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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Fire Weather:** Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM and W TX today; critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) Thursday over NM, TX/OK Panhandles and W TX; elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM and W TX on Friday.
- **Severe Weather:** Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over NW/N OK today. Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms Friday in NW/N TX, OK, NW AR; from SW-NE TX, SE OK, NW LA and AR on Saturday; then over E TX, AR and LA on Sunday.
- **Flash Flooding:** Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over C/NE OK Friday; N/NW TX, OK and NW AR on Saturday.
- **Widespread moderate to major river flooding over AR through the next 7 days with isolated major flooding in SE LA by Tuesday, April 22. Widespread minor to isolated moderate river flooding over E TX and LA. Gradual improvement for most of AR through the week.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Apr 16	Thursday, Apr 17	Friday, Apr 18	Saturday, Apr 19	Sunday, Apr 20	Monday, Apr 21	Tuesday, Apr 22
Severe Storms	NW/N OK		NW/NTX, OK, NW AR	SW-NETX, SE OK, NW LA, AR	ETX, AR, LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			C/NE OK	OK, N/NW TX, NW AR			
Fire Weather	NM, WTX	NM TX/OK Panhandles, WTX, W OK	NM, WTX				
Winter							
River Flooding	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA

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

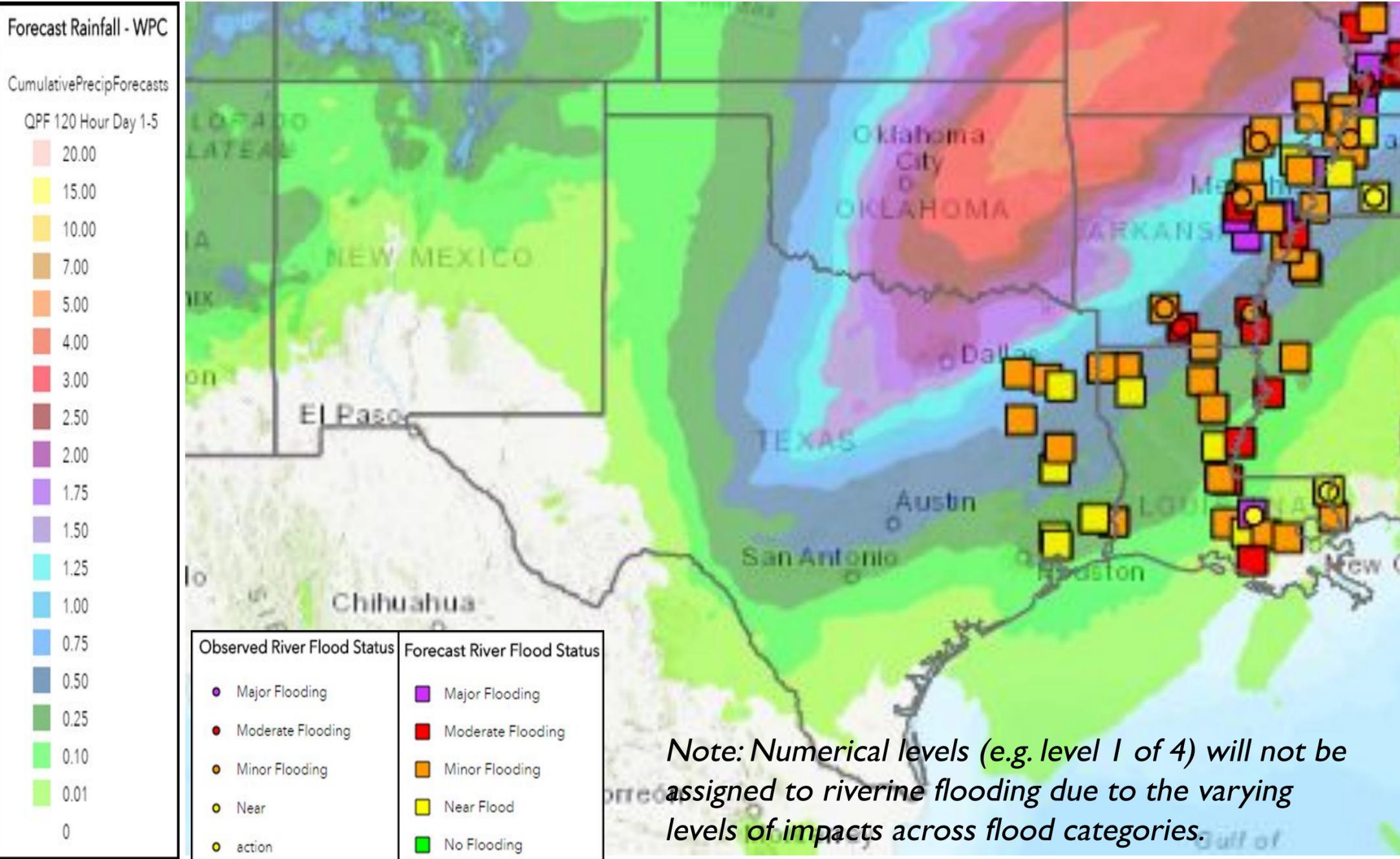
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

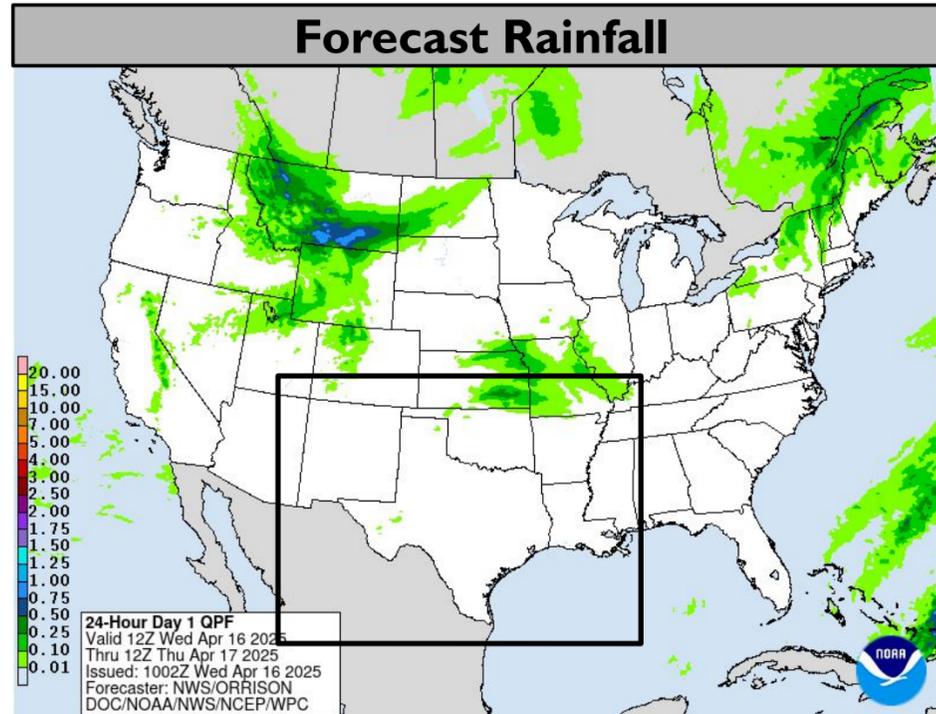
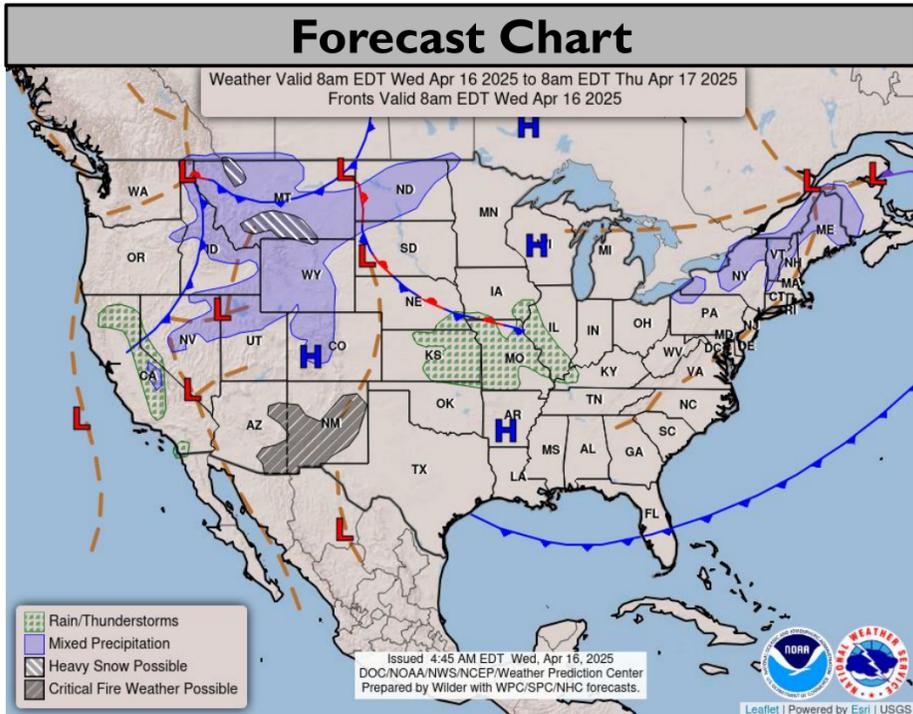
Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



- Widespread moderate to major river flooding in AR where numerous homes and roads/highways will be flooded.
- Isolated Major Flooding in SE LA by next Tuesday, April 22. Baton Rouge and the main LSU campus are protected by levees at this forecast level.
- Widespread minor with isolated moderate river flooding over E TX and LA. Impacts mainly to secondary roads and agricultural areas.

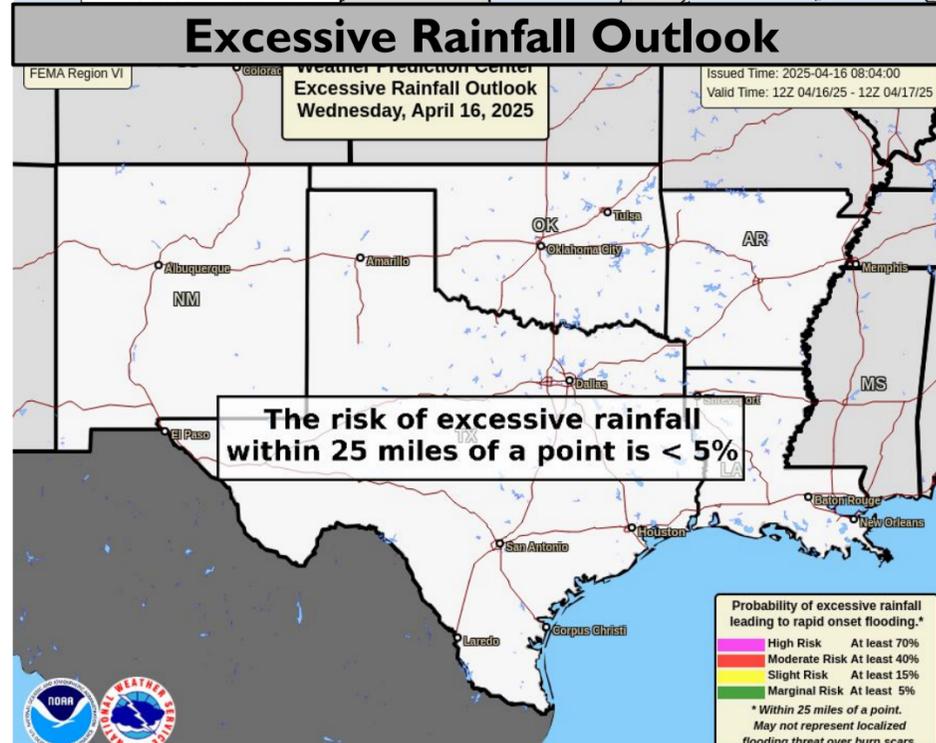
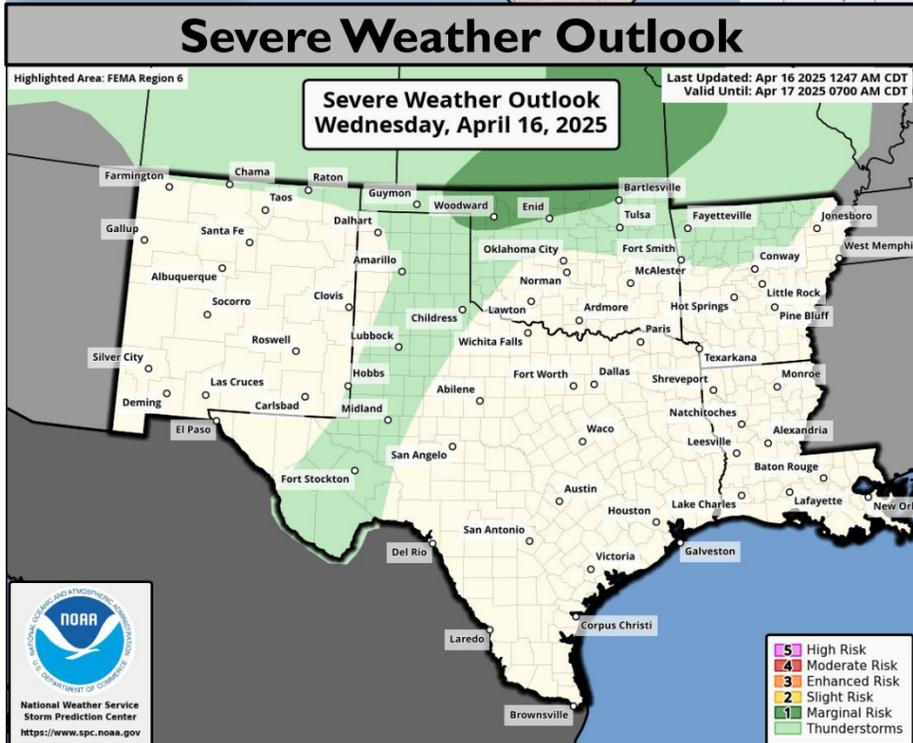


