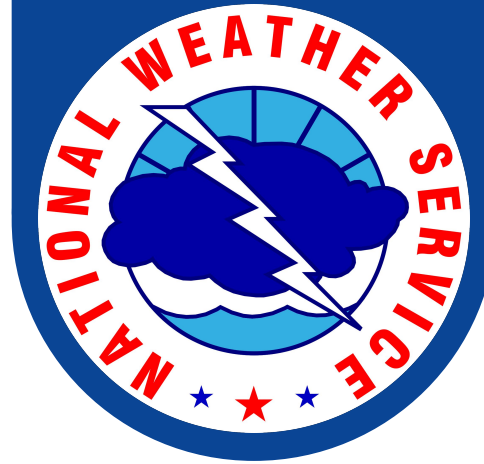




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Wednesday, August 26, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Severe Weather:**
  - Slight risk (level 2 of 5) today over the **NE NM and AR**.
    - Across **NE/E NM, NW TX** - wind gusts 75+ mph are the main threat from **3PM-Midnight CDT** tonight.
- **Flash Flooding:**
  - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today for **E AR, NE LA and SE LA** tomorrow.
- **Tropical:**
  - Monitoring one system in the **Atlantic**, no tropical impacts expected in the next **7 days**.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

|                                | Wednesday,<br>Aug 26 | Thursday, Aug 27 | Friday, Aug 28        | Saturday, Aug 29 | Sunday, Aug 30                                 | Monday, Aug 31 | Tuesday, Sep 1 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Severe Storms                  | NE/E NM, AR          |                  |                       |                  |                                                |                |                |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding | E AR, NE LA          | SE LA            | NM, Far W TX,<br>S LA | NM, SE LA        | NM, Far W TX,<br>TX/OK<br>Panhandles, SE<br>LA | NM, S LA       | NM, S LA       |
| Fire Weather                   |                      |                  |                       |                  |                                                |                |                |
| 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 |
|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|



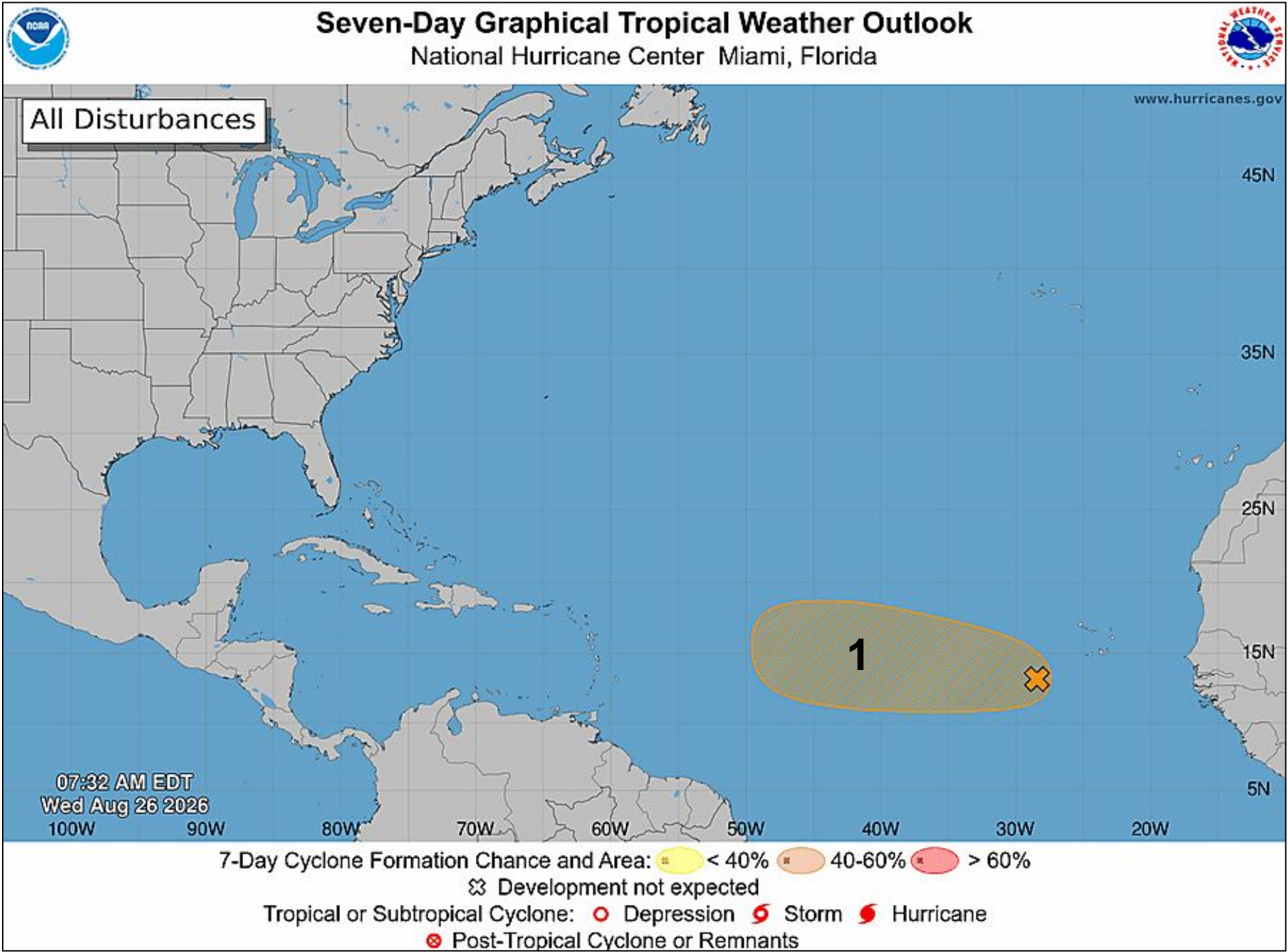
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

### Areas of Possible Development

| Area | Chance of Development | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| I    | Medium (60%)          | None 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

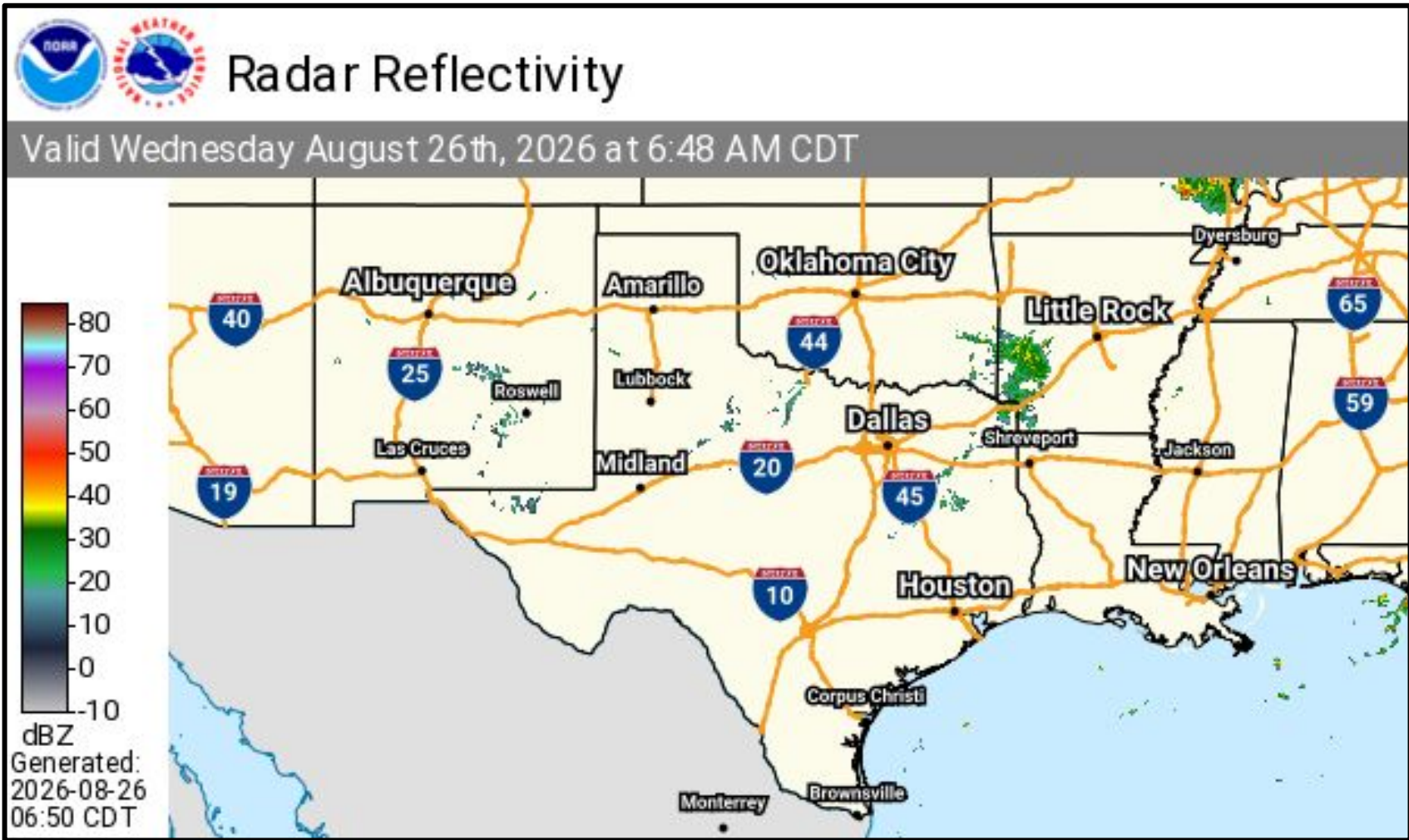




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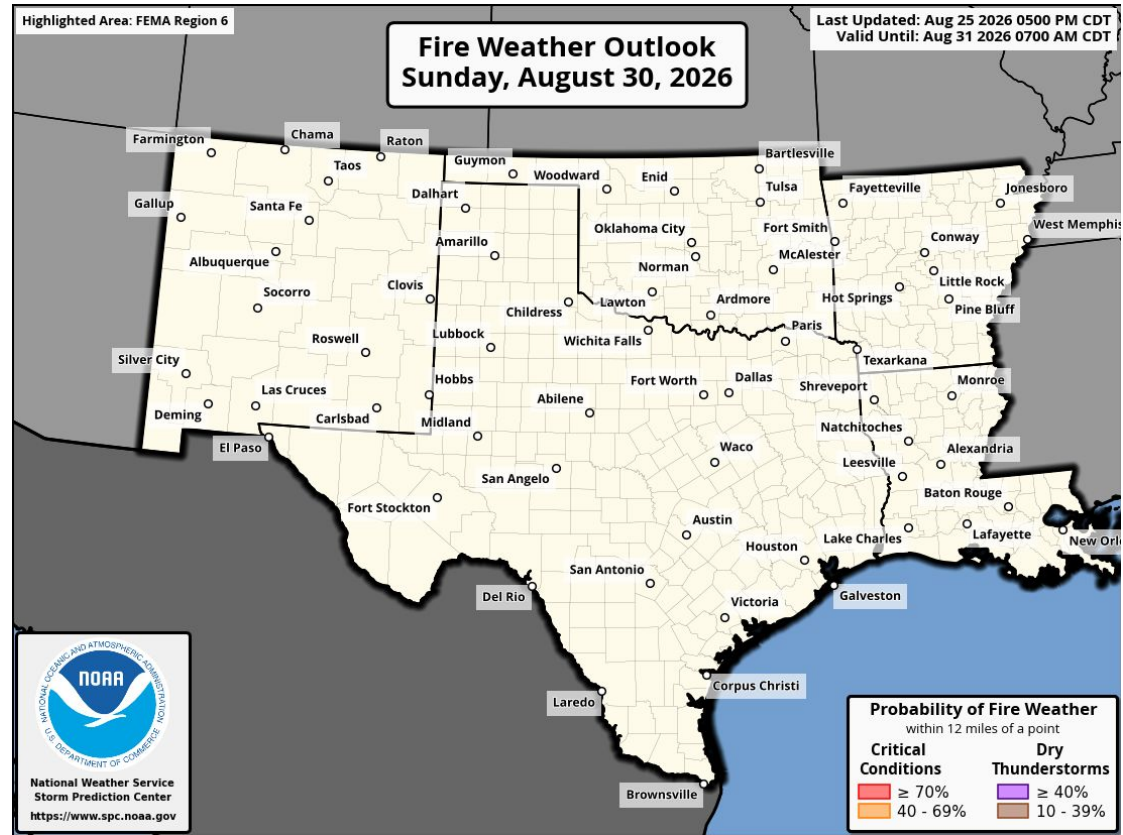
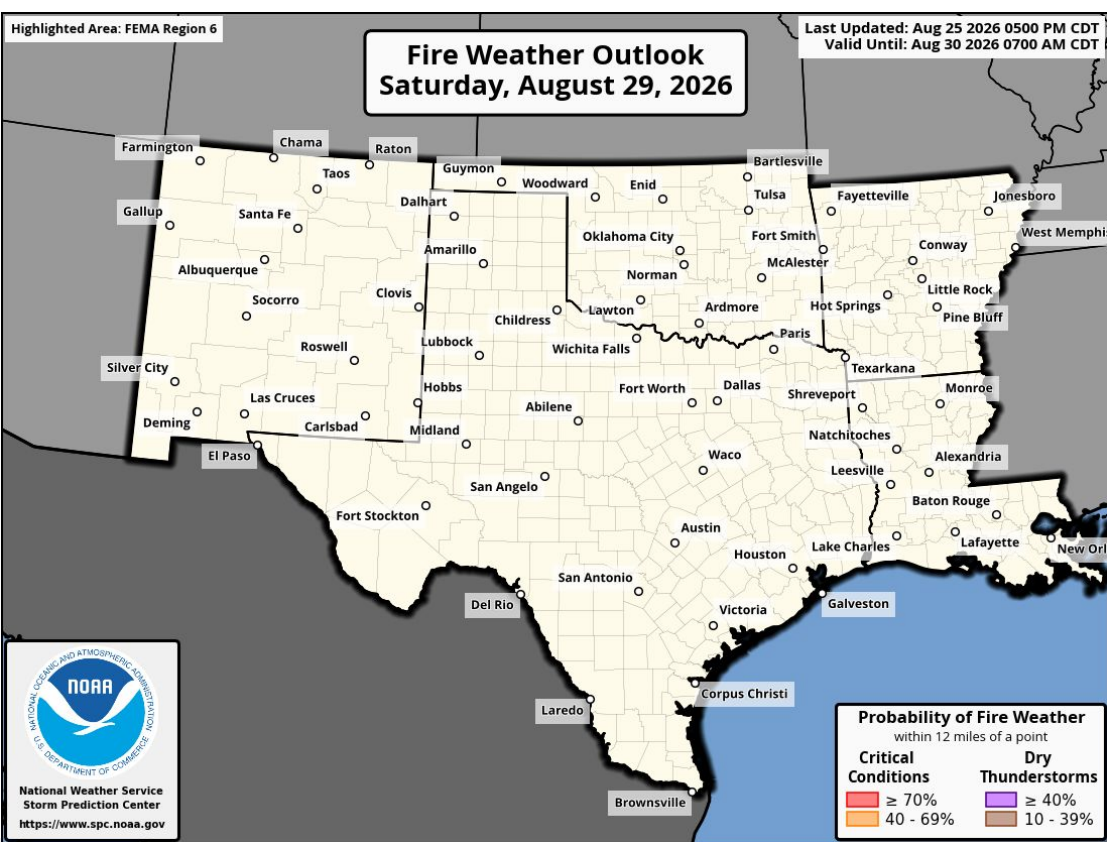
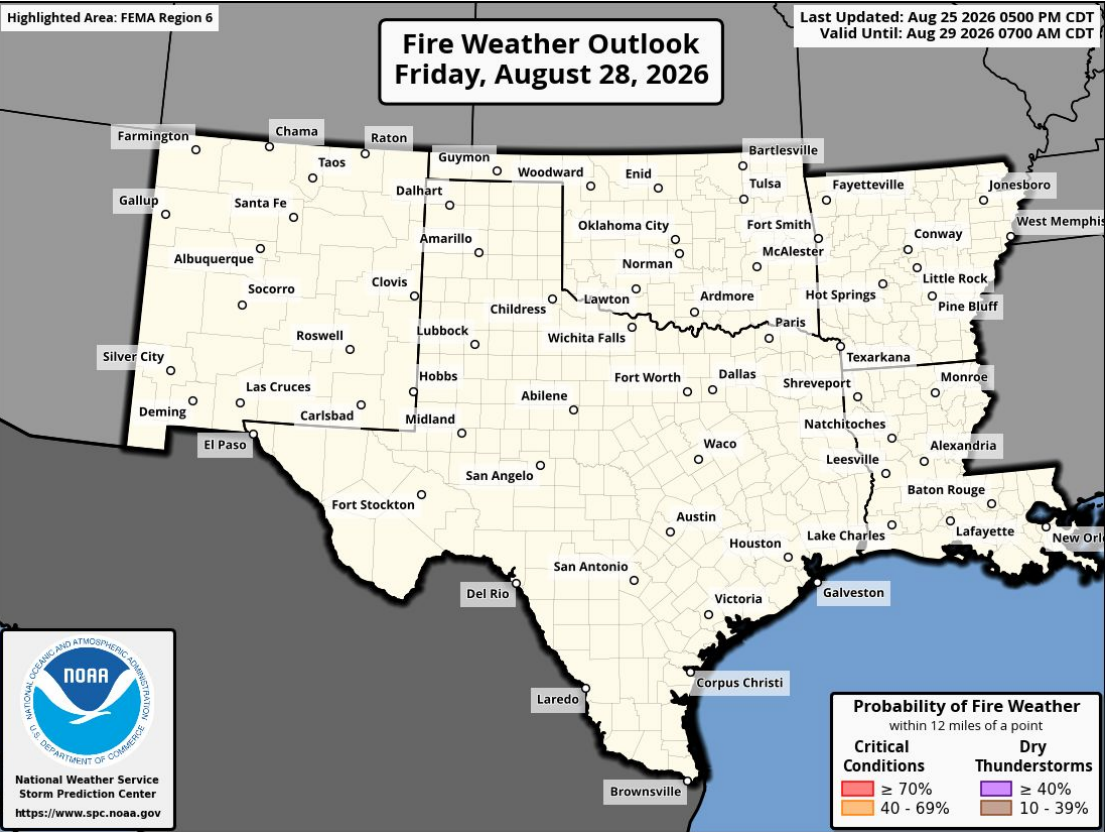
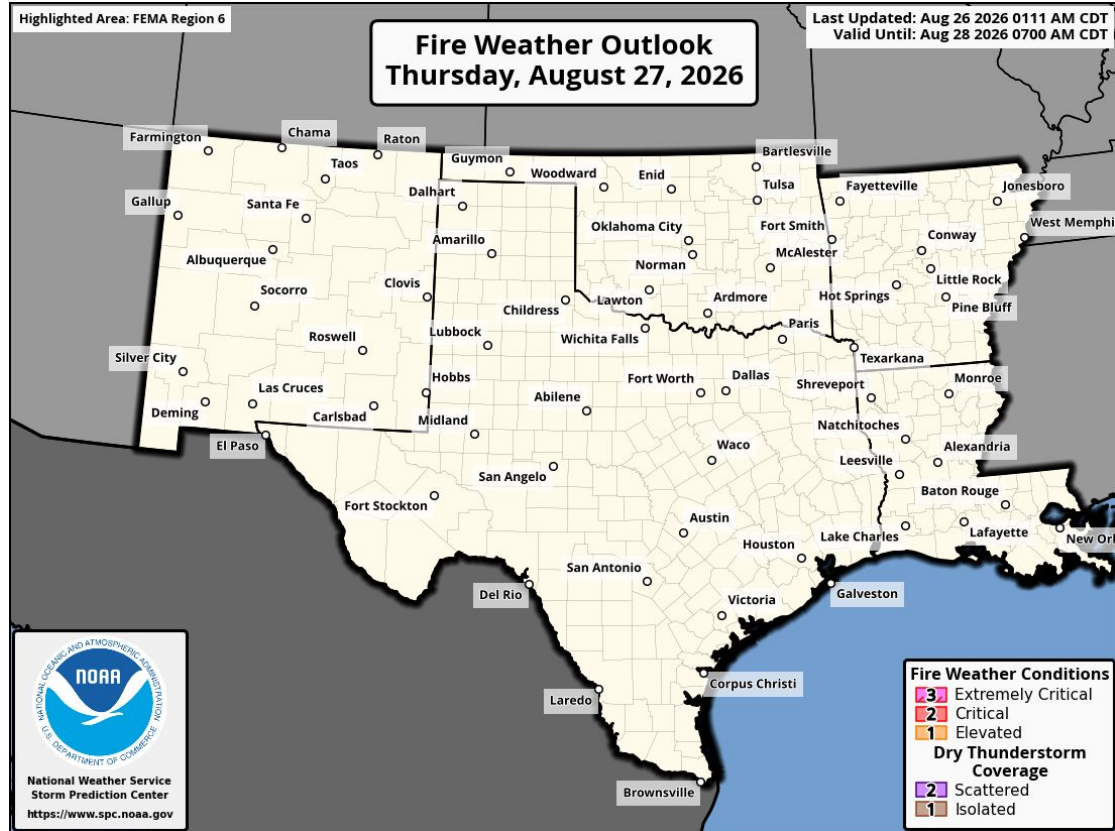
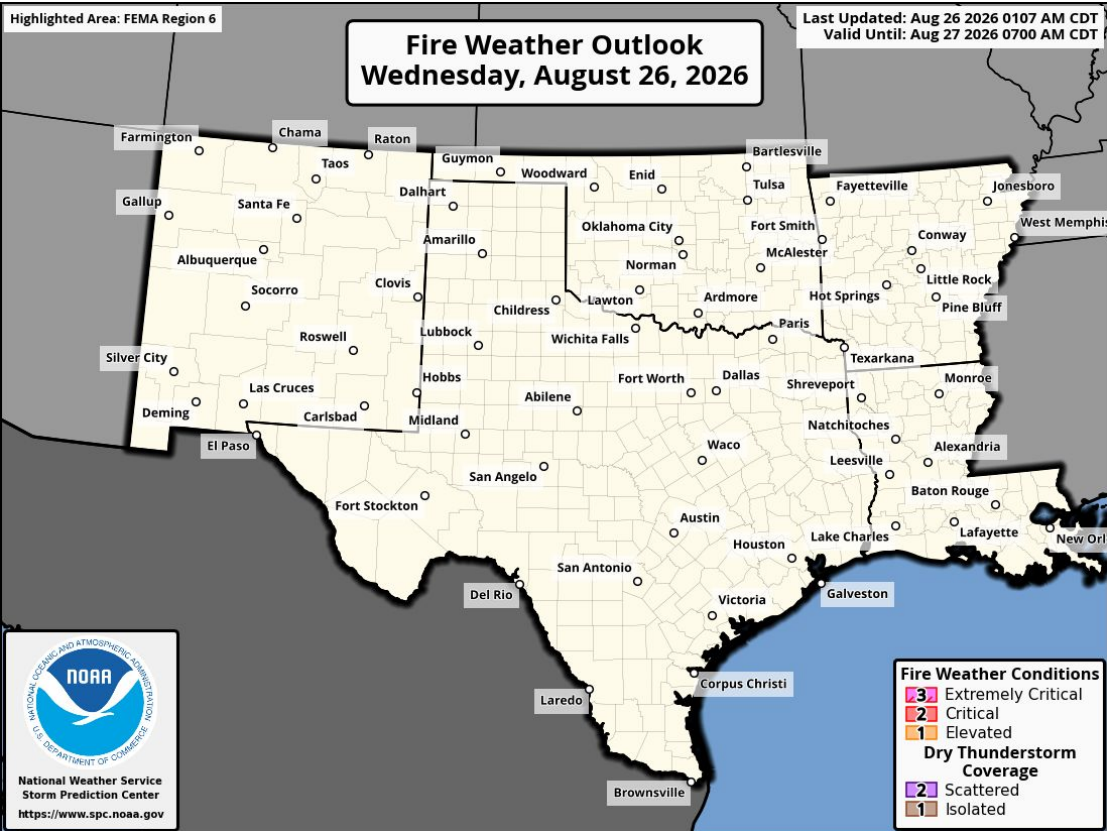
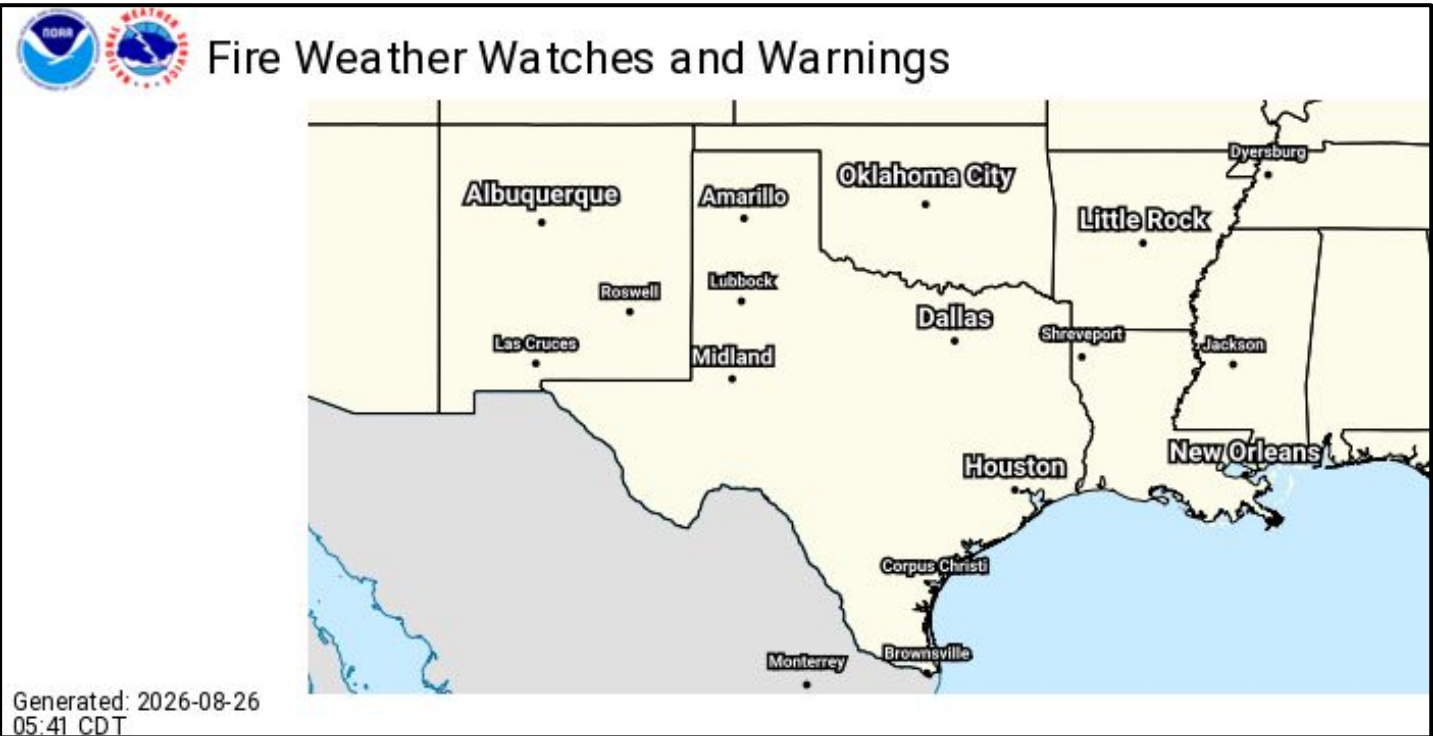


