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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**: Today, slight risk (level 2 of 5) over **W TX** and the **TX/OK Panhandles** with very large hail and damaging winds the main threats. Monday, slight risk (level 2 of 5) over **OK** and **NW TX** with very large hail and damaging winds the main threats. Tuesday, slight risk (level 2 of 5) over **N/NW TX, E OK, NW AR**. Wednesday, slight risk (level 2 of 5) over **N TX**.
- **Flash Flooding**: Monday, marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over **OK** and **NW TX**. Tuesday, slight risk (level 2 of 4) over **OK, NW TX, NW** and Wednesday, slight risk (level 2 of 4) over **E/S OK, N/NE TX** and **W AR**.
- **Fire Weather**: Today, critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather threat across **NM** and **W TX** with an elevated threat (level 1 of 3) over **NM** and far **W TX Mon/Tue**.
- **River Flooding**: Moderate river flooding over **AR** persists the next 7 days with isolated major flooding in **SE LA**, cresting late next week. Isolated moderate to major river flooding in **SW OK** through Tuesday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Apr 27	Monday, Apr 28	Tuesday, Apr 29	Wednesday, Apr 30	Thursday, May 1	Friday, May 2	Saturday, May 3
Severe Storms	TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	OK, NW TX	OK, N/NW TX, N AR	NTX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		OK , NW TX	OK, NW TX, NW AR	E/S OK, N/NE TX, W AR			
Fire Weather	NM, Far W TX	NM, Far W TX	NM, Far W TX				
Winter							
River Flooding	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
	SW OK, LA	SW OK, LA	SW OK, LA	LA	LA	LA	LA

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

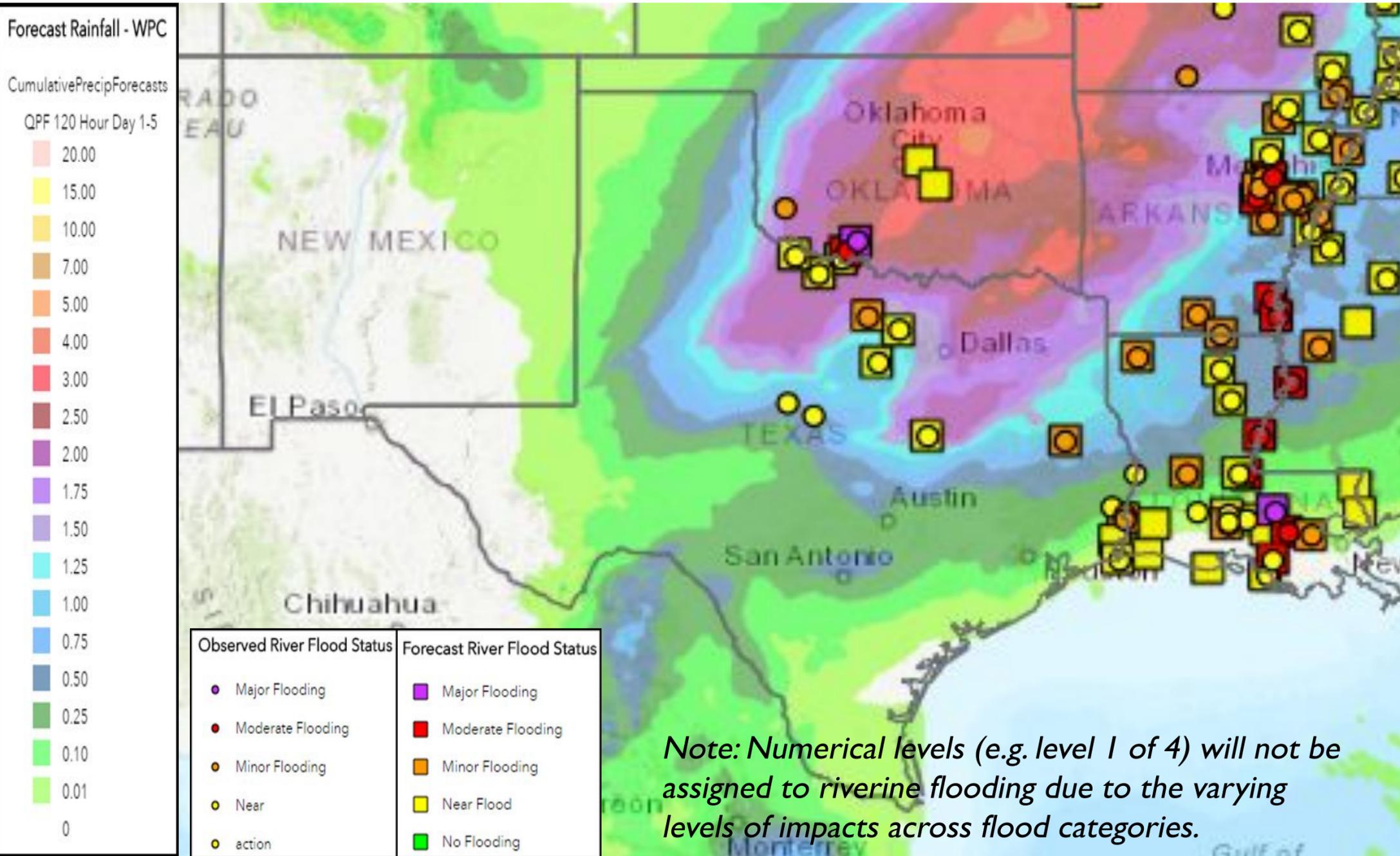
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

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

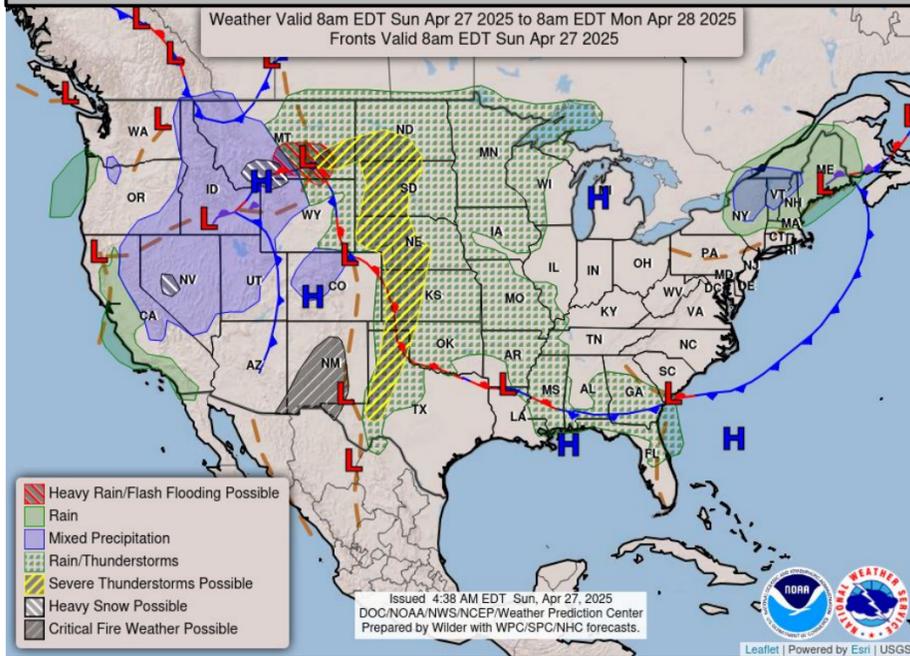


- **Moderate river flooding over AR through the next 7 days. Homes and roads/highways will be flooded.**
- **Isolated Major Flooding in SE LA crests Thursday, May 1st. Baton Rouge and the main LSU campus are protected by levees at this forecast level.**
- **Isolated moderate to major river flooding through Tuesday over SW OK will impact croplands and secondary roads.**

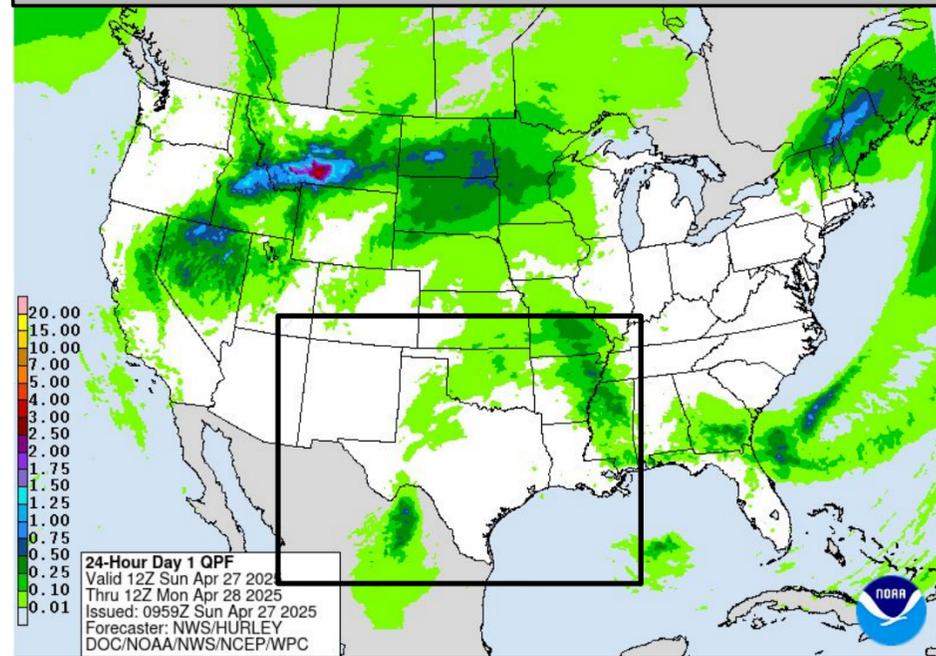


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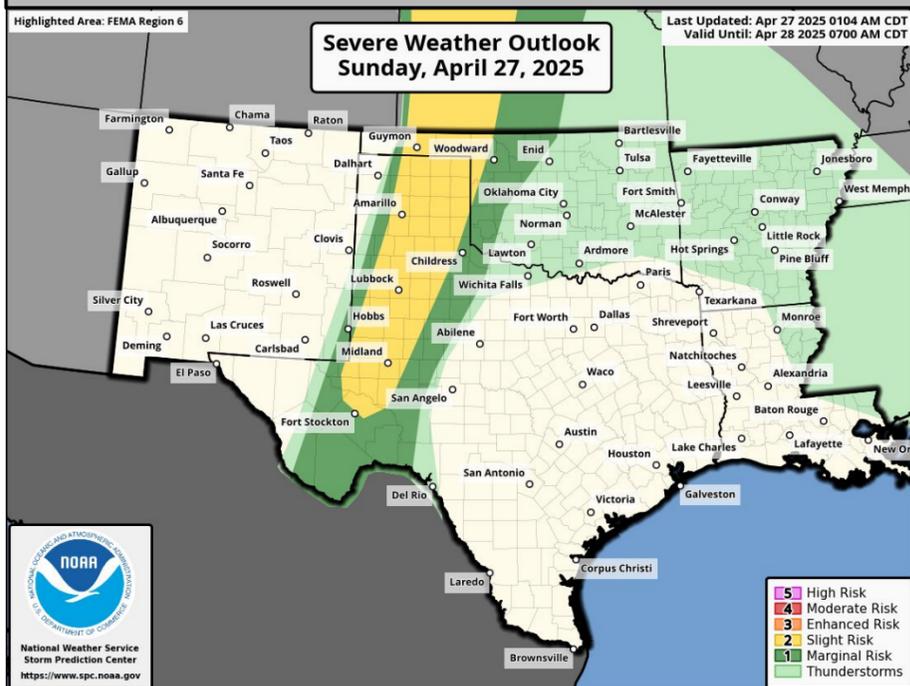
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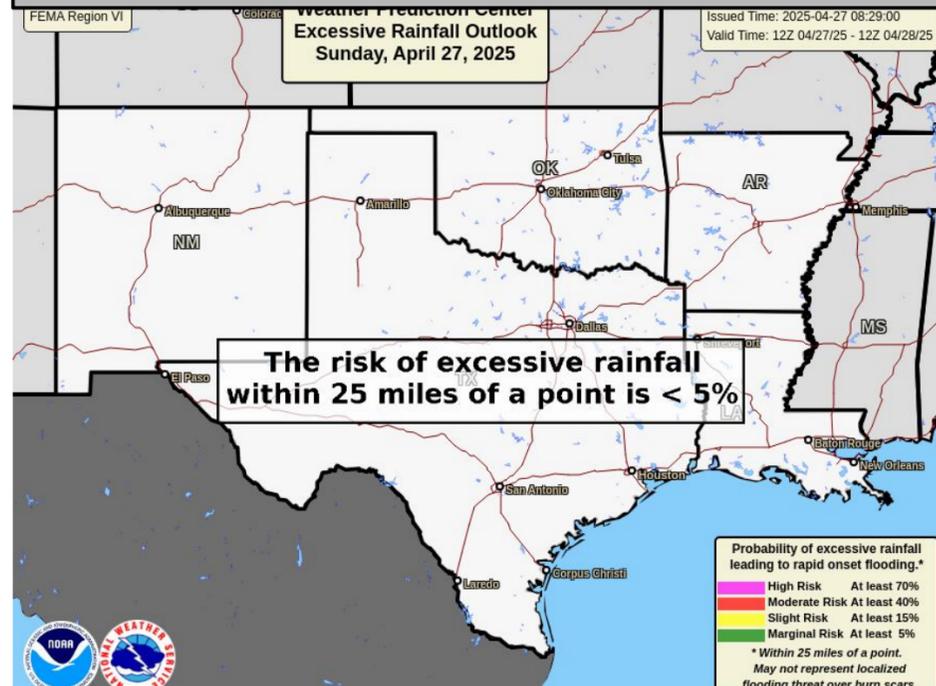
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

