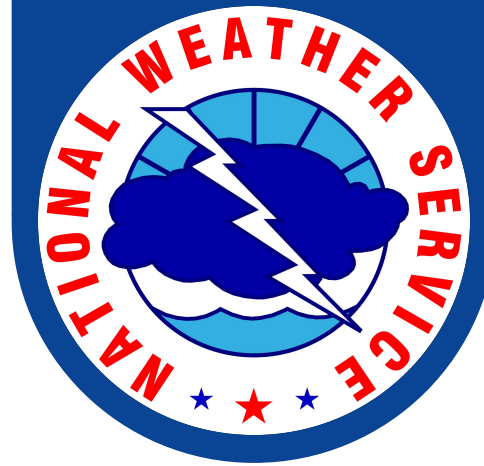




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, July 20, 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.



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Summary

- **Tropical:**

- **Tropical Depression 2** has formed in the northeast **Gulf** and is expected to become **Tropical Storm Bertha** this morning.
 - It is moving **3 mph NW** and is expected to shift westward towards **S LA** Tuesday night and then speed up aiming for the upper to middle **TX Coast**.
 - **Timing: Wednesday - Saturday**
 - **Impacts: TS Winds, heavy rainfall - flash & river flooding (Marginal to Slight risk), storm surge, rip currents**

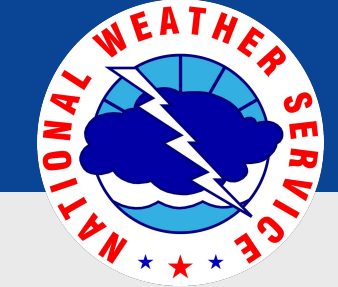
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4)** over **NM** and **W TX** today and over **W/N NM** Tuesday-Wednesday.
- **S NM** for **Burn Scar** flash flooding concerns remain **Moderate** through **Wednesday**, but confidence is low.

- **River Flooding:**

- **Nueces & Frio** will be in major flood stage for several days as water moves downstream.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Jul 20	Tuesday, Jul 21	Wednesday, Jul 22	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24	Saturday, Jul 25	Sunday, Jul 26
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	Far W TX, S/W NM	W NM	N NM, SE LA	SE TX, S LA	SE TX, SW LA, N NM	N NM	N NM
	SE LA	SE LA					
Fire Weather							
Tropical			S LA	S LA, TX Gulf Coast	S LA, TX Gulf Coast	TX Gulf Coast	
River Flooding	SW/C/STX	SW/C/STX	STX	STX	STX	STX	STX

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



Extreme Heat Warnings in C/E AR in AR from 10 AM Monday - 9 PM Tuesday.

Heat Advisories in OK, AR, NE TX, LA through 8 PM CDT. More likely through Tuesday.

Flash Flood Watch over SW NM from 4 PM CDT through 1 AM CDT Tuesday.

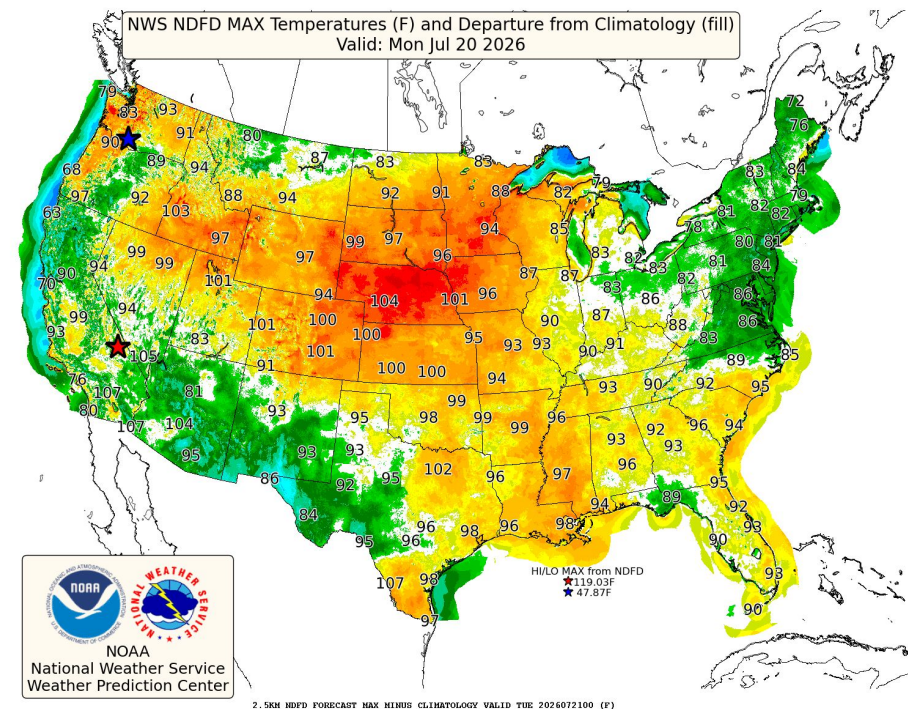




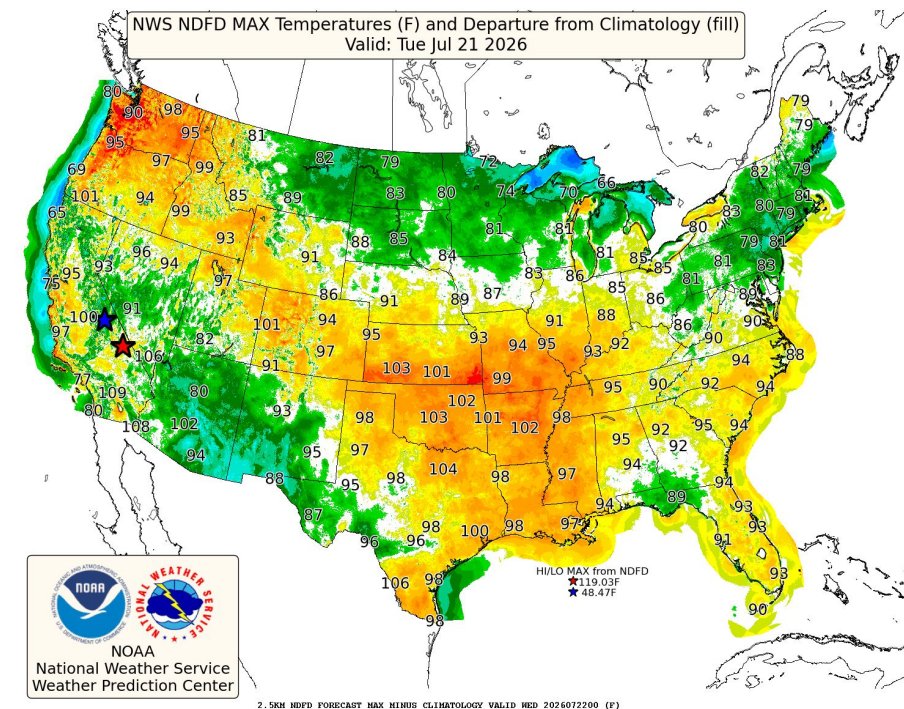
High and Low Temperatures Next 3 Days

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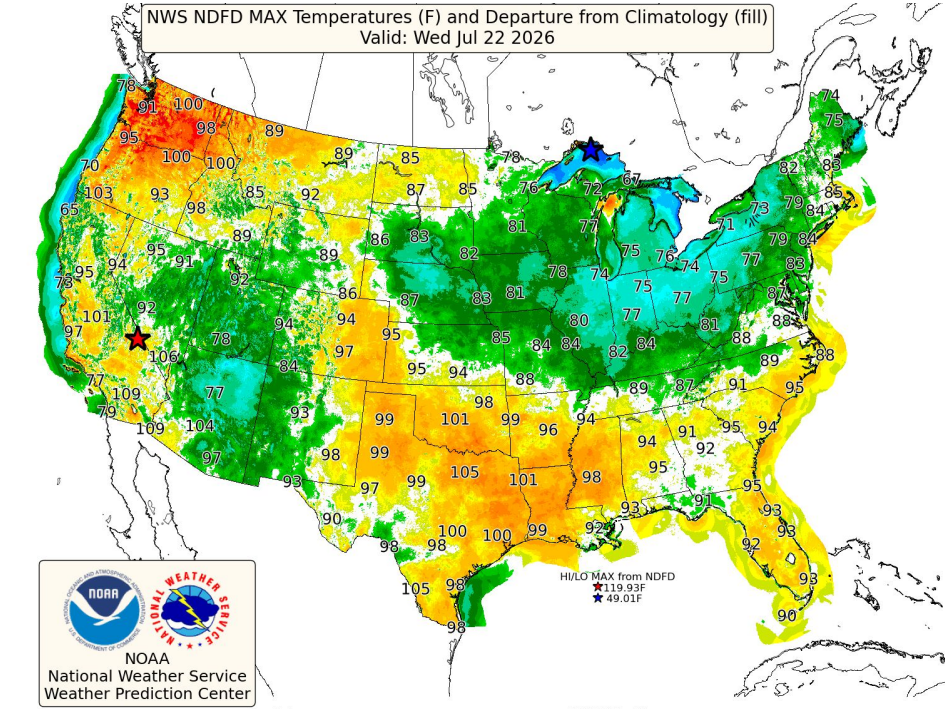
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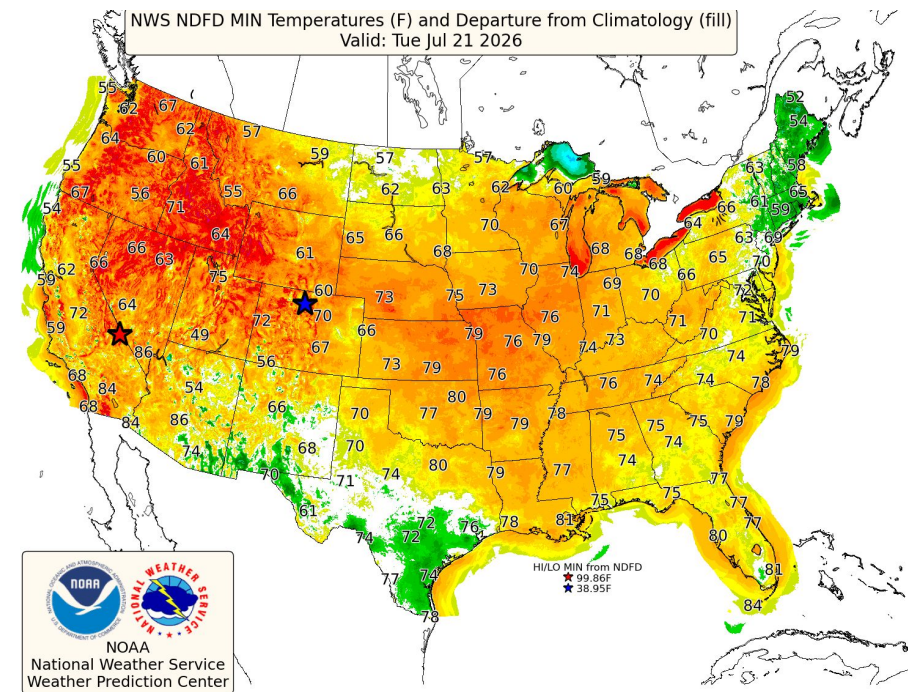
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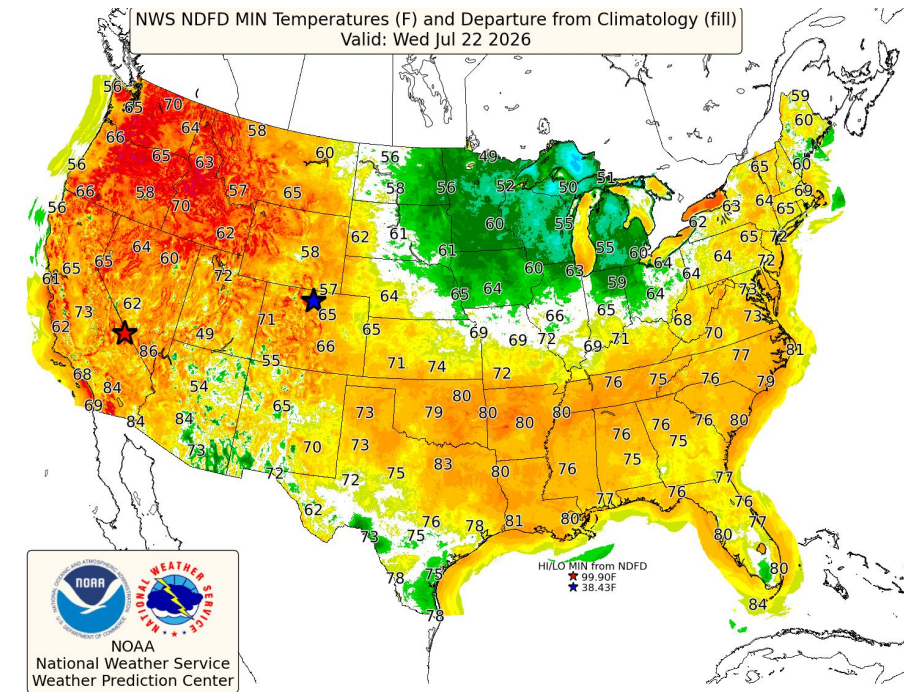
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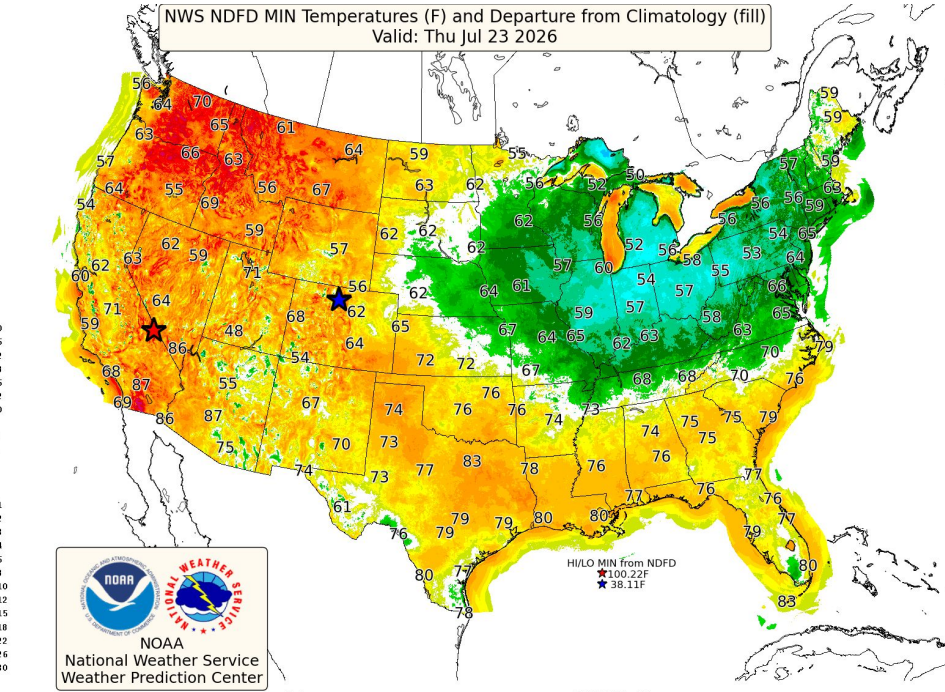
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Tomorrow Night



Day 3 Night



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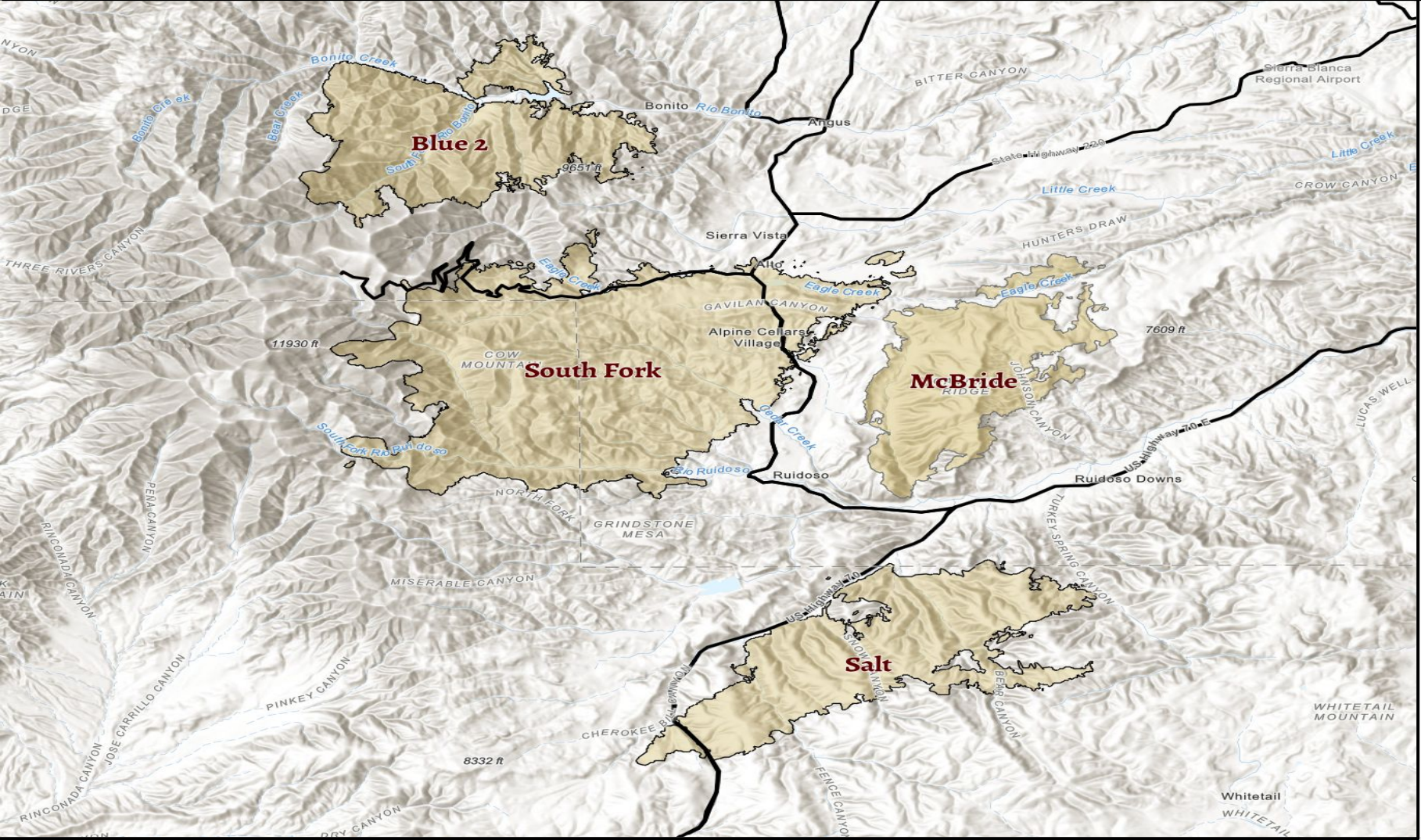
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Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Monday, Jul 20	Tuesday, Jul 21	Wednesday, Jul 22	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24
Flash Flooding	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low
Timing - CDT	1 PM - 6 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	Afternoon/Evening		

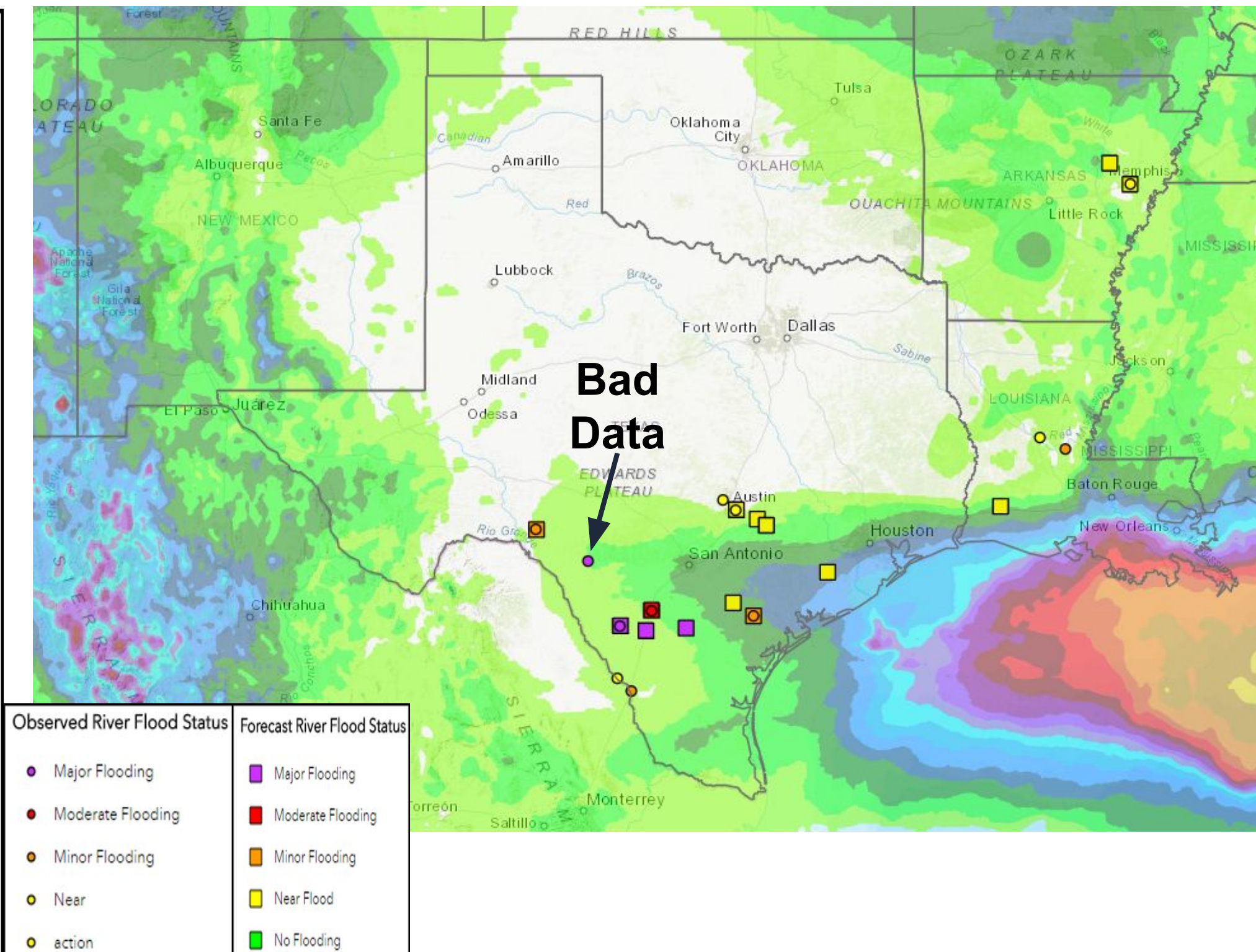
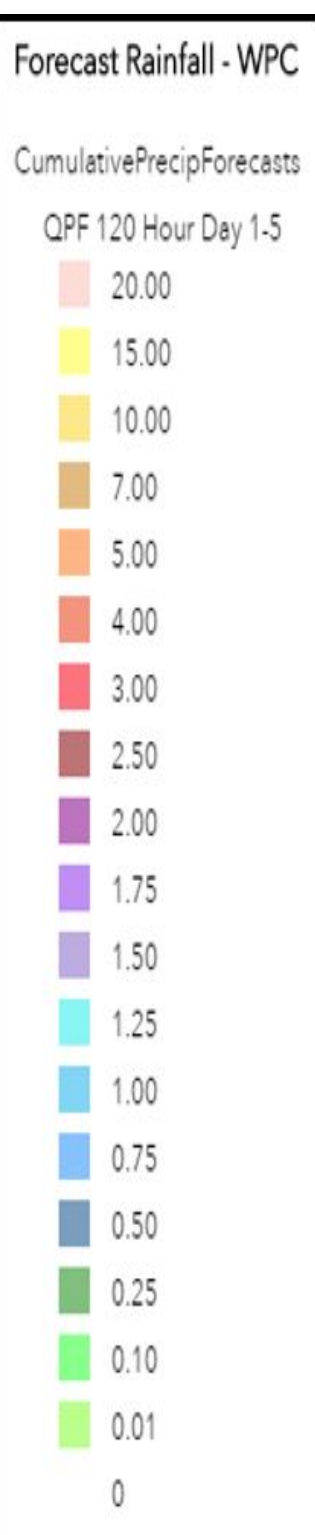


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



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



Nueces & Frio will be in major flood stage for several days as water moves downstream.

