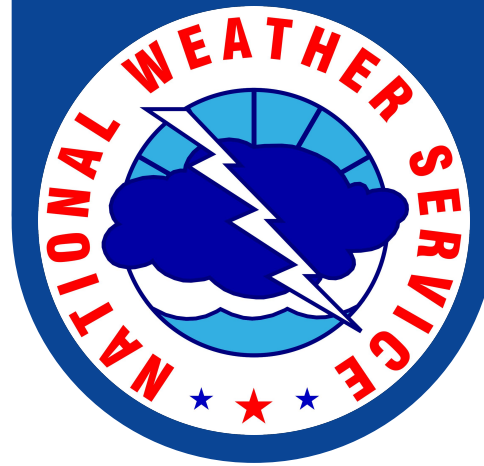




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, July 22, 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

- **Tropical:**

- **Tropical Storm Bertha**

- **Track:** Slowly moving to the west at 5 mph, near/along the northern **Gulf** coast.
 - **Intensity:** sustained winds of 50 mph with higher gusts.
 - **Watches/Warnings:** **TS Watches/Warnings** along the **LA** coast.
 - **TS Watch** for **SE TX** Coast from **LA/TX** Border to **Sargent, TX**
 - **Rainfall:** 1-3" with isolated 4" in **S LA**. Most heavy rainfall stays in **Gulf**.

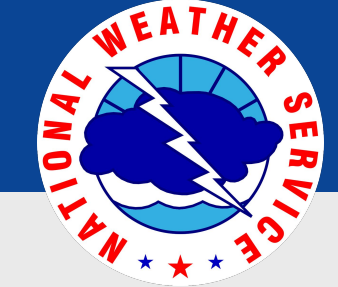
- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over W/N NM** today.
 - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over portions of S TX** on **Thursday** and over **S LA** today and **Thursday**.
 - **S NM** for **Burn Scar** flash flooding concerns remain at **Moderate** today.

- **River Flooding:**

- **Nueces** will be in major flood stage for several days as water moves downstream.
 - **Frio** at **Tilden** may reach **Major** today, fall out of **Major** flooding **Saturday** morning.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

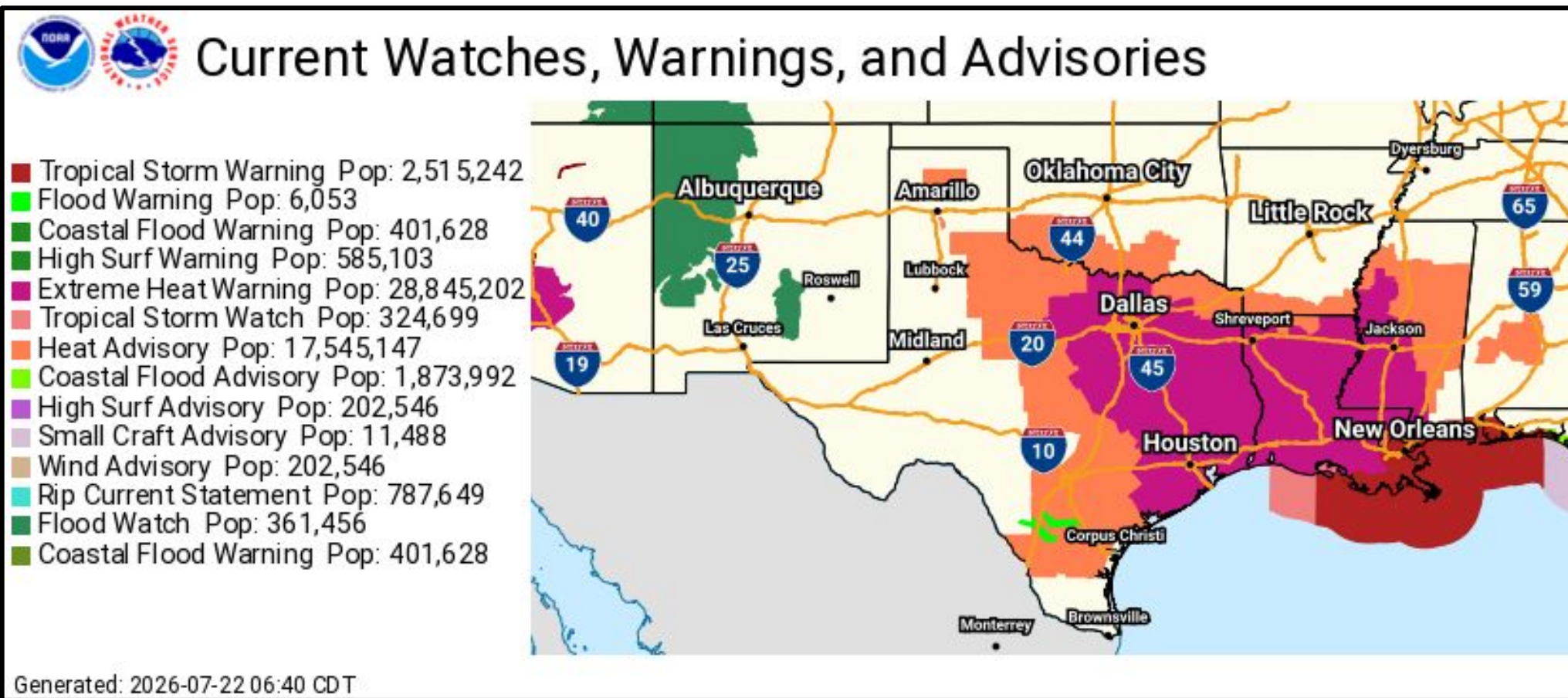
	Wednesday, Jul 22	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24	Saturday, Jul 25	Sunday, Jul 26	Monday, Jul 27	Tuesday, Jul 28
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	W NM	S/SE TX, S LA, N NM	N NM, NE AR	N NM	W NM		
	SE LA						
Fire Weather							
Tropical	S LA	S LA, TX Gulf Coast	S LA, TX Gulf Coast				
River Flooding	STX	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 N/C/SE TX, OK, LA.

Heat Advisories in S OK, S AR, TX, through 8 PM CDT.

Flash Flood Watch over W NM from 1 pm CDT through the evening.

Tropical Storm Warning for SE LA - immediate coastal areas from Morgan City to the AL/FL state line, including the New Orleans Metro.

Tropical Storm Watch for SE TX Coast from LA/TX Border to Sargent, TX.

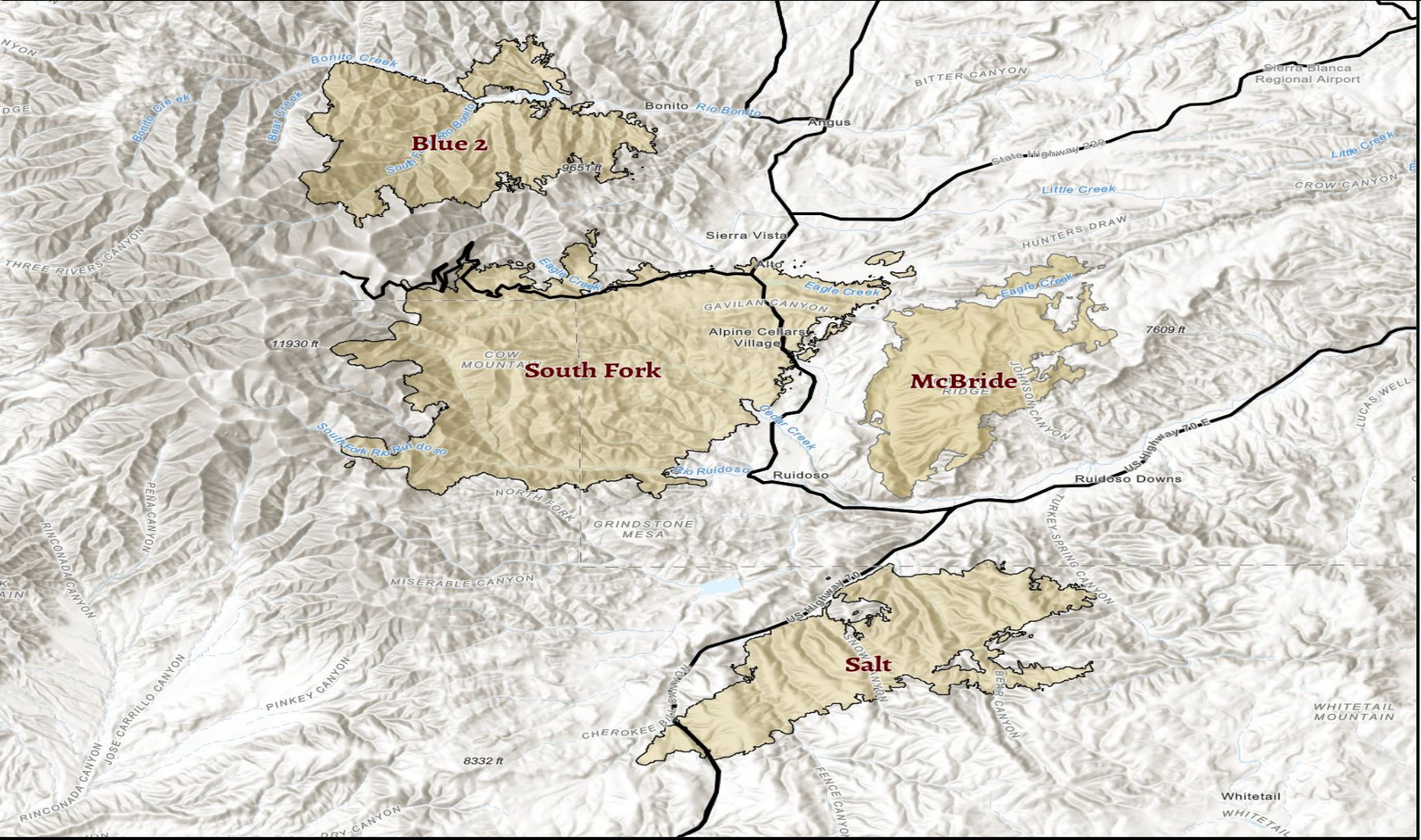




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Wednesday, Jul 22	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24	Saturday, Jul 25	Sunday, Jul 26
Flash Flooding	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Timing - CDT	1-6pm			Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening

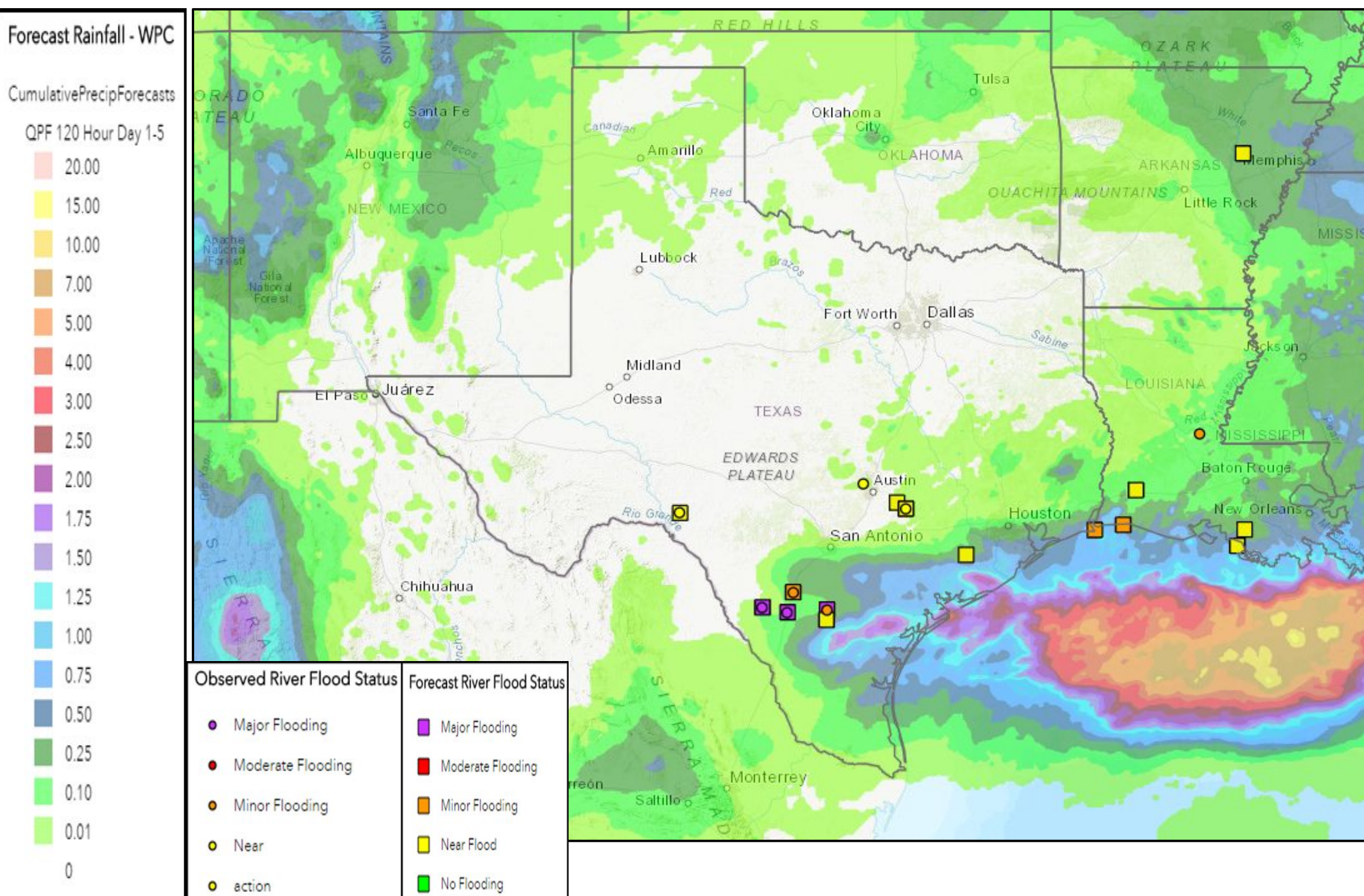


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



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 River will be in major flood stage for several days as water moves downstream.

Frio River at Tilden may hit Major Flood Stage later today, fall below Major on Saturday.

Major impacts to homes, infrastructure, roads.

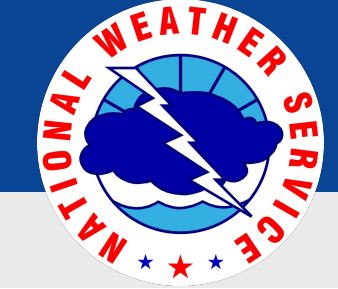
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.



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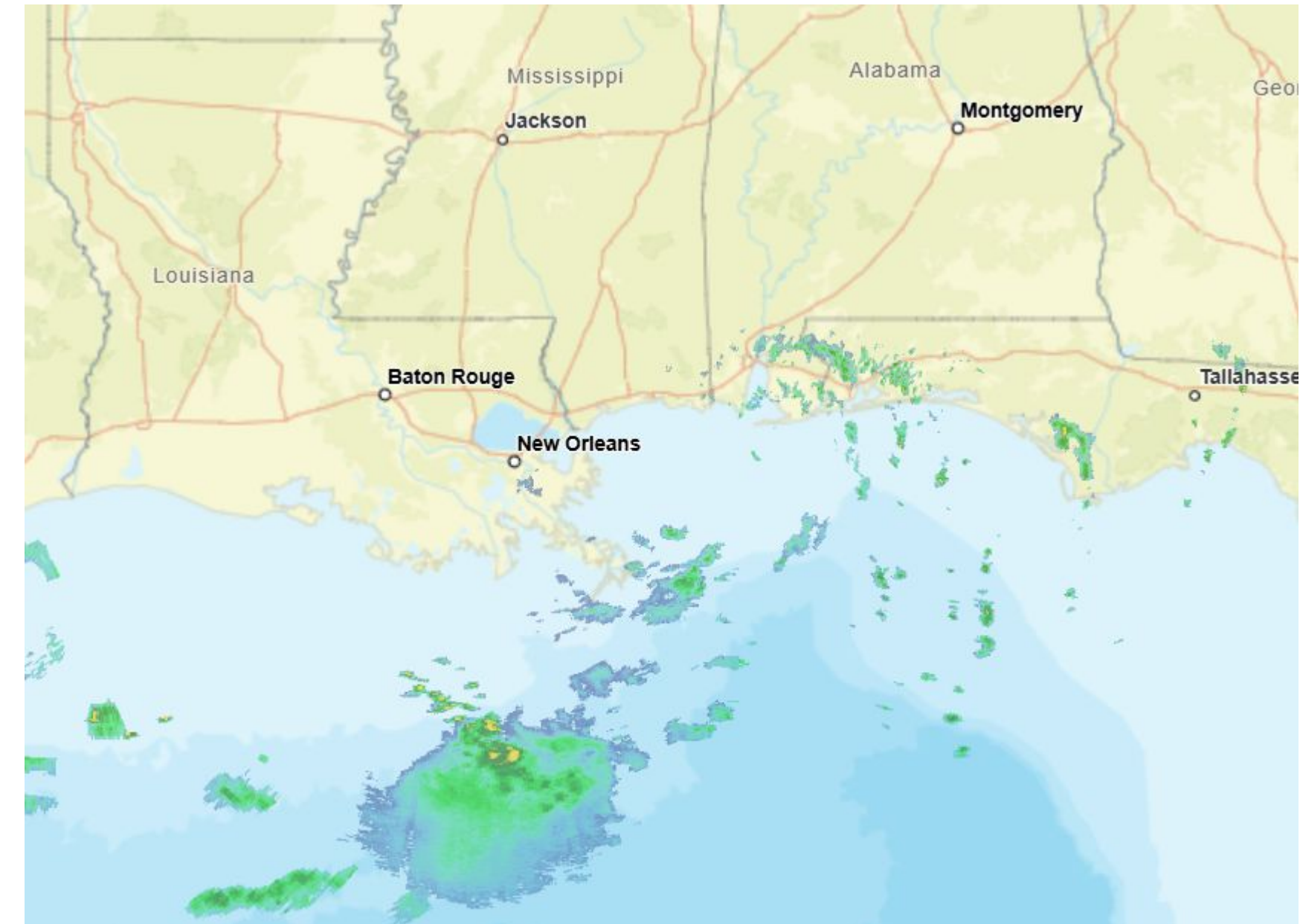
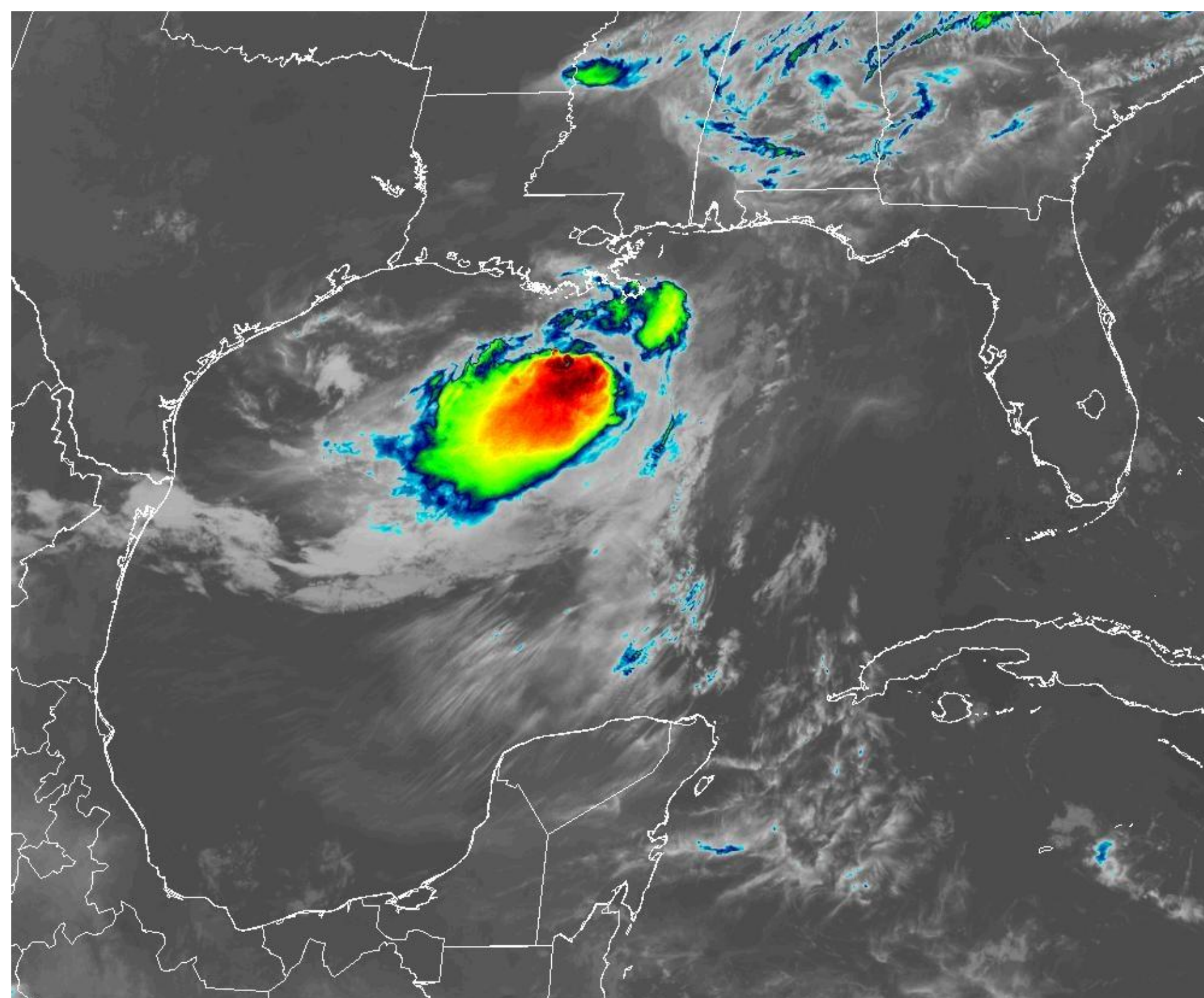
See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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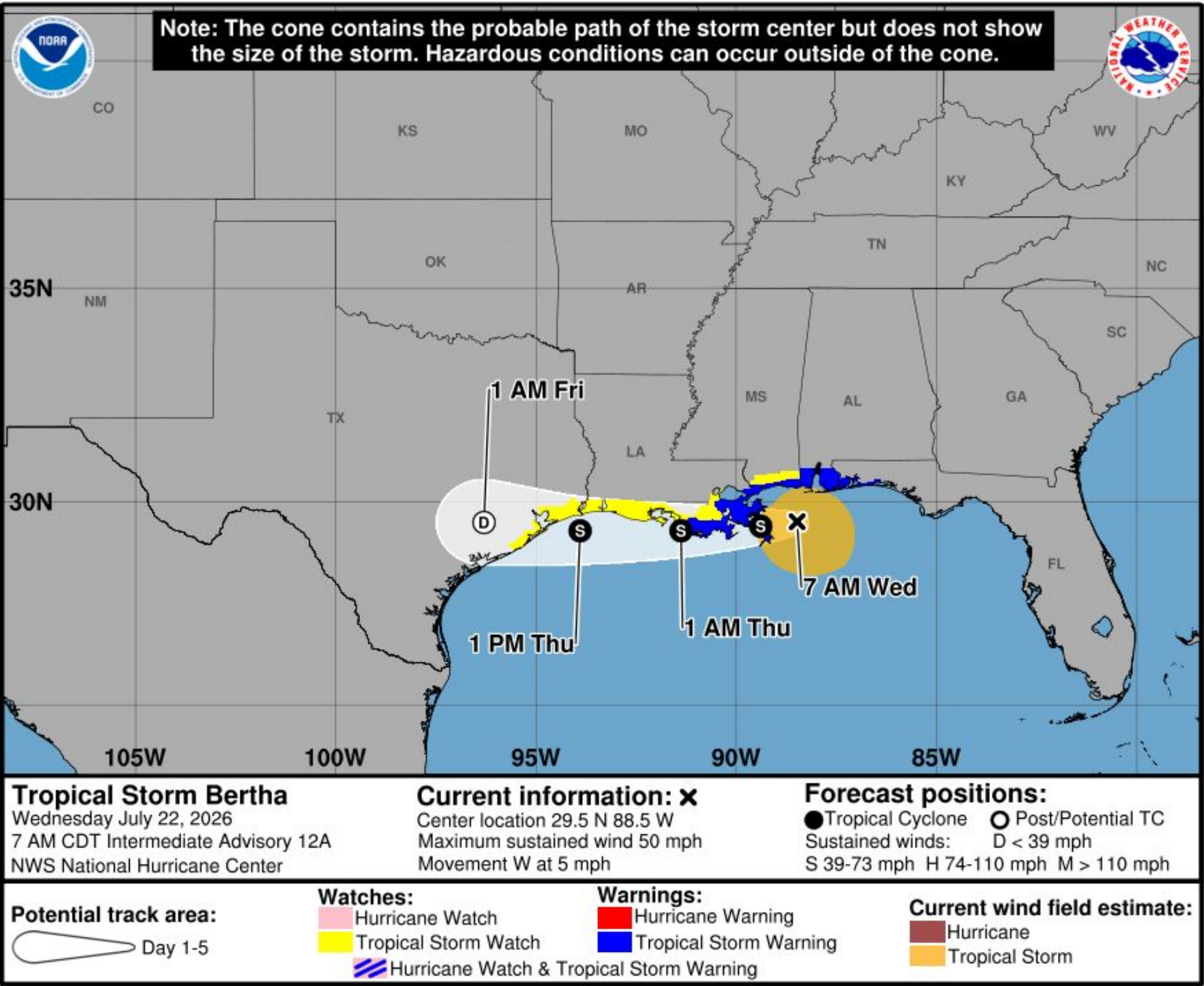
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Tropical Storm Bertha

