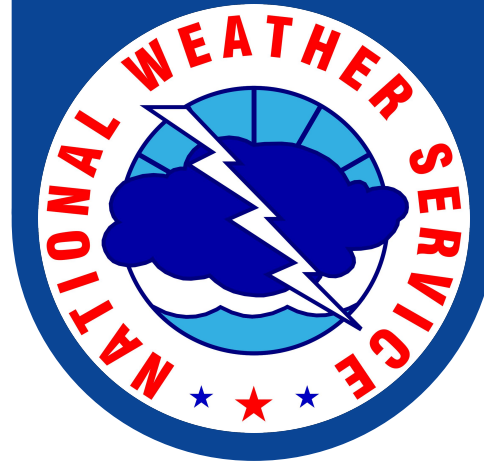




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, October 21, 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.



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Summary

- **Flash Flooding**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today and Thursday in NW/W NM.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) today across coastal STX and on Friday in NM, Panhandle/W TX.
- Slight risk Saturday & Sunday in E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles.
- Monitoring precip moving eastward Monday into NW/C TX.
- Rain rates up to 1" per hr & storm totals widespread 1-2" with pockets of 4-6". Sunday looks to have the heaviest rainfall.

- **Severe Weather:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today and Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Thursday over W NM.
- Marginal risk Friday over C/S NM, Far W TX as the system shifts east.
- Monitoring Saturday over E NM, W TX.

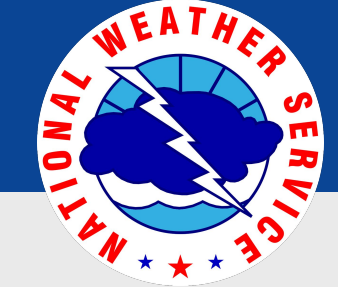
- **Fire Weather**

- Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) conditions in E TX, LA through Friday.

- **Tropical:**

- No tropical impacts are expected over the 7 days.





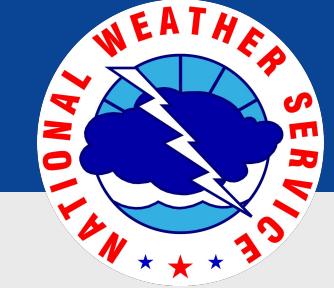
FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Oct 21	Thursday, Oct 22	Friday, Oct 23	Saturday, Oct 24	Sunday, Oct 25	Monday, Oct 26	Tuesday, Oct 27
Severe Storms	W NM	W NM	C/S NM, Far W TX	E NM, W TX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NW NM	W NM	NM, Panhandle/W TX	E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	NW/C TX	
	Coastal STX						
Fire Weather	ETX, LA	ETX, LA	ETX, LA				
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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Current Radar/Hazards



Flood Watches in NW NM through Friday morning.

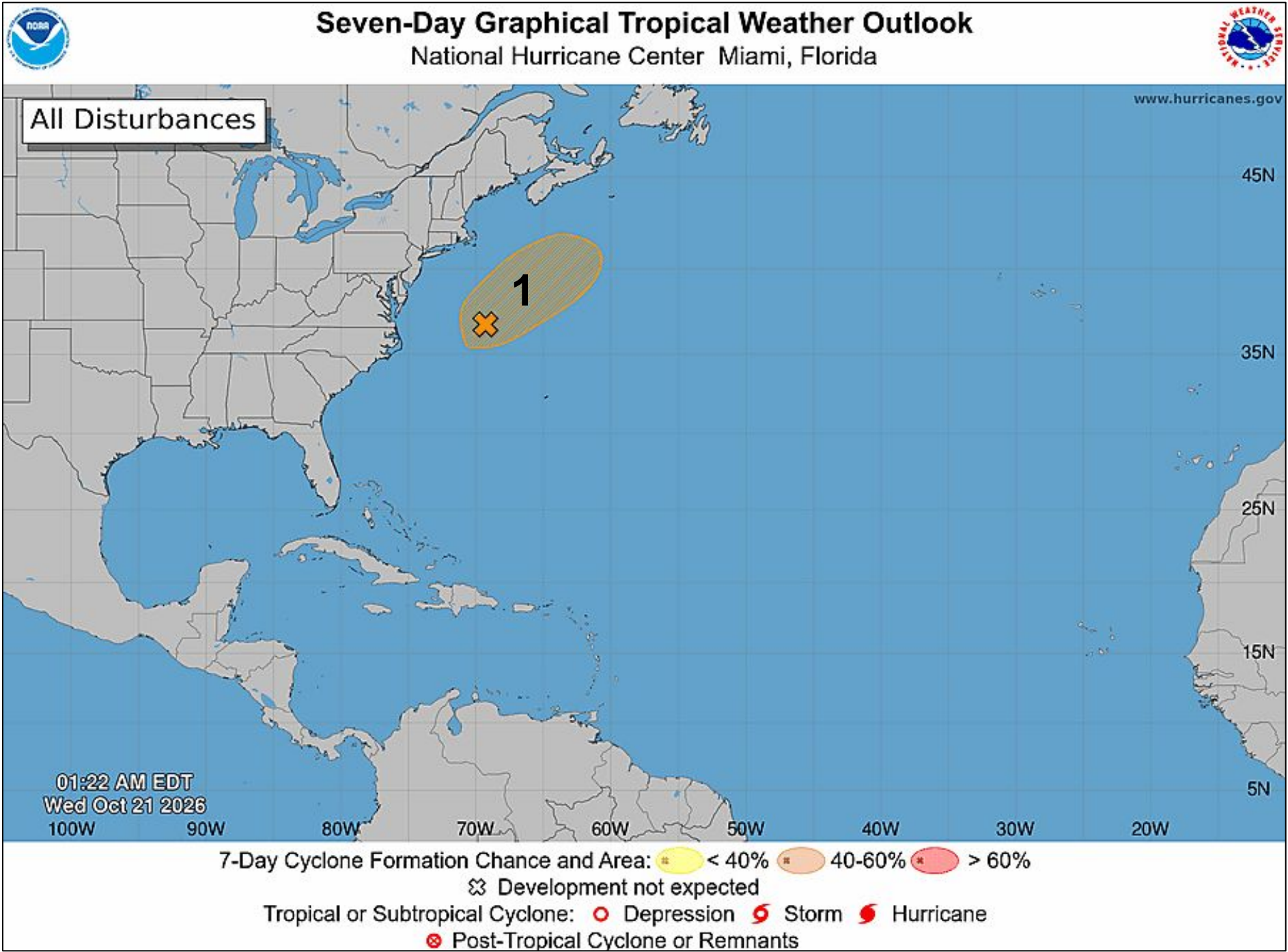




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

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

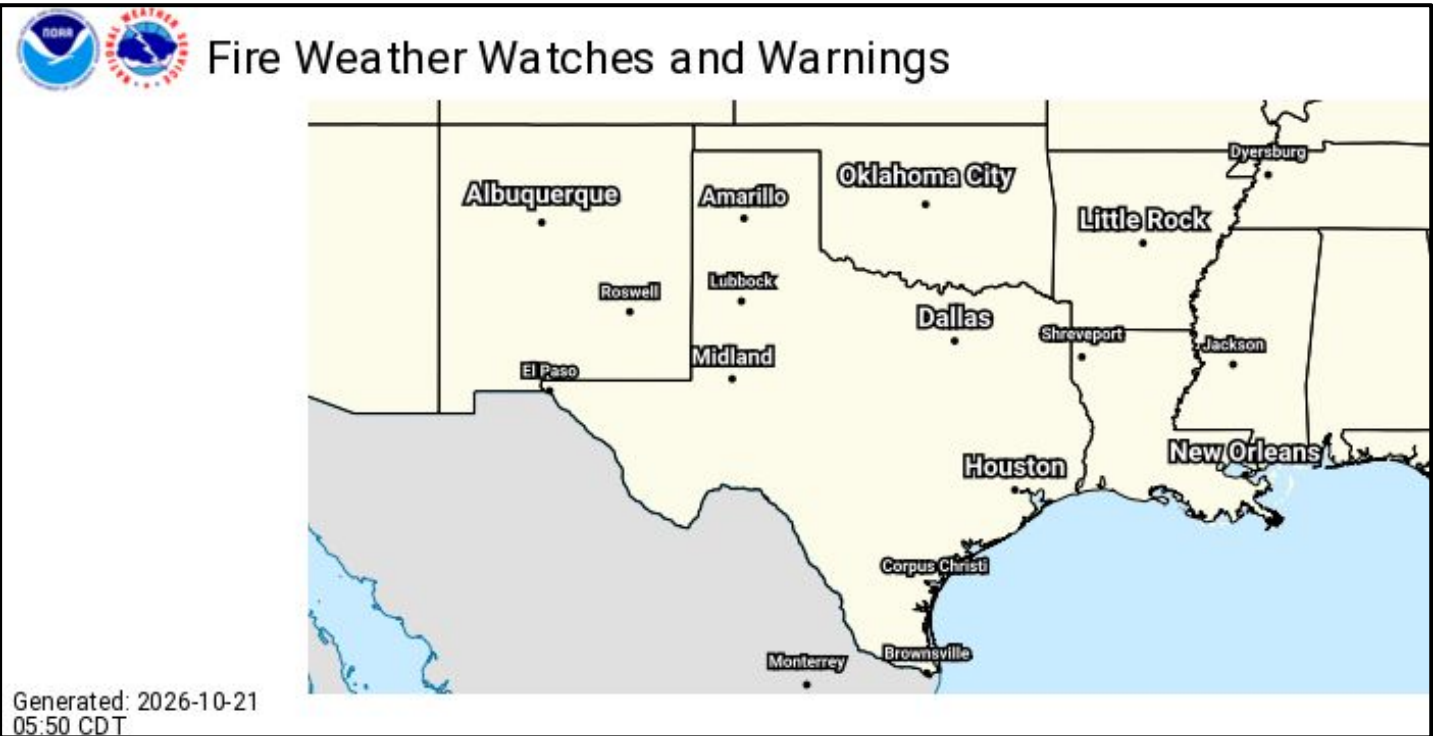
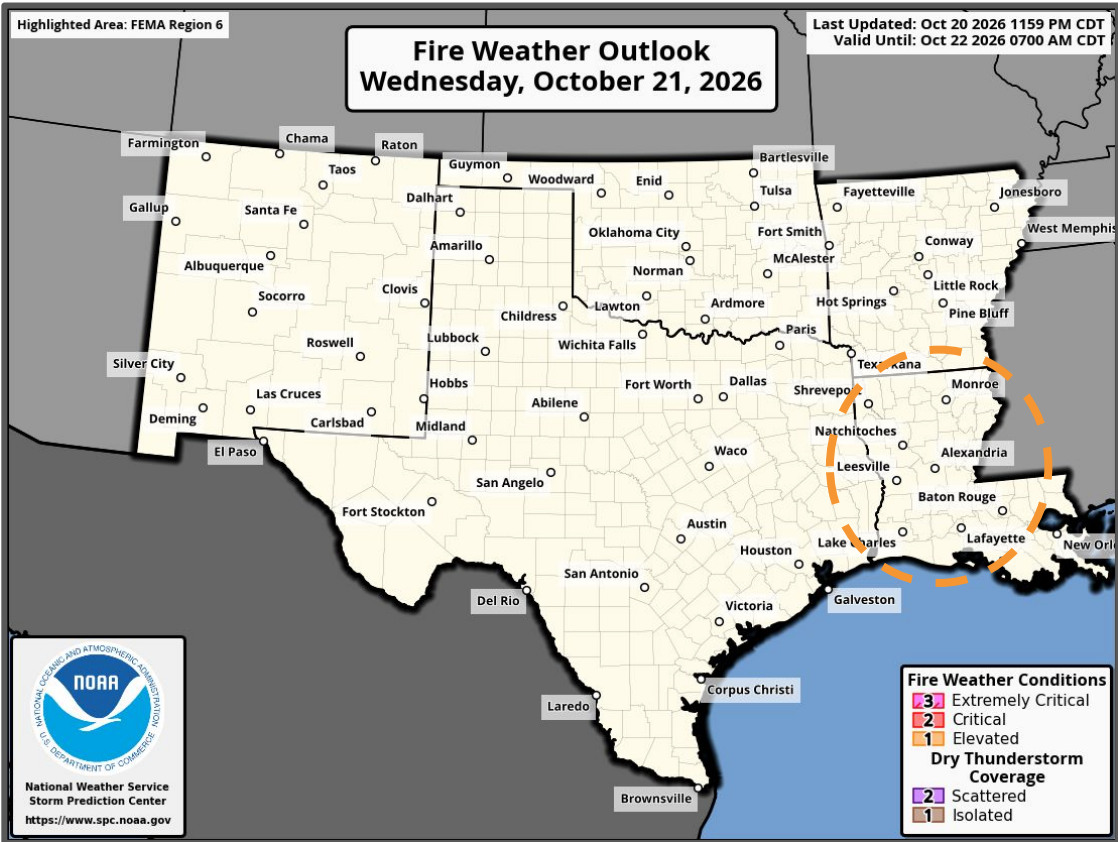
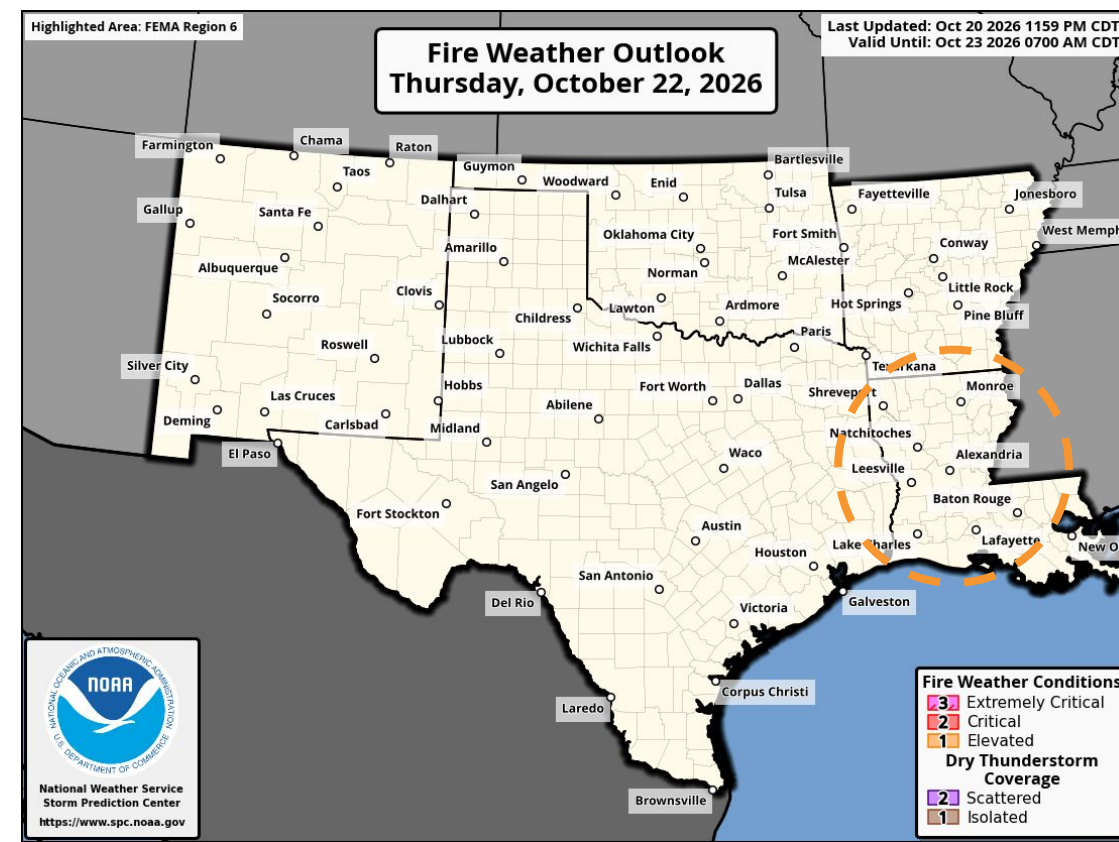
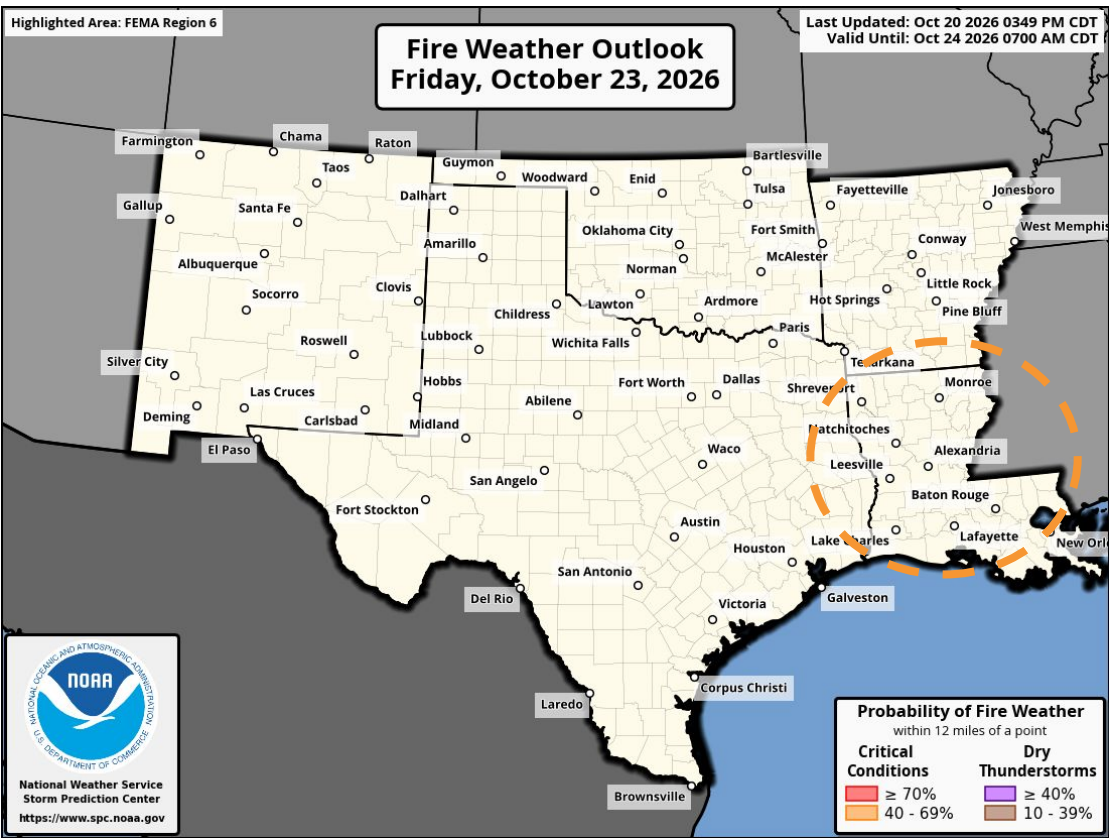
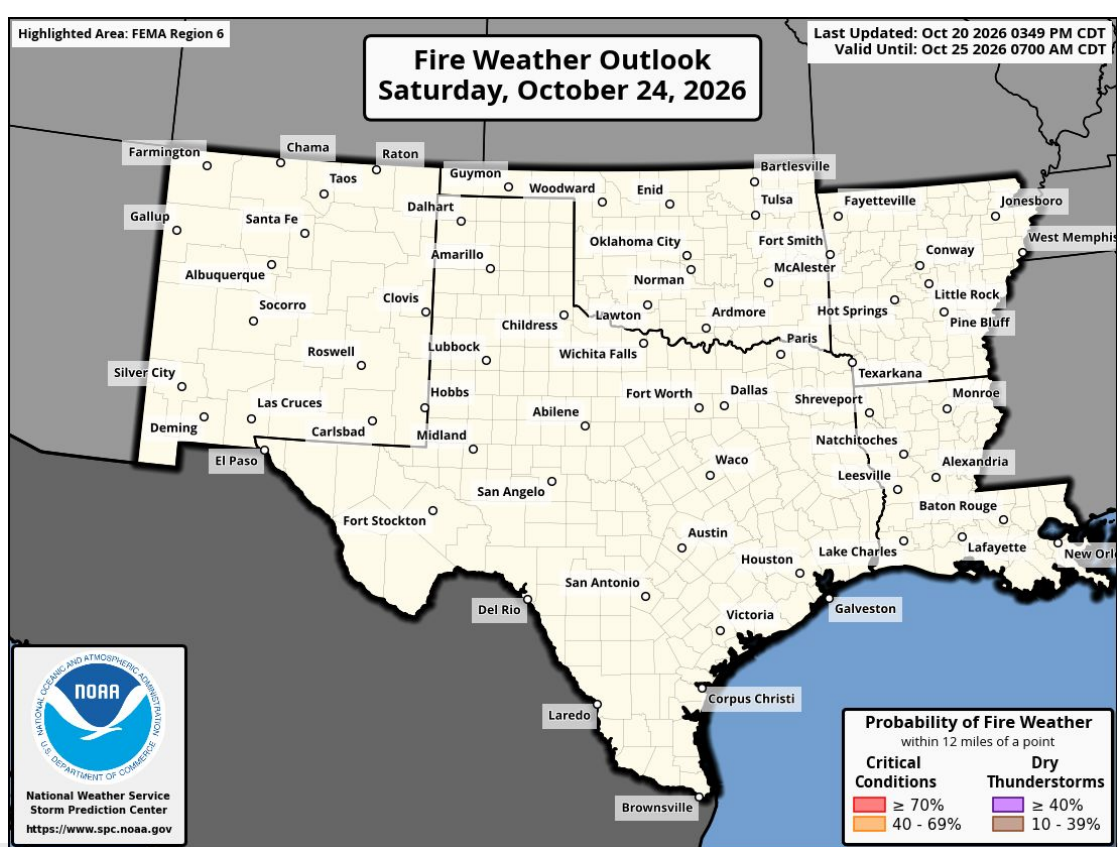
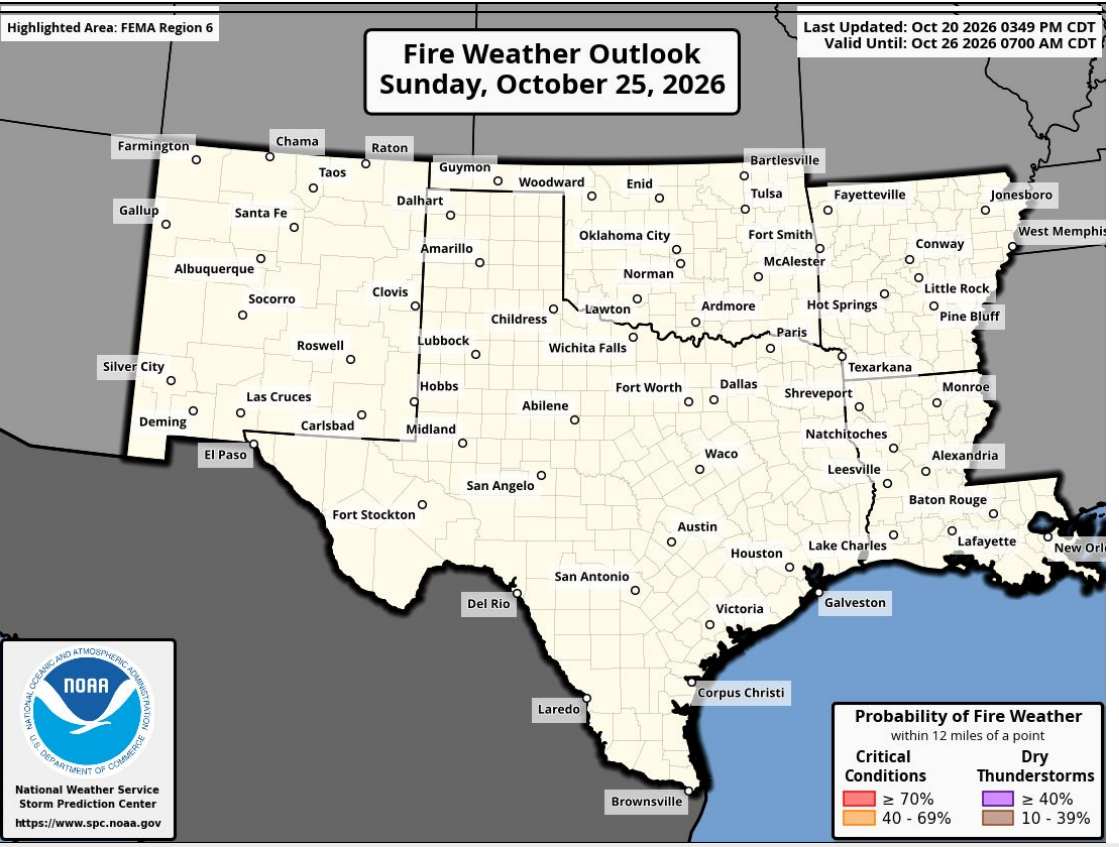