**Heat Advisories today over Far W TX, E/C TX, W LA.**





# Fire Weather Outlooks

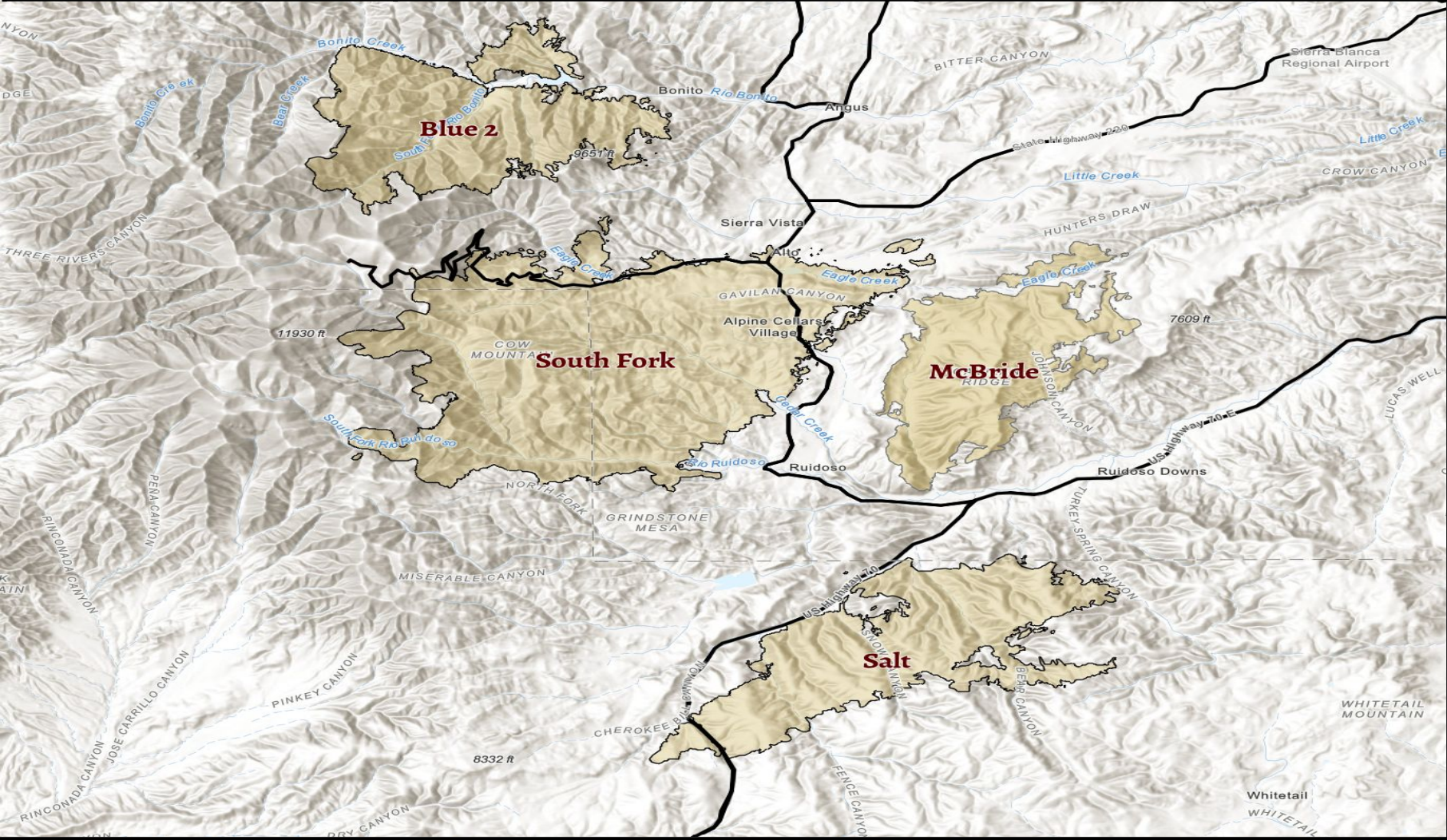




# Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

## Sacramento Complex

|                | Wednesday, Aug 26 | Thursday, Aug 27  | Friday, Aug 28    | Saturday, Aug 29 | Sunday, Aug 30 |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Flash Flooding | Low               | Moderate          | Moderate          | Low              | Low            |
| Timing - CDT   | -                 | Afternoon/Evening | Afternoon/Evening | -                | -              |

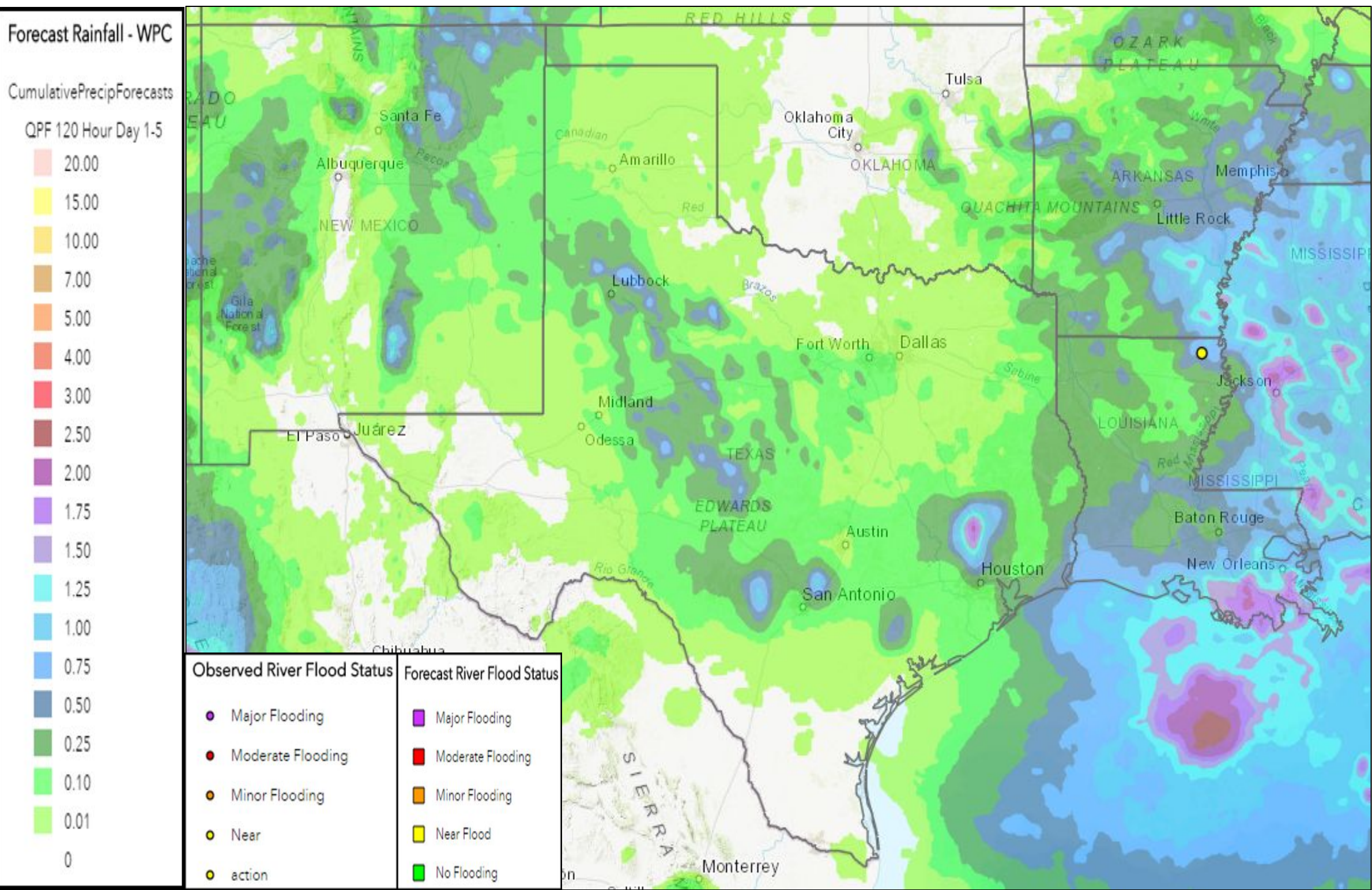


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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Low (level 1 of 3)                                                                                                       | 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.      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.</li></ul> |                                              |



# 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*



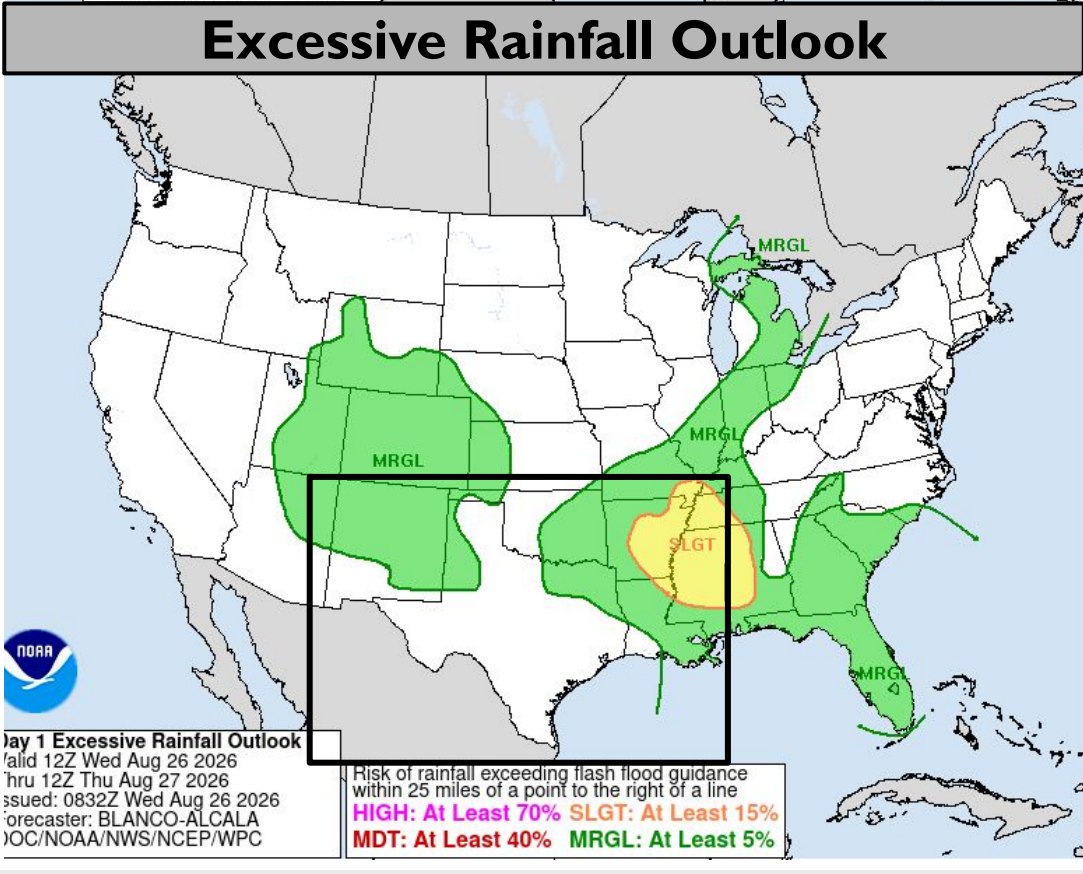
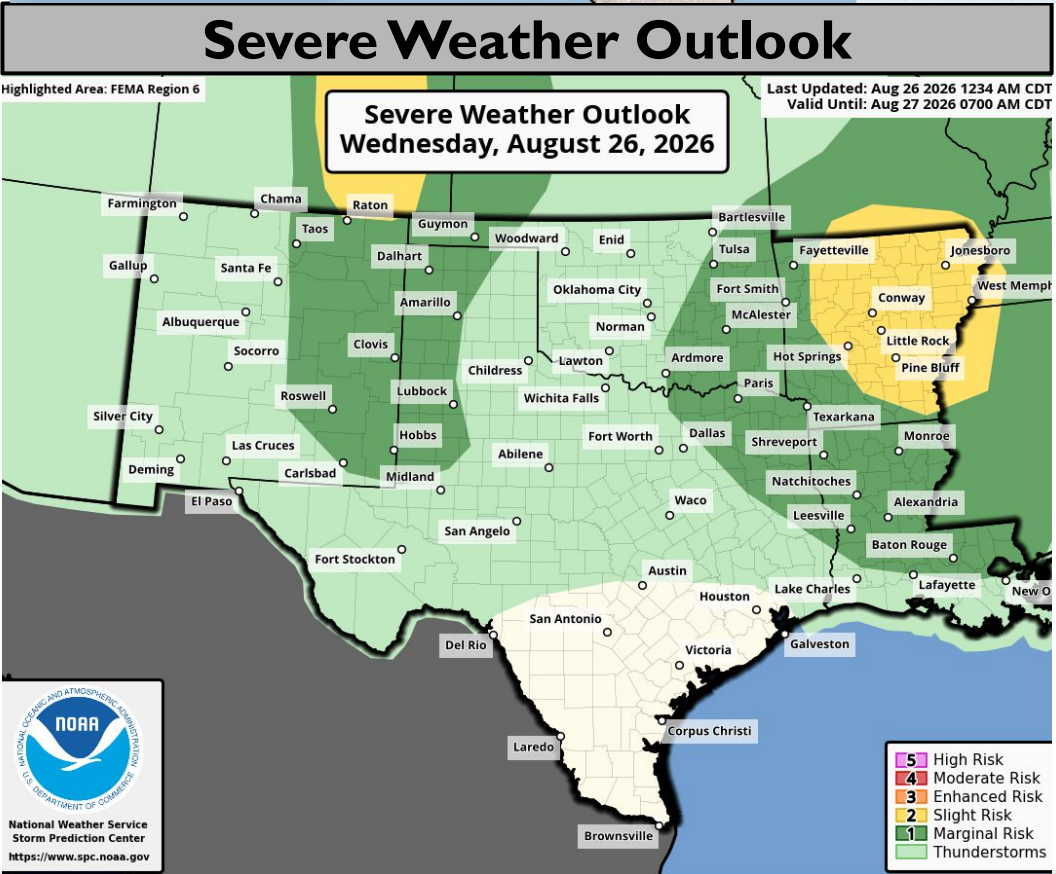
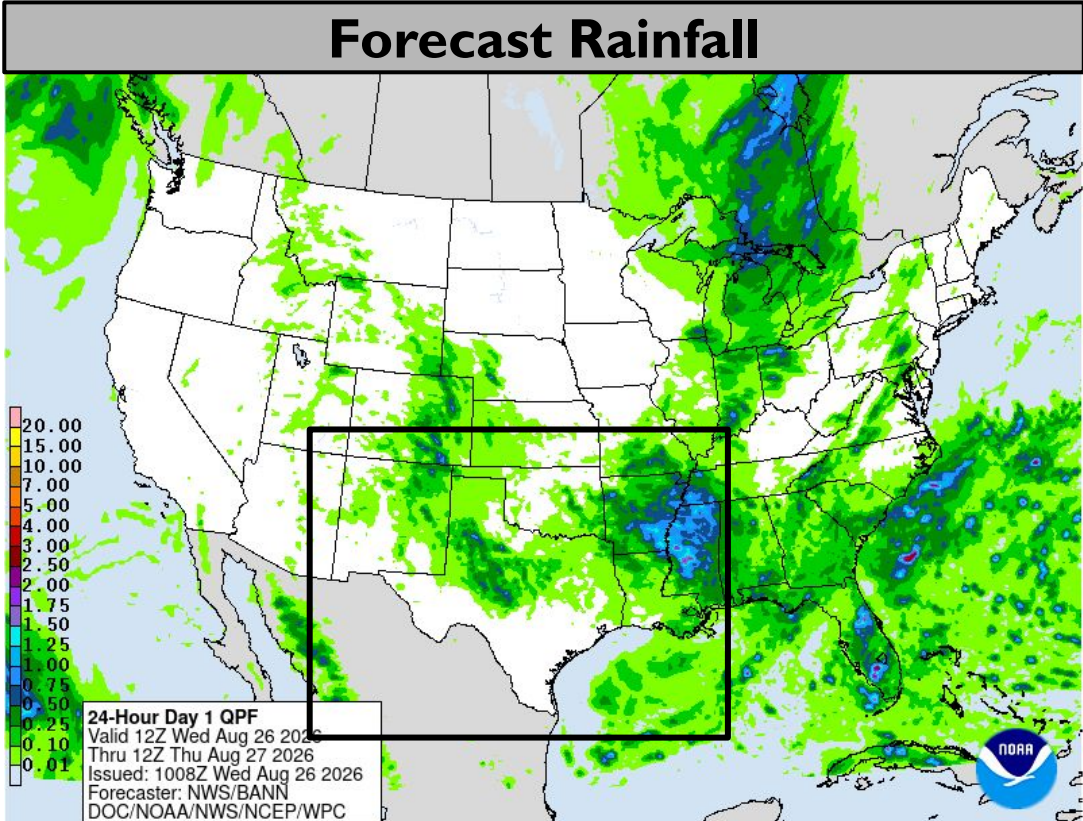
**No significant river flooding expected.**

