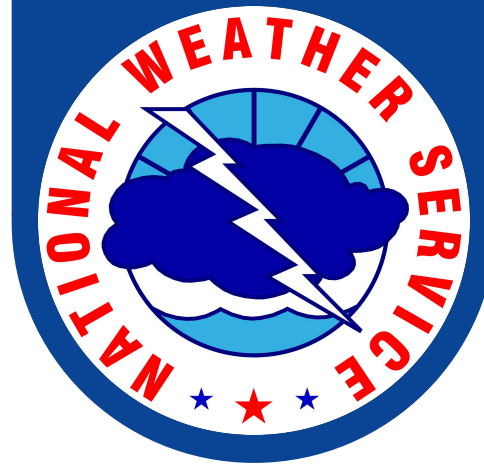




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Tuesday, March 24, 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 (level 1 of 3) today for portions of W TX, TX South Plains.**
- **Critical (level 2 of 3) Thursday in NE NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W/Ctrl OK. Cold front brings northerly wind shift overnight.**
- **Fire weather concerns may persist on Friday in portions of NM, TX, and OK due to dry, breezy winds from the north/northeast.**

- **Heat:**

- **Portions of NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, OK will be 25-35 degrees above normal Wed-Thu.**
- **Cooler temps on Friday after the front.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Mar 24	Wednesday, Mar 25	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29	Monday, Mar 30
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Heat		NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, OK	NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, OK				
Fire Weather	WTX, TX South Plains		NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W/Ctrl OK	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W/Ctrl OK			
River Flooding							

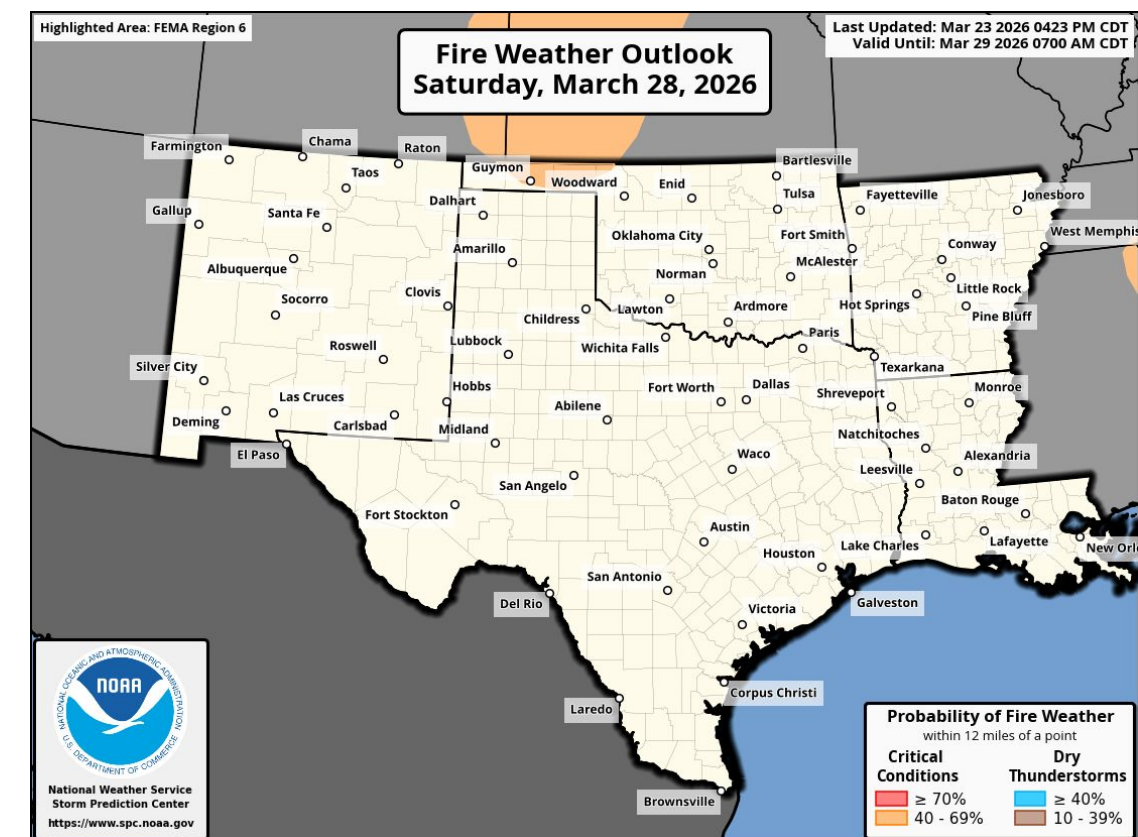
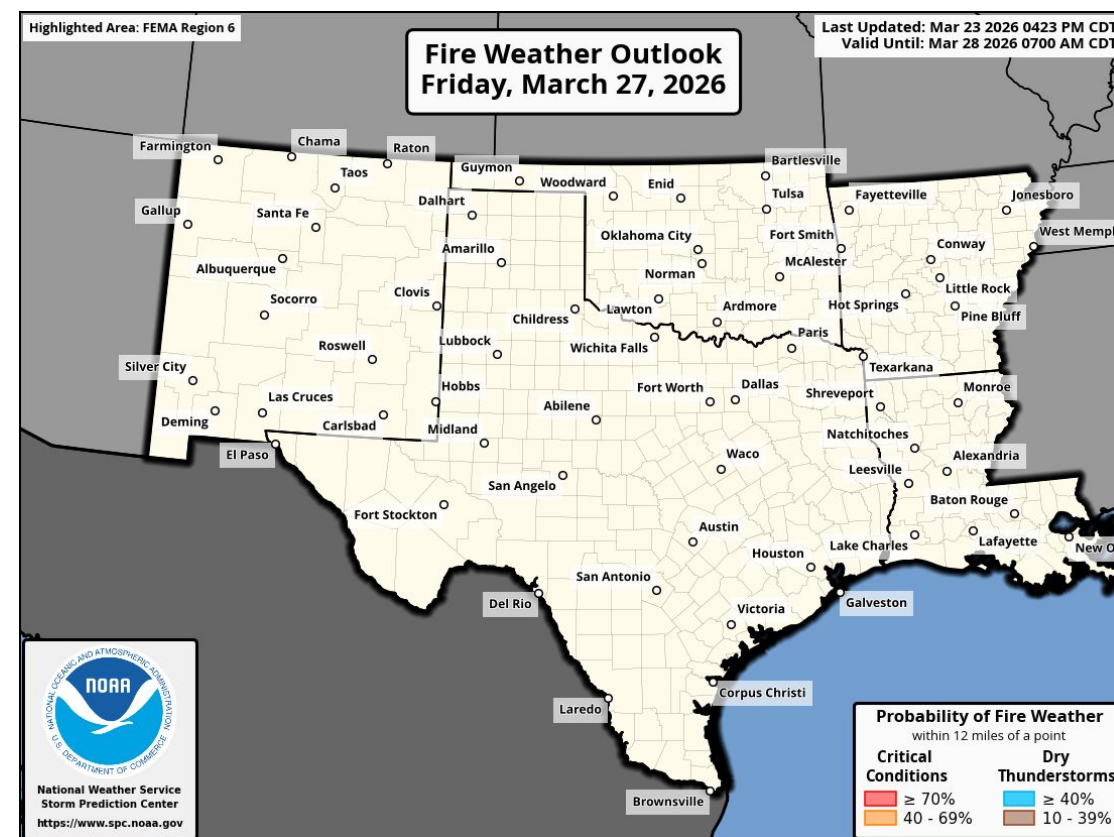
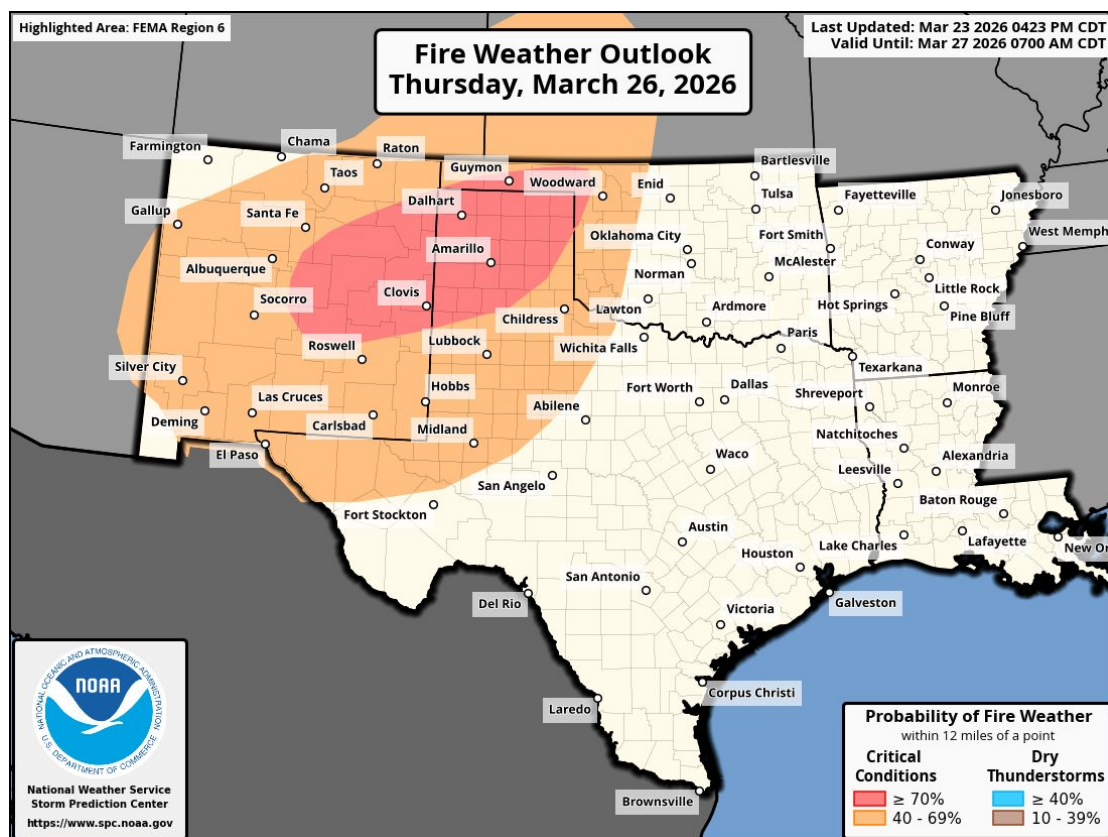
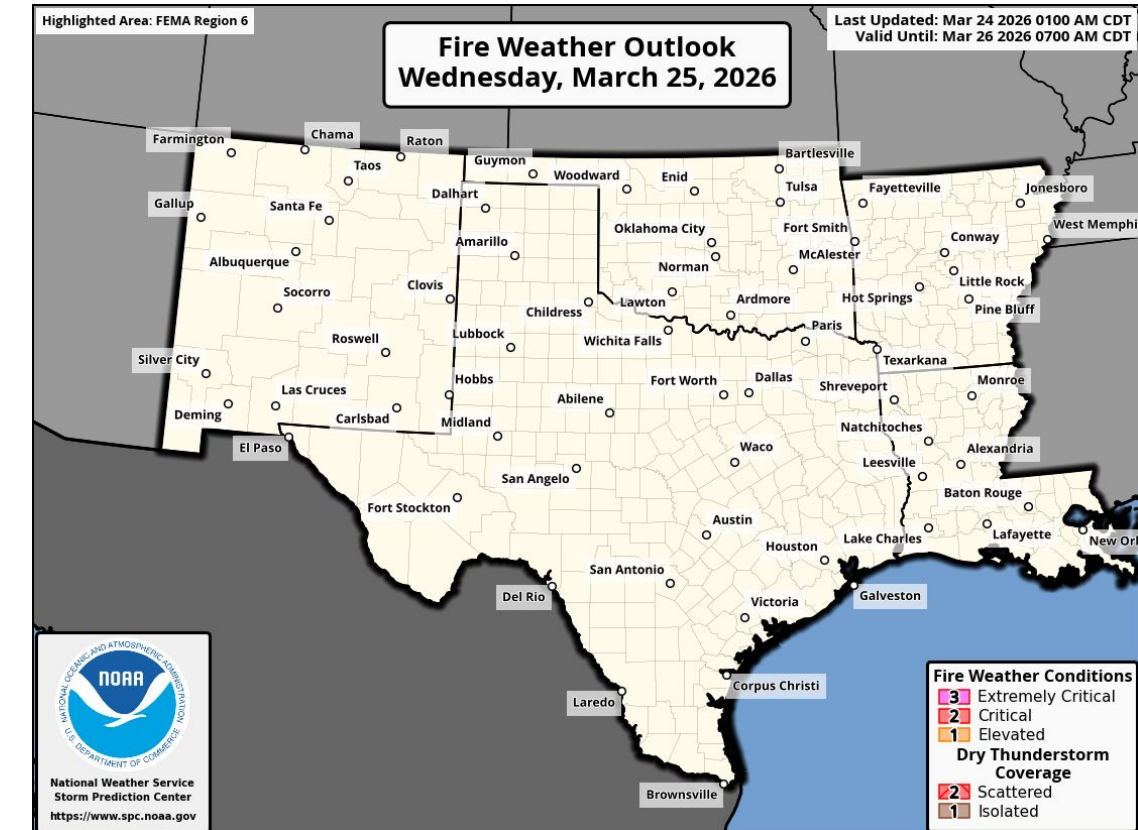
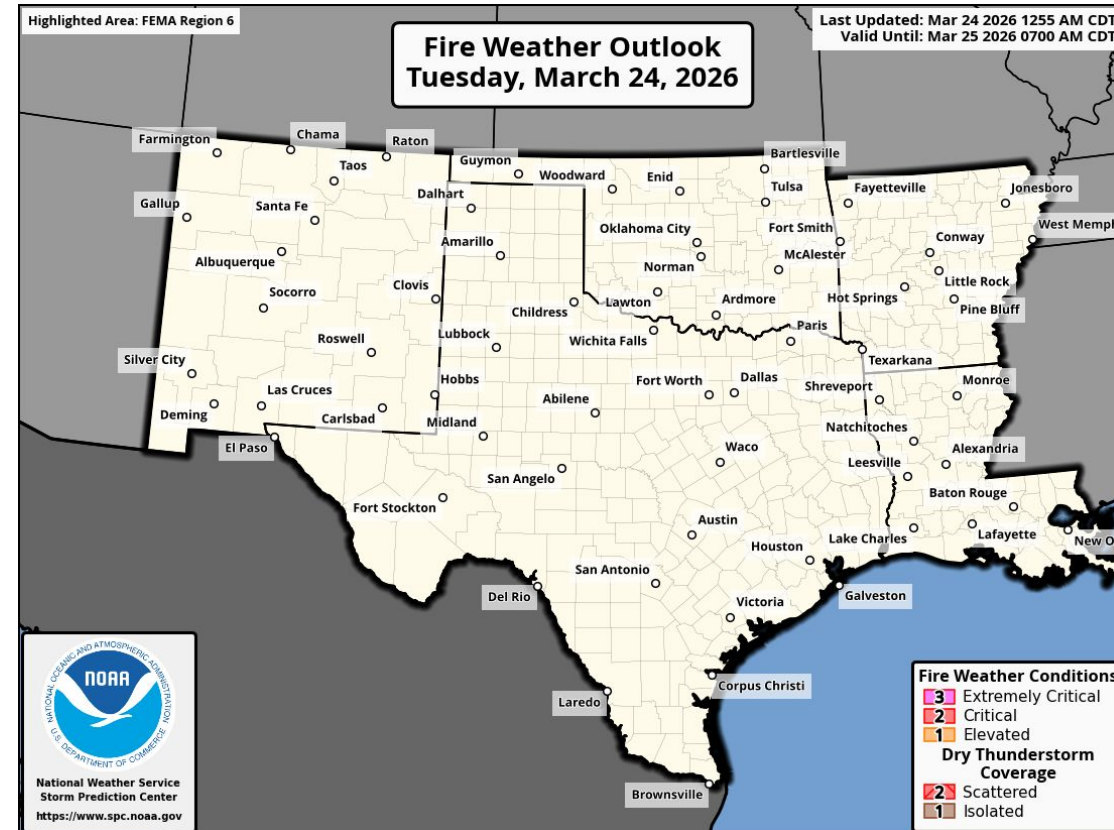
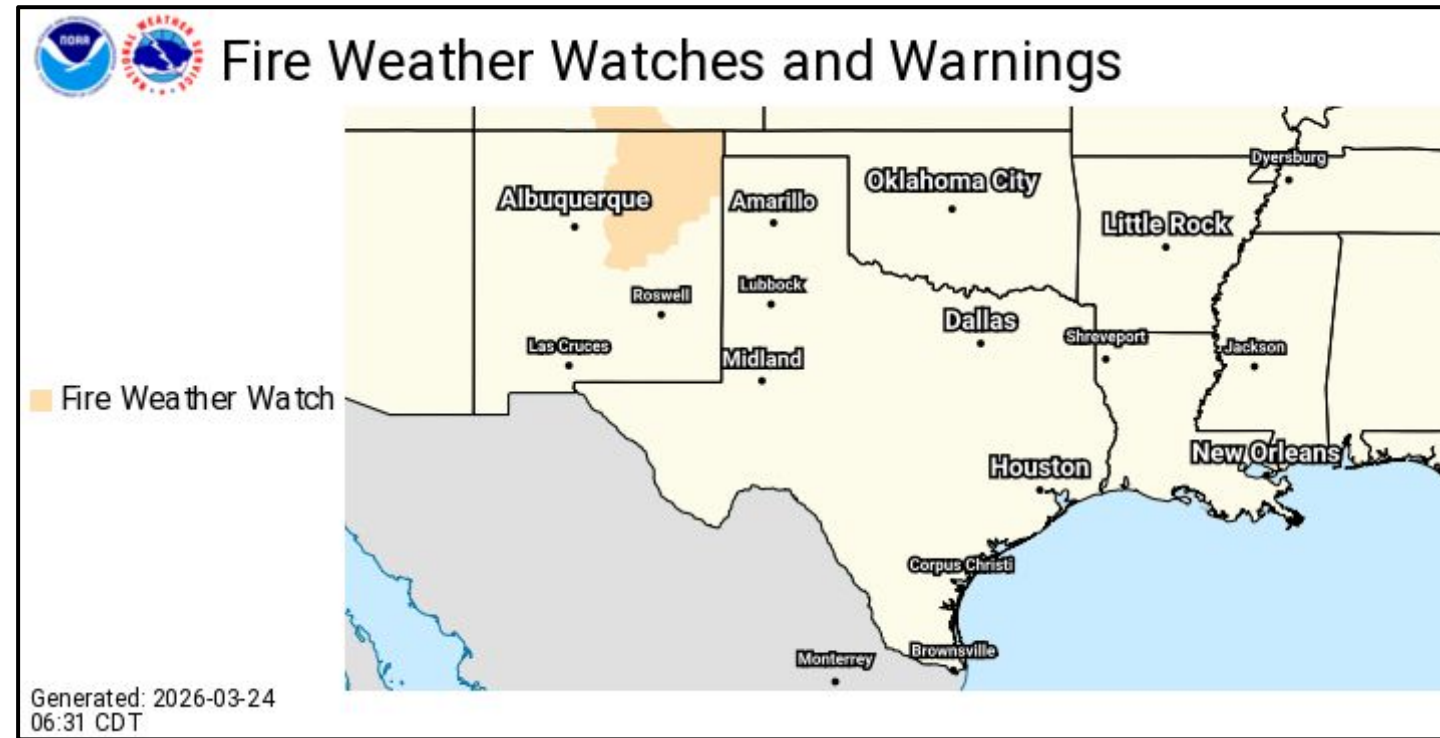
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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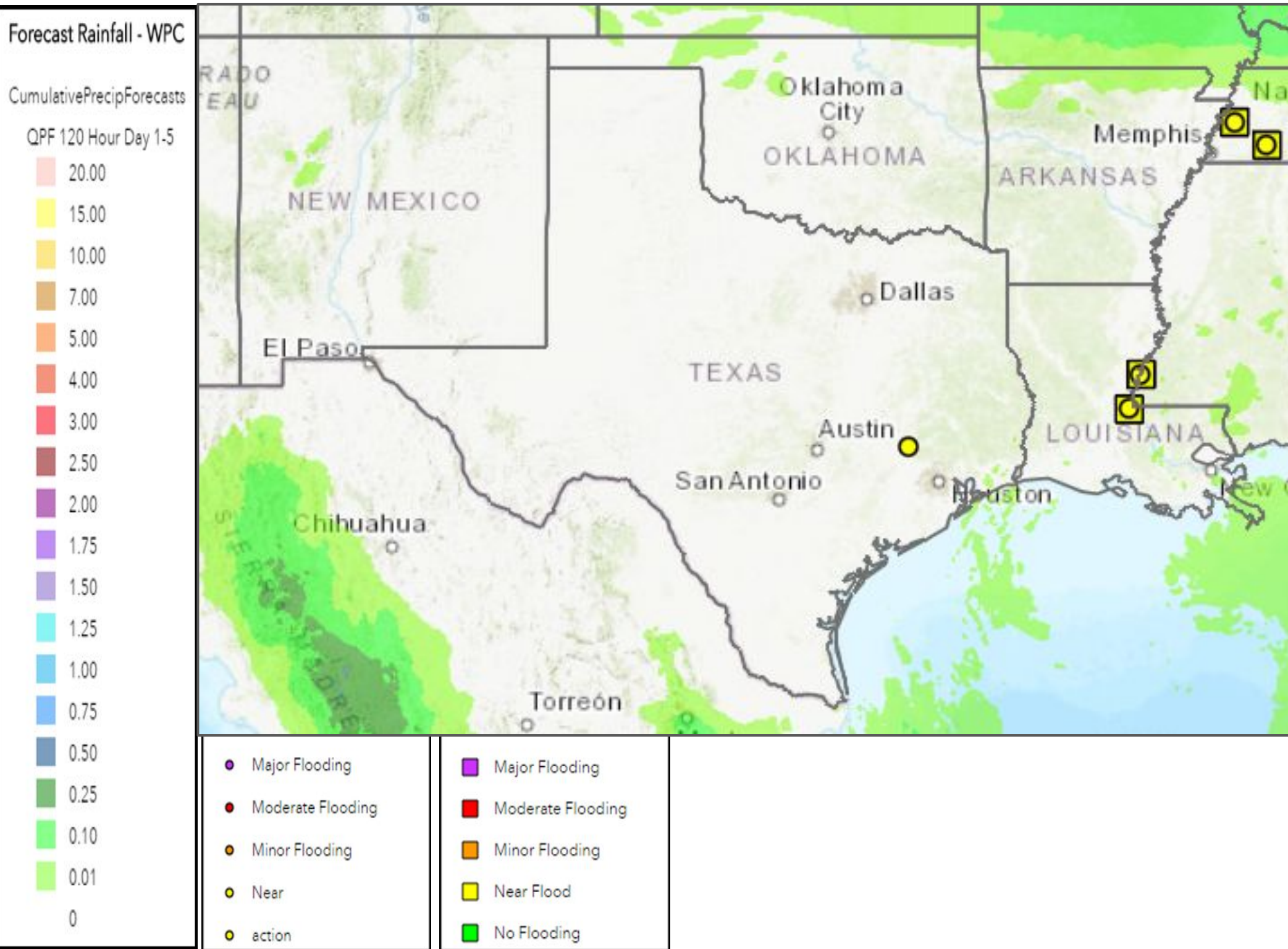
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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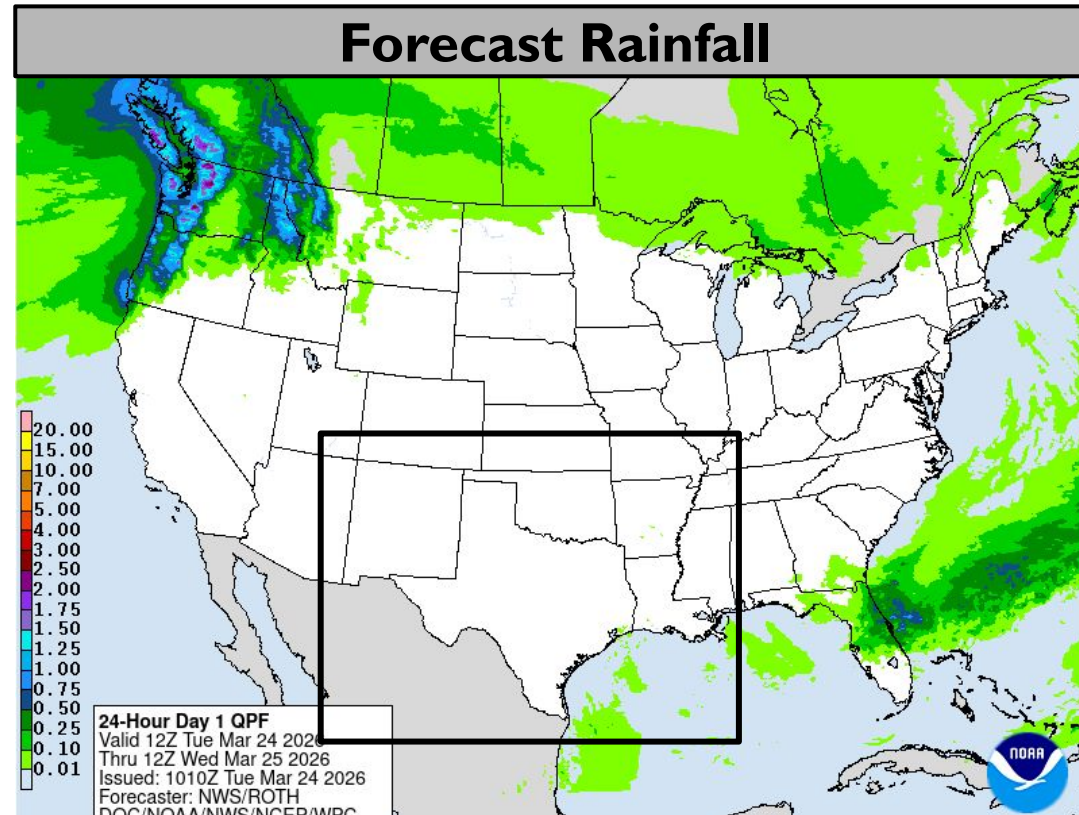
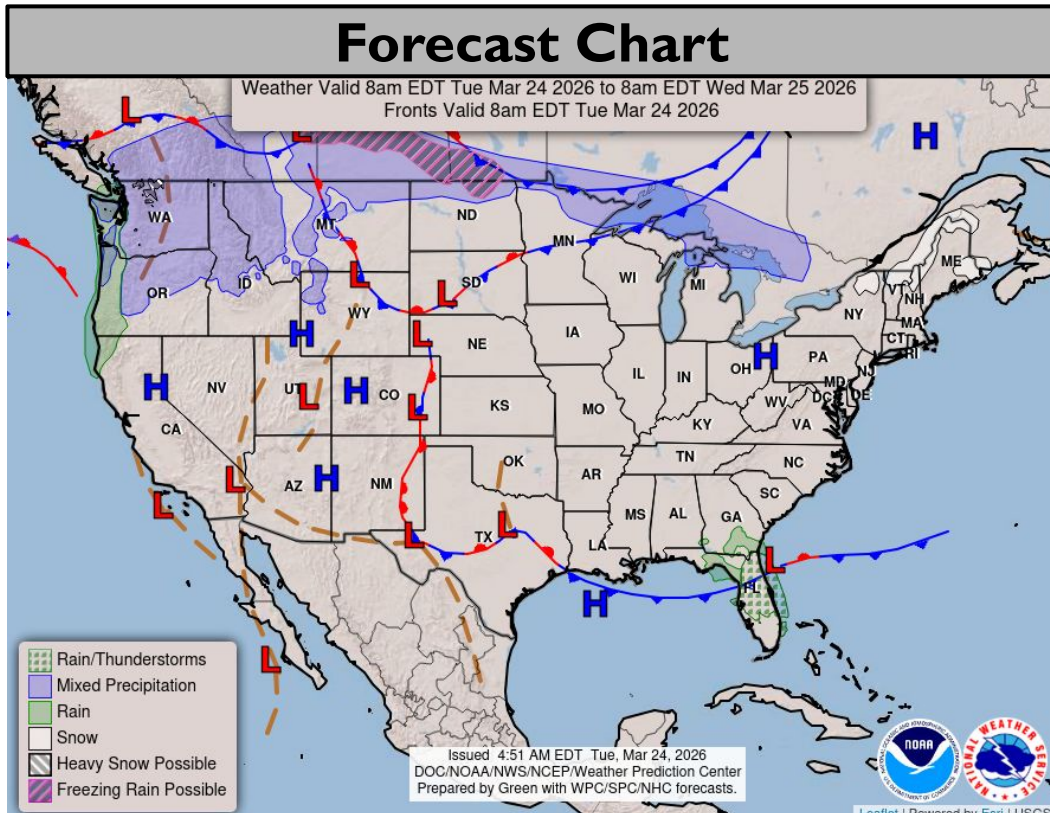


