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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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 to locally critical today in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW OK Saturday.**
 - **Locally critical also exist in far SE AR, E LA due to dry, post frontal conditions.**
- **Dry lightning on Sunday in W NM may start new fires.**
- **Monitoring the Southern Plains for daily fire weather concerns next week Monday through Thursday.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29	Monday, Mar 30	Tuesday, Mar 31	Wednesday, Apr 1	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					AR		
Heat							
Fire Weather	NE NM, TX OK Panhandles, NW OK, SE AR, E LA	W NM (Dry Lightning)	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	NM, TX Panhandle, NW TX	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

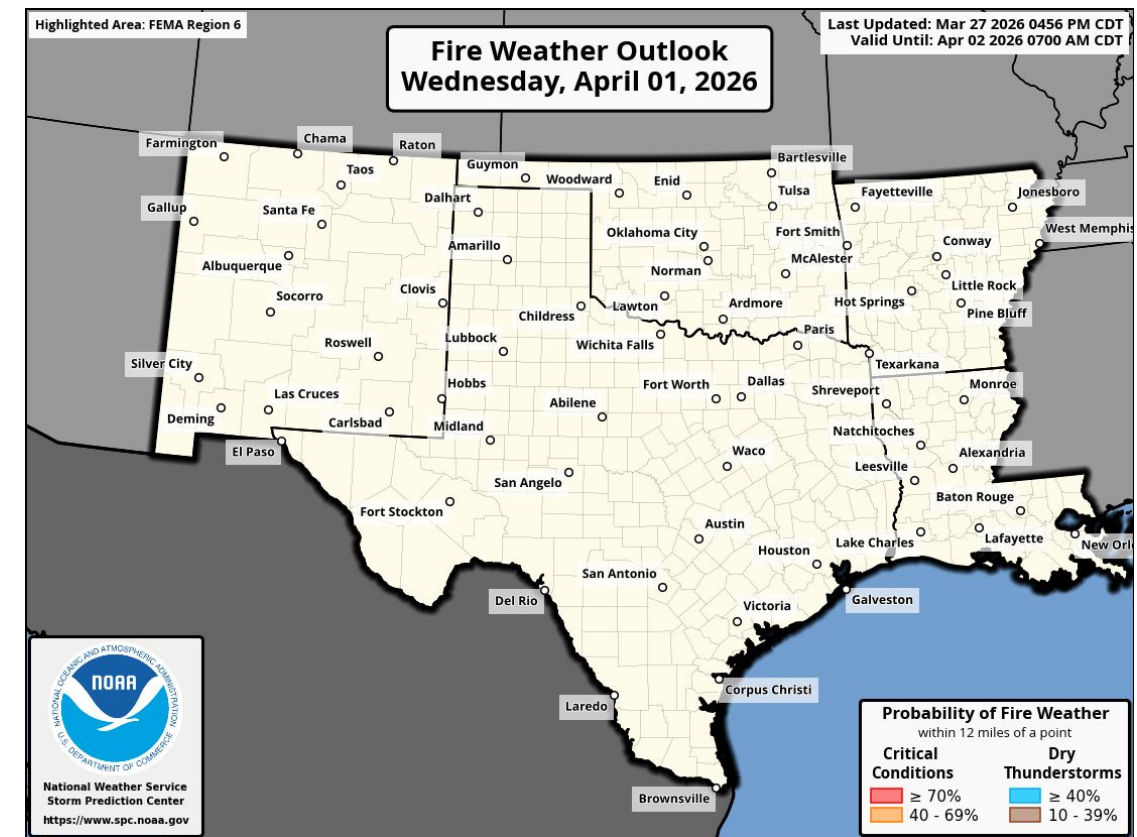
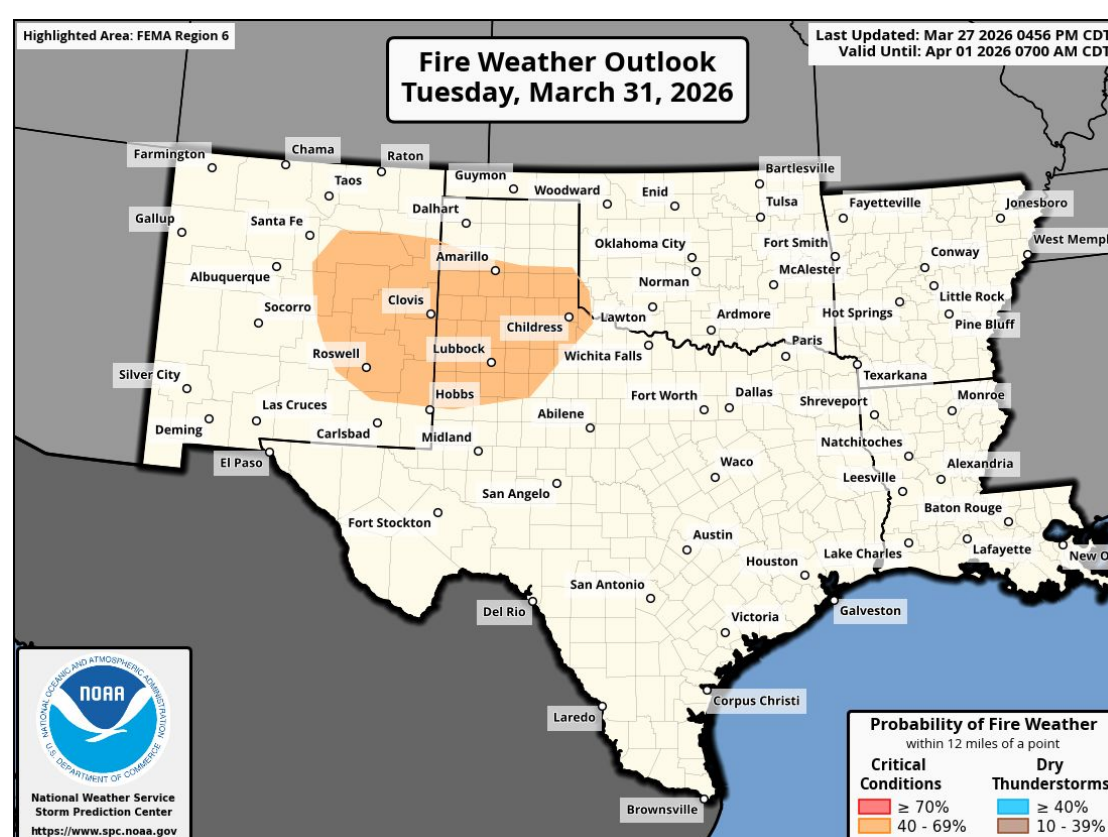
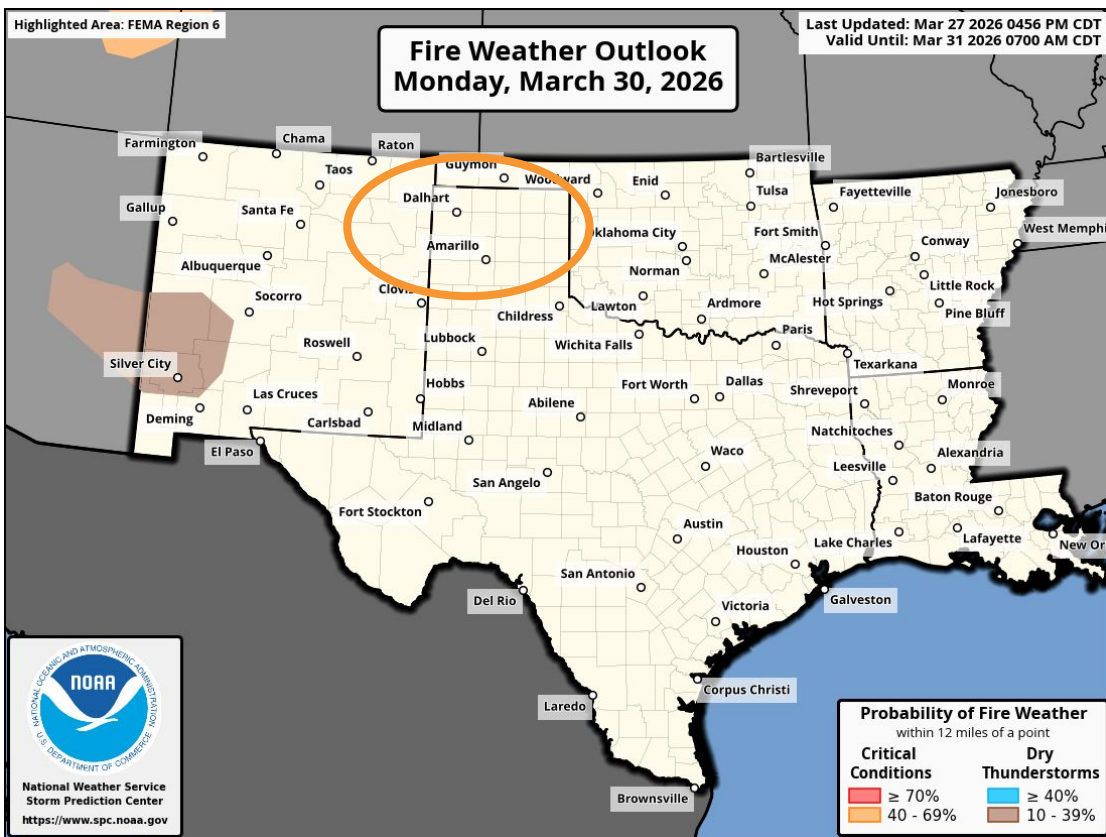
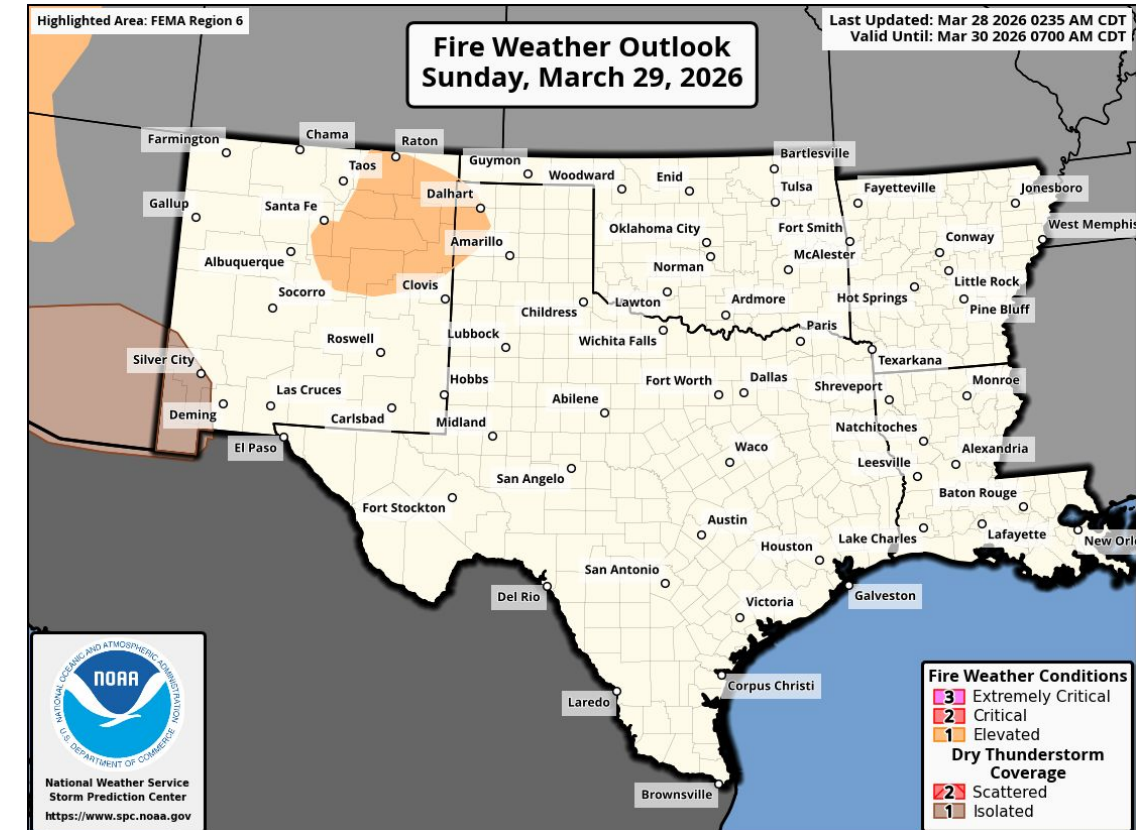
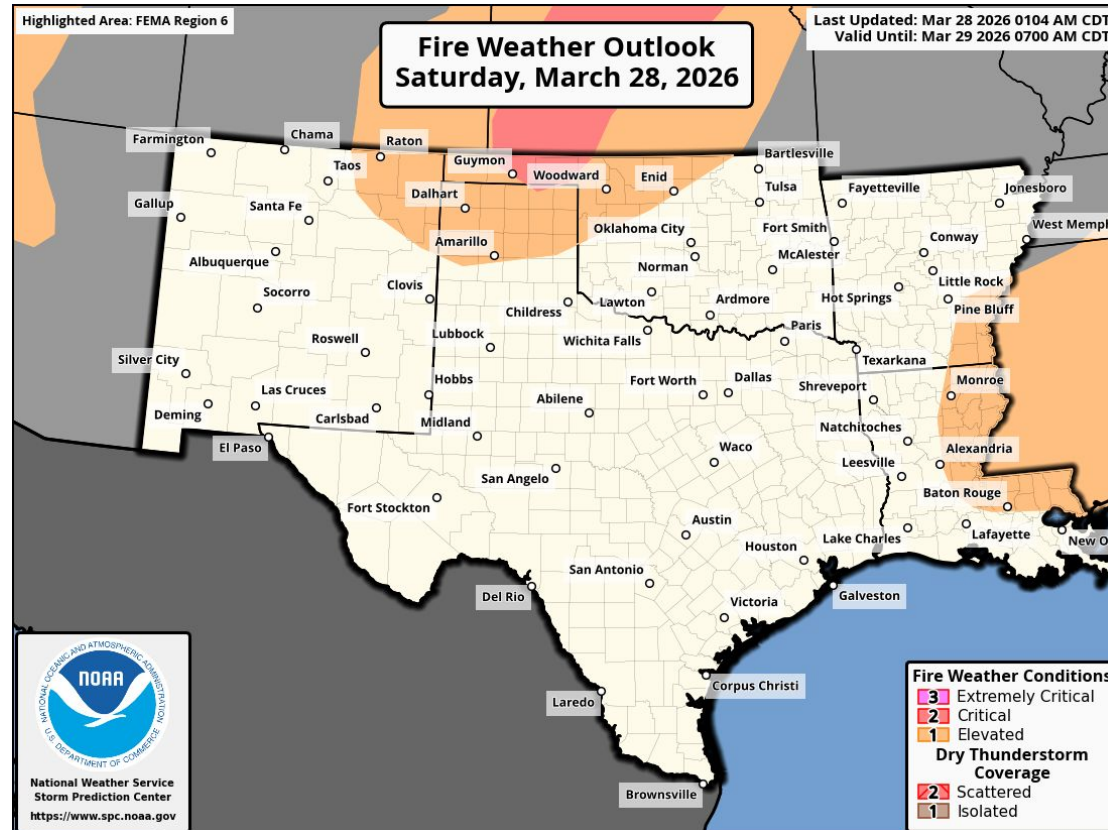
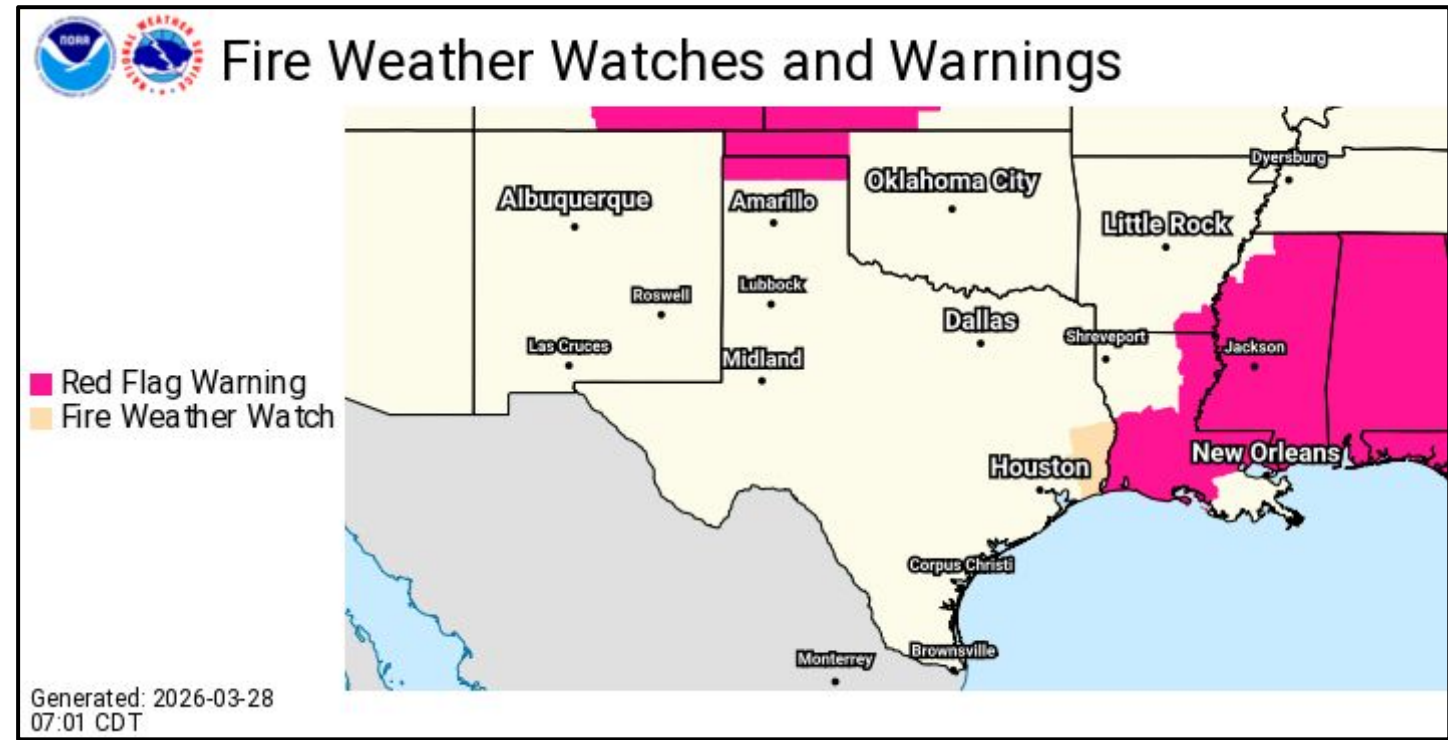


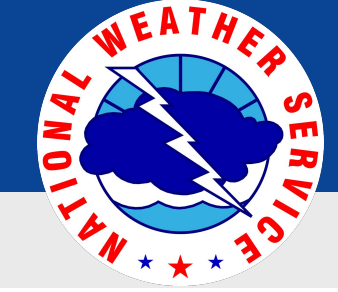
Red Flag Warnings for the OK/TX Panhandles, LA and SE AR through 8pm.