*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.*





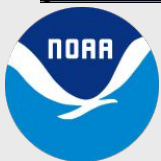
# Today's Weather



**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in NE NM, AR. Wind gusts 75+ mph are conceivable in NE/E NM, NW TX.**  
**Timing: 3 PM-Midnight CDT.**

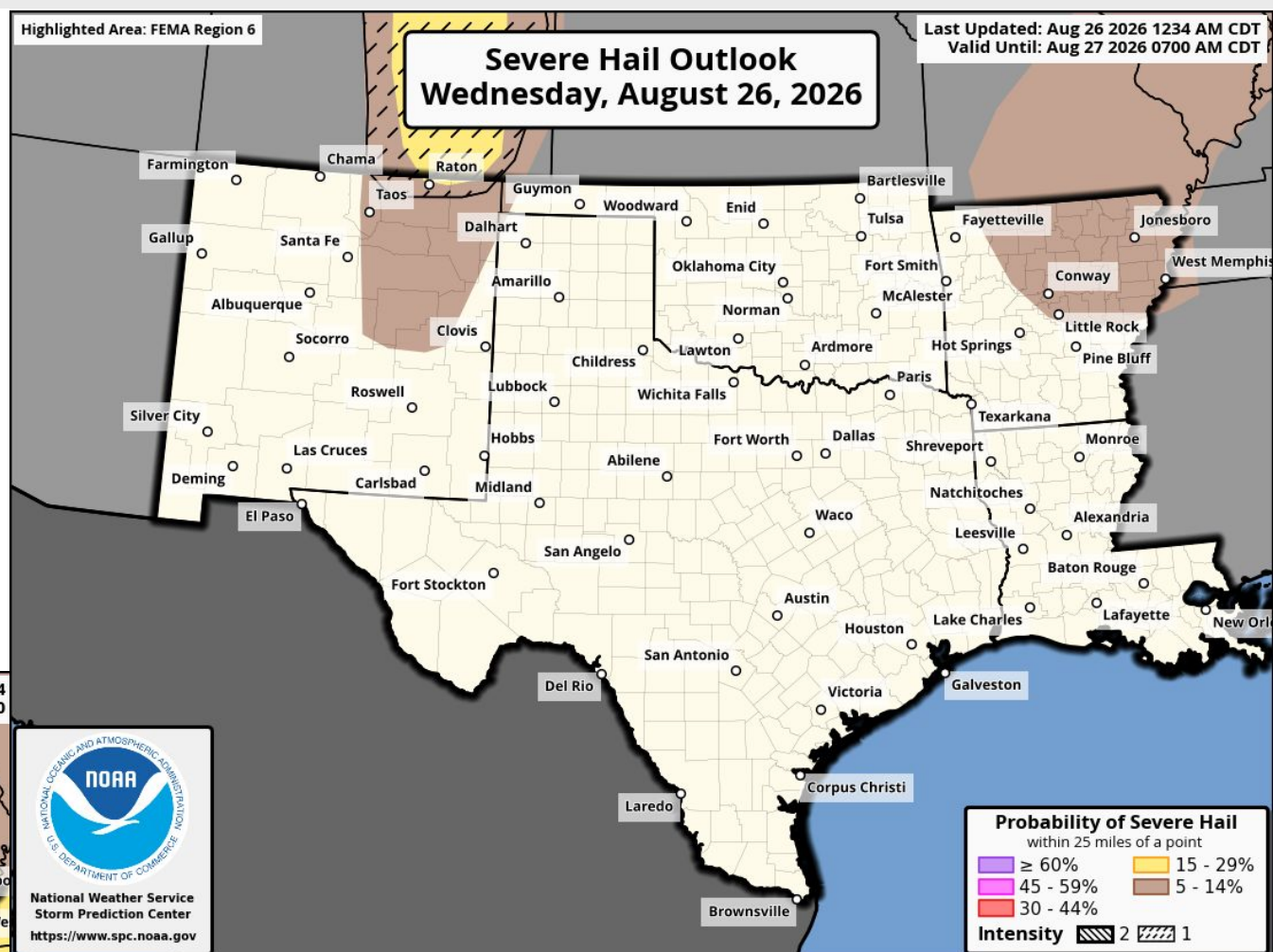
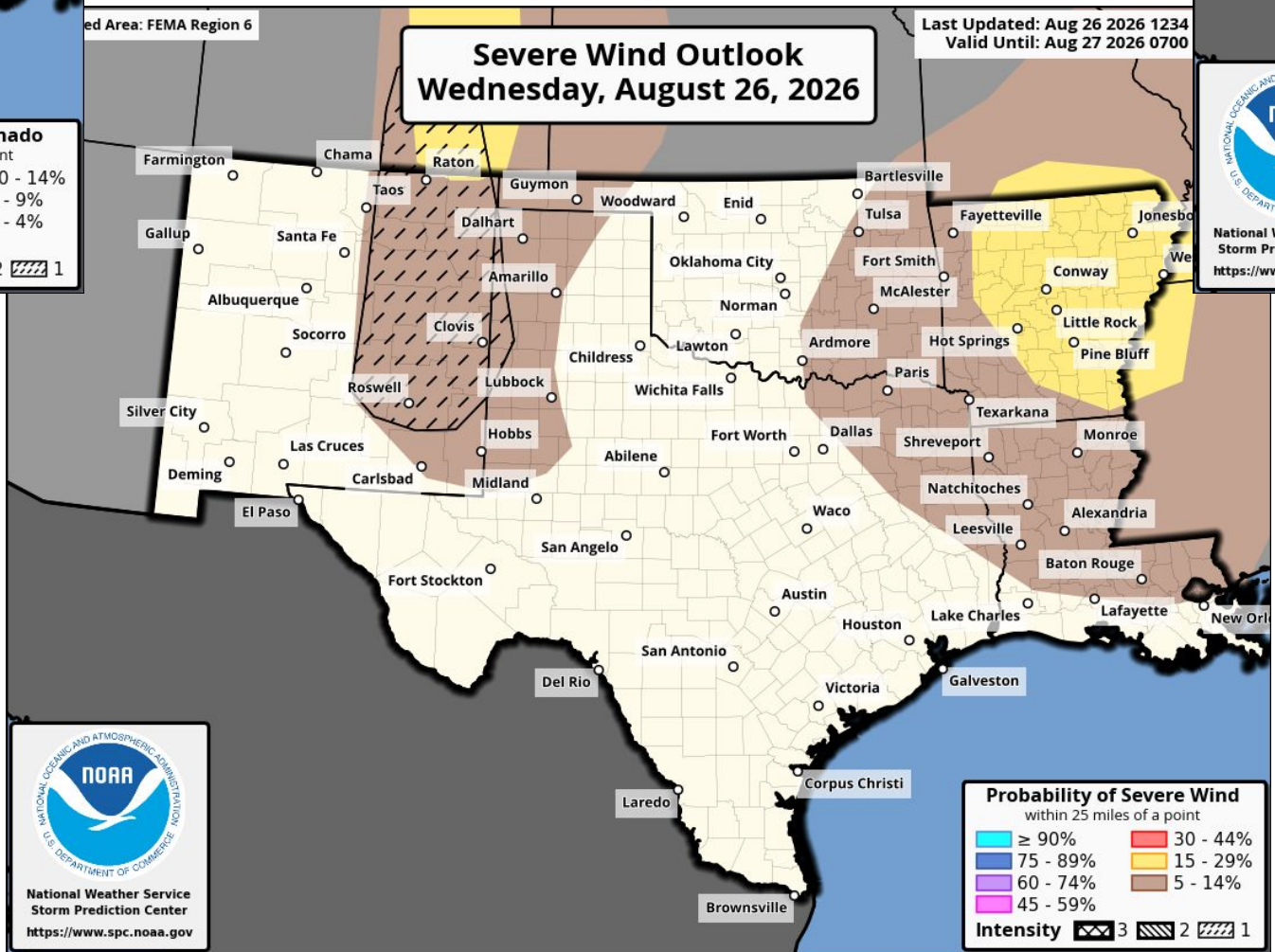
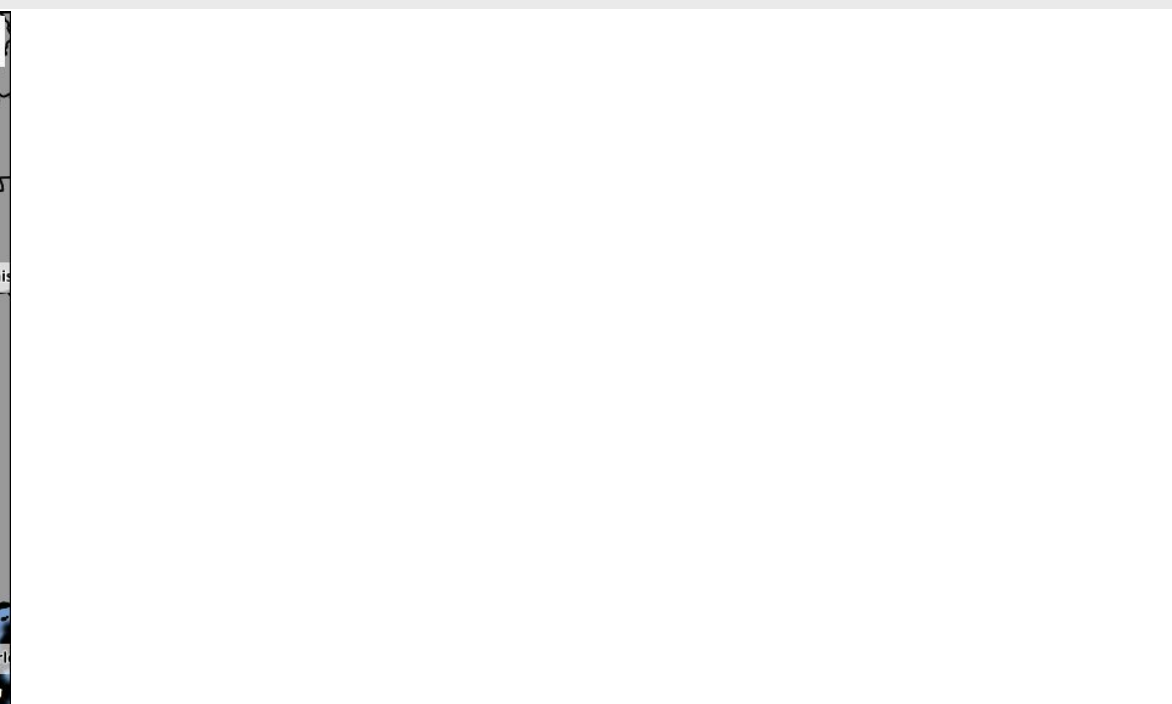
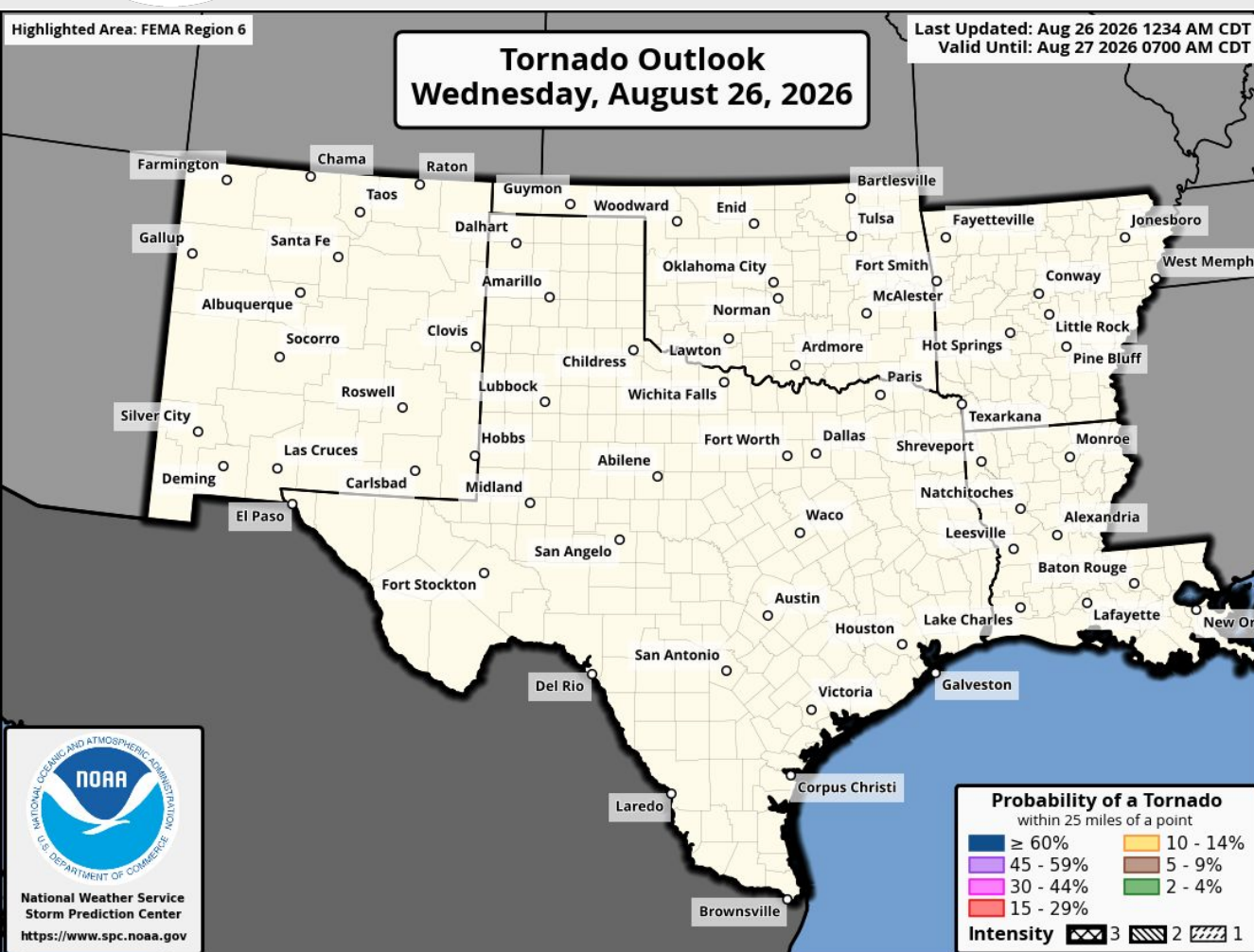
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in E AR, NE LA. Up to 4-7" of rain in downpours.**

