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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over **NE NM/OK Panhandle** today and over **NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles** Sunday.
 - **NM Burn Scar** flooding threat increases today.
- **Fire Weather:**
 - Elevated (level 1 of 3) over **W OK, TX Panhandle, NW TX** today and again on Tuesday.
- **Severe Storms:**
 - Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in far **NE NM, OK Panhandle**. Wind is the main threat this afternoon.
- **Tropical:**
 - One system in the tropical Atlantic may develop into a tropical cyclone, but is likely to recurve and bring no **FEMA 6** impacts.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Aug 15	Sunday, Aug 16	Monday, Aug 17	Tuesday, Aug 18	Wednesday, Aug 19	Thursday, Aug 20	Friday, Aug 21
Severe Storms	NE NM, OK Panhandle	NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE NM, W OK Panhandle	NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles	NM		NM, TX/OK Panhandles		
Fire Weather	E TX Panhandle, W OK			E TX Panhandle, W OK			
Tropical							
River Flooding							

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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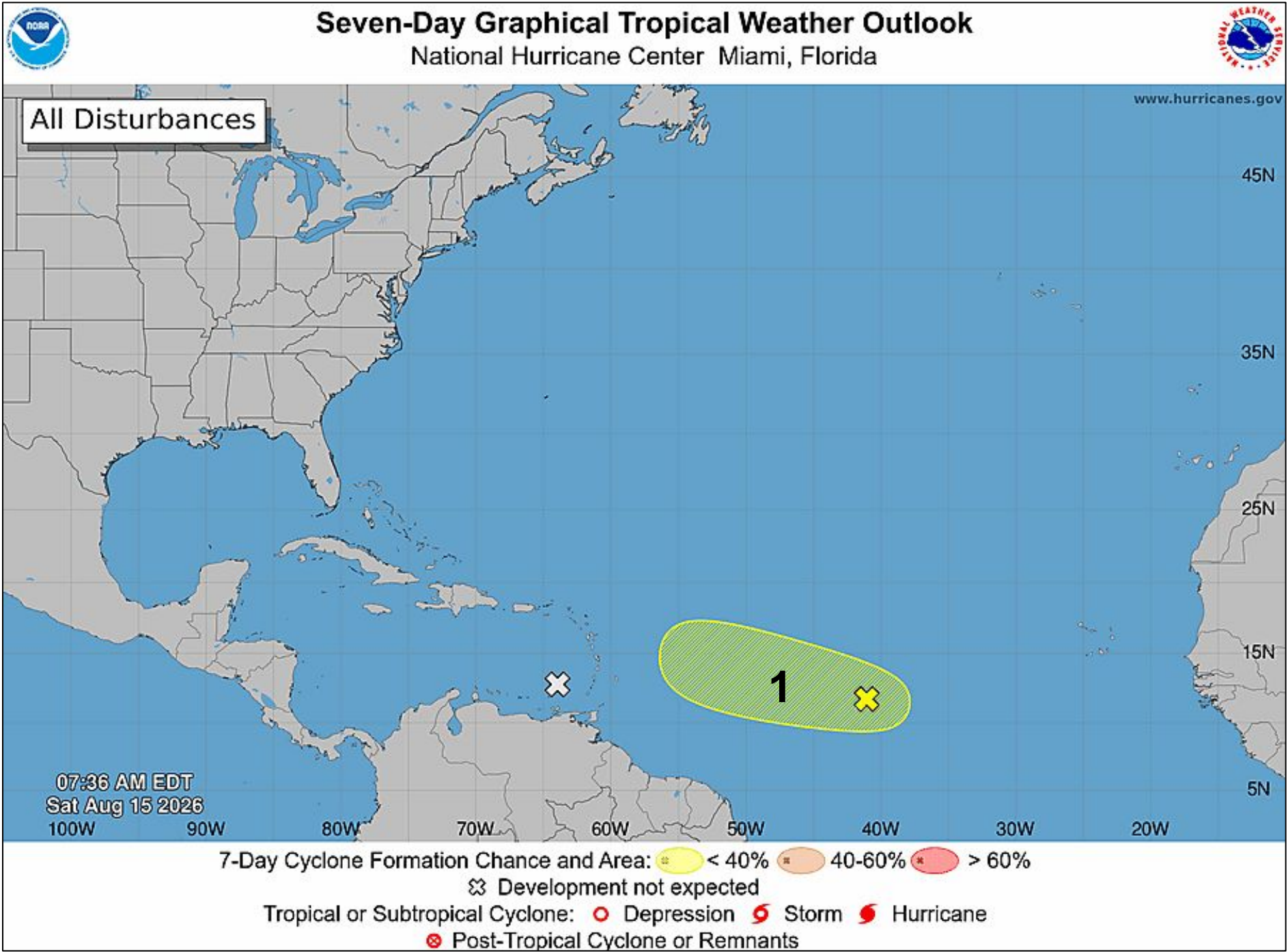
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	Low	None are expected at this time

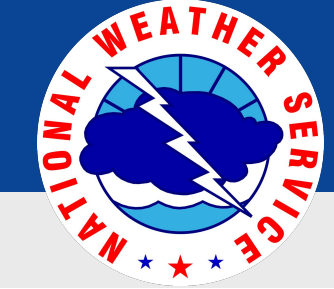
Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6



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





Current Radar/Hazards



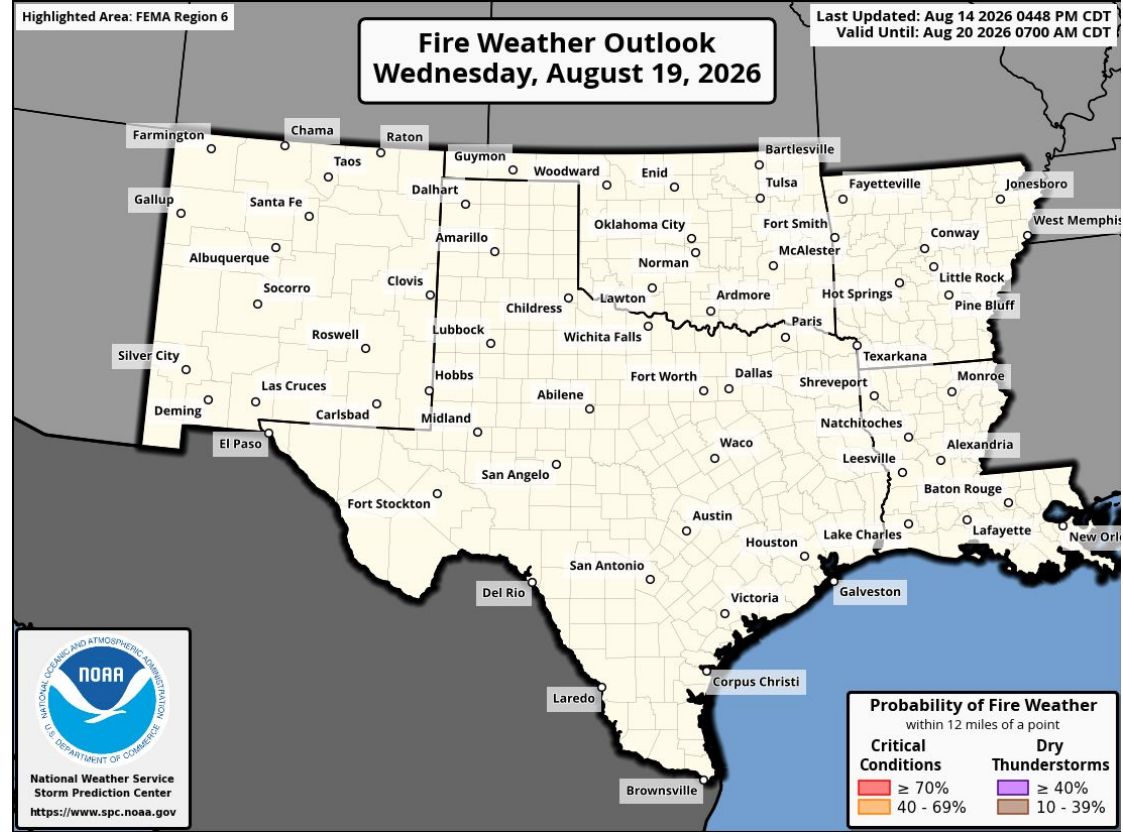
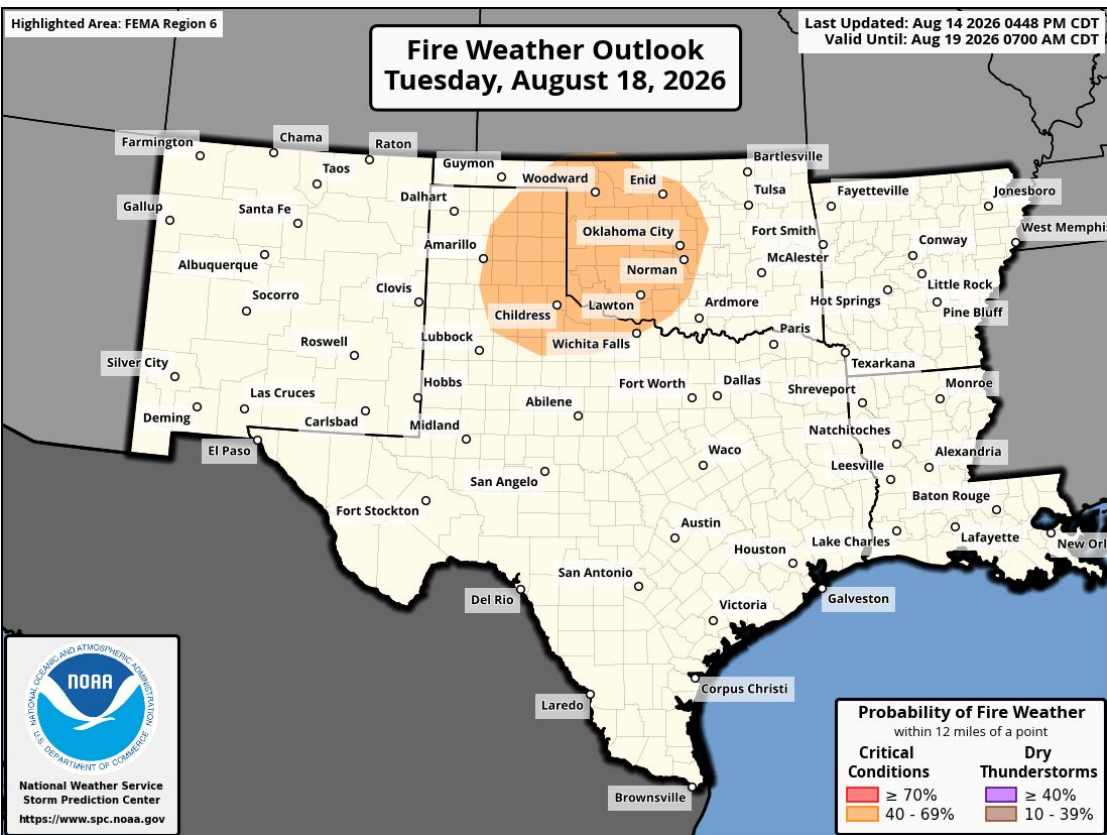
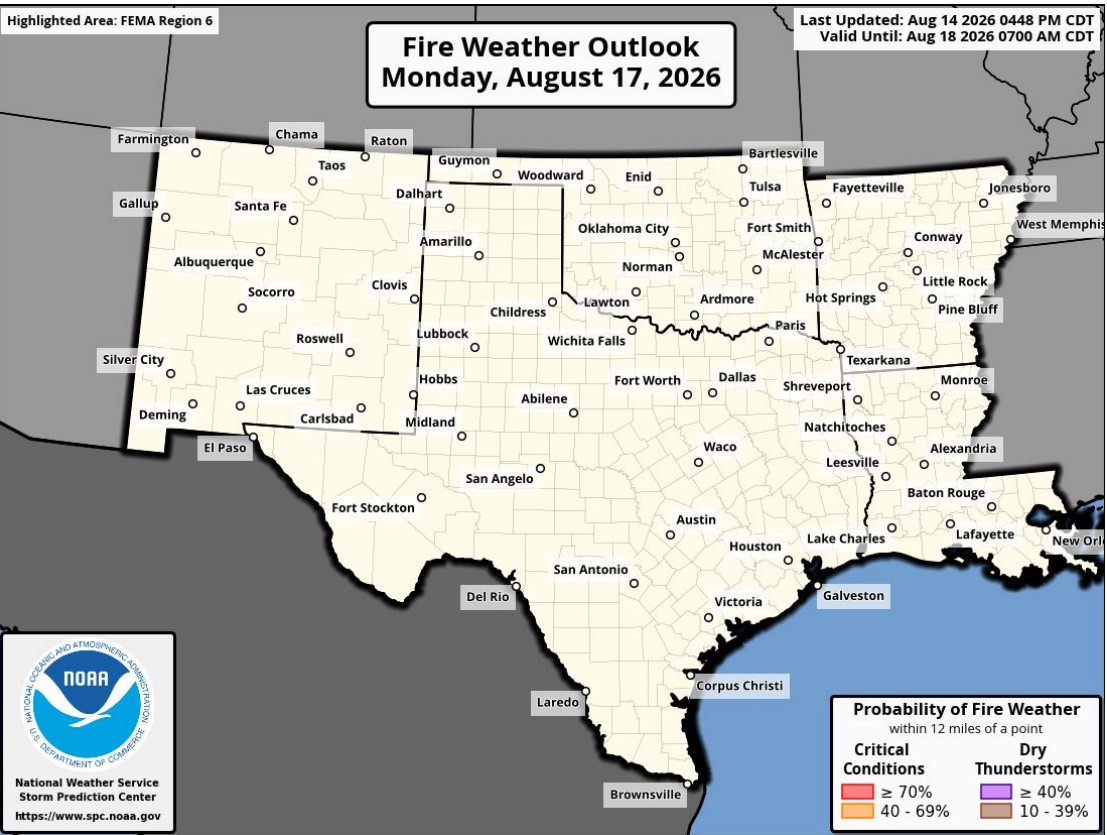
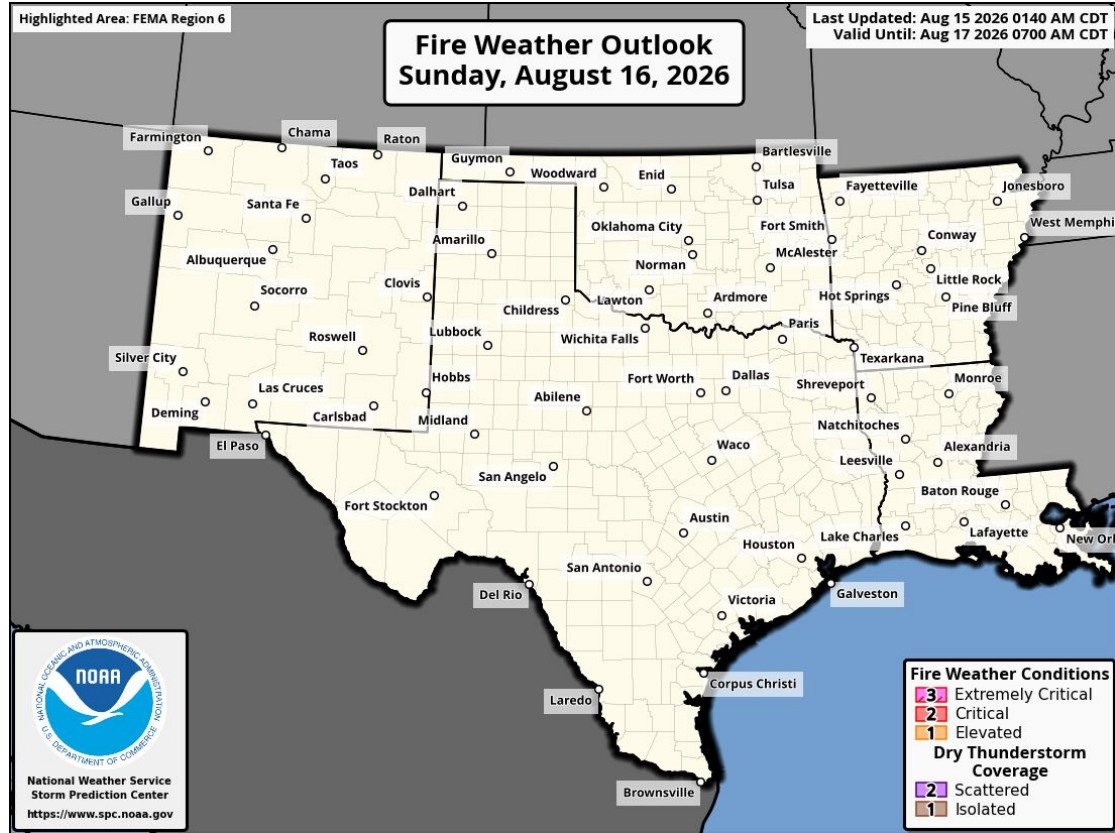
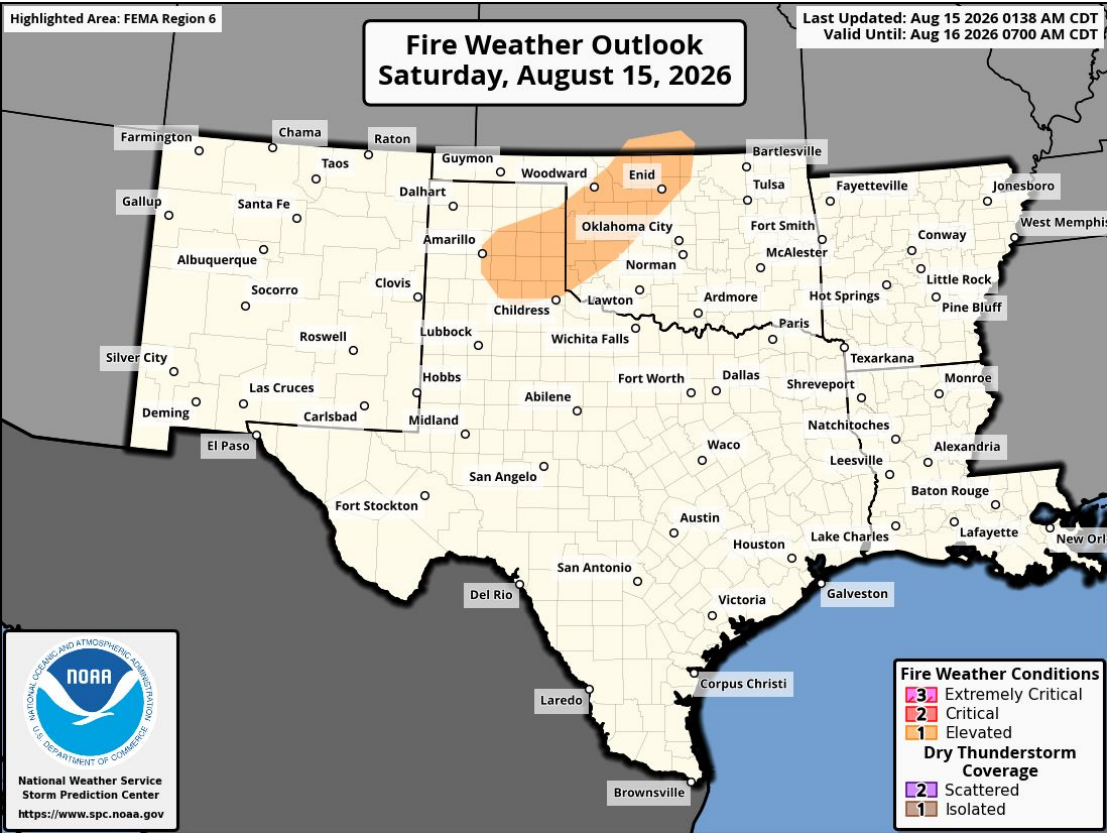
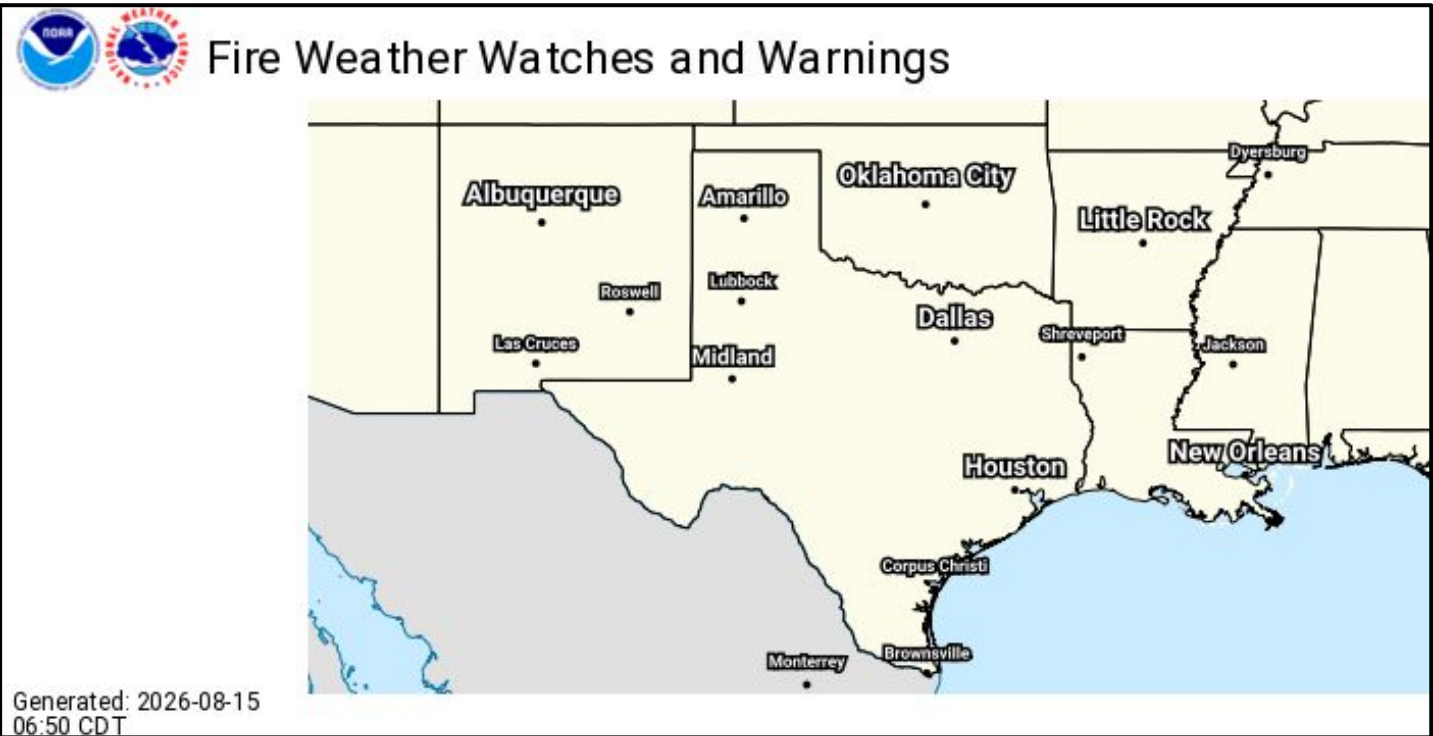
Heat Advisories/Excessive Heat Warnings today in the OK, Panhandle/N/E TX, LA, AR.