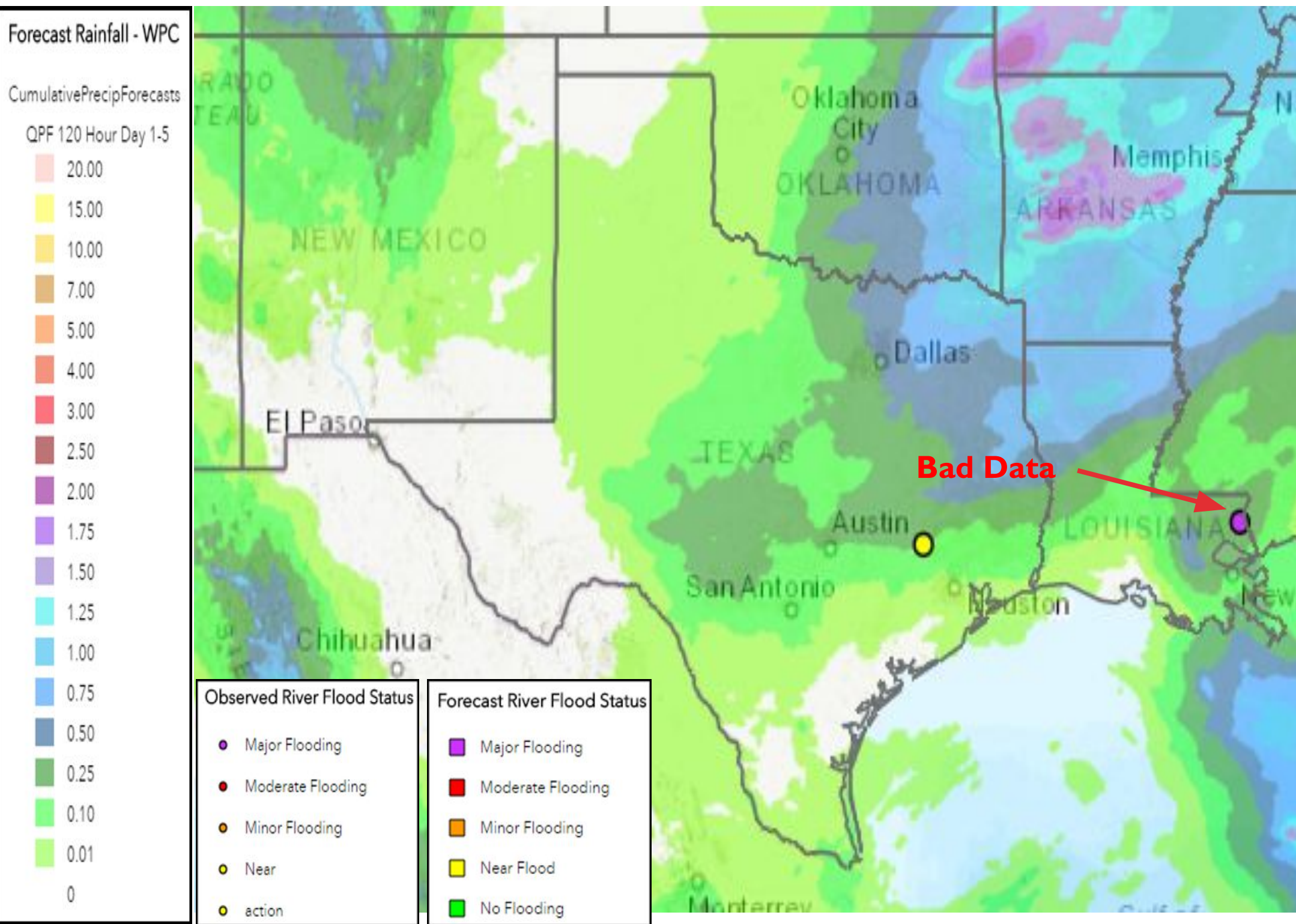
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



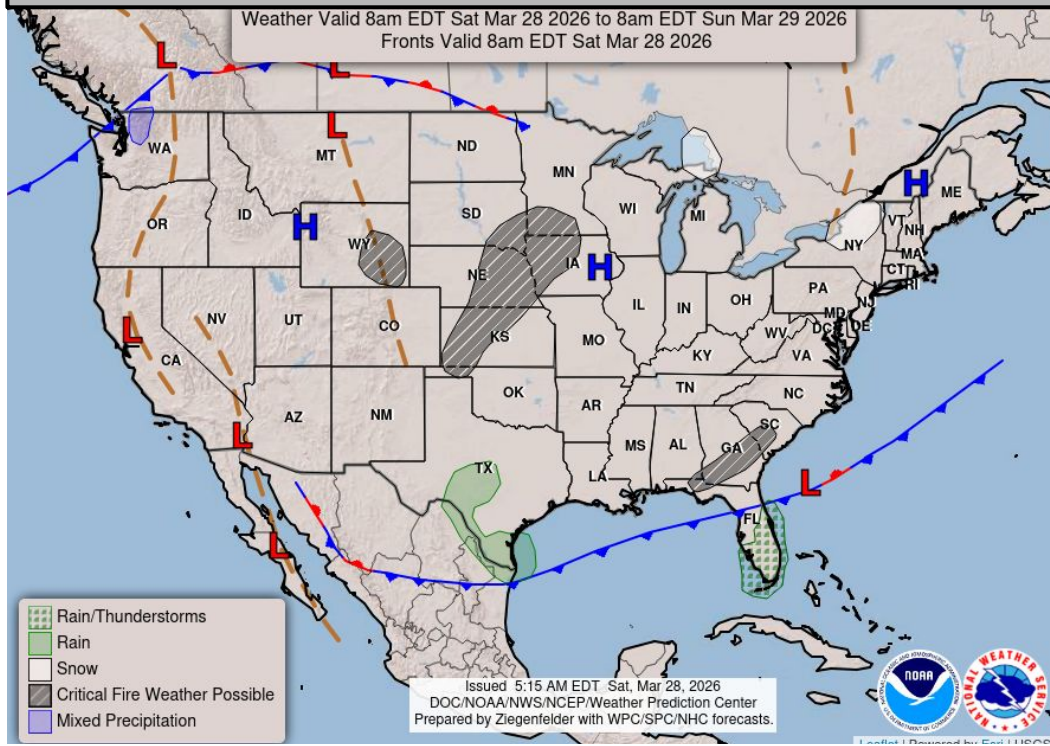
River flooding is not expected.

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.

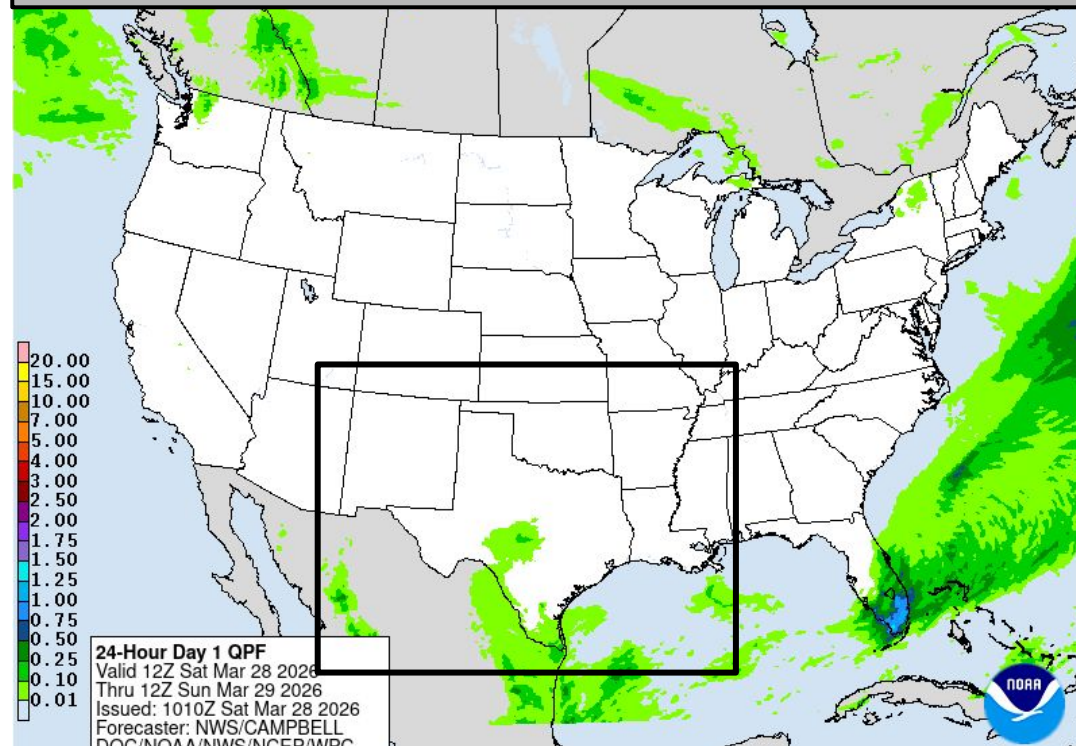


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



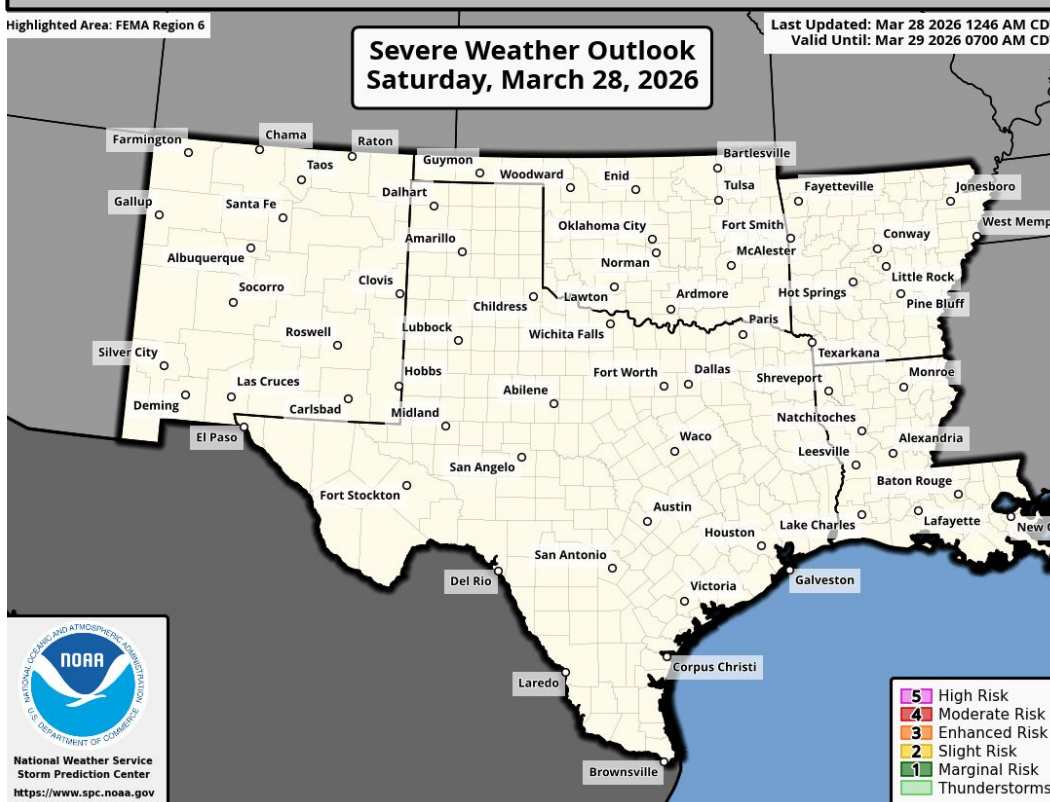
Forecast Rainfall



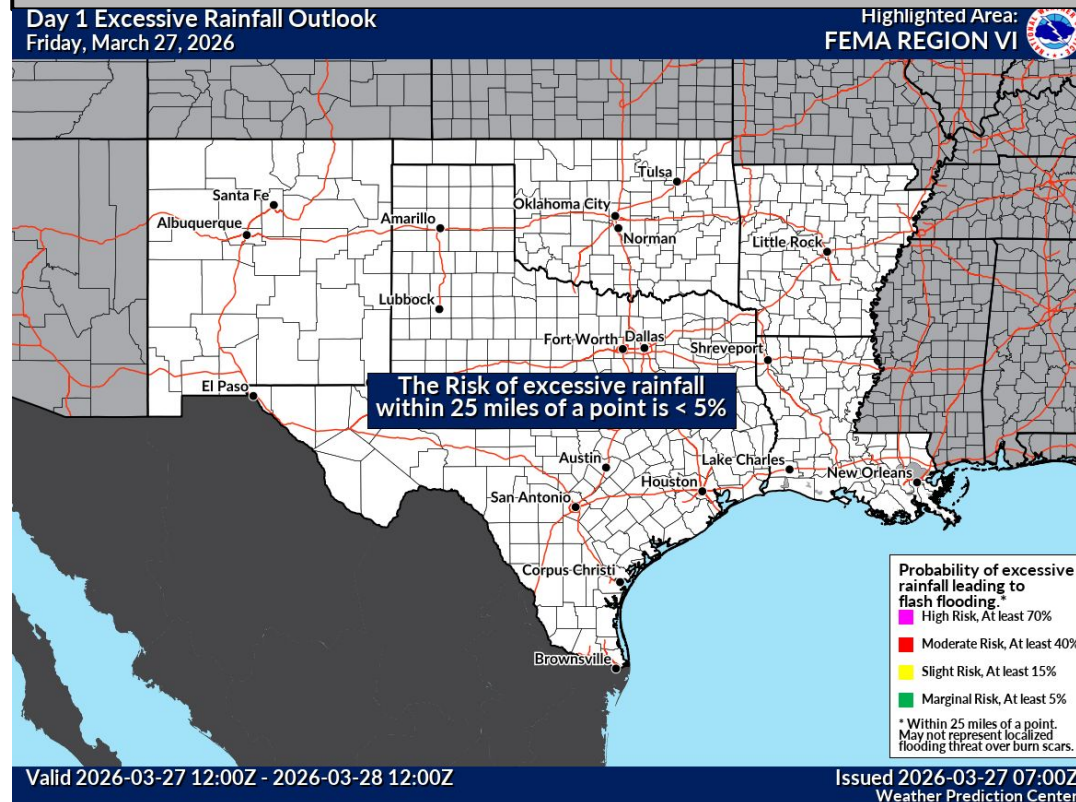
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Locally critical fire weather in SE AR, E LA due to dry, post frontal conditions.