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



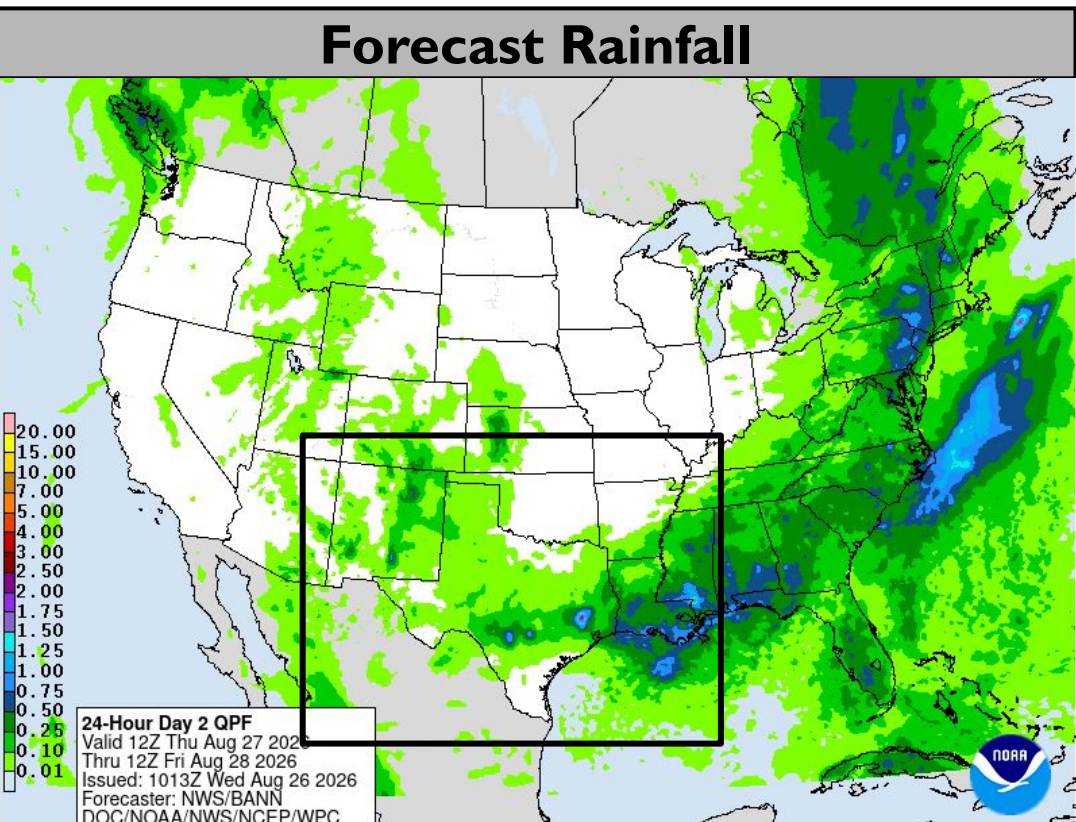
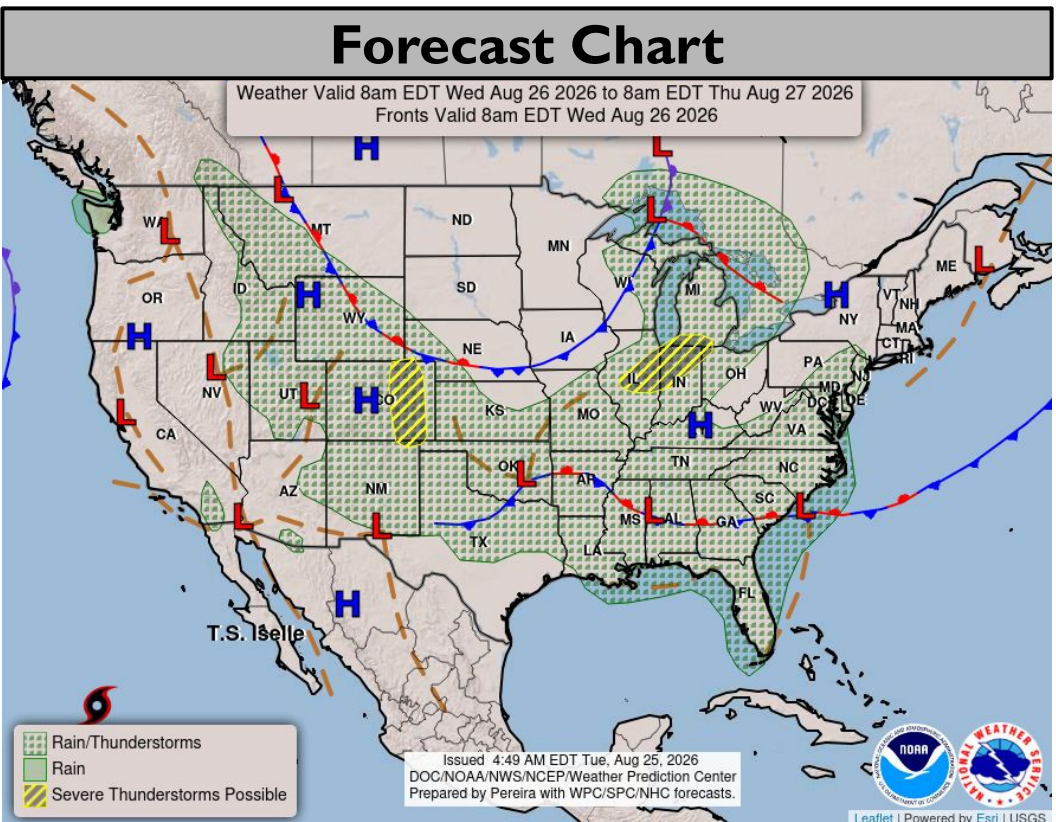


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

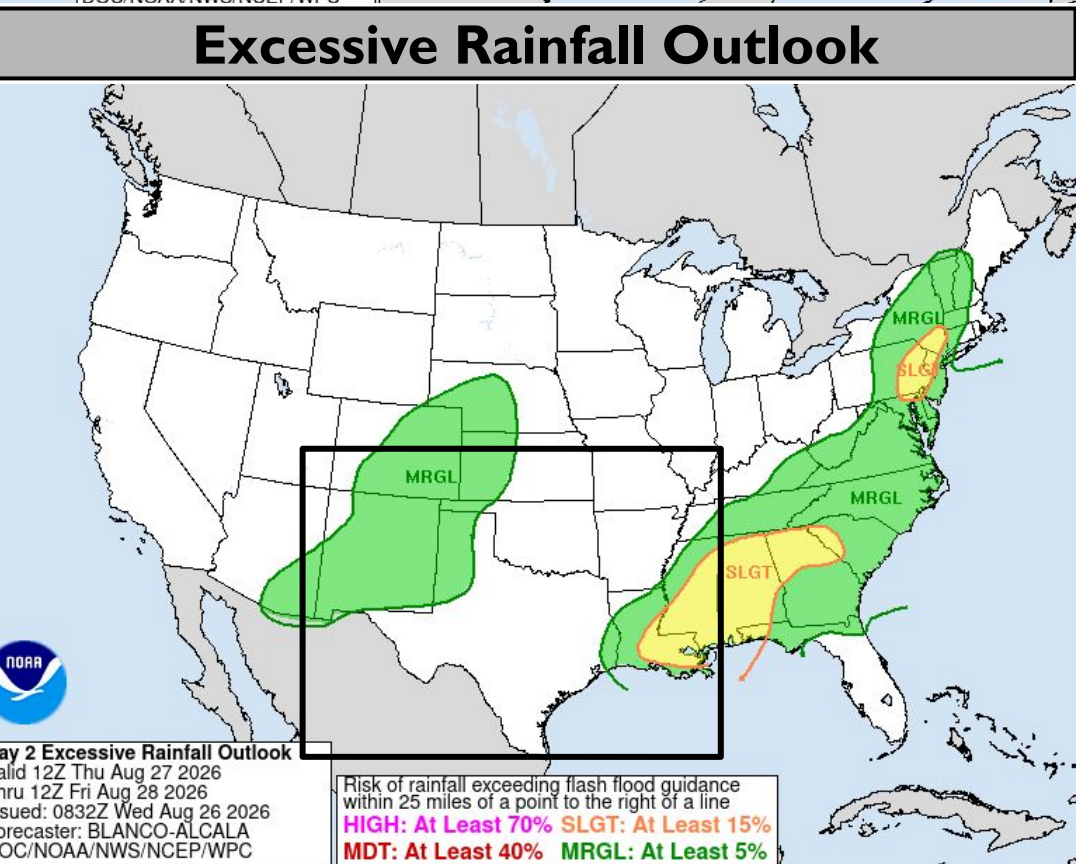
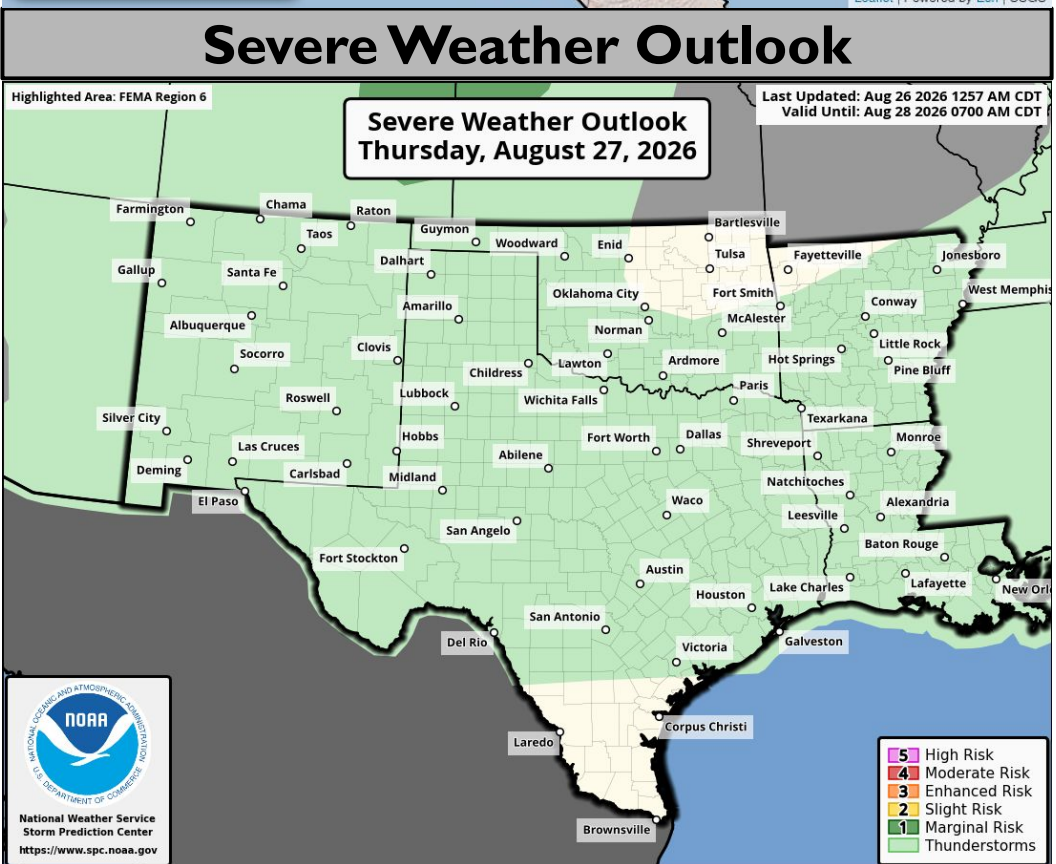




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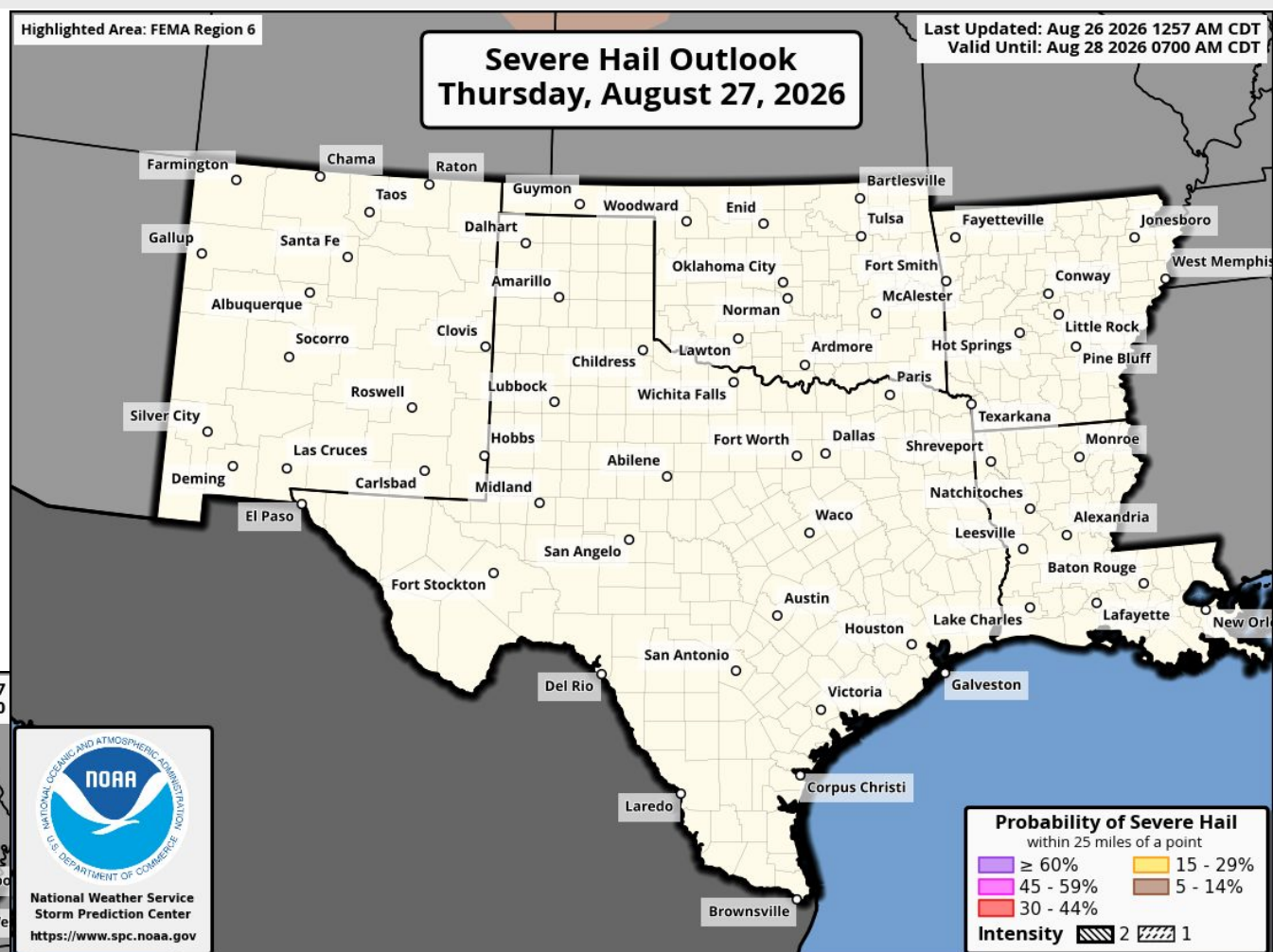
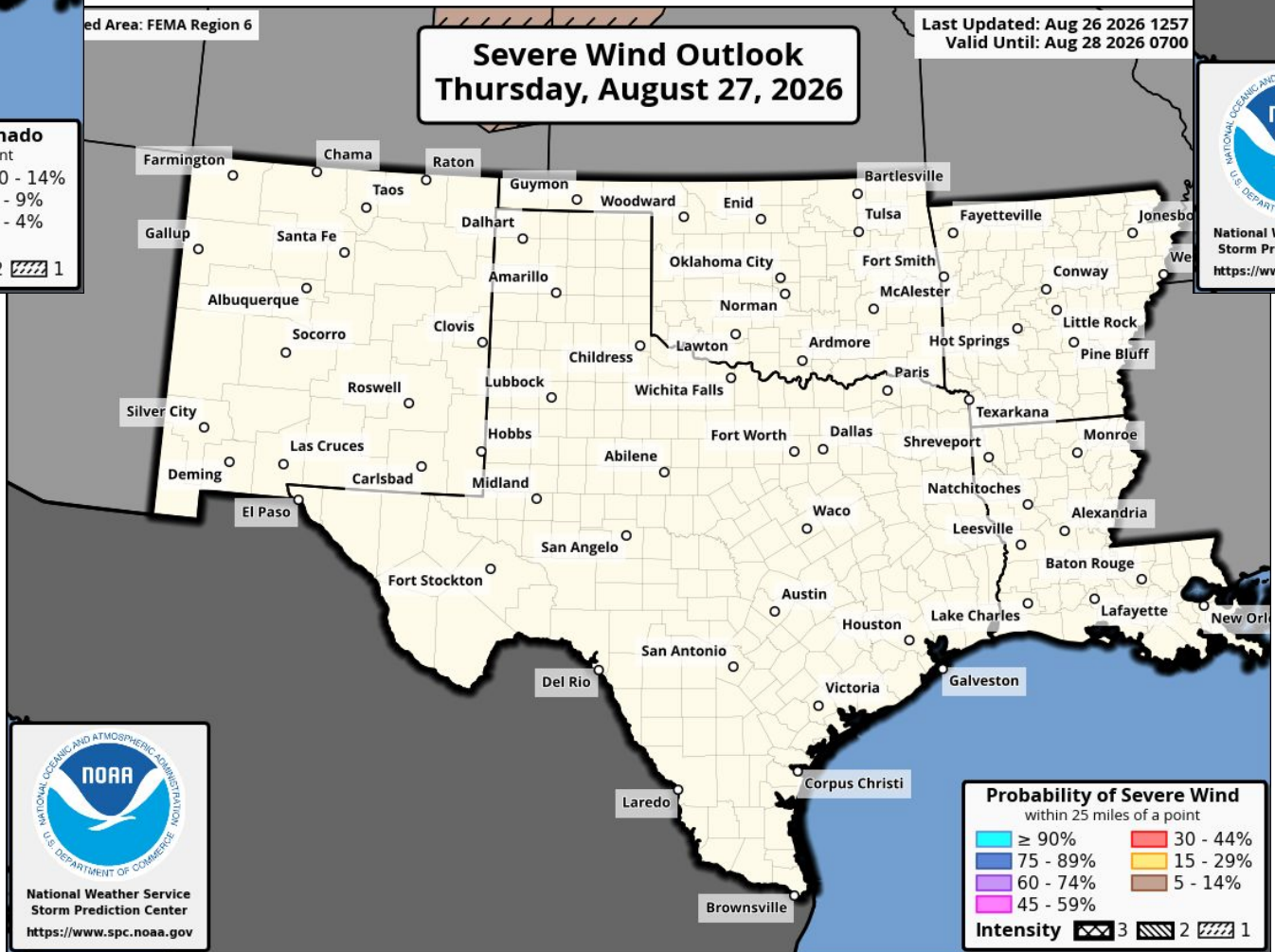
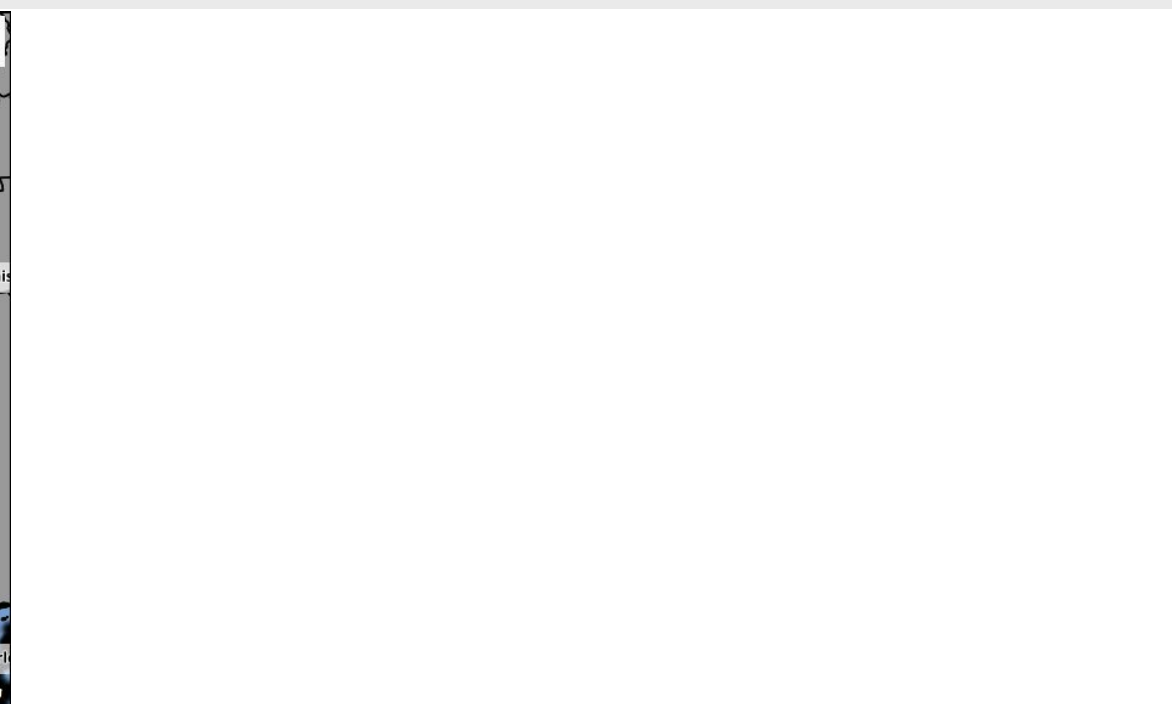
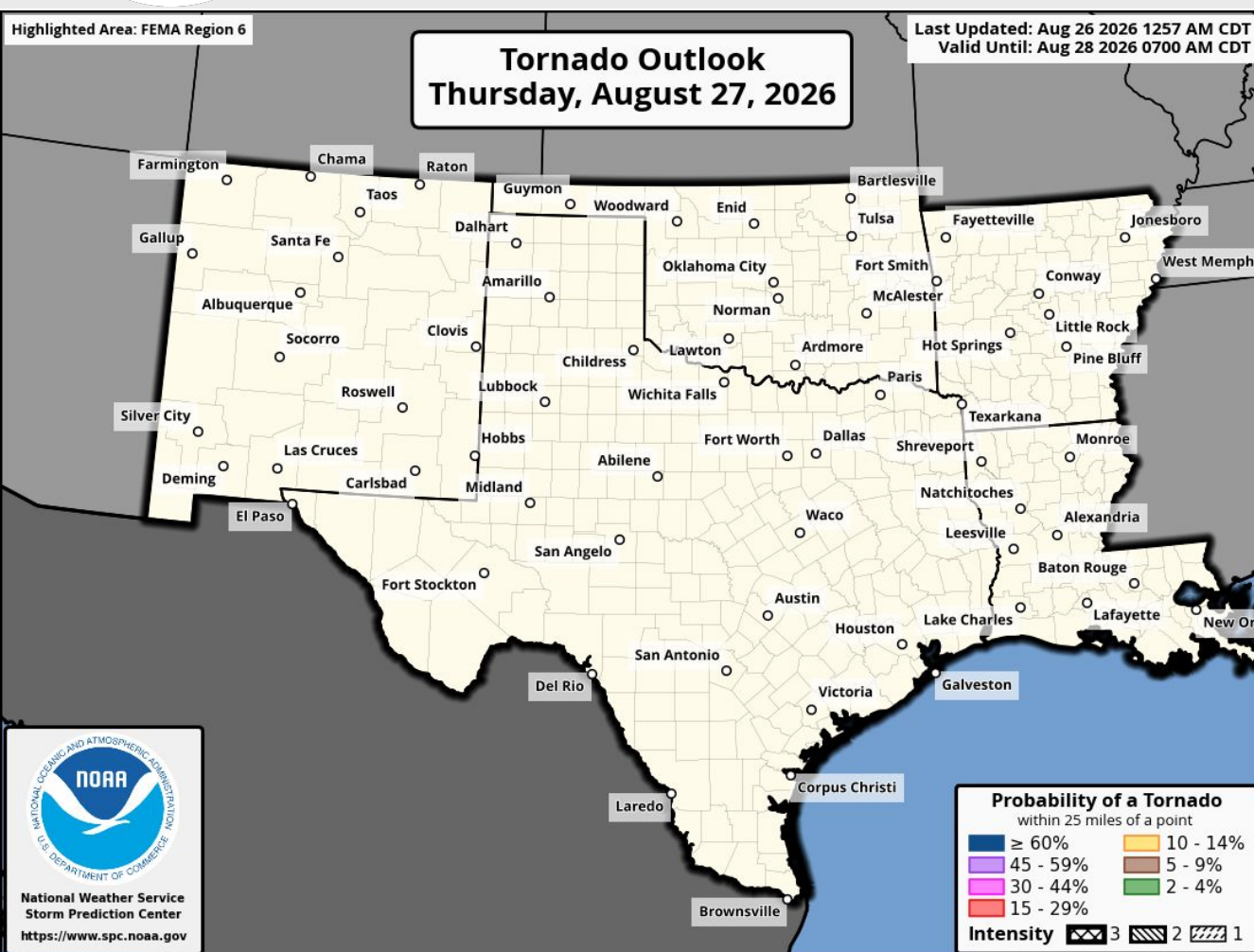
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA.**



