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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, March 21, 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 to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over the NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX today.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NM, OK, NW-C TX on Sunday.**
- **Monitoring for fire weather in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX late next week.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Mar 21	Sunday, Mar 22	Monday, Mar 23	Tuesday, Mar 24	Wednesday, Mar 25	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Winter Weather							
Fire Weather	NM, OK/TX Panhandles, W OK, WTX	NM, OK, NW-C TX				TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, WTX	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, WTX
River Flooding							

*\*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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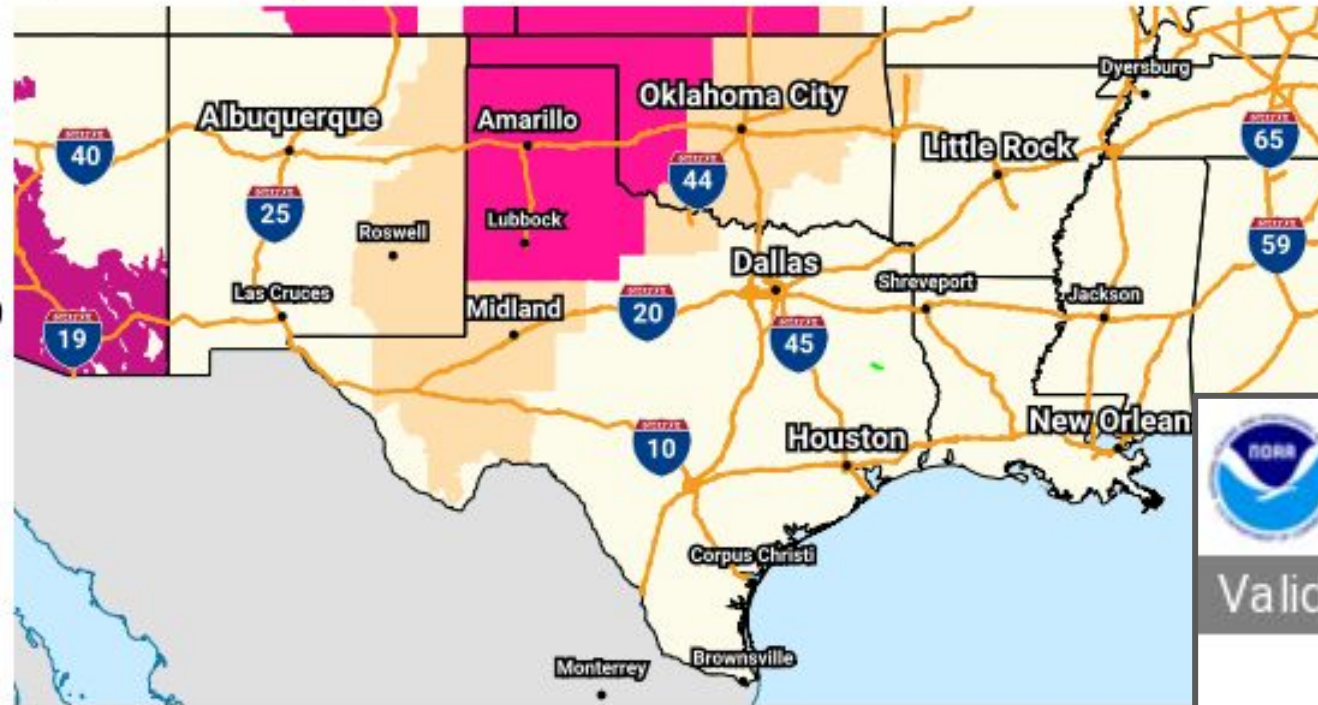


# Current Radar/Hazards



## Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- Flood Warning Pop: 482
- Extreme Heat Warning Pop: 5,999,529
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 1,250,428
- Heat Advisory Pop: 51
- Fire Weather Watch Pop: 6,259,857



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**Red Flag Warnings in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK from Noon CDT through 9 PM this evening. Fire Weather Watches on Sunday in NM, TX, NW AR, and OK.**



## Radar Reflectivity

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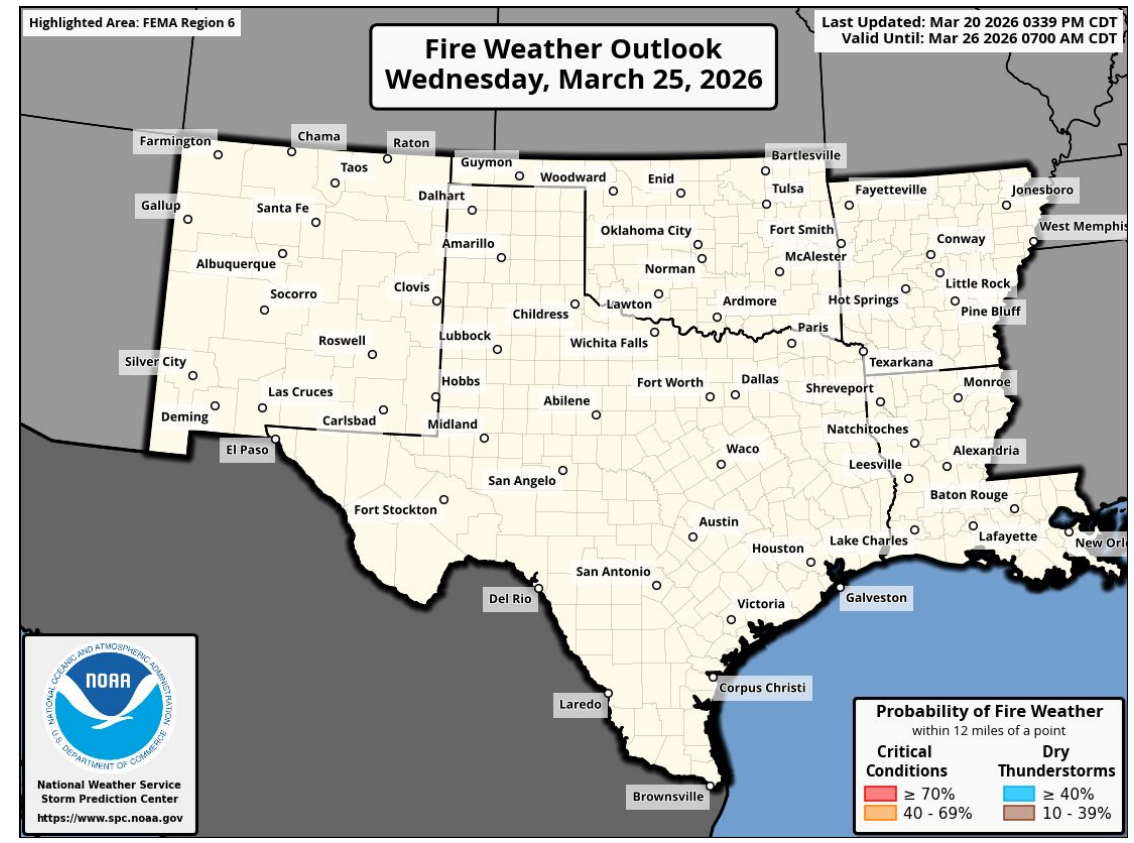
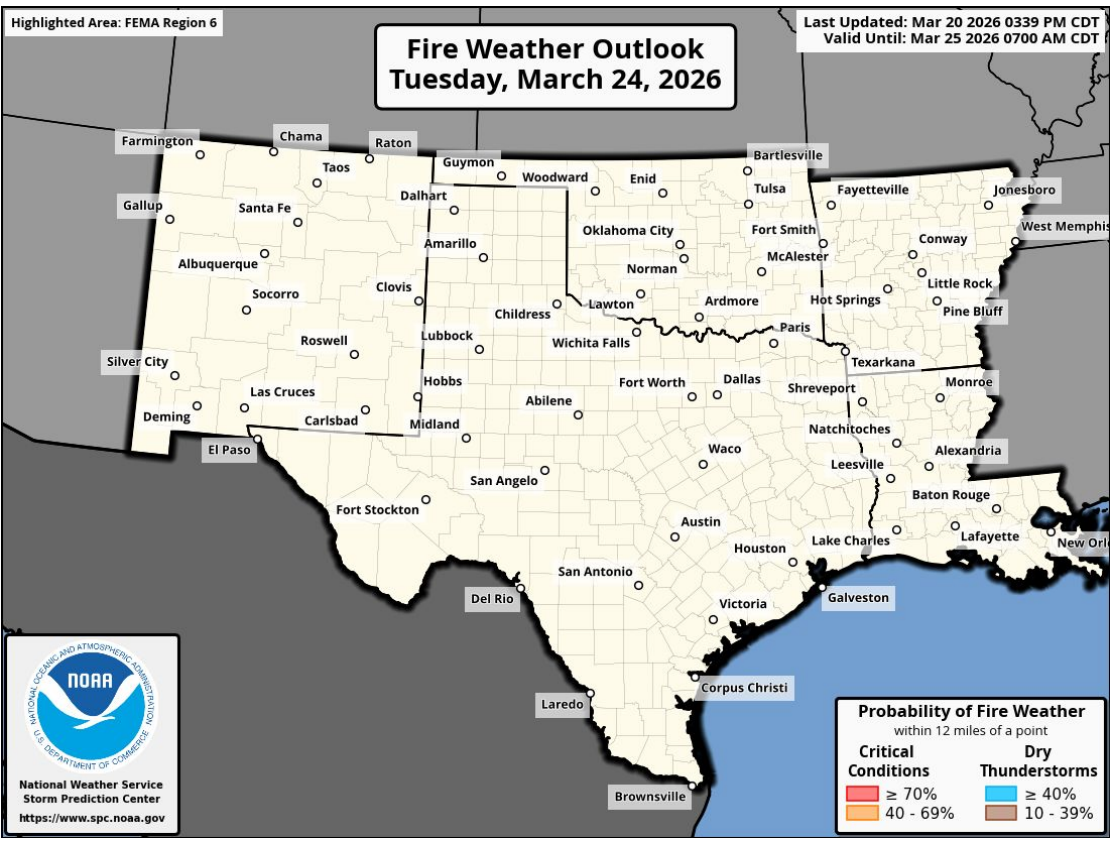
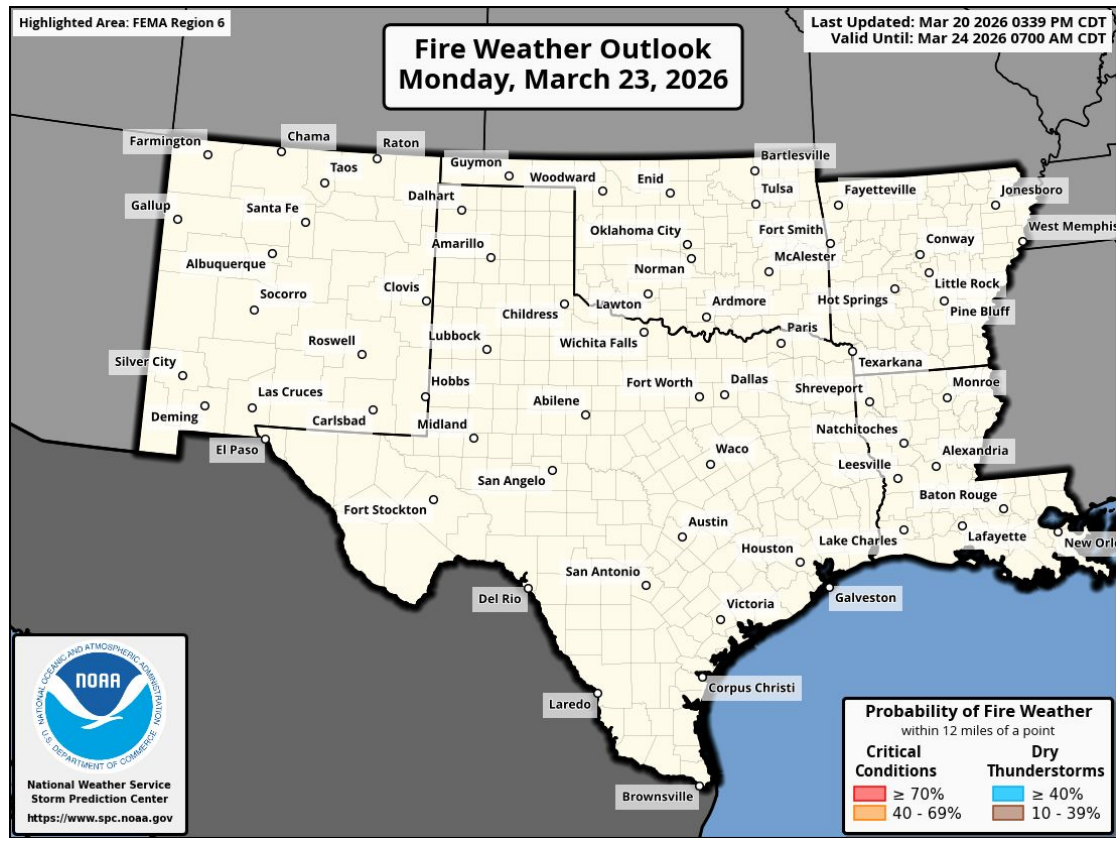
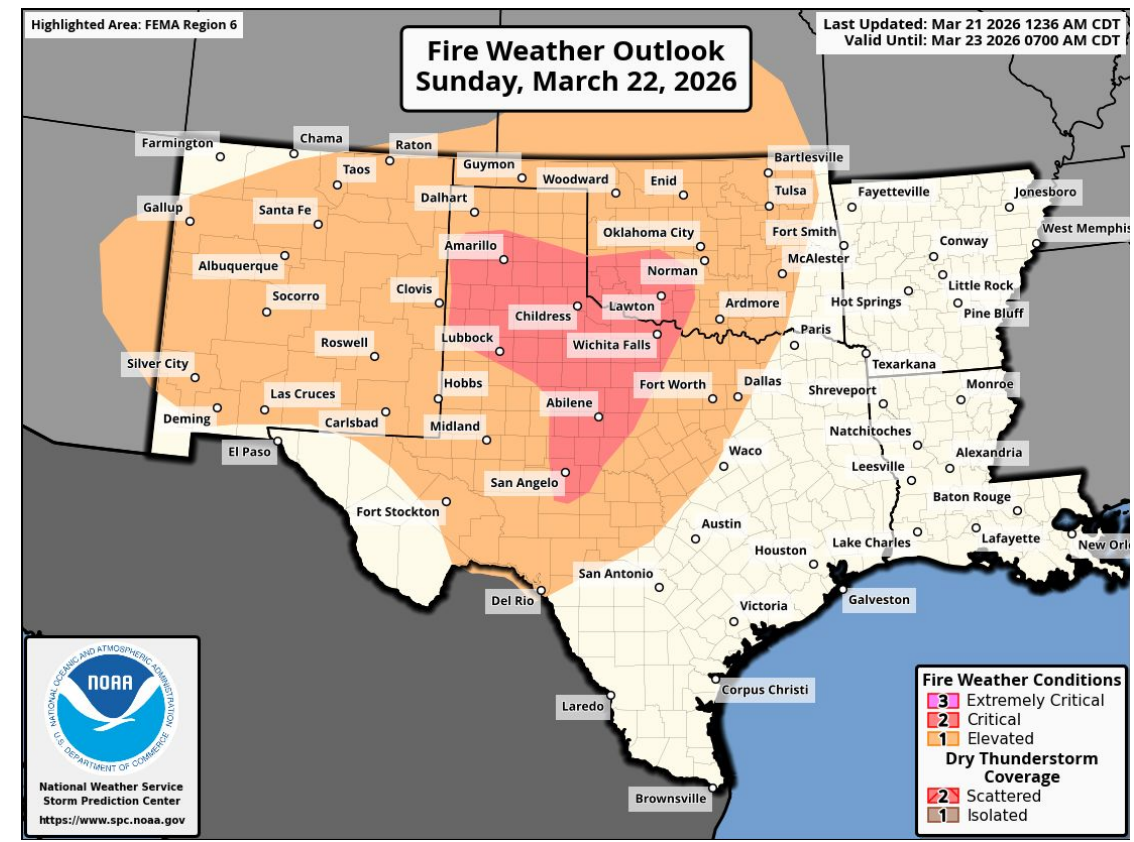
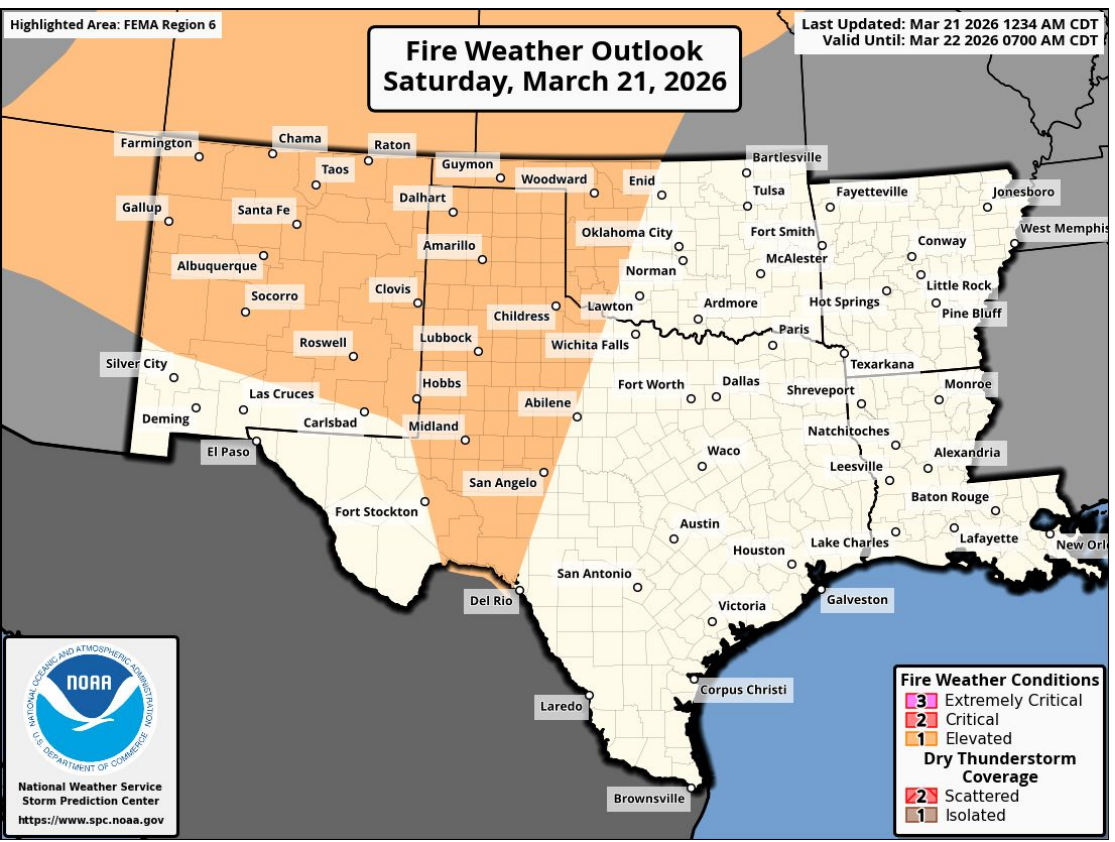
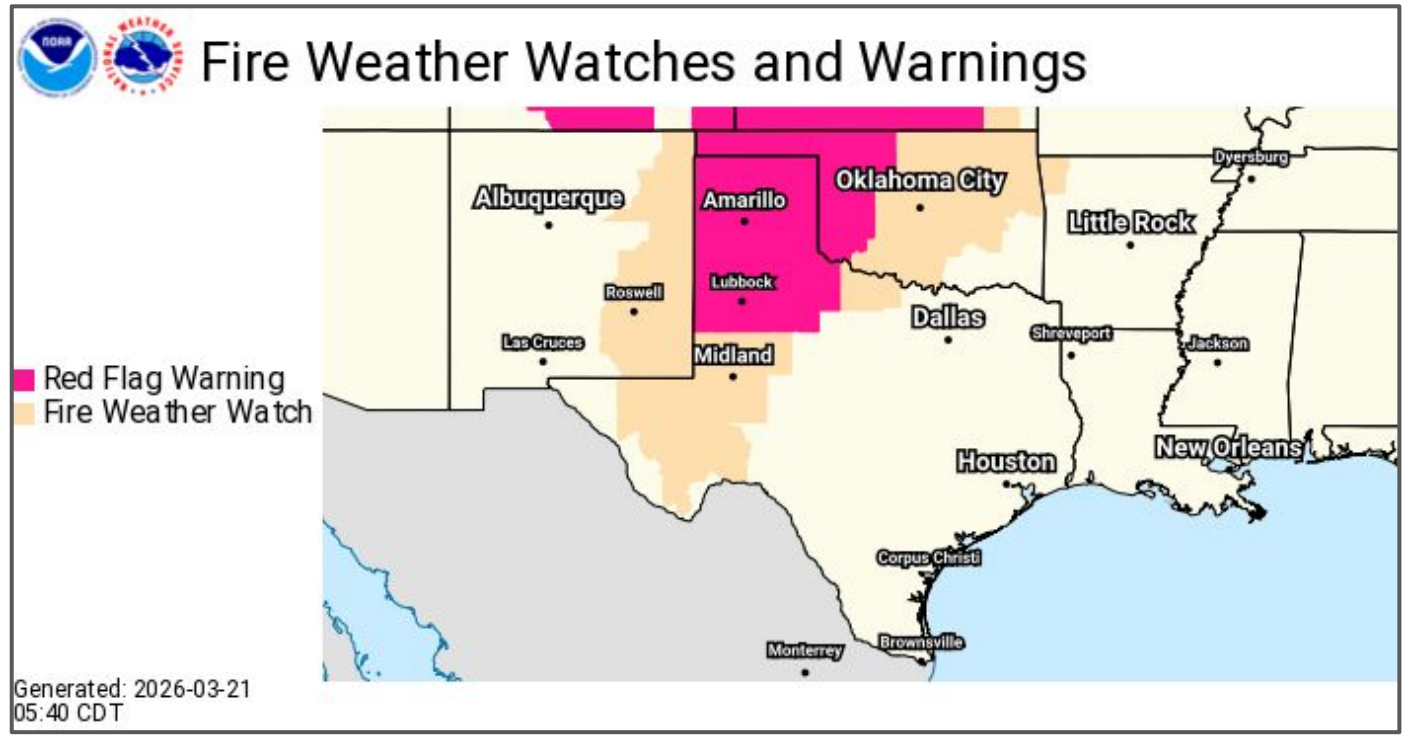


