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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, March 26, 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:**

- **Critical (level 2 of 3) today in NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, 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/Wednesday.**

- **Heat:**

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





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29	Monday, Mar 30	Tuesday, Mar 31	Wednesday, Apr 1
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							
Heat	NM, W TX, TX Panhandle, OK						
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, OK	TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W OK	W OK Panhandle			NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	NM, W/NW TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK
River Flooding							

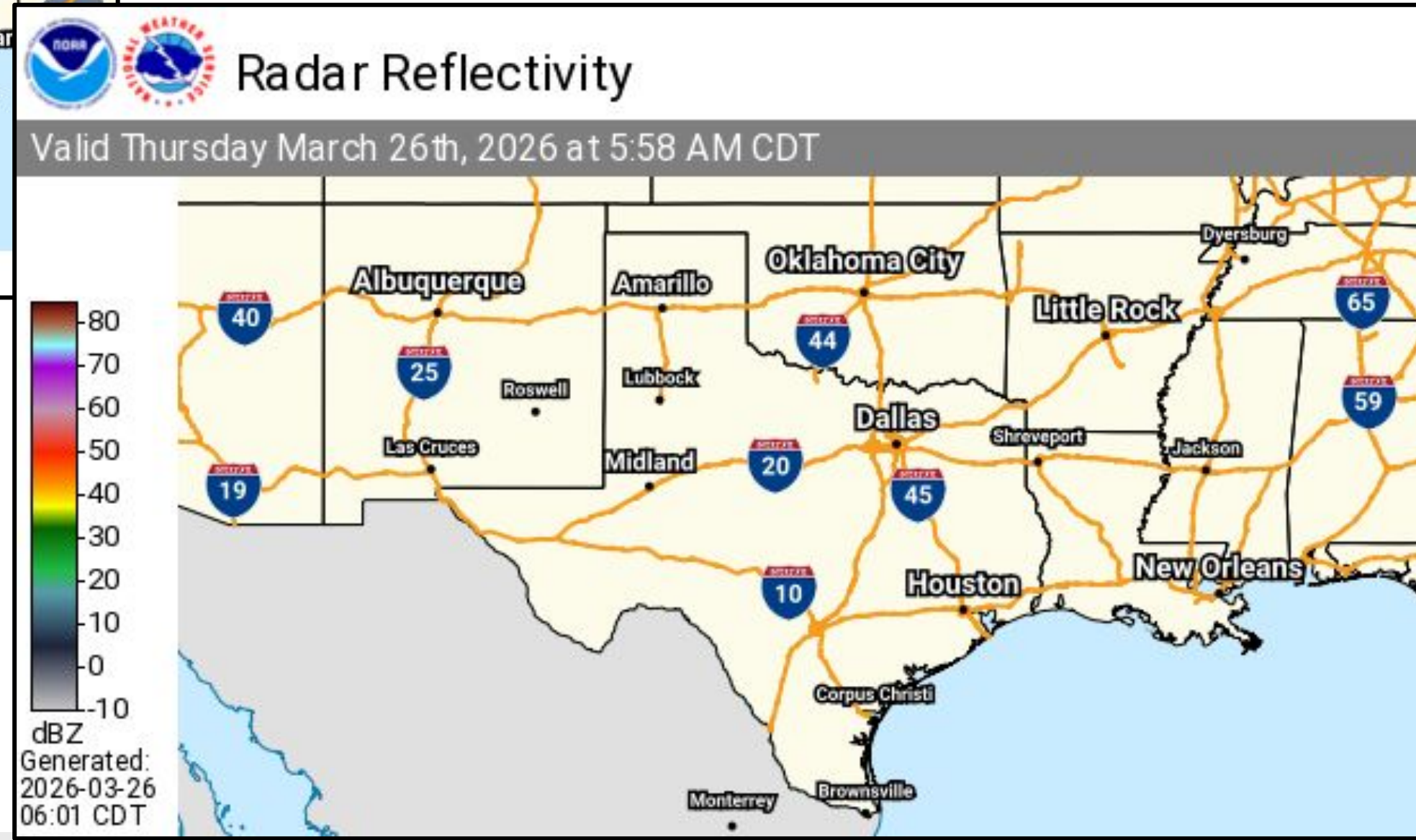
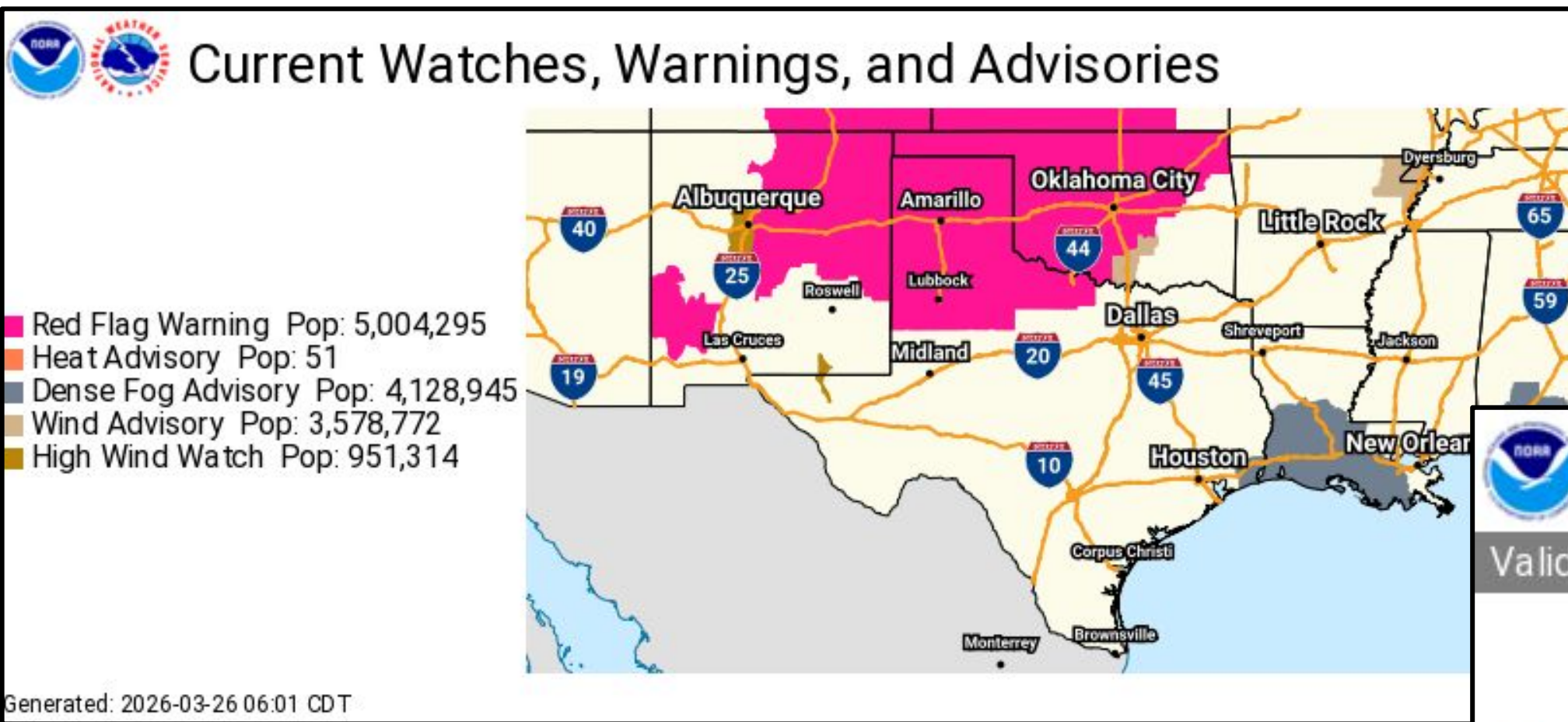
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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



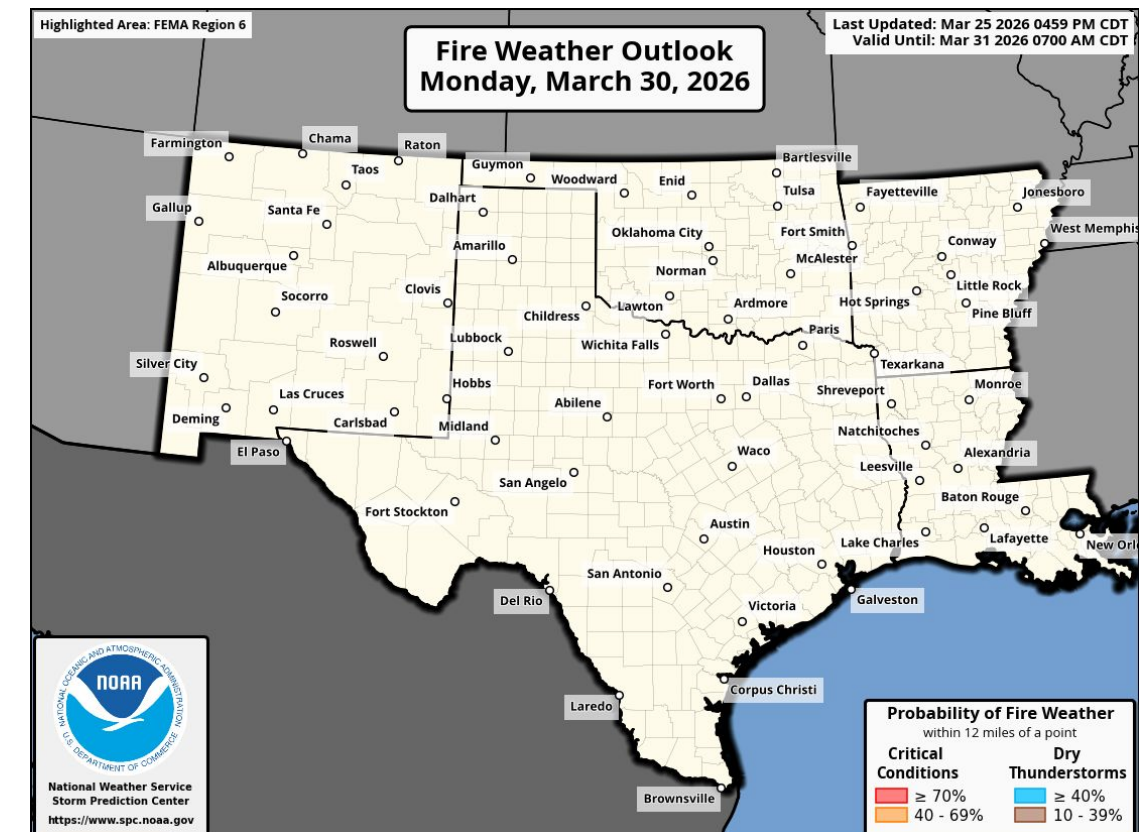
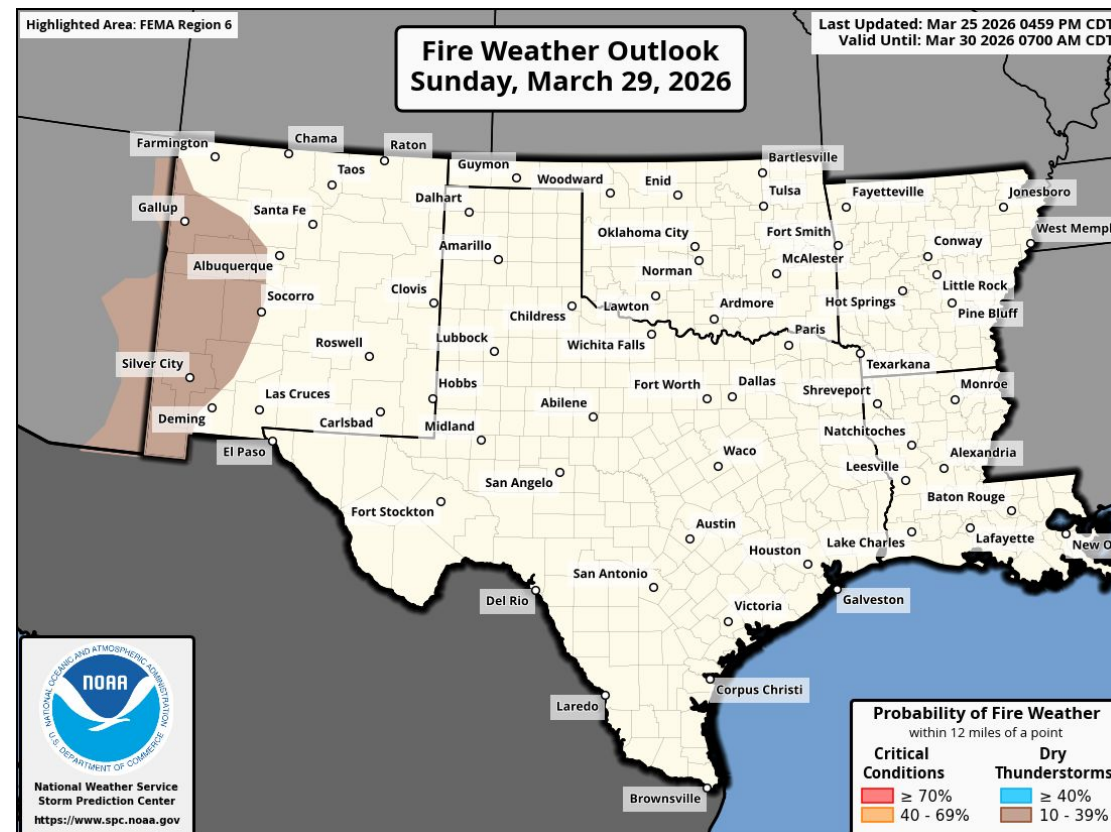
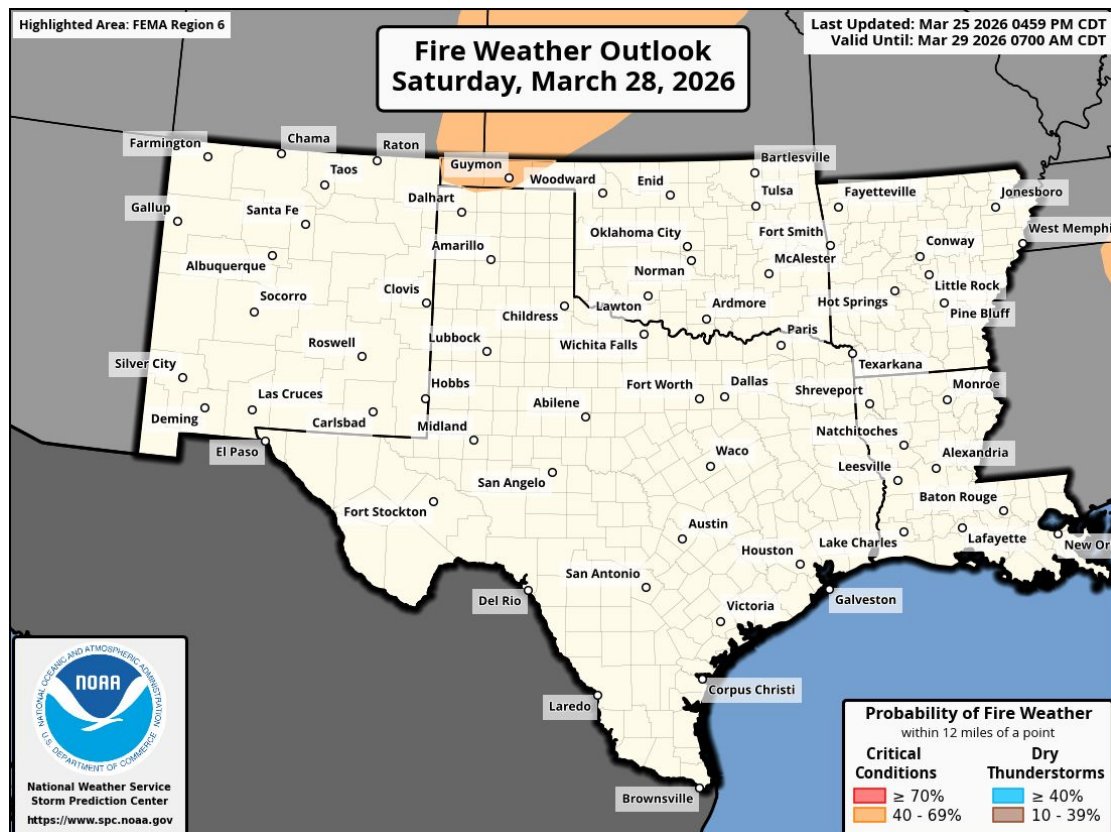
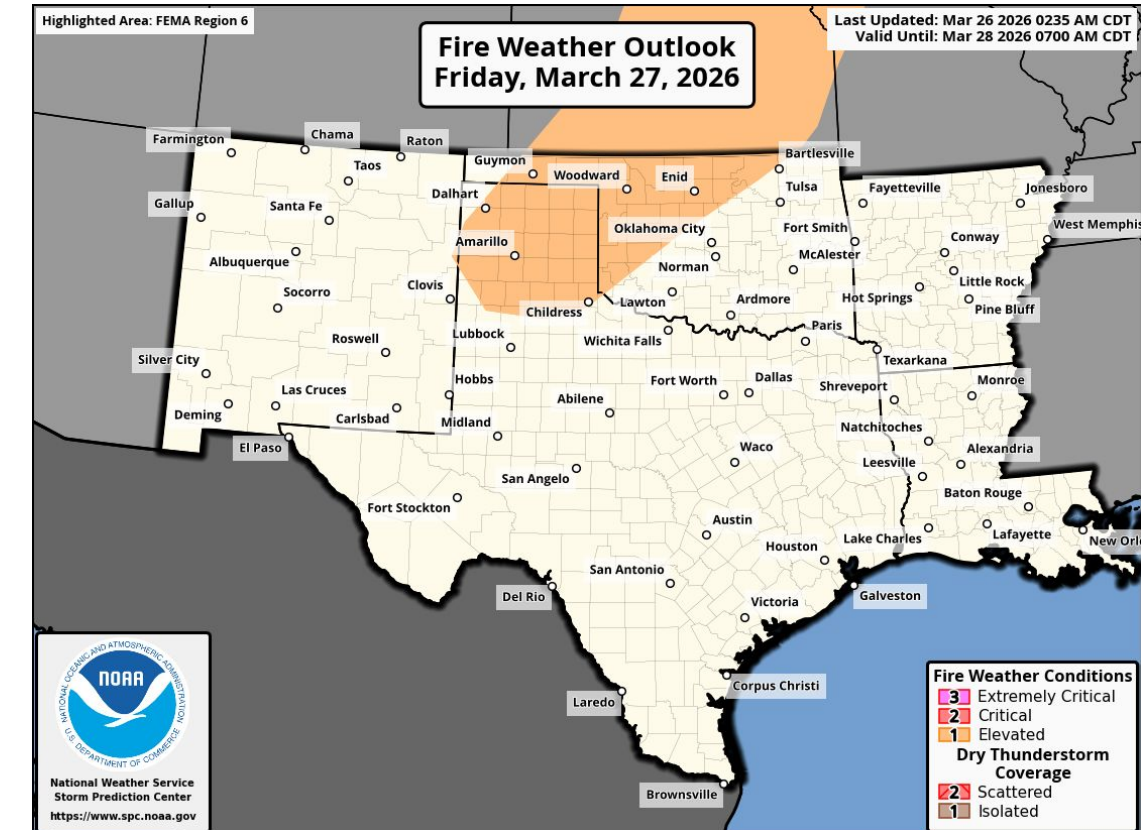
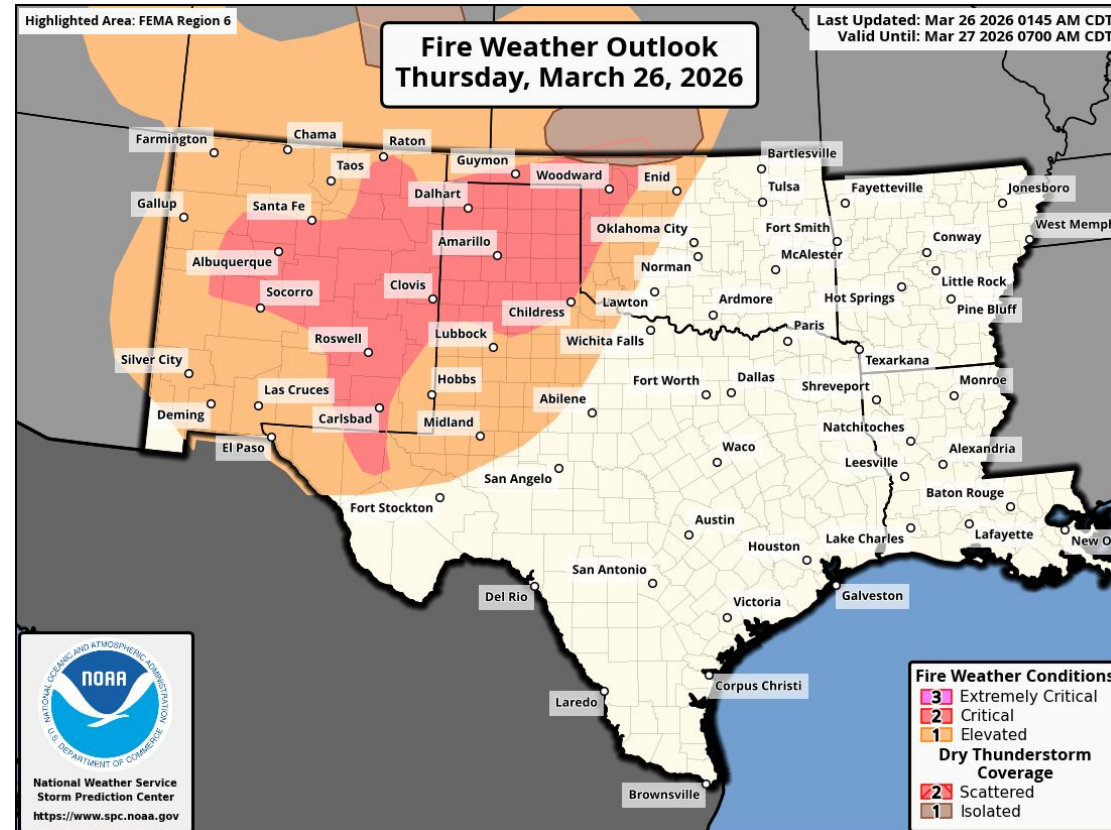
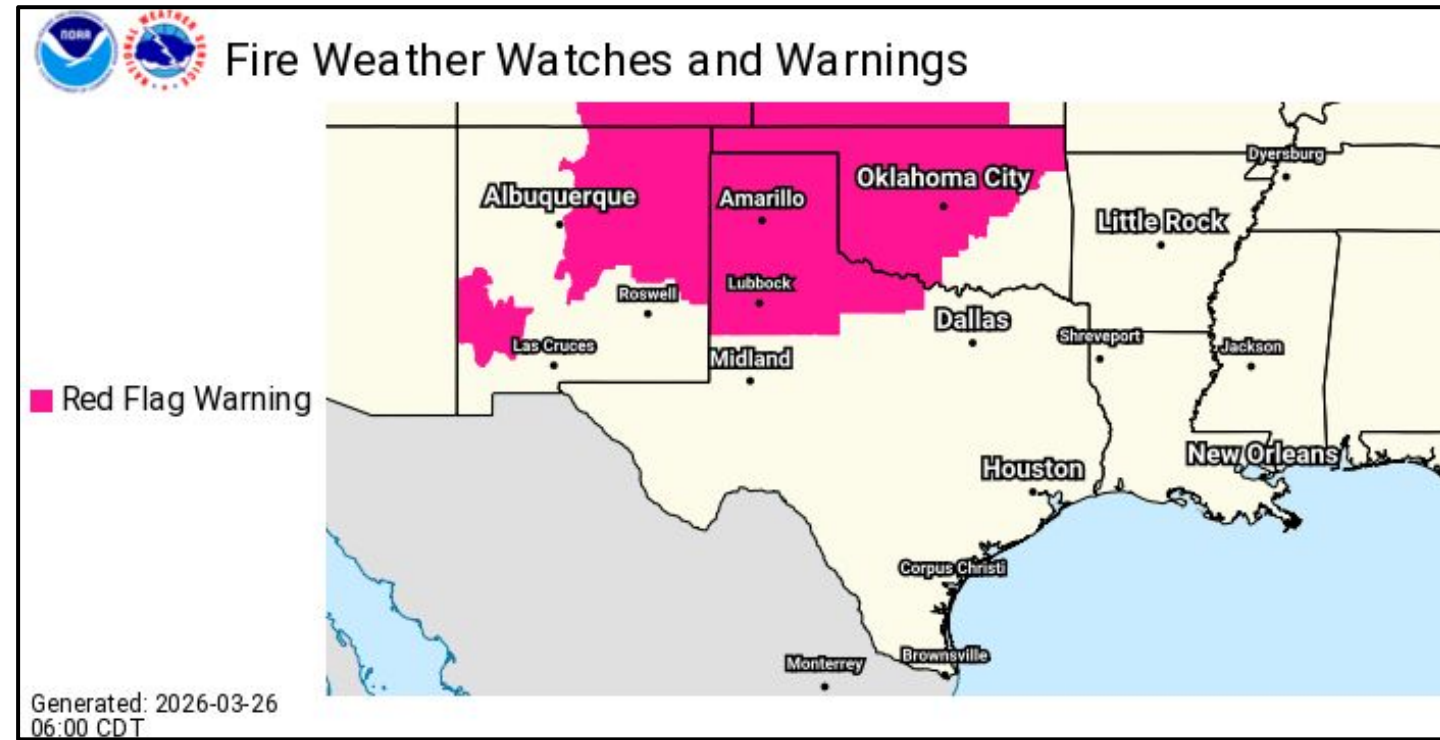
Red Flag Warnings for NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NWTX, OK today.

