



# FEMA



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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Monday, September 07, 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).



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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
  - Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over areas of NM and far W TX through the week.
  - Marginal risk over SE LA Thu and Fri.
- **Fire Weather:**
  - Monitoring the TX/OK Panhandles for locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns Monday and Tuesday.
  - TX Big Country may see local fire weather concerns this weekend/early next week.
- **Tropical:** Tropical impacts are not expected over the next 7 days.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

|                                | Monday, Sep 7                 | Tuesday, Sep 8                | Wednesday, Sep 9 | Thursday, Sep 10       | Friday, Sep 11 | Saturday, Sep 12 | Sunday, Sep 13 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Severe Storms                  | LA, Far E TX                  |                               |                  |                        |                |                  |                |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding | W NM                          | NM                            | NM               | NM, Far W TX,<br>SE LA | SE LA          | W NM             | NM             |
| Fire Weather                   | TX/OK<br>Panhandles,<br>N/CTX | TX/OK<br>Panhandles,<br>N/CTX |                  |                        |                |                  |                |
| Tropical                       |                               |                               |                  |                        |                |                  |                |
| River Flooding                 | SE TX                         | SE TX                         |                  |                        |                |                  |                |

*\*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 |
|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|



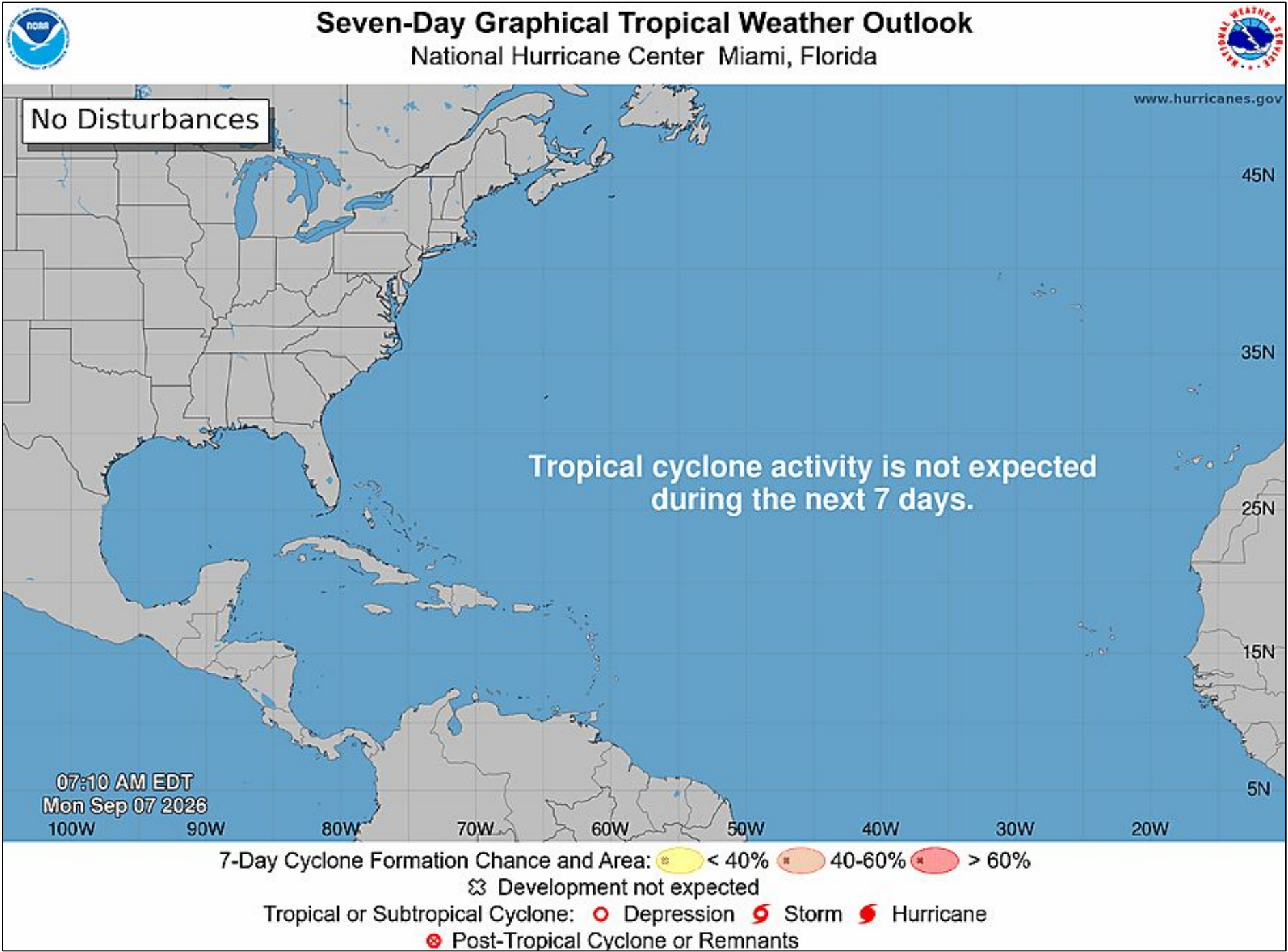
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

| Area | Chance of Development | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|      |                       |                             |

Active Tropical Cyclones

| Storm | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
|-------|-----------------------------|
|       |                             |



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



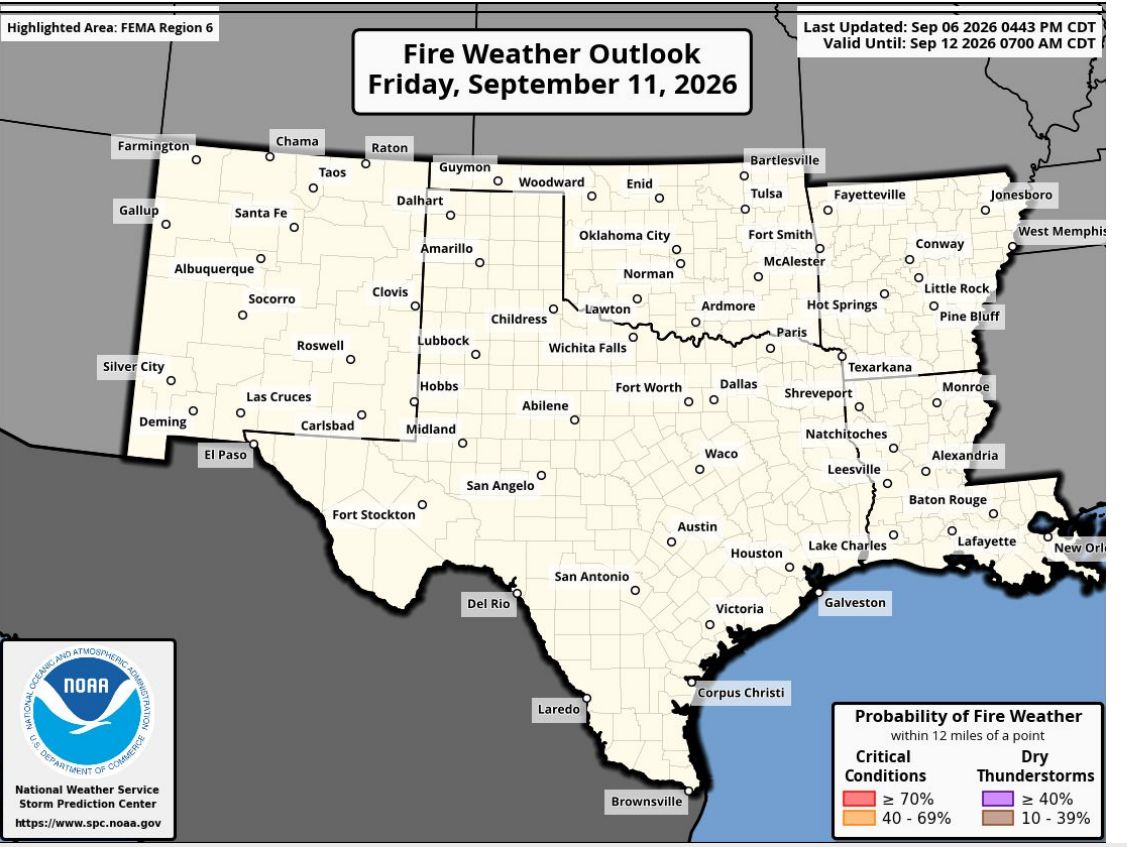
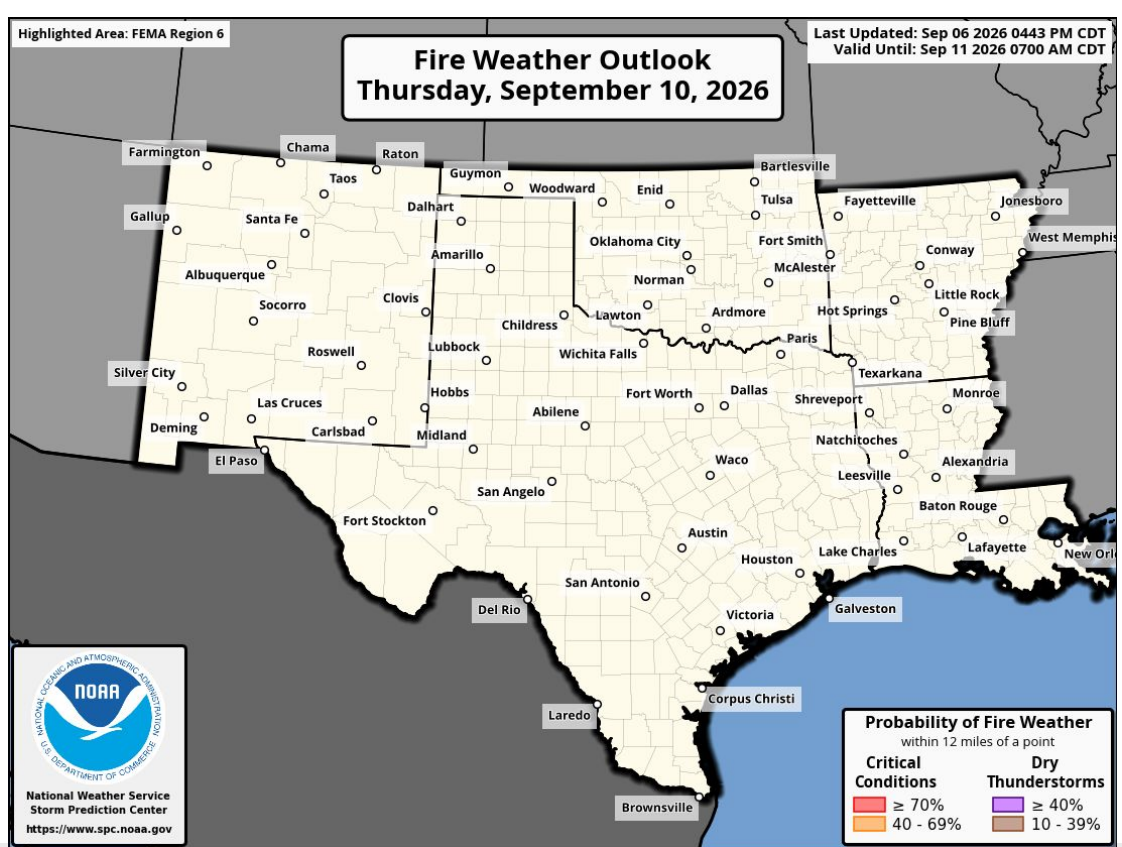
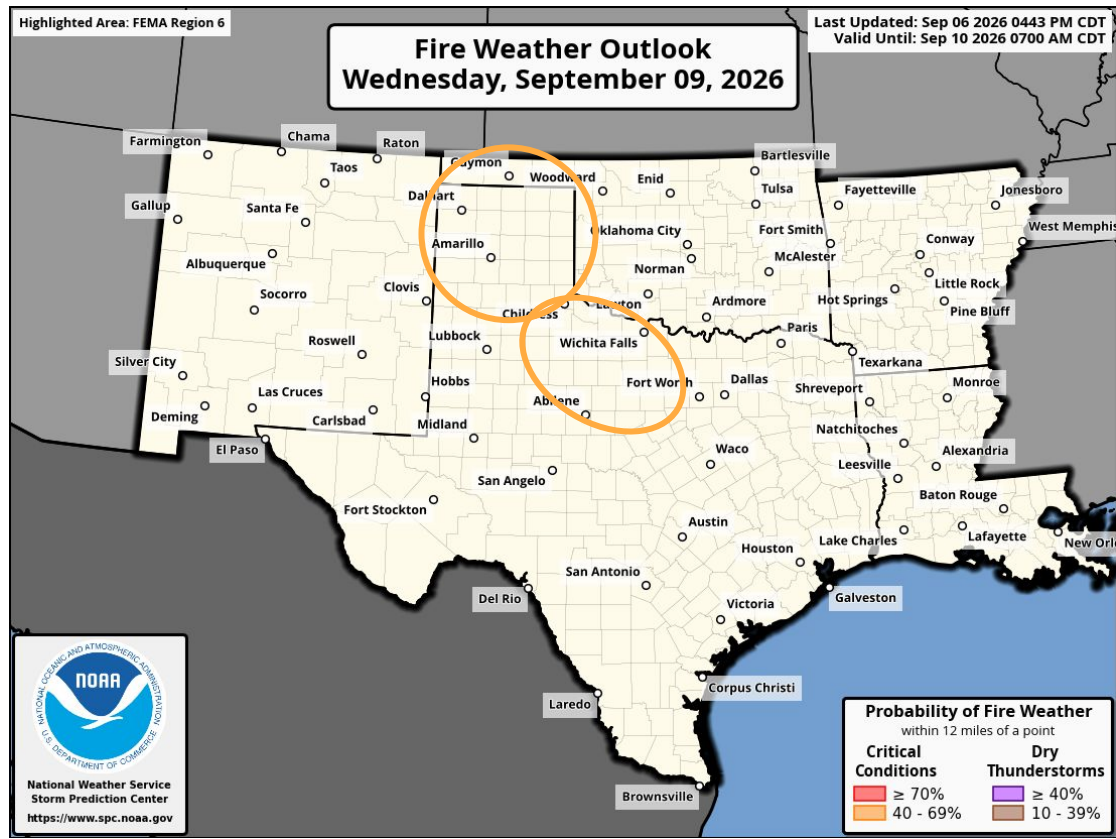
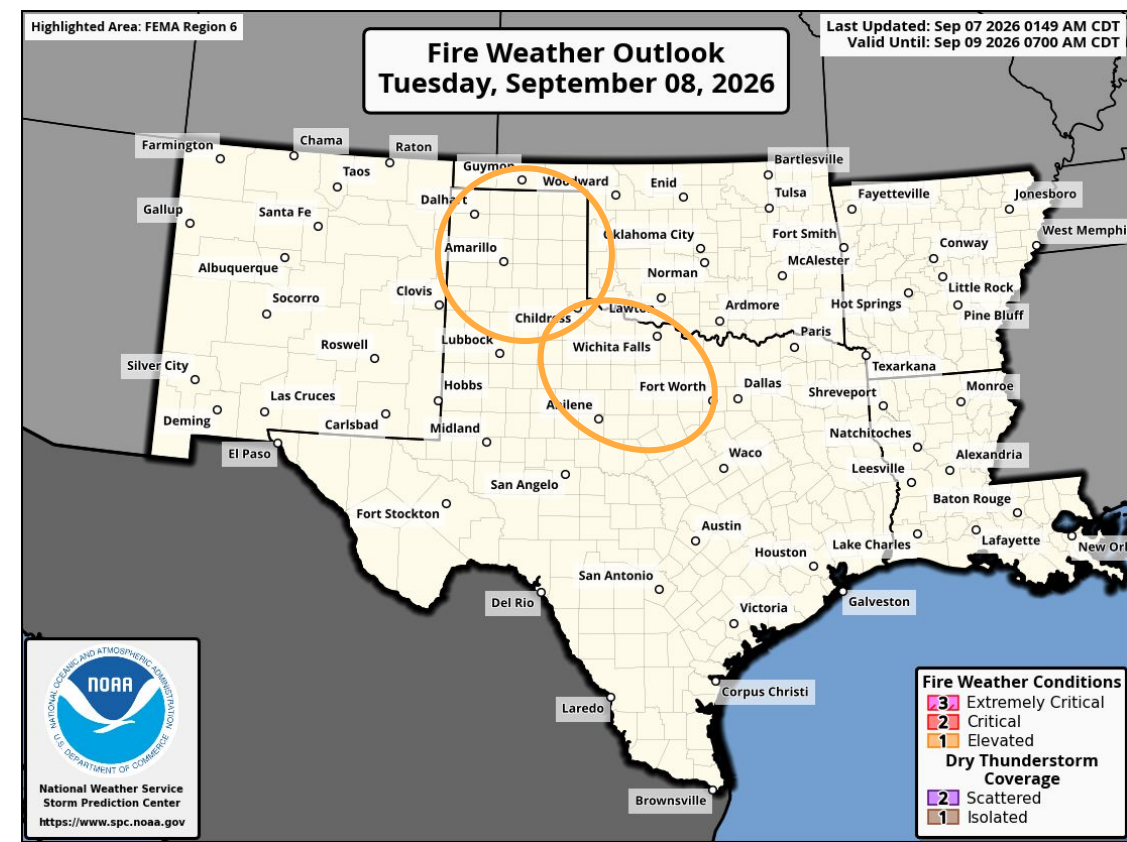
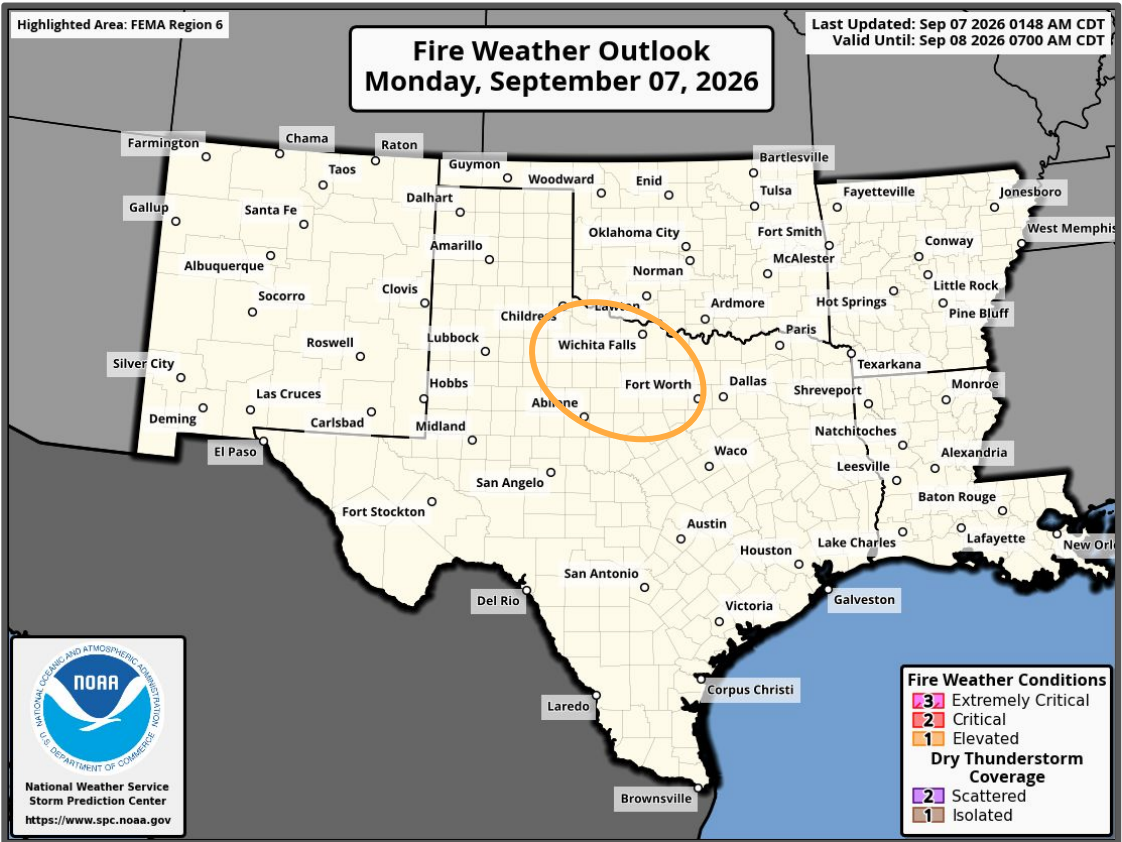
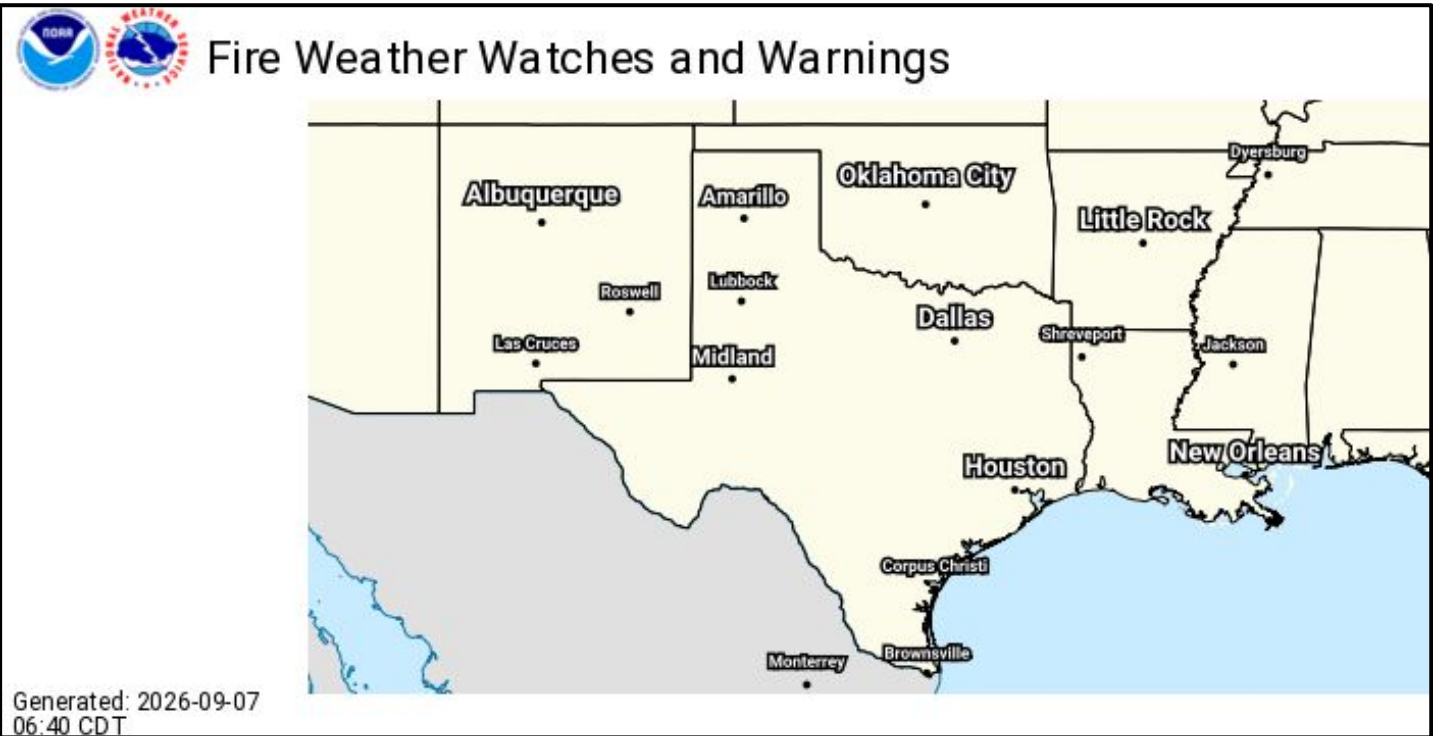