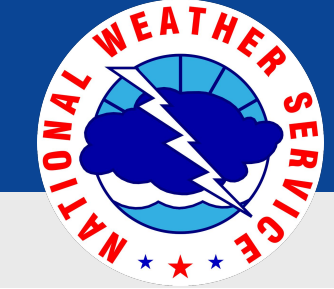
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





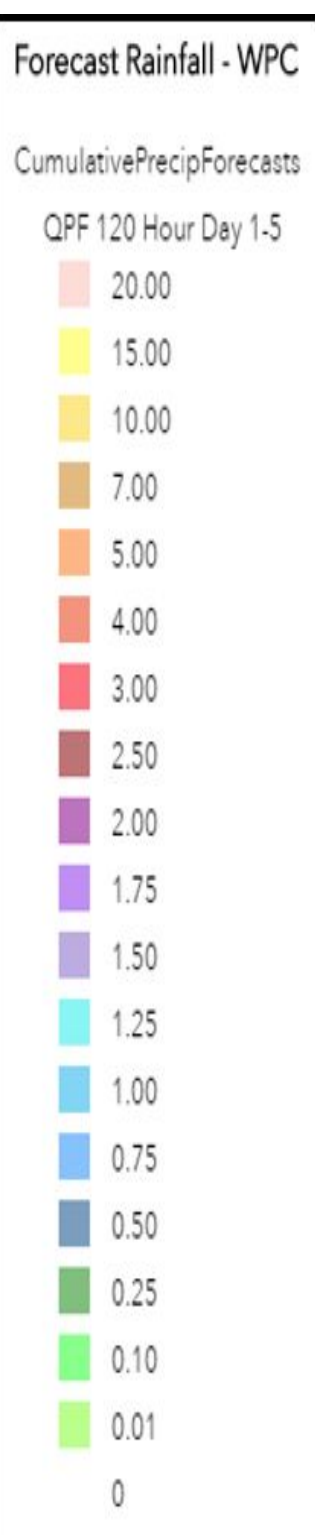
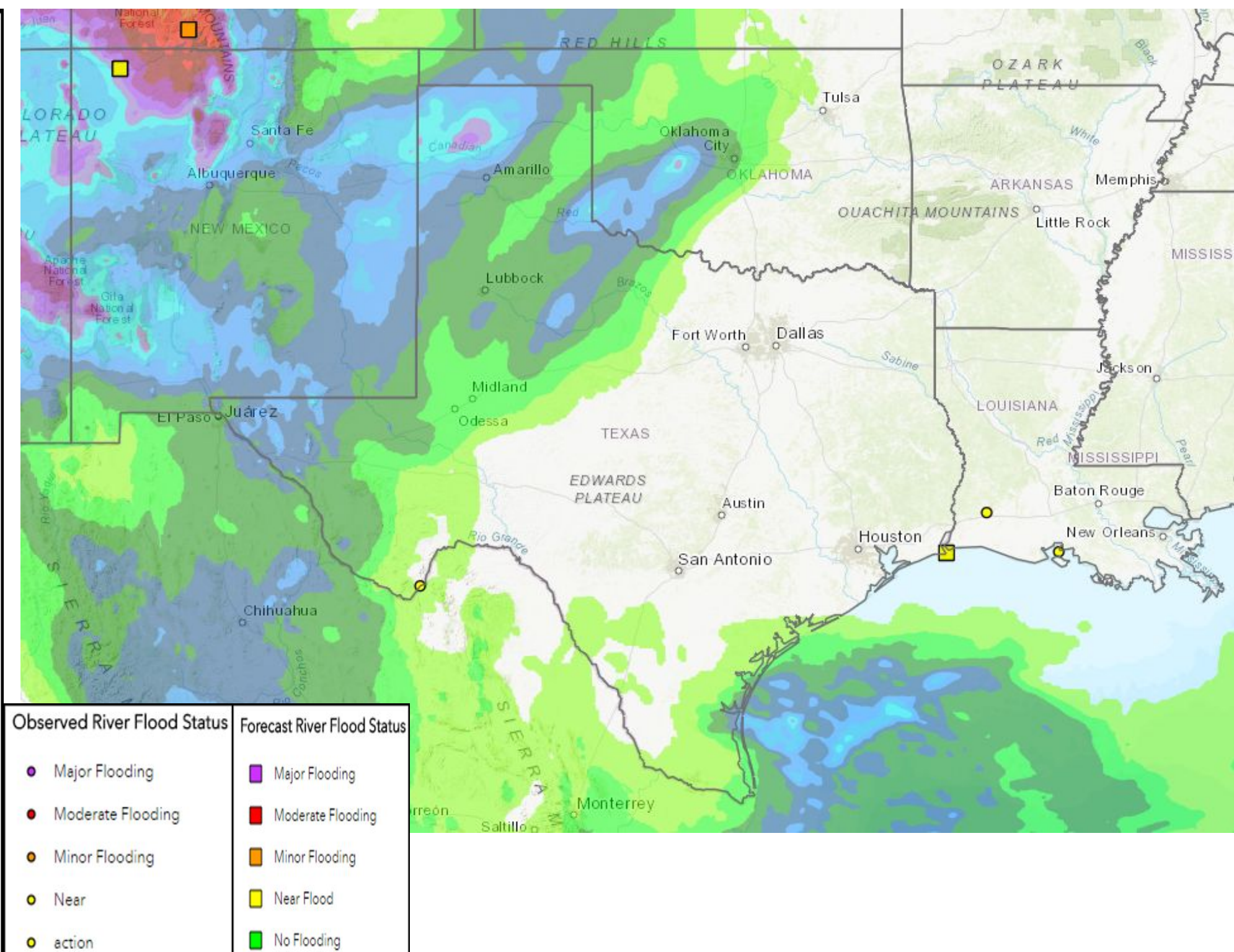
Fire Weather Outlooks





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.



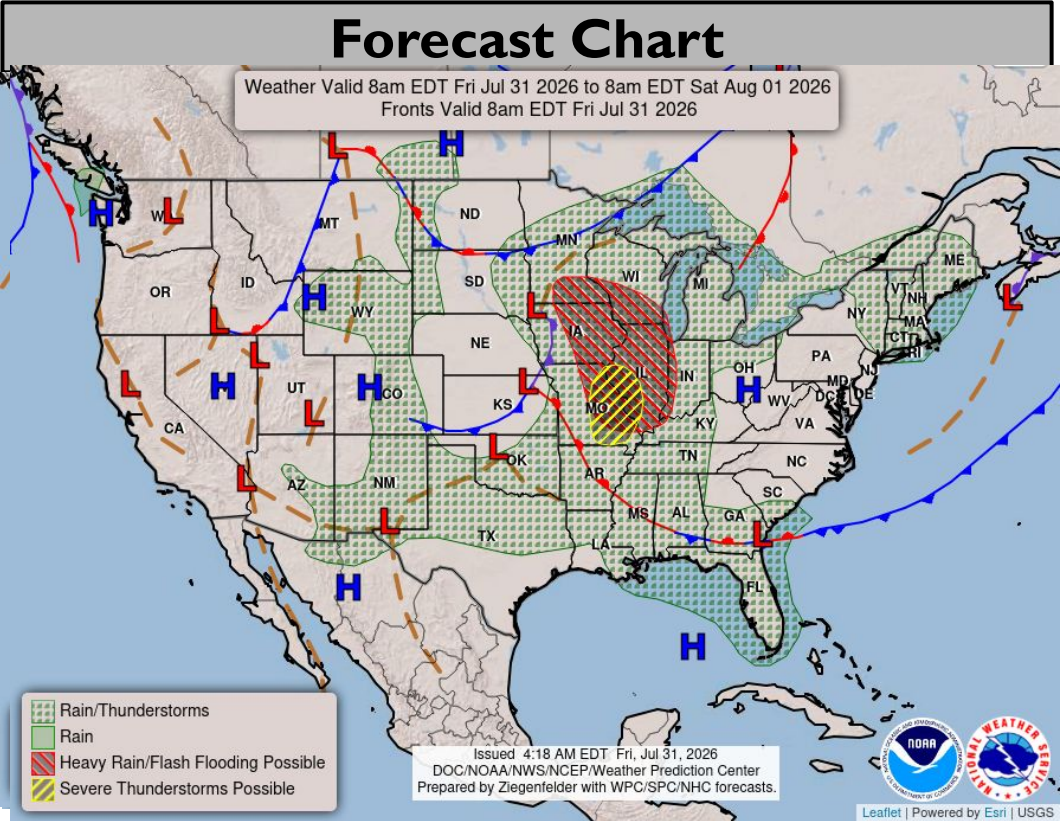
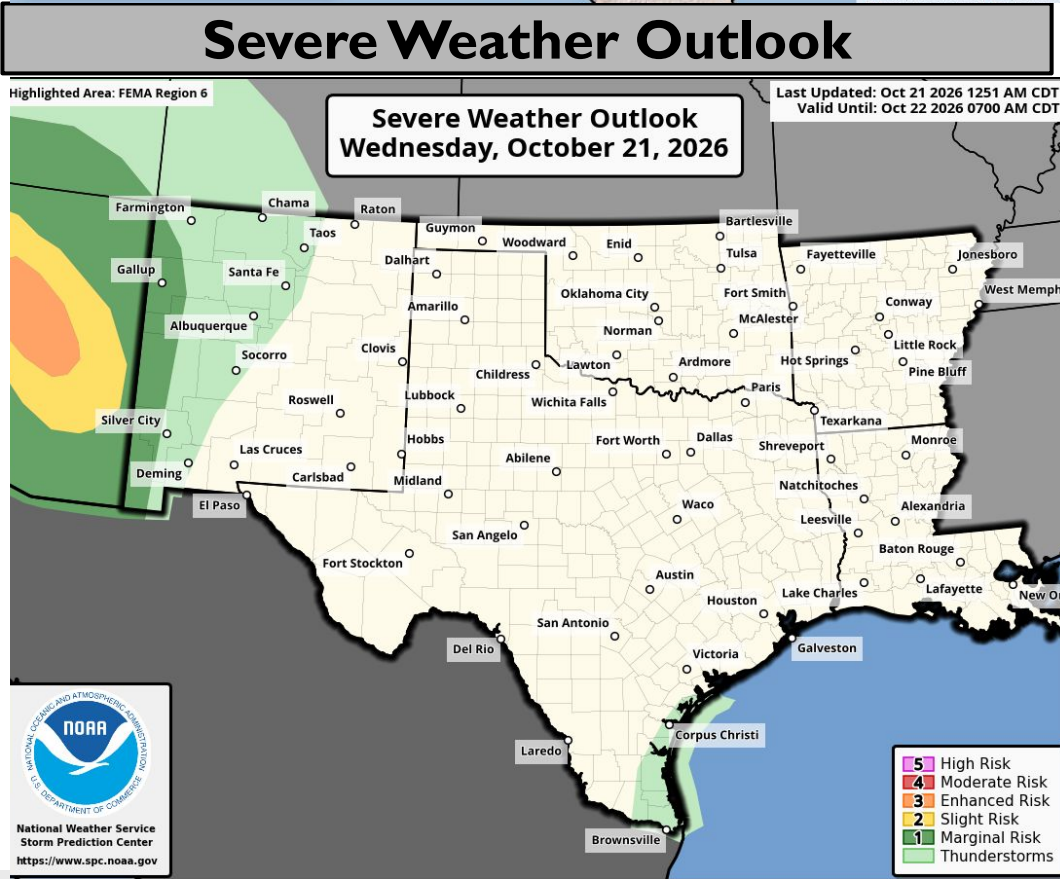
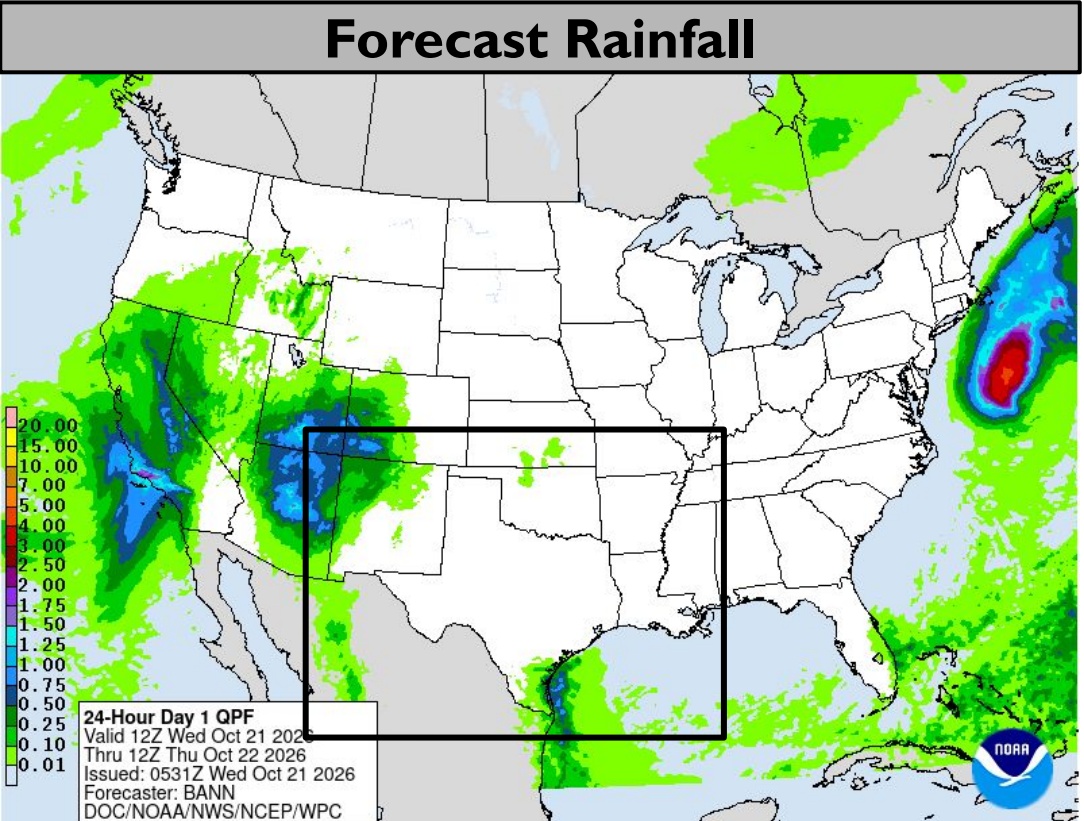
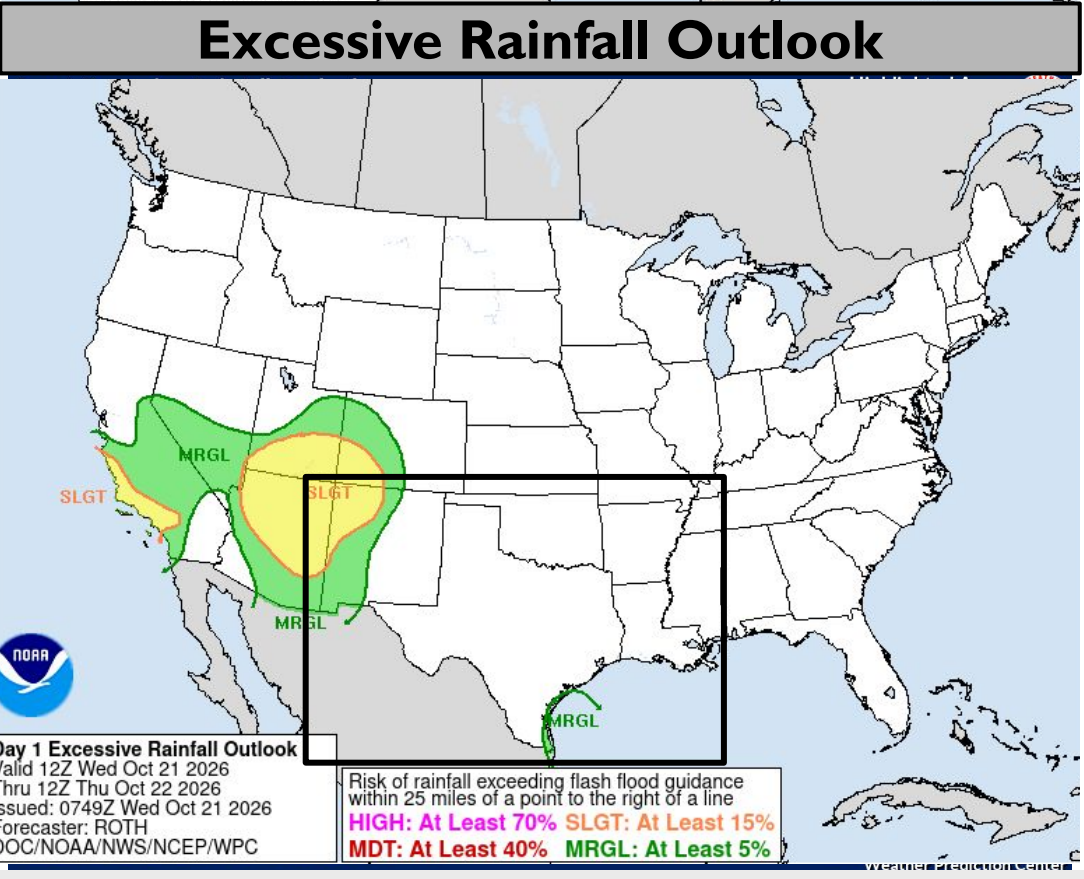
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

