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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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

- **Severe Weather: Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms today in SW-N TX, SE OK, and NW AR today. Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) E OK, NE TX, AR, NW LA tomorrow. Low to medium tornado chance tomorrow afternoon in N AR.**
- **Flash Flooding: Slight to moderate risk (levels 2-3 of 4) over E OK, NW AR and N TX today; Marginal (level 1 of 4) risk for NE OK, AR, NE TX and N LA tomorrow; Marginal (level 1 of 4) risk on Tuesday for C OK, N-S TX. Heavy rain chances continue Wed-Fri for the lower MS valley, OK/TX.**
- **Fire Weather: Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) concerns S NM, W TX this afternoon and evening.**
- **Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in N NM through tonight from high elevation snow.**
- **Moderate to isolated major river flooding over AR through the next 7 days with isolated major flooding in SE LA by Thursday, April 24.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Apr 19	Sunday, Apr 20	Monday, Apr 21	Tuesday, Apr 22	Wednesday, Apr 23	Thursday, Apr 24	Friday, Apr 25
Severe Storms	SW-NTX, SE OK, NW AR	N AR E OK, NE TX, AR, NW LA					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	C/E OK, NW AR, NTX NW AR, N/CTX	E OK, AR, NE, TX N LA		C OK, N-STX	OK, W AR, N-ETX	OK, W AR, N-CTX	E OK, AR, ETX
Fire Weather	S NM, W TX						
Winter	N NM						
River Flooding	AR ETX, LA	AR ETX, LA	AR LA	AR LA	AR LA	AR LA	AR LA

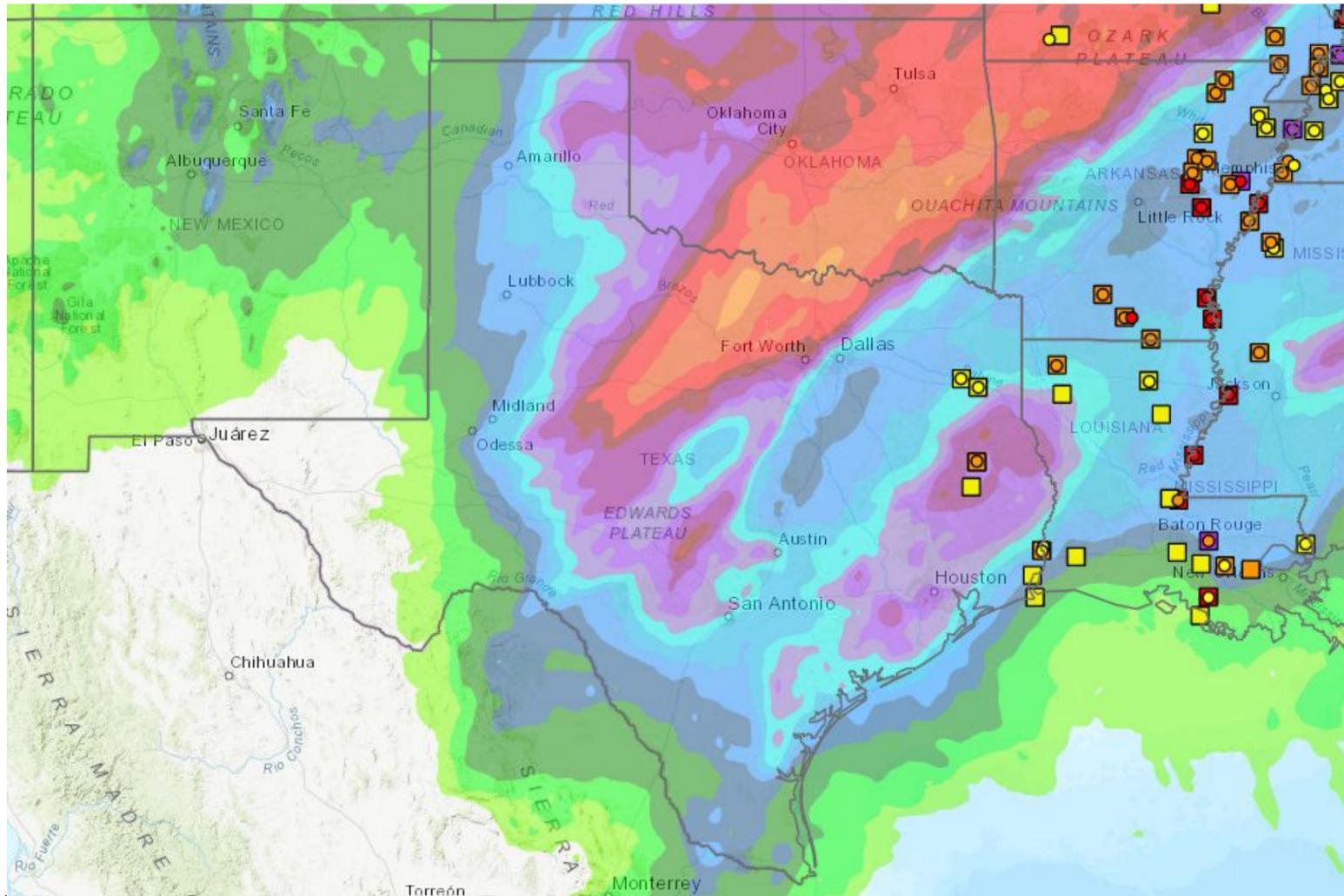
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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



Observed River Flood Status	Forecast River Flood Status
Major Flooding	Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding	Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding	Minor Flooding
Near	Near Flood
action	No Flooding

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.

Moderate to isolated major river flooding over AR through the next 7 days numerous homes and roads/highways will be flooded.

Isolated Major Flooding in SE LA by Thursday, April 24. Baton Rouge and the main LSU campus are protected by levees at this forecast level.

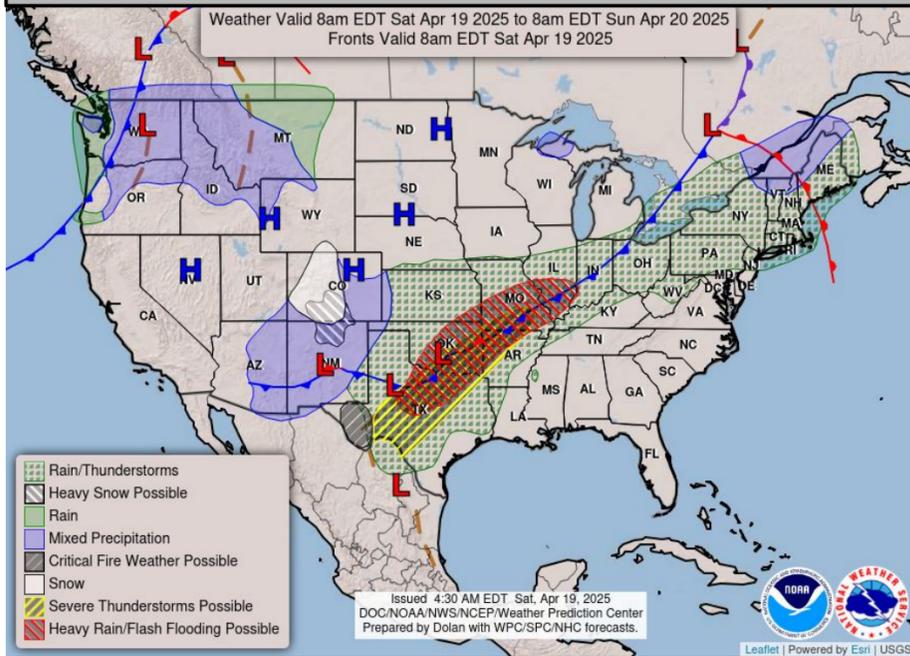
Minor river flooding over E TX and LA. Impacts mainly to secondary roads and agricultural areas.



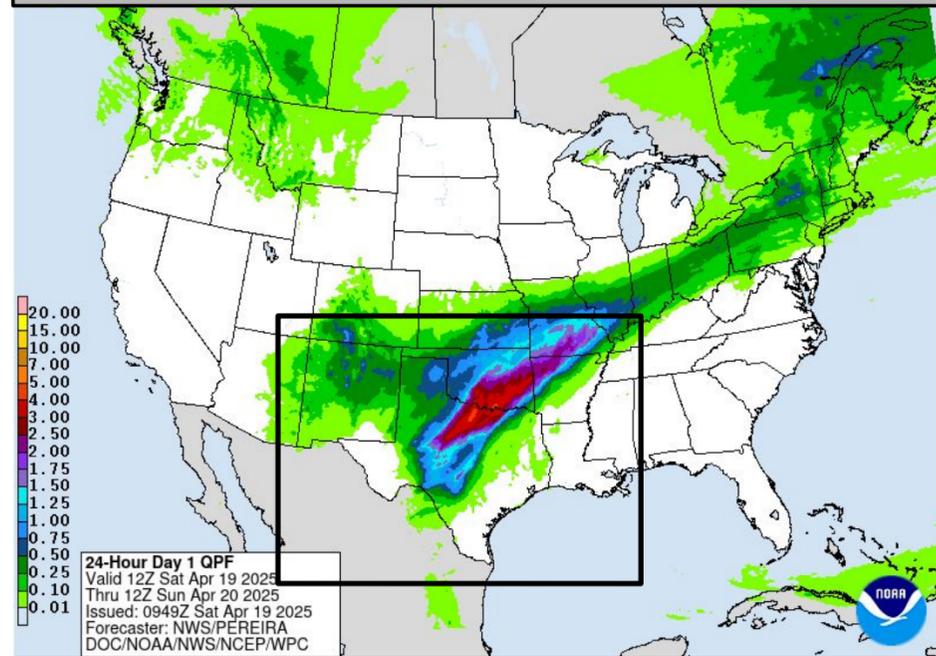


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



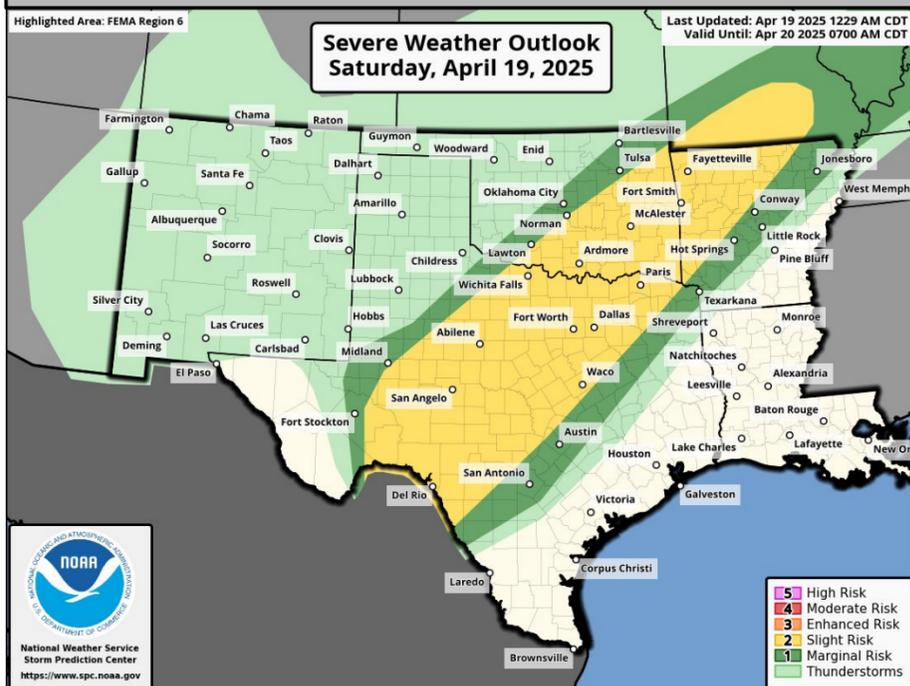
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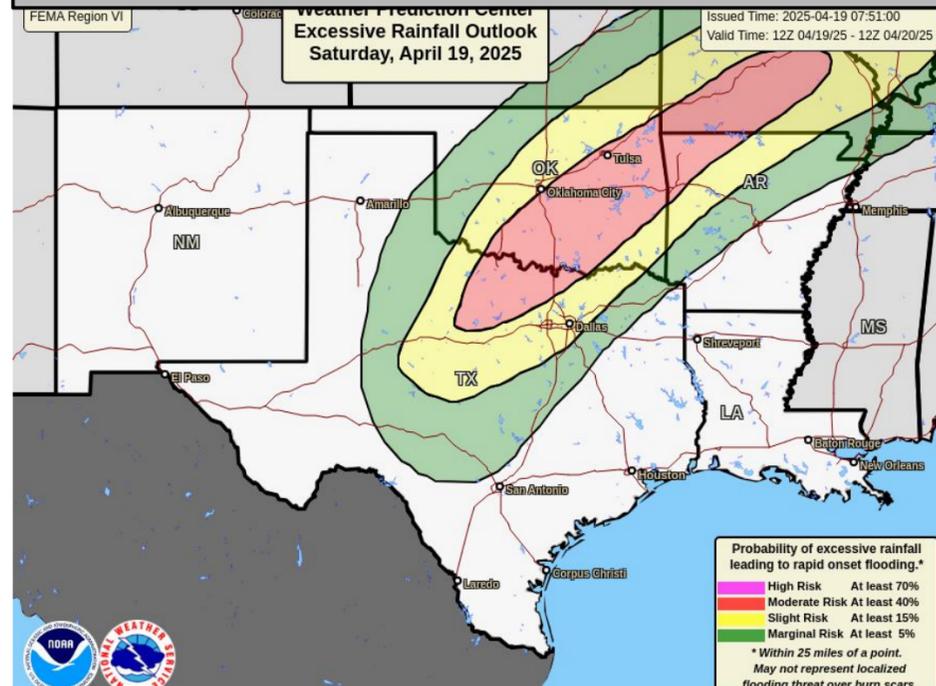
Slight to moderate risk (levels 2-3 of 4) for flash flooding over C/E OK, NW AR, N TX.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SW-N TX, SE OK, NW AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

