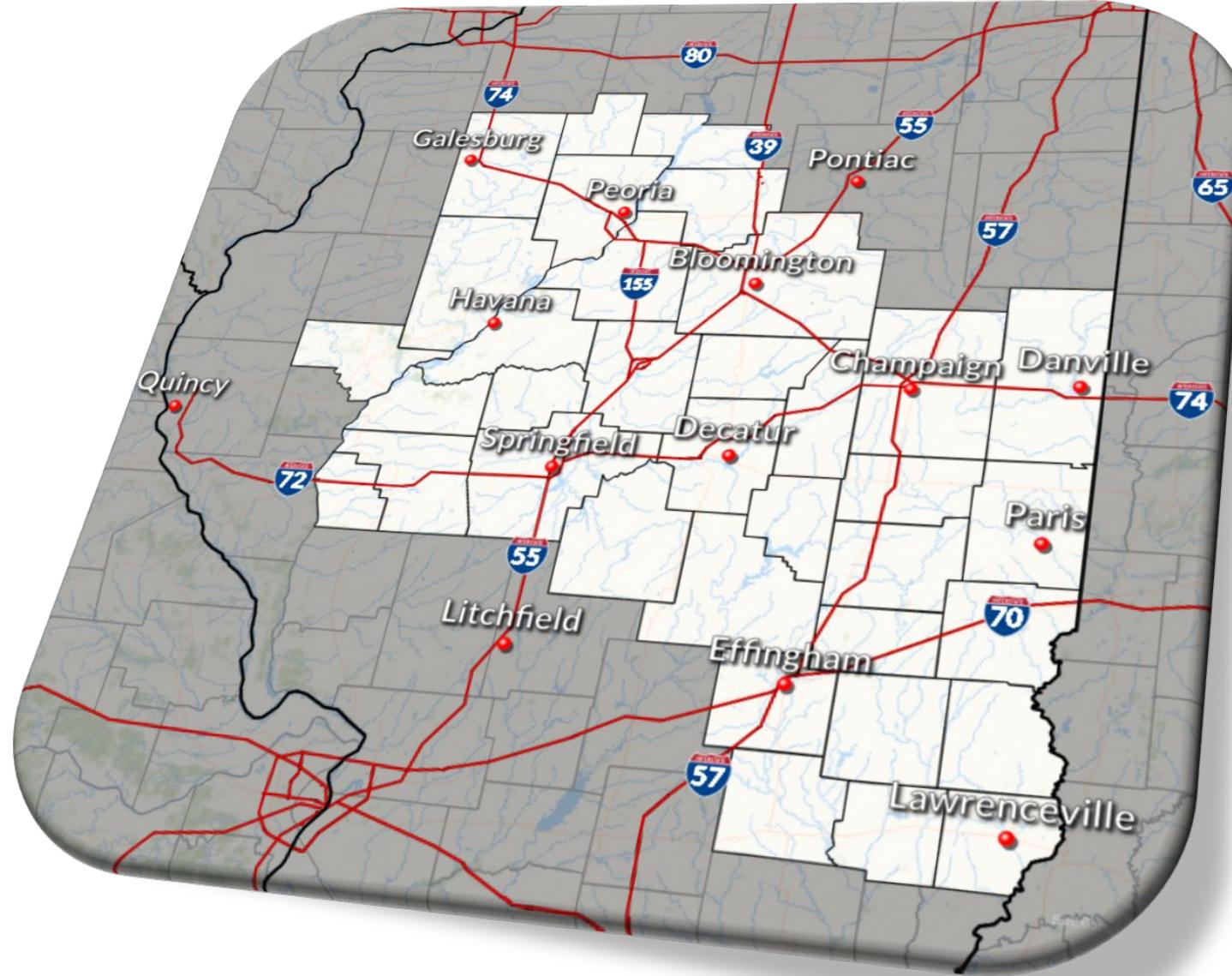




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Bottom Line Up Front

What	Where	When	Impacts
Dense Fog (Visibility quarter mile or less)	Portions of central Illinois	This morning & again tonight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hazardous travel due to rapidly reduced visibility
Heavy Rain & Thunderstorms	Portions of southeastern Illinois	This morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beneficial Rain ● Potential for localized flooding & ponding of water in low lying areas ● Dangerous lightning
Severe Thunderstorms (Damaging Wind Gusts / Large Hail / Isolated Tornado)	Areawide	Friday evening & overnight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wind damage to trees, power lines, roofing, and siding ● Hail damage to vehicles





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Forecast Highlights

- **Dense Fog** Dense fog has developed across portions of central Illinois this morning, with visibilities dropping to a quarter mile or less in many locations. Fog may develop once again across many of the same areas tonight.
- **Heavy Rain and Flood Potential (Today - Friday night)** Multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms are expected through Saturday morning, with total additional rainfall accumulations potentially exceeding 1 inch, particularly in portions of southeastern Illinois. While the ground is currently unfrozen and able to absorb some moisture, repeated rounds of moderate to heavy rain may lead to ponding in low-lying areas and eventual rises on area rivers in the days ahead. Minor flooding will be possible along portions of the Little Wabash River.
- **Severe Weather Potential (Friday)** A significant warming trend will peak on Friday, with high temperatures reaching the mid 70s areawide. This warmth will be accompanied by another round of active weather Friday and Friday night. A Marginal (level 1 of 5) to Slight Risk (Level 2 of 5) for severe weather is in place across the area as a strong cold front moves through Friday night. All hazards (damaging wind gusts, large hail, and tornadoes) will be possible with the line of storms as it moves across the state.