Today's Weather



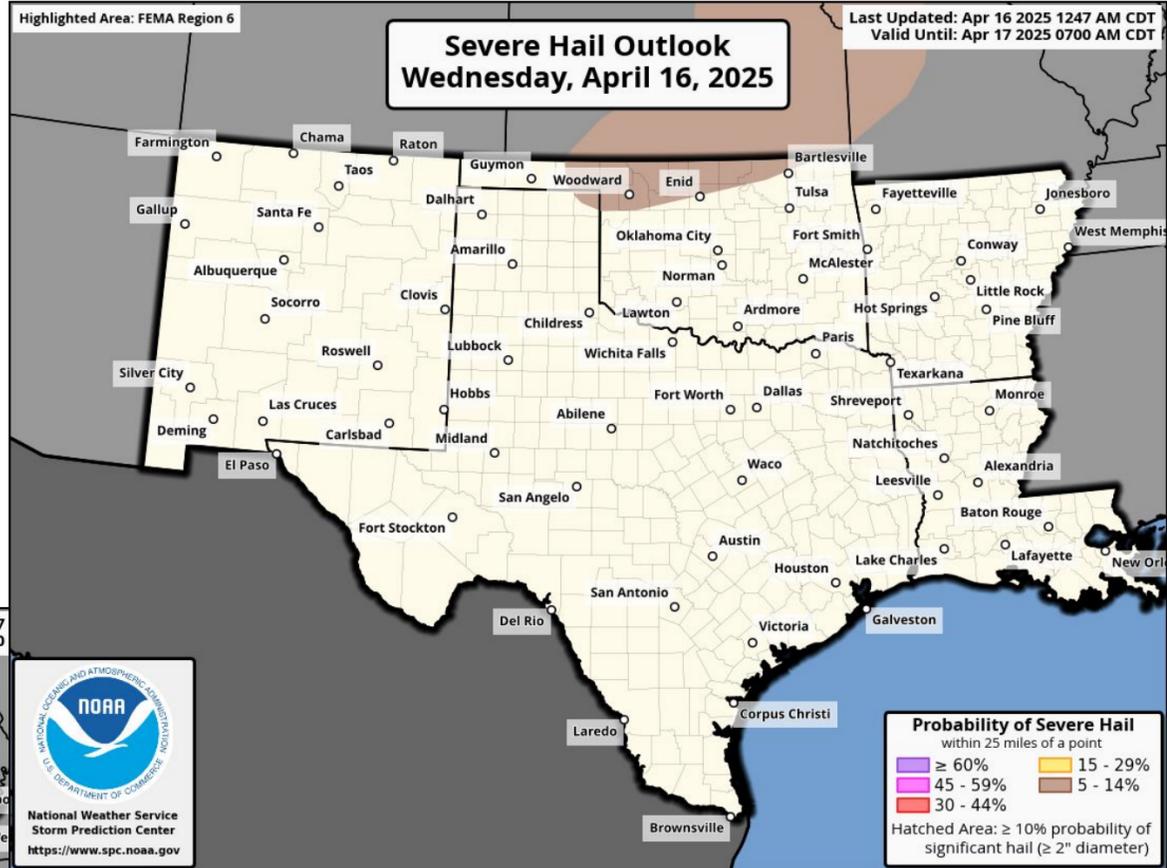
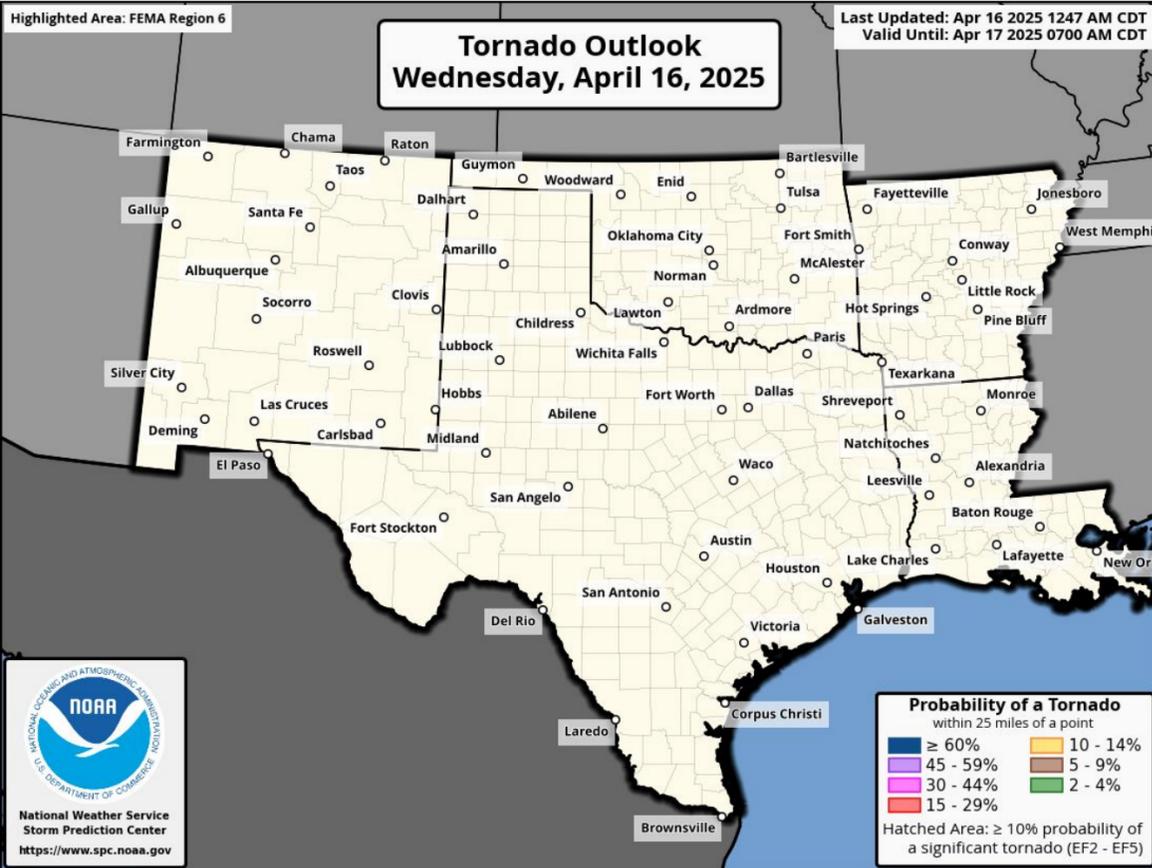
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) of severe storms over NW/N OK.



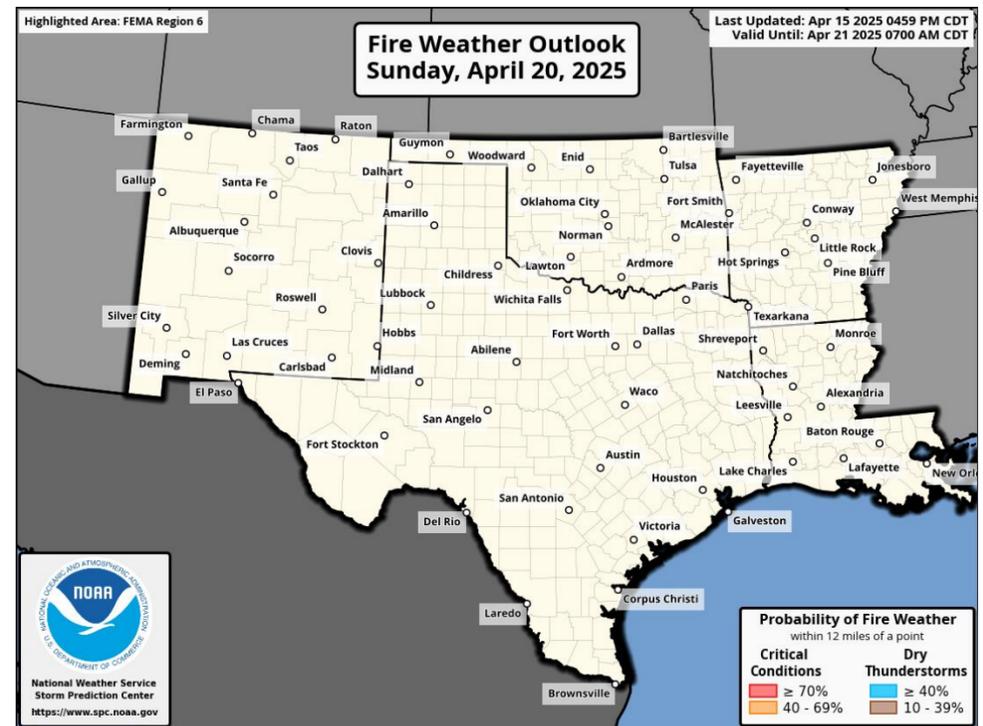
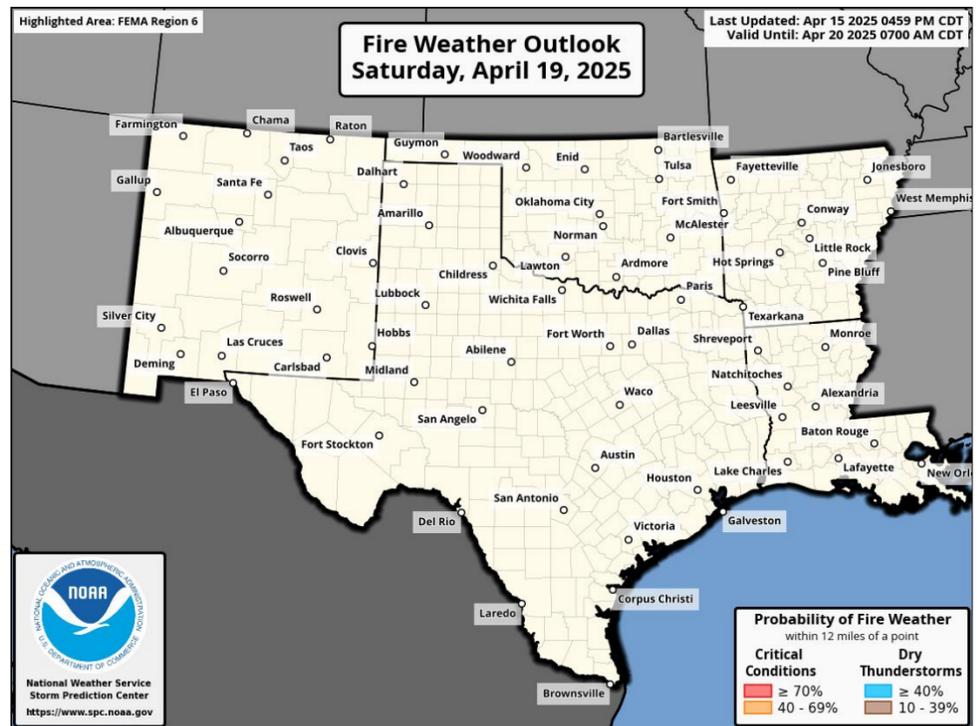
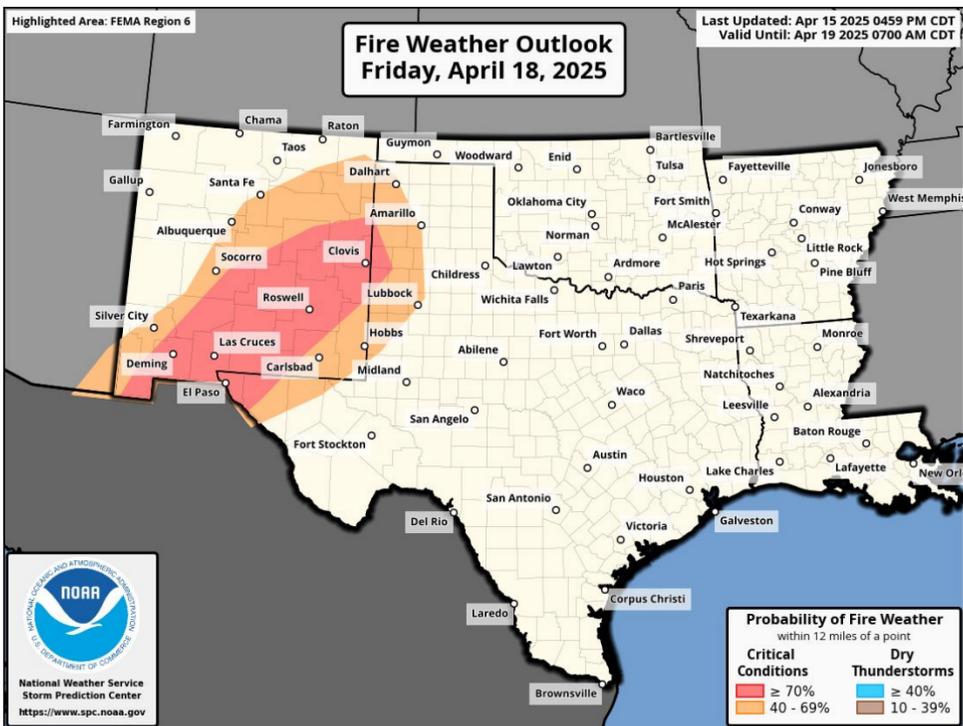
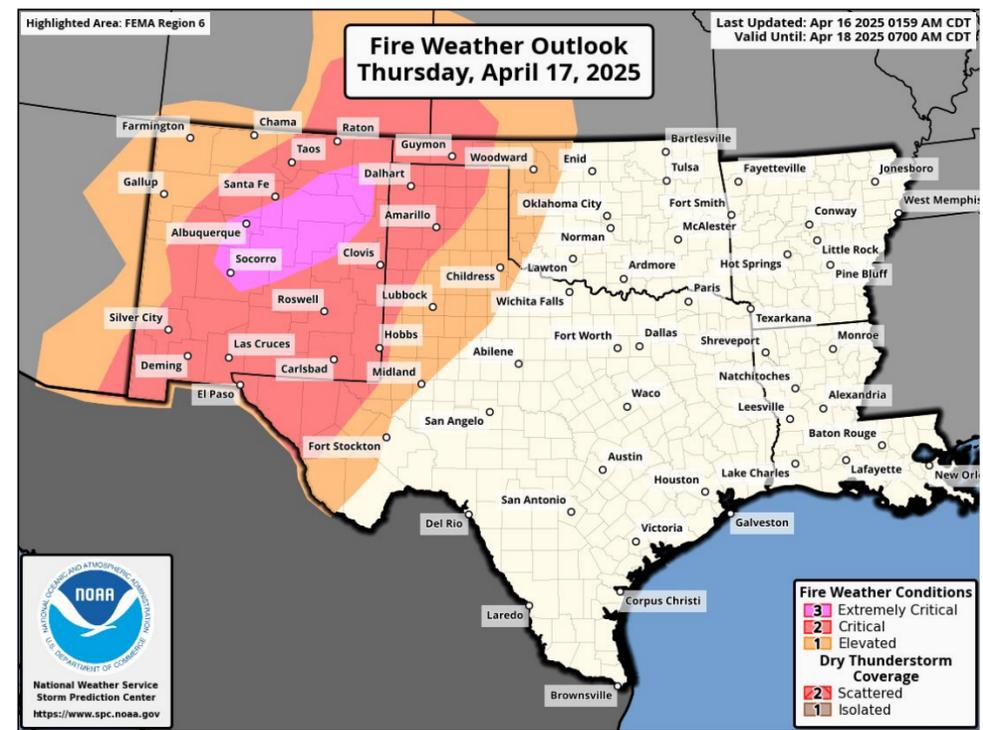
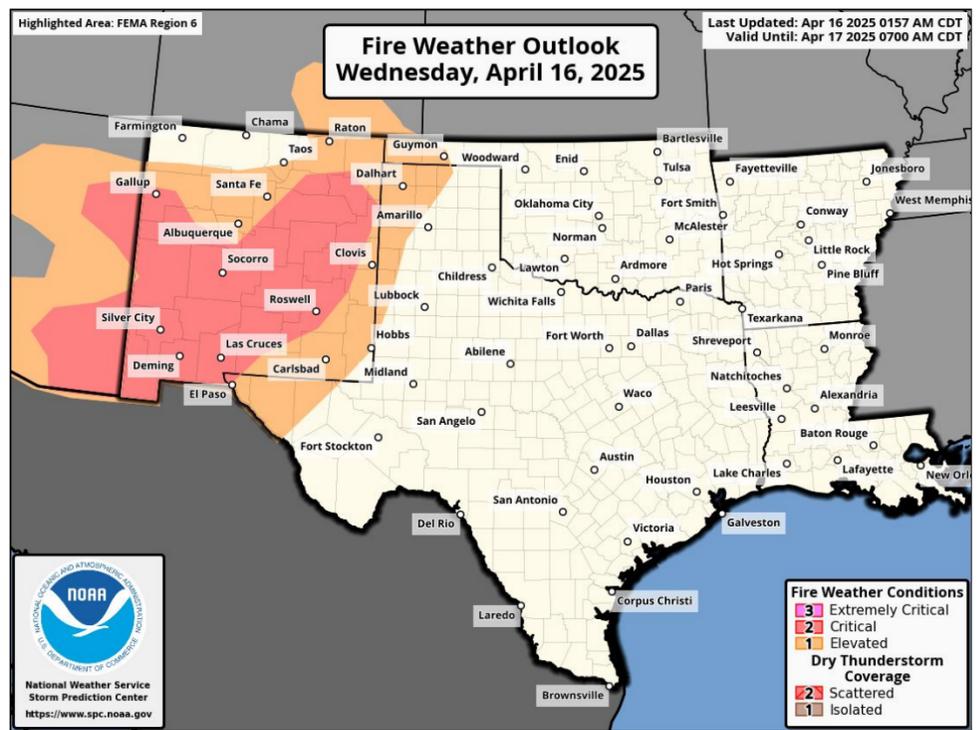
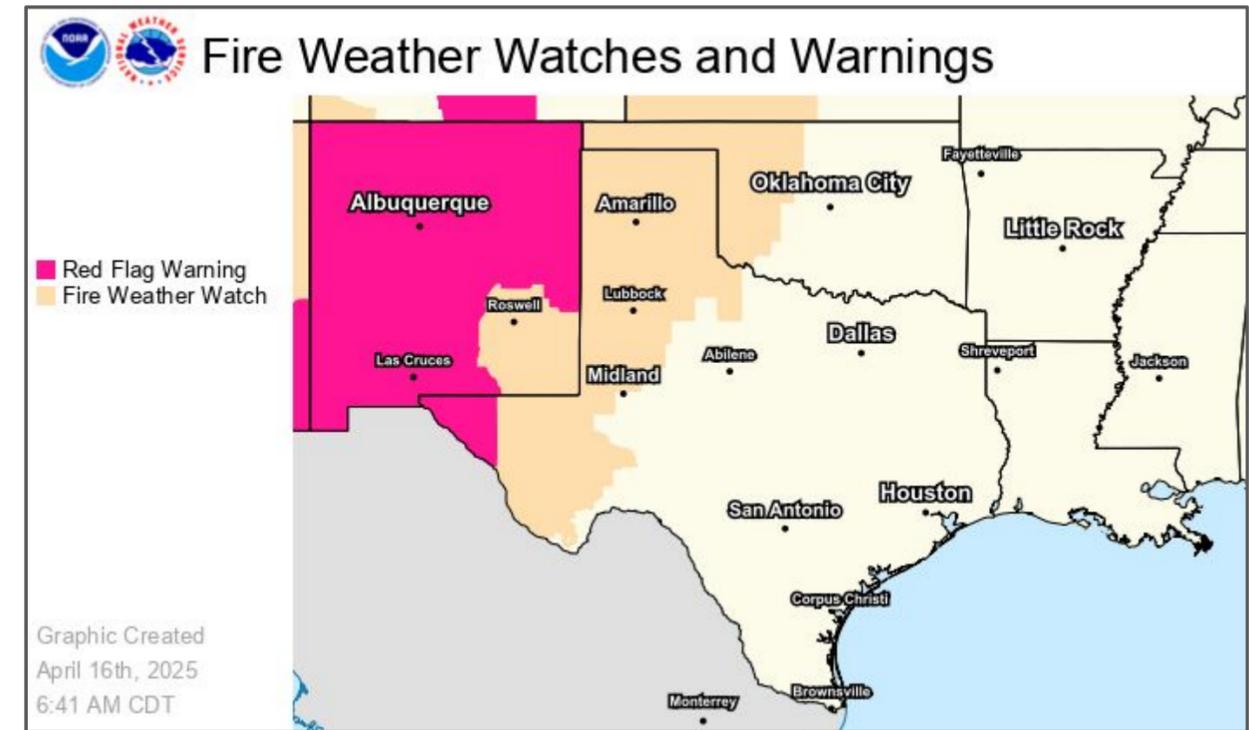