# Current Radar/Hazards





# Fire Weather Outlooks

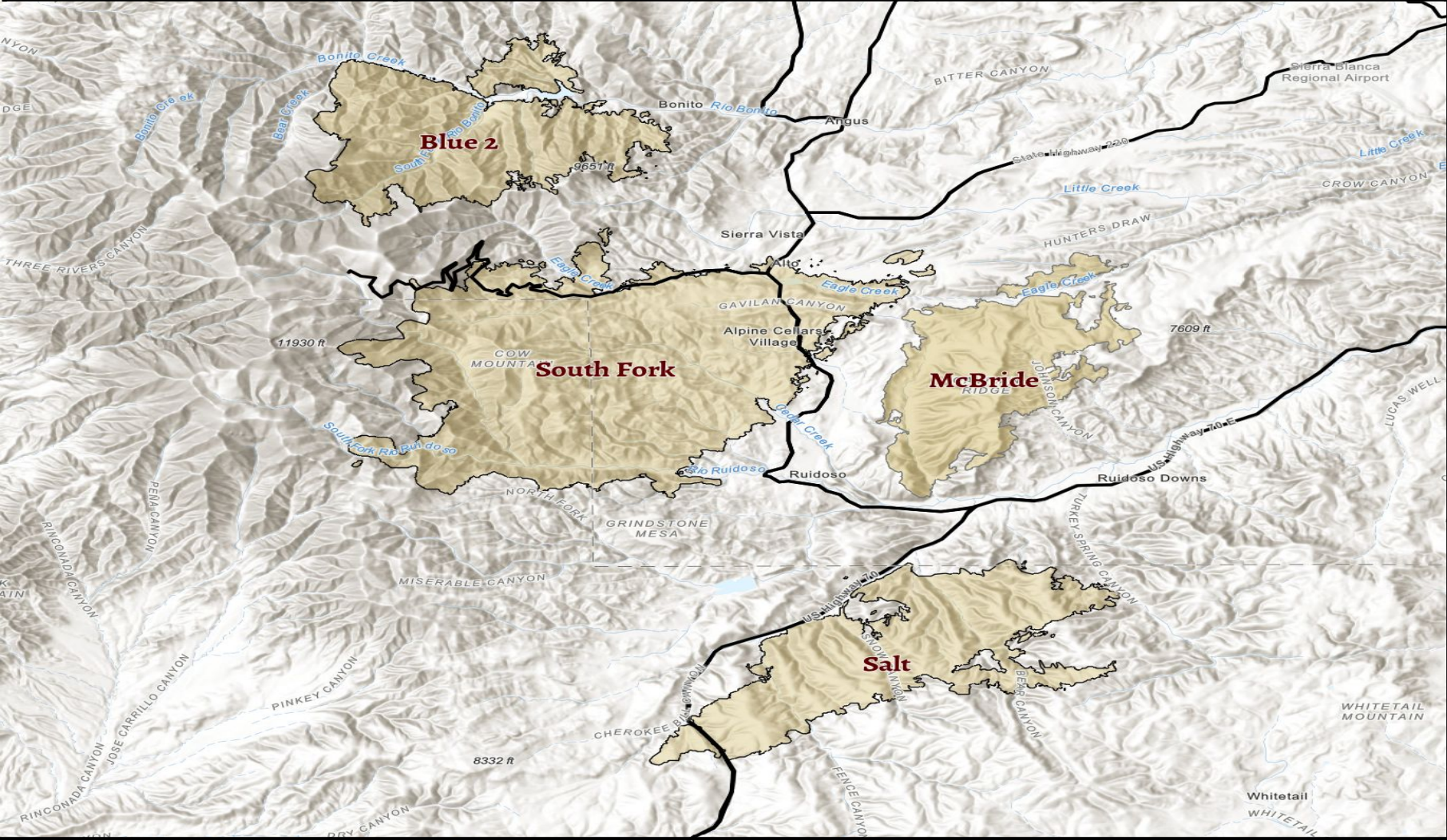




# Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

## Sacramento Complex

|                | Monday, Sep 7 | Tuesday, Sep 8 | Wednesday, Sep 9 | Thursday, Sep 10 | Friday, Sep 11 |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Flash Flooding | Low           | Low            | Low              | Low              | Low            |
| Timing - CDT   | -             | -              | -                | -                | -              |



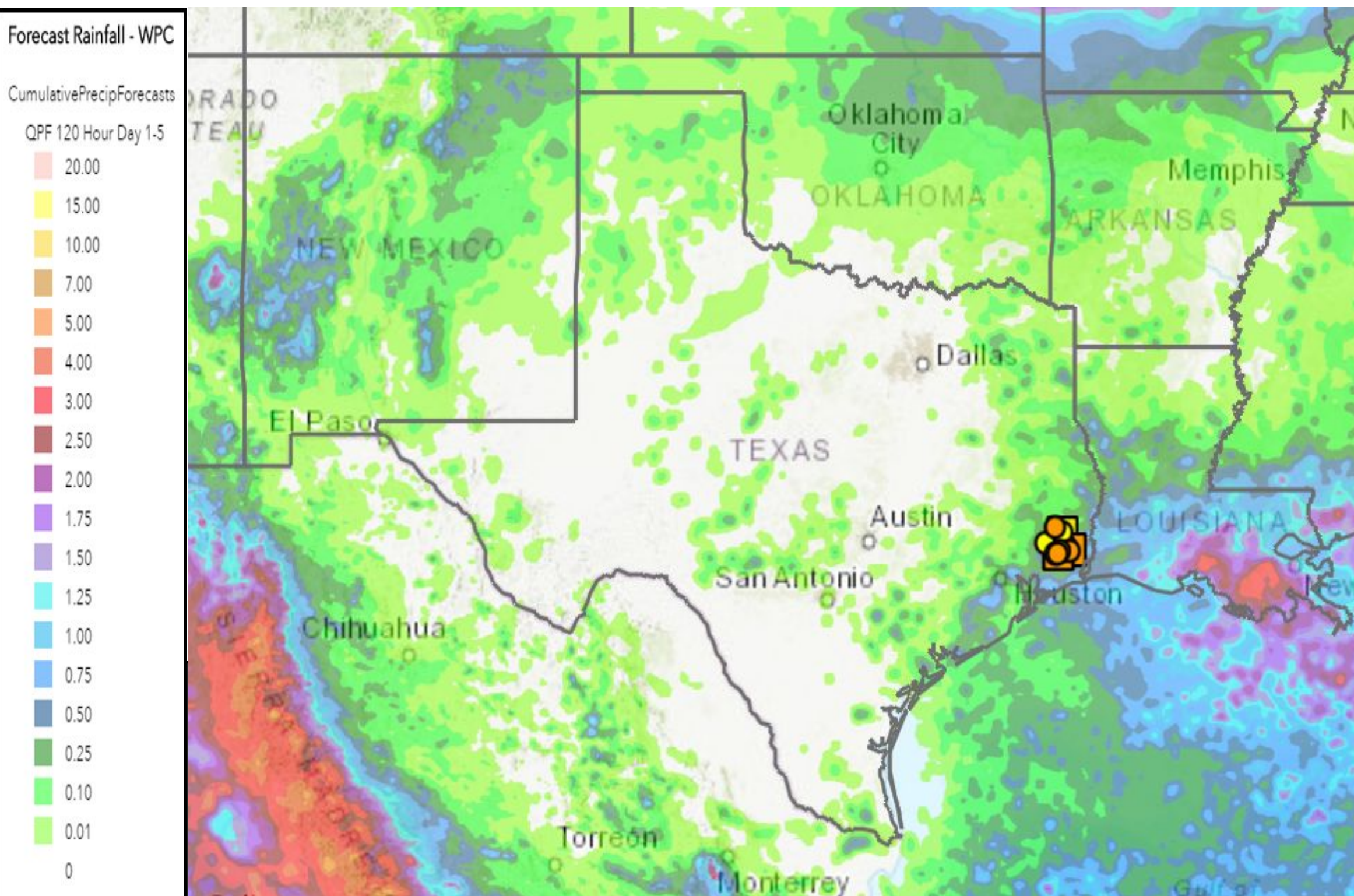
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| Low (level 1 of 3)                                                                                                       | Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning. |
| Moderate (level 2 of 3)                                                                                                  | 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*



**A few sites over SE TX remain in minor flooding through late Monday/Tuesday morning.**

*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.*



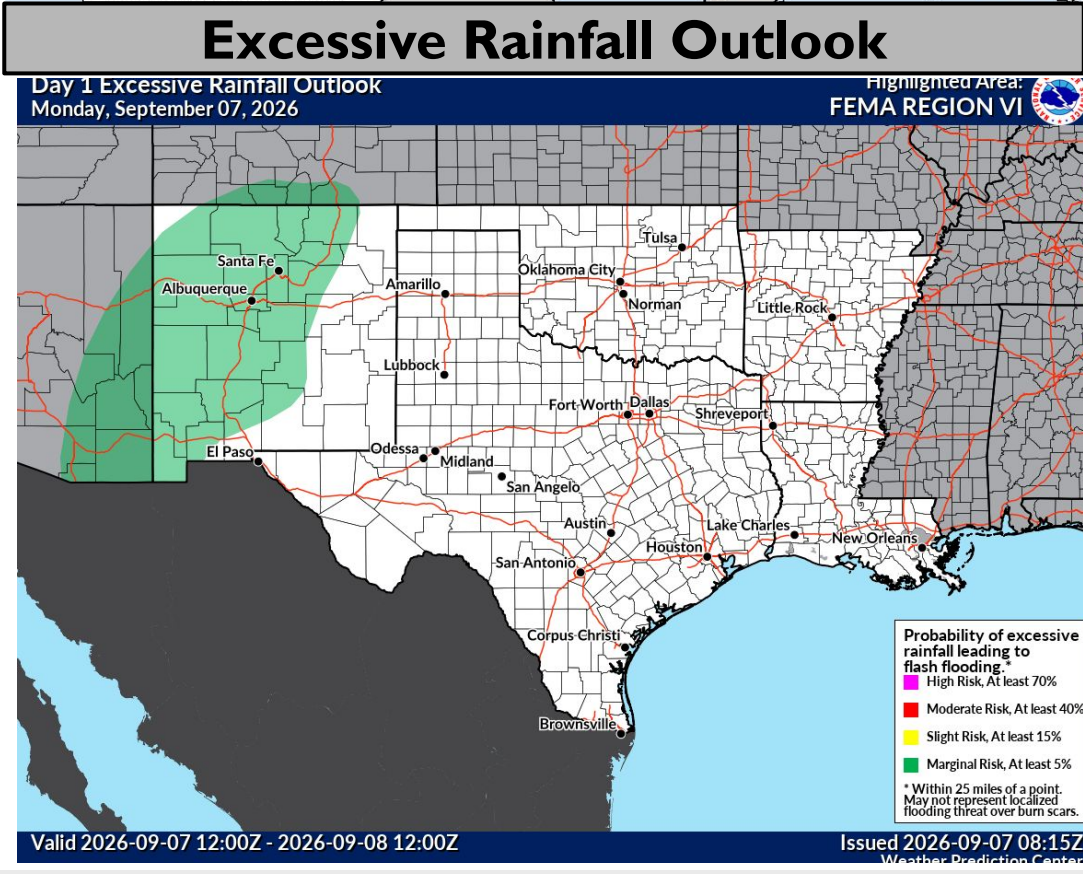
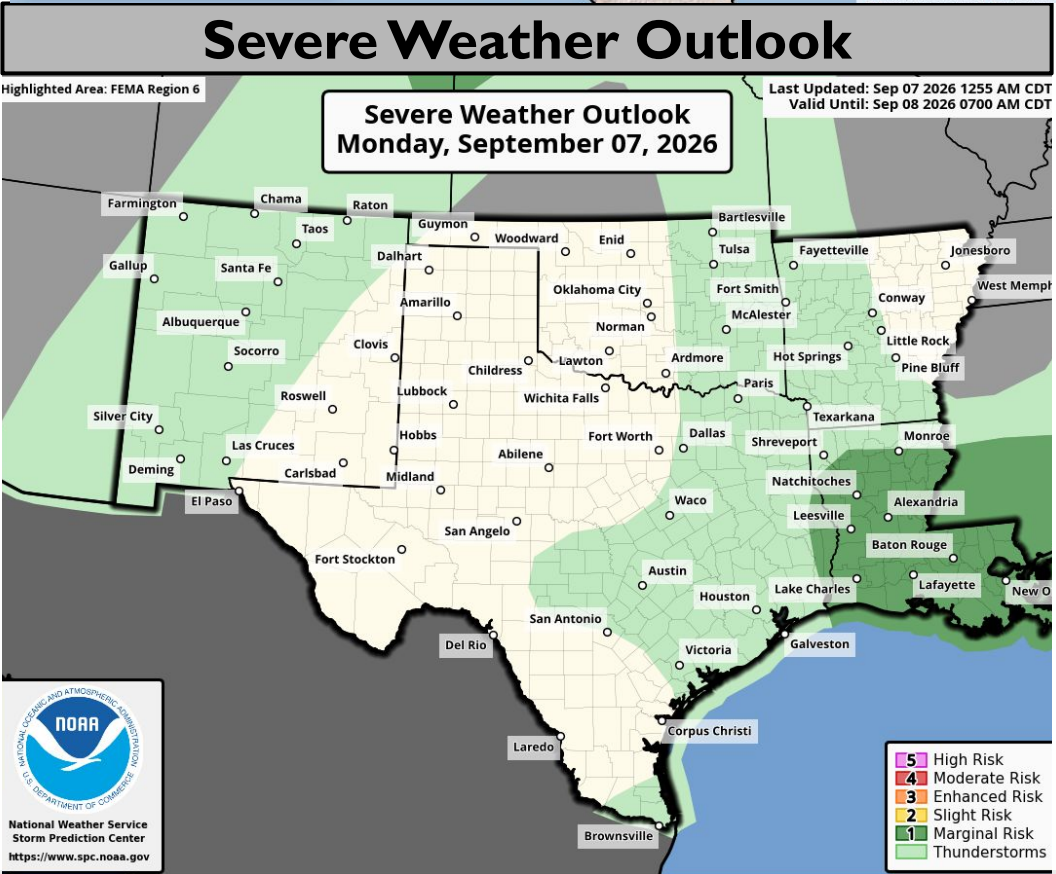
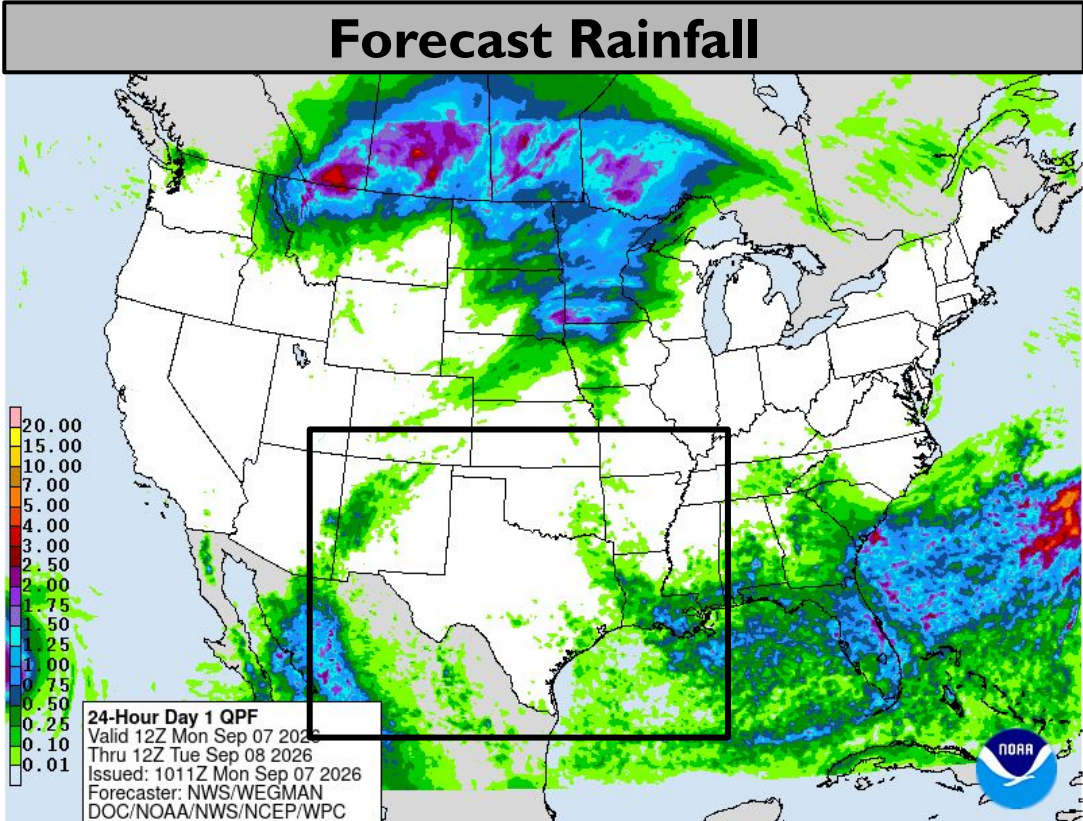
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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# Today's Weather