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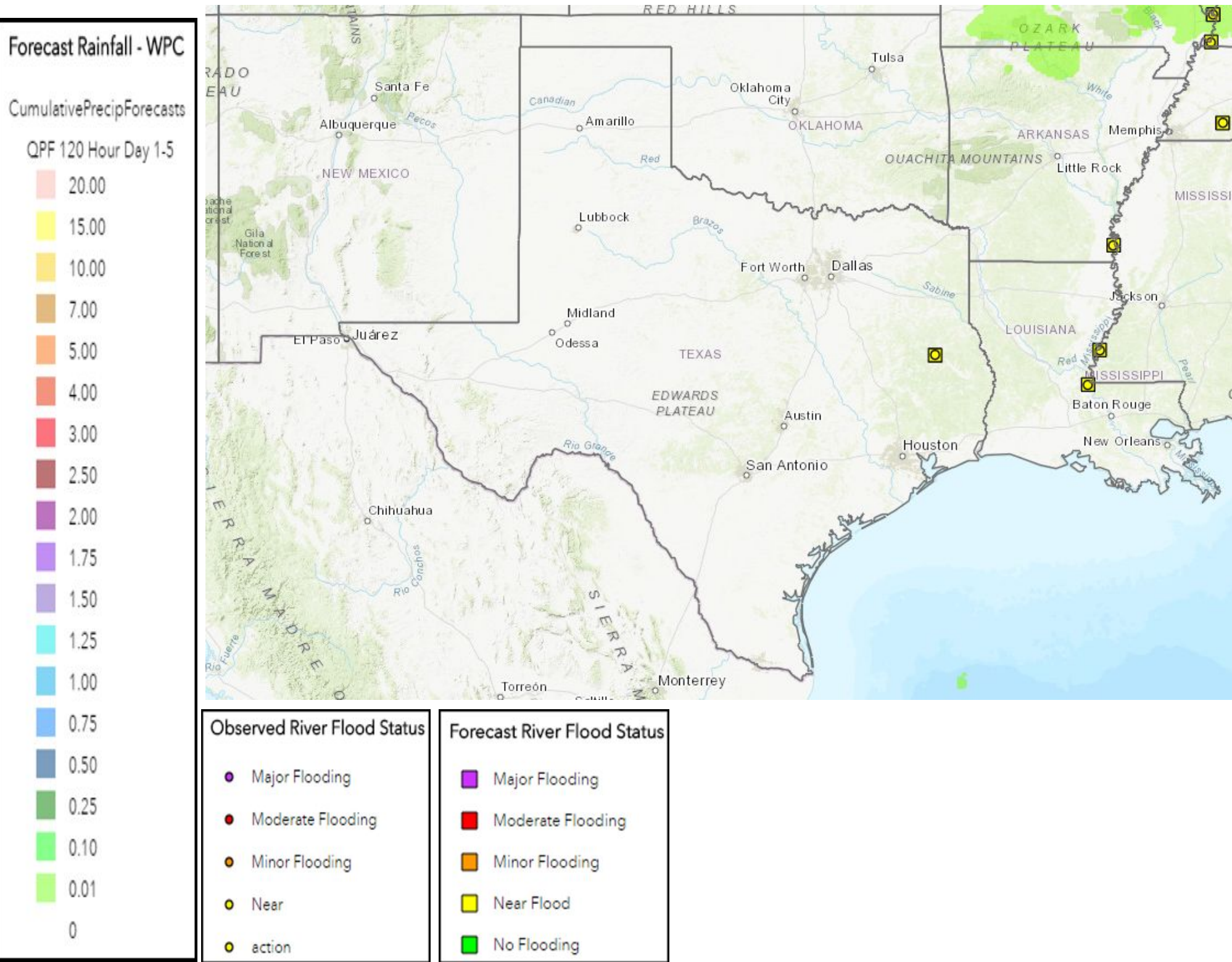
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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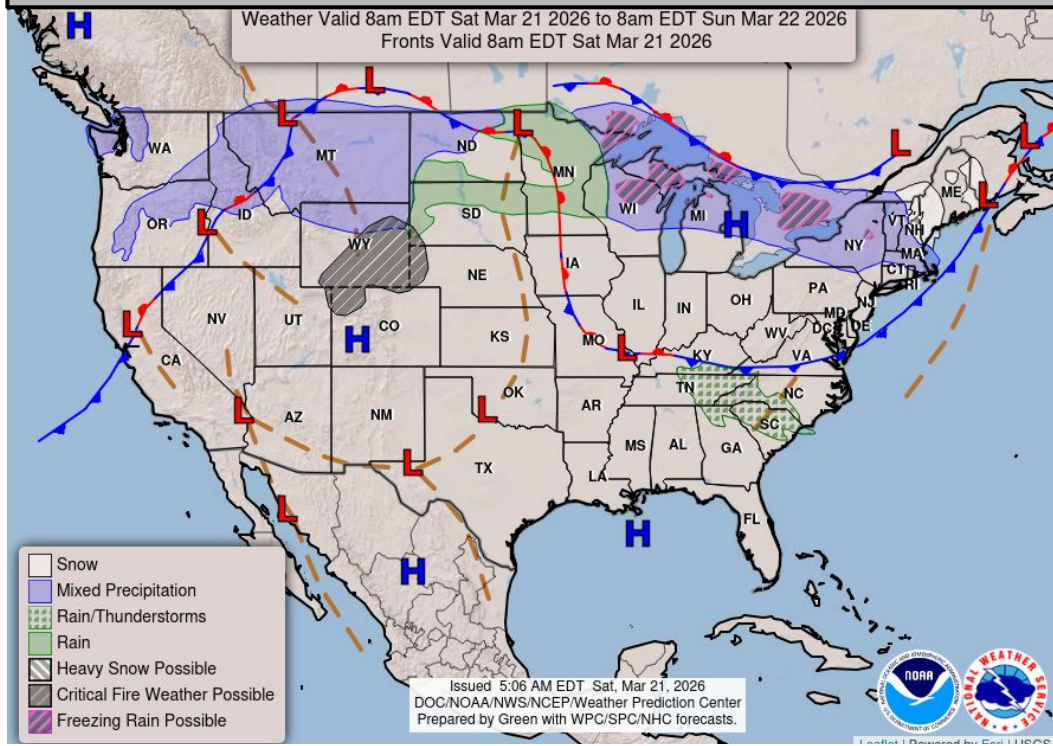
**River flooding is not expected.**

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.

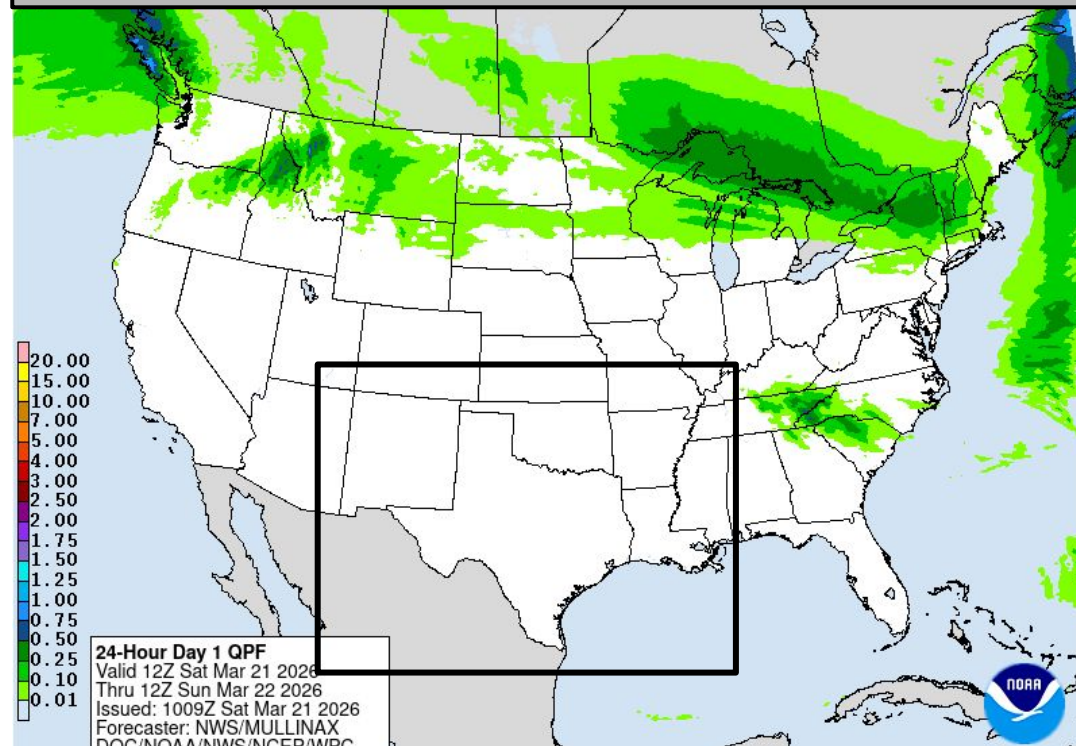


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart

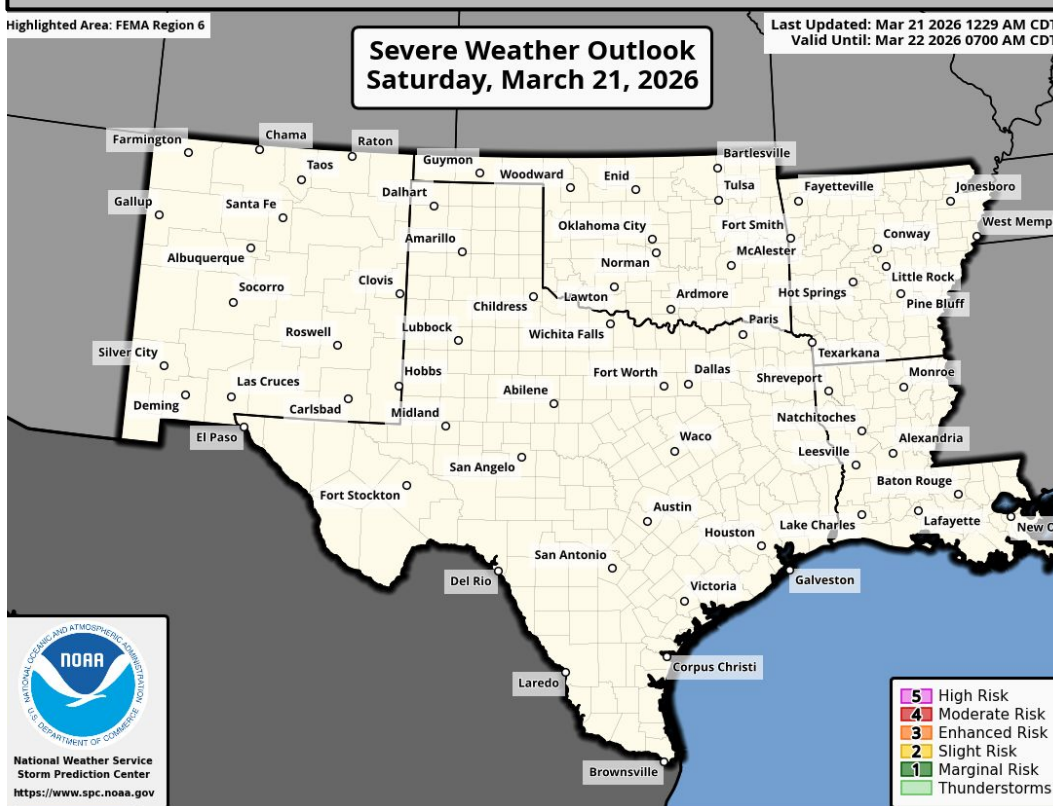


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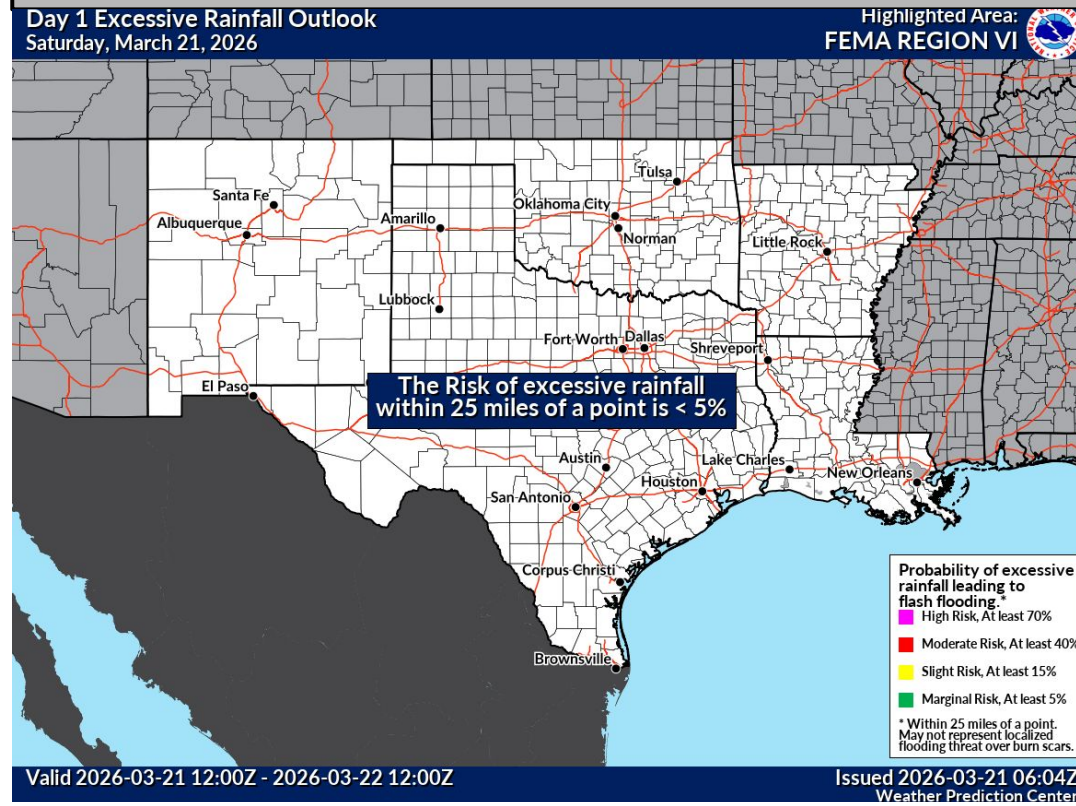