Flood Watch today over the Sacramento Burn Scar Complex in NM from Noon to 7 PM CDT.





Fire Weather Outlooks

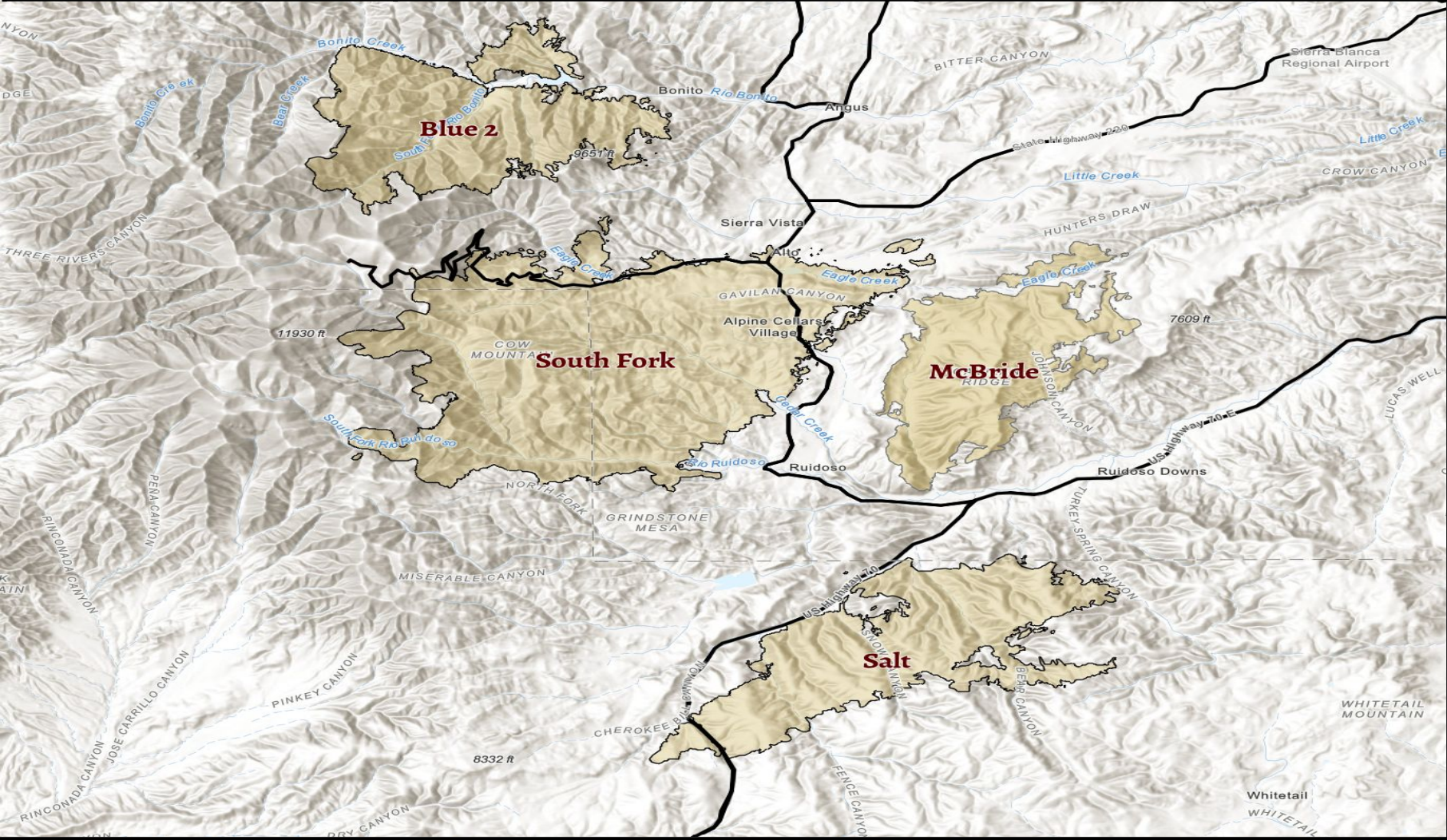




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Saturday, Aug 15	Sunday, Aug 16	Monday, Aug 17	Tuesday, Aug 18	Wednesday, Aug 19
Flash Flooding	High	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low
Timing - CDT	Noon - 7 PM	Afternoon/Evening	-	Afternoon/Evening	-

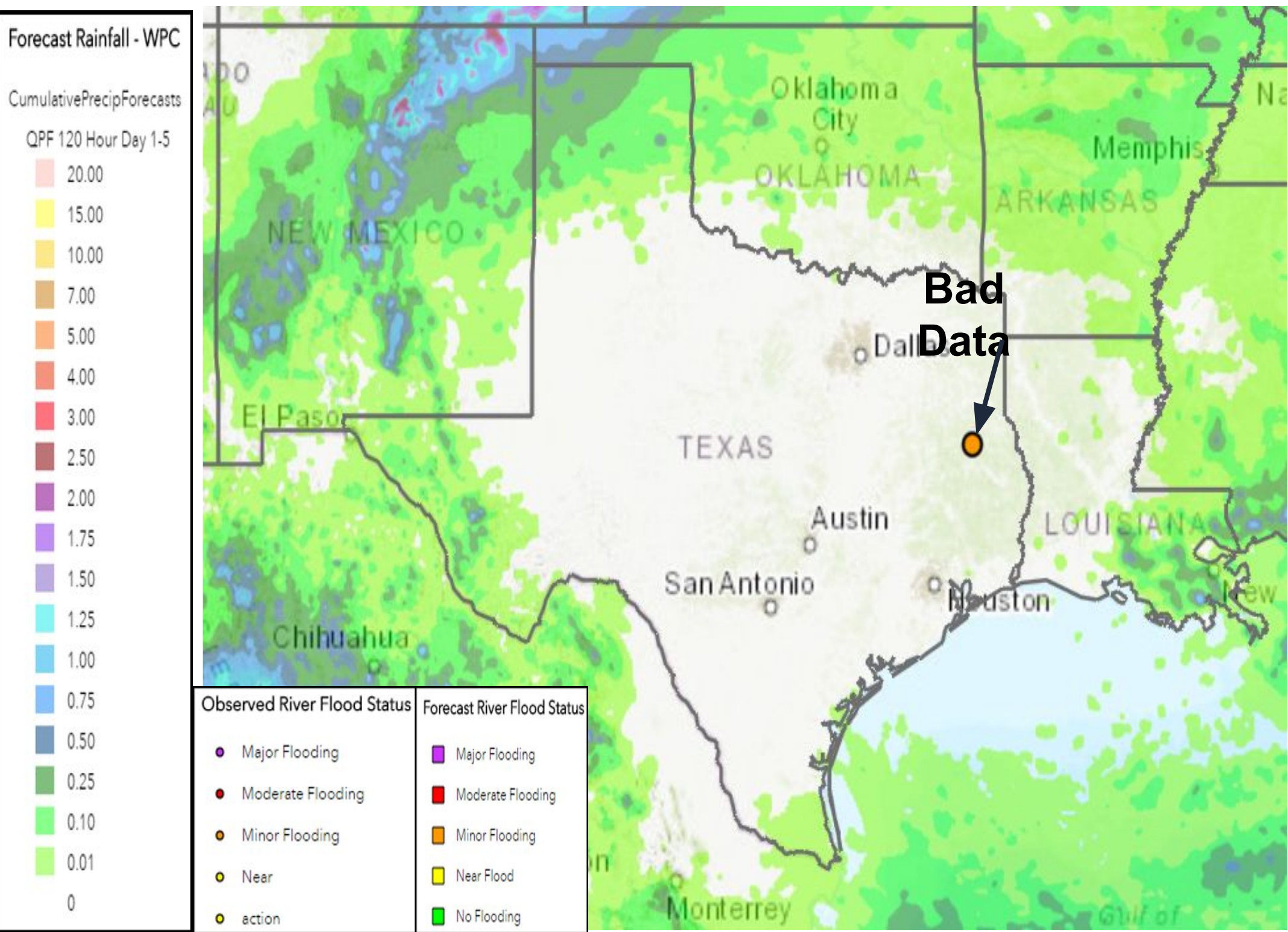


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



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



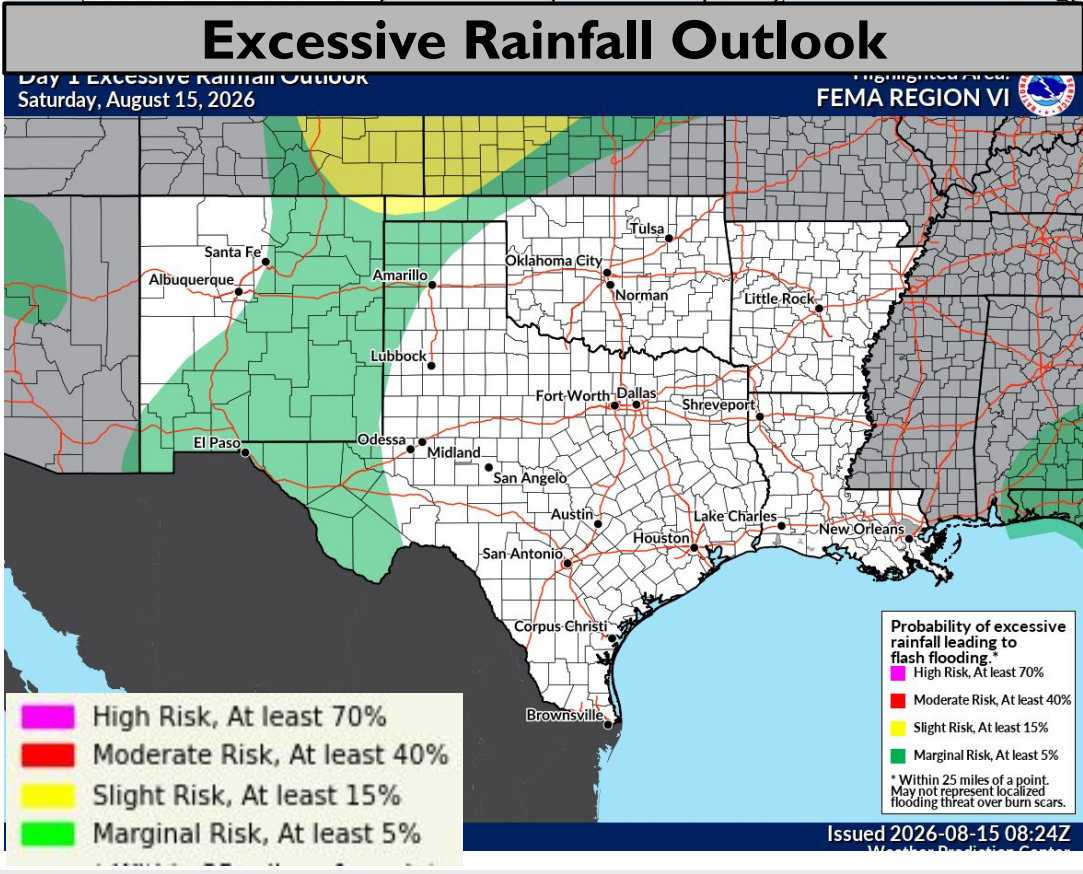
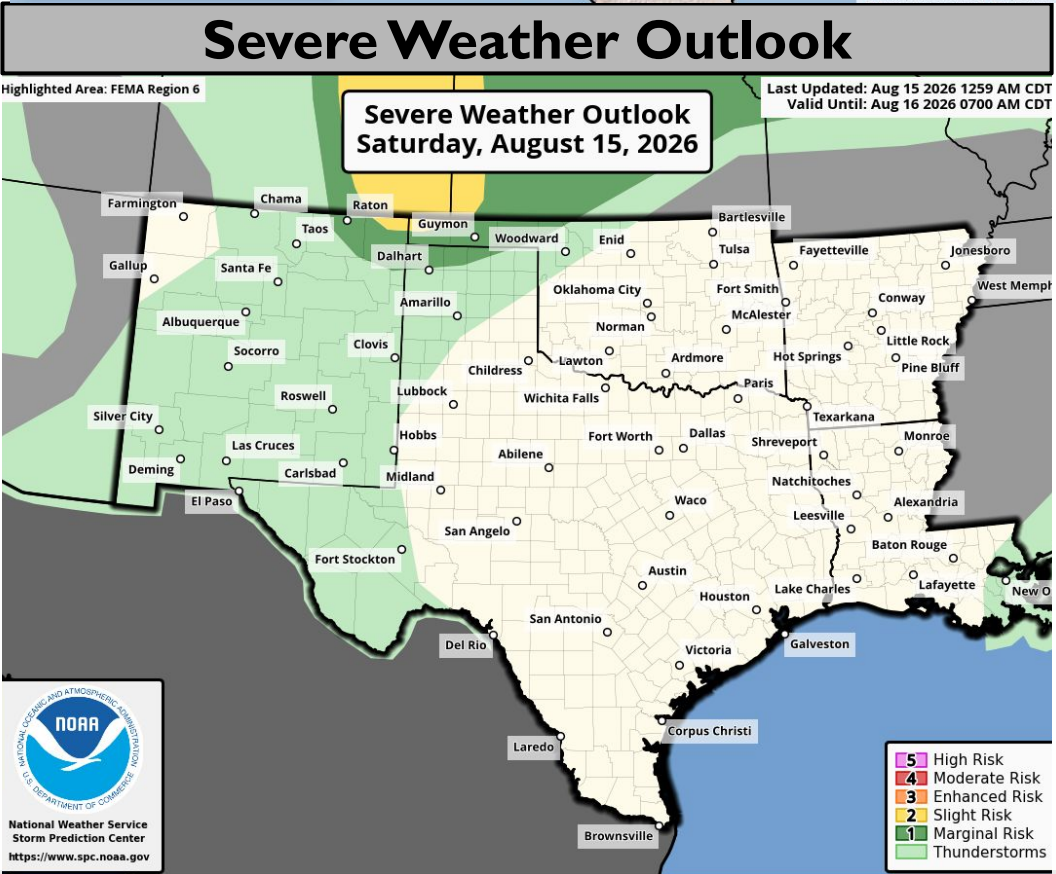
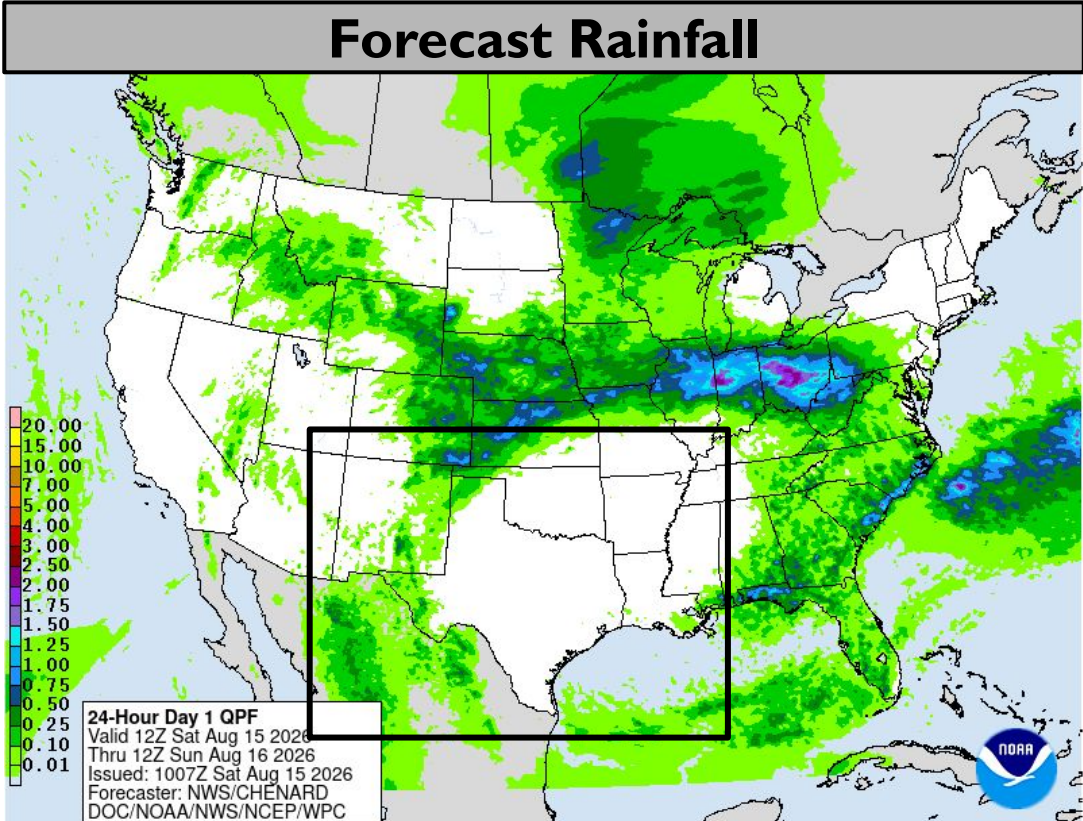
No significant river flooding expected.

