



# FEMA



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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Thursday, March 19, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated threat (level 1 of 3) over the TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX and E NM on Saturday with an**
- **Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NW-SW TX, E NM and OK on Sunday**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Isolated minor river flooding is expected to continue through the weekend in of E TX, Cntrl LA. Lowlands and secondary roads flooded.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Mar 19	Friday, Mar 20	Saturday, Mar 21	Sunday, Mar 22	Monday, Mar 23	Tuesday, Mar 24	Wednesday, Mar 25
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather			OK/TX Panhandles, E NM, W OK, W TX	OK, NW-SW TX, E NM			
River Flooding	ETX, LA	ETX,	ETX, LA	ETX, 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



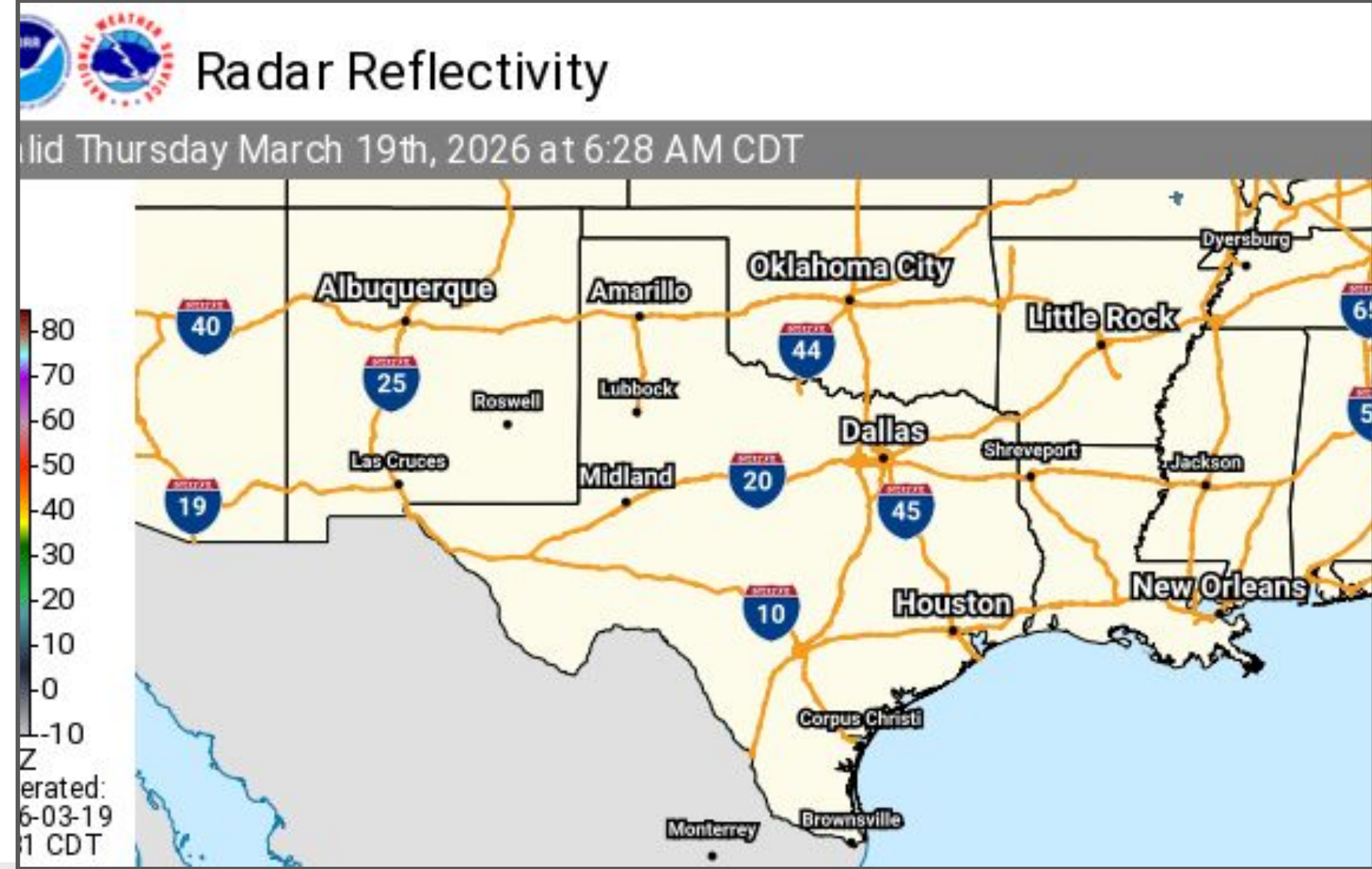
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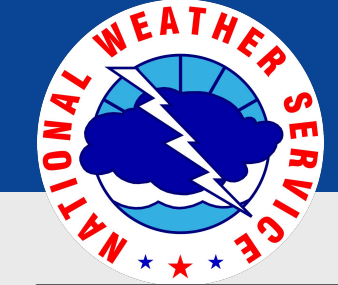


- Flood Warning Pop: 1,607
- Extreme Heat Warning Pop: 5,999,529
- Frost Advisory Pop: 1,546,629