**Elevated to locally critical fire weather (levels 1-2 of 3) threat over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

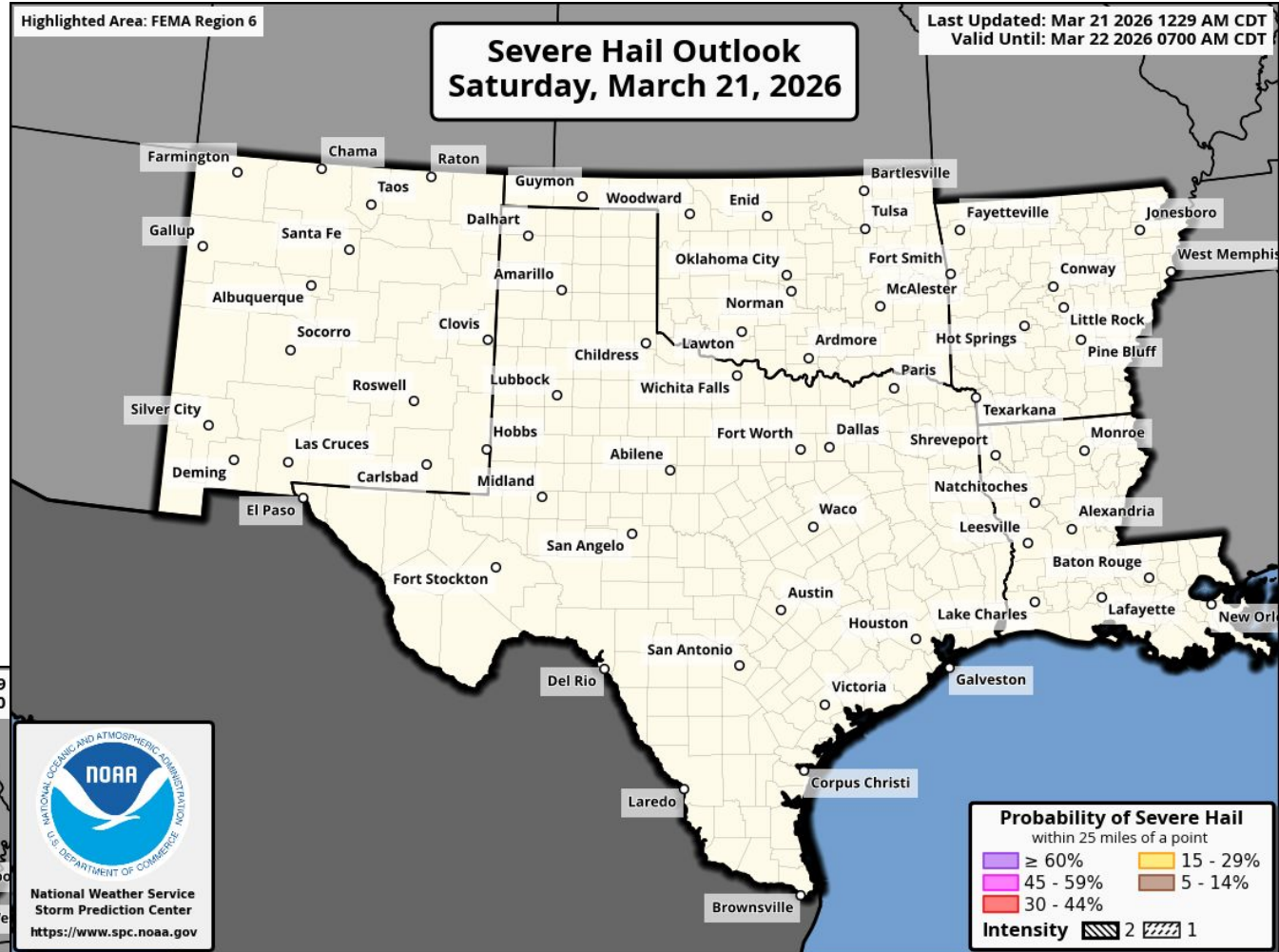
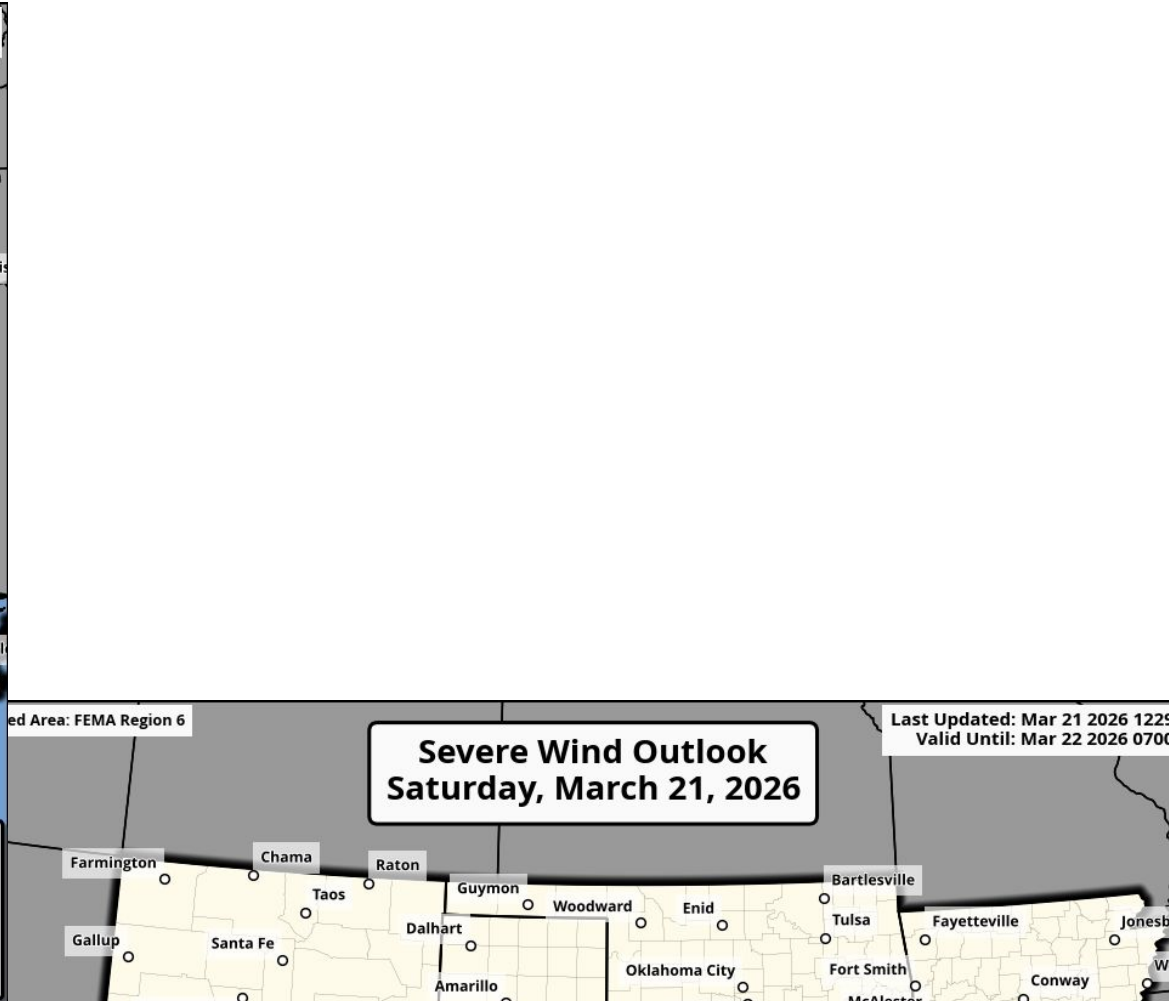
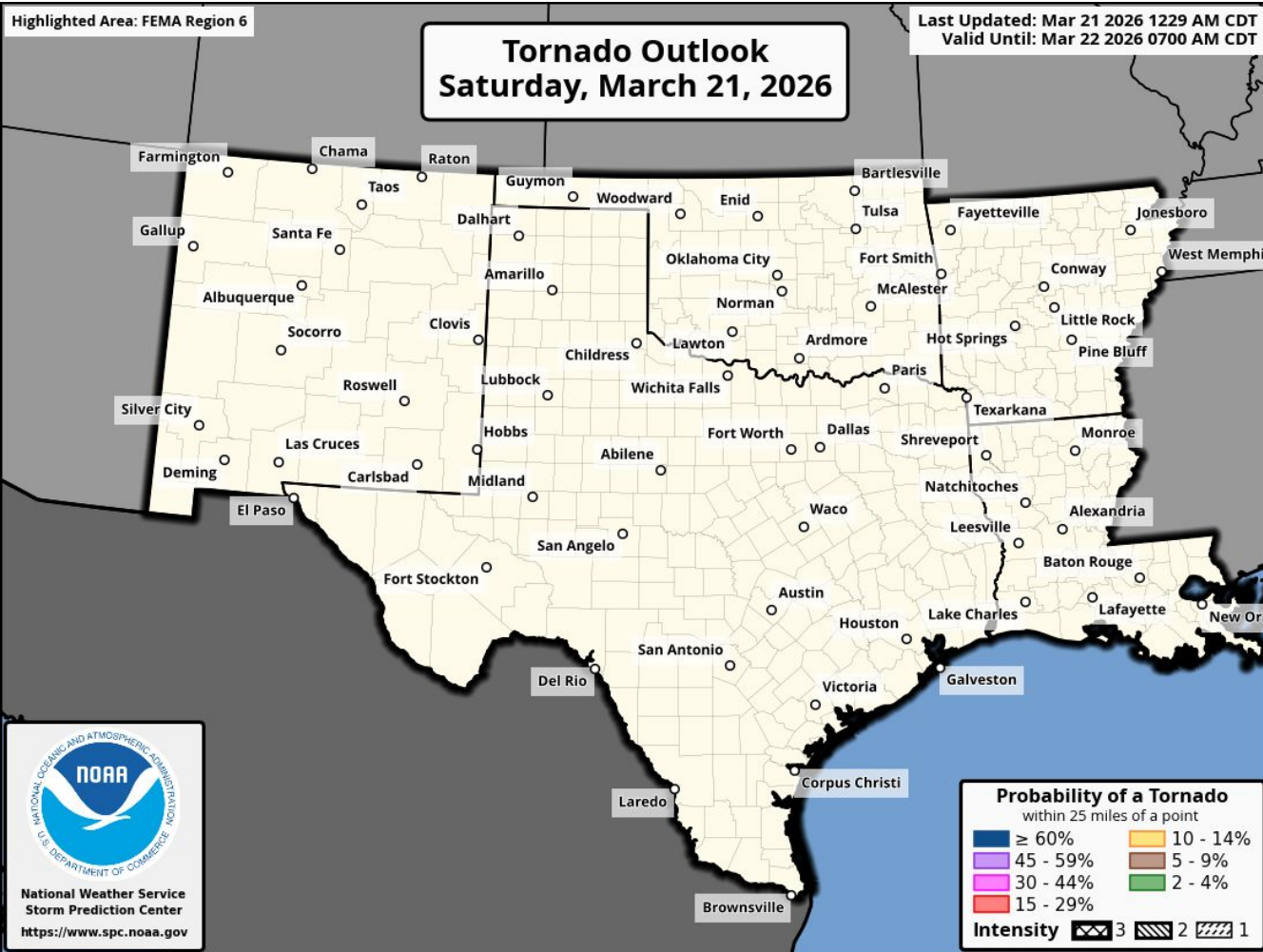


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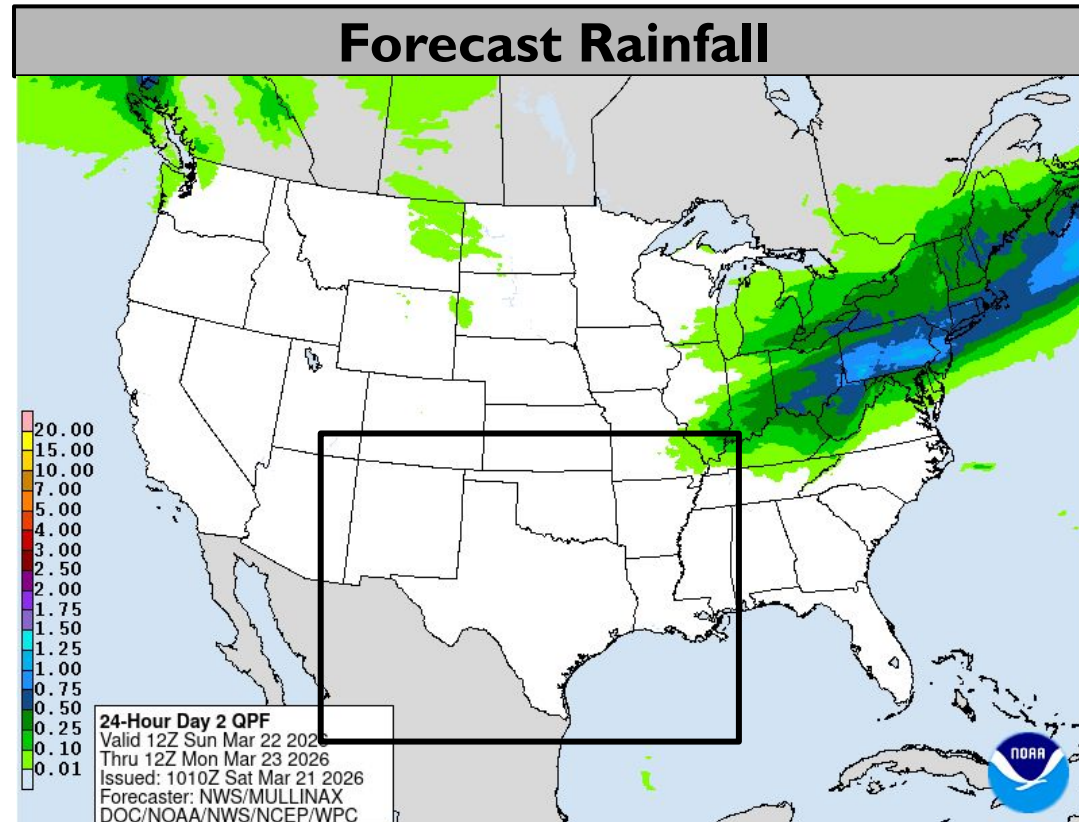
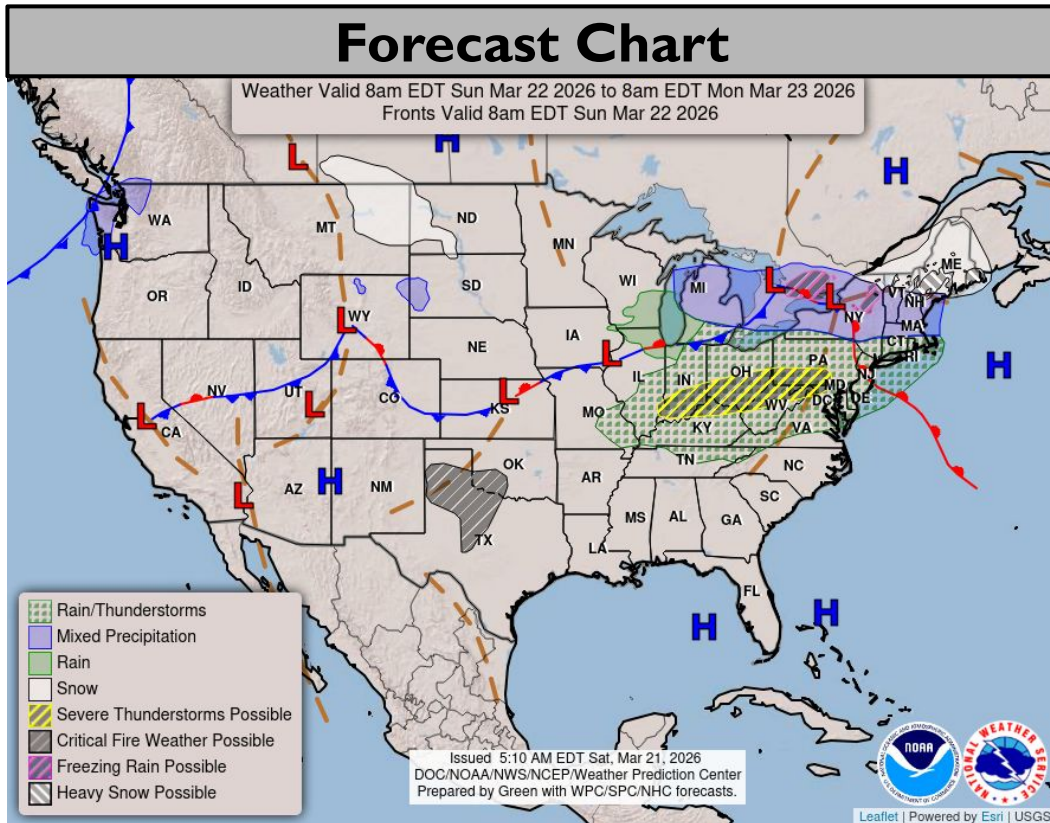