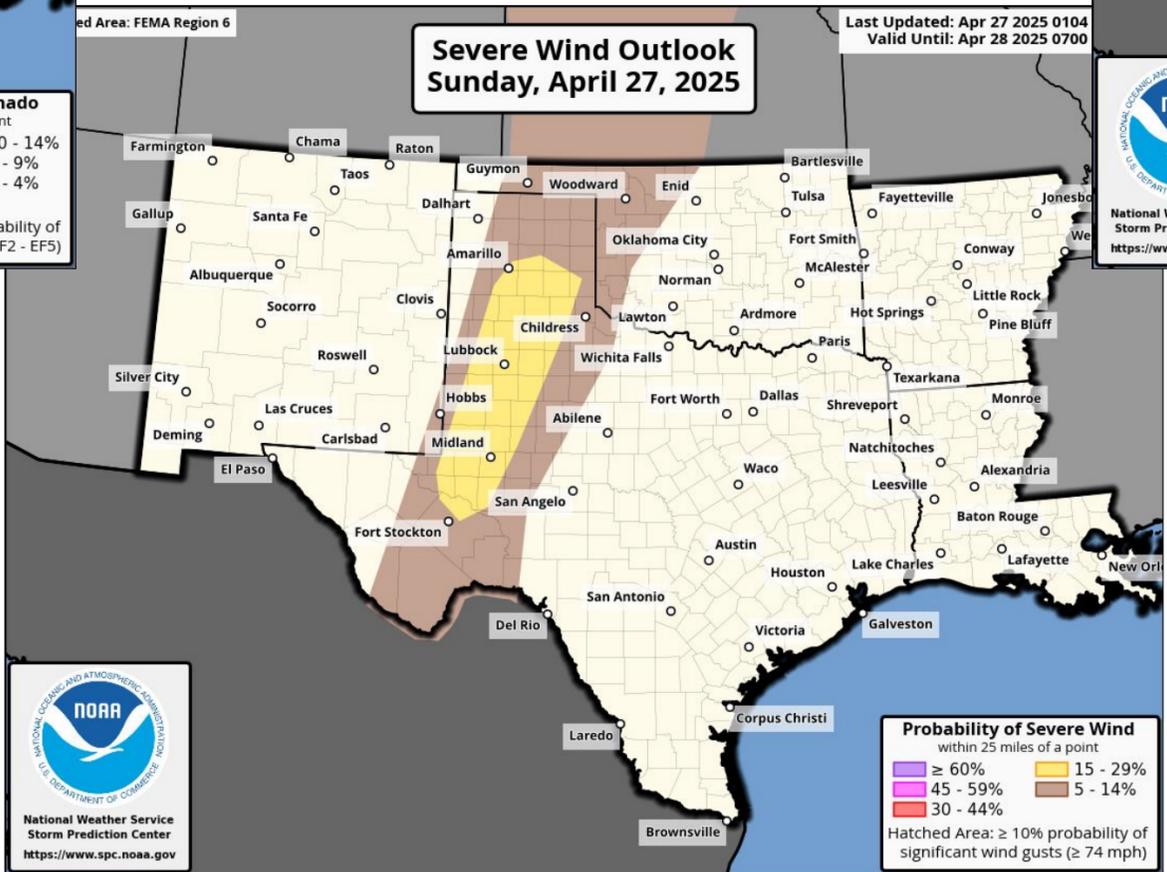
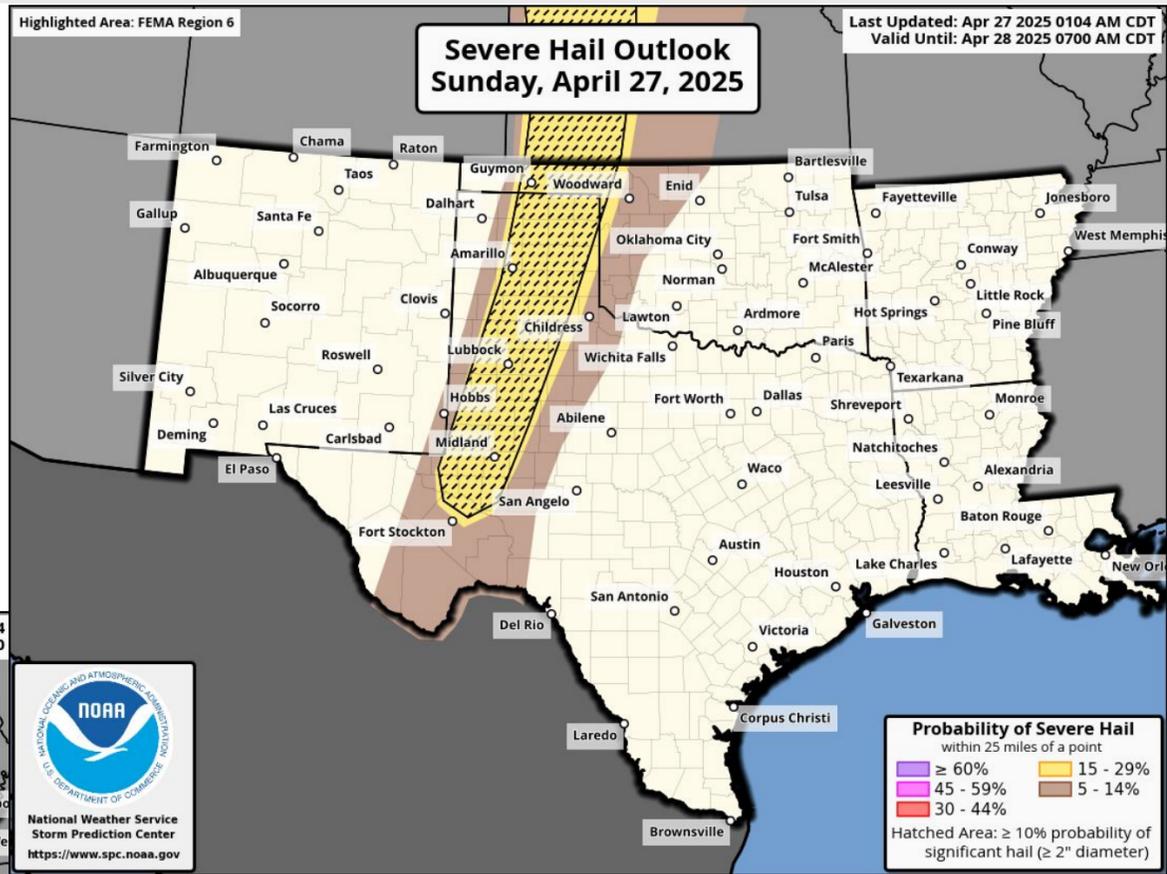
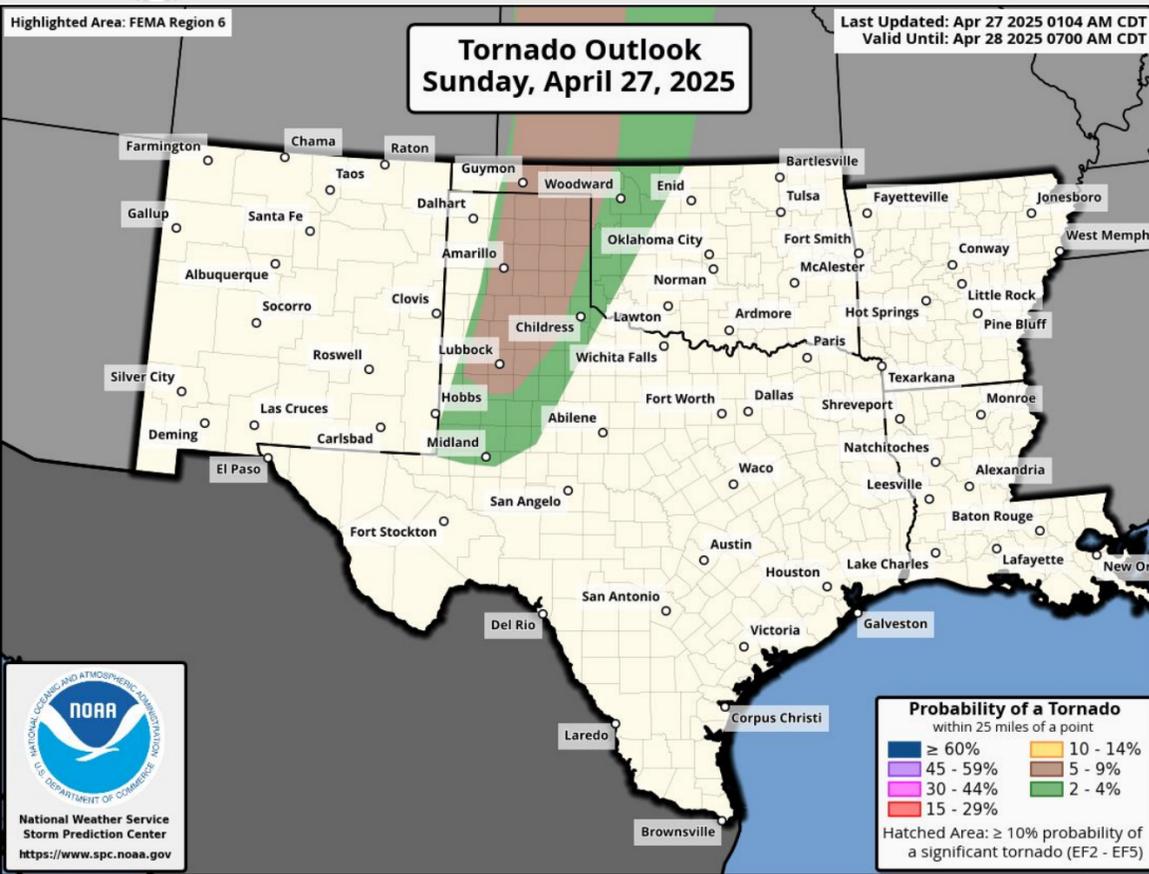


Critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather threat for NM, WTX.

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in WTX, TX/OK Panhandles with hail/damaging winds the main threats.

