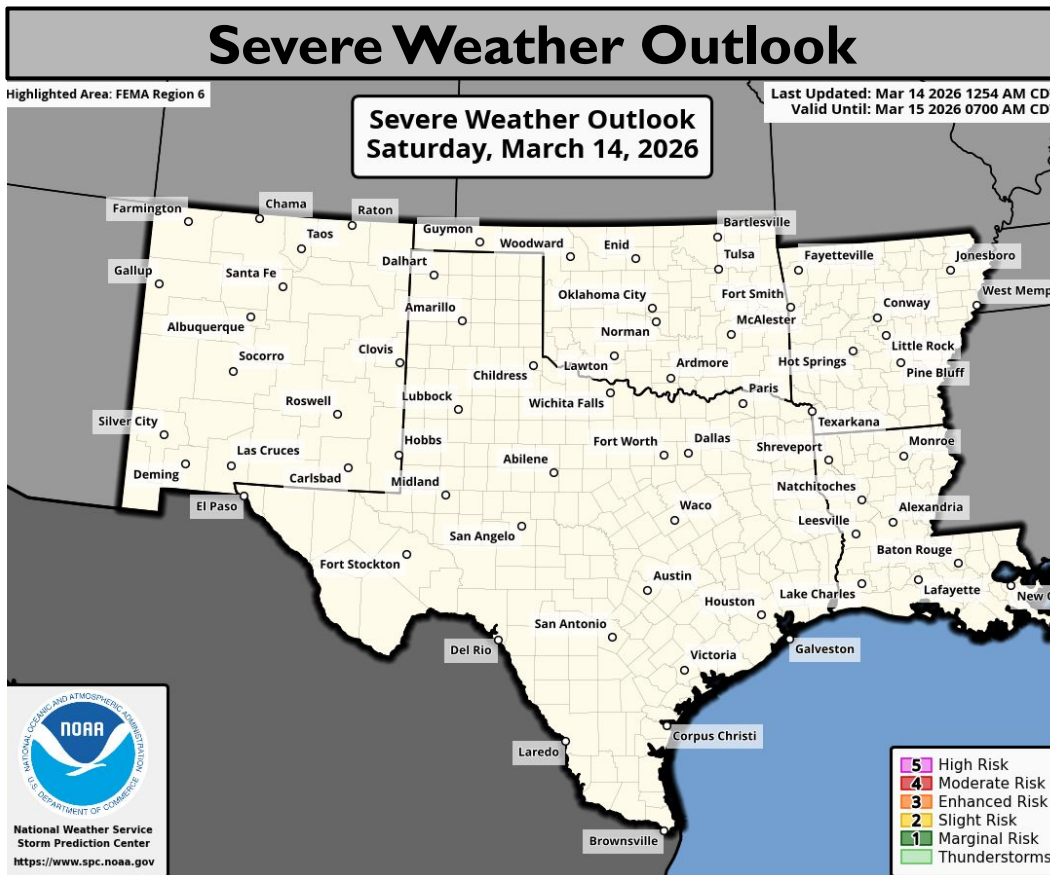
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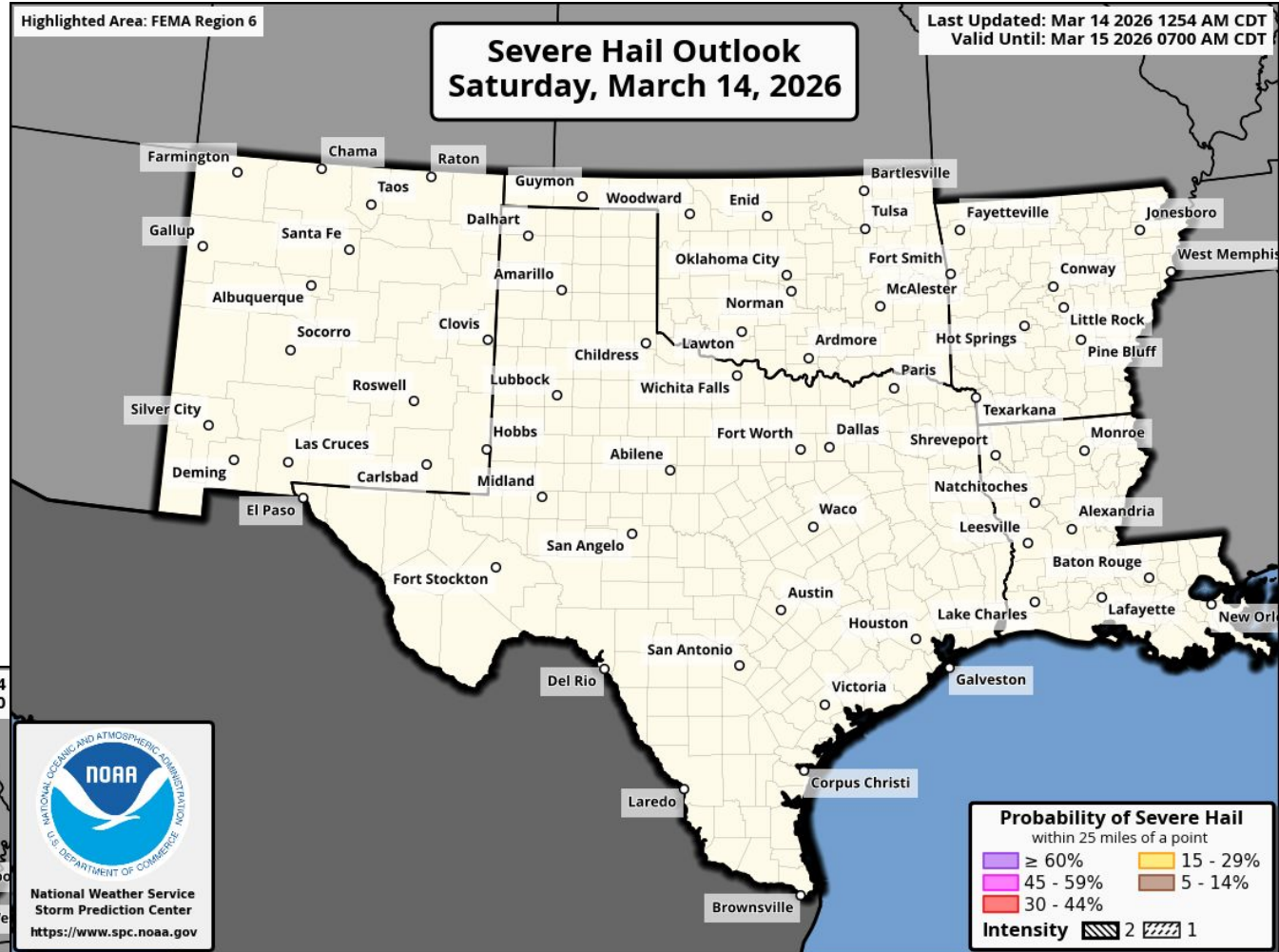
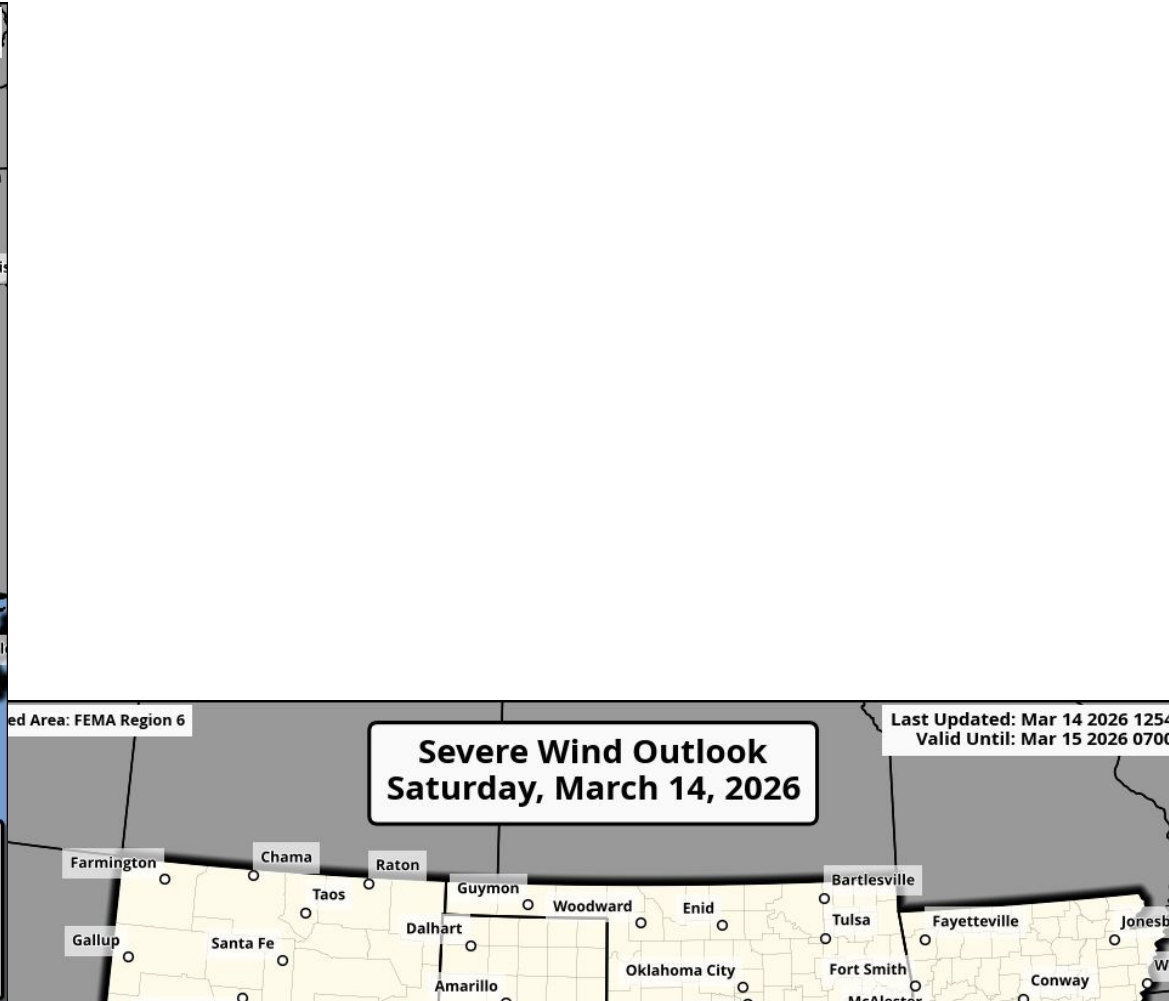
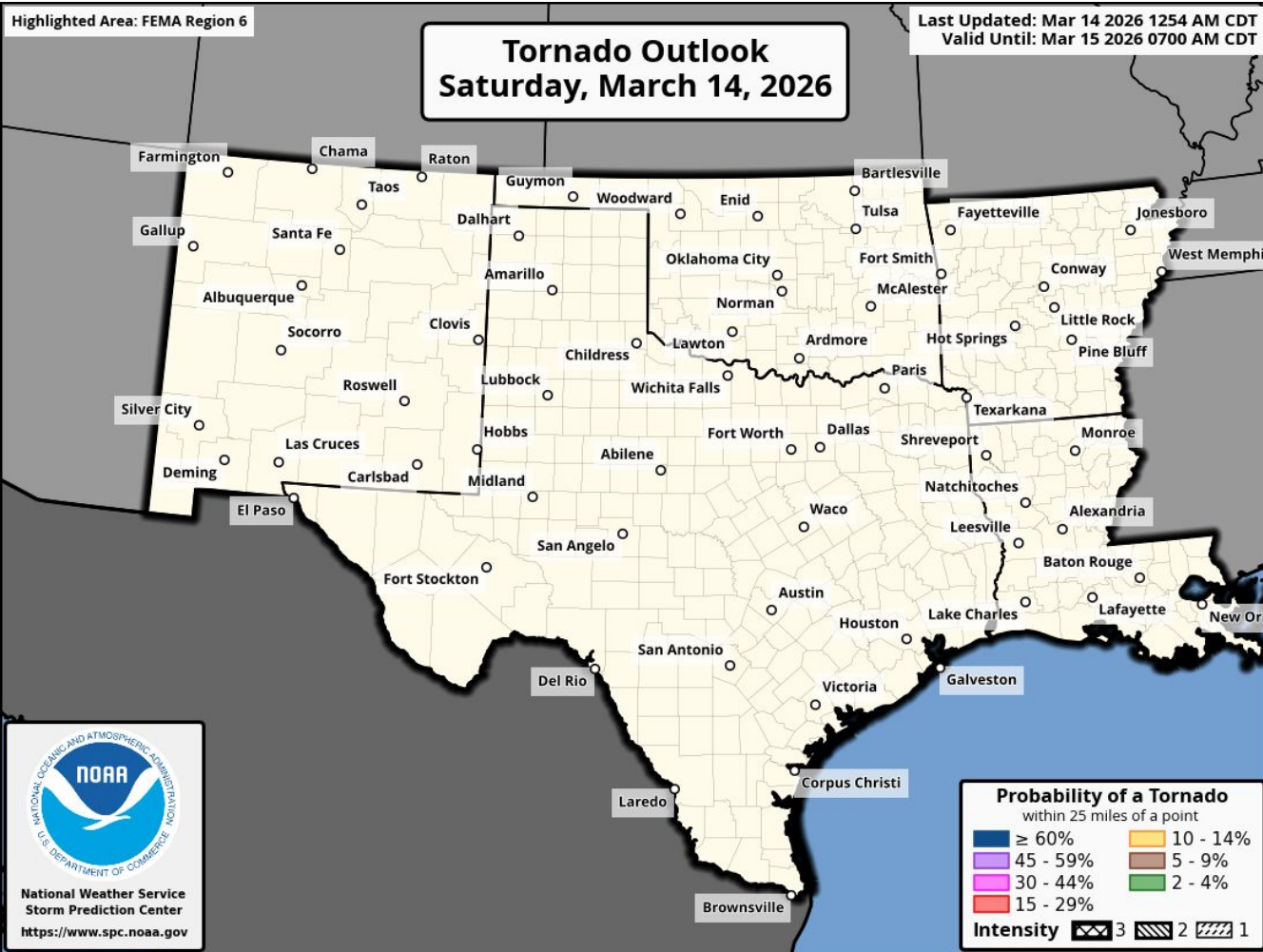


