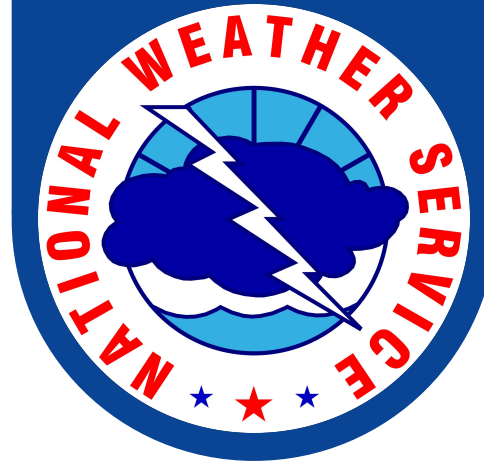




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, June 18, 2026

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Moderate risk with a locally high risk (levels 3-4 of 4) today over SE LA with a Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over SW OK, NE AR, NW TX and E LA; slight risk for S OK, S AR, TX, LA on Friday with a marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over E OK, E/S TX, AR and LA on Saturday. Slight risk Sunday over NE OK and N AR. Marginal risk over OK, N TX, AR and N LA on Monday.

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over far SE LA with a marginal risk (level 1 of 5) over NW TX, OK, N AR, SE LA today. Marginal risk in S AR, NE TX, N LA and SE OK on Friday and for OK/TX Panhandles Saturday. Monitoring severe potential in TX, OK, AR on Sunday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Moderate to Major river flooding in S LA will inundate numerous homes and roads.

- **Heat:**

- Moderate risk in TX, LA, and locally Major in W TX, for today. Minor to moderate risk Friday-Wednesday in TX/LA.

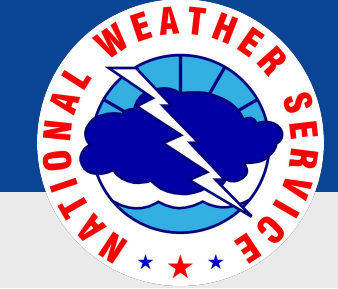
- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated concerns Friday and Saturday in NW NM.

- **Tropical:**

- There is a 10% chance of cyclone formation in the Atlantic from the remnants of Arthur in the next 7 days.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Jun 18	Friday, Jun 19	Saturday, Jun 20	Sunday, Jun 21	Monday, Jun 22	Tuesday, Jun 23	Wednesday, Jun 24
Severe Storms	NW TX, OK, N AR, SE LA	S AR, NE TX, SE OK, N LA	OK/TX Panhandles	Monitoring for TX, OK, AR			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE LA	S OK, S AR, TX, LA	E OK, E/S TX, AR, LA	NE OK, N AR	OK, N TX, AR, N LA	Monitoring OK and AR	
	SW OK, NE AR, NW TX, E LA						
Fire Weather		Far NW NM	NW NM				
Heat	S/W TX	S/SE TX, S LA	E TX, SE LA	TX, LA, SE OK	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX/LA
	TX, LA						
Tropical							
River Flooding	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA

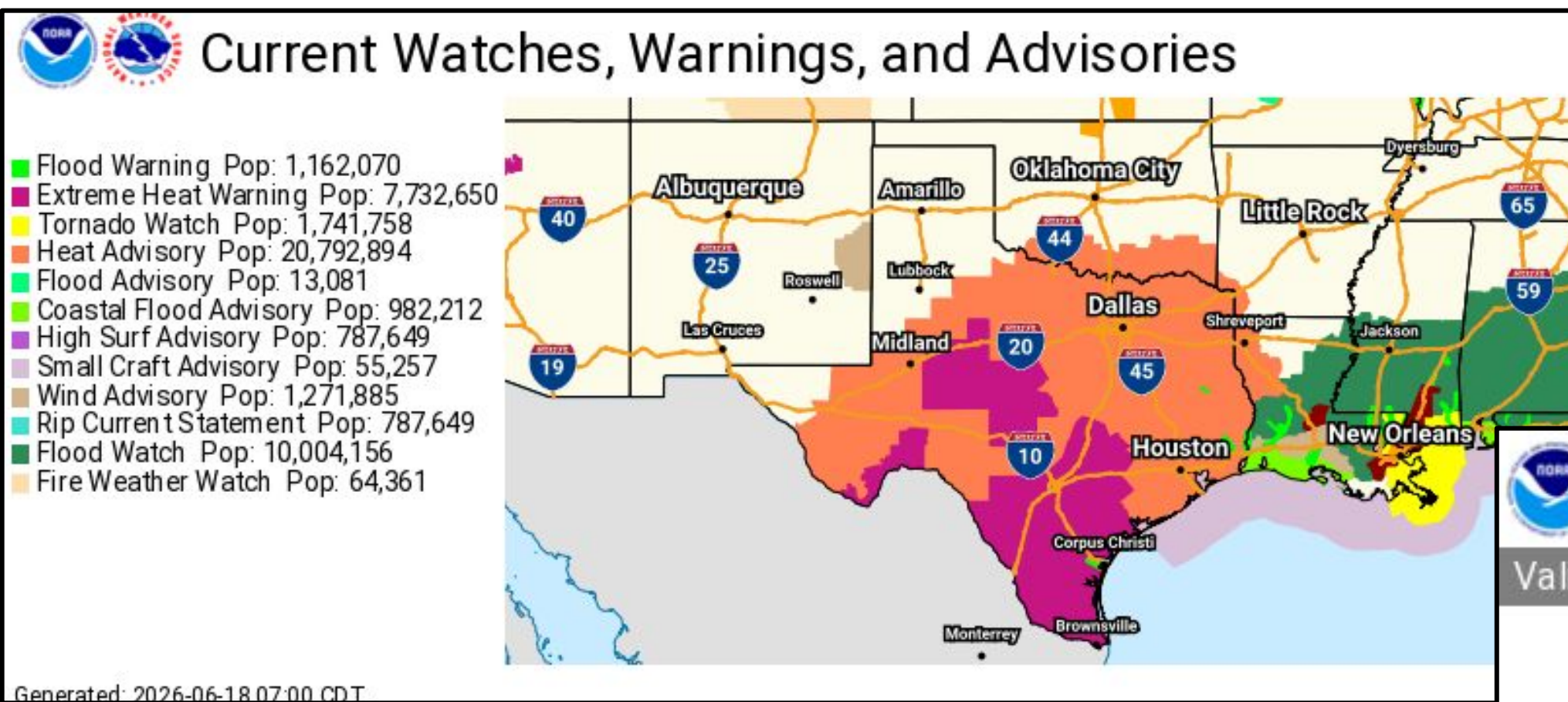
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Current Radar/Hazards



Flood watches across much of LA.

Tornado Watch in SE LA.

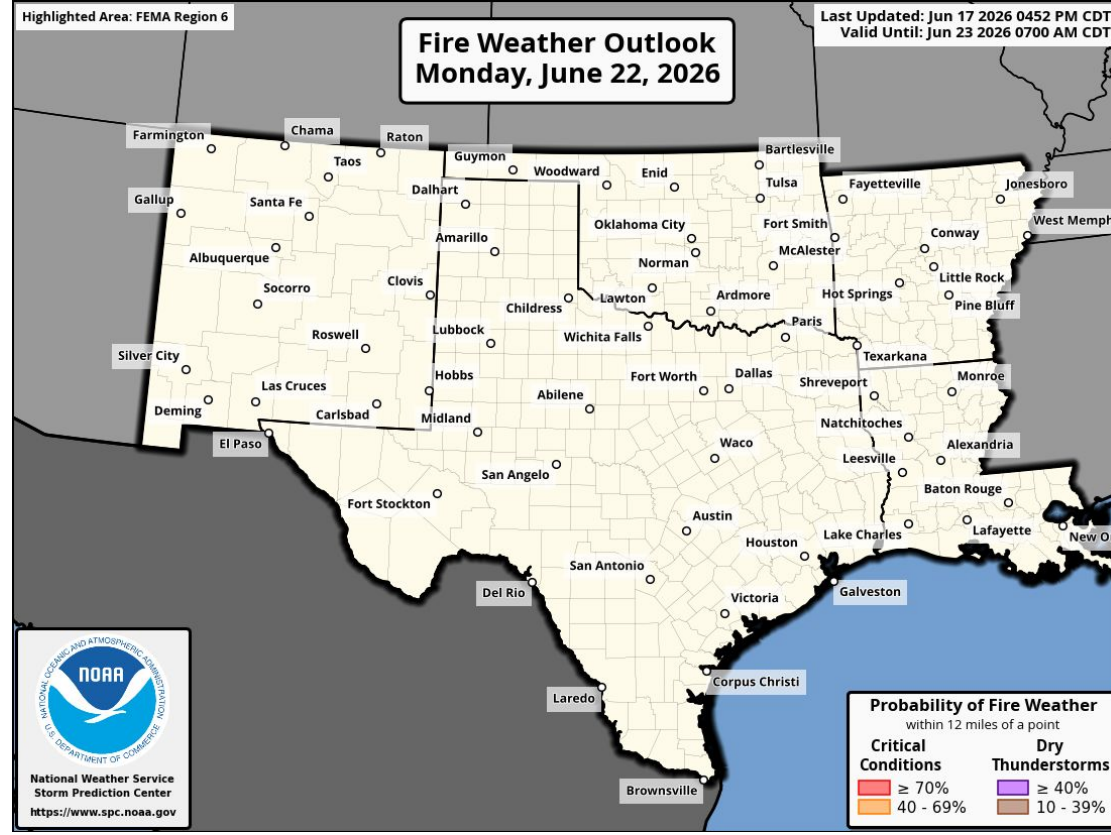
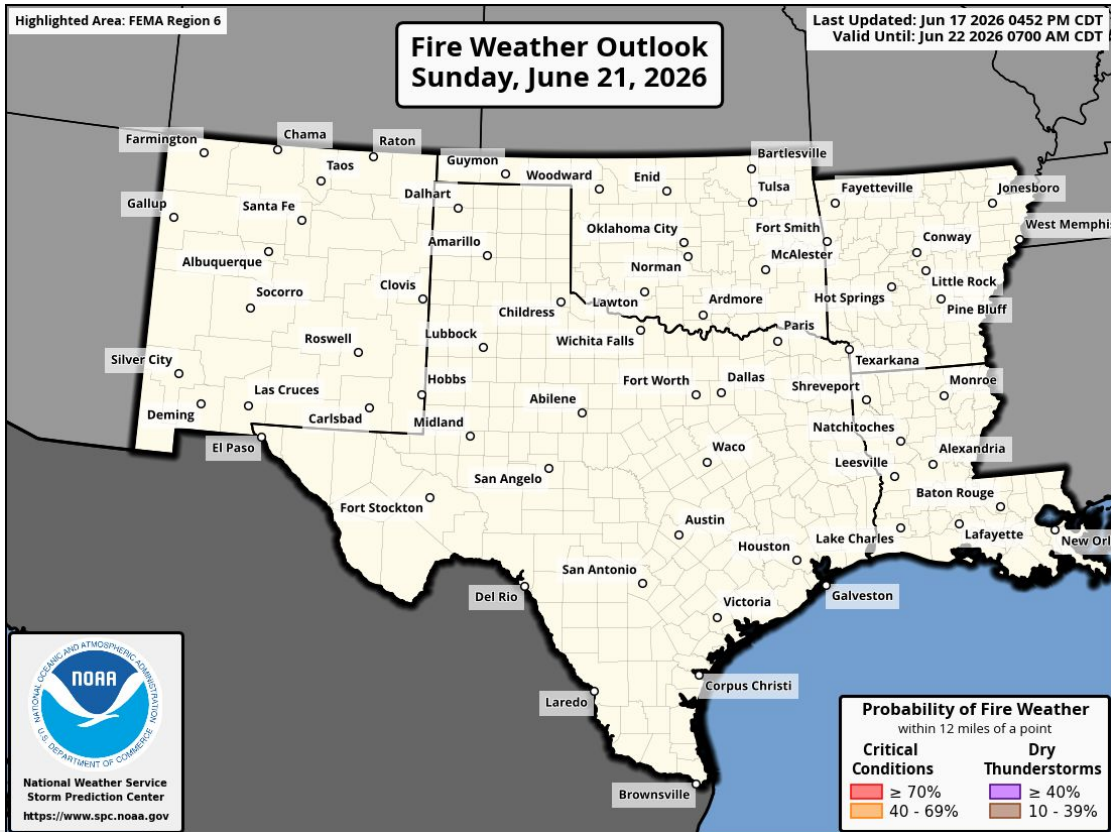
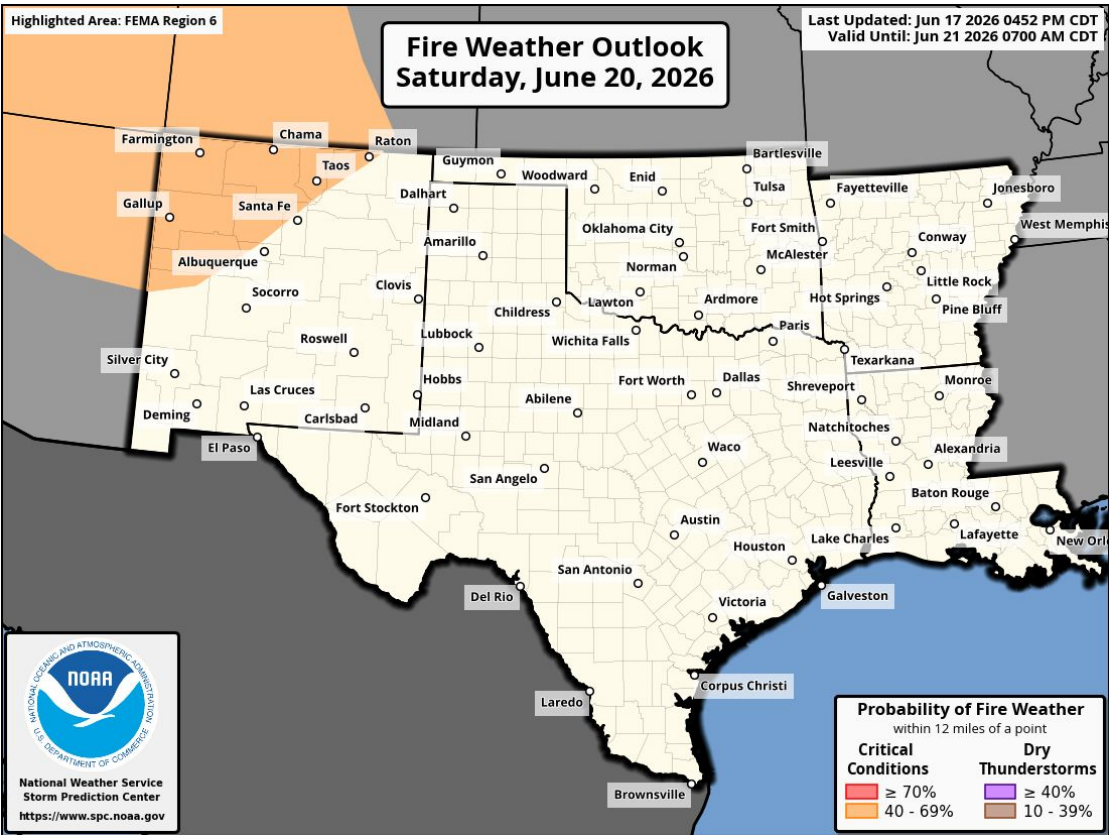
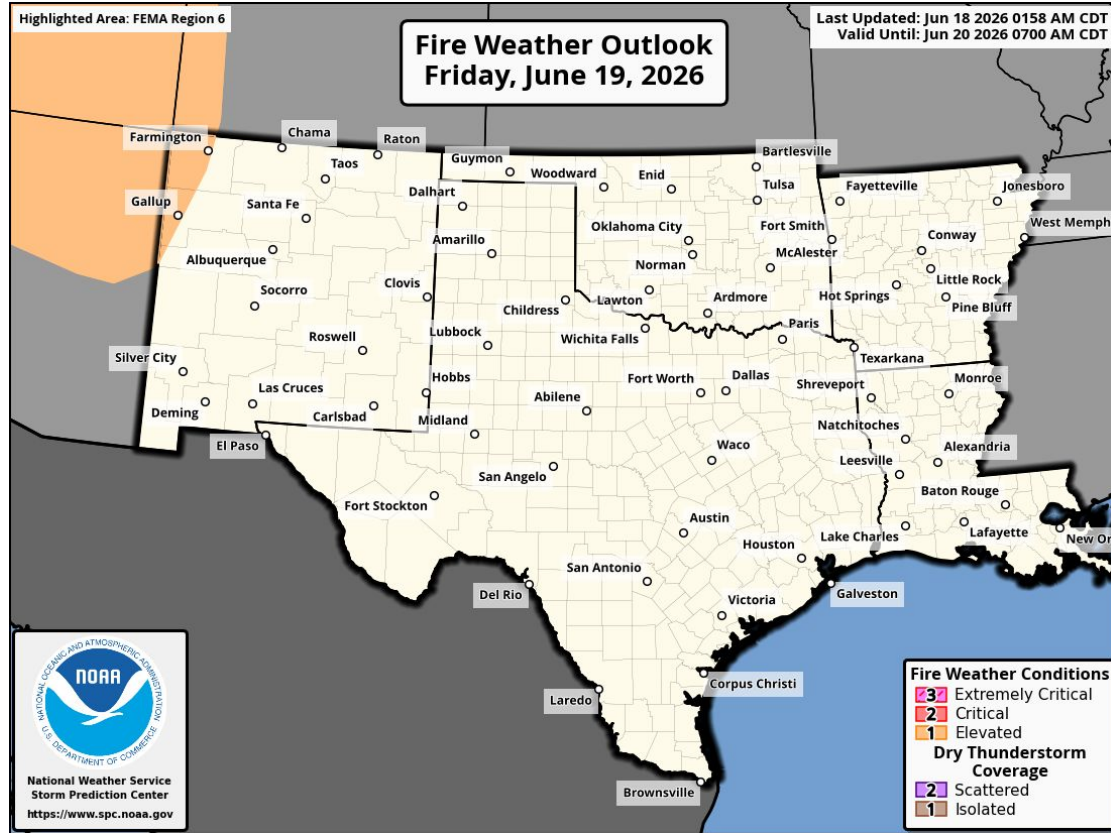
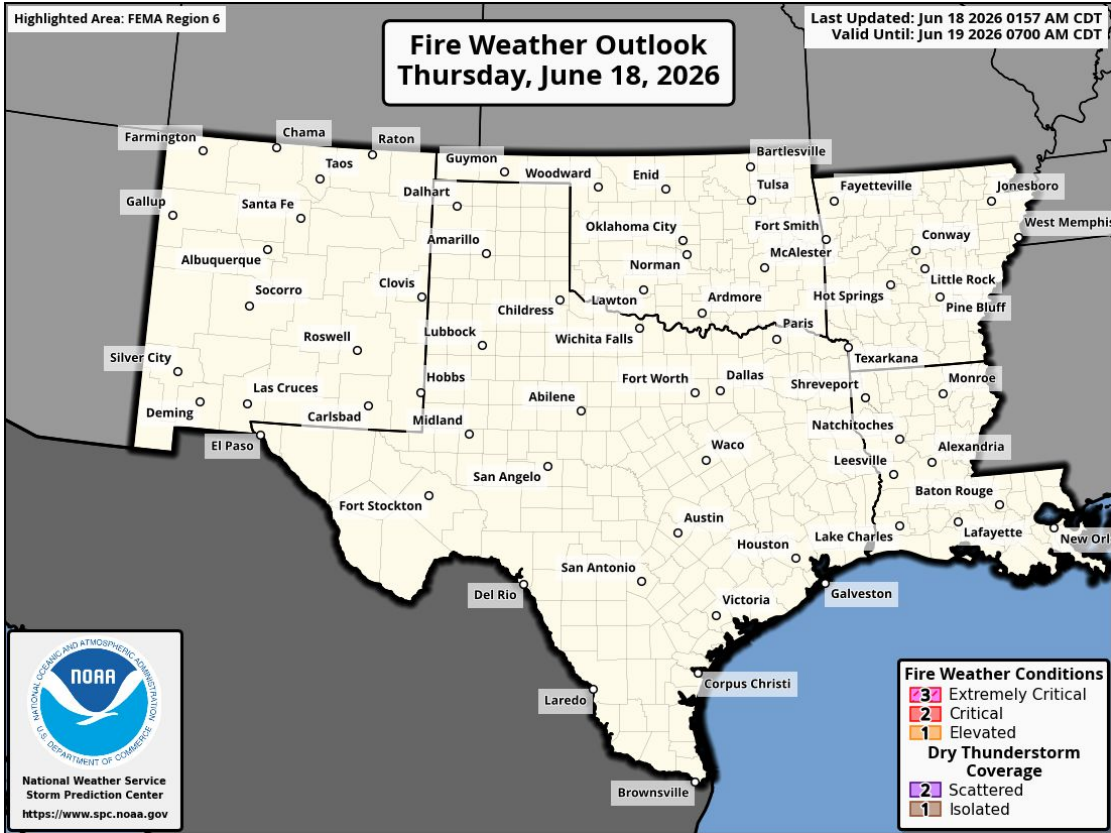
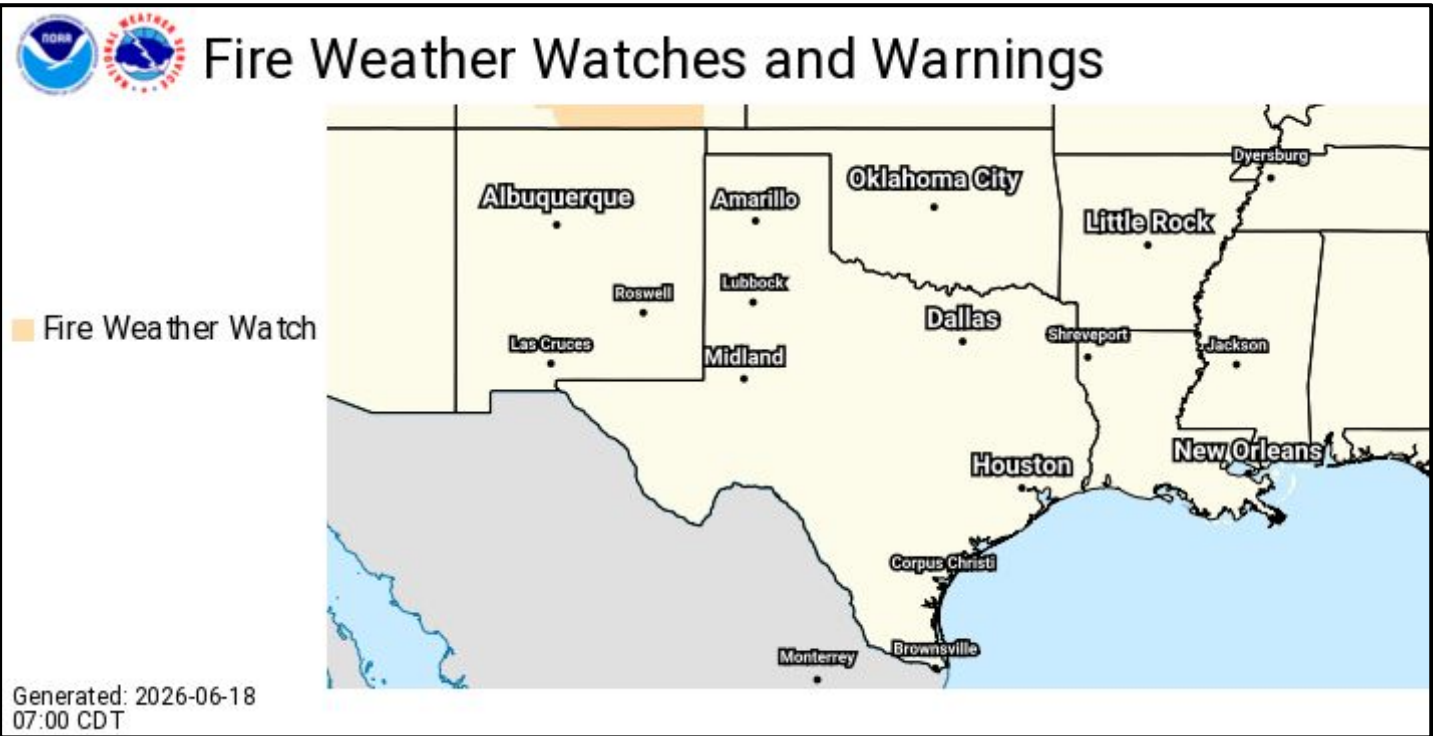
Numerous Flood Warnings.

Heat Advisories and Extreme Heat Warnings in S OK, TX, and W LA; likely more heat headlines on Friday.





