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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, October 28, 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.

Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
  - Pacific moisture will stream into TX producing a slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding tomorrow over SW/SC TX, SE NM.
  - Slight risk Friday over SW NM with a marginal risk over much of NM and W-C TX and OK.
  - Marginal risk for flash flooding Saturday over W NM, E TX, LA.
  - Monitoring Sunday-Tuesday for additional heavy rainfall over NM and then OK, AR, NE TX.

- **River Flooding:**
  - Monitoring SW/SC TX Thursday-Saturday.

- **Tropical:**
  - Moisture from Tropical Storm Vance will increase the heavy rainfall threat over SW/SC Texas tomorrow into Friday.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

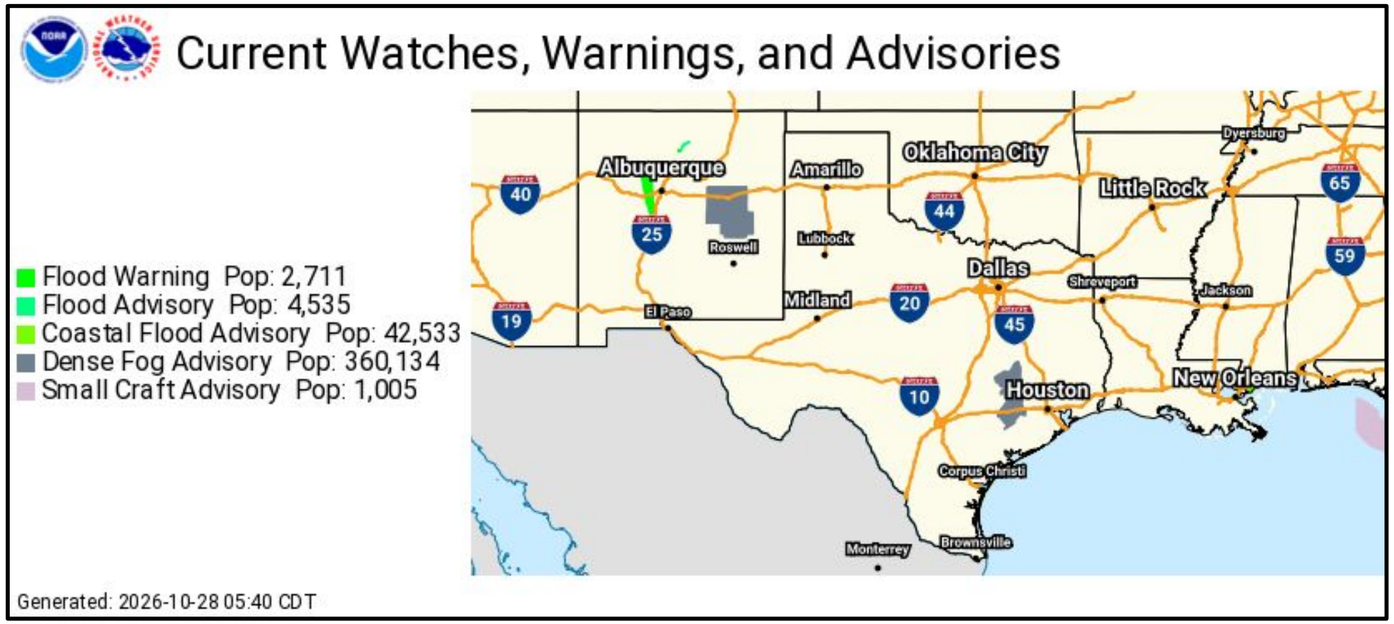
	Wednesday, Oct 28	Thursday, Oct 29	Friday, Oct 30	Saturday, Oct 31	Sunday, Nov 1	Monday, Nov 2	Tuesday, Nov 3
Severe Storms							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		SW/SC TX, SE NM	SW NM NM, W-C TX, W OK	W NM, E TX, LA	W NM	OK, AR, NE TX	AR
Fire Weather							
Tropical							
River Flooding		SW/SC TX (PM)	SW/SC TX	SW/SC TX			

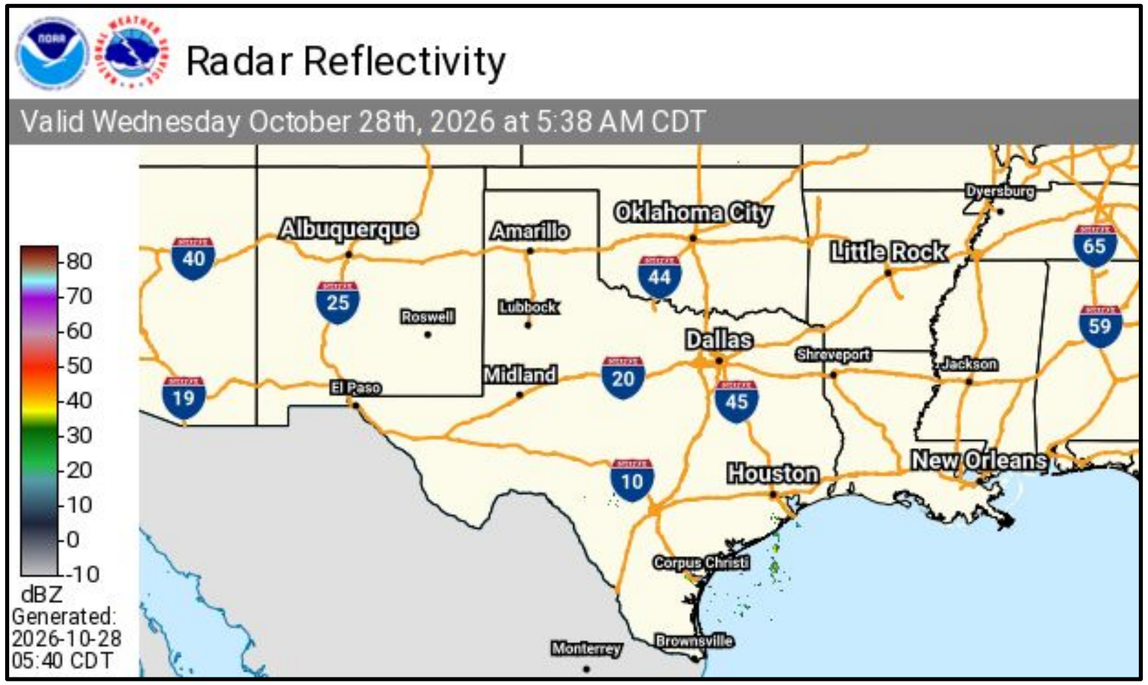
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

Current Radar/Hazards

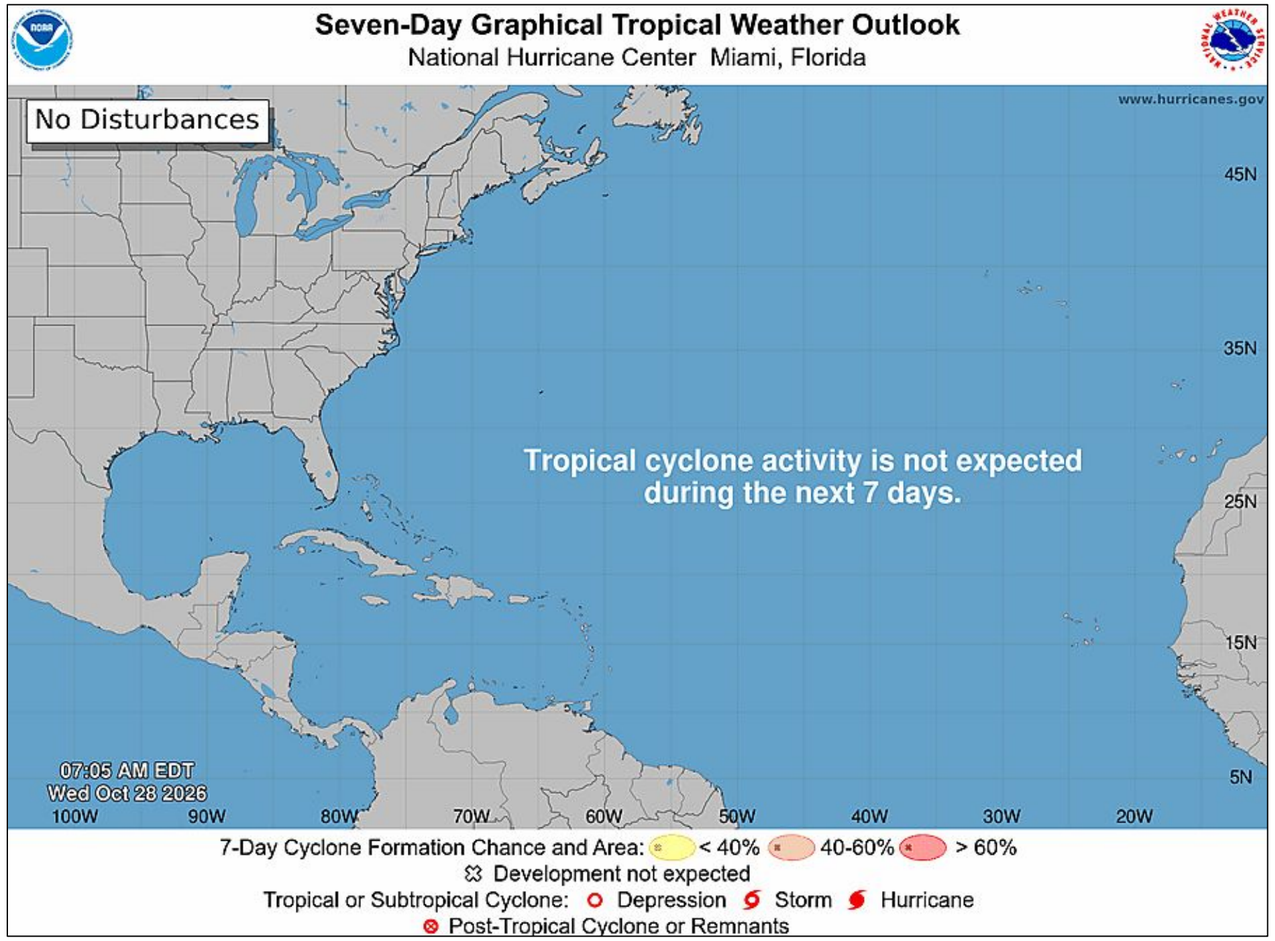




Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

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

Active Tropical Cyclones	
Storm	**Potential Impacts to FEMA 6**



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Tropical Weather Outlook – Pacific

