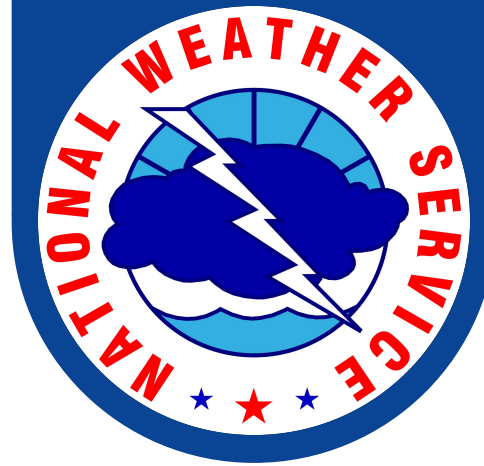




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, July 4, 2026

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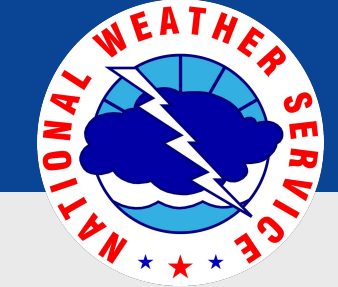
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Summary

- **Heat:**
 - Moderate risk (level 3 of 5) for AR, OK, N TX today and Sunday; E TX and SE OK Monday through mid week.
 - Minor risk (level 2 of 5) over TX, LA, AR, OK through early next week and into E NM for July 4th.
- **Flash Flooding:**
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over NE OK today; Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over N/C OK today.
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over E OK, N AR Sunday; AR, NE TX, N LA Monday.
- **Severe Storms:**
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over N OK into the TX/OK Panhandles today.
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) over E NM into the W TX Panhandle on Sunday.
- **River Flooding:**
 - Minor river flooding continues across LA.
- **Fire Weather:**
 - Elevated threat (level 1 of 3) over N NM today.
- **Tropical:**
 - No development expected over the next 7 days.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

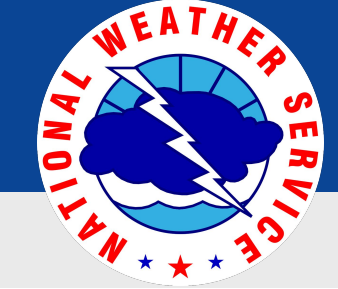
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Severe Storms	N OK, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W TX Panhandle					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE OK	E OK, N AR	AR, NE TX, N LA				
	N/C OK						
Fire Weather	N NM						
Heat	AR, OK, N TX	AR, E OK, N TX	ETX, SE OK	ETX, SE OK	ETX, SE OK	ETX, E OK, AR	ETX, E OK, AR, LA
	TX, LA, AR, OK, E NM	TX, LA, AR, NW OK	TX, OK, AR, LA	TX, OK, AR, LA	TX, OK, AR, LA	TX, OK, AR, LA	TX, OK, AR, LA
Tropical							
River Flooding	LA	LA	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



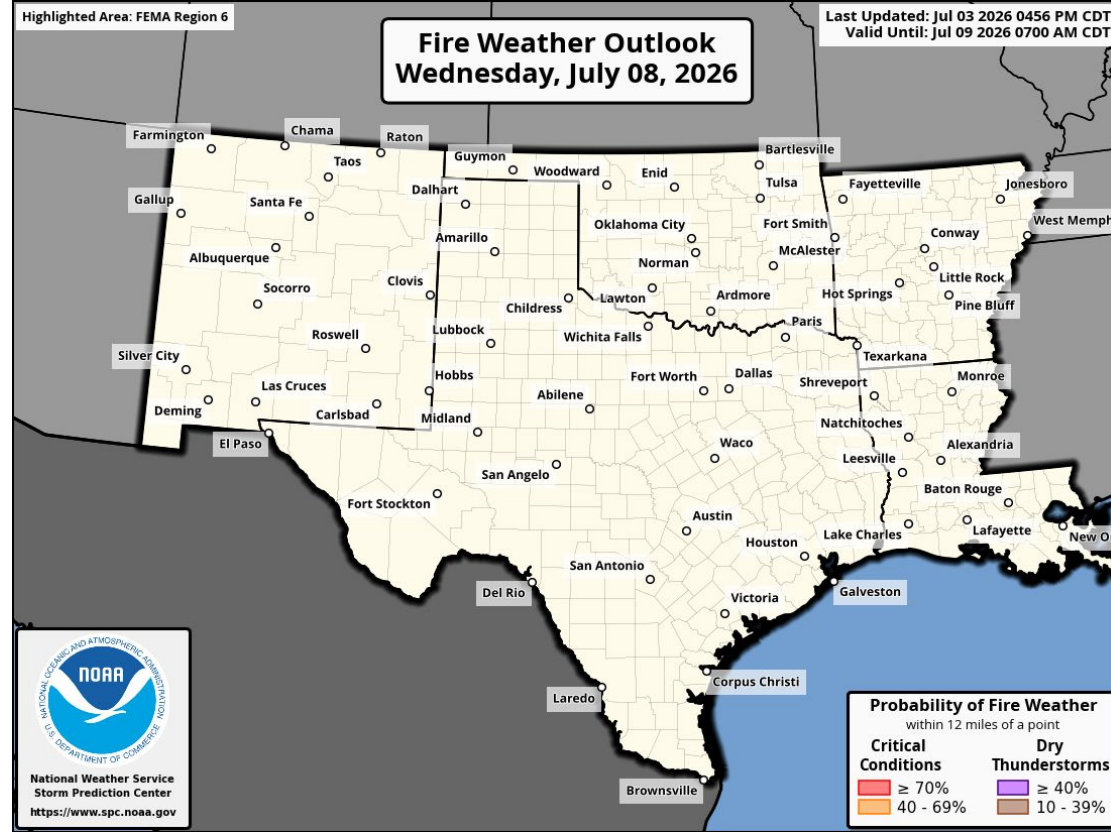
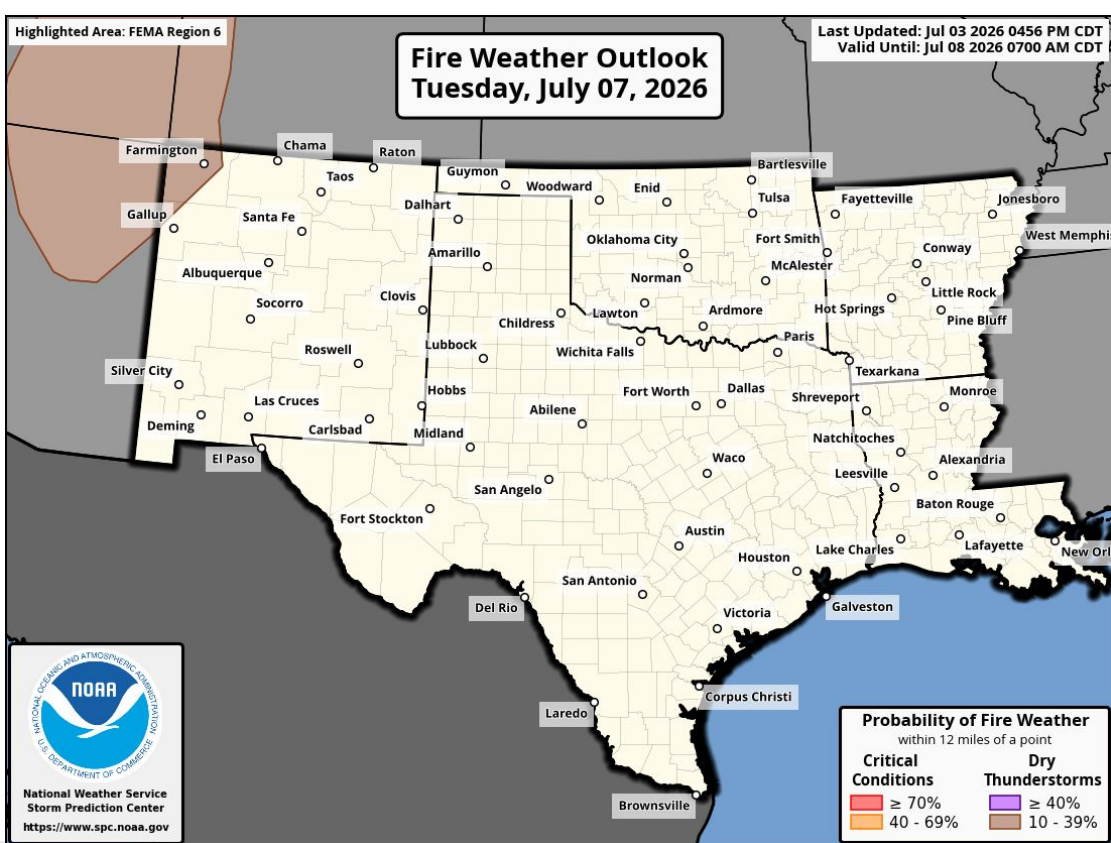
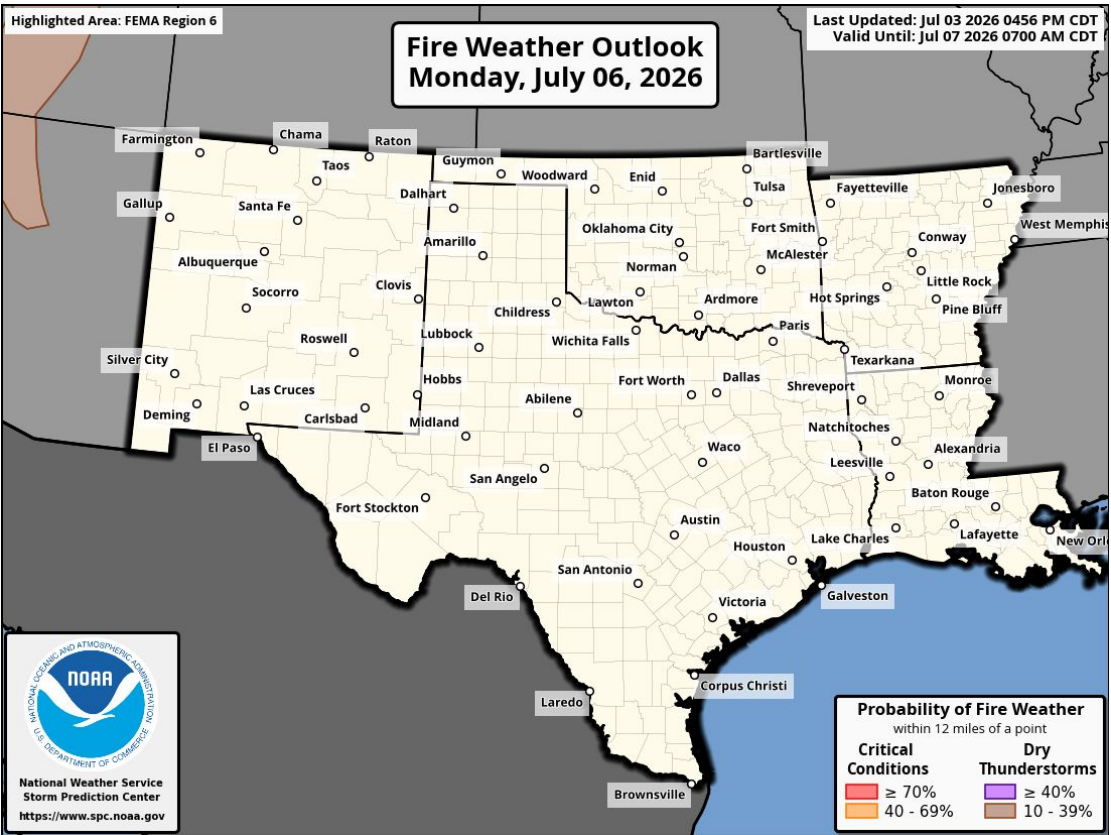
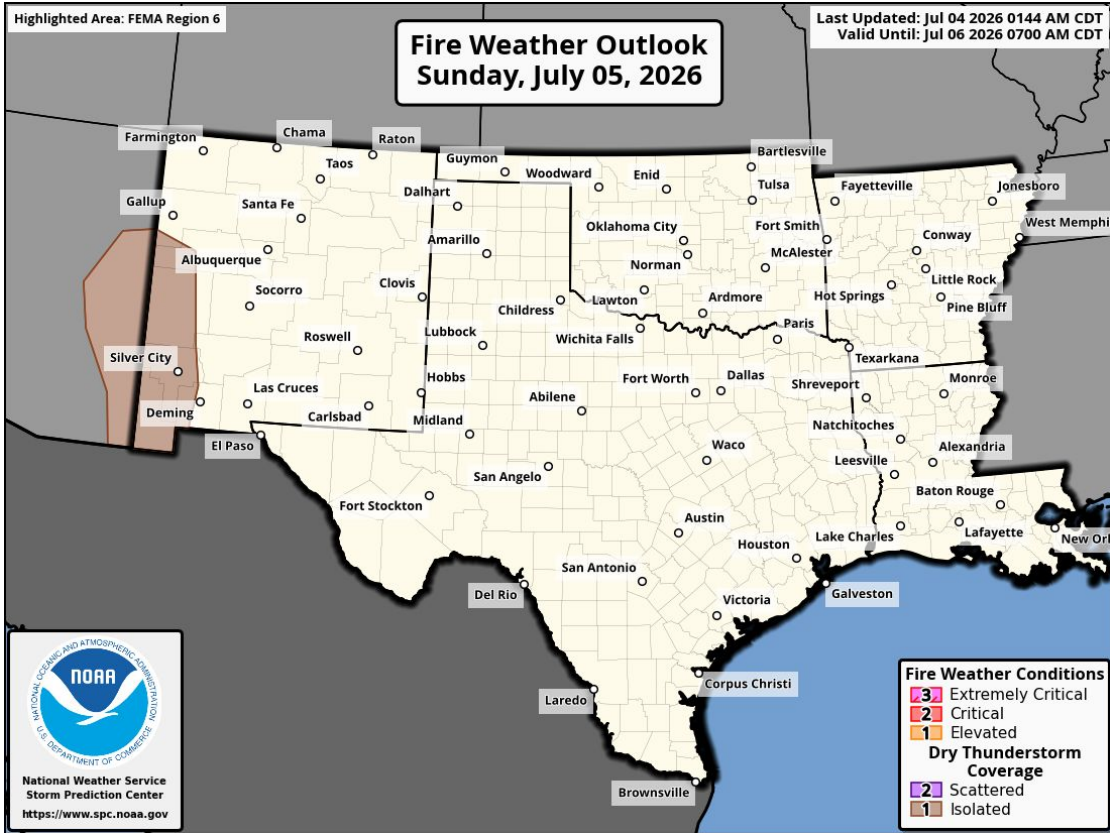
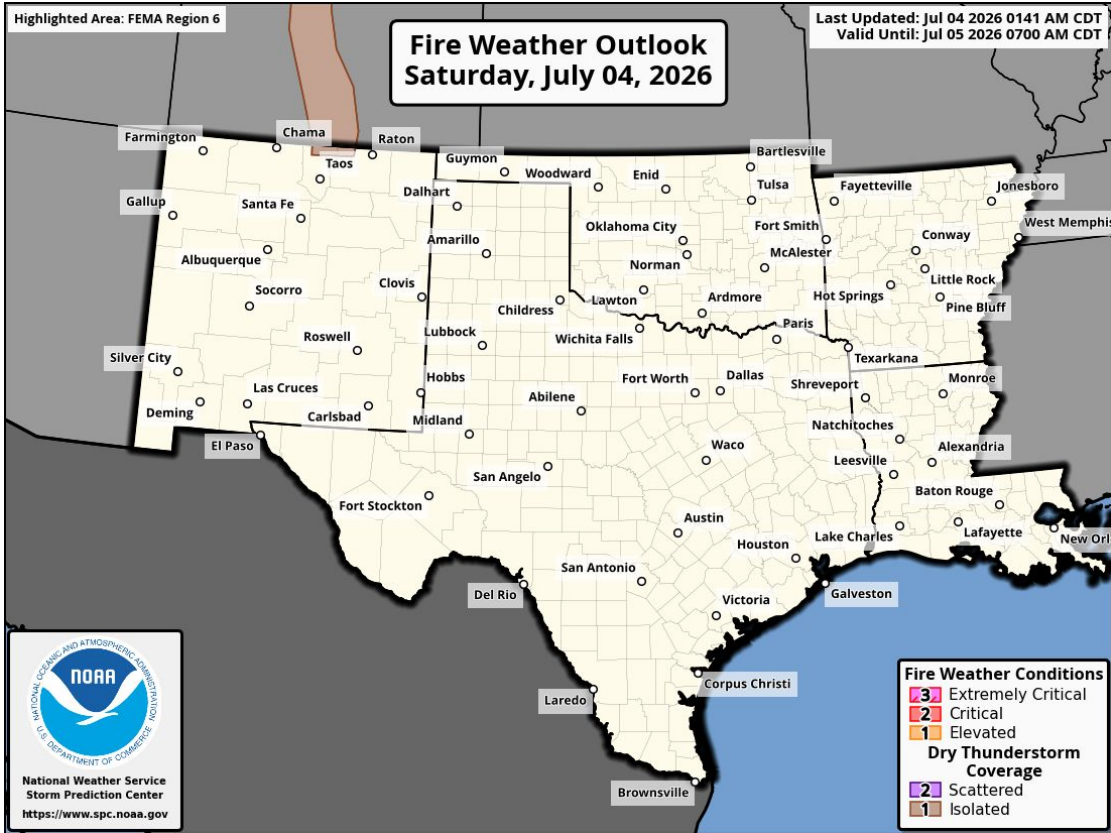
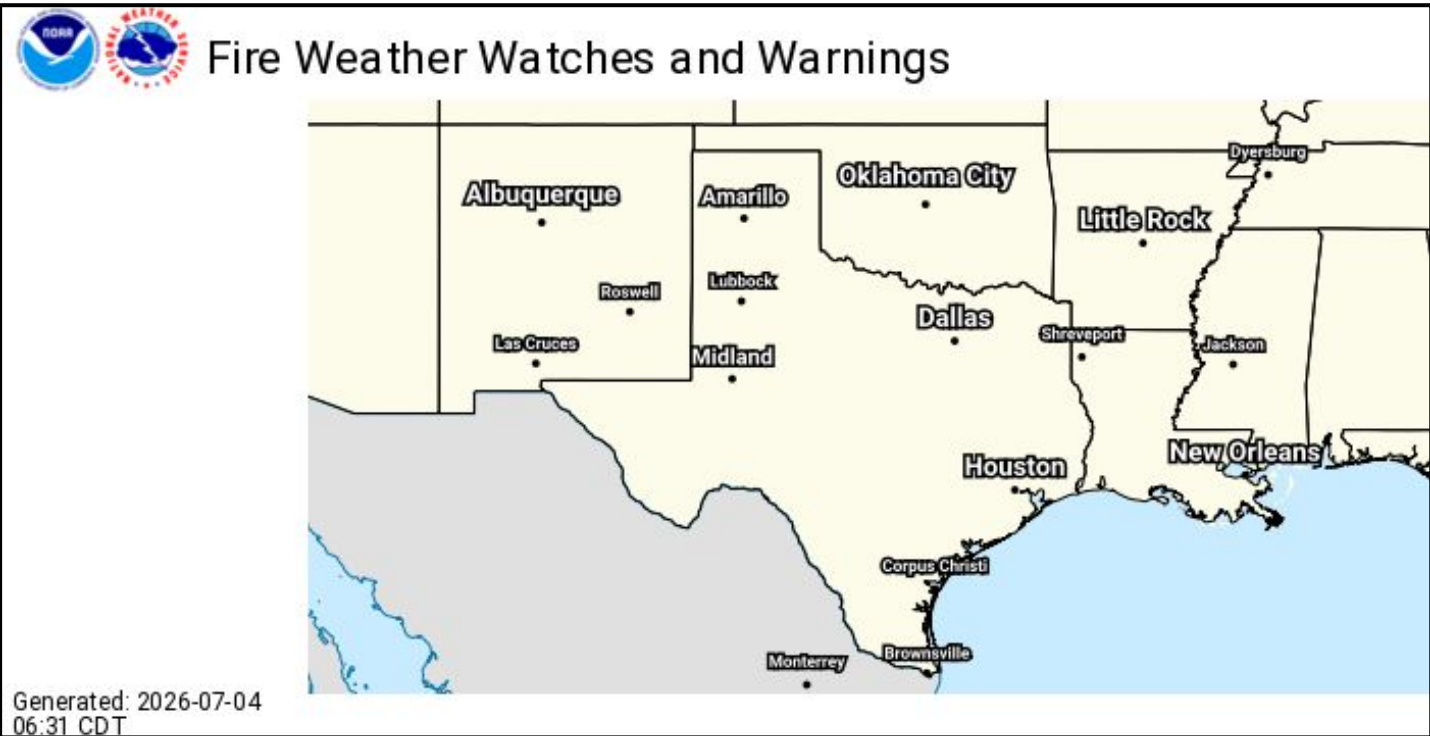
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Heat Advisories through this evening.