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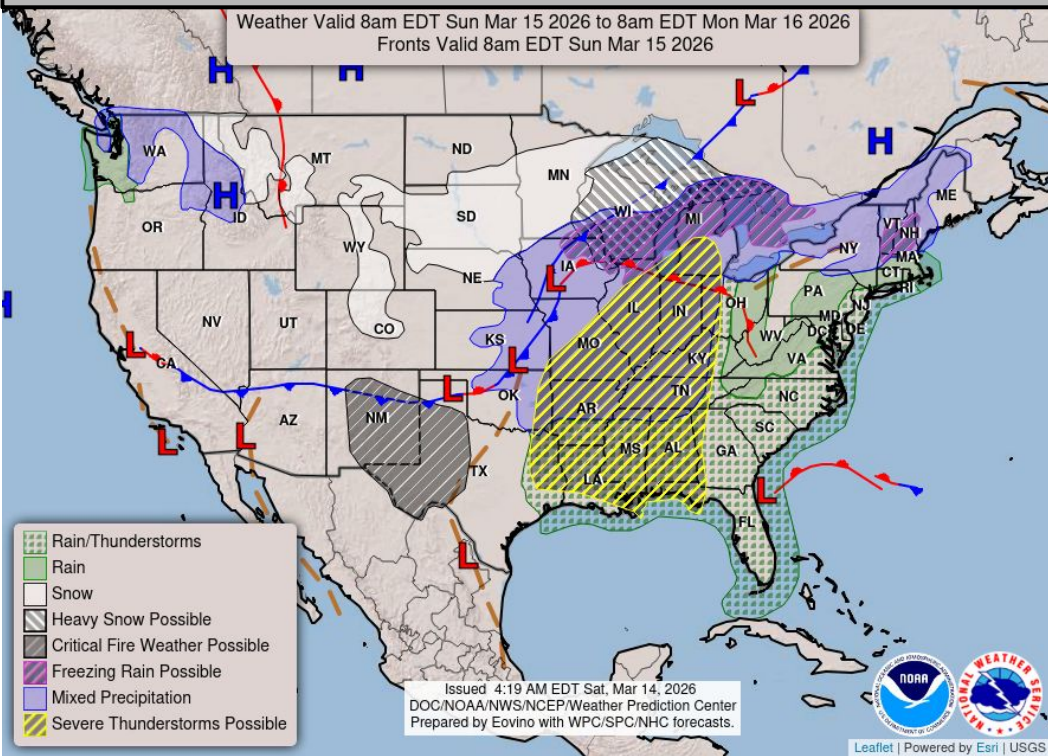
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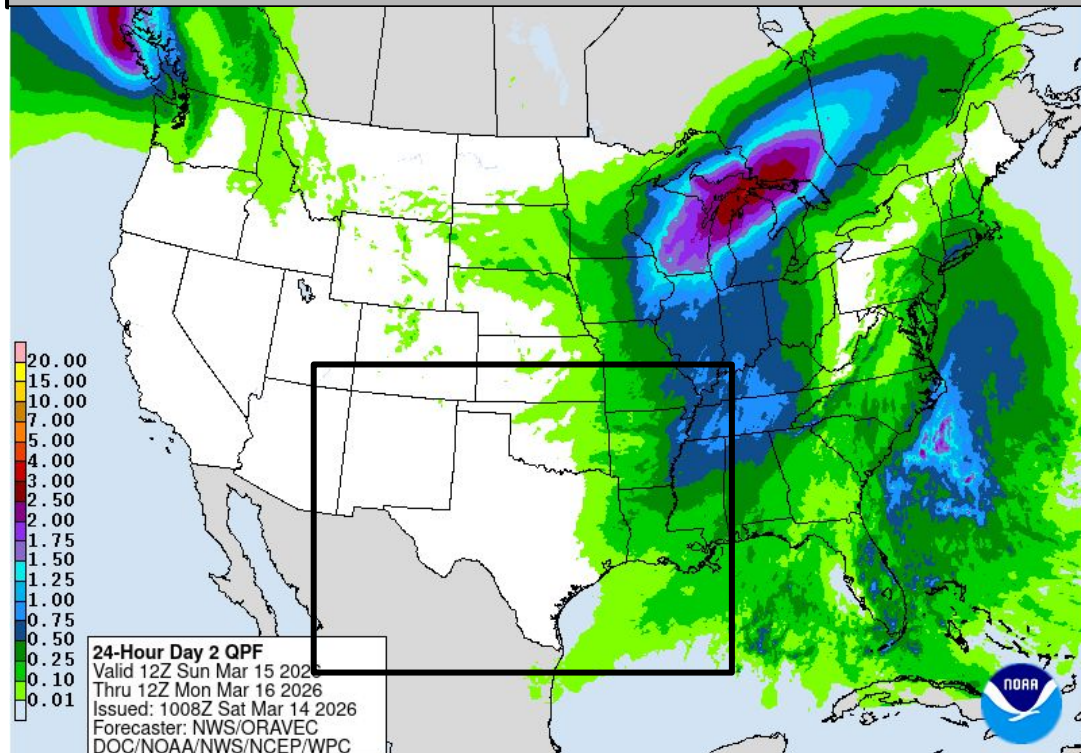


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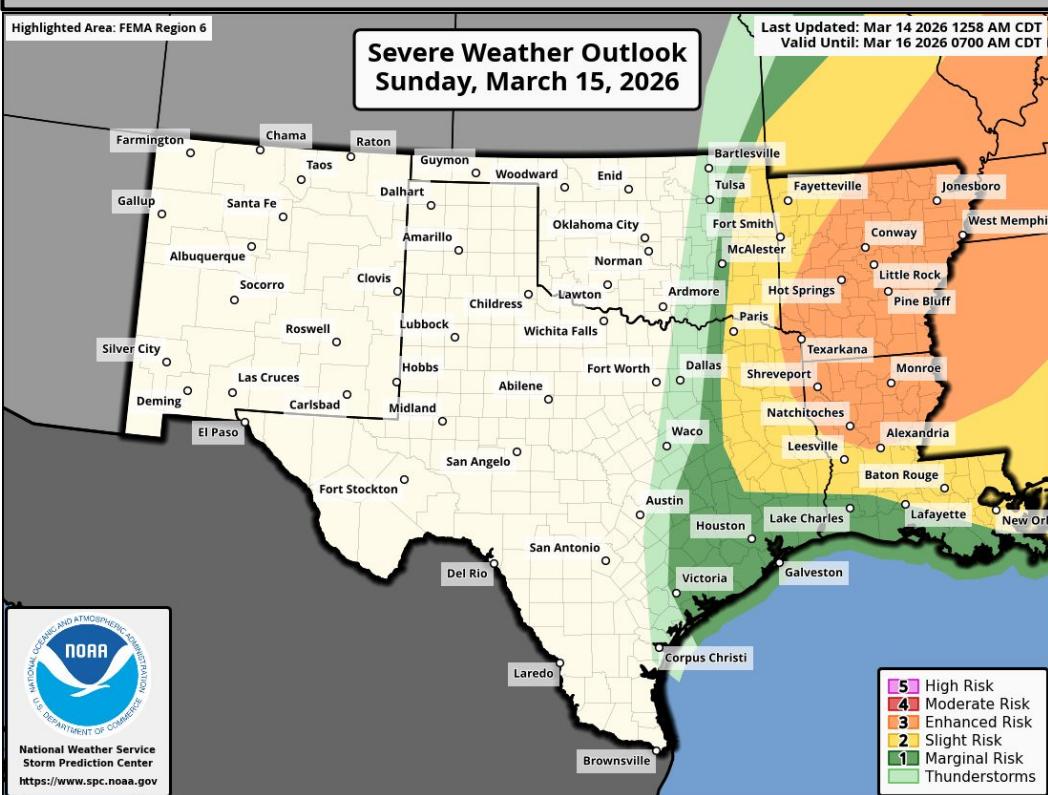
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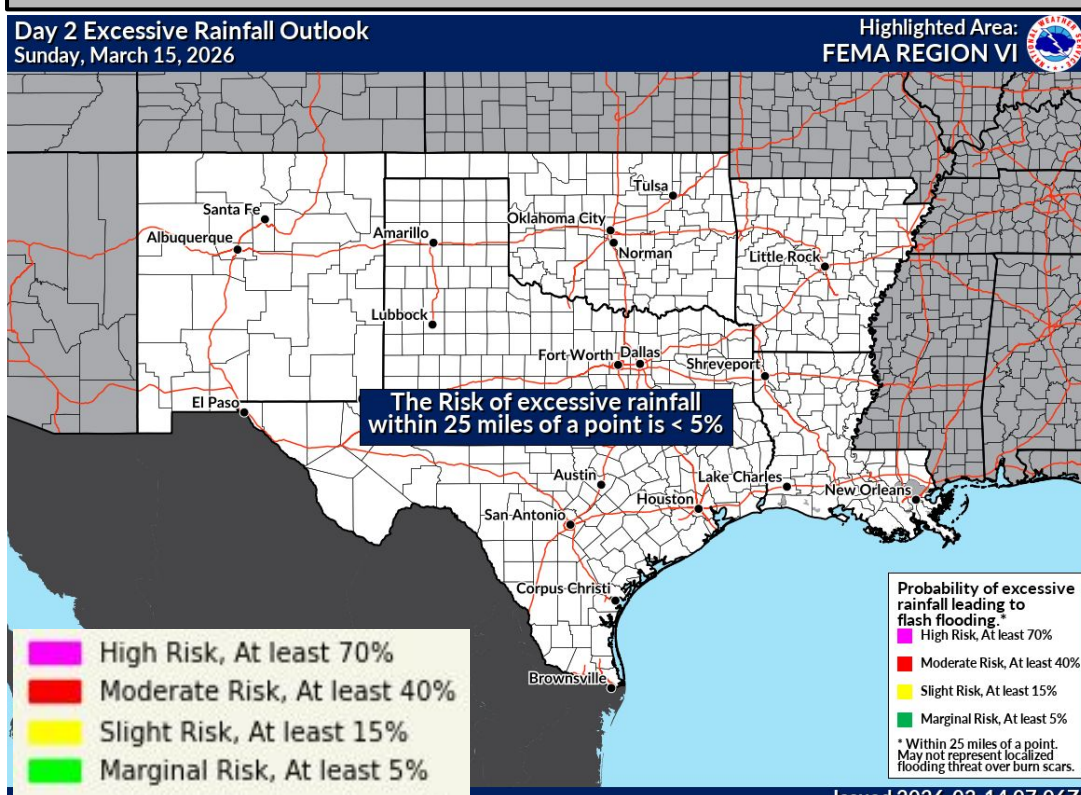
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Severe Weather Outlook