Major impacts to homes, infrastructure, roads.

Monitoring rivers along SE TX and S LA for heavy rainfall from tropical system.

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.



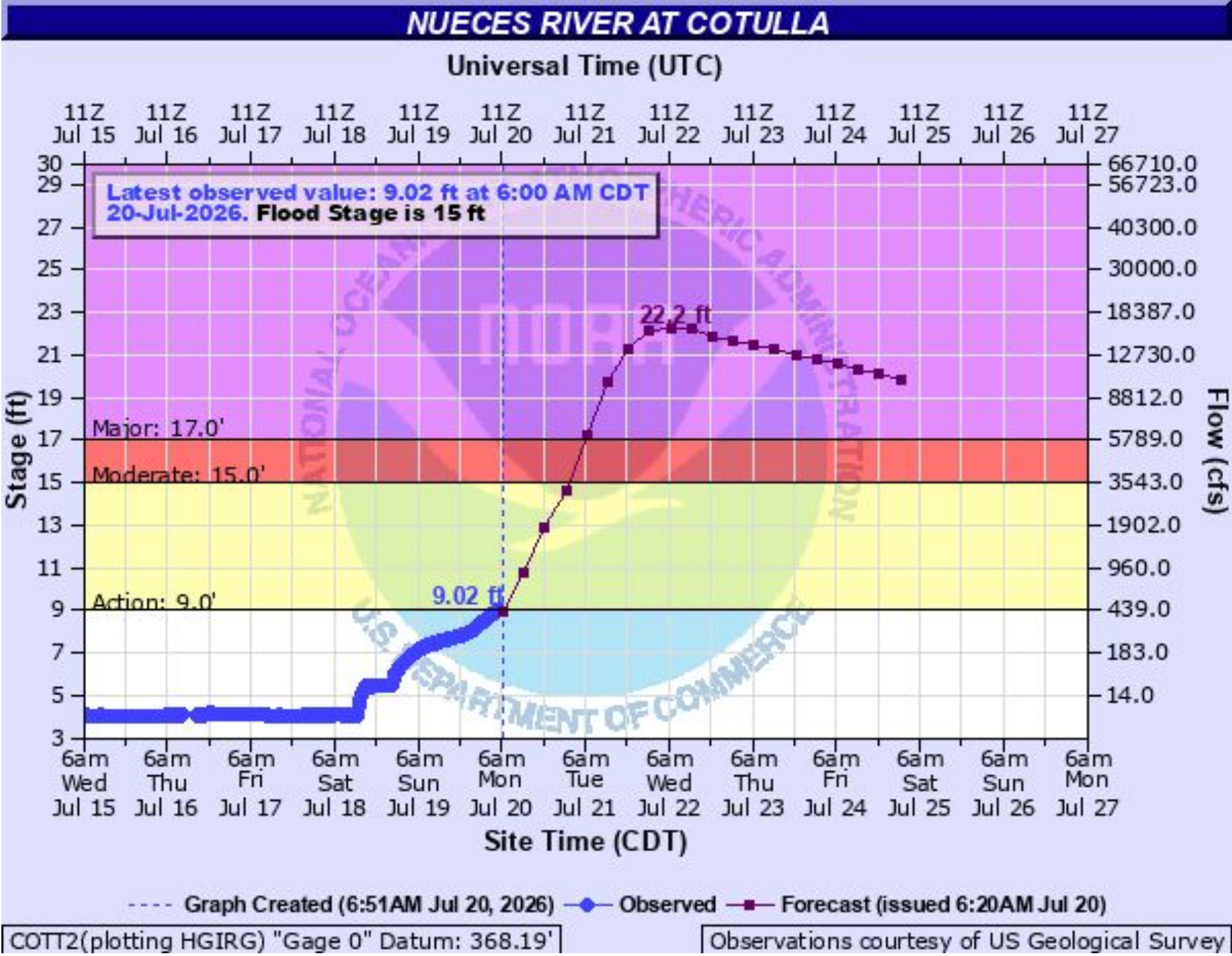
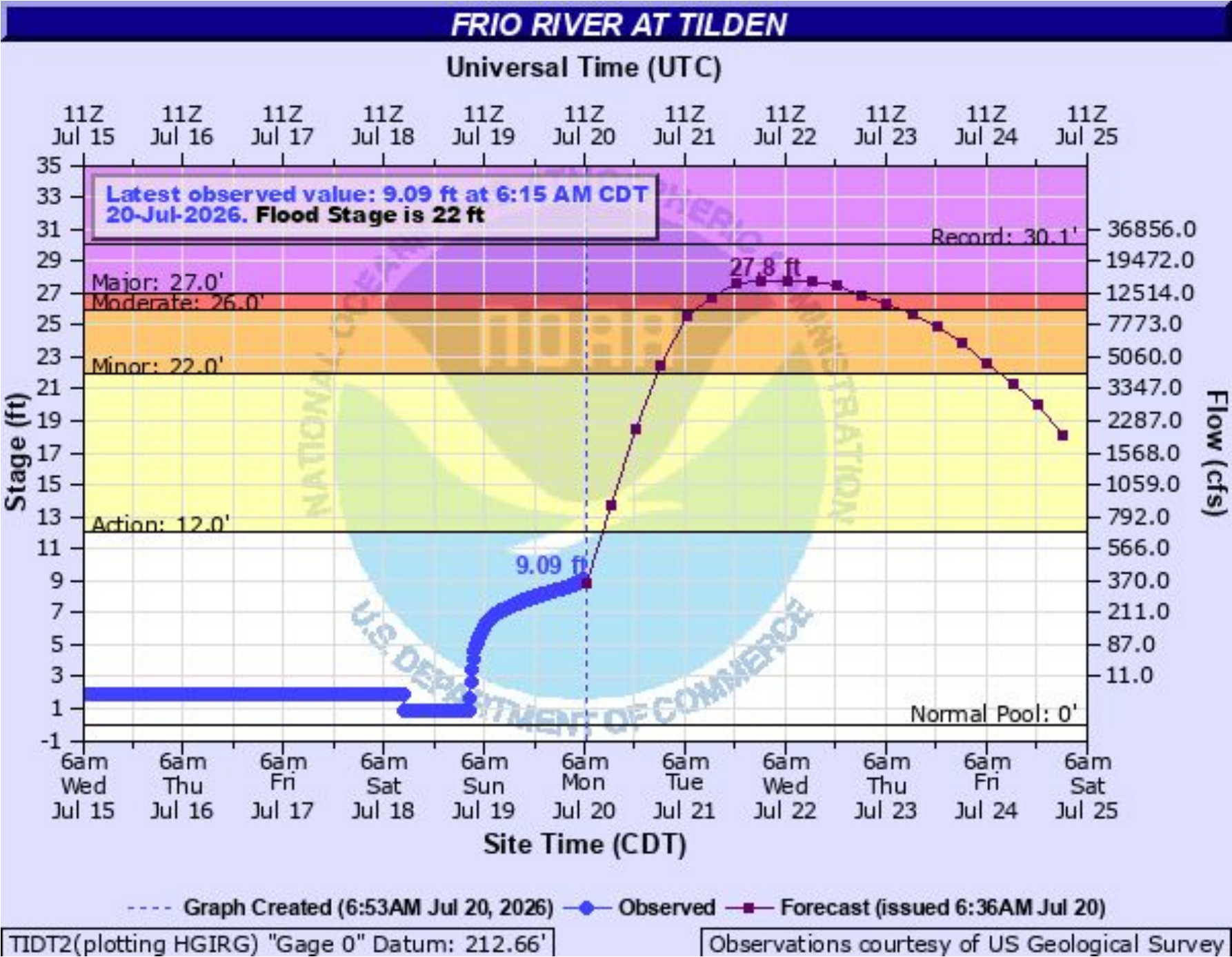
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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River Flood Status





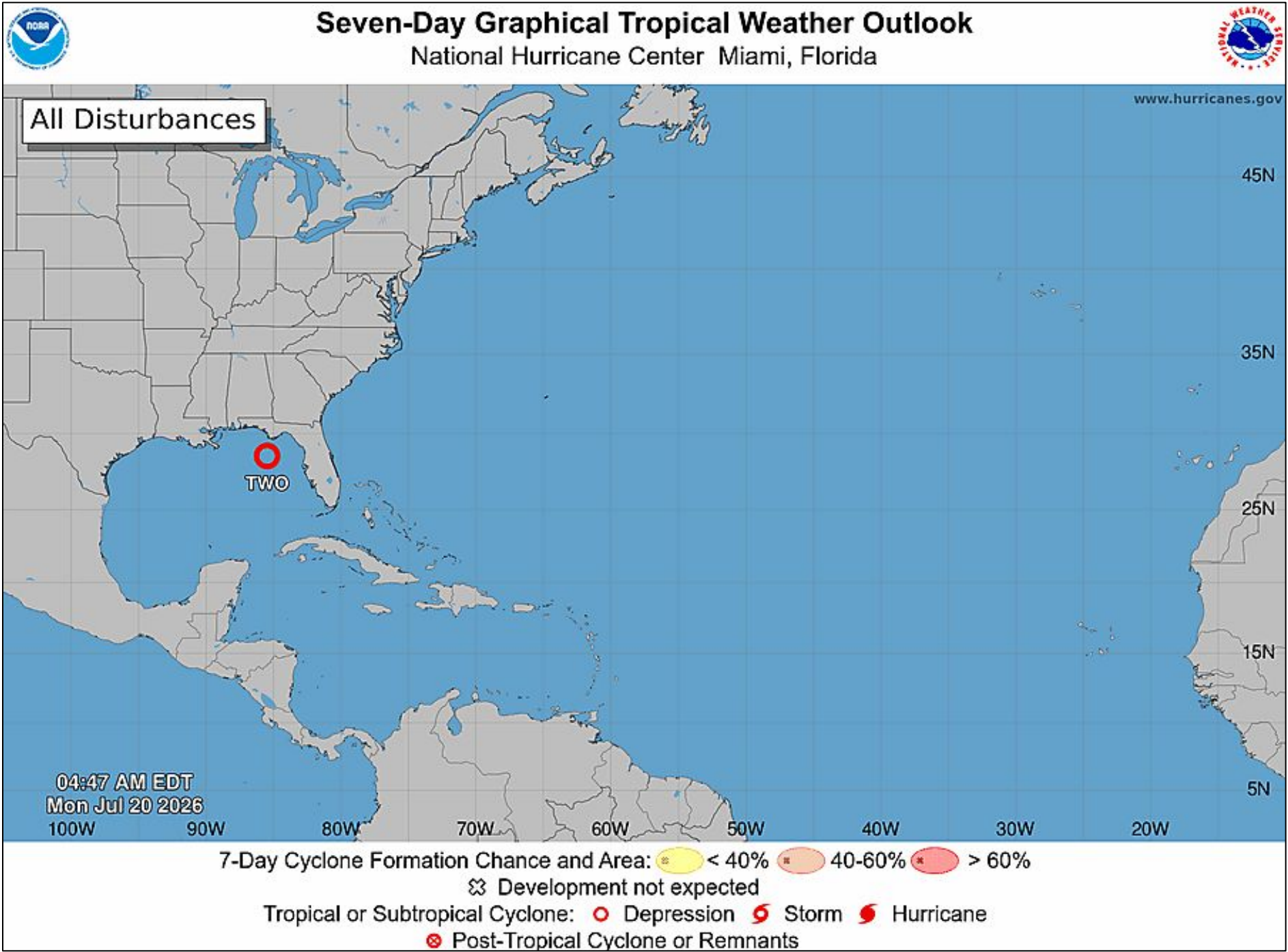
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
TD2	TS Winds, Heavy Rainfall, Storm Surge and Rip Currents for S LA and upper to middle TX Coast



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Tropical Depression Two

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Tropical Depression 2:

Tropical Storm Force Winds possible for S LA into middle/upper TX Coast.

Storm Surge - too early at this point.

Heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding and river flooding - Marginal to Slight (levels 1-2 of 4).

Rip currents - Moderate to High.

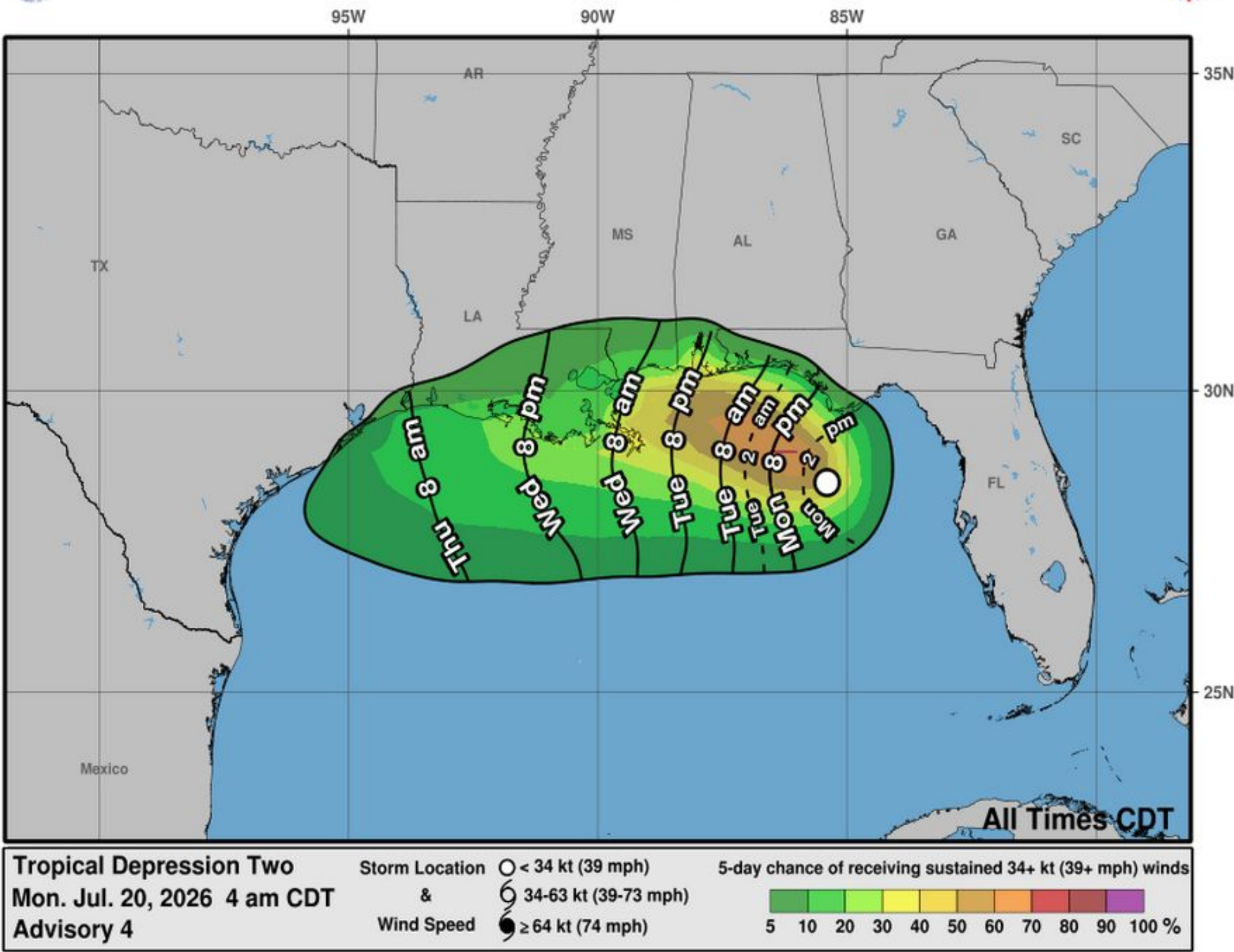


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Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



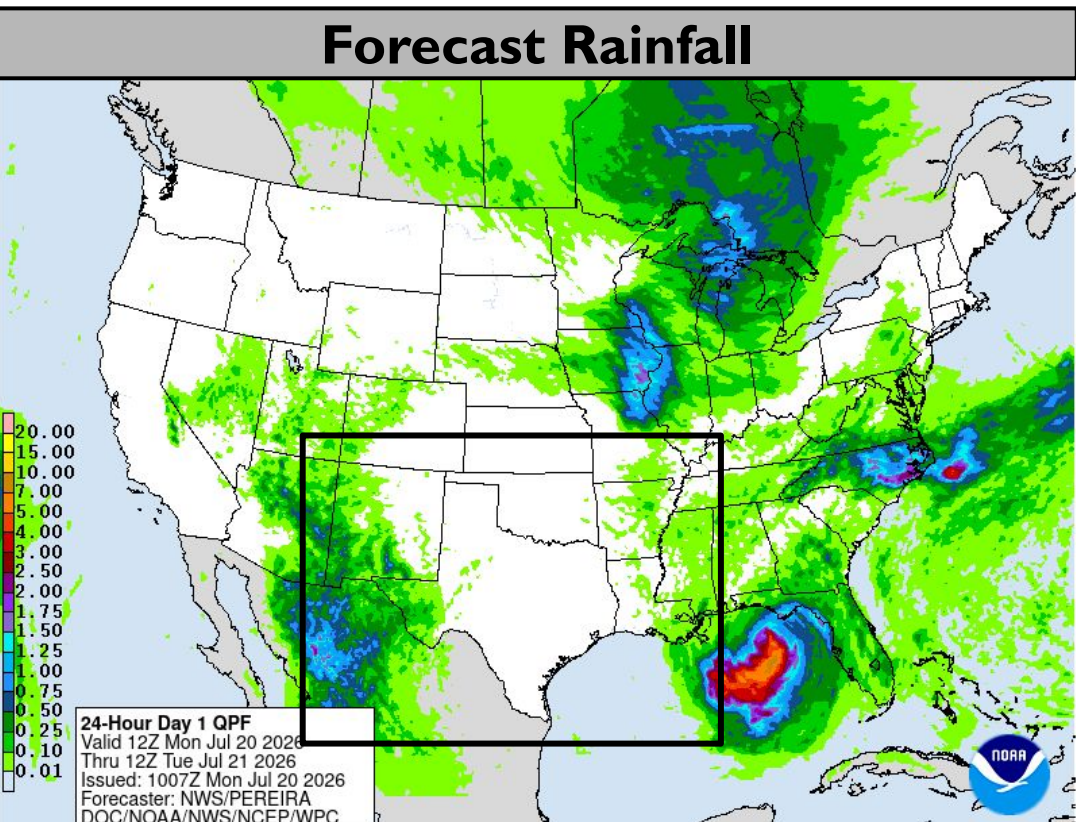
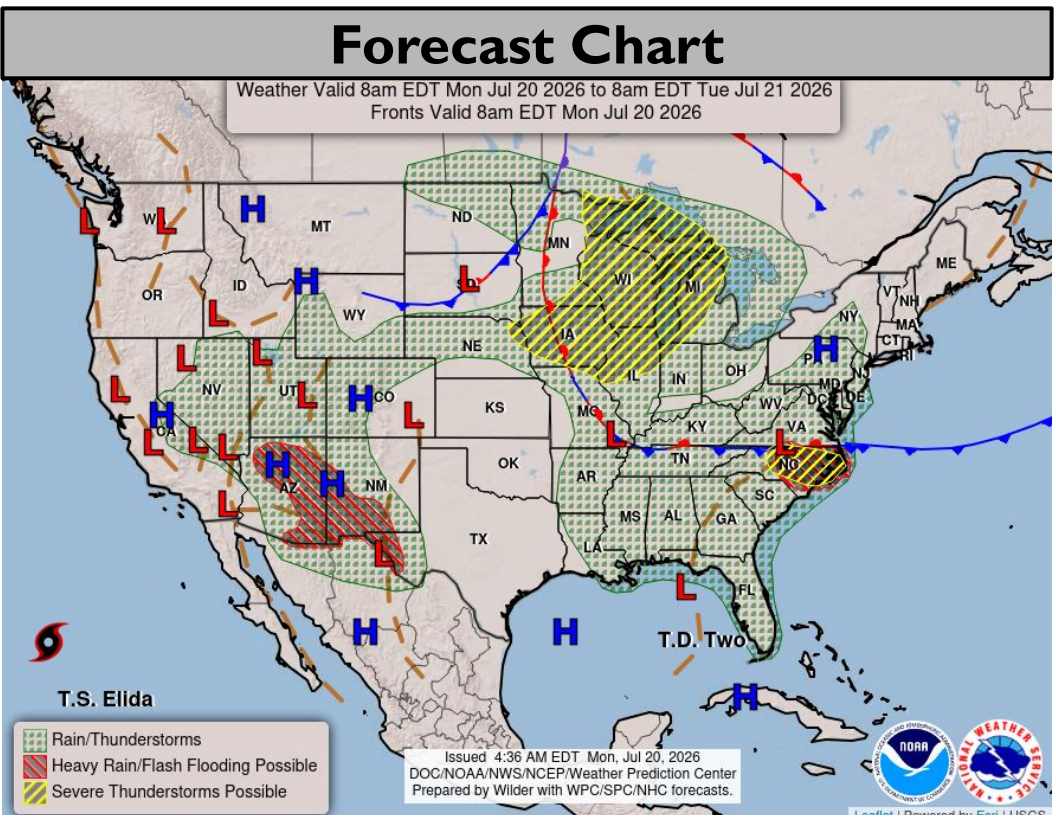
Most Likely Wind Arrival Timing:
S LA: Wednesday morning - Thursday morning
Middle to Upper TX Coast: Thursday morning-evening

Chances of Tropical Storm Force Winds remains low at 5-40% for points along the Gulf Coast area.