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.





Today's Weather

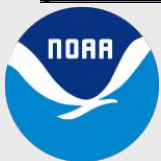


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, OK Panhandle.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in NE NM, OK Panhandle.
Wind is the main hazard.

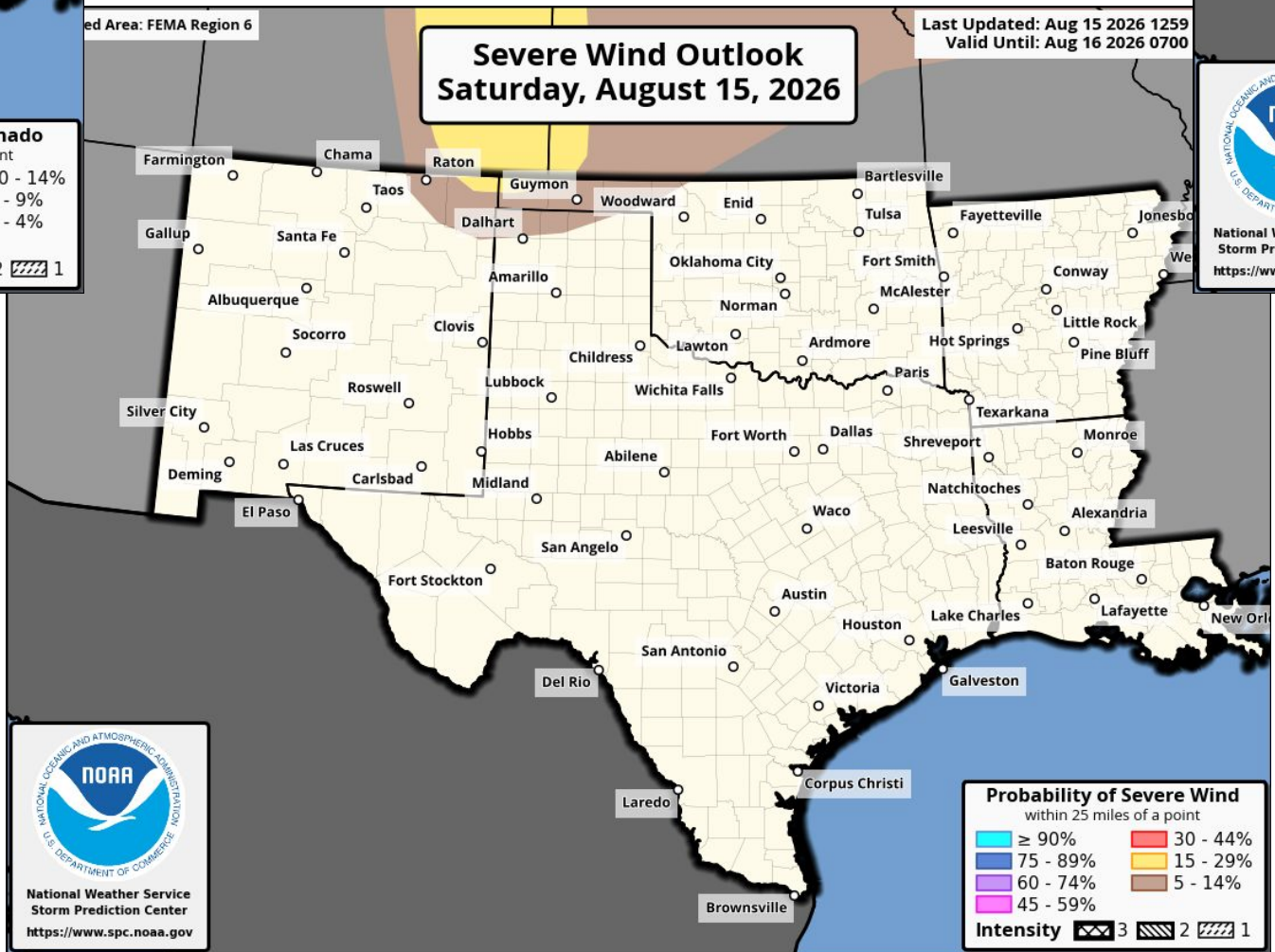
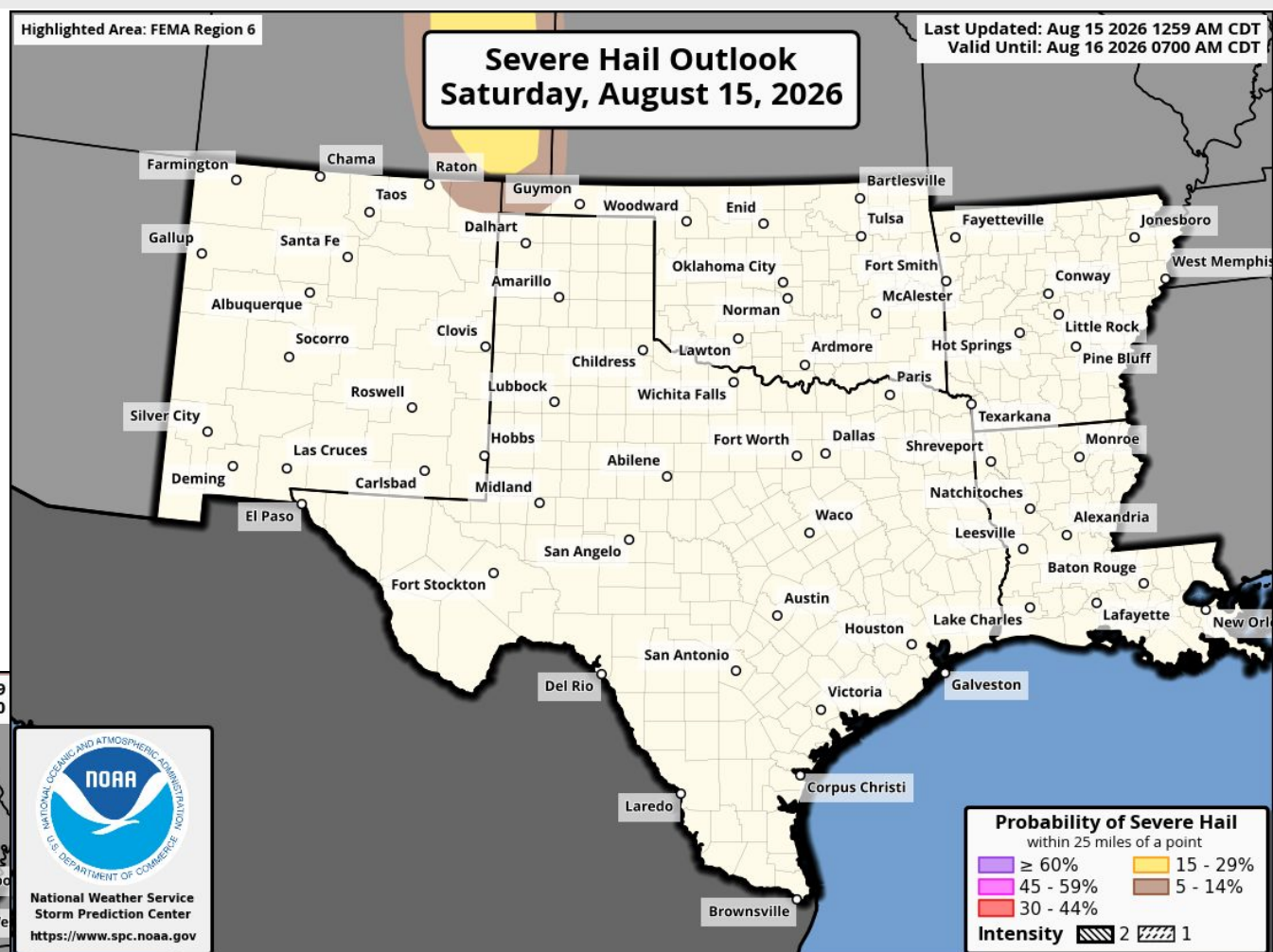
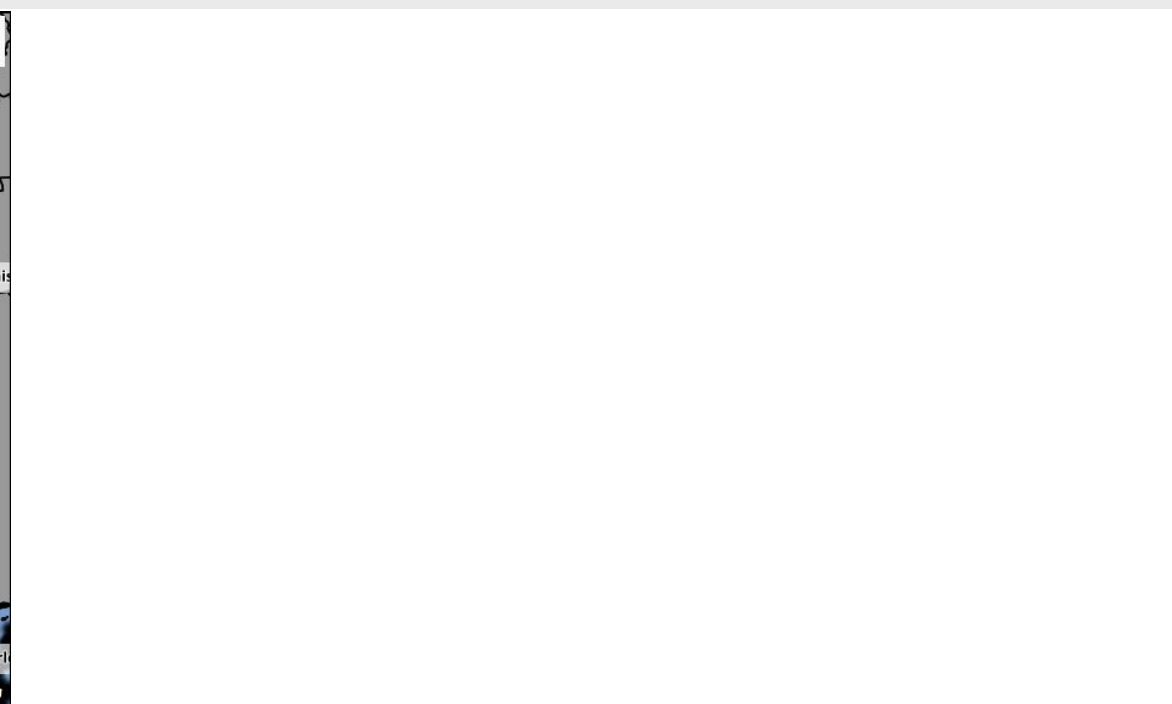
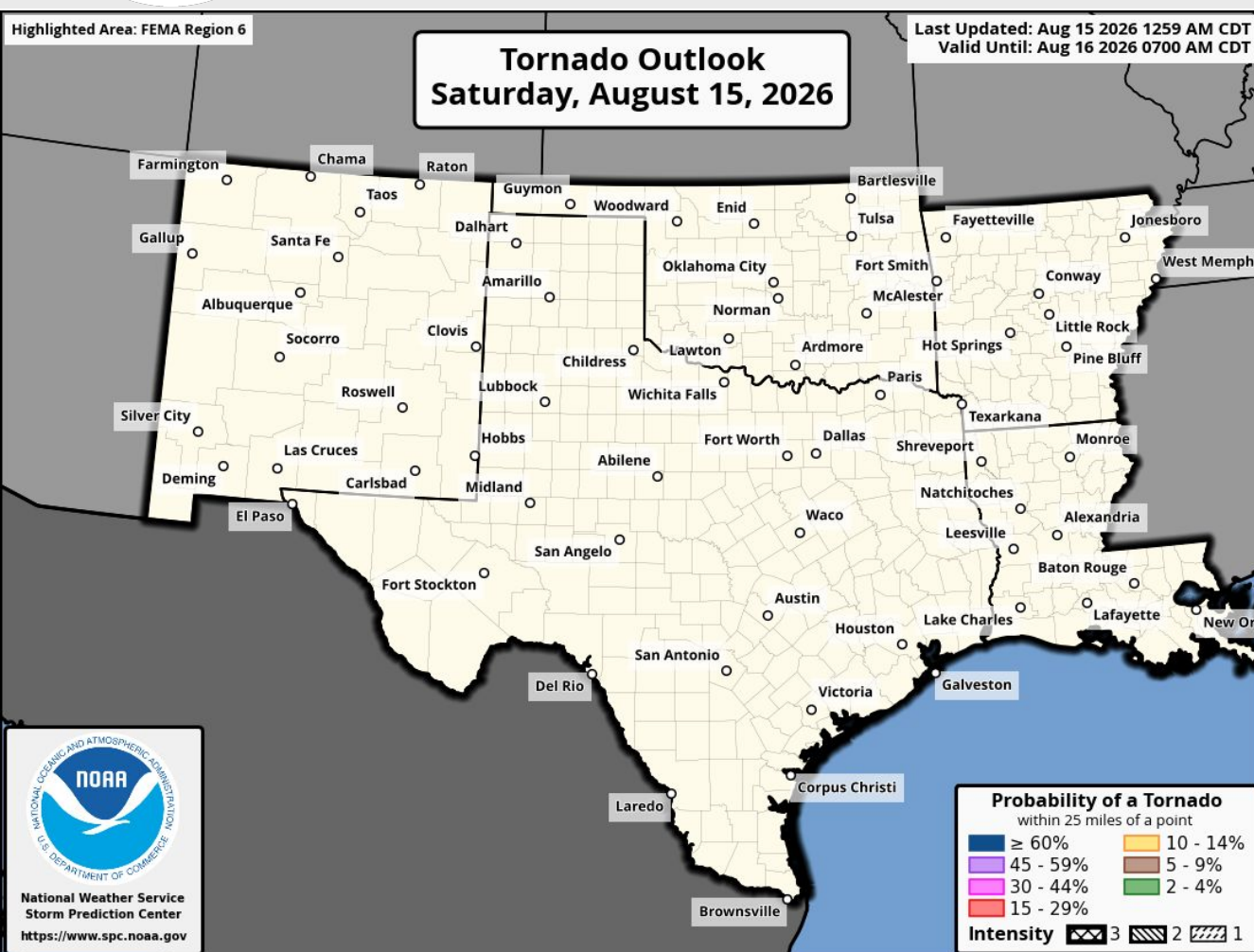
Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in the ETX Panhandle, W OK.

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



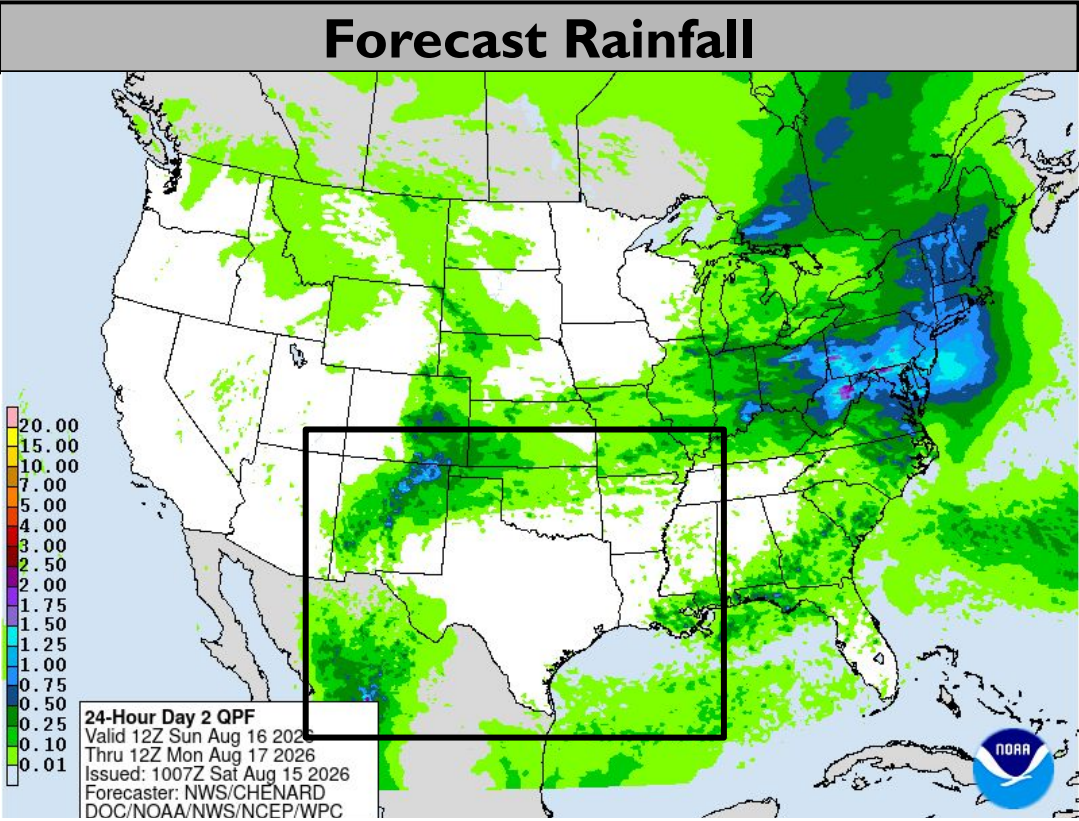
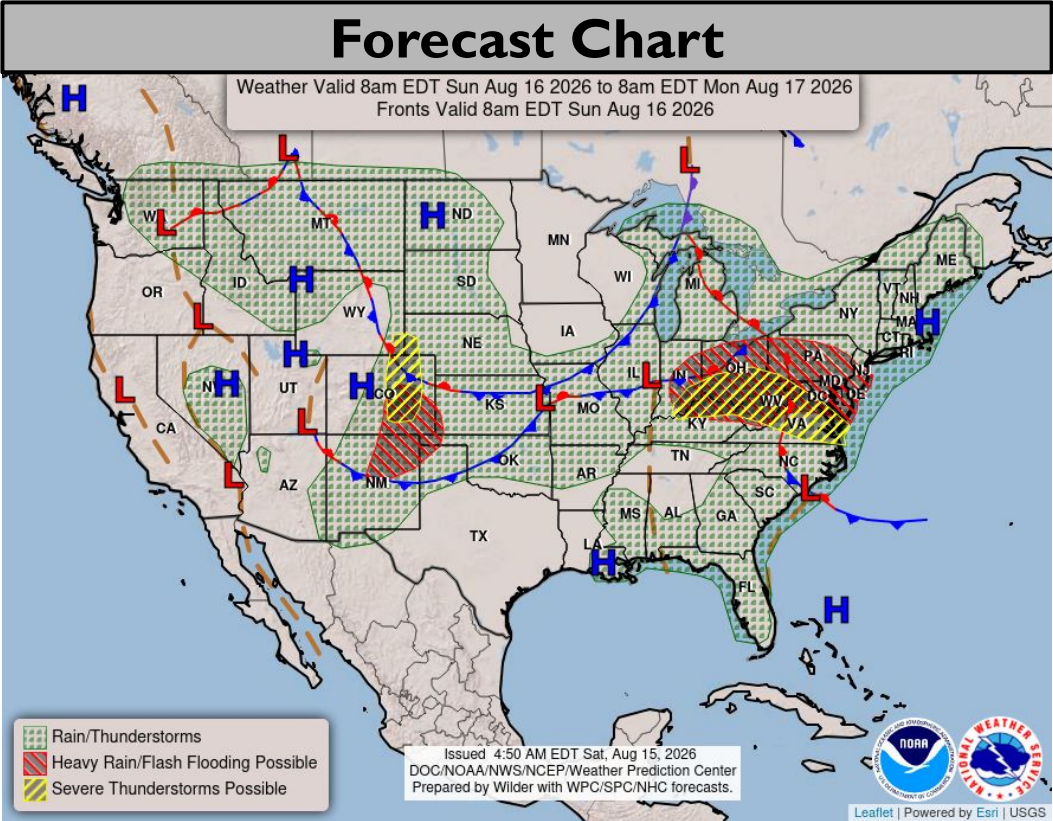