Fire Weather Outlooks

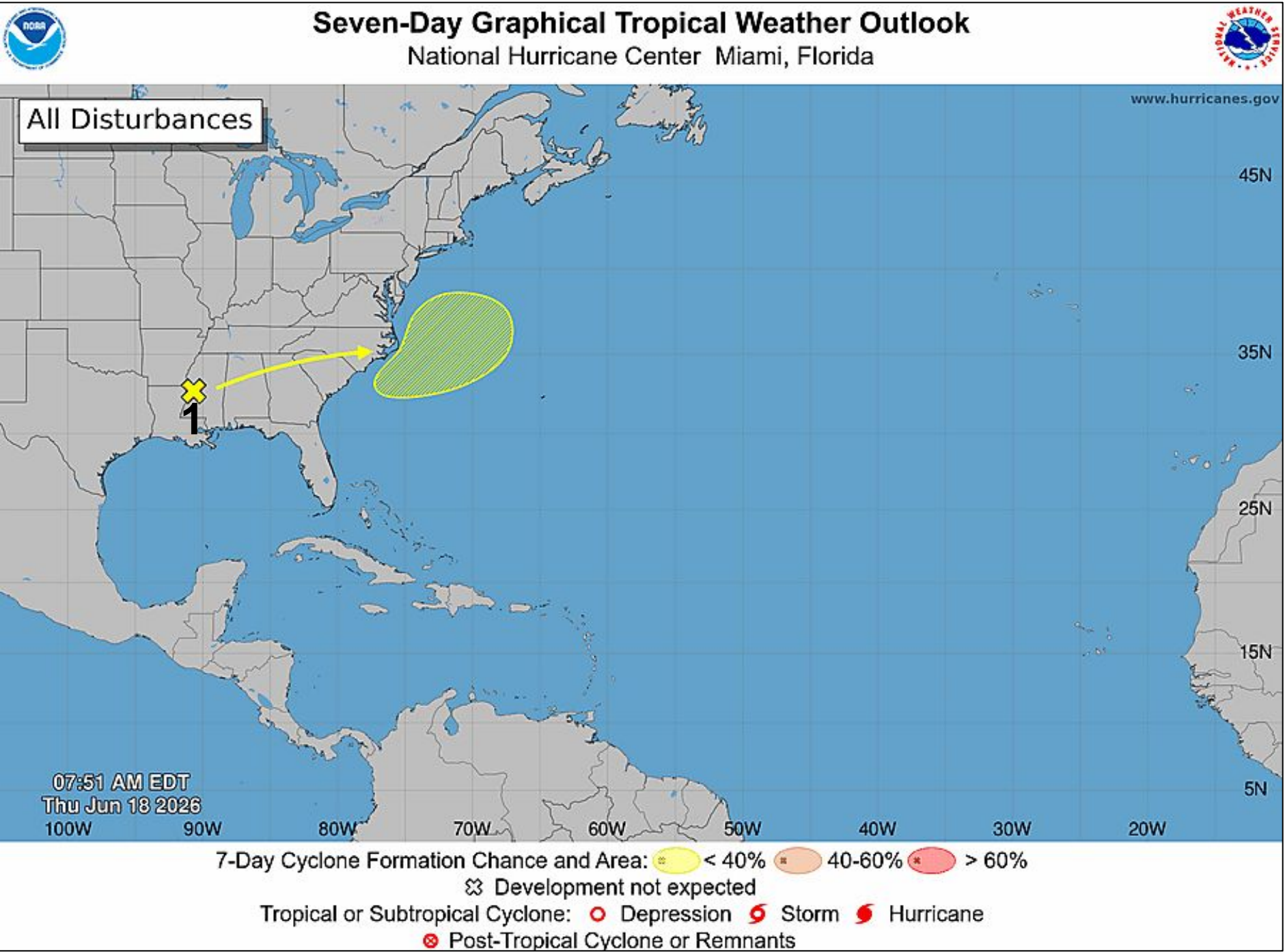




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	10%	none

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



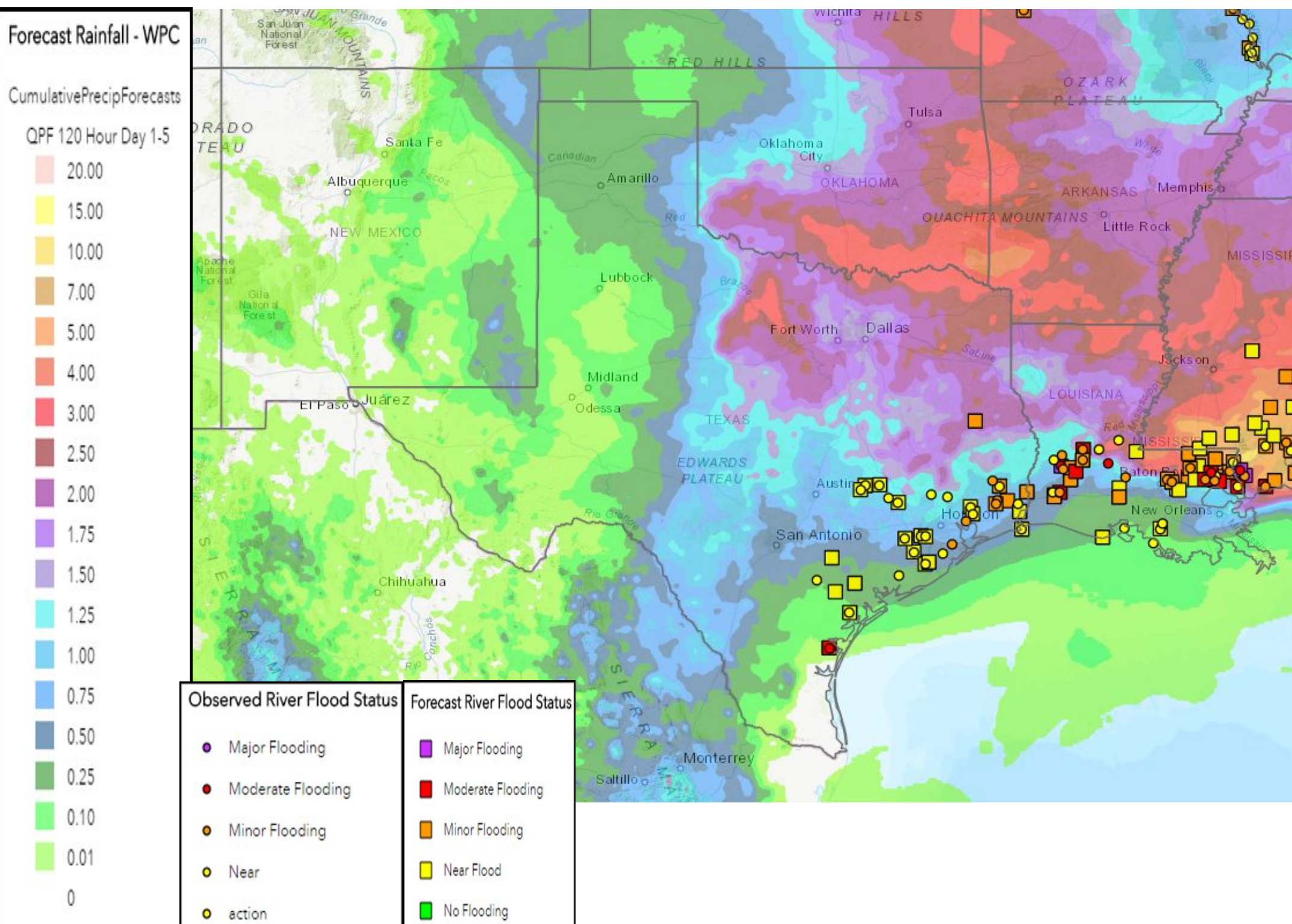
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



- Major river flooding in S LA will inundate numerous homes starting tonight at Bundick Creek at Bundick Lake.
- Moderate flooding at Tchefuncte River Near Folsom, with homes flooded.
- Moderate flooding at Tangipahoa River at Robert, with homes flooded along Highways 445 and 443.
- Moderate flooding at Tchefuncte River near Covington, with homes threatened.
- Moderate flooding at Pearl River near Pearl River where some homes will be flooded or threatened.

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.

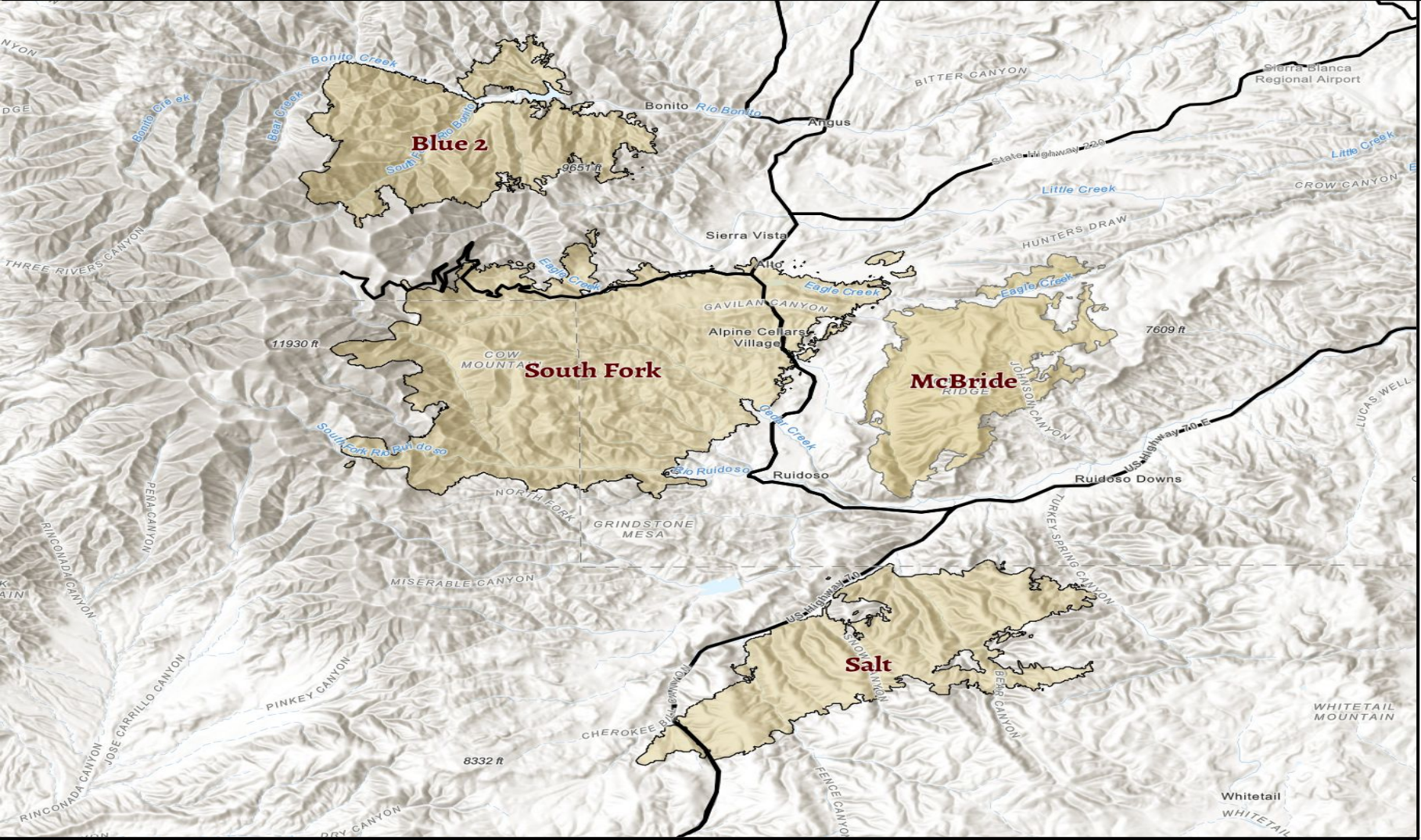




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Thursday, Jun 18	Friday, Jun 19	Saturday, Jun 20	Sunday, Jun 21	Monday, Jun 22
Flash Flooding		Moderate			
Timing - CDT		3PM - 9PM			

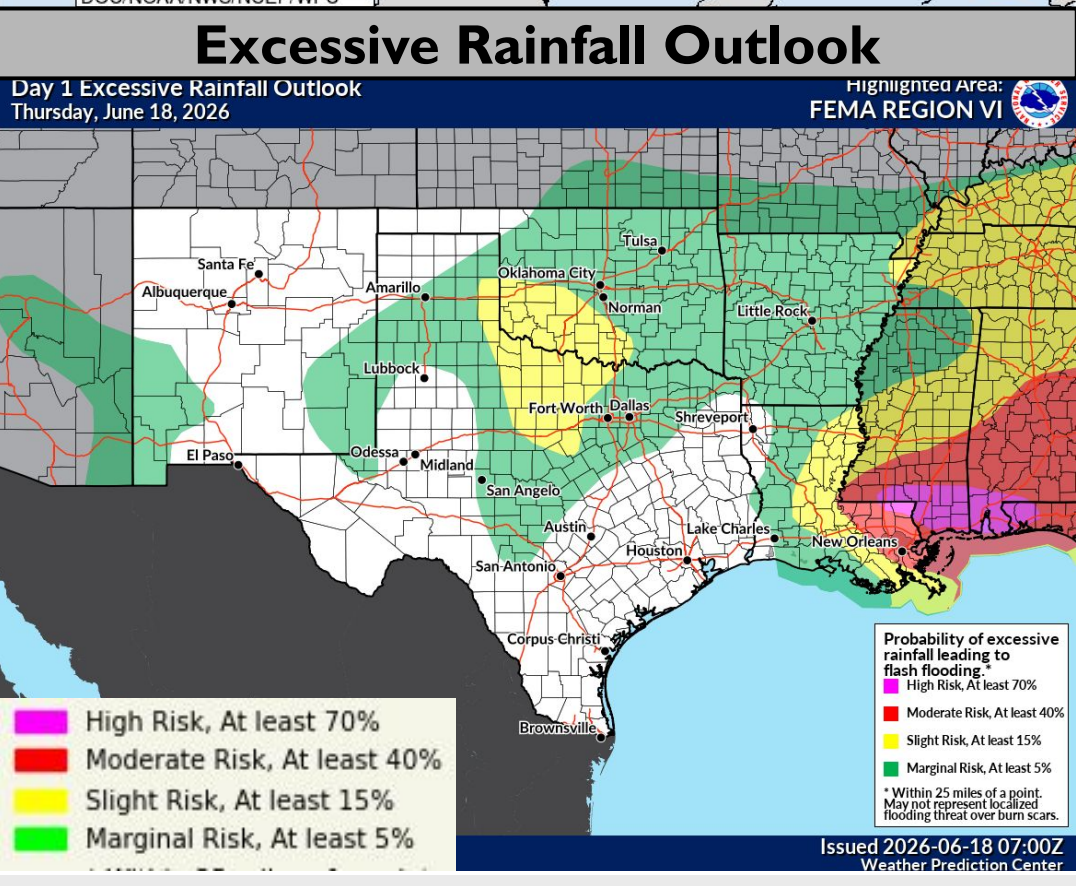
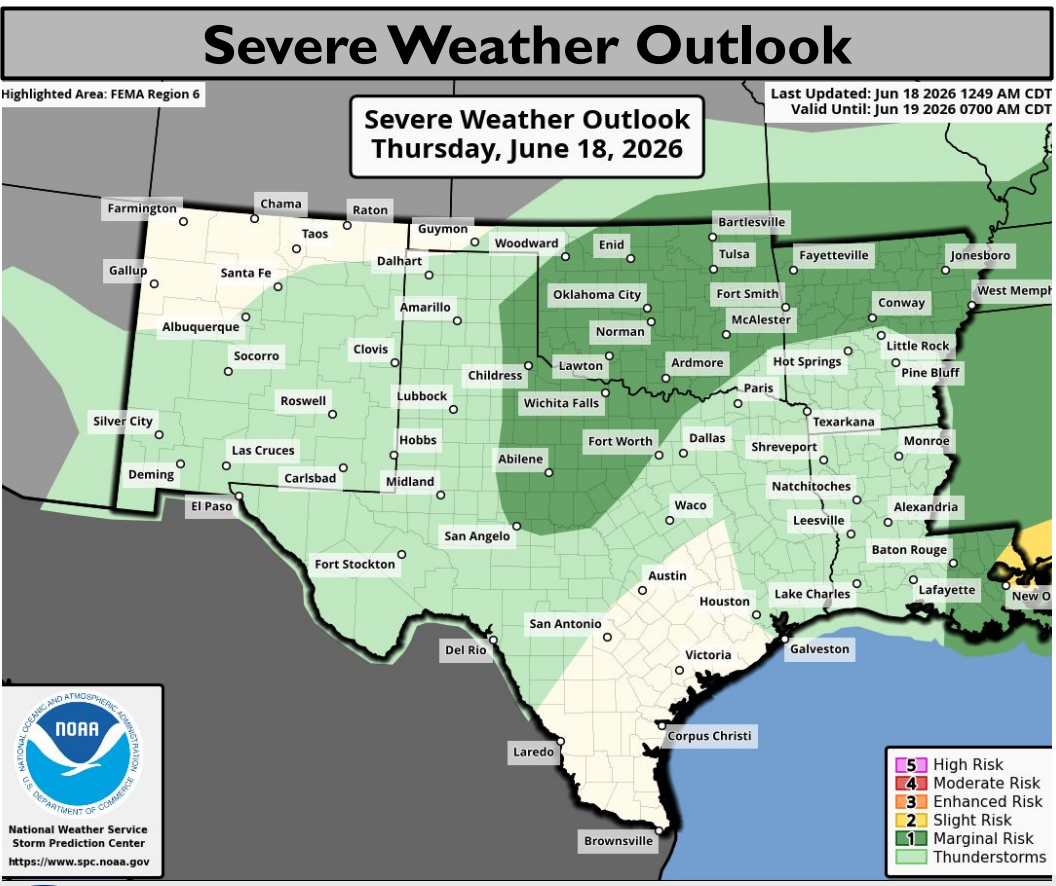
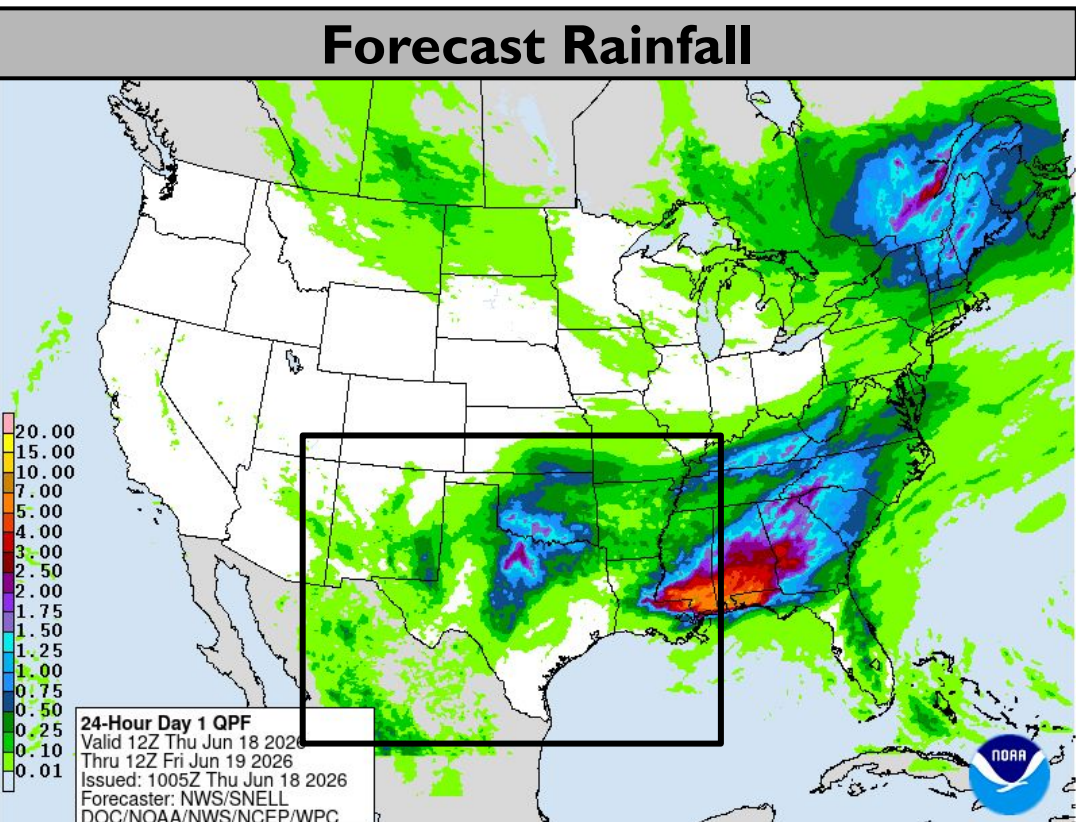
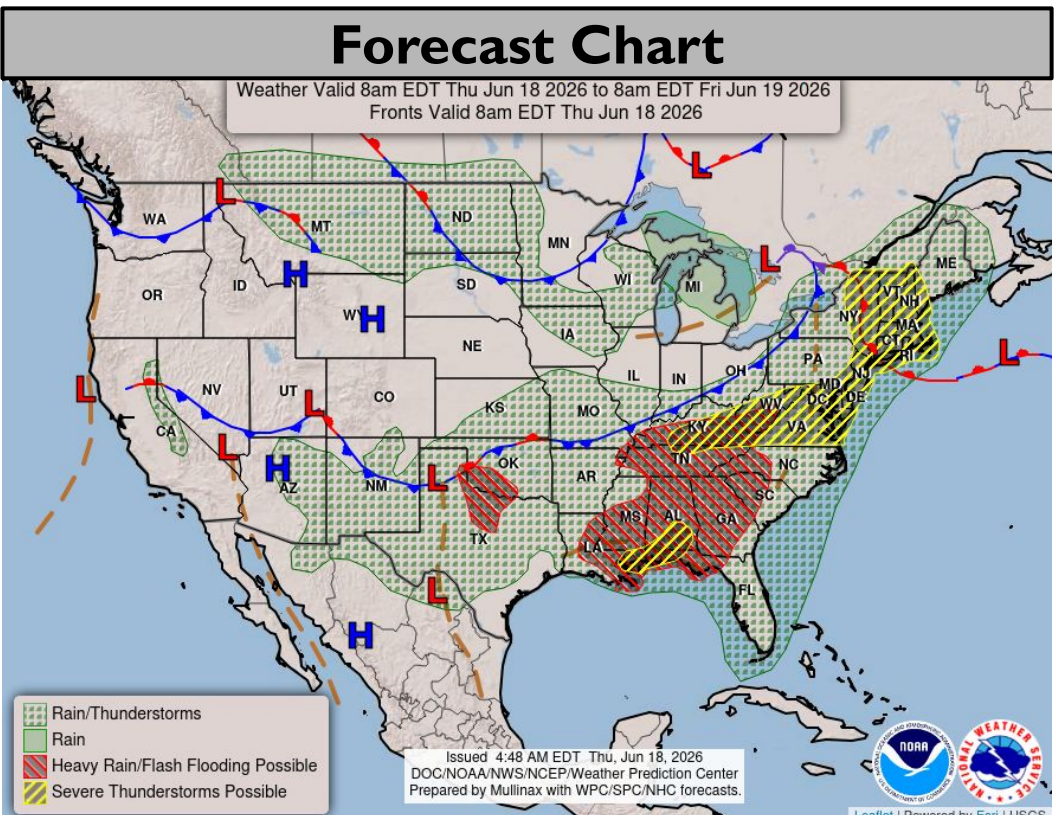


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	





Today's Weather



Moderate to locally high risk (levels 3-4 of 4) to of flash flooding in SE LA.