Fire Weather Outlooks





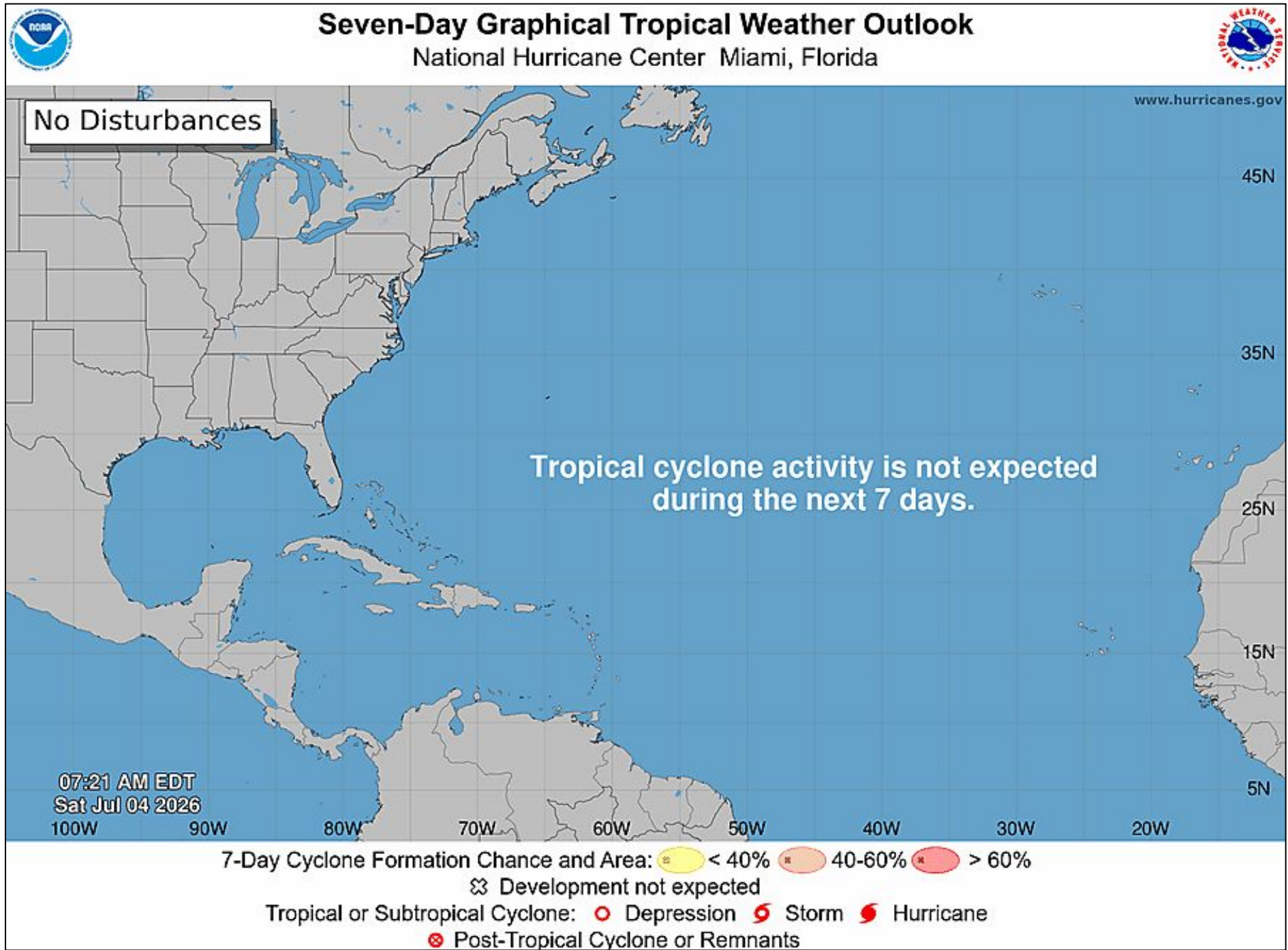
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



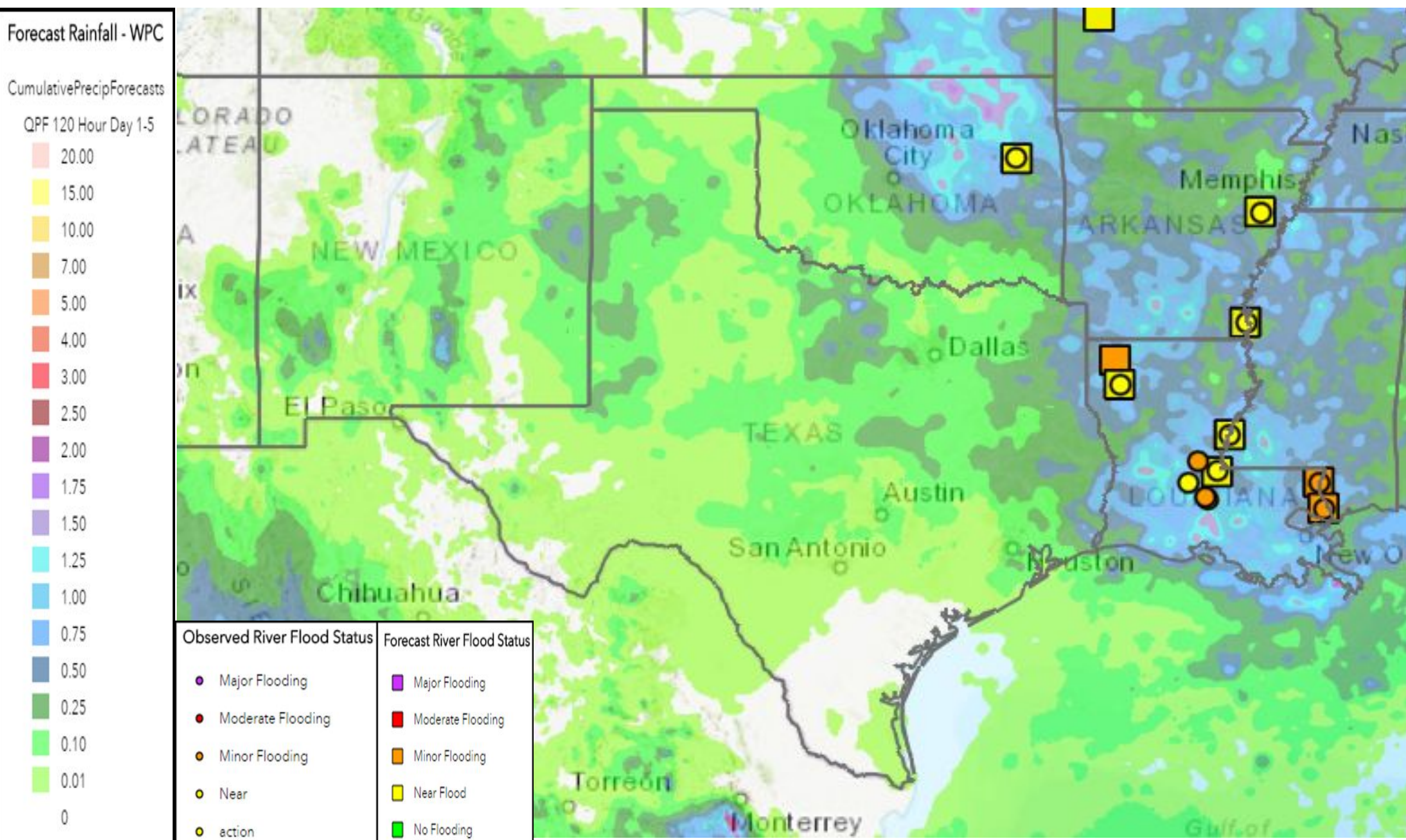
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



Minor river flooding continues across LA (decreasing into Action Stage this 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.



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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

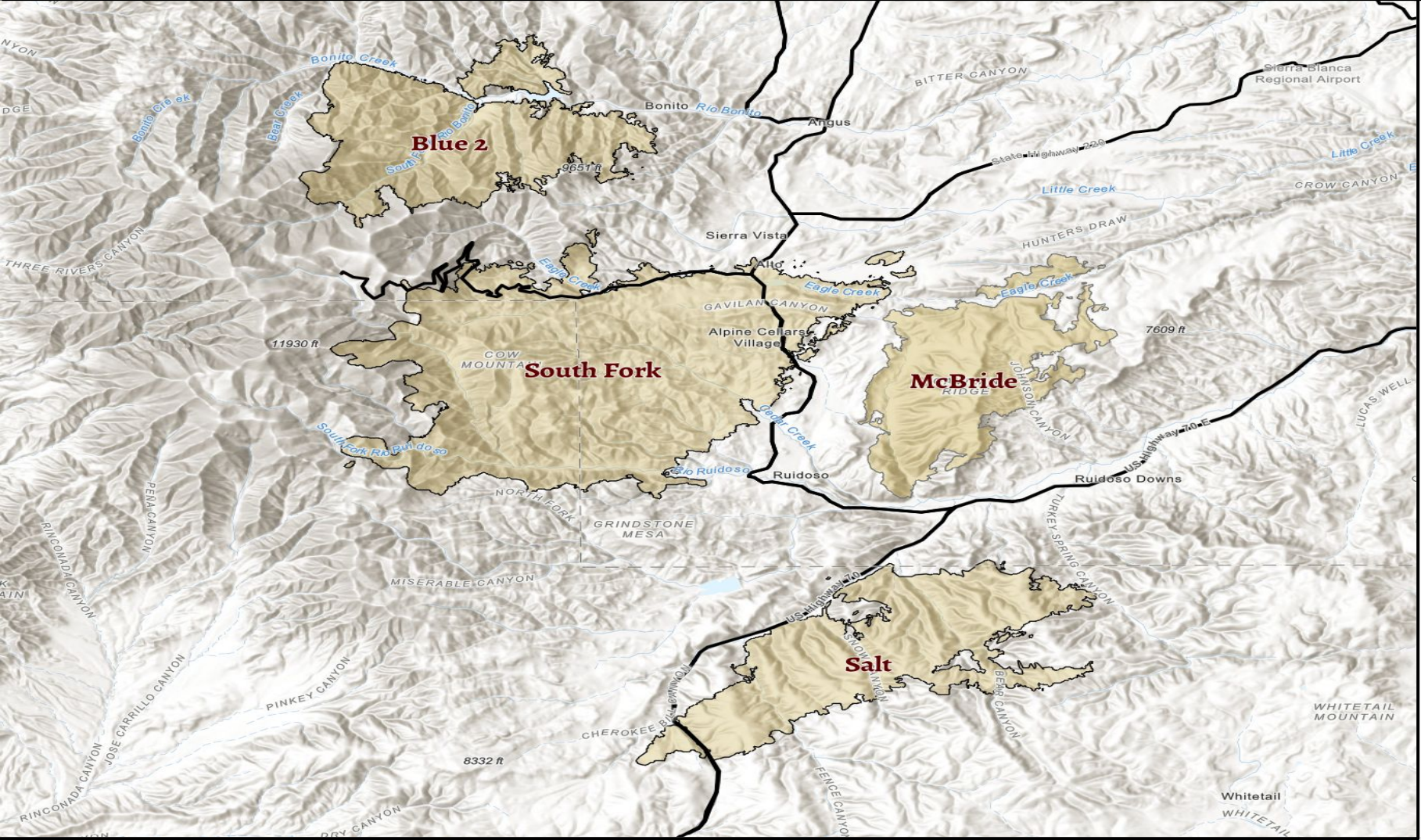
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Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Saturday, Jul 4	Sunday, Jul 5	Monday, Jul 6	Tuesday, Jul 7	Wednesday, Jul 8
Flash Flooding	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing - CDT		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening

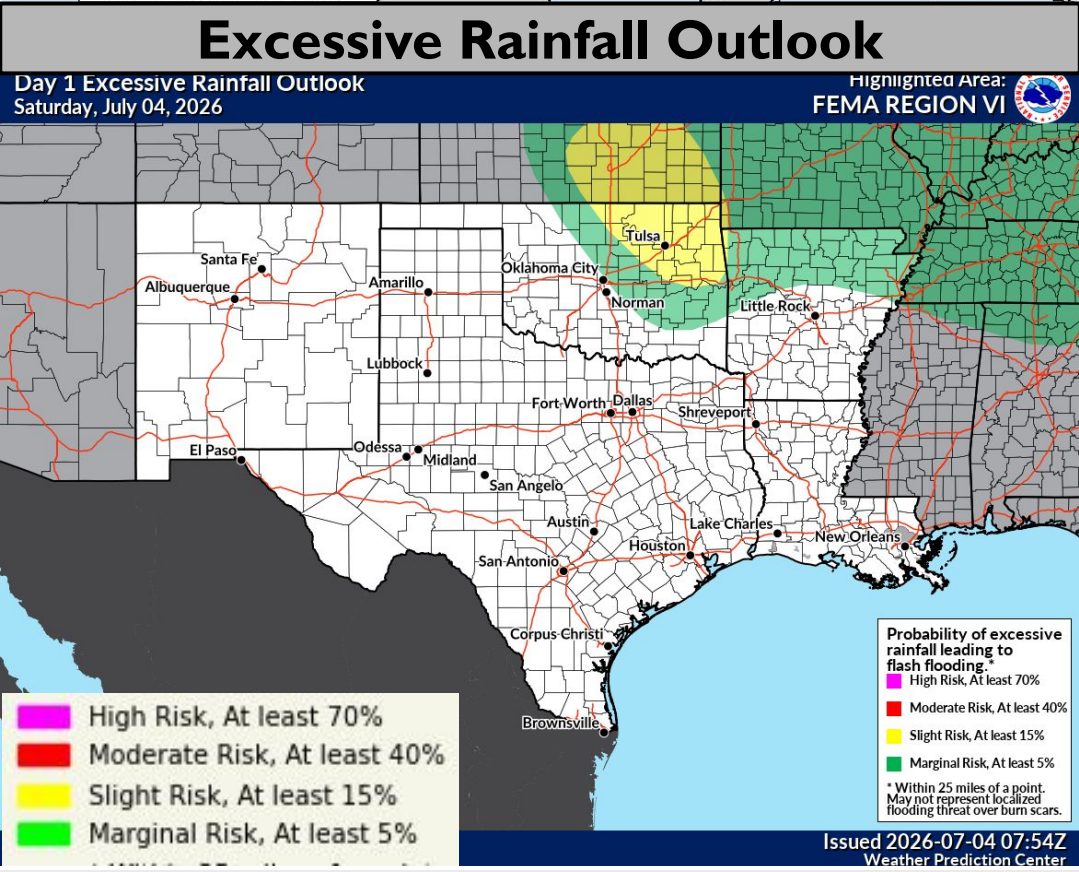
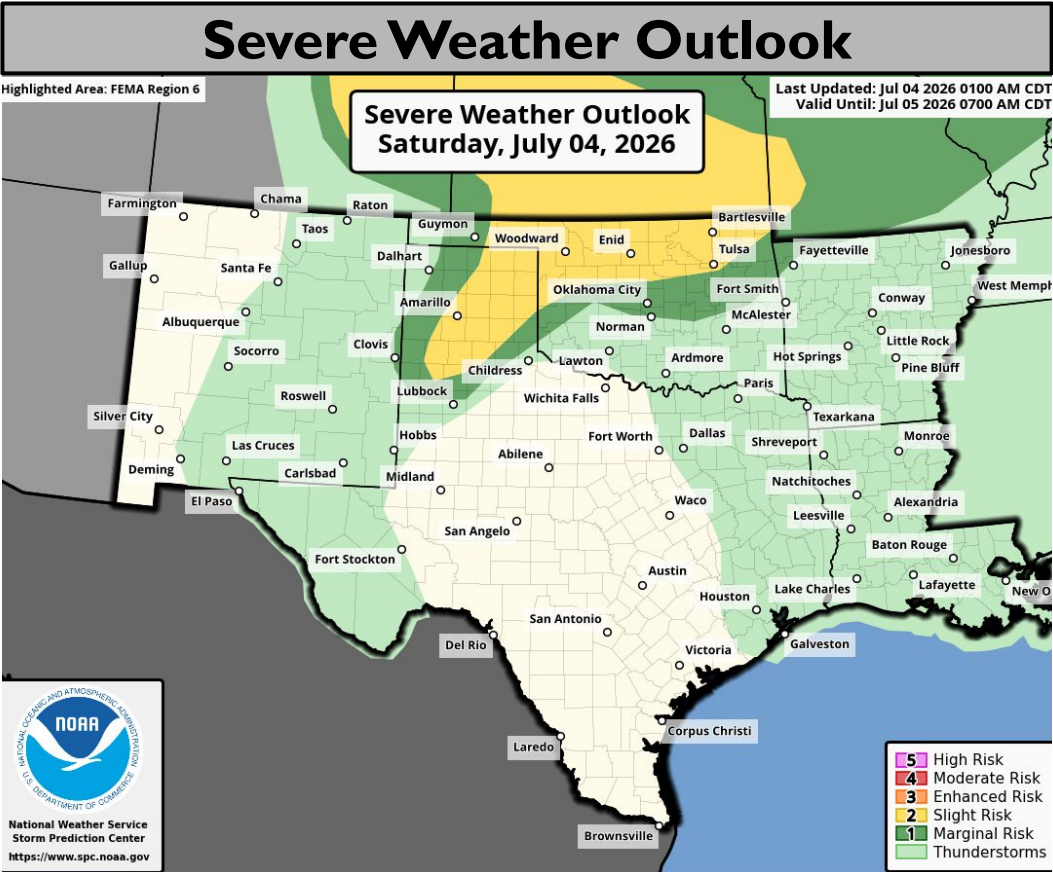
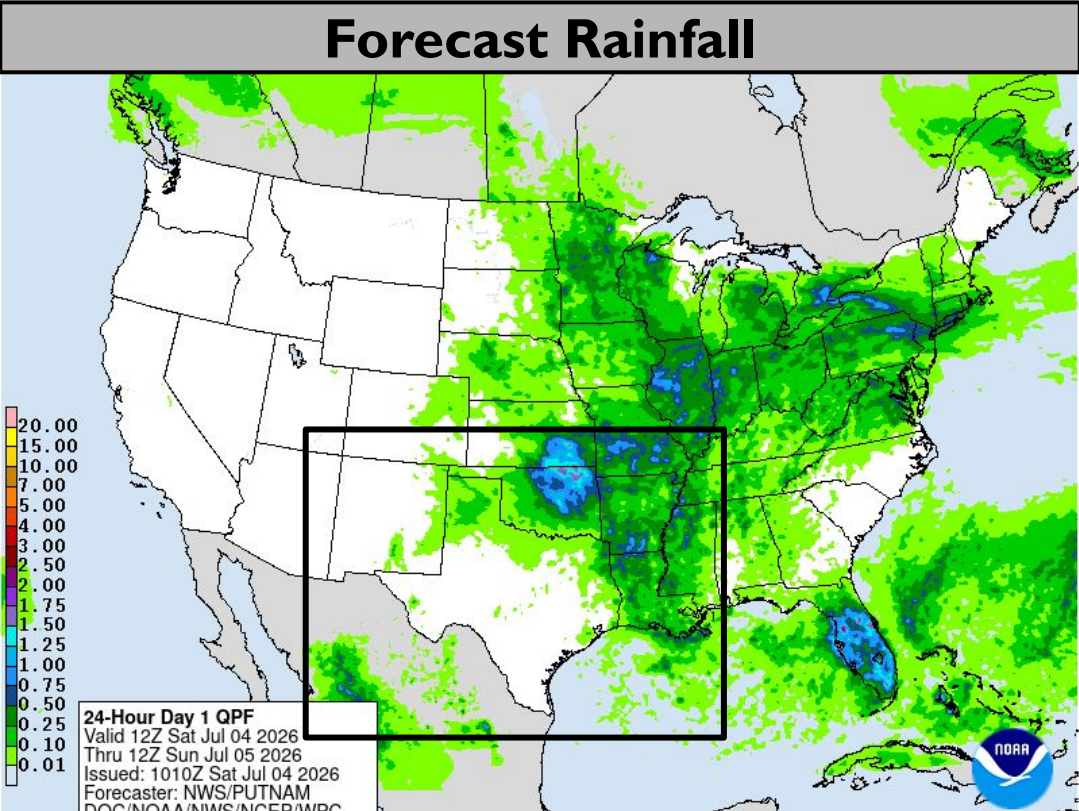
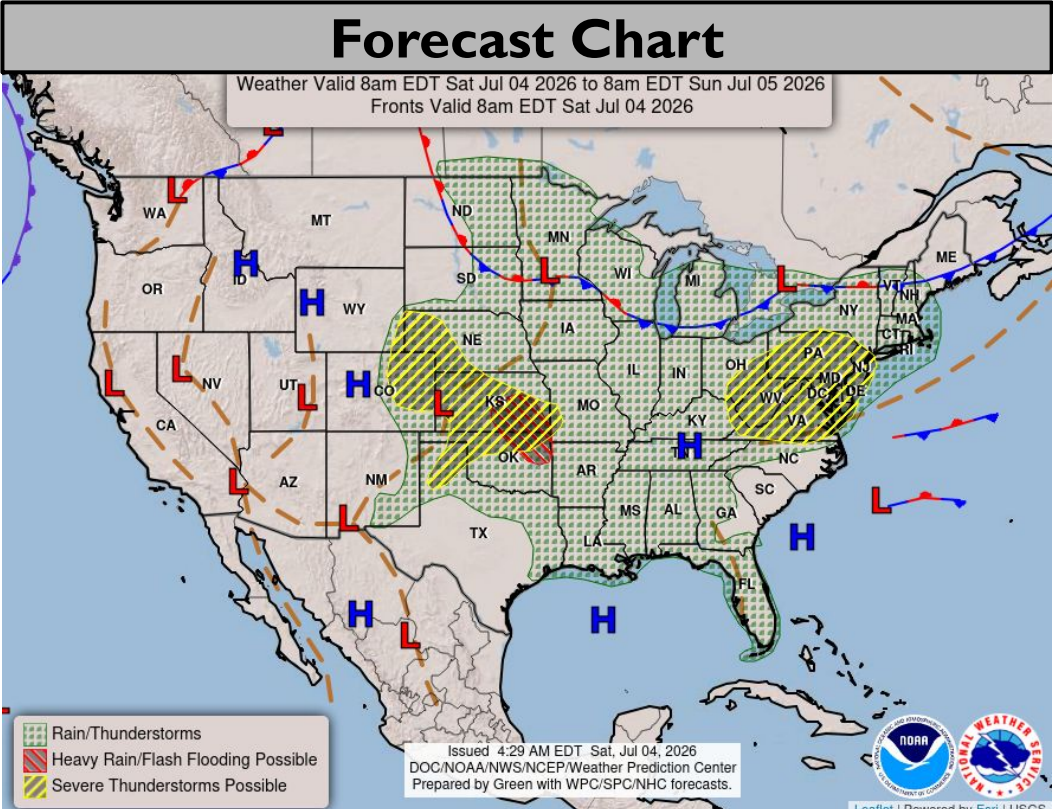


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	





Today's Weather



Moderate heat impacts (level 3 of 5) in portions of AR, OK, N TX. Heat illness is possible for the general public with extended outdoor exposure.