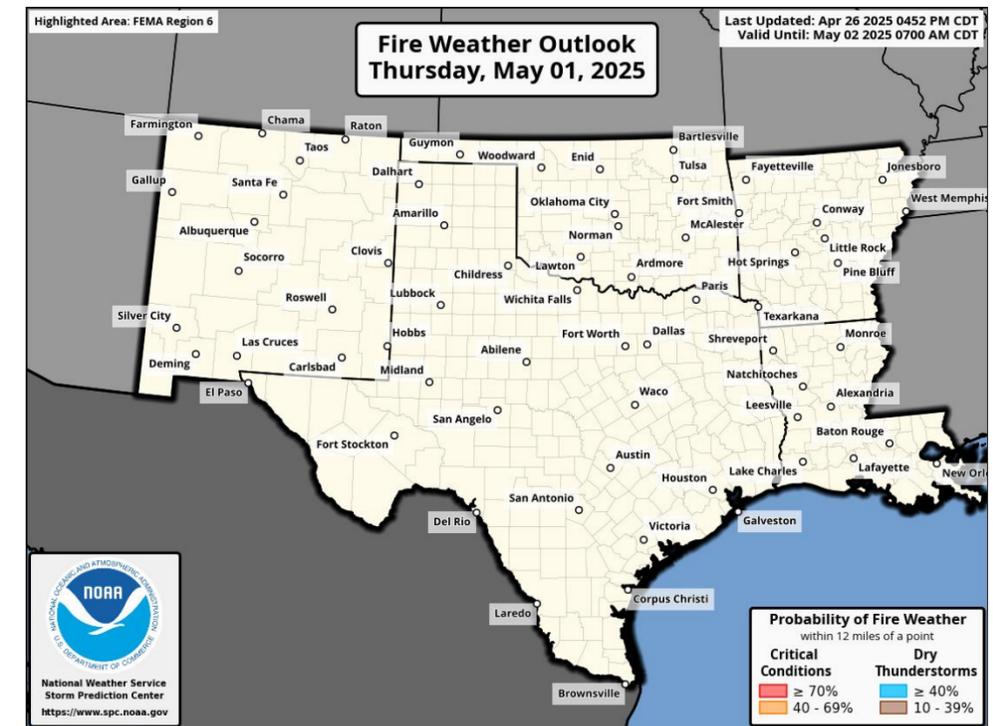
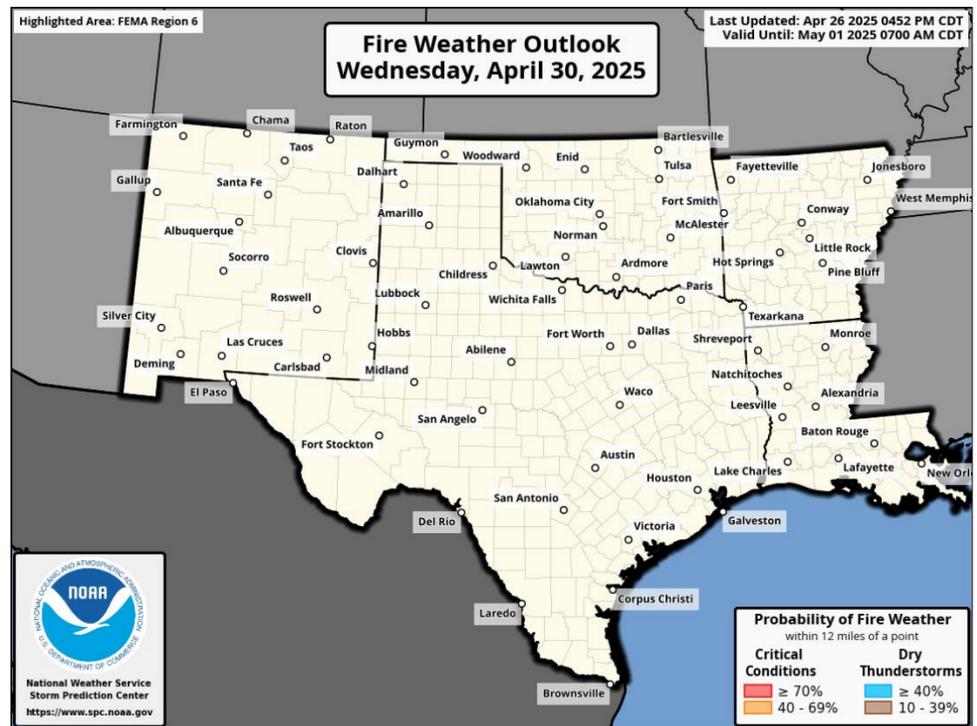
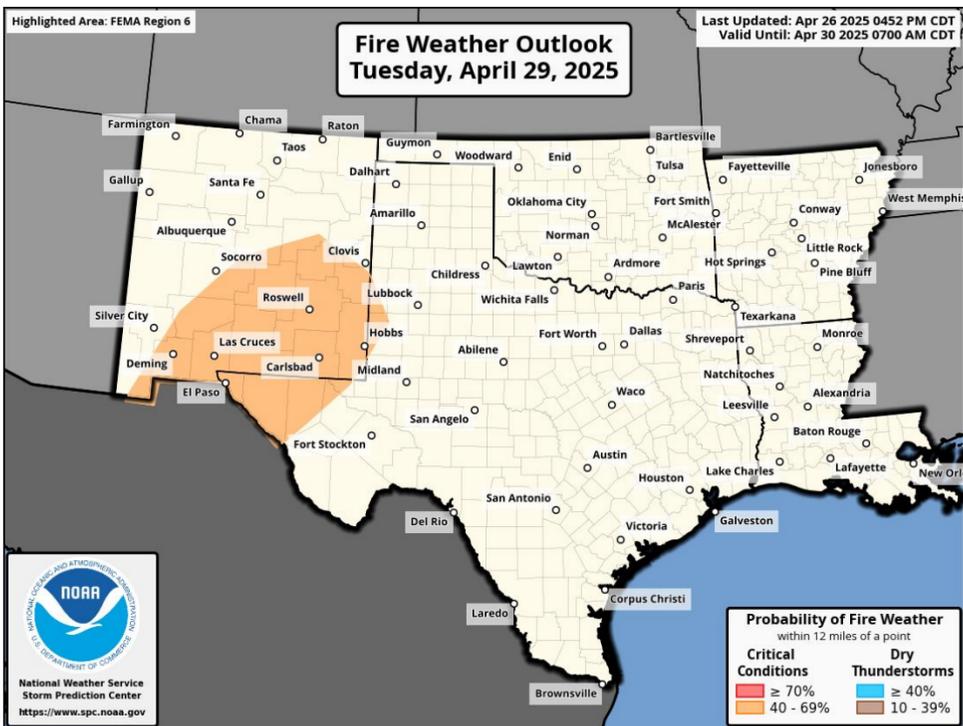
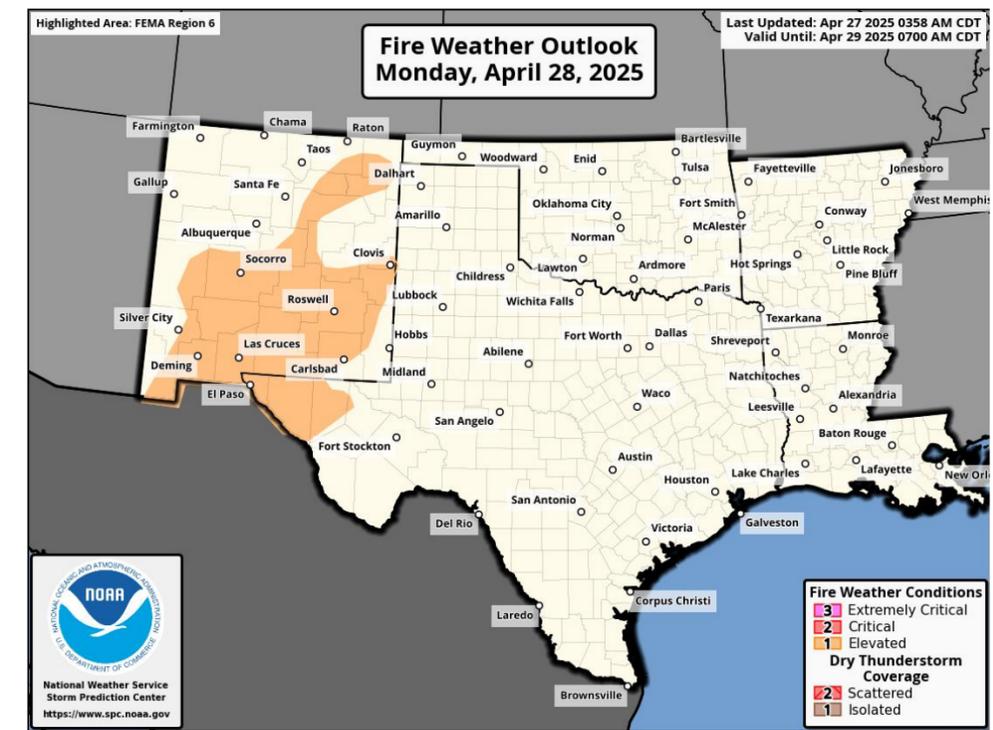
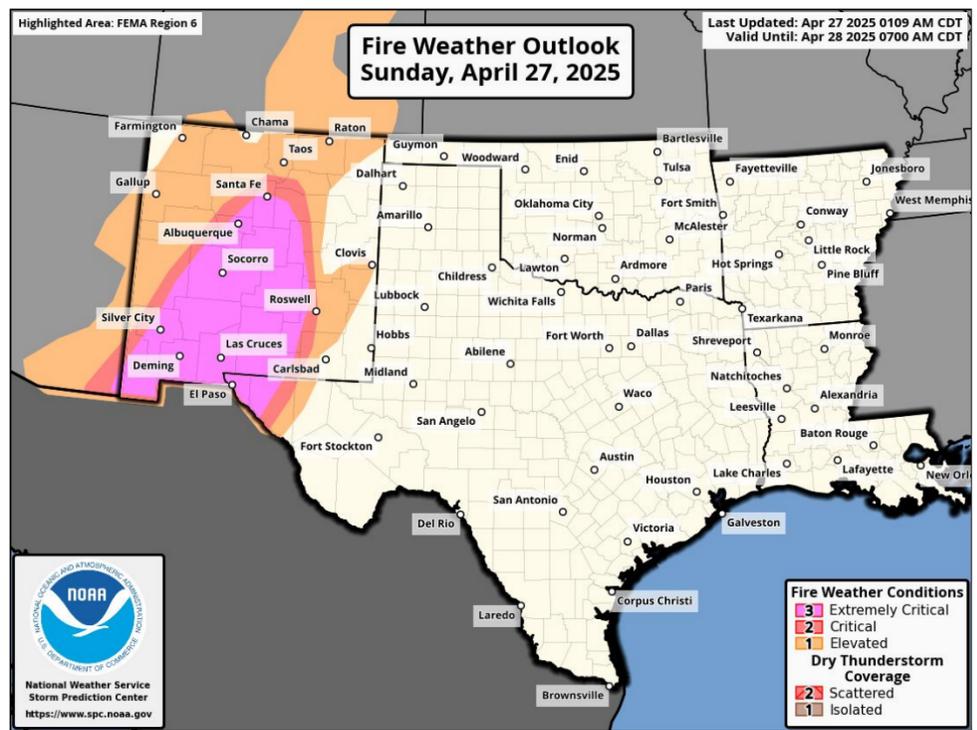
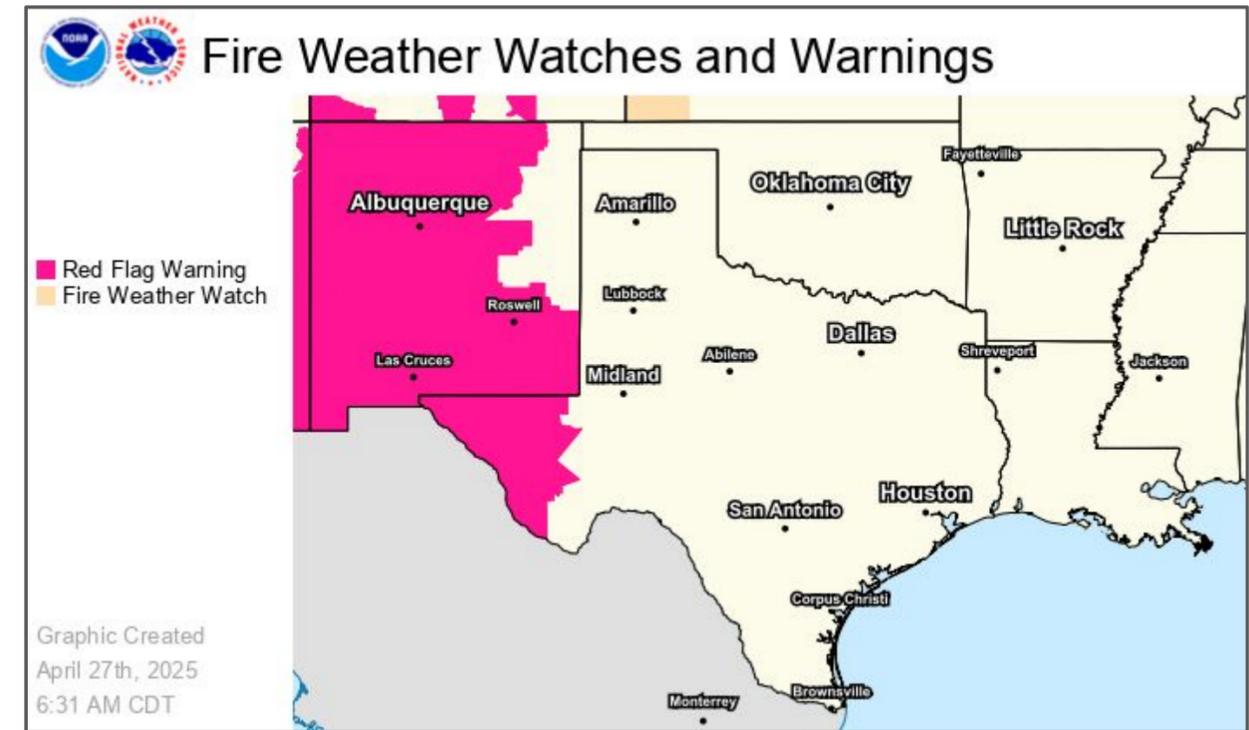