Areas of Possible Development		
Area	**Chance of Development**	**Potential Impacts to FEMA 6**

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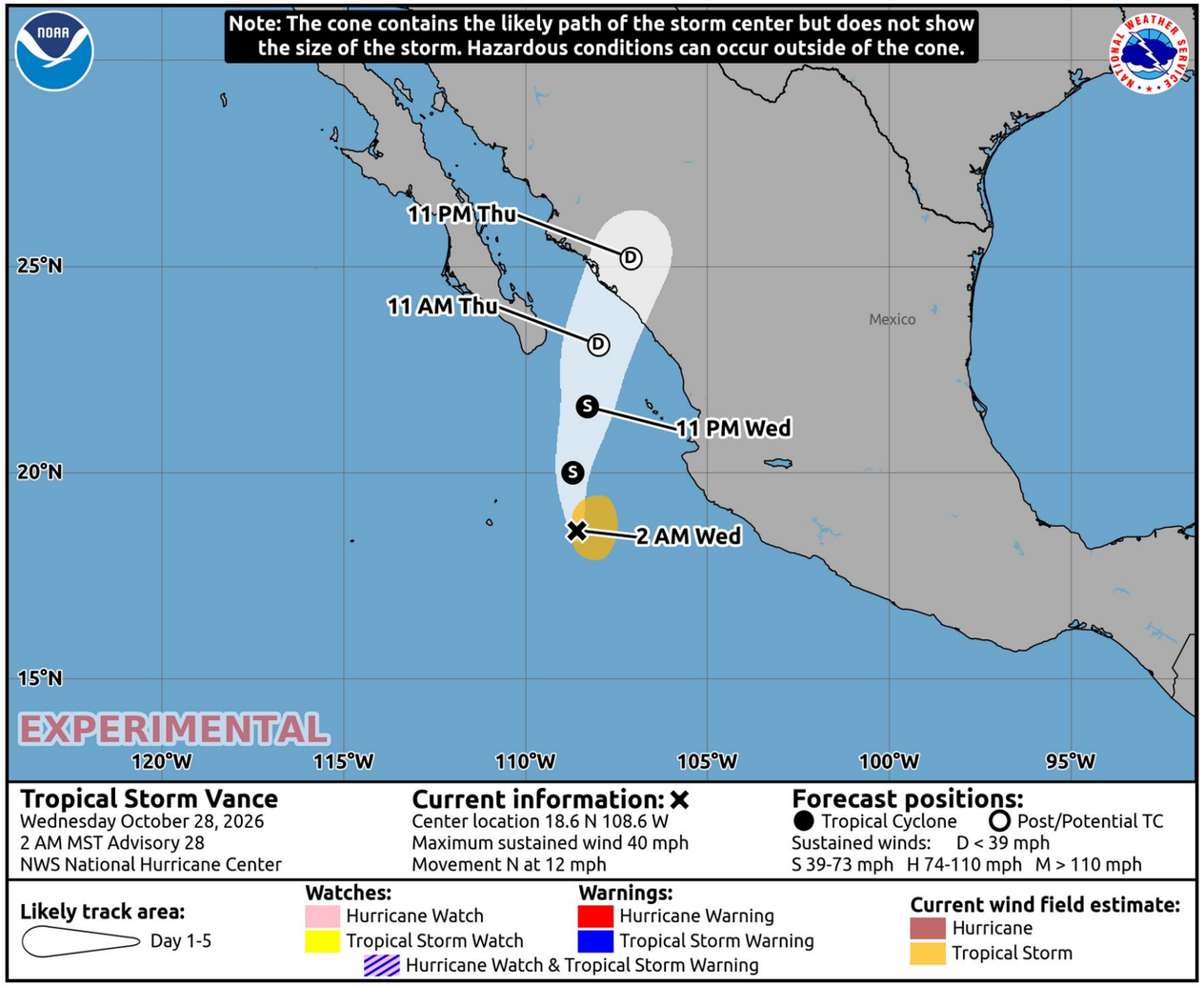
Storm	**Potential Impacts to FEMA 6**
T.S Vance	**Monitoring for flash/river flooding SW/SC TX by Thu/Fri.**



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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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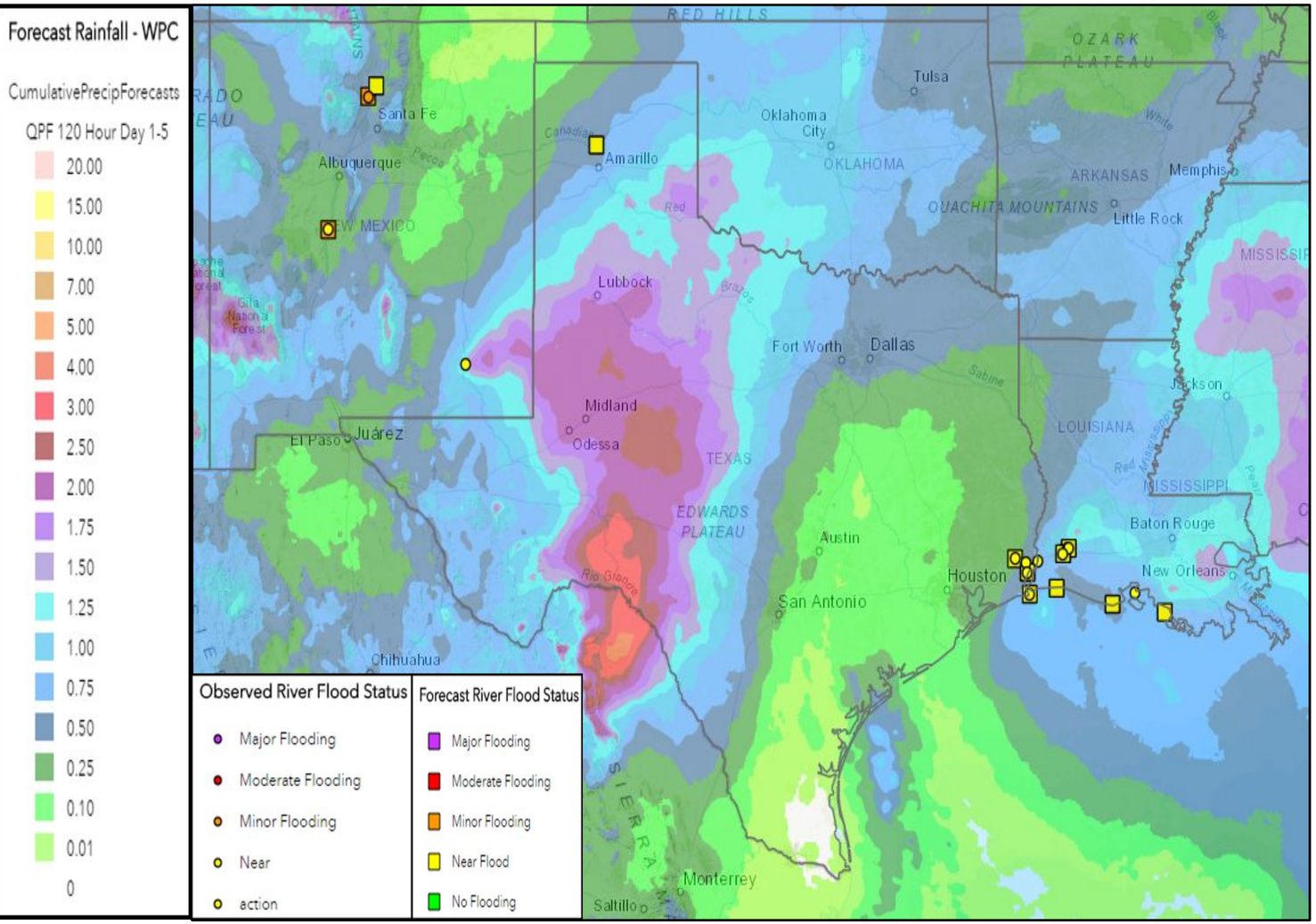

- **Rio Chama near Chamita is at minor flood stage through the week Properties in the flood plain along the Rio Chama and near the junction of the Rio Ojo Caliente will see water in their yards. Impacts can include bank erosion and damage to wells and septic tanks.**

- **Monitoring for river flooding over SW/SC TX late week.**

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

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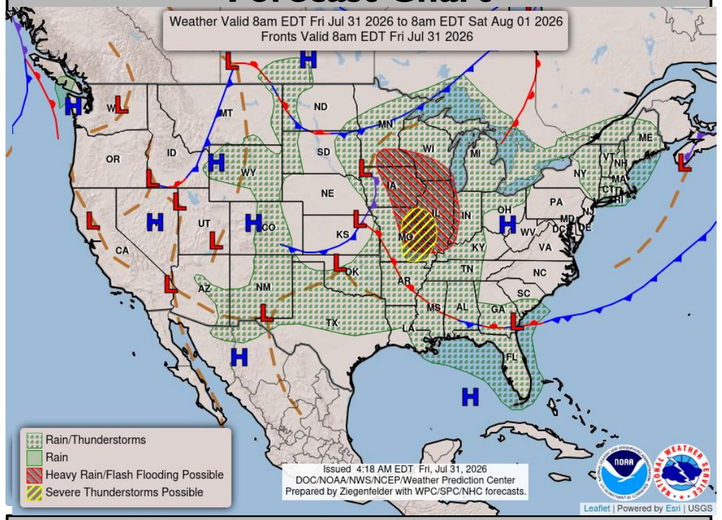

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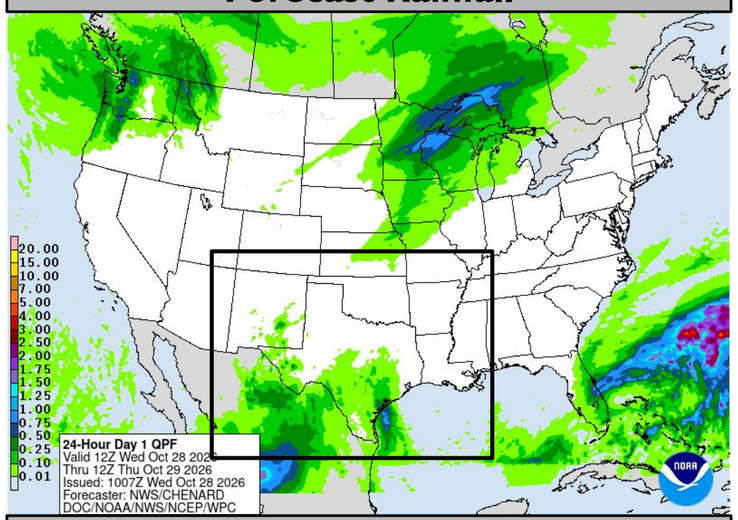