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





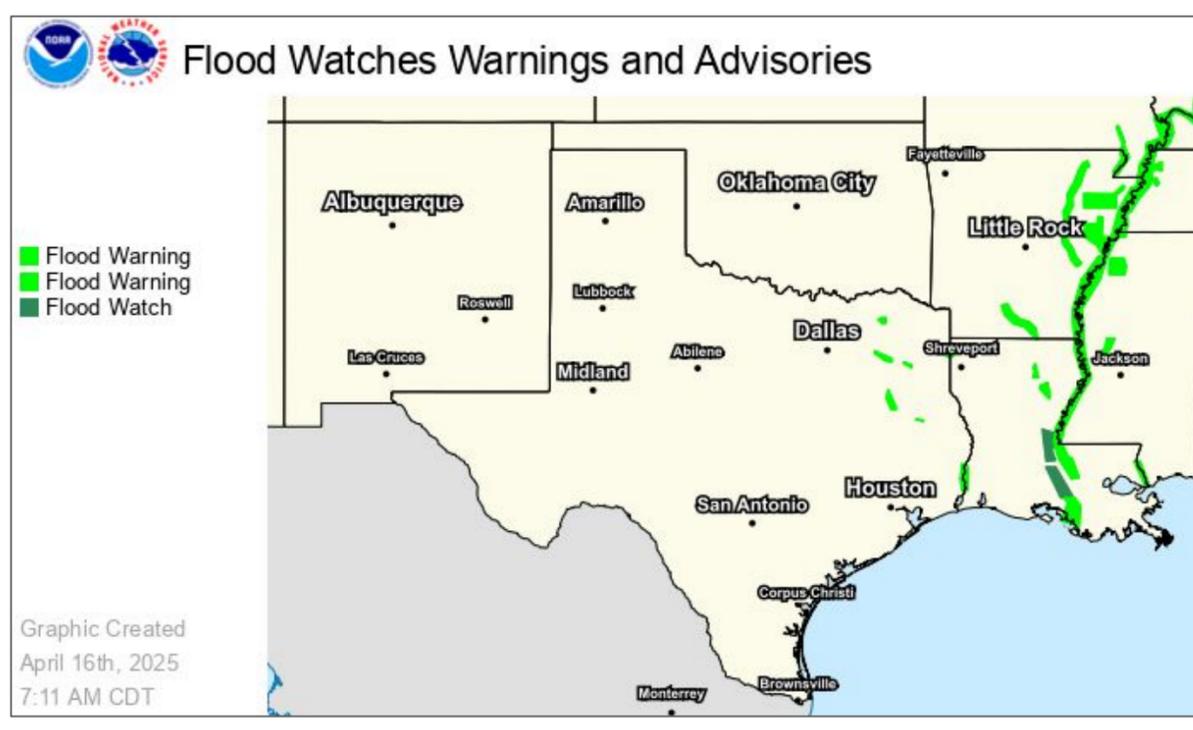
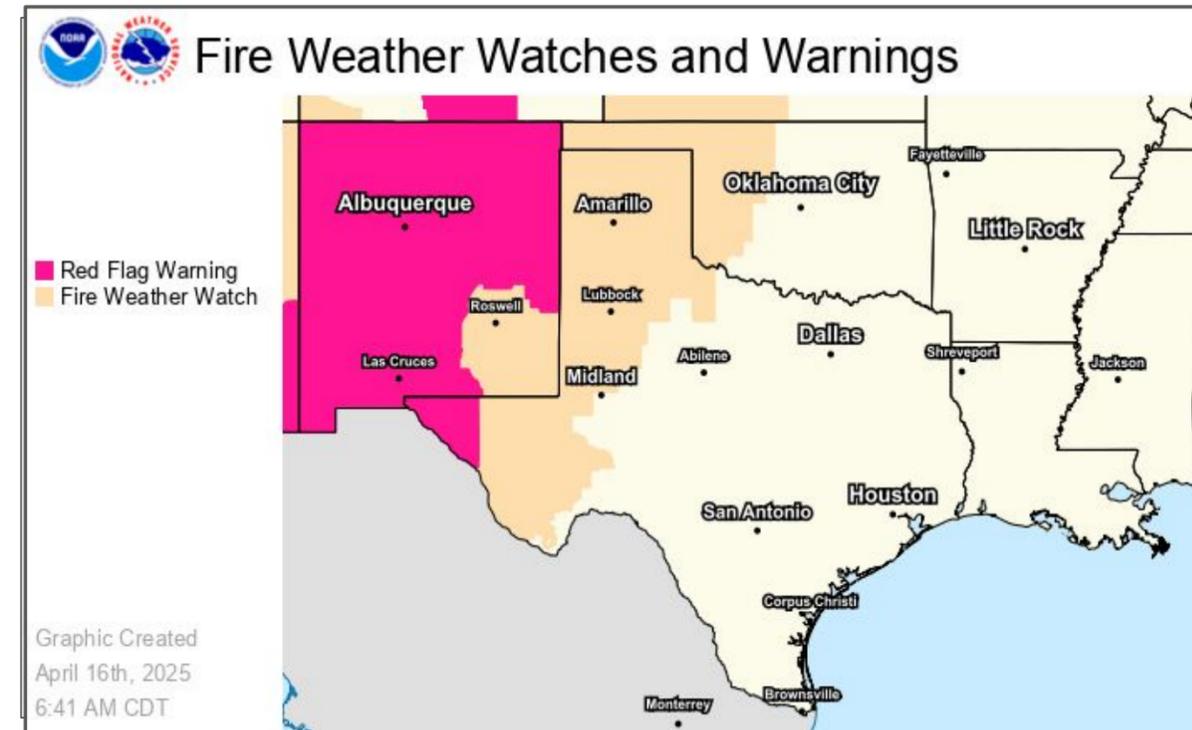
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



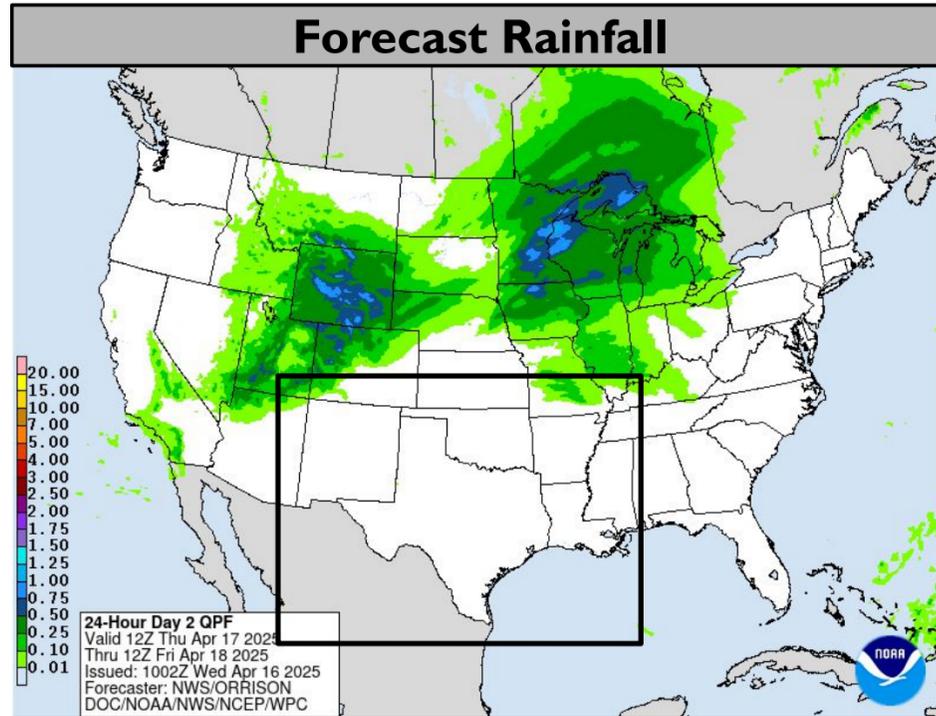
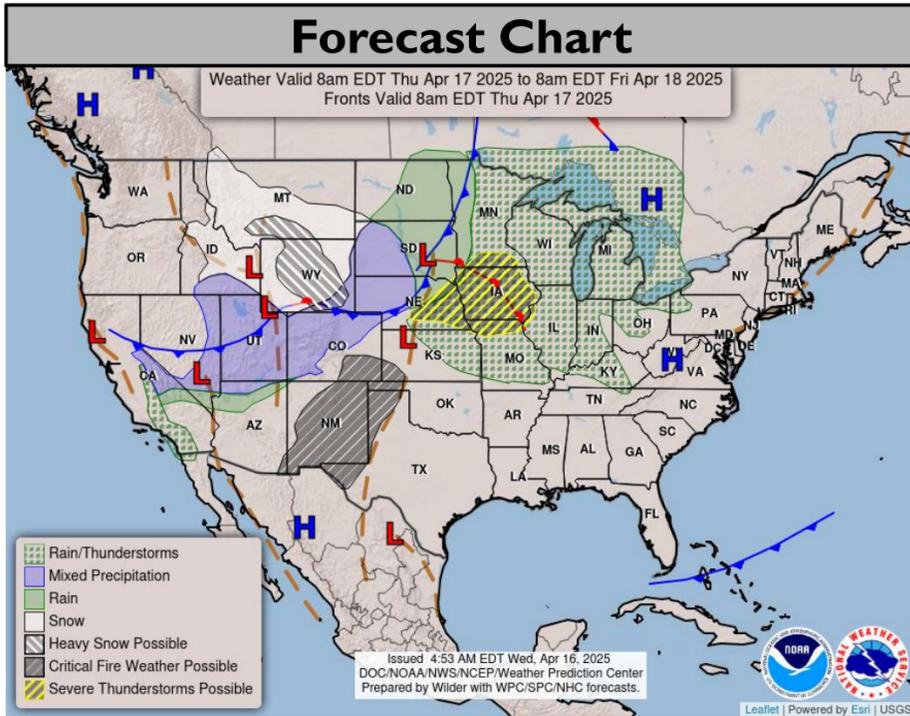
Red Flag Warnings today and tomorrow over NM and far W TX

High wind watch over NM for Thursday for SW winds of 30-40 mph with gusts to 60 mph.