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Today's Weather



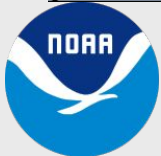
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NW NM.

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

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in W NM.

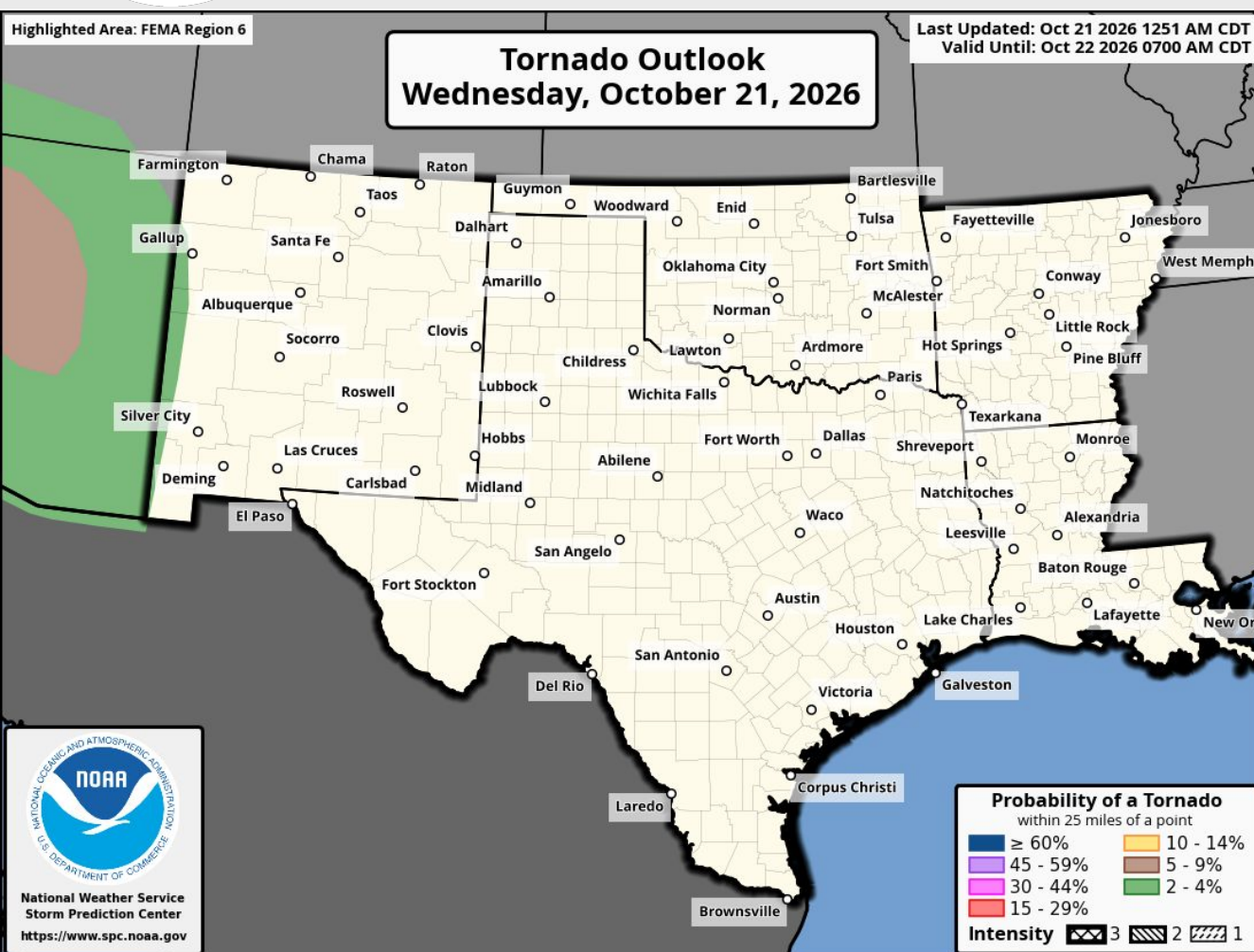
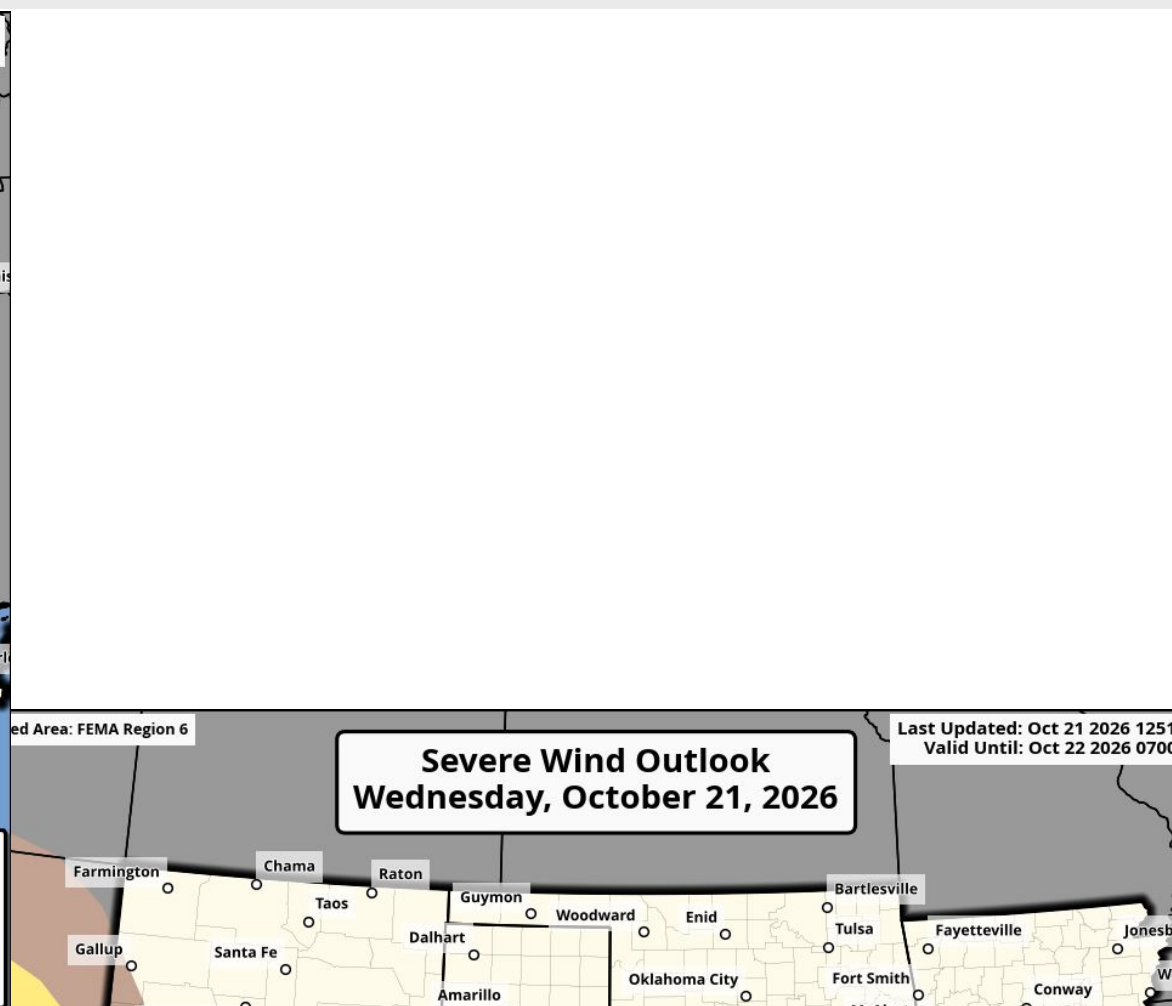
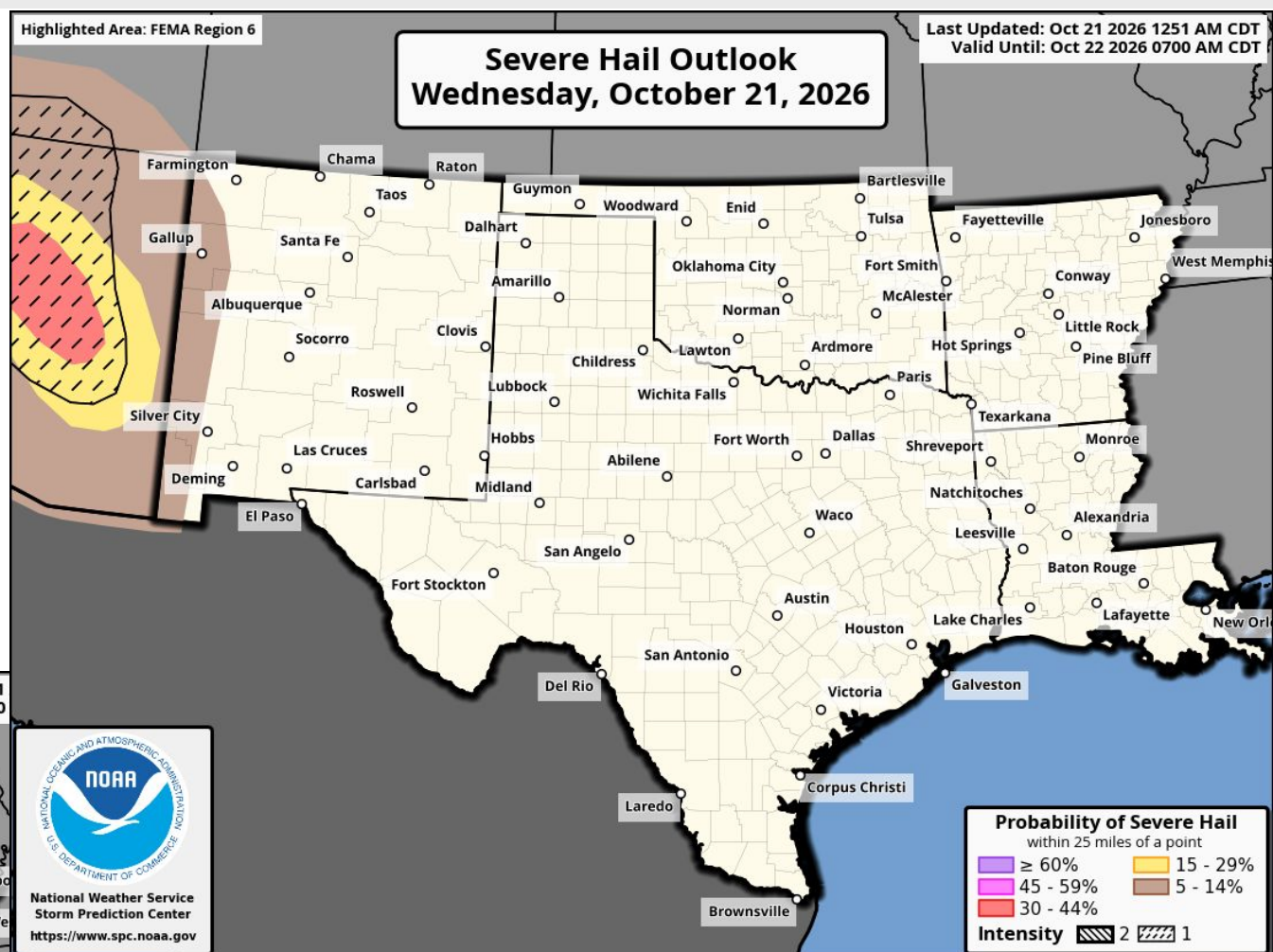
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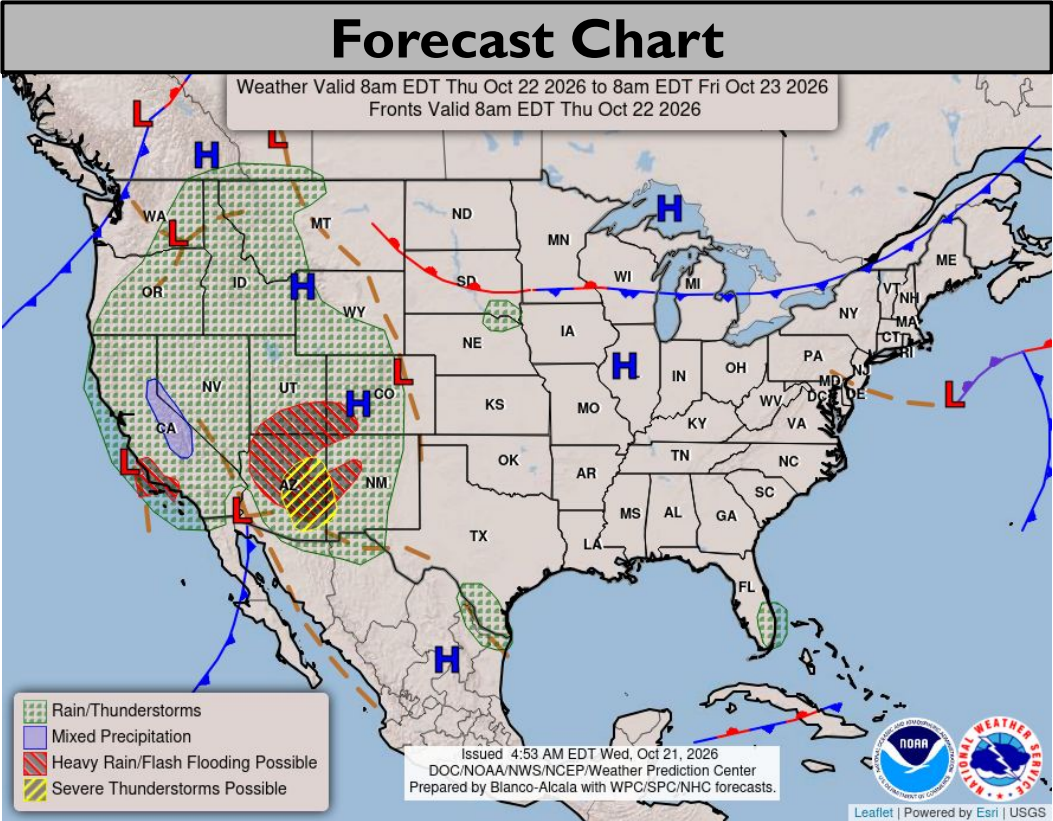
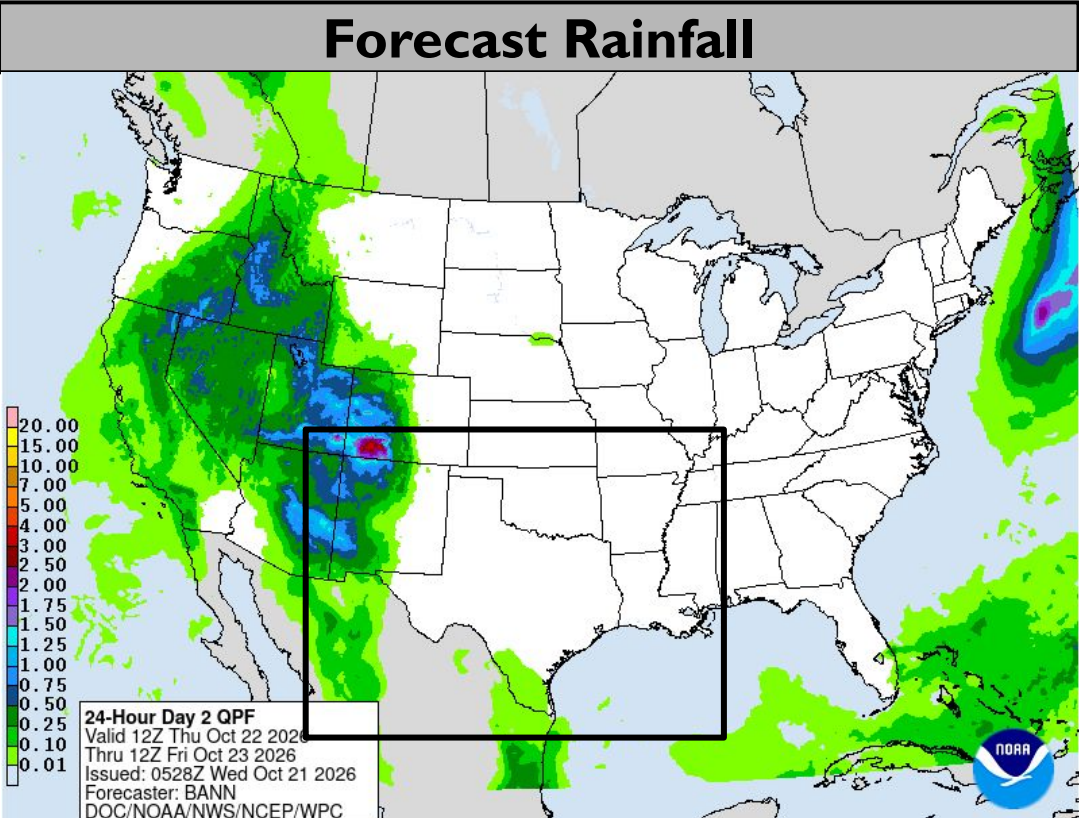
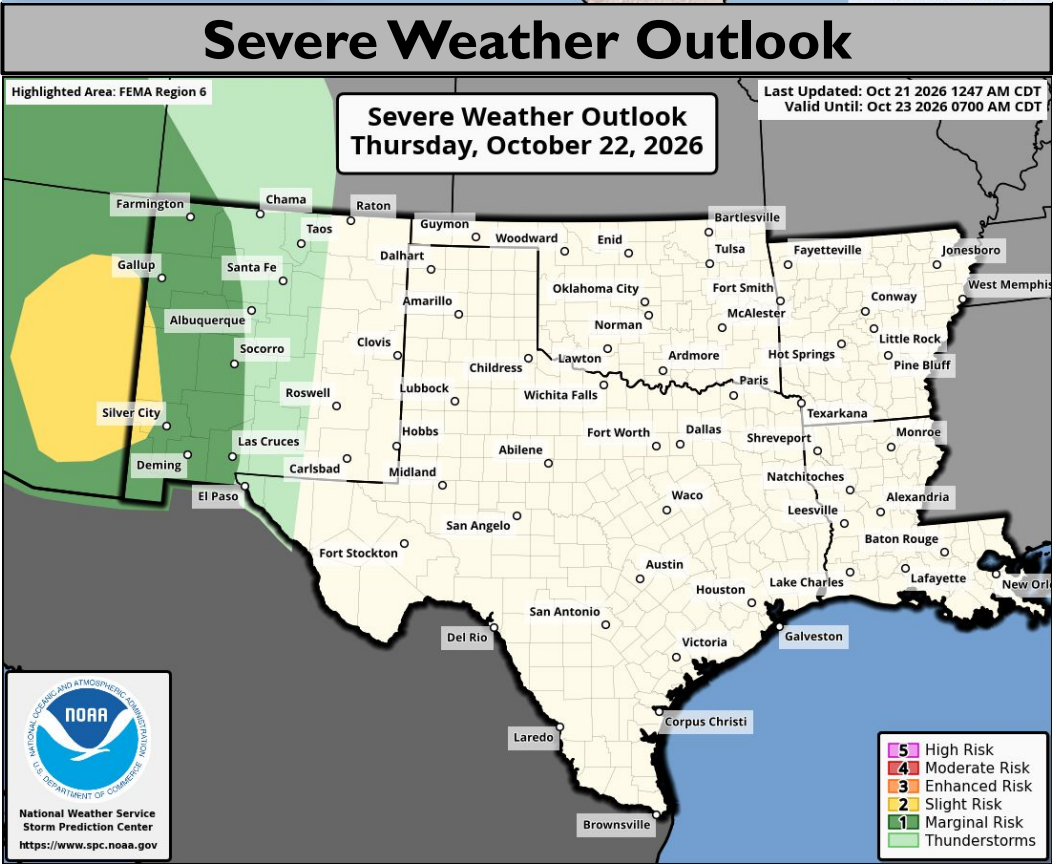
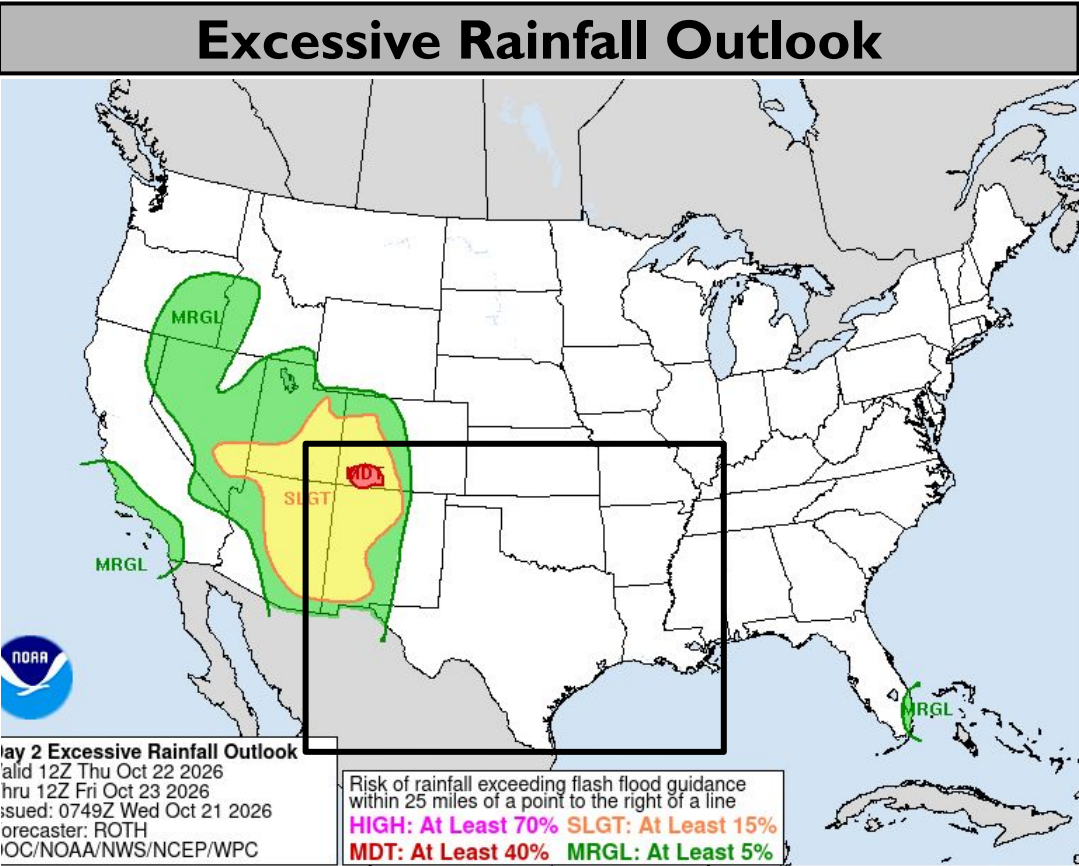


