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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, June 17, 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

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight to moderate risk today (levels 2 of 3) covers coastal TX into LA; and then OK, AR, N TX, LA (locally moderate in Far East LA) on Thursday. Slight risk for SW/NE TX, LA, SE OK, AR on Friday with a marginal risk over E OK, E/S TX, AR and LA on Saturday. Monitoring OK and AR Sunday through Tuesday.

- **Severe Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) over N OK, NW AR and along the upper TX coast into S LA today; and NW TX, OK, AR, LA Thursday. Severe storms may continue in SE AR, E LA on Friday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Moderate river flooding in S TX and S LA will threaten homes. At Bundick Creek near DeRidder, homes are threatened at current levels. Secondary roads and lowlands will also be flooded.

- **Heat:**

- Minor risk returns in SE NM, S OK, N/C TX today- Thursday, and NW/C TX Sun-Mon.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Critical (level 2 of 3) today in NM. Otherwise, elevated concerns through Saturday in NW-C NM.

- **Tropical:**

- PTC I will produce intense rain from tropical moisture along the Gulf Coast/SE U.S. for FEMA 6. Locally gusty winds and coastal flooding along the upper TX and LA coasts. Flash flooding is the main threat from PTC I.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

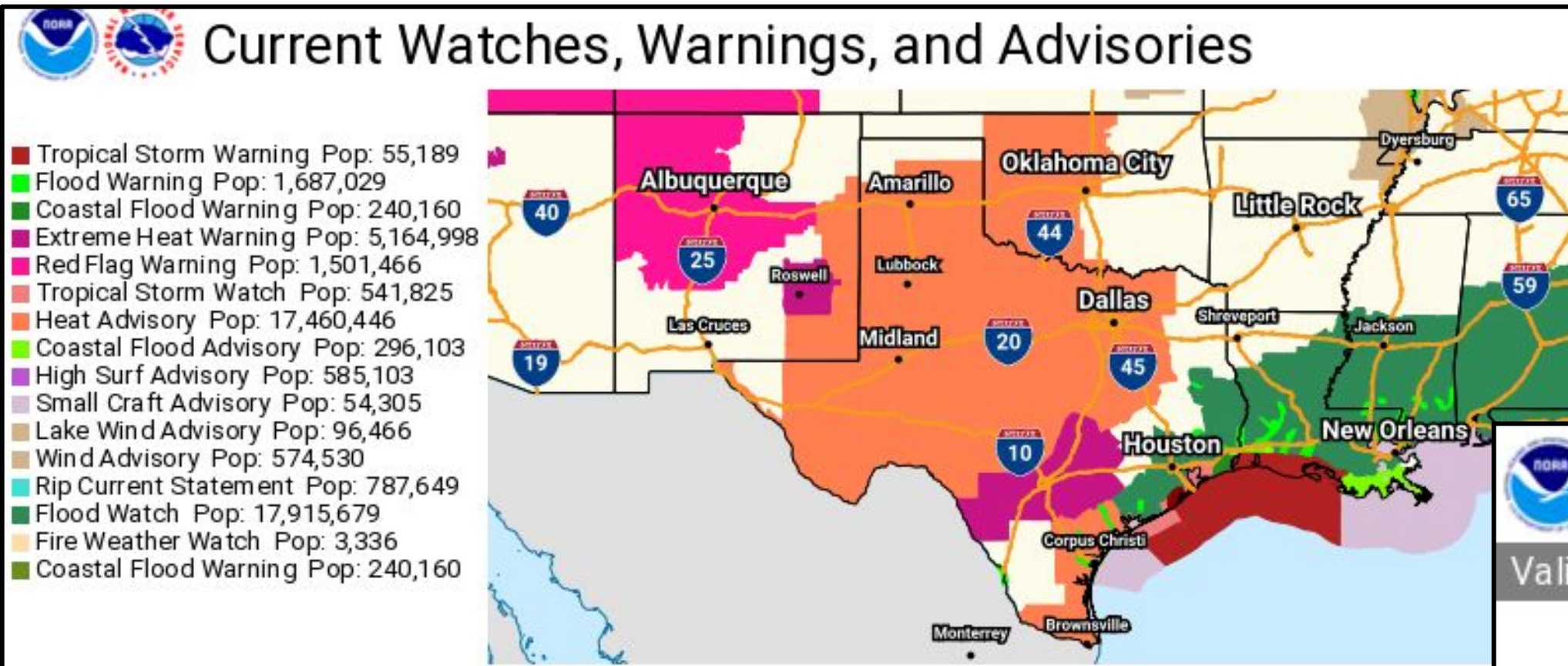
	Wednesday, Jun 17	Thursday, Jun 18	Friday, Jun 19	Saturday, Jun 20	Sunday, Jun 21	Monday, Jun 22	Tuesday, Jun 23
Severe Storms	N OK, SW TX, S LA	NW TX, OK, AR, E LA	SE AR, NW LA	Monitoring for OK			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S LA	Far E LA	SW/NE TX, LA, SE OK, AR	E OK, S & E TX, LA, AR	OK, AR	OK, AR	OK, AR
	SE TX, S LA, NE OK	OK, AR, N TX, LA					
Fire Weather	NW/C NM		NW NM	NW NM			
Heat	SE NM, S OK, N/CTX	NW/CTX			NW TX	NW-CTX	
Tropical	SE TX, S LA						
River Flooding	STX, S LA	STX, LA	STX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	

**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



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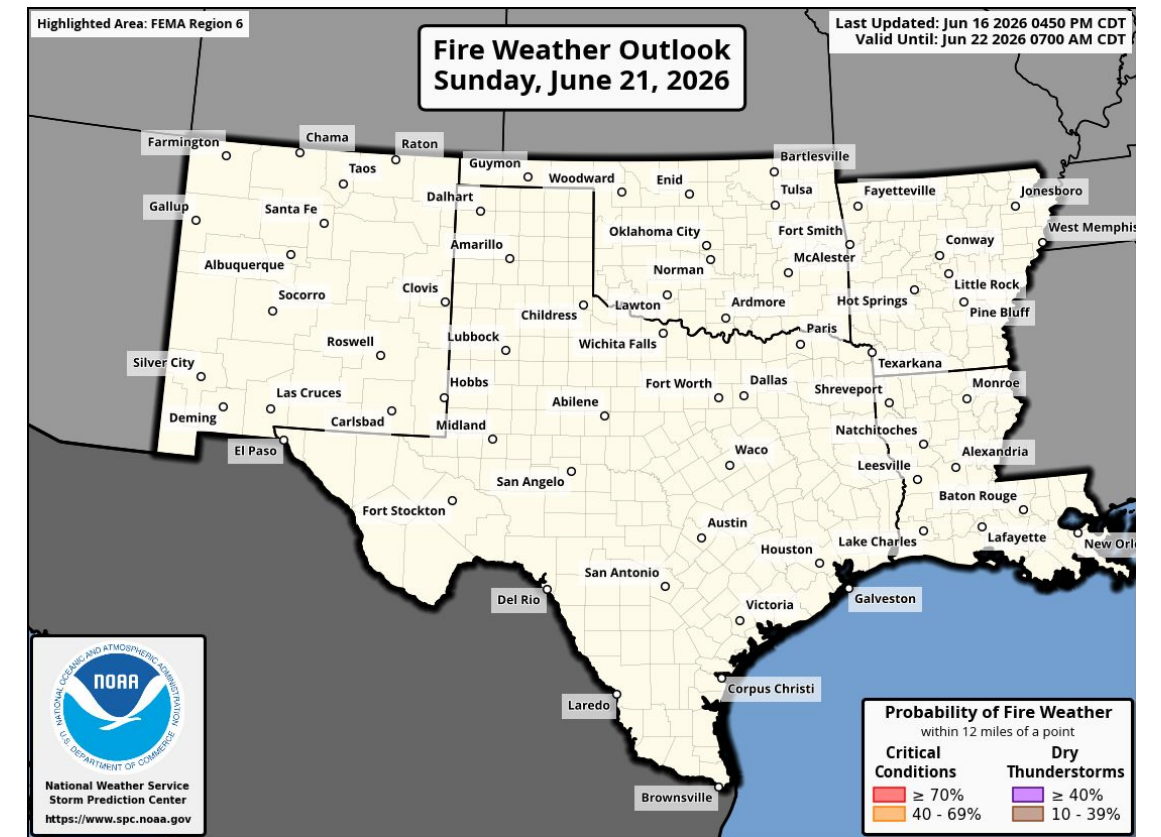
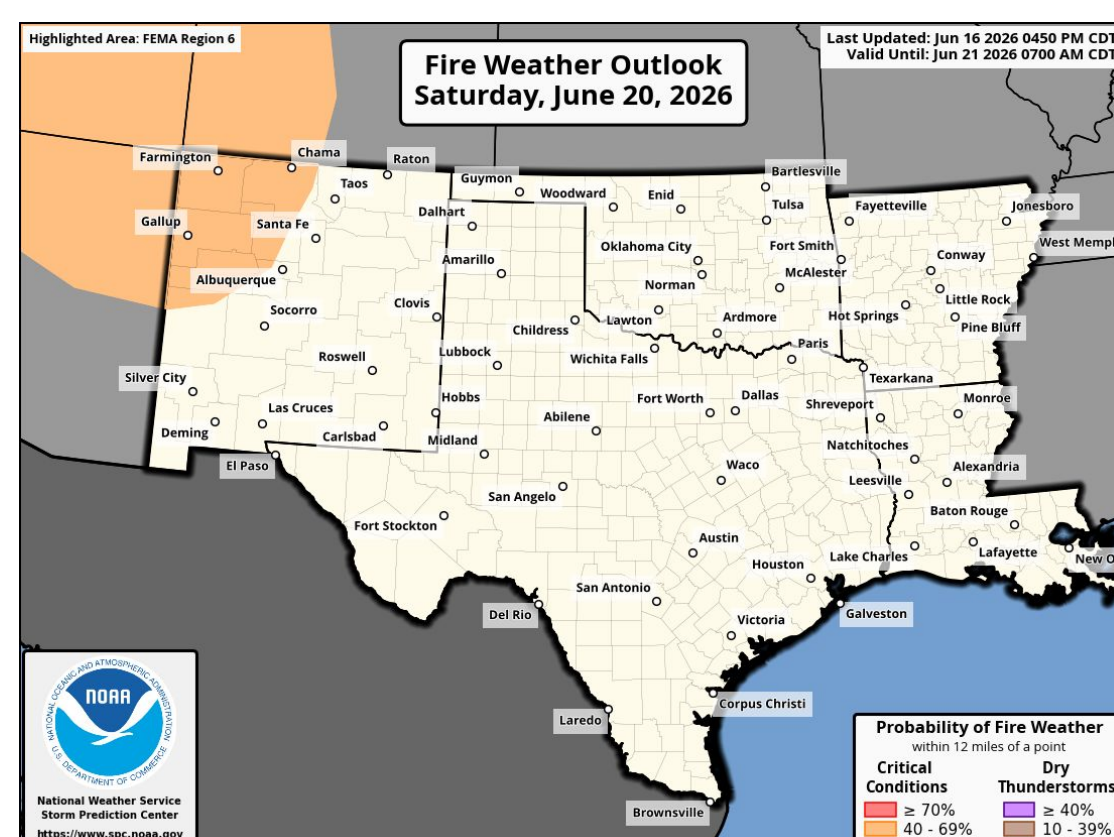
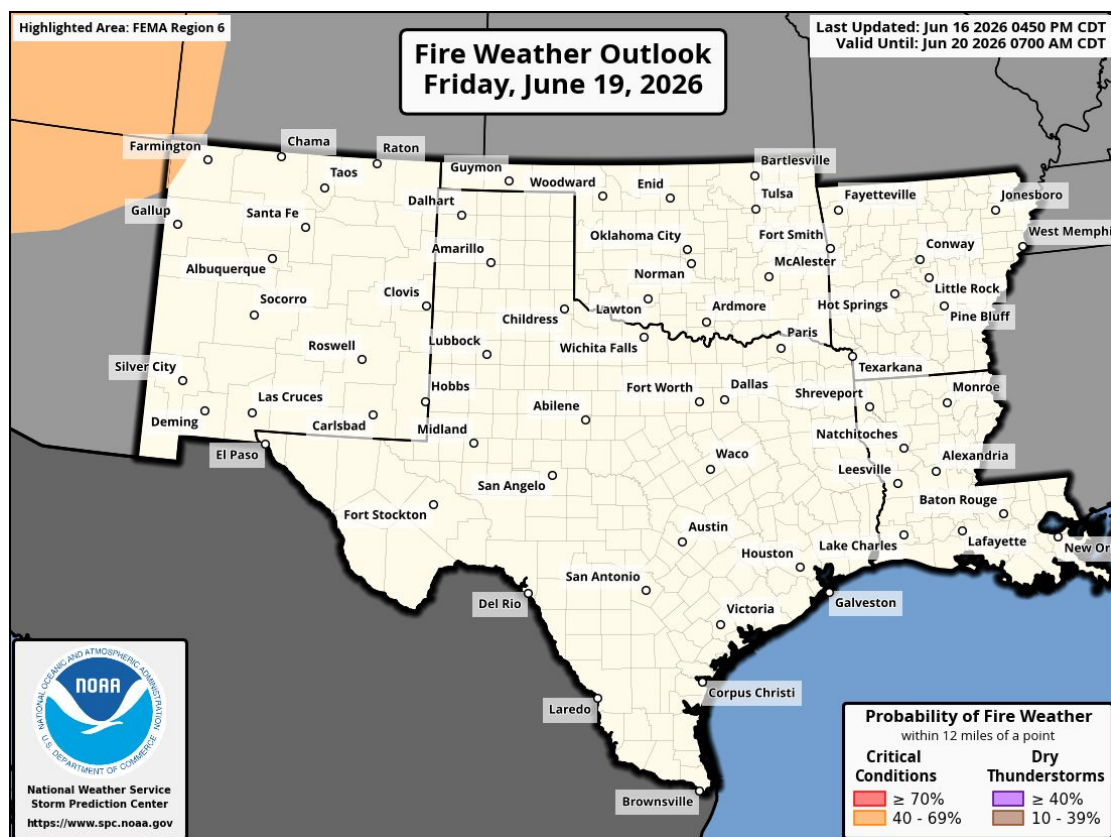
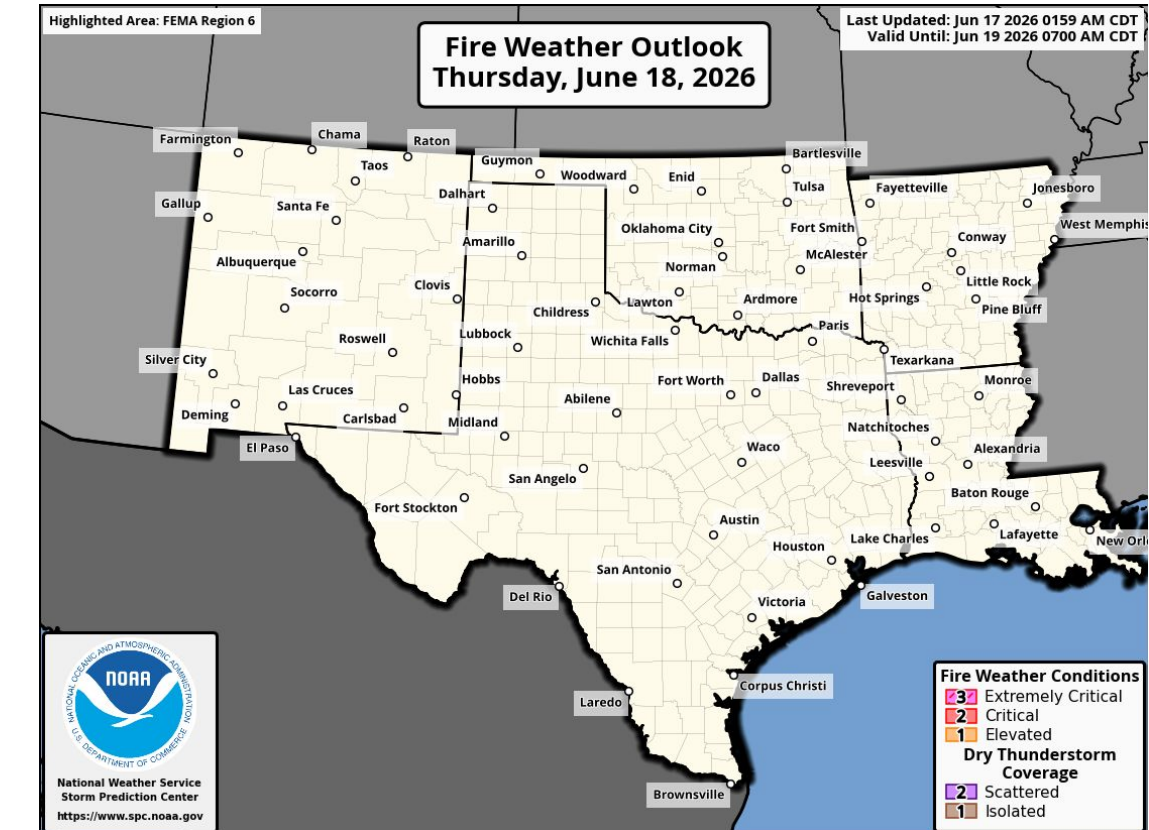
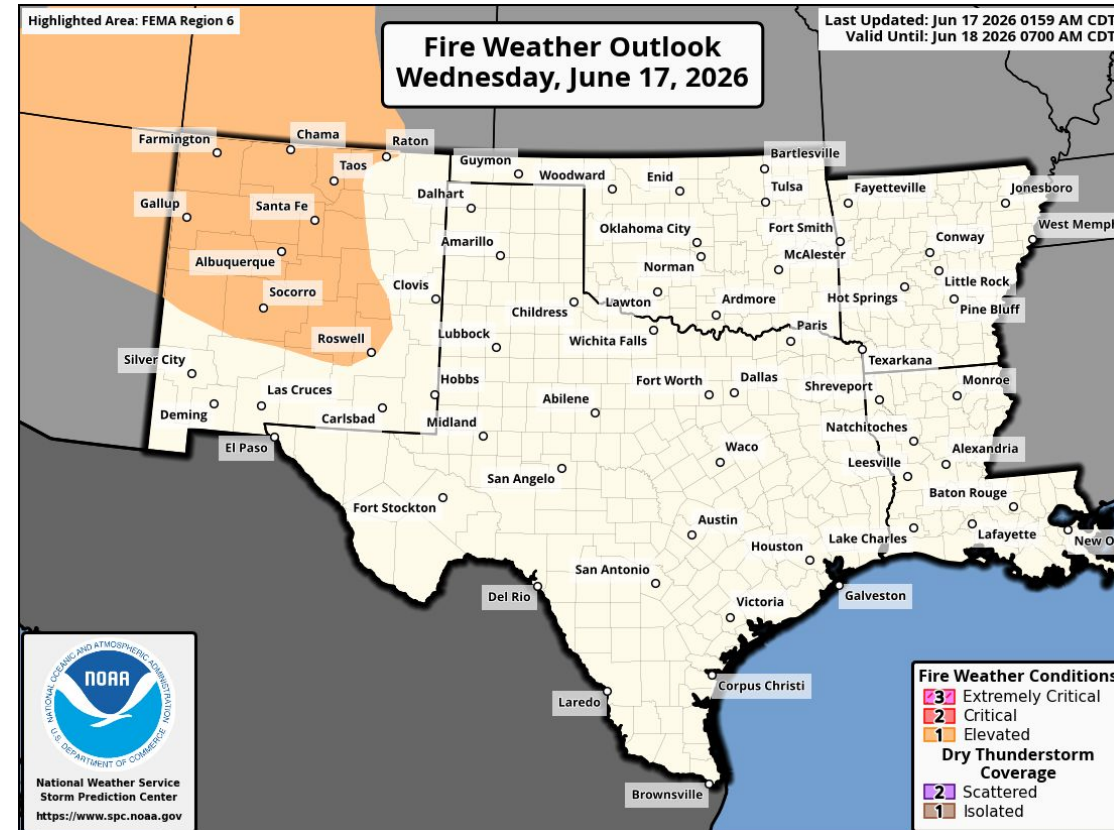
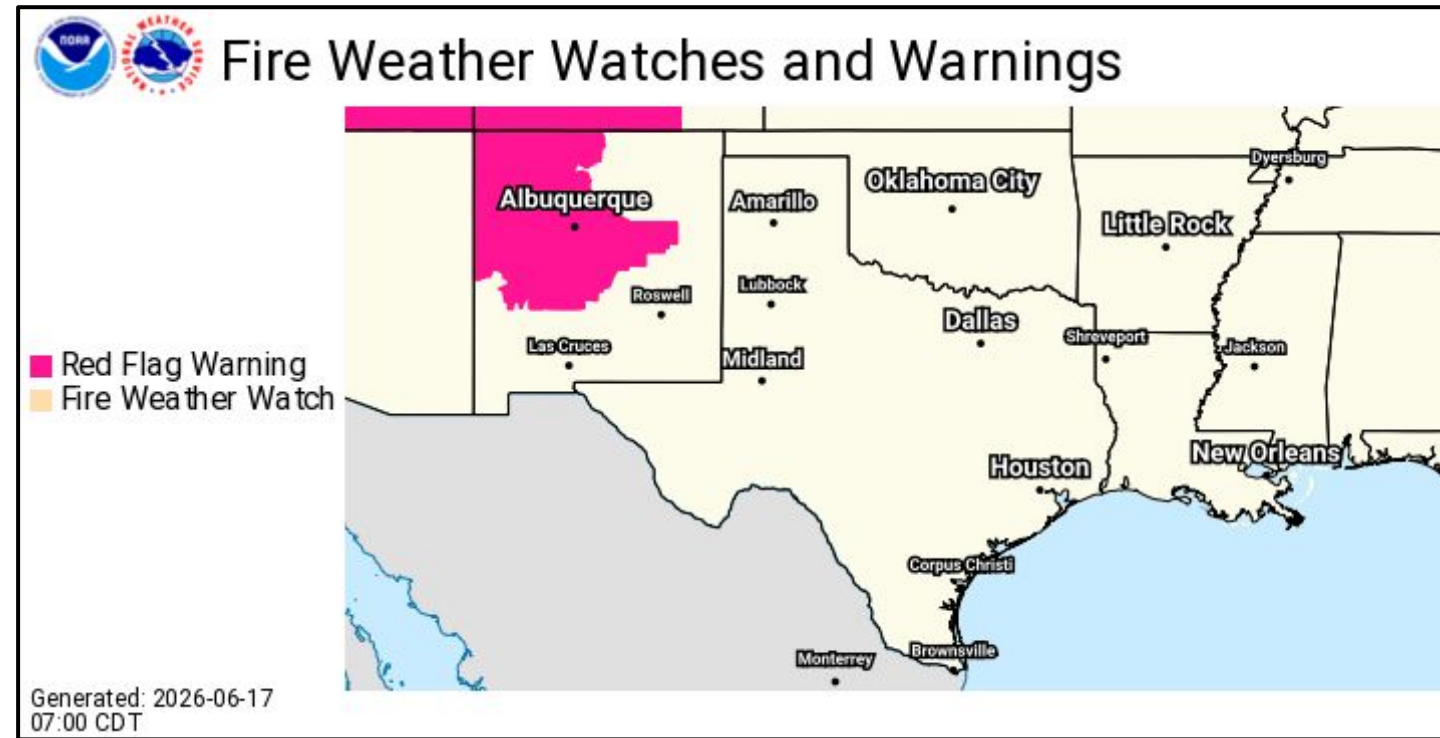
Widespread flood watches for SE TX, LA. Watches in LA go through 7 PM CDT tomorrow.