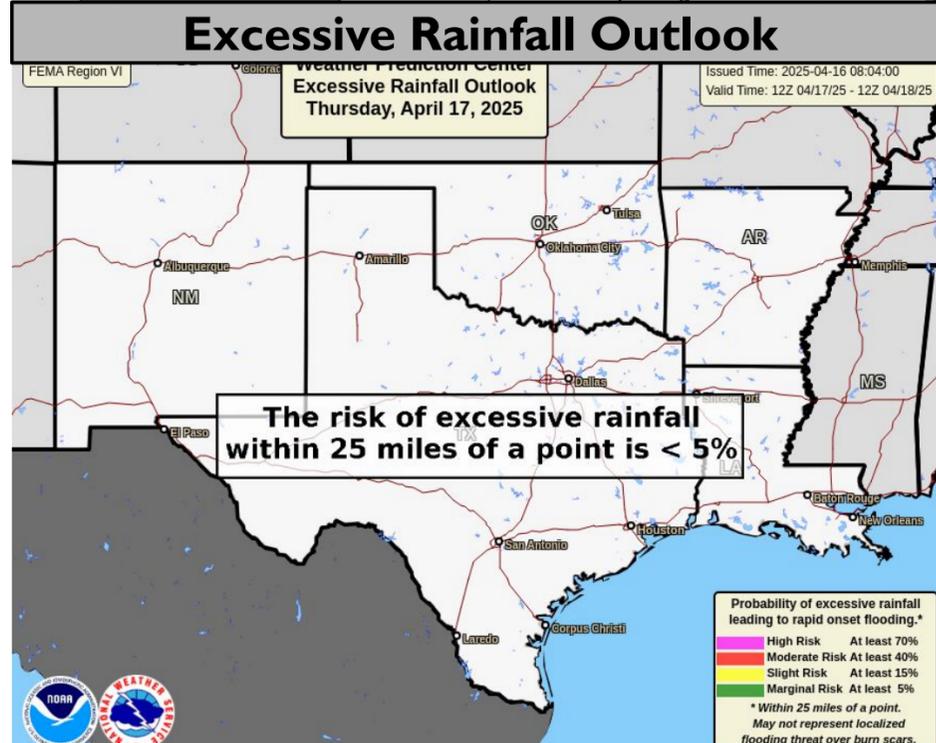
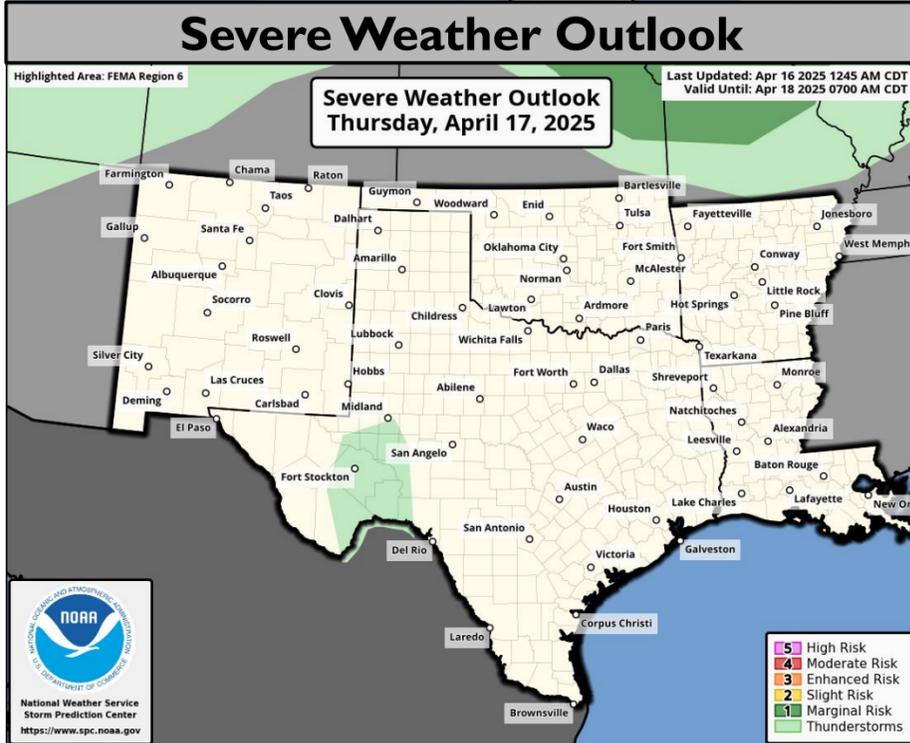
Fire Weather Watch W OK, Panhandles and W TX on Thursday.



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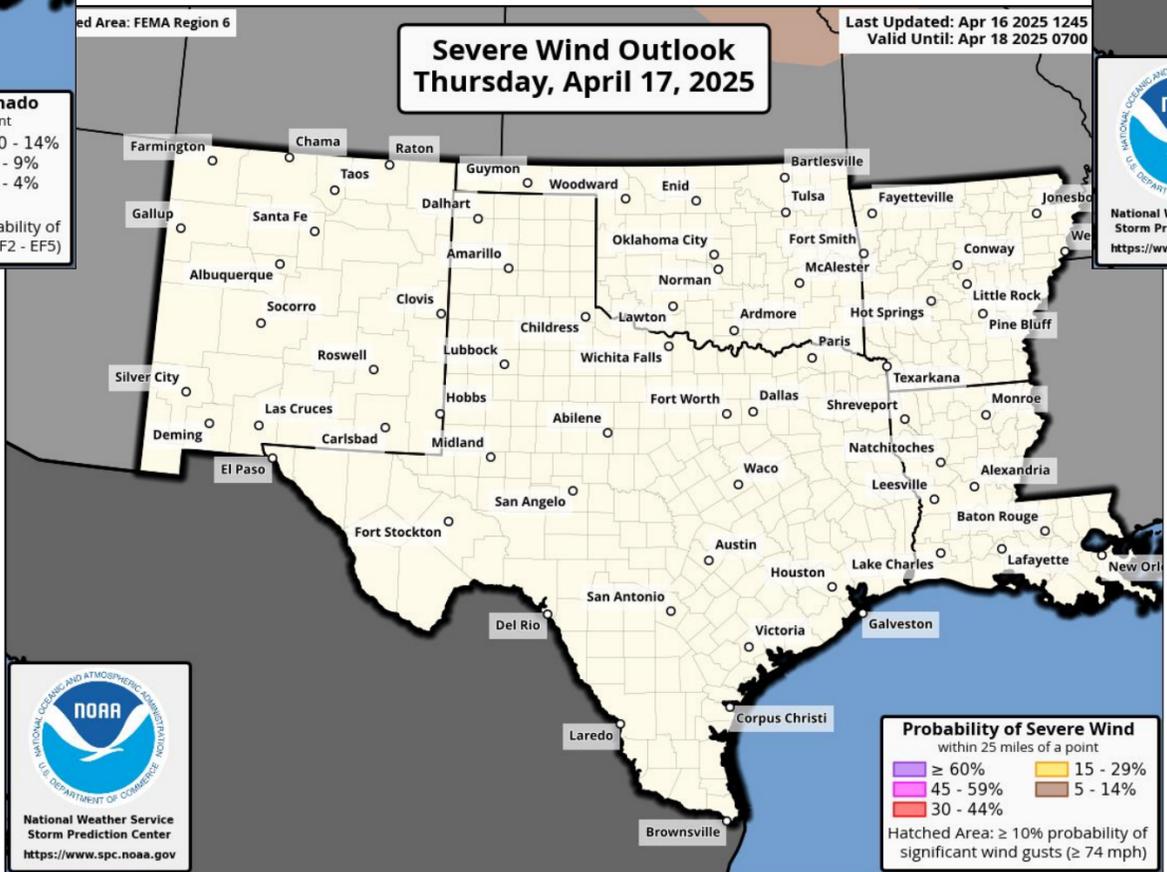
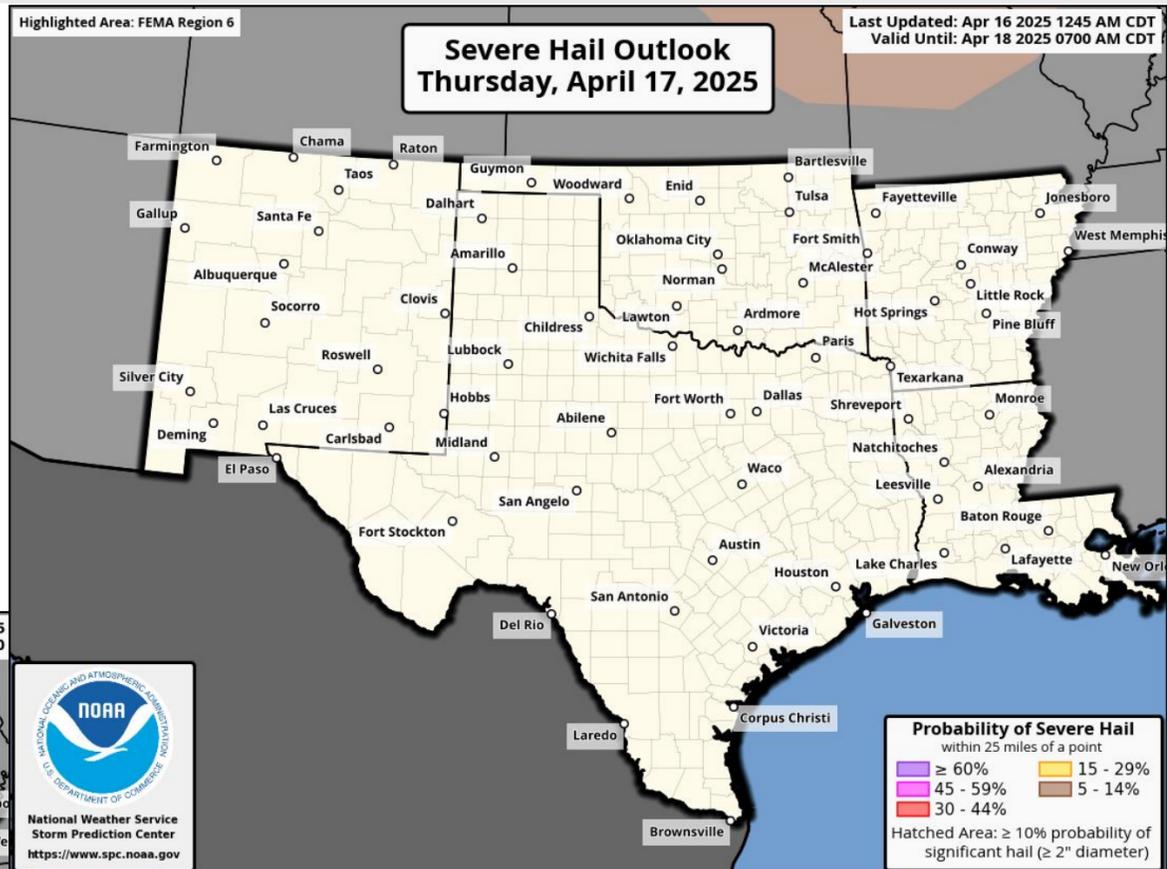
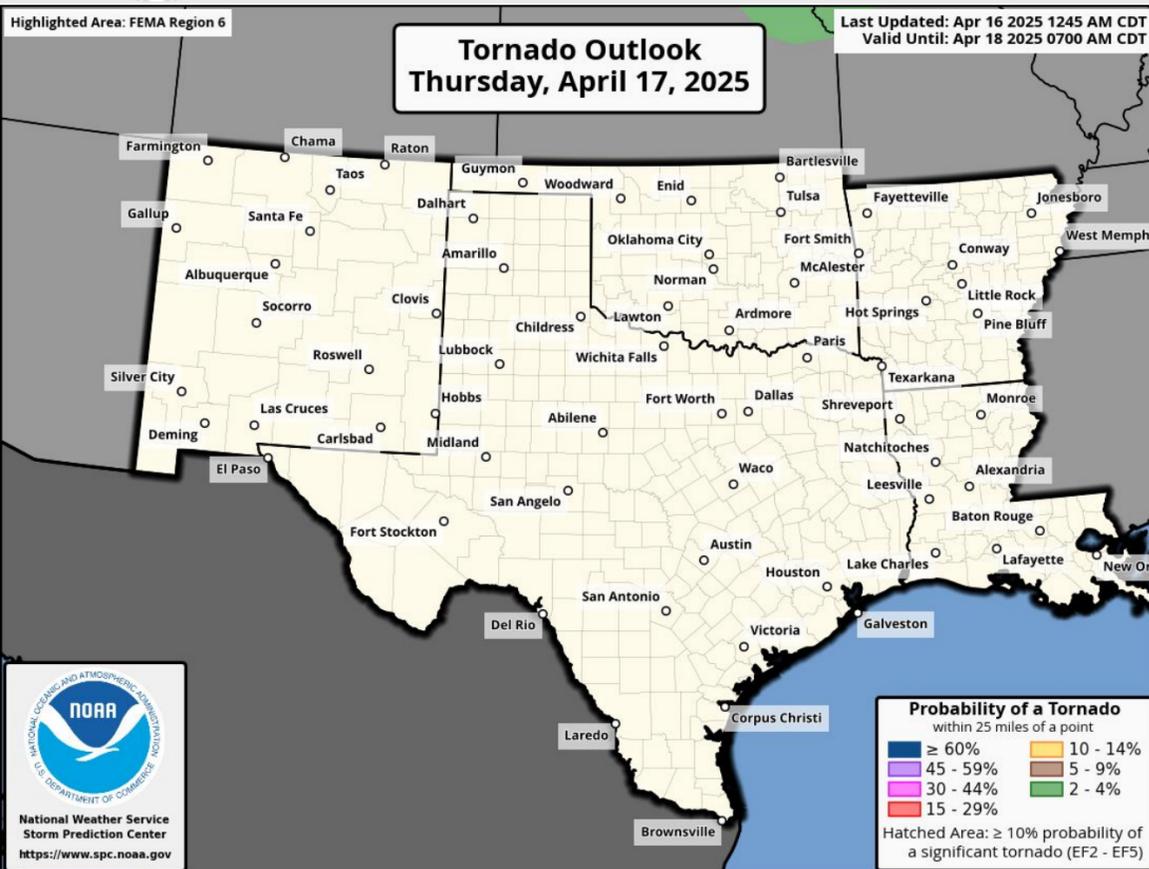


Critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns in NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK . Highest threat area will be over C/N NM.