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

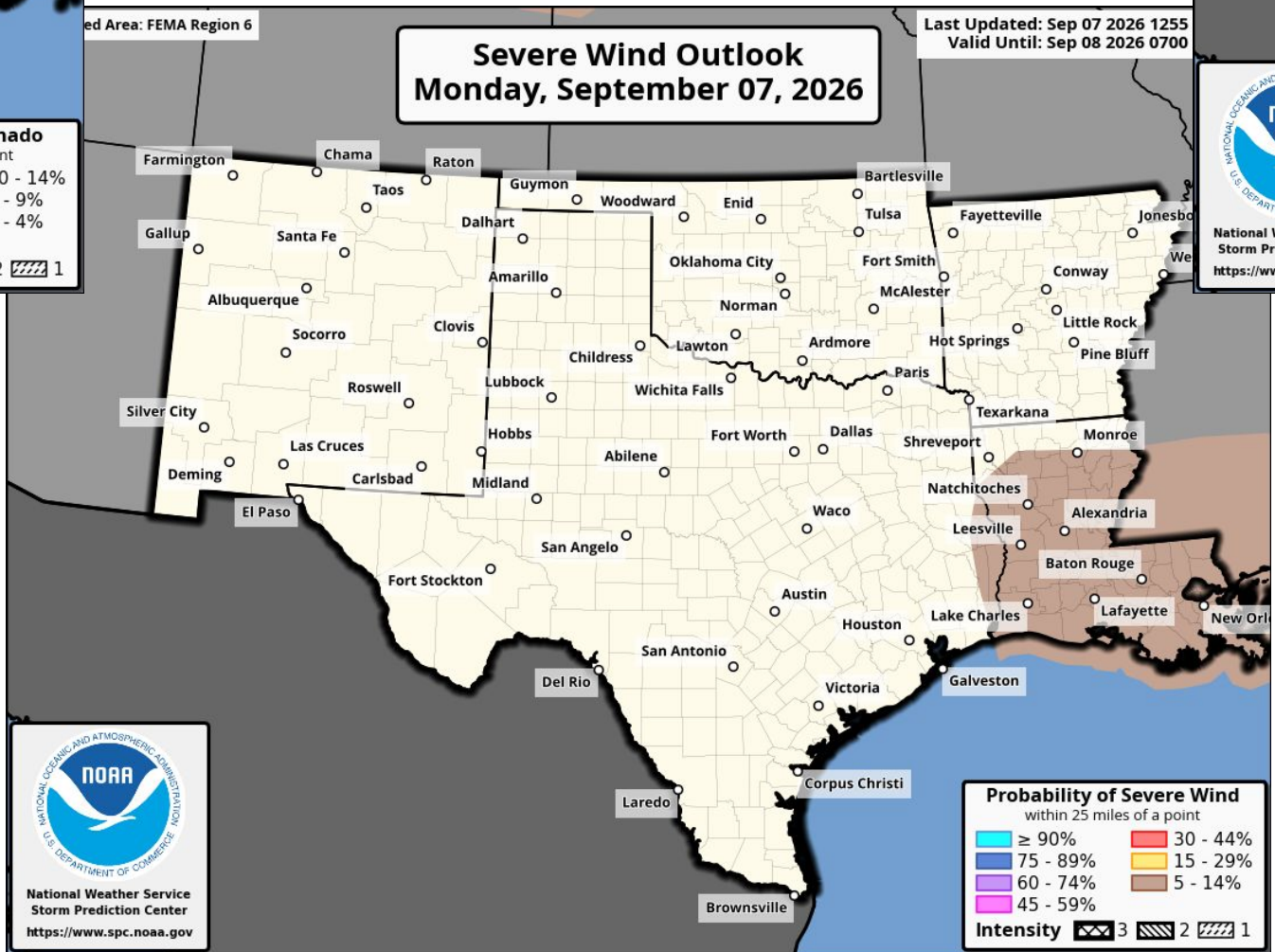
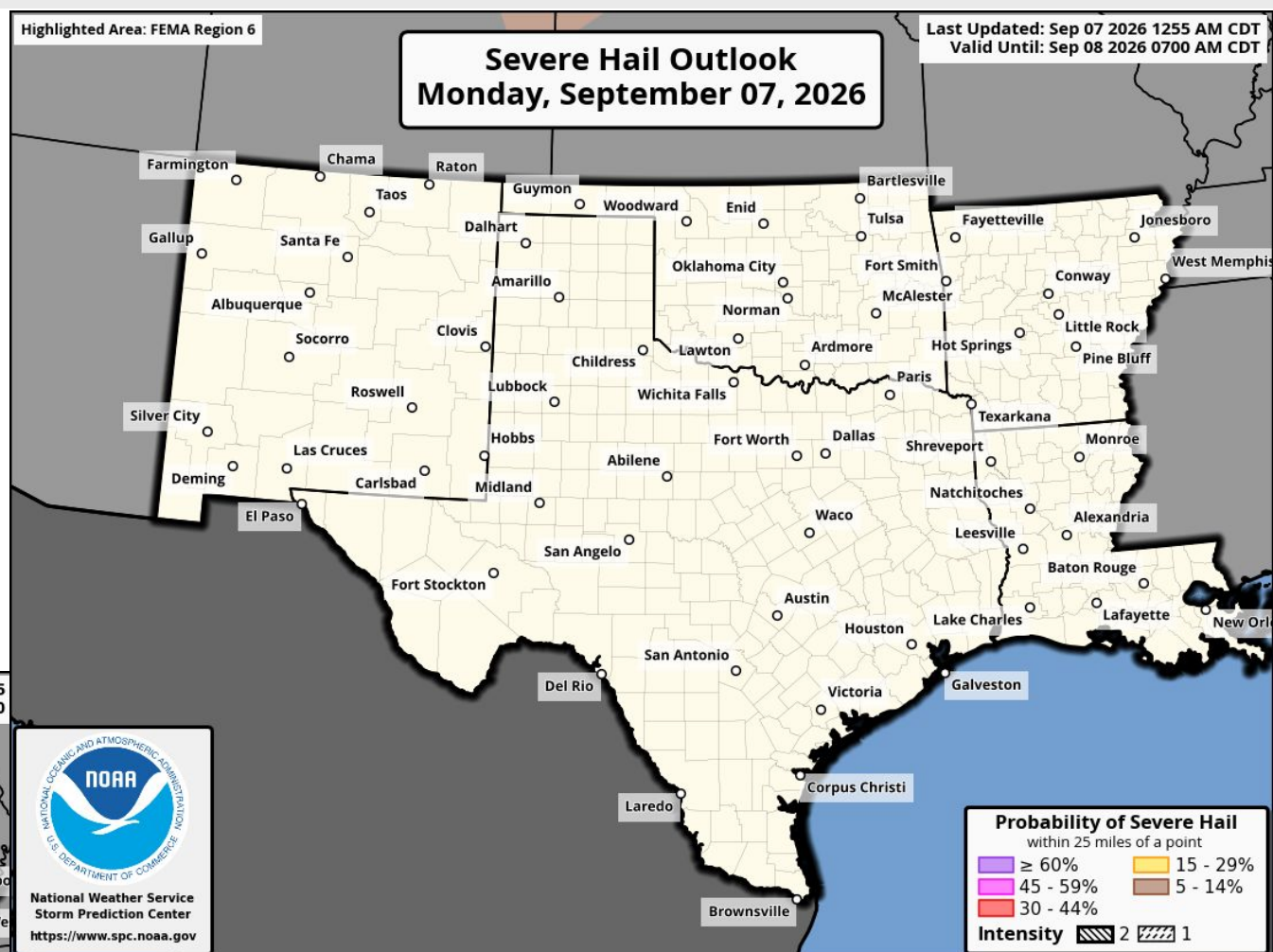
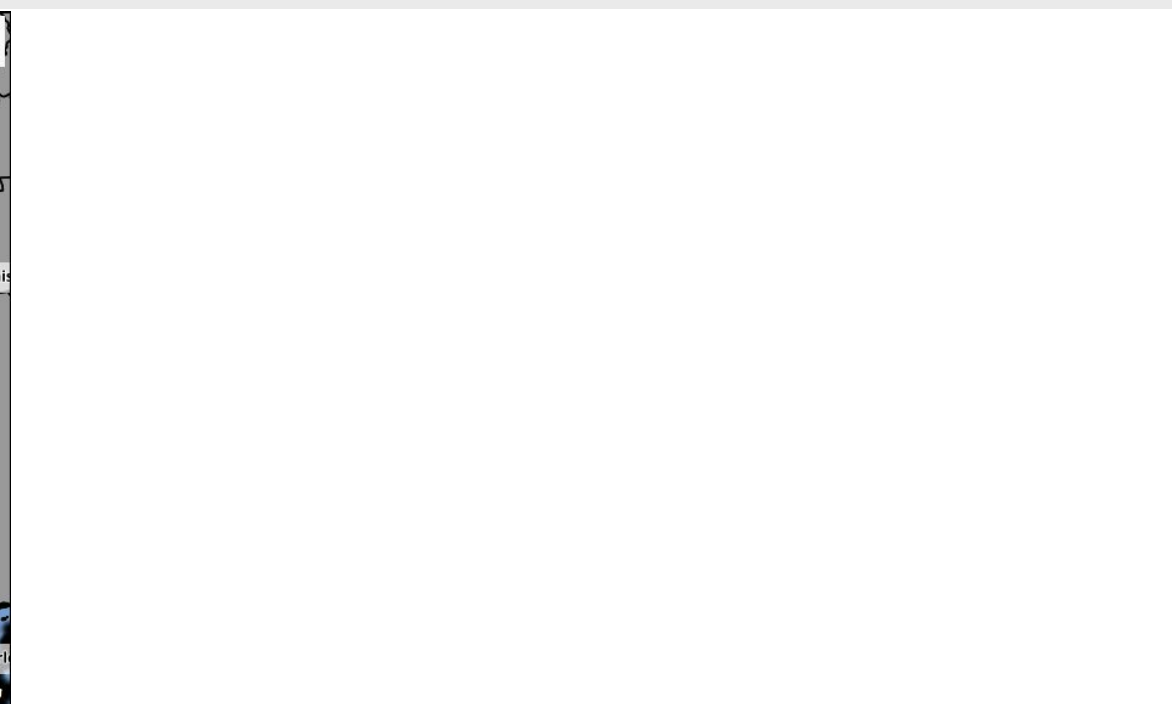
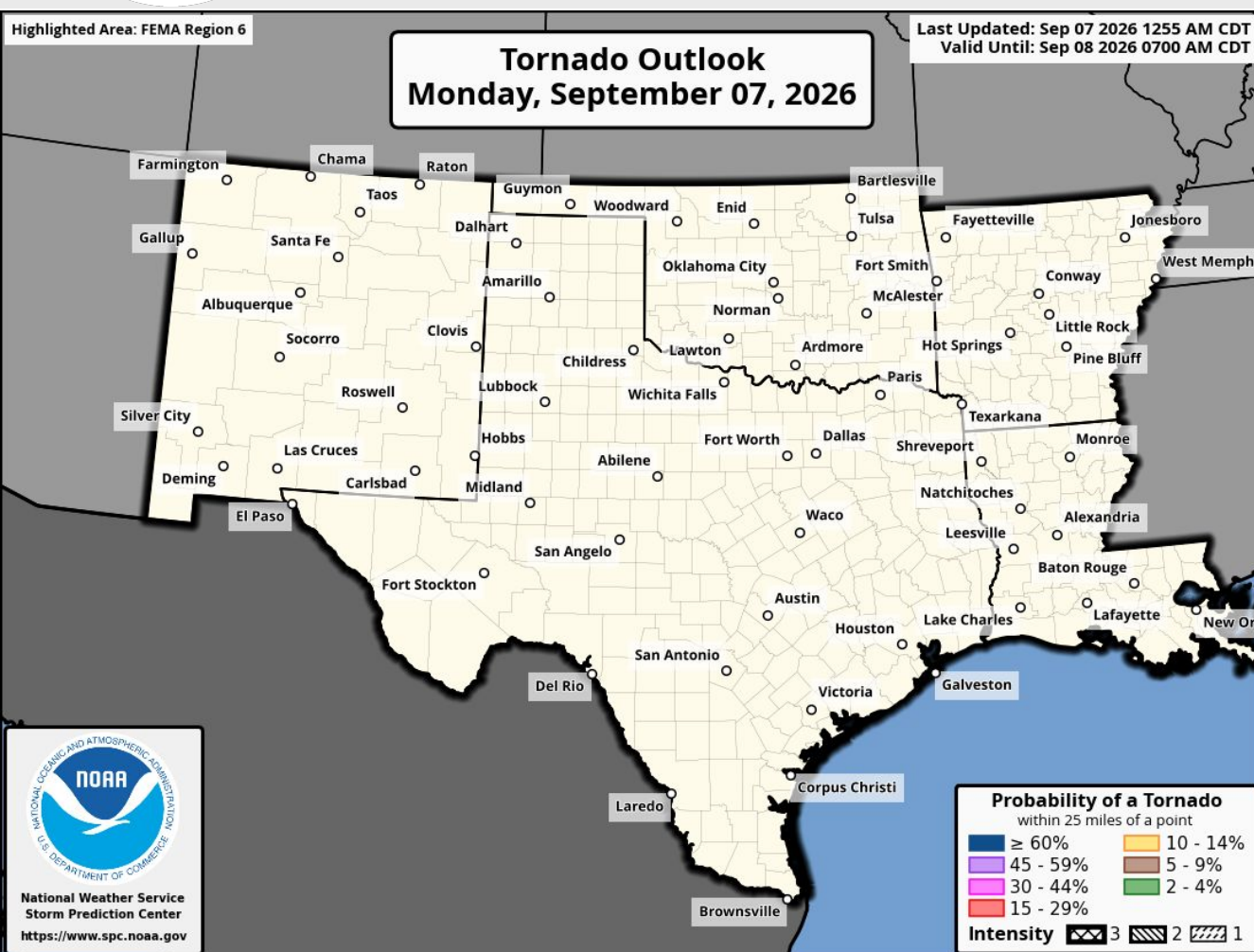
**Marginal risk for severe storms (level 1 of 5) over LA and far E TX. Damaging winds the main threat.**

**Monitoring TX/OK Panhandles, N/C TX for locally elevated fire weather concerns.**

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

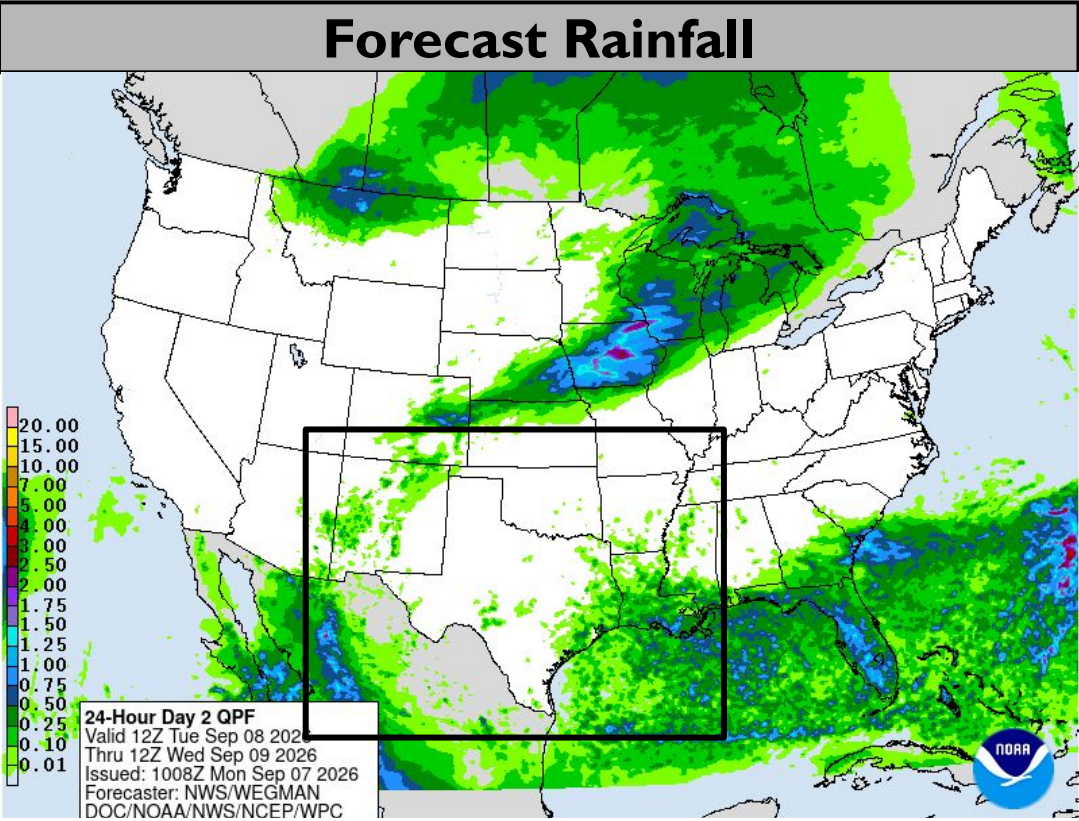
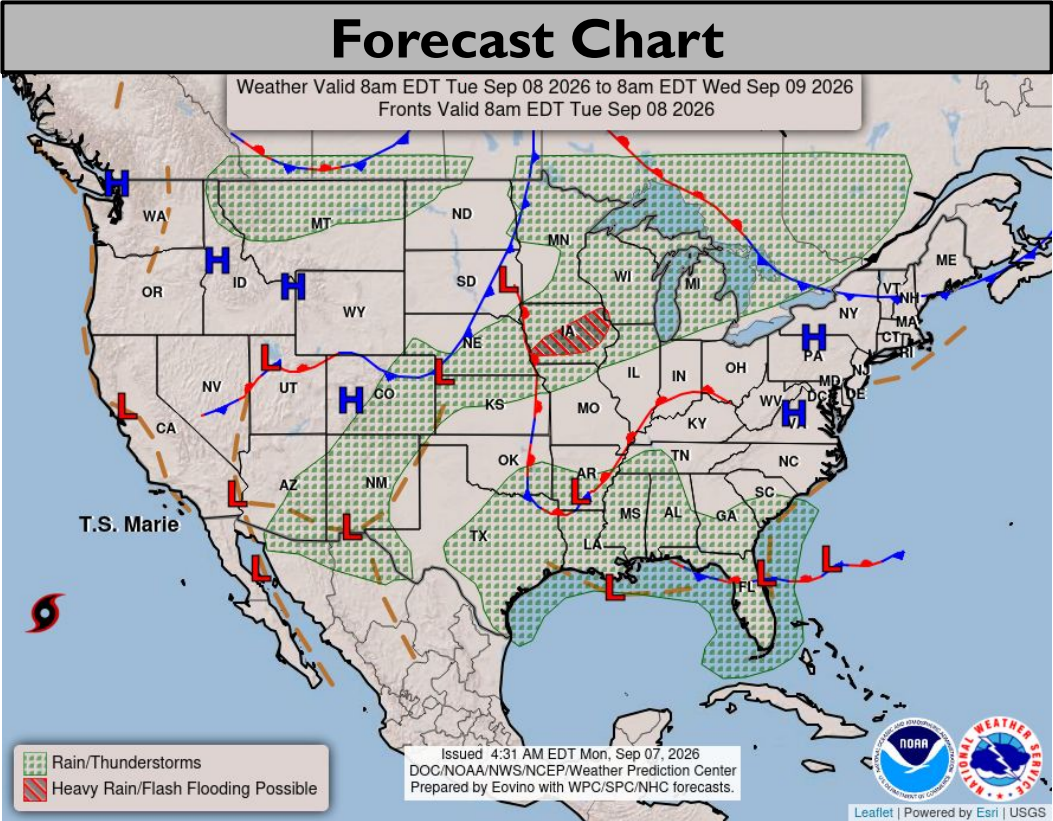