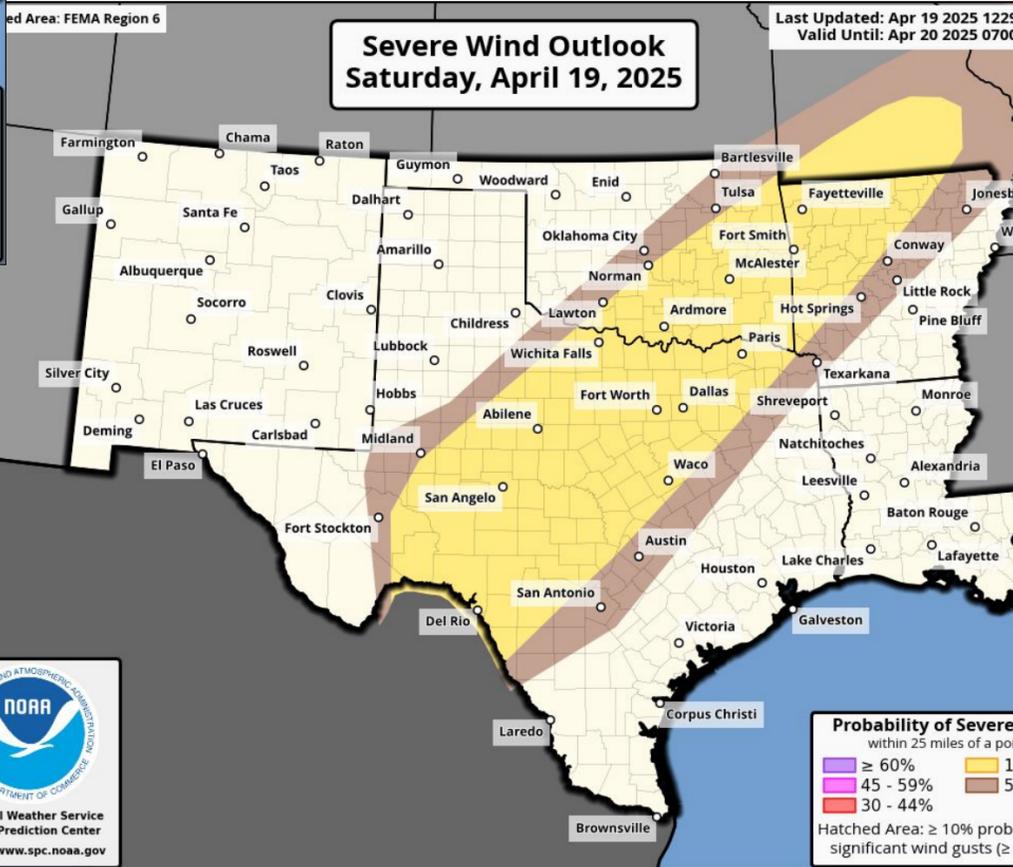
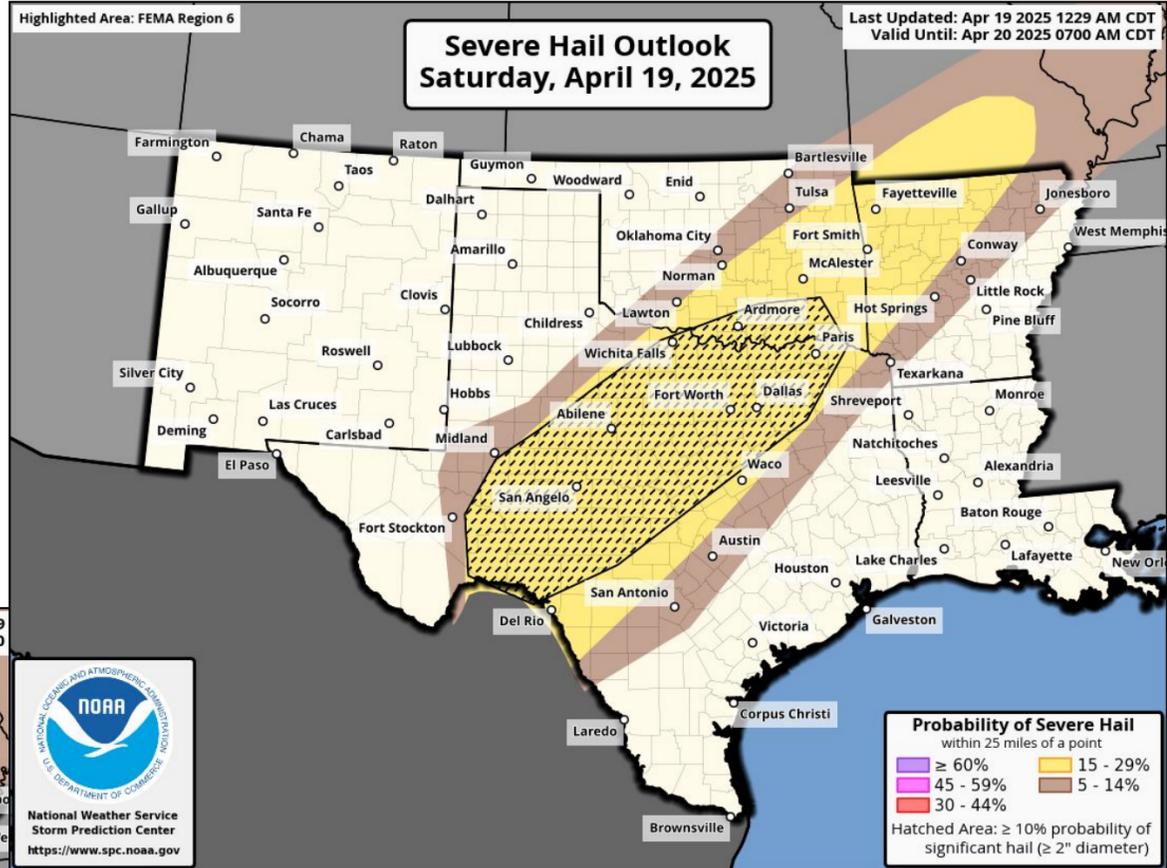
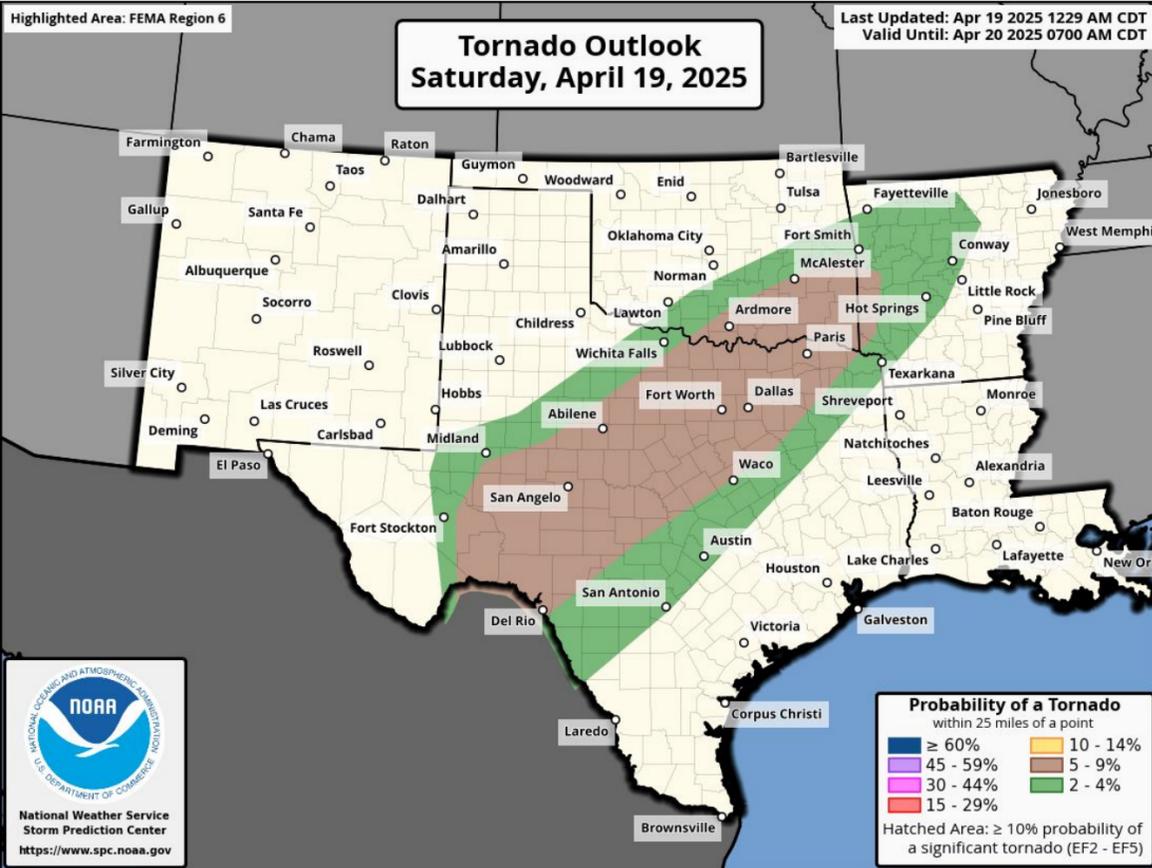


Minor (level 2 of 5) impacts in N NM from high elevation snow.

Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in S NM, W TX.

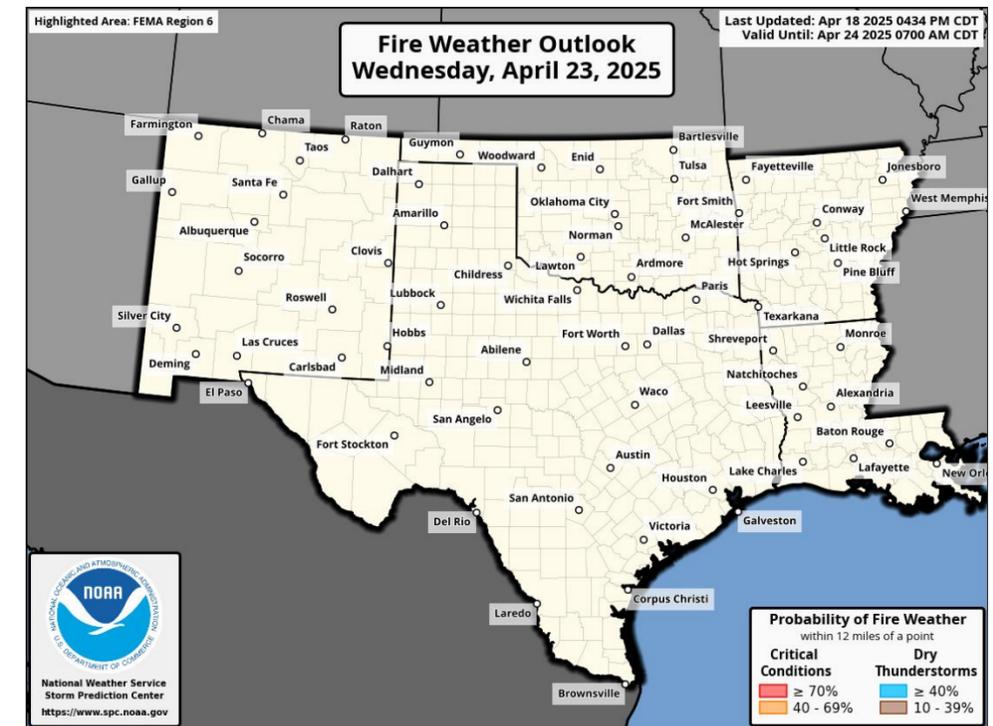
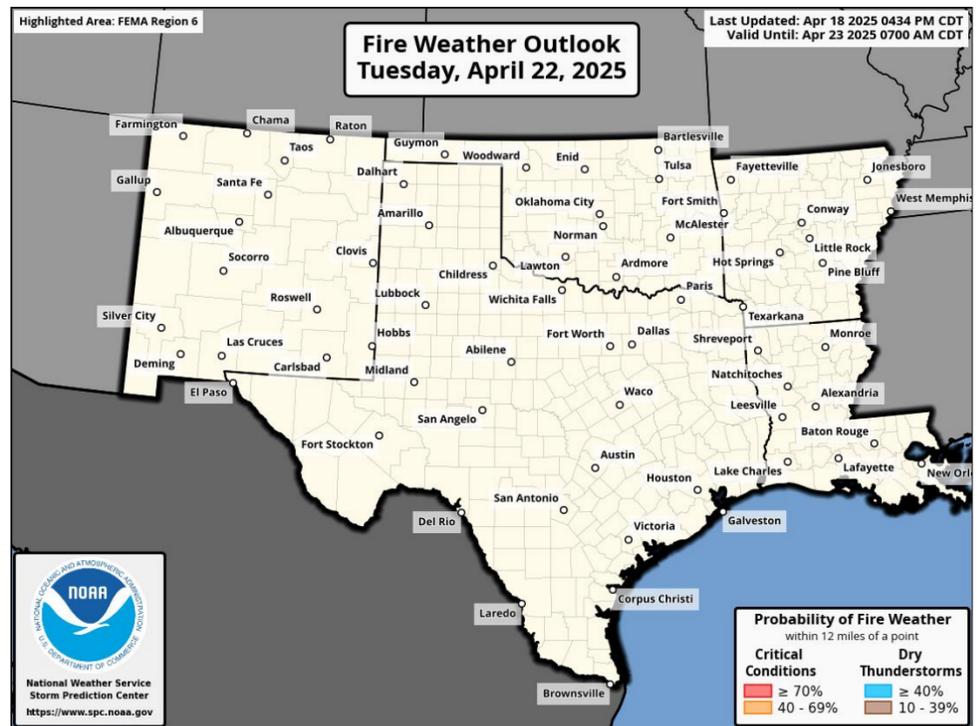
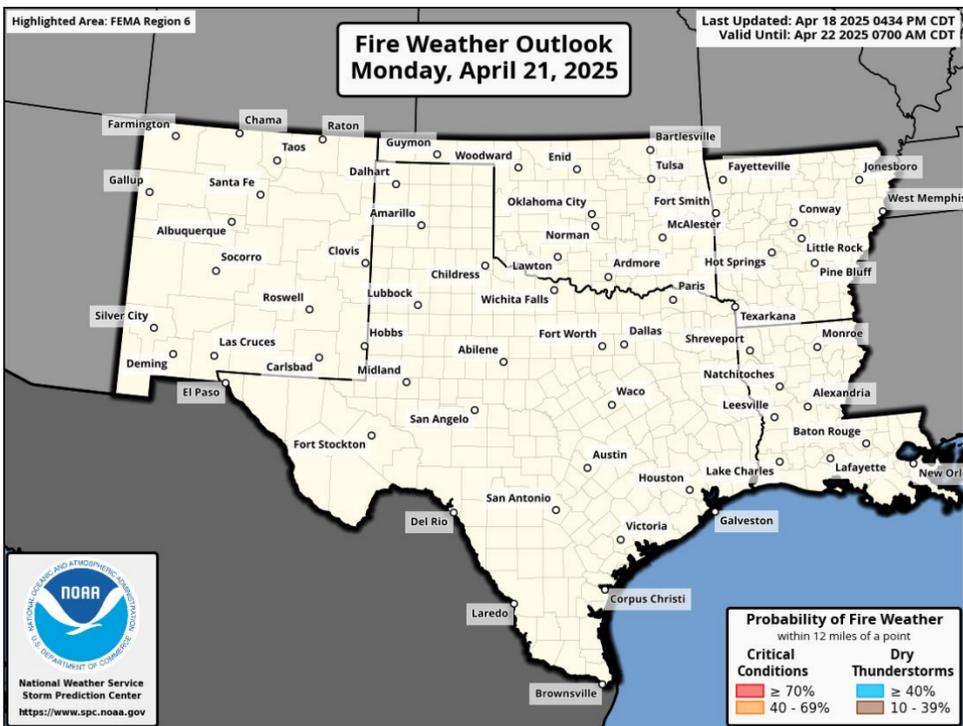
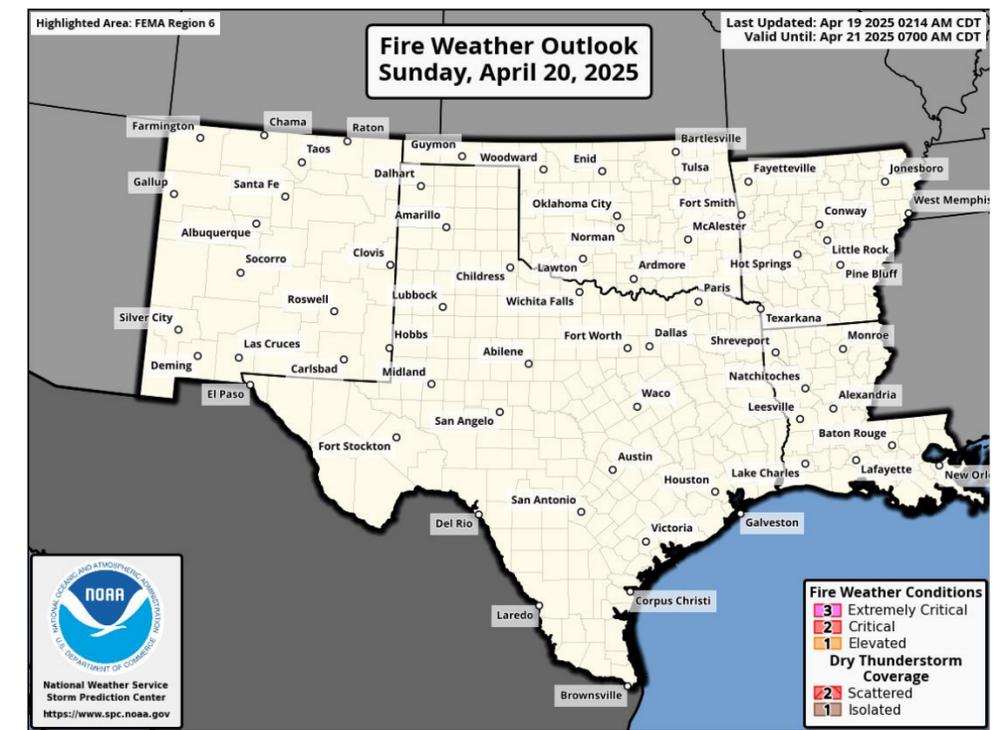
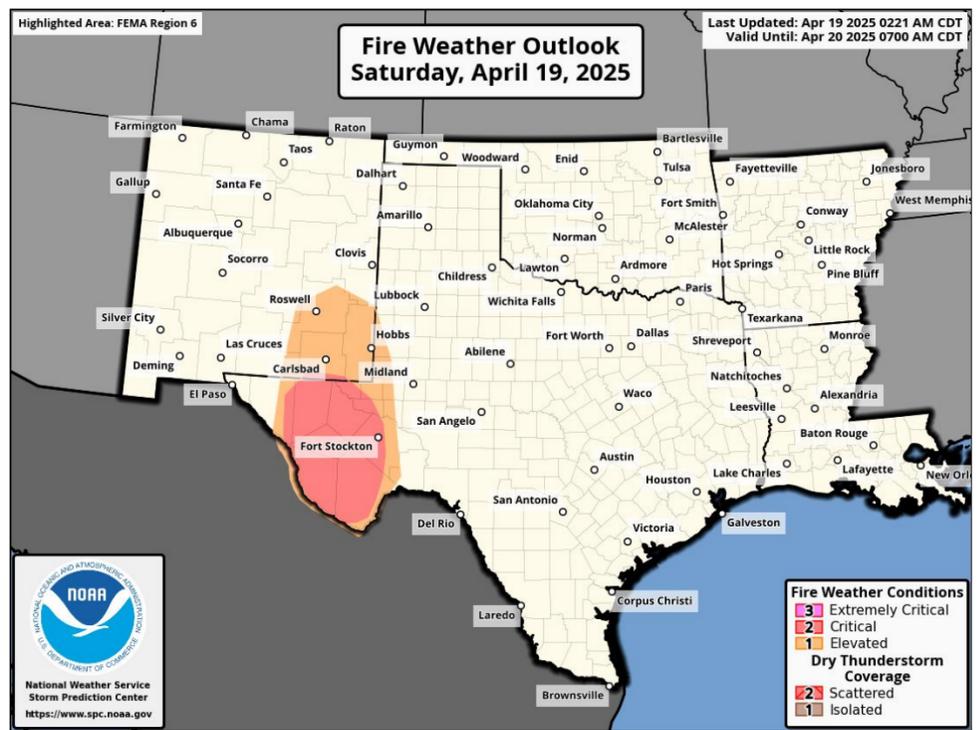