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

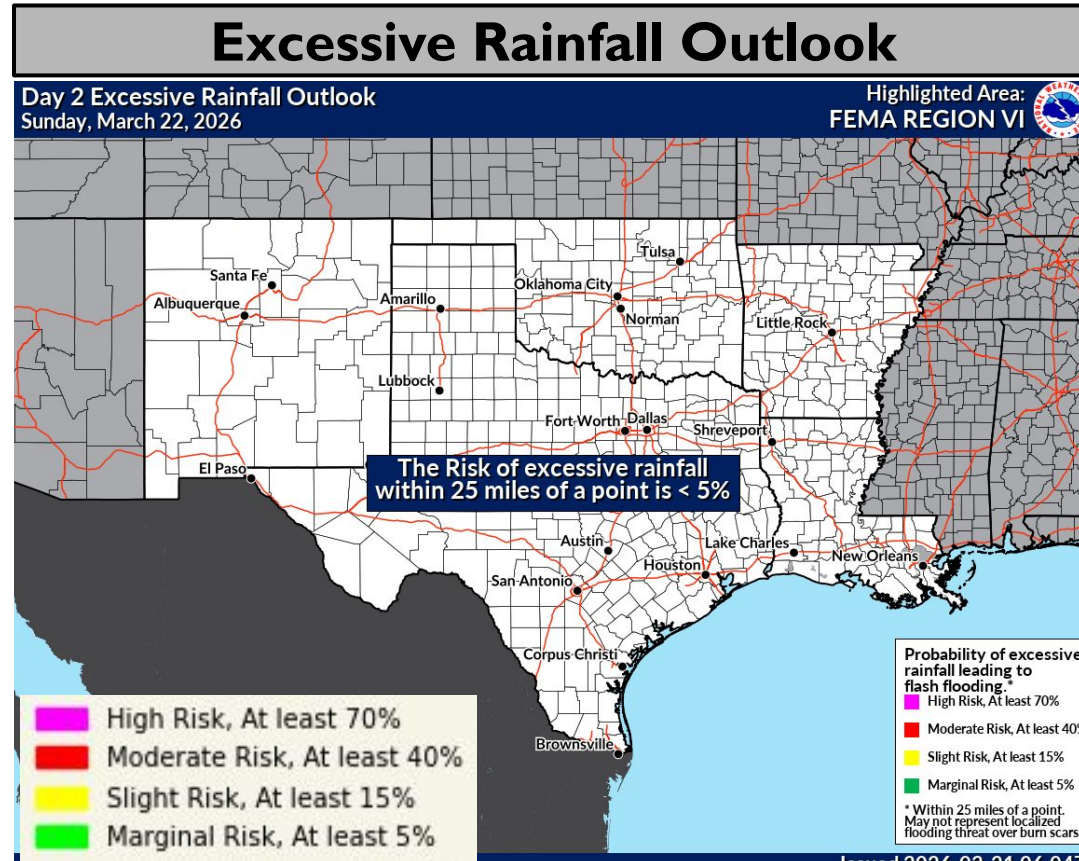
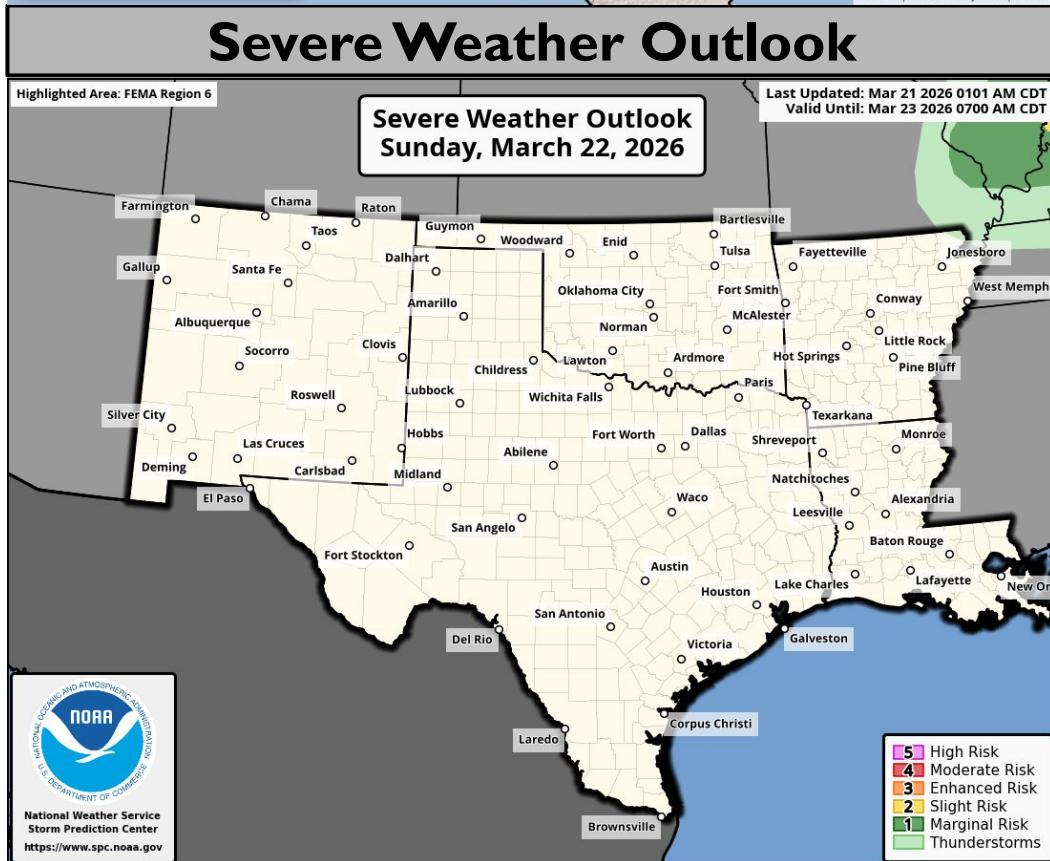




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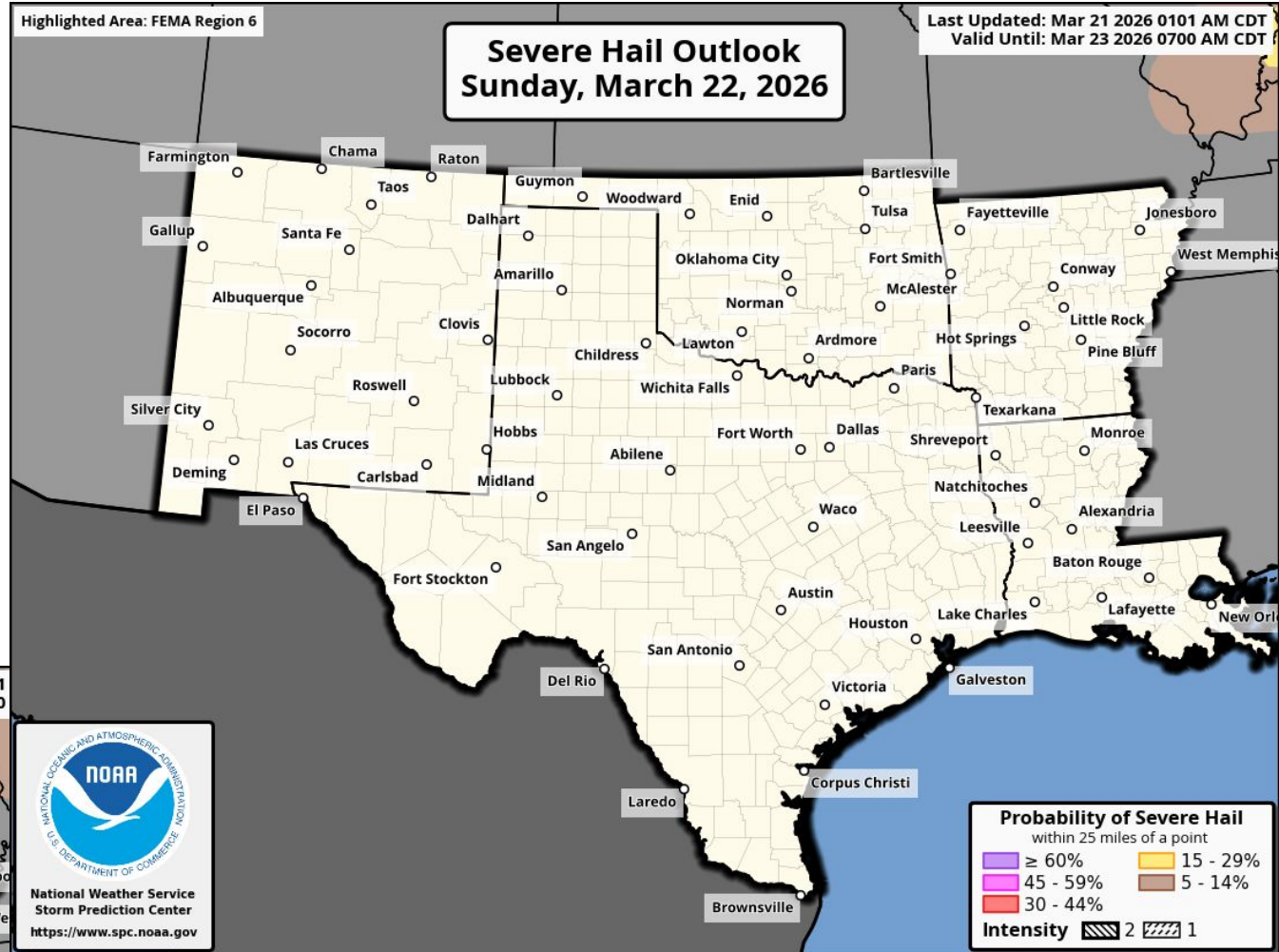
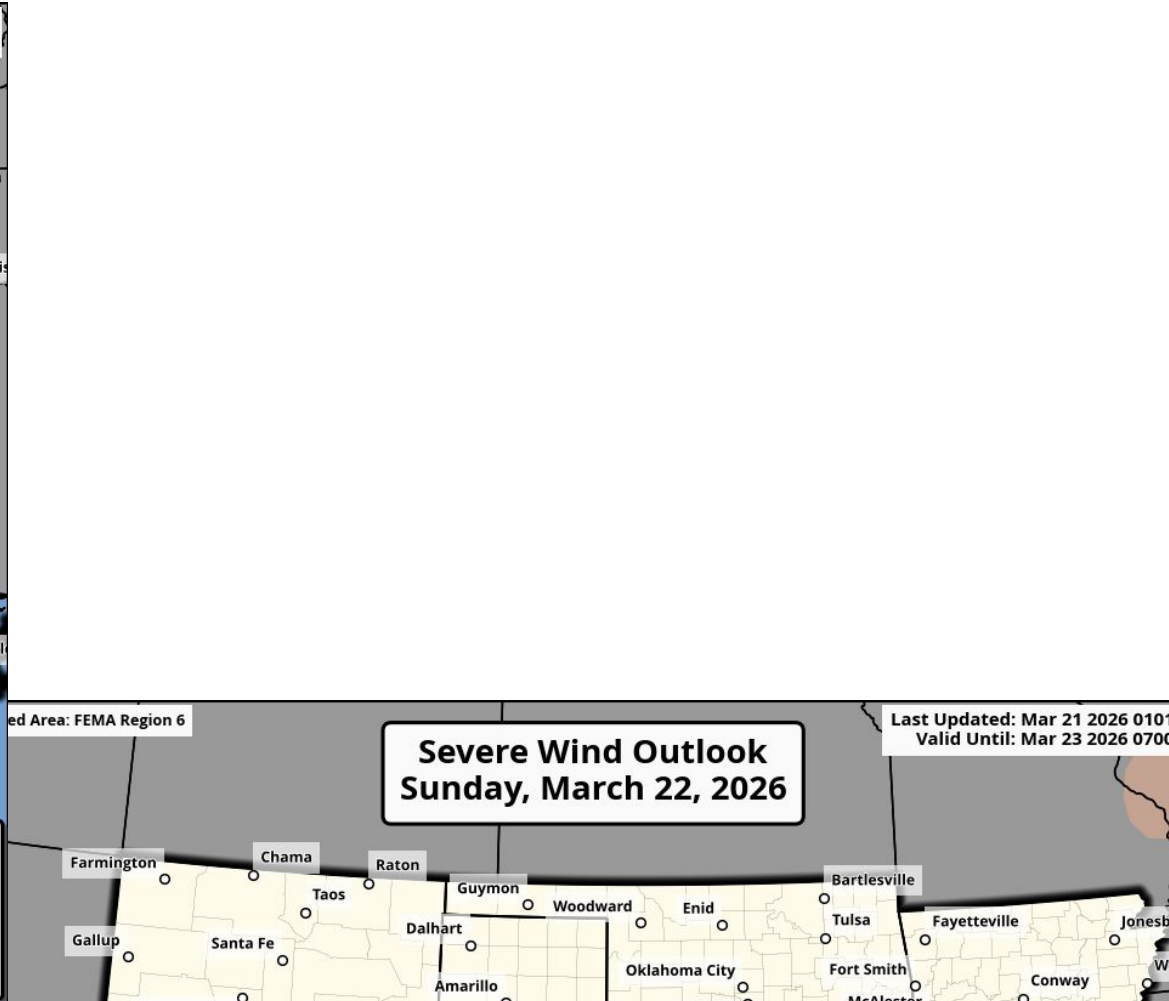
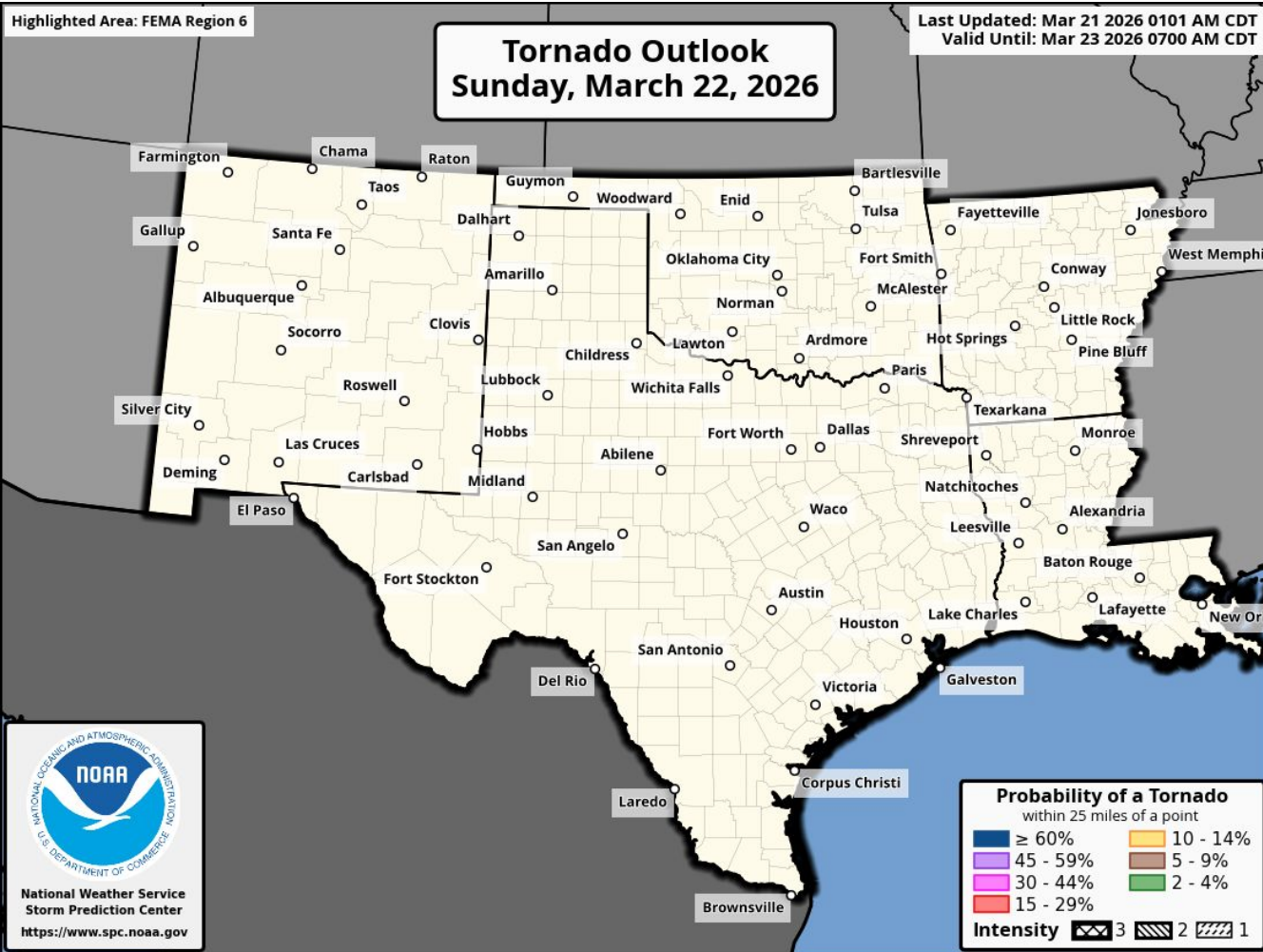


**Elevated to critical fire weather (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NM, OK, NW-C TX. Winds will shift to out of the north in the mid-late morning hours.**





# Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Wind Gust Forecast through Sunday

## Maximum Wind Speed Forecast

	3/21 Sat				3/22 Sun				Maximum				
	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am		12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm
Abilene	9↗	9↗	9↗	12↗	14↗	15↗	17↗	22↗	22↗	21↗	17↗	10↖	22
Amarillo	10↗	14↗	14↗	13↗	14↗	14↗	12↗	16↘	20↘	23↘	22↘	20↘	23
Beaver	13↗	16↗	16↗	14↗	14↗	13↗	14↘	23↘	23↘	24↘	20↘	15↘	24
El Paso	3↗	6↗	6↗	5↗	3↗	2↗	2↗	2↗	5↗	7↗	8↗	7↗	8
Enid	6↗	10↗	10↗	12↗	13↗	14↗	15↗	21↘	25↘	28↘	24↘	17↘	28
Fayetteville	6↗	7↗	6↗	6↗	7↗	9↗	12↗	17↗	20↗	18↗	13↘	10↘	20
Fort Davis	9↗	8↗	8↗	5↗	7↗	8↗	9↗	10↗	14↗	13↗	13↗	8↘	14
Guadalupe Pass	14↗	16↗	15↗	14↗	13↗	15↗	15↗	15↗	13↗	18↗	20↗	21↗	21
Lubbock	8↗	13↗	14↗	13↗	15↗	15↗	13↗	12↗	14↘	18↘	21↘	21↘	21
Midland/Odessa	9↗	9↗	12↗	13↗	14↗	12↗	12↗	13↗	14↗	14↗	17↘	22↘	22
Oklahoma City	6↖	8↖	8↖	12↗	13↗	15↗	16↗	18↗	18↘	21↘	20↘	17↘	21
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\*Table values in mph