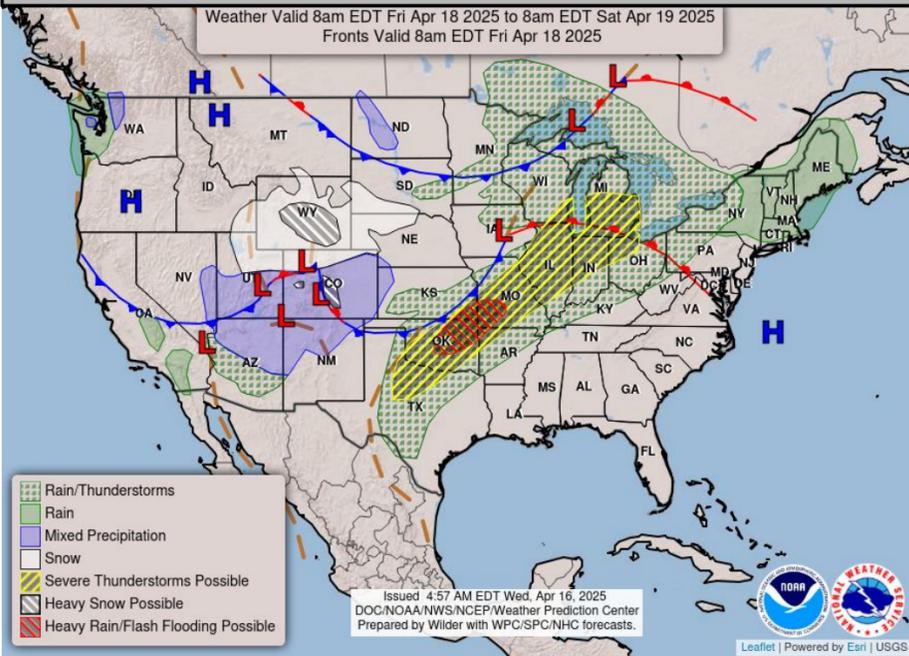
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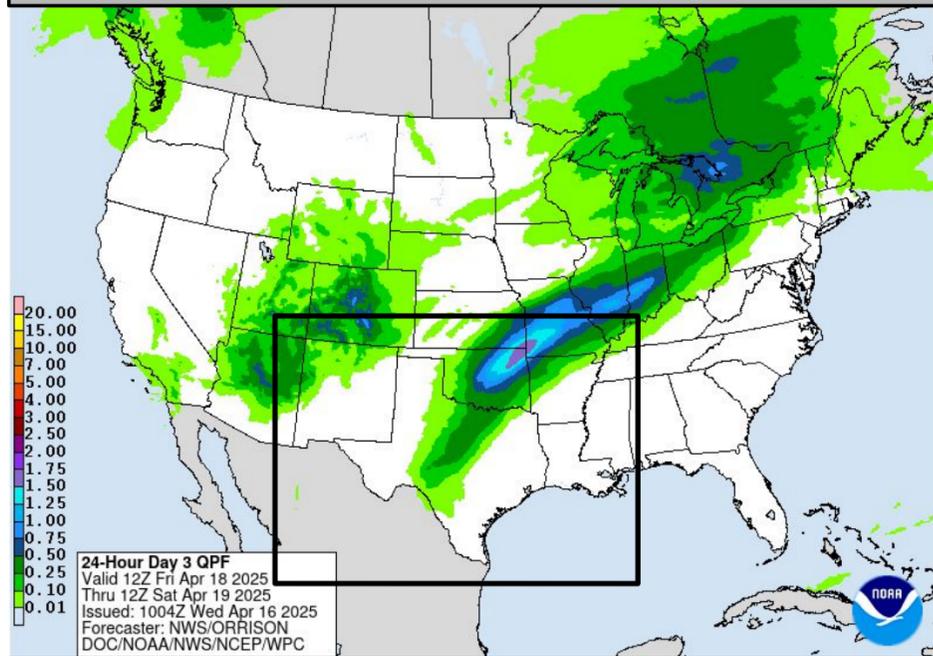


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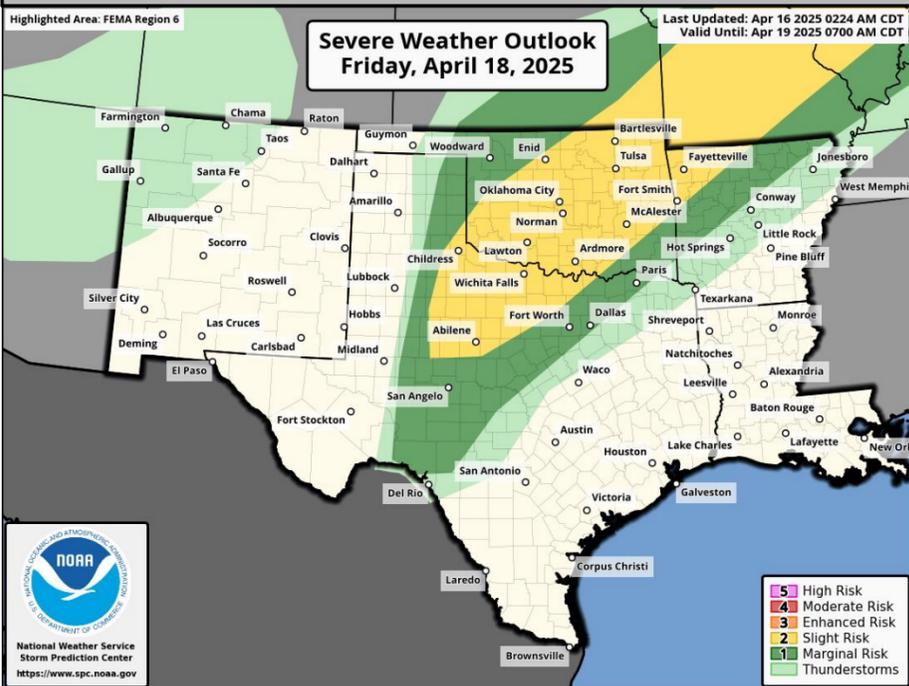
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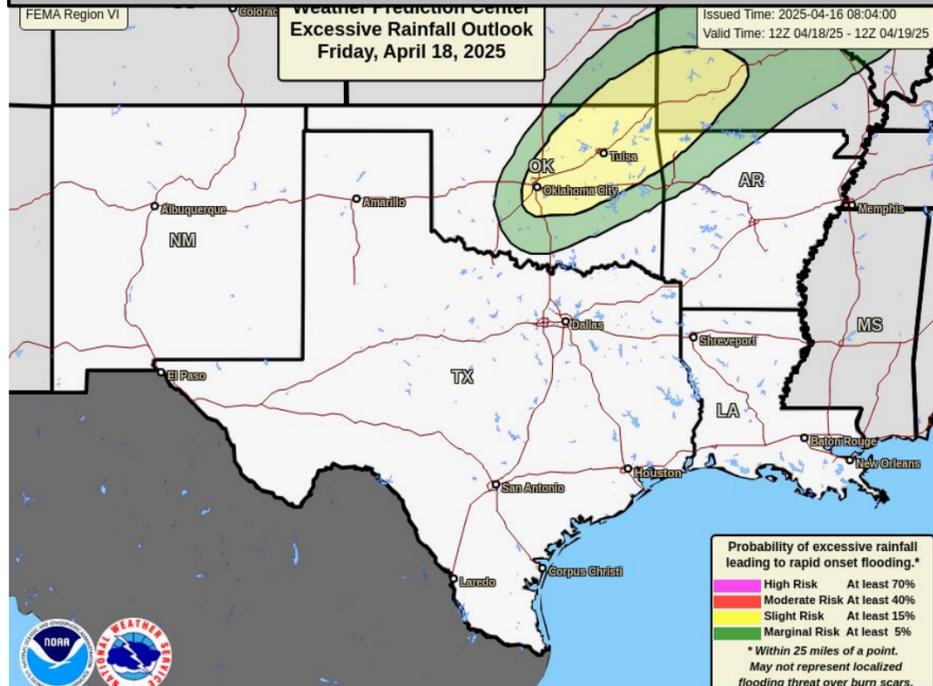
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Slight (level 2 of 5) risk of severe storms in N/NW TX, OK, NW AR.

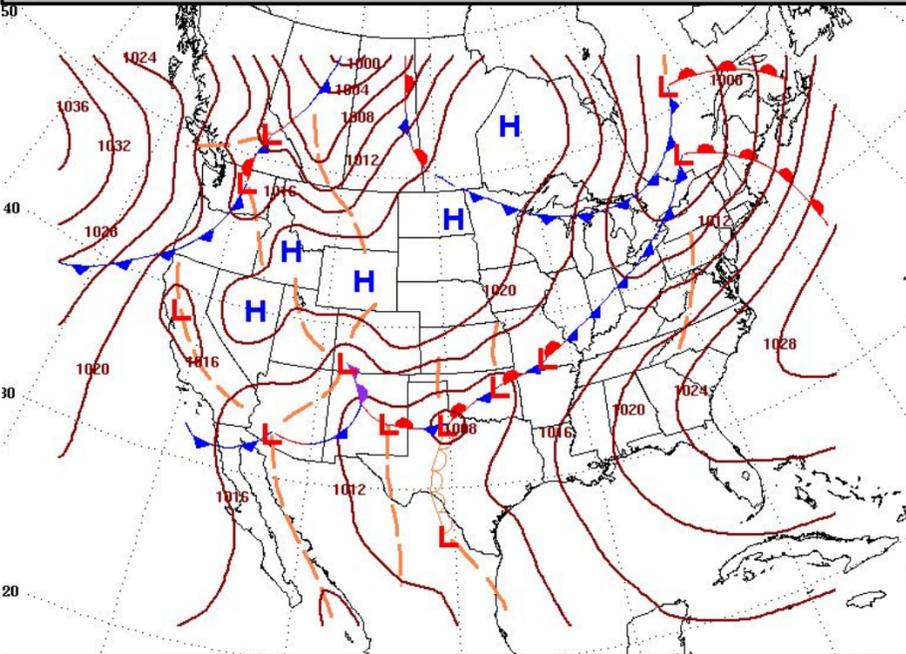
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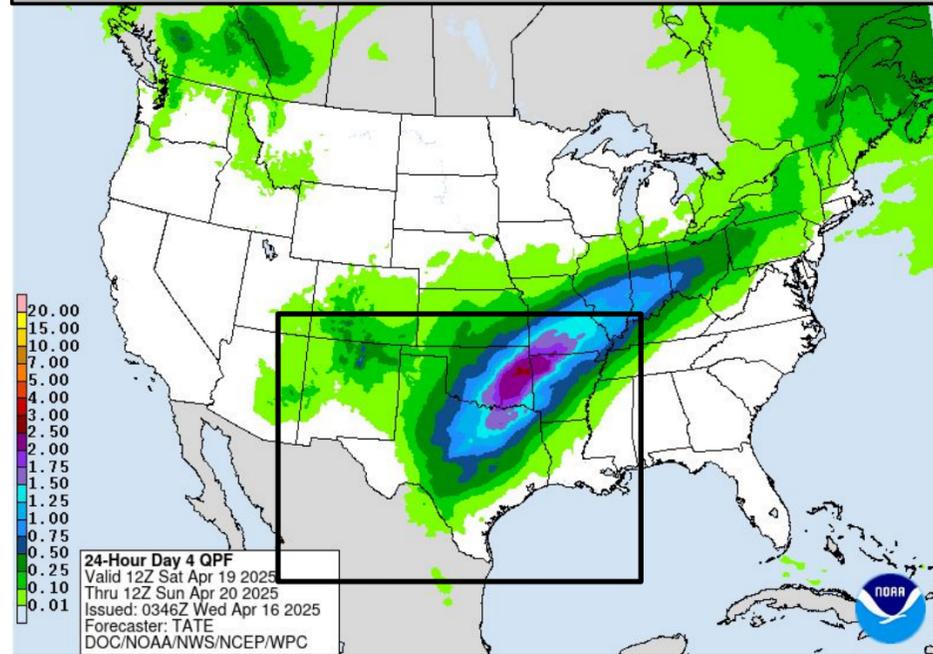