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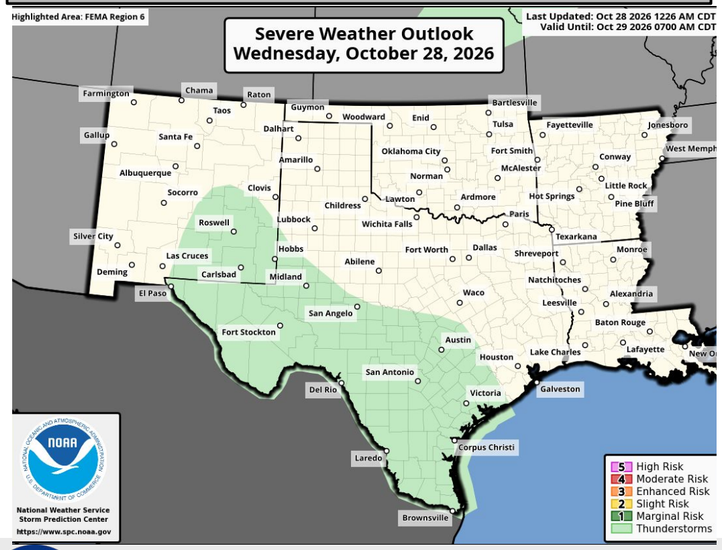

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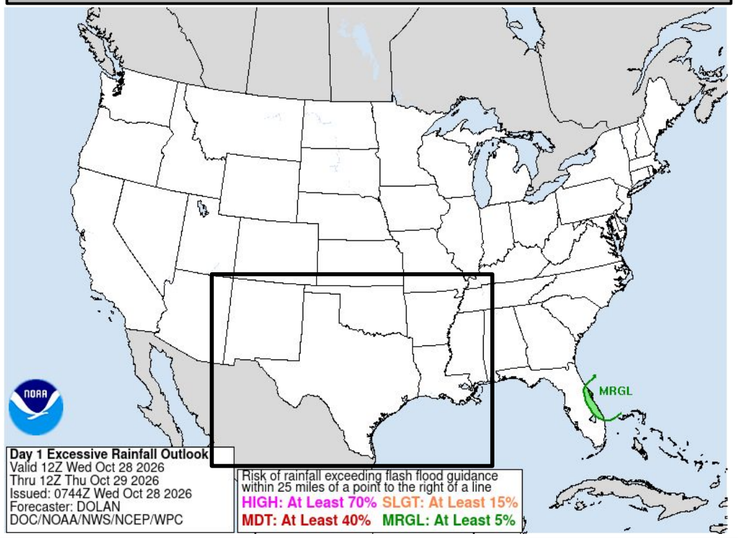
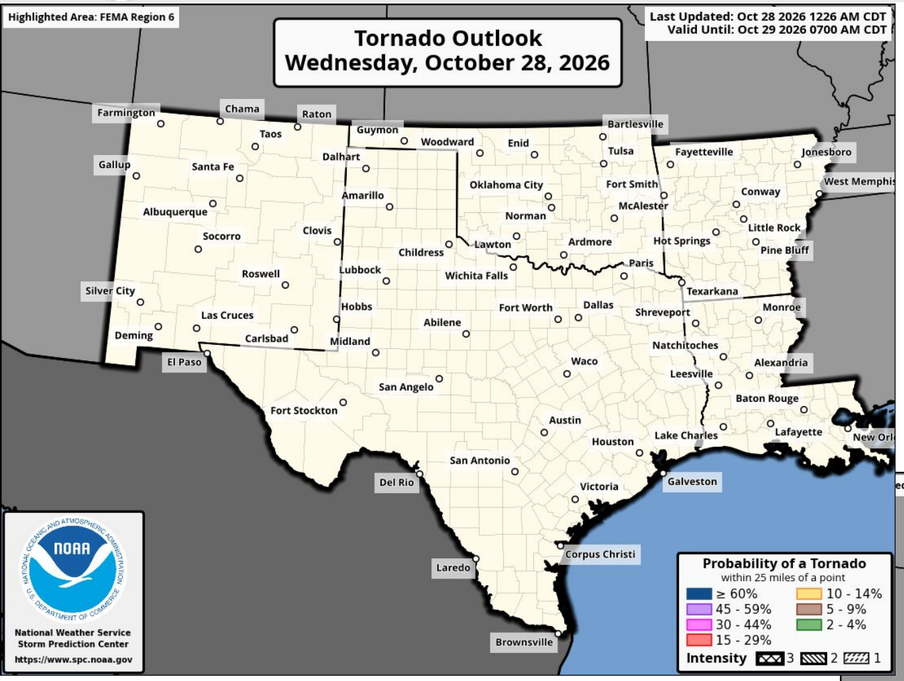
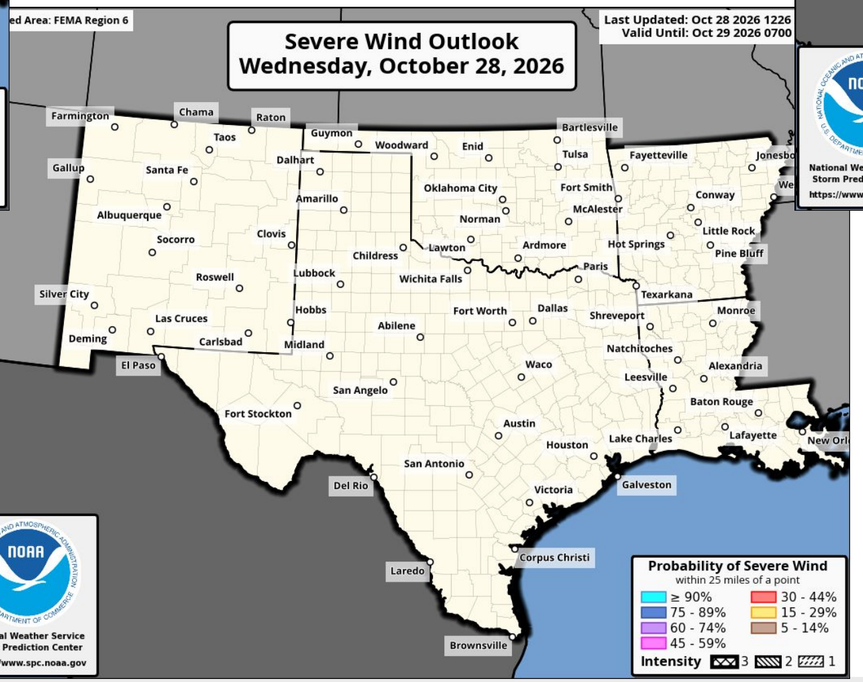


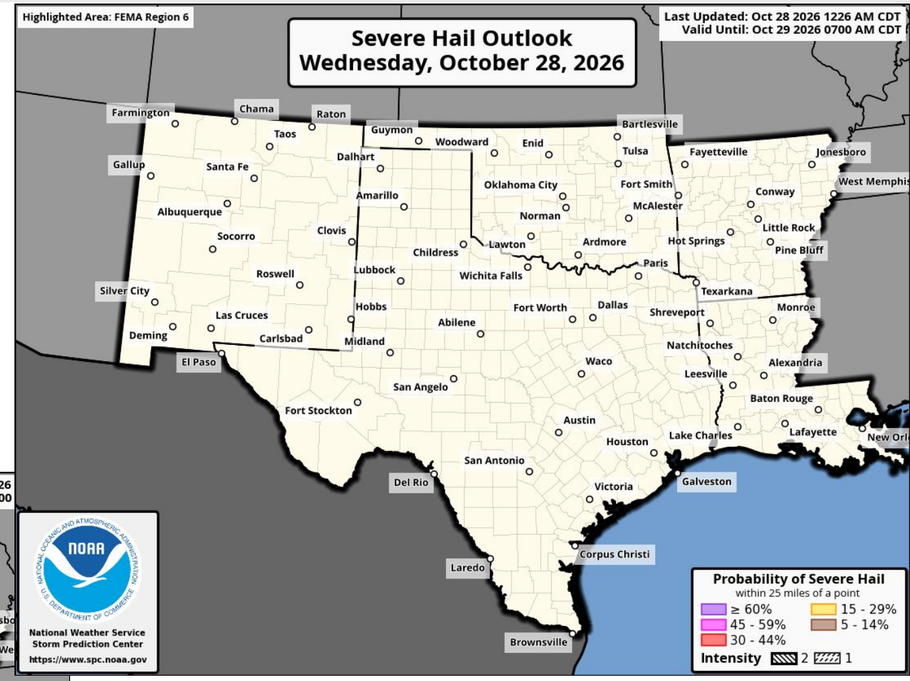
No significant weather expected.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides

Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







Tomorrow's Weather

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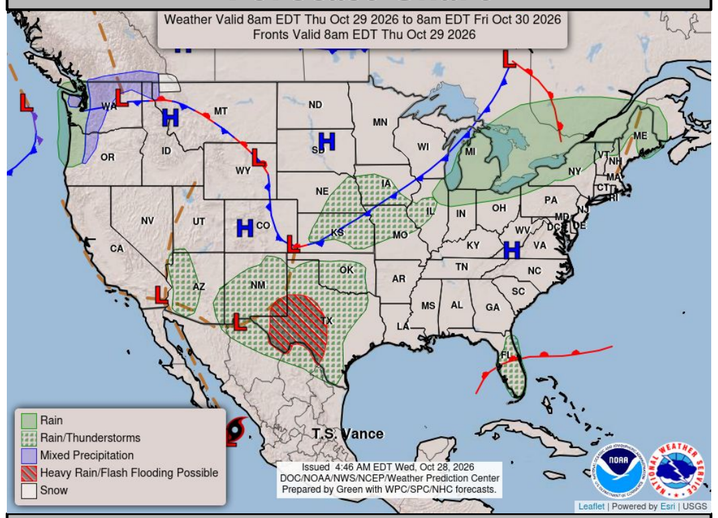