Moderate Heat risk in TX, LA, and locally Major in STX

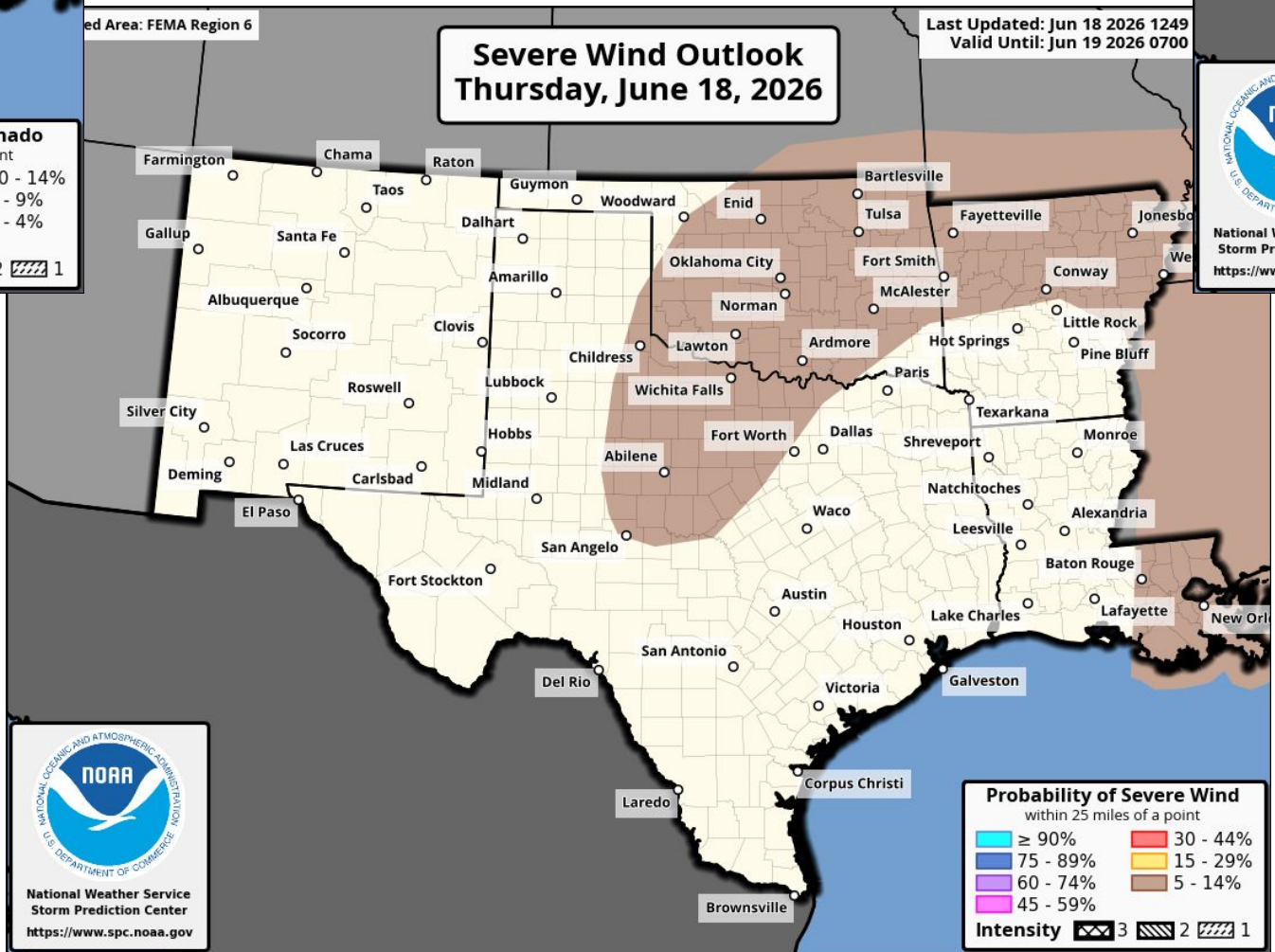
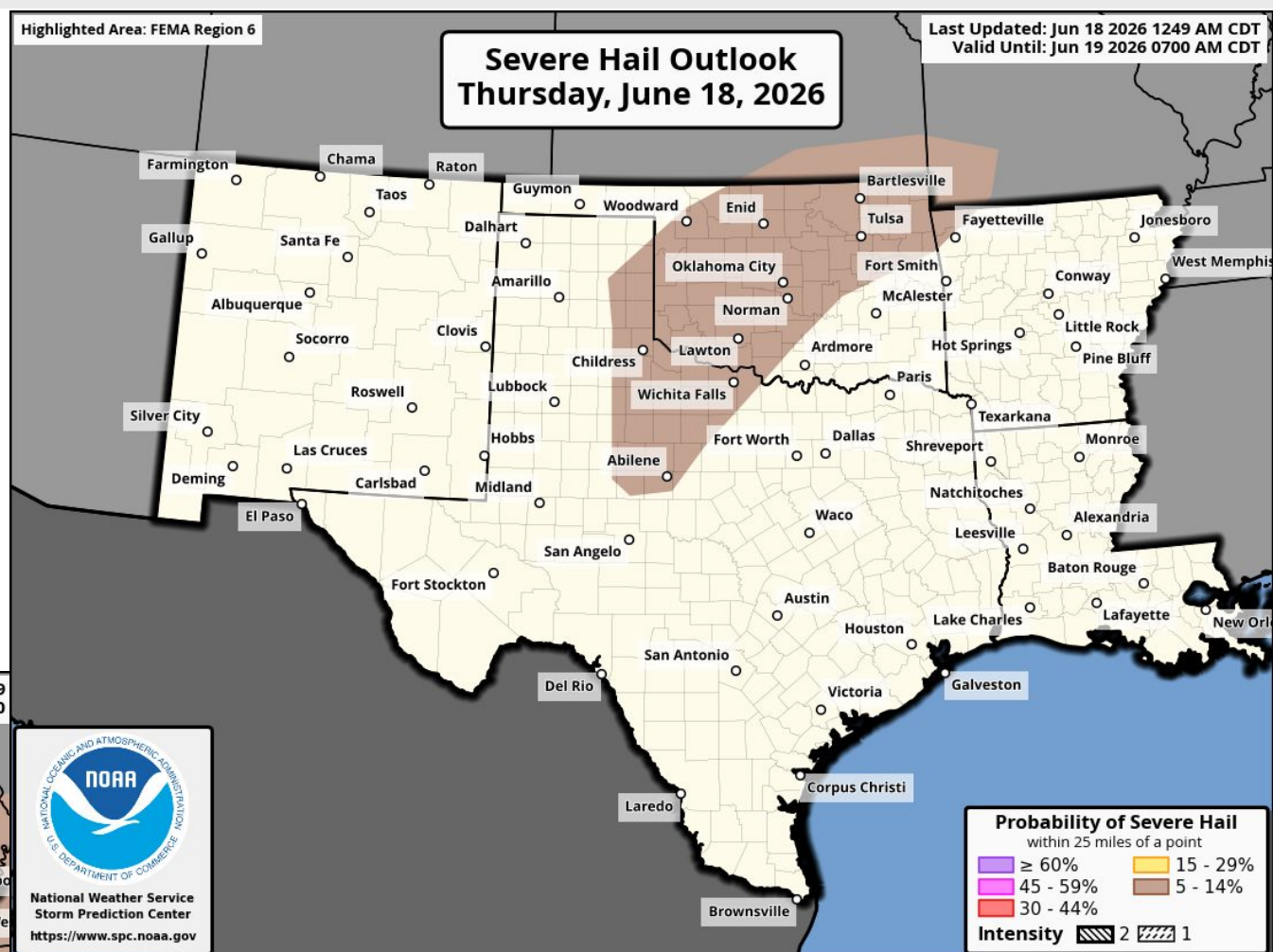
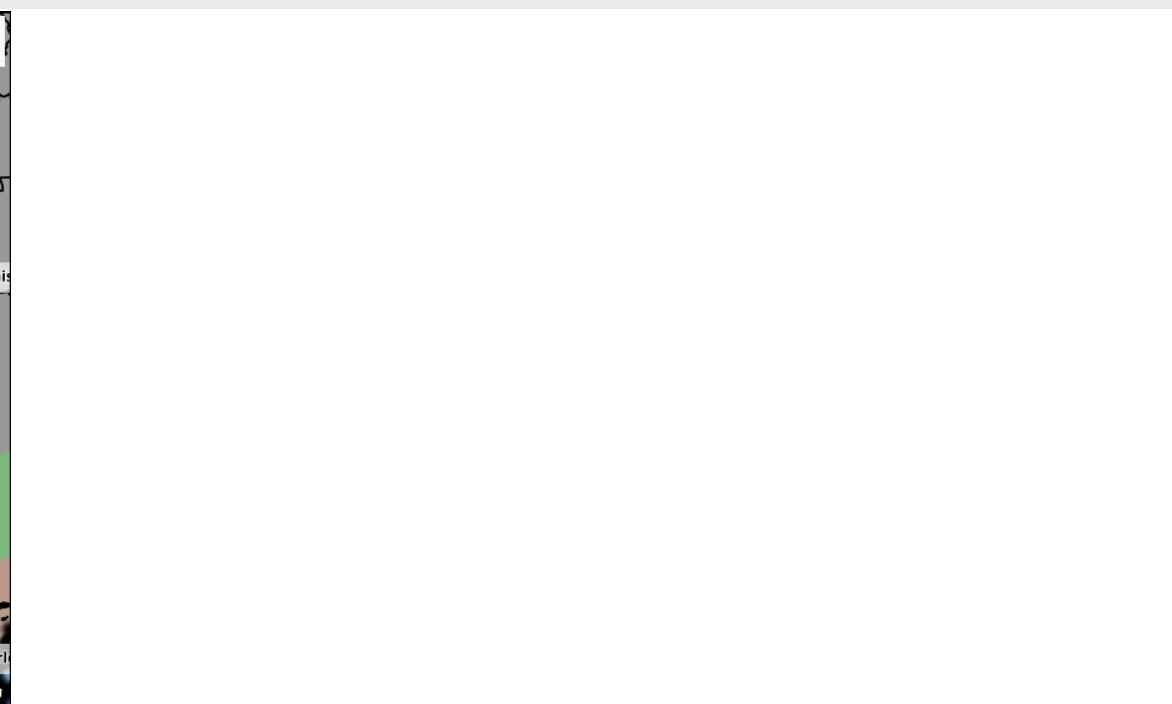
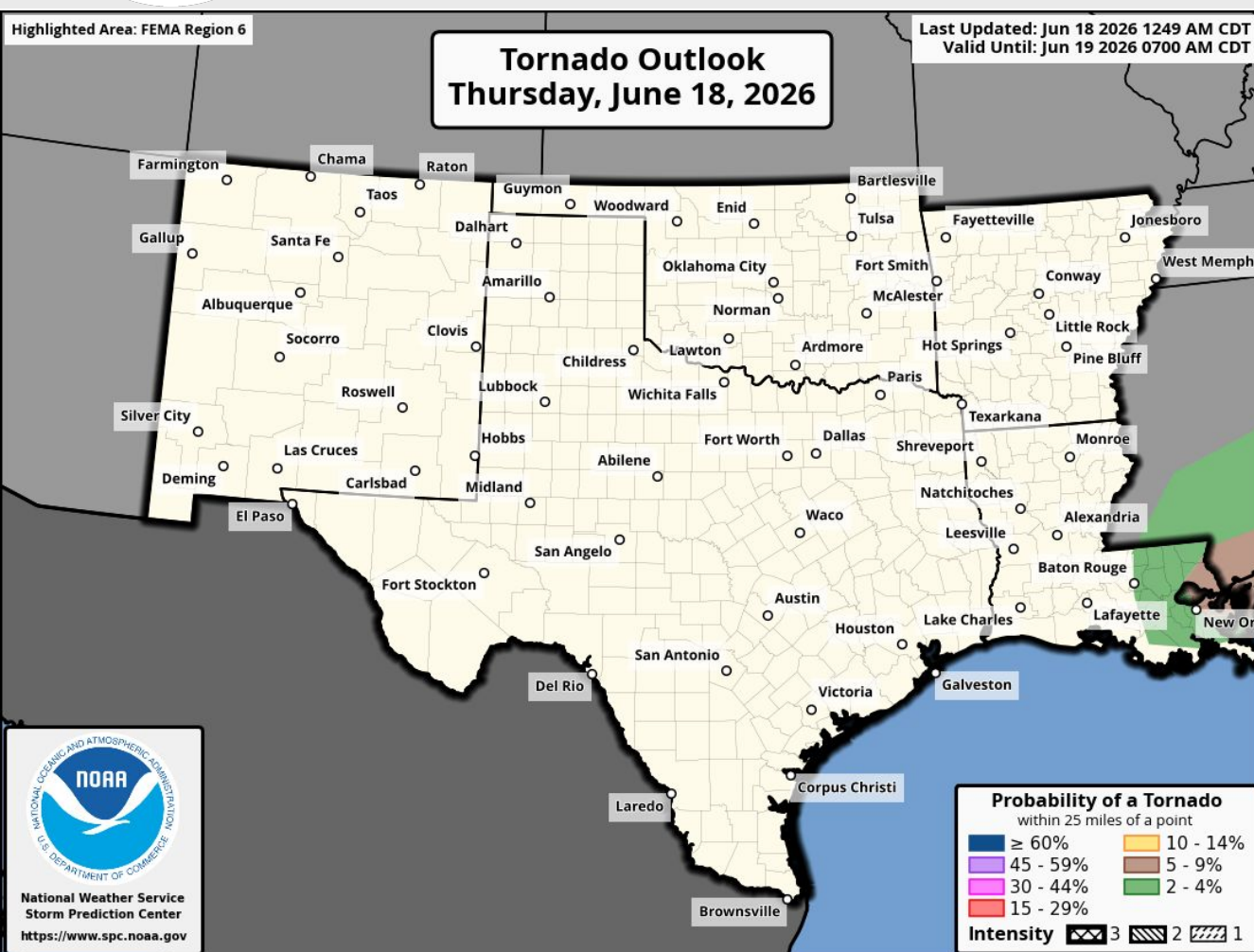
Slight risk today (level 2 of 4) of flash flooding in SW OK, NE AR, NW TX, E LA.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe thunderstorms (Hail and Wind) over NW TX, OK, N AR, SE LA today. Marginal tornado risk in SE LA.

****Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides****

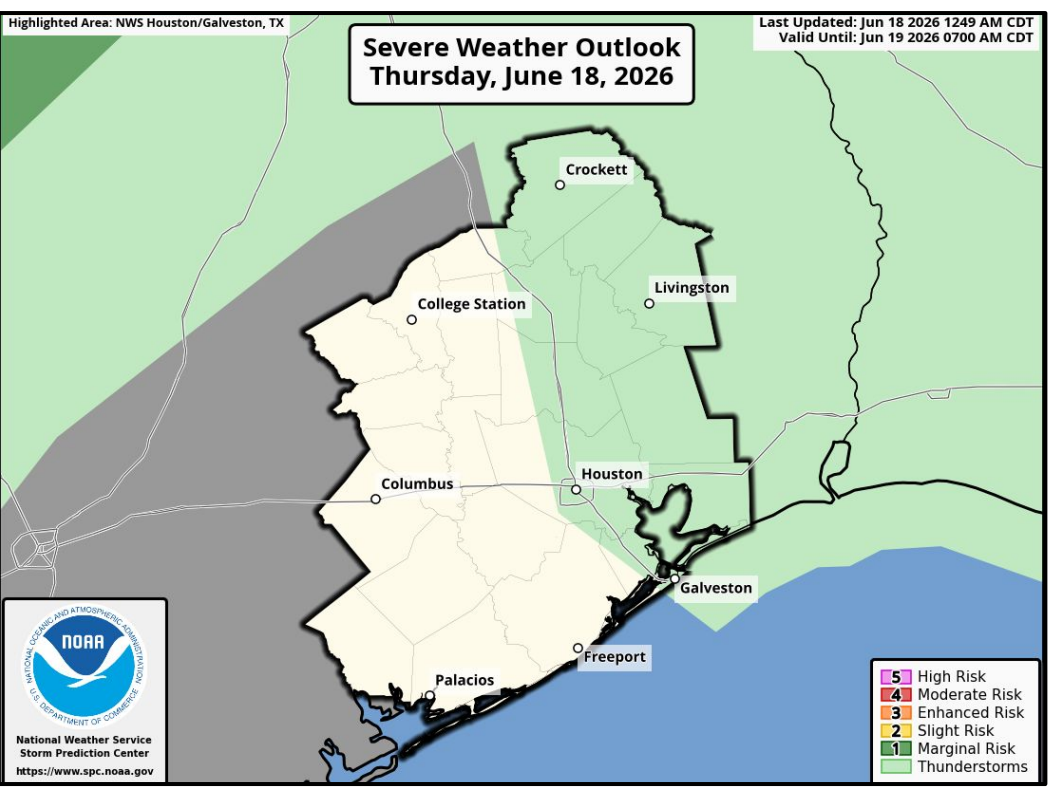
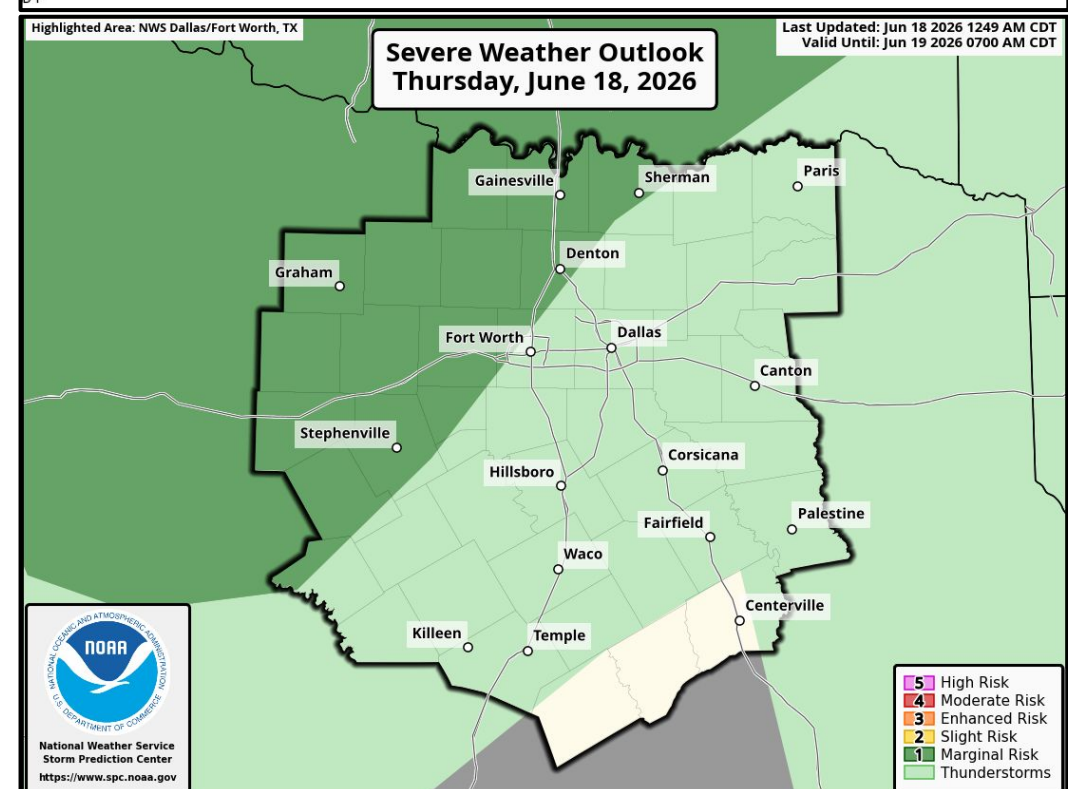
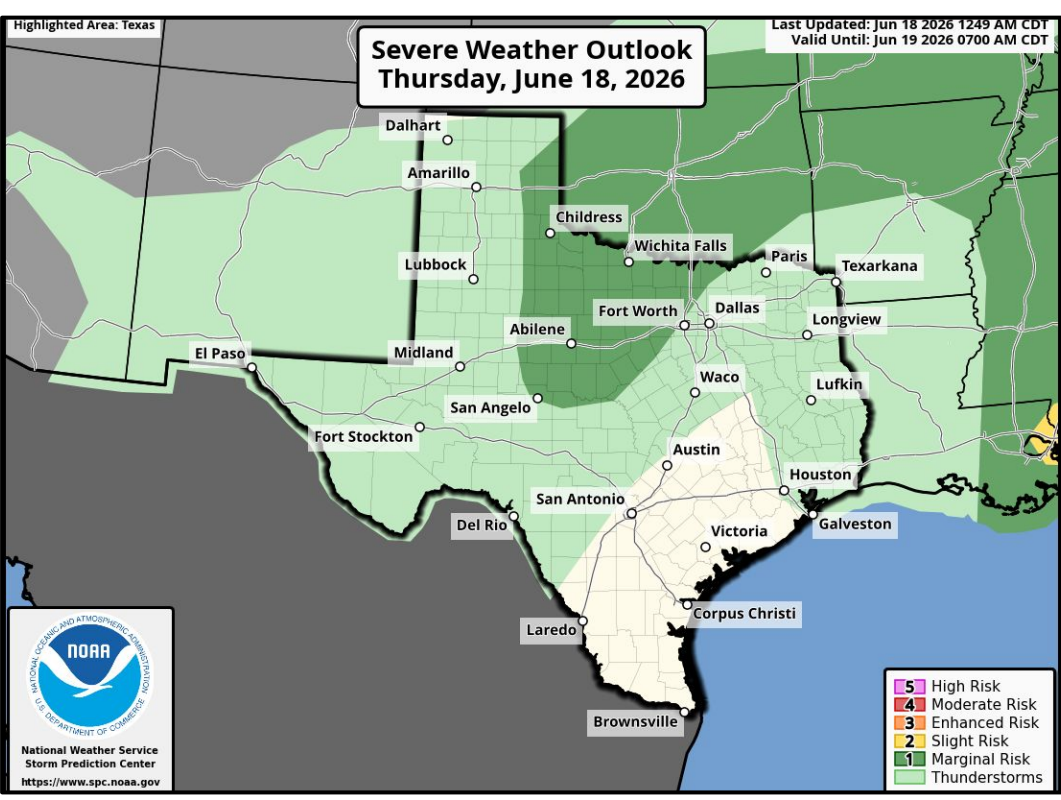
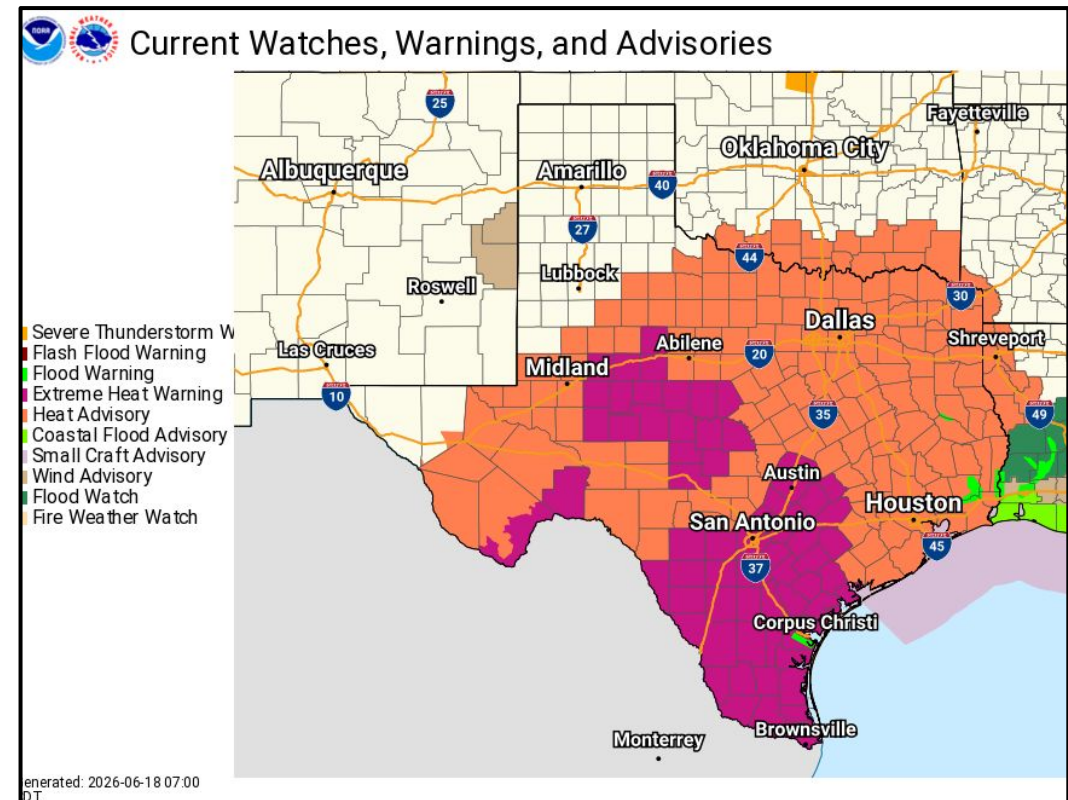


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Public Event Forecast Today - Dallas & Houston, Texas