Minor heat impact (level 2 of 5) for TX, LA, AR, OK, E NM.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over NE OK for flash flooding

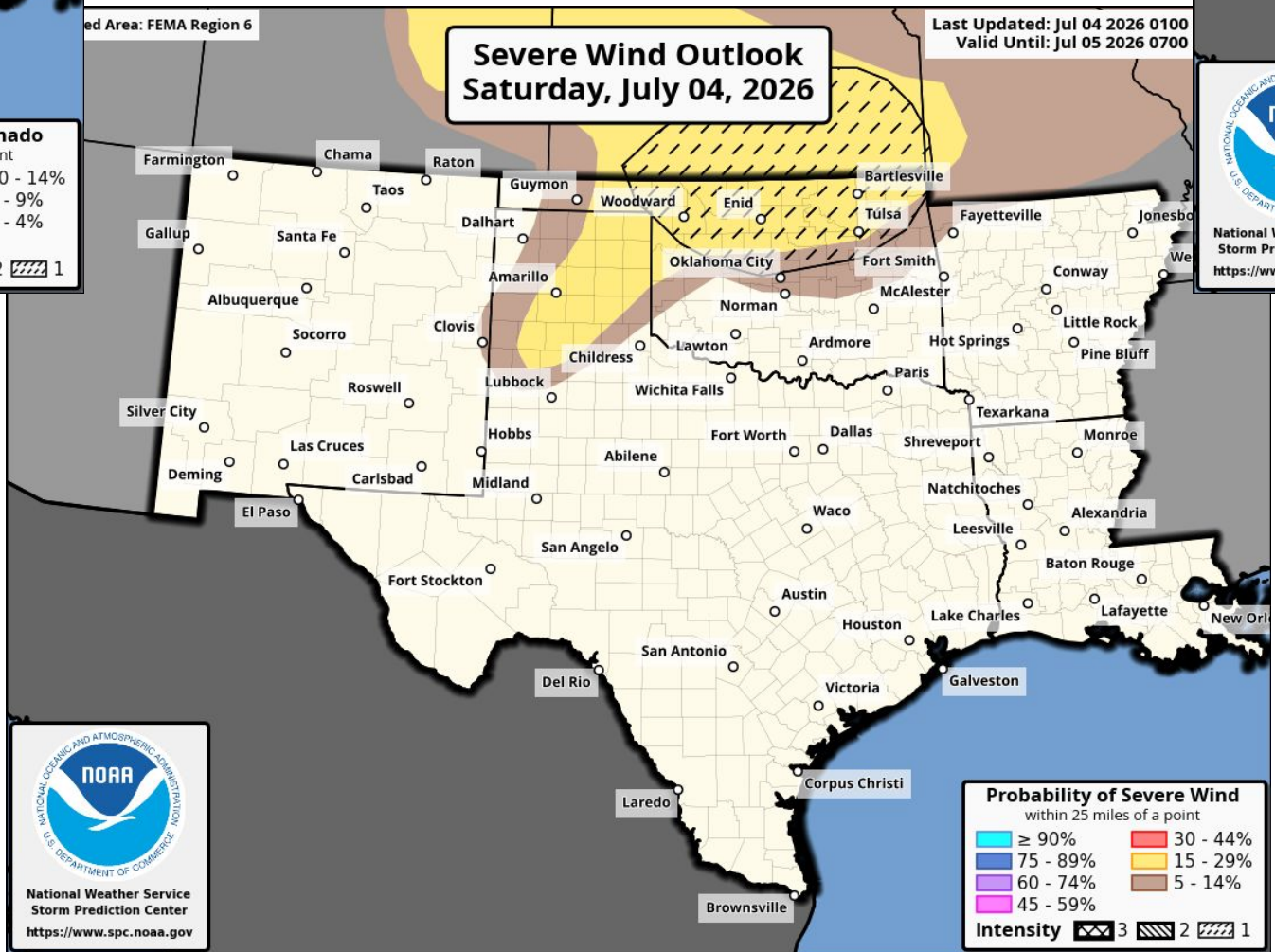
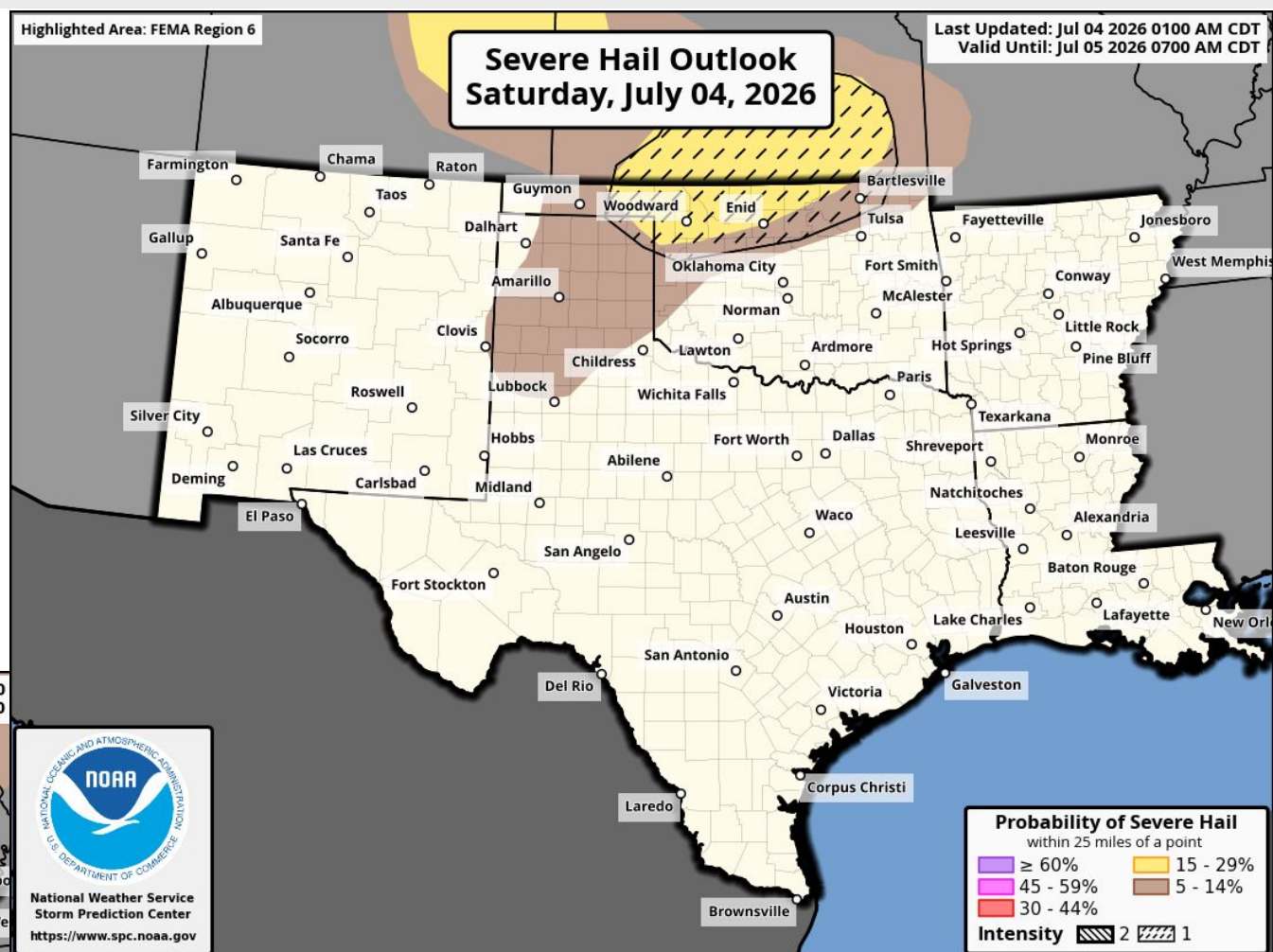
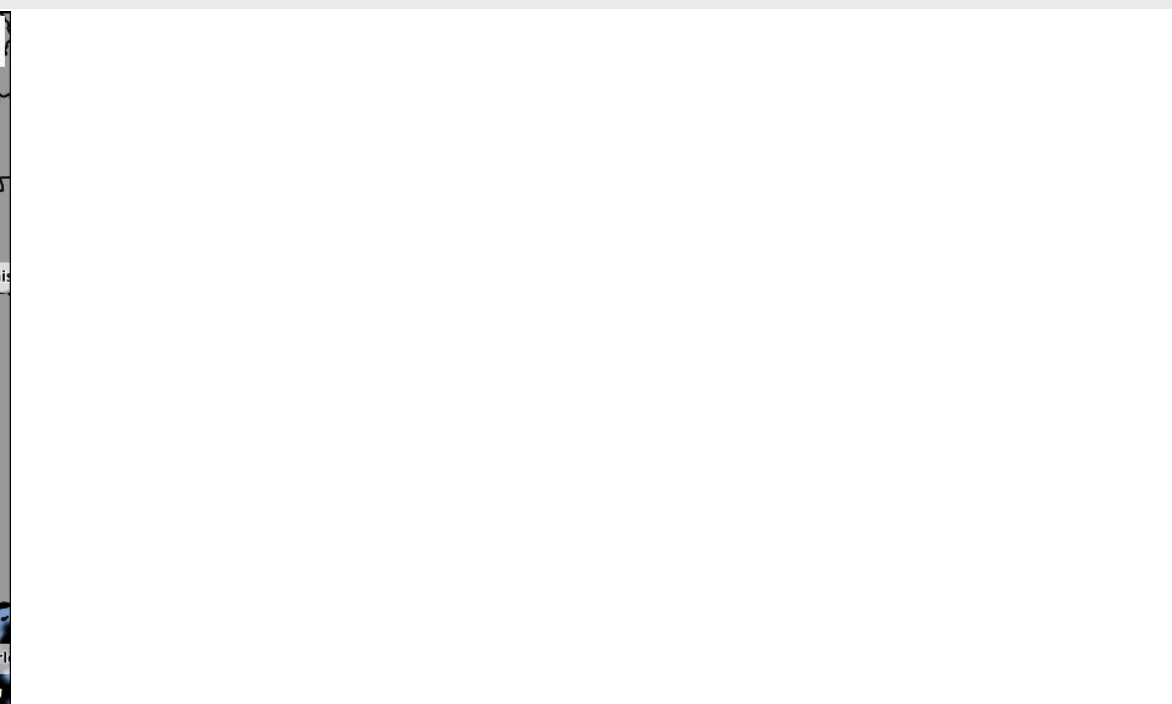
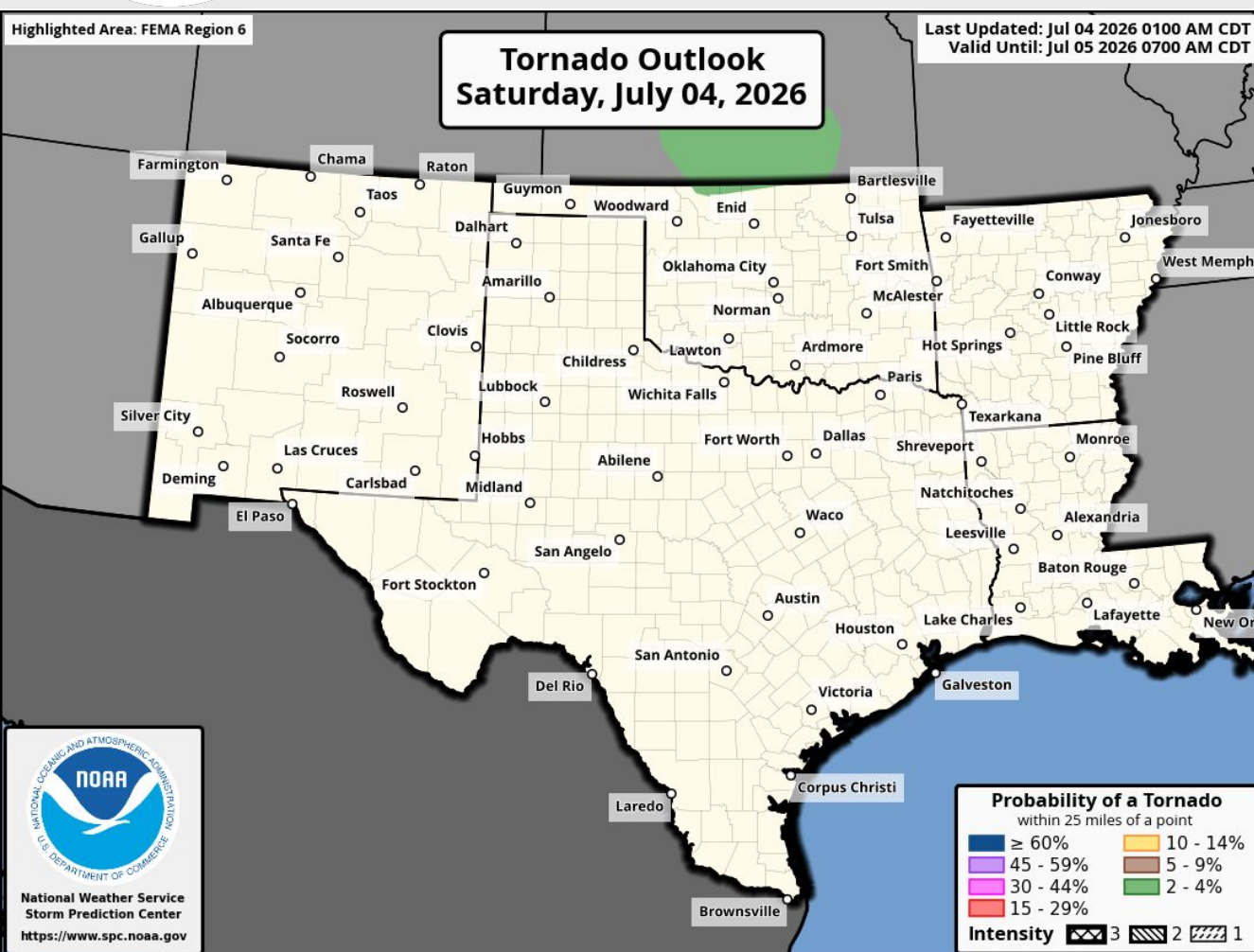
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather over N OK and the TX/OK Panhandles.
Timing: 4 PM - 4 AM
Threats: damaging winds (75mph+), hail (1"+) with a low tornado risk

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



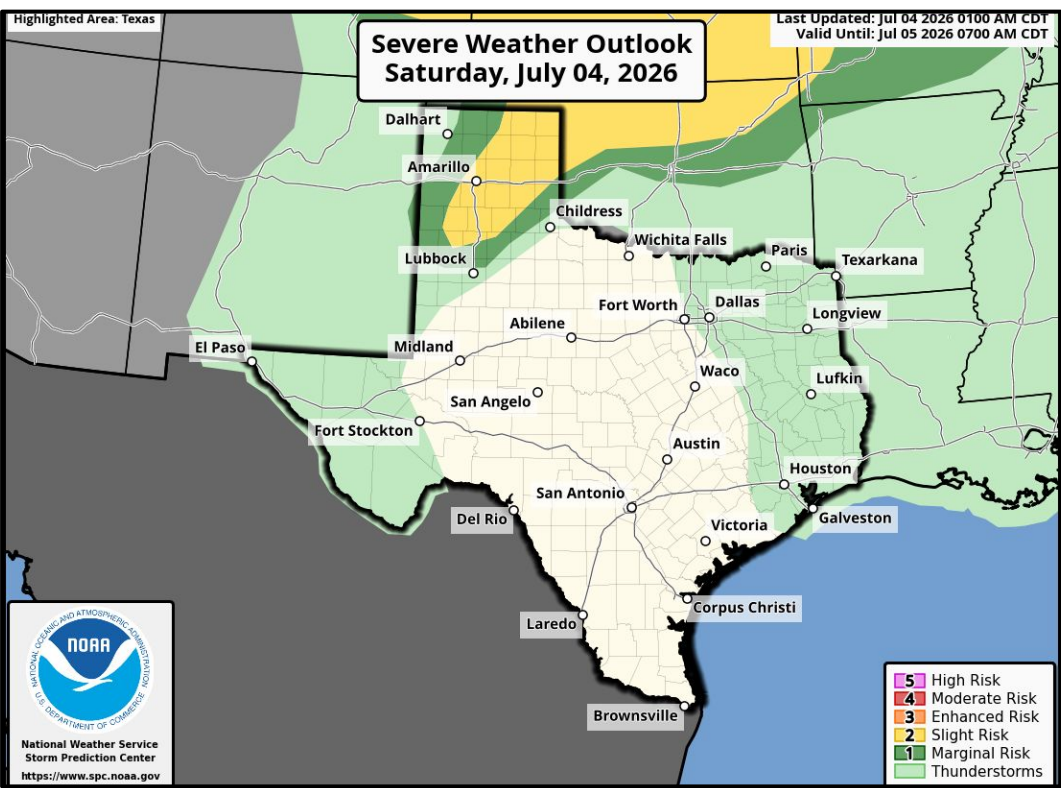
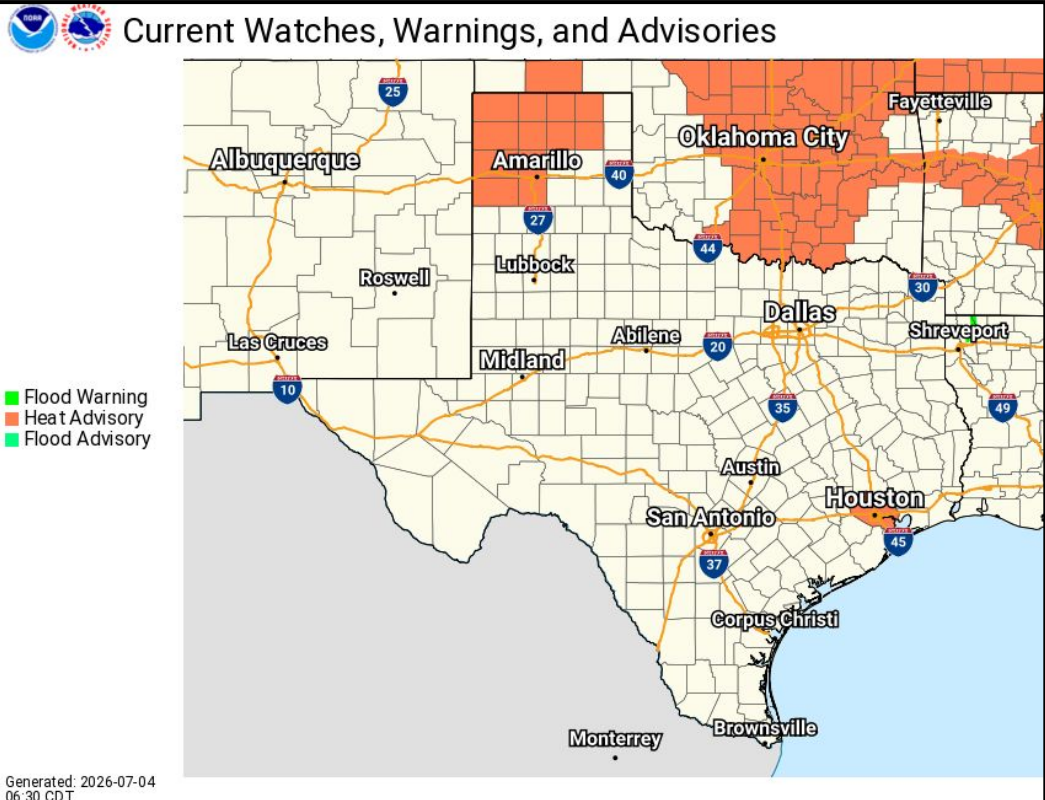