\*\*Created: 6 am CDT Sat 3/21/2026

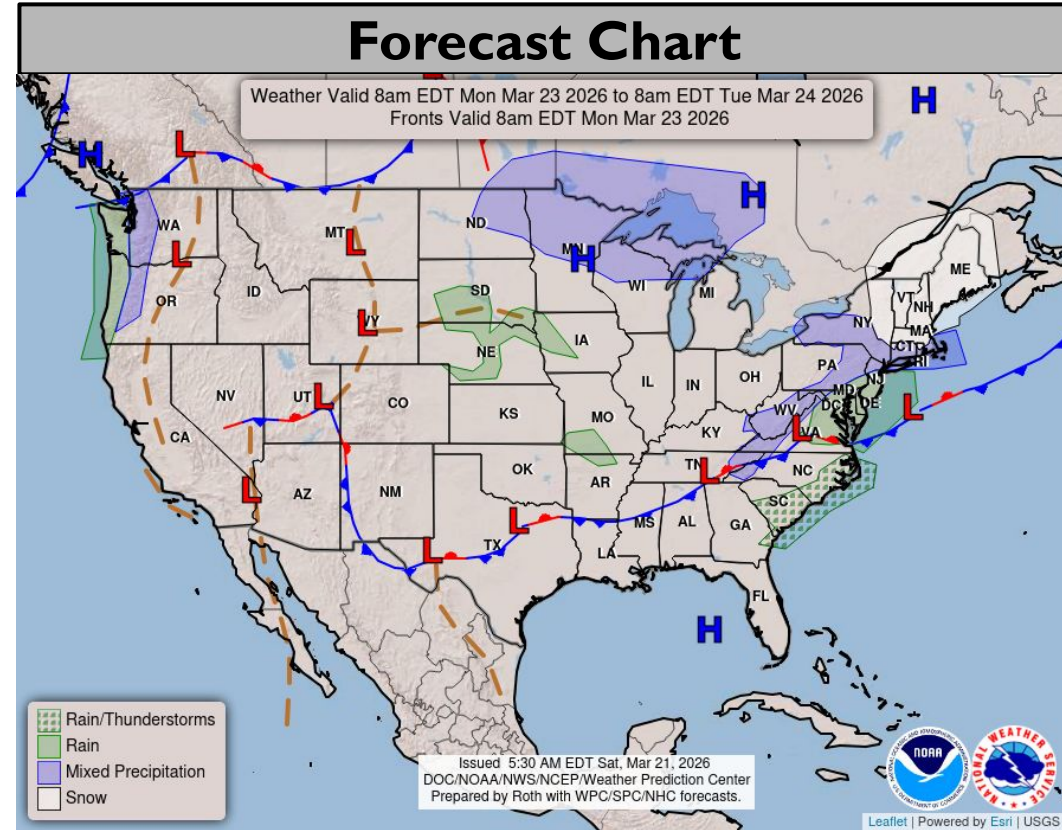
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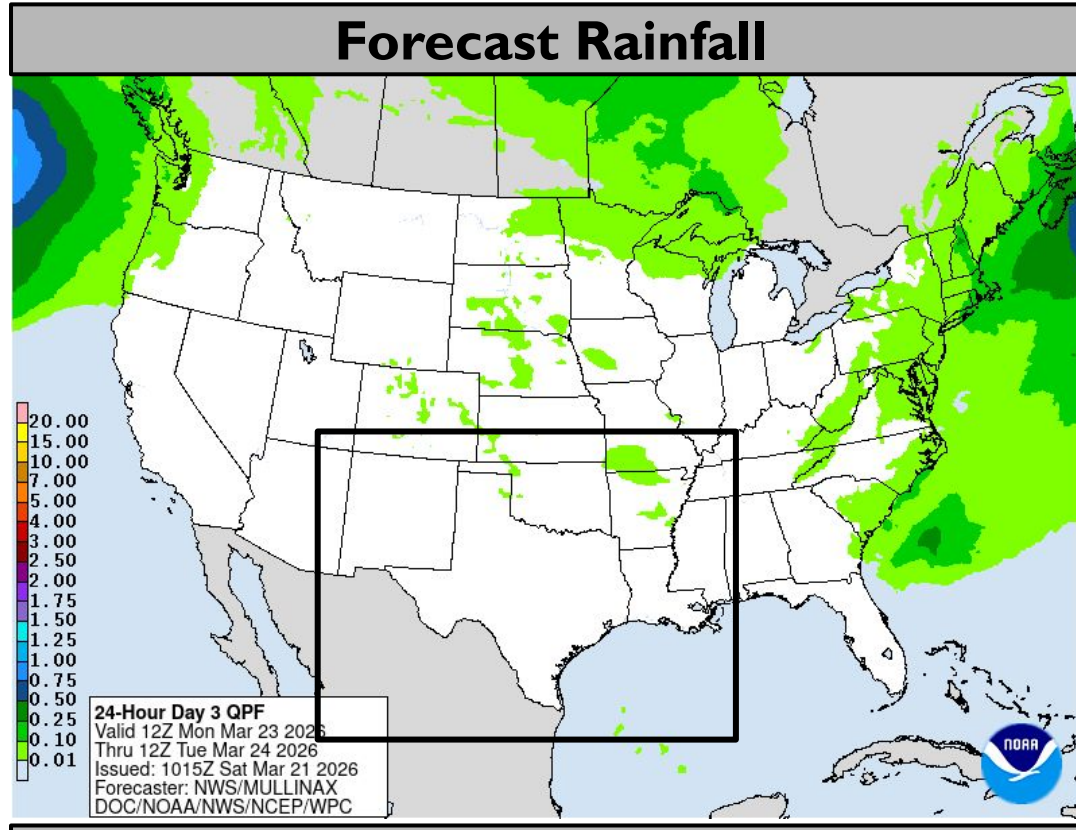


# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

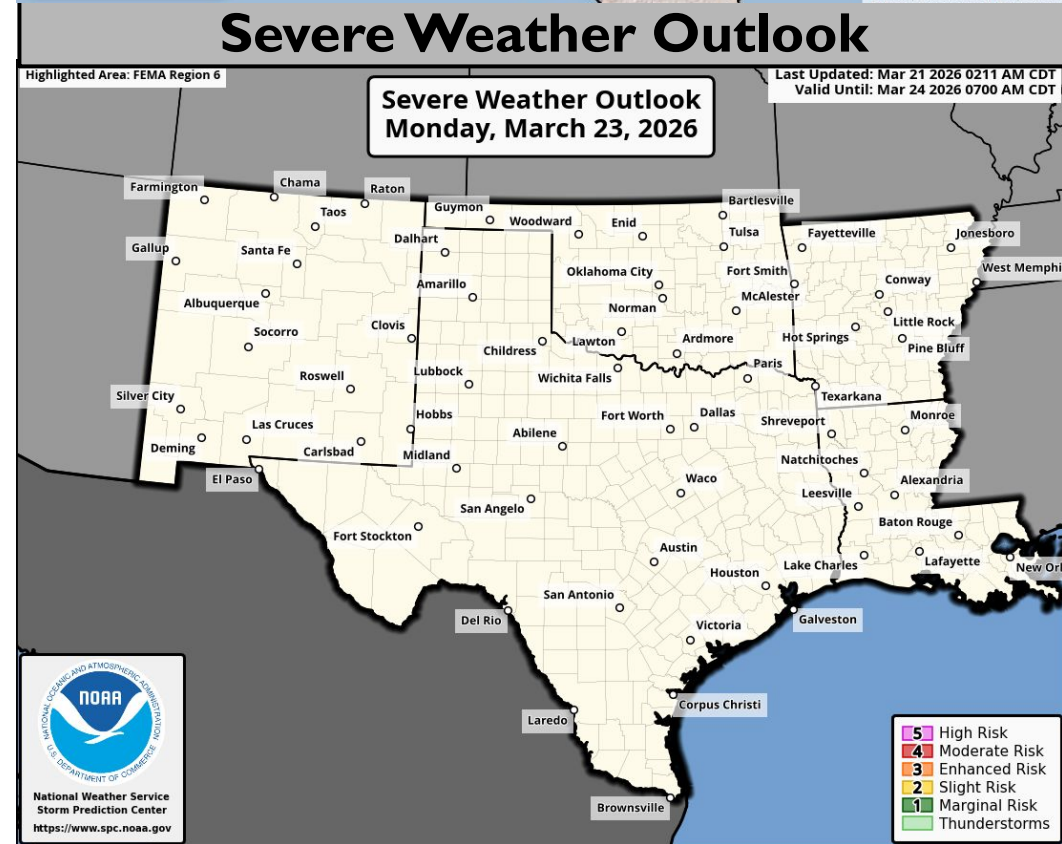


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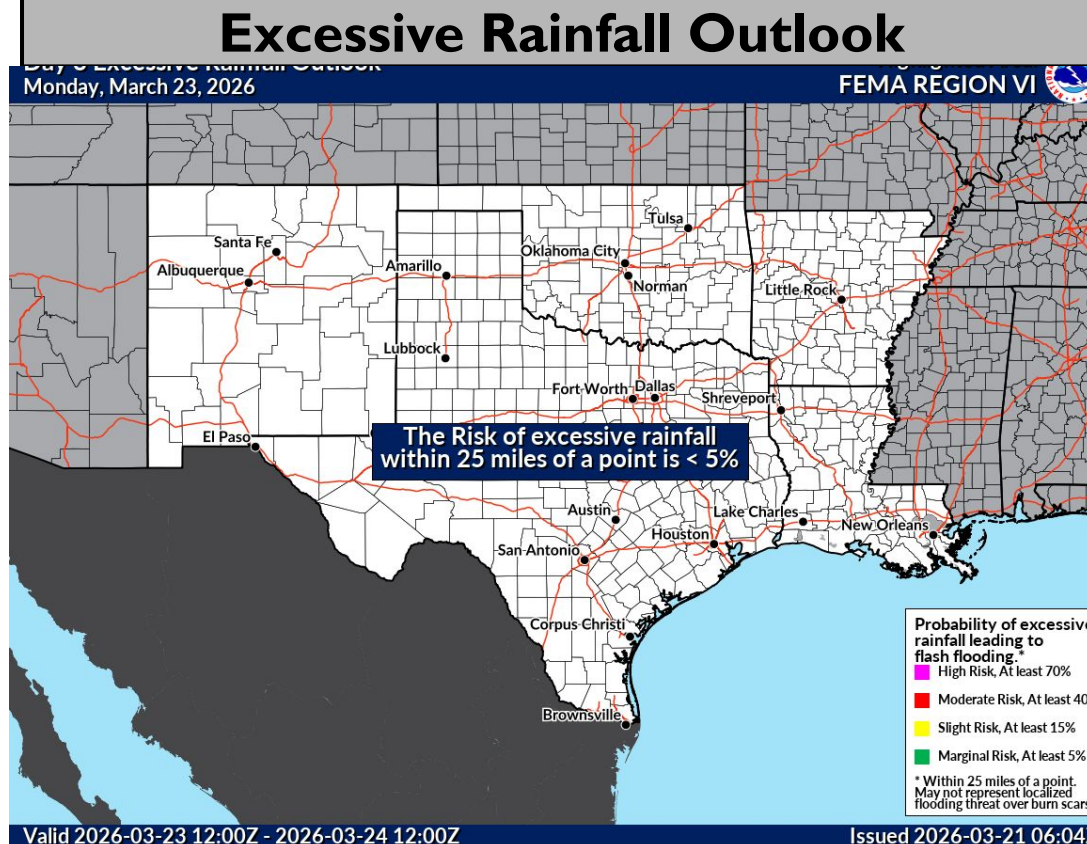


No significant weather expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



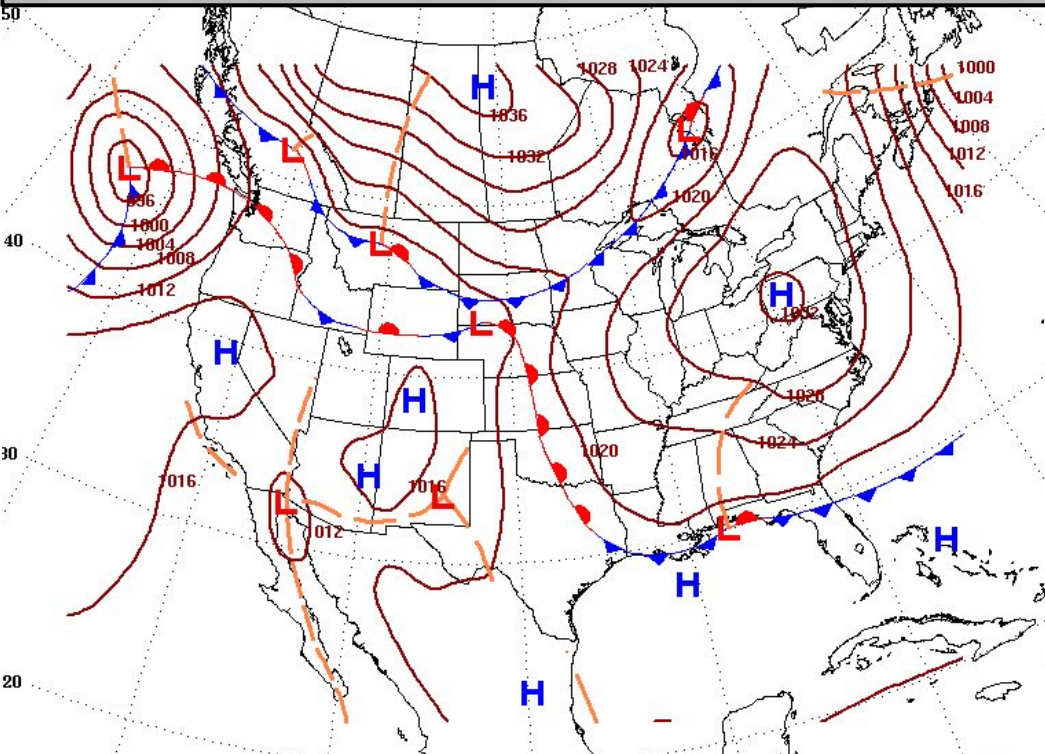
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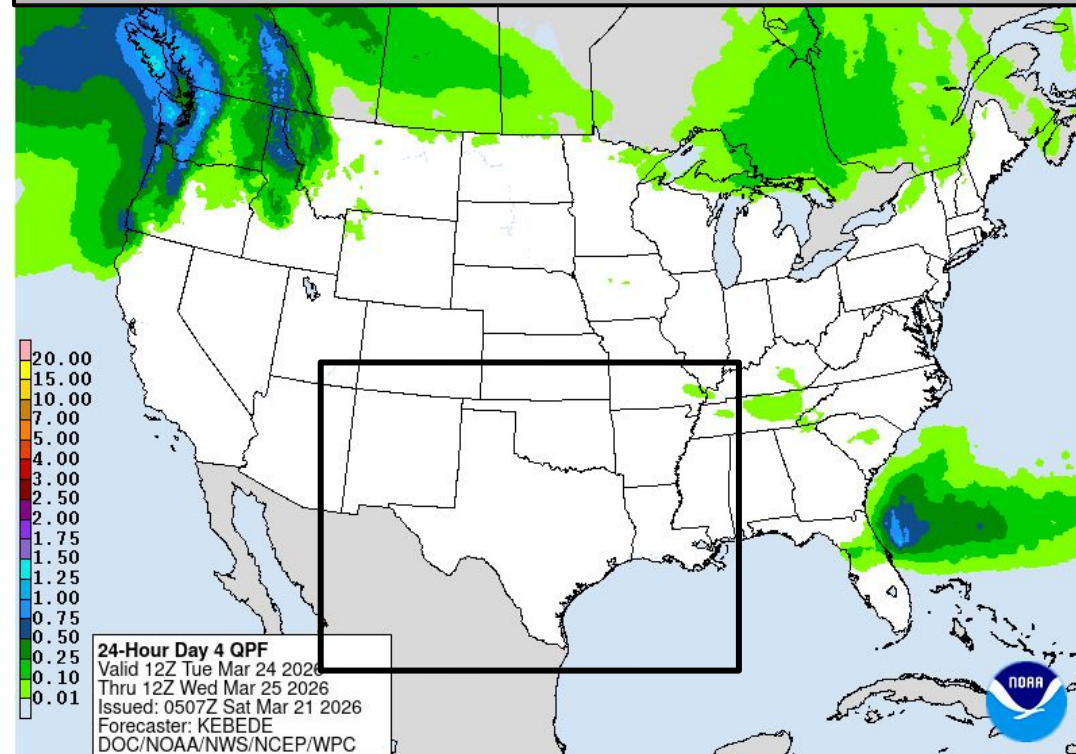


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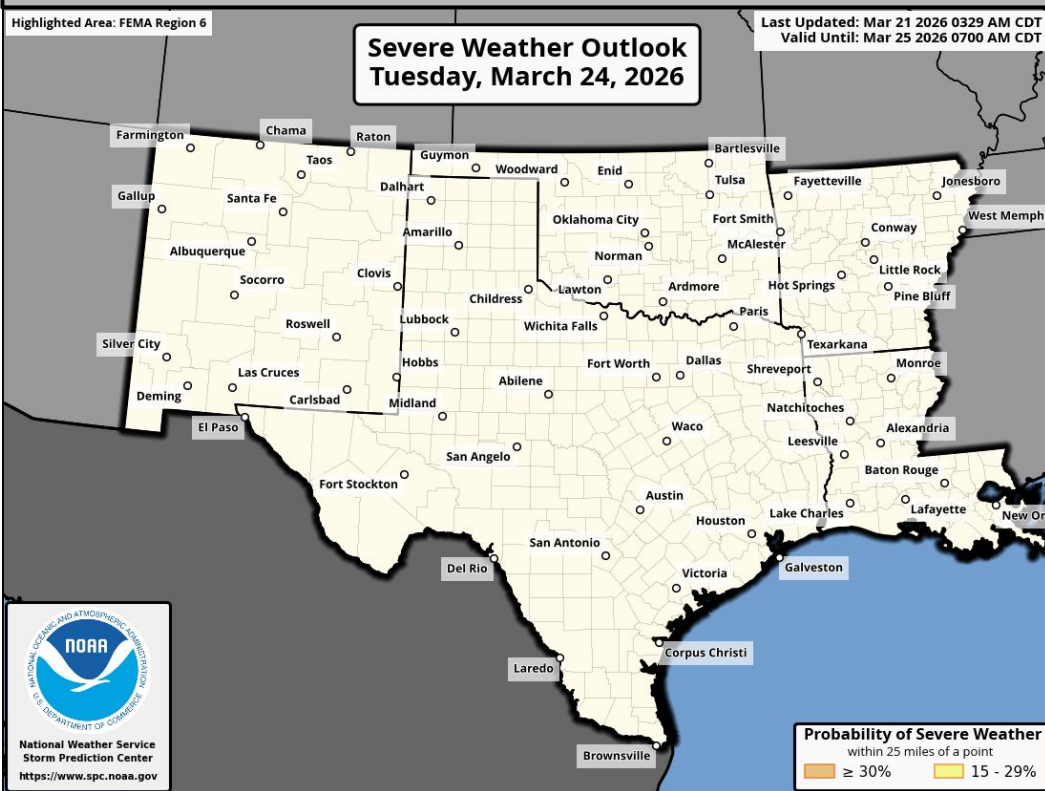