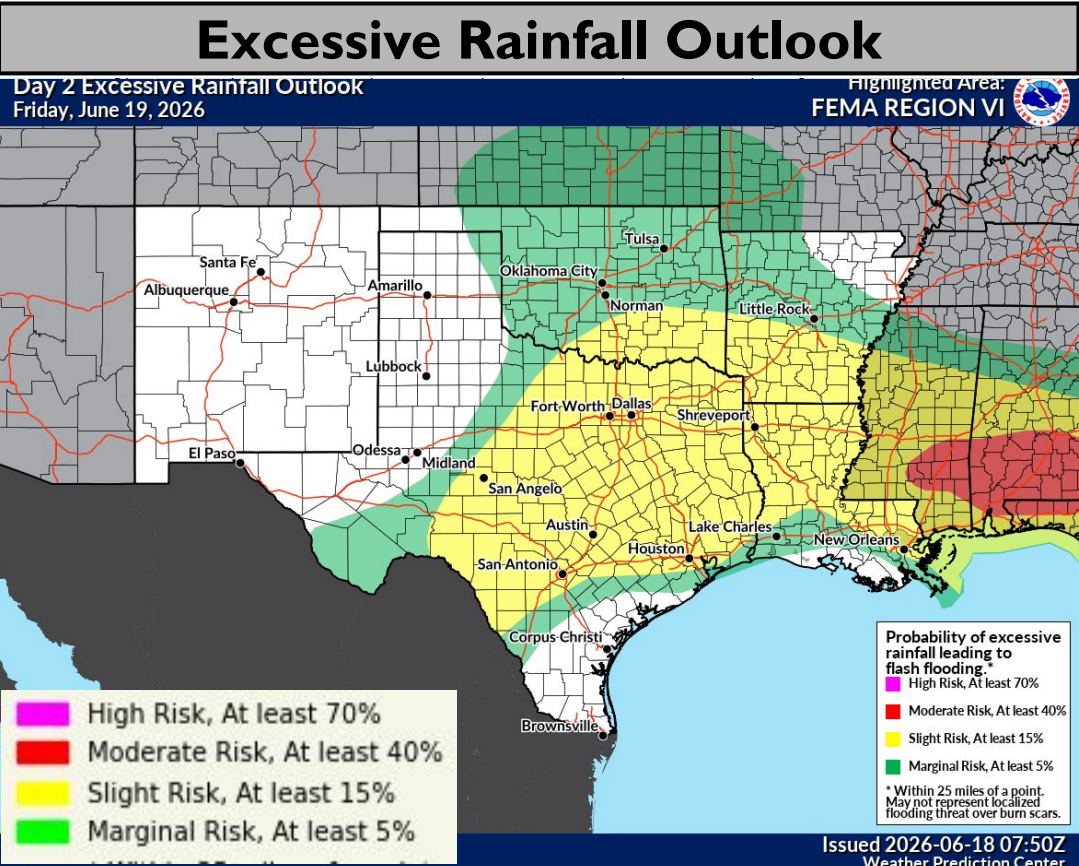
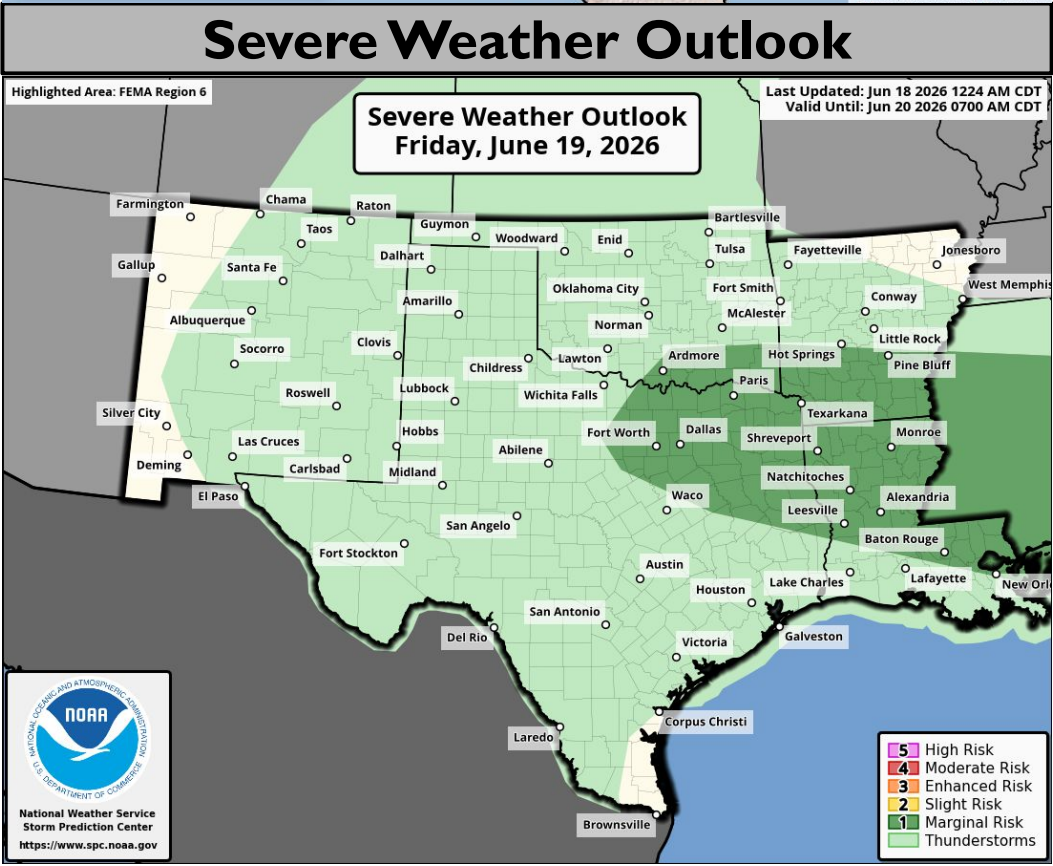
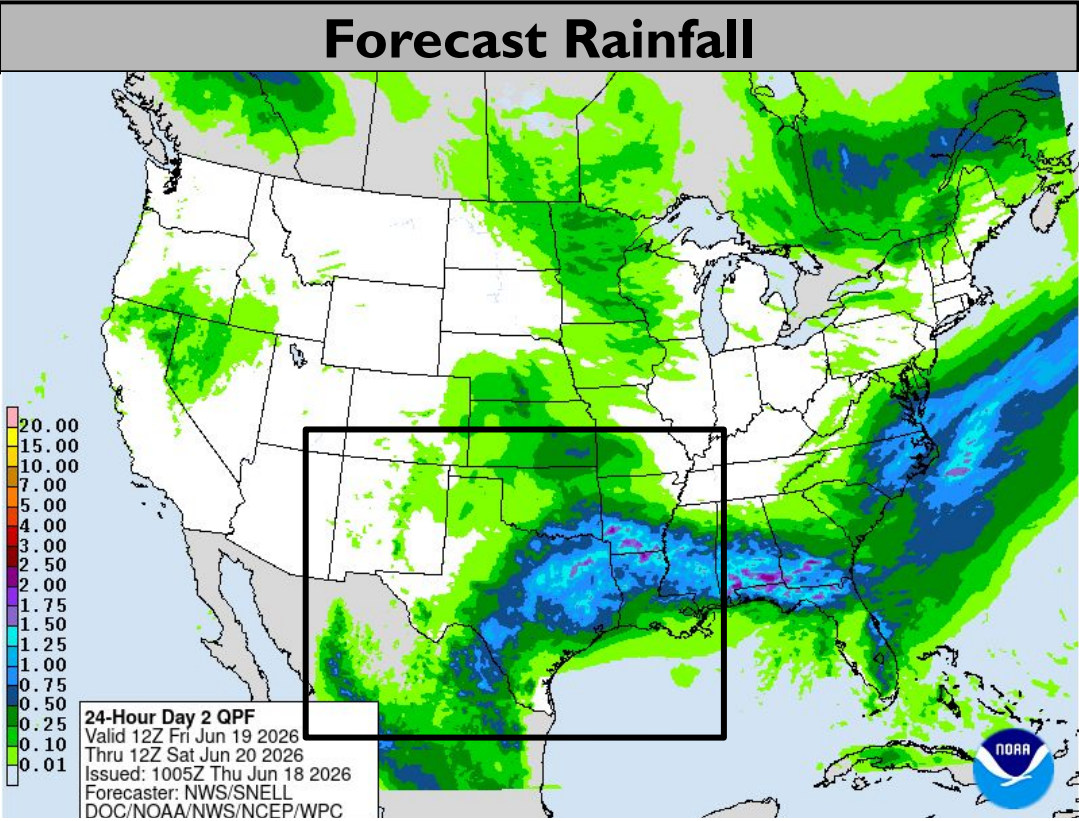
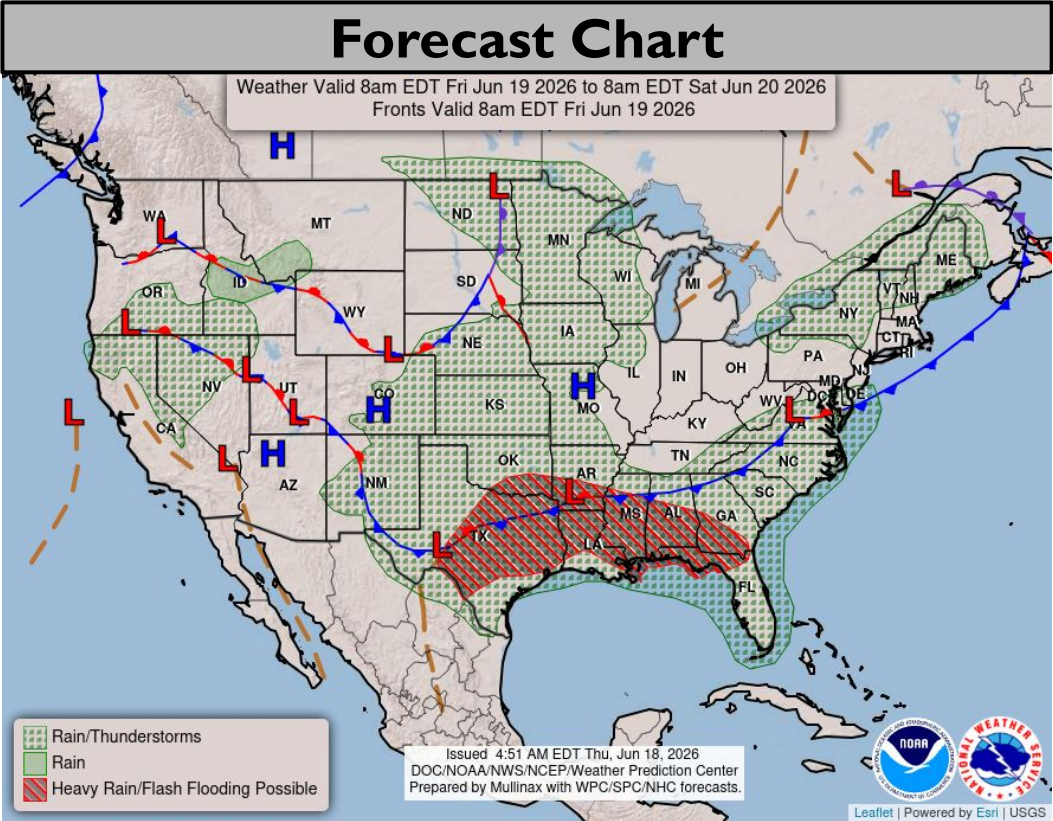
Dangerous conditions for anyone without adequate cooling due to heat in Dallas. Extended exposure carries a high likelihood of heat exhaustion or stroke.

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

Thunderstorm Timing:
Dallas: Overnight thunderstorms. Gusty winds, heavy rain, and lightning will be the main issues in thunderstorms.



Tomorrow's Weather



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

Minor Heat risk in S/SE TX and S LA.

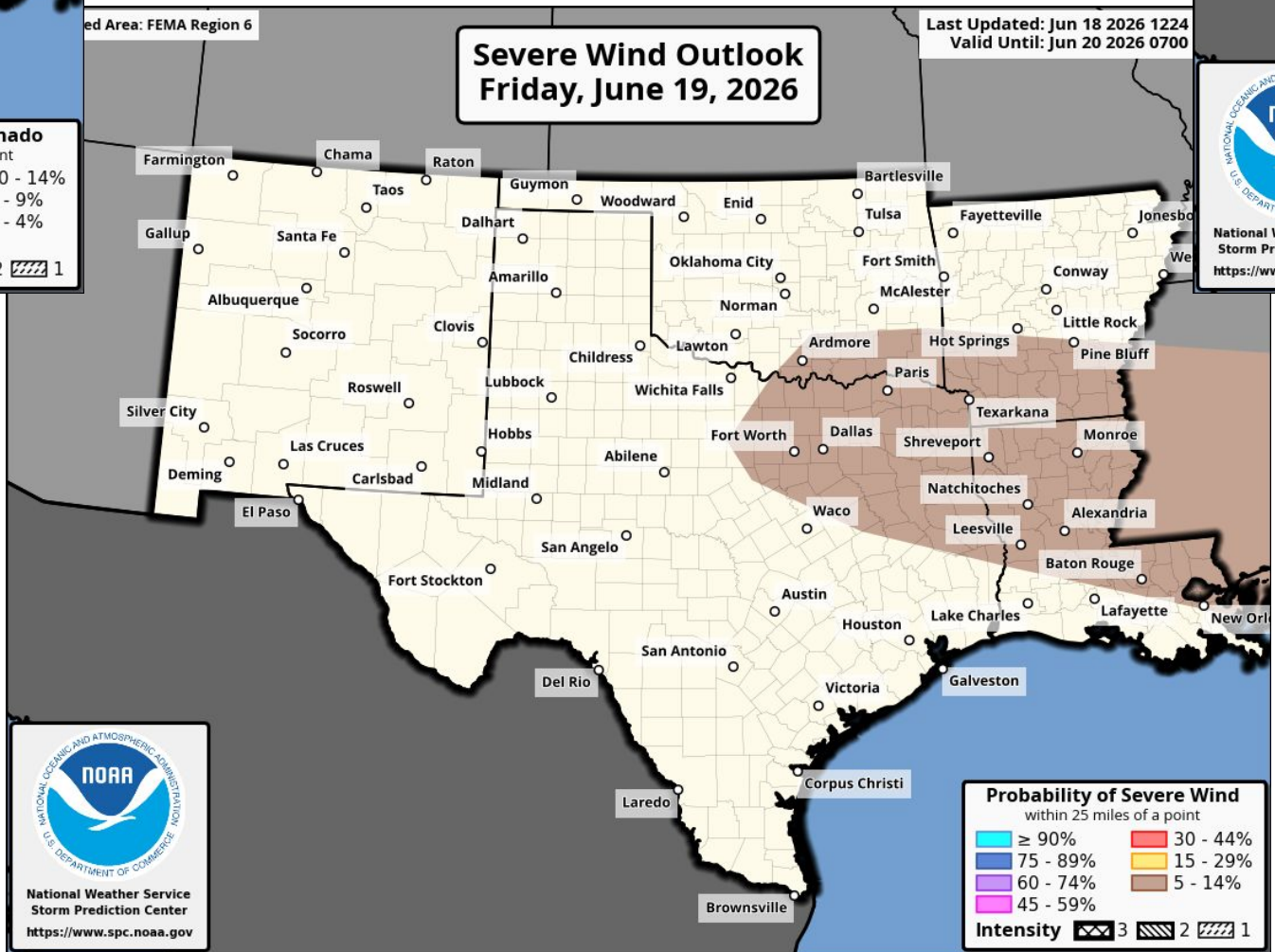
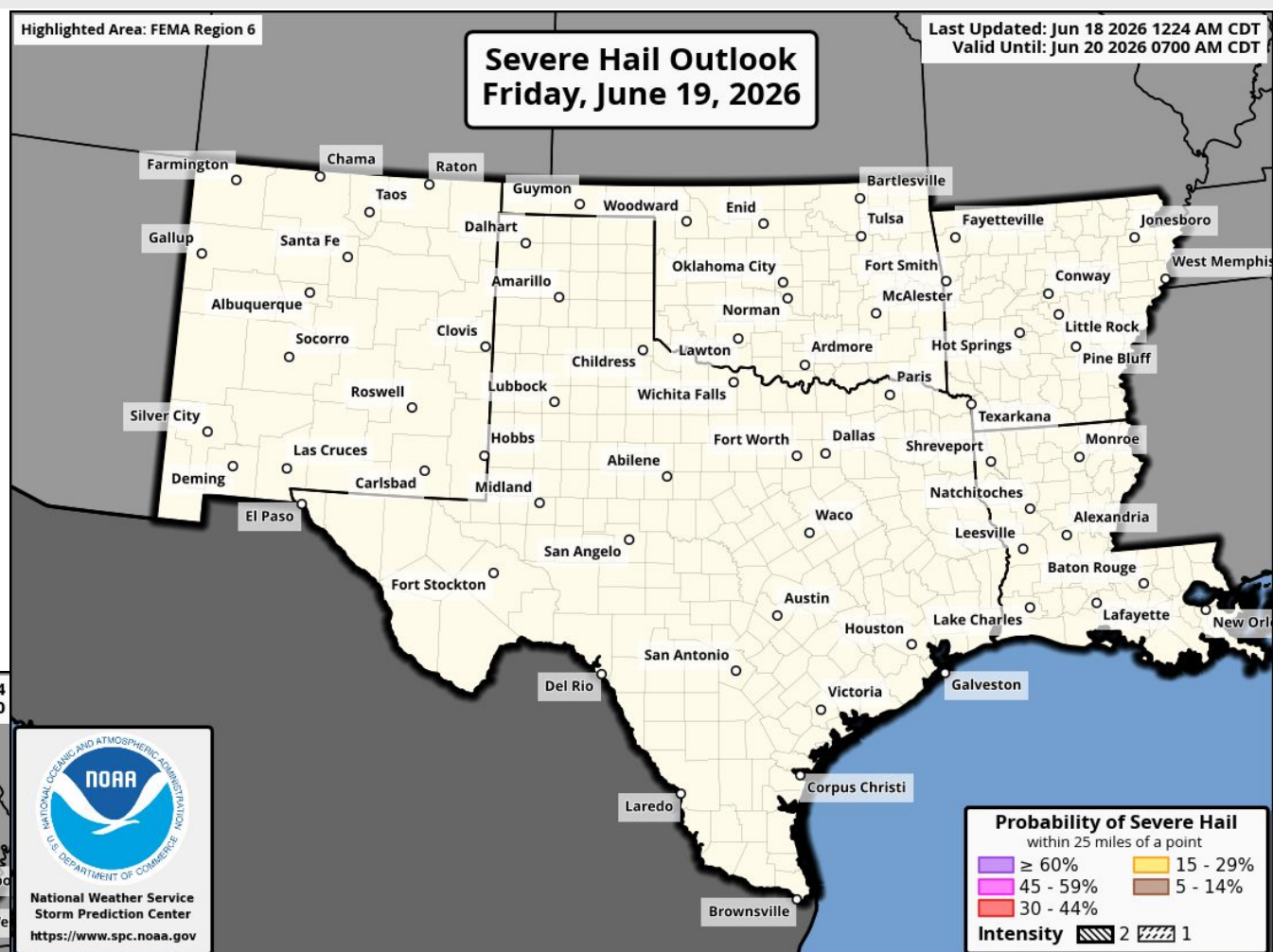
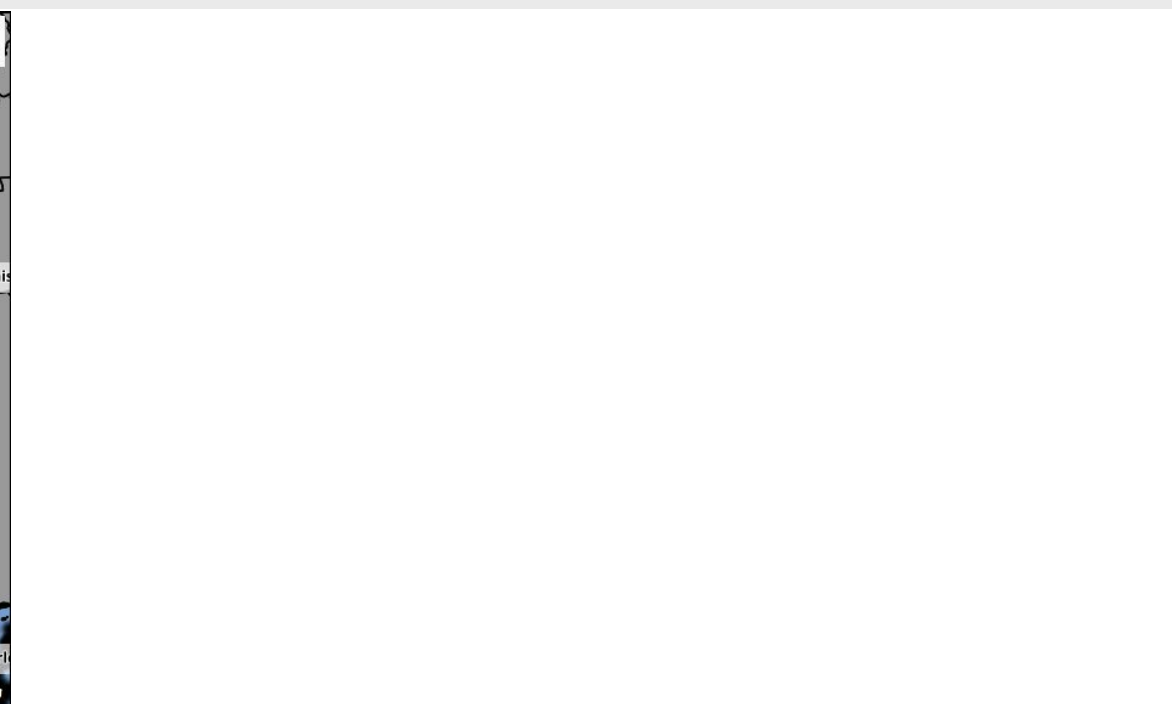
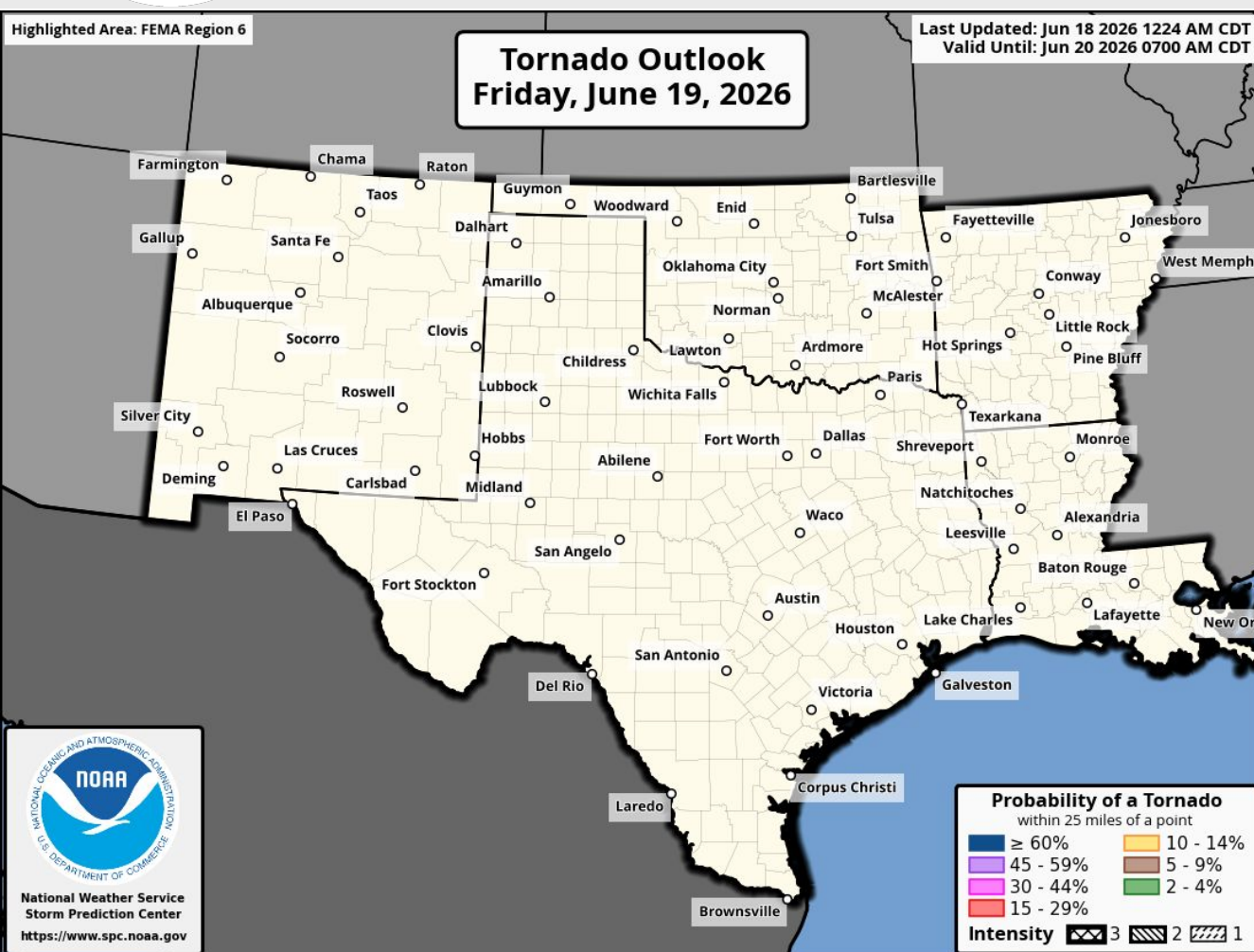
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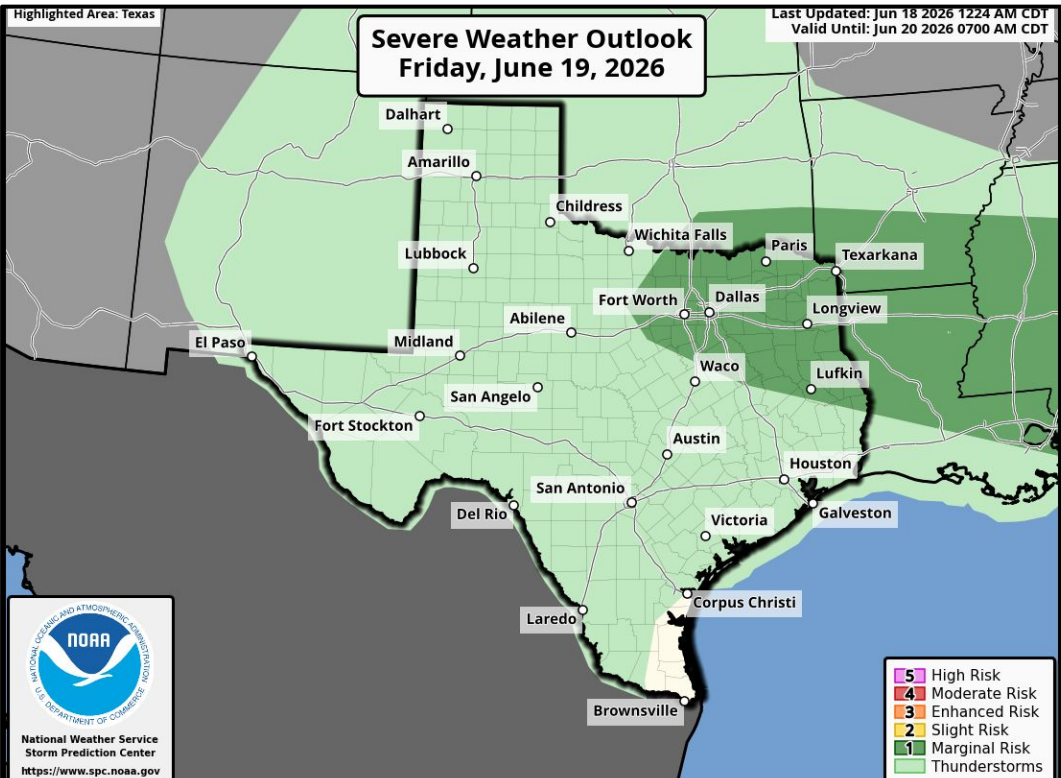
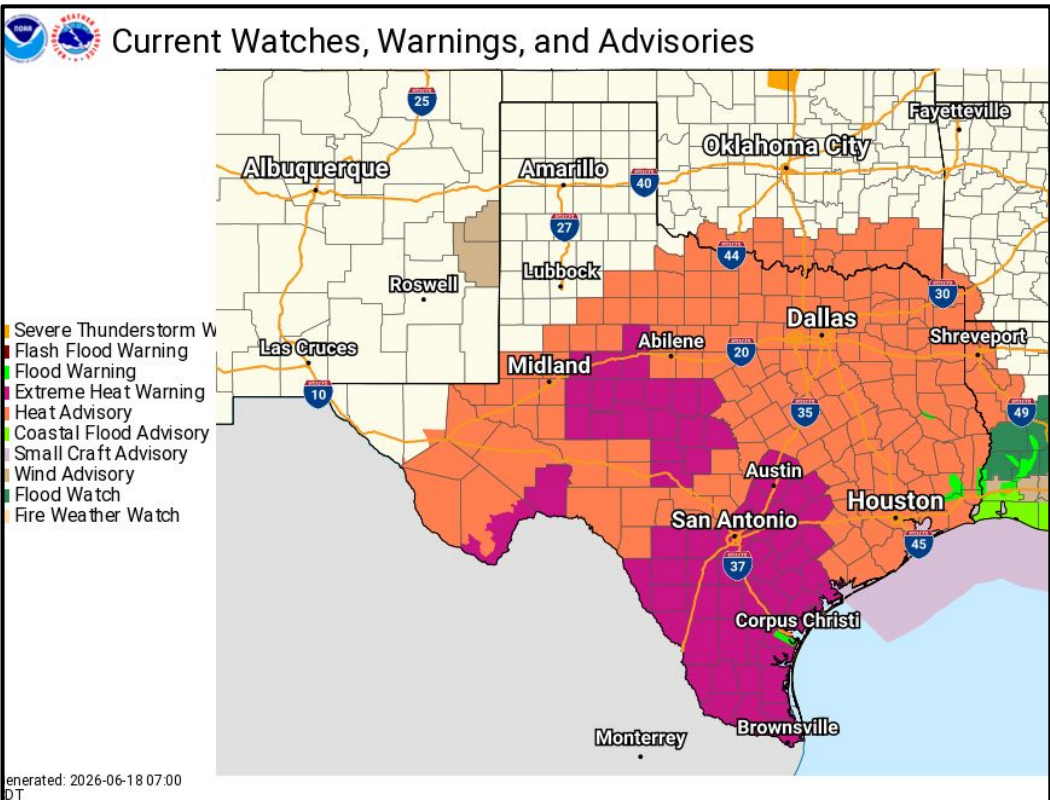