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (levels 2 of 4) for flash flooding in W NM.

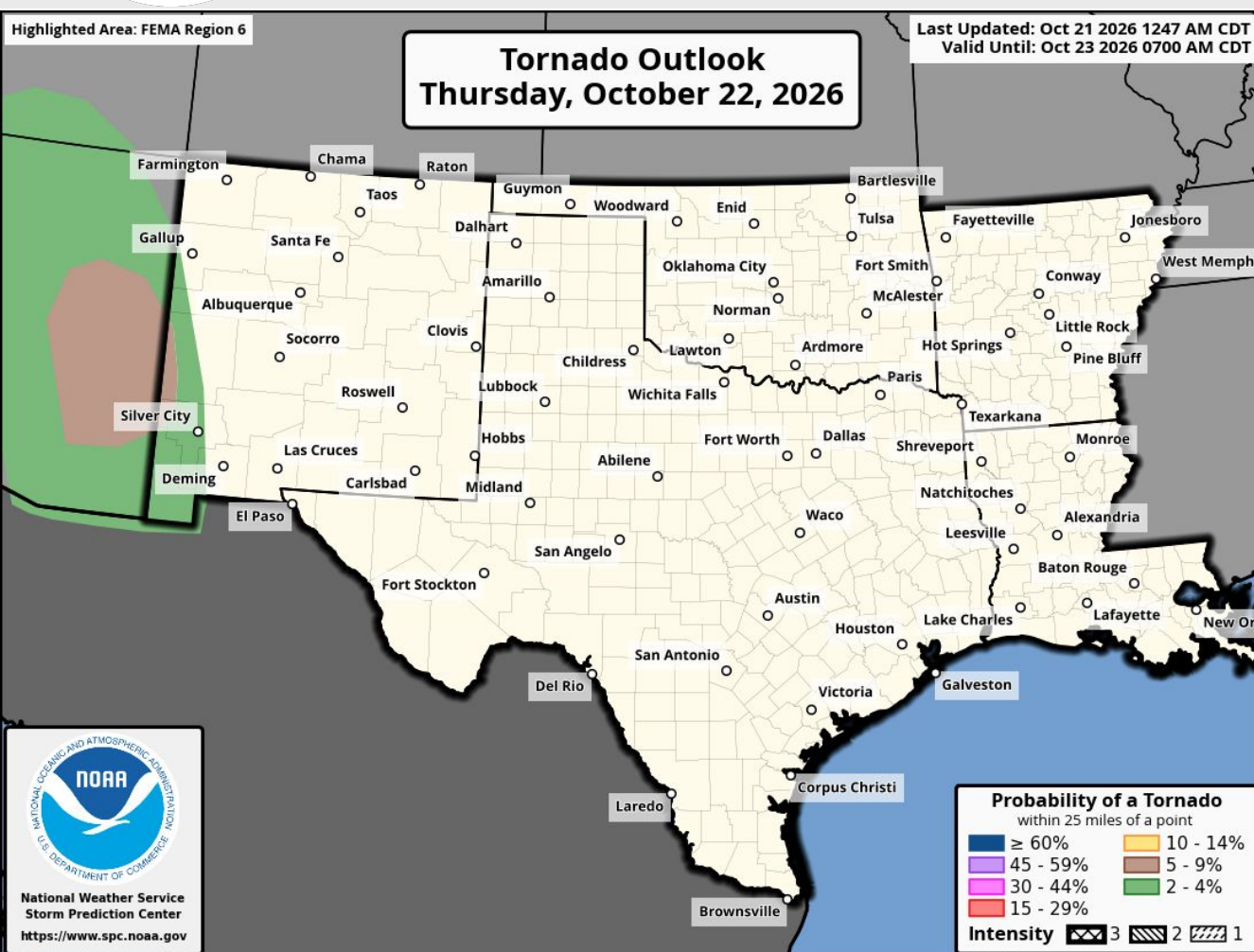
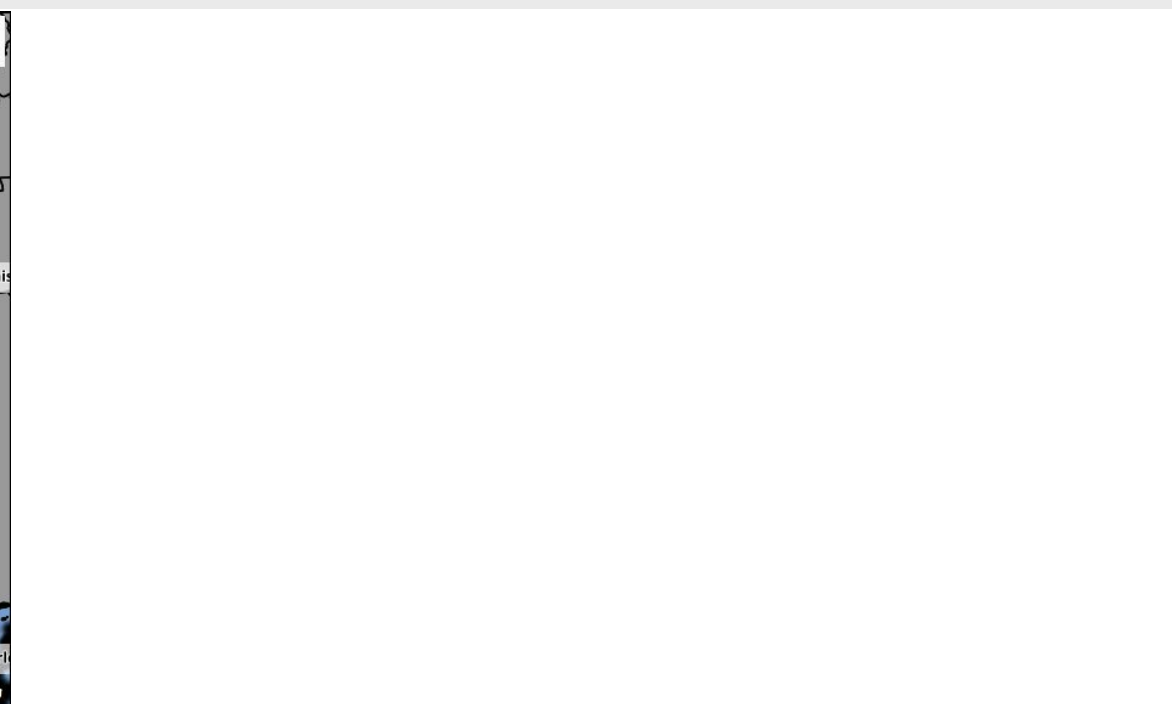
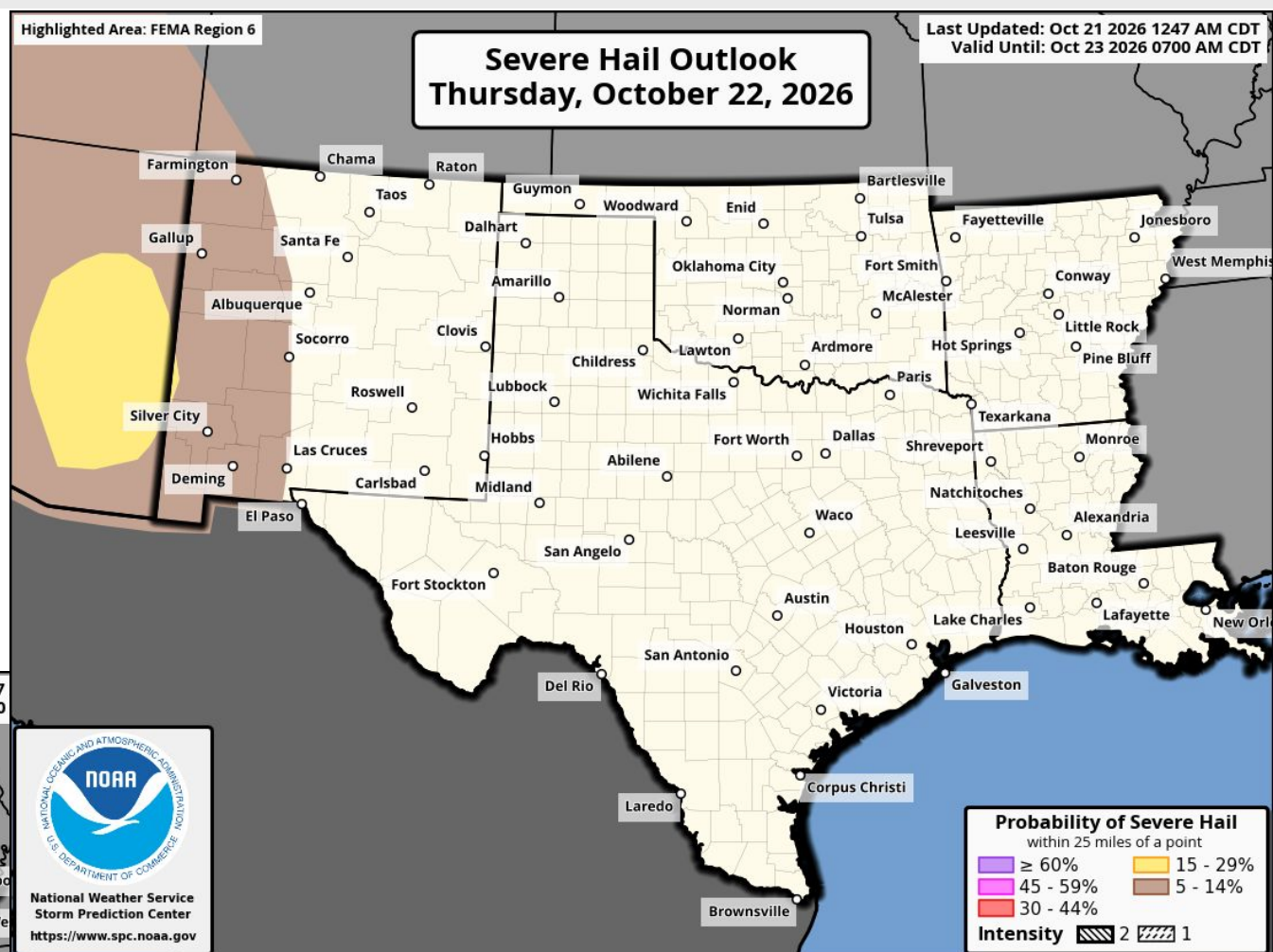
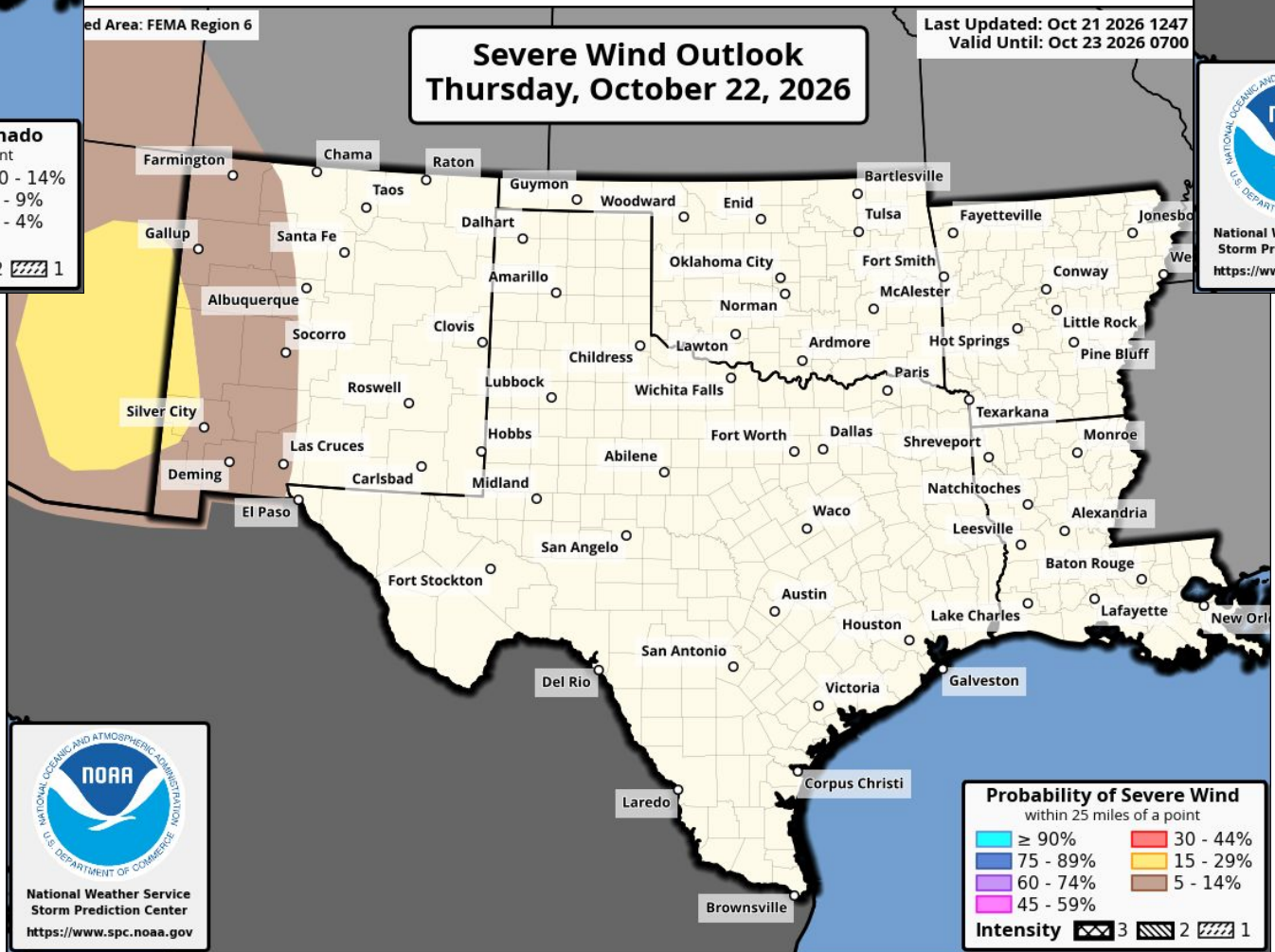
Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 5) for severe storms in W NM.

