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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, March 25, 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 (level 1 of 3) today in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK.**
- **Critical (level 2 of 3) Thursday in NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W/C OK. Cold front brings northerly wind shift overnight.**
- **Elevated to critical persist on Friday in portions of NM, TX, and OK due to dry, breezy winds from the north/northeast.**
- **Monitoring for elevated to critical conditions in NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK next Tuesday.**

- **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

	Wednesday, Mar 25	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29	Monday, Mar 30	Tuesday, Mar 31
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Heat	NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, OK	NM, WTX, TX Panhandle, OK					
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandle, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W/C OK	TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W OK				NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK
River Flooding							

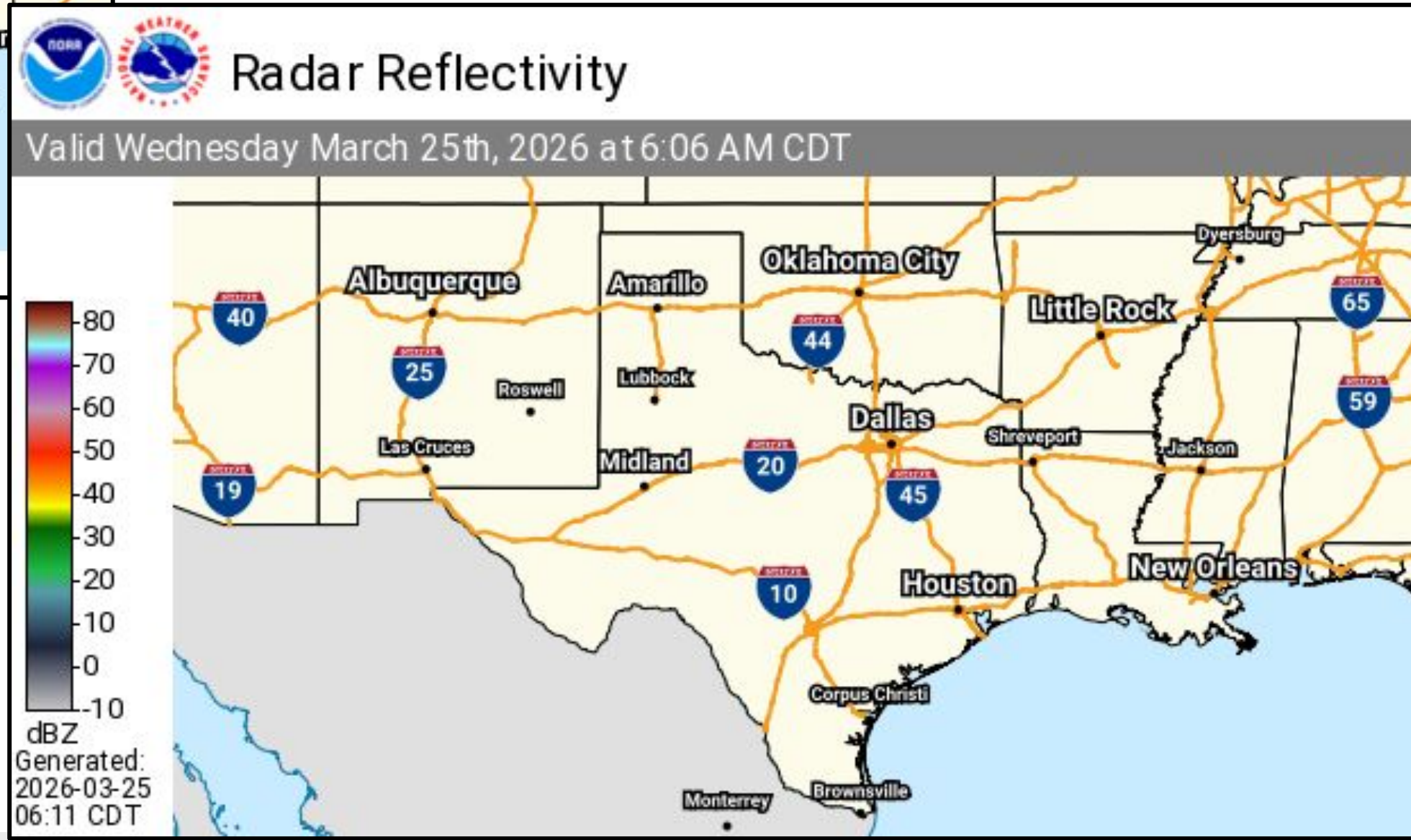
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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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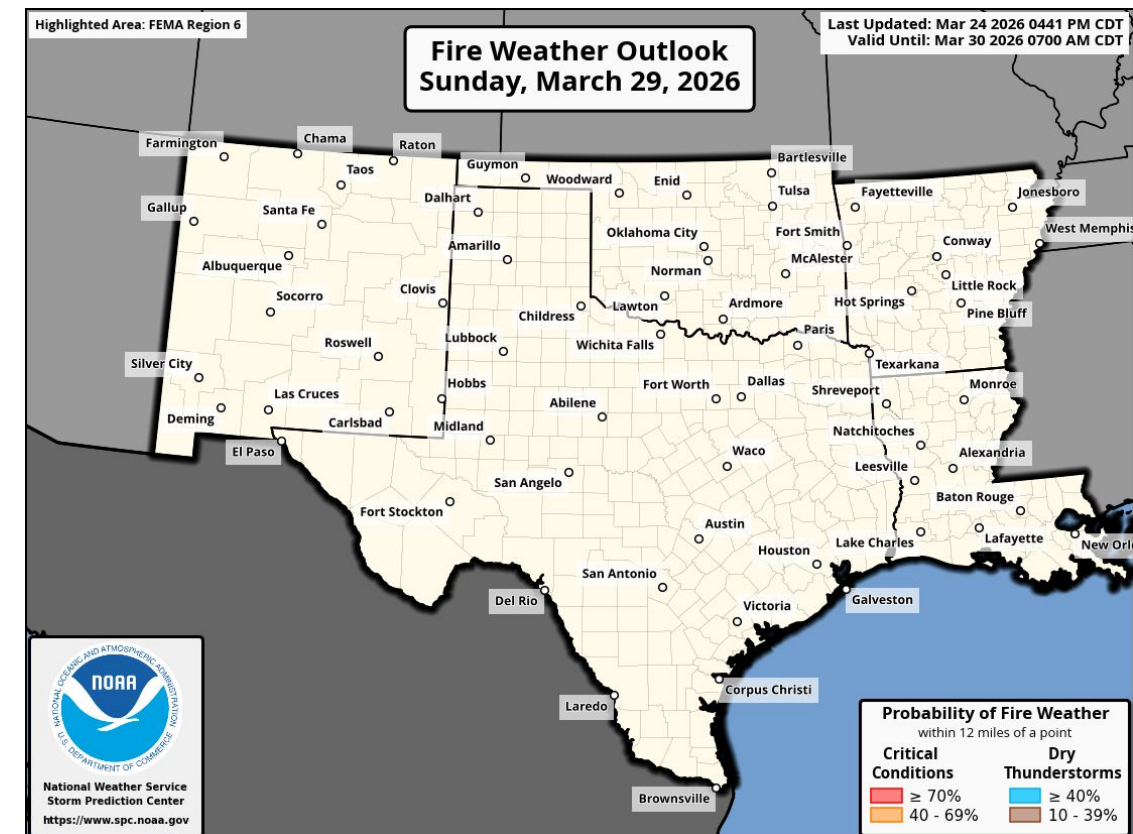
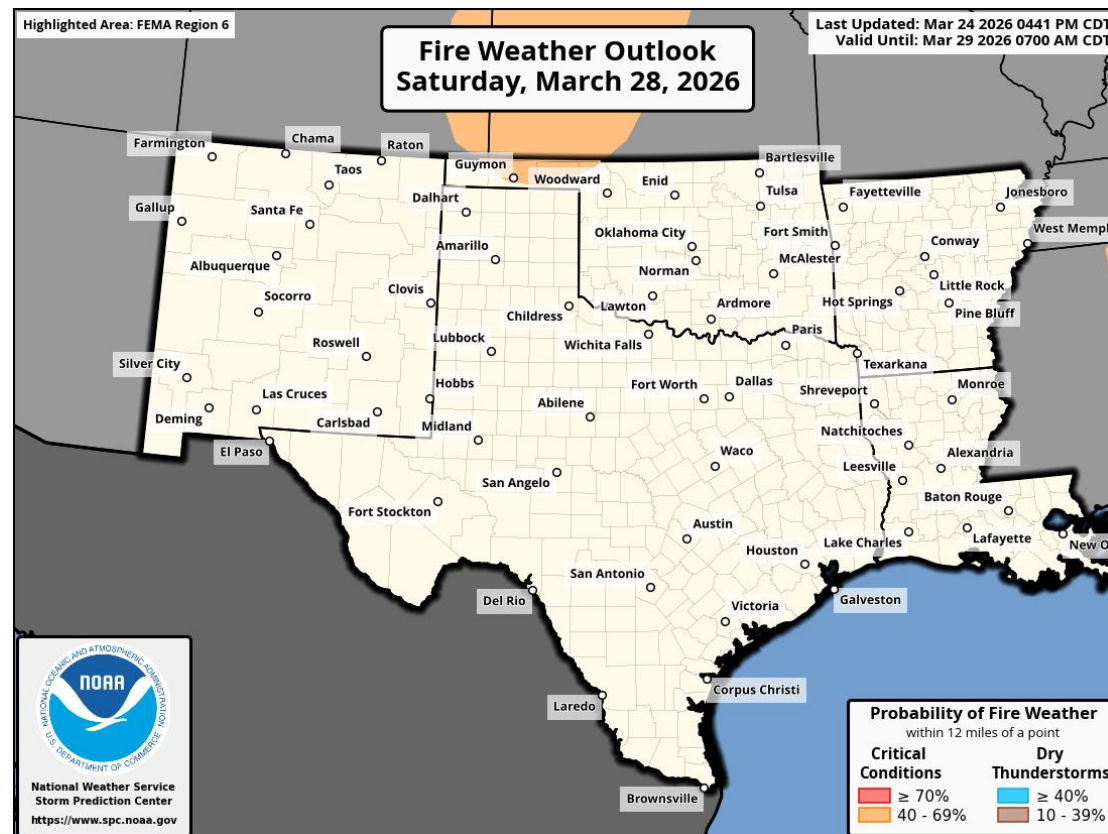
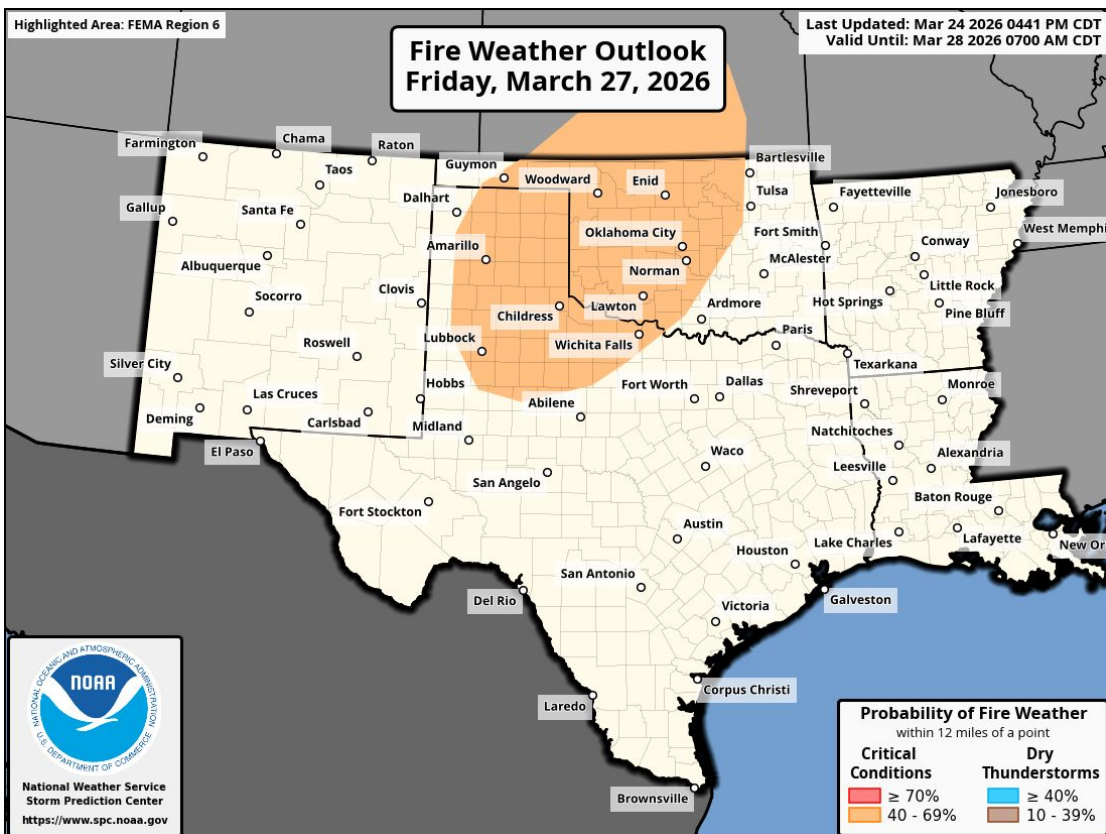
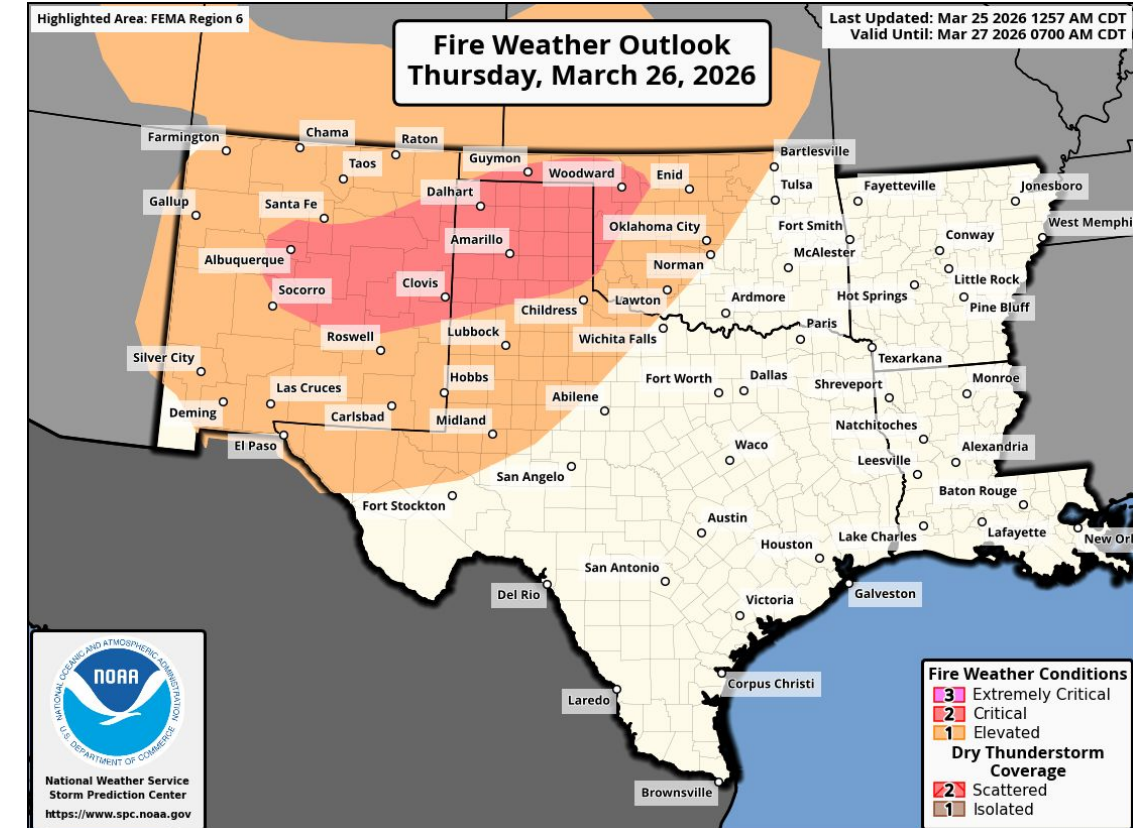
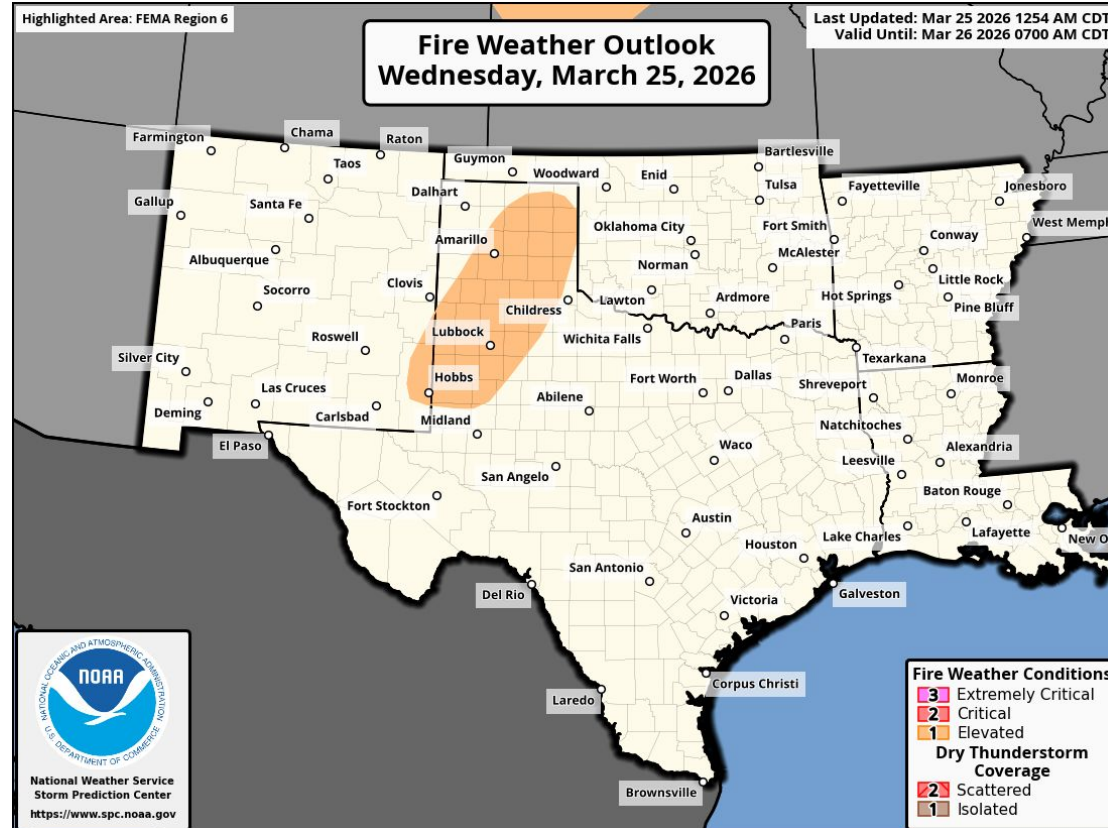
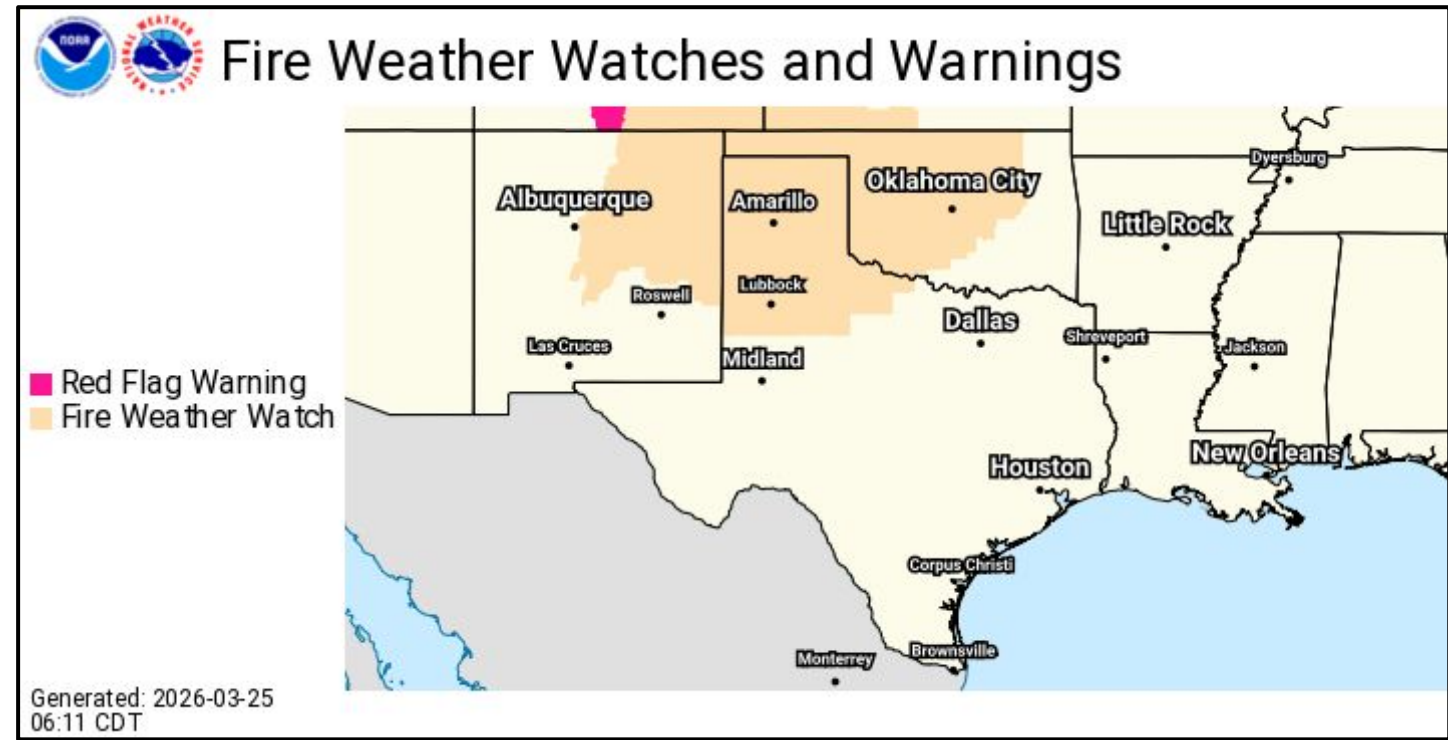
Current Radar/Hazards