Red Flag Warnings for NW NM from 1 PM to 10 PM CDT today.

Heat Advisories and Extreme Heat Warnings in E NM, TX, OK today; likely more heat headlines tomorrow.



Fire Weather Outlooks





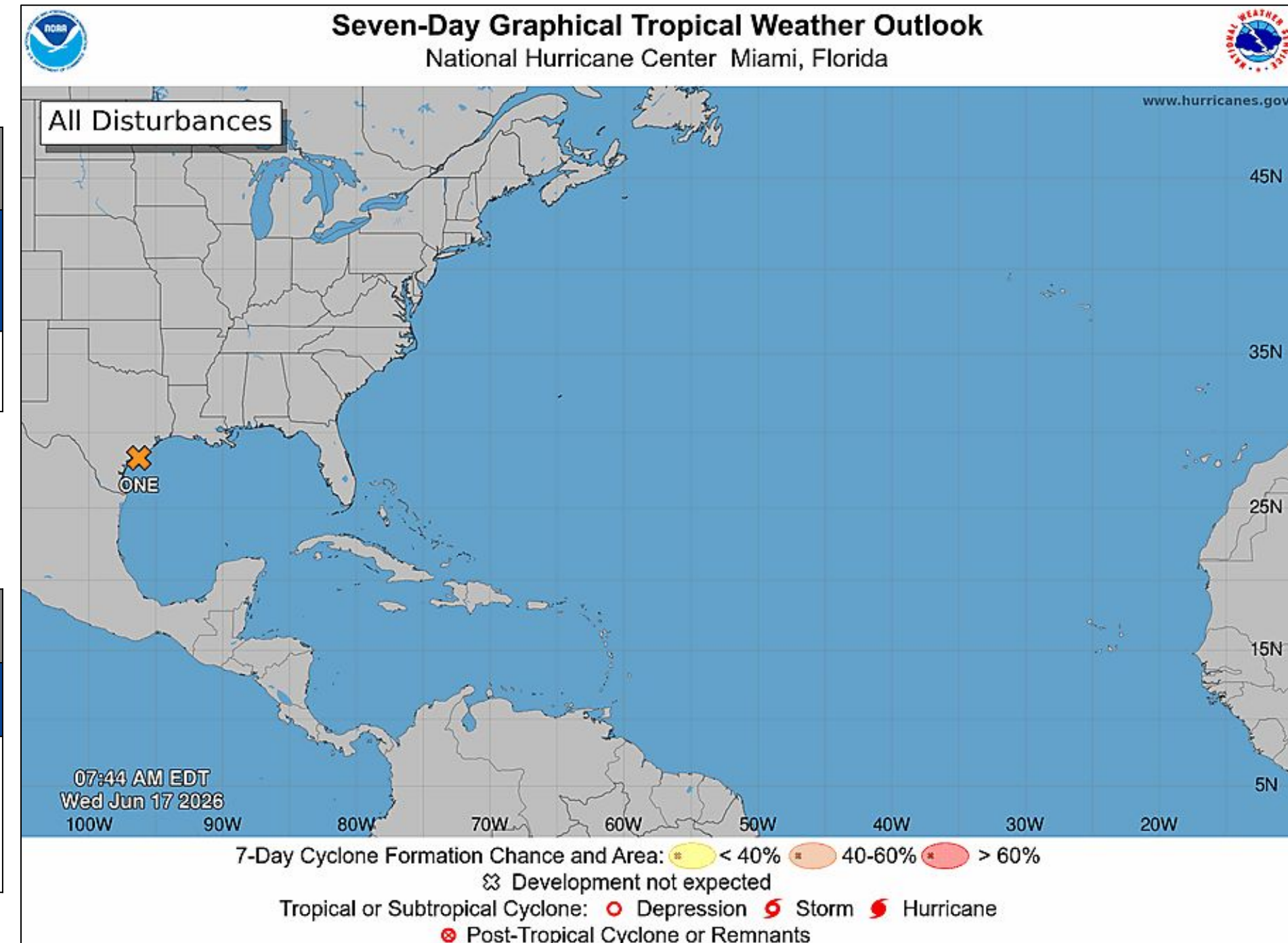
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
PTC I	Potential for showers and storms Today-midday Thursday. Potential for gusty winds along gulf coast and coastal flooding.

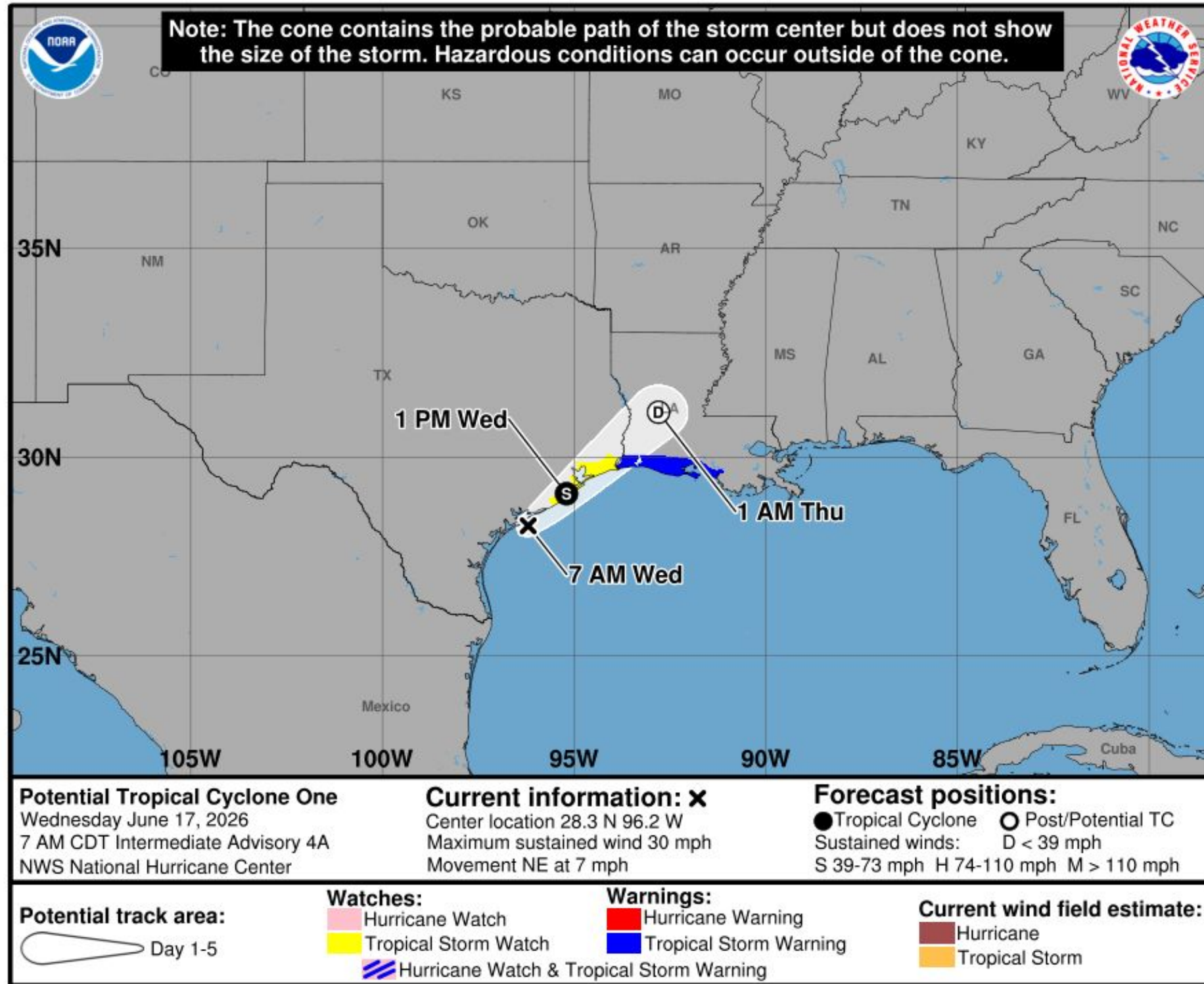


See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms



Situation Overview

PTC1/T.S. Arthur



- PTC One will continue to move NE along the TX coast today and then move inland toward LA
- The system has the potential to become a short-lived weak tropical storm as it moves over the Gulf, however, window for strengthening is gradually decreasing.
- As PTC One moves up the Texas coast, impacts to southeast Texas, south Louisiana will include the potential for flash and urban flooding.
- Widespread small stream and minor river flooding is expected with isolated areas of moderate river flooding possible

A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for the Upper Texas Coast, LA coast through 9:00 AM Thursday.

Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.



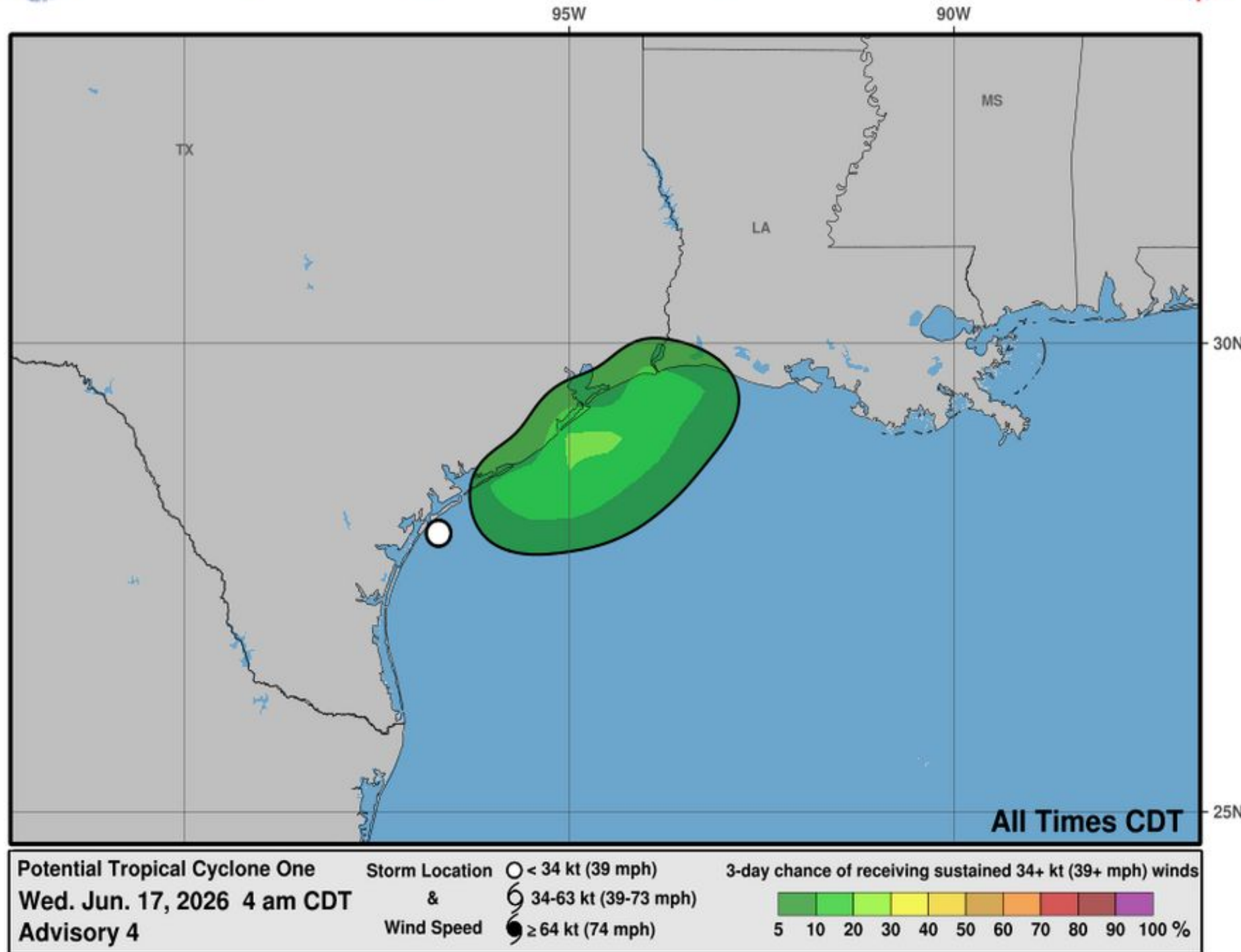


Marine Hazard Overview

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0-3 Day Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



- Points along the TX coast, far SW LA coast currently have a 5-10% chance of experiencing sustained tropical storm force winds through this evening.

[Click for point-specific forecasts every 3 hours & out 5 days](#)
zoom in and click on a spot; keep in mind forecast uncertainty when dealing with tropical systems!





Storm Surge Overview

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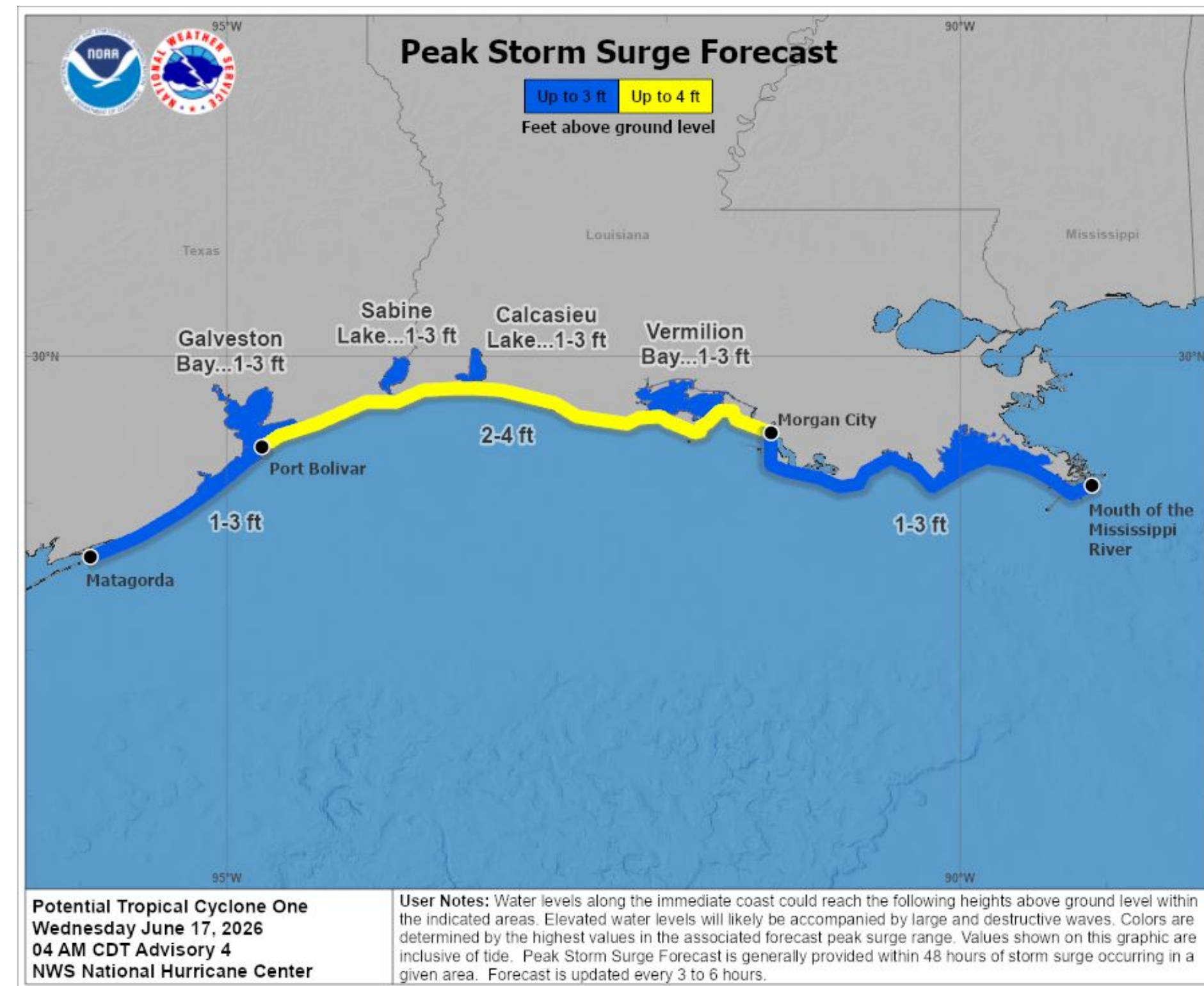
Peak Storm Surge

Water could reach the following heights above ground somewhere in the indicated areas if highest surge occurs at the time of high tide

- Matagorda Bay to Port Bolivar, TX including Galveston Bay: 1-3 feet
- Port Bolivar, TX to Morgan City, LA: 2-4 feet
- Morgan City, LA to the Mouth of the MS River: 1-3 feet.
- Sabine Lake, TX, Calcasieu Lake, LA and Vermillion Bay, LA: 1-3 feet.

● Timing

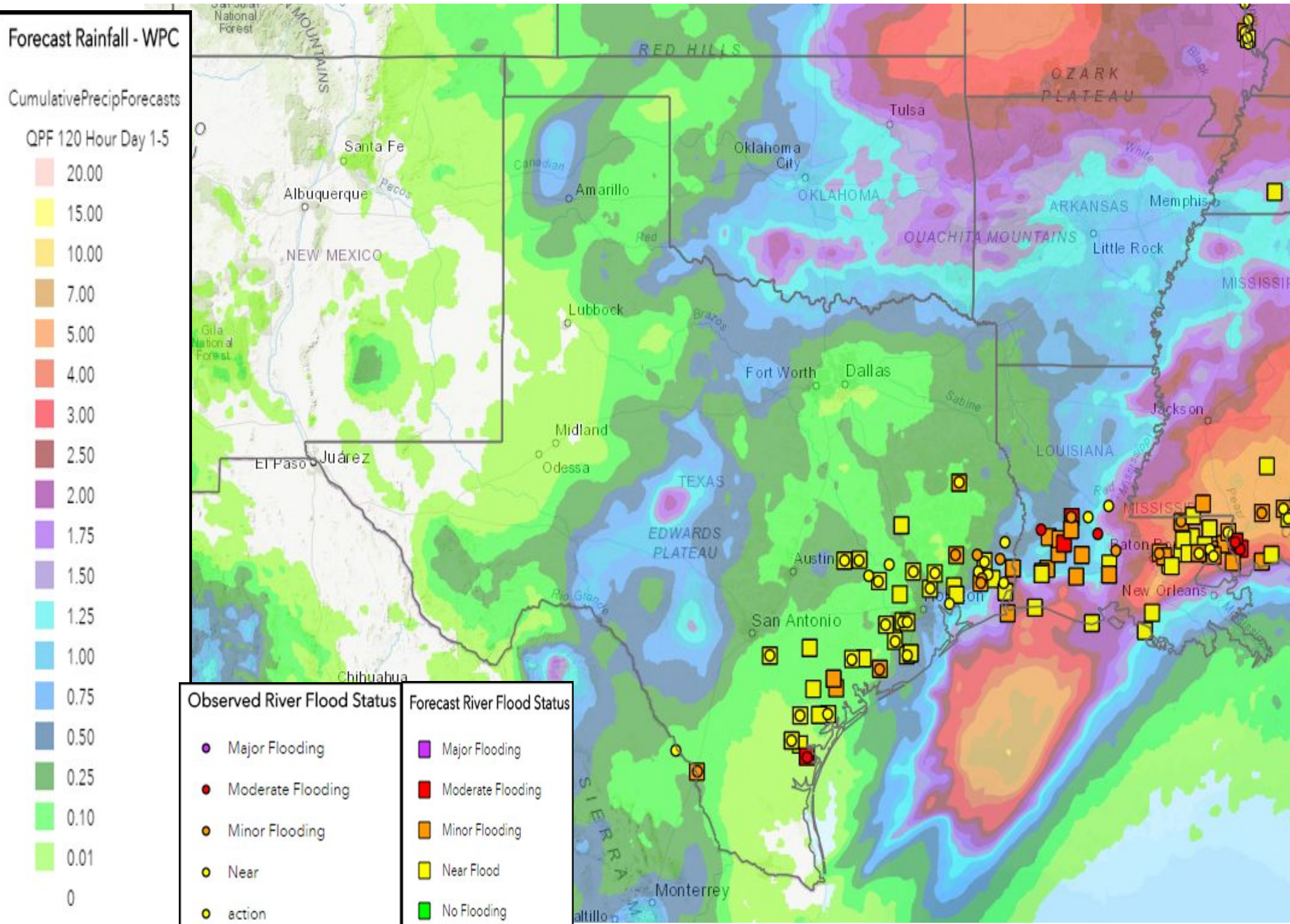
- Water levels will rise through Wednesday; decreasing along the upper TX coast Wednesday evening/overnight and then along the LA coast on Thursday evening.