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





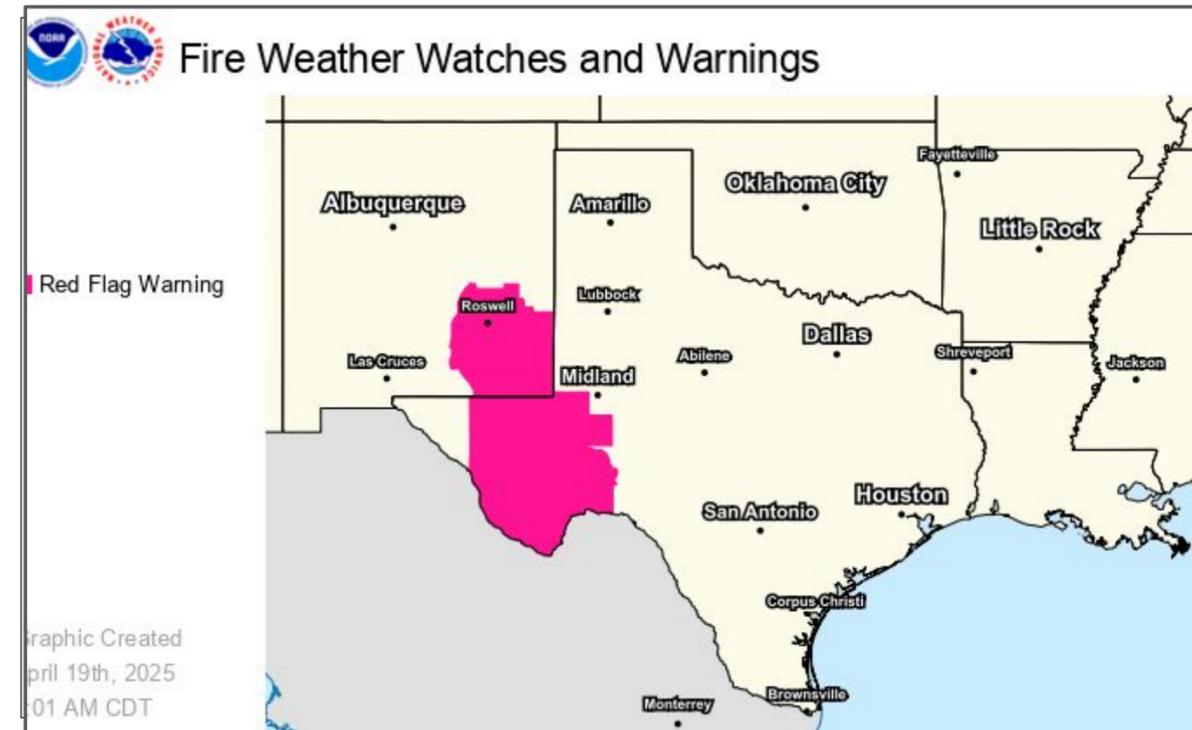
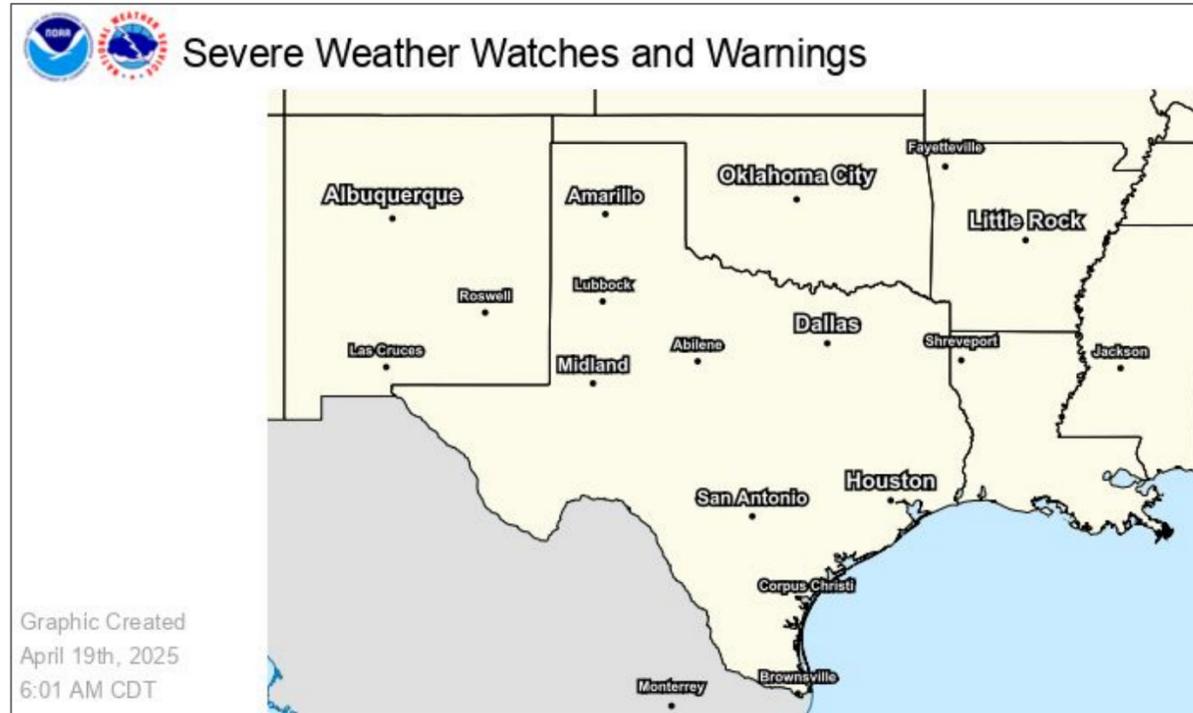
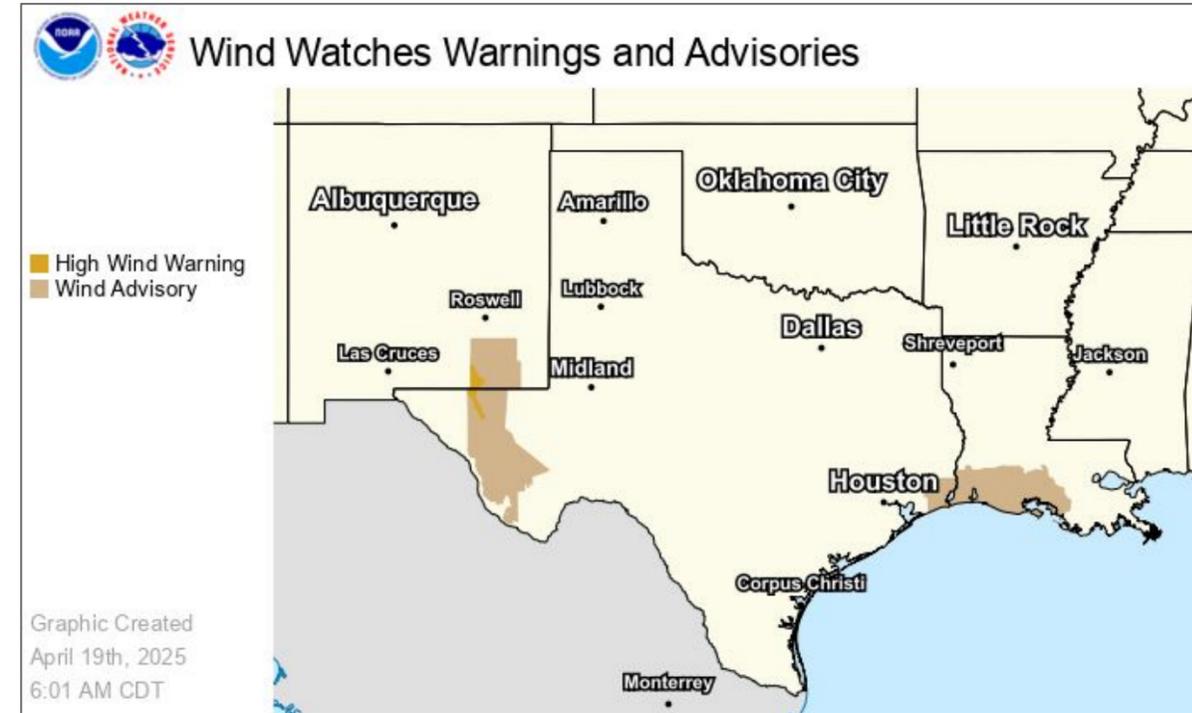
Fire Weather Outlooks





Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



Flood Watches over C/E OK, NW AR, N TX through 7 PM CDT Sunday.

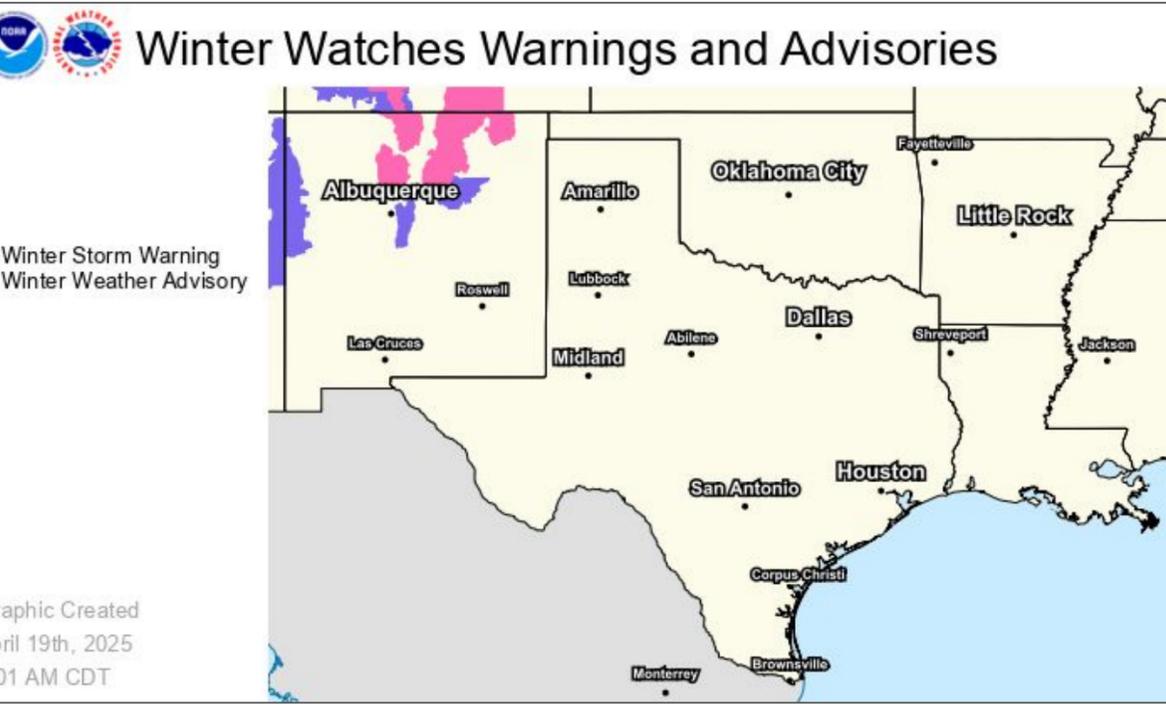
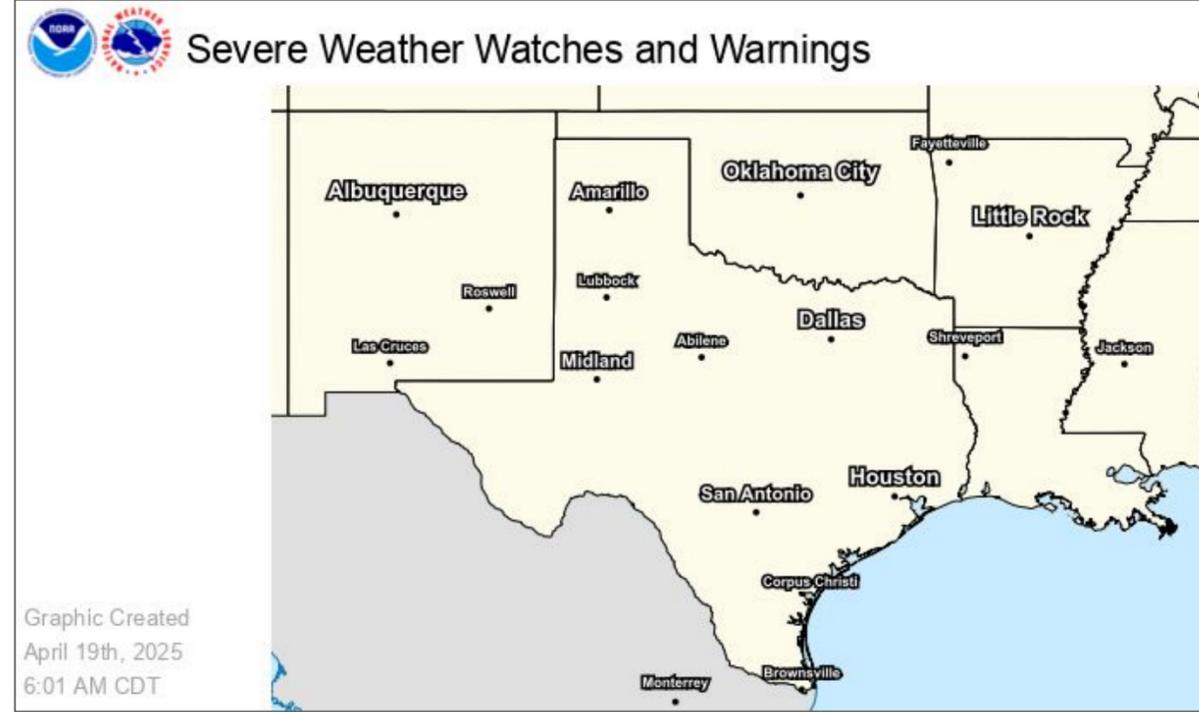
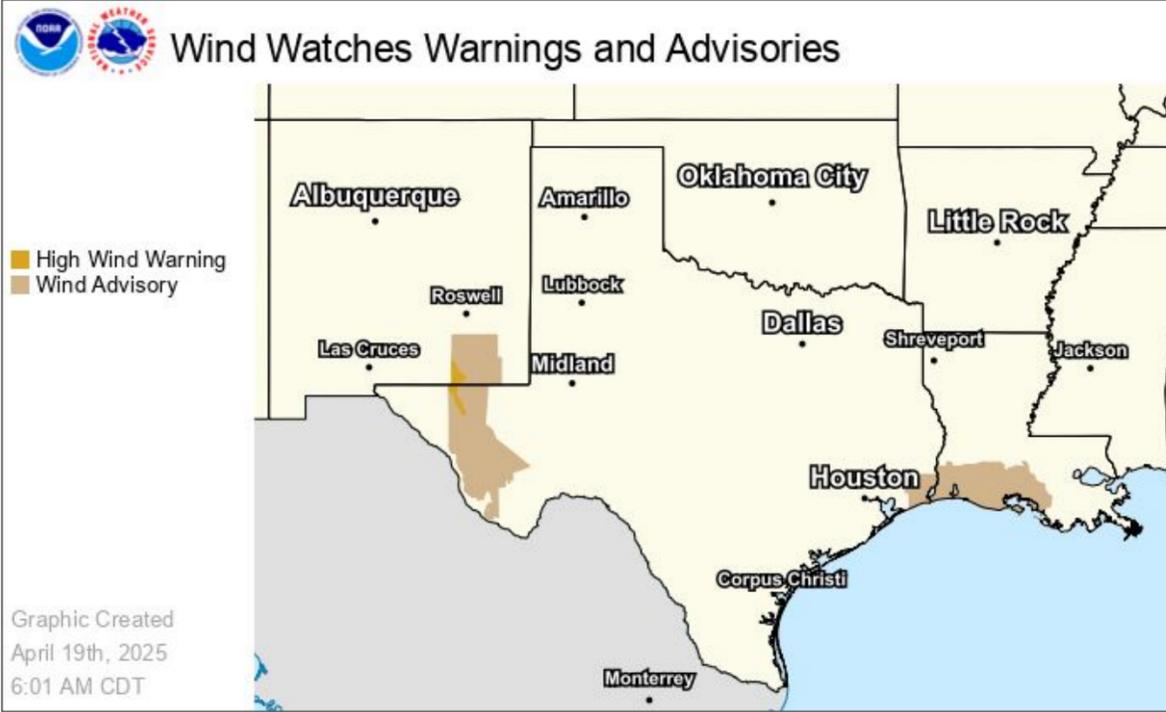
Red Flag Warnings for SE NM, W TX through this evening. SW winds 20-30 mph, gusts near 50 mph. Single digit RH in SW TX.