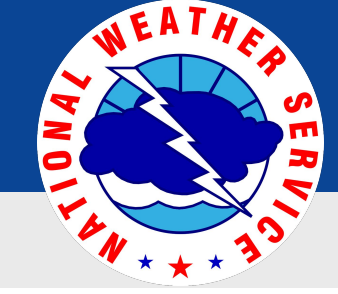


Fire Weather Watches for NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW TX, OK for Thursday. Heat Advisory for Palo Duro Canyon for today.



Fire Weather Outlooks

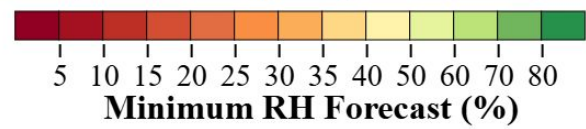




Wind Gust/Relative Humidity Forecast

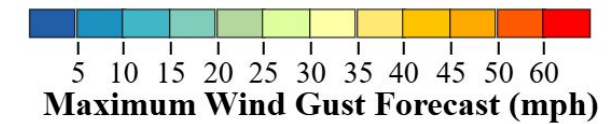
Minimum RH (%) Forecast

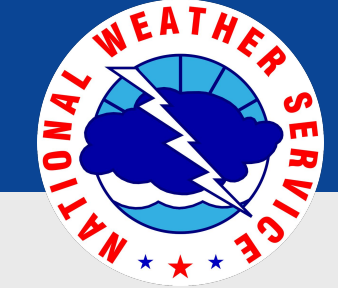
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Abilene	59	28	27	48	56	26	26	43	49	38	42	52	52	39	39
Amarillo	27	13	13	30	27	8	7	25	39	25	23	30	34	24	23
Beaver	43	15	15	41	24	12	13	47	37	19	19	36	34	23	25
El Paso	12	7	7	10	11	4	4	9	17	21	21	38	47	27	25
Enid	53	27	28	59	45	23	26	53	50	27	26	38	33	22	24
Fayetteville	53	38	40	63	56	35	37	61	72	49	46	47	32	19	22
Fort Davis	8	6	8	38	17	7	7	15	25	30	31	56	63	30	29
Guadalupe Pass	11	10	11	17	11	6	7	10	21	38	41	59	52	44	41
Lubbock	35	15	15	34	37	10	9	33	43	32	30	33	42	30	31
Midland/Odessa	46	19	19	48	50	19	19	44	46	32	33	52	57	35	33
Oklahoma City	54	31	32	56	50	29	29	48	61	36	32	36	35	28	28
San Angelo	64	27	28	51	62	28	27	46	53	35	38	59	66	41	41
Santa Fe	28	14	13	24	23	9	8	15	34	28	30	46	50	25	22
Tulsa	57	34	37	57	50	32	32	56	64	38	32	37	32	22	22
Wichita Falls	56	31	30	56	52	28	29	45	54	40	39	40	43	34	36



Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

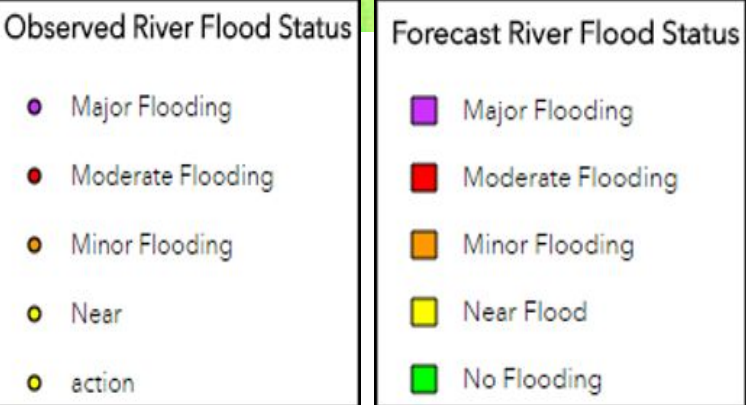
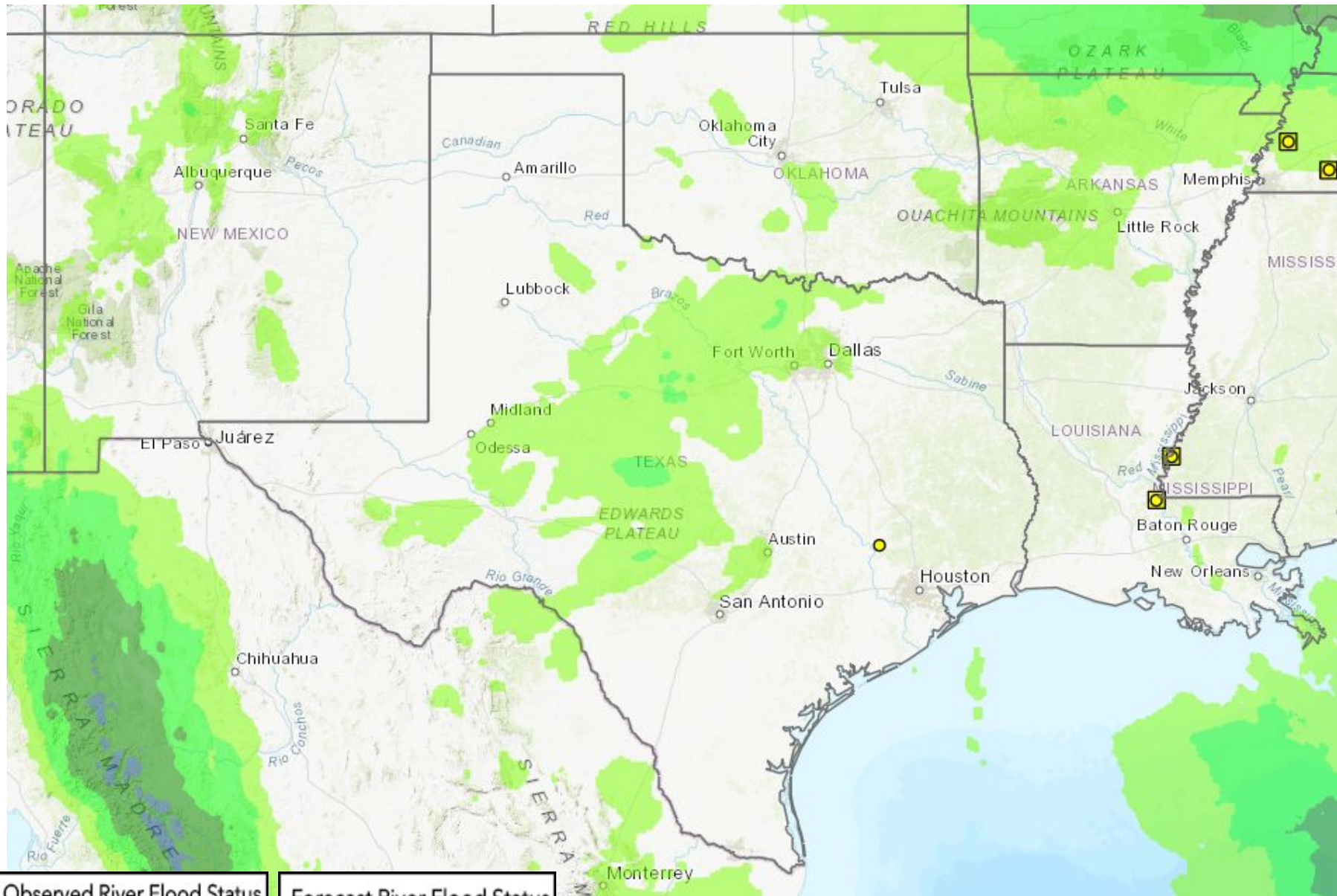
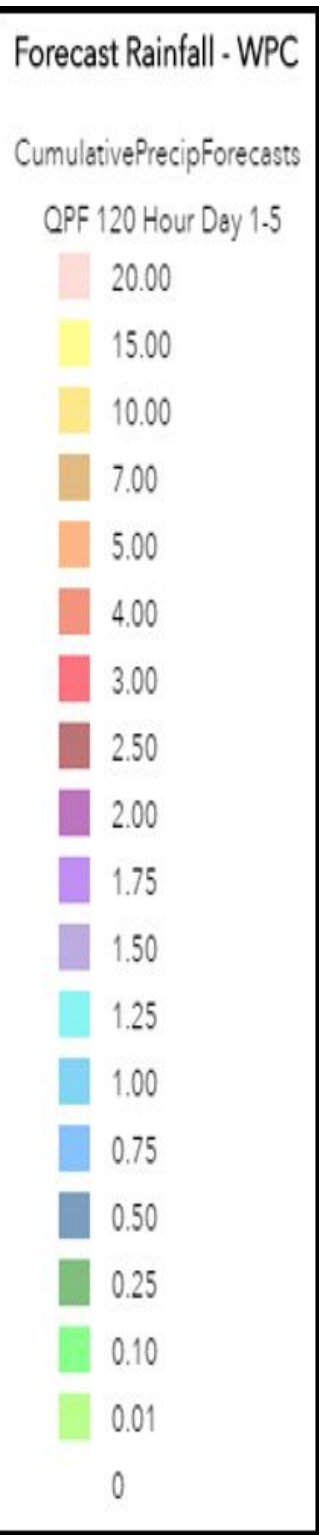
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Amarillo	10↑	17↑	23↑	25↔	24↔	24↔	24↔	37↓	38↔	36↔	26↔	14↔	16↑	25↑	25↑
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Guadalupe Pass	10↔	24↔	26↔	23↔	22↔	39↔	39↔	44↔	58↔	58↔	58↔	58↔	58↔	55↔	33↔
Lubbock	14↔	22↑	23↑	20↑	21↔	24↔	23↔	23↔	39↔	39↔	30↔	17↔	10↔	17↑	17↑
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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



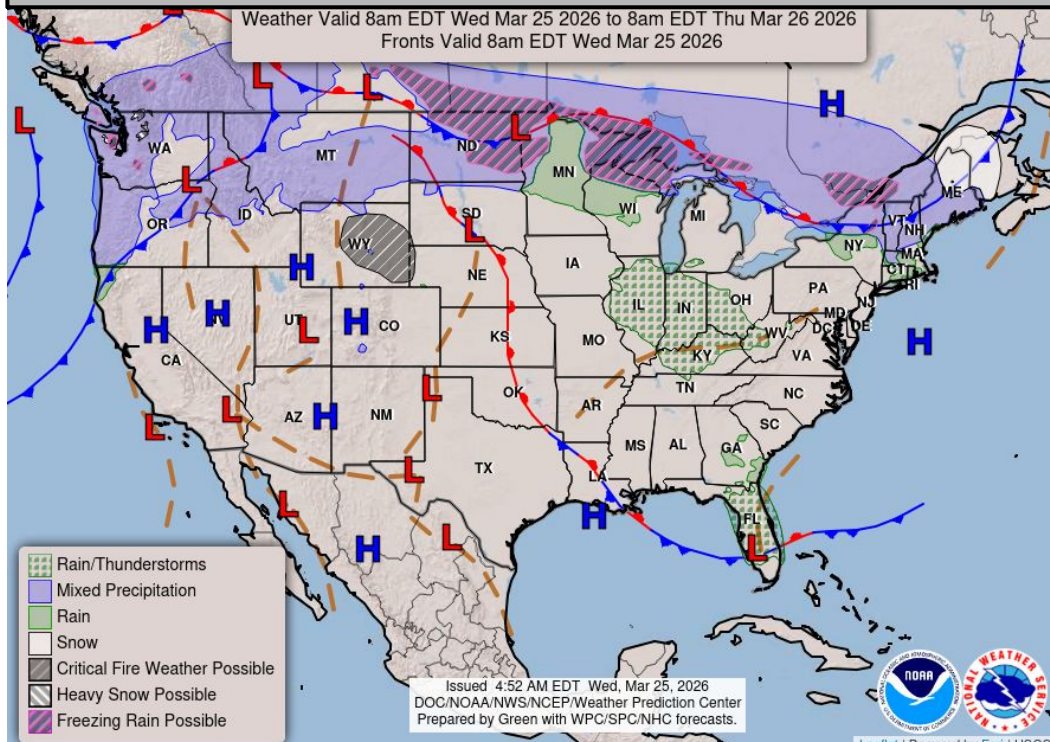
River flooding is not expected.

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.