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



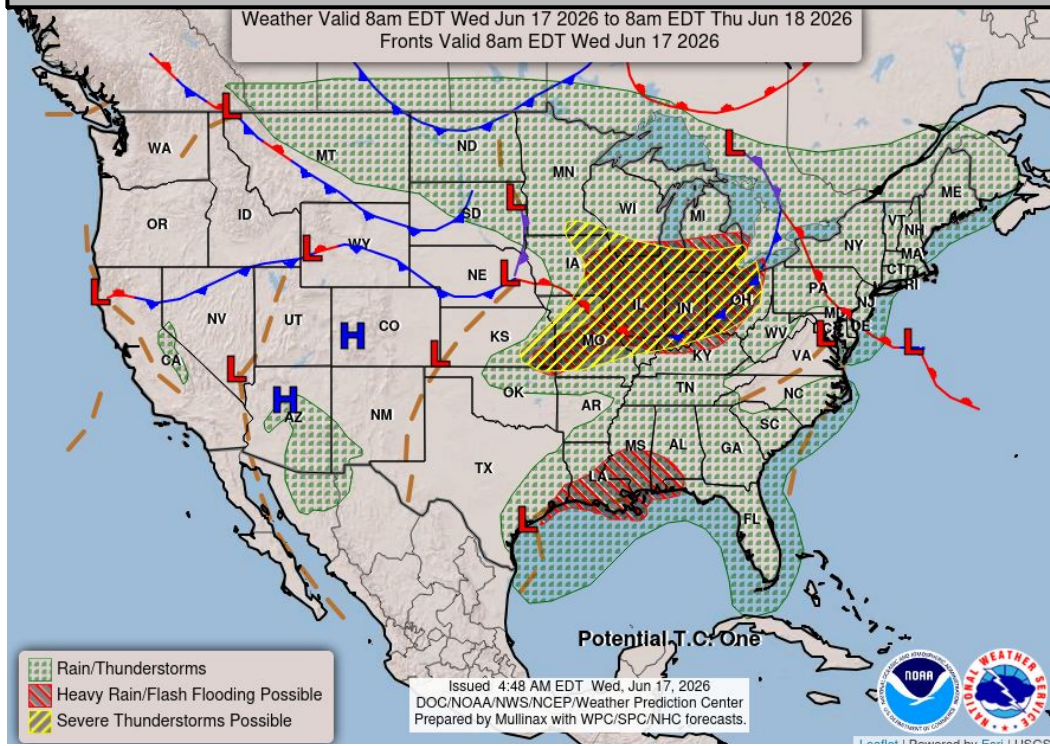
Moderate river flooding in S TX and S LA will threaten homes. At Bundick Creek near DeRidder, homes are threatened at current levels. Secondary roads and lowlands will also be flooded. River flooding in portions of TX and LA will continue through the weekend.

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.

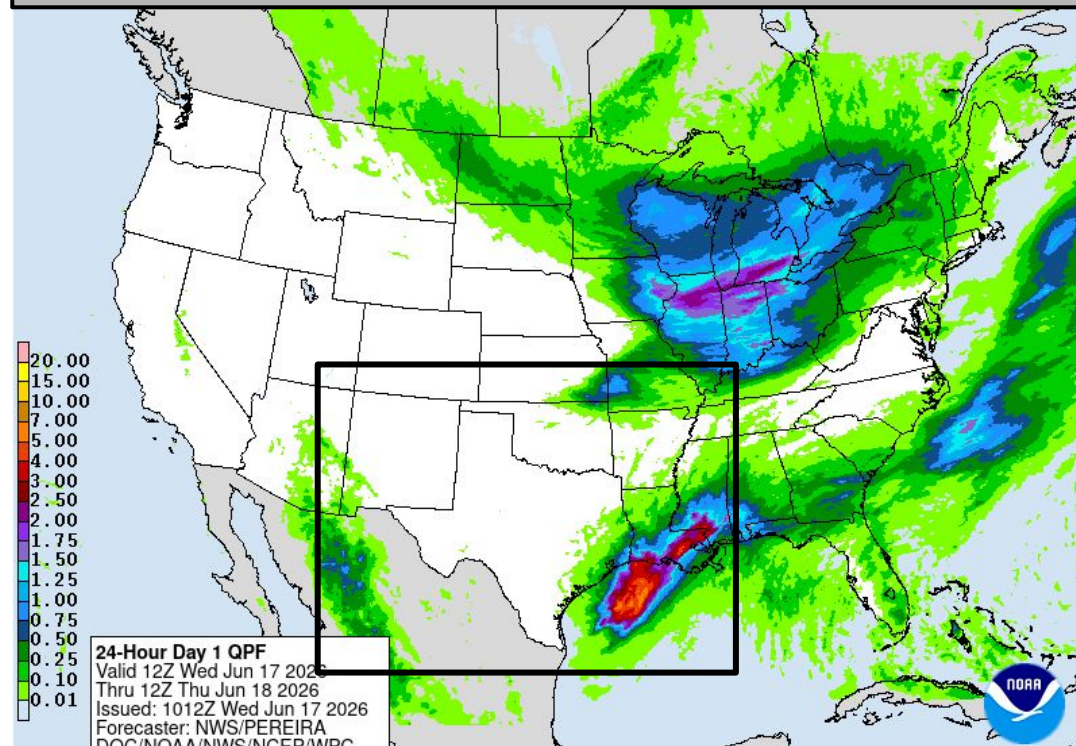


Today's Weather

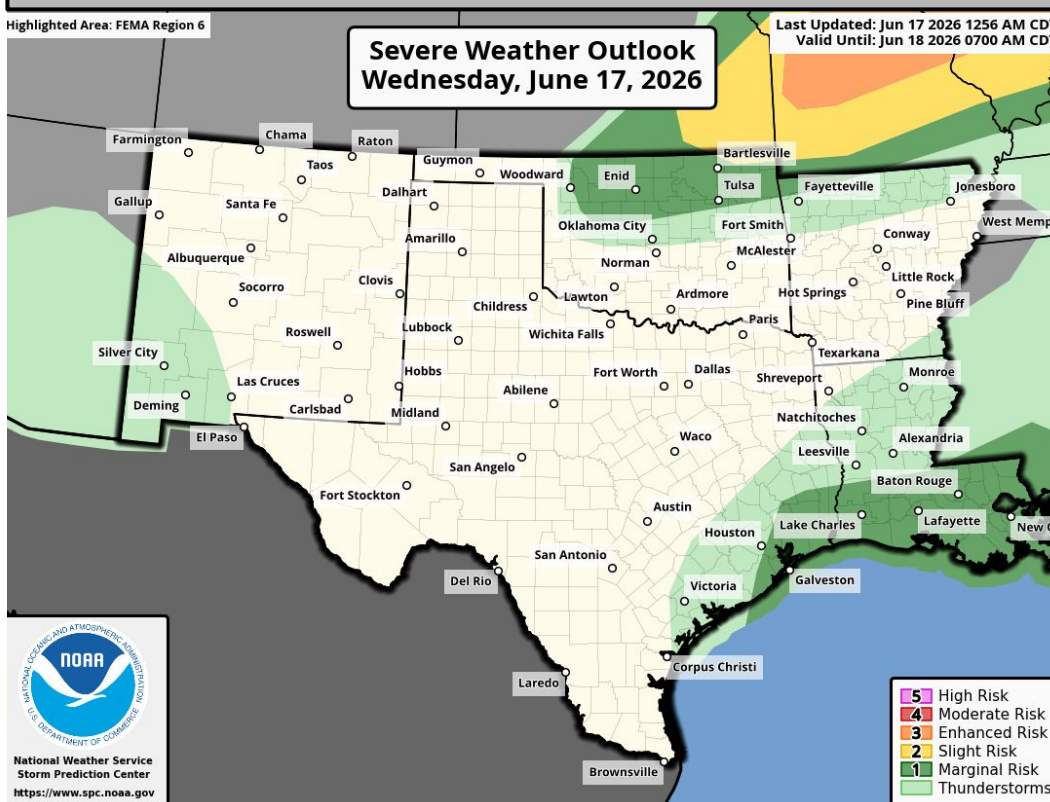
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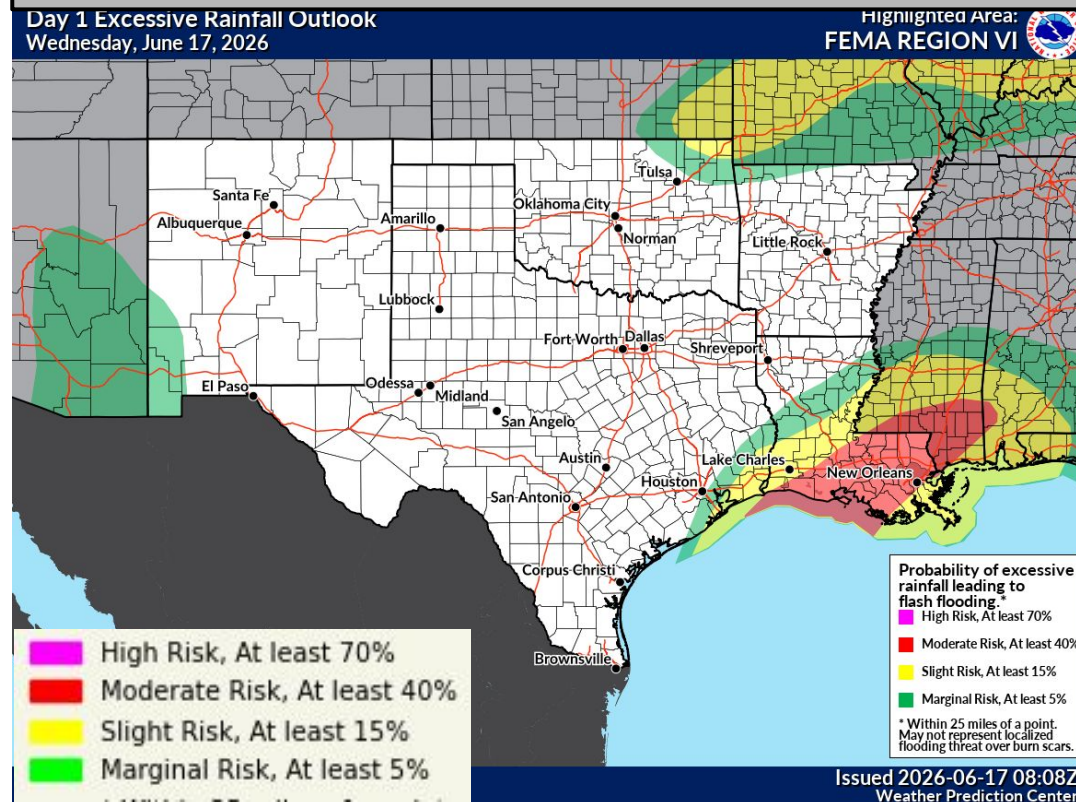
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



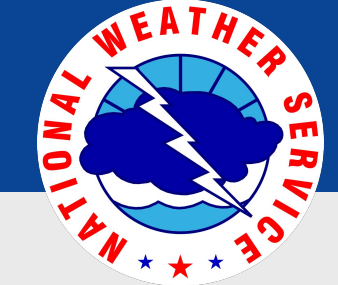
Moderate risk (level 3 of 4) for flash flooding in S LA. Isolated totals up to 10-15" could cause significant flash flooding this evening/overnight.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in S/SE TX, SW LA, NE OK.

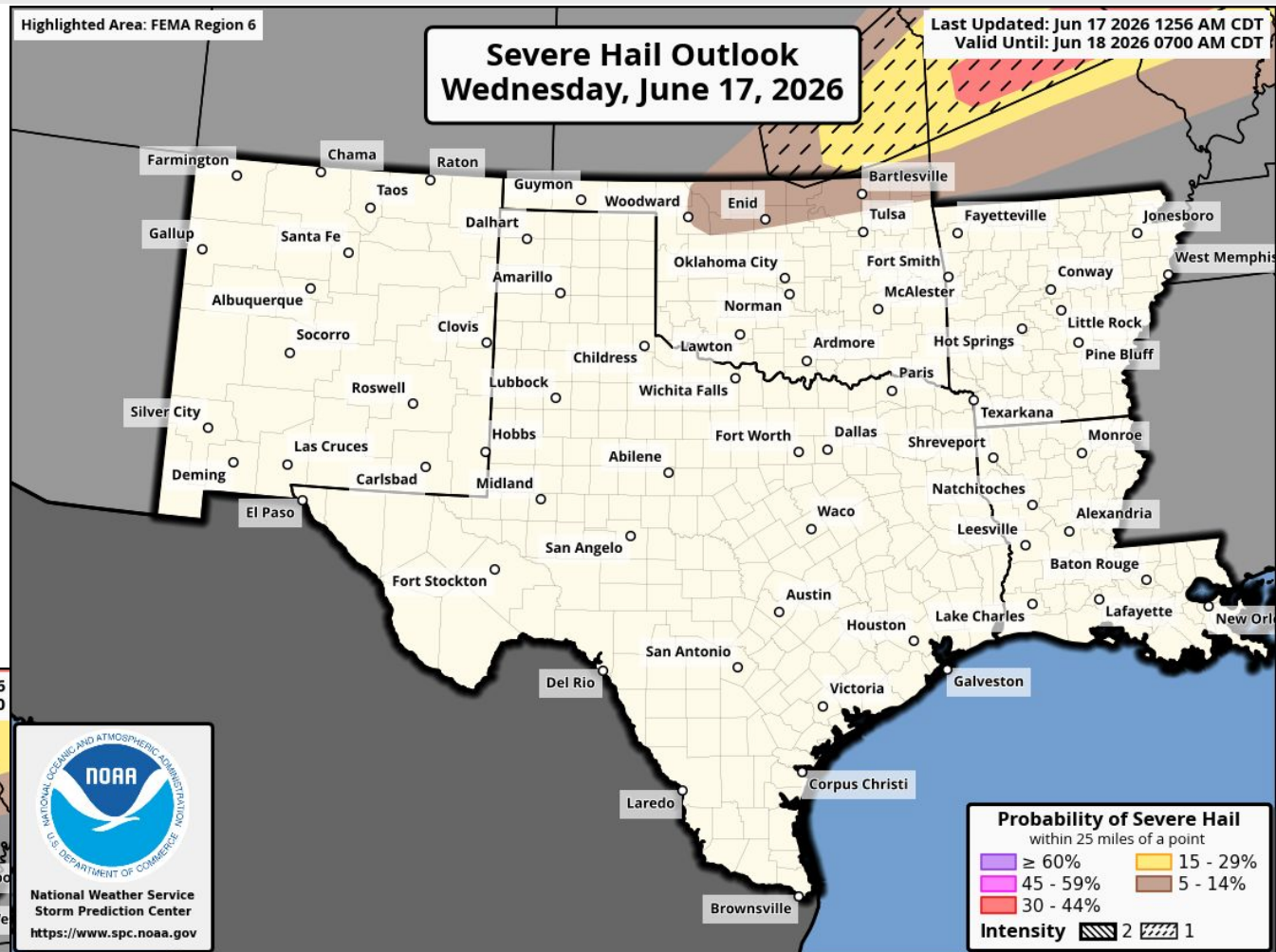
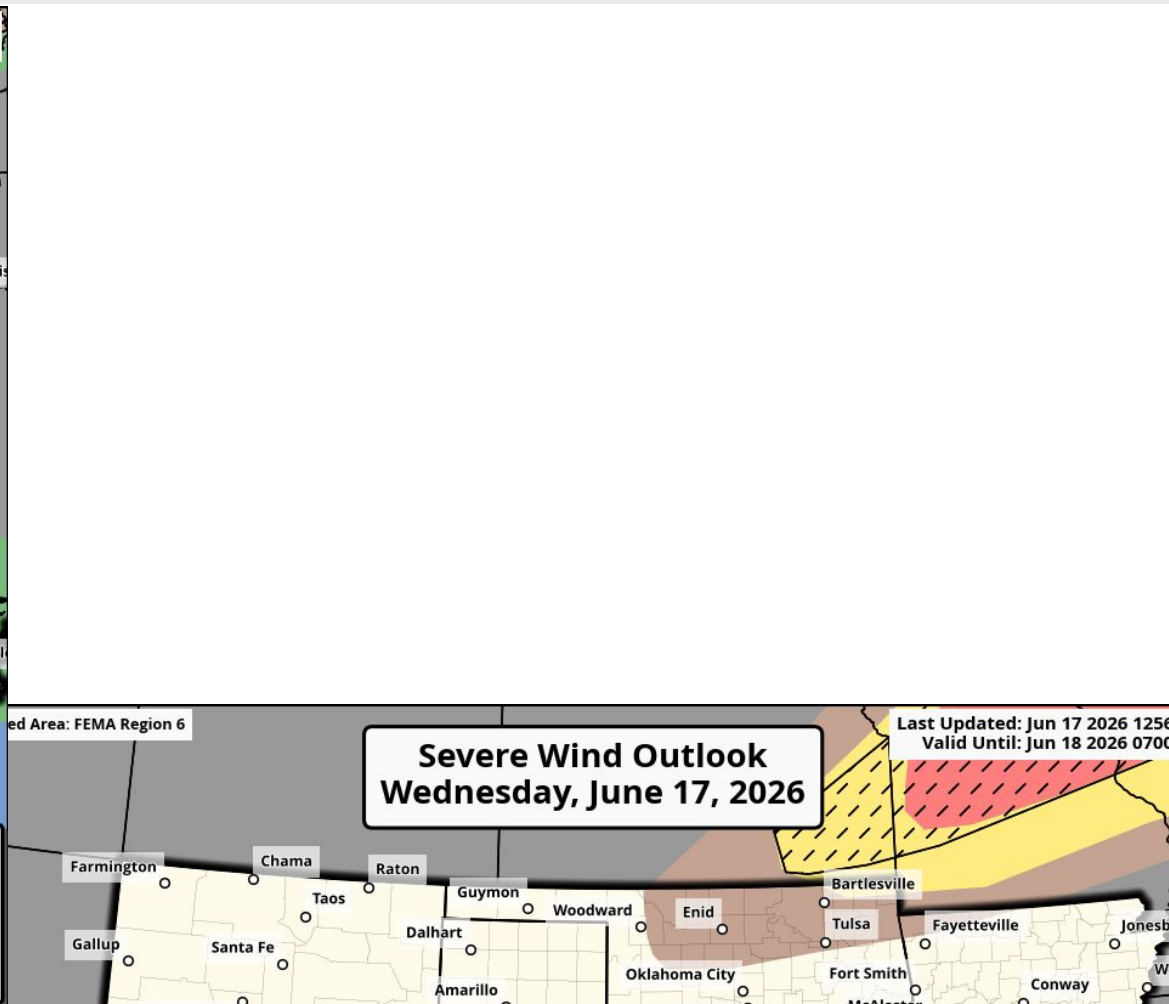
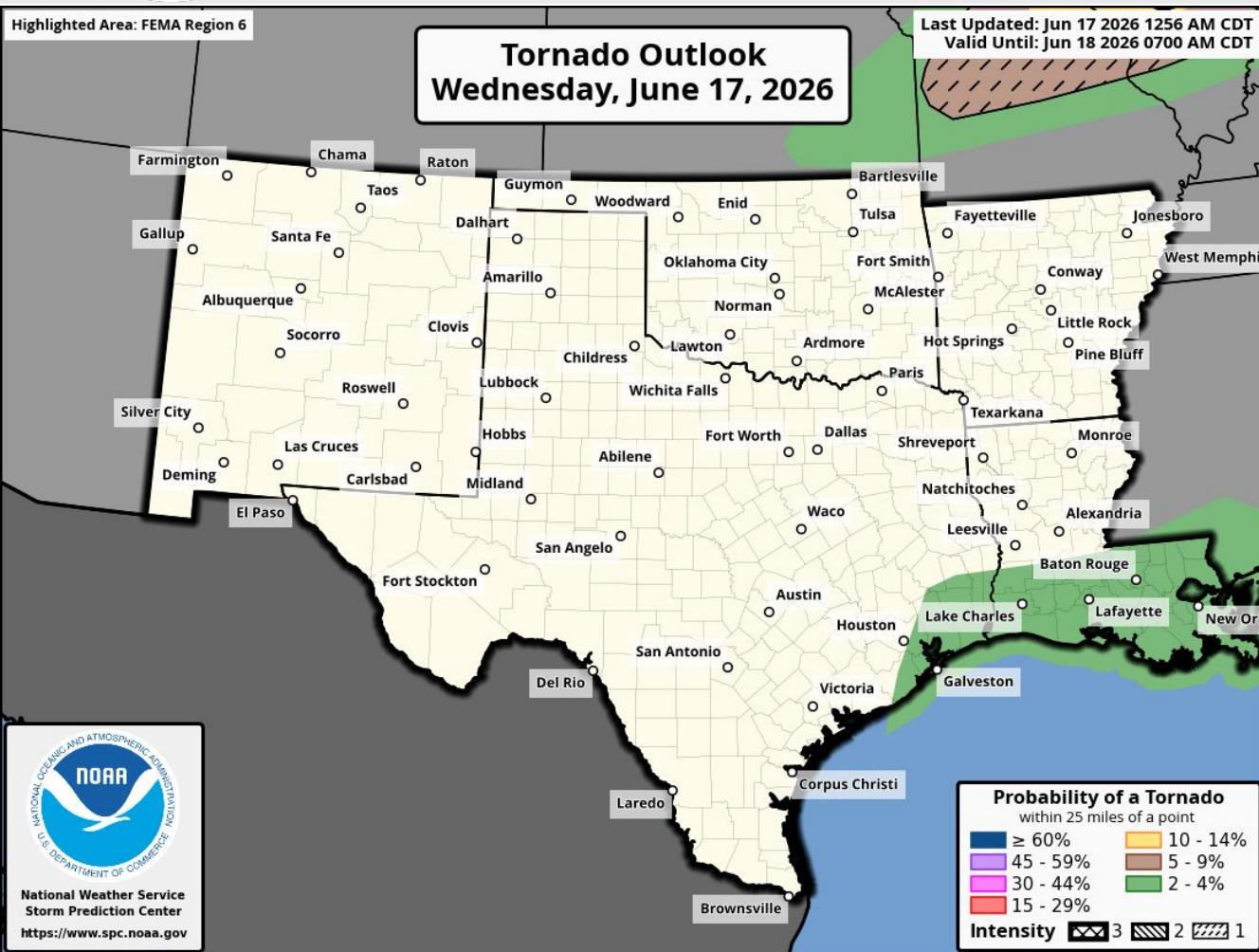
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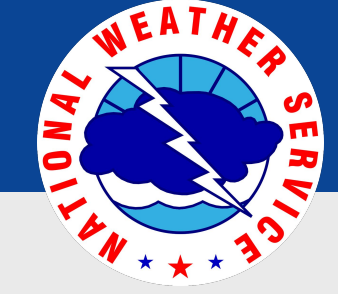
Critical (level 2 of 3) fire weather this afternoon/evening in NM.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over NE OK and from the Upper TX Coast to S LA. Wind threat in severe storms with low tornado risk.