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Weather Hazards at a Glance

	Thursday, Mar 5	Friday, Mar 6	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8	Monday, Mar 9	Tuesday, Mar 10	Wednesday, Mar 11
Severe Weather Wind / Hail / Tornadoes		Areawide					
Strong Wind							
Heavy Rain	Southeastern IL						
River Flooding	Minor: Little Wabash						
Extreme Cold							
Winter Weather Snow / Ice							
Dense Fog							
Fire Danger							

Risk Levels

Little to None

Limited

Elevated

Significant

Extreme





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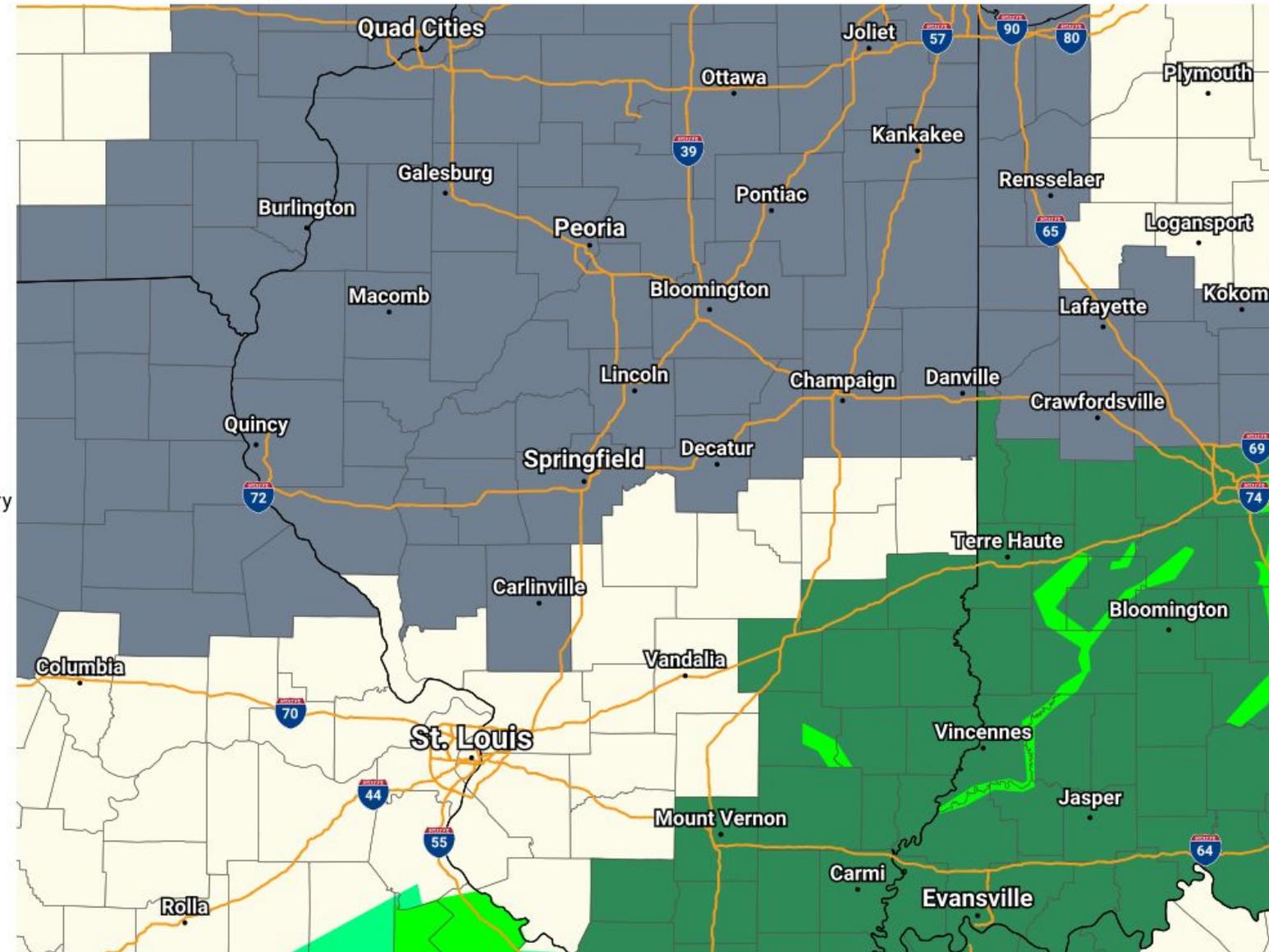
Latest Weather Headlines

- A **Dense Fog Advisory** is in effect through 9 AM this morning.
- A **Flood Watch** is in effect through 9 AM this morning.
- A river **Flood Warning** is in effect along the Little Wabash River near Clay City until further notice.



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Flood Warning
 Flood Advisory
 Dense Fog Advisory
 Marine Dense Fog Advisory
 Flood Watch



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Severe Weather Outlook: Day 2

Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of severe thunderstorms

Timing:

Friday evening & overnight

Location:

Highest risk along and west of I-57

Hazards:

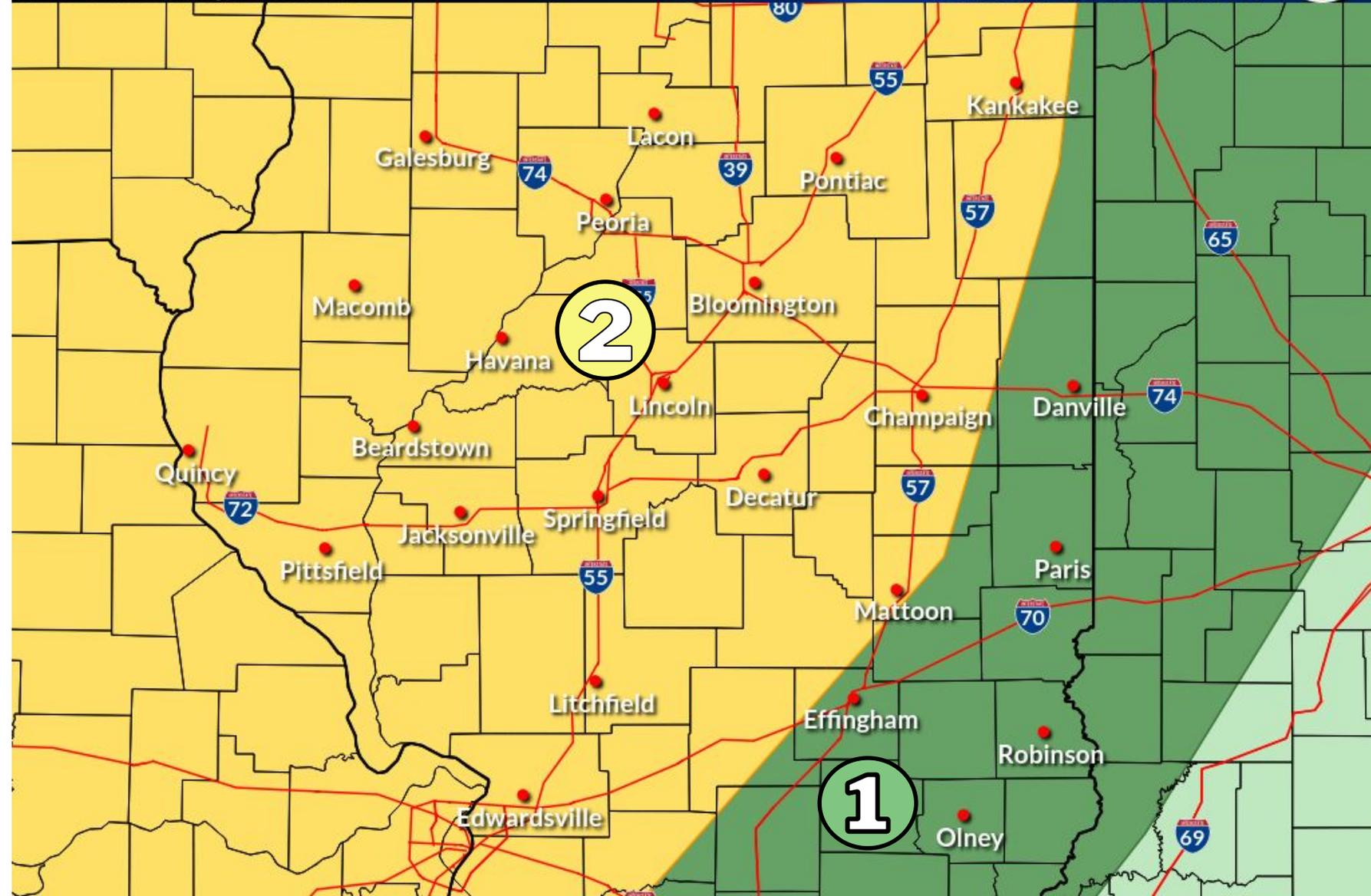
- Damaging winds
- Quarter size hail
- Tornadoes