Heat Advisory for Palo Duro Canyon for today.

Wind Advisories/High Wind Watches for NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NWTX, OK today through Friday.



Fire Weather Outlooks





Wind Gust/Relative Humidity Forecast

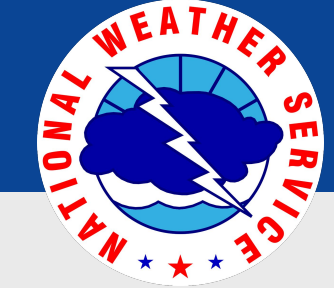
Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

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Minimum RH (%) Forecast

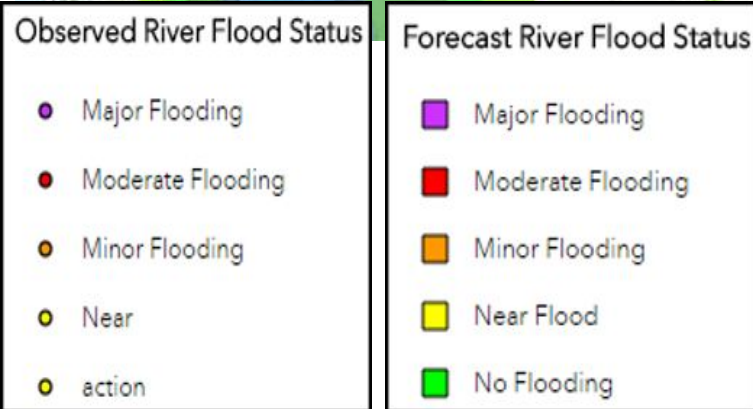
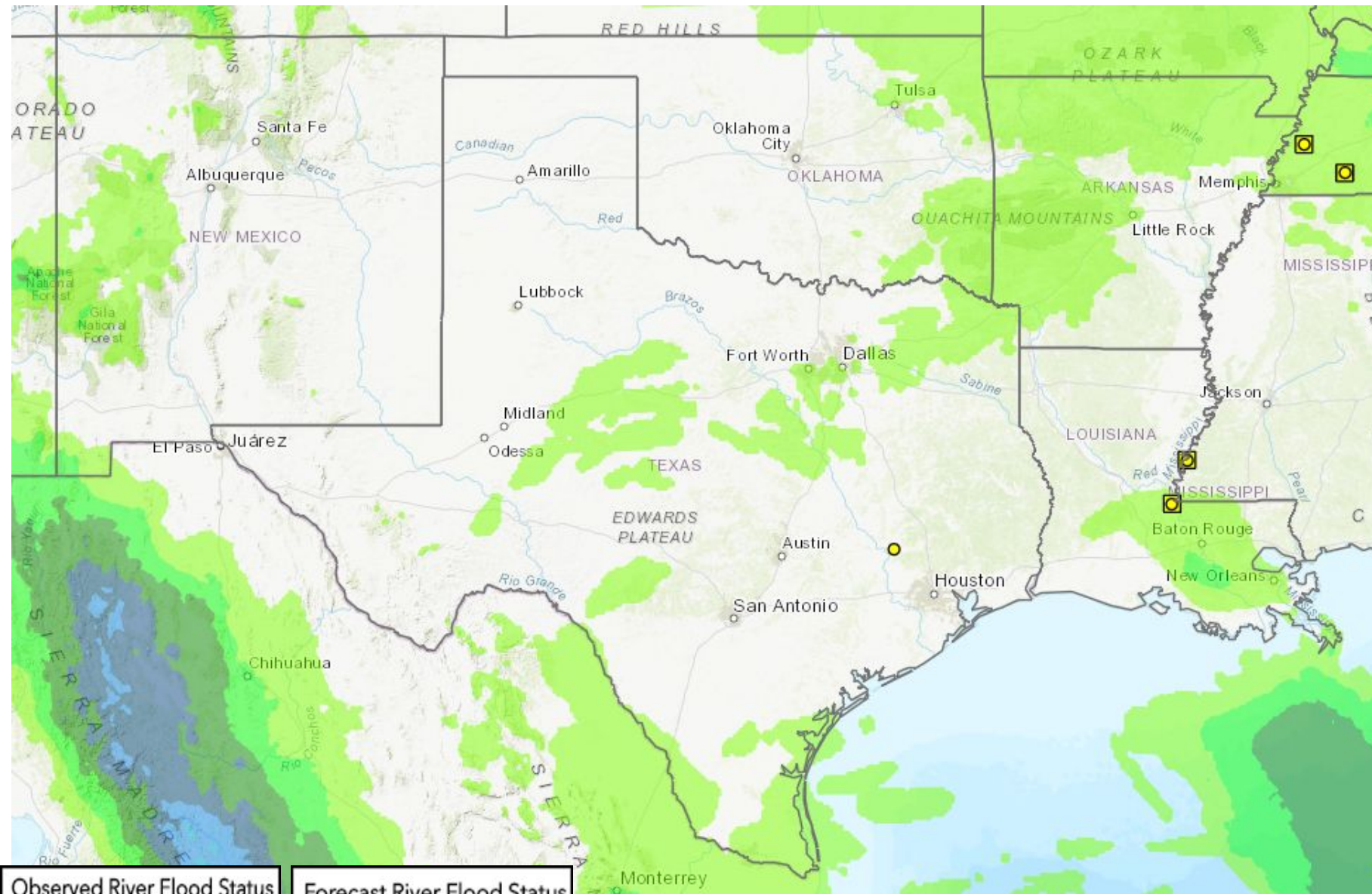
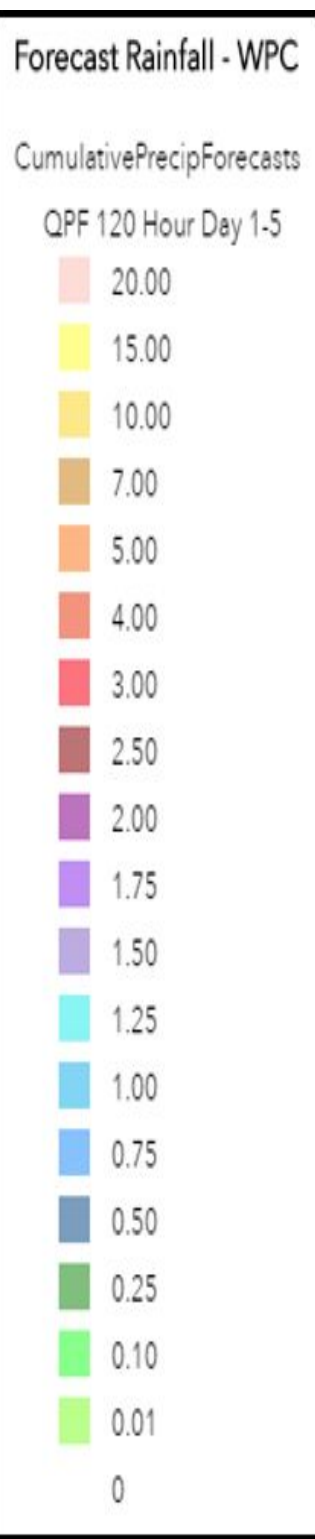
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



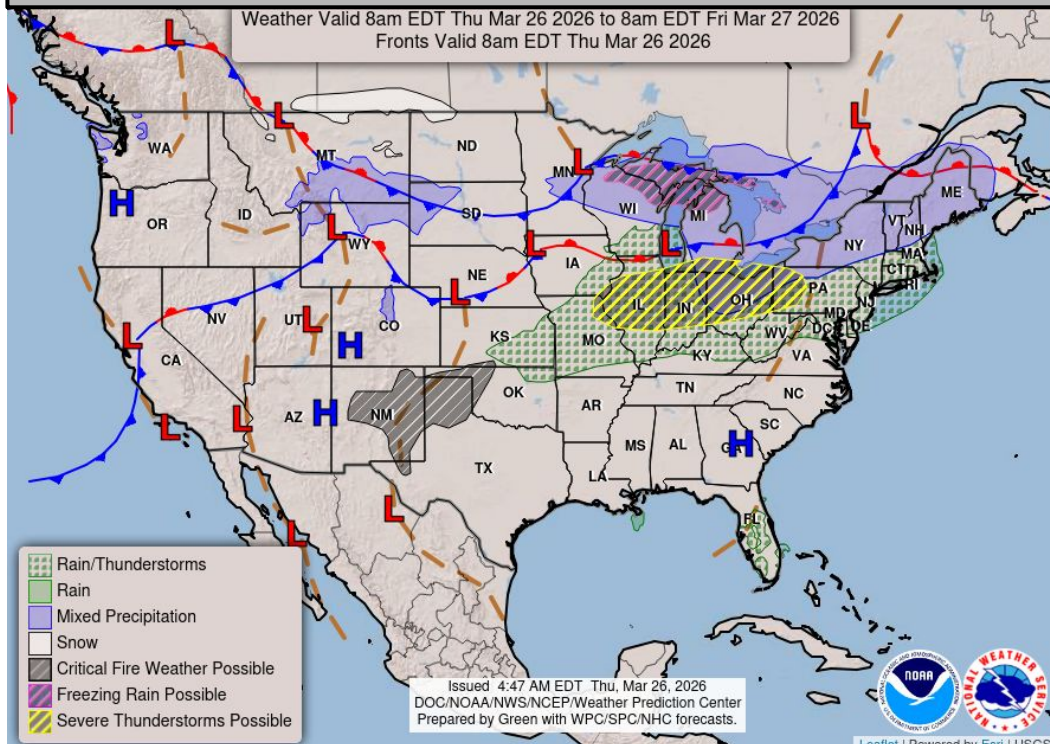
River flooding is not expected.

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.