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Friday - Dallas & Houston, Texas



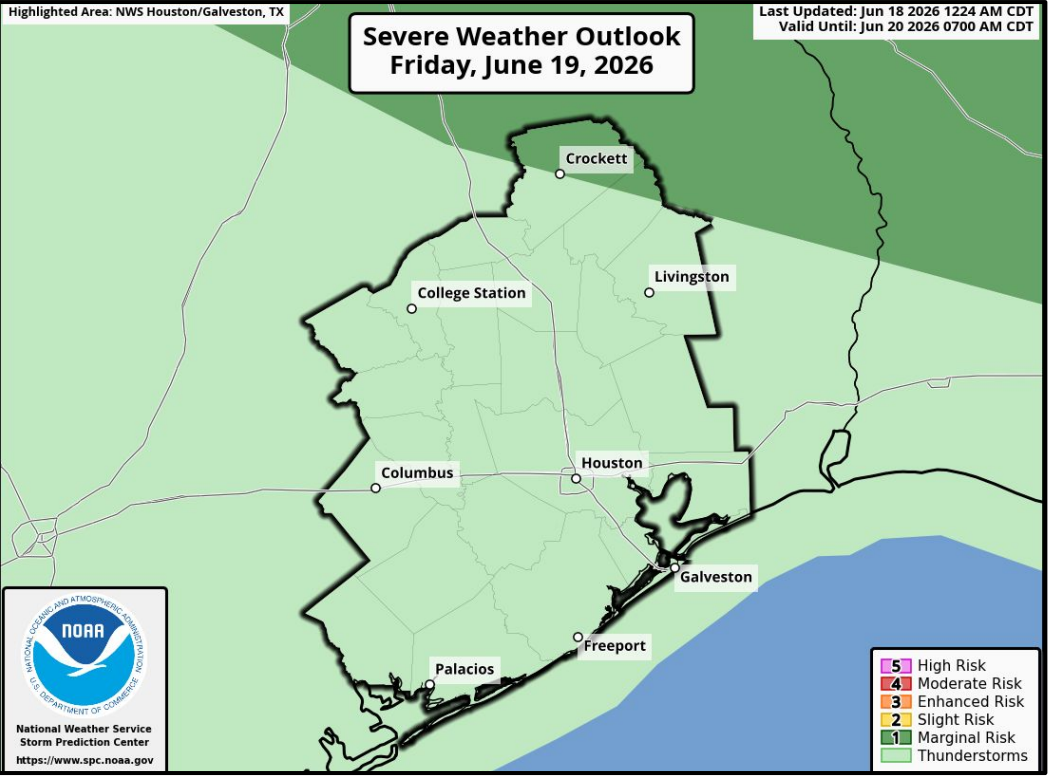
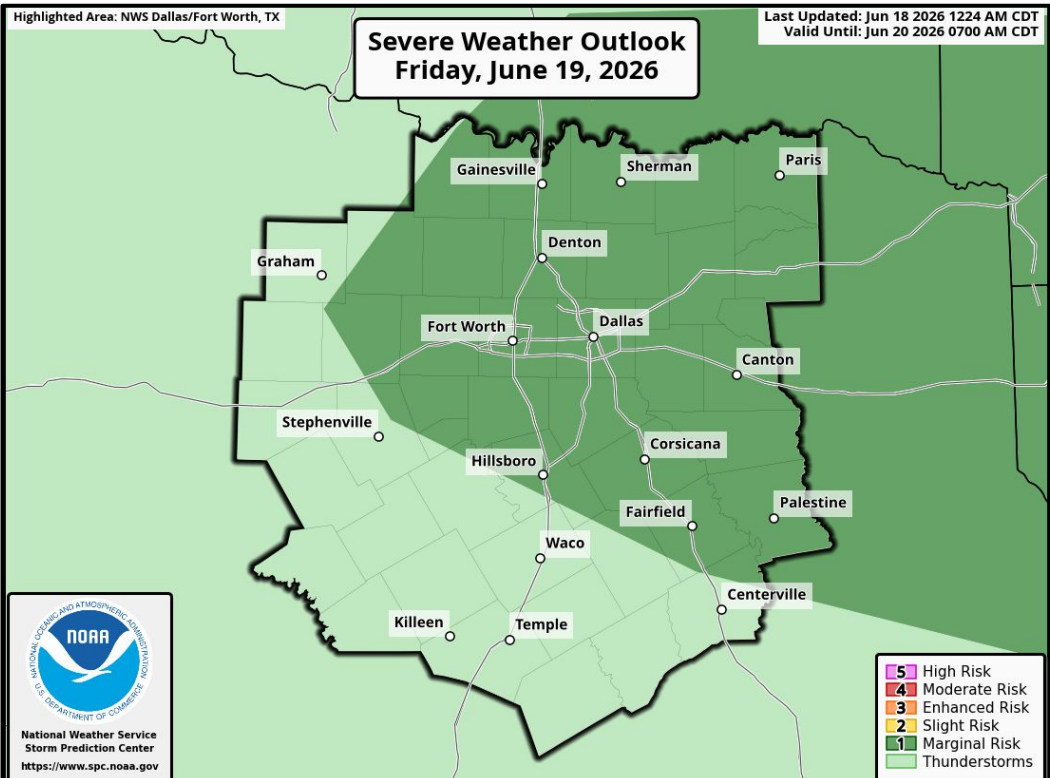
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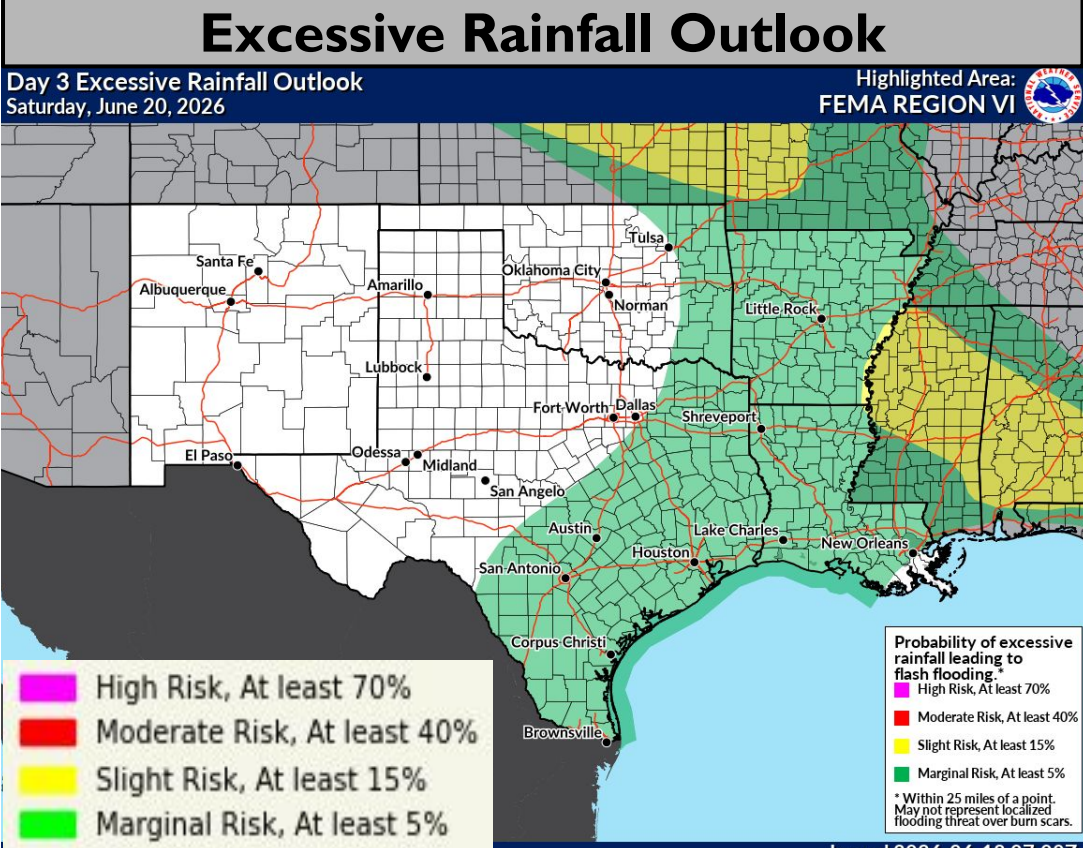
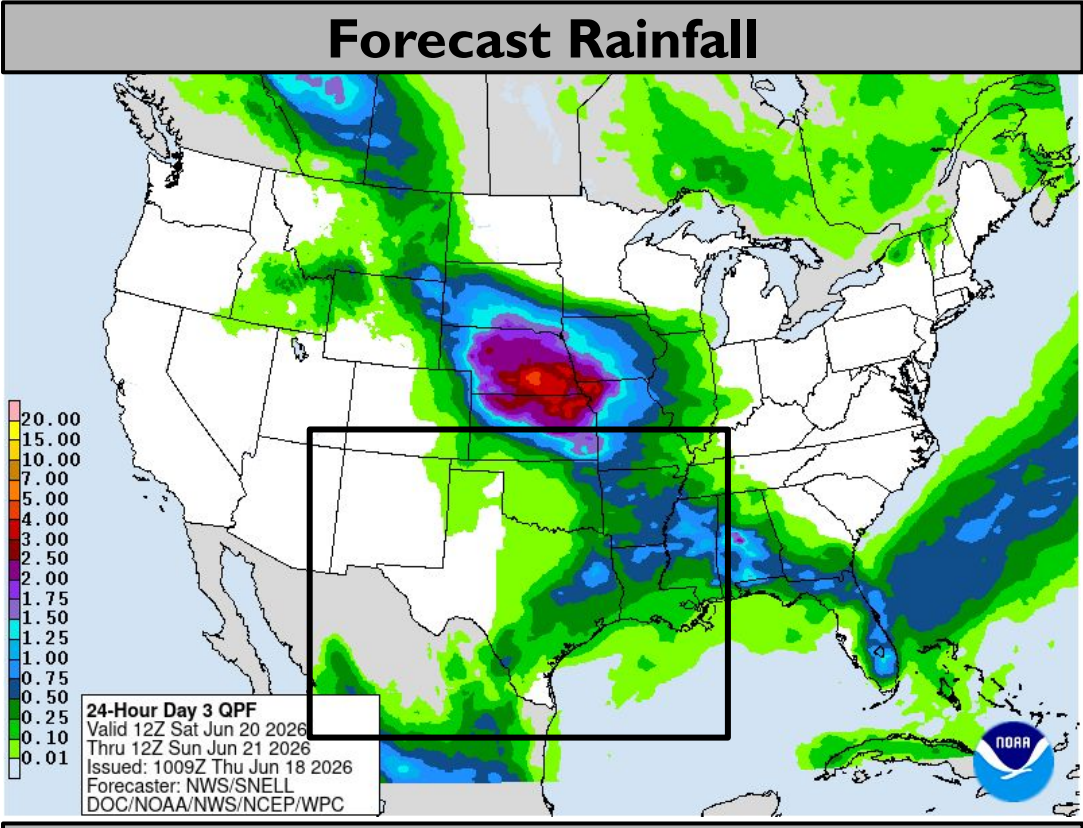
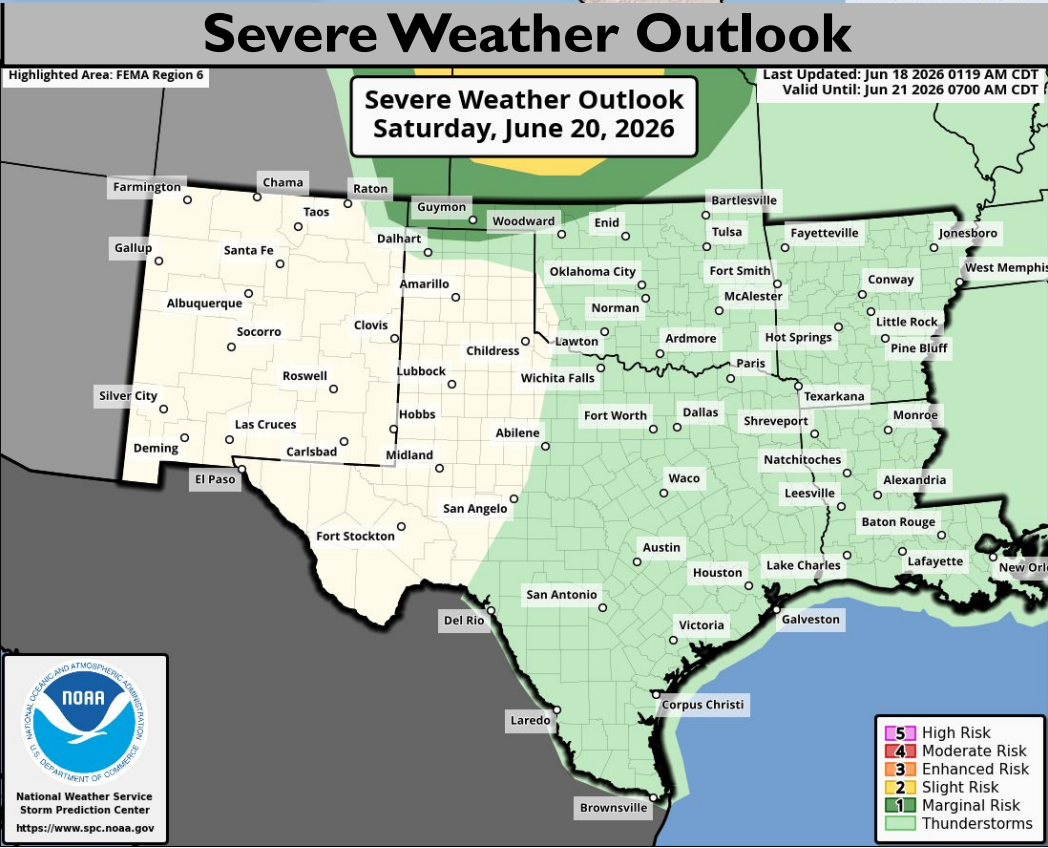
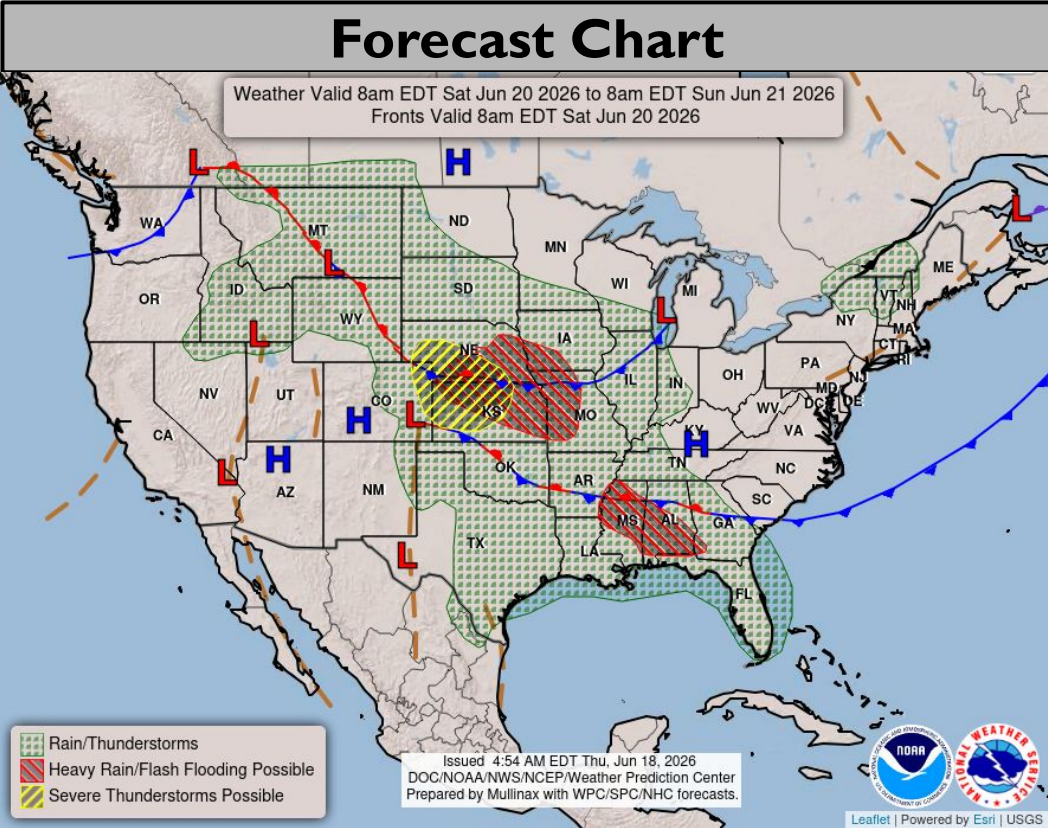
Storms in the morning and evening/overnight in Dallas may be severe due to wind.

****Note - Extreme heat impacts at the stadium scale (microclimate) cannot be resolved by NWS Forecasts****





Saturday's Weather



Minor Heat risk in E TX and SE LA.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of flash flooding over E OK, E/S TX, AR and LA

Monitoring OK/TX Panhandles for severe thunderstorm potential

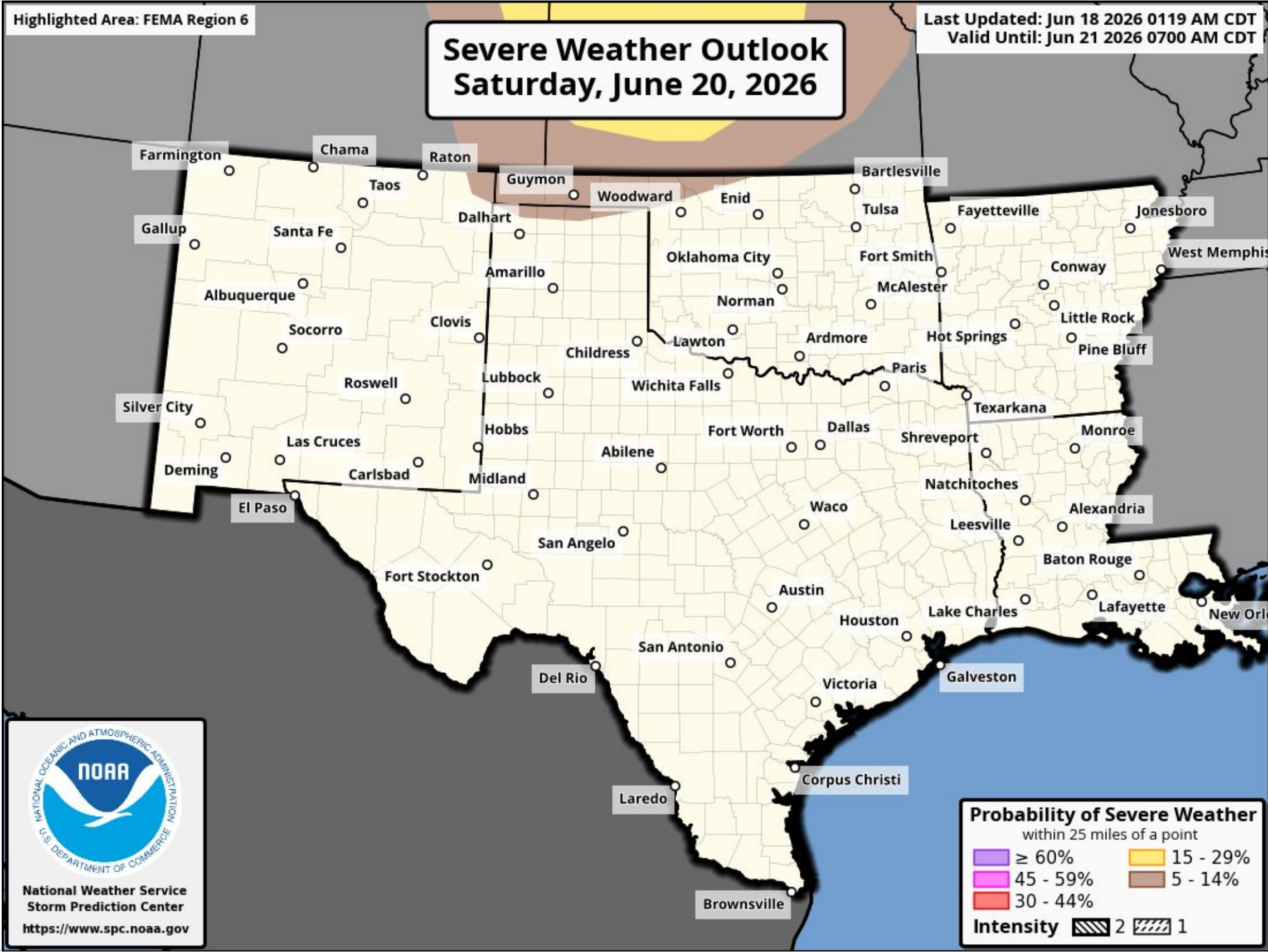
Elevated fire weather concerns (level 1 of 3) in NW NM.