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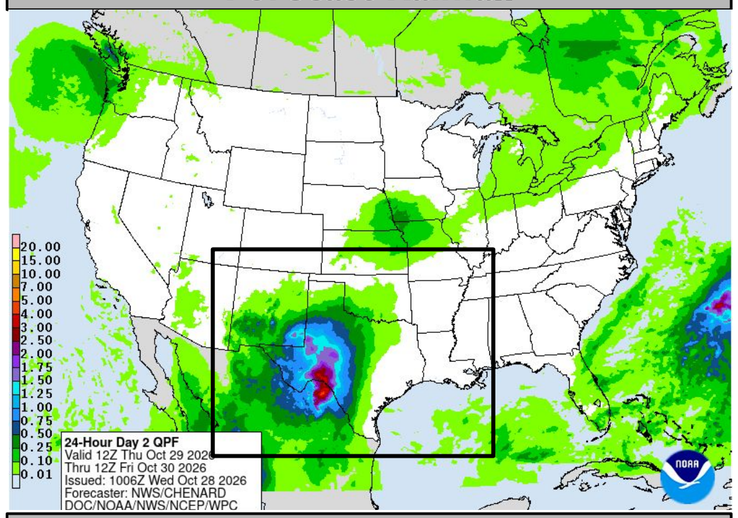

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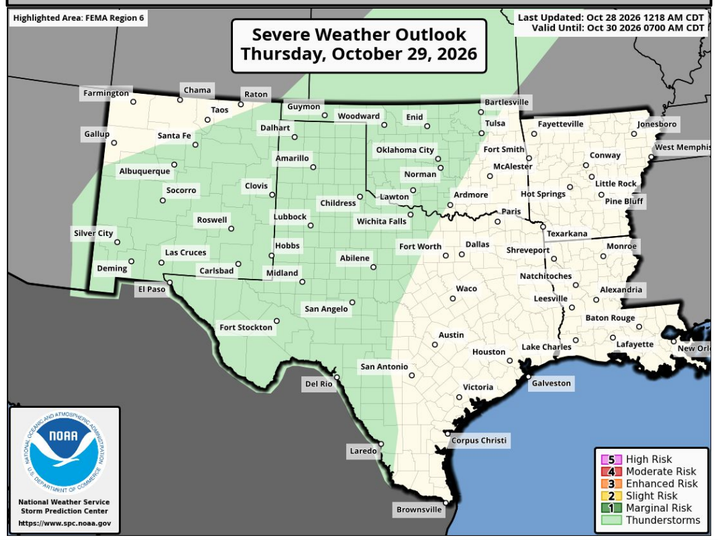

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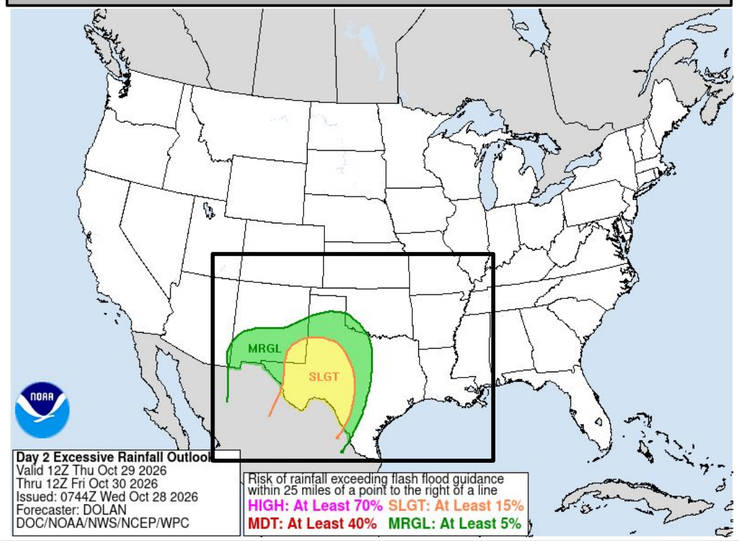
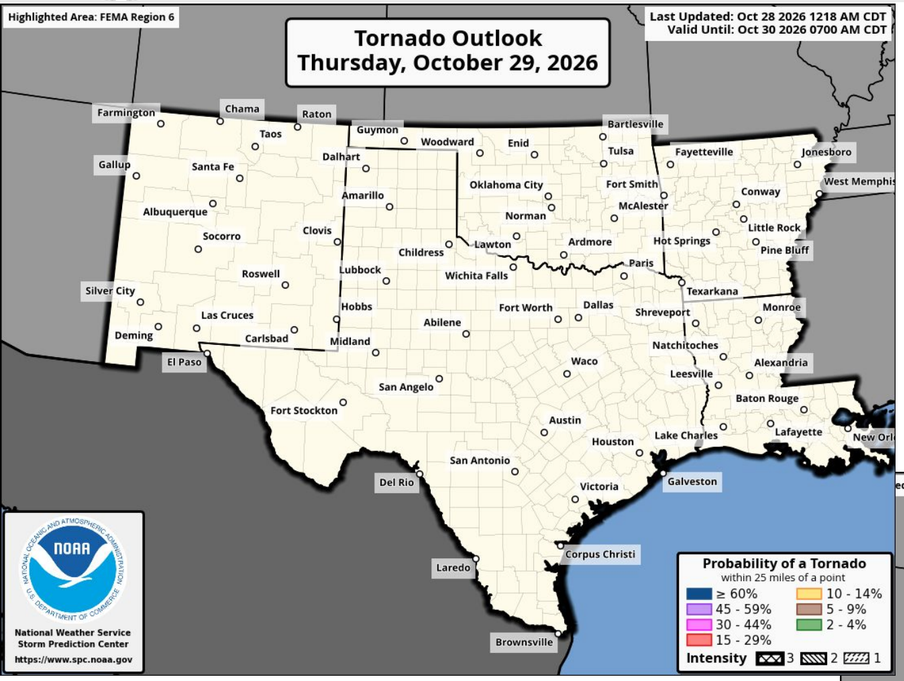
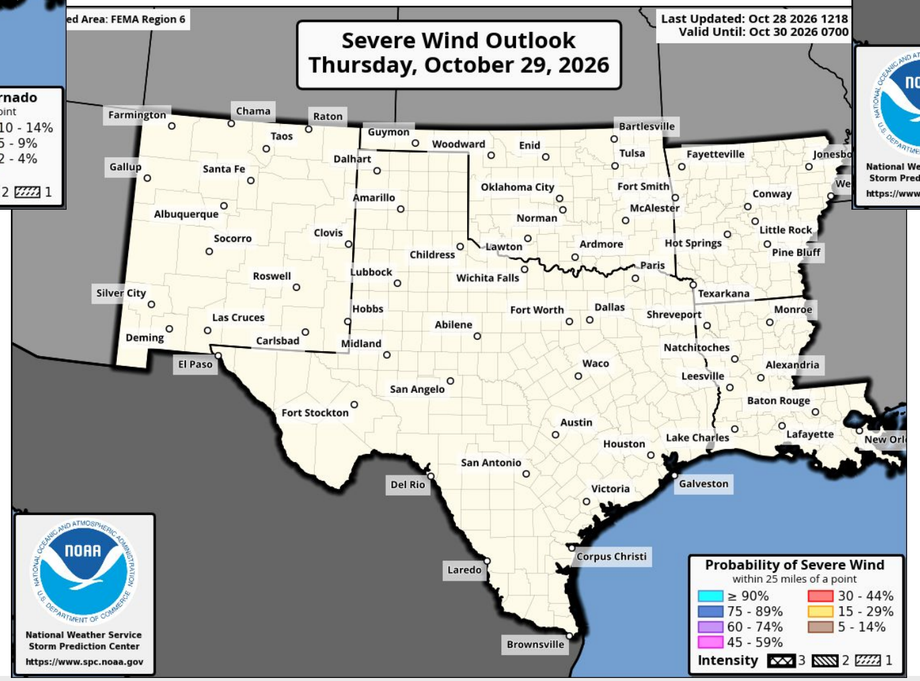


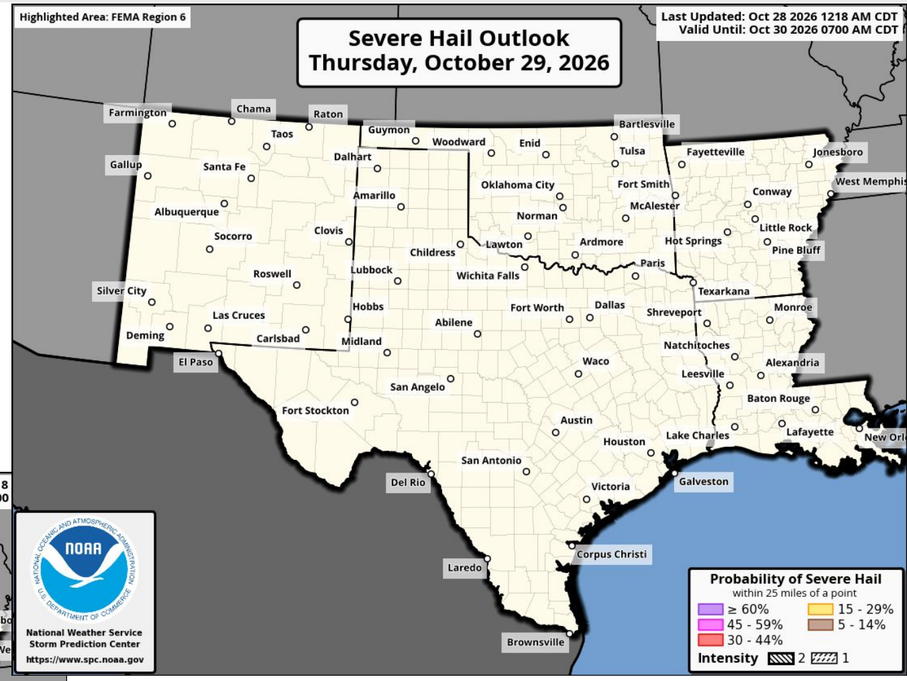
Moisture from Vance leading to a Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SW/SC TX, SE NM. Monitoring for 4-8" of rainfall.
<u>Timing</u>: Afternoon/evening.