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



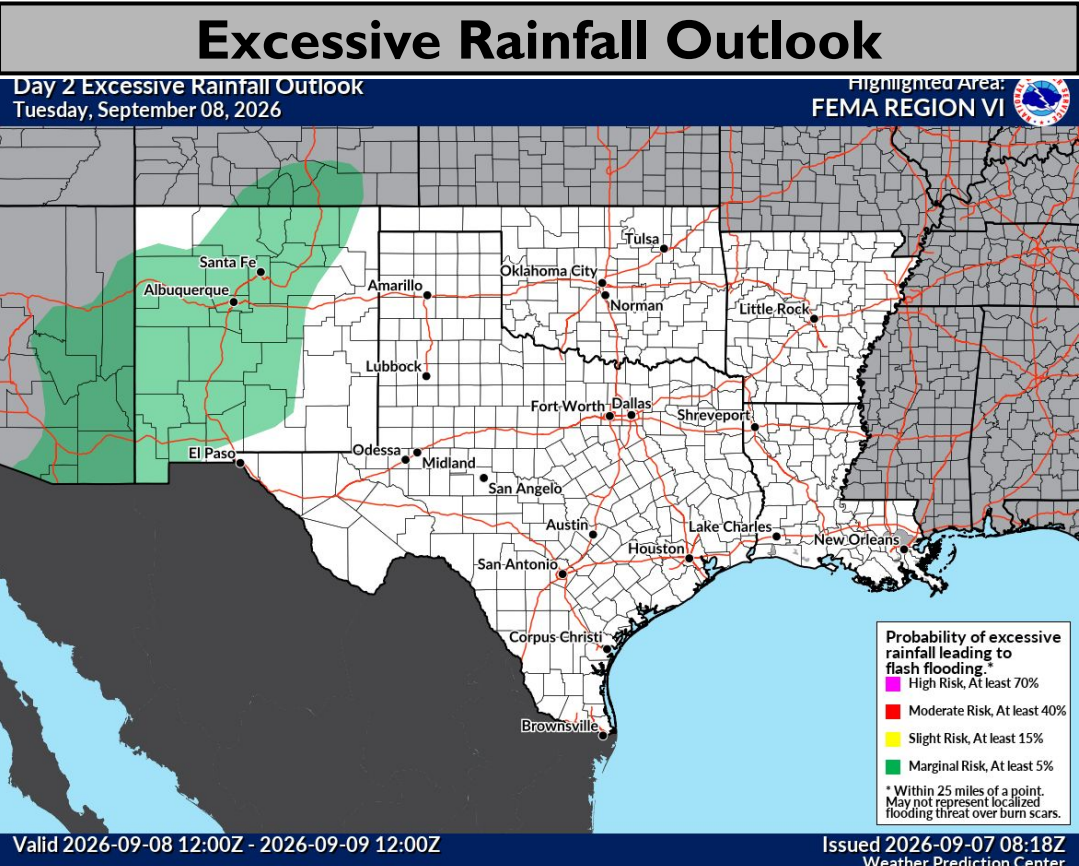
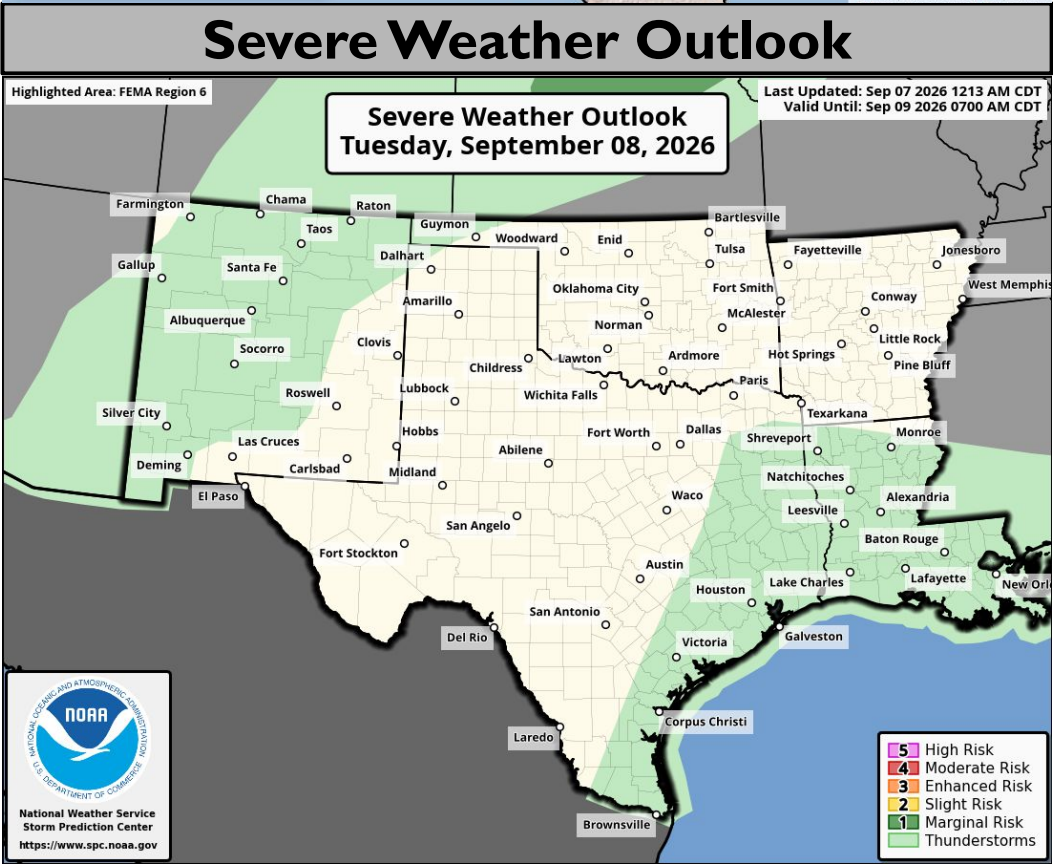


# Tomorrow's Weather



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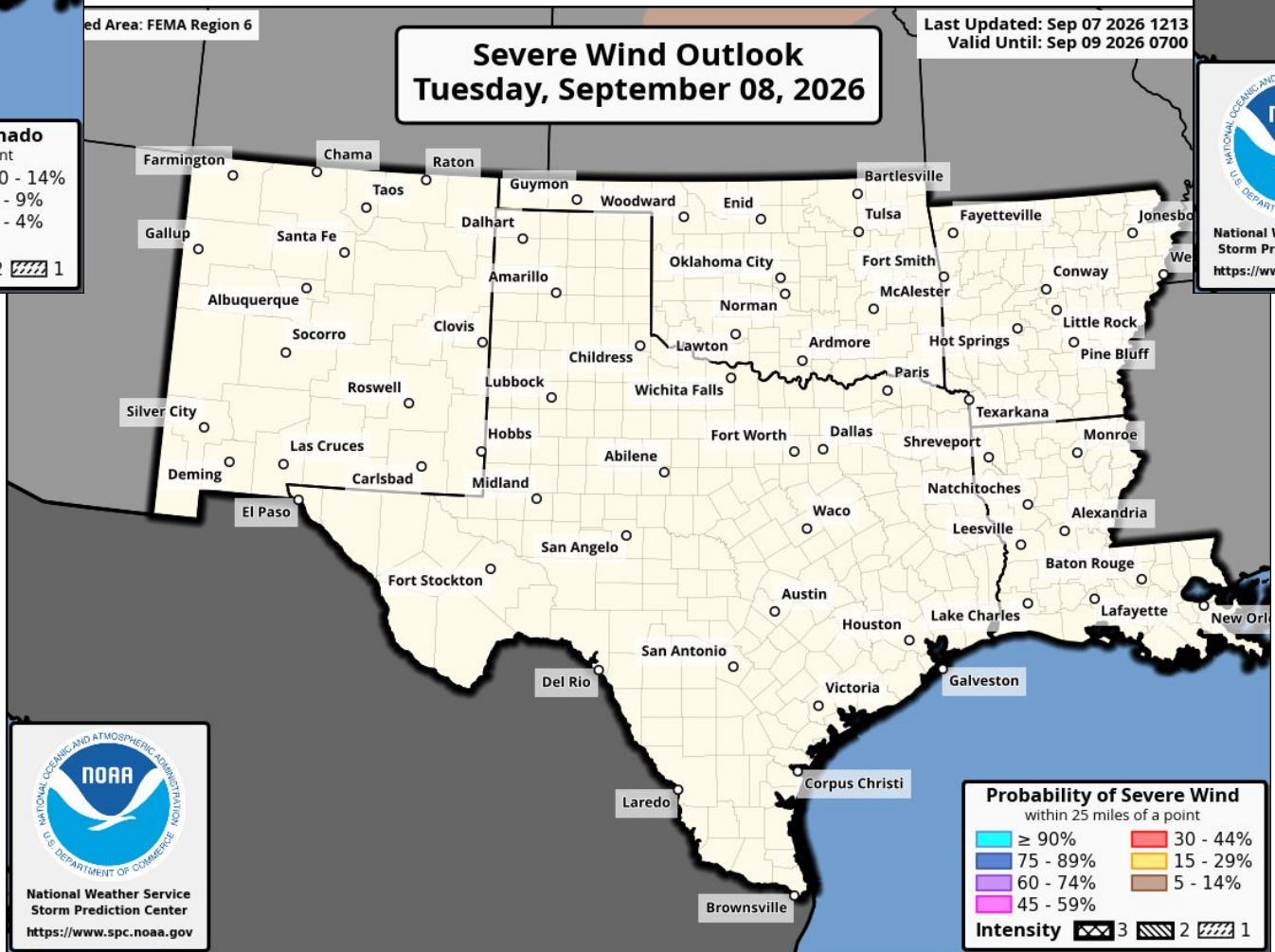
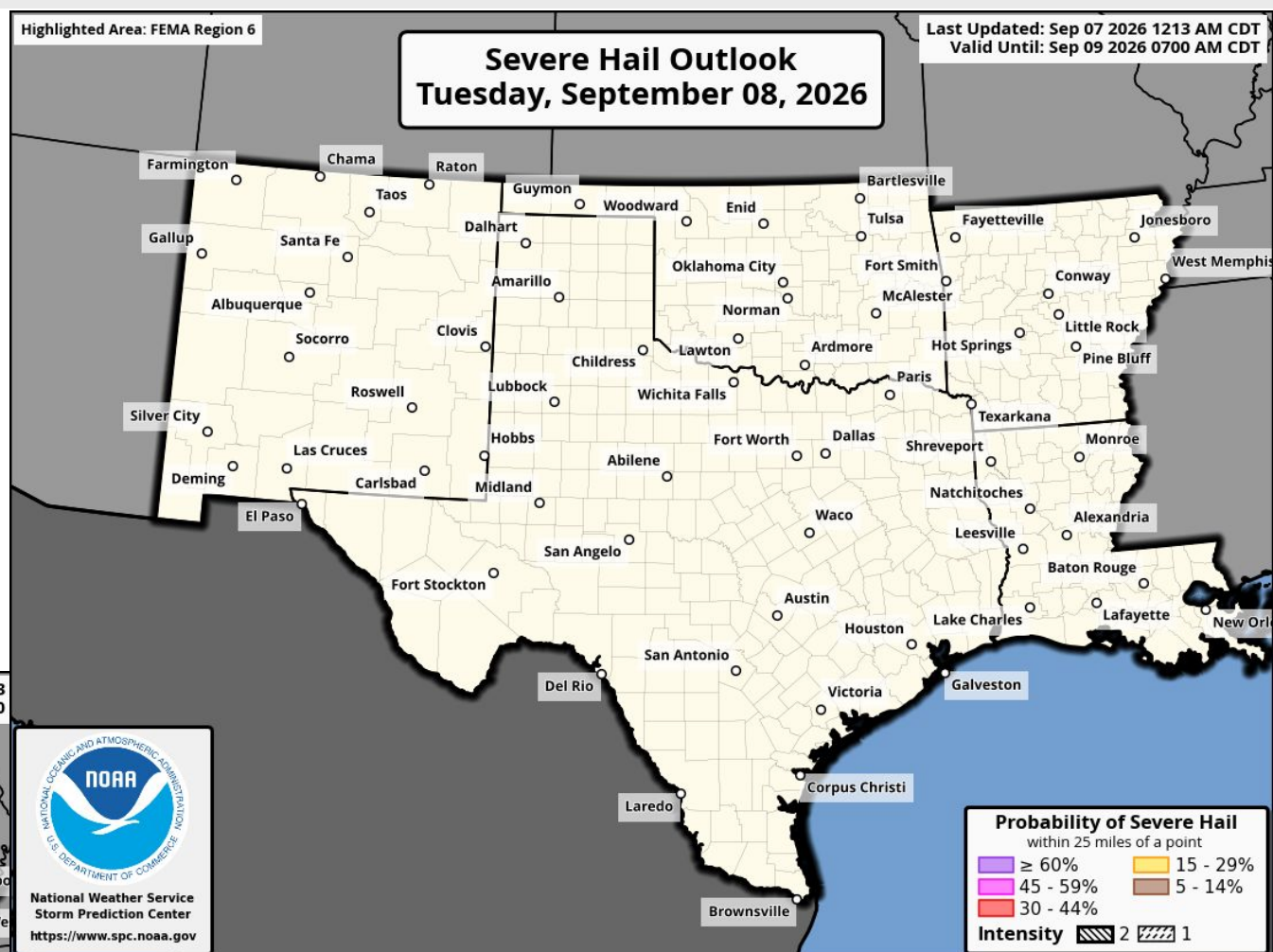
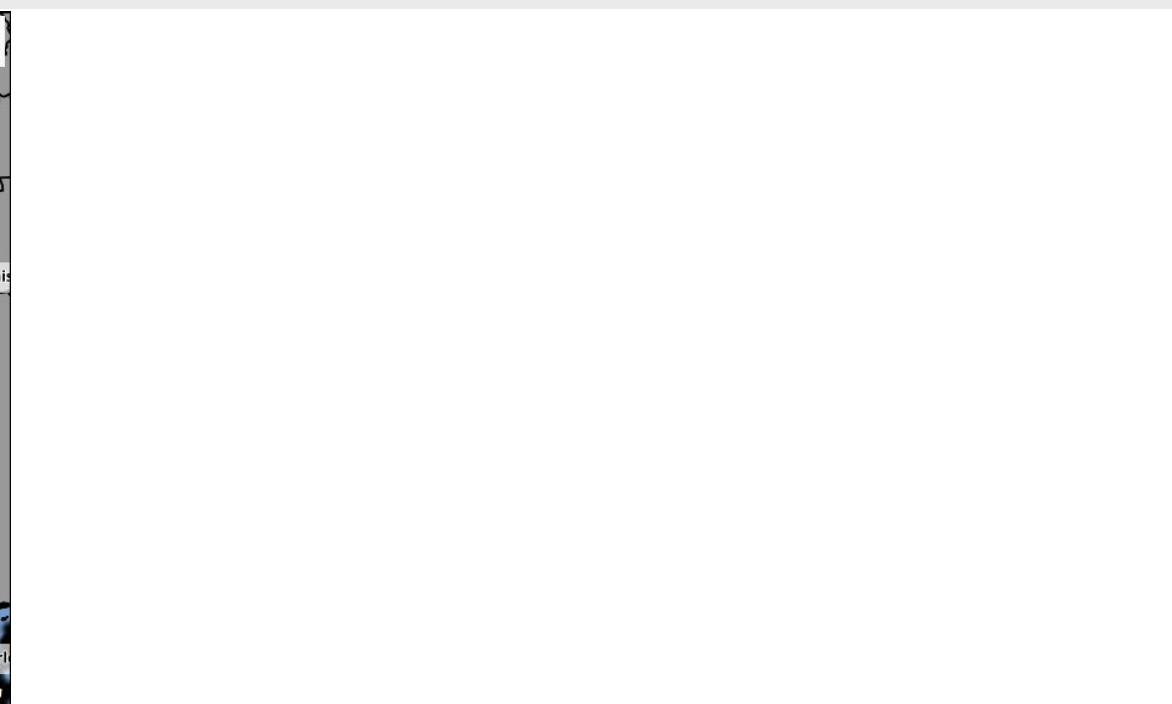
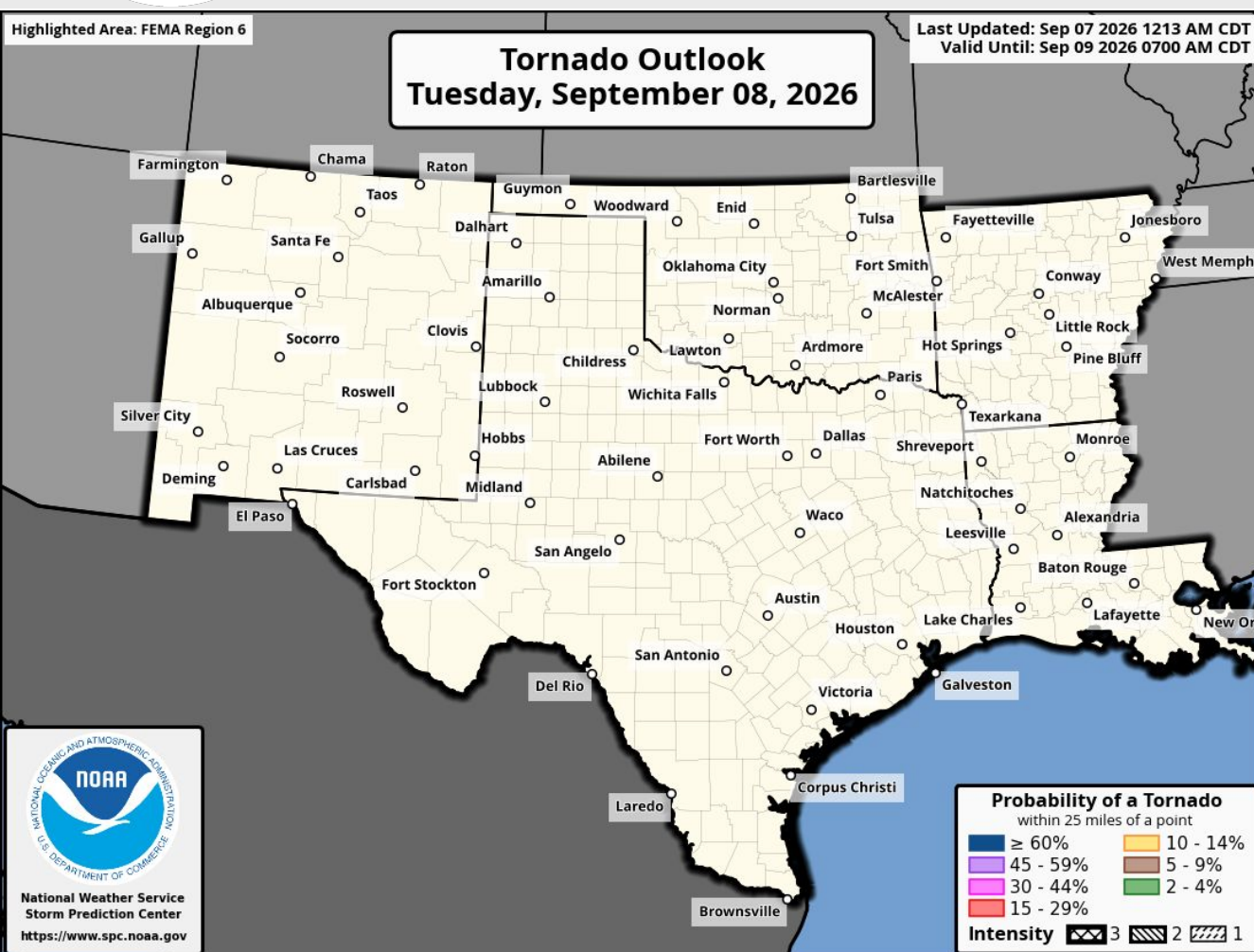


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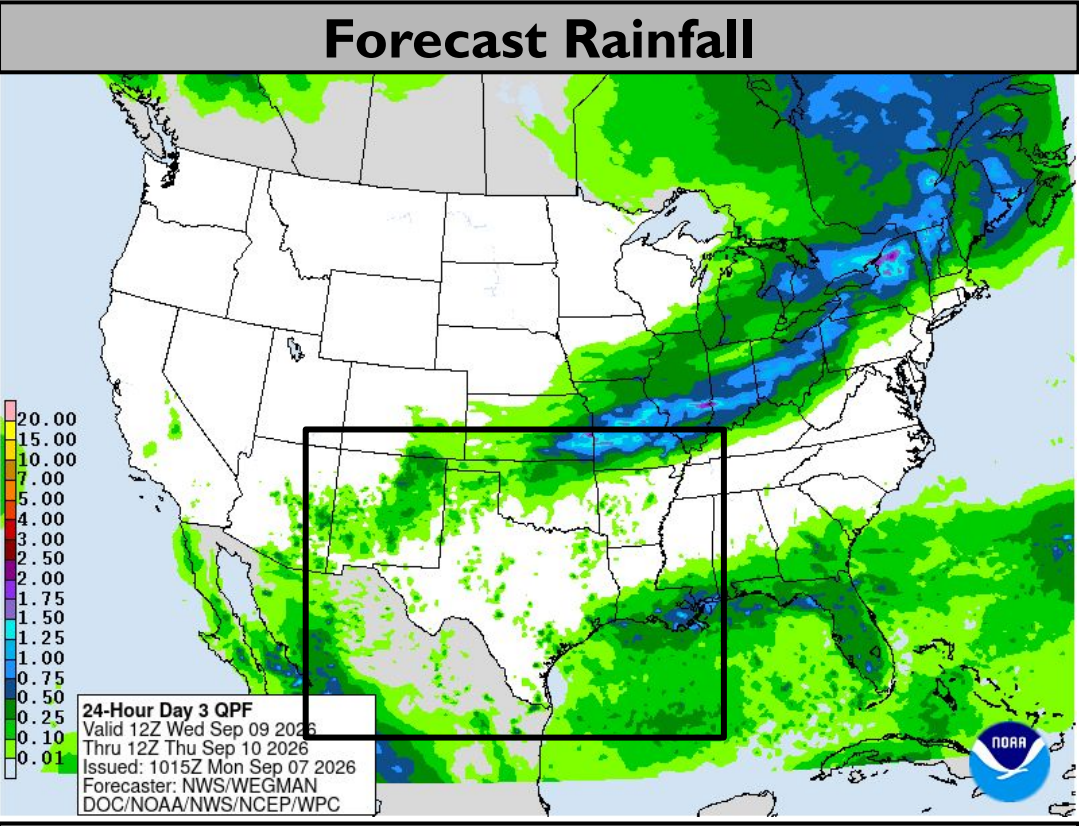
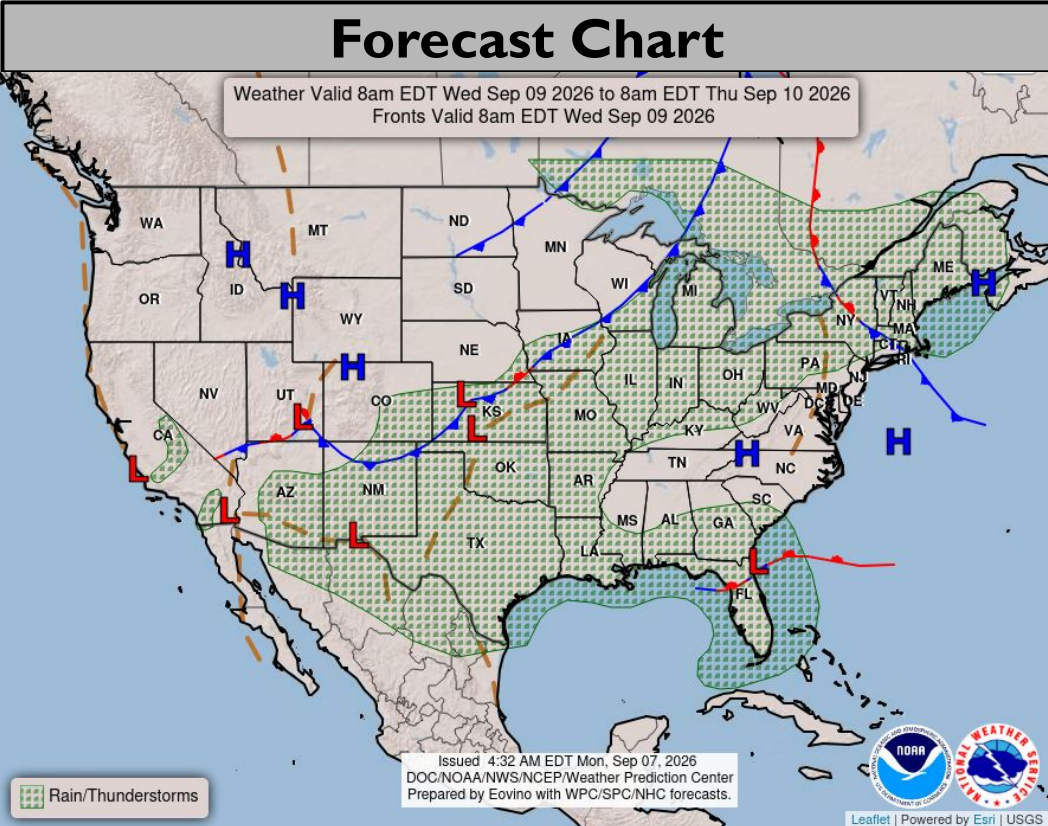