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



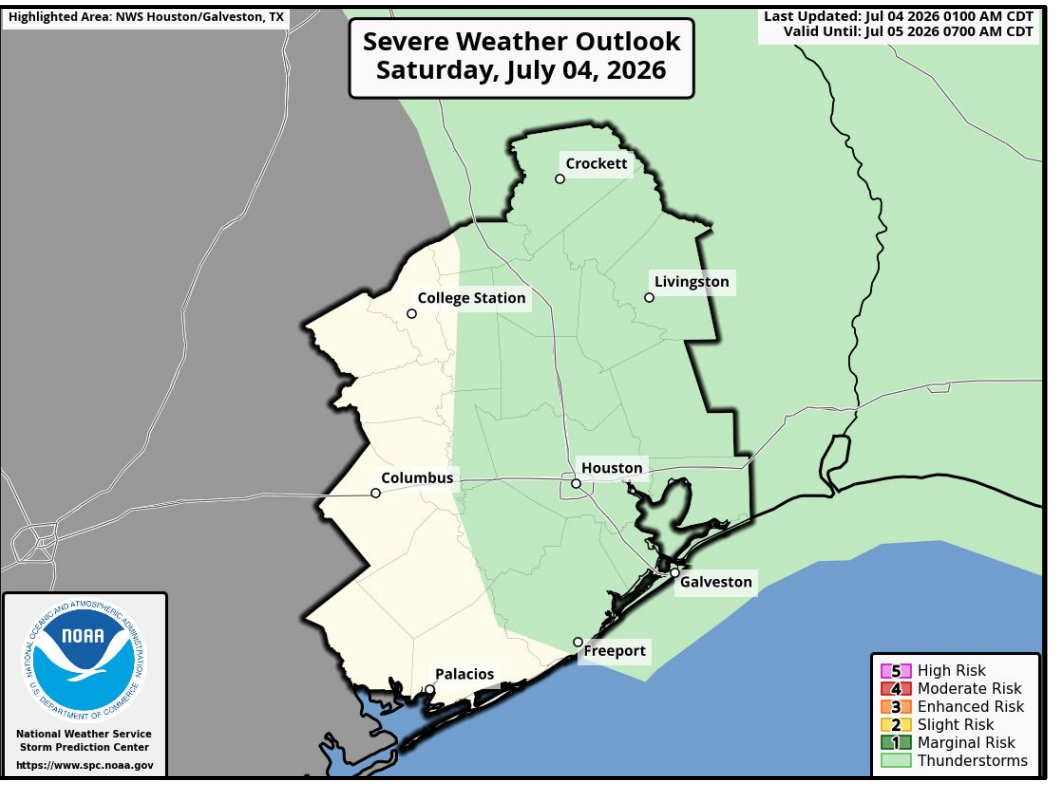
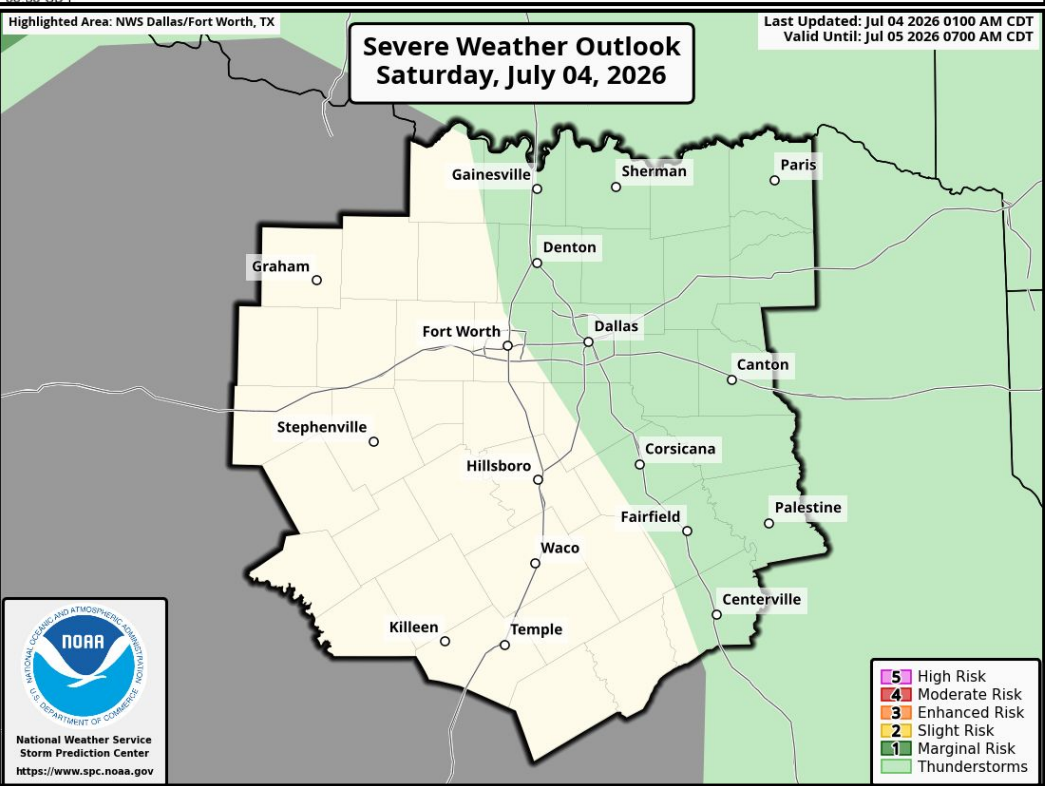


Public Event Forecast Today - Dallas & Houston, Texas



**Moderate heat risk today for Houston.
Heat illness is possible for the general
public with extended outdoor exposure.**

**Thunderstorm Timing:
Low chance of thunderstorms (20%)
between 12 PM - 7 PM CDT**

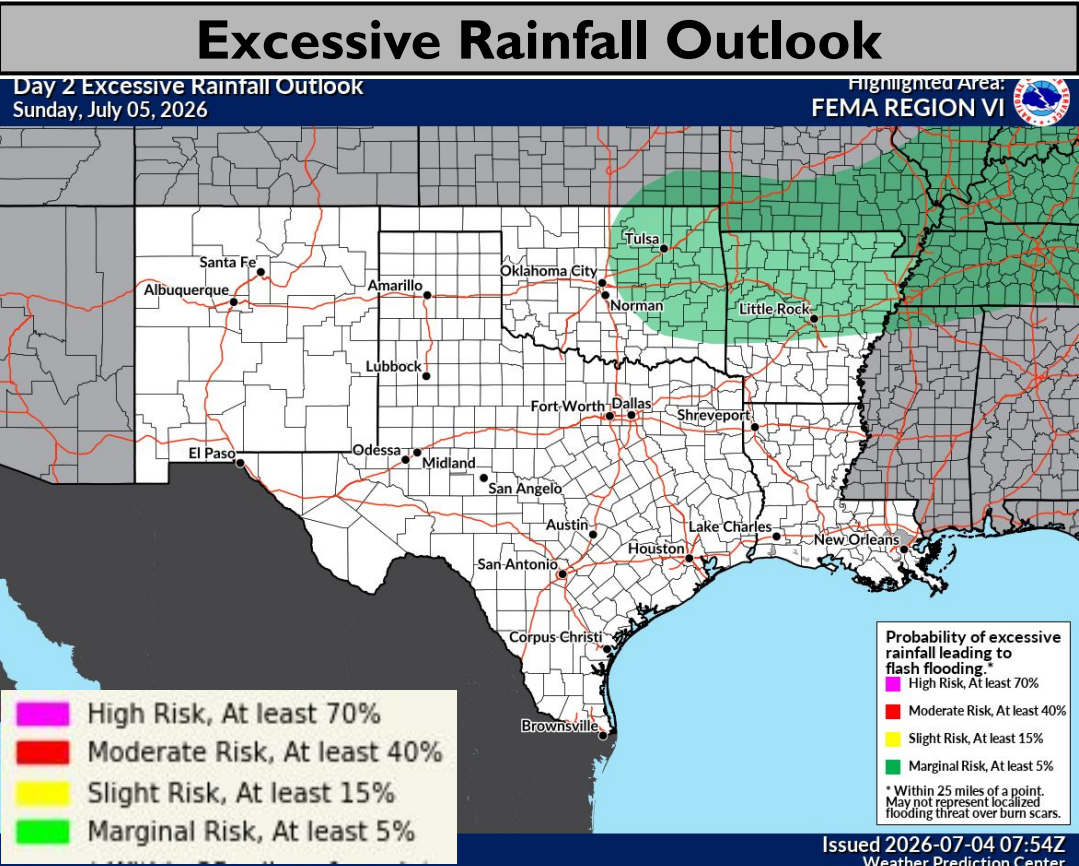
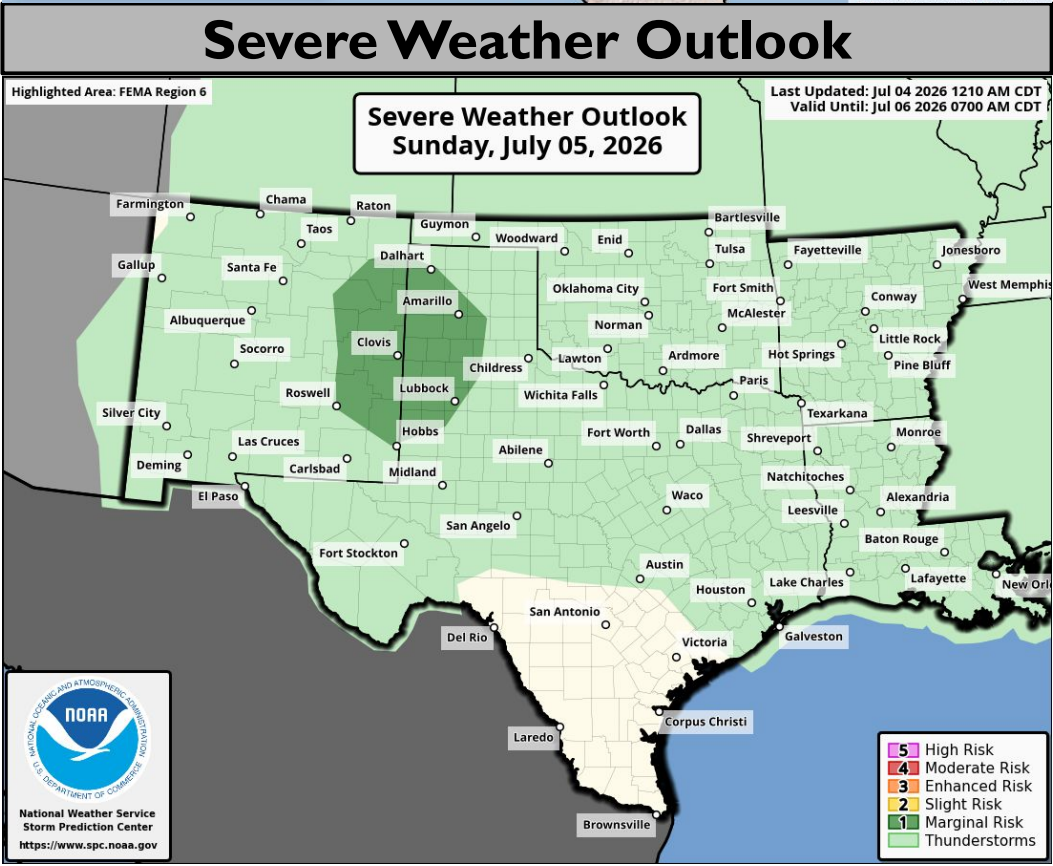
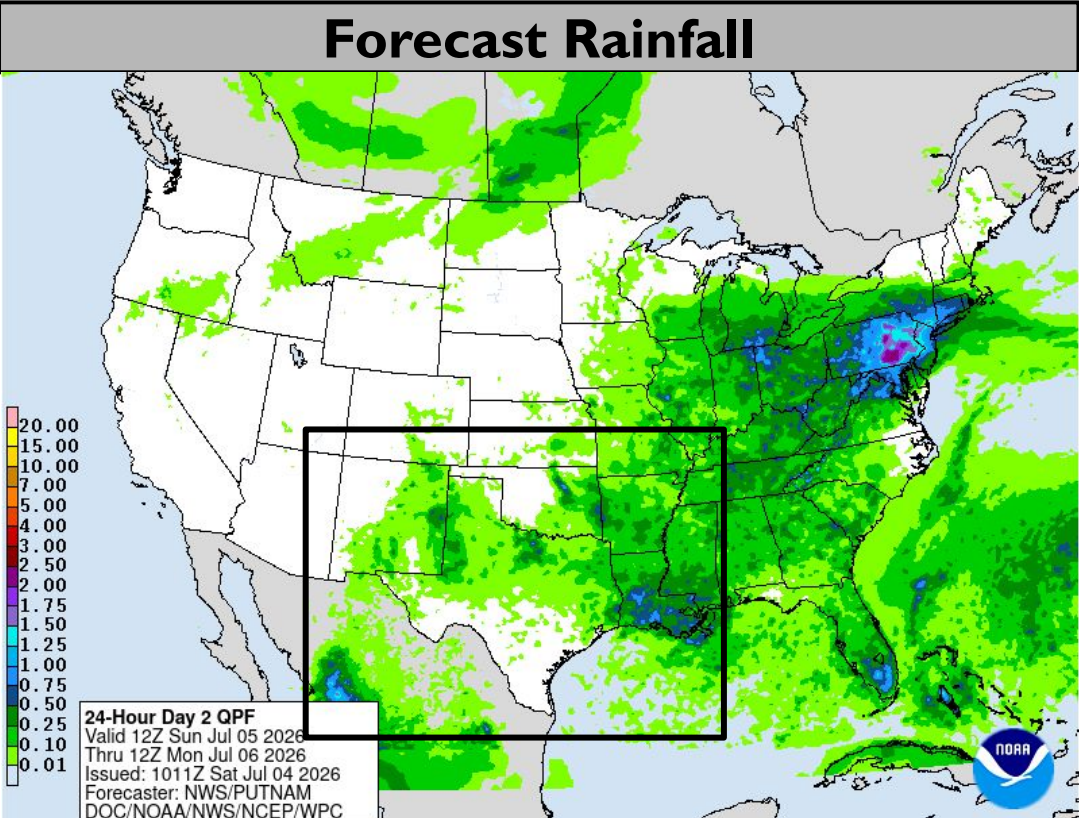
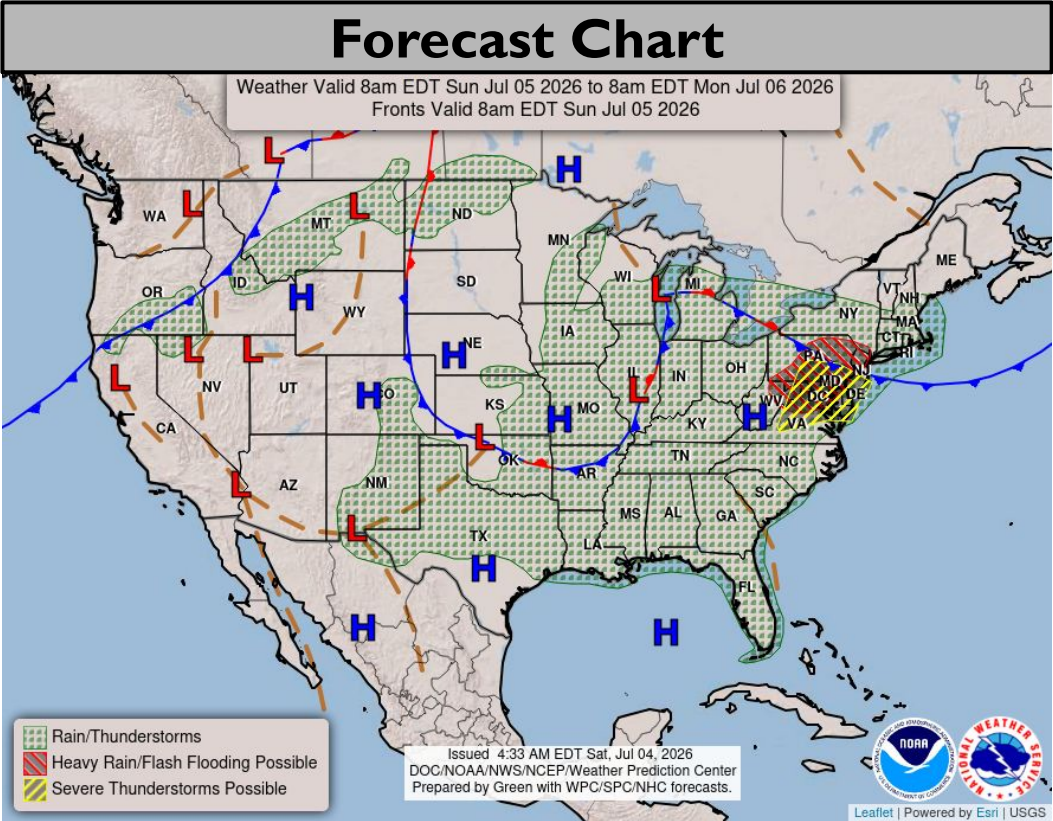


****Note - Extreme heat impacts at the stadium
scale (microclimate) cannot be resolved by
NWS Forecasts****





Tomorrow's Weather



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Minor heat impact (level 2 of 5) for TX, LA, AR, NW OK.

