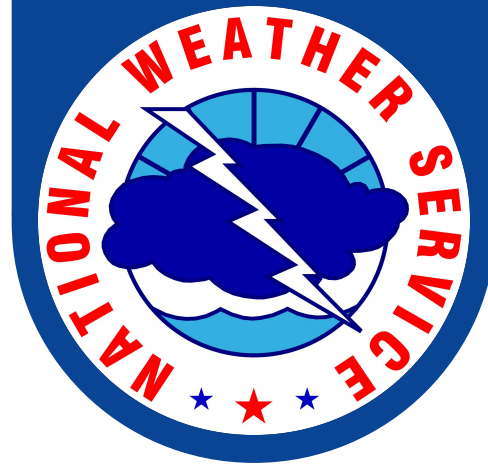




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*Mark Wiley*

# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Monday, March 30, 2026

**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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Dry lightning today in W NM may ignite new fires.**
- **Elevated threat (level 1 of 3) Monday over NM, W OK and the TX/OK Panhandles.**
- **Elevated threat Tuesday over E NM into the TX Panhandle and W TX.**
- **Elevated threat Wednesday over SE NM and W TX.**
- **Elevated threat Thursday/Friday over E NM, TX Panhandles and W TX.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Wednesday over E OK, W AR, N TX.**
- **Marginal risk Friday over OK, NW AR, N/NW TX.**
- **Marginal risk Saturday over N LA, AR, and N/NE TX.**

- **Severe Weather:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Tuesday over W OK, TX Panhandle, and NW TX.**
- **Marginal risk Wednesday over OK, N/NW TX, NW AR**
- **Marginal risk Friday over W OK and NW TX.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Mar 30	Tuesday, Mar 31	Wednesday, Apr 1	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5
Severe Storms		W OK, TX Panhandle, NW TX	OK, N/NW TX, NW AR		W OK, NW TX		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			E OK, W AR, N TX		OK, N/NW TX, NW AR	AR, NE/E TX, N LA	
Heat							
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	E NM, TX Panhandle, W TX	SE NM, W TX	E NM, TX Panhandles, W TX	E NM, TX Panhandles, W TX		
River Flooding							

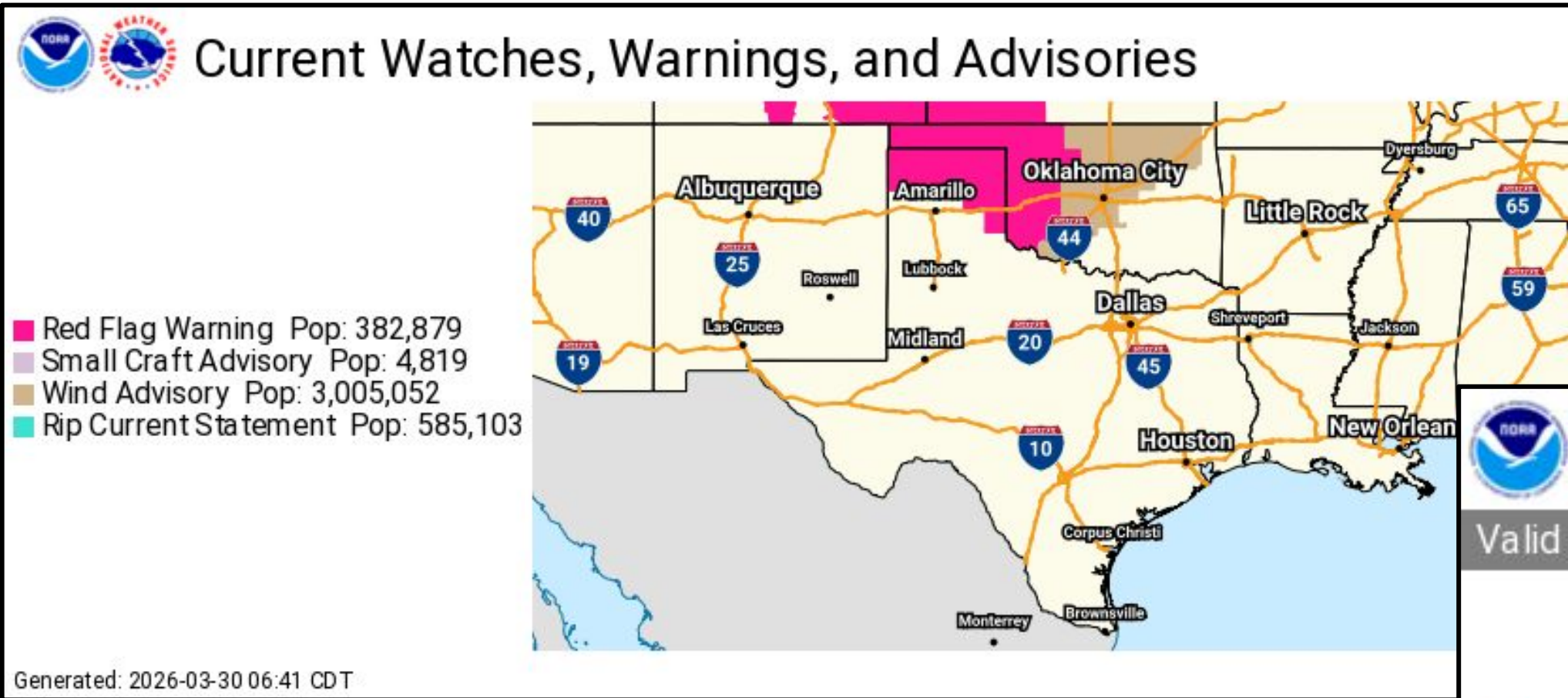
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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# Current Radar/Hazards



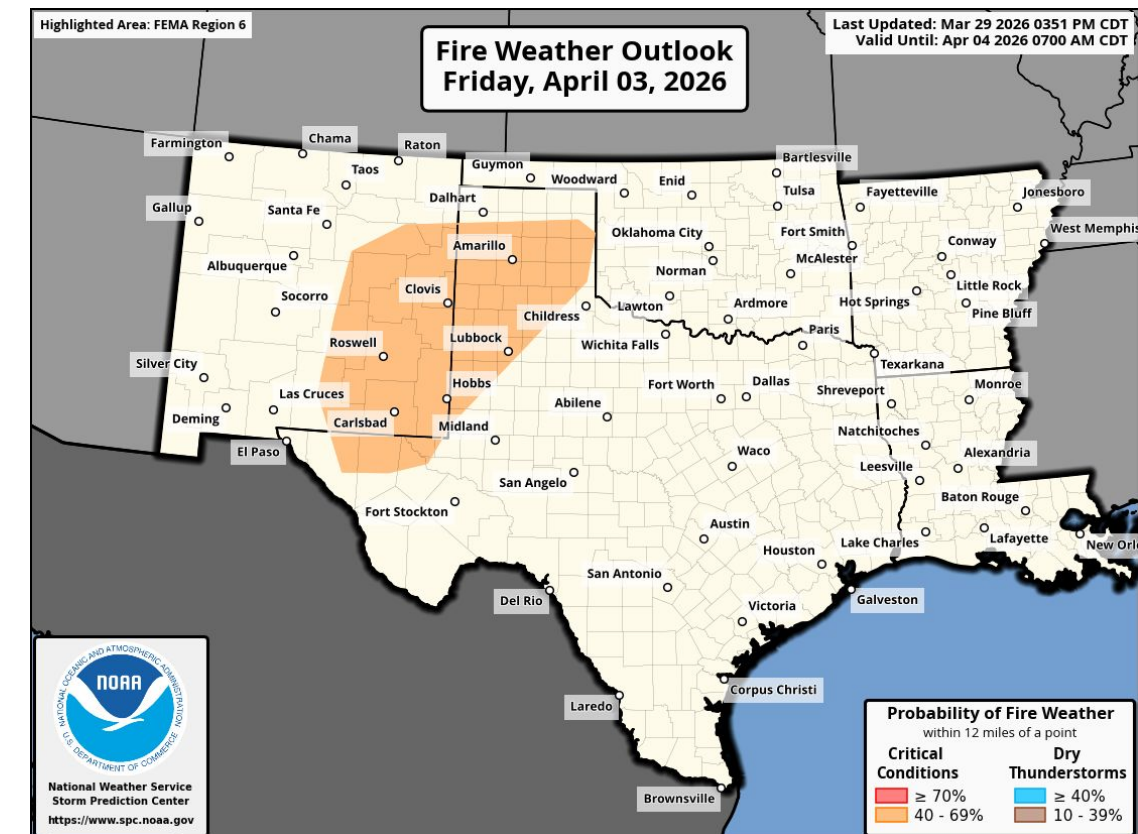
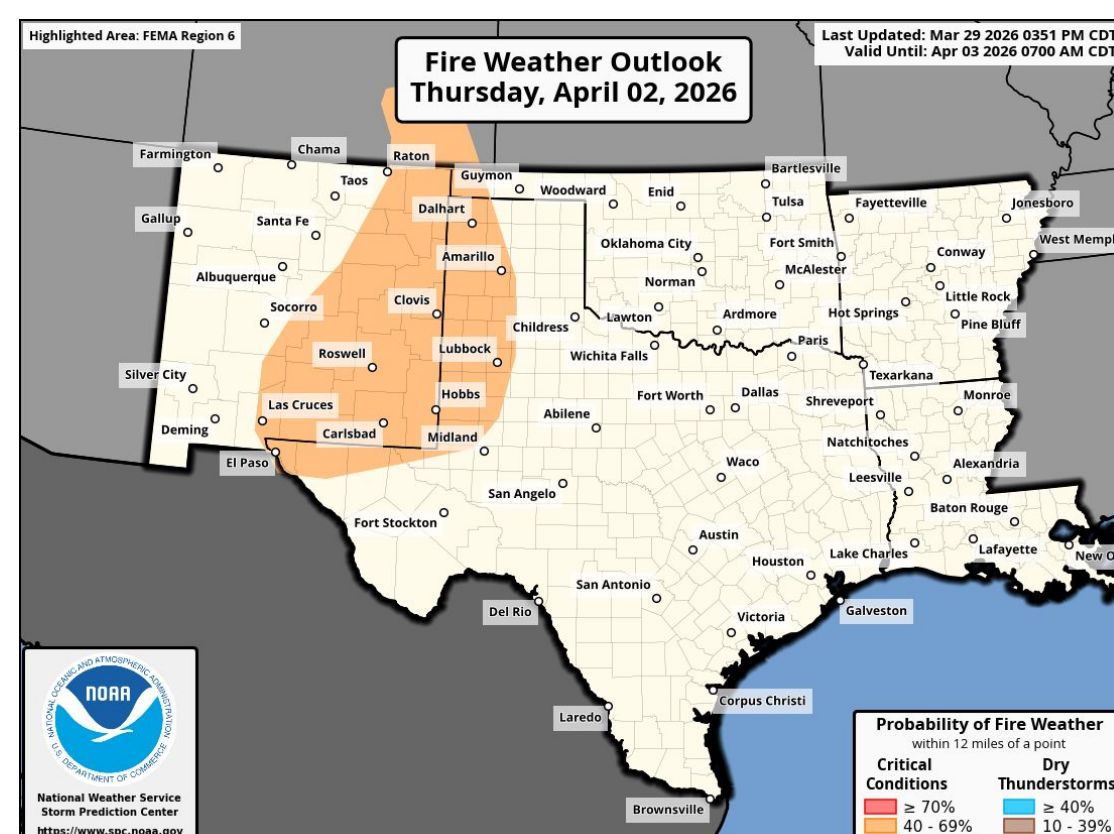
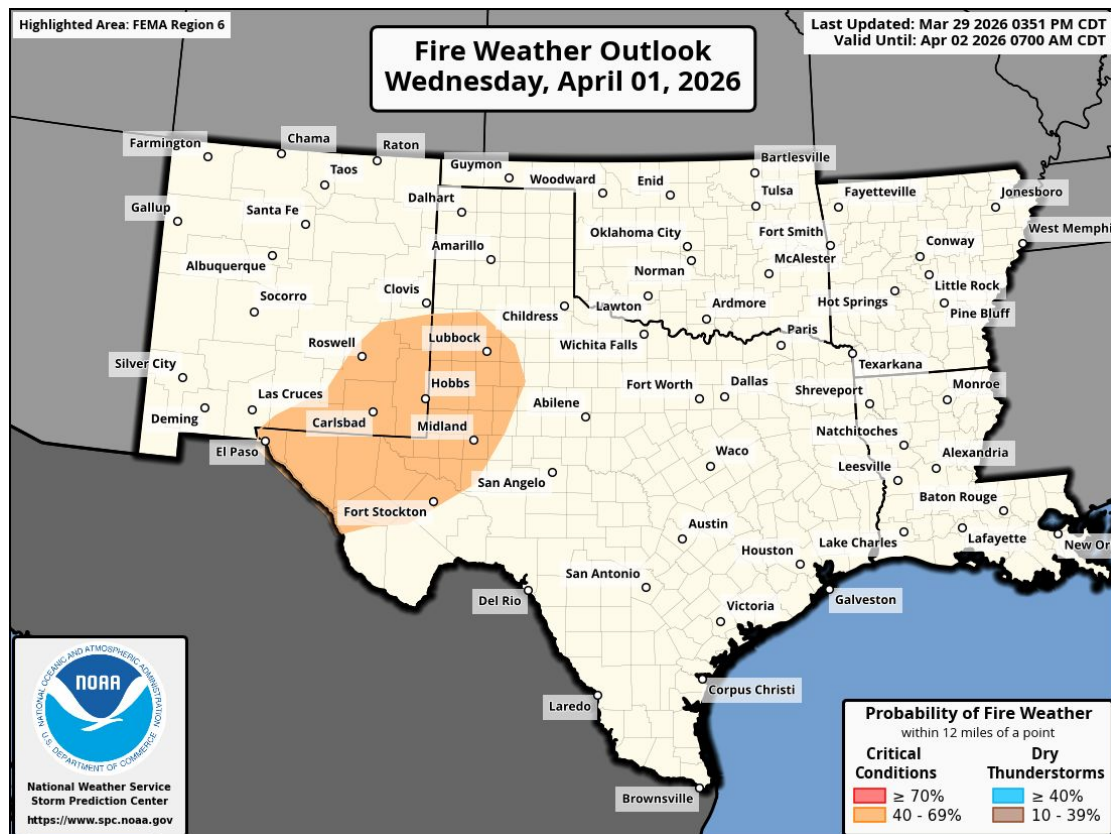
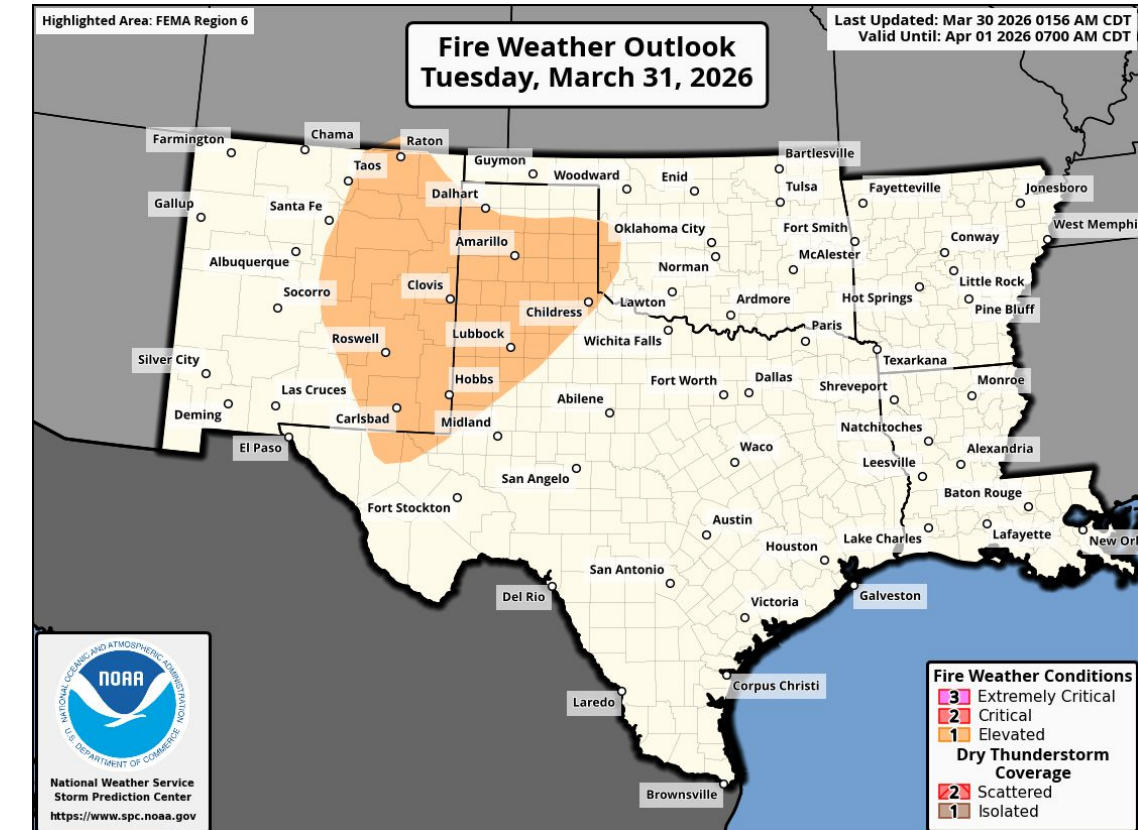
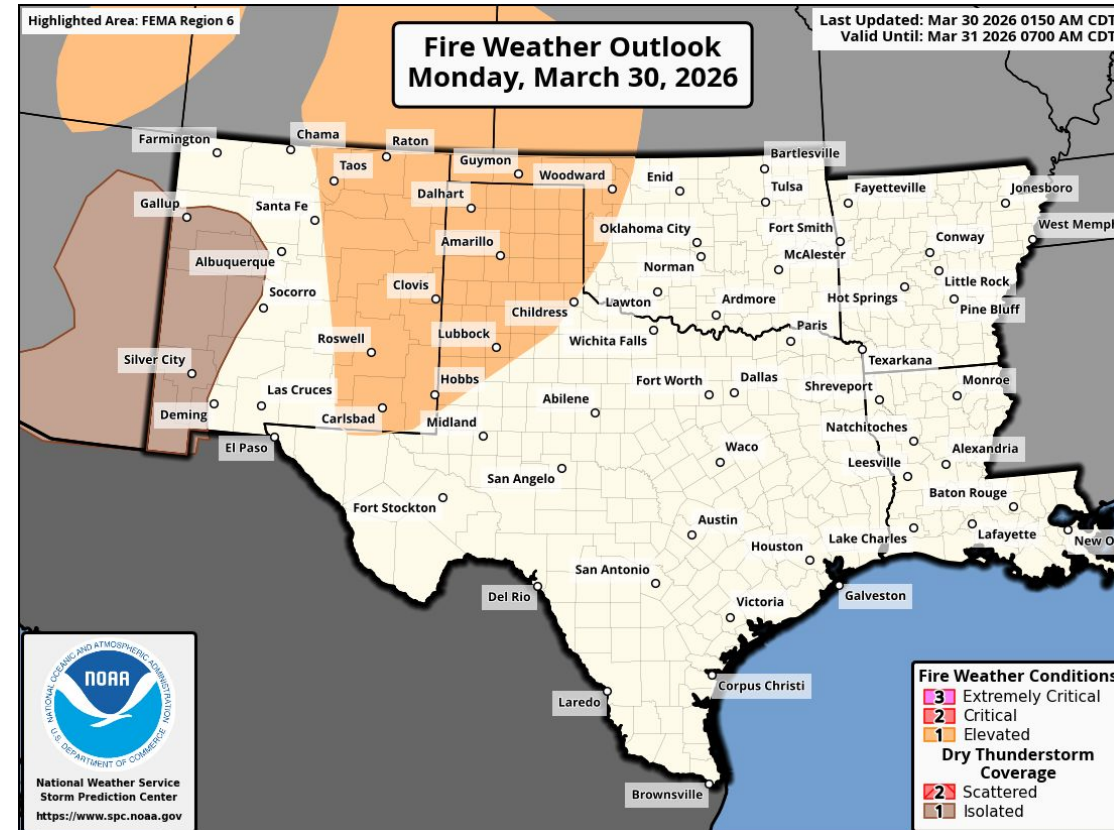
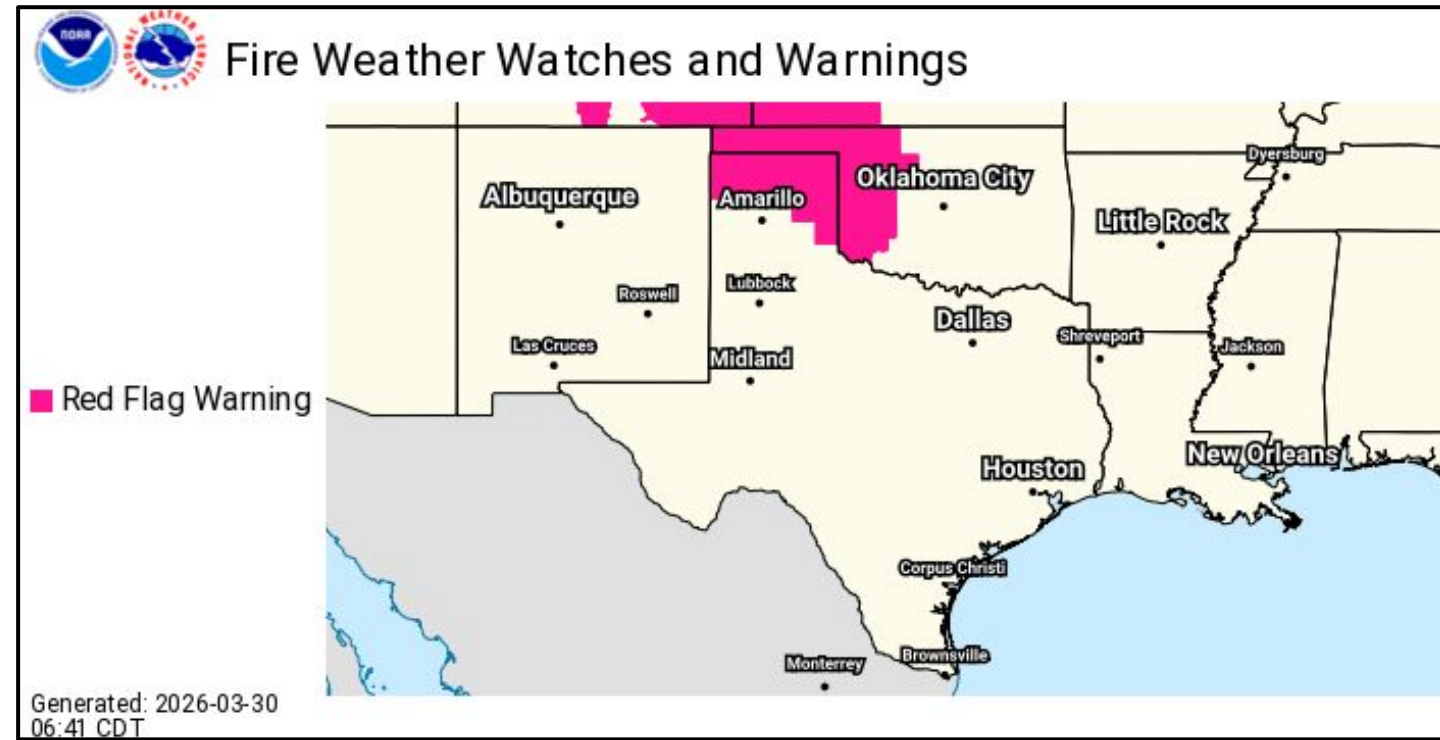
**Red Flag Warning through this evening over the Panhandles and W OK.**

