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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over **W/N NM**, and the **TX/OK Panhandles** today; and **NM Wednesday-Thursday**.
 - High risk (level 3 of 3) for burn scar flooding over the **Sacramento Complex** tomorrow through Saturday as localized rainfall rates will approach 2-3"/hr in heavier thunderstorms.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over far **W TX** and the **TX/OK Panhandles** through much of the week.
 - Monsoonal activity will persist into next week for portions of **NM** and **W TX**.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Today, elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns this afternoon in **NW TX** and **SW OK**.

- **Tropical:**

- An area in the central subtropical **Atlantic** has a 40% of development. No tropical impacts expected over the next 7 days.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Sep 15	Wednesday, Sep 16	Thursday, Sep 17	Friday, Sep 18	Saturday, Sep 19	Sunday, Sep 20	Monday, Sep 21
Severe Storms	TX/OK Panhandles, NW OK						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	W/N NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW OK	NM	NM	NM, Far W/W TX	NM, OK, NW TX	NM, OK, NW TX	NM, Far W TX
		Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	Far W TX				
Fire Weather	NW TX, SW 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.

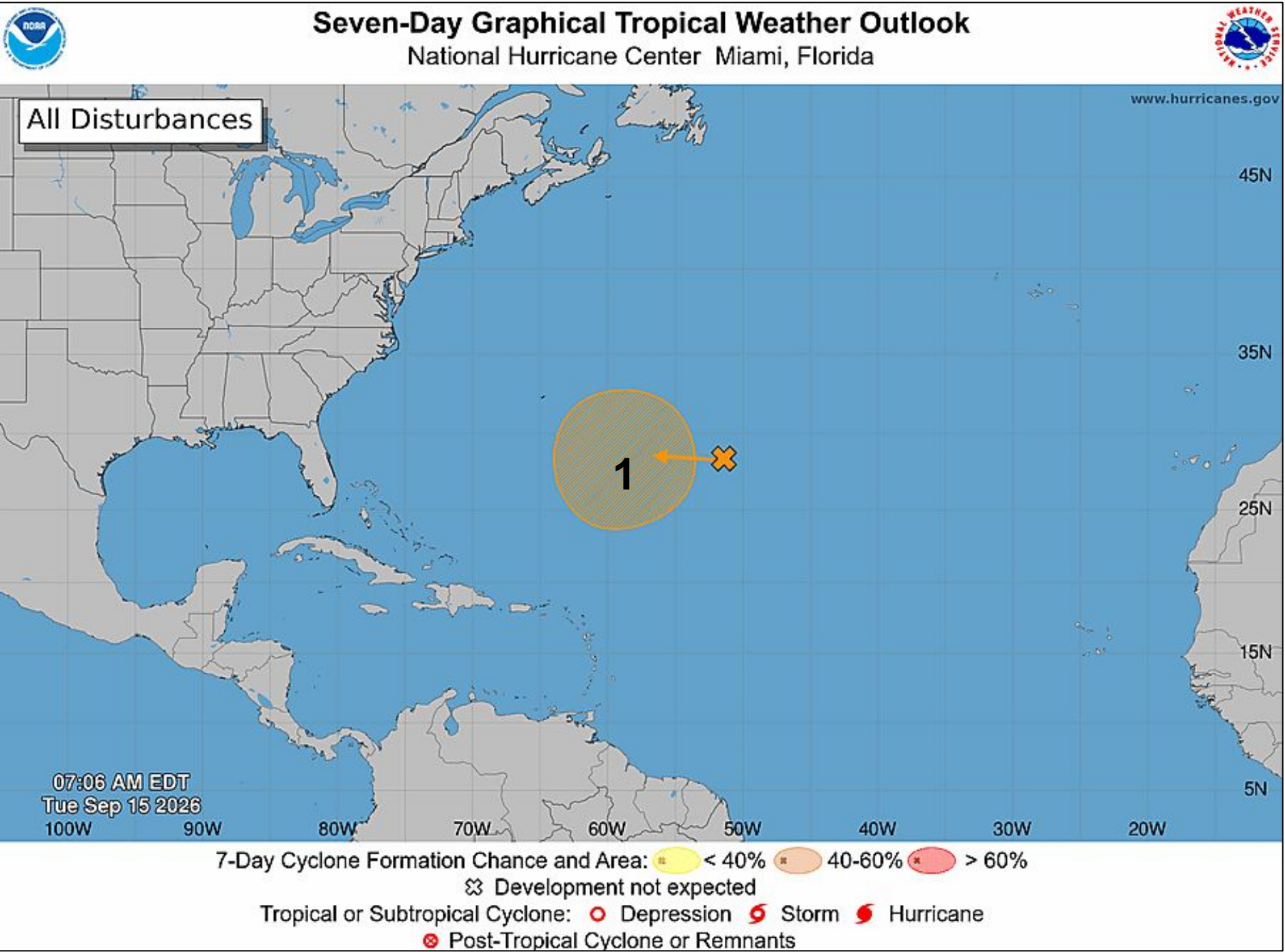
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

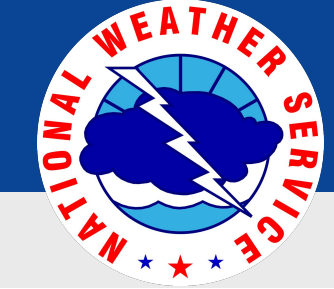
Areas of Possible Development		
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	Medium	None

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

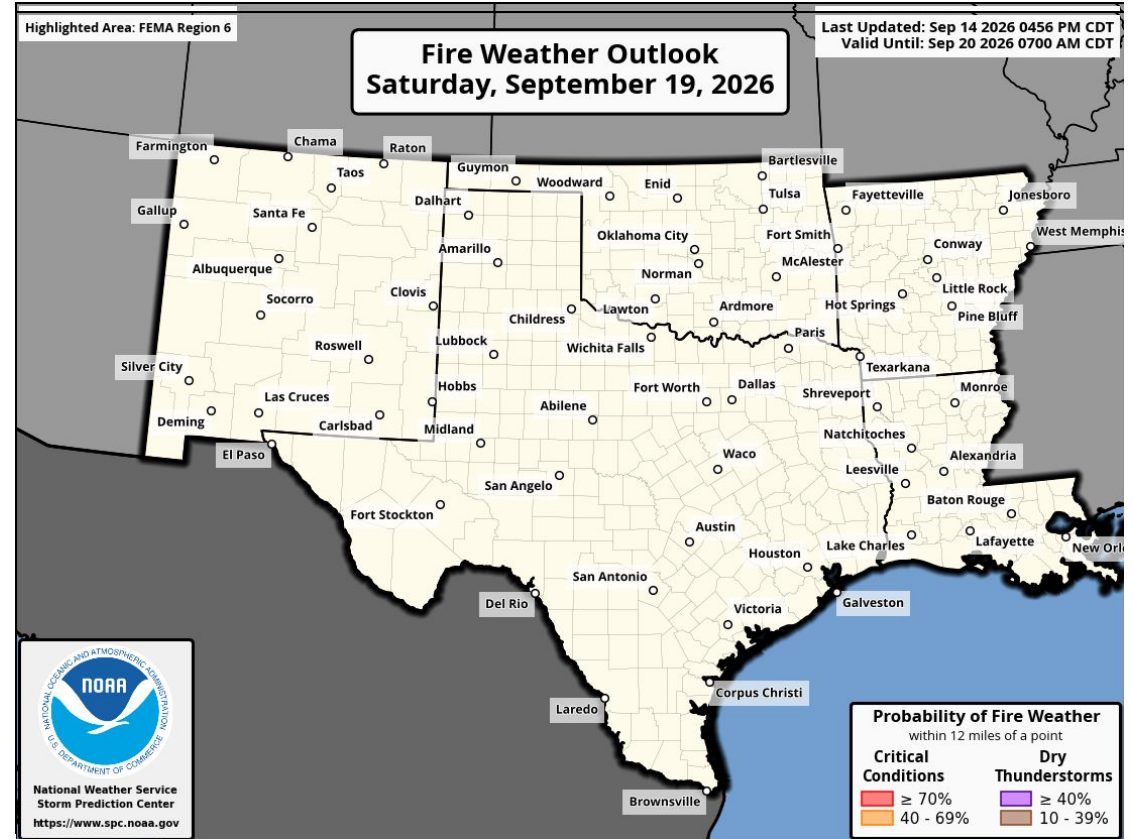
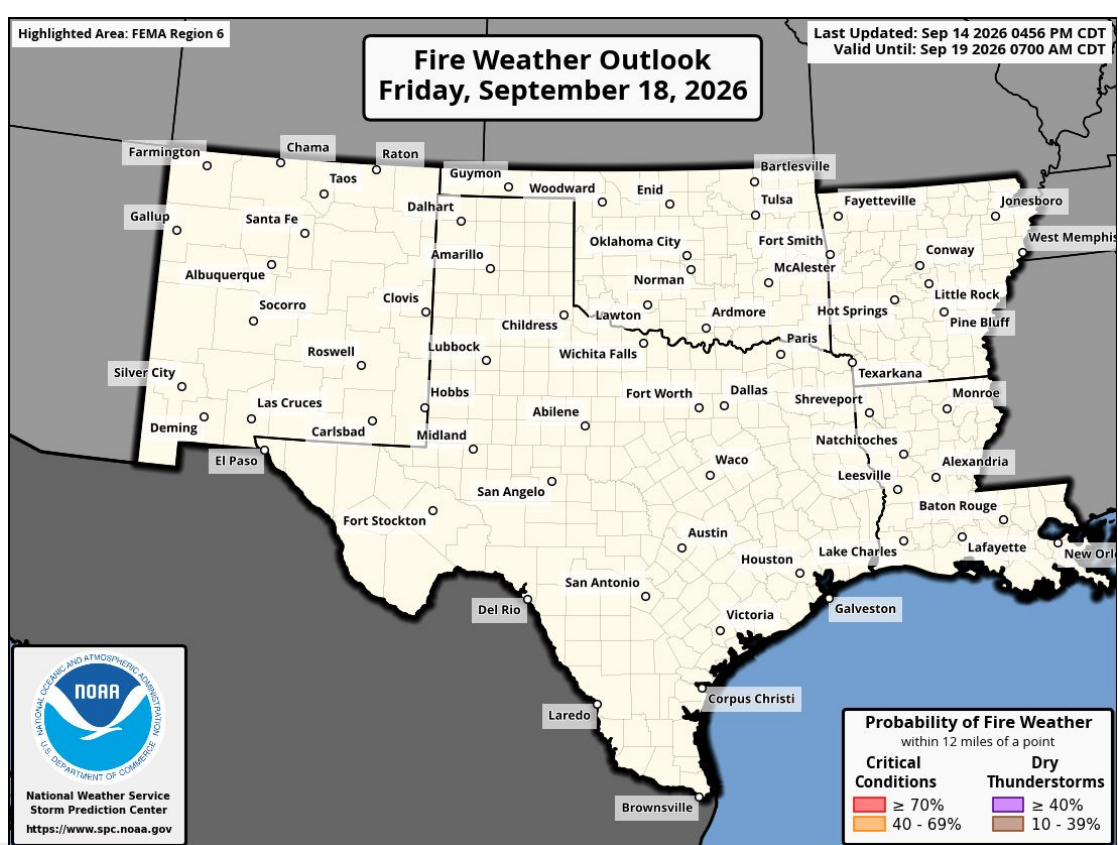
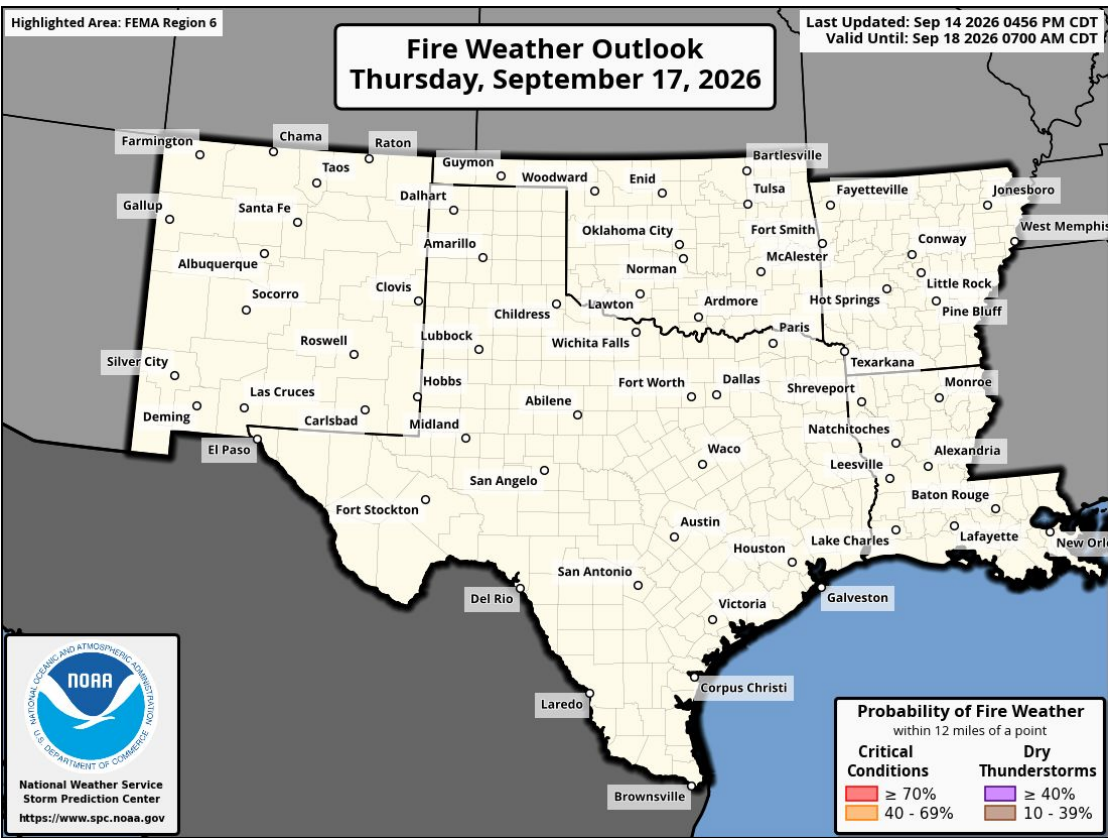
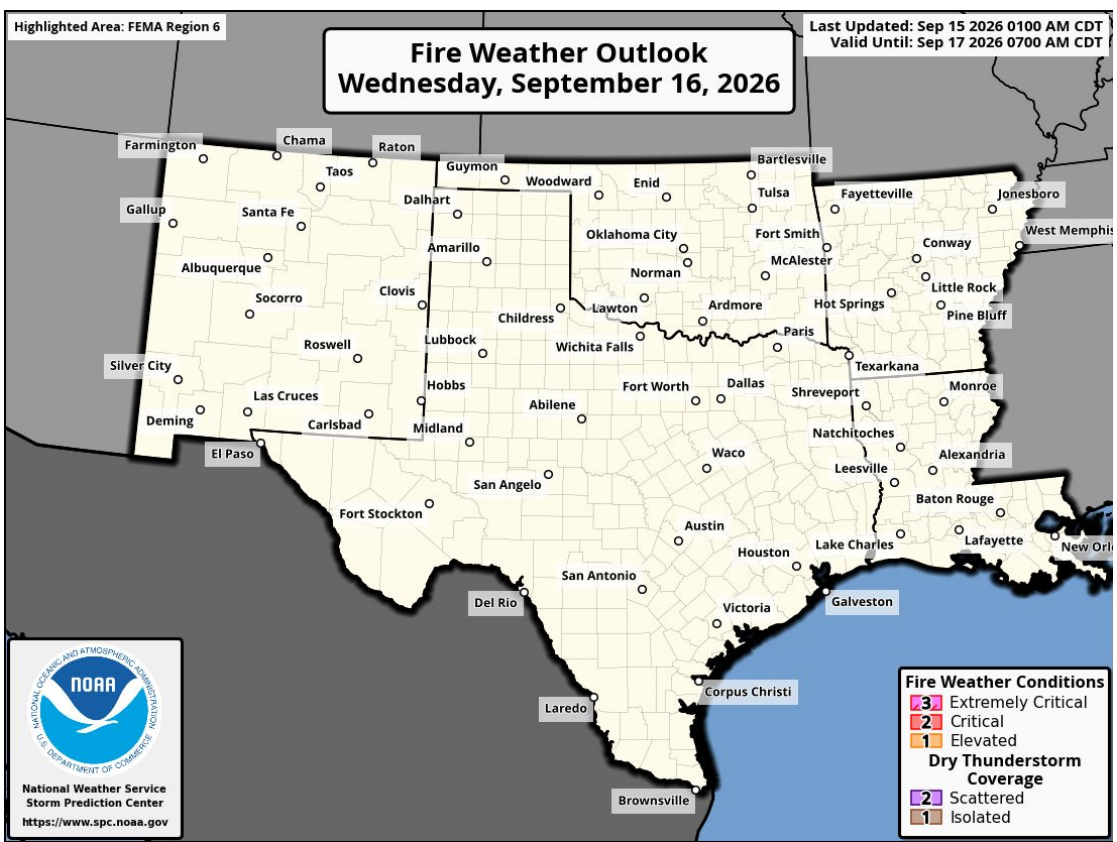
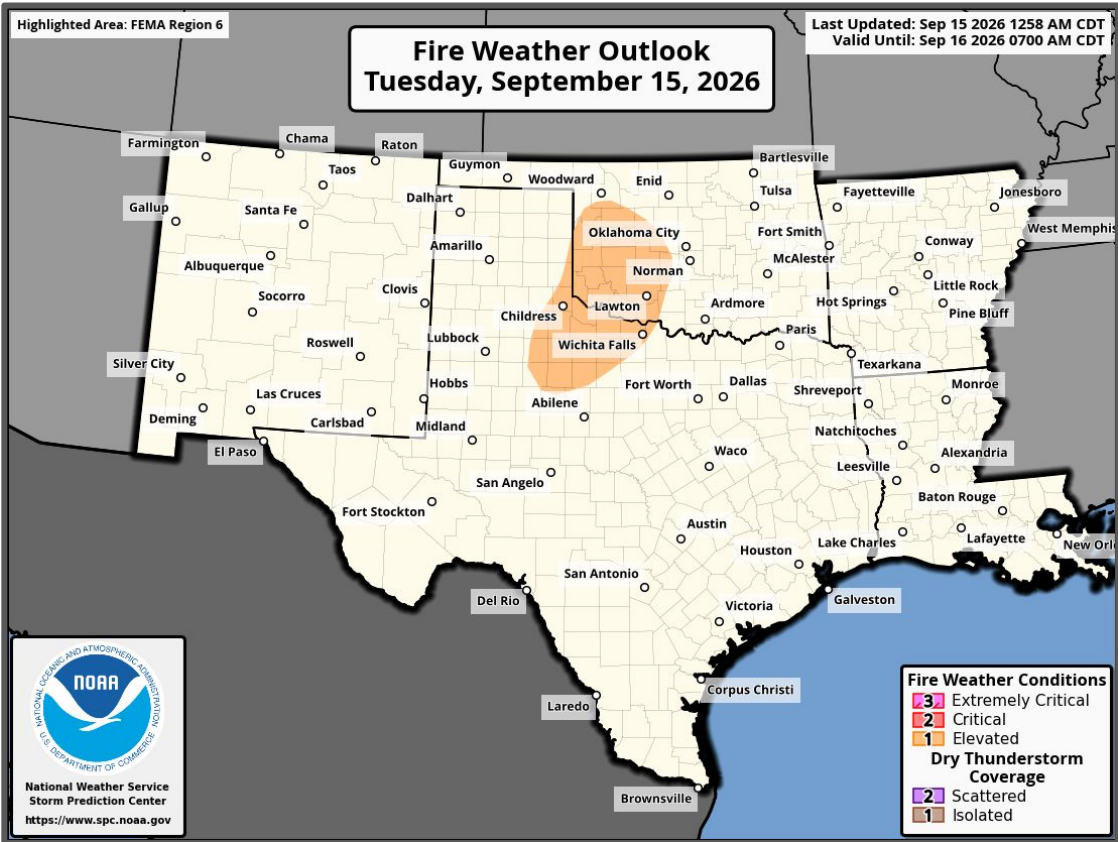
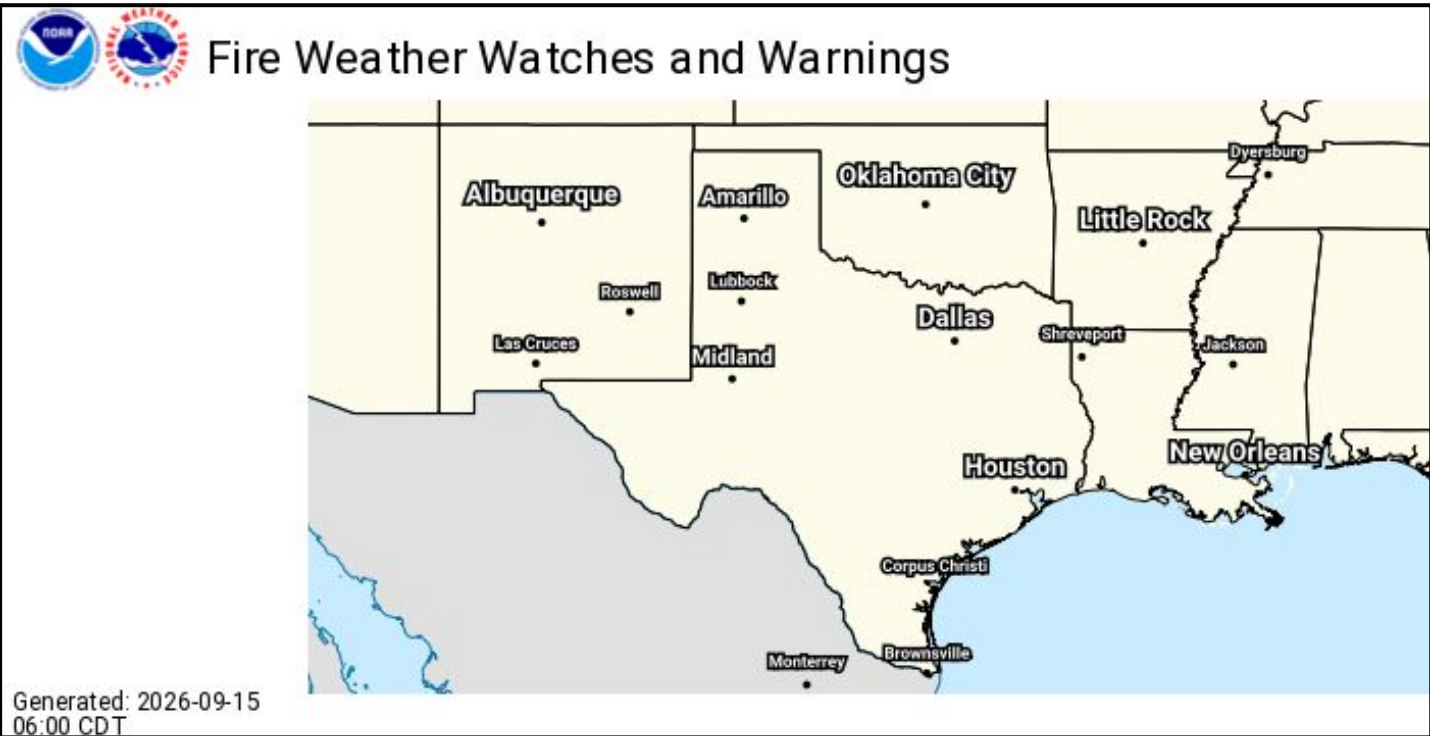