**River flooding is not expected.**

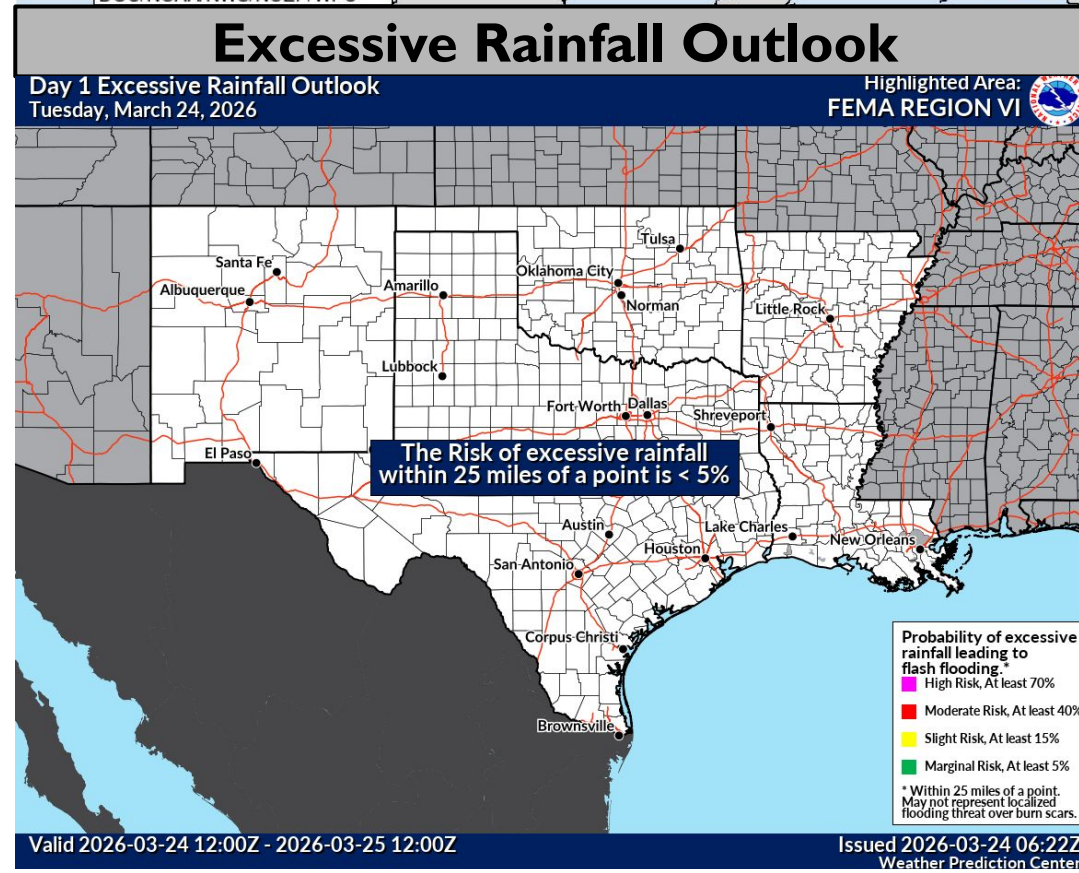
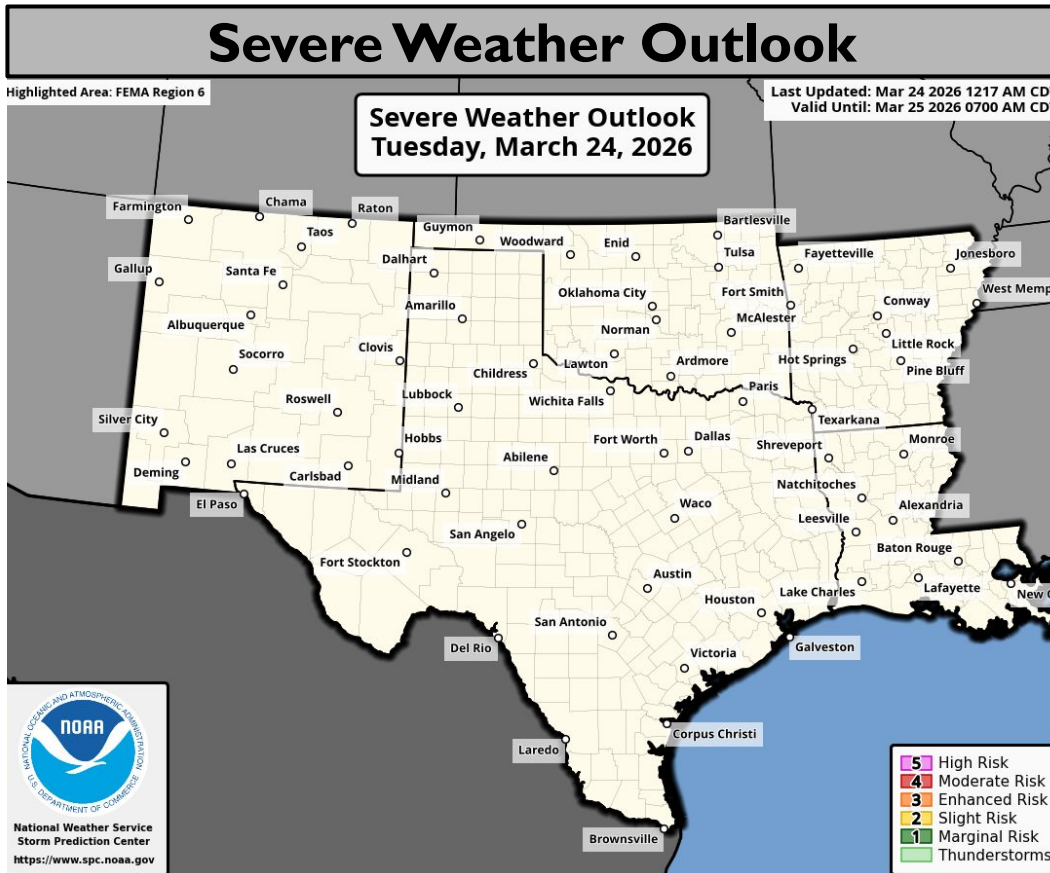
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# Today's Weather