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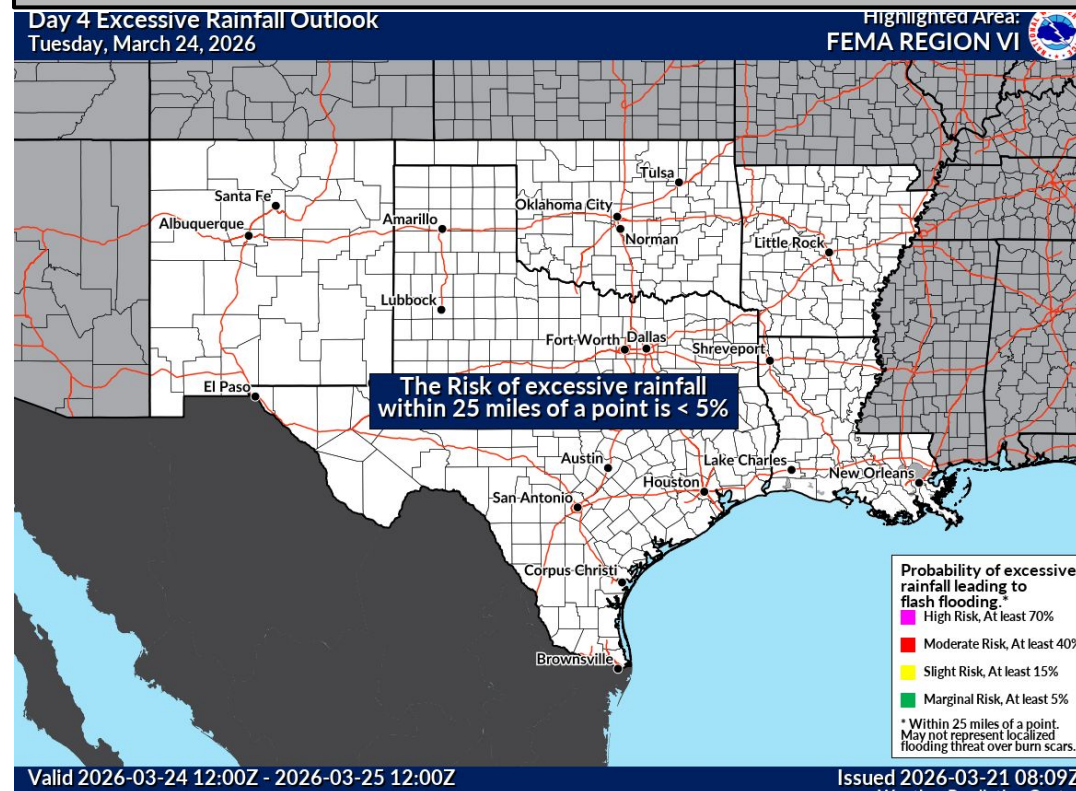


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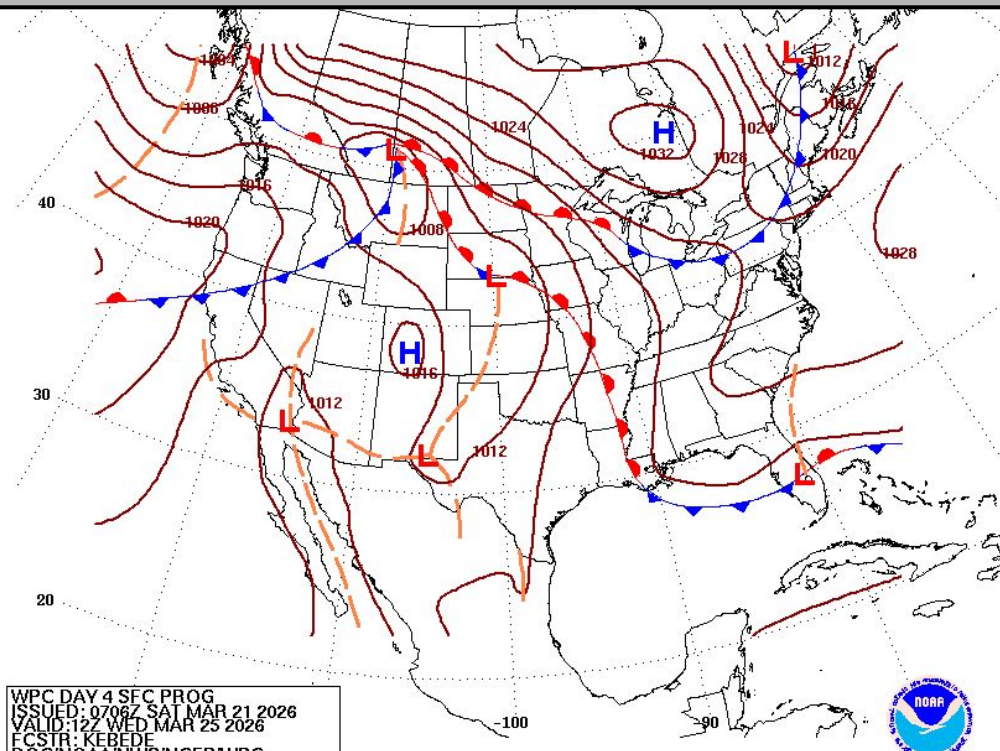
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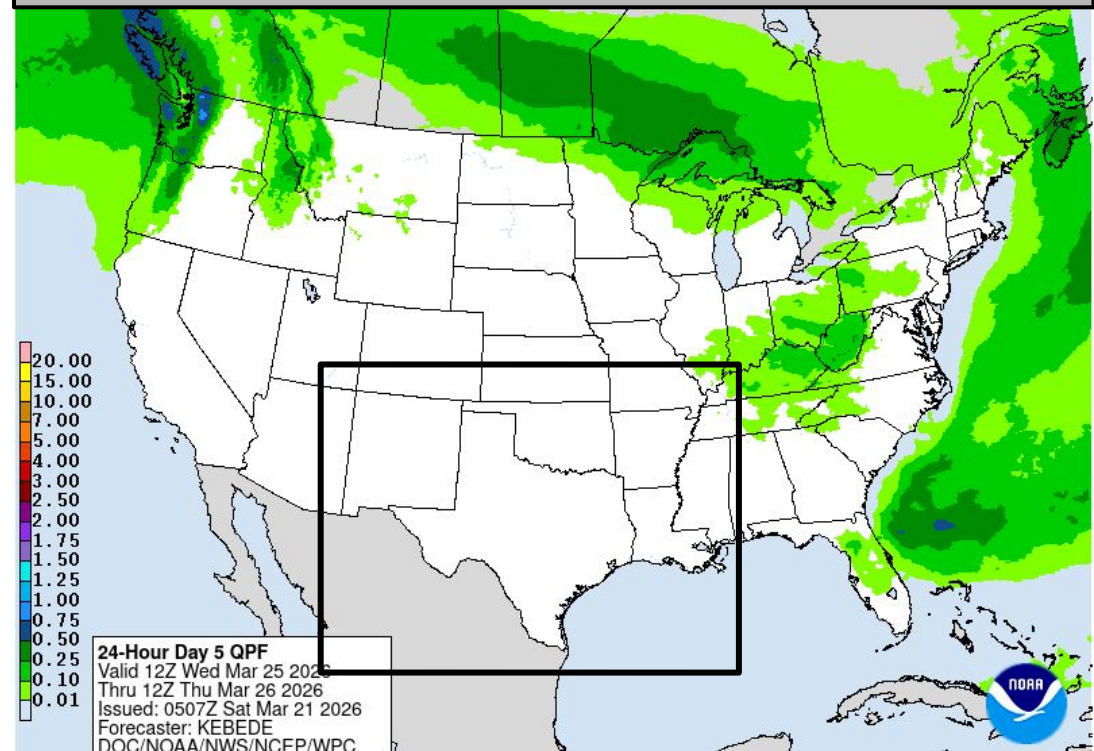
# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z WED MAR 25 2026  
FCSTR: KEBEDE  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

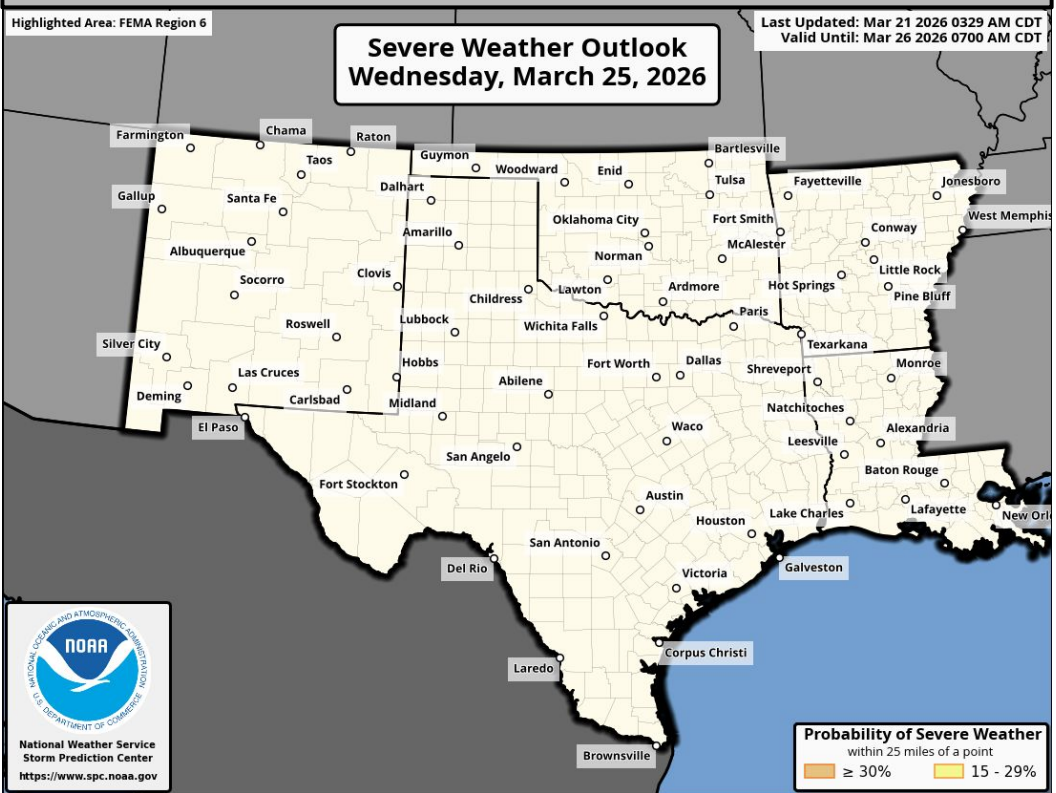
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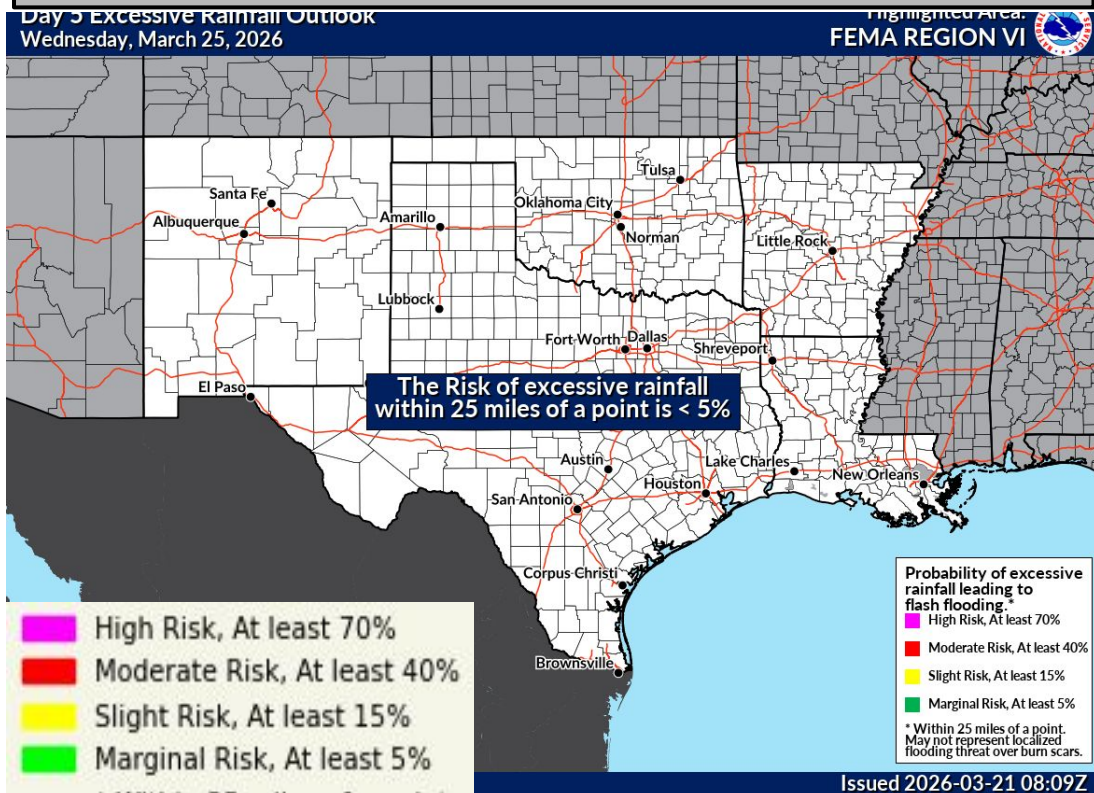
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Valid 12Z Wed Mar 25 2026  
Thru 12Z Thu Mar 26 2026  
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

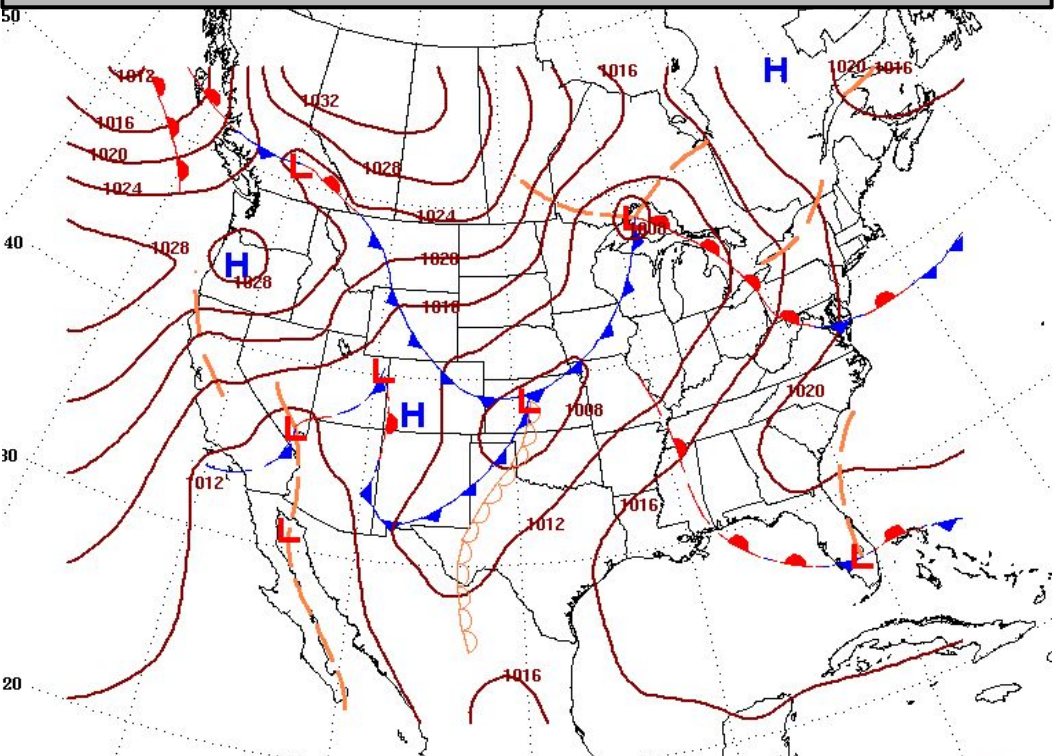


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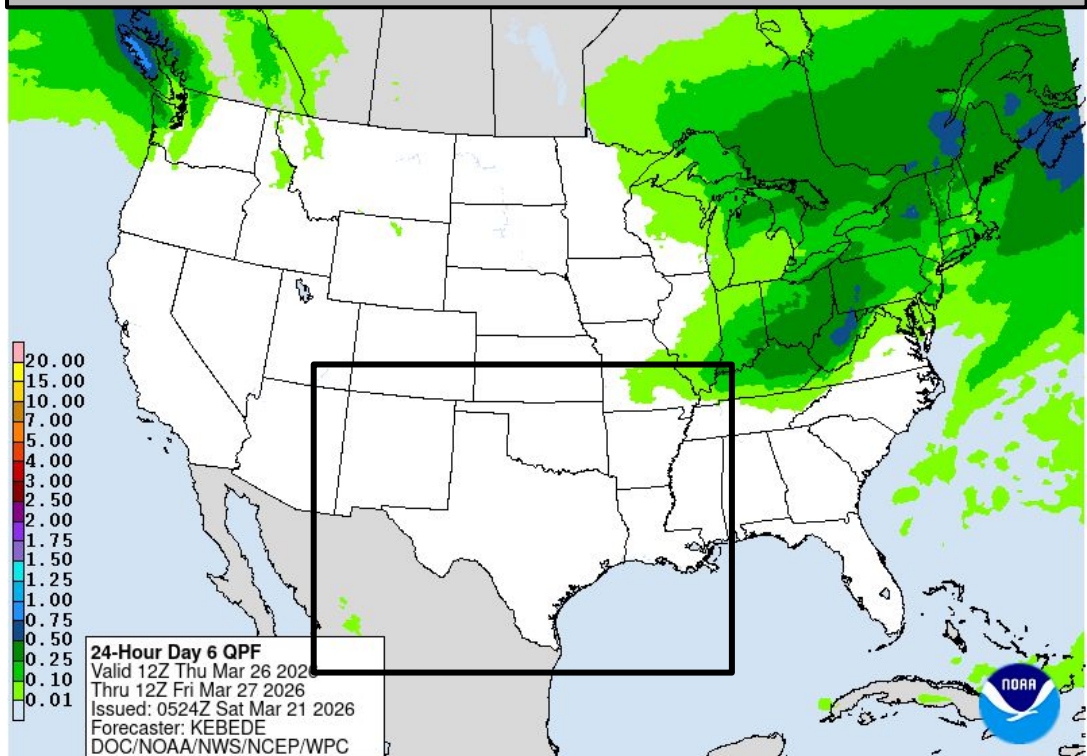