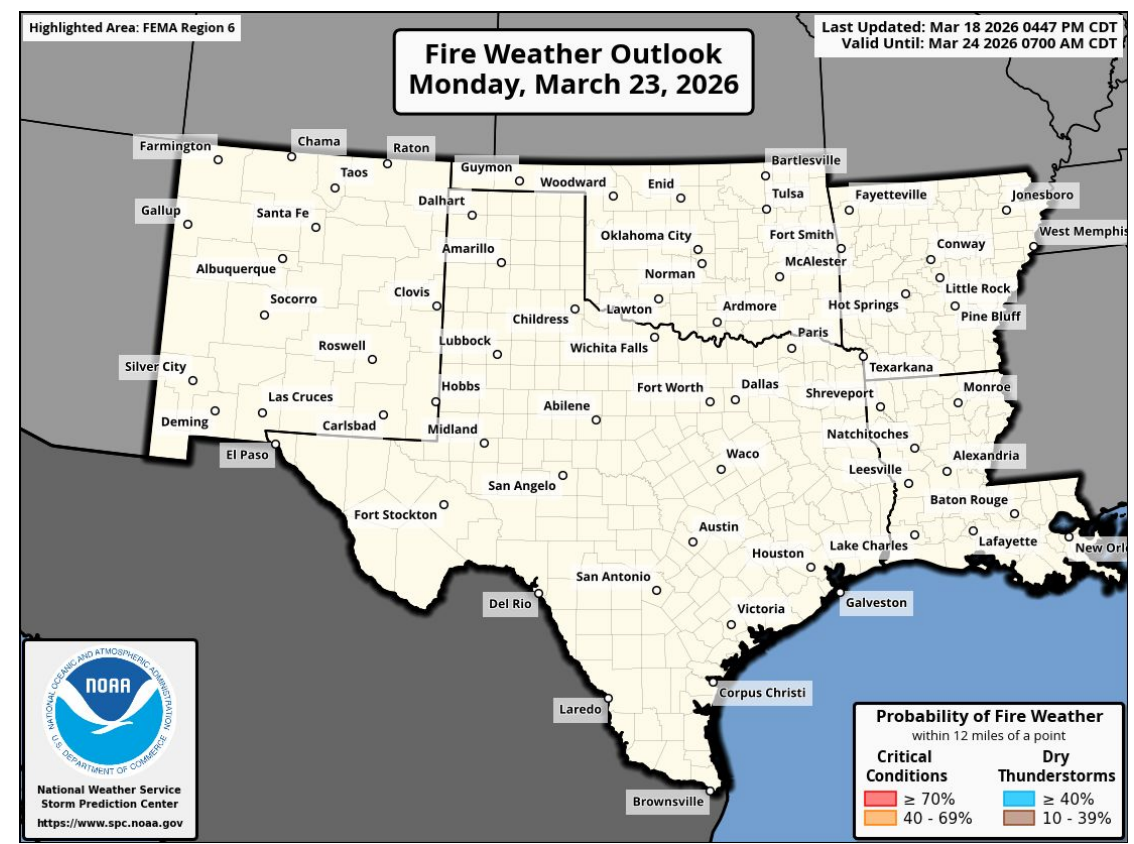
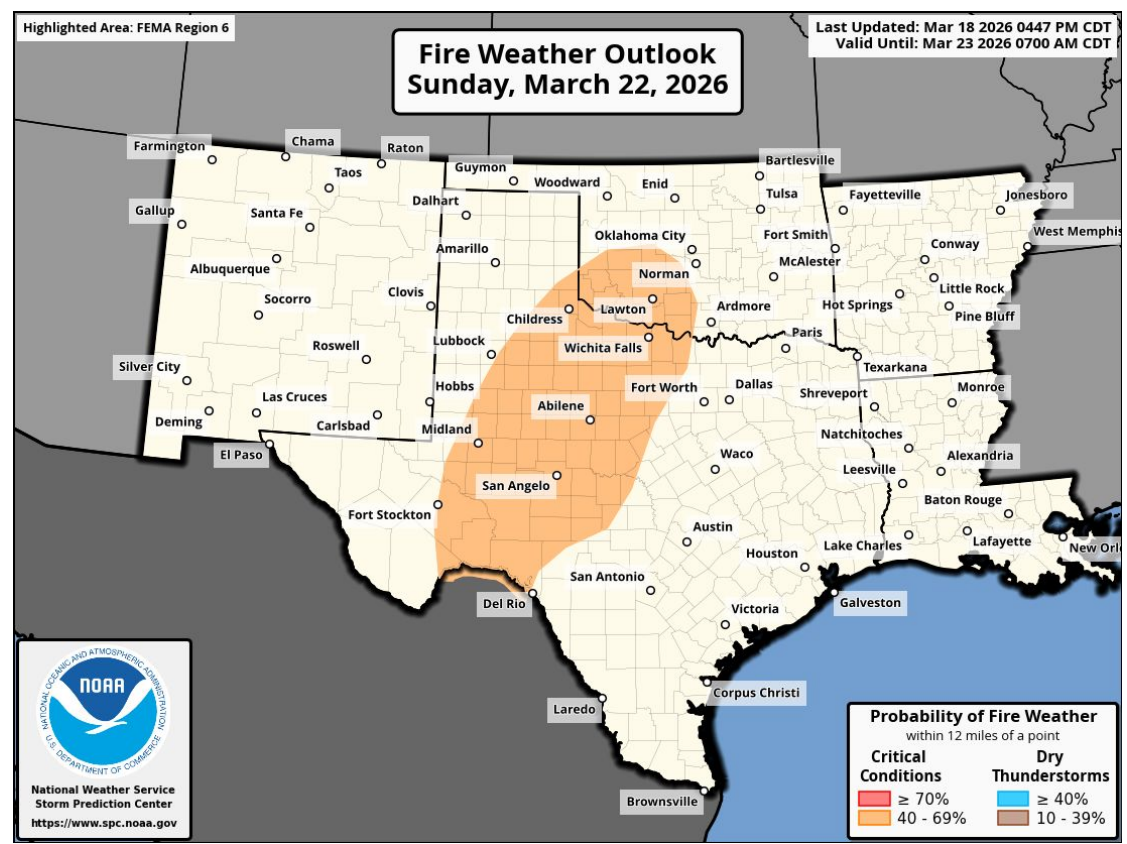
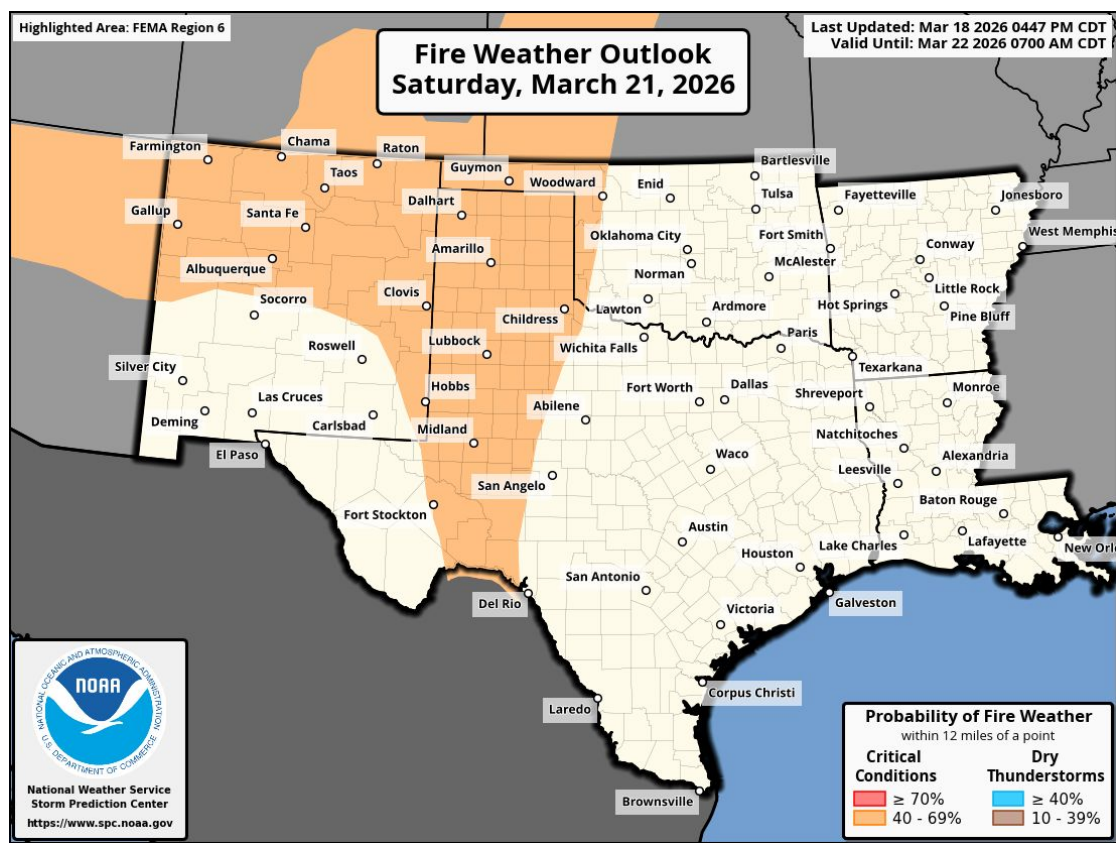
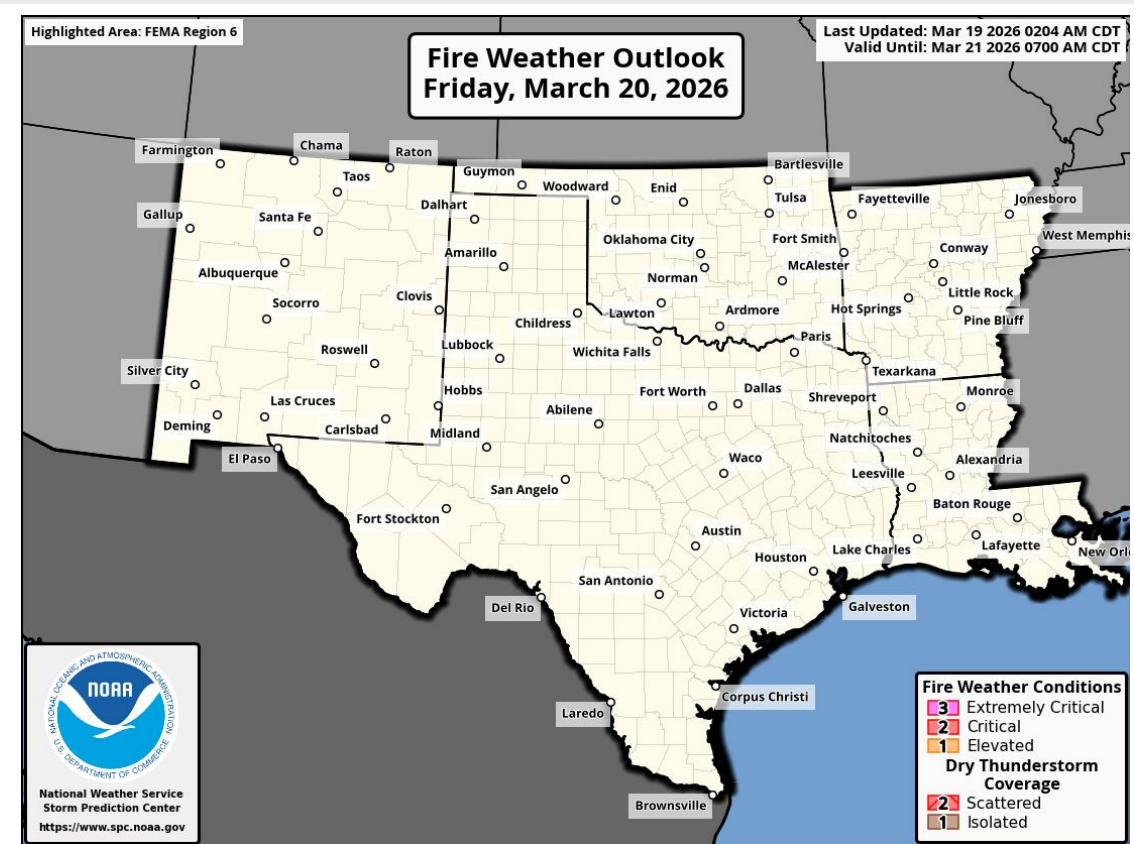
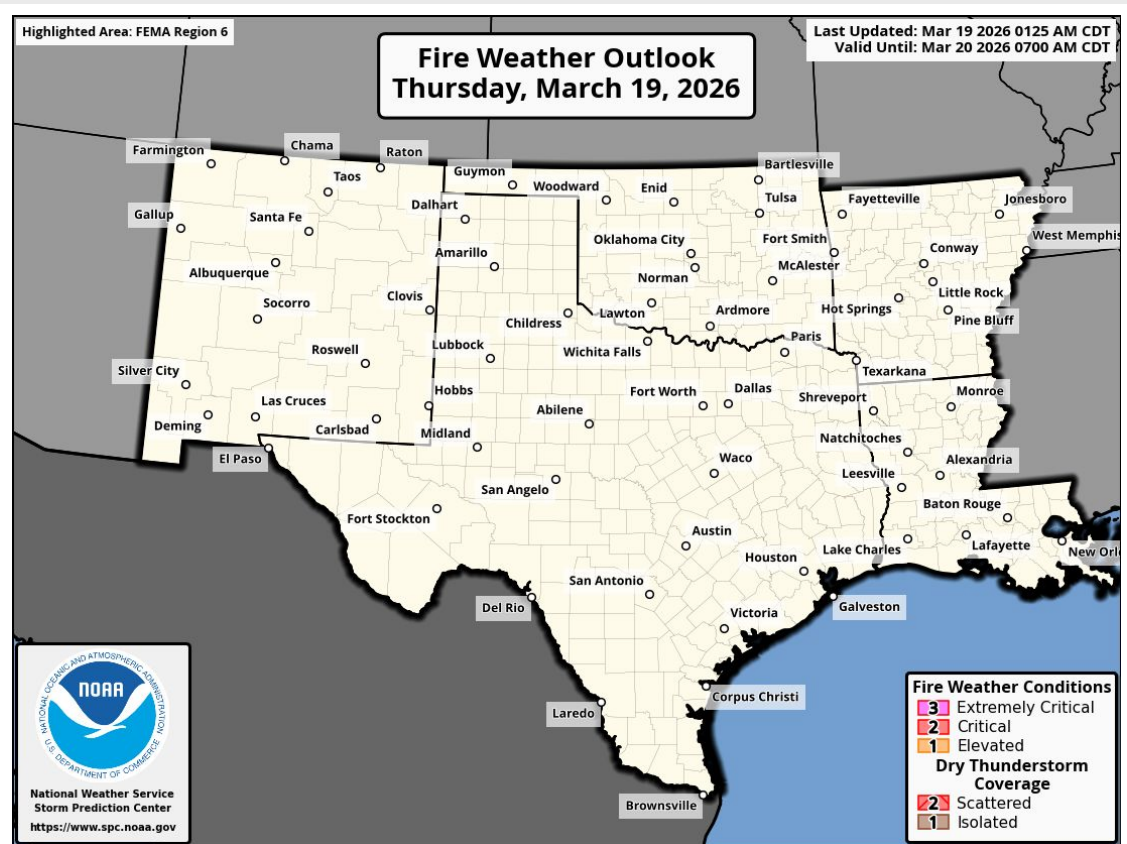
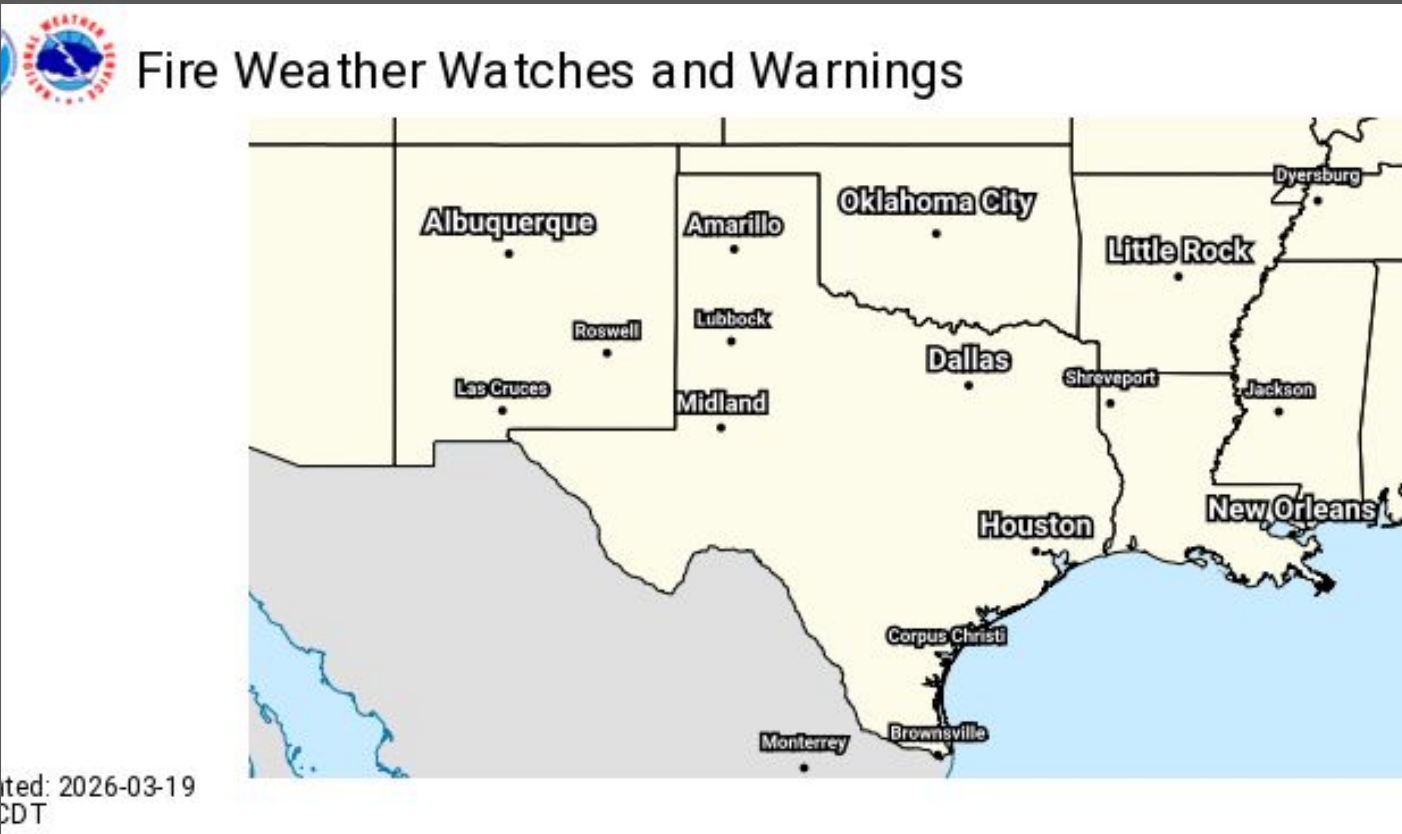
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**No watches/warnings/advisories.**





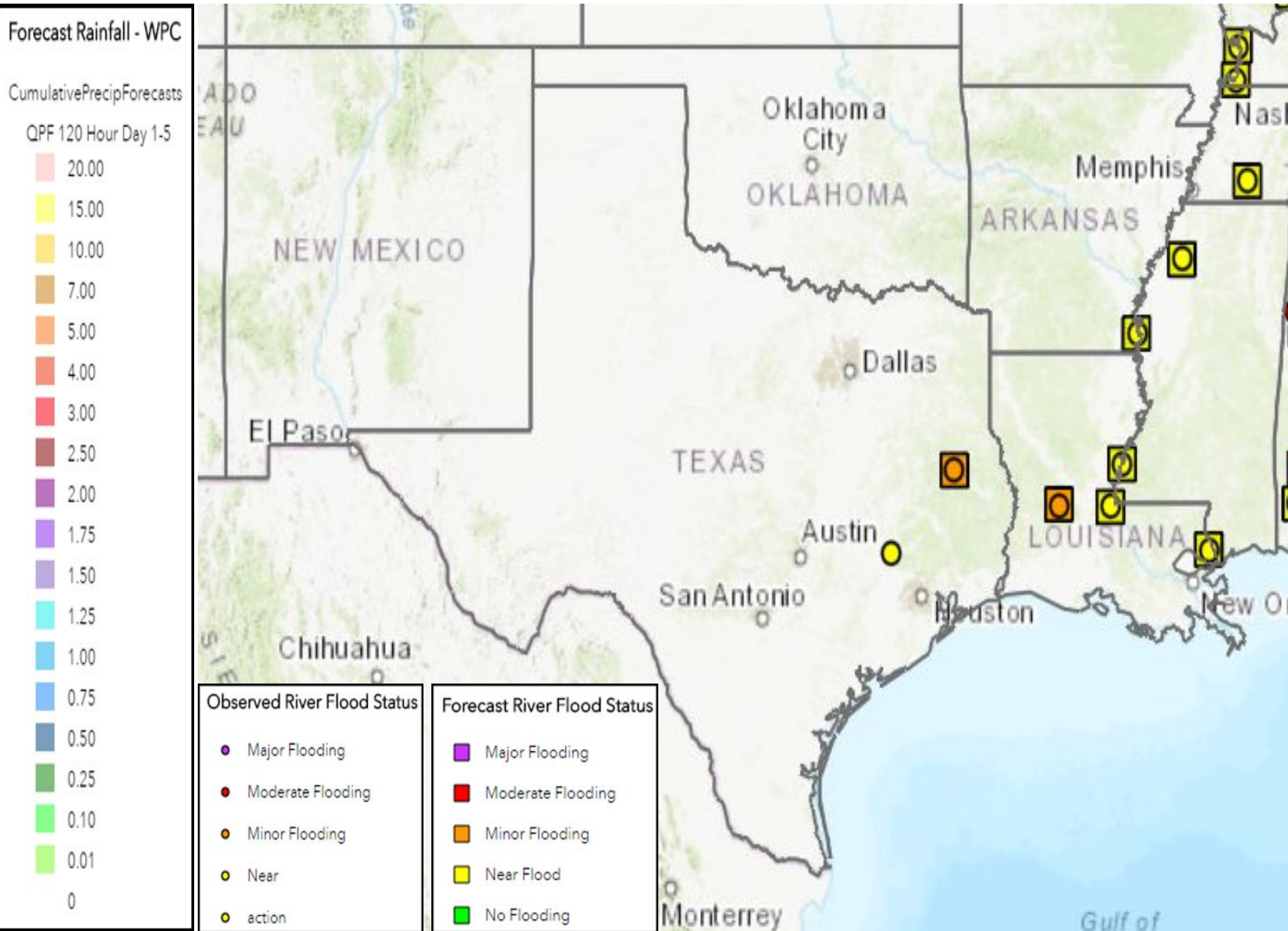
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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