- Tropical storm conditions along the LA coast today and tomorrow.
- Tropical Depression/Weak Tropical Storm for upper TX coast.
- Storm Surge - 2-4 ft Mouth of the Mississippi River east to MS and 1-3 ft from Cameron to Mouth of Mississippi River.
- Locally heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding and river flooding - Marginal (level 1 of 4).
- Rip currents - Moderate to High.



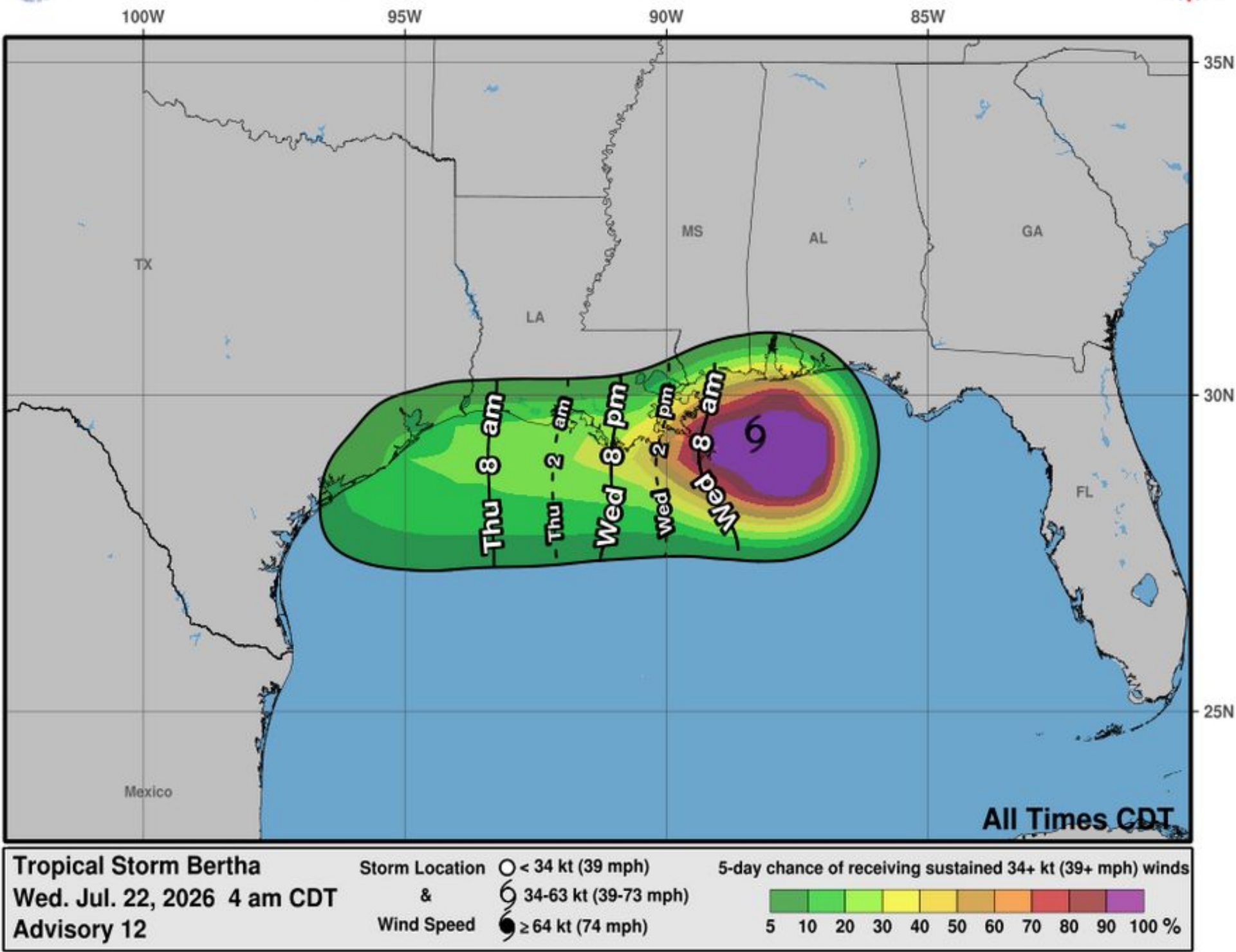


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Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



Most Likely Wind Arrival Timing:
SE LA: This morning - through the afternoon

SW LA: Tonight - Thursday morning
Chances of Tropical Storm Force Winds are 40-70% for SE LA and less than 30% for SW LA.

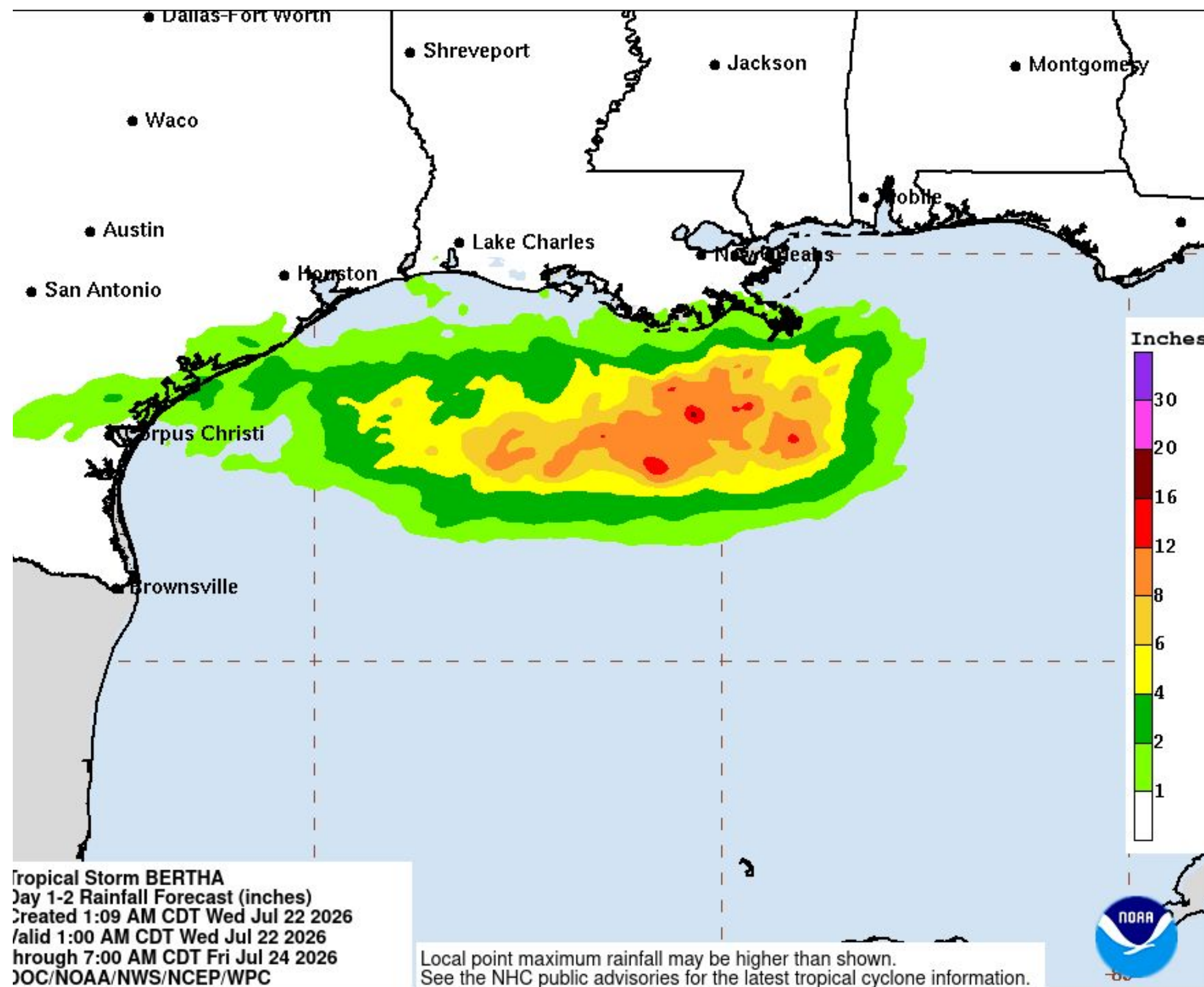
Upper TX Coast: Thursday evening - Friday daytime
Less than 20% chance in SE TX.





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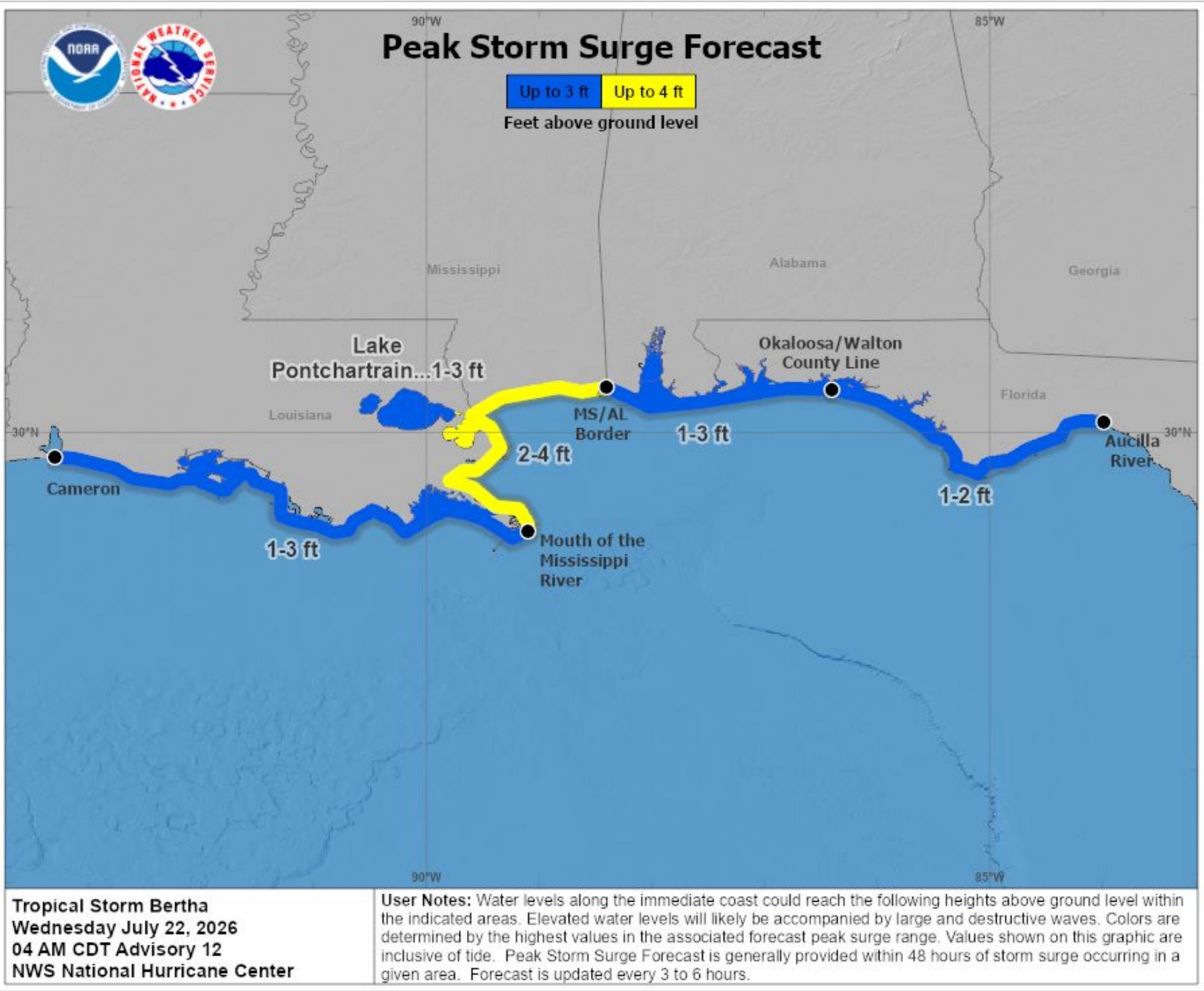
Rainfall:
SE LA: 1-3 inches with isolated 4 inch pockets.





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Storm Surge:

SE LA: Cameron to Mouth of Mississippi - 1-3ft

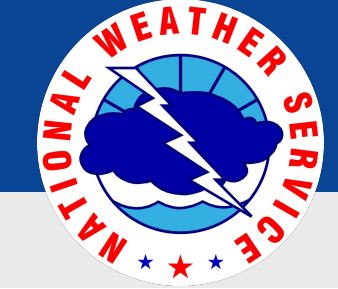
Mouth of Mississippi to MS/LA Border - 2-4 ft

Timing:

Increasing: This morning

Decreasing: tonight - Thursday

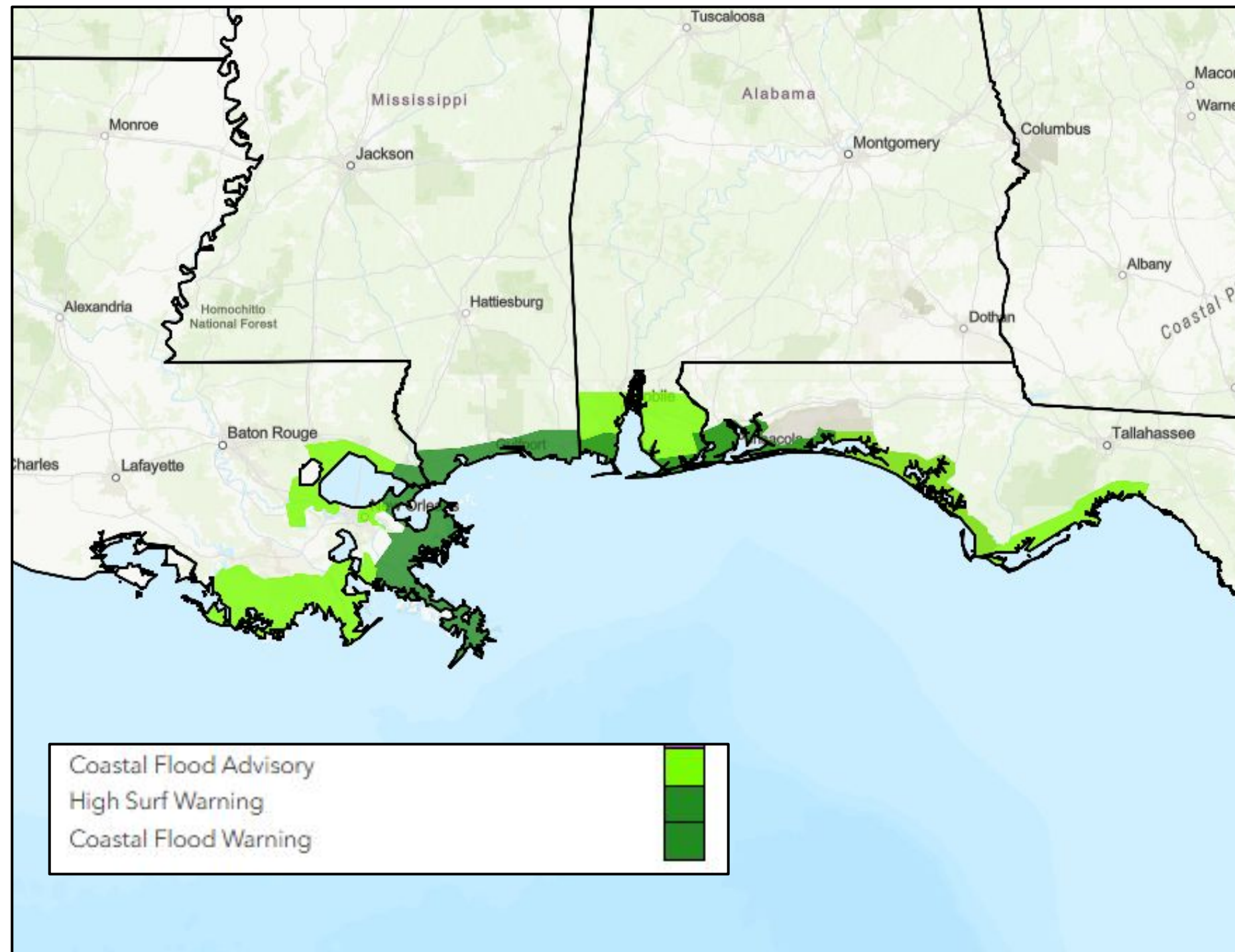




Situation Overview

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Coastal Flood Advisories and Warnings