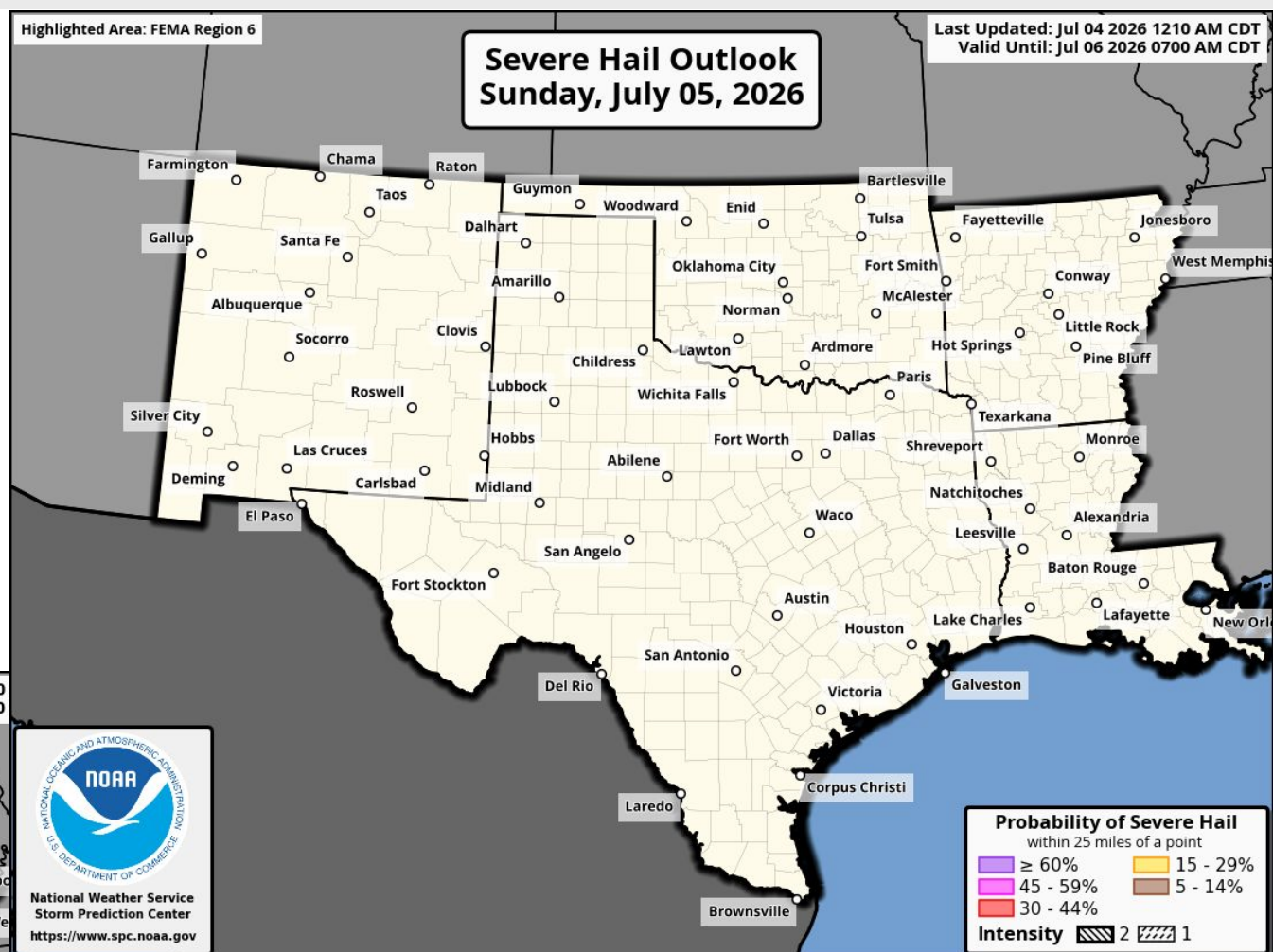
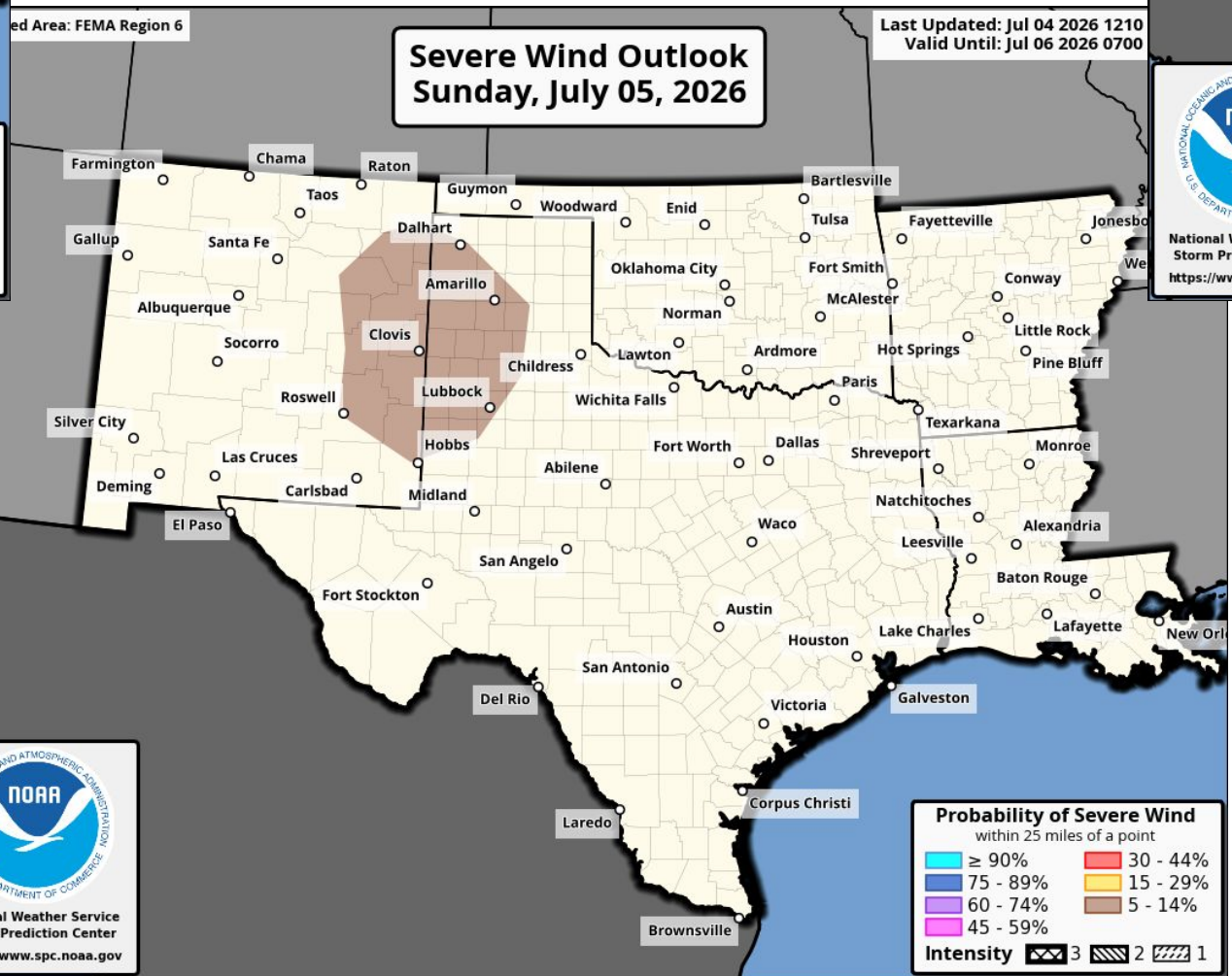
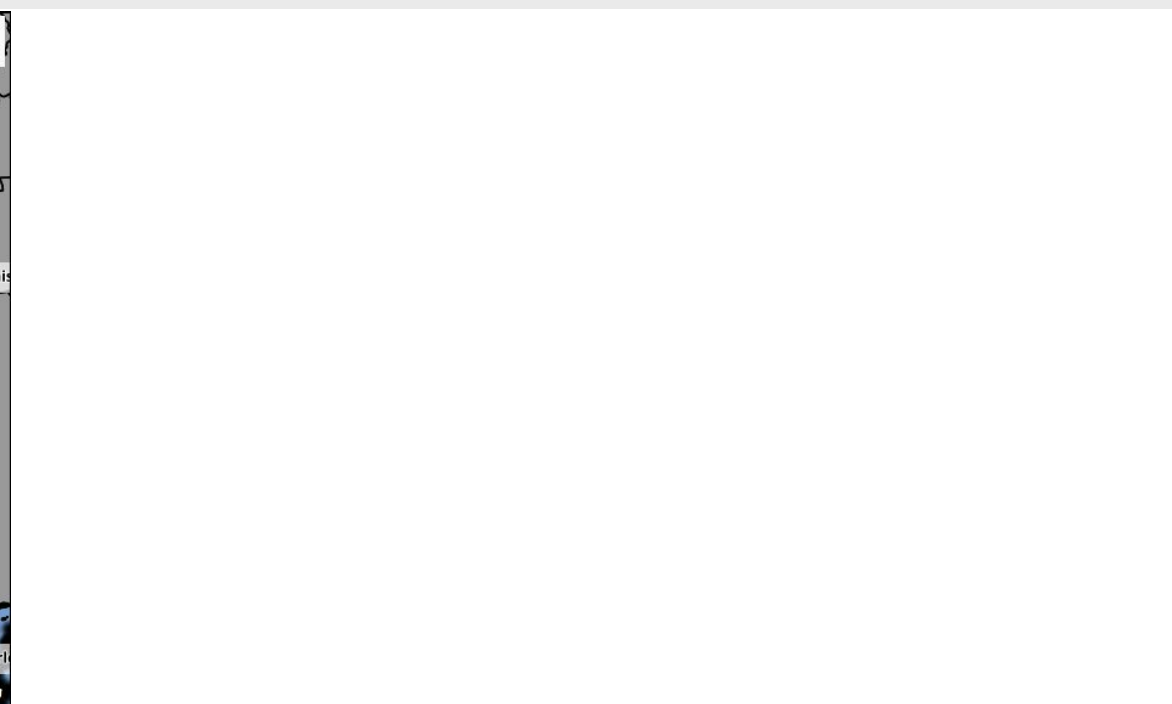
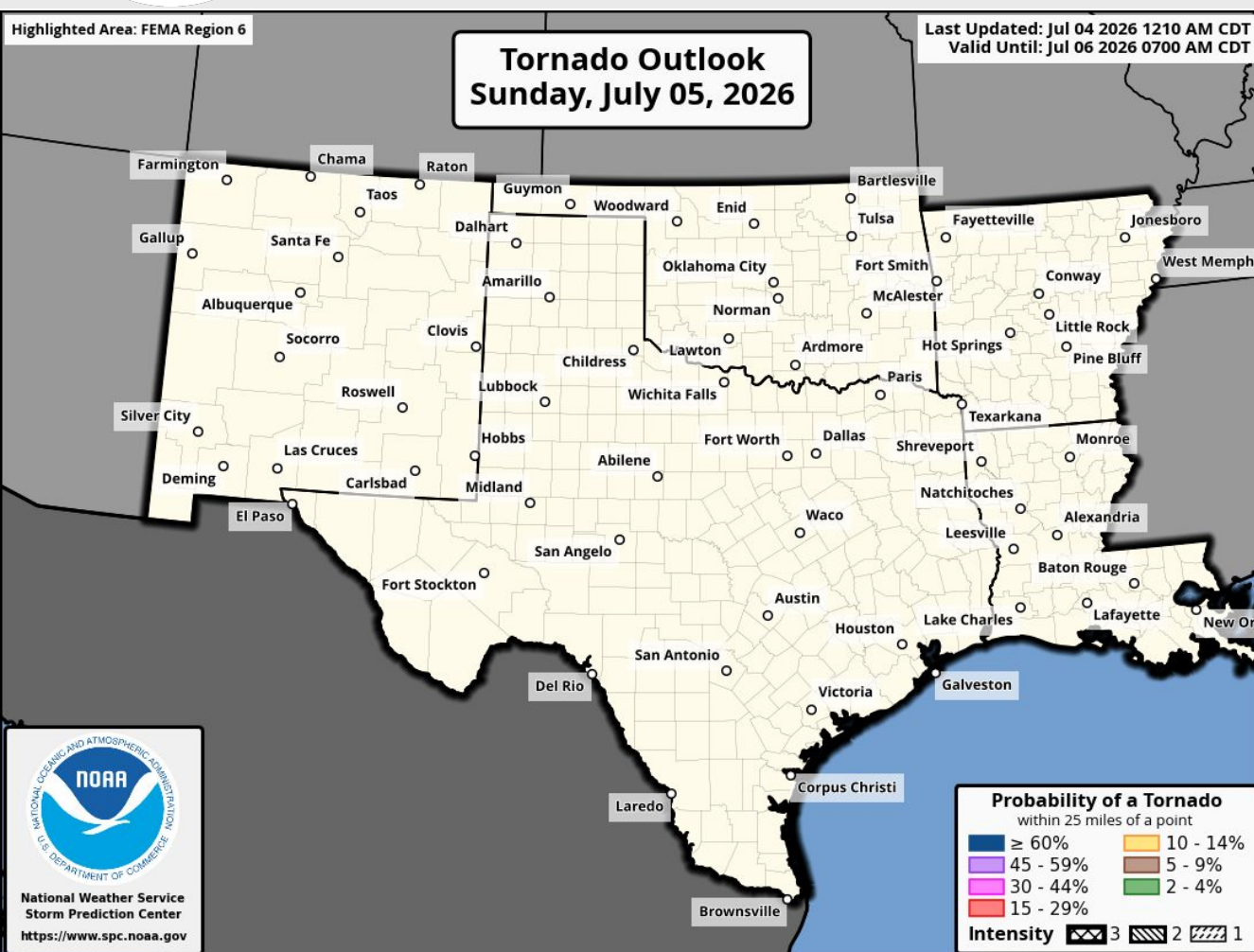
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe storms E NM into the W TX Panhandle.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) of excessive rainfall E OK and N AR.

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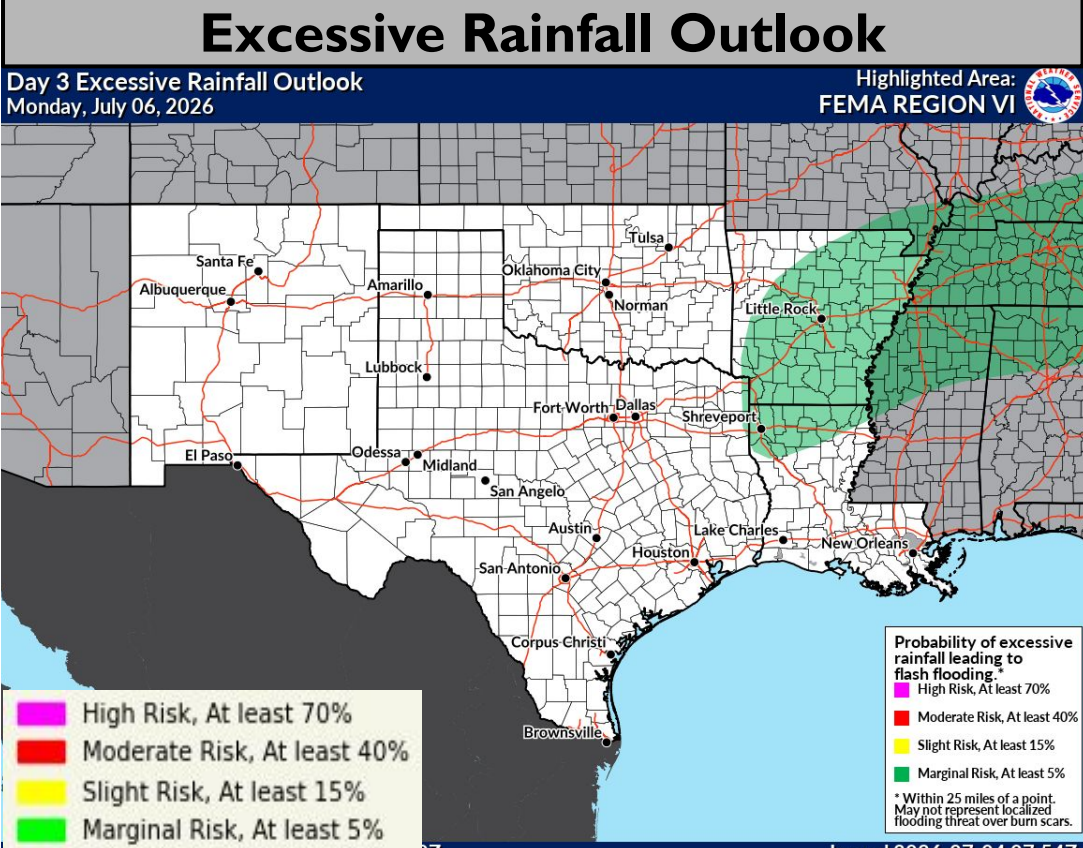
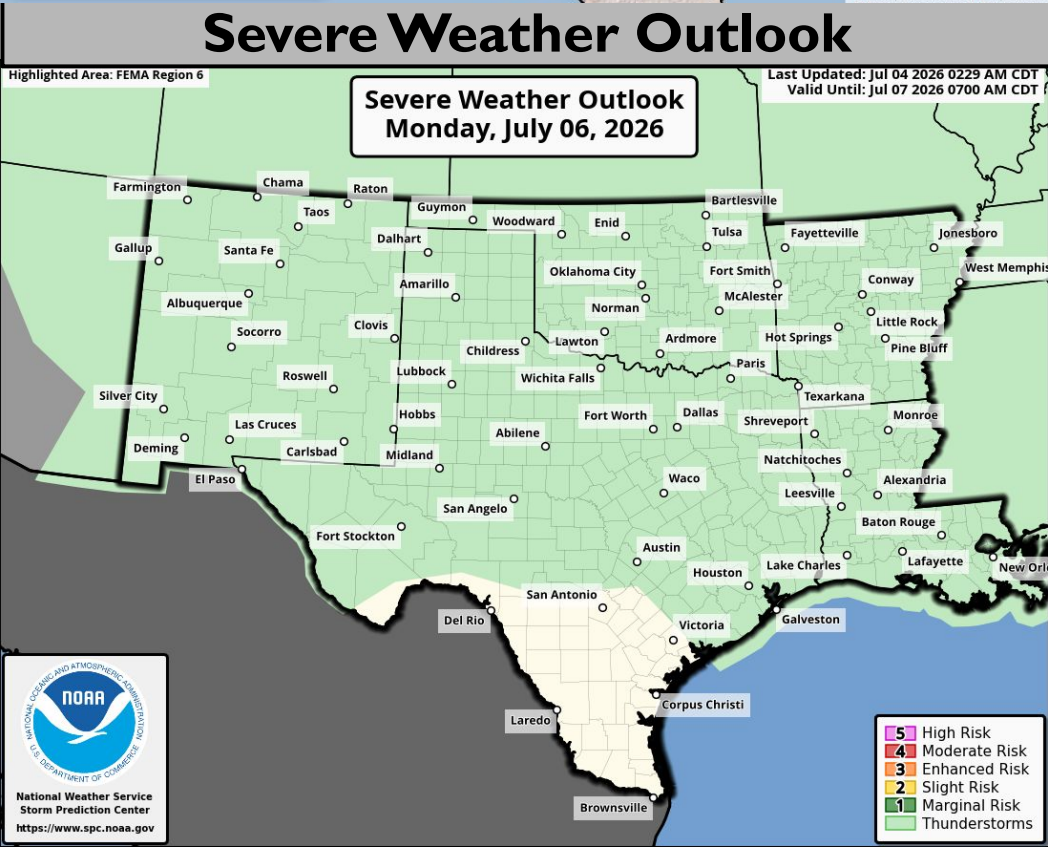
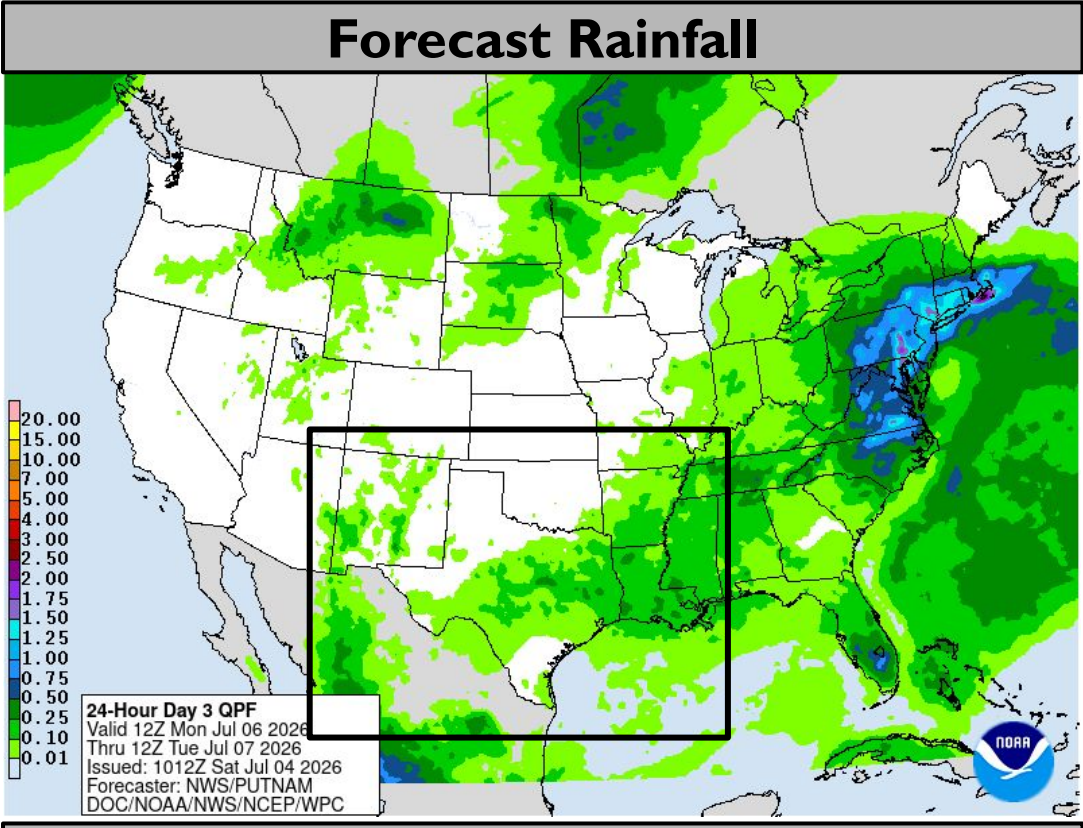
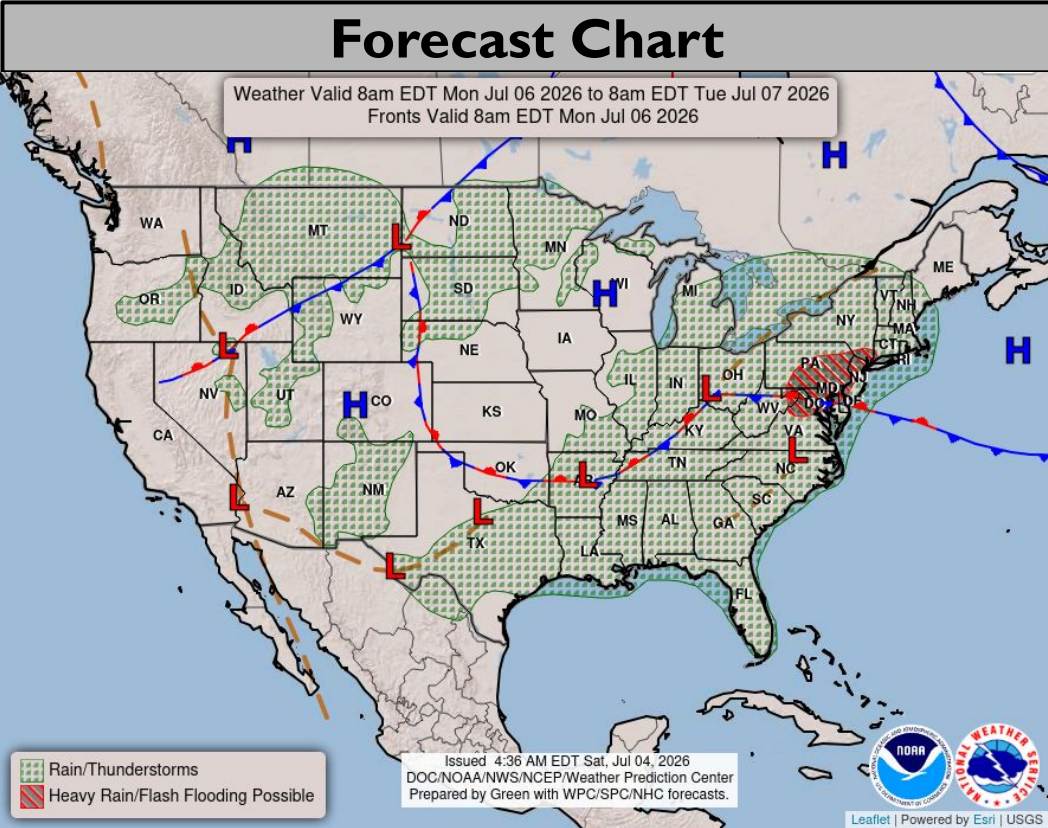


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Monday's Weather



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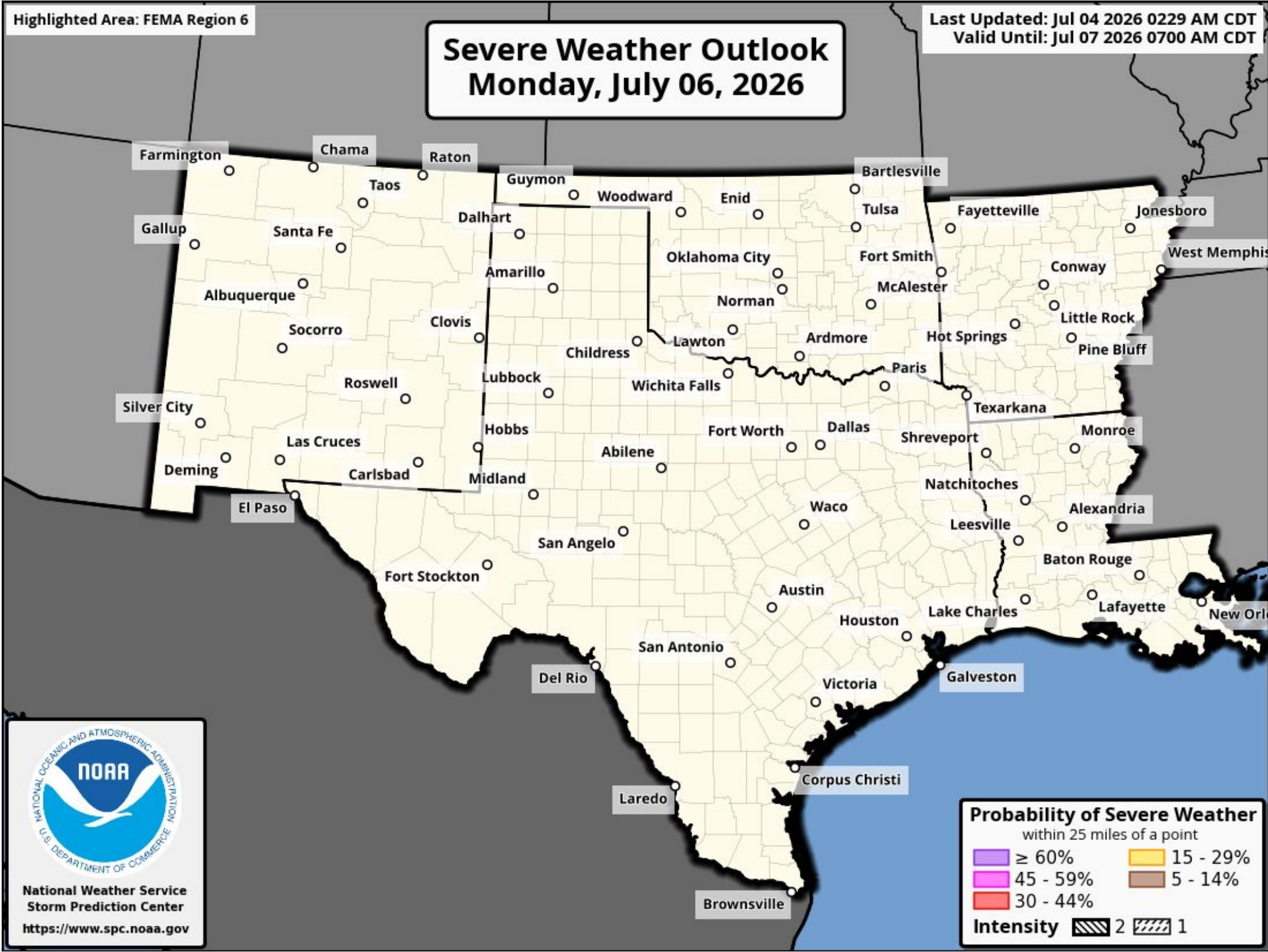
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in AR, NE TX, N LA.