Saturday's Weather

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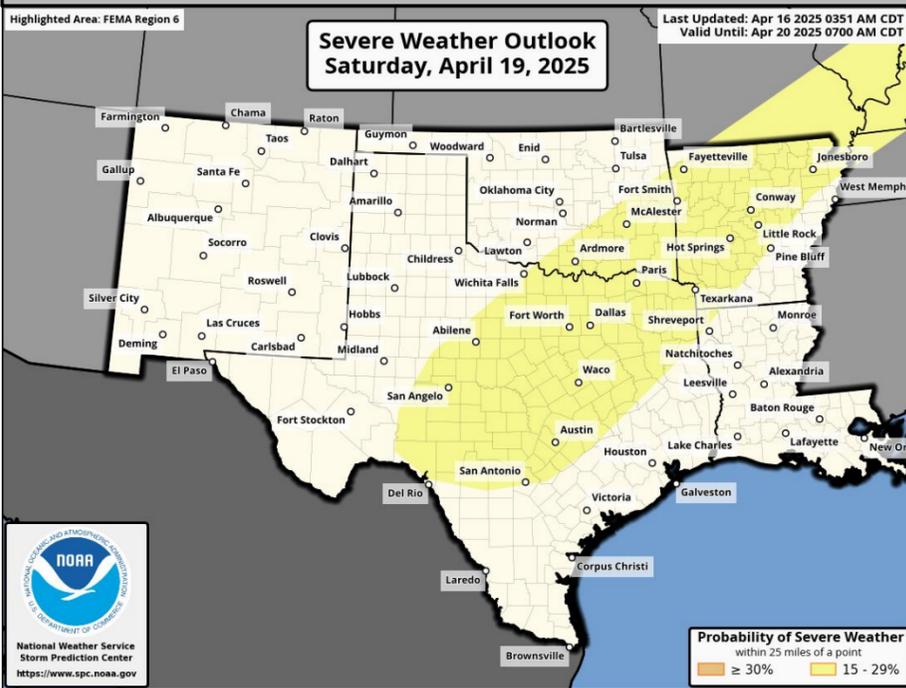
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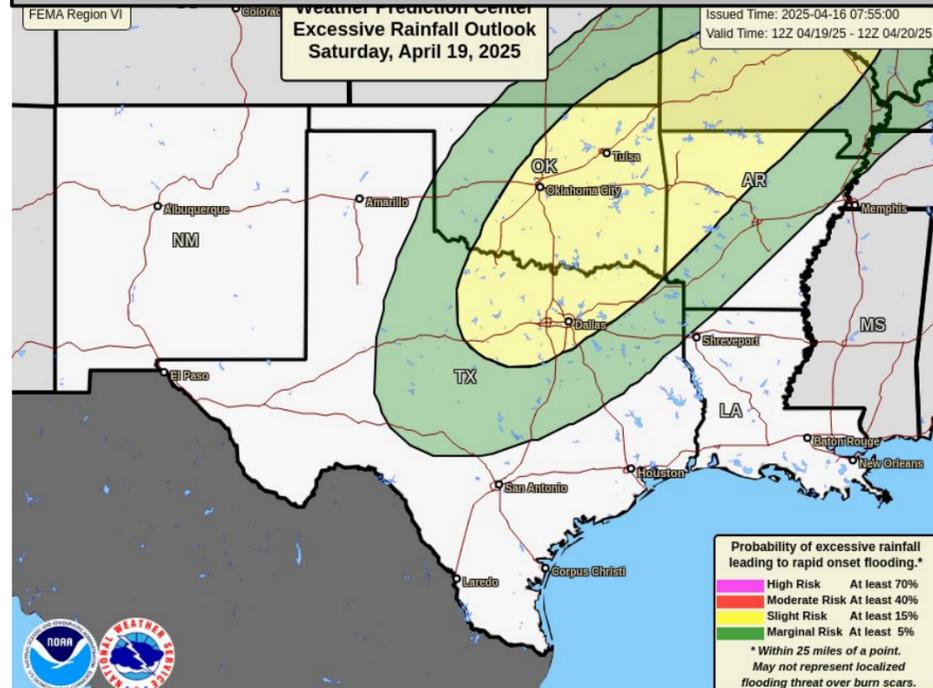
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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for flash flooding over OK, N/NW TX, and NW AR

Severe Weather Outlook



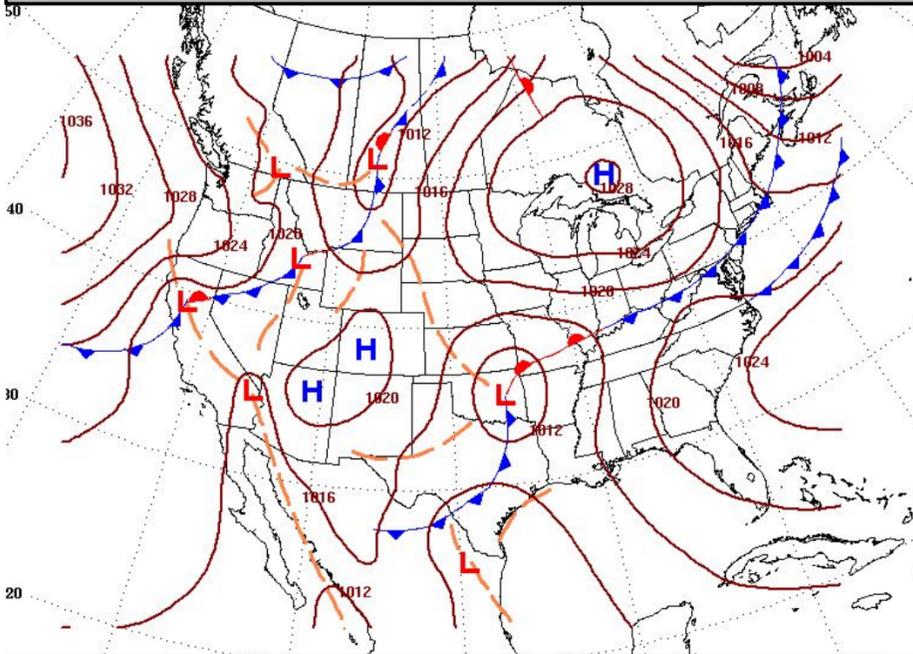
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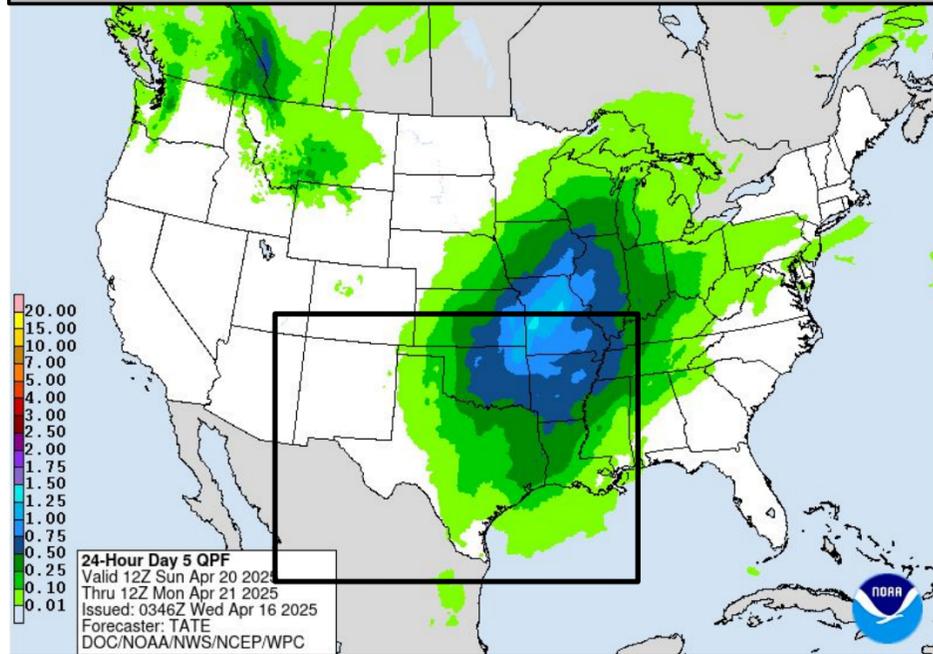


Sunday's Weather

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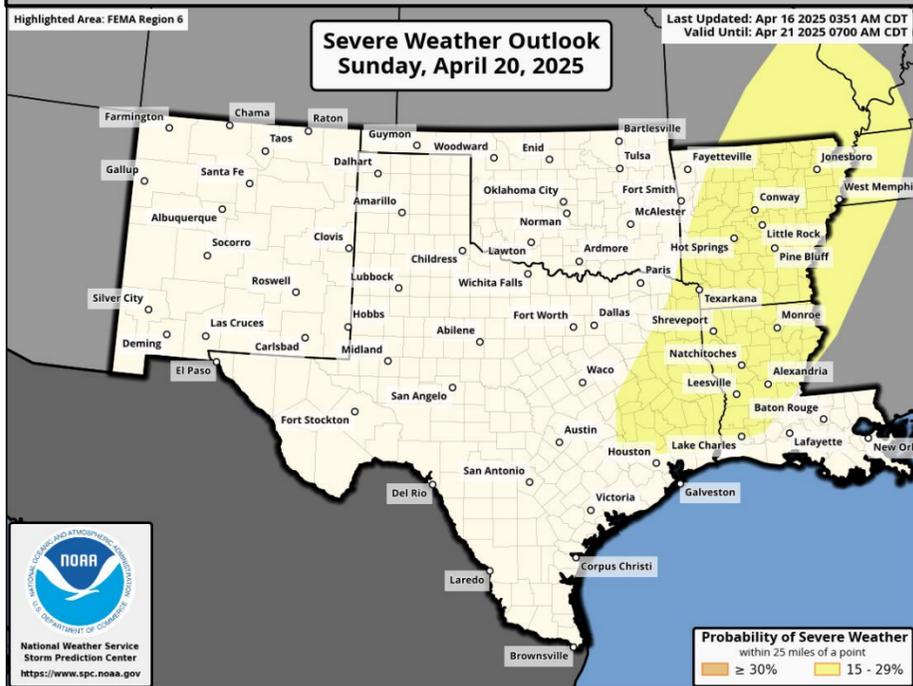


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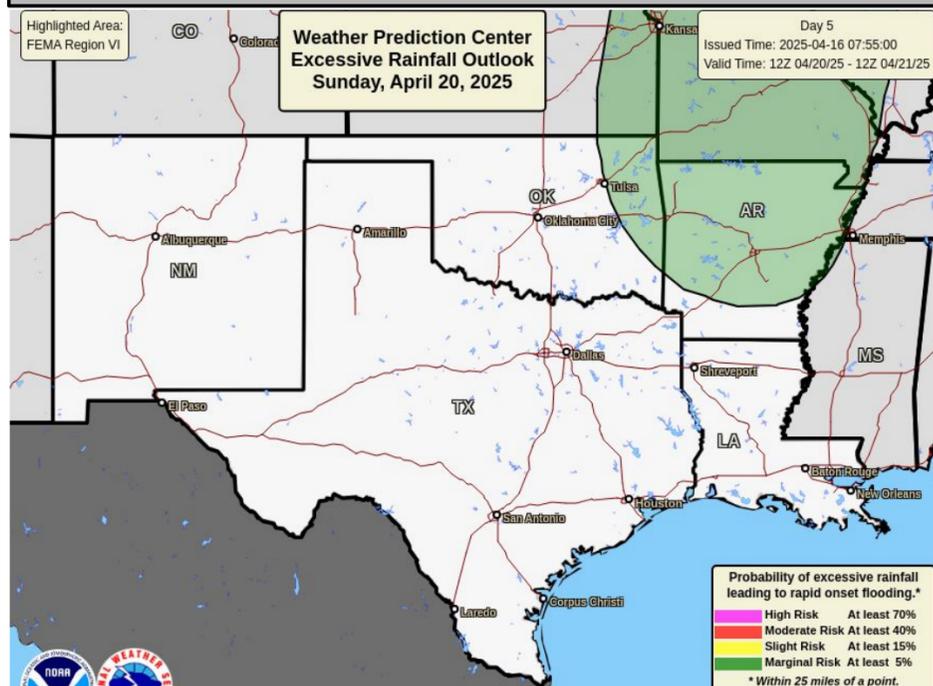


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over ETX, LA and AR.

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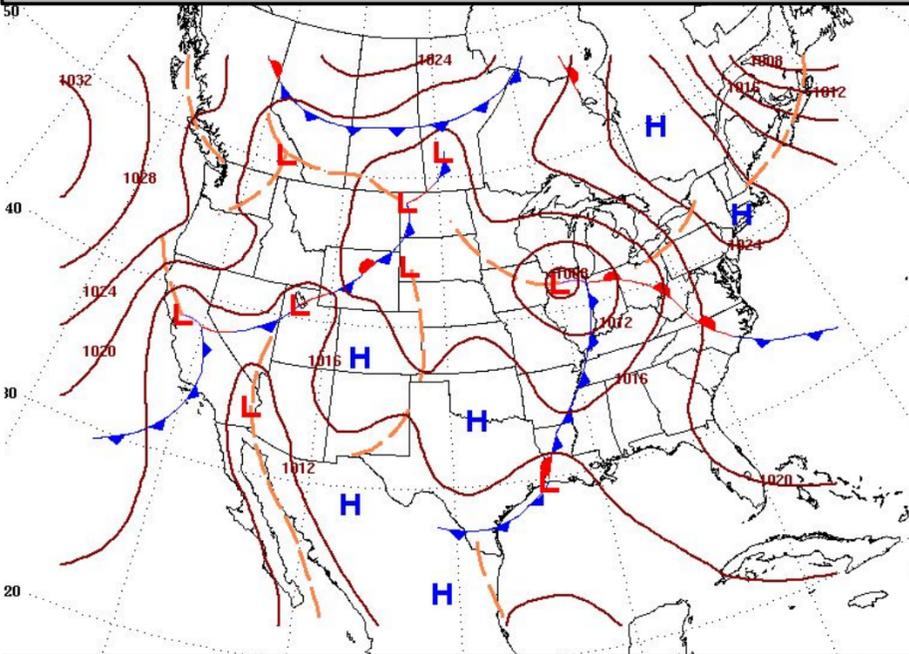
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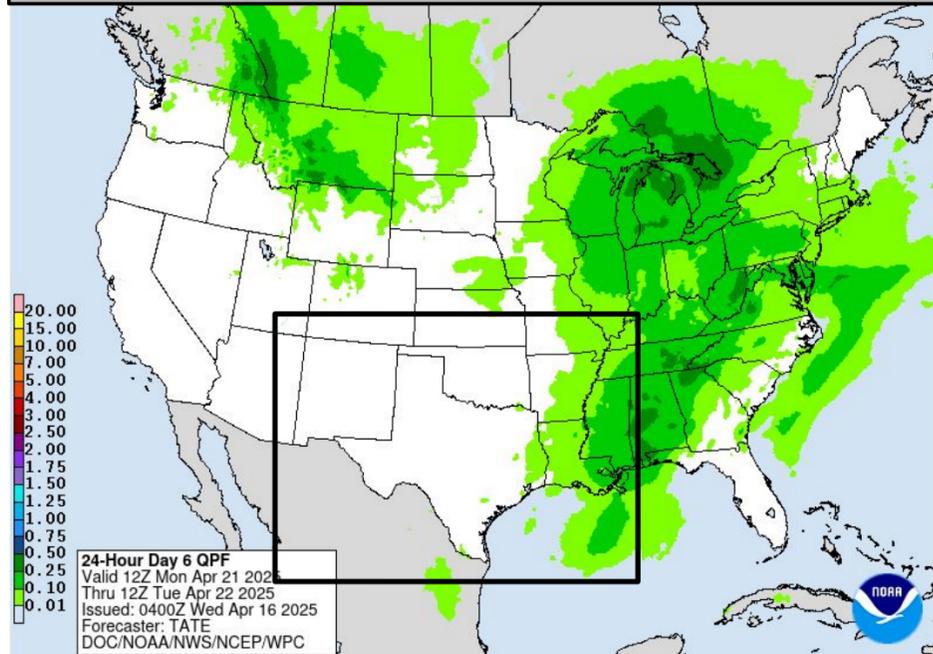