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





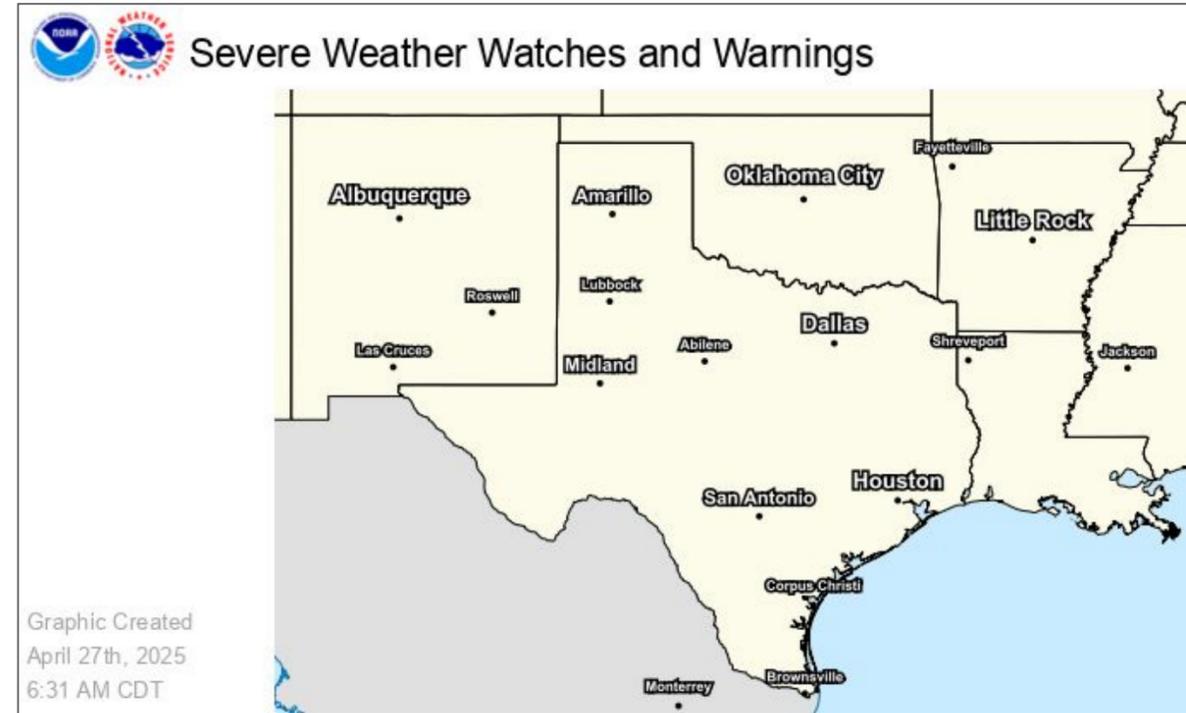
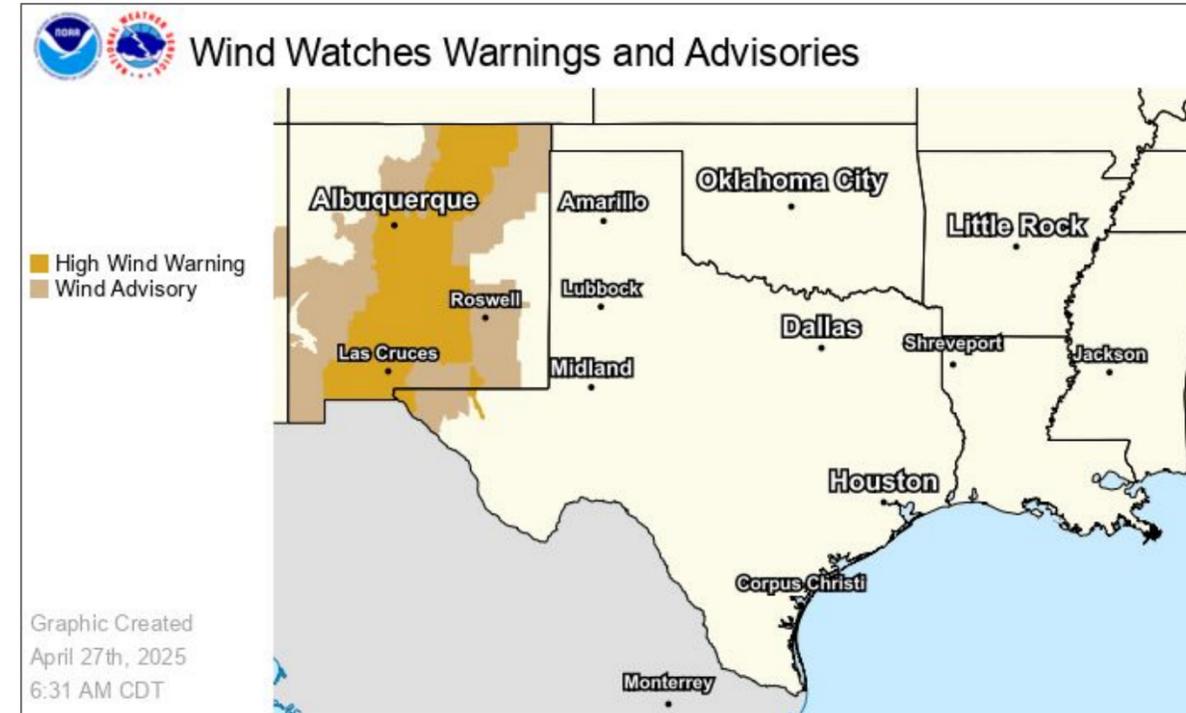
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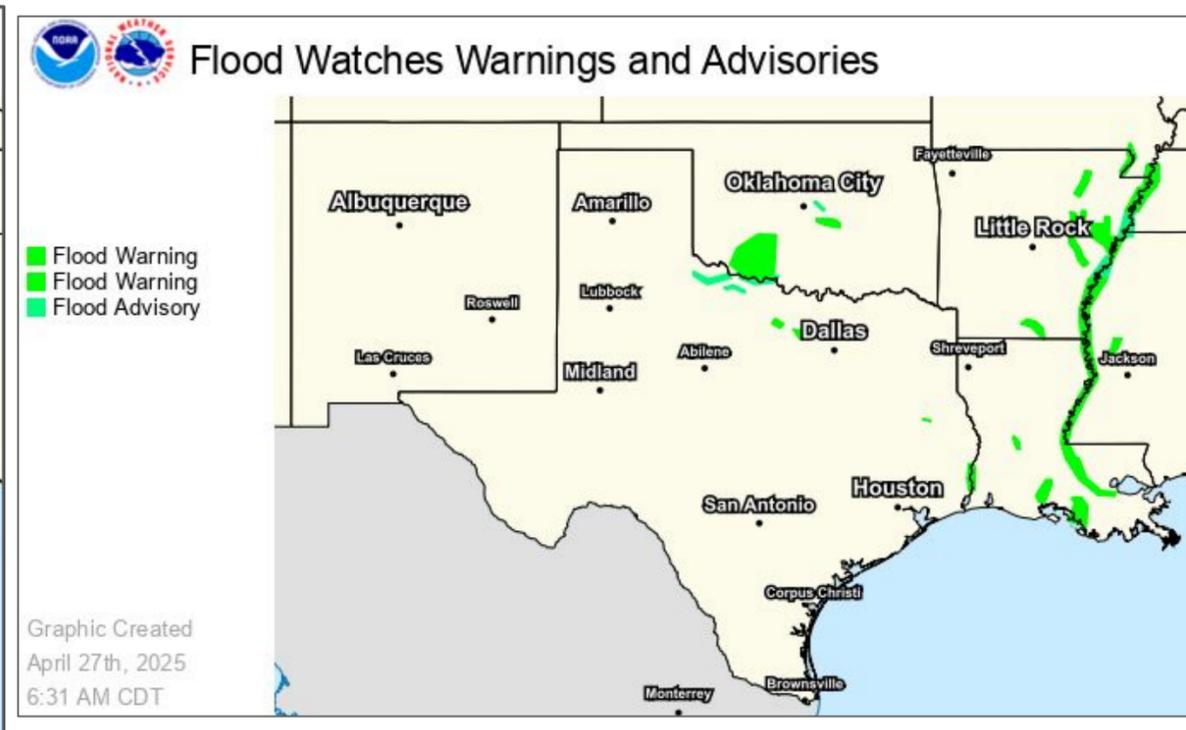
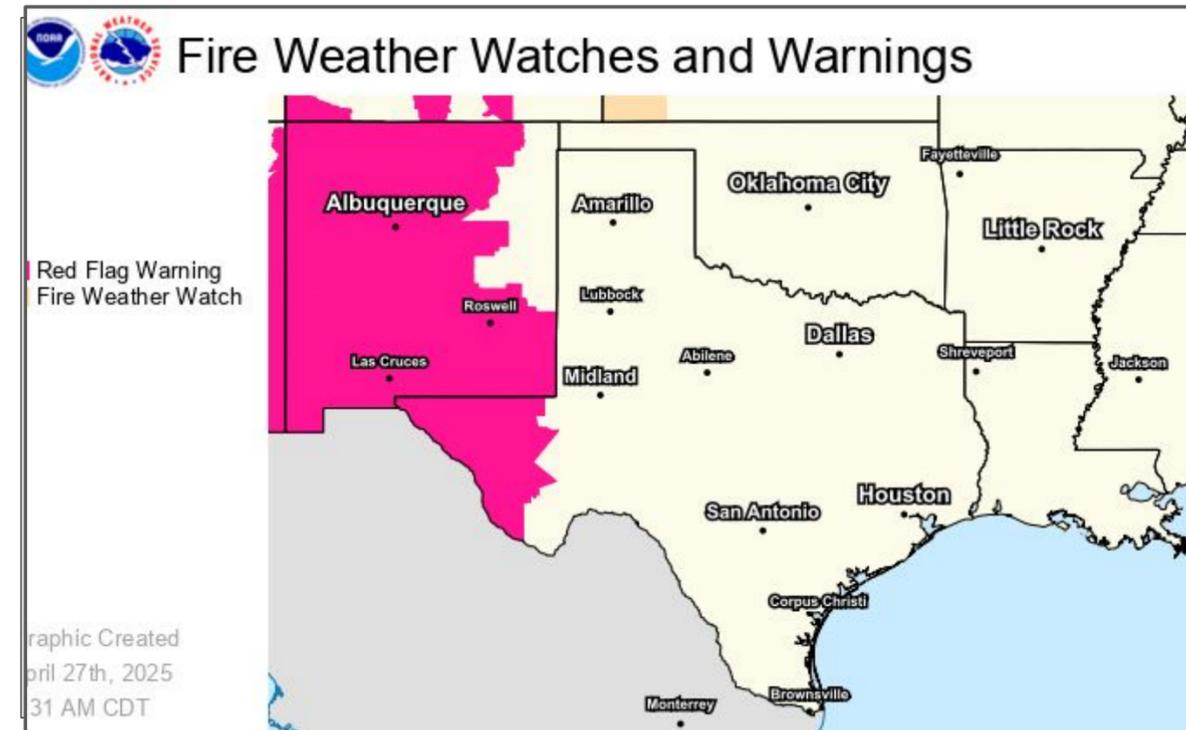
Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



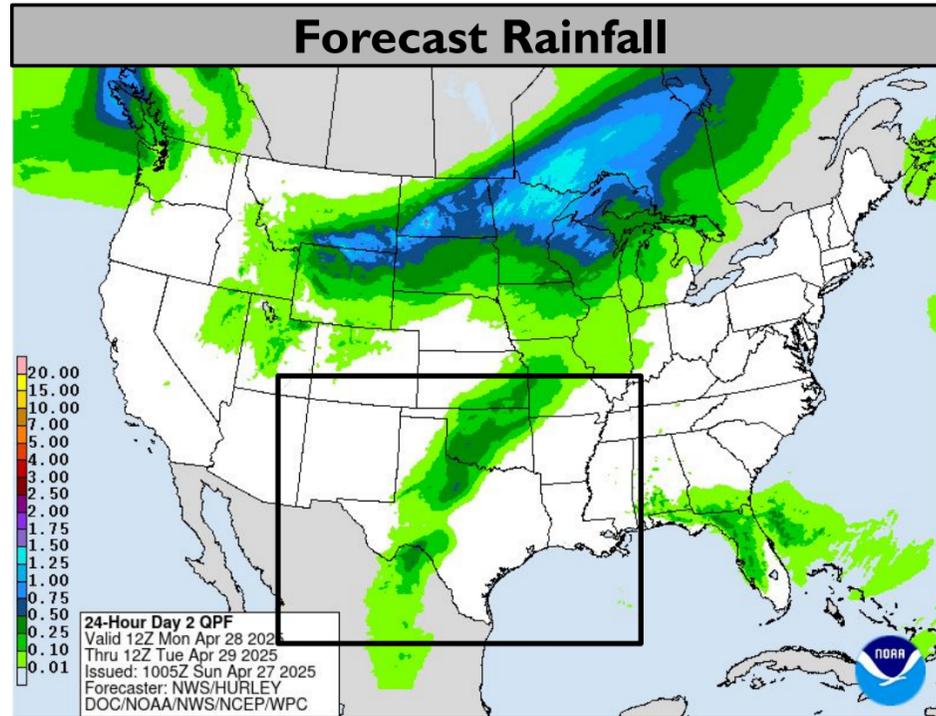
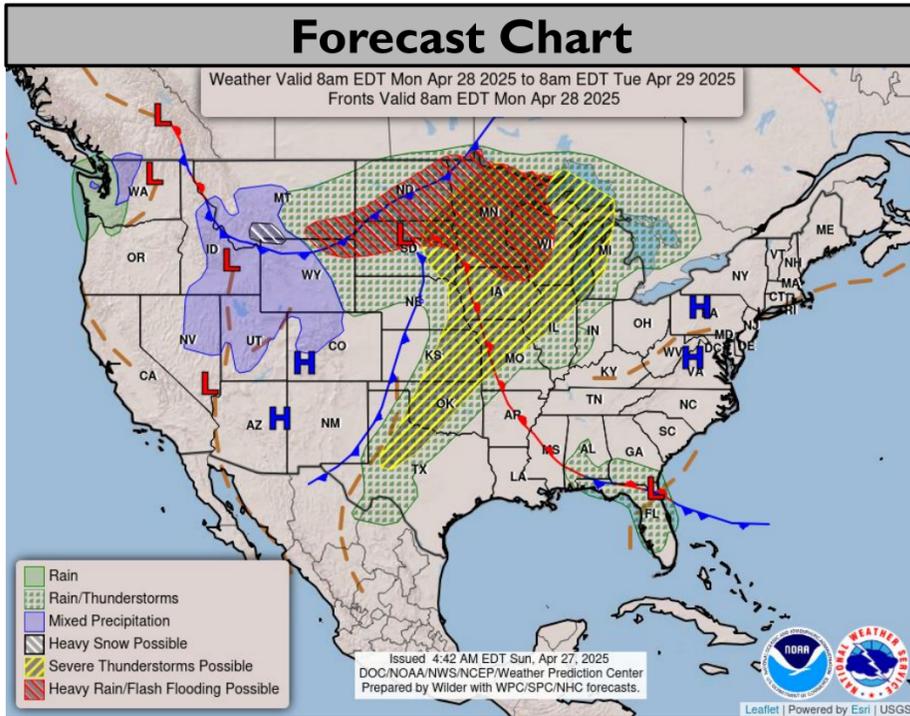
Red Flag Warning NM/W TX late morning to late evening Sunday.

High Wind Warning Sunday afternoon for much of NM. Gusts up to 60 mph may cause issues with blowing dust.