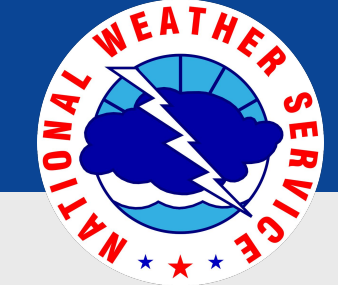
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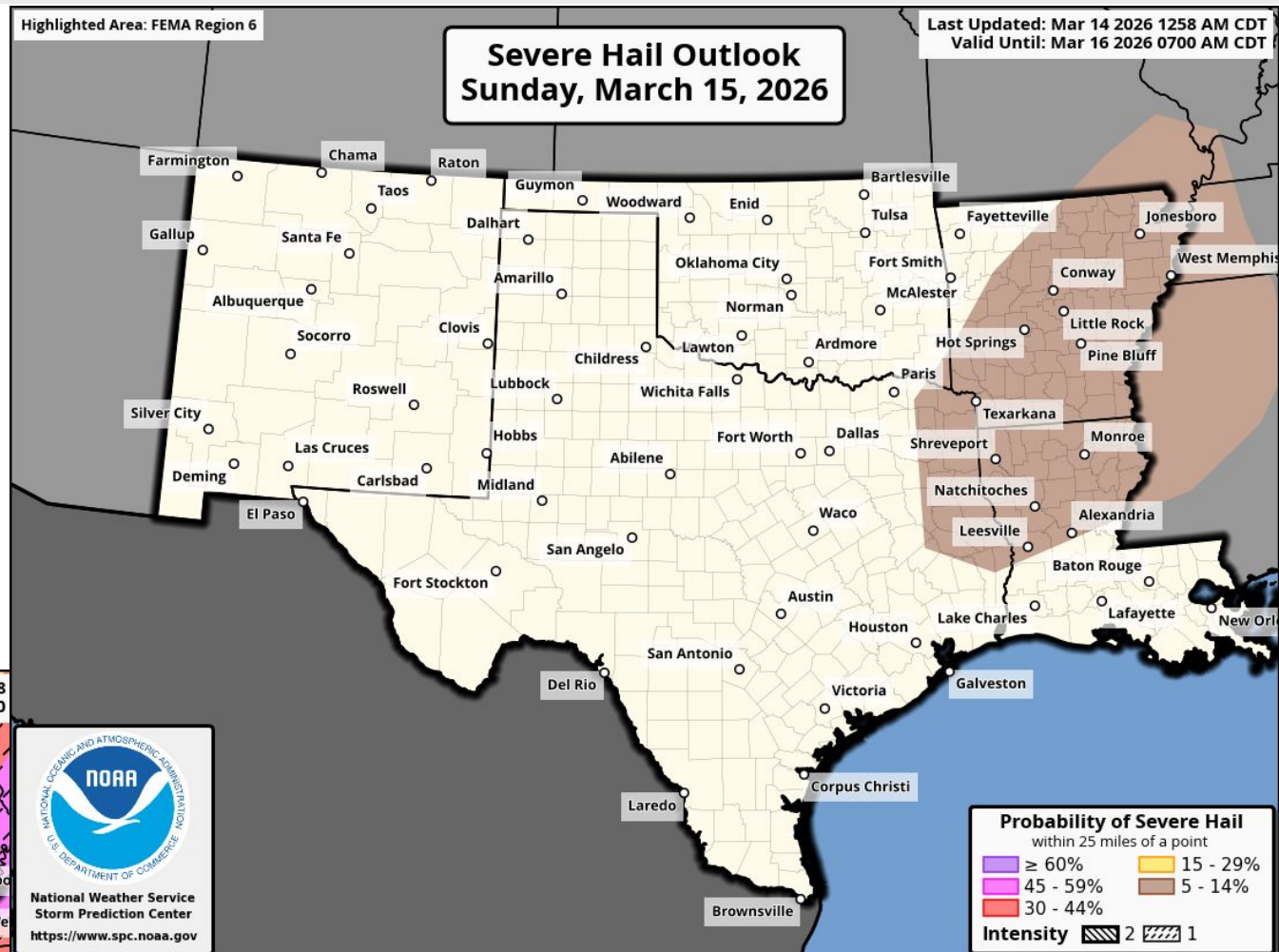
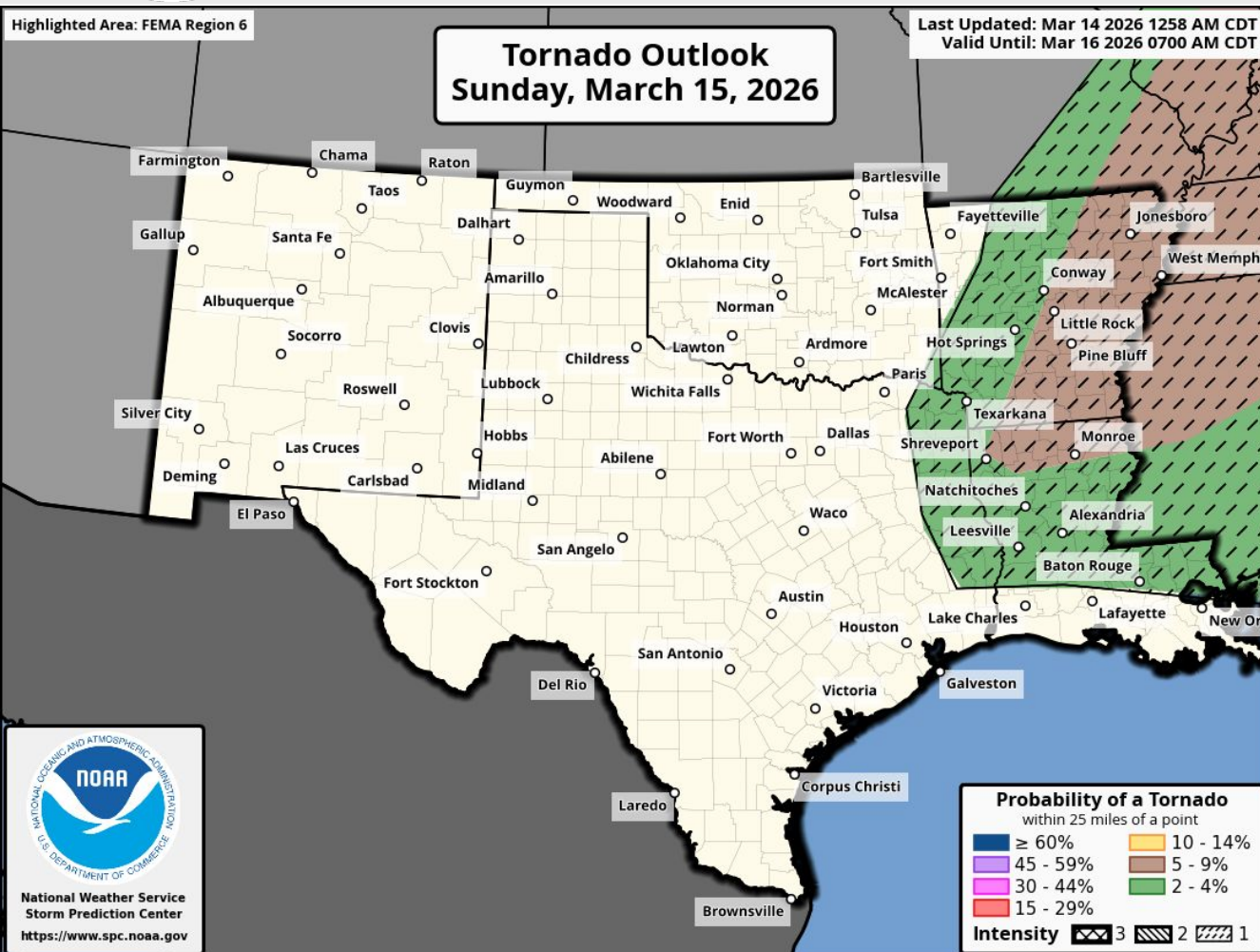
Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms over AR, NE TX, N LA; widespread damaging winds up to 74 mph and up to EF-2 tornadoes.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over E OK, NE TX, LA.

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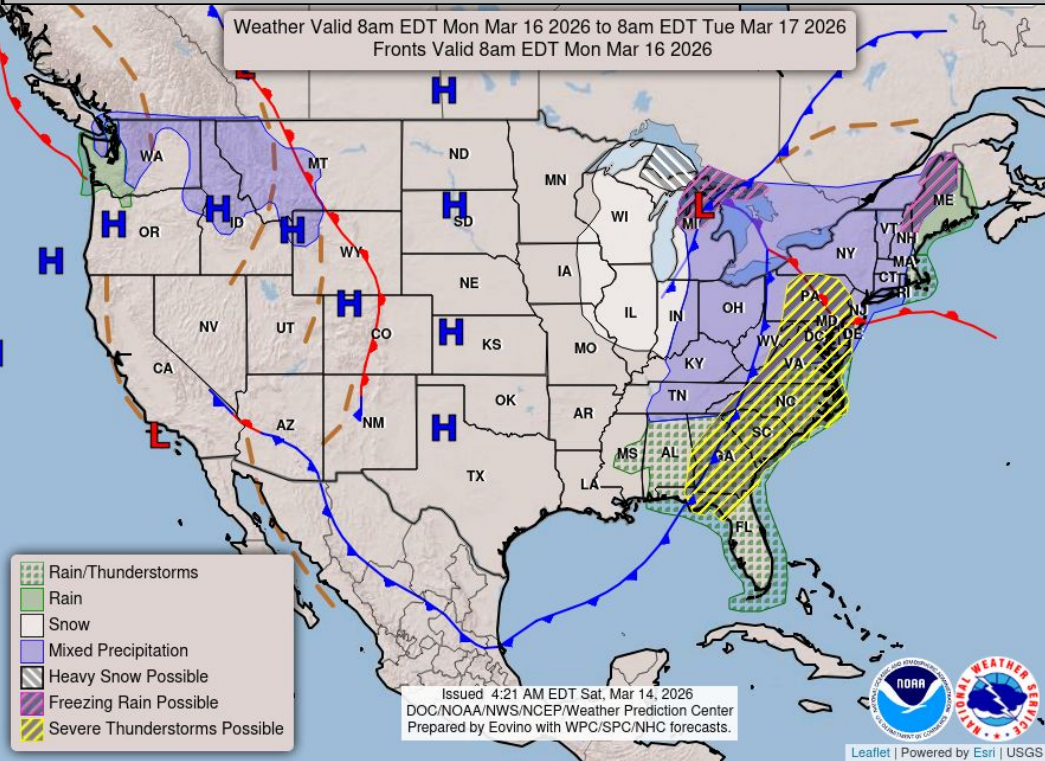
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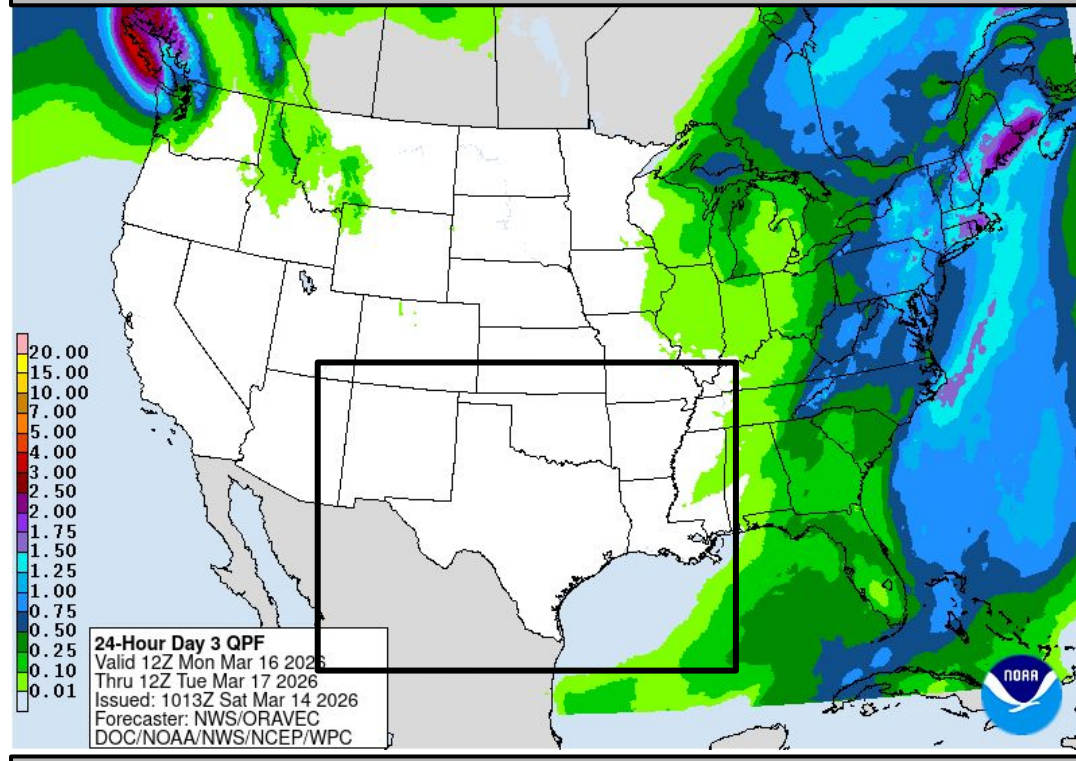


Monday's Weather

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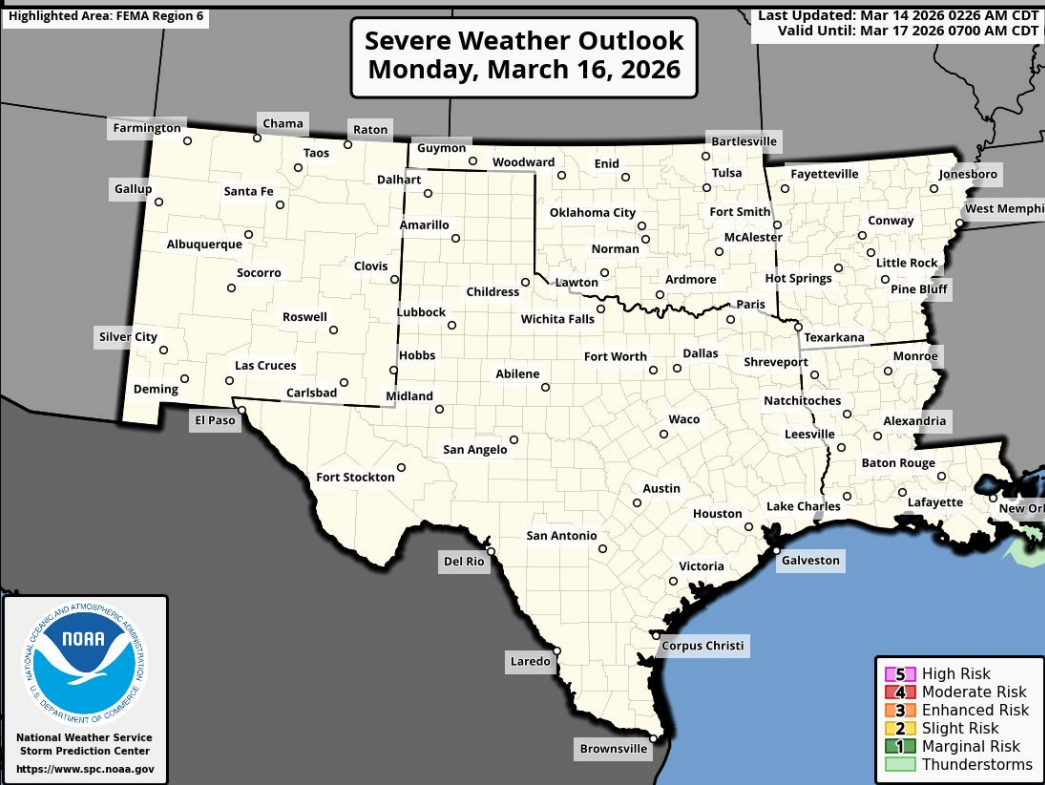