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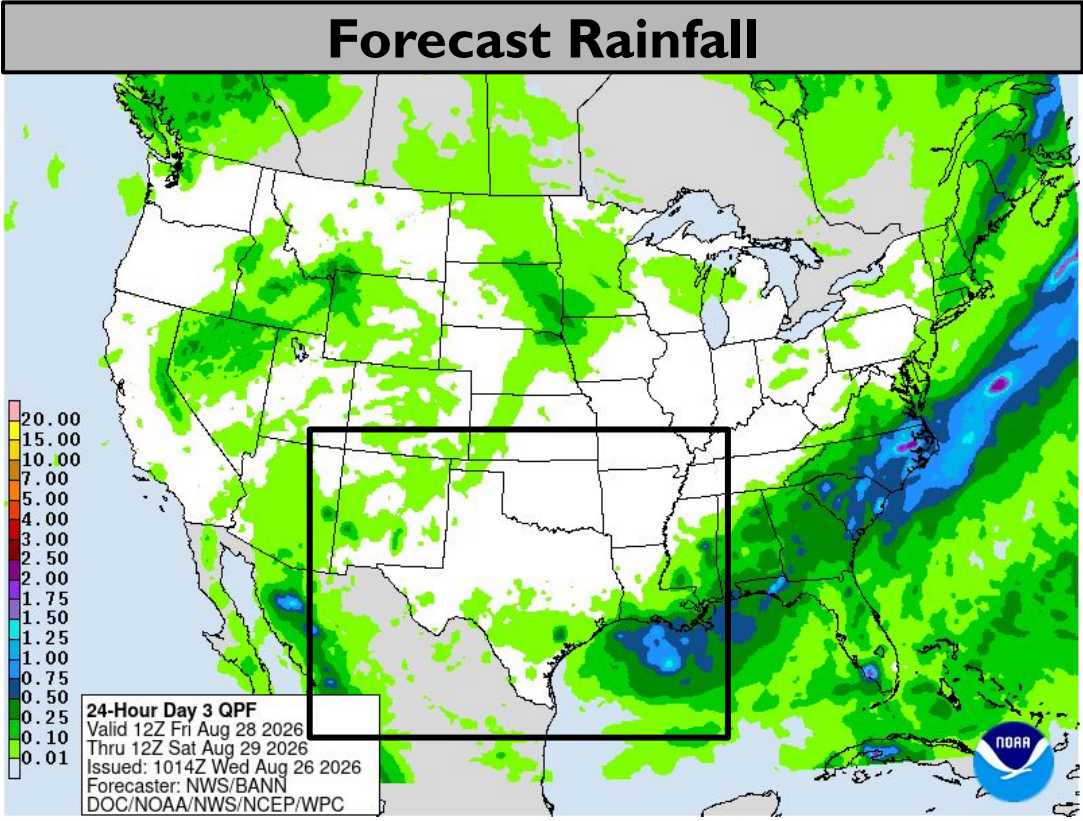
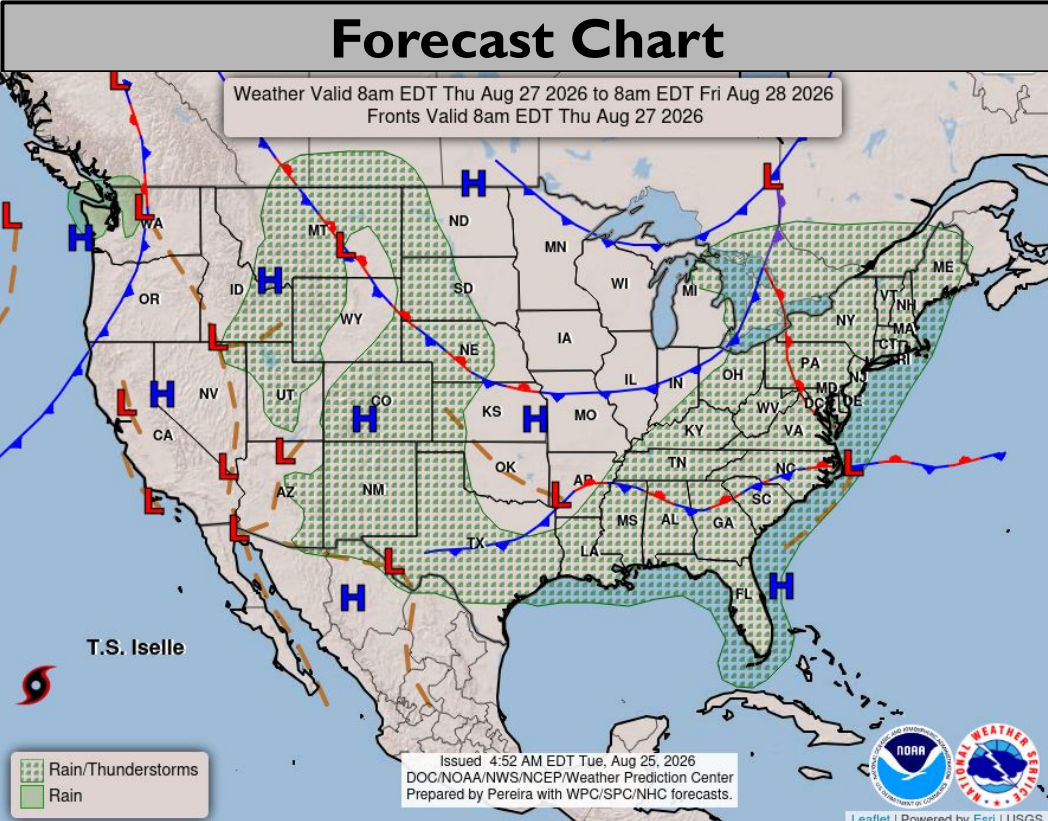


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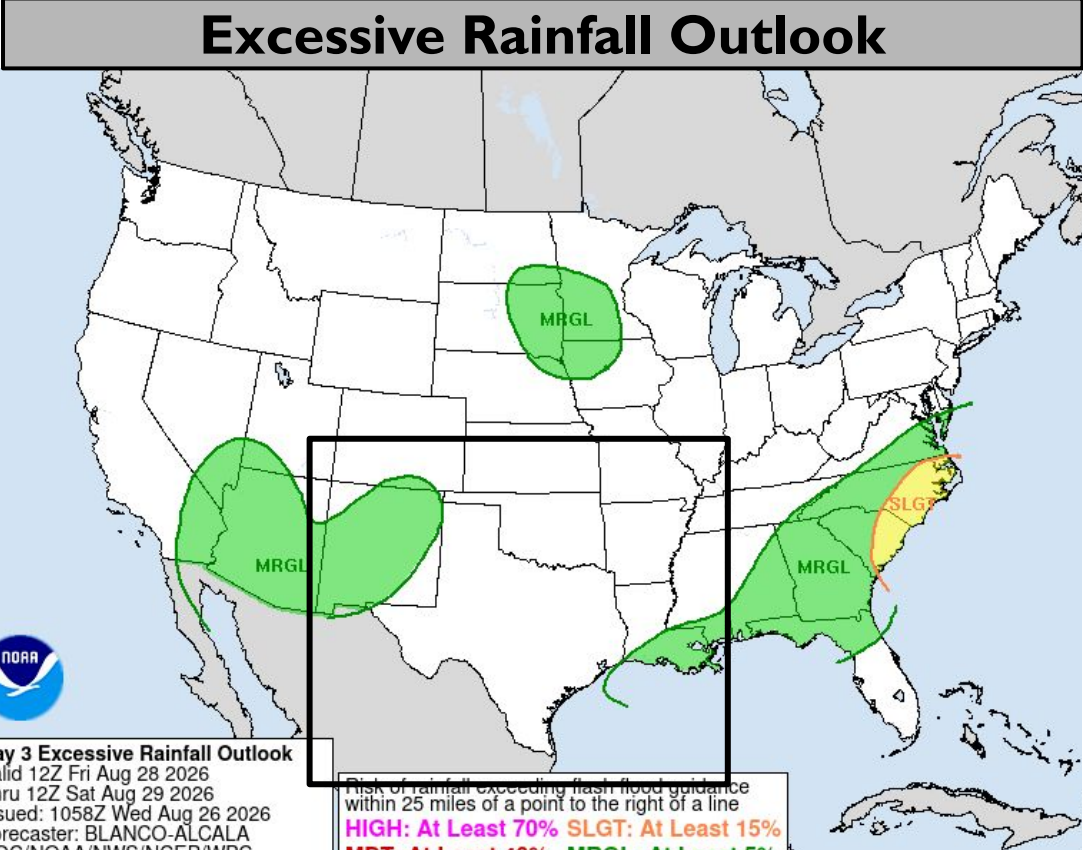
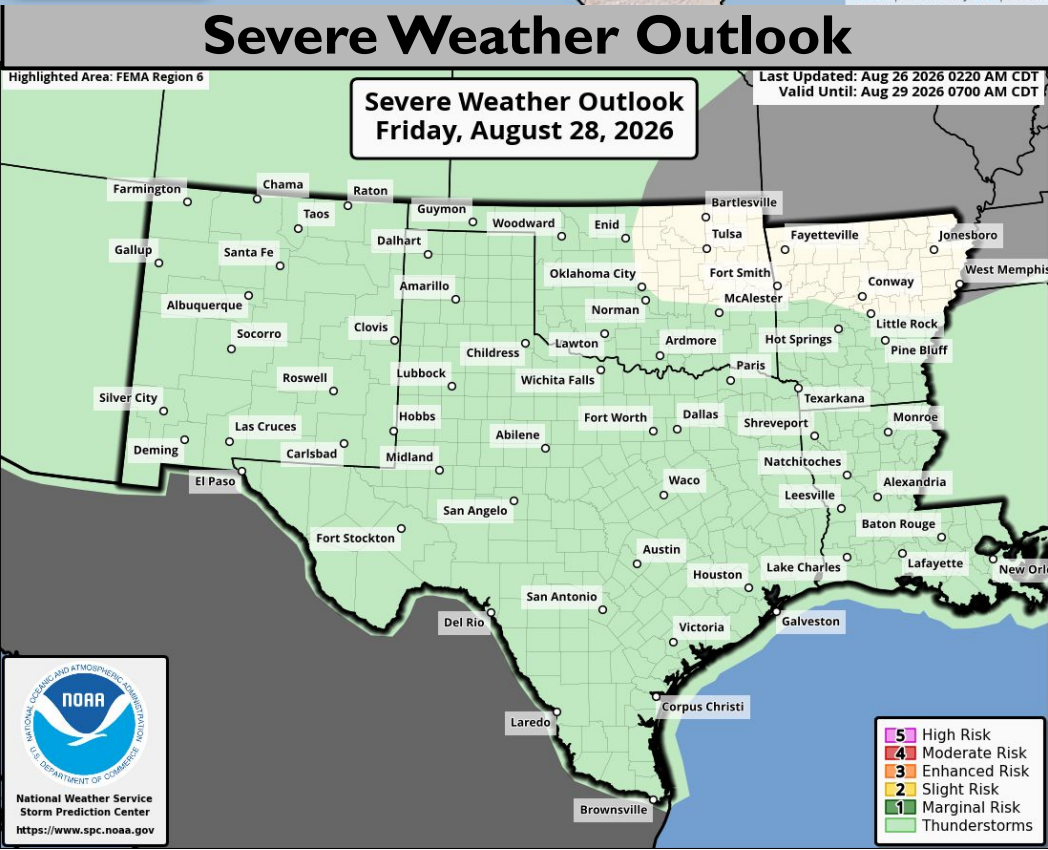




# Friday's Weather



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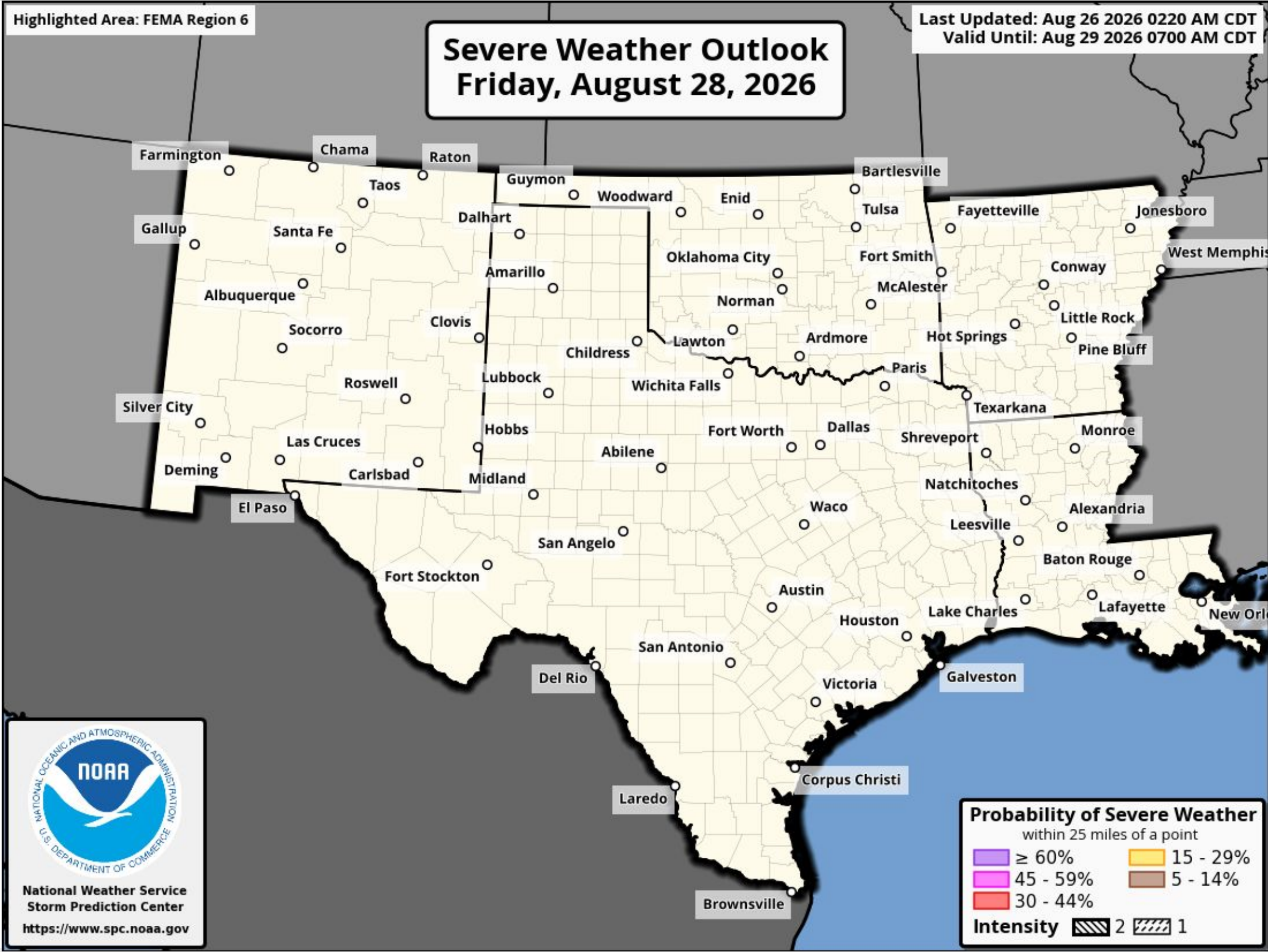


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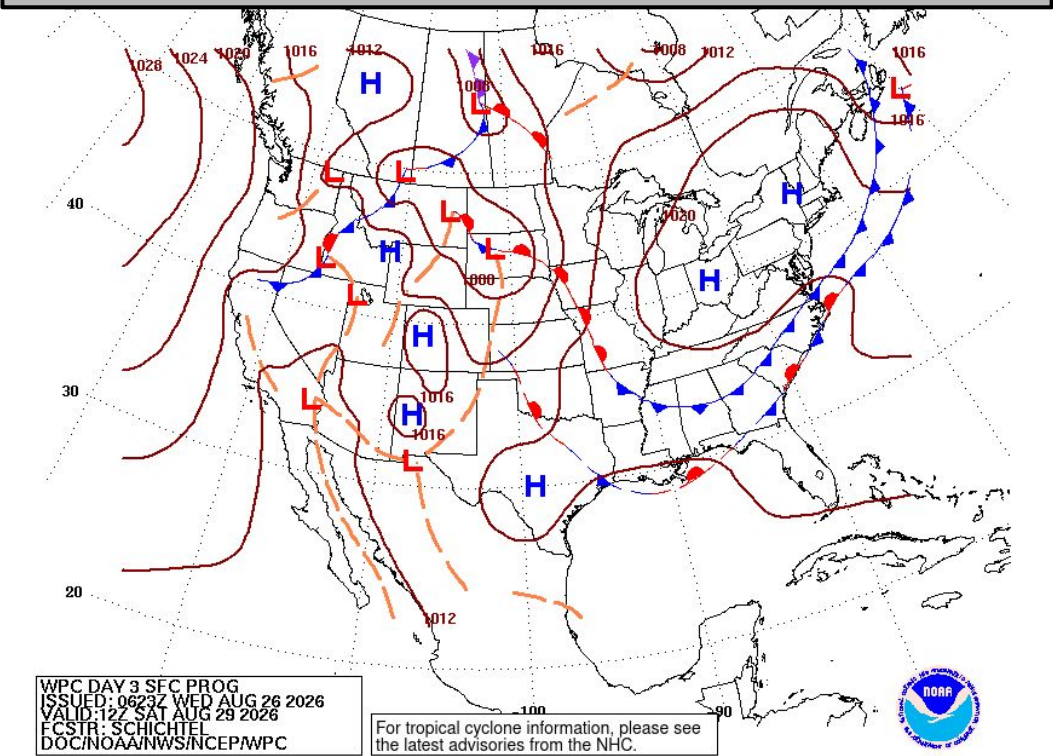
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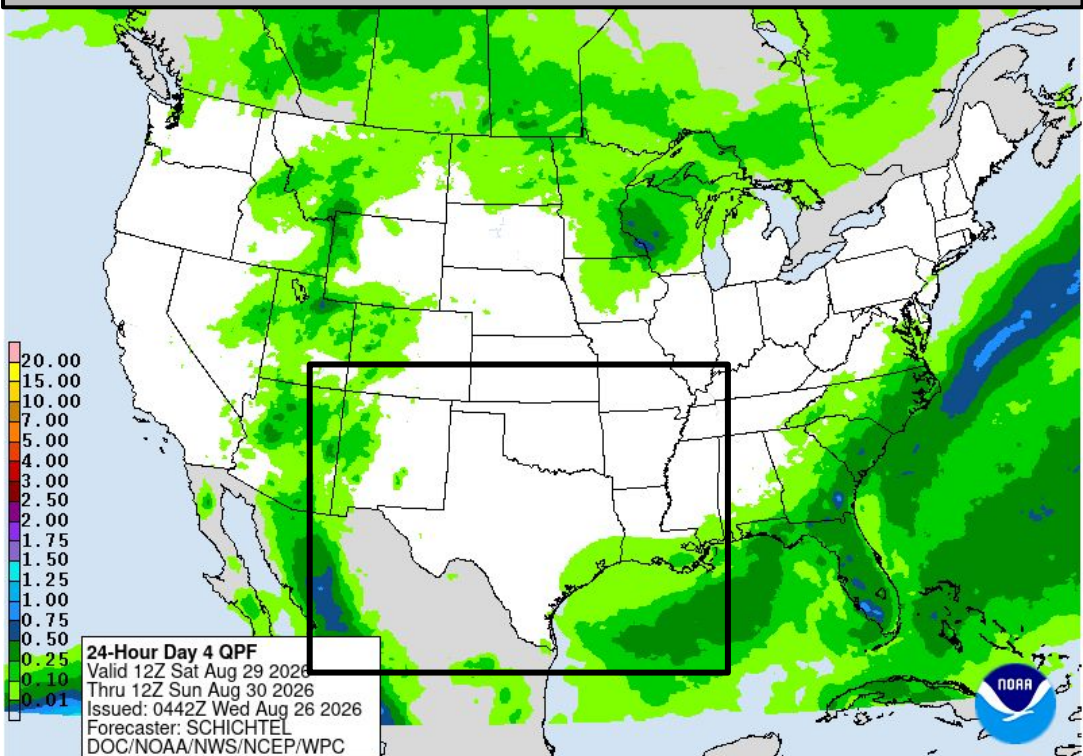