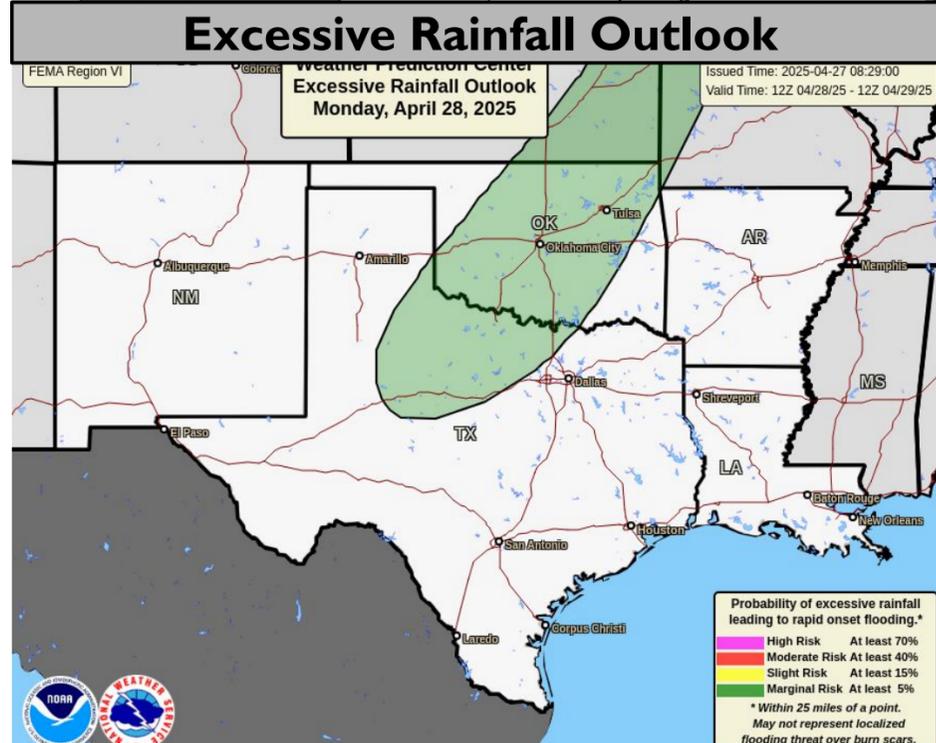
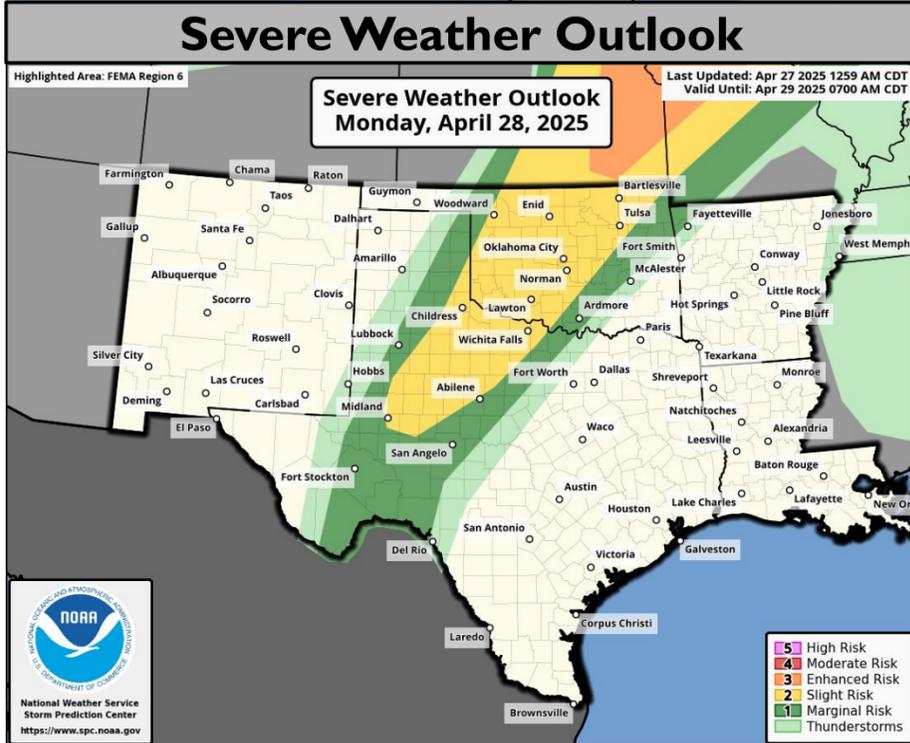


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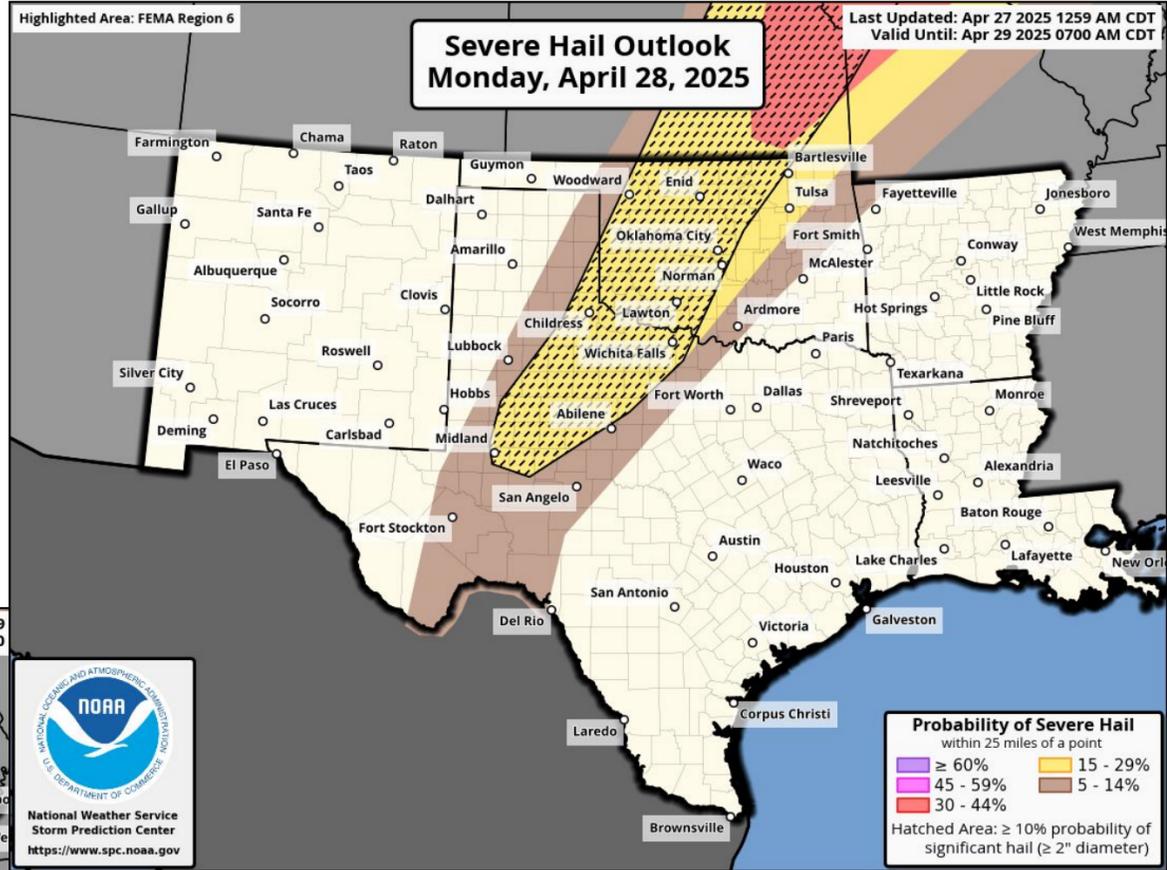
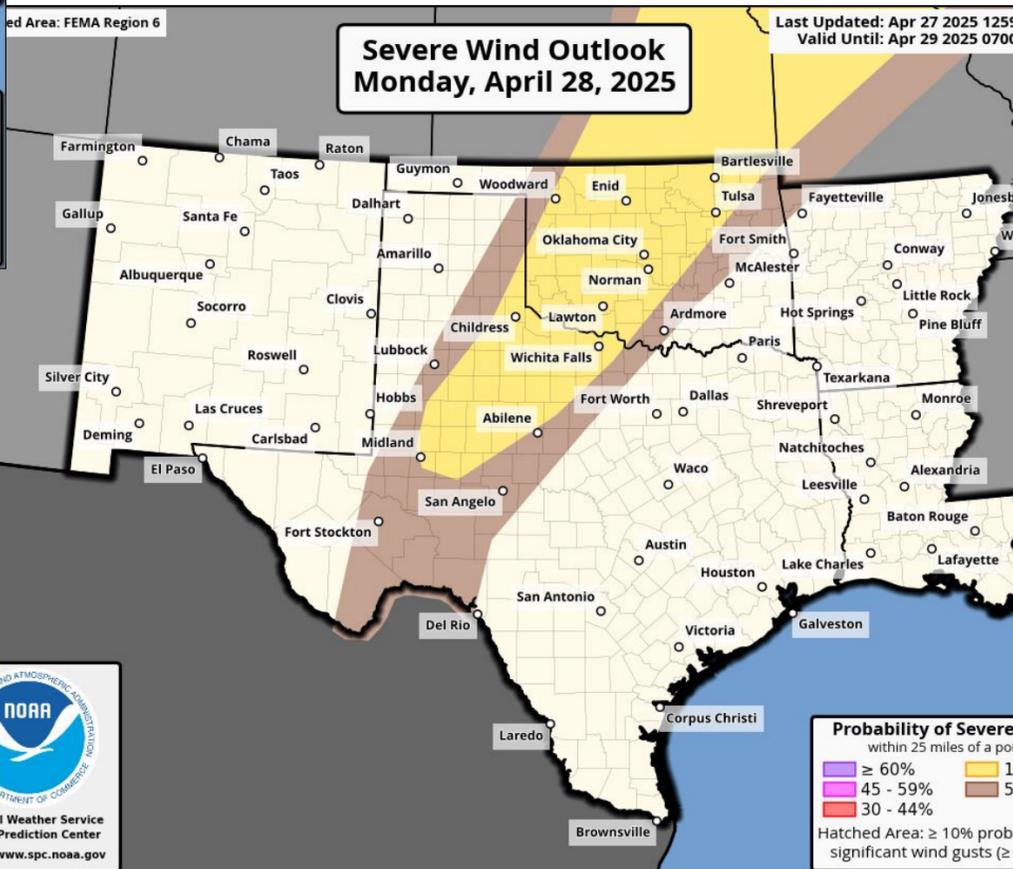
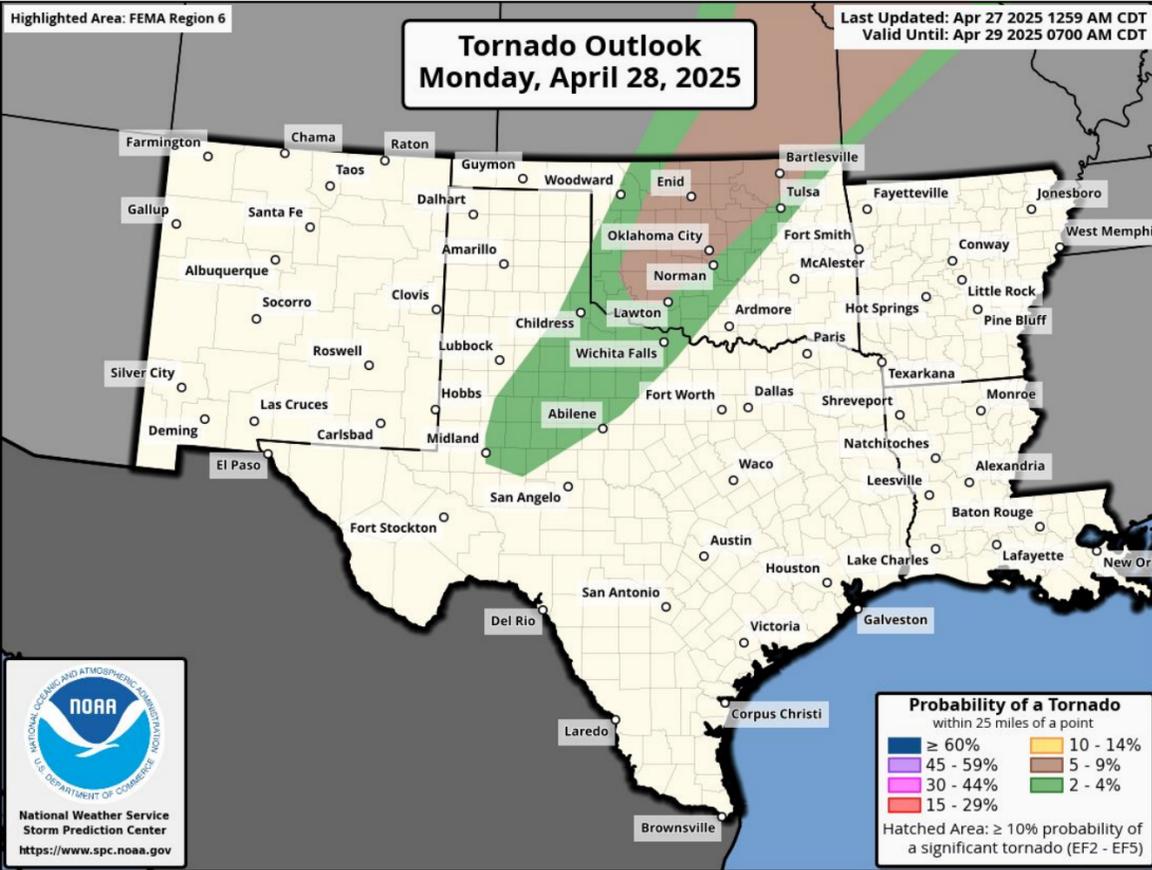
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Marginal risk for flash flooding (level 1 of 4) over OK and NW TX.