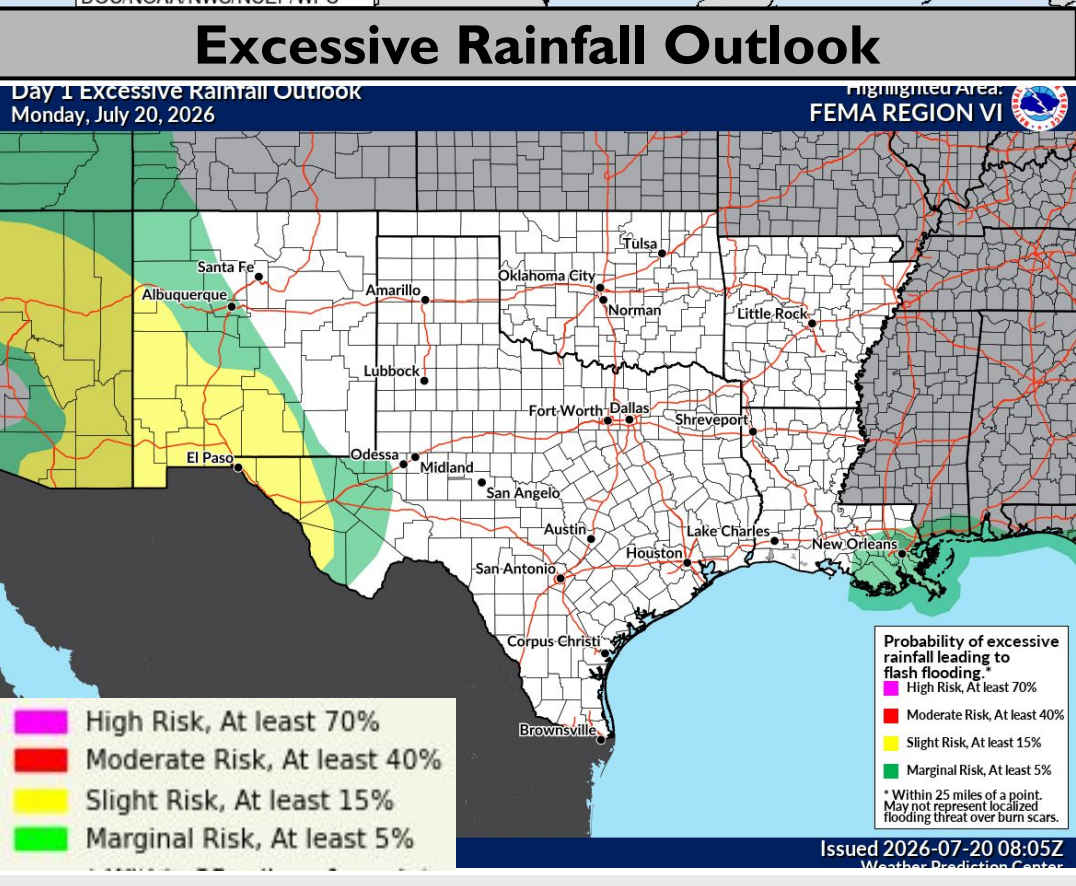
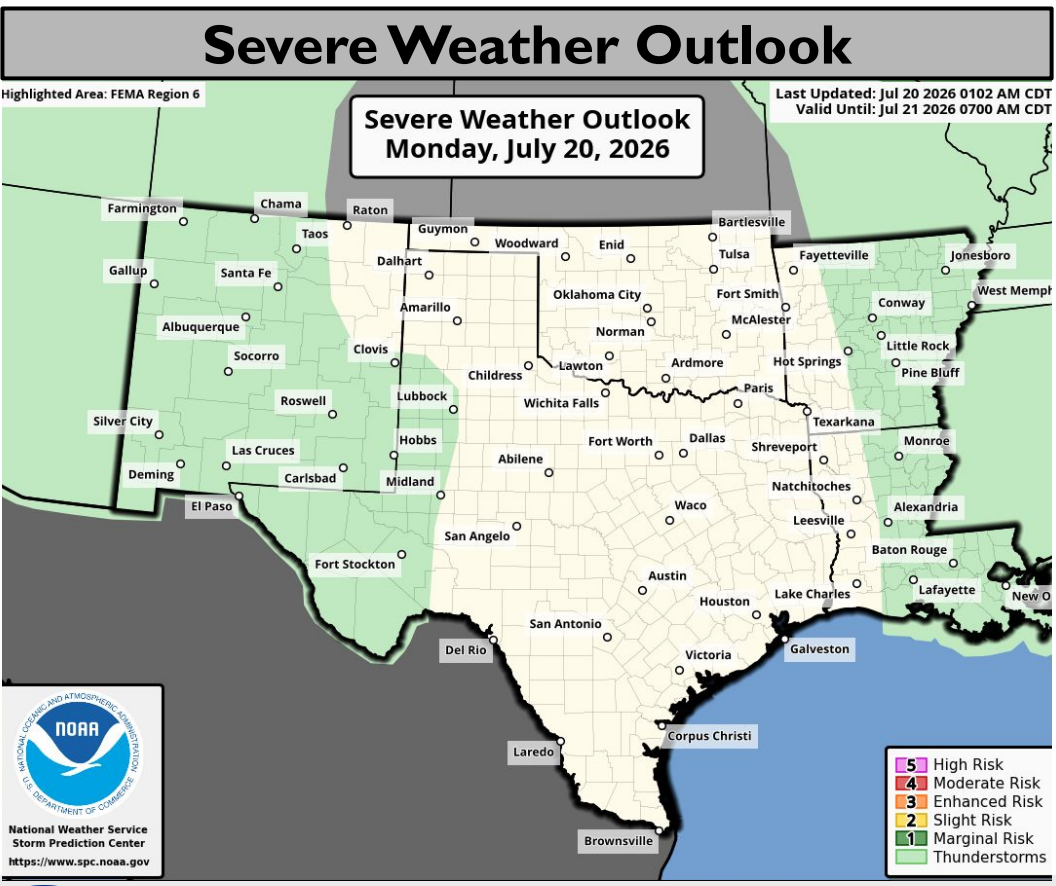


Today's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in far W TX and S/W NM.

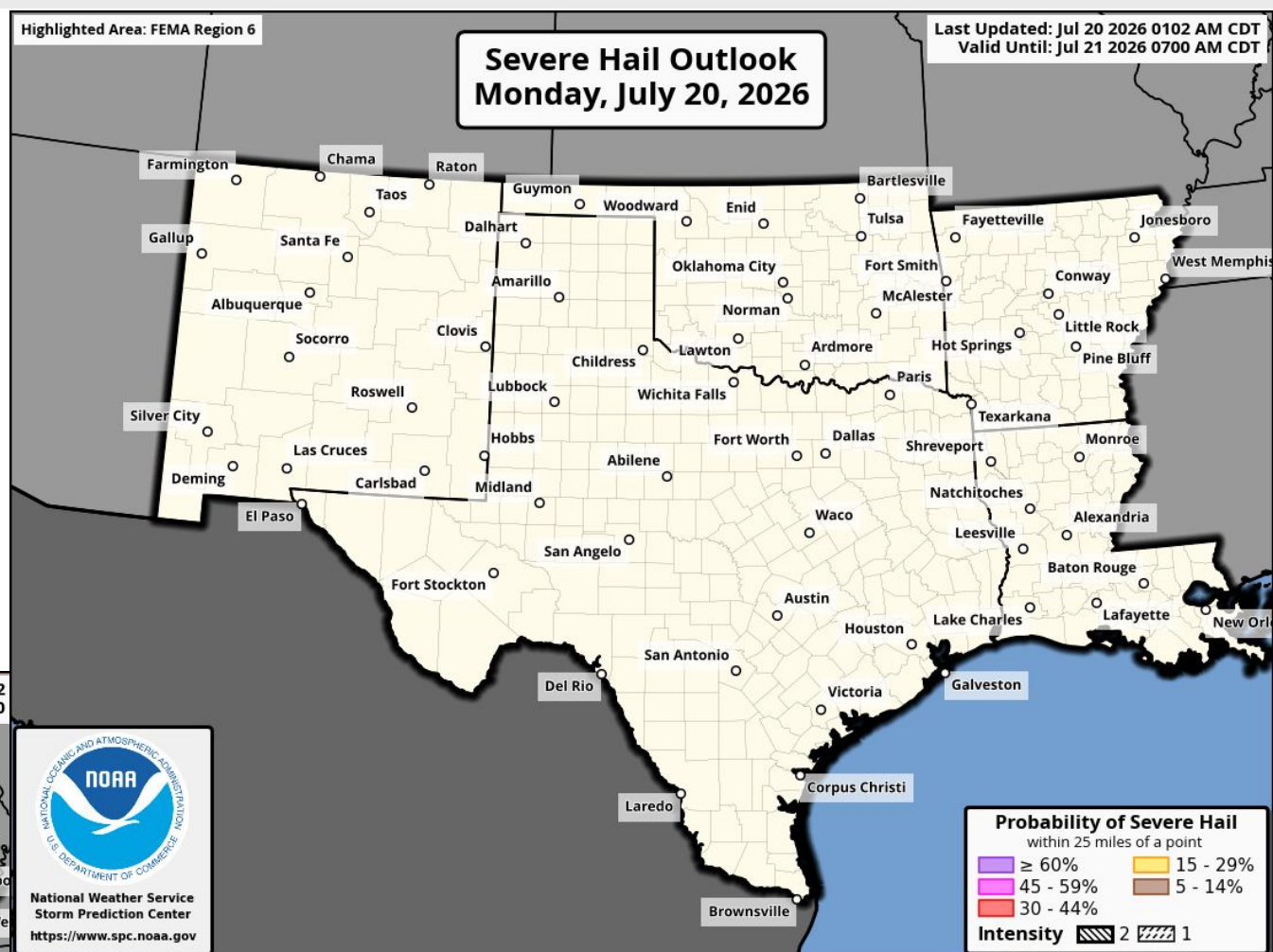
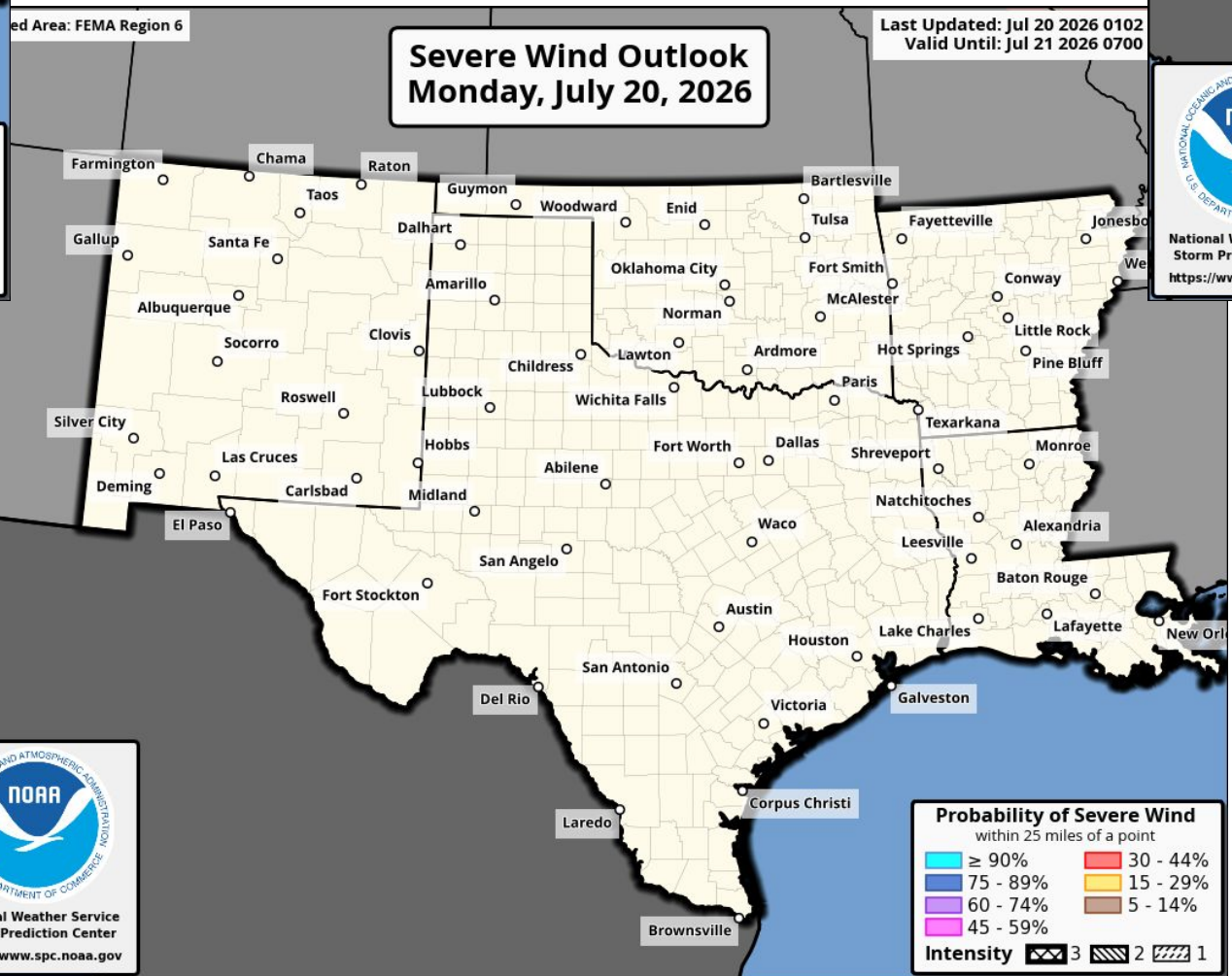
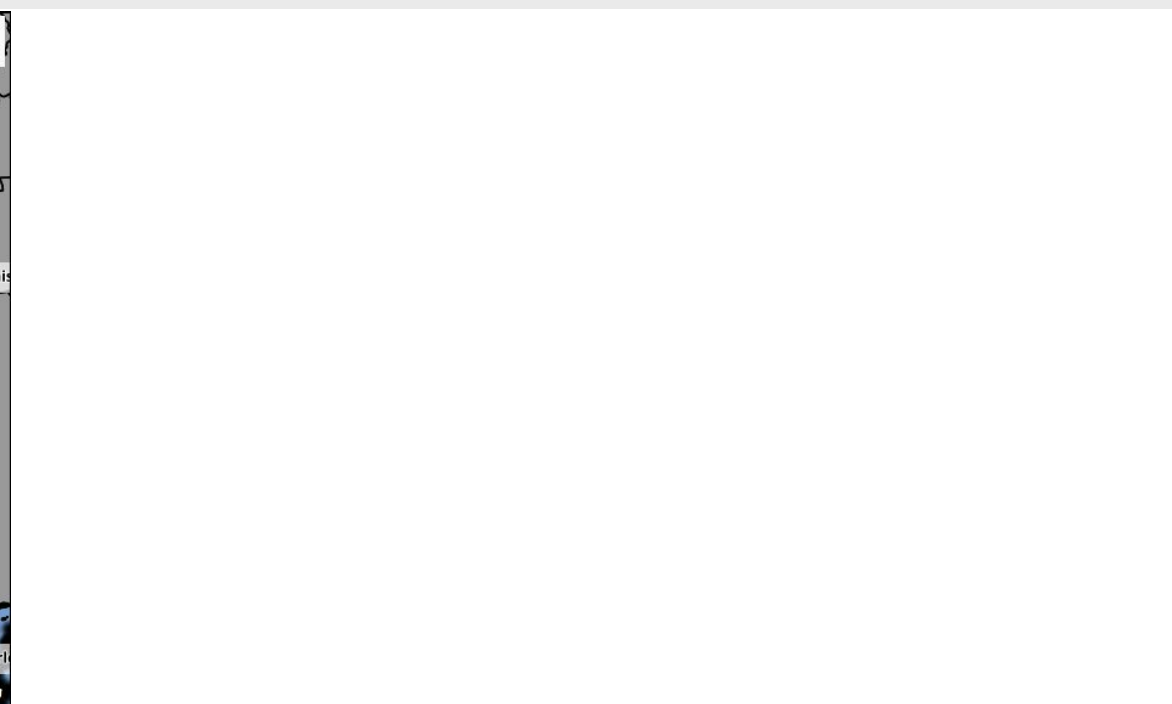
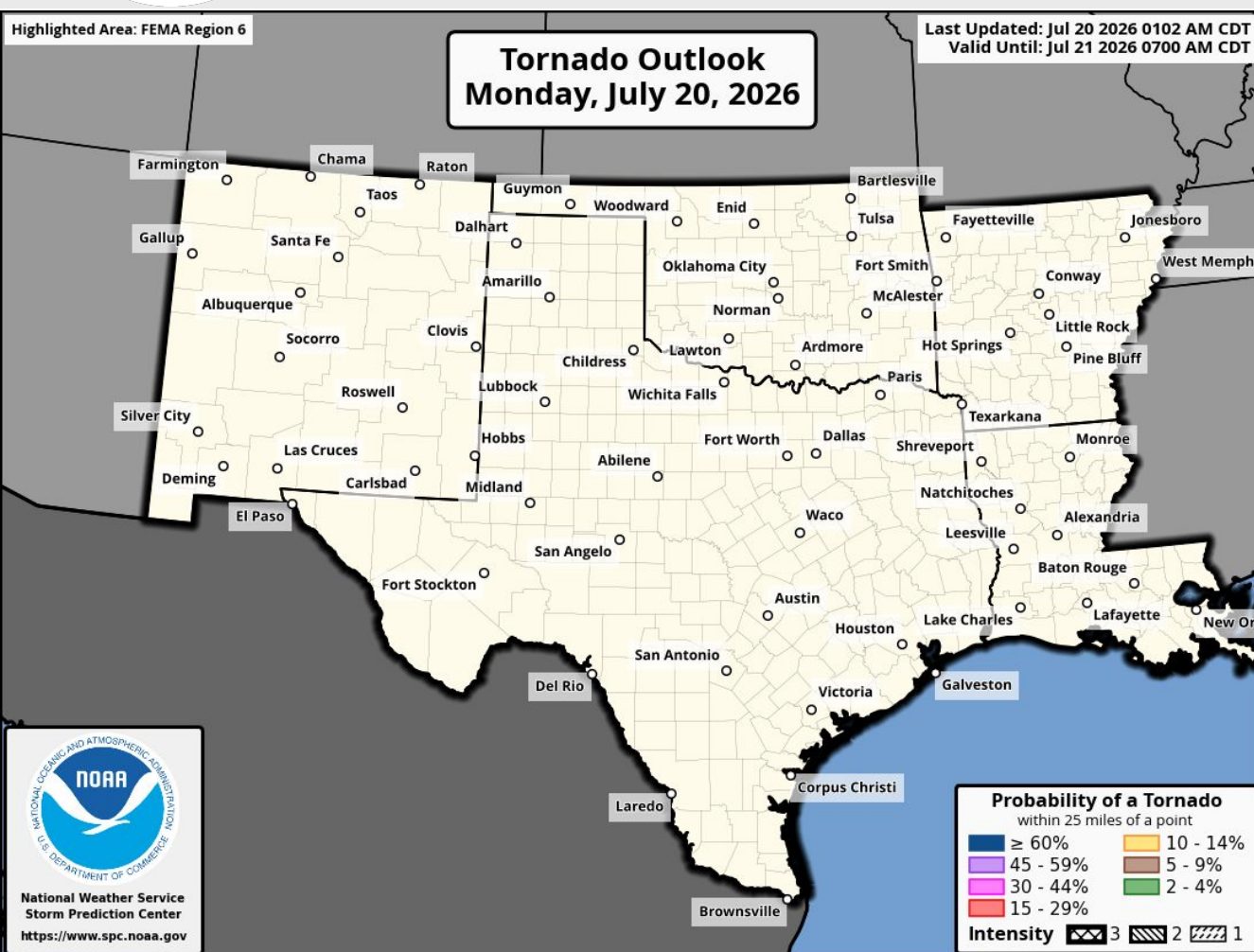
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA.