Burn Scar Flash Flooding information on Burn Scar Matrix slides

Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities







Friday's Weather

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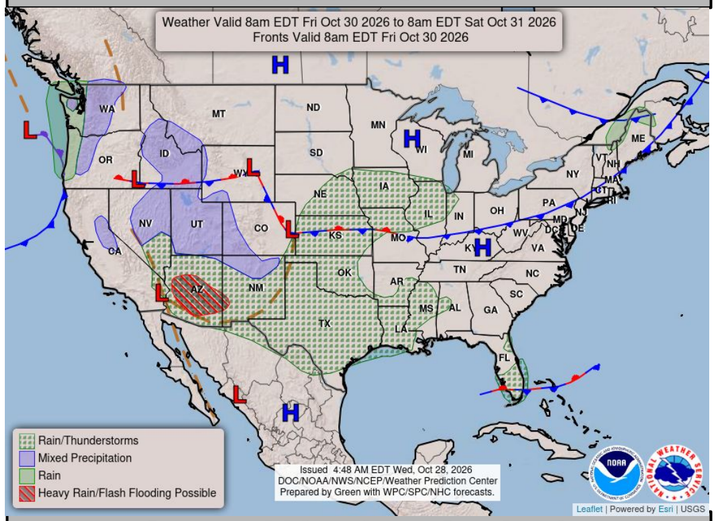

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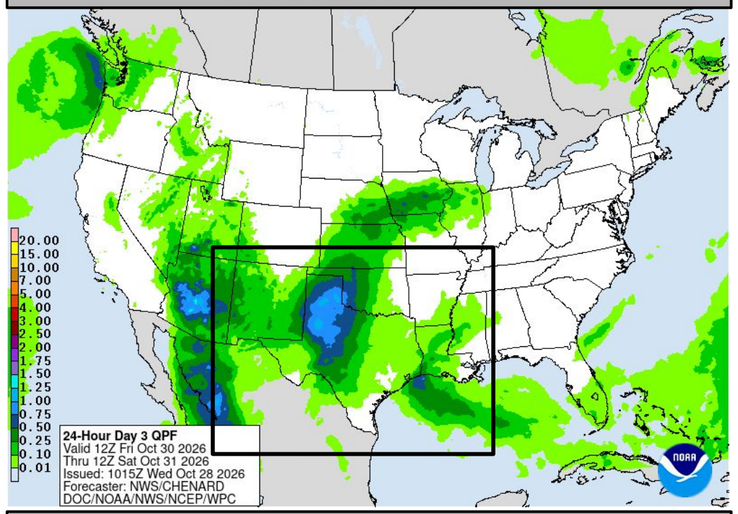

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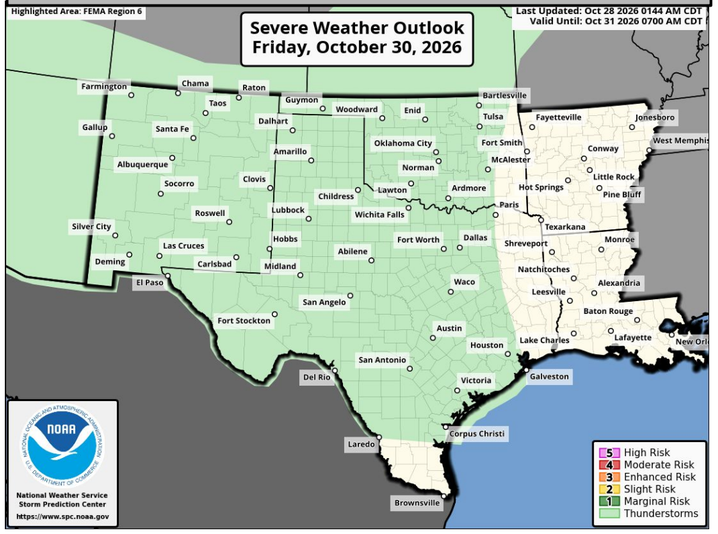

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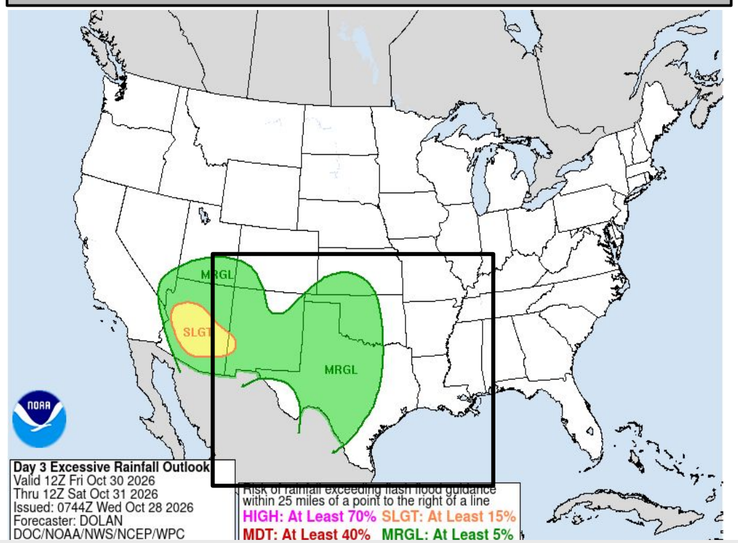

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over SW NM.

Marginal risk for NM, W-C TX, W OK.

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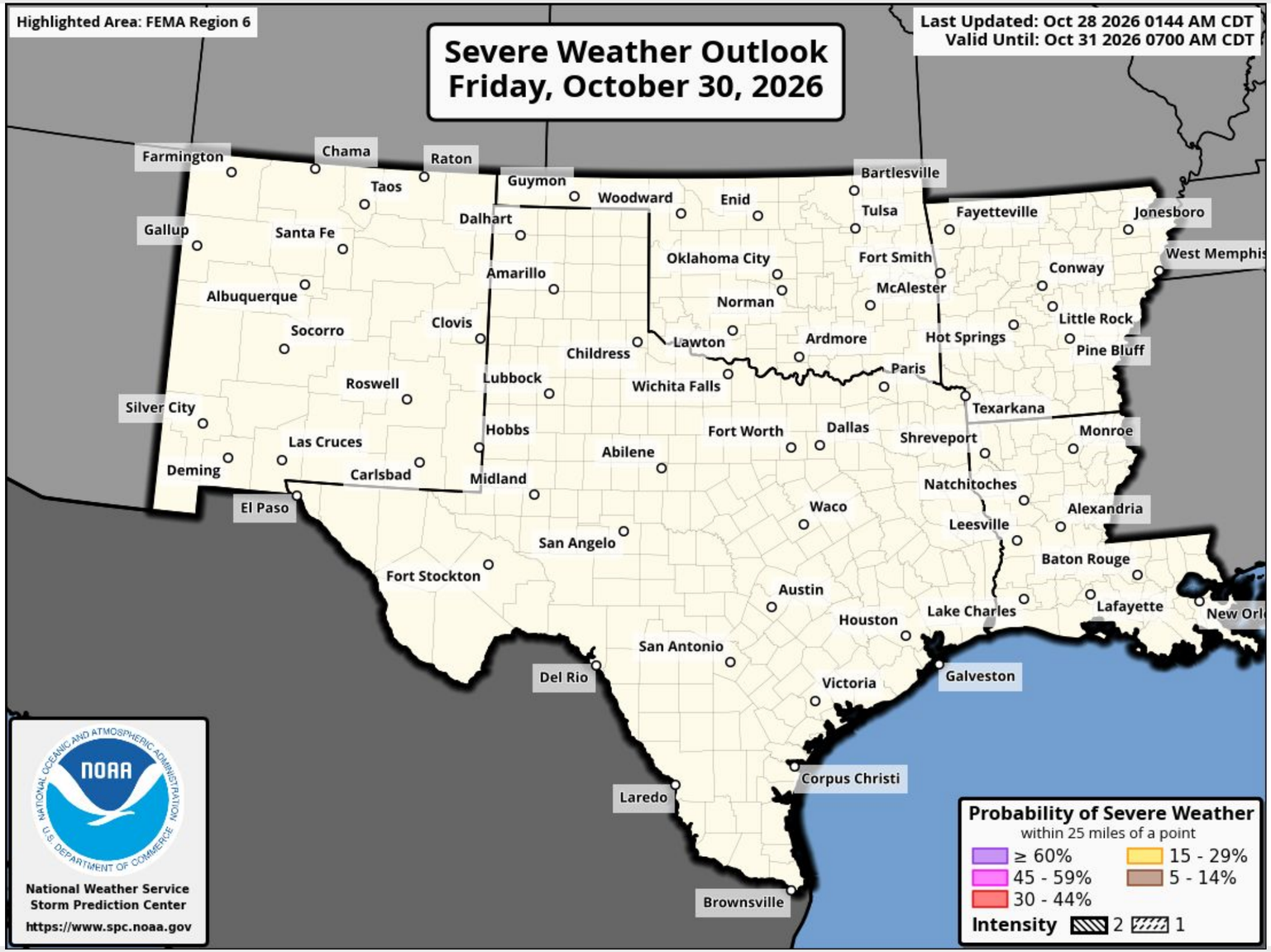
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



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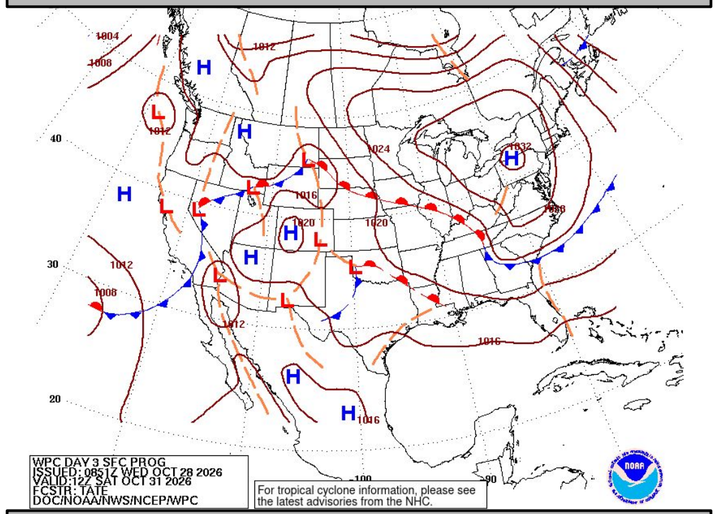

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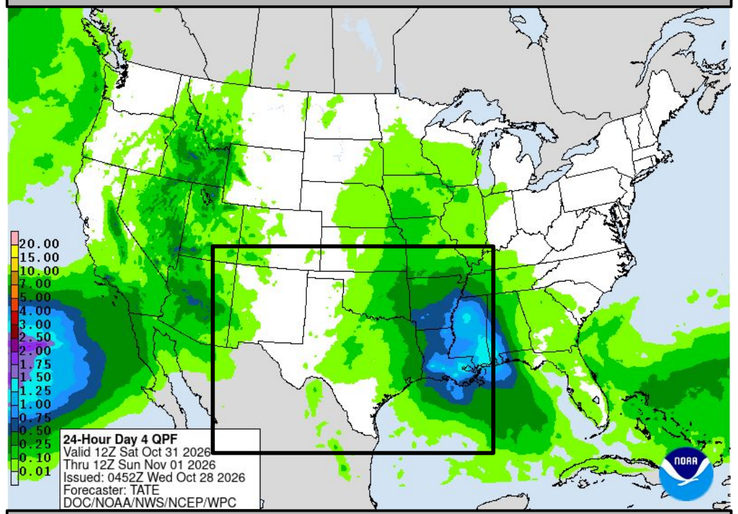

