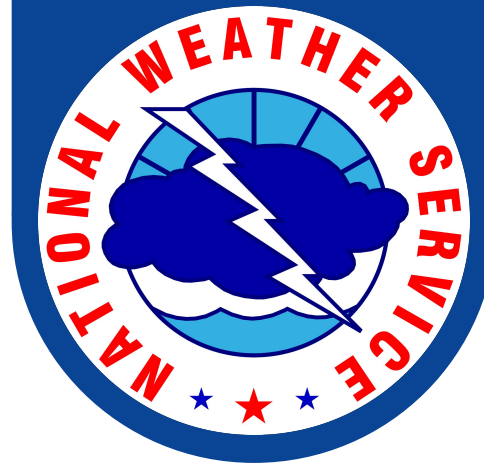




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, October 24, 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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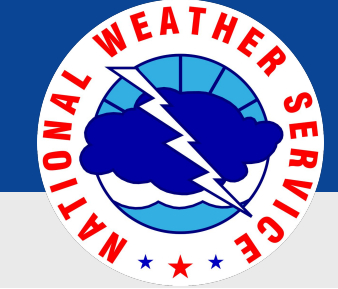
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# Summary

- **River Flooding:**
  - Major river flooding continues today at the San Juan River at Farmington and Shiprock.
    - San Juan River at Farmington is expected to drop under Moderate flood stage this morning
    - San Juan river at Shiprock is expected to drop under Major flood stage at 1 PM this afternoon CDT, and under Moderate flood stage by 1 AM tomorrow morning.
    - At least 1500 structures estimated to be flooded between both locations along the San Juan River.
- **Flash Flooding:**
  - Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, Far W TX; and NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles on Sunday.
  - Rain rates generally up to 1" per hr (stronger storms may bring 1-2" per hr) & storm totals widespread 1-2" with pockets of 4-7". Sunday looks to have the heaviest rainfall in E NM.
- **Severe Weather:**
  - Slight risk (level 2 of 5) today over SC NM, Far W TX.
    - Hail 2+" in diameter is the main threat today.
  - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) tomorrow in S/E NM, W TX. Hail is the main threat.
- **Tropical:**
  - No tropical impacts are expected over the 7 days.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

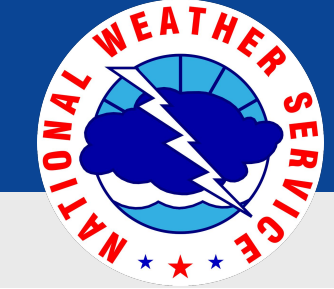
Next 7 days

|                             | Saturday, Oct 24                 | Sunday, Oct 25          | Monday, Oct 26                     | Tuesday, Oct 27 | Wednesday, Oct 28 | Thursday, Oct 29 | Friday, Oct 30 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Severe Storms               | SC NM, WTX                       | S/E NM, WTX             |                                    |                 |                   |                  |                |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | E NM, Far WTX, WTX/OK Panhandles | NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles | SE NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK |                 |                   |                  |                |
| Fire Weather                |                                  |                         |                                    |                 |                   |                  |                |
| Tropical                    |                                  |                         |                                    |                 |                   |                  |                |
| River Flooding              | NM                               | NM                      | NM                                 |                 |                   |                  |                |

*\*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 NM, Far W TX through 7 AM CDT Sunday morning.**





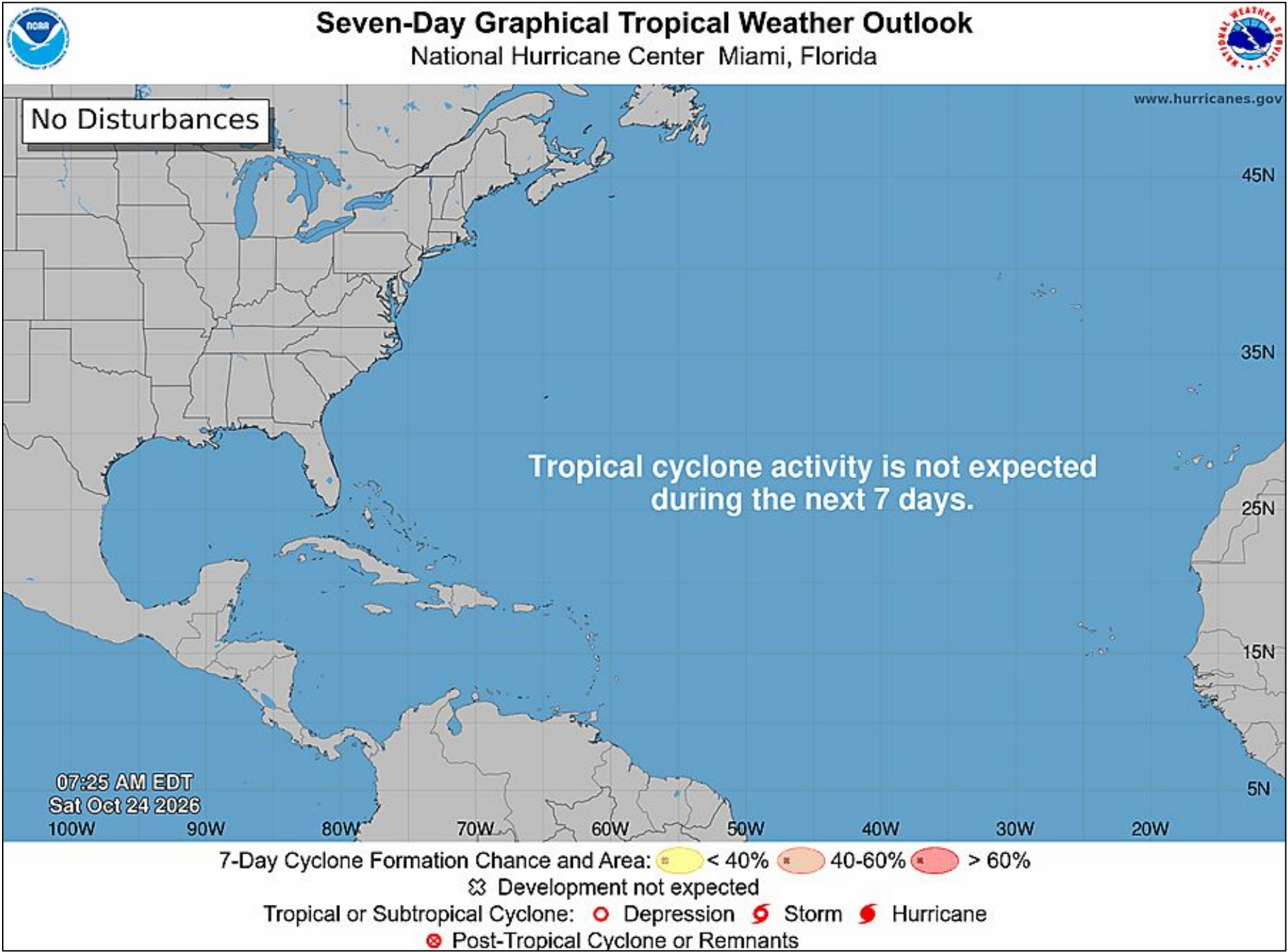
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

## Areas of Possible Development

| Area | Chance of Development | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
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|      |                       | None                        |

## Active Tropical Cyclones

| Storm | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
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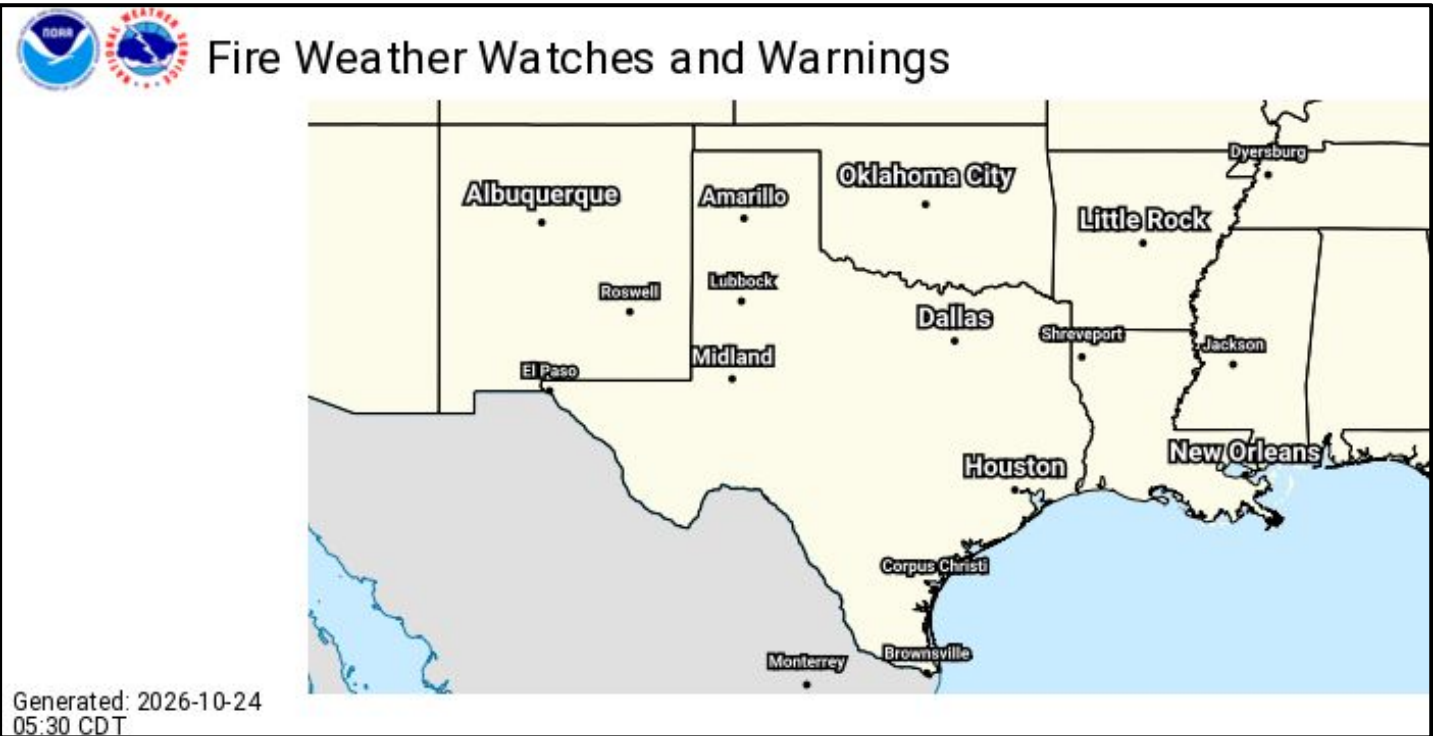
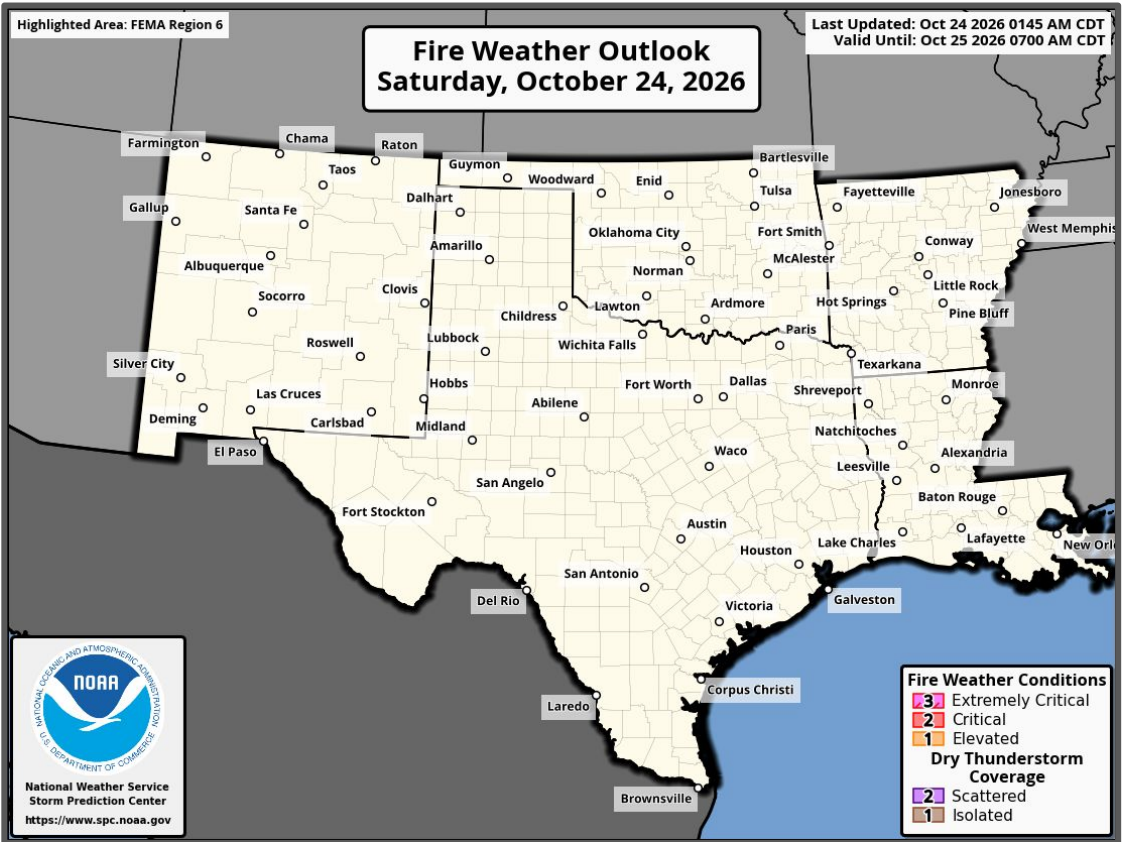
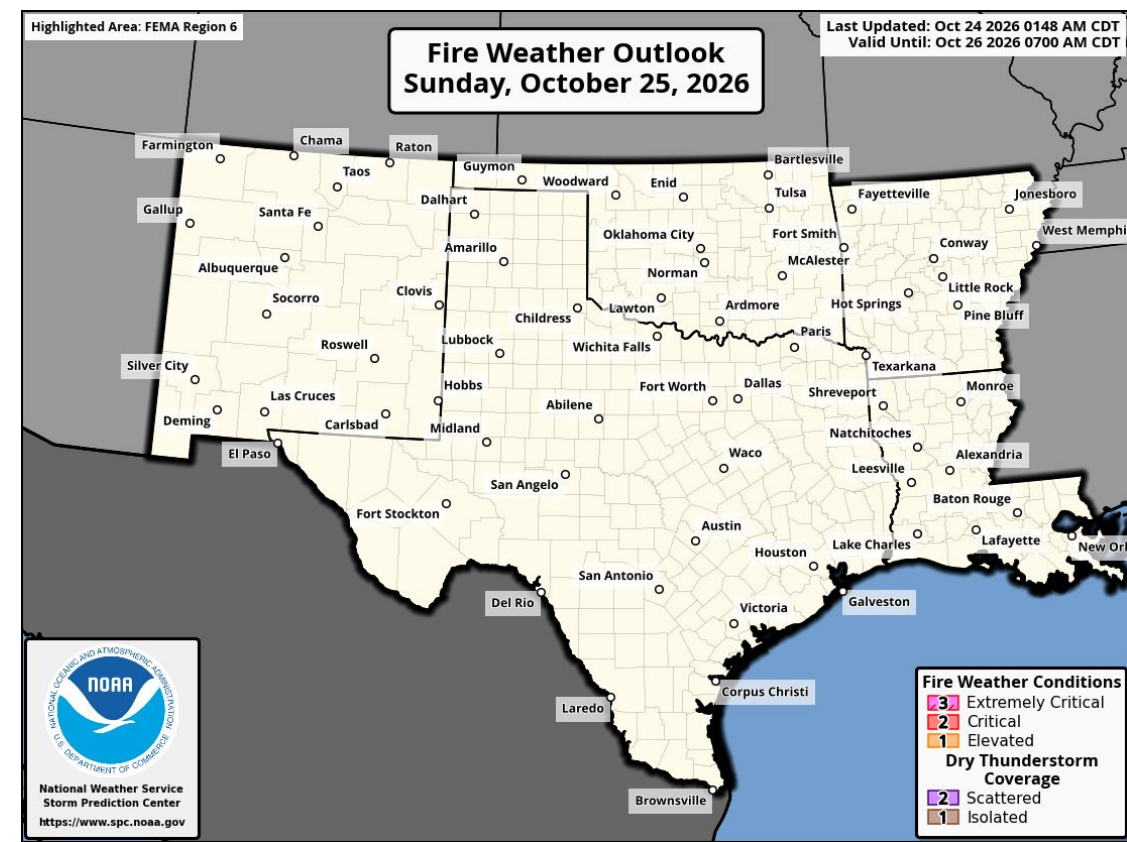
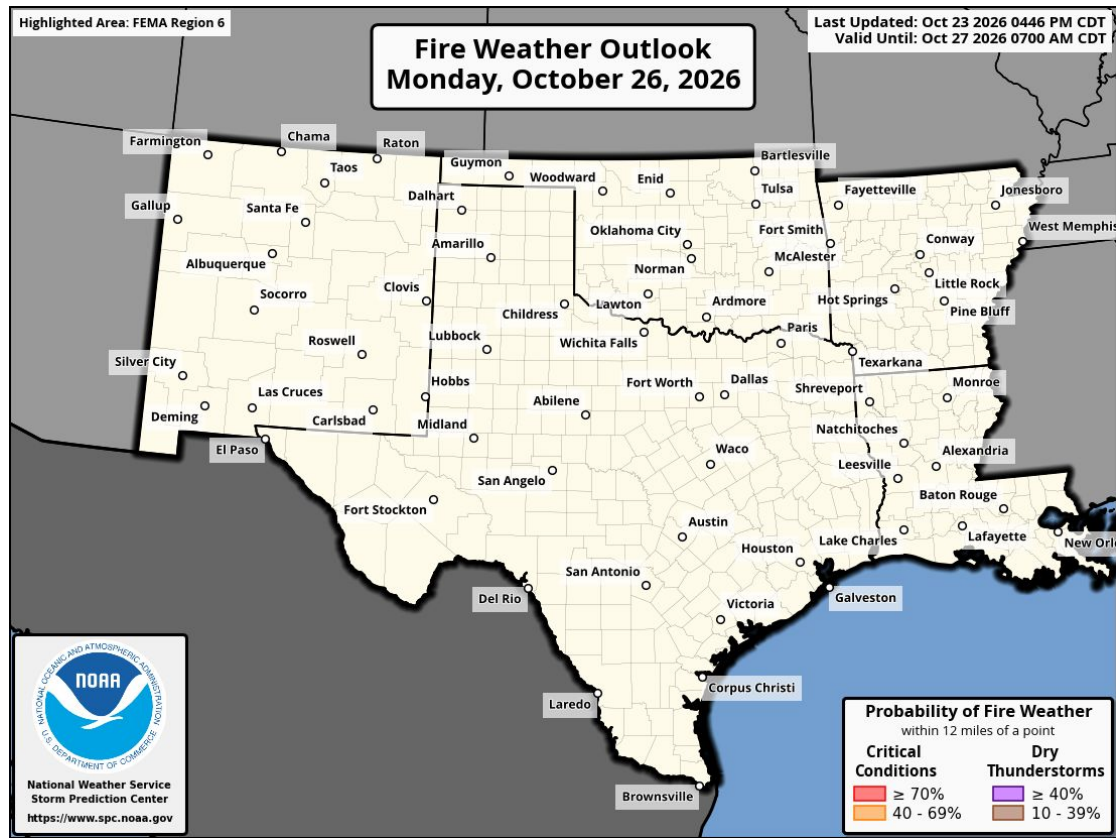
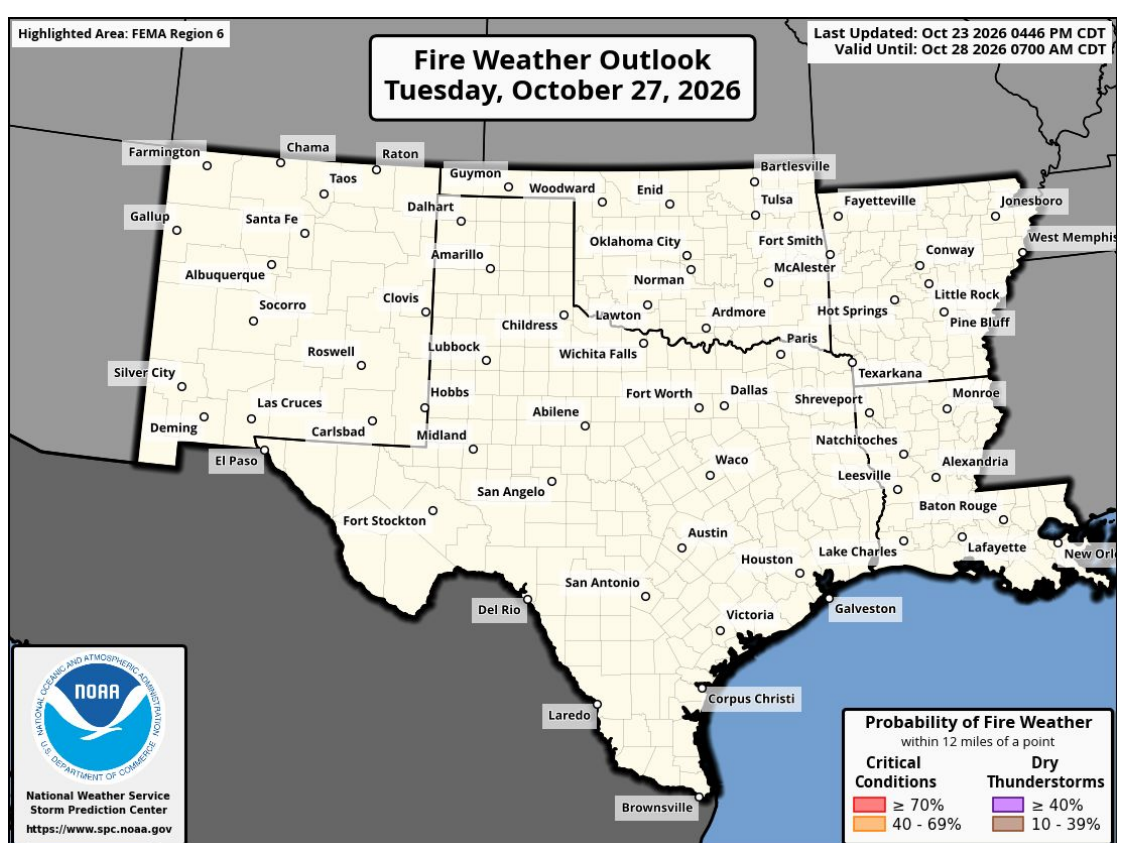
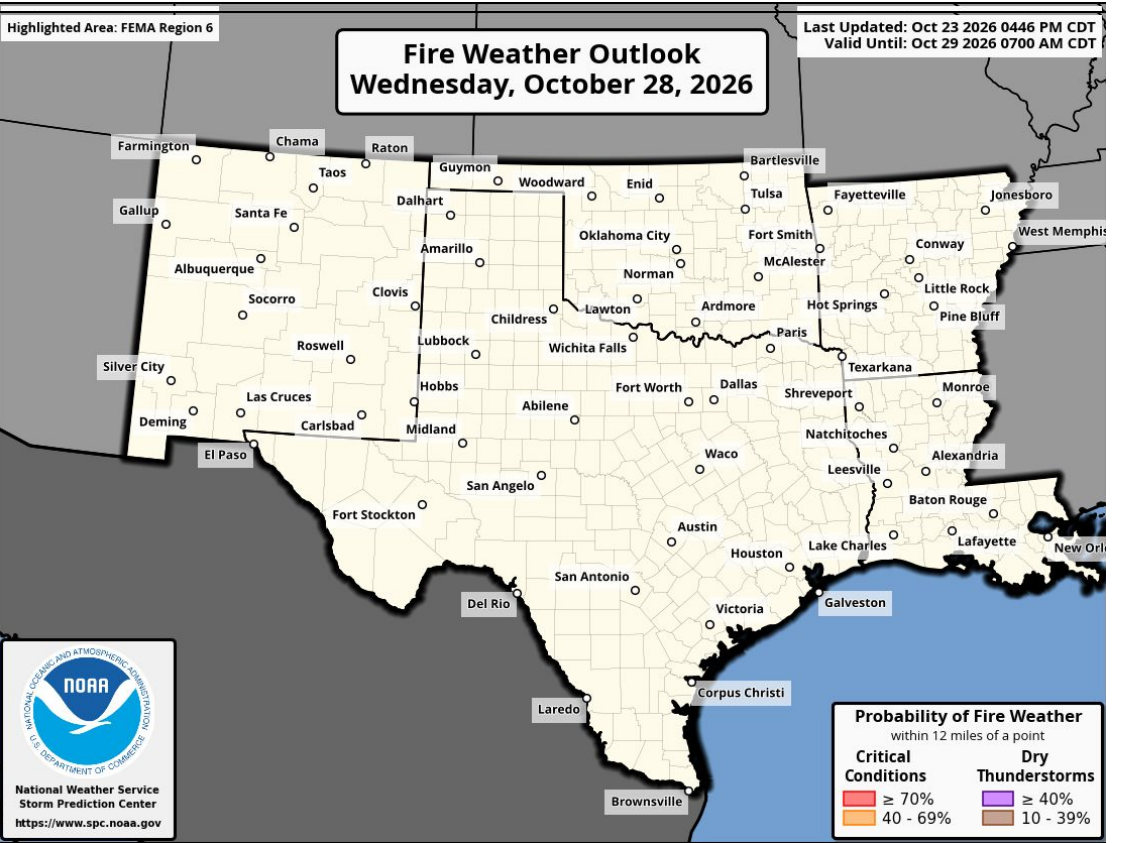