SPC Day 2 Severe Weather Outlook

Forecast for: Friday, 03/06/2026

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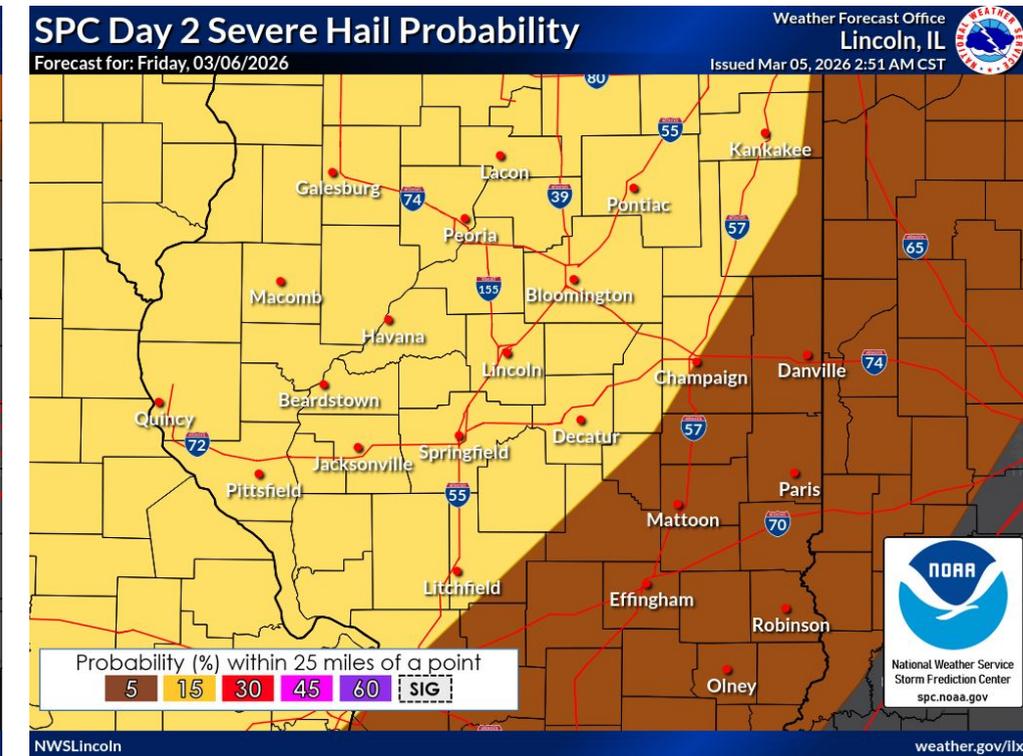
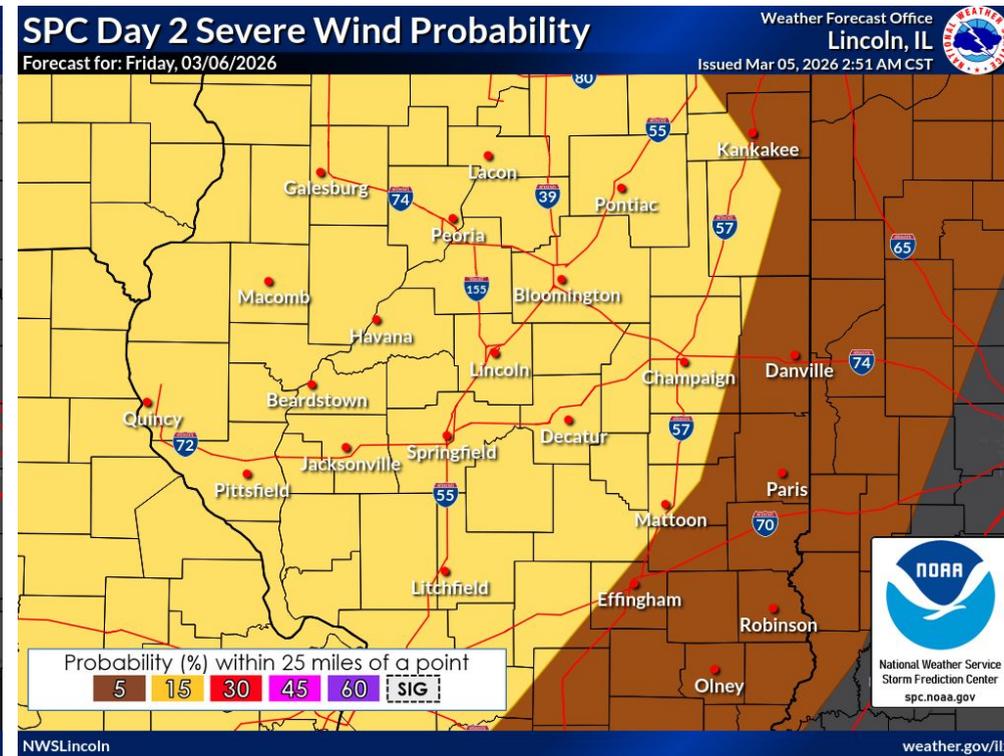
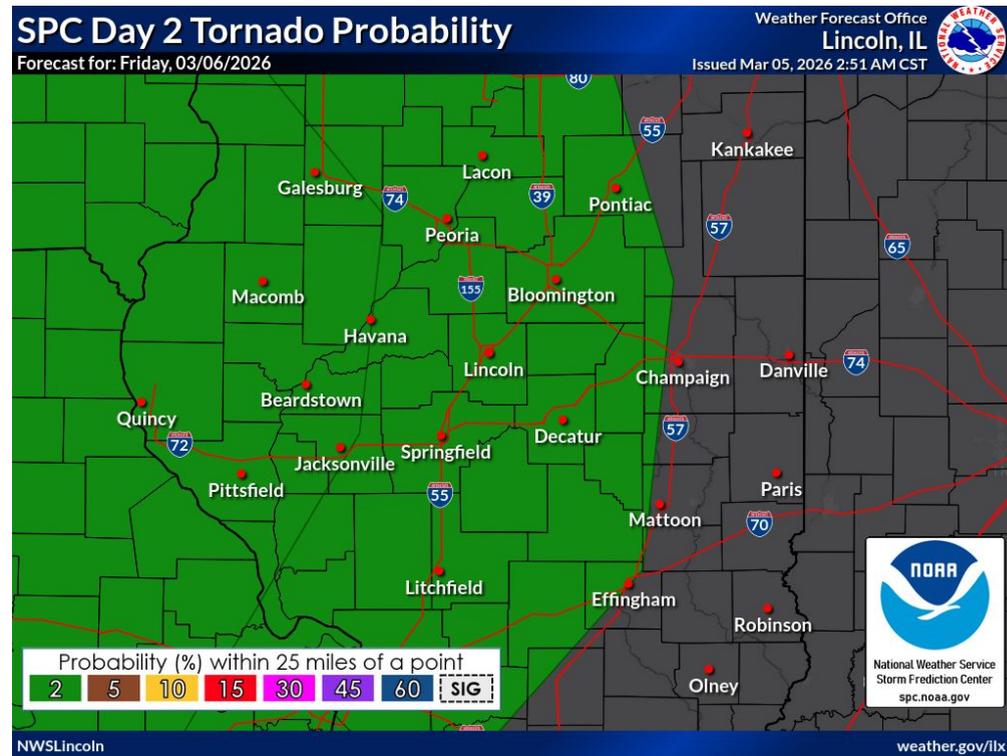


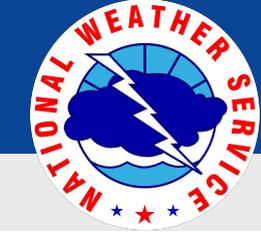
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Severe Weather Outlook: Day 2

Probability of specific severe weather types:





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Severe Weather Outlook: Risk Categories

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Outlook Categories



LEVEL	CATEGORY	DETAILS	SUMMARY	How many severe storms are possible?	How bad could the worst storms be?	DEFINITIONS
	General Thunderstorm	Although severe weather is not expected, <i>all</i> thunderstorms can produce deadly lightning, gusty winds, and small hail.	No severe thunderstorms expected		Similar to storms your area experiences many times per year	Severe Storm Any storm that contains at least one of the following:
1	Marginal (MRGL)	Some storms could be capable of damaging winds and severe hail. Localized tornado threat could develop.	Isolated severe storms possible		Similar to storms your area may experience several times per year	Wind gusts of at least 58 mph . Hail at least one inch in diameter . Tornado
2	Slight (SLGT)	Increased confidence that some storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornado potential. <i>A few severe storms could be significant</i>	Isolated to scattered severe storms expected		Similar to storms your area may experience a few times per year	Significant Severe Any of the following hazards:
3	Enhanced (ENH)	High confidence that several storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes. <i>Several severe storms could be significant</i>	Scattered to numerous severe storms expected		Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once or twice per year	Wind gusts of at least 75 mph . Hail at least two inches in diameter . Tornado of at least EF-2 rating
4	Moderate (MDT)	High confidence that many storms will contain damaging winds, severe hail, and/or tornadoes. <i>Several severe storms likely to be significant</i>	Scattered to numerous severe storms expected		Similar to intense storms your area may only experience once per year or less	
5	High (HIGH)	High confidence that an outbreak of storms will contain tornadoes, damaging winds, and/or severe hail. <i>Tornado outbreak and/or widespread damaging winds</i>	Numerous severe storms expected		Very intense storms your area may only experience once or twice in a lifetime	