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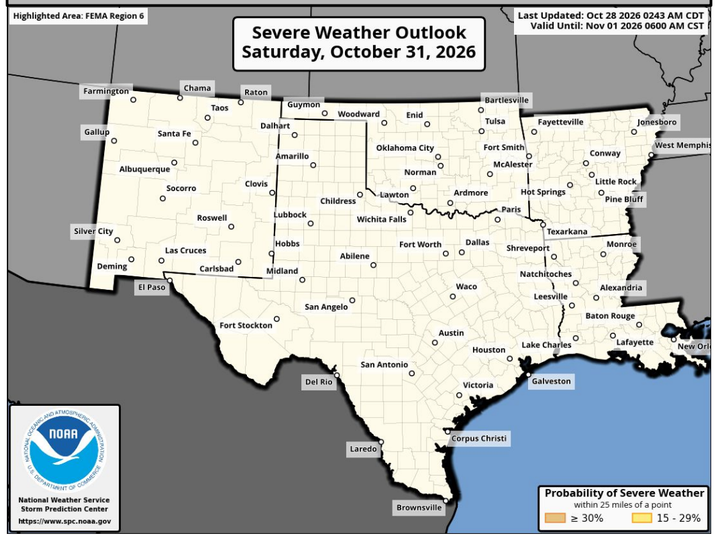

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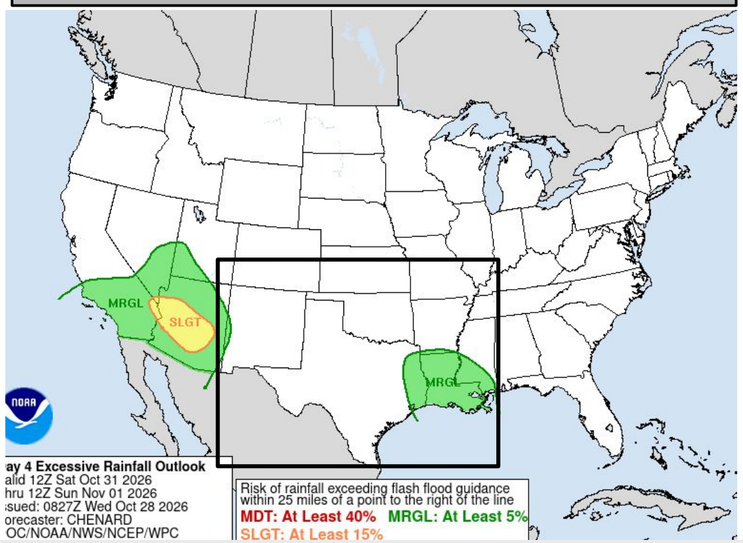

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash W NM, E TX, LA.

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Sunday's Weather

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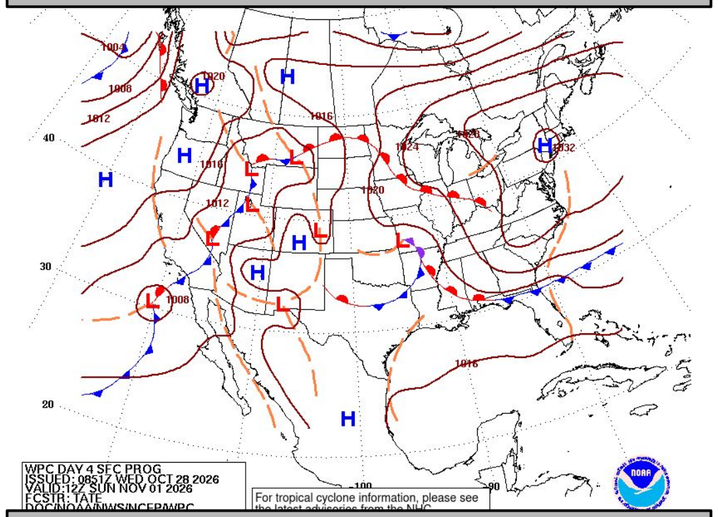

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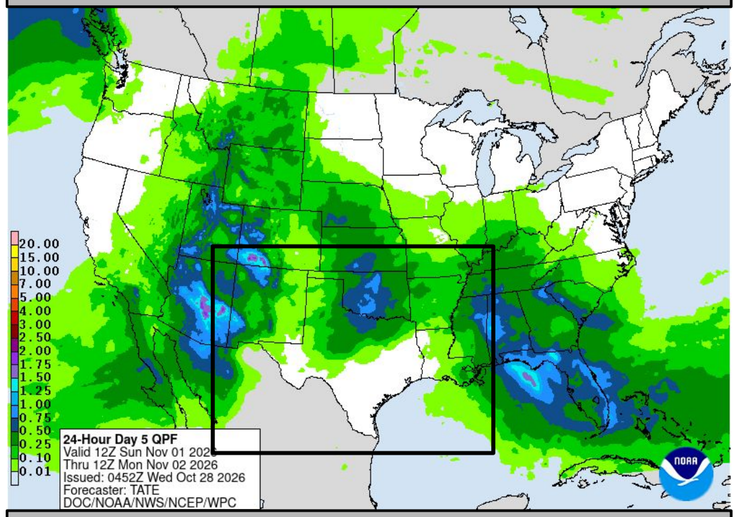

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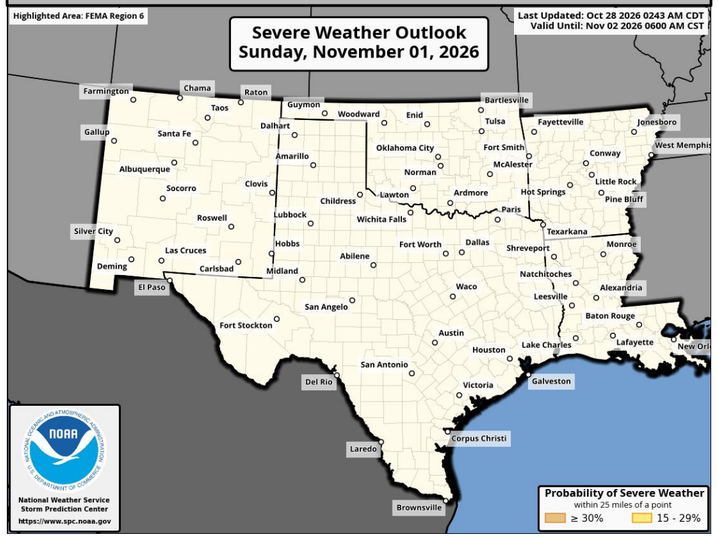

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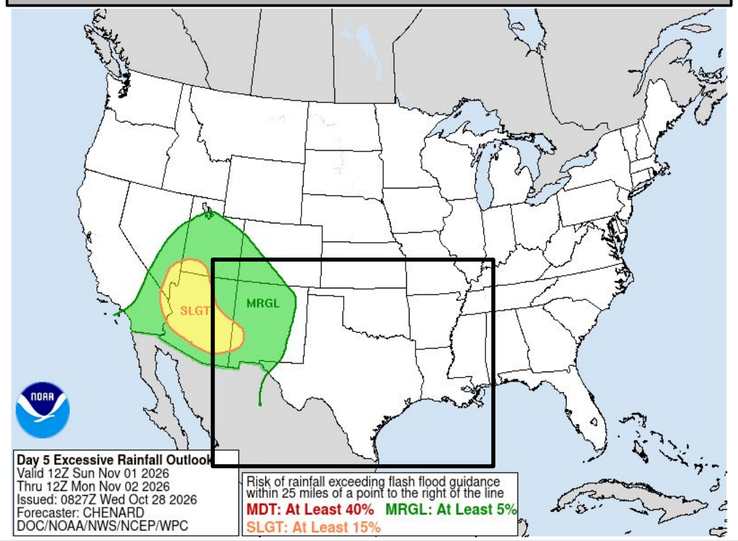

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SW NM.

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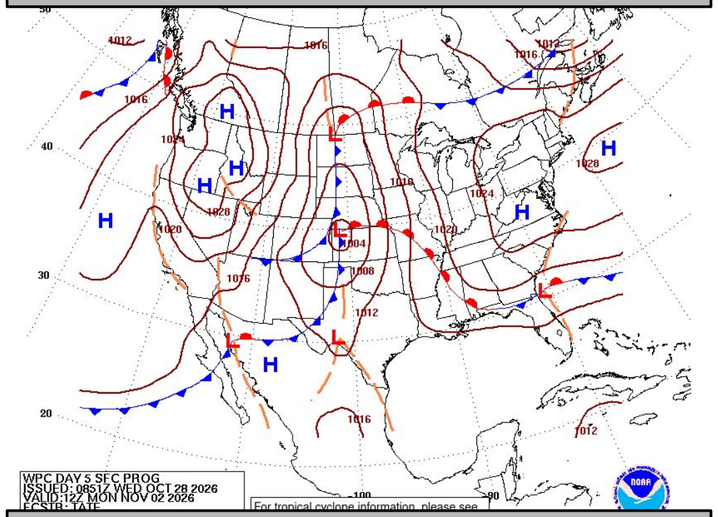

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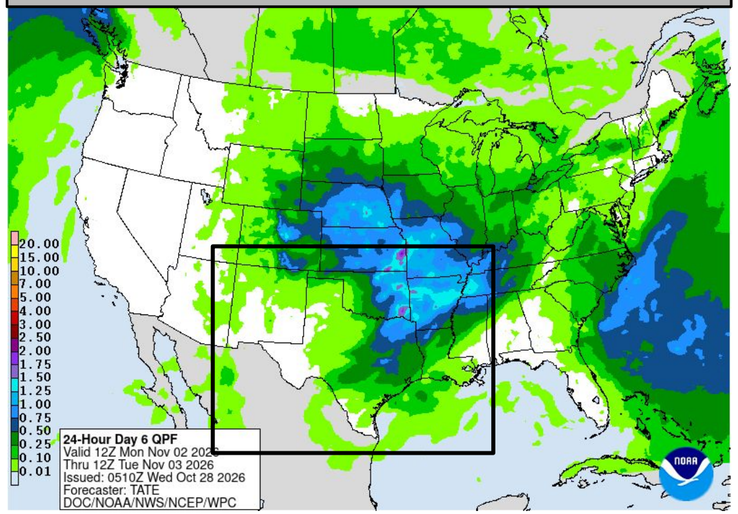

Monitoring OK, AR, and NE TX for heavy rain.