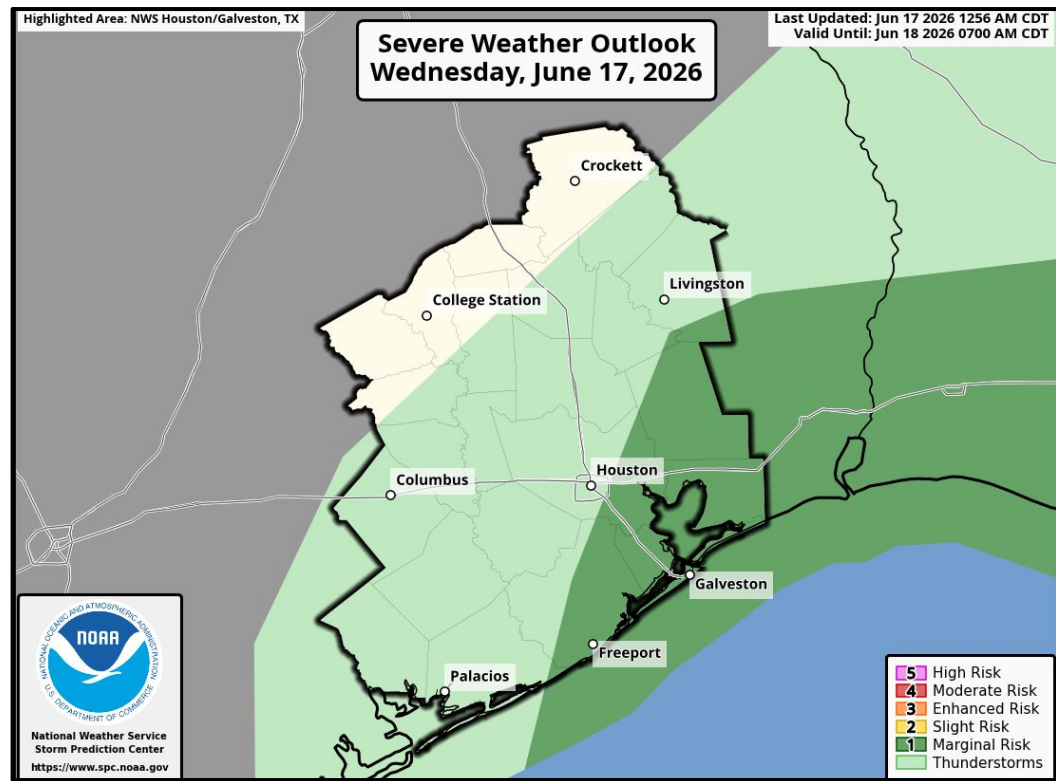
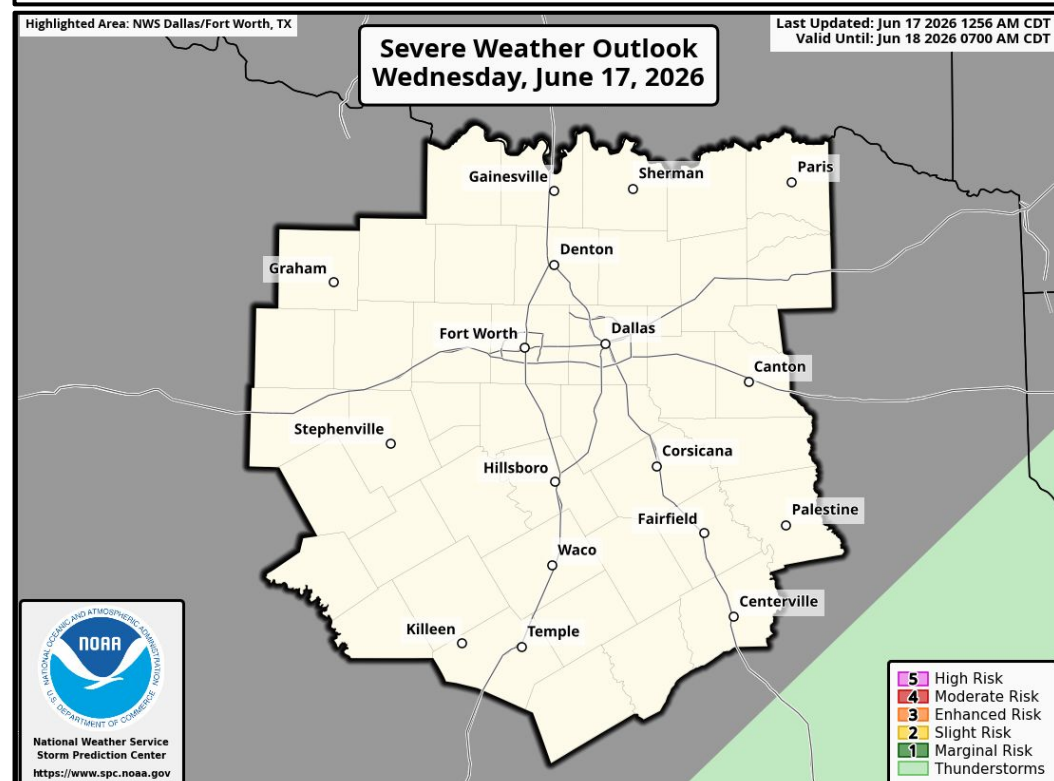
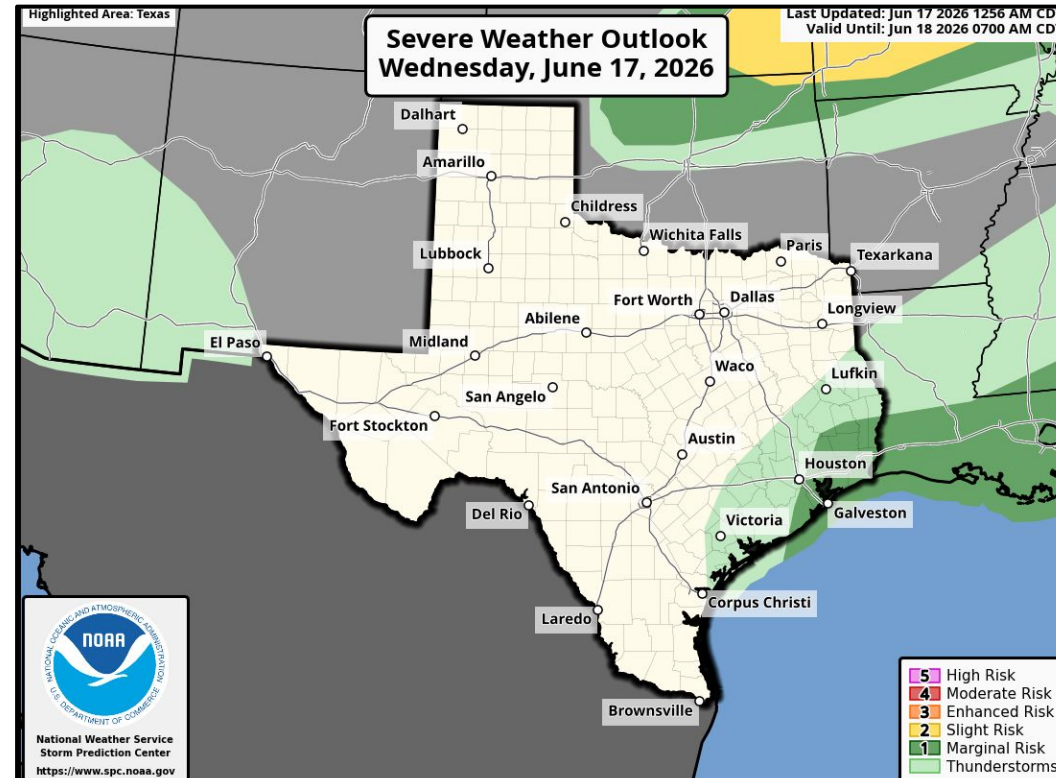
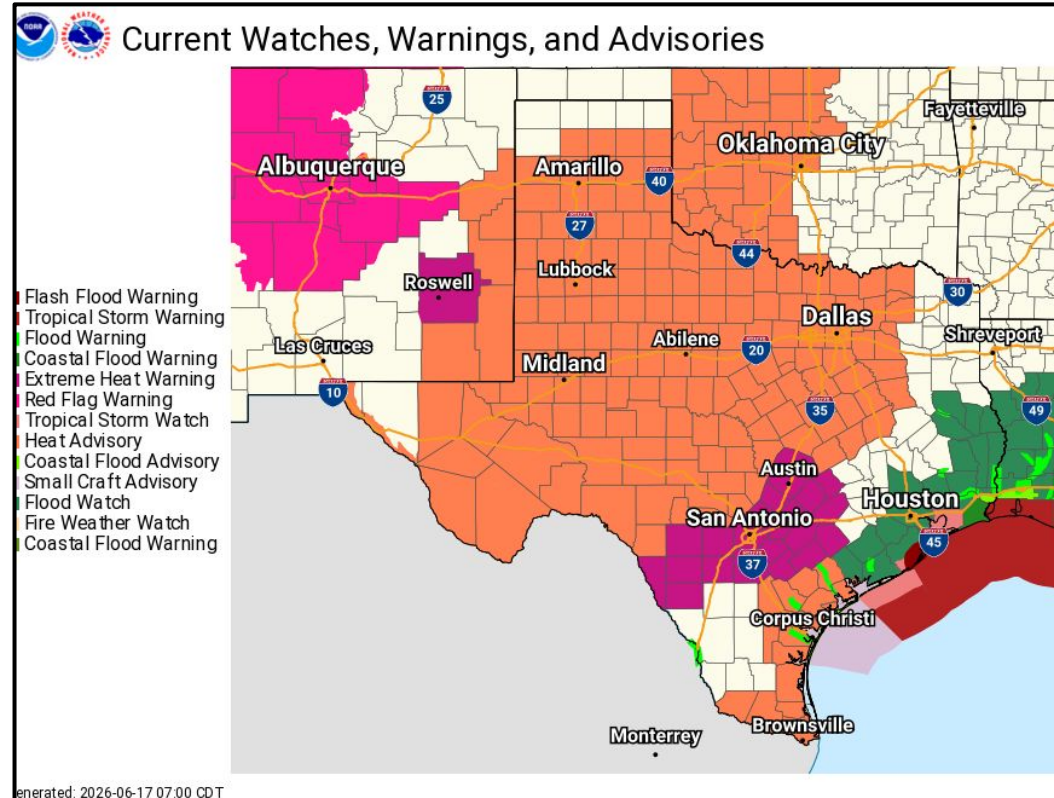


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Public Event Forecast Today - Dallas & Houston, Texas



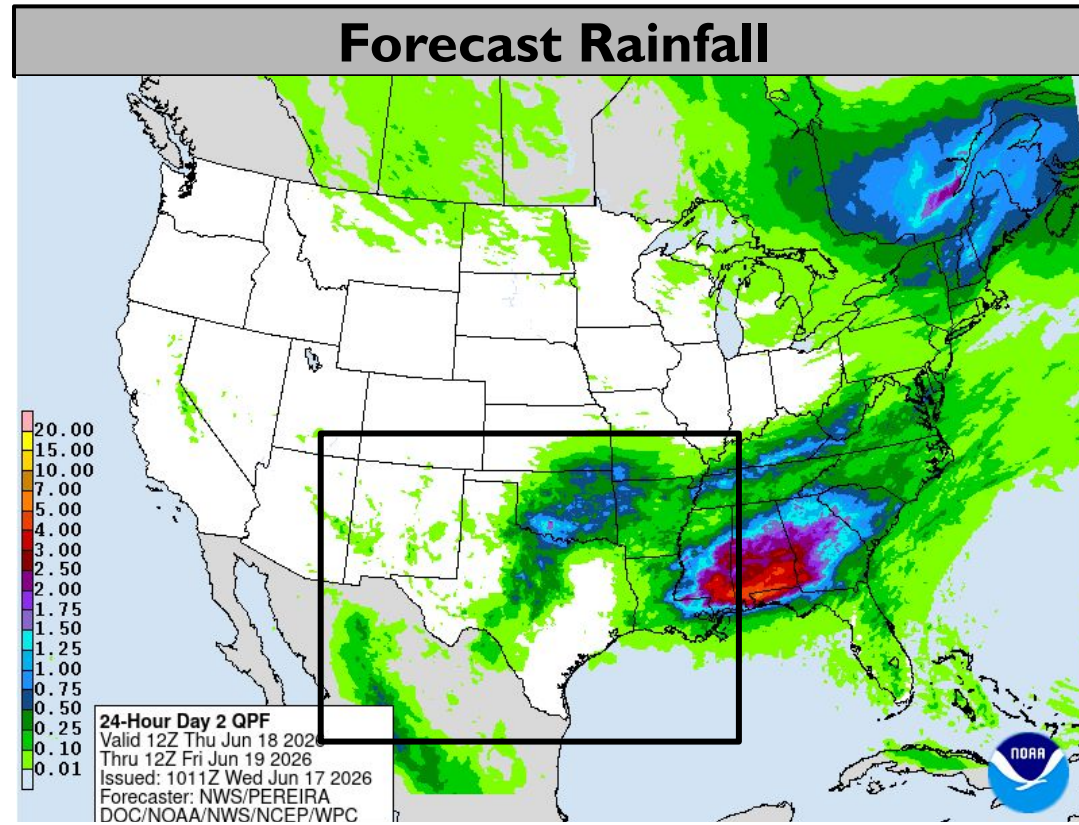
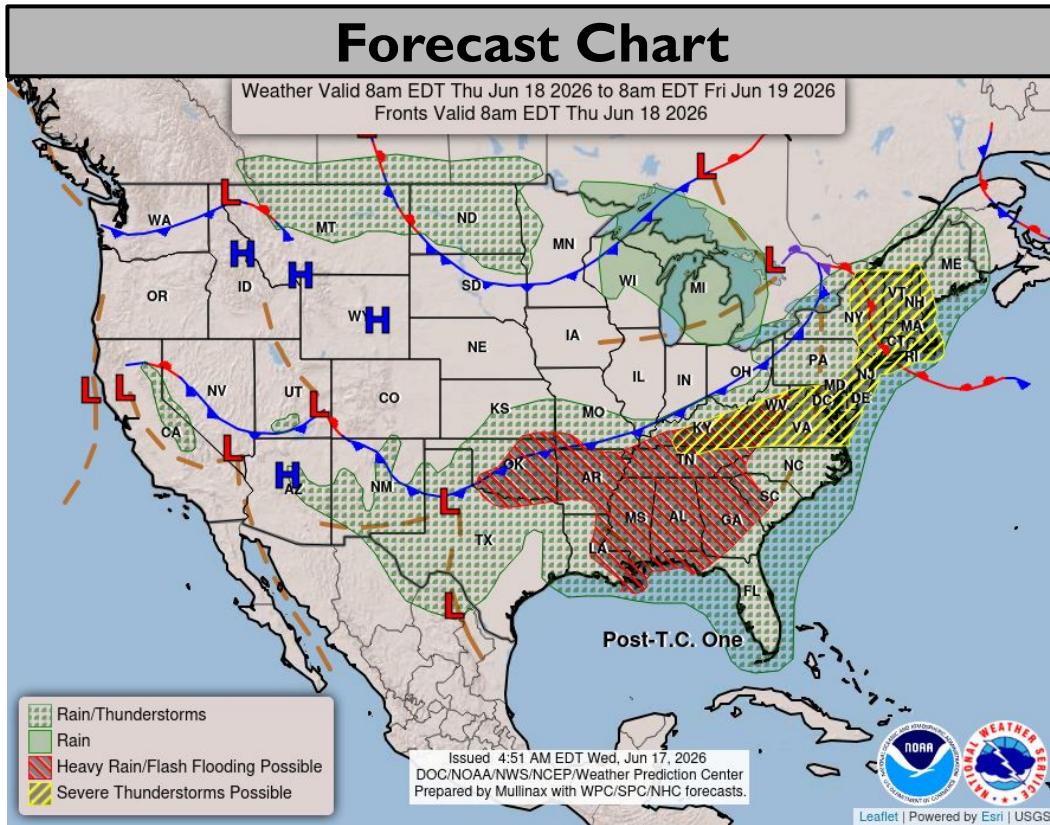
Dangerous conditions for anyone without adequate cooling due to heat in Dallas. Extended exposure carries a high likelihood of heat exhaustion or stroke.

Heat illness is possible for the general public with extended outdoor exposure in Houston.

Thunderstorm Timing:
Houston: Now through 6 PM CDT. Gusty winds, heavy rain, and lightning will be the main issues in thunderstorms.



Tomorrow's Weather

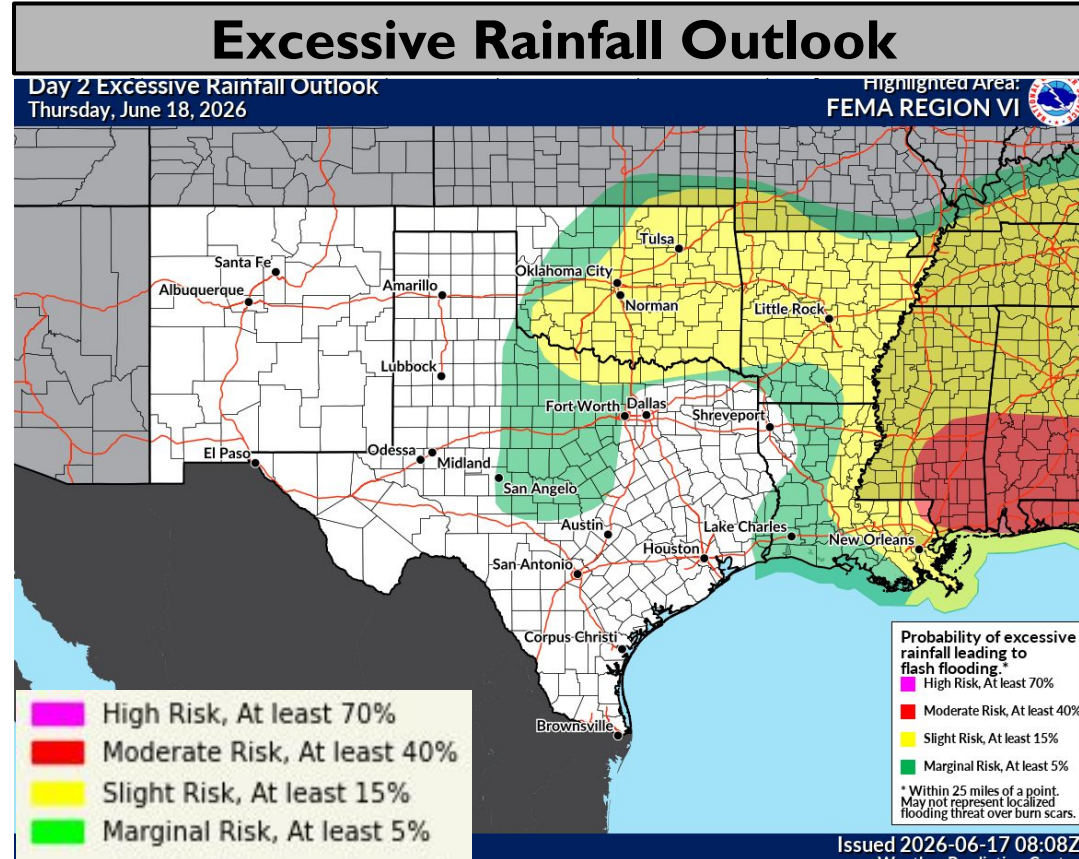
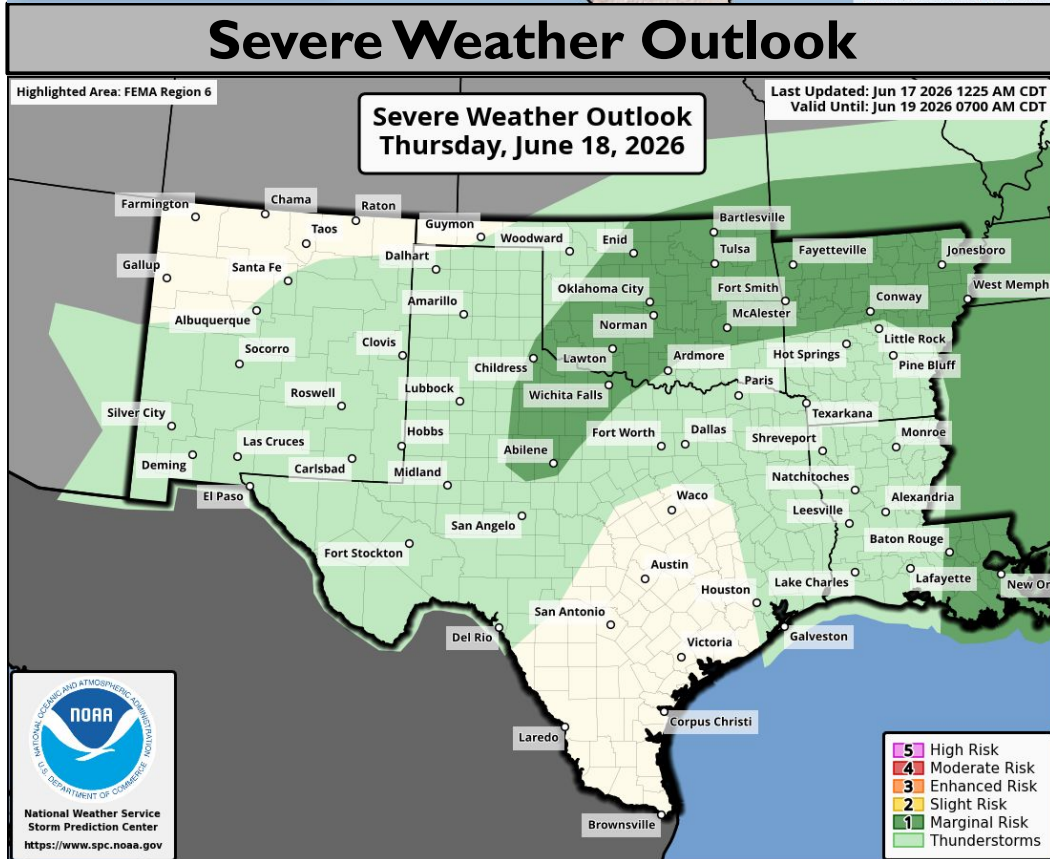


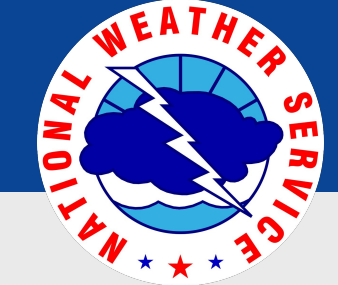
Locally moderate (level 3 of 4) in Far E LA. Up to 6-10" of rain may cause additional flash flooding concerns through the early afternoon. Less chances for rain by mid afternoon.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in OK, AR, N TX, LA. Heavy rain along the front in N TX, OK, AR more likely in the evening/overnight