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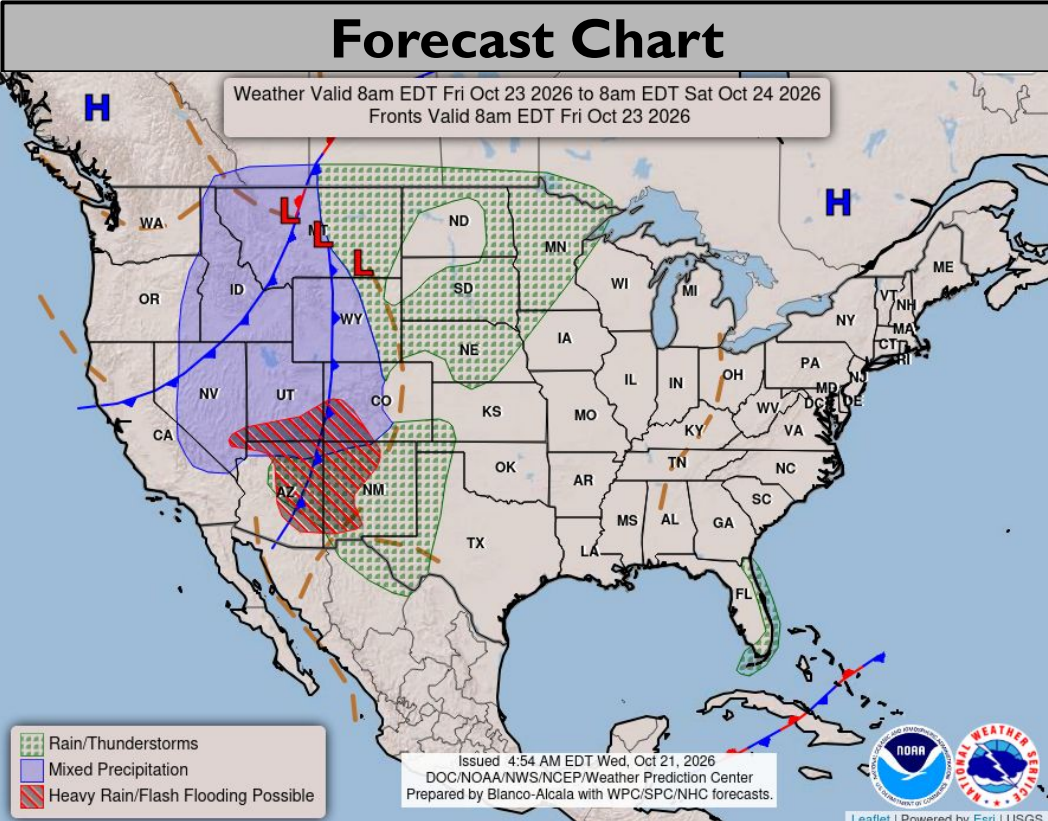
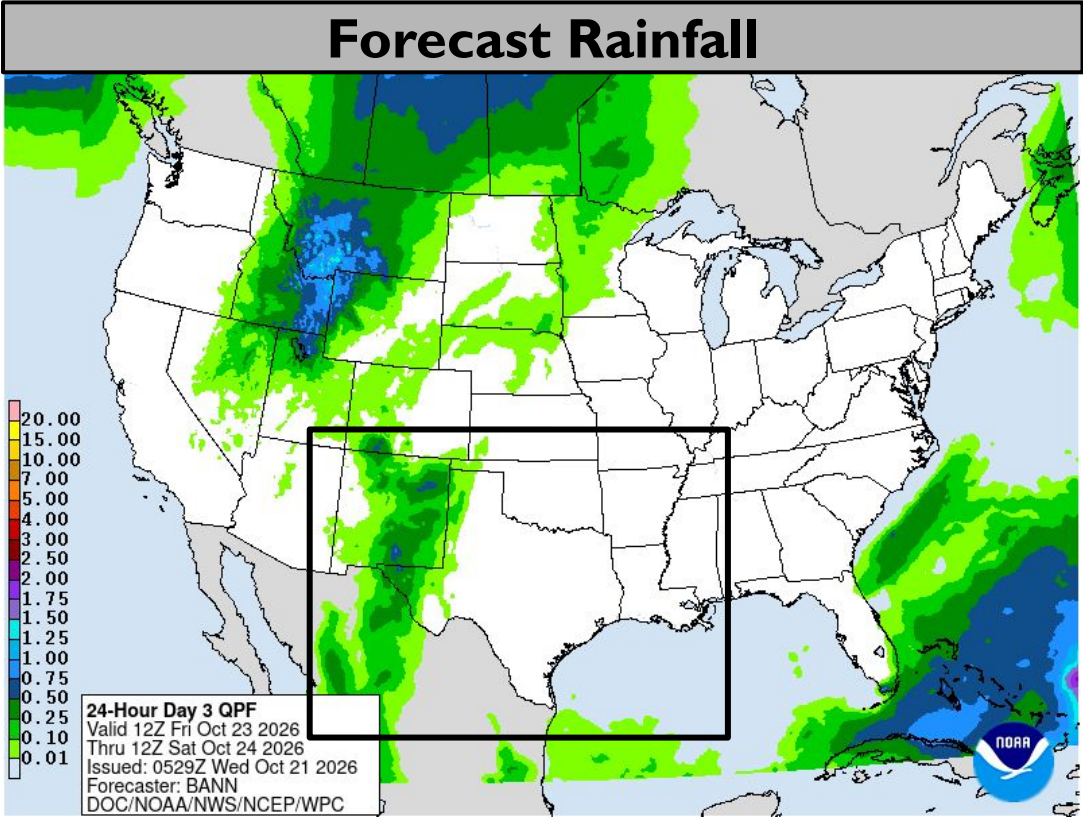
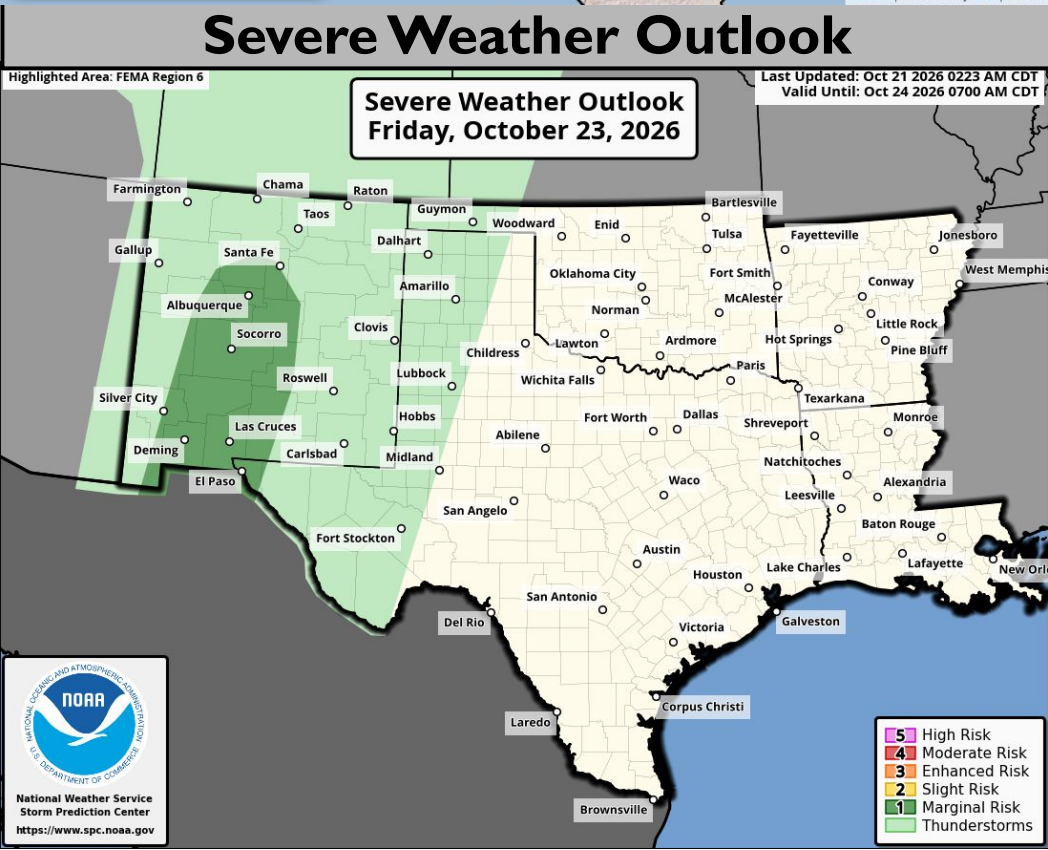
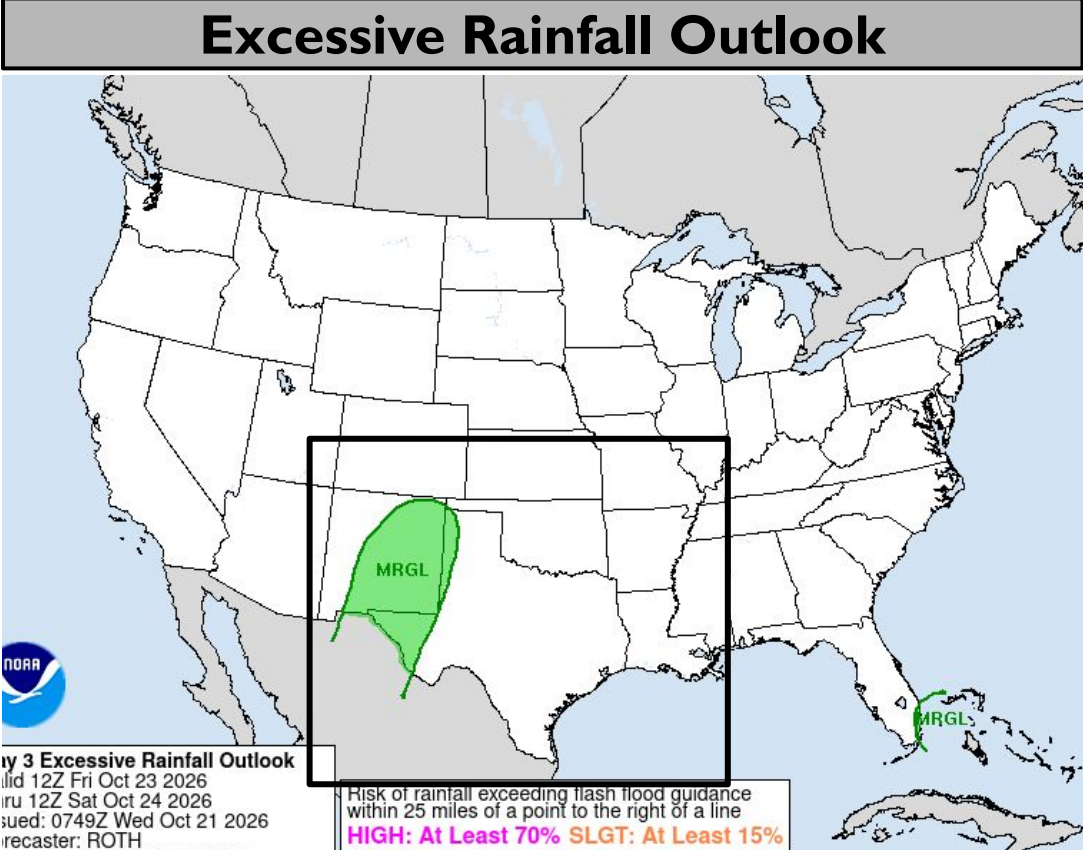


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Friday's Weather



Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NM, Panhandle/W TX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in C/S NM, Far W TX.

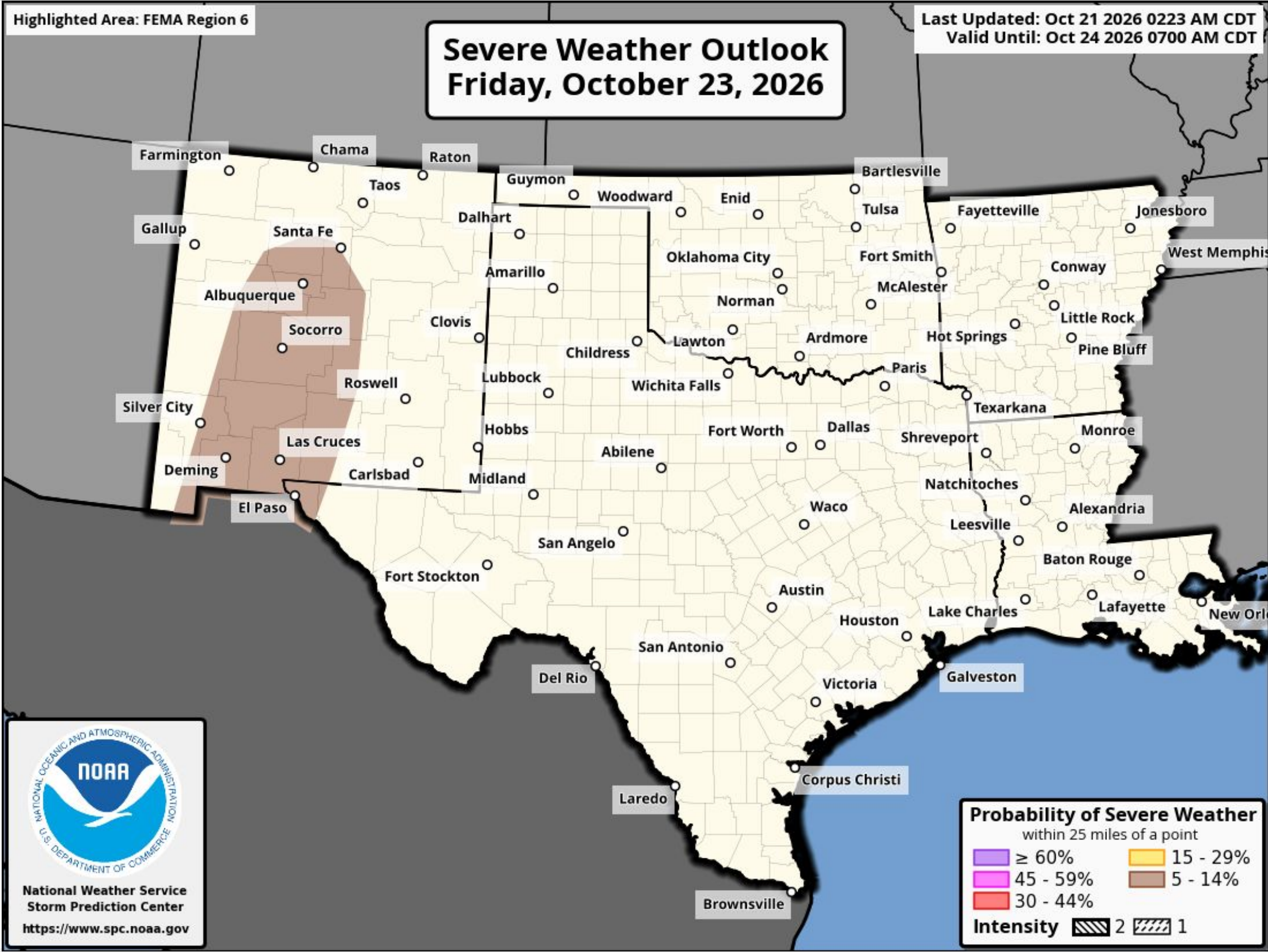
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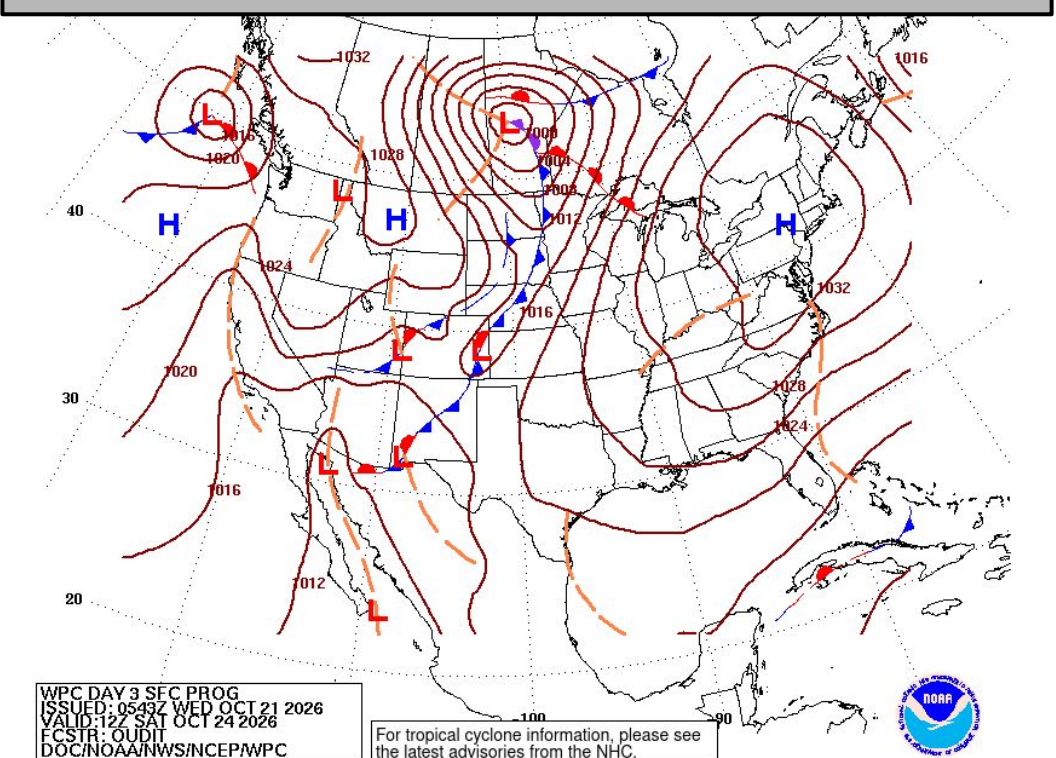
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