High Wind Warning for the Guadalupe Mountains 4 PM CT through 12 AM Sunday. Gusts up to 65 mph.



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



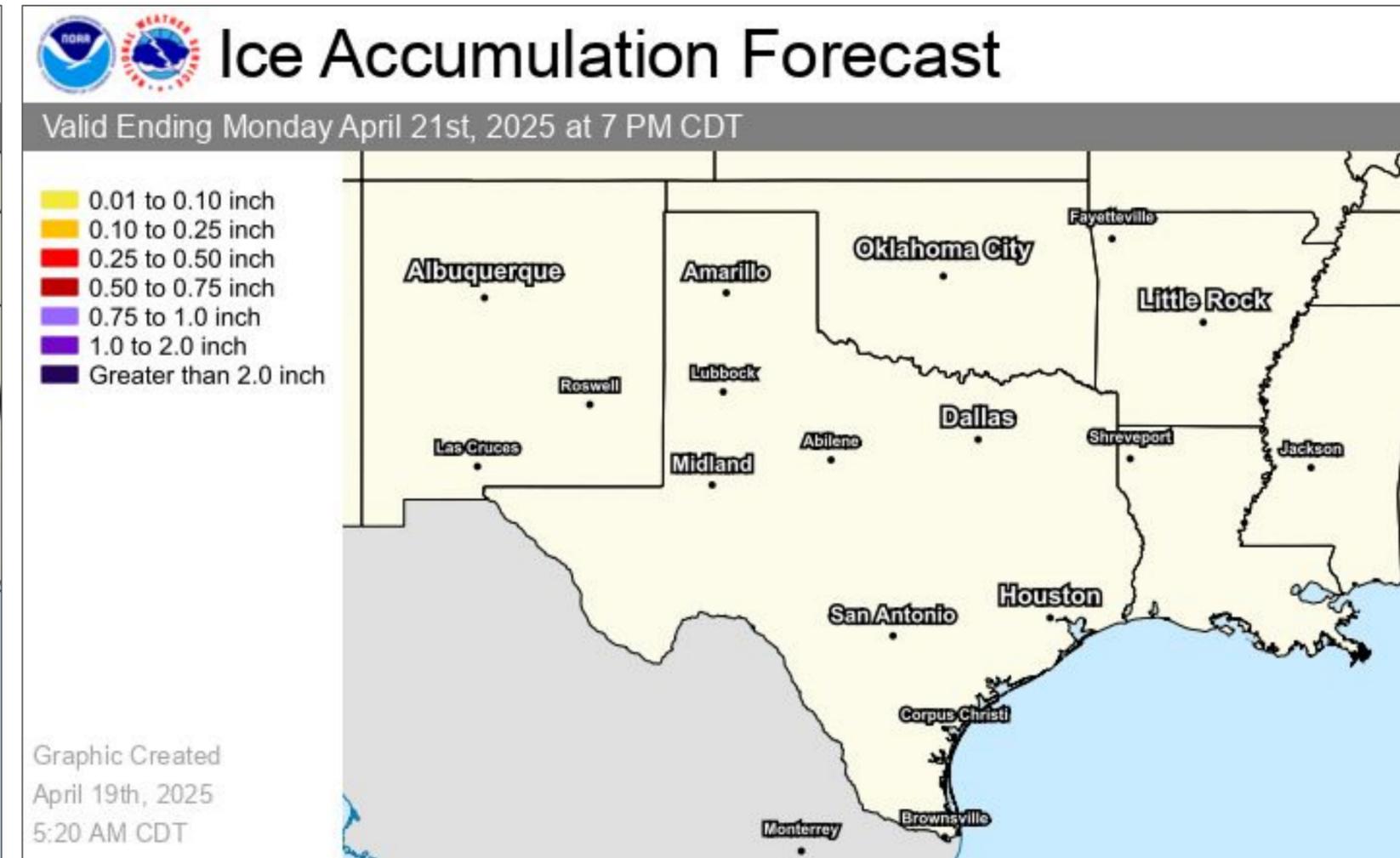
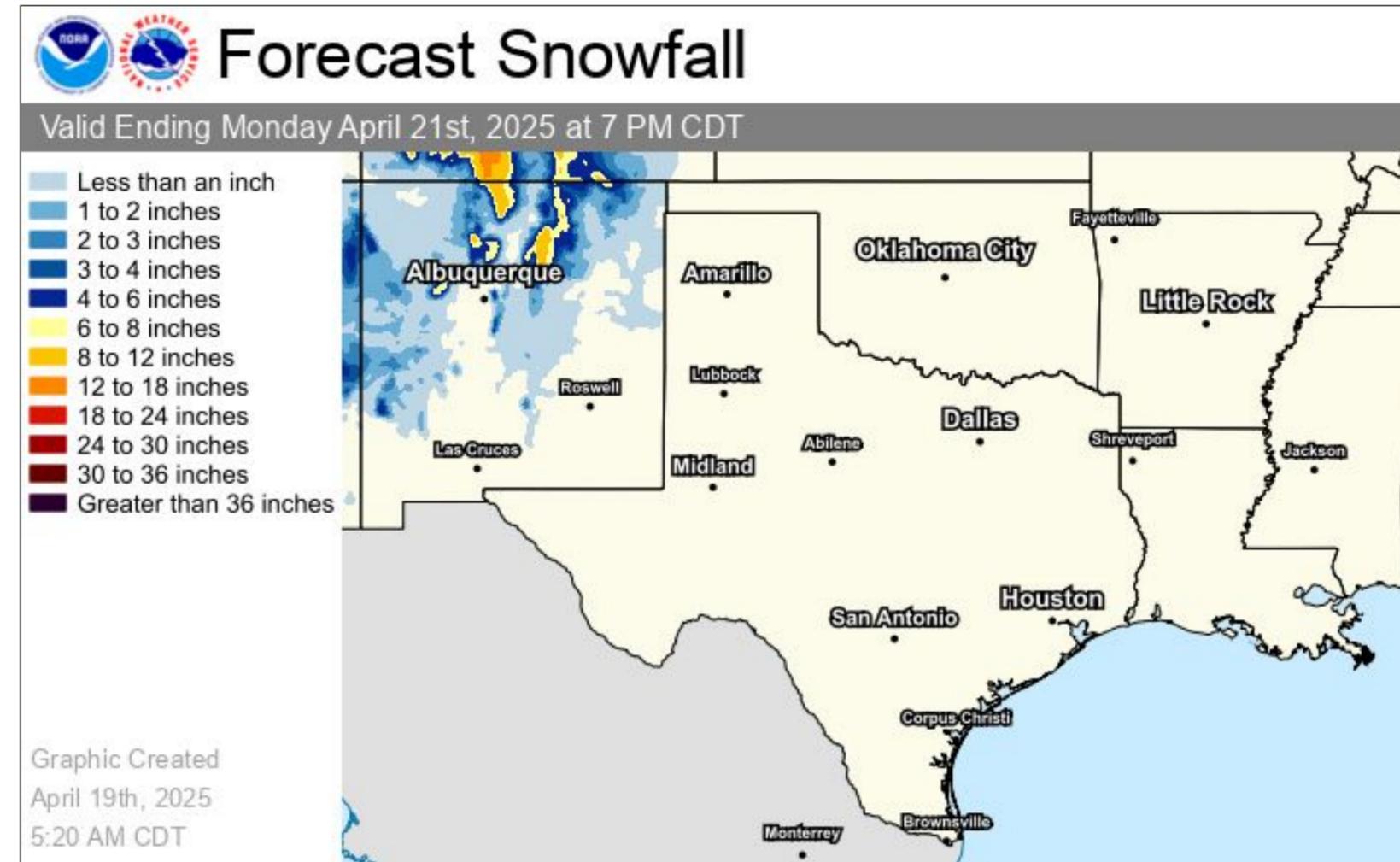
Winter Storm Warning through Midnight MDT Sunday morning in N NM. Up to 1 foot of snow with wind gusts as high as 35 mph.

2-5 inches of snow in the Winter Weather Advisory areas in NM above 7,500 feet.



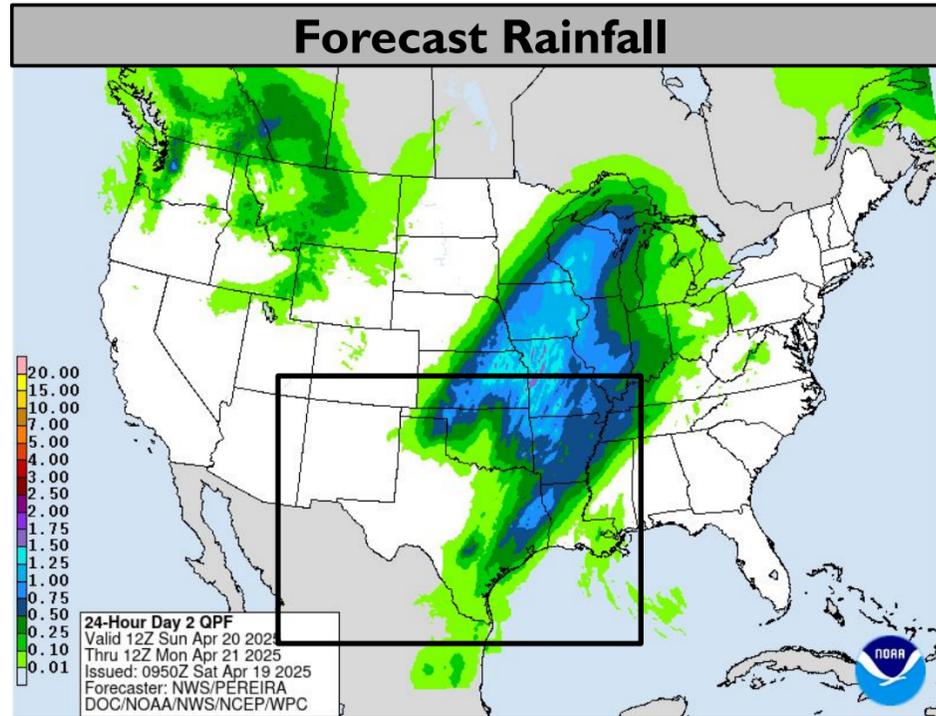
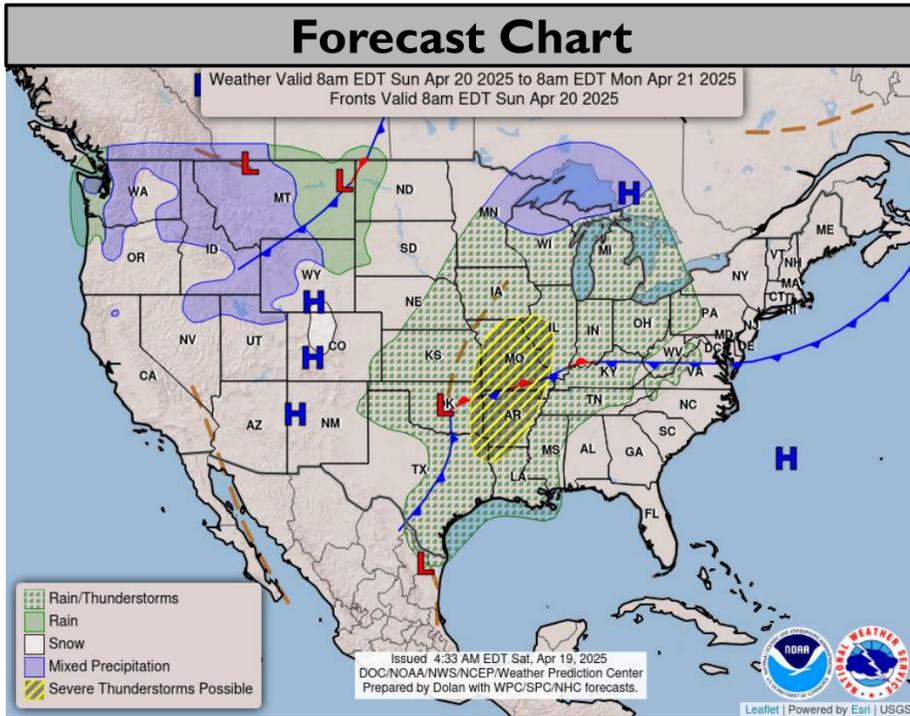
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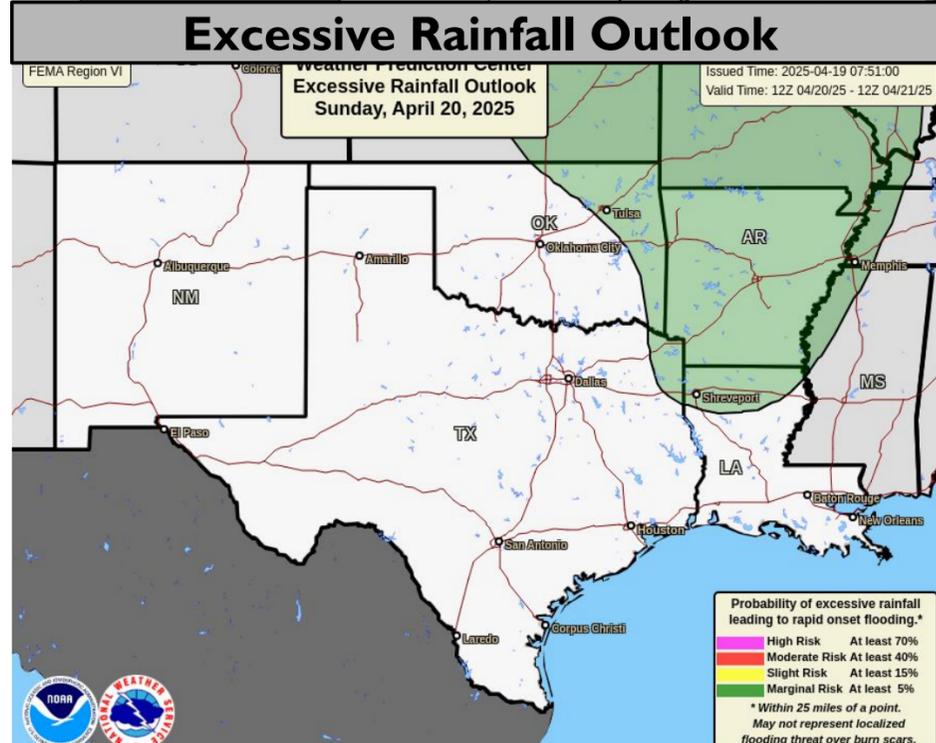
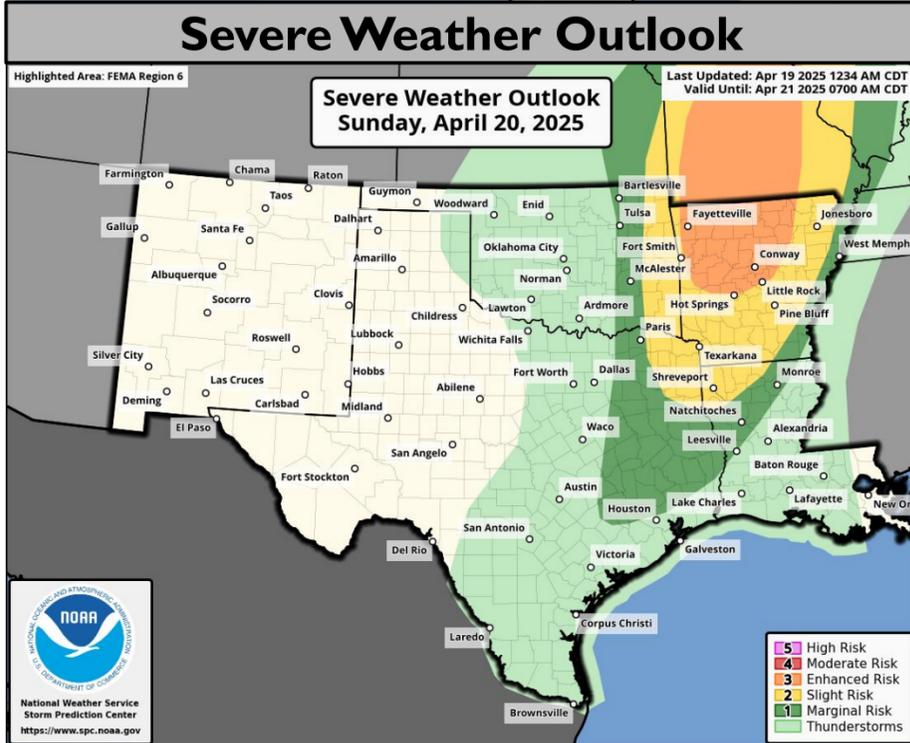
Tomorrow's Weather