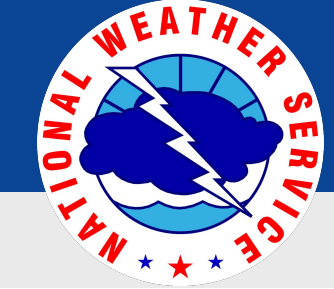
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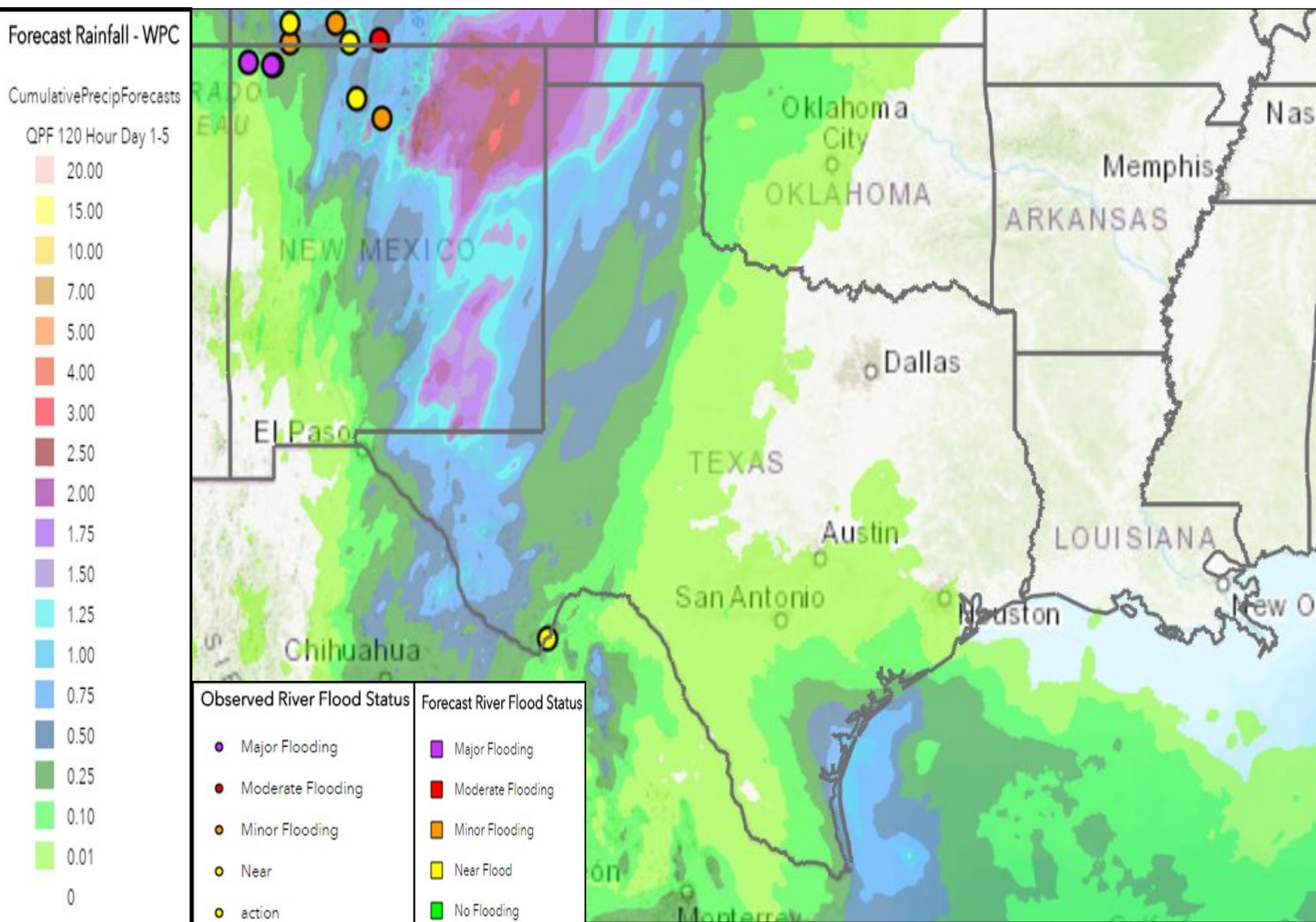
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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*



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**San Juan River at Farmington is expected to drop under Moderate flood stage this morning**

**San Juan river at Shiprock is expected to drop under Major flood stage at 1 PM this afternoon CDT, and under Moderate flood stage by 1 AM CDT tomorrow morning.**