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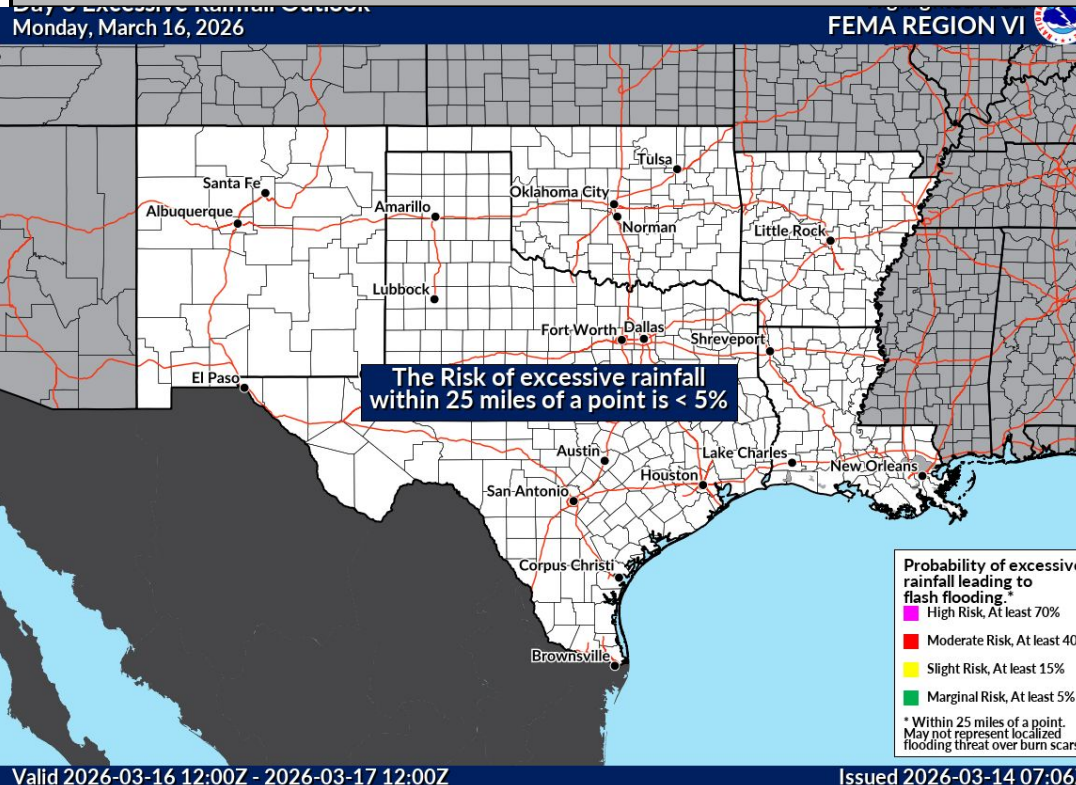


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather threat over STX.

Severe Weather Outlook



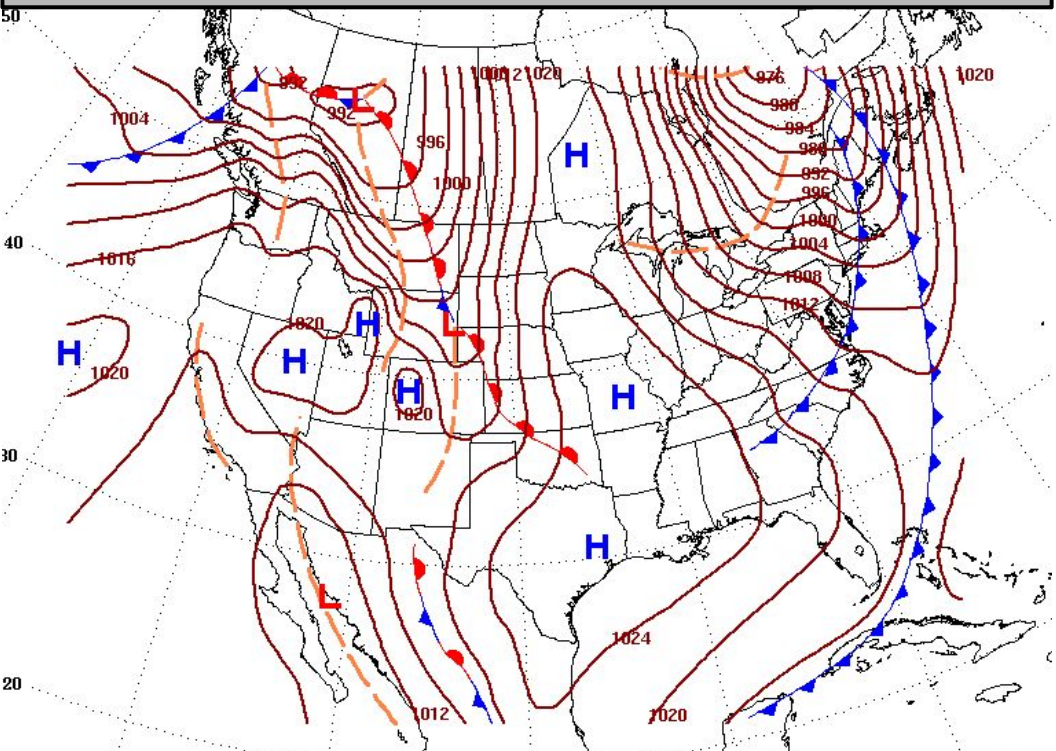
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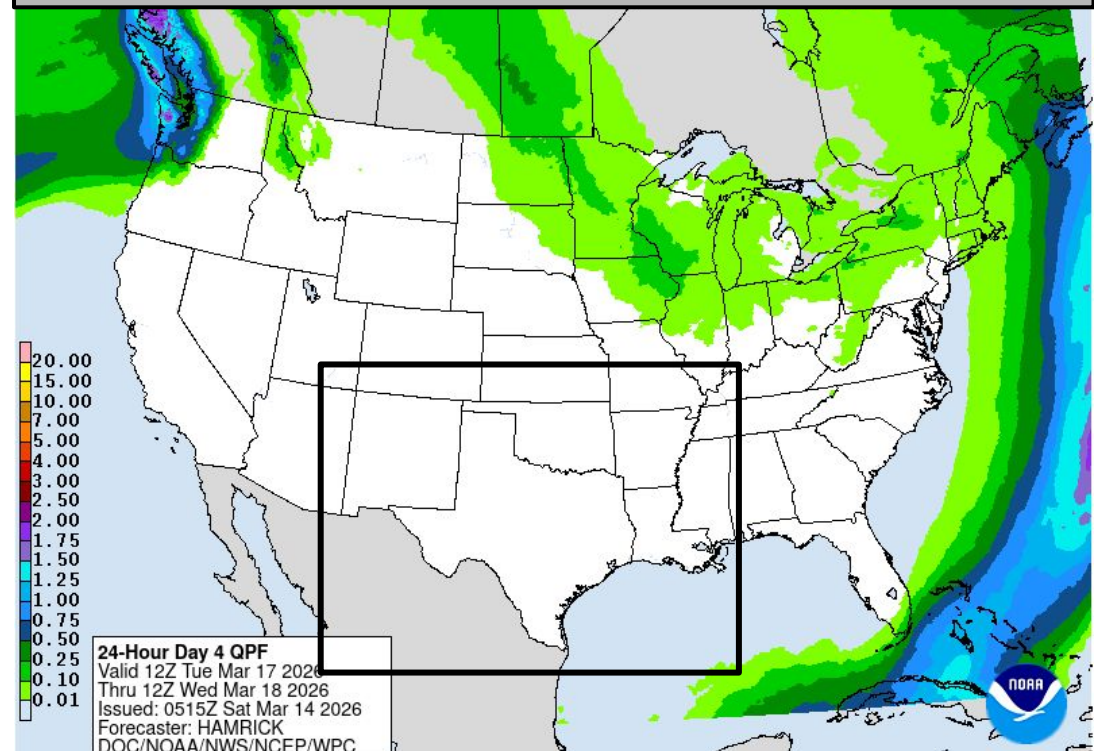


Tuesday's Weather

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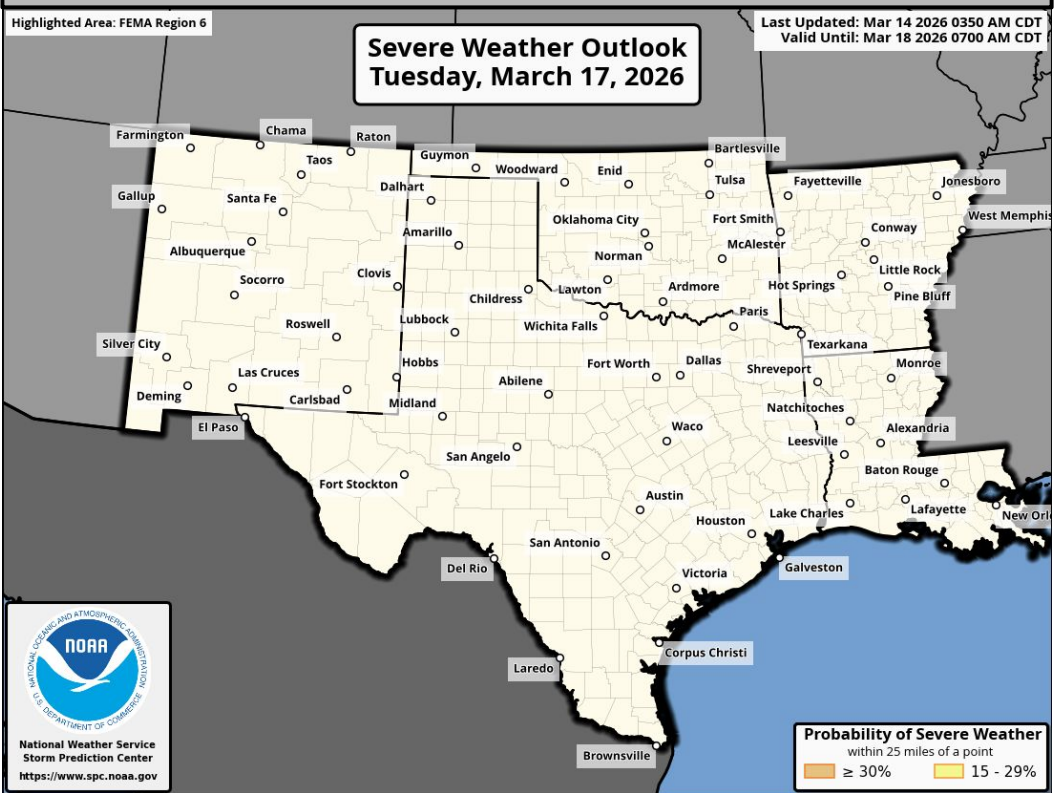


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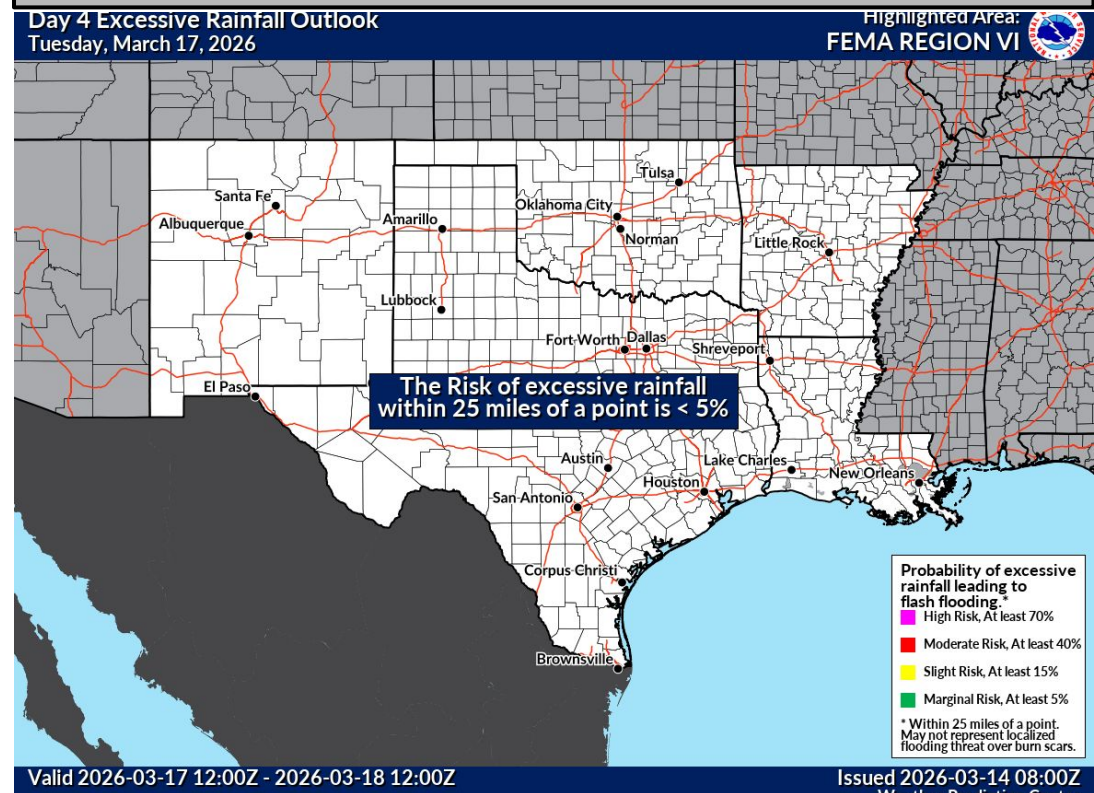


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather threat over NM, TX Panhandle, W OK, NW-SW/W TX.