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



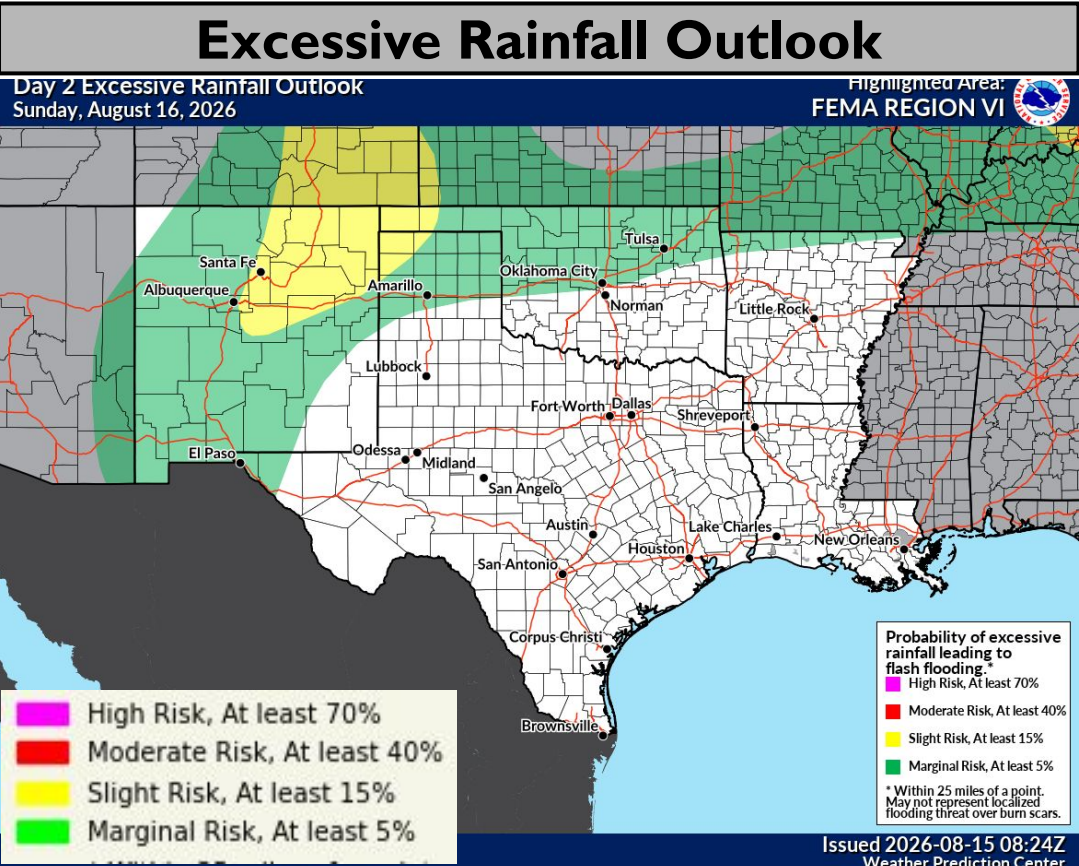
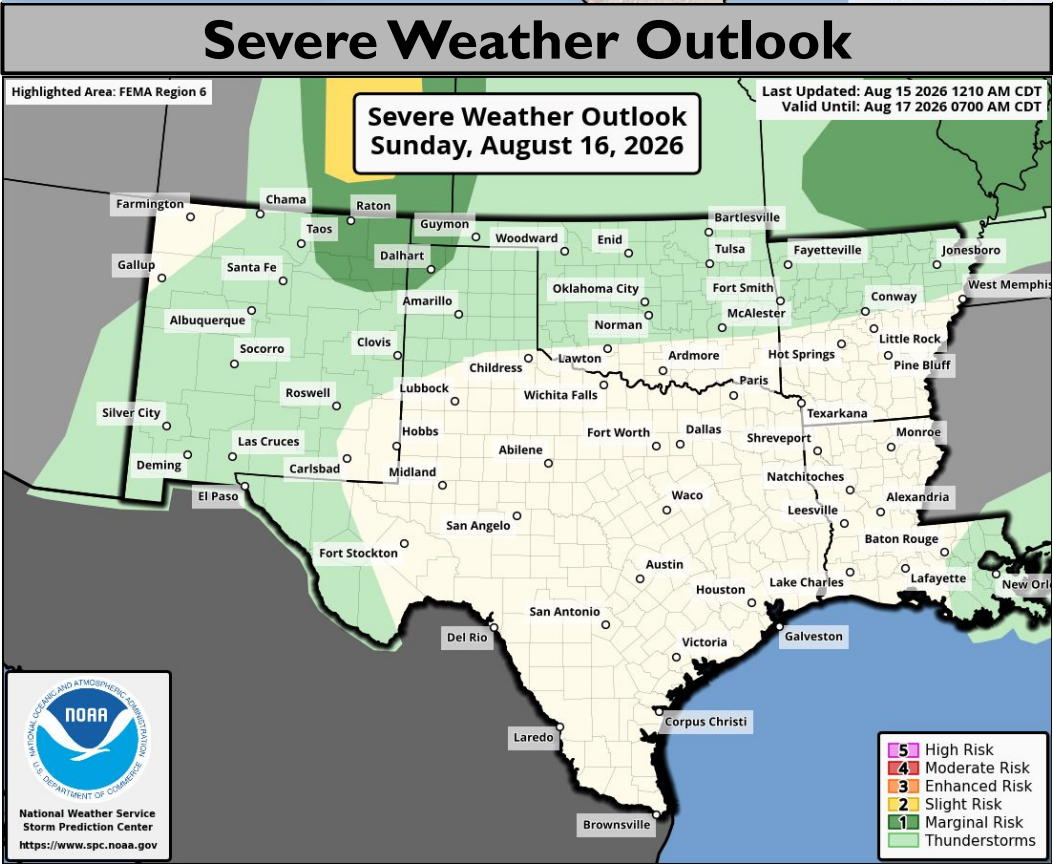


Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE NM, W OK/TX Panhandles.

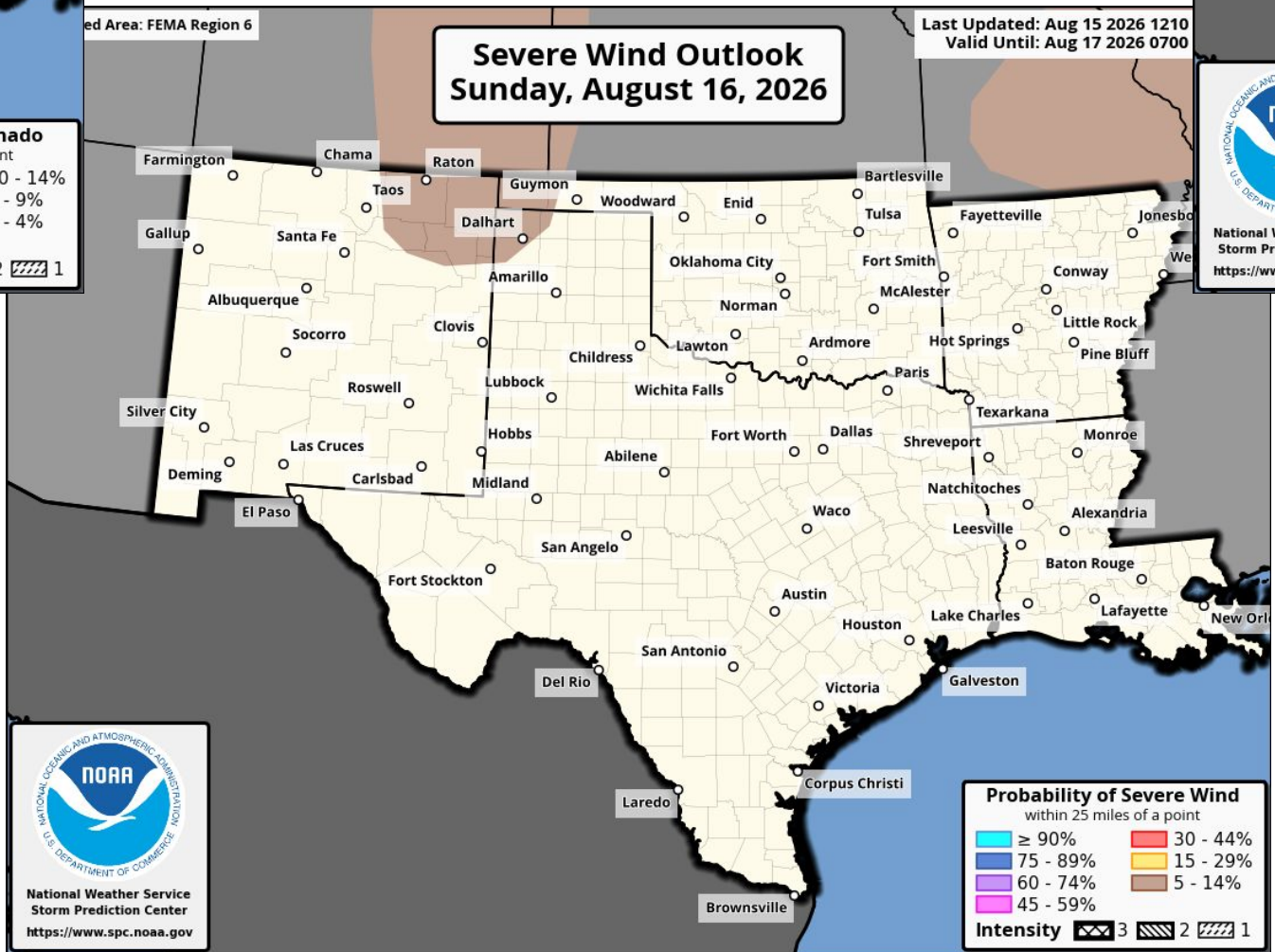
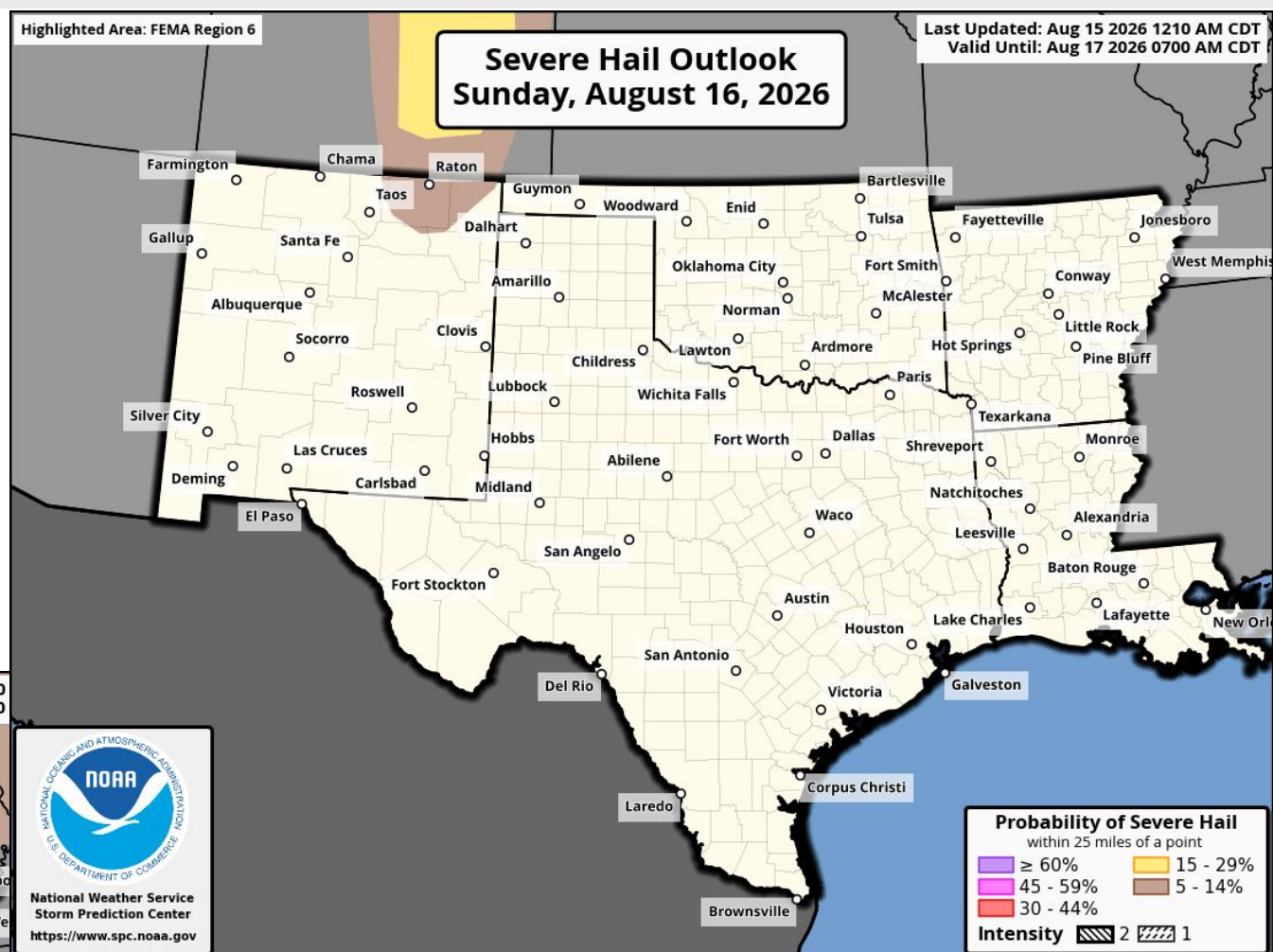
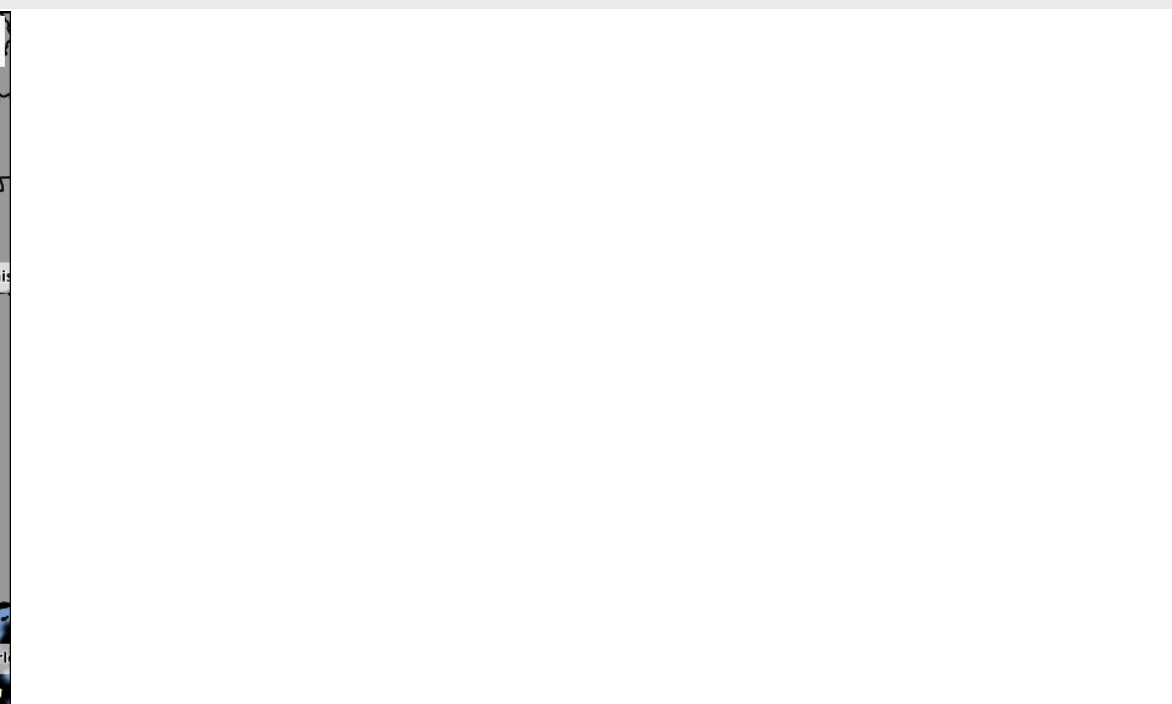
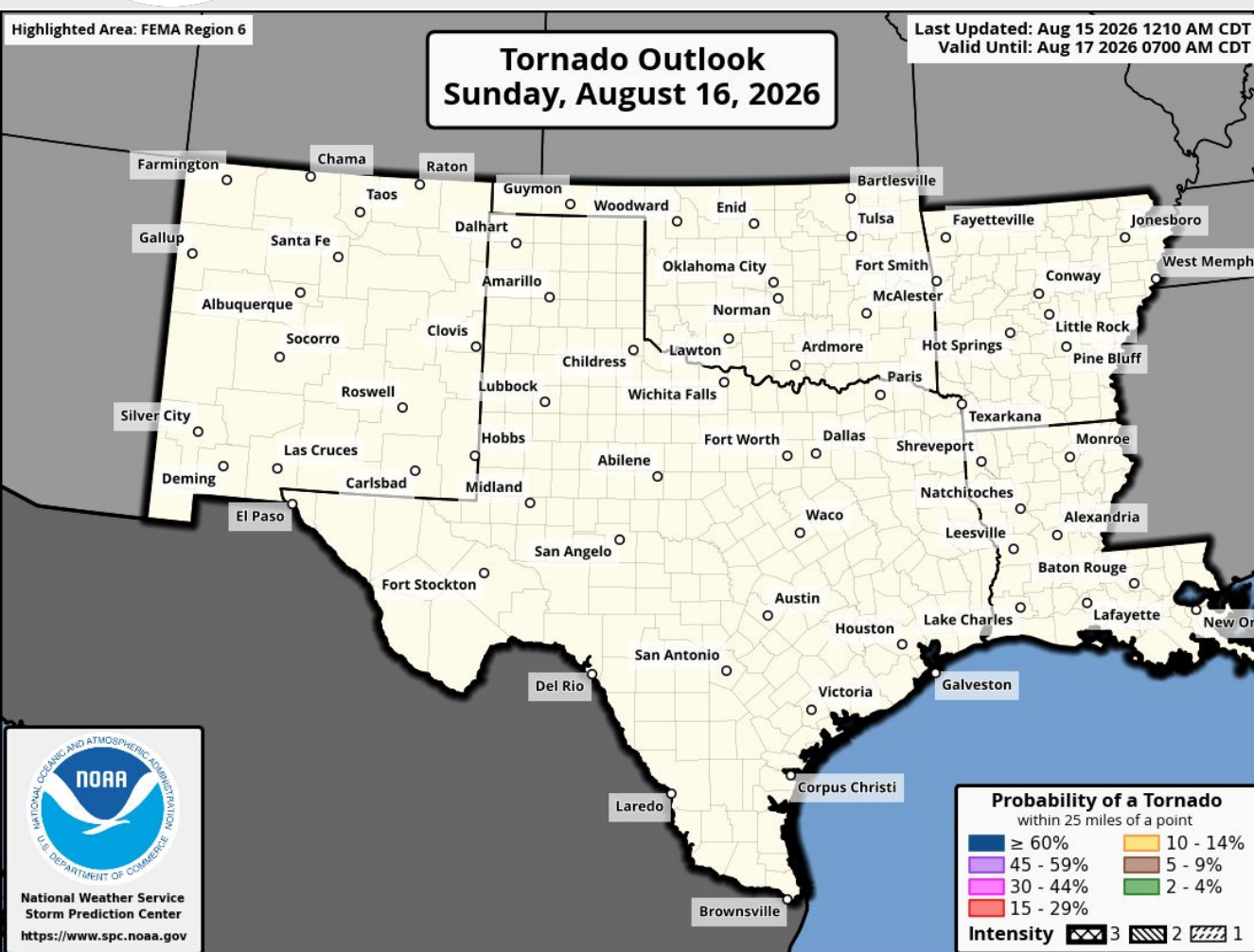