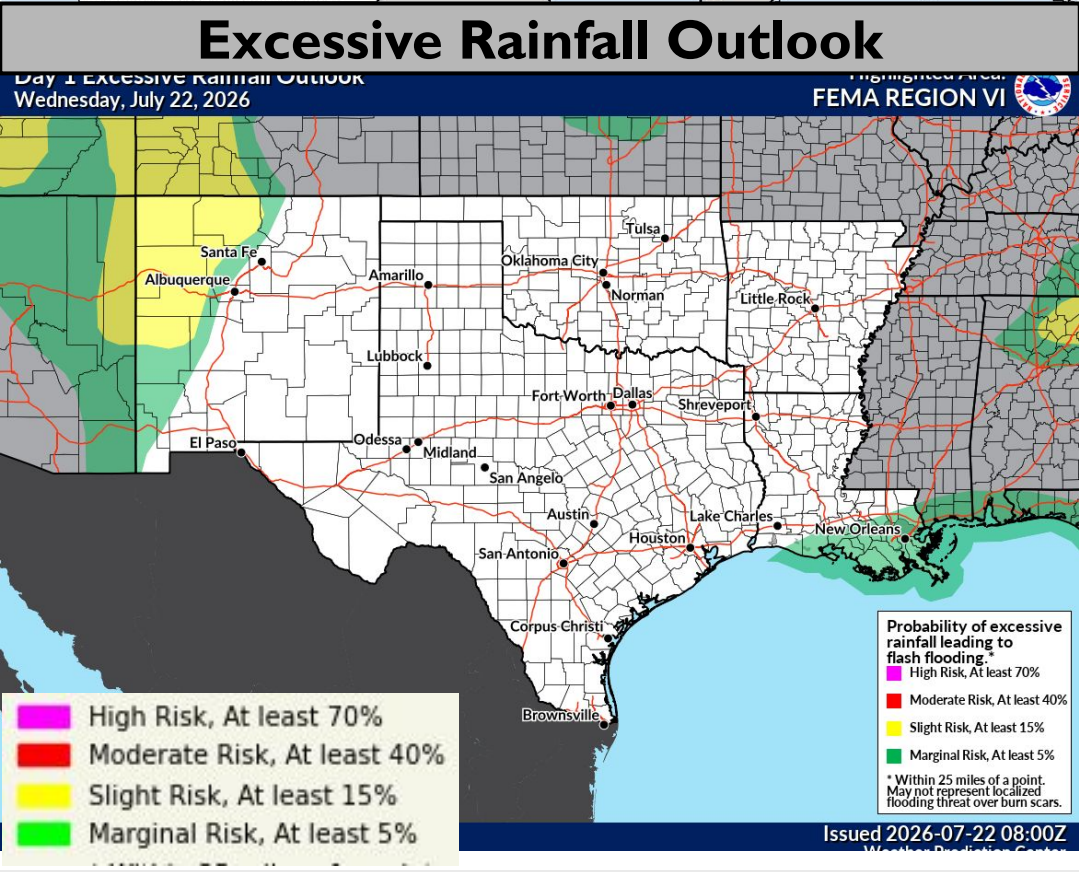
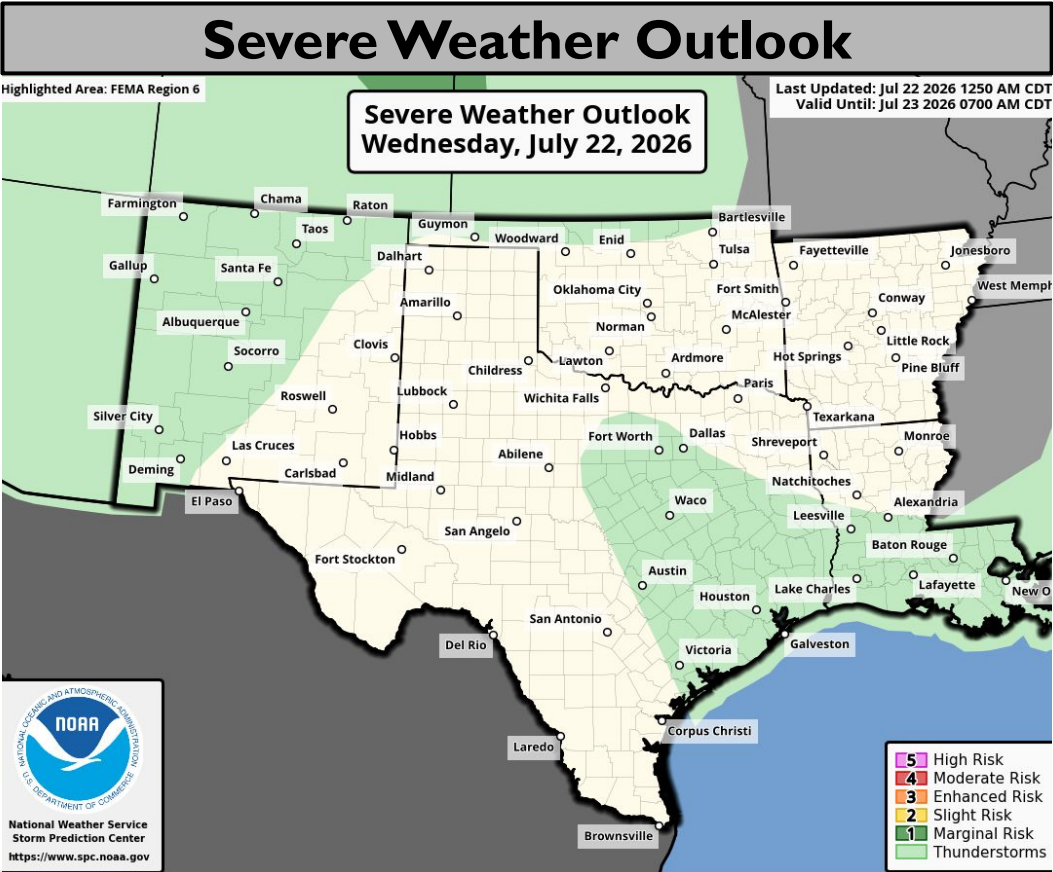
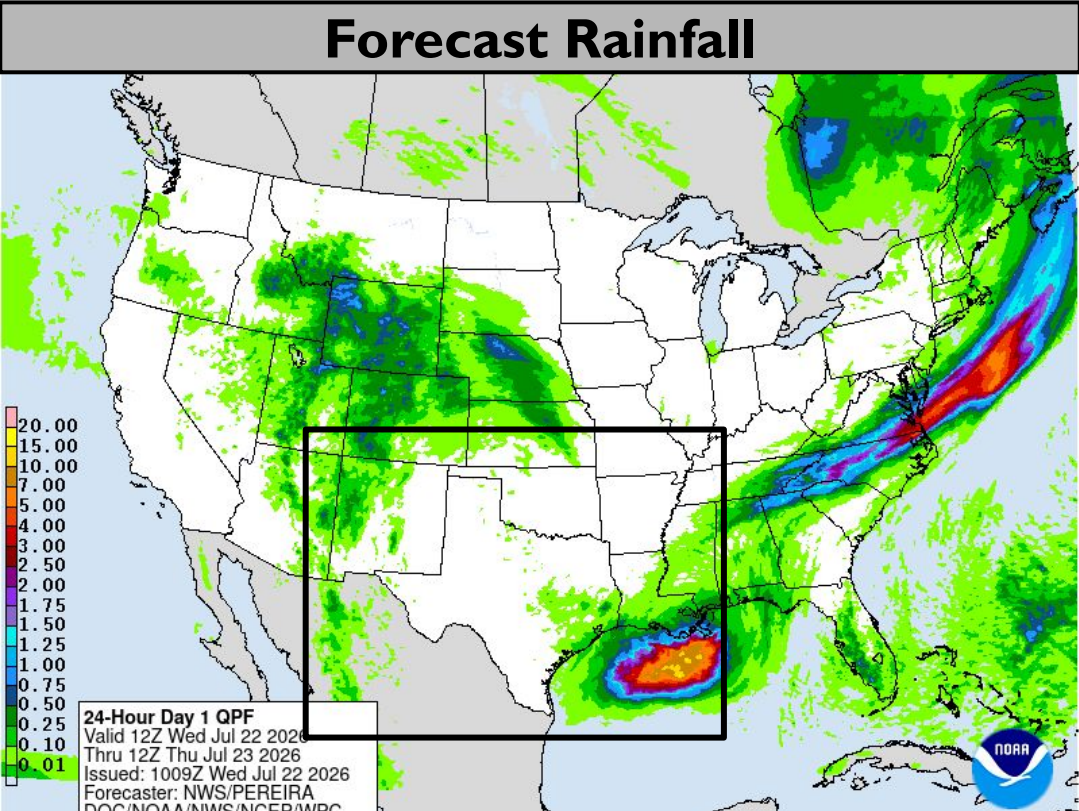
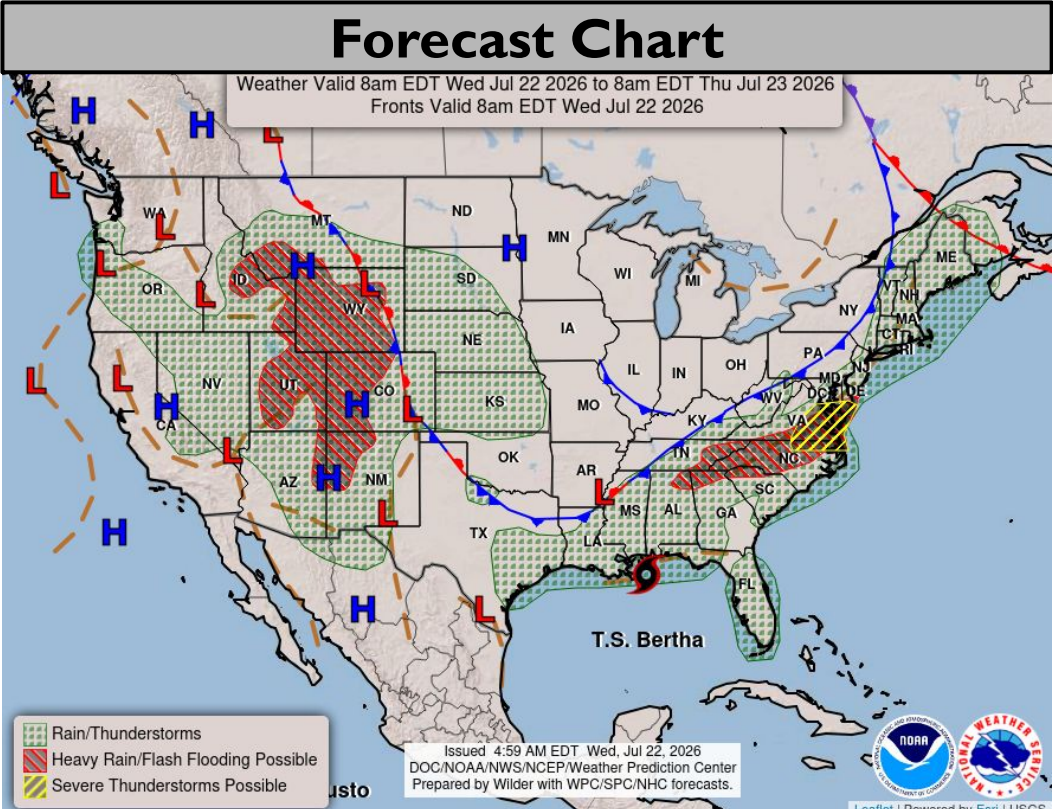


Coastal/Marine Warnings:

- A Coastal Flood Warning remains in effect for SE LA
- Latitudes/longitudes for high seas warnings are available [here](#).



Today's Weather



TS impacts to S LA.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in W NM

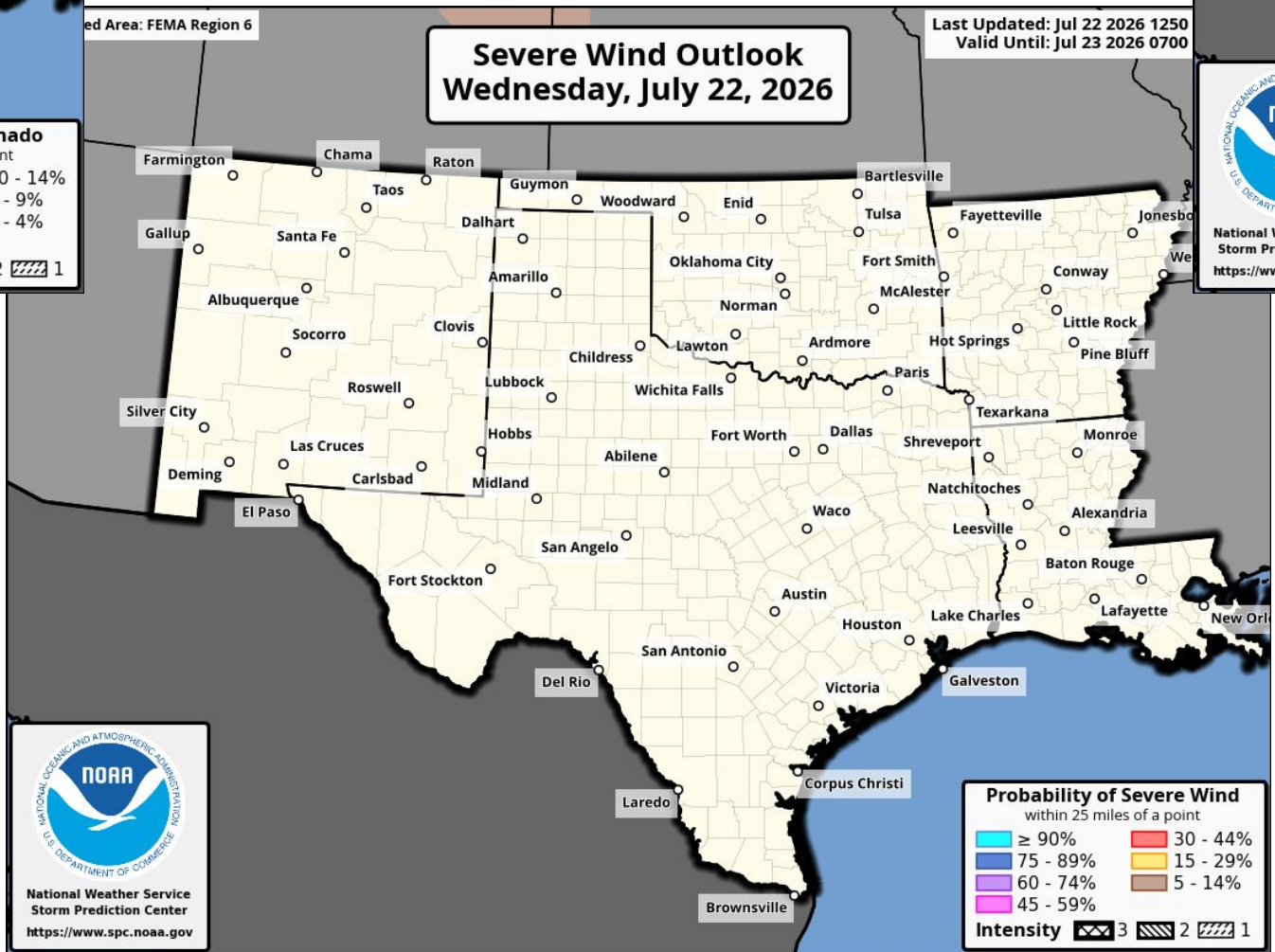
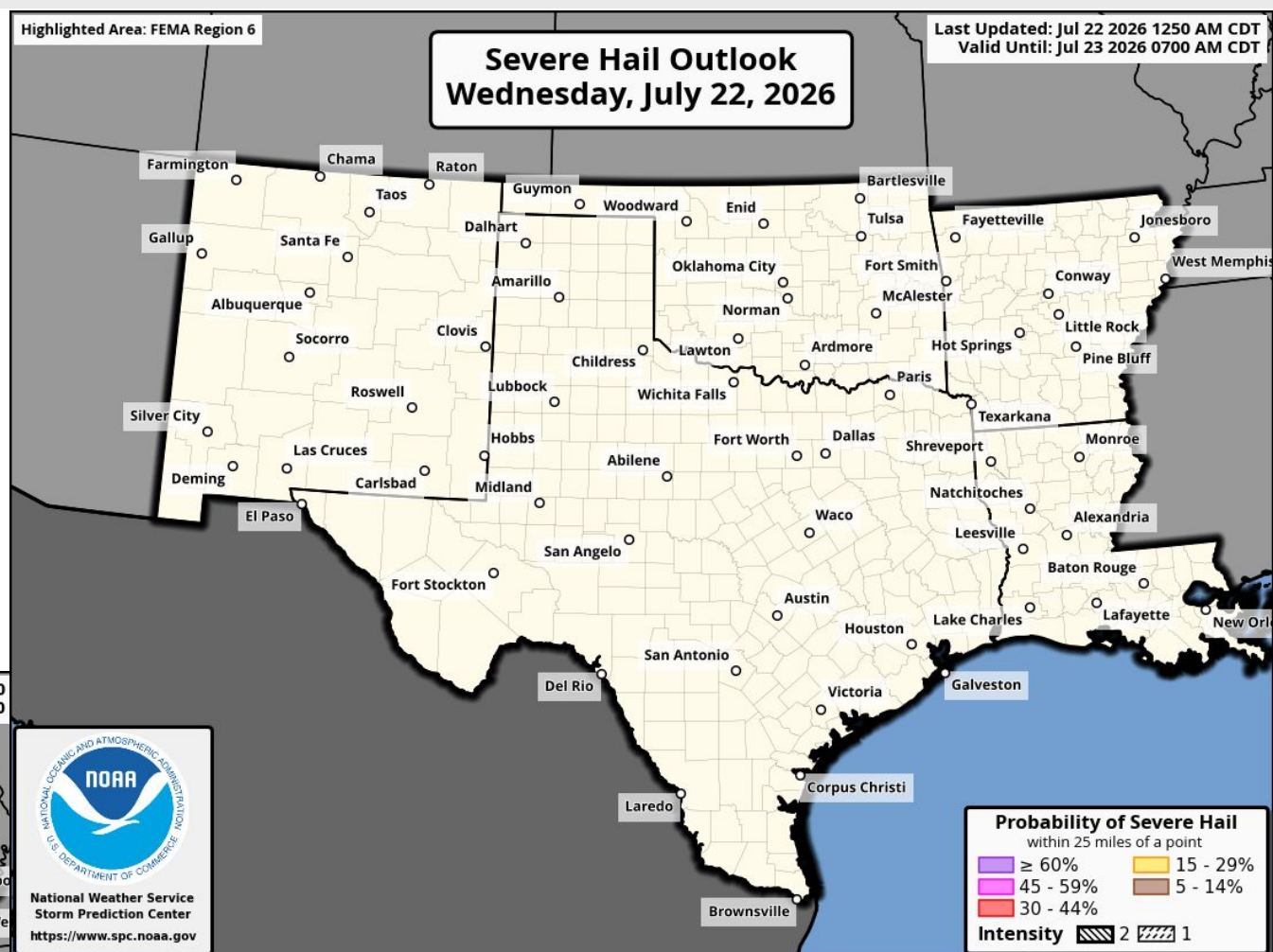
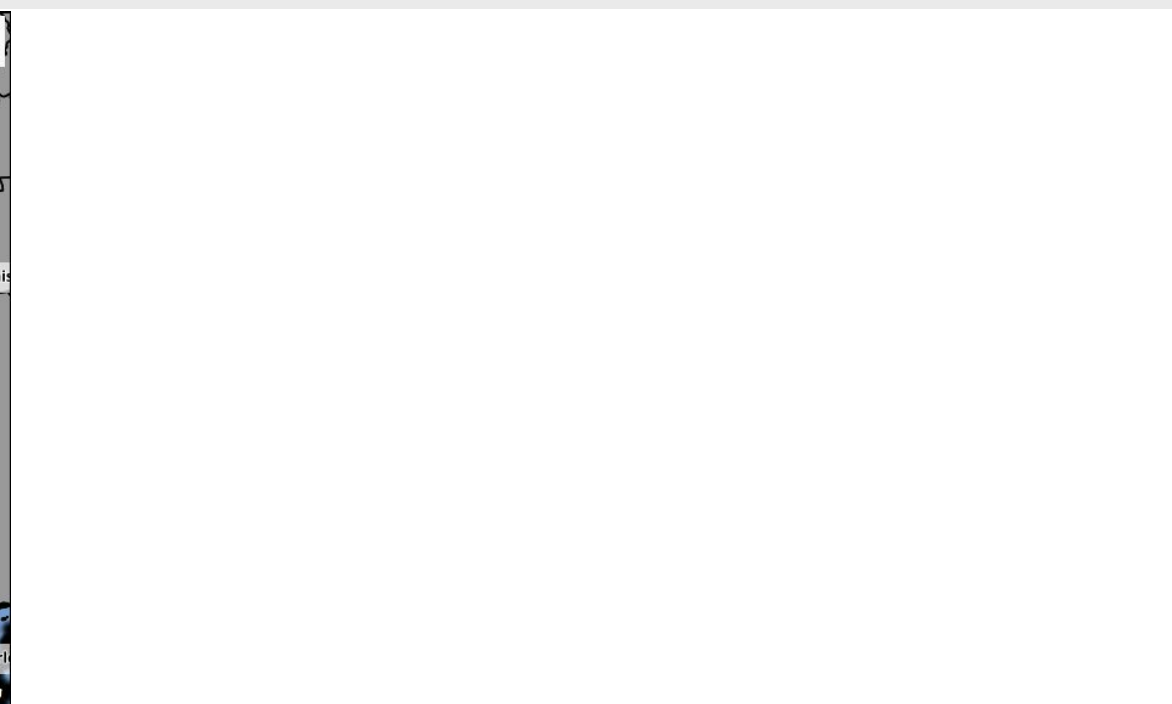
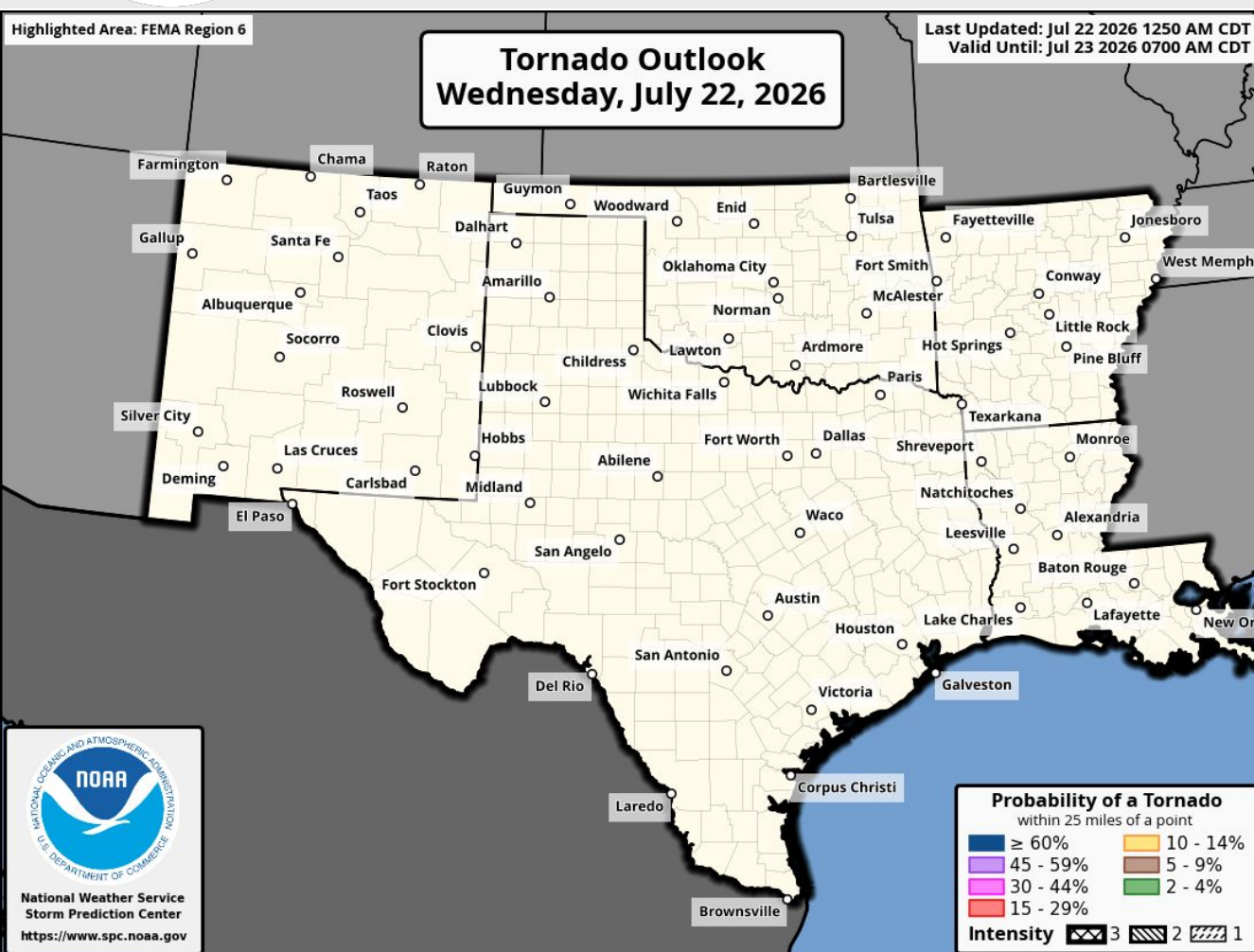
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) in SE LA.