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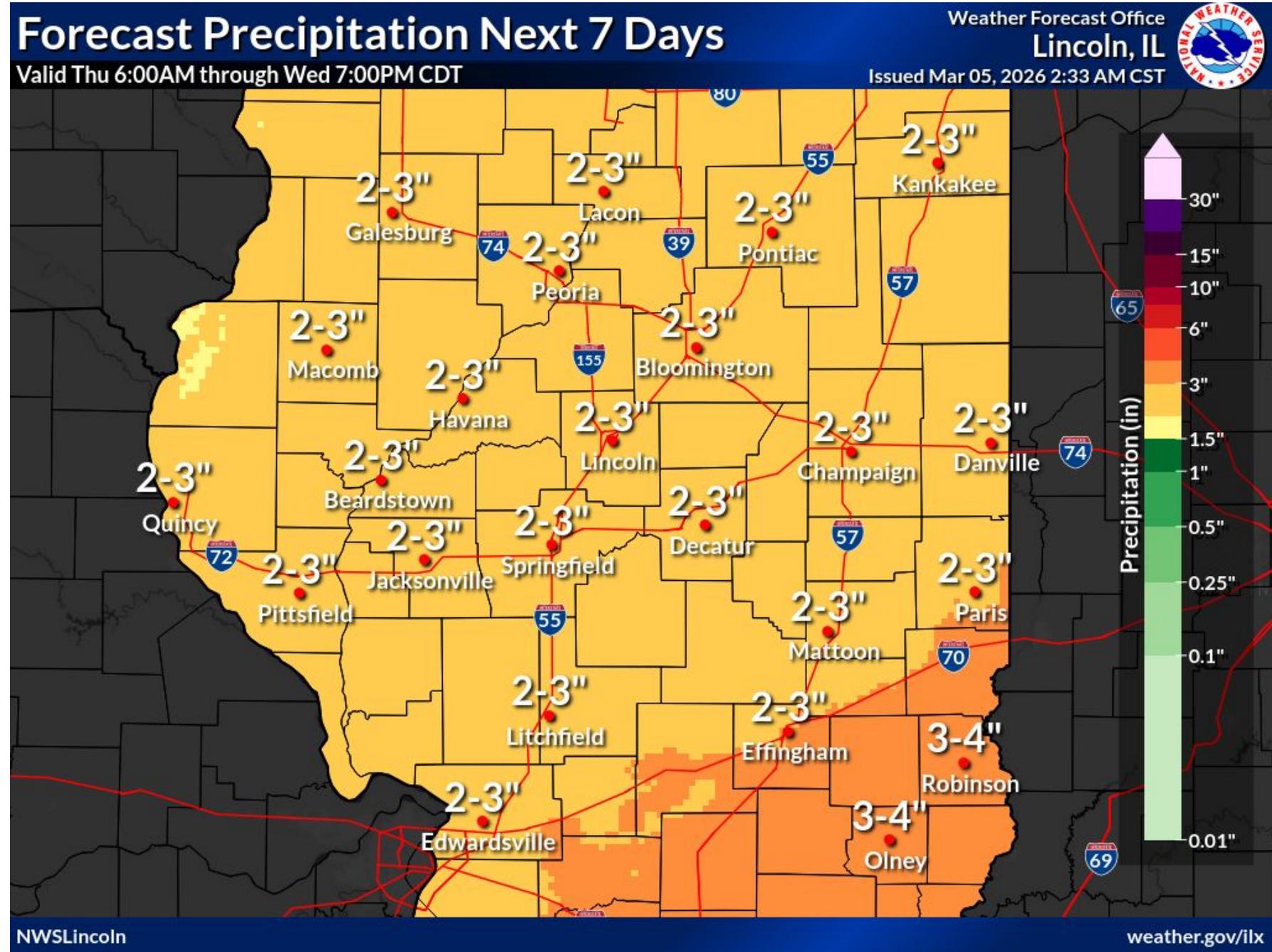