**At least 1500 structures estimated to be flooded between both locations along the San Juan River.**

*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.*



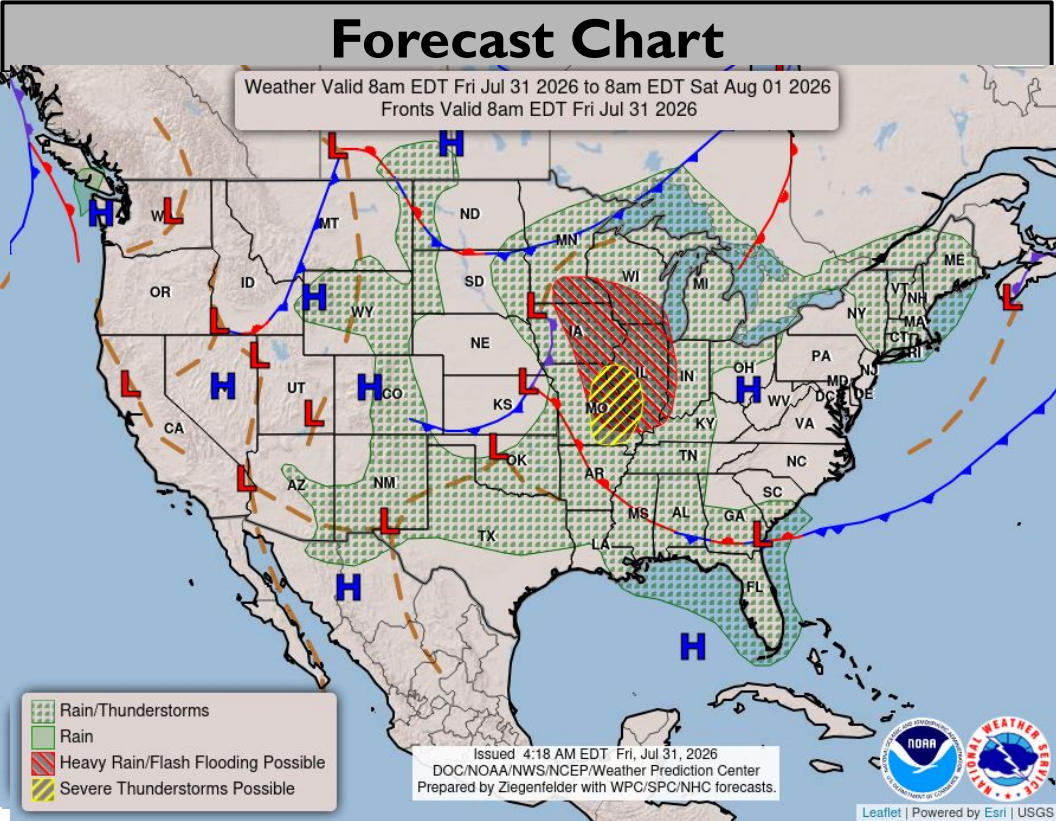
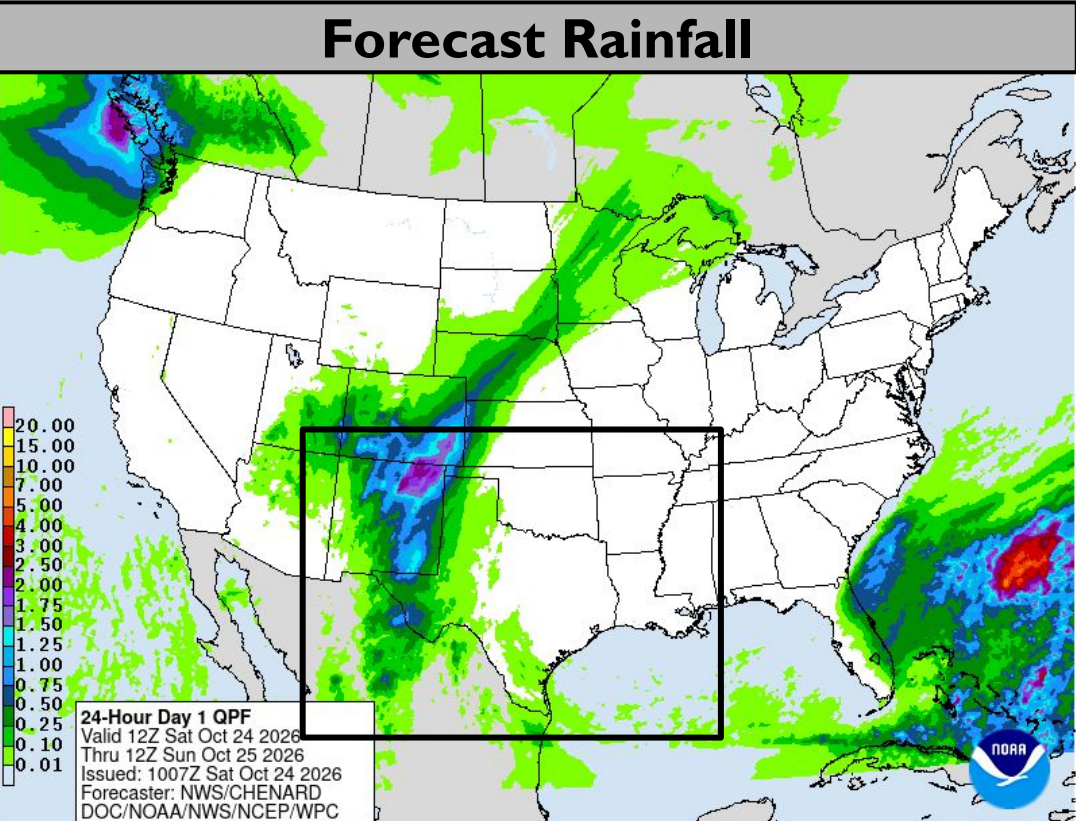
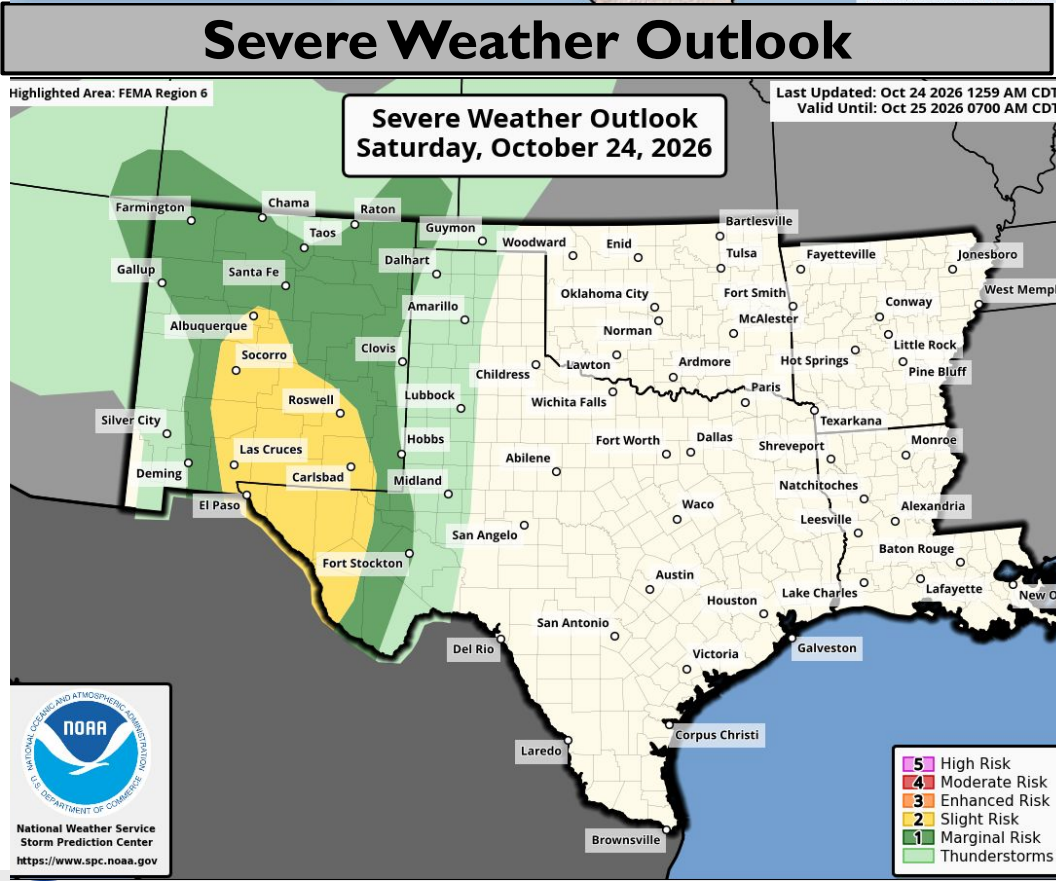
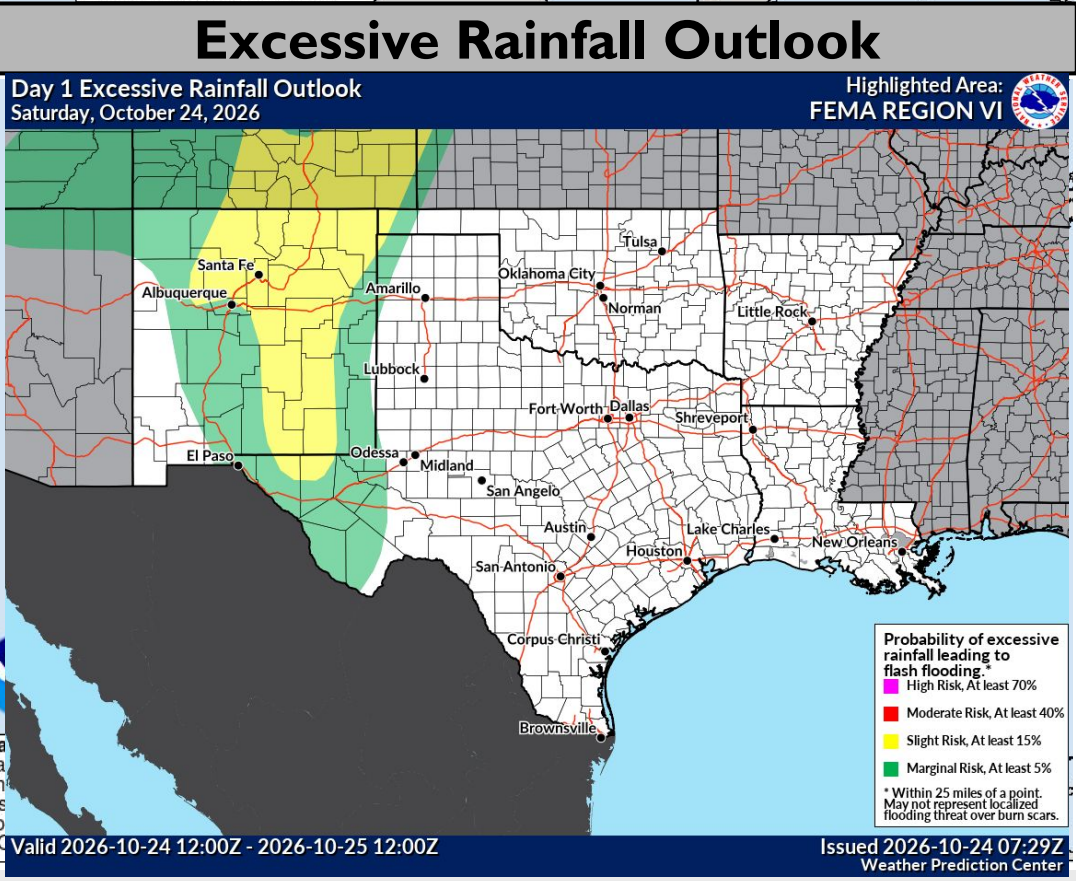
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# Today's Weather



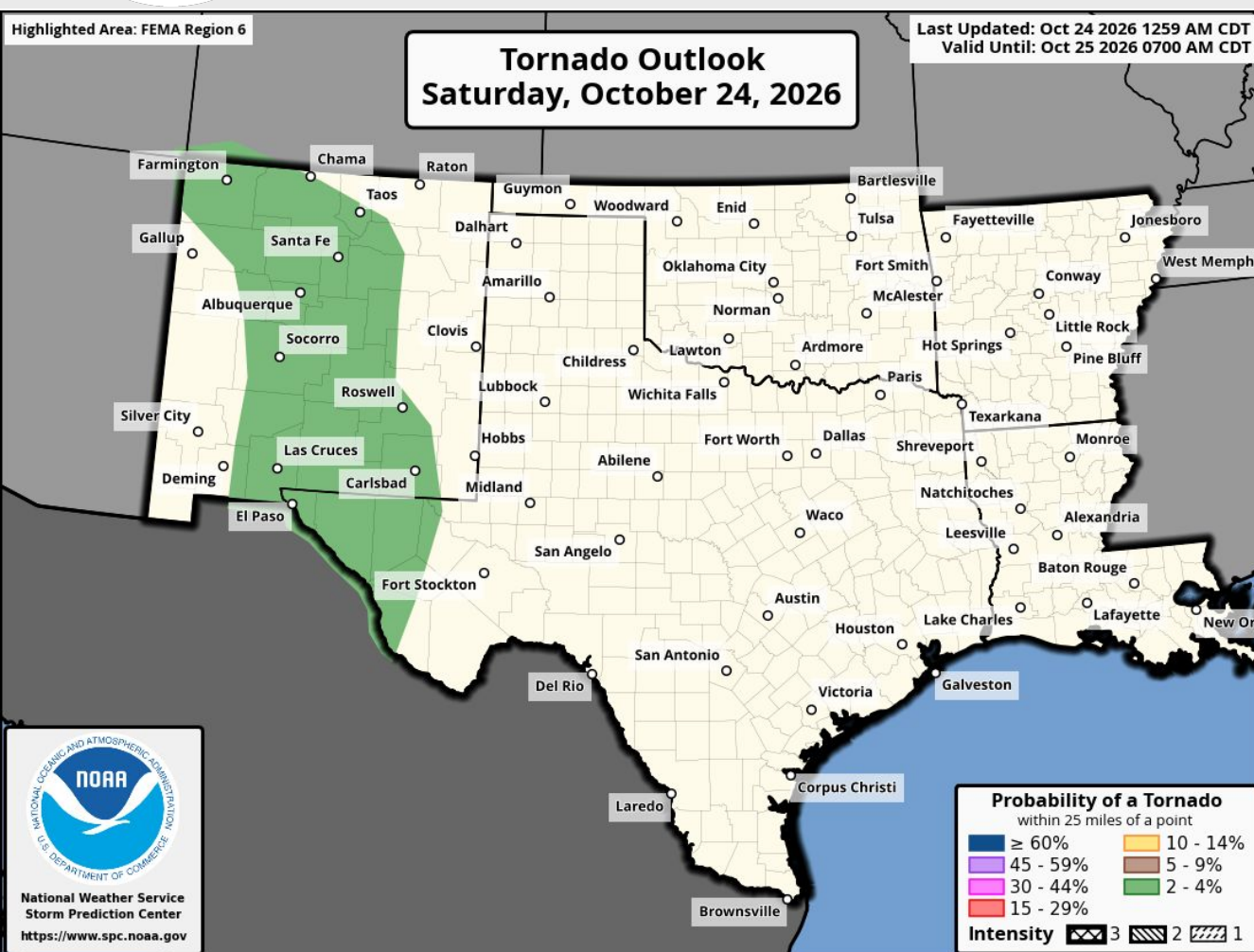
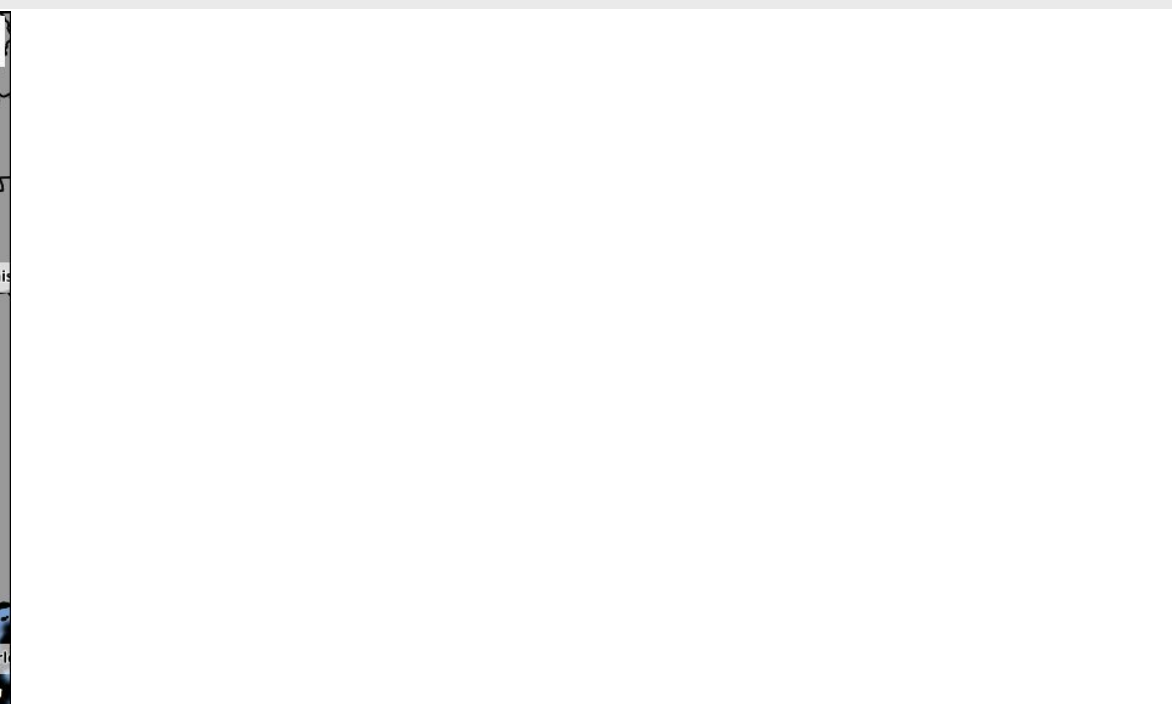
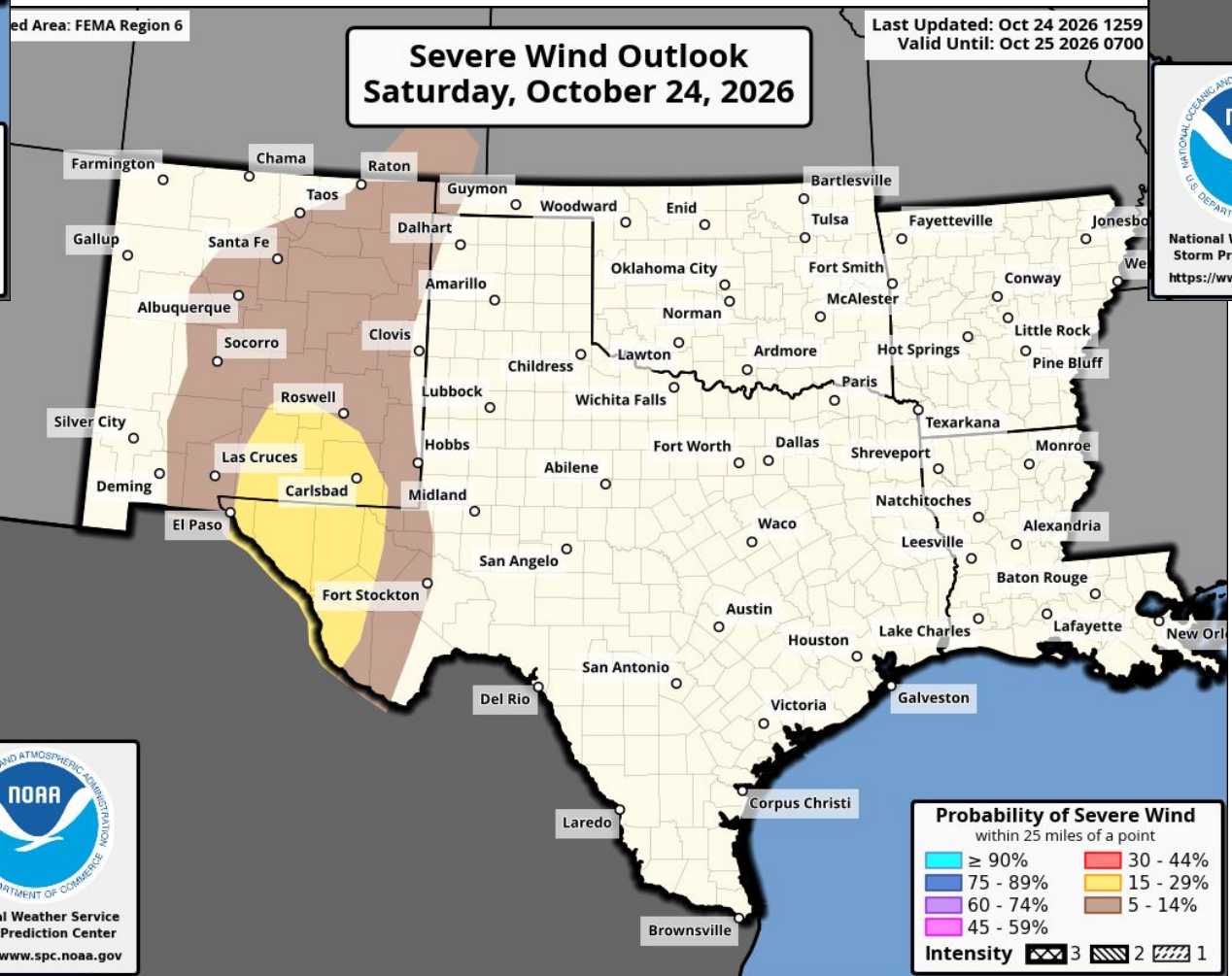
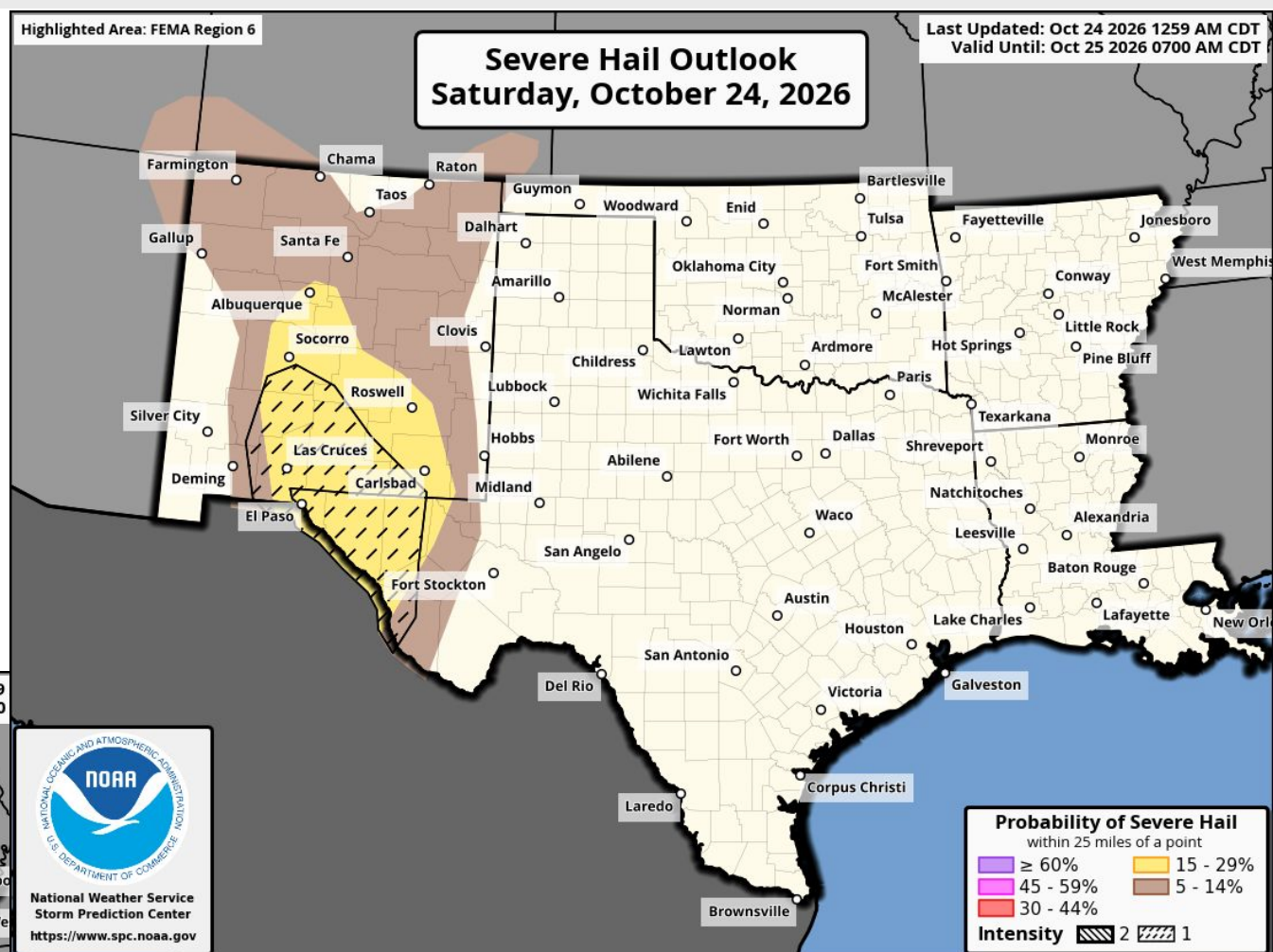
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**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SC NM, Far WTX. Hail is the main threat. Hail over 2" in diameter is conceivable.**  
**Timing: Noon CDT to 8 PM CDT.**