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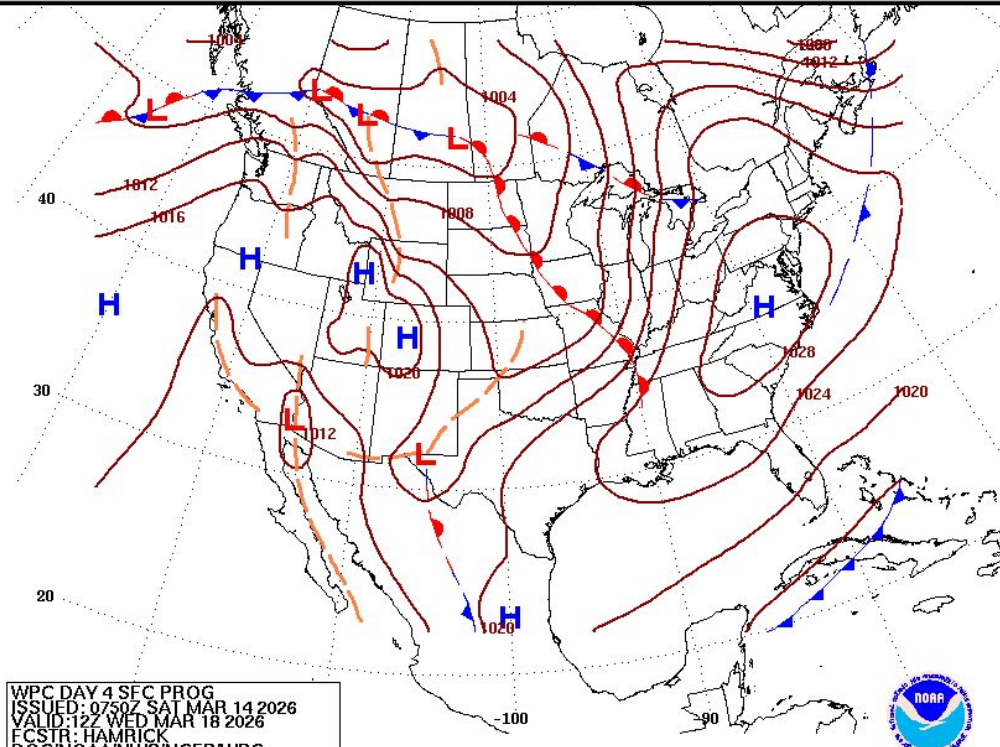
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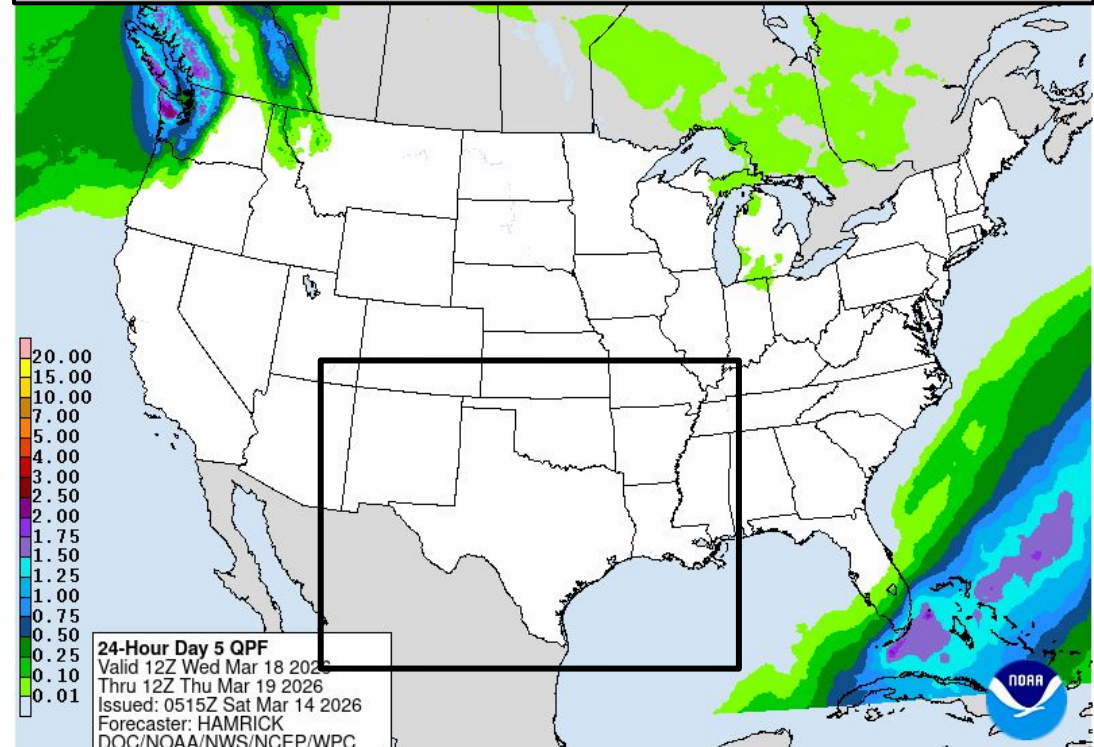
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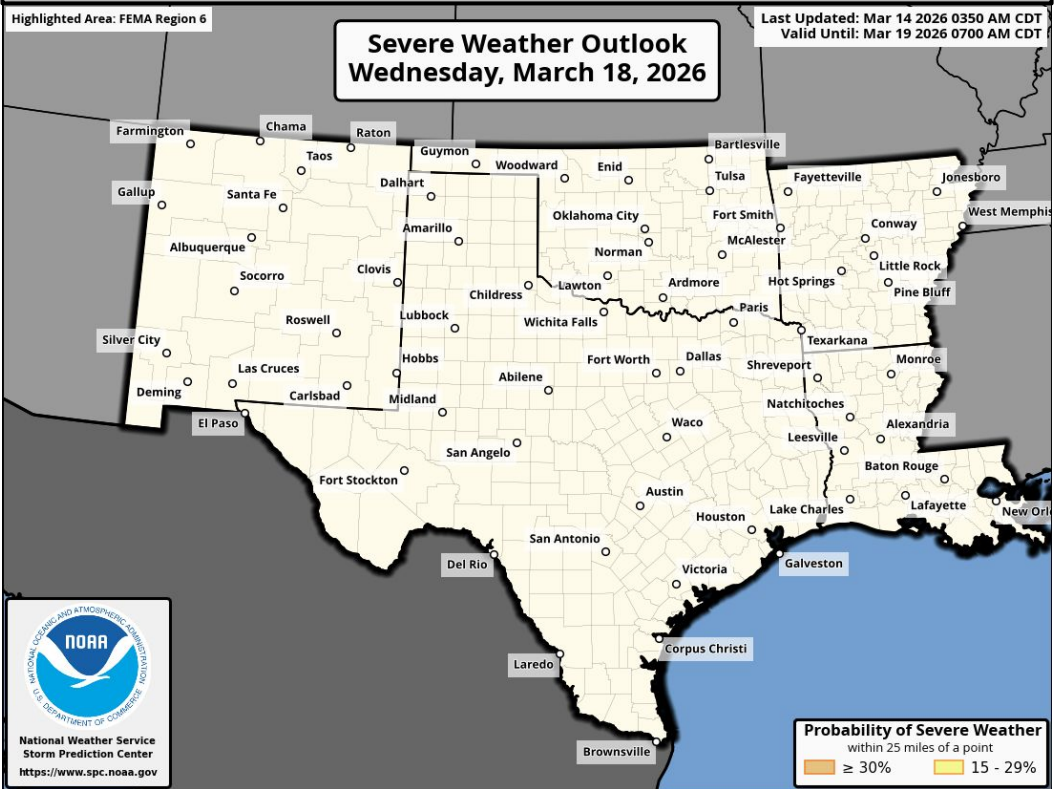
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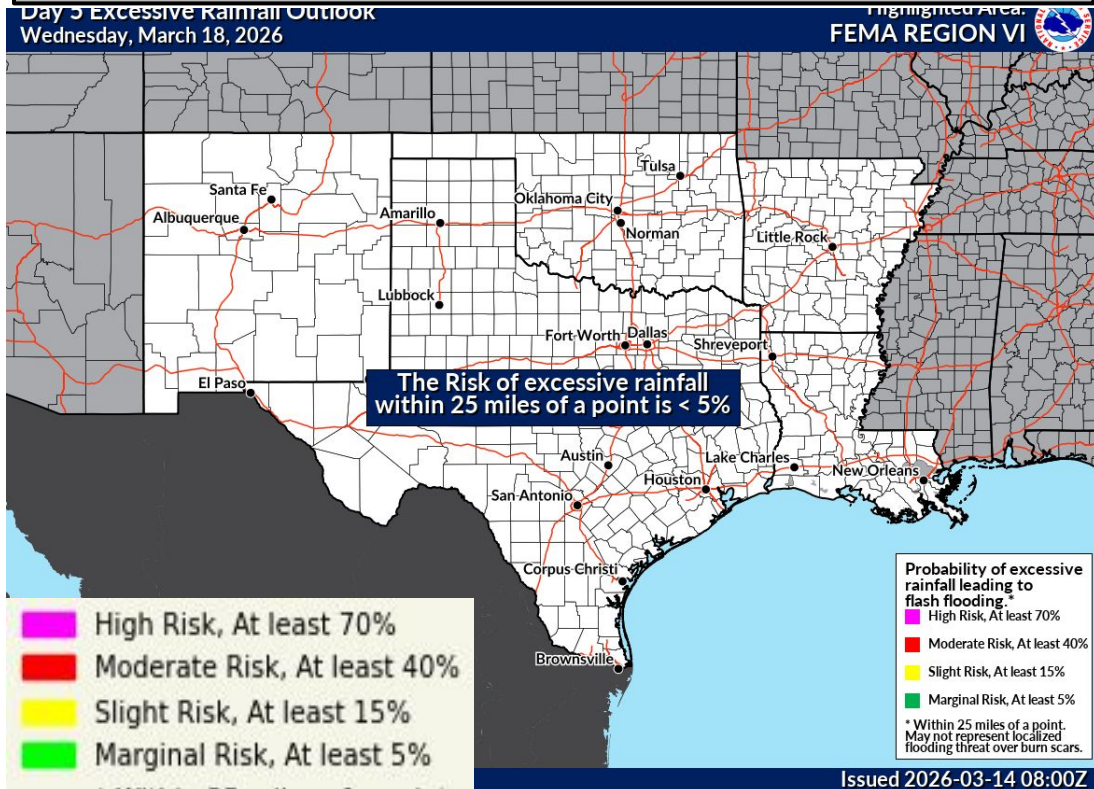
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Last Updated: Mar 14 2026 0350 AM CDT
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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