- Heat Advisories across portions of E OK, E TX, AR and N LA today.
- Flood Watch for SW NM from Noon CDT today through 1 AM CDT Wed.





Fire Weather Outlooks

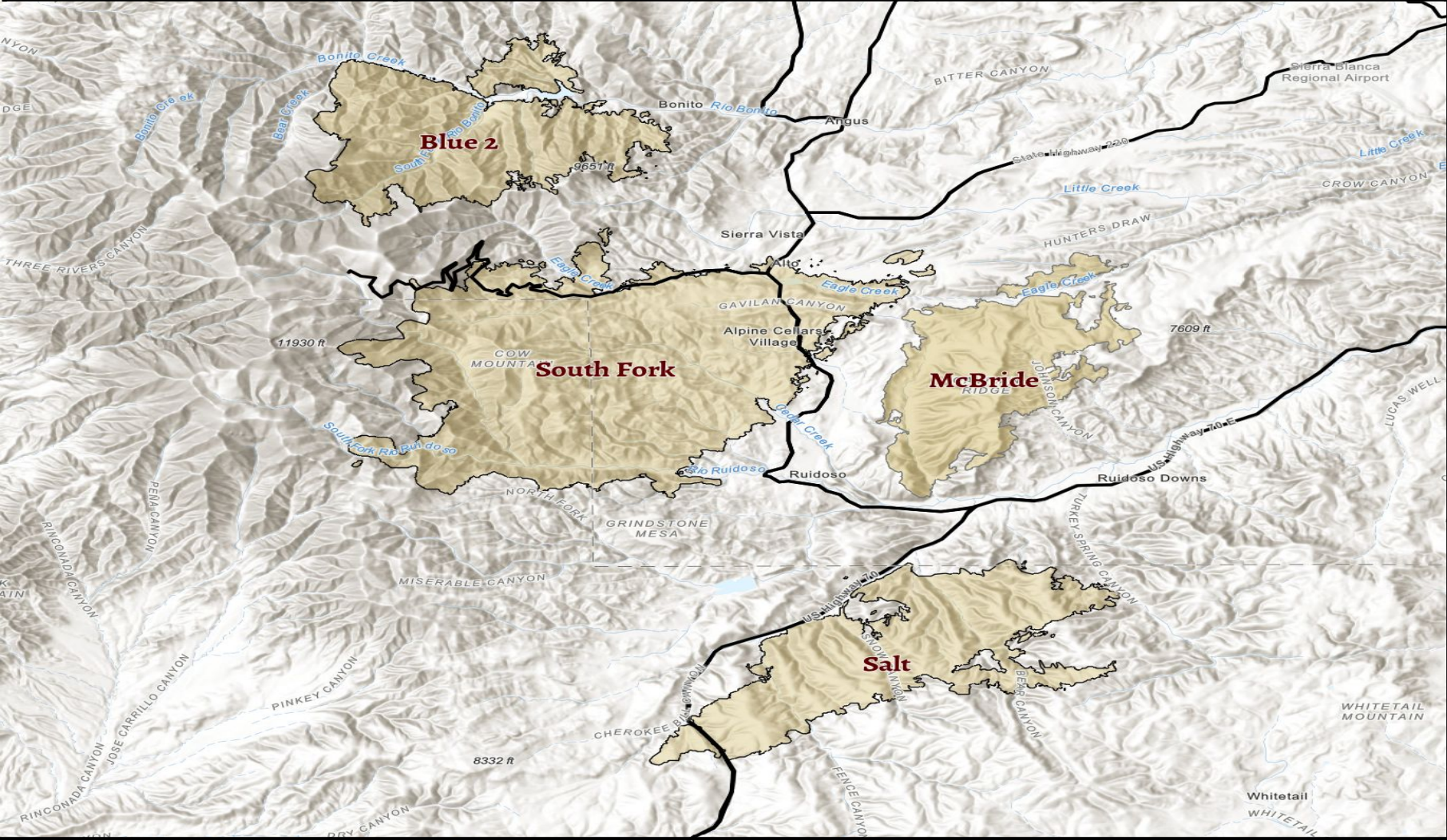




Burn Scar Debris Flow Risk - Ruidoso, New Mexico

Sacramento Complex

	Tuesday, Sep 15	Wednesday, Sep 16	Thursday, Sep 17	Friday, Sep 18	Saturday, Sep 19
Flash Flooding	Moderate	High	High	High	Moderate
Timing - CDT	2pm-Midnight	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening	Afternoon/Evening

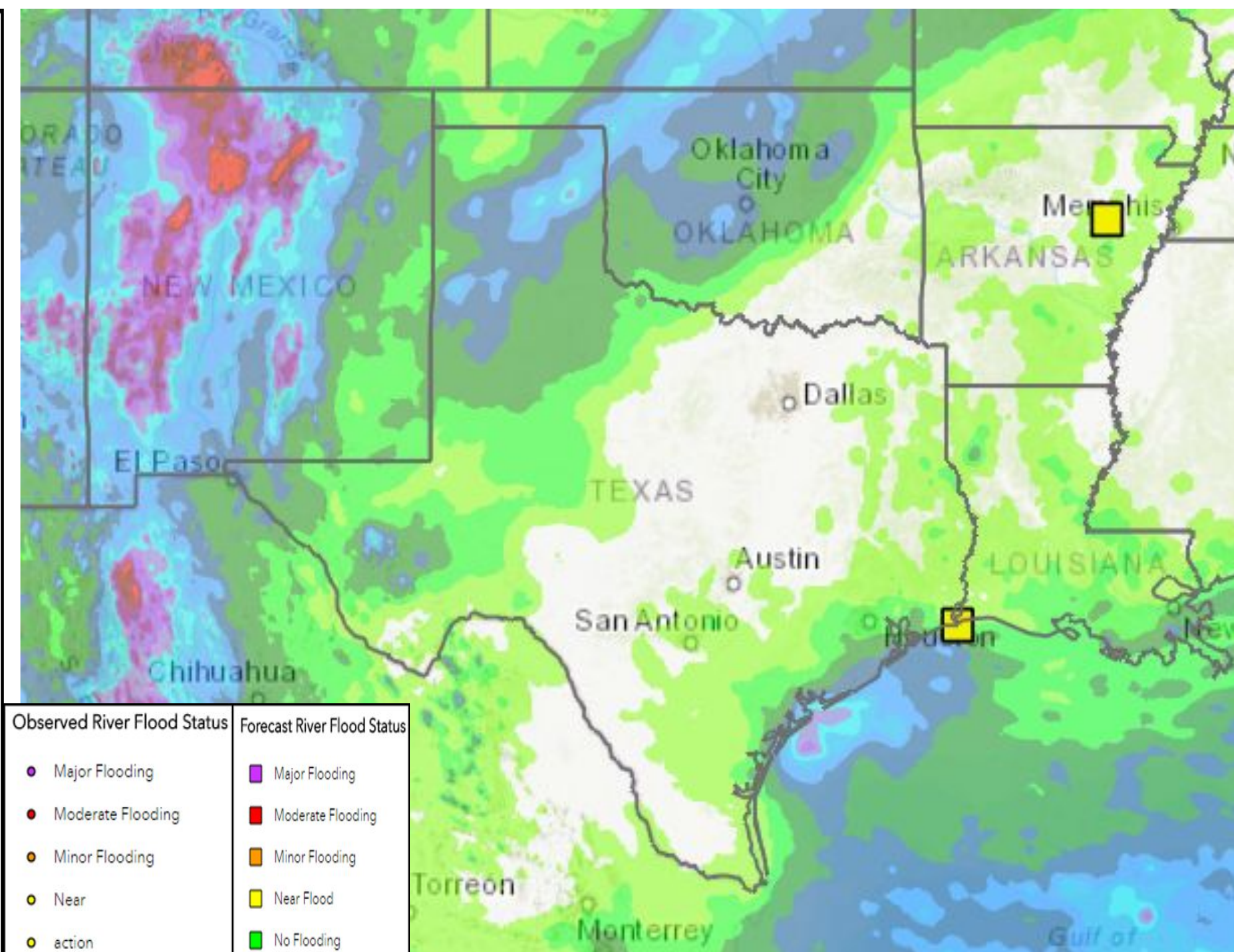
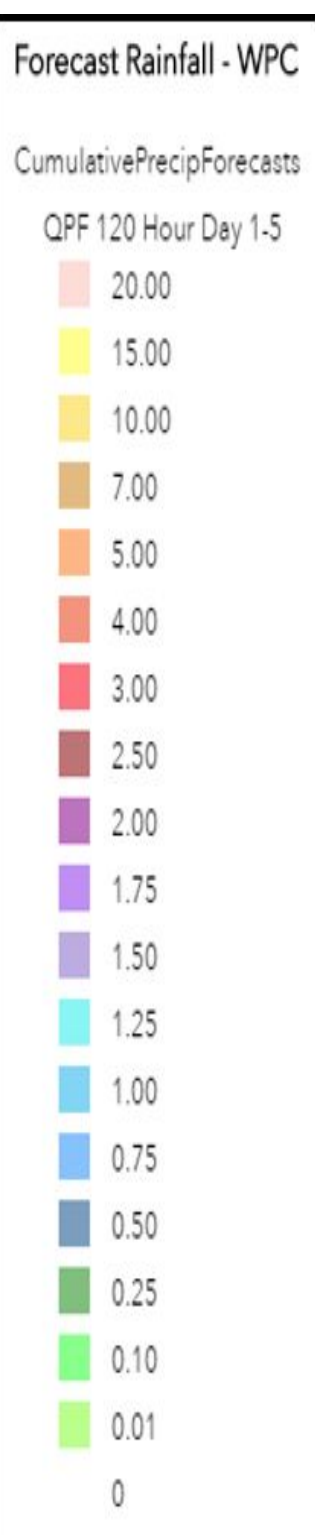


Low (level 1 of 3)	Less than 30% chance of flash flood warning.
Moderate (level 2 of 3)	30-70% chance of flash flood warning.
High (level 3 of 3)	Over 70% chance of flash flood warning.
WPC's Excessive Rainfall Outlook is <i>Not Applicable</i> to burn scars.	



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



No significant river flooding is 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.