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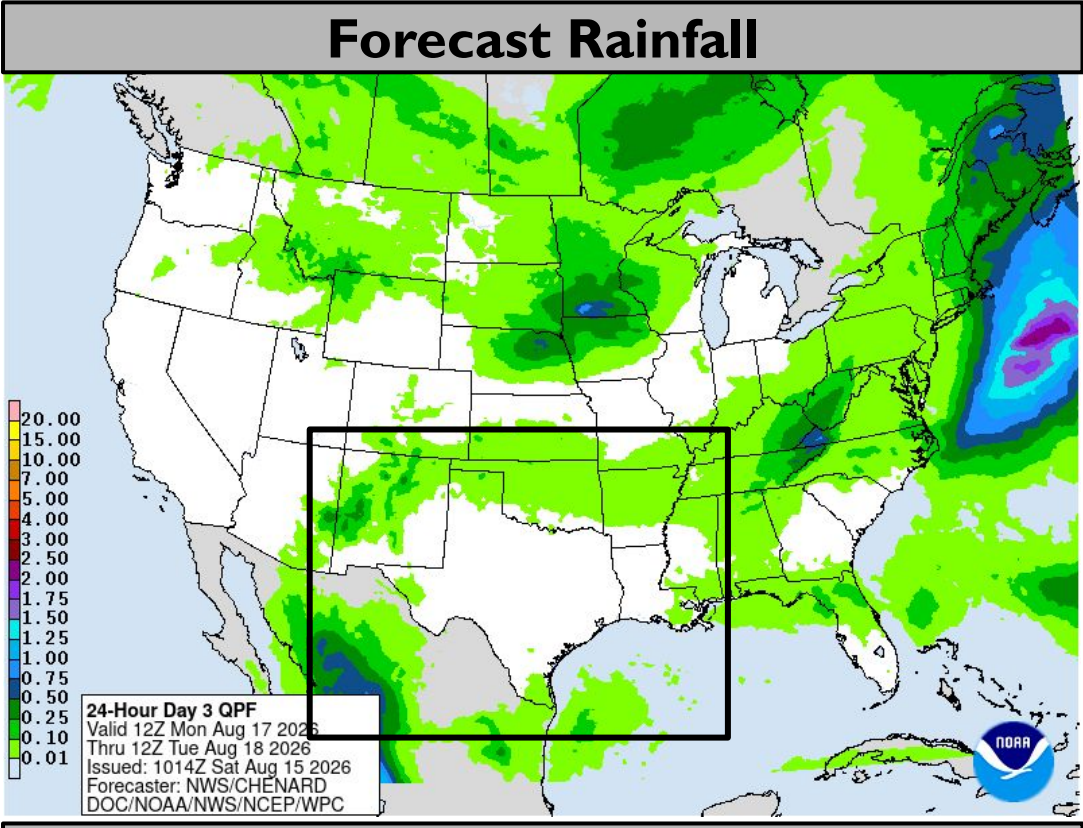
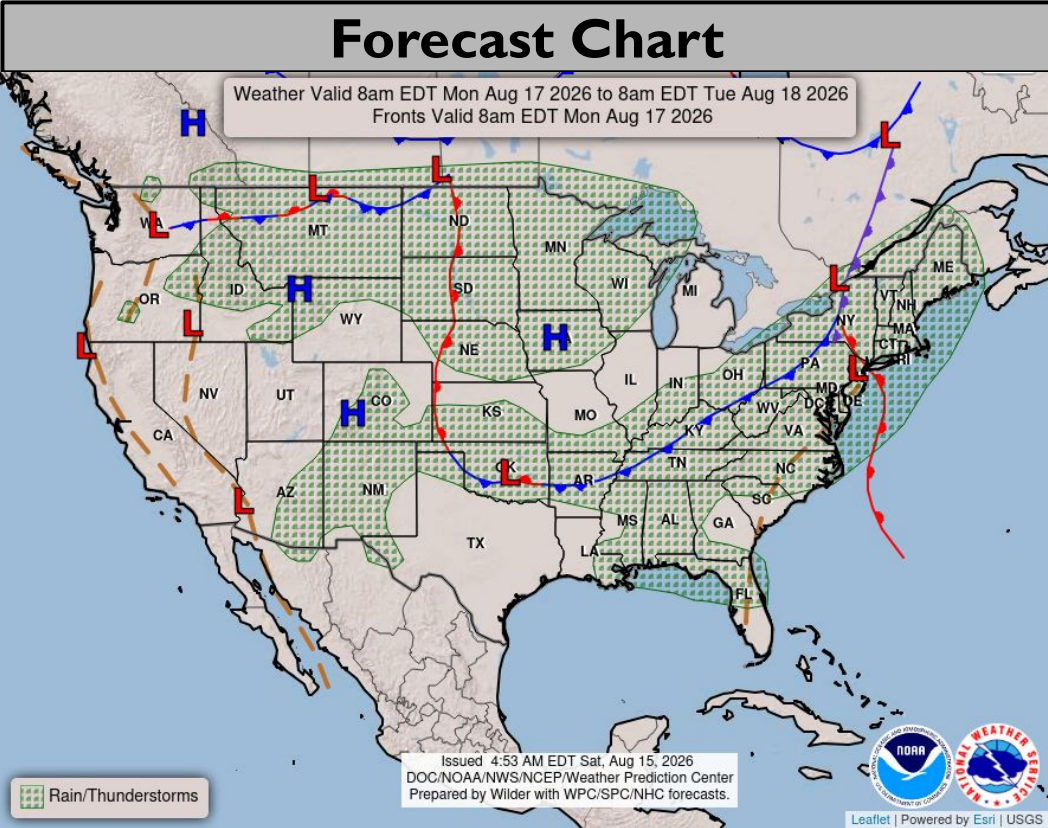


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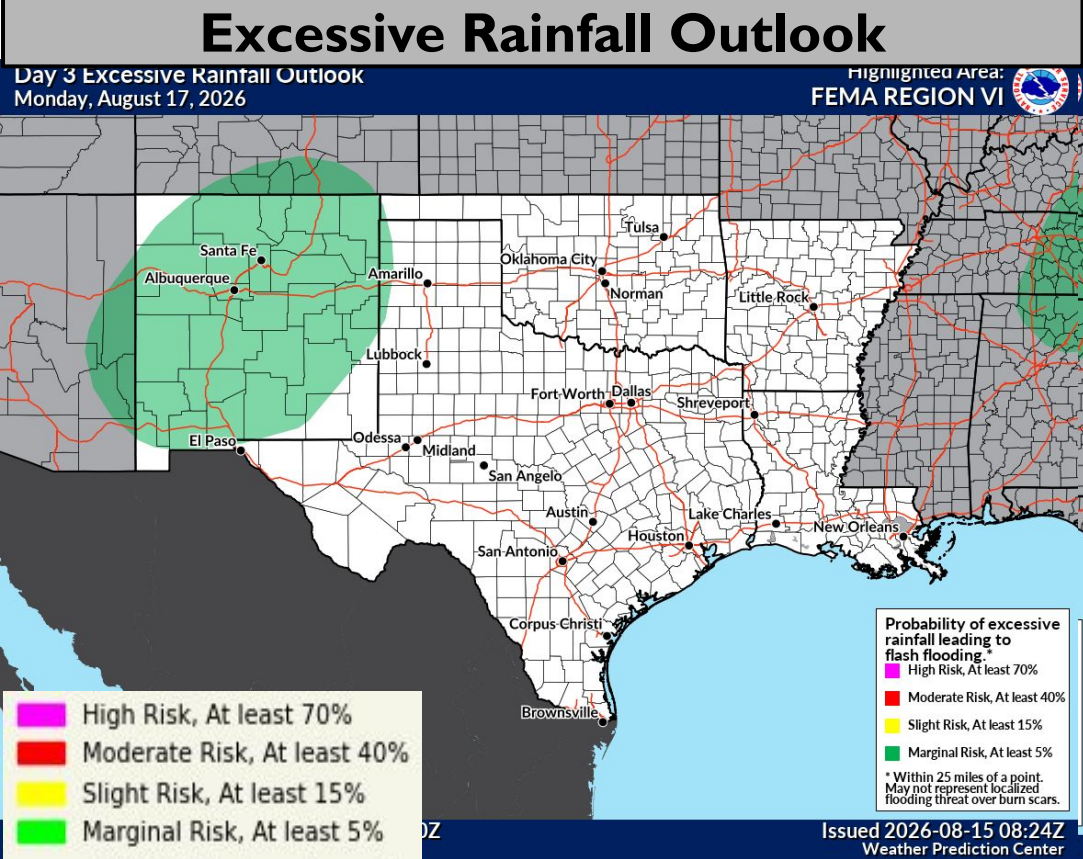
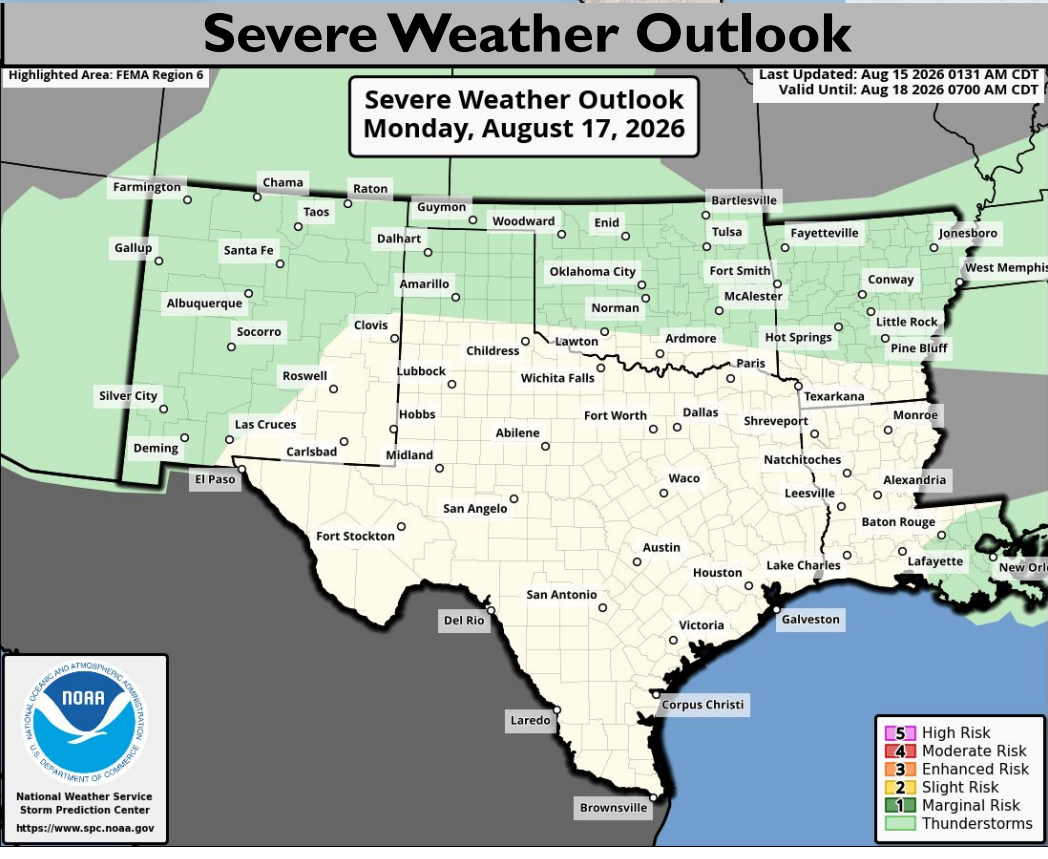




Monday's Weather



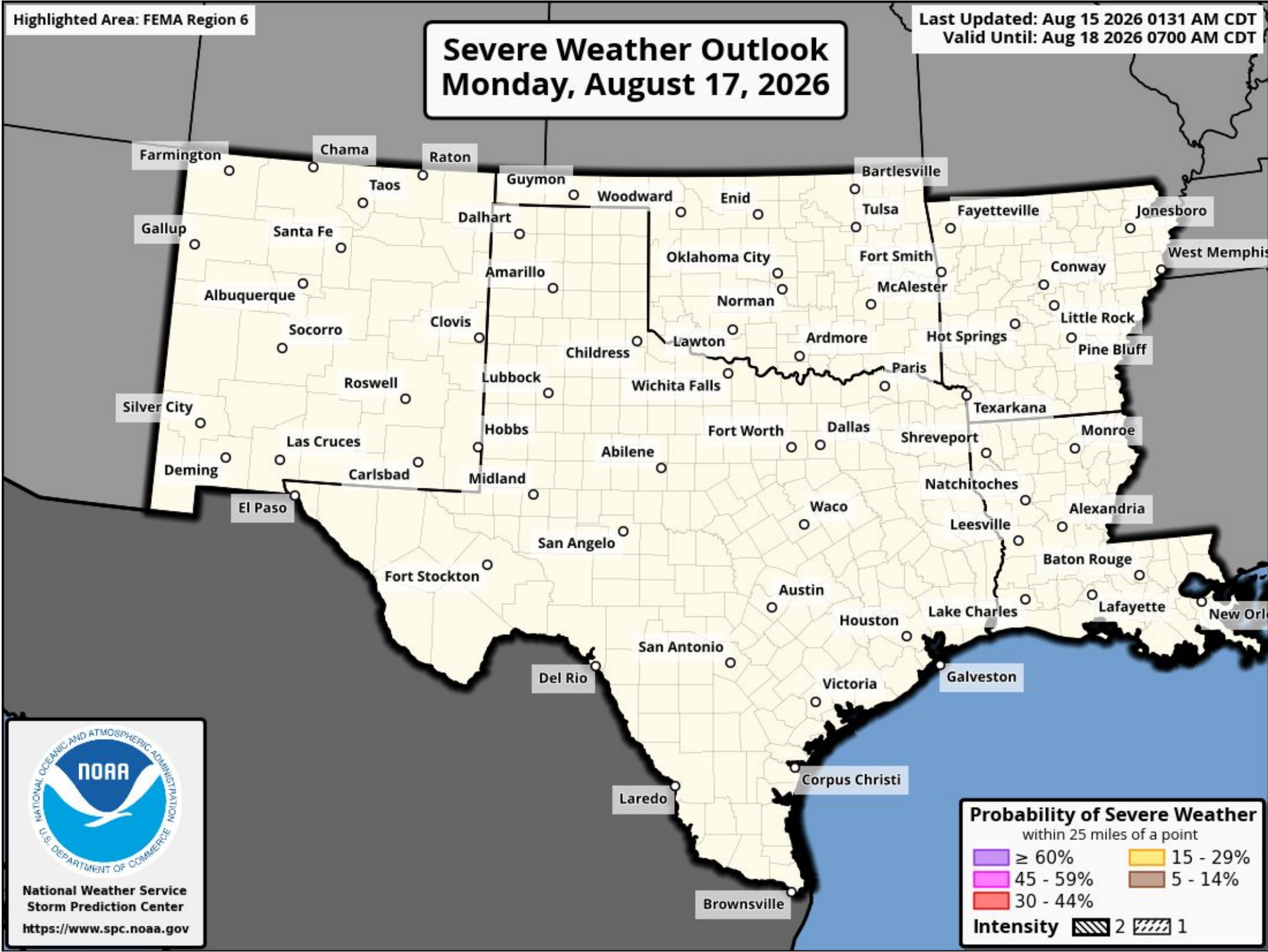
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM.



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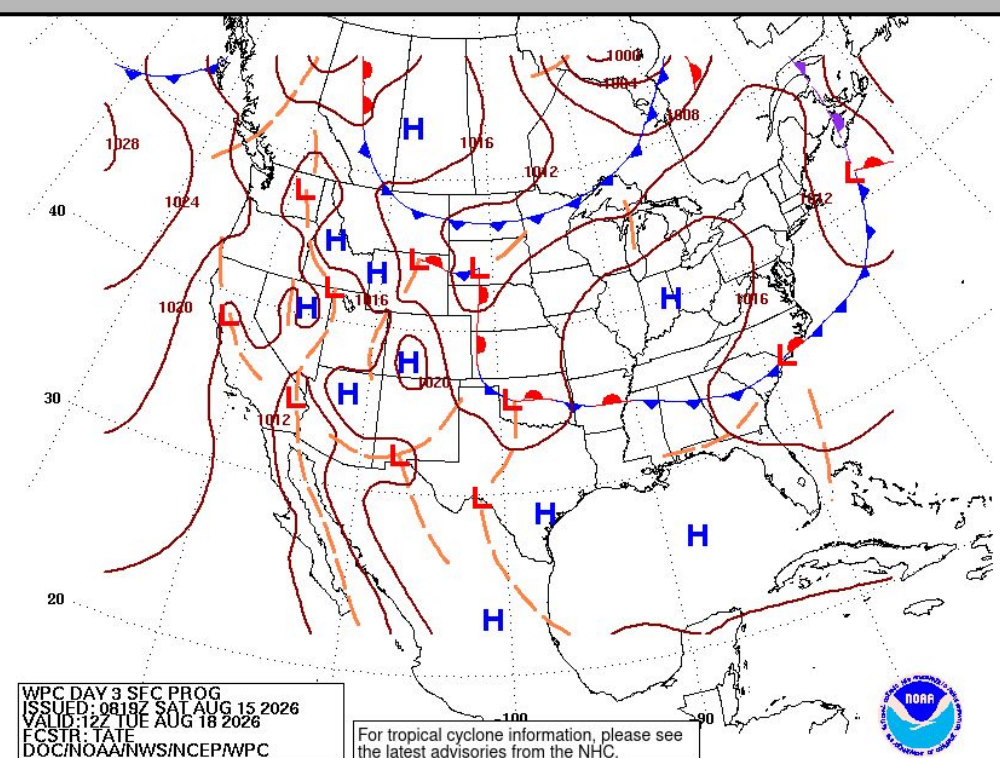
Monday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIIG Level



