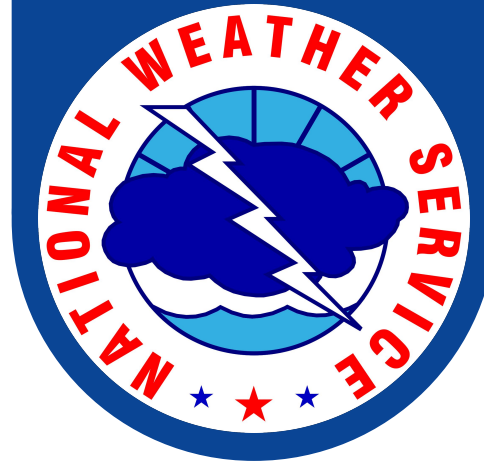




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, July 23, 2026

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Summary

- **Tropical:**

- **Tropical Storm Bertha**

- **Track:** Moving west at 13 mph, near/along coastal Louisiana.
 - **Intensity:** 45 mph with higher gusts.
 - **Watches/Warnings:** TS Warnings from Terrebonne/Lafourche Parish line, LA to Sargent, TX.
 - **Rainfall:** 2-4" with pockets of 6-8".

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over N NM, STX, SE AR, NE LA today.**
 - **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over E AR Friday and Marginal risk over NM, TX Panhandle, OK, N/E AR.**
 - **Marginal risk continues for portions of NM Saturday into mid next week.**
 - **S NM for Burn Scar flash flooding concerns are Low today, but will be Moderate Friday through Monday. Highest confidence for concerns is Saturday into Sunday.**

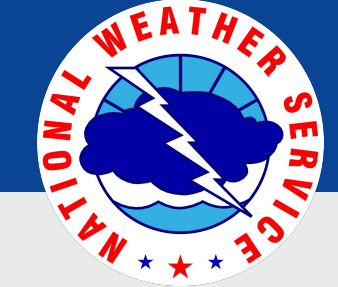
- **River Flooding:**

- **Nueces will be in major flood stage for several days as water moves downstream.**
 - **Frio at Tilden reached Major and forecast to fall out of Major flooding Friday and below Moderate Saturday.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Monitoring TX Panhandle for low end fire weather concerns today and Saturday.**





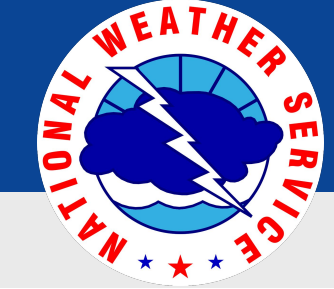
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

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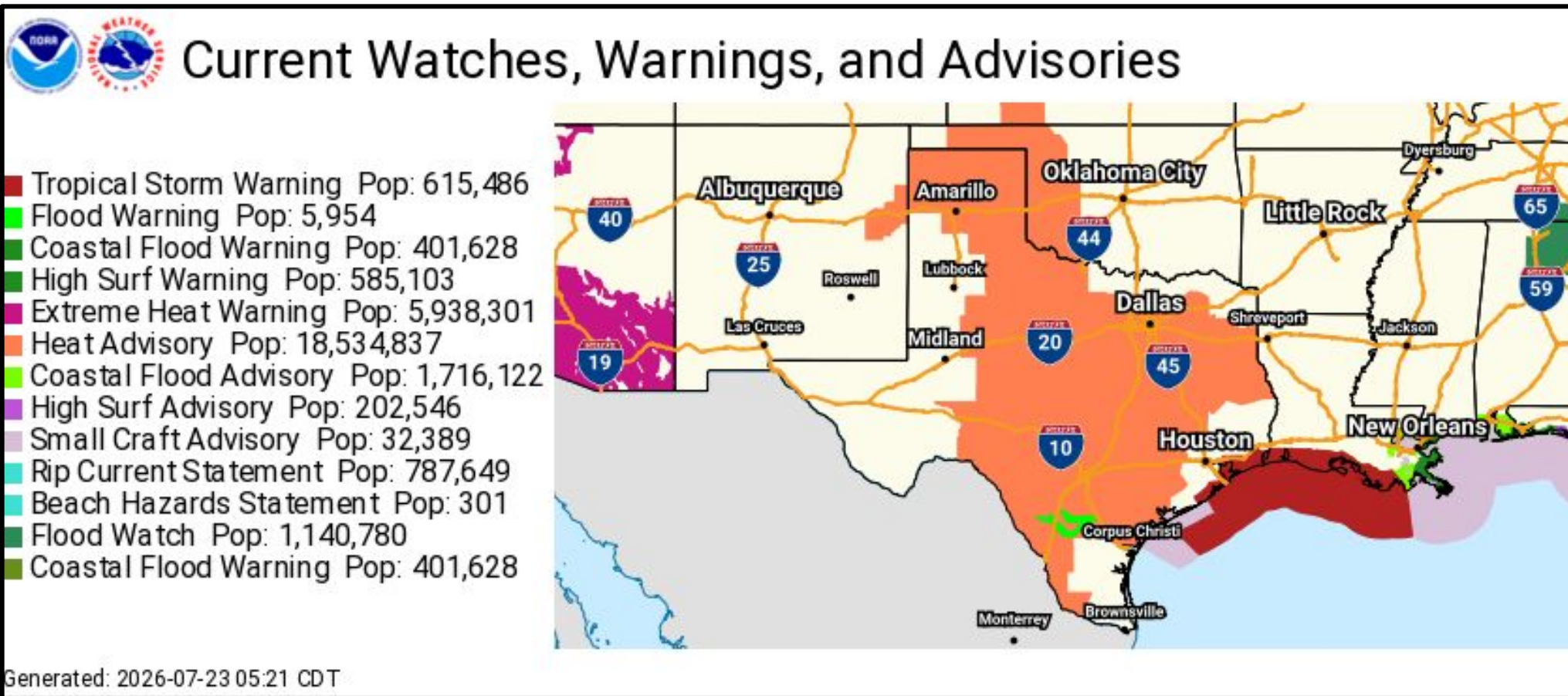
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Severe Storms	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, STX						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N NM, STX, SE AR, NE LA	E AR	NM, NE AR	NM	W NM	N NM	N NM
		NM, TX Panhandle, OK, N/E AR					
Fire Weather	TX Panhandle		TX Panhandle				
Tropical	S LA, TX Gulf Coast, STX	STX					
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



Heat Advisories in E NM, W OK, TX through 8 PM CDT.

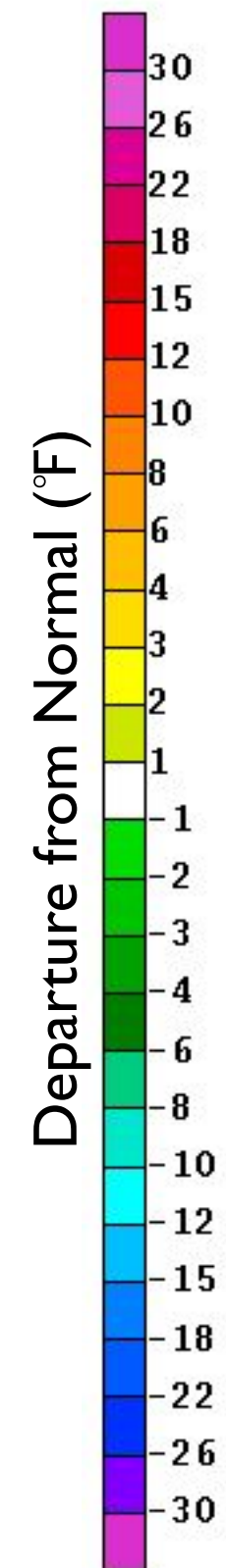
Tropical Storm Warning - immediate coastal areas from Terrebonne/Lafourche Parish line, LA to Sargent, TX.



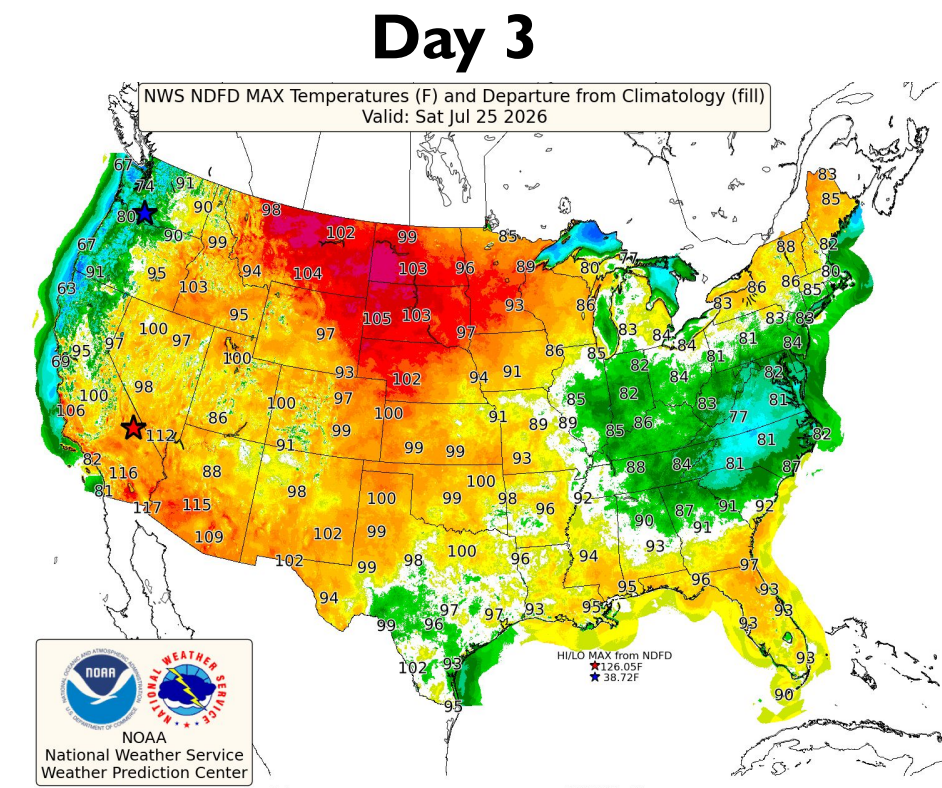
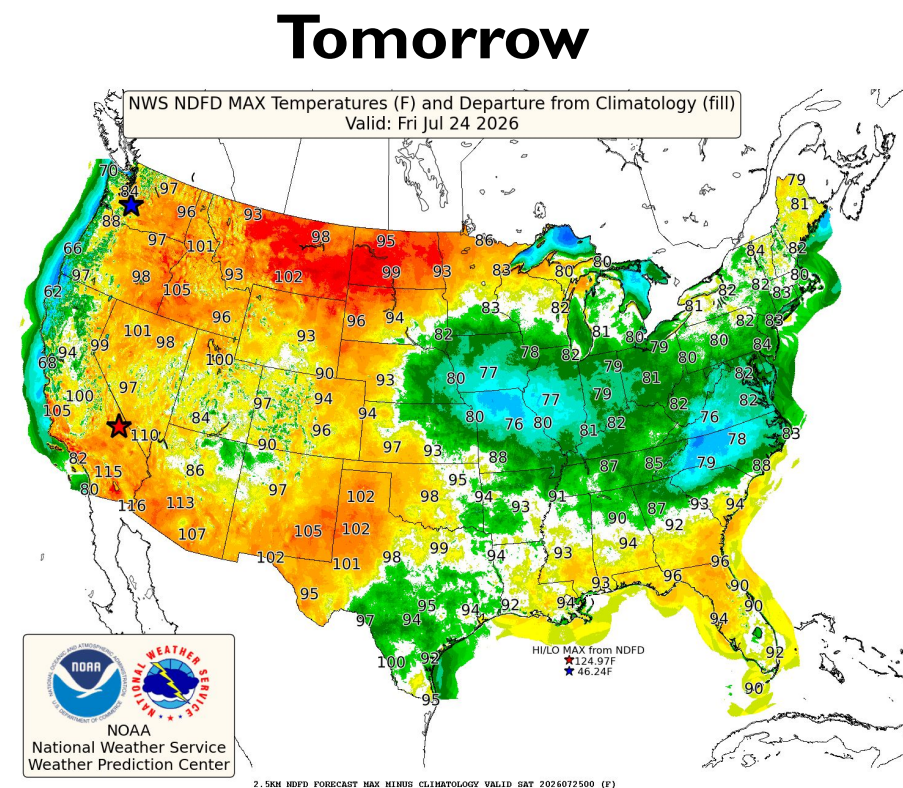
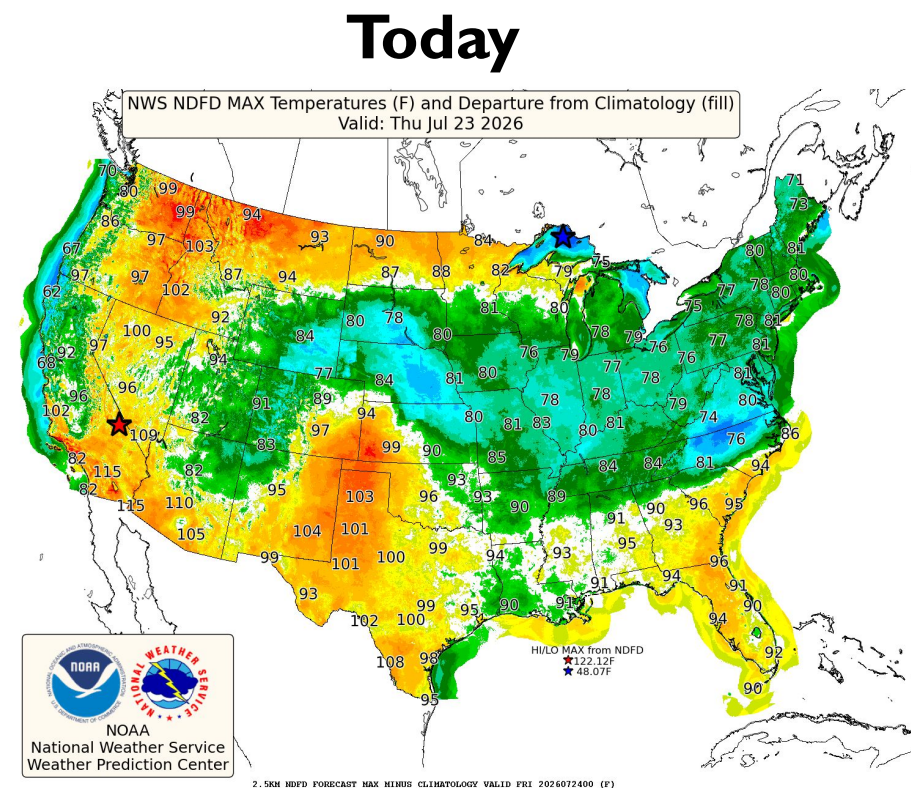


High and Low Temperatures Next 3 Days

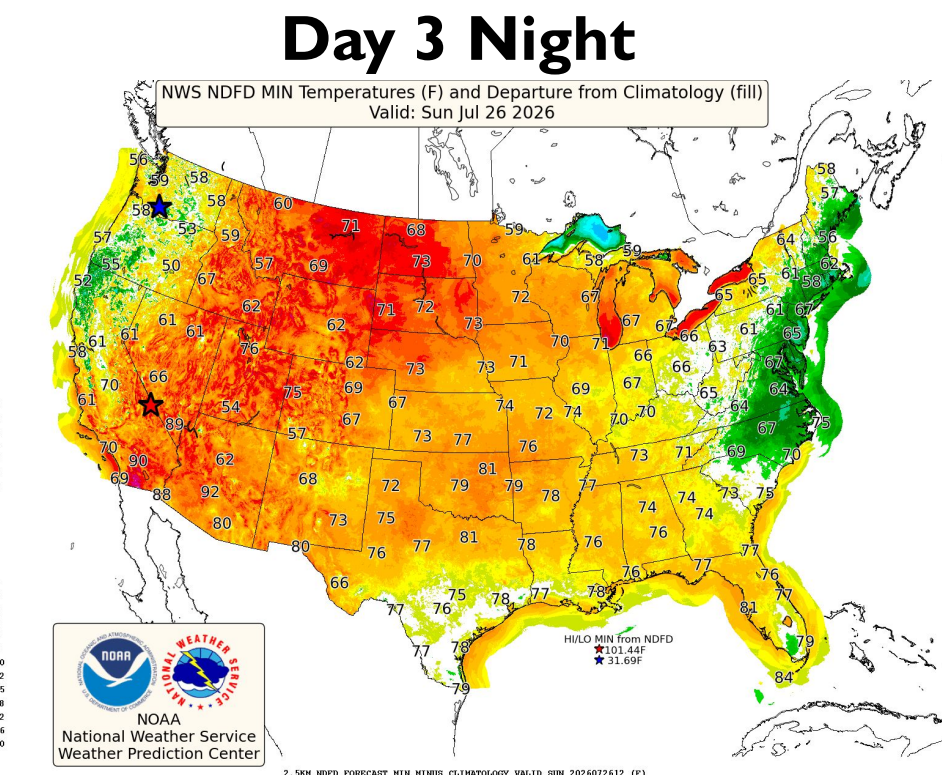
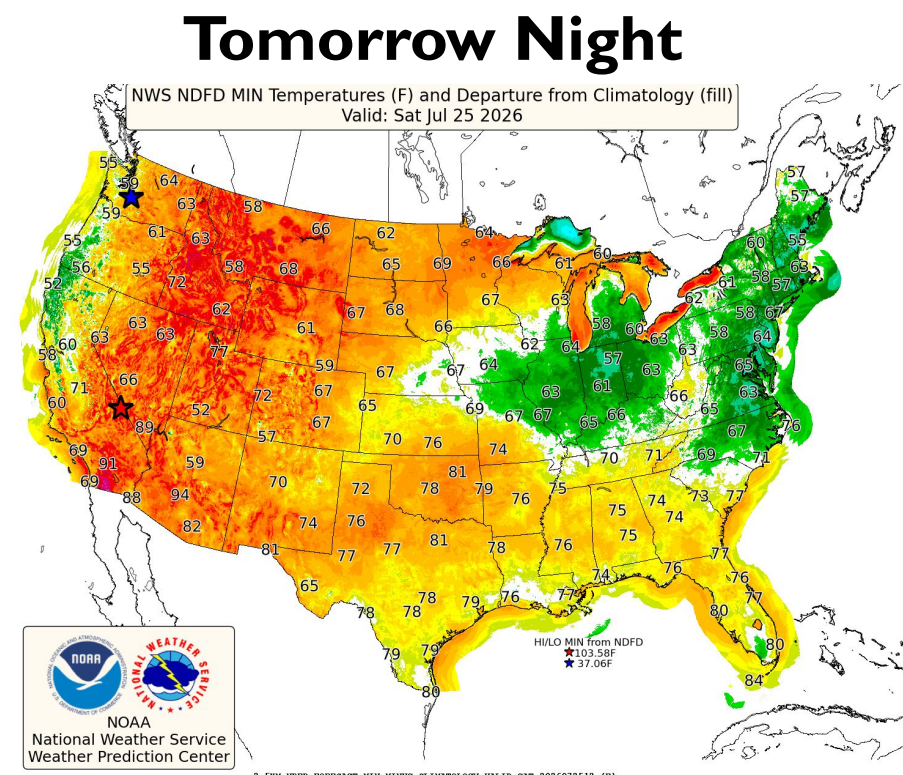
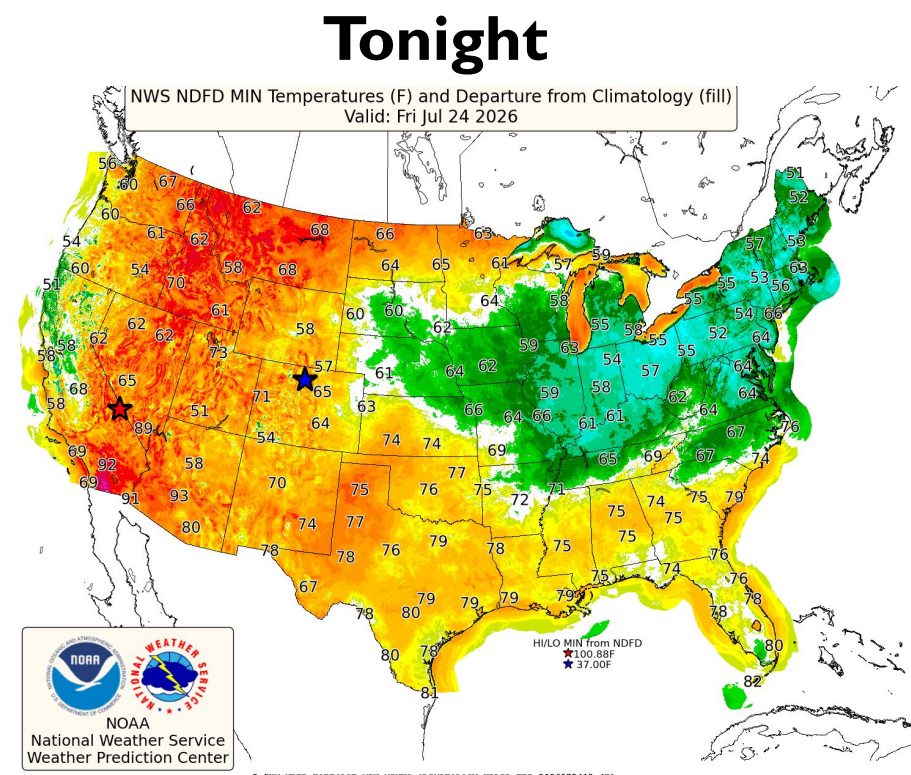
Colors are Departure from Normal (Reds/Oranges = Above Normal, Greens/Blues/Purples = Below Normal)