Severe Weather Outlook

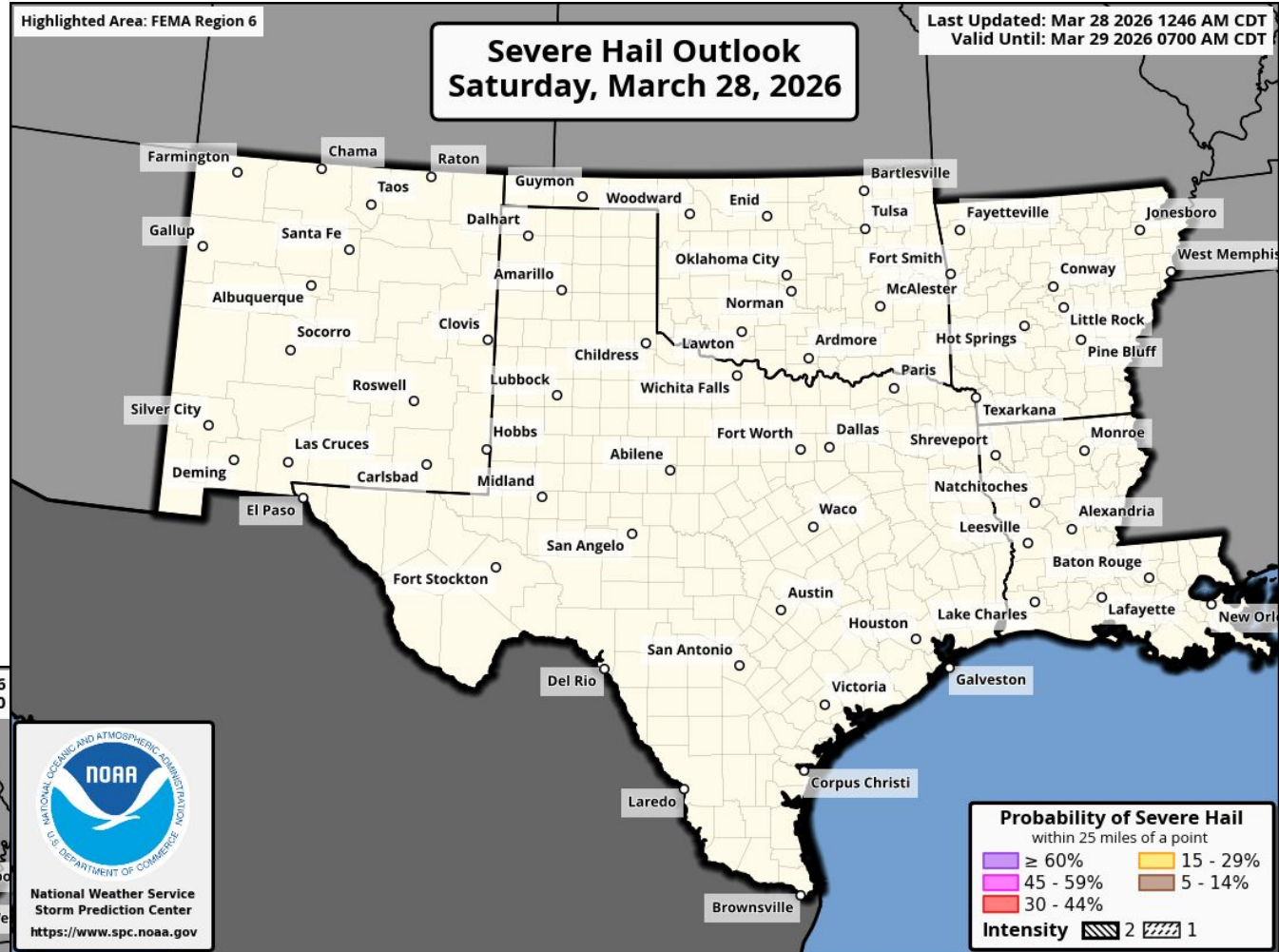
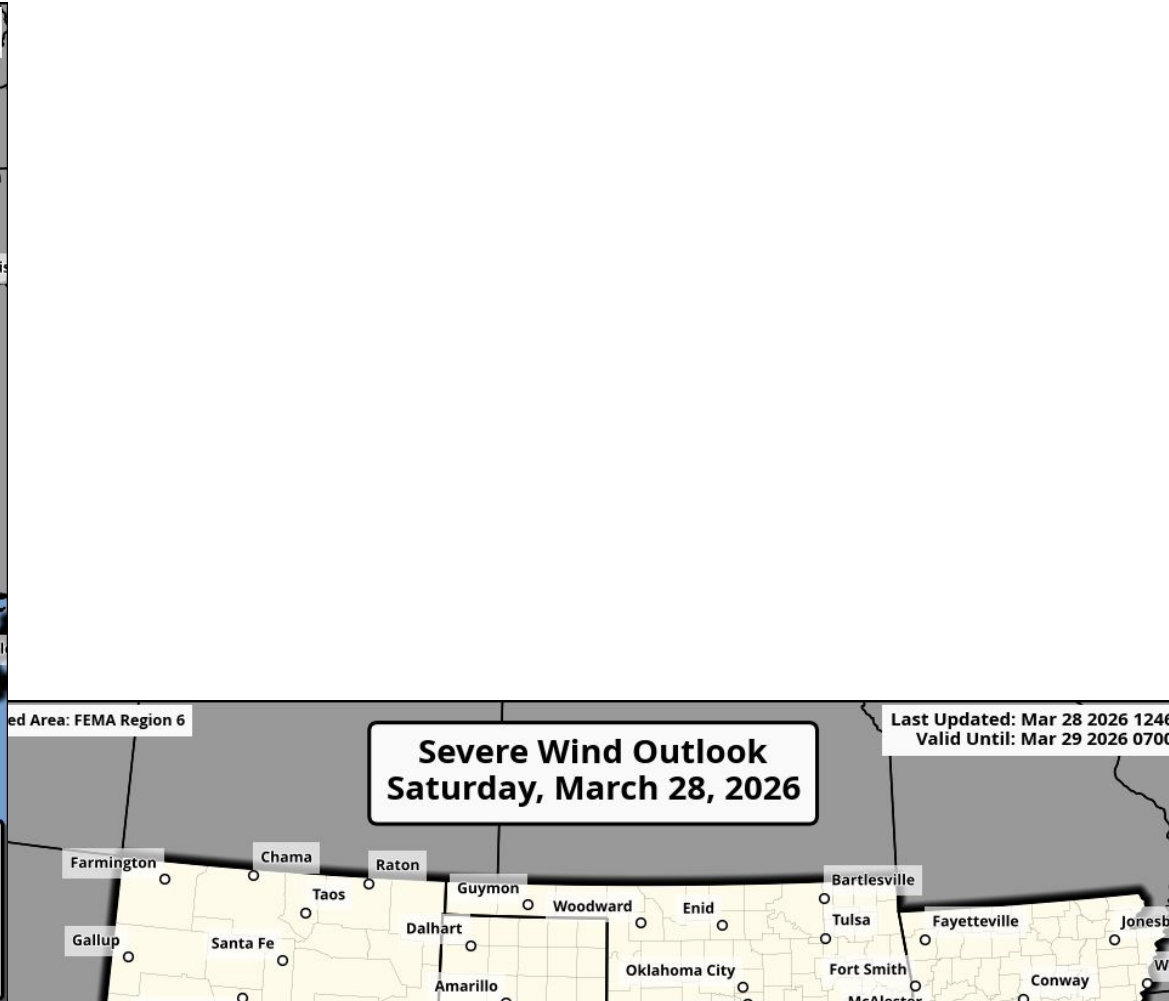
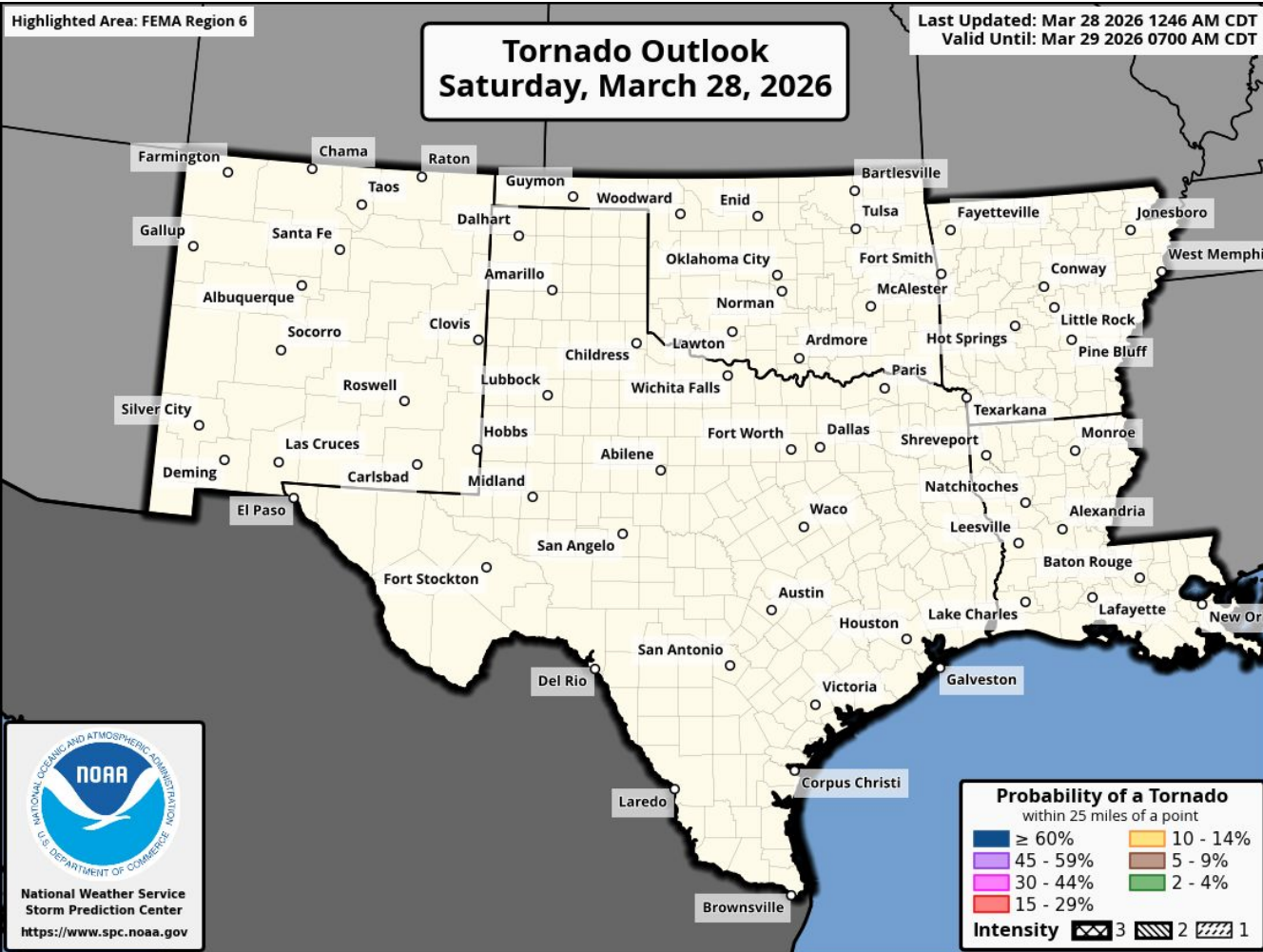


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





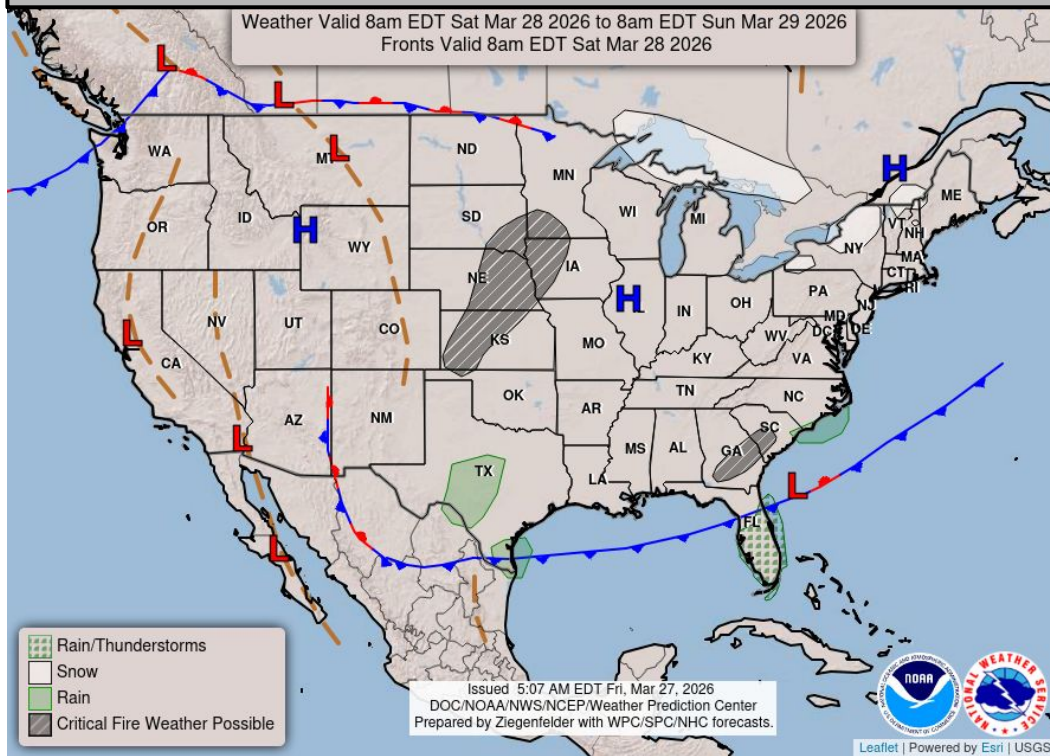
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



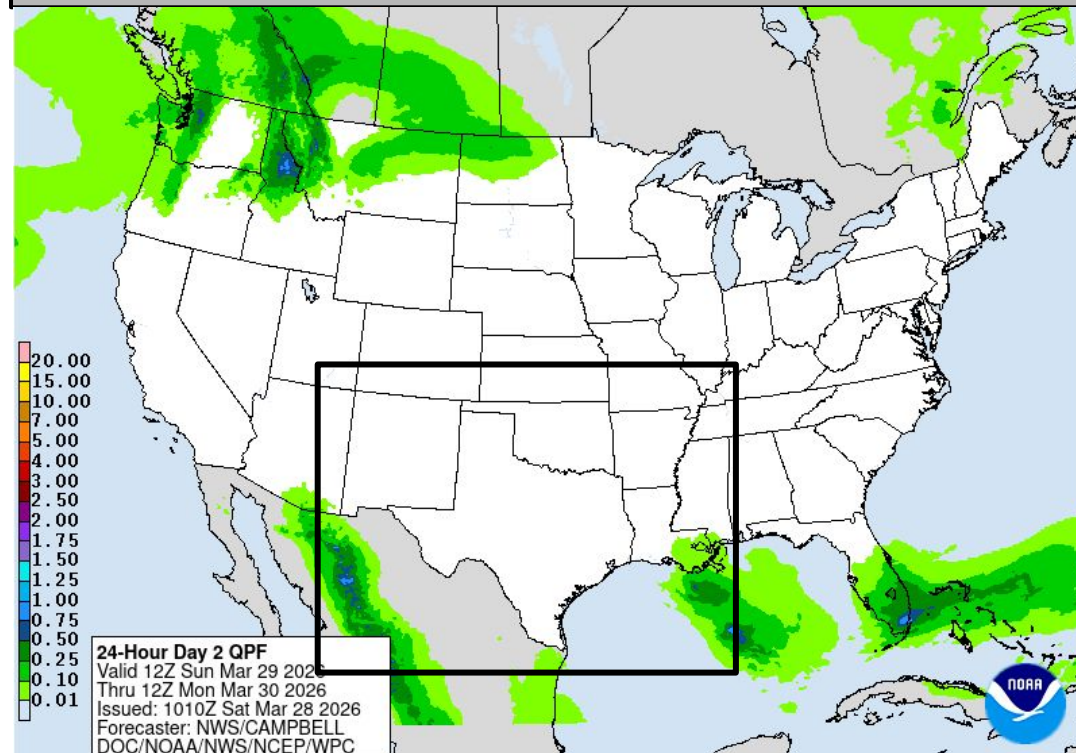


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

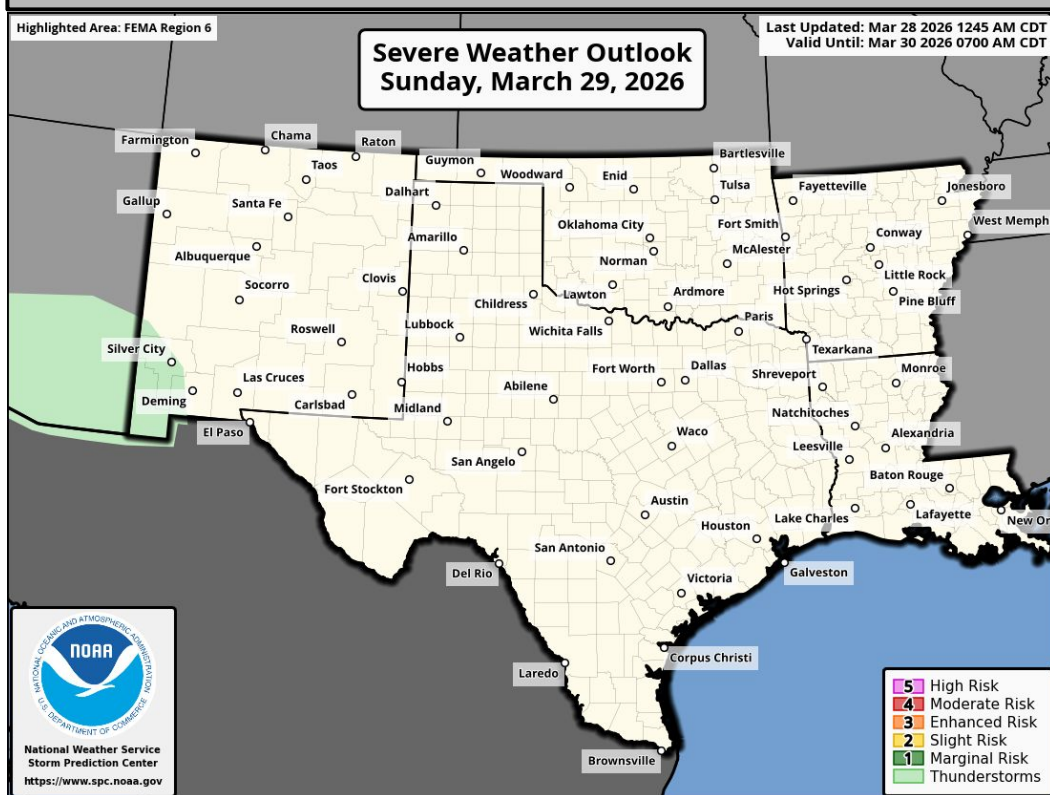


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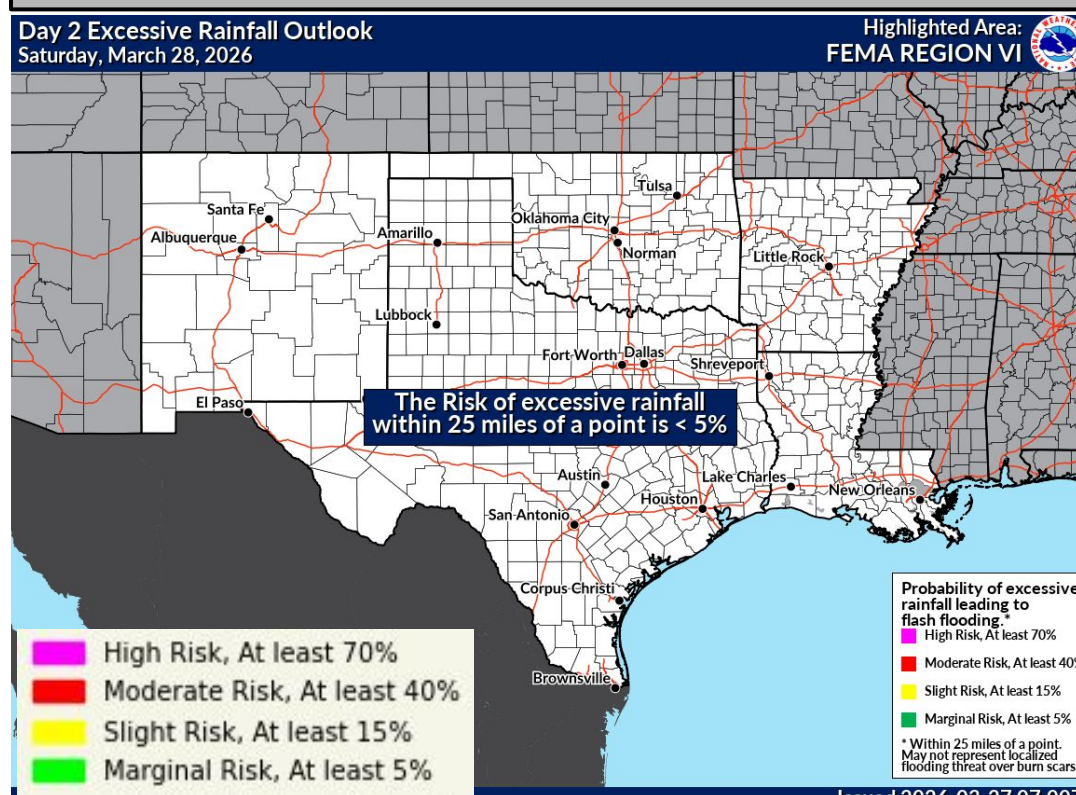


Monitoring W NM for dry thunderstorms that could start new fires and produce gusty winds.