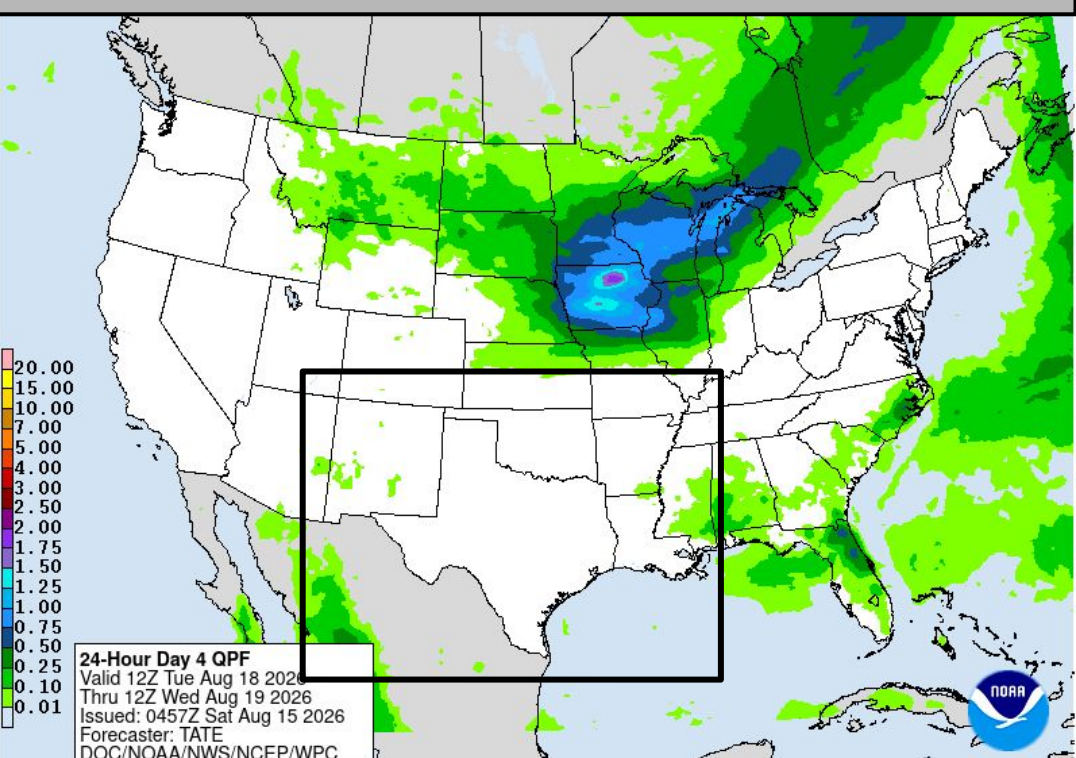


Tuesday's Weather

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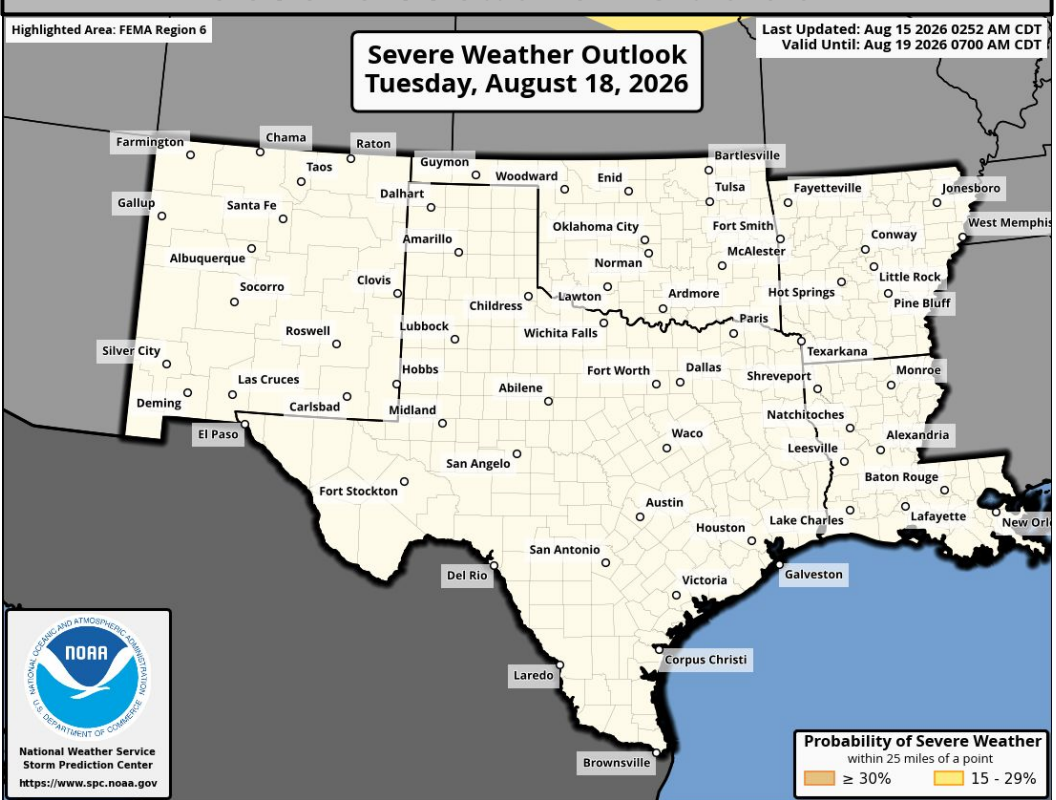


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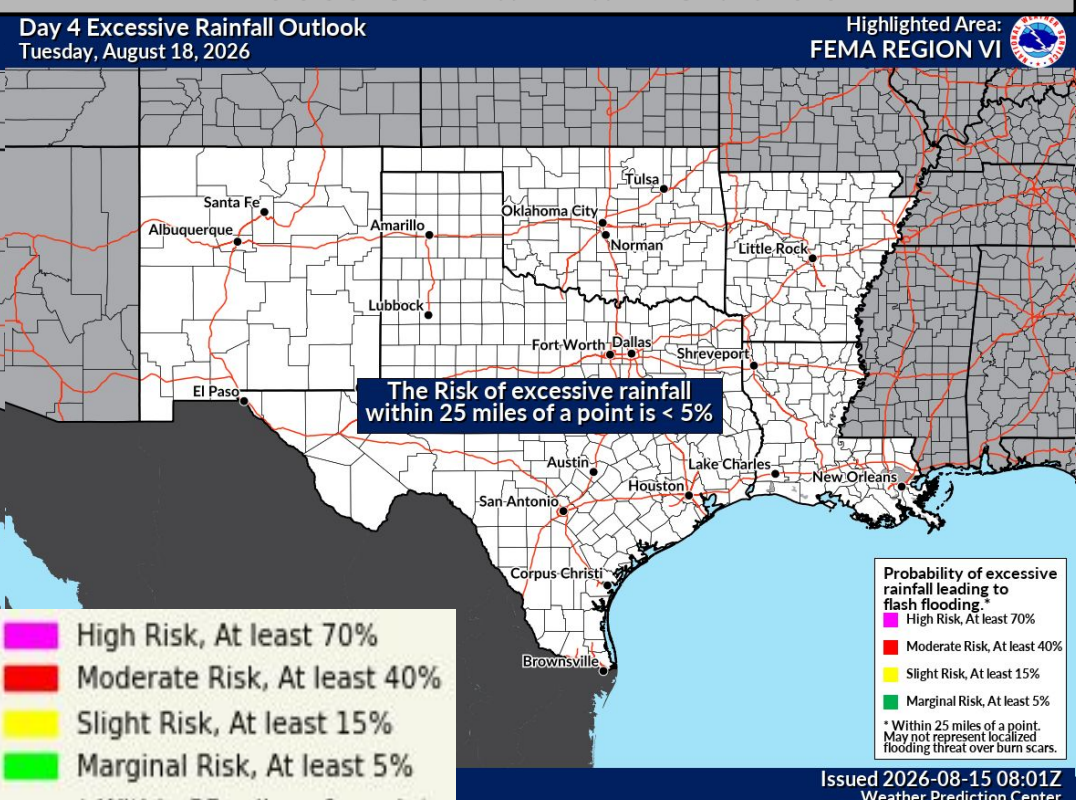


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



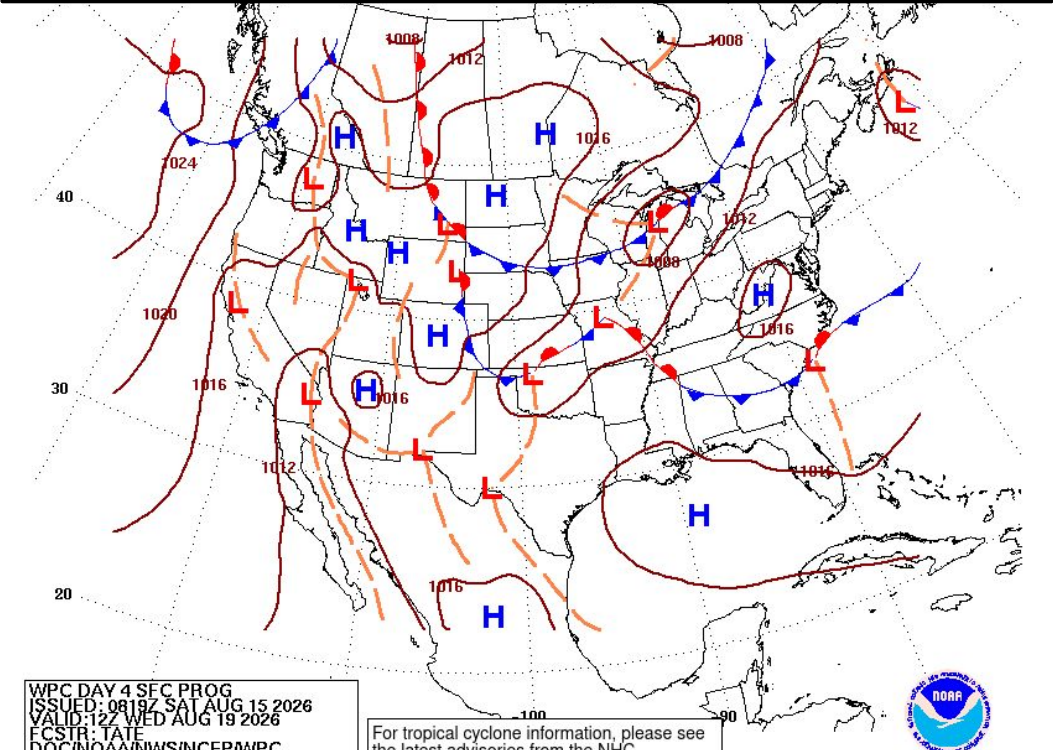
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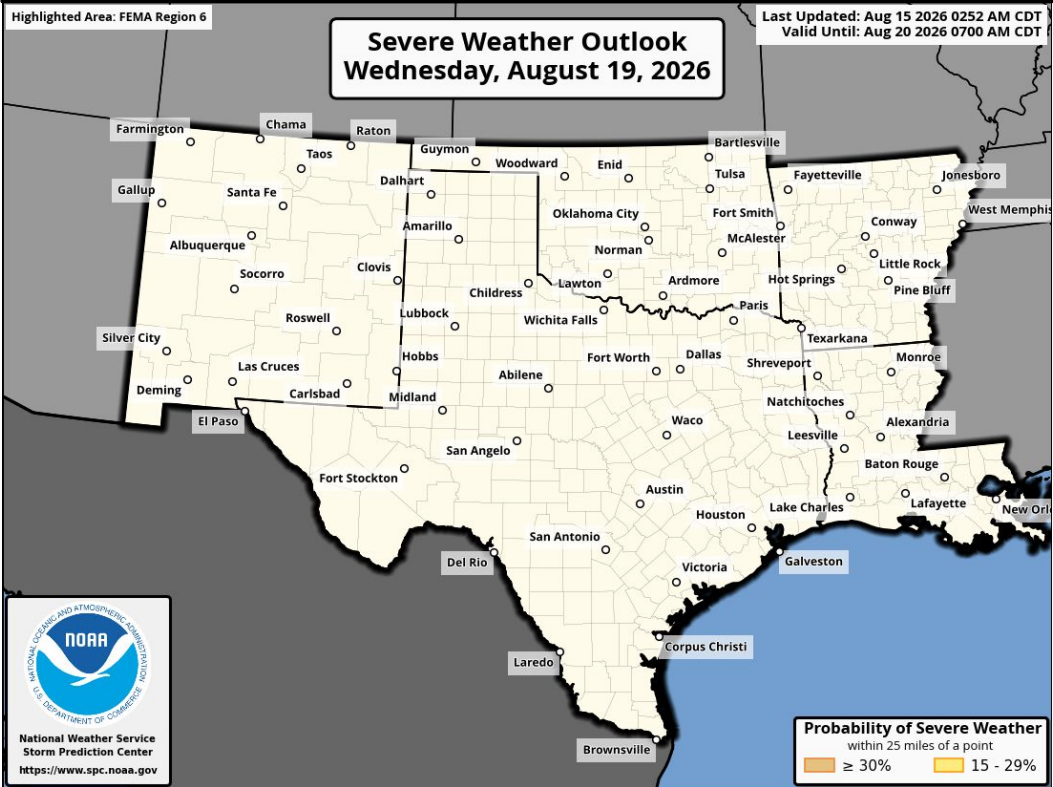


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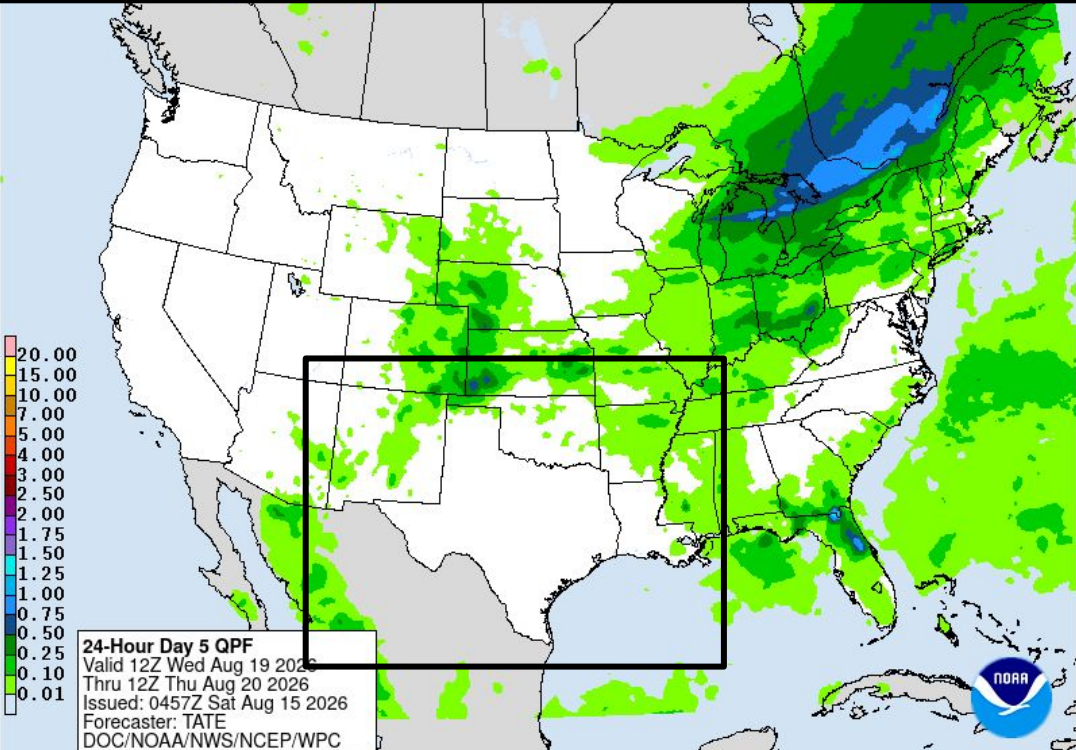
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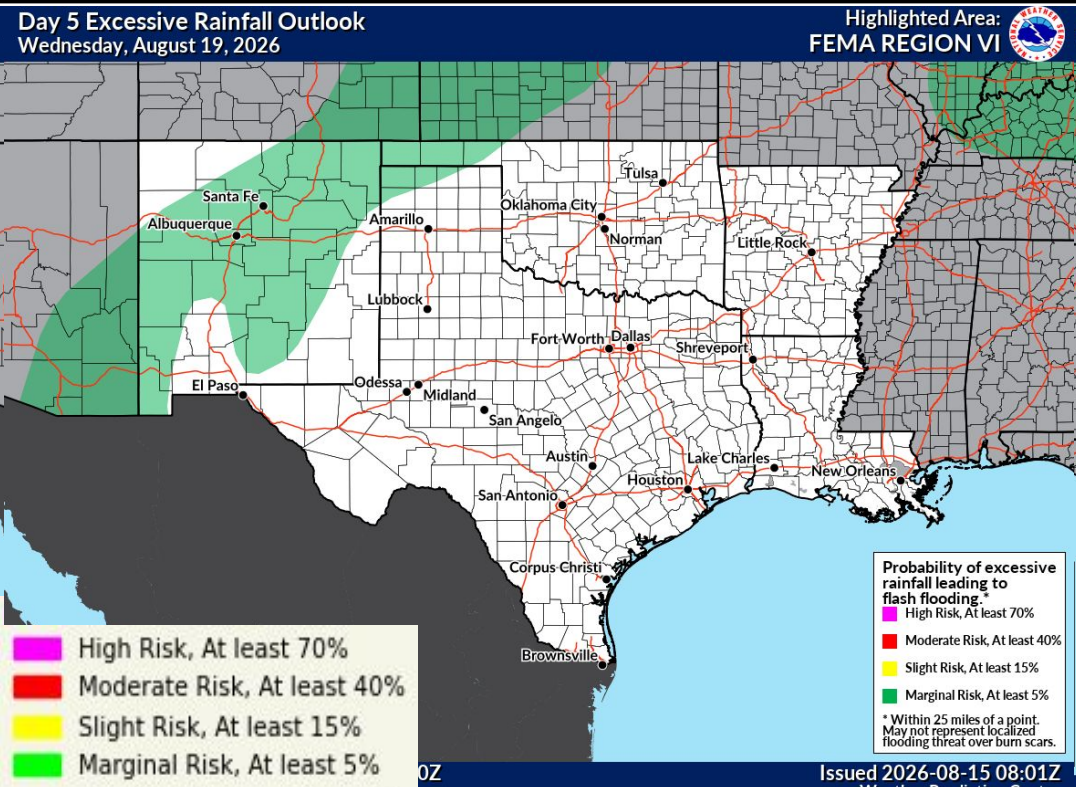
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Forecast Rainfall



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Monitoring NM, TX/OK Panhandles for flash flooding.