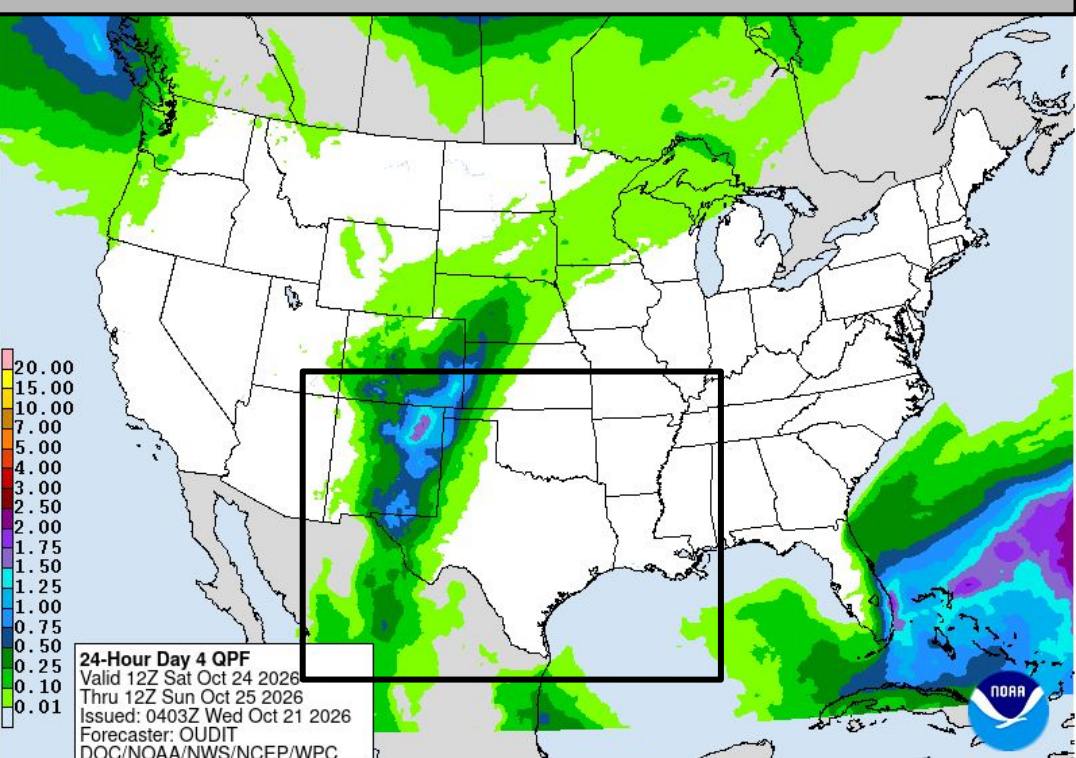


Saturday's Weather

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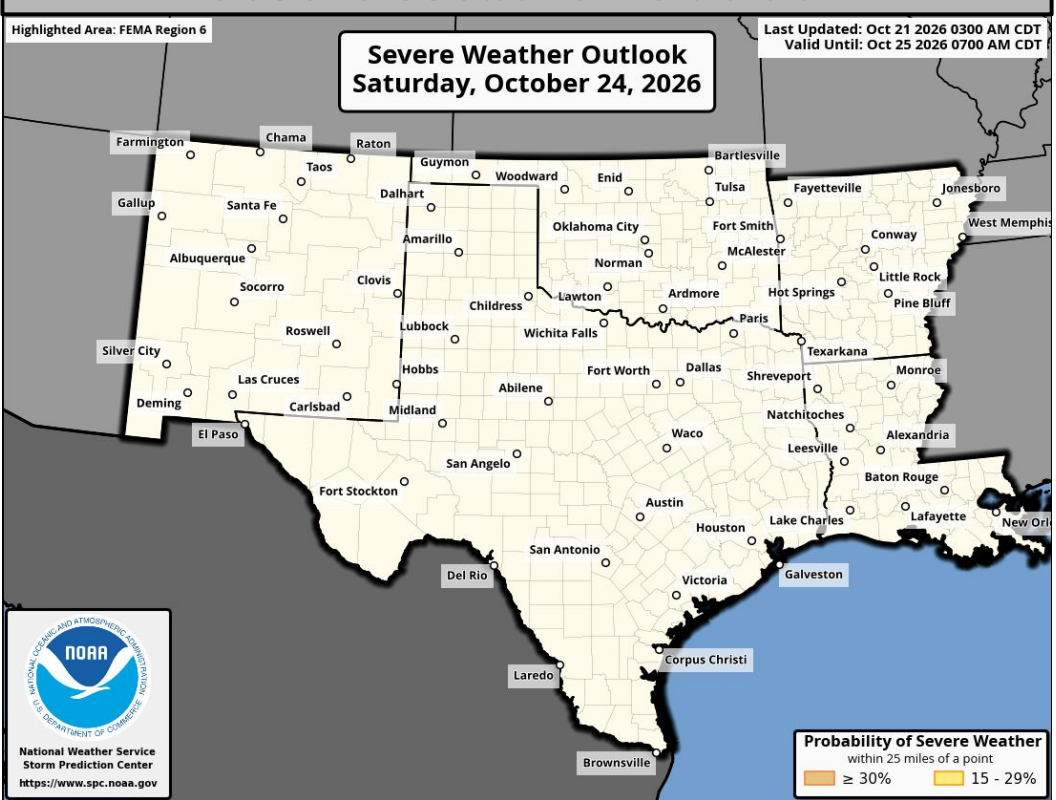
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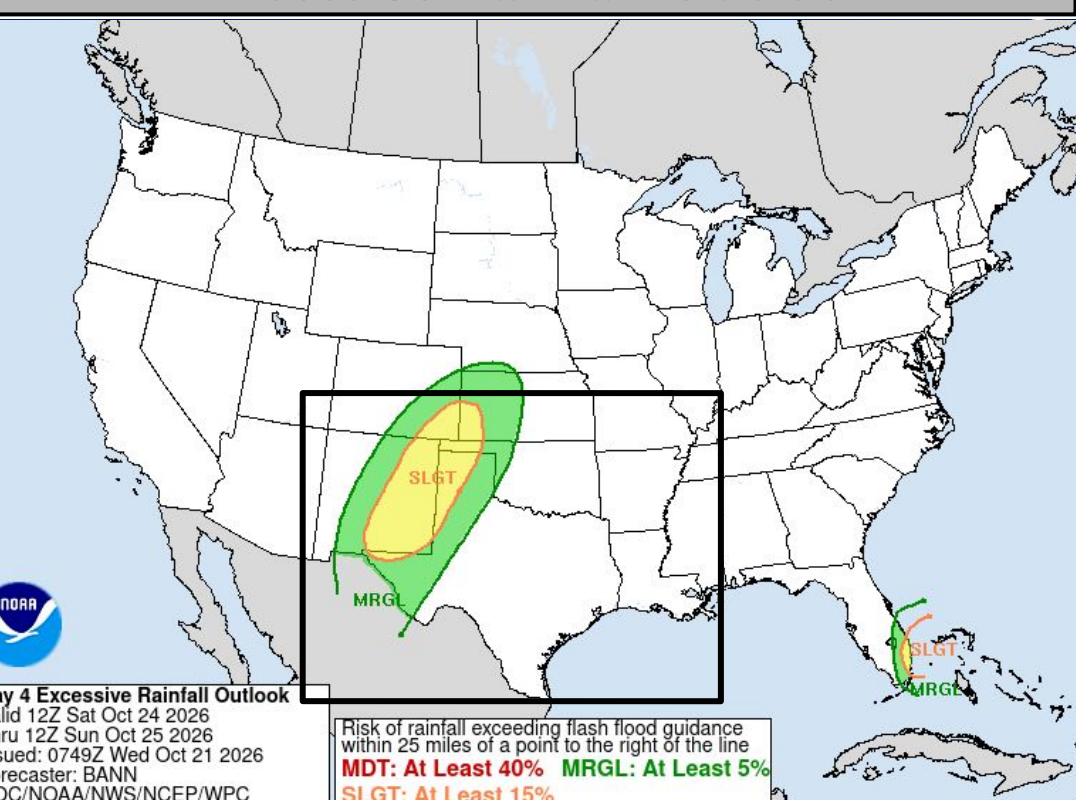
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Monitoring for severe storms in E NM, W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

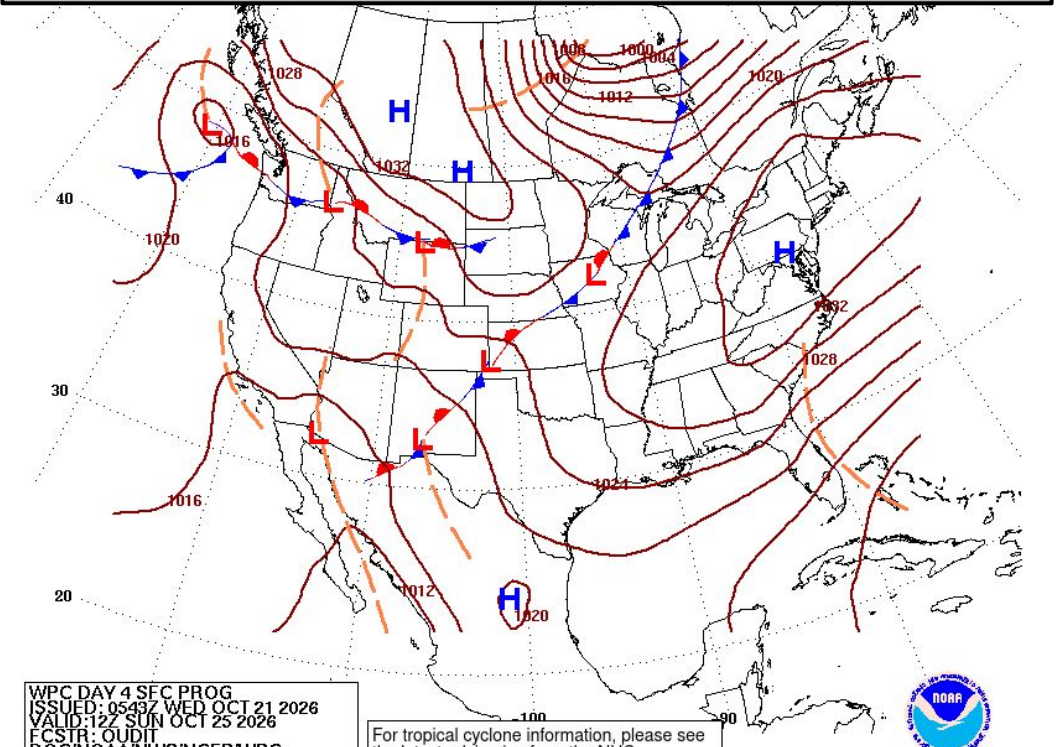


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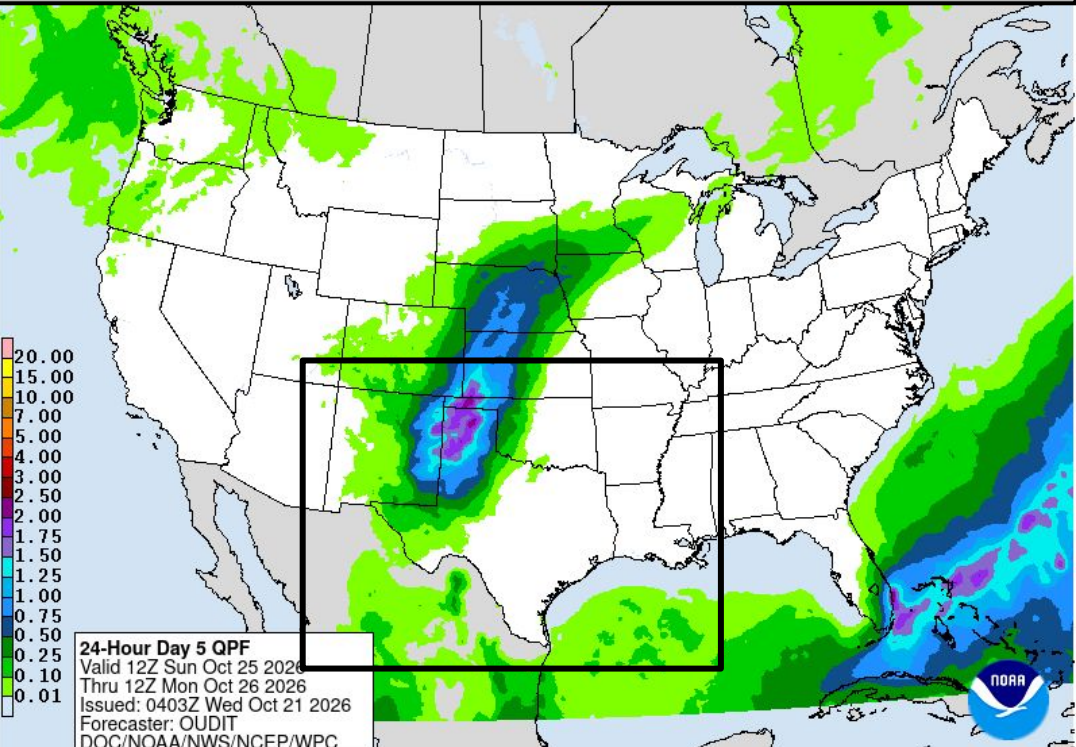


Sunday's Weather

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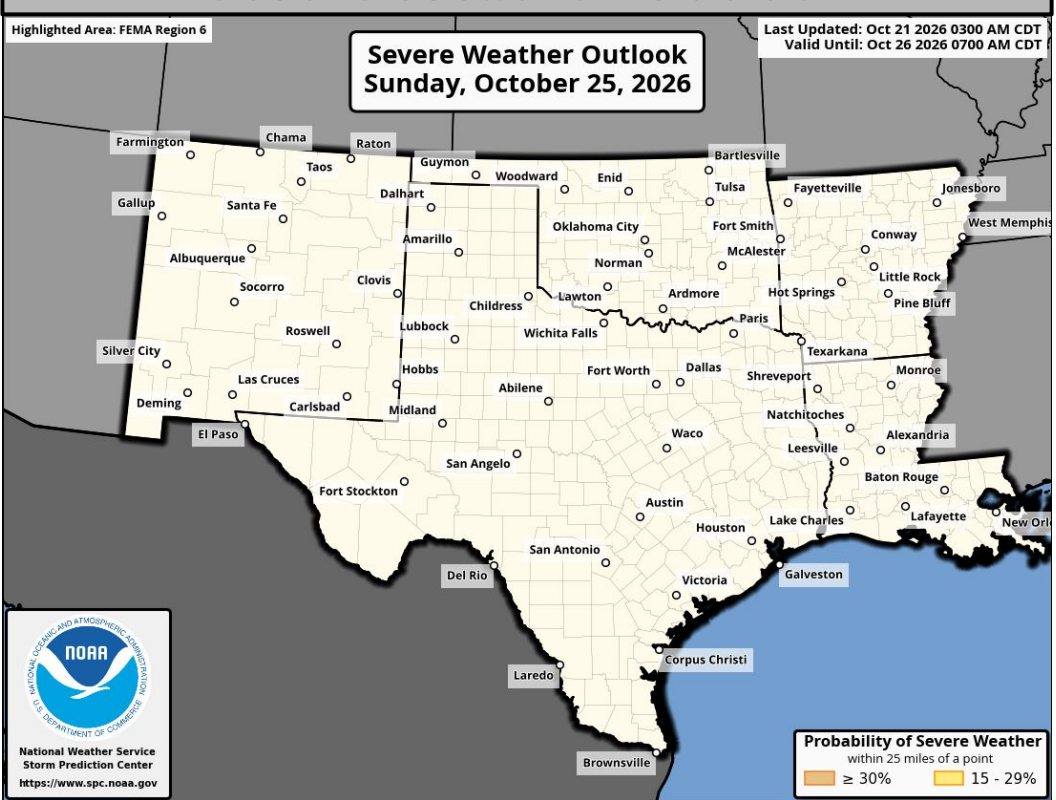


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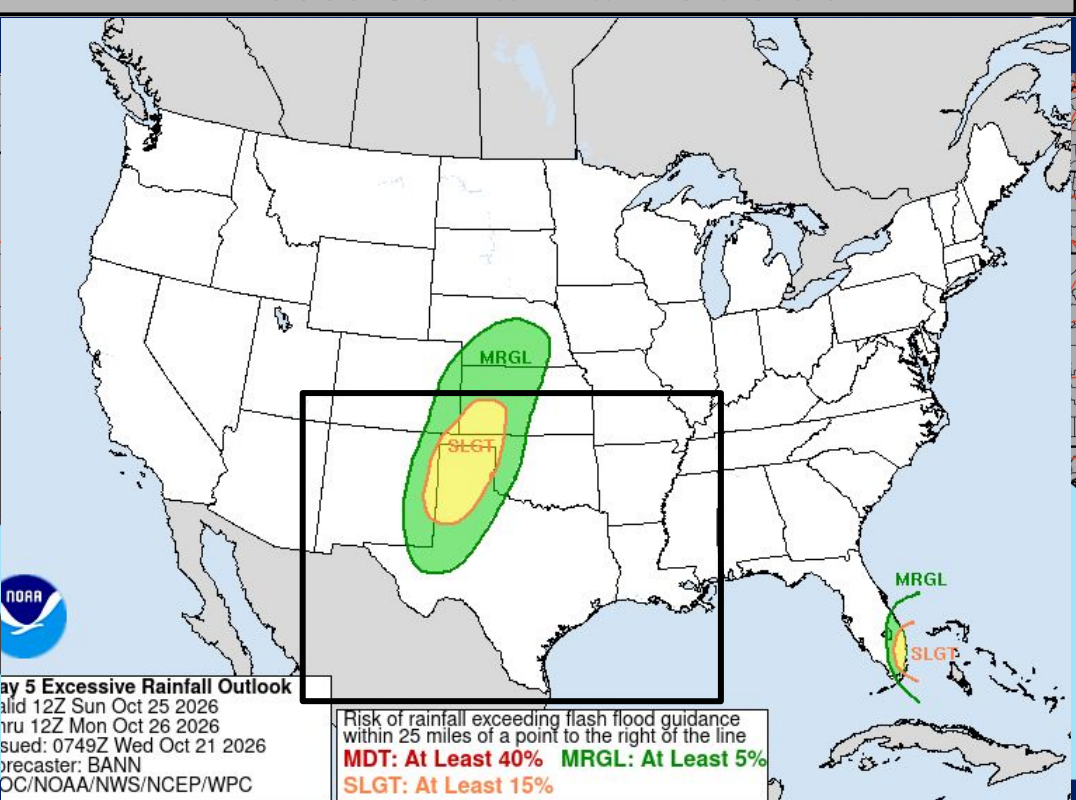


Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook



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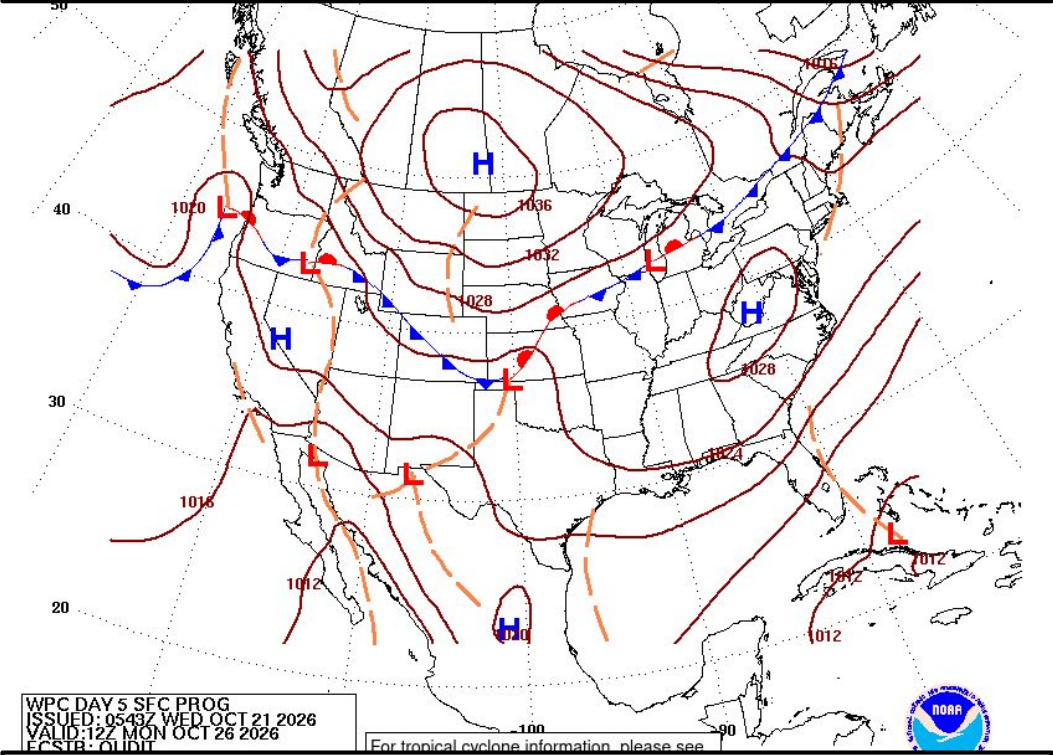