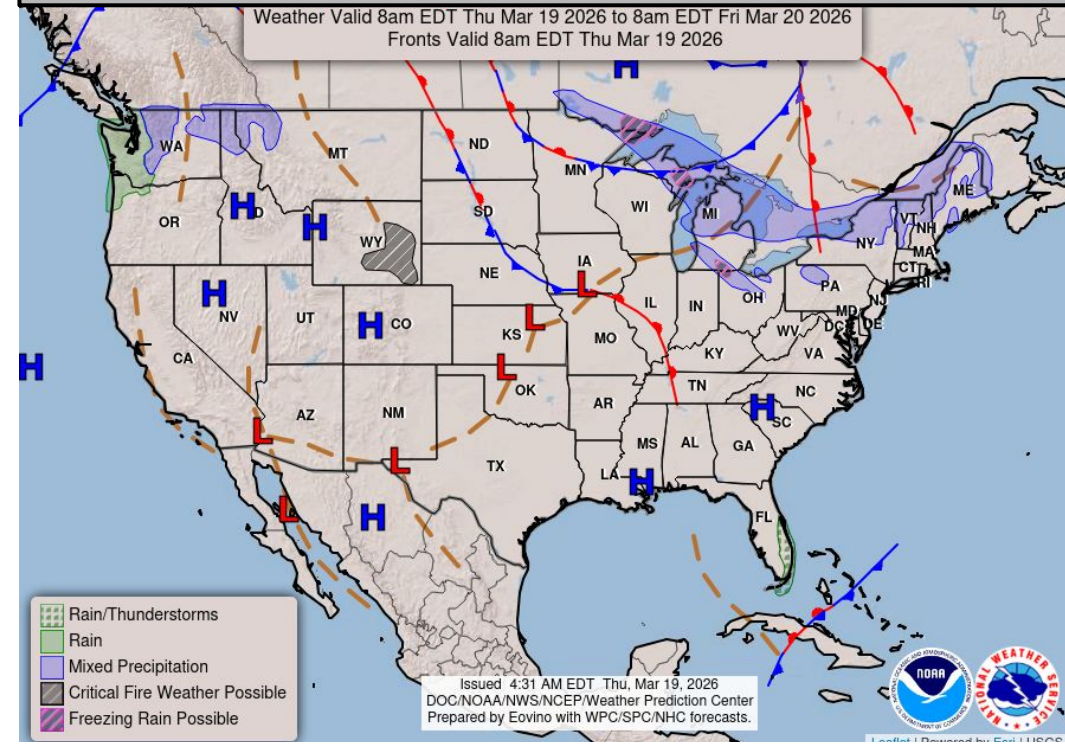
**Isolated minor river flooding over portions of ETX and Cntrl LA is expected to continue through the weekend. Impacts mainly to agriculture and secondary roads.**

*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.*

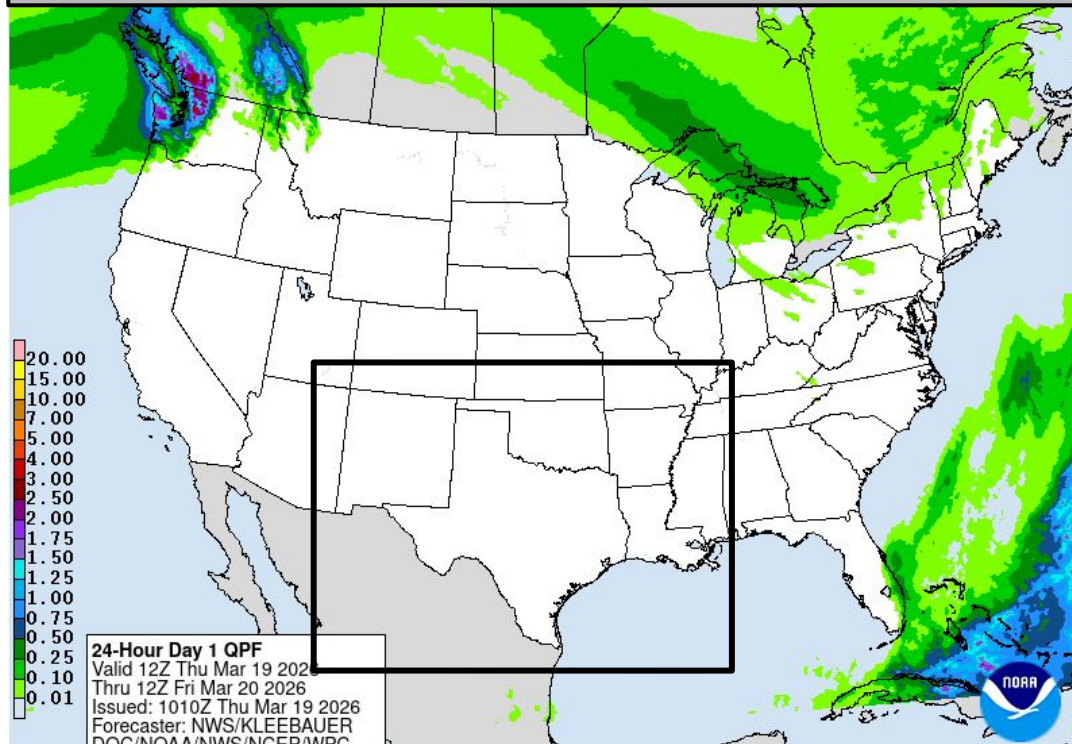


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart

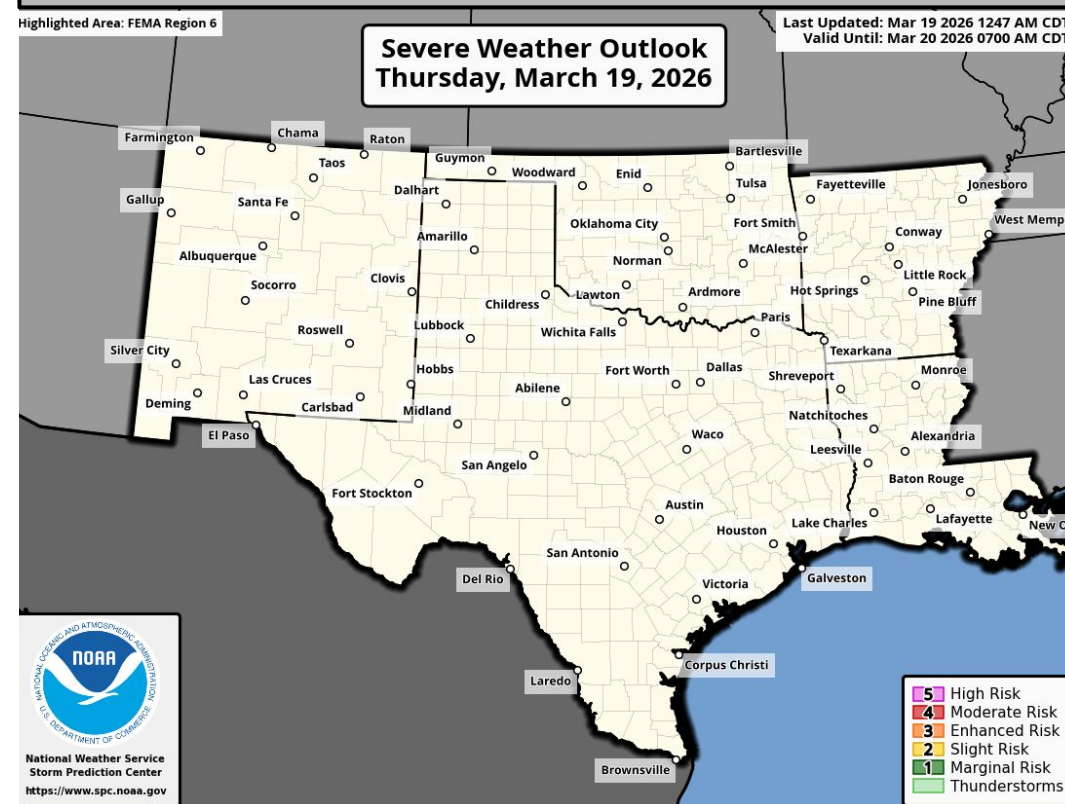


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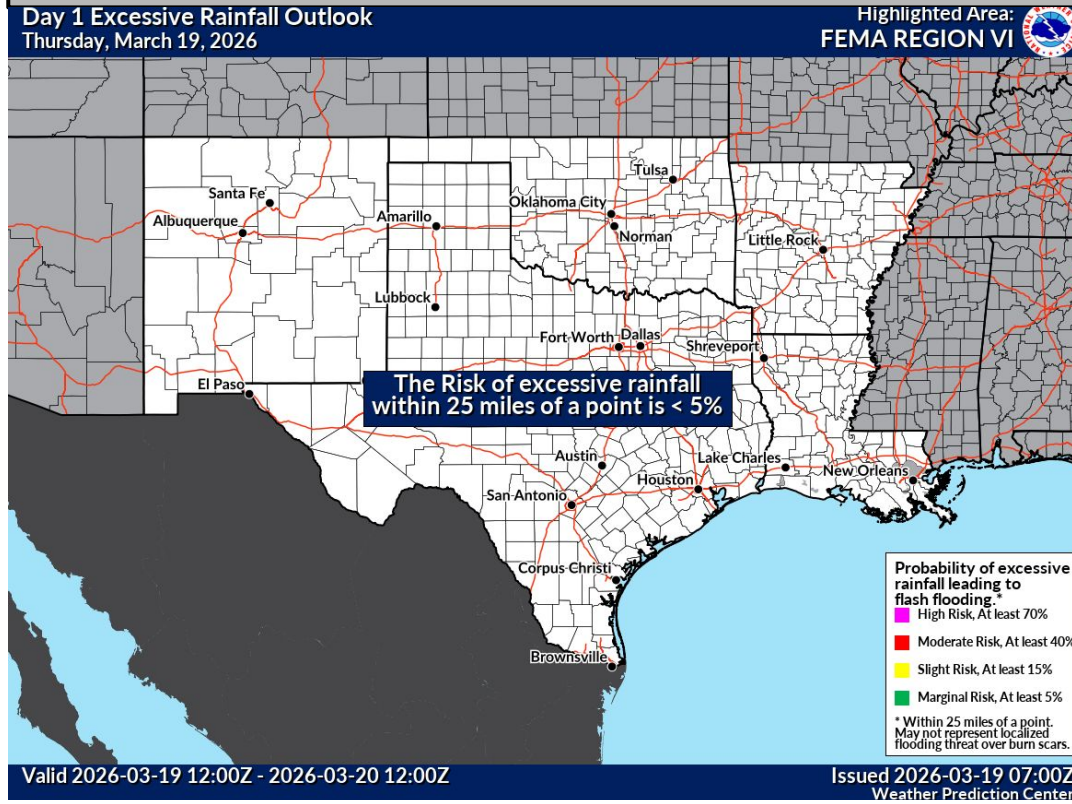