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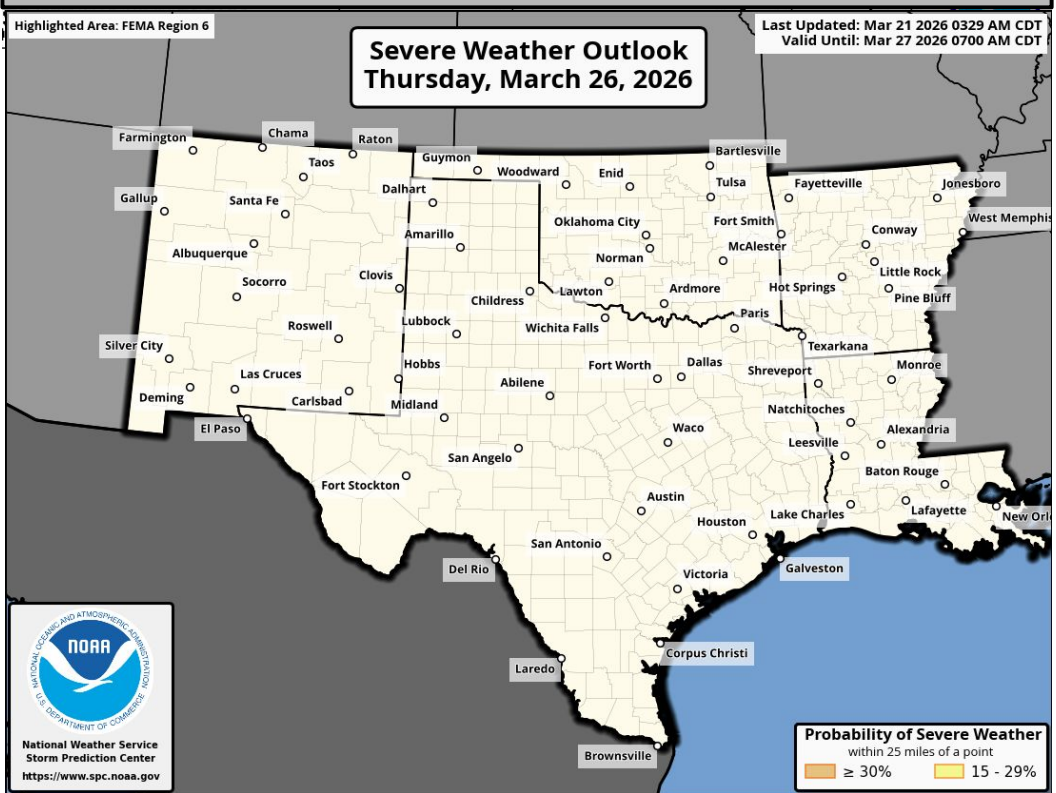


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring for fire weather in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

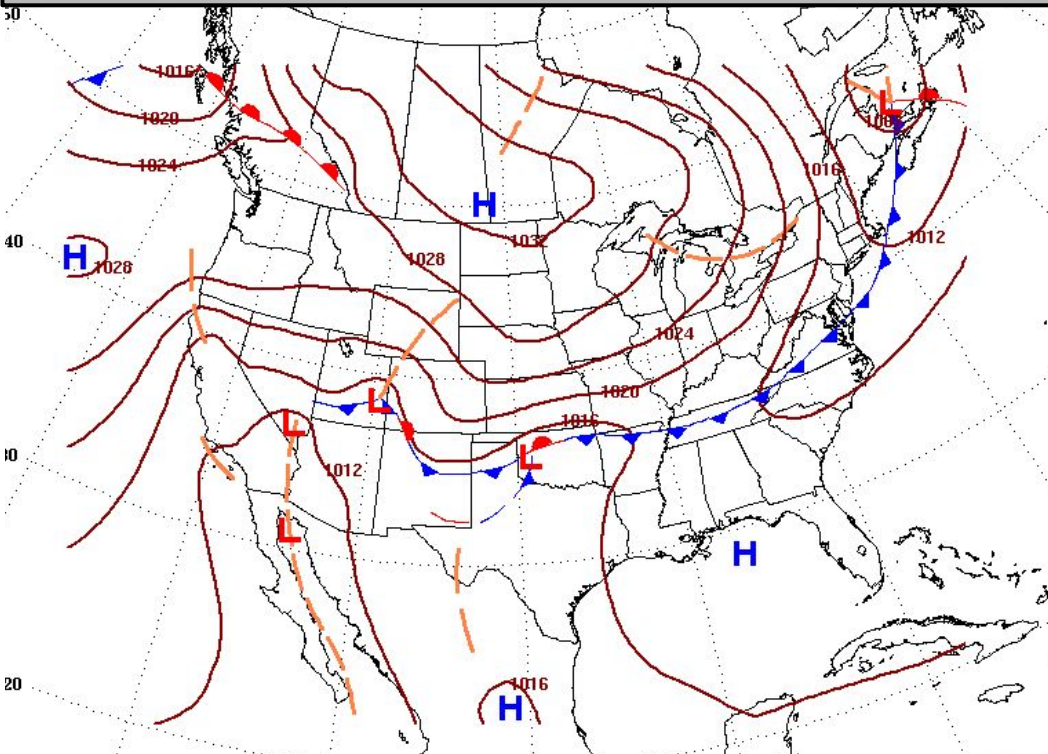


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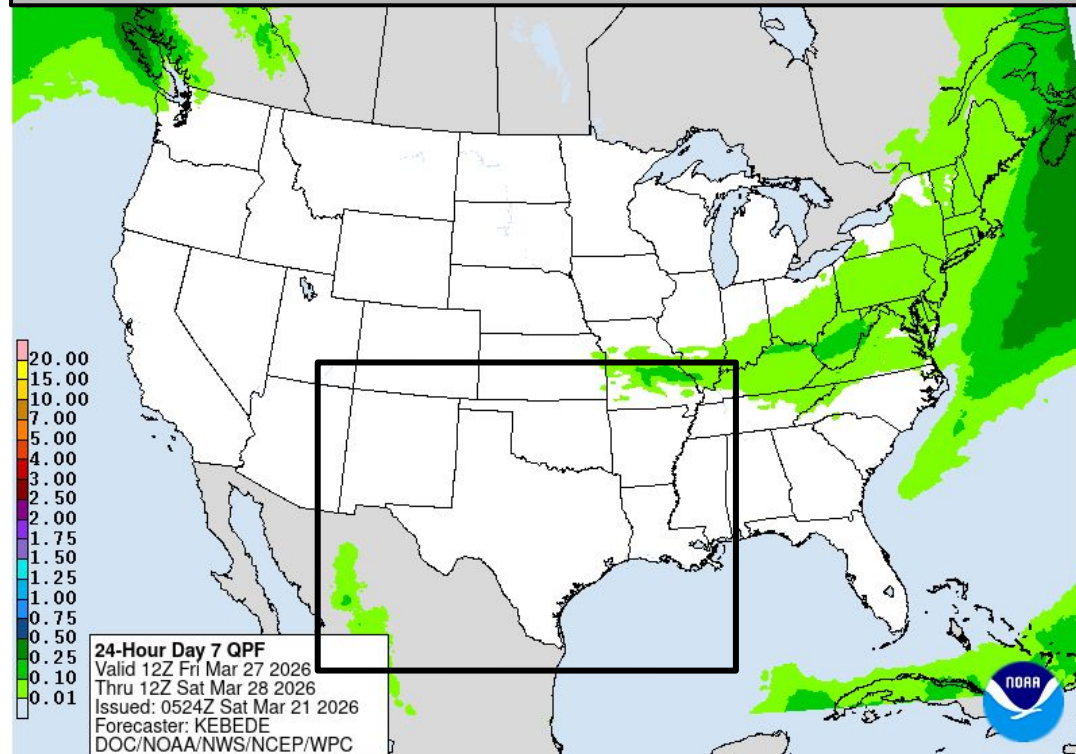


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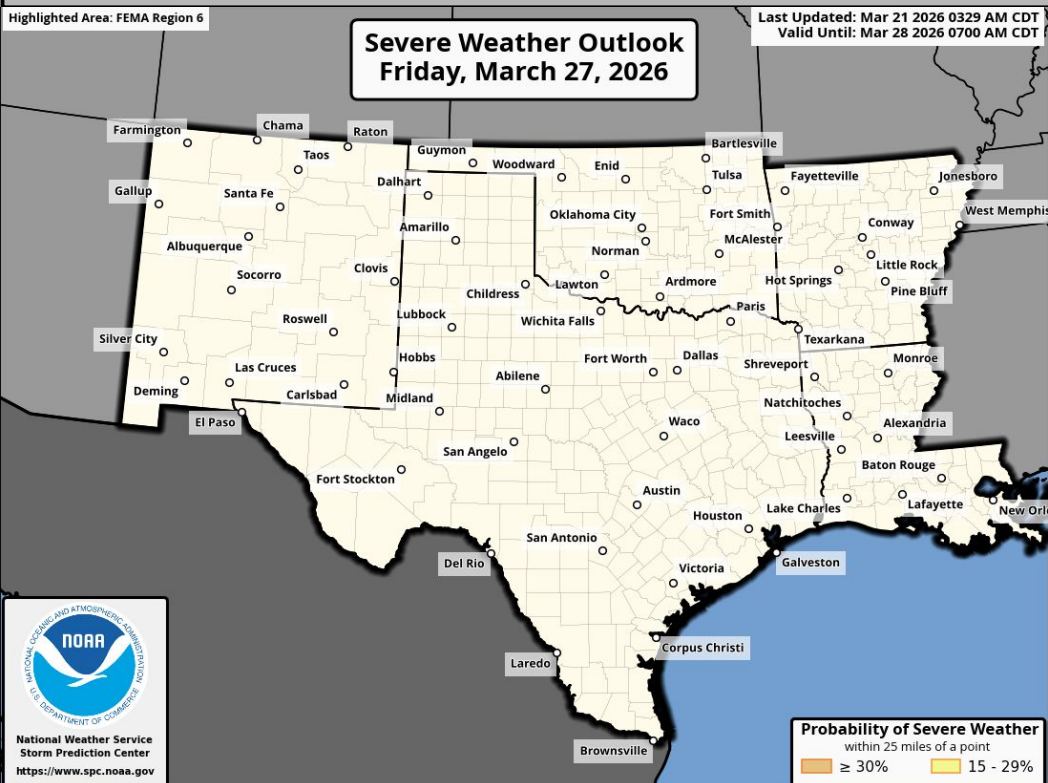