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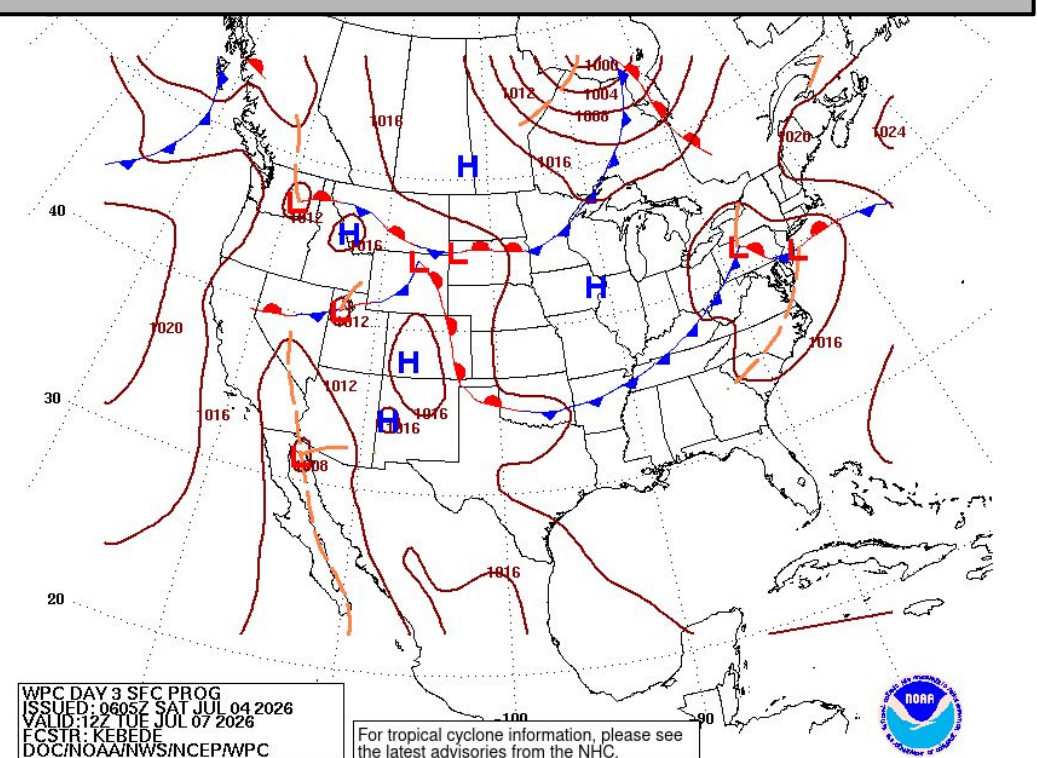
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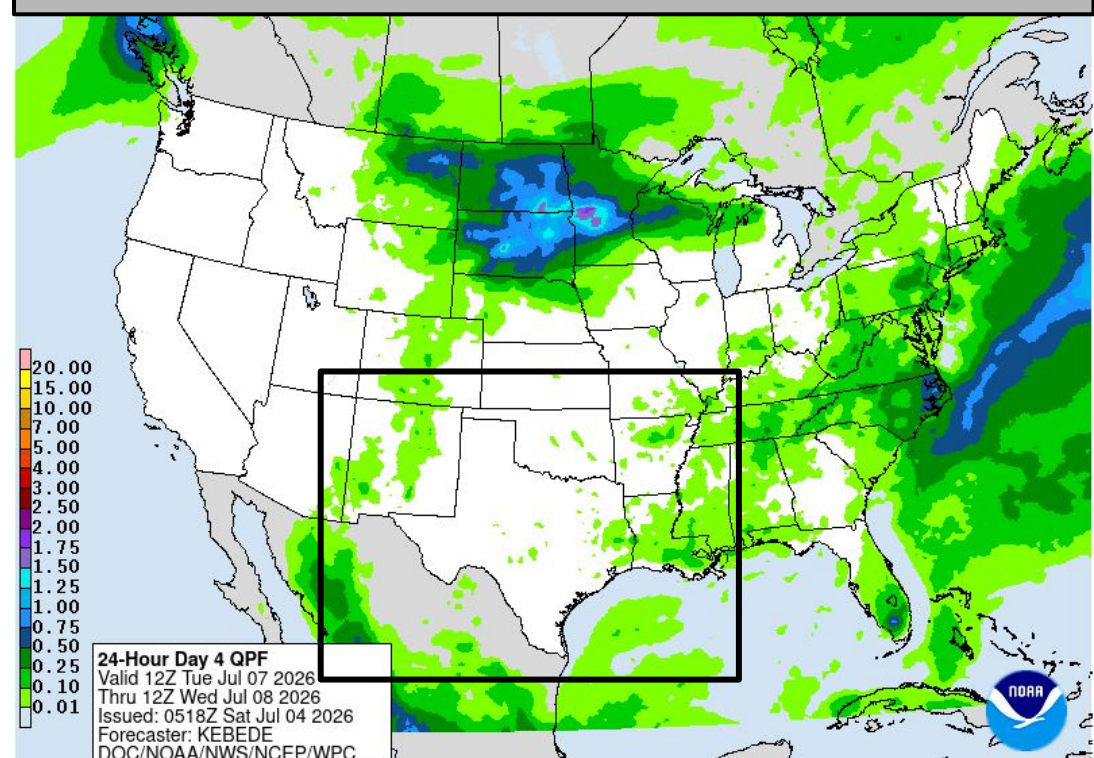


Tuesday's Weather

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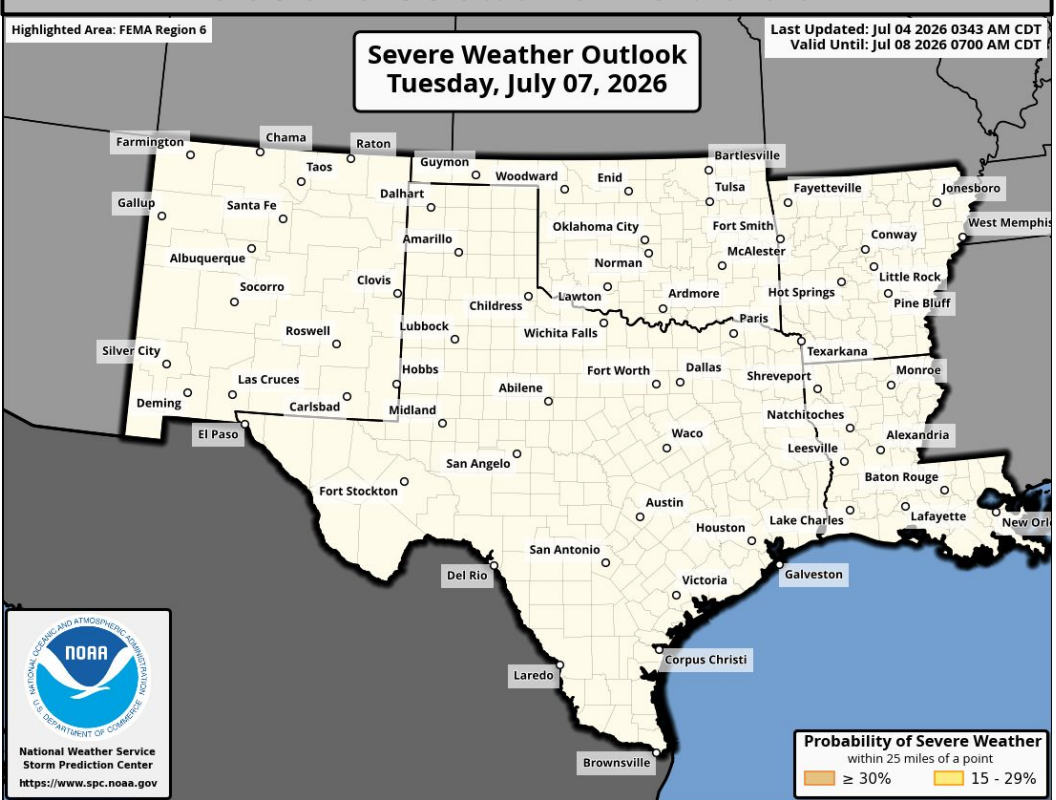
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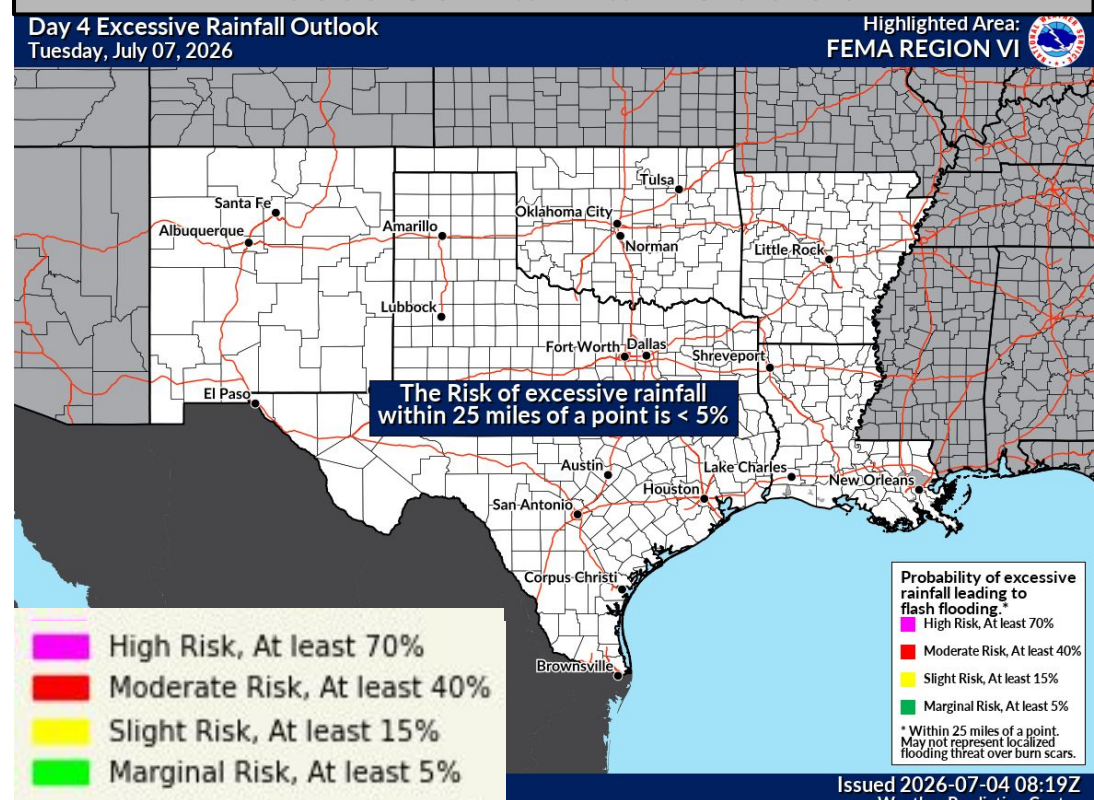
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

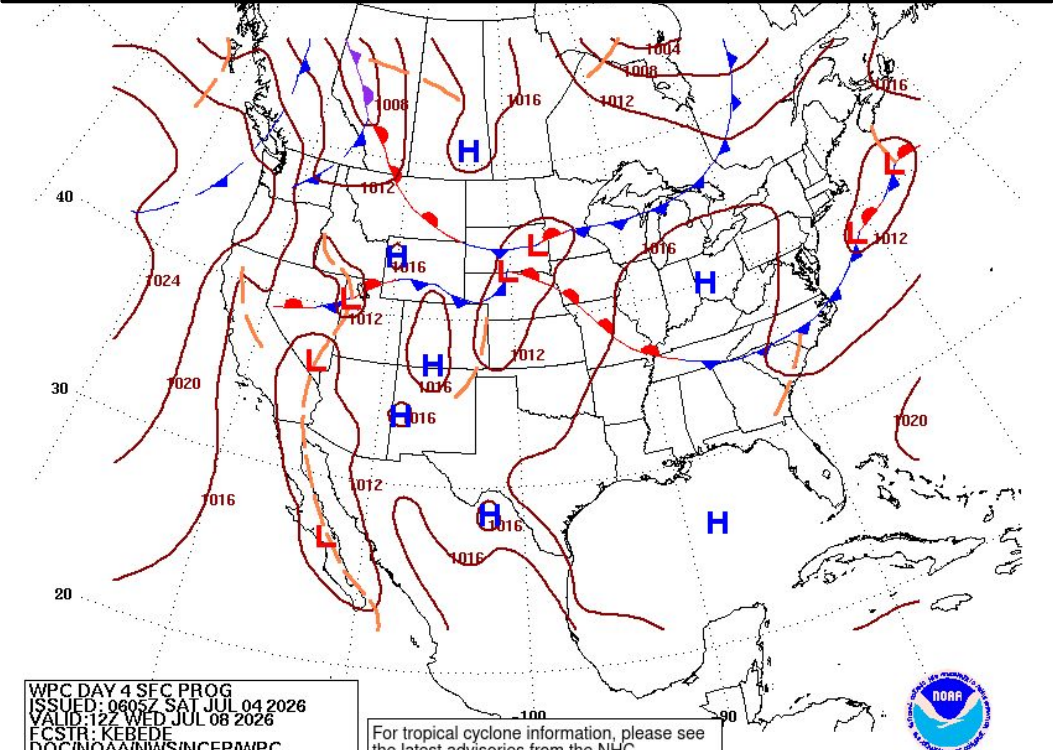


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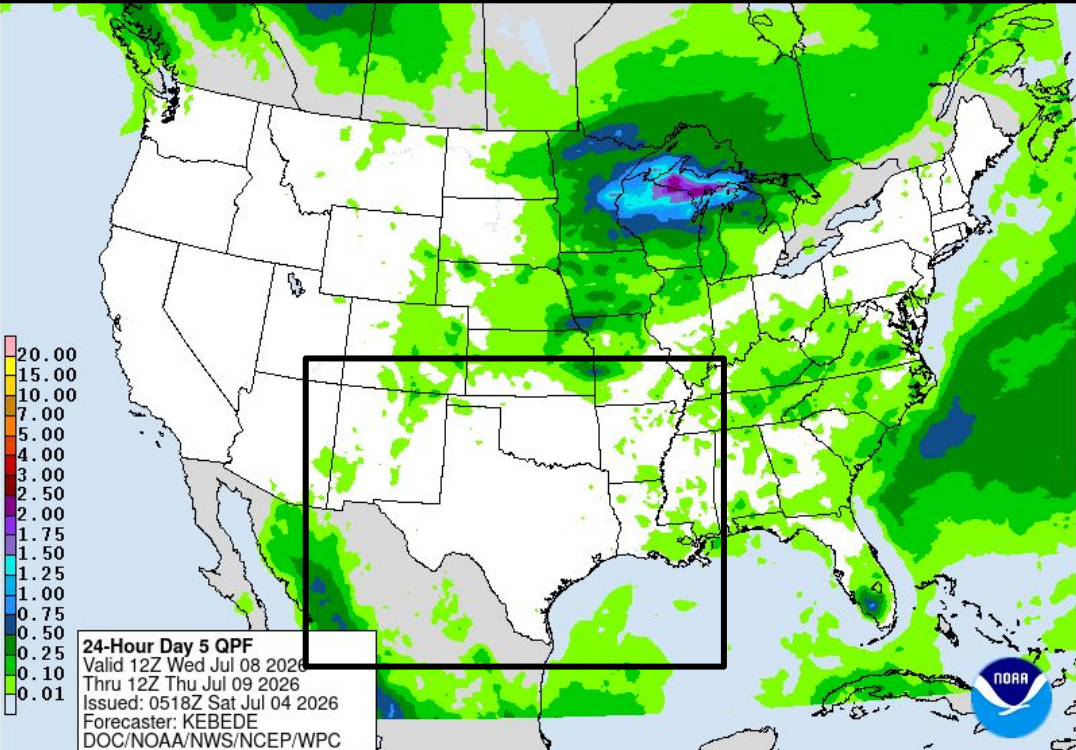