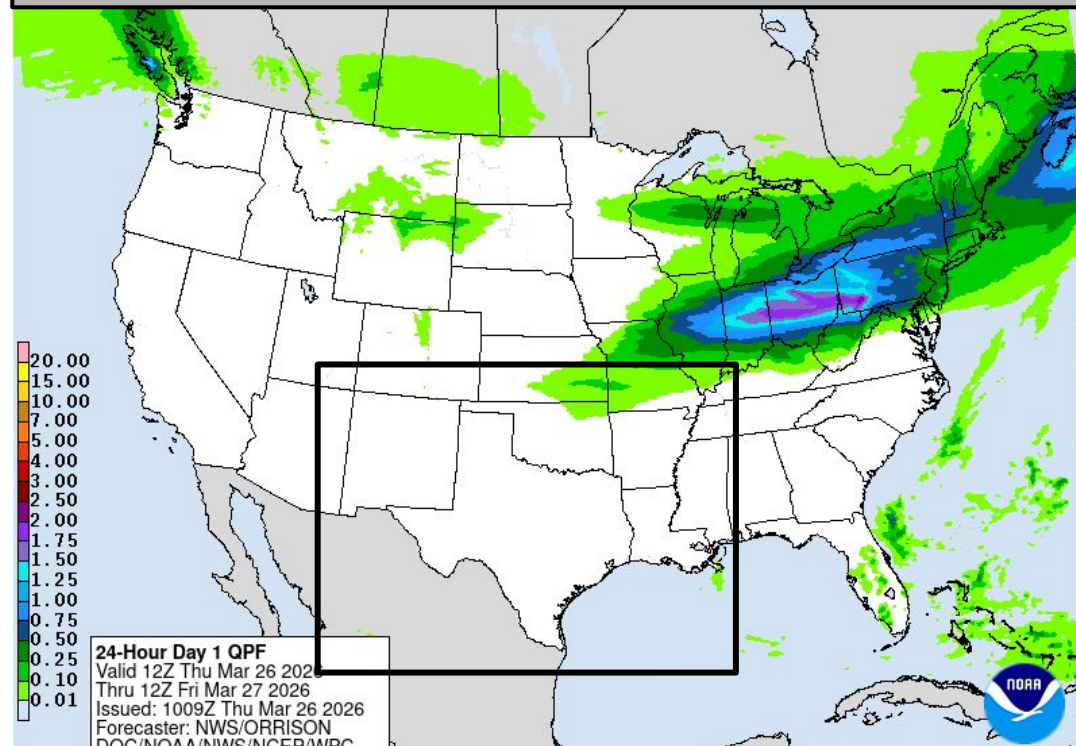


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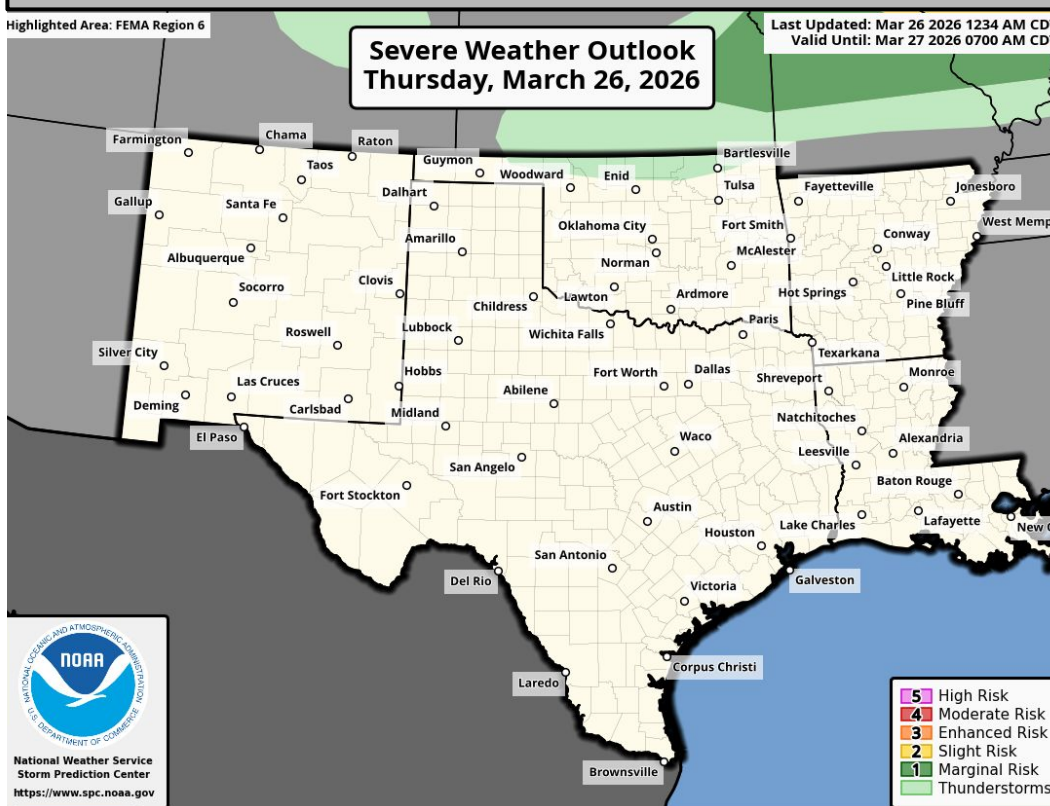
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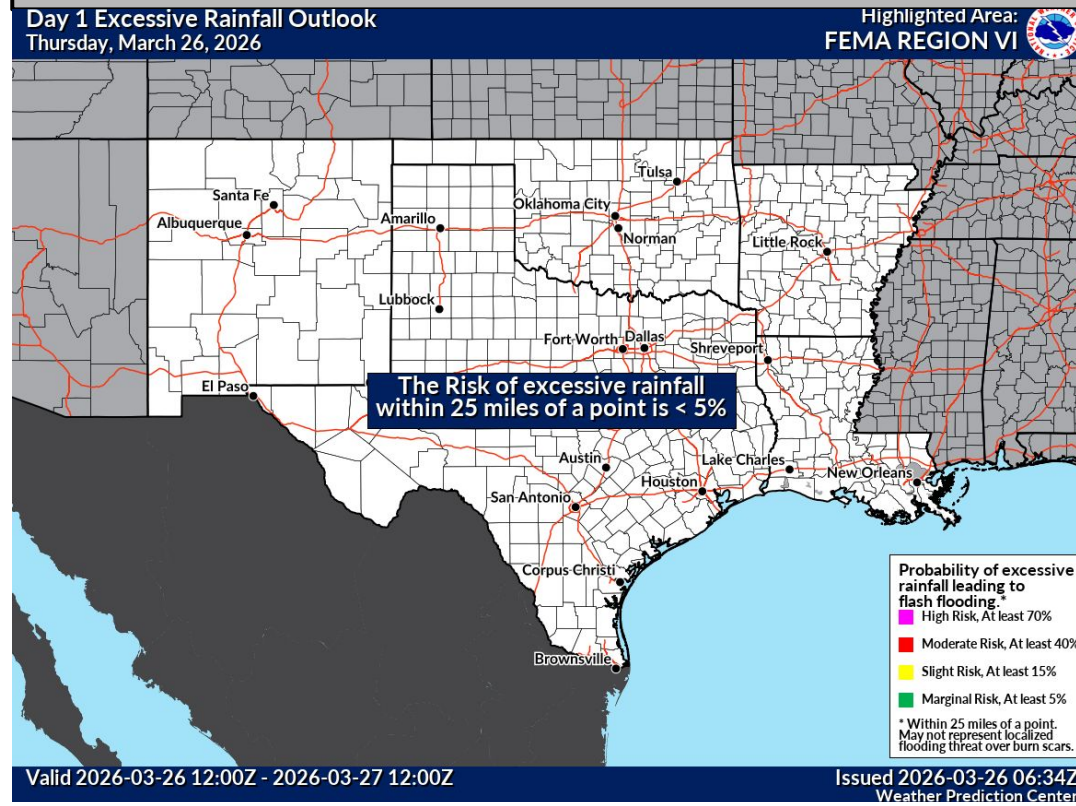
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



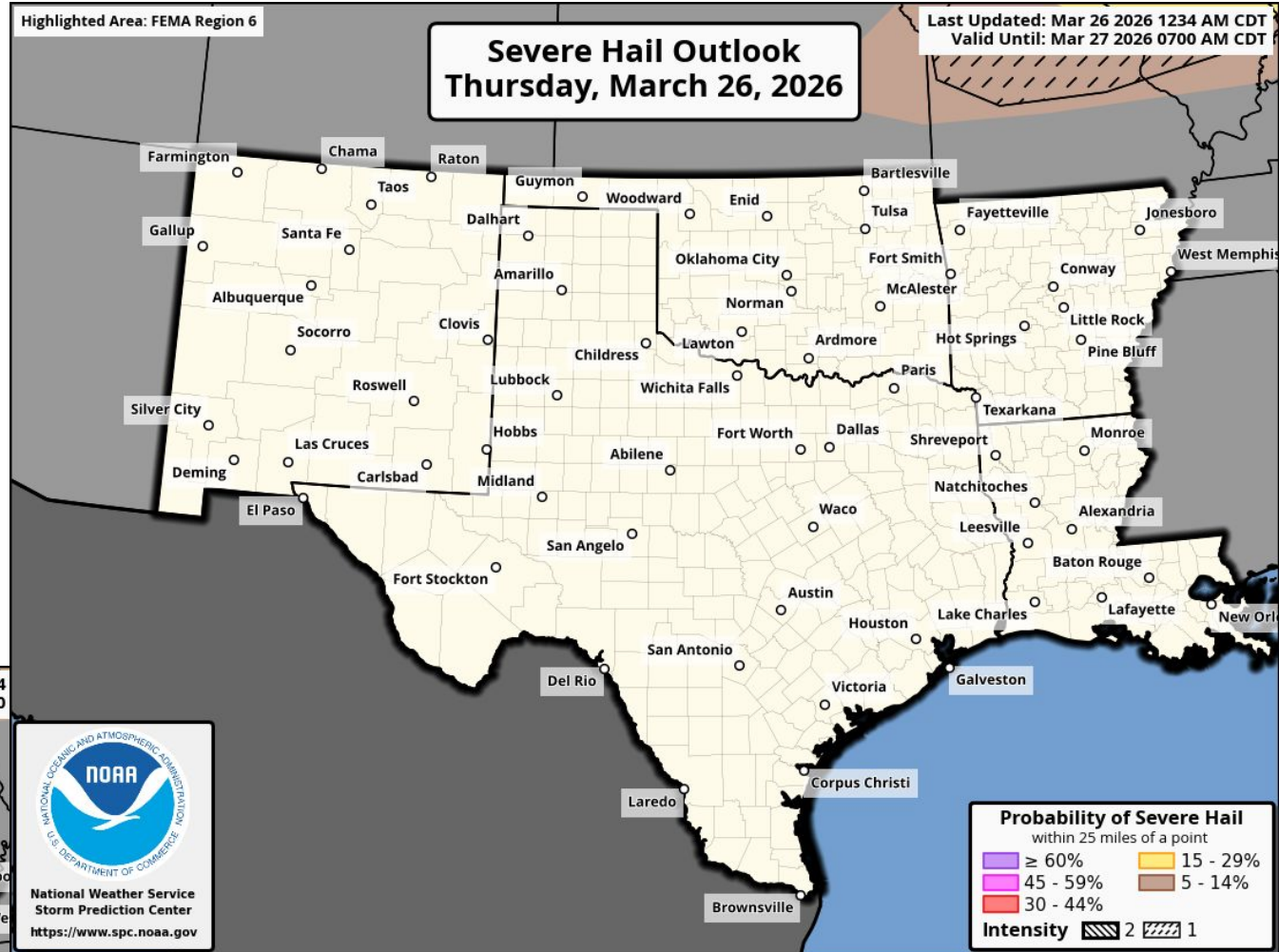
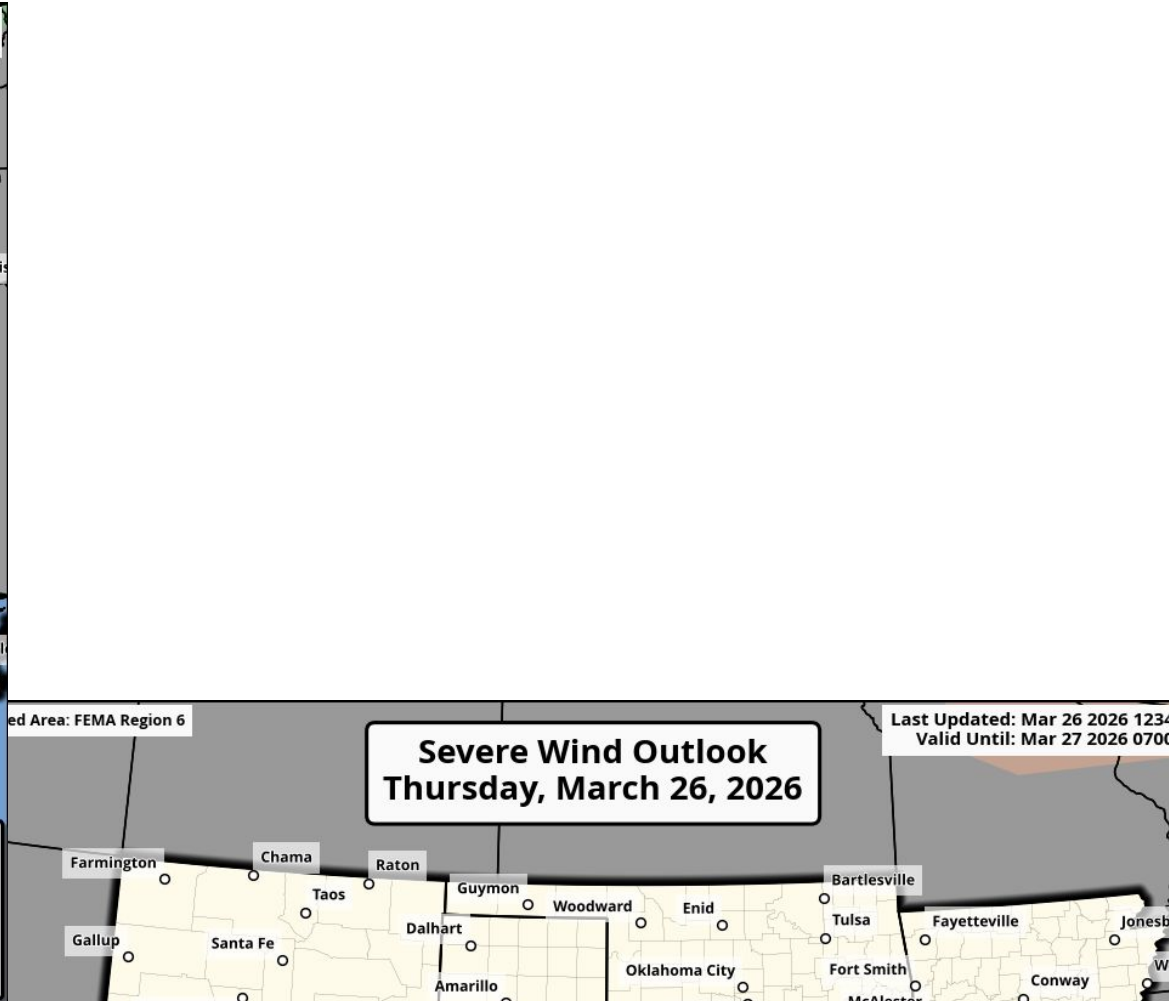
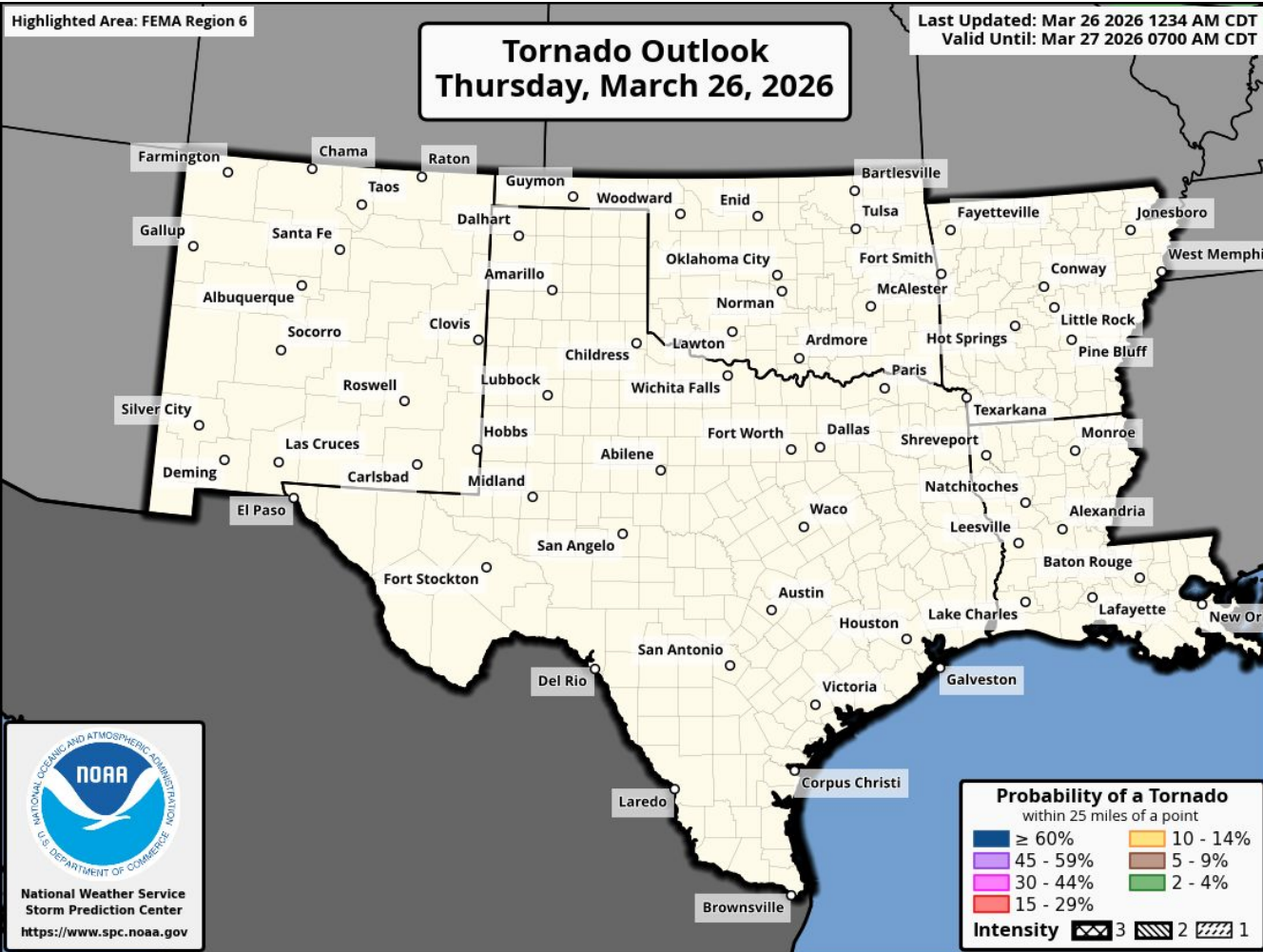
**Critical fire weather (level 2 of 3)
Thursday in NM, W/NW TX,
TX/OK Panhandles, W/C OK.**