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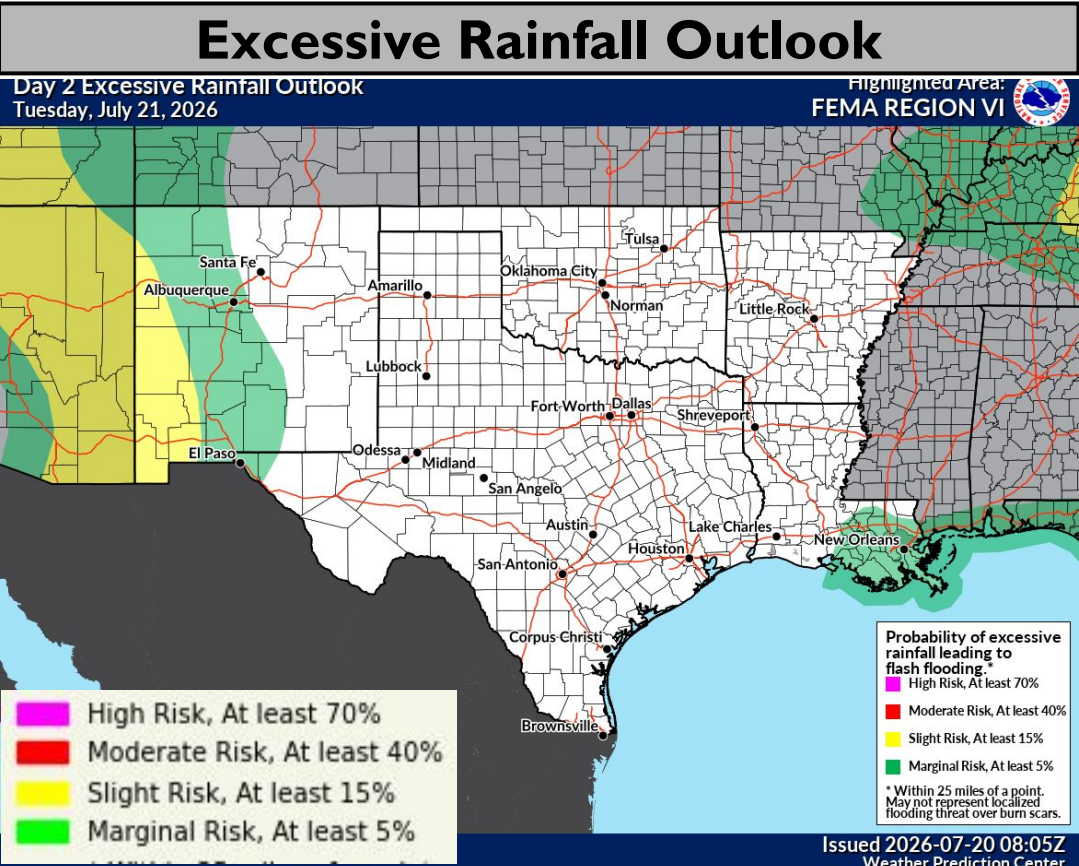
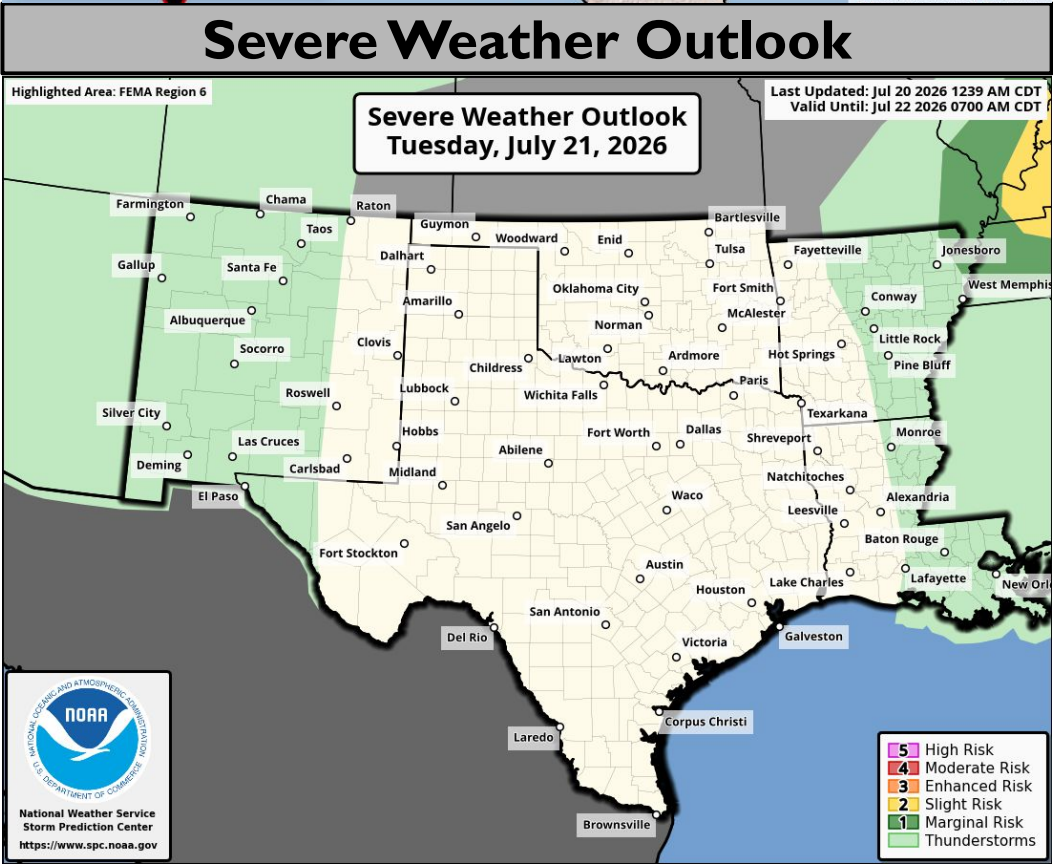
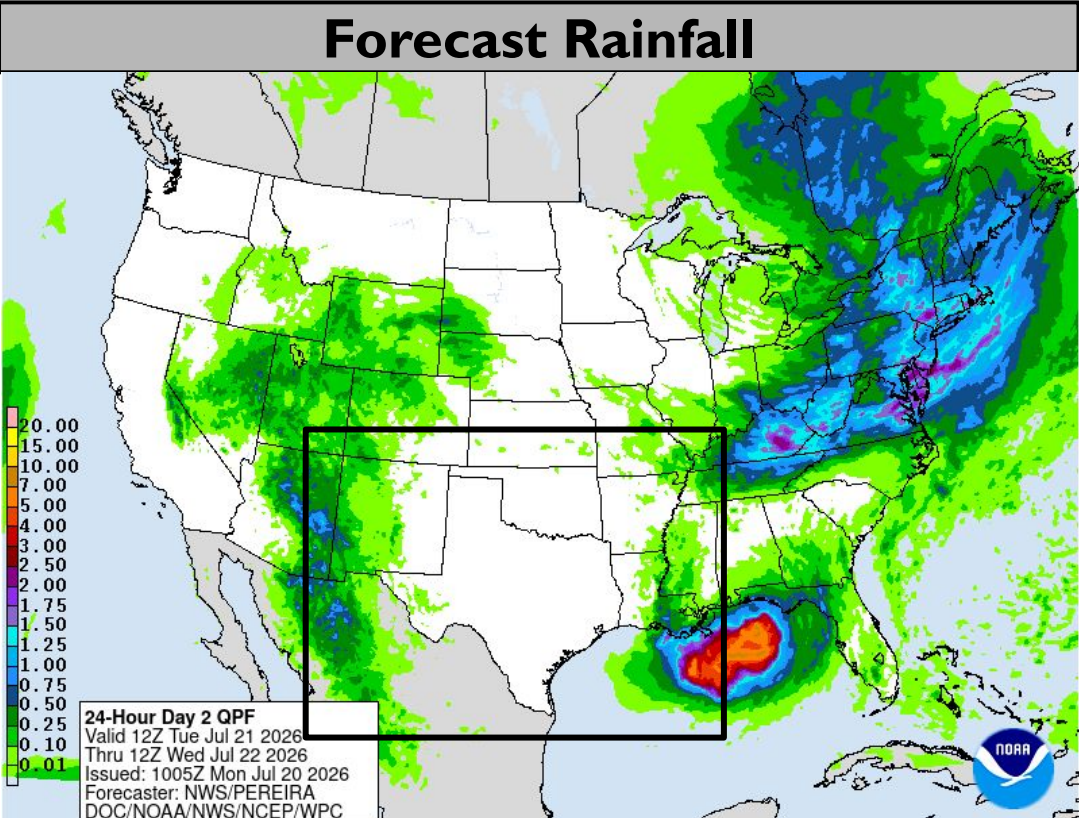
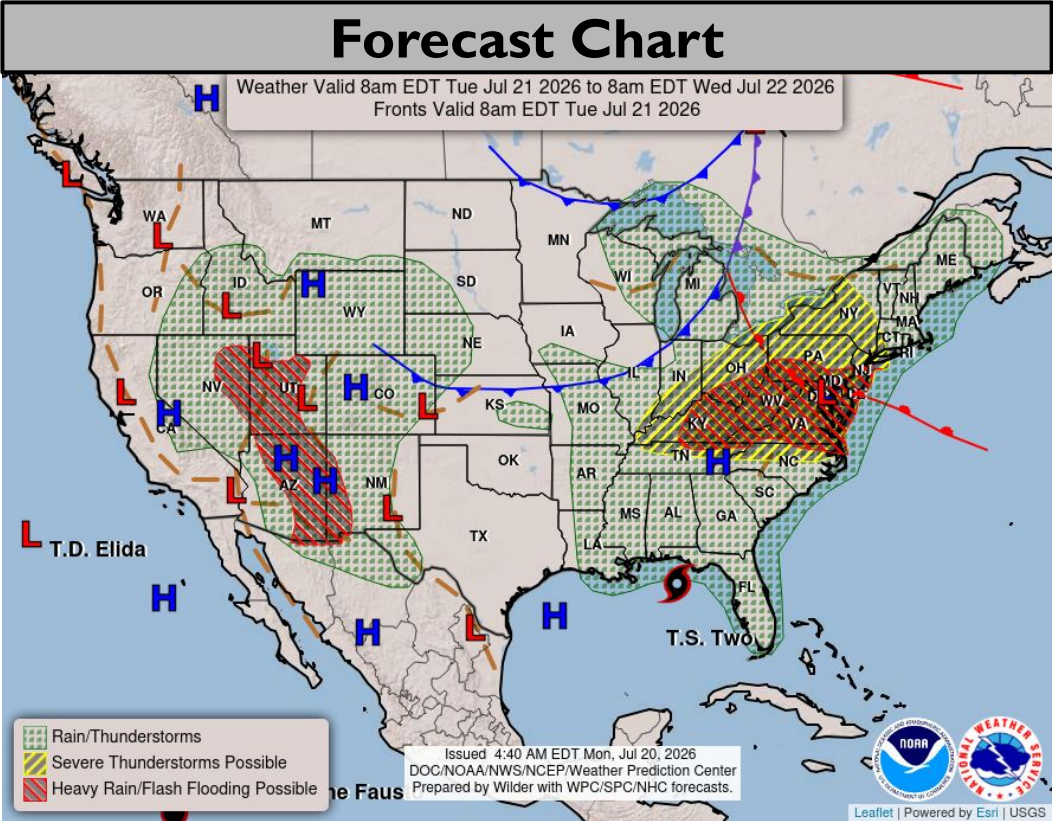