Severe Weather Outlook

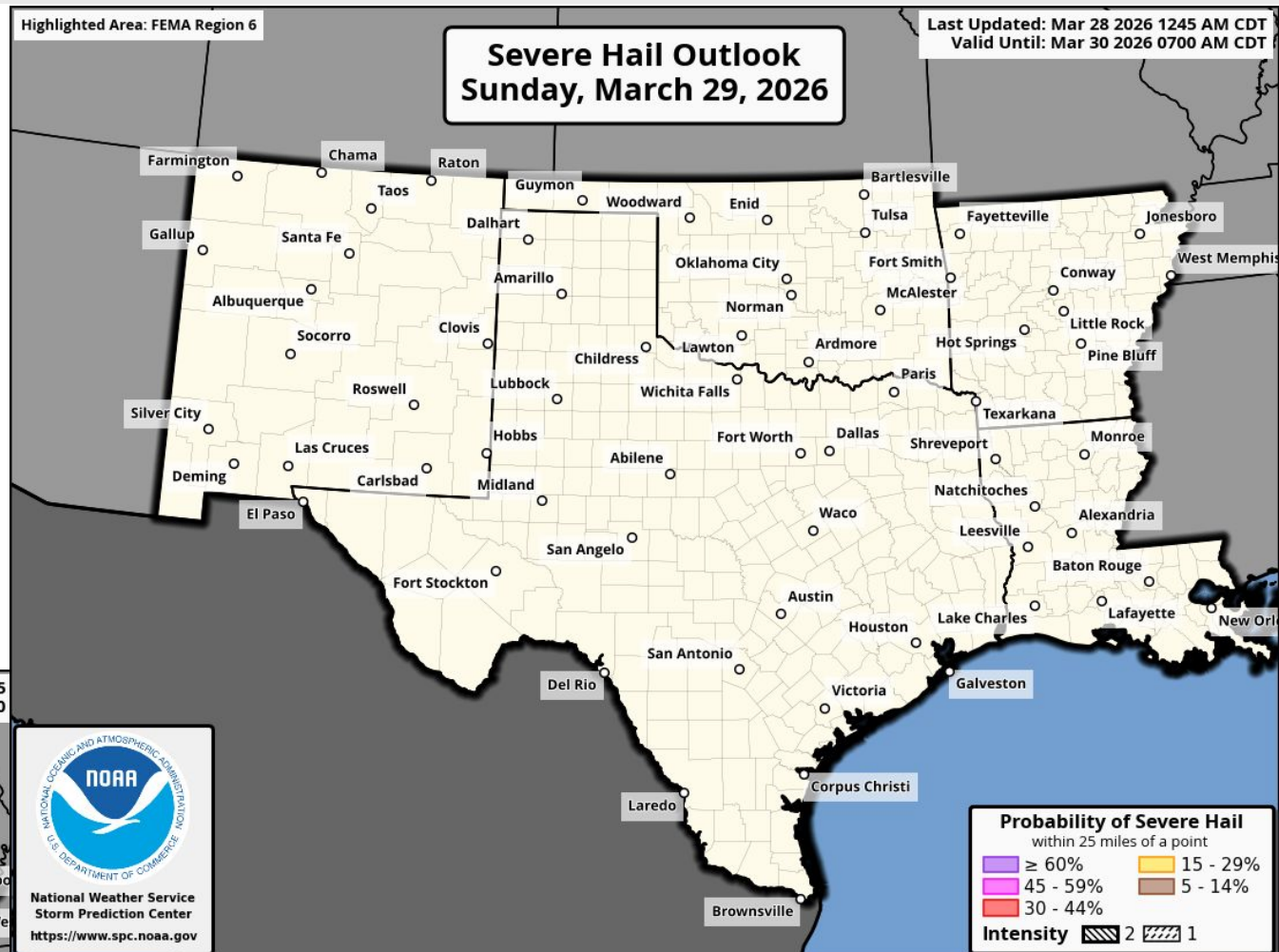
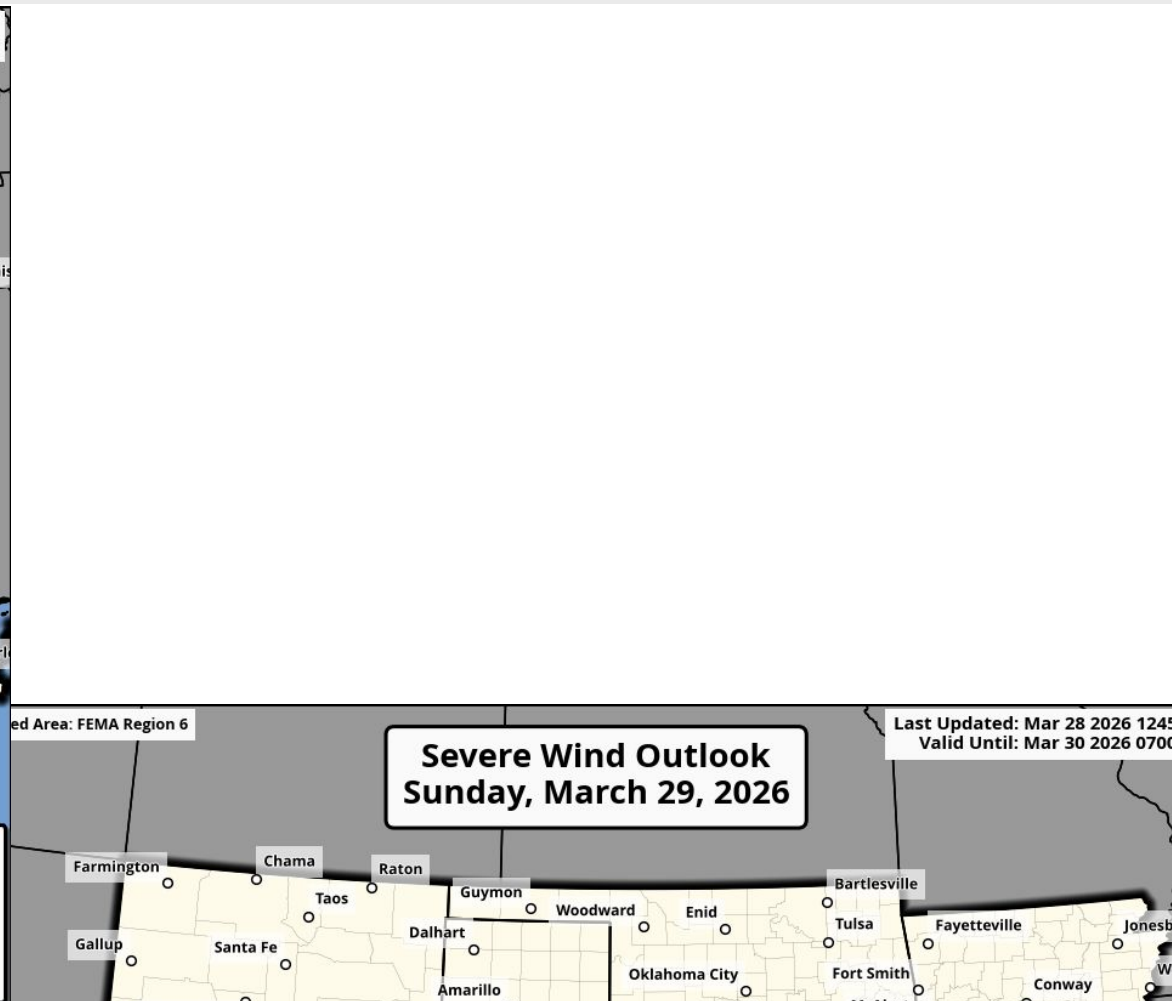
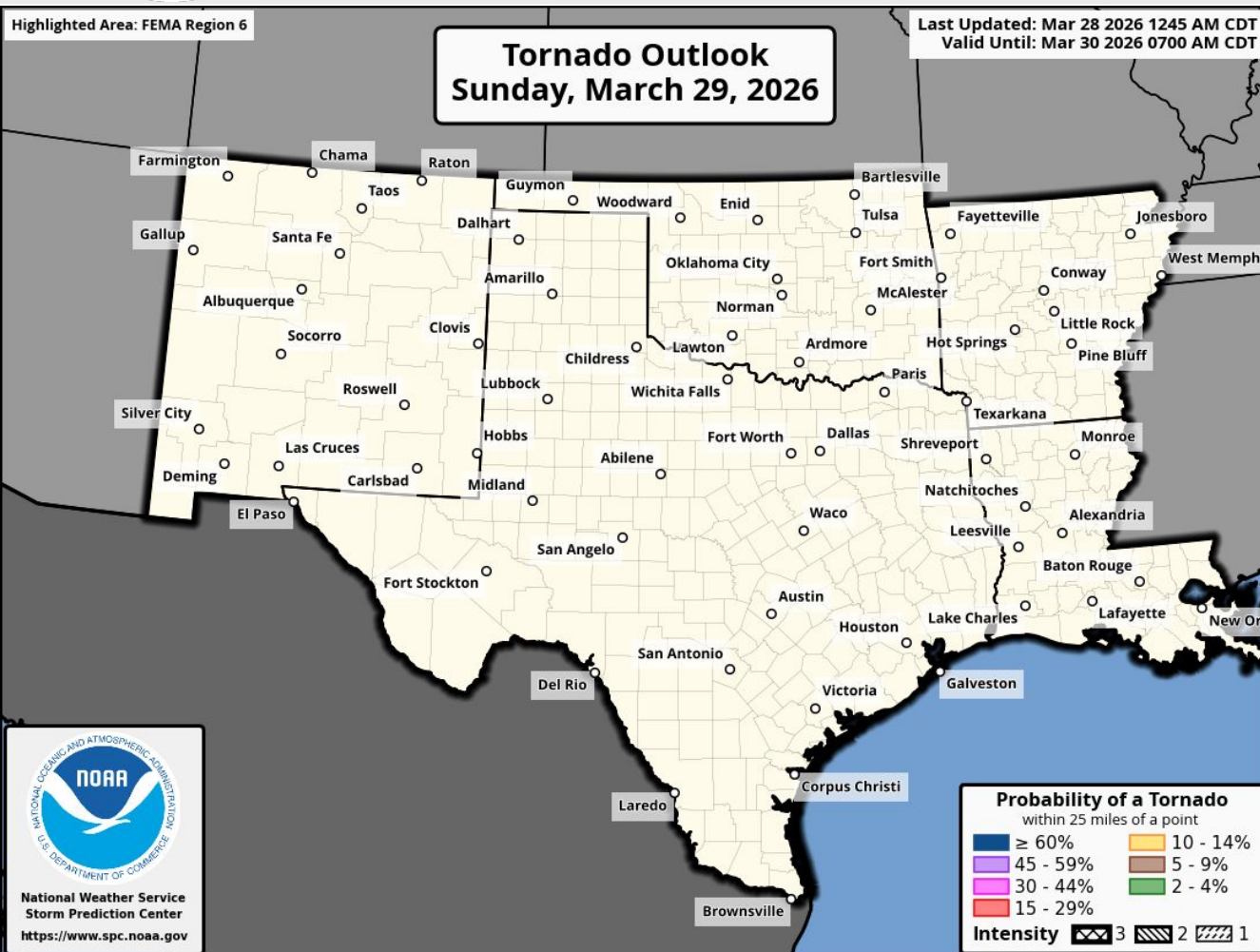


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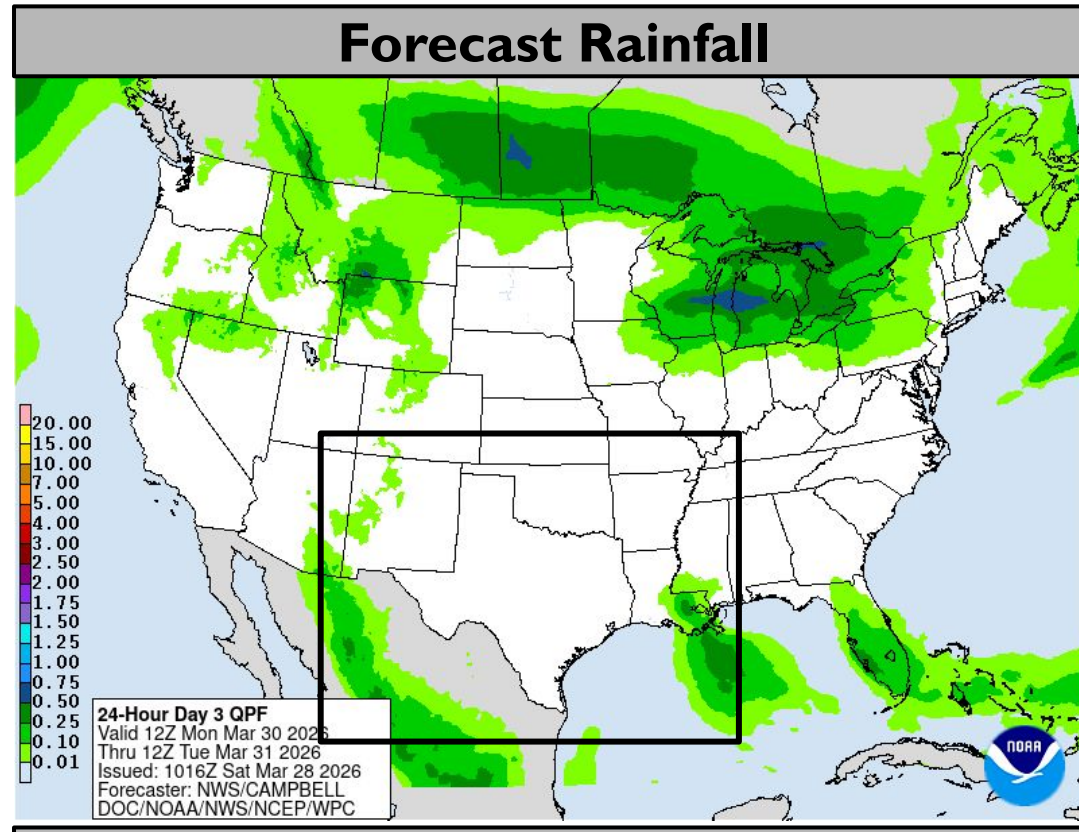
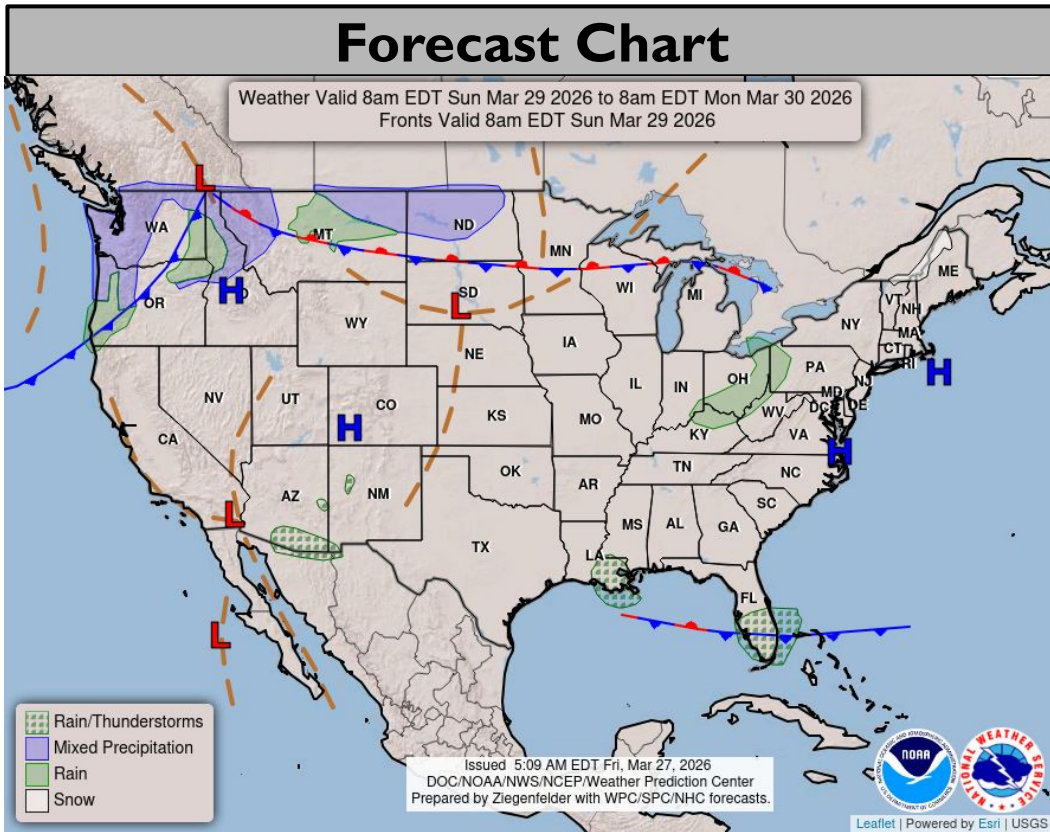