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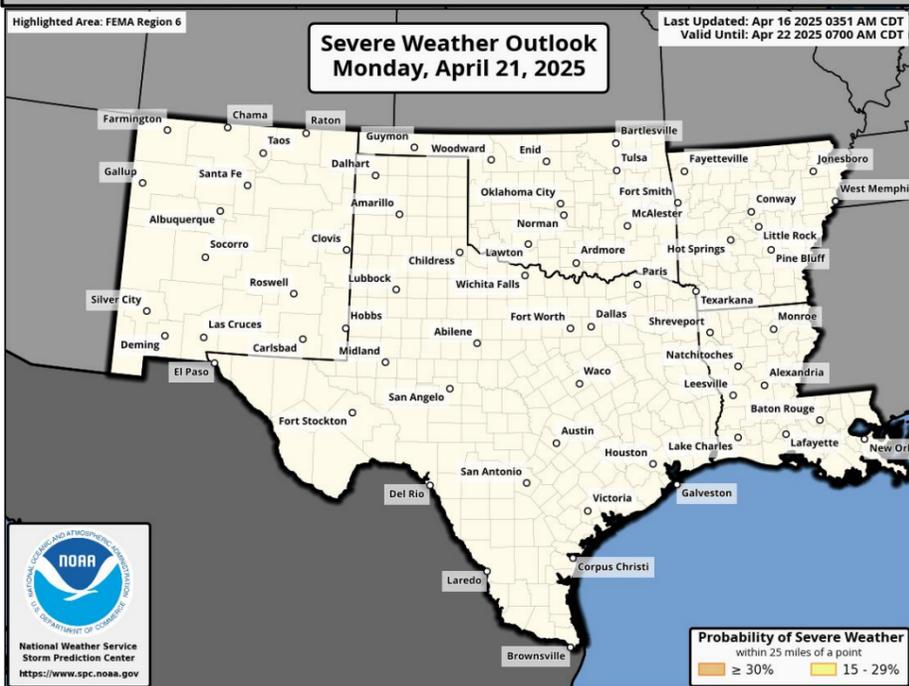


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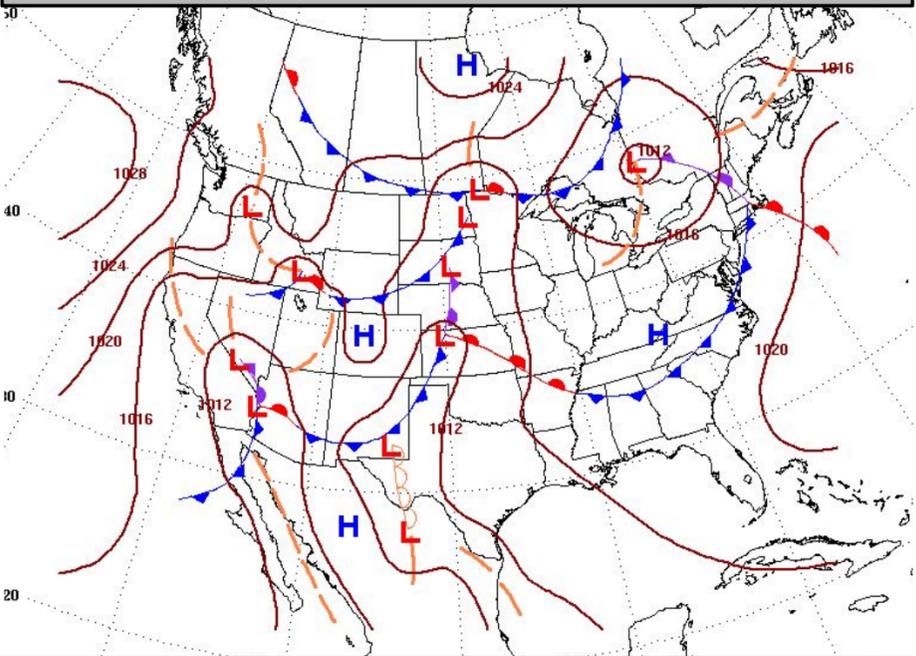


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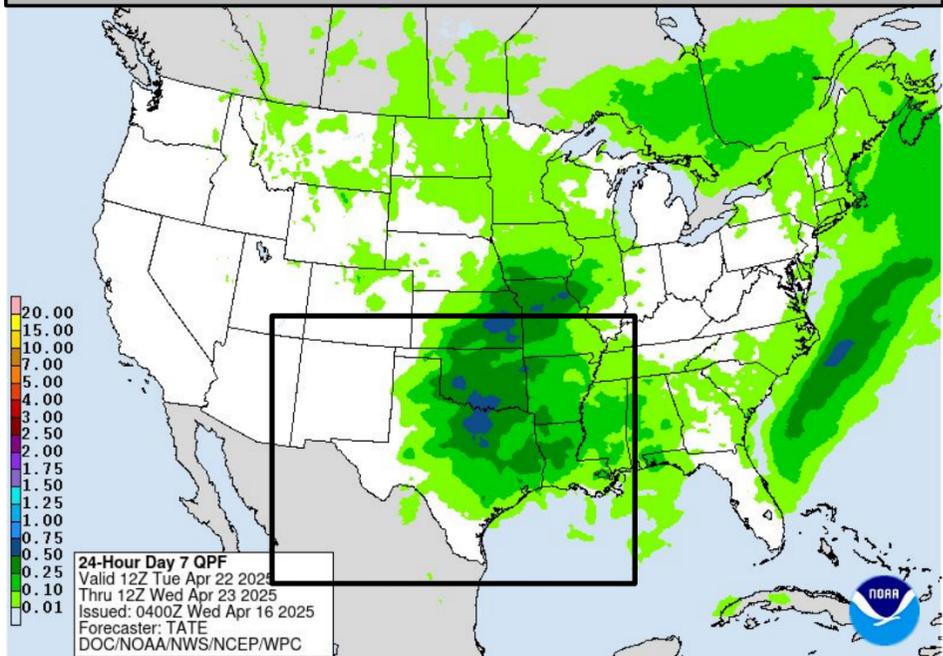


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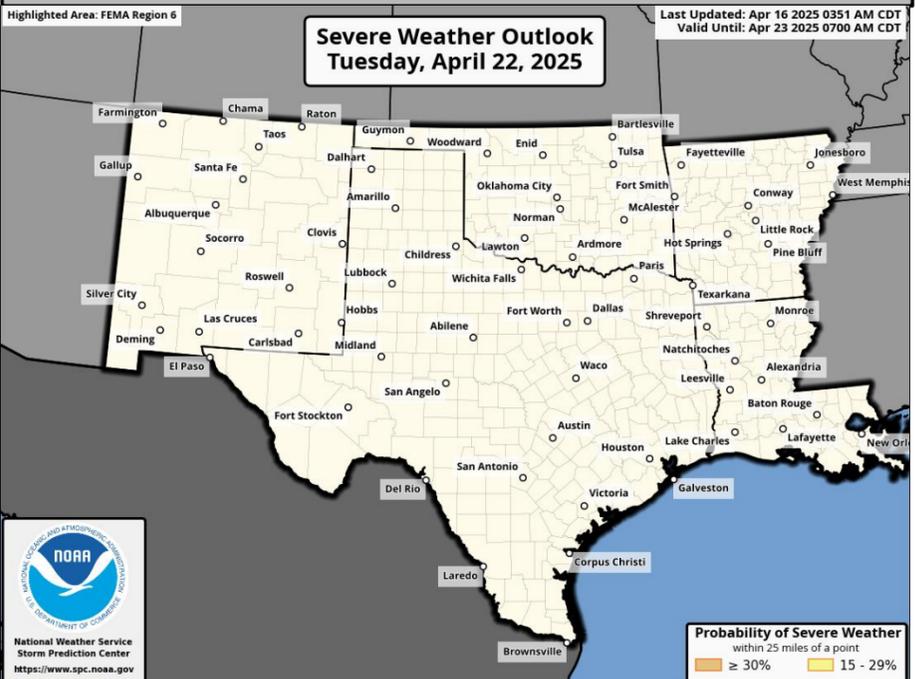


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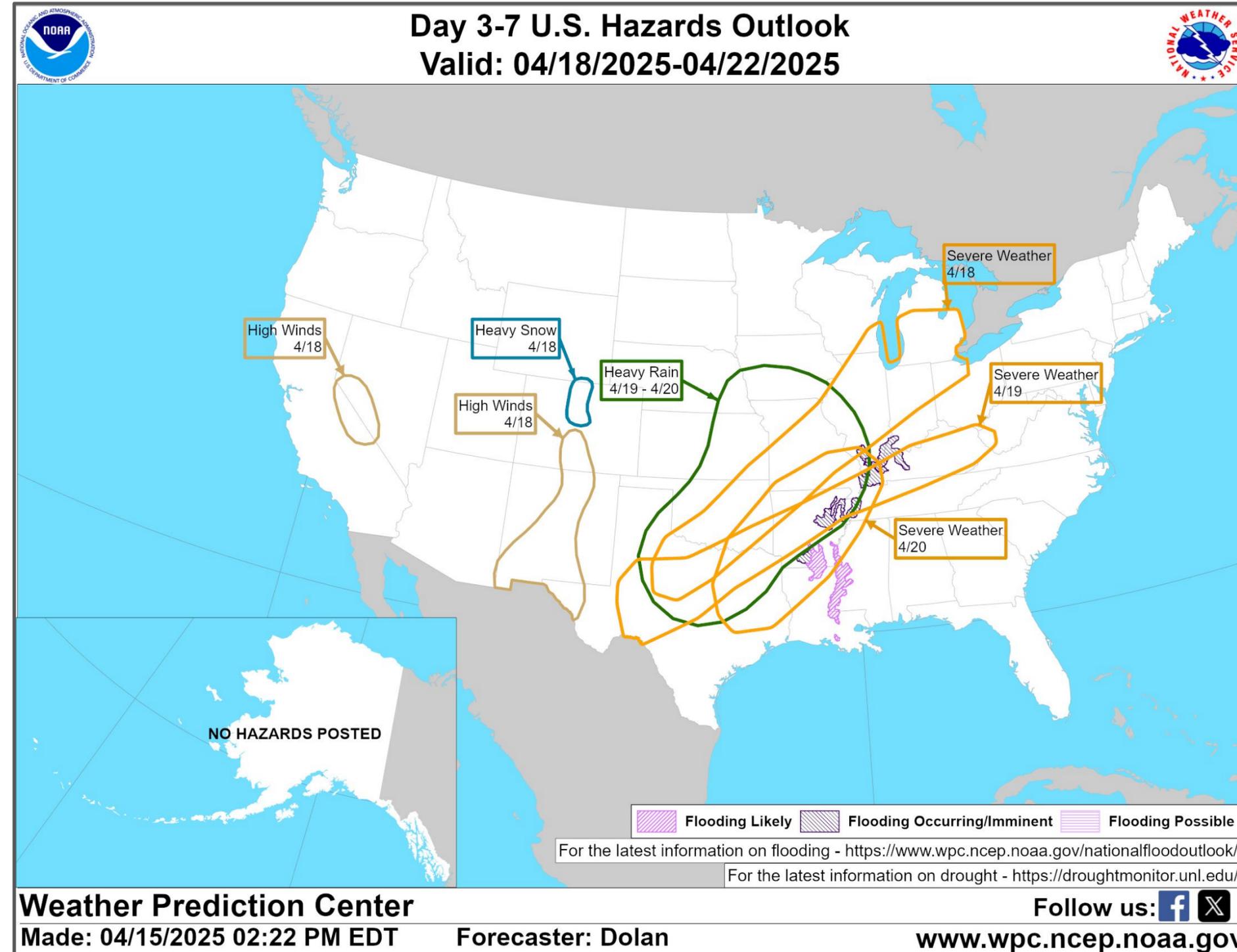
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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