# Saturday's Weather

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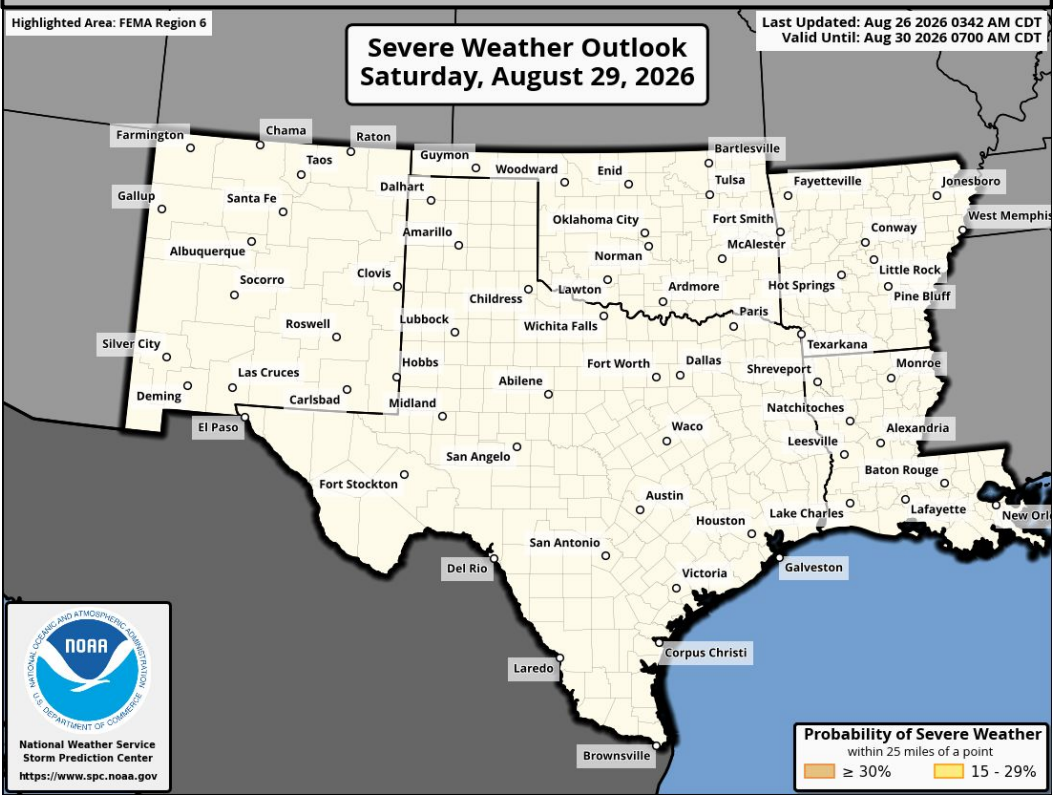


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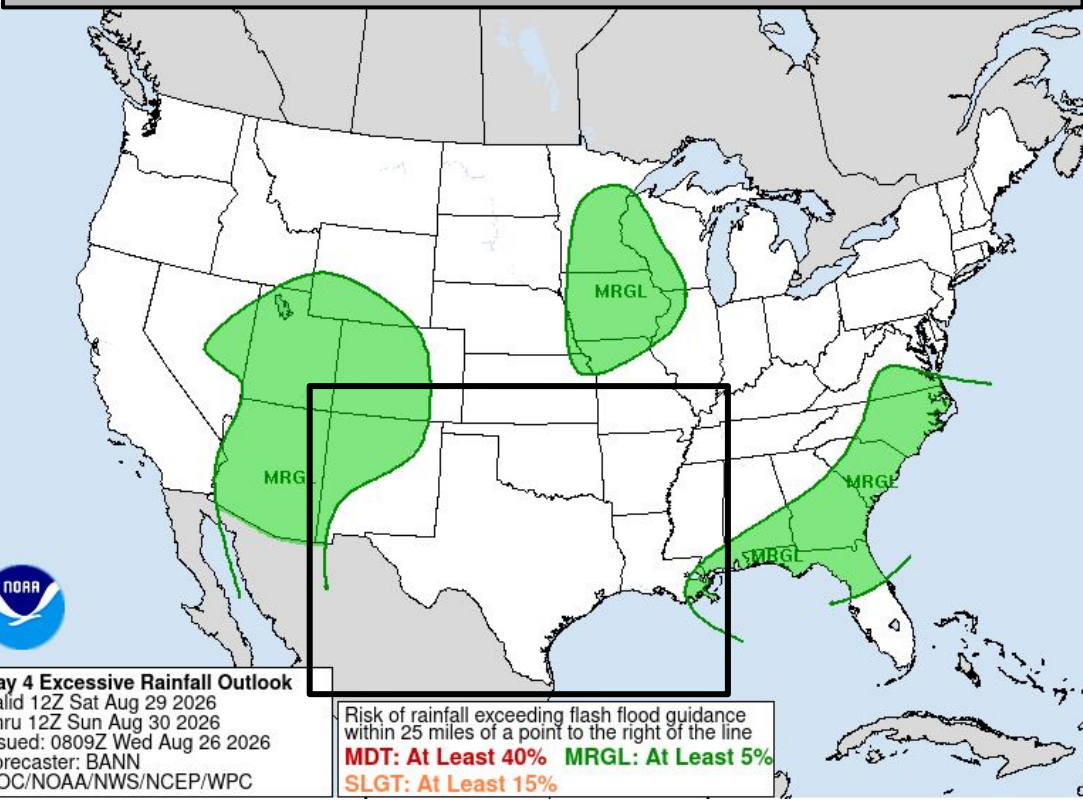


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, SE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



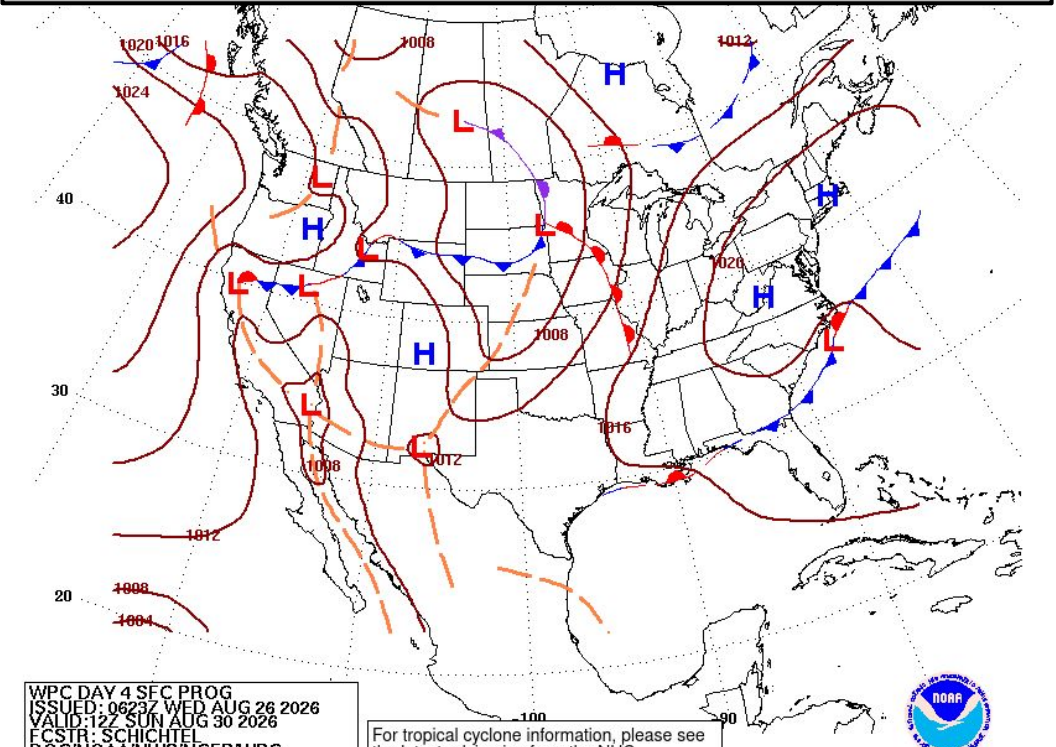
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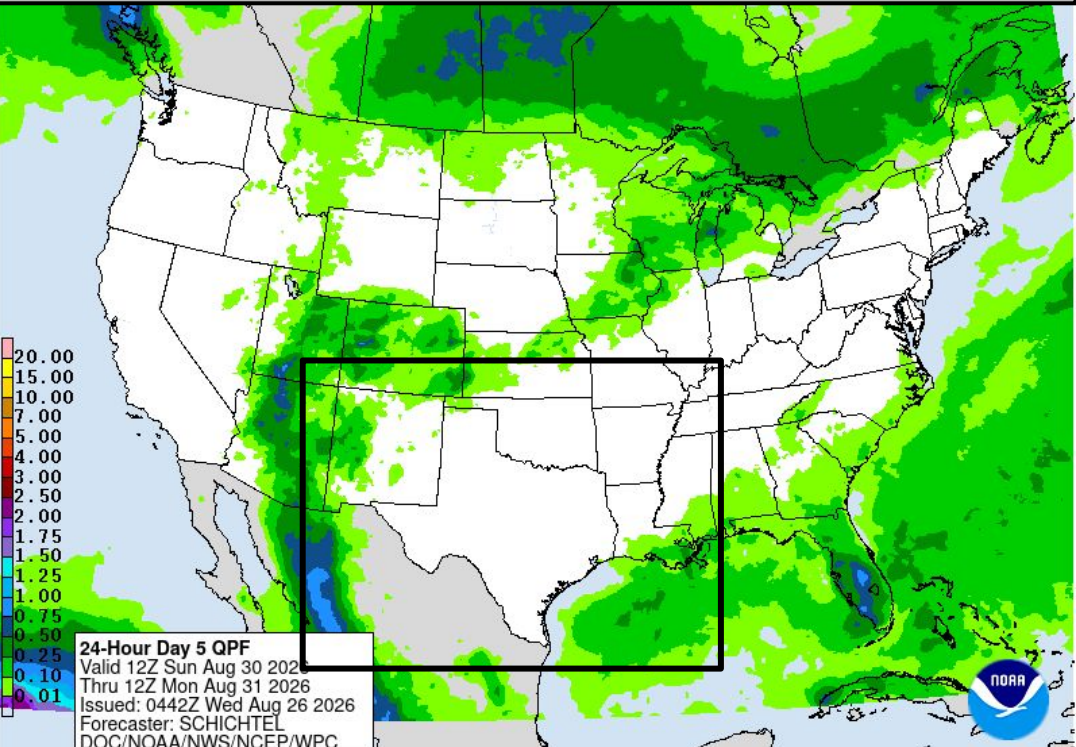


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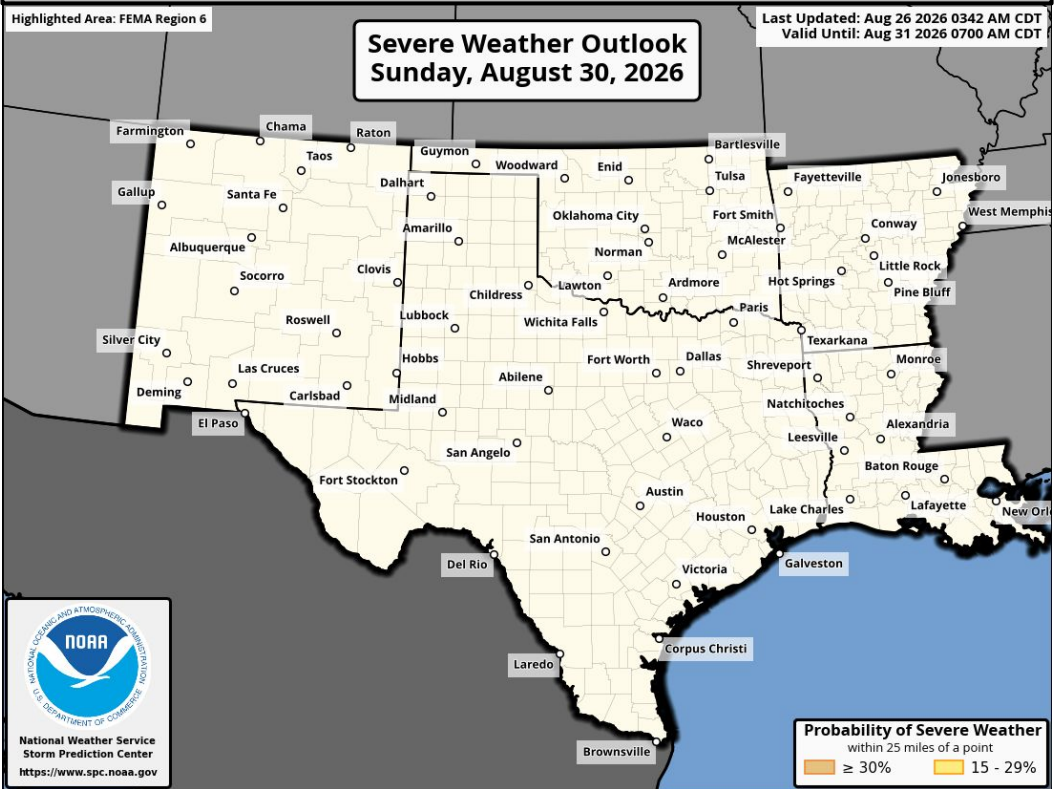


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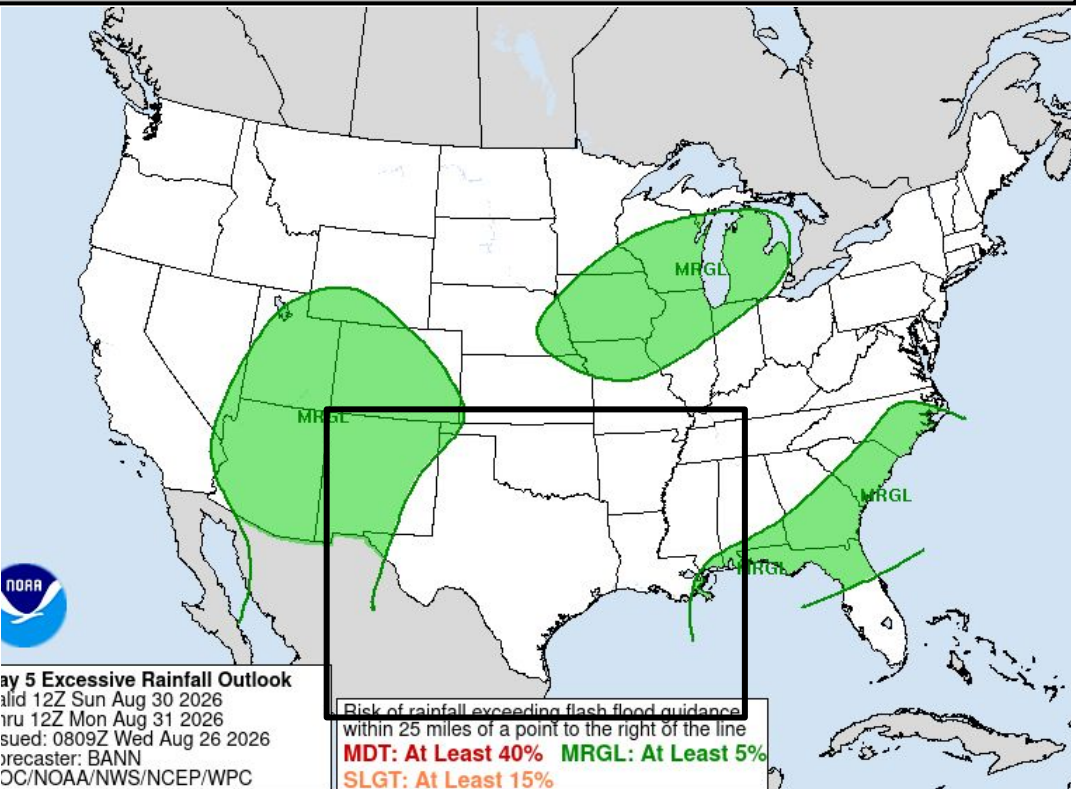