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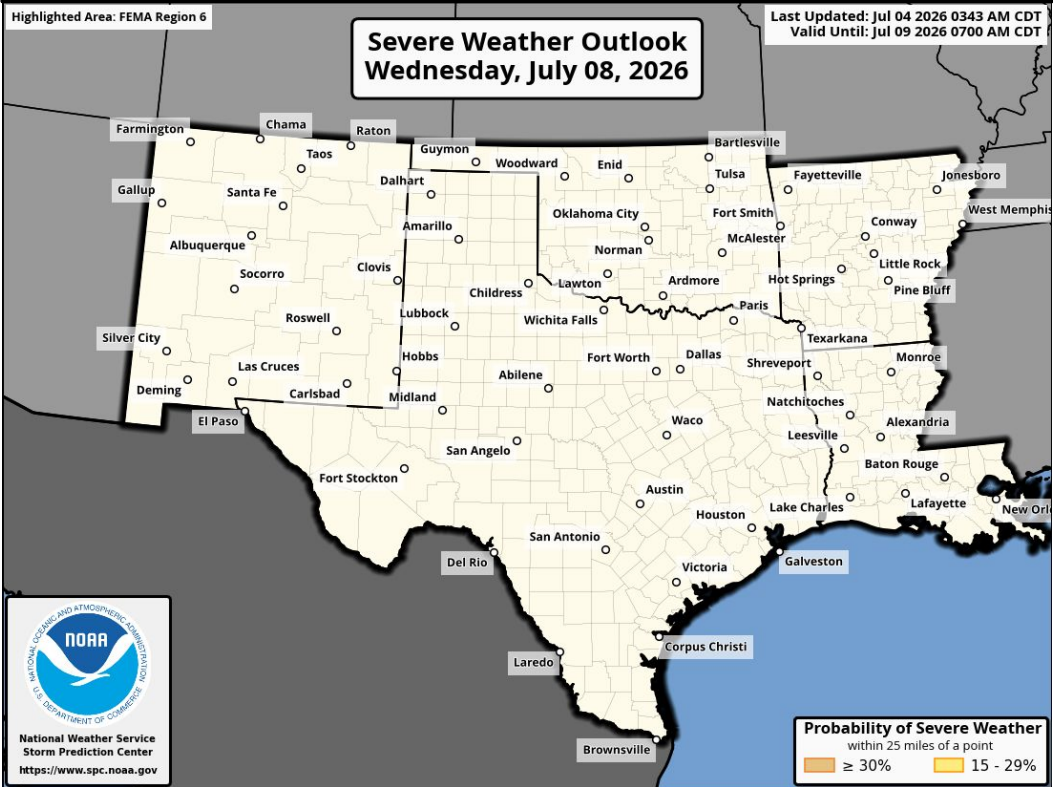
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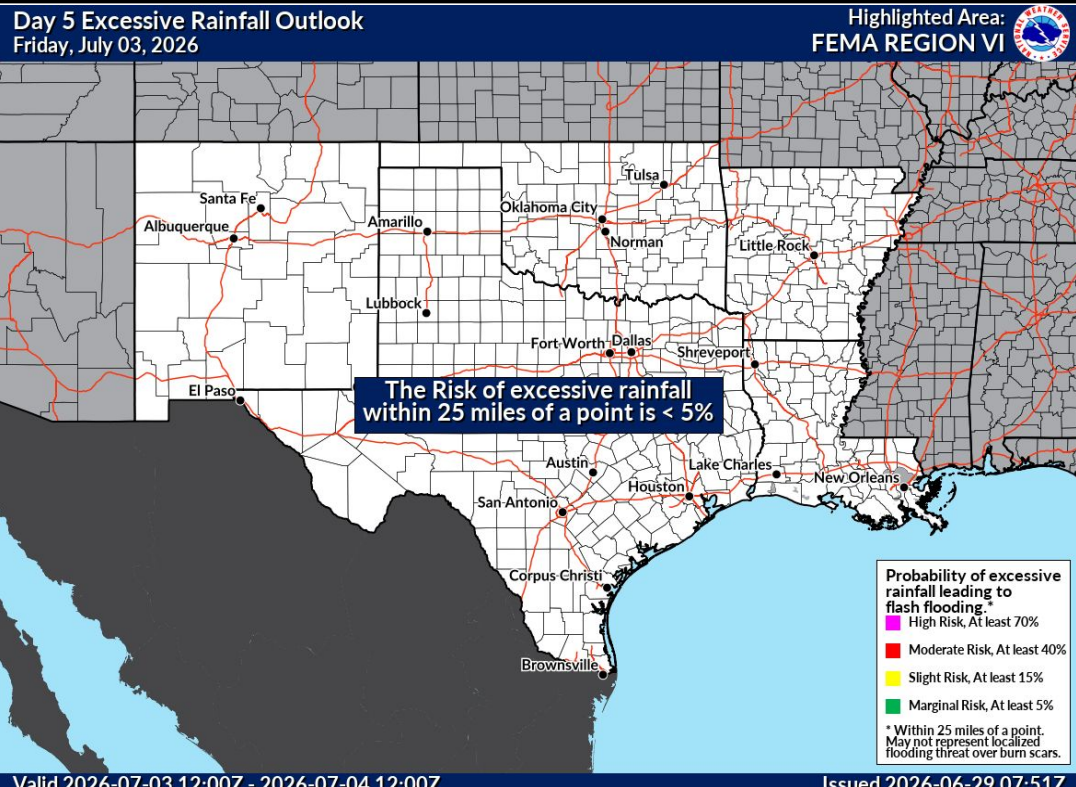
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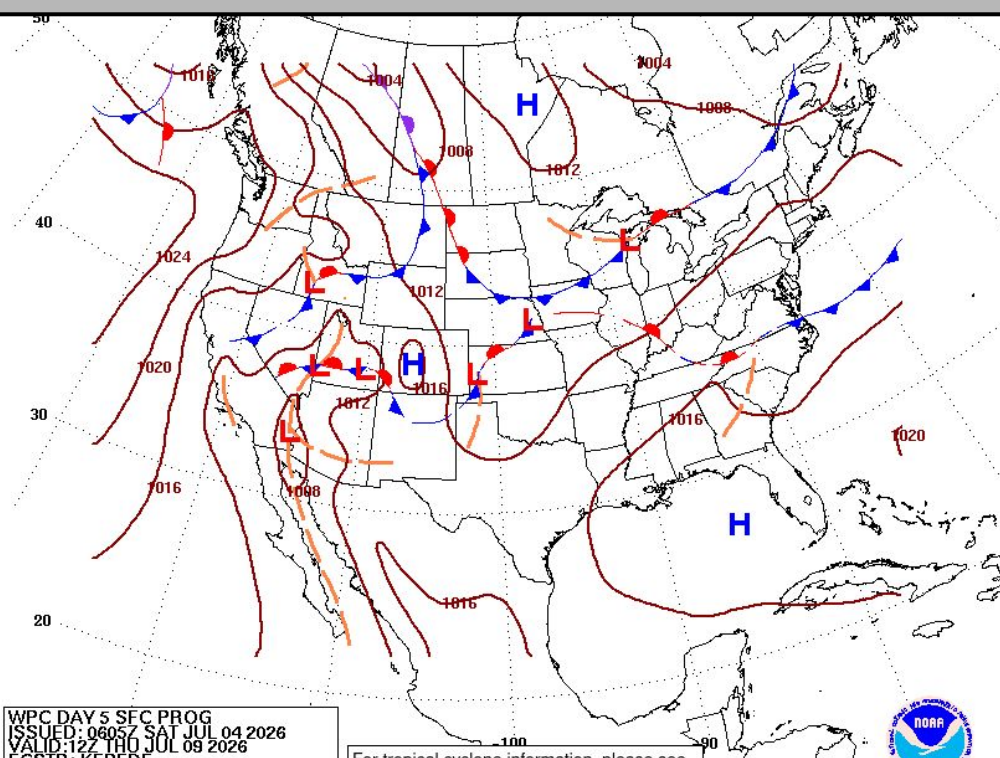
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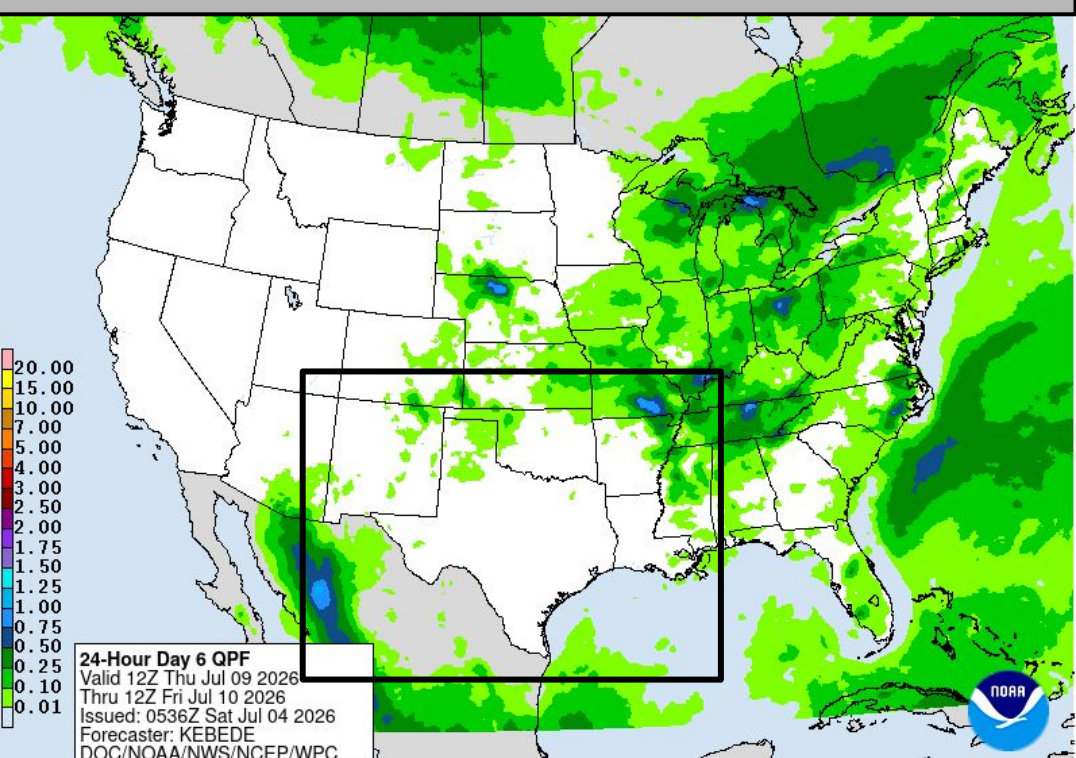


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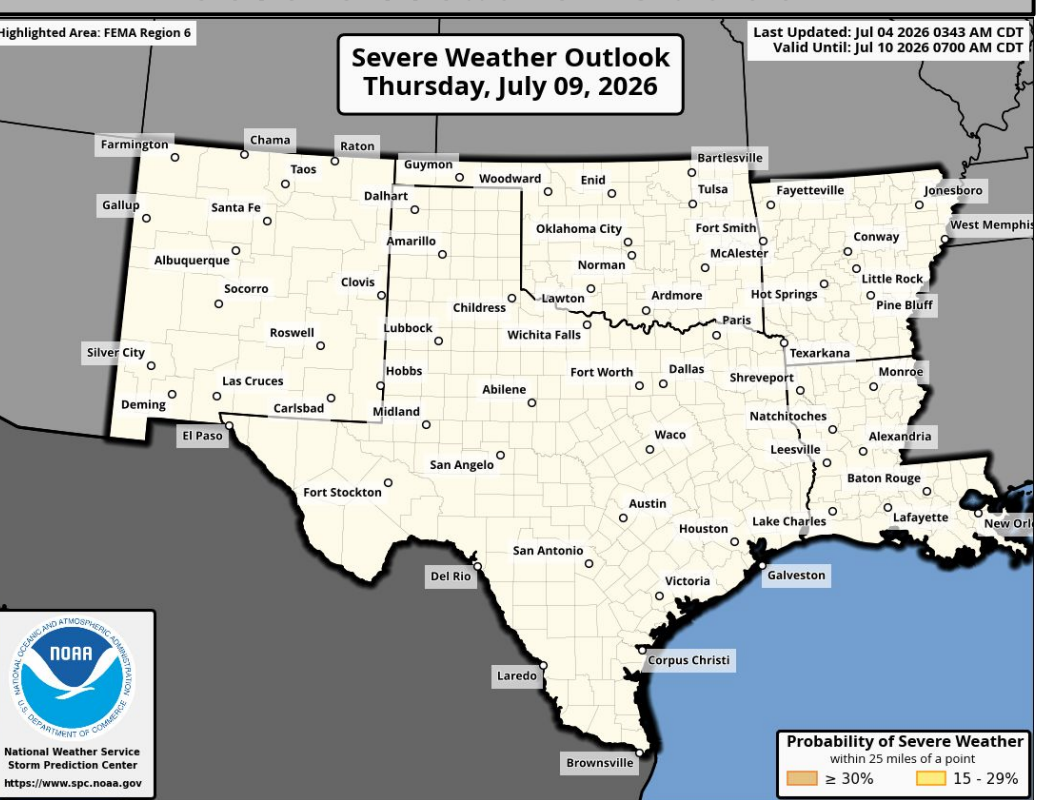
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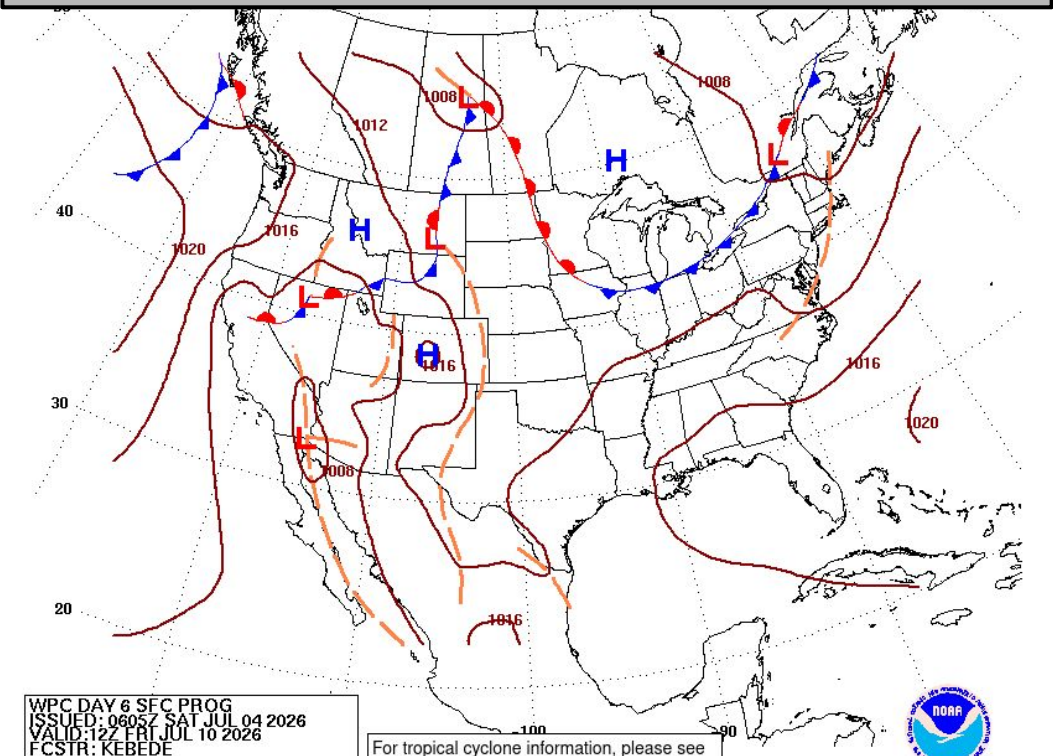
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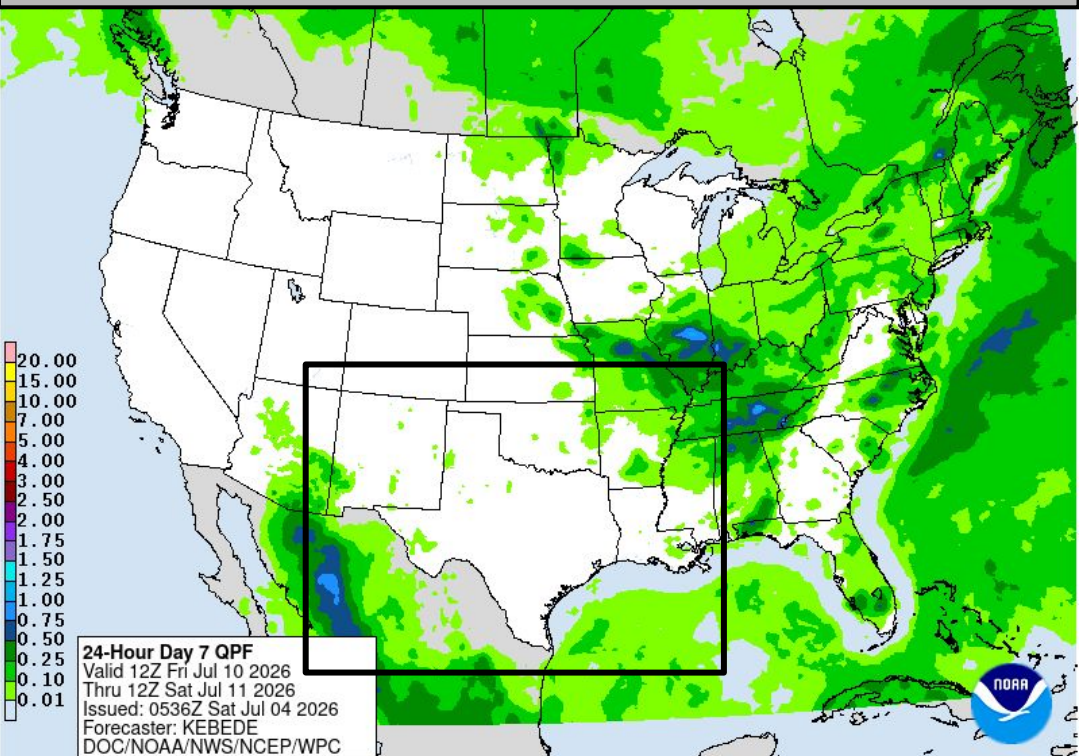


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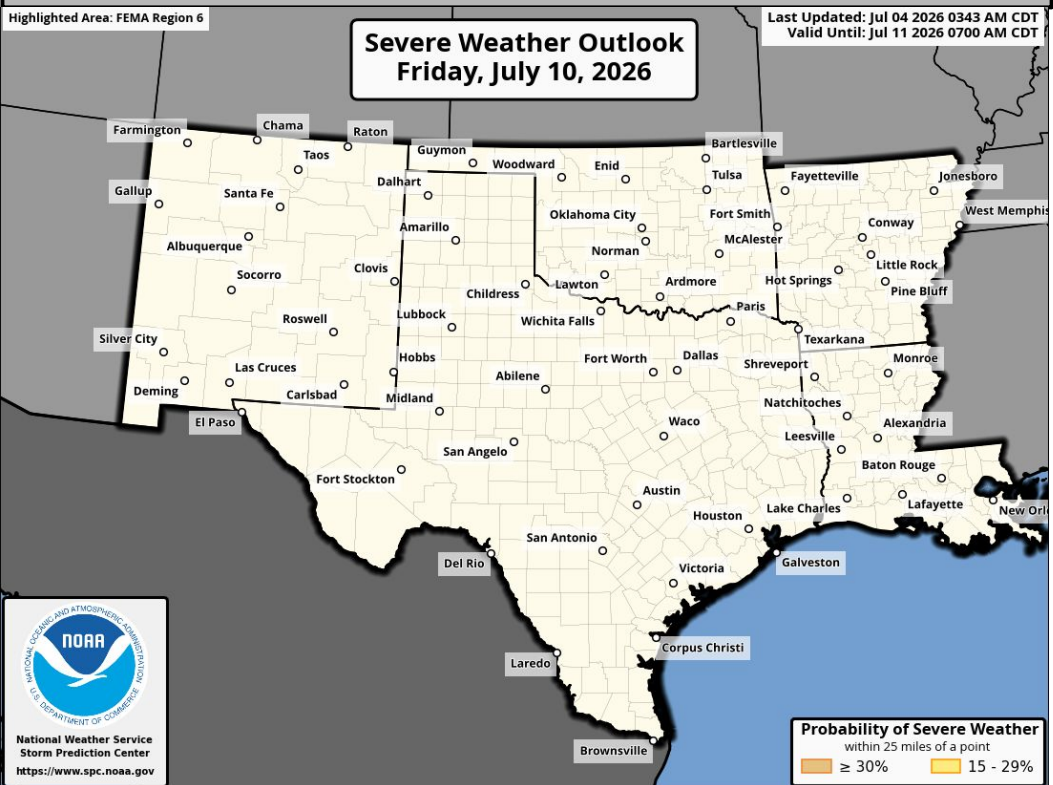
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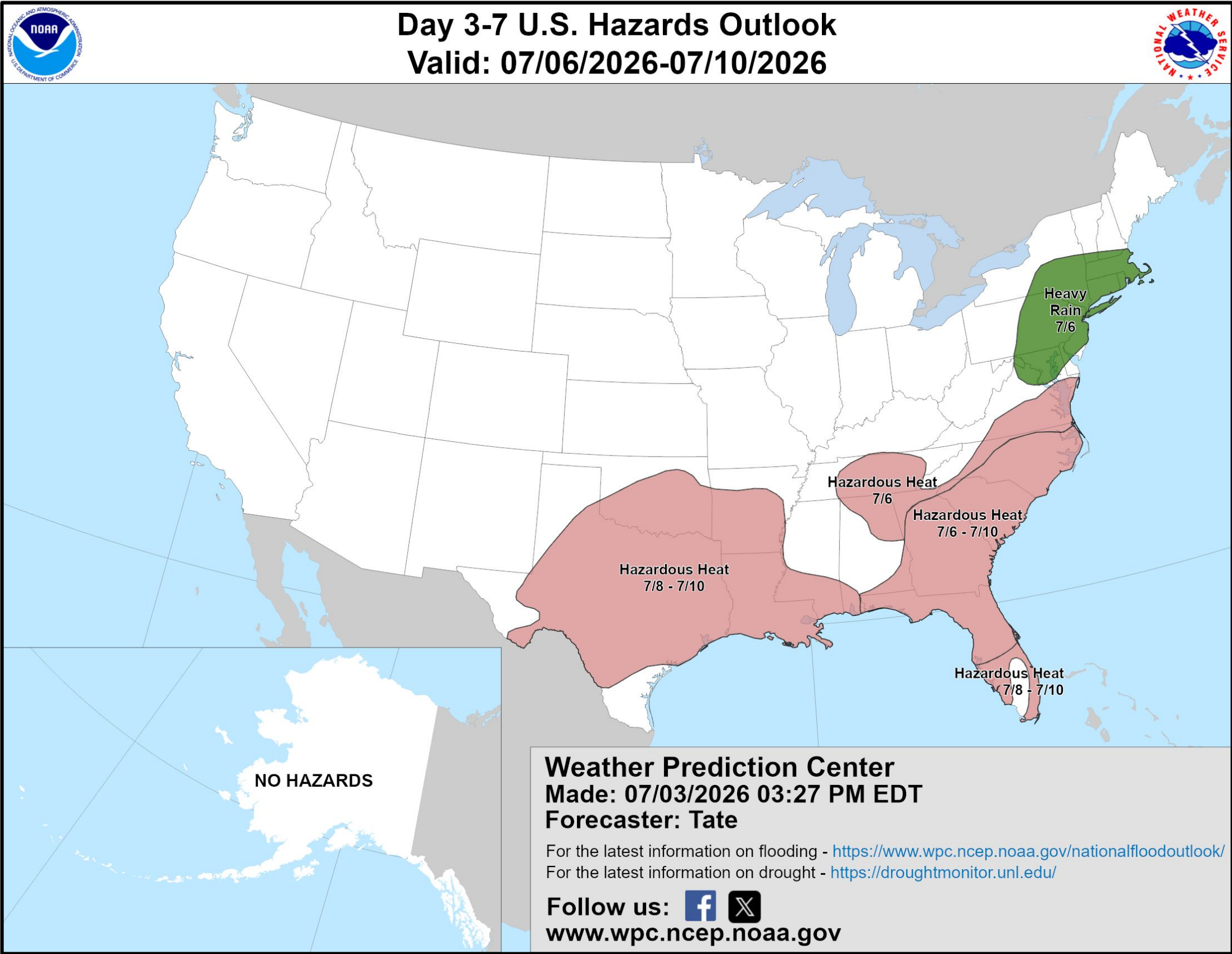