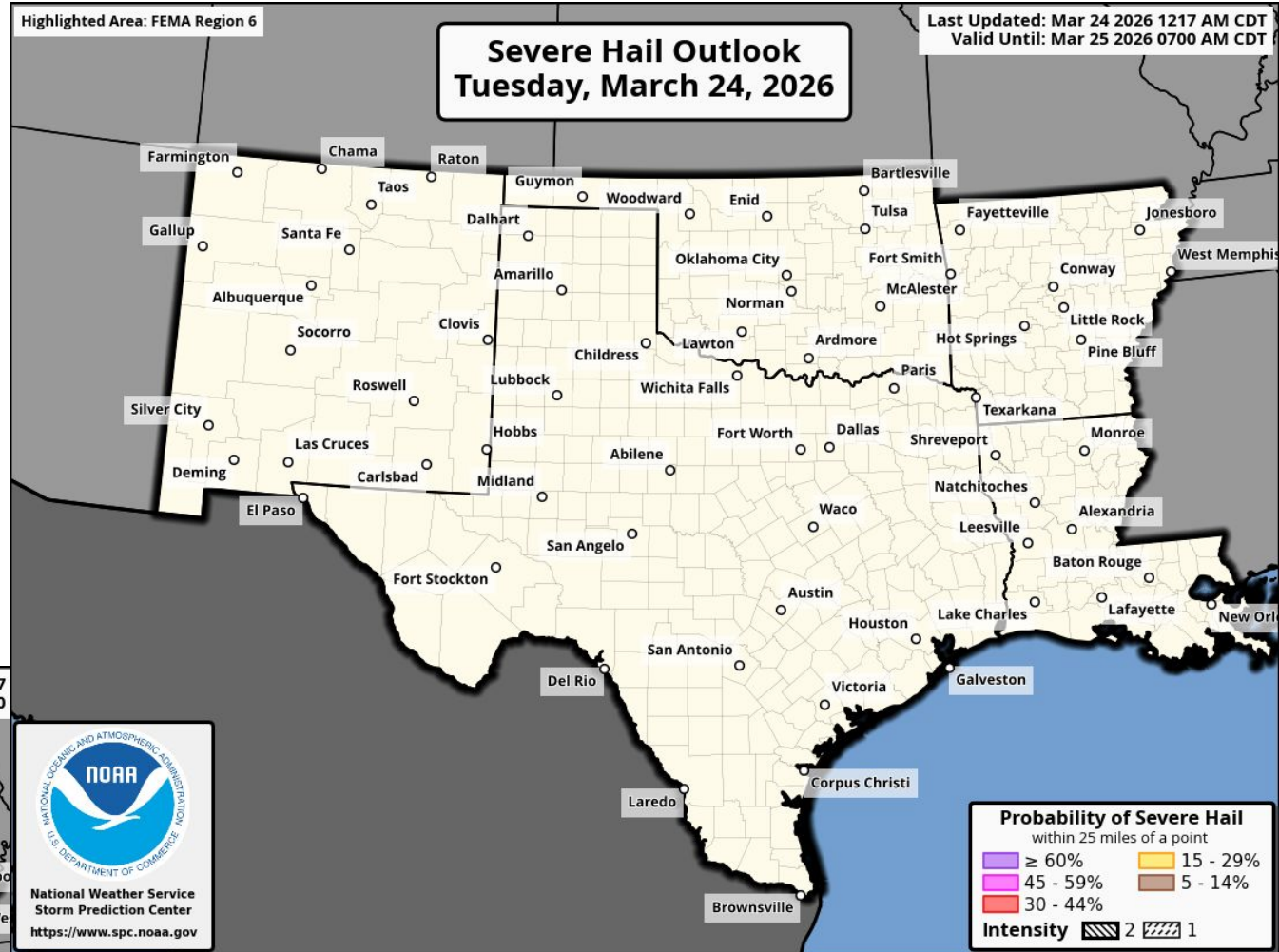
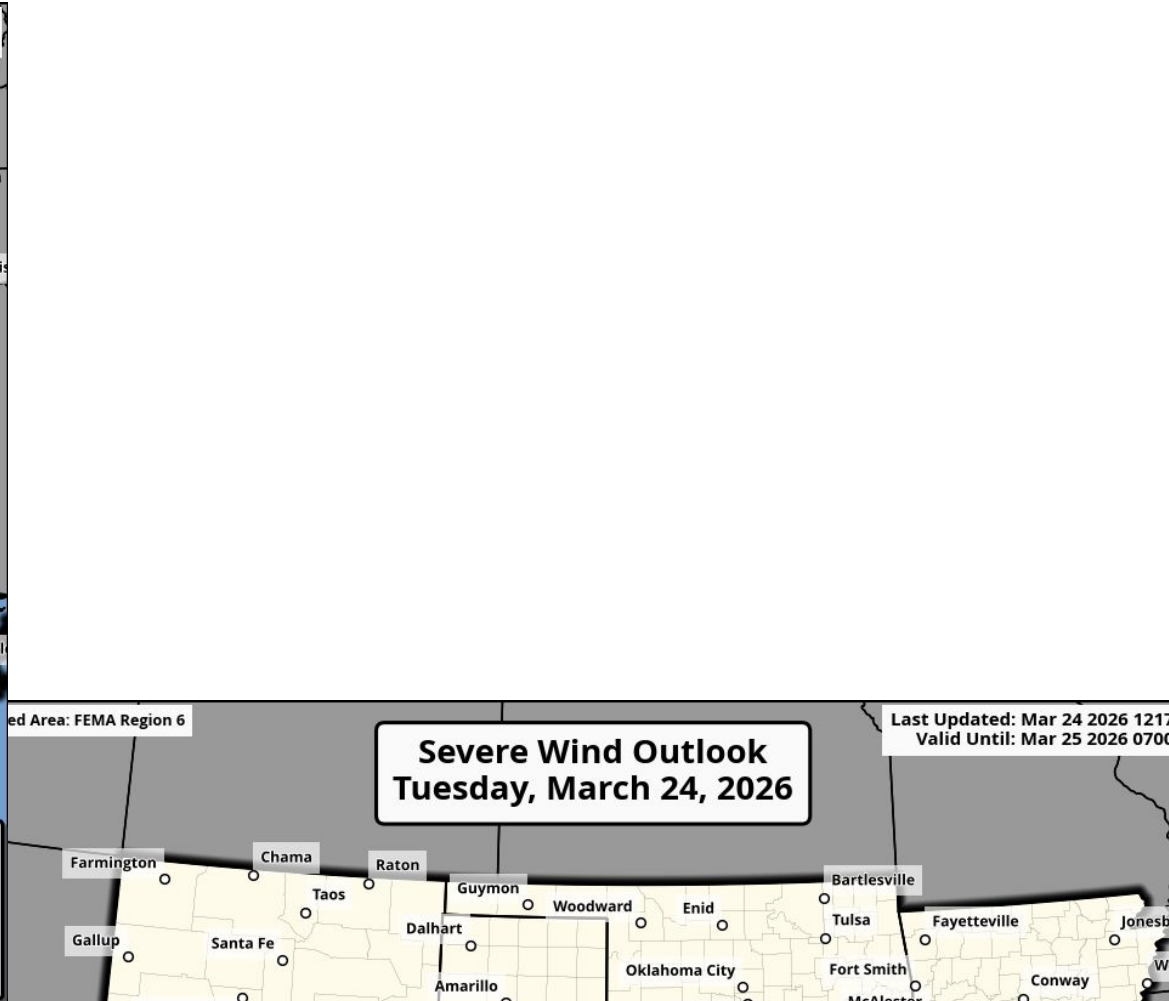
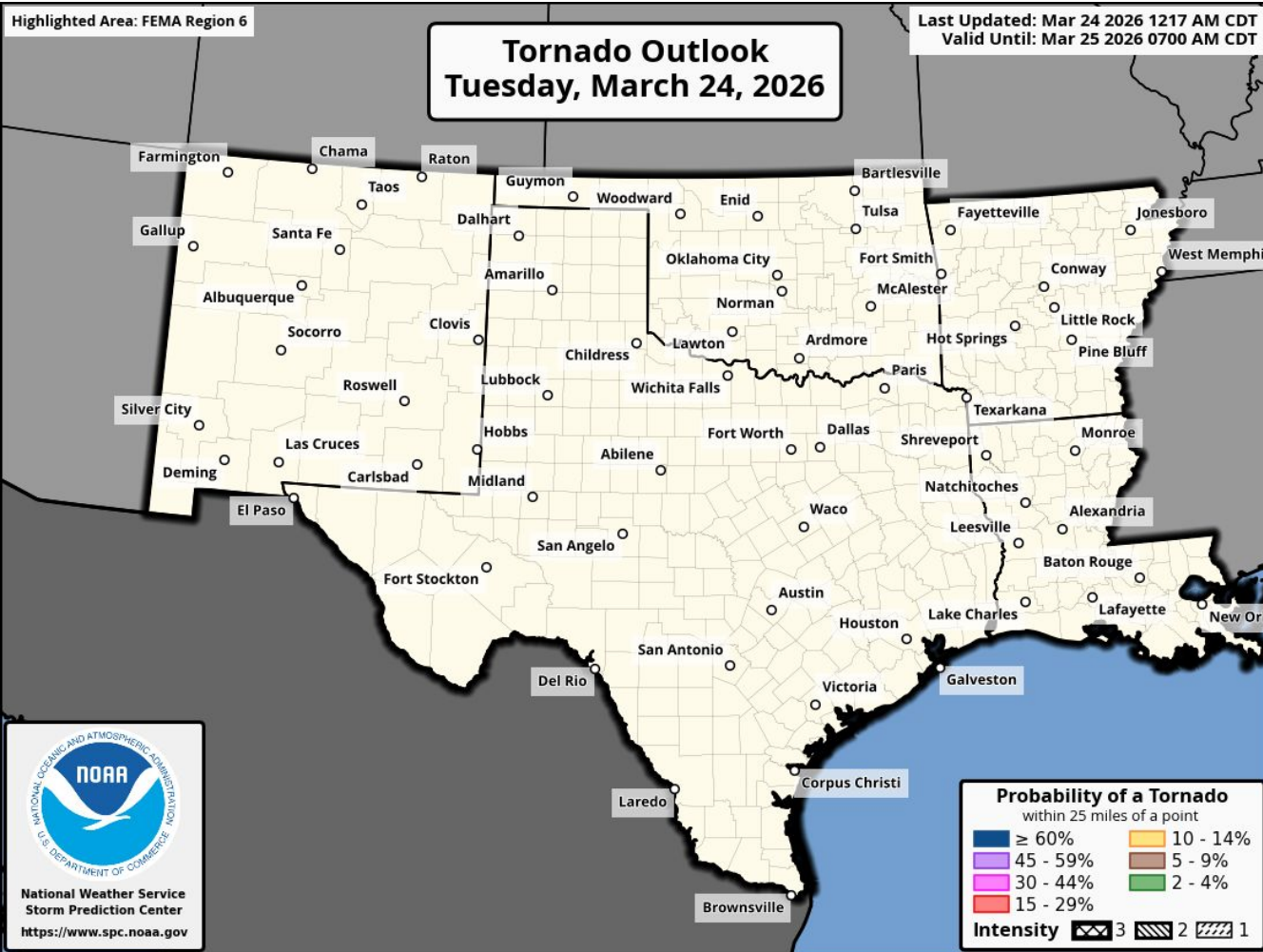


**Elevated fire weather conditions (level 1 of 3) this afternoon for portions of W TX, TX South Plains.**



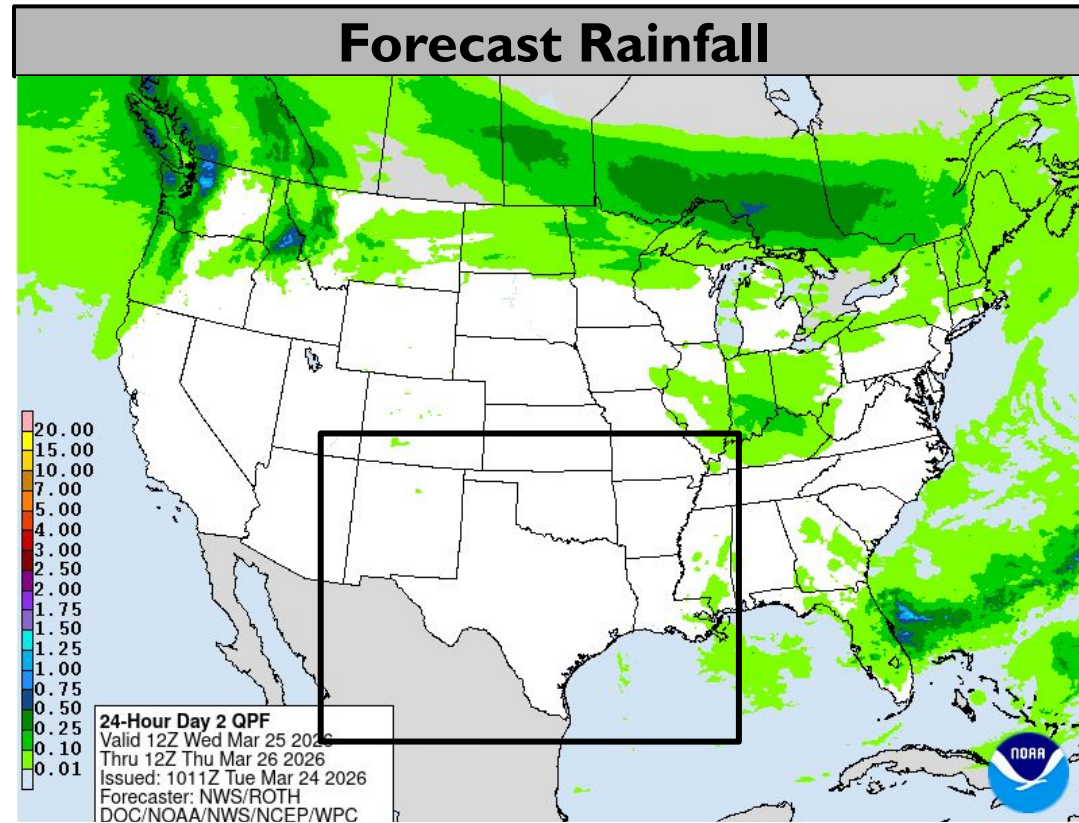
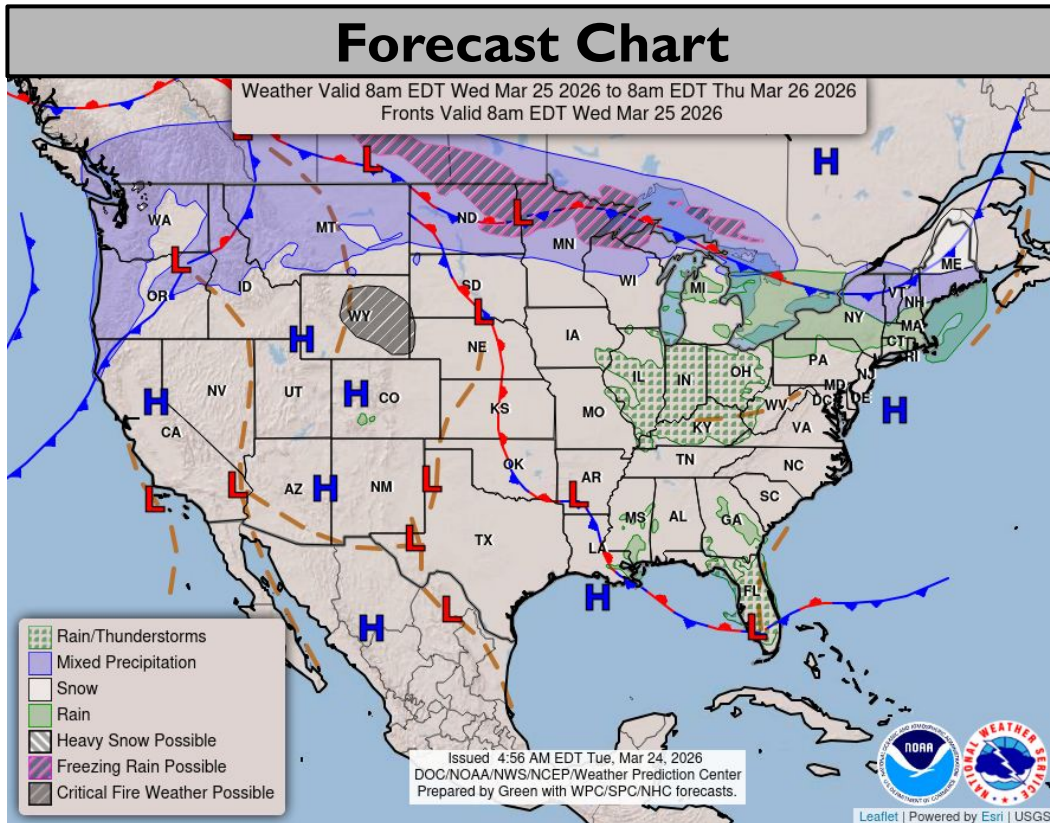