Highs



Lows



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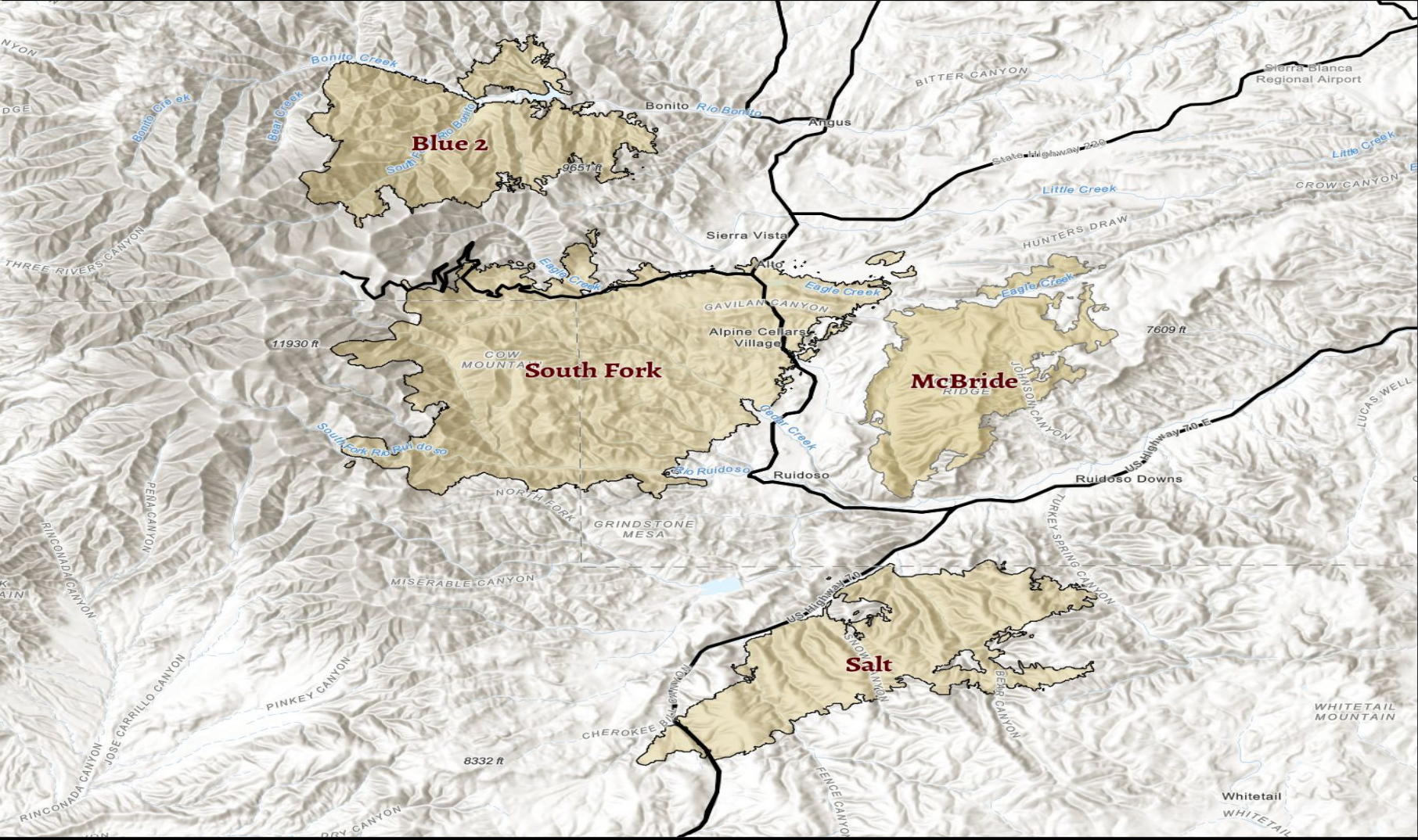
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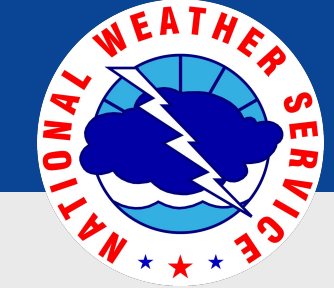
Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24	Saturday, Jul 25	Sunday, Jul 26	Monday, Jul 27
Flash Flooding	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Timing - CDT		Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening

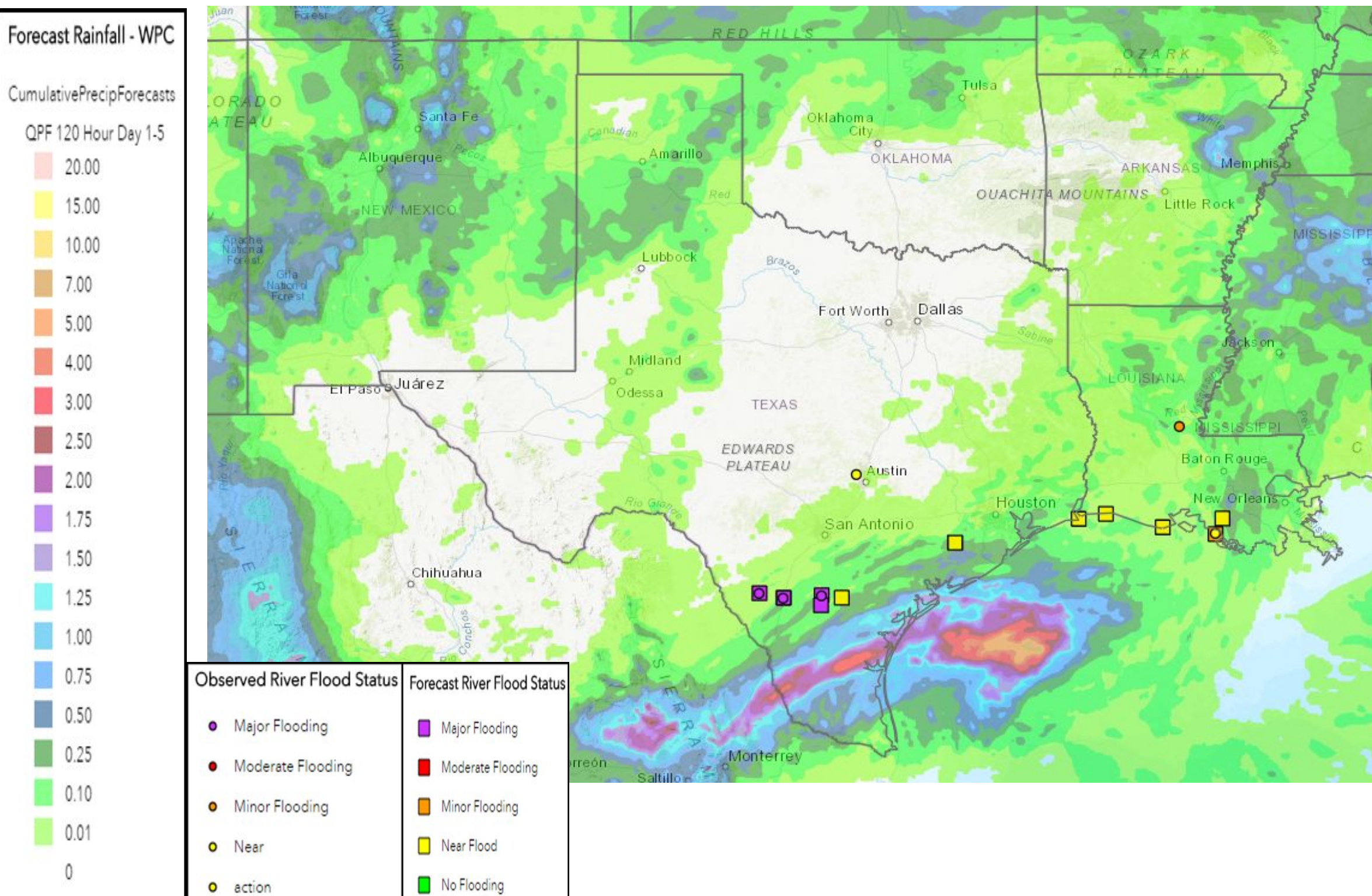


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



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 hit Major Flood Stage and is forecast to fall below Major on Friday and Moderate 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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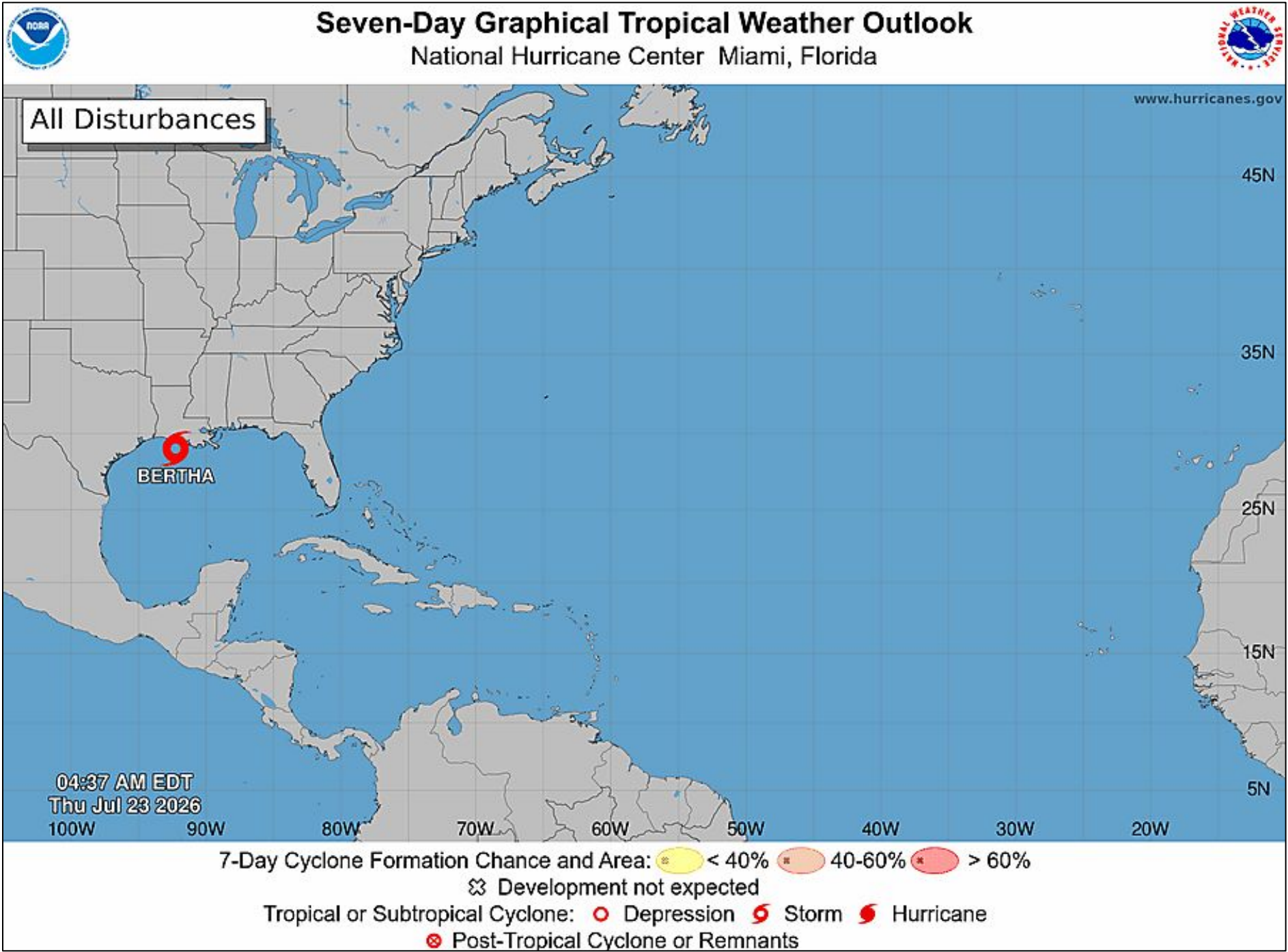
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