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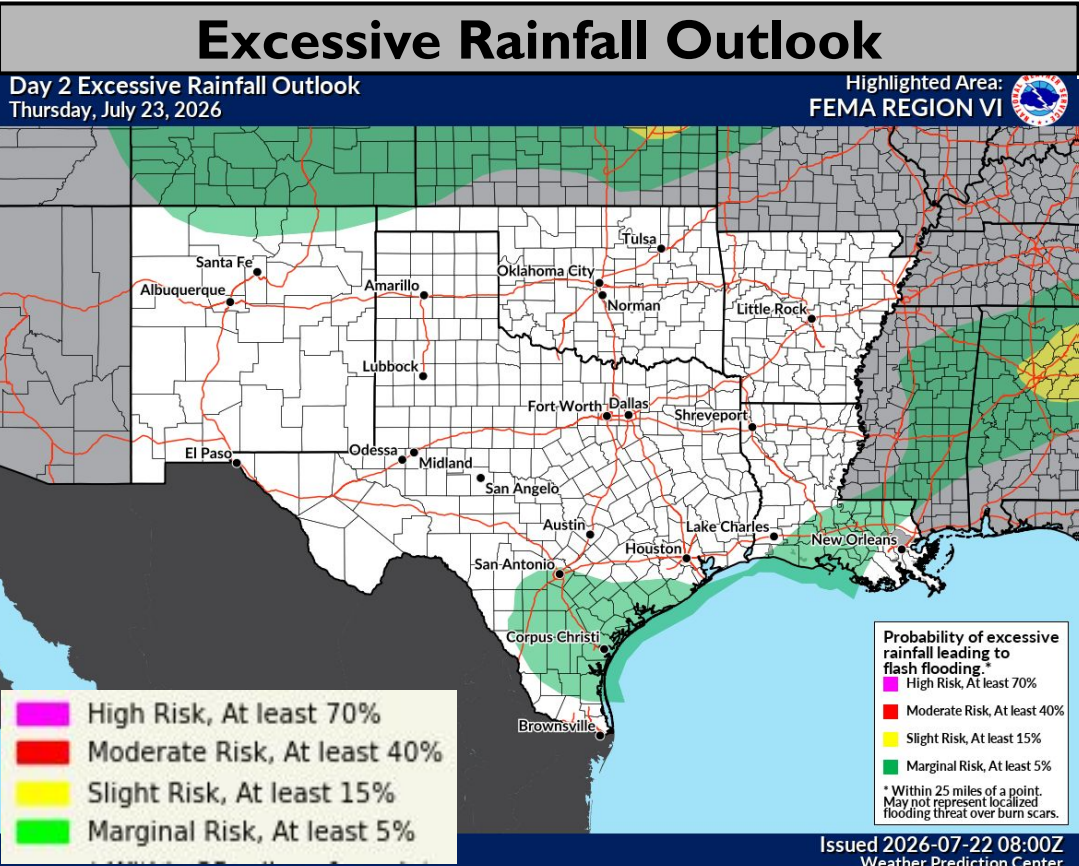
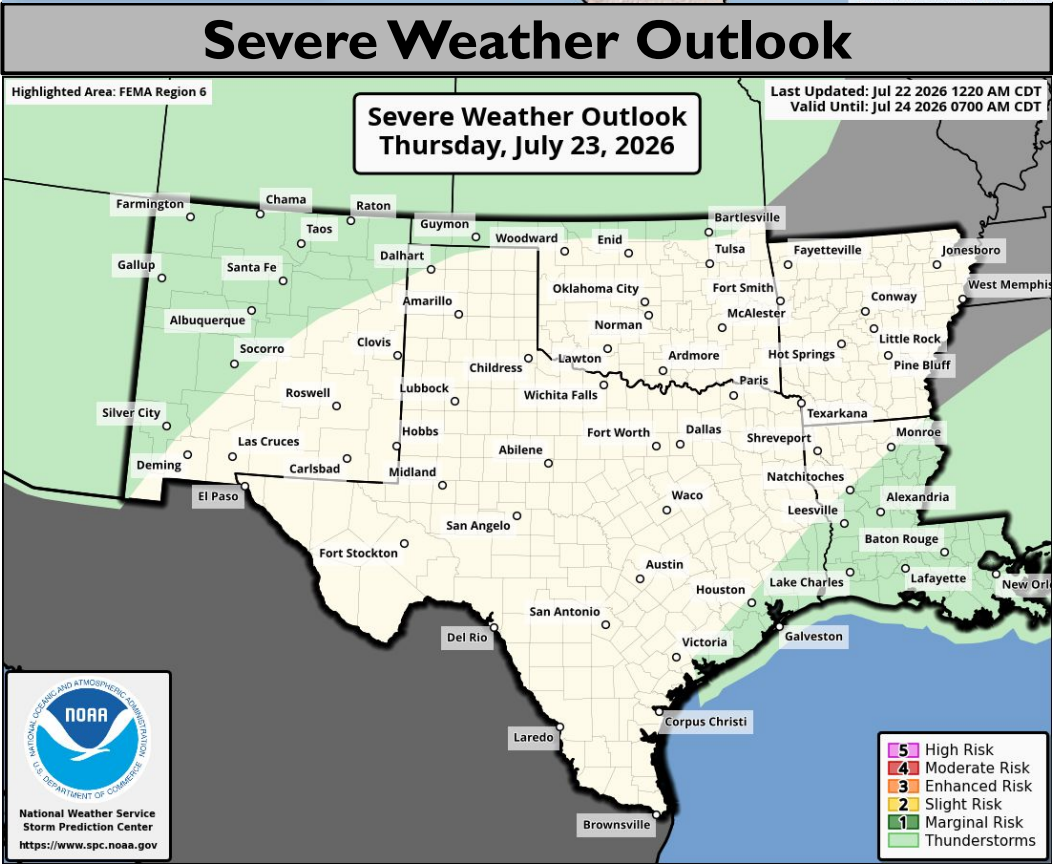
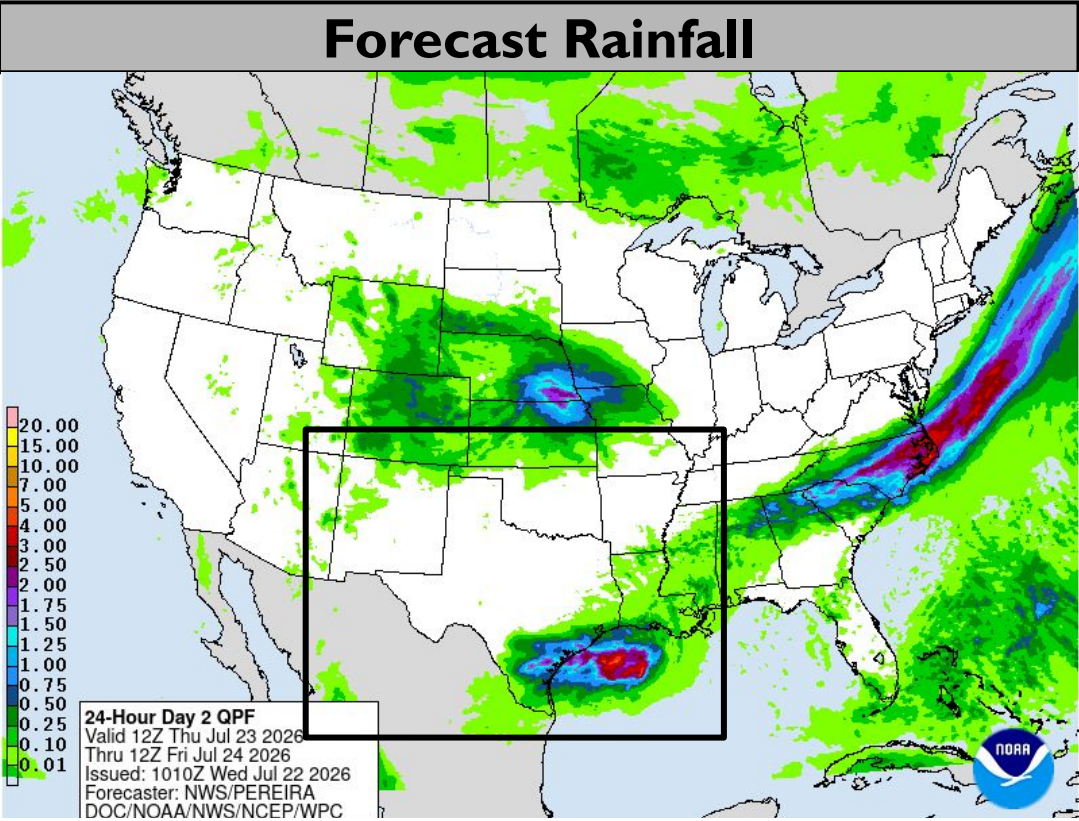
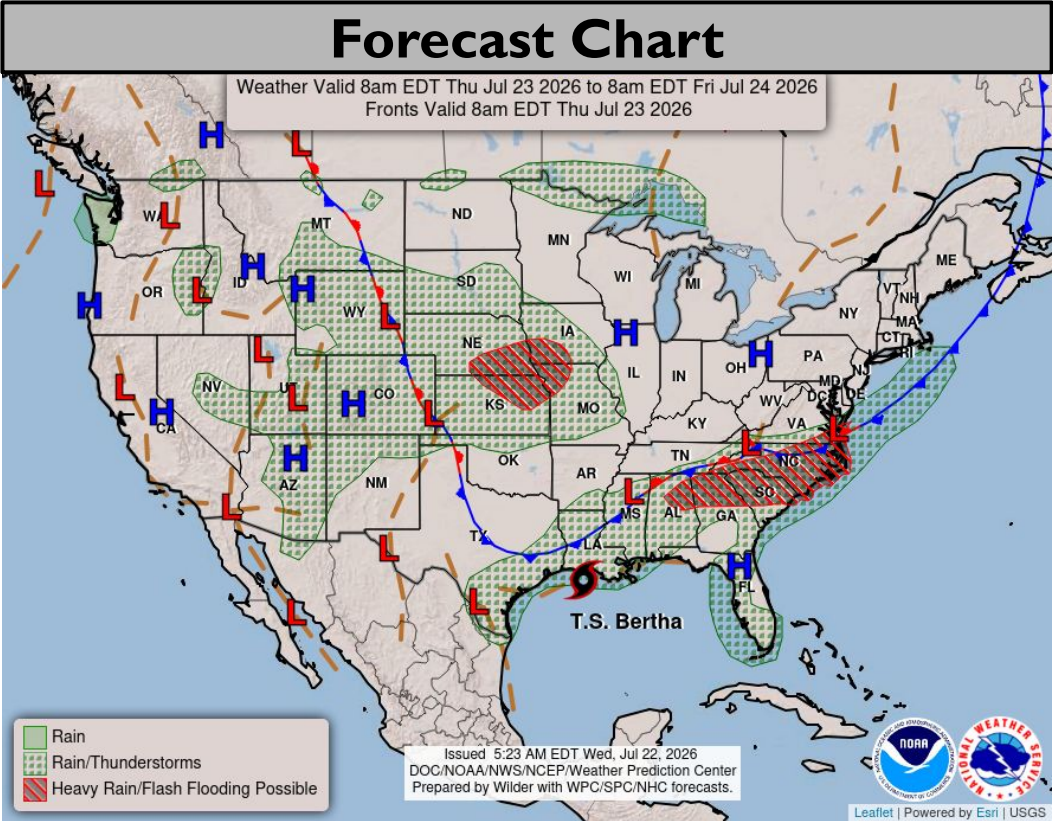


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather



TS impacts to S LA, TX Gulf Coast.

Maringal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, S LA, S TX.