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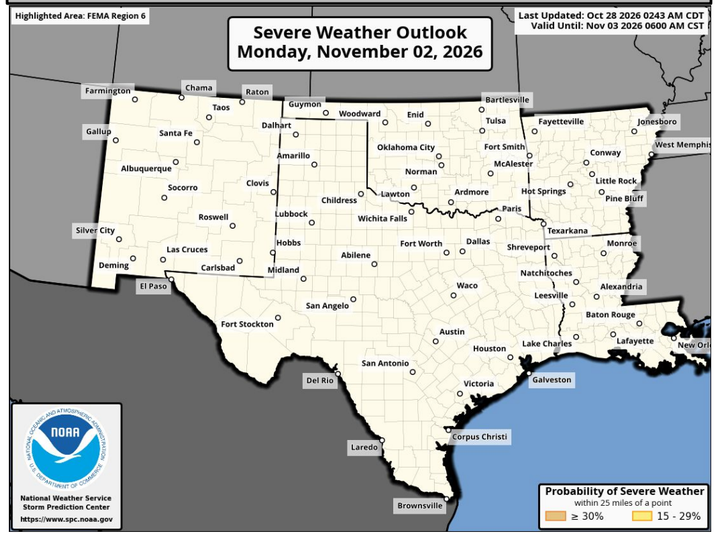

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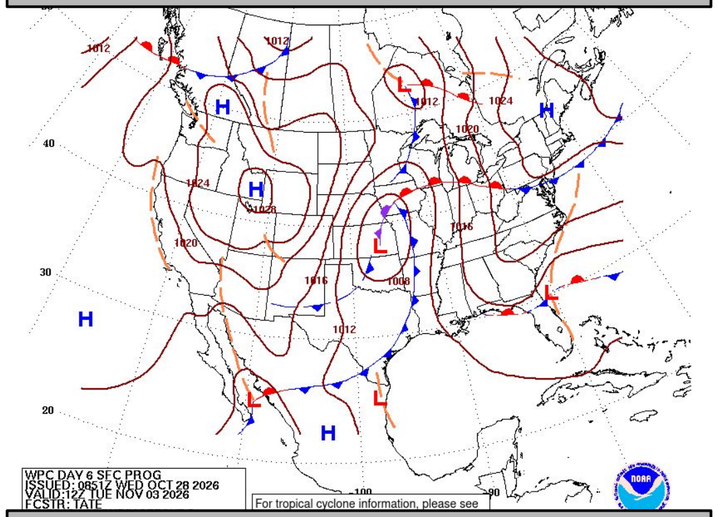

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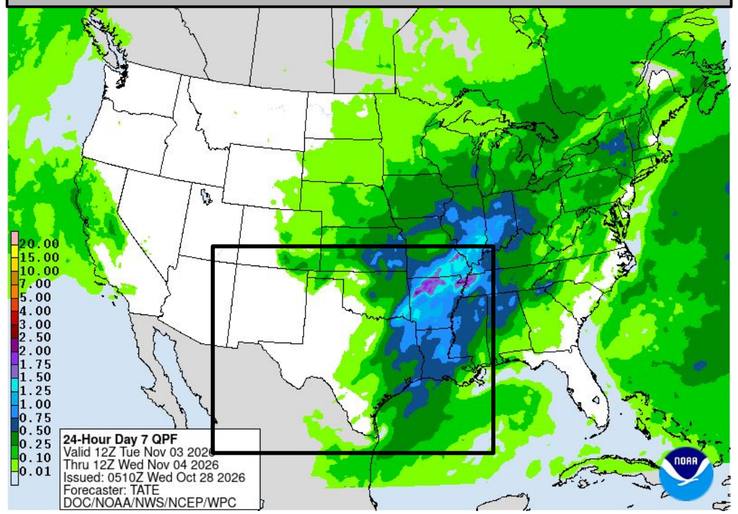

Monitoring AR for heavy rain.

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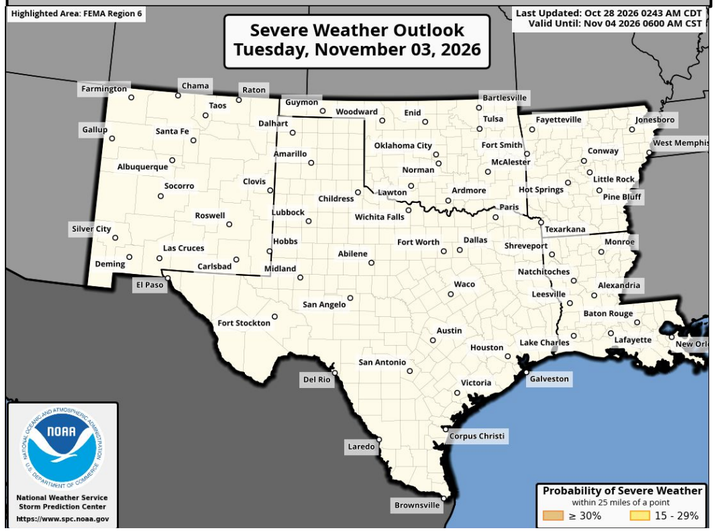

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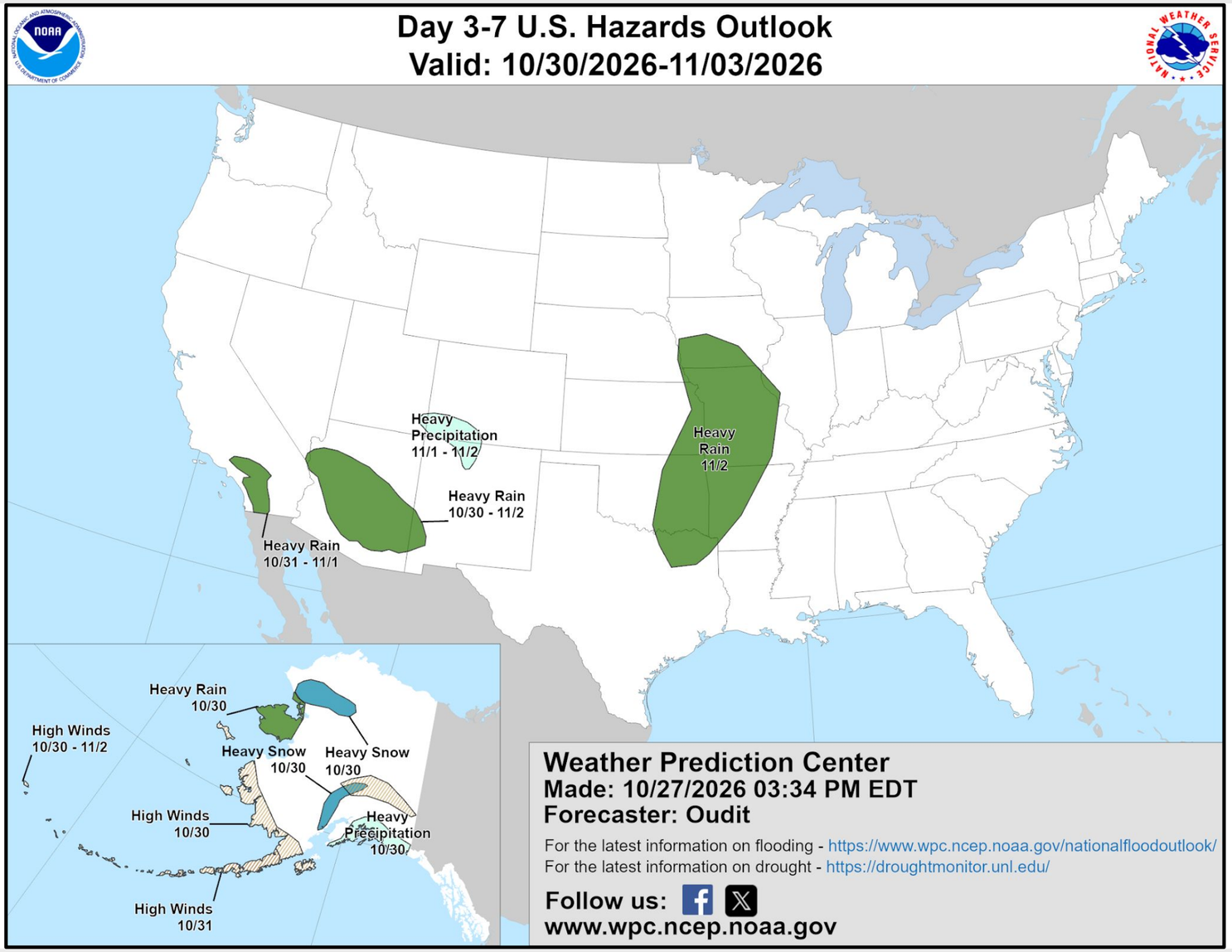

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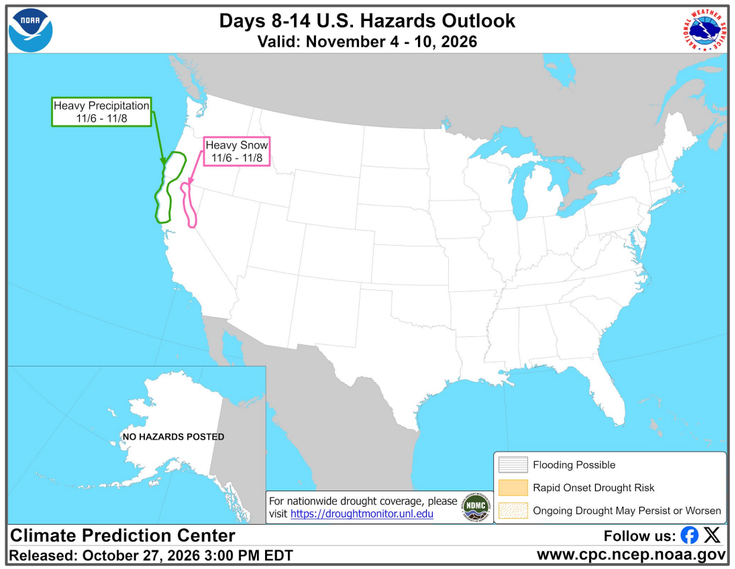