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

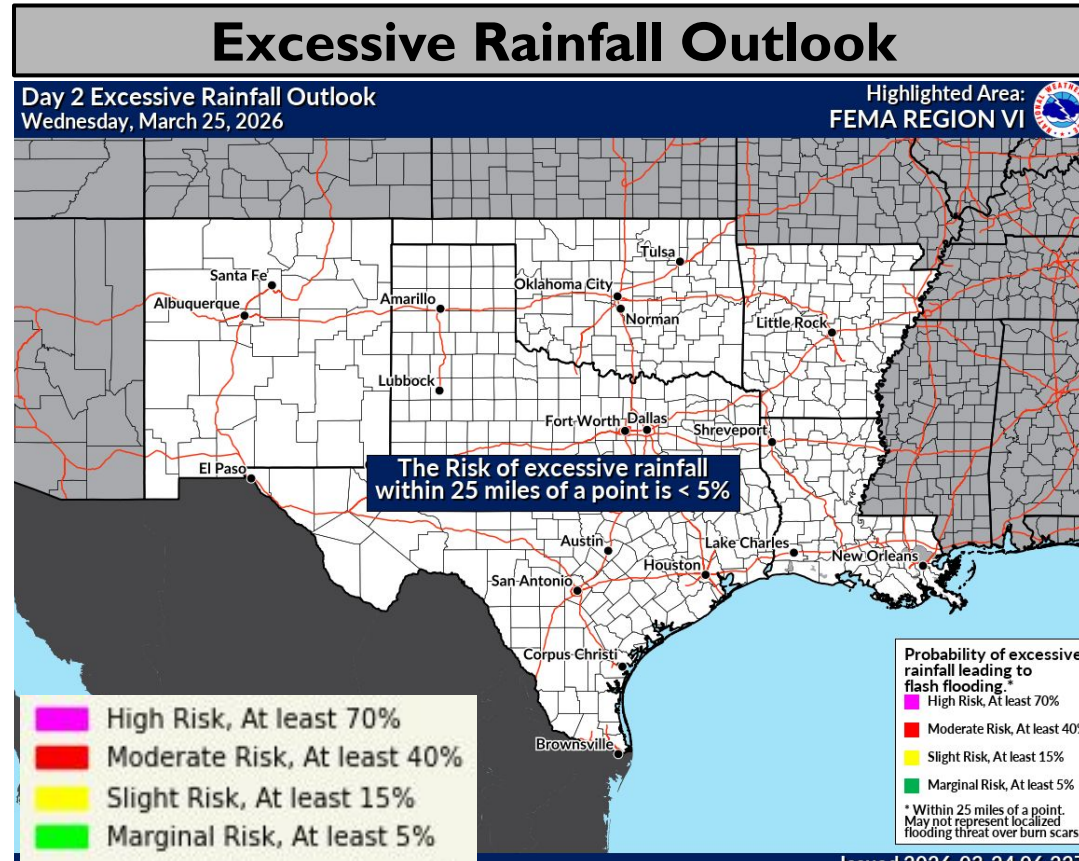
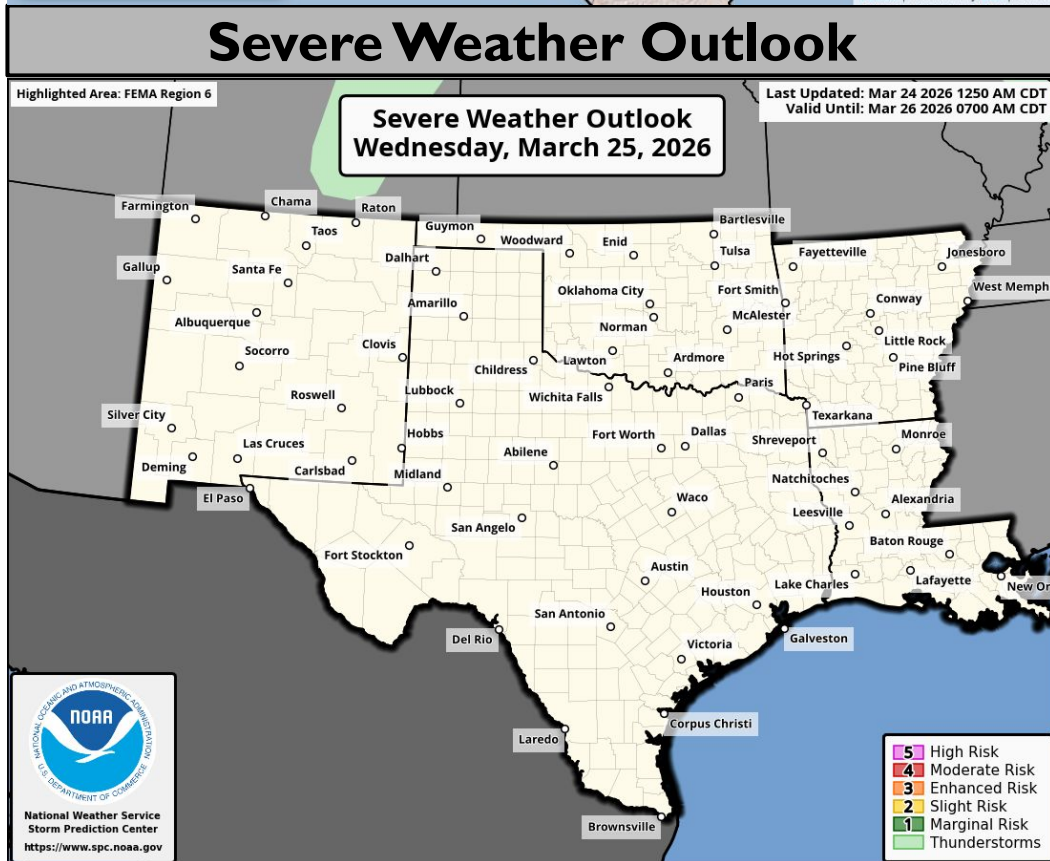


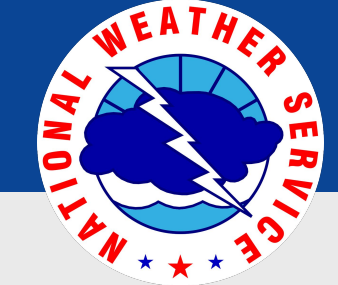


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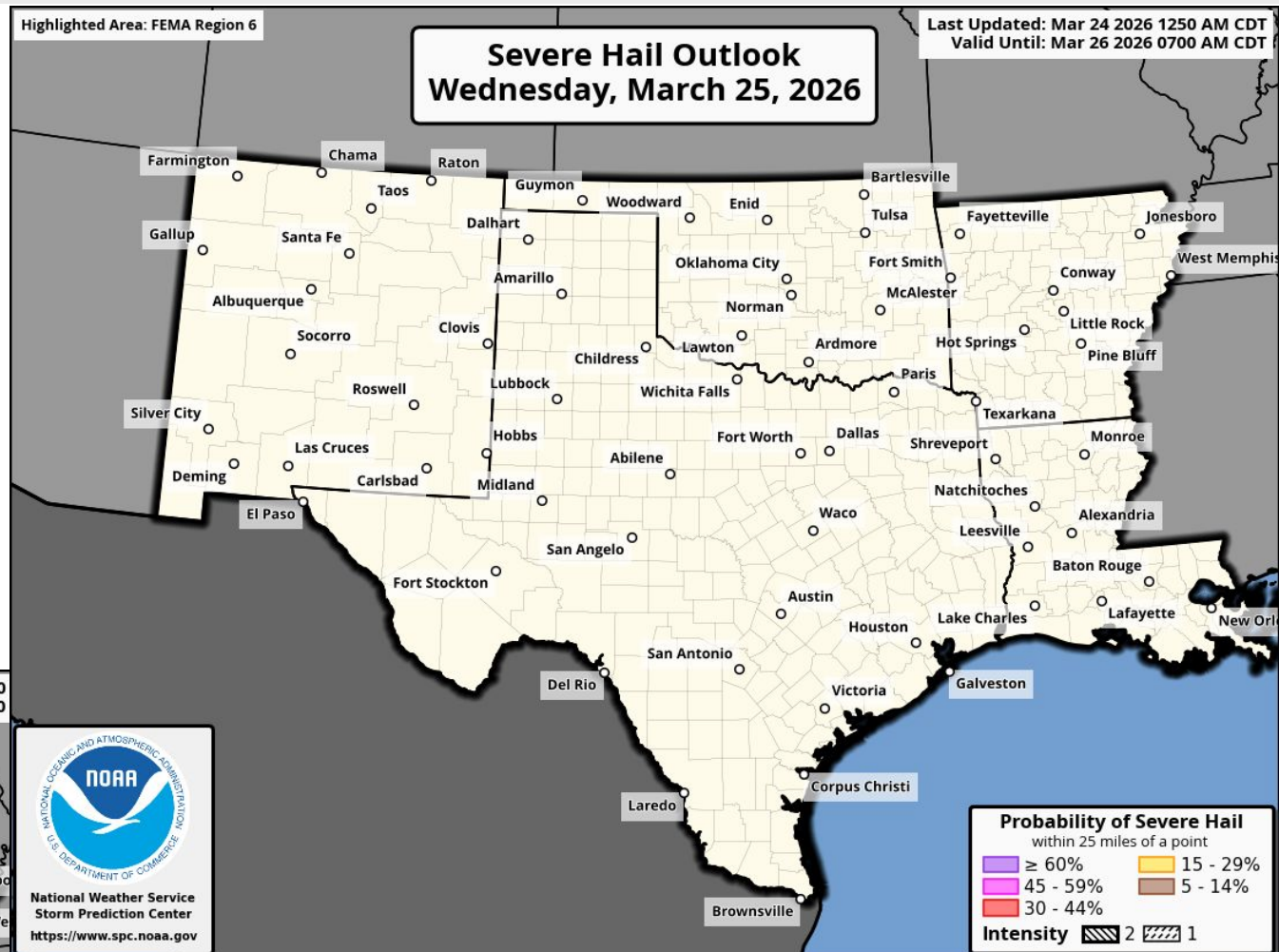
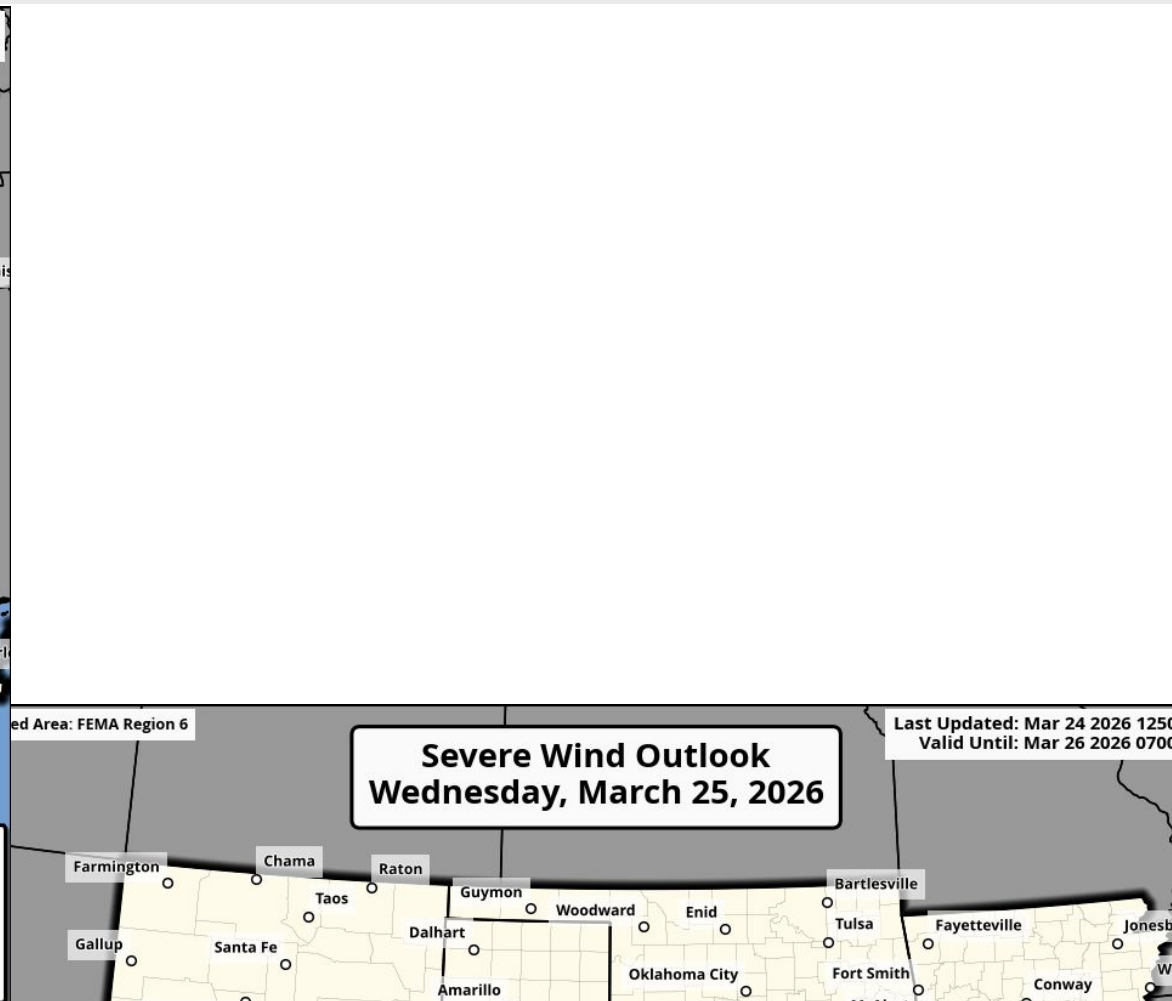
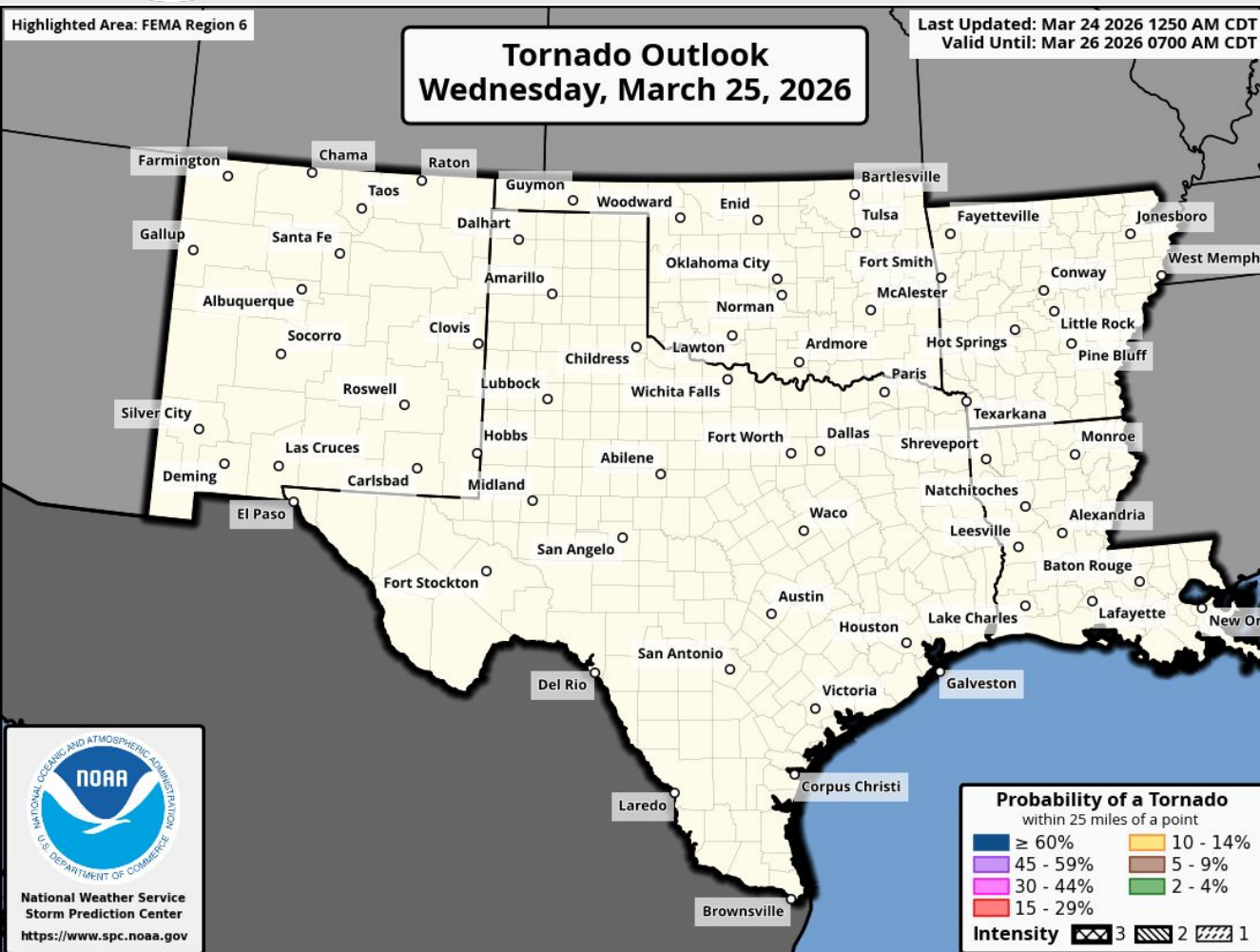