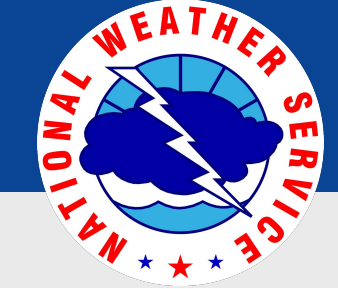
Active Tropical Cyclones

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



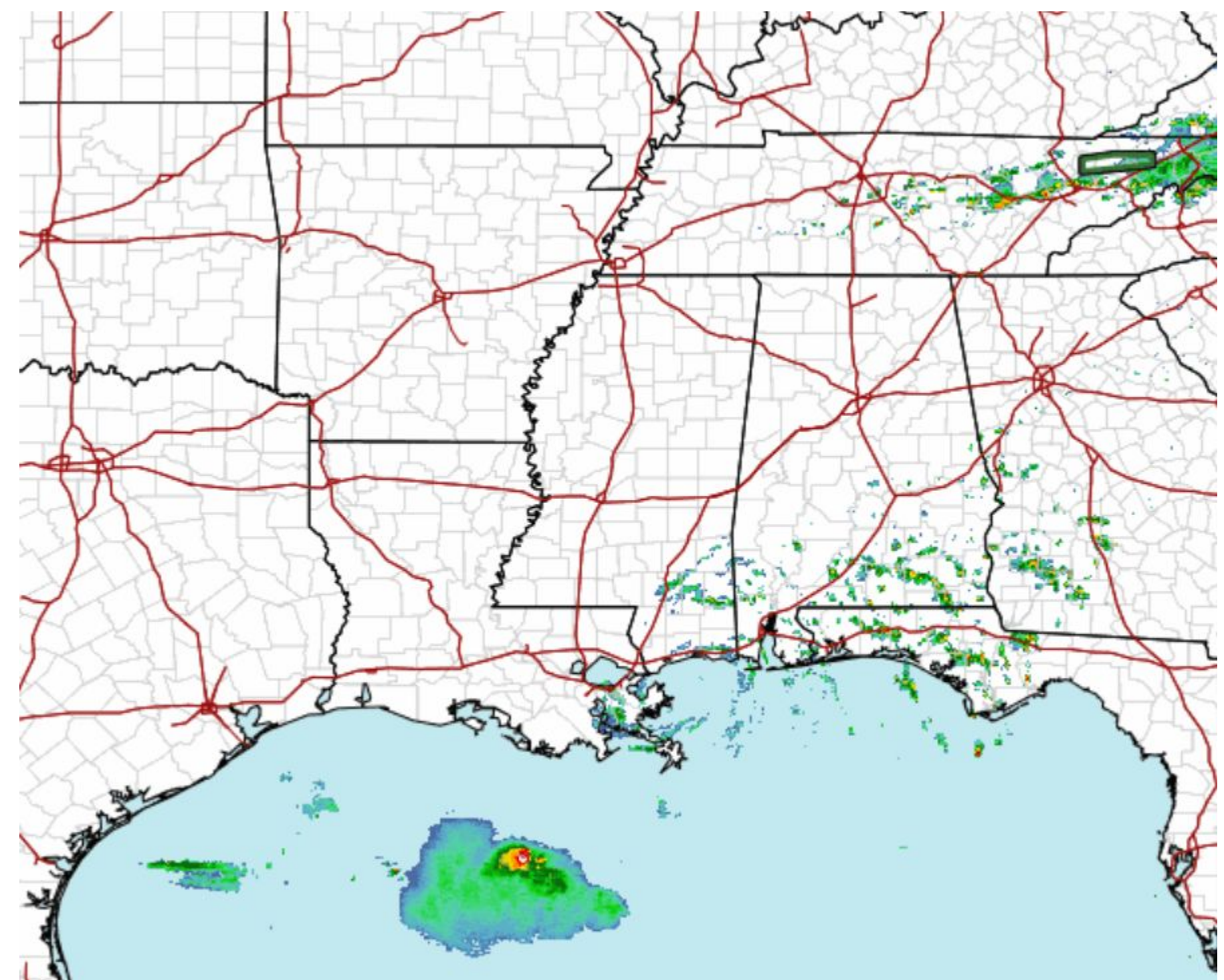
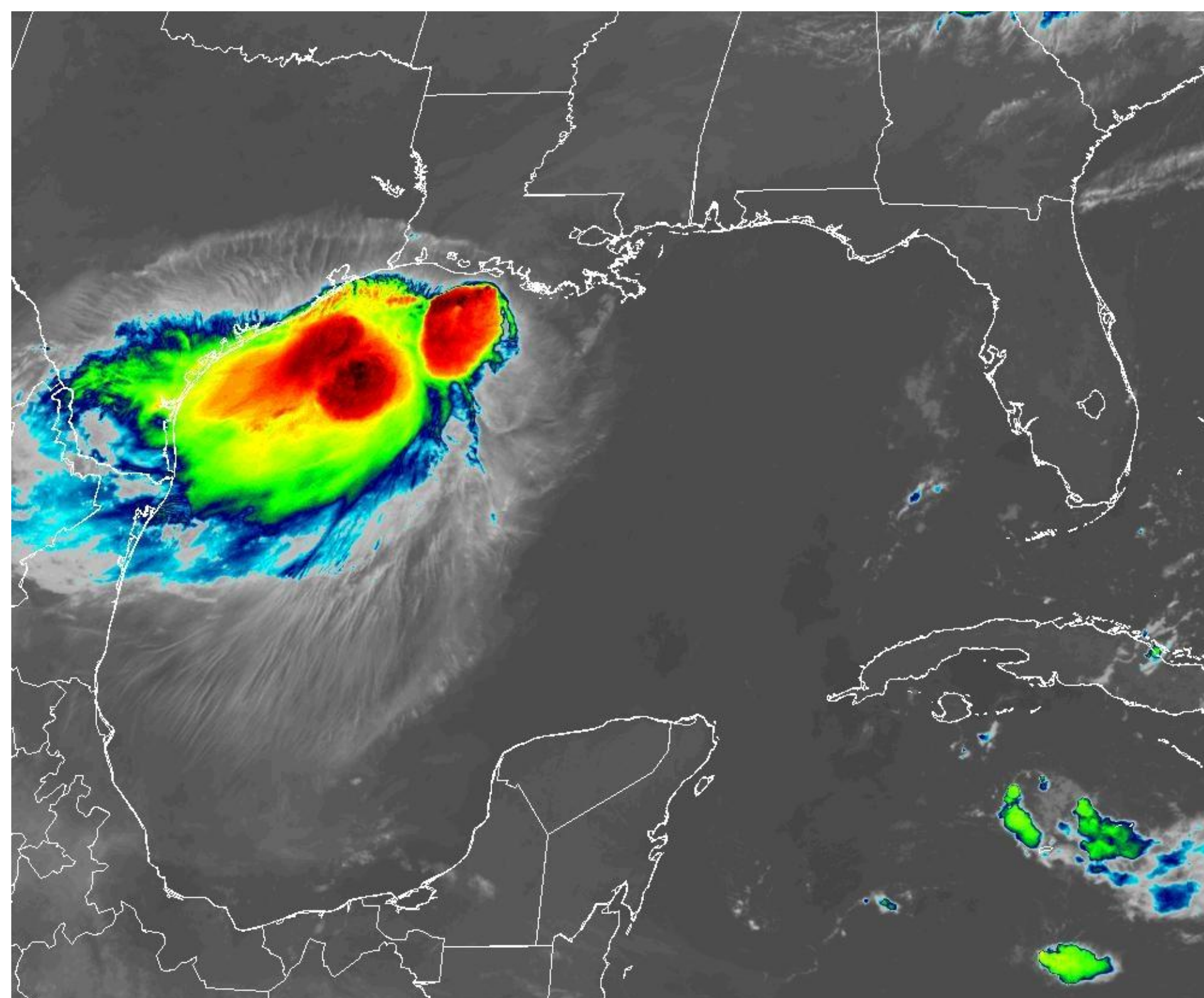
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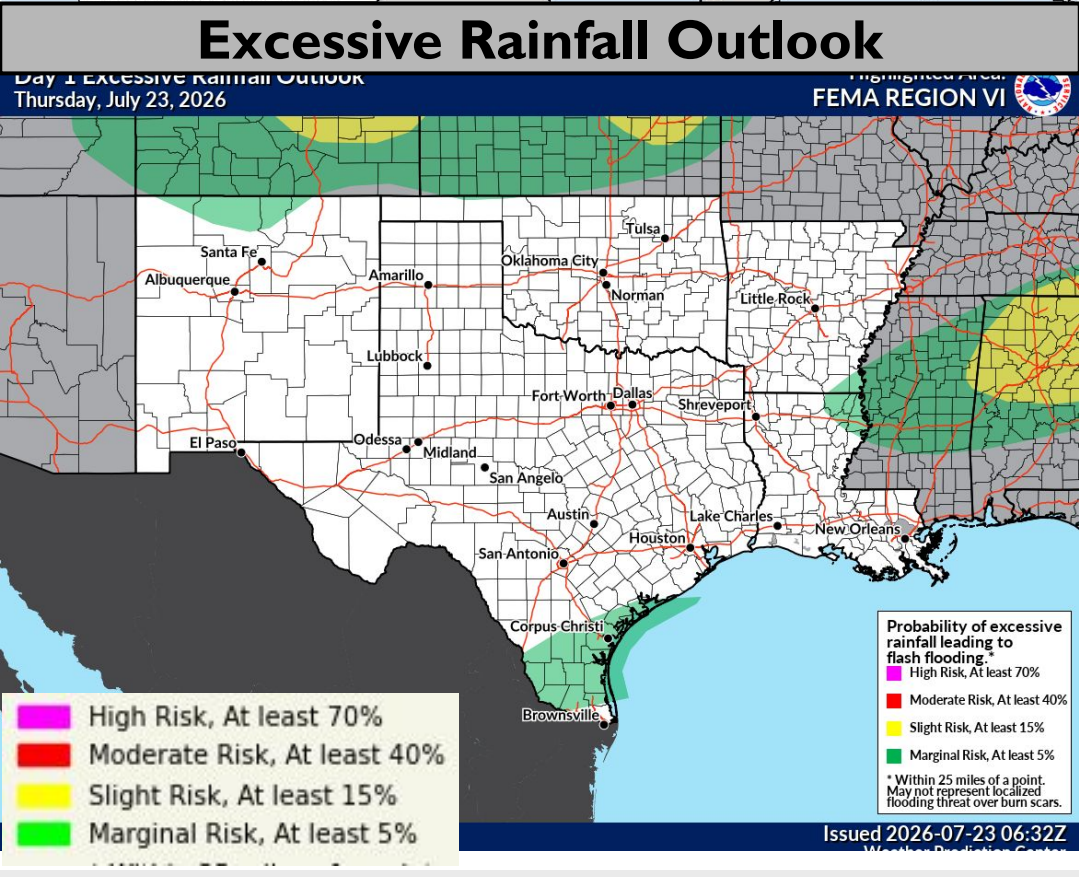
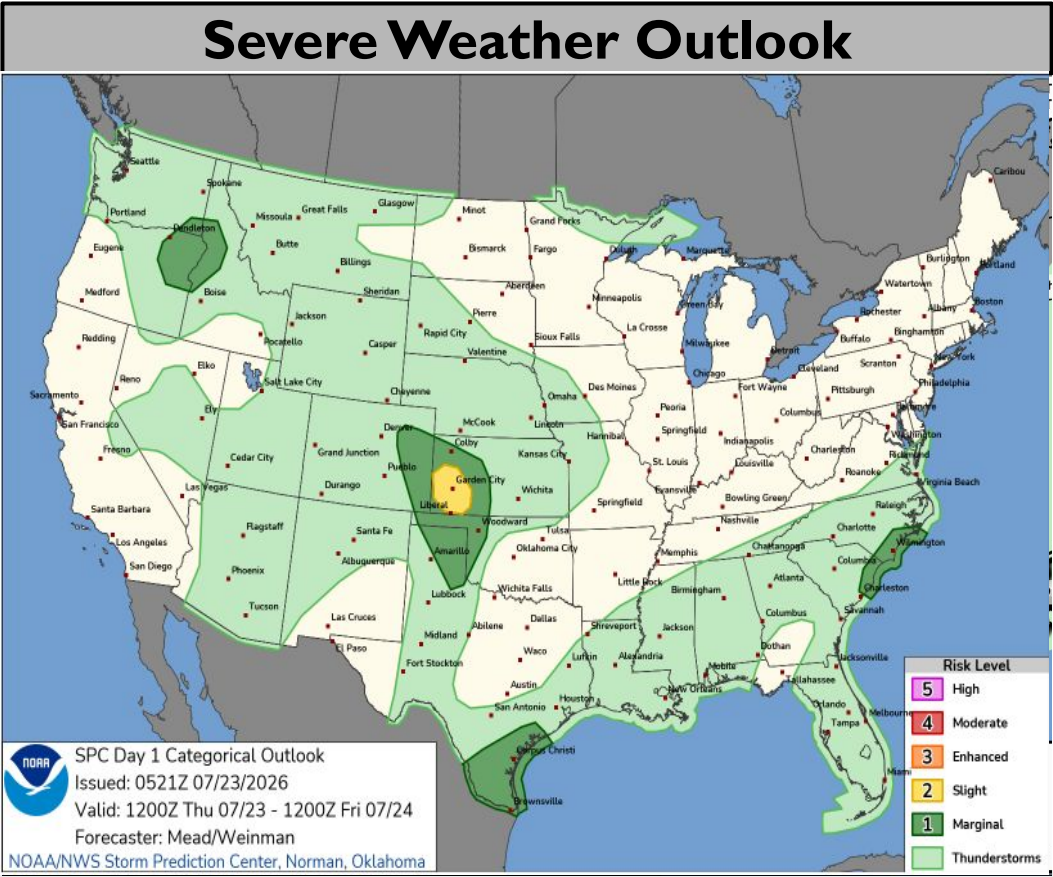
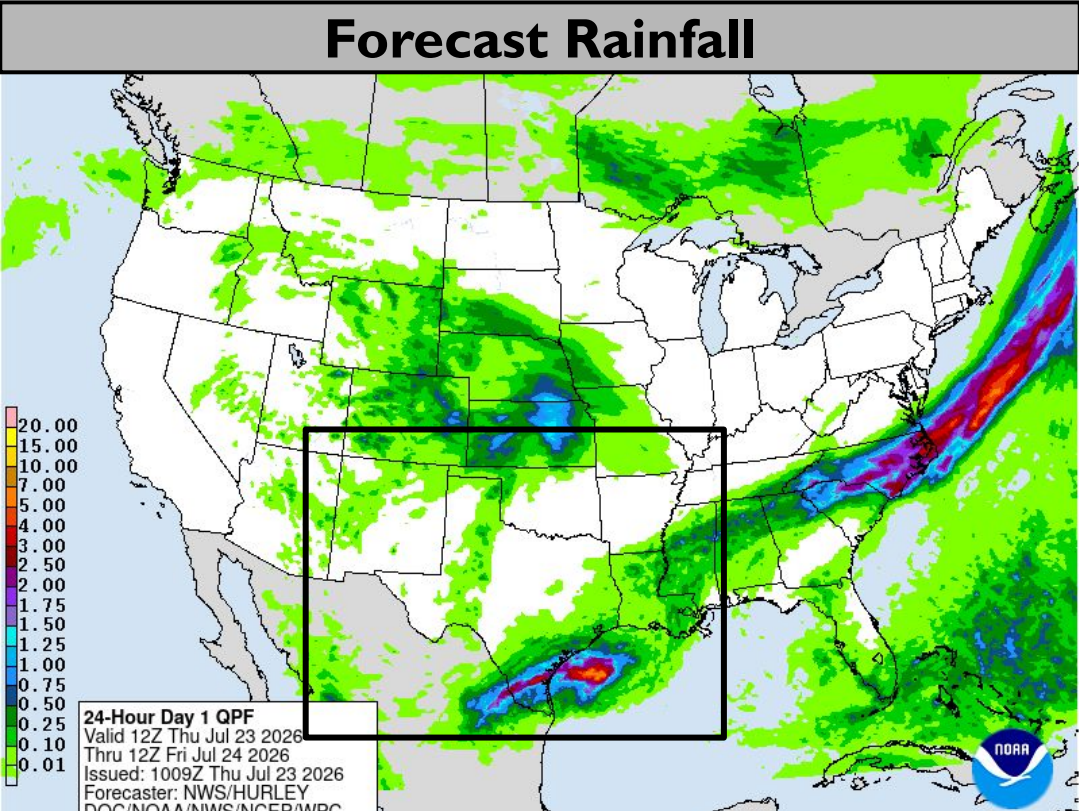
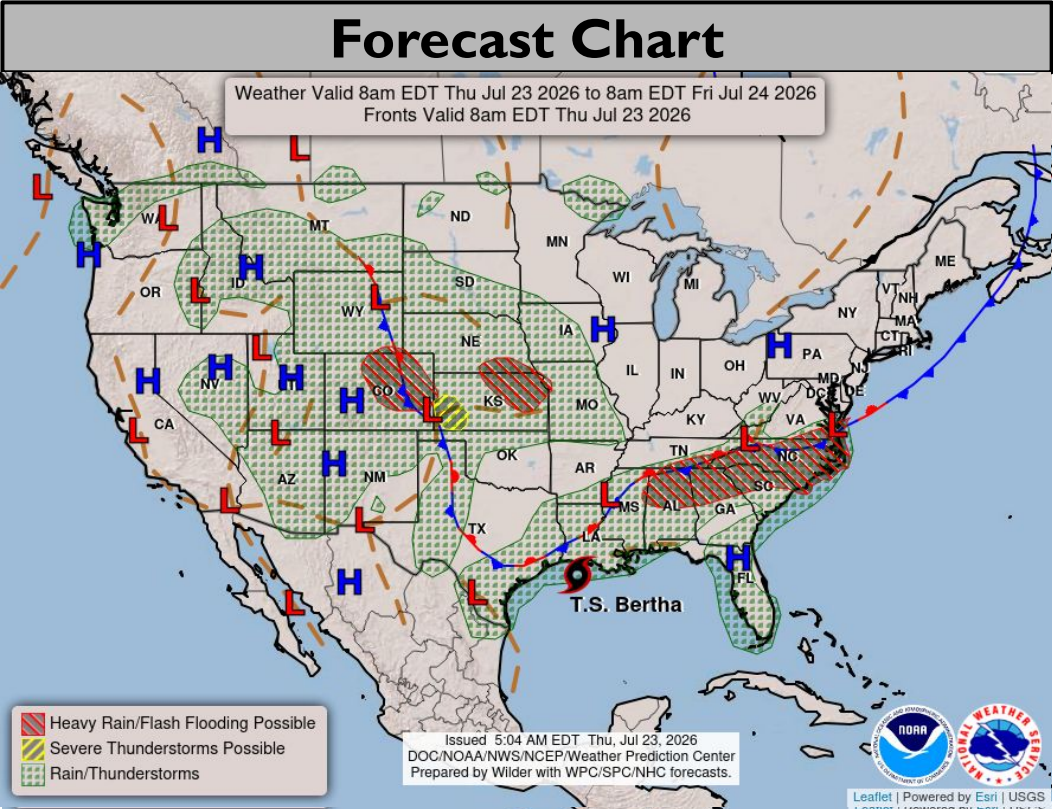
Tropical Storm Bertha

- Tropical storm conditions spreading west from south-central LA to upper TX coast today.
- Bertha is expected to maintain TS strength until reaching upper TX coast later today, then dissipating over TX tonight/Friday.
- Storm Surge - 1-3 feet for Port Bolivar to Mouth of Mississippi.
- Locally heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding - Marginal (level 1 of 4).
- Rip currents - Moderate to High.





Today's Weather



TS impacts to S LA, TX Gulf Coast, STX.

Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in N NM, STX, SE AR, NE LA.

For STX: 2-4" with pockets of 6-8".

Additional river impacts to TX Hill Country are not expected.

Marginal risk (level I of 5) for severe storms over TX/OK Panhandles, W OK.

Monitoring for low end fire weather conditions in TX Panhandle.

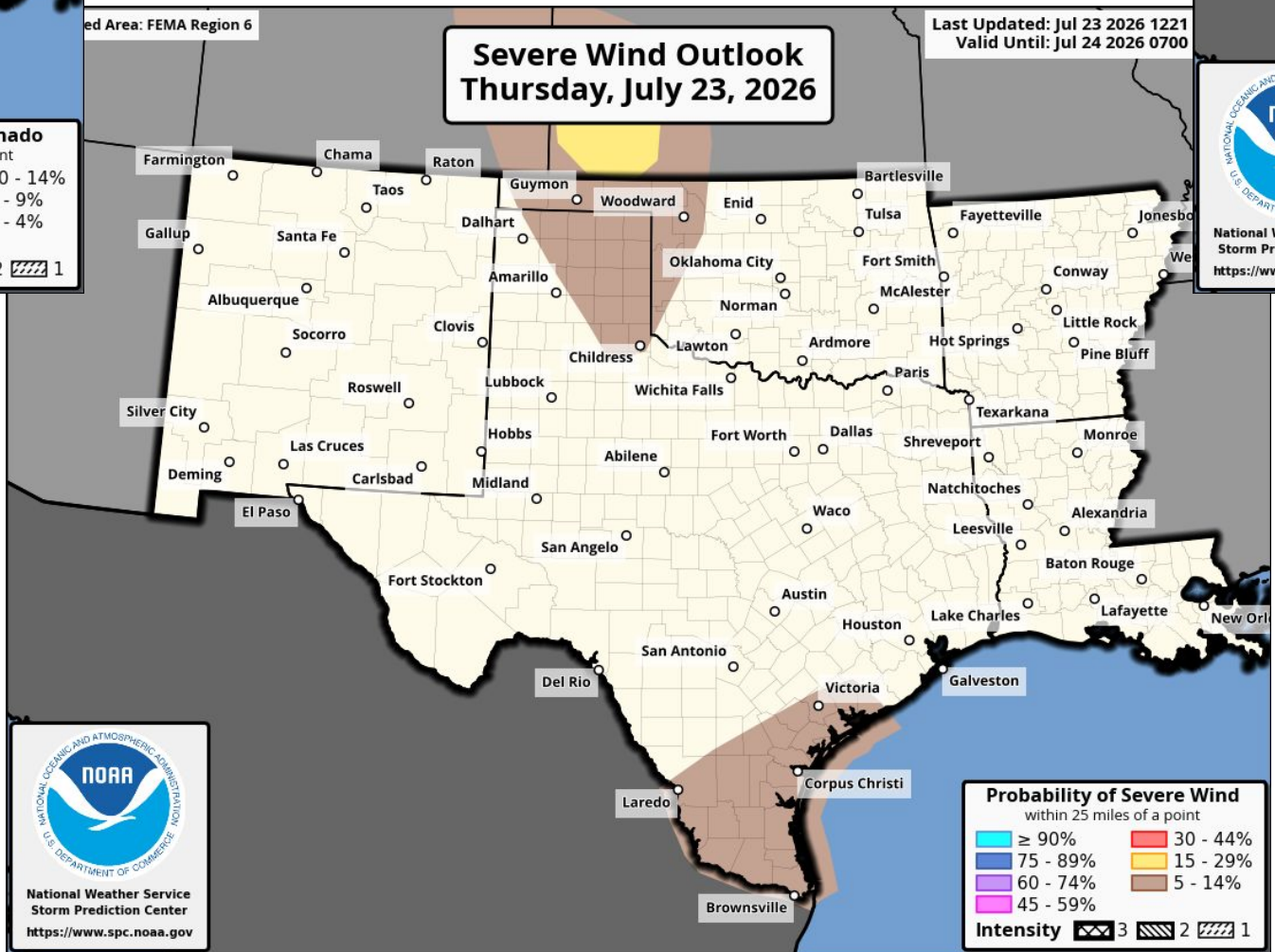
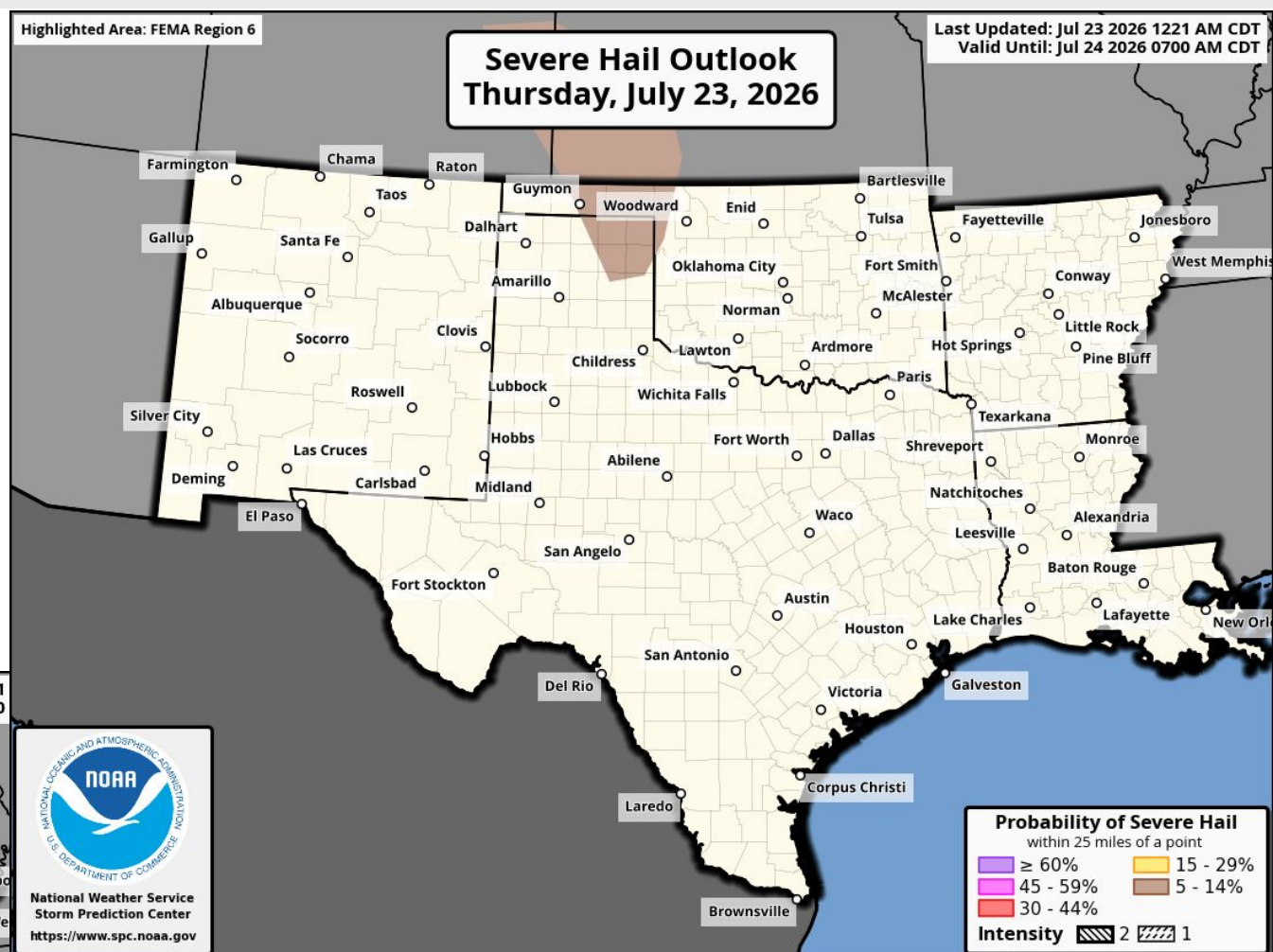
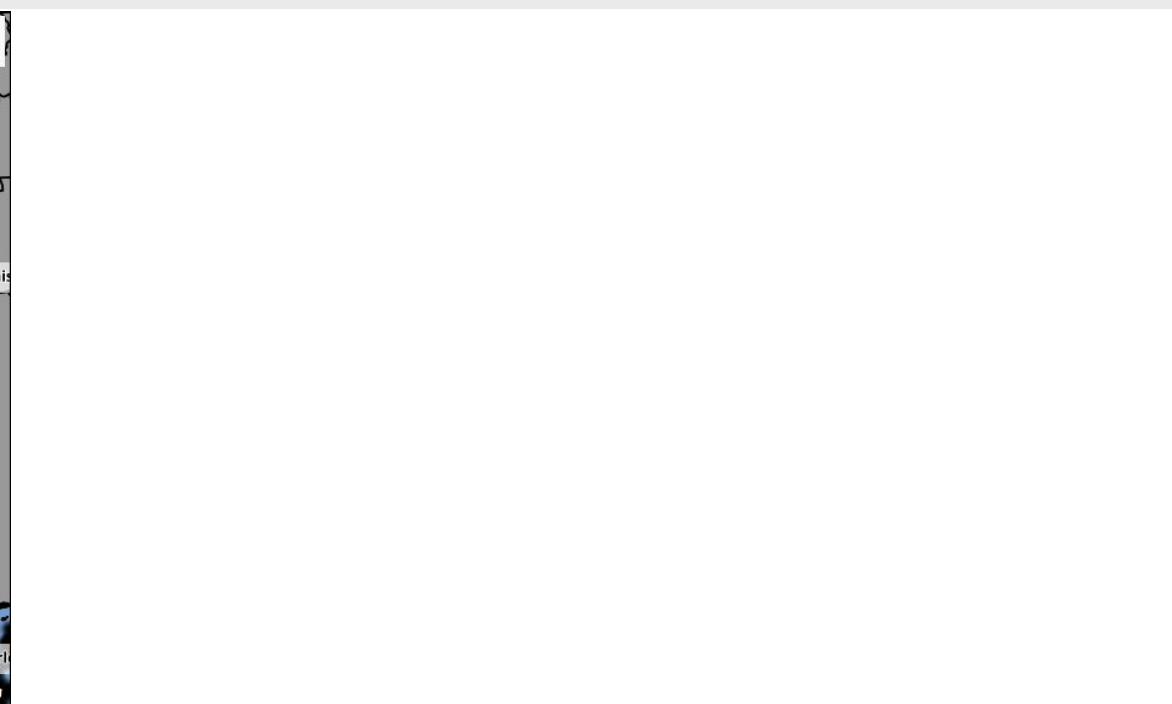
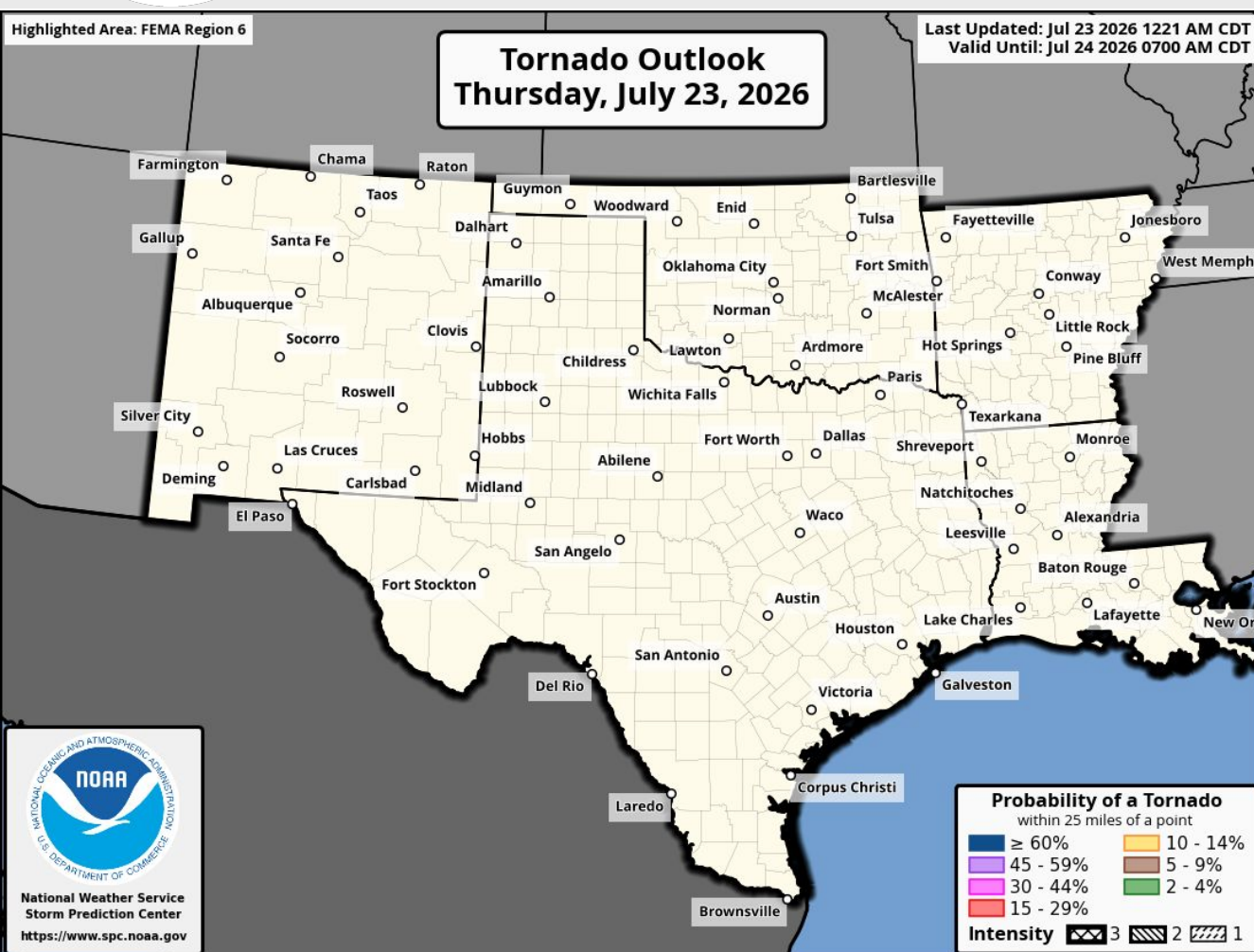