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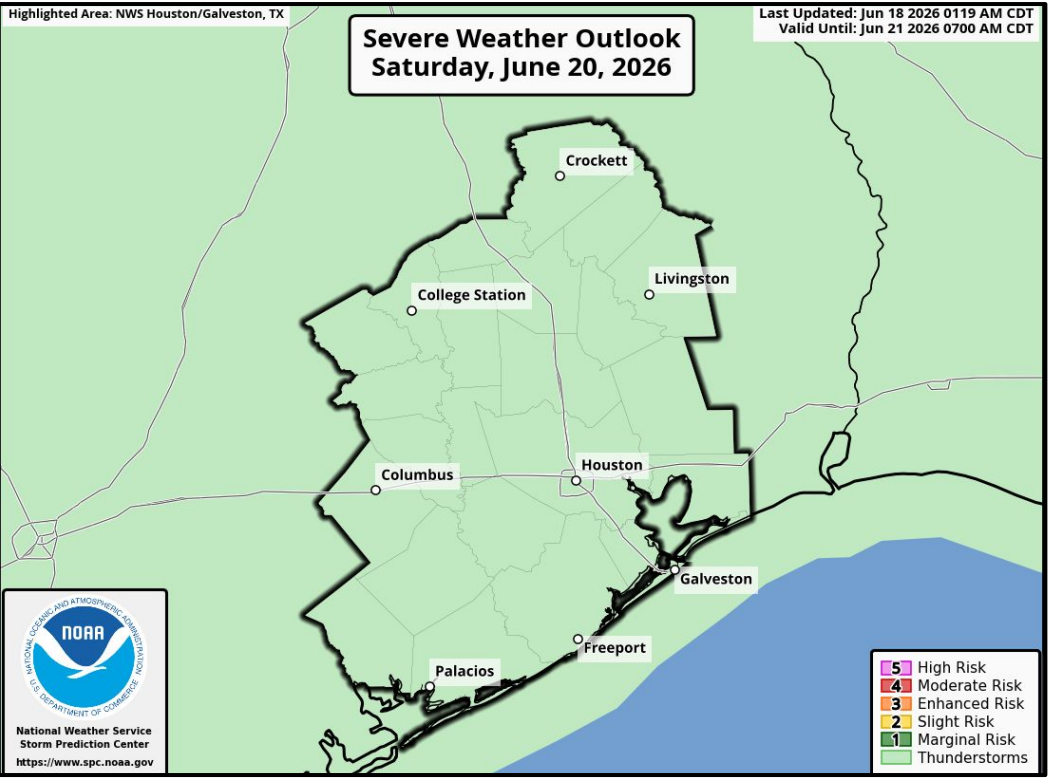
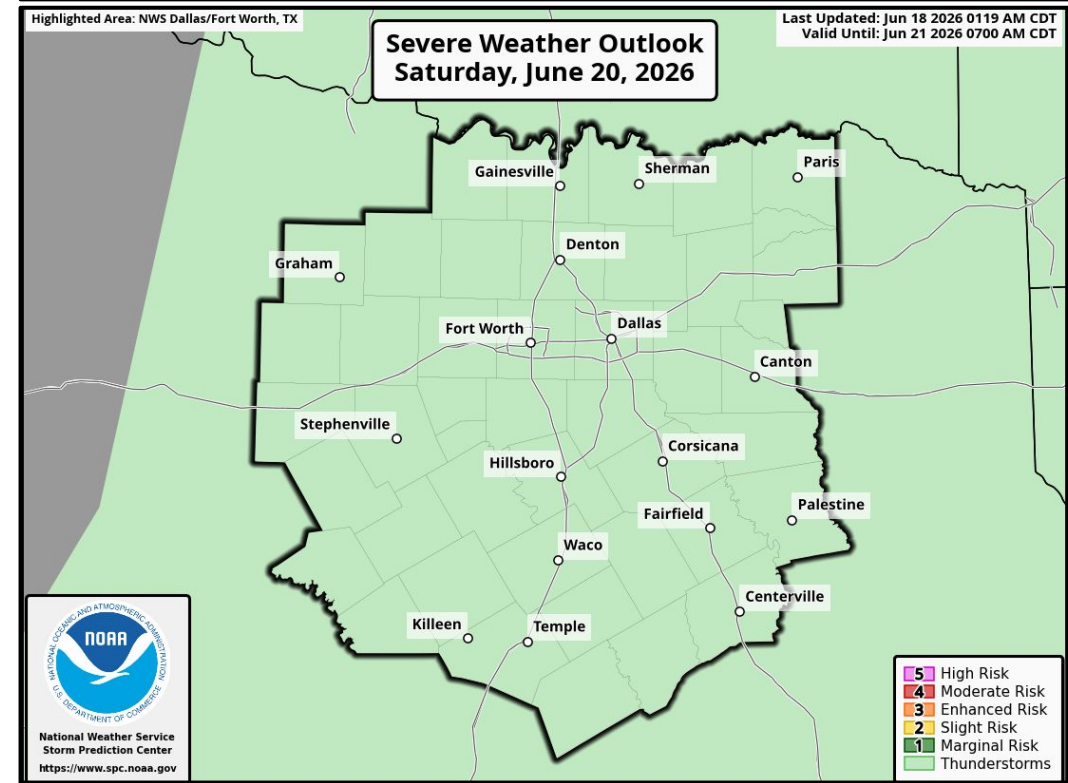
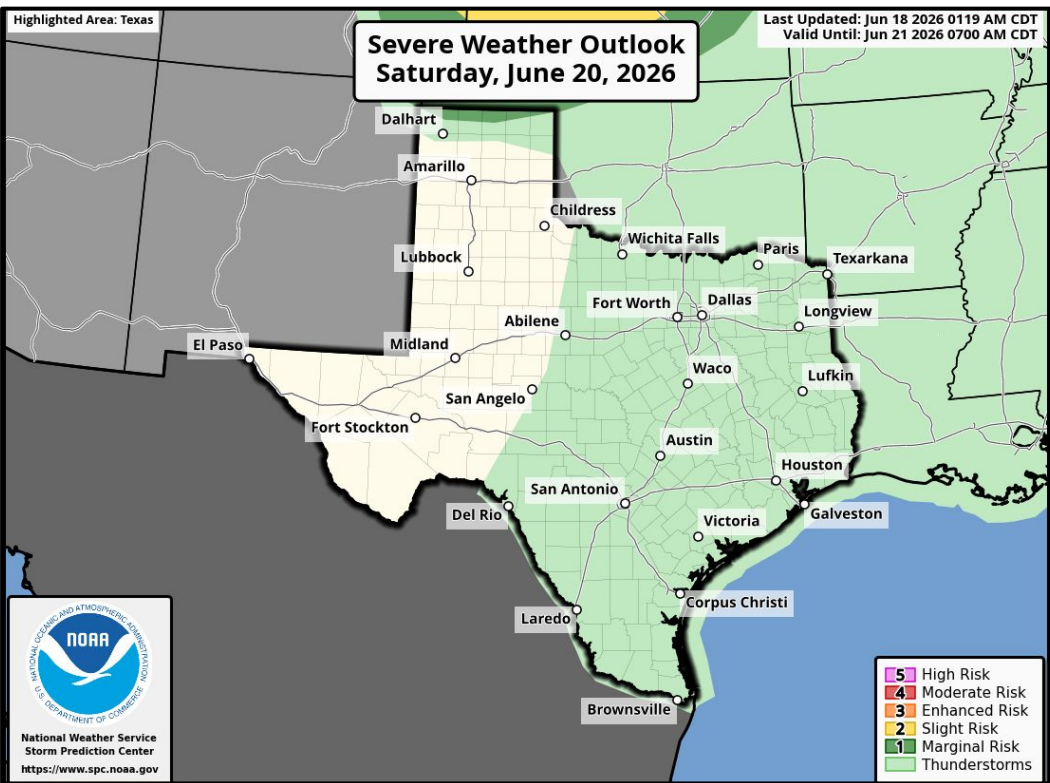
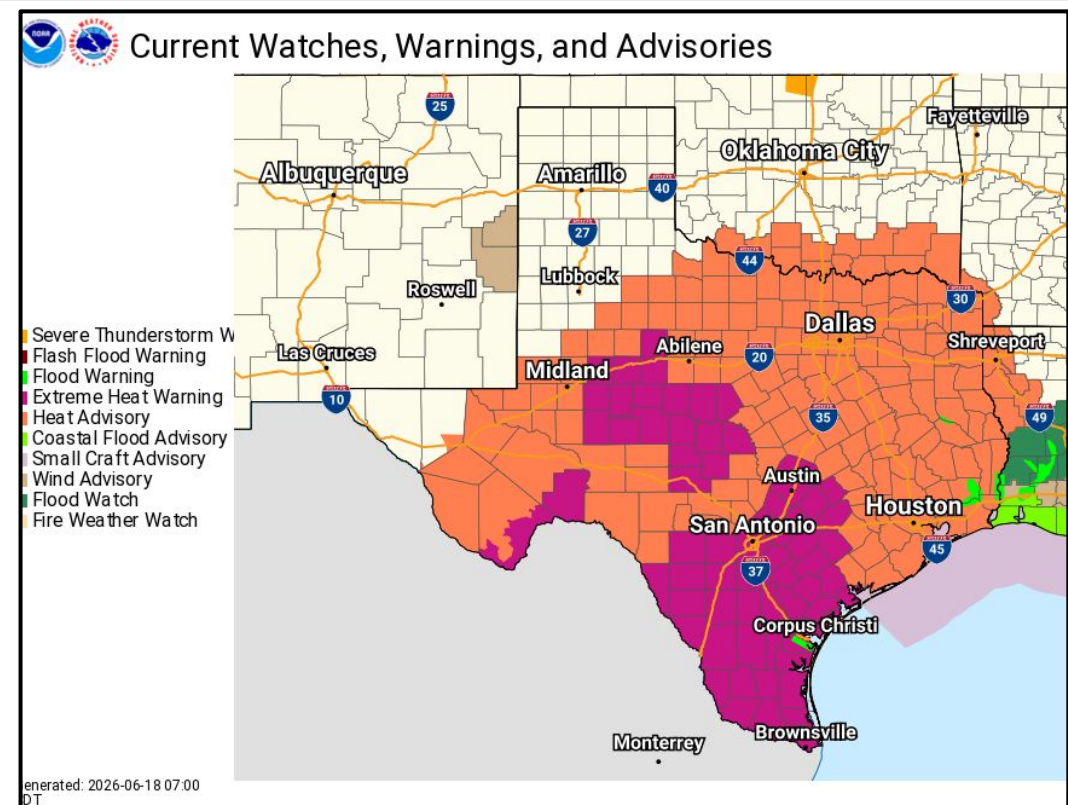


Saturday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIIG Level





Saturday - Dallas & Houston, Texas



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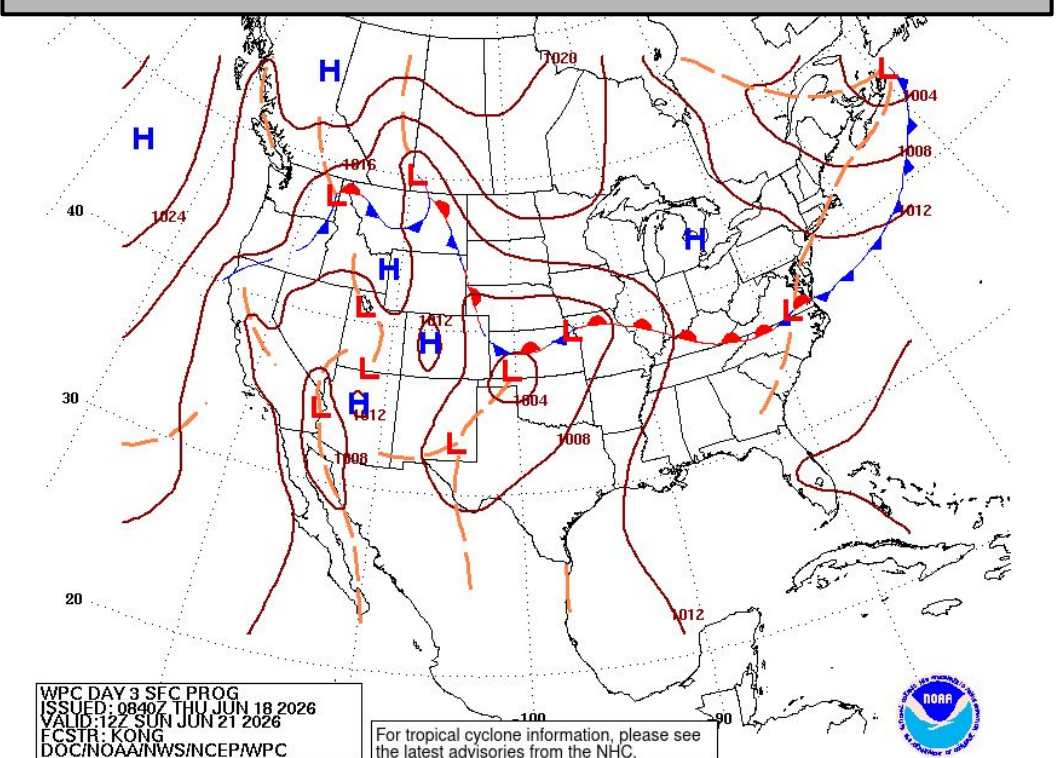
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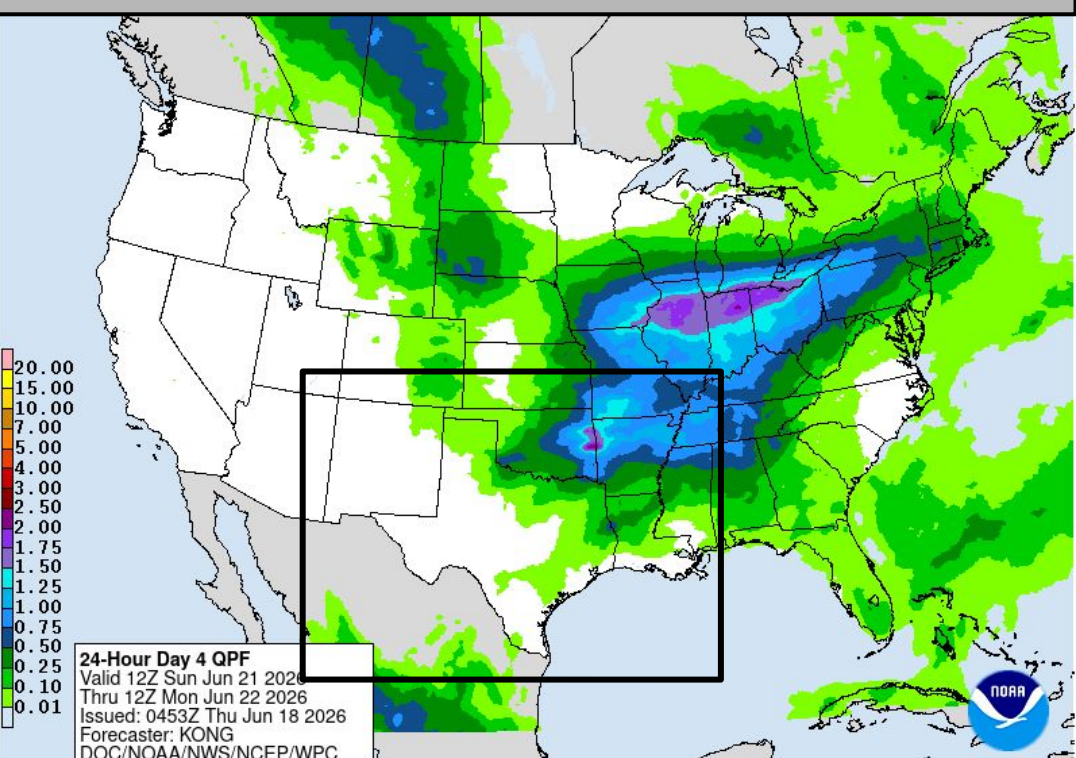


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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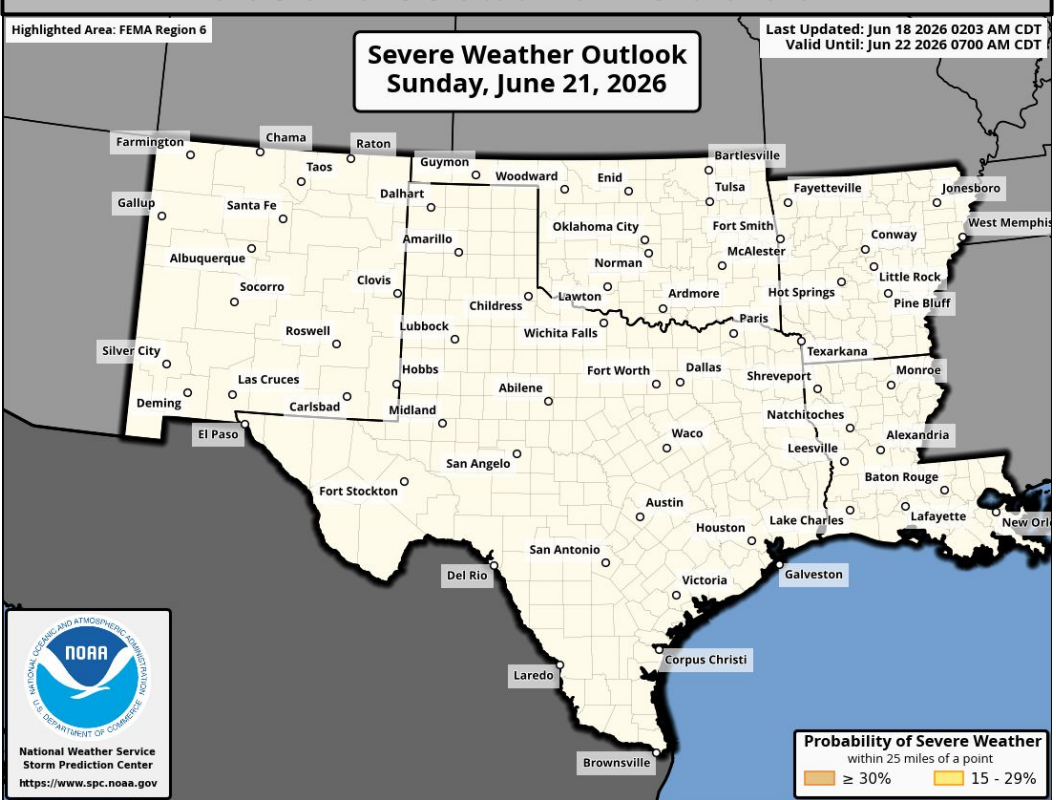


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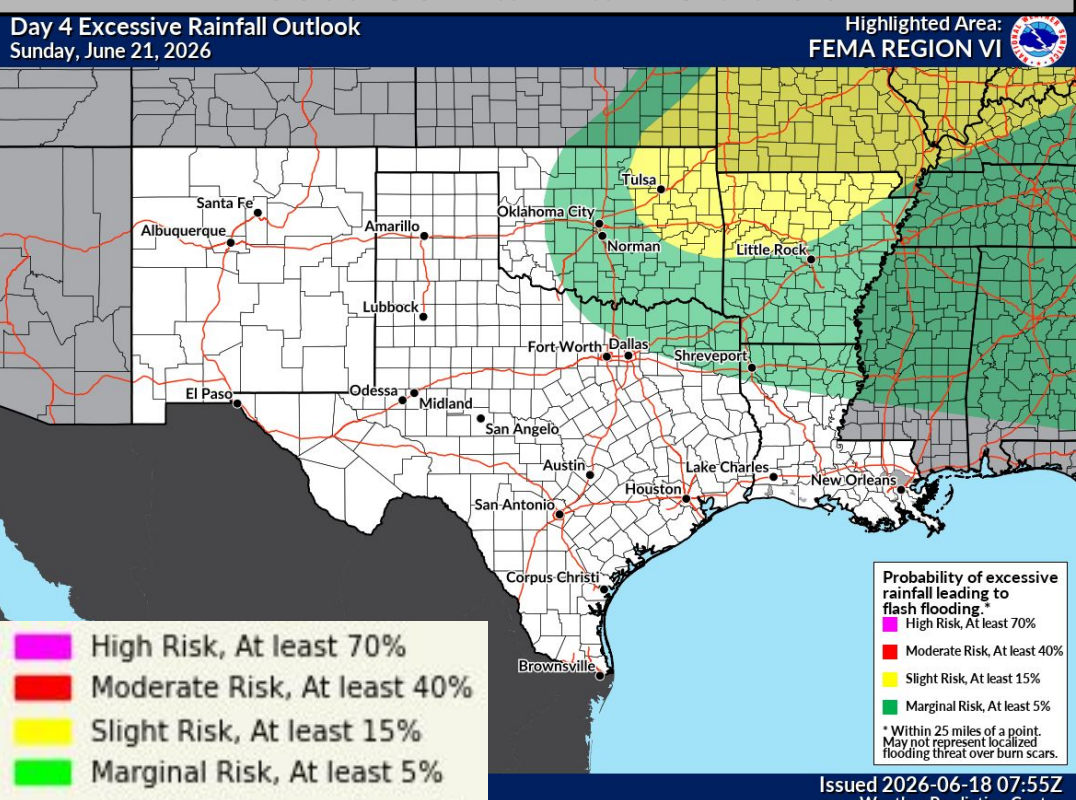
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE OK and N AR.