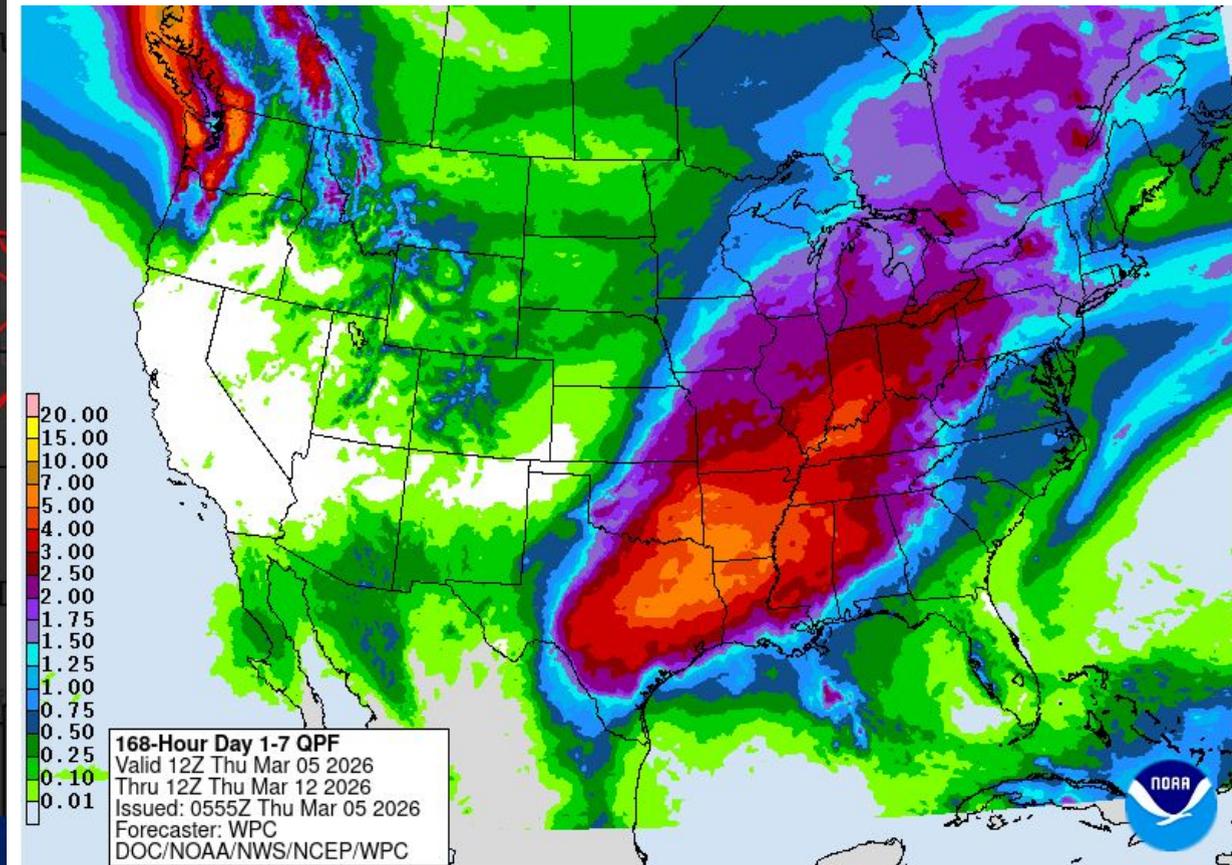
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7-Day Precipitation Outlook



Multiple round of showers and thunderstorms continue through Saturday morning. Precip chances return Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.



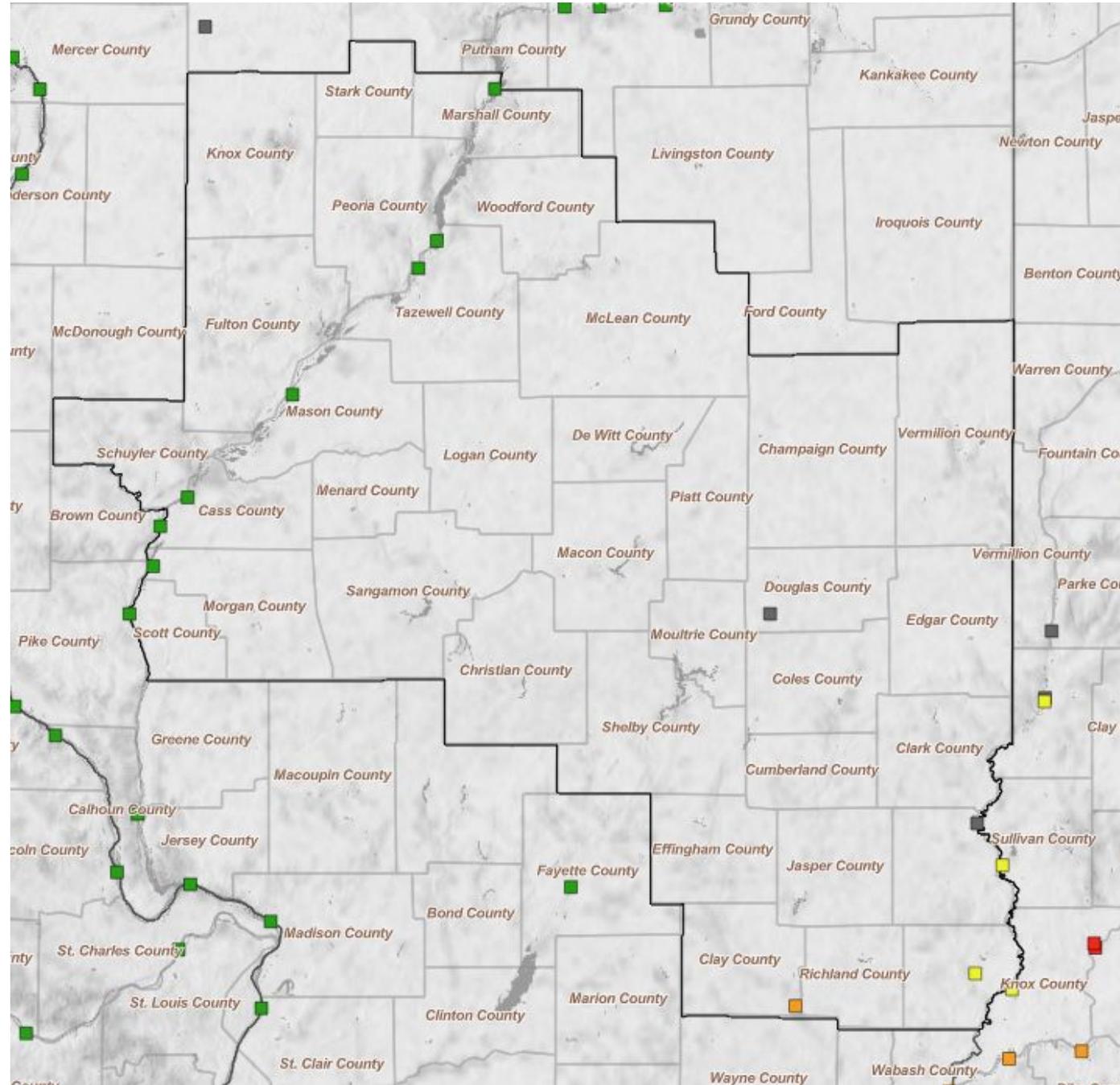


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Forecast River Flood Categories

-  Major flooding
-  Moderate flooding
-  Minor flooding
-  Near flood
-  No flooding expected
-  No forecast available