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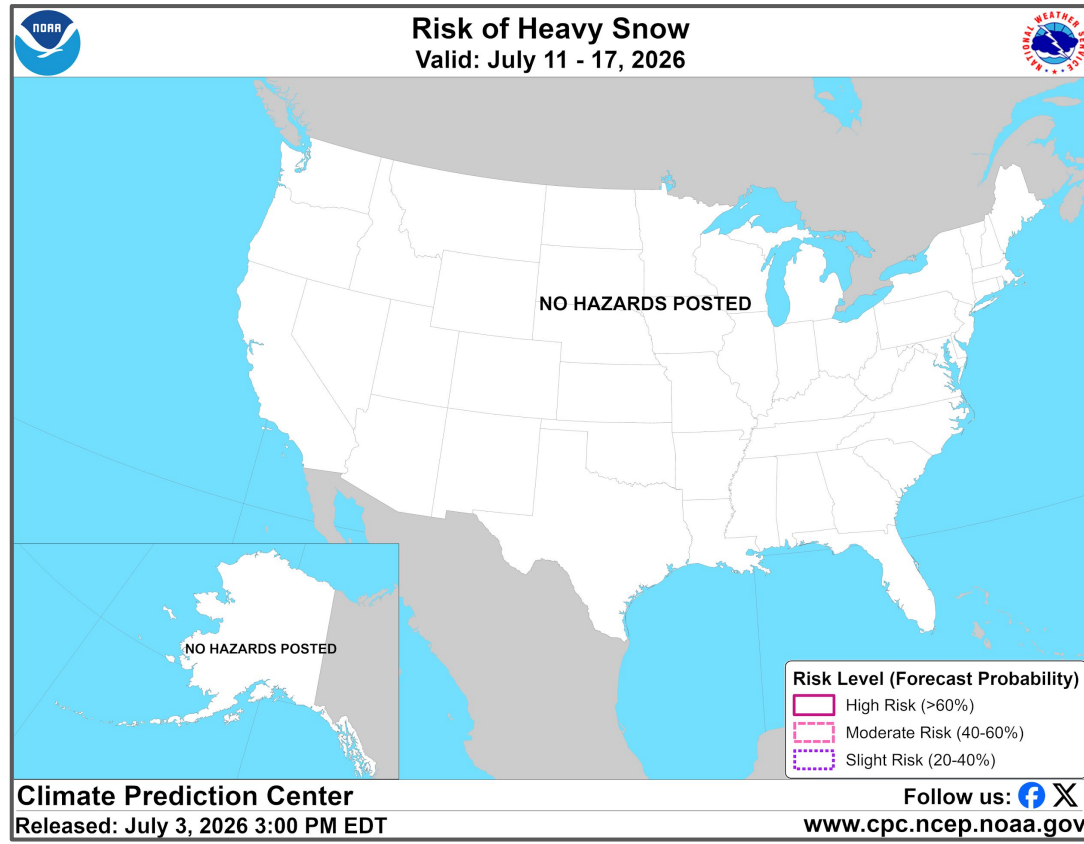
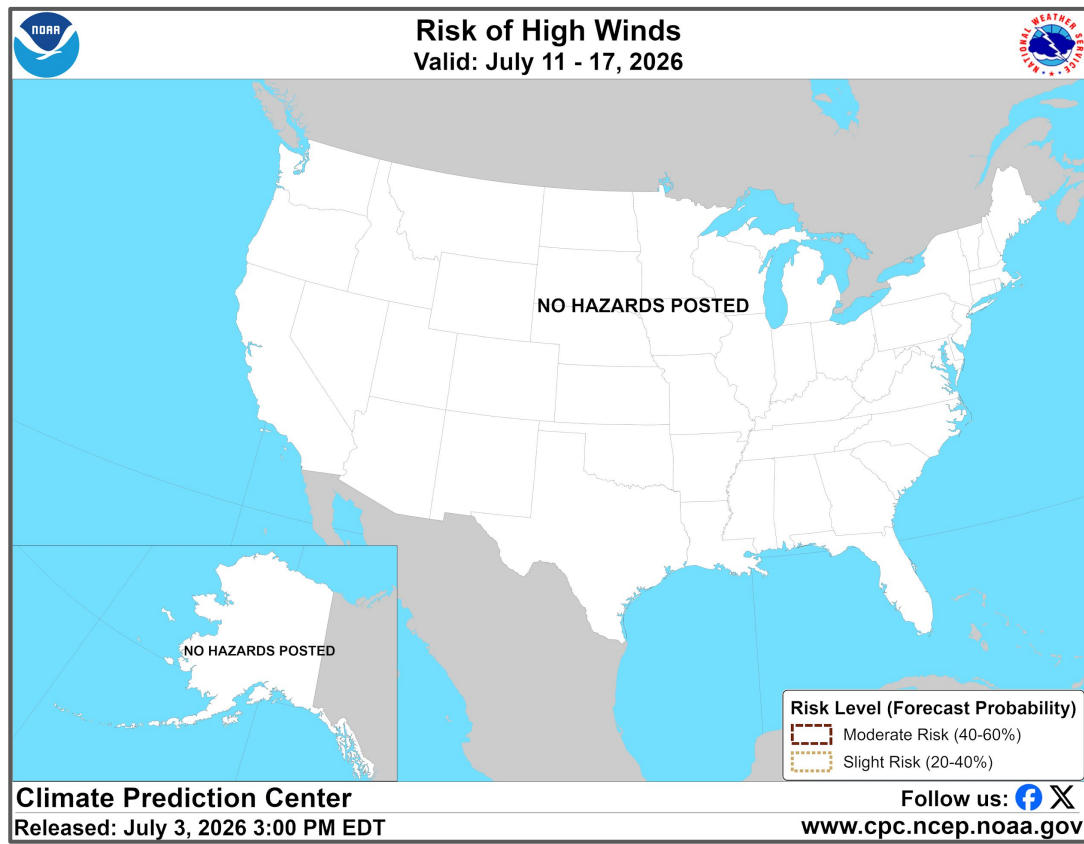
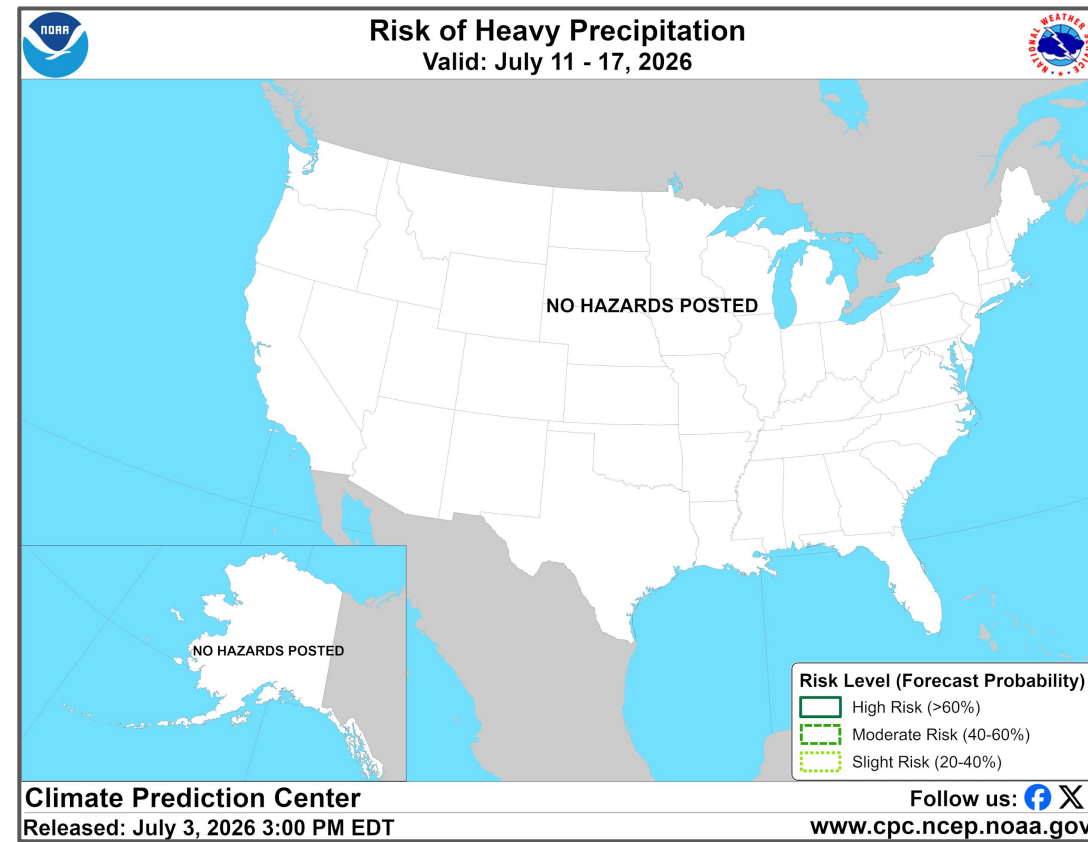
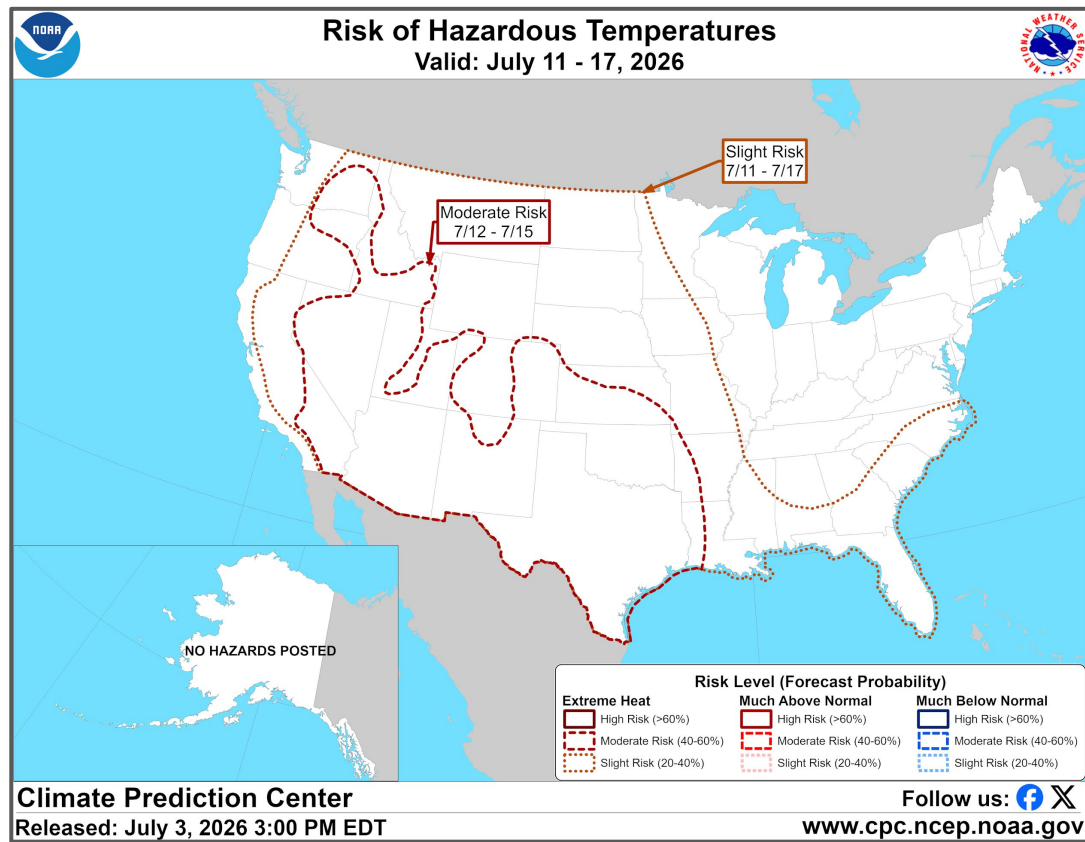
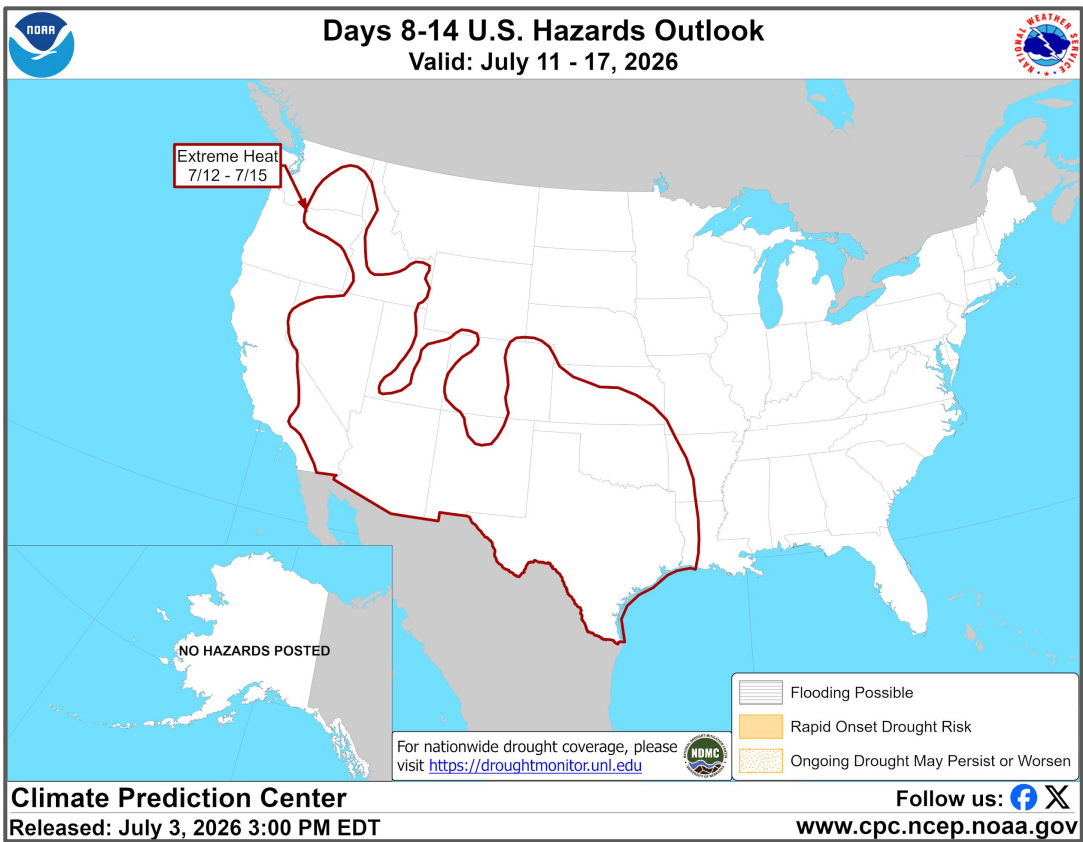


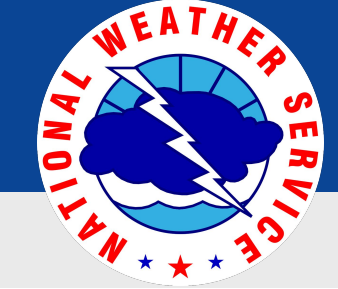
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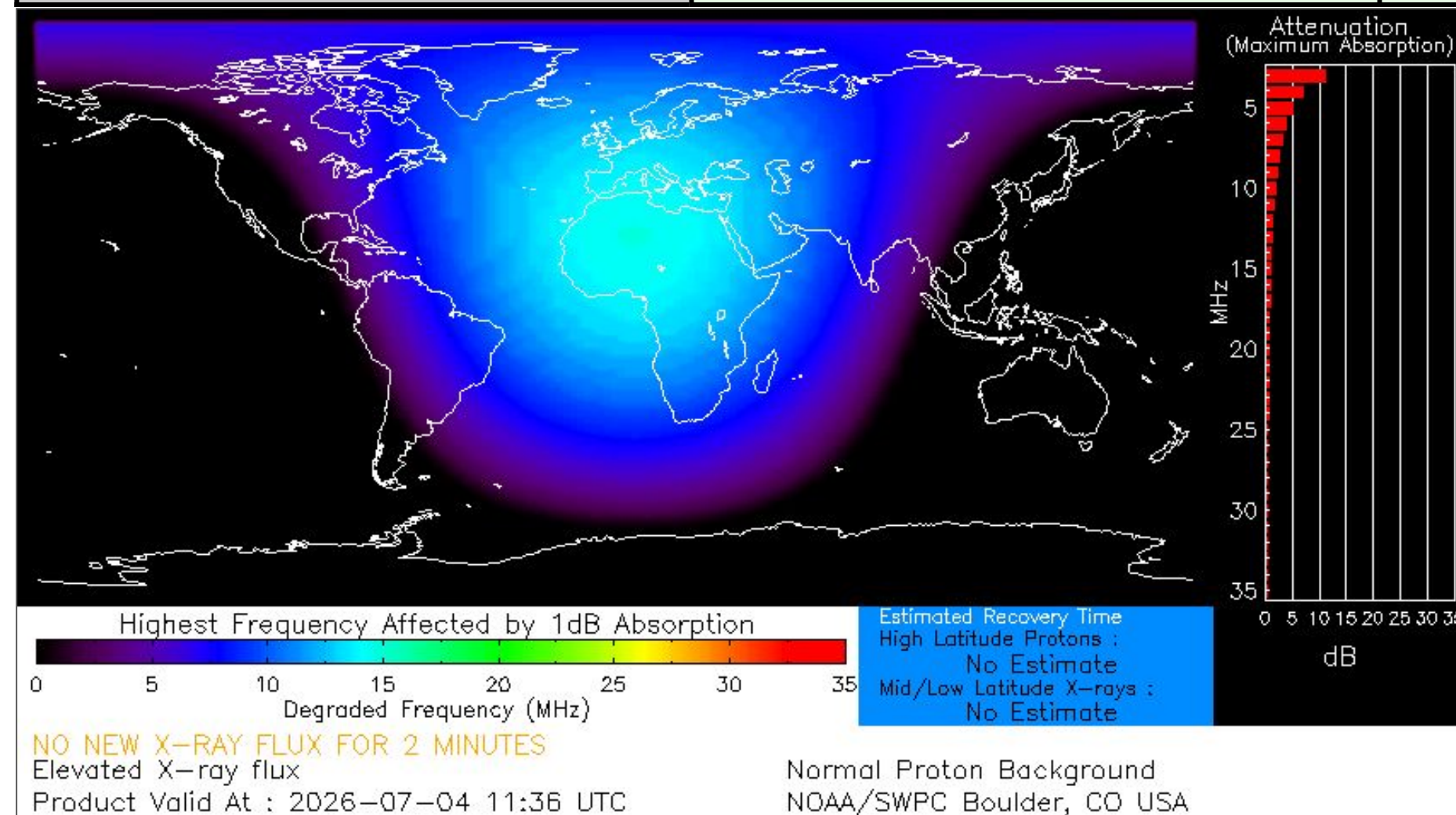
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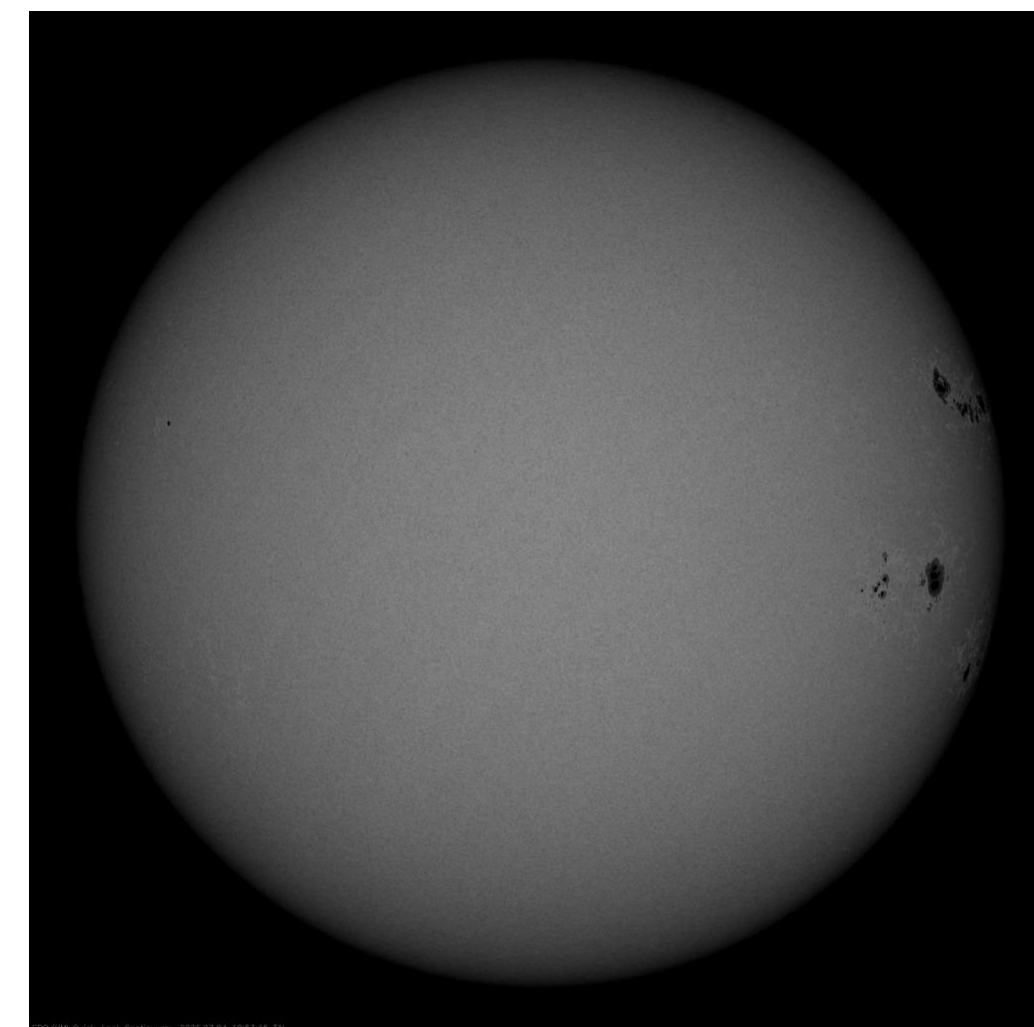
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Jul 4	Sunday, Jul 5	Monday, Jul 6
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Minor Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	20%	20%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	70%	70%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	10%



[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

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to nws.soc2@noaa.gov



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