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather



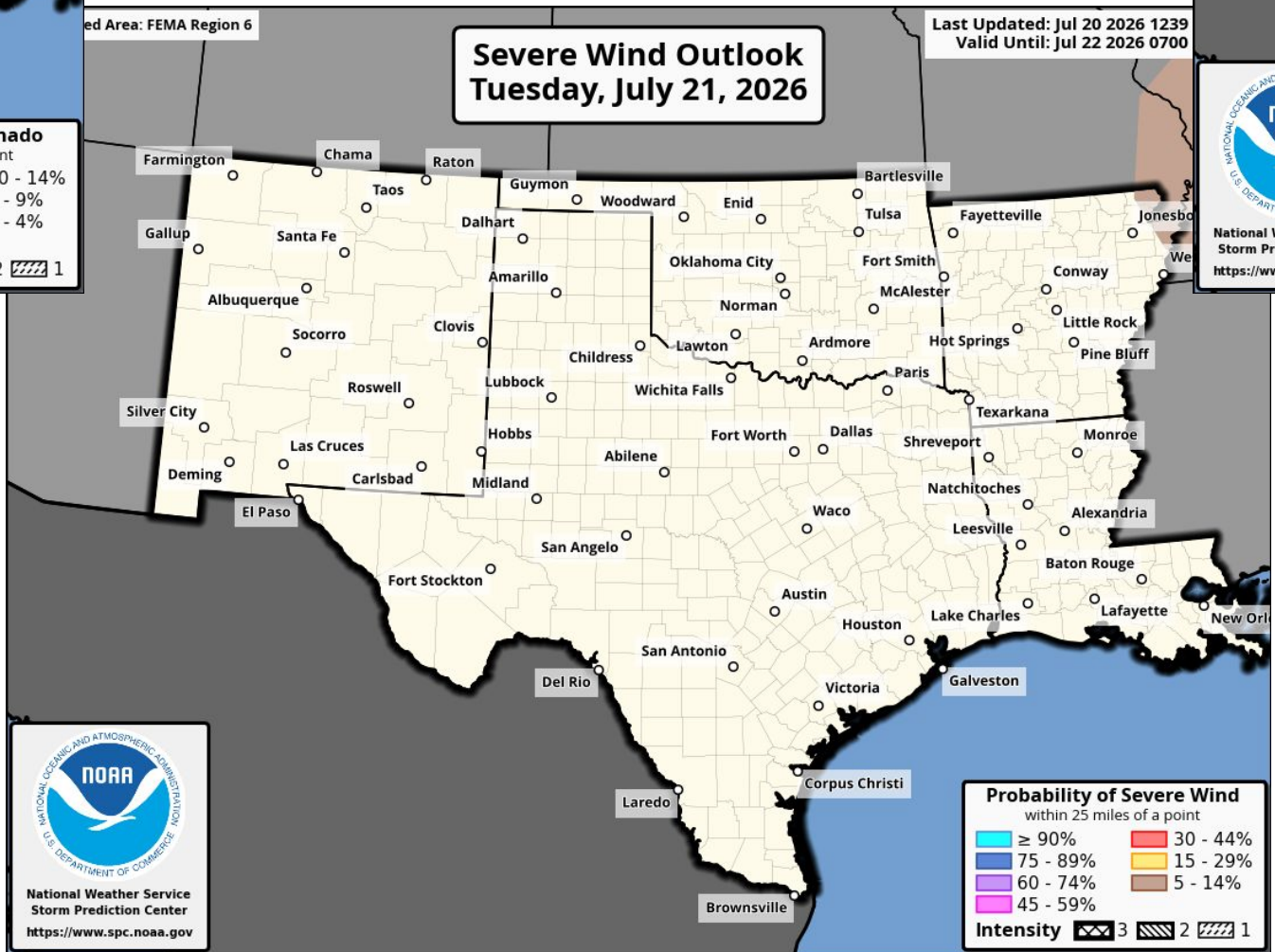
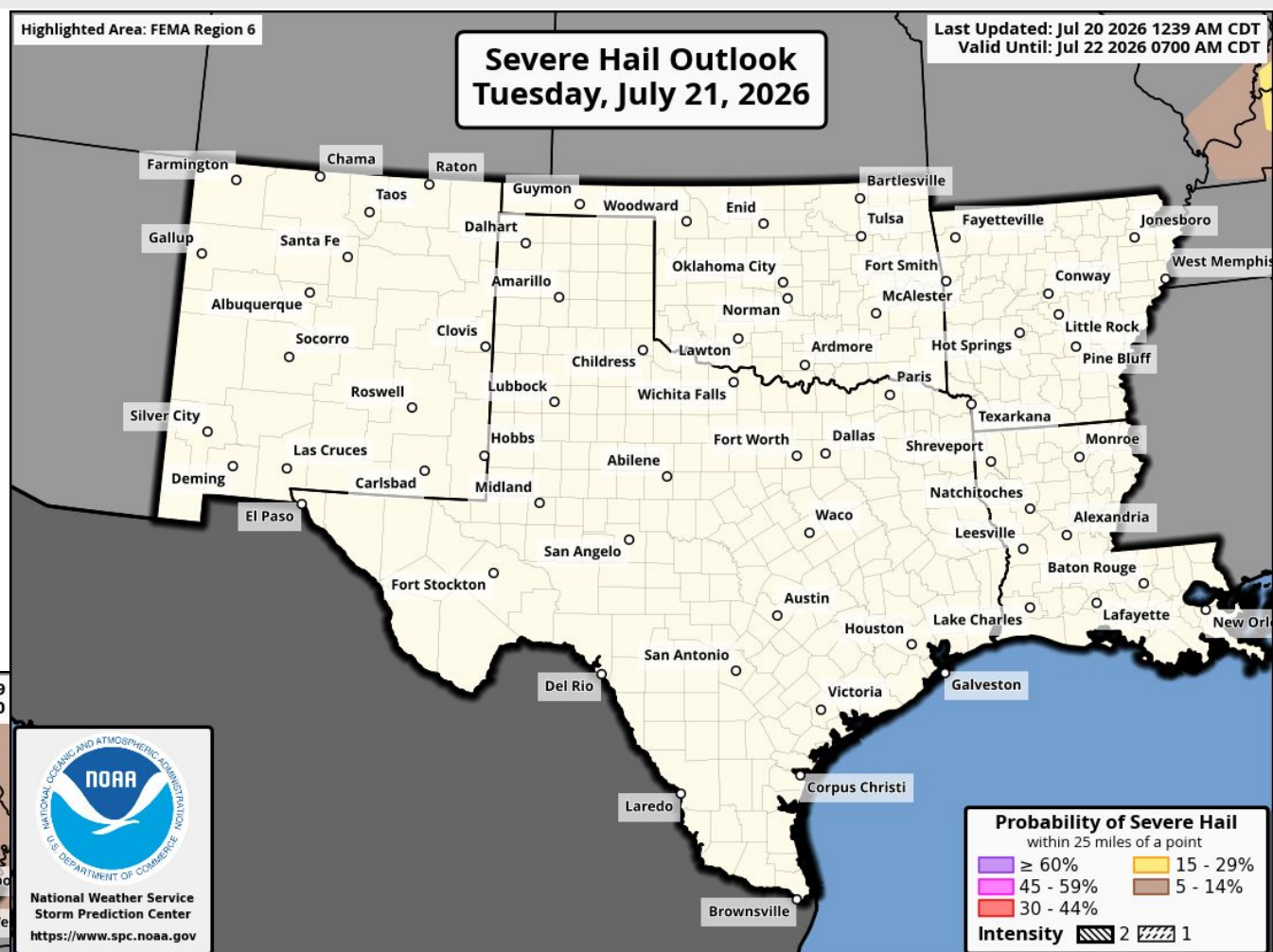
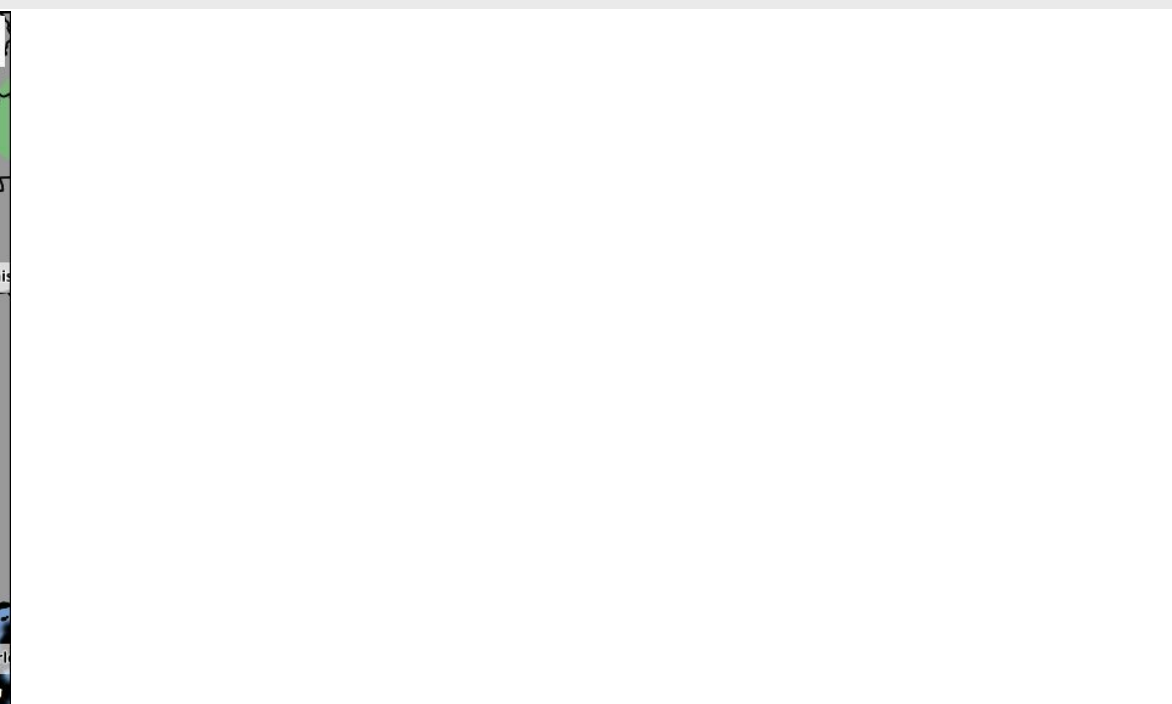
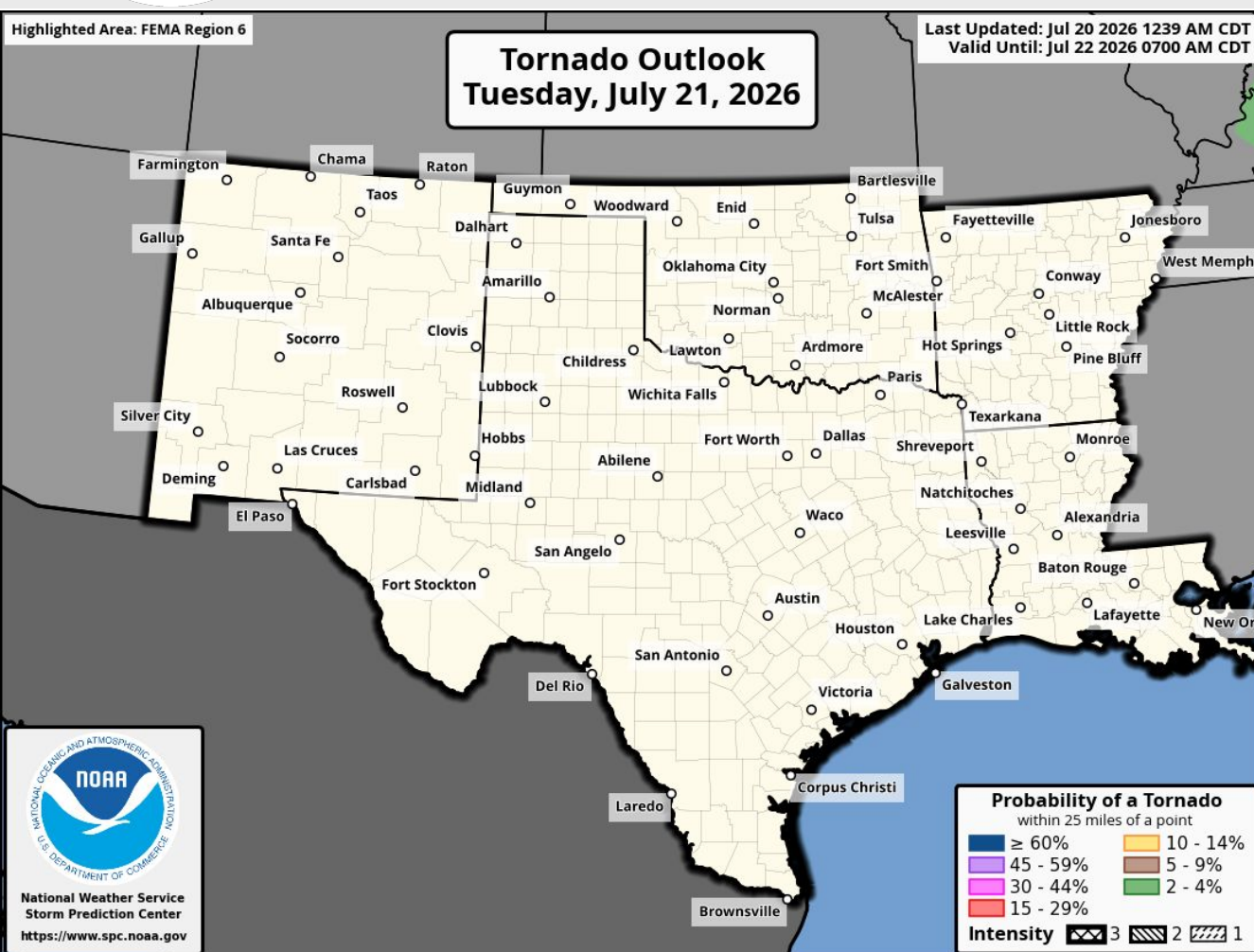
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) in W NM
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash
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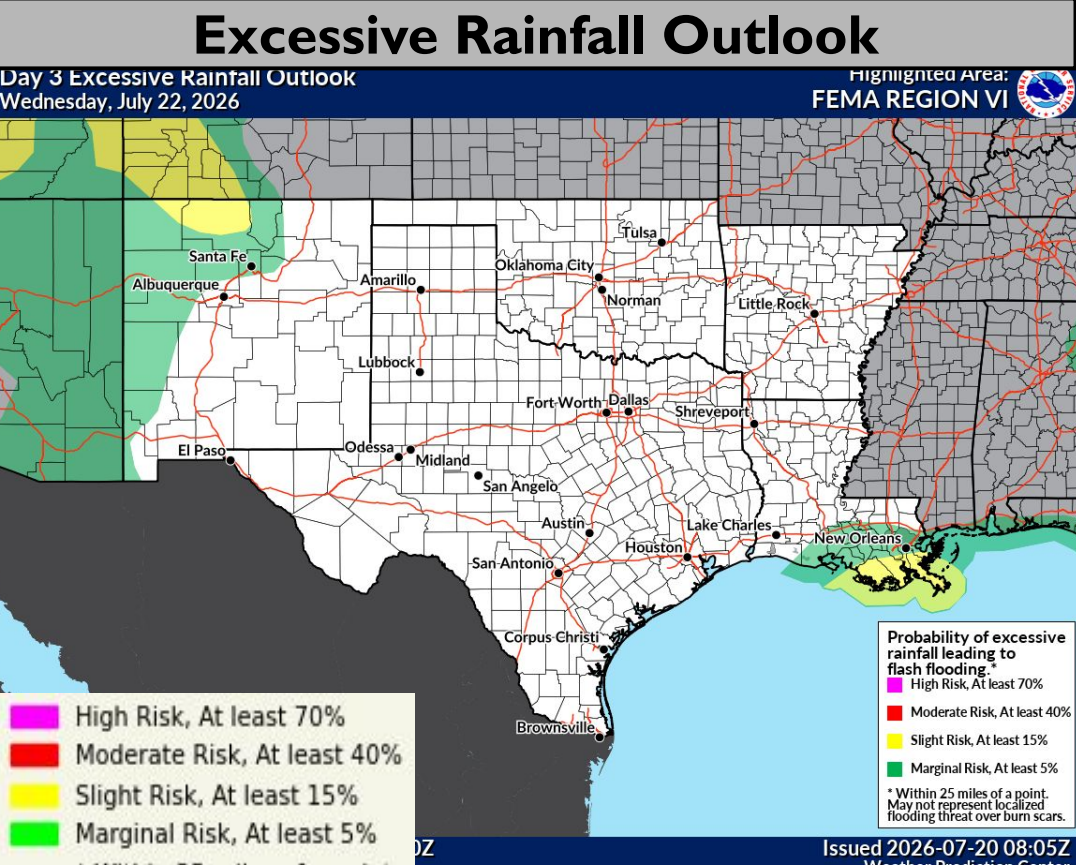
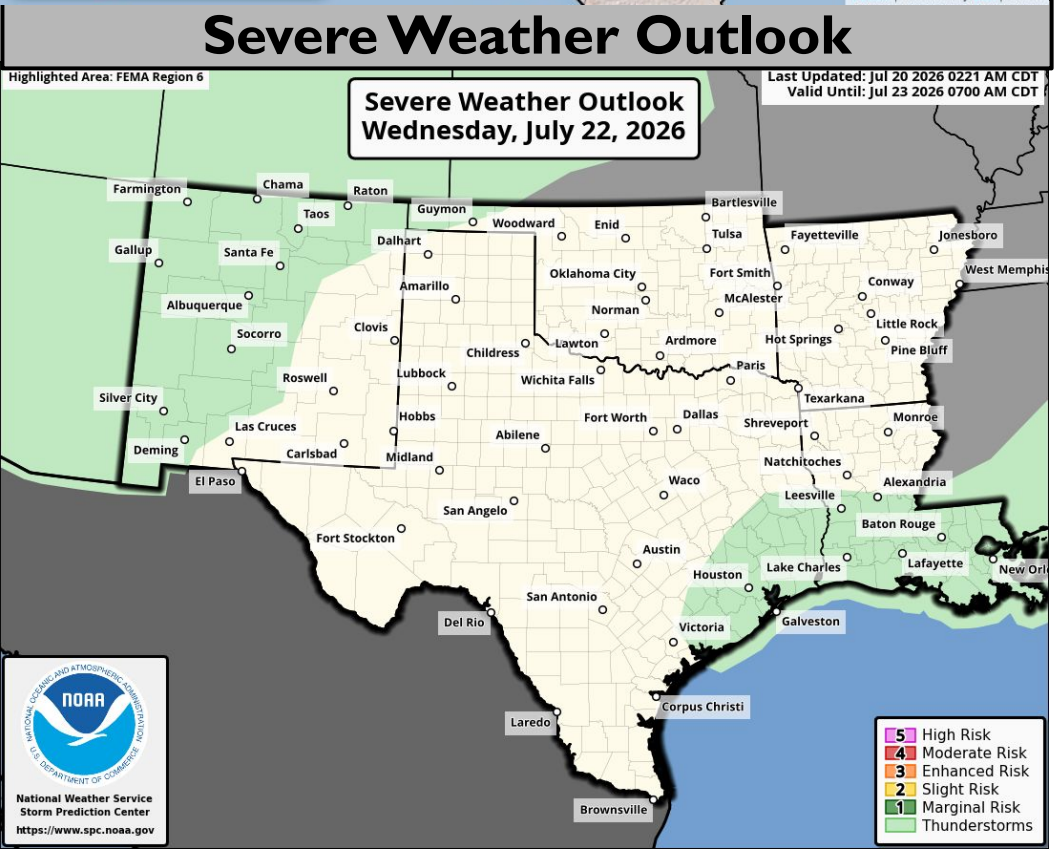
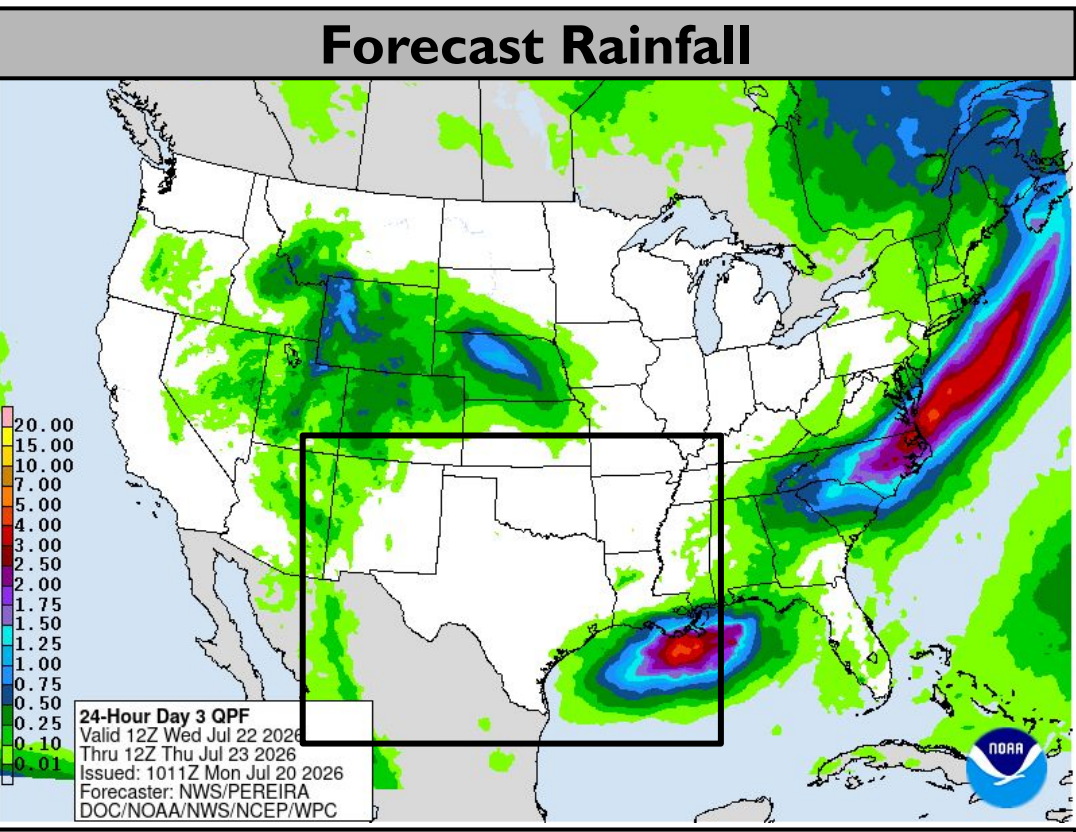
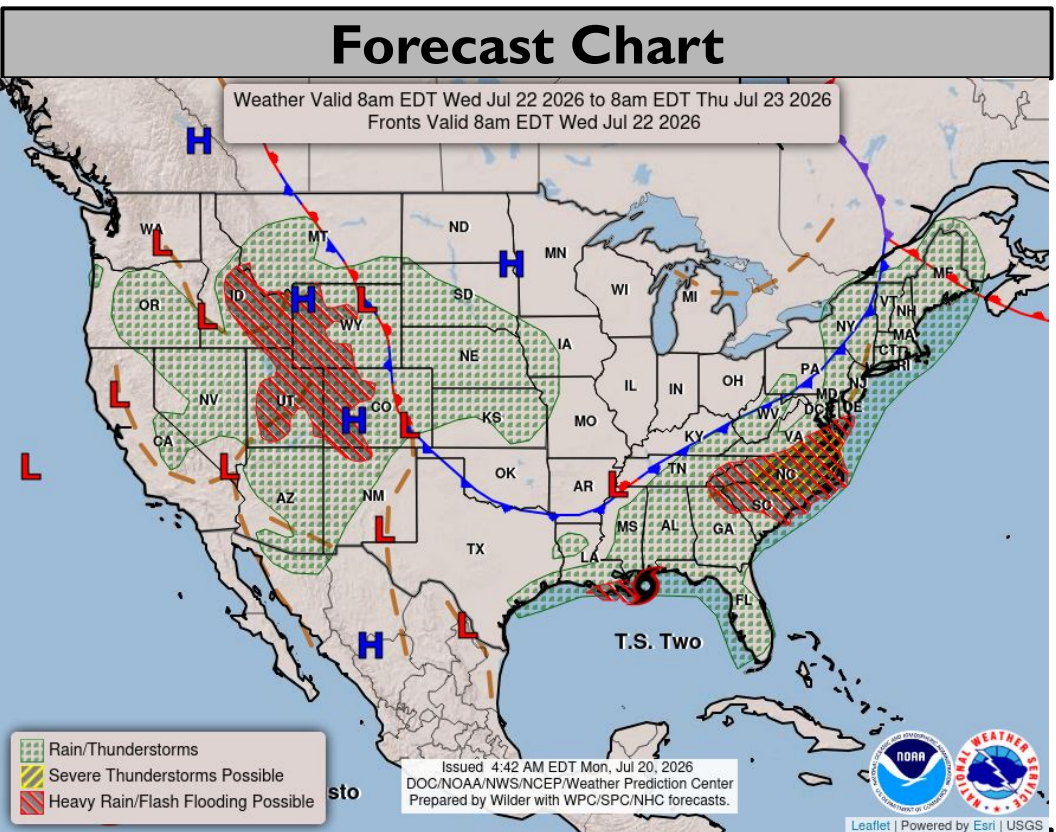


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Wednesday's Weather



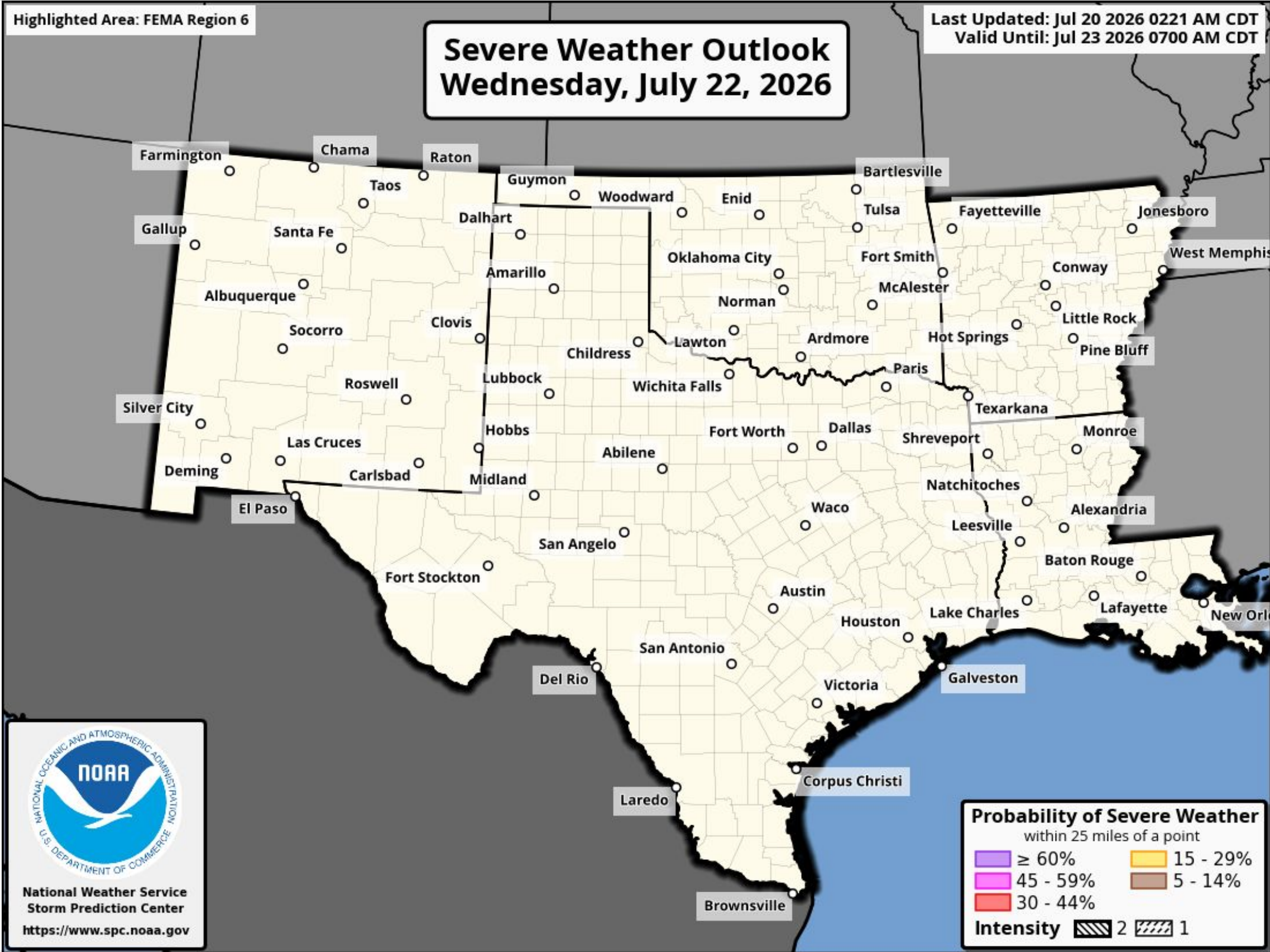
TS impacts to S LA.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in N NM & SE LA.

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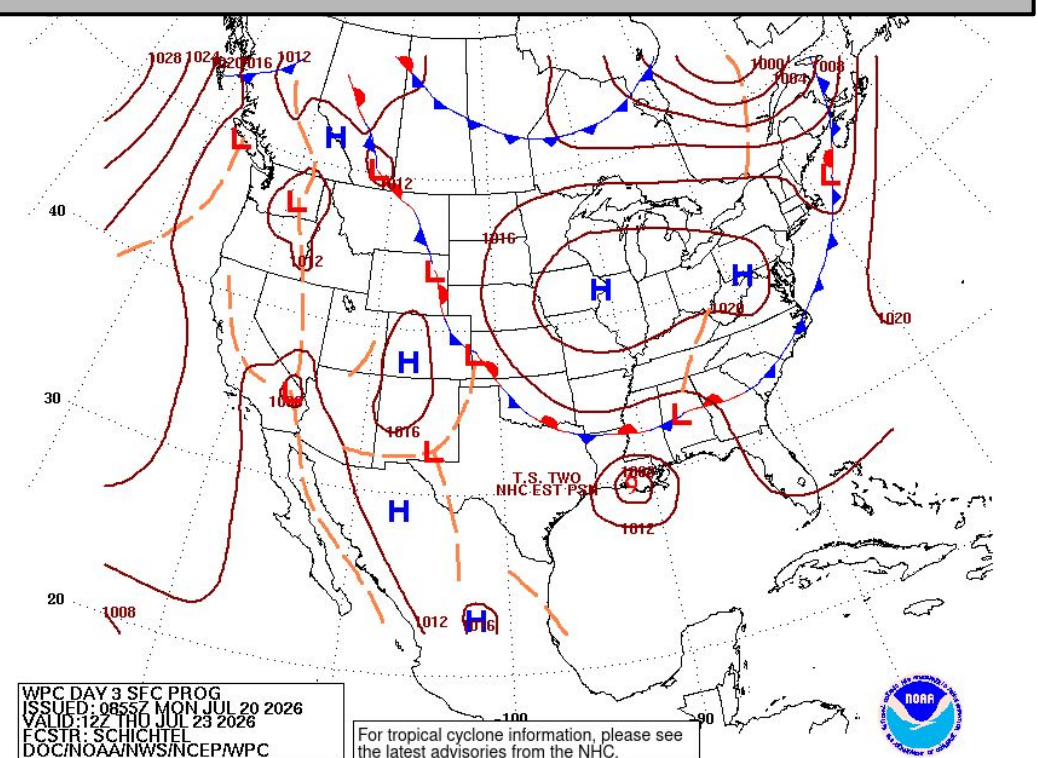
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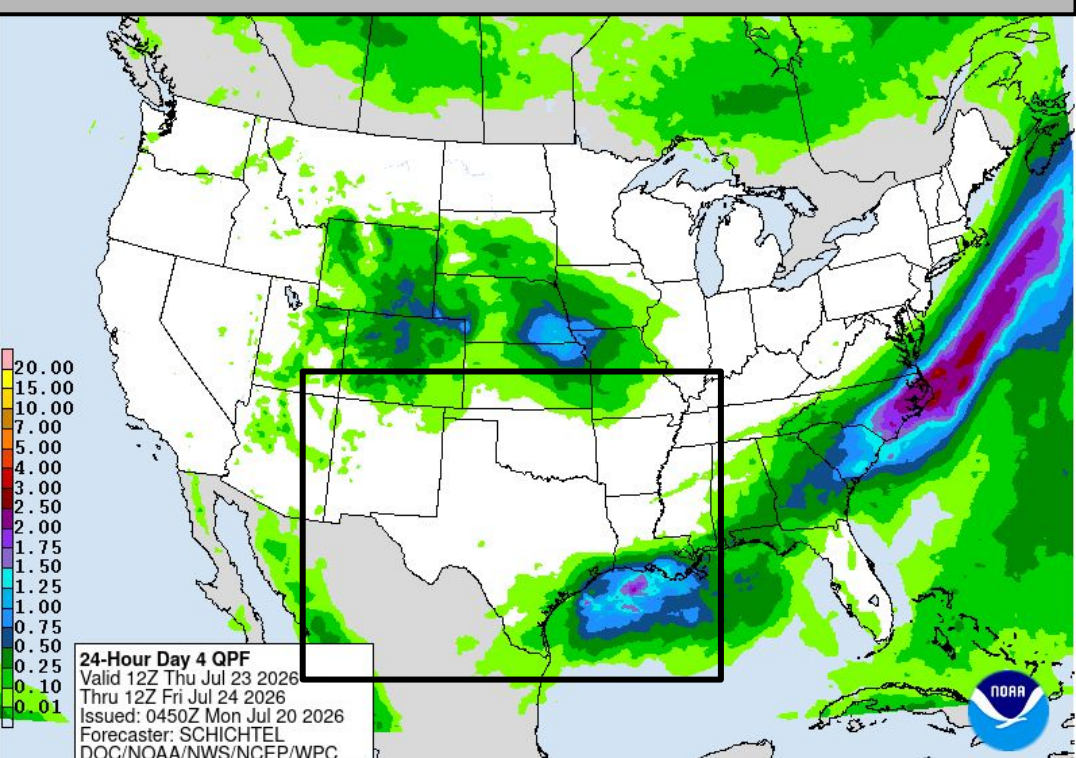


