



Heavy Rain, Severe Storms Next Several Days

September 14, 2026
5:39 AM CDT

Multiple rounds of thunderstorms are expected this week

Key Messages

- Multiple rounds of showers and storms with heavy rainfall will impact the area, beginning today and bringing increasing potential for flash flooding and river flooding through the week.
- There is also the potential for severe storms this afternoon through evening with large hail, damaging winds, and even a few tornadoes possible.

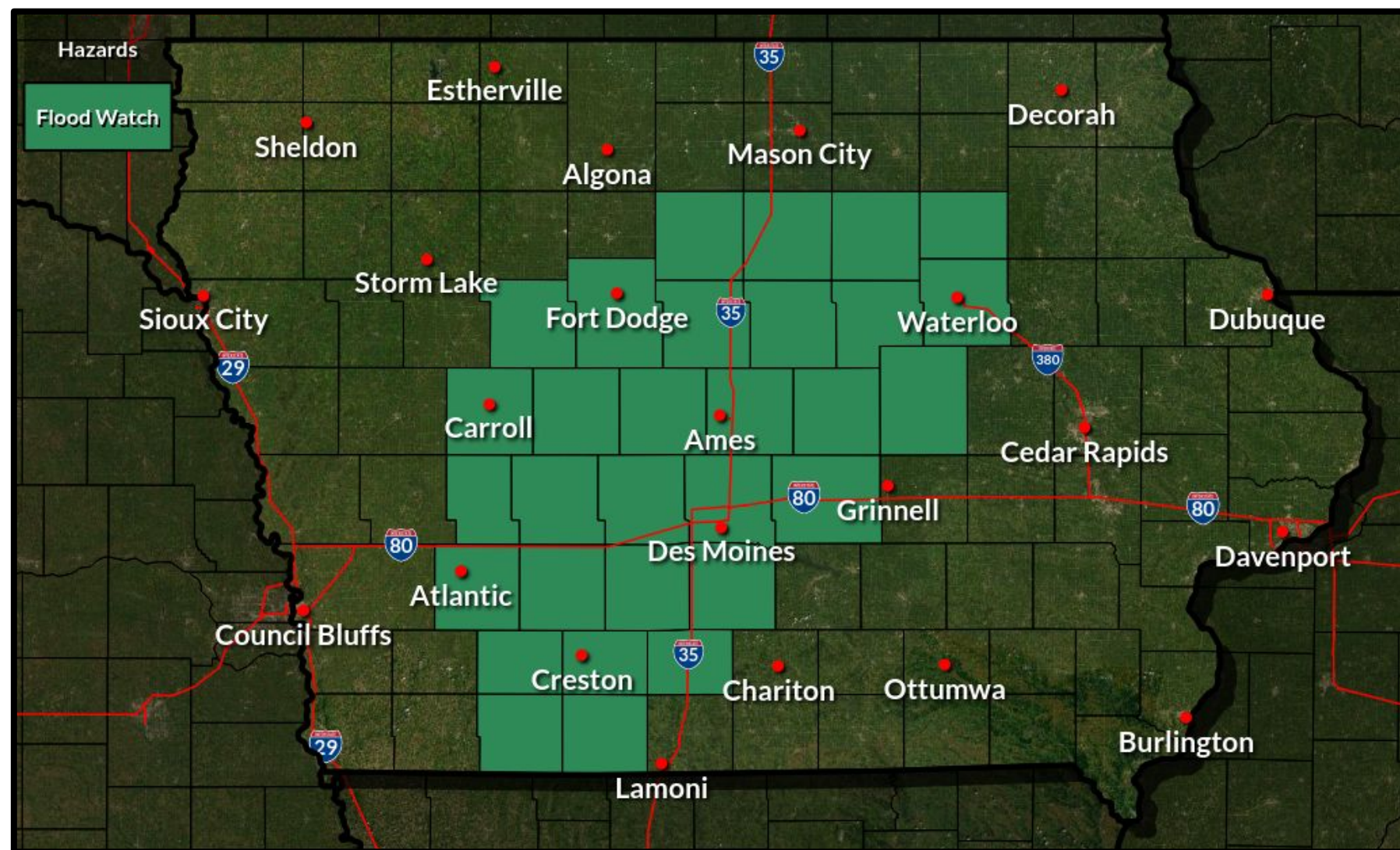
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What Has Changed

- A Day 1 Moderate Risk for excessive rainfall was introduced overnight.