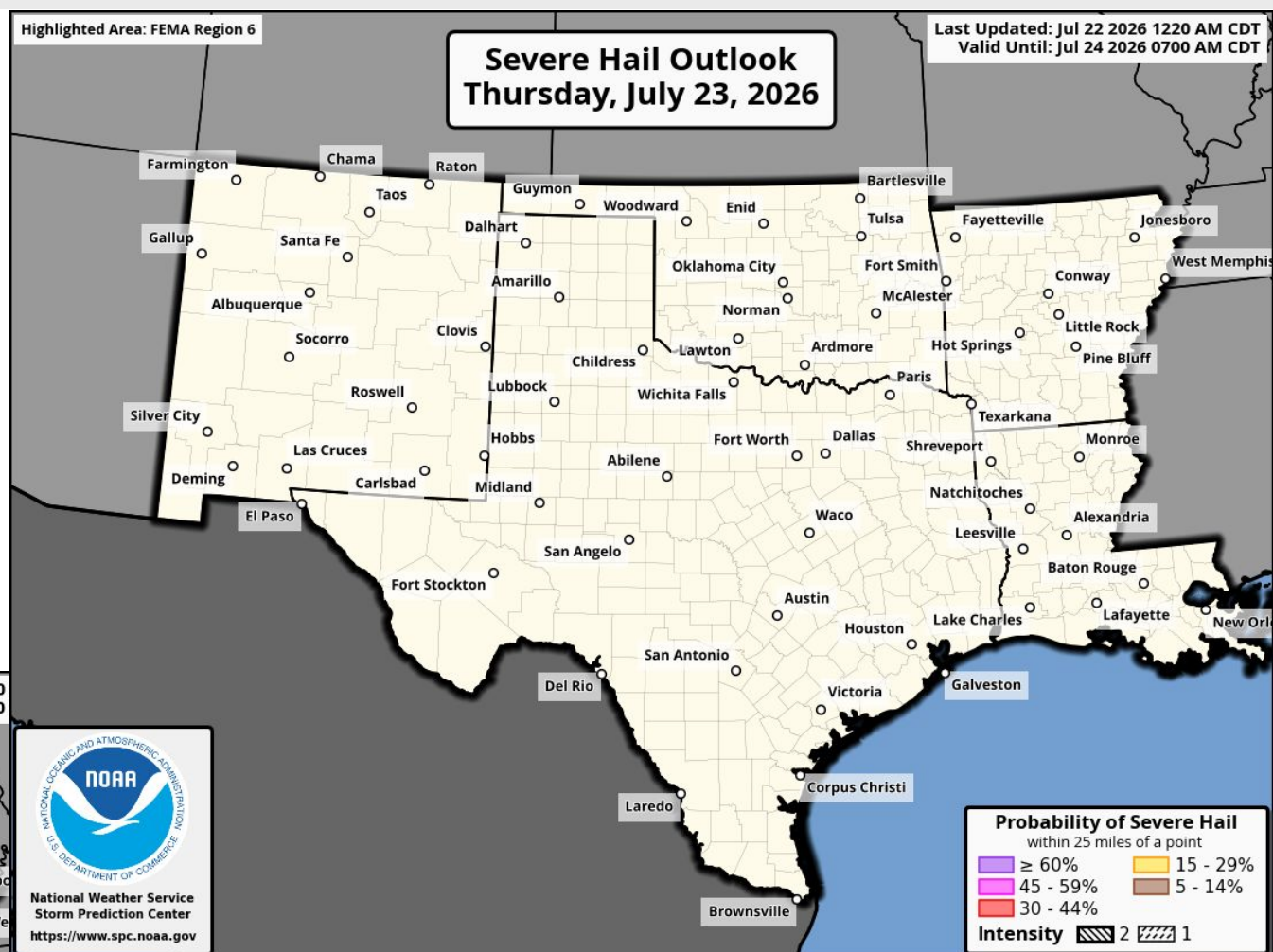
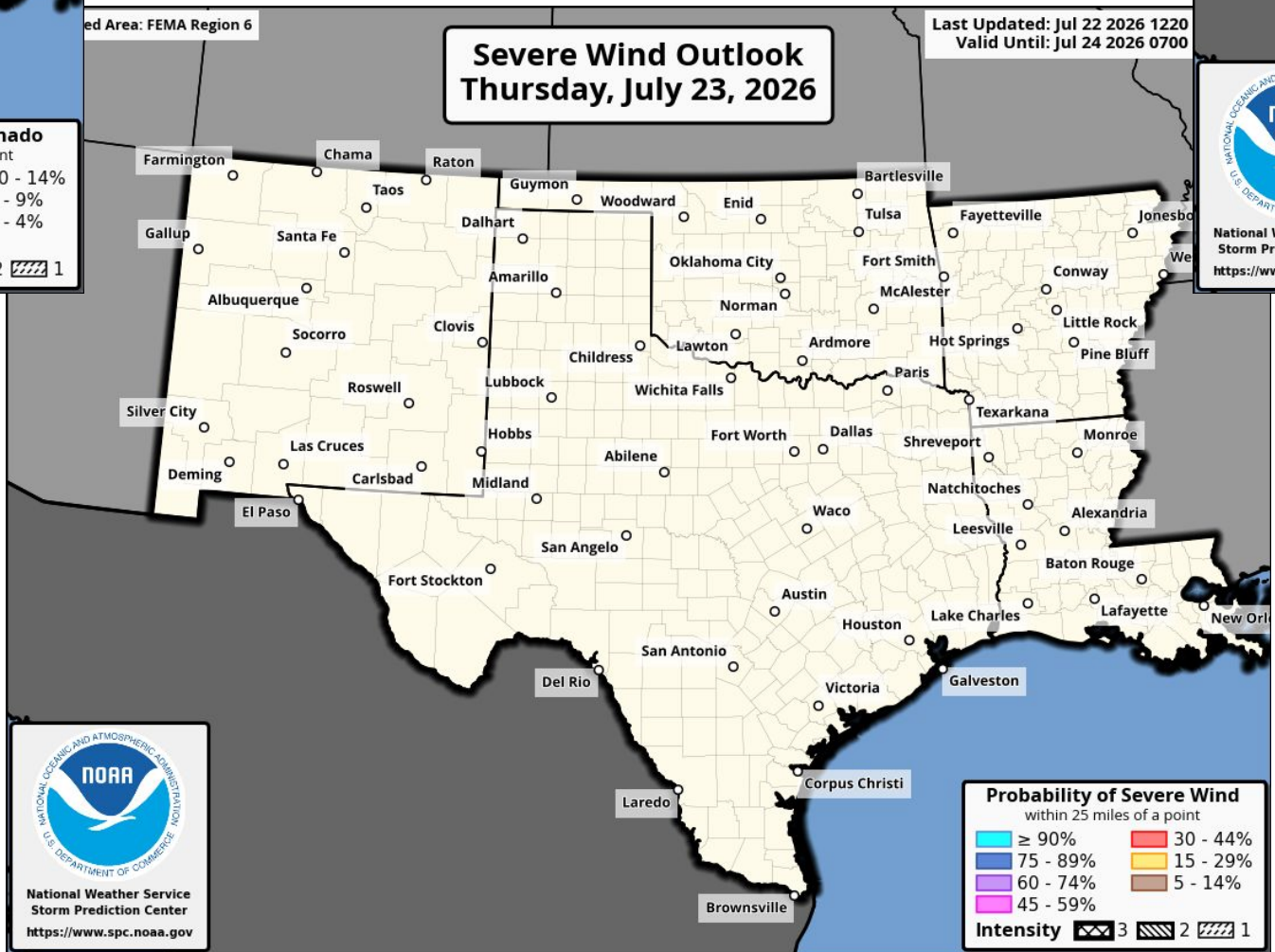
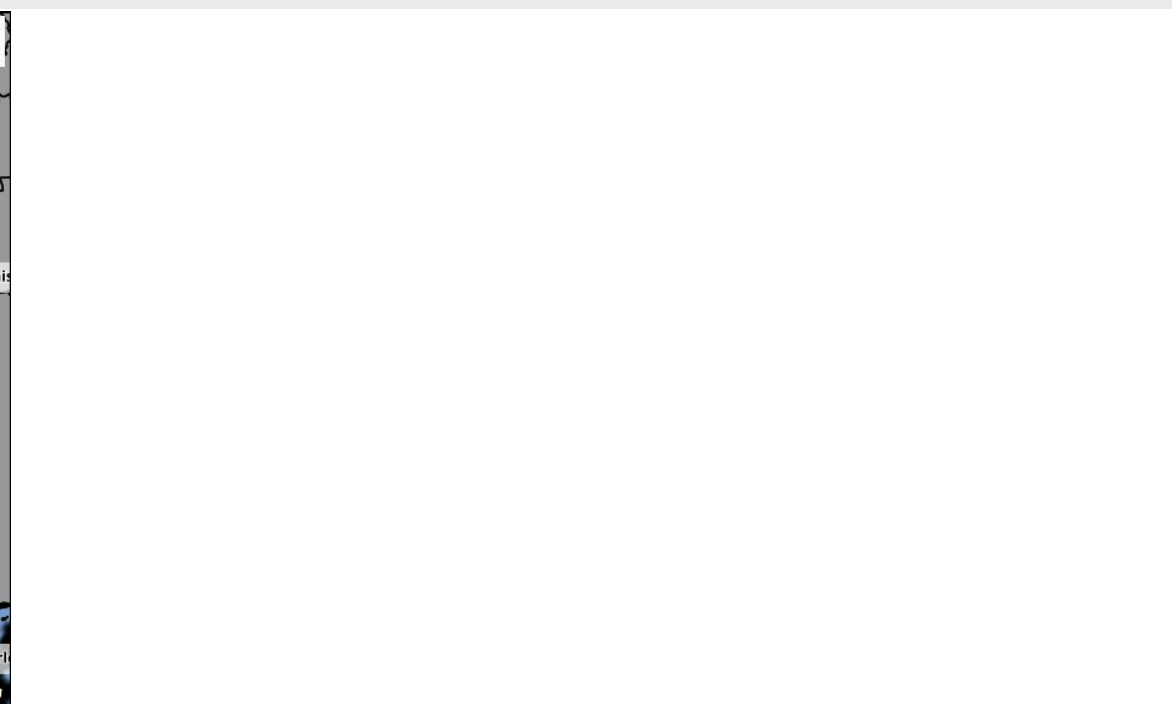
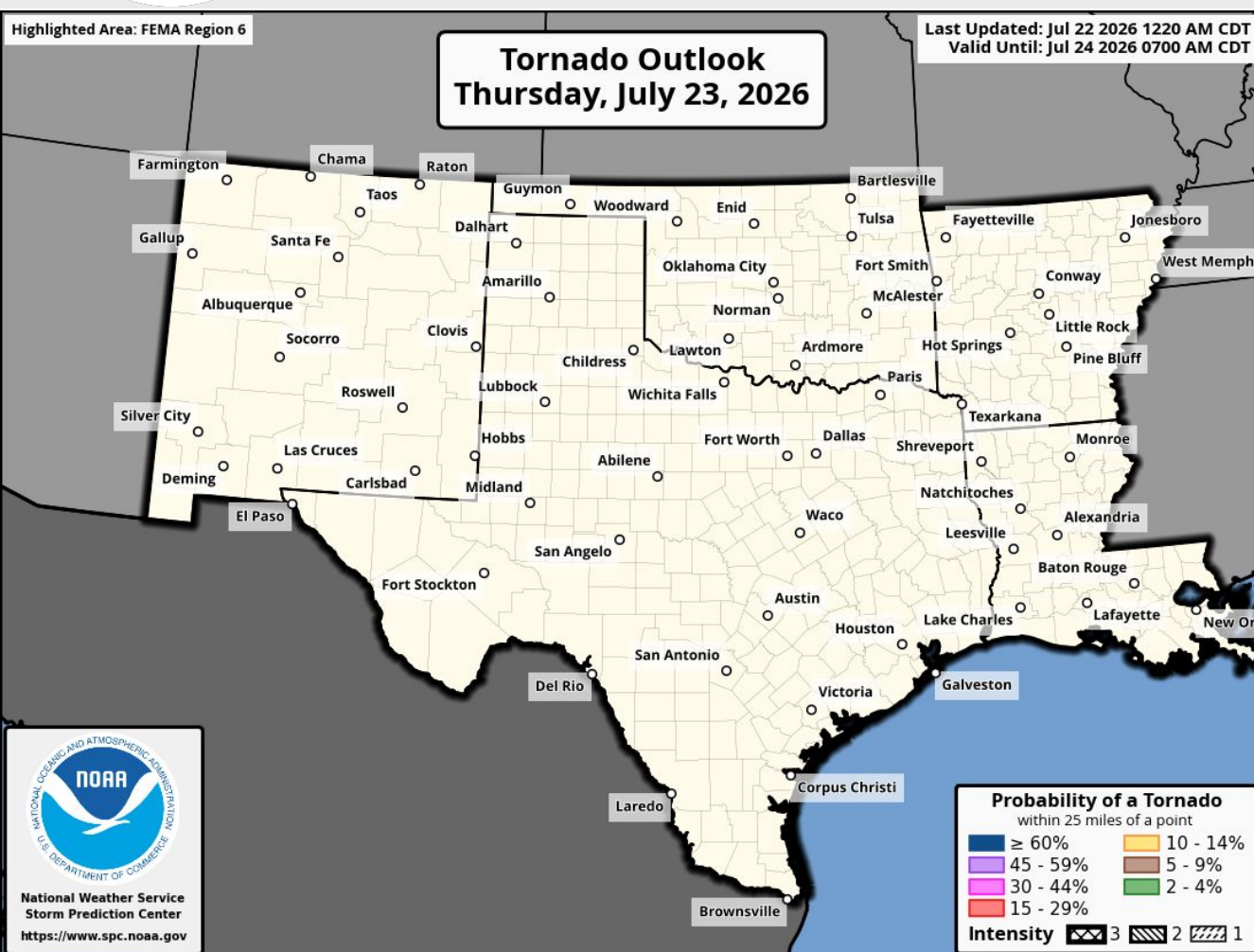
Locally up to 4" of rain in S TX. Additional river impacts to TX Hill Country are not expected.

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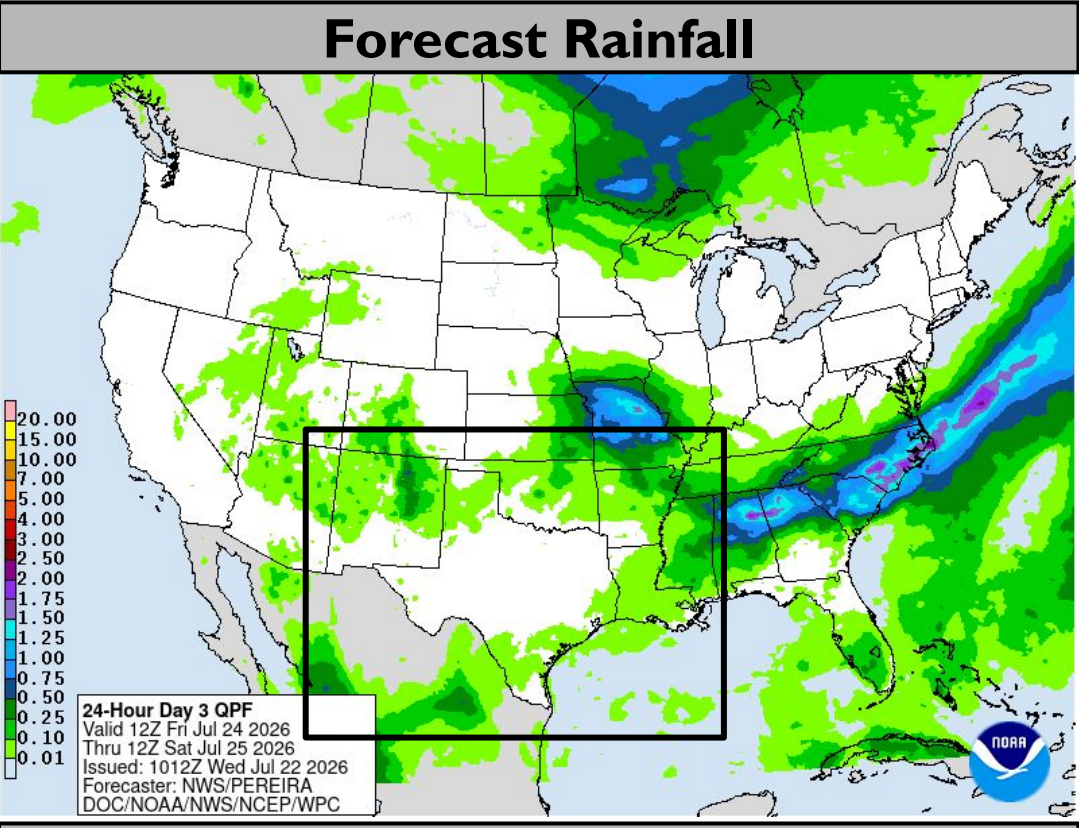
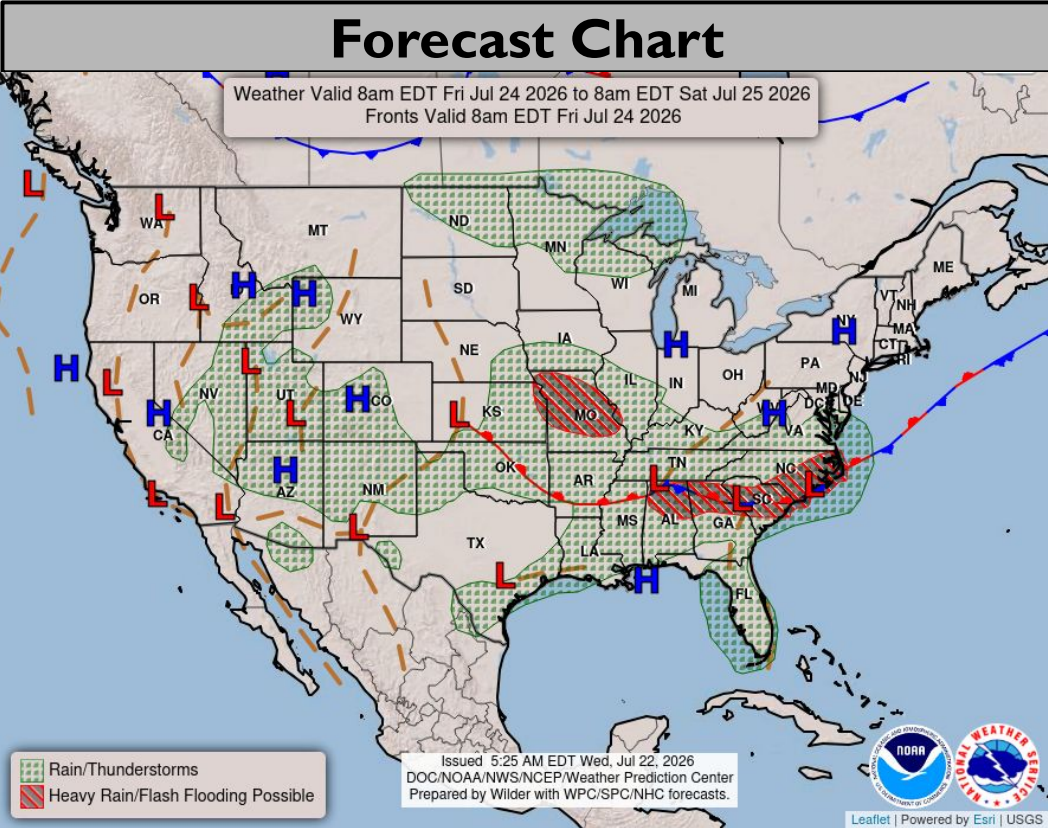


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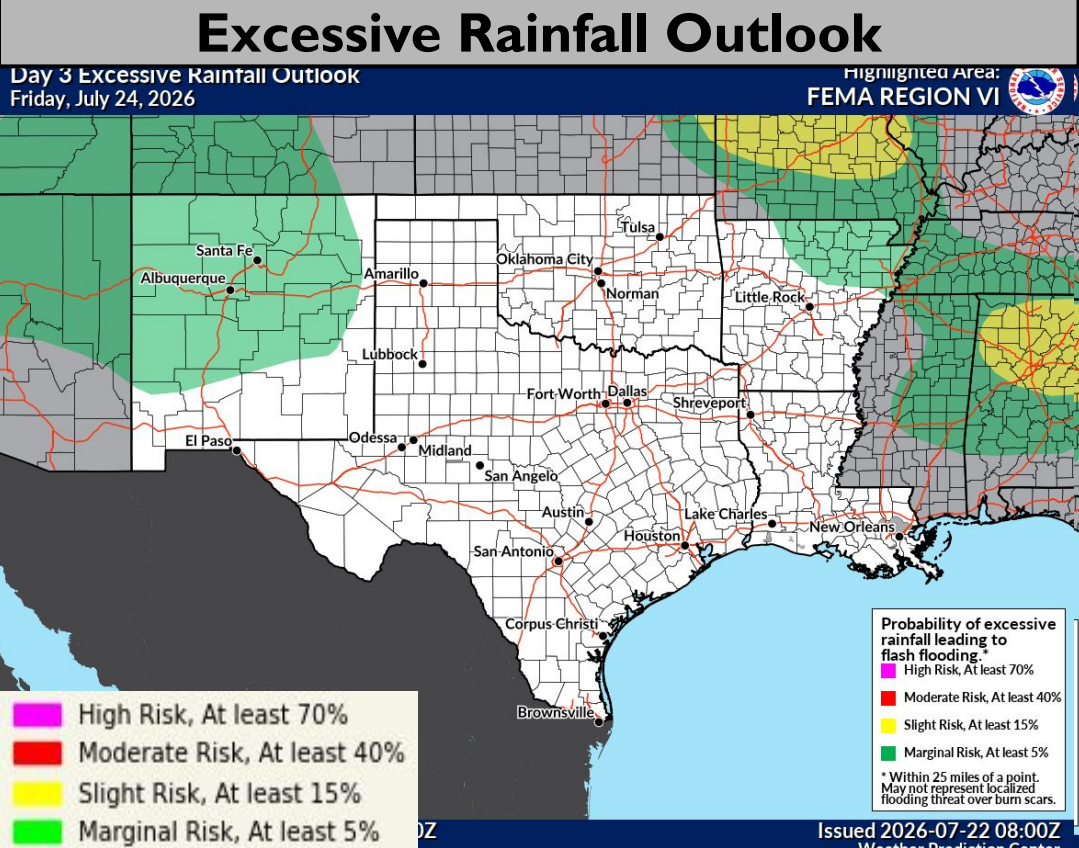
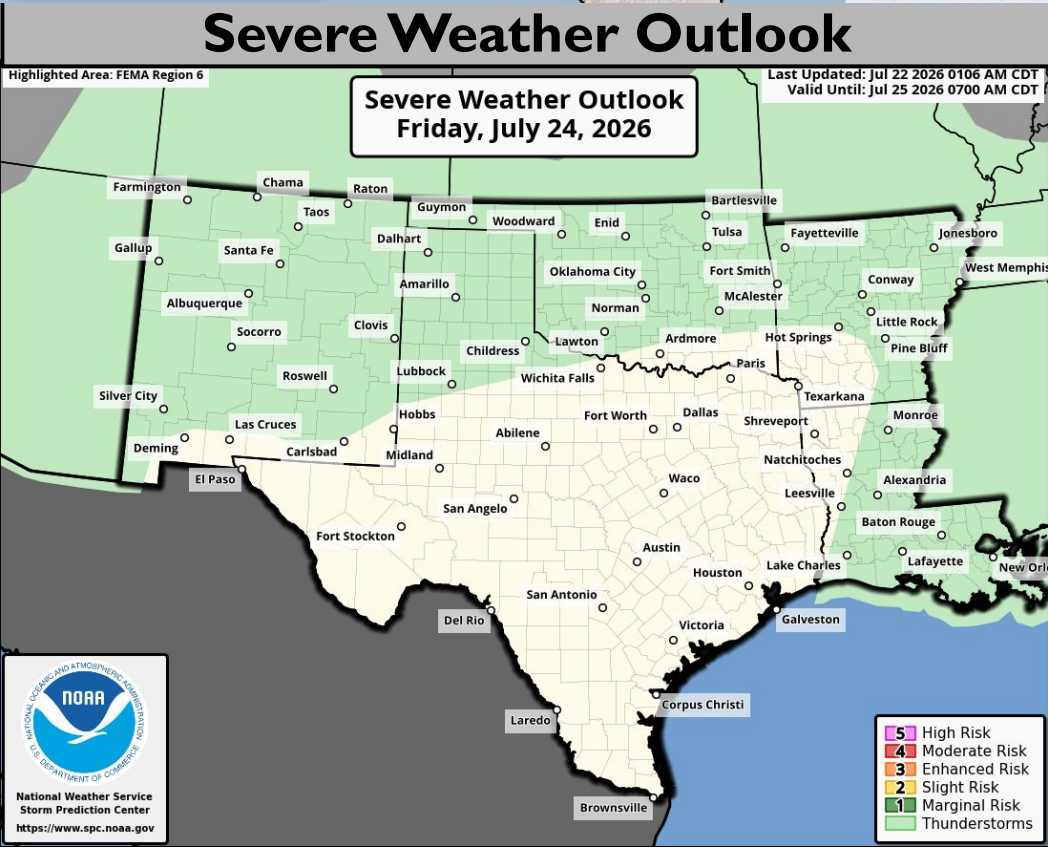