Thursday's Weather

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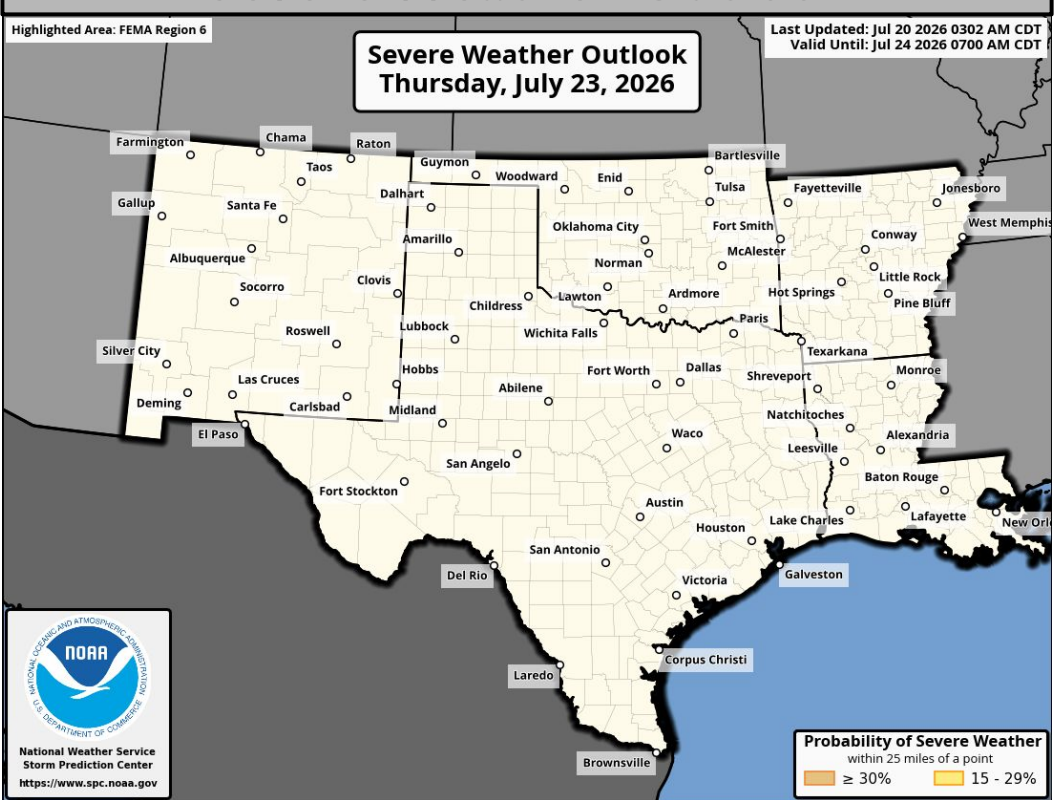
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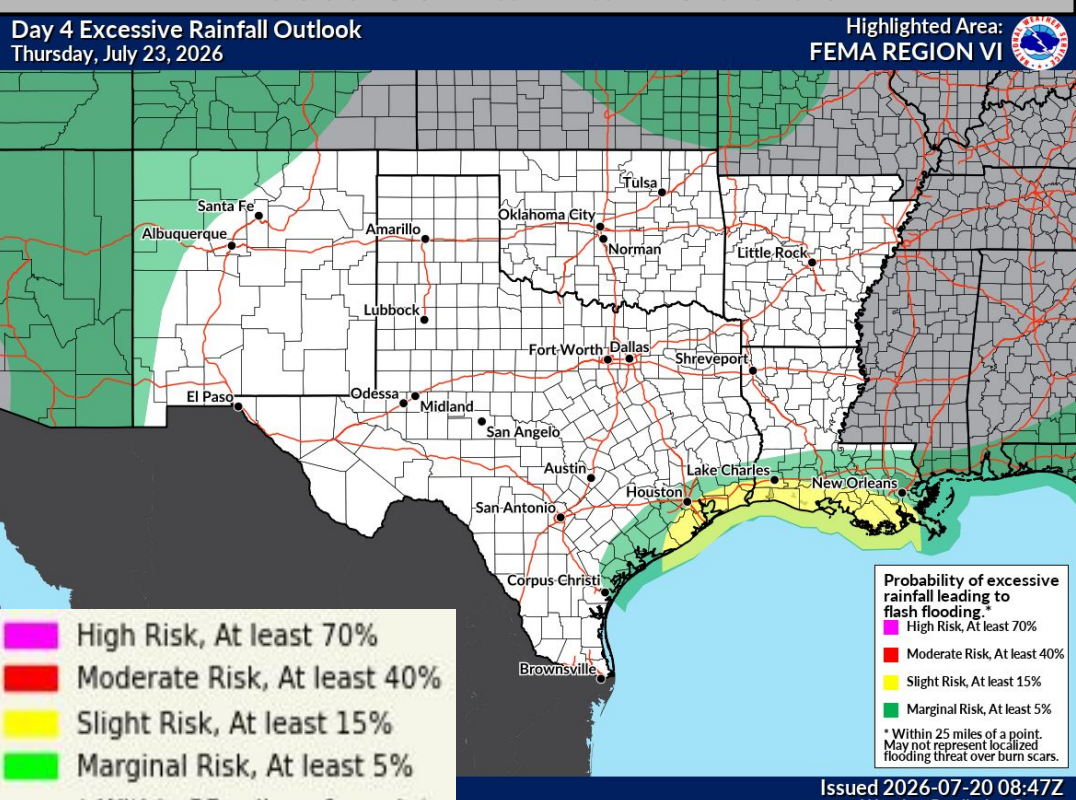
TS impacts to S LA, TX Gulf Coast.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE TX & SE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

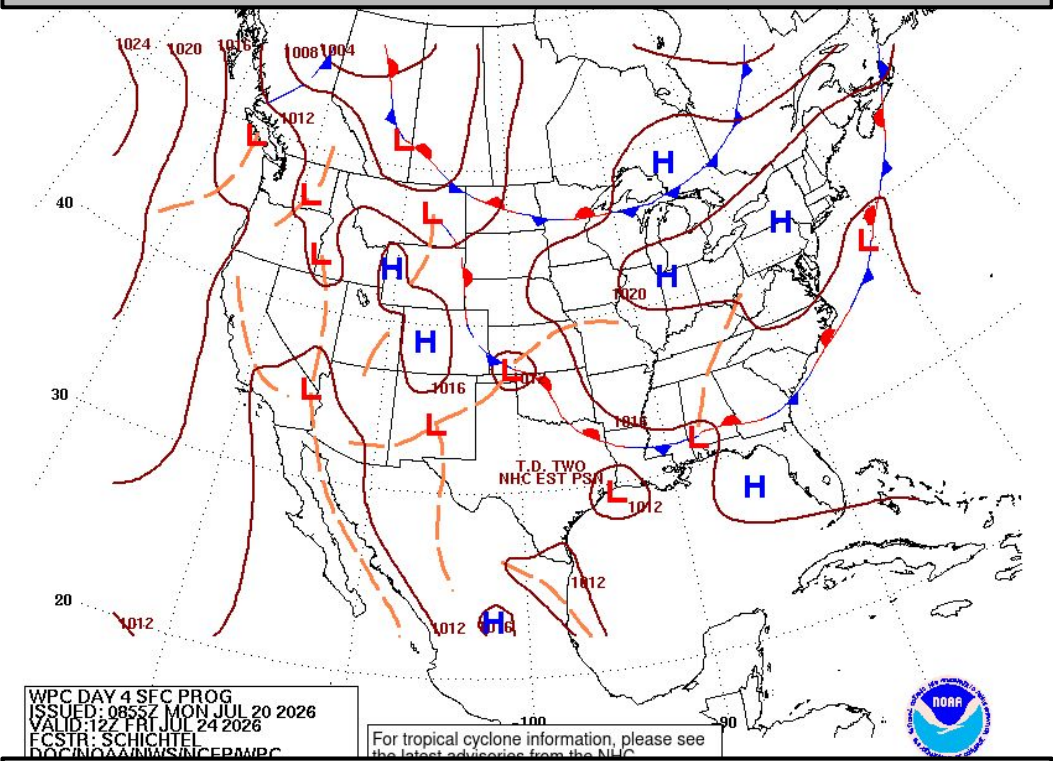


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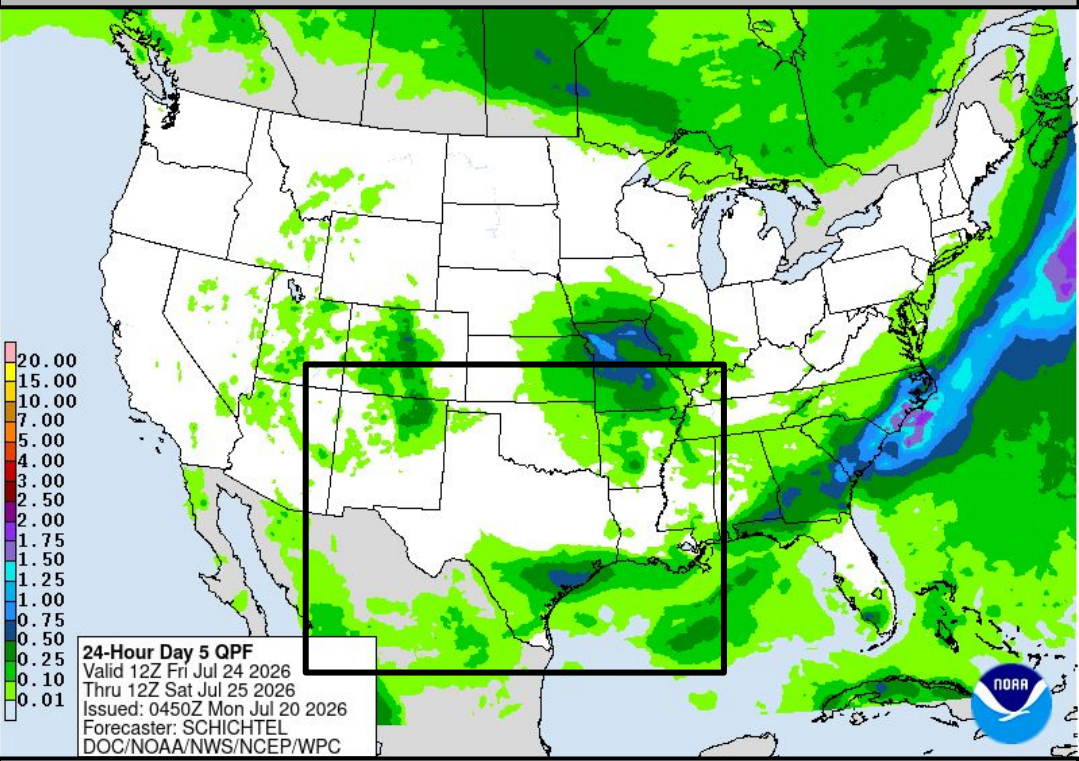


Friday's Weather

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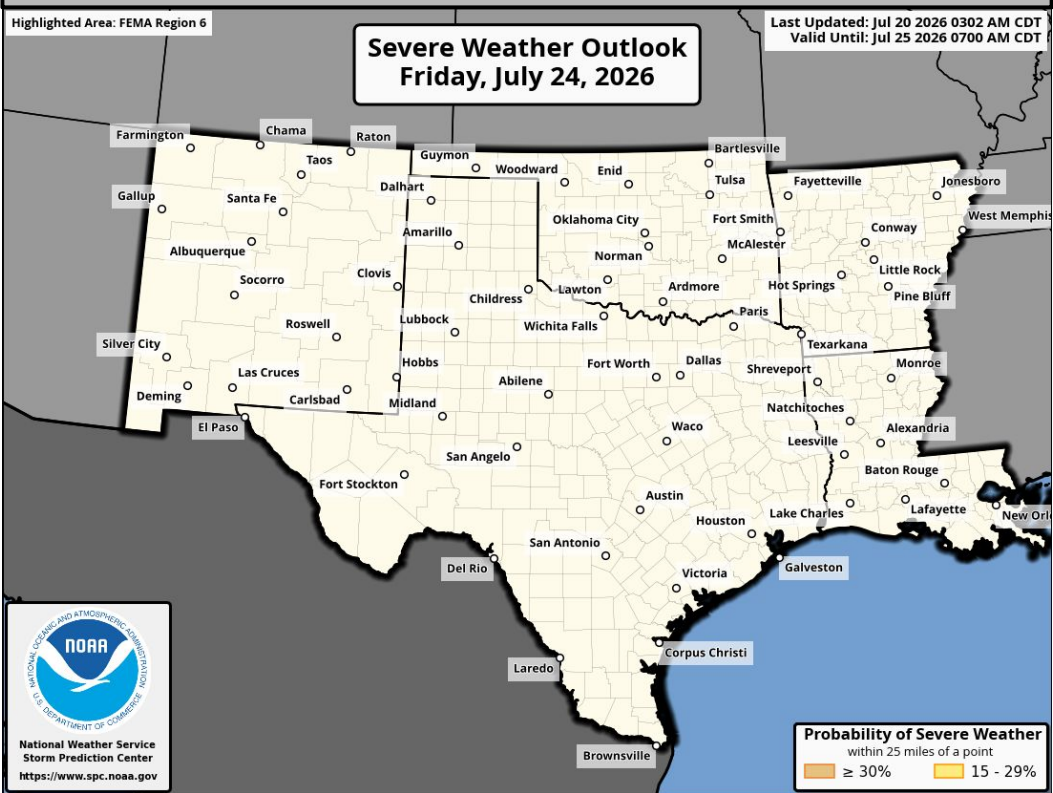
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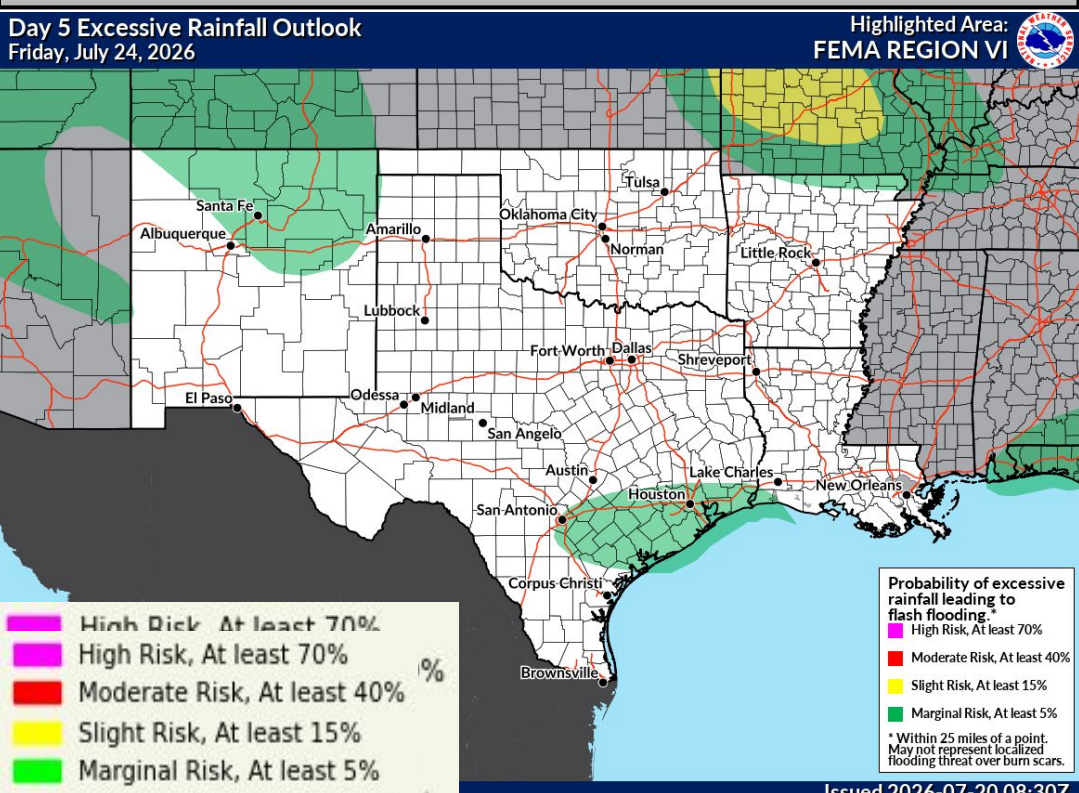
TS impacts to TX Gulf Coast, S LA.

Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in N NM, SE TX, SW LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



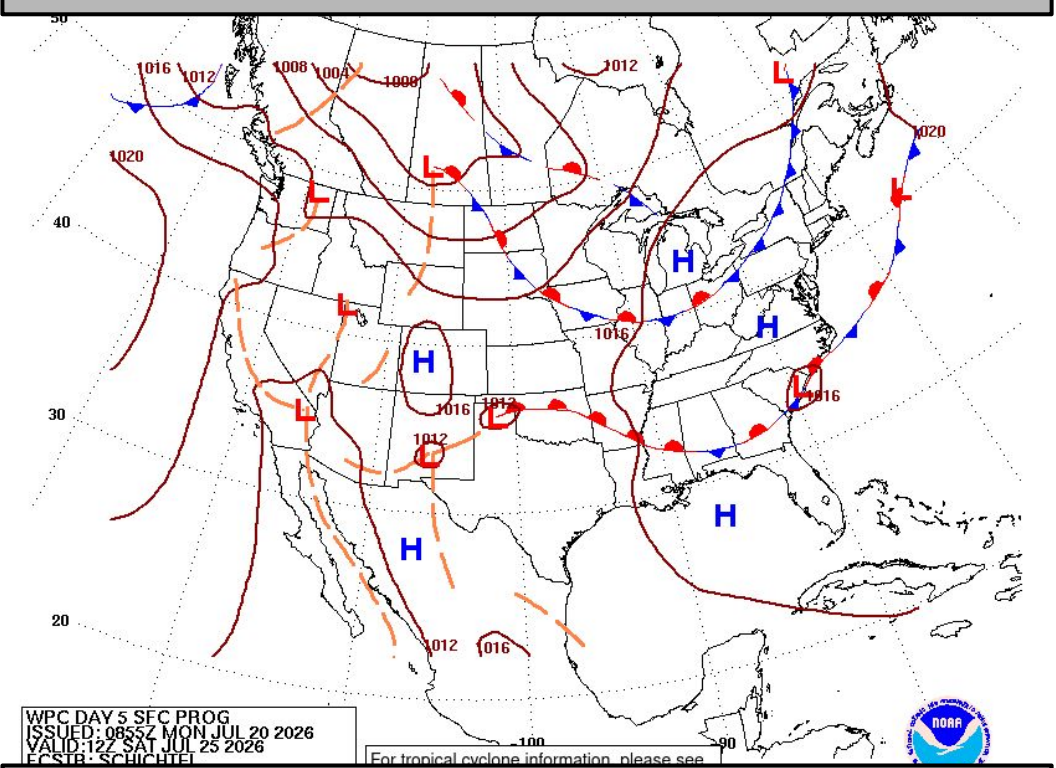
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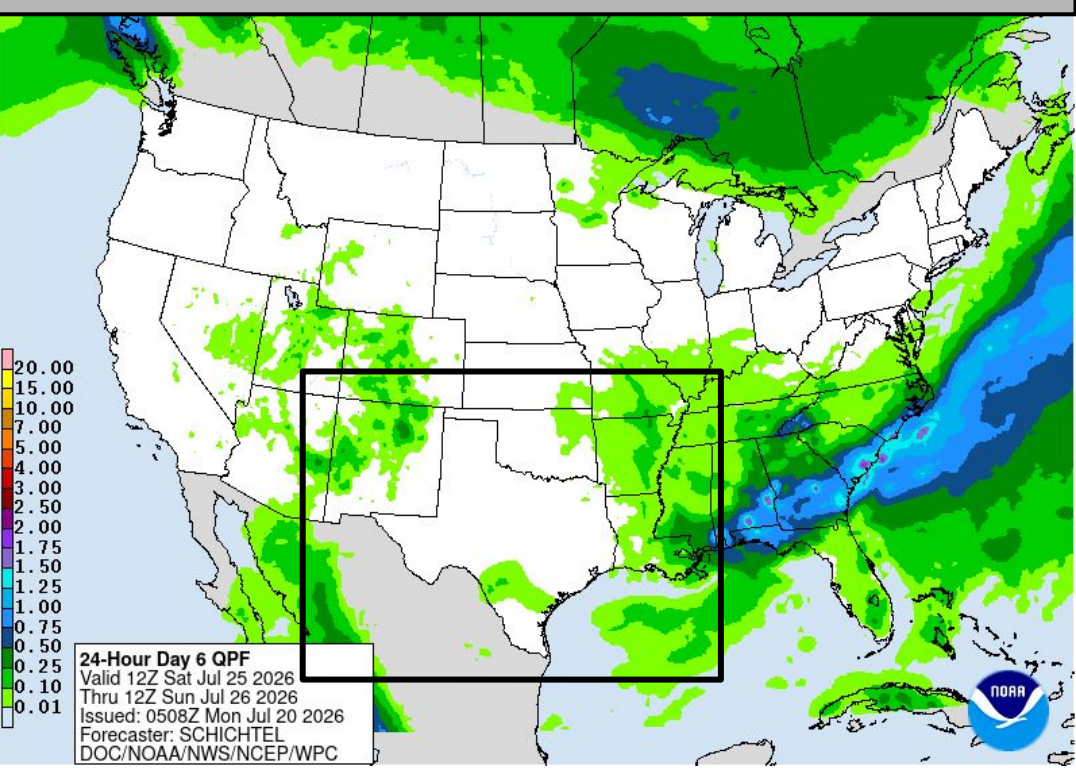