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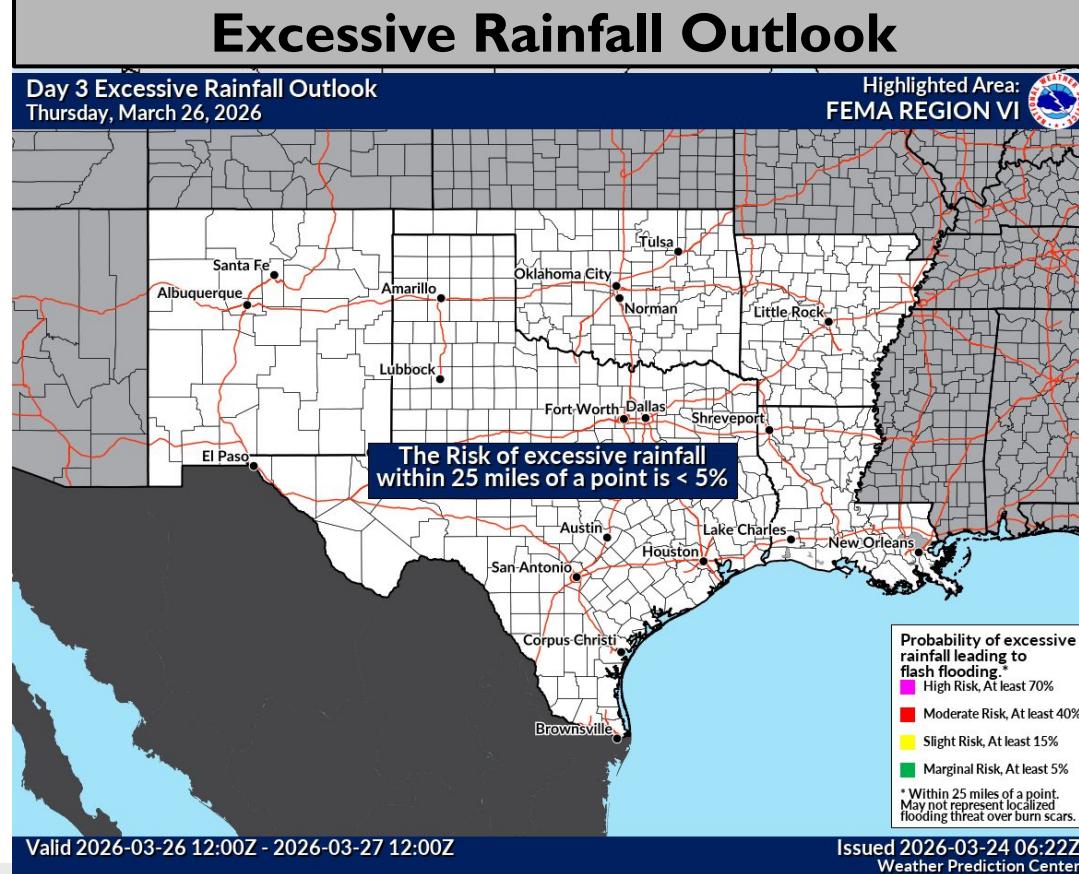
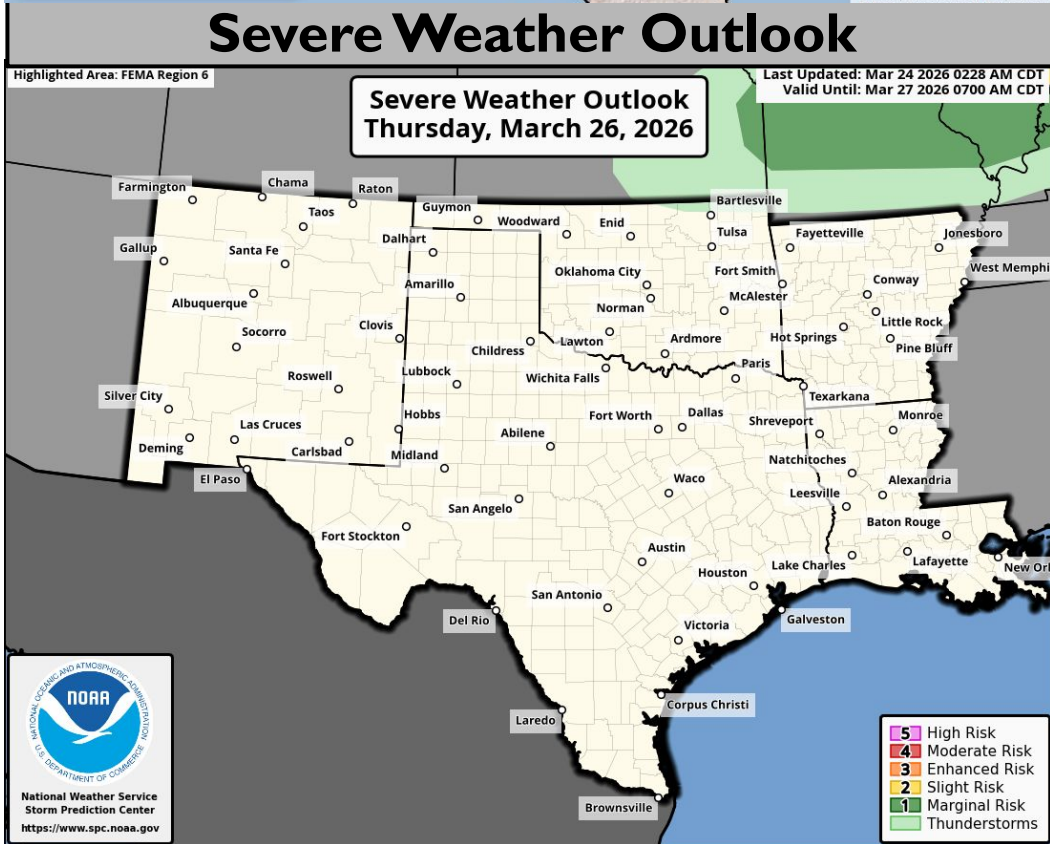
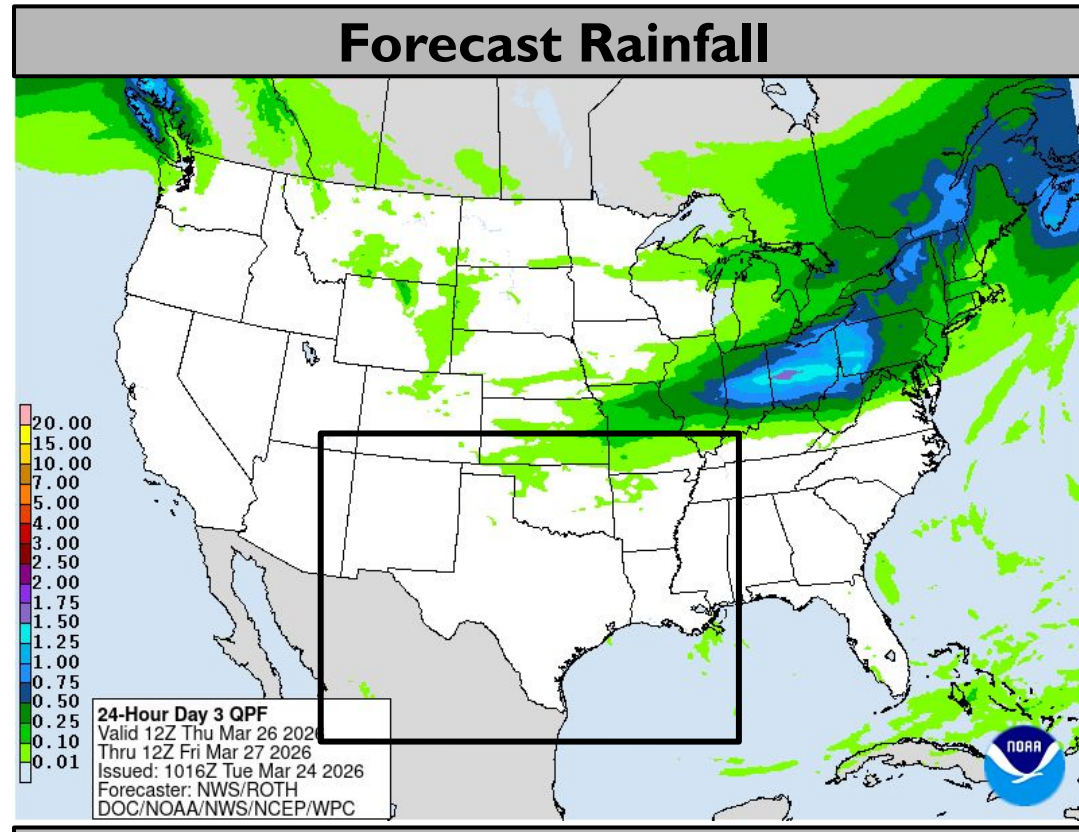
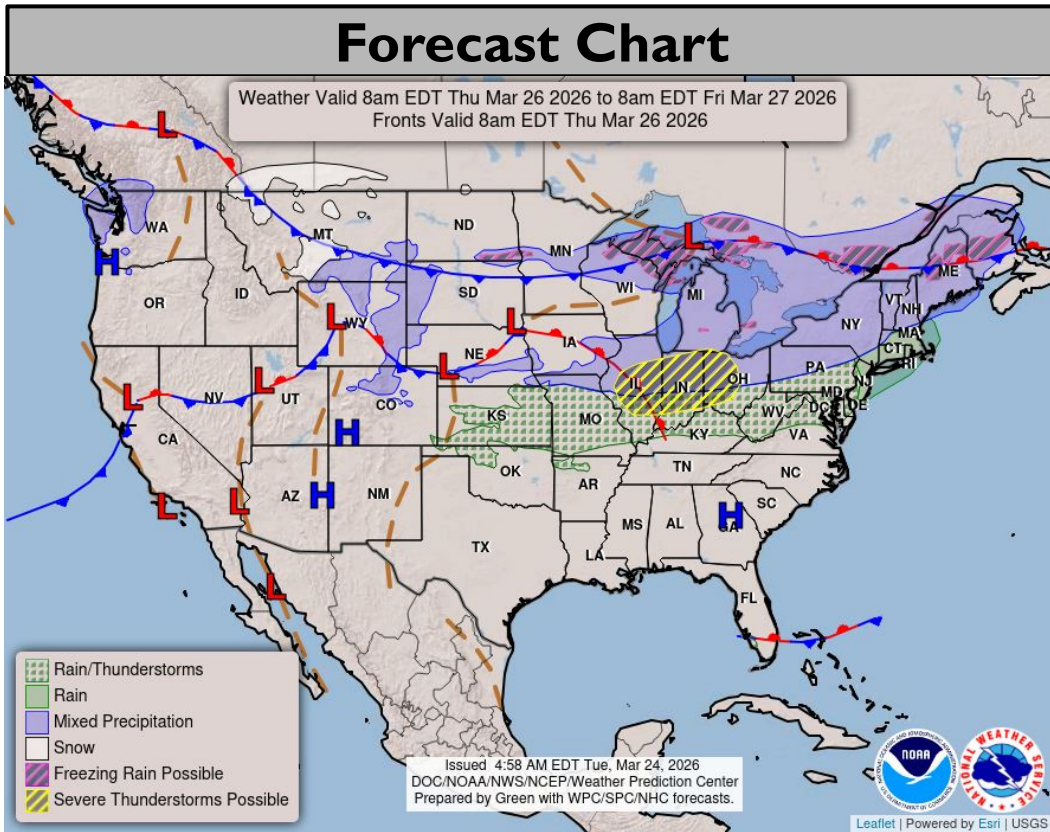


# Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Thursday's Weather



**Critical fire weather (level 2 of 3) Thursday in NE NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W/Ctrl OK.**

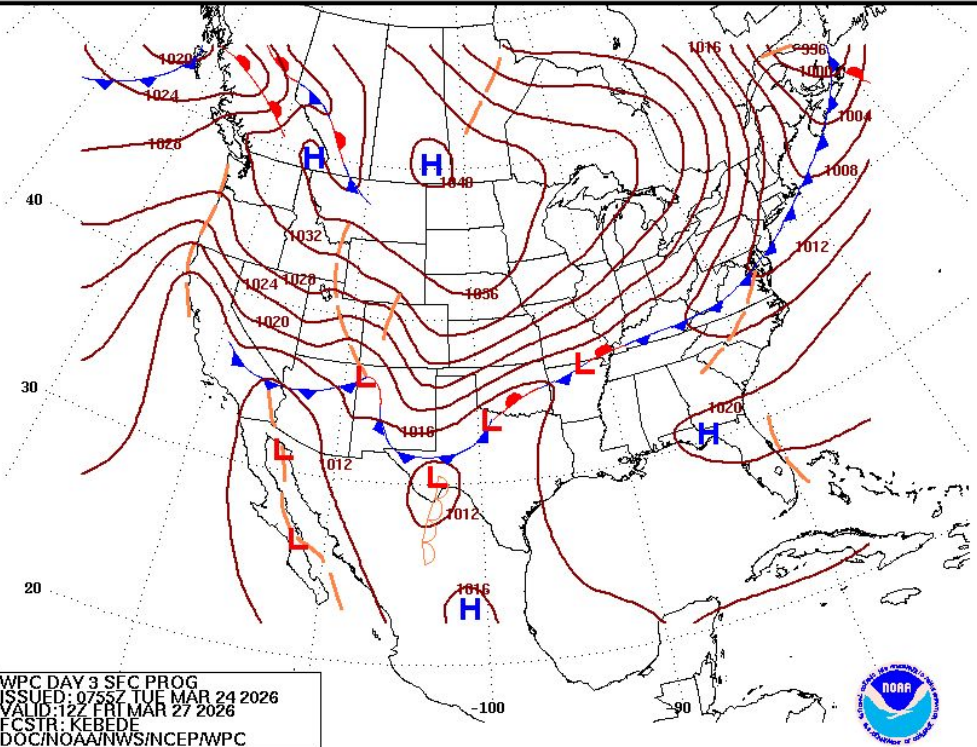
**Winds shift from south/southwest to north/northeast late evening/overnight due to a dry cold front.**

**Impactful heat for portions of NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, OK with high temperatures 25-35 degrees above normal.**



# Friday's Weather

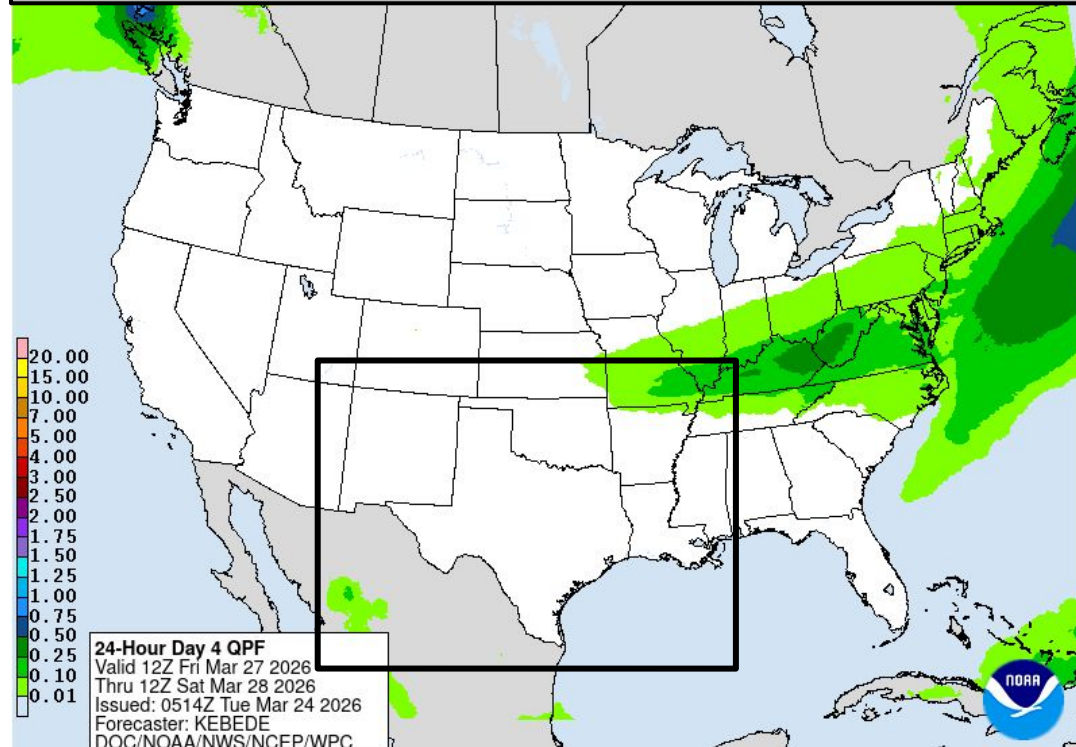
## Forecast Chart



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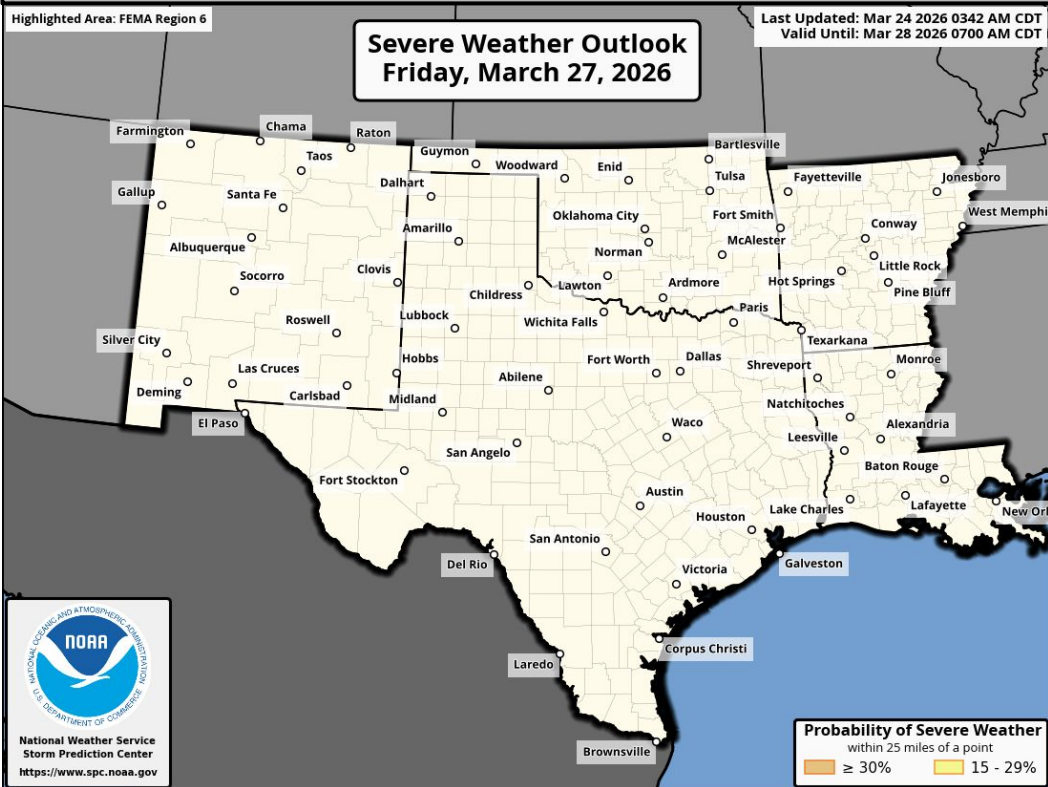


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**Fire weather concerns may persist into Friday for NE NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W/Ctrl OK.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