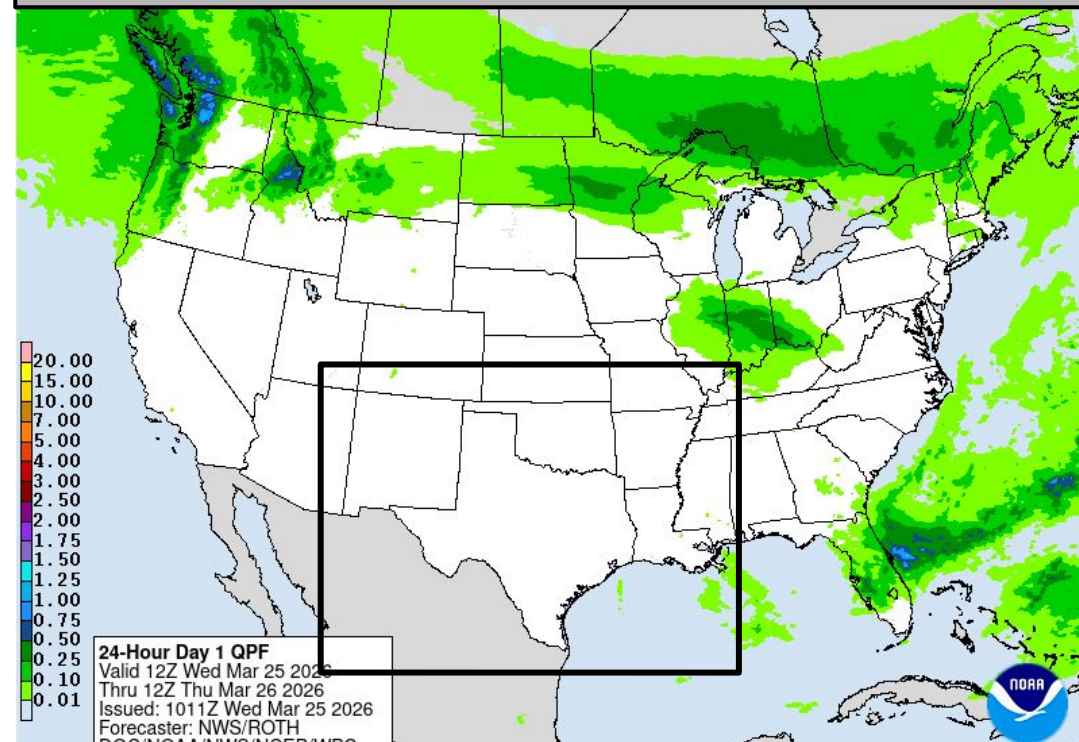


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



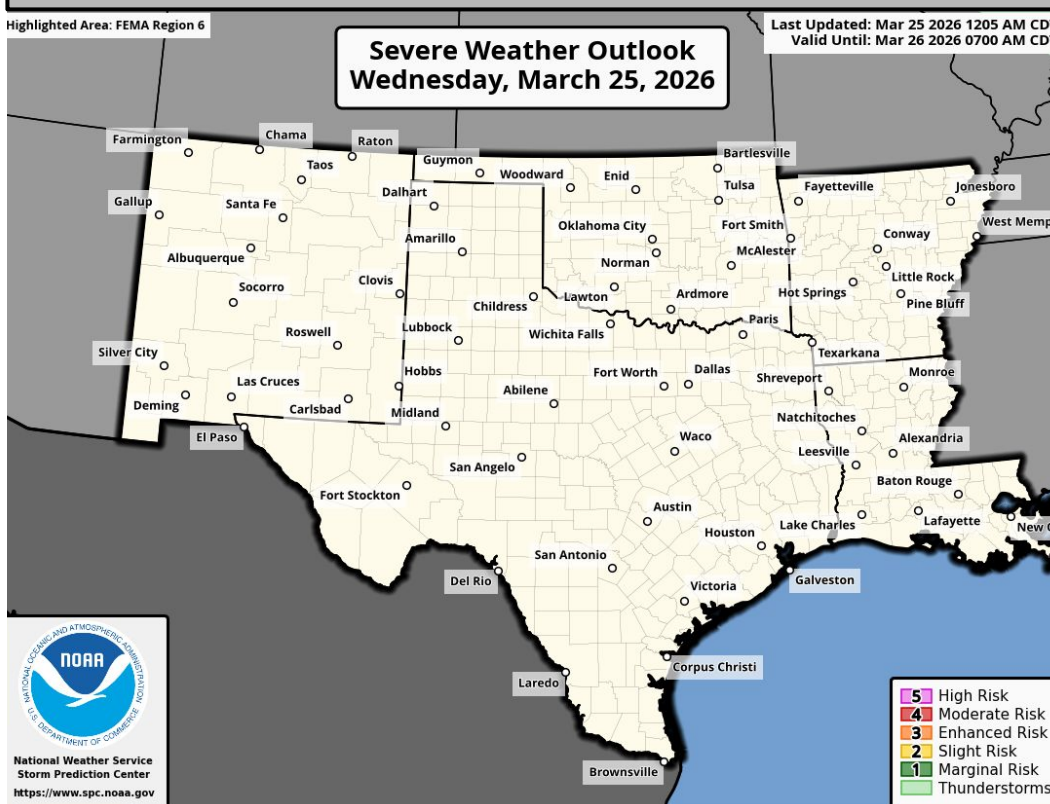
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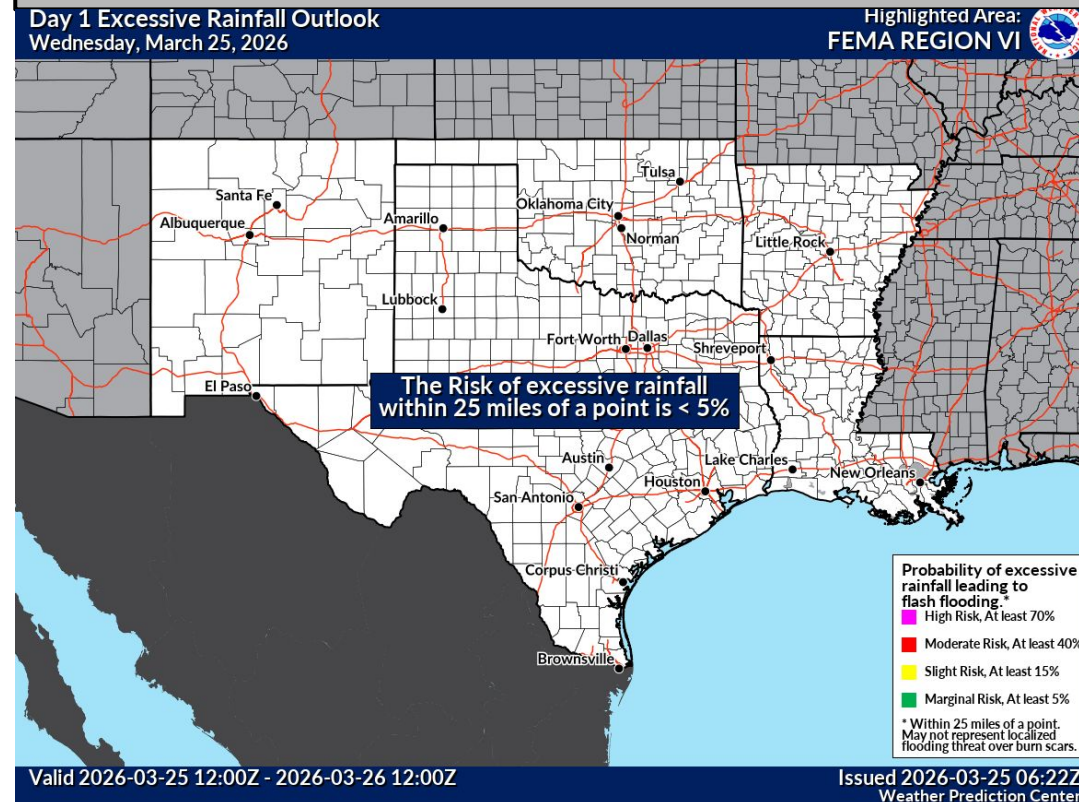
Impactful heat for portions of NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, OK with high temperatures 25-35 degrees above normal.

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

Severe Weather Outlook

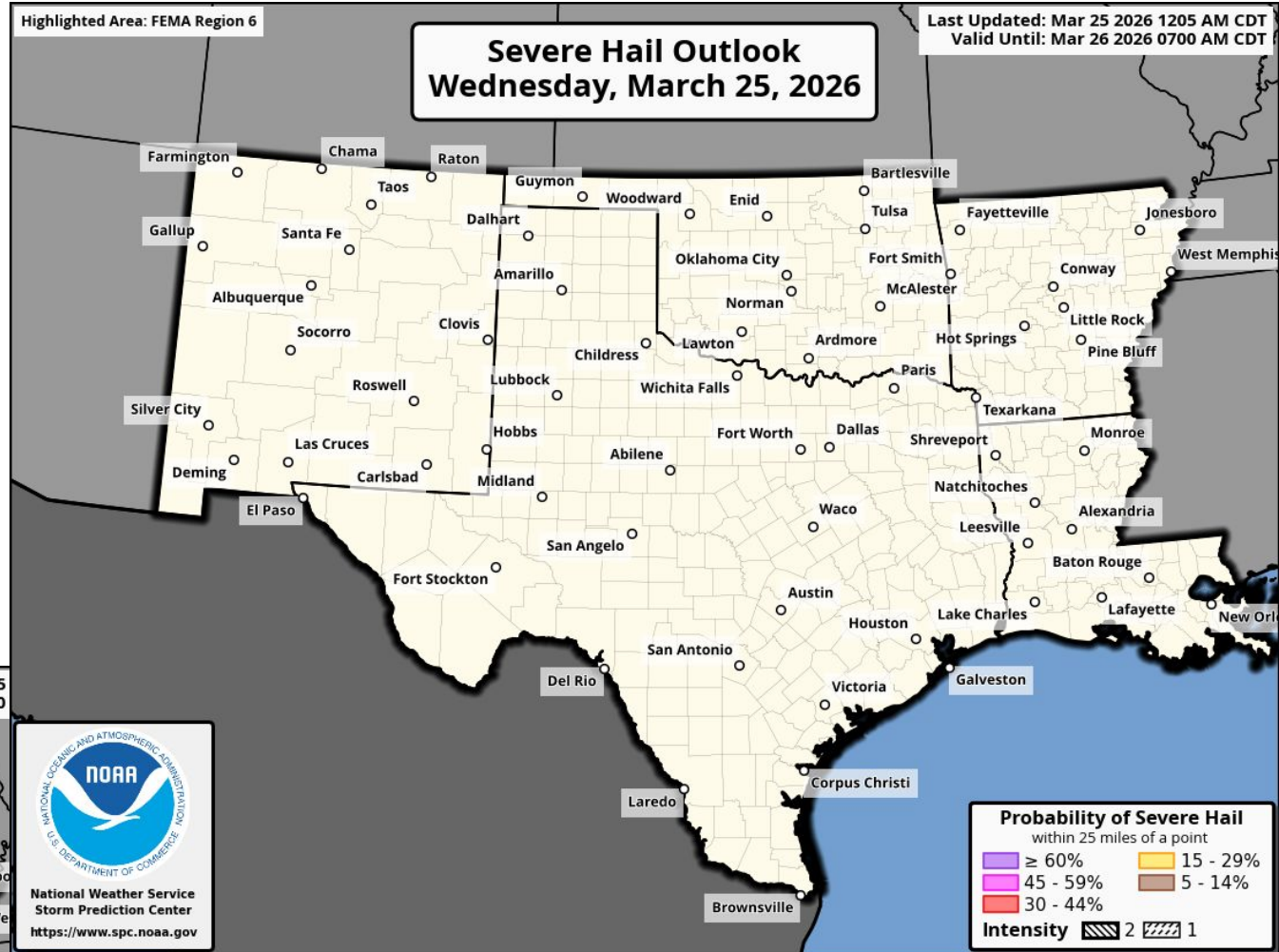
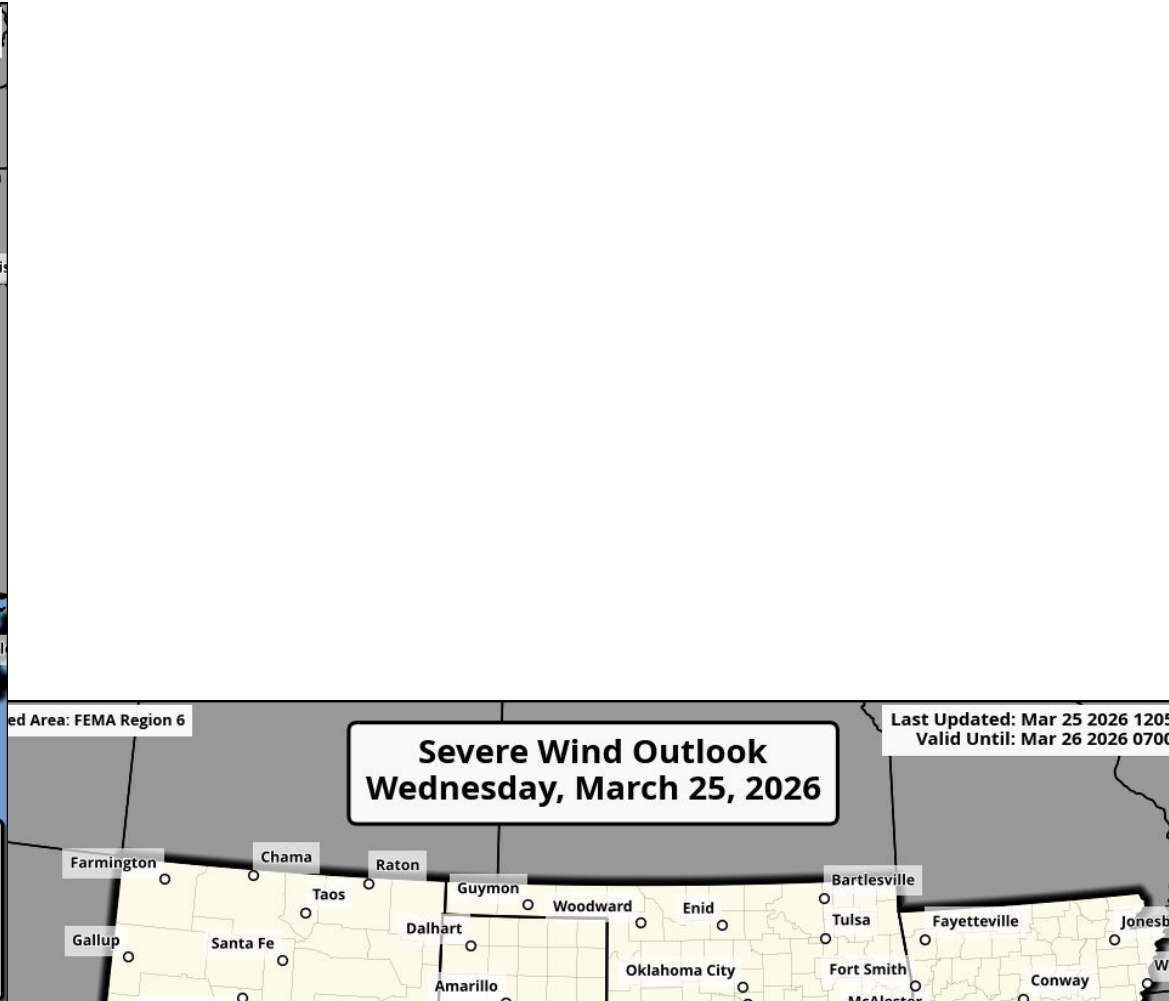
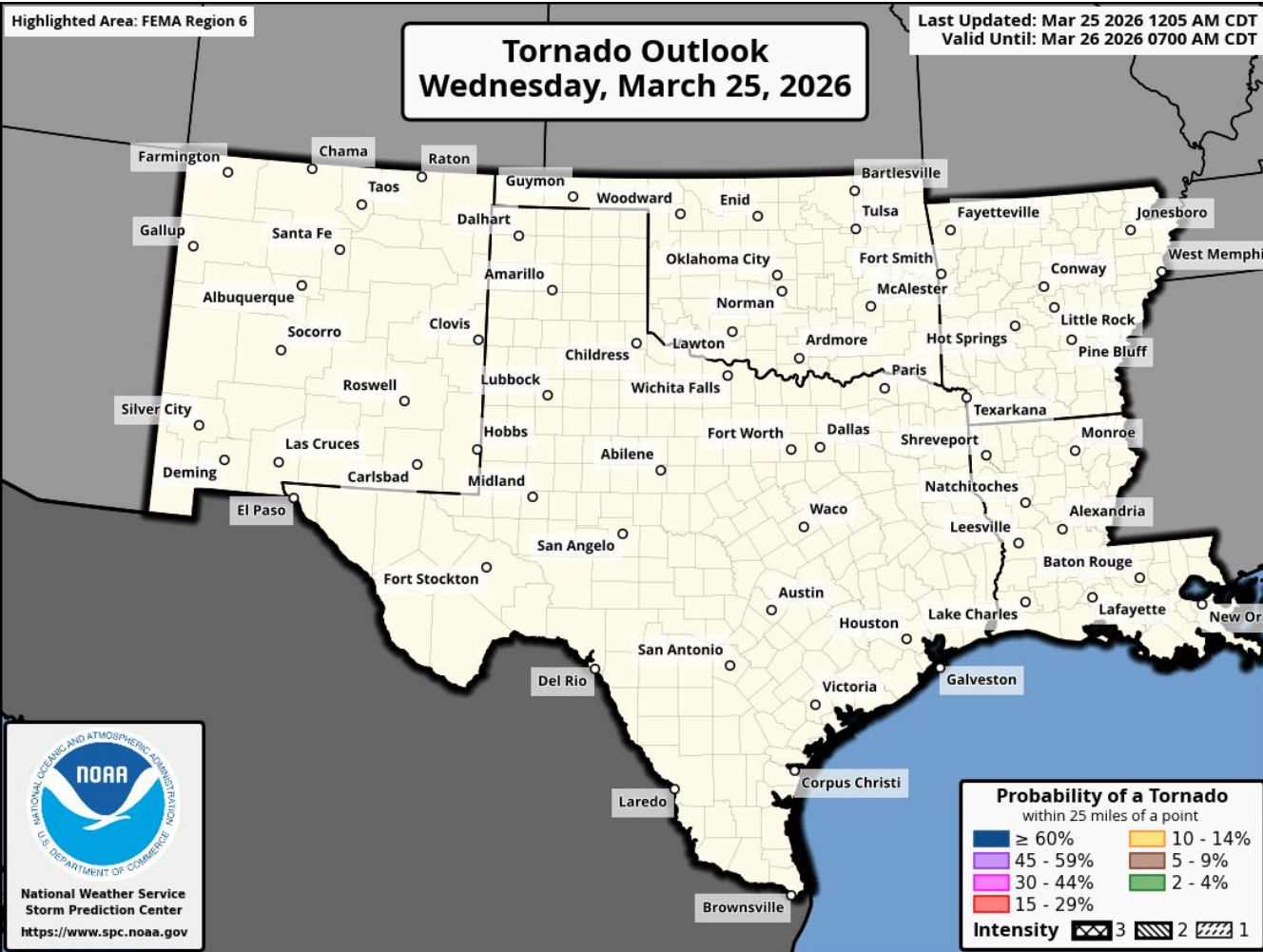