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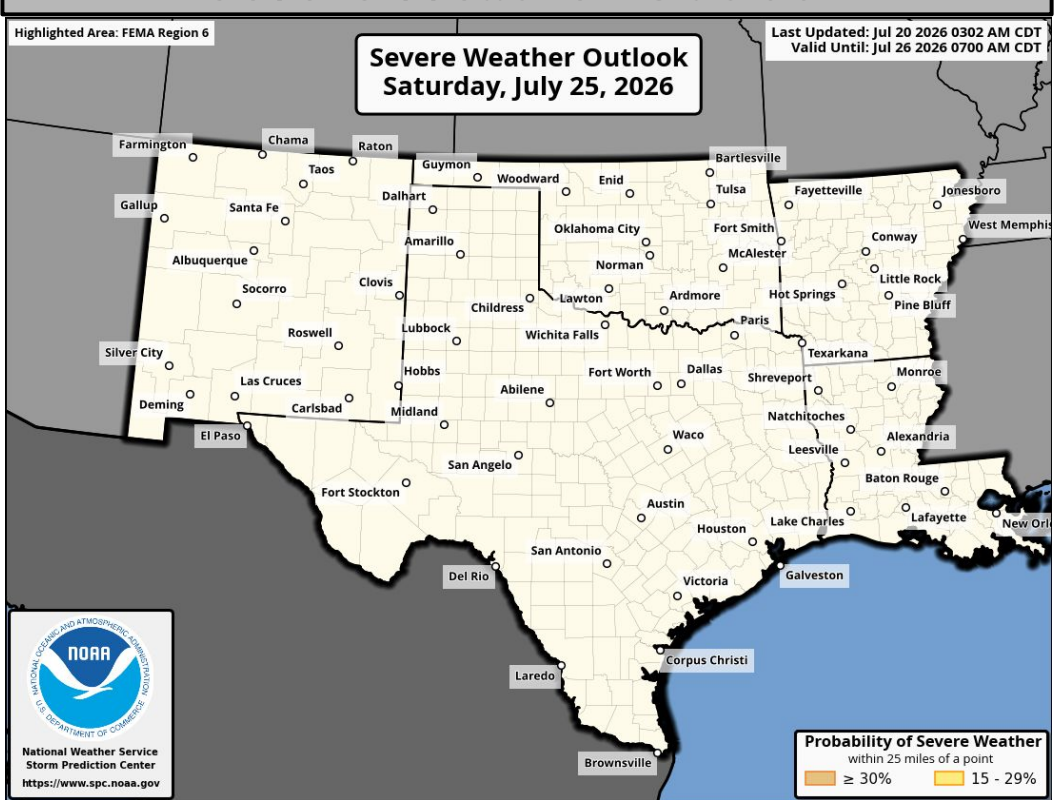
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Severe Weather Outlook



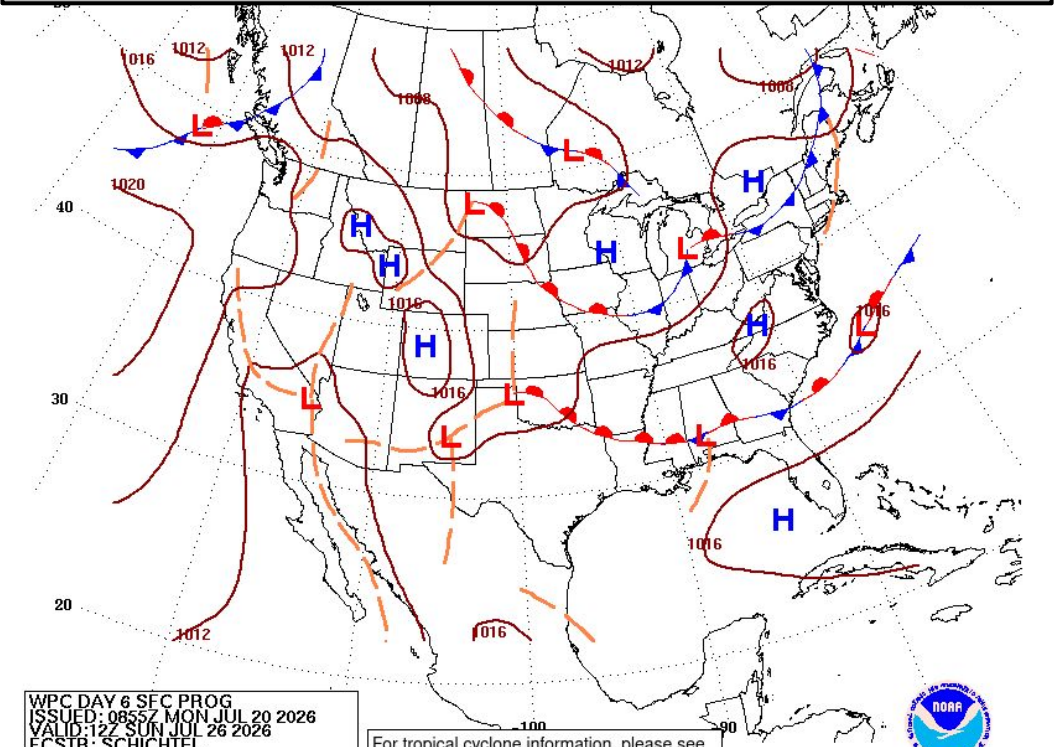
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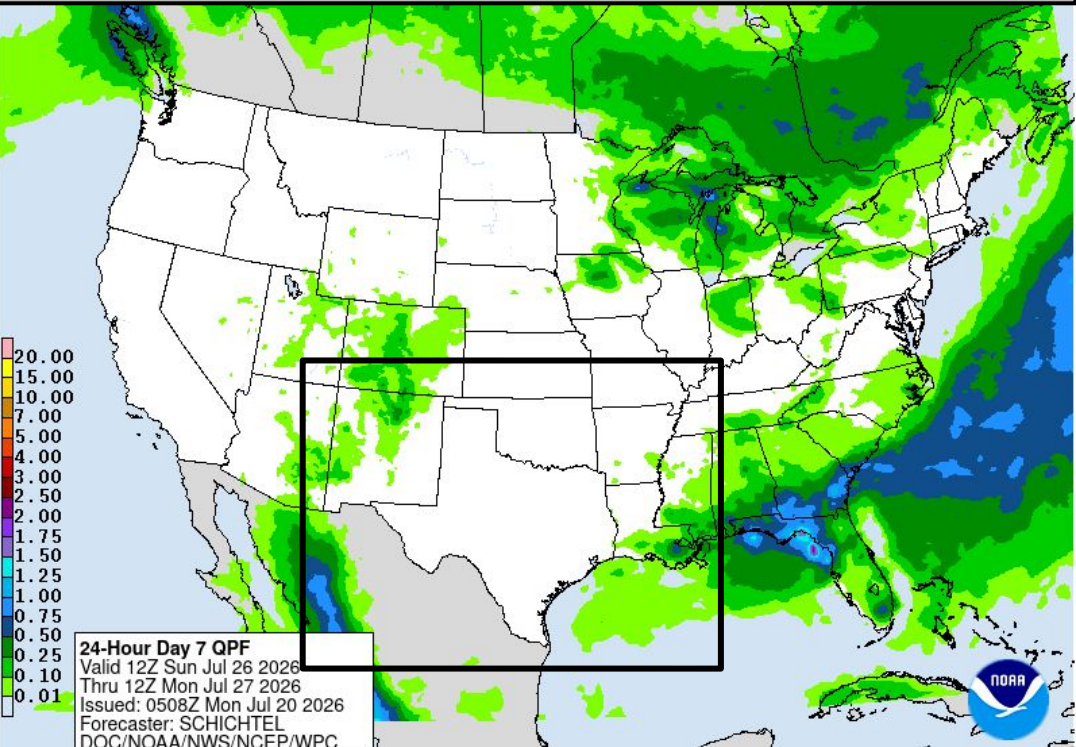


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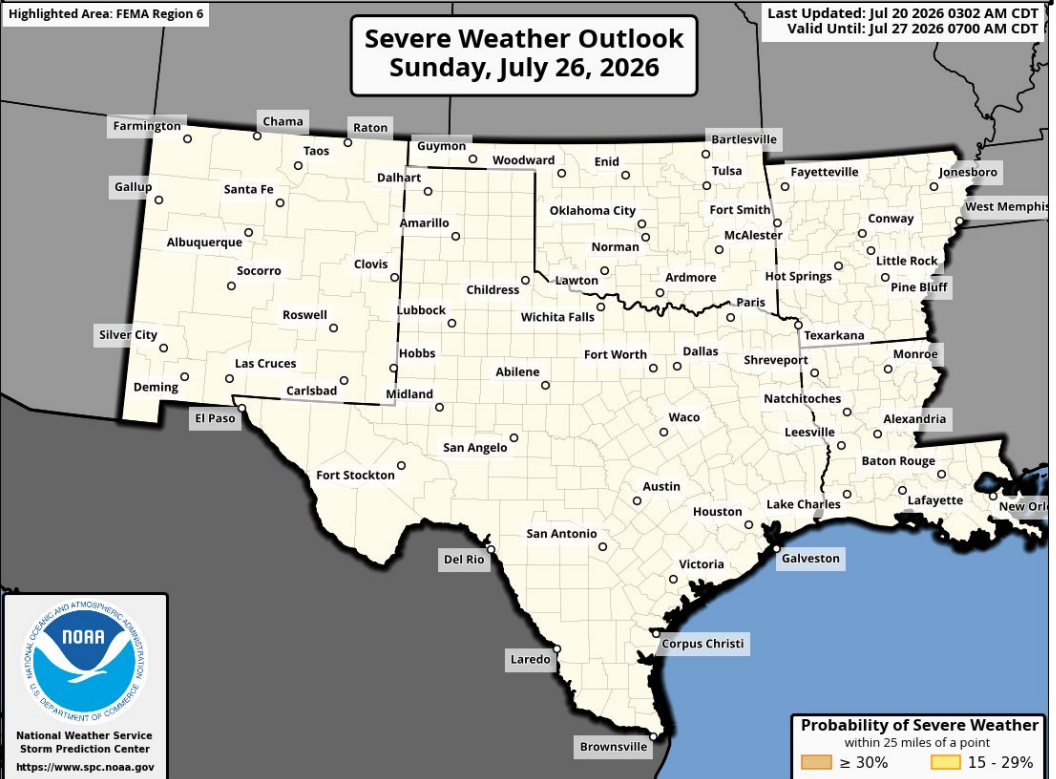


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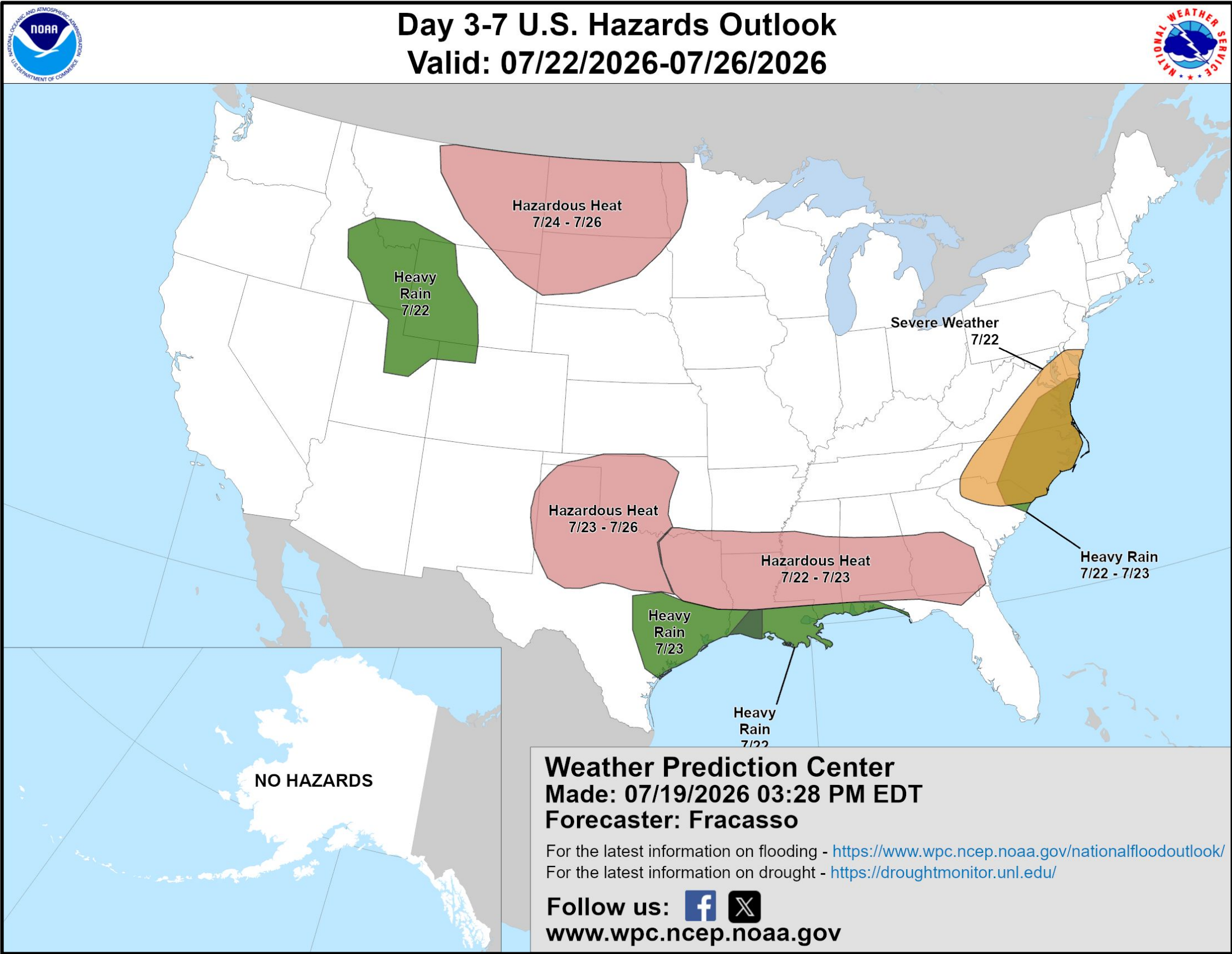
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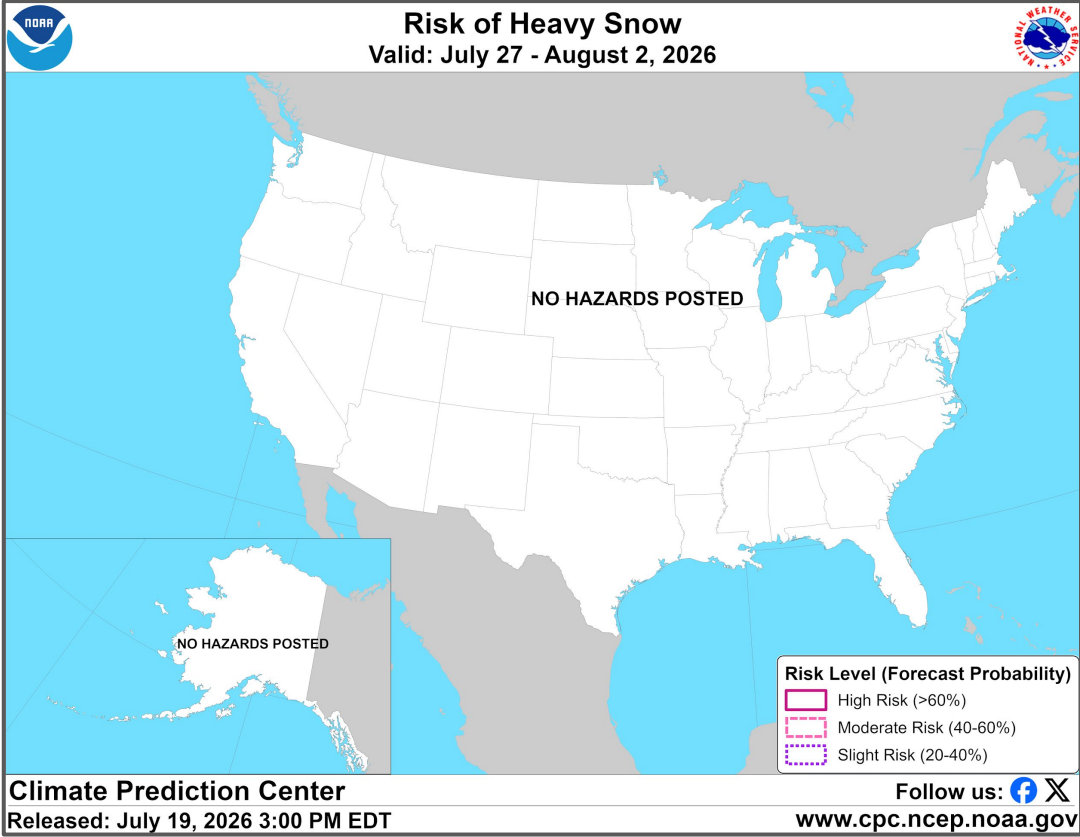
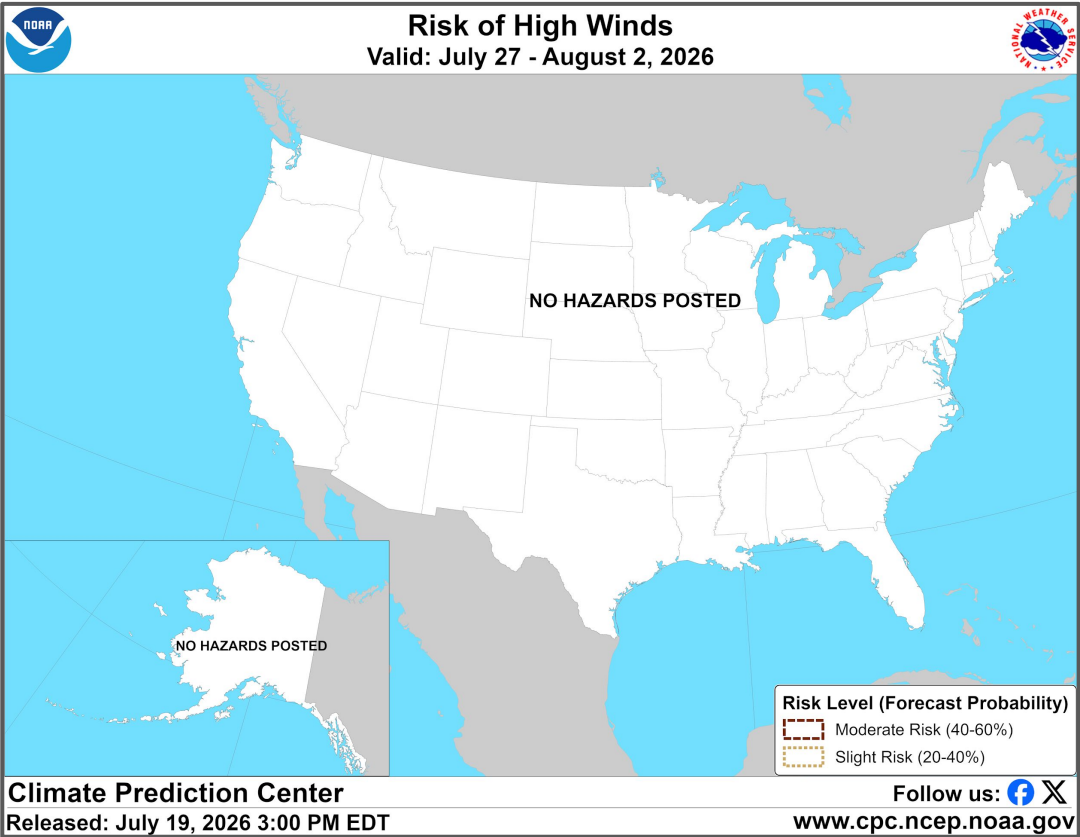
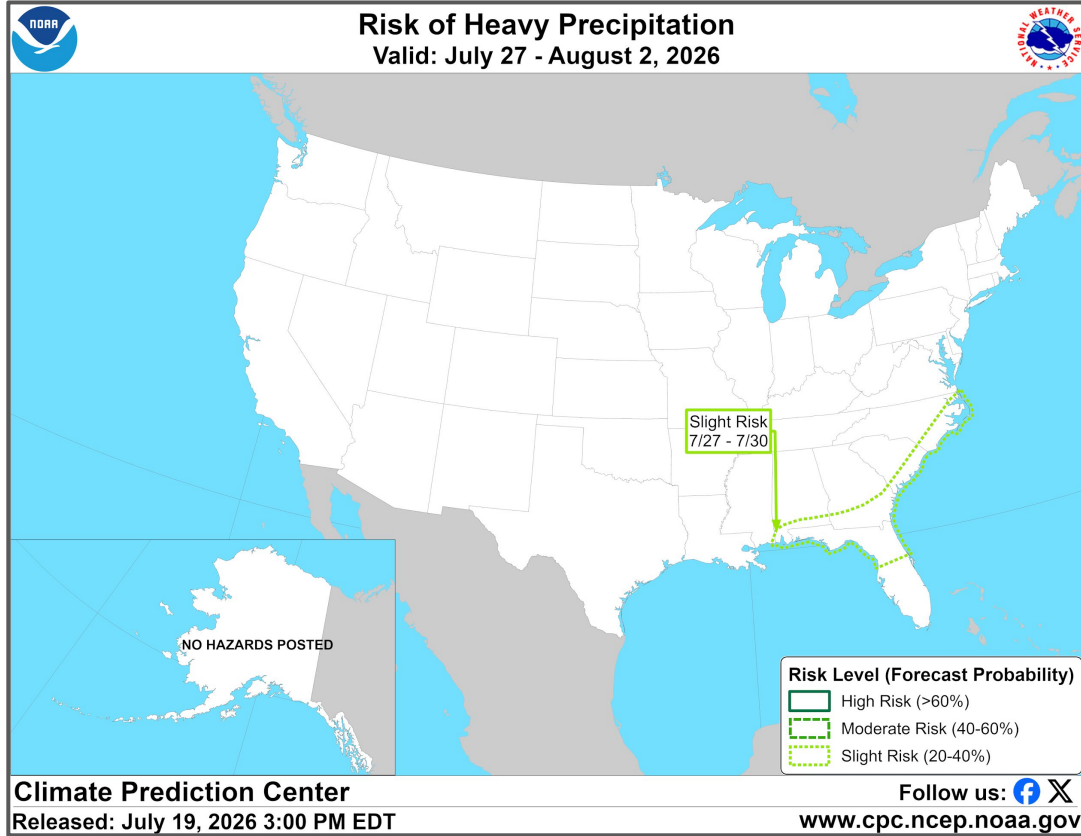
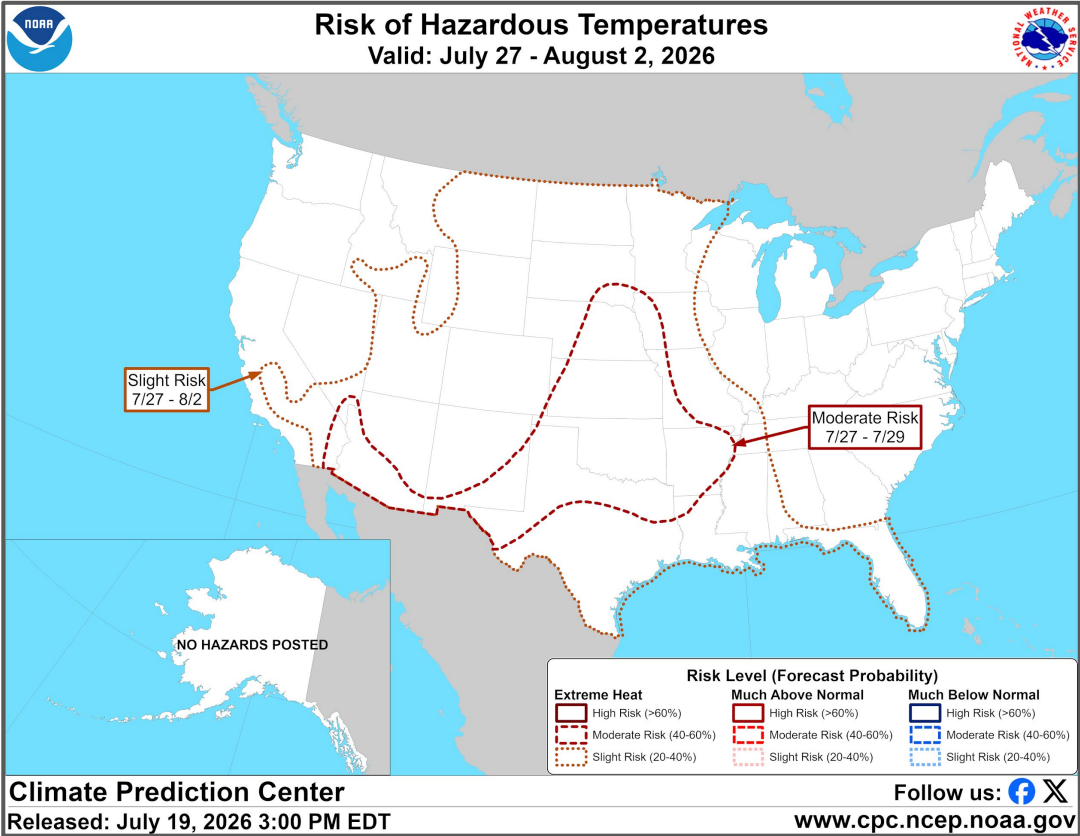
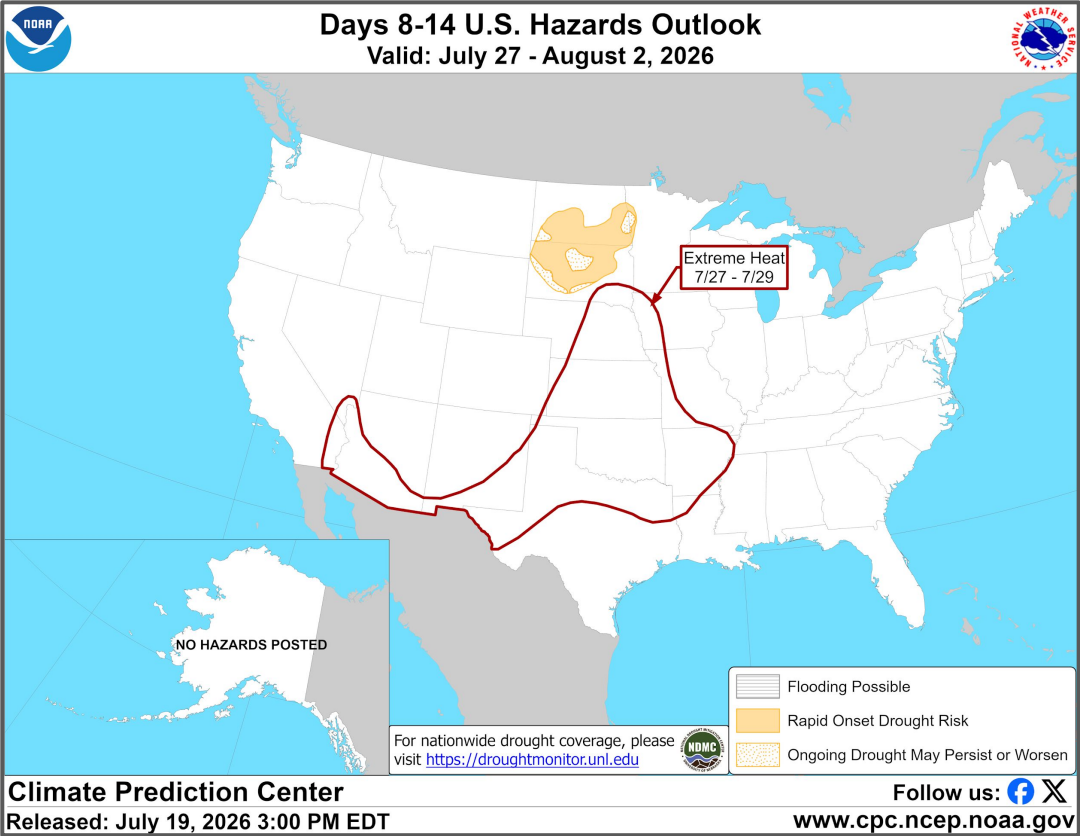