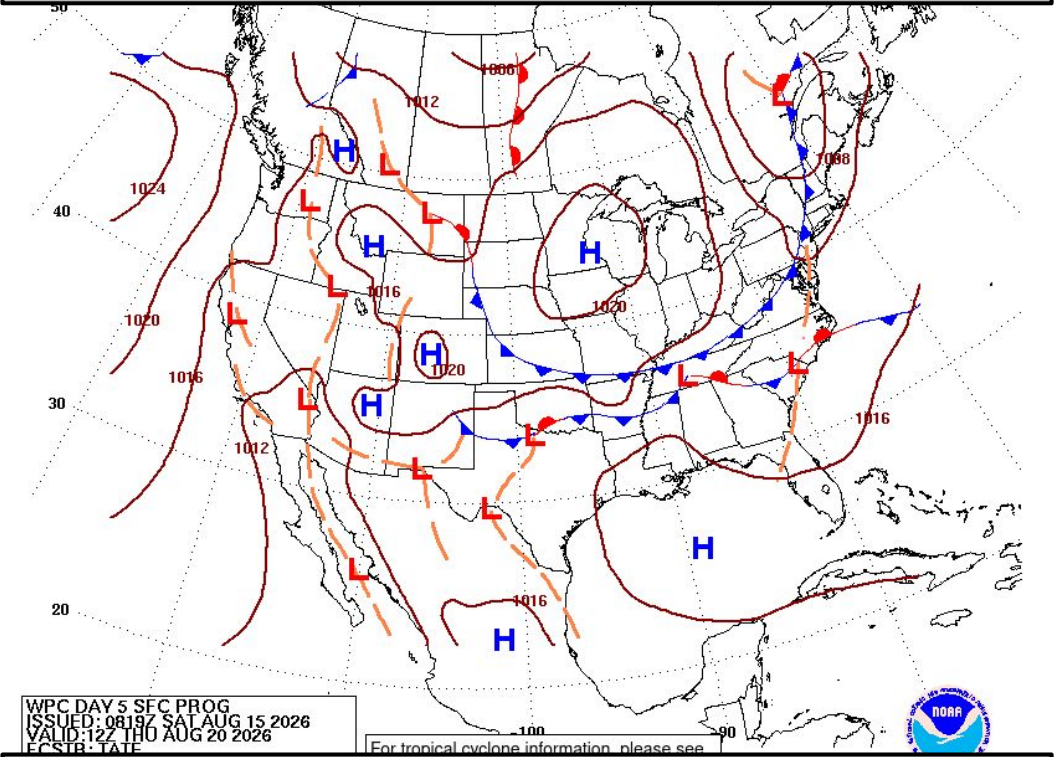
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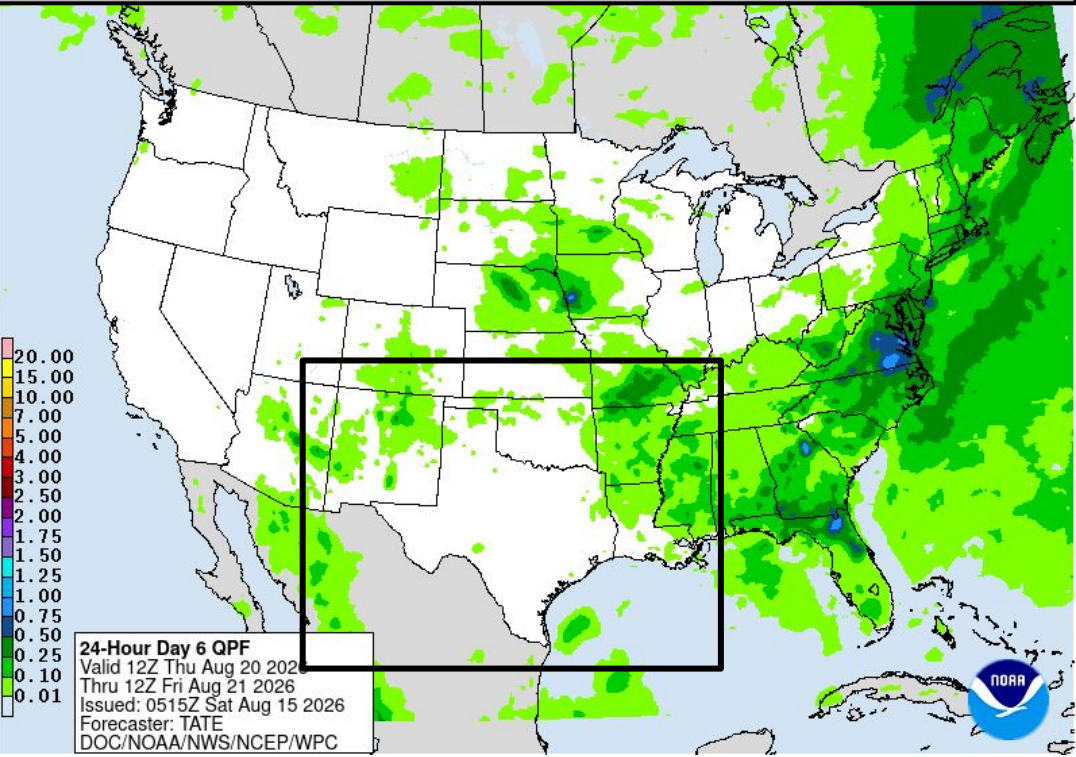


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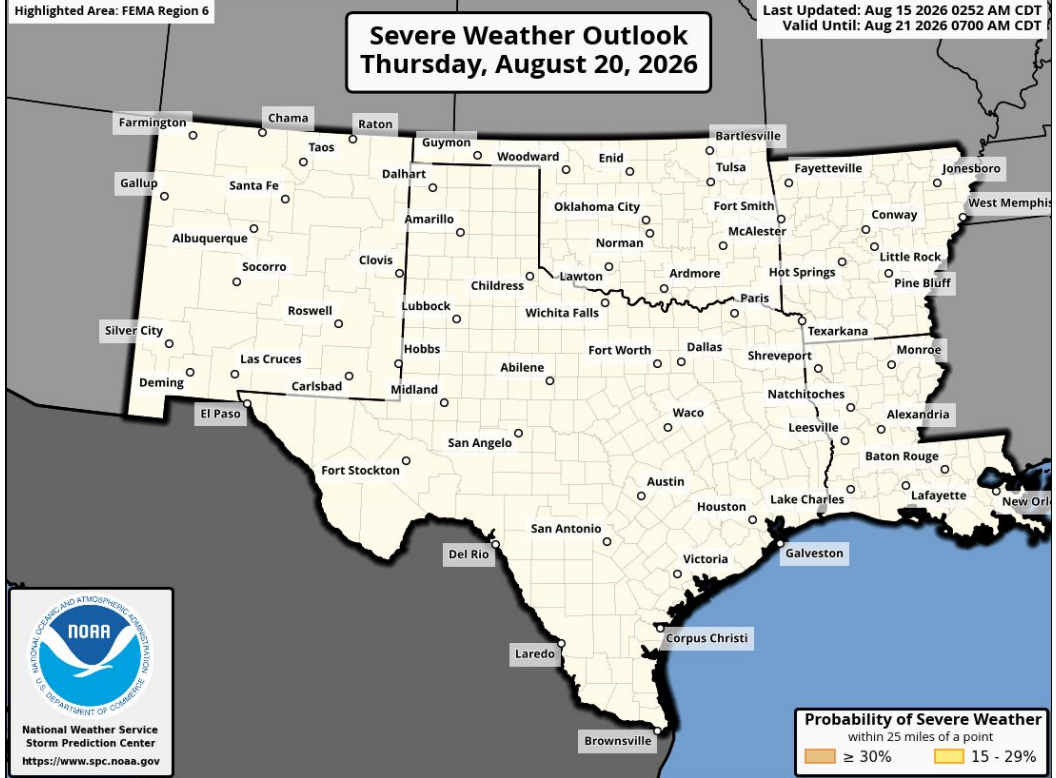


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

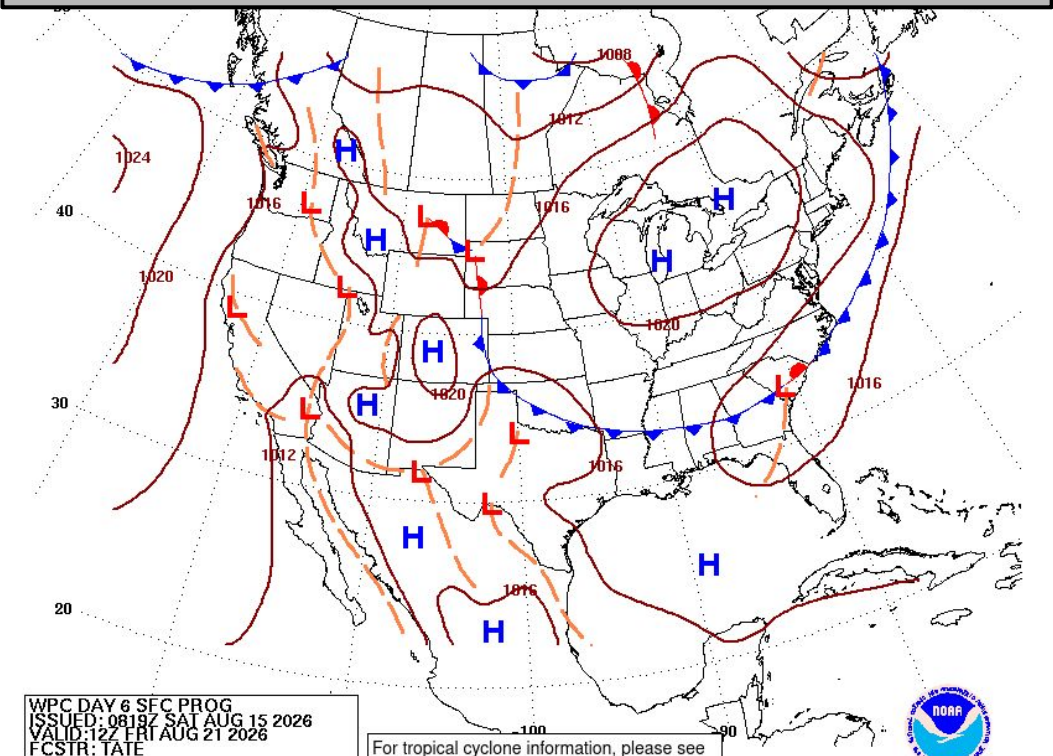


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not available beyond Day 5

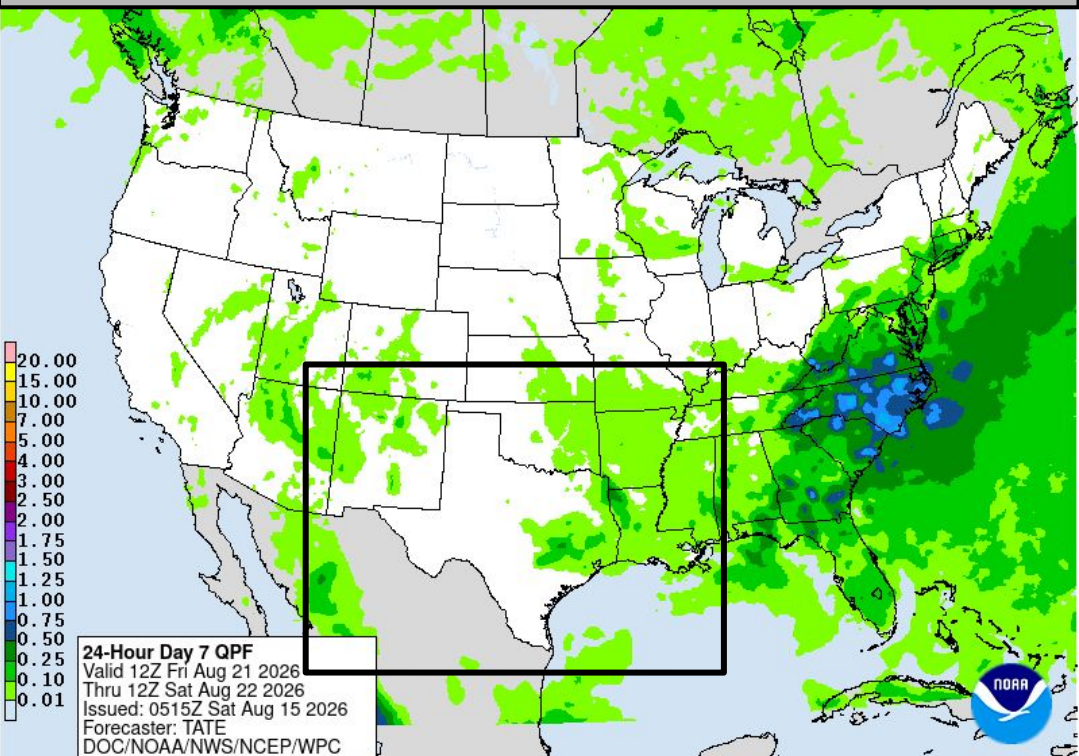


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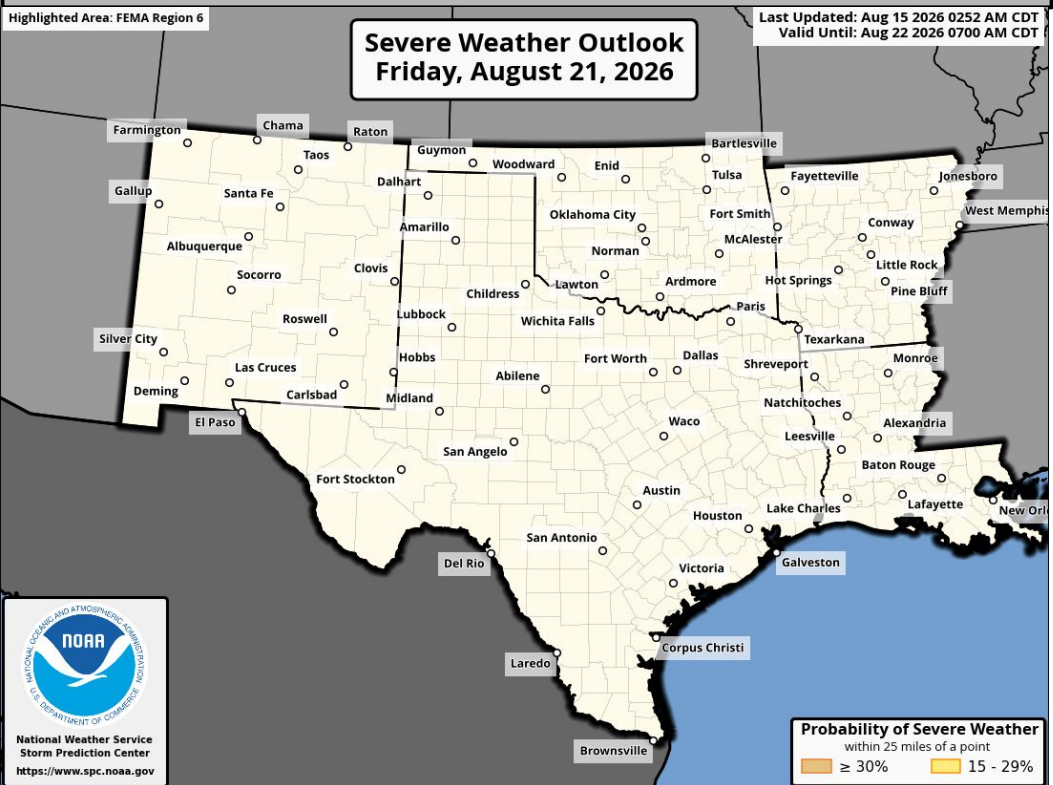