**Wind Advisory over areas of OK through this evening for gusts to 45 mph.**





# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Max Wind Gust/Relative Humidity Through Monday Afternoon

### Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	3/30 Mon				3/31 Tue				4/1 Wed				4/2 Thu			
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am
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Amarillo	22↔	21↔	22↑	25↔	20↔	21↔	21↓	16↔	13↓	25↔	25↔	22↔	21↔	23↔	25↔	
Beaver	20↔	22↔	22↑	23↑	20↔	24↑	23↔	17↔	12↔	20↑	20↑	17↔	15↓	17↑	20↔	
El Paso	8↔	14↔	22↔	22↔	15↔	23↔	22↔	16↔	20↔	33↔	31↔	18↔	14↔	21↔	18↔	
Enid	35↑	40↑	40↑	37↑	37↑	35↑	24↑	16↔	20↑	21↑	20↑	21↑	24↔	24↔	17↔	
Fayetteville	33↑	32↑	31↑	28↑	31↑	31↑	24↑	18↑	24↑	25↑	23↑	25↑	28↑	26↑	22↑	
Fort Davis	10↔	10↑	15↑	10↔	15↔	20↔	21↔	10↔	24↔	32↔	40↔	40↔	36↔	26↔	22↔	
Guadalupe Pass	22↔	20↔	22↔	23↔	21↔	32↔	33↔	24↔	44↔	64↔	70↔	70↔	66↔	55↔	39↔	
Lubbock	17↑	20↑	24↑	23↑	15↑	15↑	16↑	13↑	13↑	25↑	28↑	17↑	16↔	17↔	20↔	
Midland/Odessa	22↑	22↑	25↔	20↑	20↑	15↑	22↑	21↑	16↑	24↔	32↔	32↔	29↔	21↔	20↔	
Oklahoma City	31↑	35↑	35↑	31↑	33↑	33↑	24↑	17↑	21↑	23↑	21↑	23↑	23↑	23↔	20↔	
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Wichita Falls	30↑	35↑	33↑	26↑	30↑	31↑	30↑	21↑	24↑	26↑	24↑	21↑	24↑	23↑	20↑	

### Minimum RH (%) Forecast

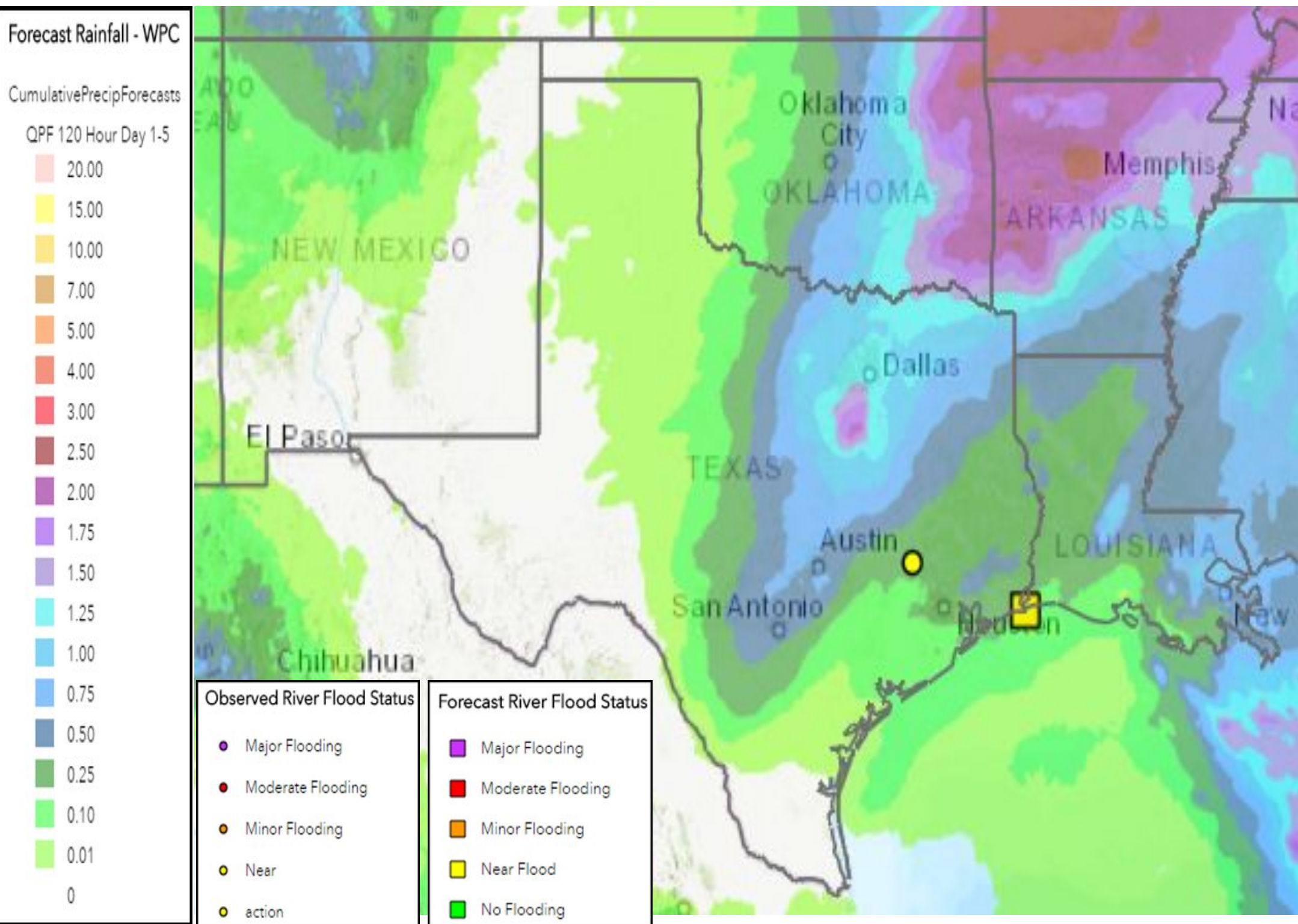
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El Paso	78	12	12	30	33	15	14	78	78	16	17	33	24	11	11	
Enid	56	34	35	49	50	35	38	72	68	48	55	93	77	47	51	
Fayetteville	59	40	39	59	55	35	38	61	64	44	45	68	84	59	59	
Fort Davis	28	16	21	48	24	17	18	33	28	18	18	30	25	14	12	
Guadalupe Pass	23	15	15	27	29	21	21	29	31	26	27	33	25	17	16	
Lubbock	49	19	19	43	40	14	14	30	33	19	20	30	29	11	11	
Midland/Odessa	55	25	26	49	43	16	15	43	37	19	20	45	31	14	12	
Oklahoma City	59	37	35	46	59	39	40	61	66	51	52	84	78	48	48	
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Tulsa	56	41	39	53	54	39	40	57	71	52	51	76	81	57	55	
Wichita Falls	64	33	31	49	61	35	37	59	64	40	44	78	59	35	39	





# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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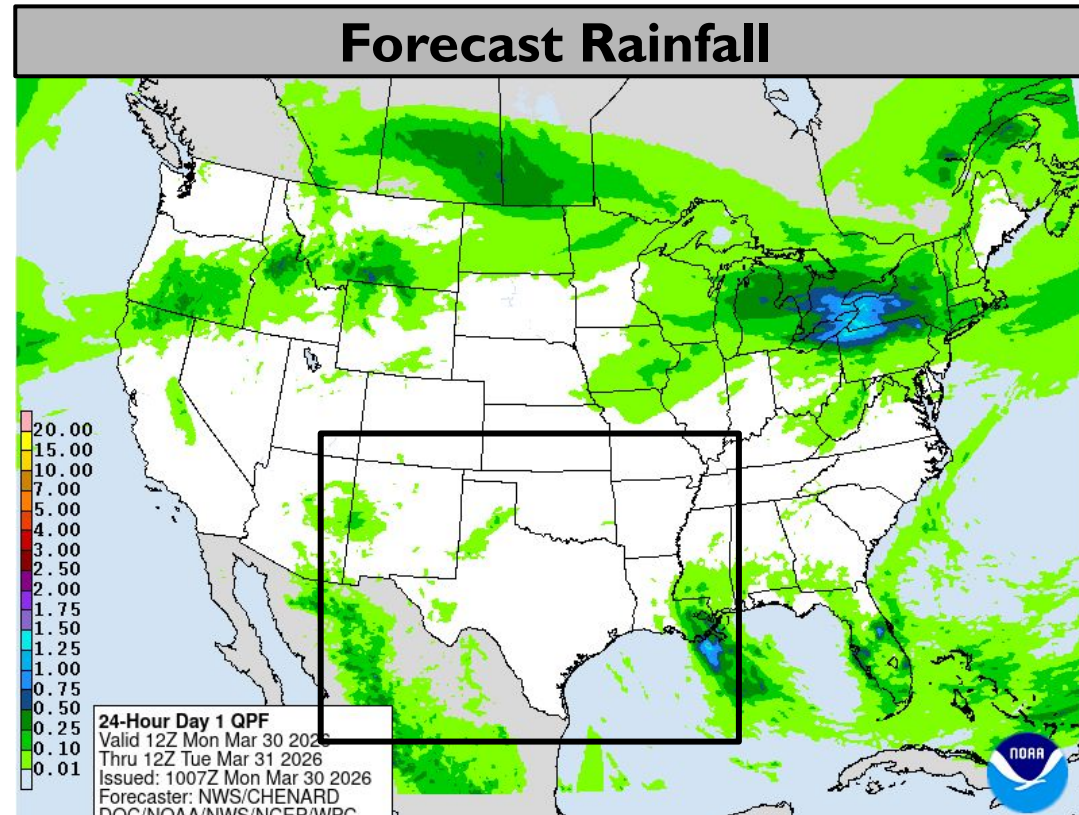
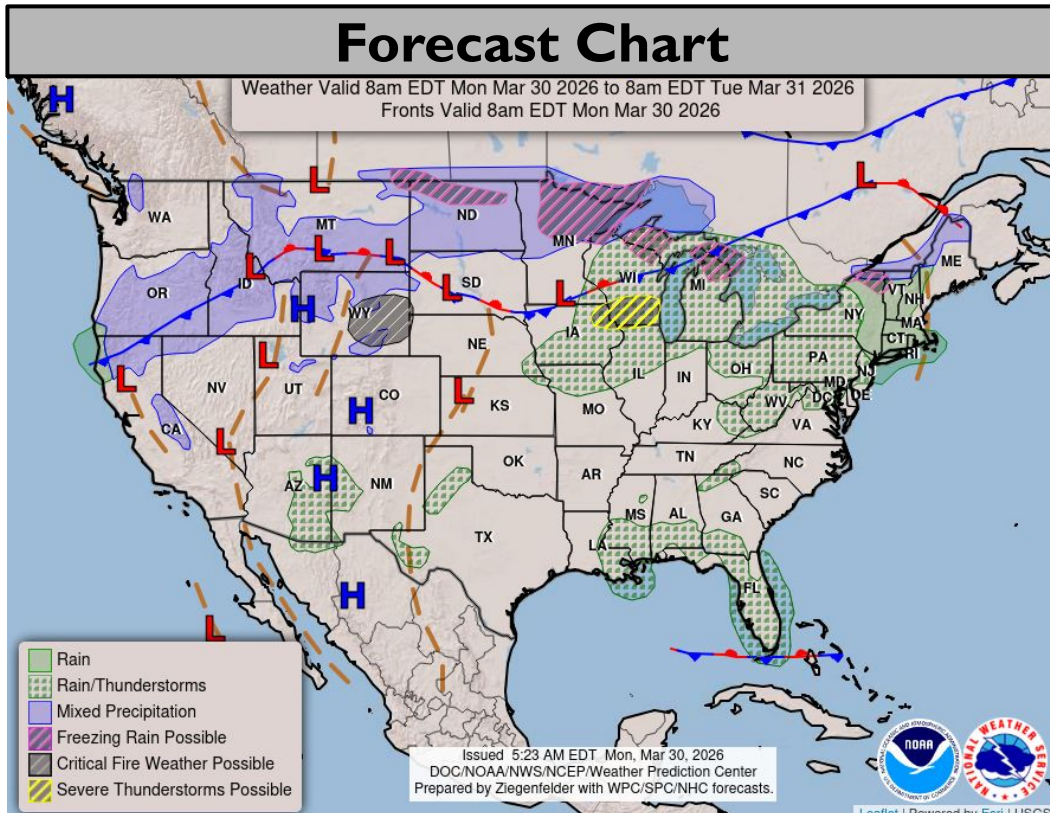