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

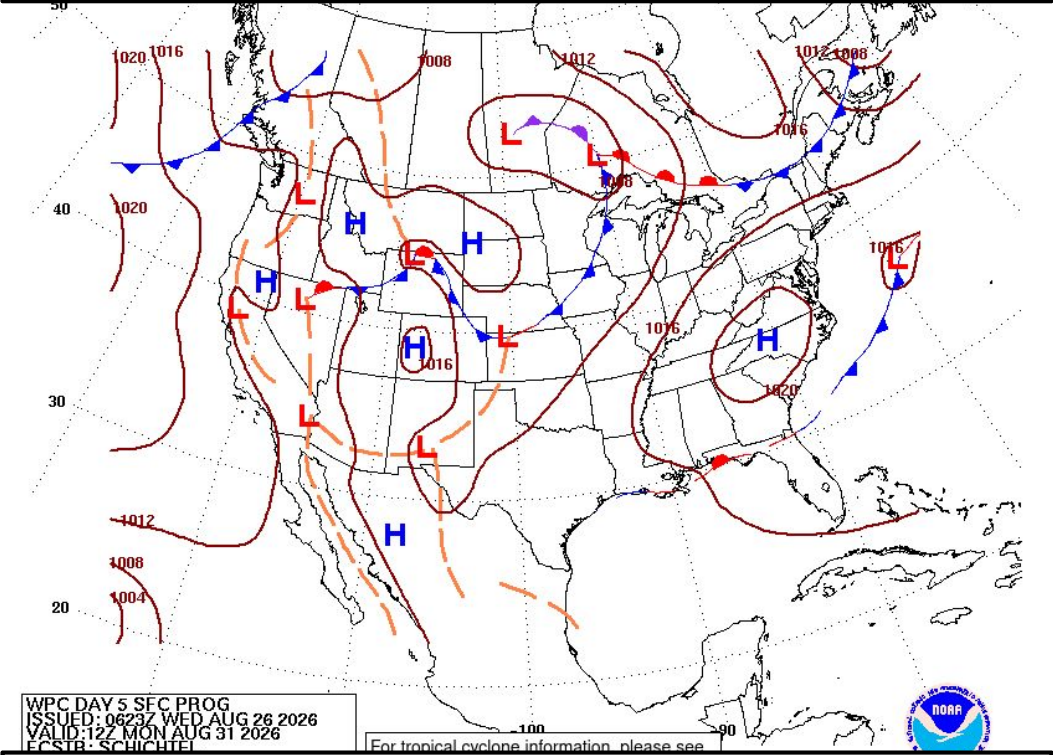


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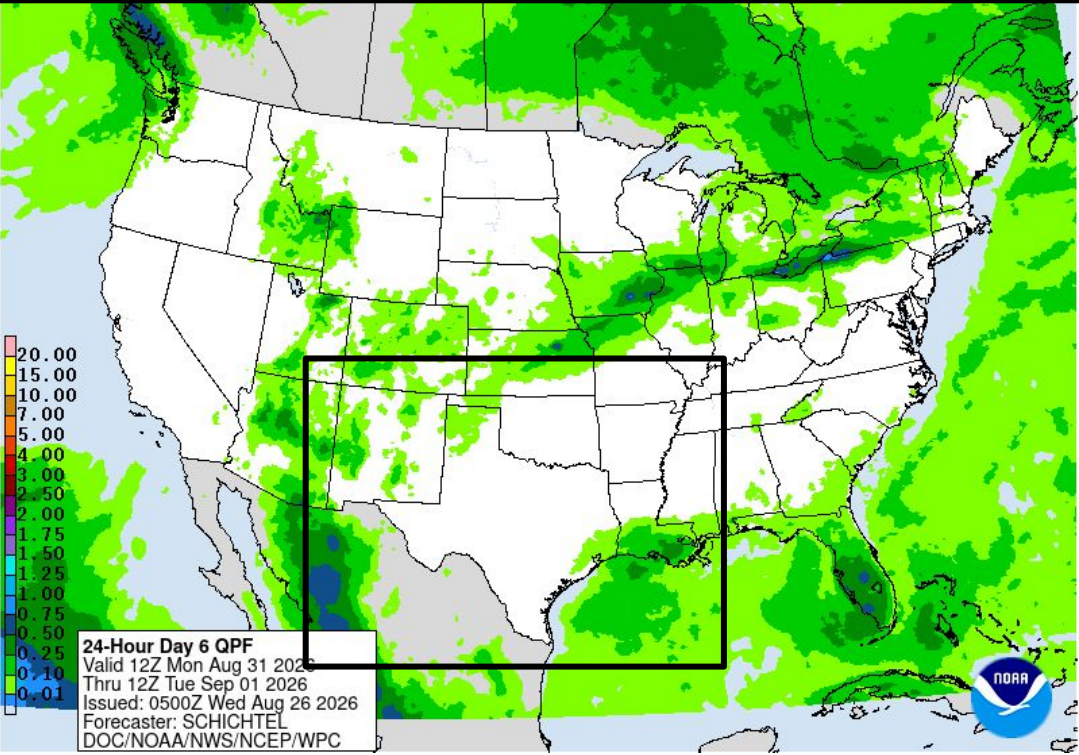


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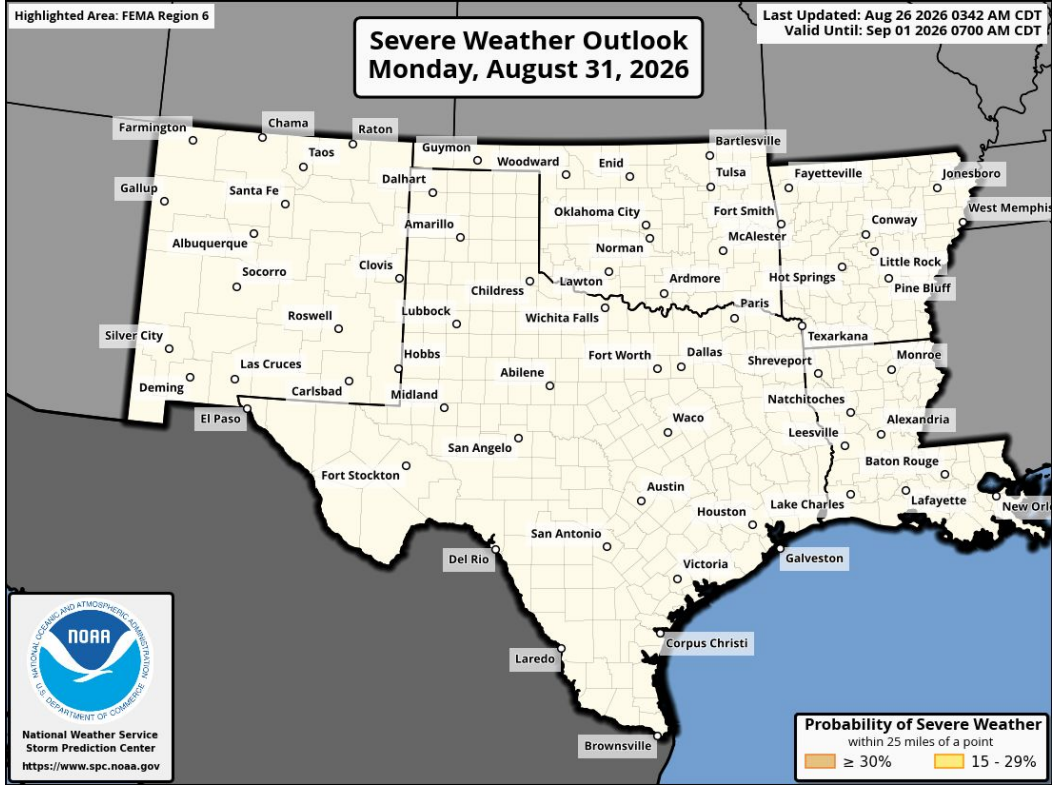


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**Monitoring NM, S LA for locally heavy rain.**

Severe Weather Outlook



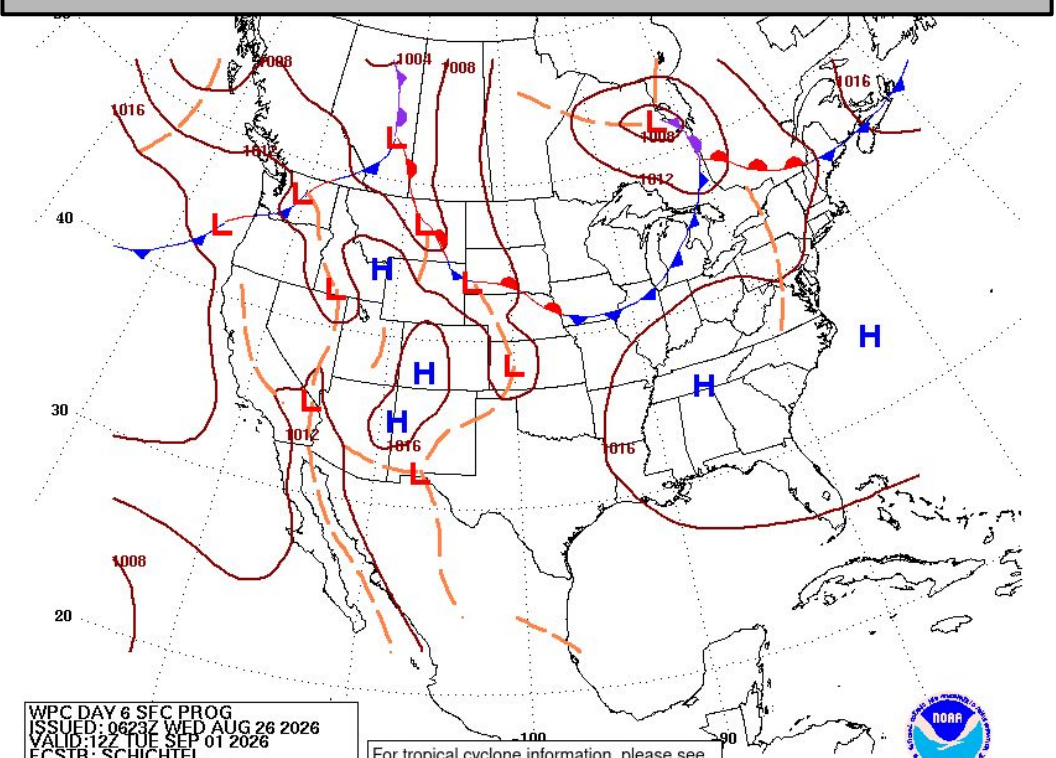
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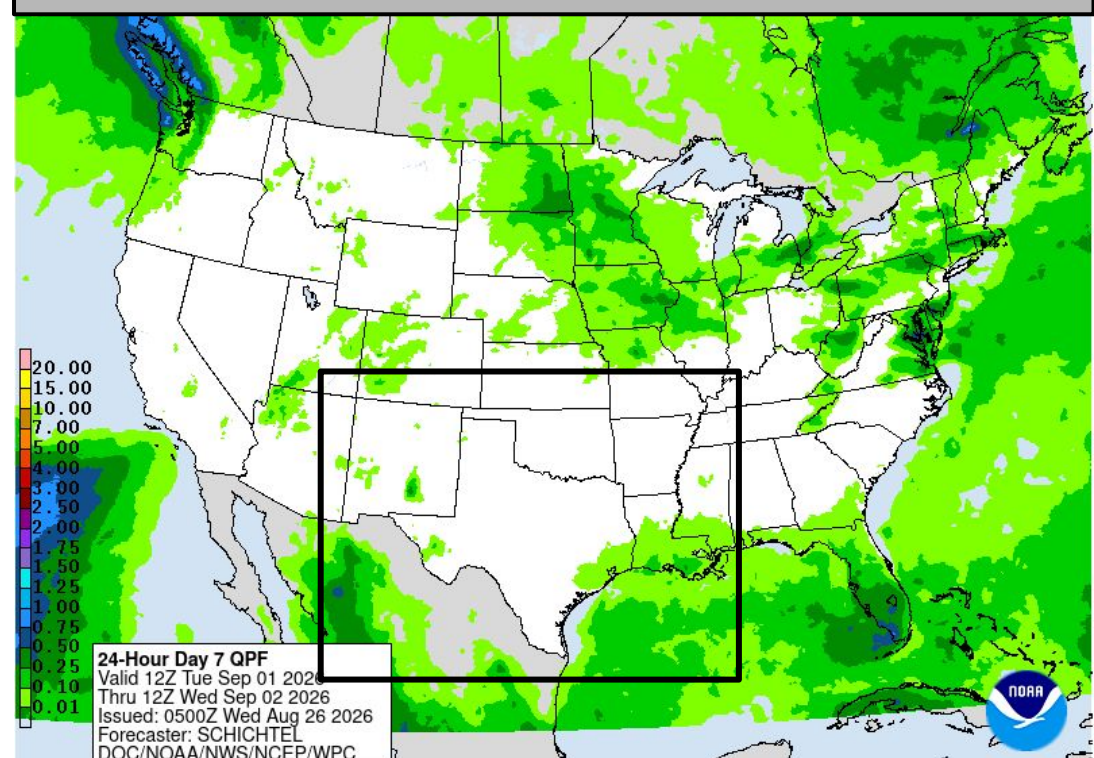


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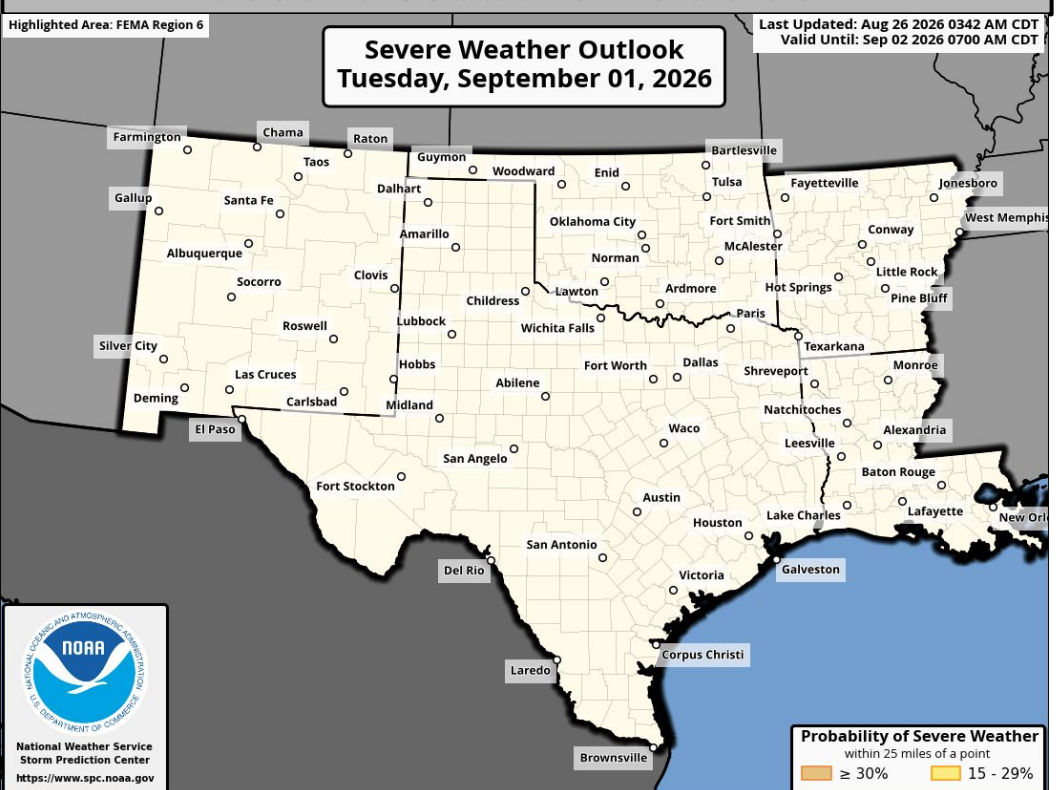


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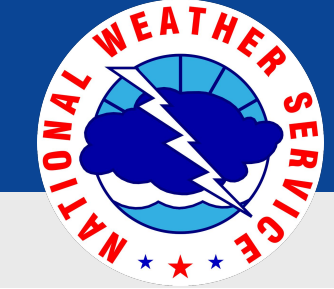
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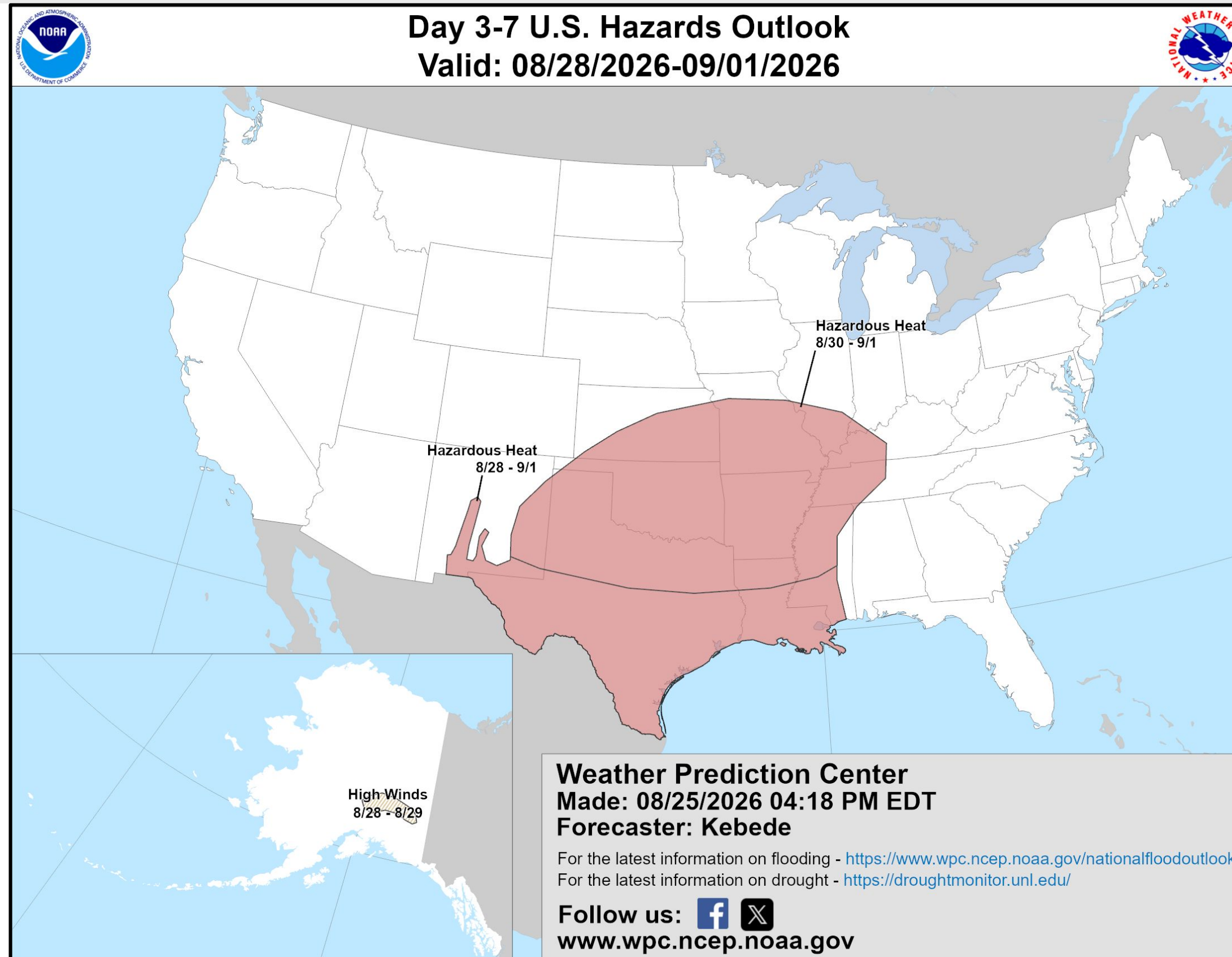