Enhanced Risk (level 2-3) for severe weather N AR. Low-Medium chances for tornadoes in N AR. Timing: 2-8 PM CDT

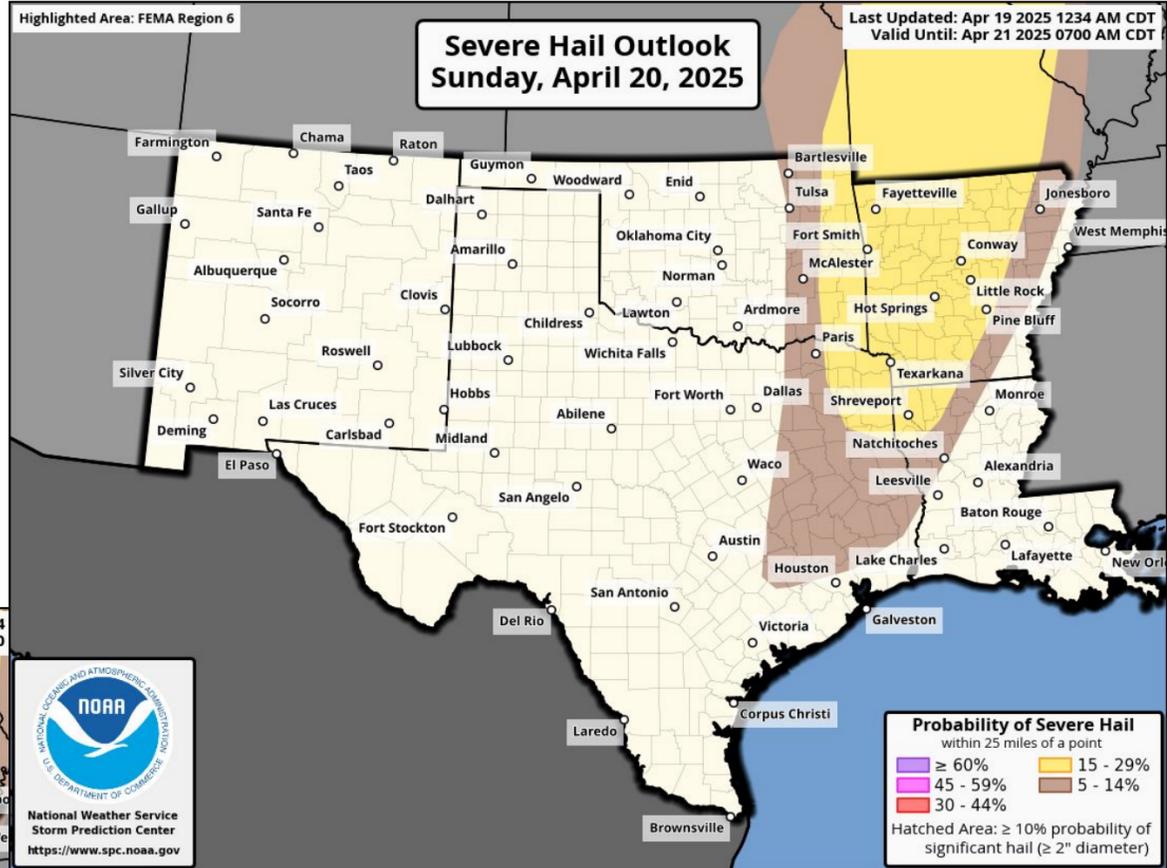
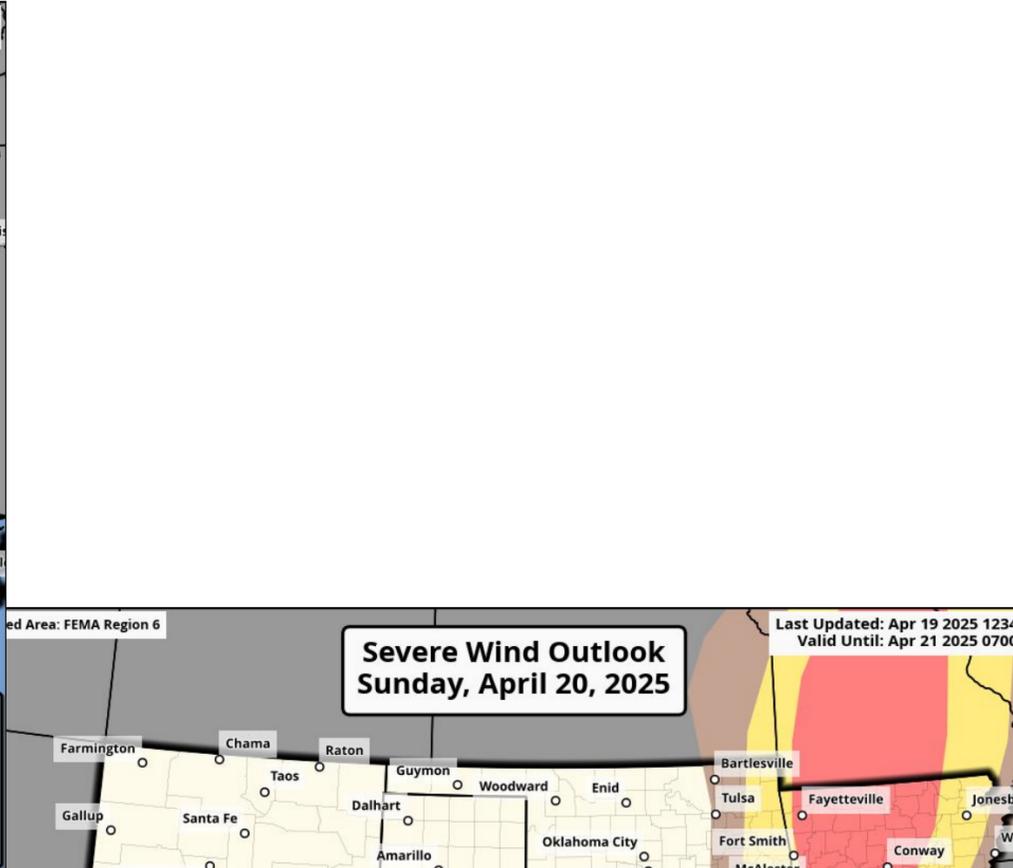
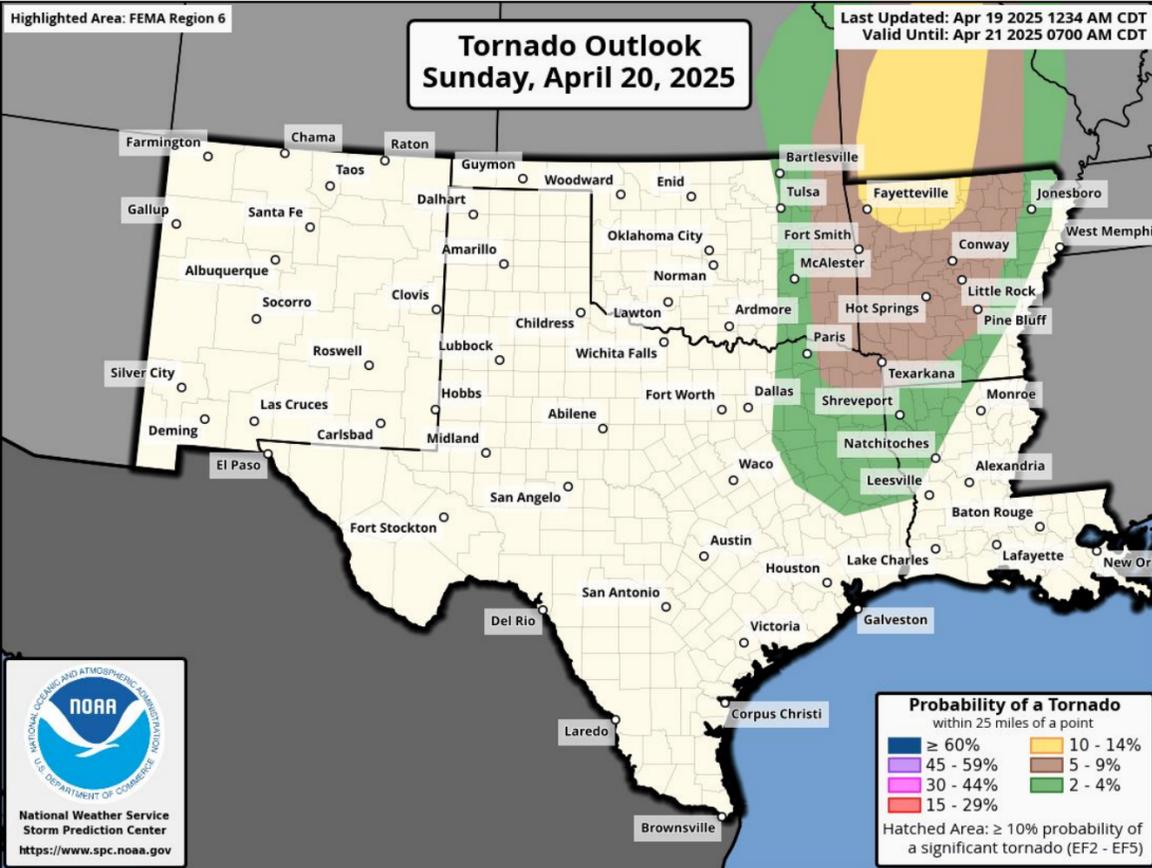
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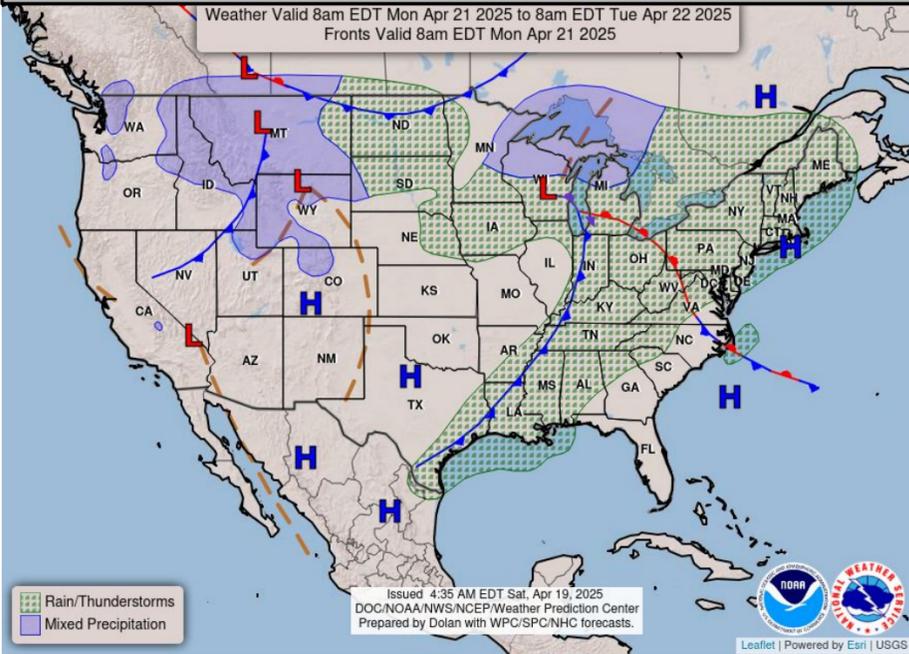
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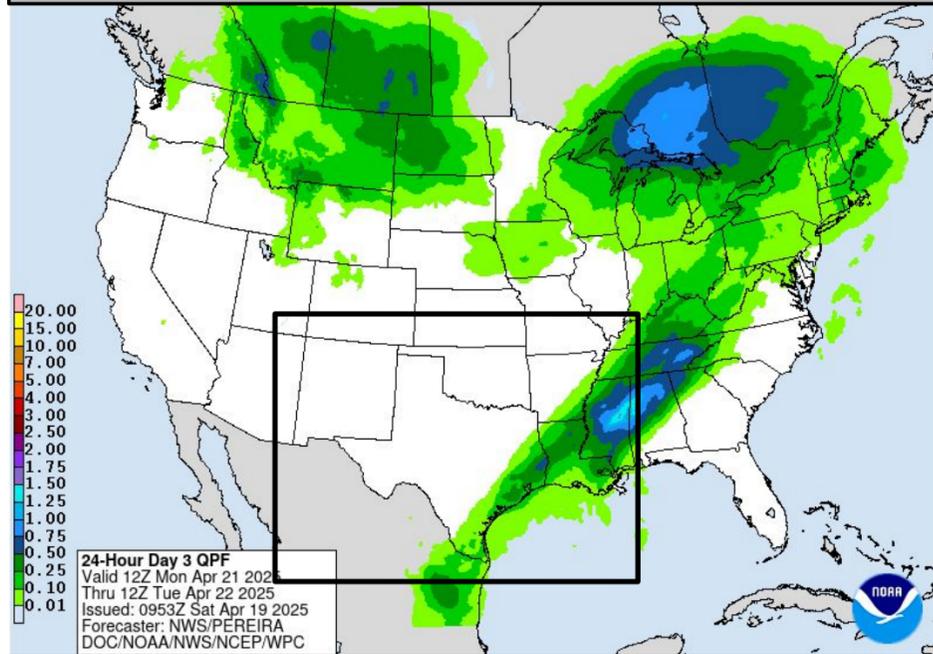


Monday's Weather

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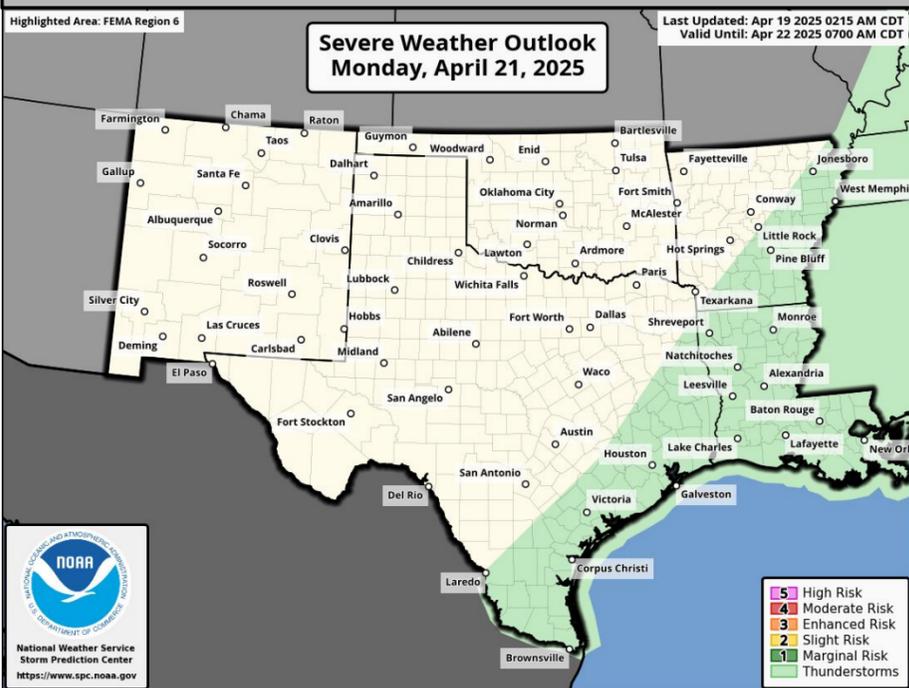