Monitoring for severe thunderstorm potential in TX, OK, AR

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



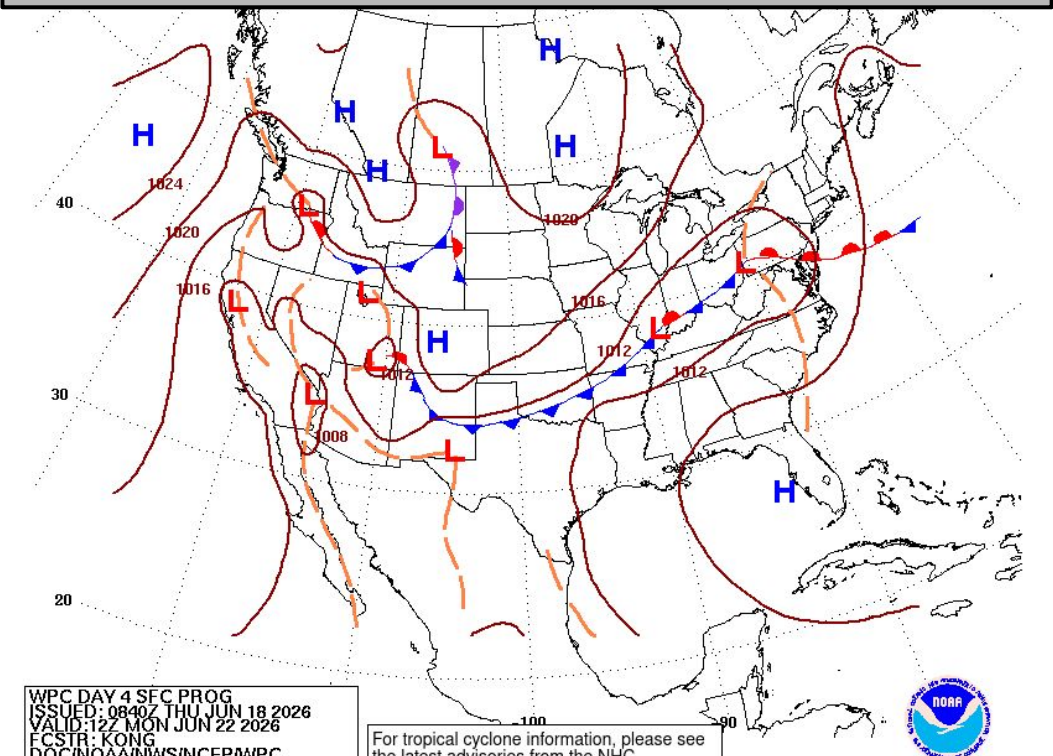
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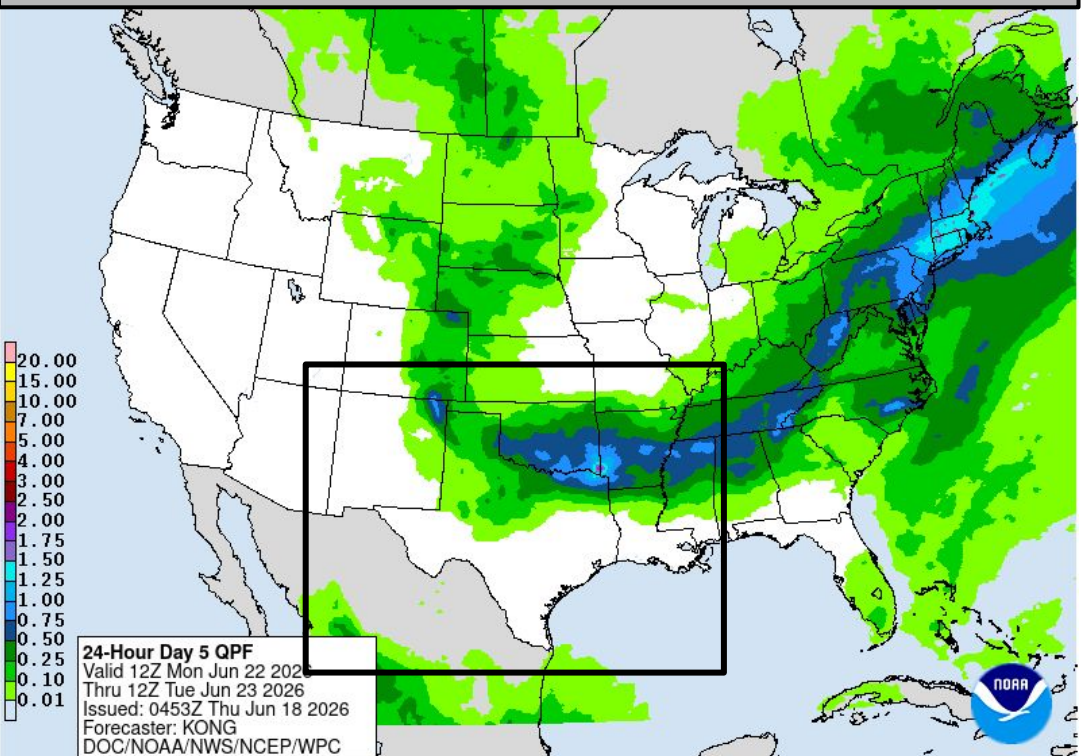


Monday's Weather

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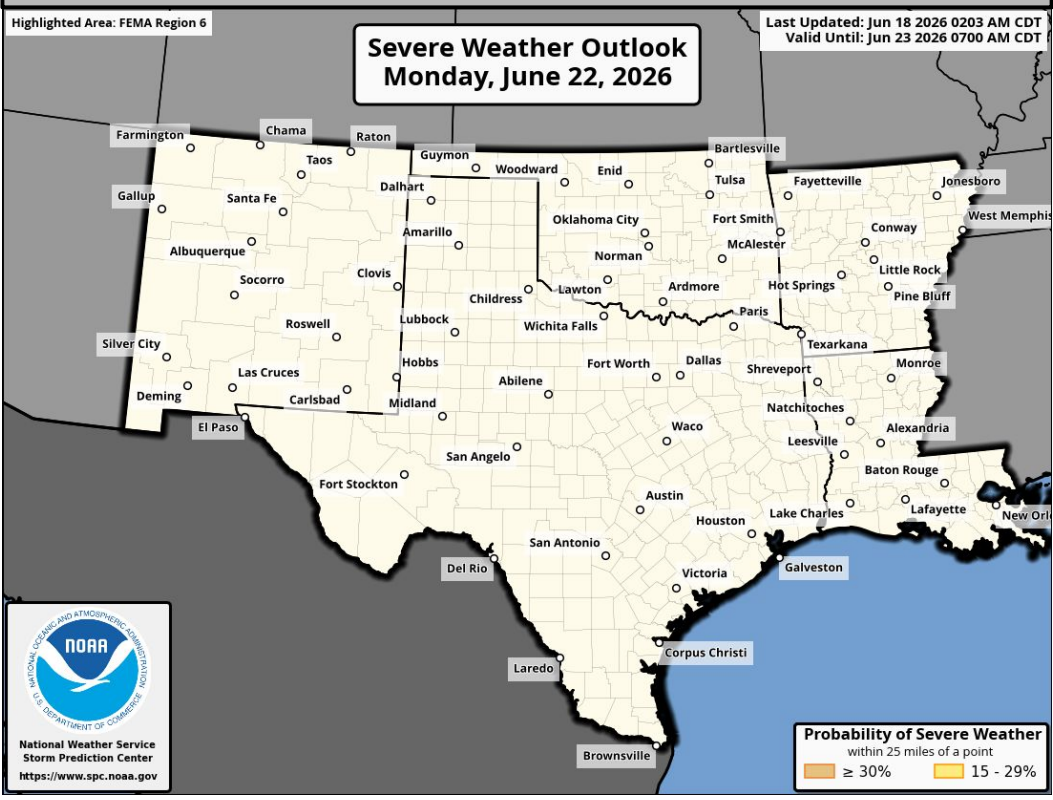
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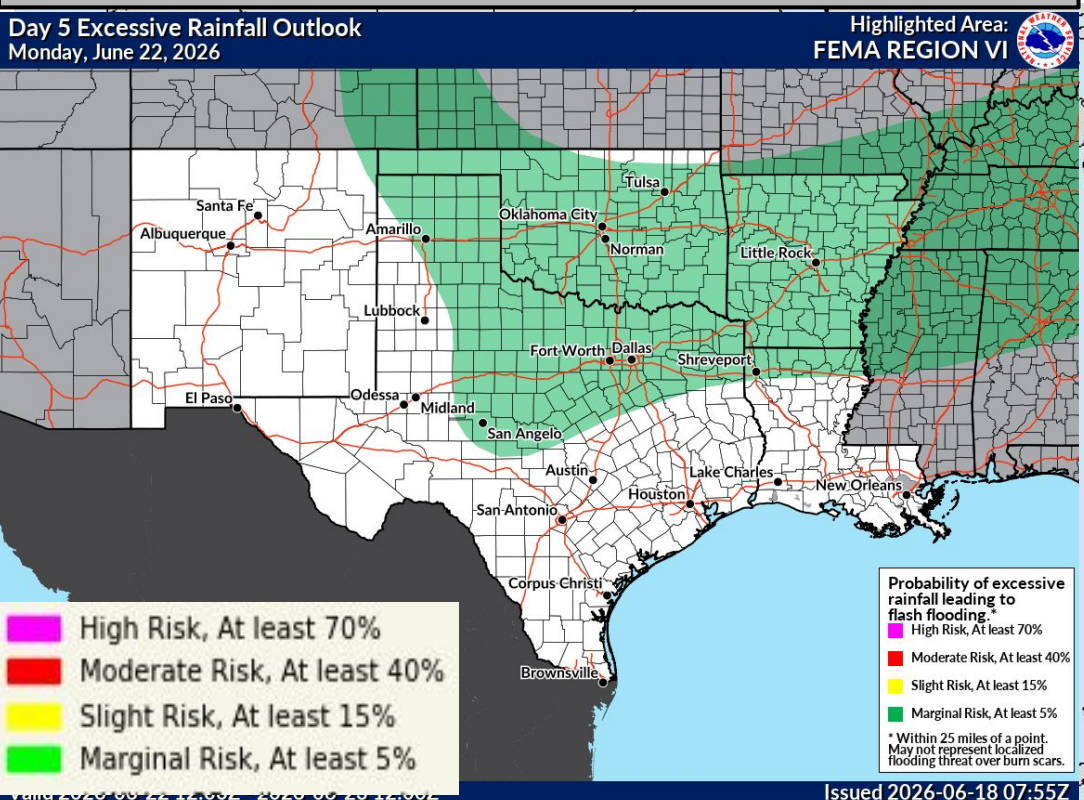
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Severe Weather Outlook



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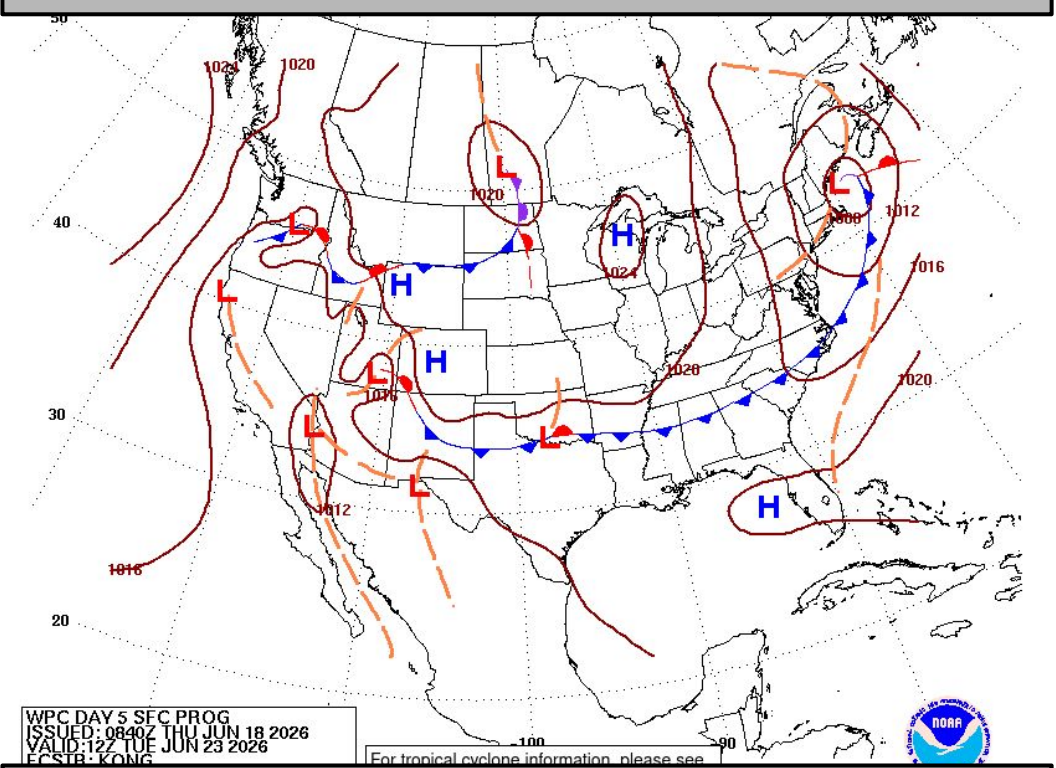
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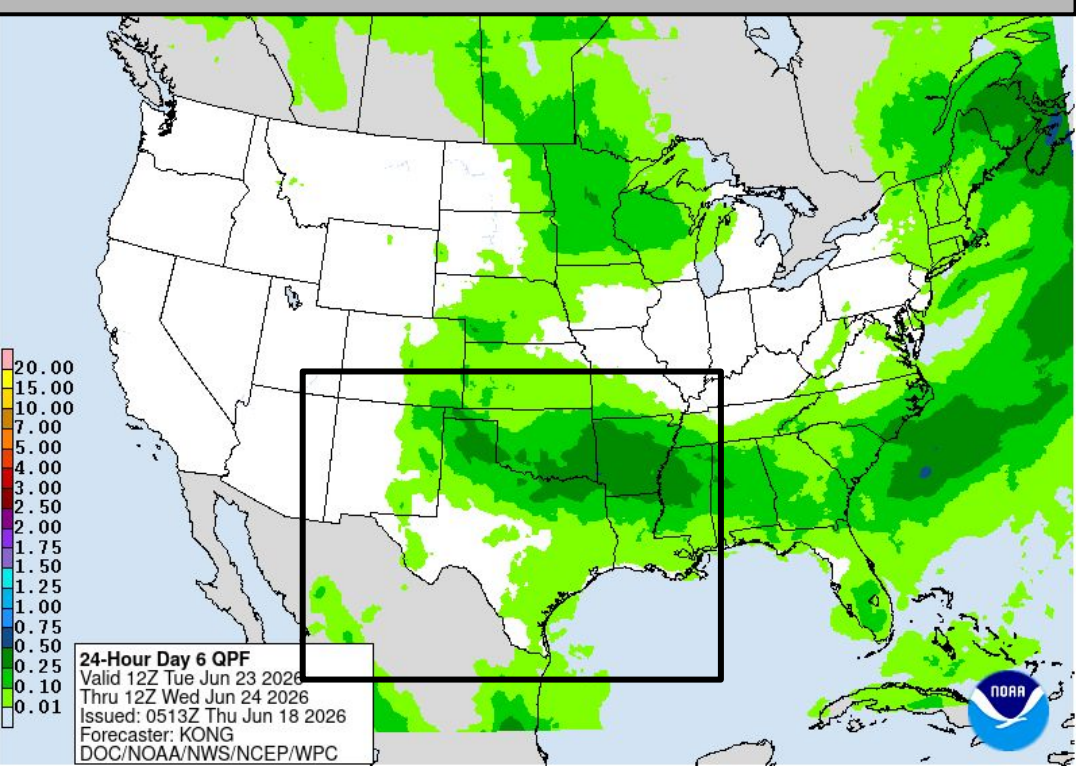


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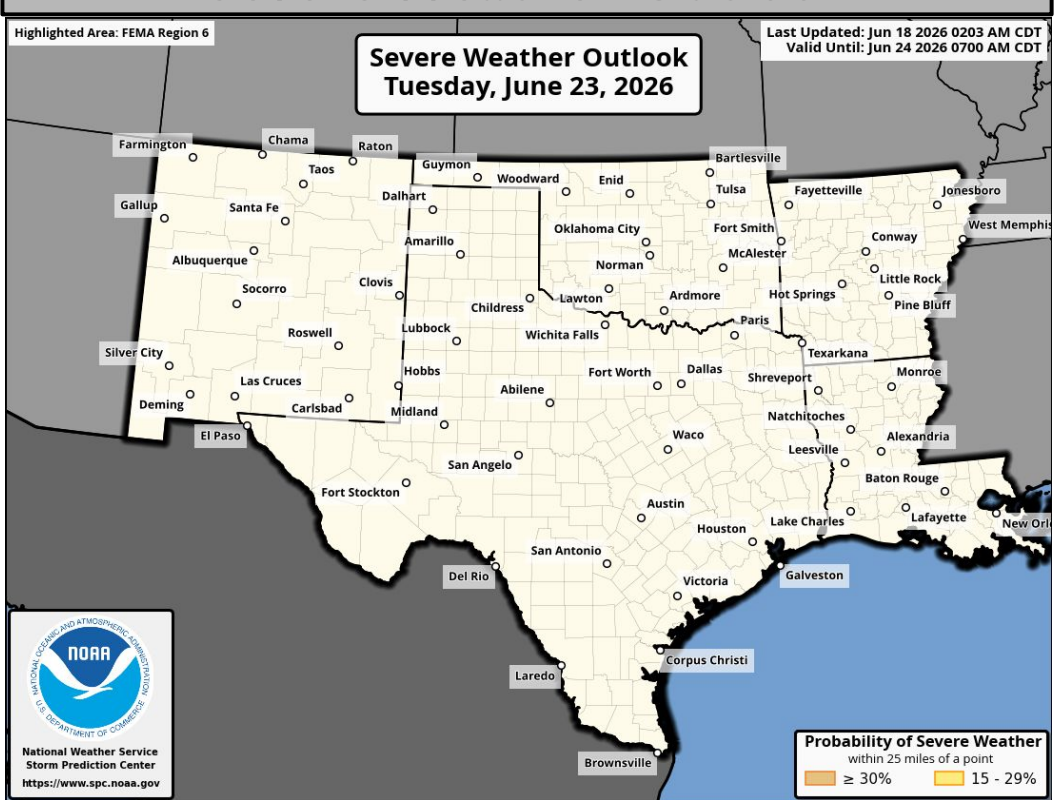
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Monitoring OK and AR for heavy rain.

Severe Weather Outlook



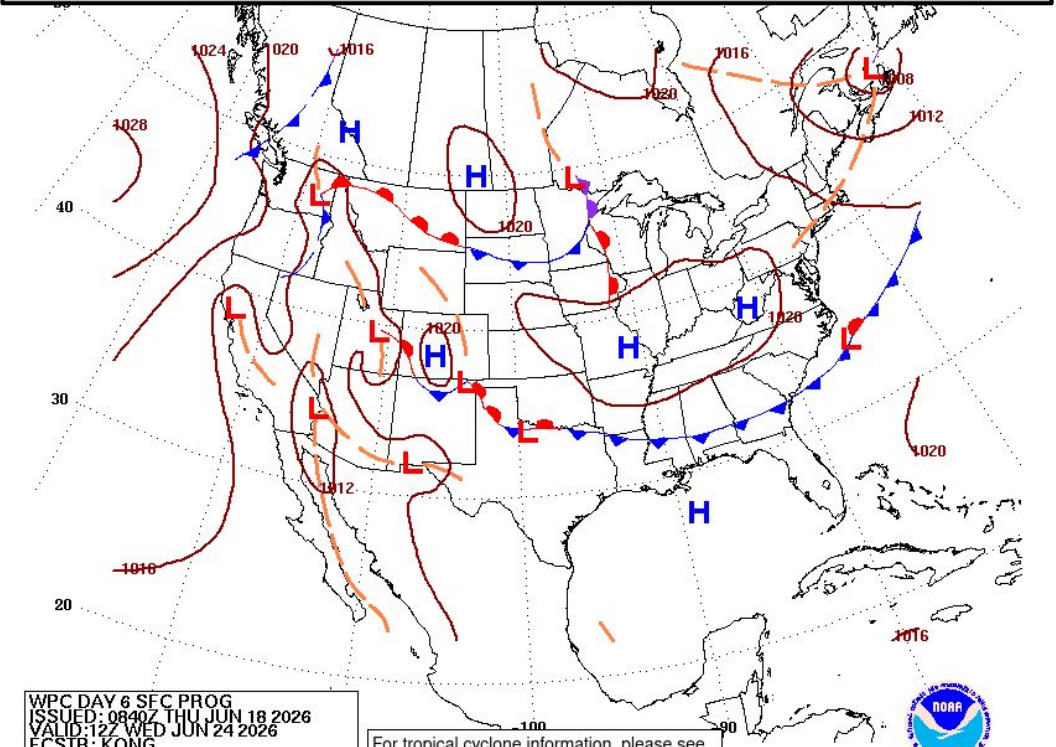
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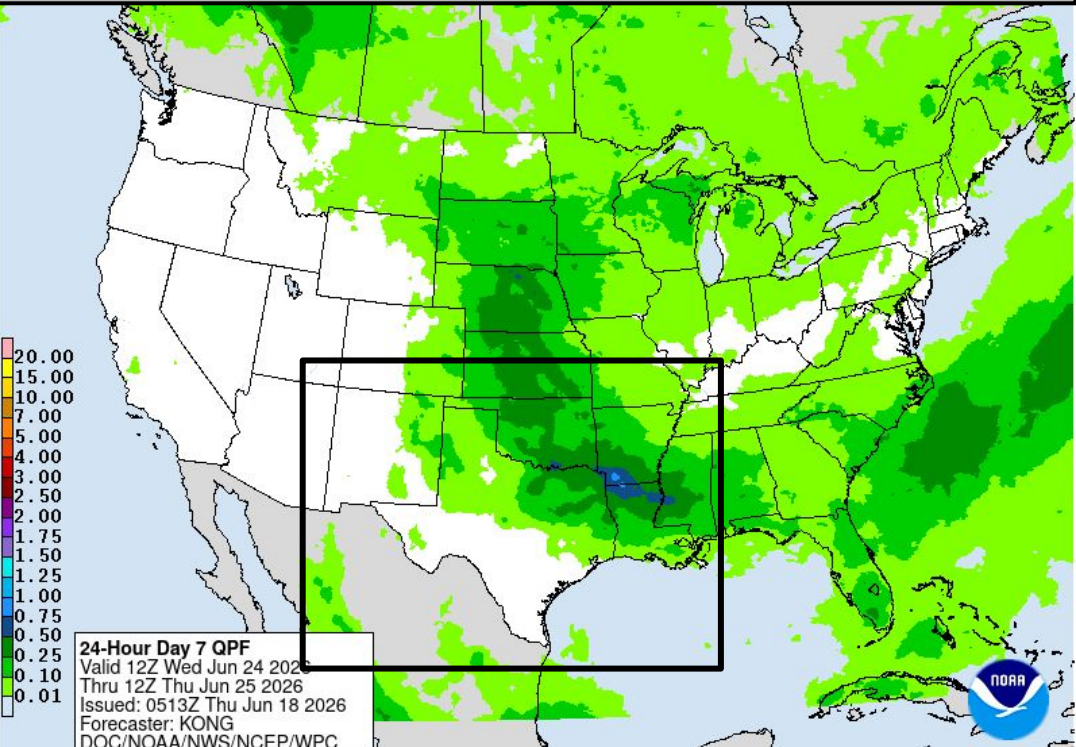


Wednesday's Weather

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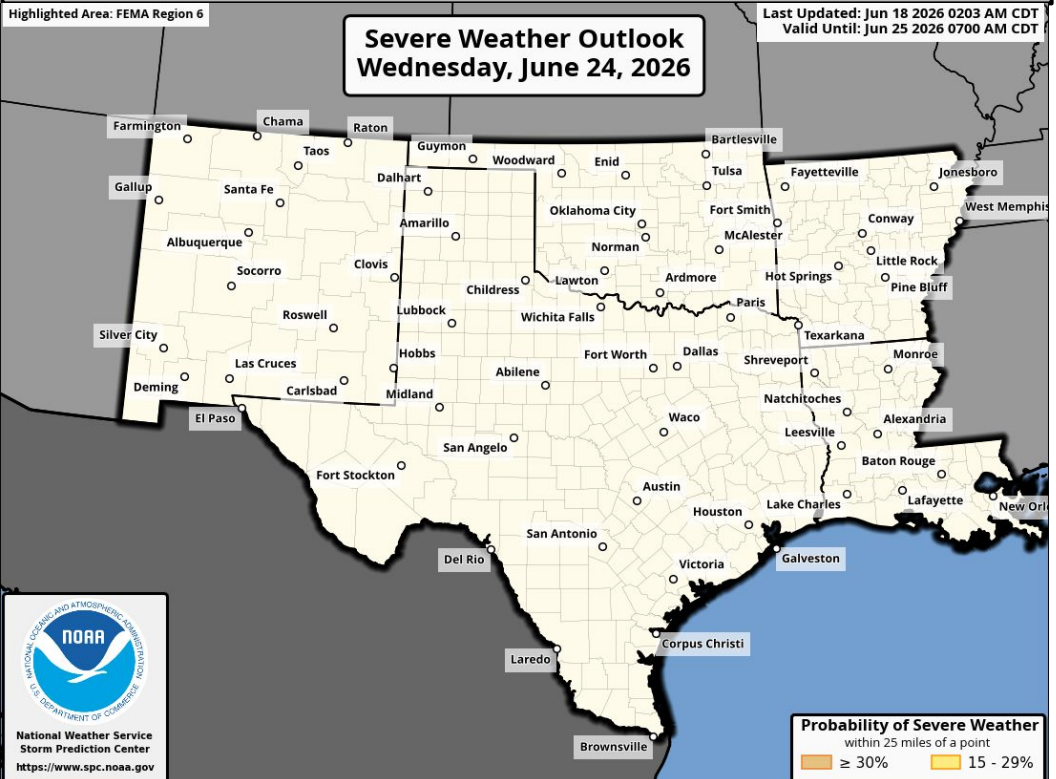


Forecast Rainfall



Minor heat risk (level 2 of 5) in TX and LA.