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



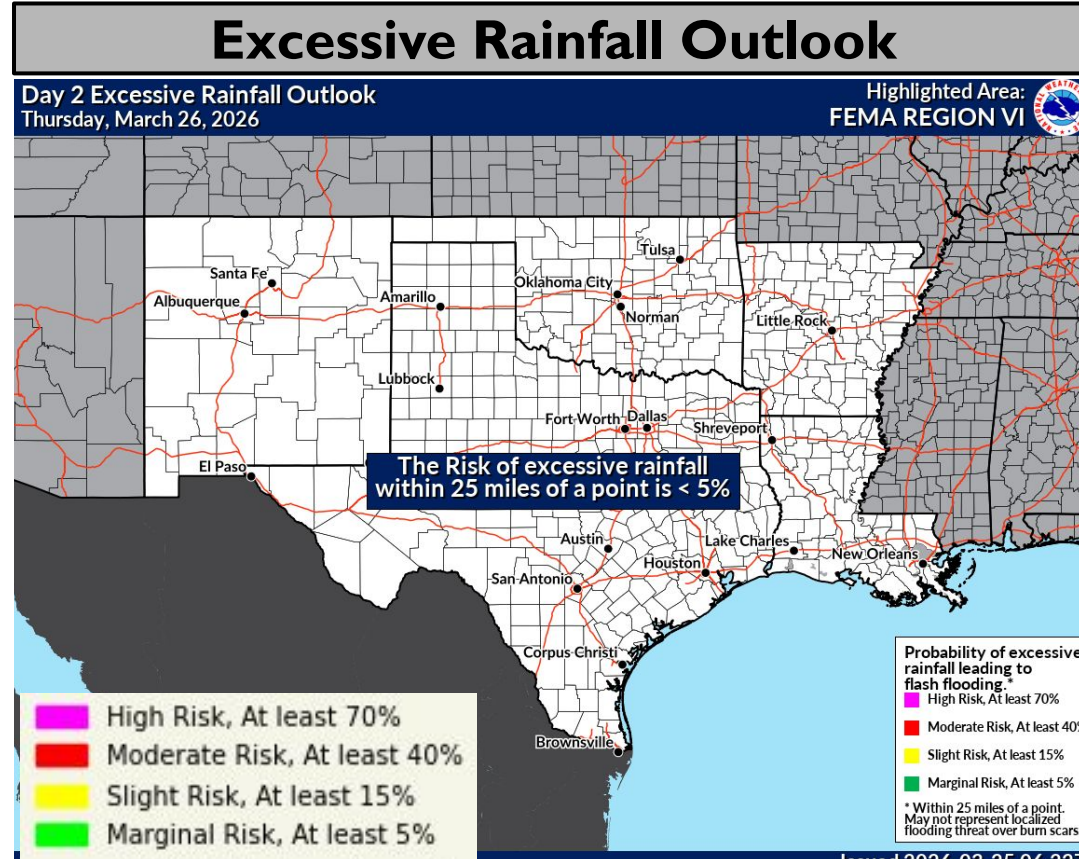
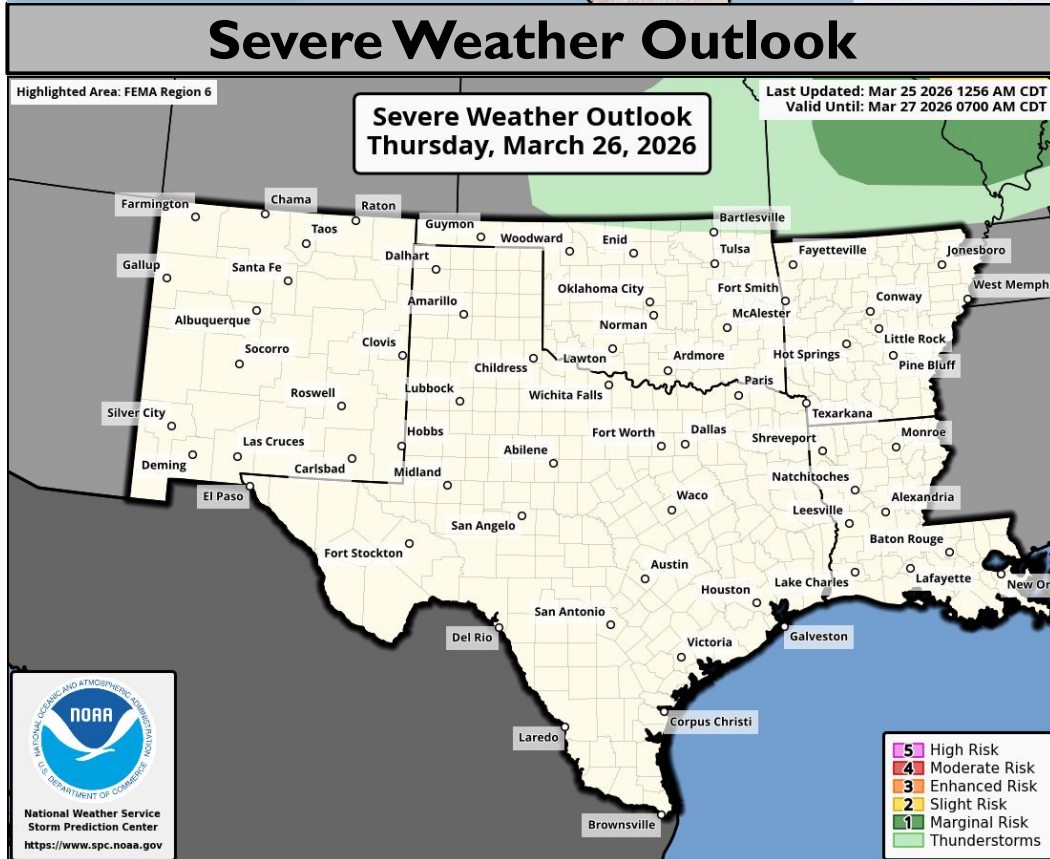
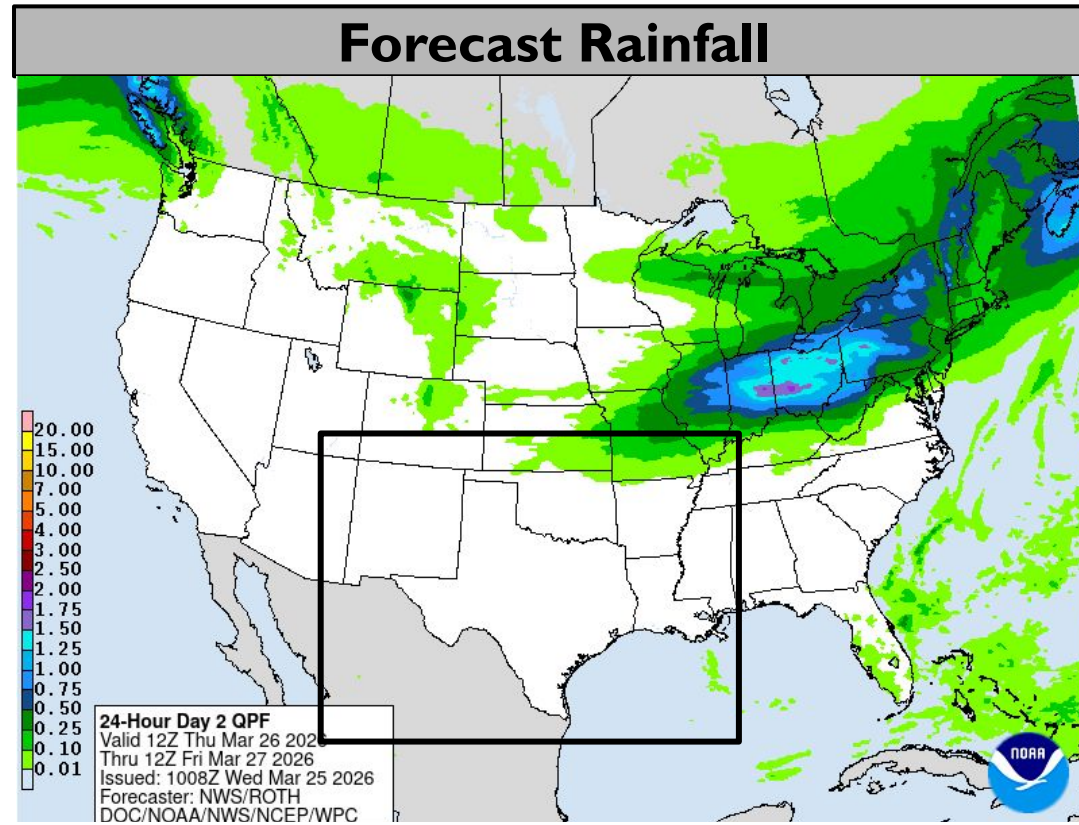
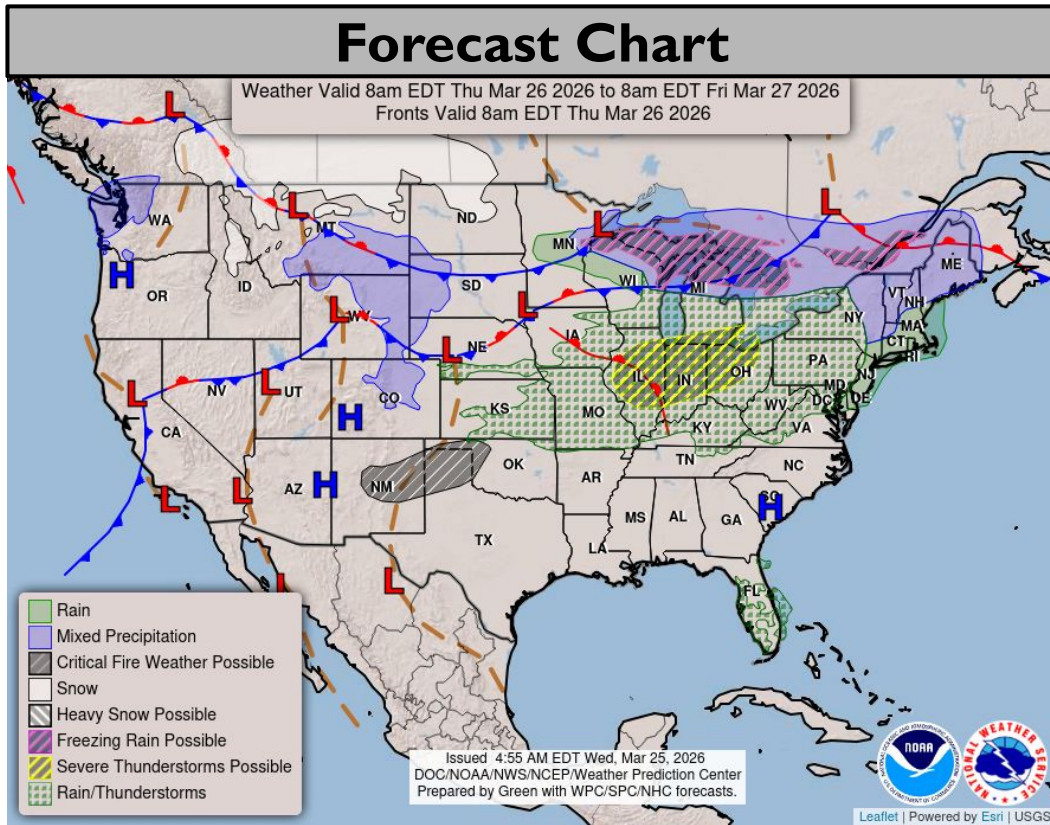


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





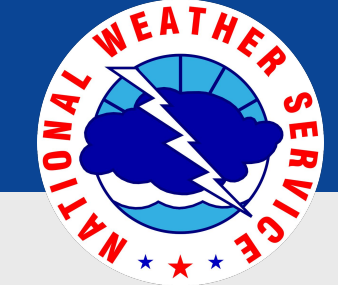
Tomorrow's Weather



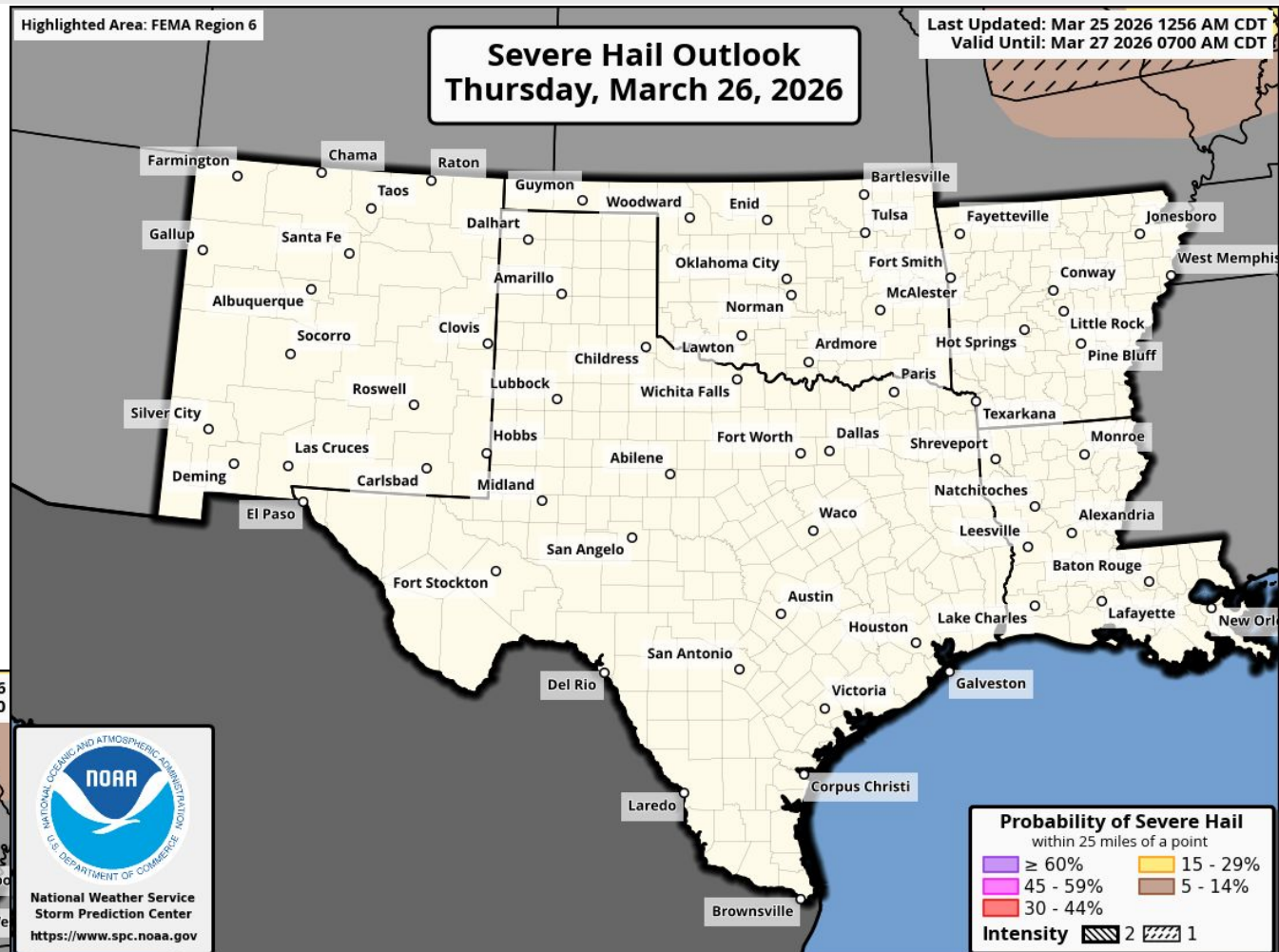
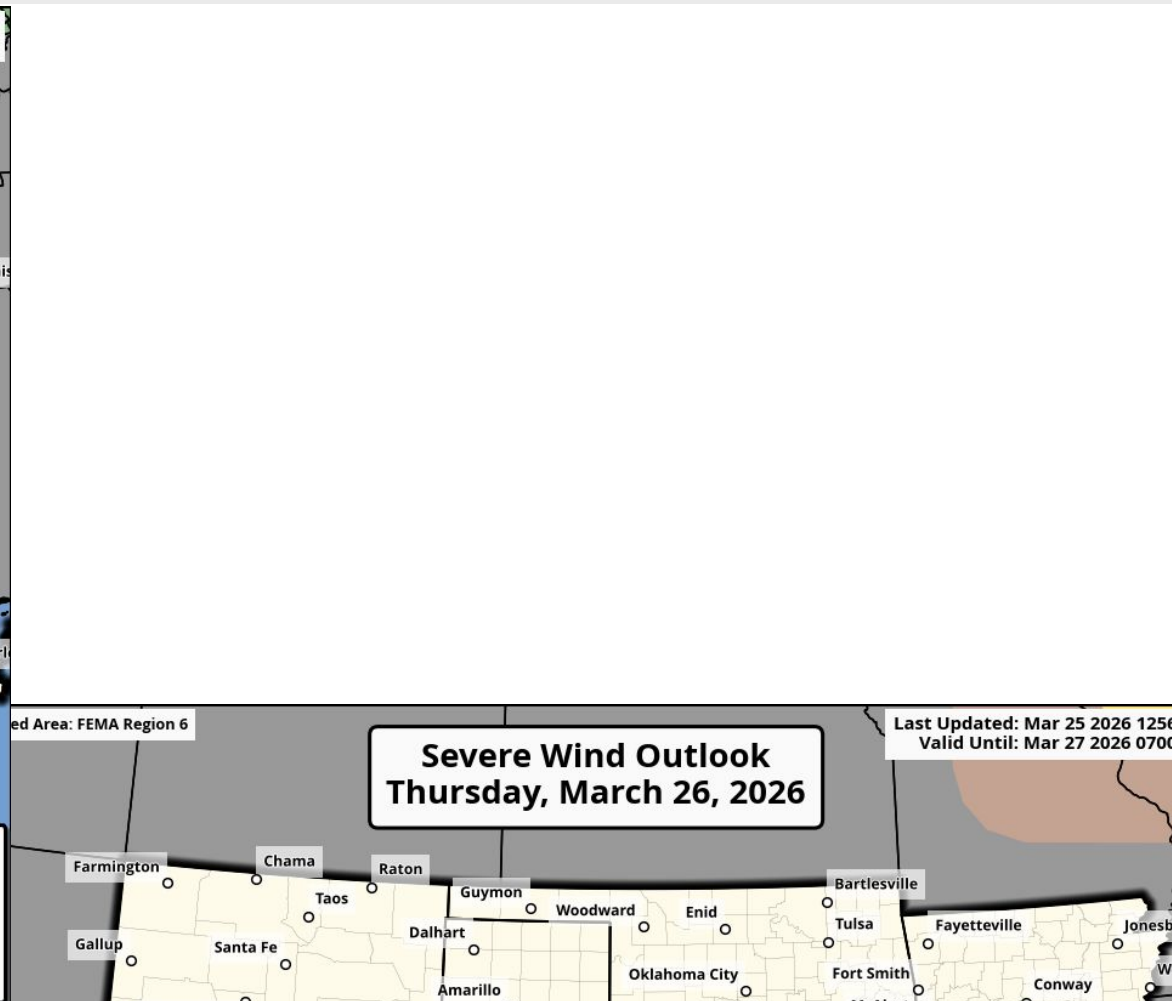
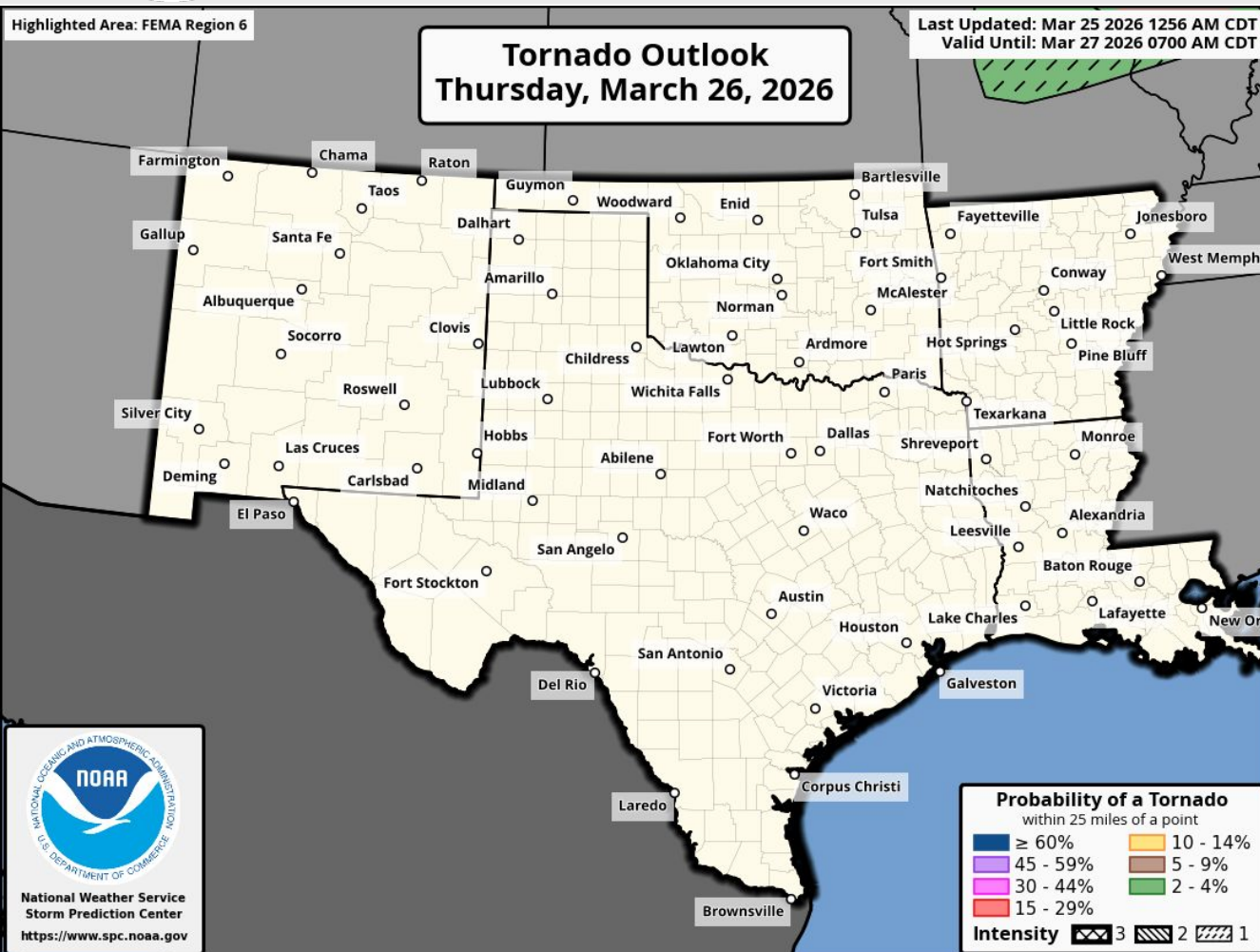
Critical fire weather (level 2 of 3) Thursday in NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W/C OK.