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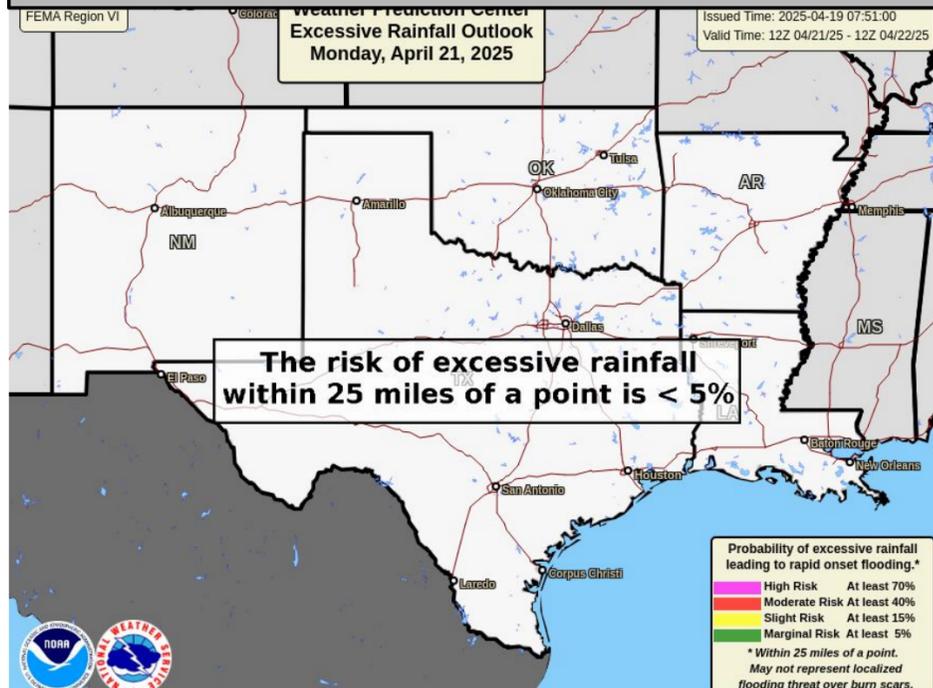


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Severe Weather Outlook



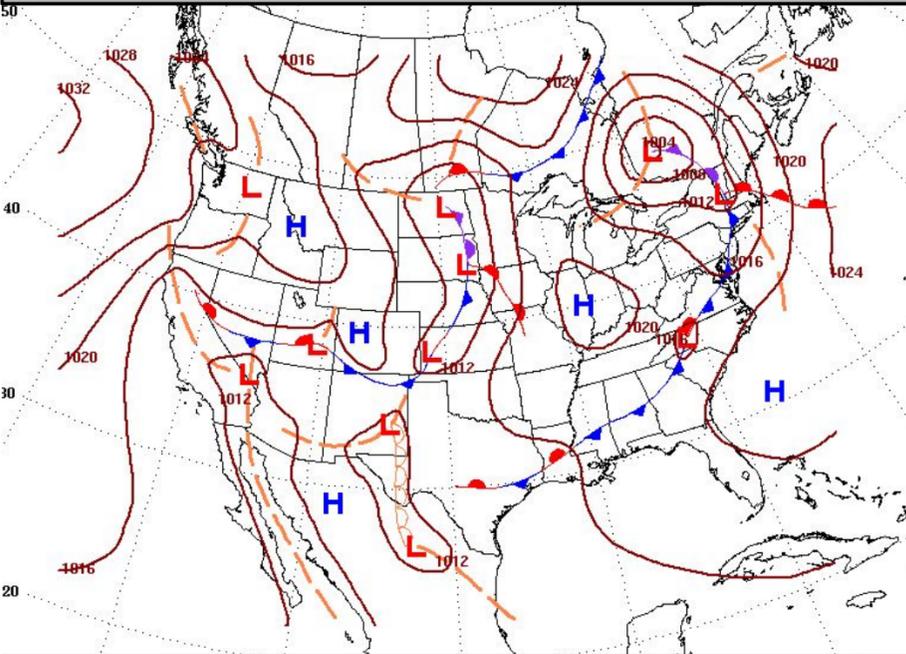
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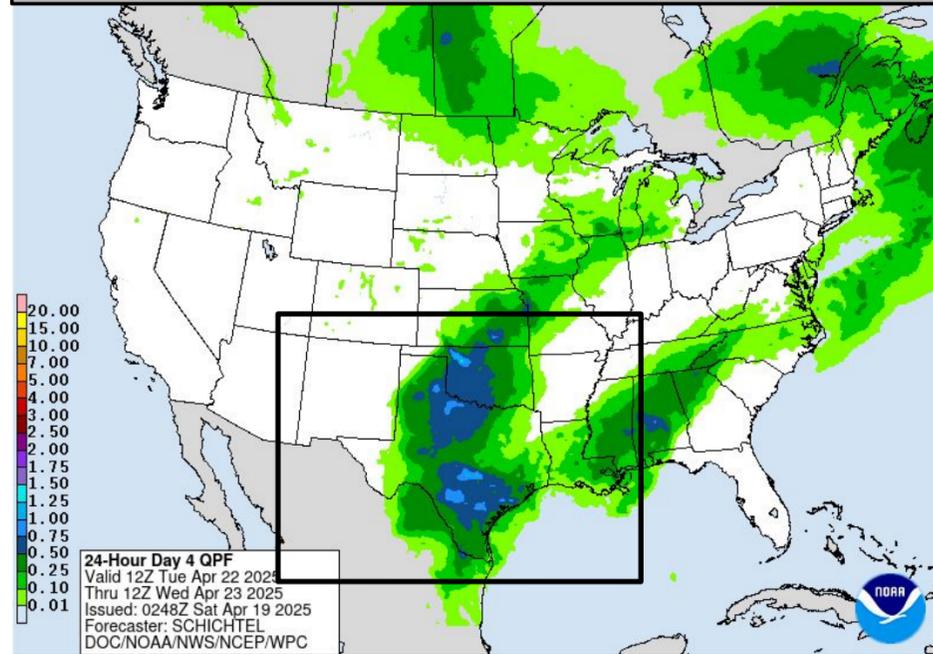


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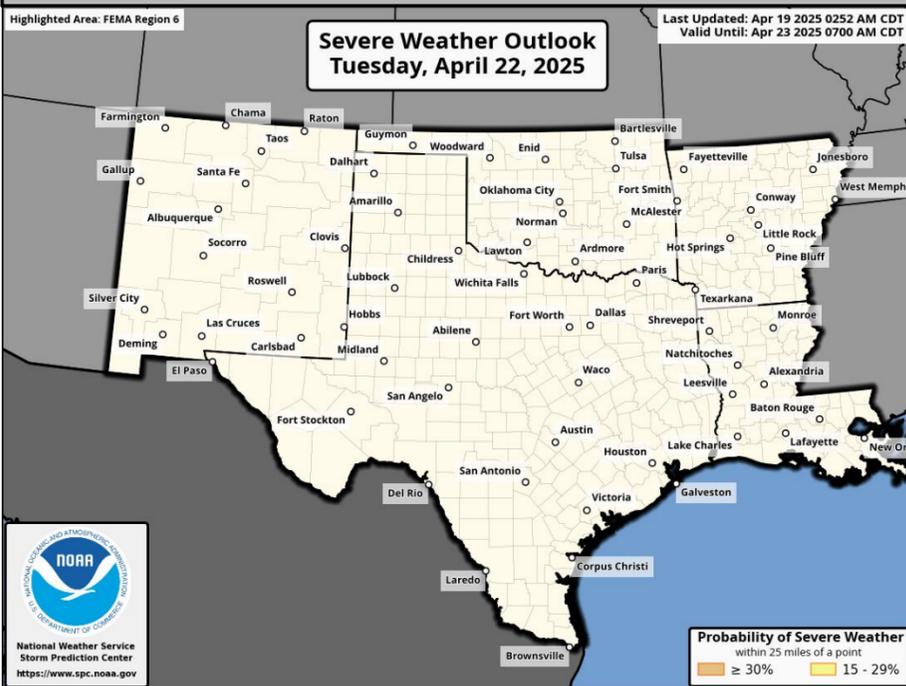


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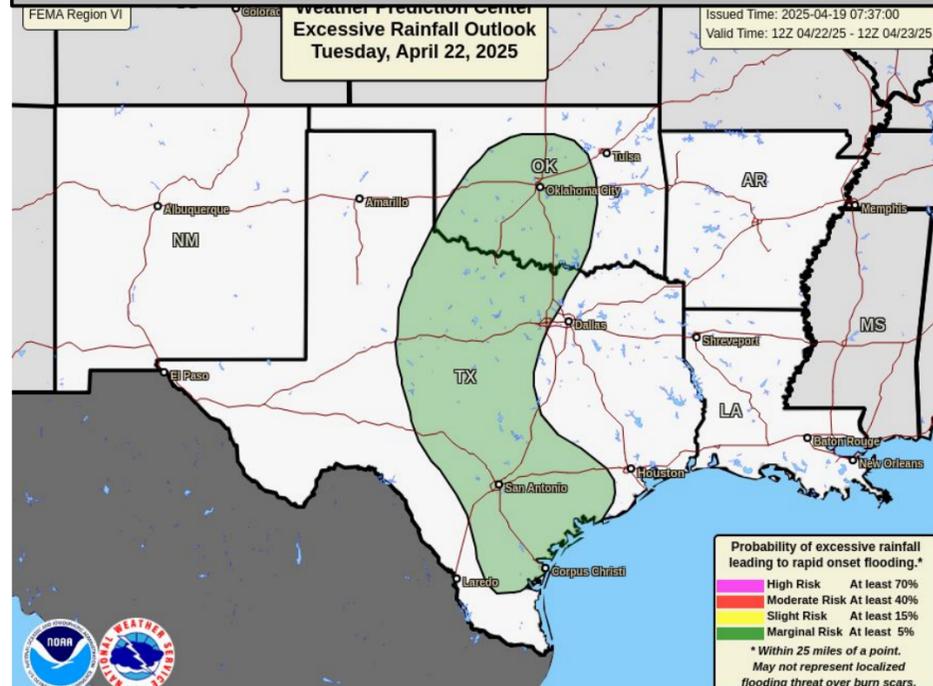


Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in C OK, N-STX.

Severe Weather Outlook



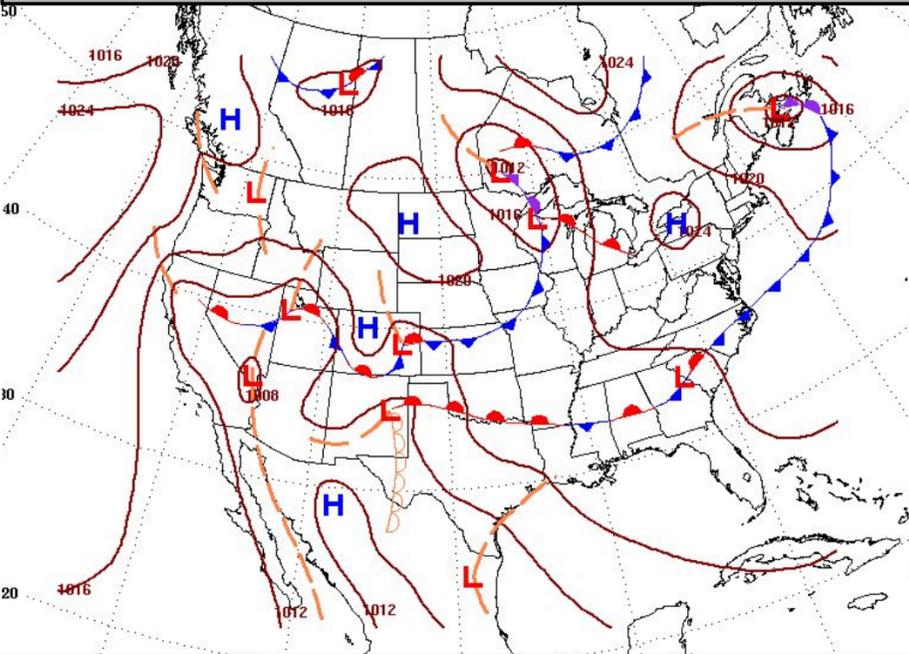
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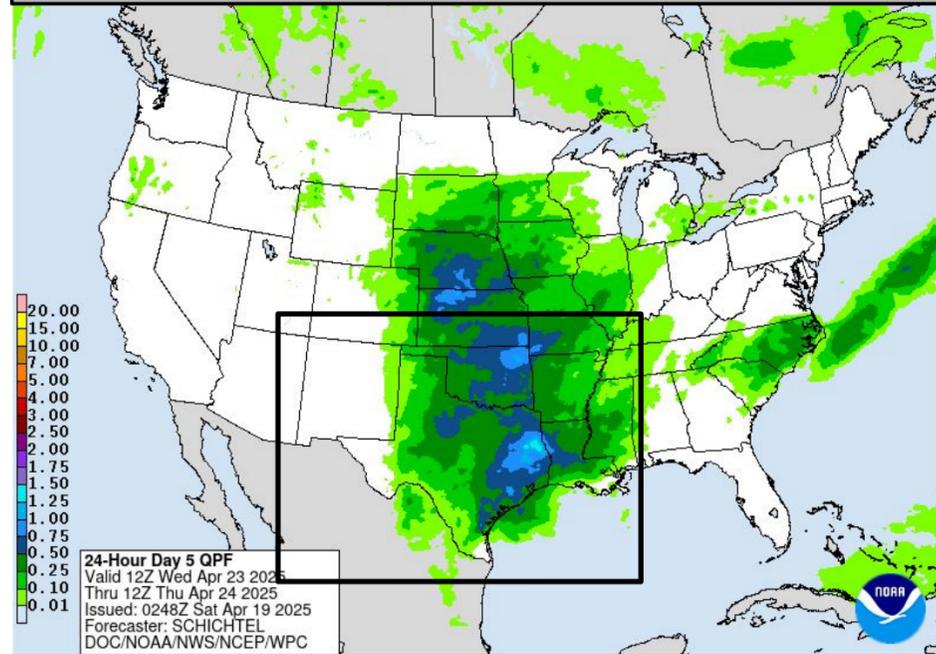


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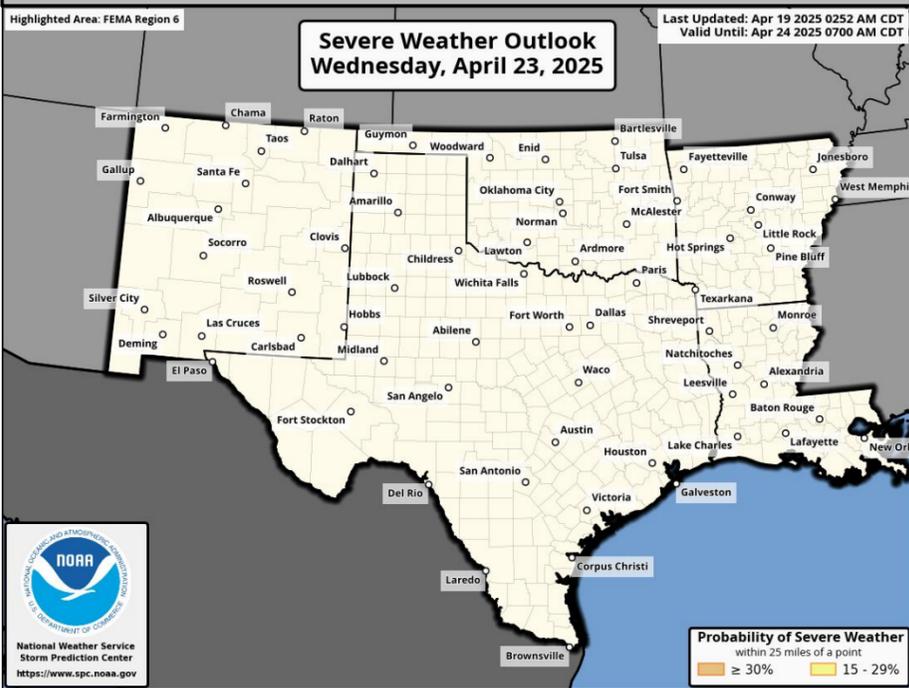


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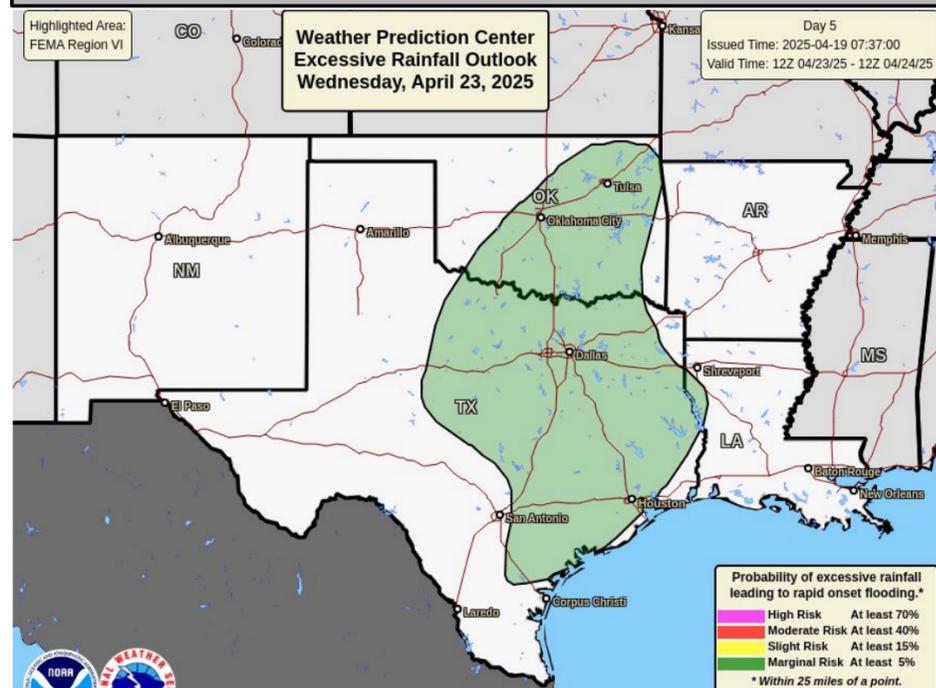


Monitoring for heavy rainfall in OK, W AR, N-ETX.