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## Severe Weather Outlook

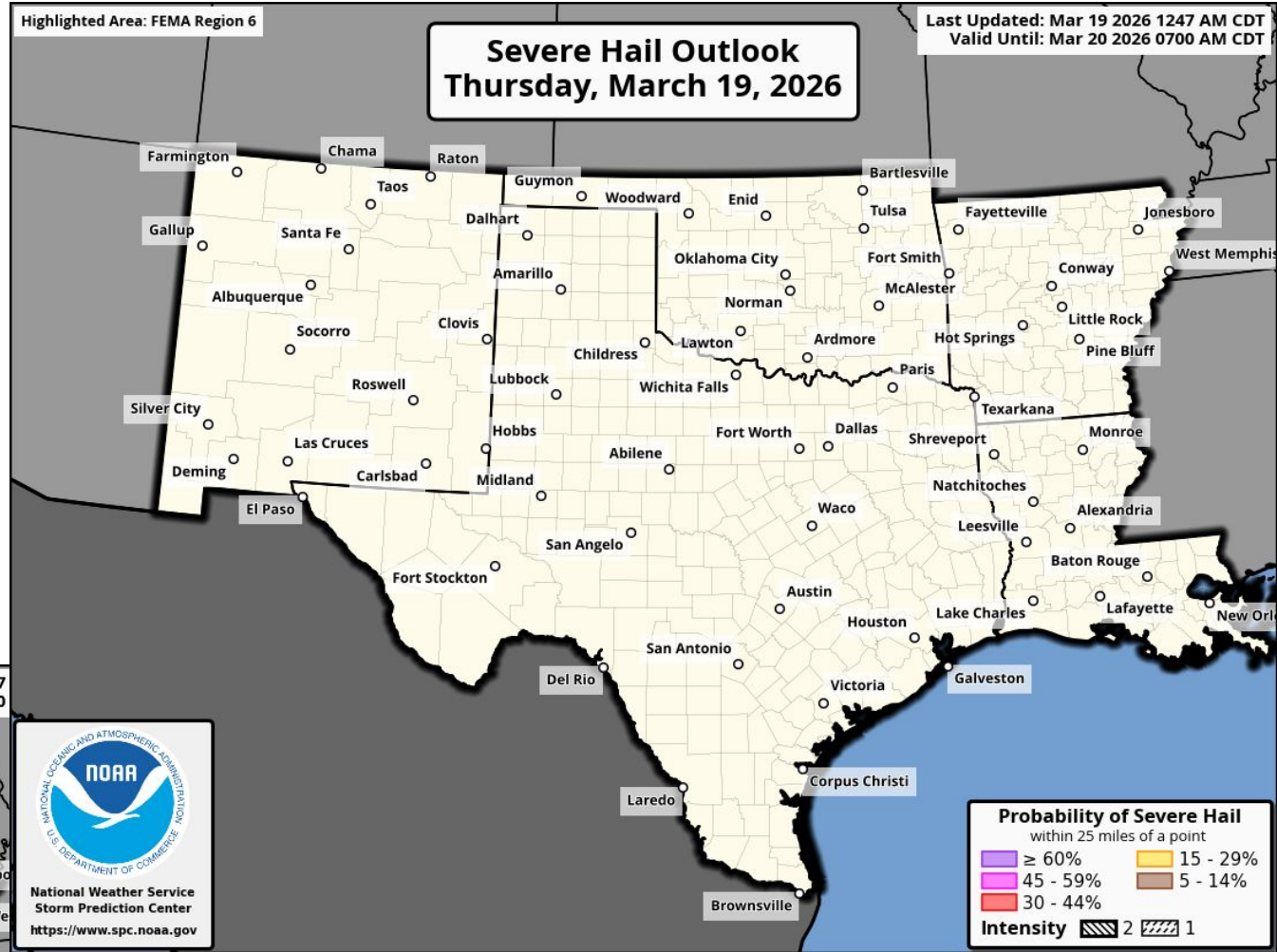
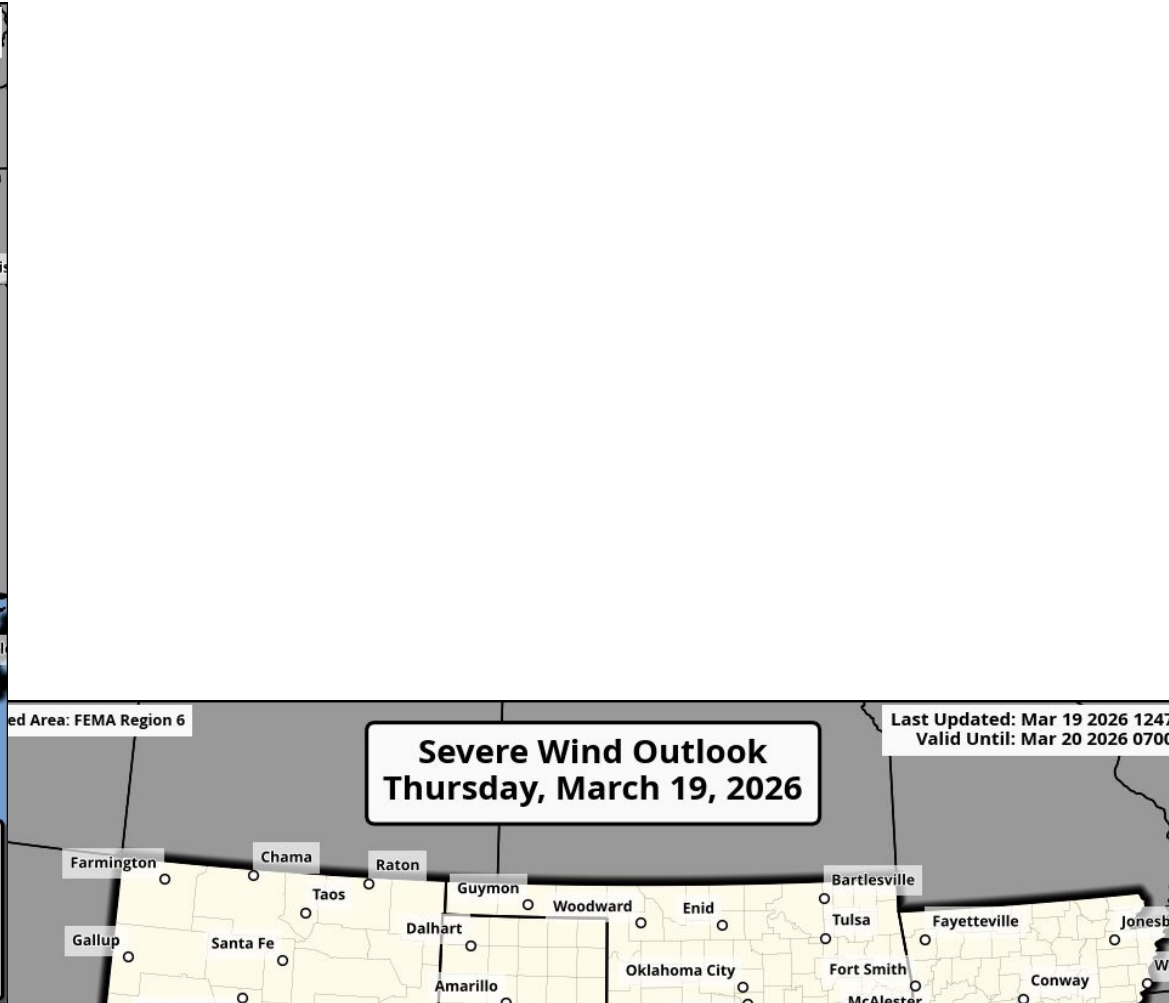
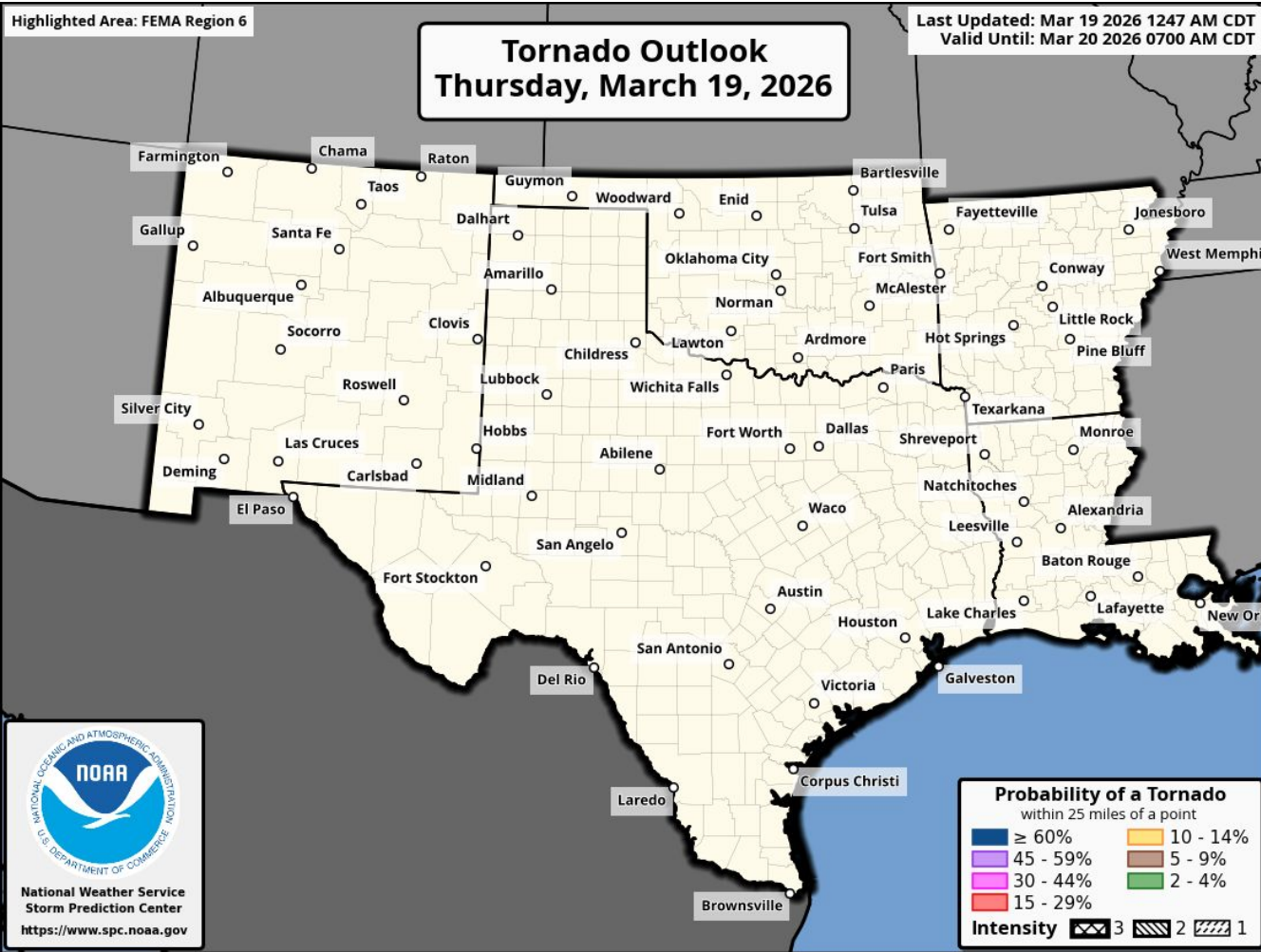


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



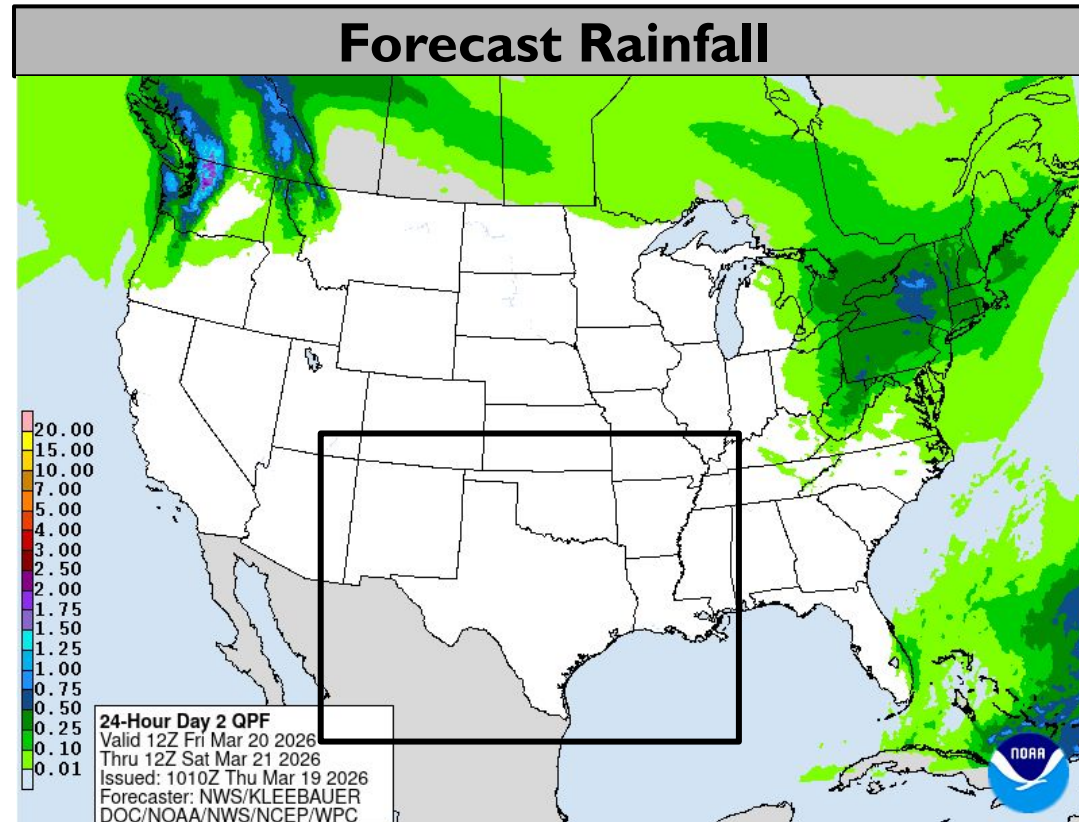
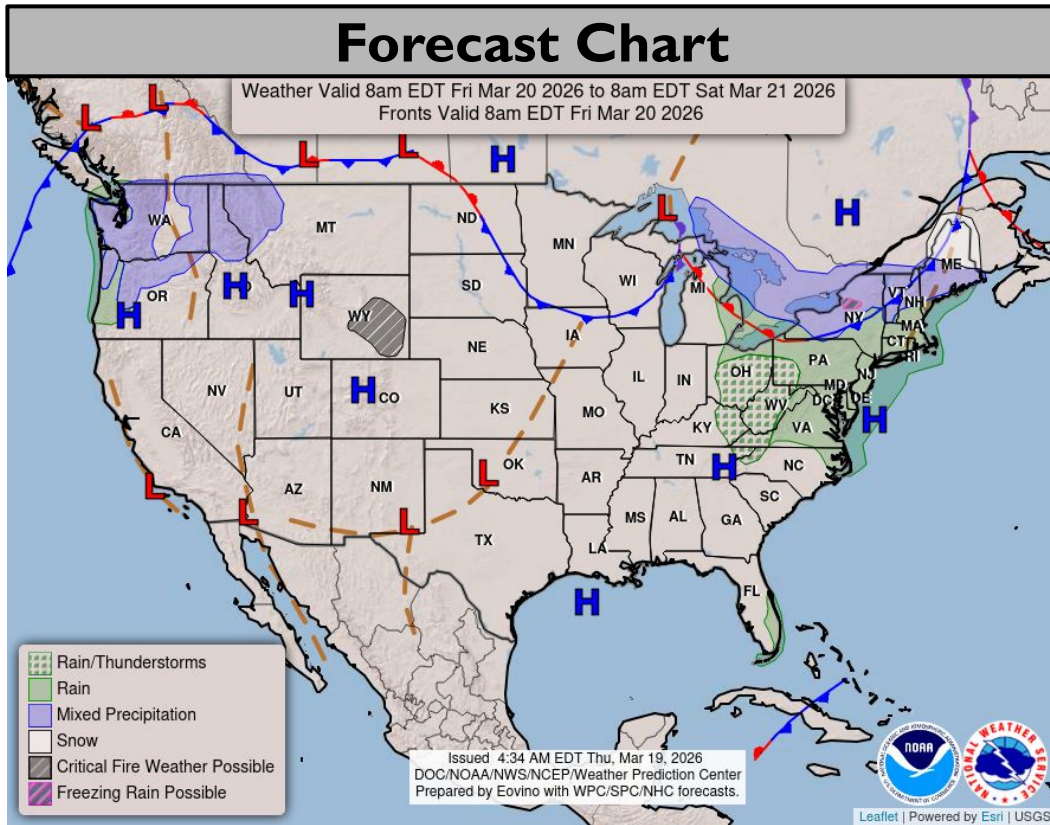