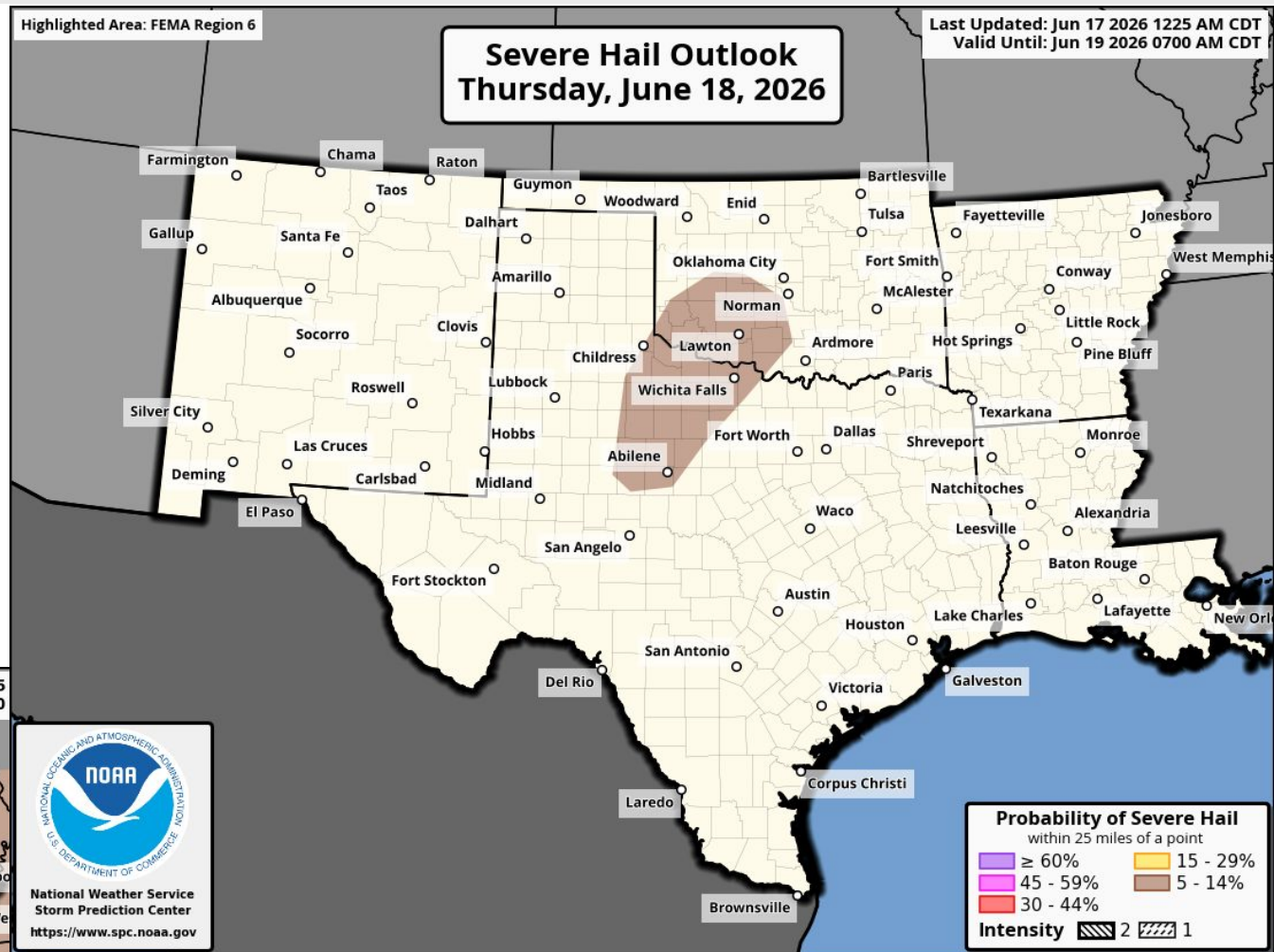
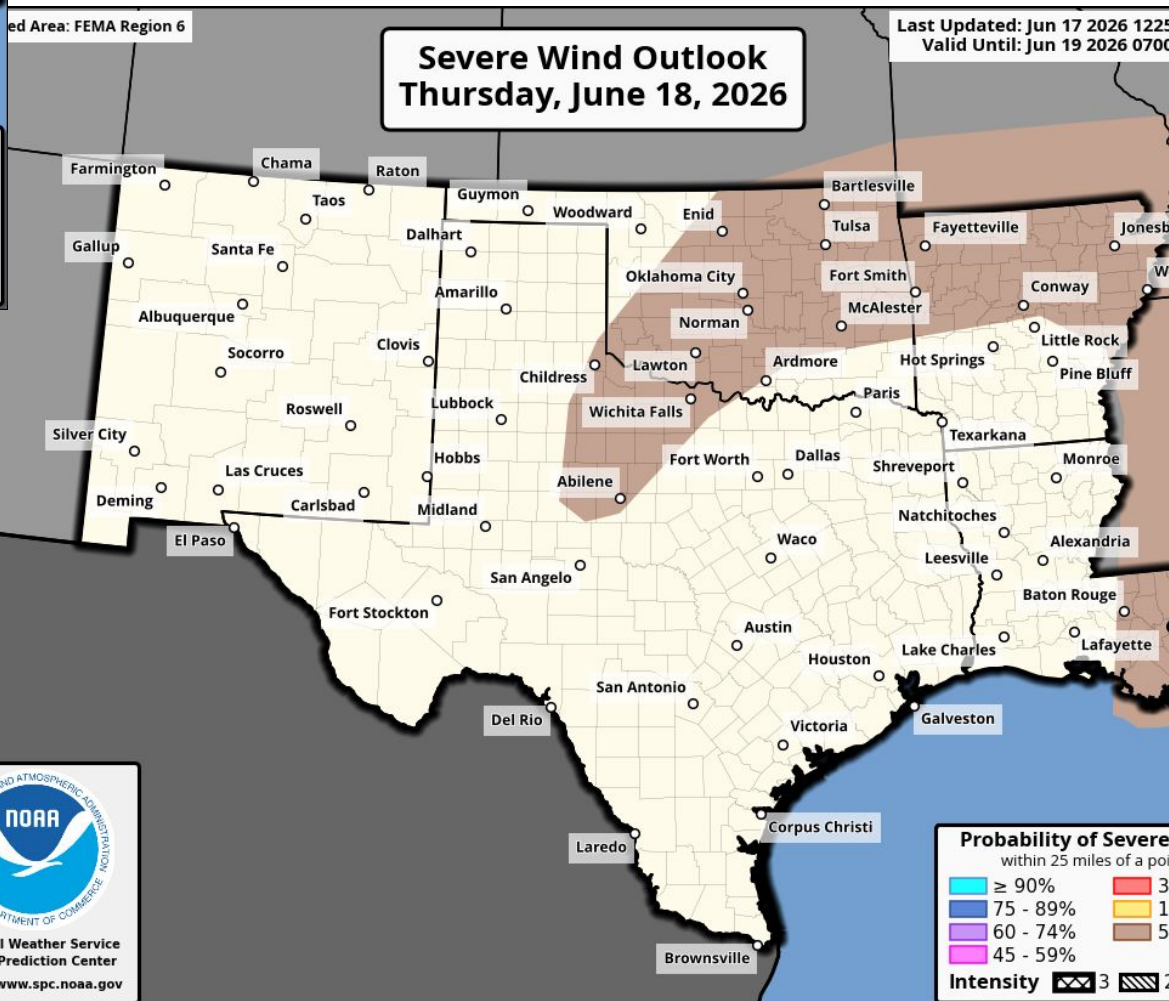
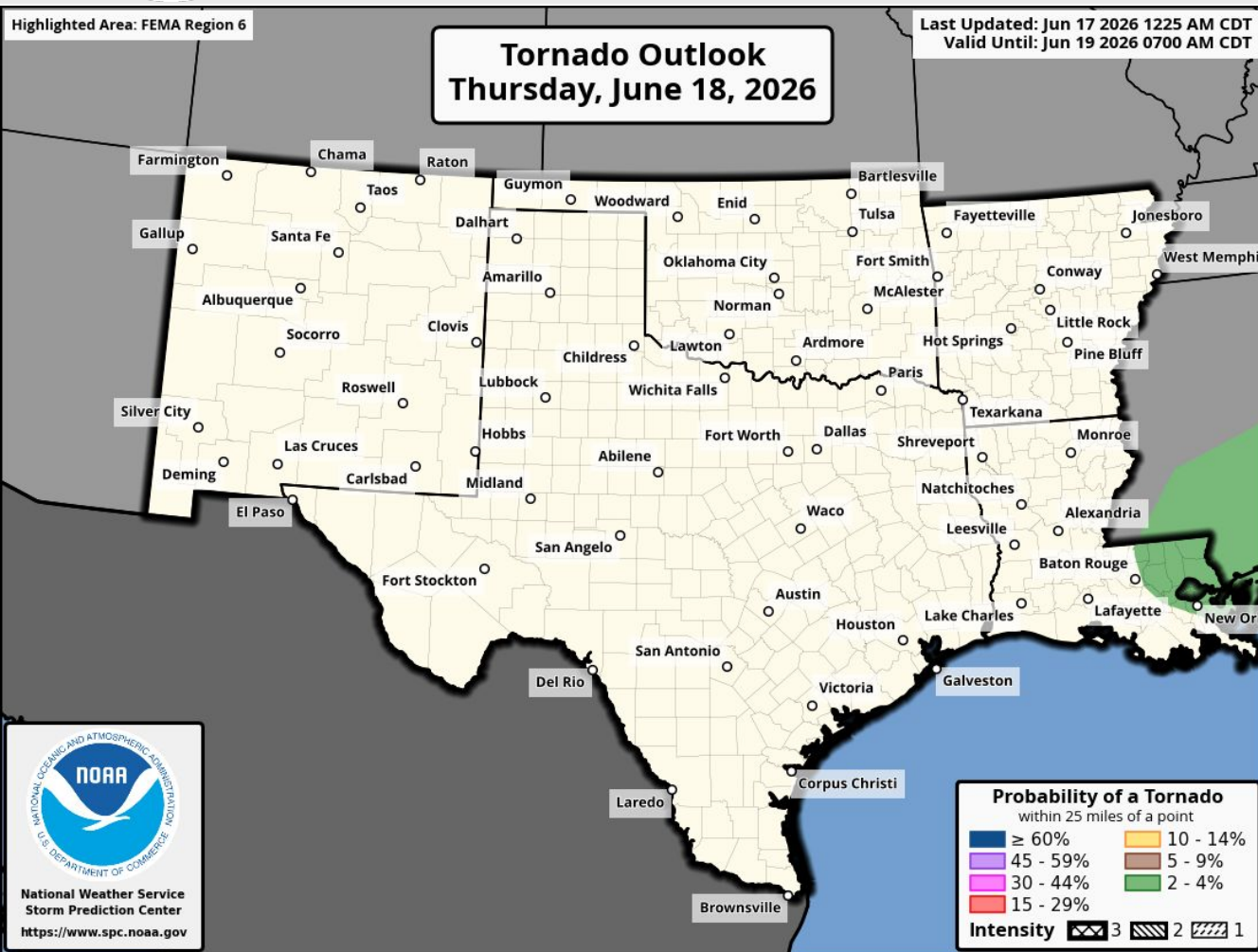
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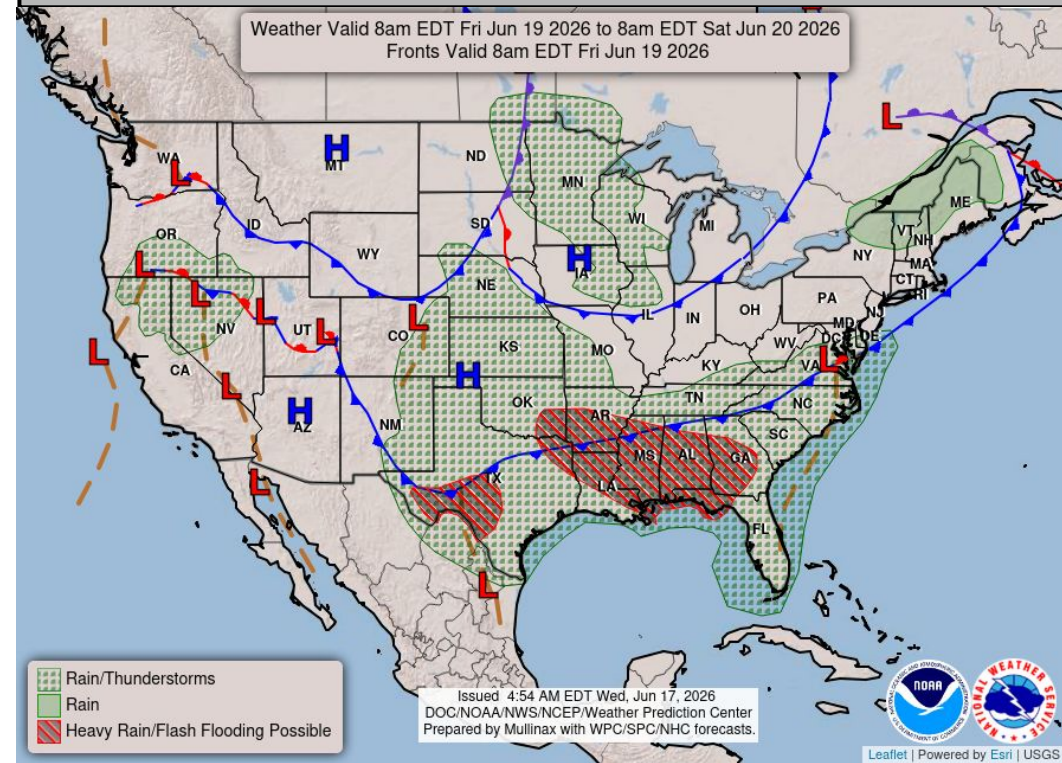
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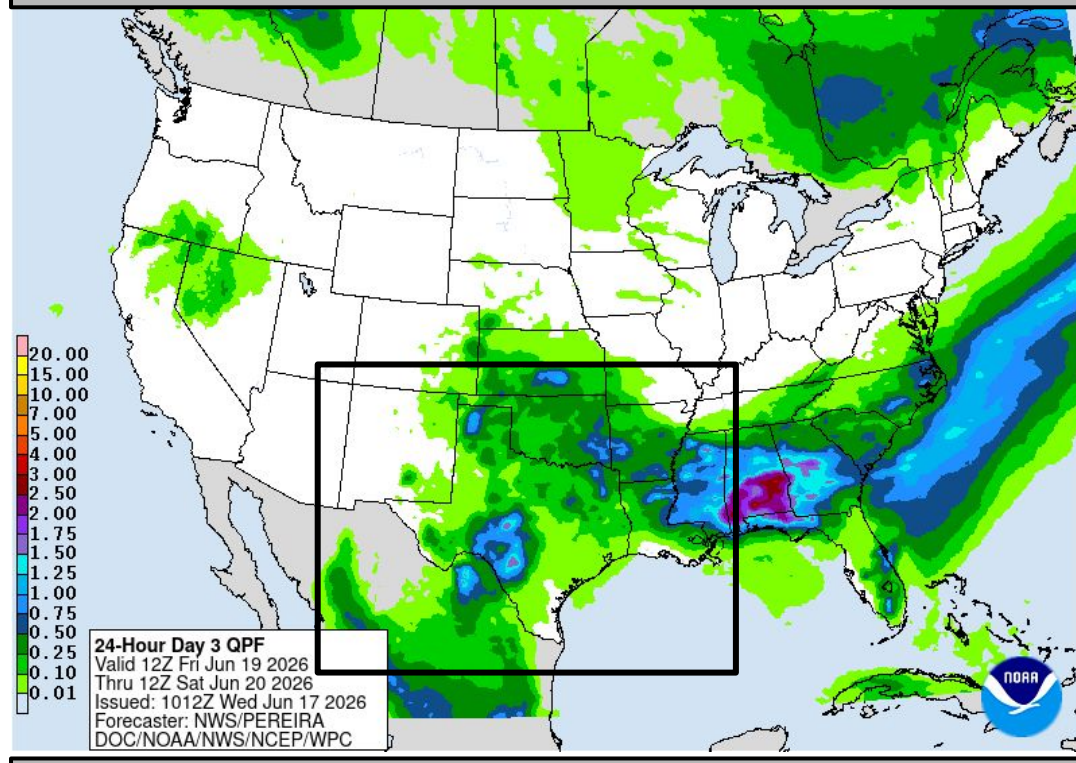


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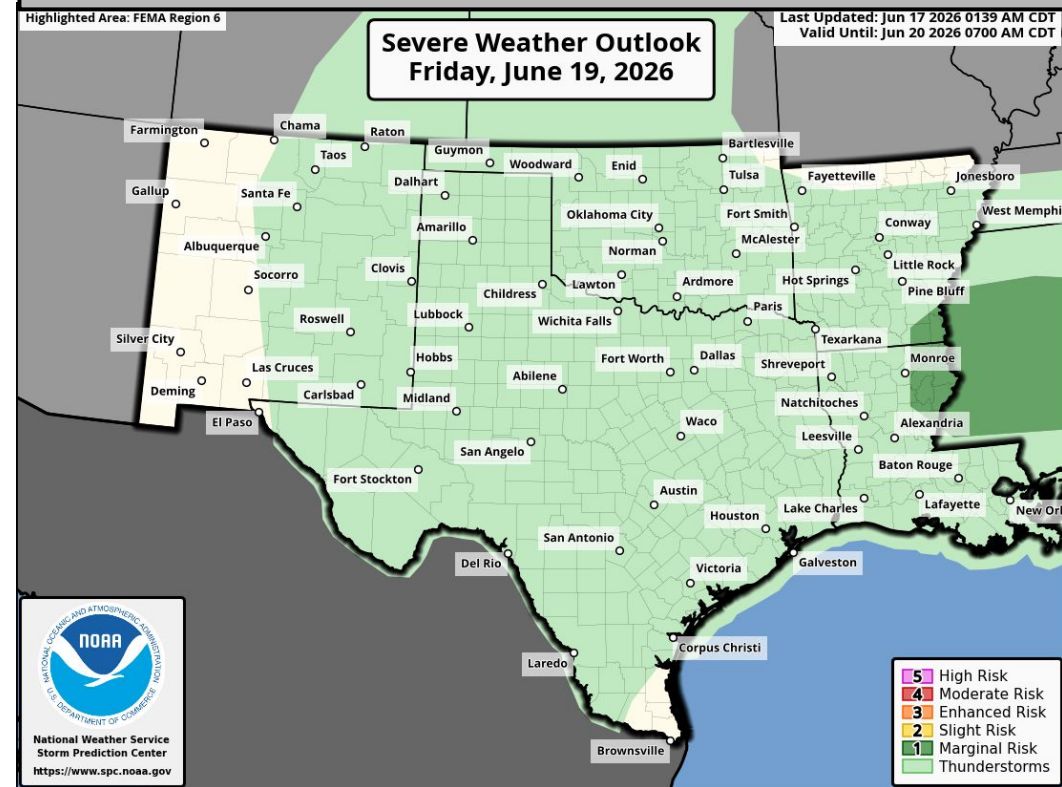
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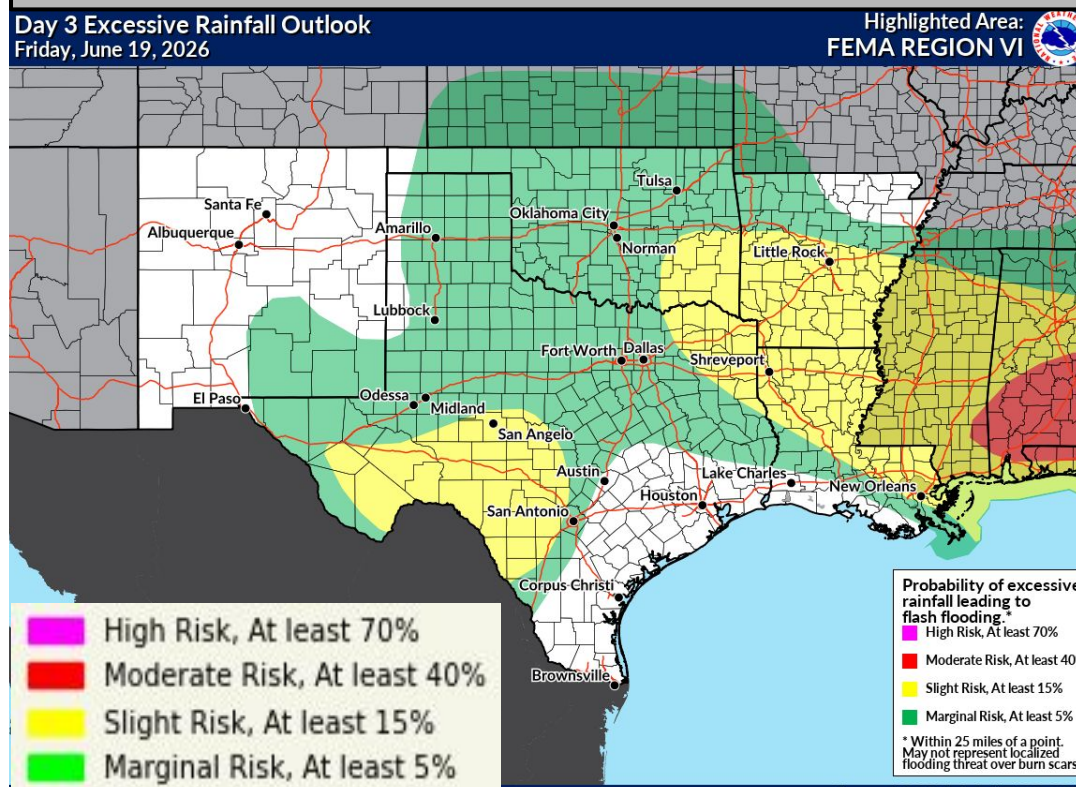
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding SW/NE TX, LA, SE OK, AR. Rain soaked areas susceptible to flash flooding. 2-4", locally 6-8".