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

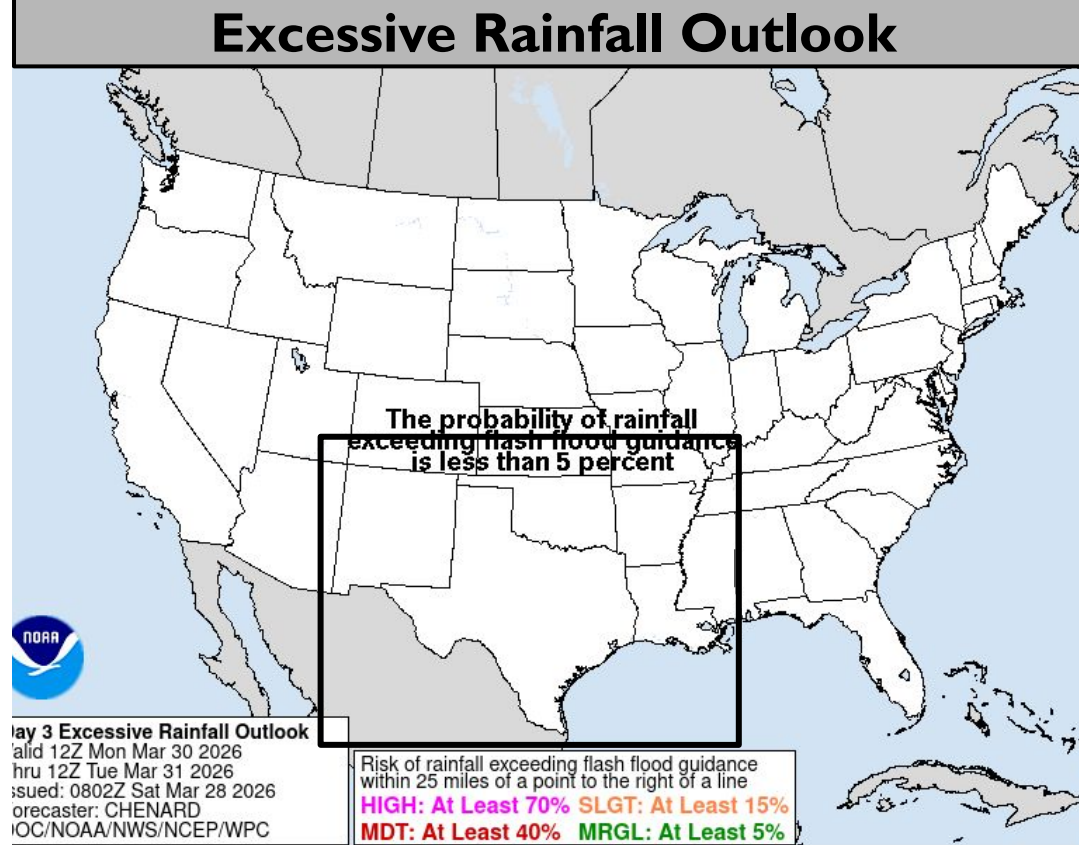
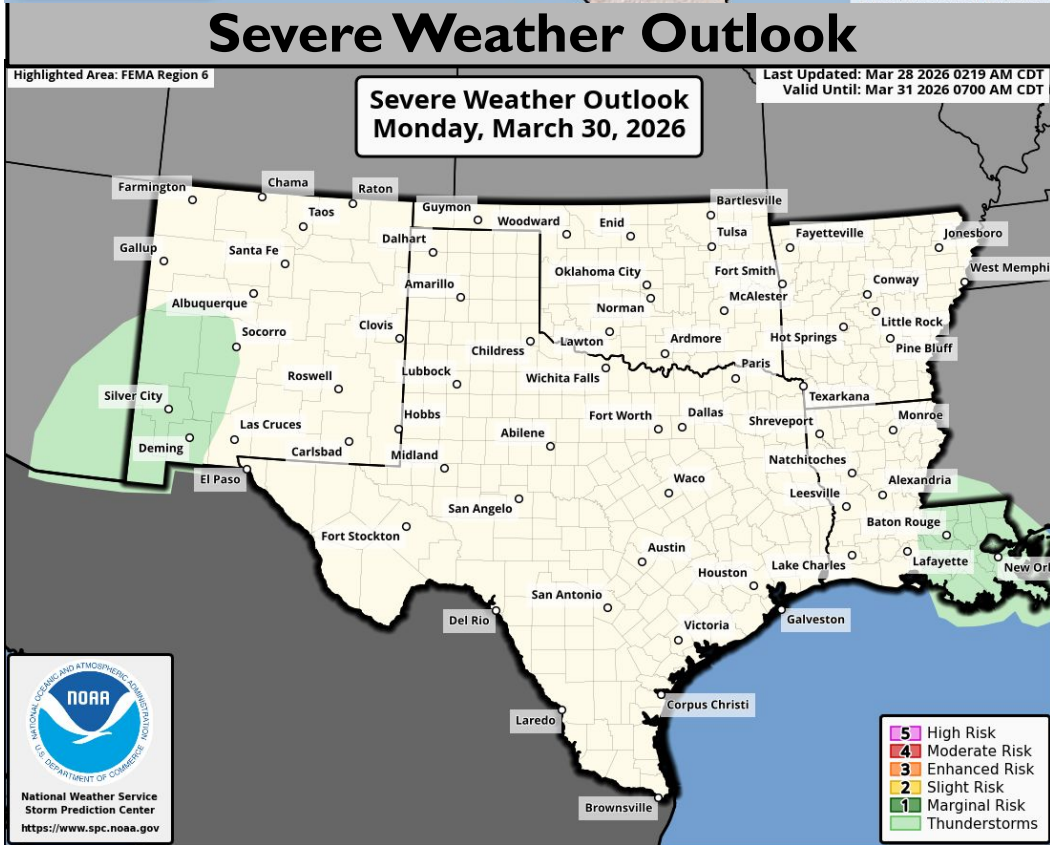




Monday's Weather



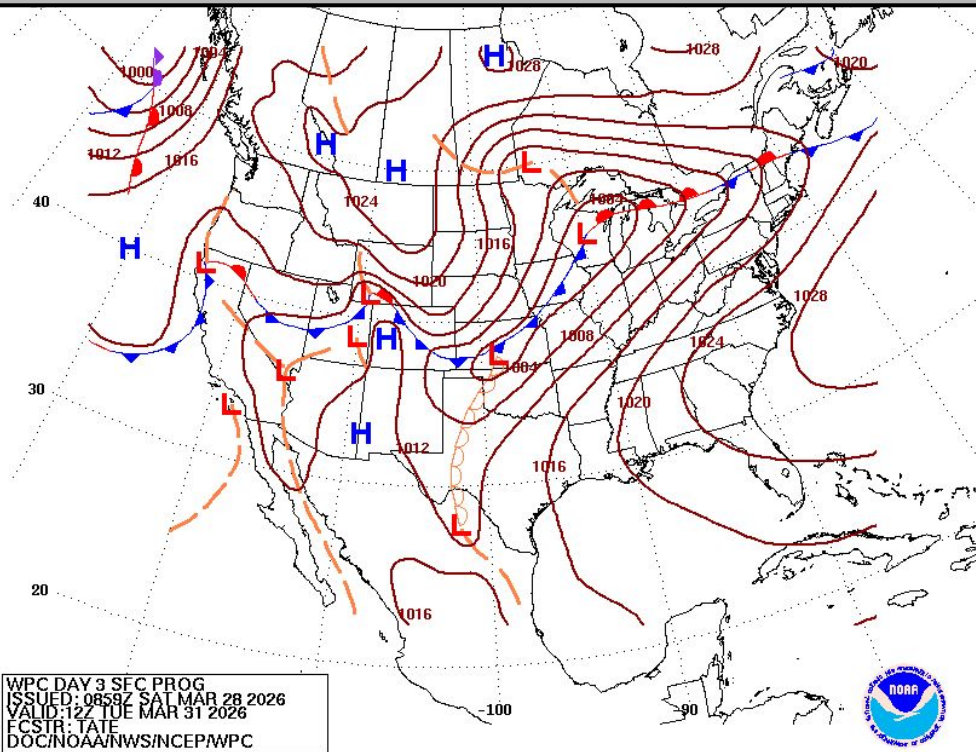
Monitoring NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles for elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns.





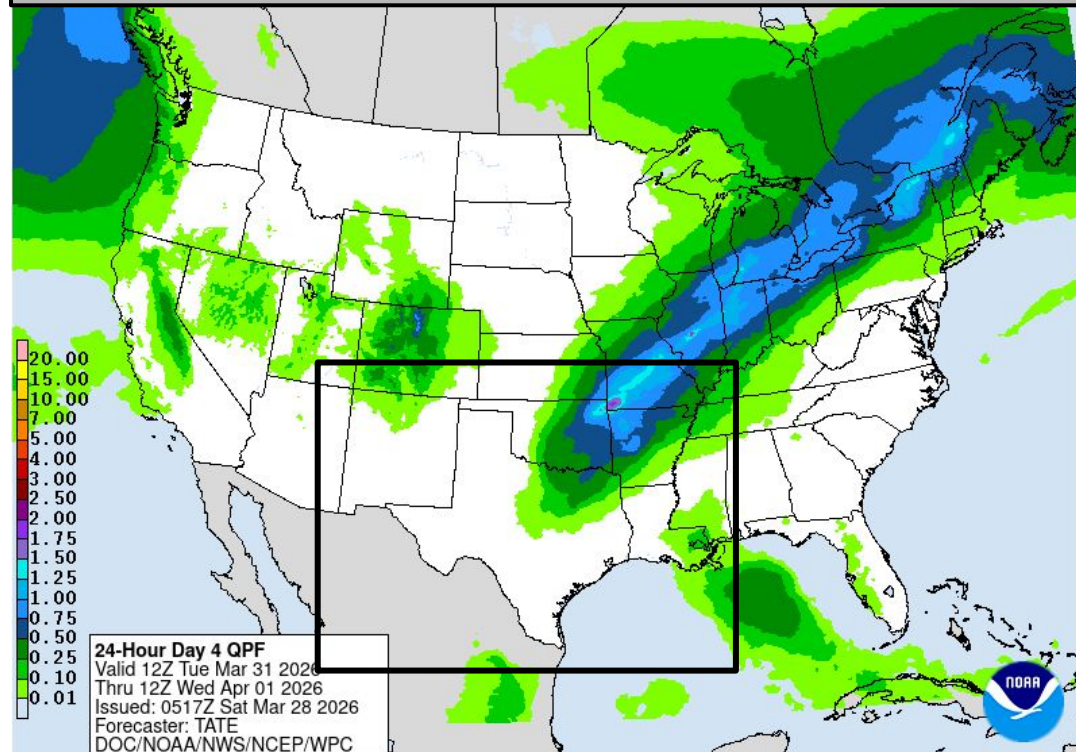
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z TUE MAR 31 2026
FCSTR: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

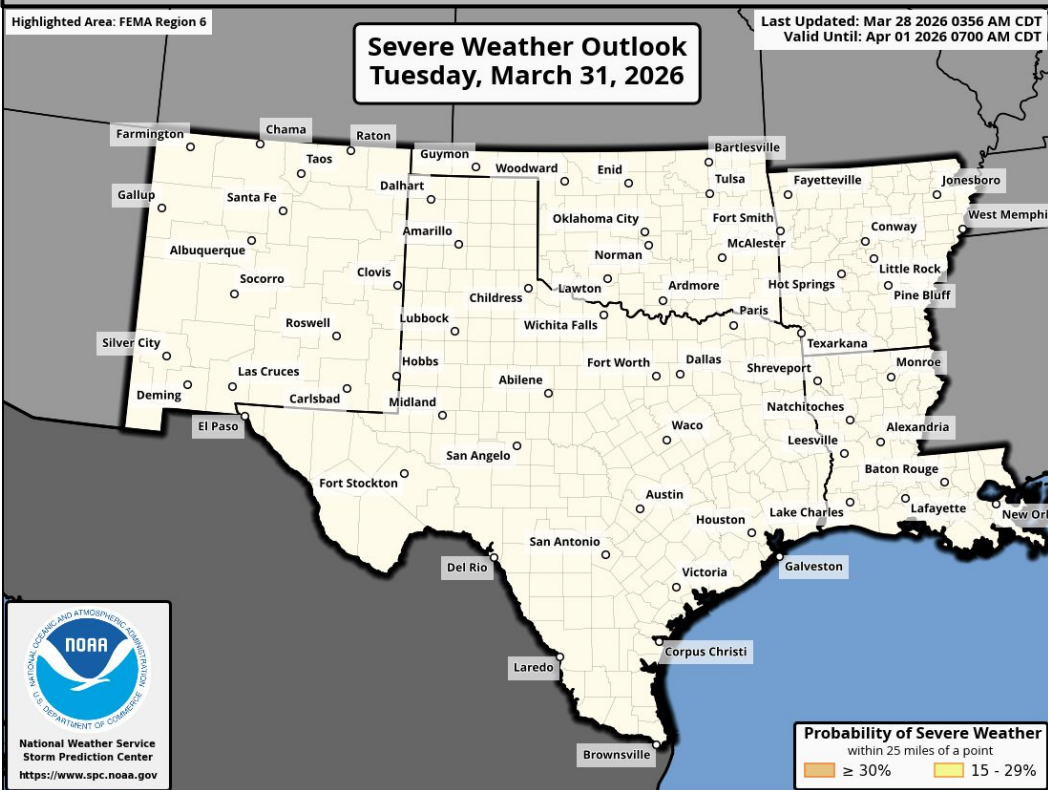
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 4 QPF
Valid 12Z Tue Mar 31 2026
Thru 12Z Wed Apr 01 2026
Issued: 0517Z Sat Mar 28 2026
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Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather conditions in NM, TX Panhandle, NWTX.