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

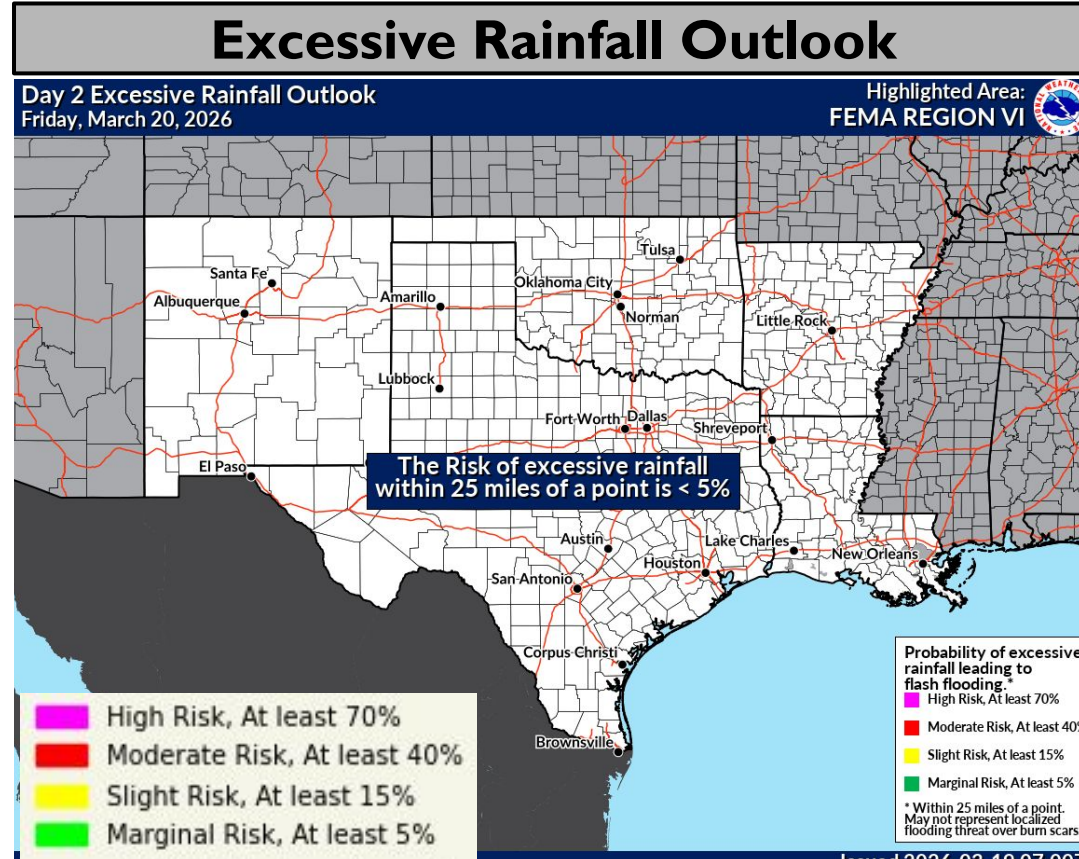
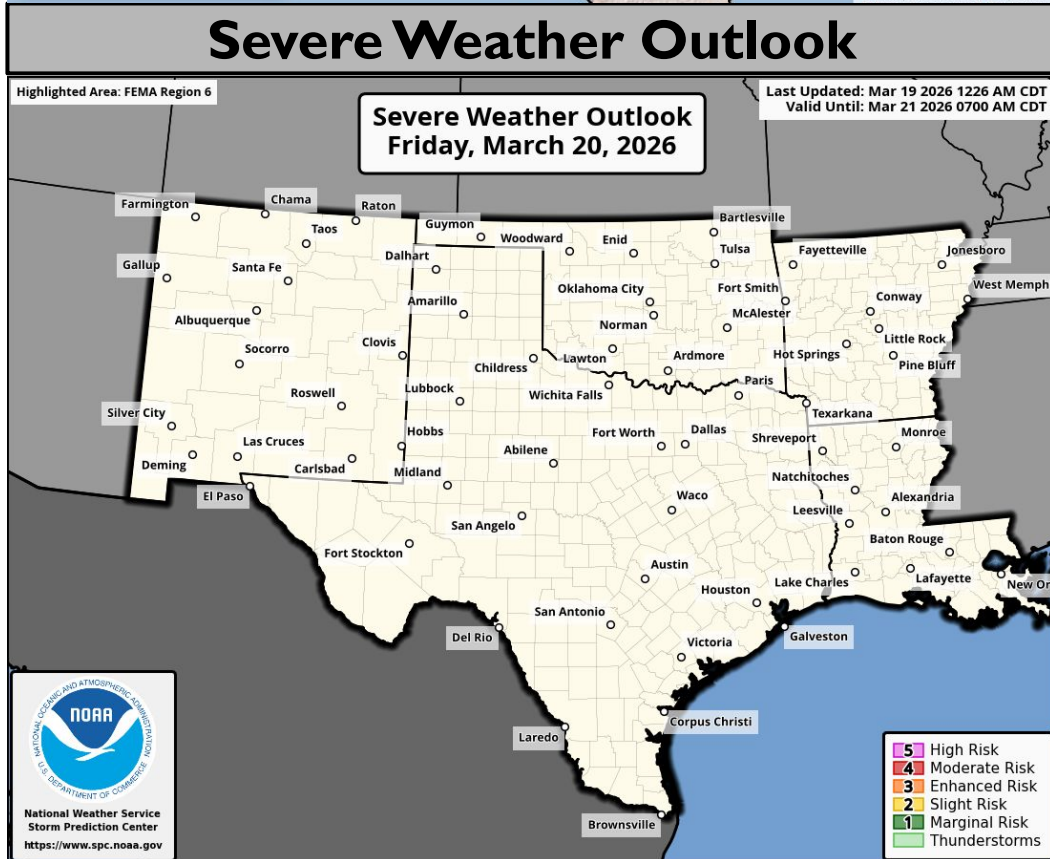




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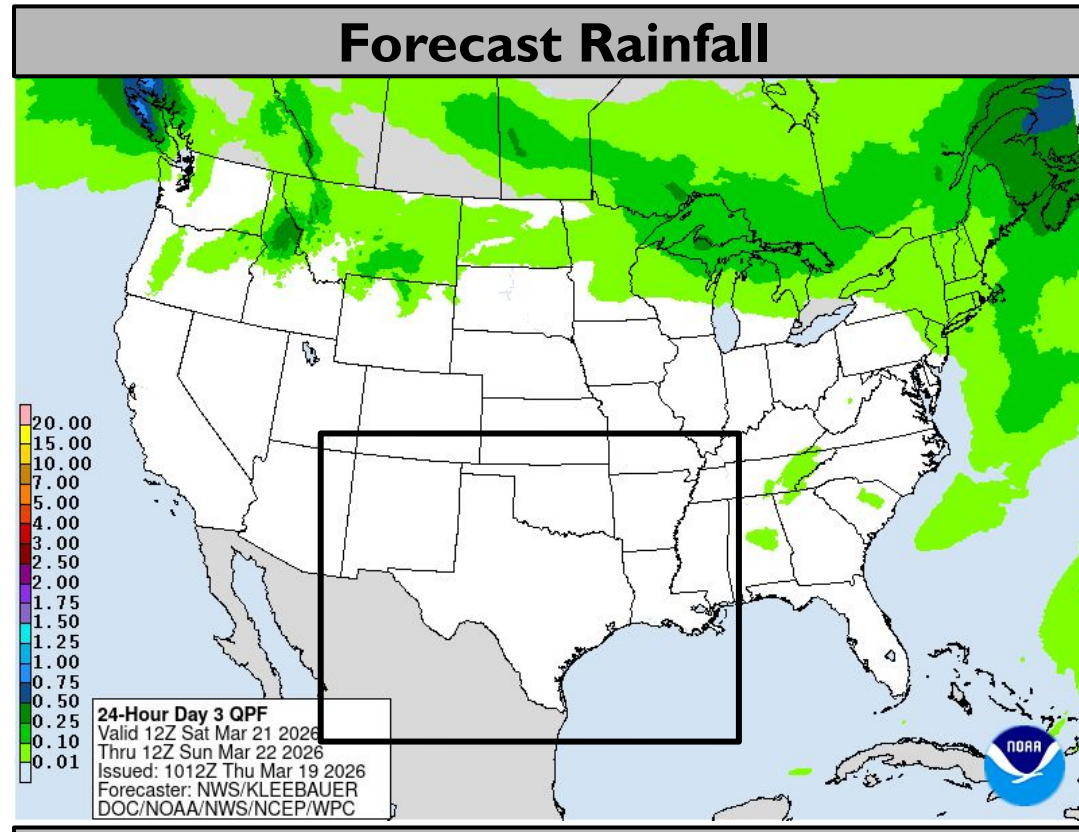
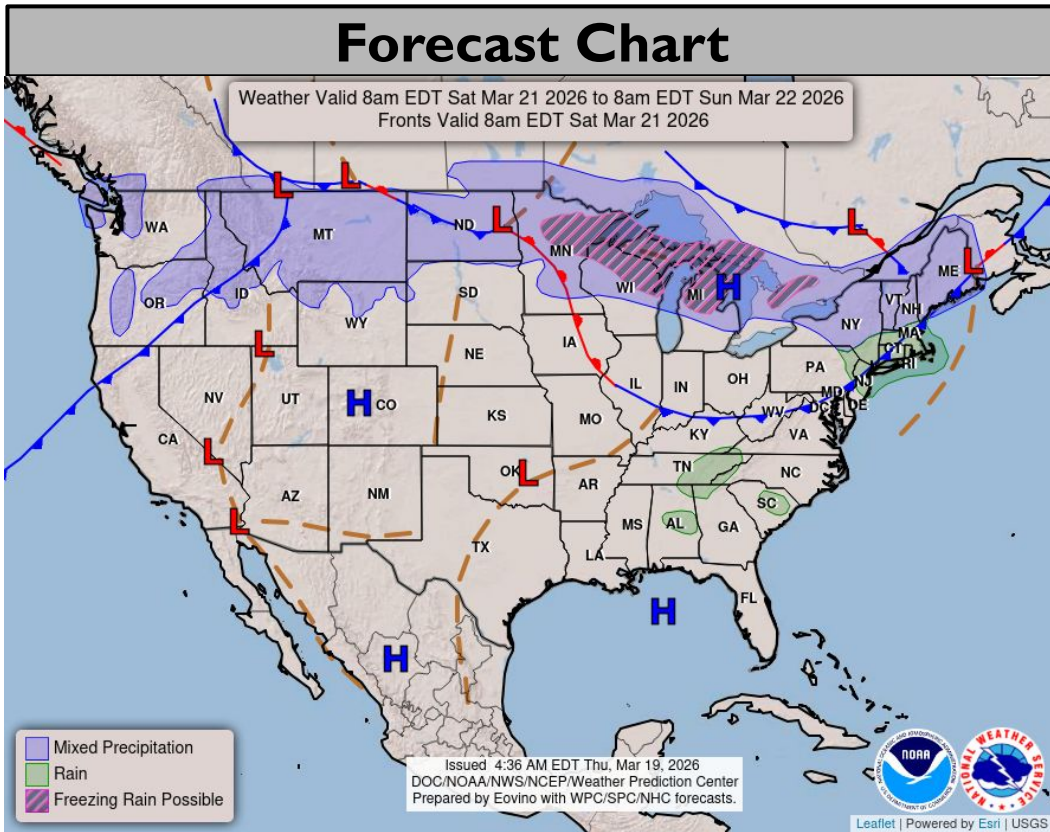


No significant weather expected.

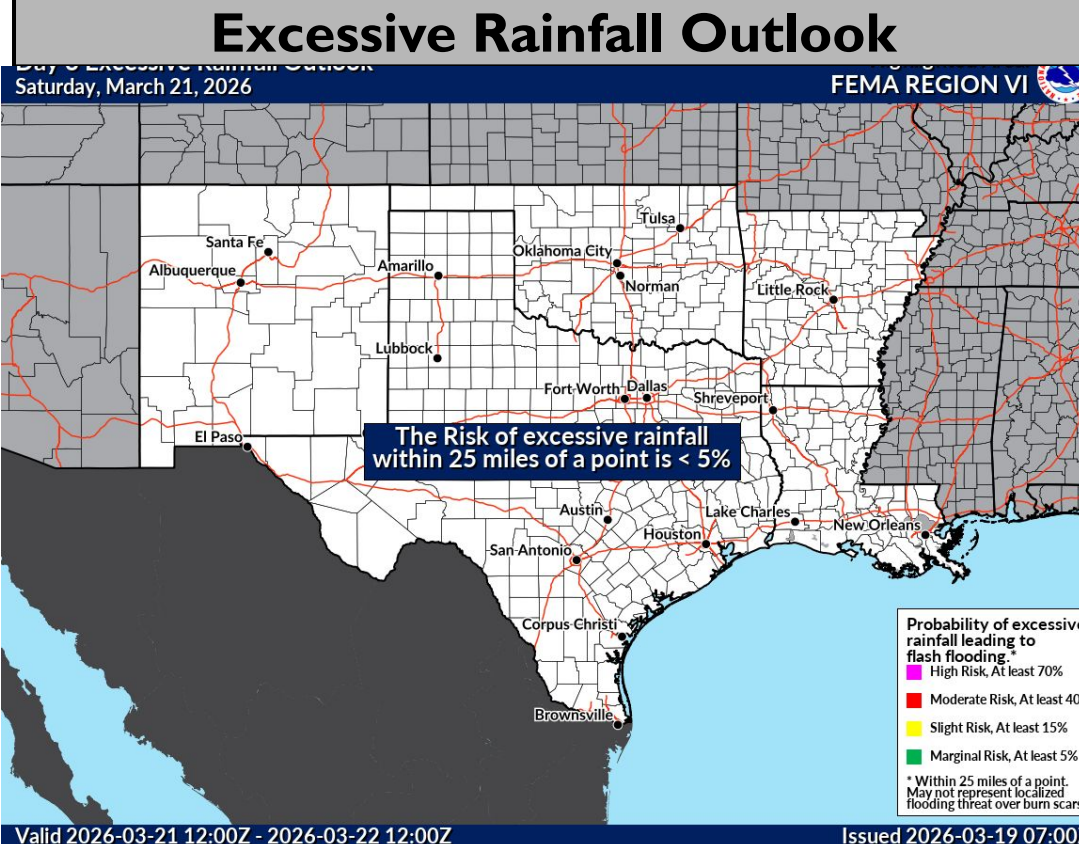
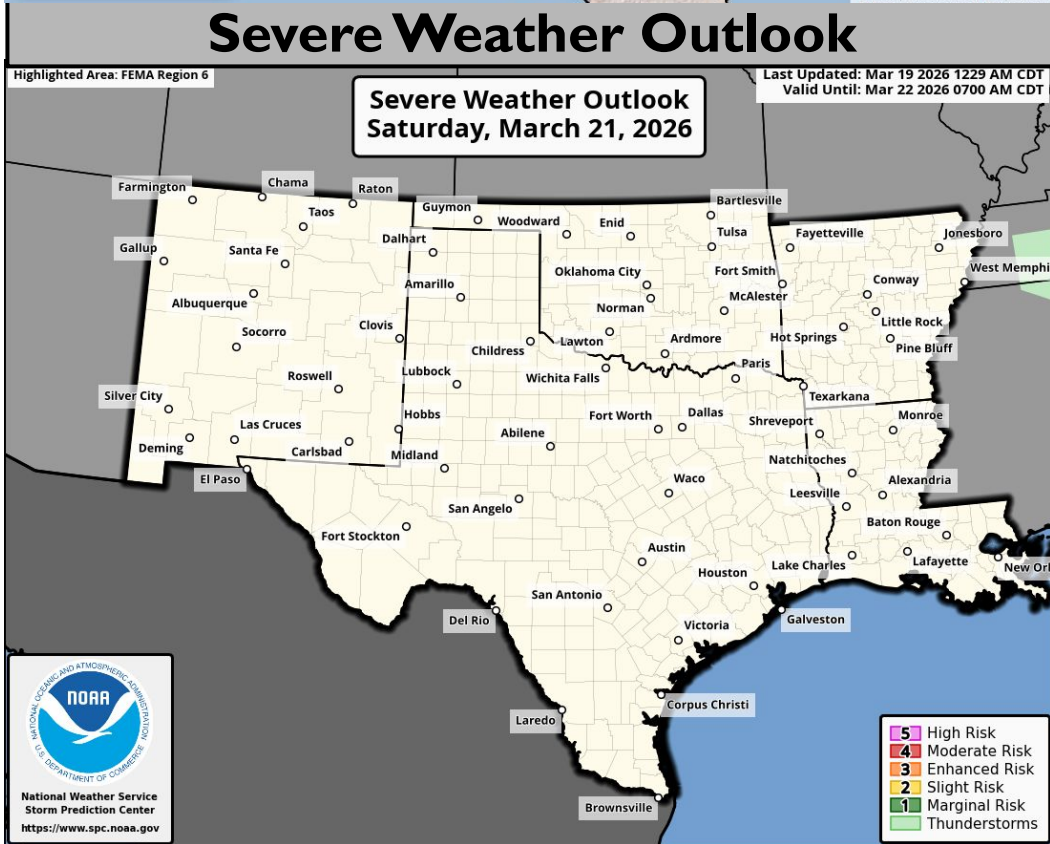