Severe Weather Outlook



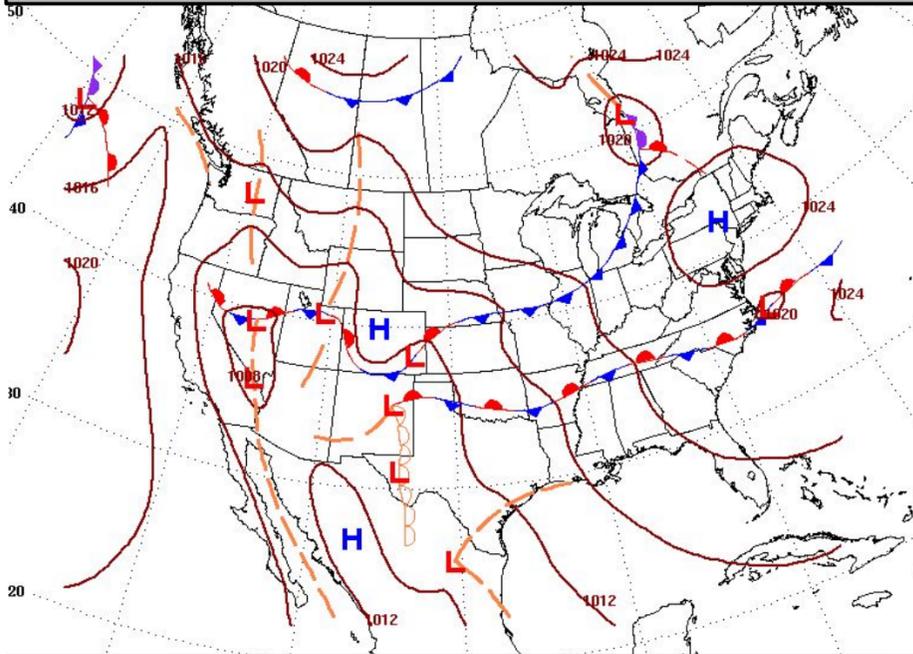
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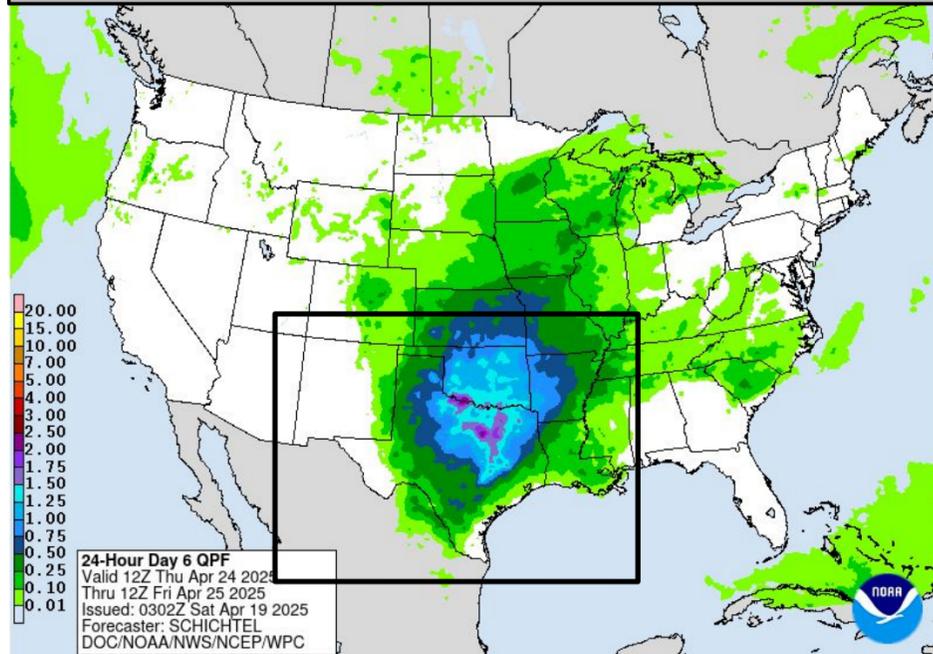


Thursday's Weather

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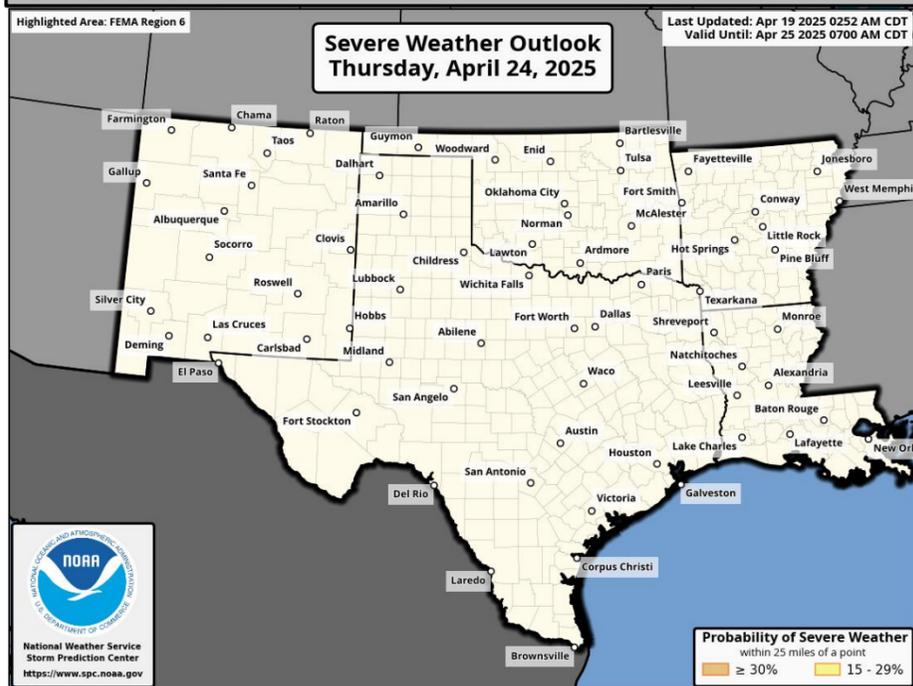


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring for heavy rainfall in OK, W AR, N-CTX.

Severe Weather Outlook

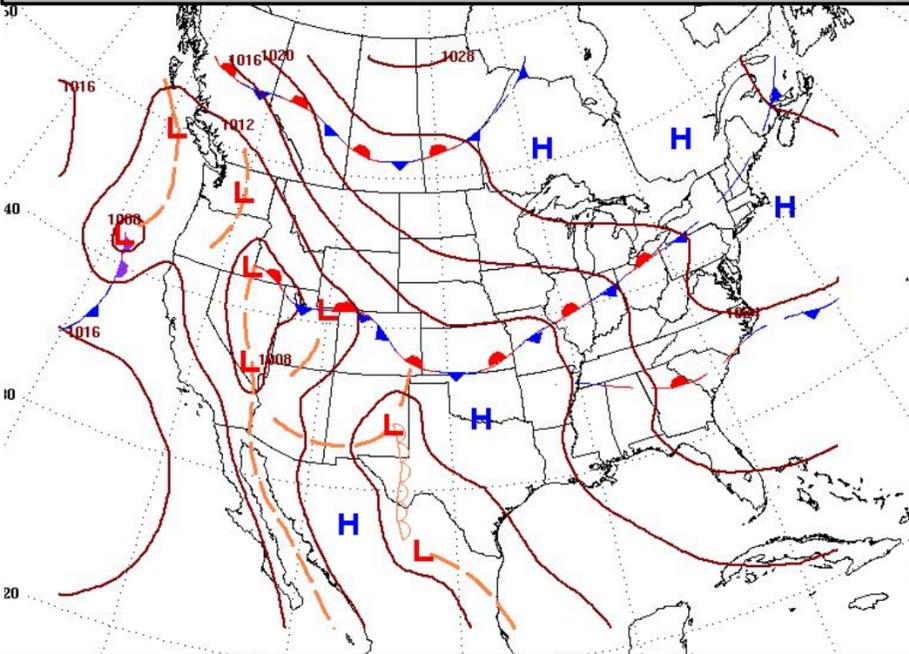


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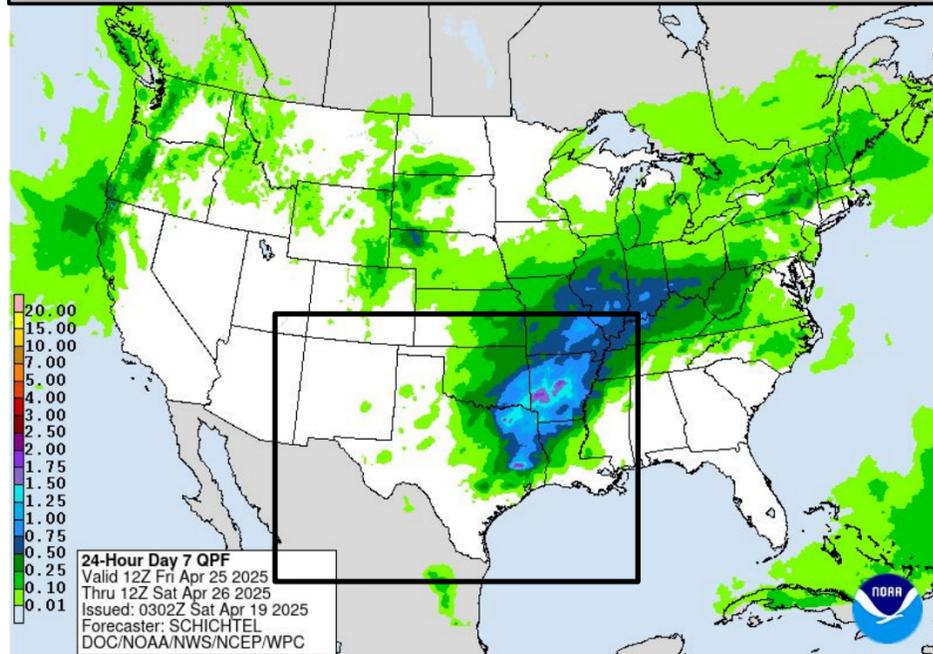


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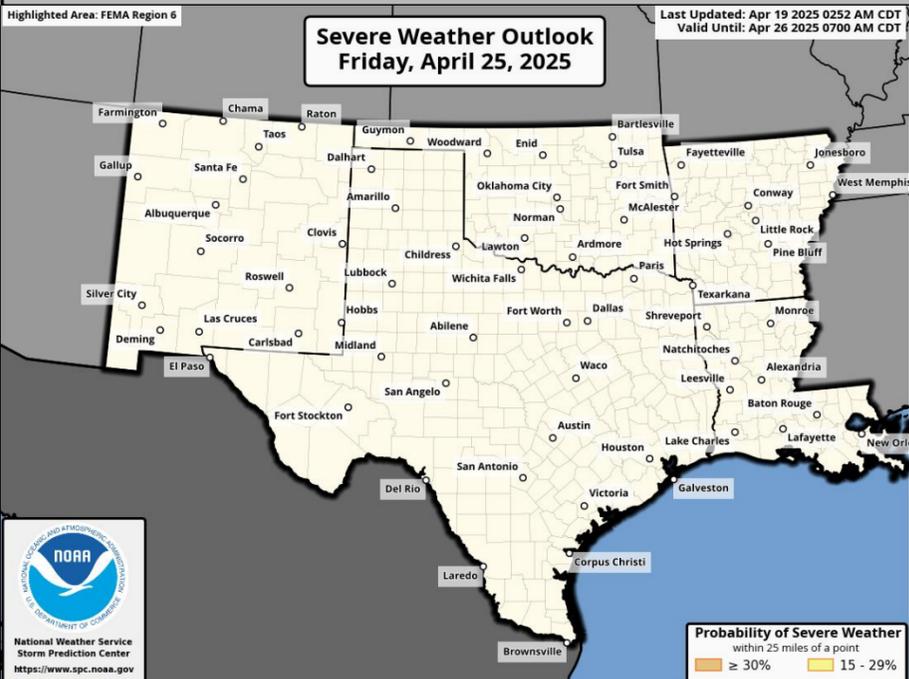


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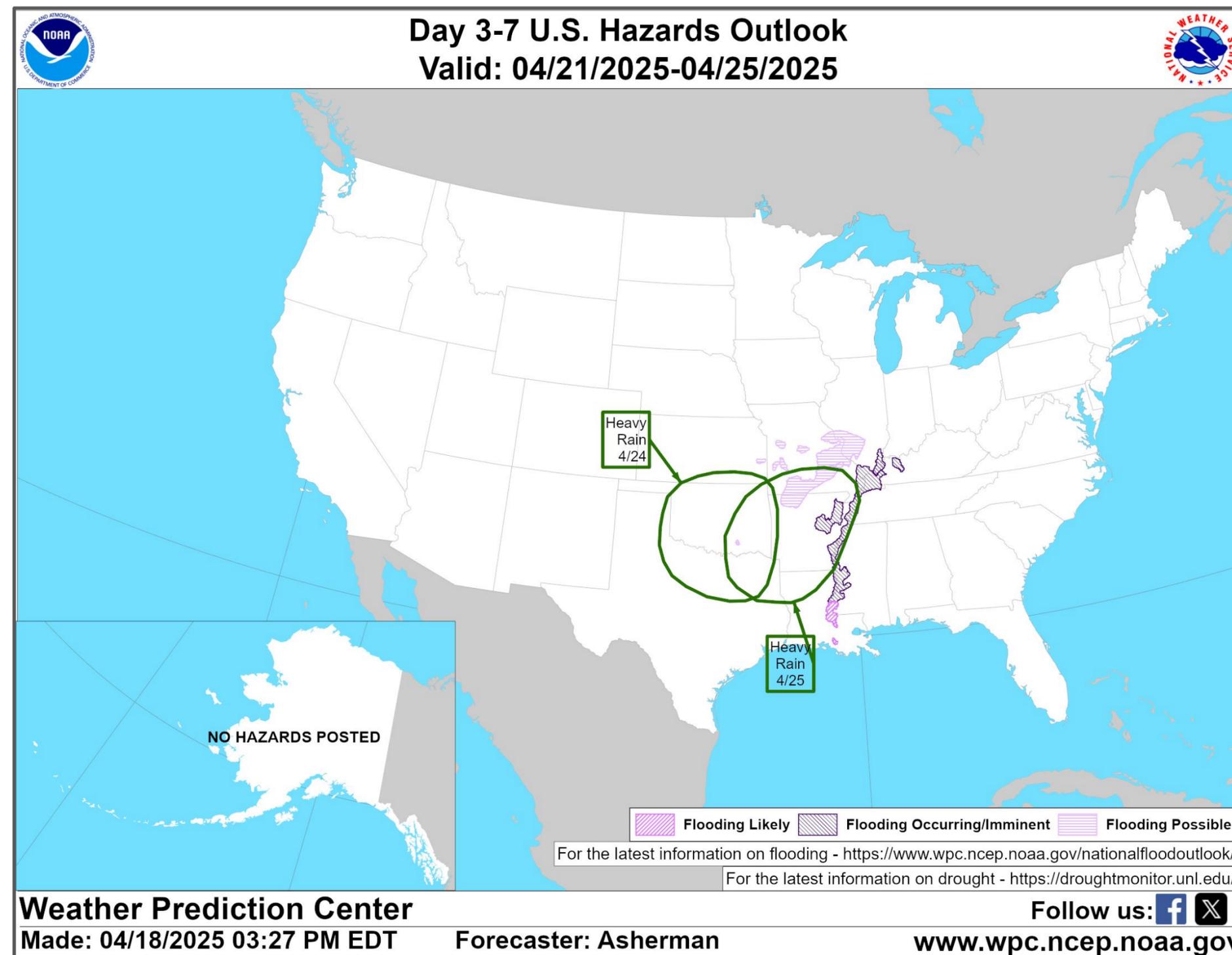
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“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