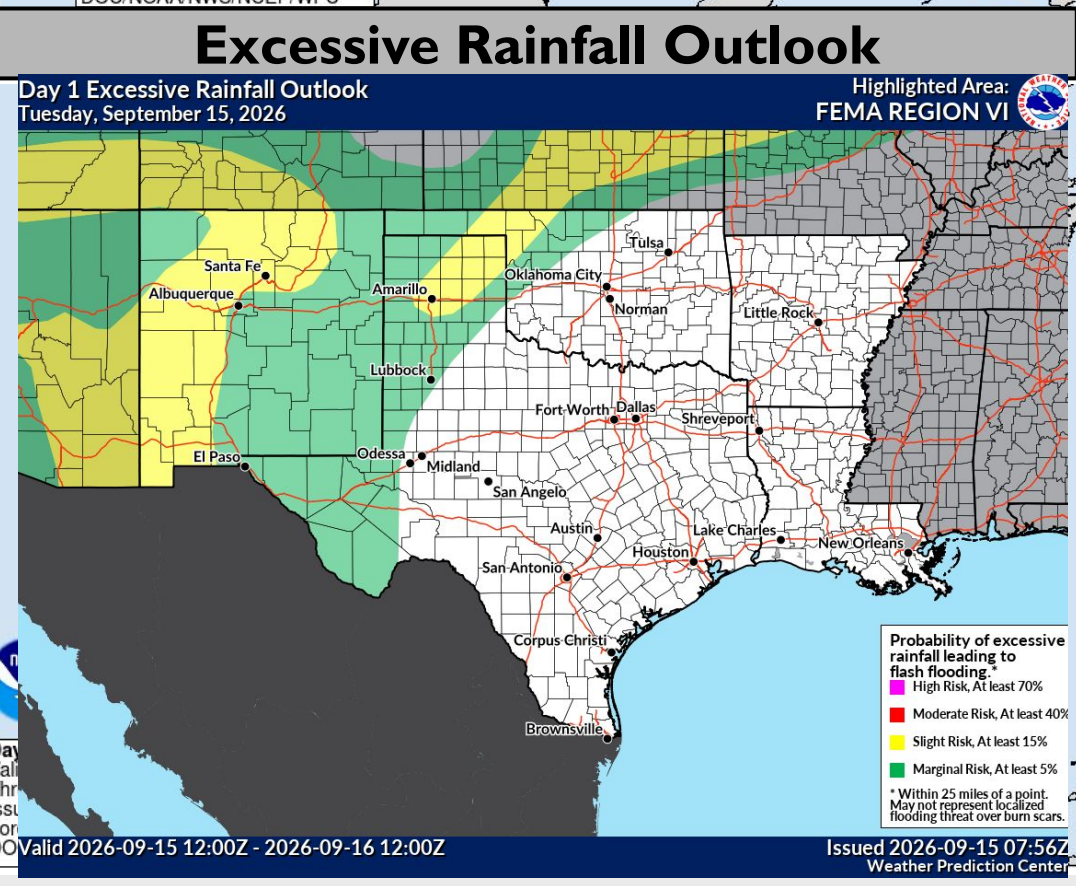
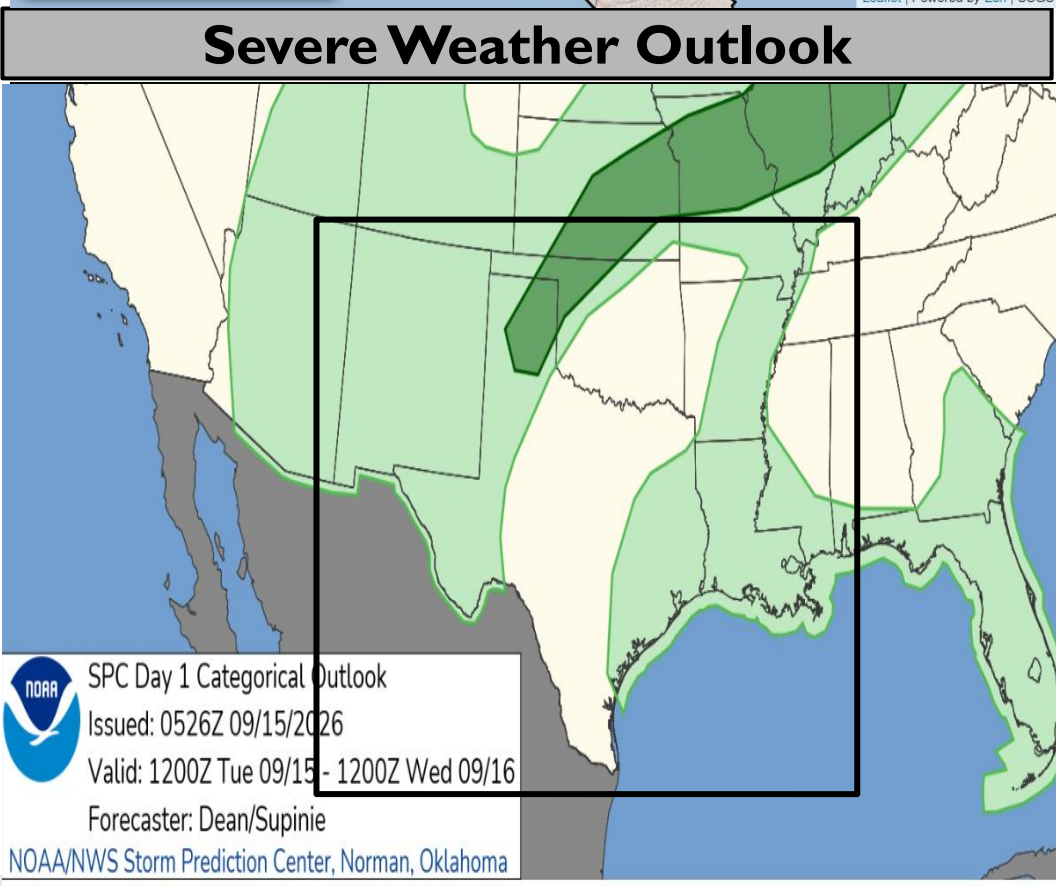
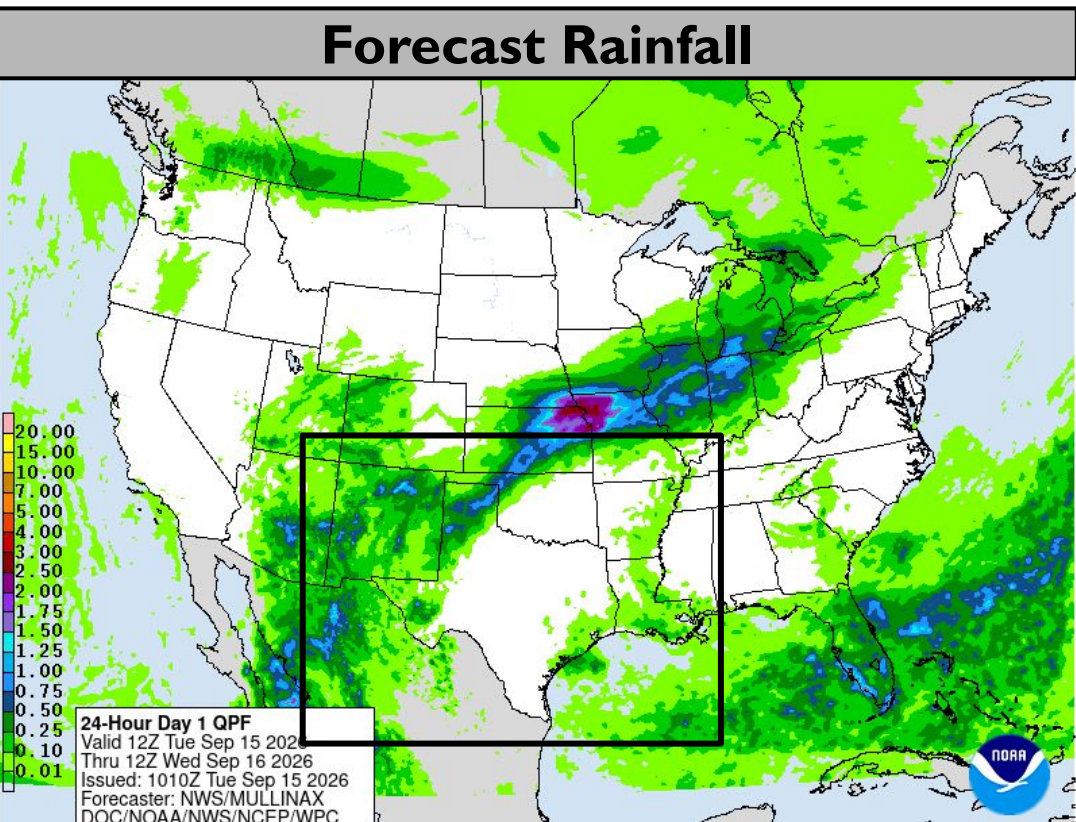
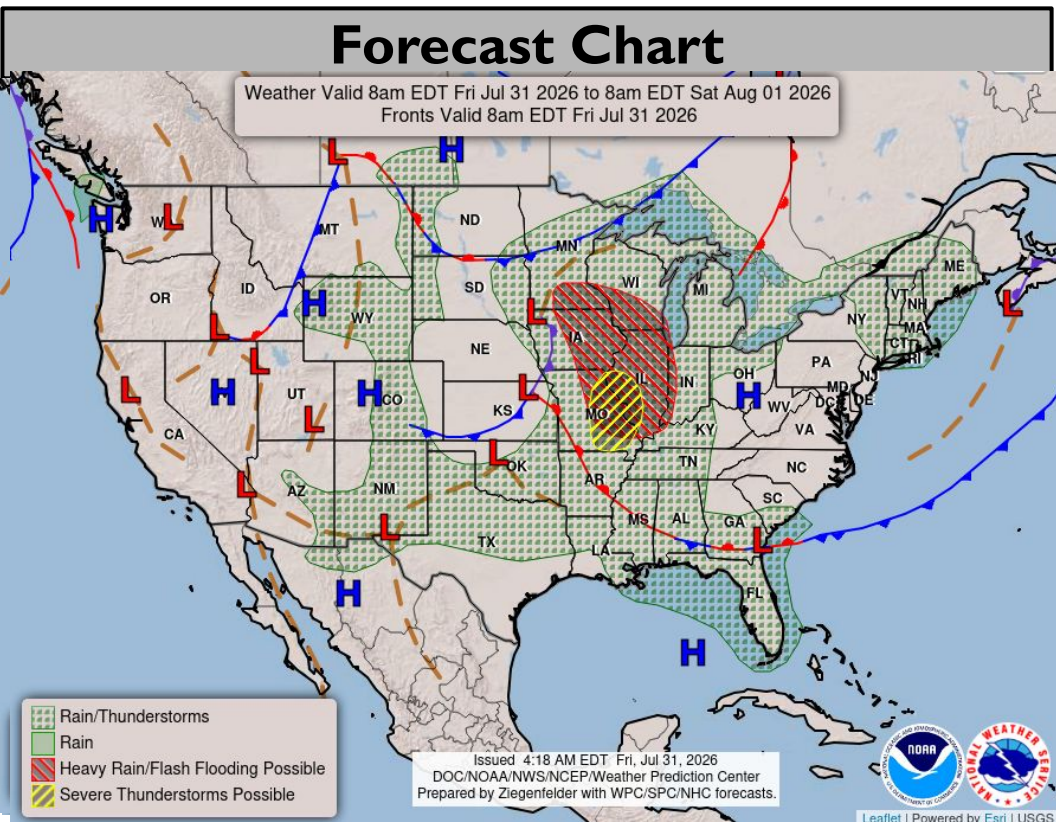
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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Today's Weather



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

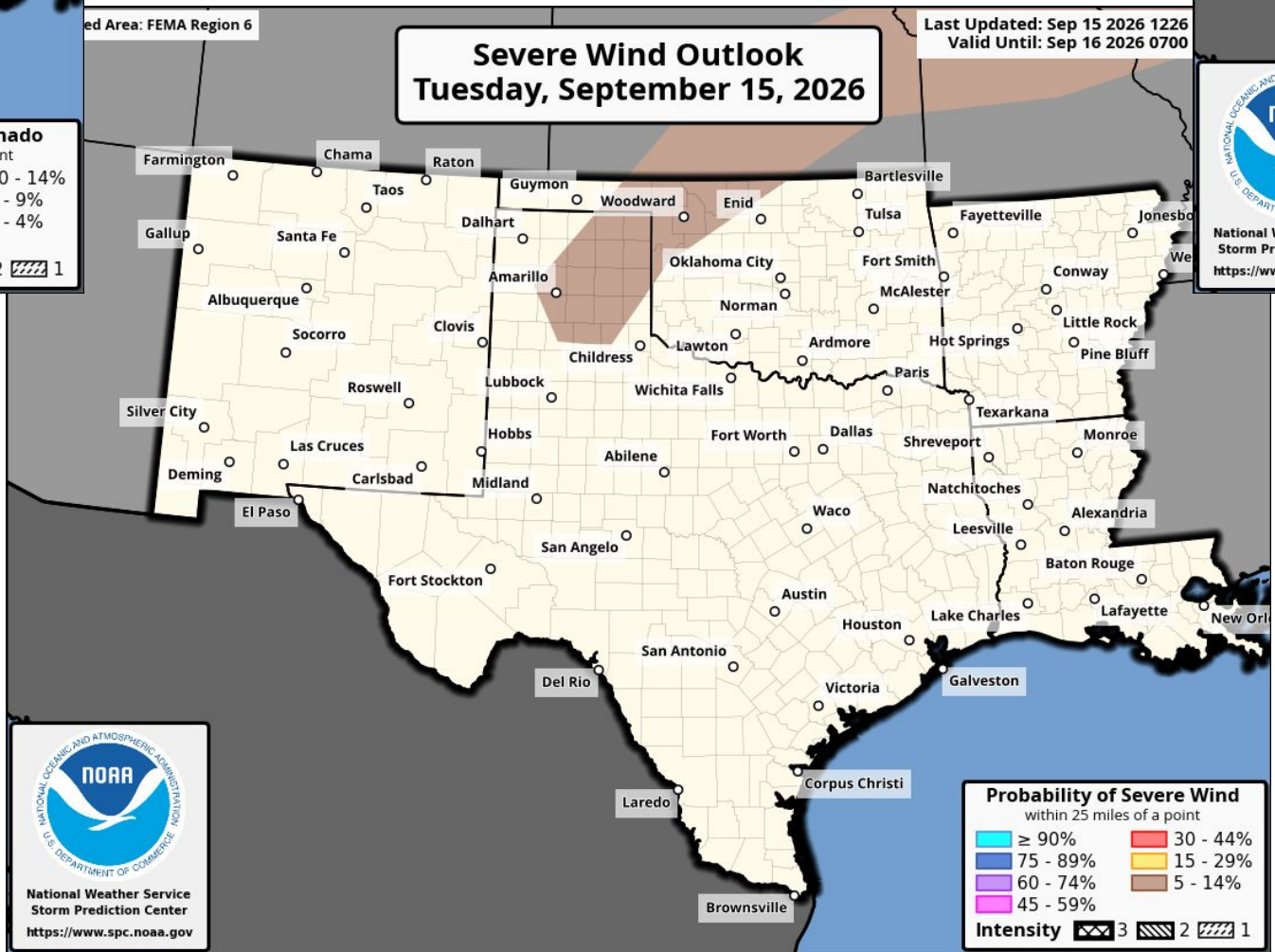
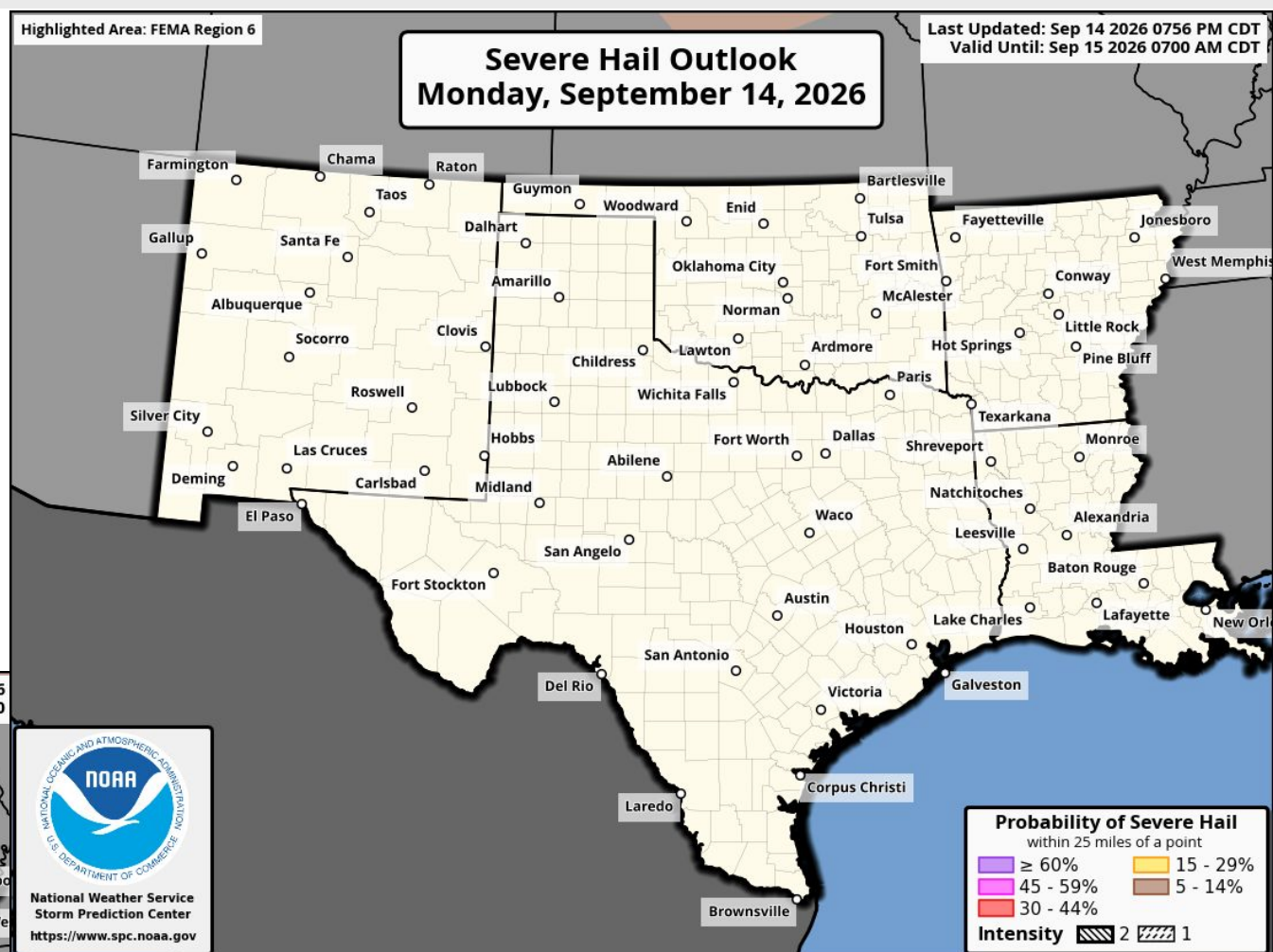
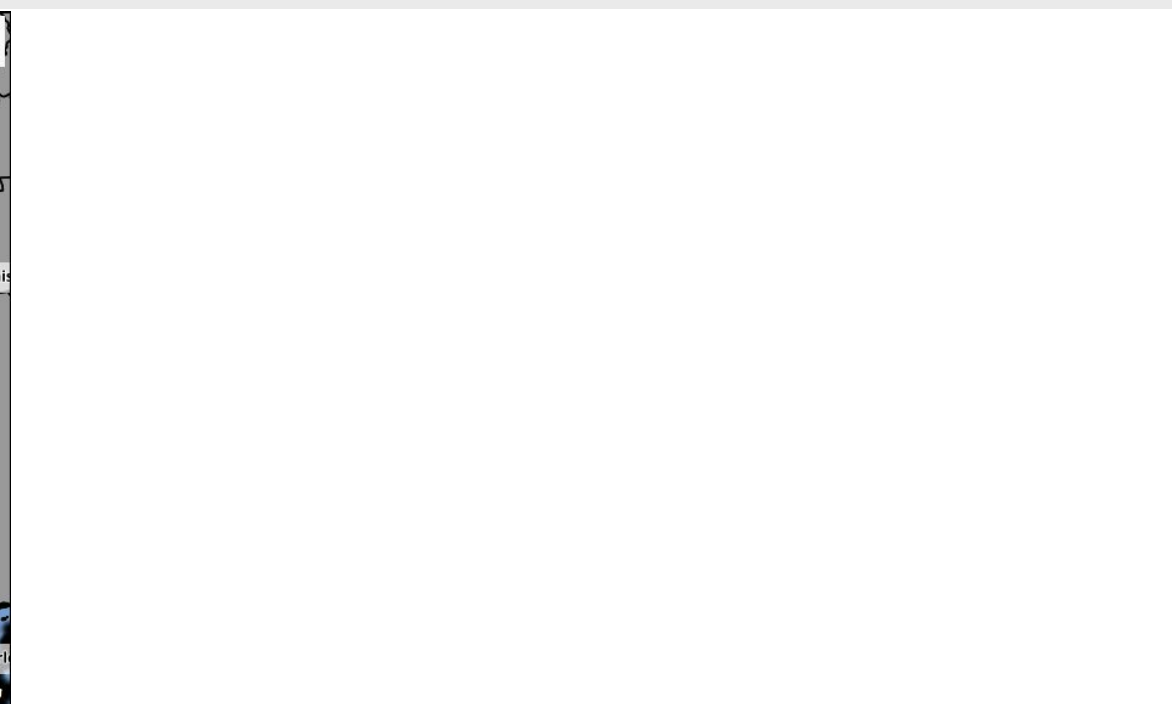
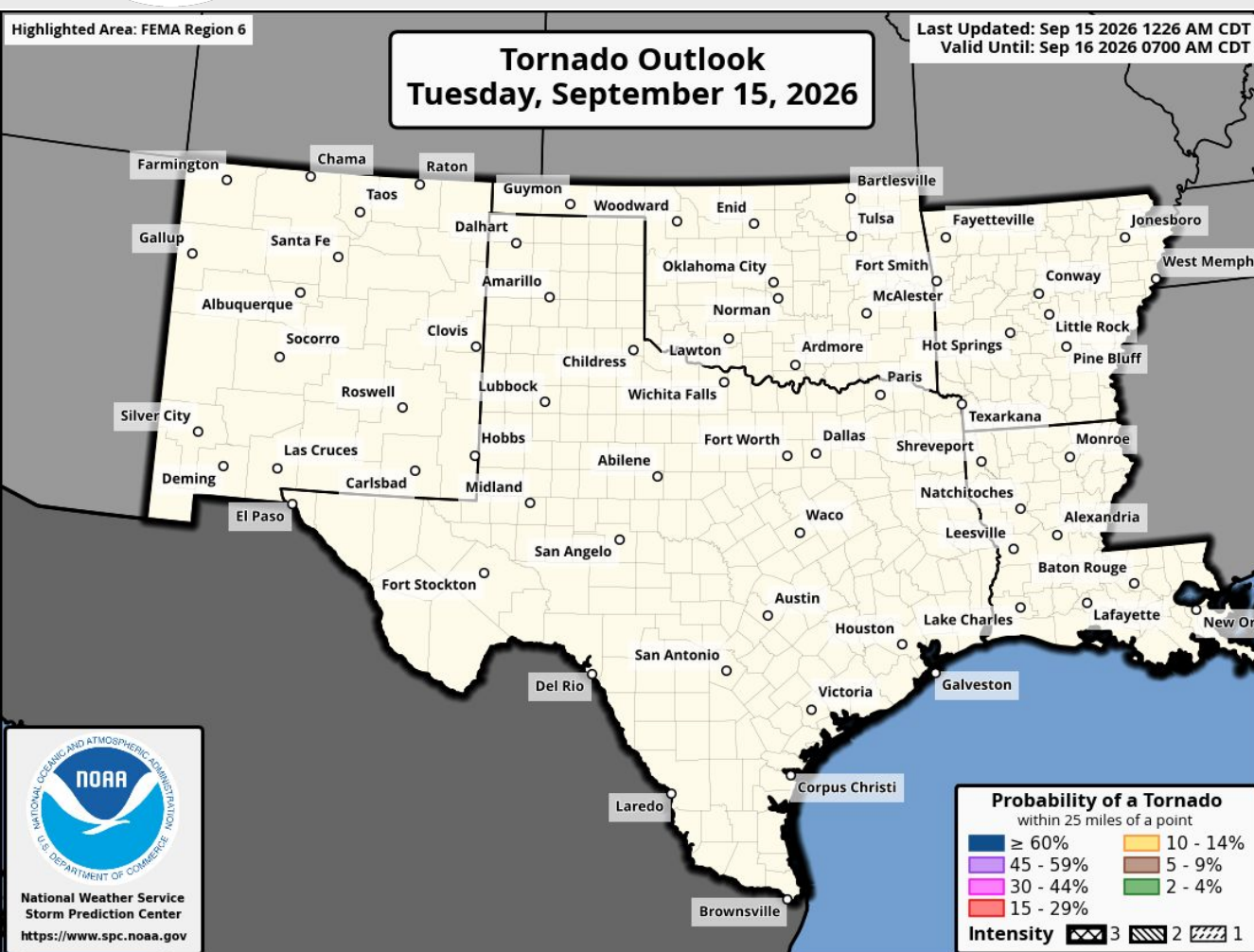
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in the TX/OK Panhandles, and NW OK.