Severe Weather Outlook

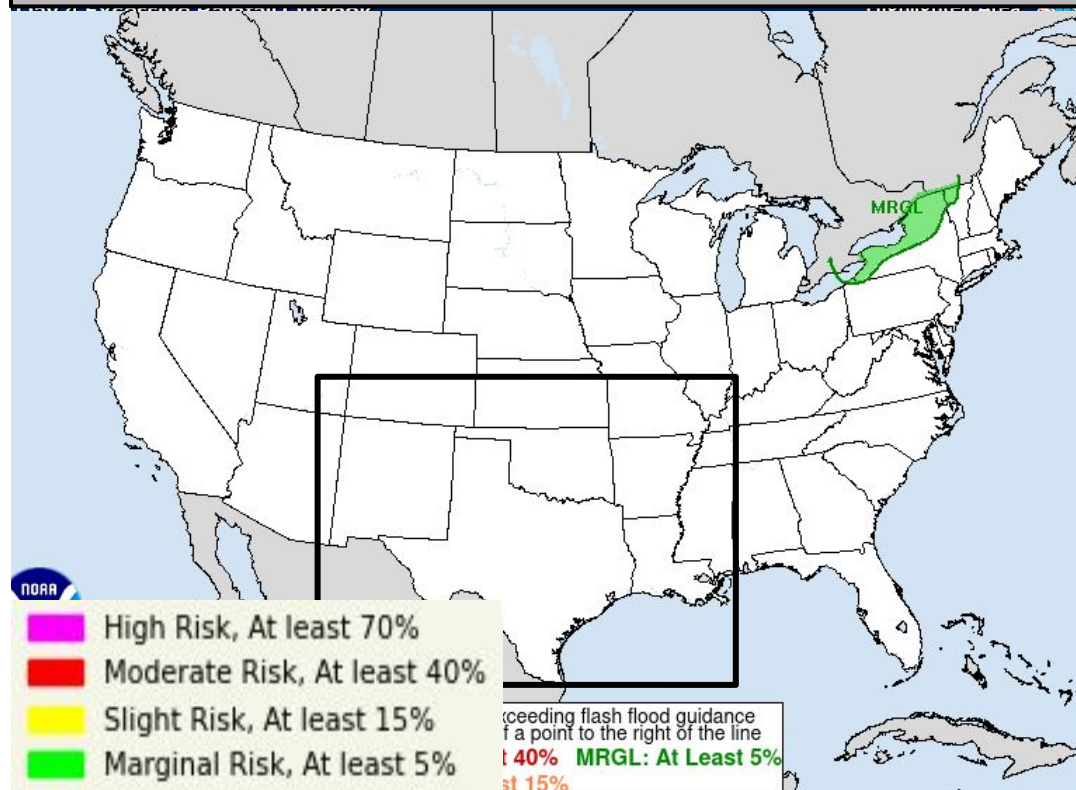


Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 28 2026 0356 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 01 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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

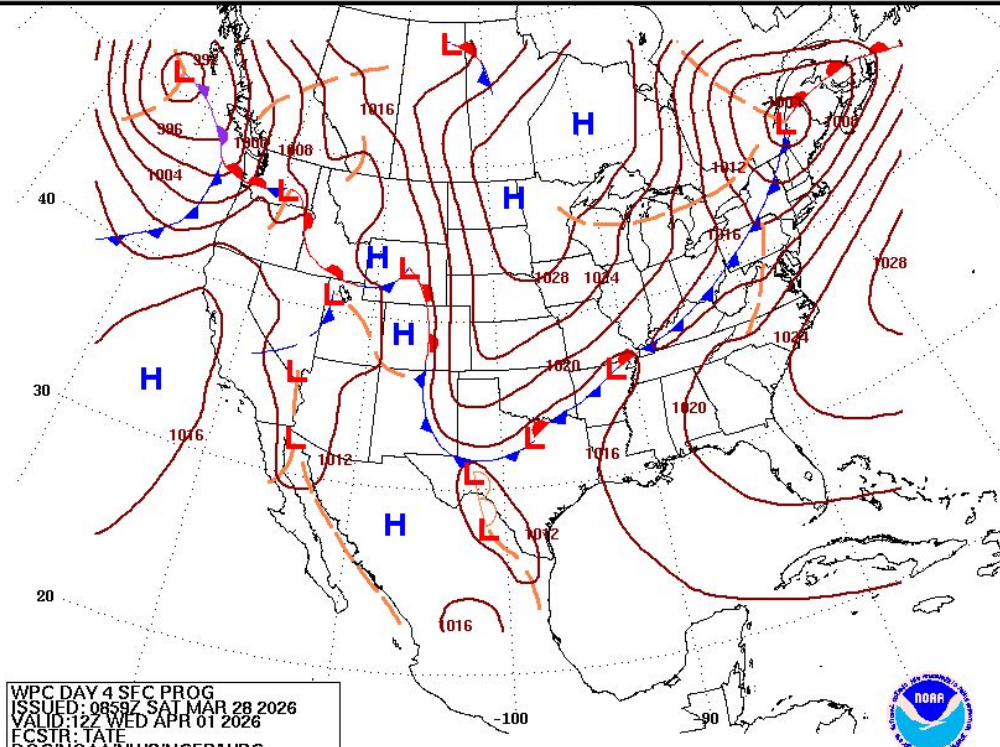
Exceeding flash flood guidance
of a point to the right of the line
at 40% MRGL: At Least 5%
at 15%





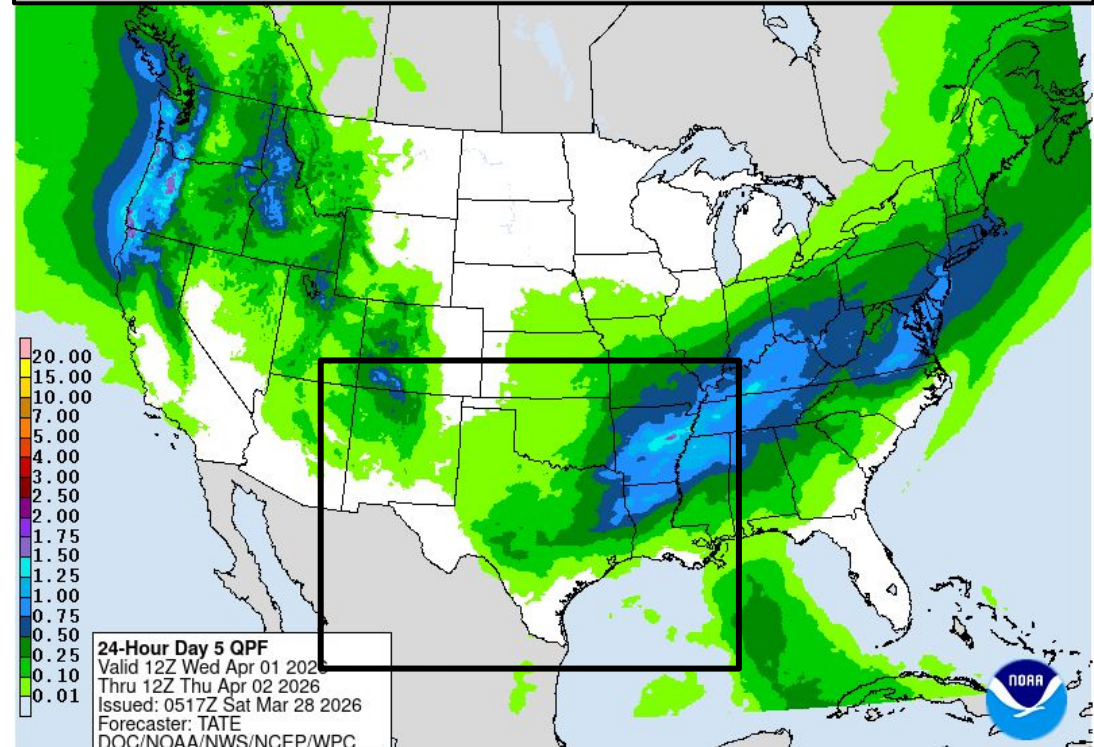
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG
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Forecast Rainfall

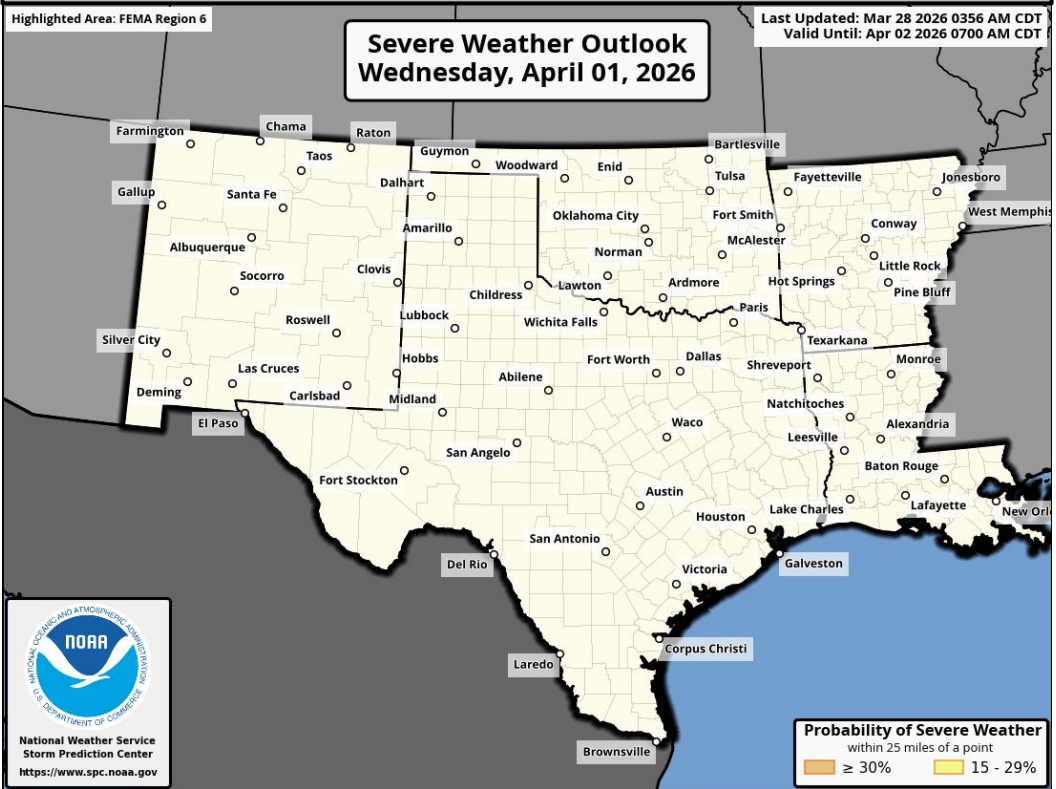


24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Wed Apr 01 2026
Thru 12Z Thu Apr 02 2026
Issued: 0517Z Sat Mar 28 2026
Forecaster: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



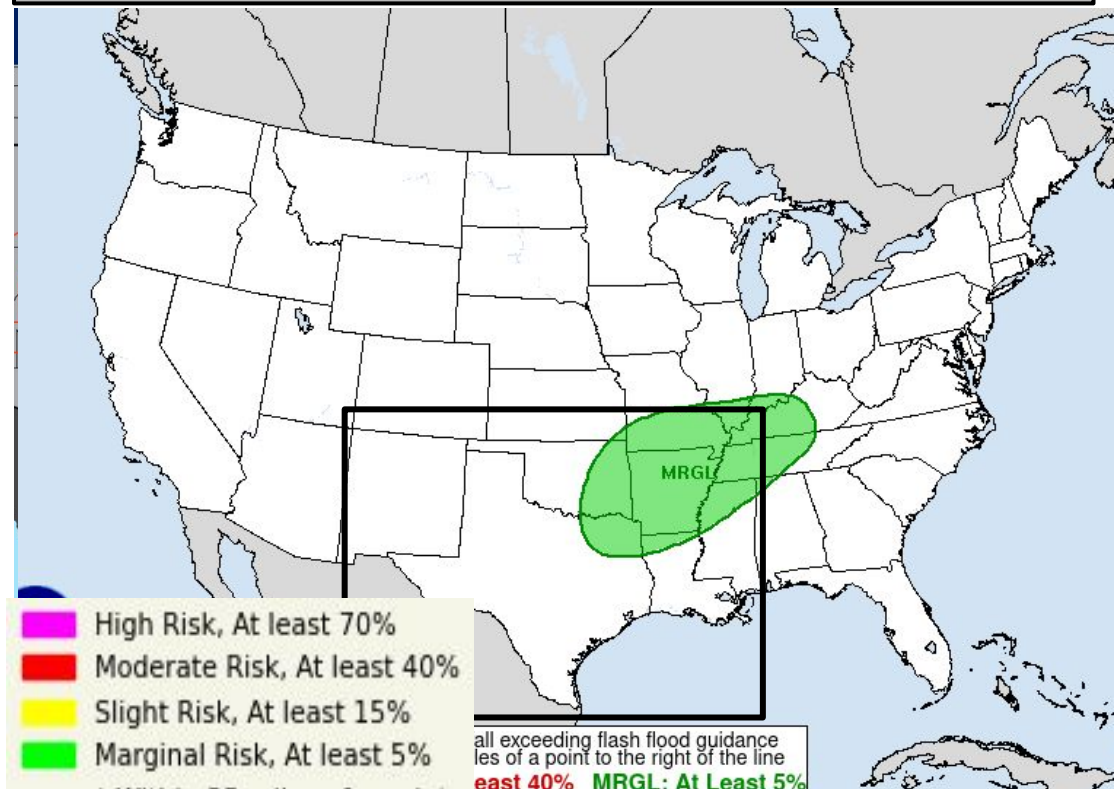
Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, April 01, 2026

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Valid Until: Apr 02 2026 0700 AM CDT



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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



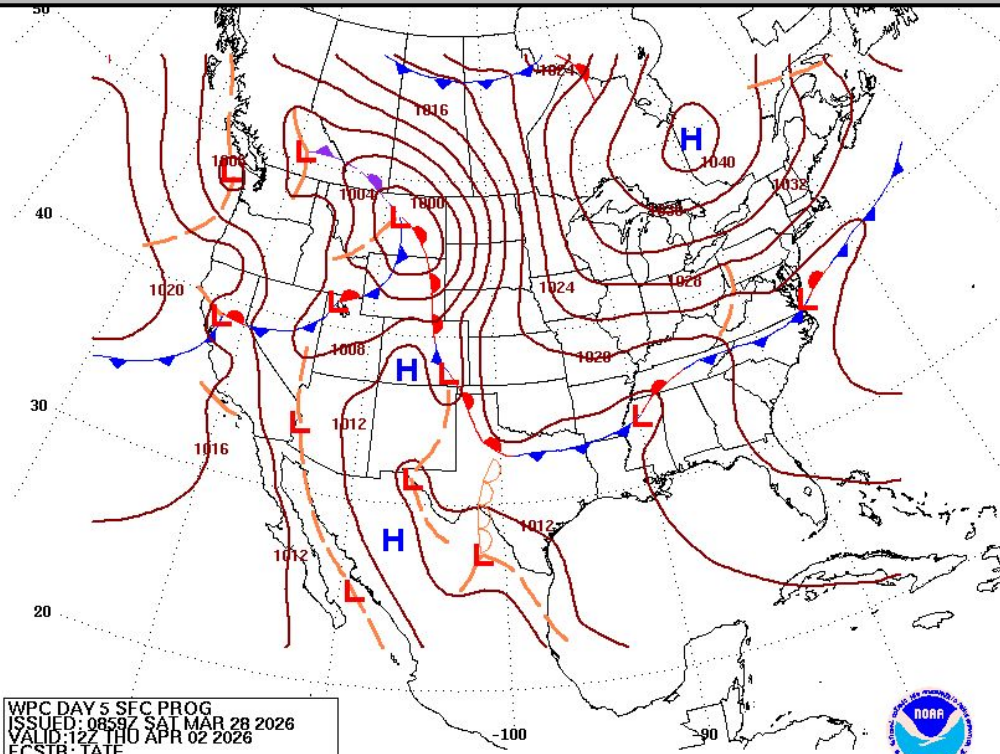
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Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

all exceeding flash flood guidance
less of a point to the right of the line
east 40% MRGL: At Least 5%



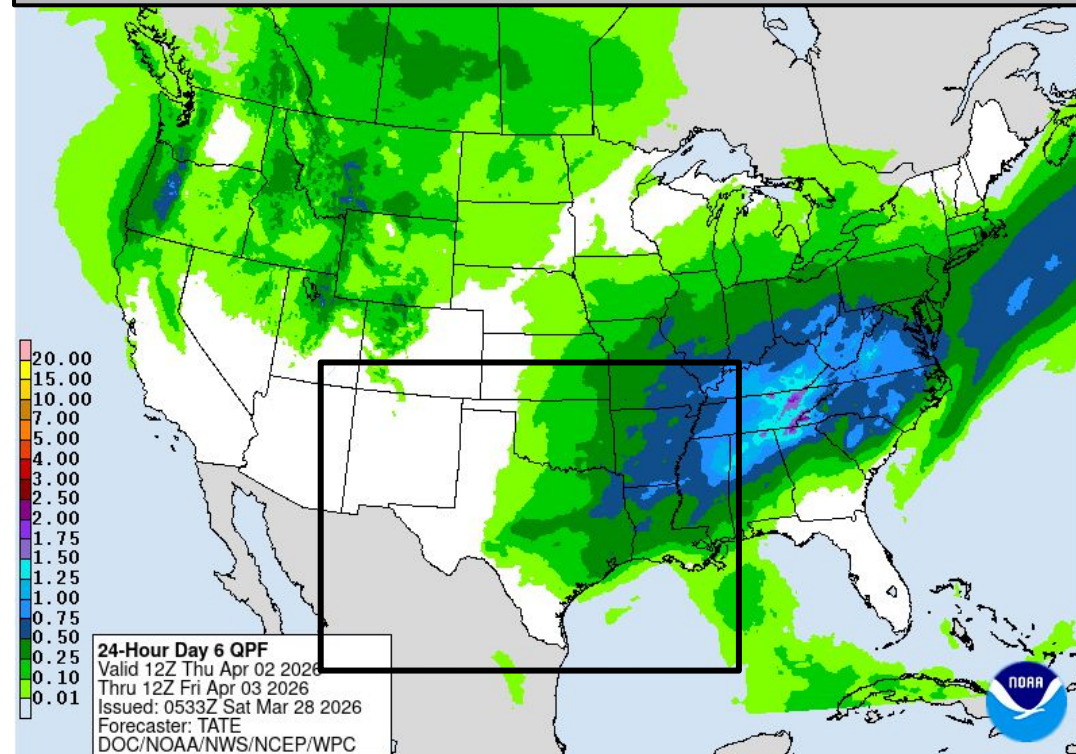
Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z THU APR 02 2026
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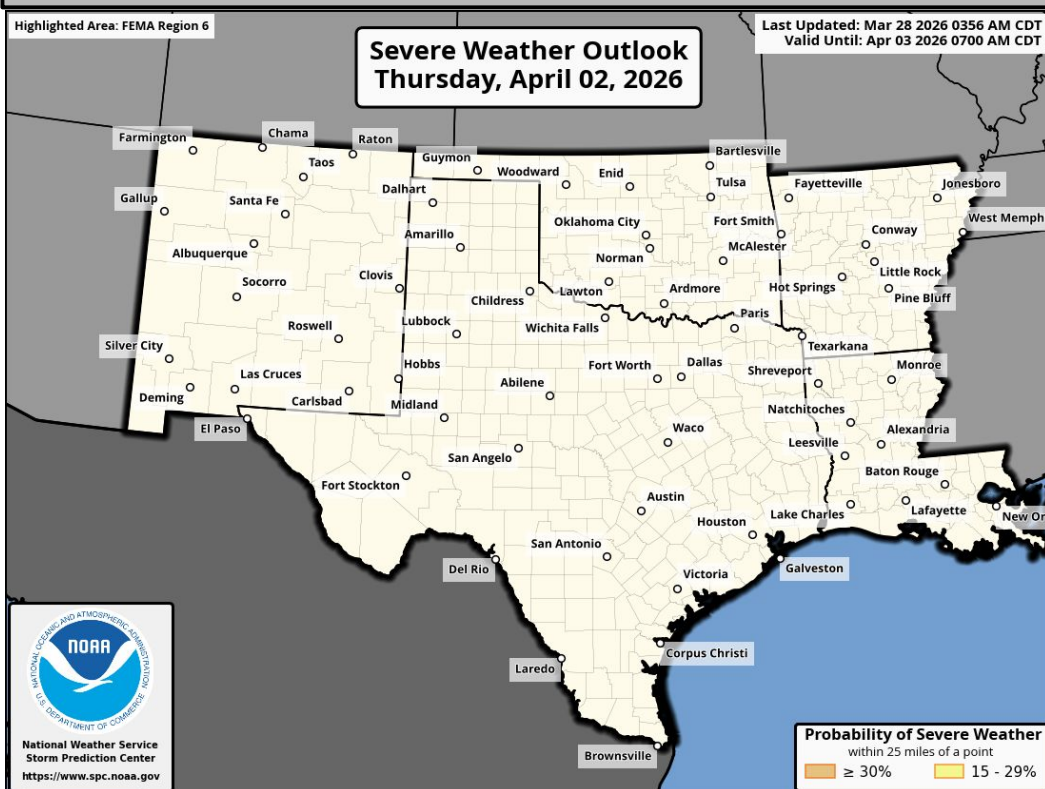
Forecast Rainfall