**River flooding is not expected.**

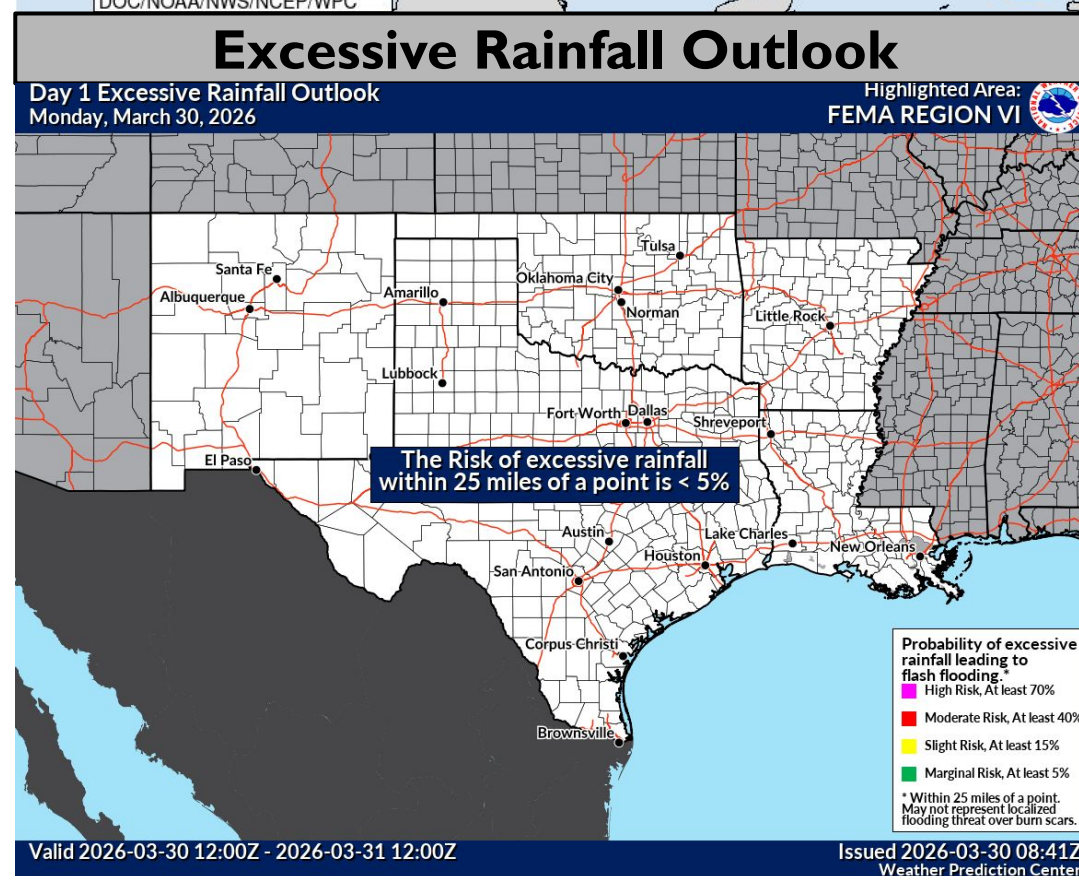
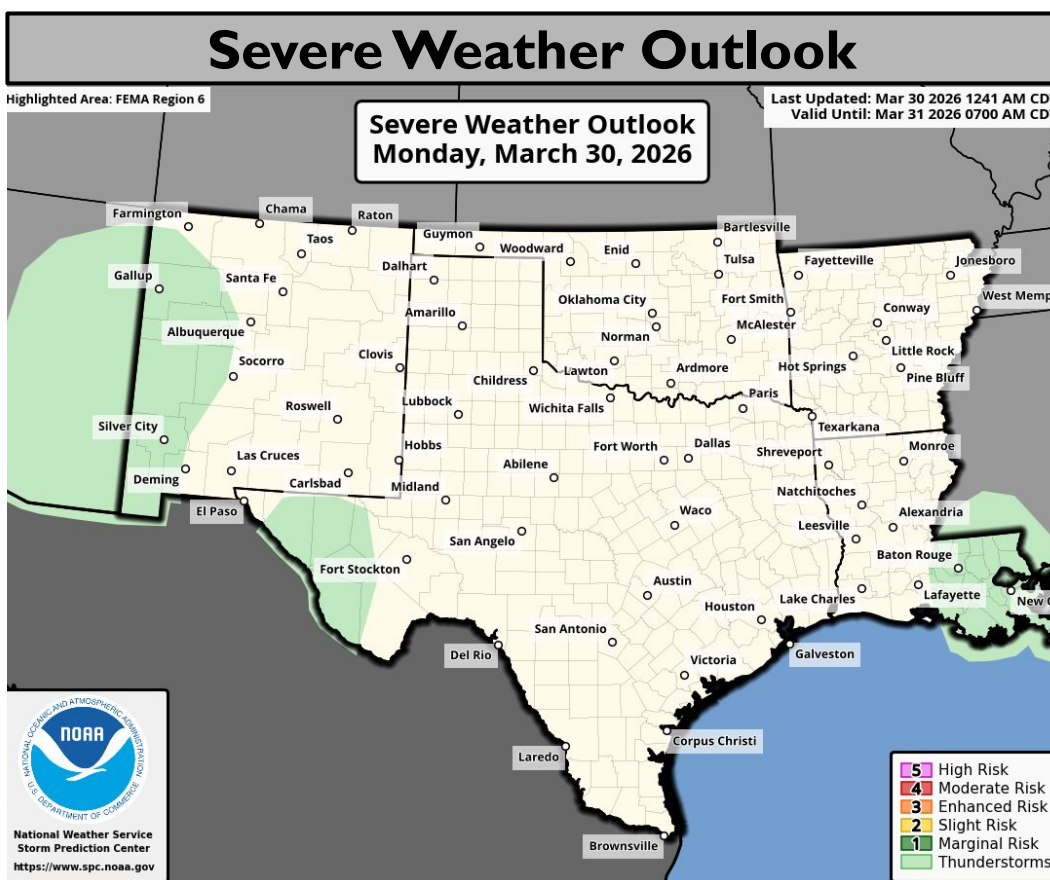
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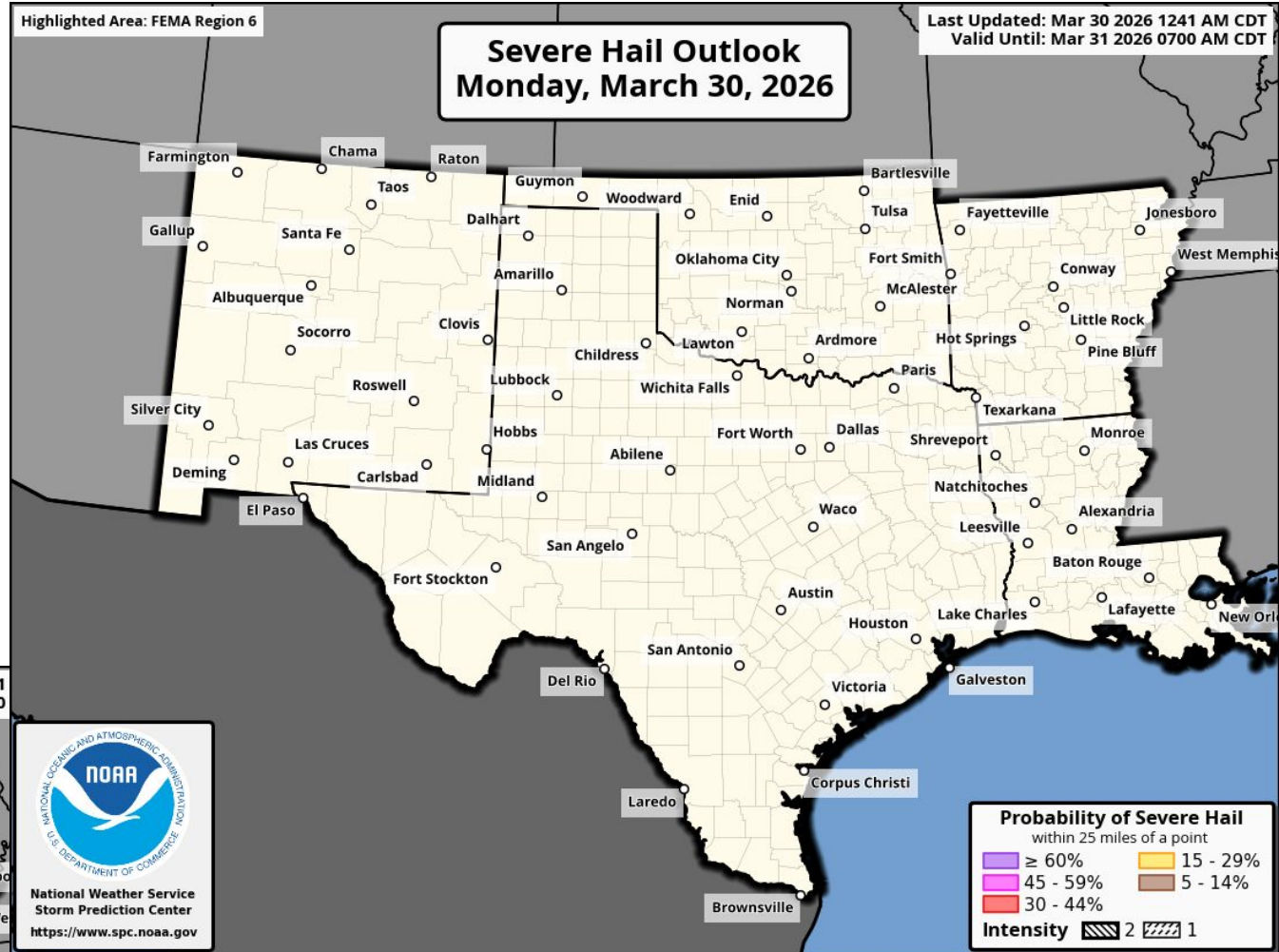
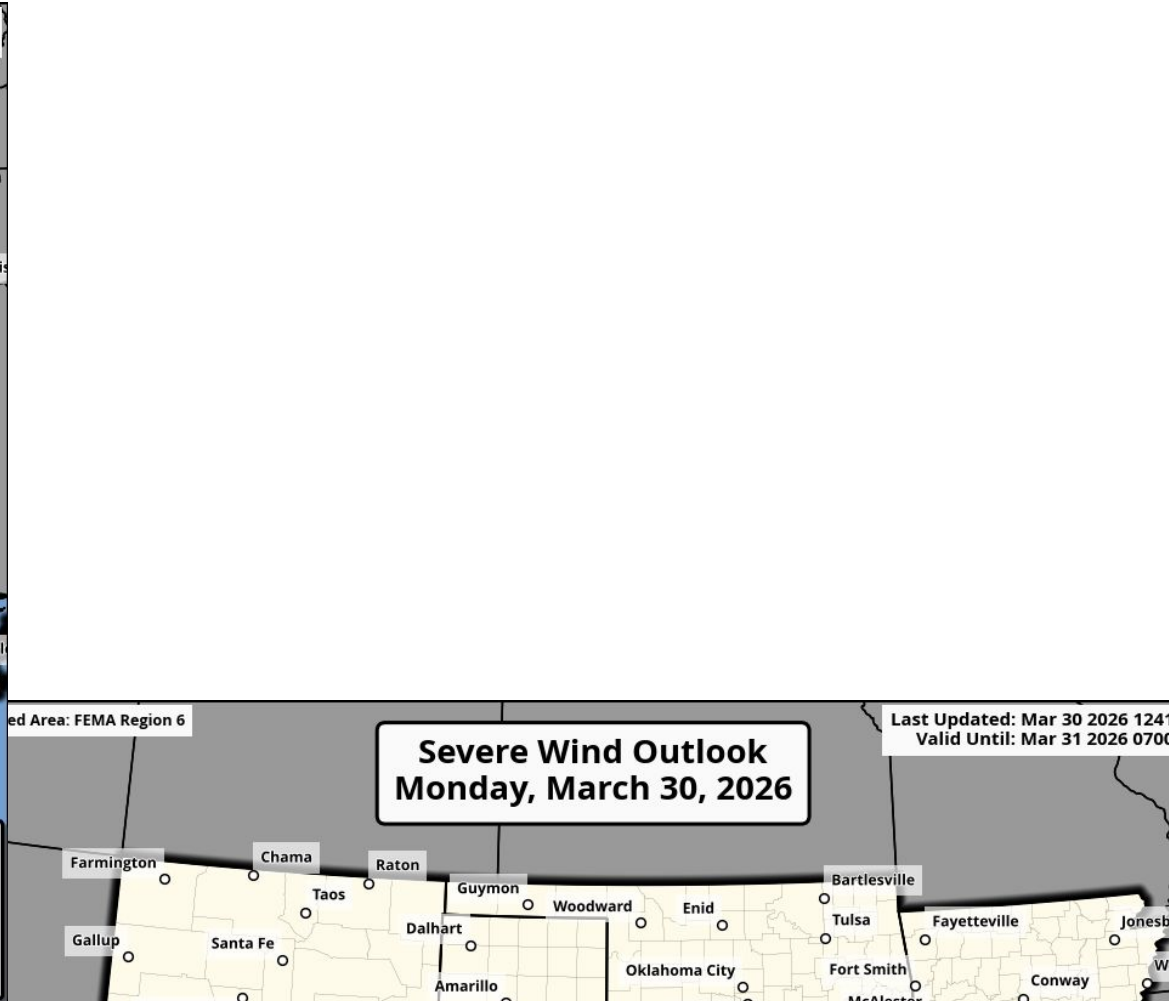
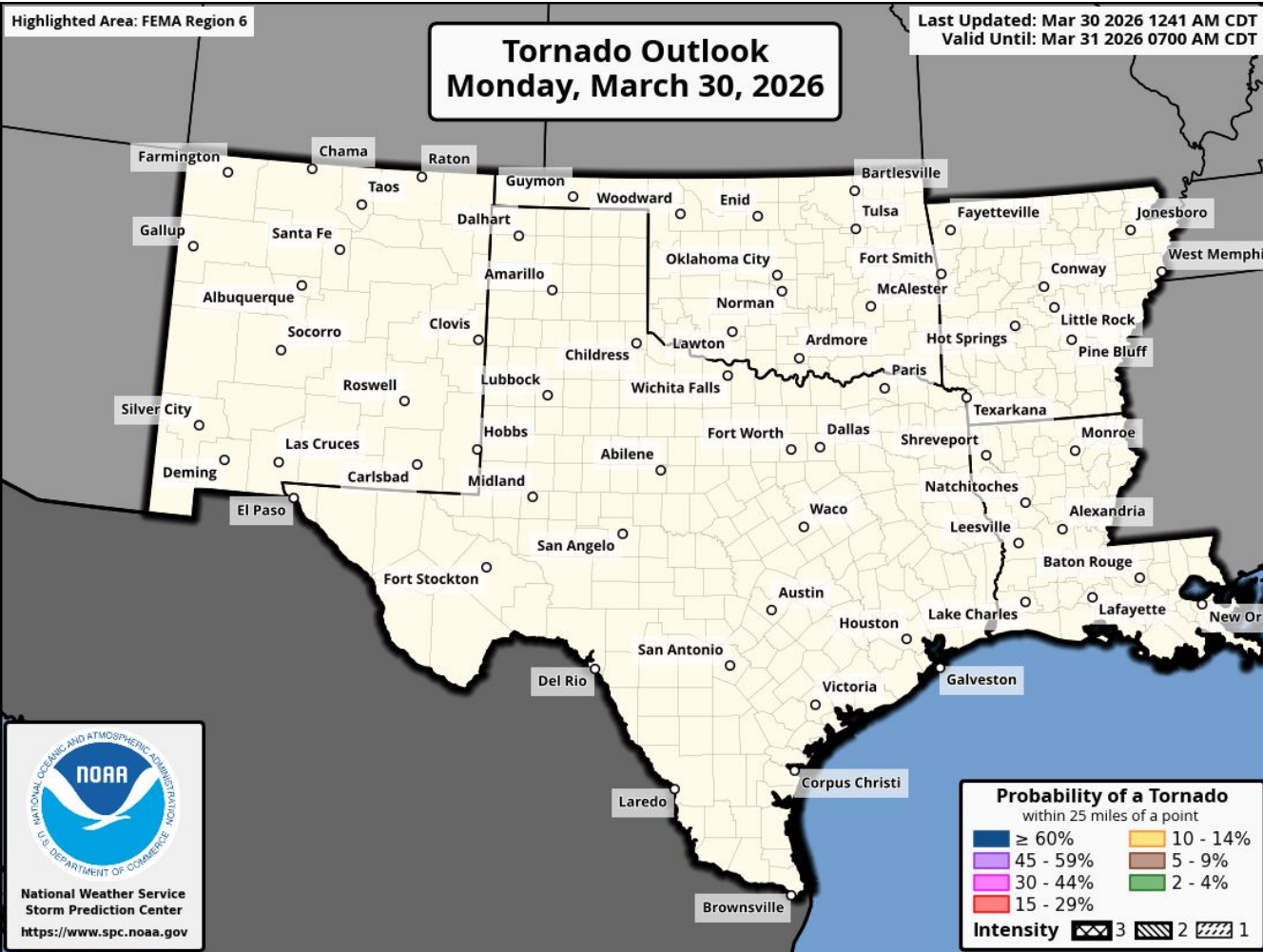