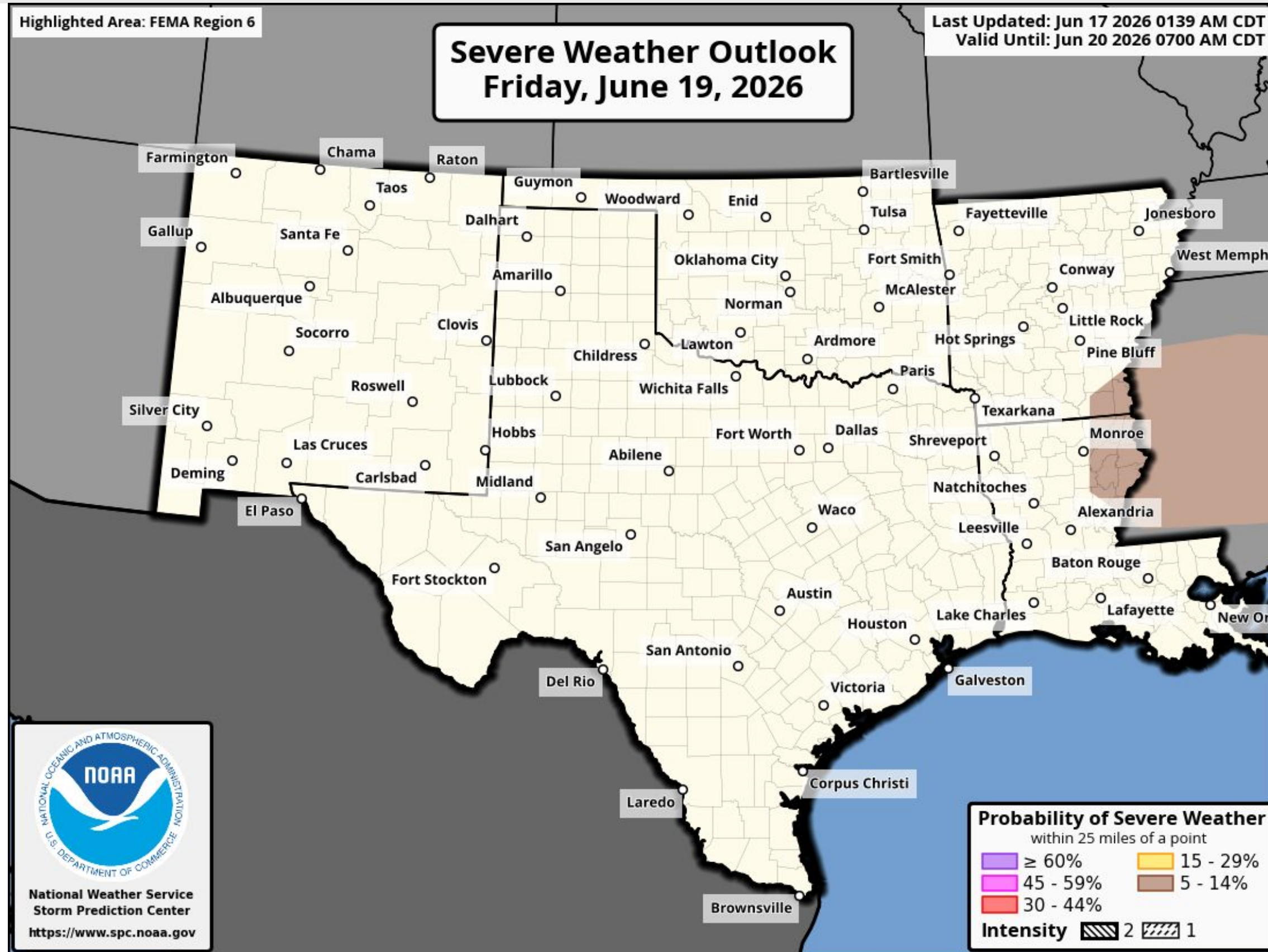
Locally elevated fire weather concerns in NW NM.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE AR, E LA

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides



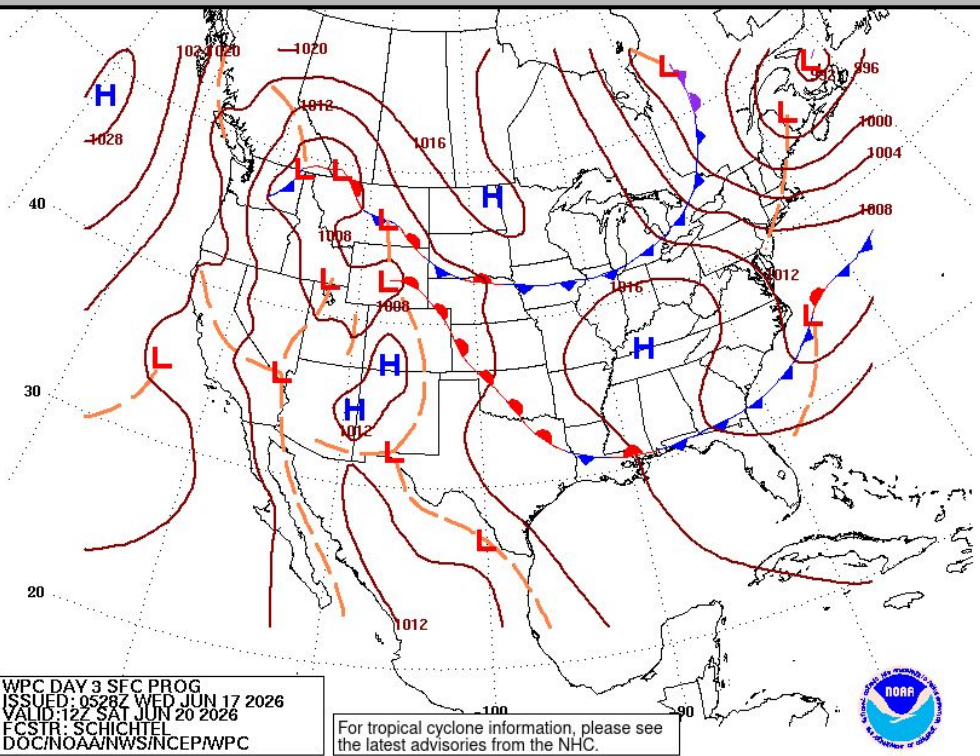
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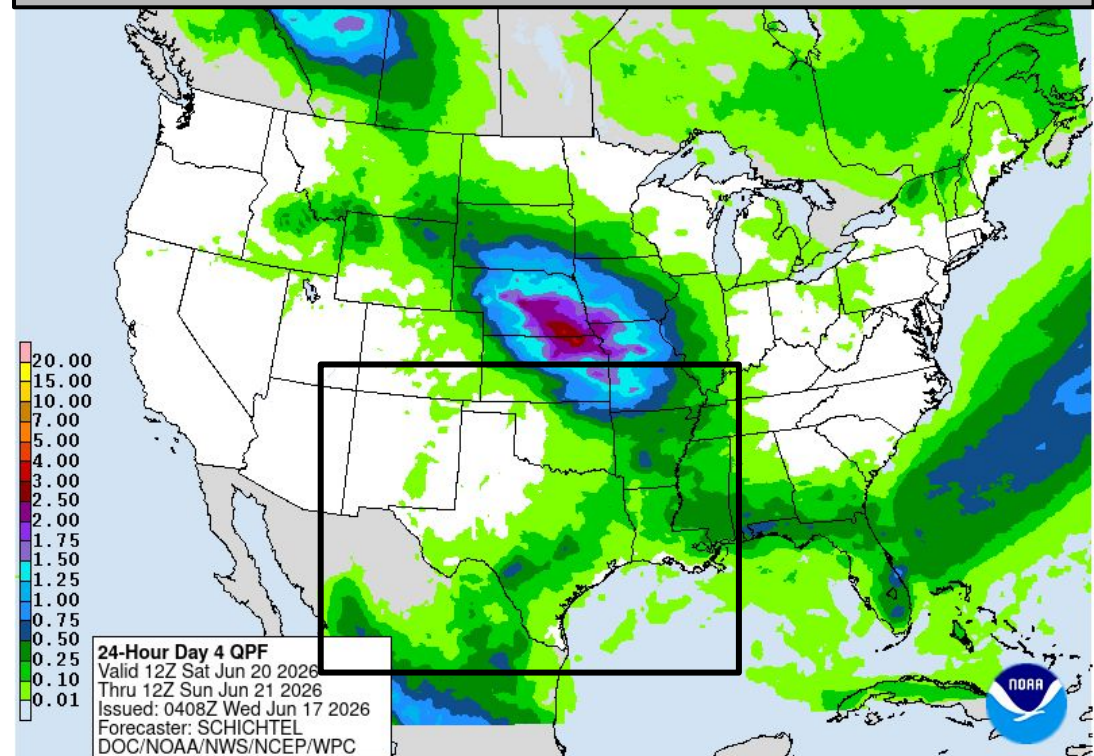


Saturday's Weather

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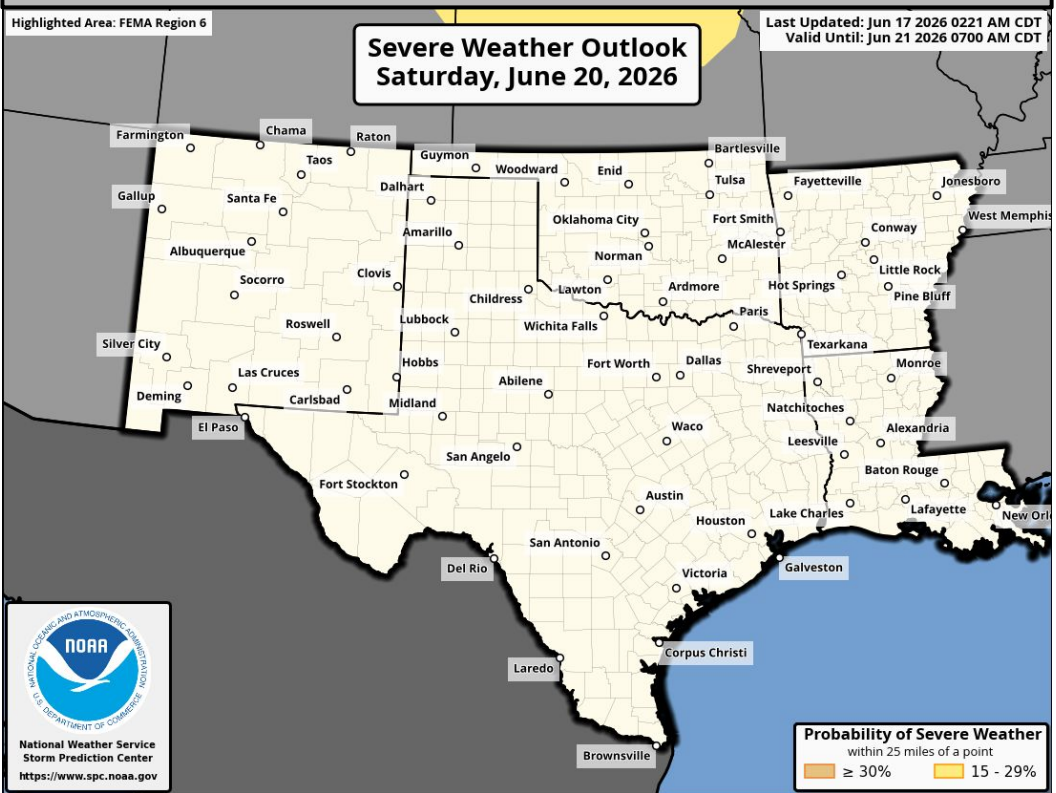
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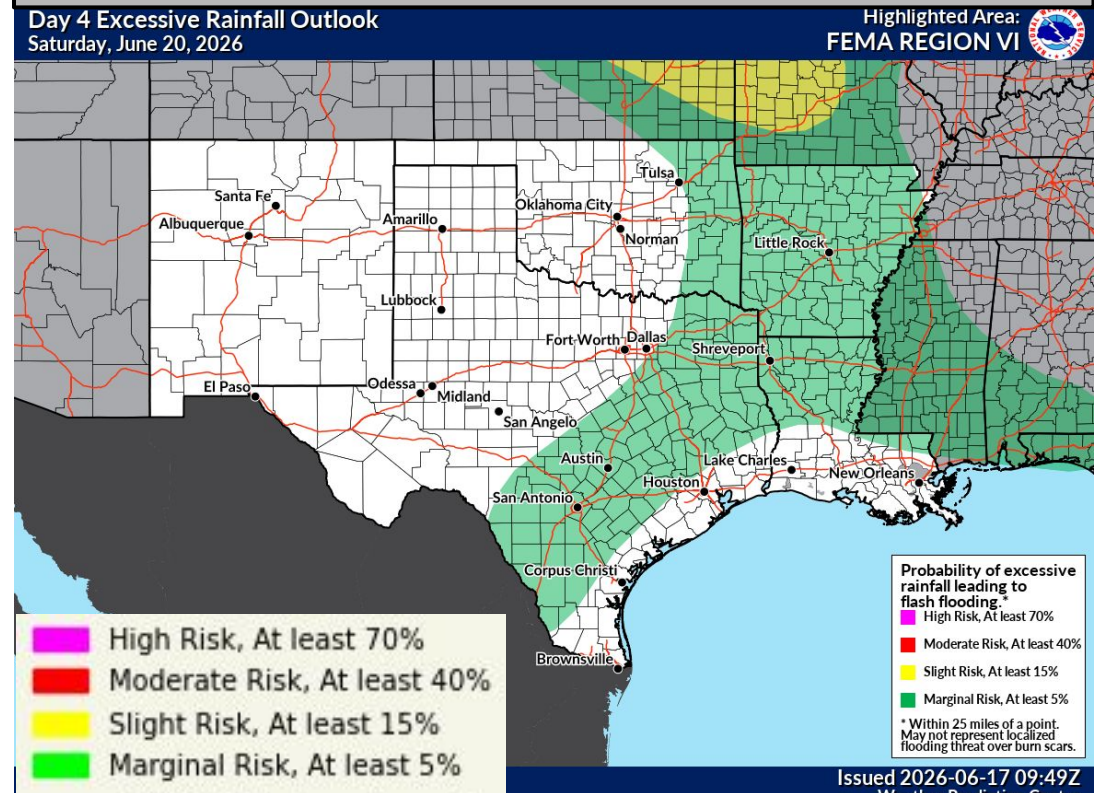
Monitoring E OK, AR, SW-NETX, LA for heavy rainfall.

Monitoring for elevated fire weather concerns in NW NM.

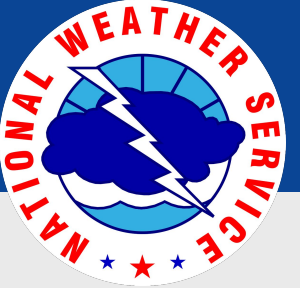
Severe Weather Outlook



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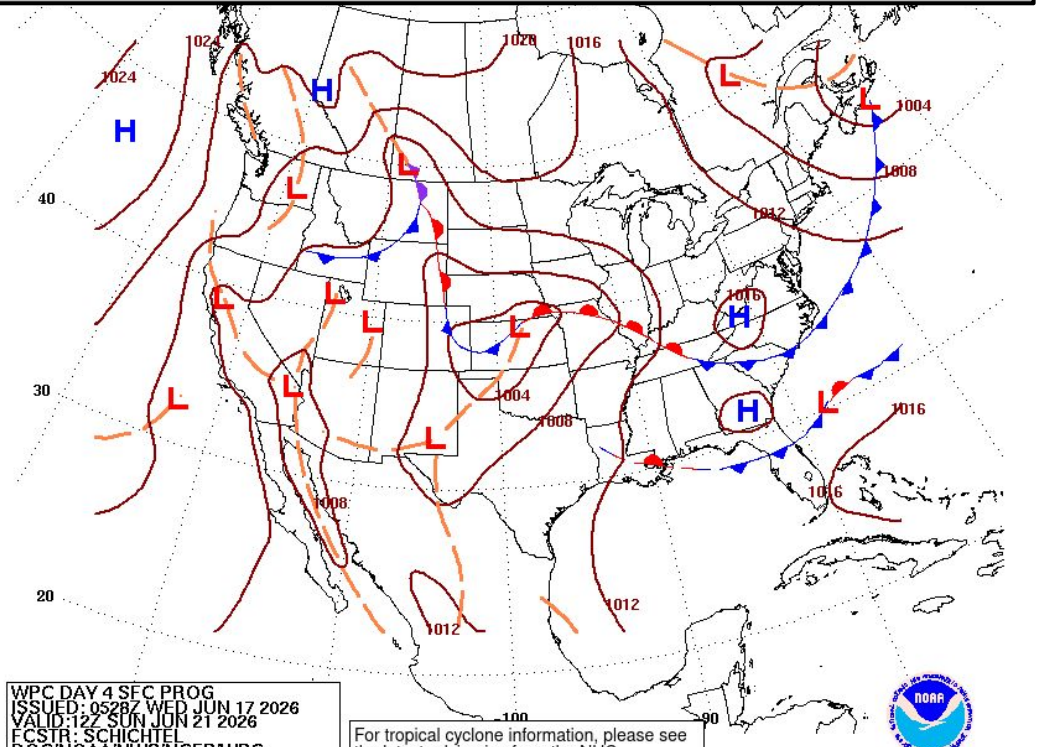


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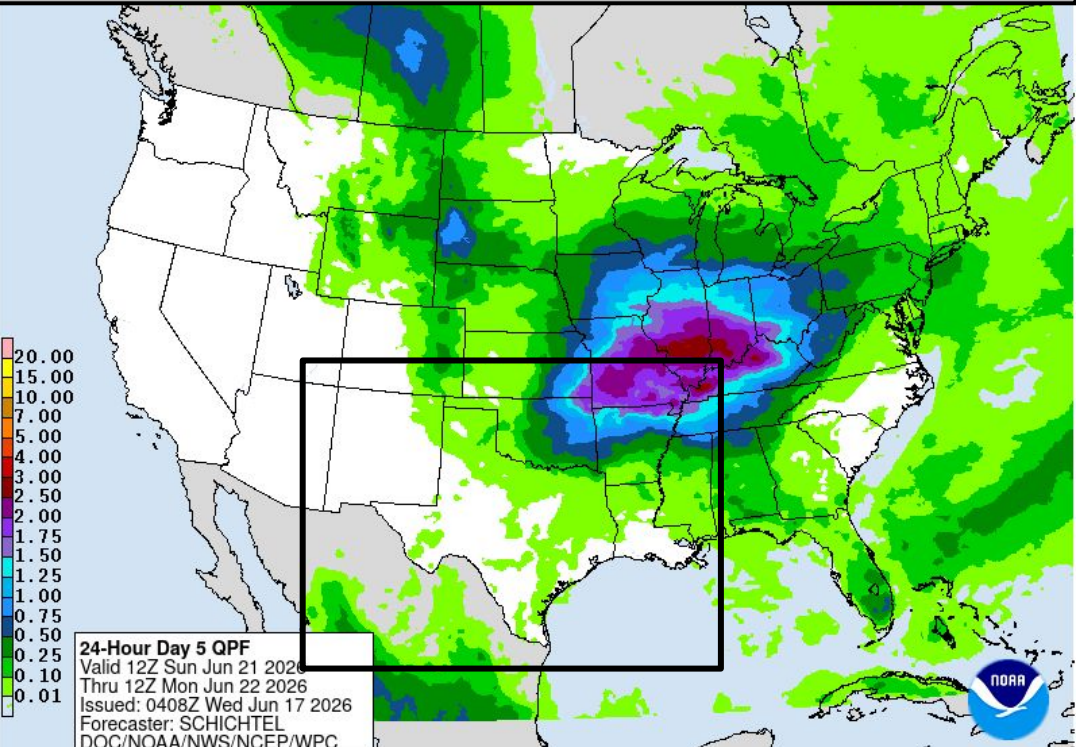
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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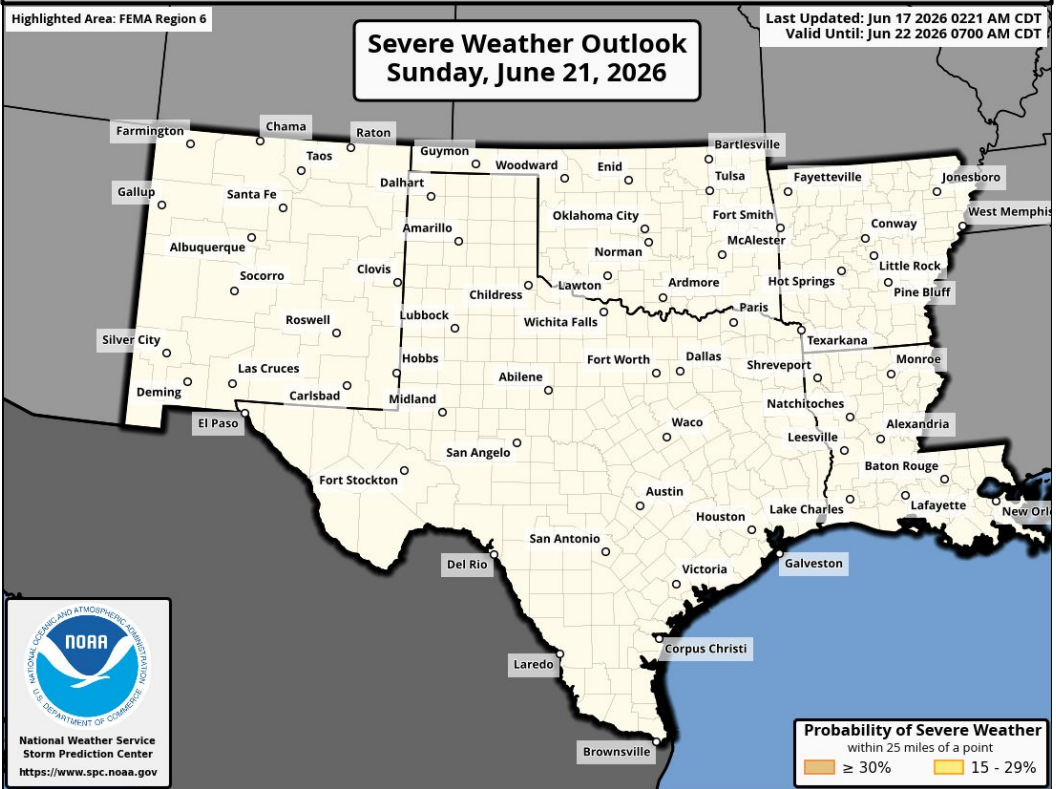


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Minor heat (level 2 of 5) risk in NWTX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) in OK, AR for heavy rainfall.