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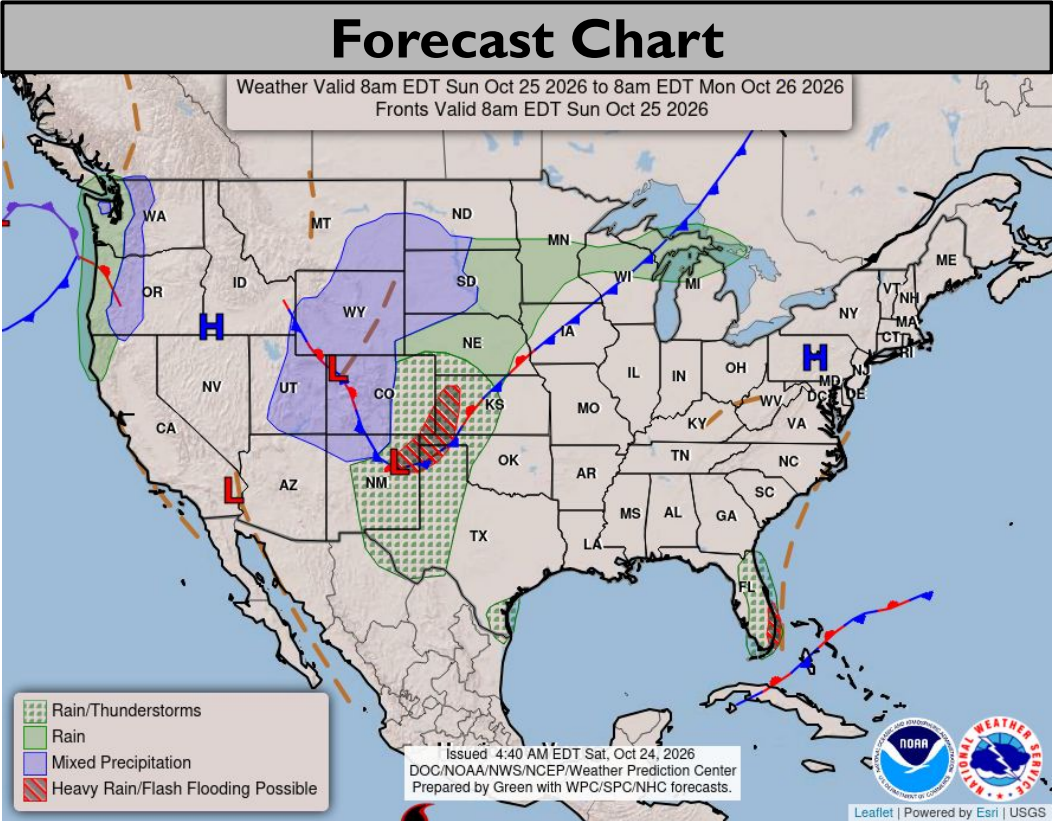
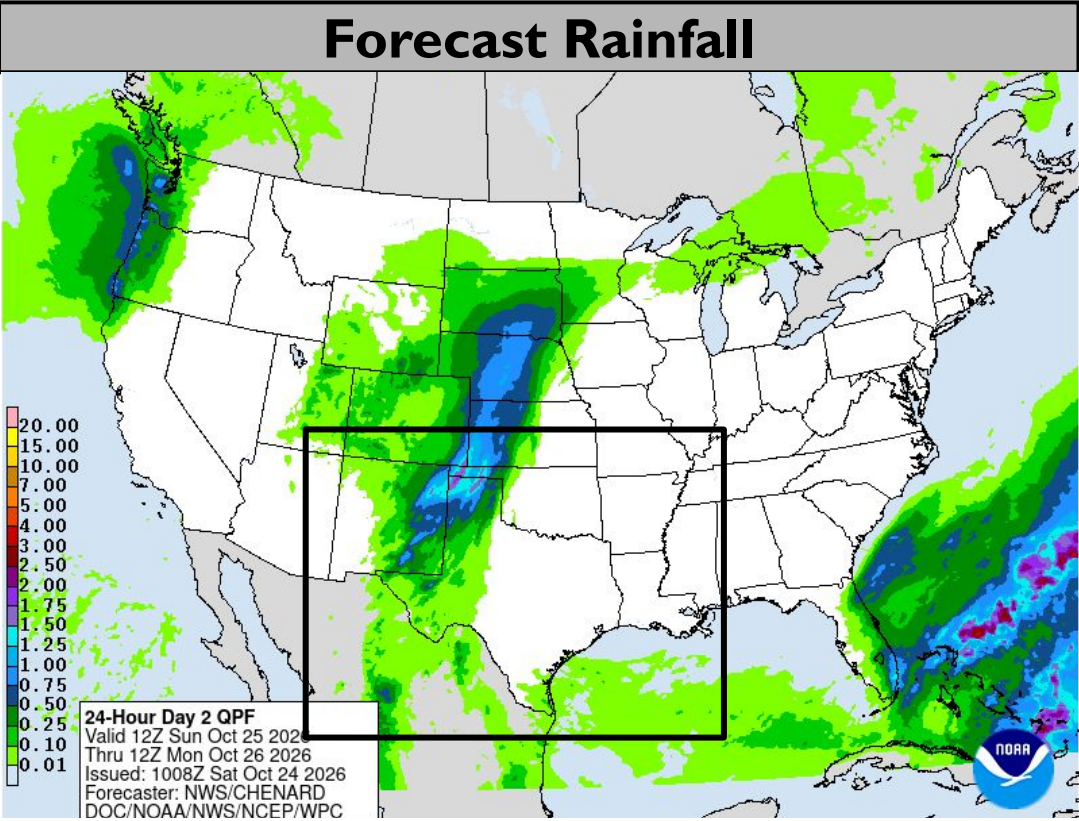


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



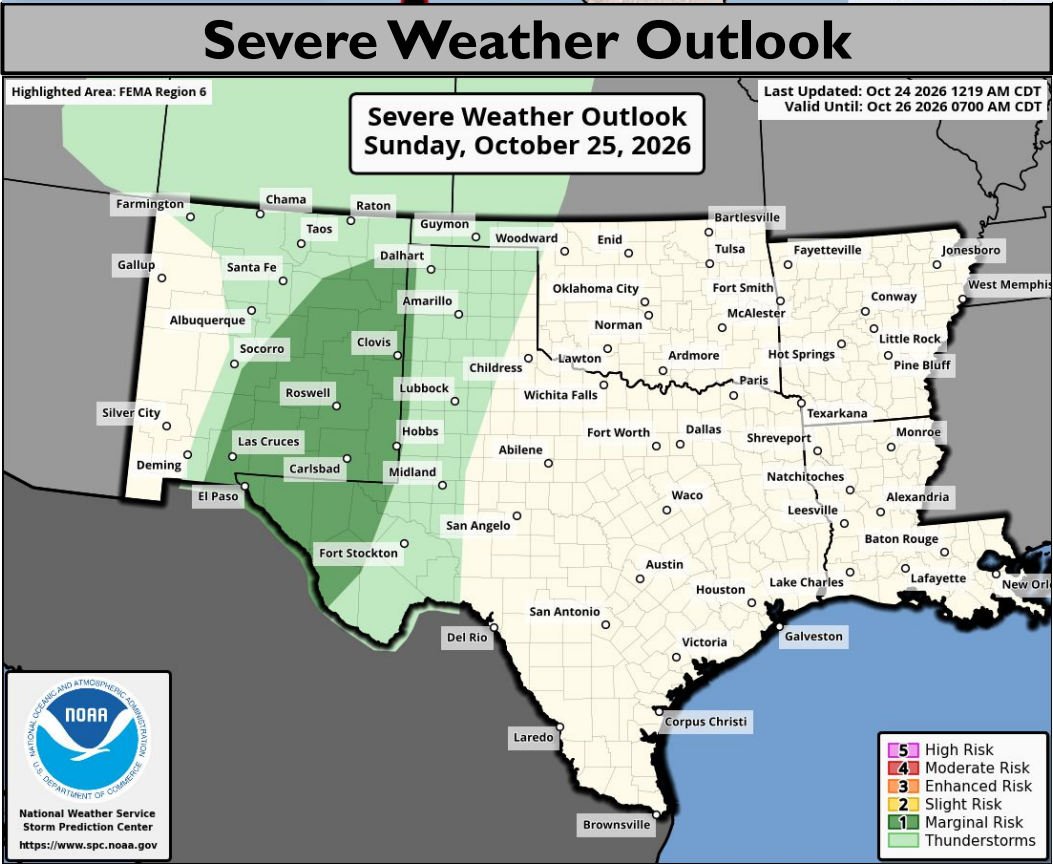
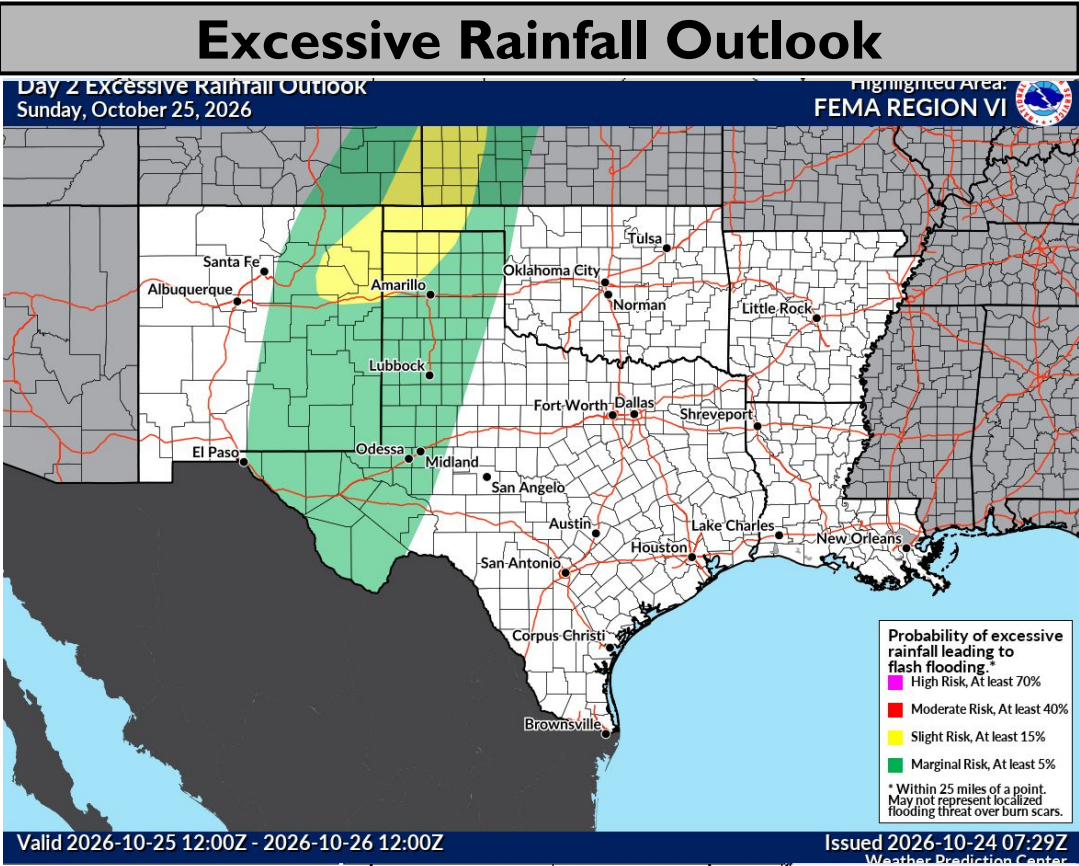