Next Scheduled Update

- No later than 5PM today



Flash Flood Watch through Tonight



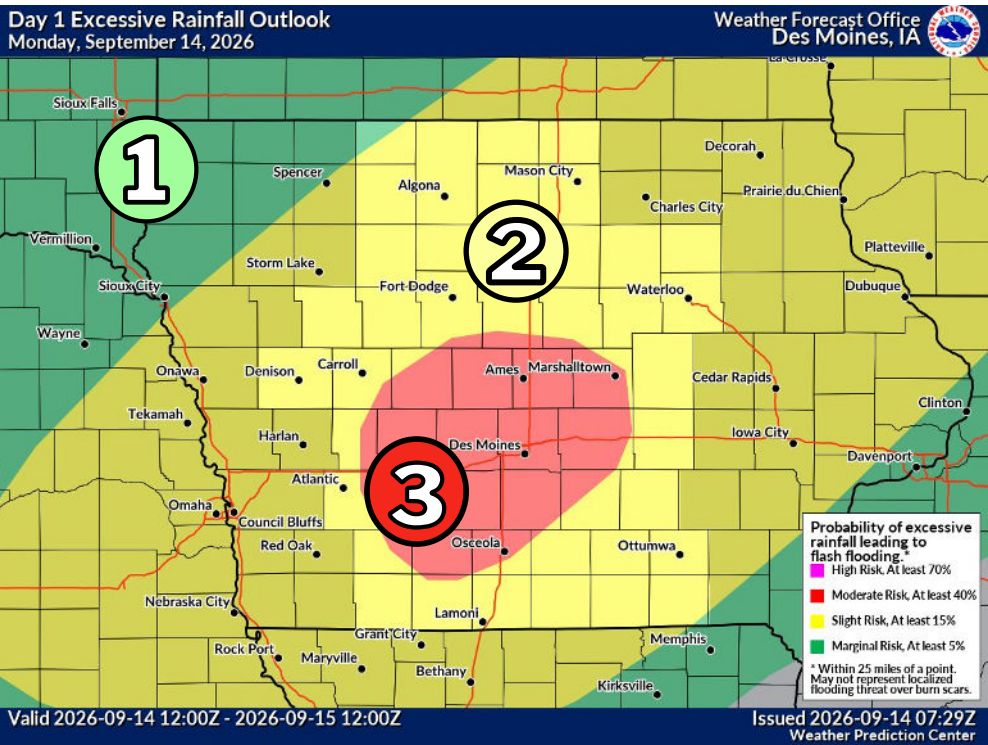
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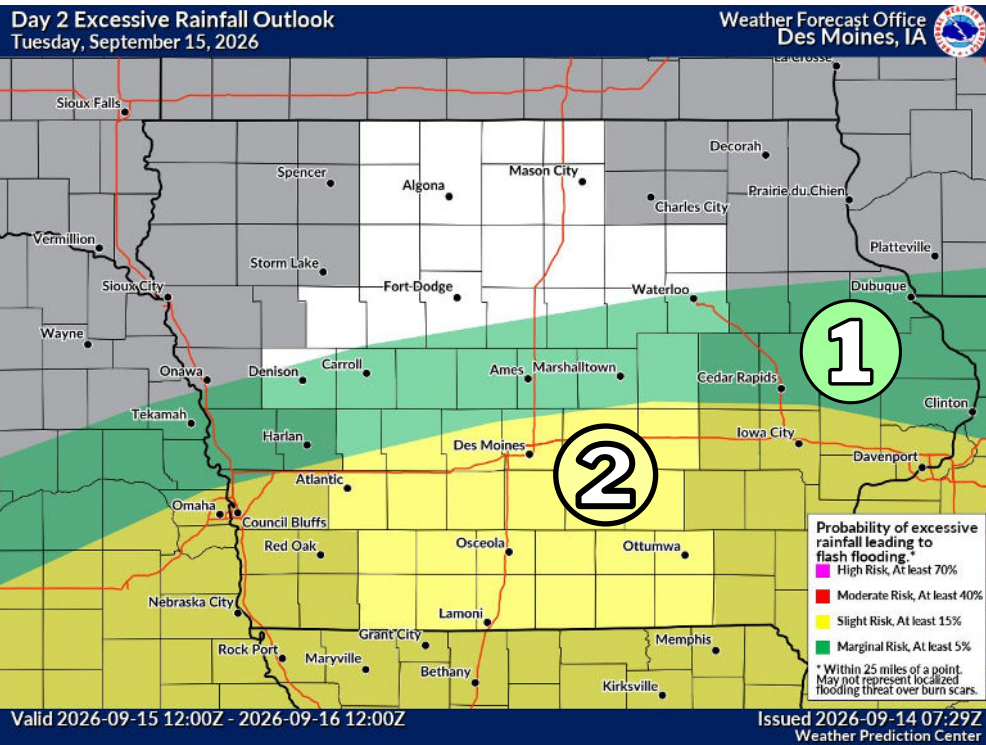