**Elevated fire weather threat (level 1 of 3) over E NM, W OK and the TX/OK Panhandles. Dry lightning may ignite new fires over W NM.**



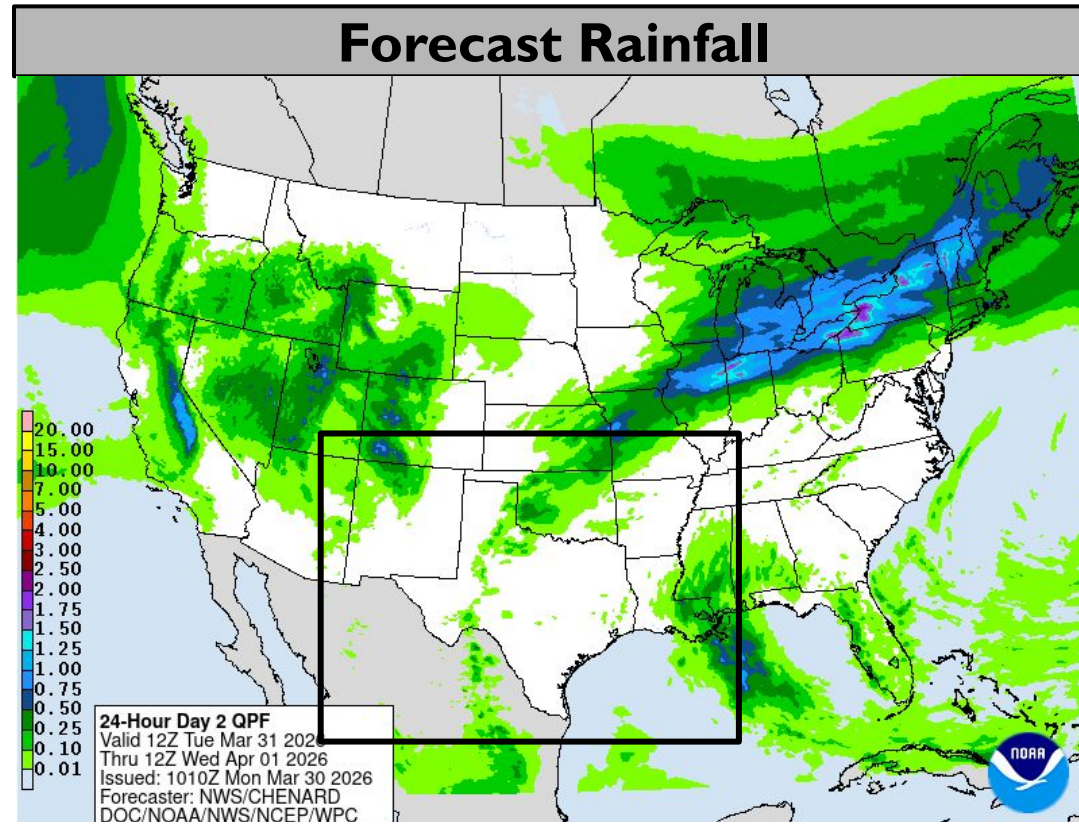
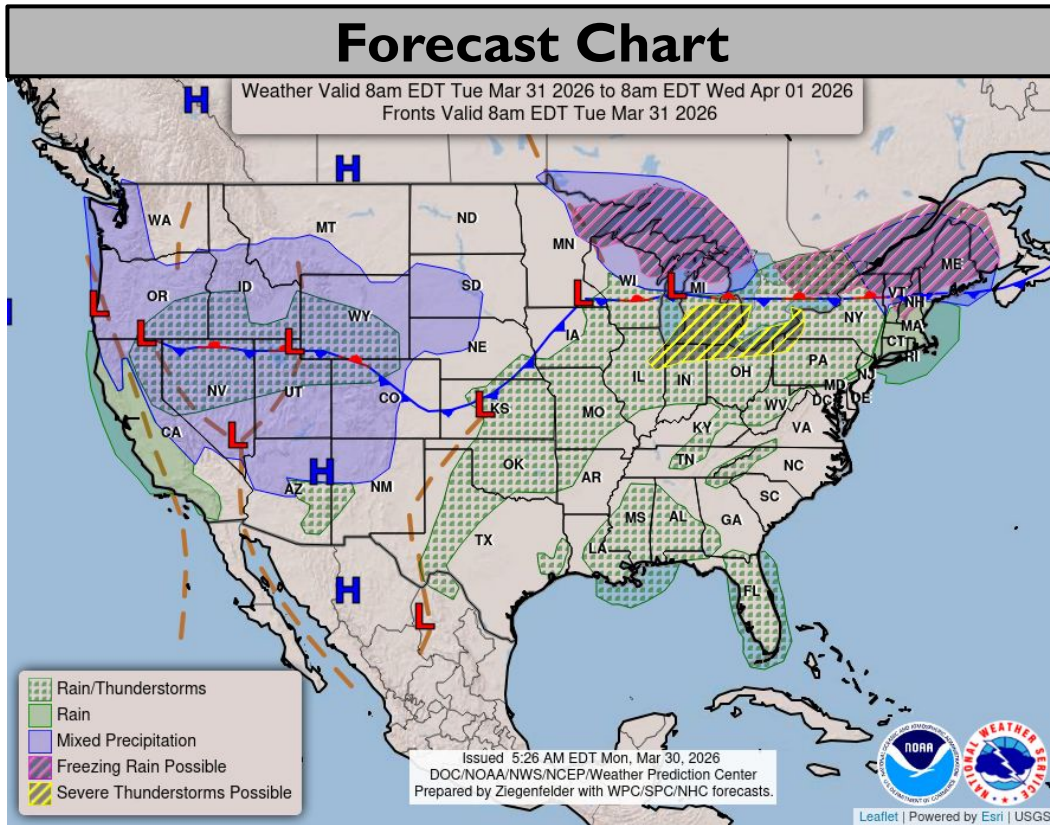


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



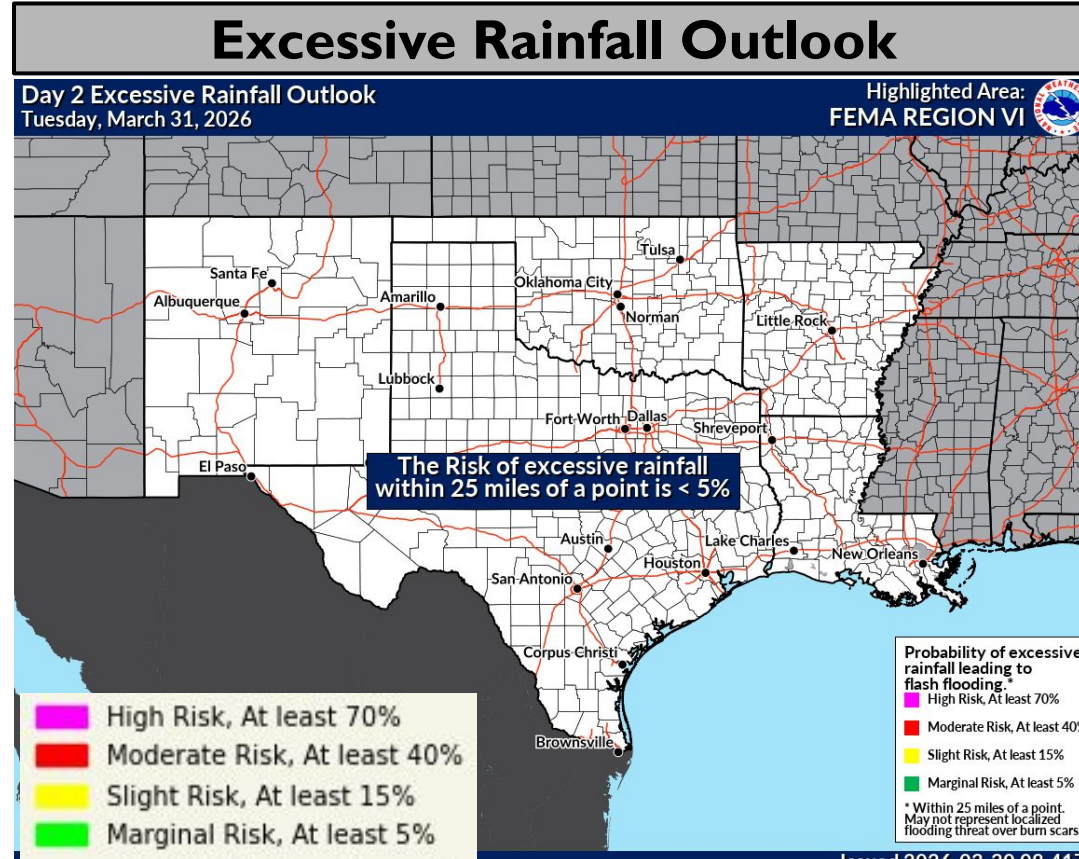
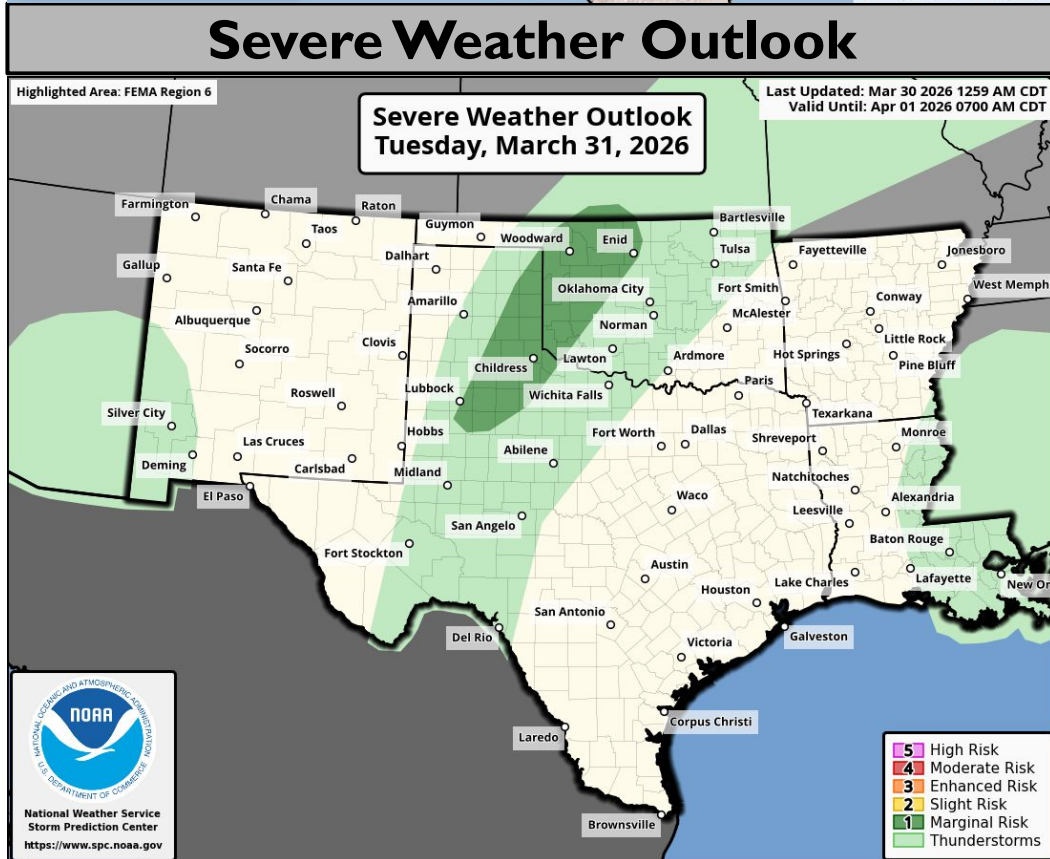