# Tomorrow's Weather



**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles. Rainfall rates 1-2" per hour.**

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

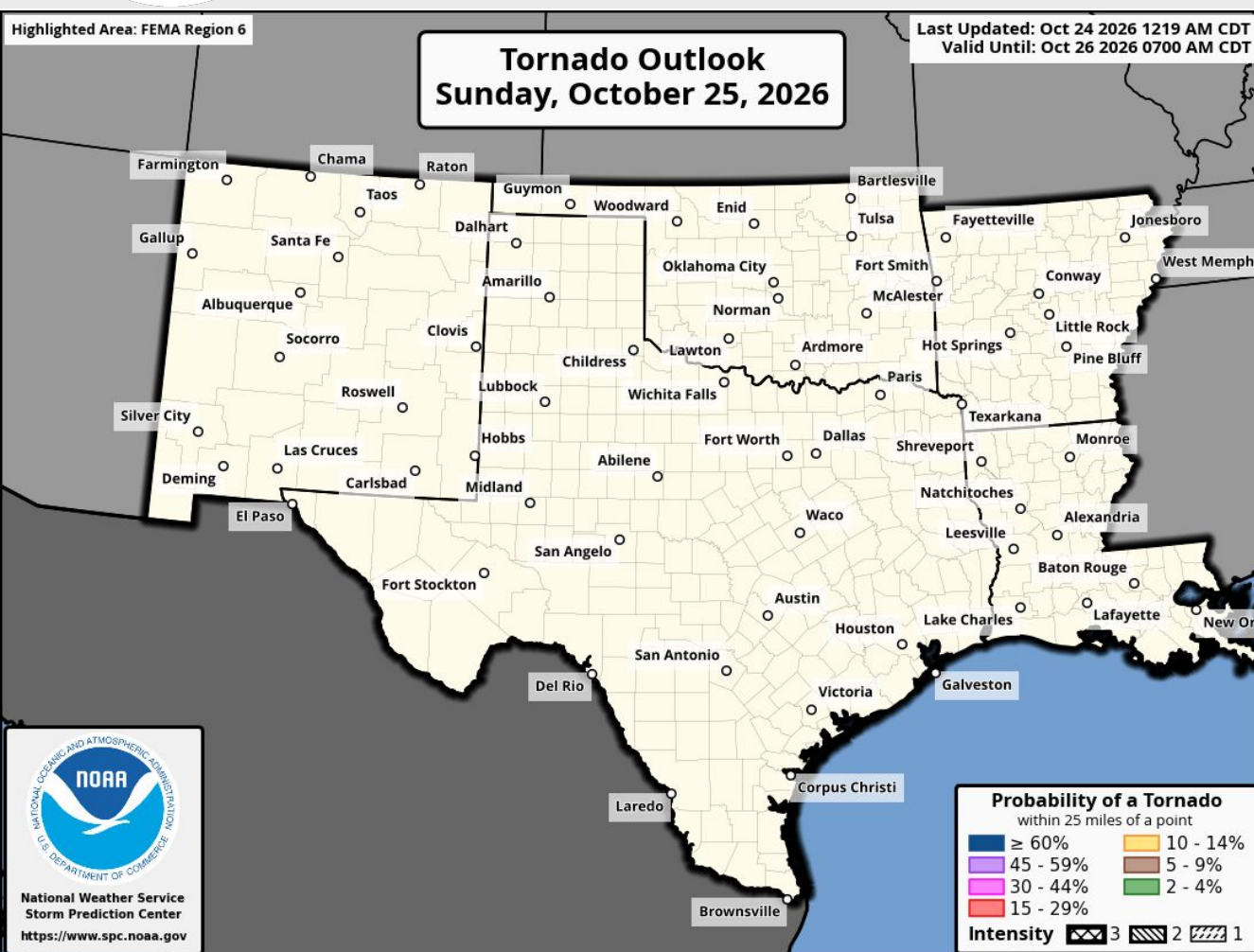
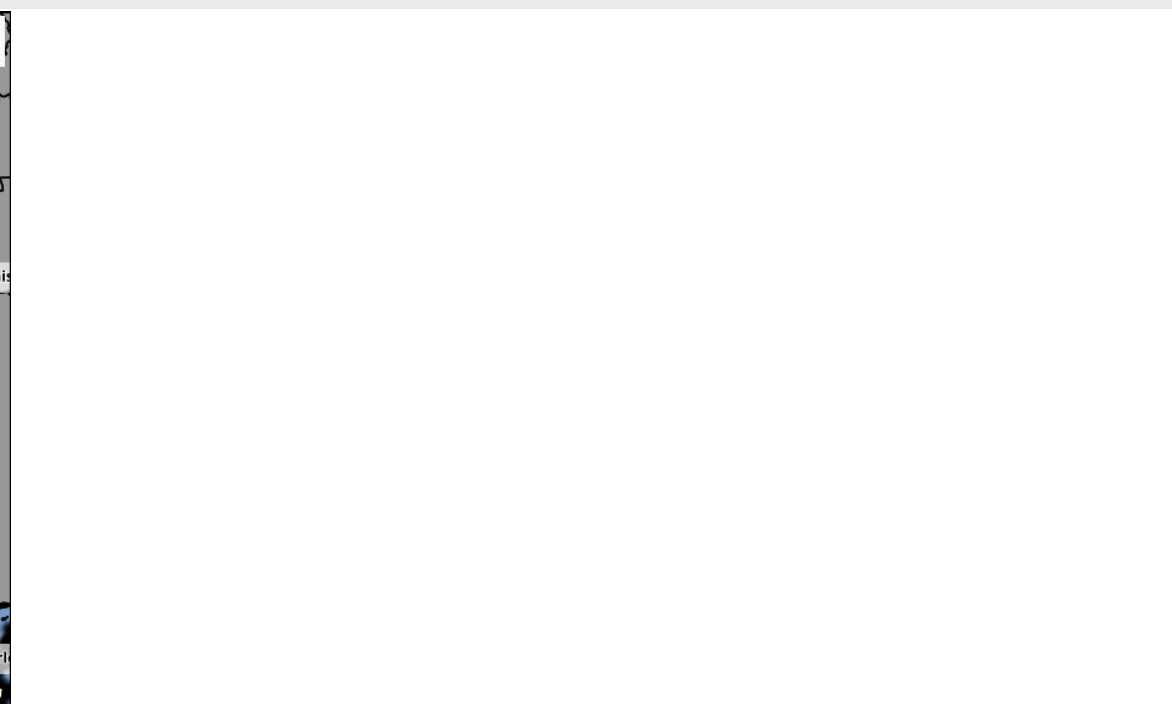
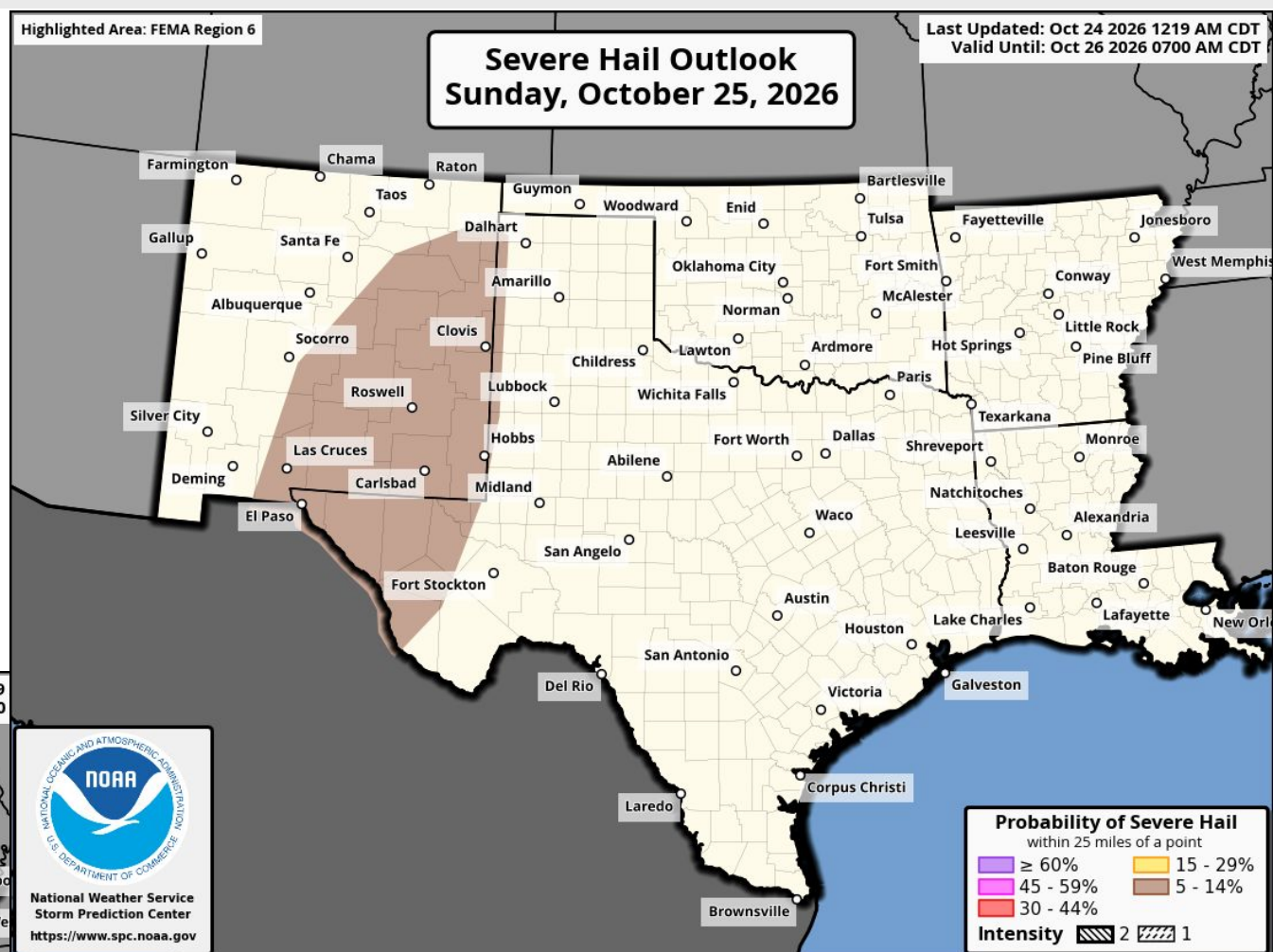
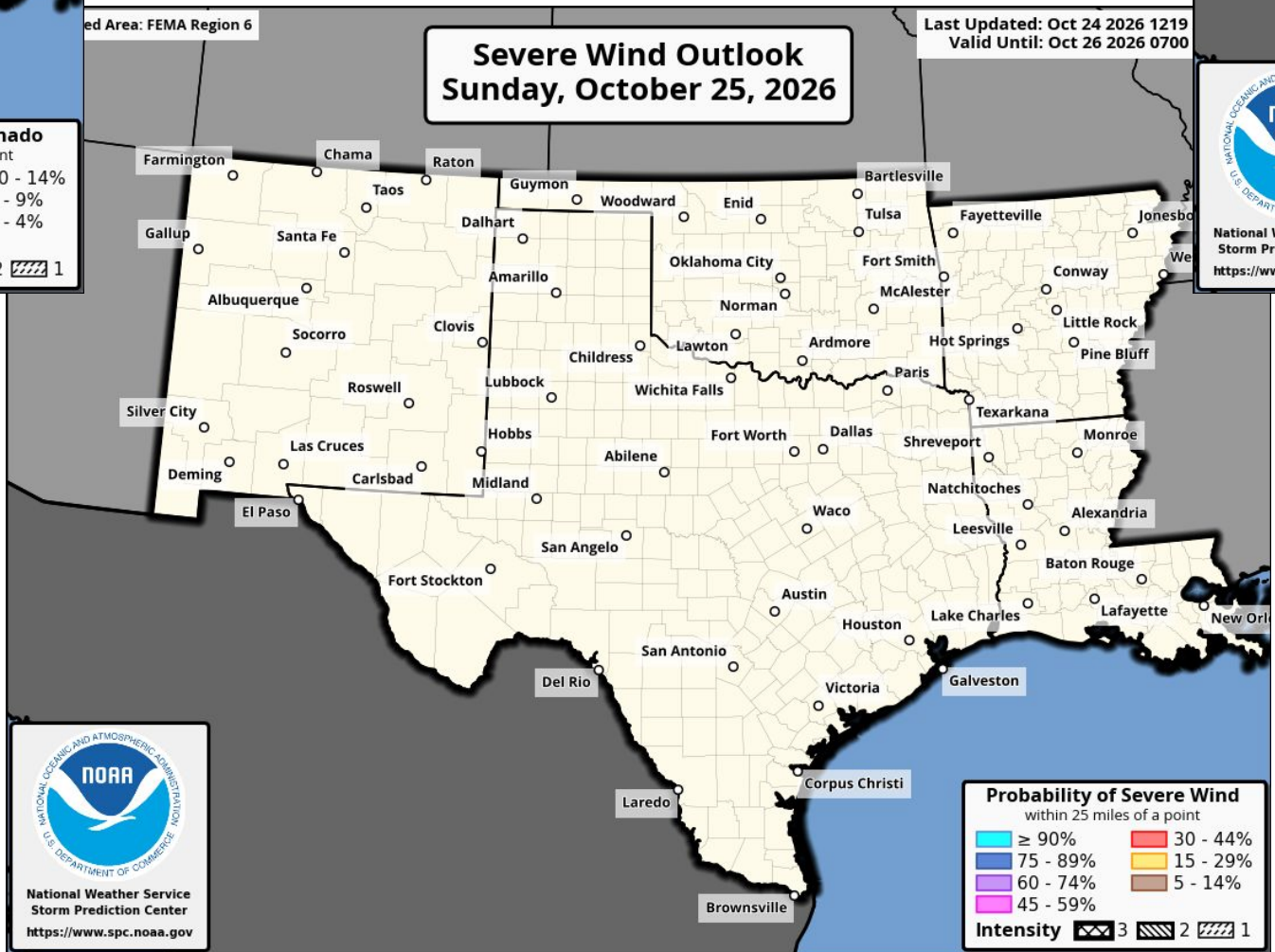


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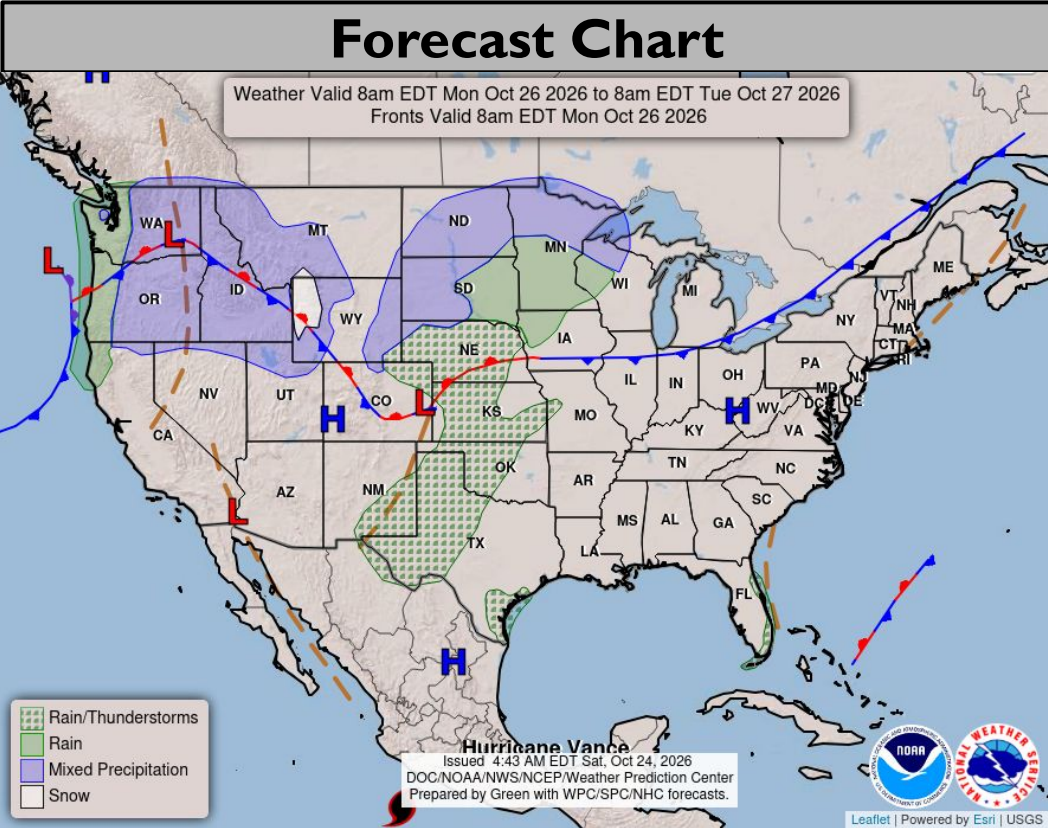
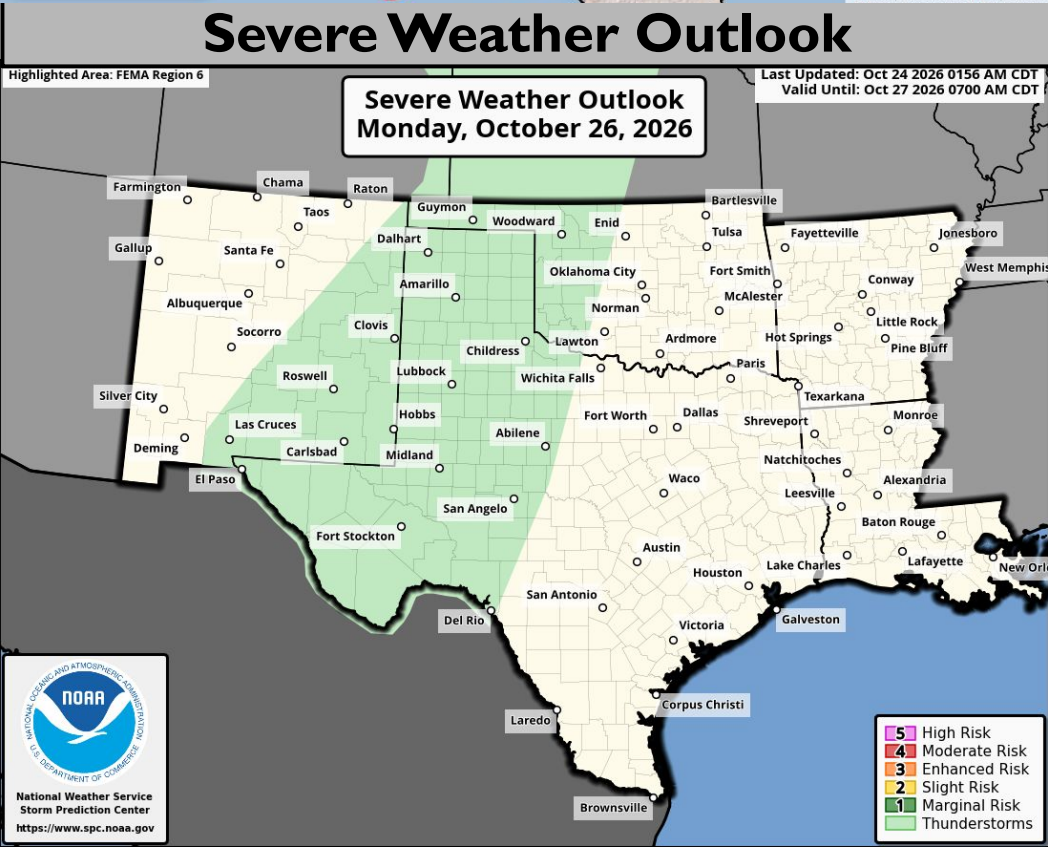
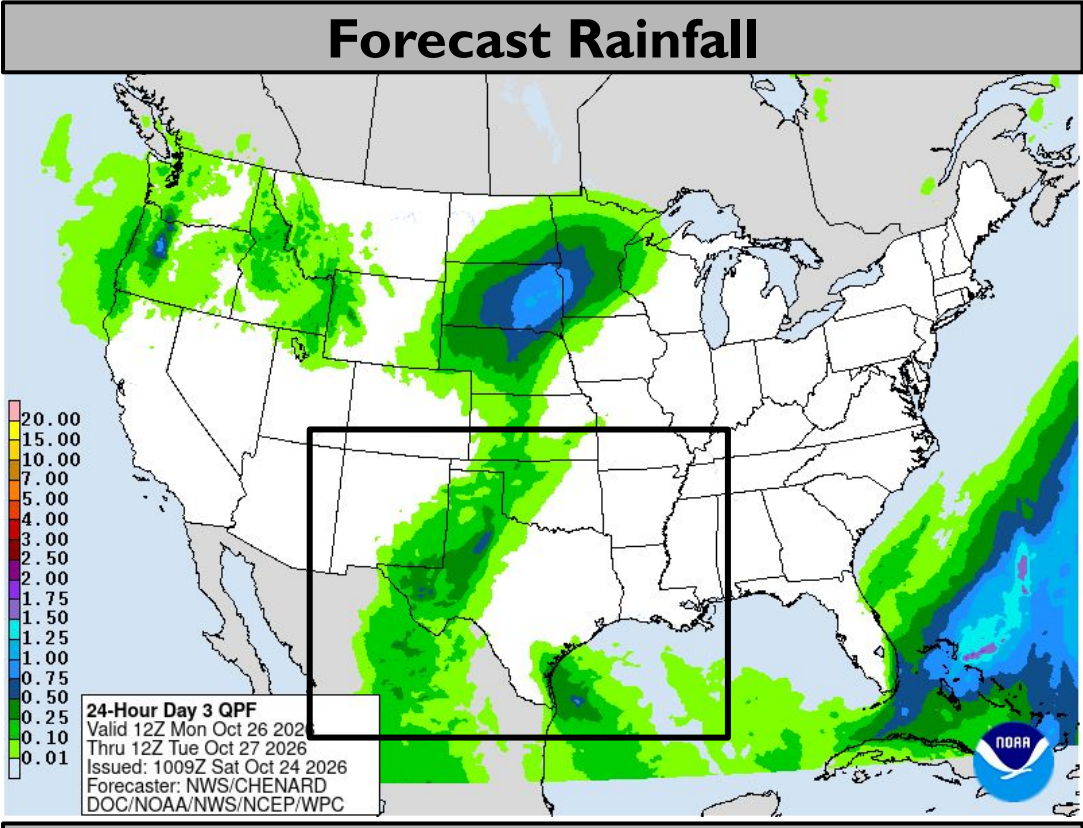
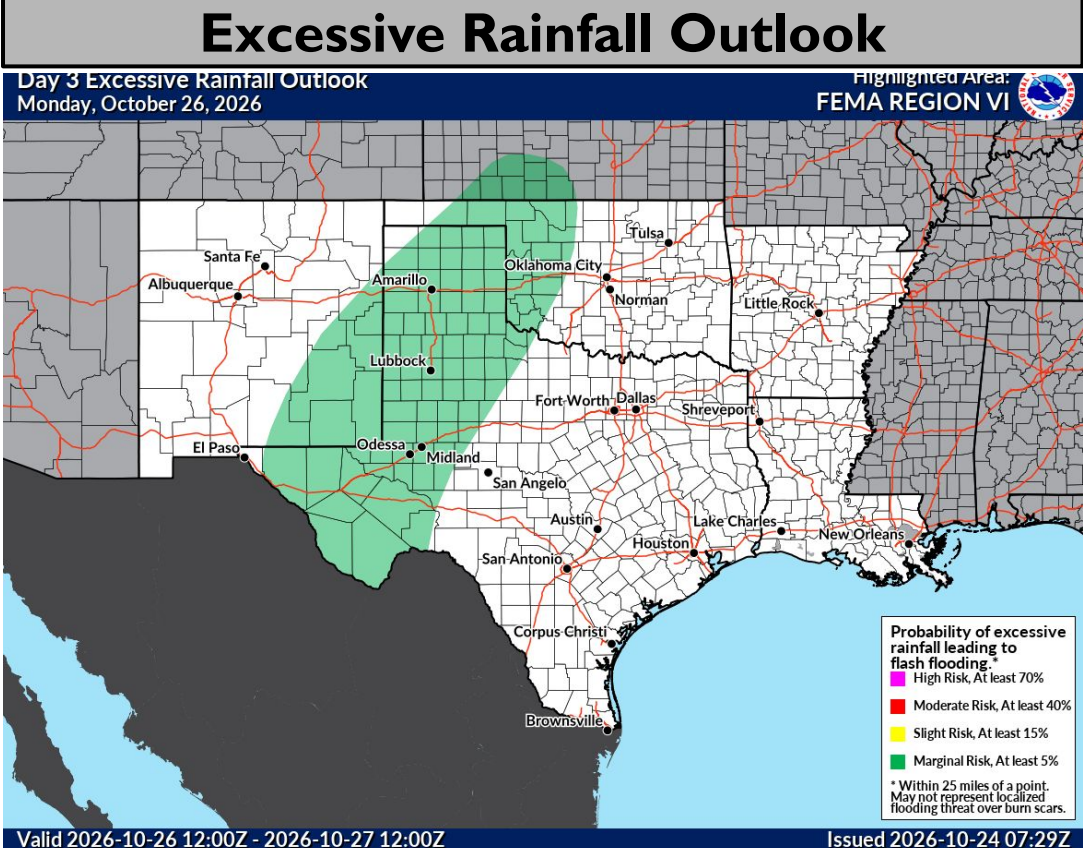