Friday's Weather



**Lingering Bertha impacts to TX
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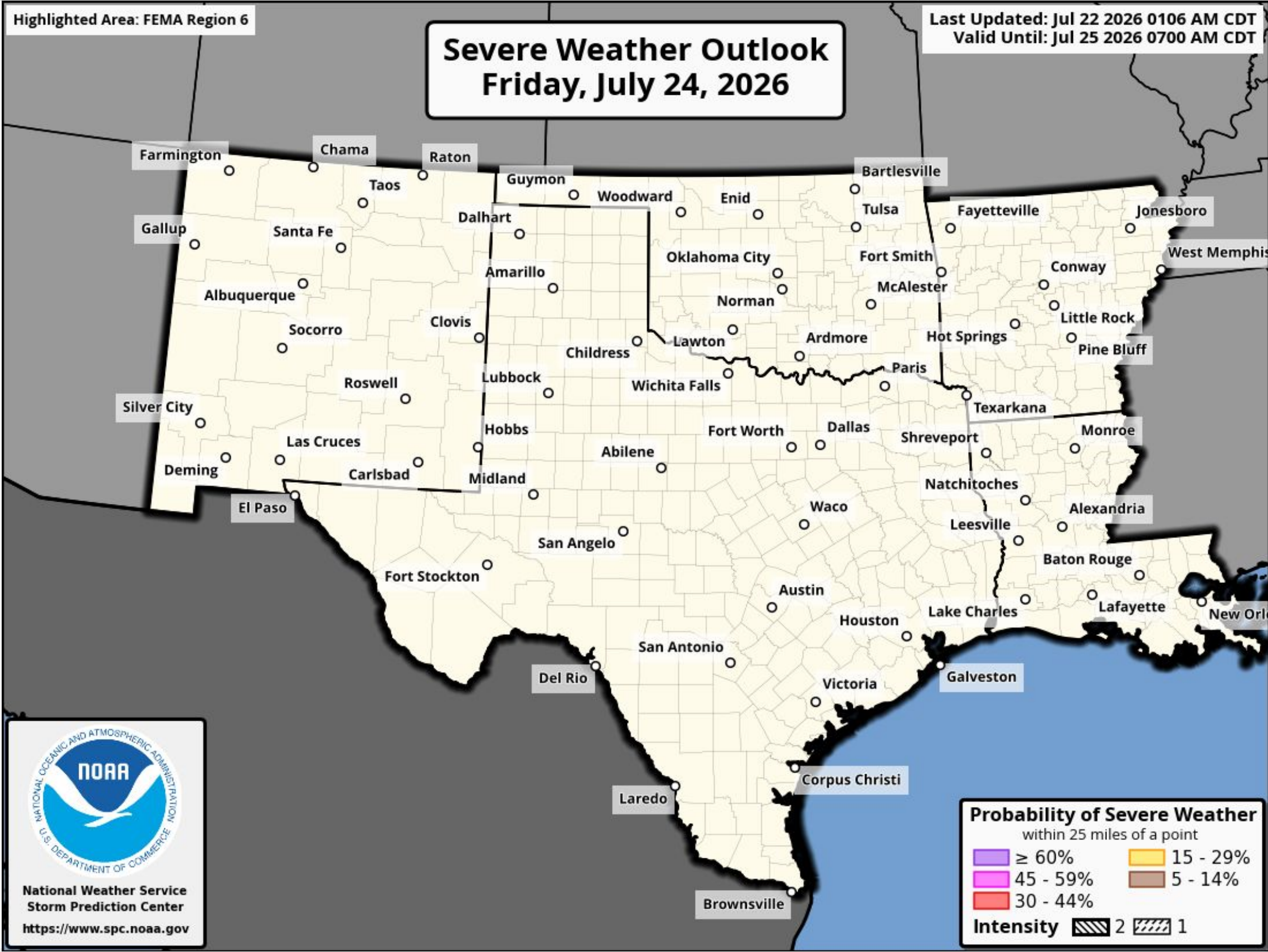
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash
flooding in NM, NE AR.**



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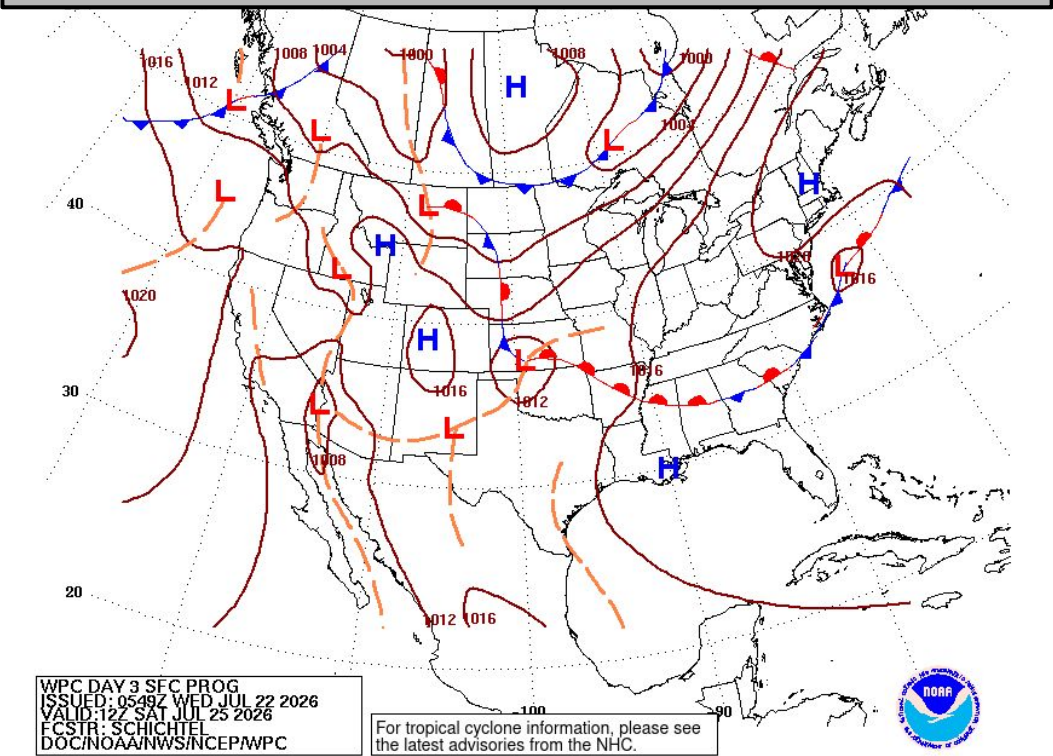
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



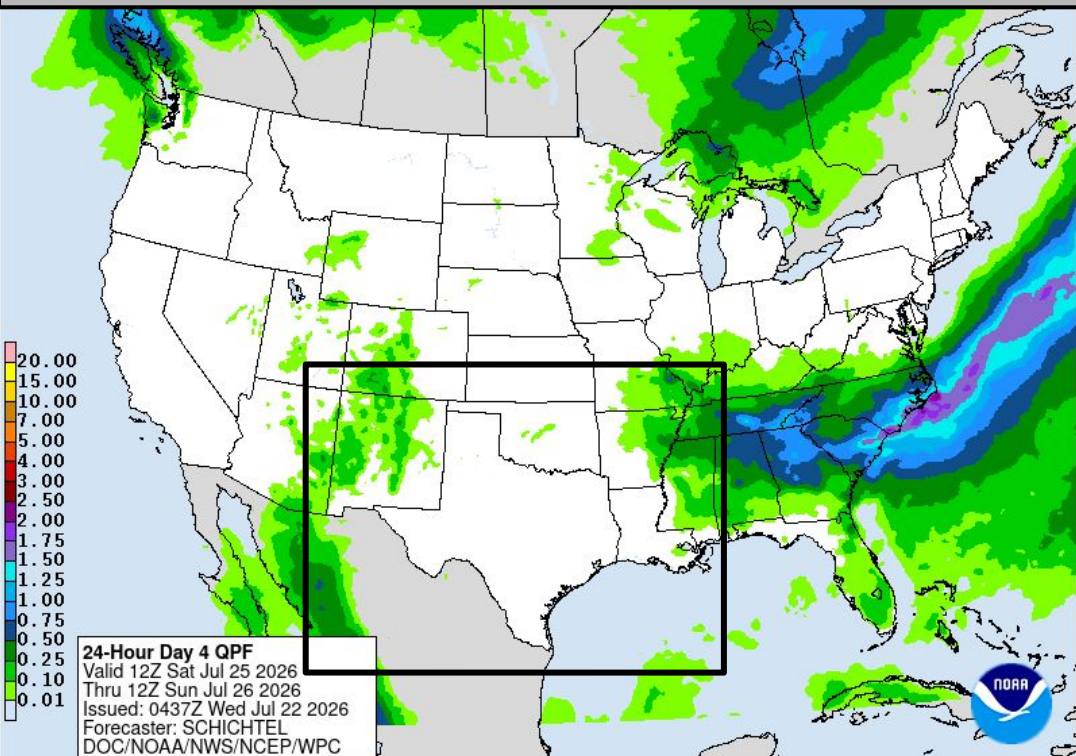


Saturday's Weather

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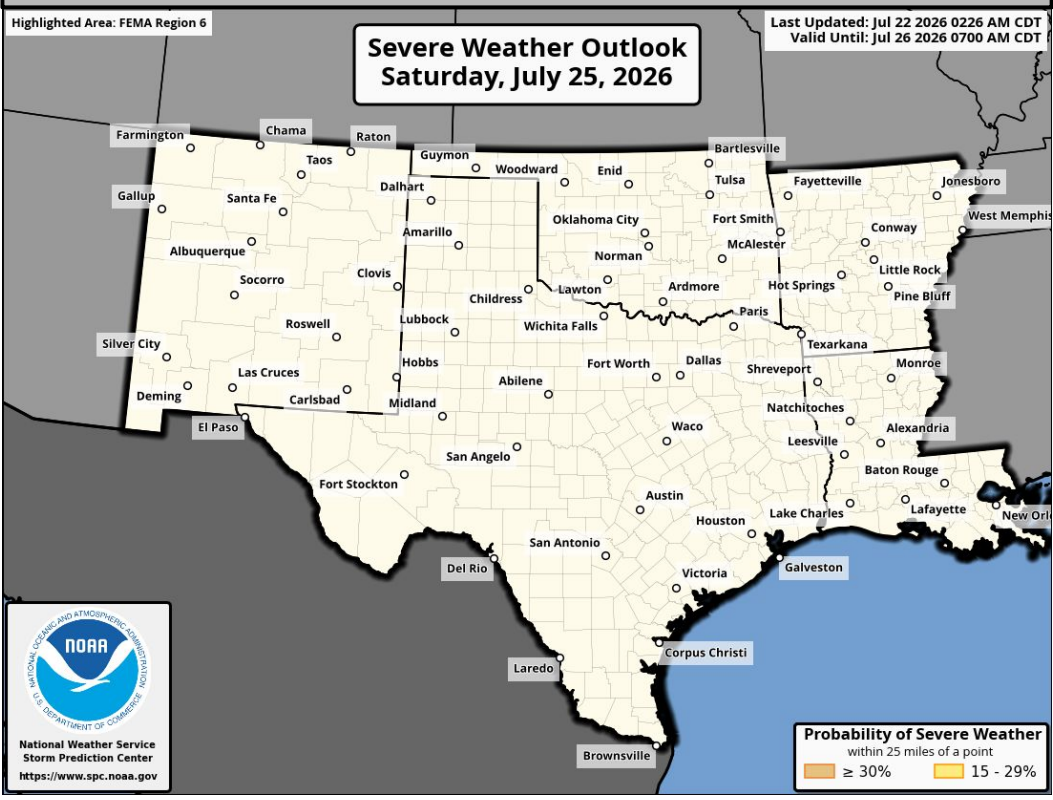


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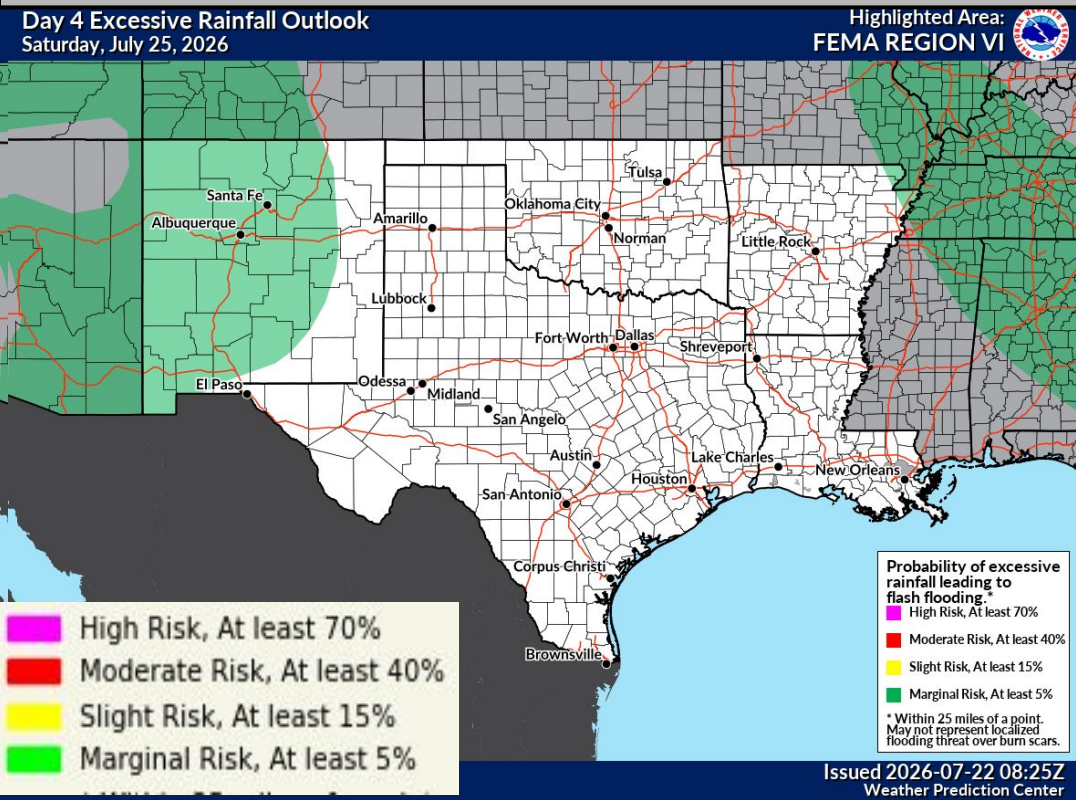


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



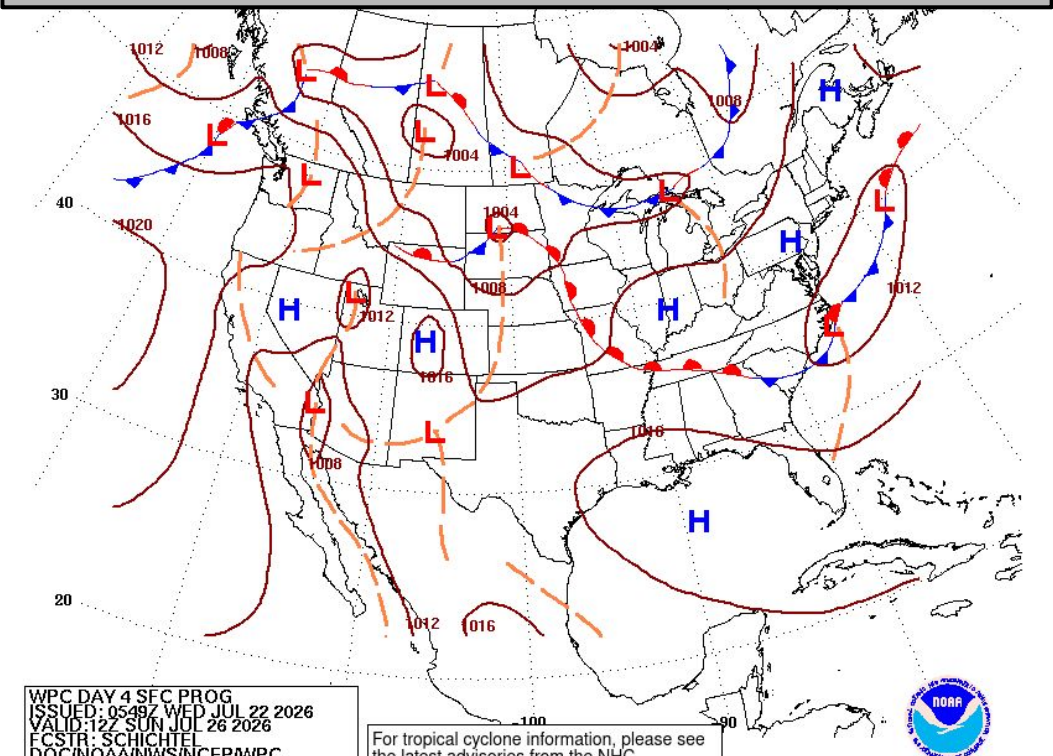
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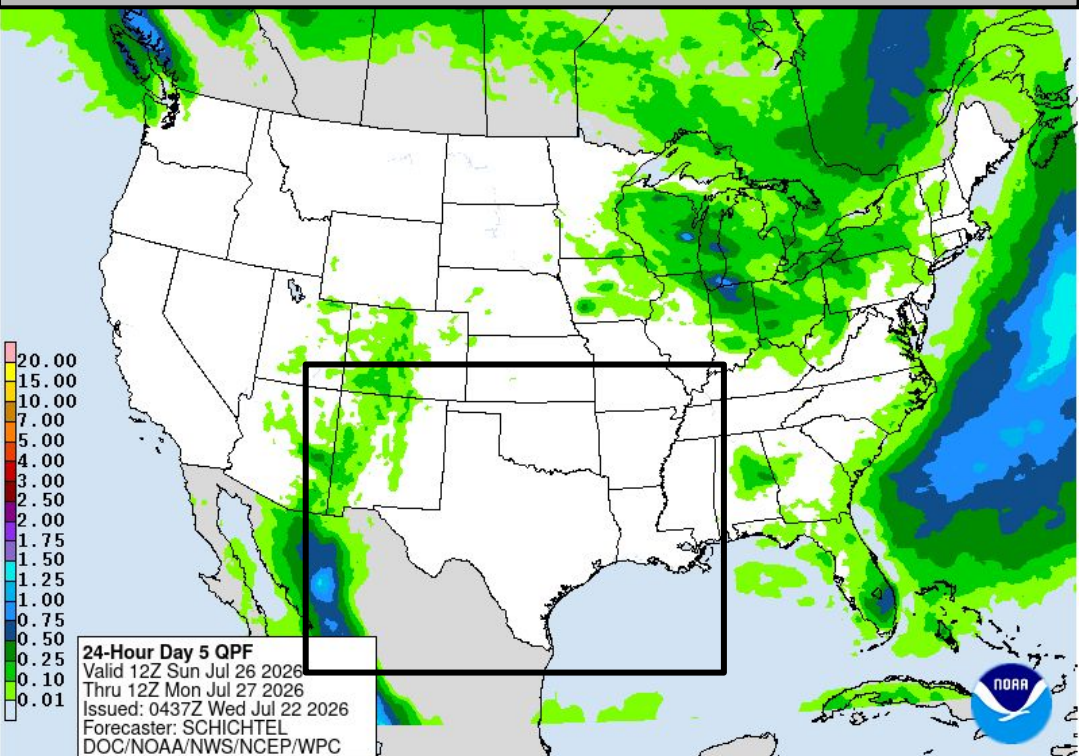


Sunday's Weather

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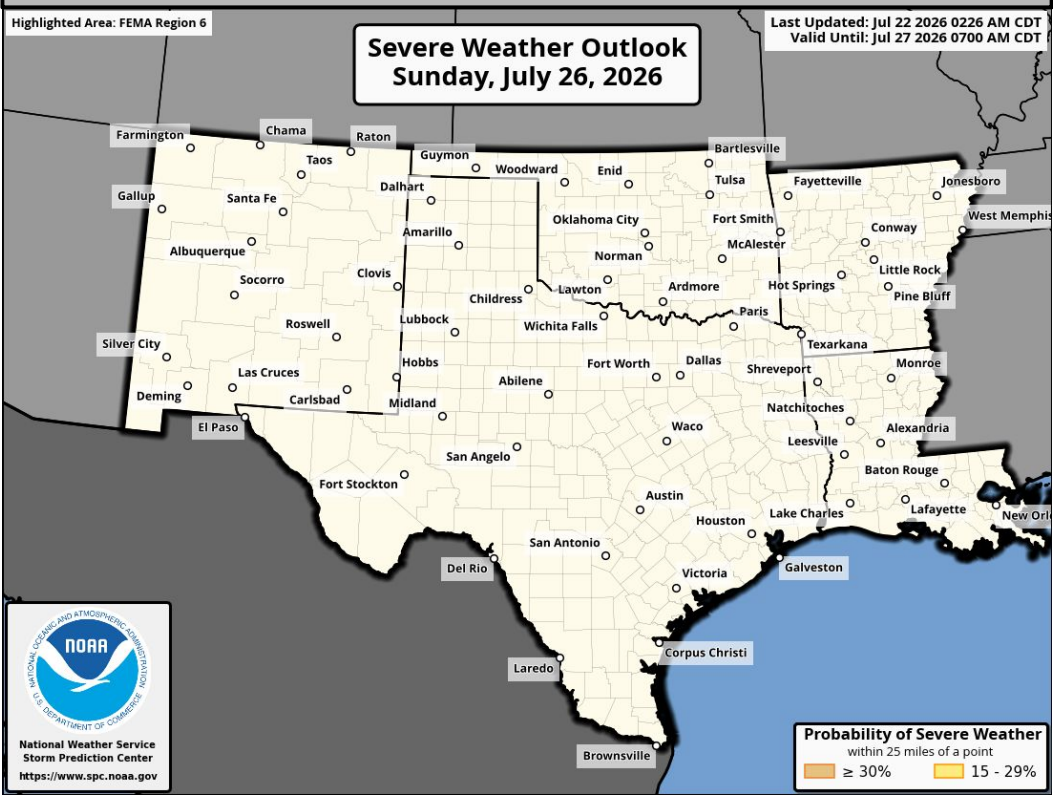