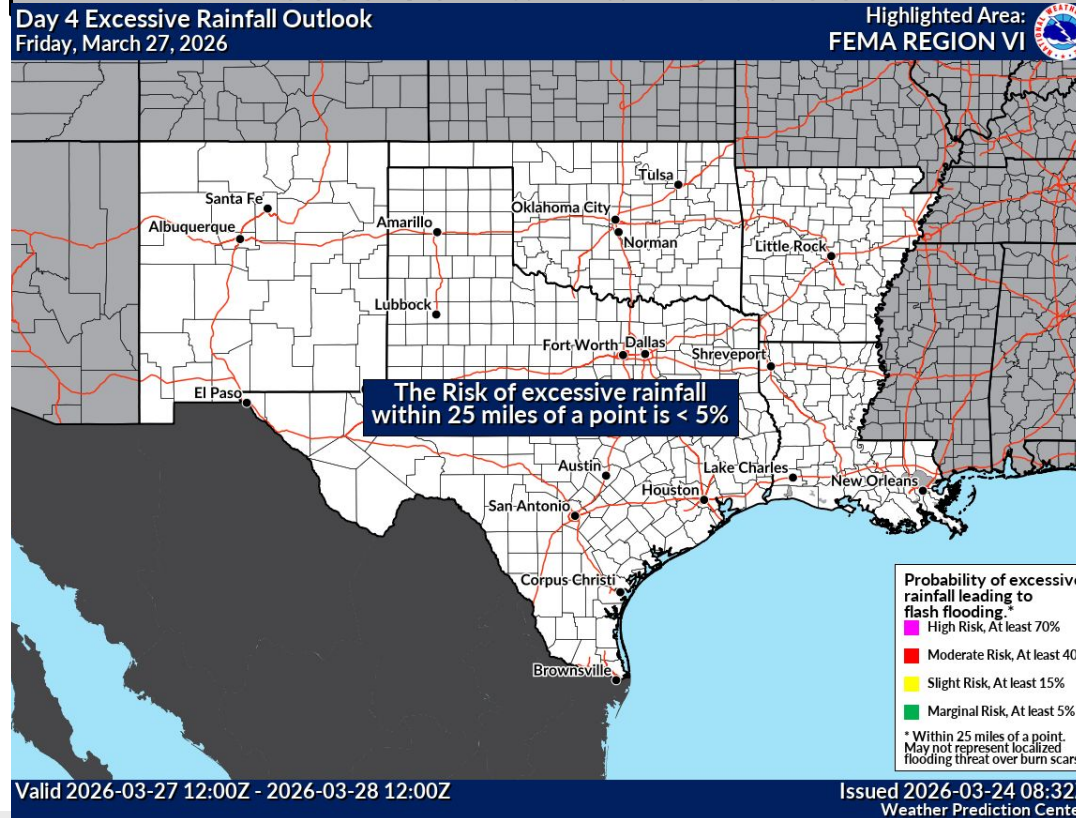
Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, March 27, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 24 2026 0342 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Mar 28 2026 0700 AM CDT

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



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, March 27, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

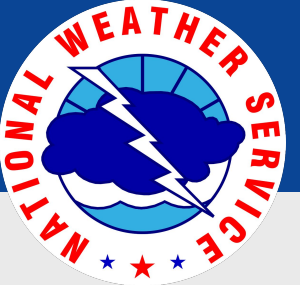
The Risk of excessive rainfall  
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Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
High Risk, At least 70%  
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\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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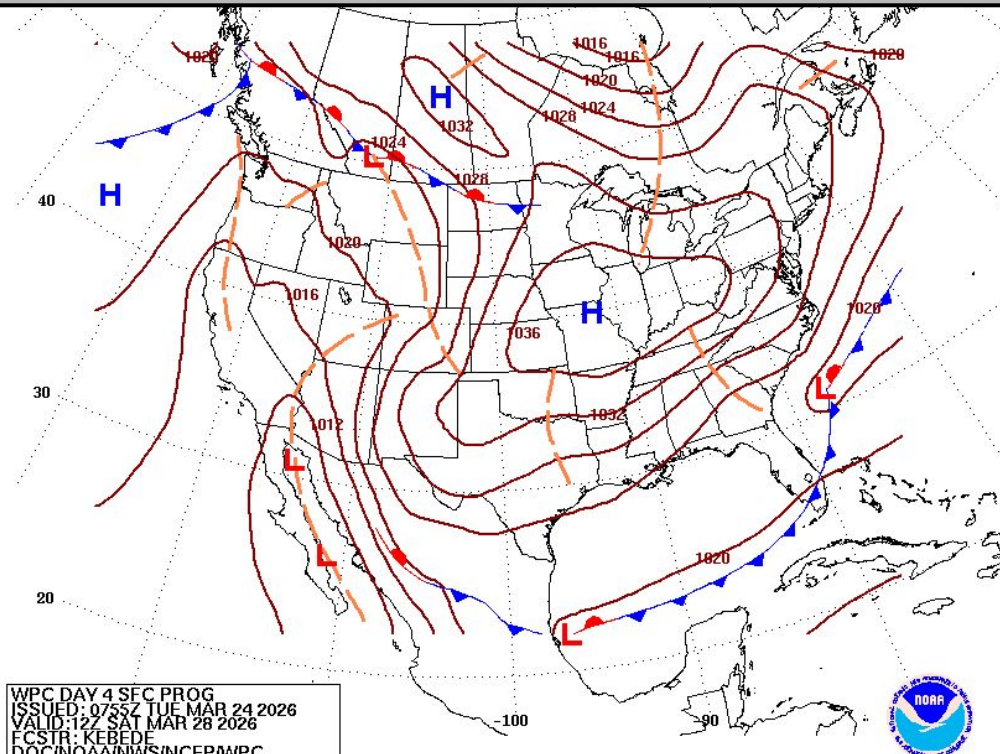
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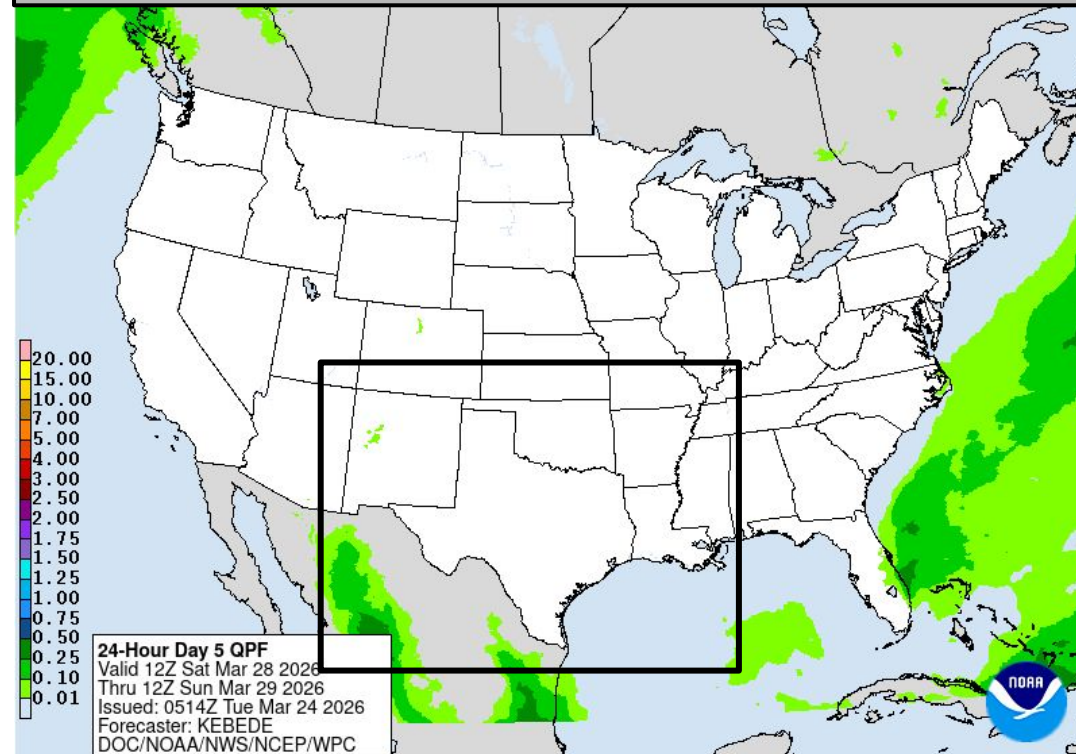
# Saturday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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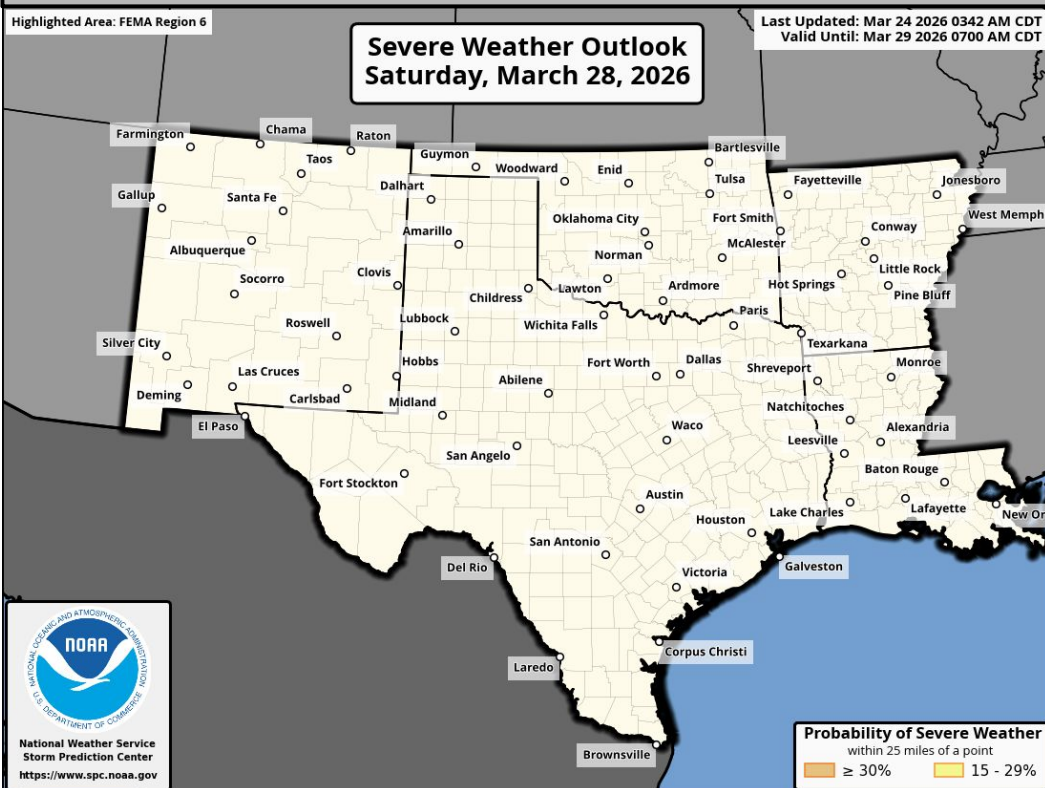
## Forecast Rainfall



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**No significant weather expected.**

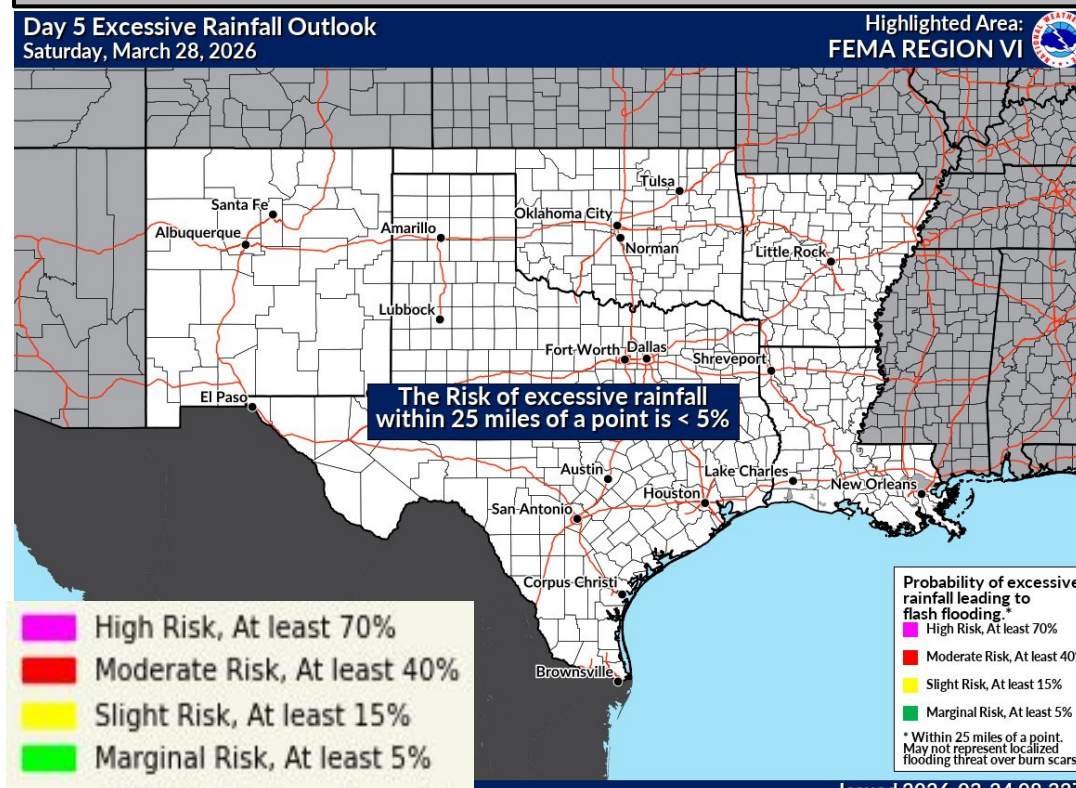
## Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, March 28, 2026

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

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Saturday, March 28, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

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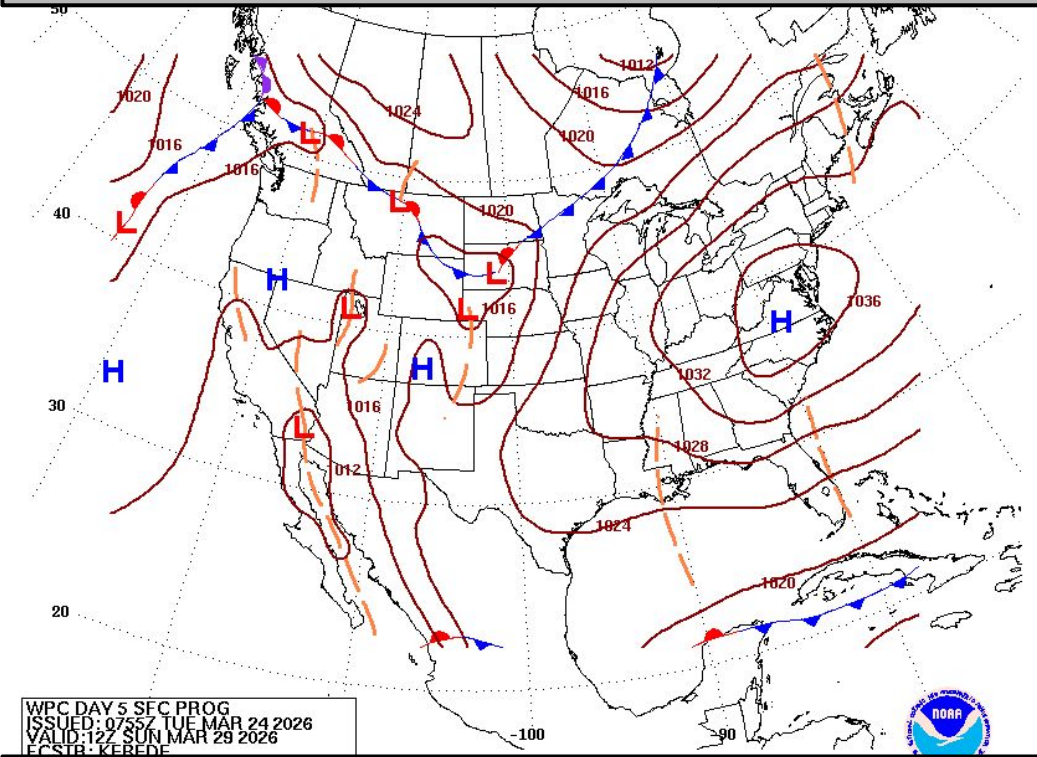
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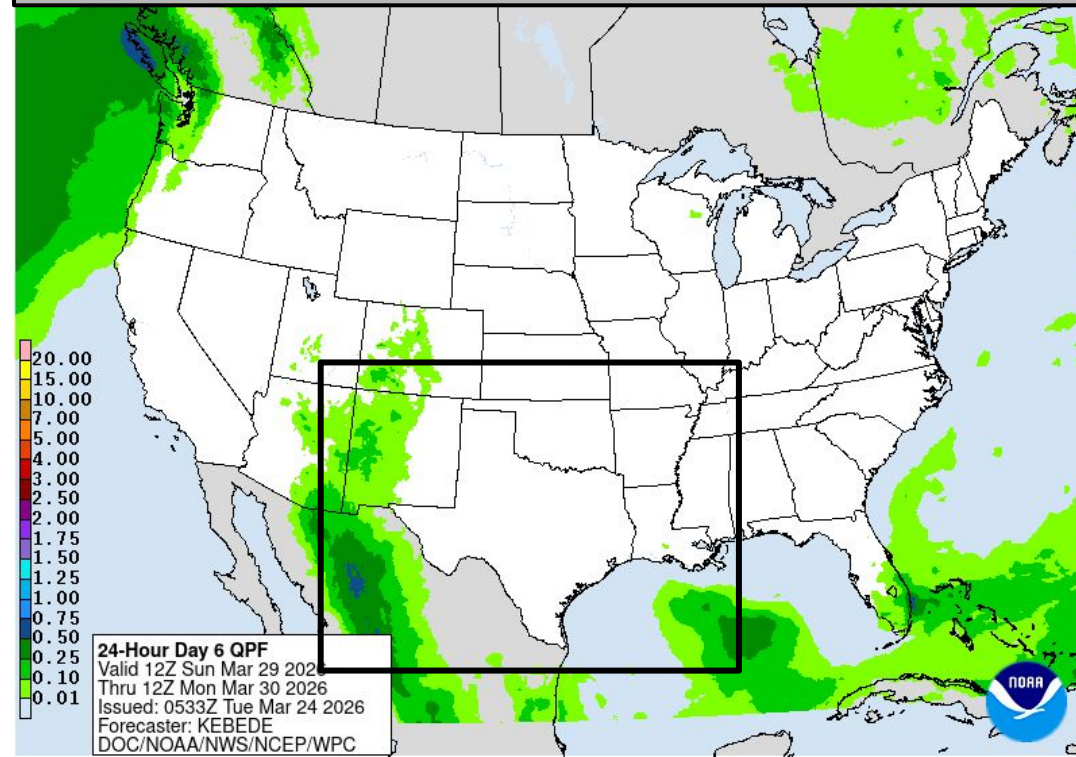