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# Monday's Weather



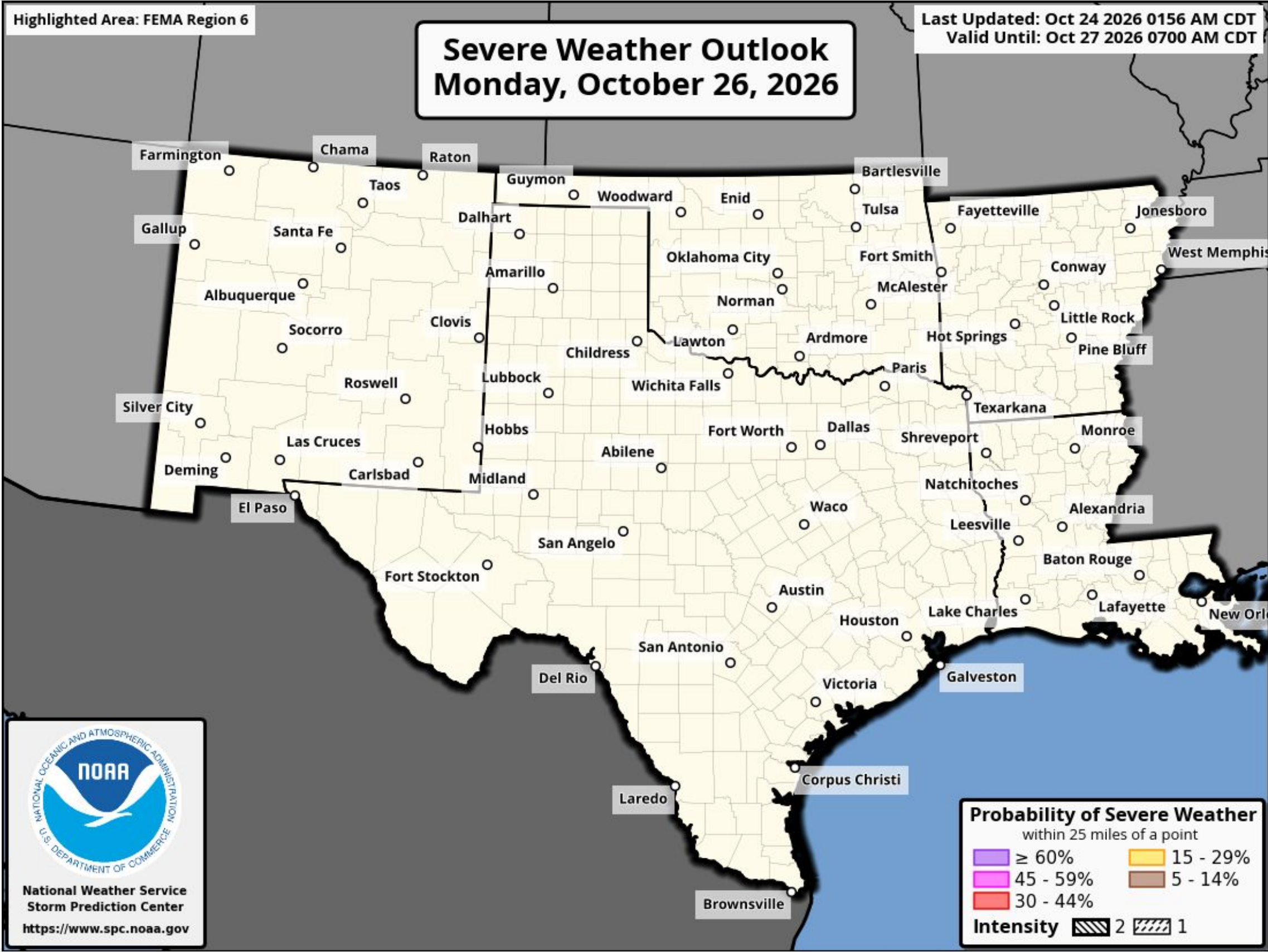
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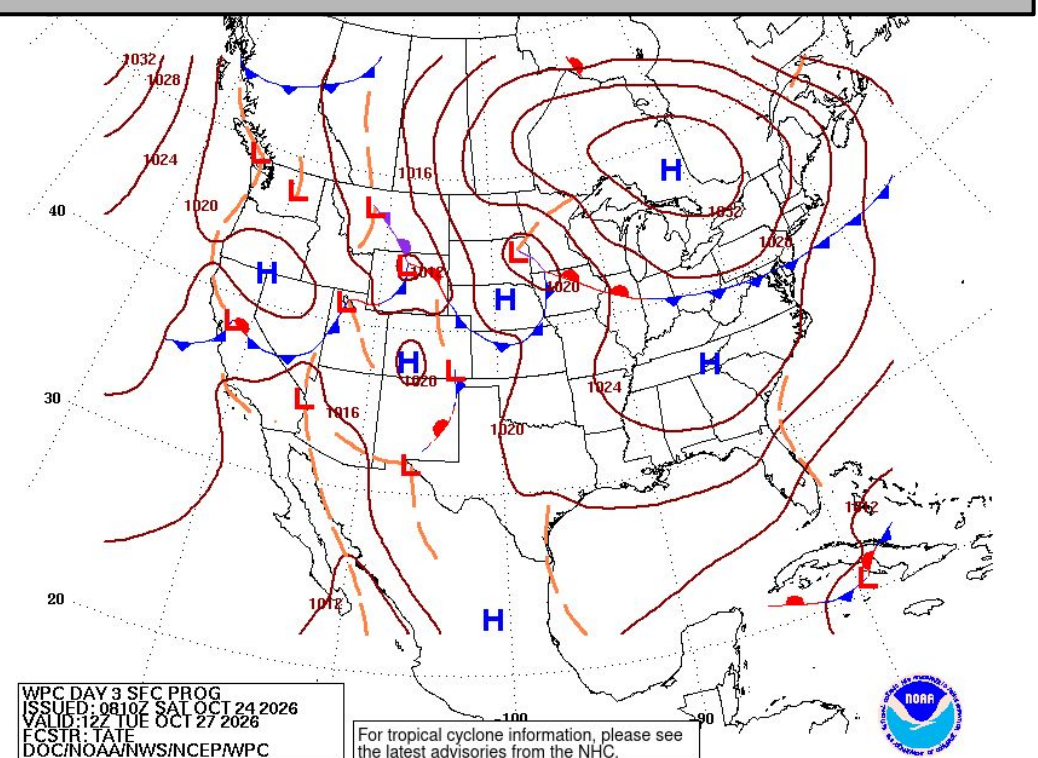
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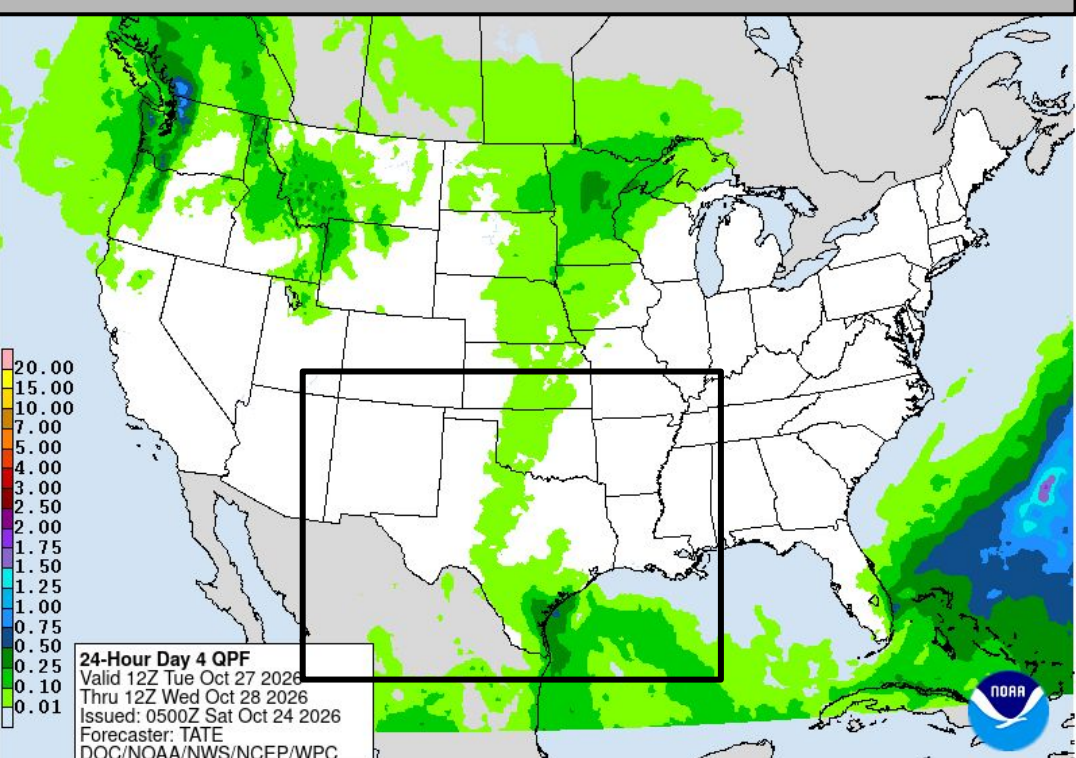


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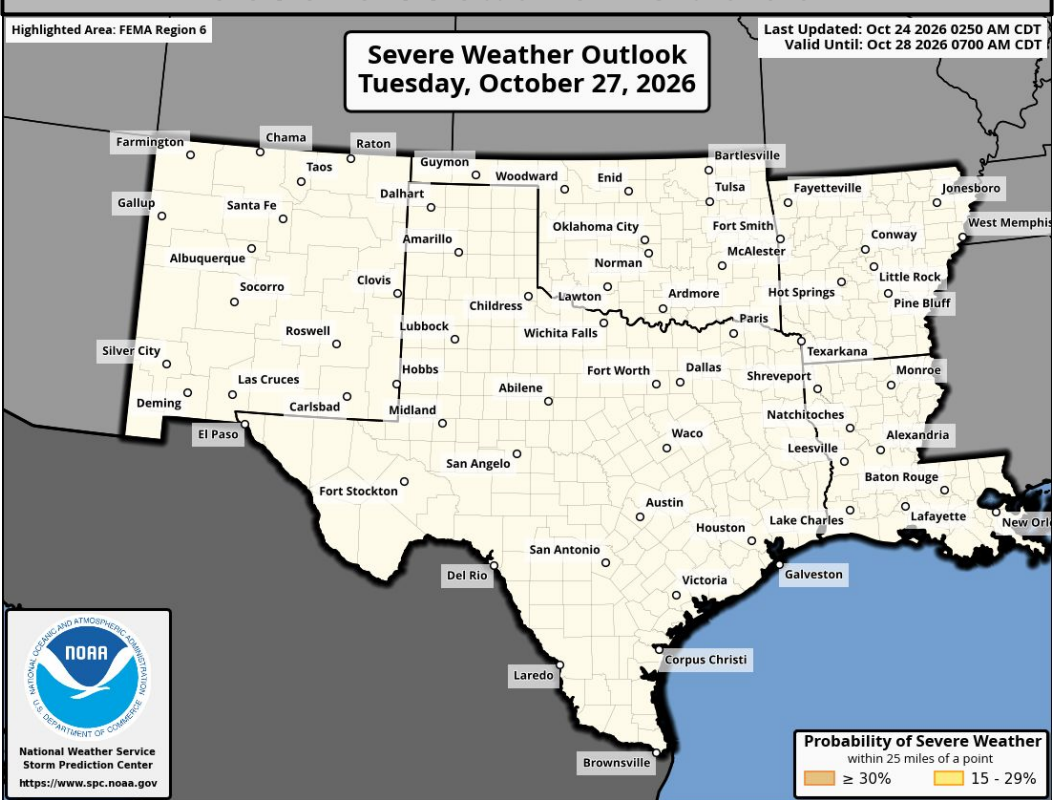