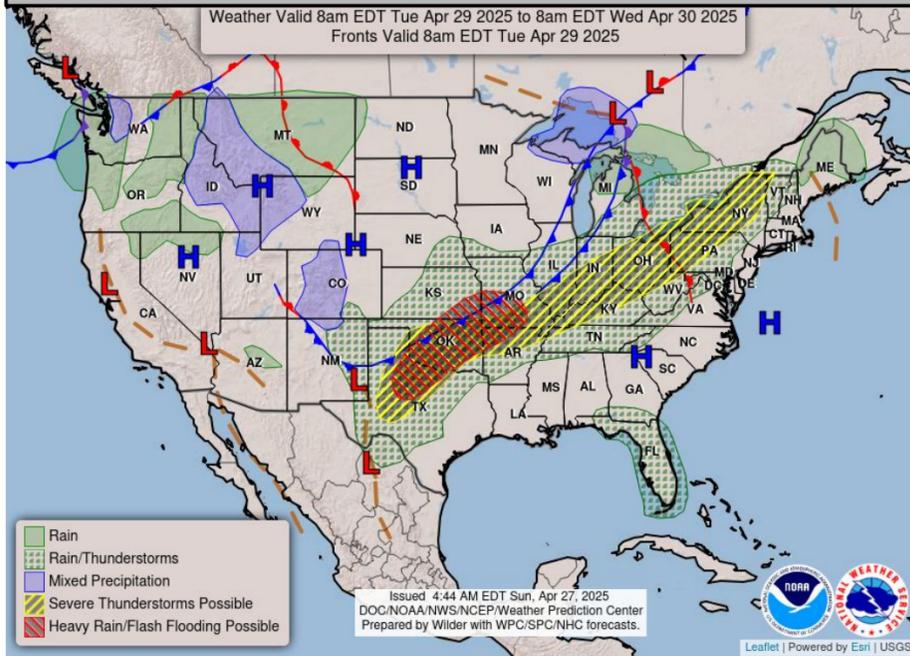
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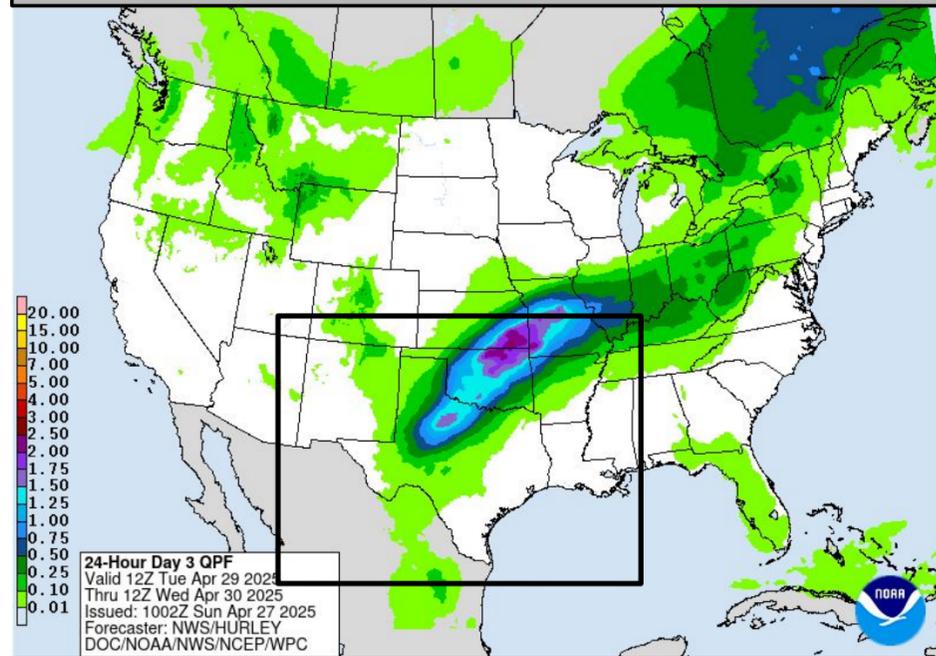


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



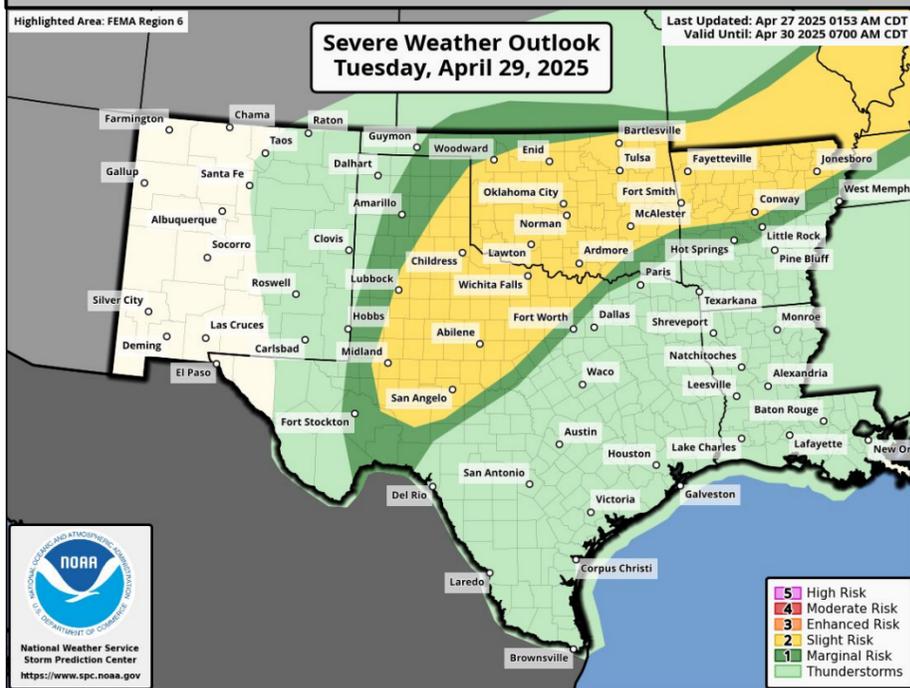
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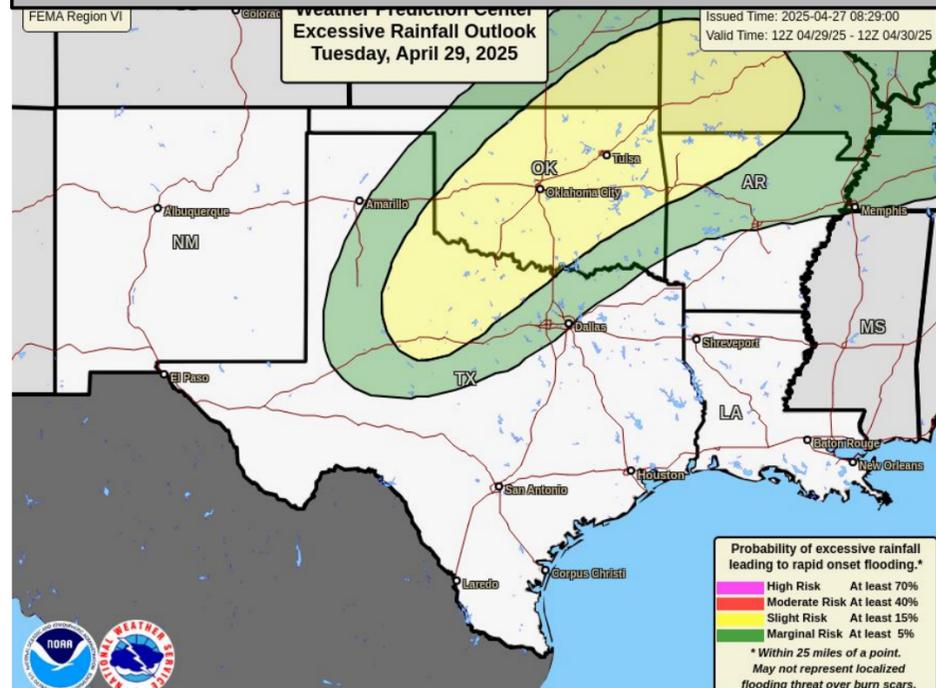
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Severe Weather Outlook



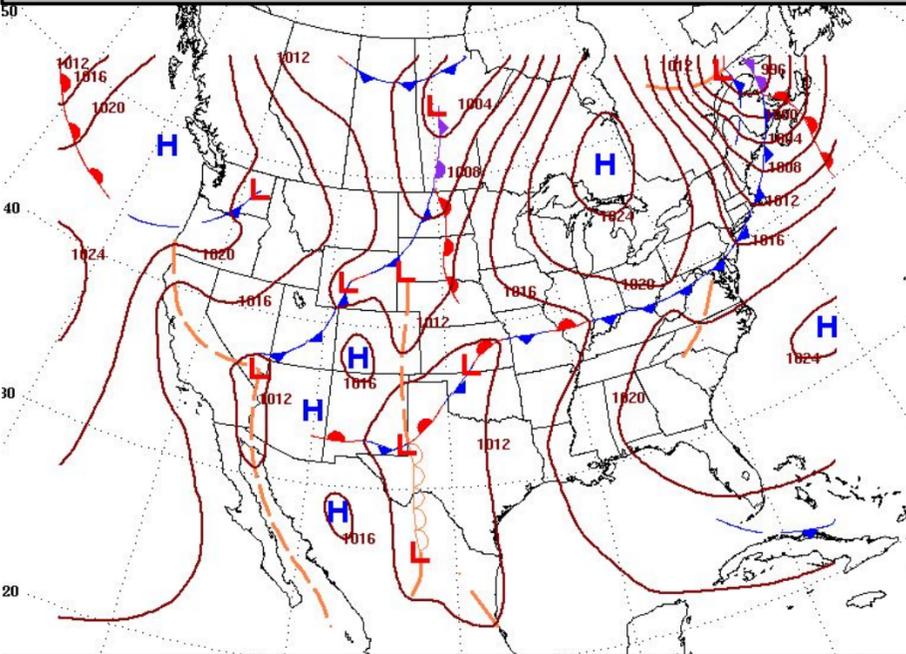
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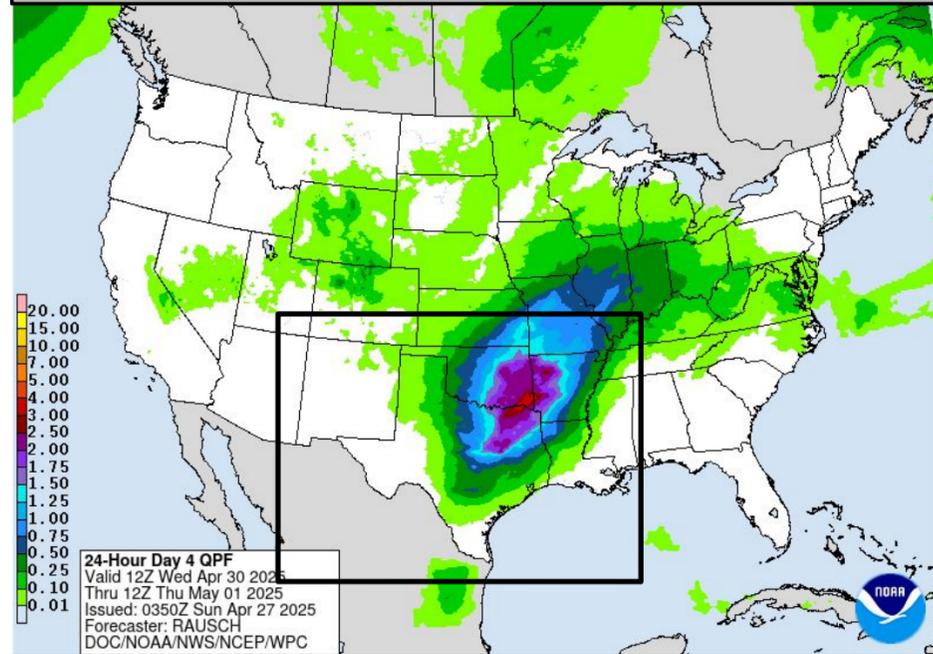