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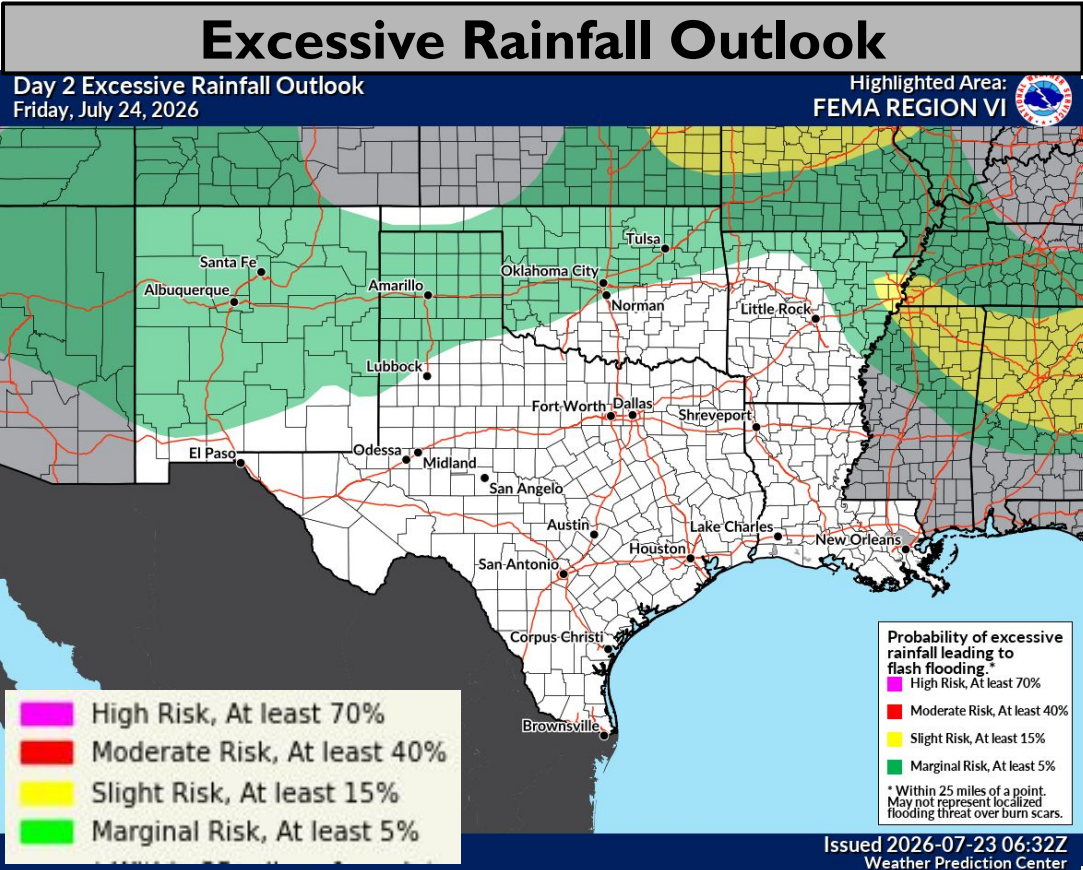
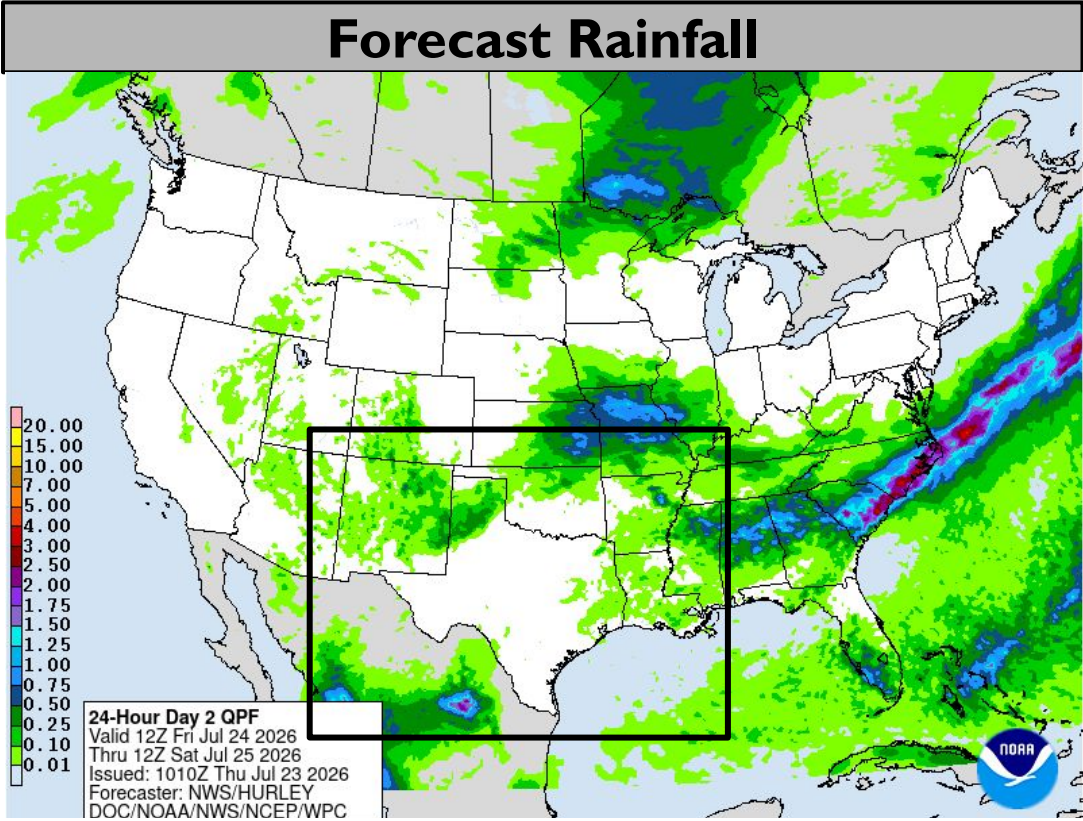
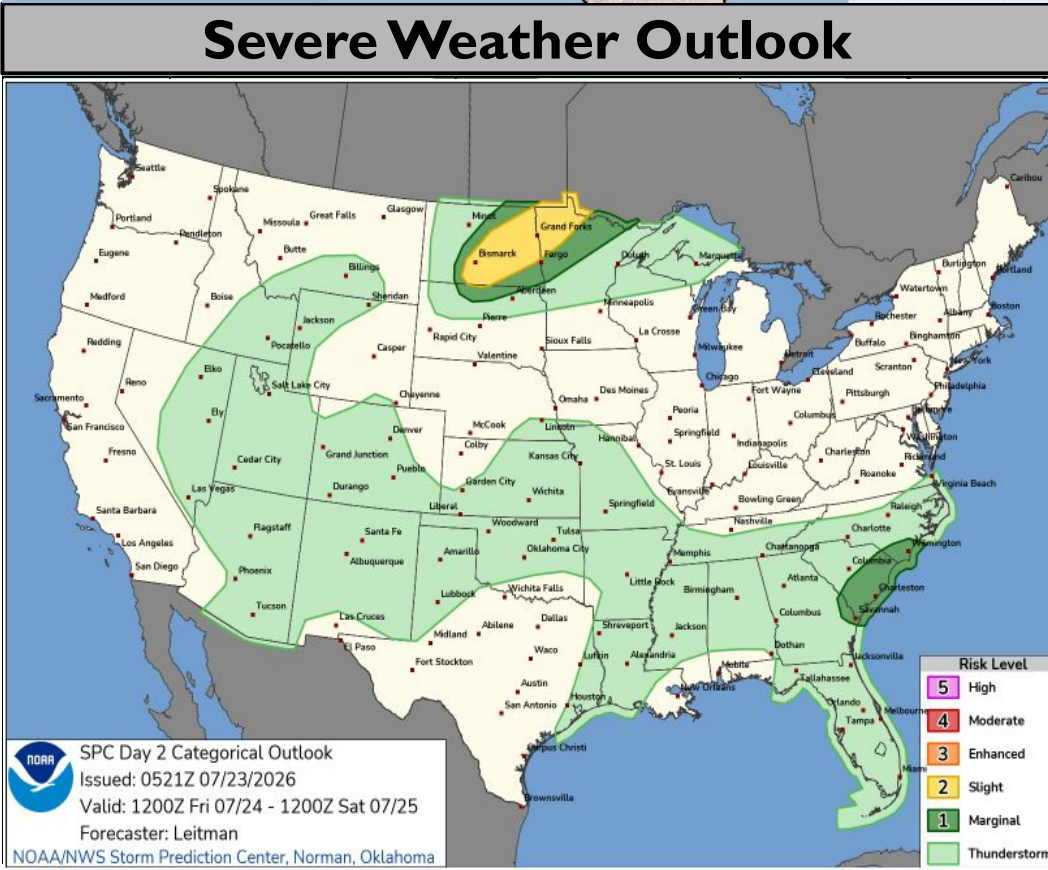
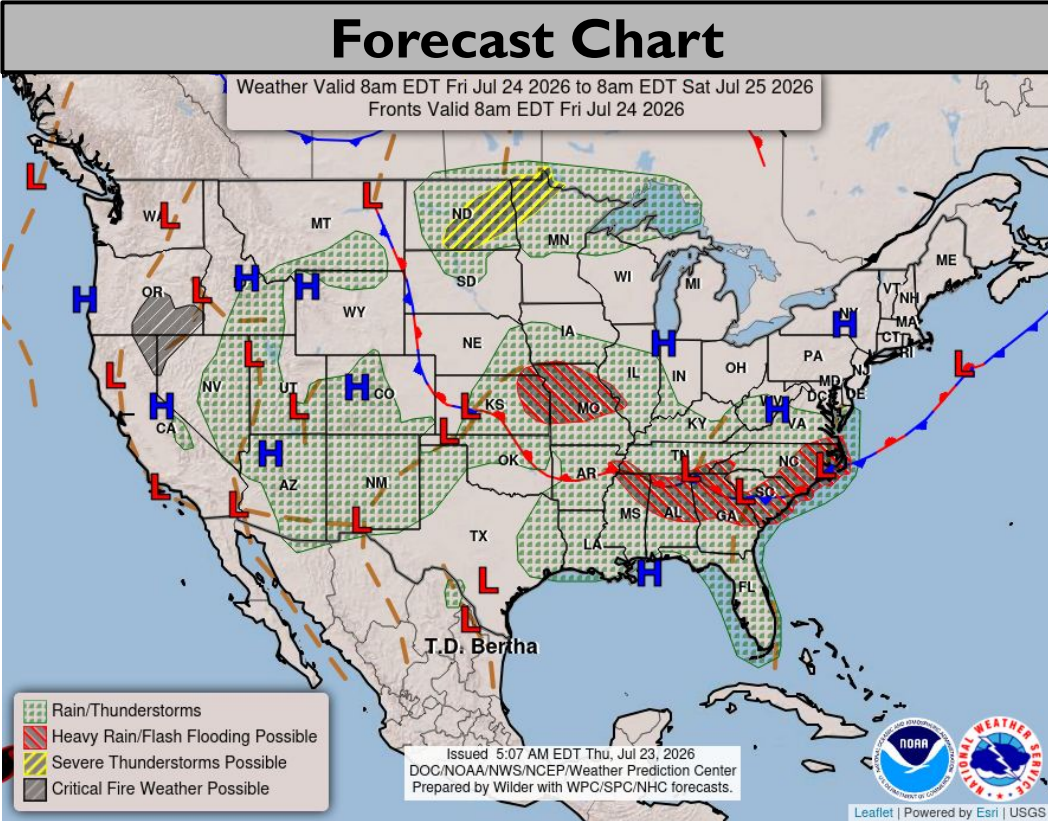


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather



Lingering Bertha impacts to STX.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in E AR.