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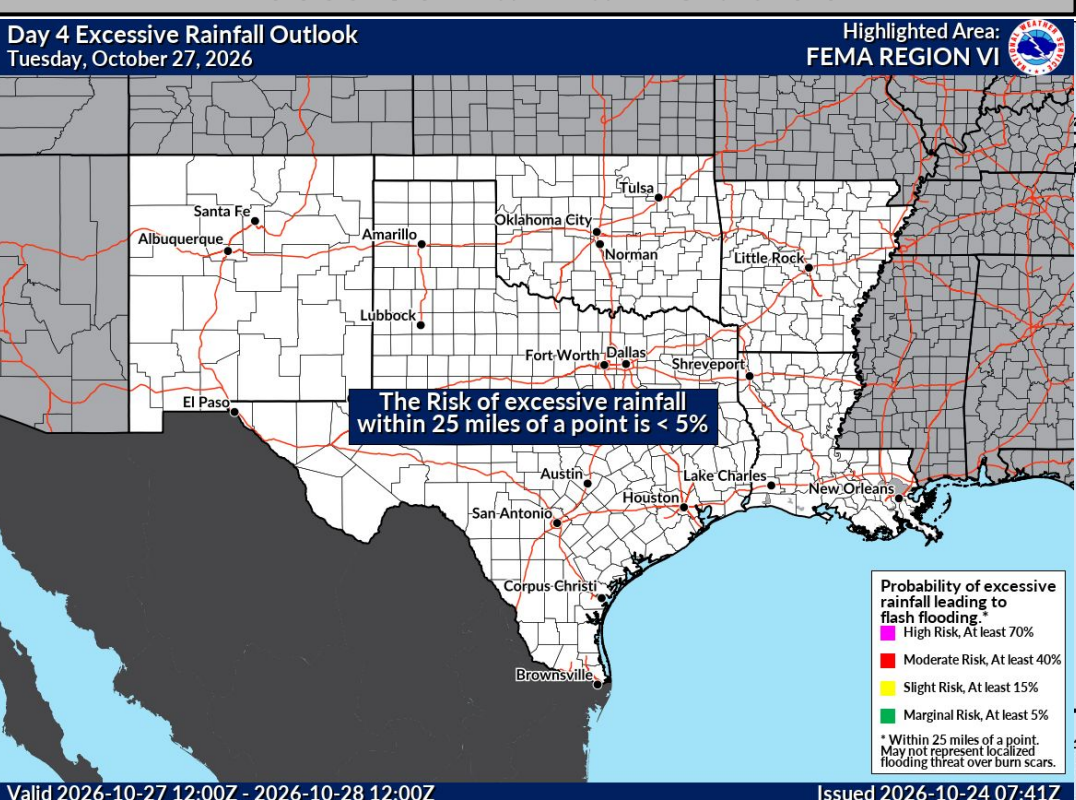


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

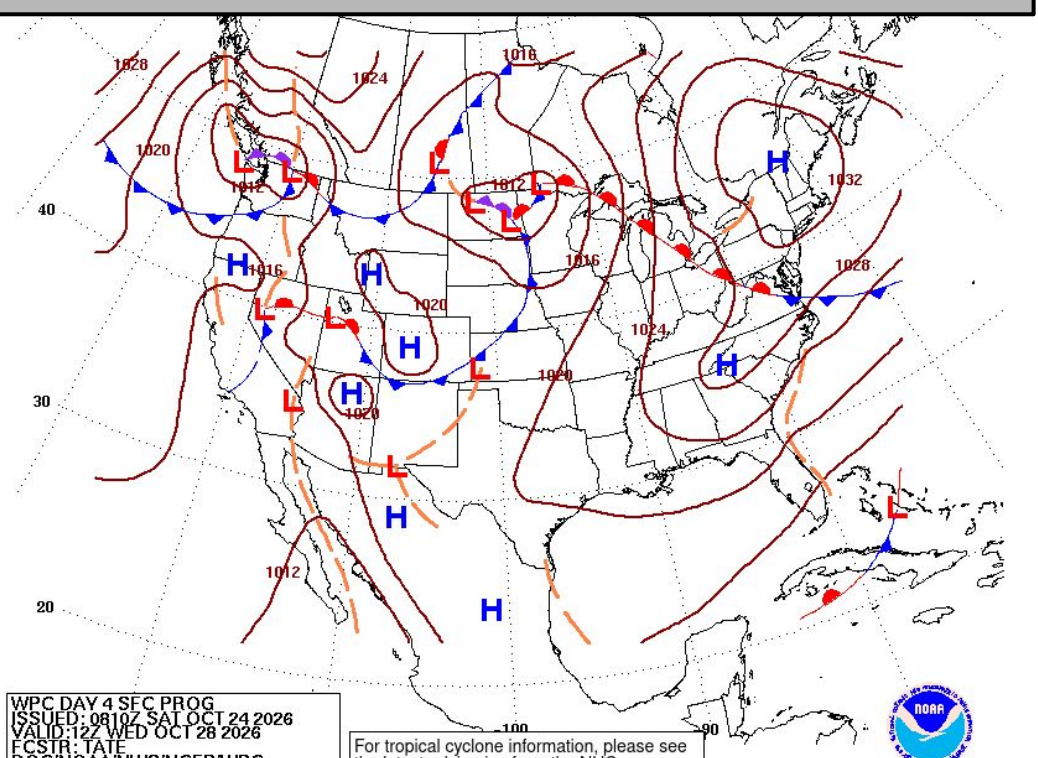


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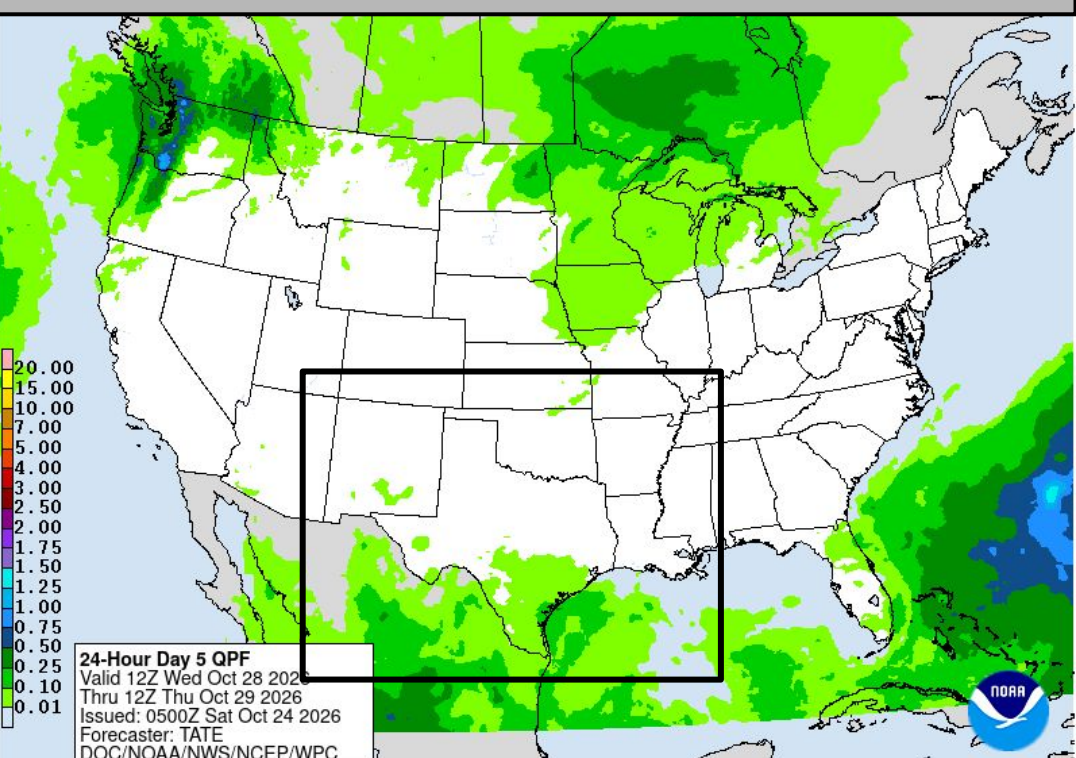


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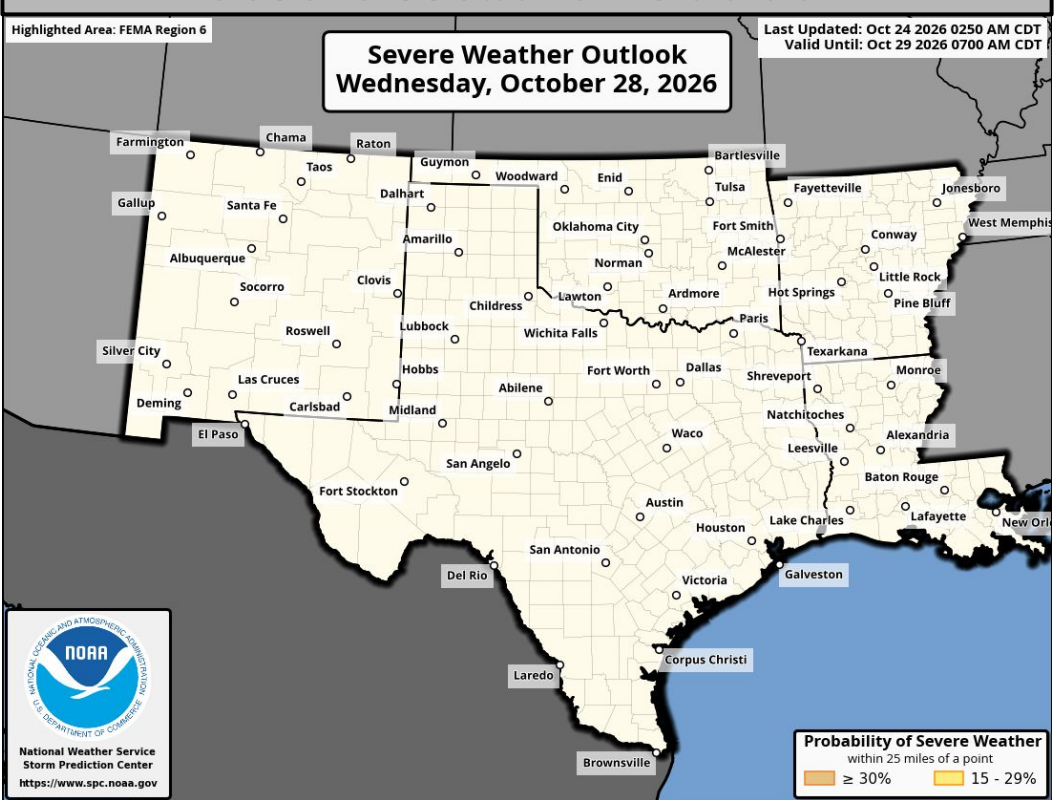


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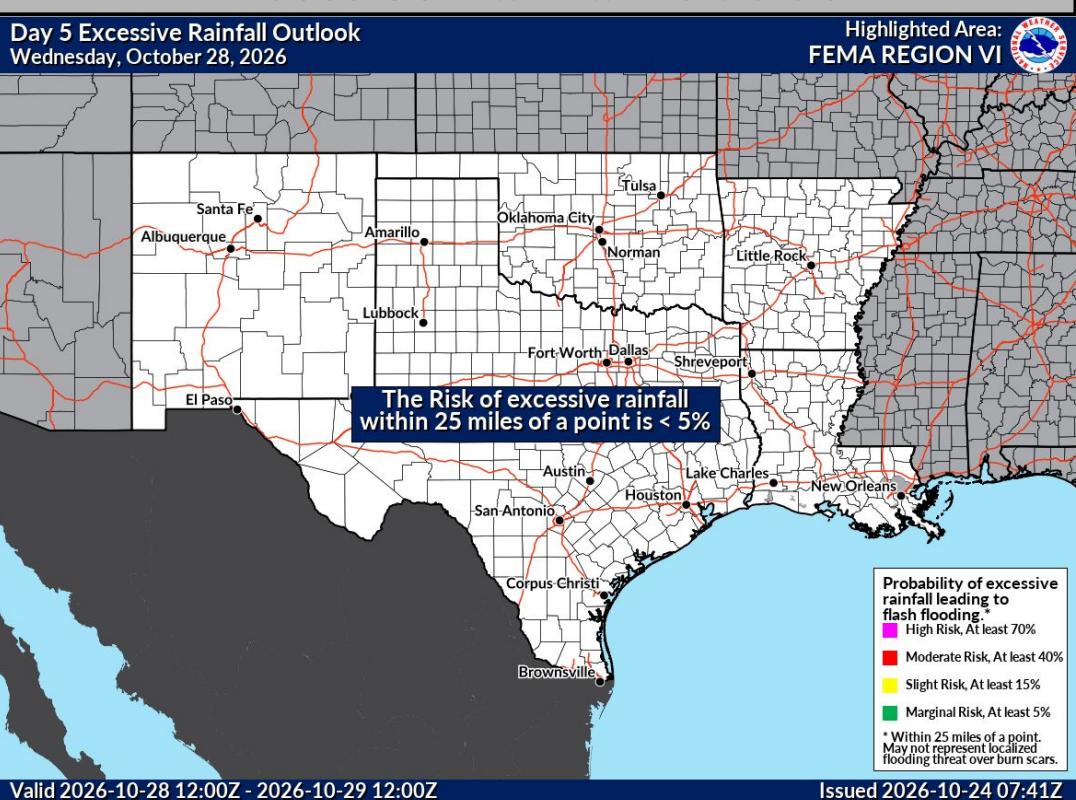


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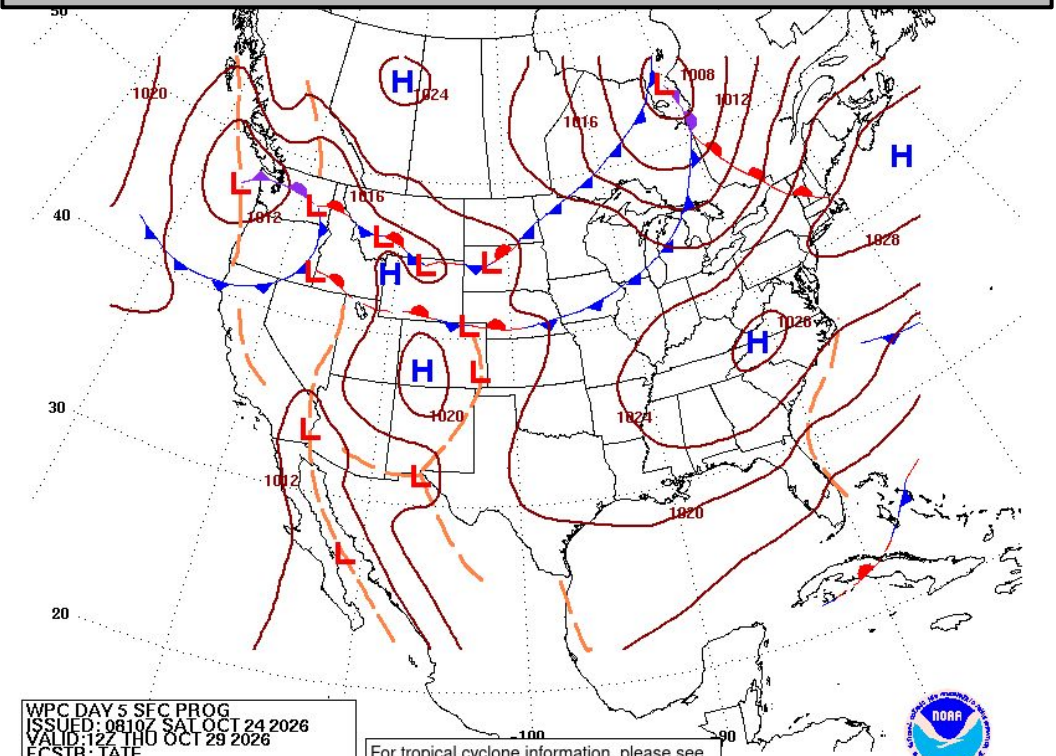


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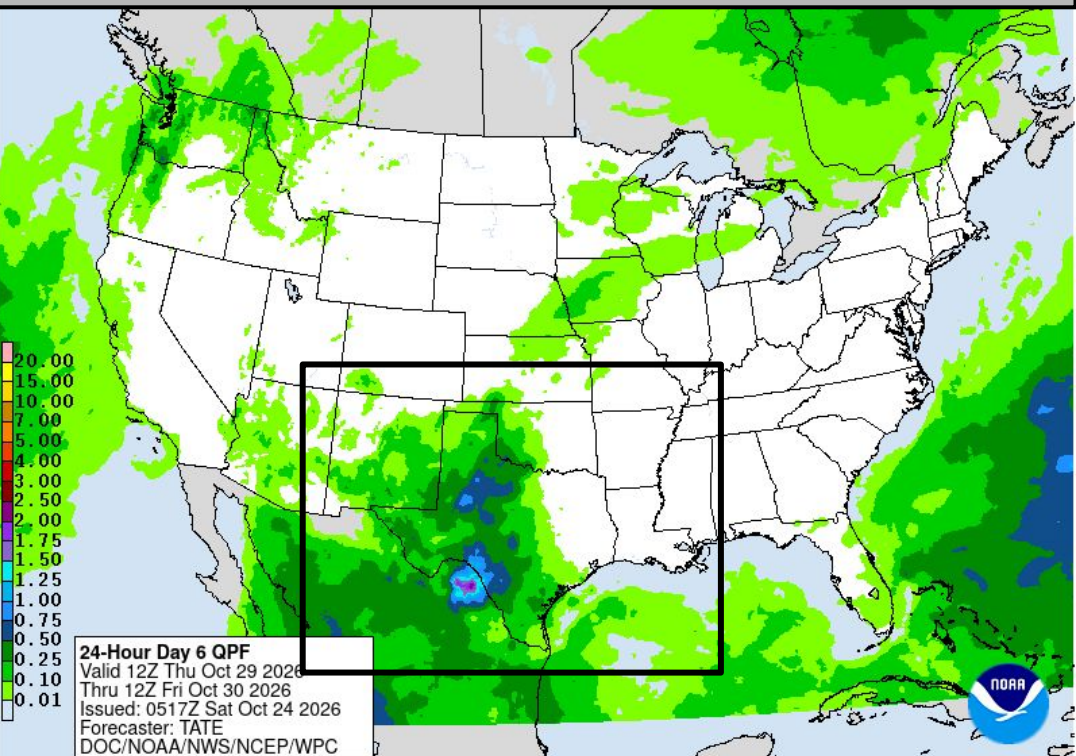