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, W OK with high temperatures 25-35 degrees above normal.



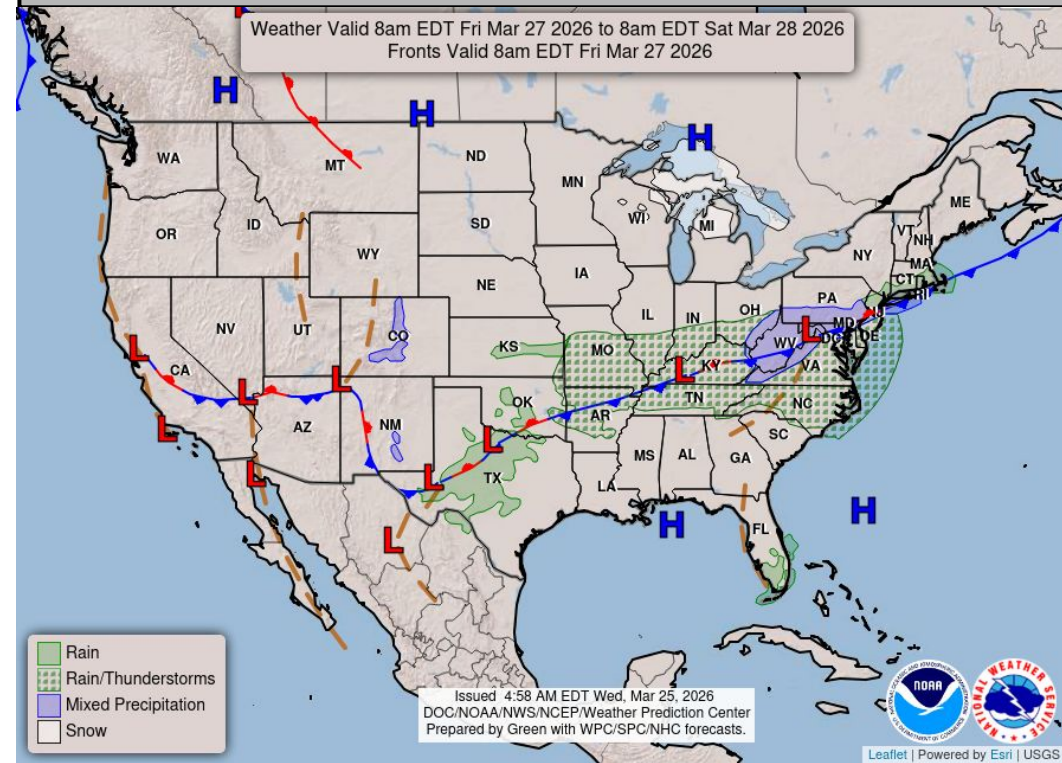
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



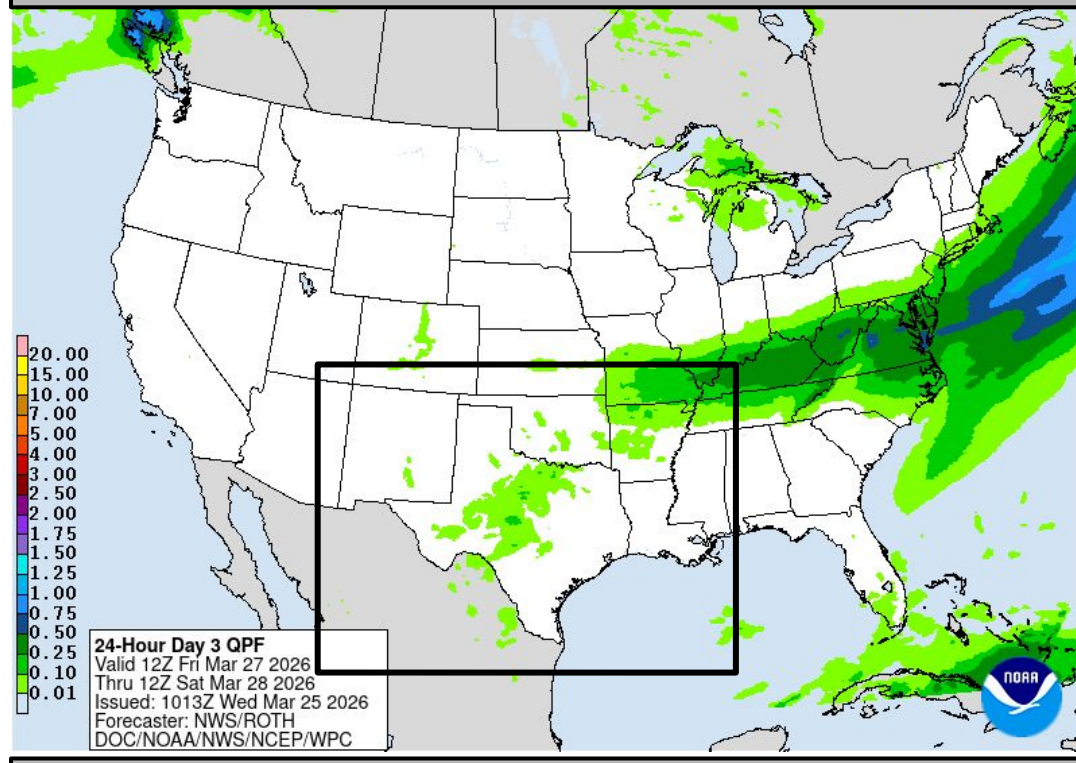


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

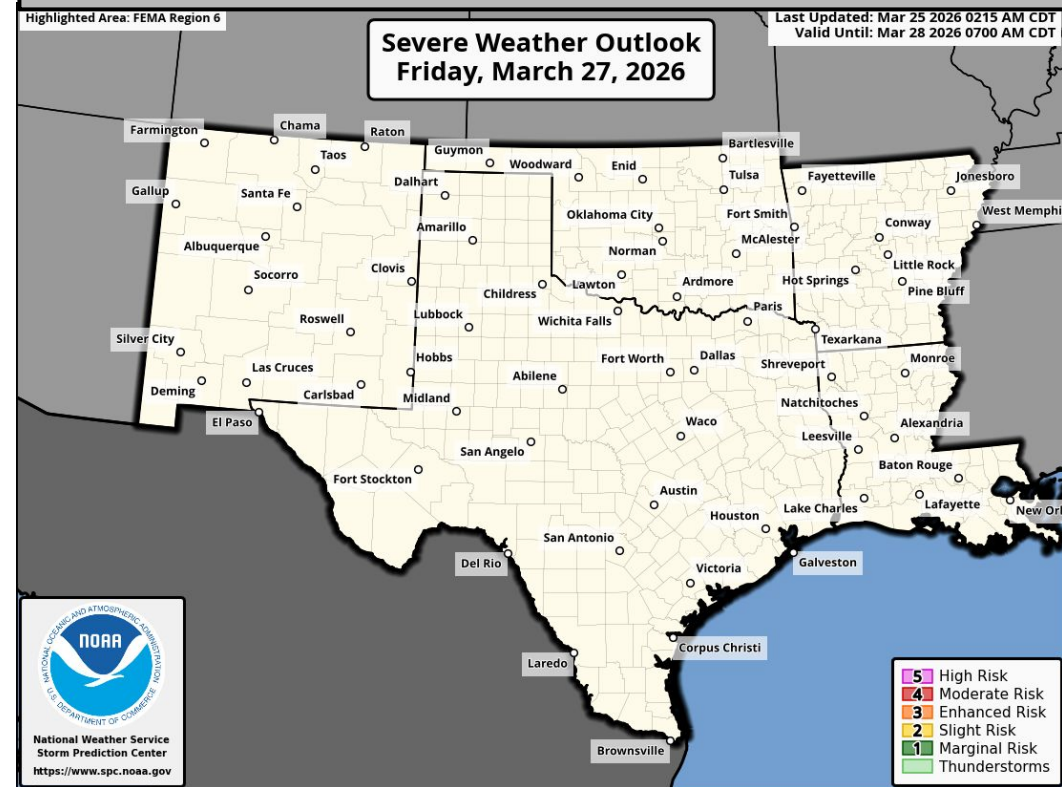


Forecast Rainfall

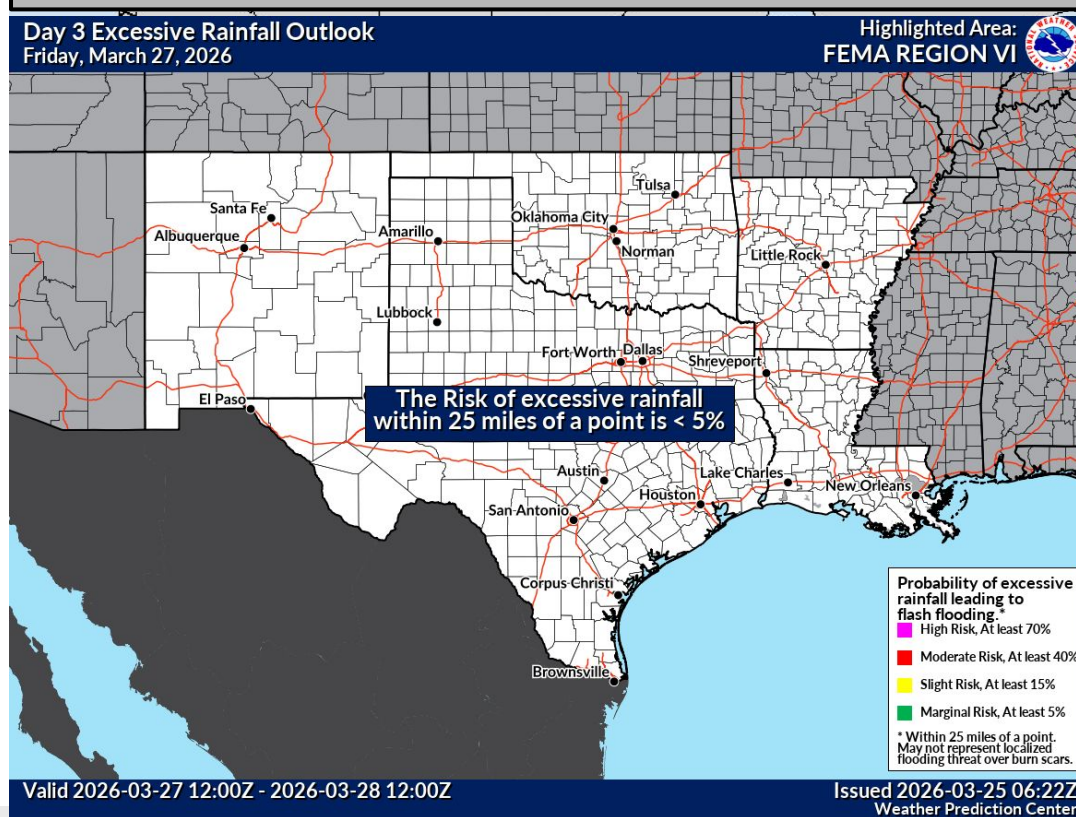


Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



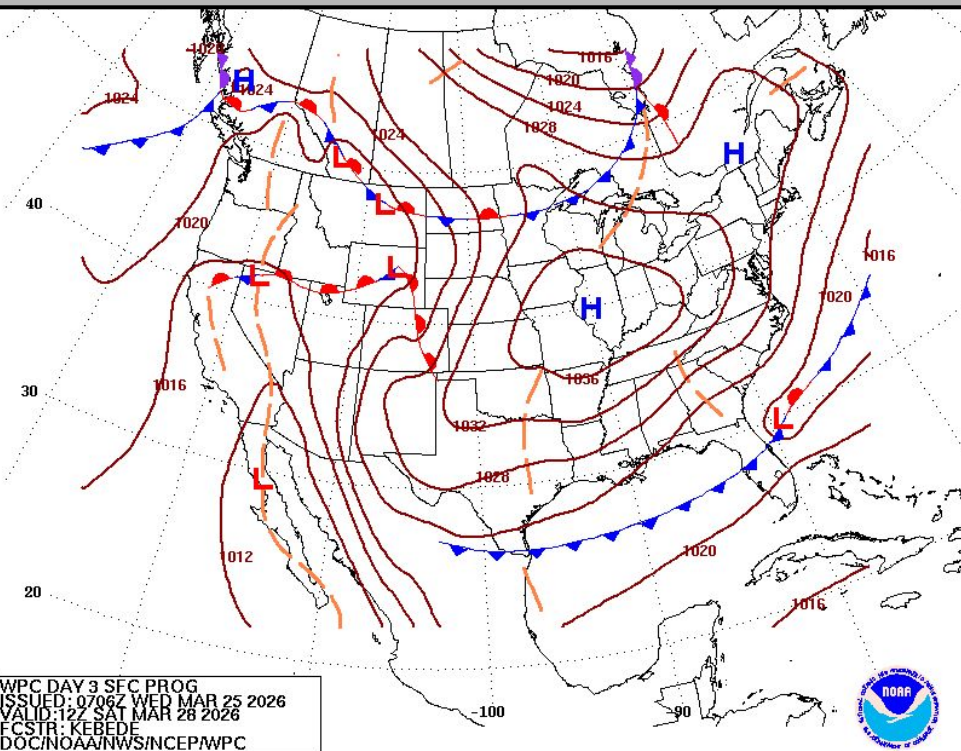
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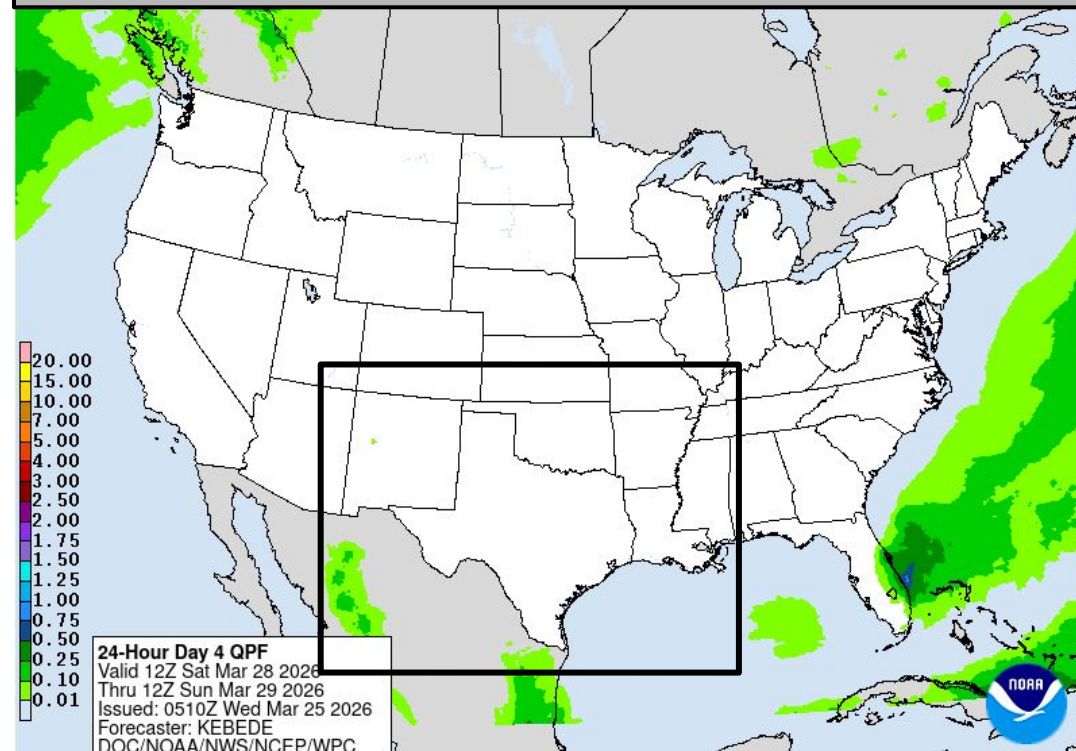