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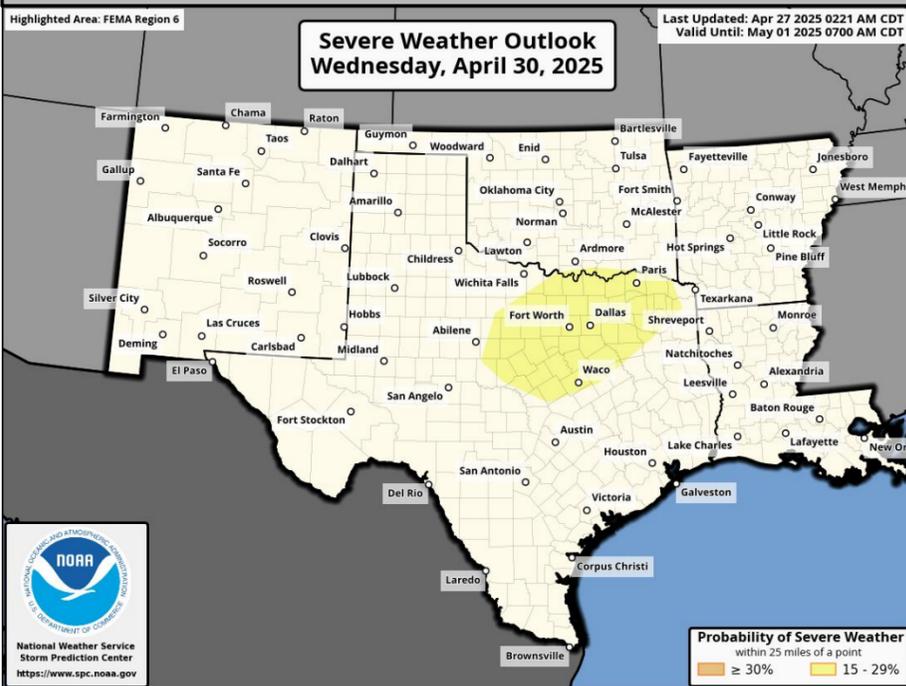
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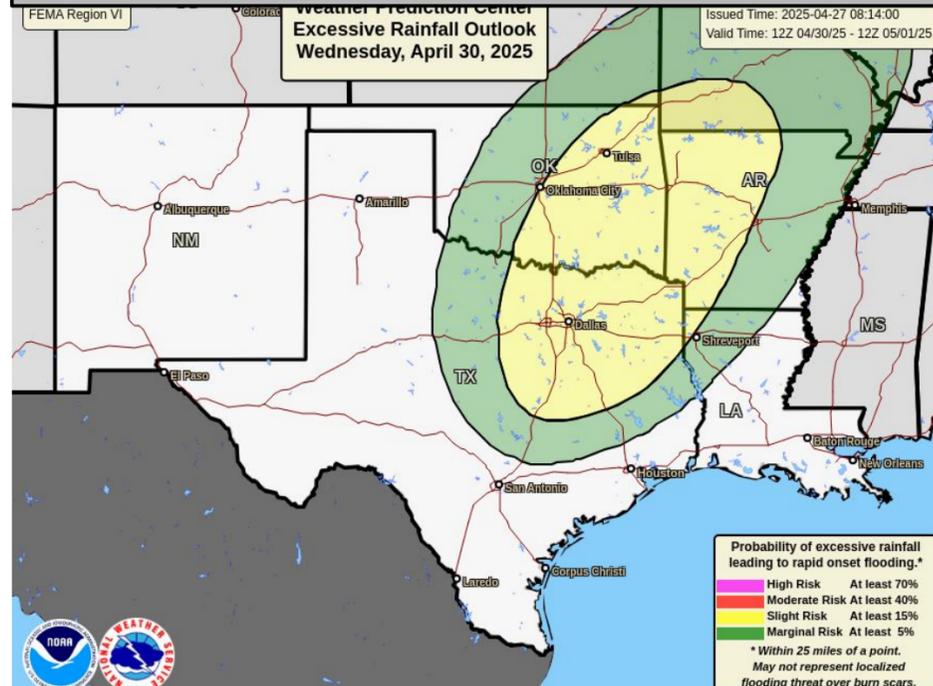
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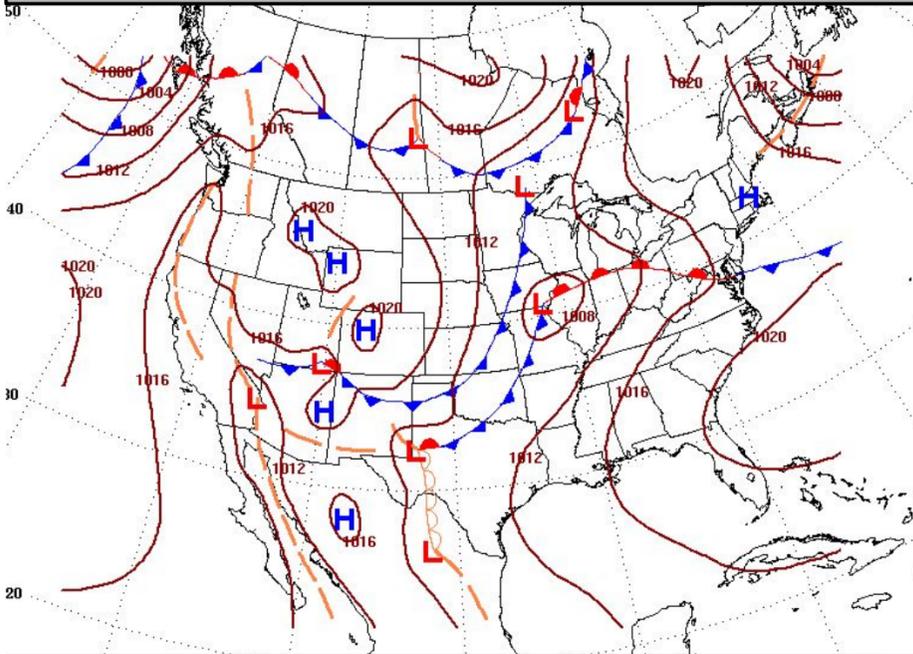
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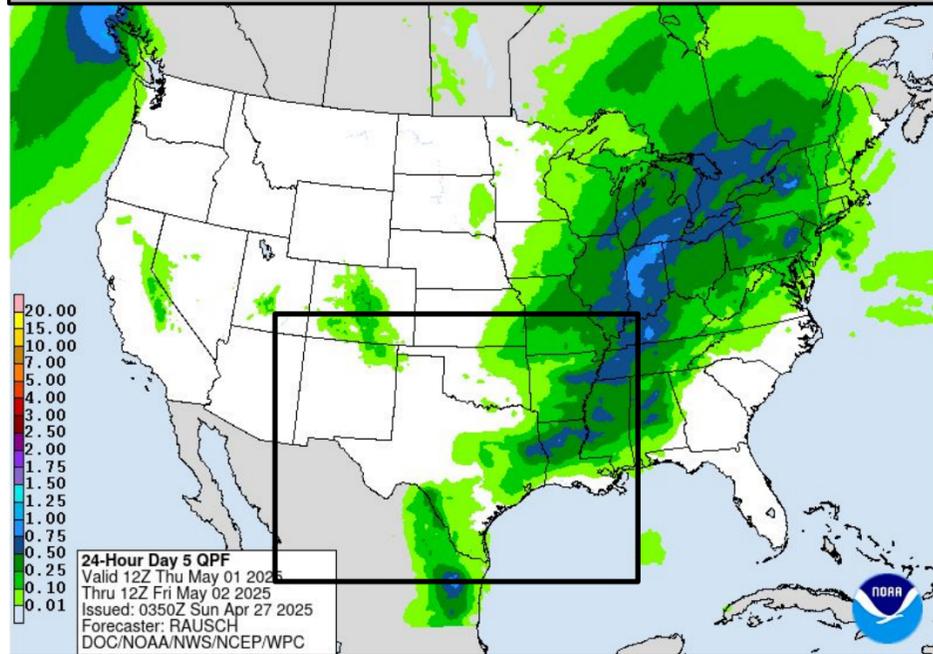


Thursday's Weather

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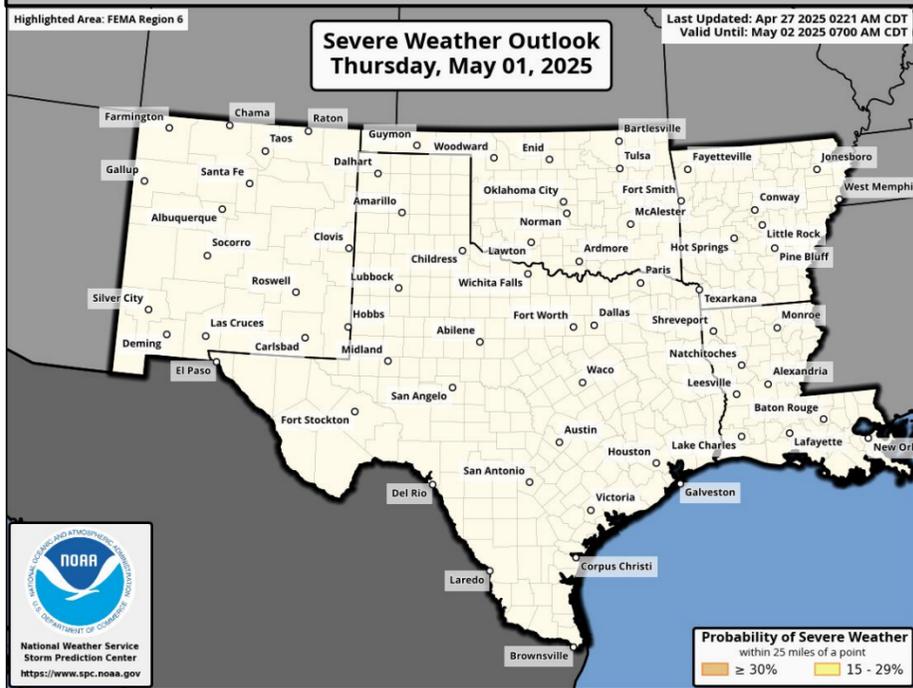


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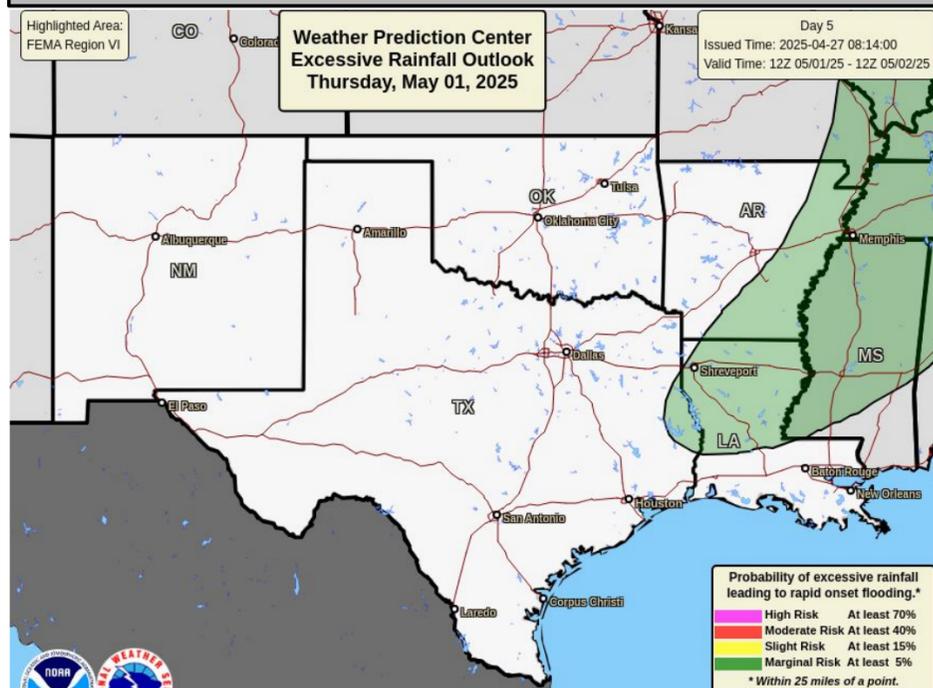


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Severe Weather Outlook



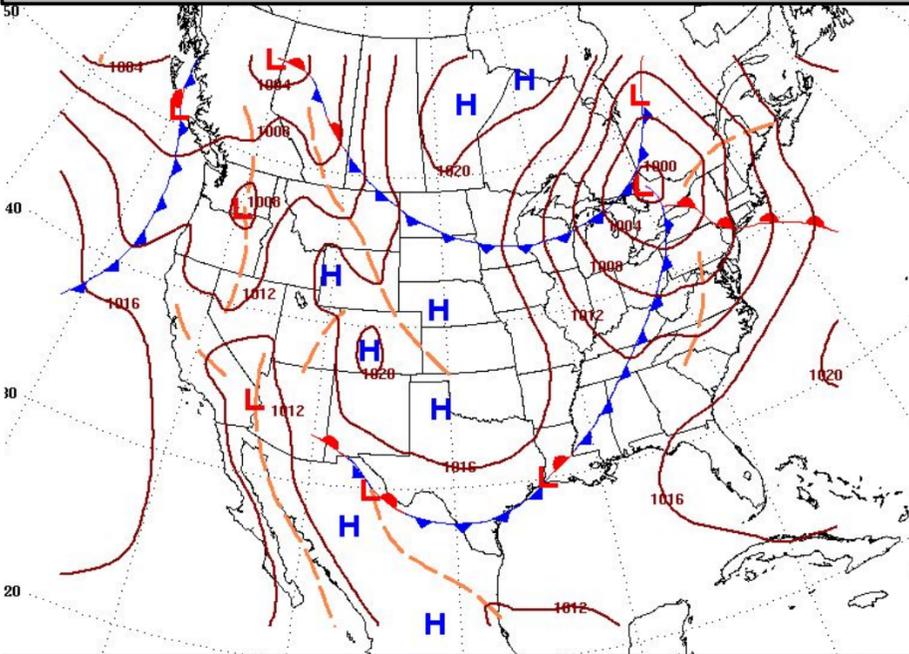
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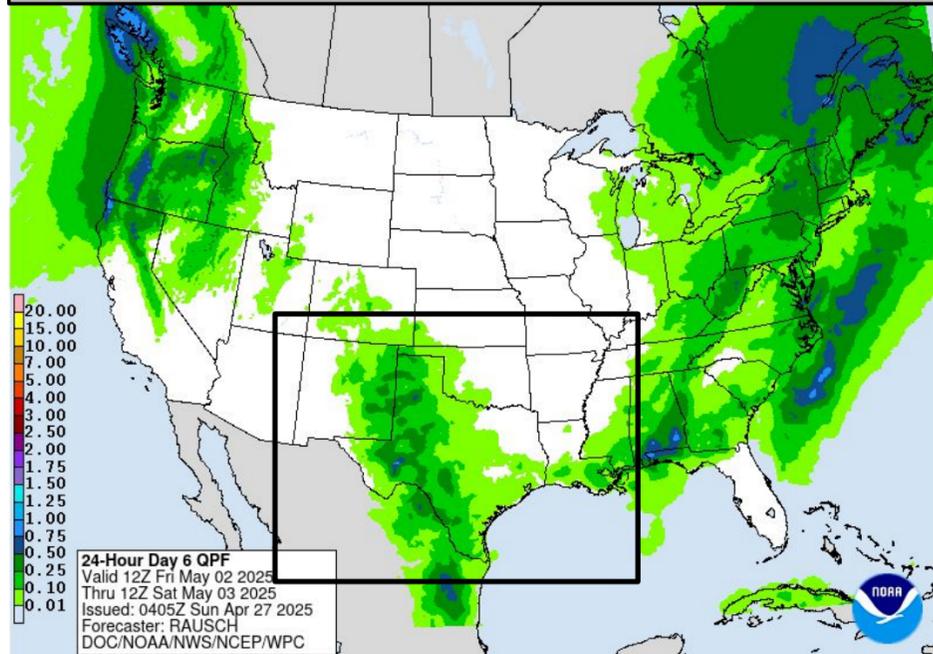