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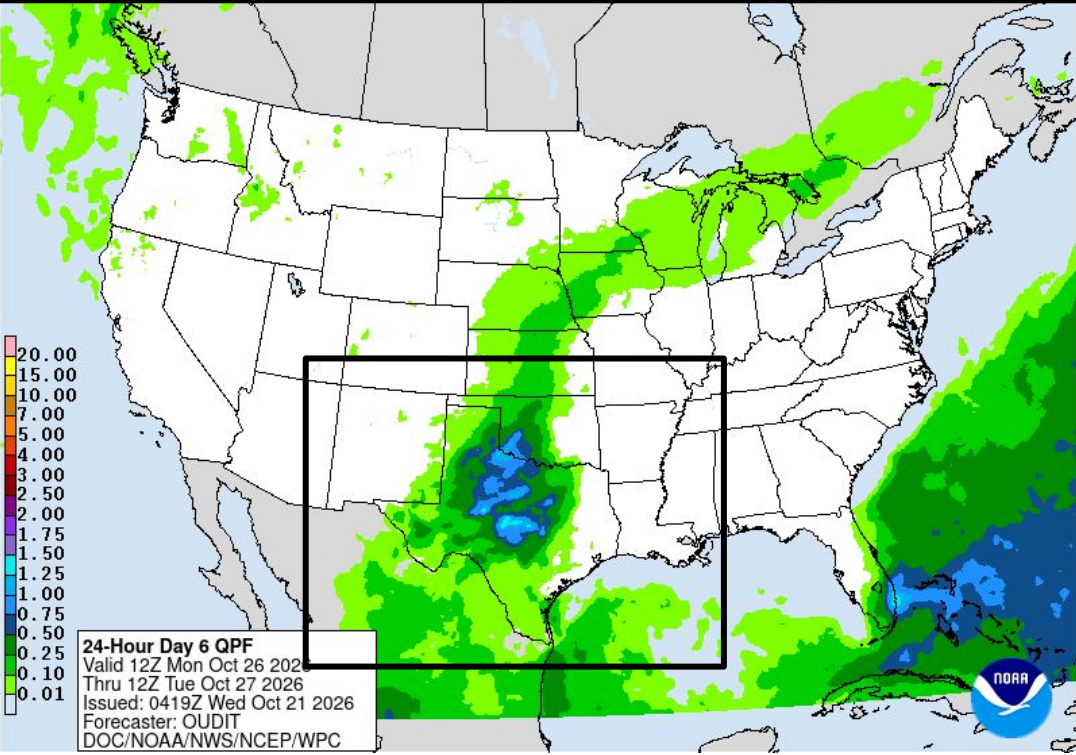


Monday's Weather

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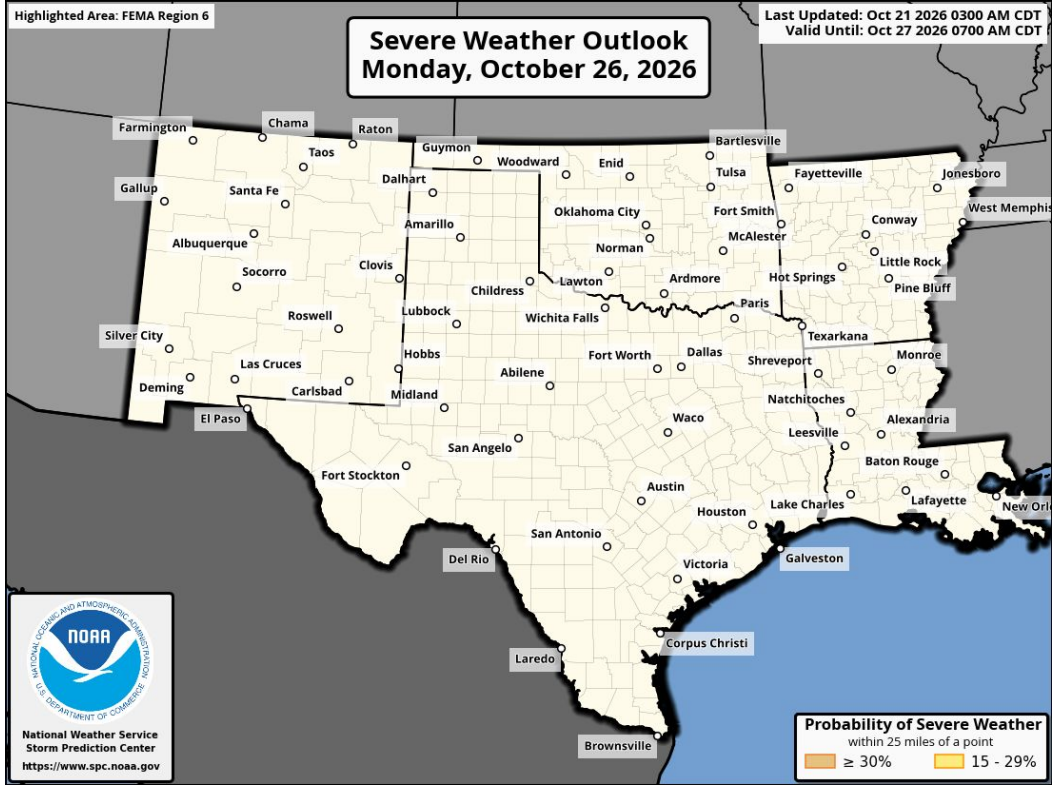


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring for flash flooding in NW/CTX.

Severe Weather Outlook



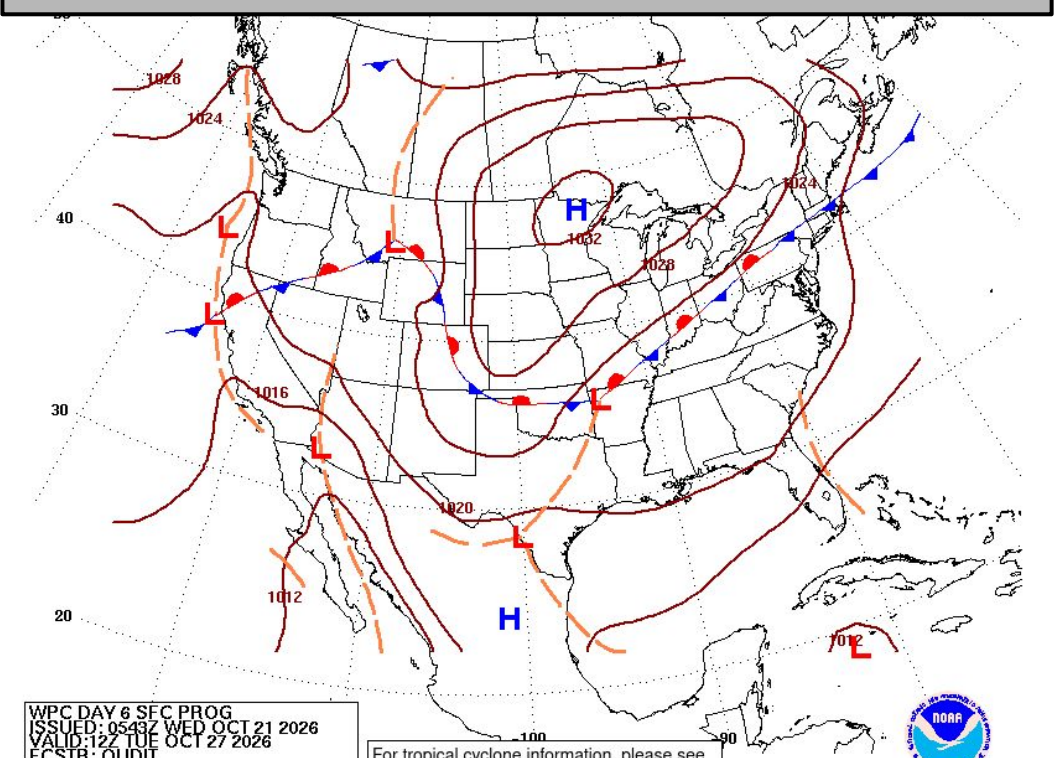
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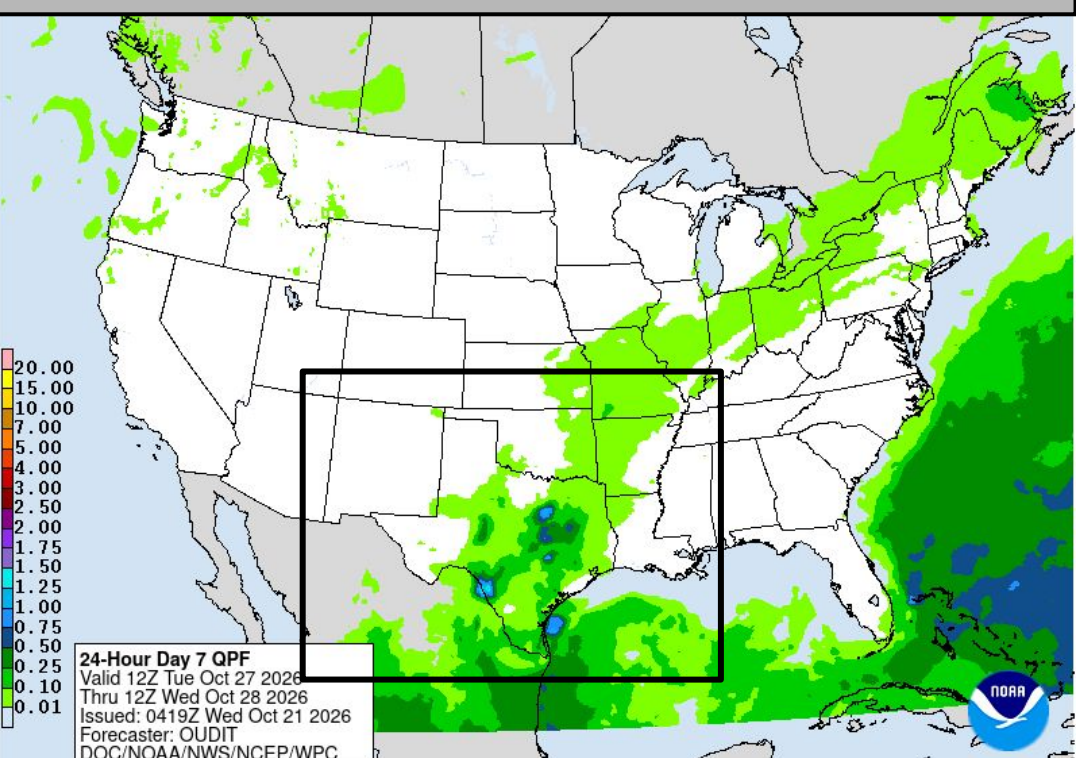


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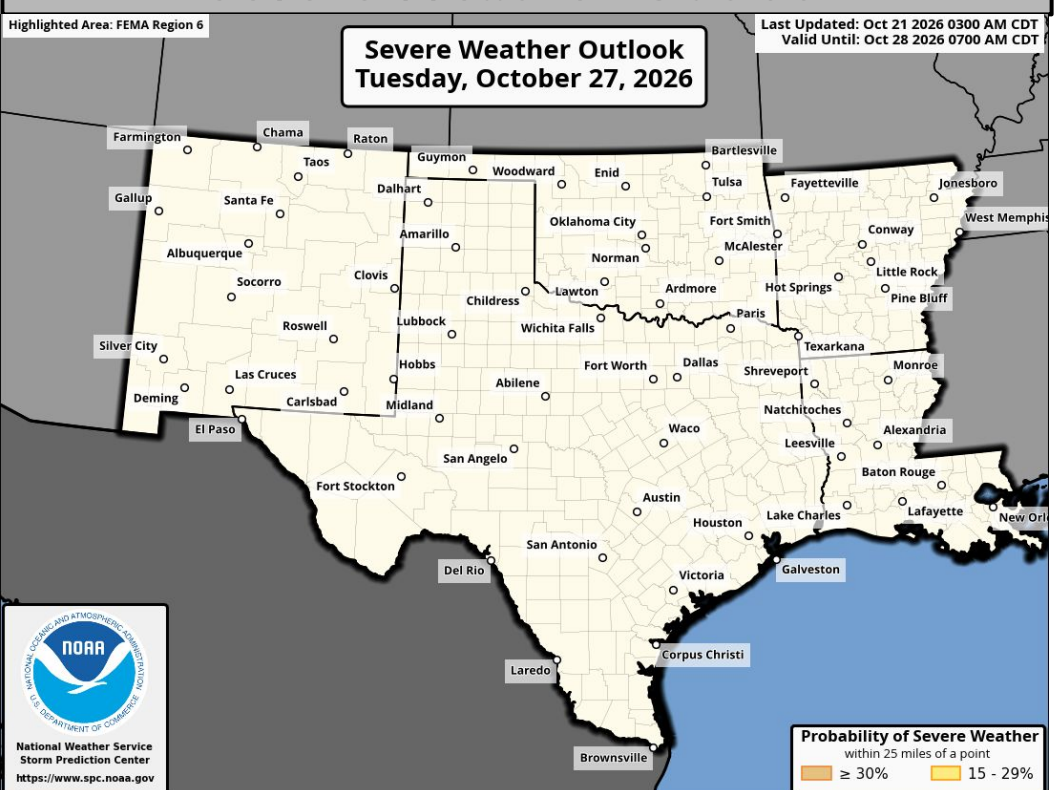


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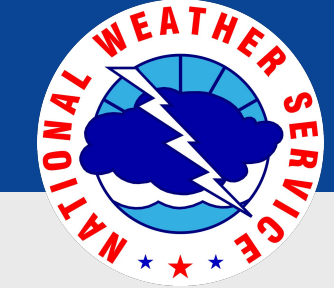
No significant weather expected.

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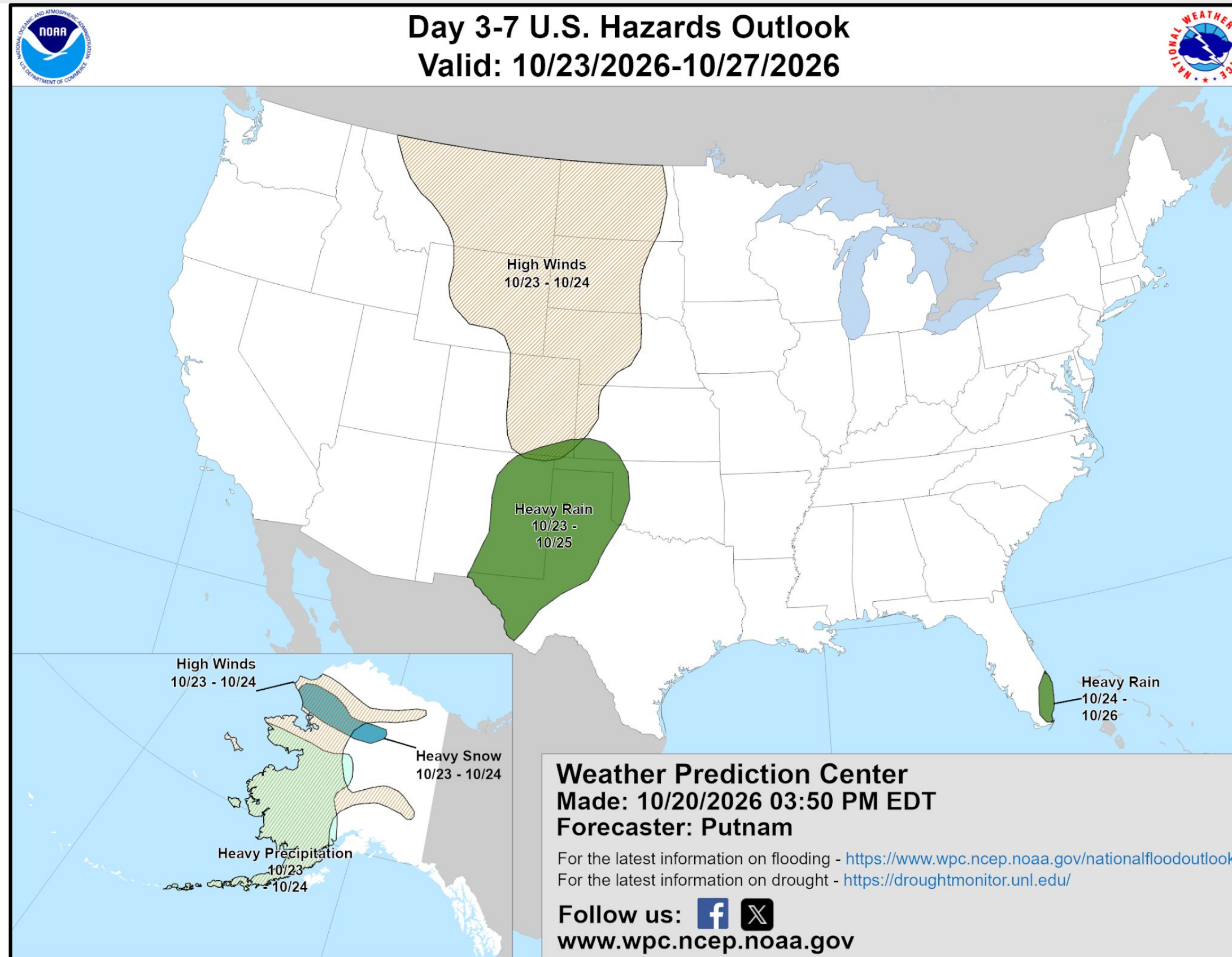