Severe Weather Outlook

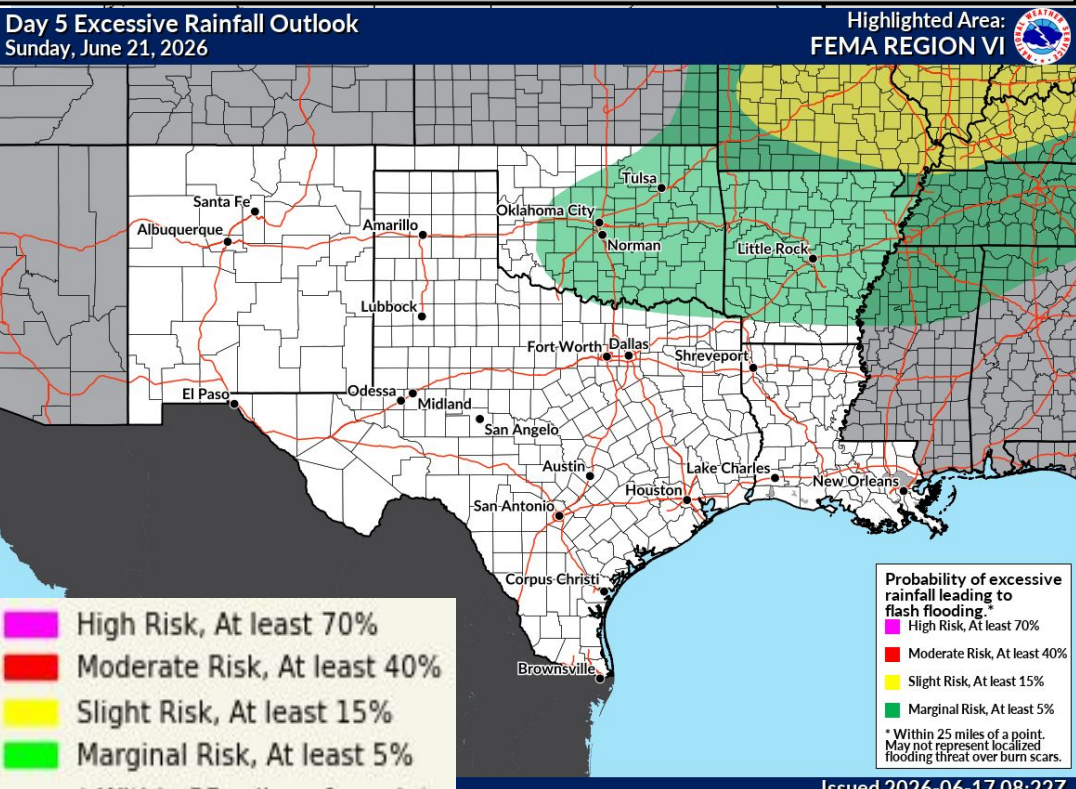


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Valid Until: Jun 22 2026 0700 AM CDT

Severe Weather Outlook Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook Sunday, June 21, 2026

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%

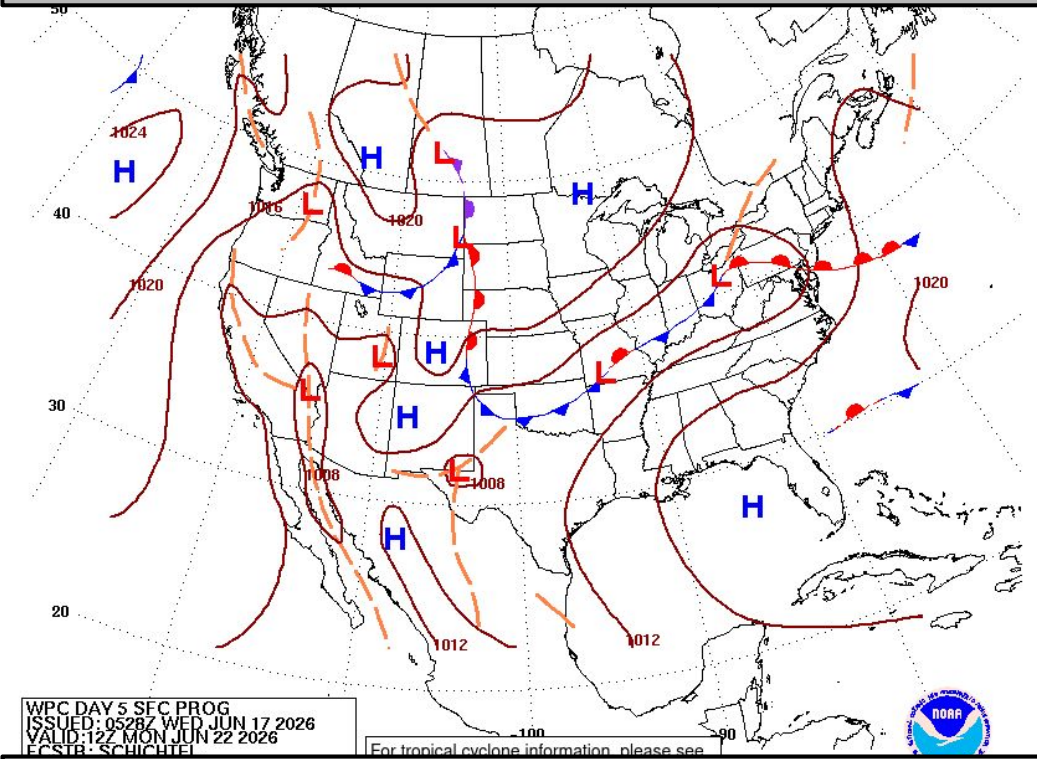
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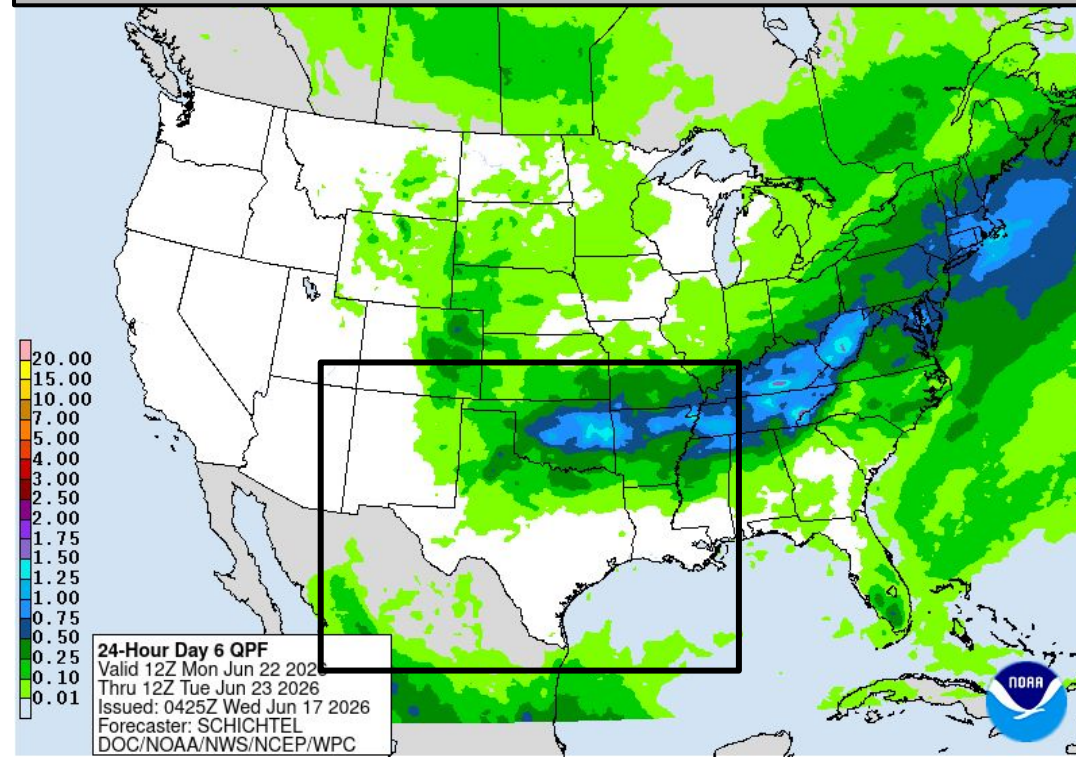
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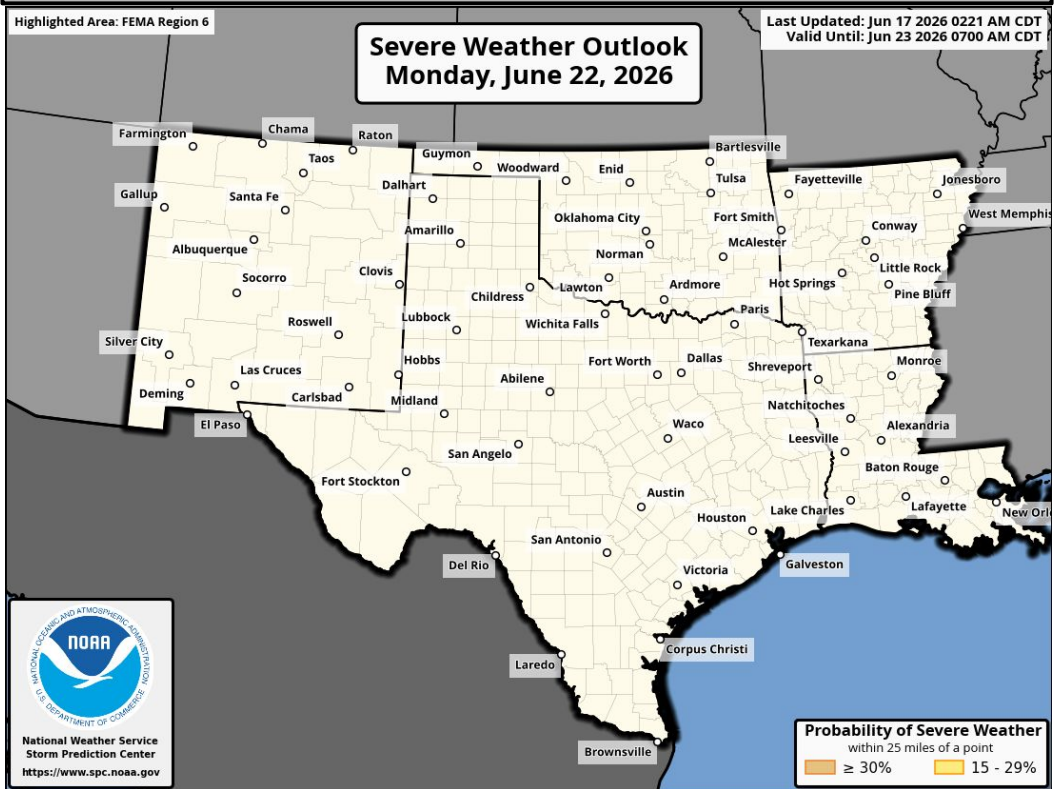
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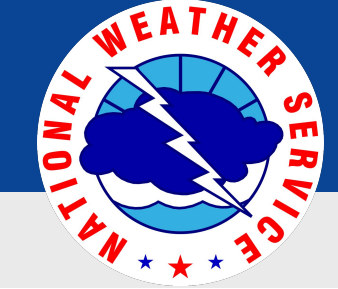
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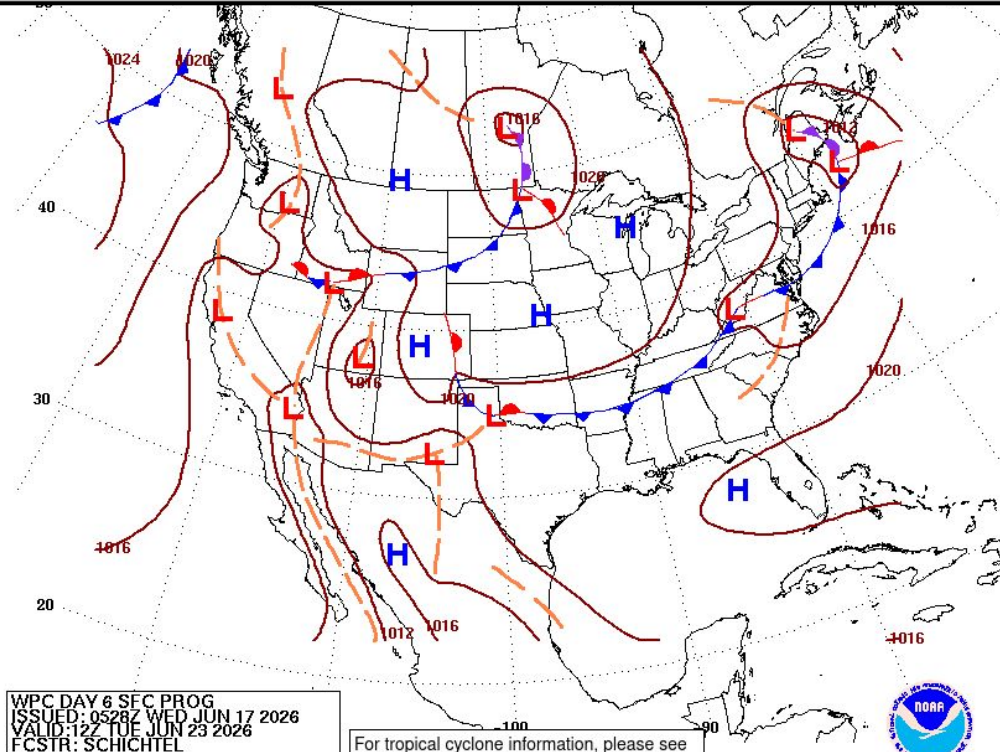


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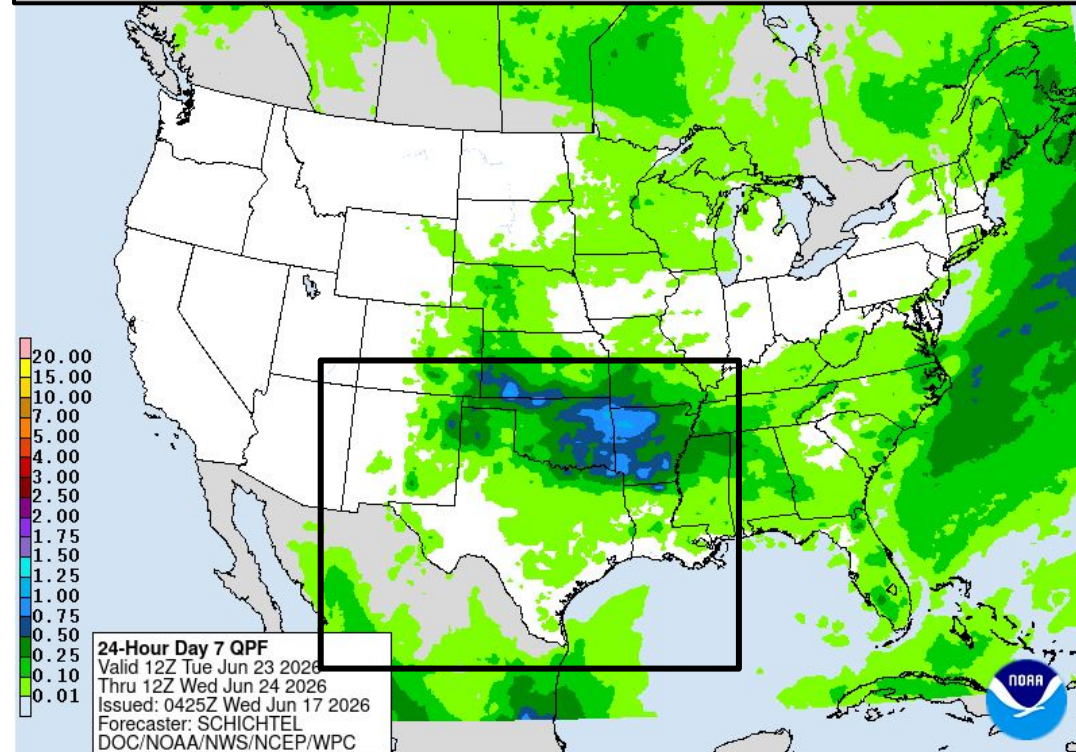
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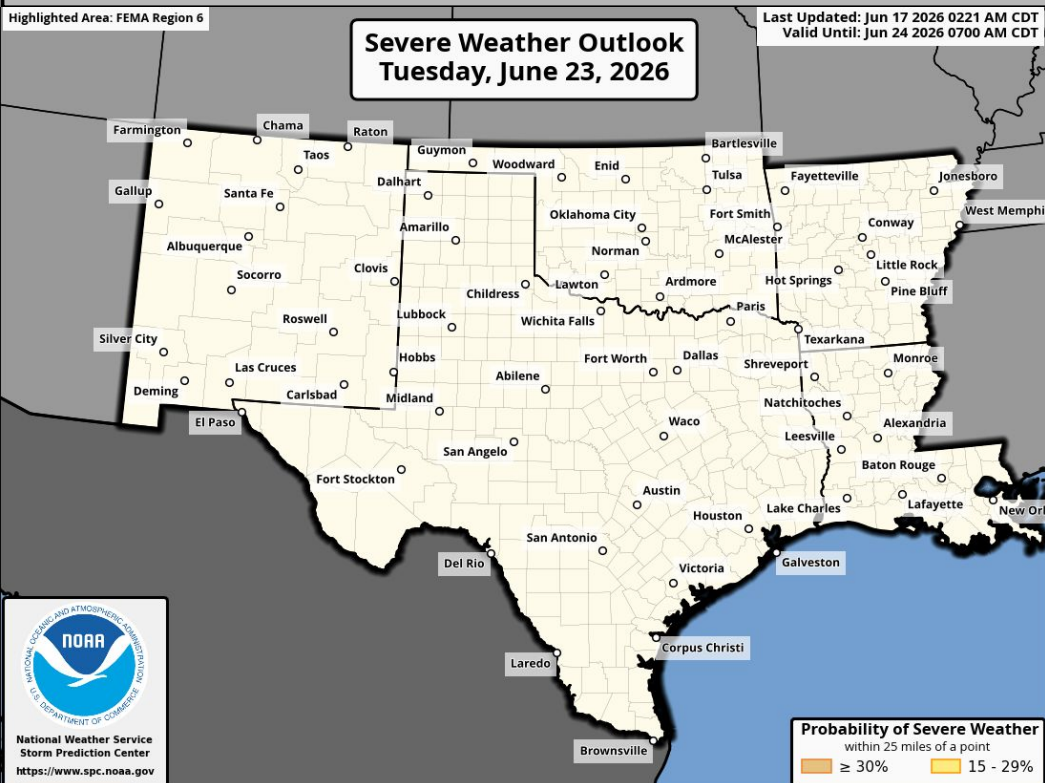
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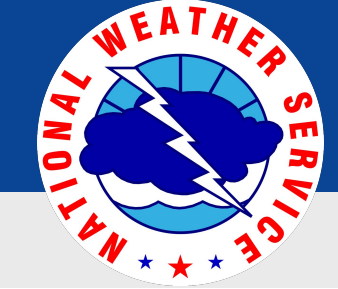
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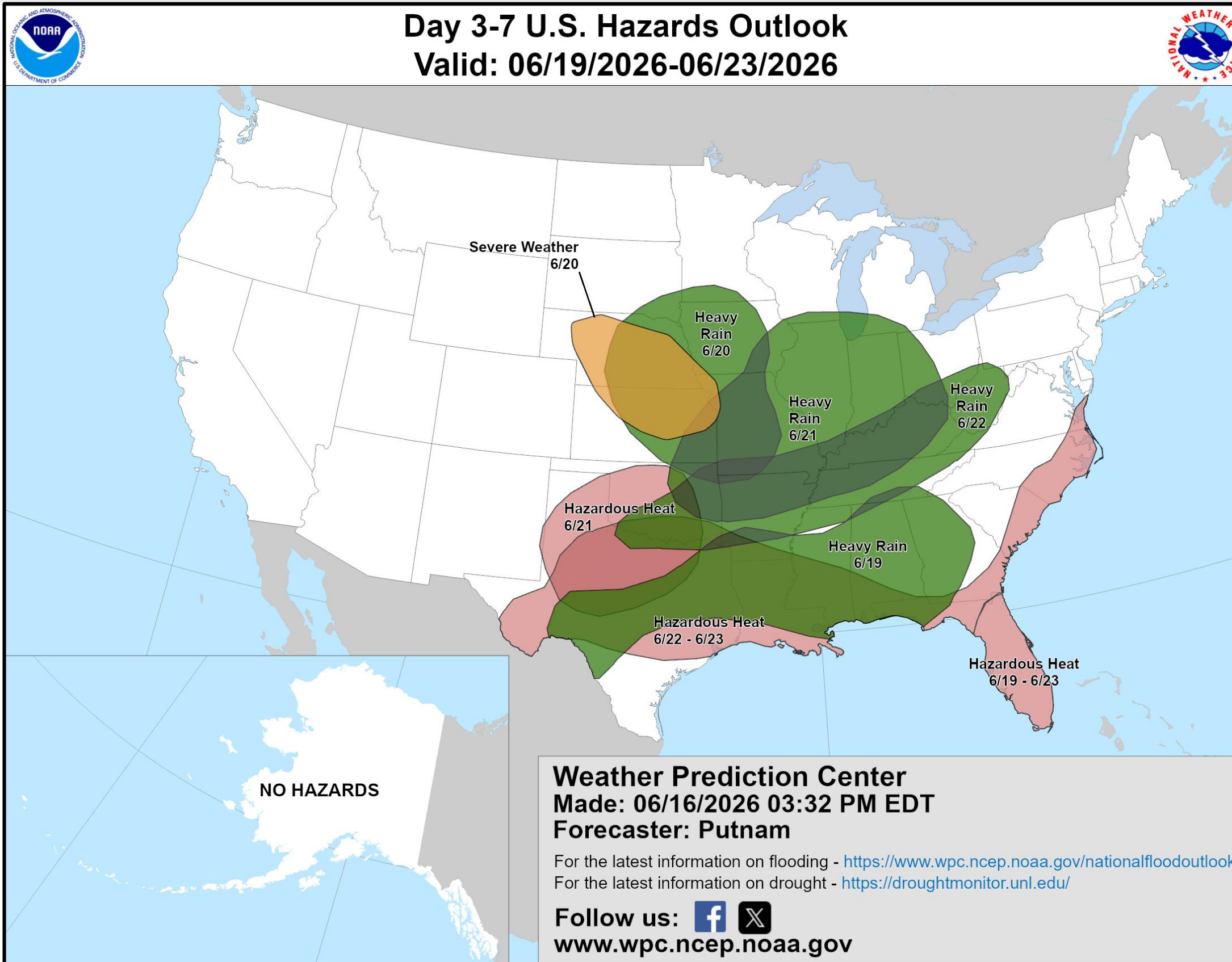
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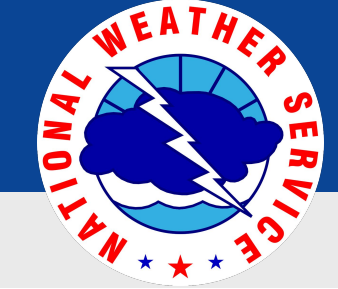