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

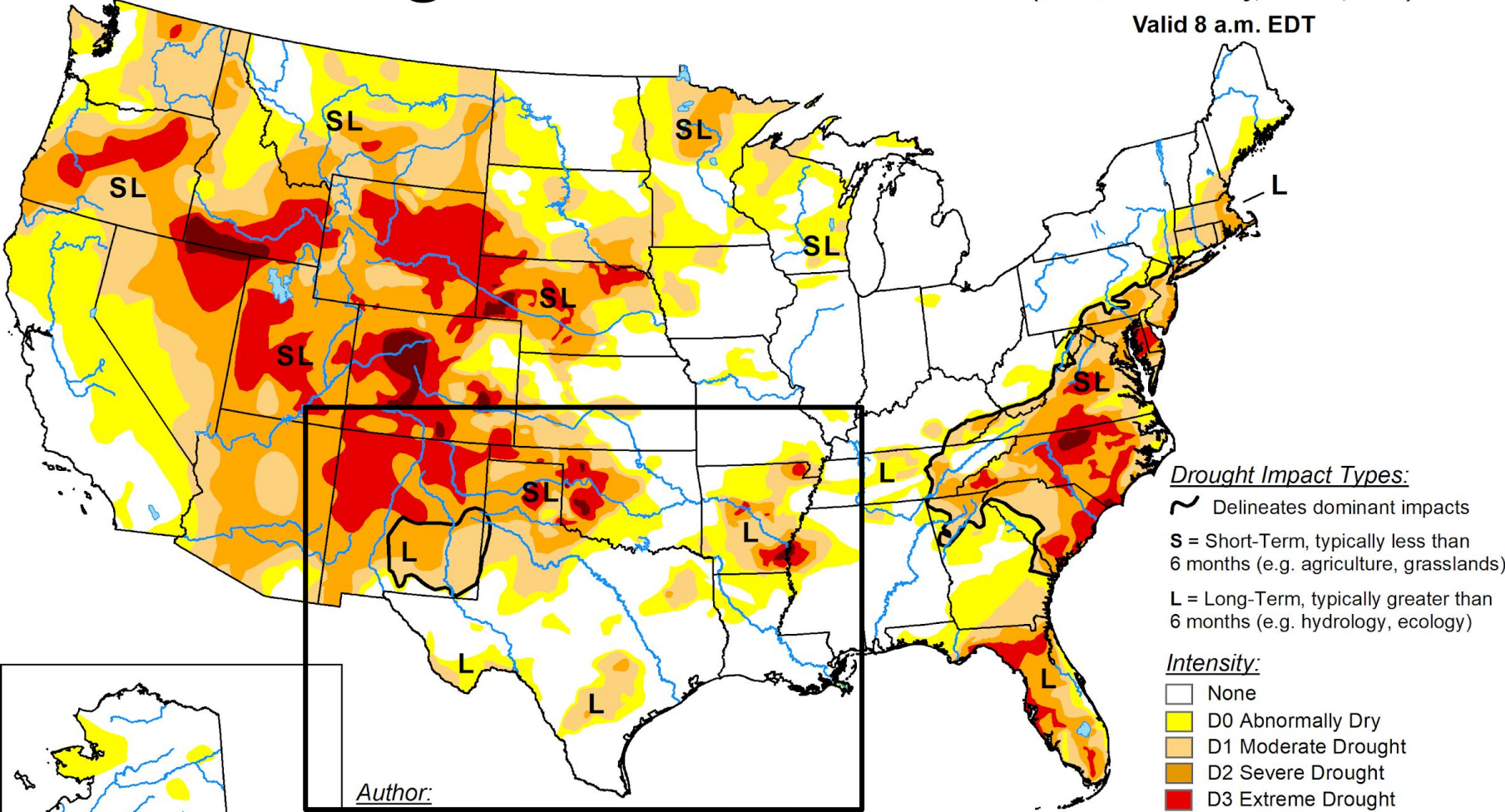




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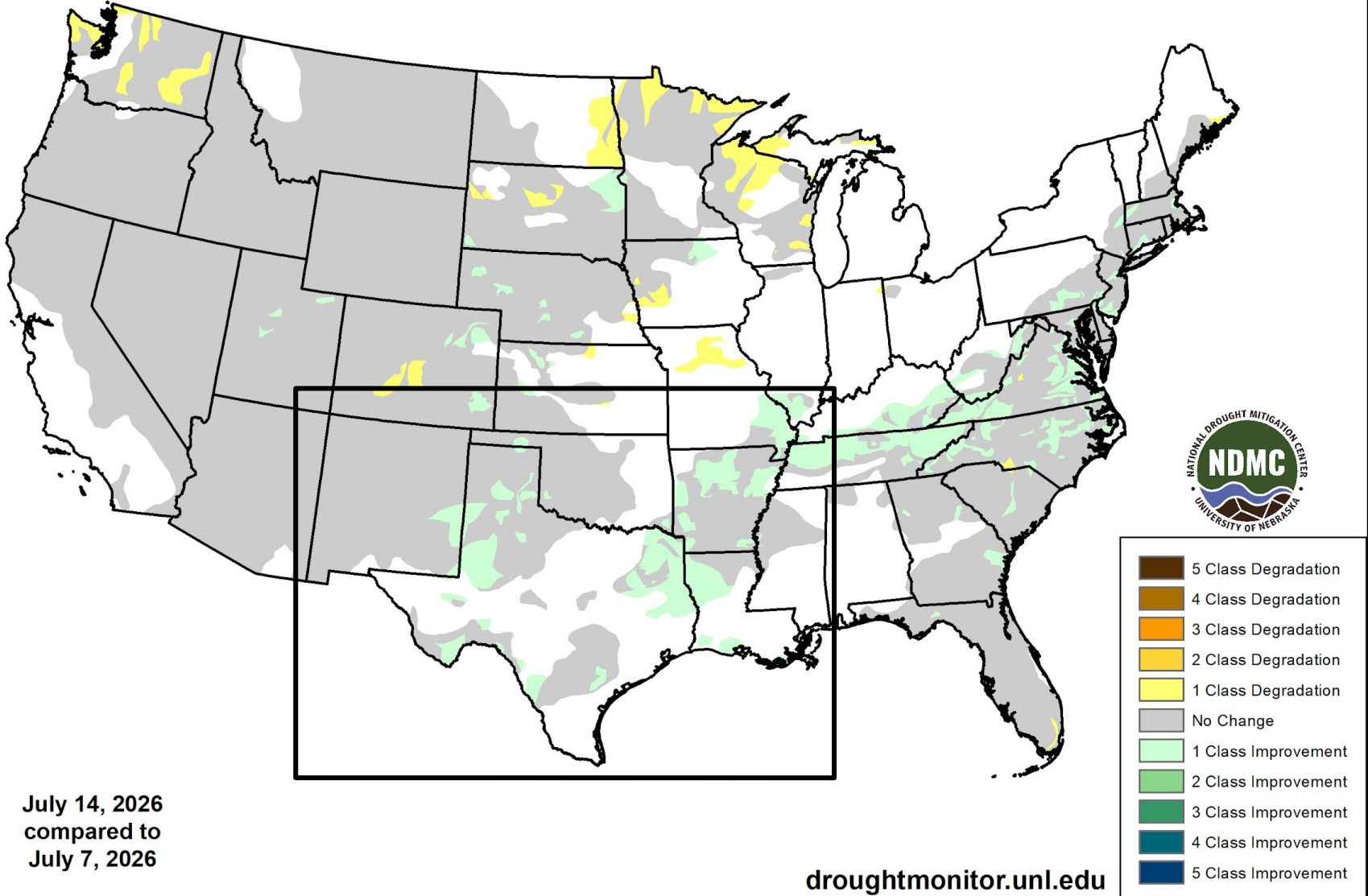
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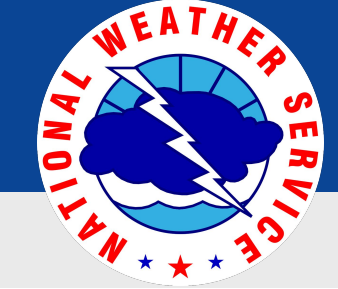
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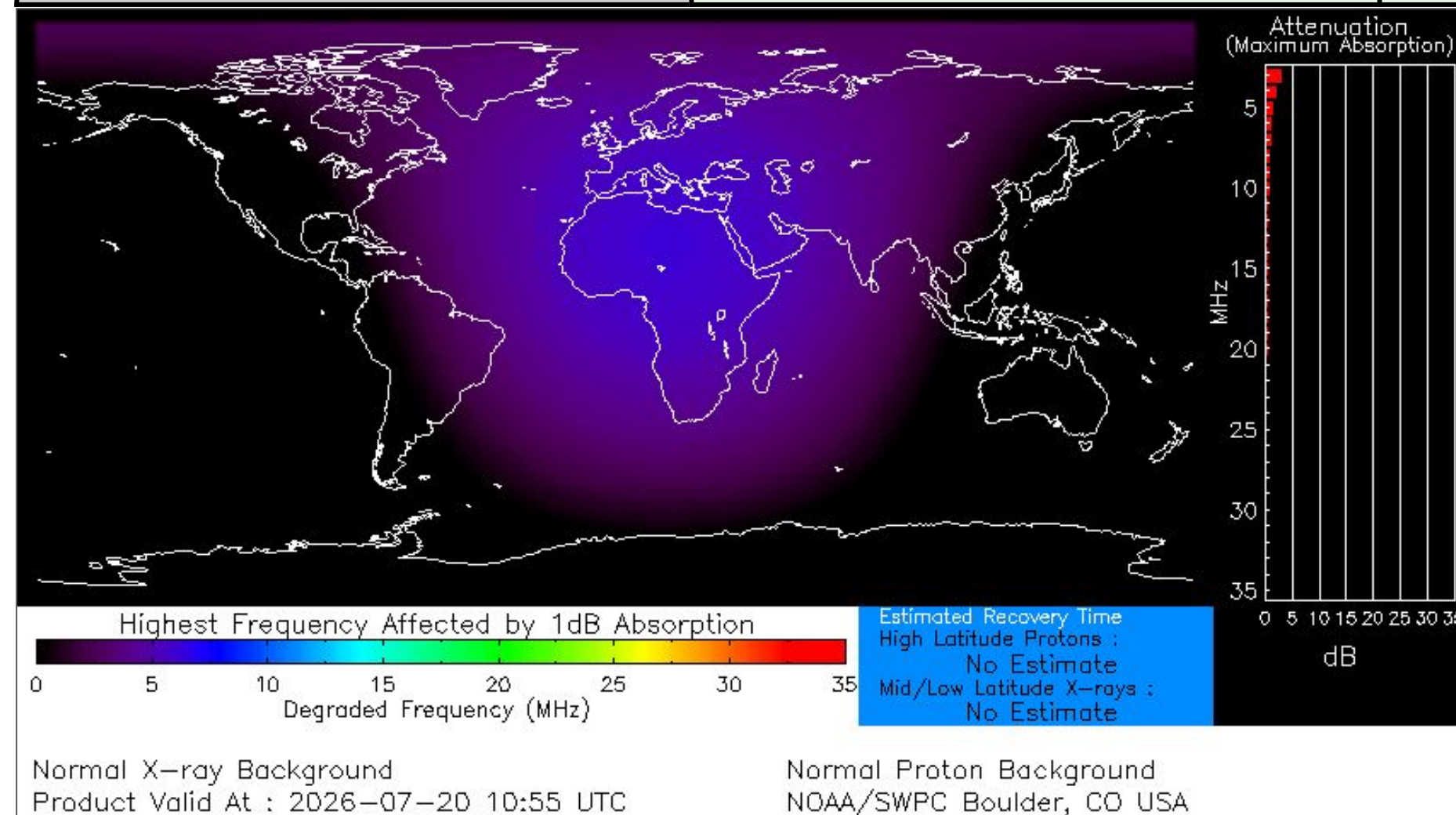
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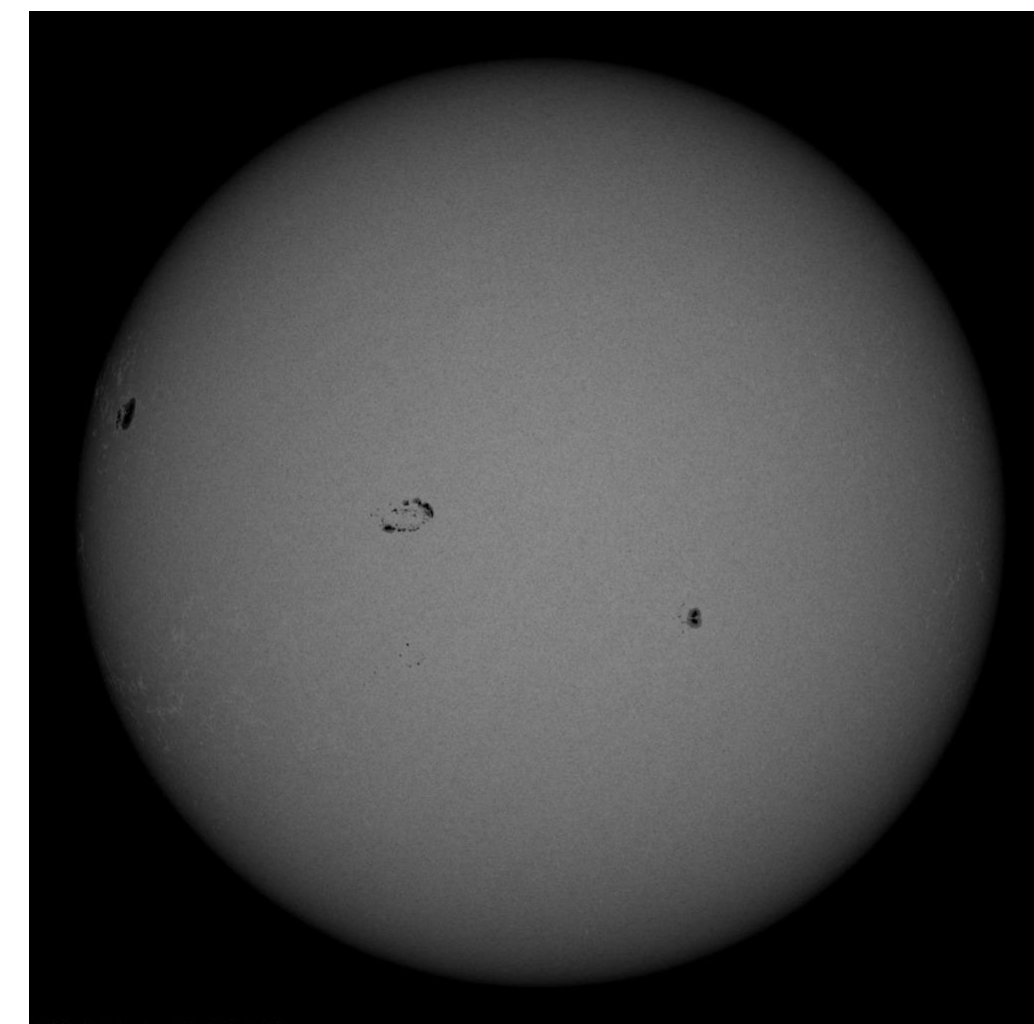
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Jul 20	Tuesday, Jul 21	Wednesday, Jul 22
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)
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](#)



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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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