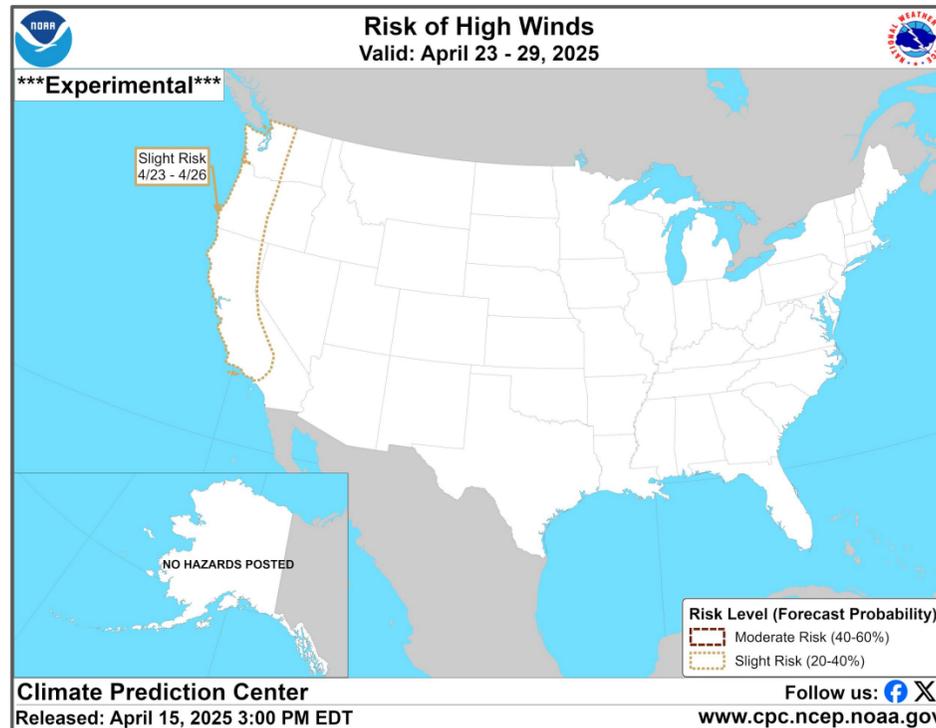
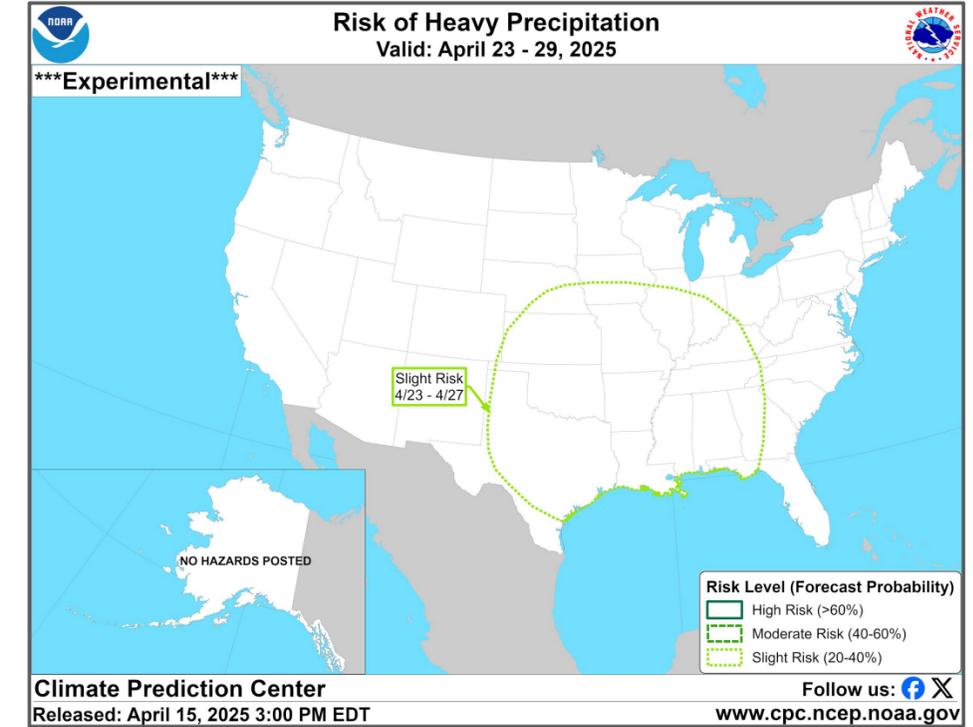
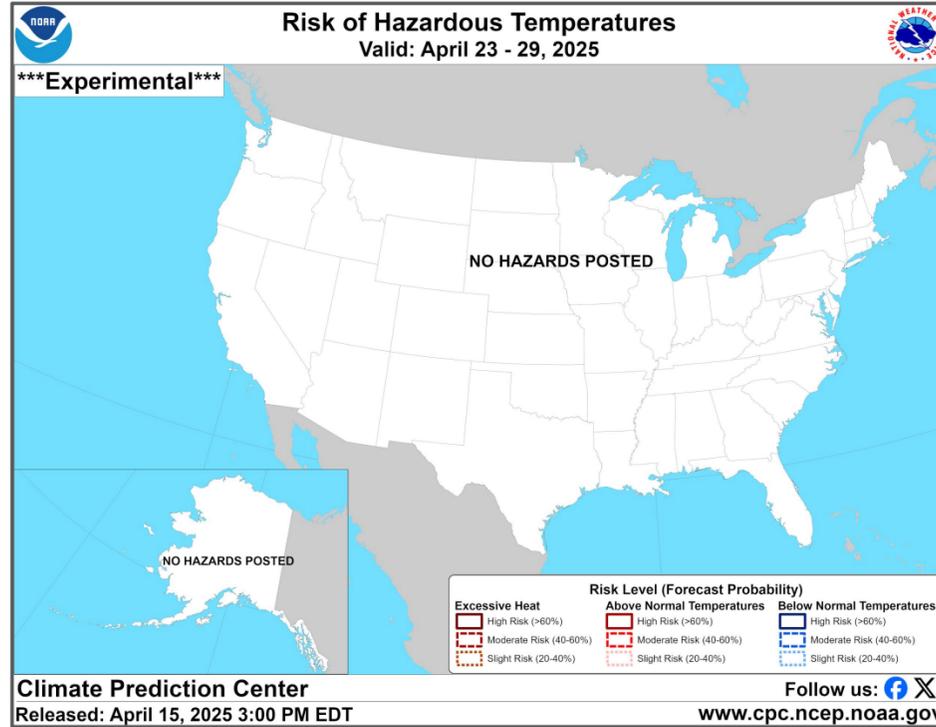
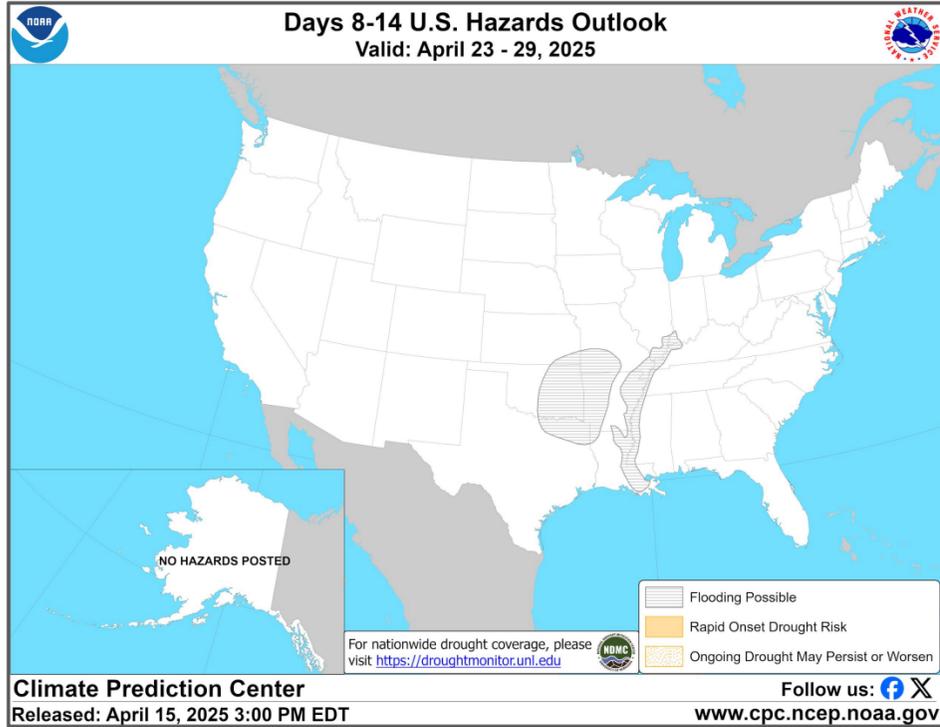
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1. The “day 3-7” will really be days 2-6
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“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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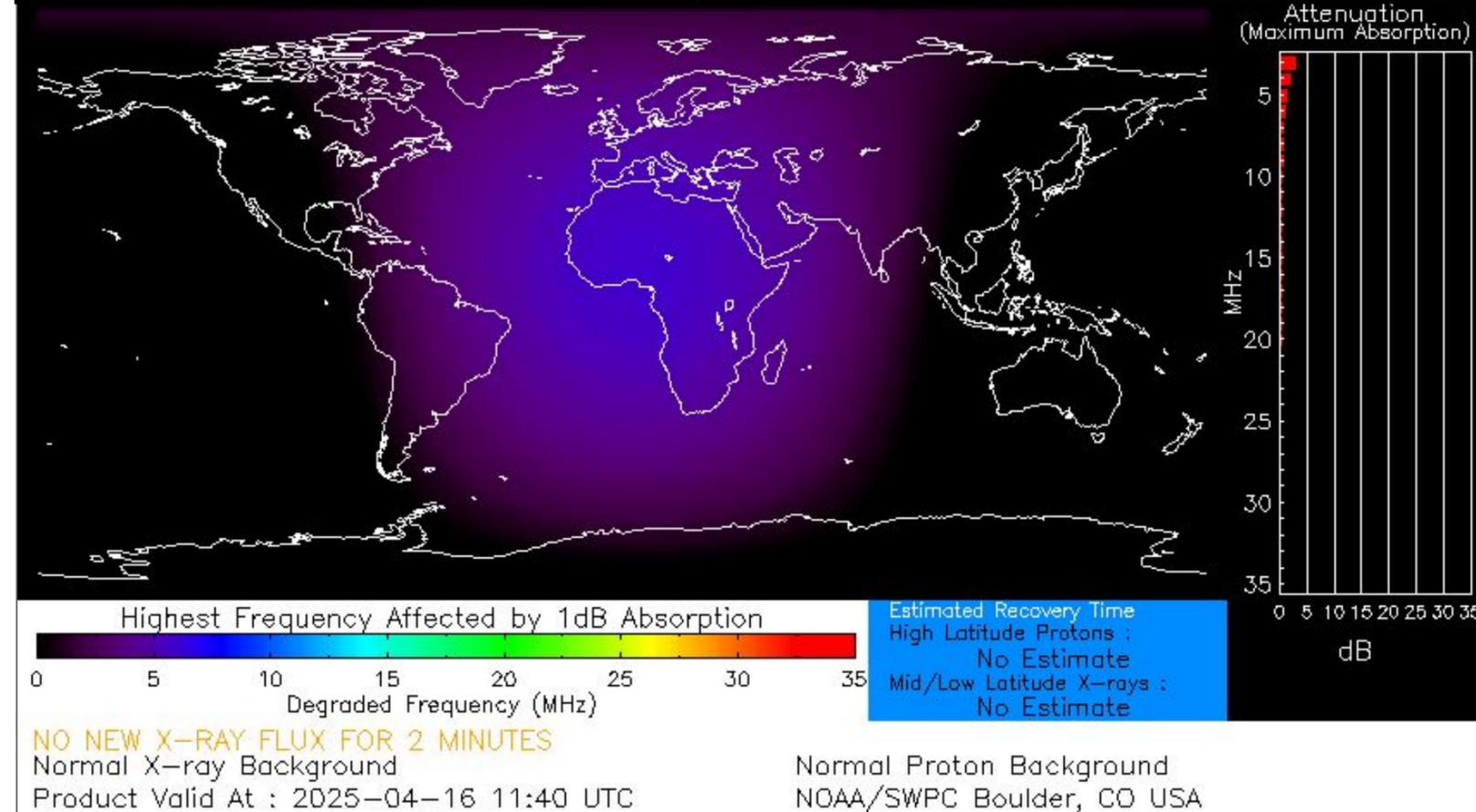
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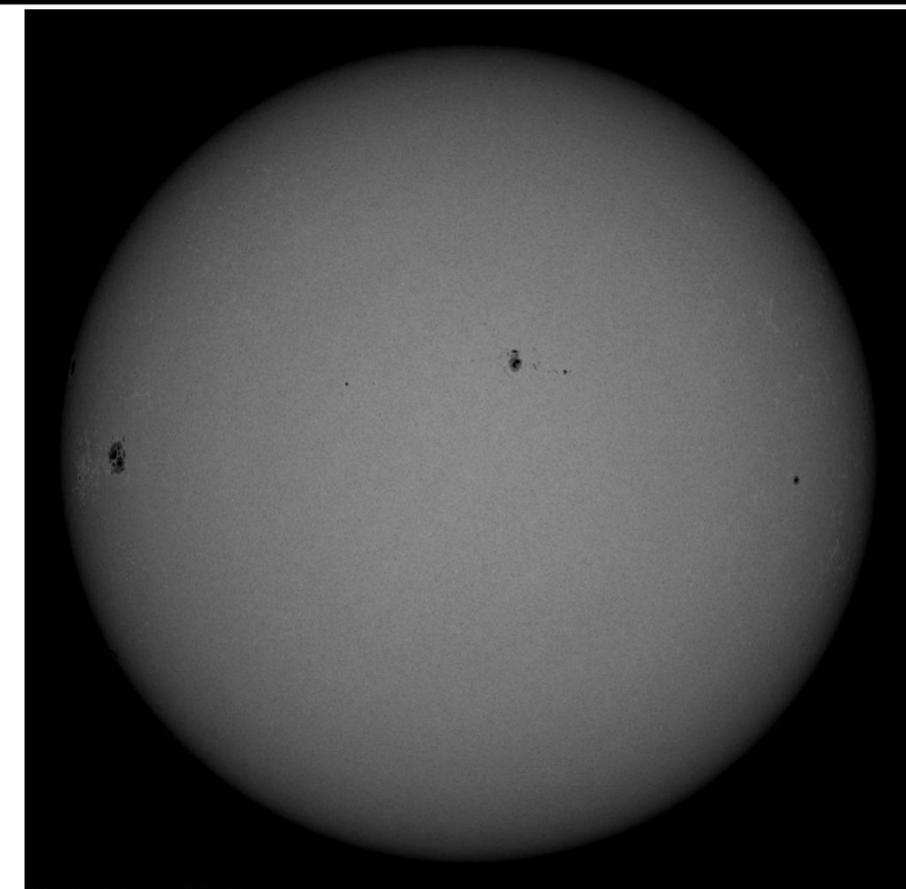
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Apr 16	Thursday, Apr 17	Friday, Apr 18
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	80%	75%	60%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	15%	10%	10%



[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	<p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	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	<p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	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	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	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	<p style="text-align: center;">Major</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	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	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</p> <p>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</p>	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

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