Elevated fire weather (level 1 of 3) concerns in NW TX, SW OK.

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

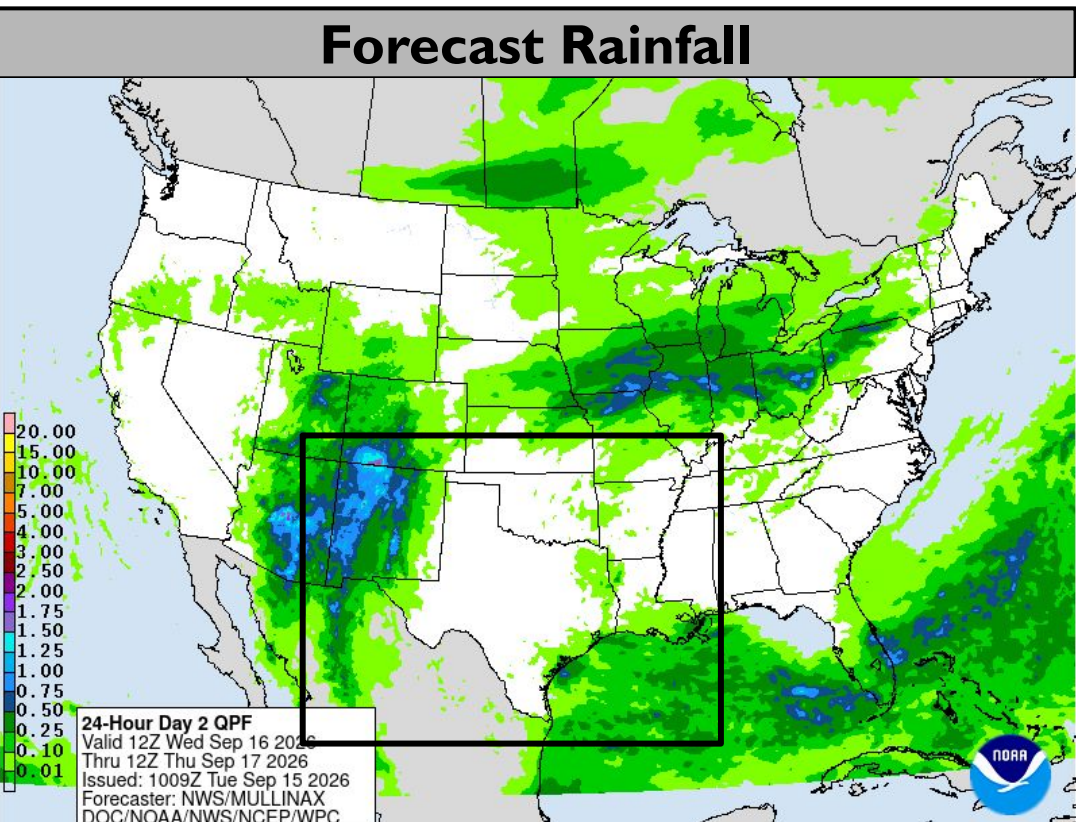
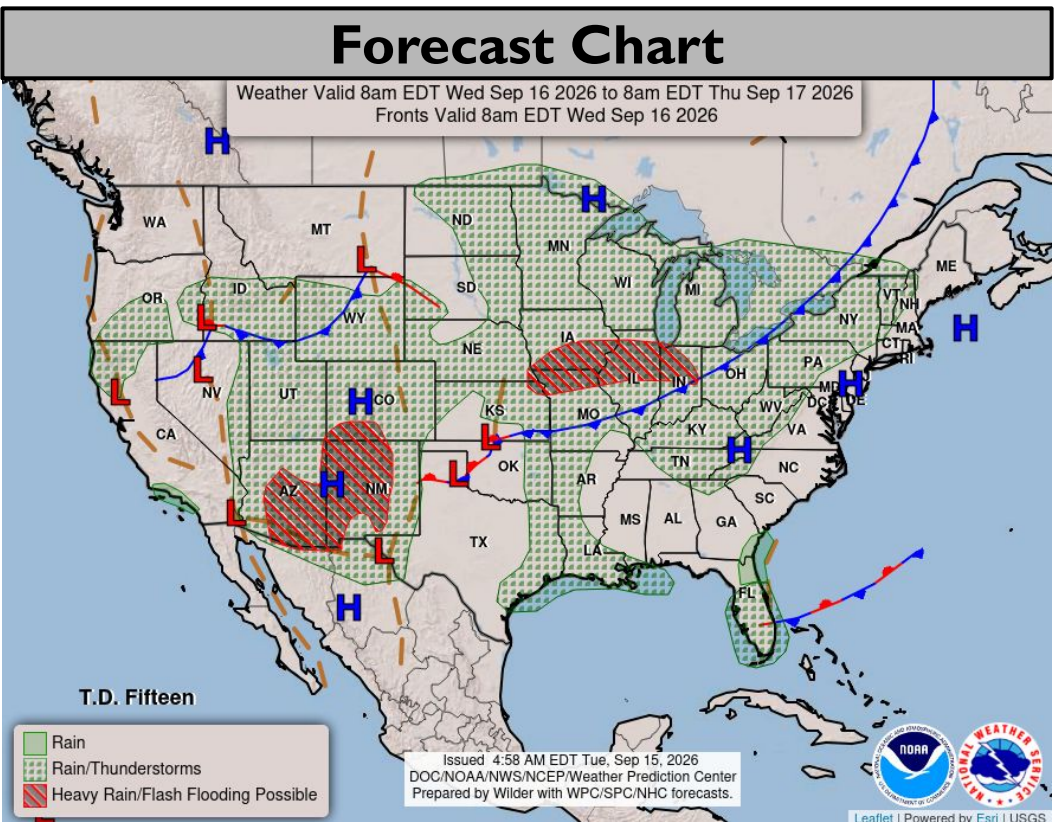


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



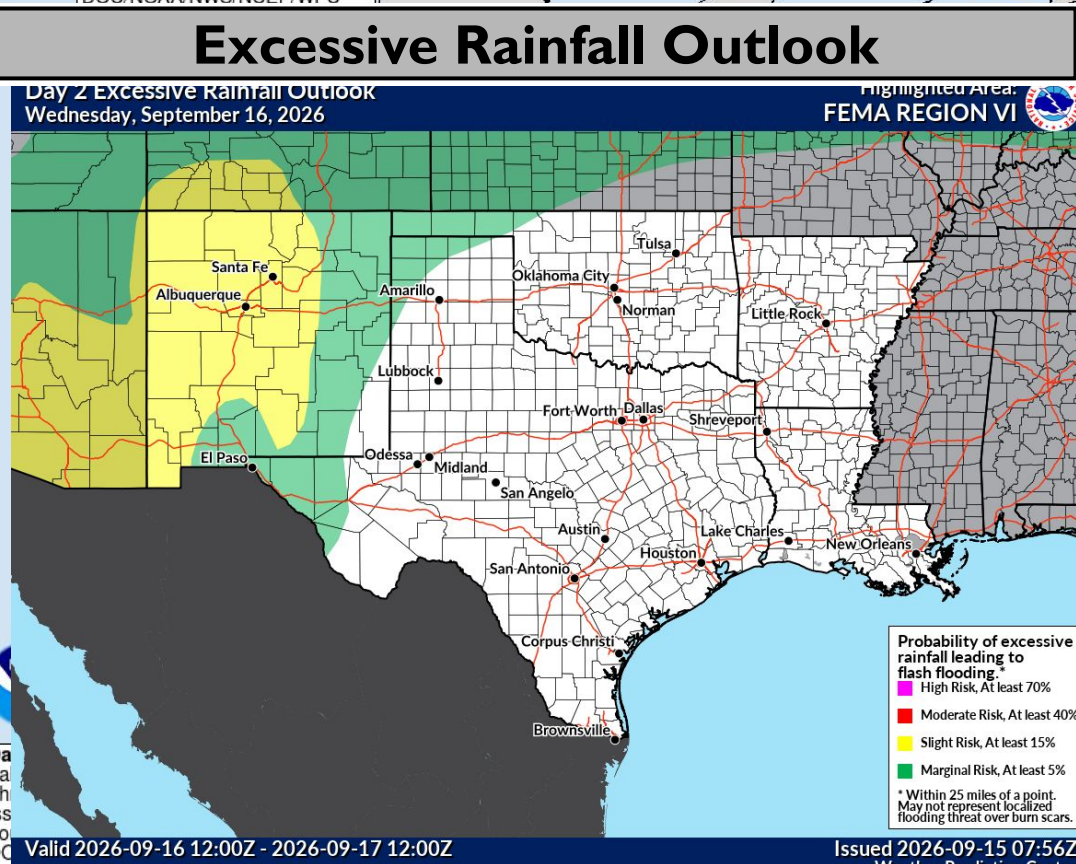
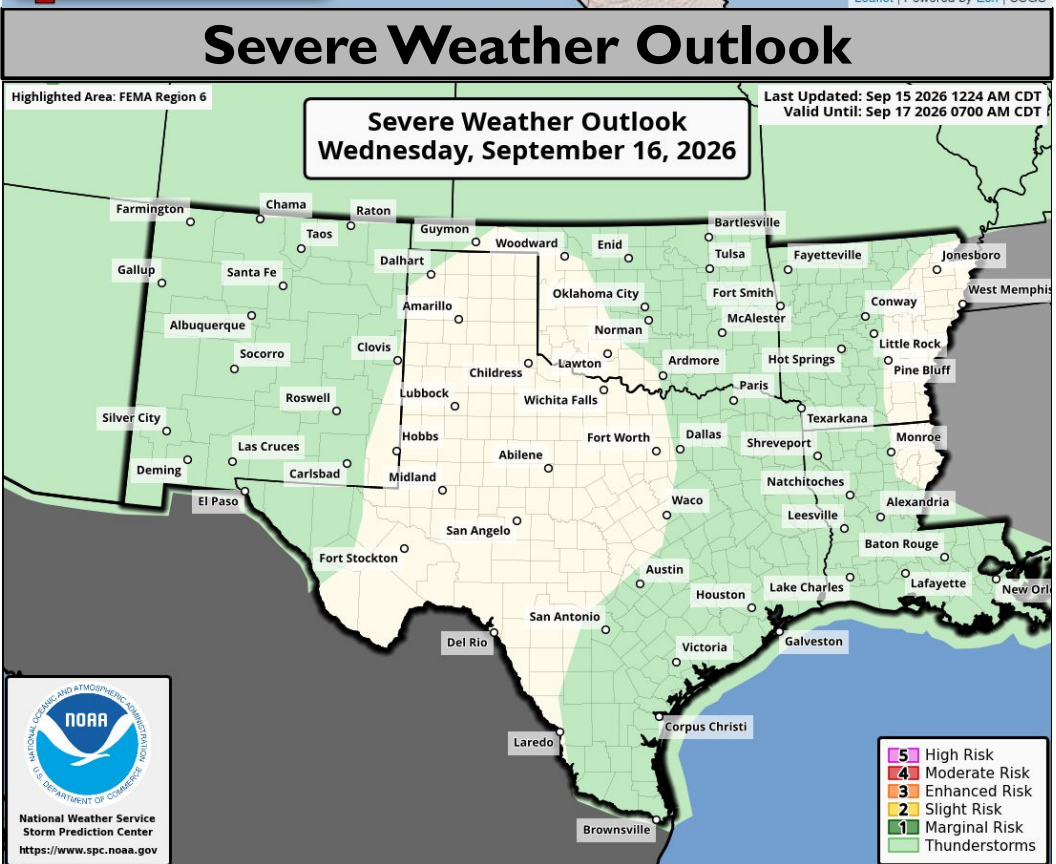


Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NM. Monitoring for high rainfall rates up to 2-3" per hour.