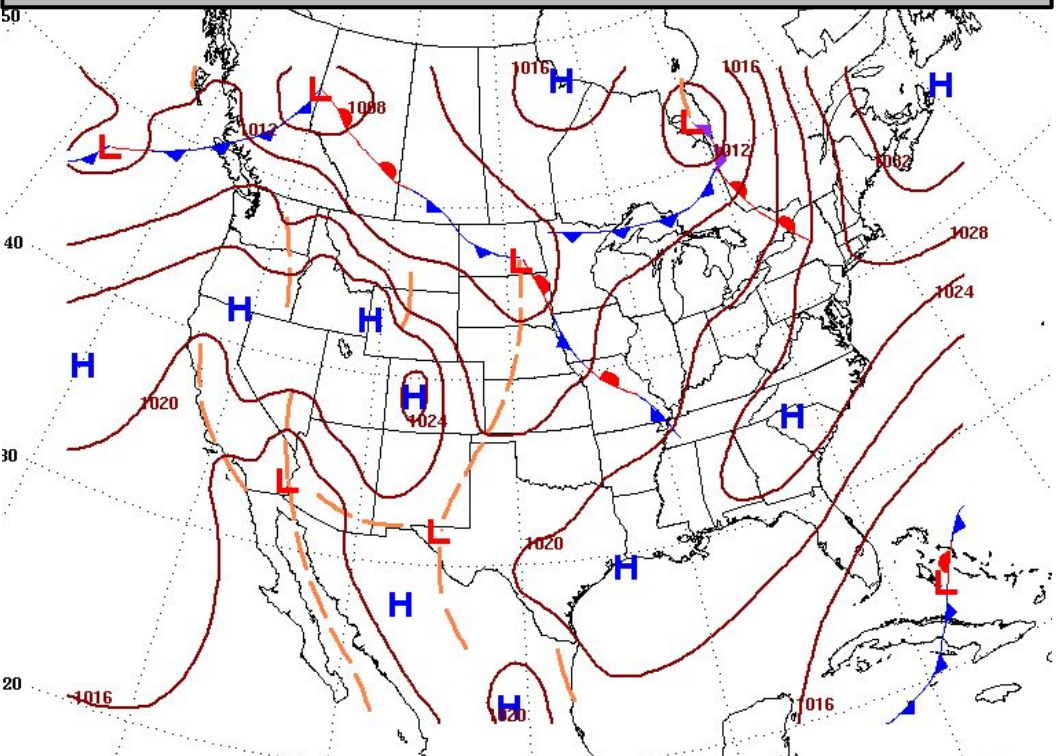
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
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Marginal Risk, At least 5%
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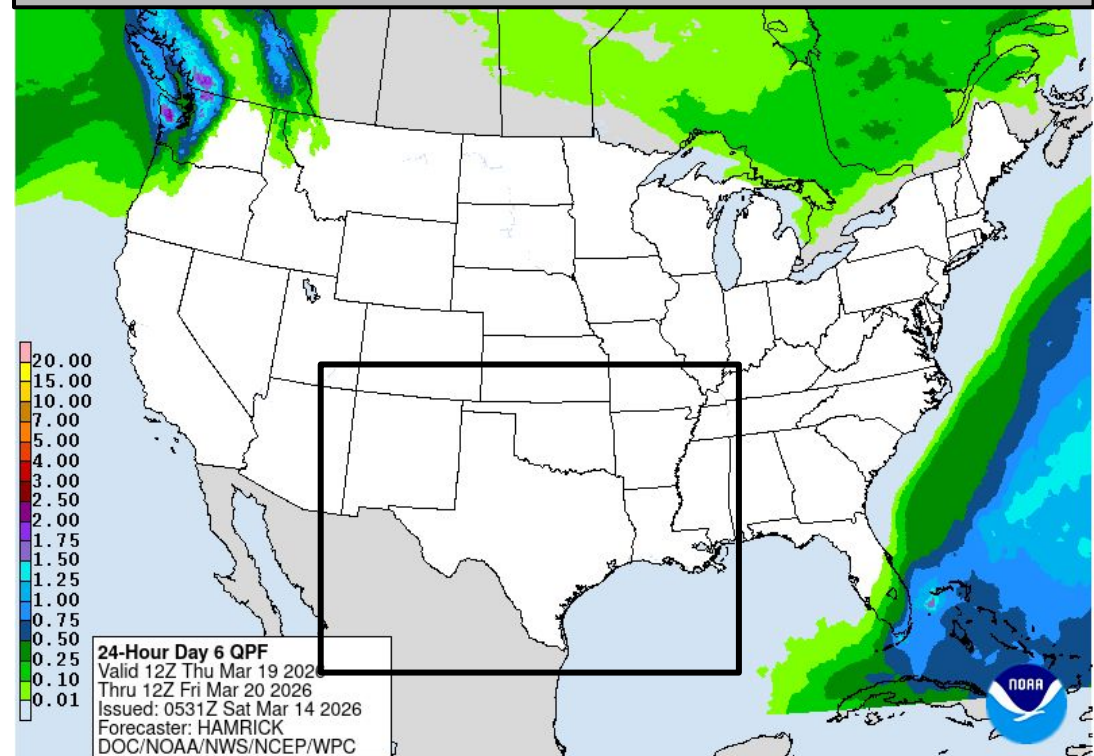


Thursday's Weather

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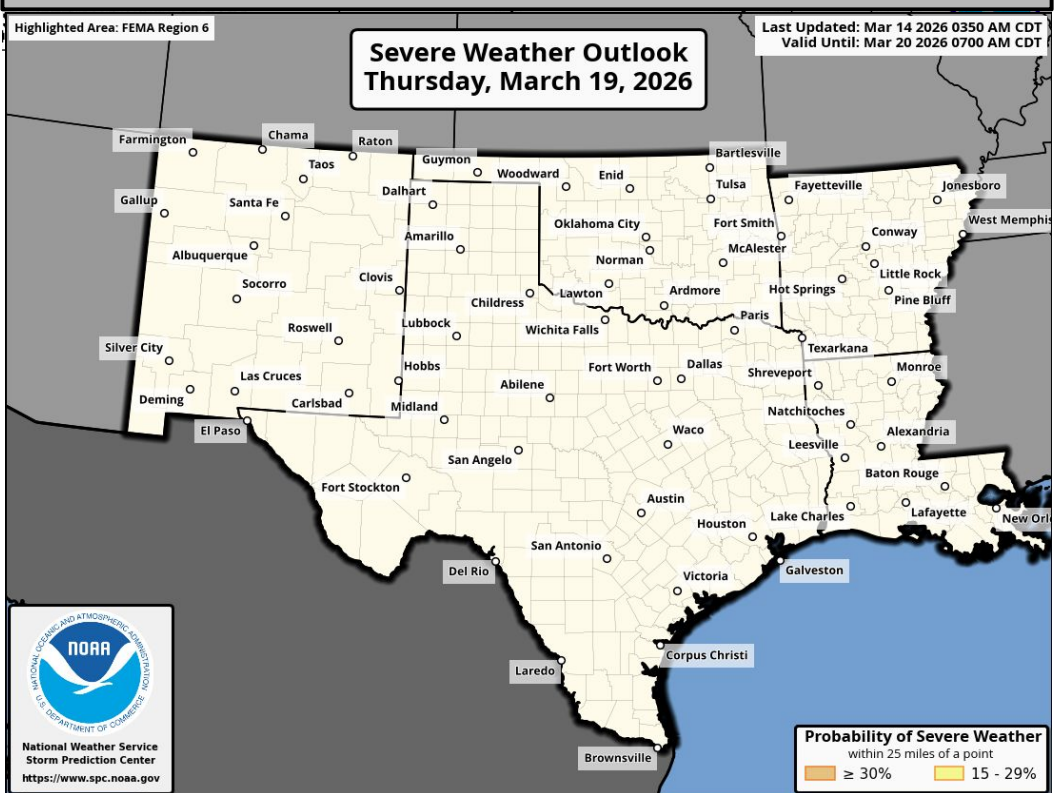


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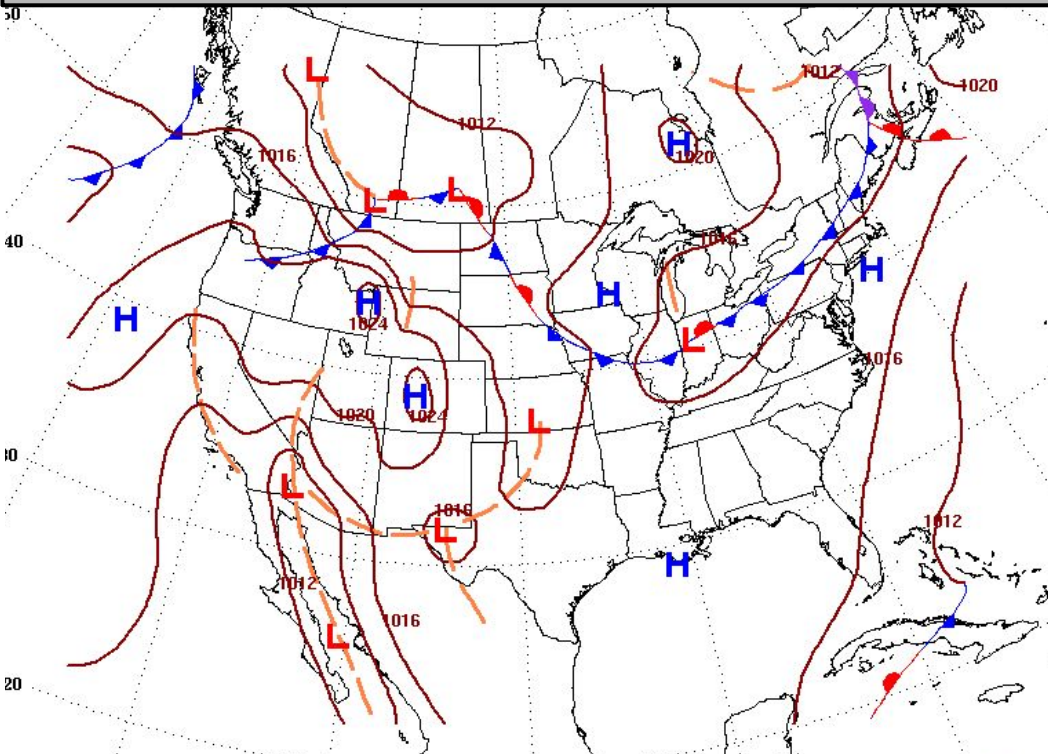


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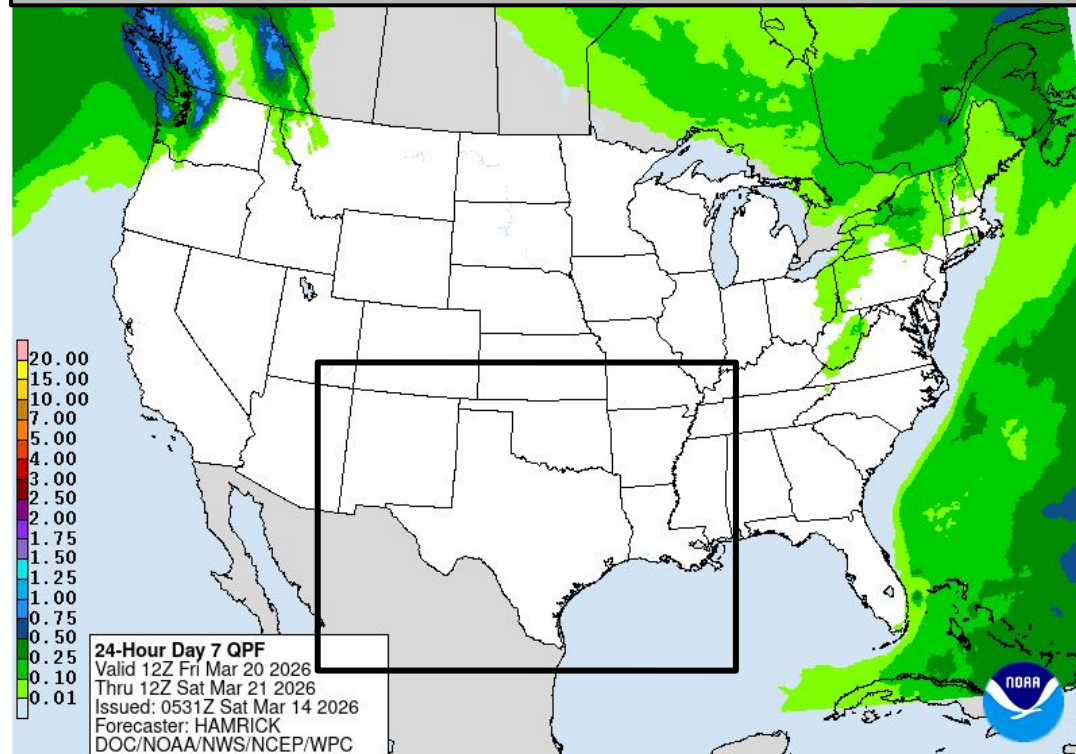


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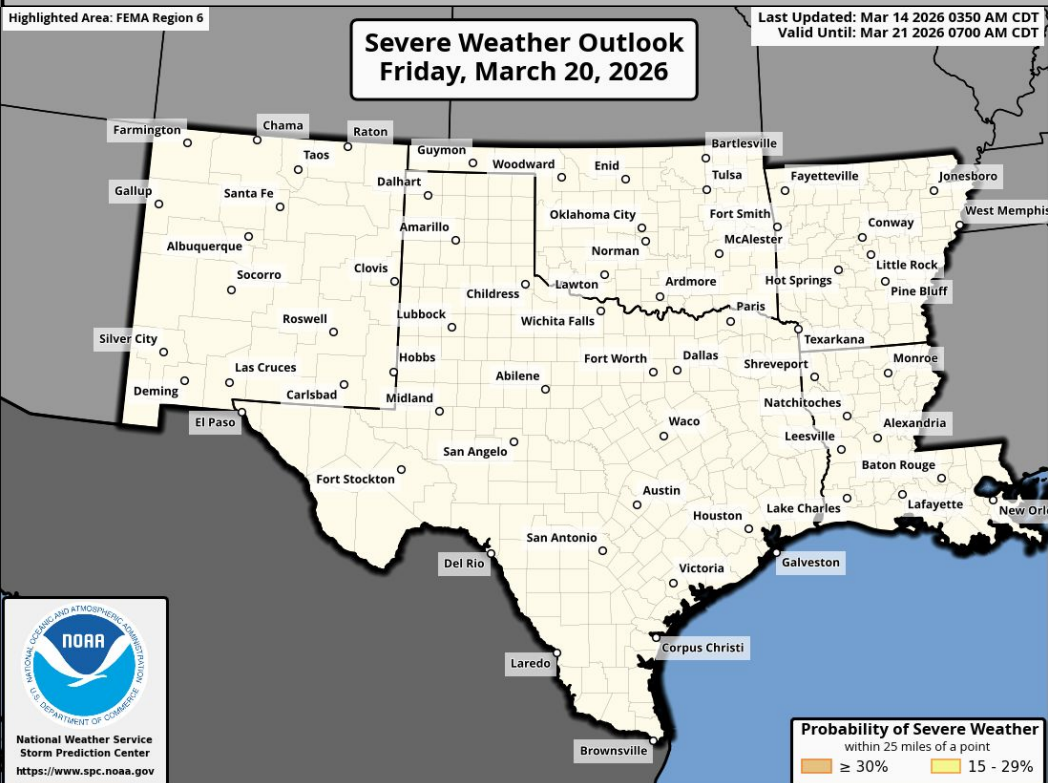