Multi-Day Heavy Rain Threat This Week

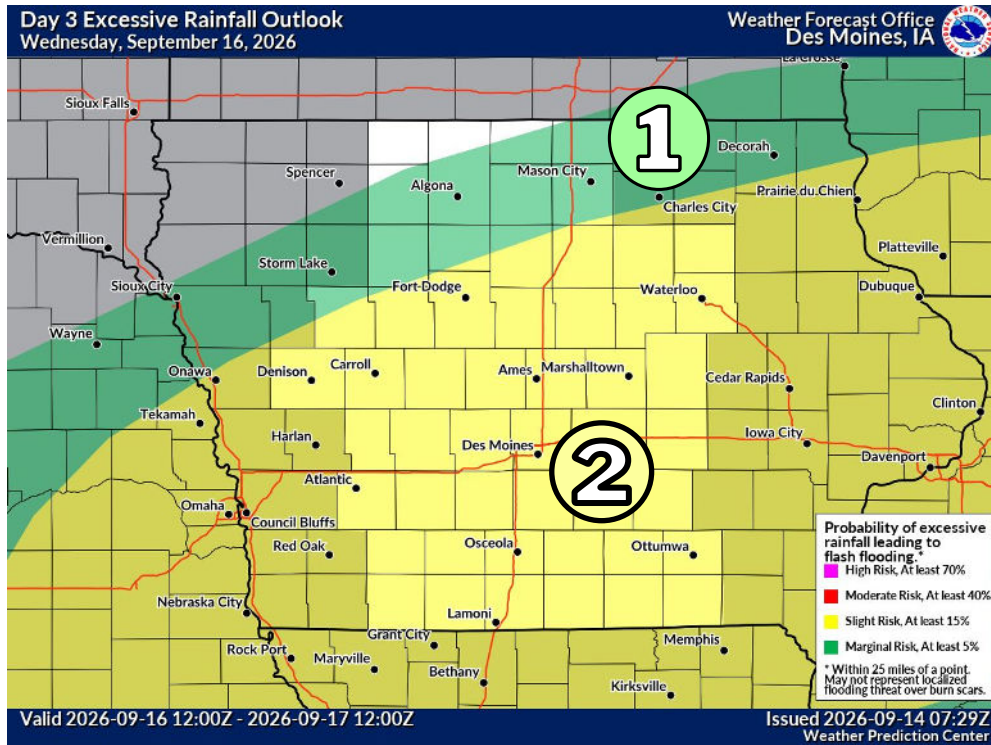
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Today - Tonight



Tuesday - Tuesday Night



Wednesday - Wednesday Night

Key Messages:

- A **Moderate Risk** for excessive rainfall is over parts of Iowa into tonight, meaning heavy rainfall may lead to **scattered to numerous flash flooding**.
- Over the next several days, rain totals of more than 2 inches will be common and some areas will receive more than 5 inches of rain. This will lead to **continued flash flooding potential** and as the water routes into waterways, **increasing potential for river flooding** on some rivers.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