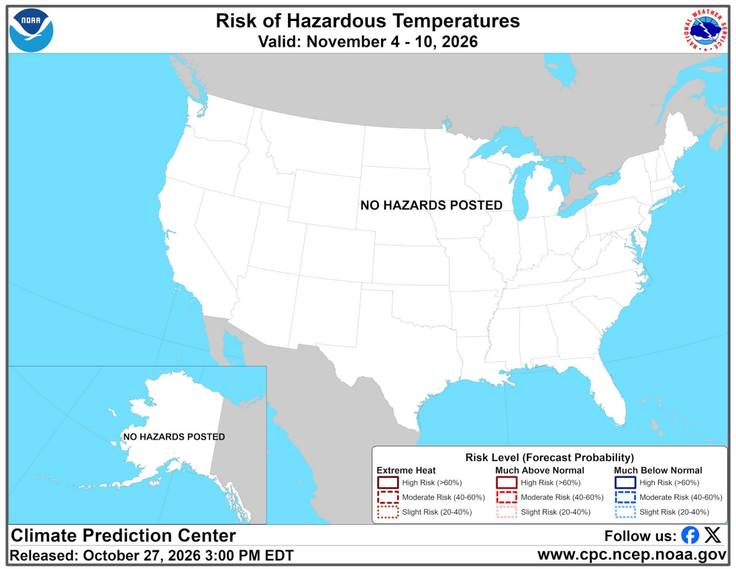

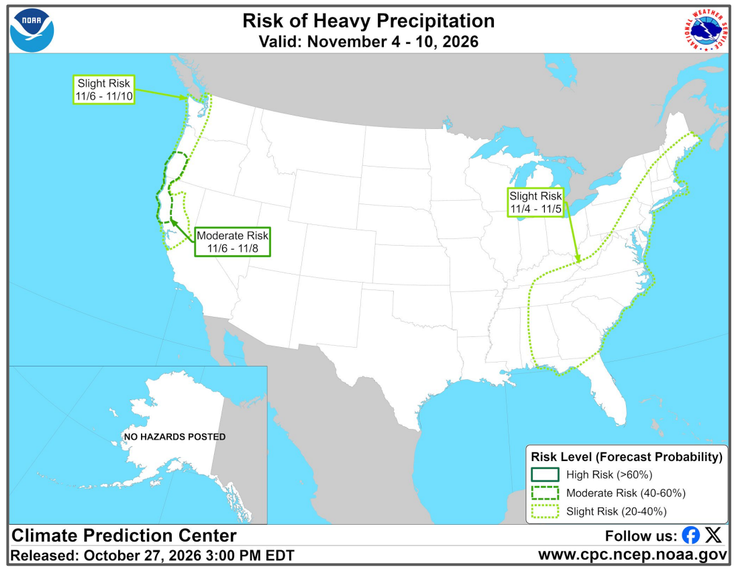

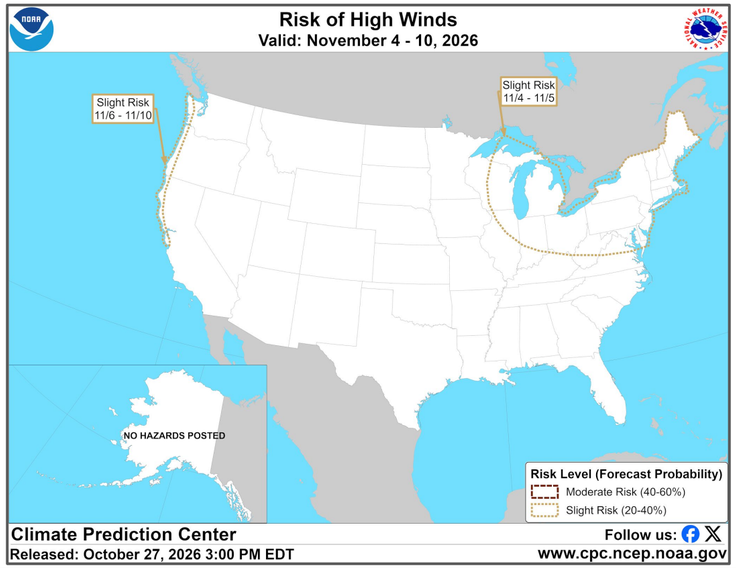

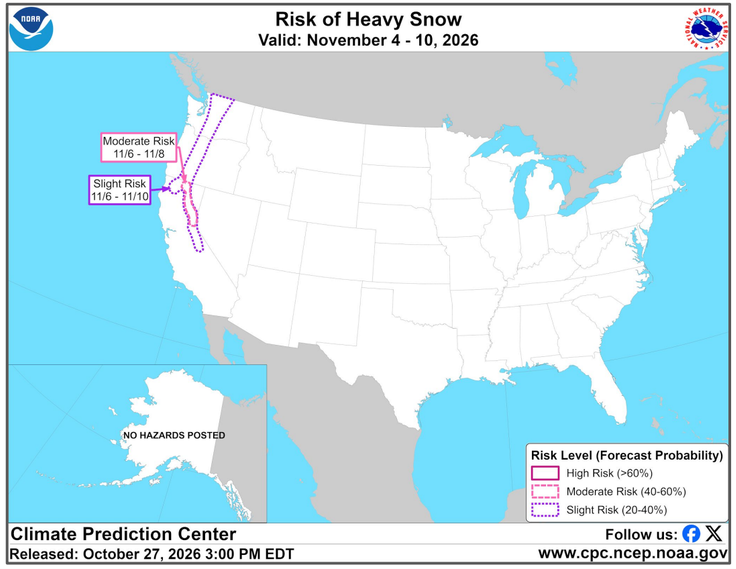

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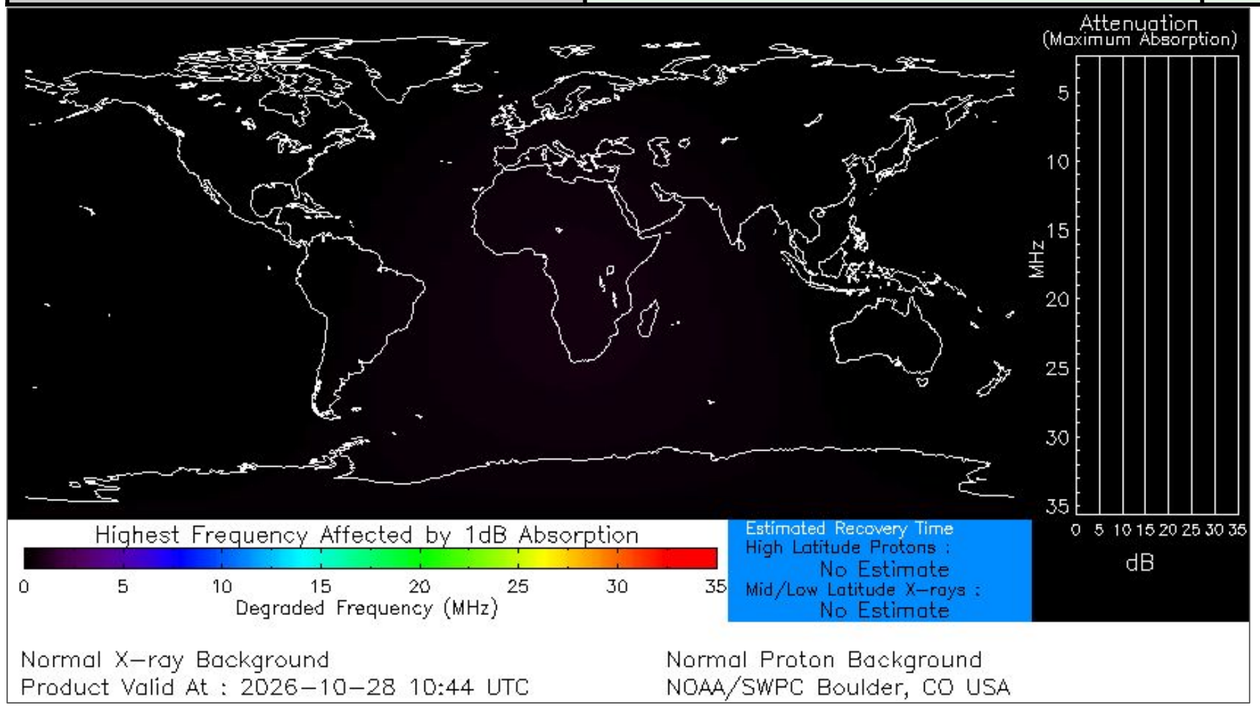
National Weather Service
Sector 2 - Texas, Gulf Coast, and Puerto Rico

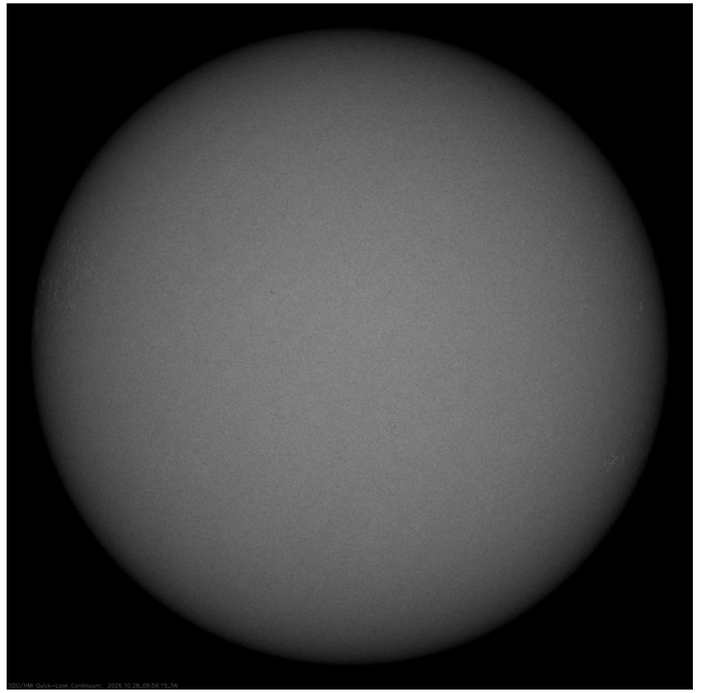
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Oct 28	Thursday, Oct 29	Friday, Oct 30
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
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

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