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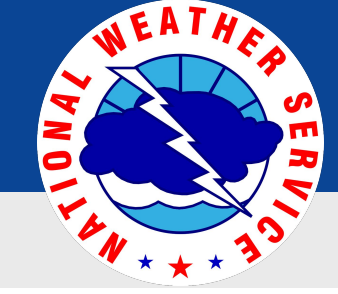


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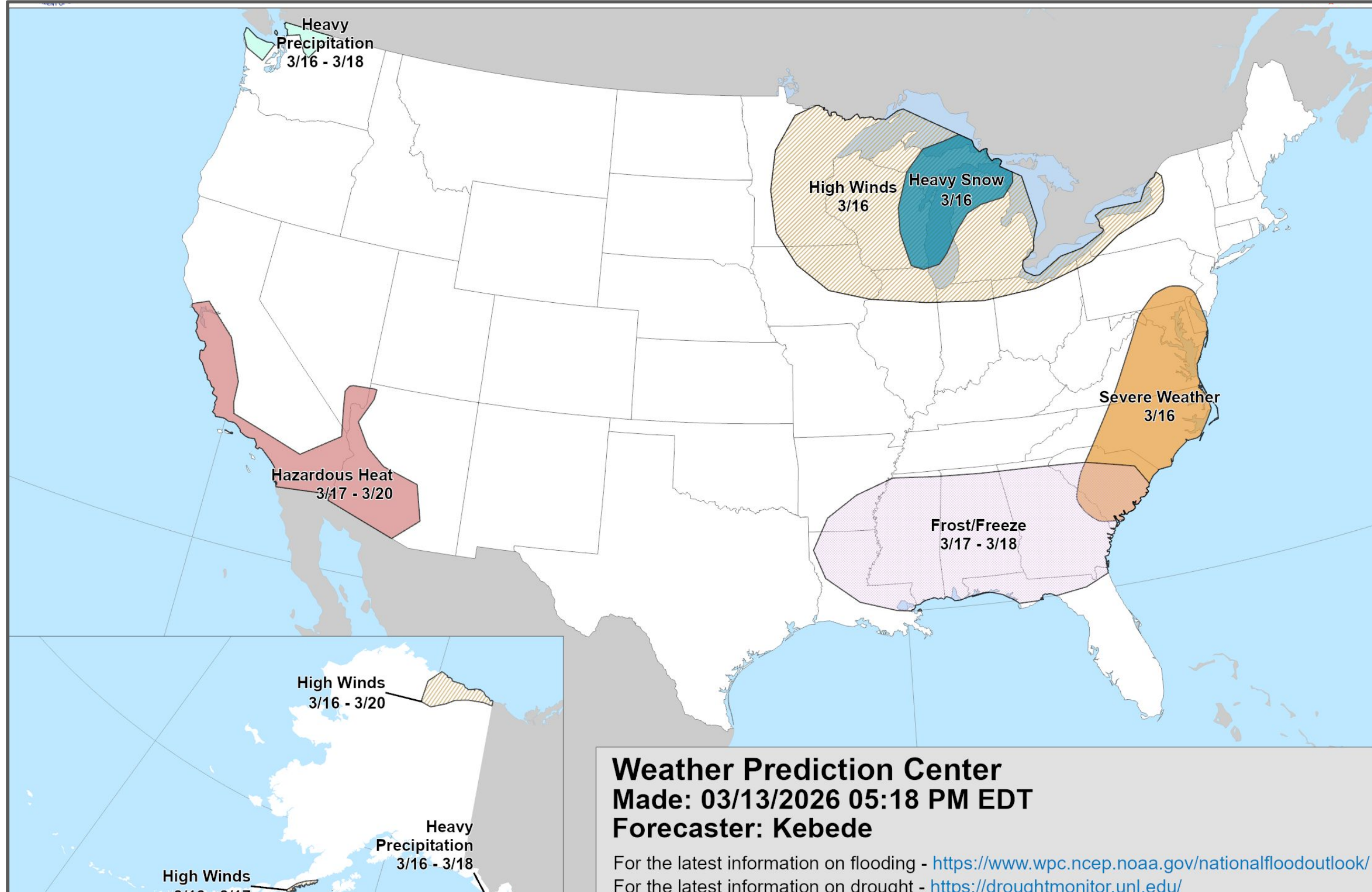
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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook

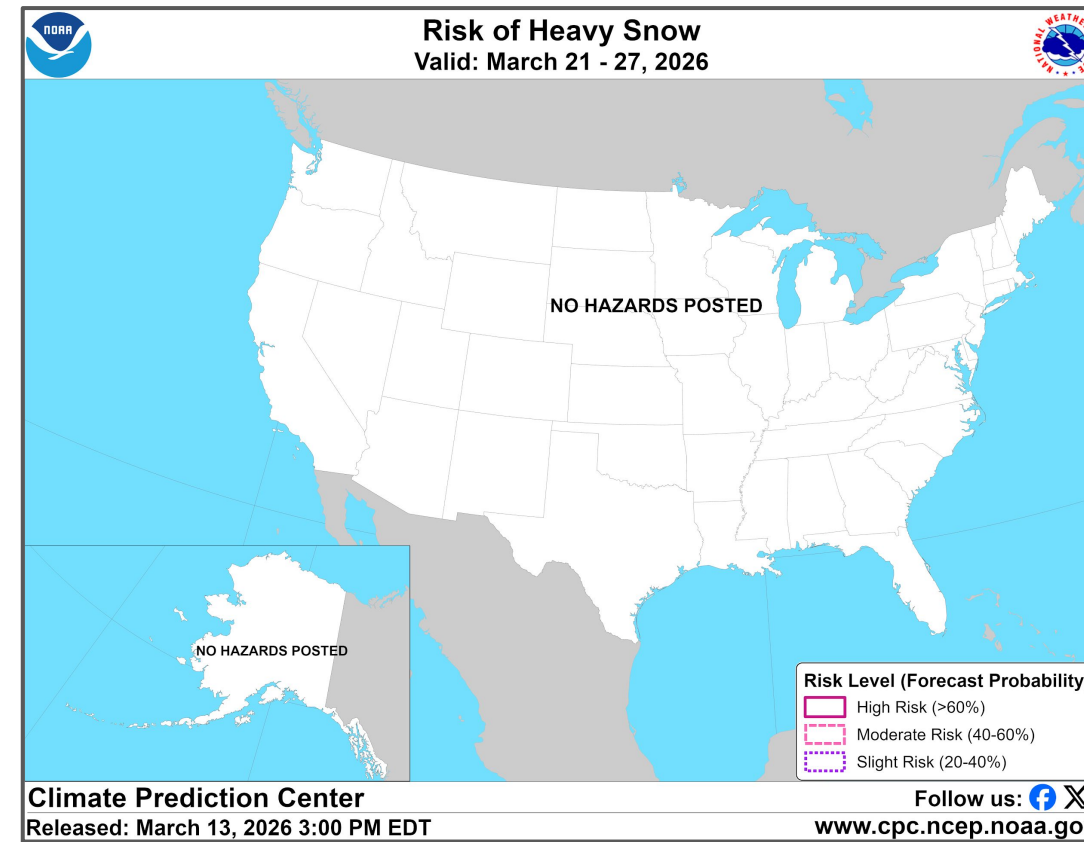
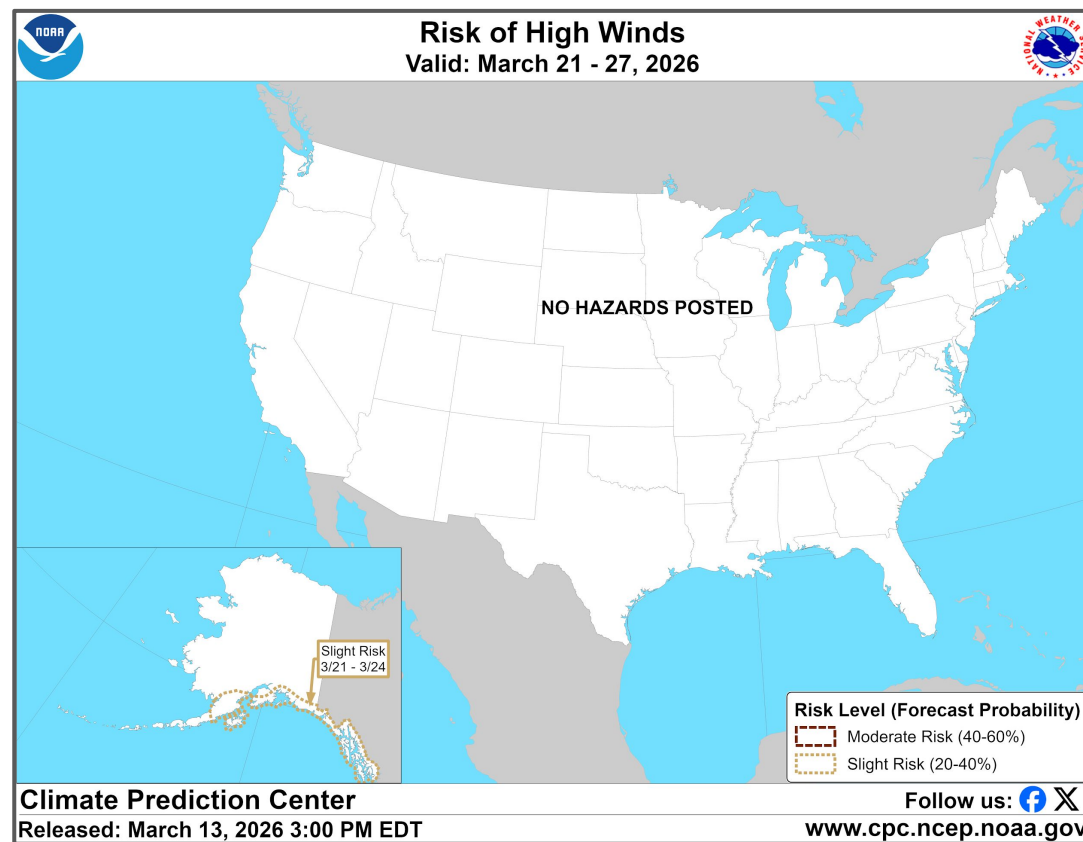
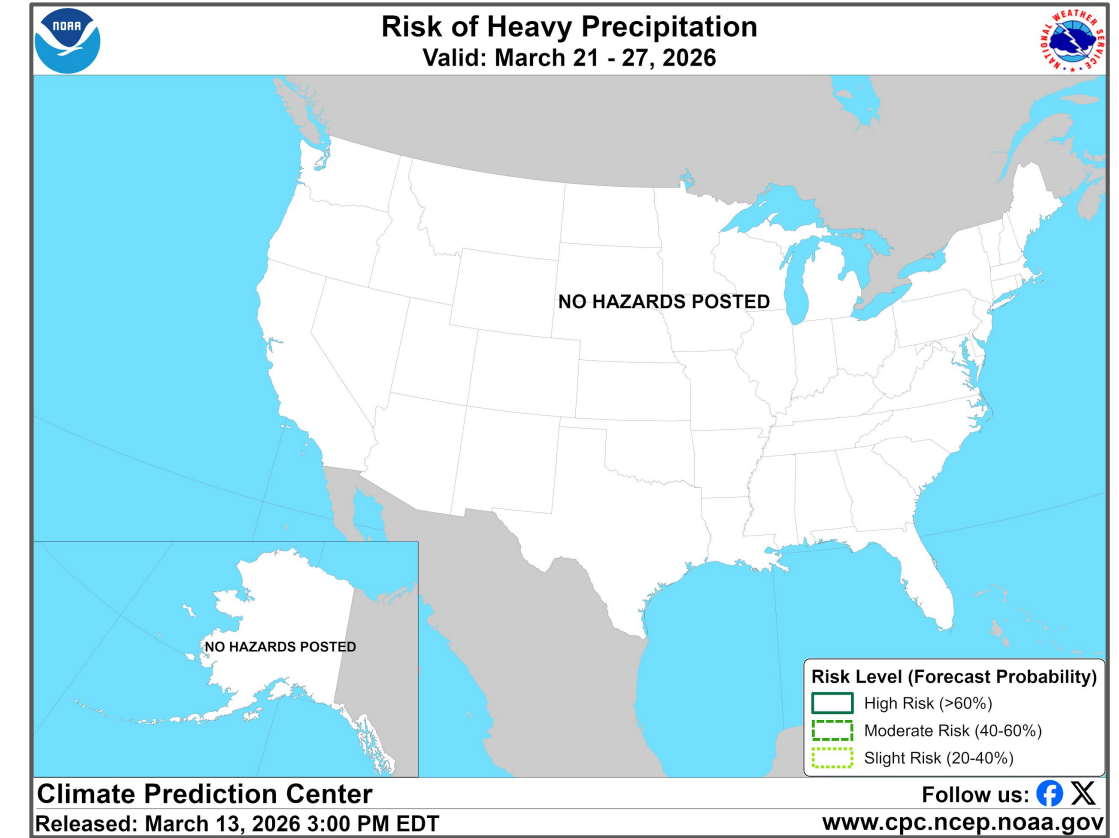
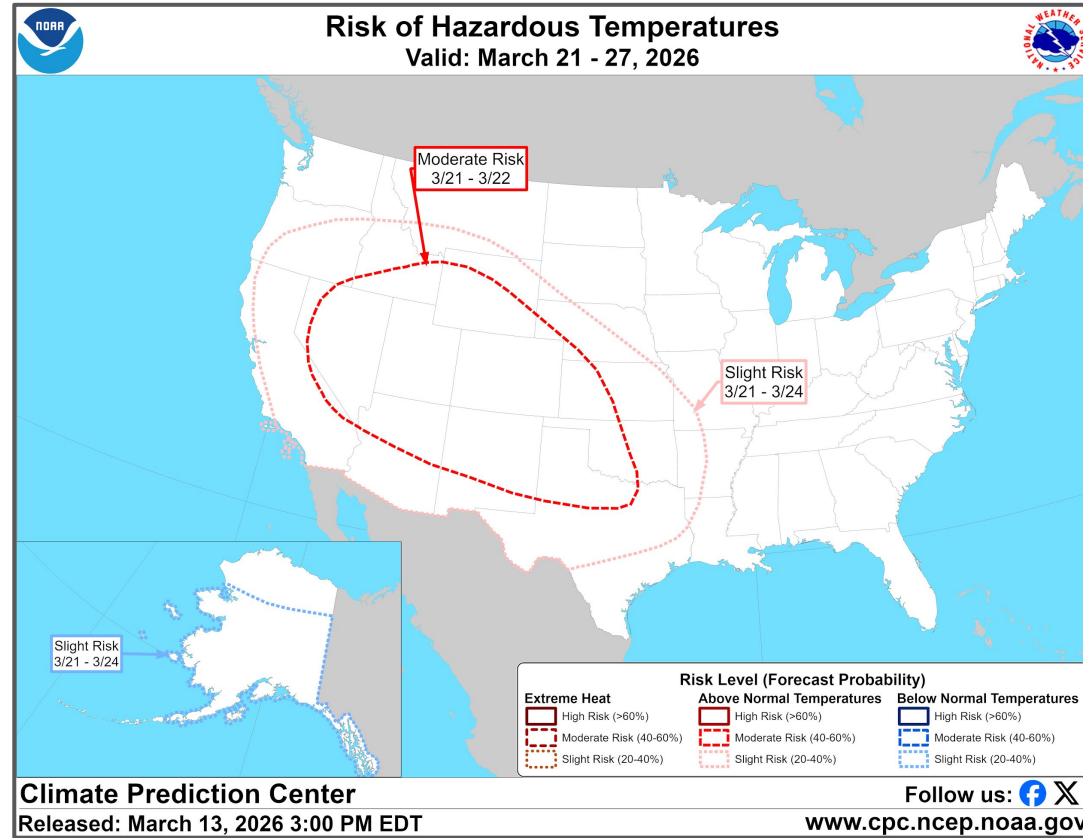
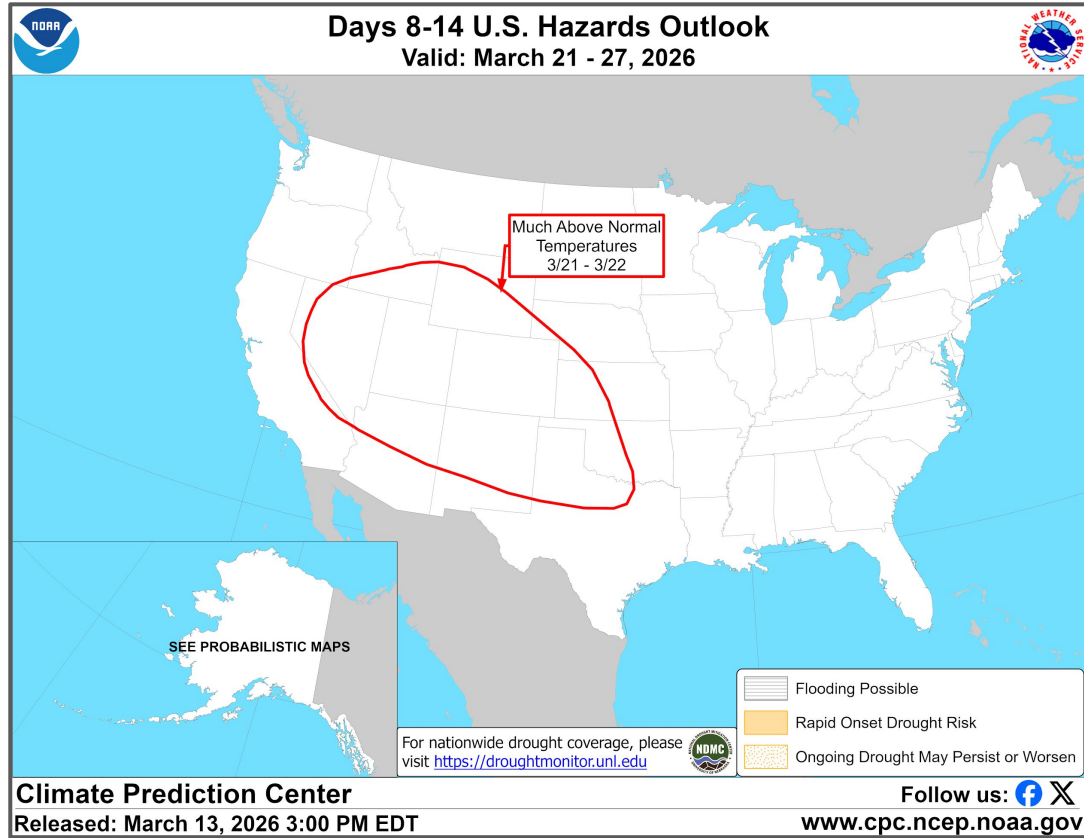