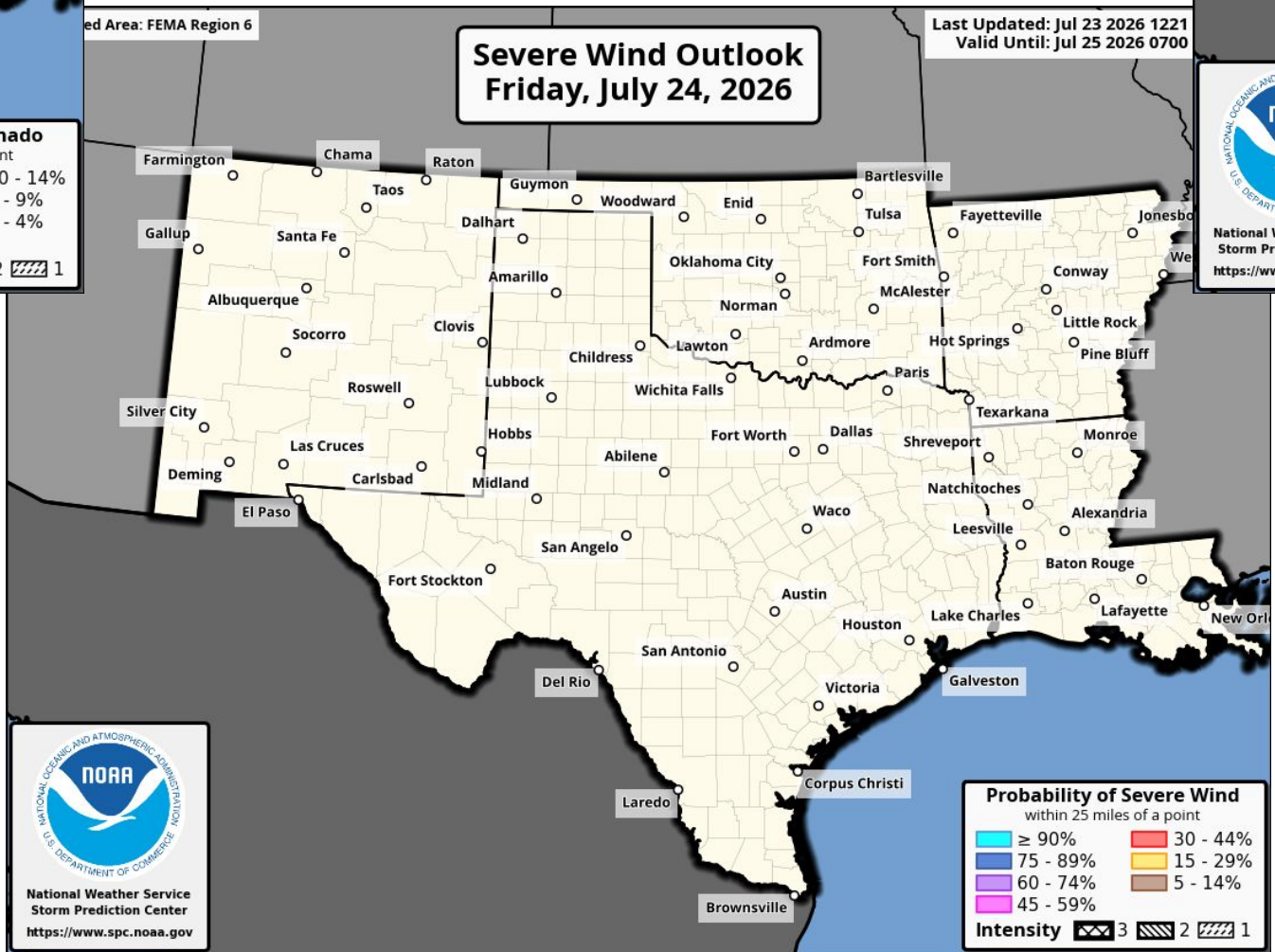
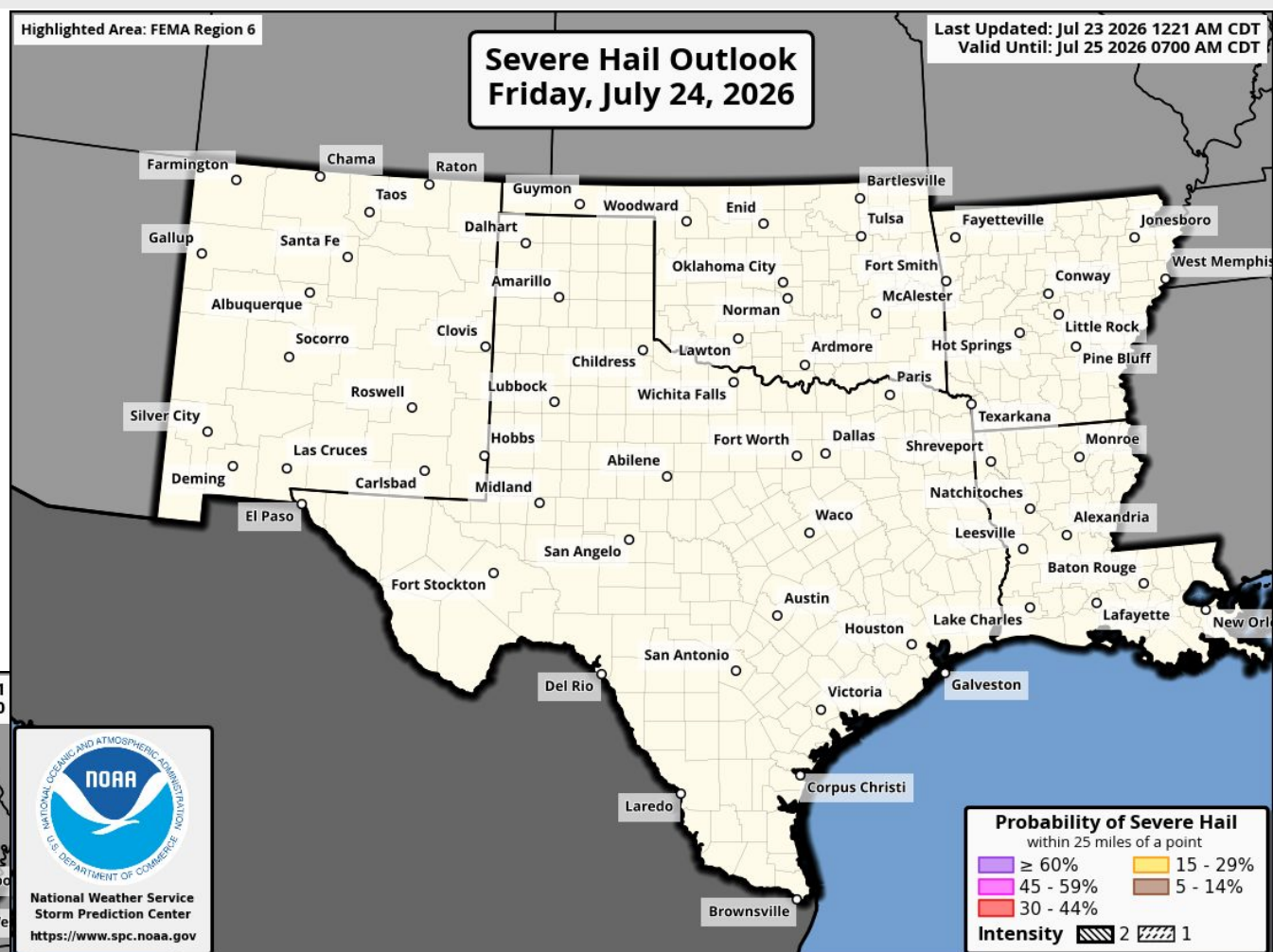
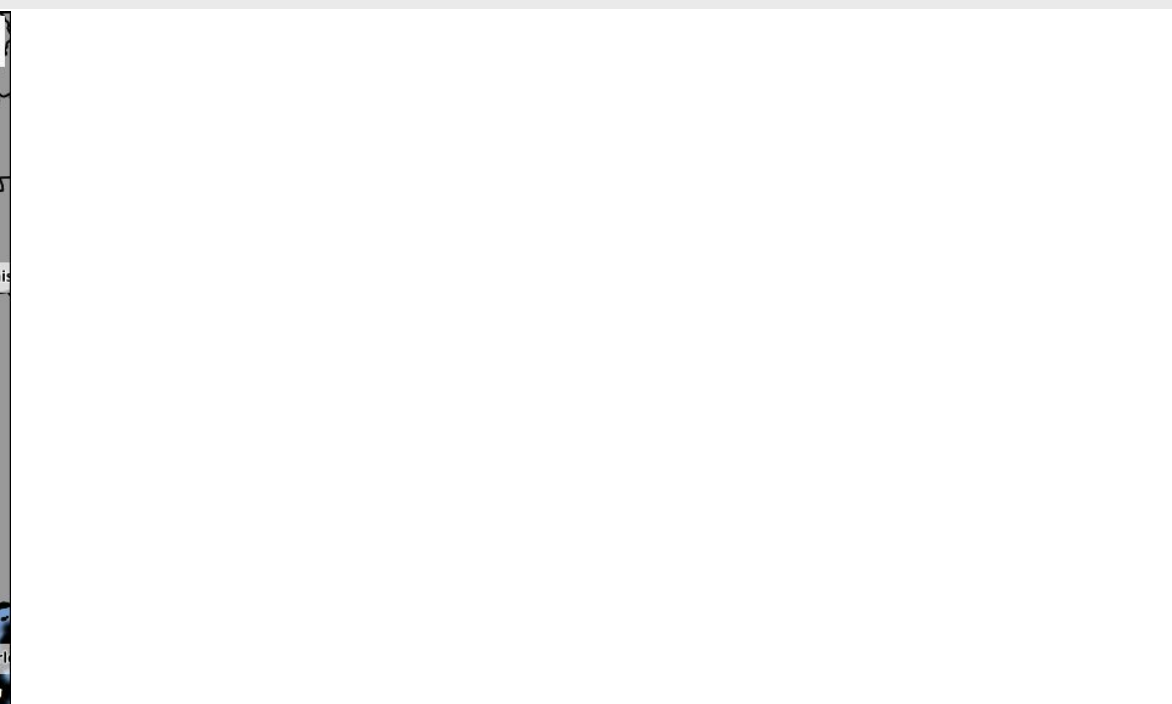
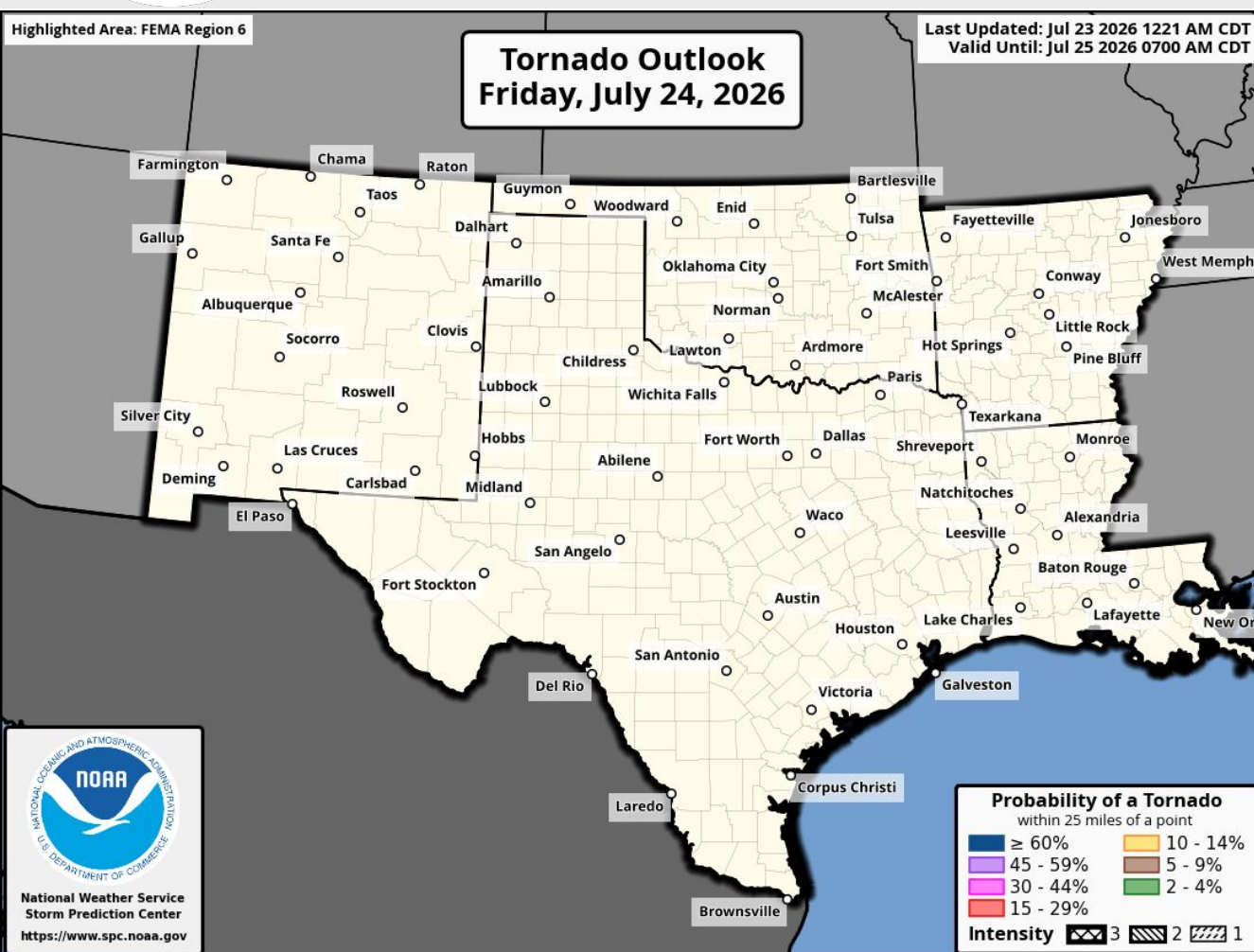
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****Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides****





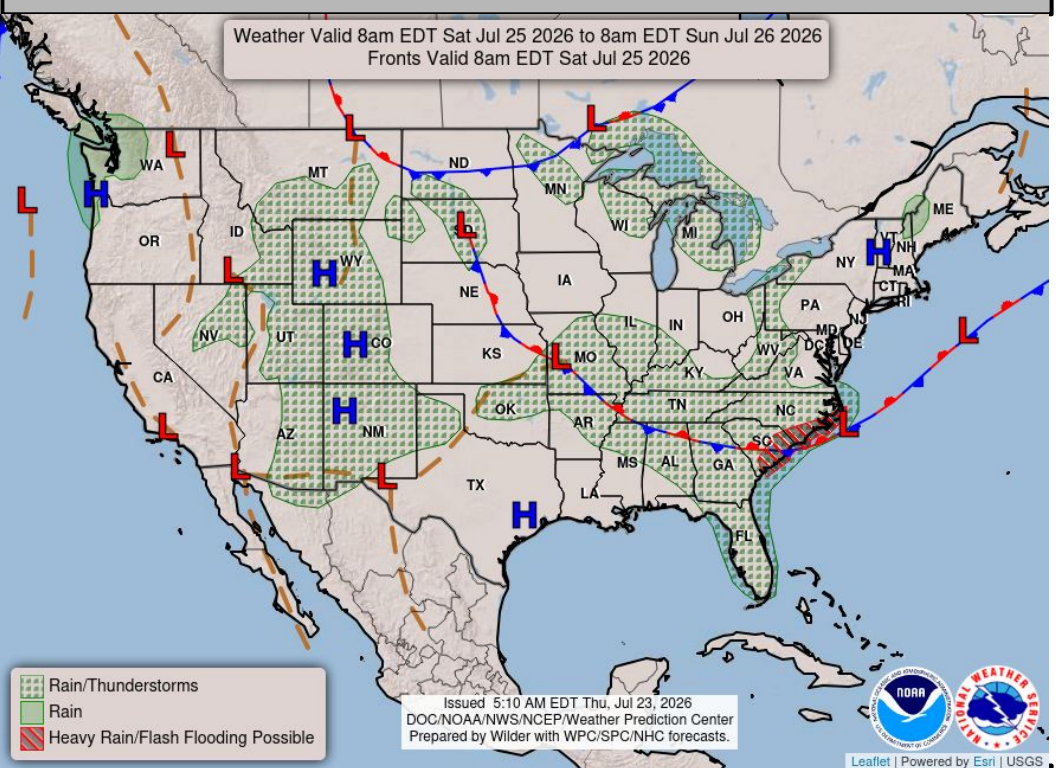
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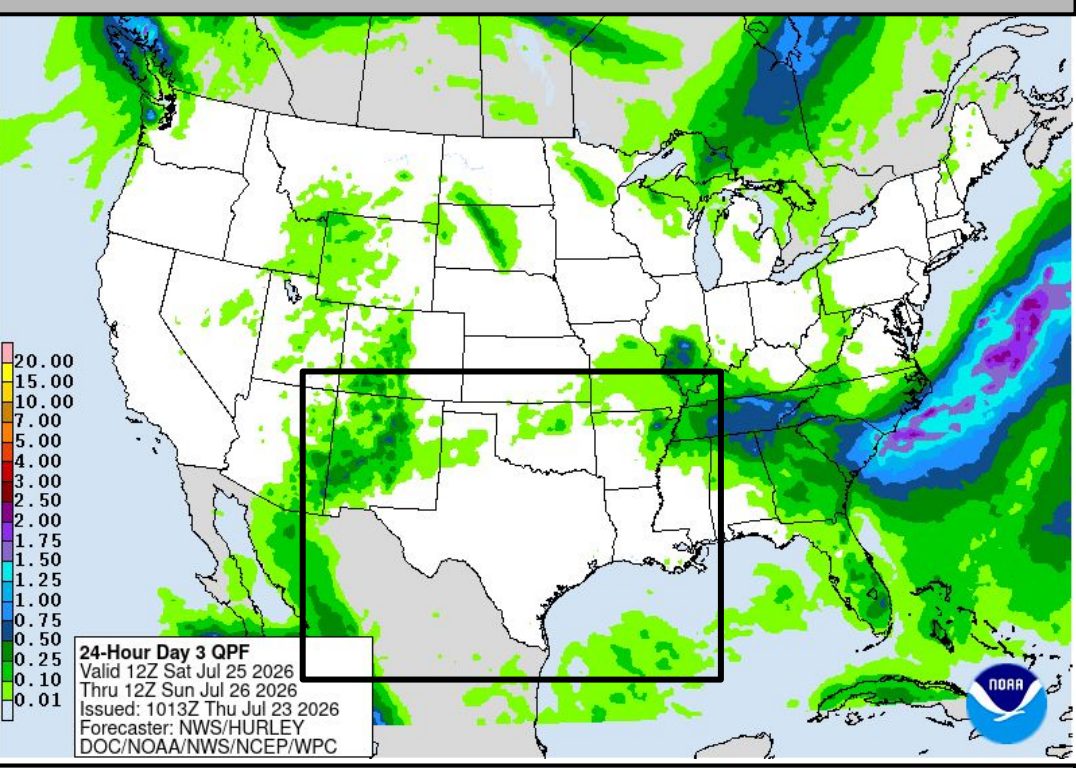


Saturday's Weather

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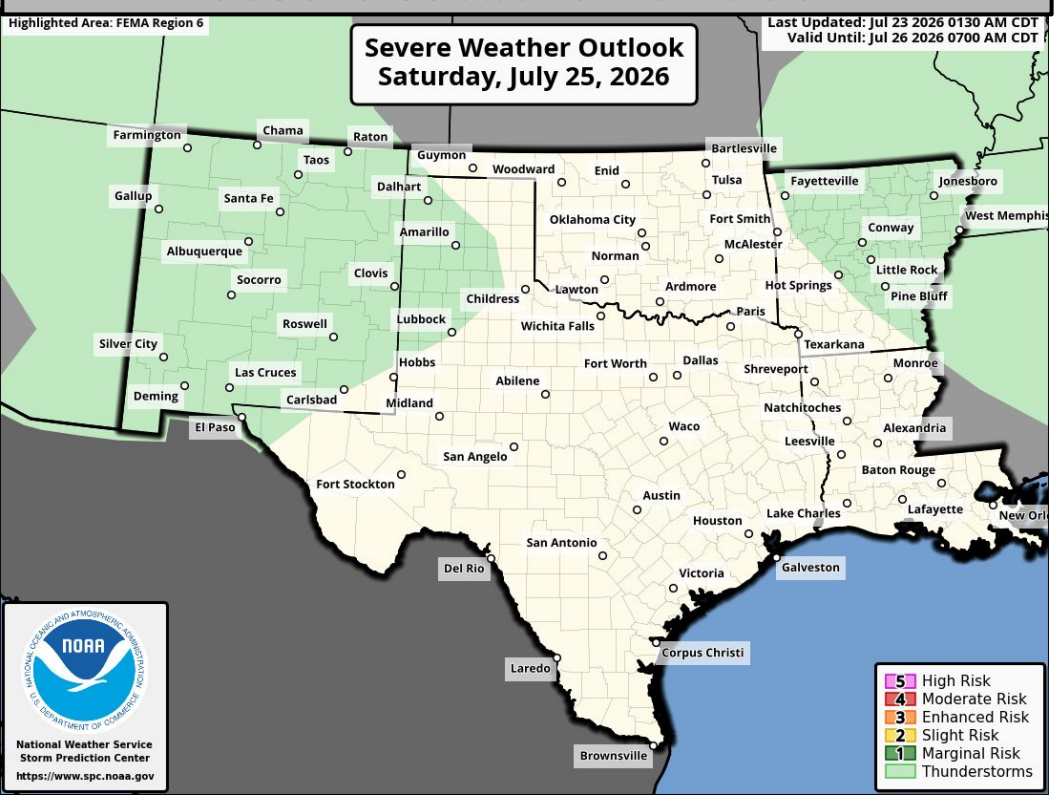
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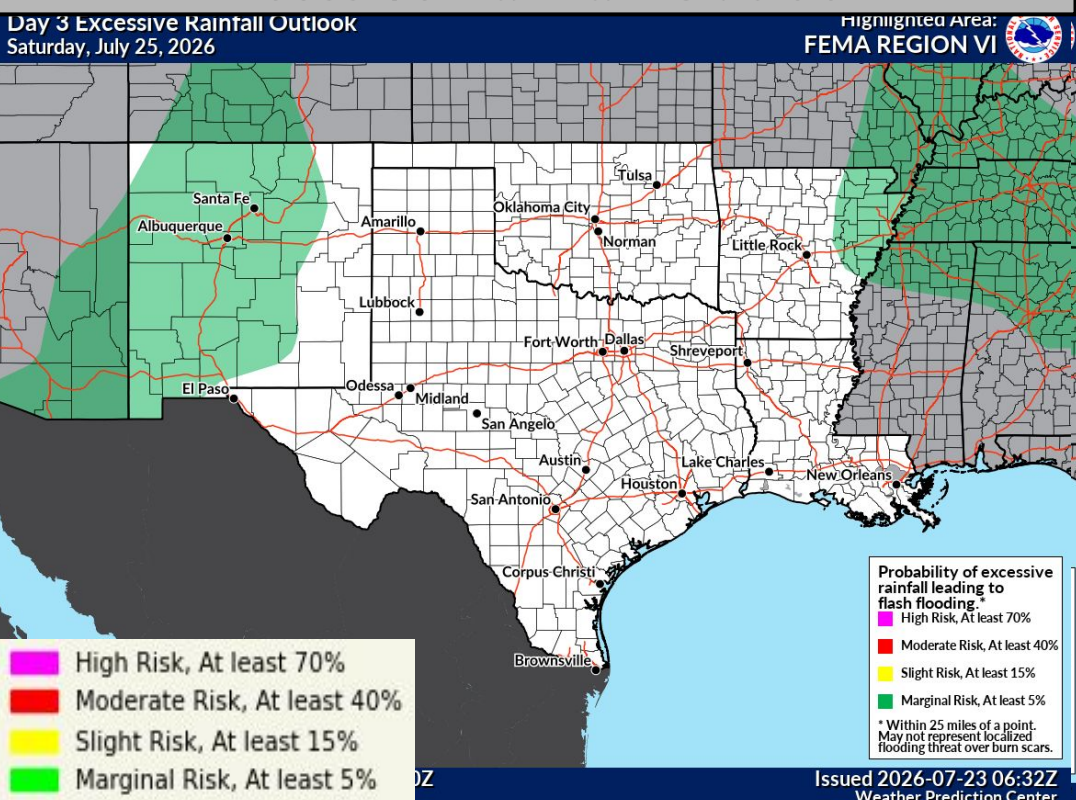
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Severe Weather Outlook