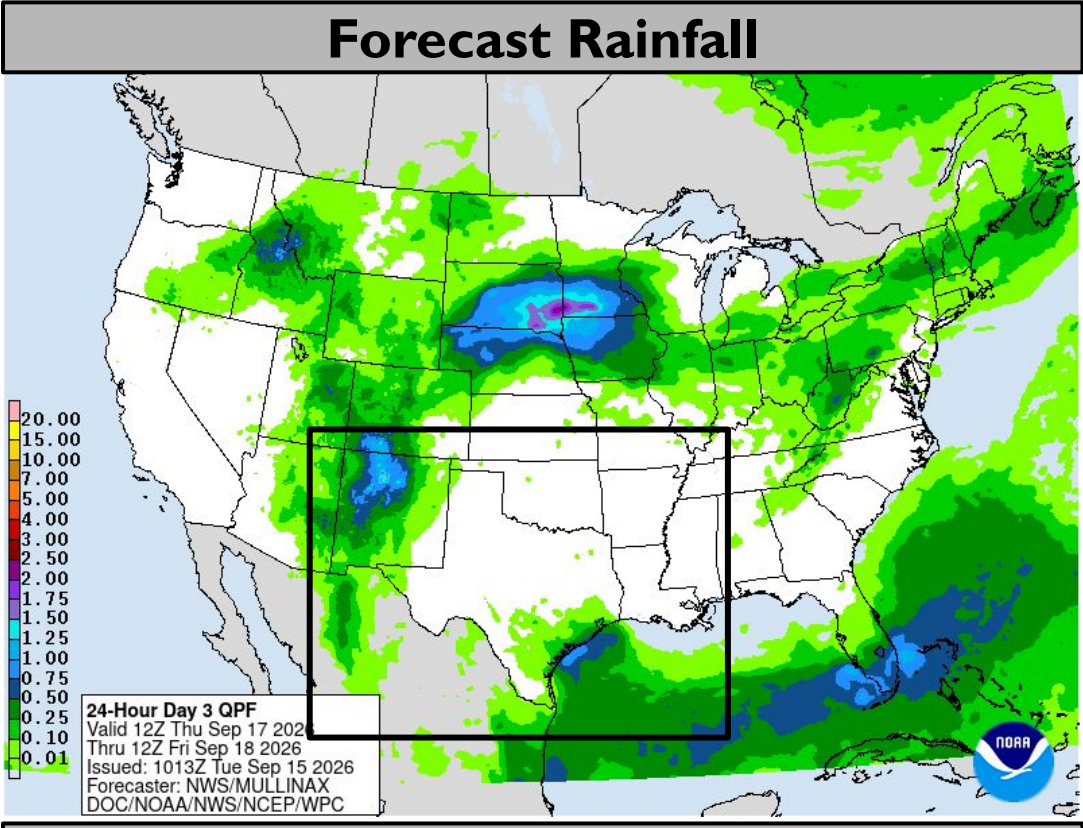
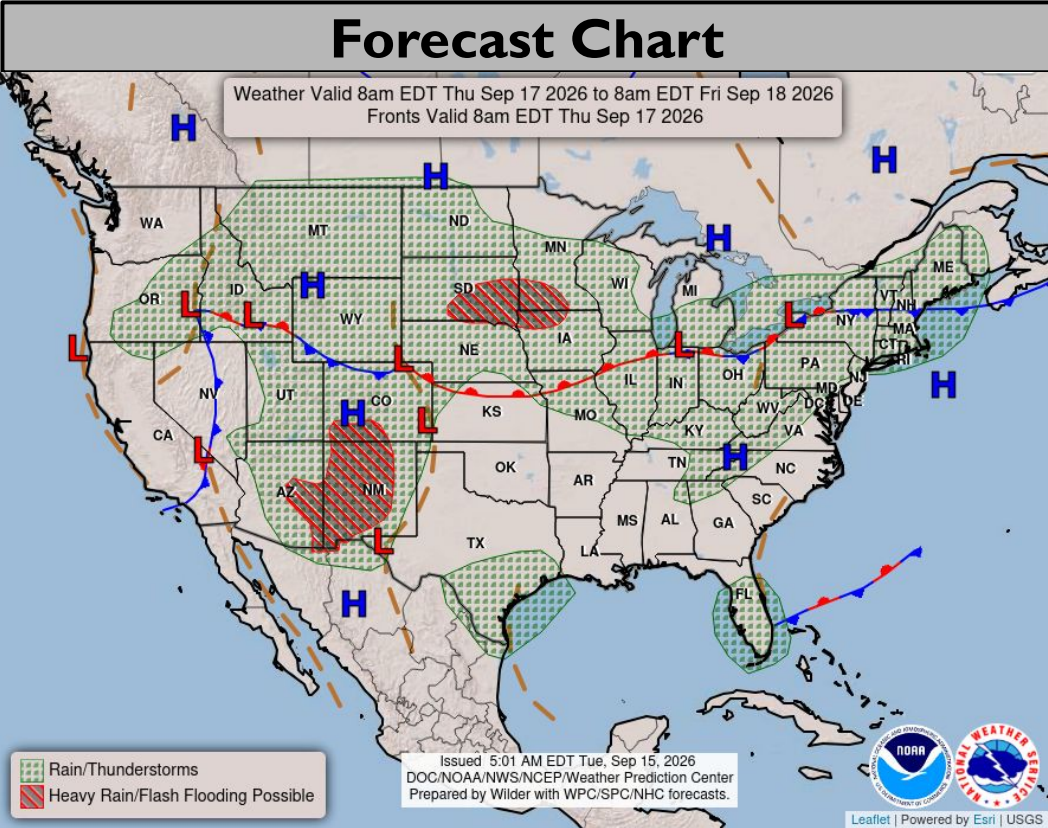
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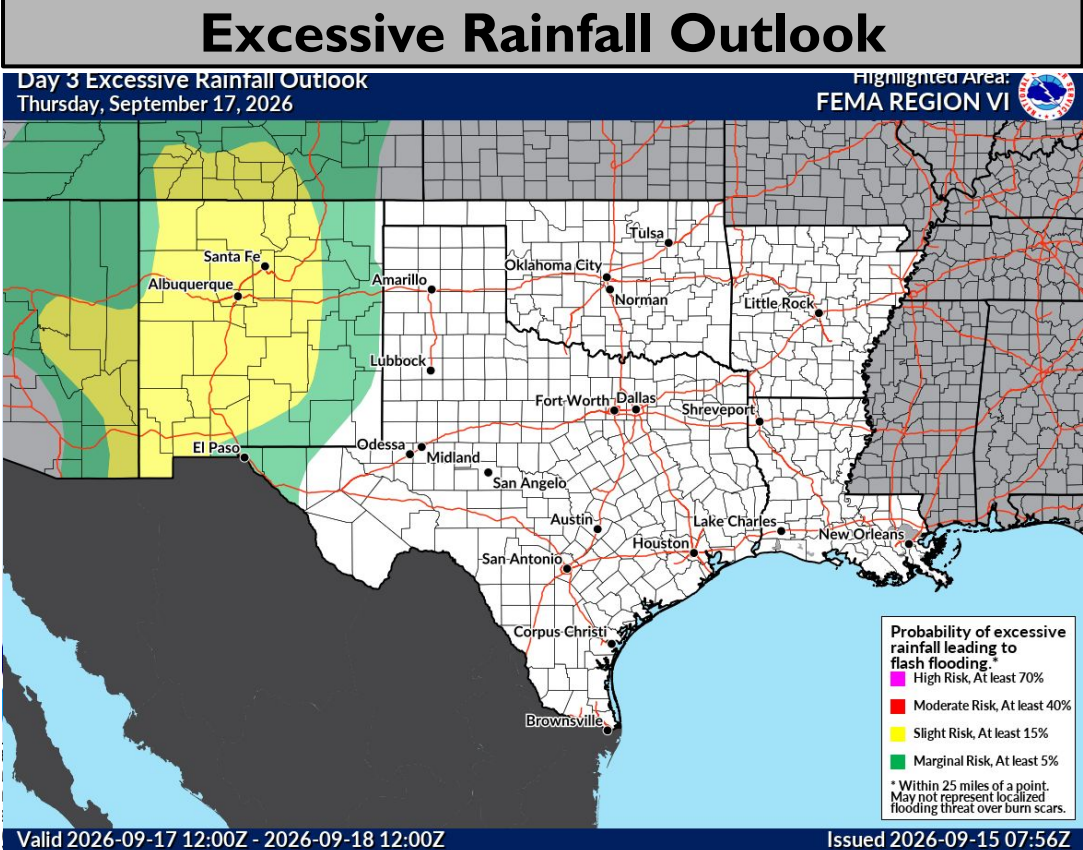
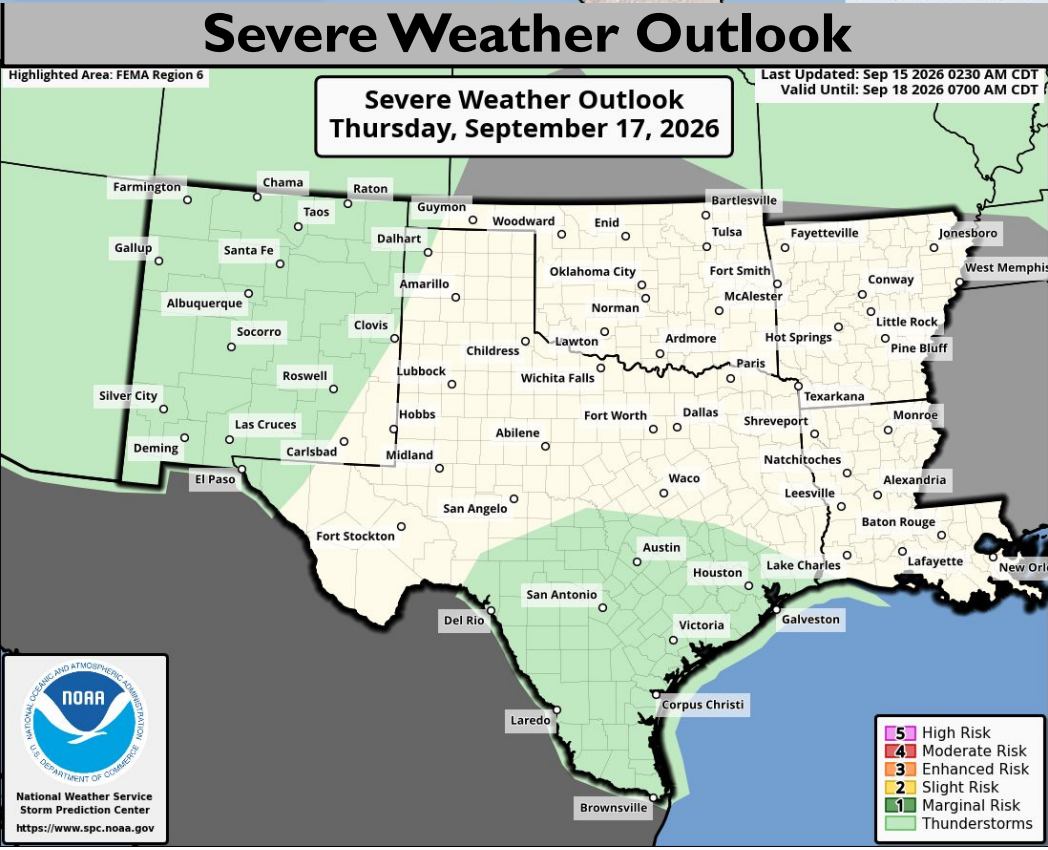


Thursday's Weather



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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in Far W TX.

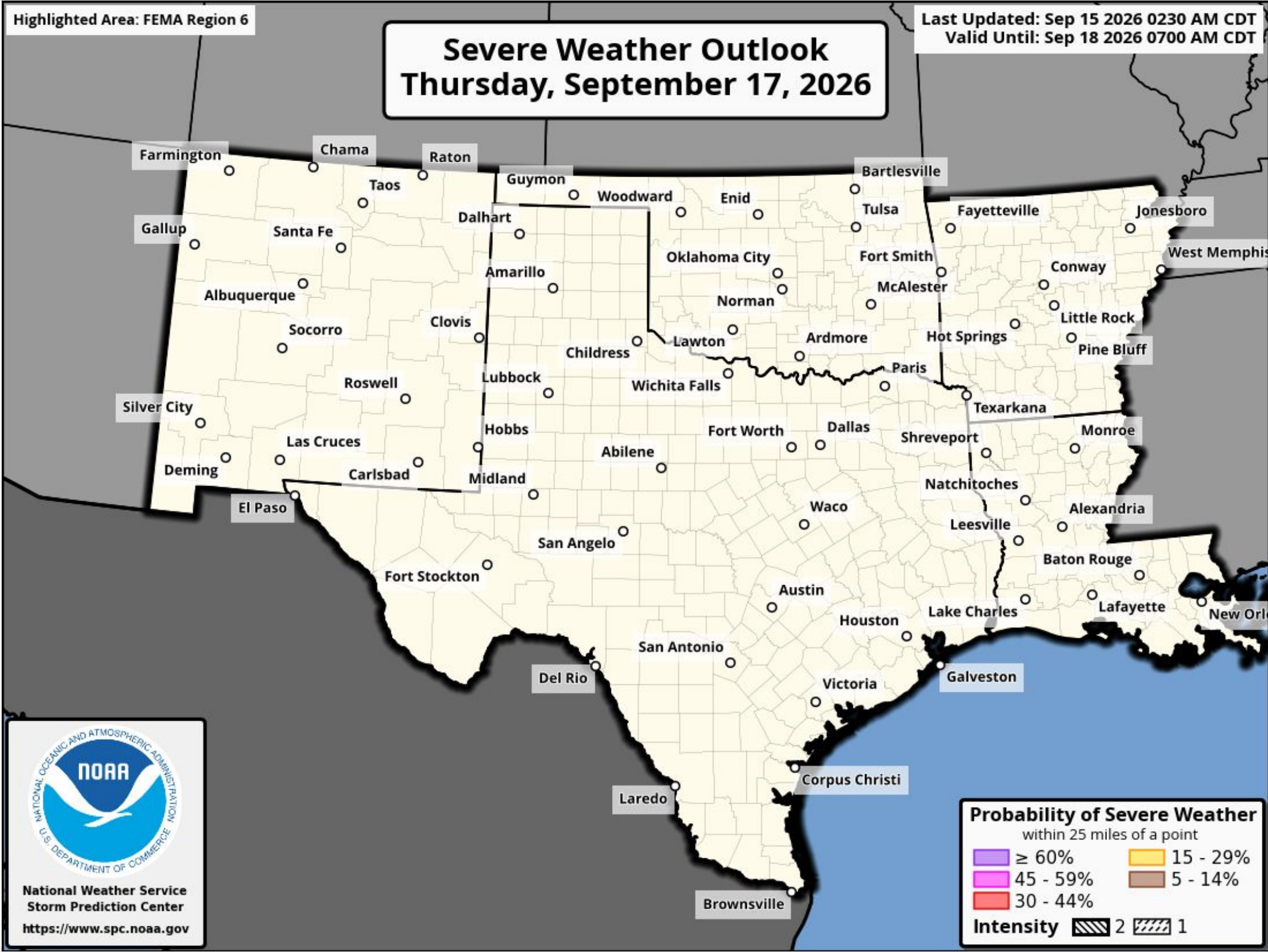


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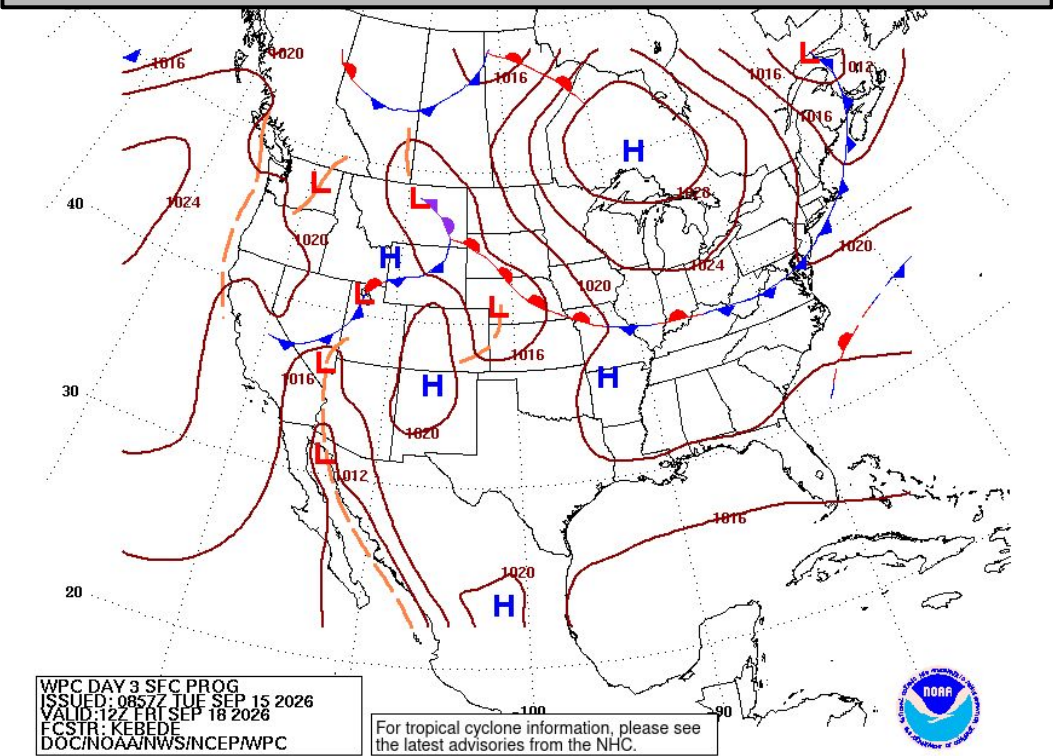
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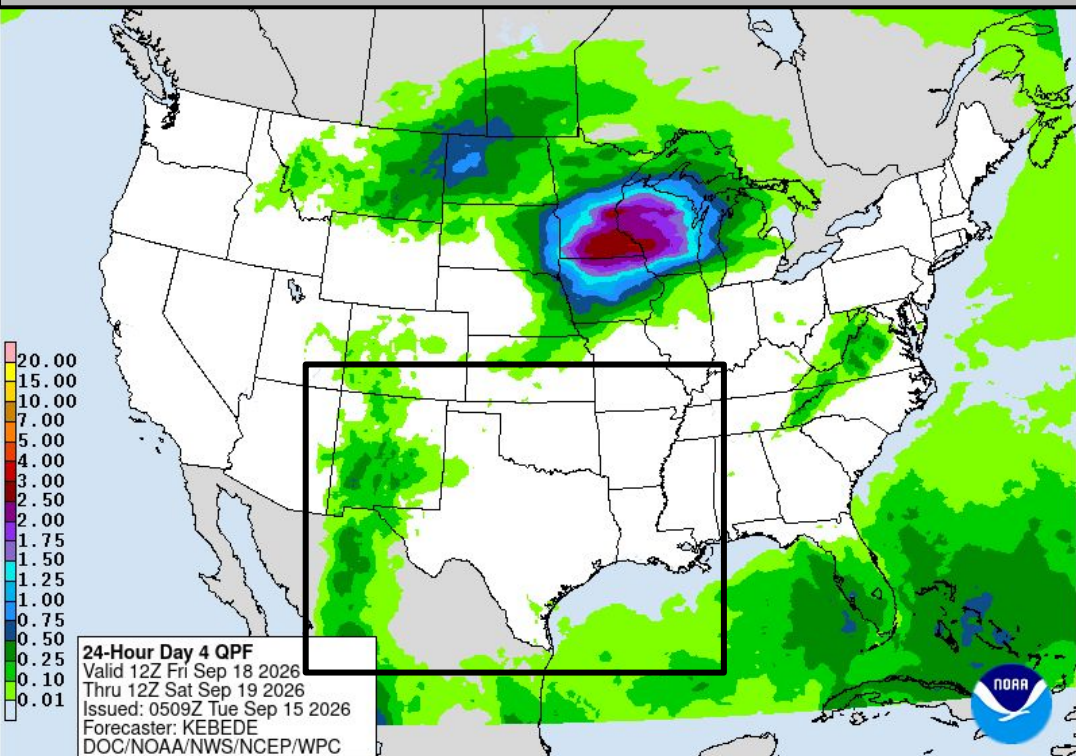


Friday's Weather

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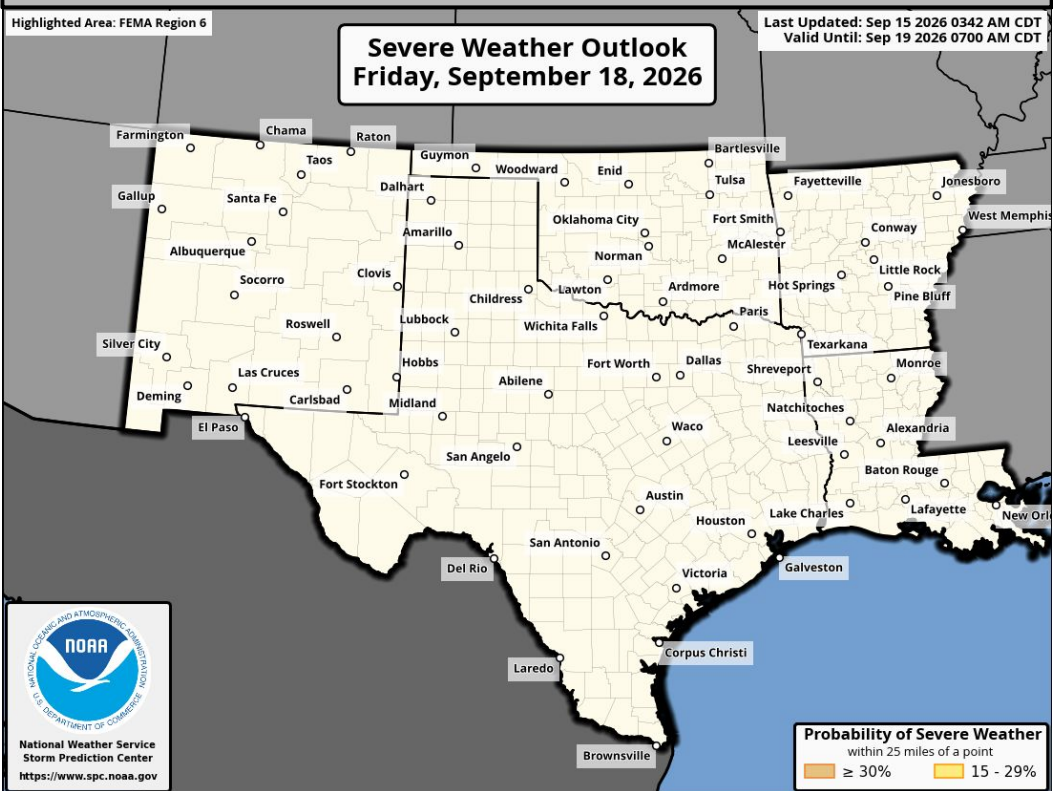