3 NUMEROUS flash floods *likely*

PRIMARY THREATS

FLASH FLOODING

LOCAL RIVER AND STREAM RISES

TIMING

Excessive Rain Risk

NONE



Severe Weather Potential Later Today

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HIGHEST LOCAL RISK

2

WHAT THIS MEANS:
SCATTERED severe storms possible

SEVERE WEATHER TIMING
4 TO 10 PM TODAY

PRIMARY THREATS



DAMAGING WIND



HEAVY RAIN



LARGE HAIL

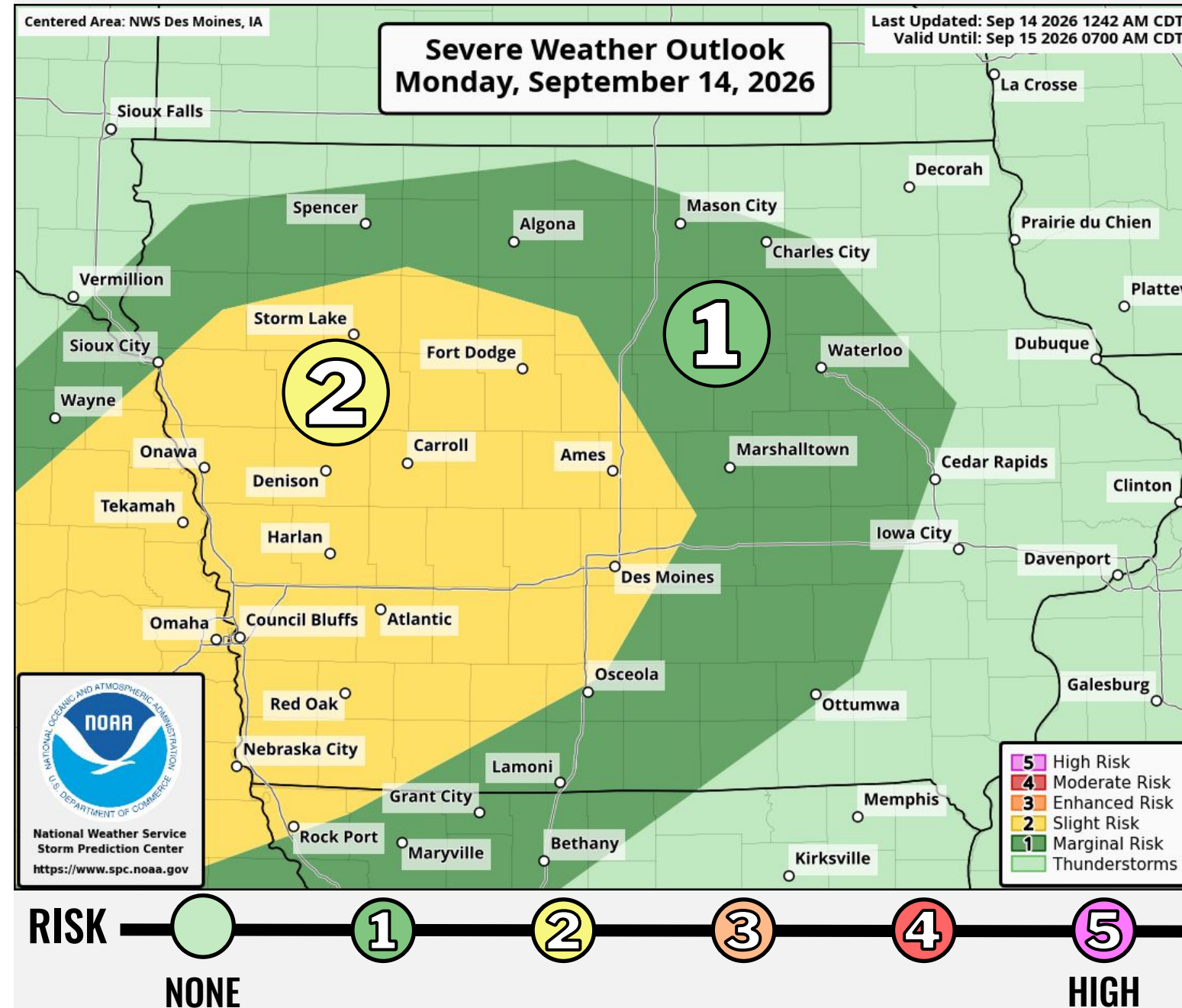


URBAN-STREET FLOODING

SECONDARY THREATS



TORNADOES POSSIBLE



What To Expect

- Several rounds of storms
Today-Tonight: first in the morning (low severe threat), another in the **afternoon to evening** (main severe threat), then more overnight.
- Any tornado threat is **conditional** on how quickly morning storms clear the area.
- Heavy rain and flash flooding is expected with storms that **repeat** over the same areas.