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

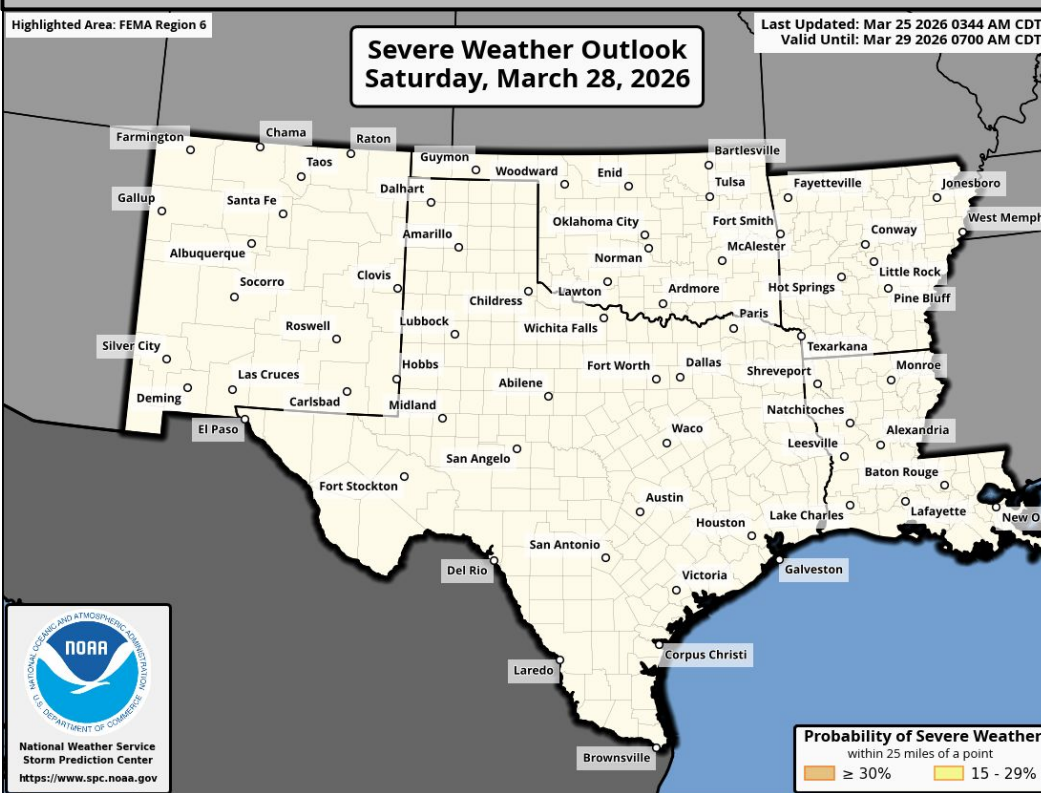


Forecast Rainfall

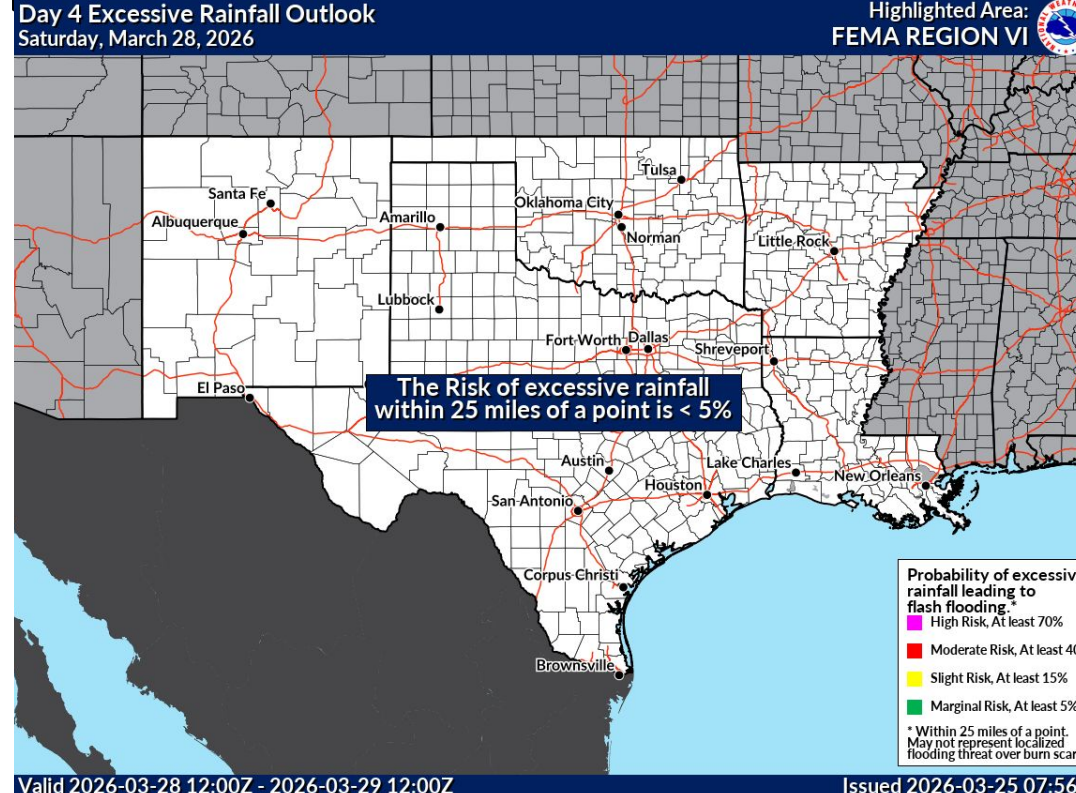


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Severe Weather Outlook



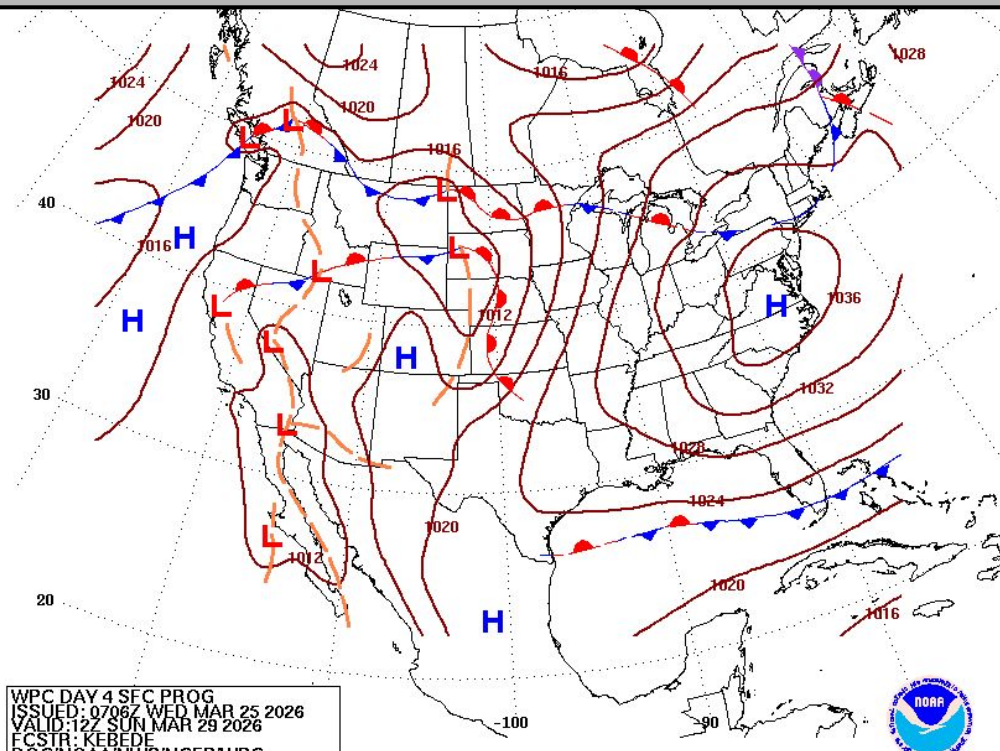
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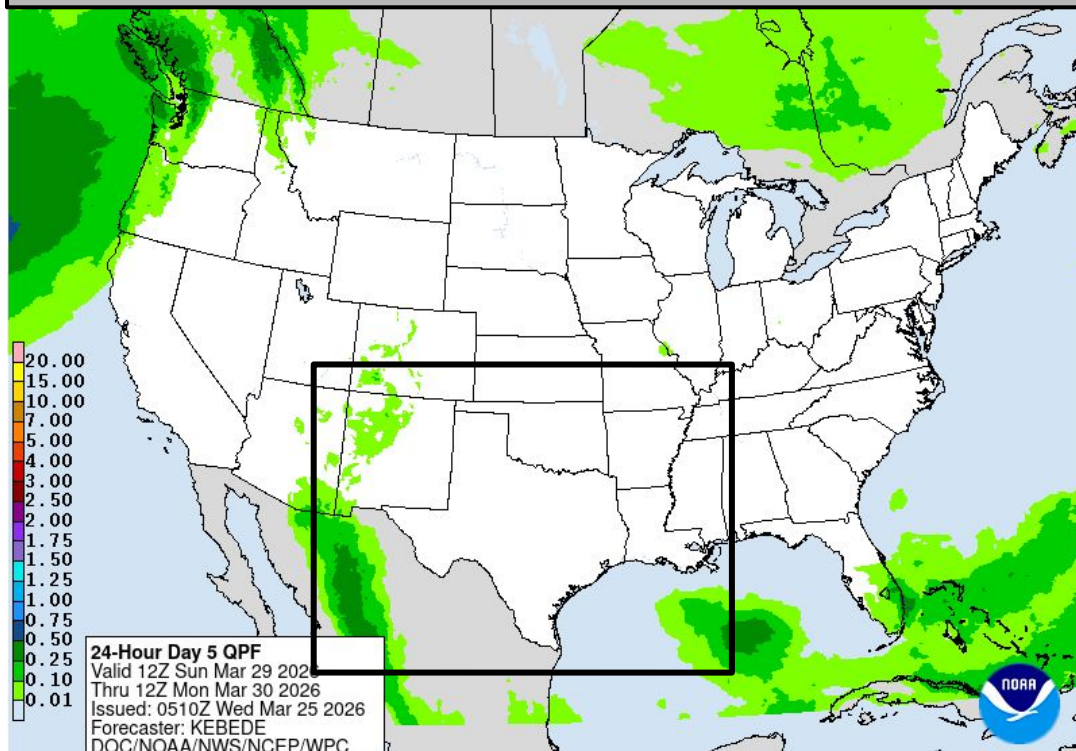
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z SUN MAR 29 2026
FCSTR: KEBEDE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

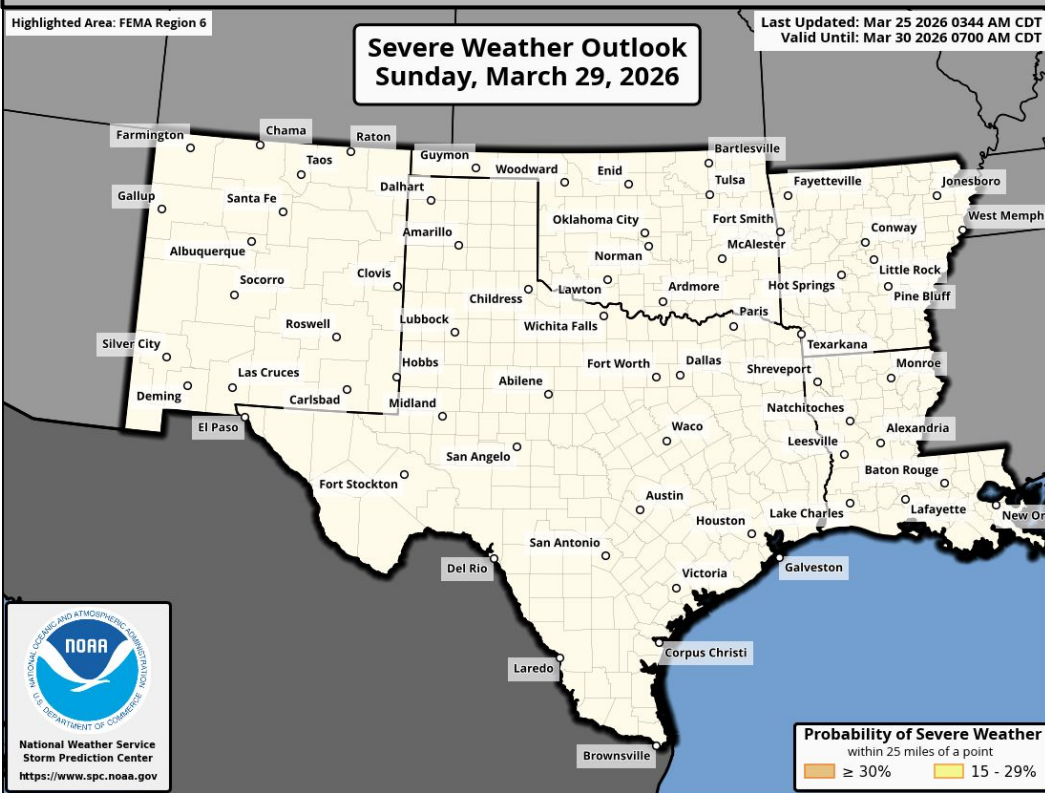
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun Mar 29 2026
Thru 12Z Mon Mar 30 2026
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Forecaster: KEBEDE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

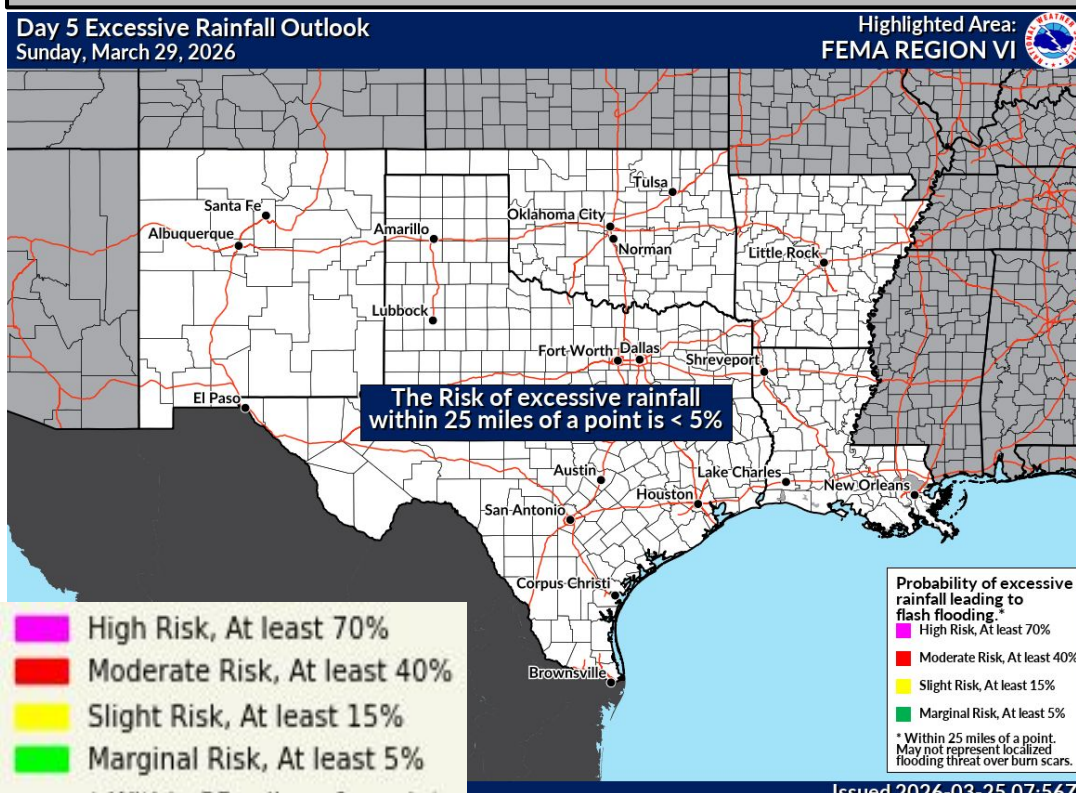
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, March 29, 2026

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, March 29, 2026

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

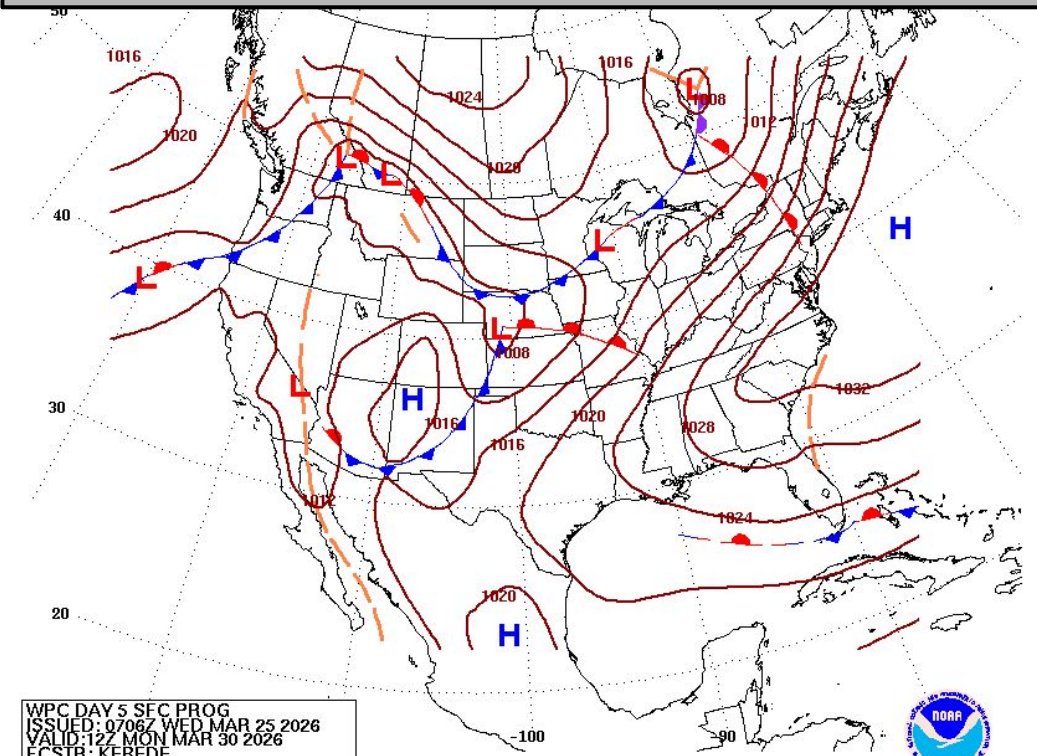
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

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.