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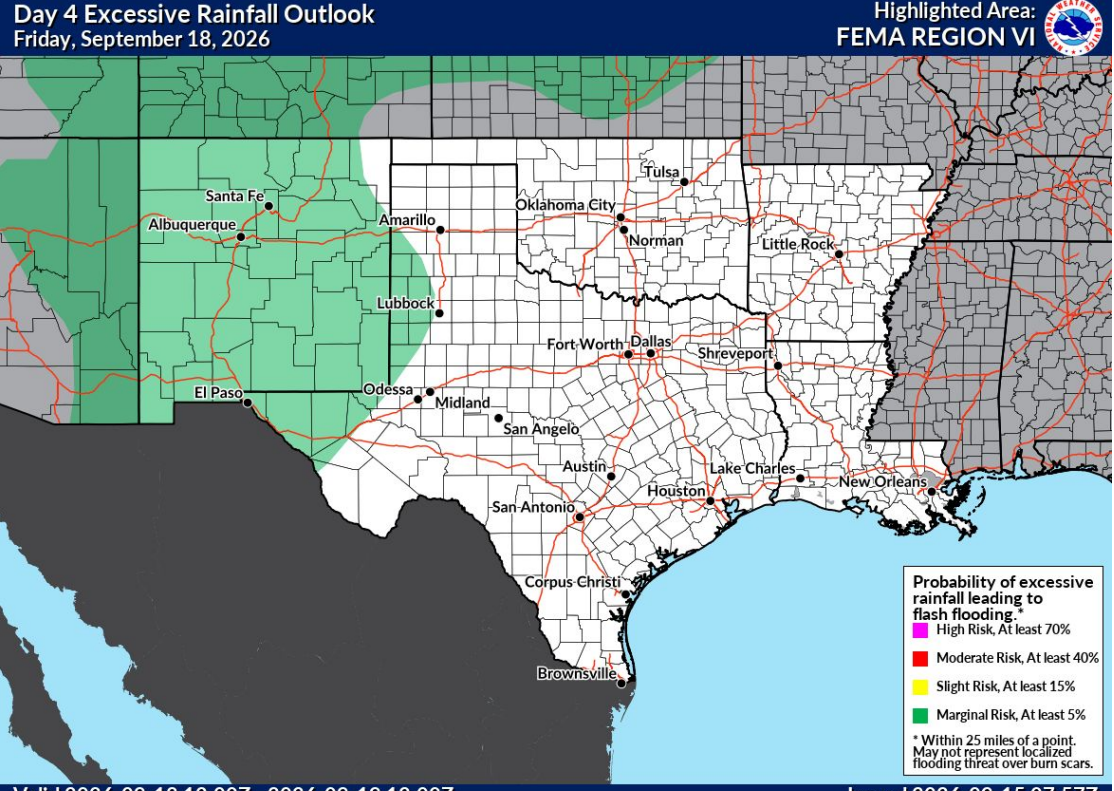


Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Far W/W TX. Monitoring NM for rainfall rates up to 2-3” per hour.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

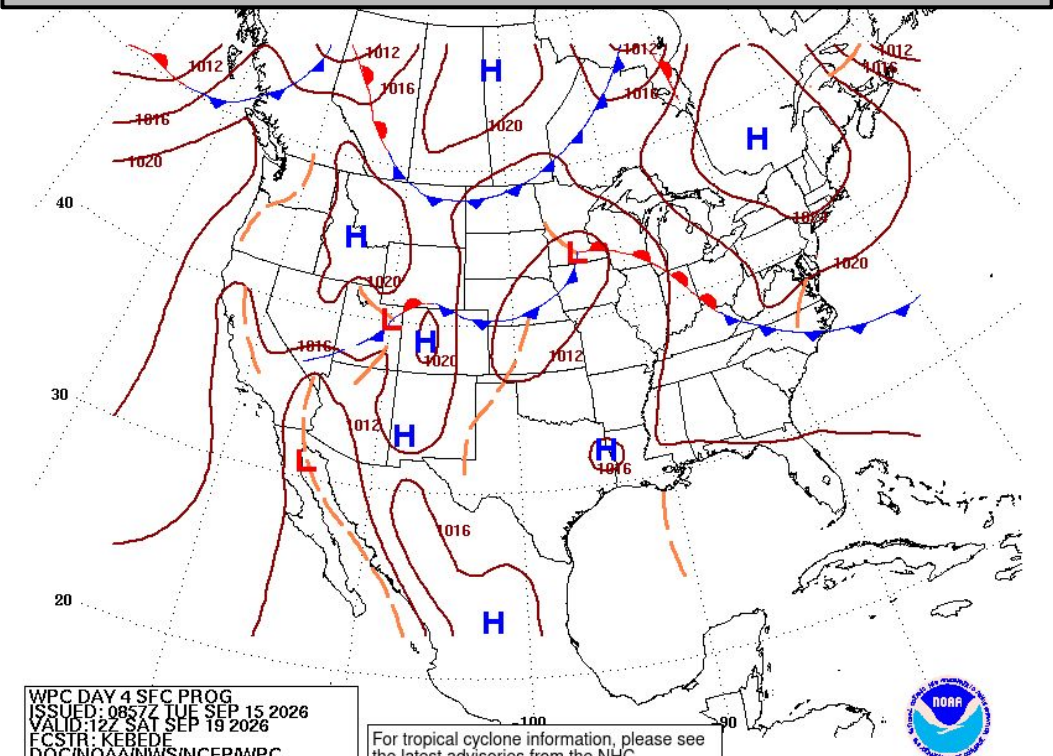


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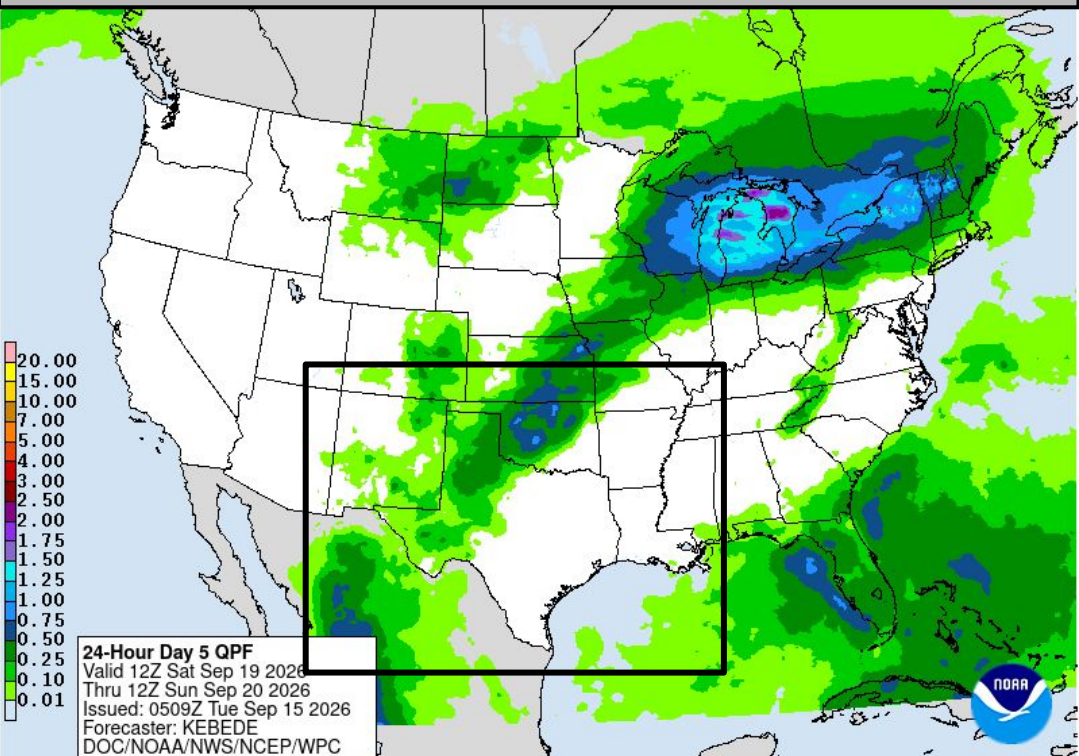


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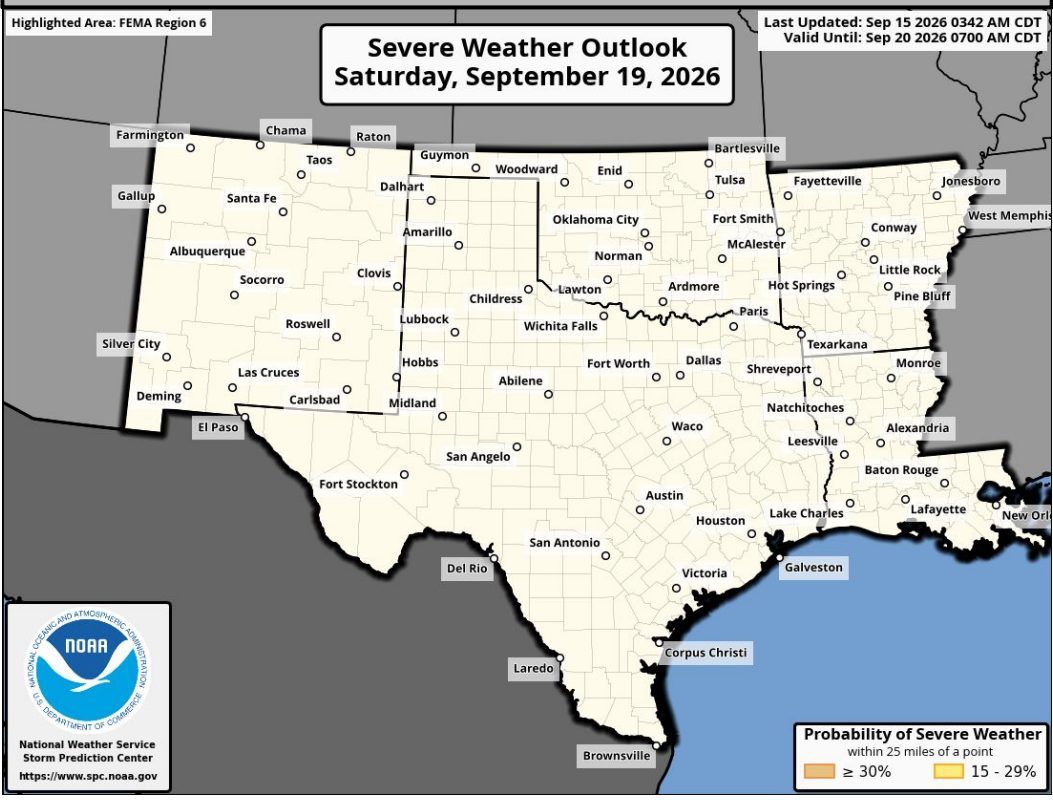


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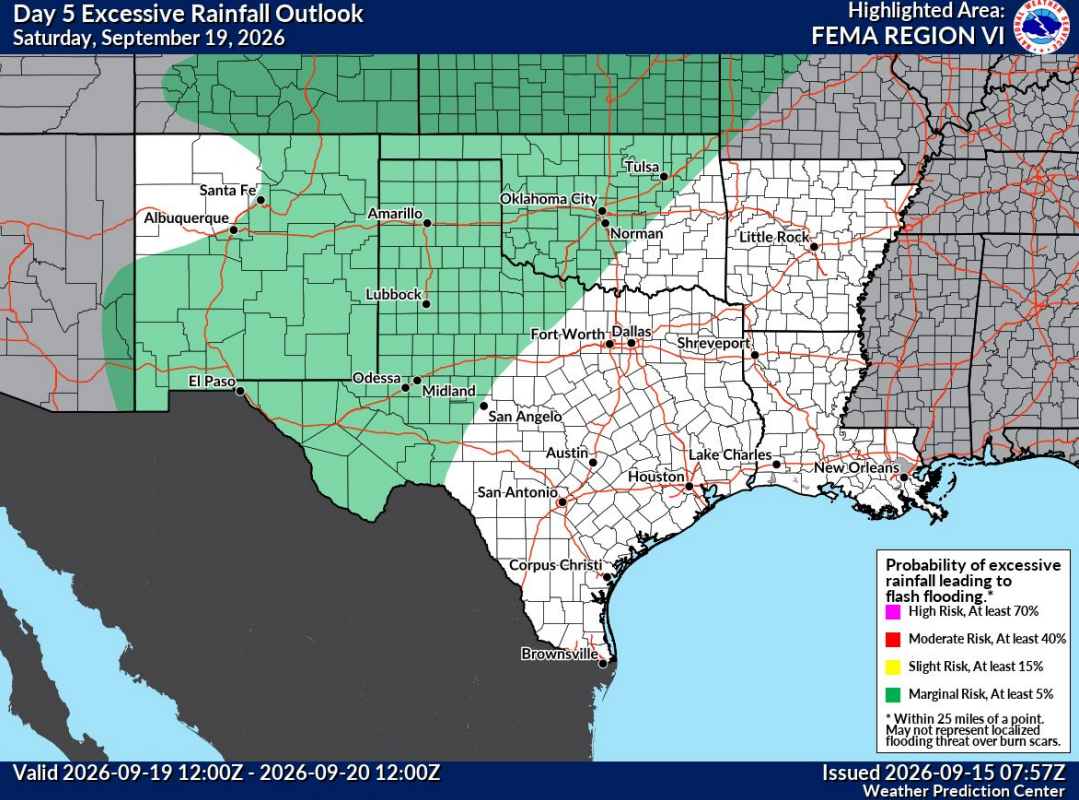


Monitoring for flash flood threat over NM, OK, NW TX. Monitoring NM for rainfall rates up to 2-3” per hour.

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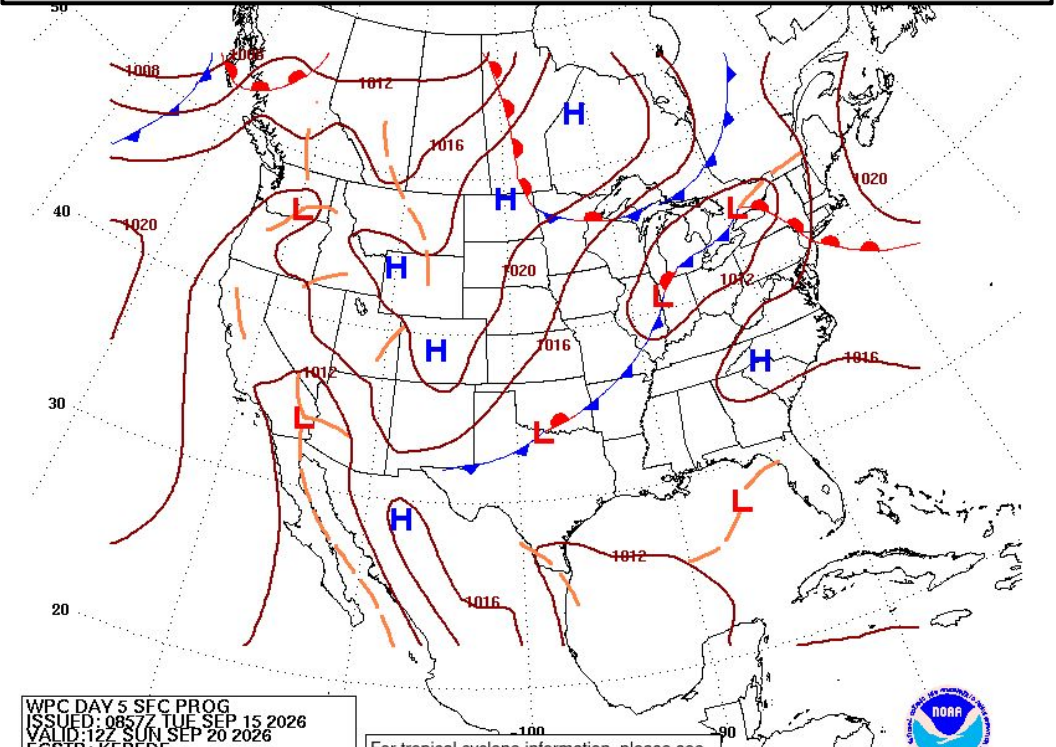
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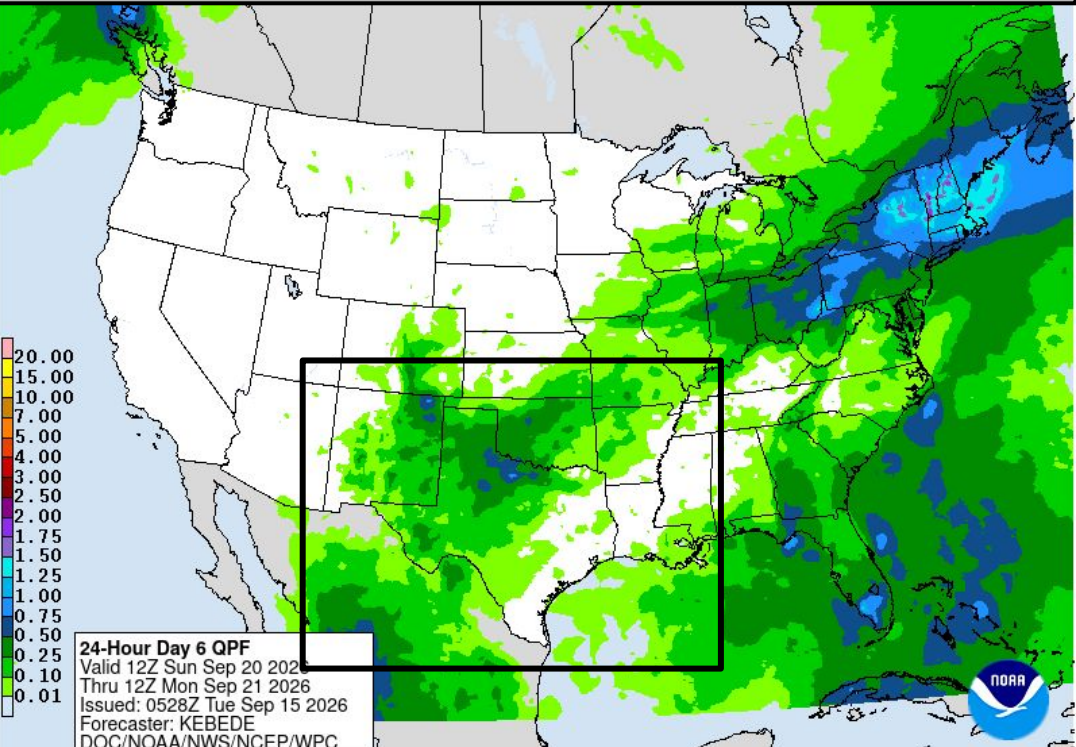