What To Do?



OUTDOOR PLANS?
STAY WEATHER AWARE



MULTIPLE WAYS TO
RECEIVE WARNINGS



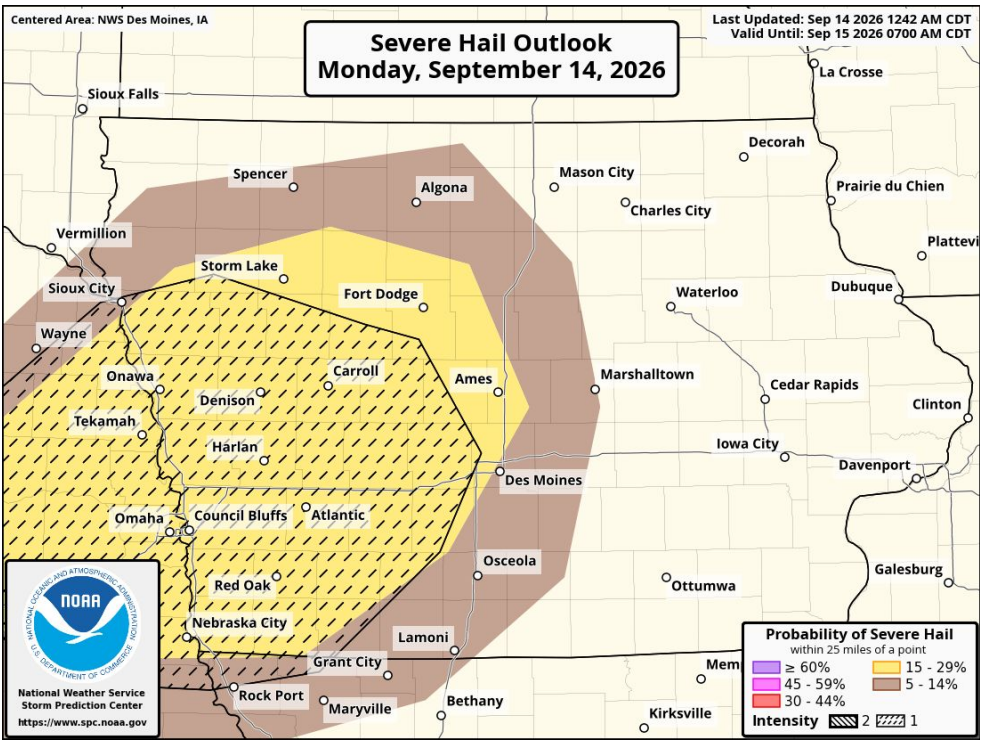
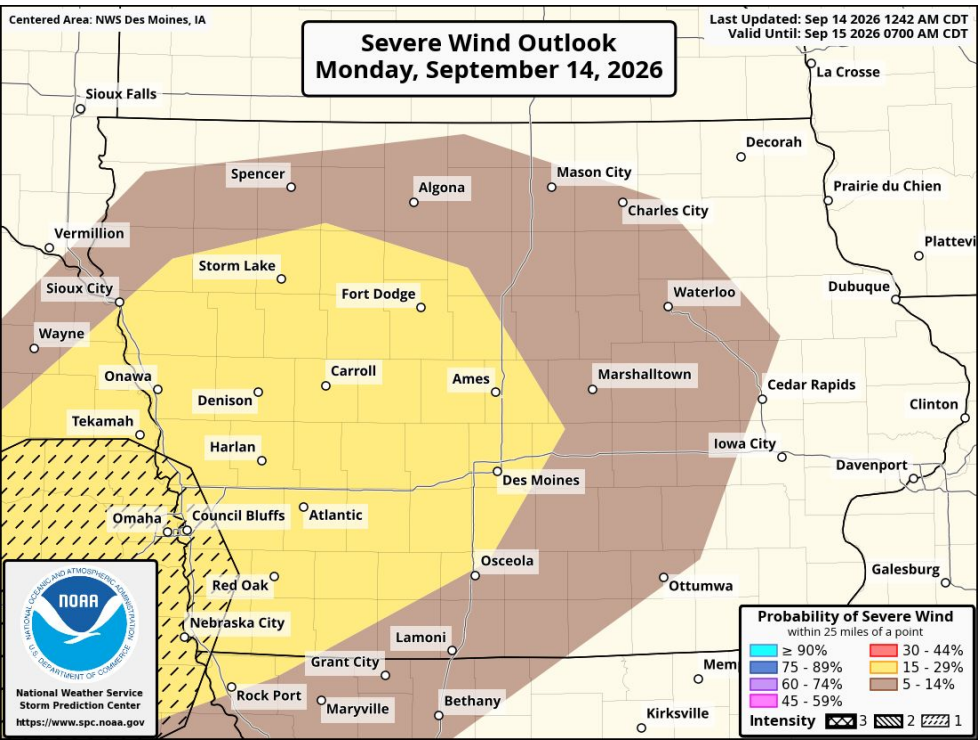
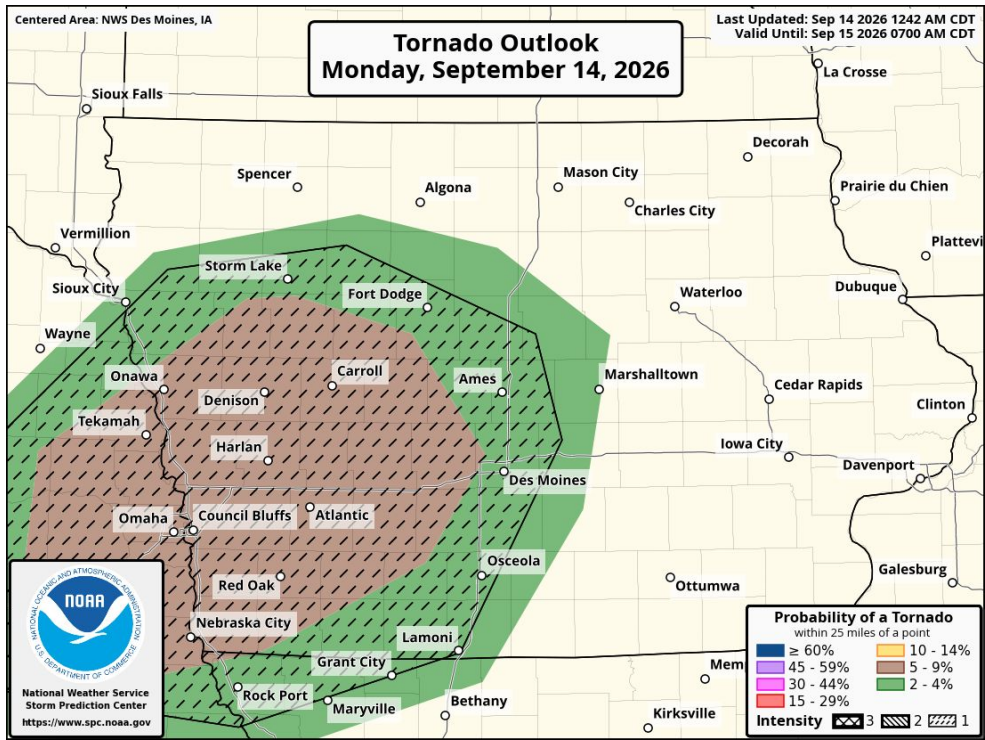
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Severe Storm Threats Later Today

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Tornadoes

Unlikely

Possible

Likely

- Isolated tornadoes are possible with supercells before storms congeal into a cluster of thunderstorms.



Damaging Winds

< 60 mph

60 mph

70 mph

80 mph

90+ mph

- Damaging winds are possible with supercells followed by the development of a cluster of thunderstorms.



Large Hail

0.75"
(penny)

1.00"
(quarter)

1.5"
(ping pong ball)

2.00"
(hen egg)

2.75"
(baseball)

- Large, damaging hail will be possible; especially with supercells.



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FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when **flooding is possible.**

Stay tuned to trusted news sources and be ready to seek higher ground.

Be Prepared.



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FLOOD WARNING

A Flood Warning is issued when **flooding is happening or about to happen.**

Move to higher ground immediately!
Never drive or walk through floodwaters.

Take Action!