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

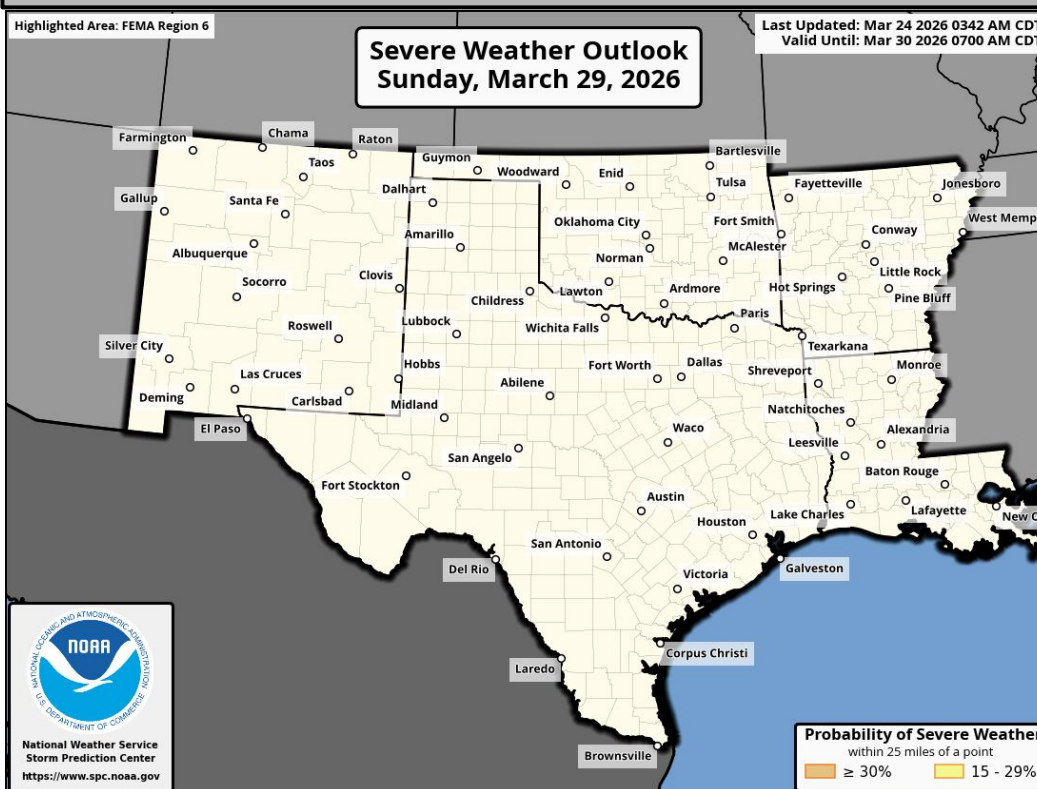


## Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

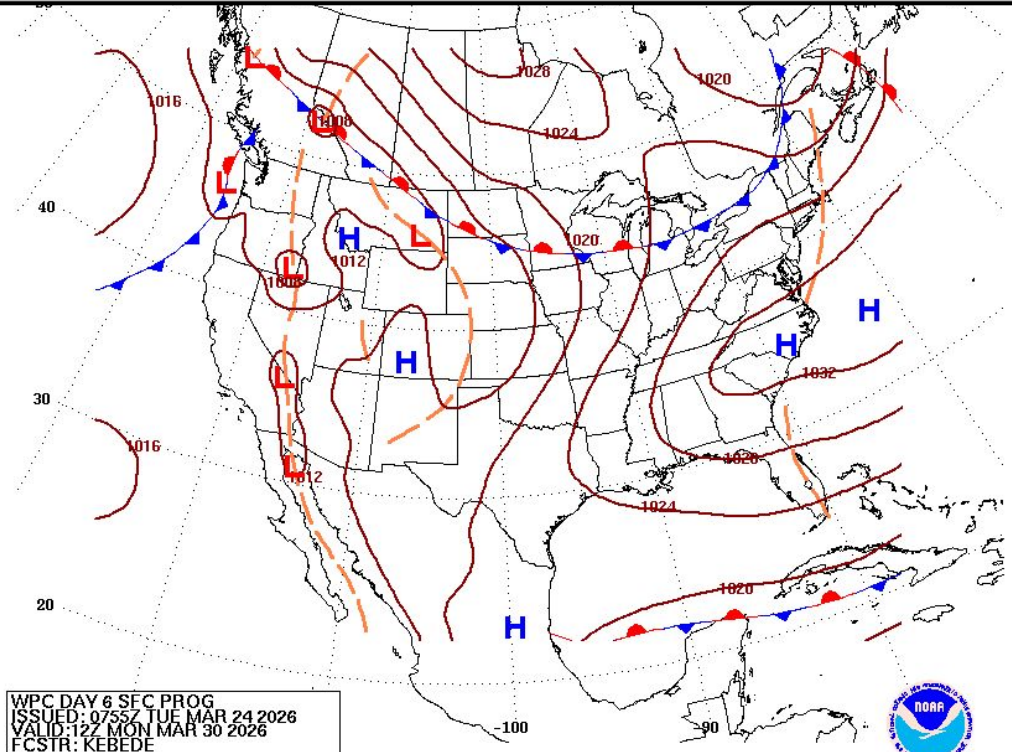


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**



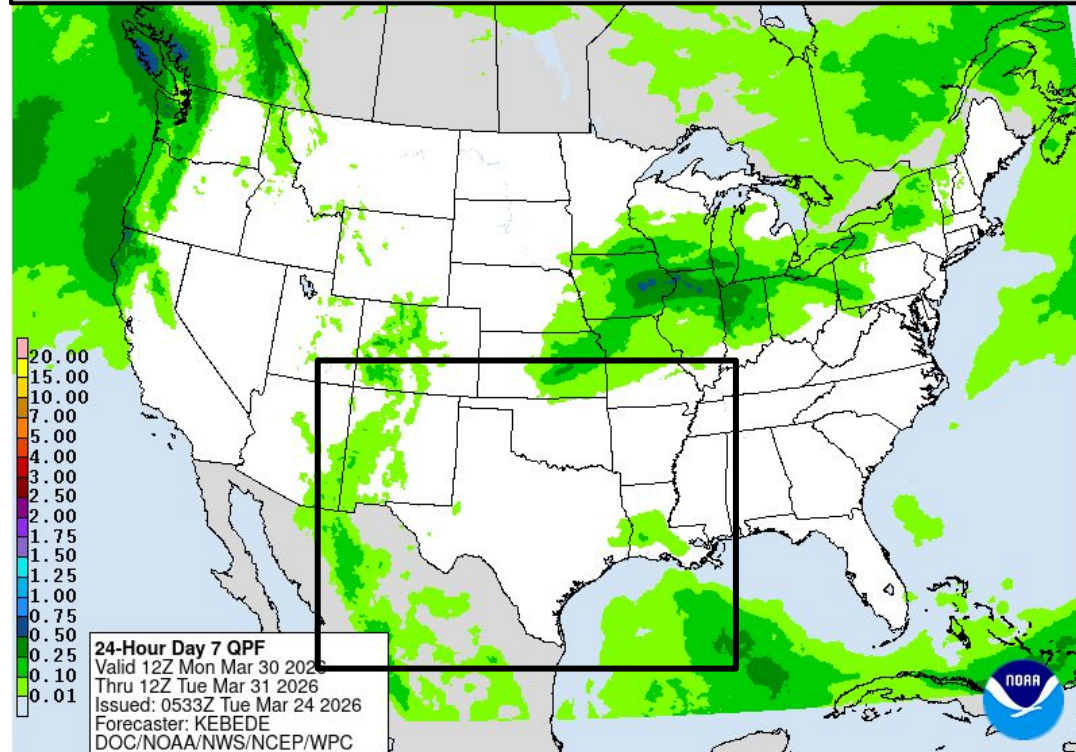
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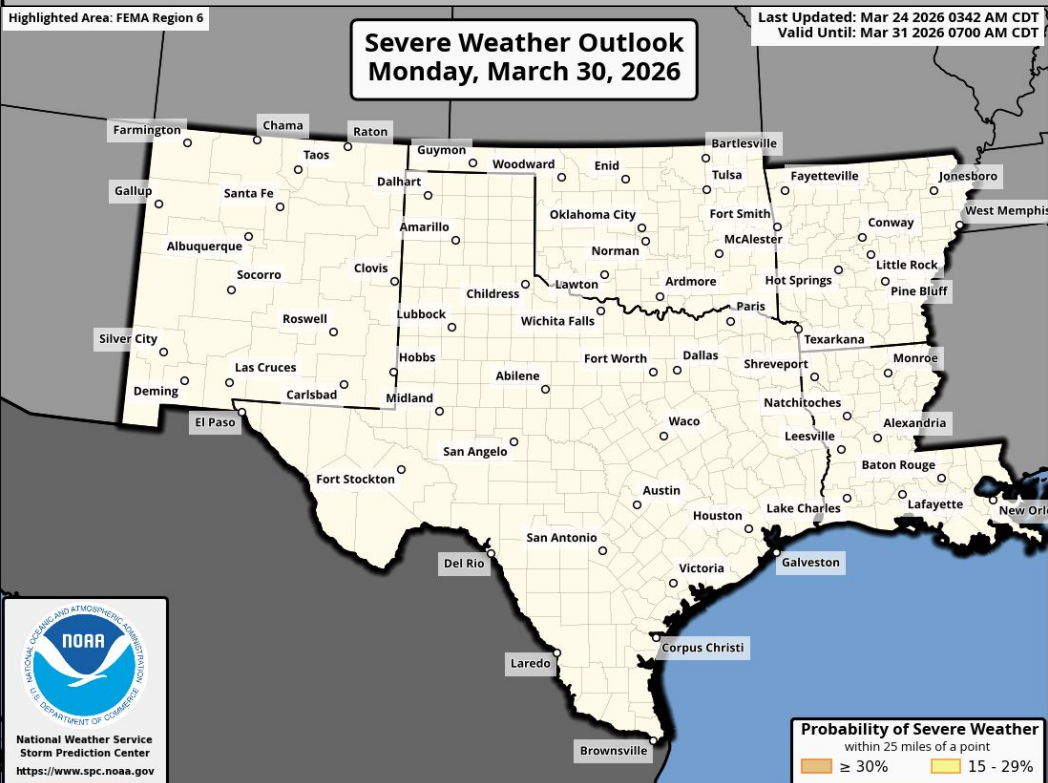
## Forecast Rainfall



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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