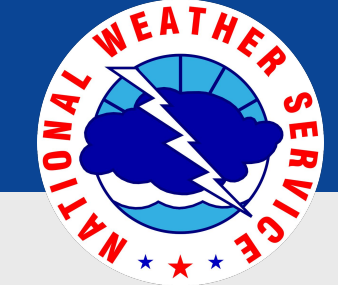
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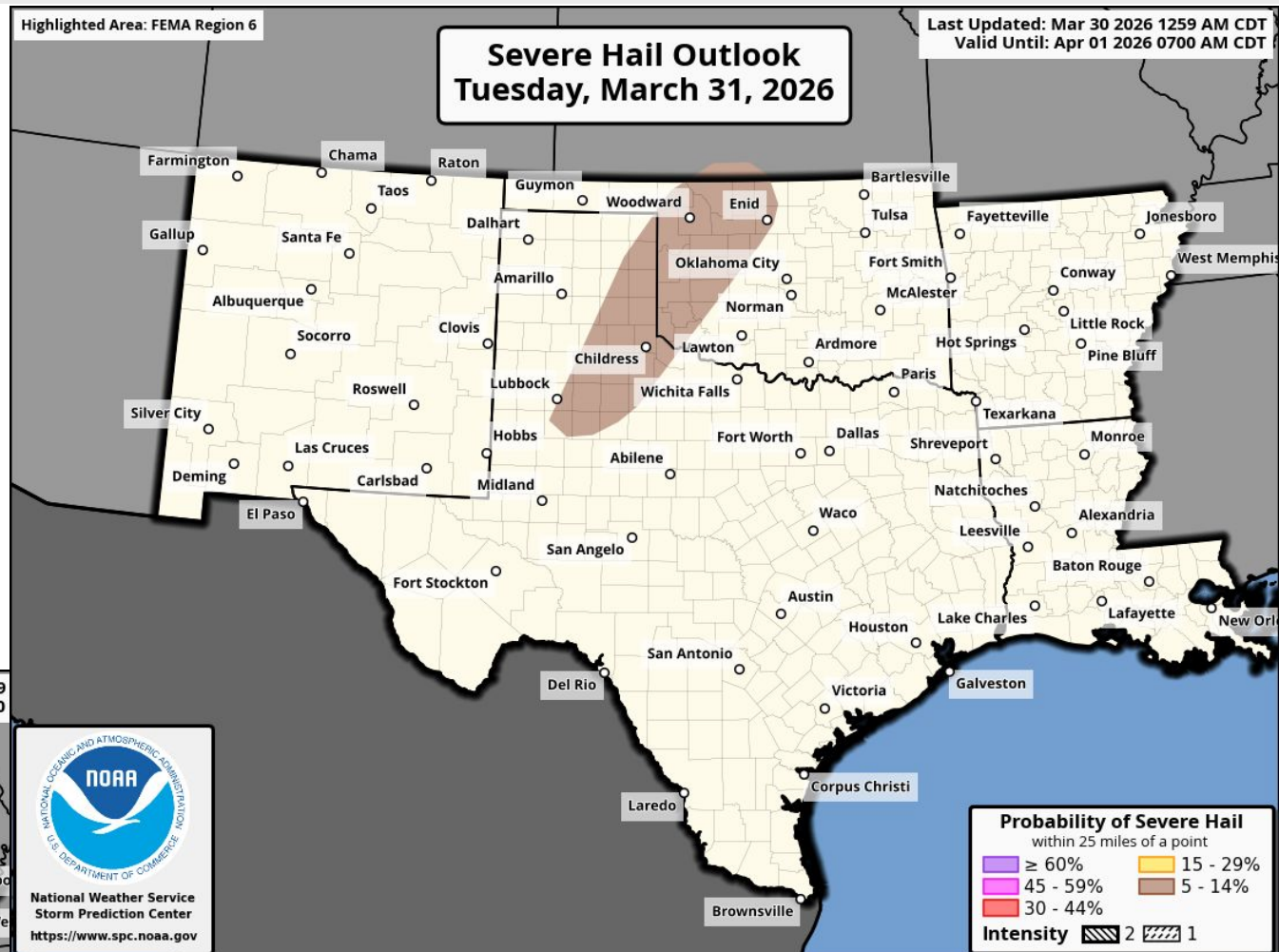
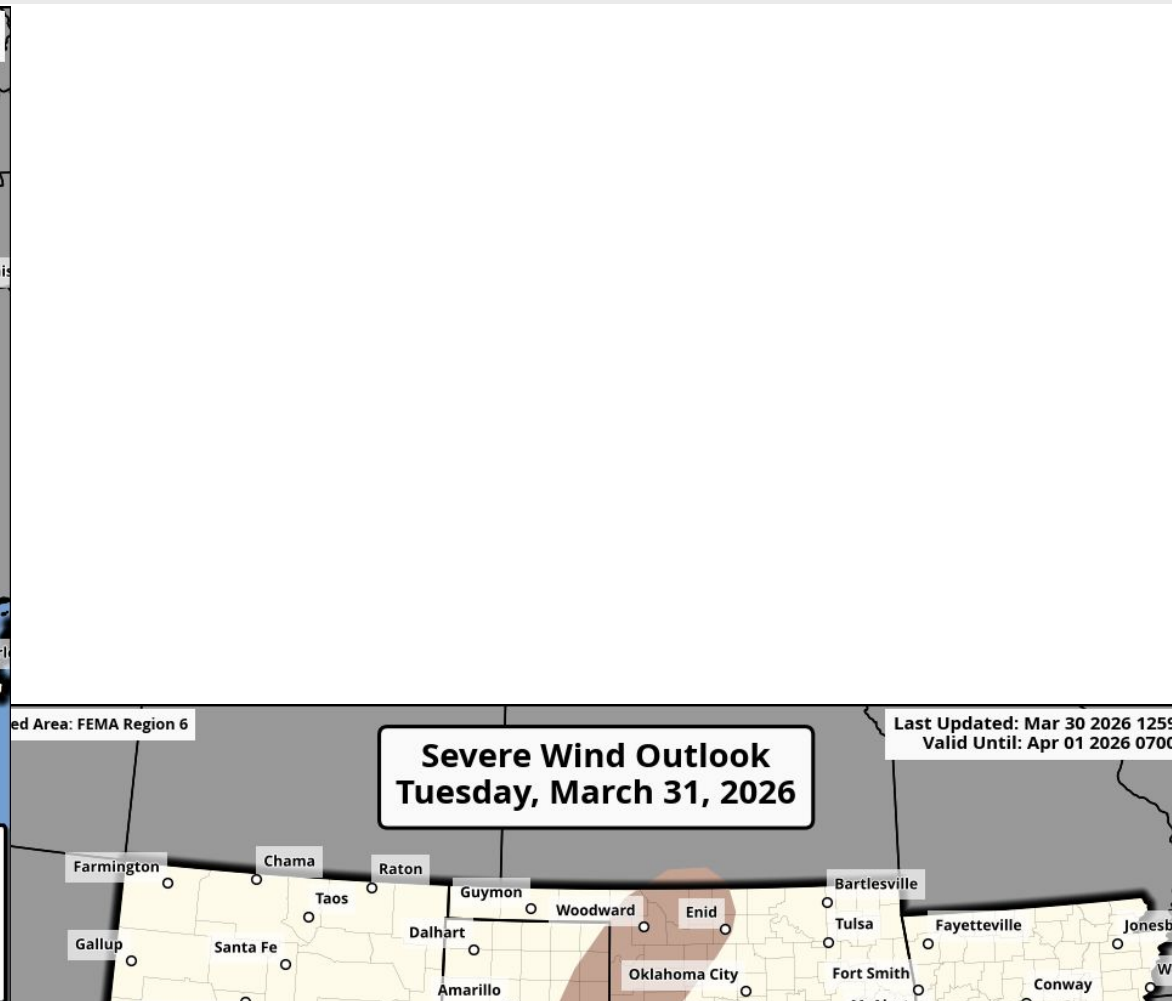
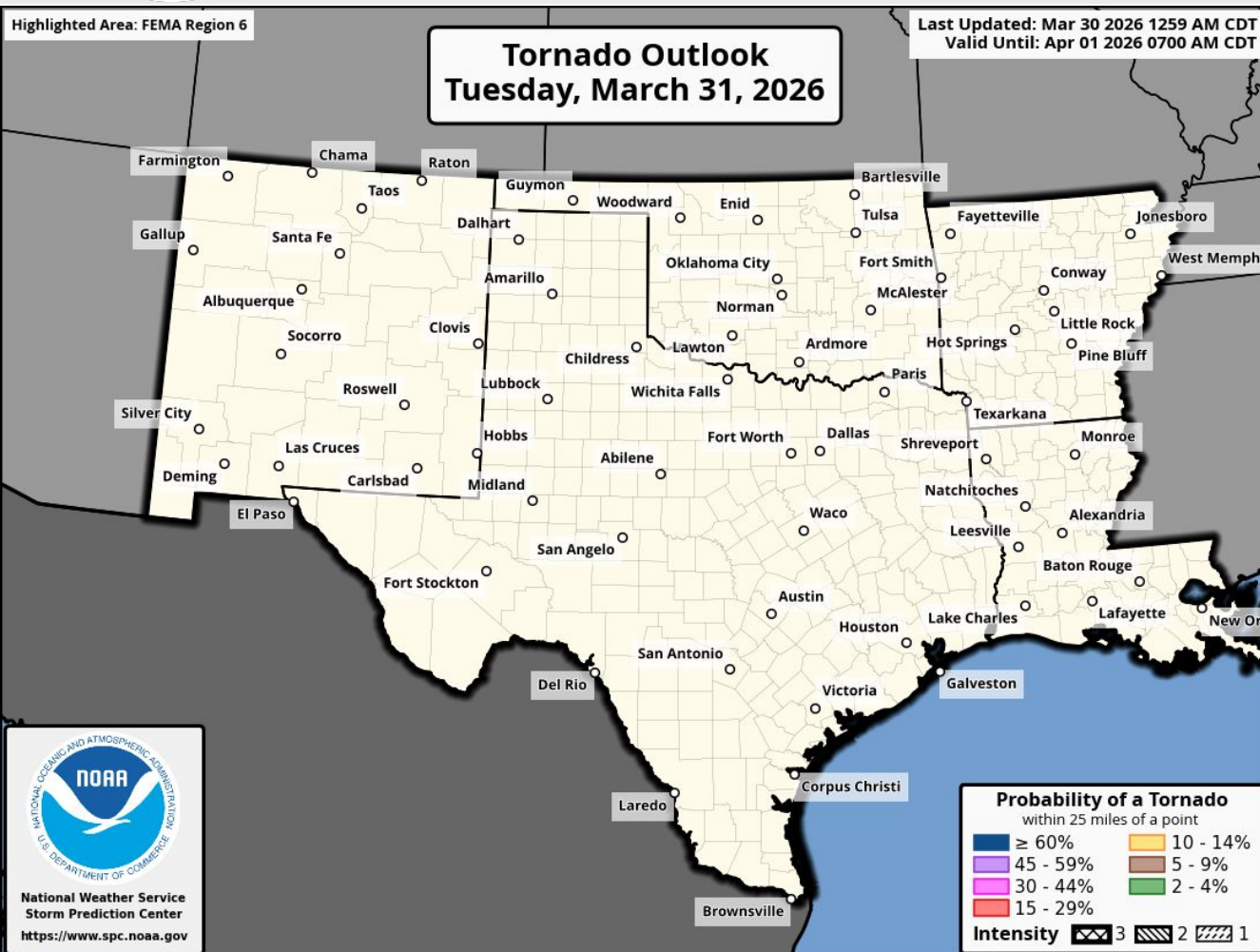
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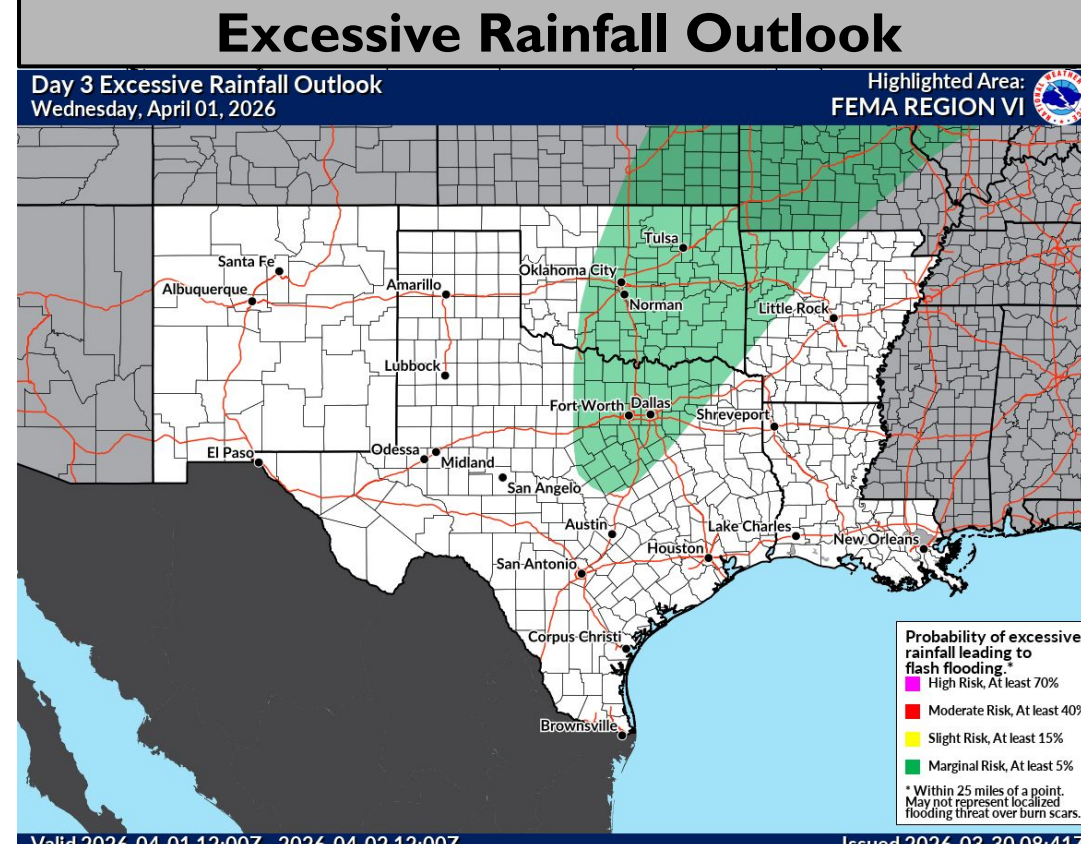
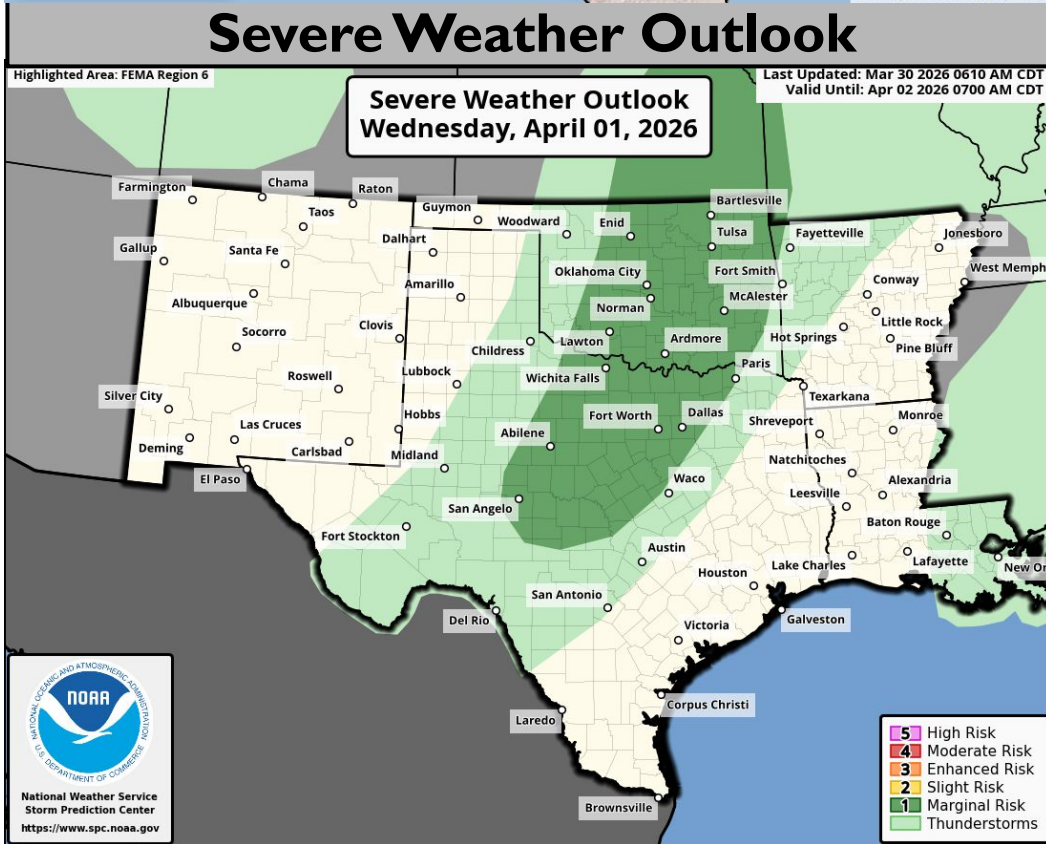
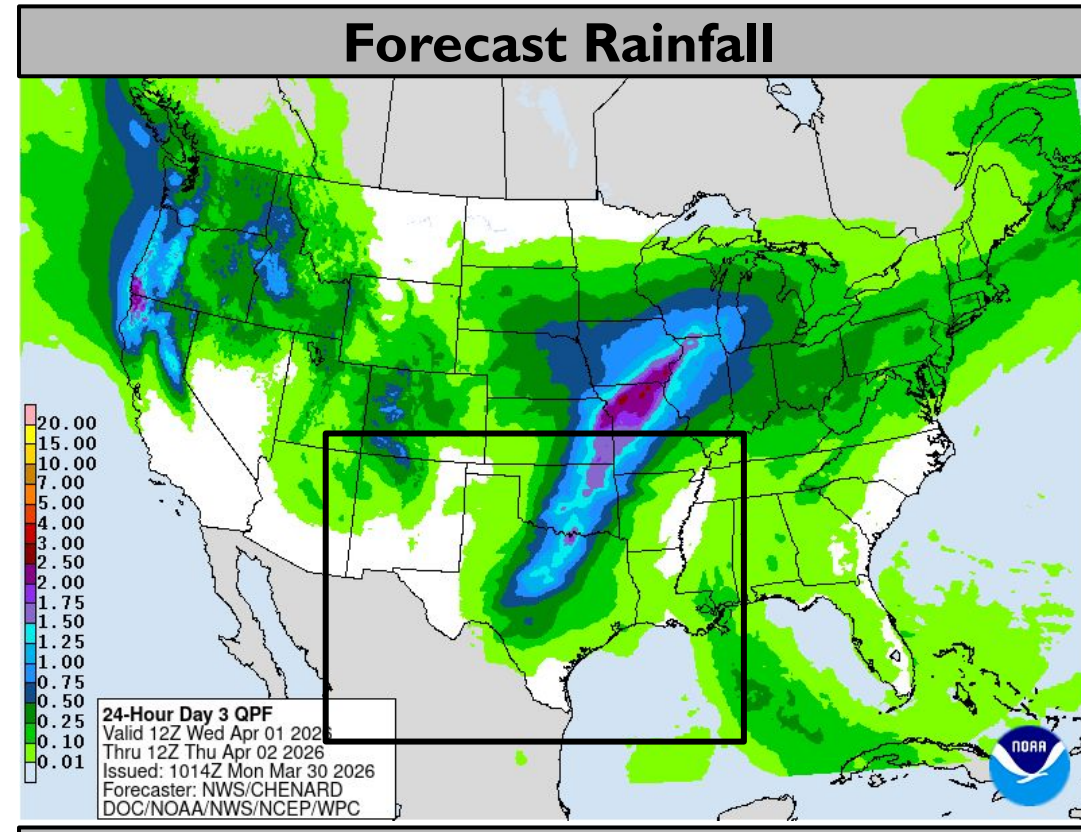
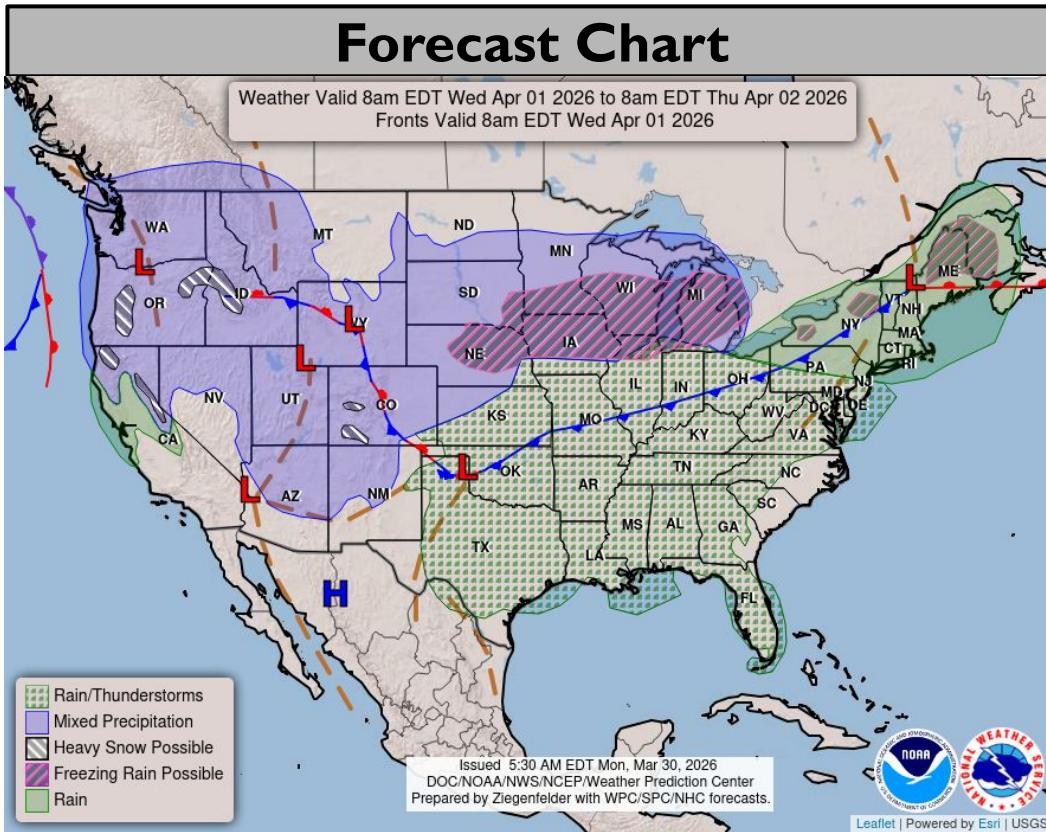


# Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Wednesday's Weather



**Elevated fire weather threat over SE NM and W TX.**

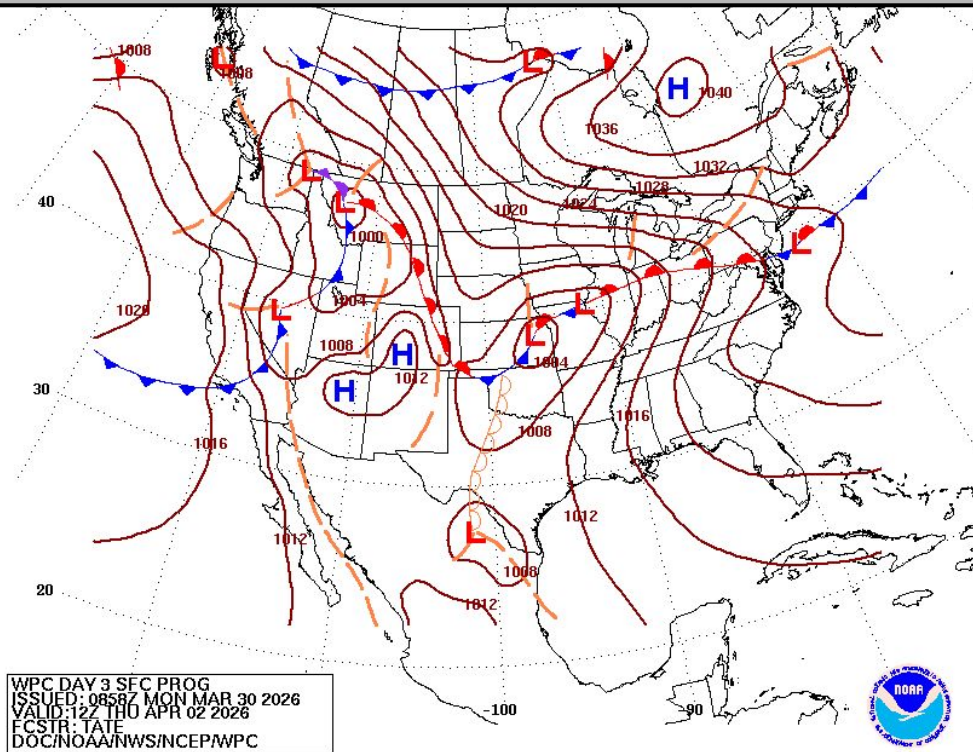
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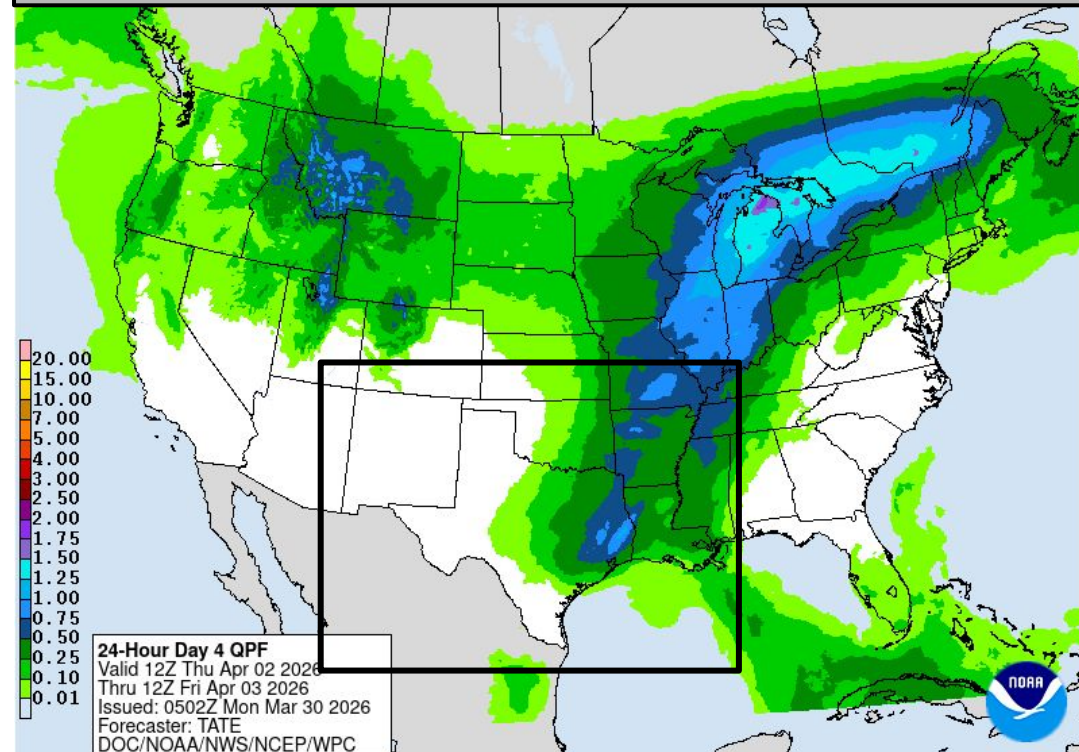
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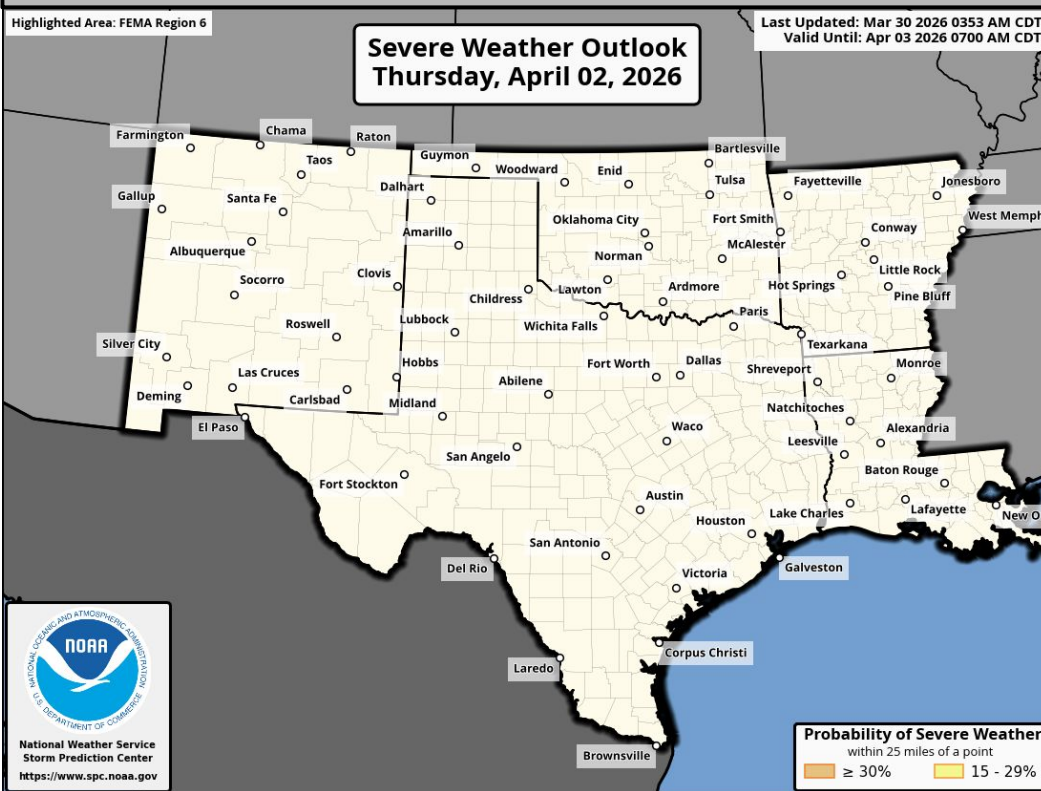


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**Elevated fire weather threat over  
E NM, TX Panhandles and W TX**

### Severe Weather Outlook



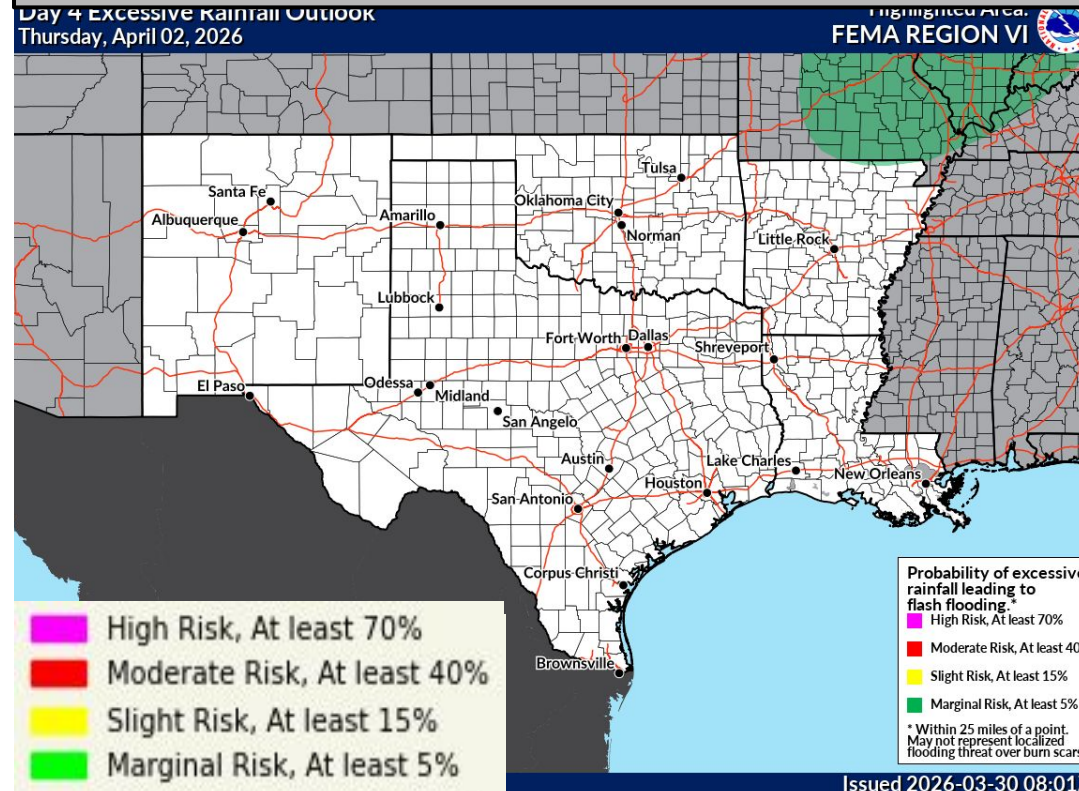
Severe Weather Outlook  
Thursday, April 02, 2026

Last Updated: Mar 30 2026 0353 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Apr 03 2026 0700 AM CDT

Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30% 15 - 29%



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Thursday, April 02, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

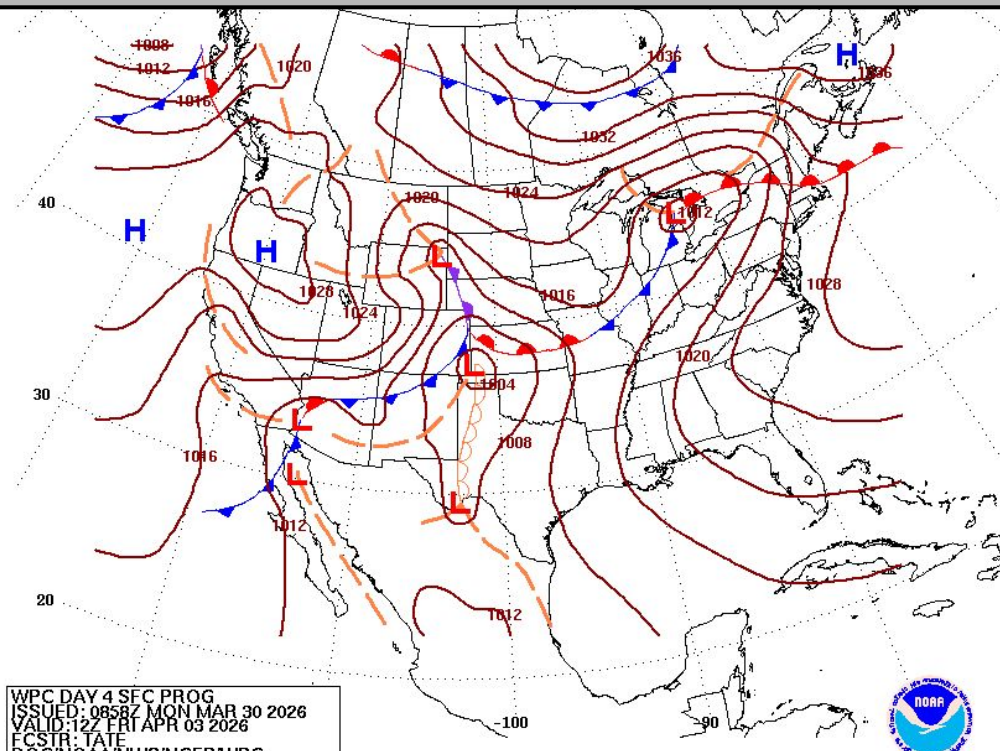
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High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
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Weather Prediction Center



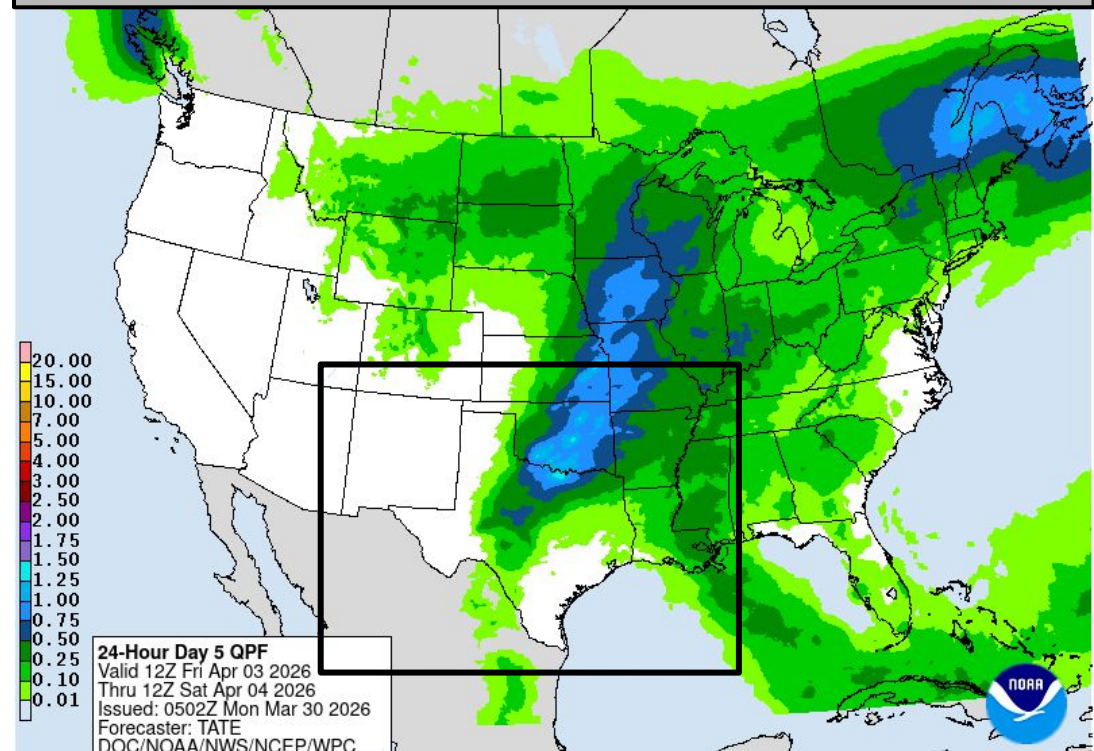
# Friday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



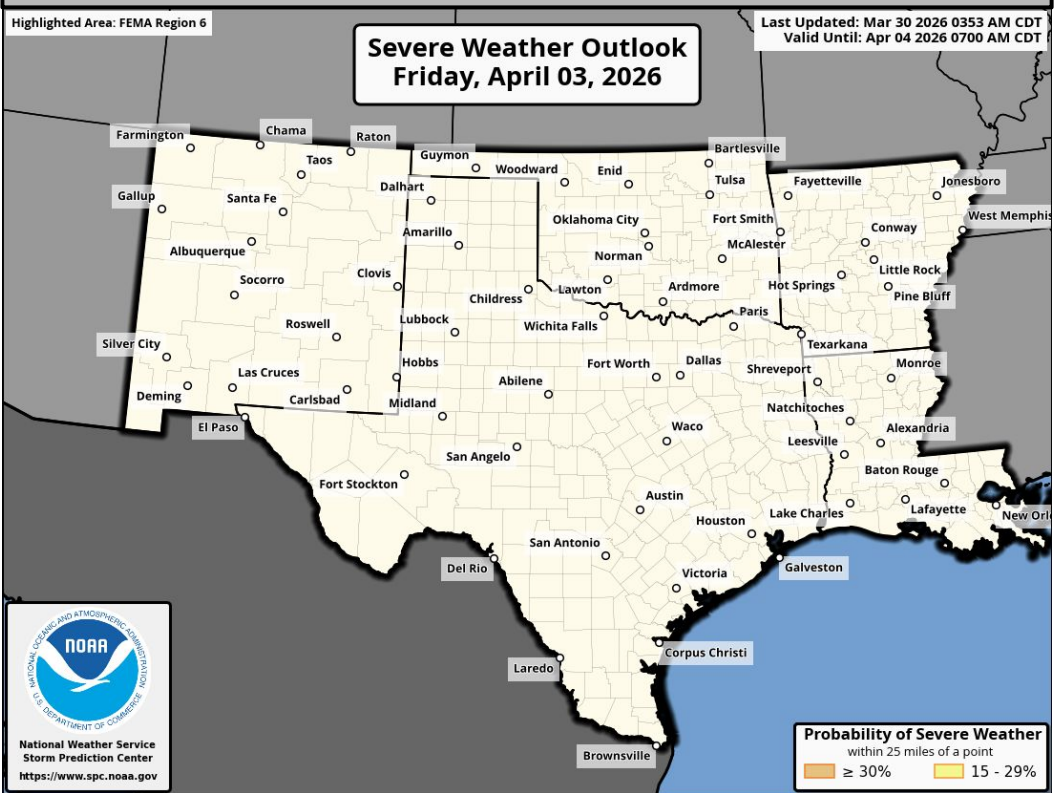
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### Forecast Rainfall