# Saturday's Weather



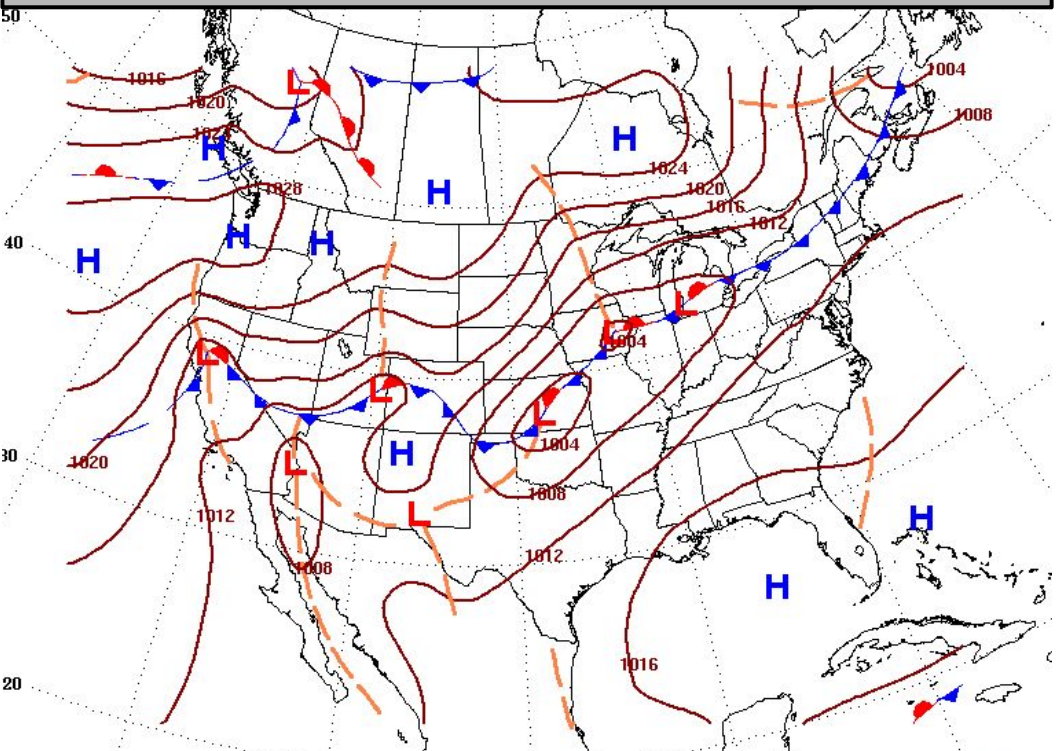
**Elevated fire weather (level 1 of 3) threat over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX.**



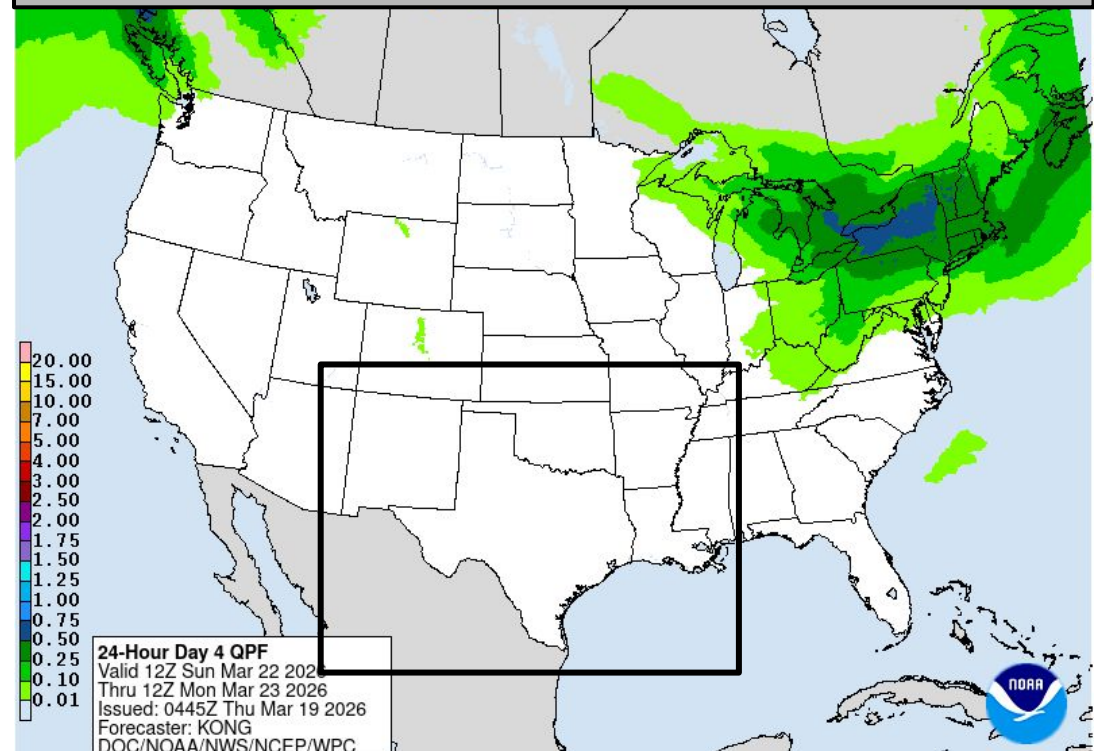


# Sunday's Weather

### Forecast Chart

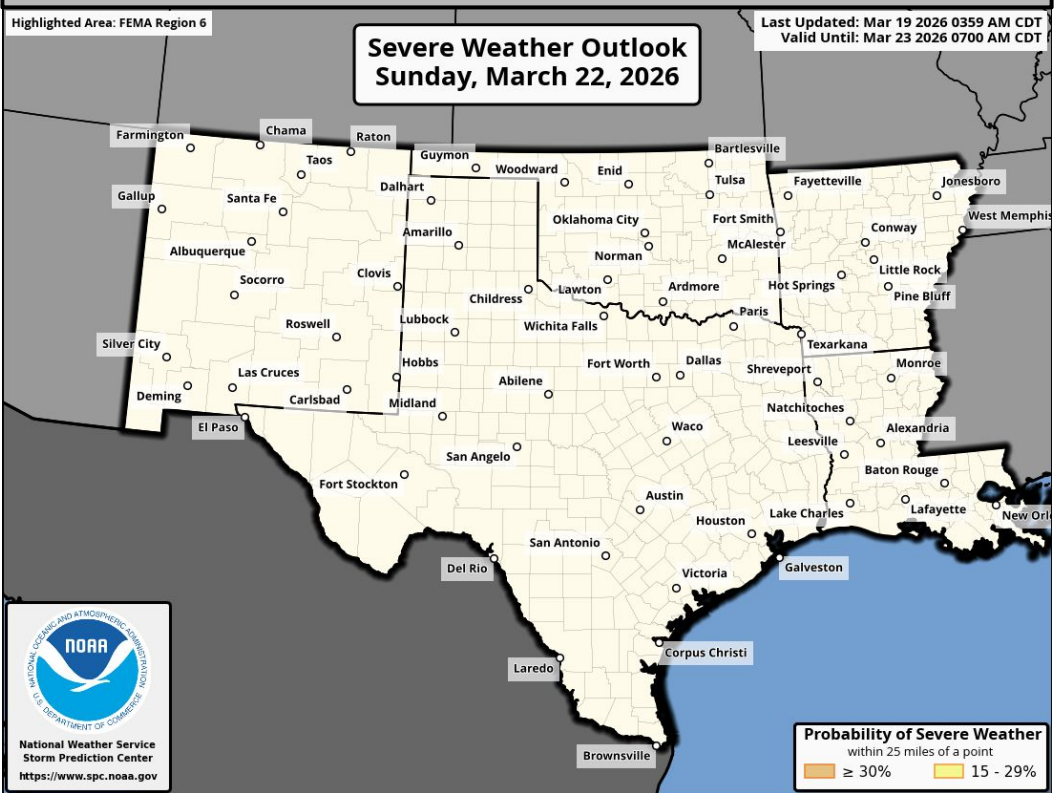


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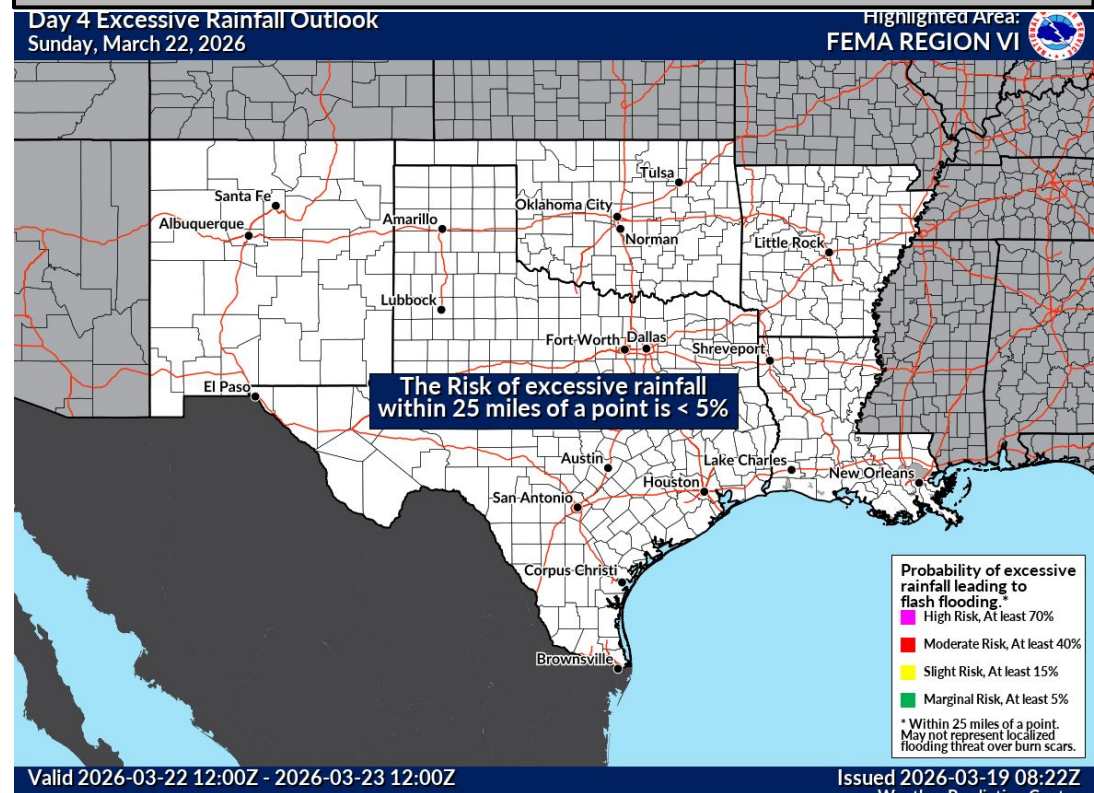


**Elevated to critical fire weather (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NW-SW TX, OK, E NM.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