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Severe Weather Outlook

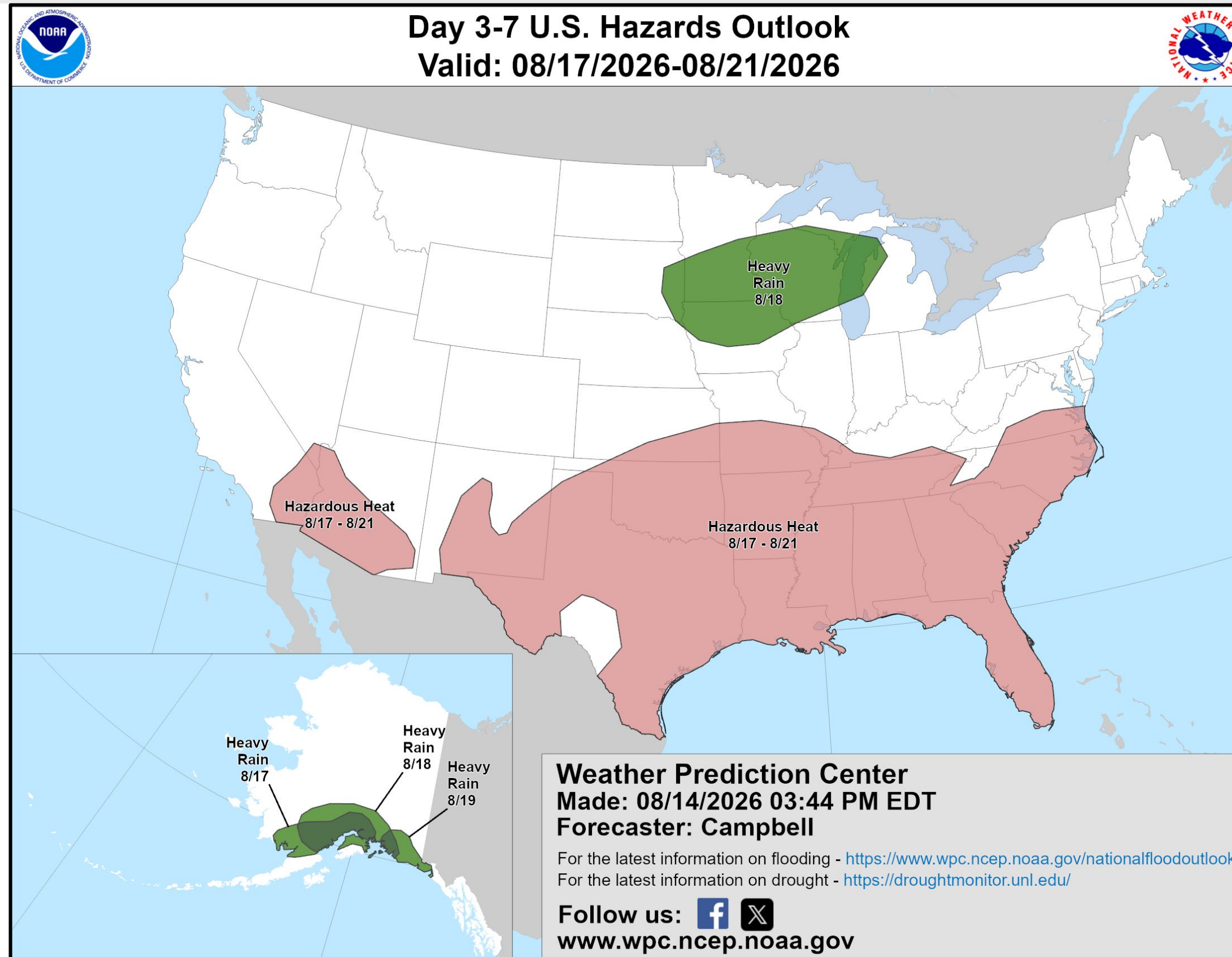


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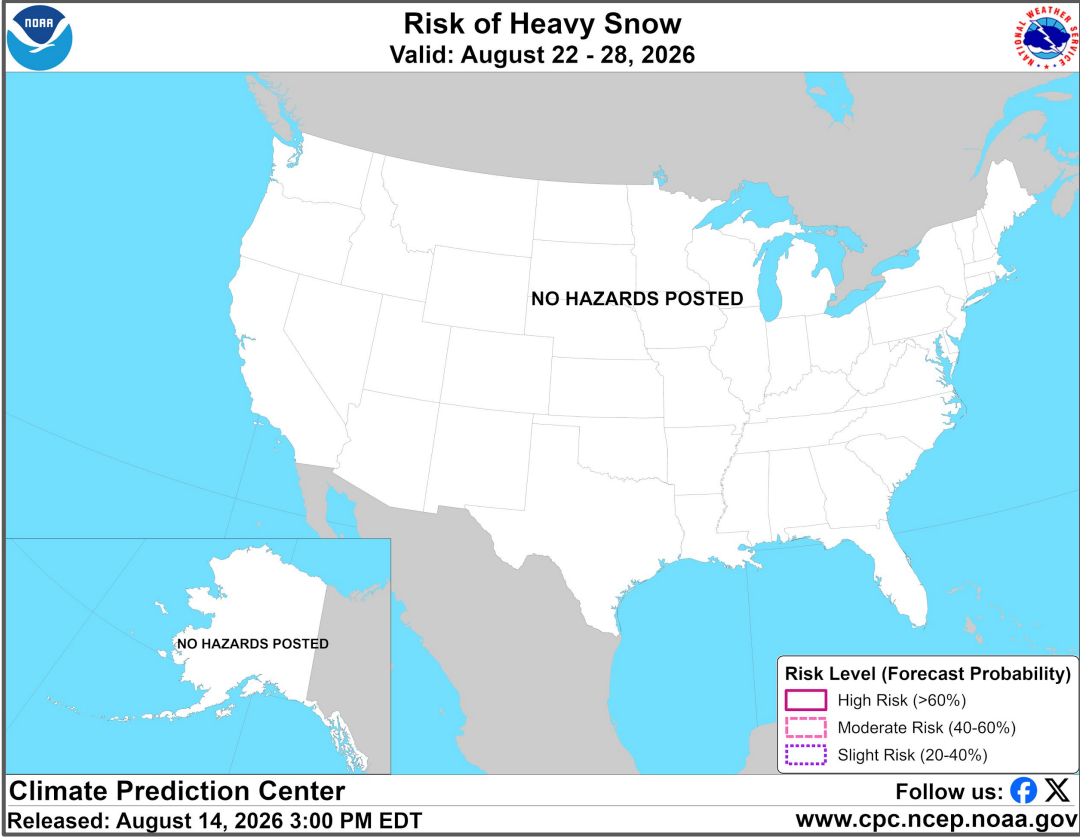
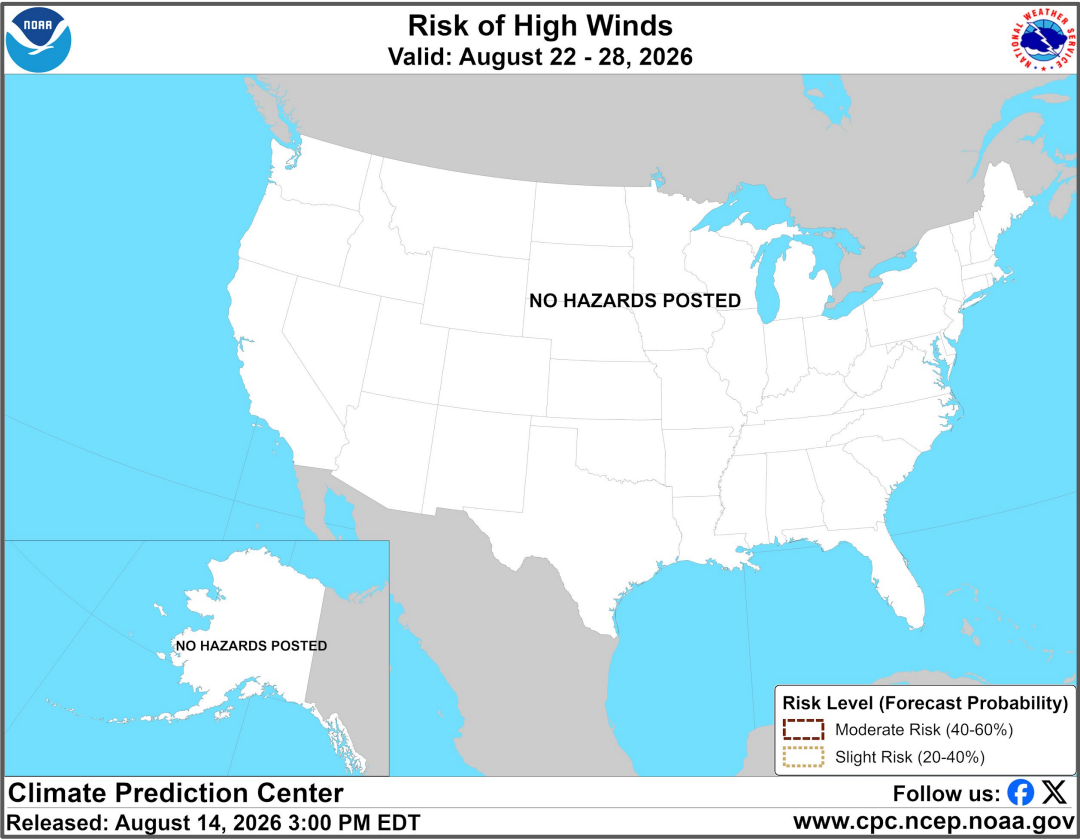
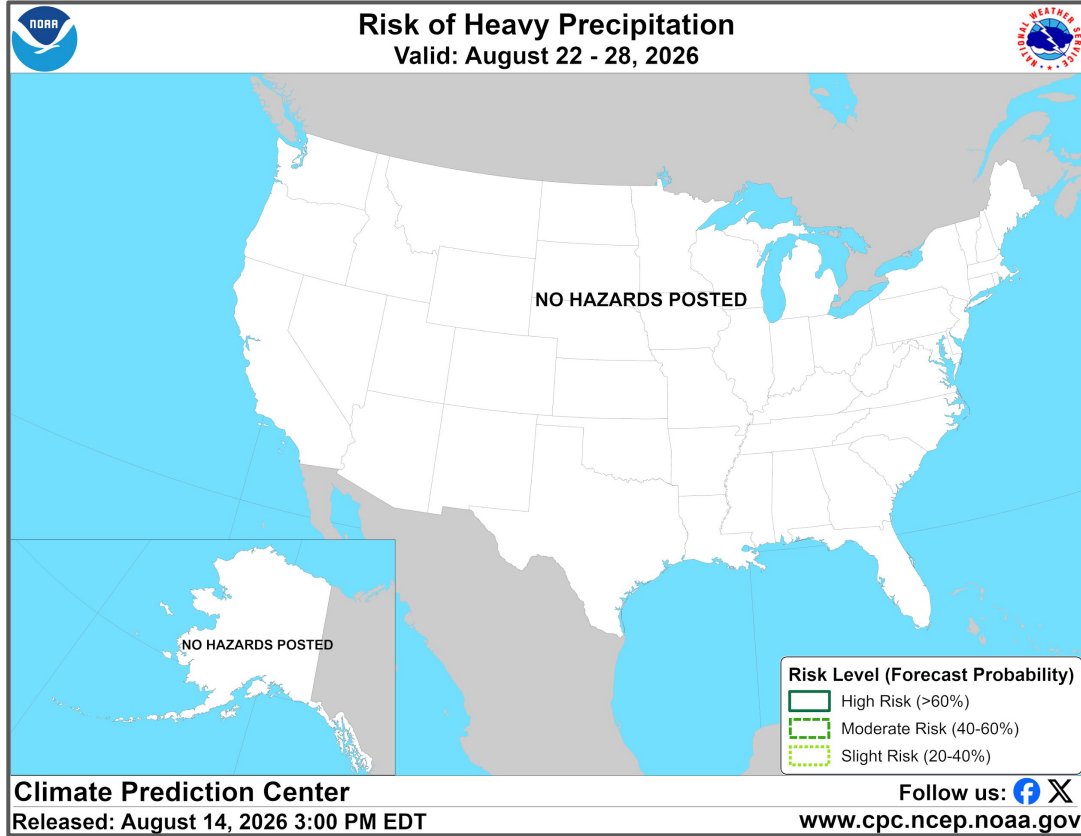
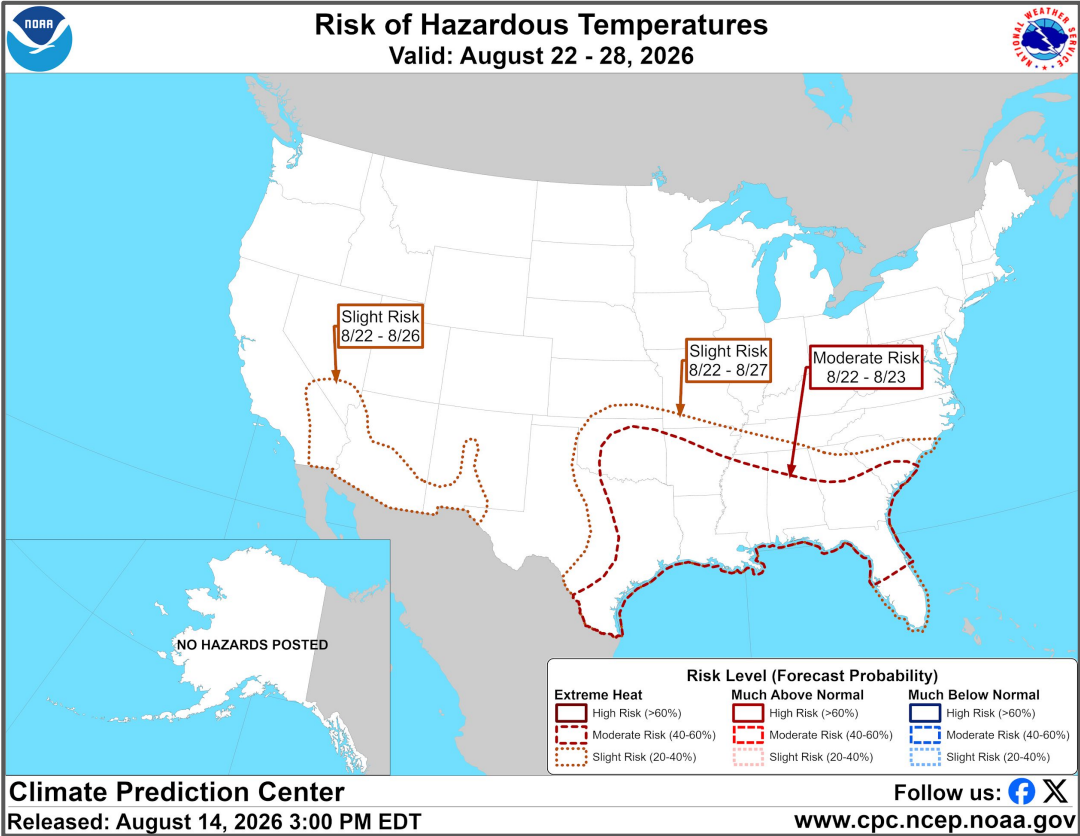
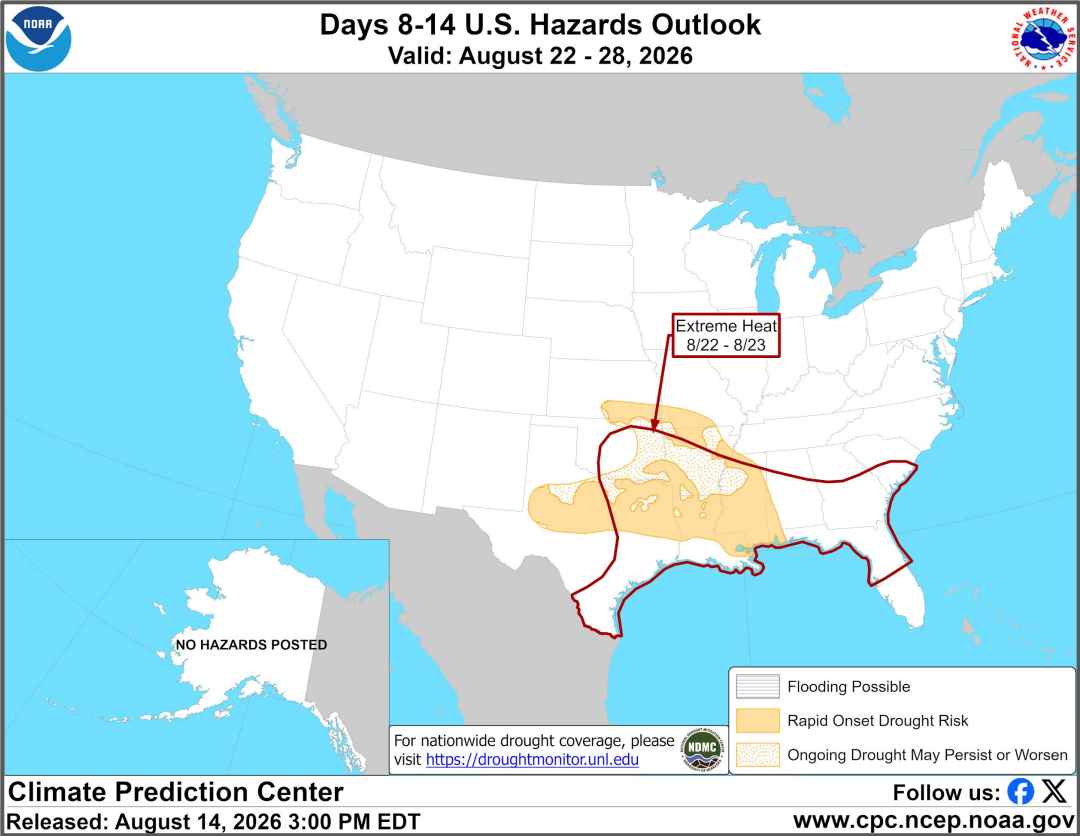


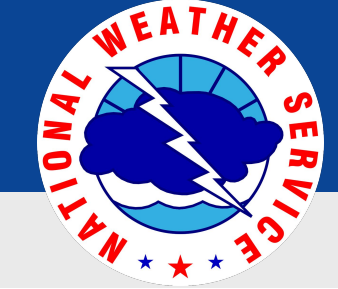
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





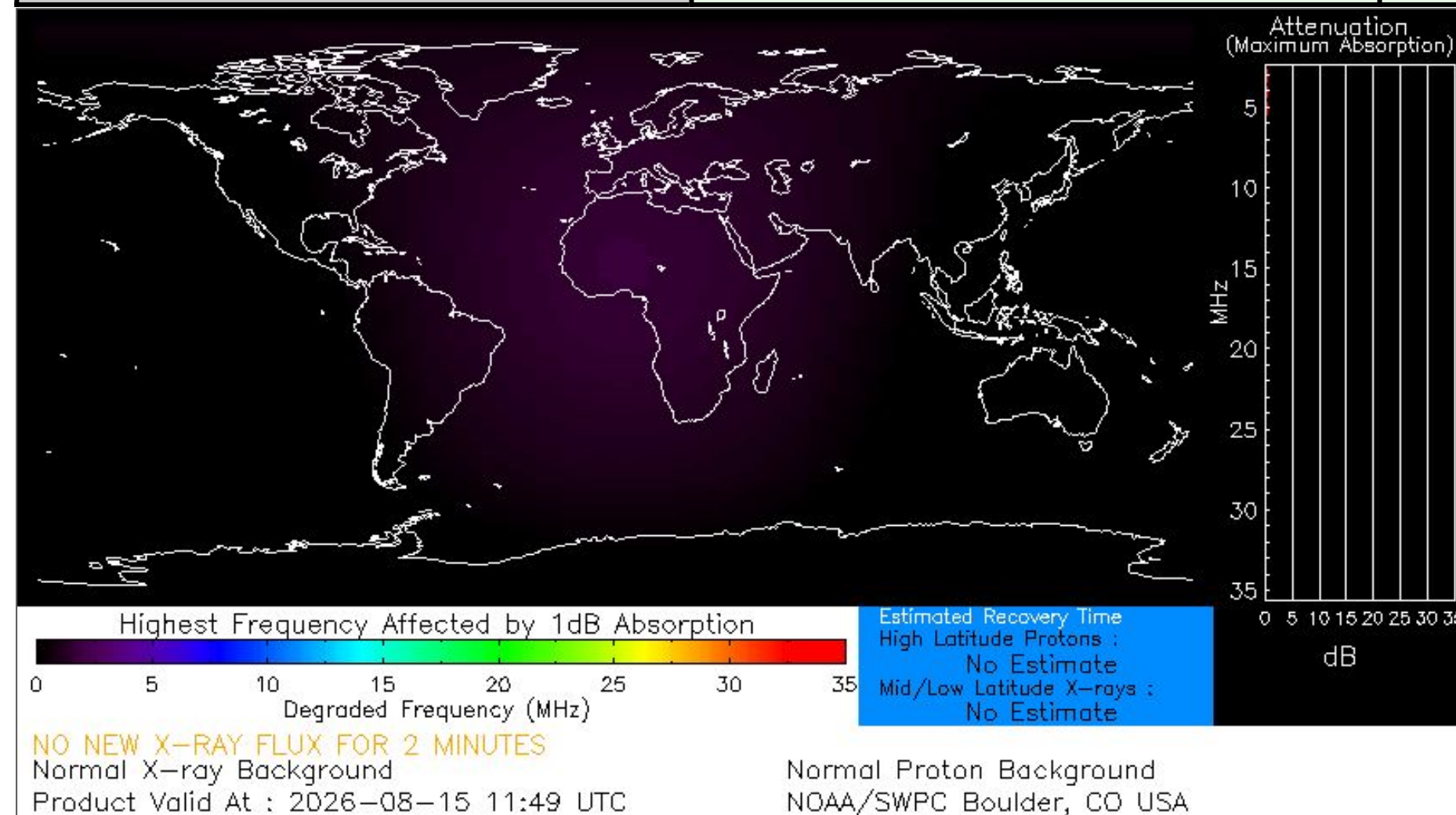
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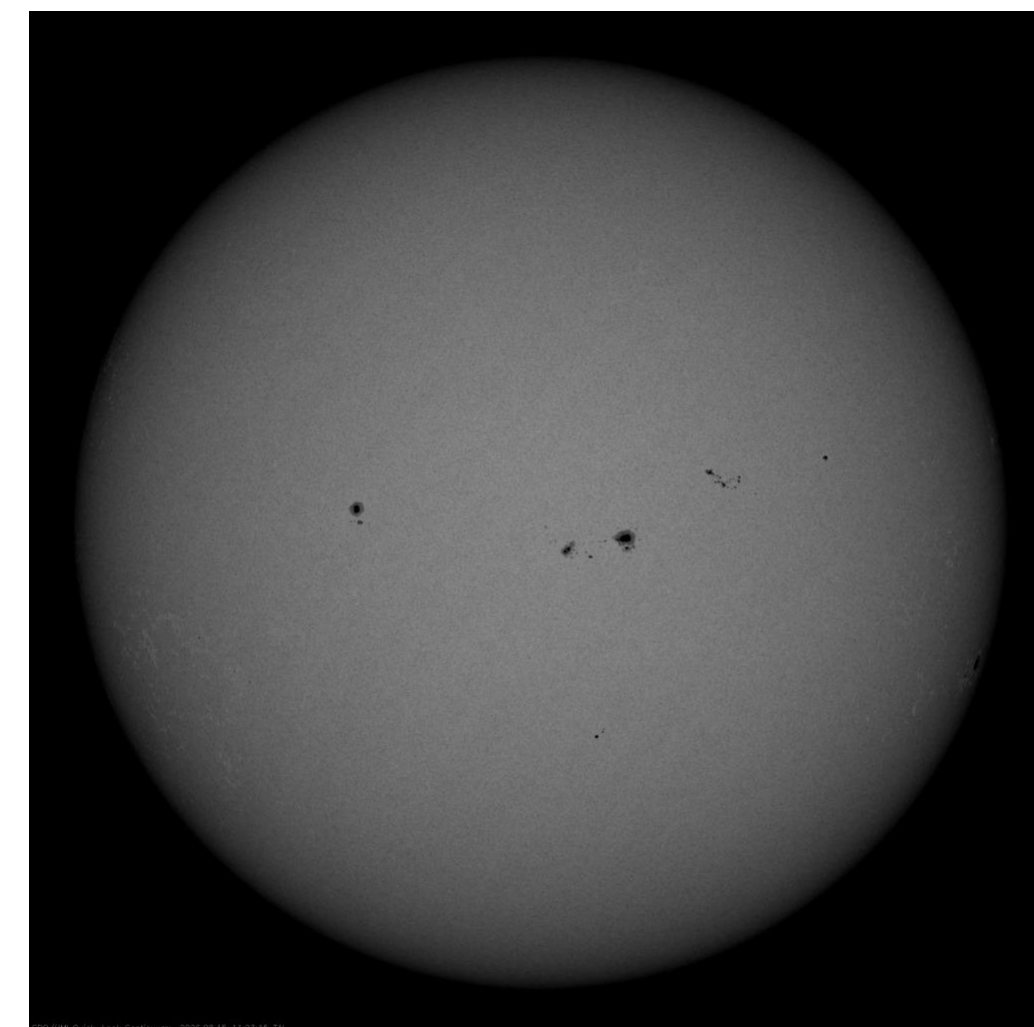
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Aug 15	Sunday, Aug 16	Monday, Aug 17
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
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](#)



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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