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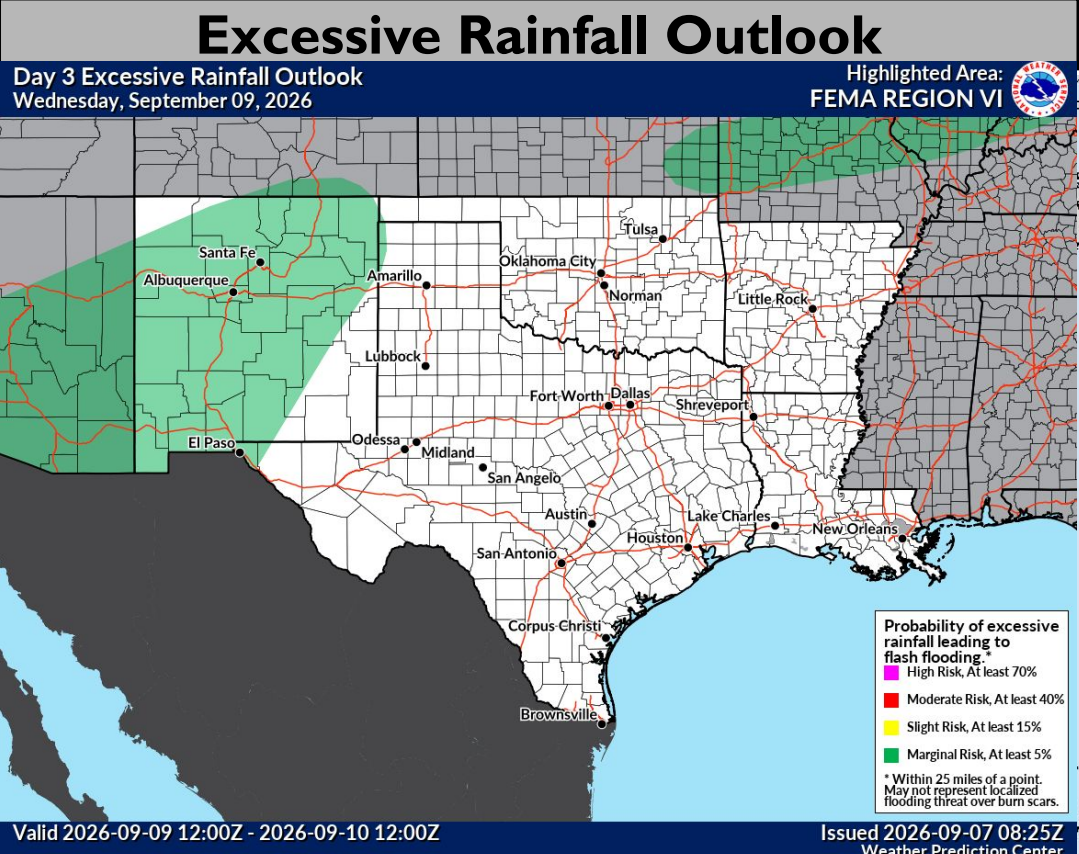
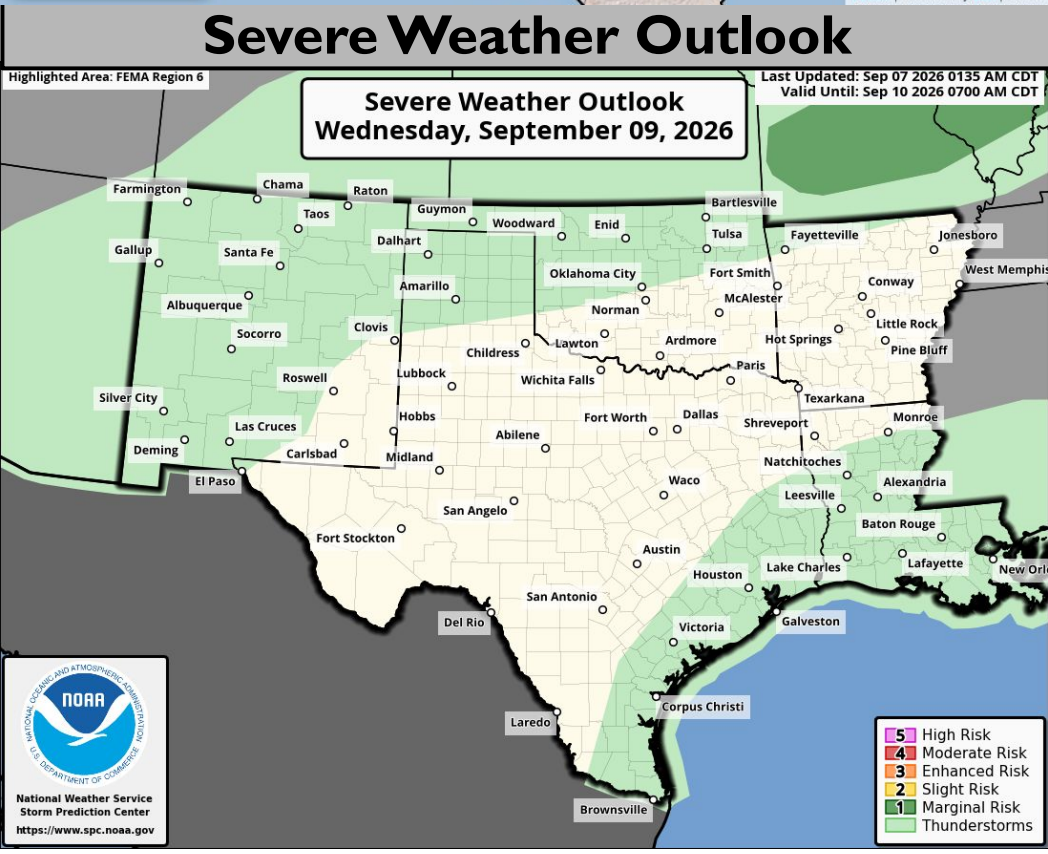




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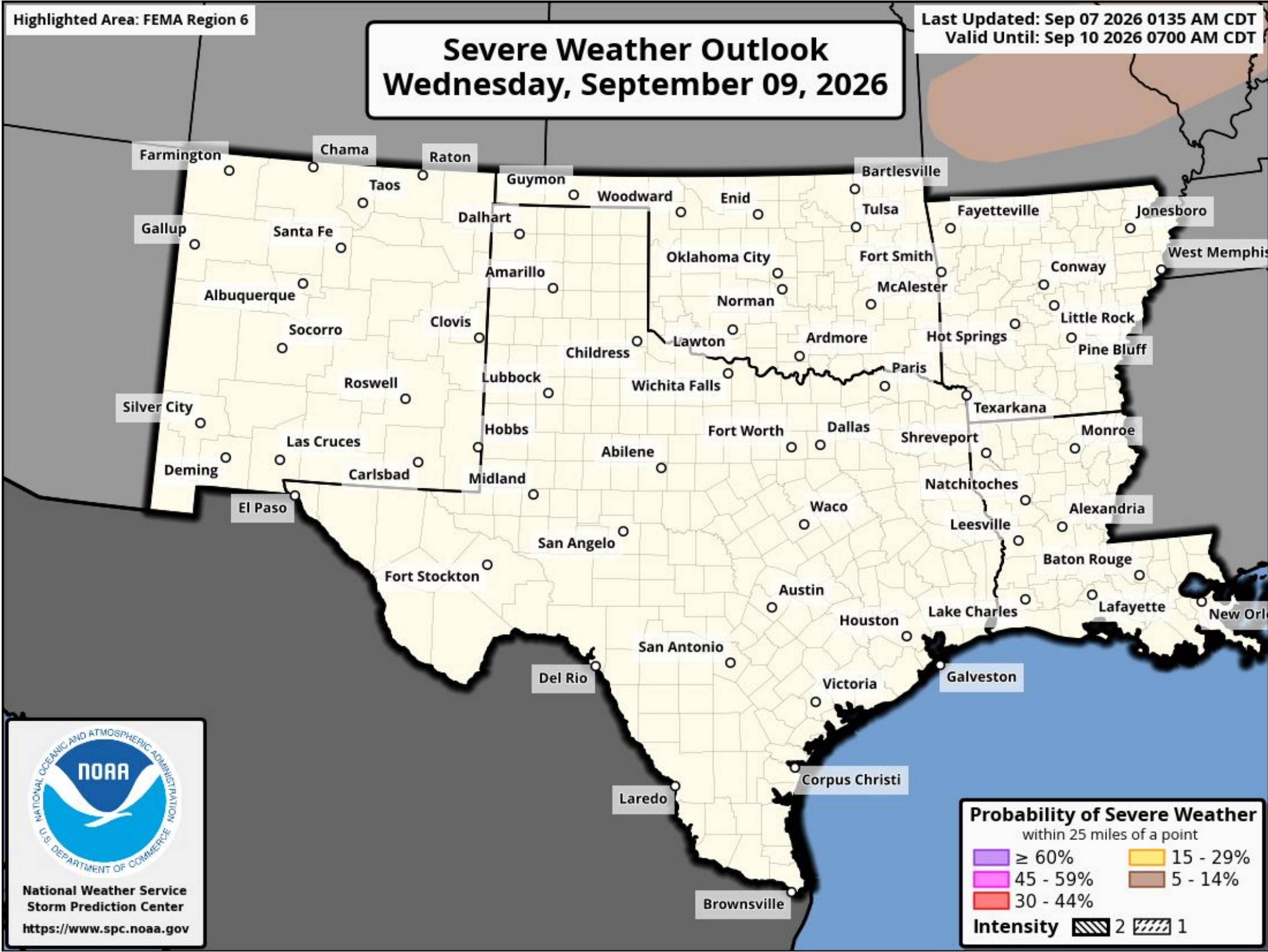
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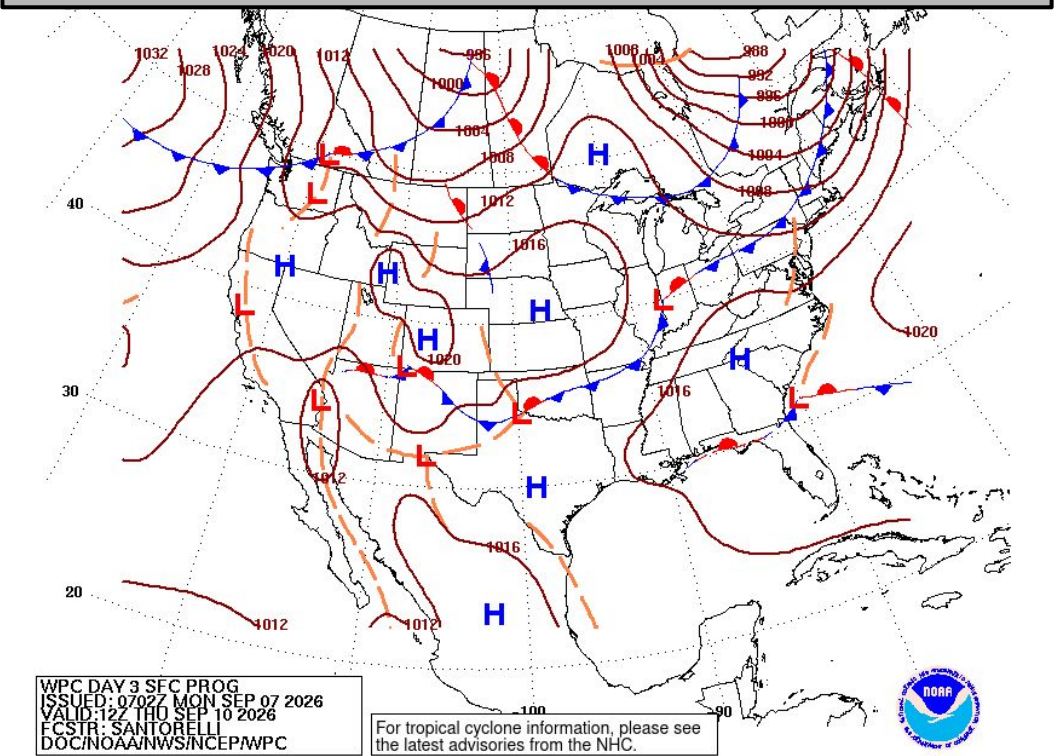
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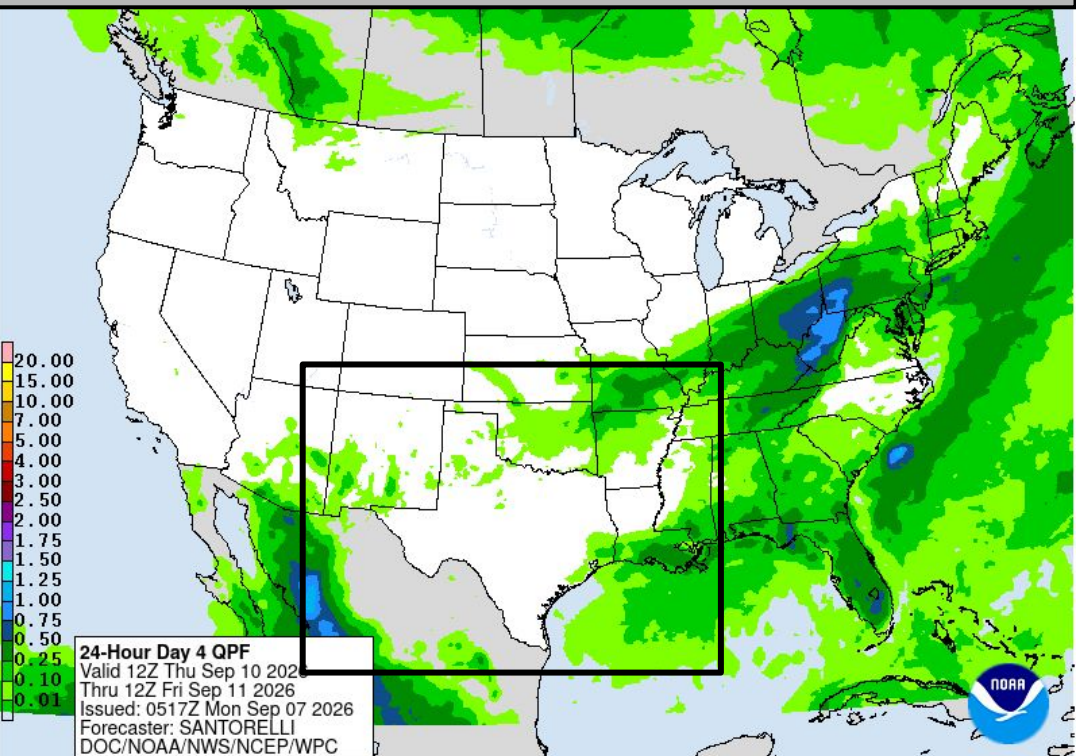


# Thursday's Weather

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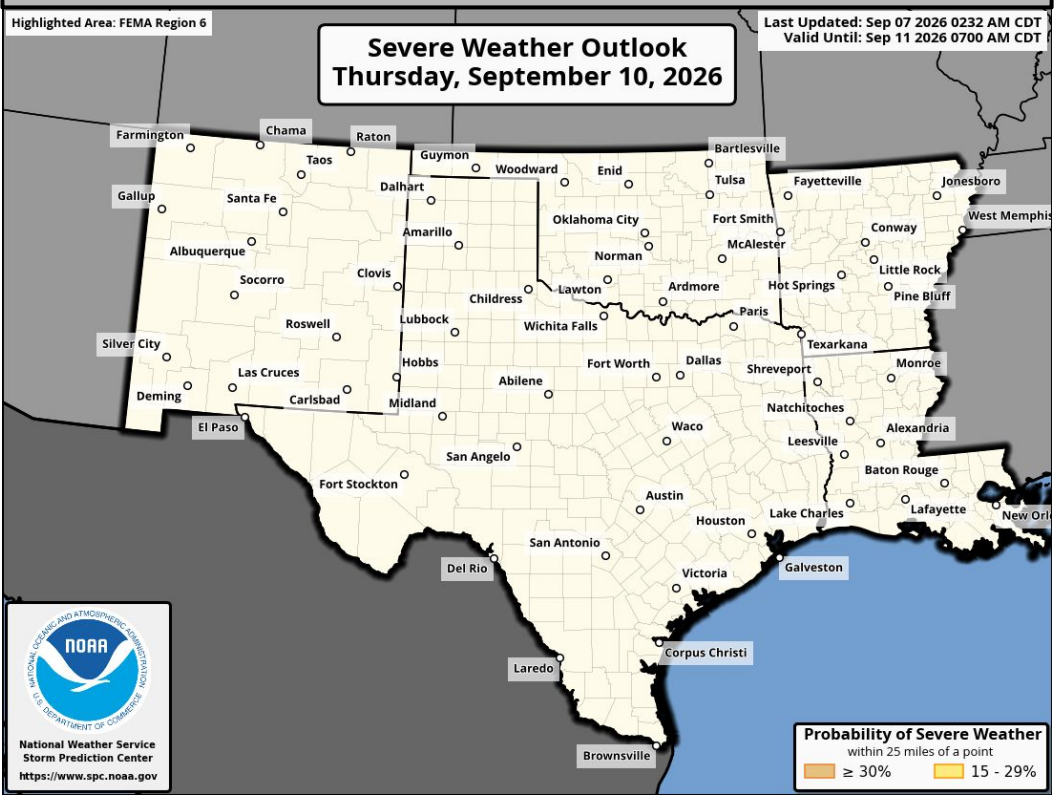