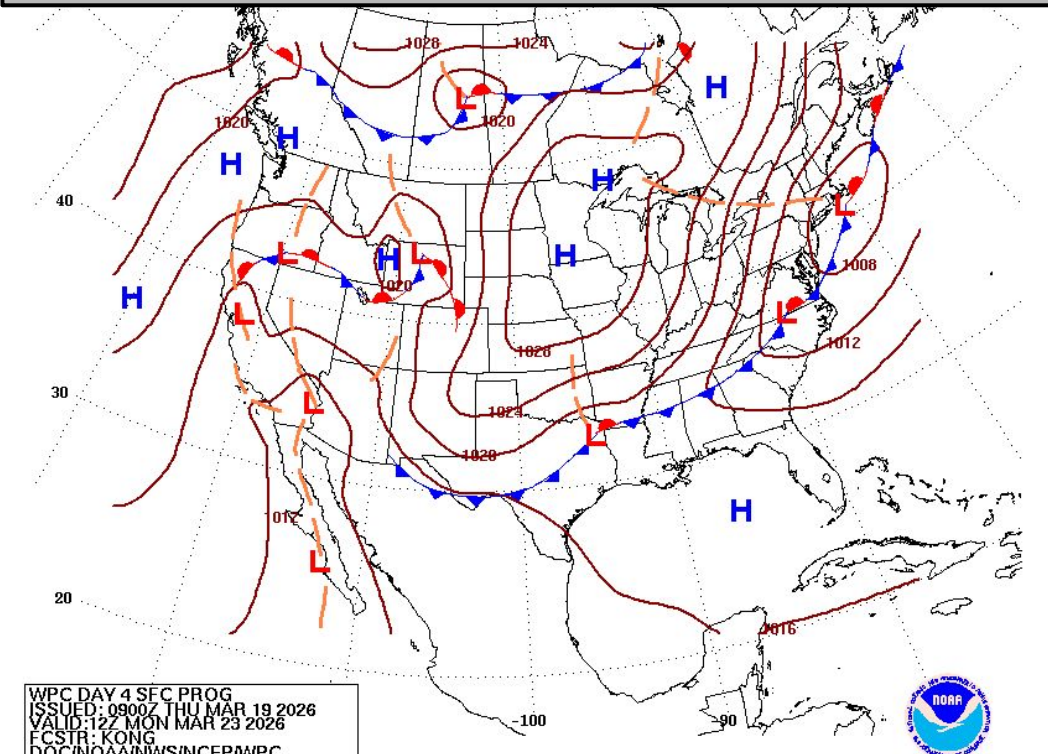
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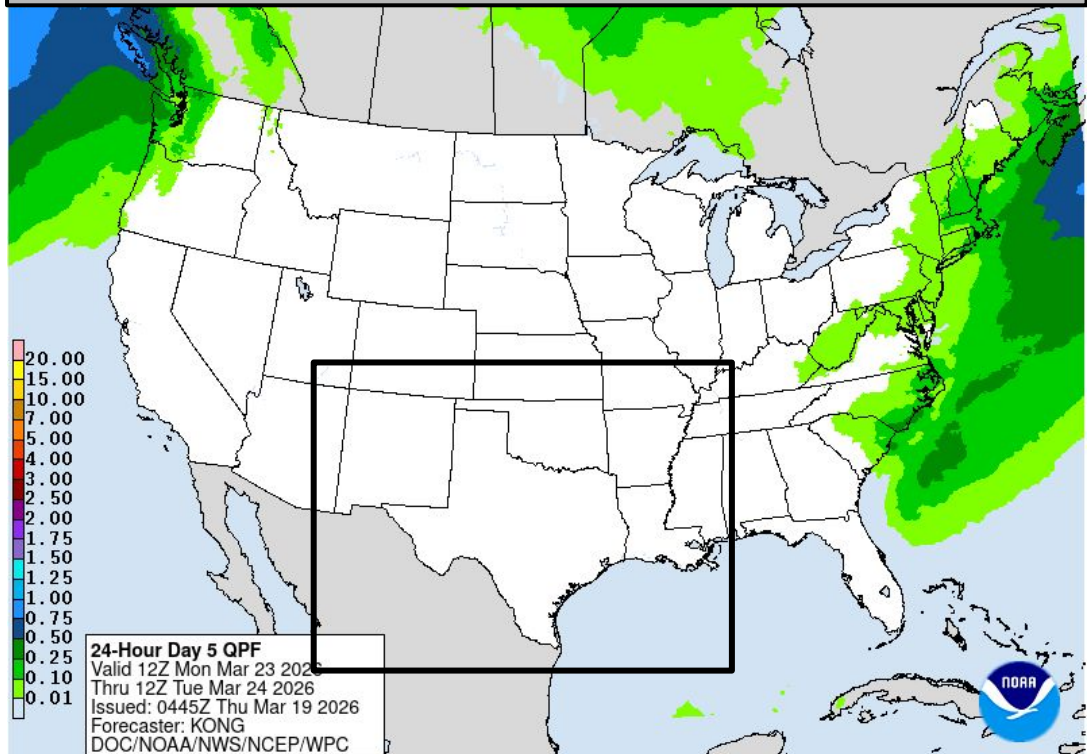
# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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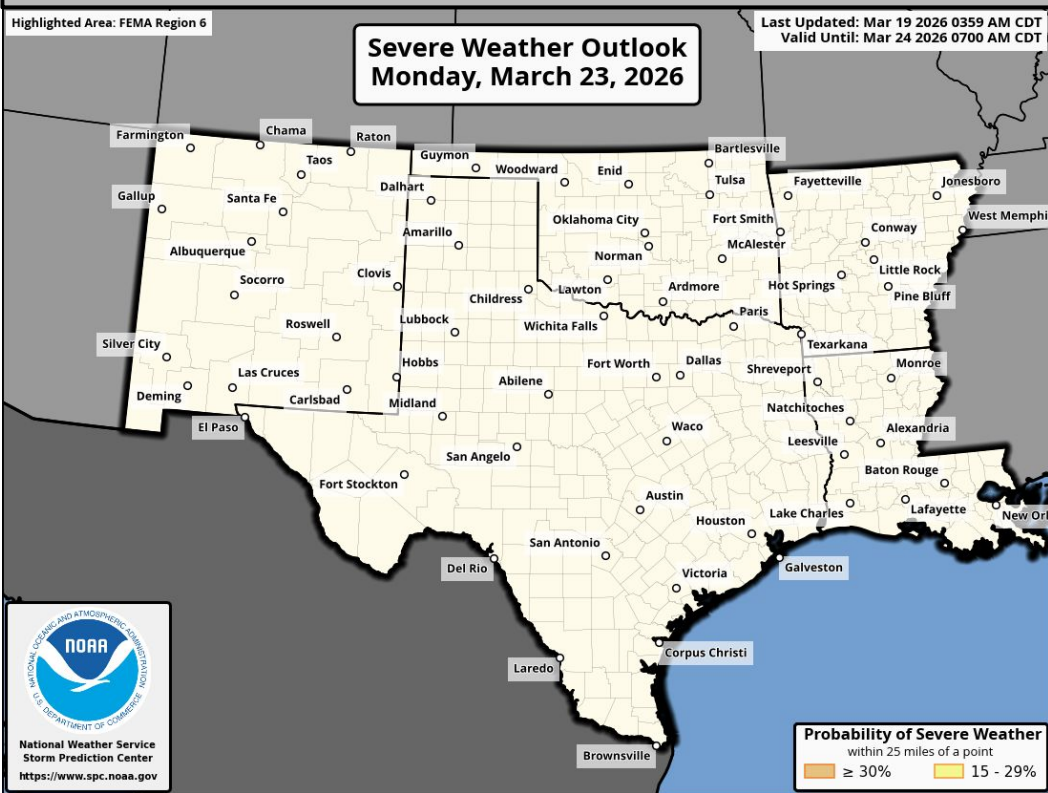
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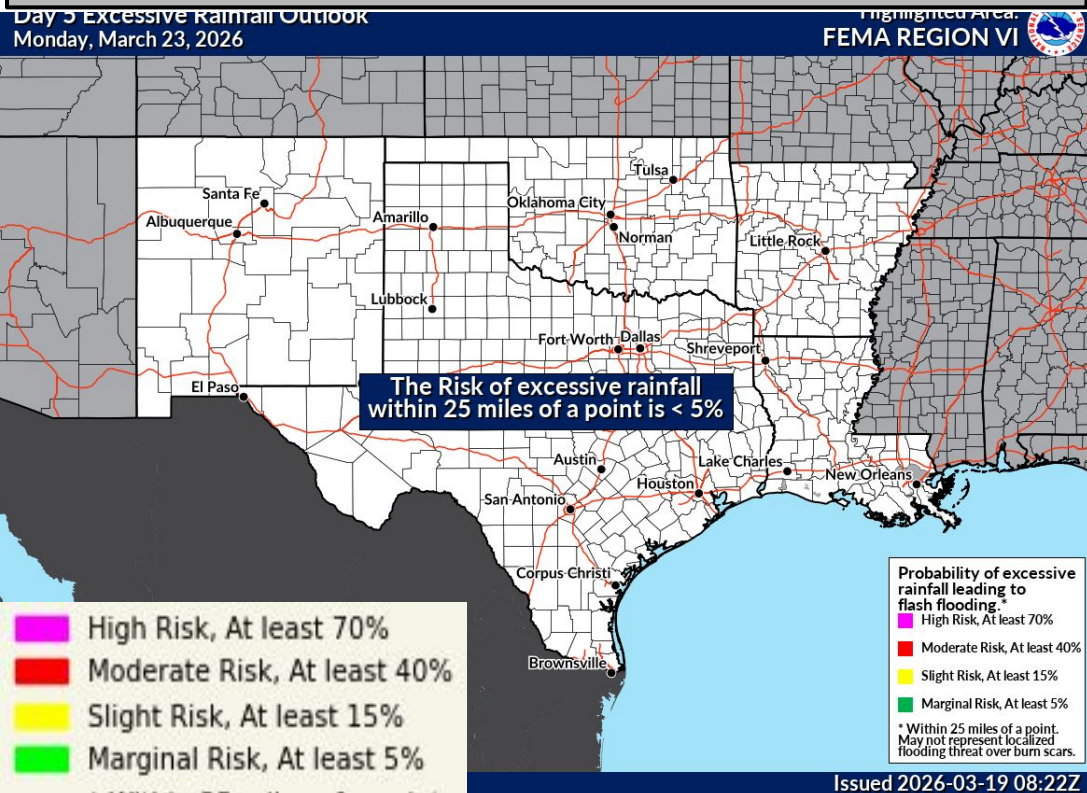
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

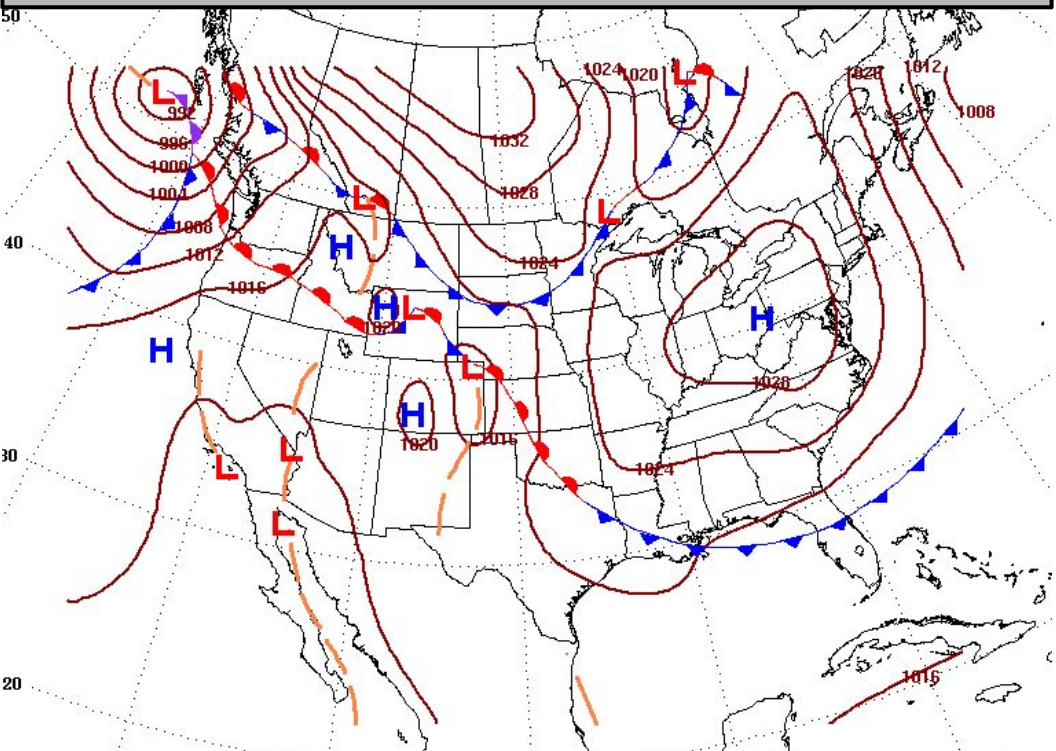


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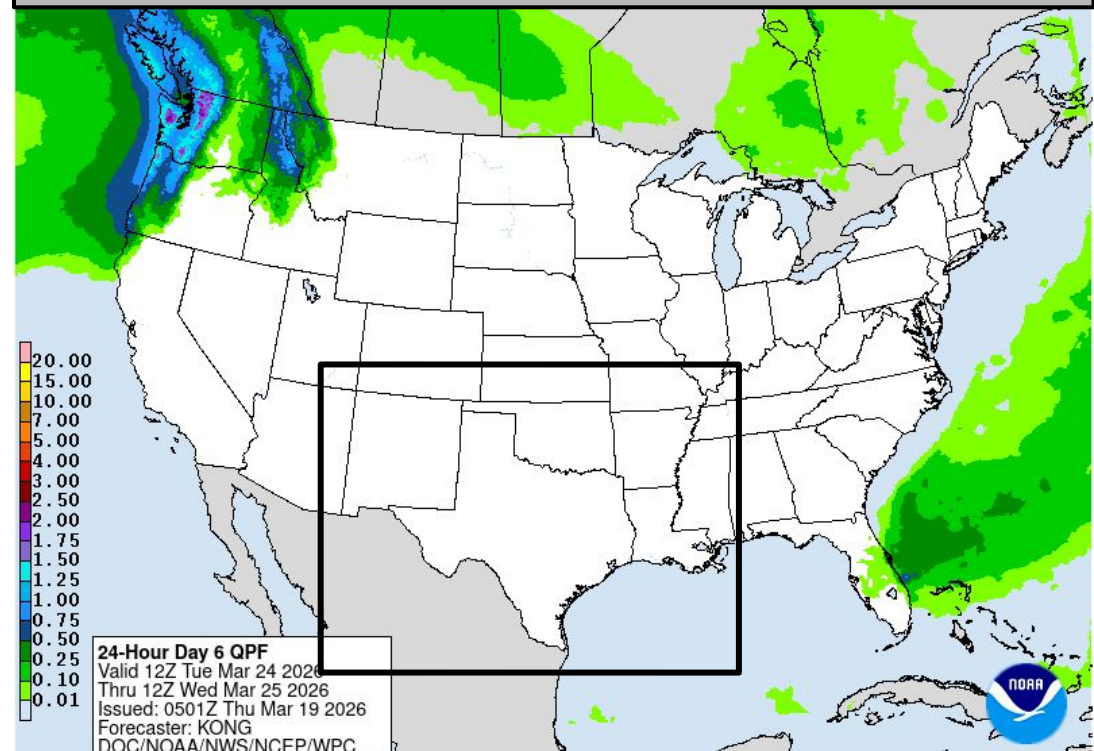