**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.**

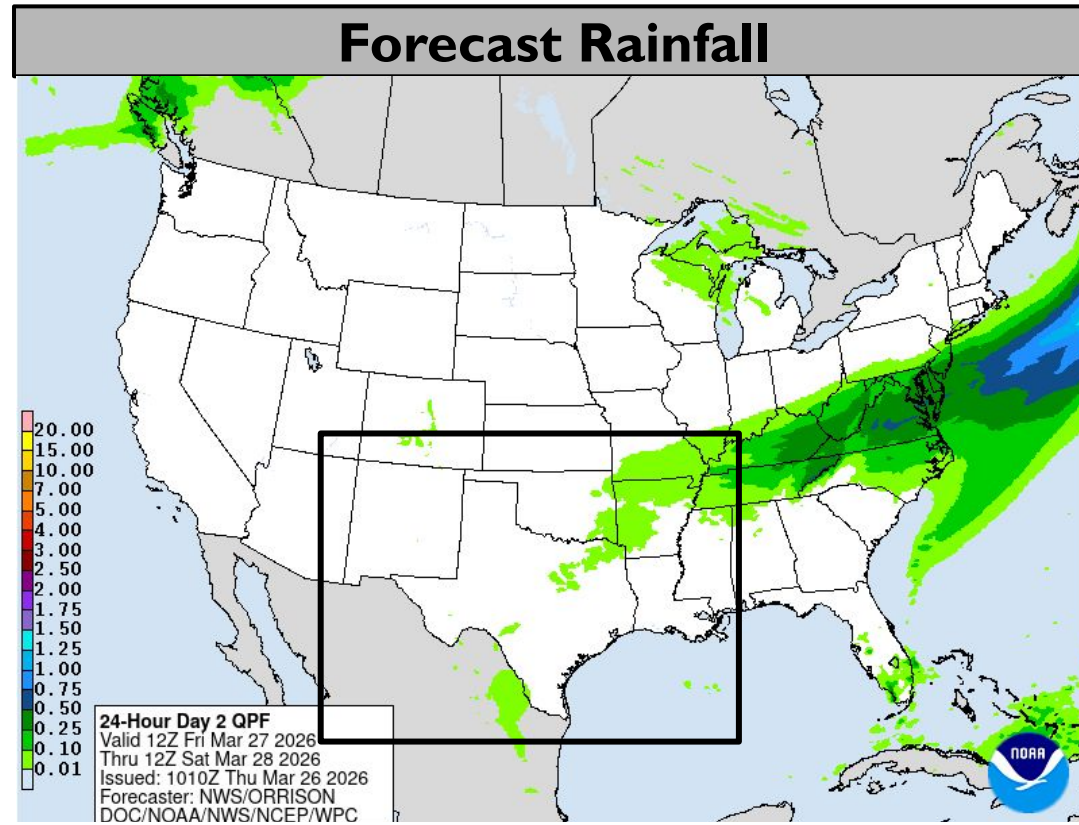
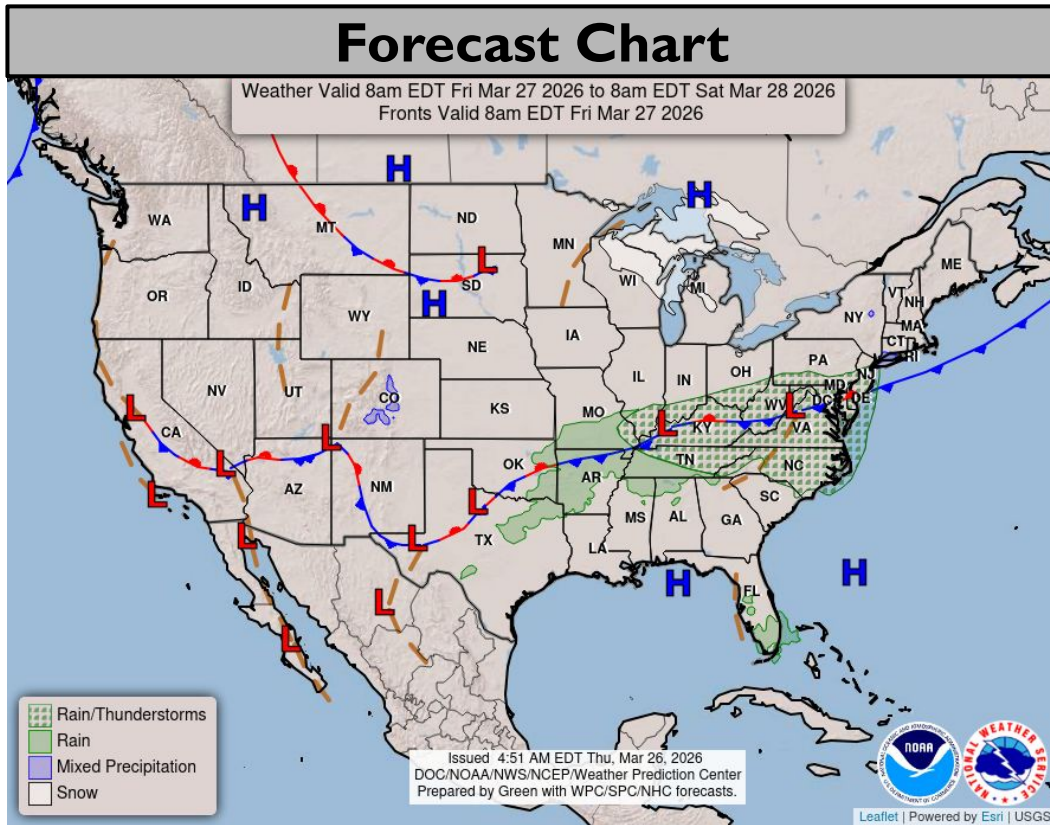


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

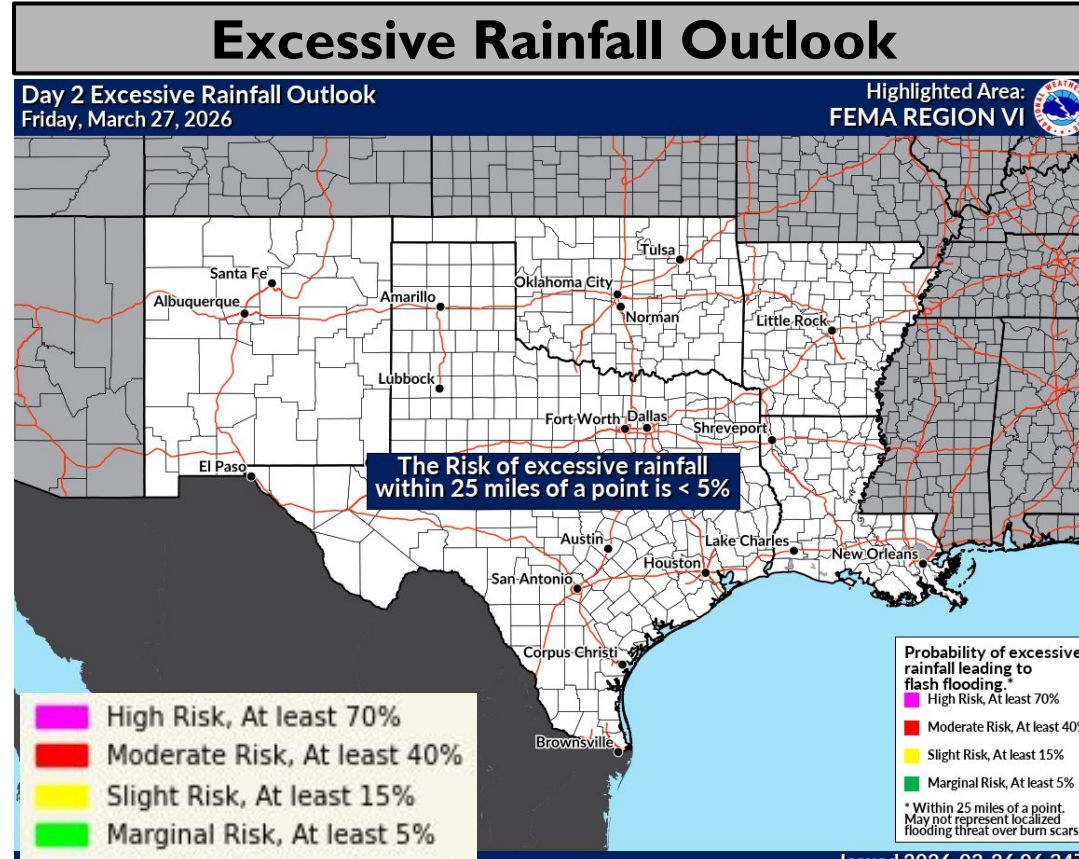
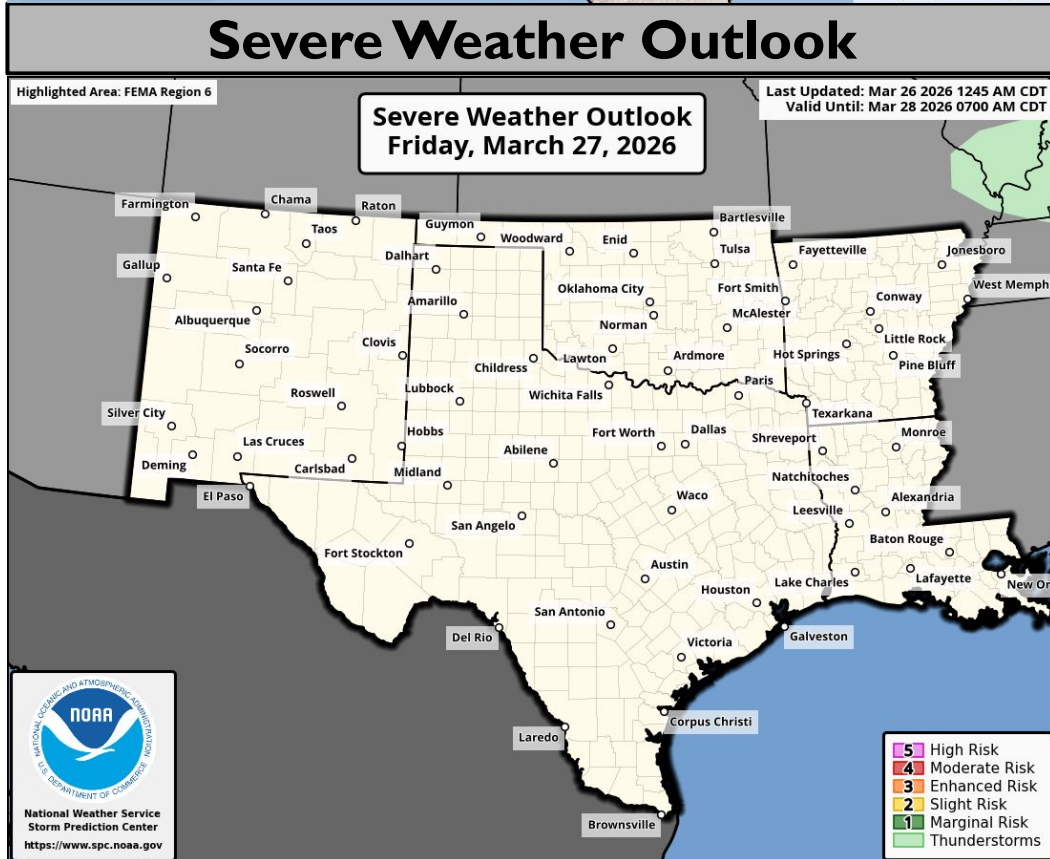




Tomorrow's Weather

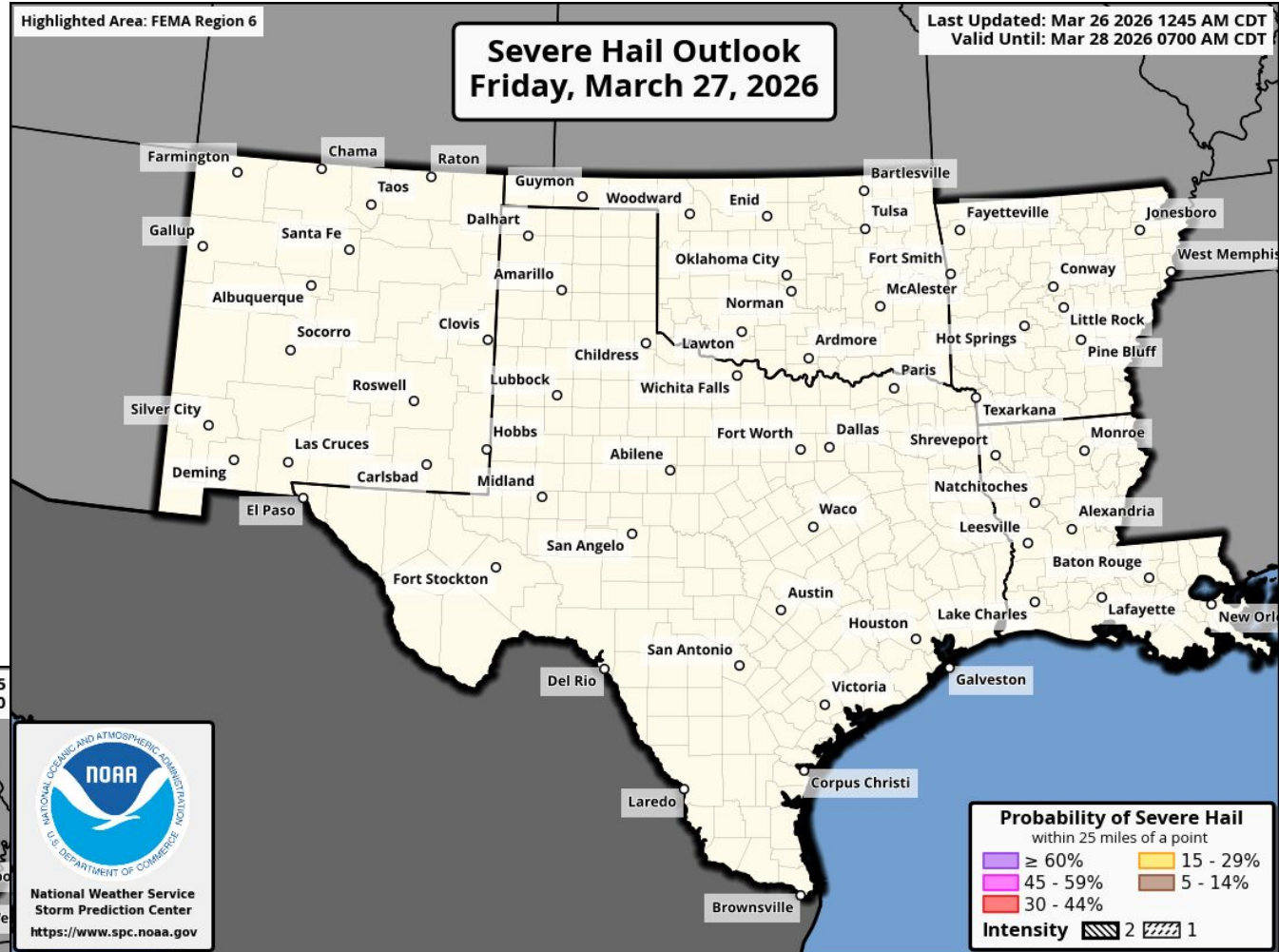
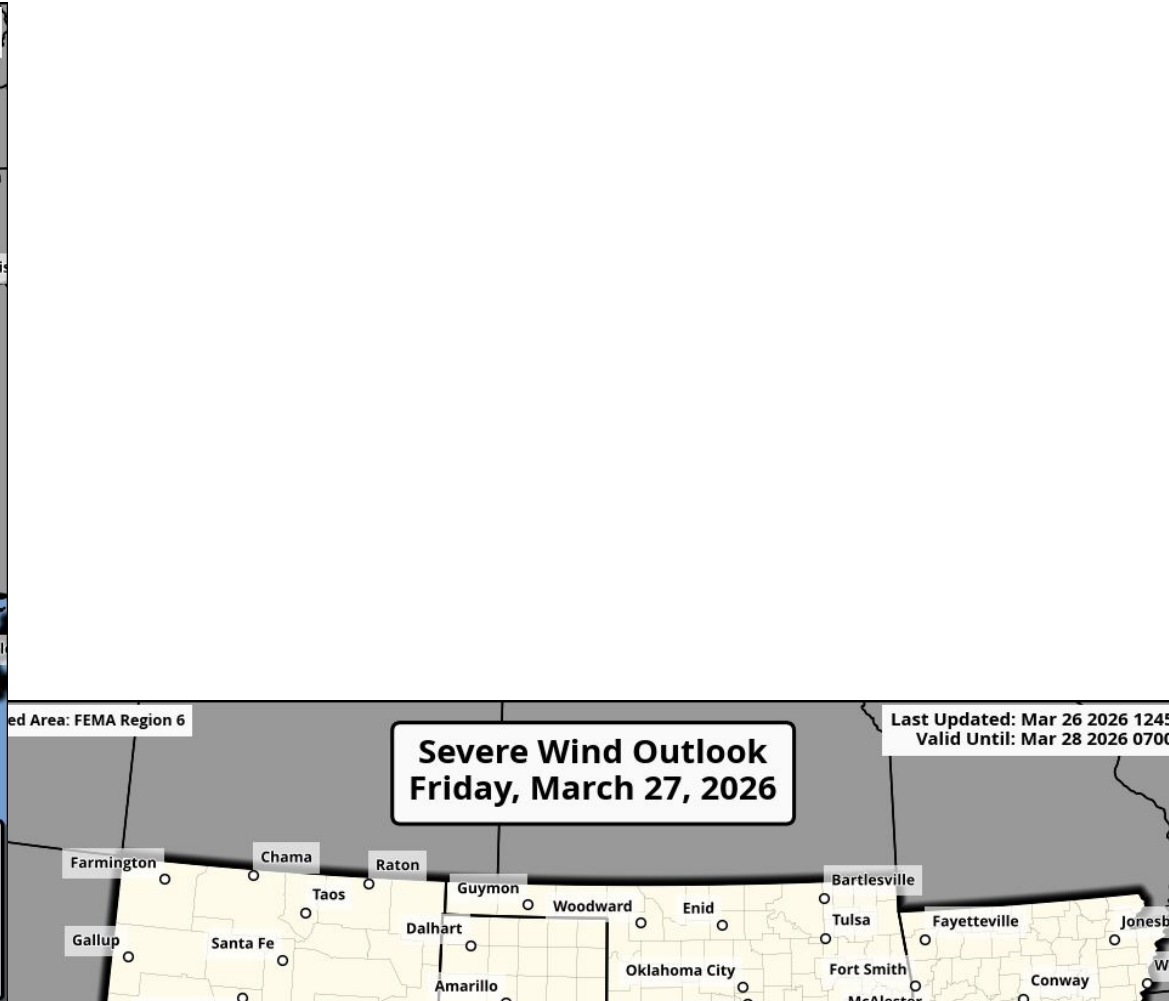
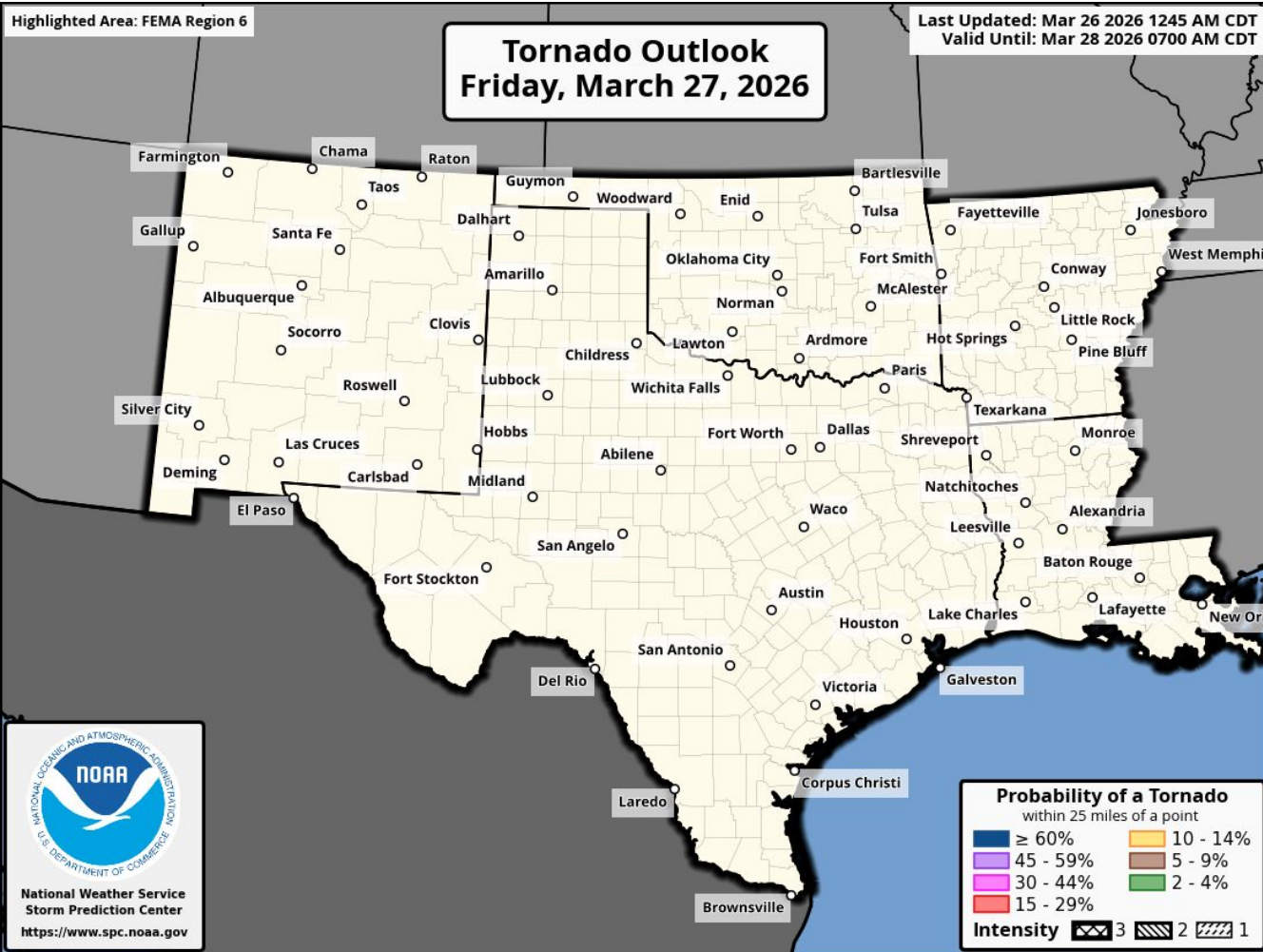


Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for TX/OK Panhandles, W/NW TX, W OK.