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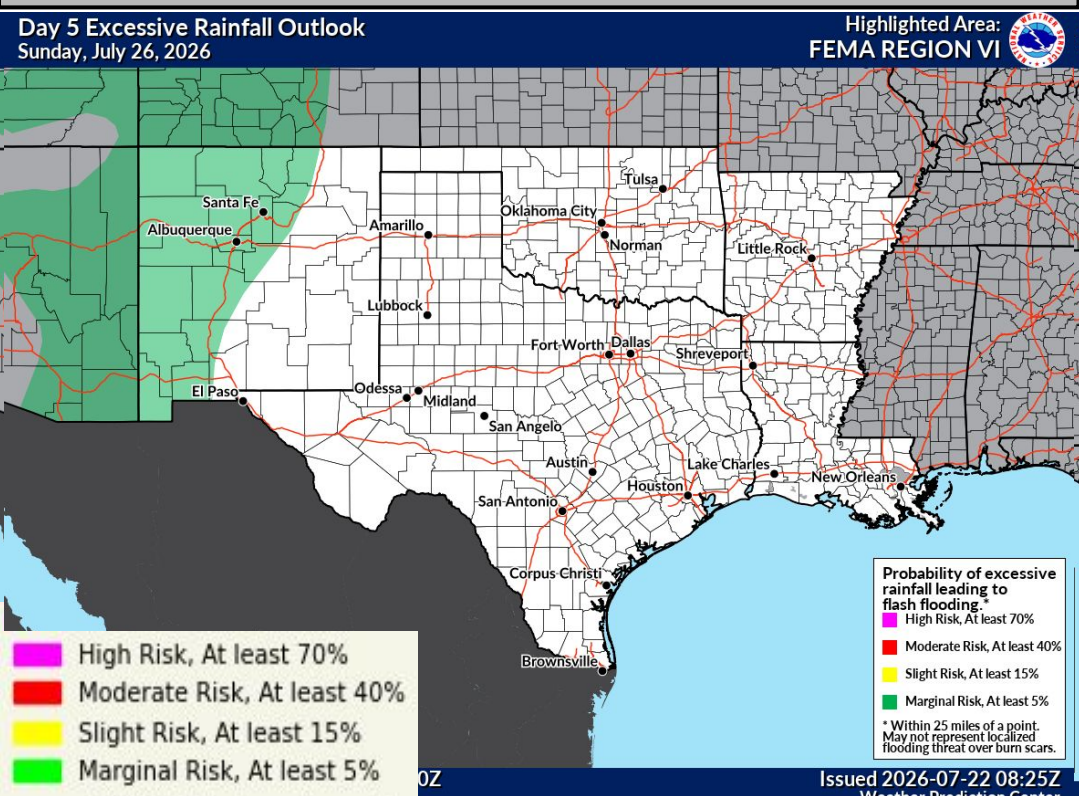


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in W NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



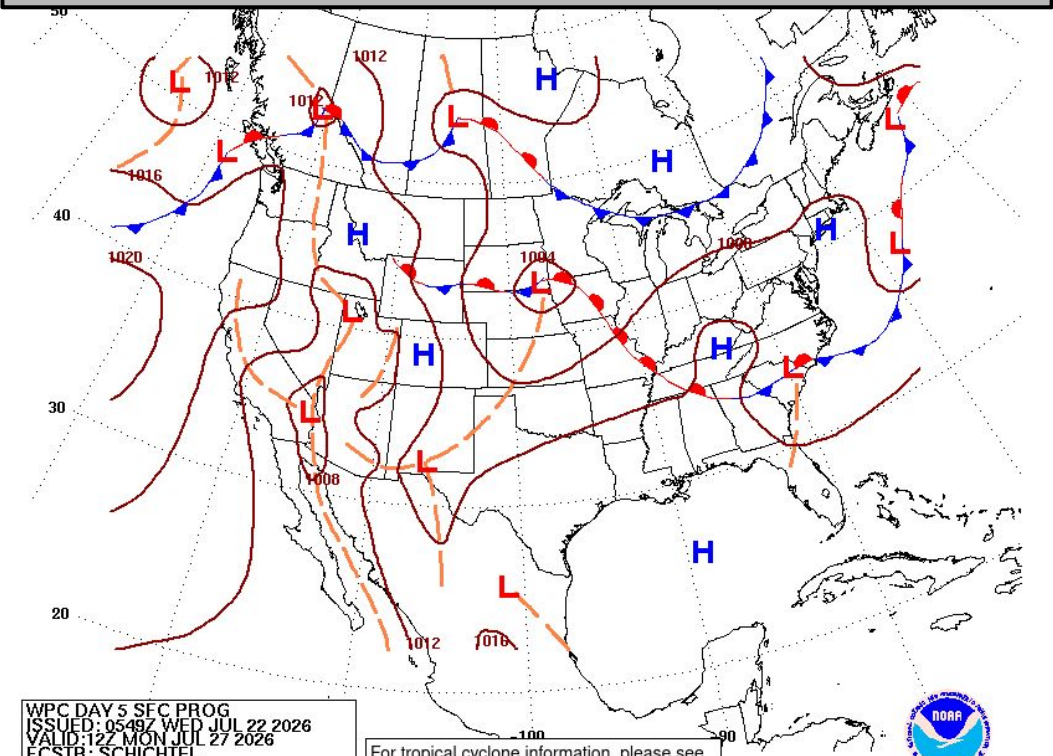
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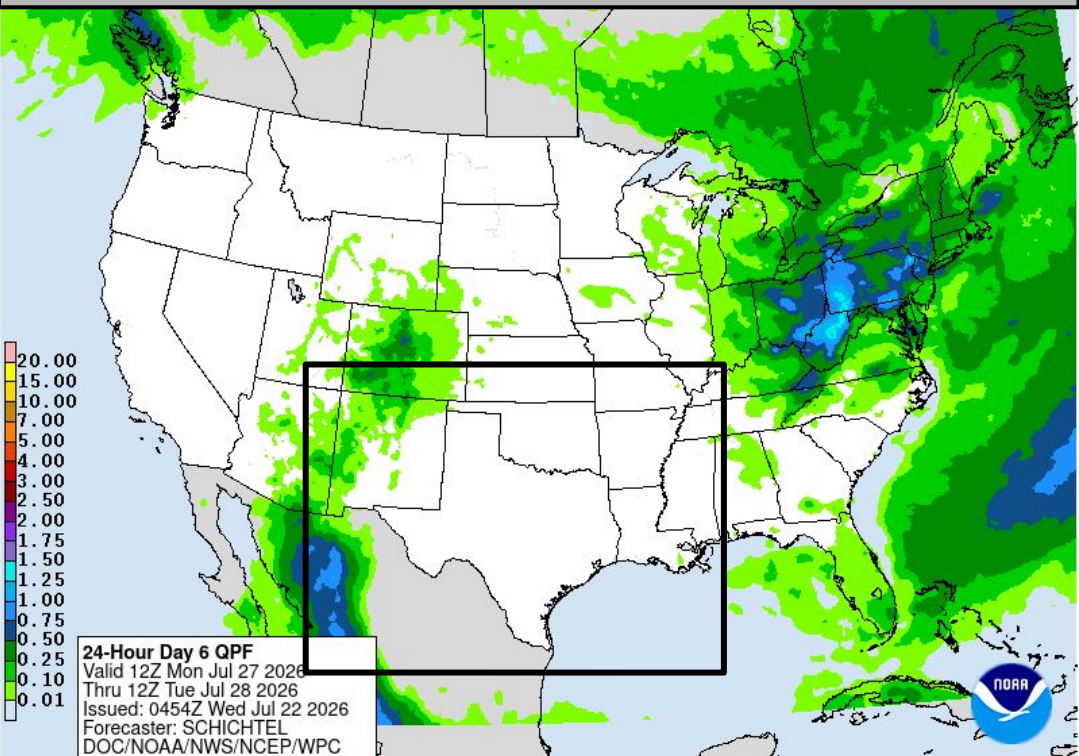


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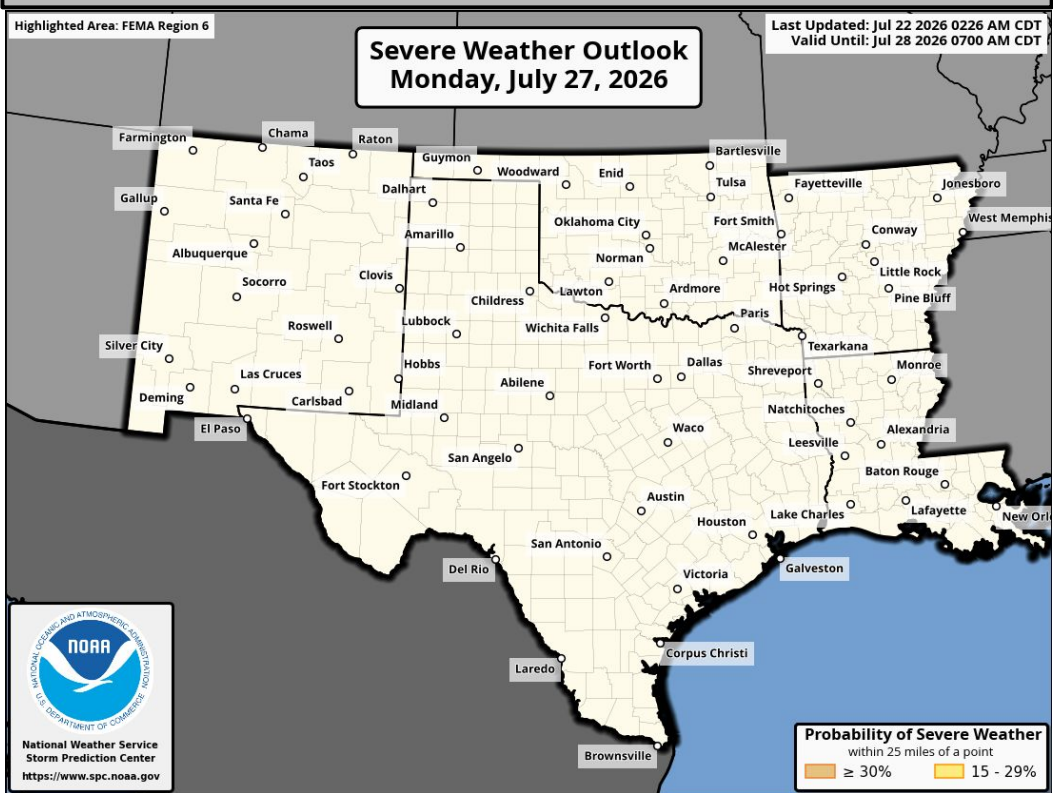


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



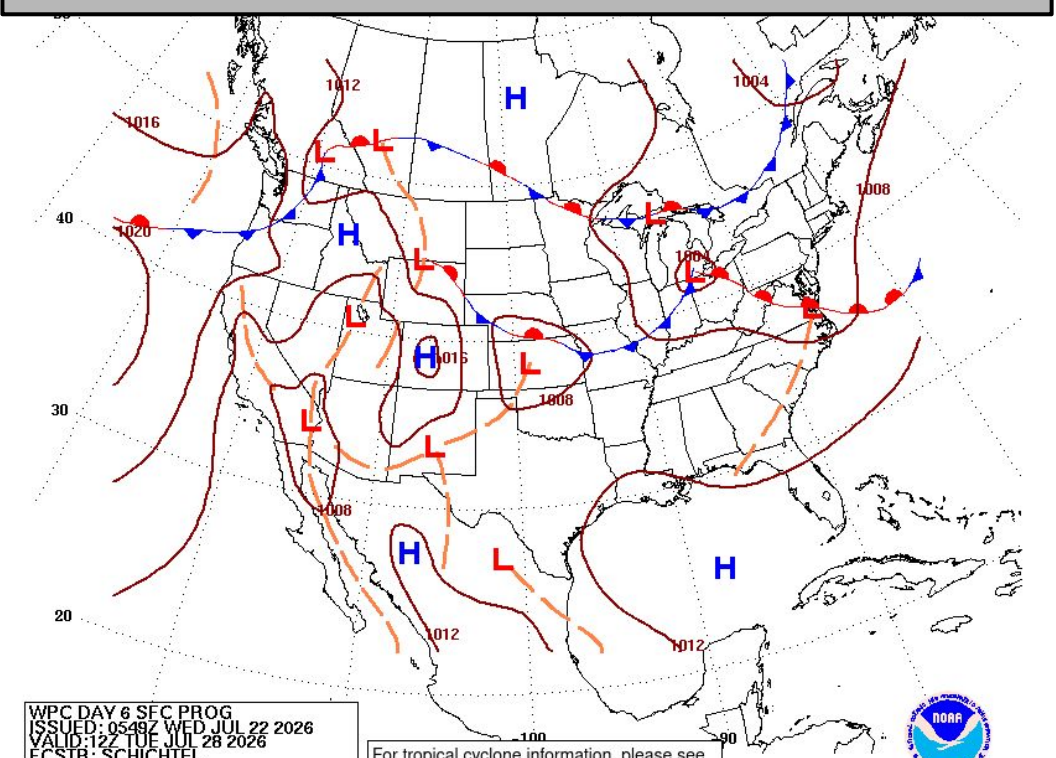
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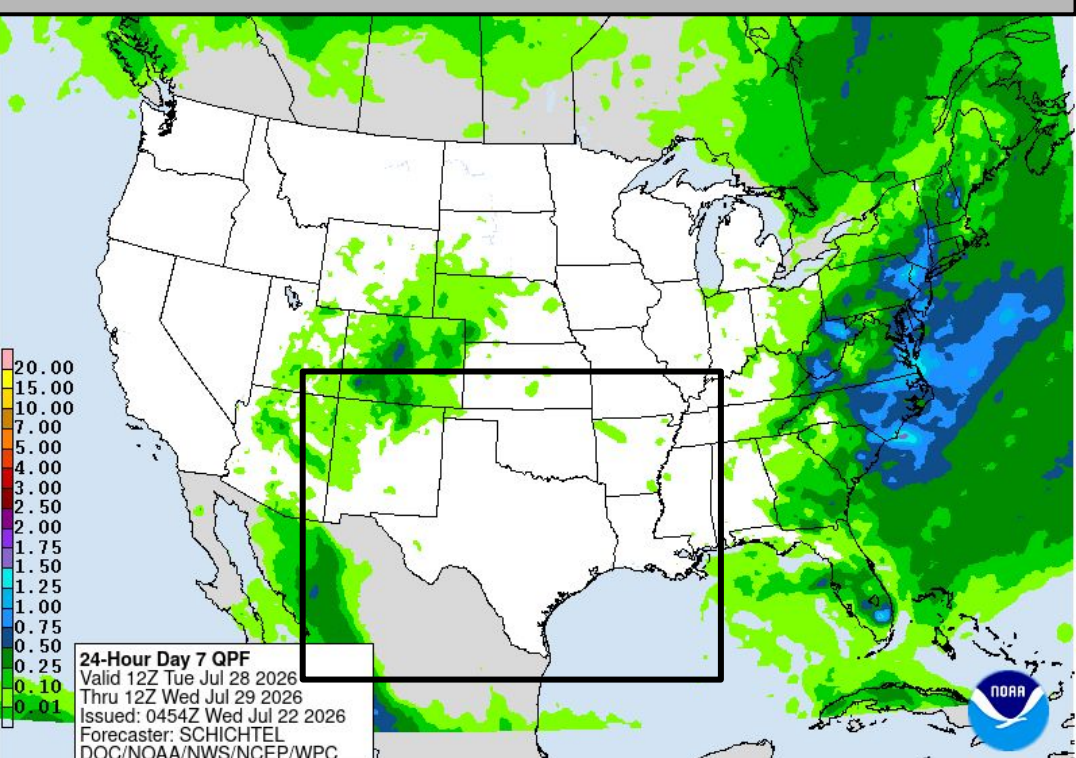


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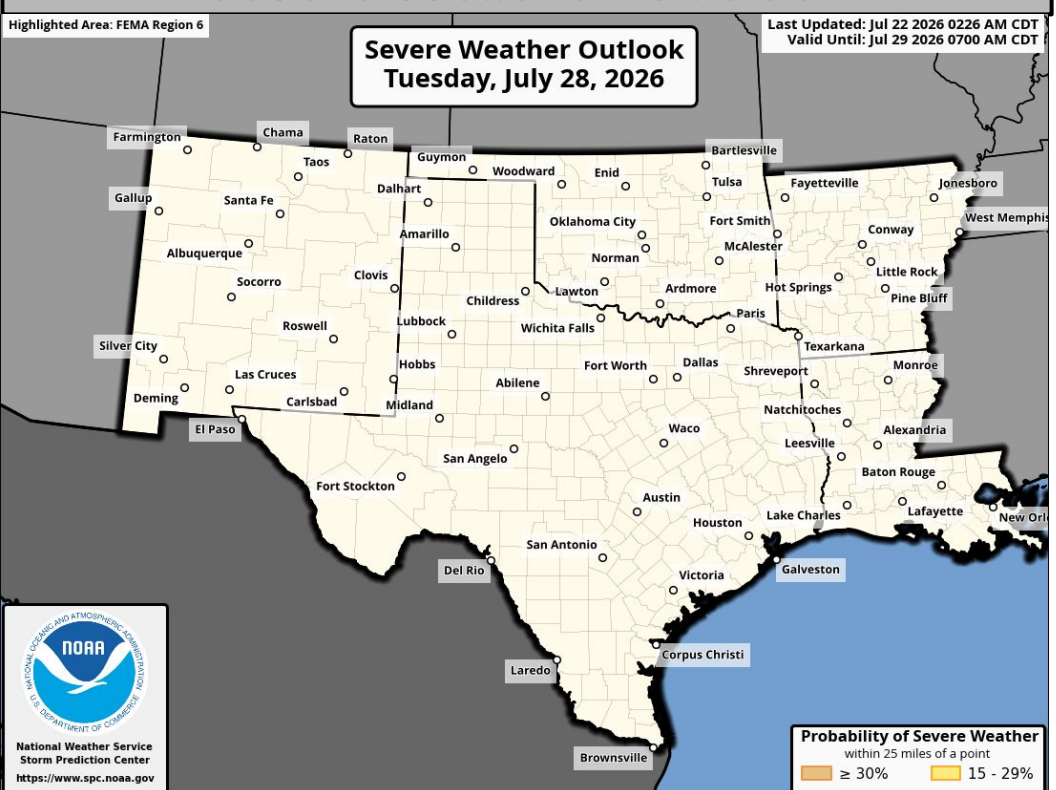