# Tuesday's Weather

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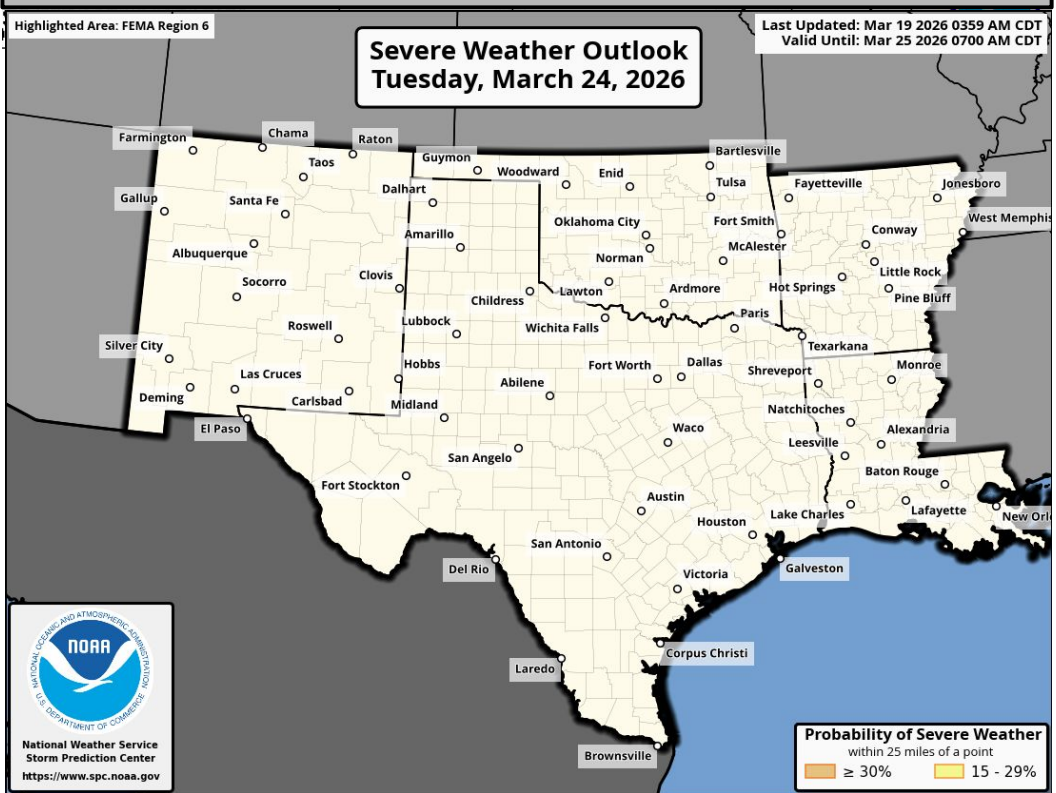


### Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

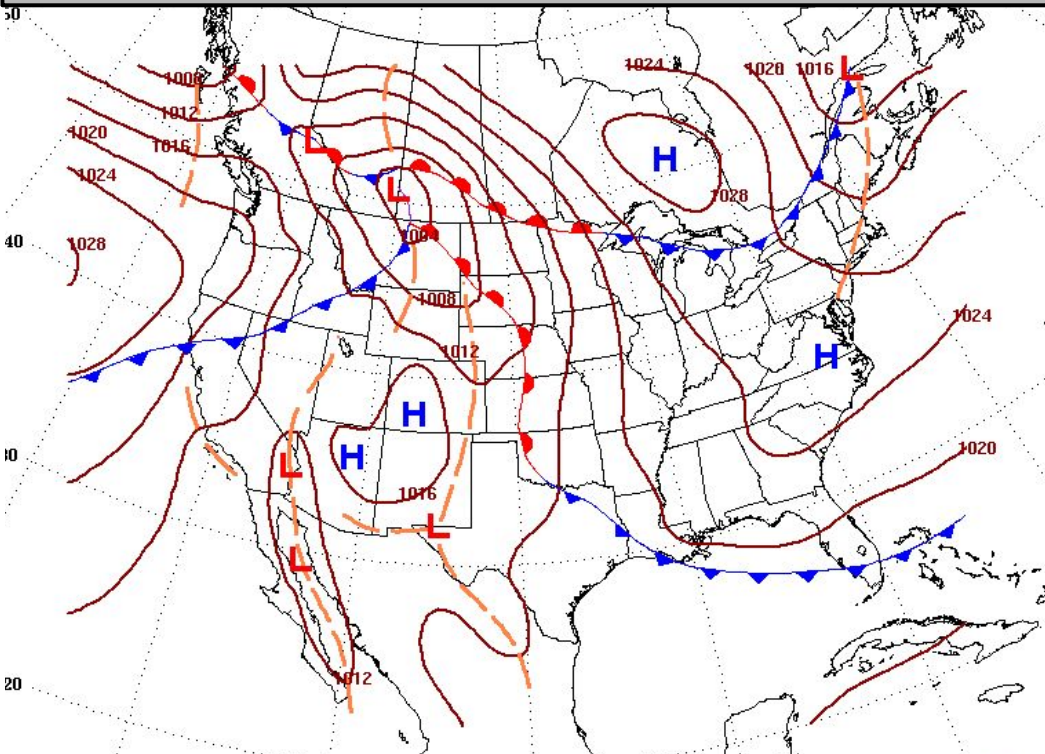


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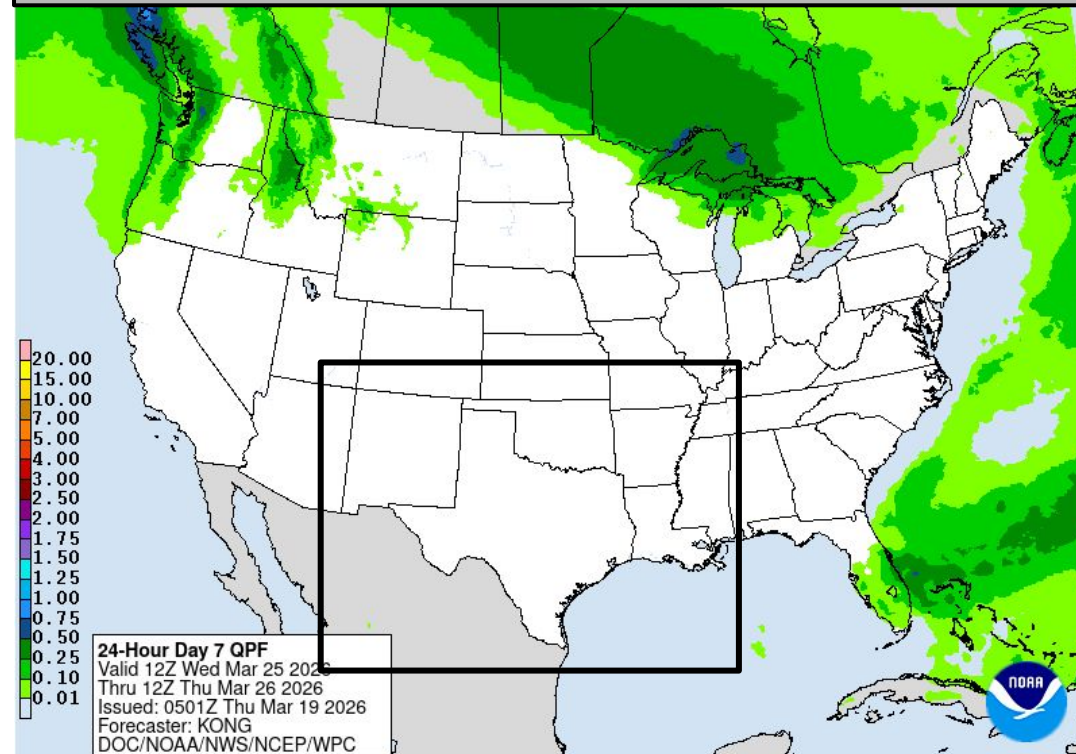


# Wednesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



### Forecast Rainfall

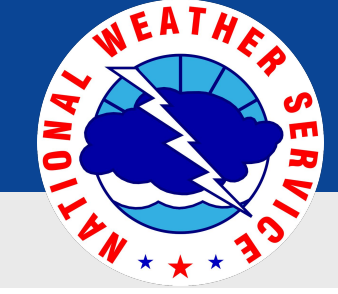


**No significant weather expected.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

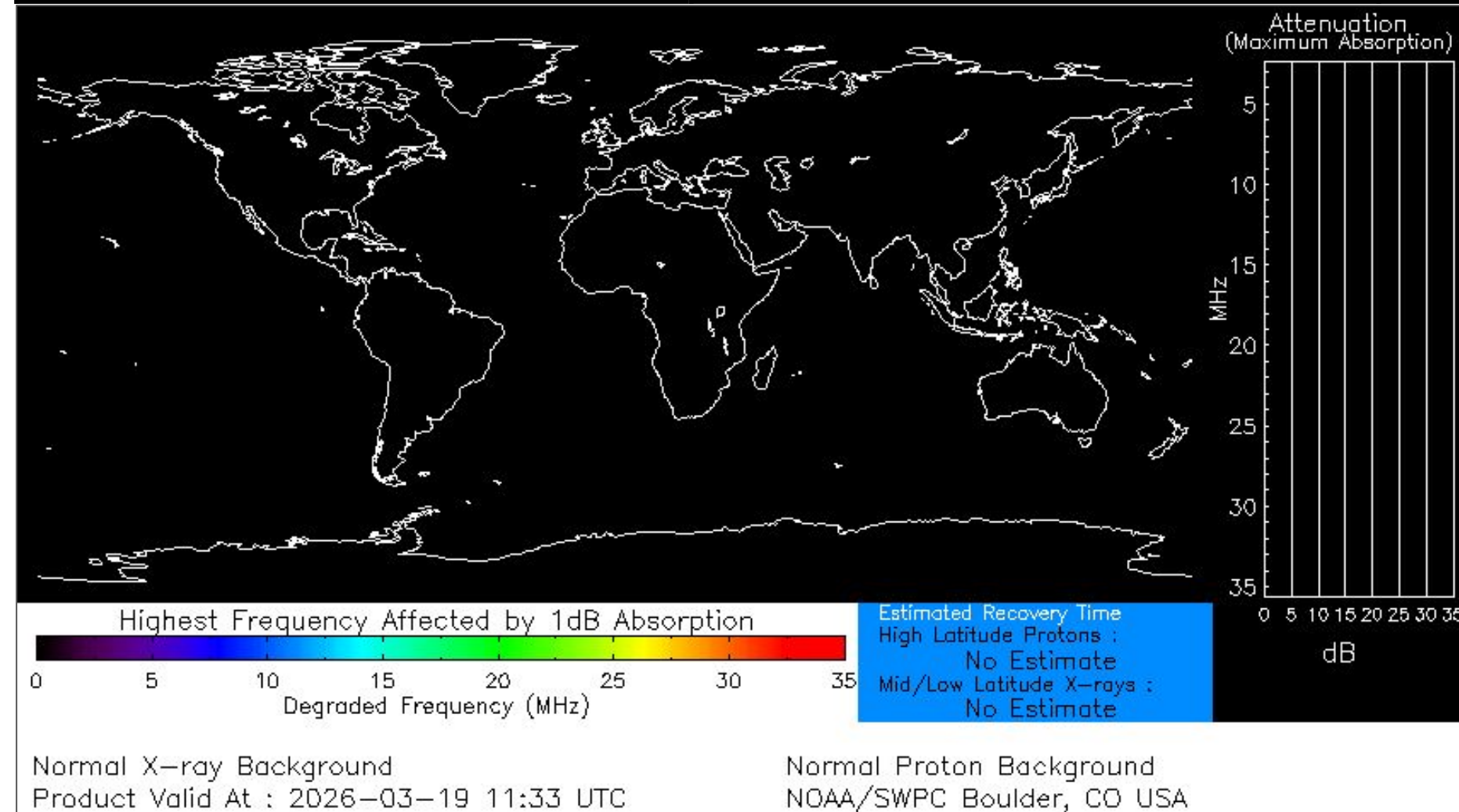


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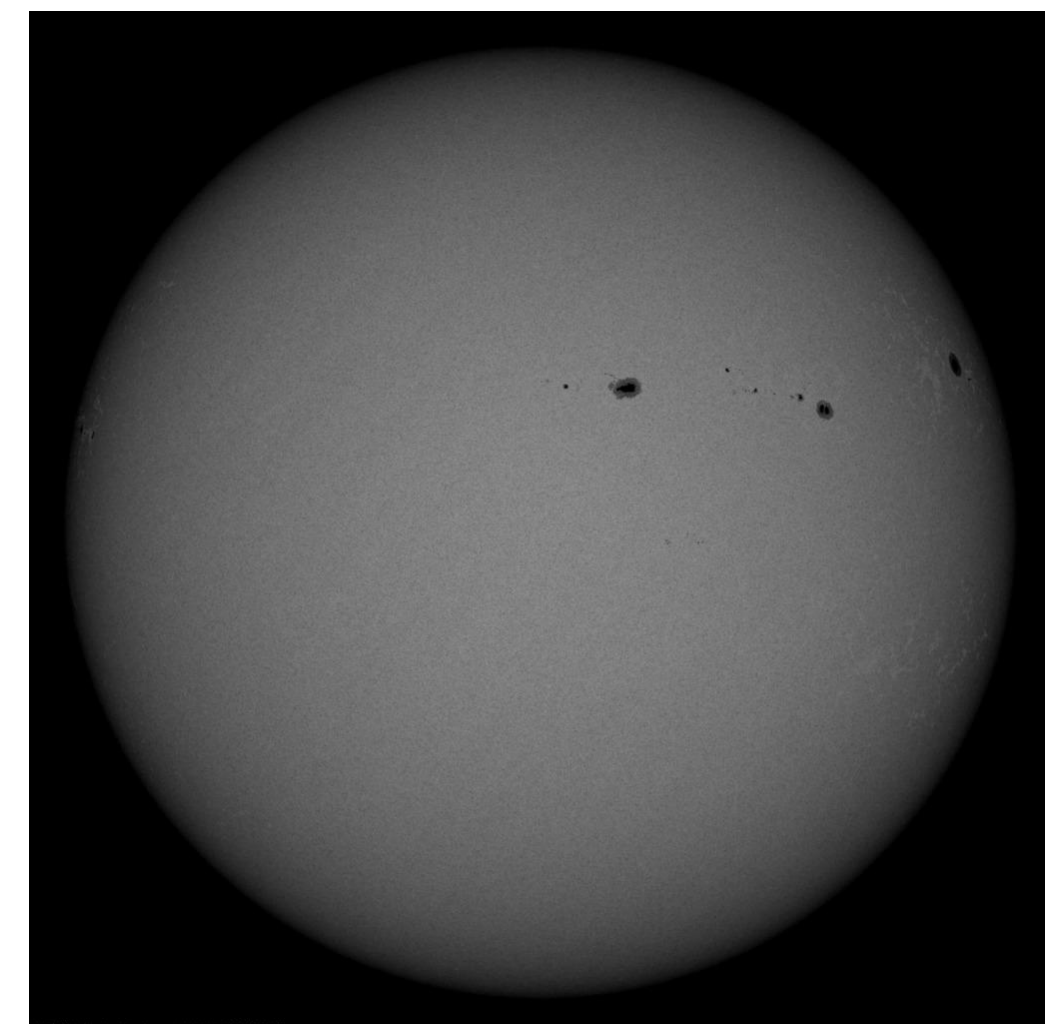
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Mar 19	Friday, Mar 20	Saturday, Mar 21
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Moderate Storm (G2) (Max Kp=6)</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>



[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;"><b>Little to None</b></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"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></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"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></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"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></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"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></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"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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