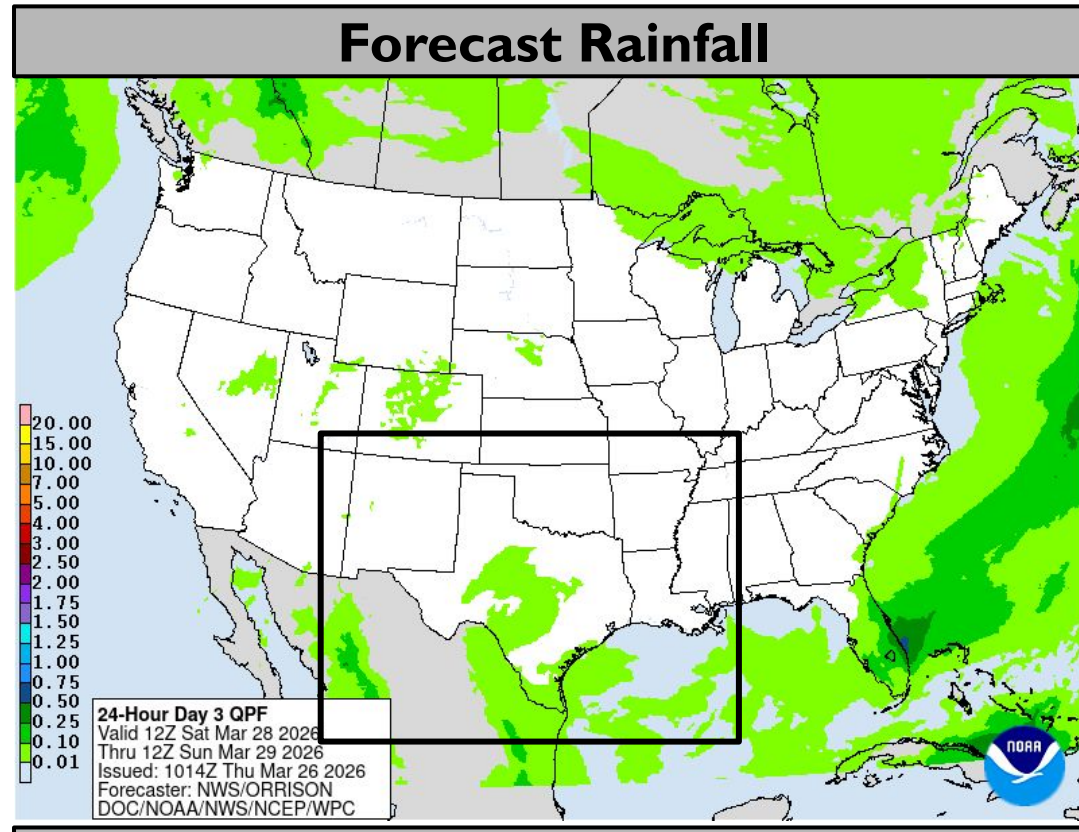
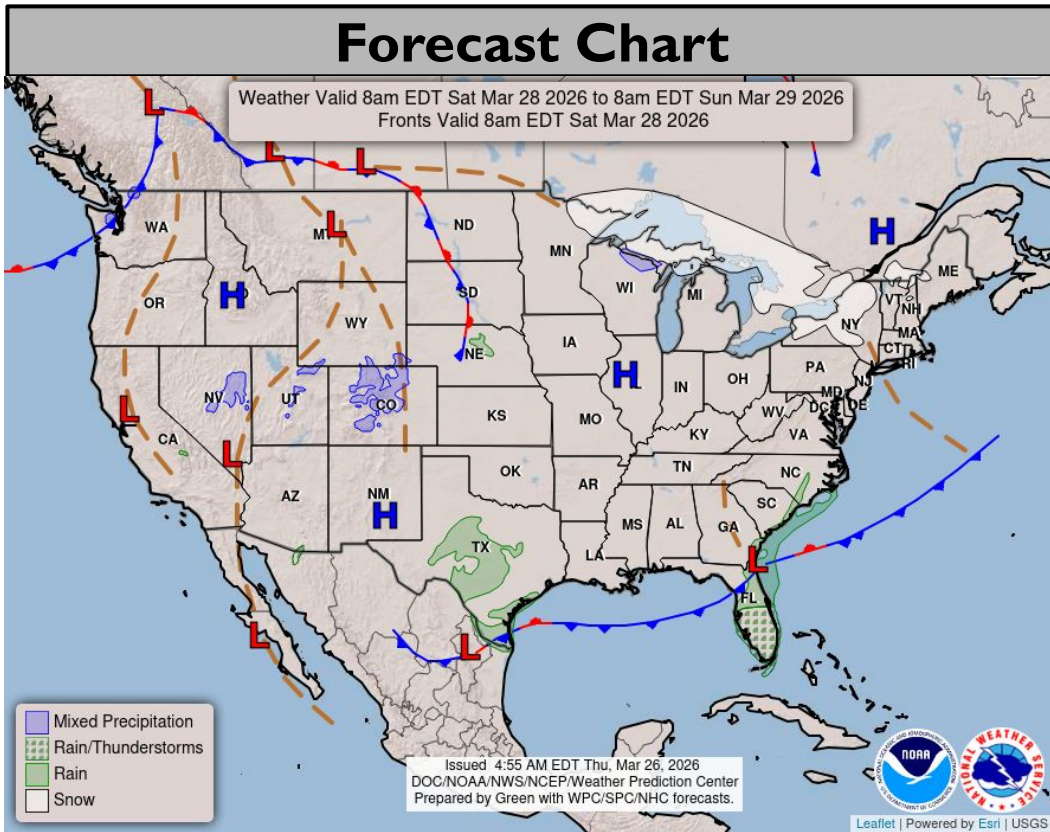


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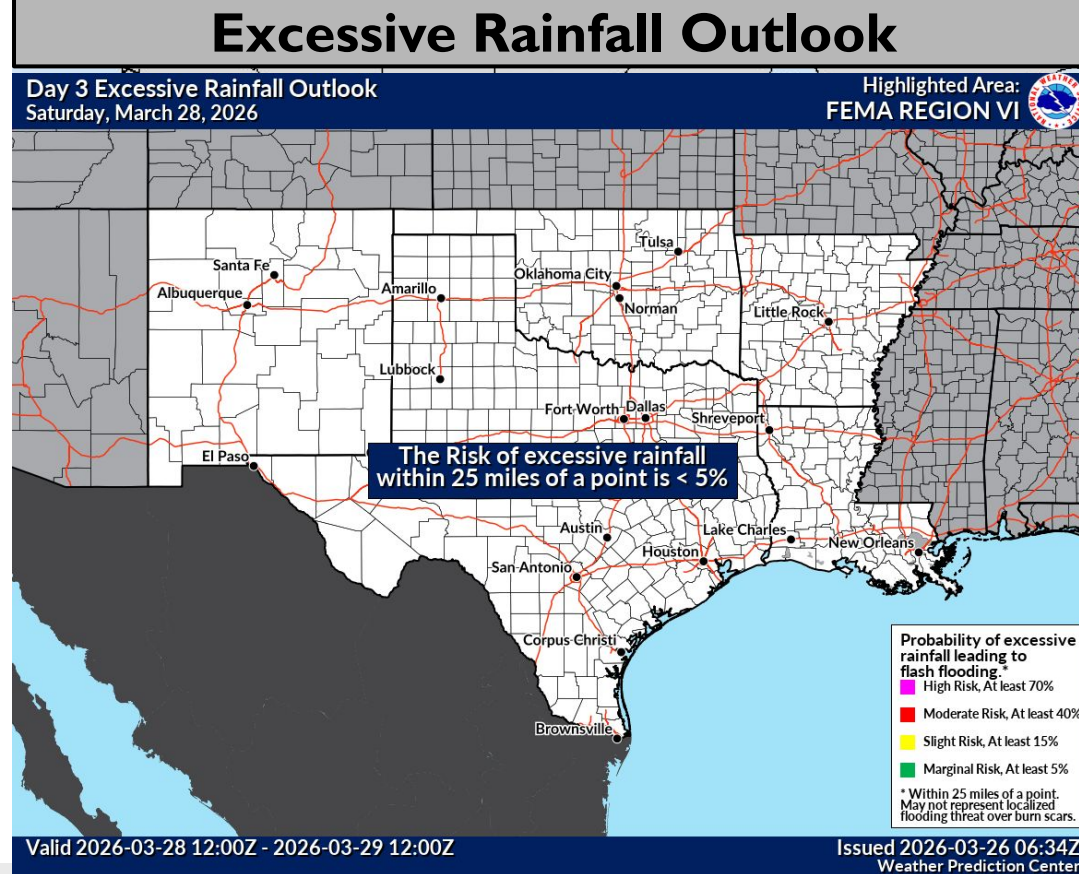
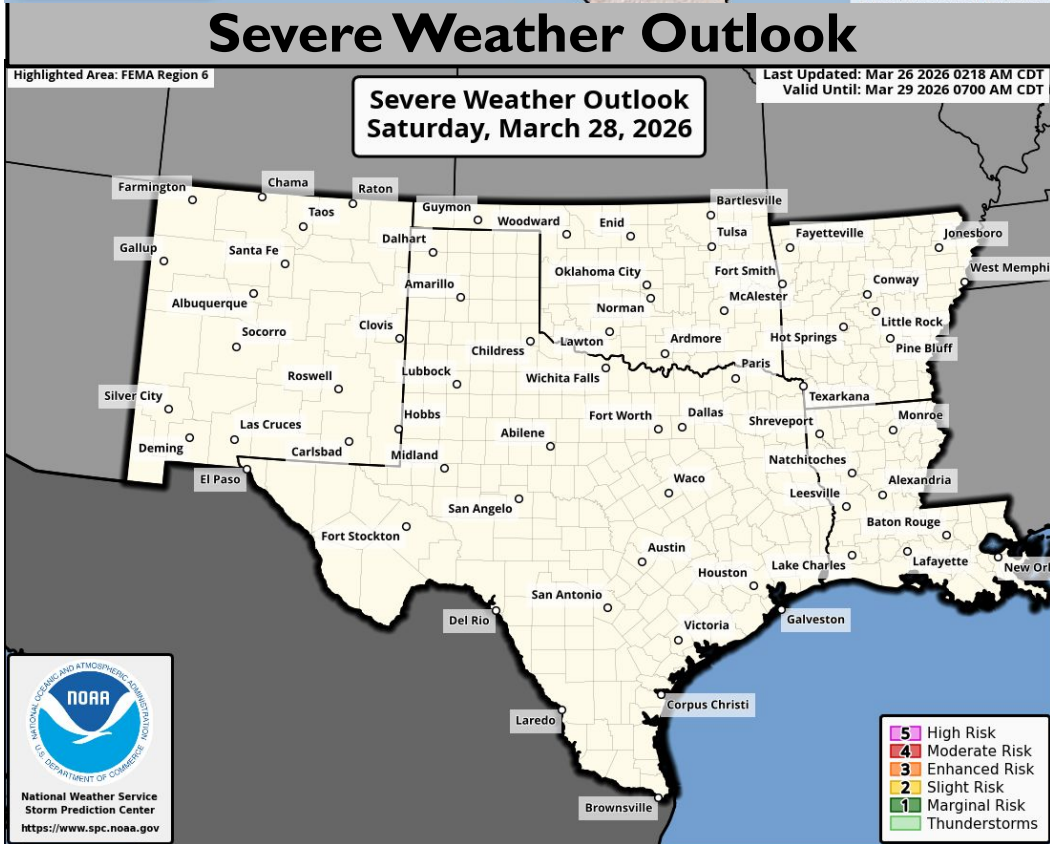




Saturday's Weather



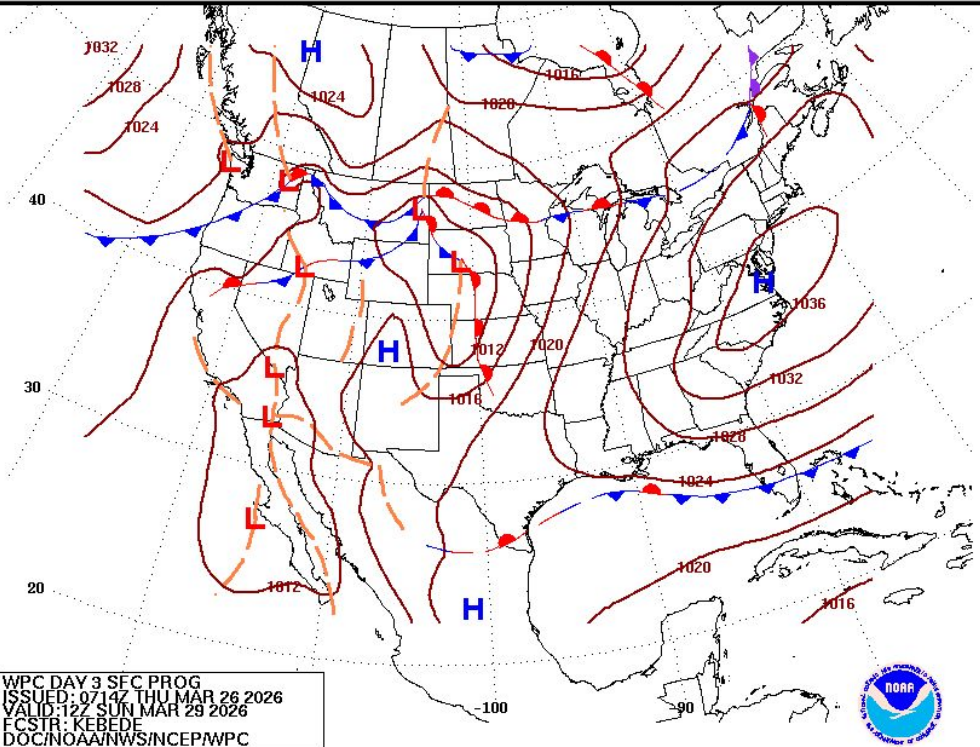
**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather
in the W OK Panhandle.**





Sunday's Weather

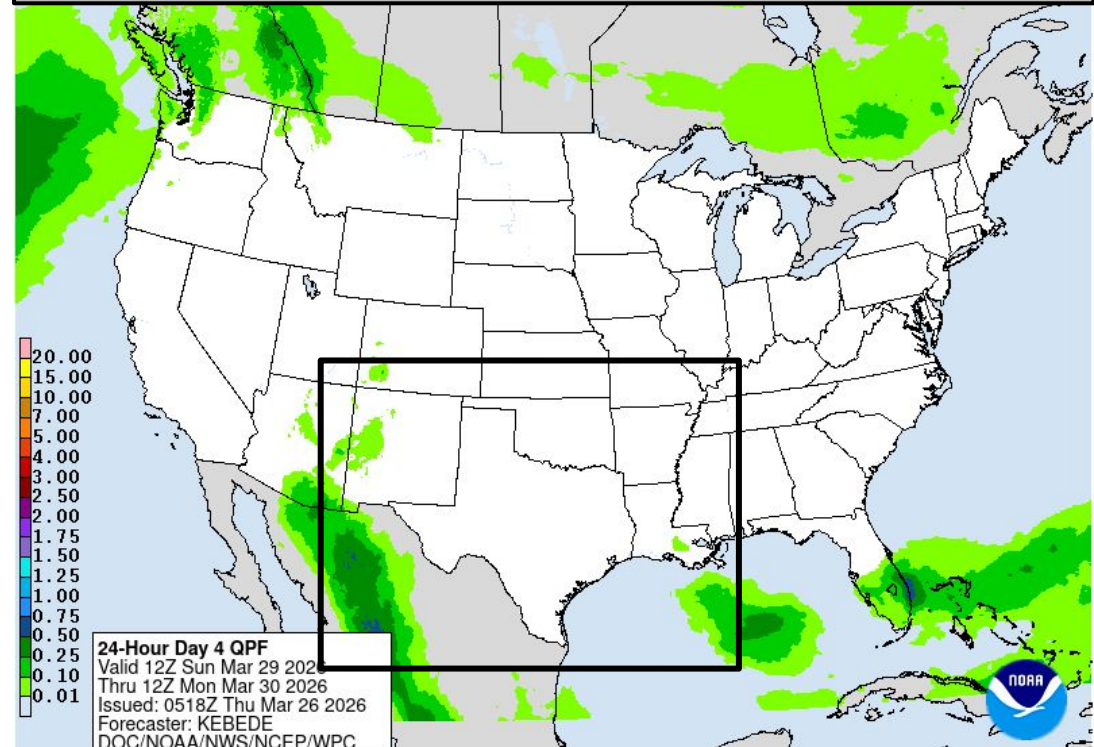
Forecast Chart



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



Forecast Rainfall

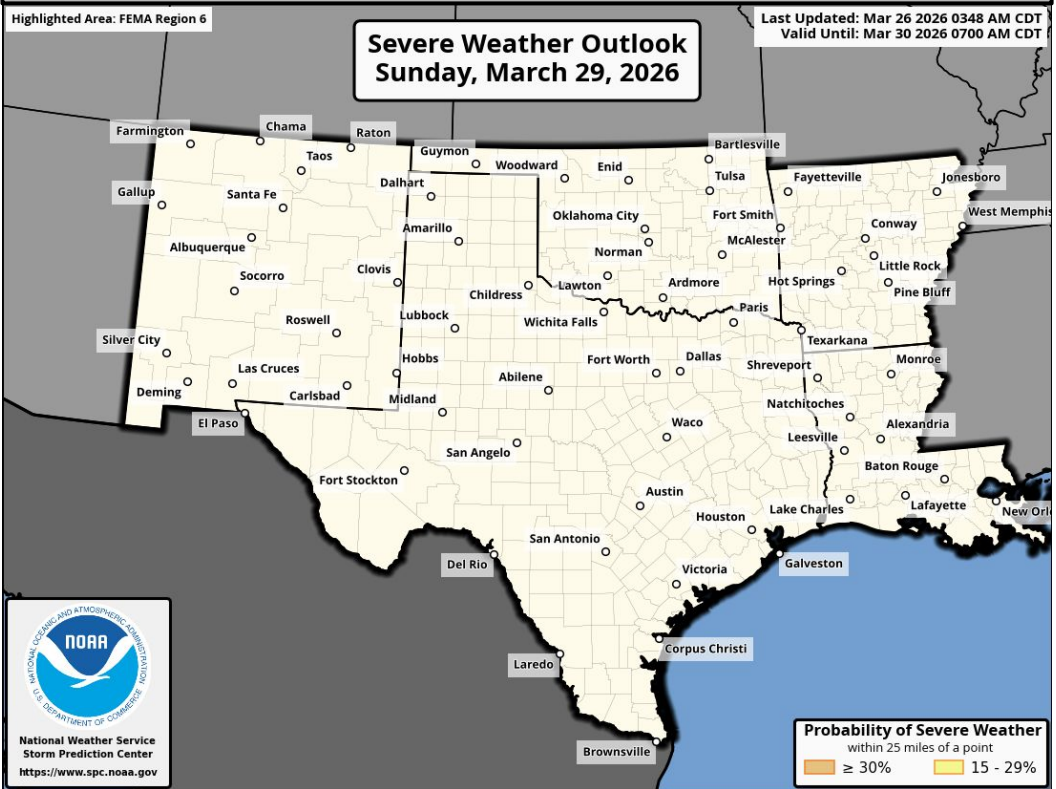


24-Hour Day 4 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun Mar 29 2026
Thru 12Z Mon Mar 30 2026
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Forecaster: KEBEDE
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