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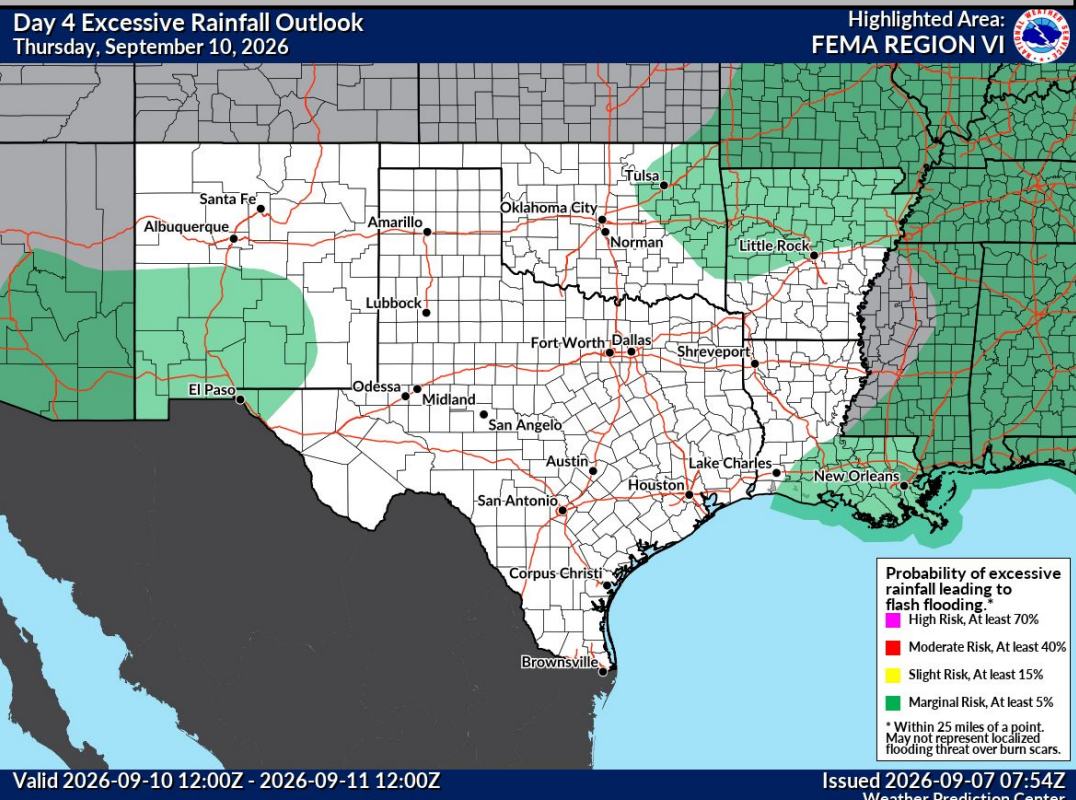


**Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, far W TX and SE LA.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



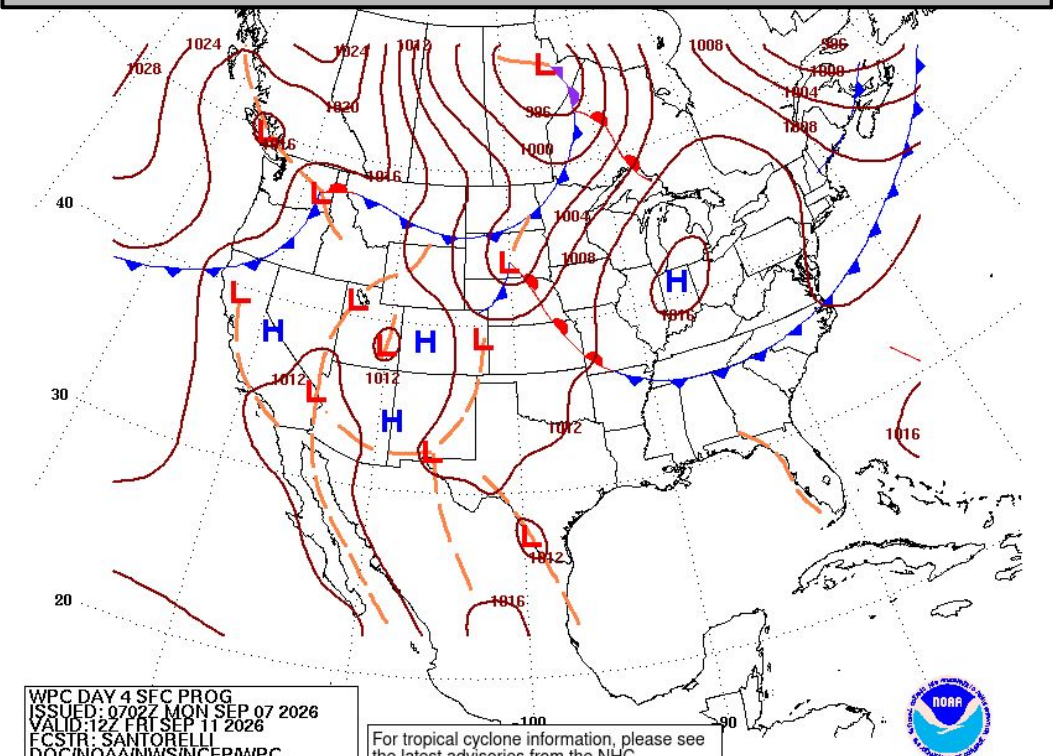
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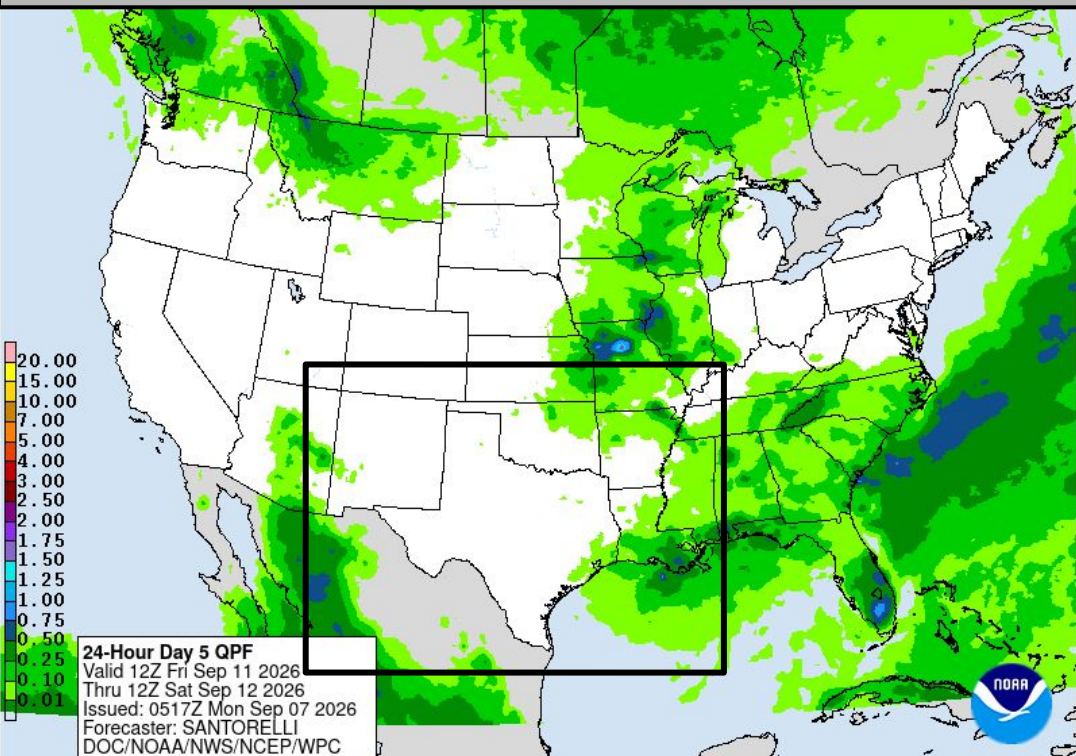


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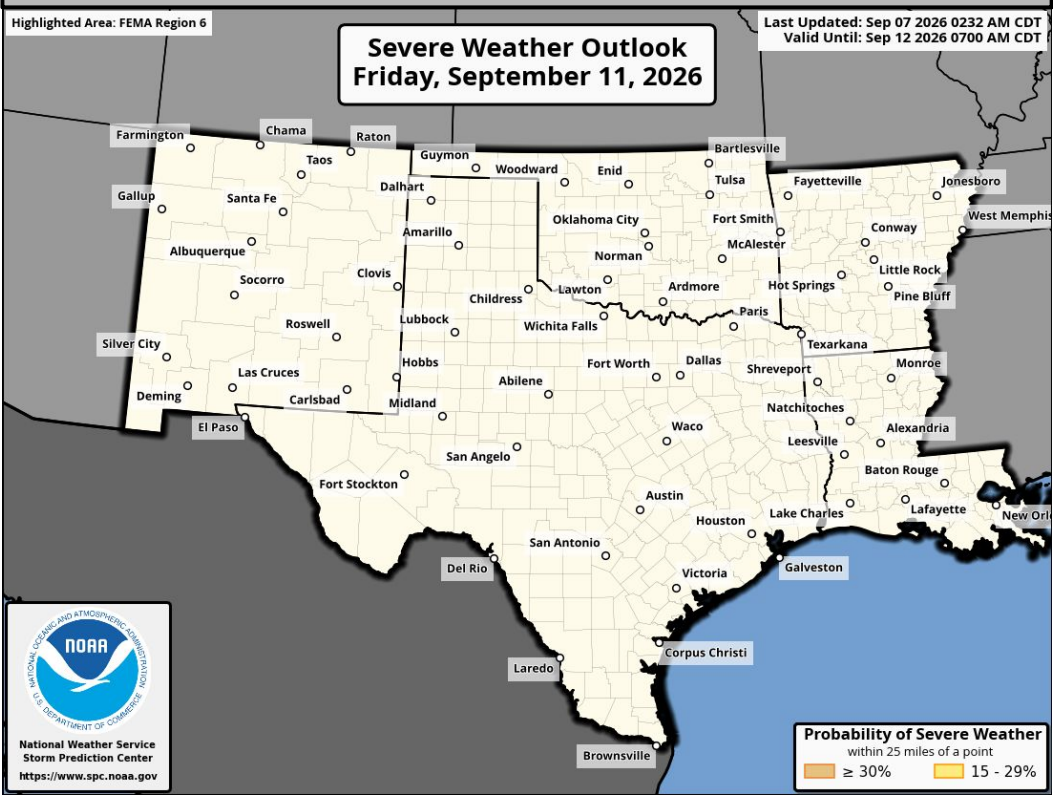


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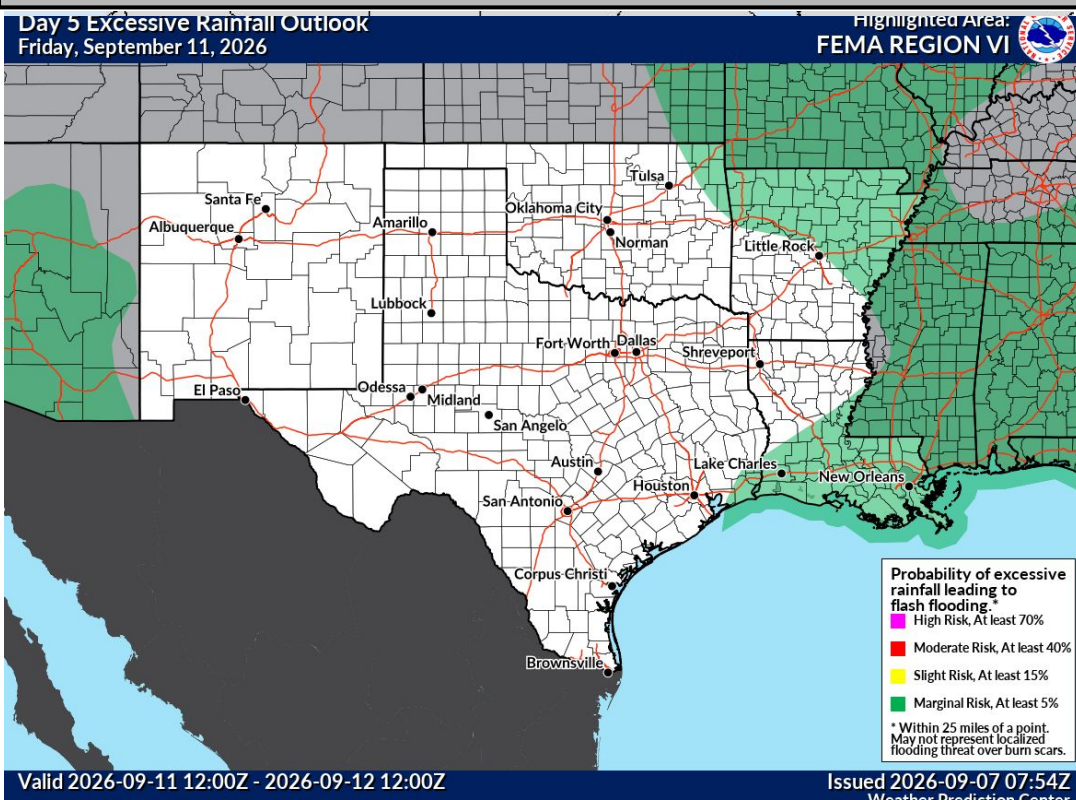


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



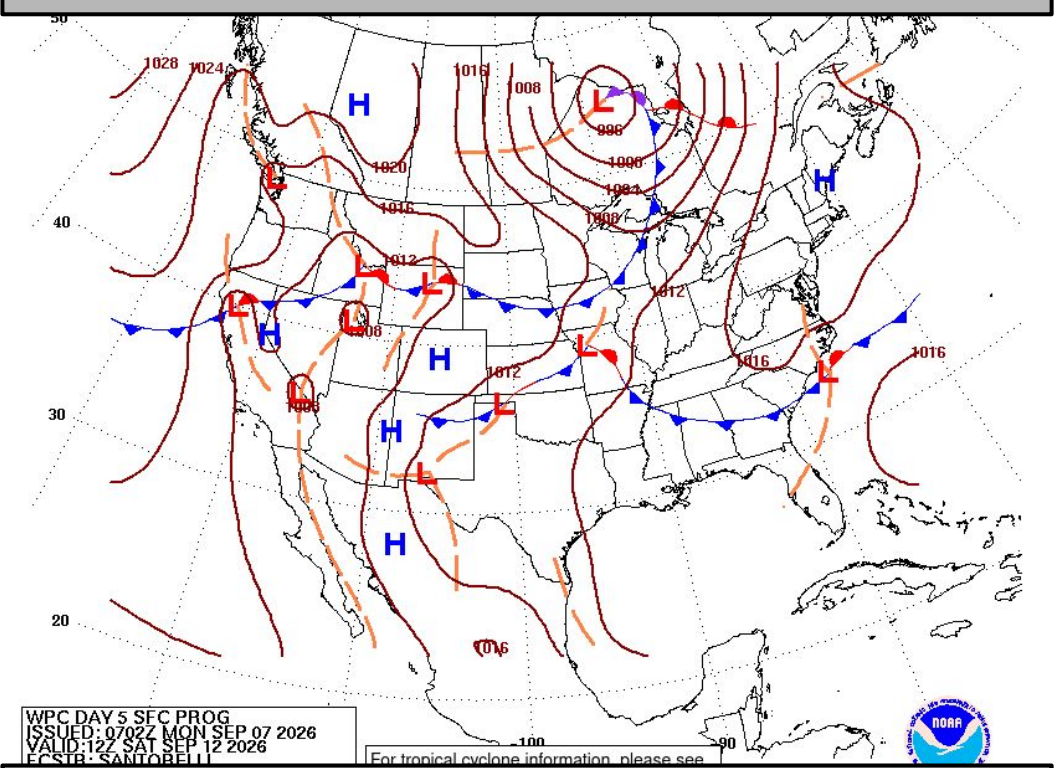
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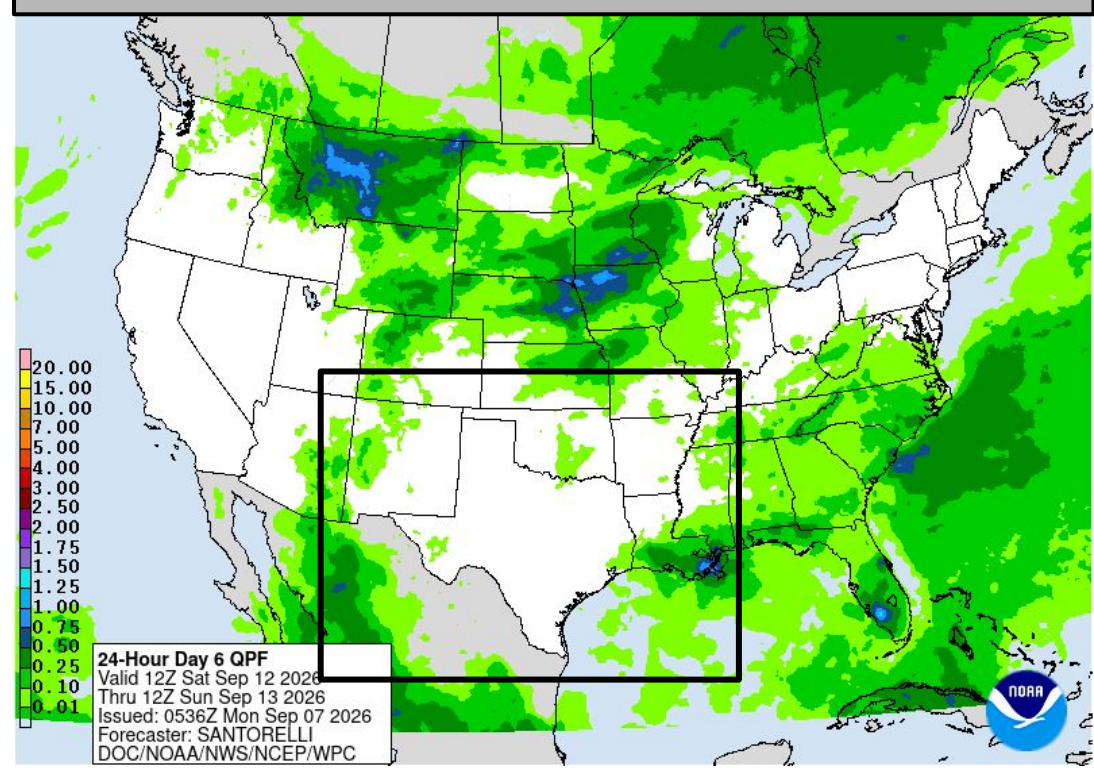


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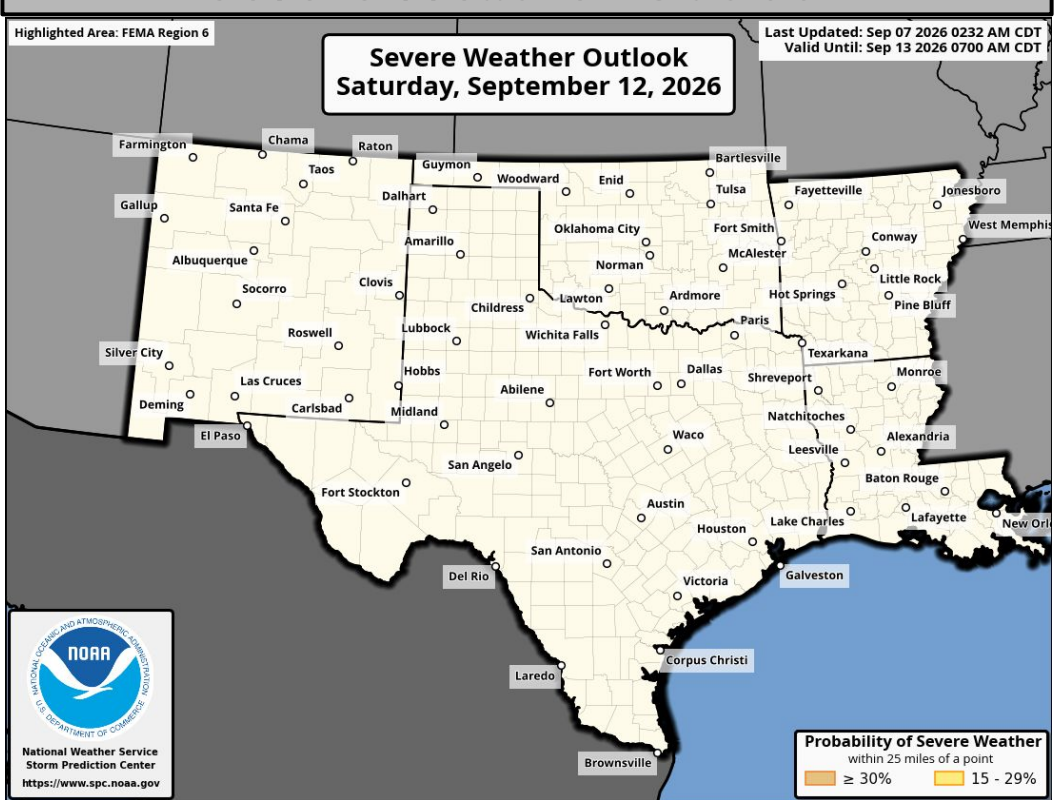