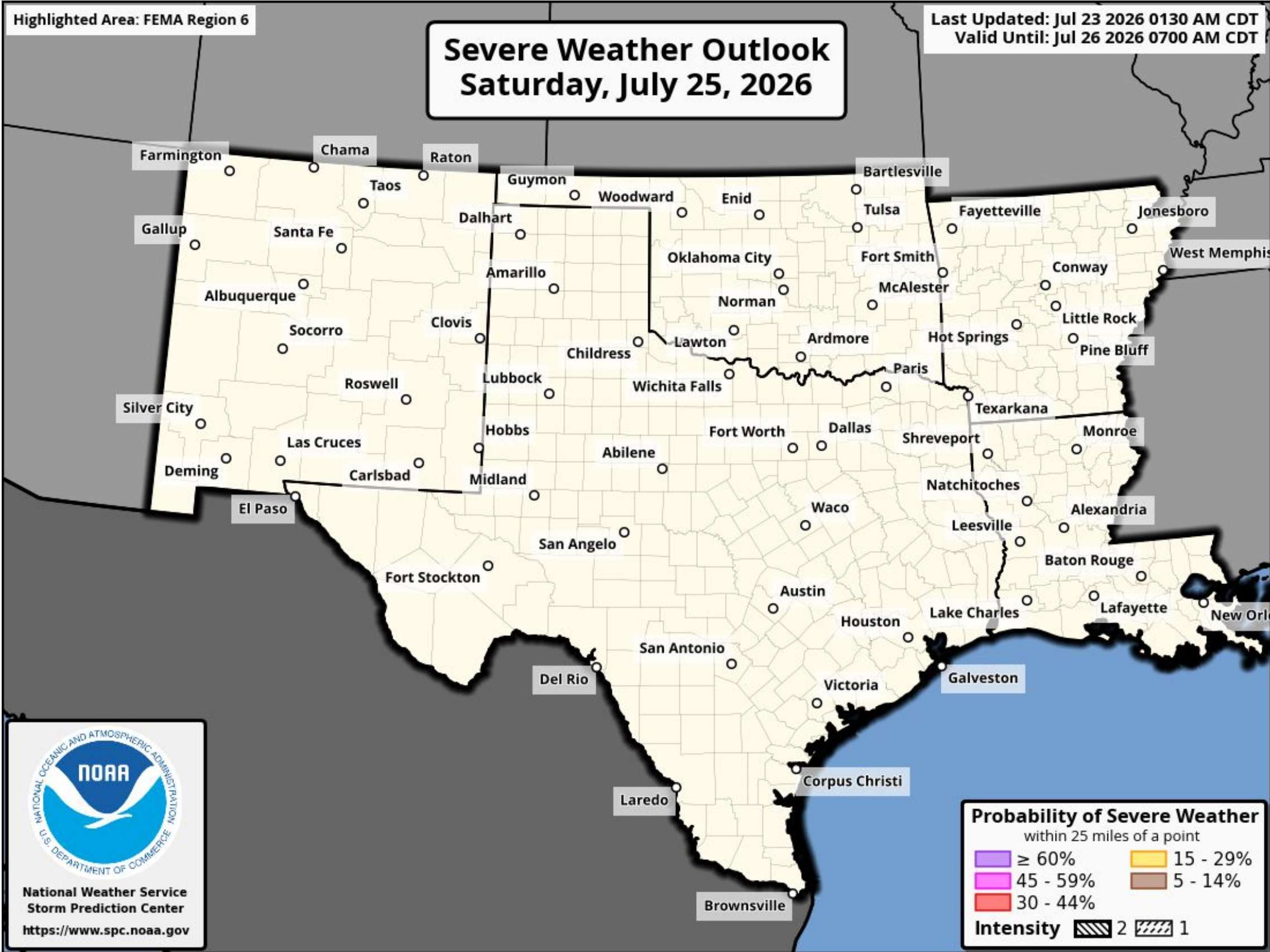
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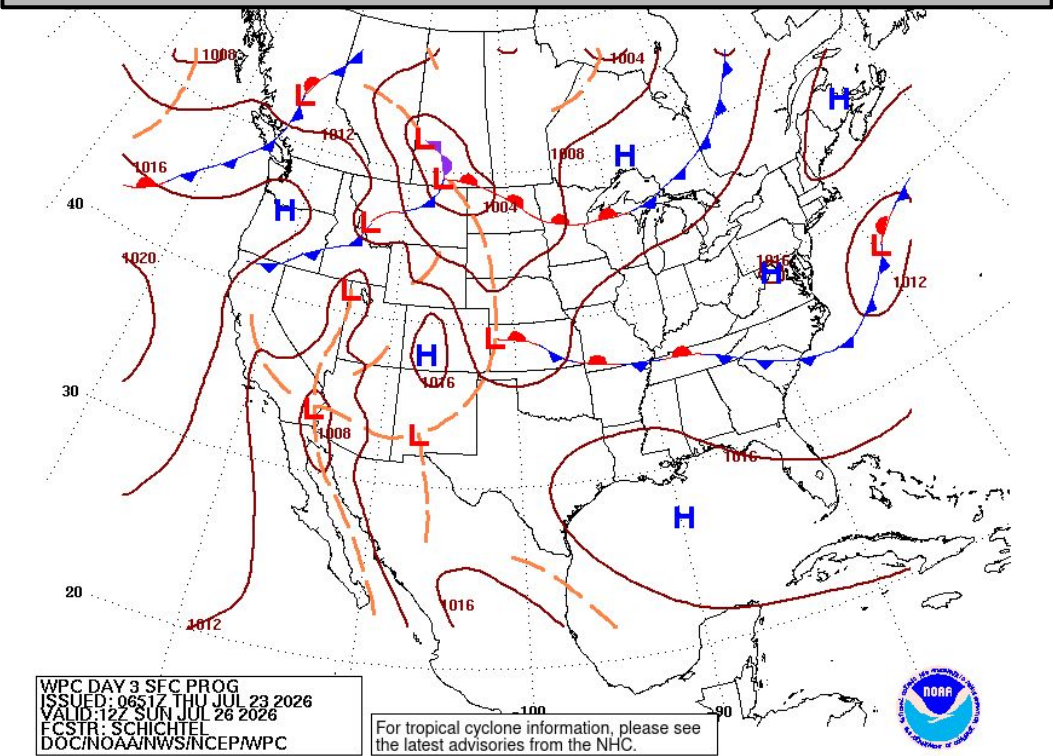
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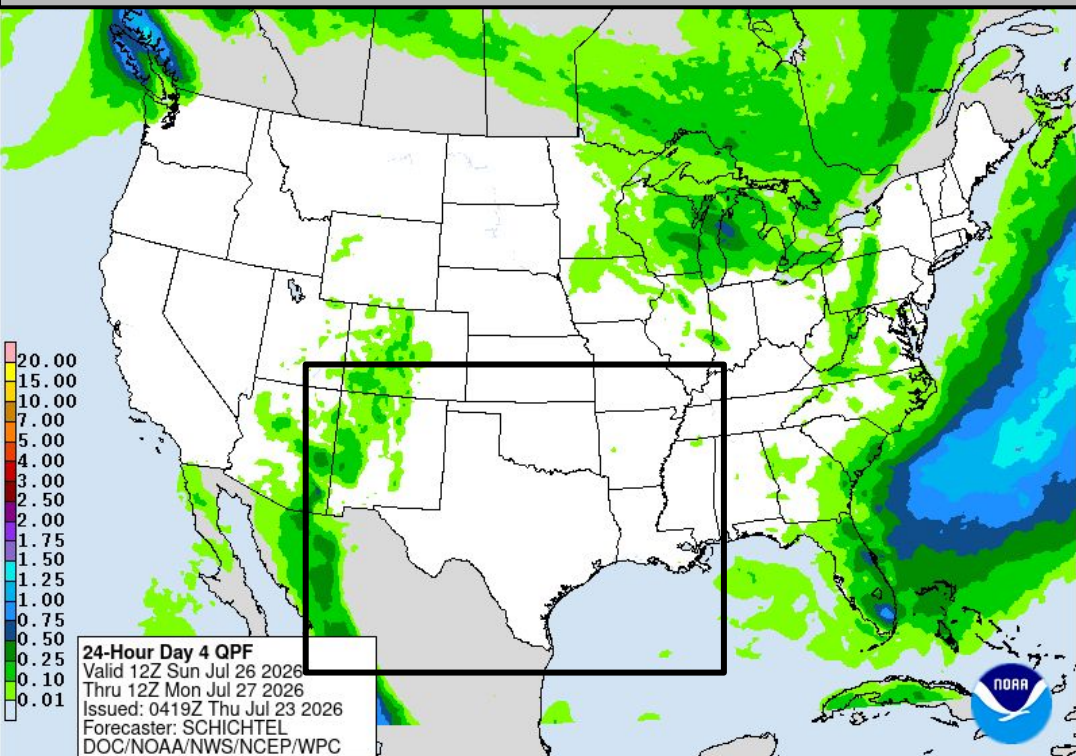


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

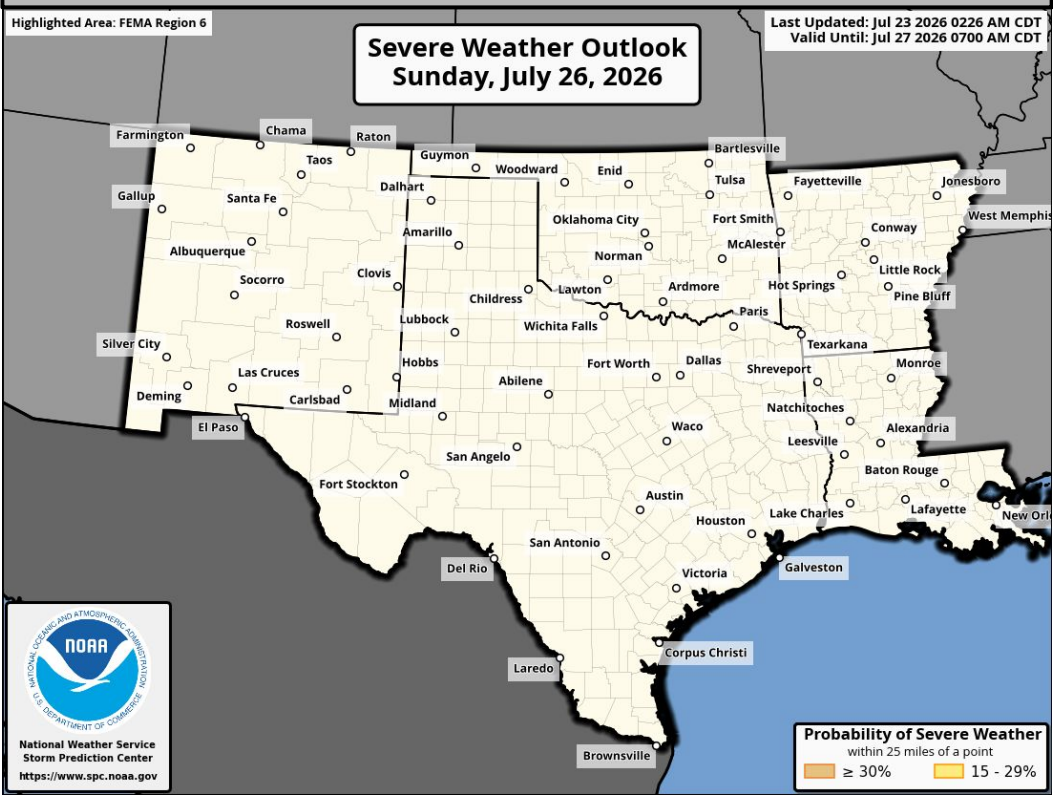


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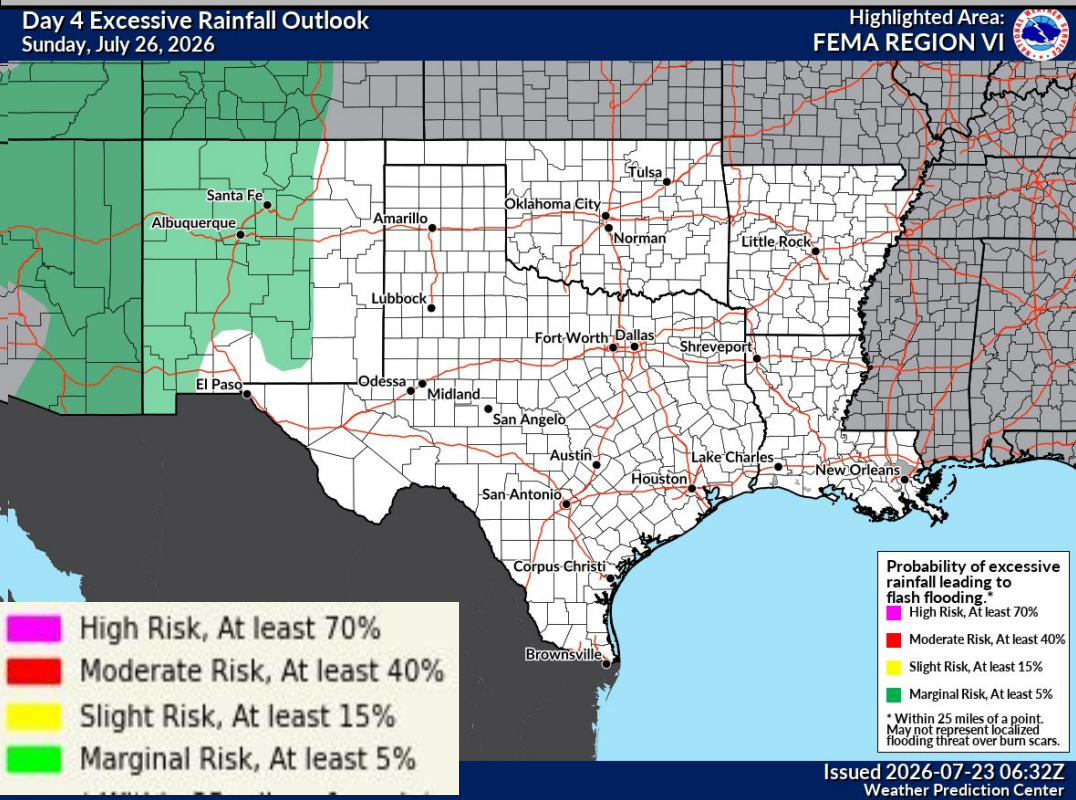


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM.

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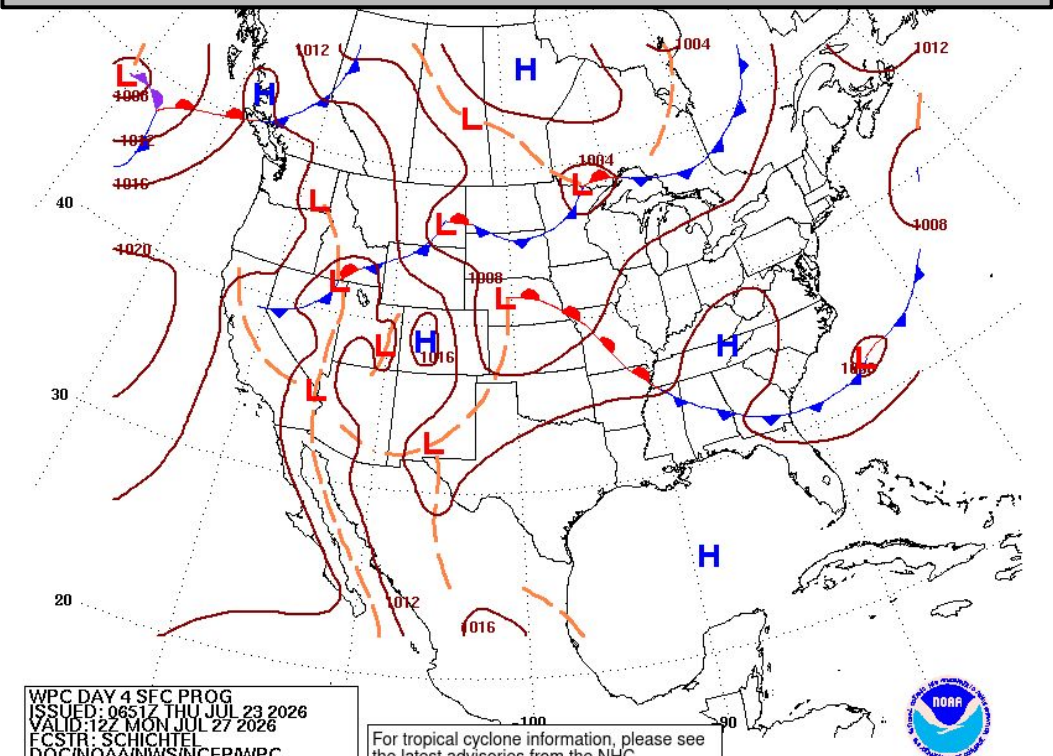
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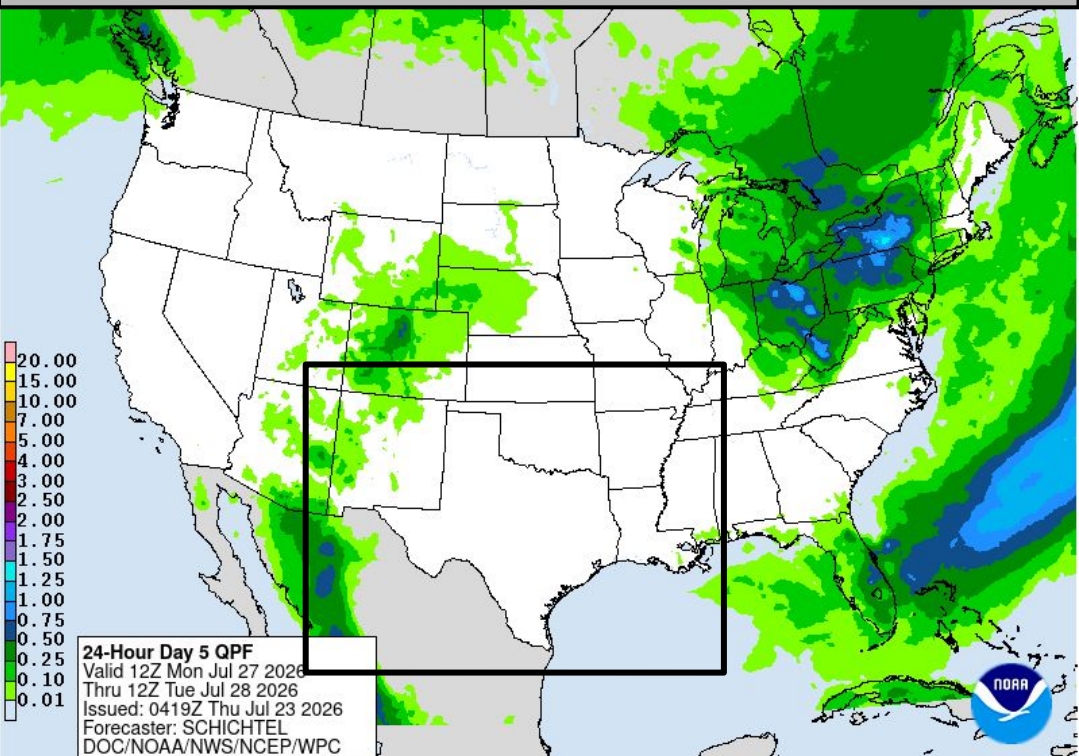


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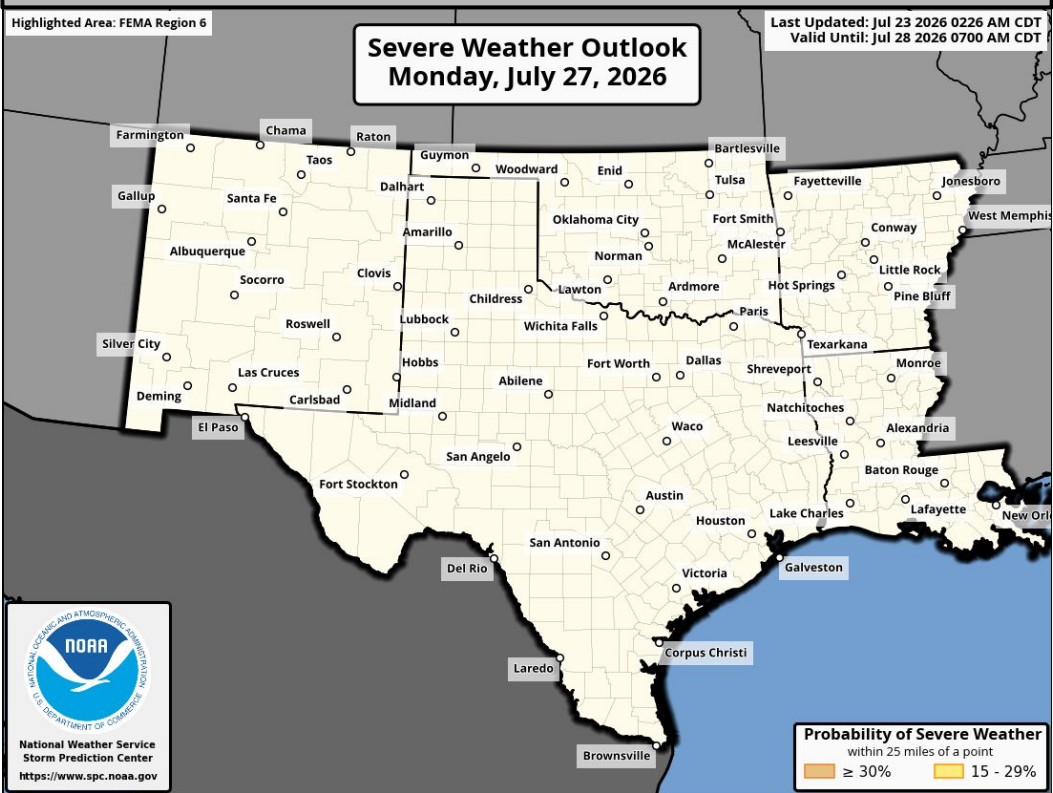


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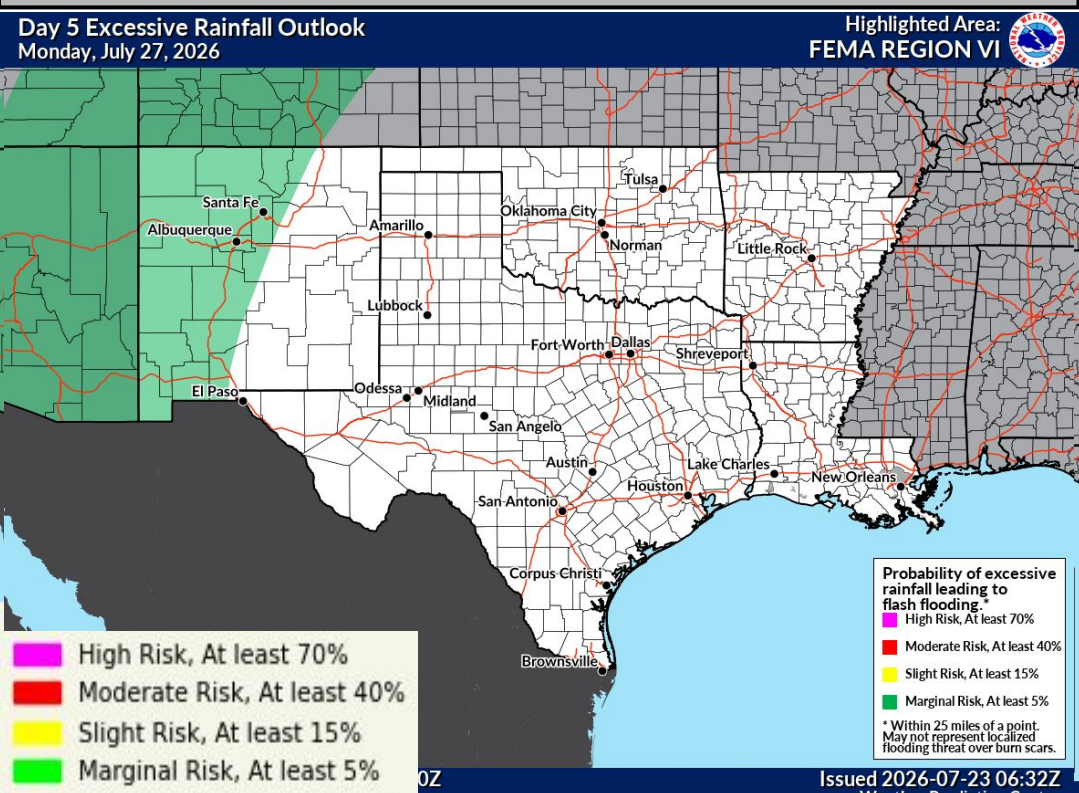