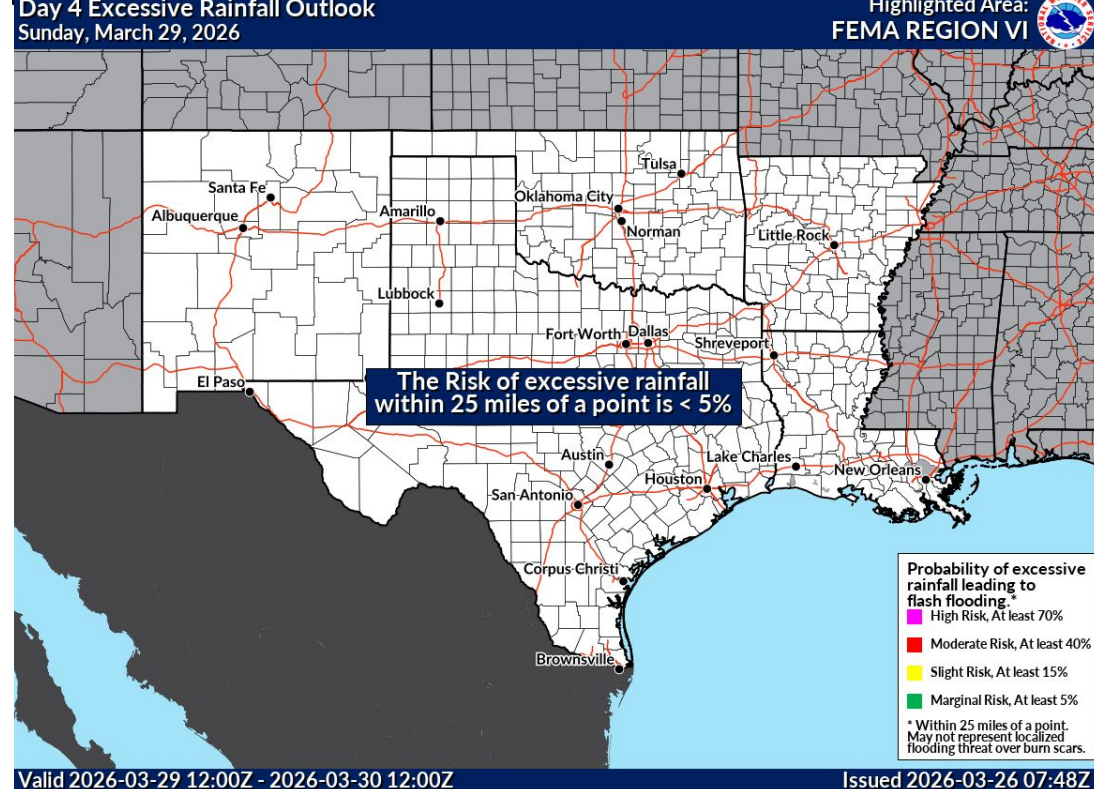
Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, March 29, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 26 2026 0348 AM CDT
Valid Until: Mar 30 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
Sunday, March 29, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 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.

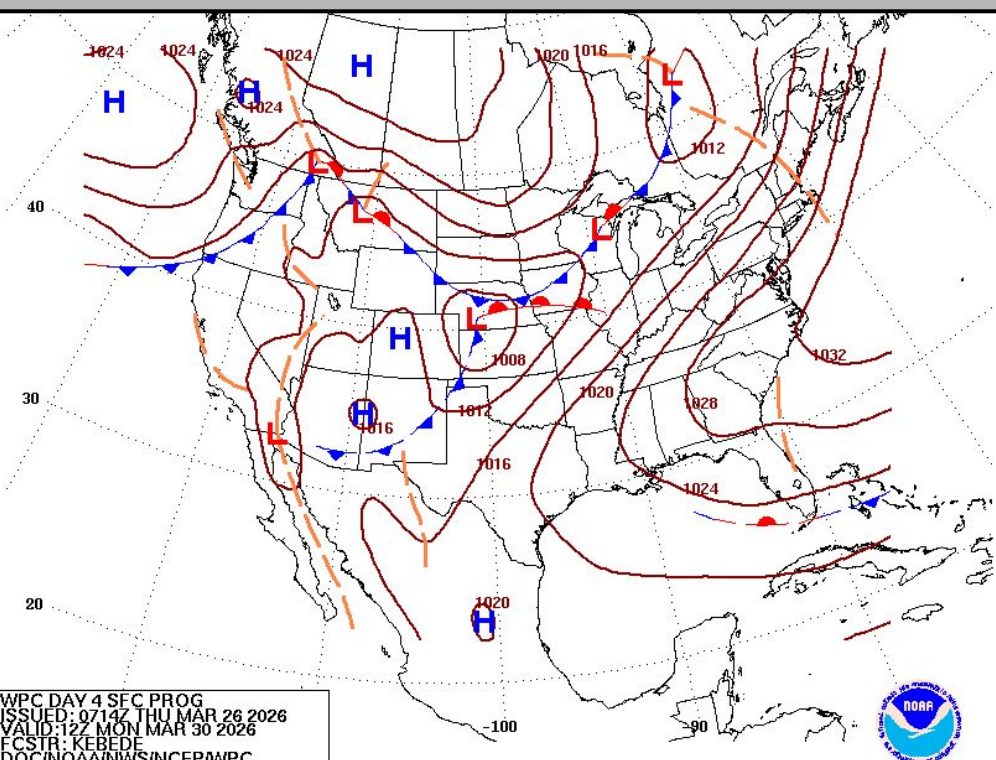
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Weather Prediction Center



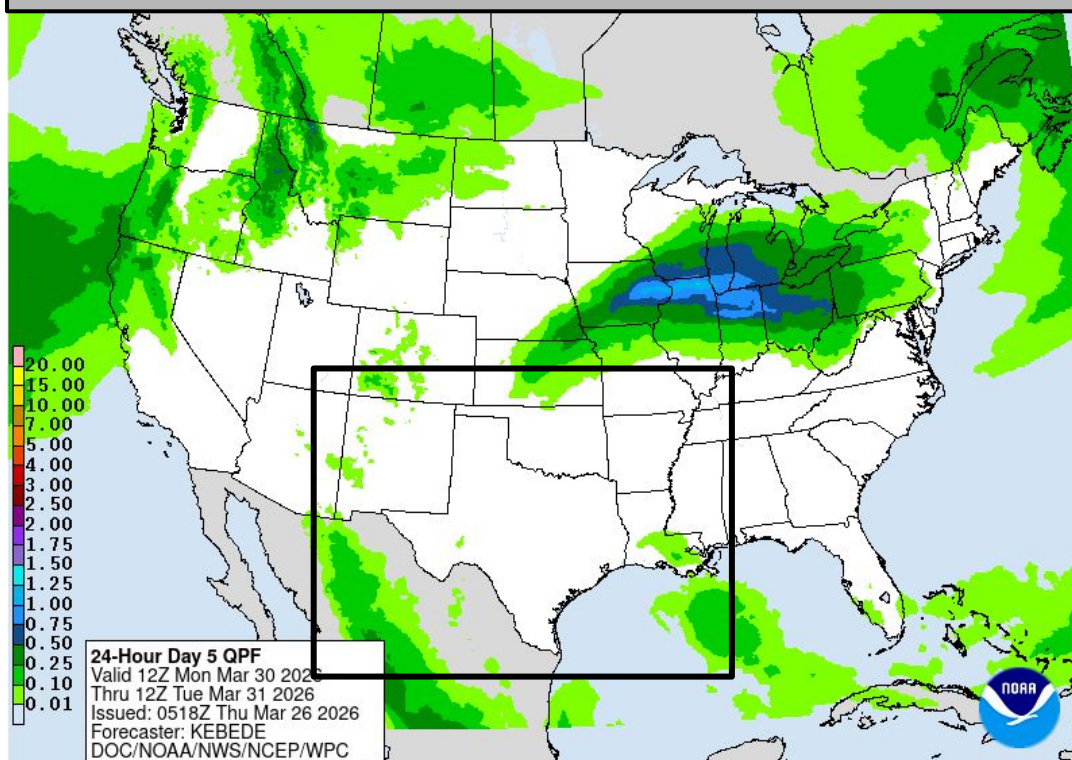
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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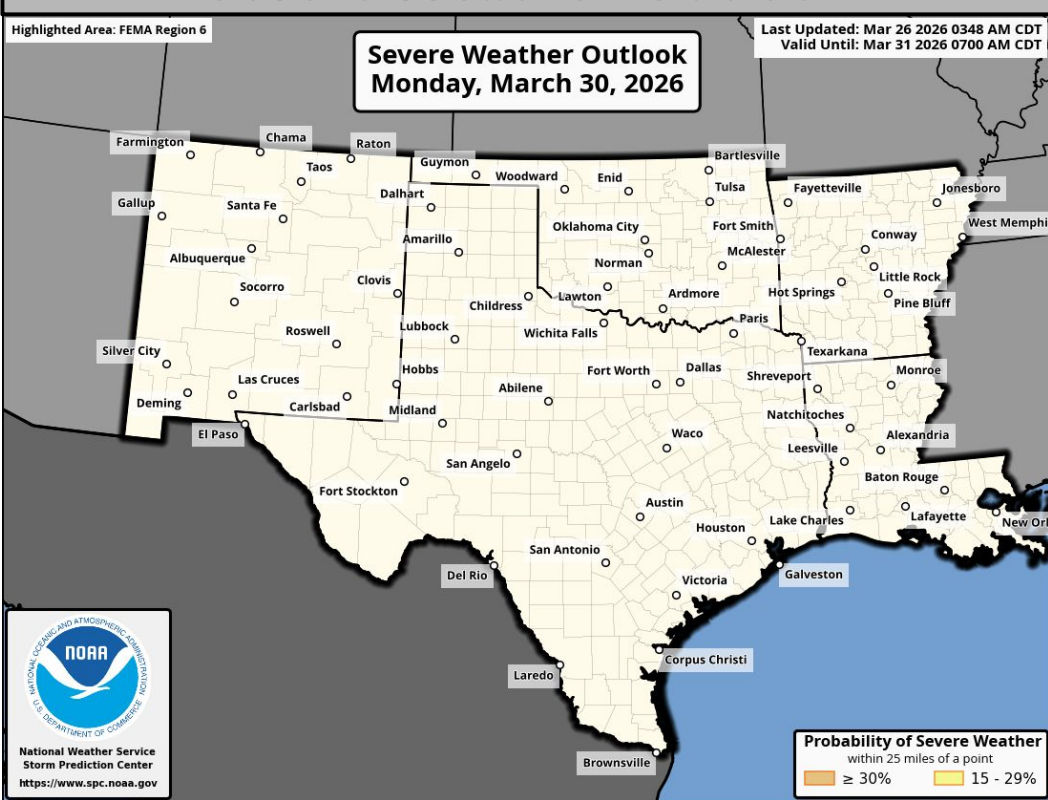
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

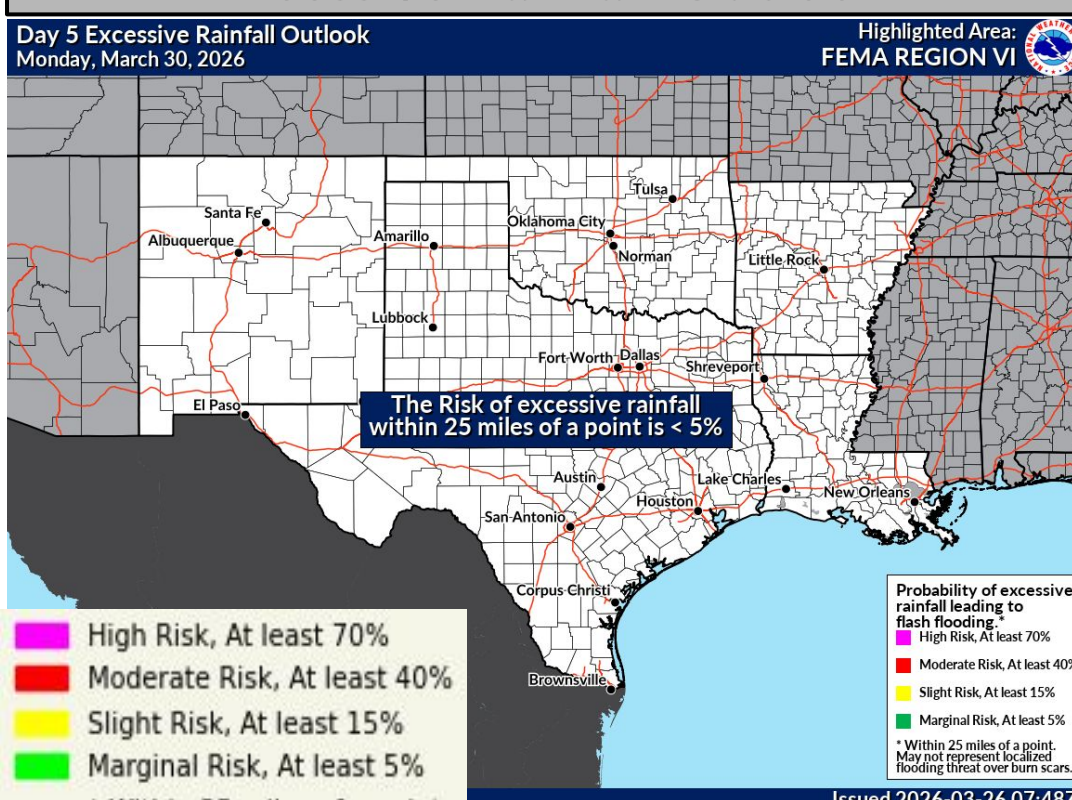
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, March 30, 2026

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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, March 30, 2026