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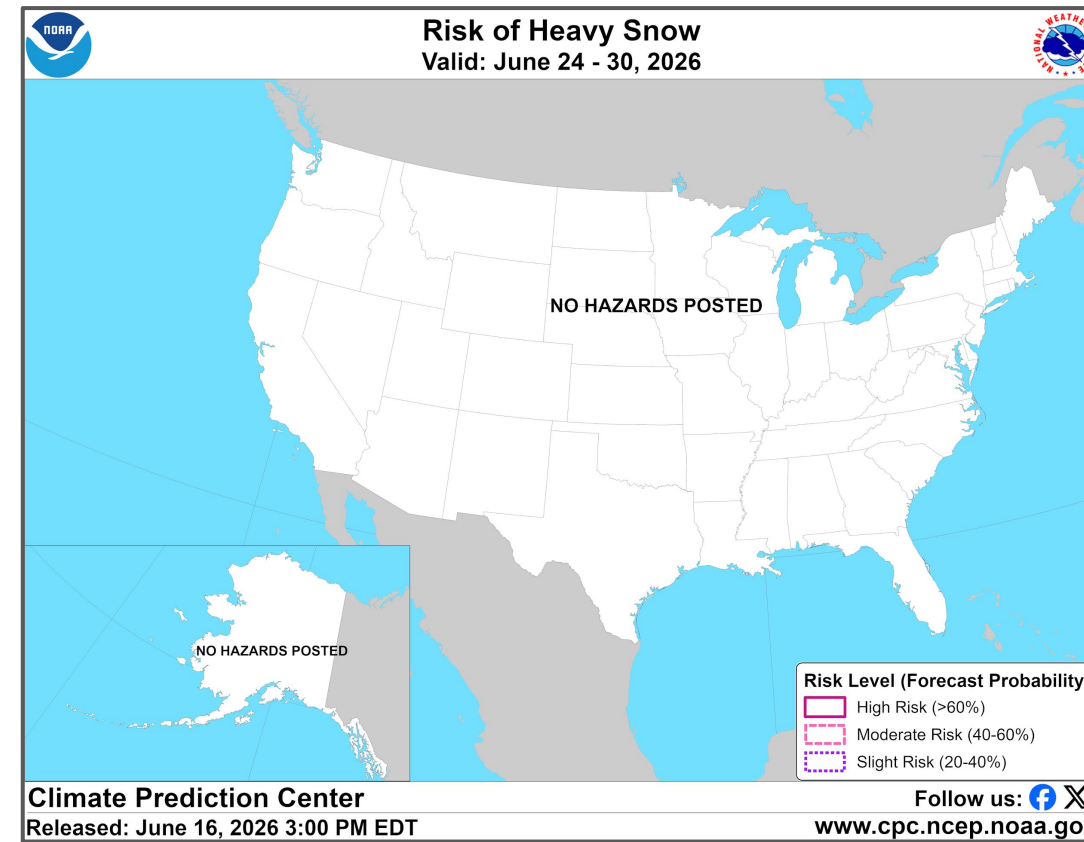
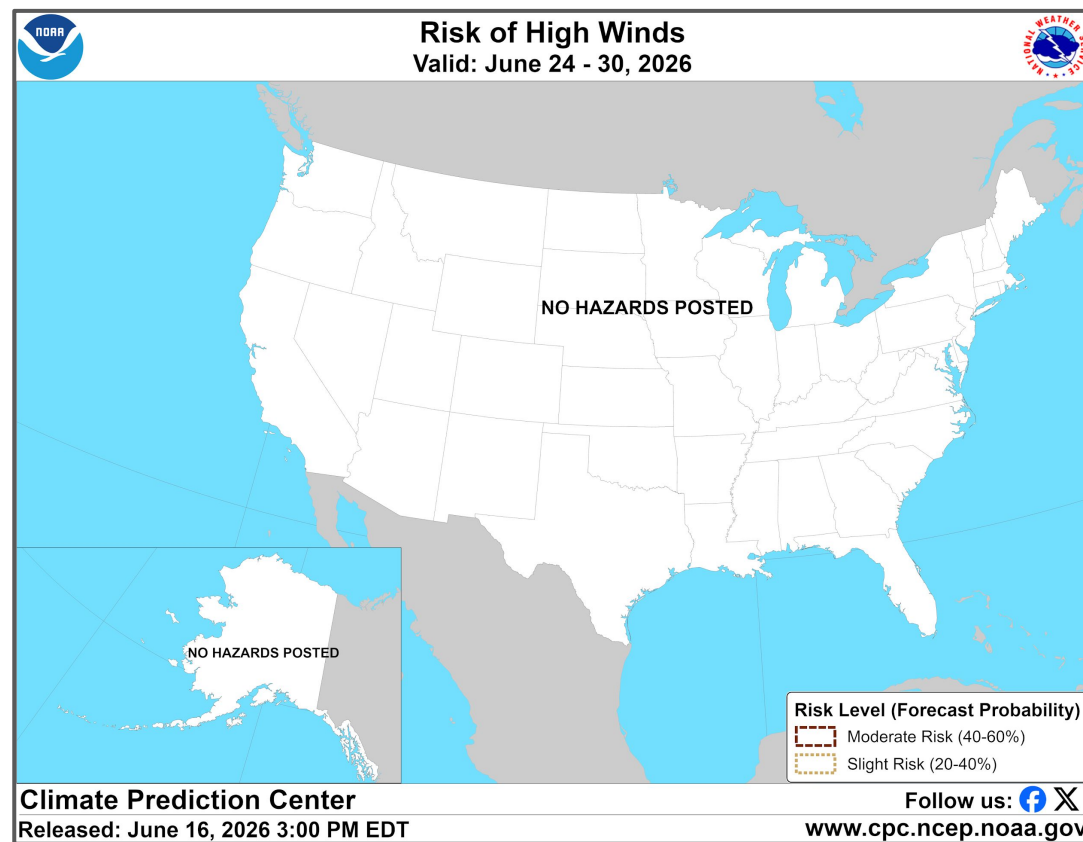
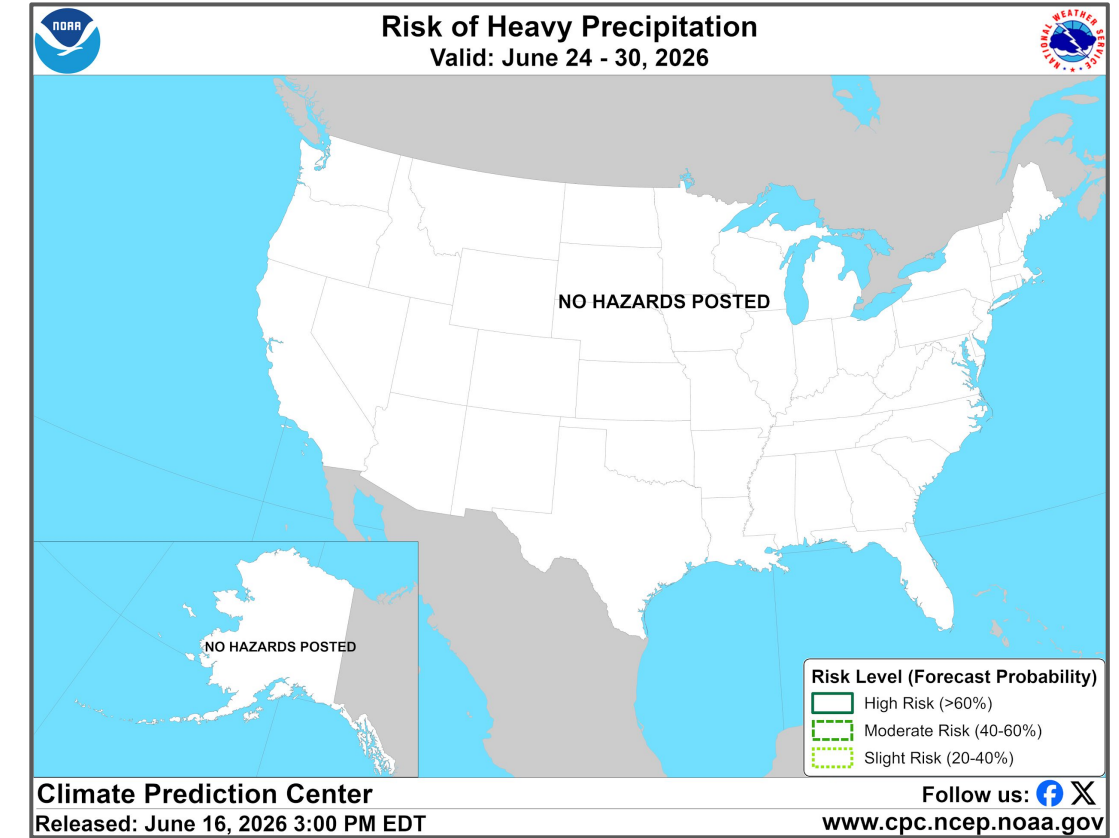
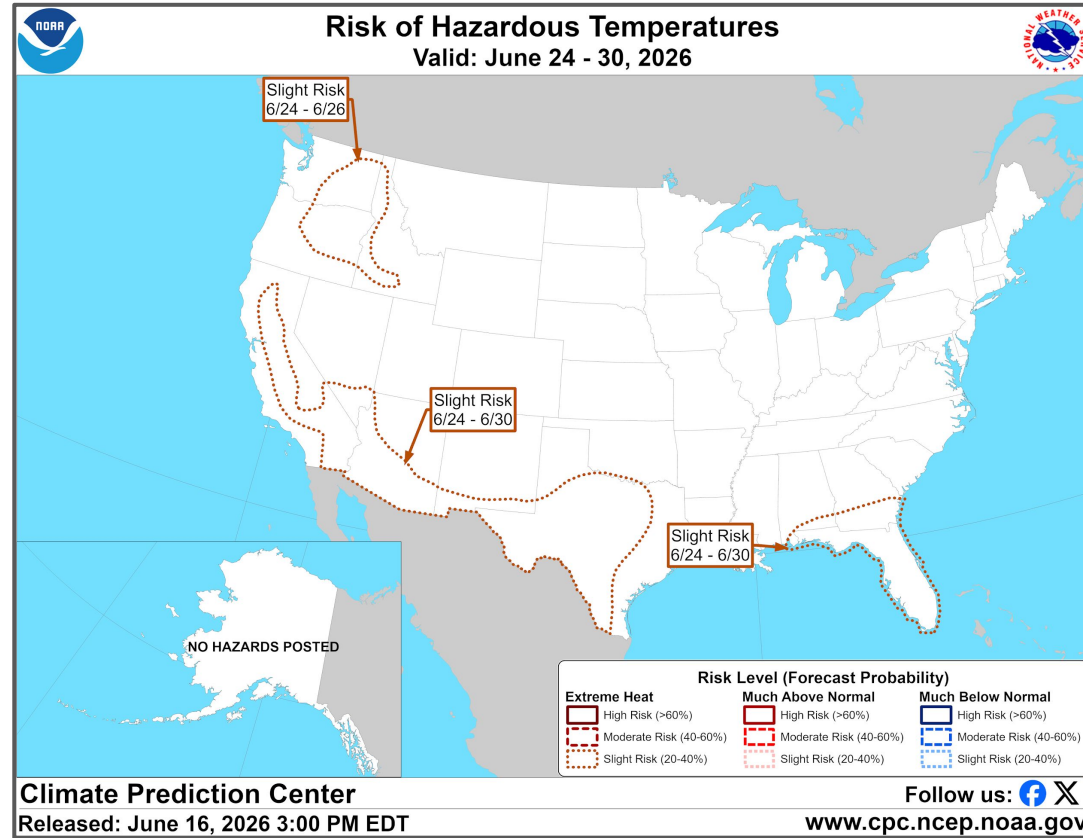
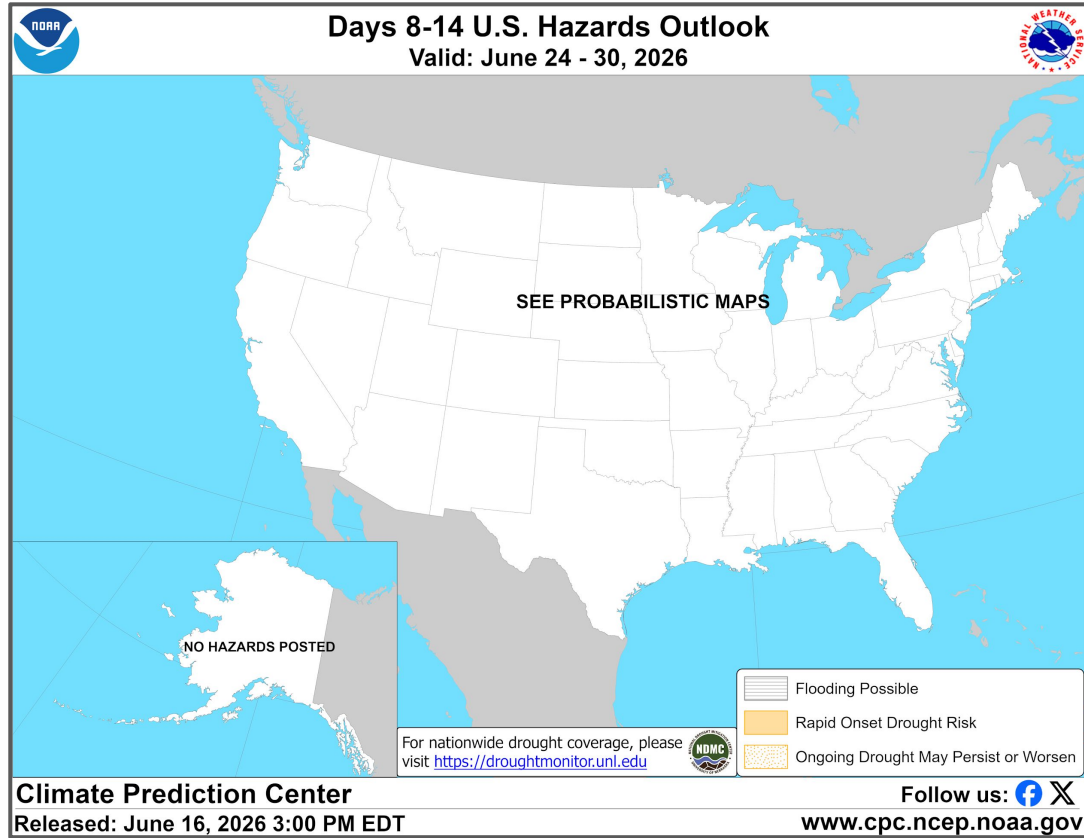


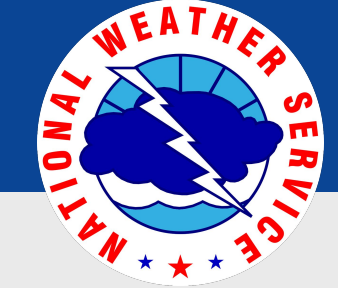
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





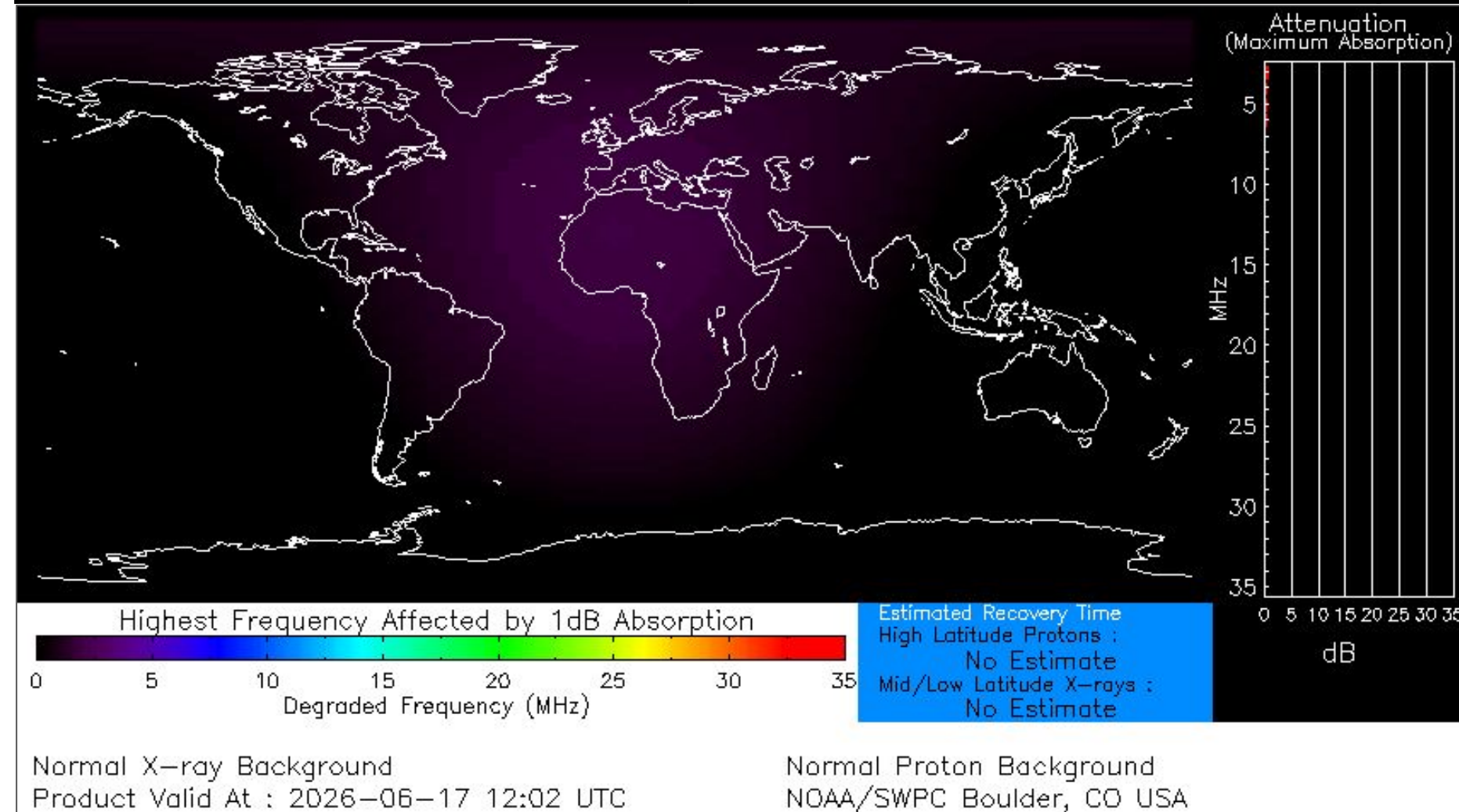
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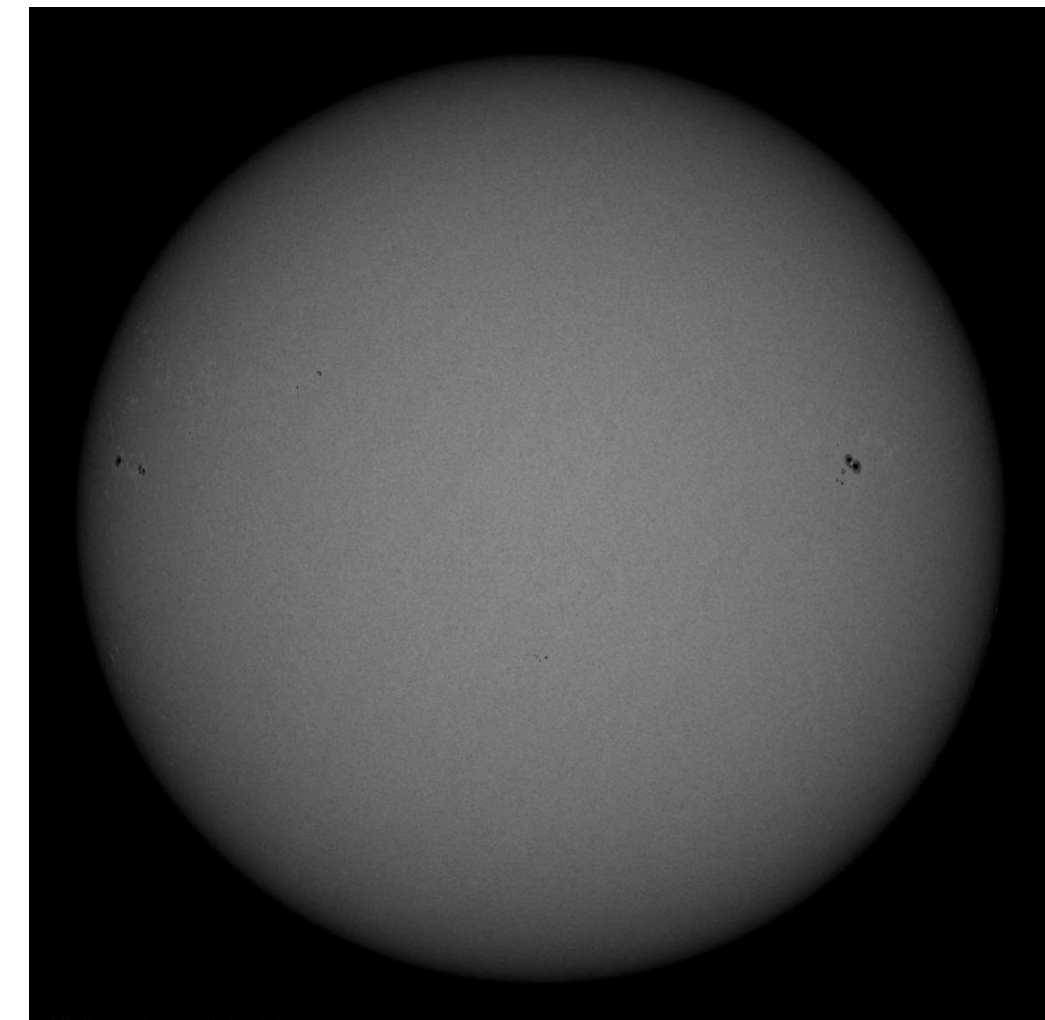
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Jun 17	Thursday, Jun 18	Friday, Jun 19
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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;">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

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