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For the latest information on flooding - <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/nationalfloodoutlook/>
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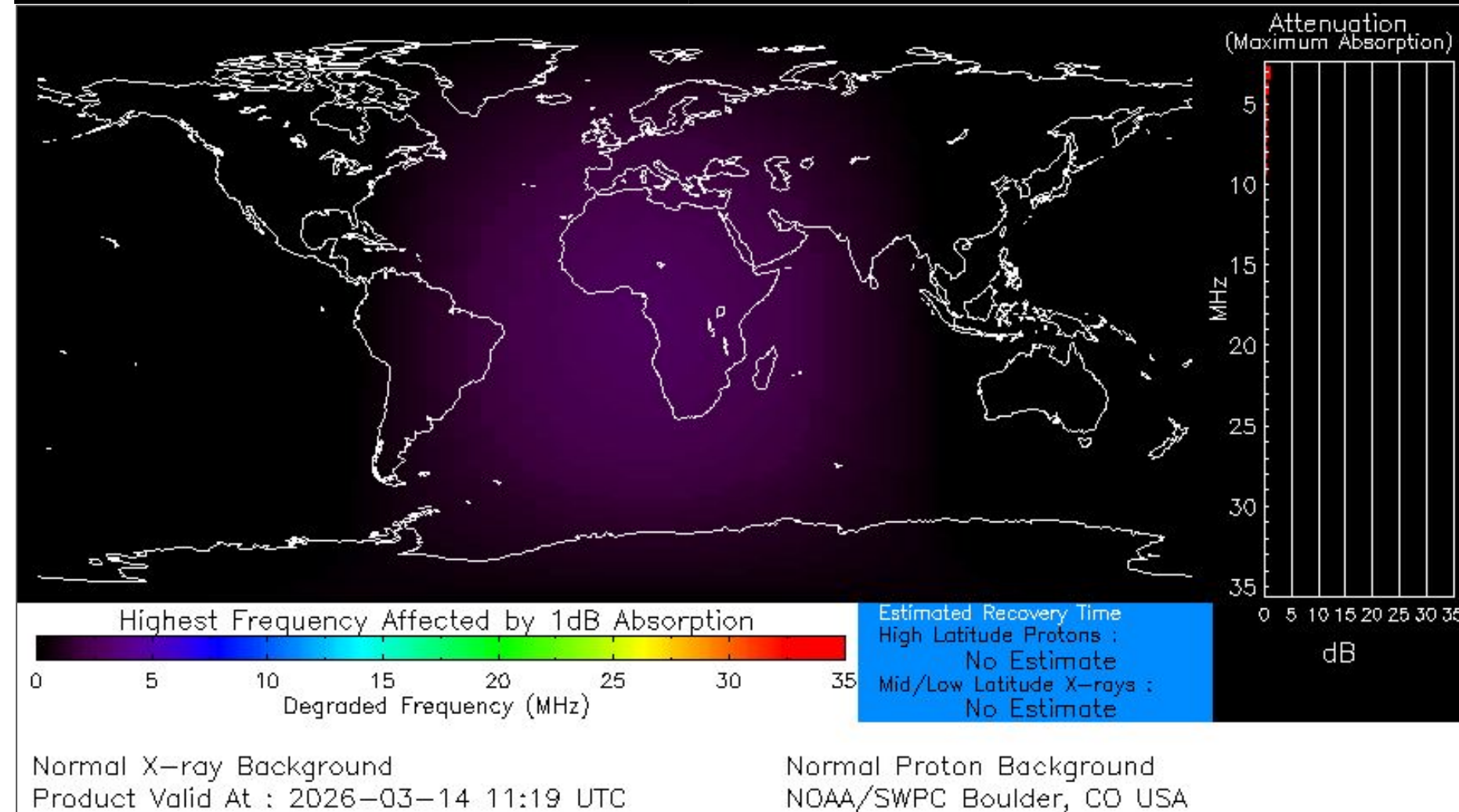
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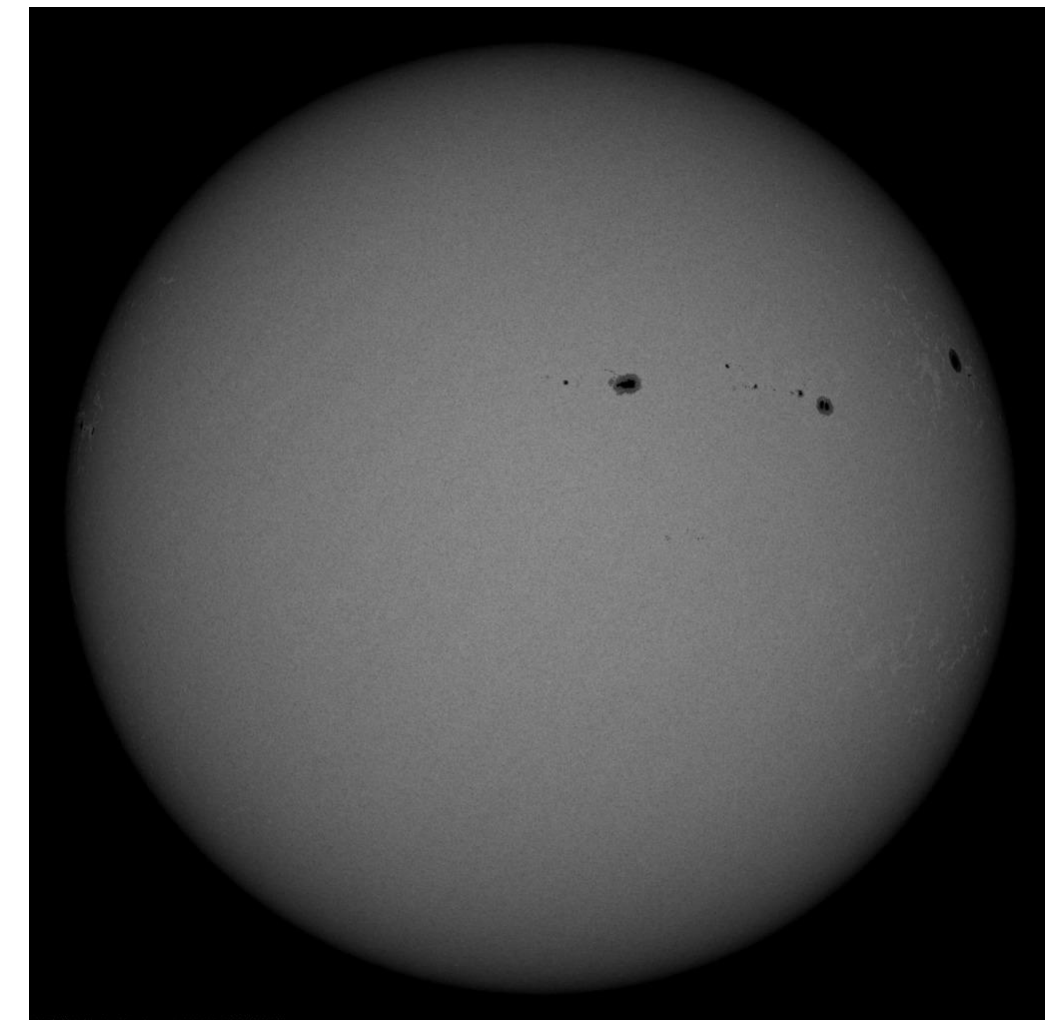
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 15	Monday, Mar 16
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	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

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