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FEMA REGION VI

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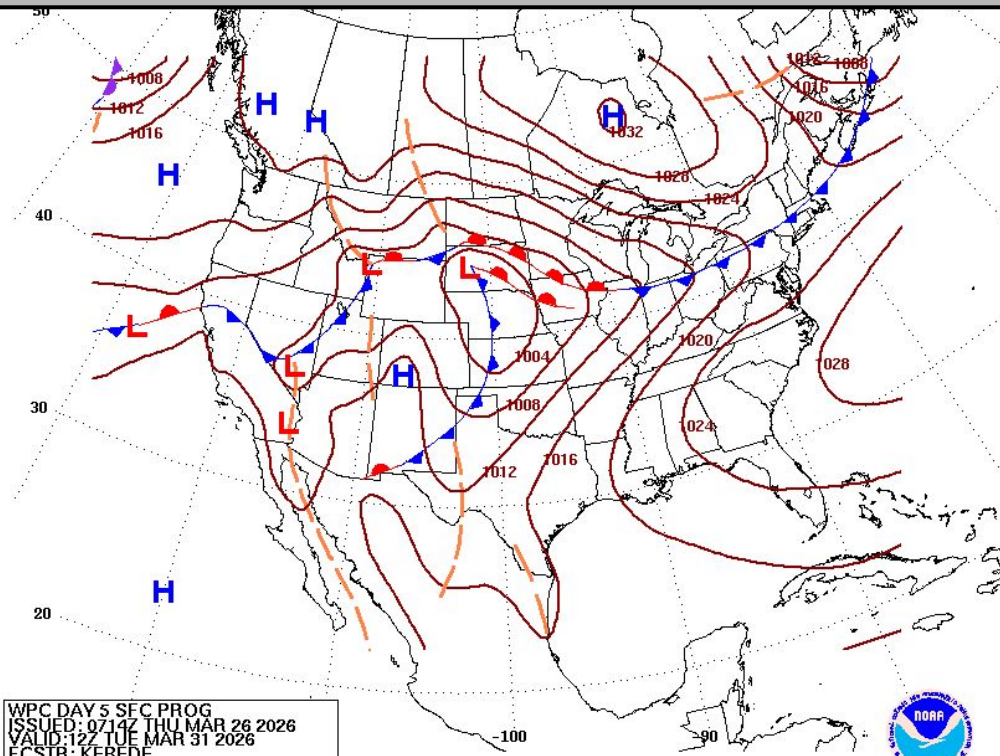
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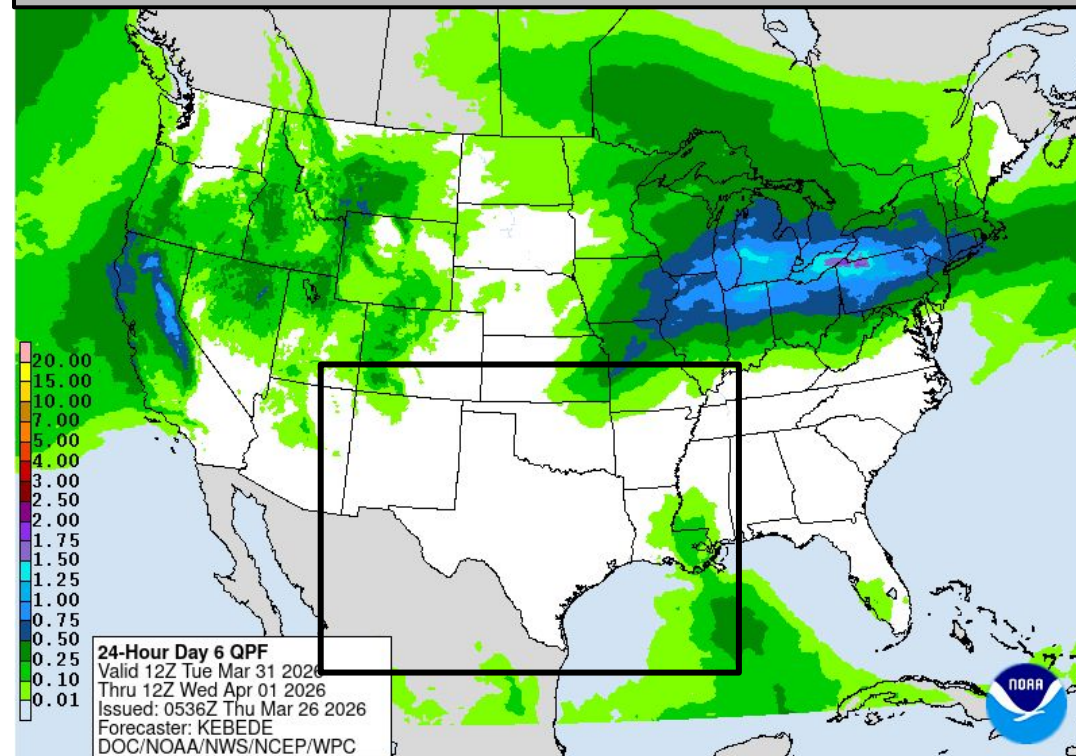
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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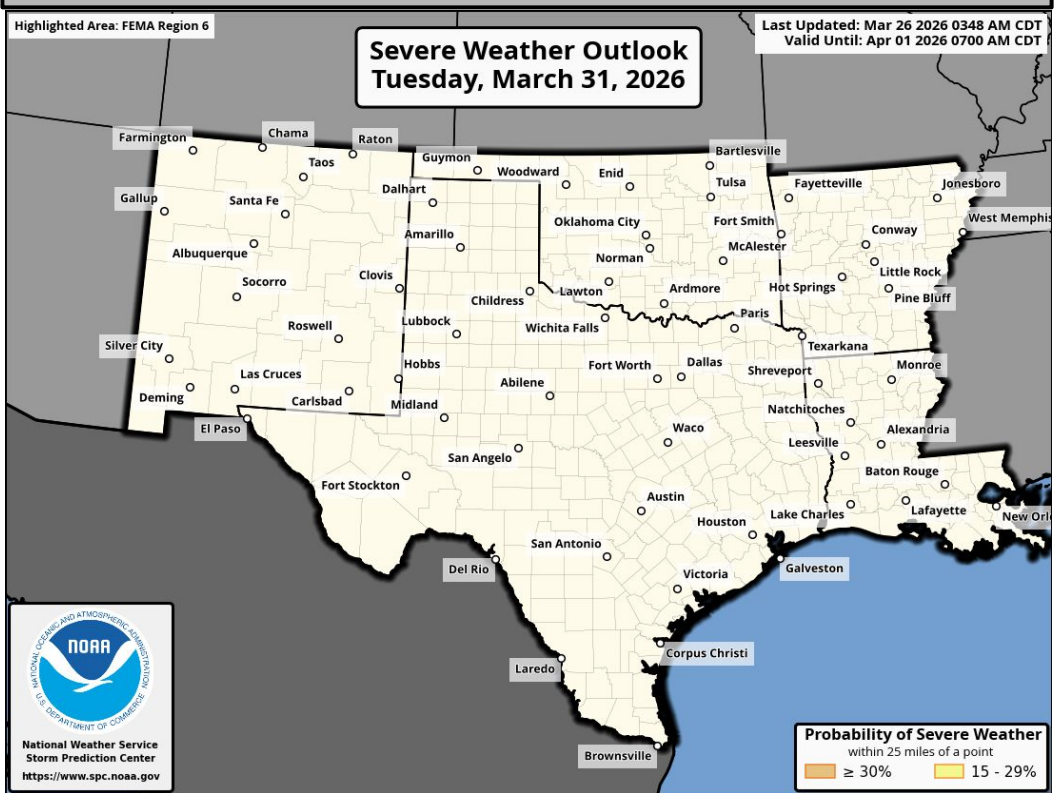
Forecast Rainfall



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Thru 12Z Wed Apr 01 2026
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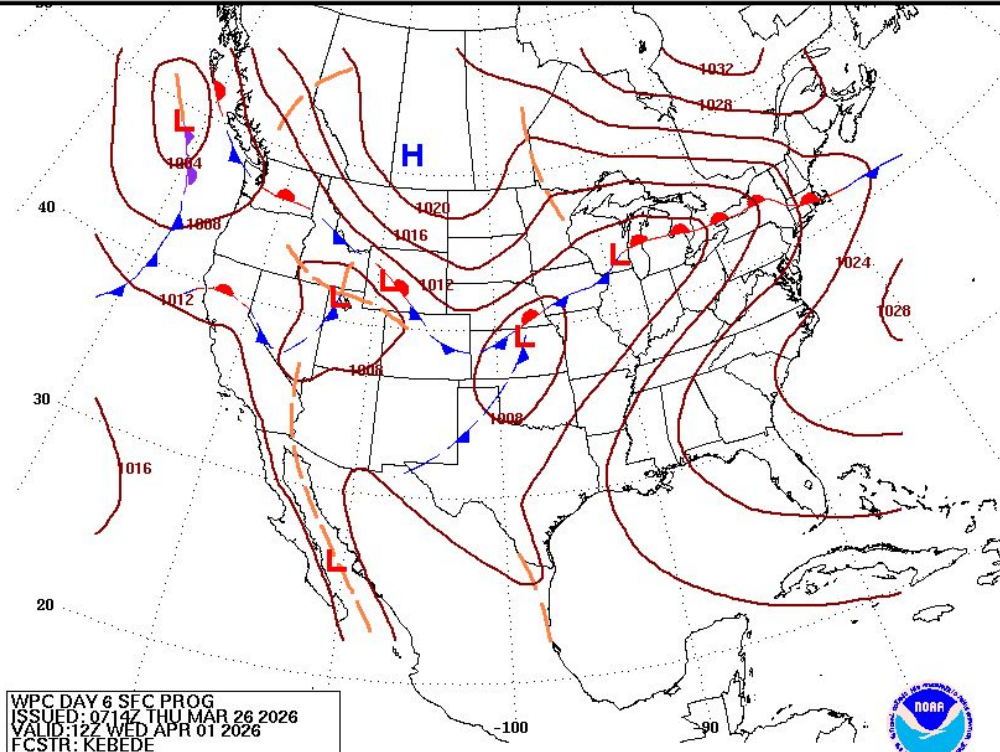


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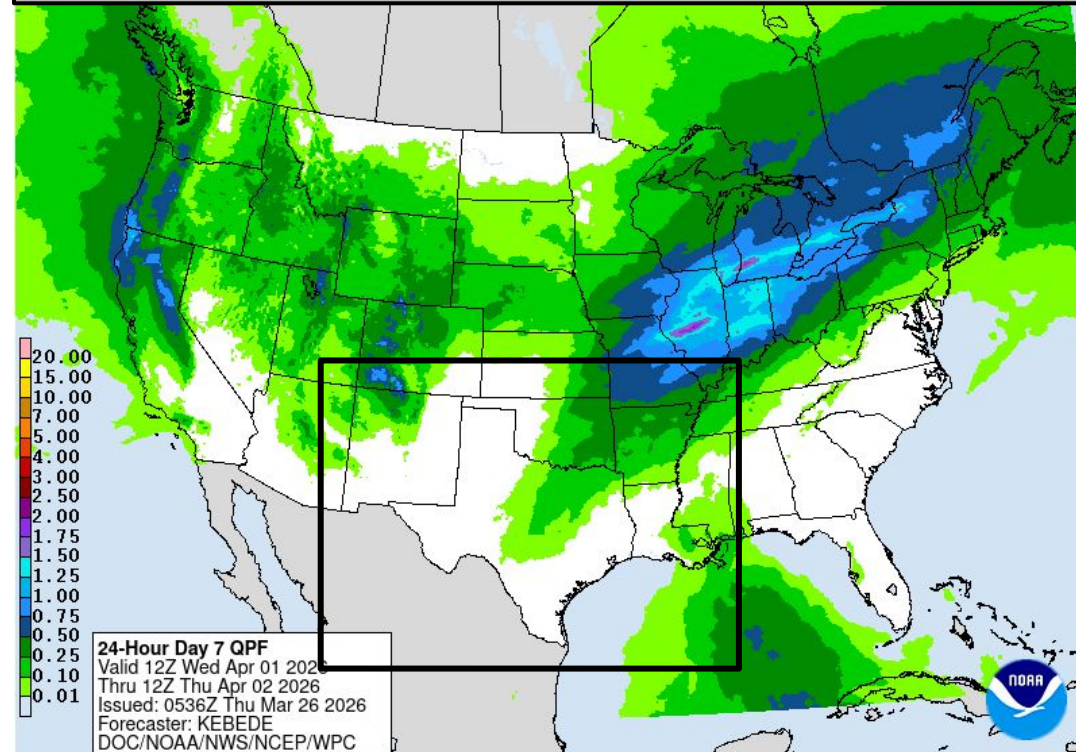
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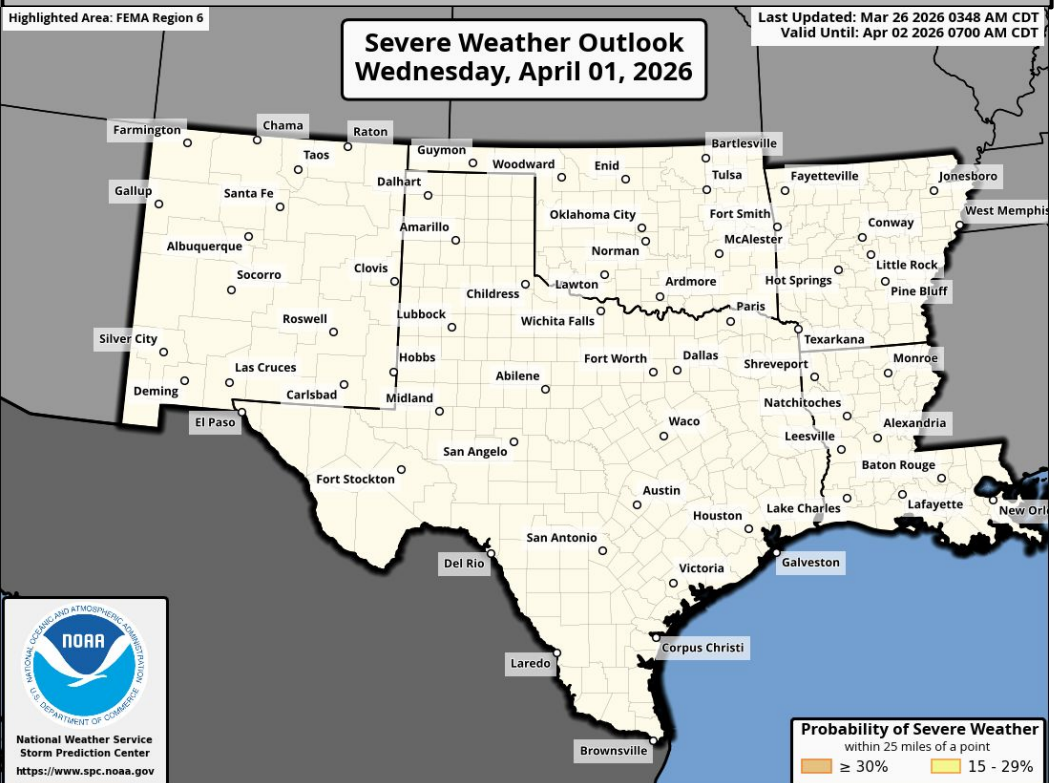
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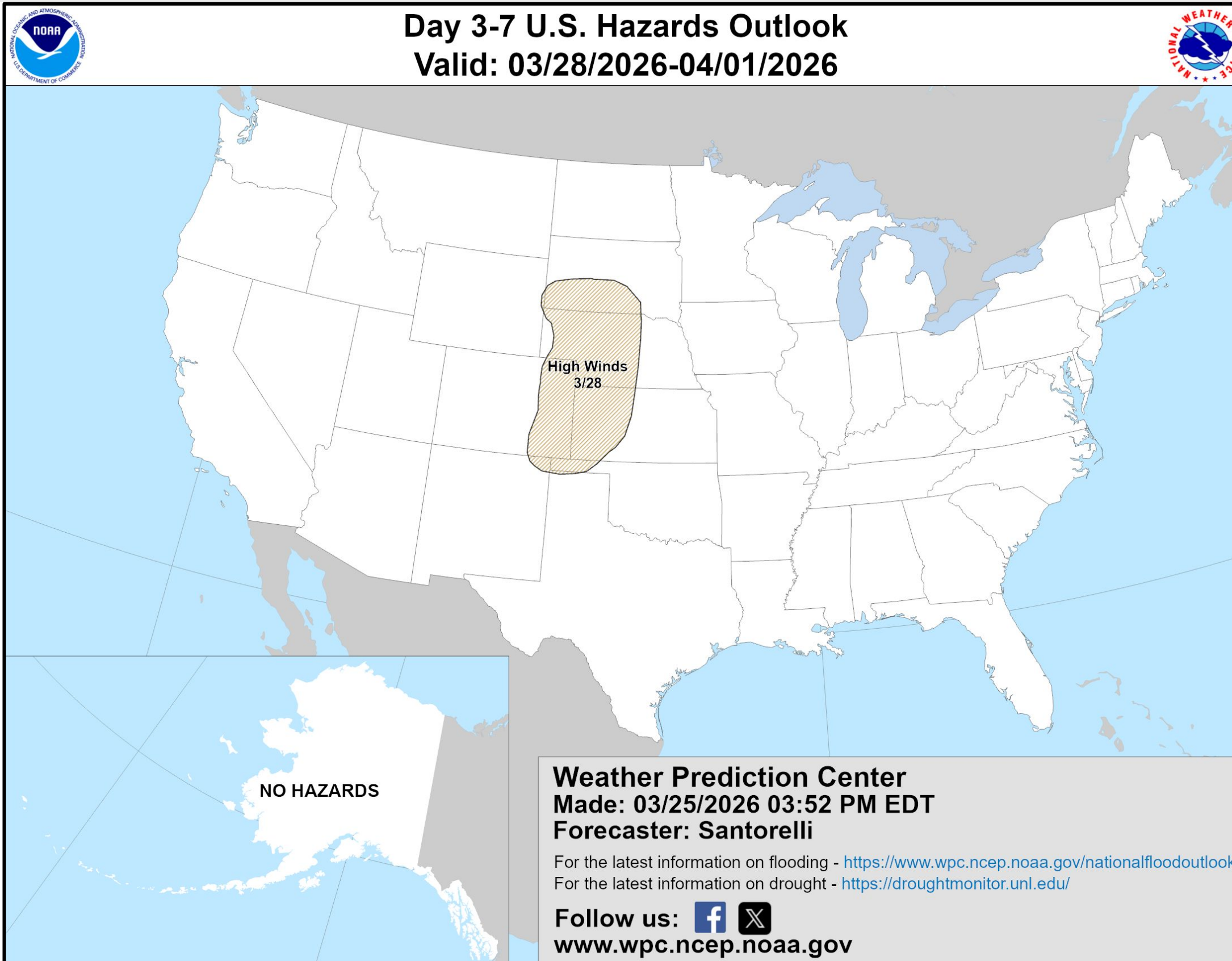
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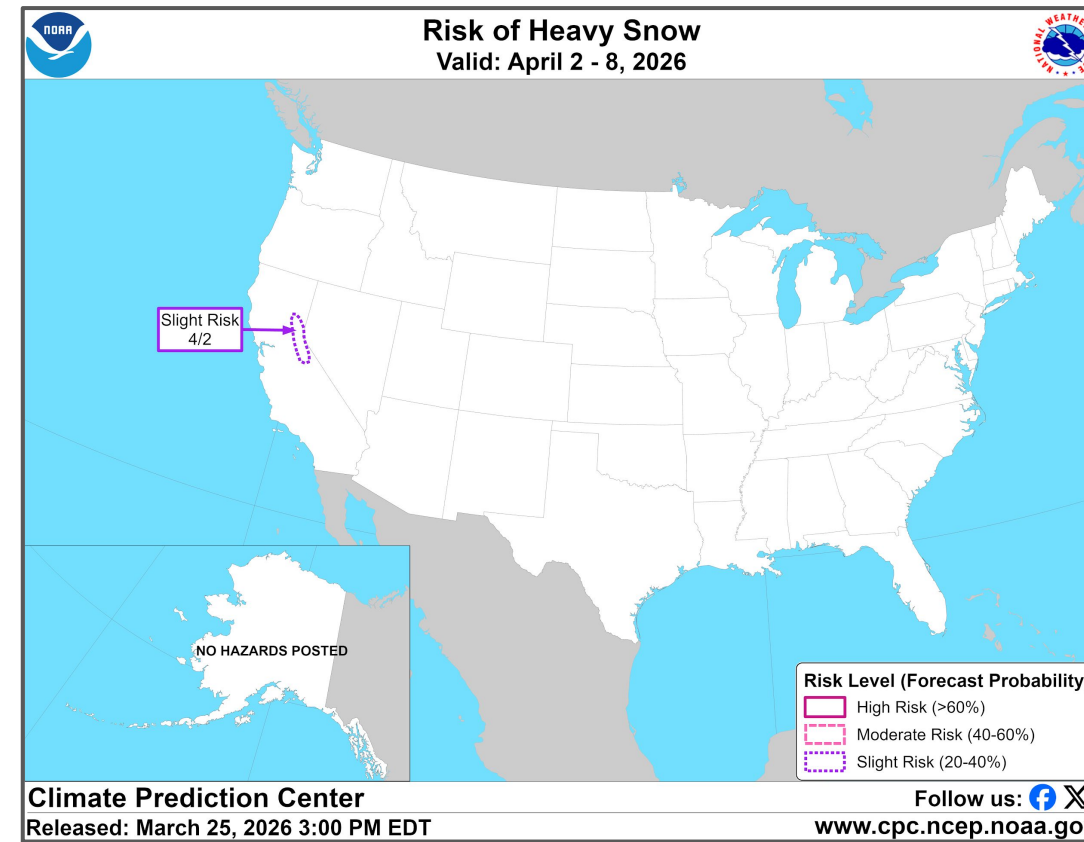
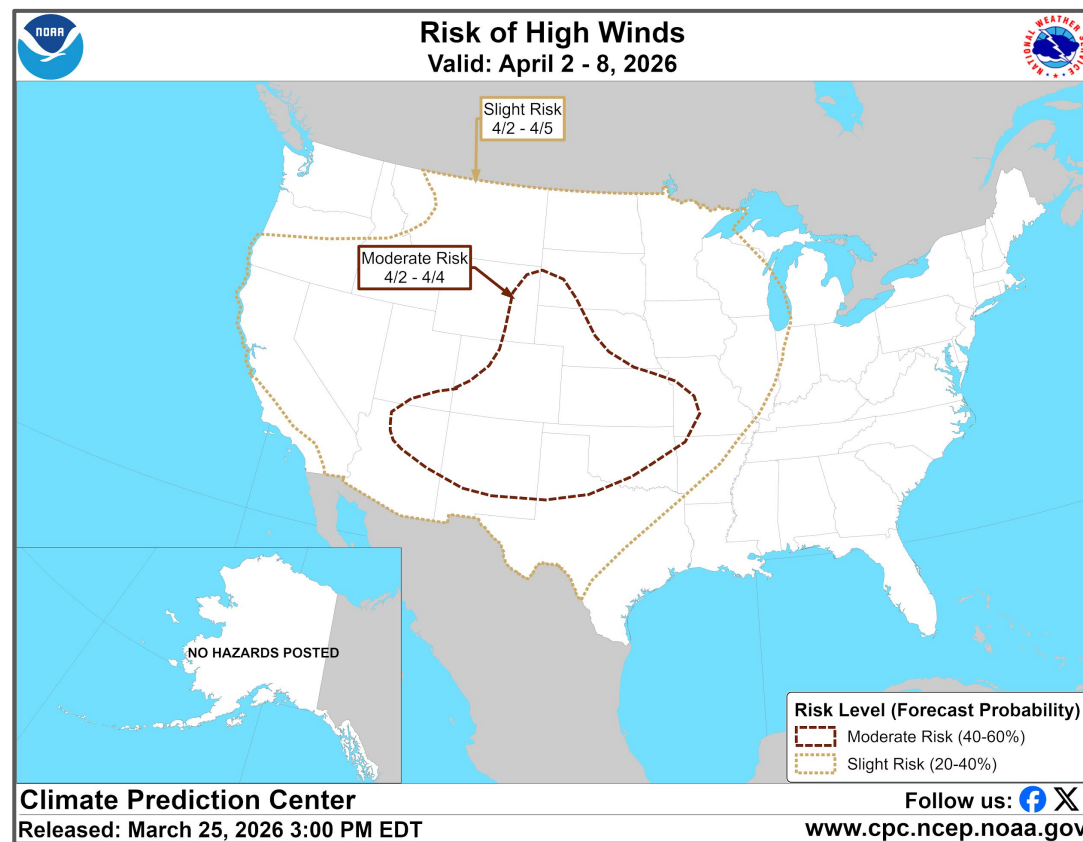
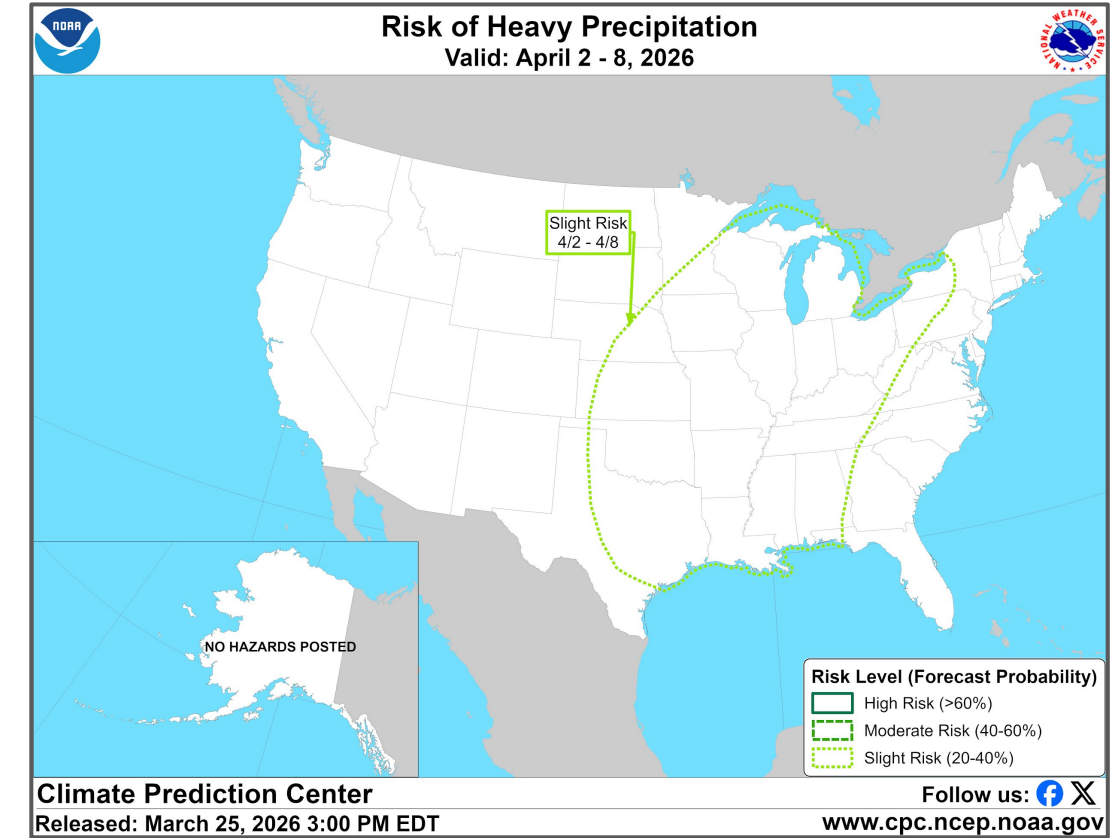
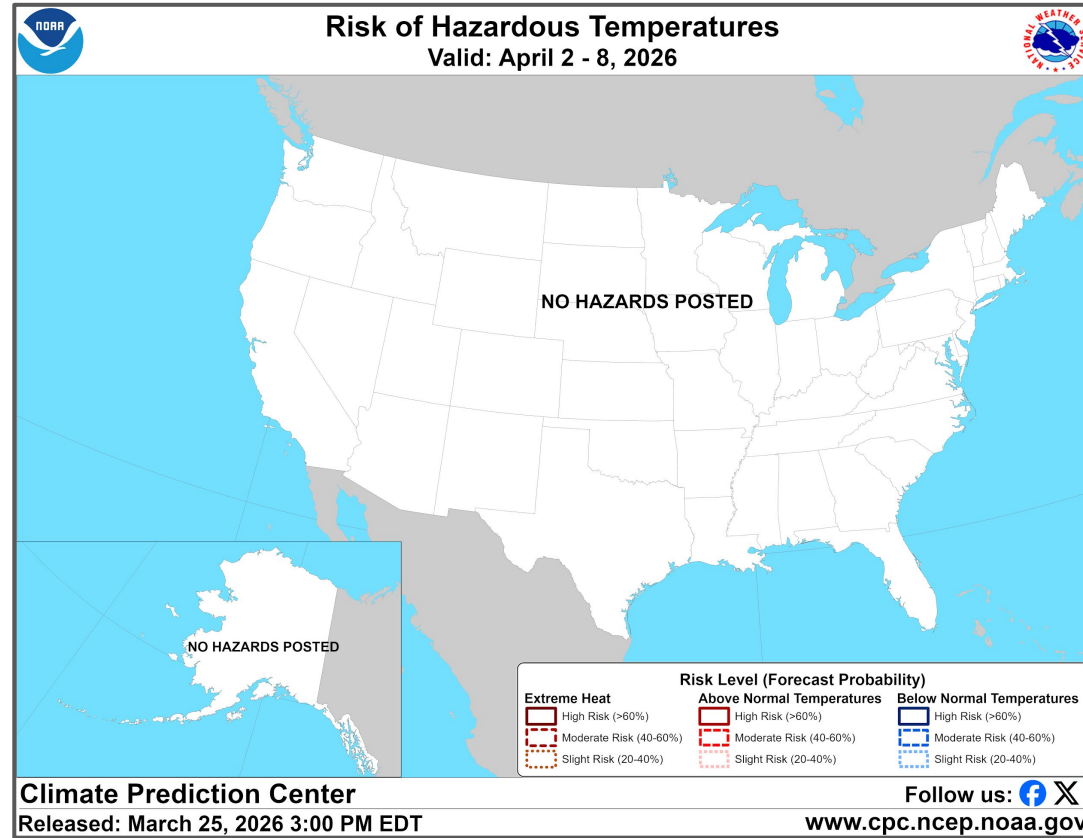
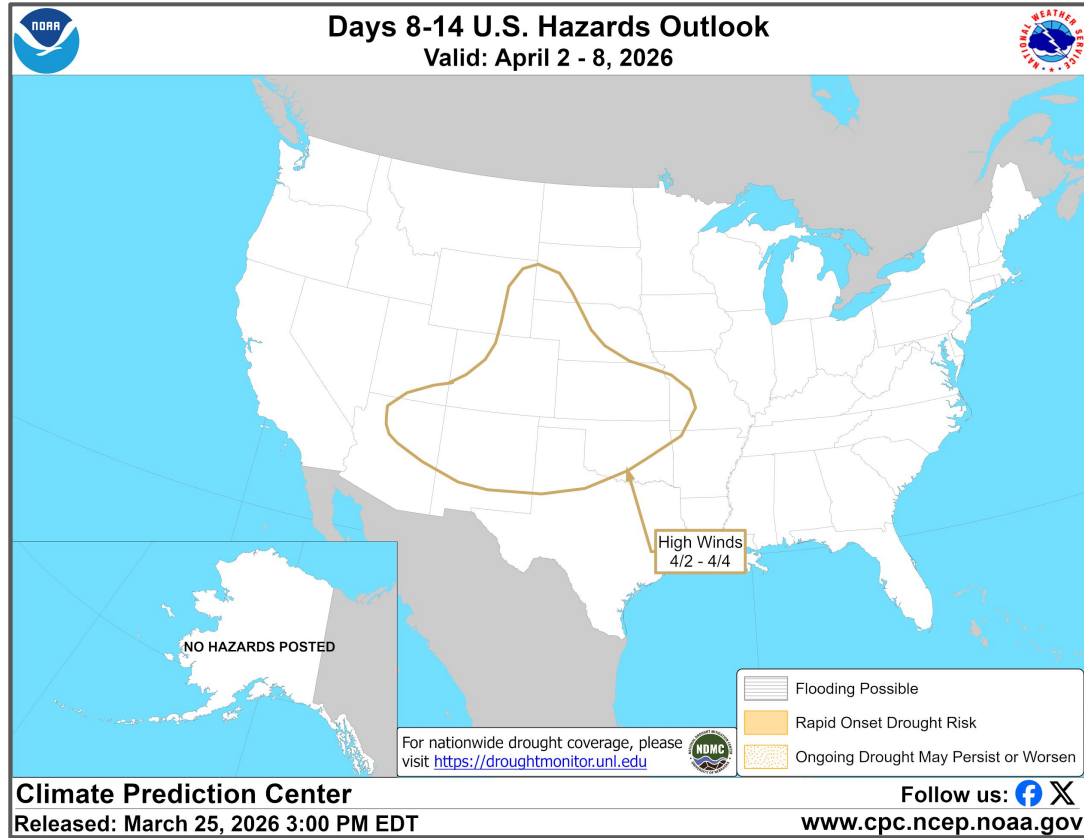