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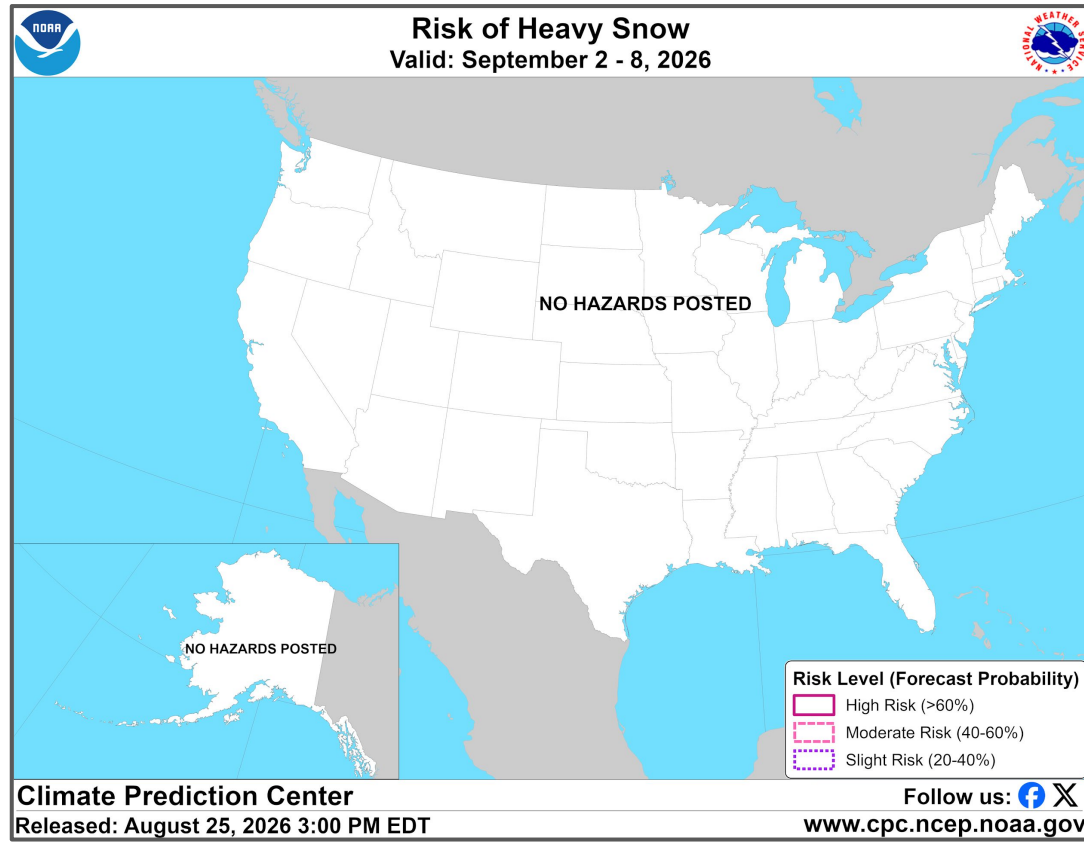
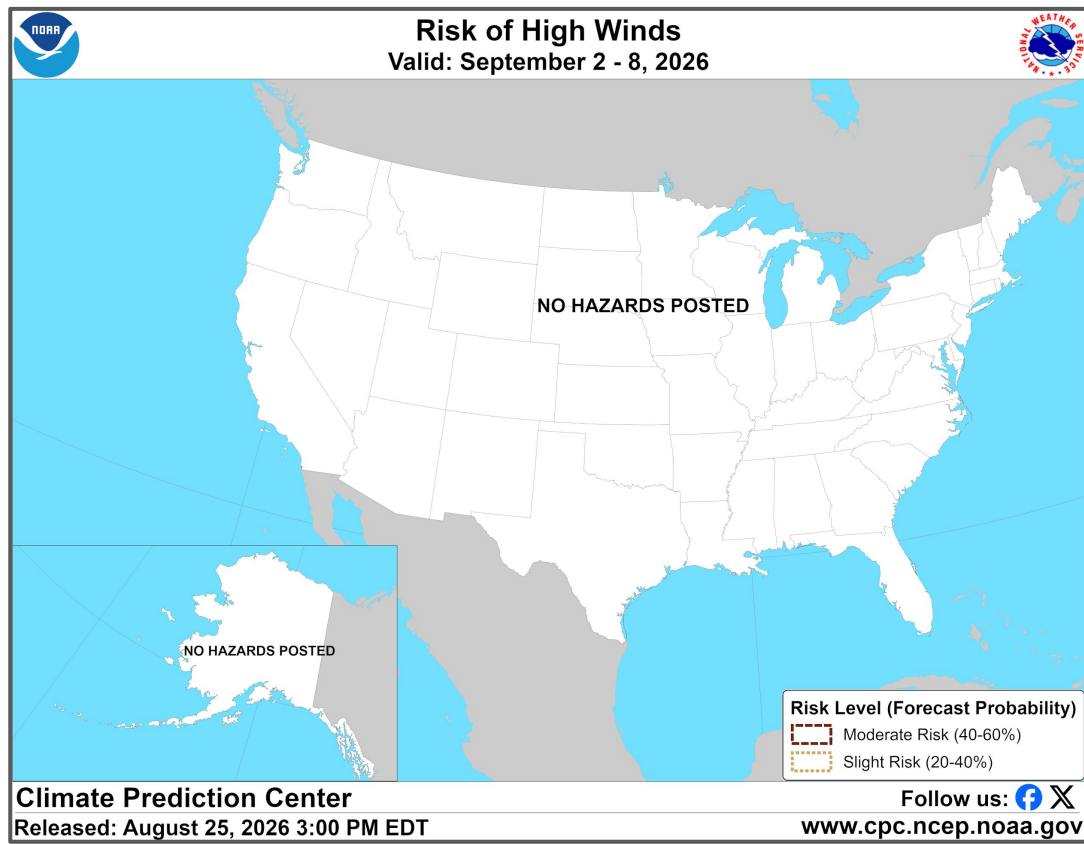
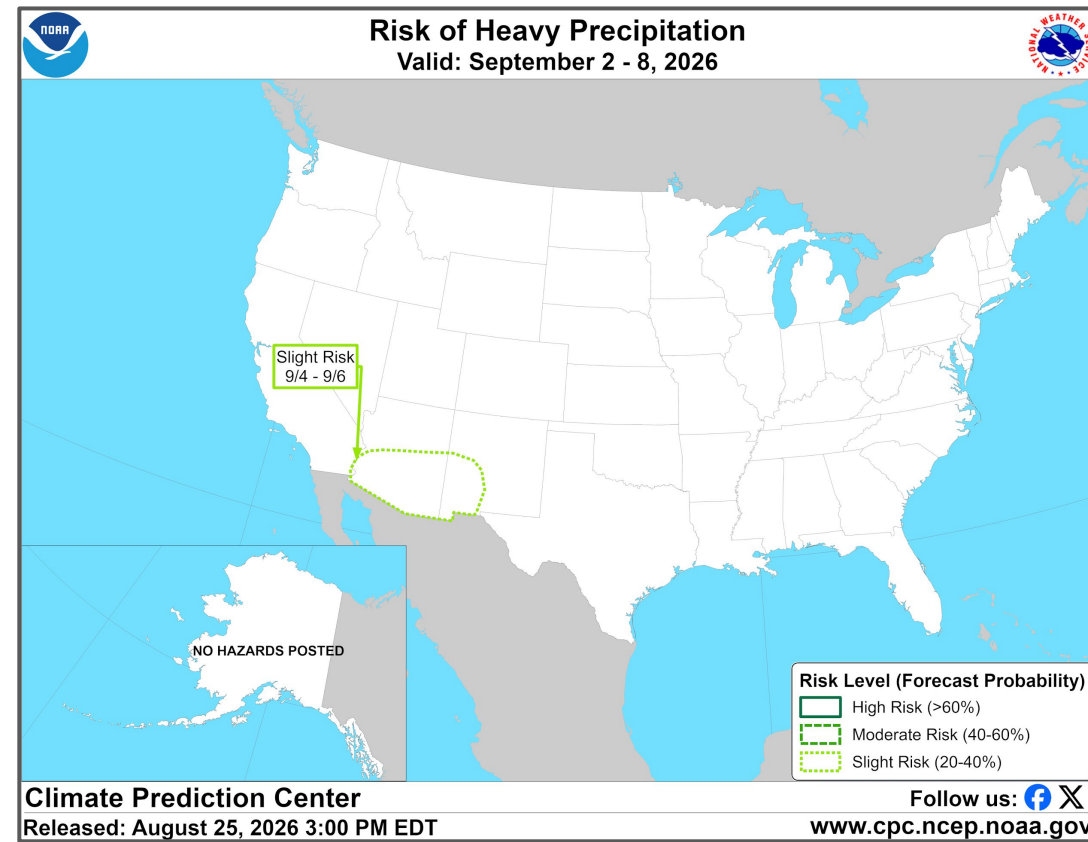
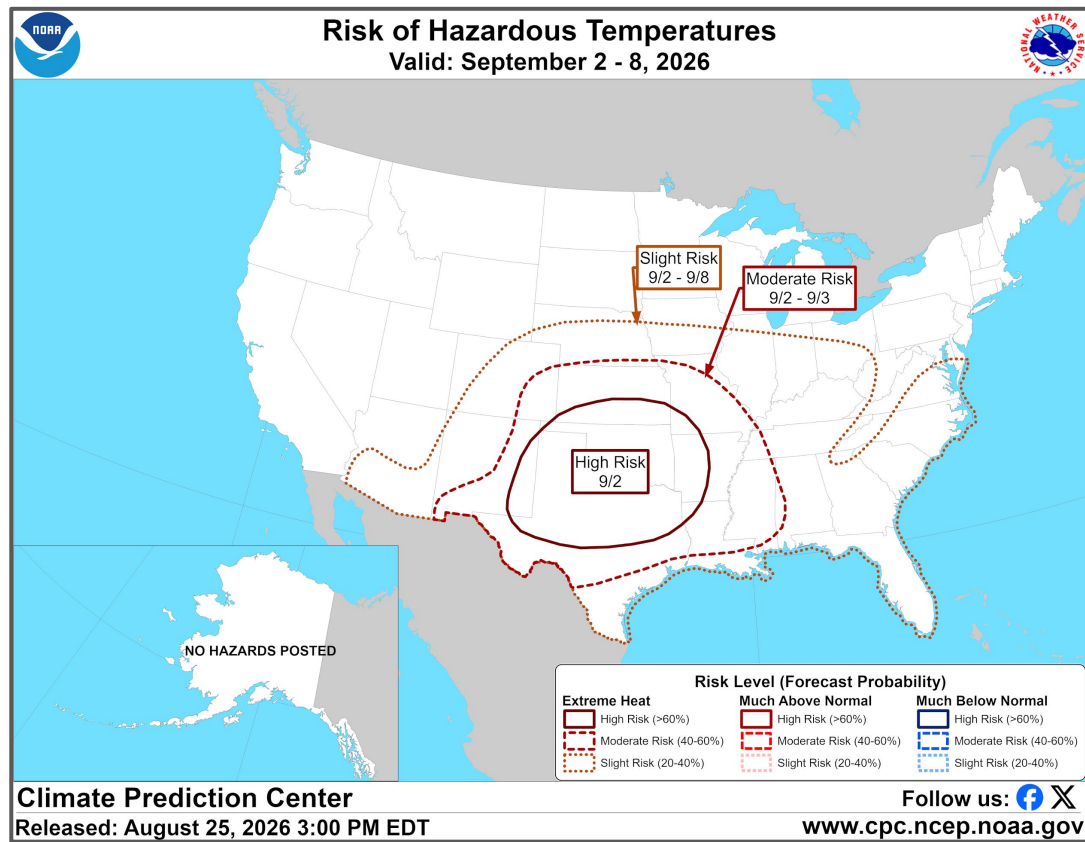
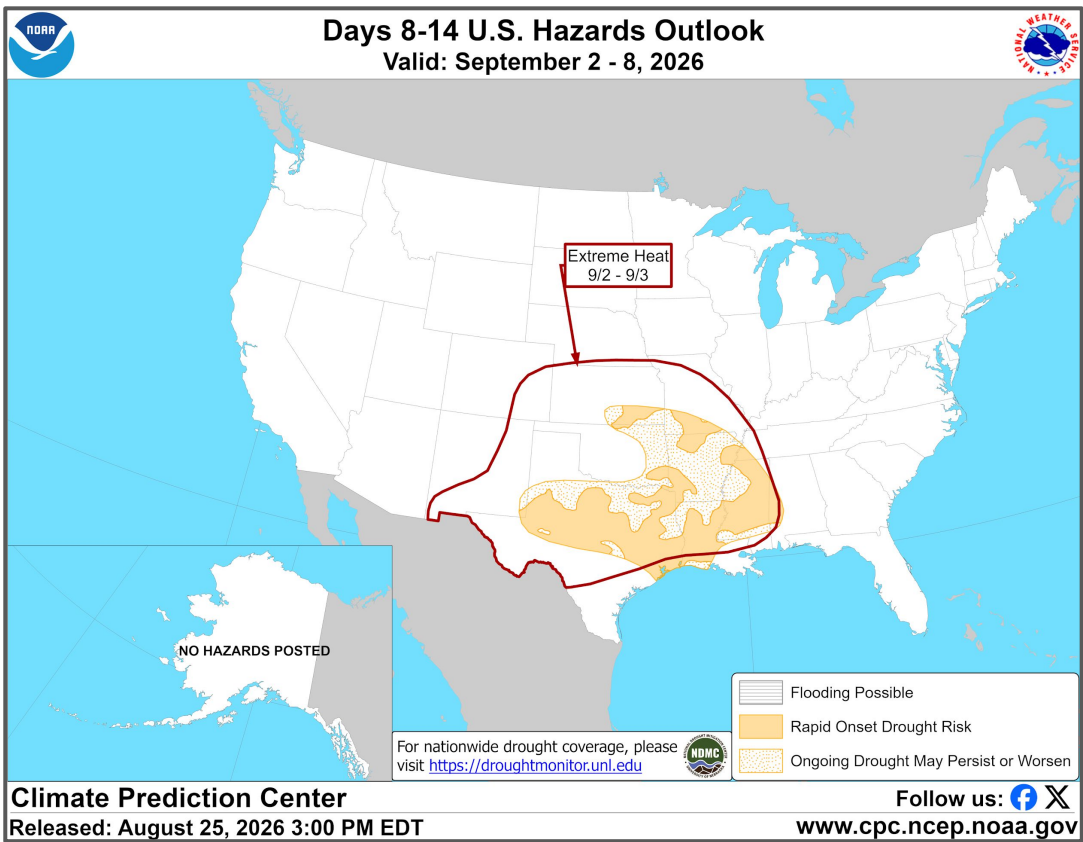


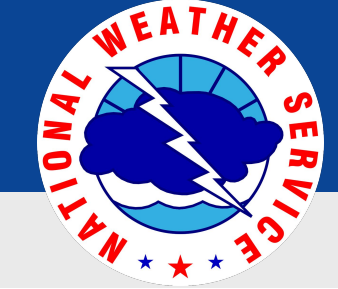
# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





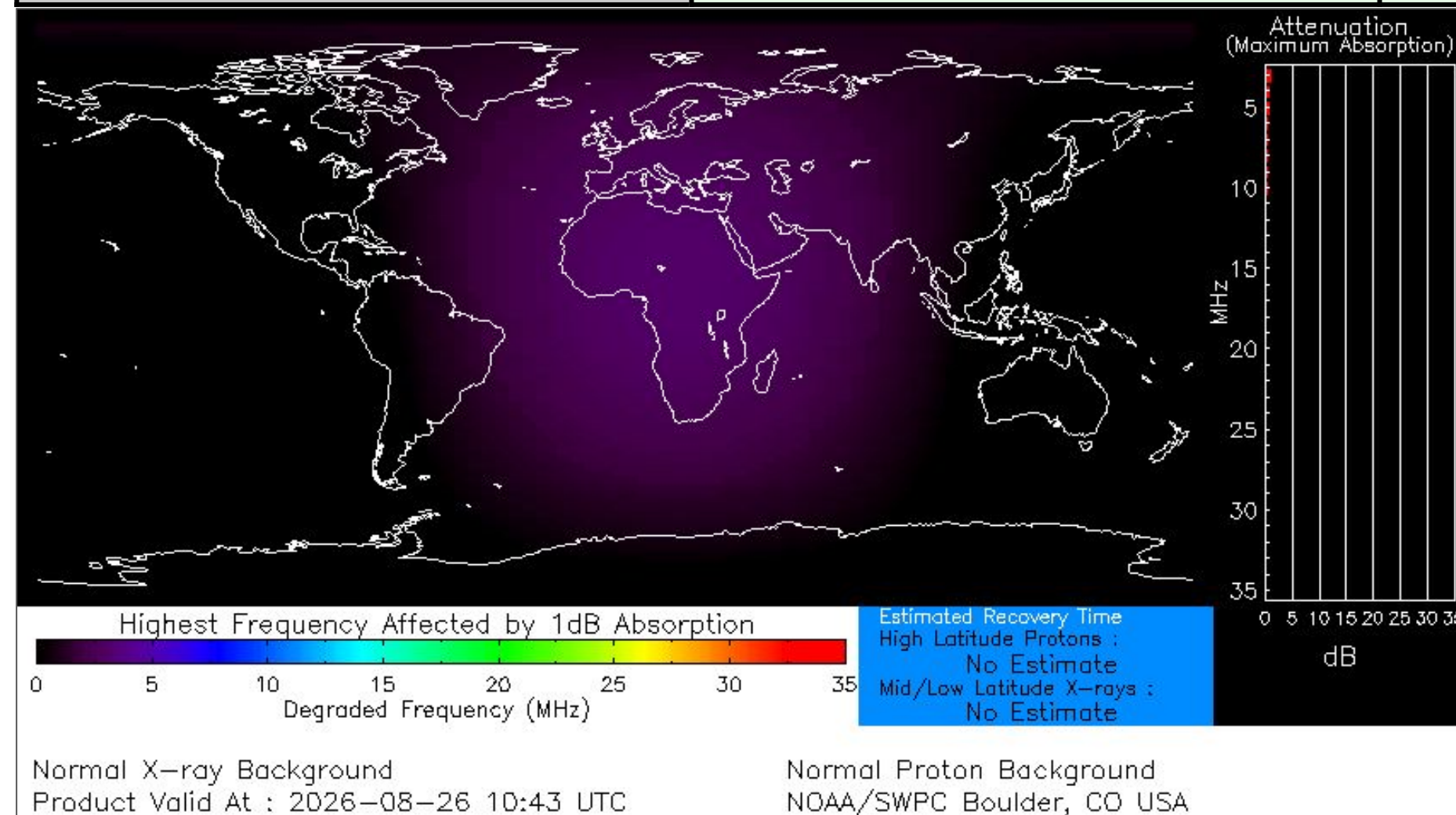
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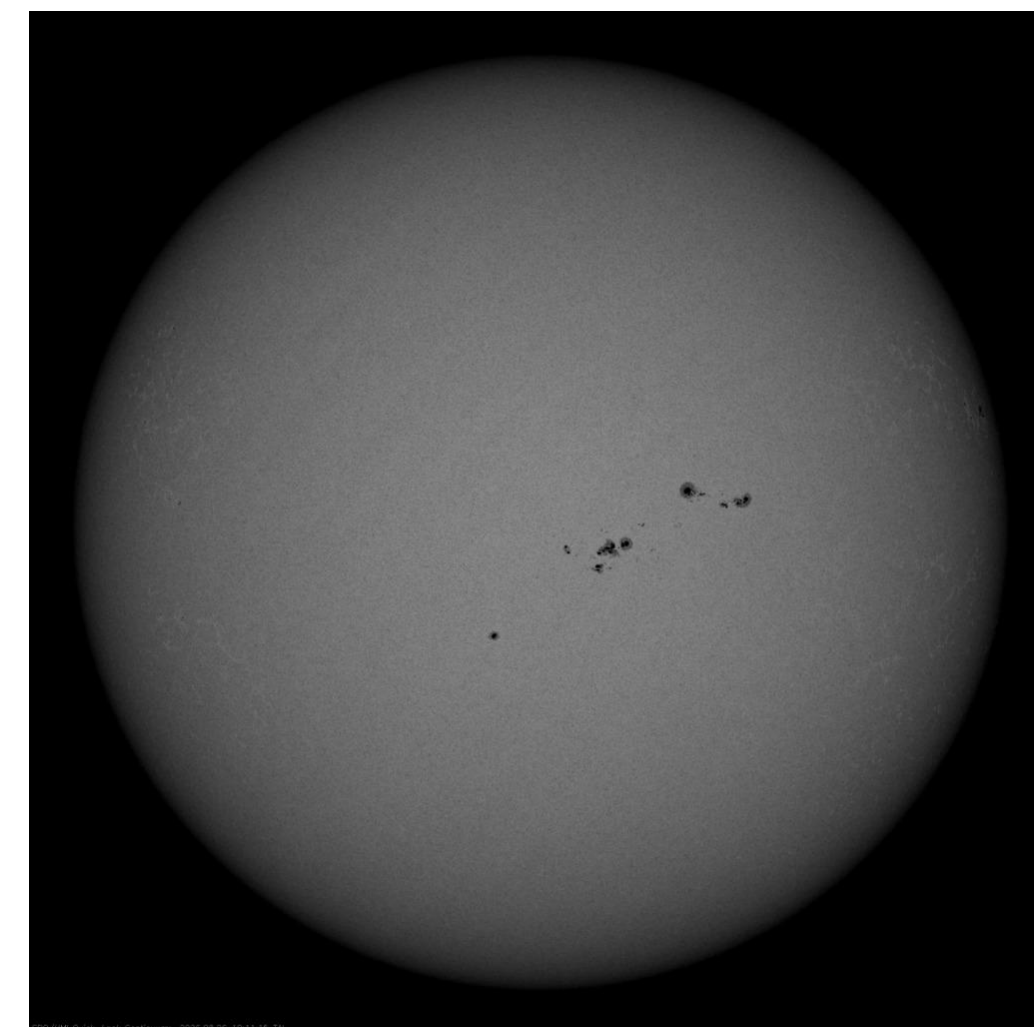
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                                      | Wednesday, Aug 26            | Thursday, Aug 27                          | Friday, Aug 28                         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>            | <b>Active<br/>(Max Kp=4)</b> | <b>Moderate (G2 Storm)<br/>(Max Kp=6)</b> | <b>Minor (G1 Storm)<br/>(Max Kp=5)</b> |
| <b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b> | <b>10%</b>                   | <b>10%</b>                                | <b>10%</b>                             |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>        | <b>55%</b>                   | <b>55%</b>                                | <b>55%</b>                             |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>        | <b>15%</b>                   | <b>15%</b>                                | <b>15%</b>                             |



[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  | <b>Little to None</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines                                      | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br>Tropical: None<br>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        |
| Yellow | <b>Minor</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life                                                     | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| Orange | <b>Moderate</b><br>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life                                | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul> |
| Red    | <b>Major</b><br>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life                        | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>                                    |
| Purple | <b>Extreme</b><br>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>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                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>                                                                |

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [nws.soc2@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.soc2@noaa.gov)



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