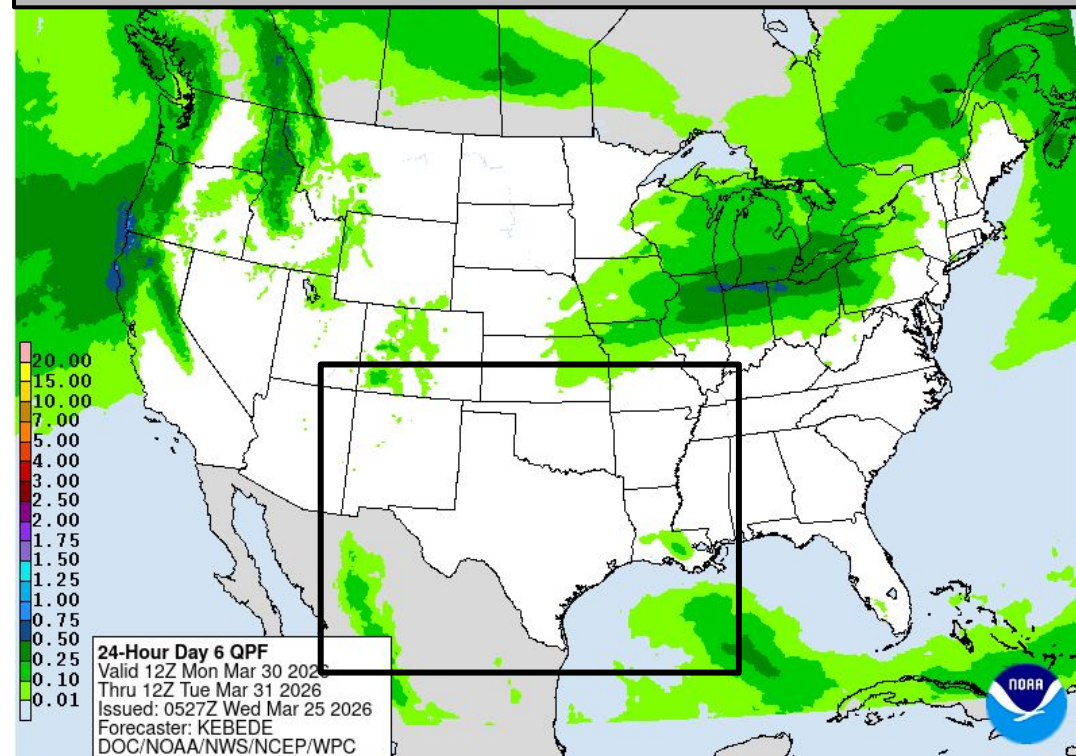
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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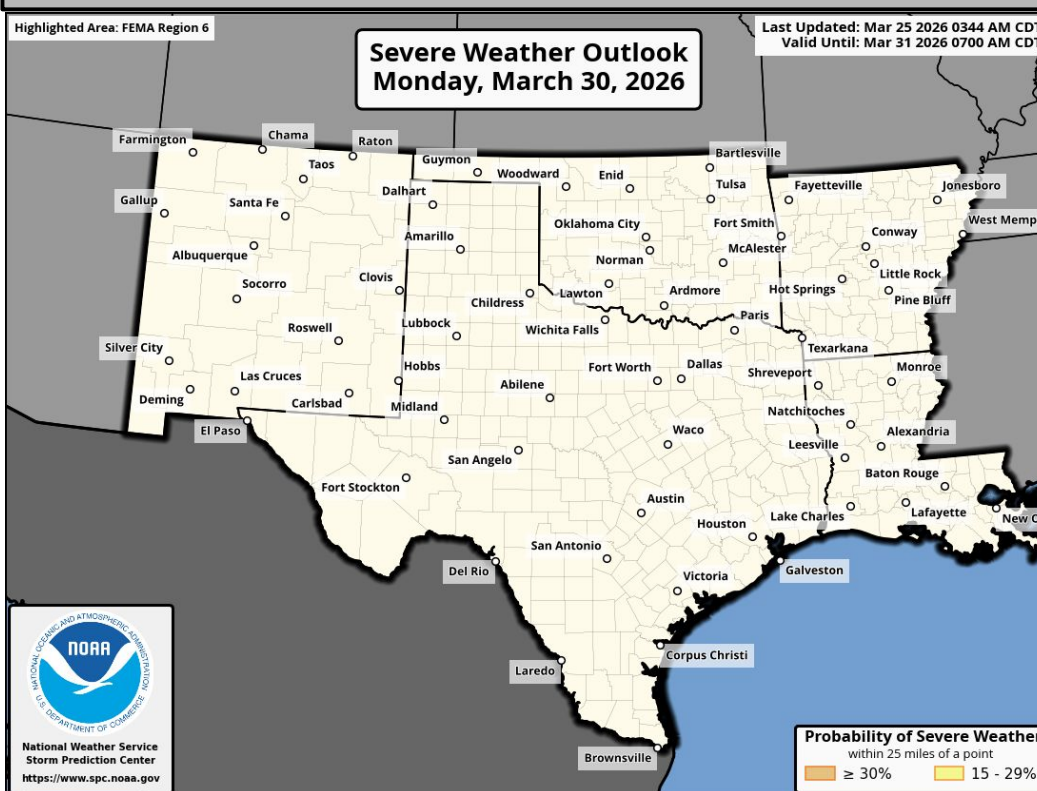
Forecast Rainfall



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Thru 12Z Tue Mar 31 2026
Issued: 0527Z Wed Mar 25 2026
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, March 30, 2026

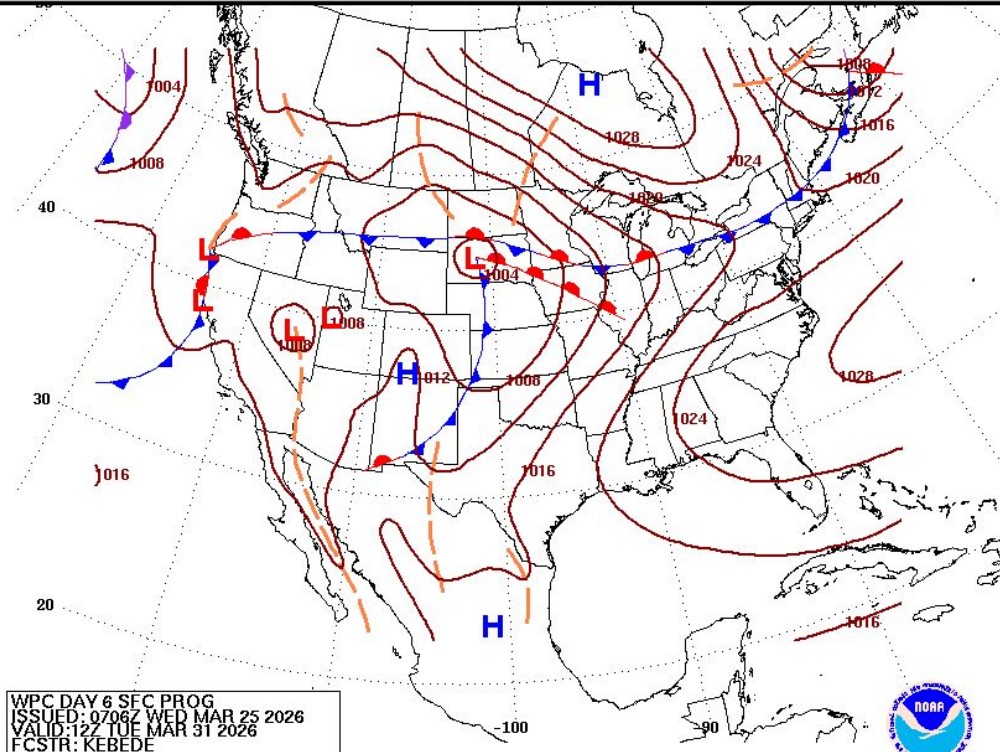
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
not available beyond Day 5**

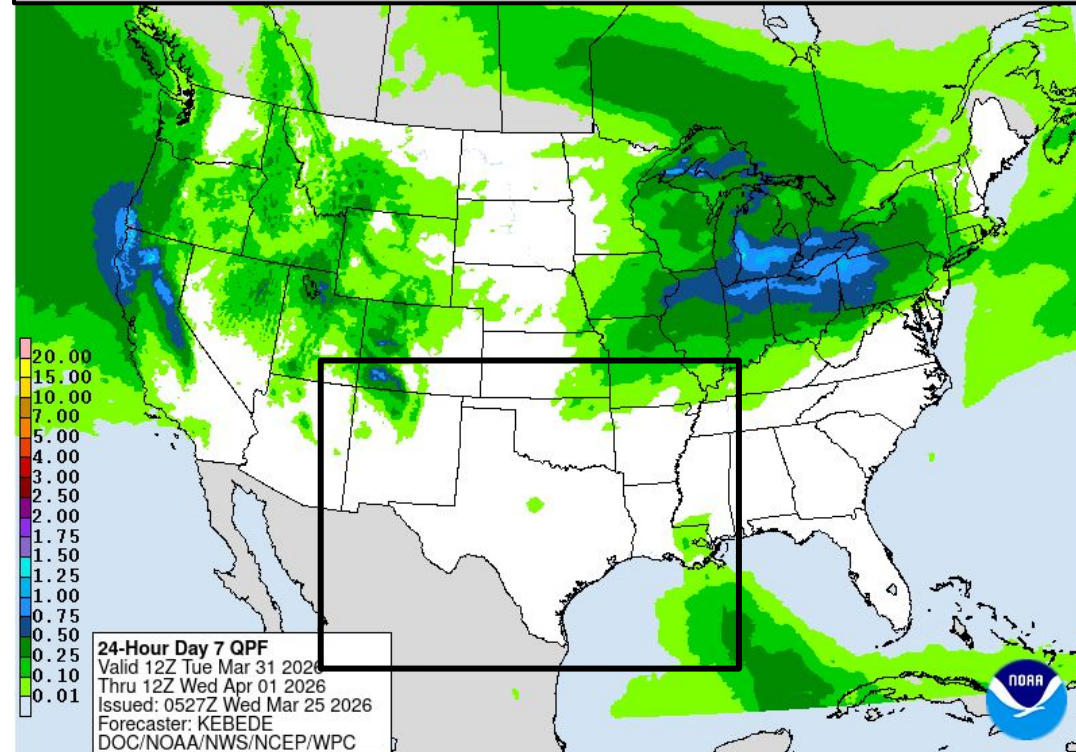


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

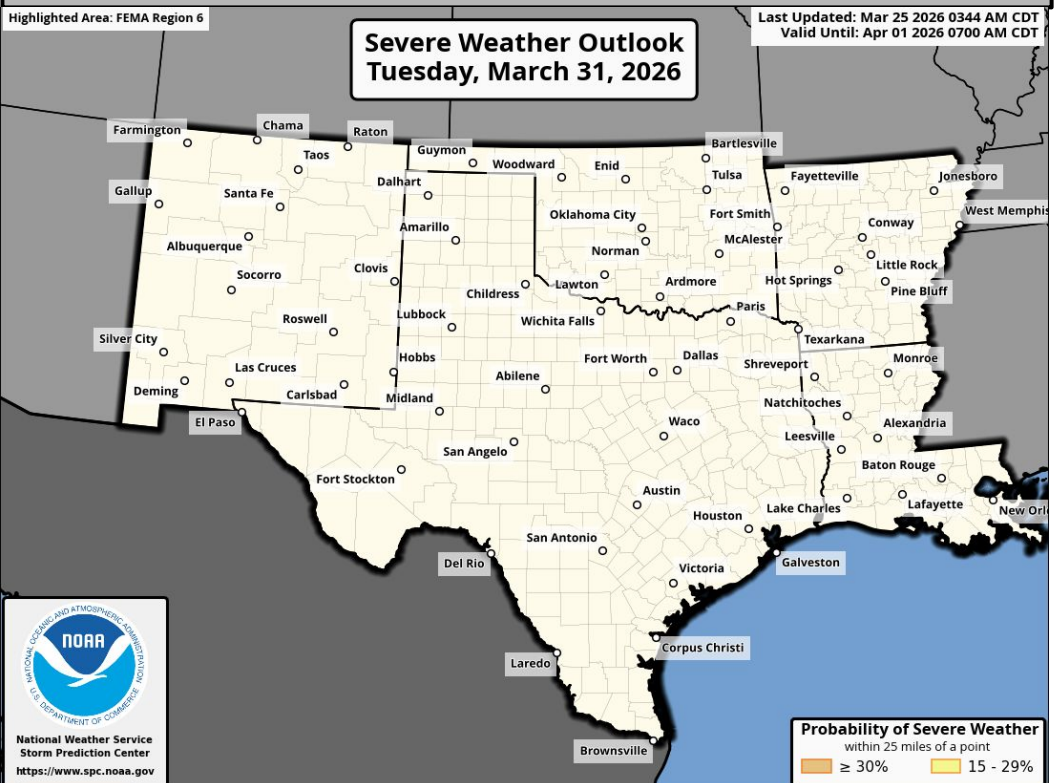


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring for elevated to critical fire weather conditions in NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK.

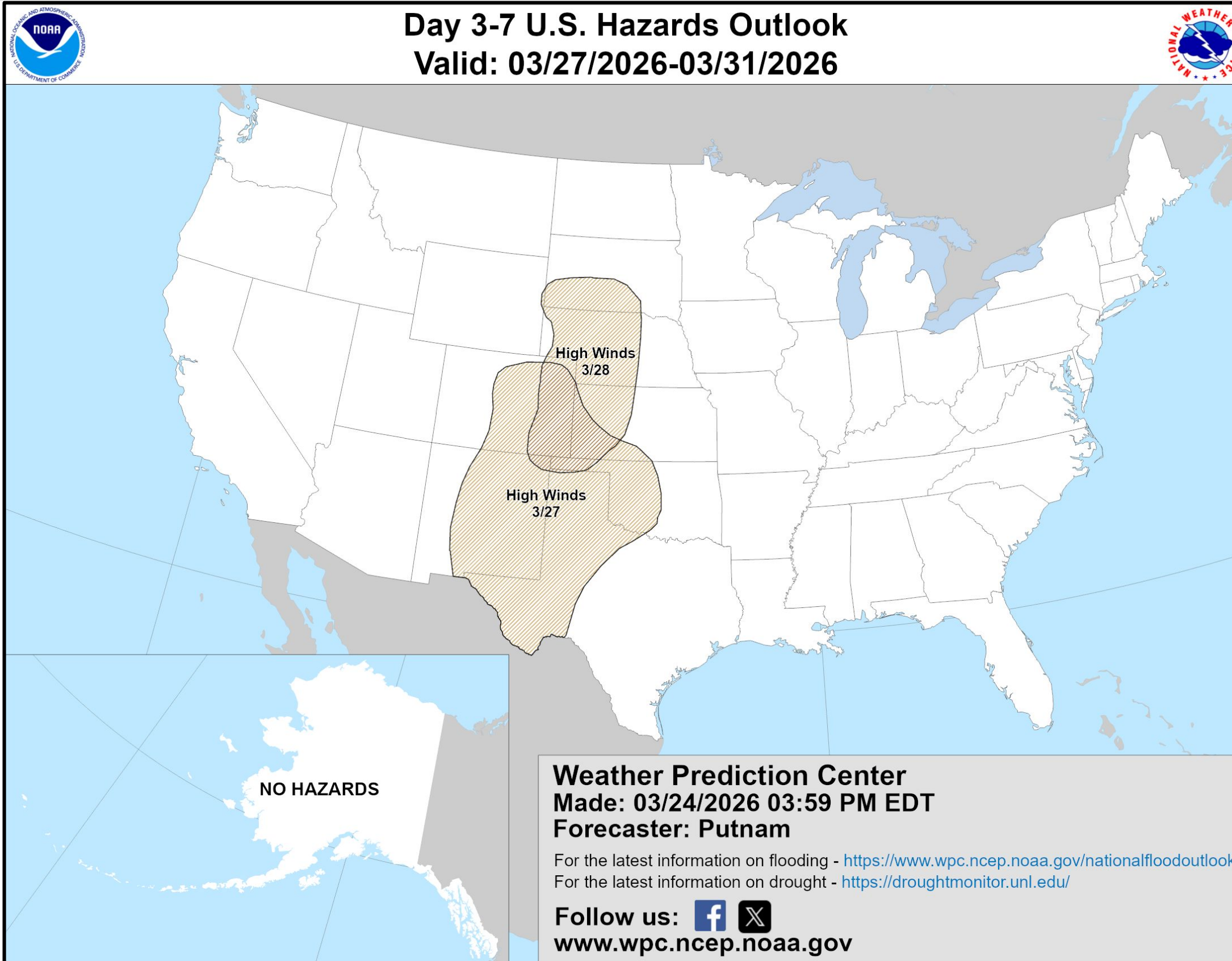
Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