Sunday's Weather

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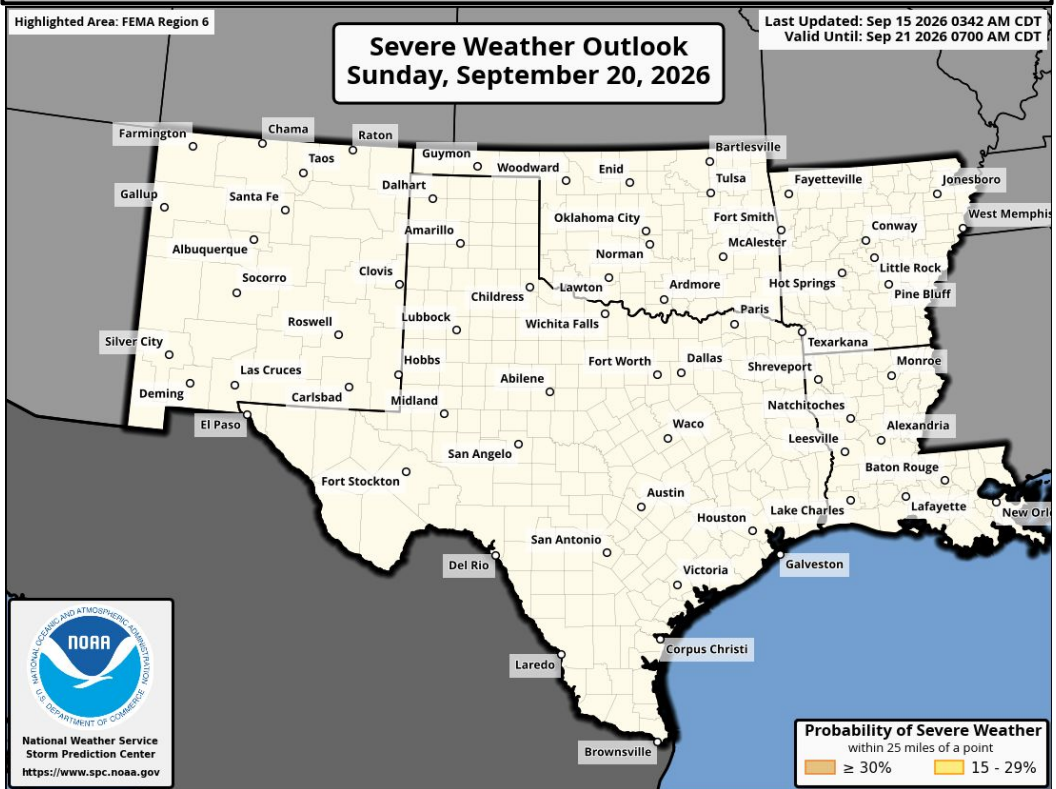


Forecast Rainfall



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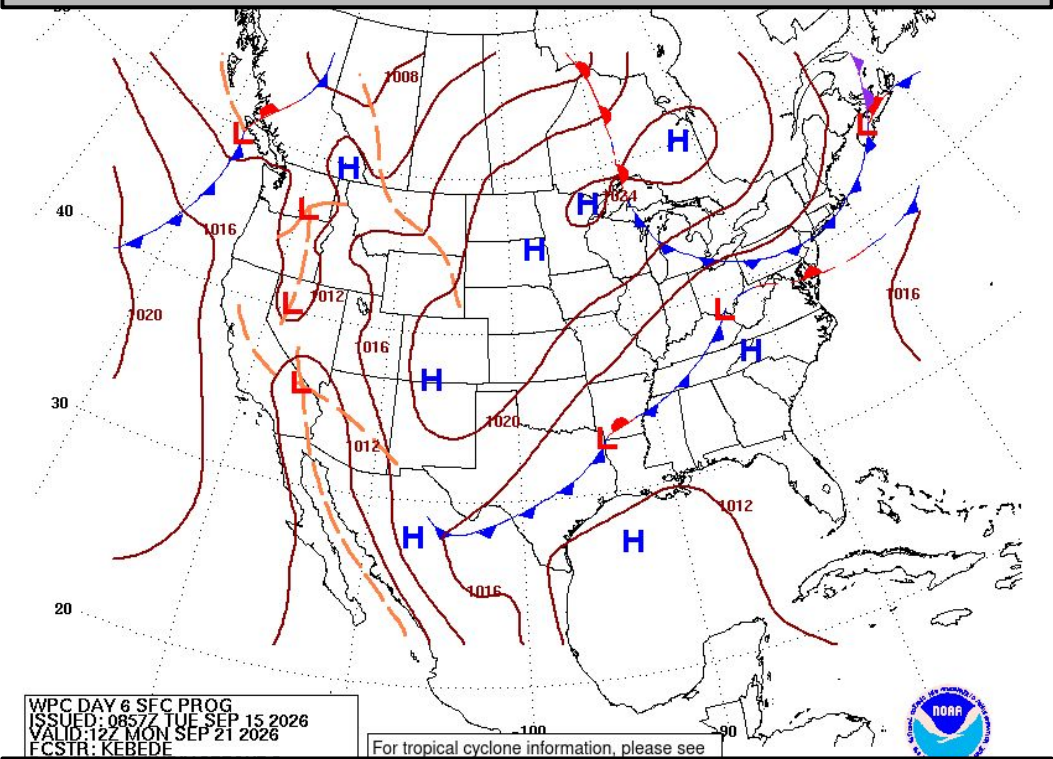


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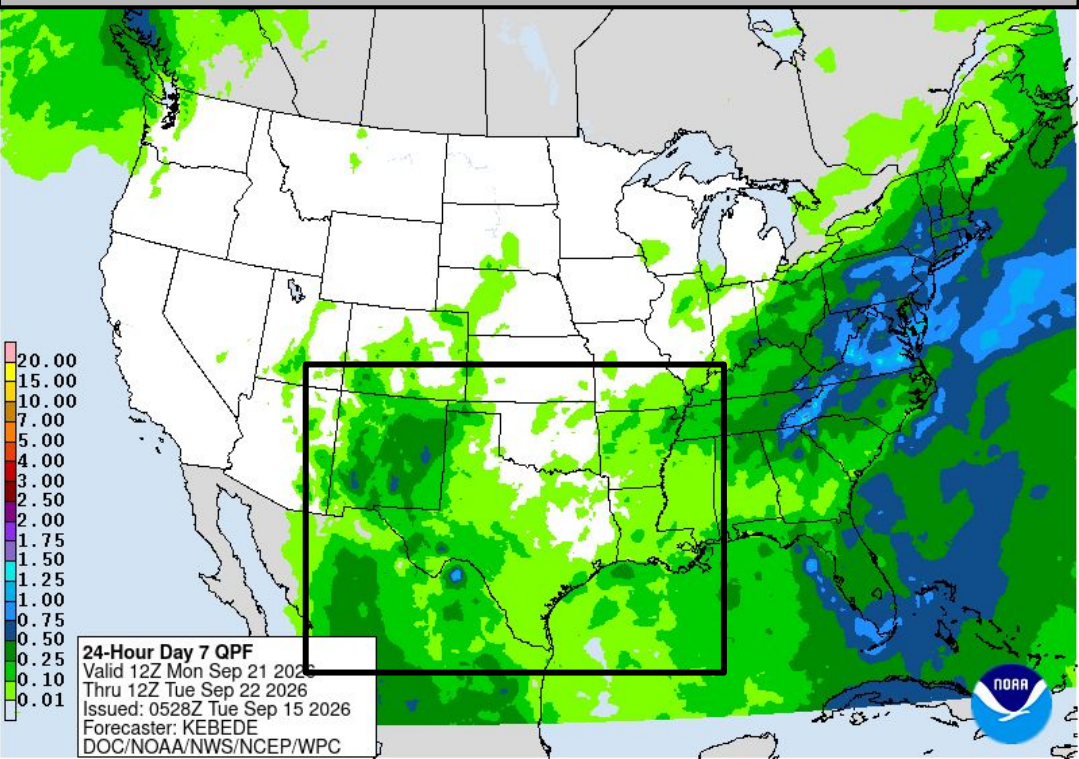


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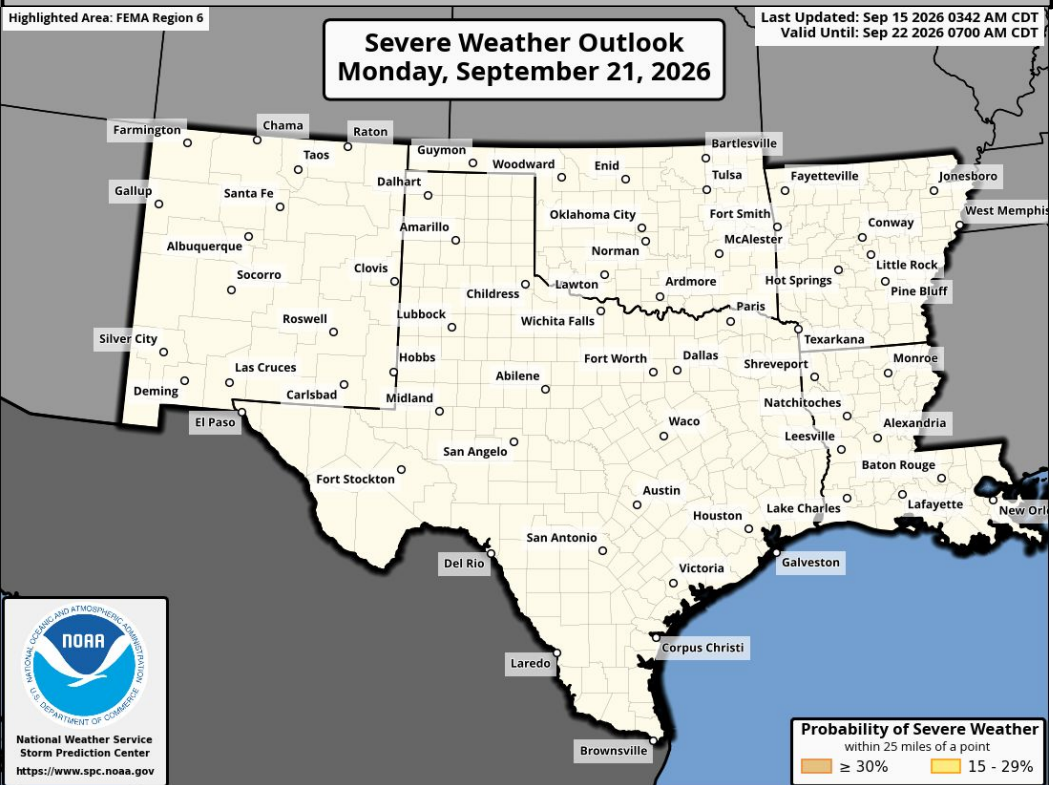


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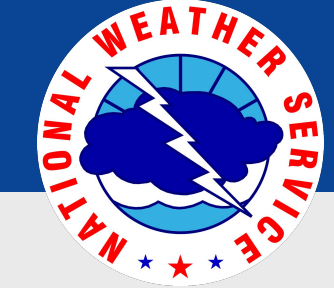
Monitoring NM, Far W TX for heavy rain.

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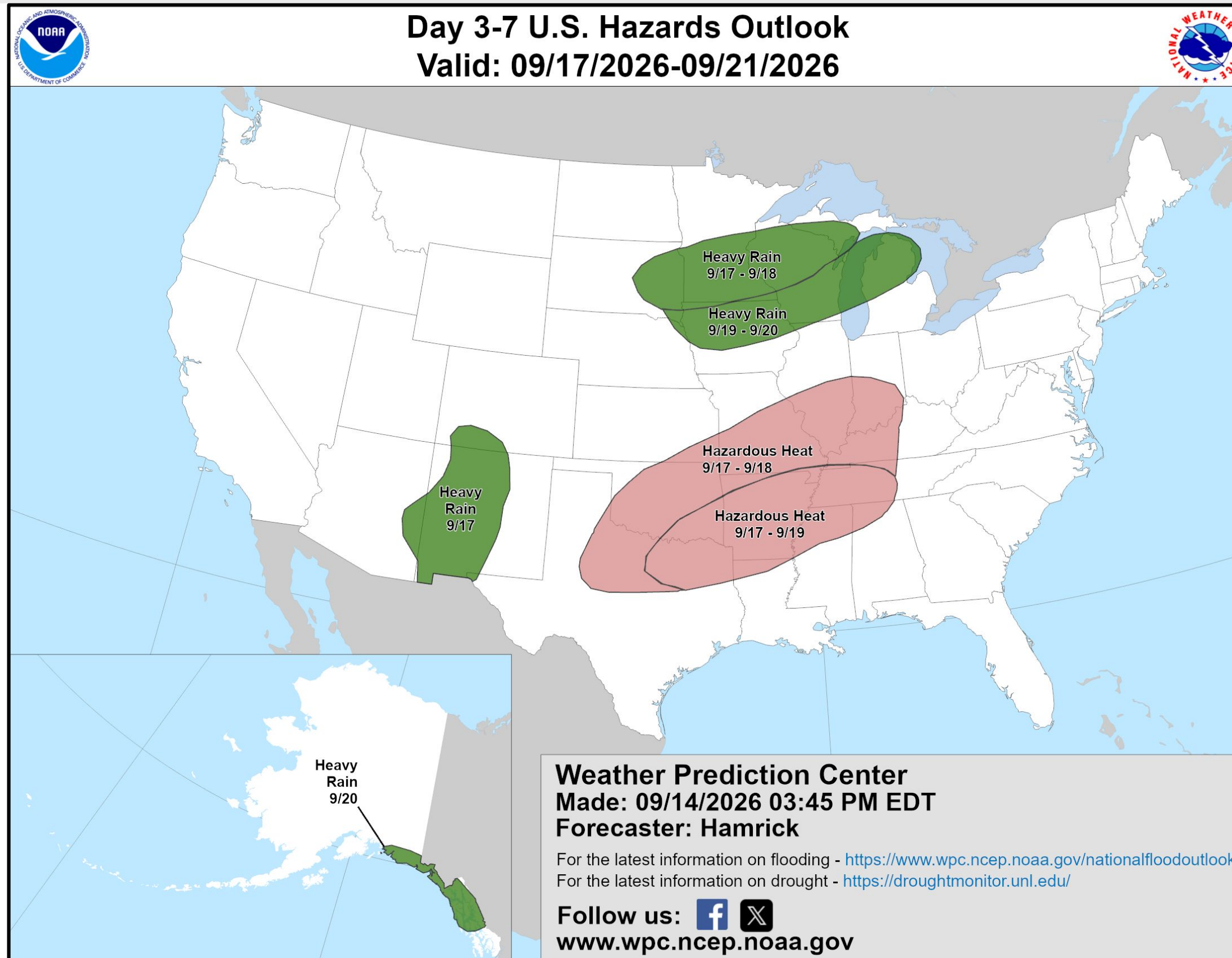