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Severe Weather Outlook



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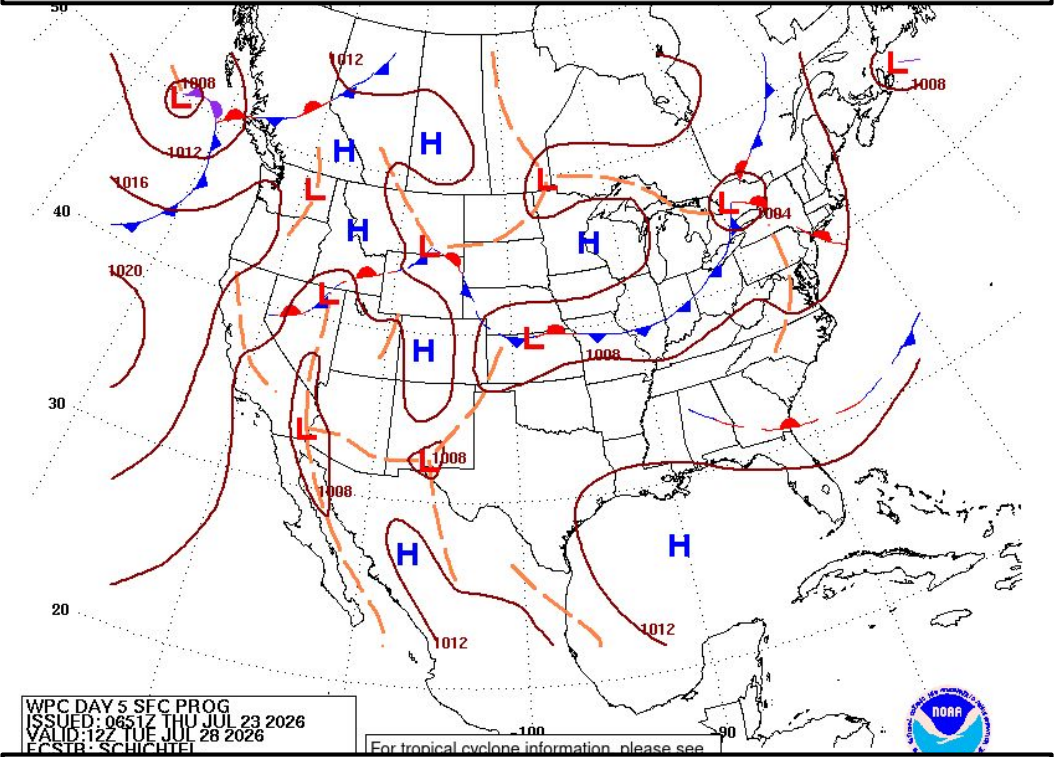


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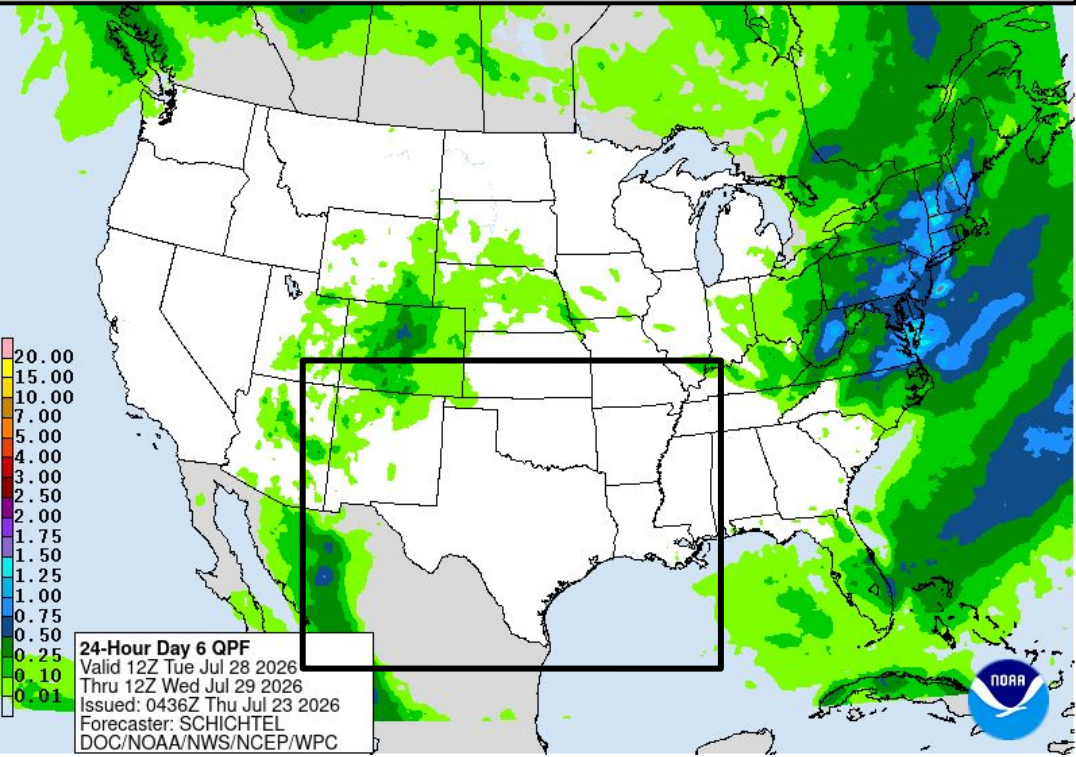


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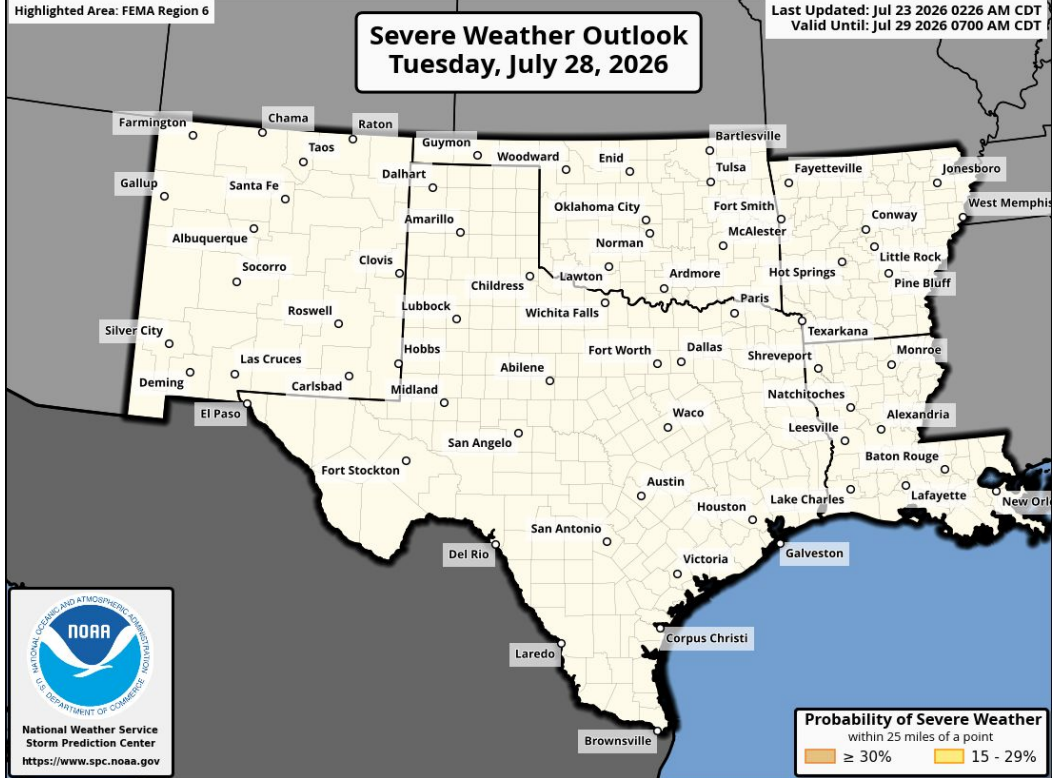


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Monitoring for flash flooding in N NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



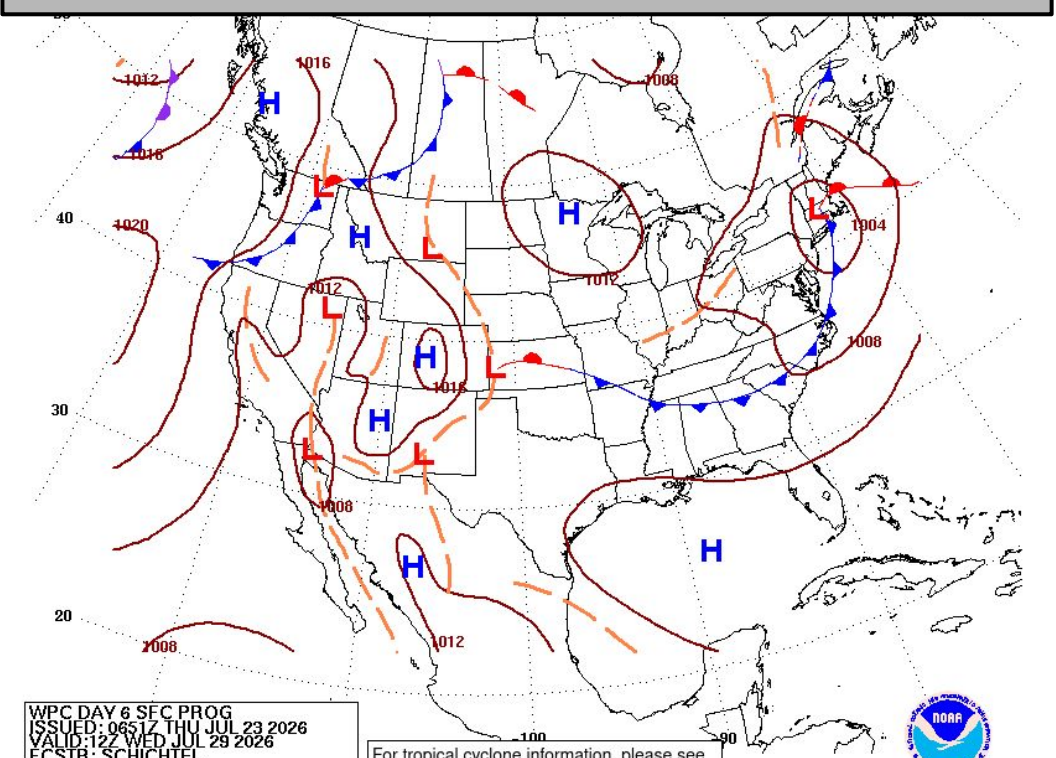
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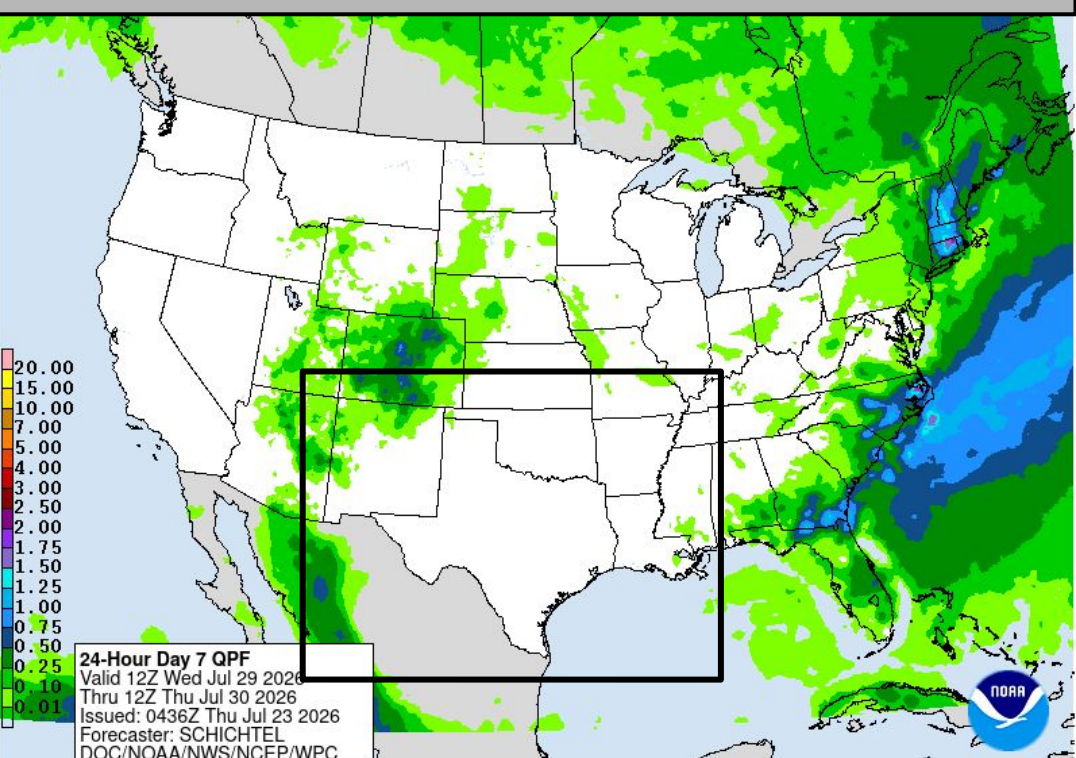


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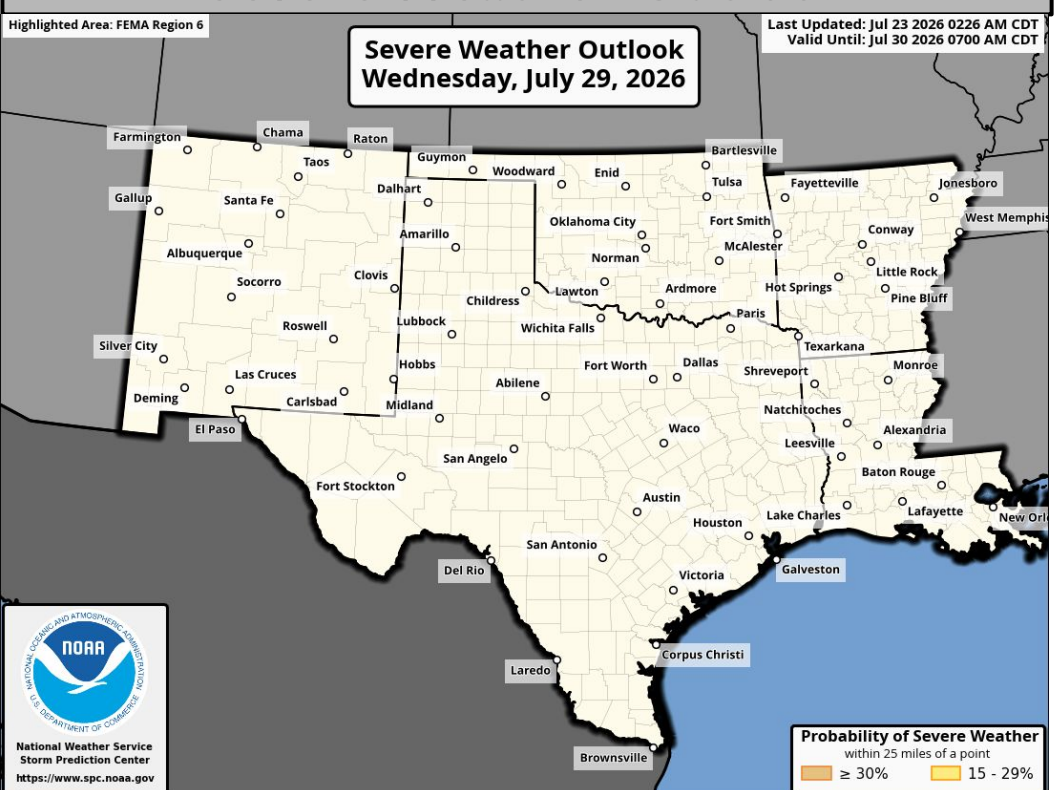