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





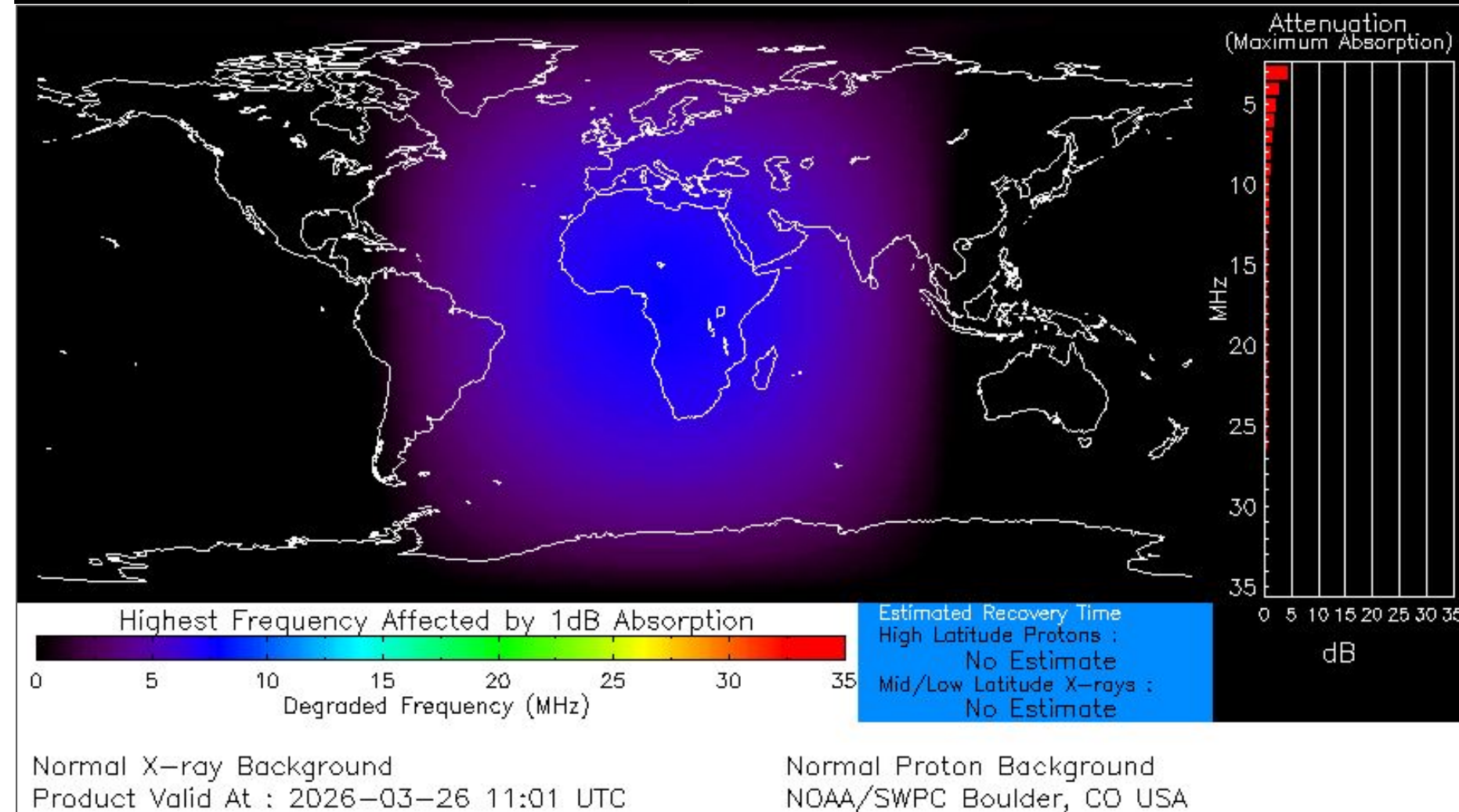
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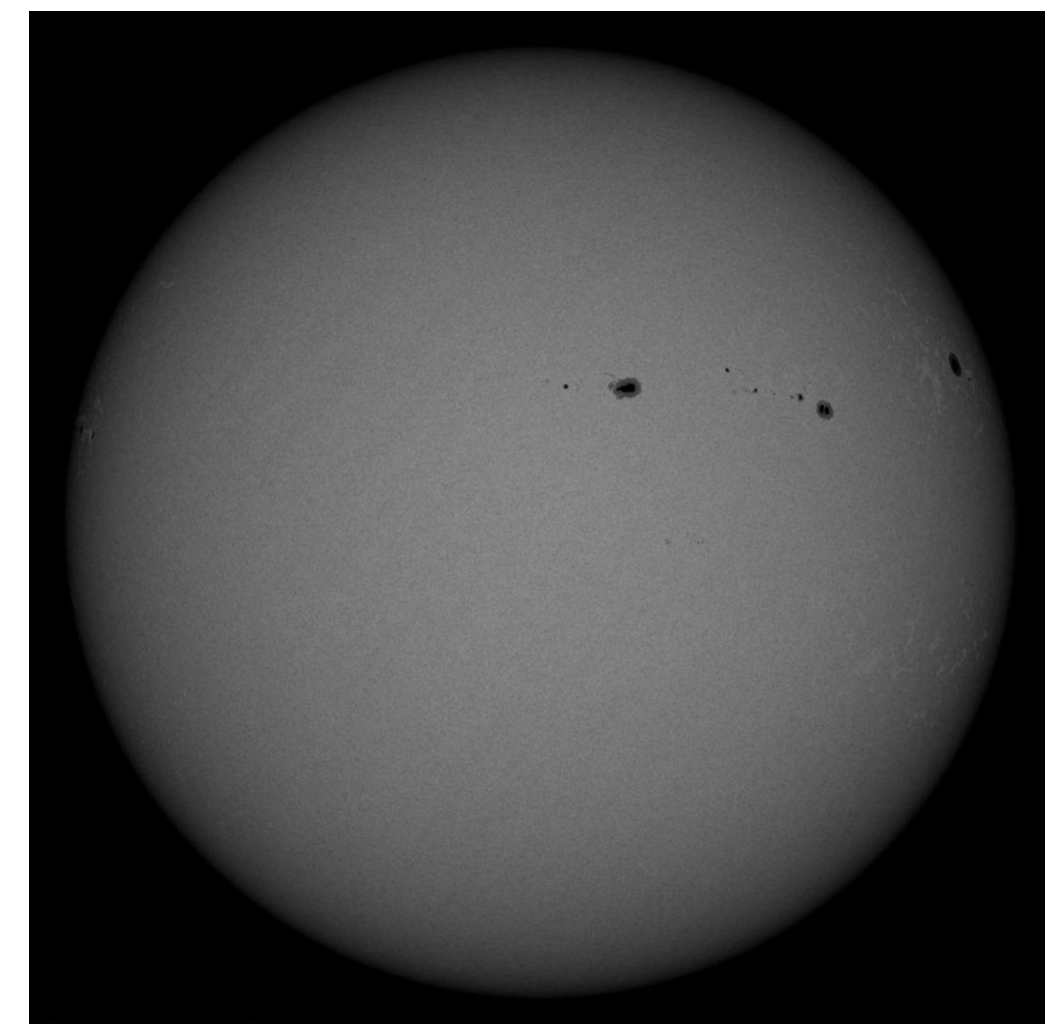
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Mar 26	Friday, Mar 27	Saturday, Mar 28
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	30%	30%	30%
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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