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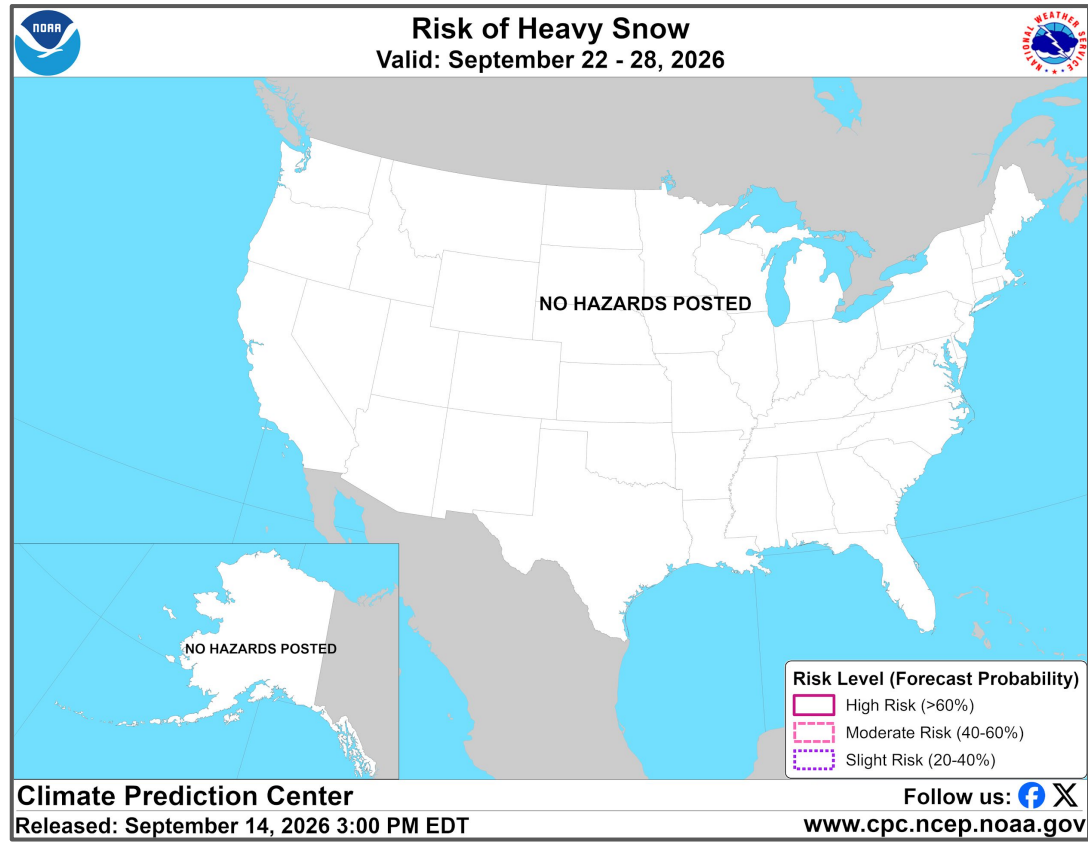
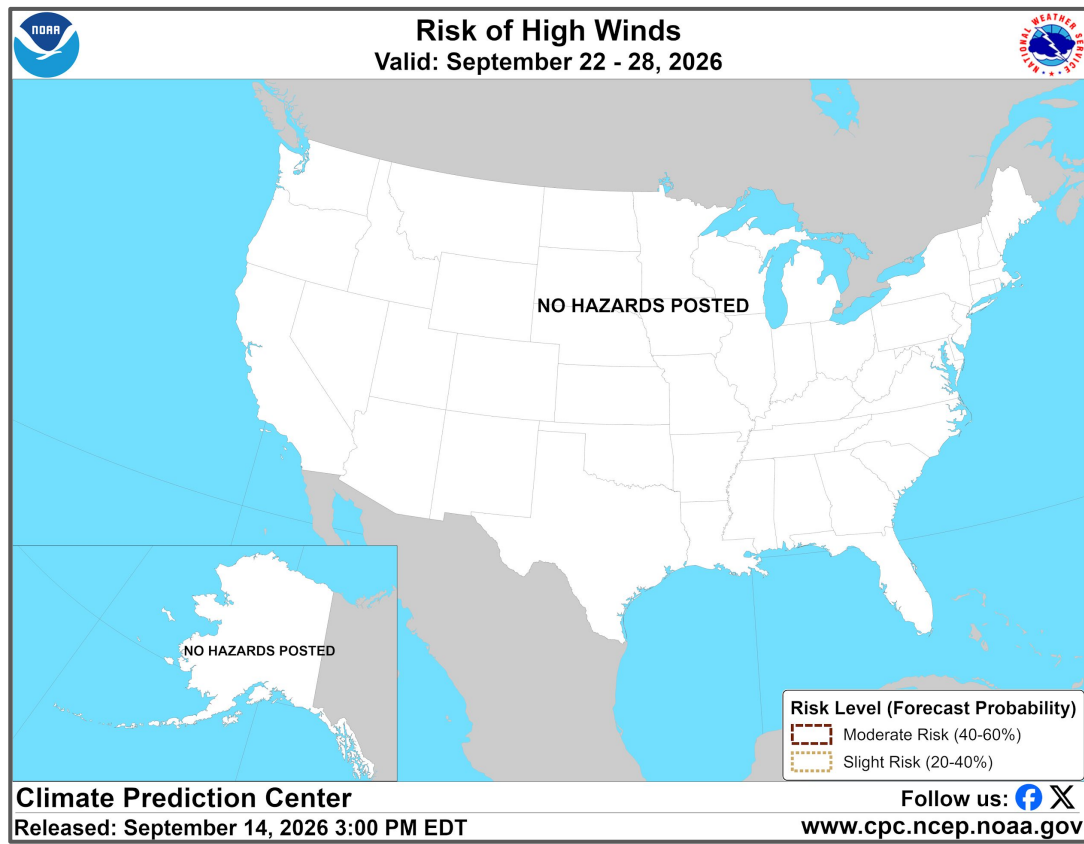
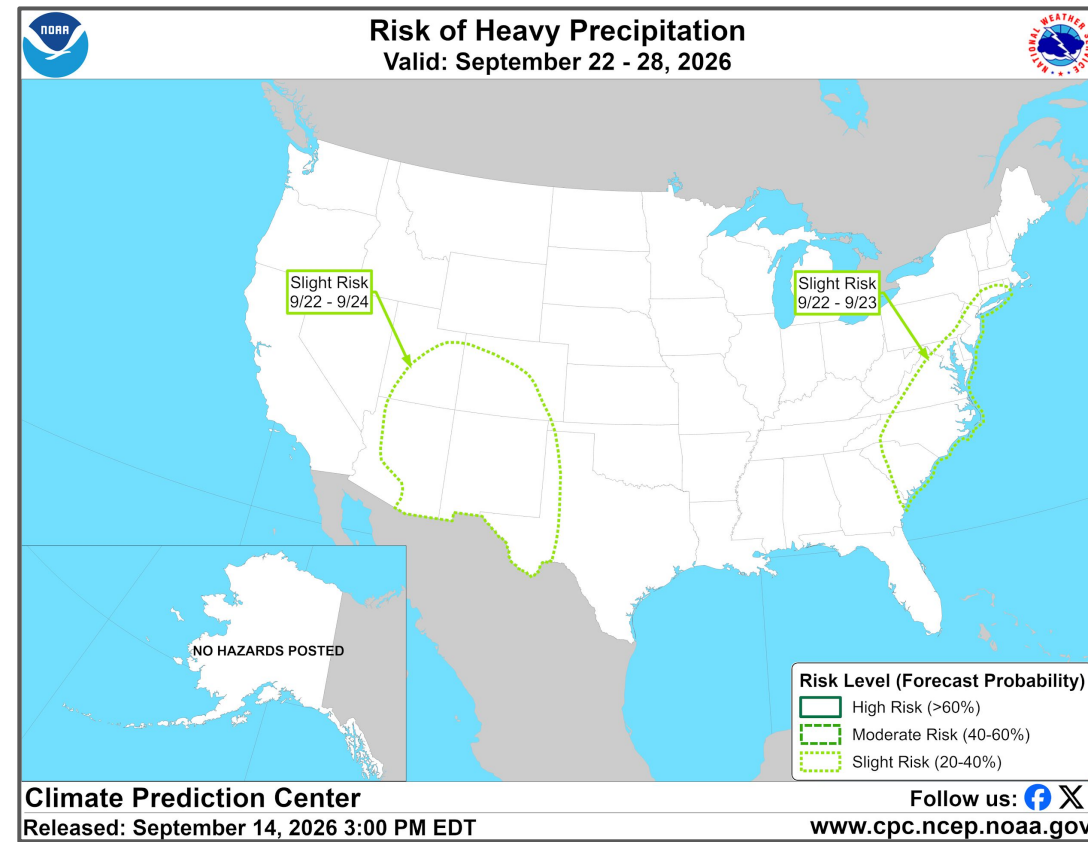
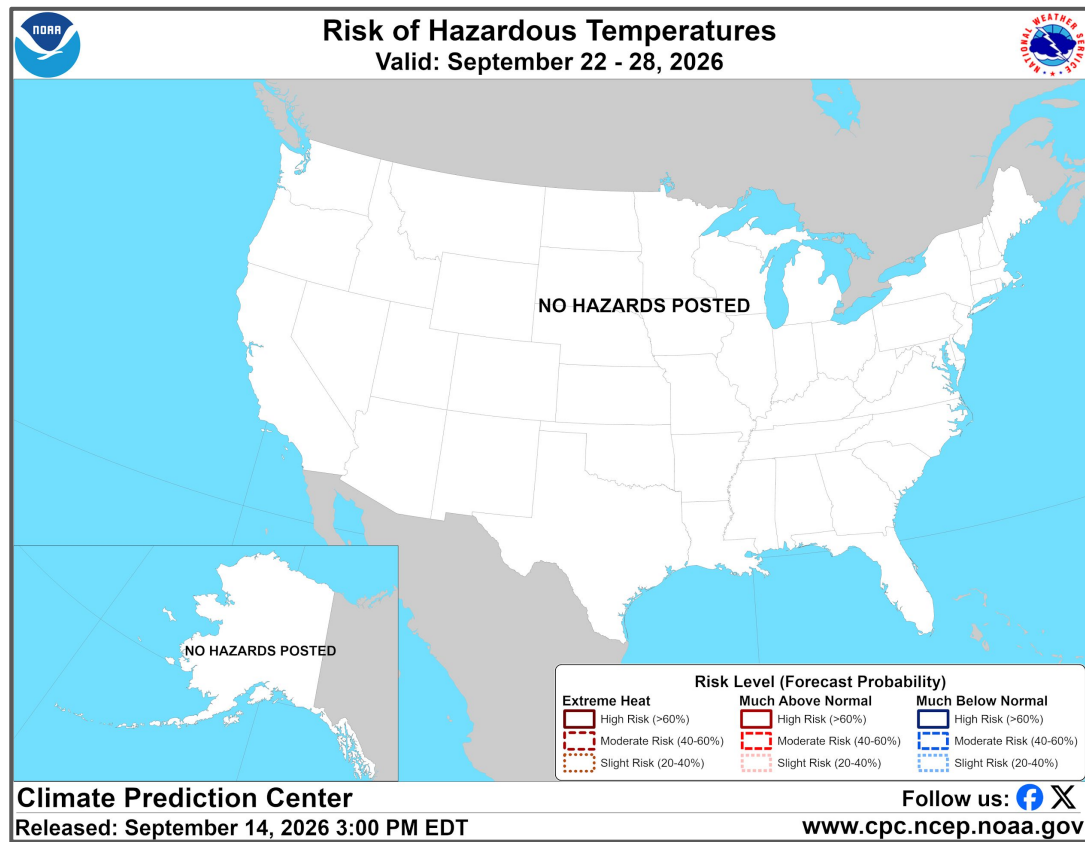
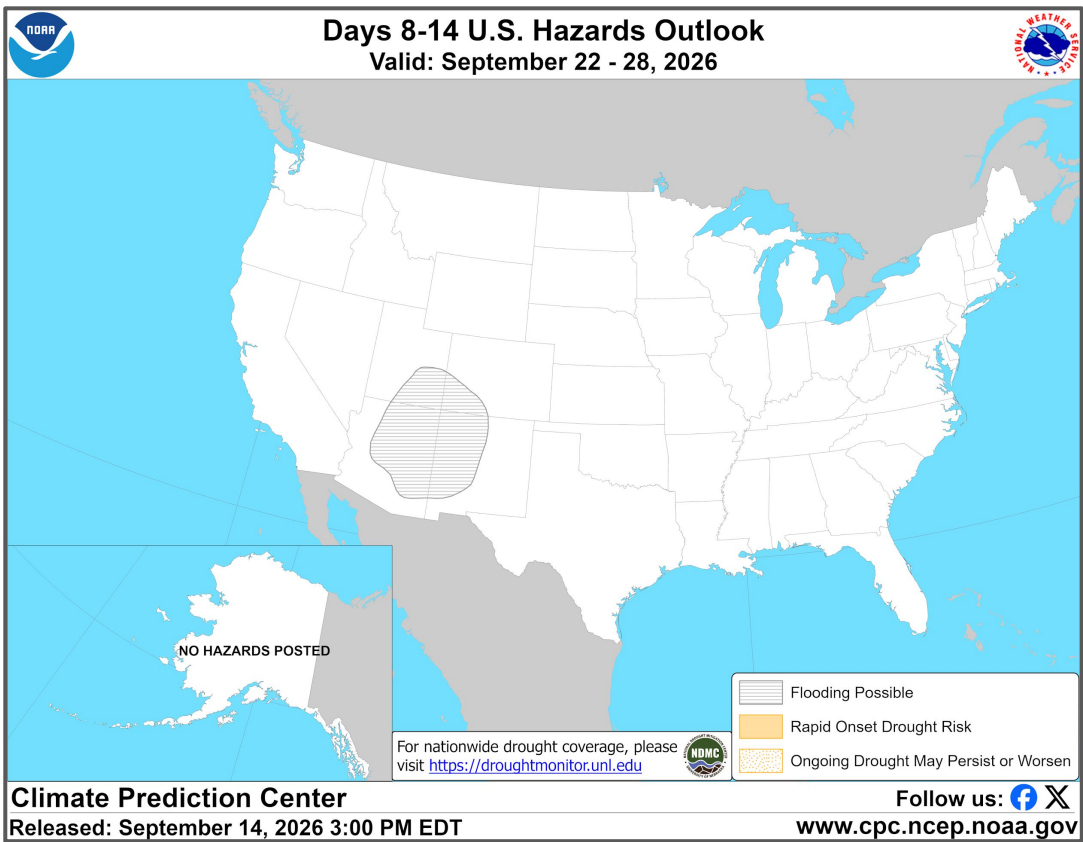


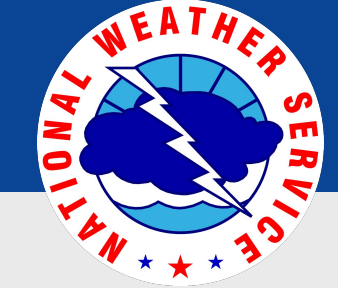
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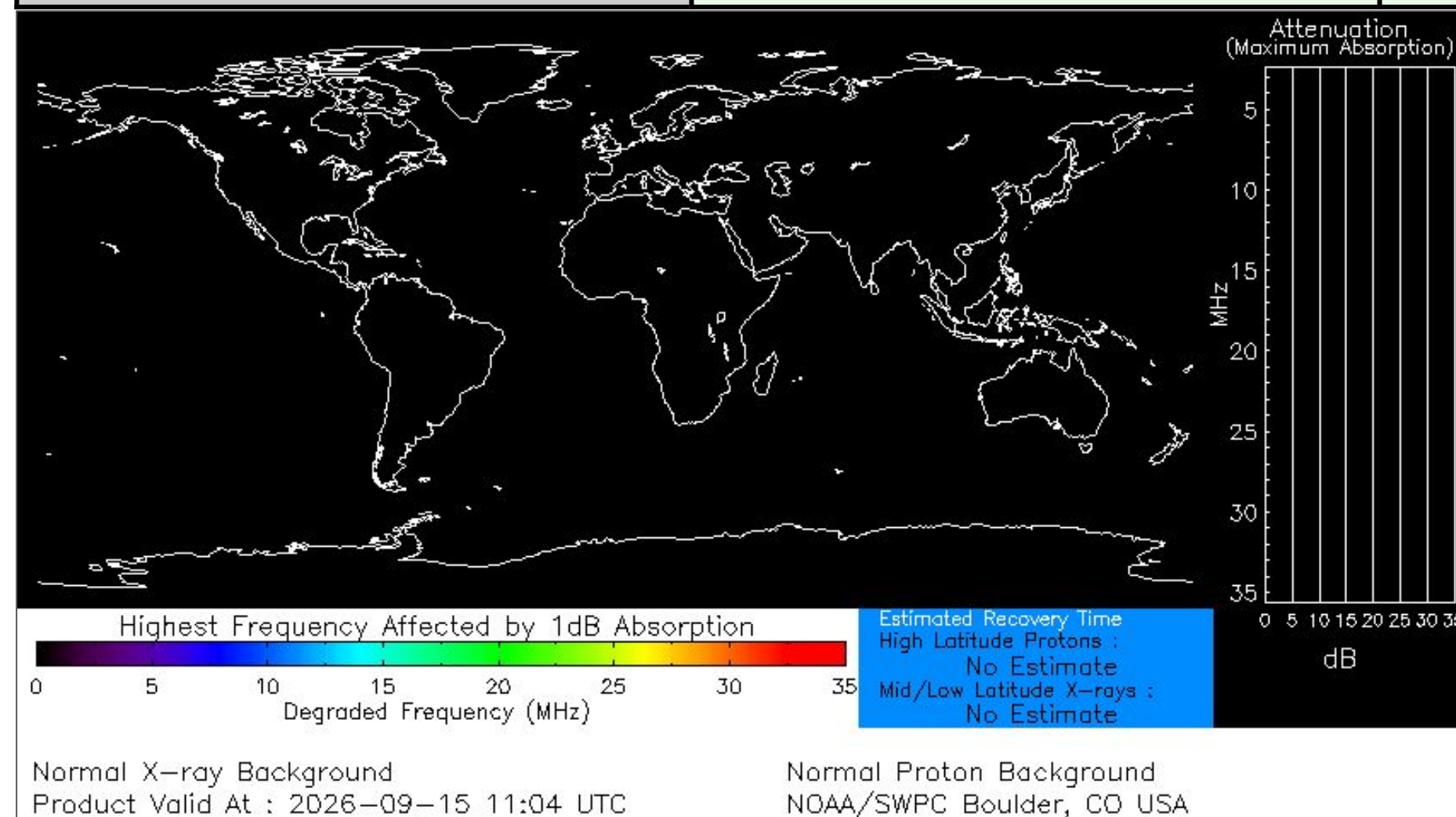
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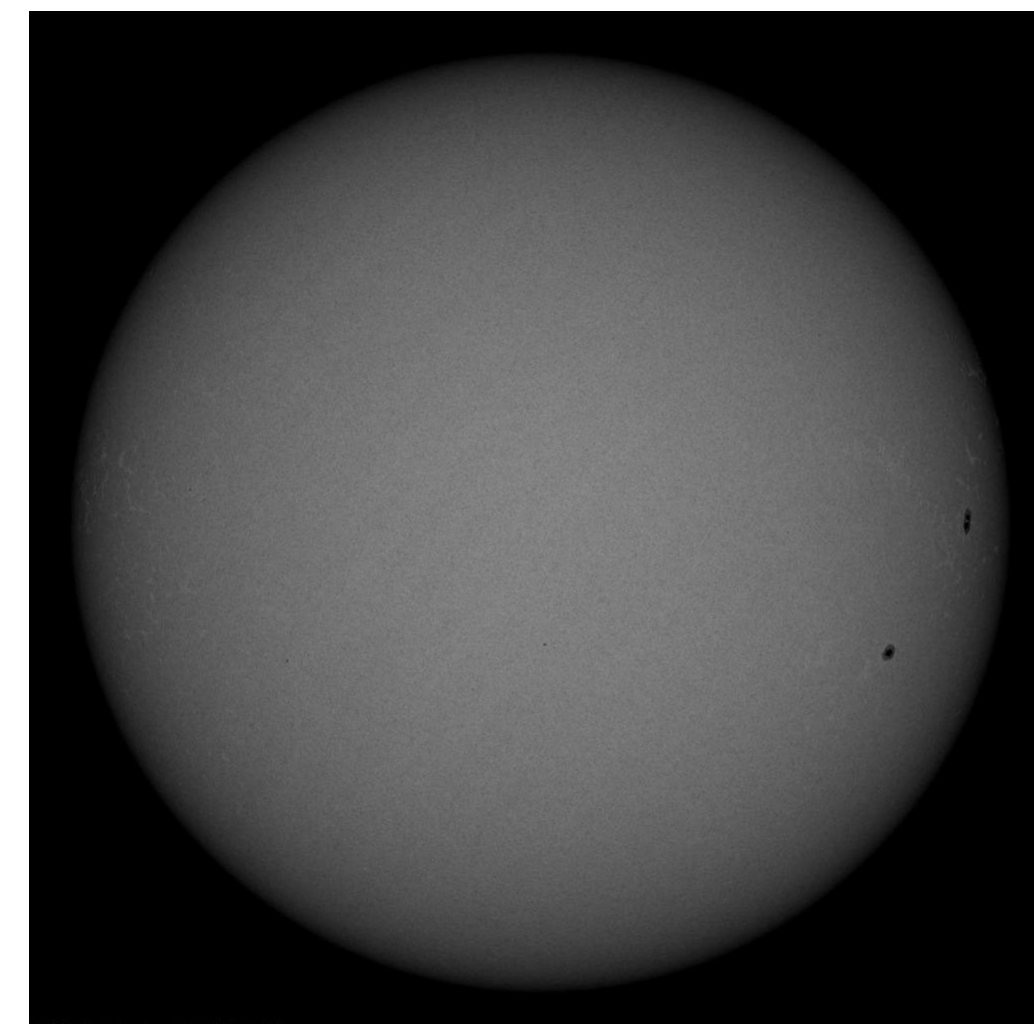
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Sep 15	Wednesday, Sep 16	Thursday, Sep 17
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
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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