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Valid 12Z Thu Apr 02 2026
Thru 12Z Fri Apr 03 2026
Issued: 0533Z Sat Mar 28 2026
Forecaster: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, April 02, 2026

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Valid Until: Apr 03 2026 0700 AM CDT

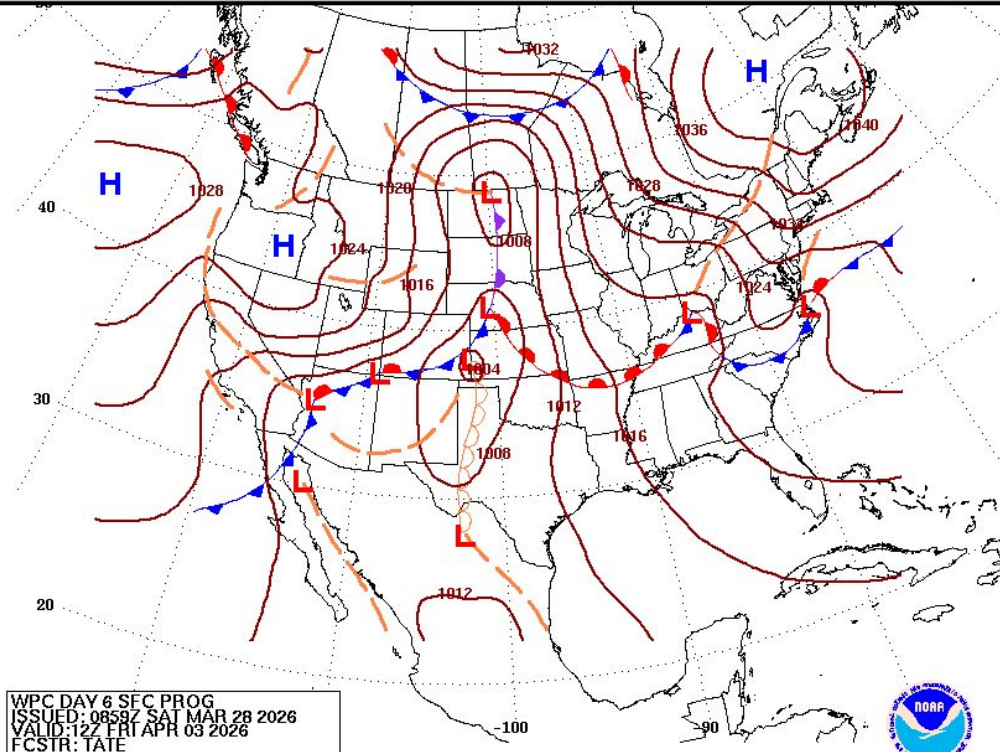


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

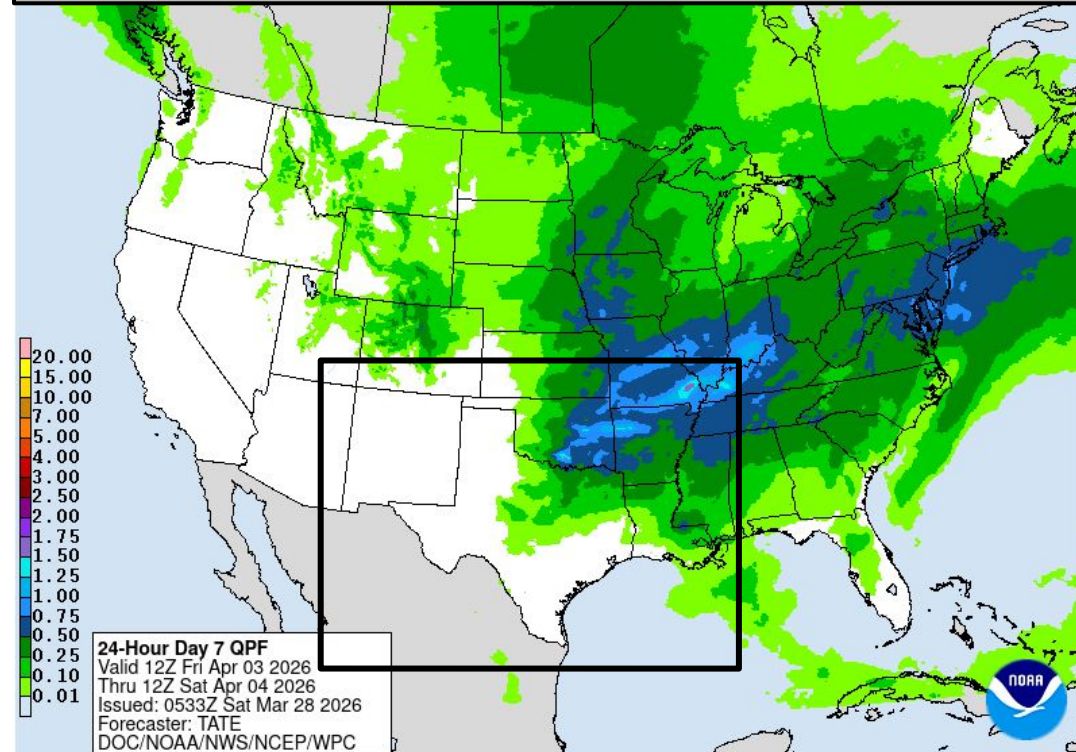


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

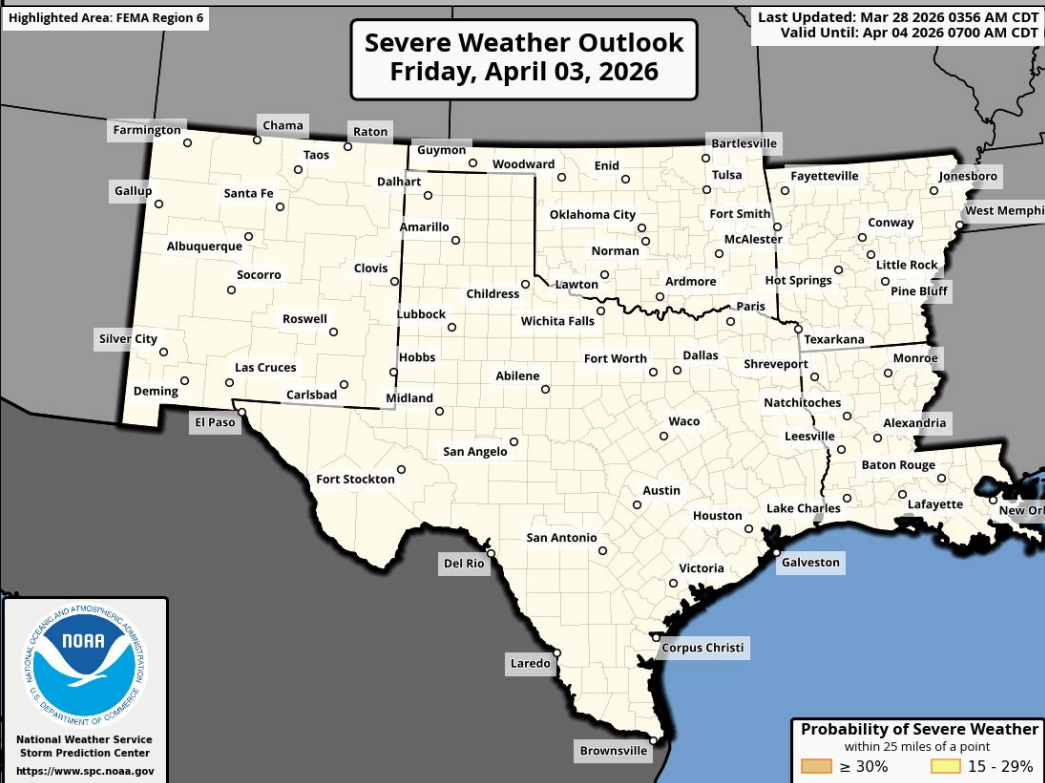


Forecast Rainfall



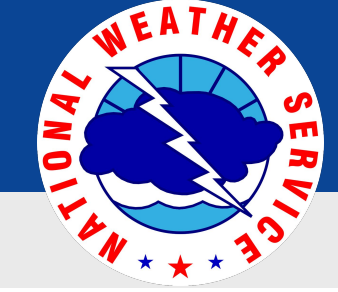
No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