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Severe Weather Outlook

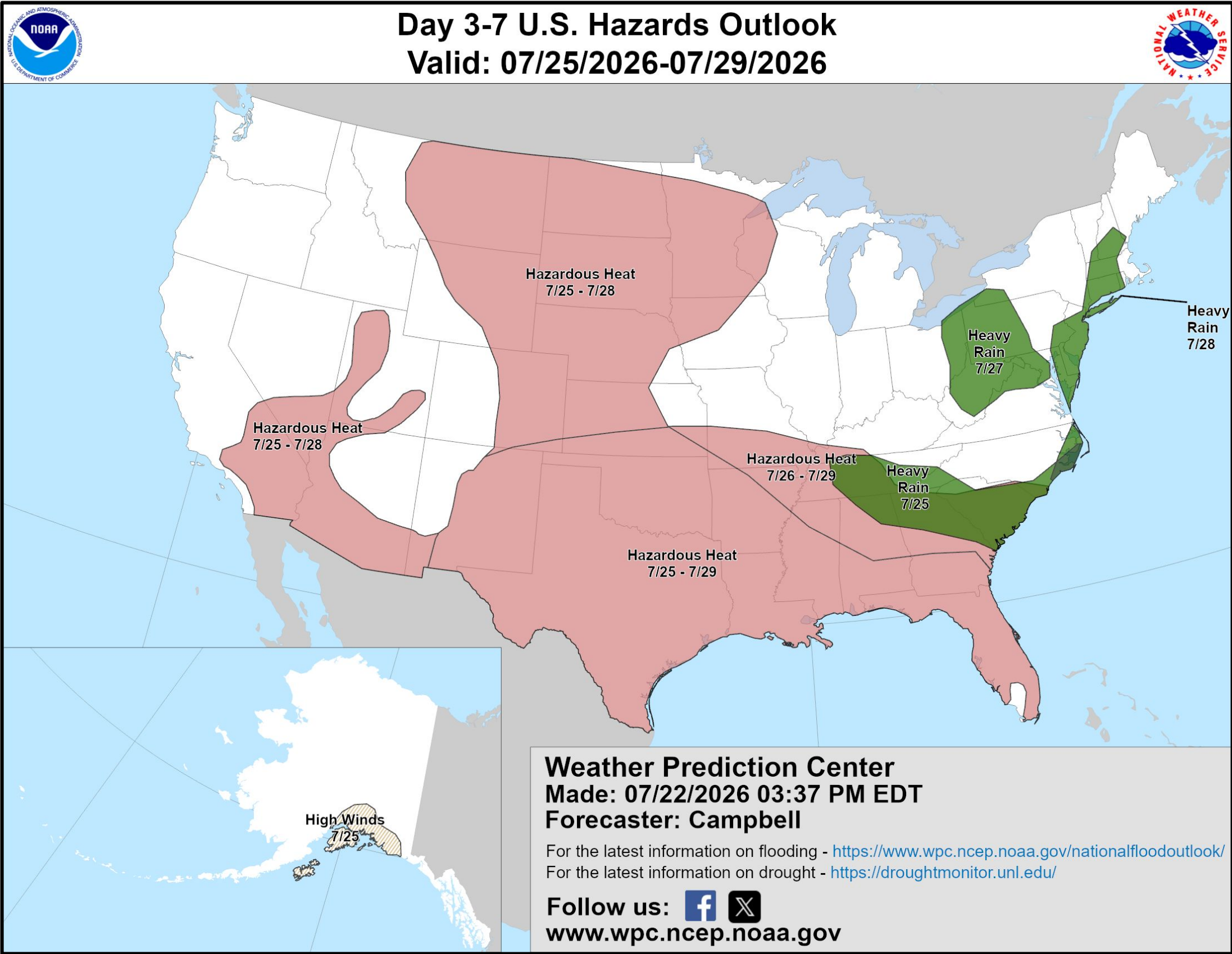


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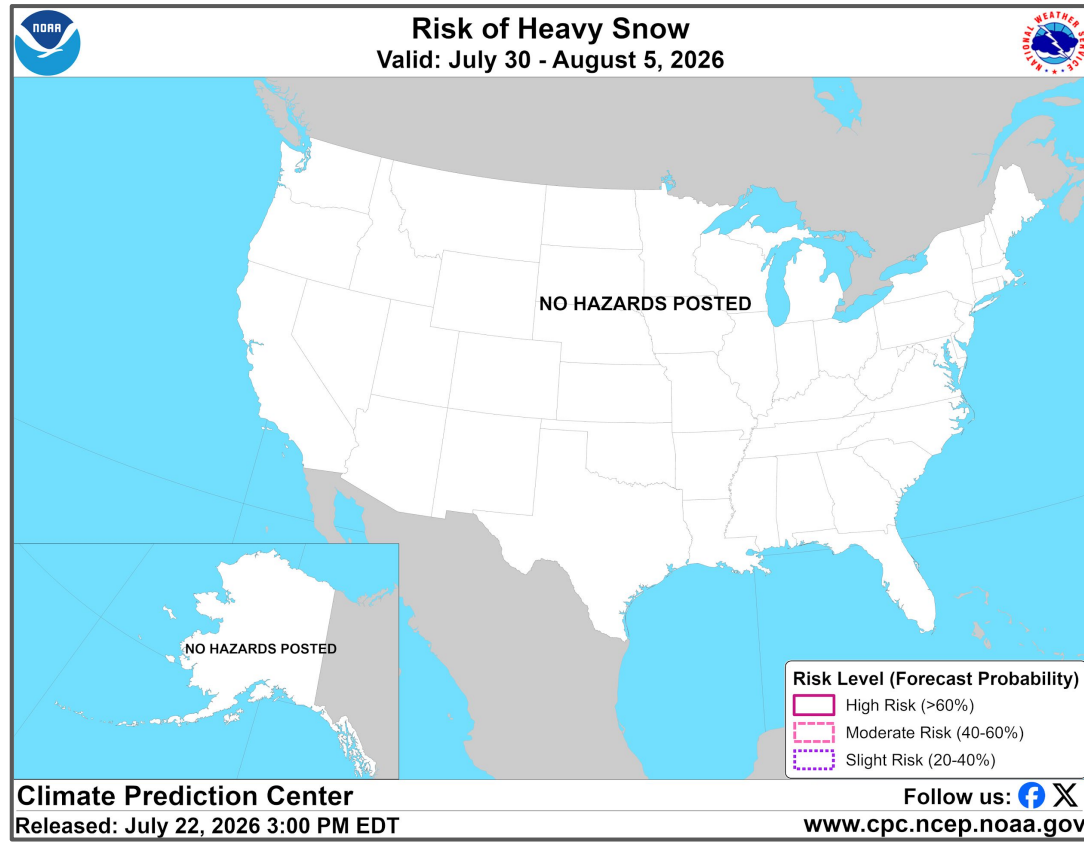
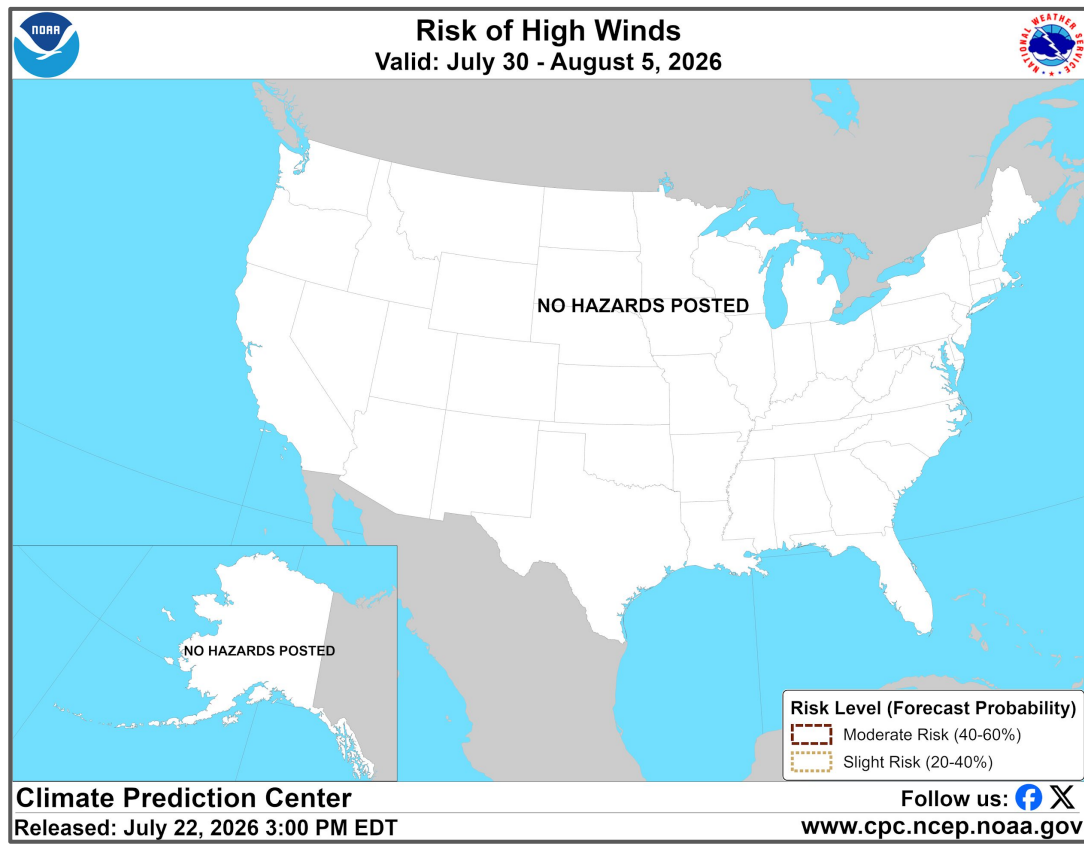
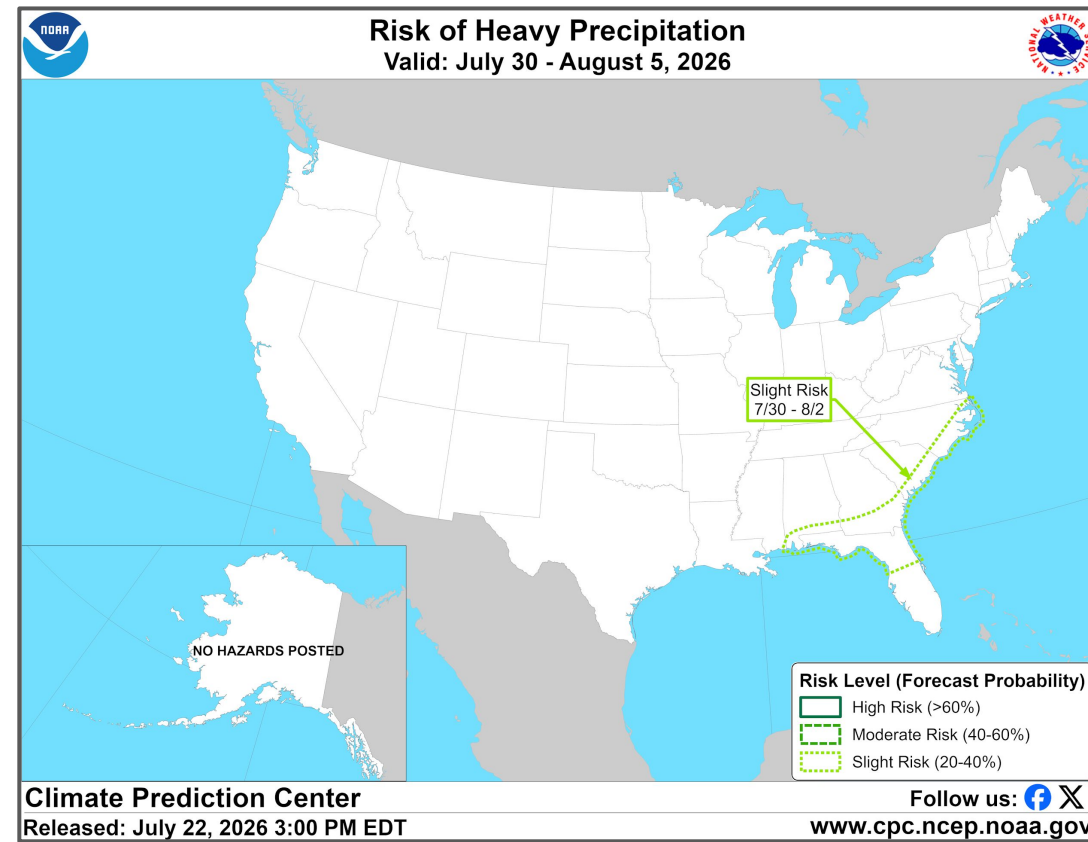
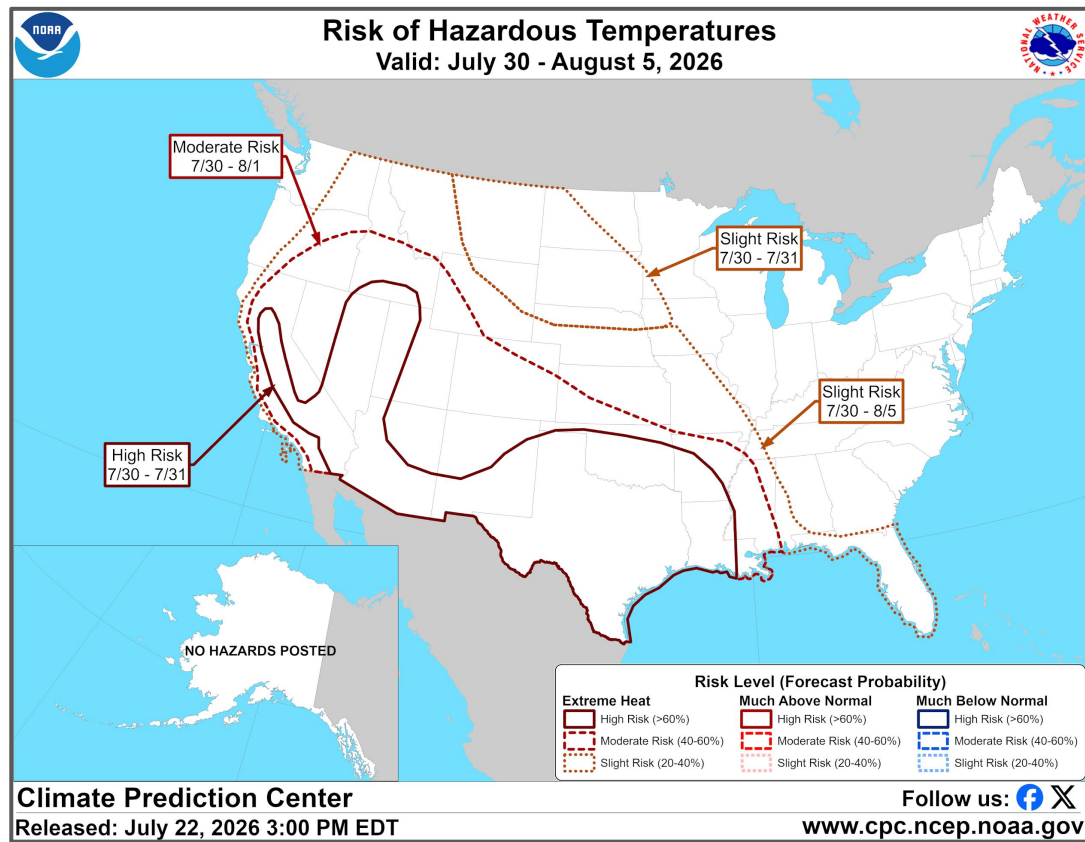
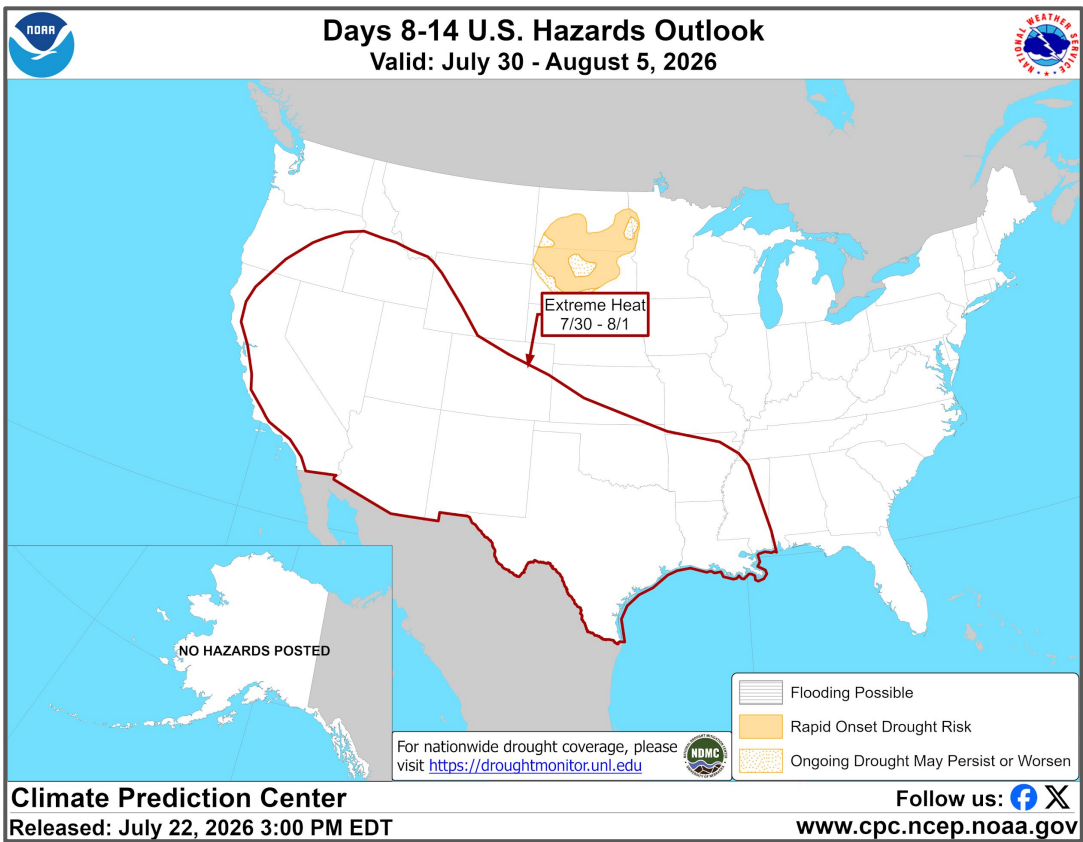


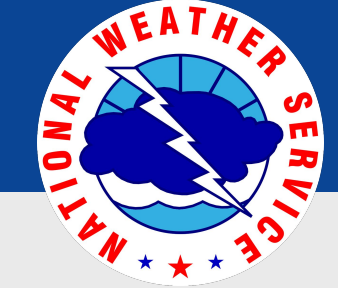
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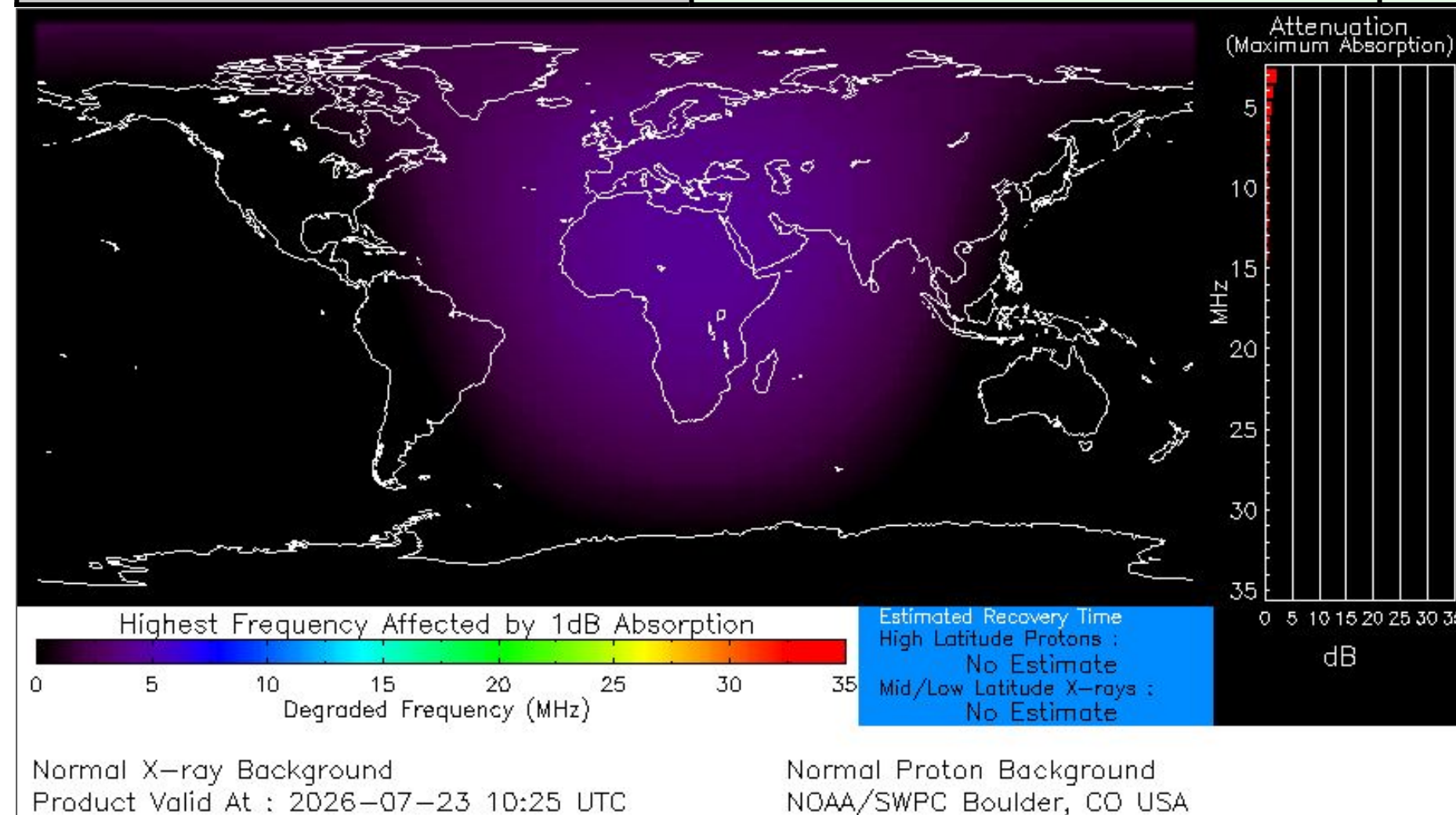
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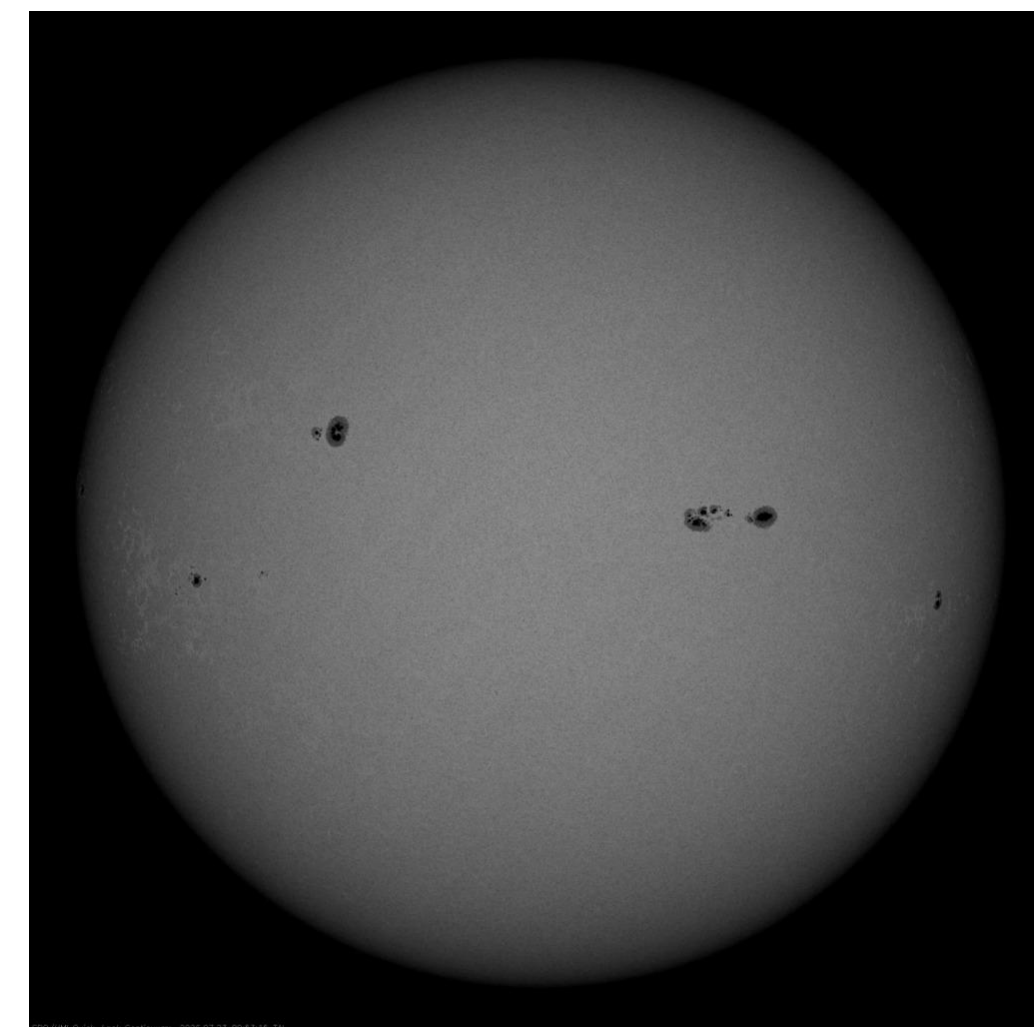
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Jul 23	Friday, Jul 24	Saturday, Jul 25
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	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

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