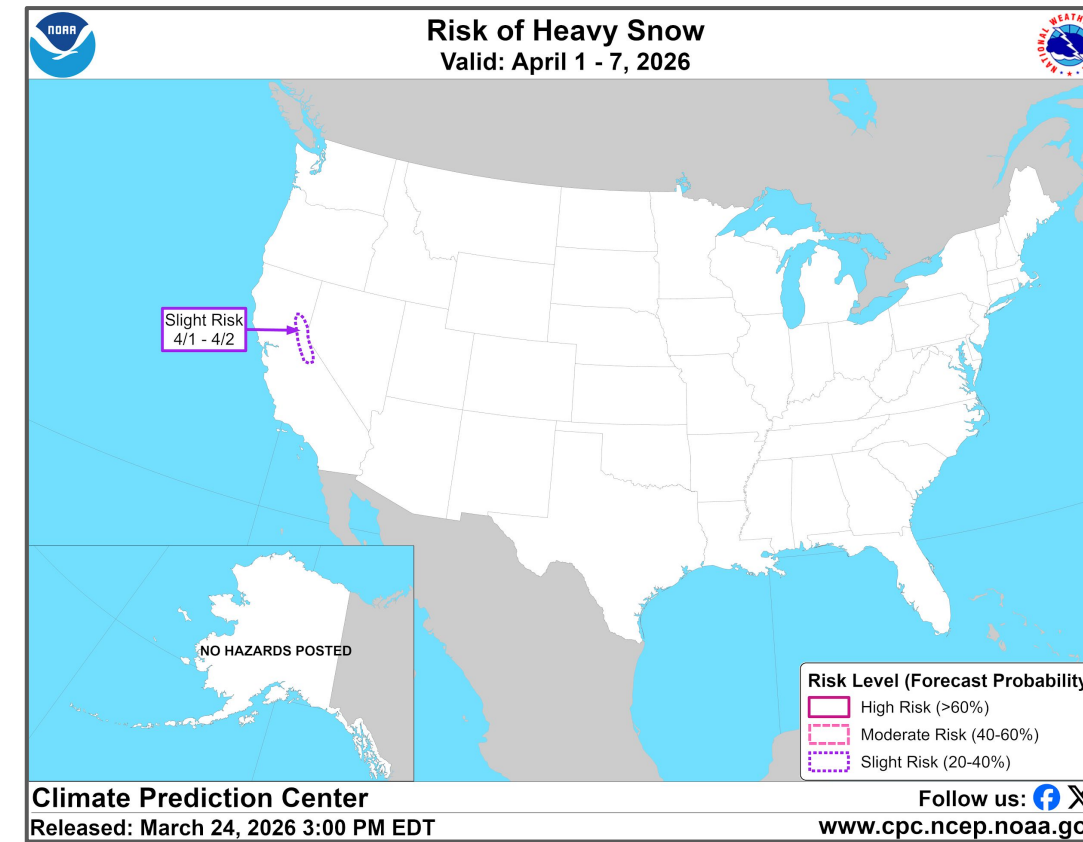
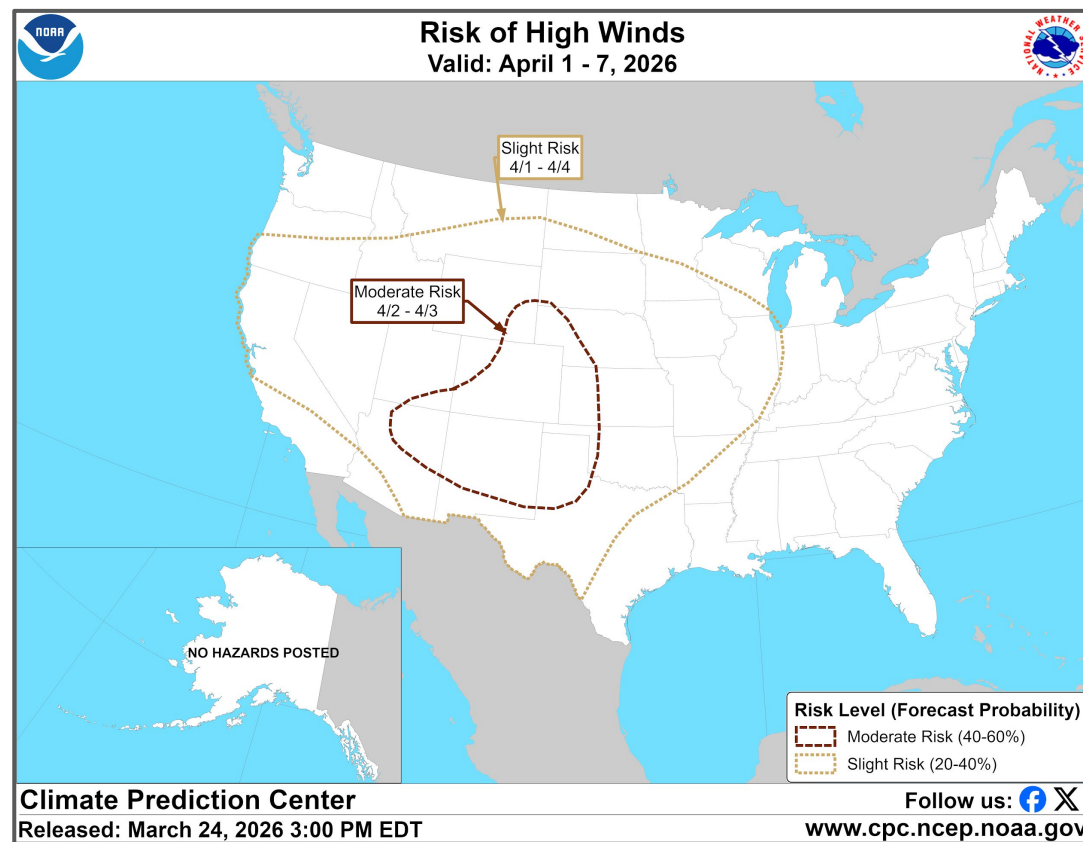
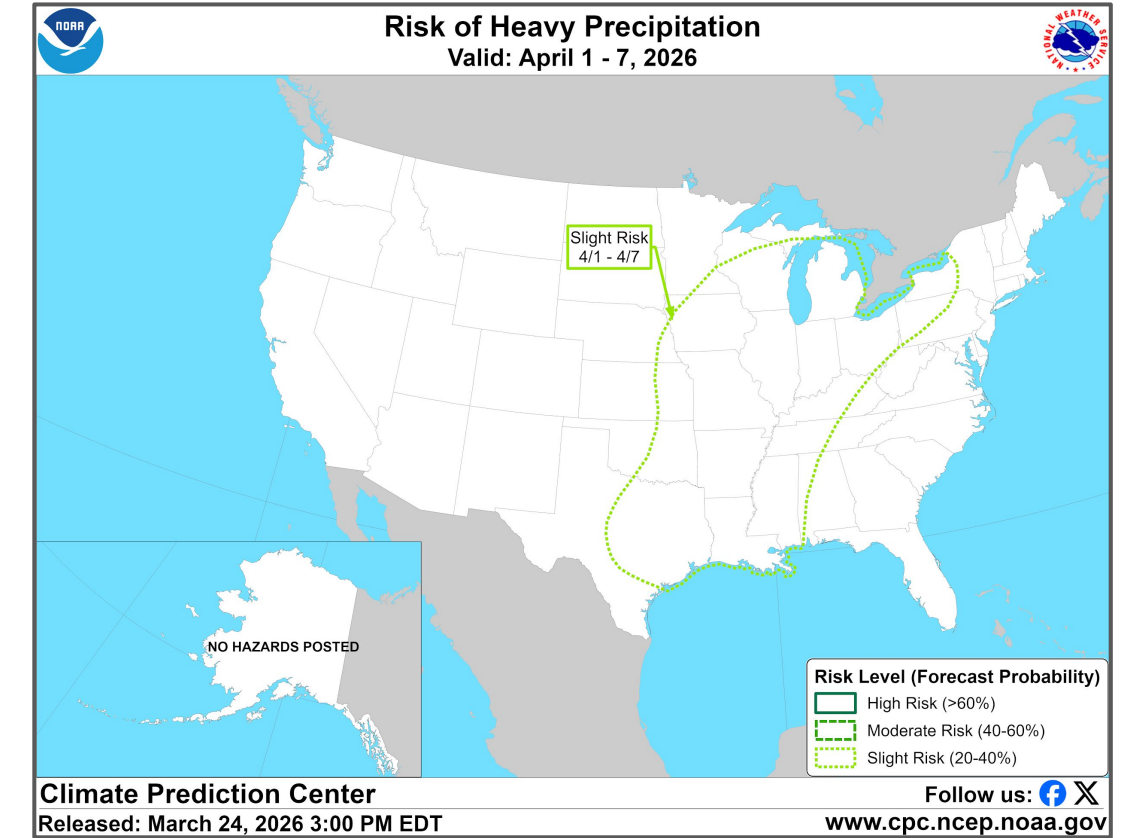
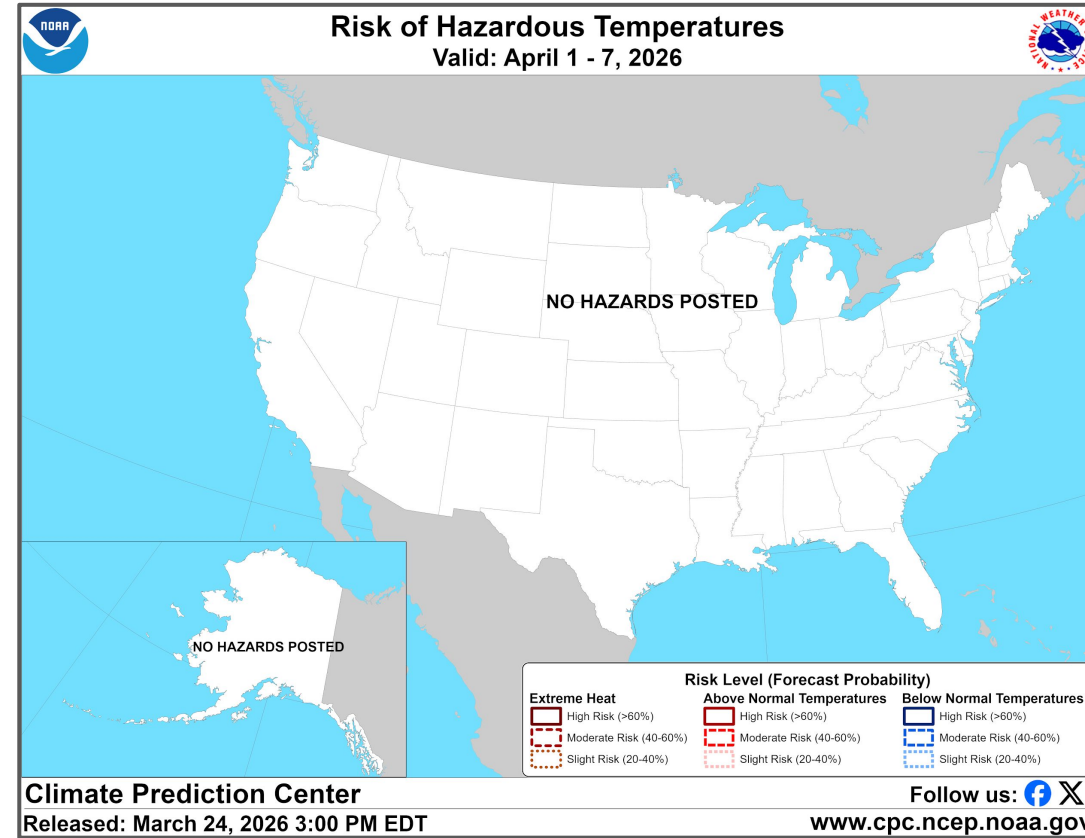
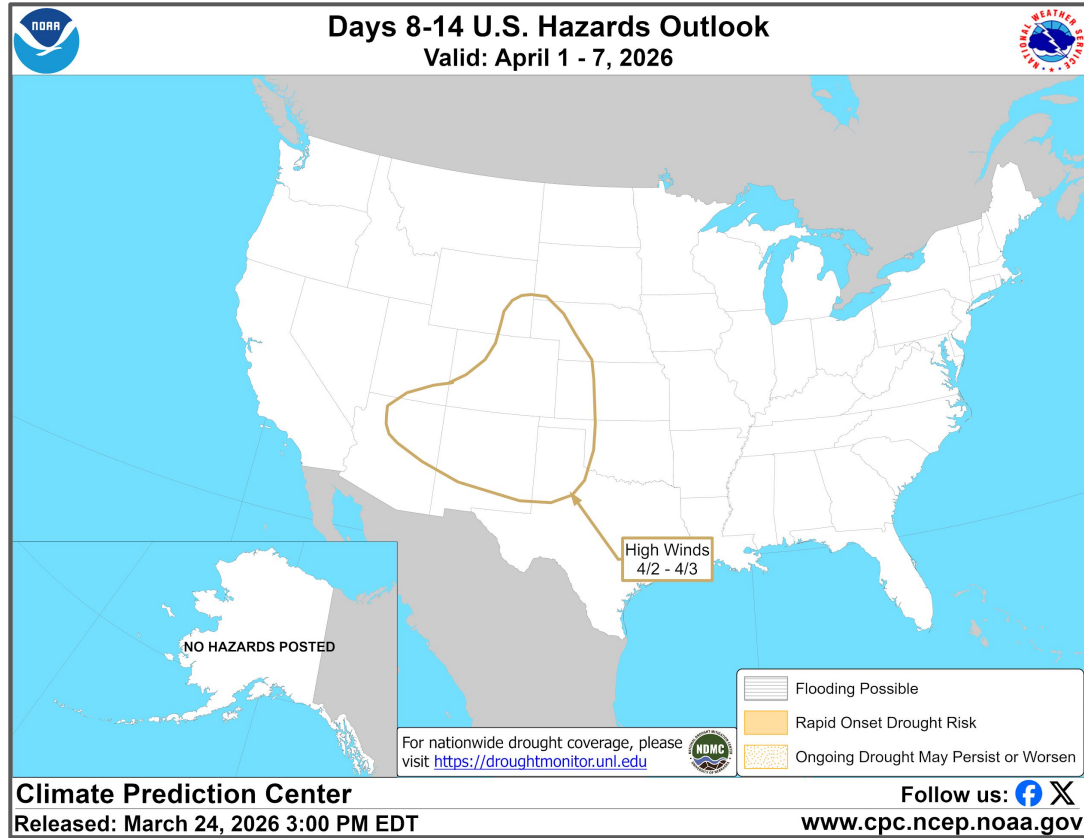


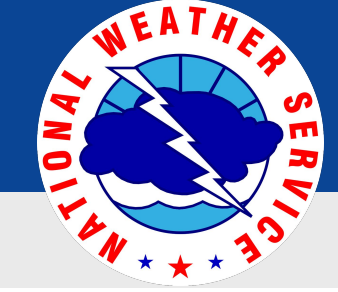
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





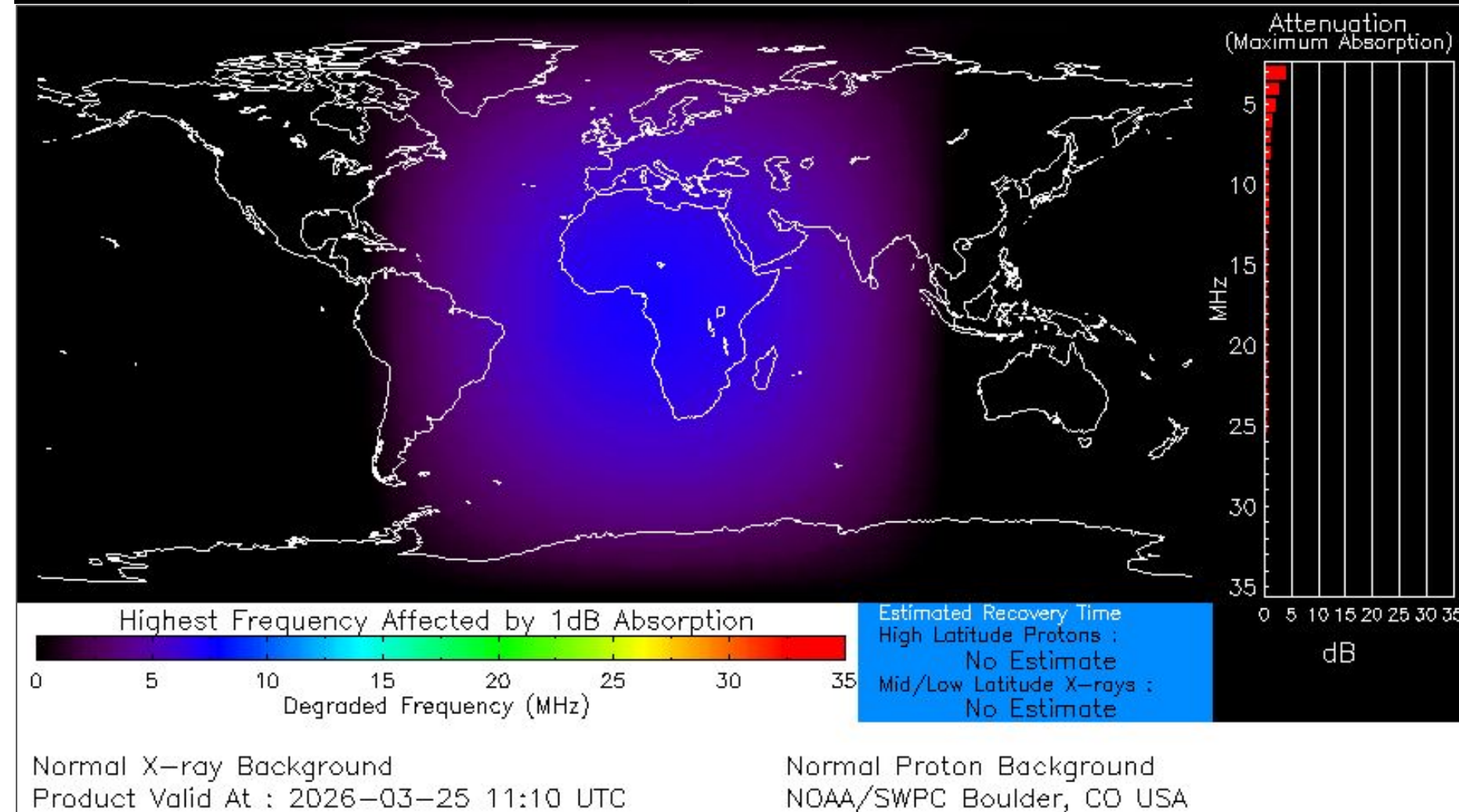
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook





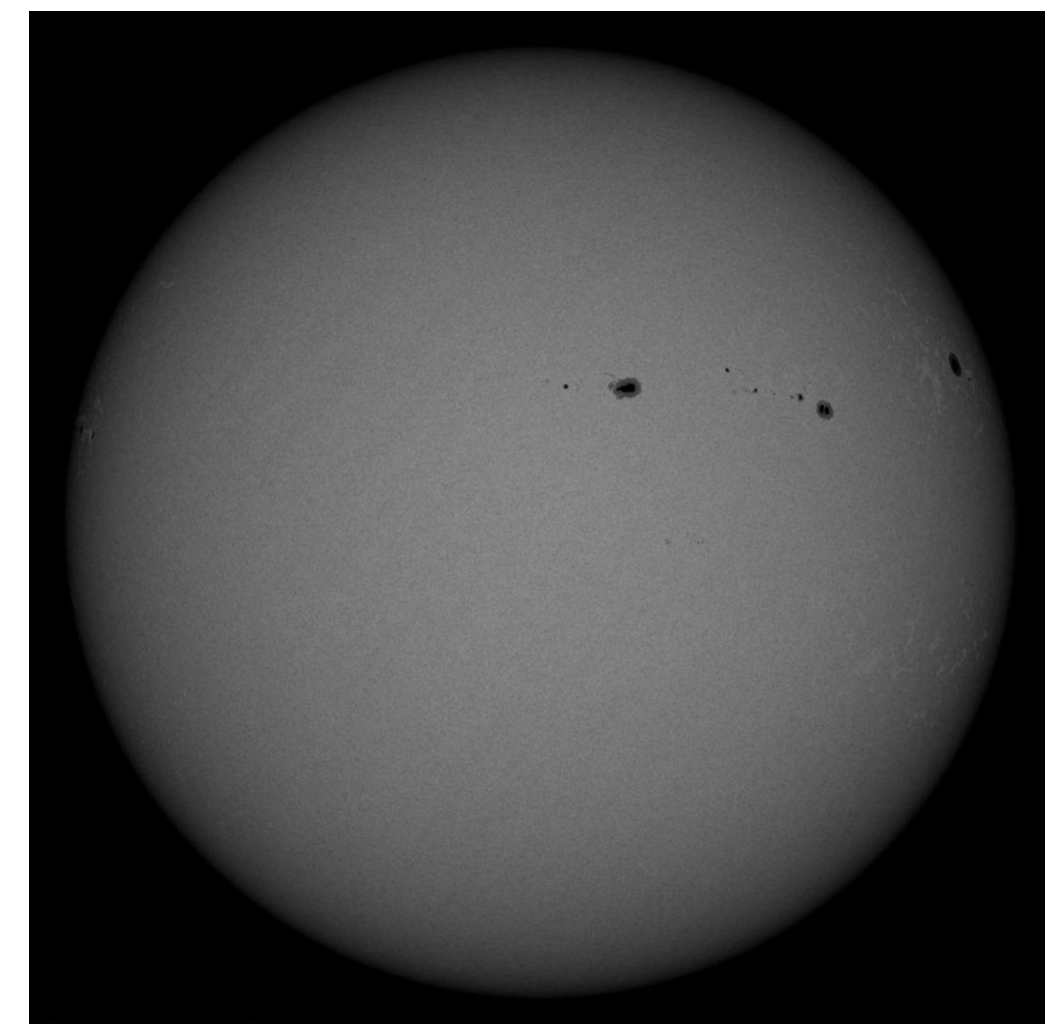
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Mar 25	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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;">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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