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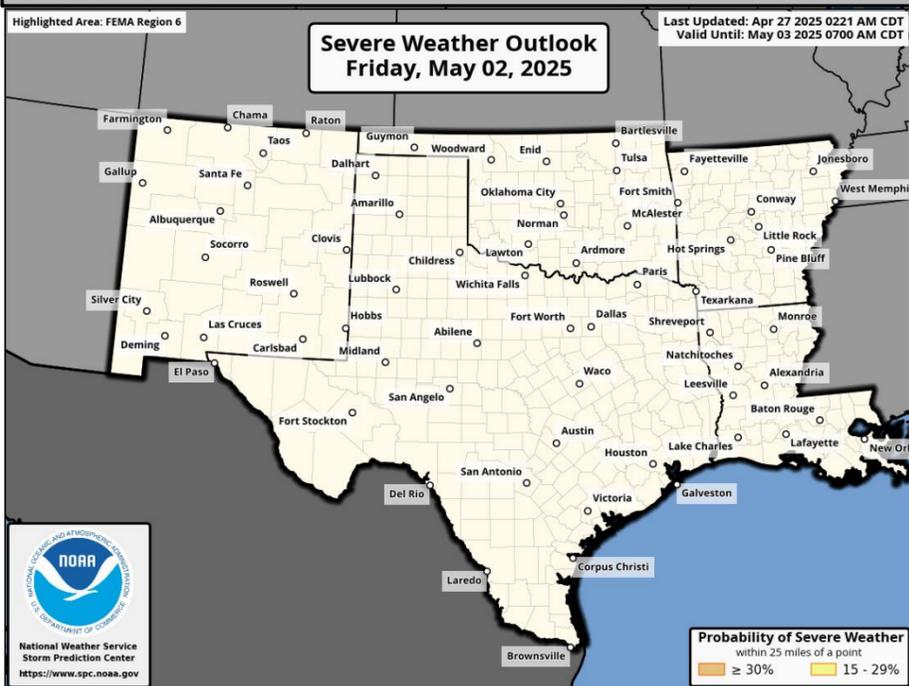


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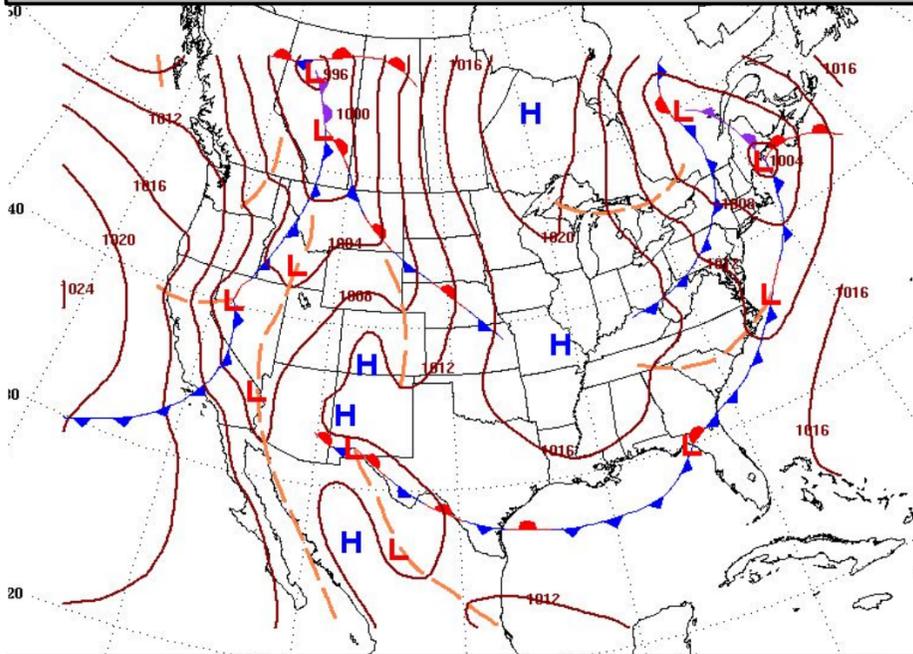


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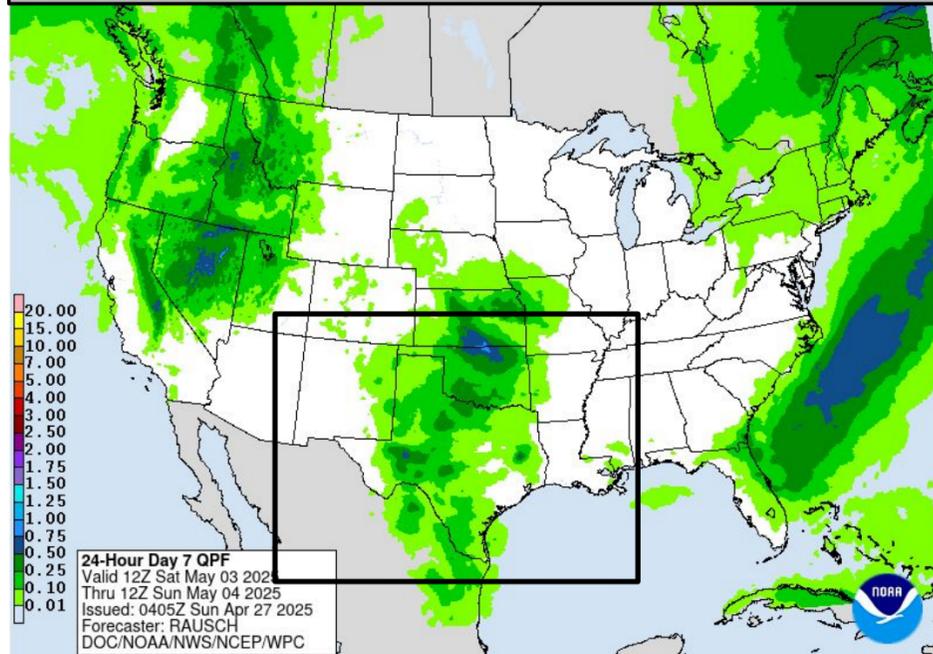


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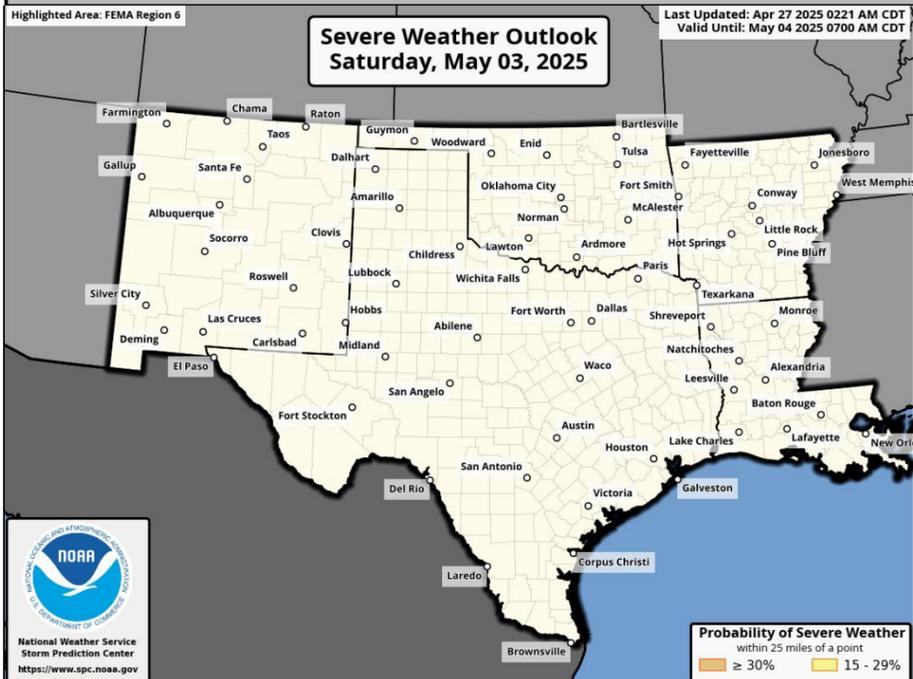


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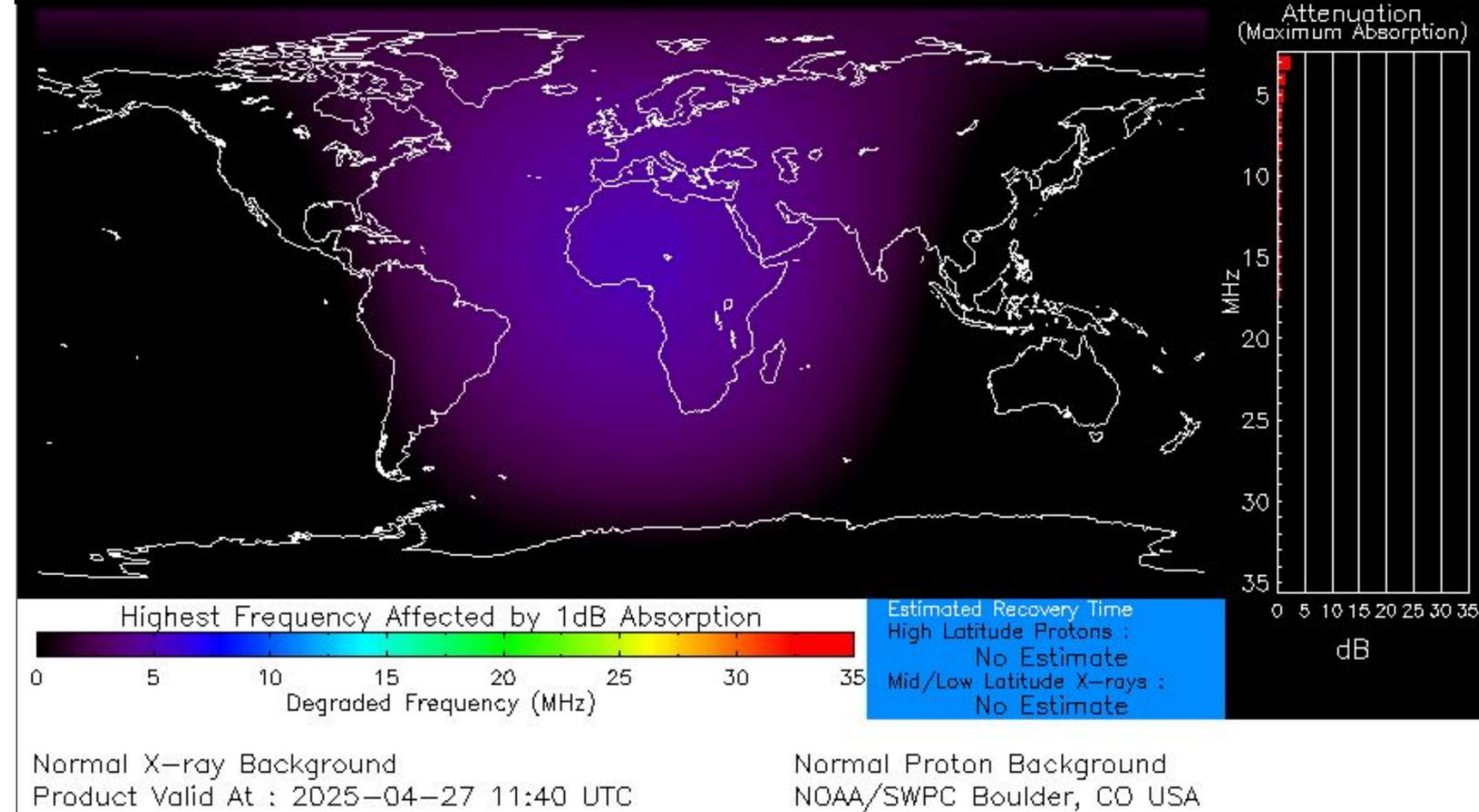
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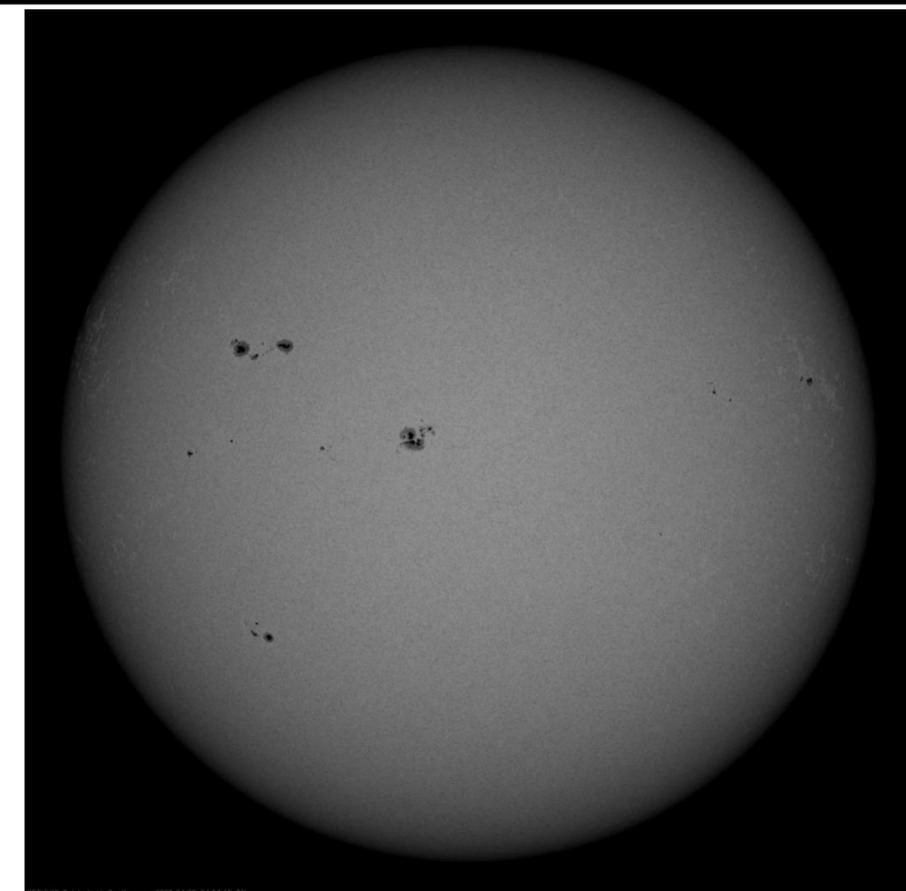
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Apr 27	Monday, Apr 28	Tuesday, Apr 29
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
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	<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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