Forecast Rainfall



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

Severe Weather Outlook



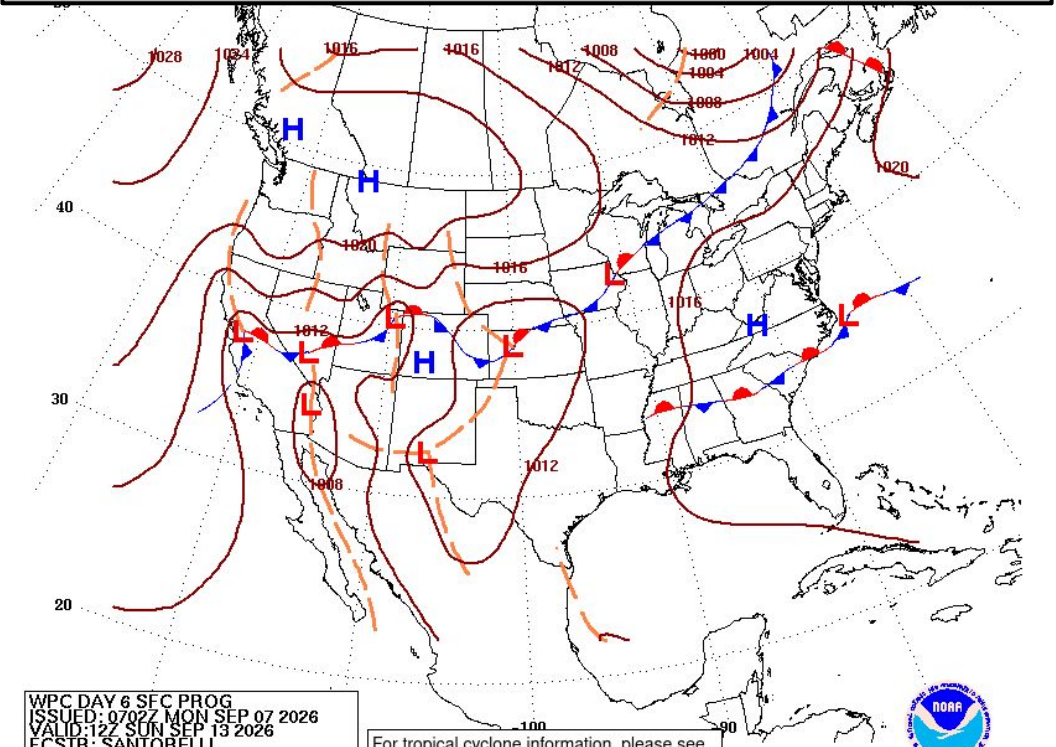
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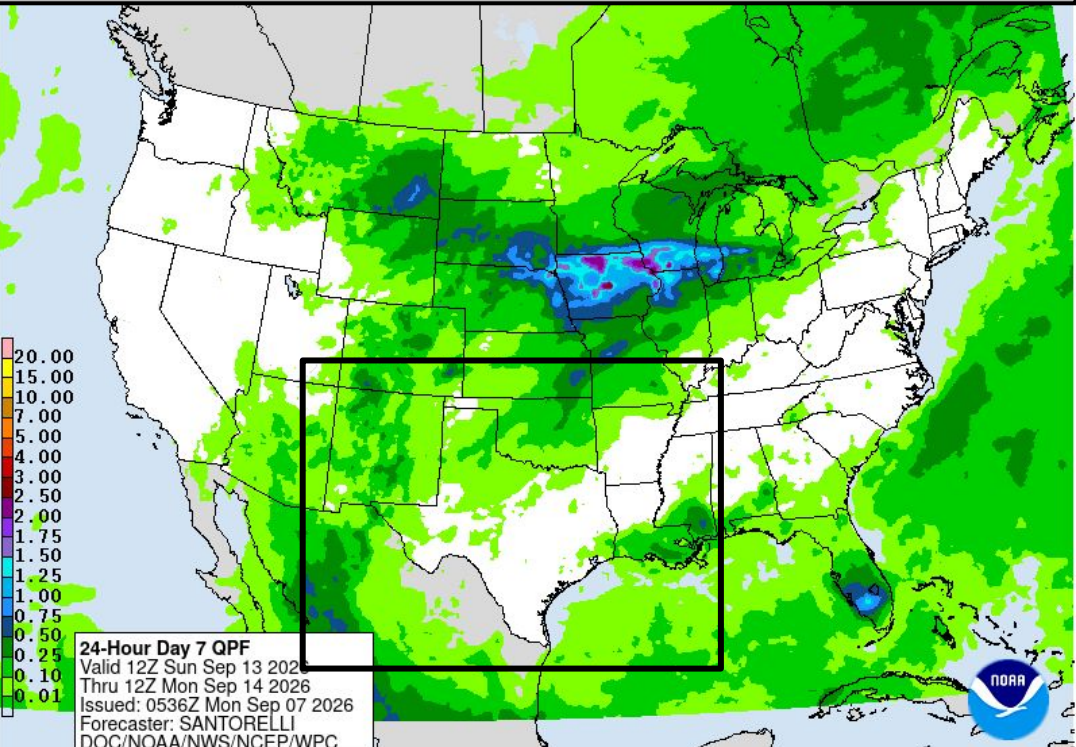


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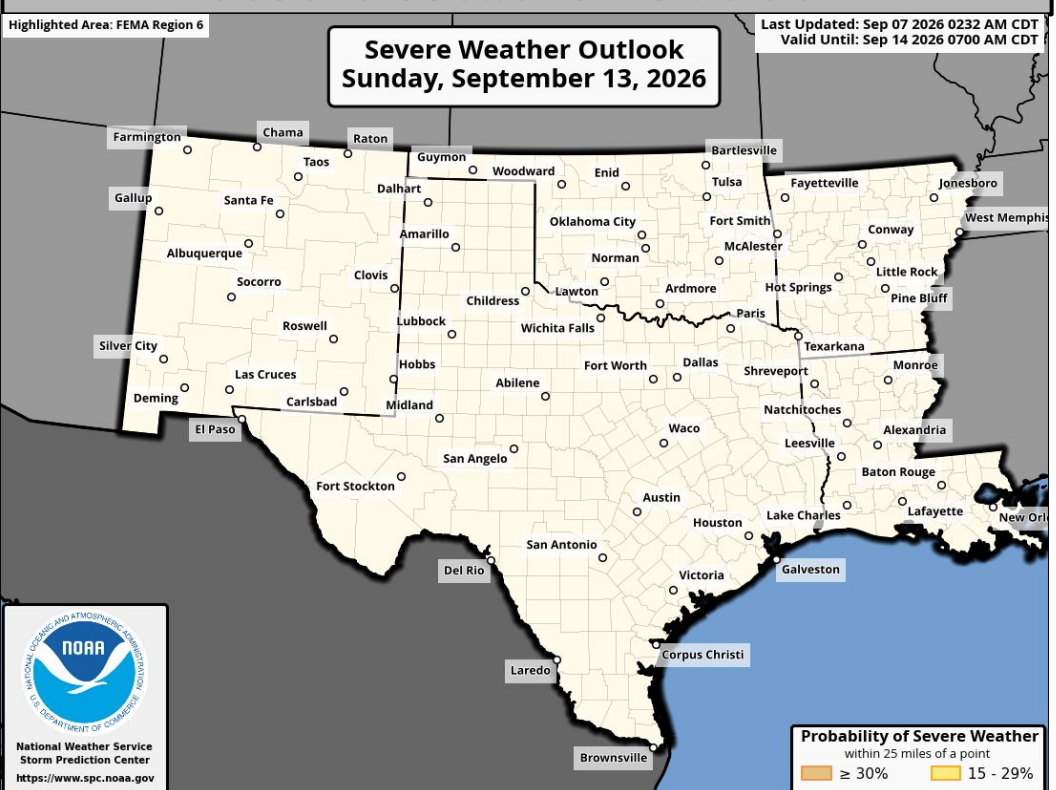


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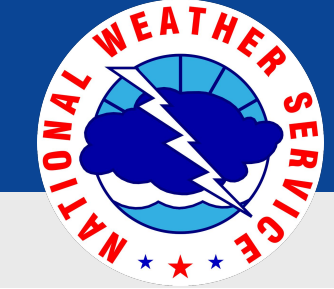


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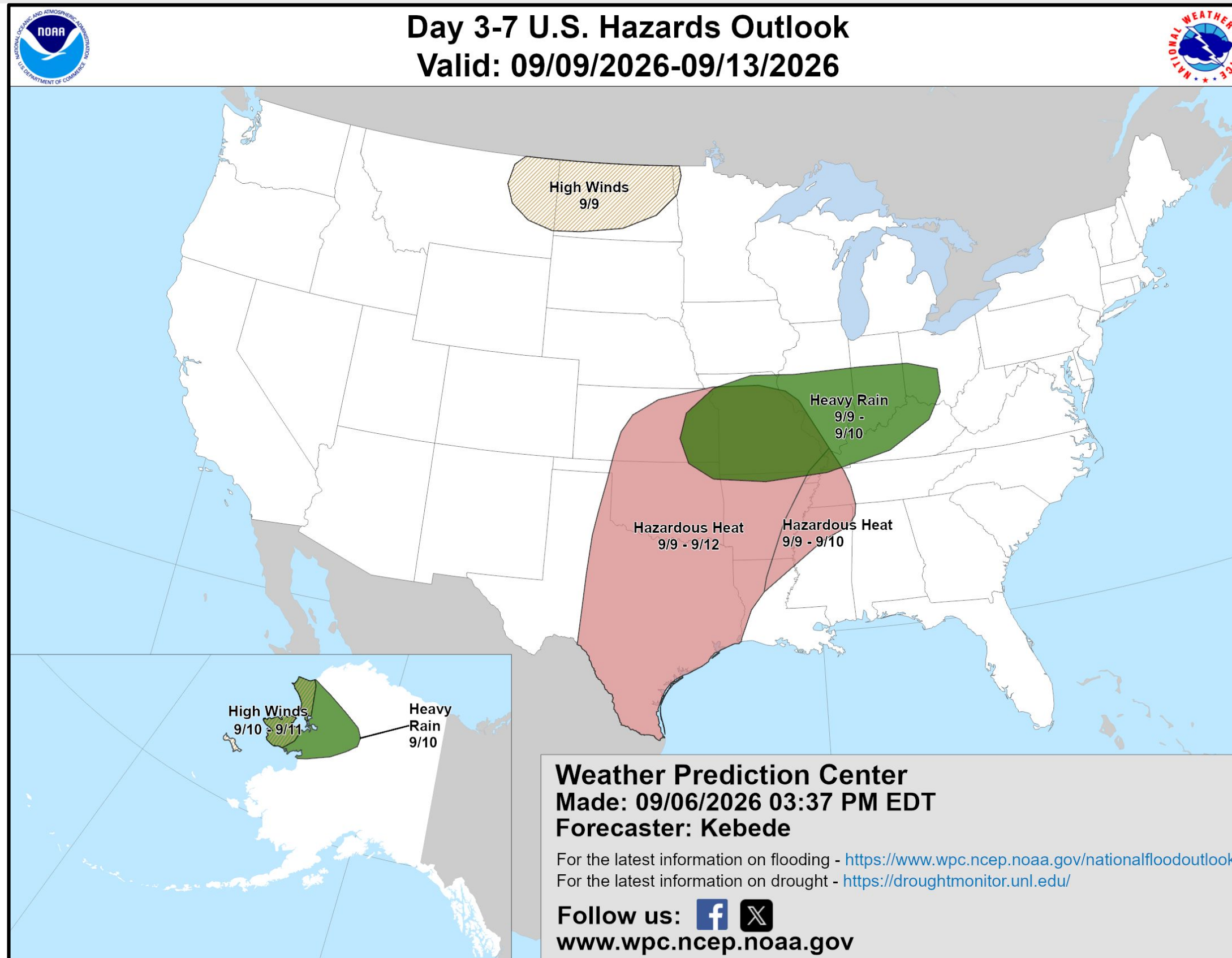
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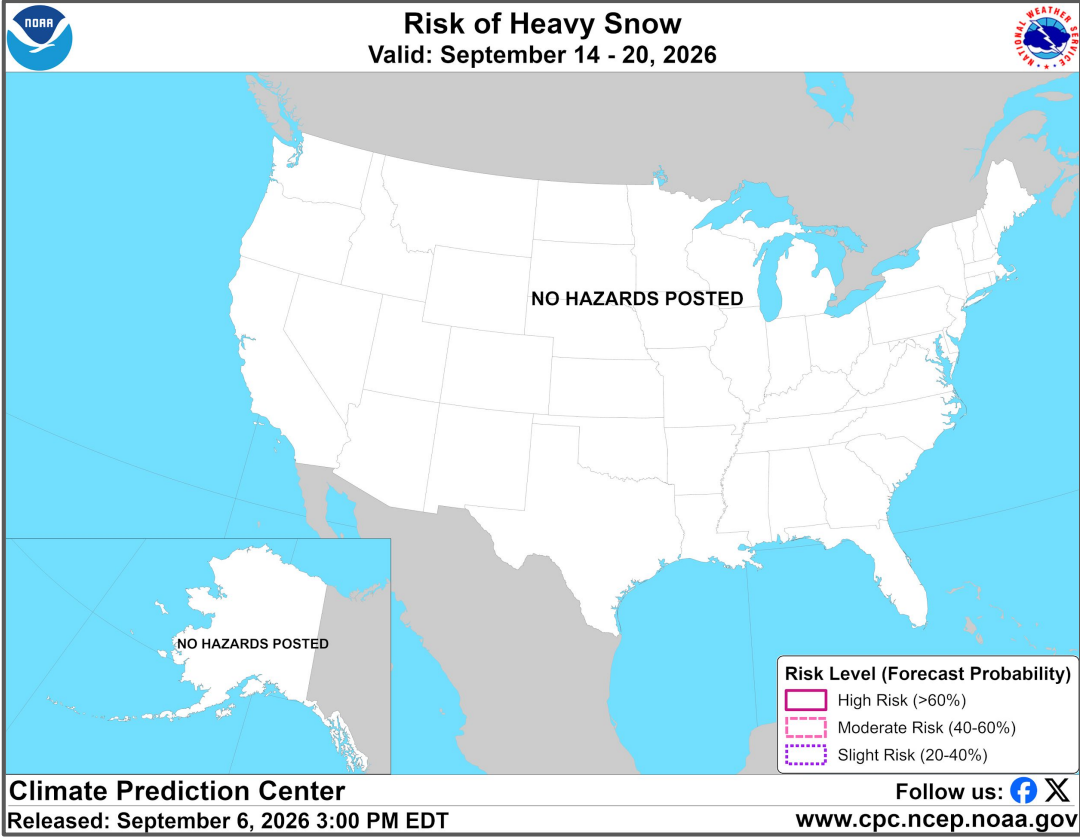
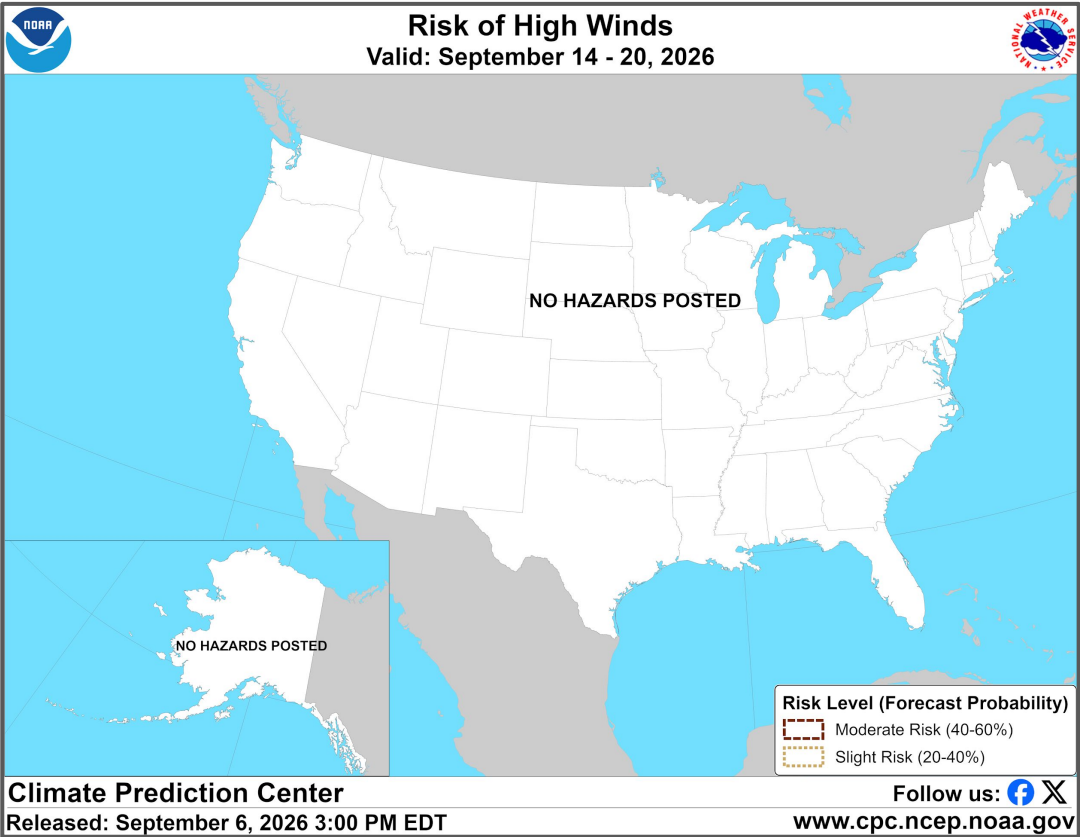
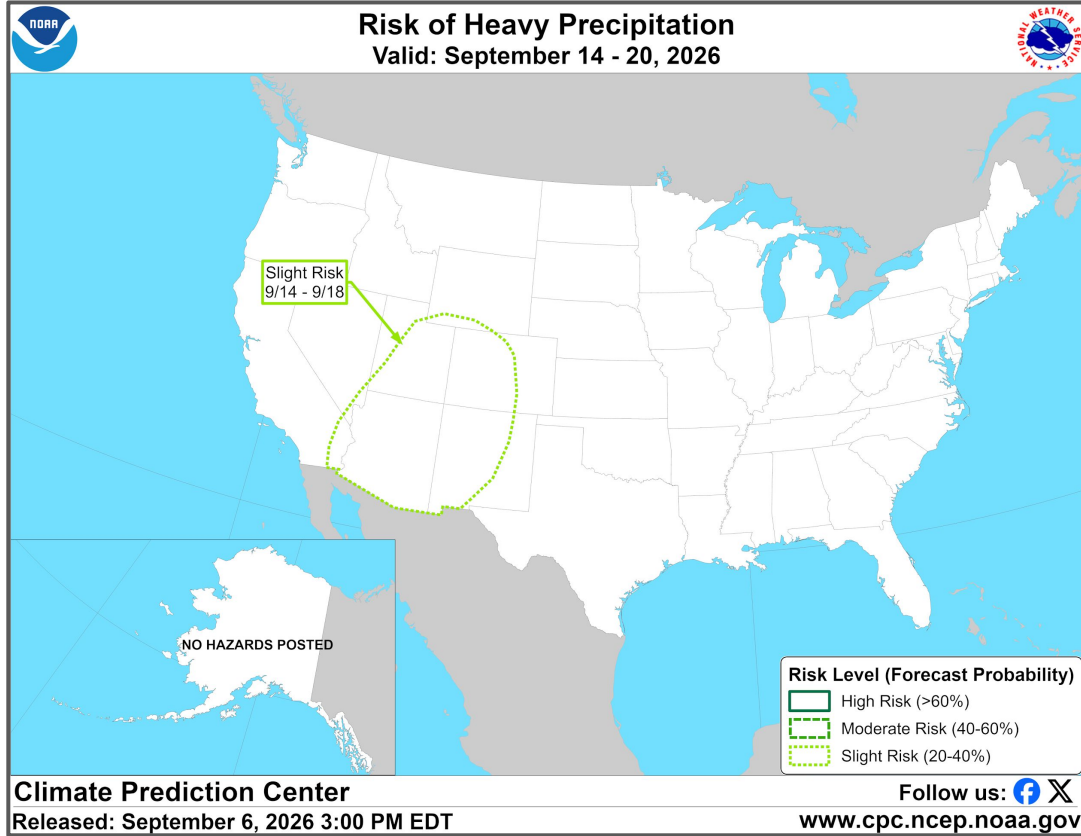
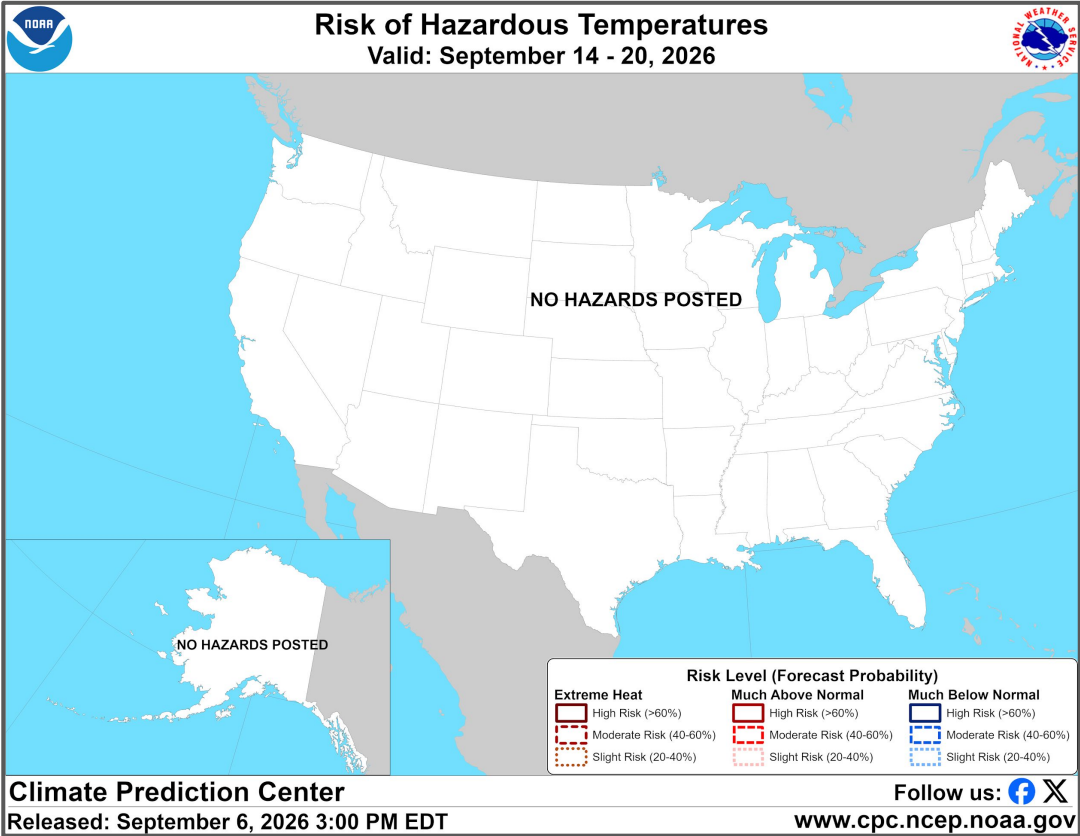
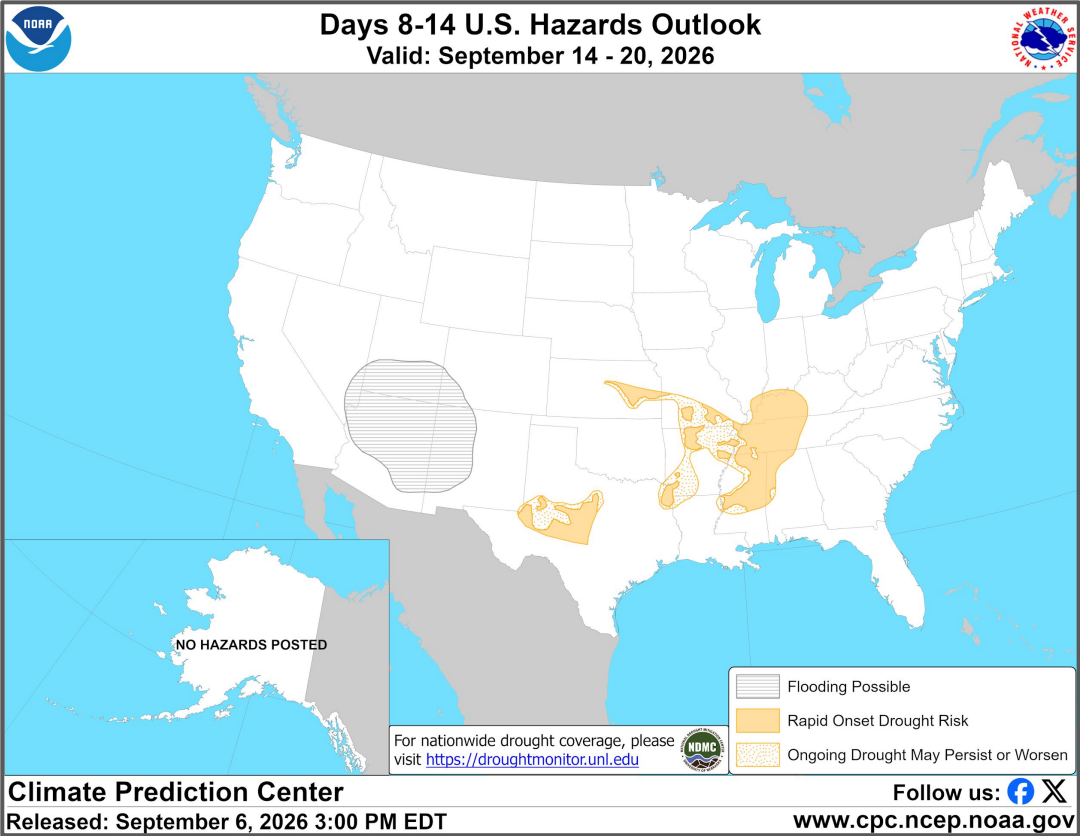