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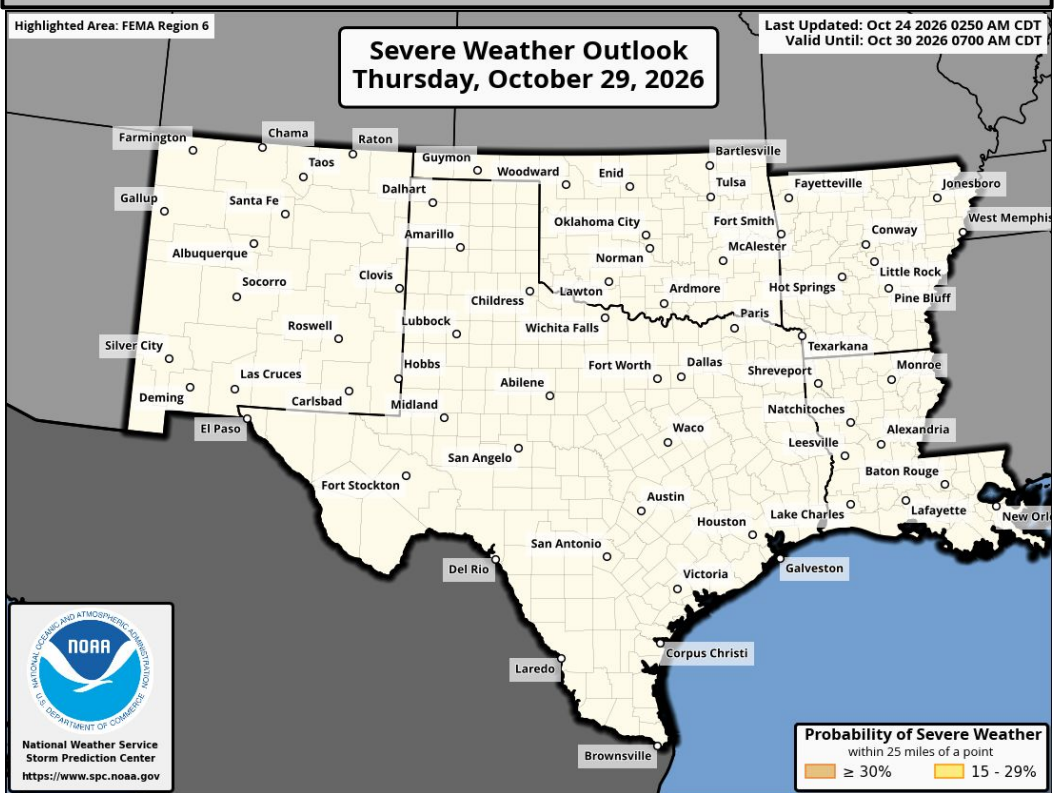


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



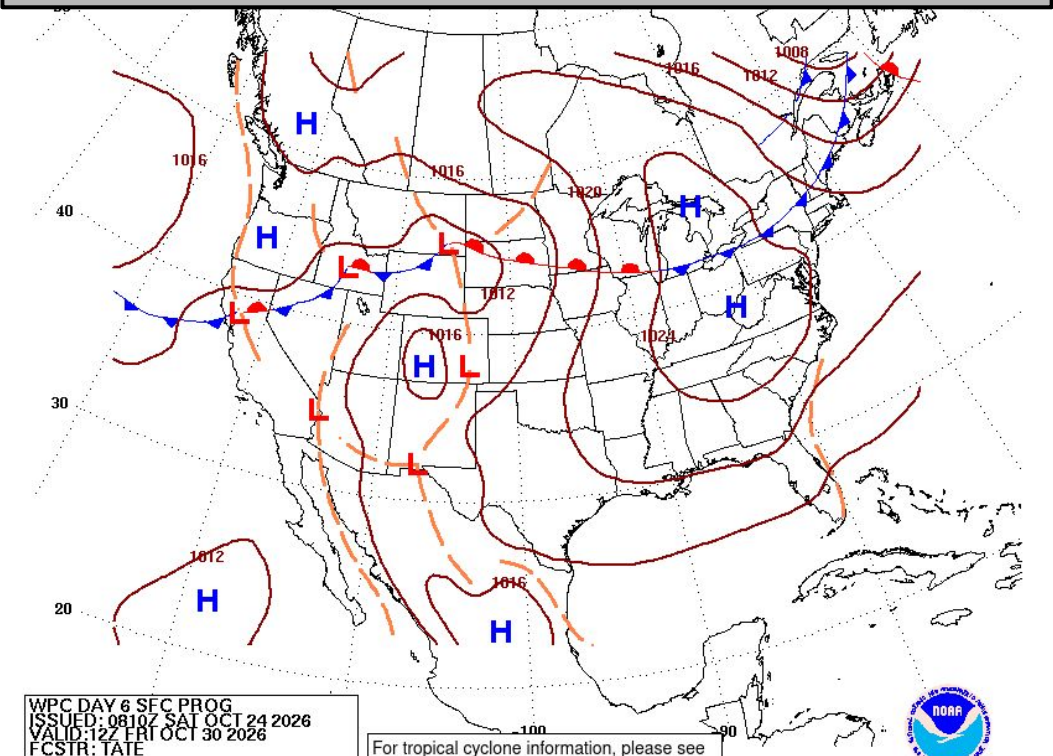
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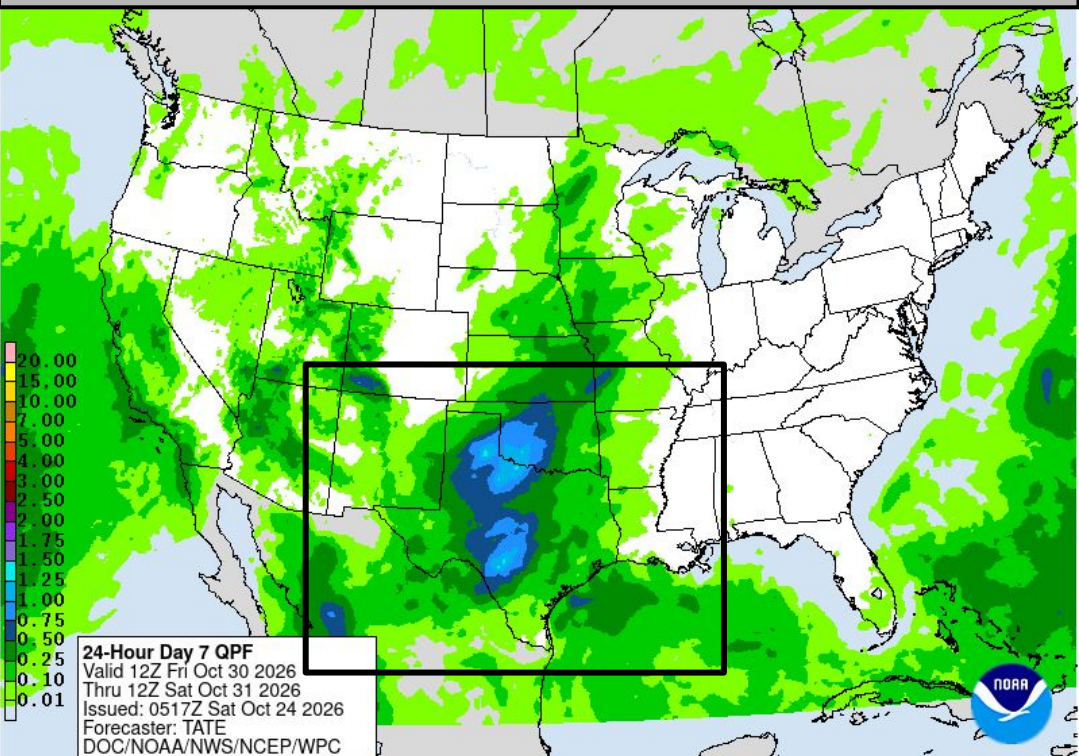


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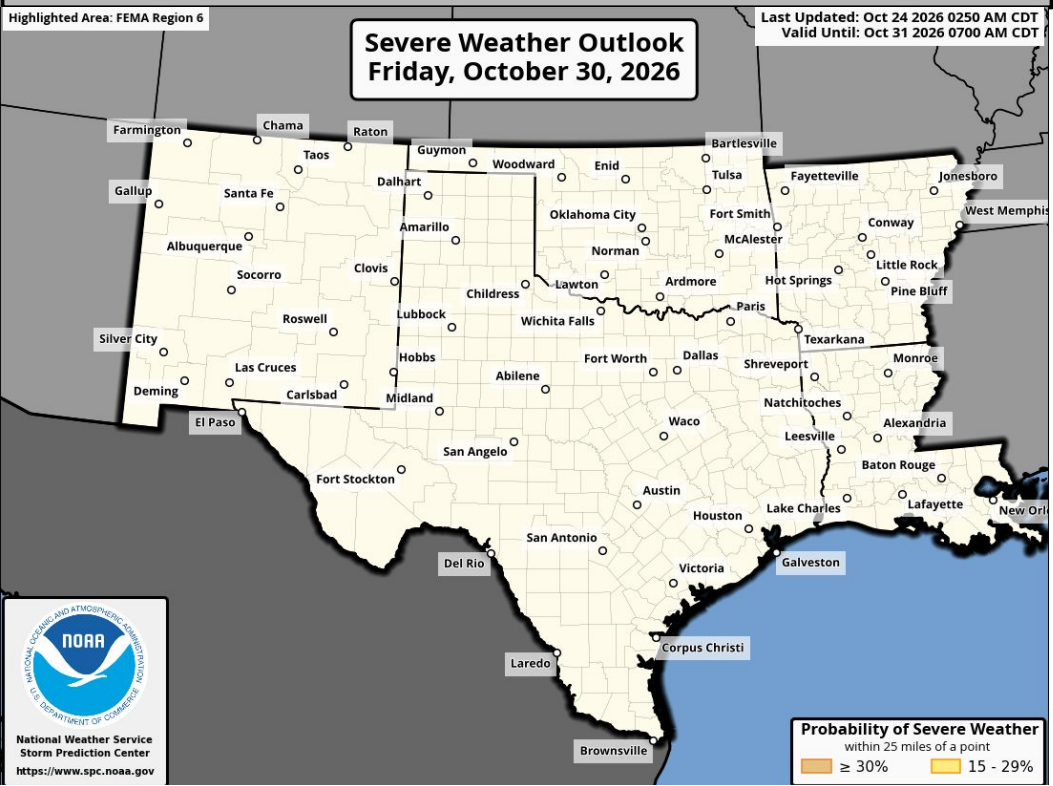


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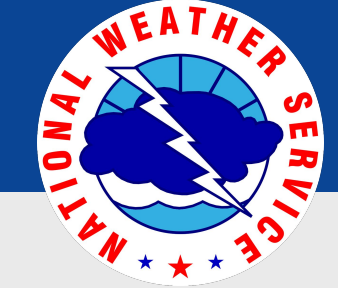
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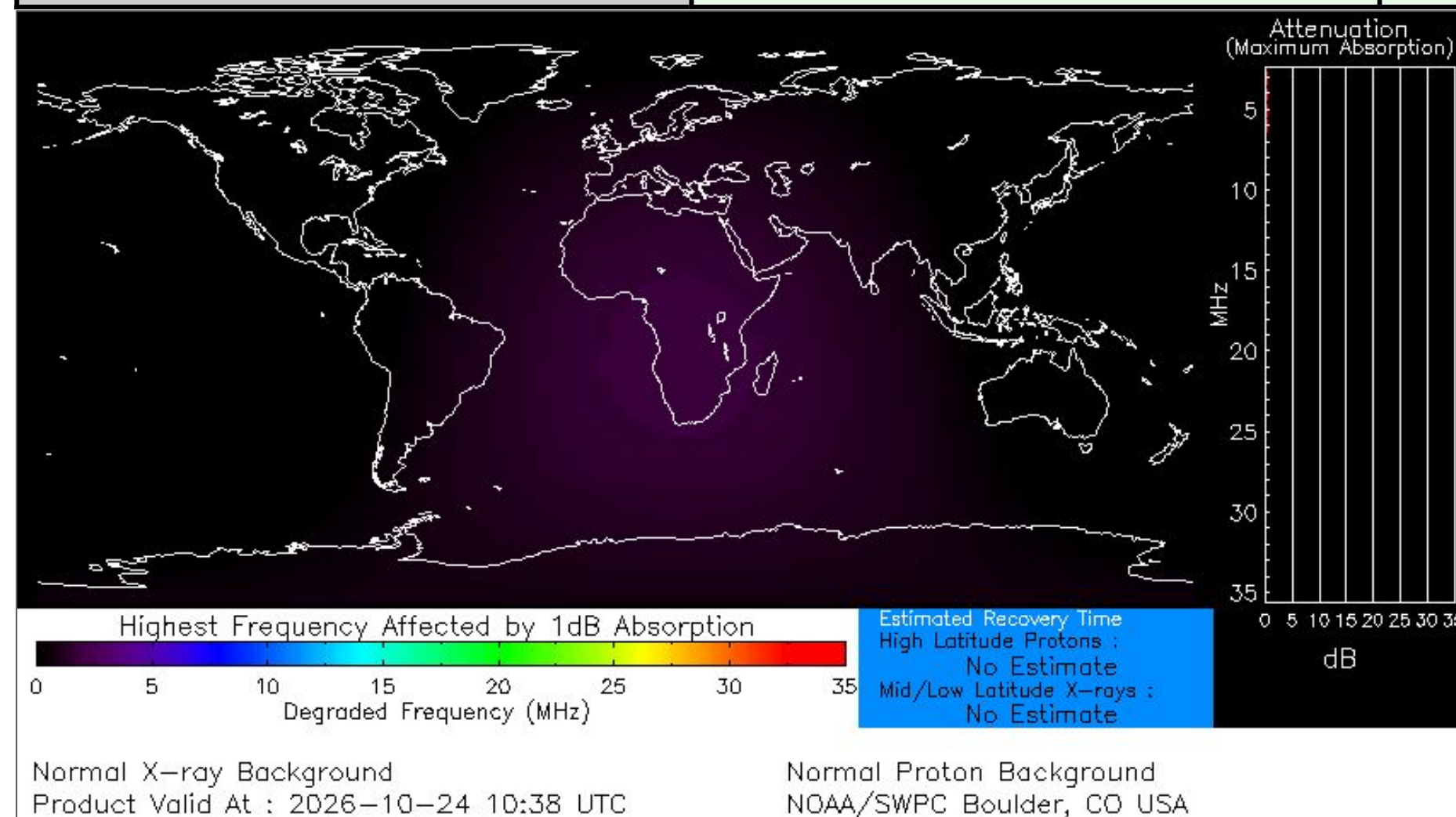
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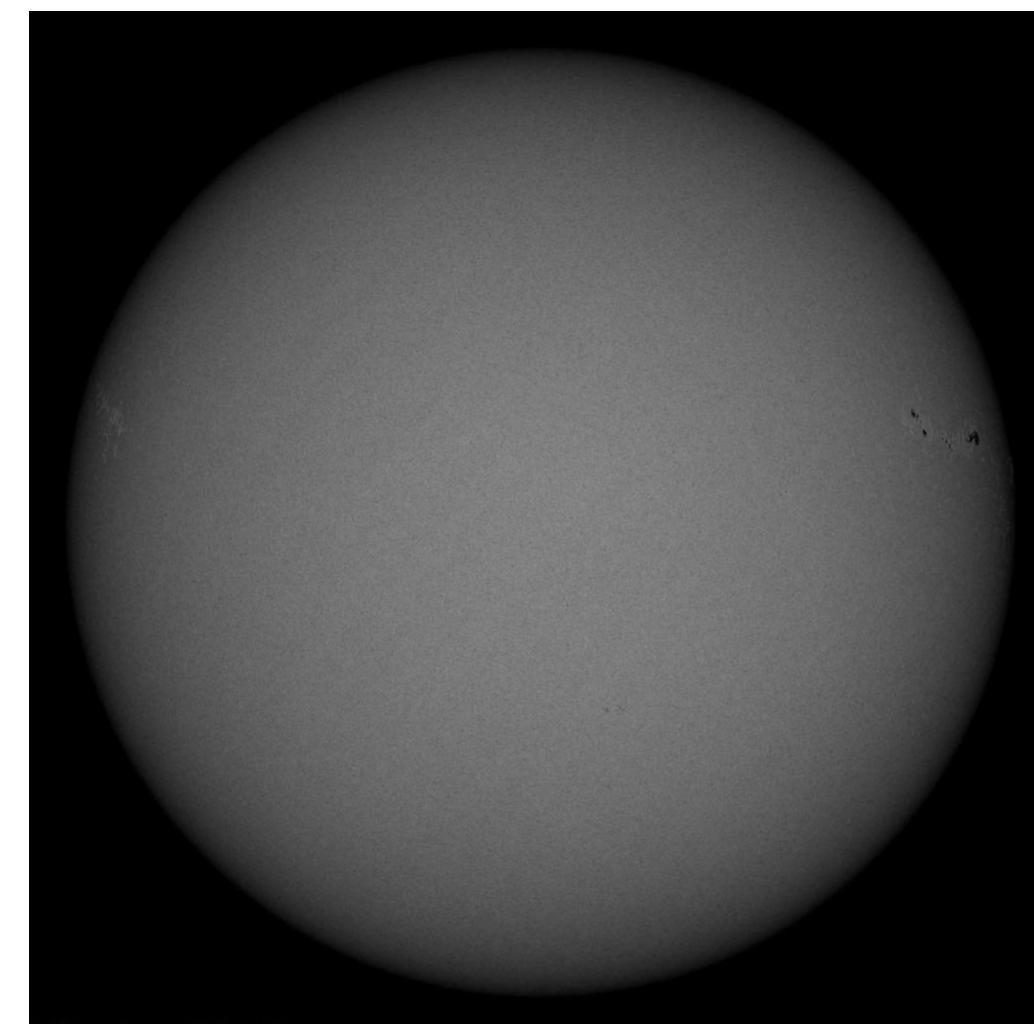
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                               | Saturday, Oct 24     | Sunday, Oct 25       | Monday, Oct 26      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms            | Active<br>(Max Kp=4) | Active<br>(Max Kp=4) | Quiet<br>(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  | <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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