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Severe Weather Outlook

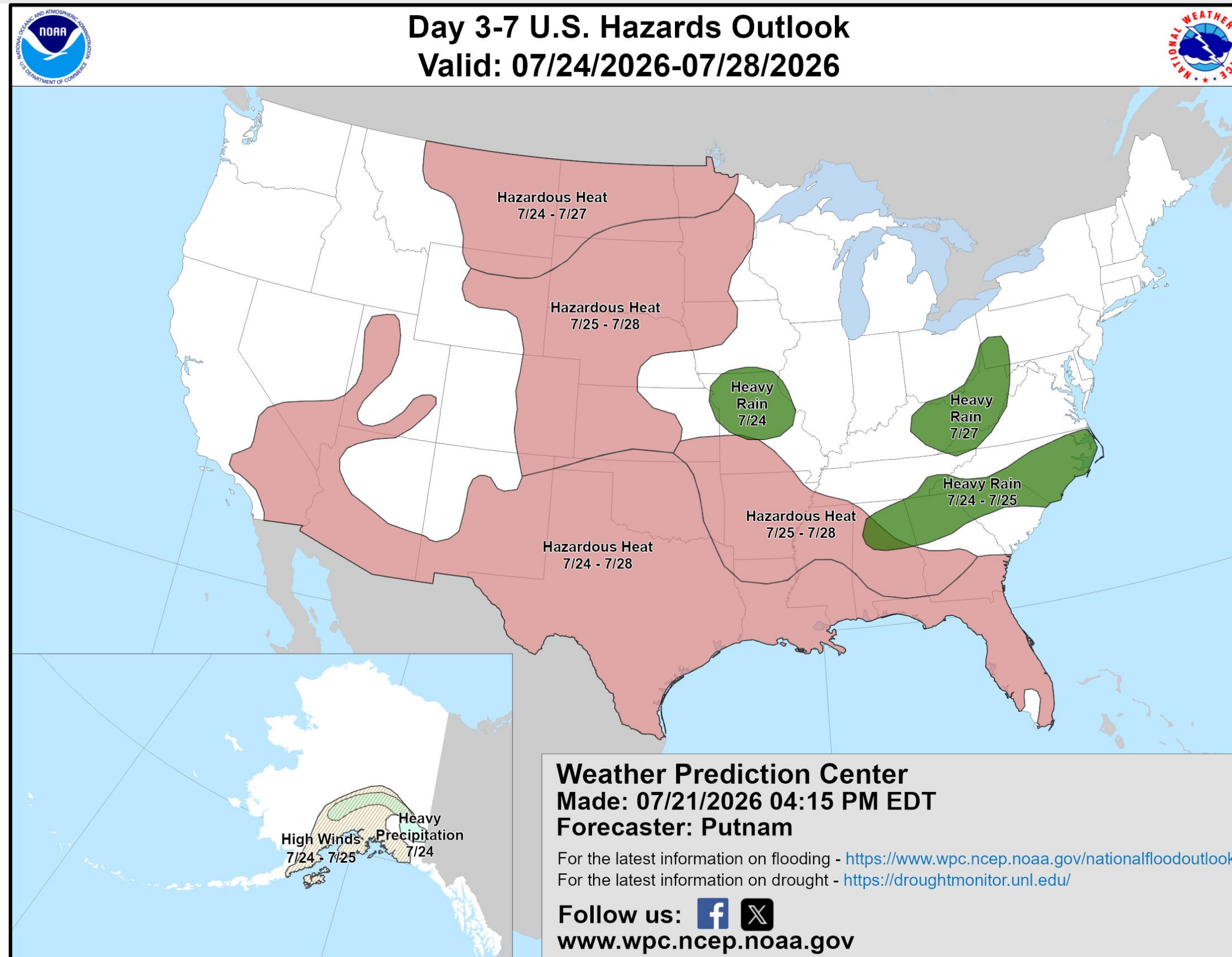


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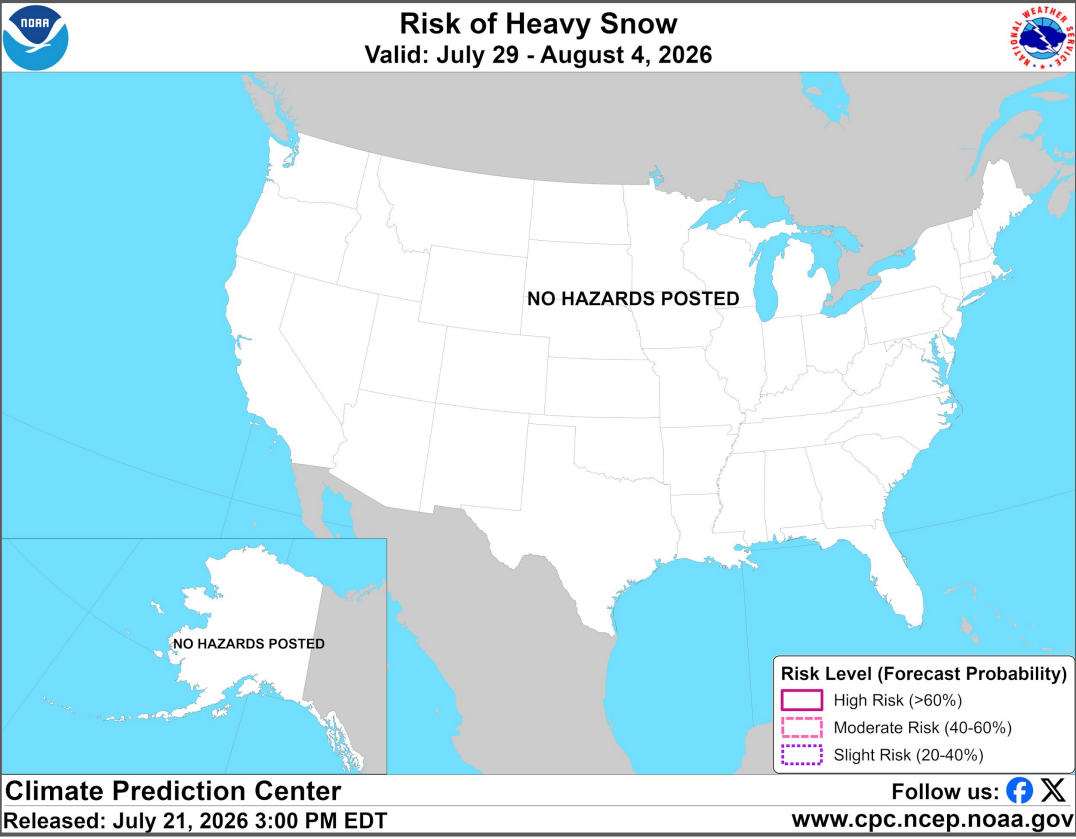
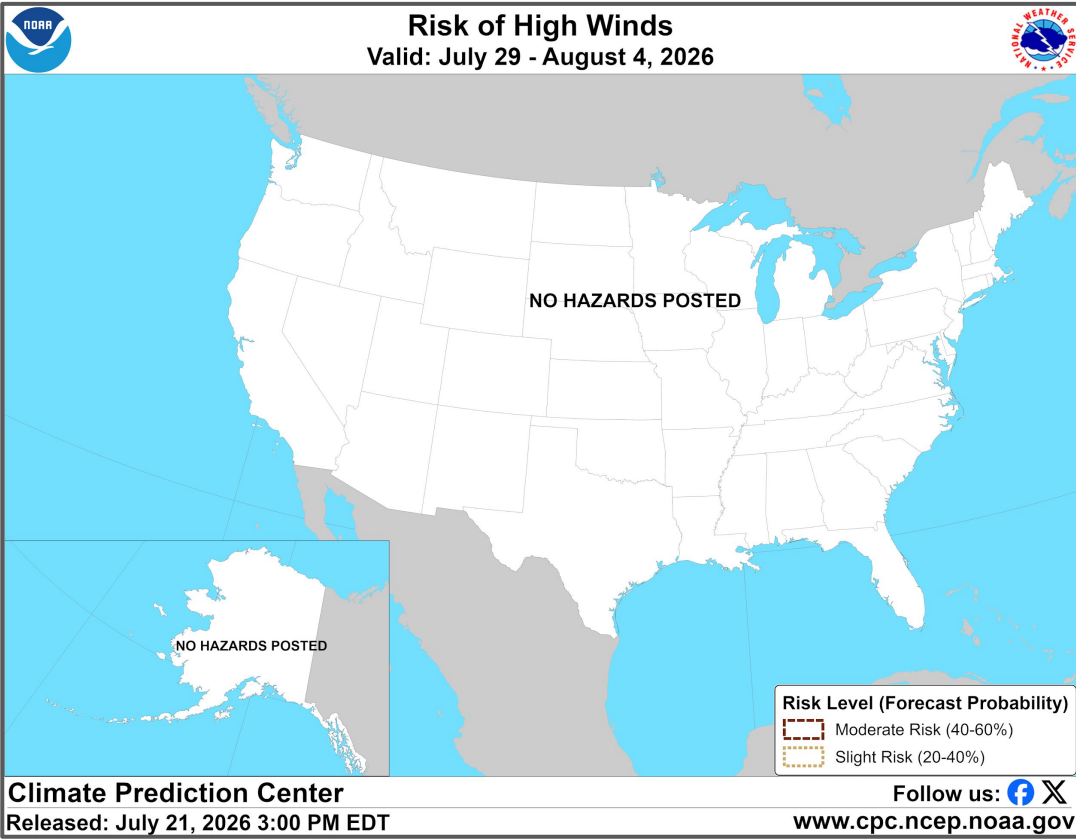
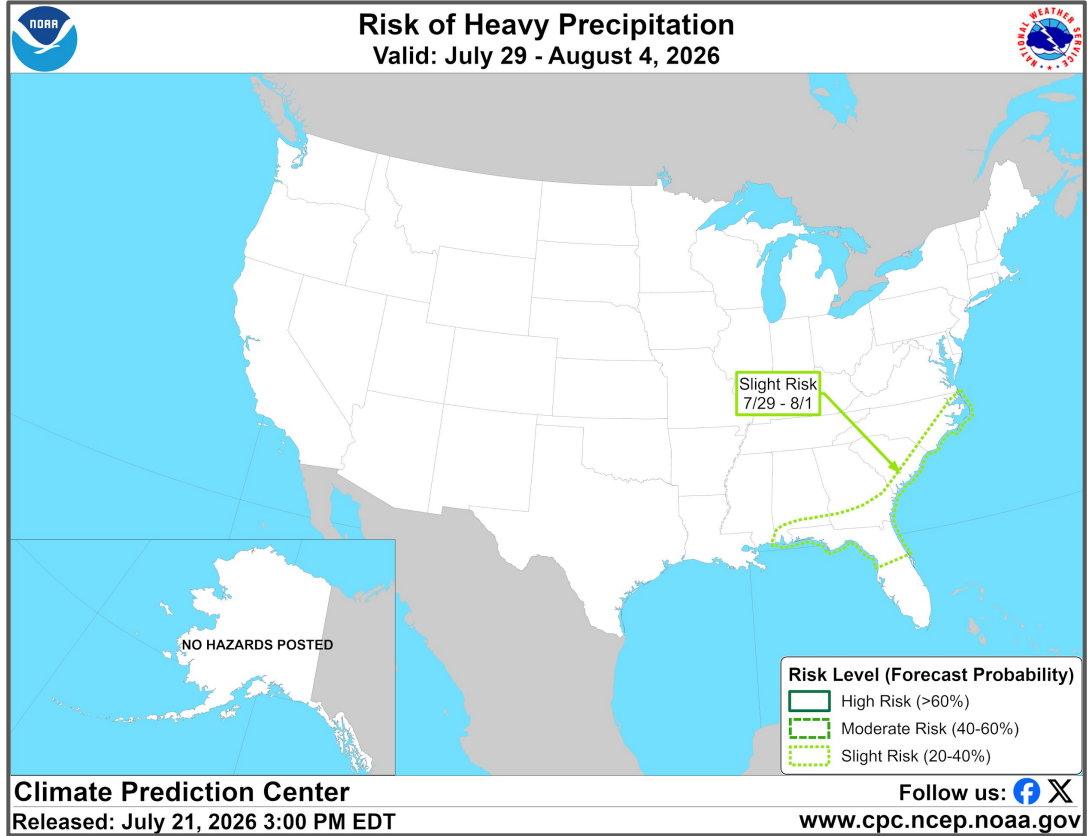
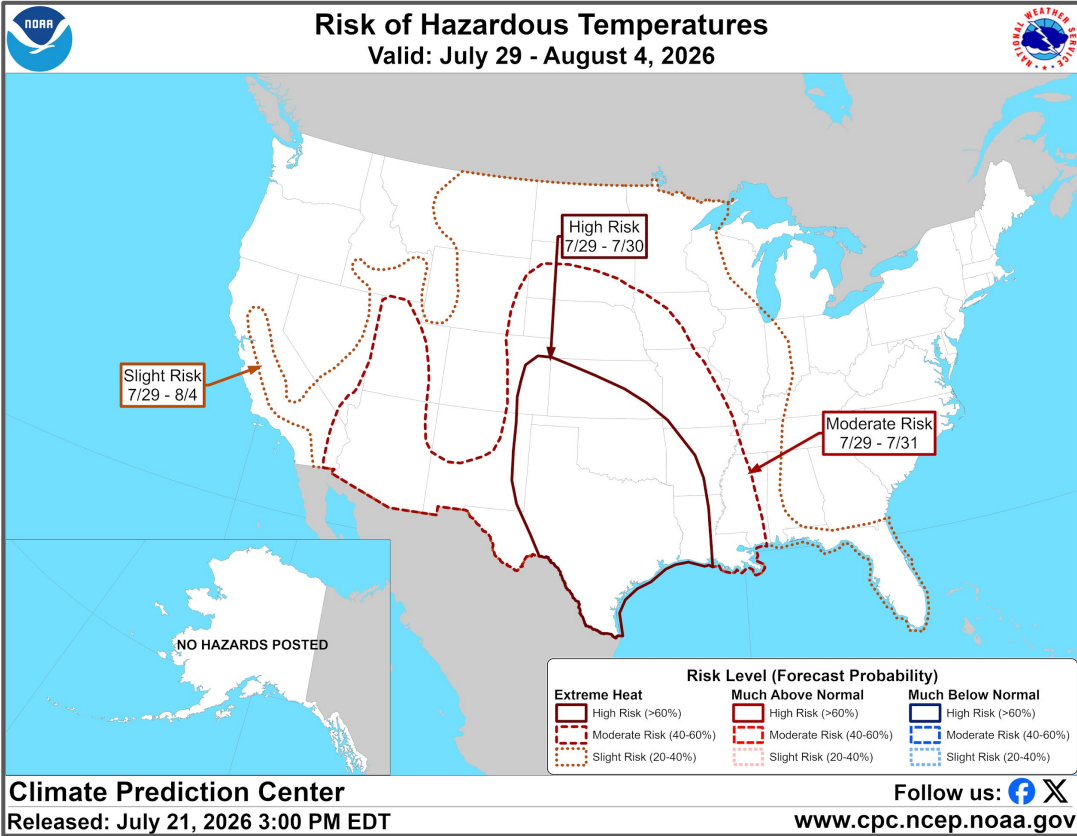
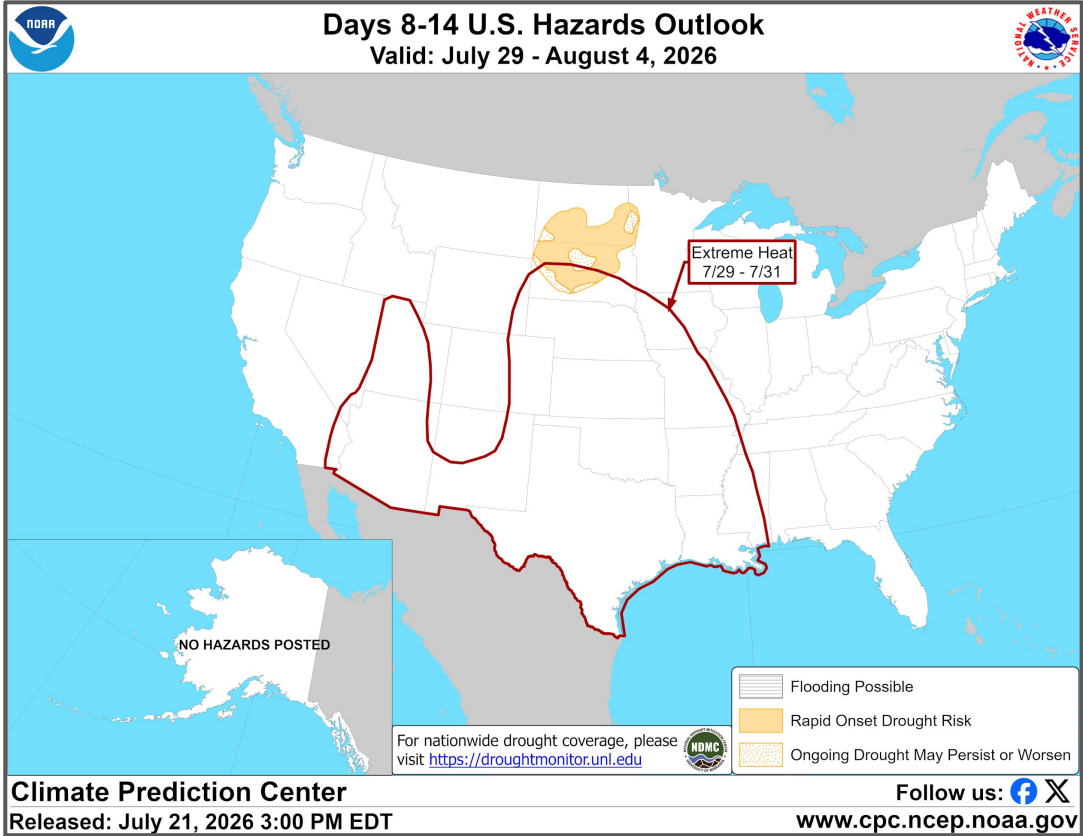


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





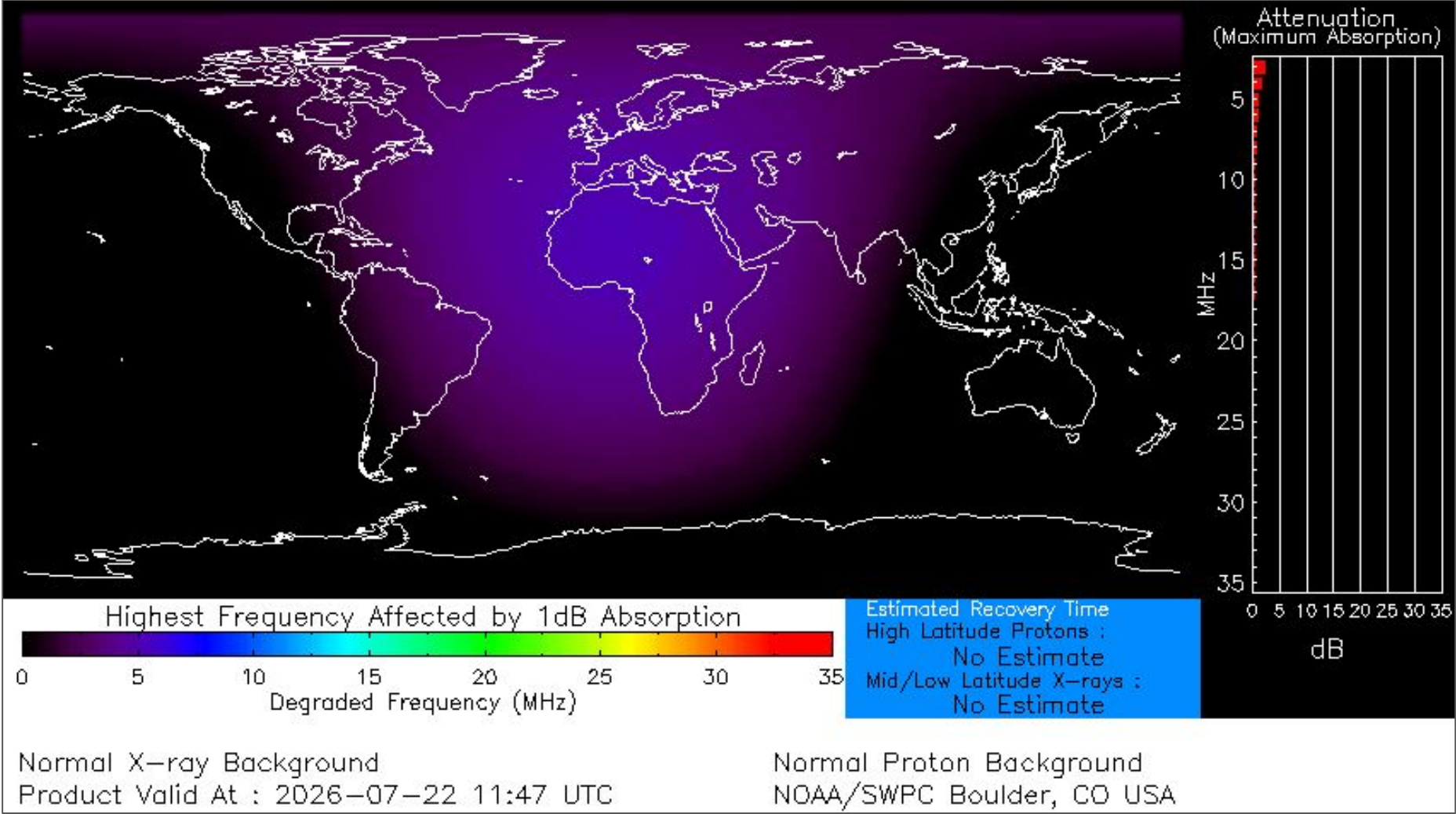
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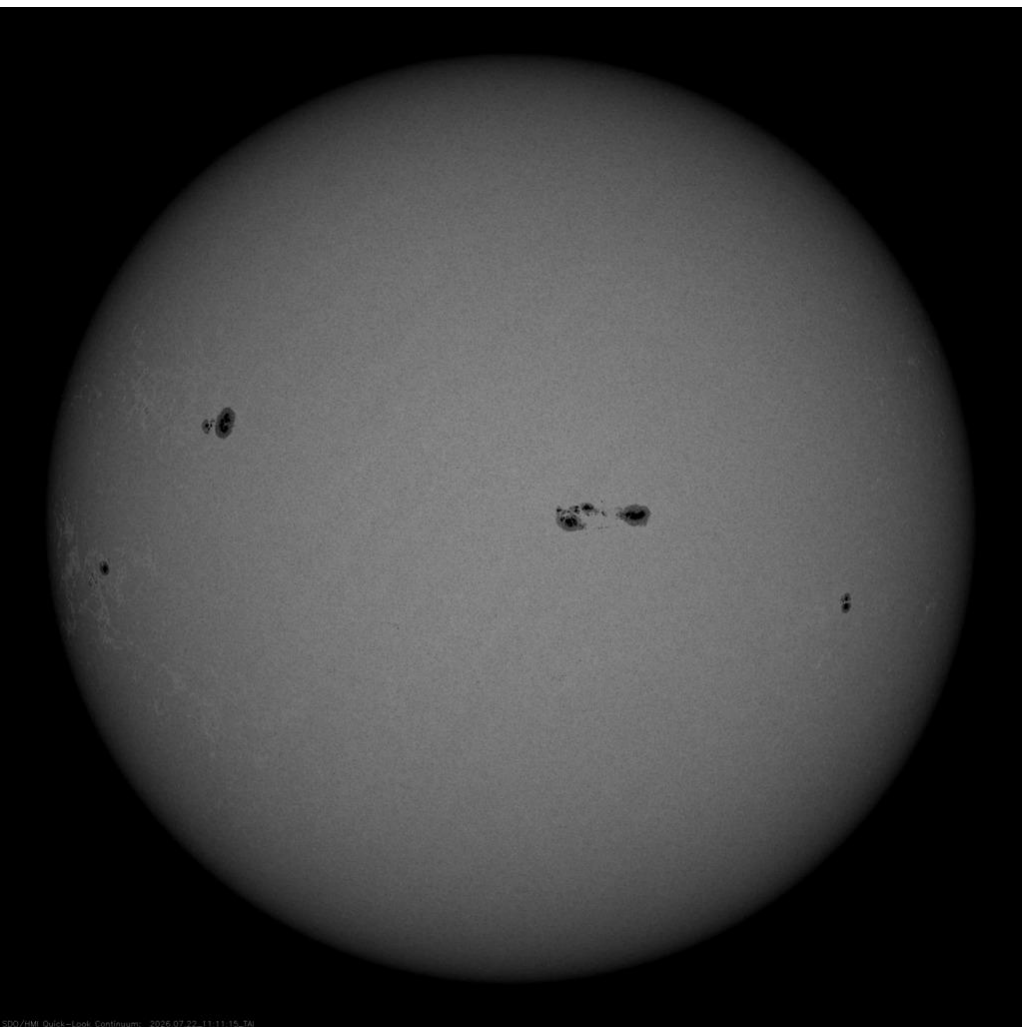
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Jul 22	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	10%	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
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