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

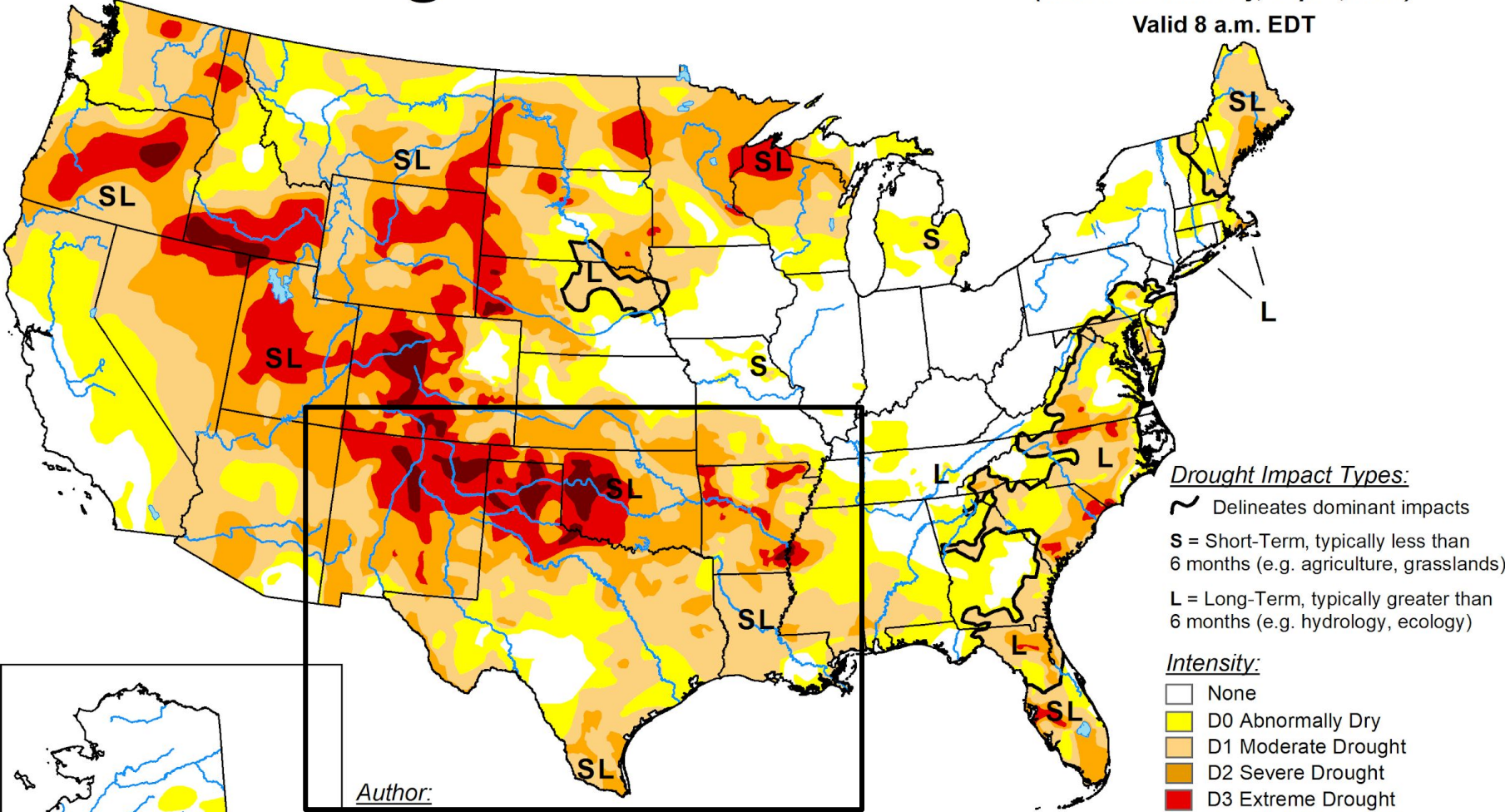




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

September 1, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 3, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



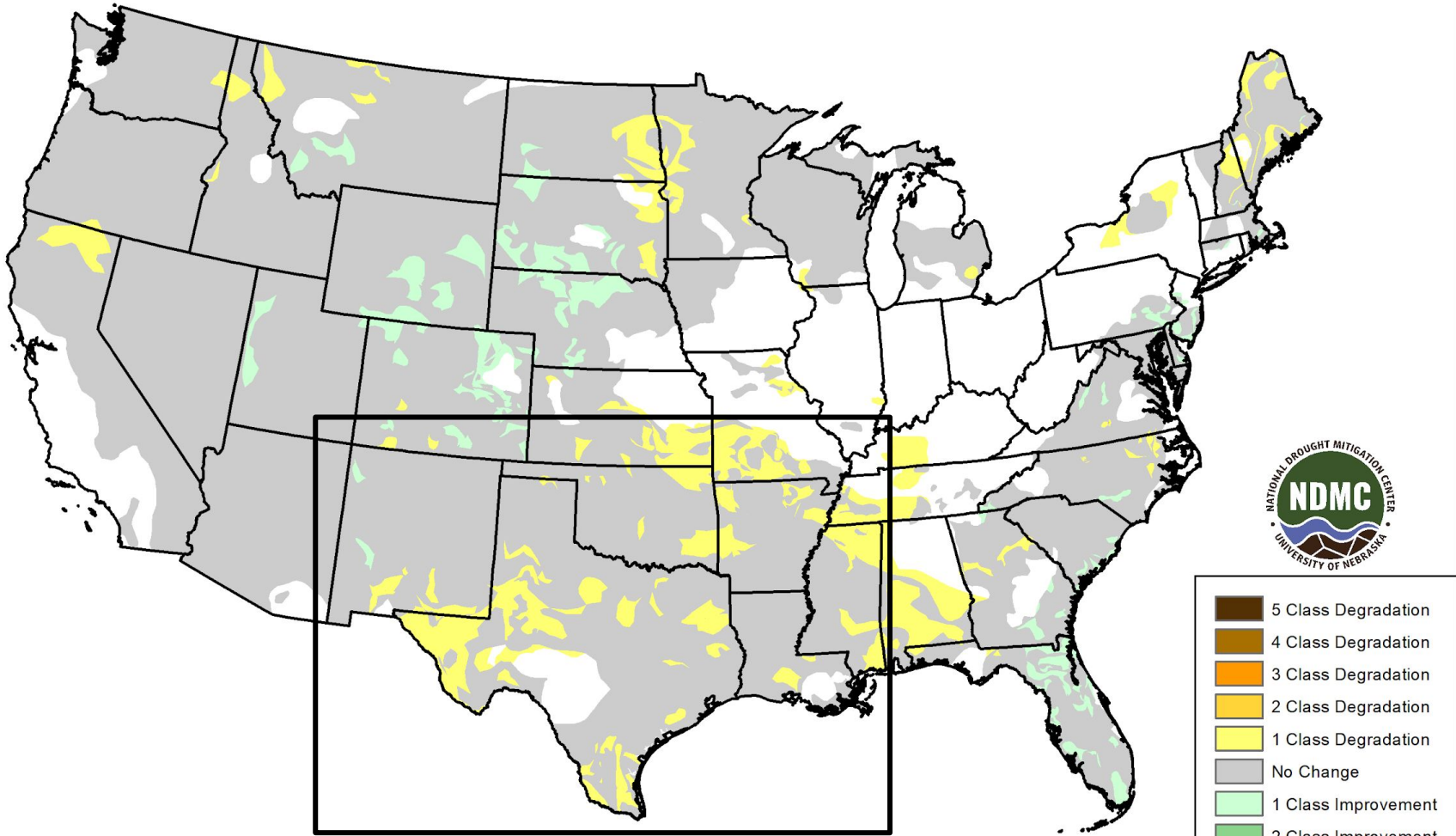
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Curtis Riganti  
National Drought Mitigation Center

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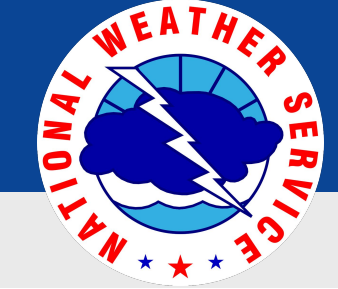
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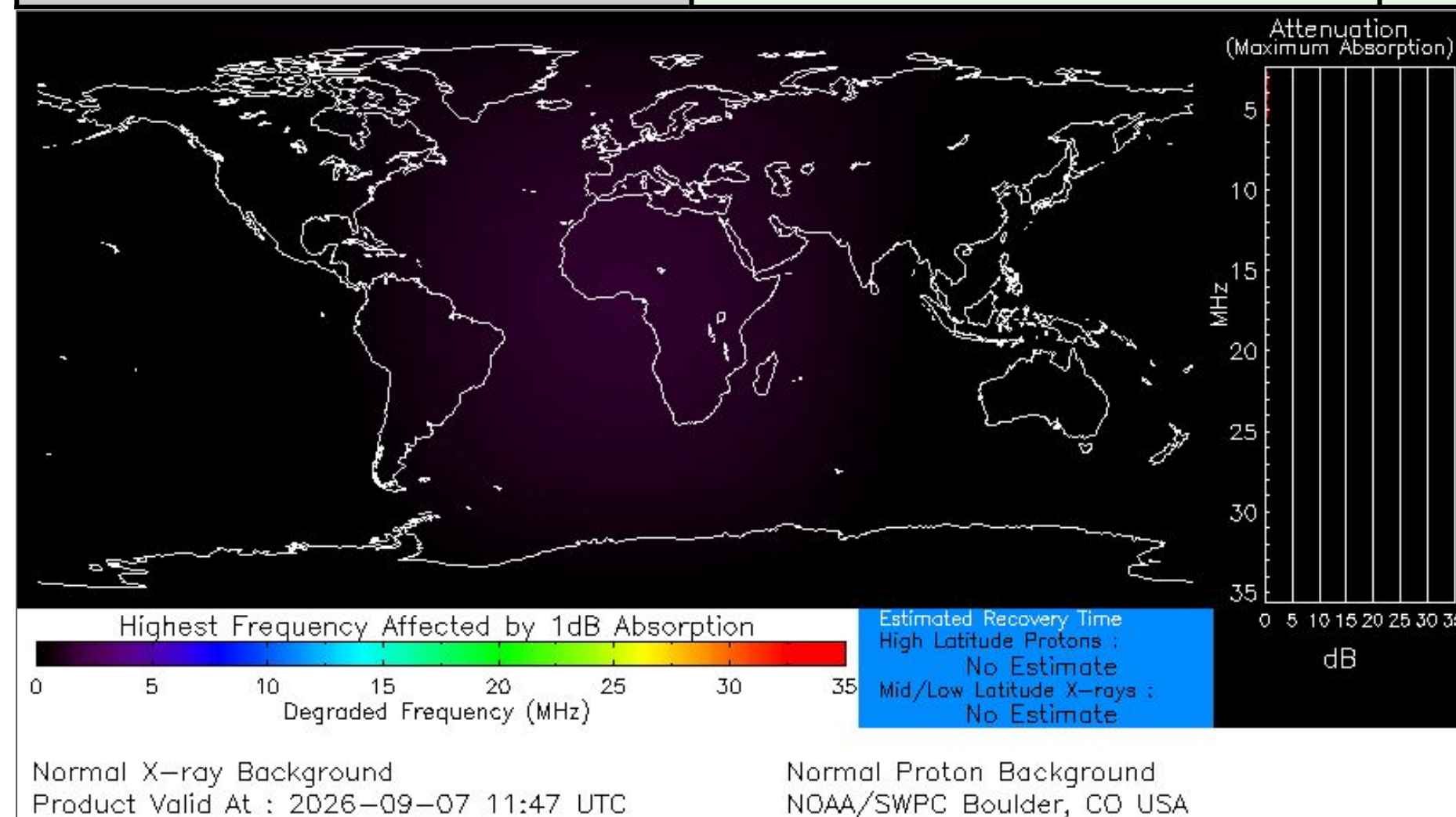
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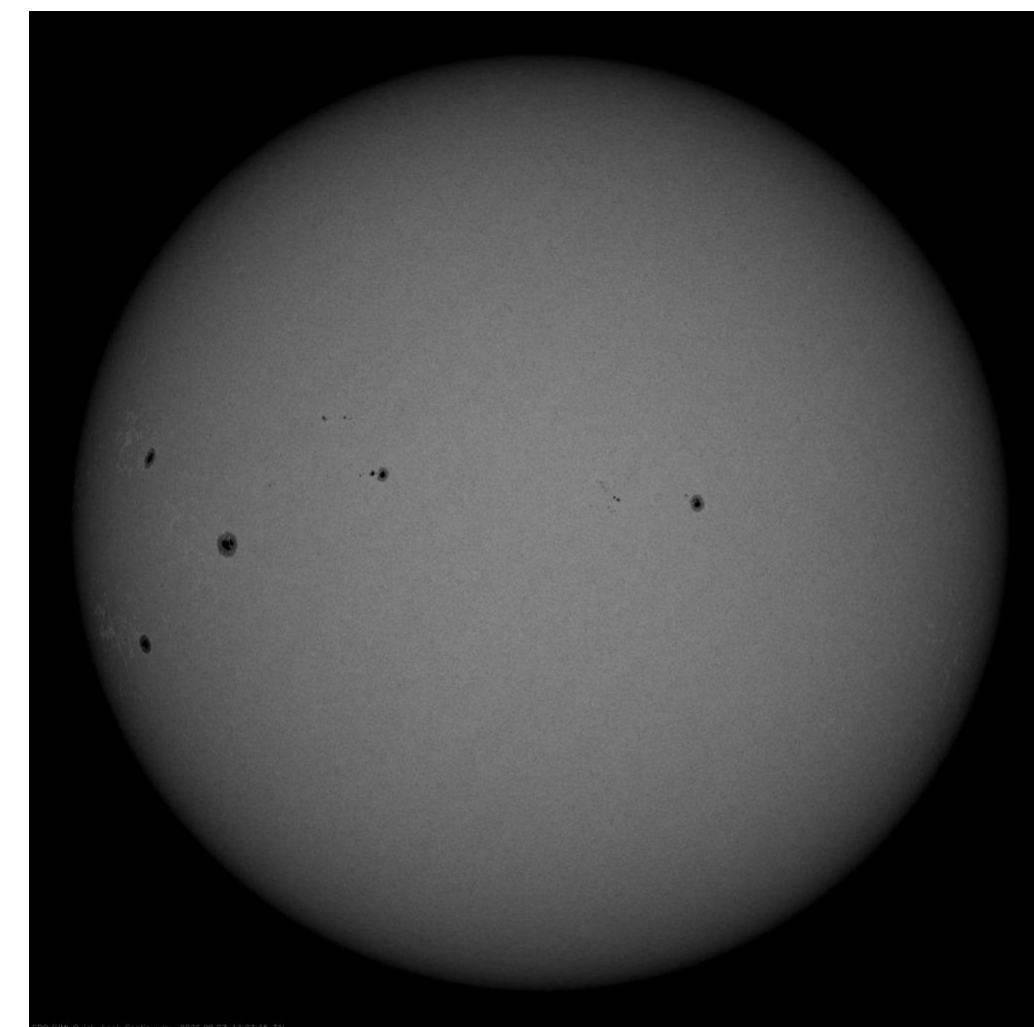
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                                      | Monday, Sep 7                | Tuesday, Sep 8                         | Wednesday, Sep 9                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>            | <b>Active<br/>(Max Kp=4)</b> | <b>Minor Storm (G1)<br/>(Max Kp=5)</b> | <b>Unsettled<br/>(Max Kp=3)</b> |
| <b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b> | <b>10%</b>                   | <b>10%</b>                             | <b>10%</b>                      |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>        | <b>20%</b>                   | <b>20%</b>                             | <b>20%</b>                      |
| <b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>        | <b>1%</b>                    | <b>1%</b>                              | <b>1%</b>                       |



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



| Weather “Threat” Matrix for FEMA Region VI |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 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>                                                                |

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