Severe Weather Outlook

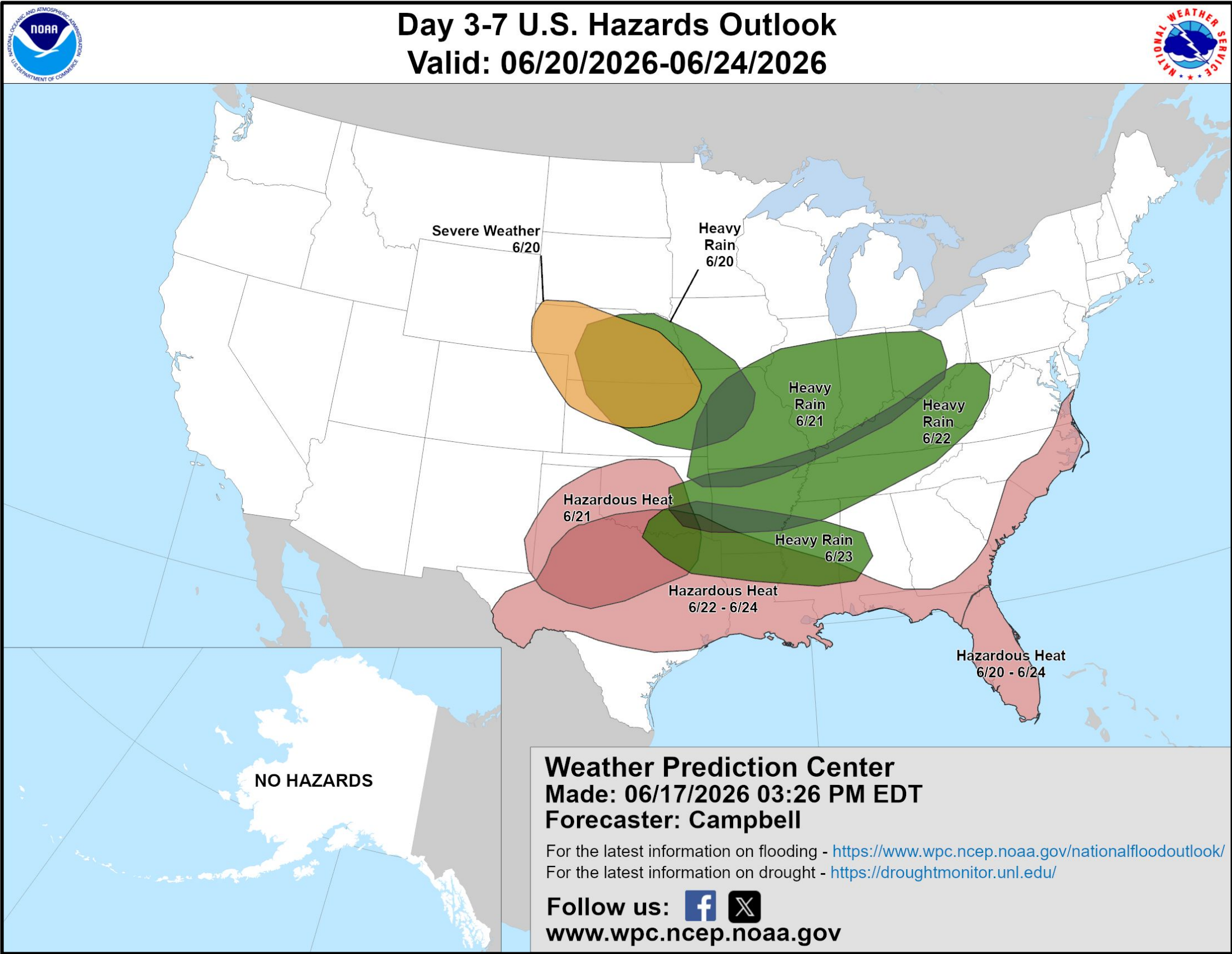


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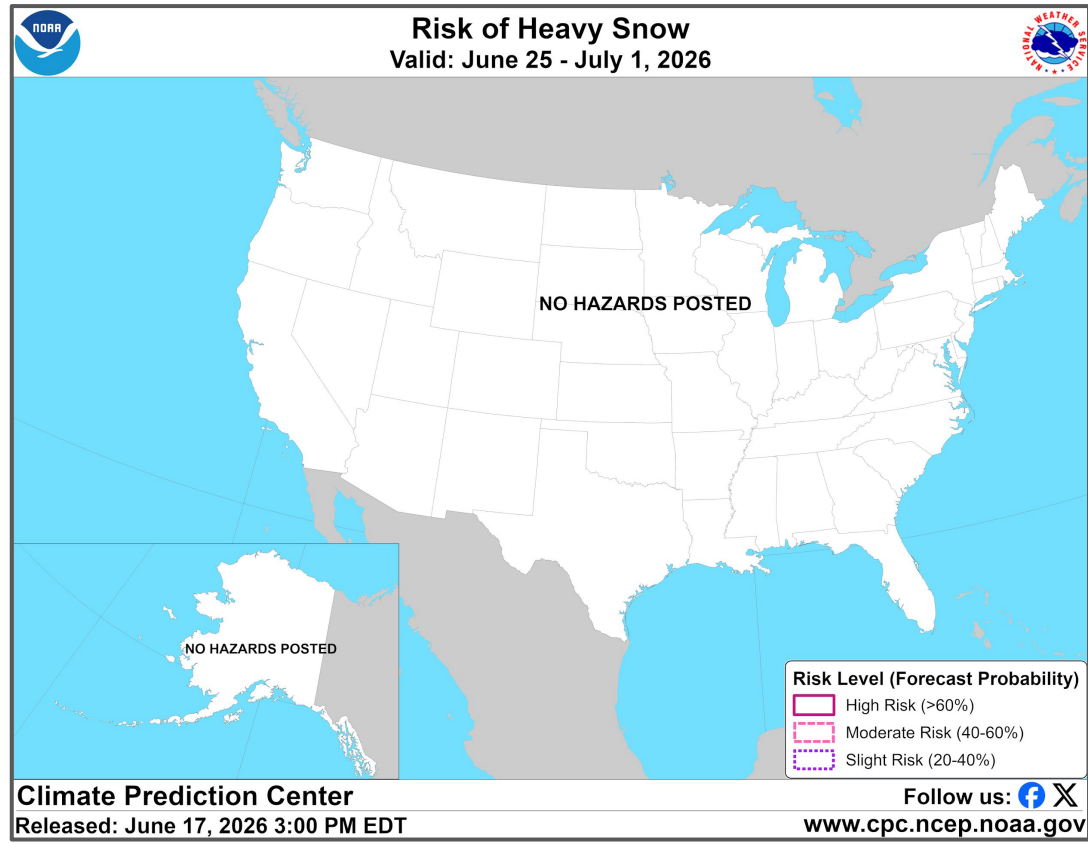
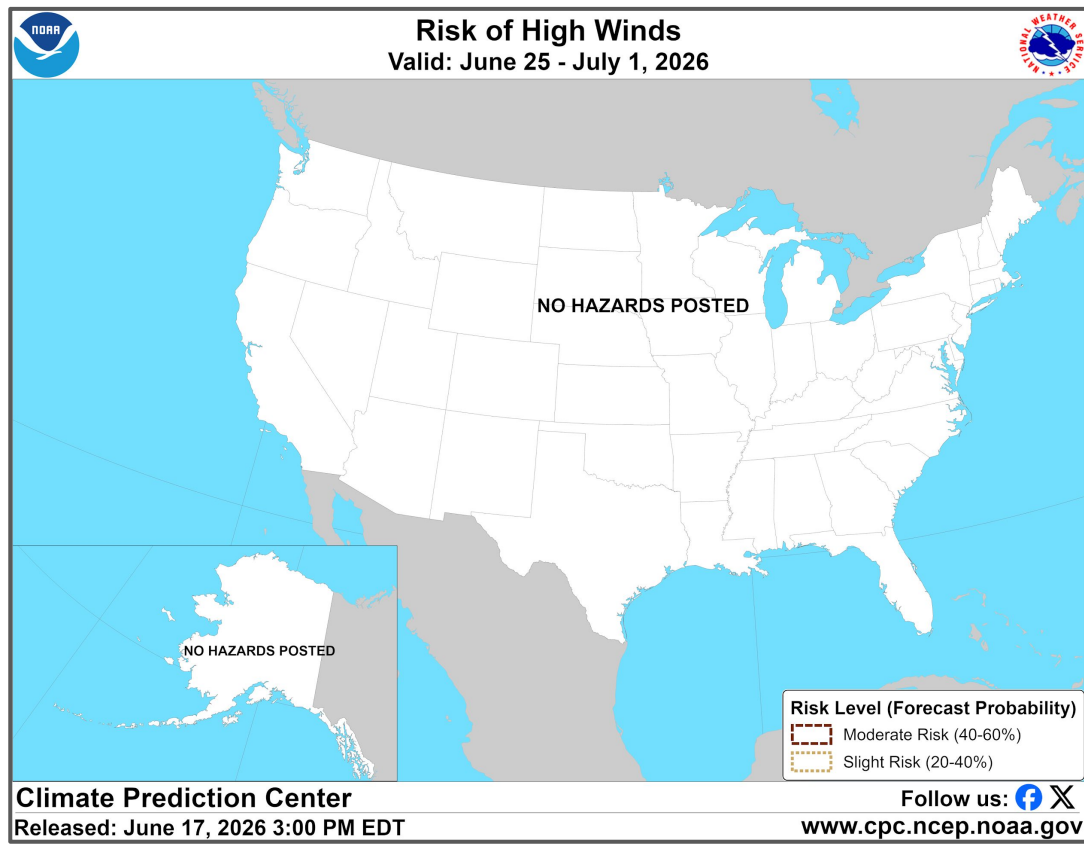
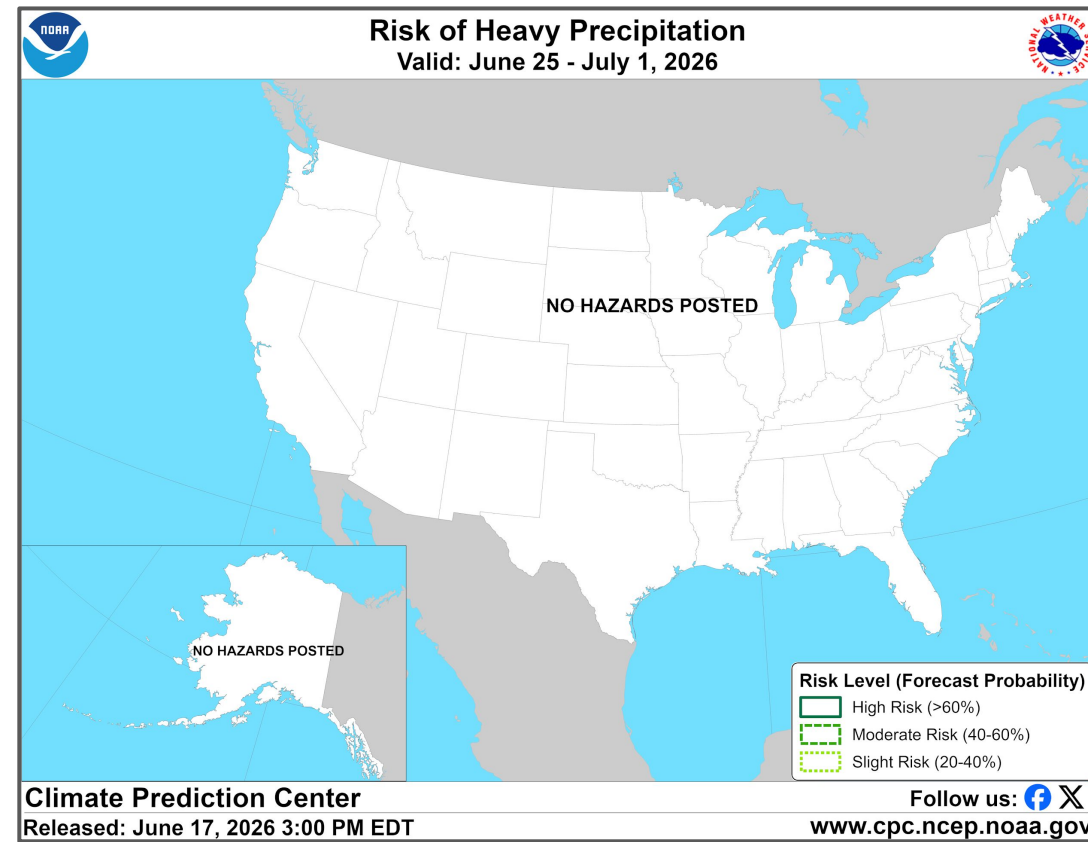
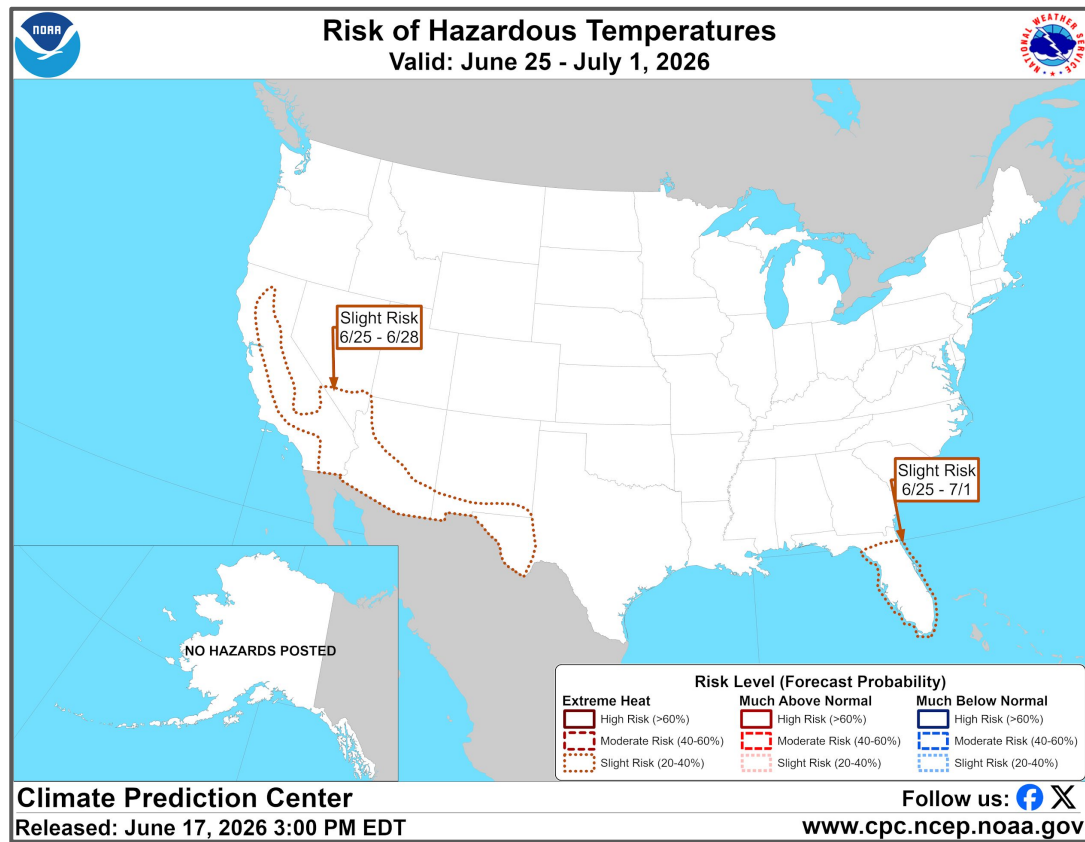
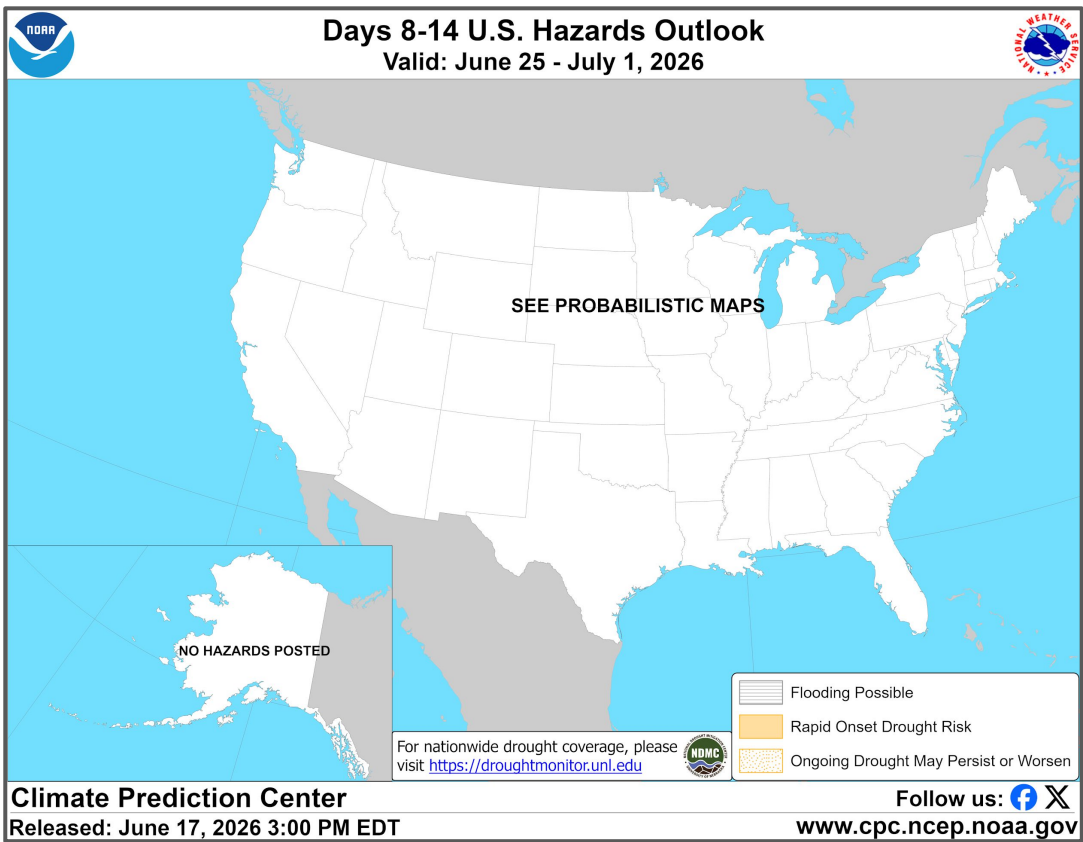


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





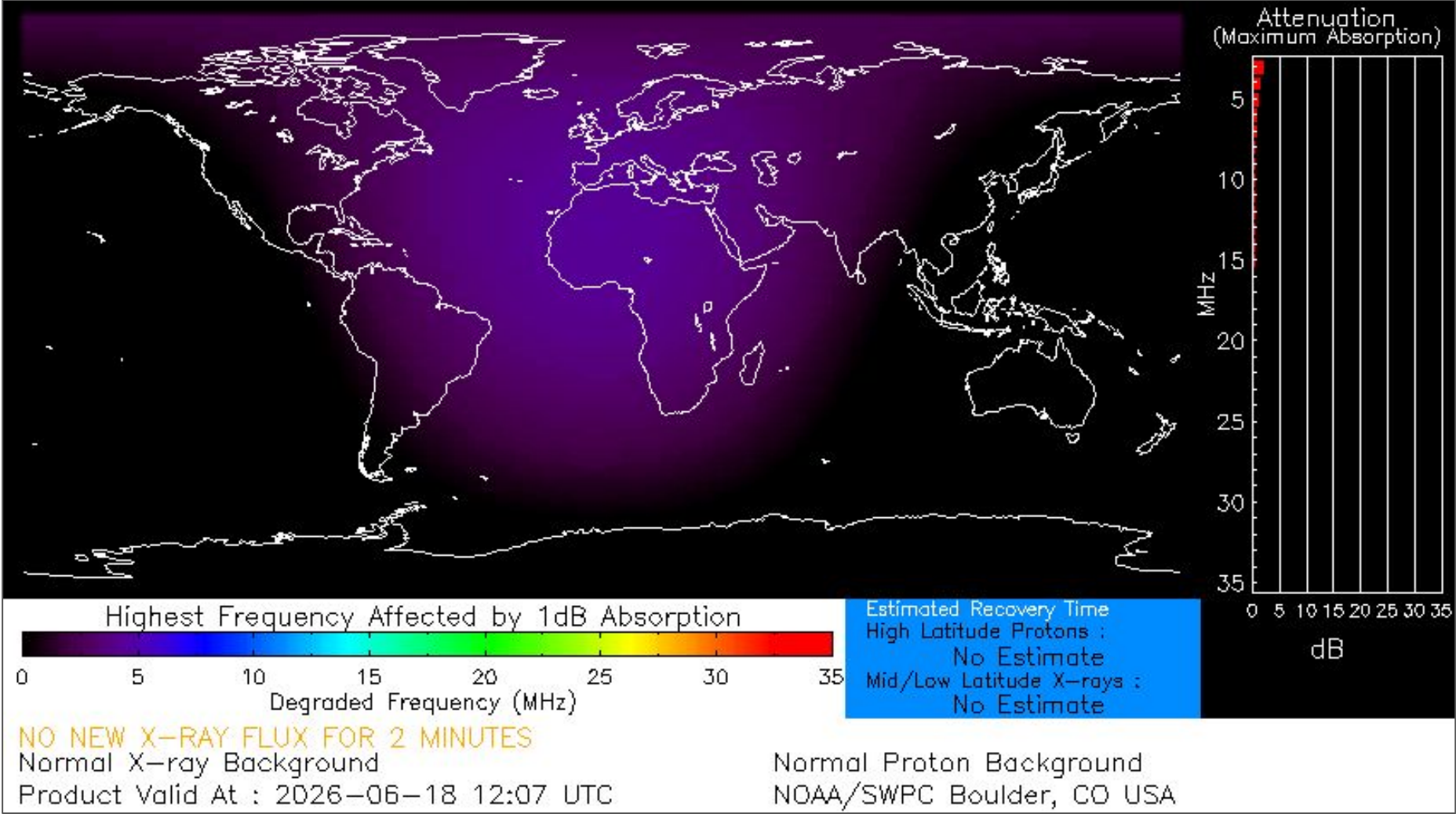
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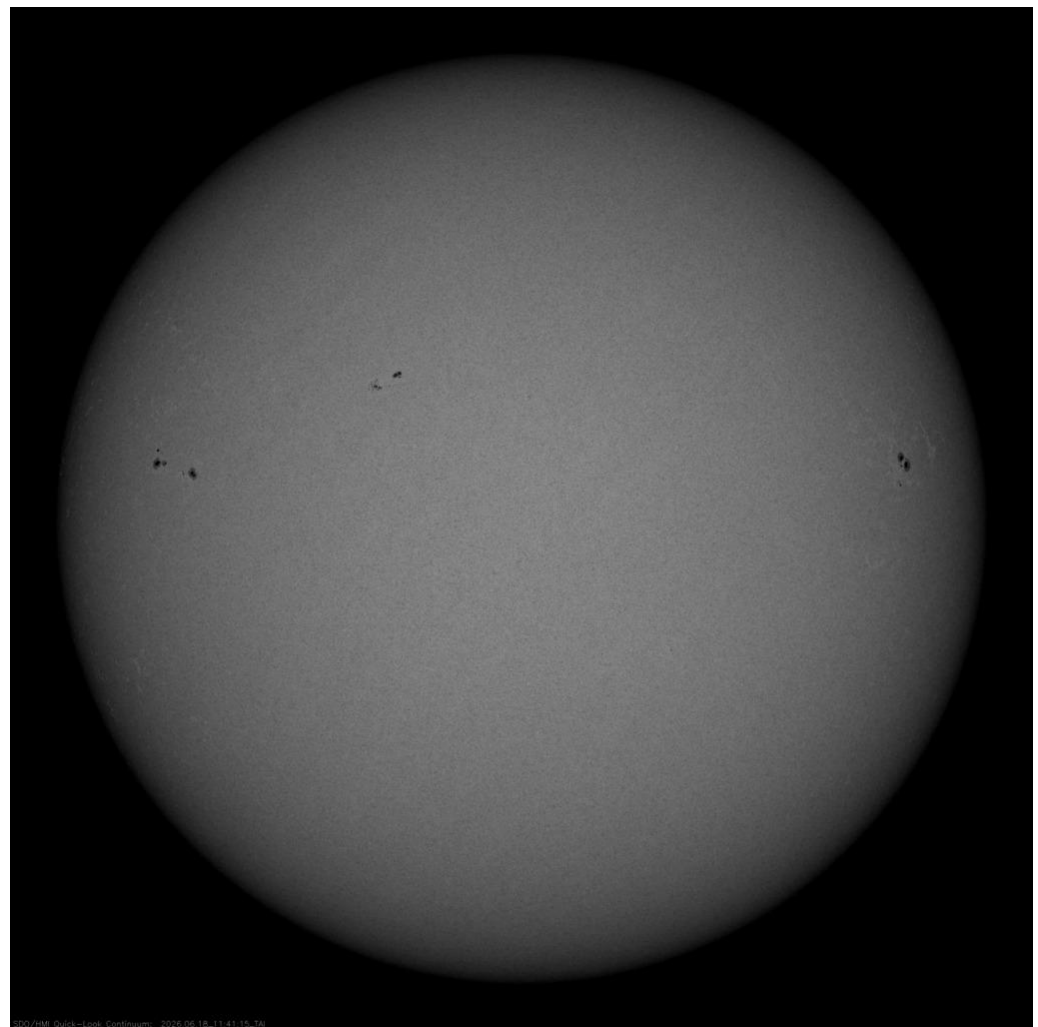
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Jun 18	Friday, Jun 19	Saturday, Jun 20
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	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	Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	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	- 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	Minor Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	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	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	Moderate Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	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	- 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	Major Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	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	- 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	Extreme 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	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	- 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

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