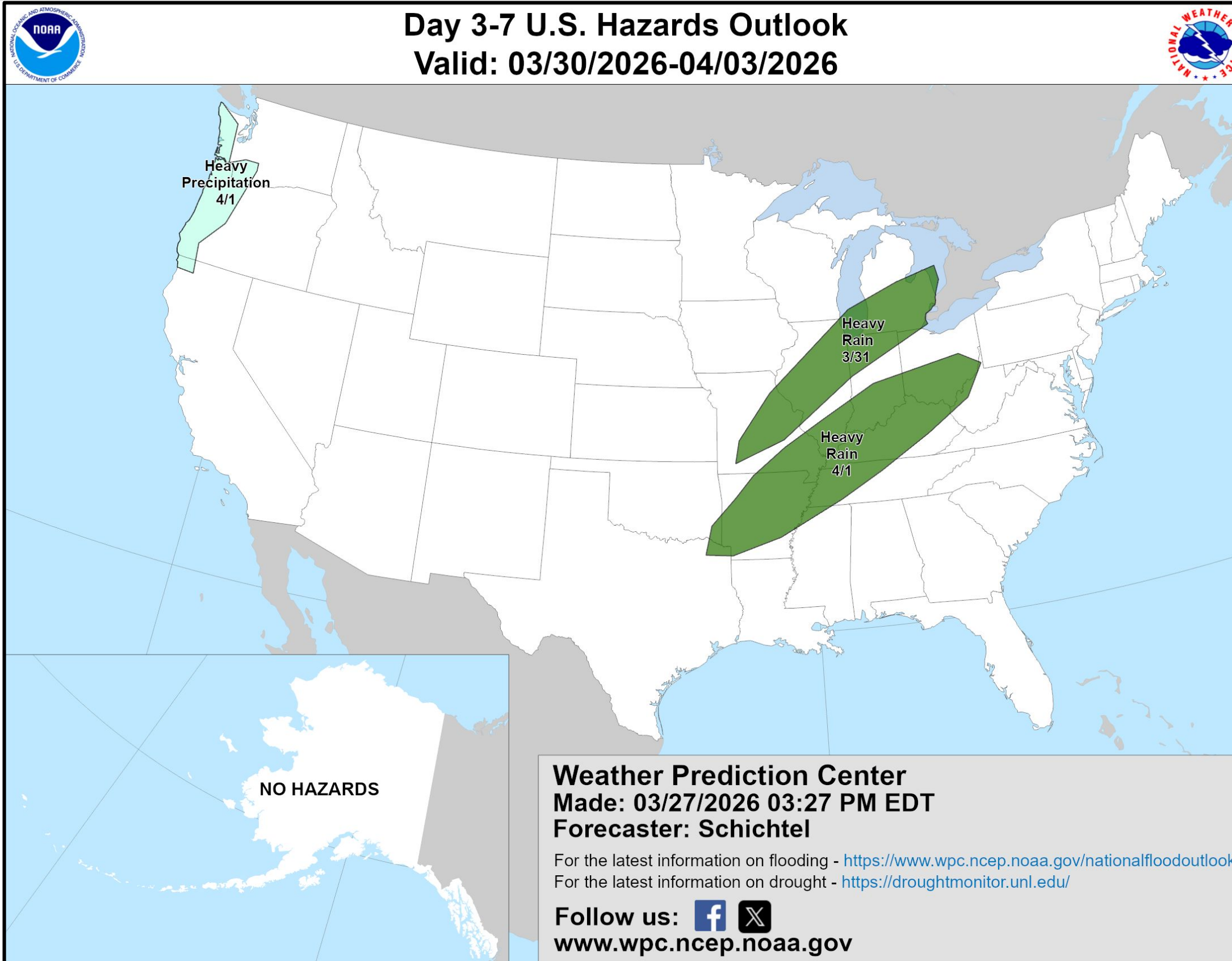


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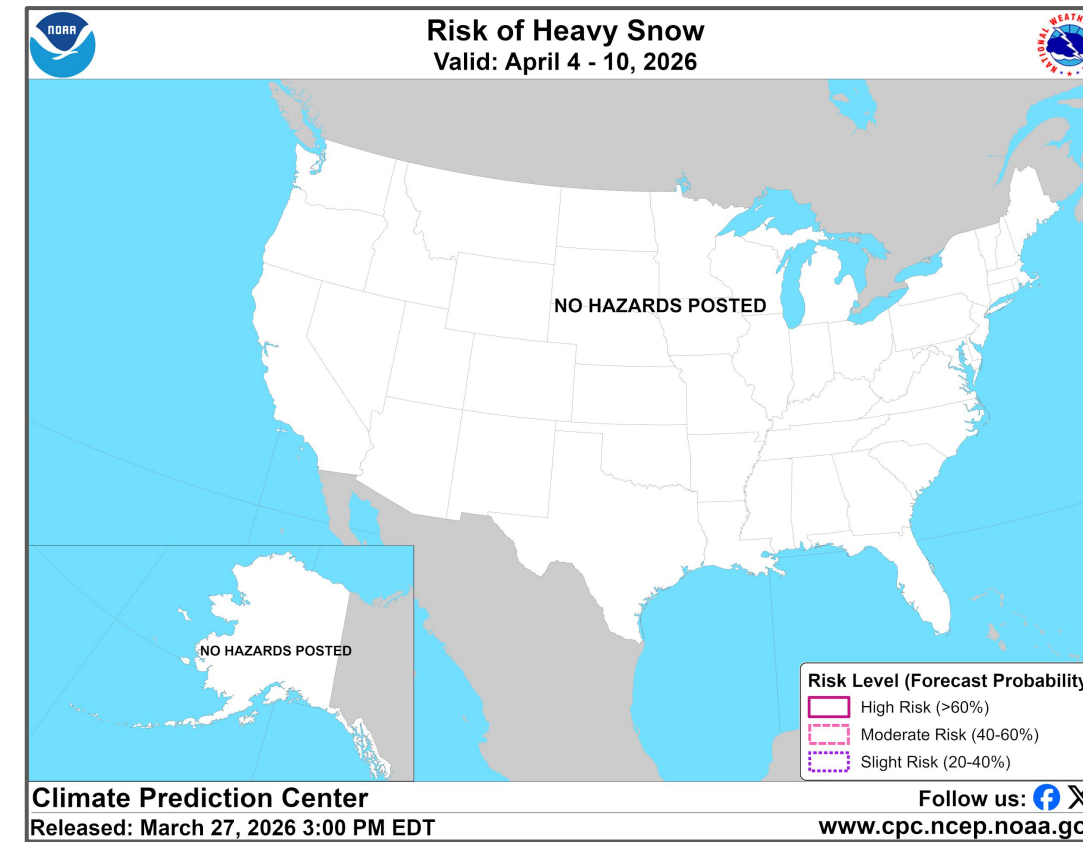
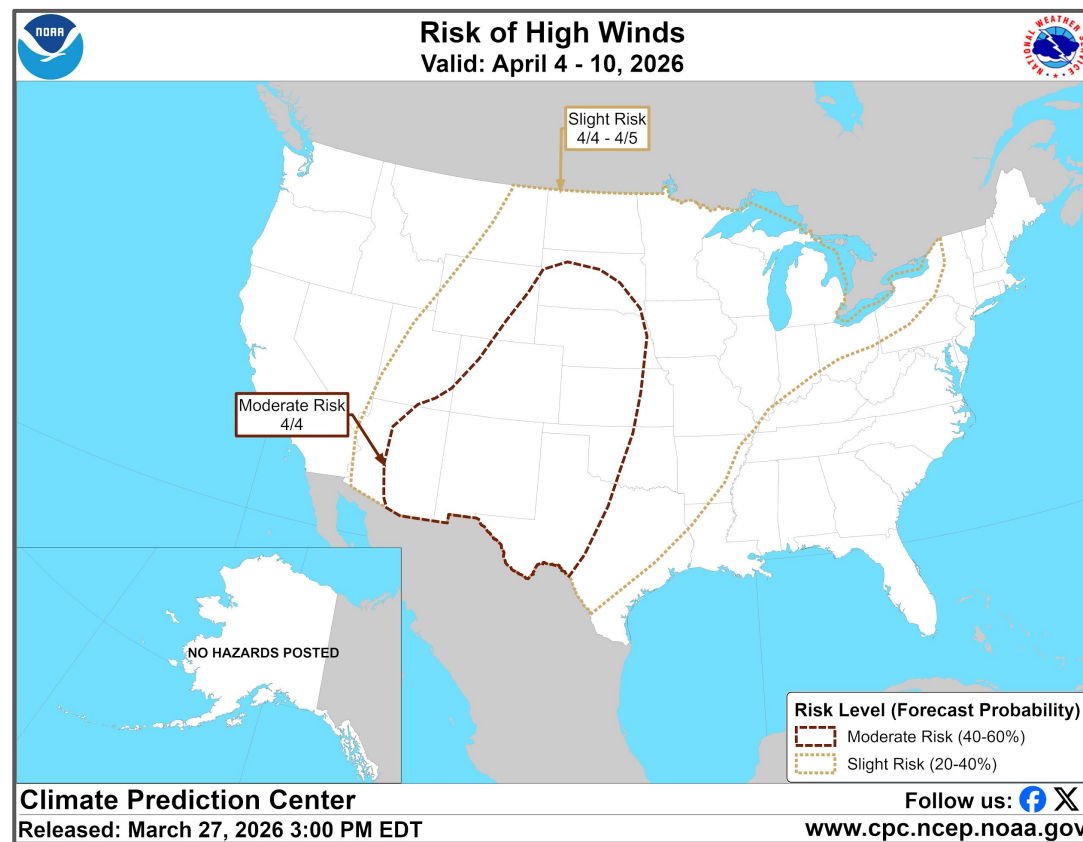
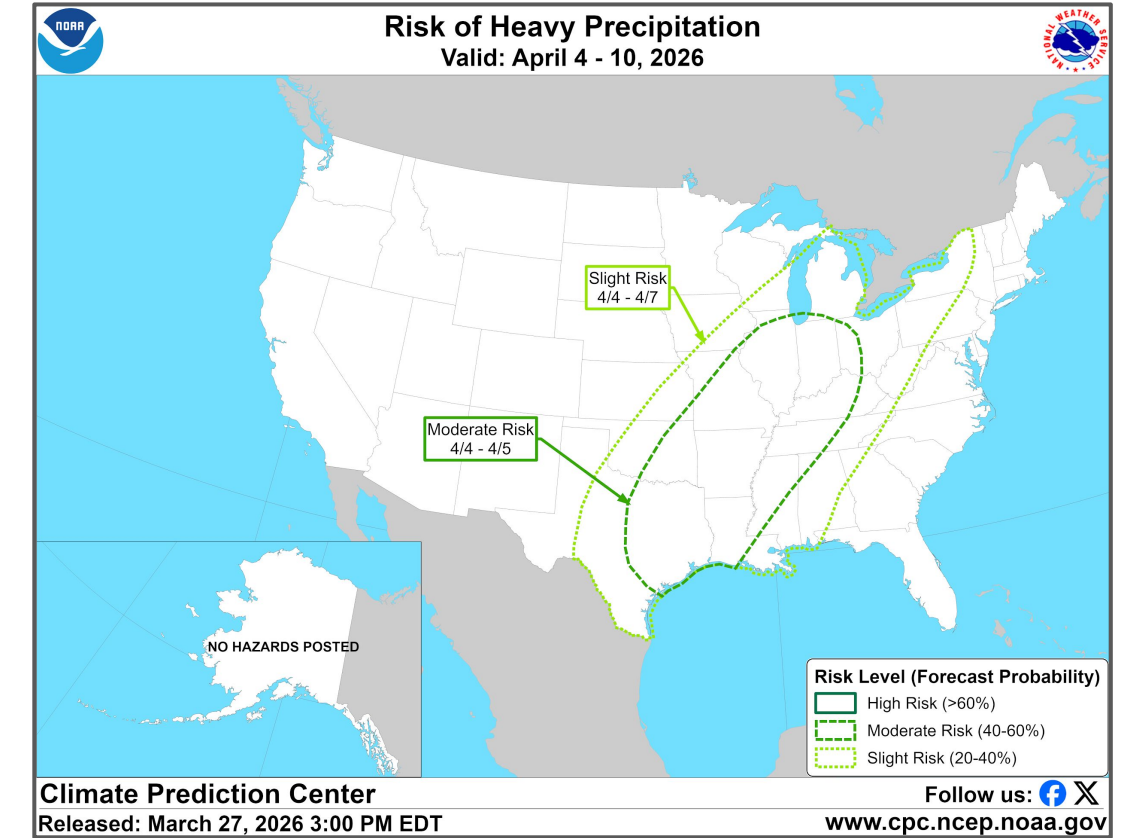
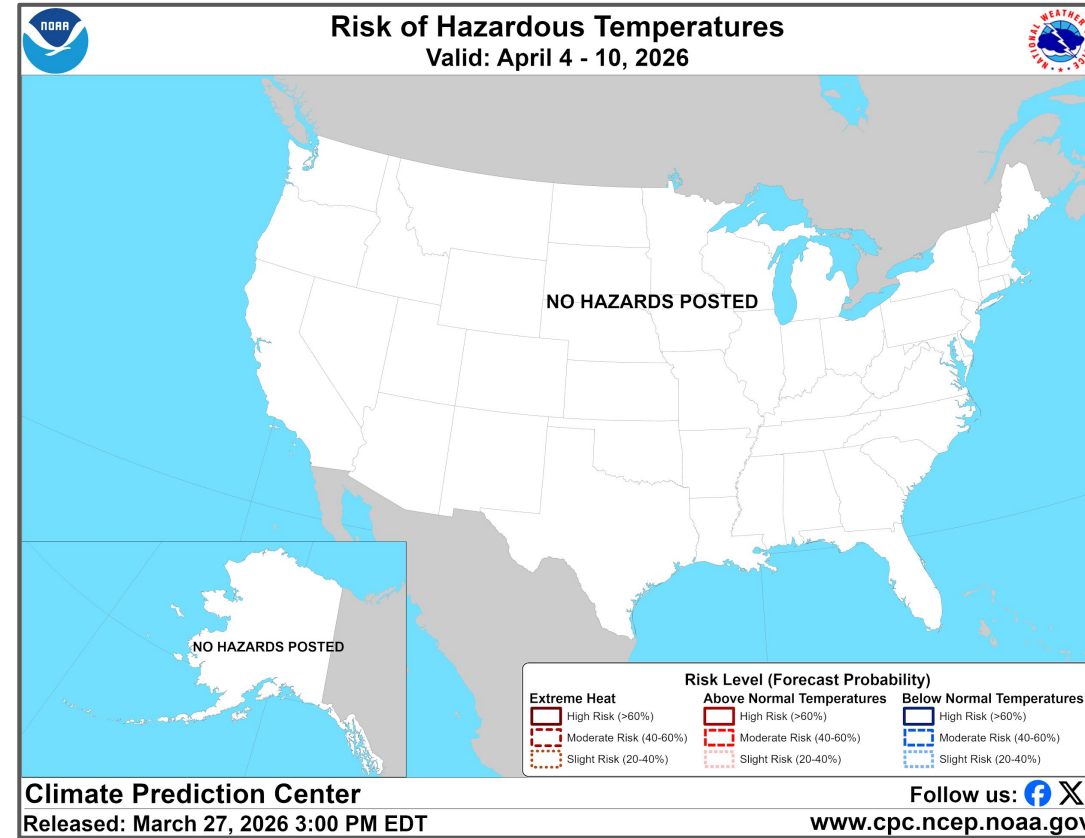
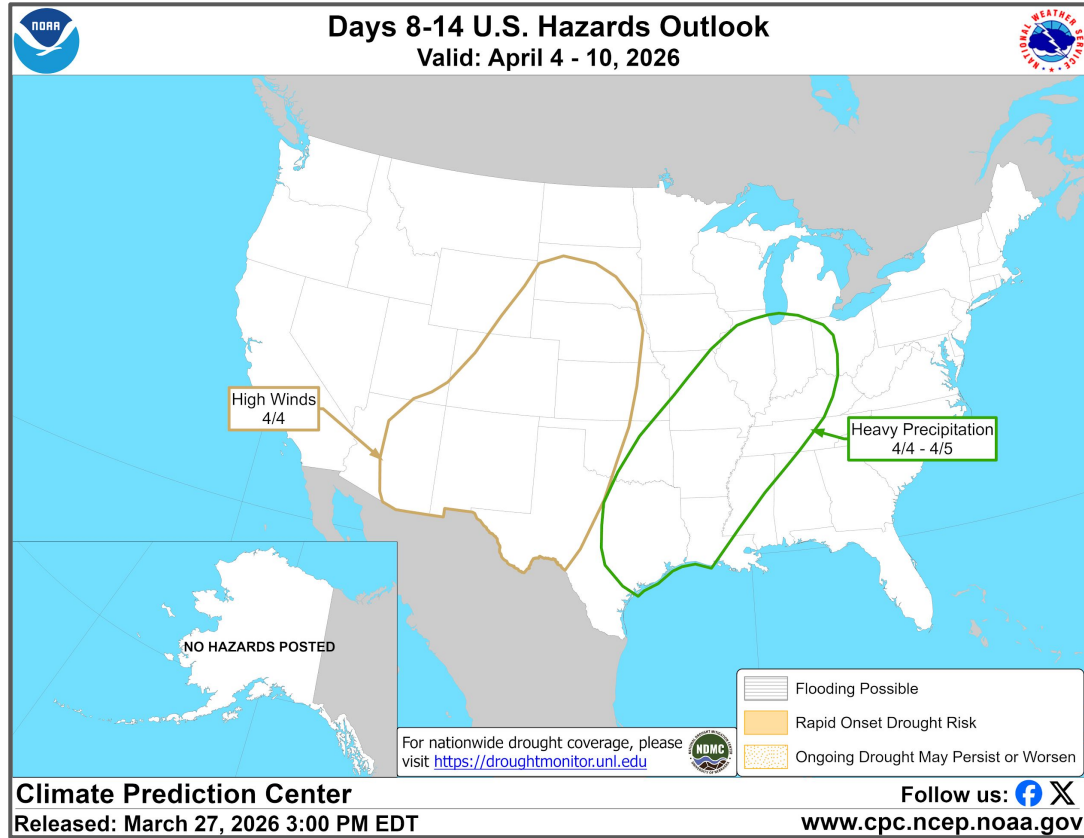


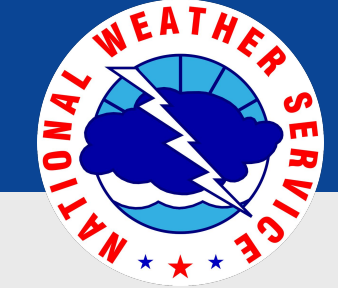
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





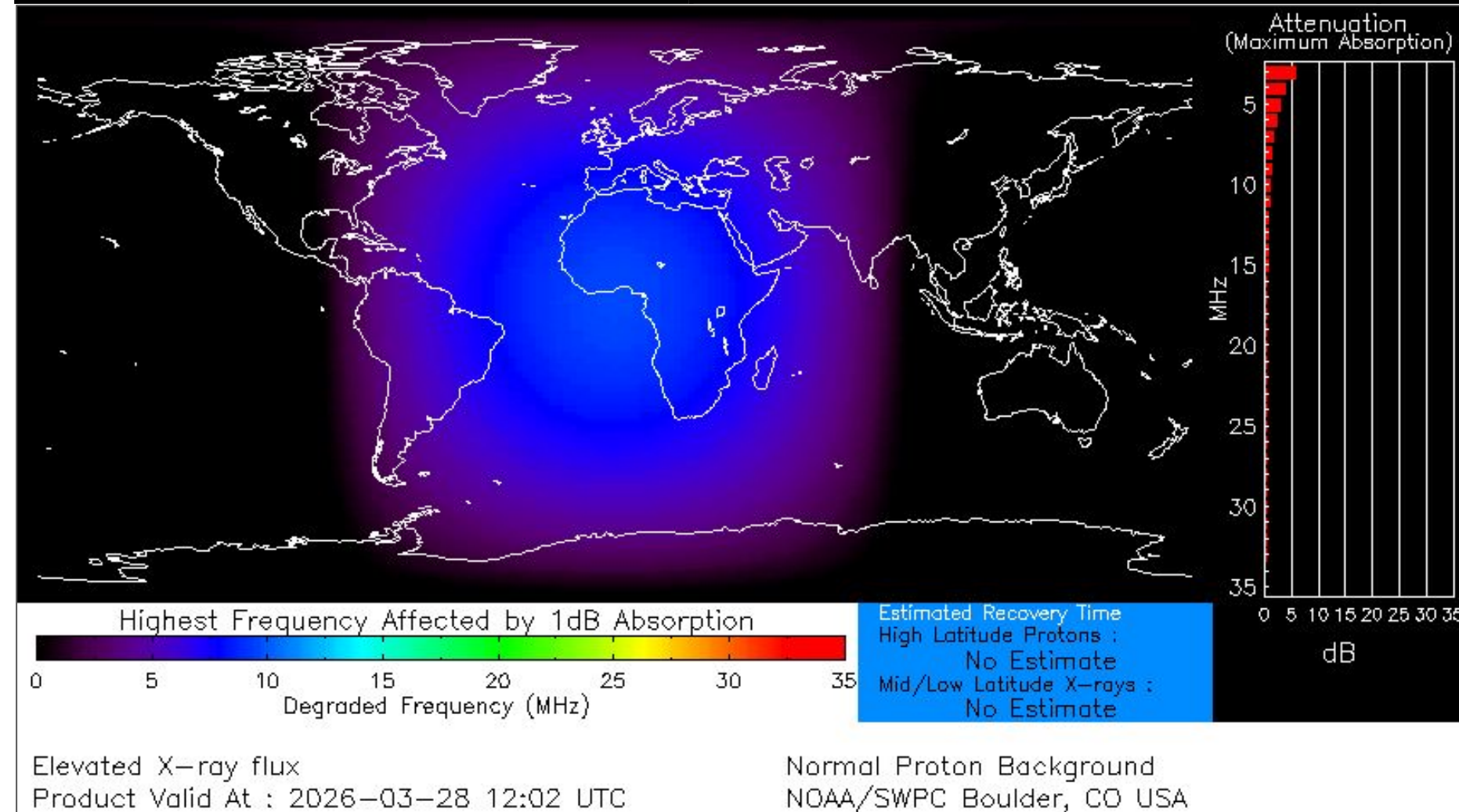
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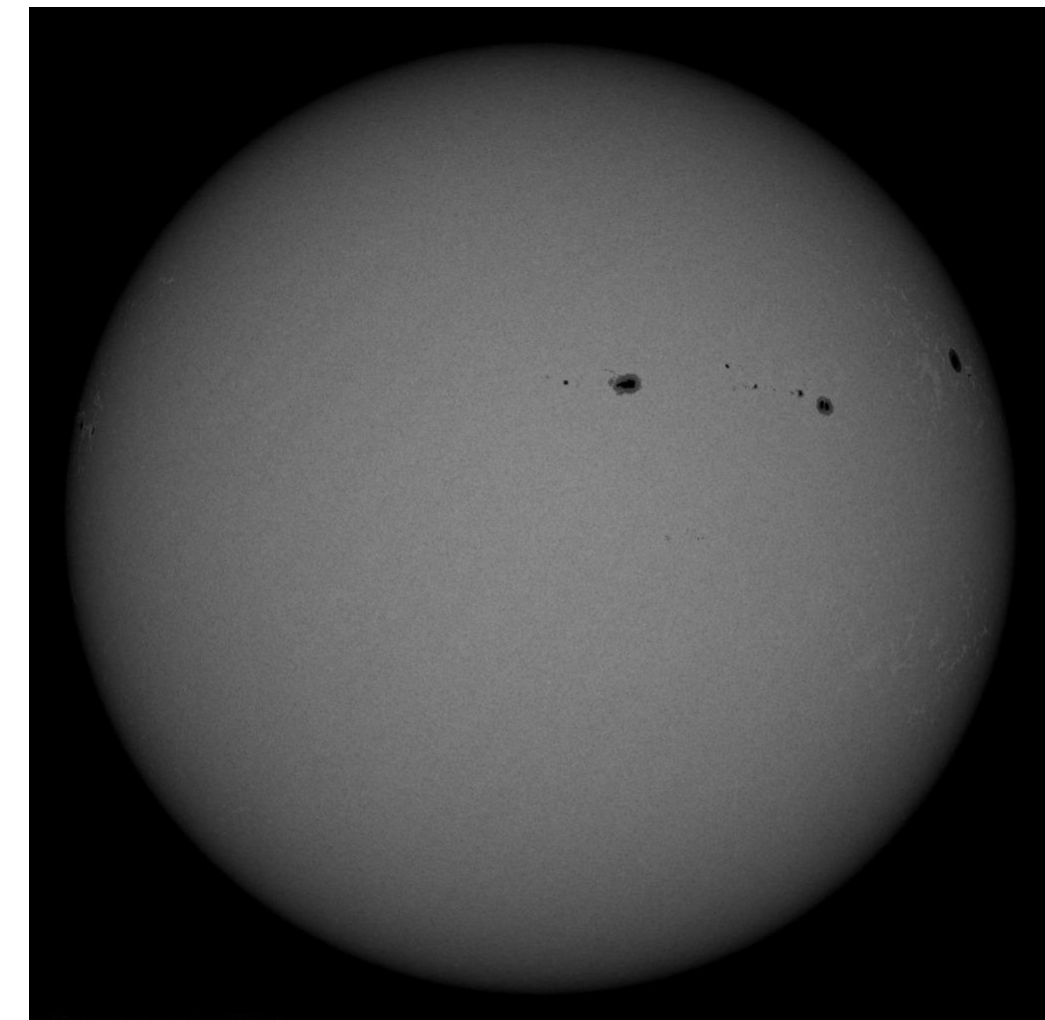
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29	Monday, Mar 30
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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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