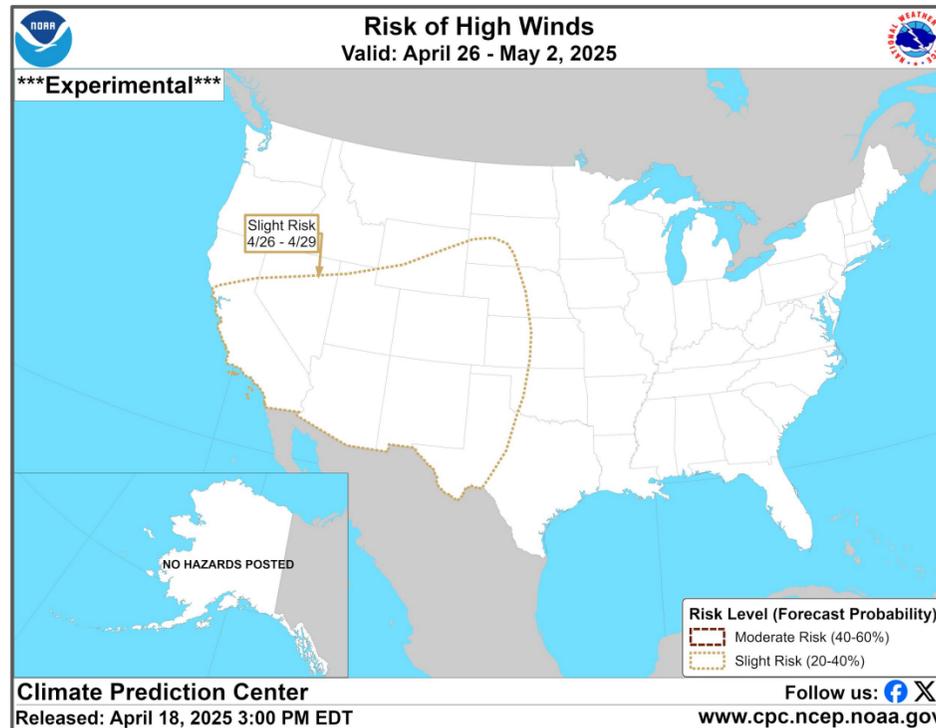
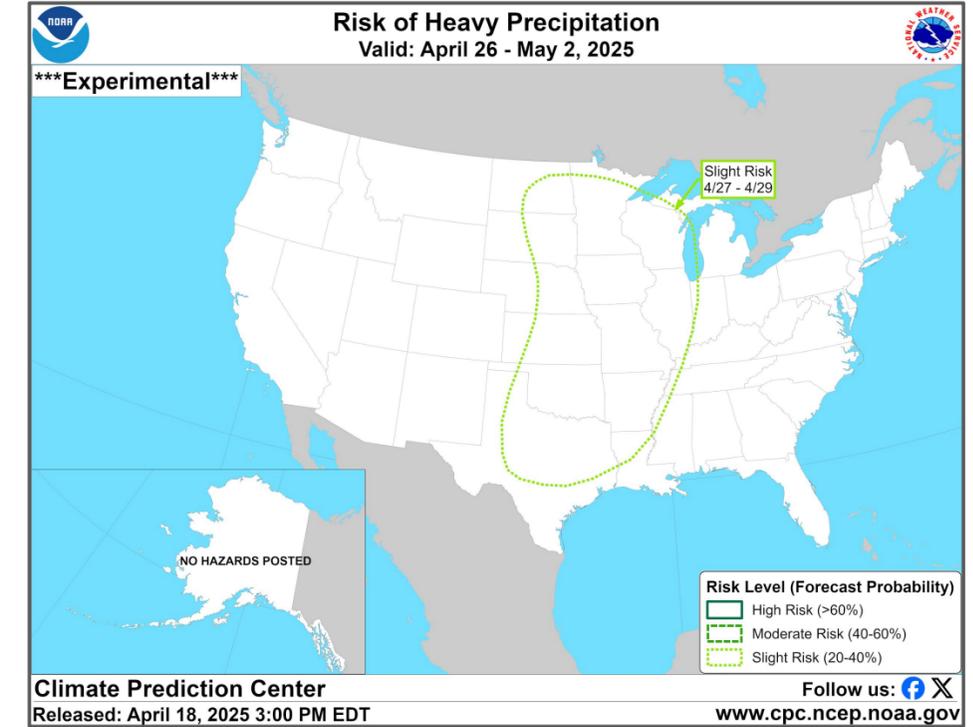
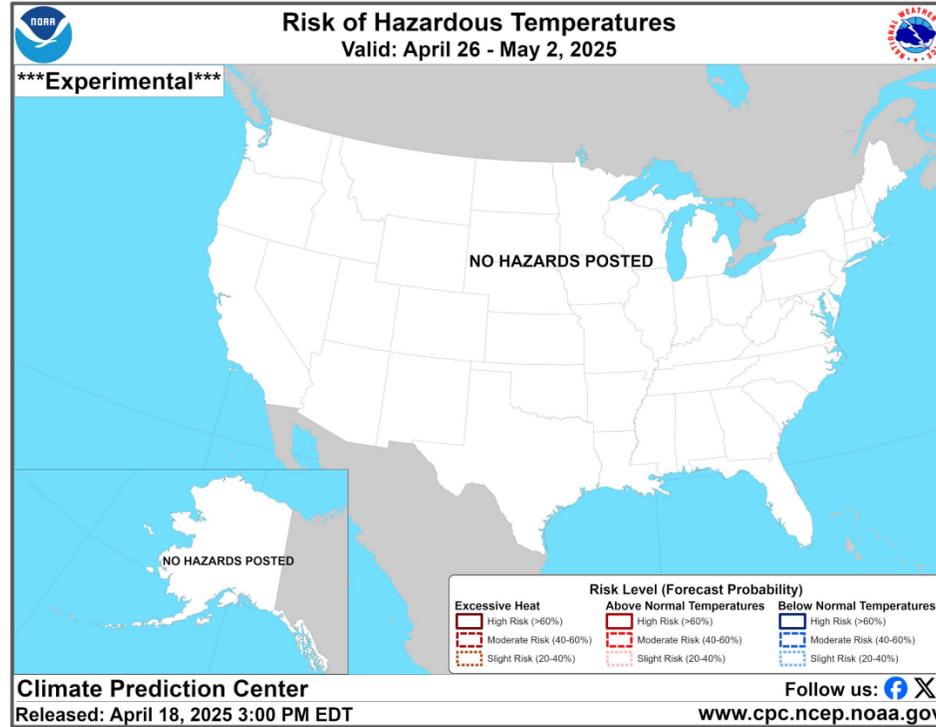
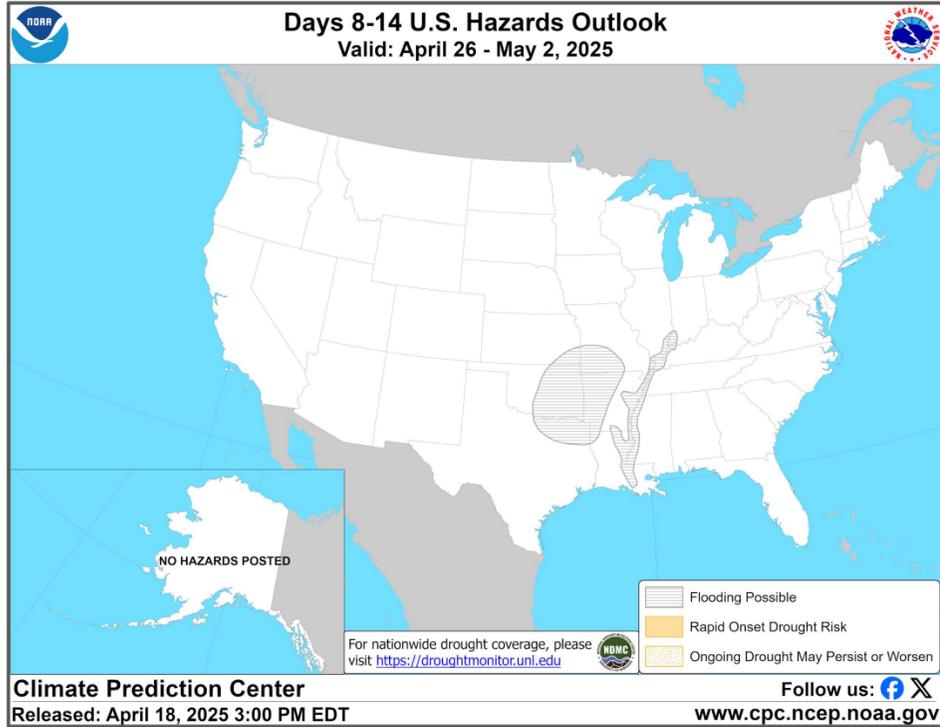
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1. The “day 3-7” will really be days 2-6
2. This slide will be hidden on Mondays and Sundays so the data/information is not too old

For additional information on this outlook go to <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php>



“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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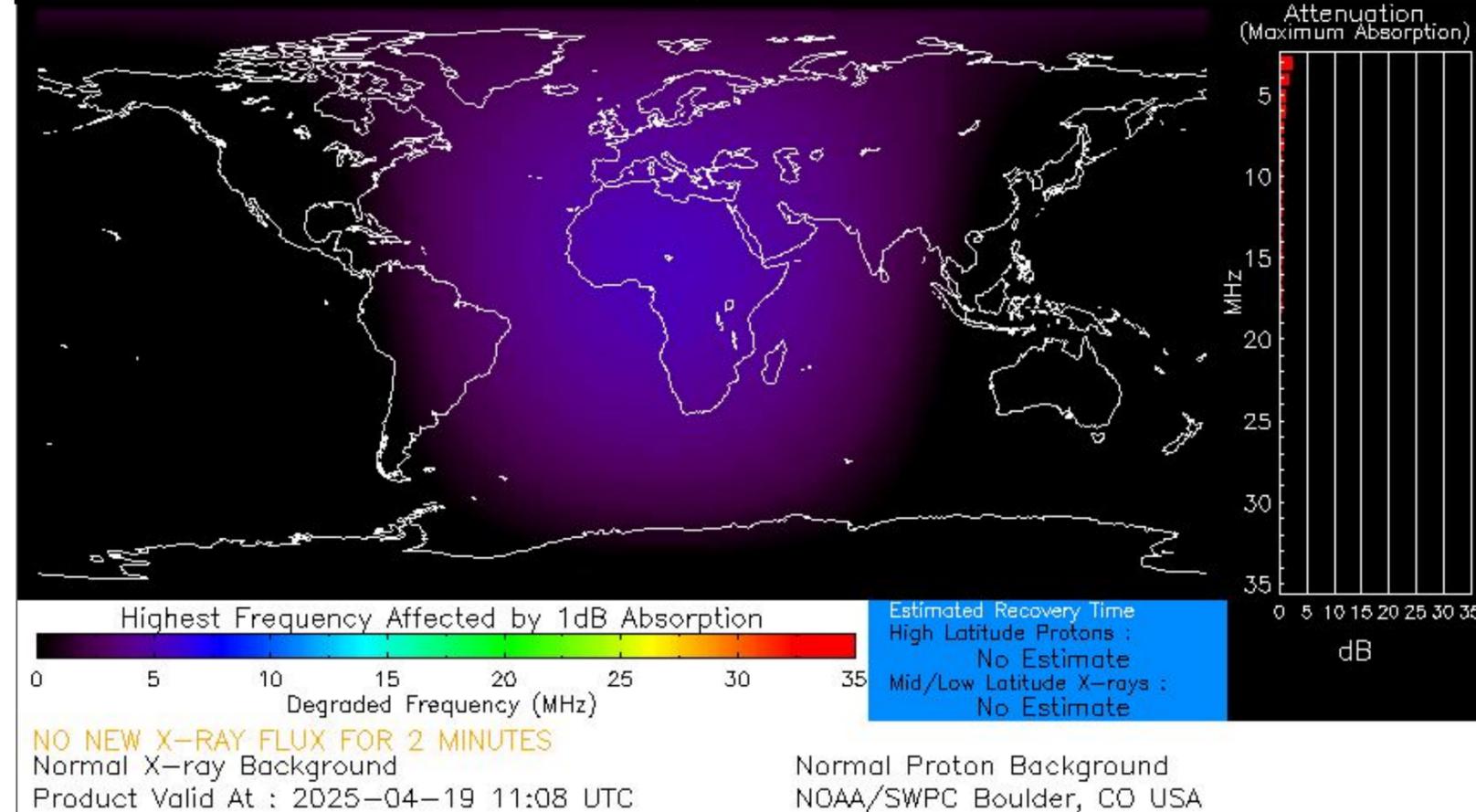
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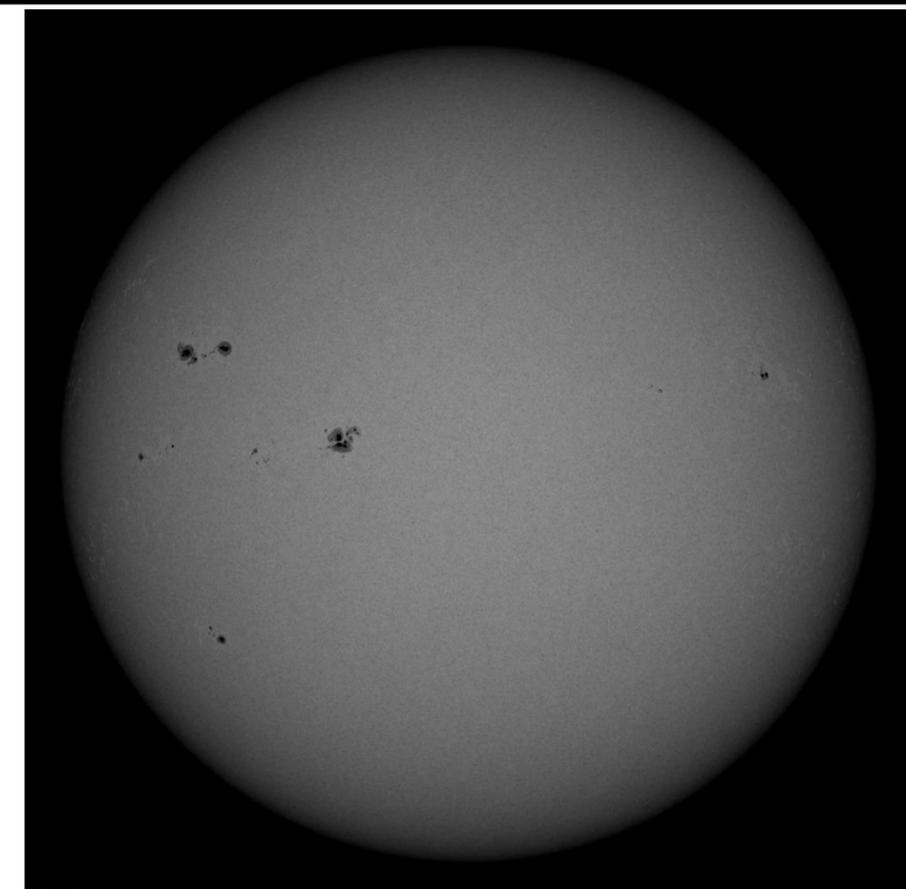
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Apr 19	Sunday, Apr 20	Monday, Apr 21
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Minor (G1) (Max Kp = 5)	Moderate (G2) (Max Kp = 6)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



[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

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



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