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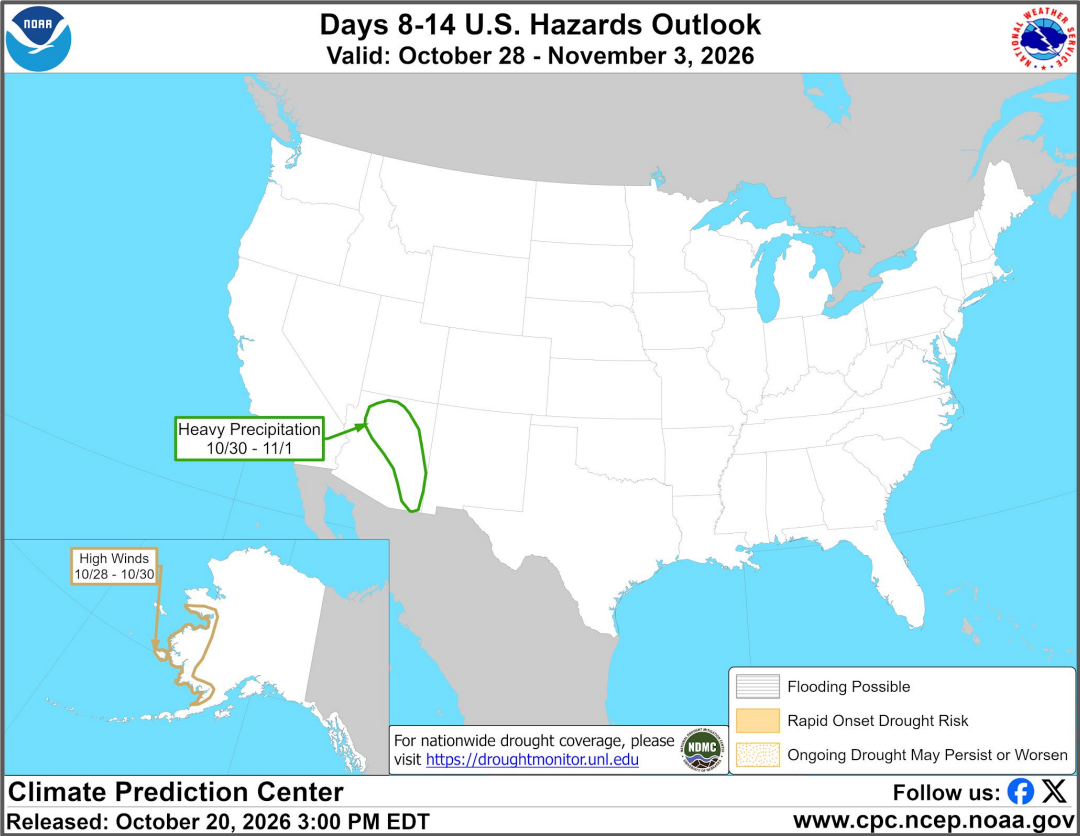
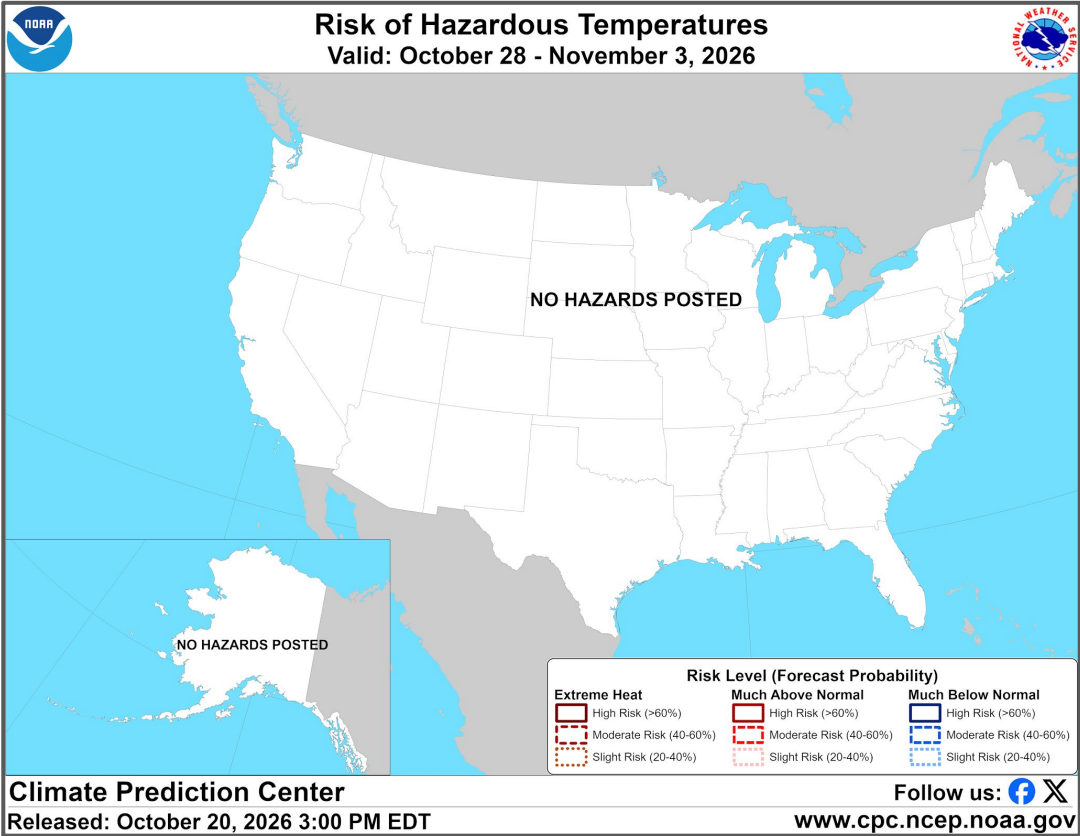
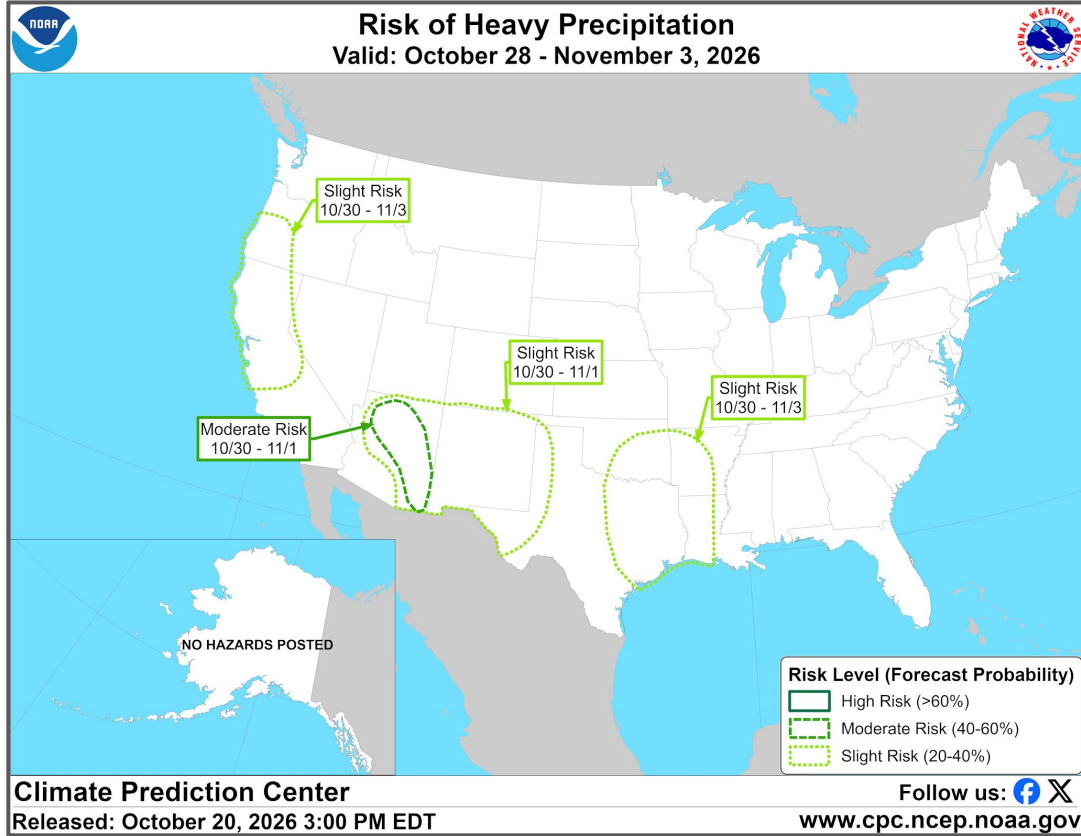
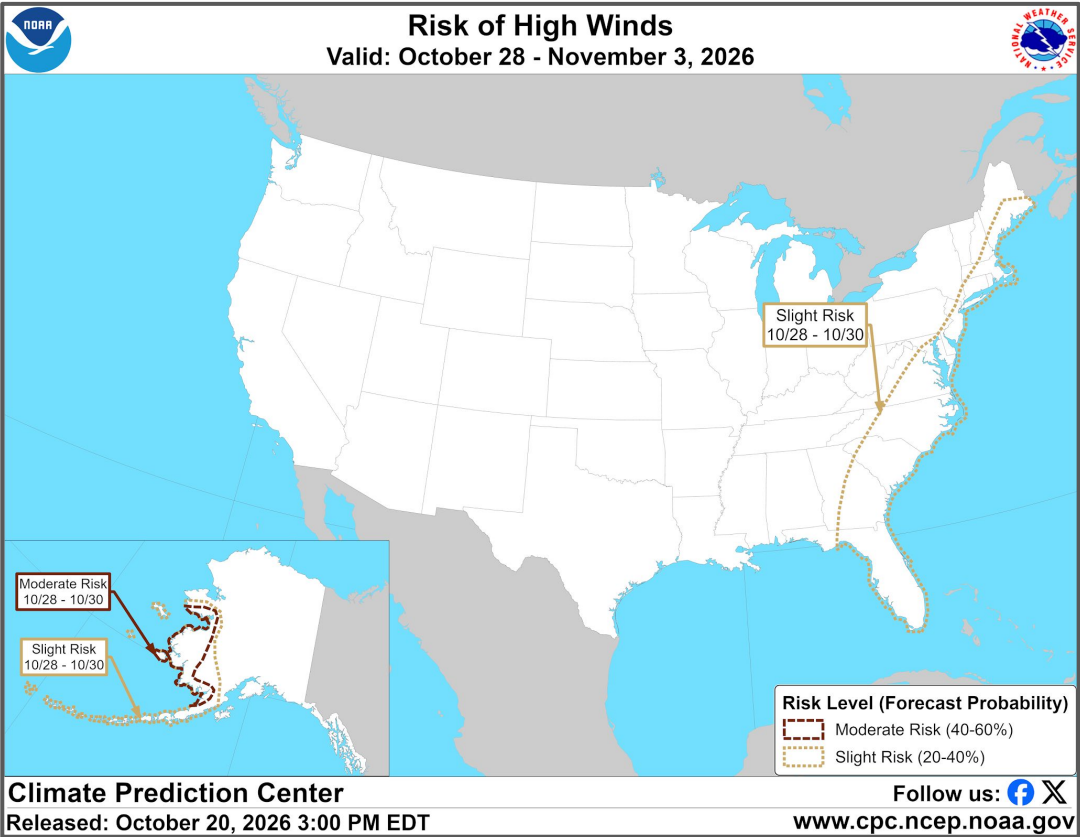
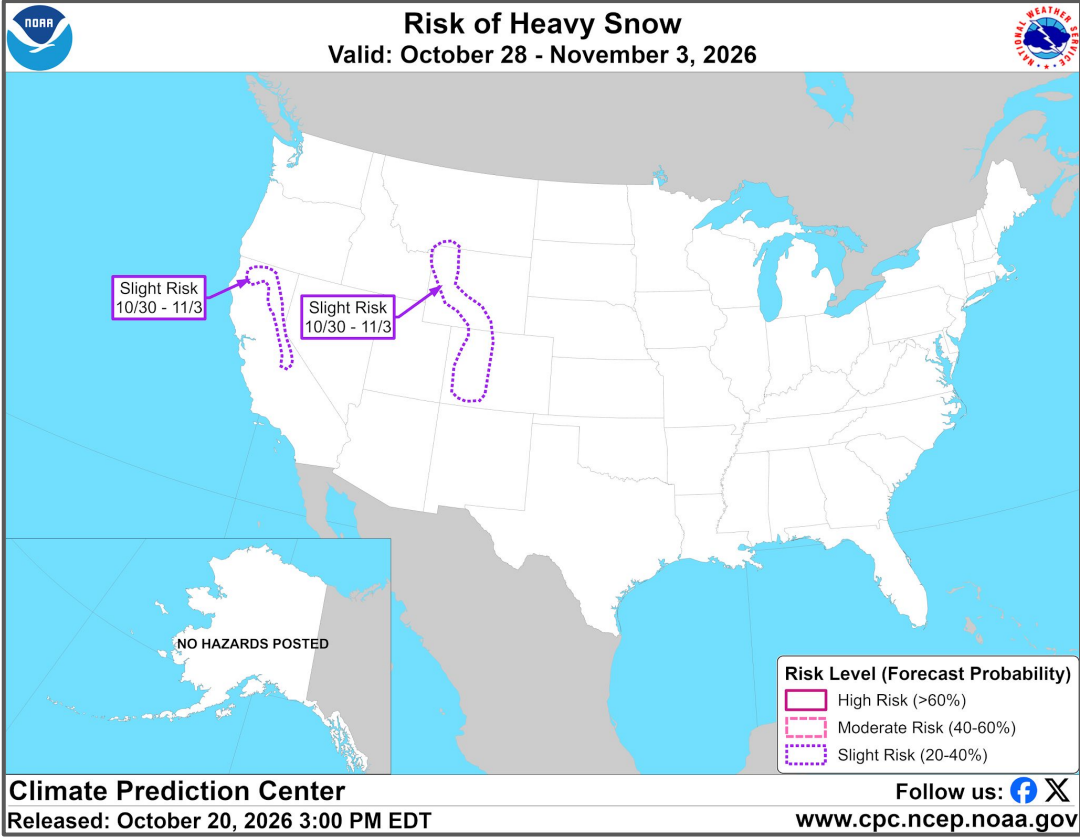


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





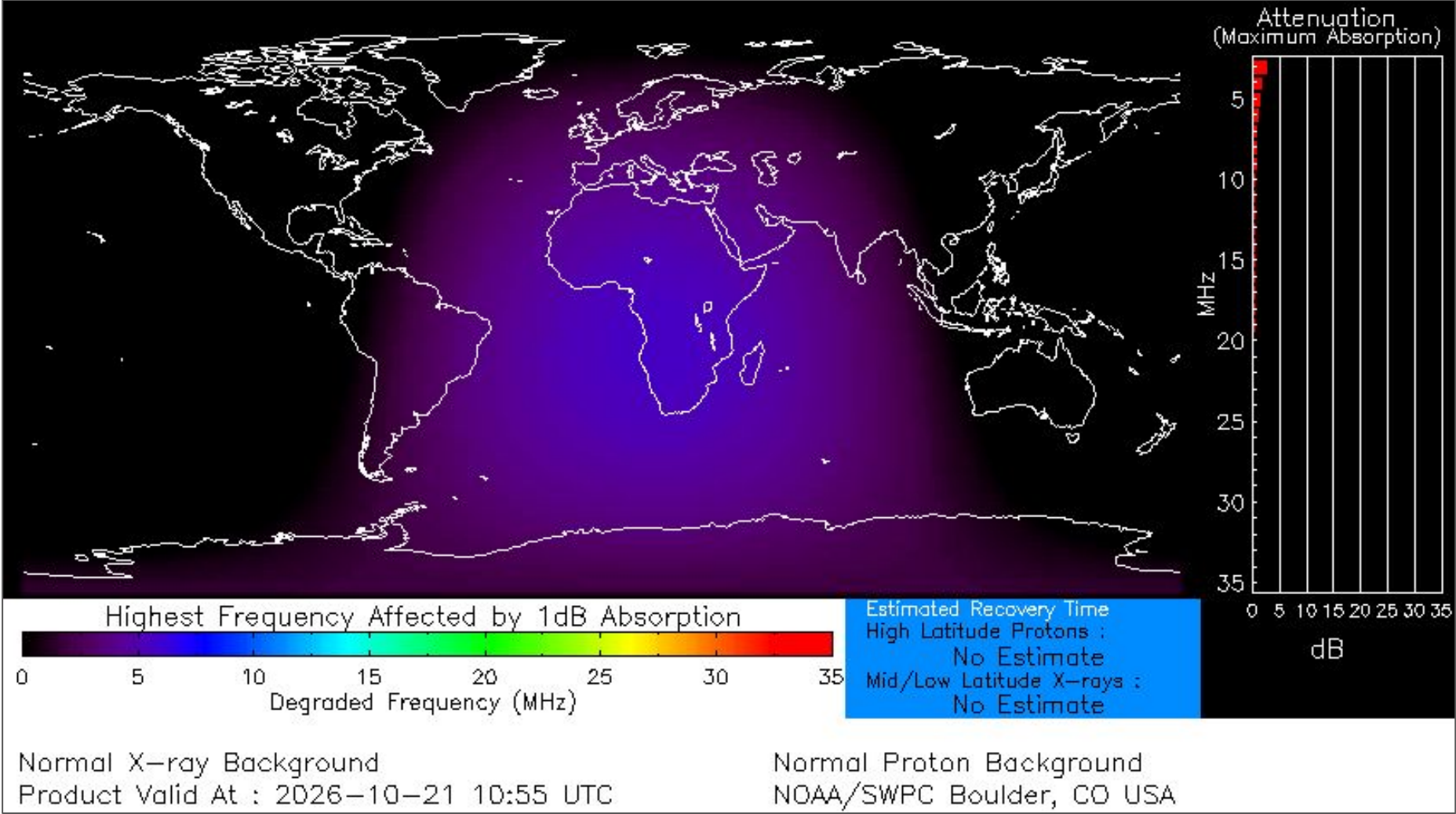
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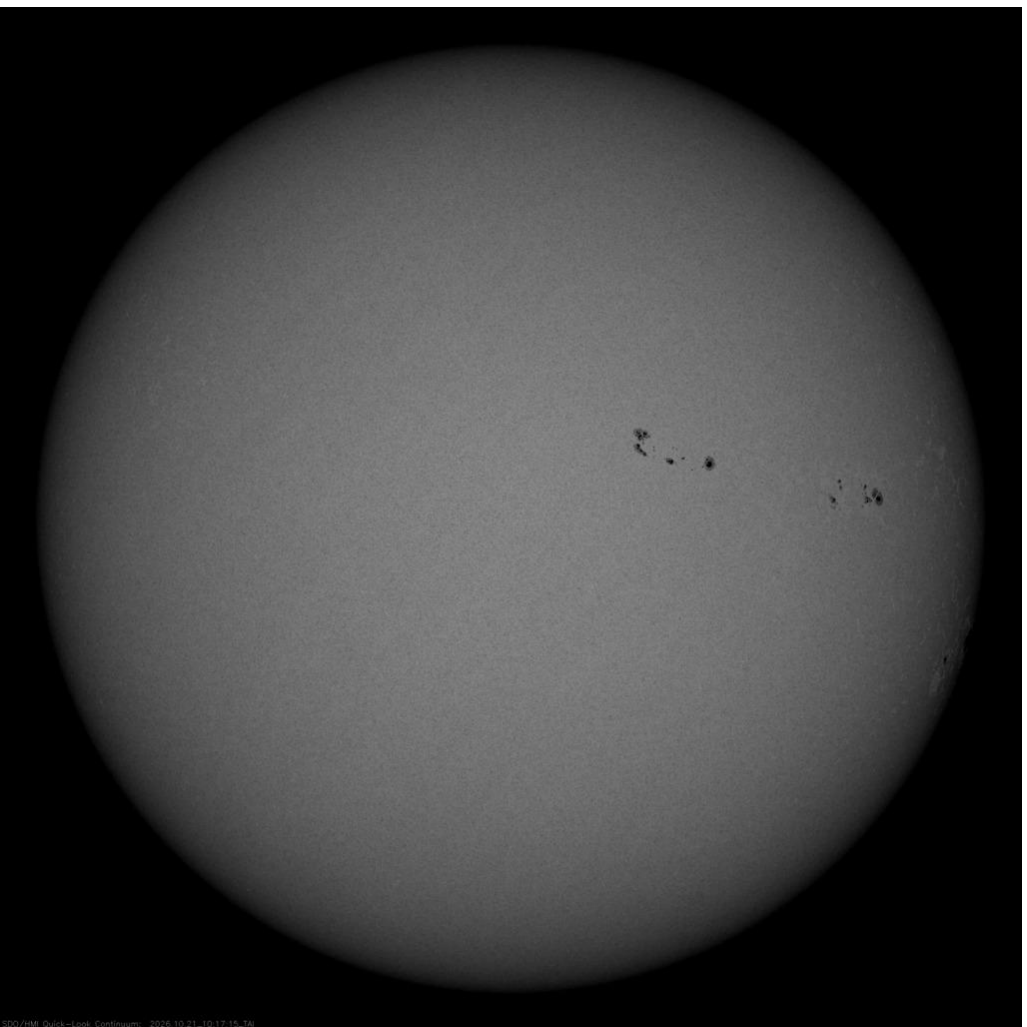
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Oct 21	Thursday, Oct 22	Friday, Oct 23
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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