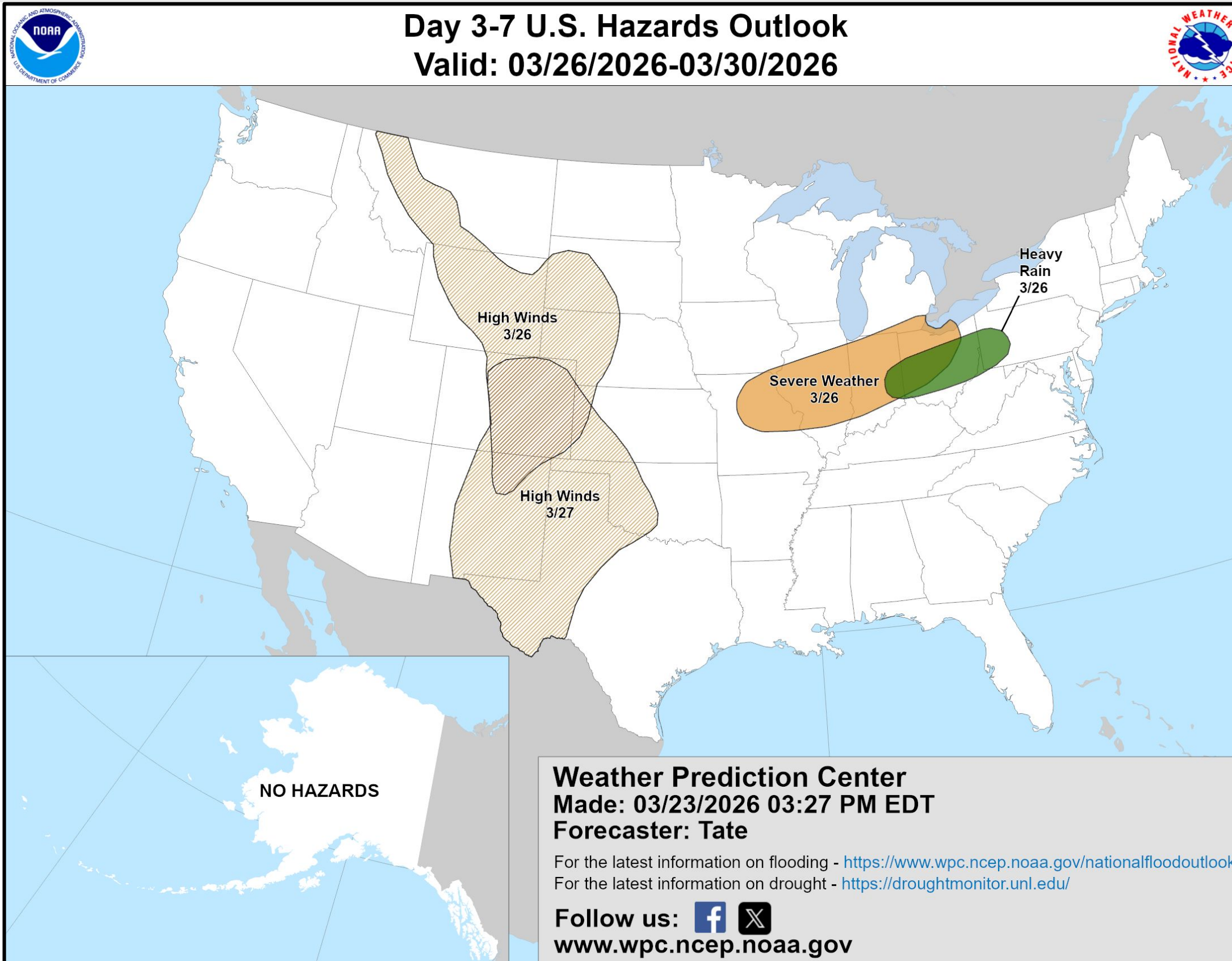


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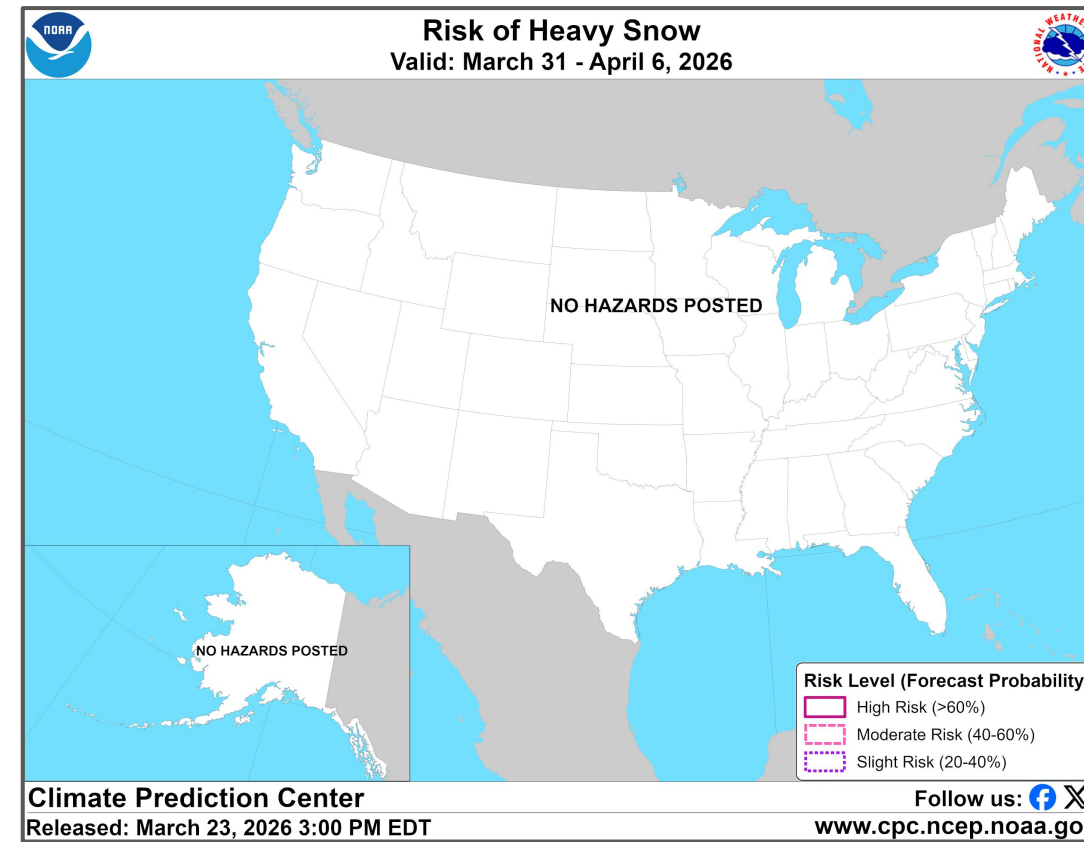
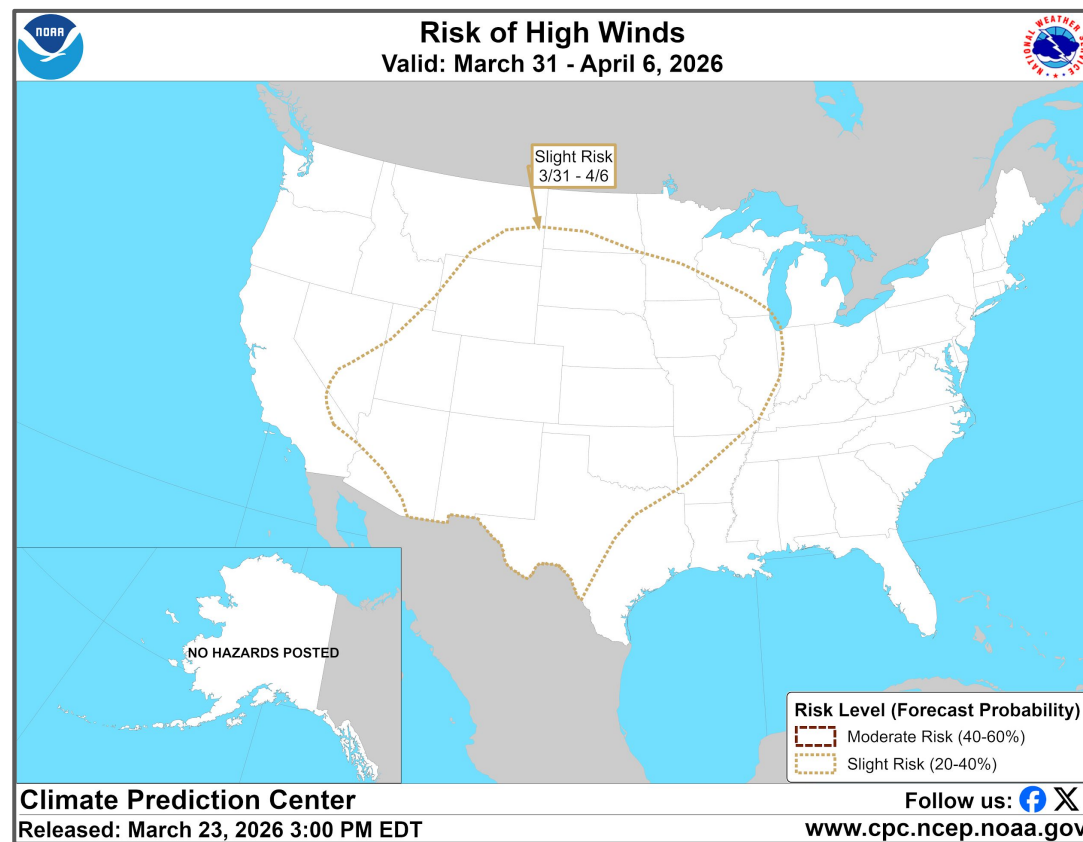
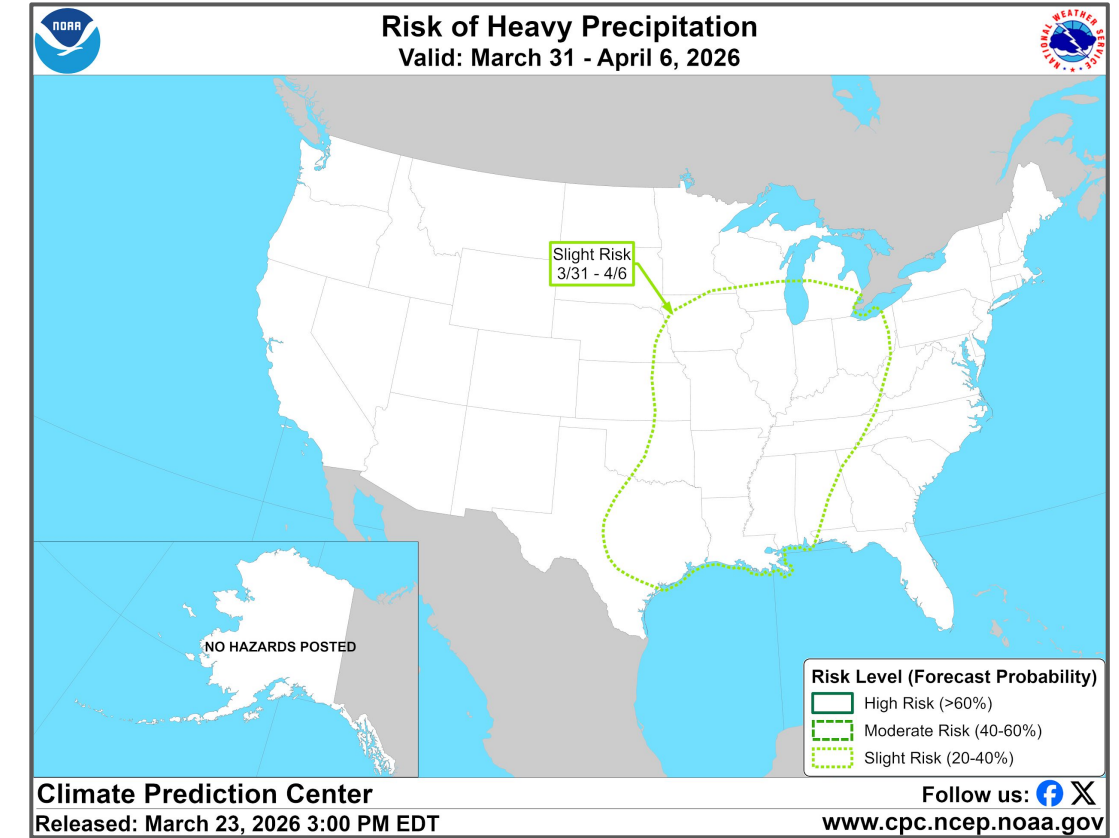
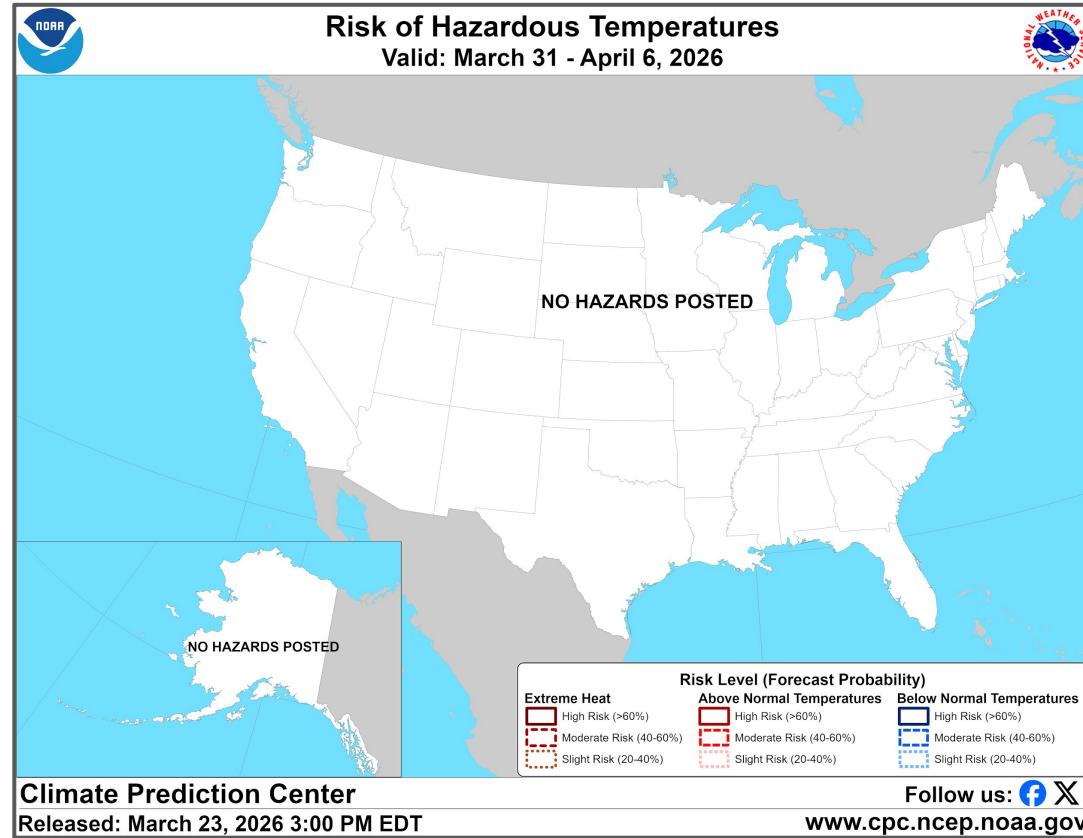
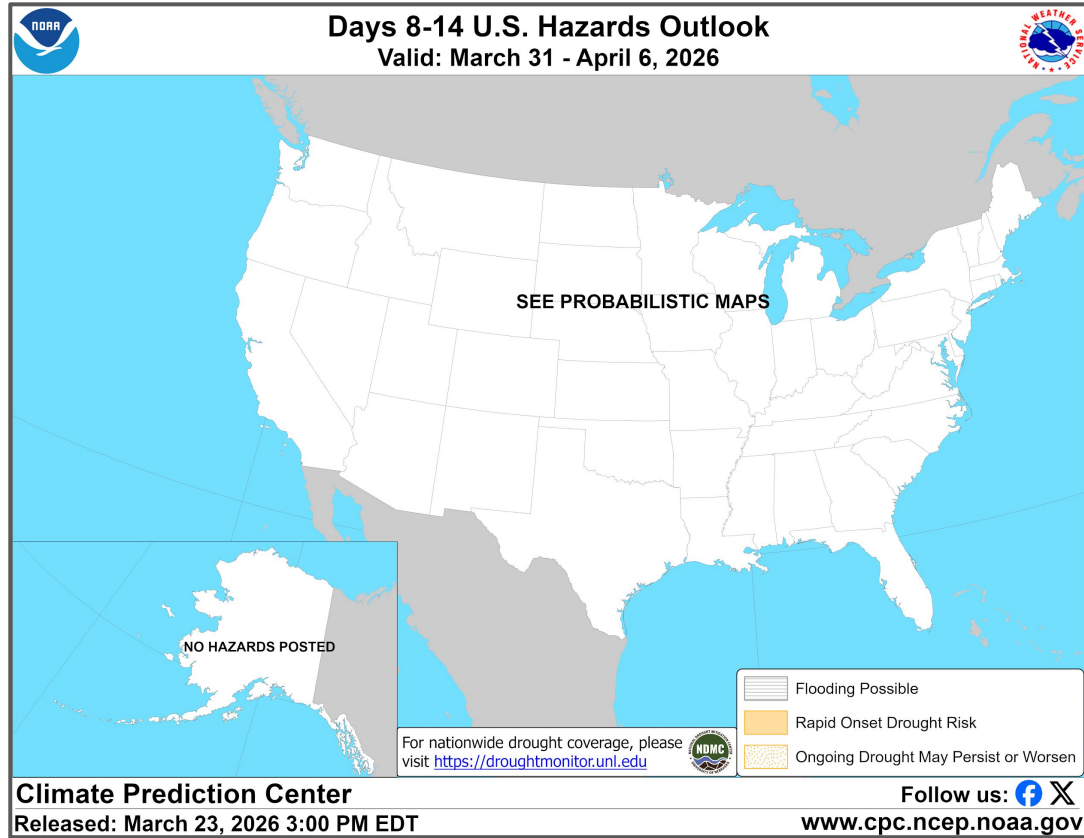


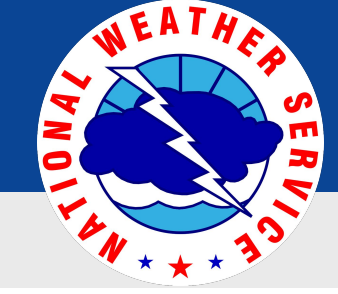
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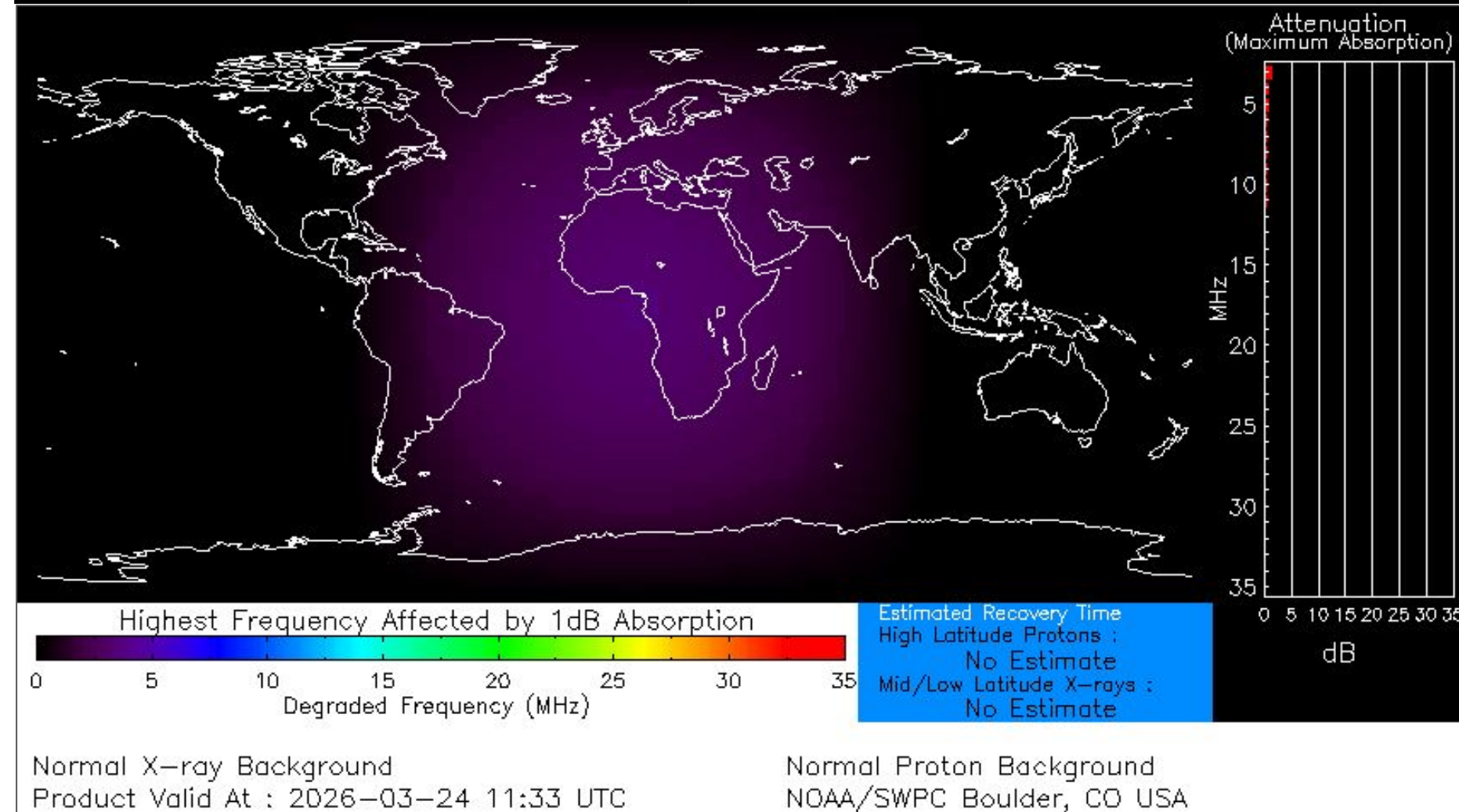
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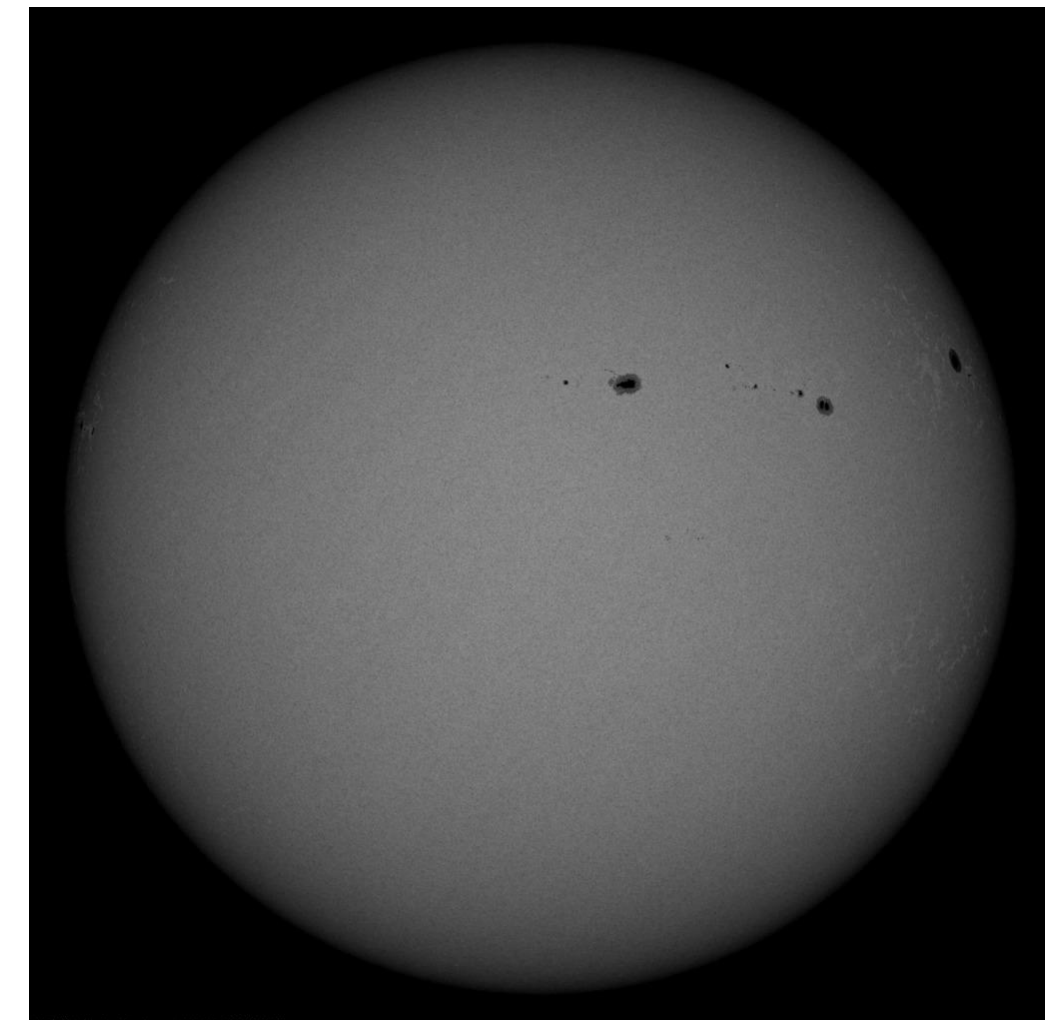
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Mar 24	Wednesday, Mar 25	Thursday, Mar 26
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	25%	25%	25%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	5%	5%	5%



[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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