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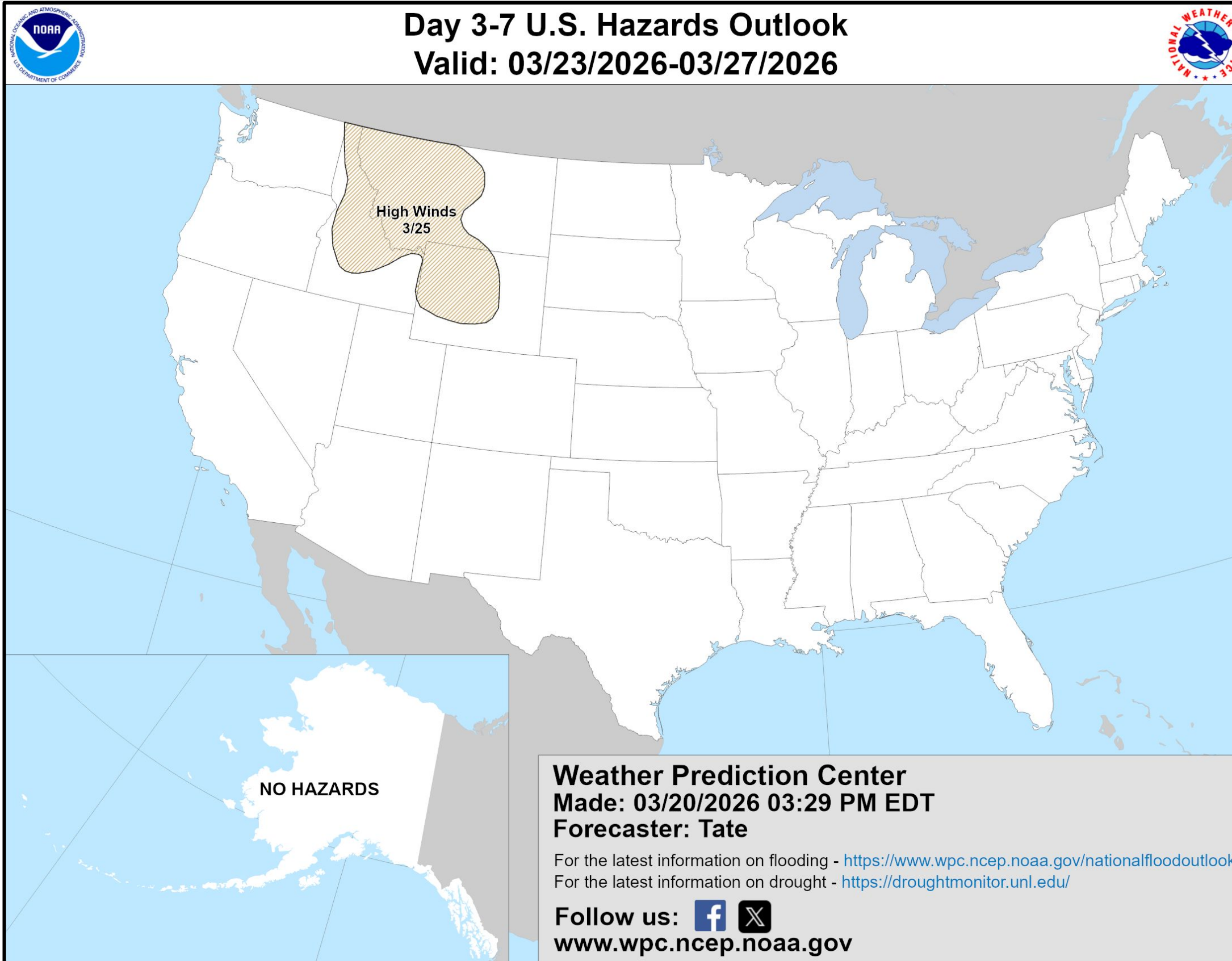
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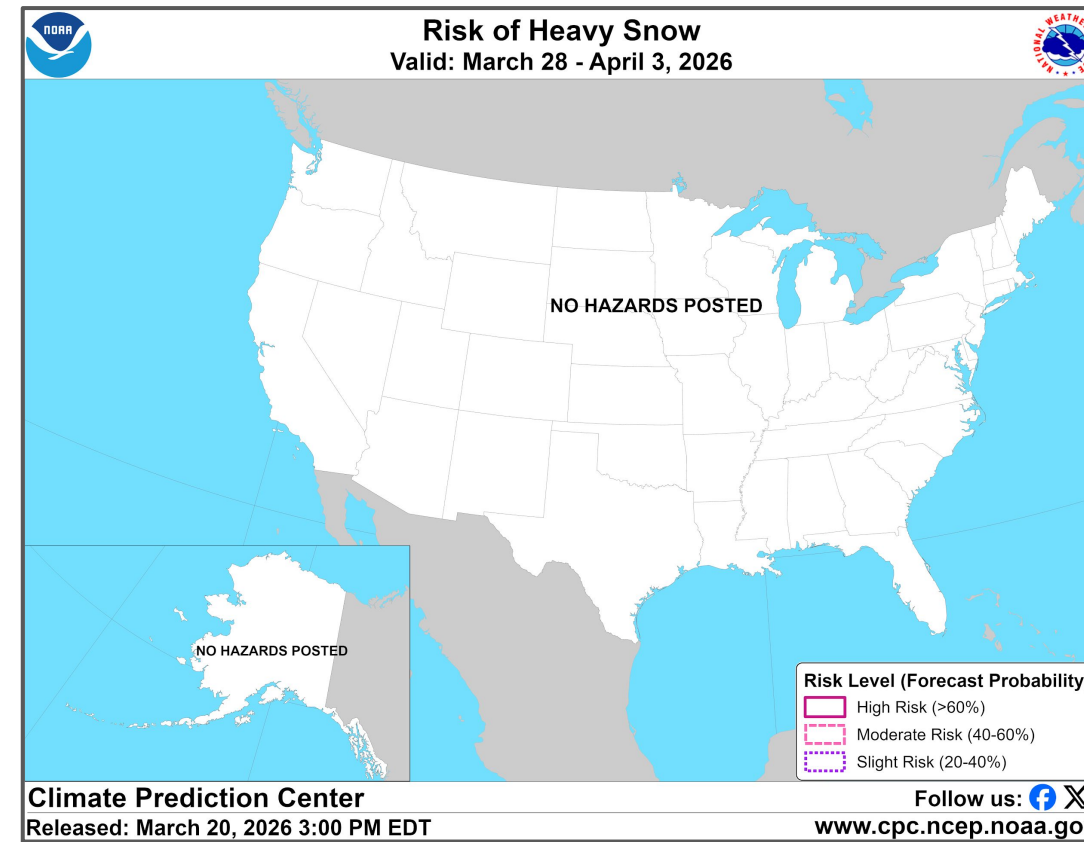
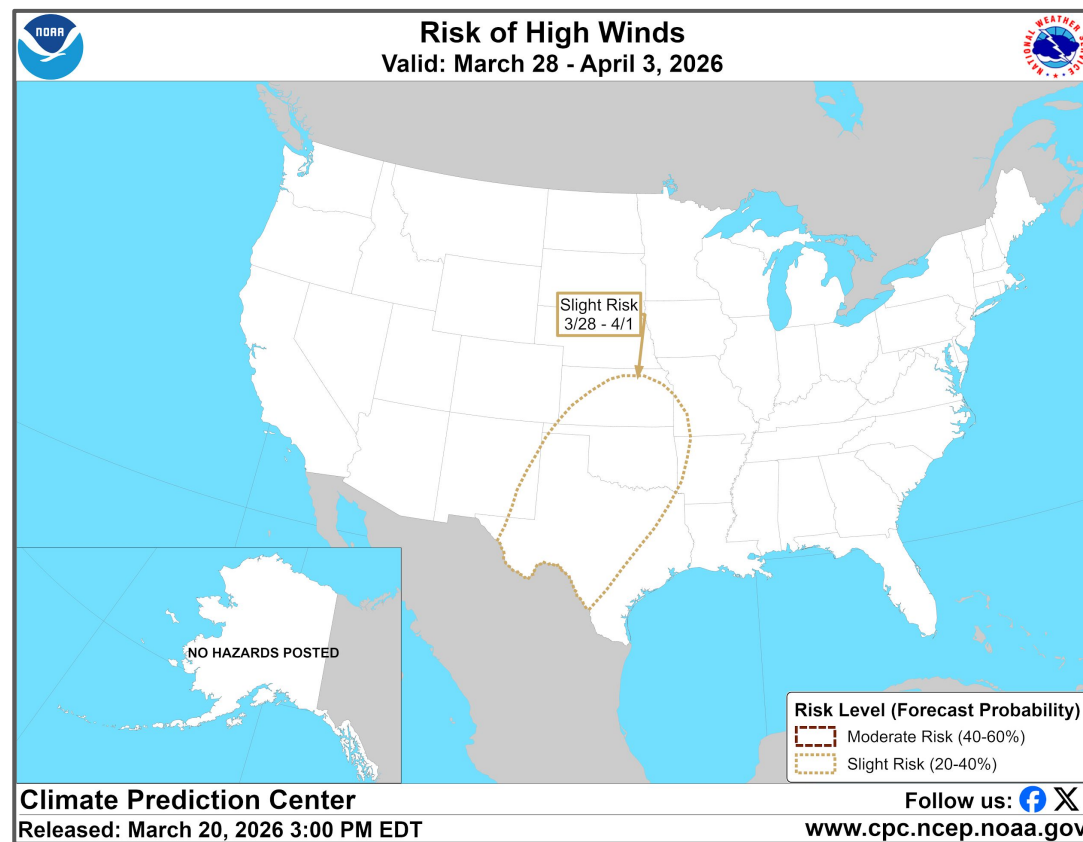
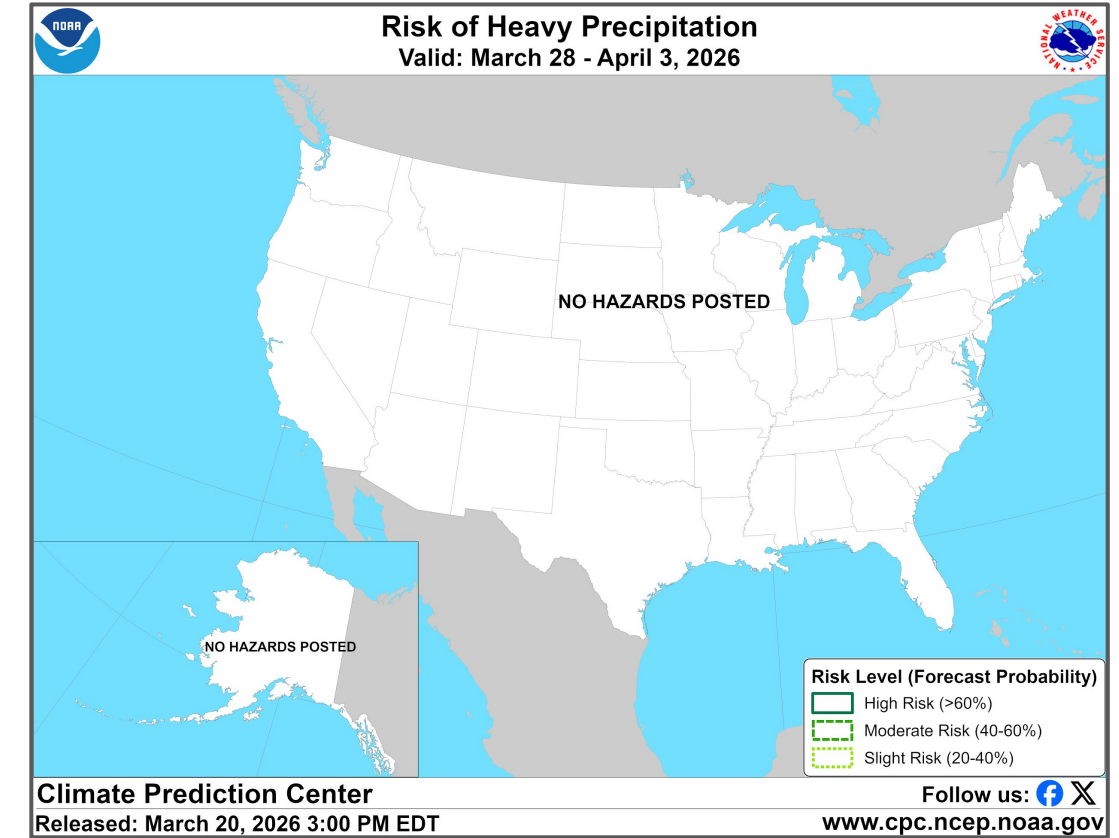
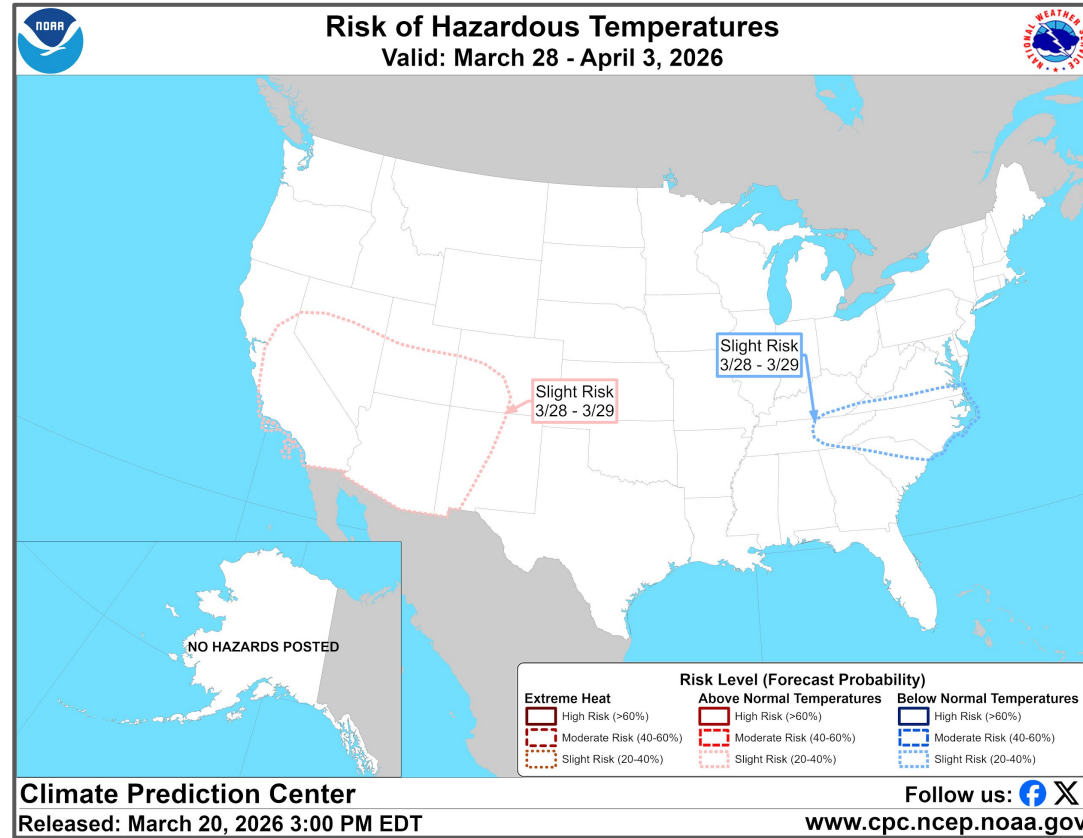
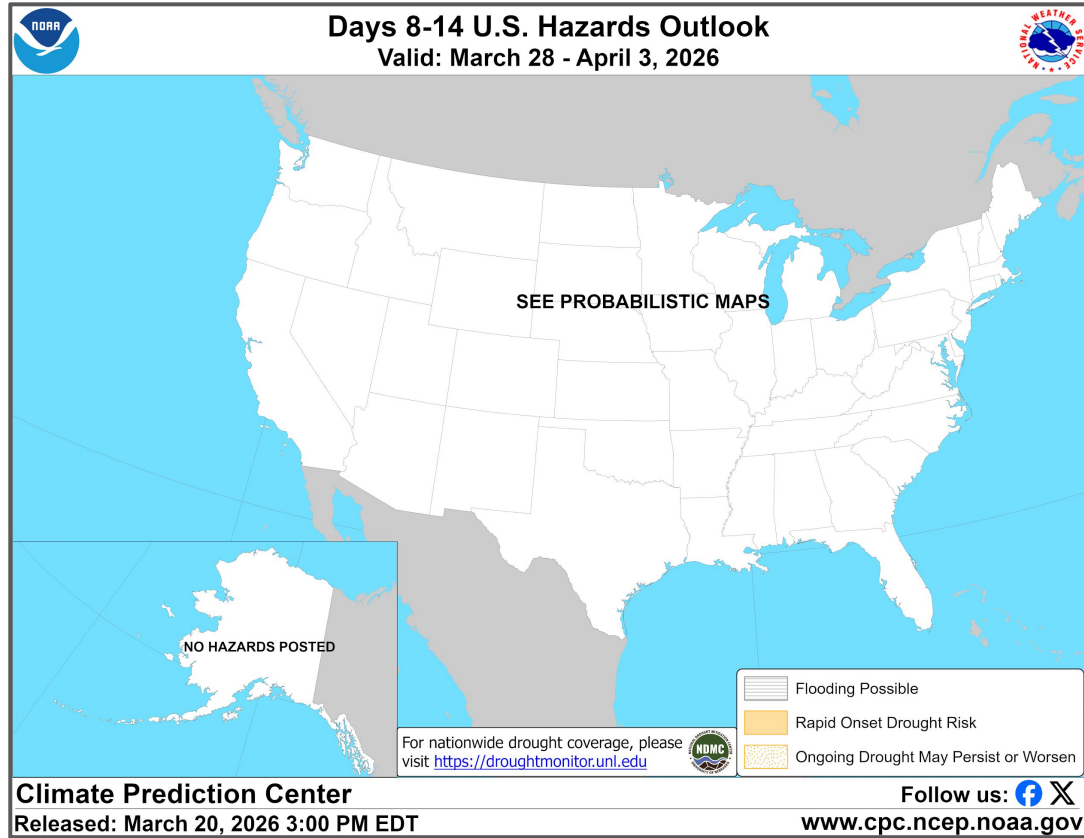


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





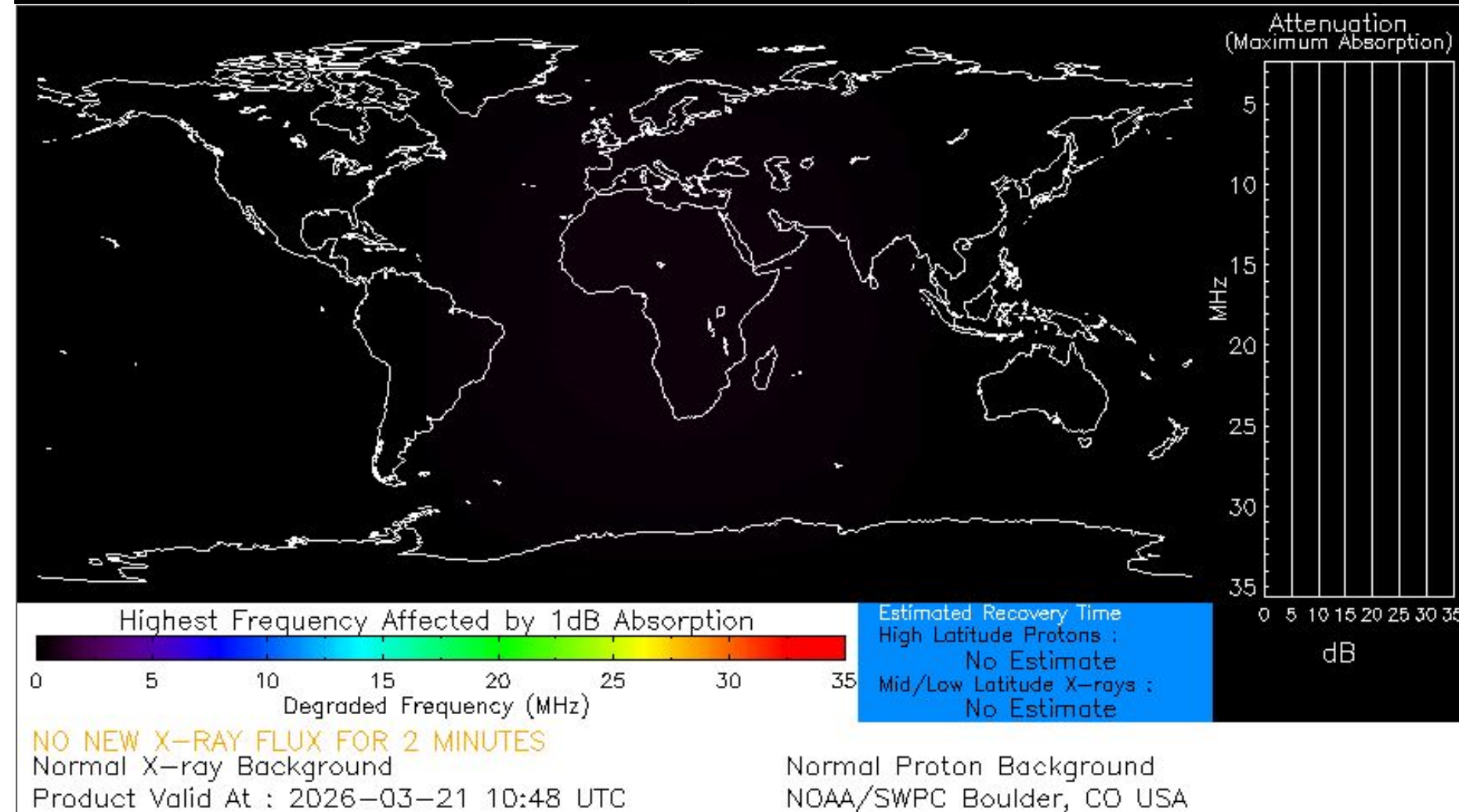
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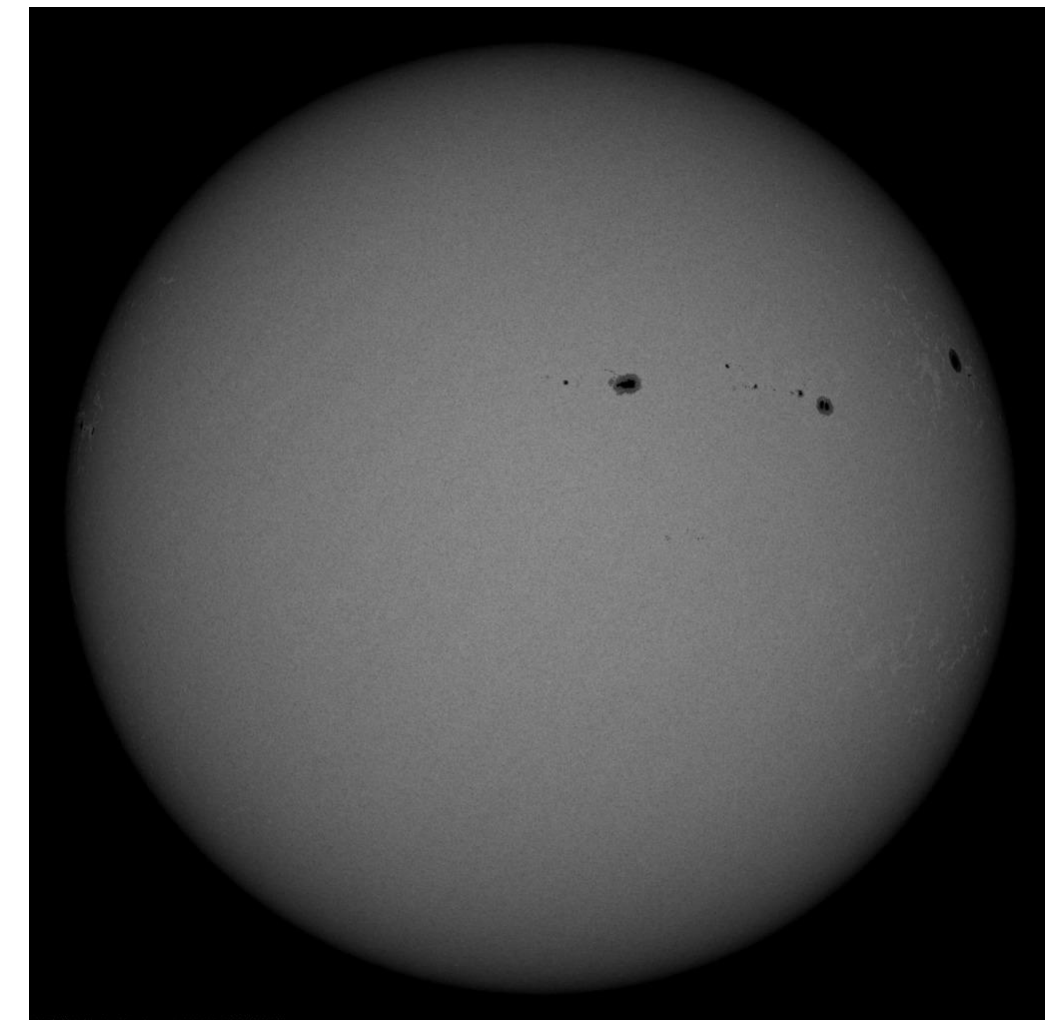
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 21	Sunday, Mar 22	Monday, Mar 23
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	10%	10%	10%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	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;"><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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