Latest river observations and forecast information:

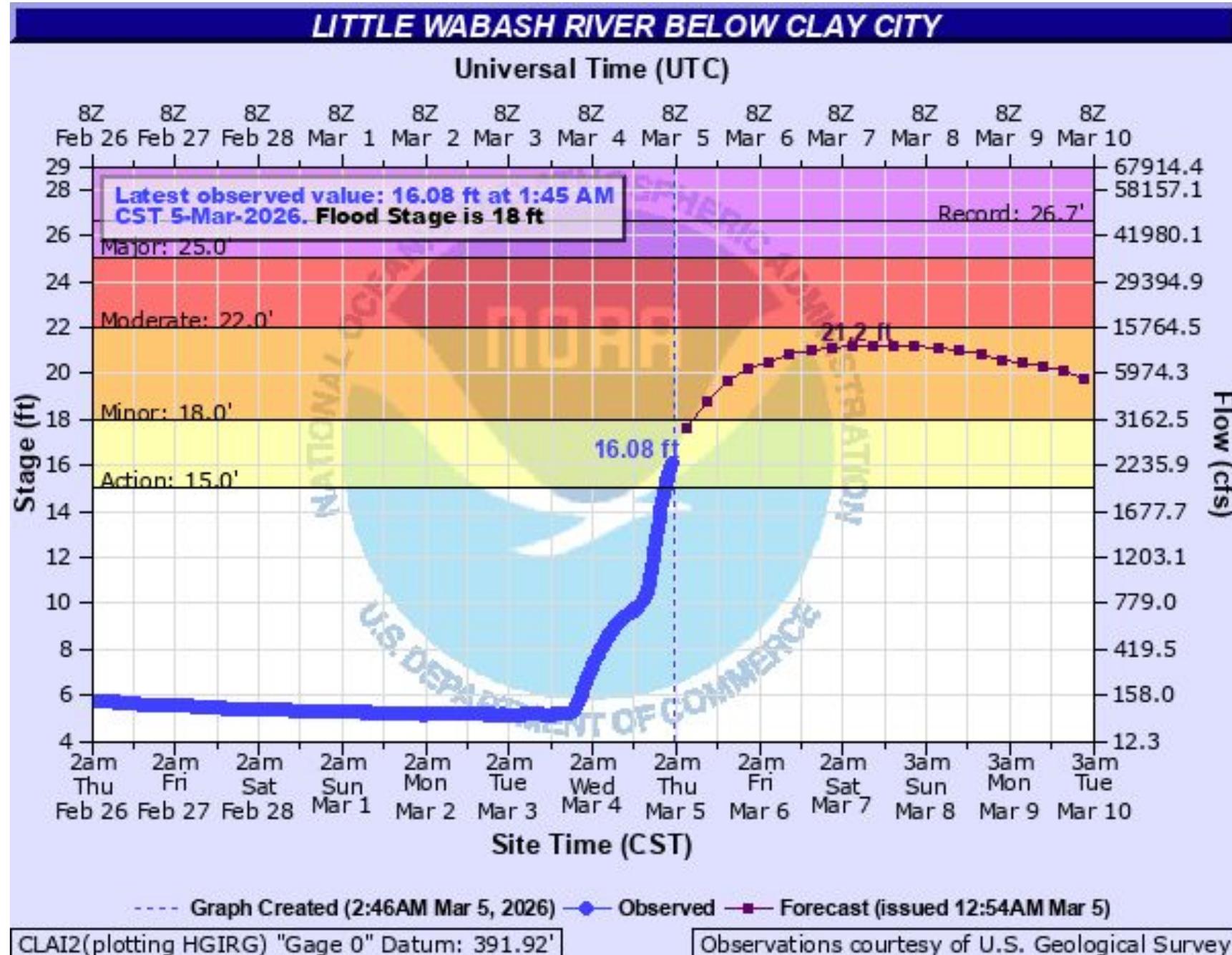
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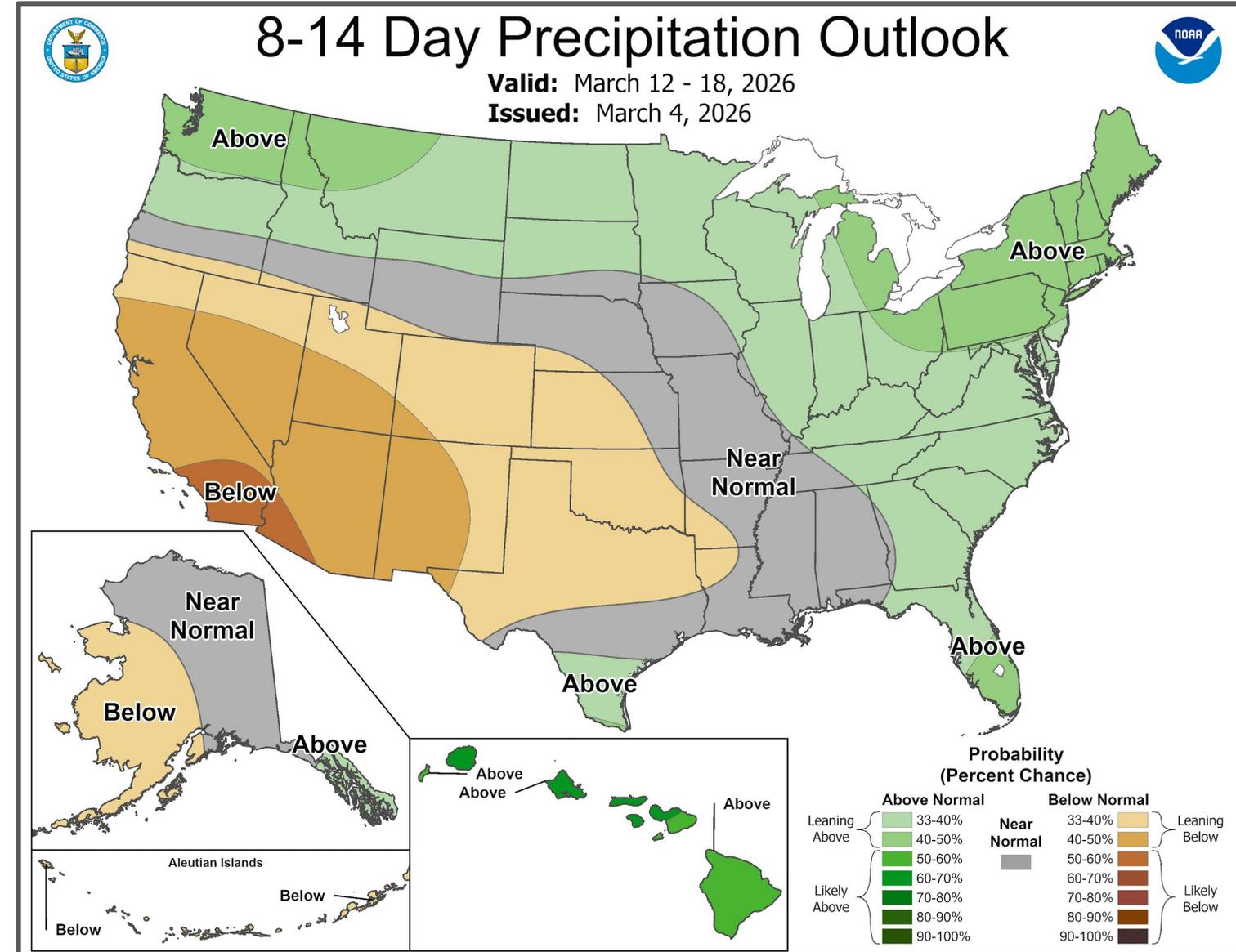
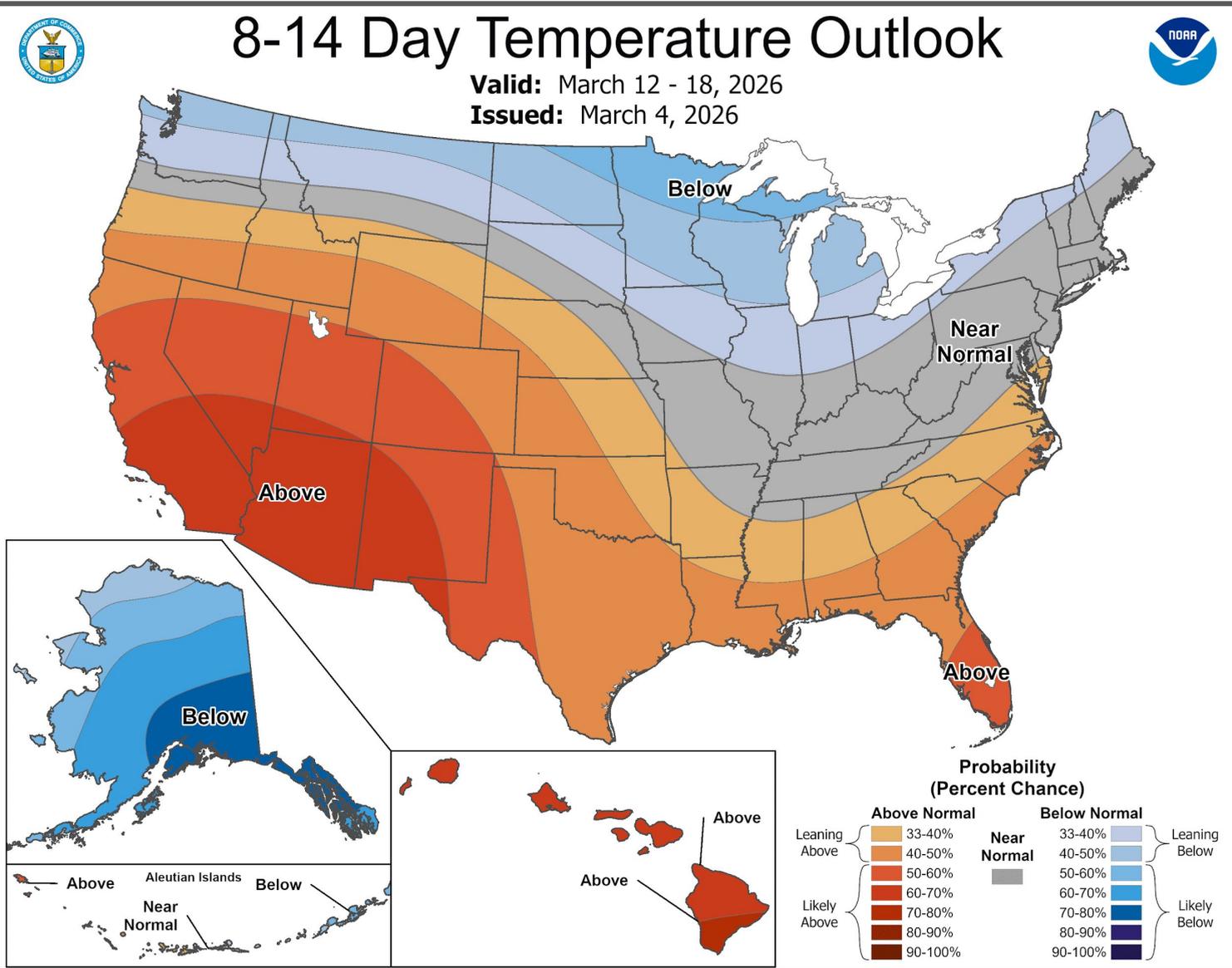




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8 to 14 Day Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks





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[NWS Lincoln Winter Weather Monitor](#)

[NWS Lincoln Probabilistic Snow/Ice Forecasts](#)

National Resources:

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[NWS Weather Prediction Center Snowfall Forecast](#)

[NWS Storm Prediction Center Web Page](#)

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