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### Severe Weather Outlook

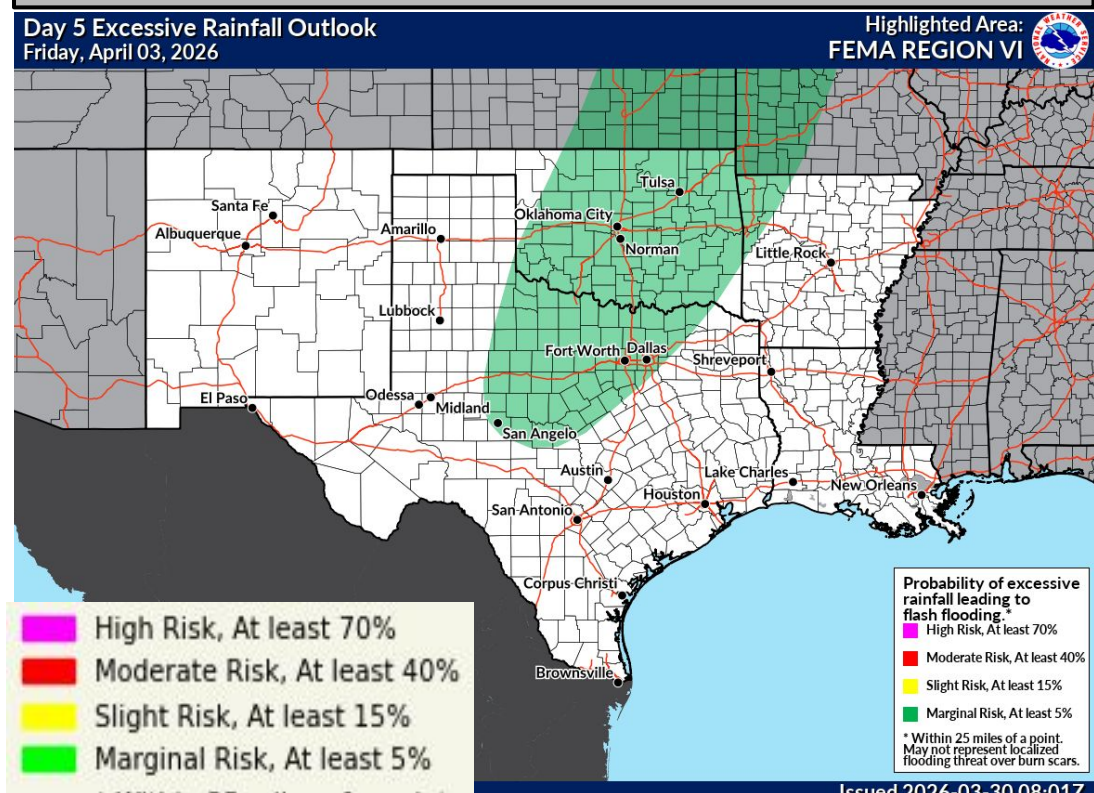


Severe Weather Outlook  
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Probability of Severe Weather  
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### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, April 03, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

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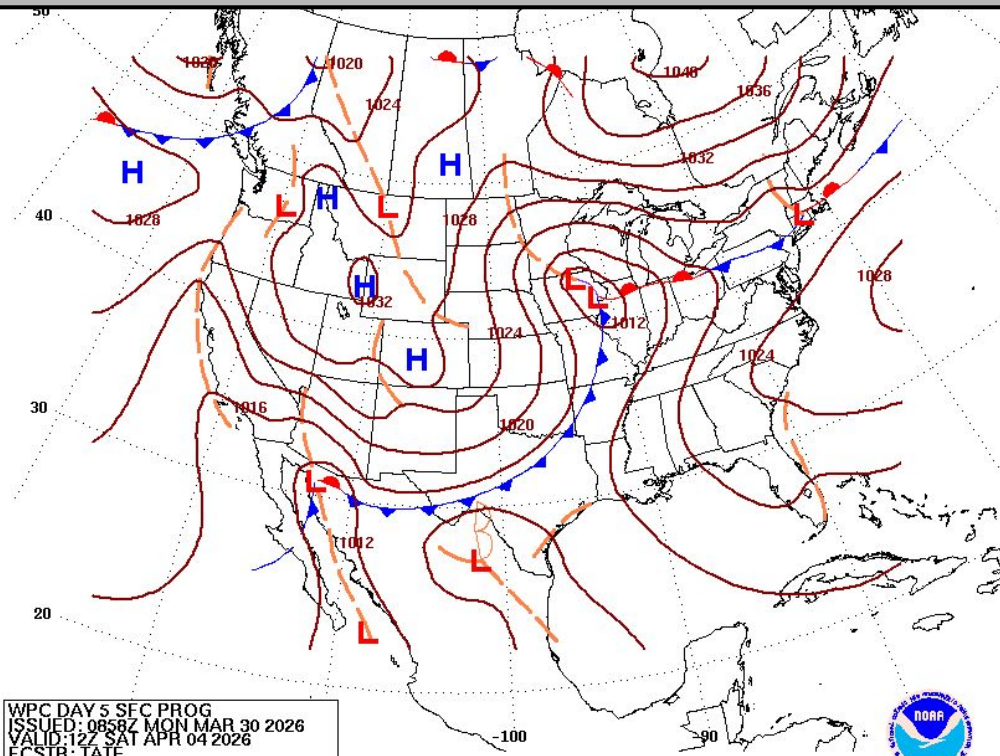
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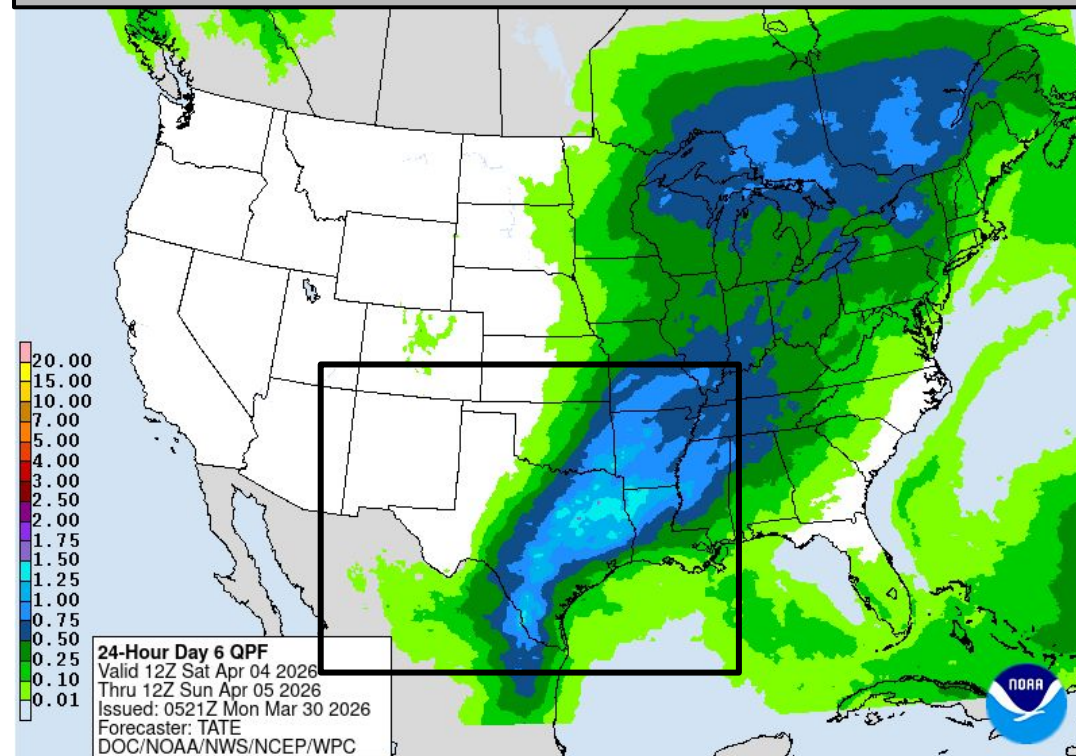
# Saturday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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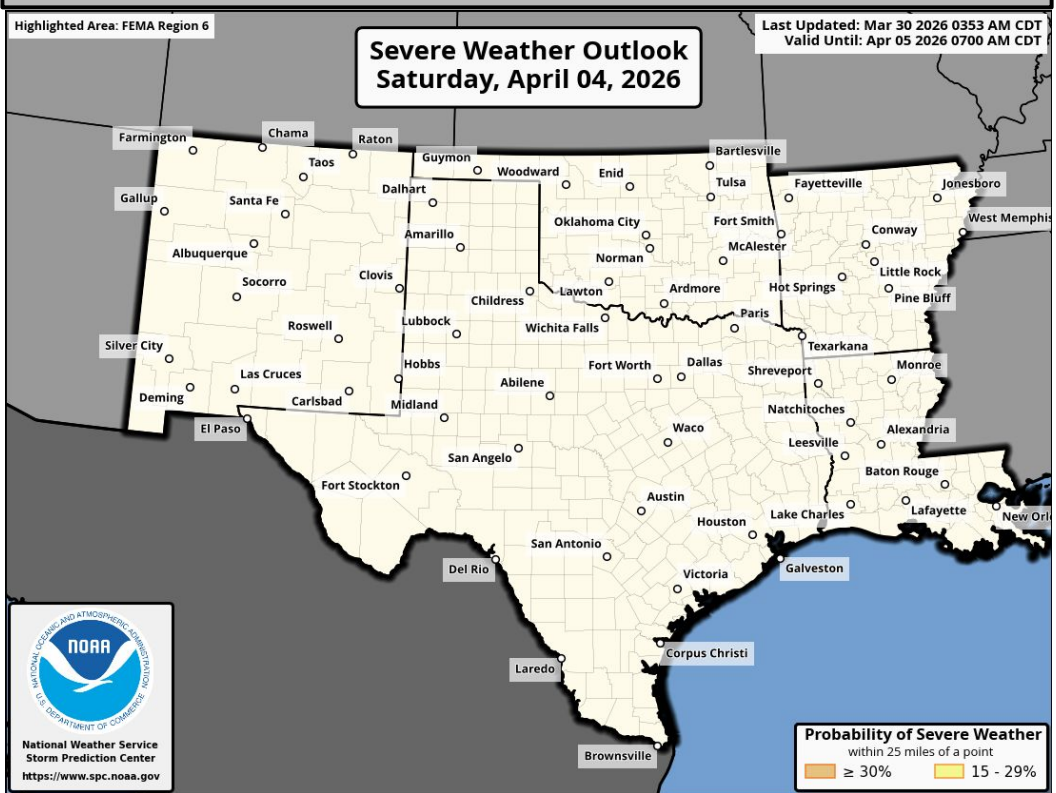
### Forecast Rainfall



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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over AR and NE/ETX and N LA.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, April 04, 2026

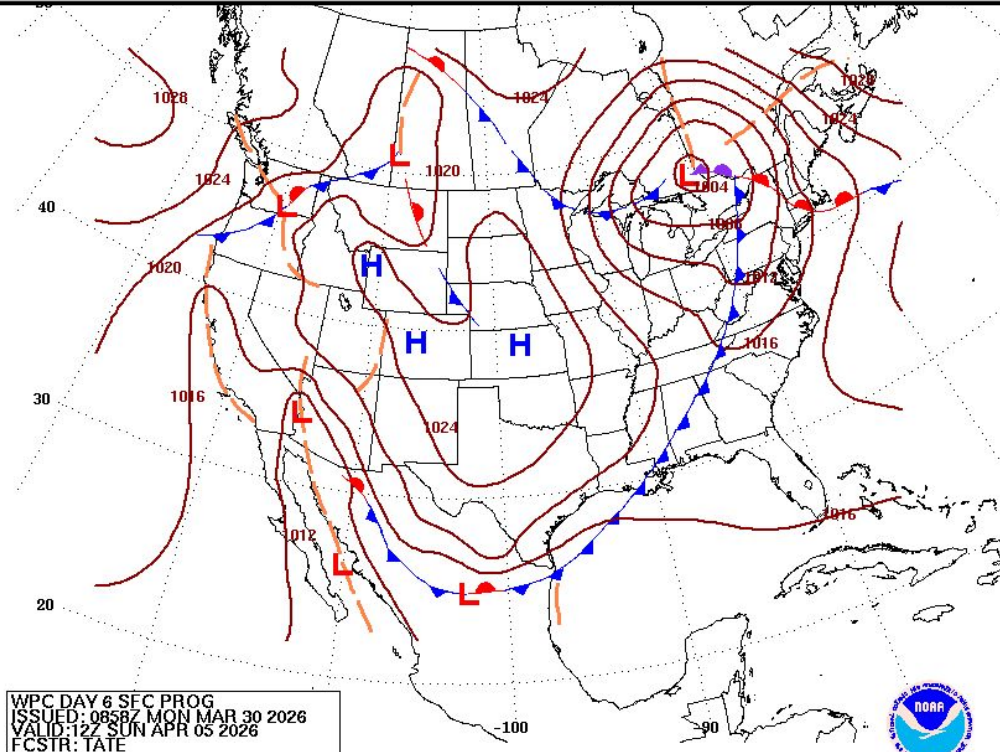
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**

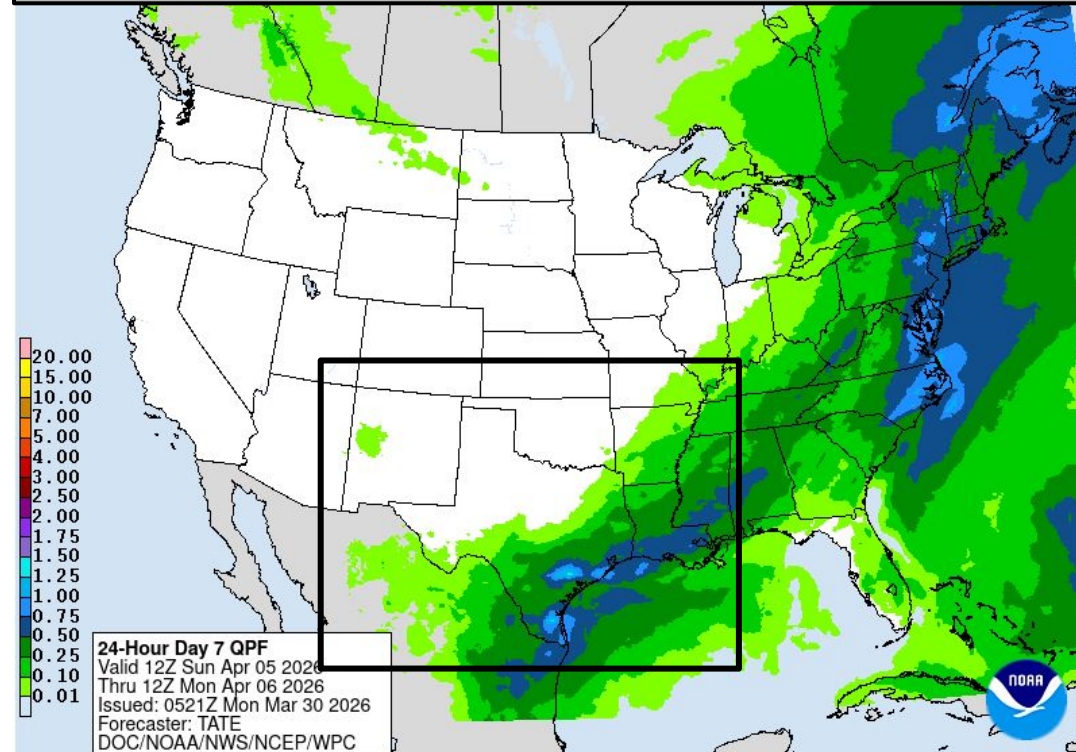


# Sunday's Weather

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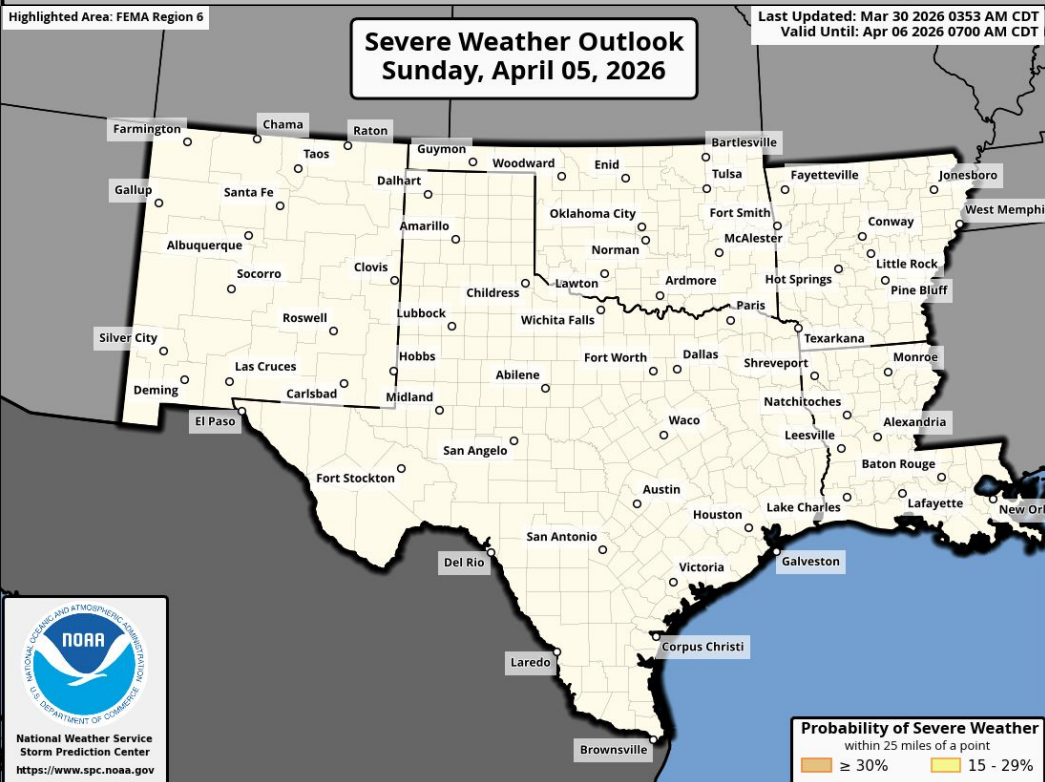


## Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

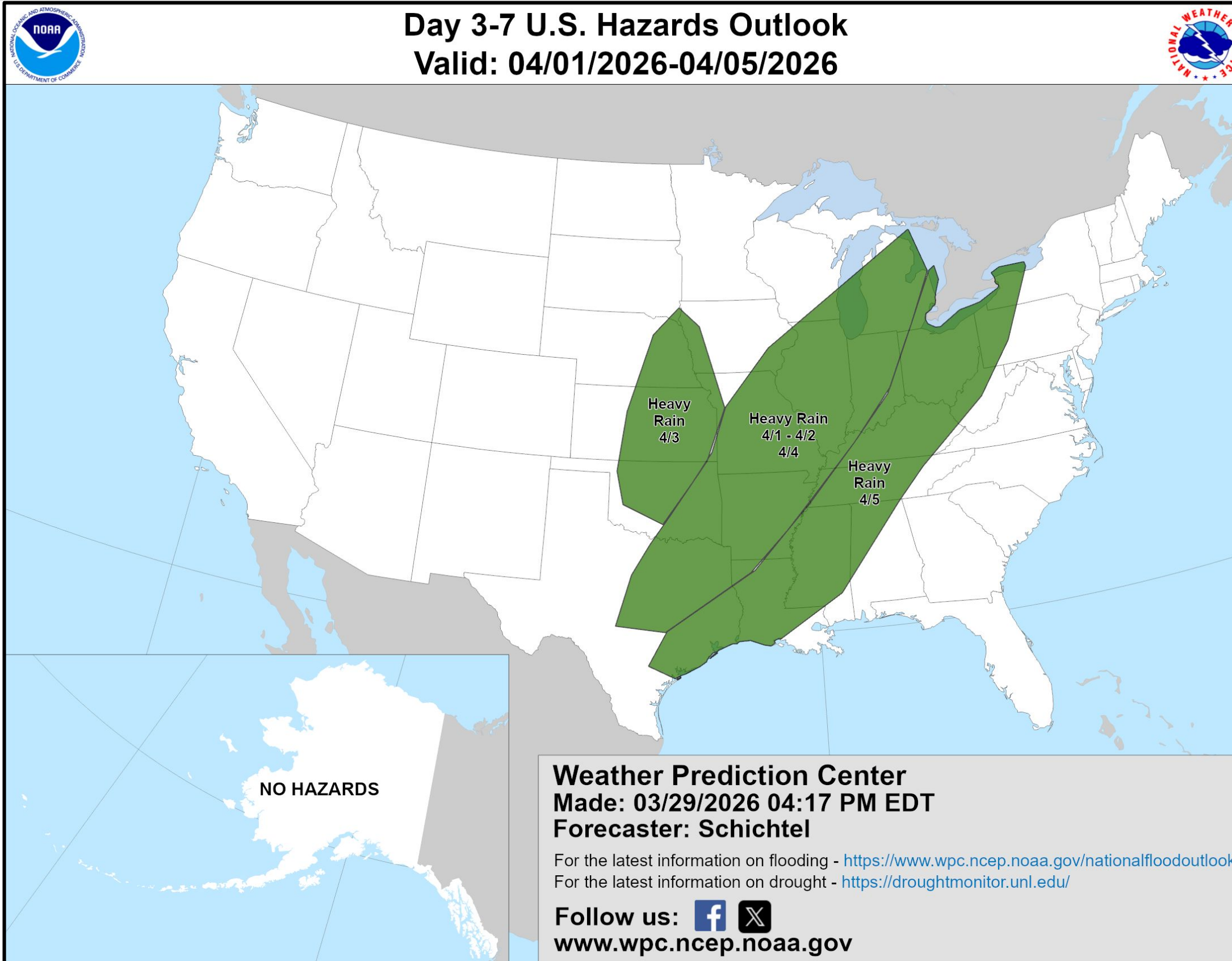


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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



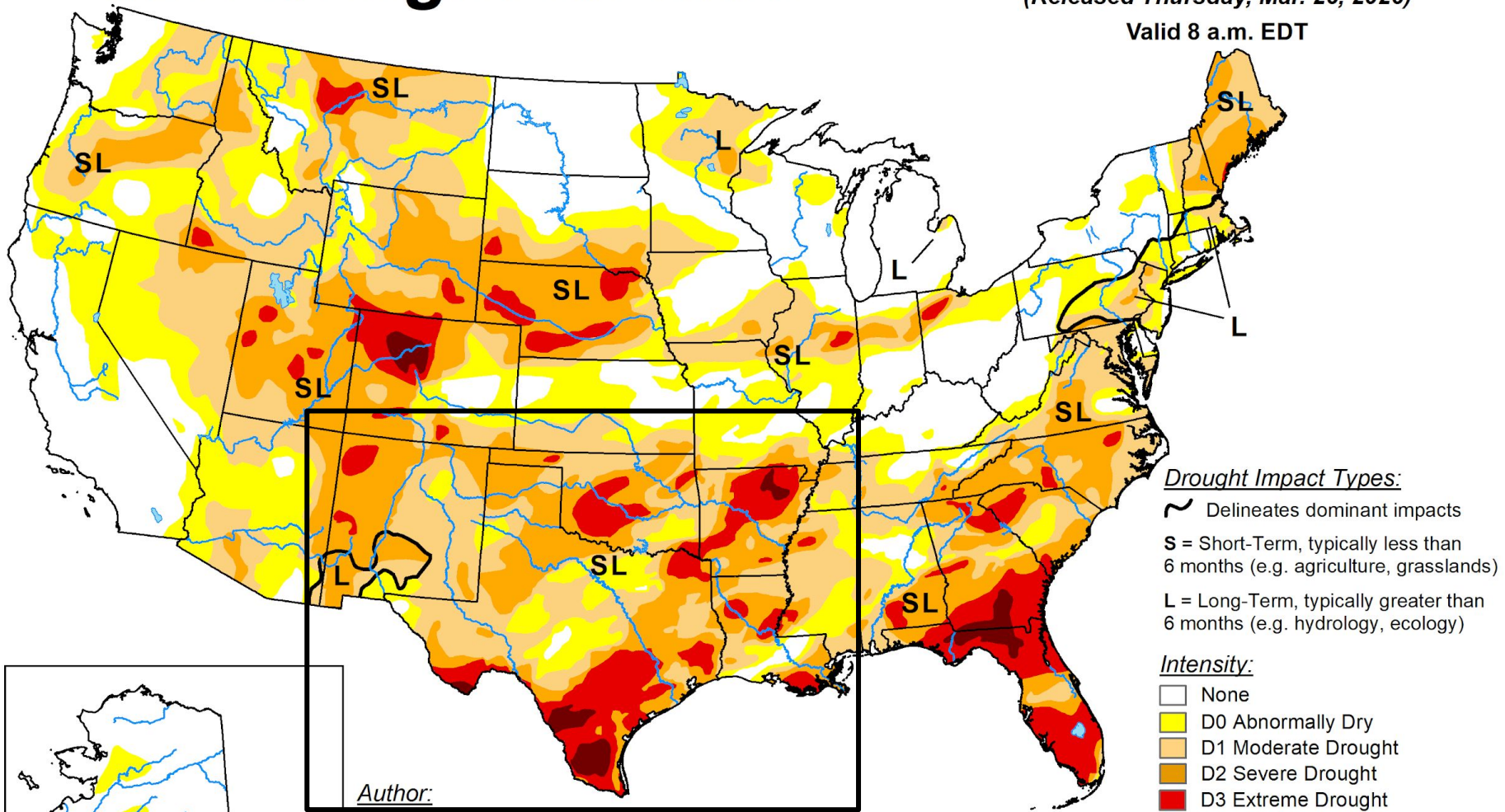




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

March 24, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 26, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Author:  
Rocky Bilotta  
NCEI/NOAA

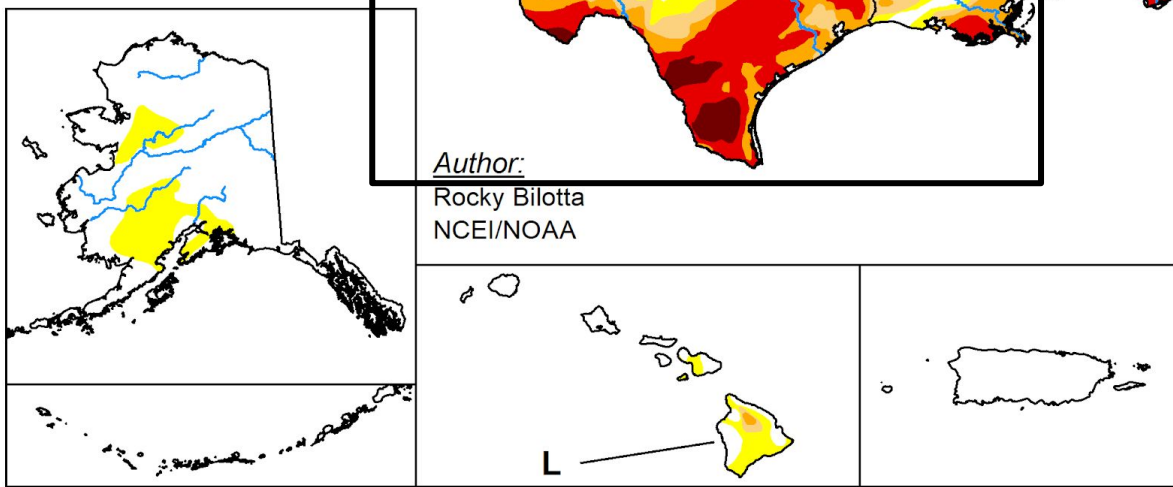
**Drought Impact Types:**  
~ Delineates dominant impacts  
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**  
None  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

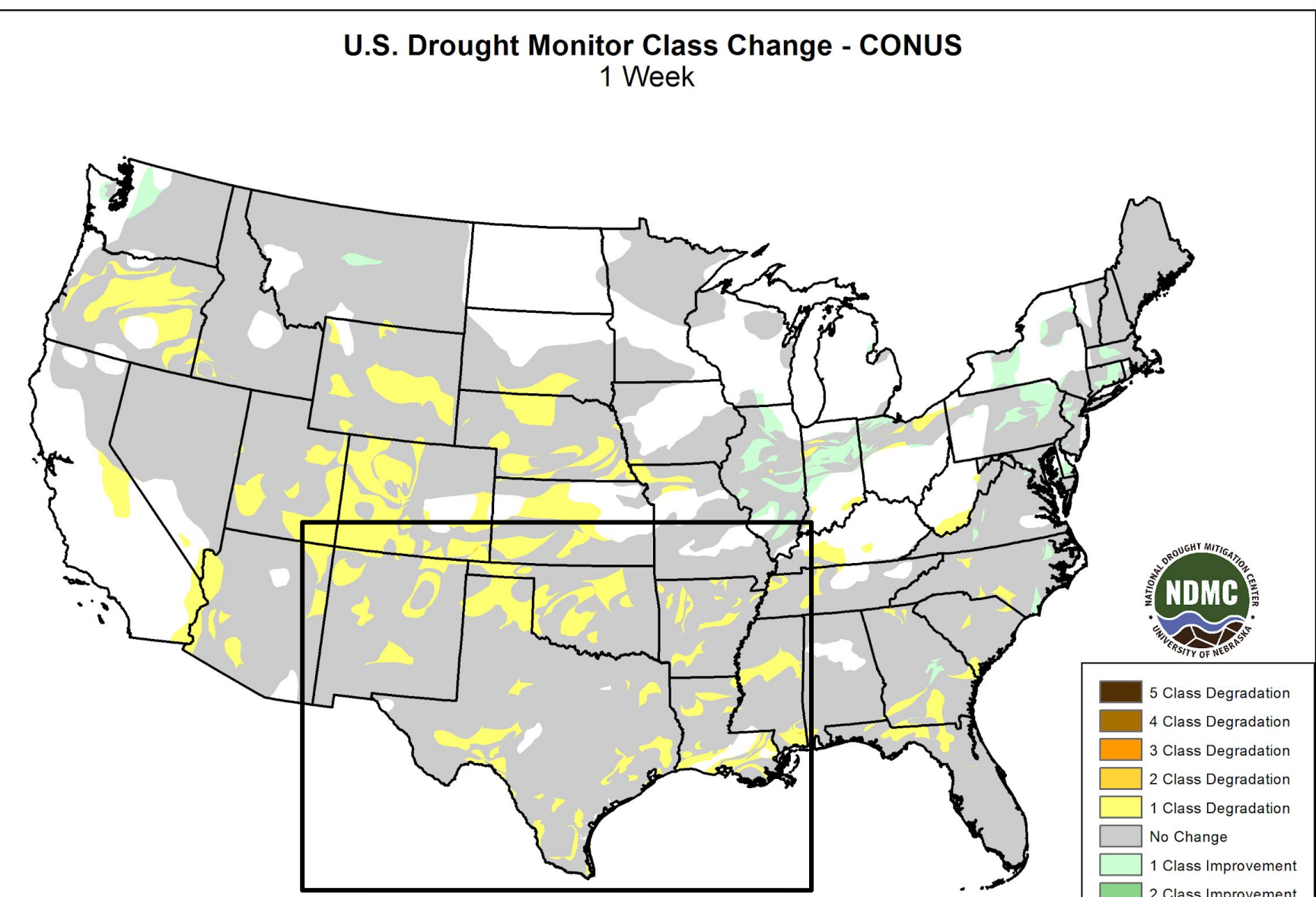
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



March 24, 2026  
compared to  
March 17, 2026

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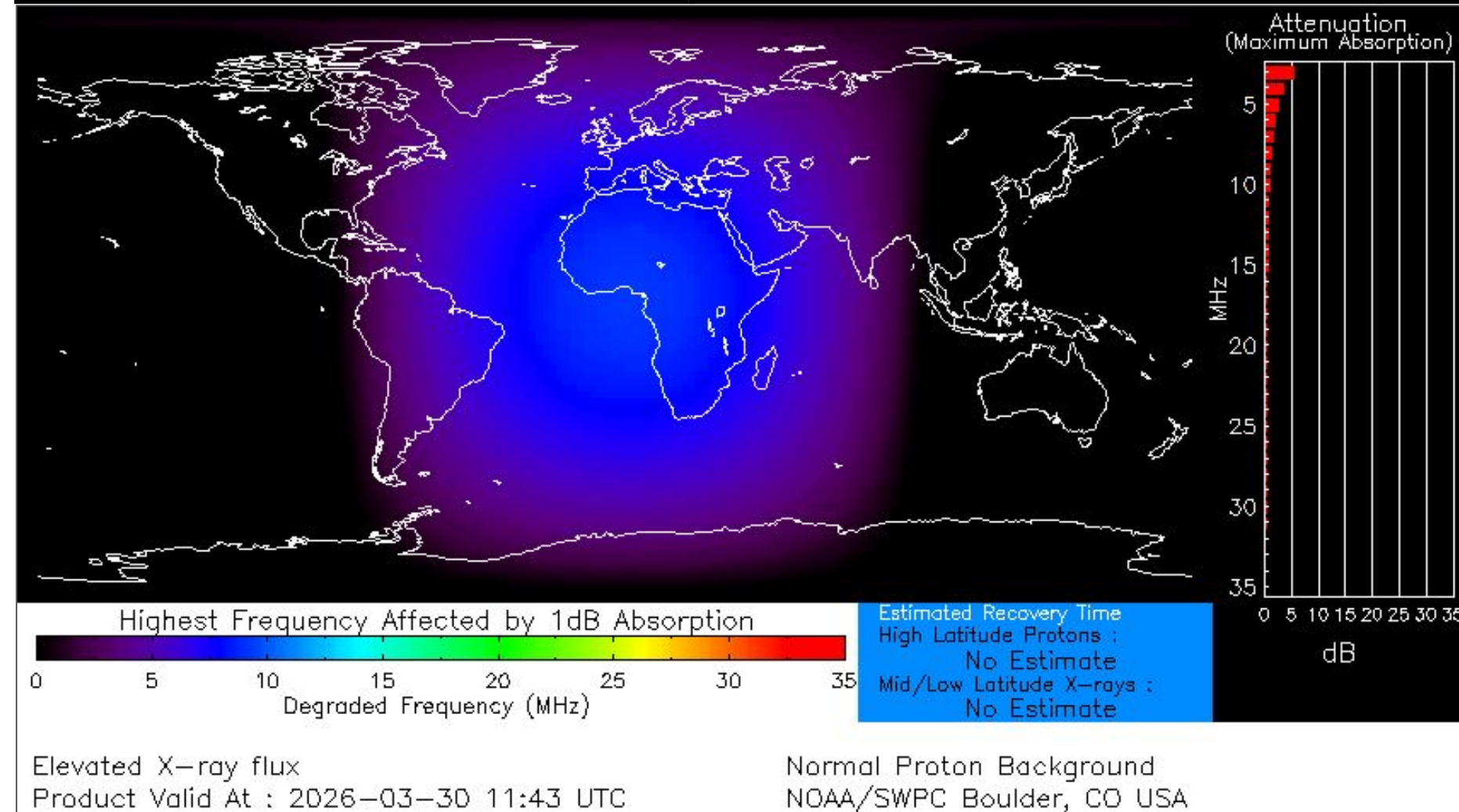


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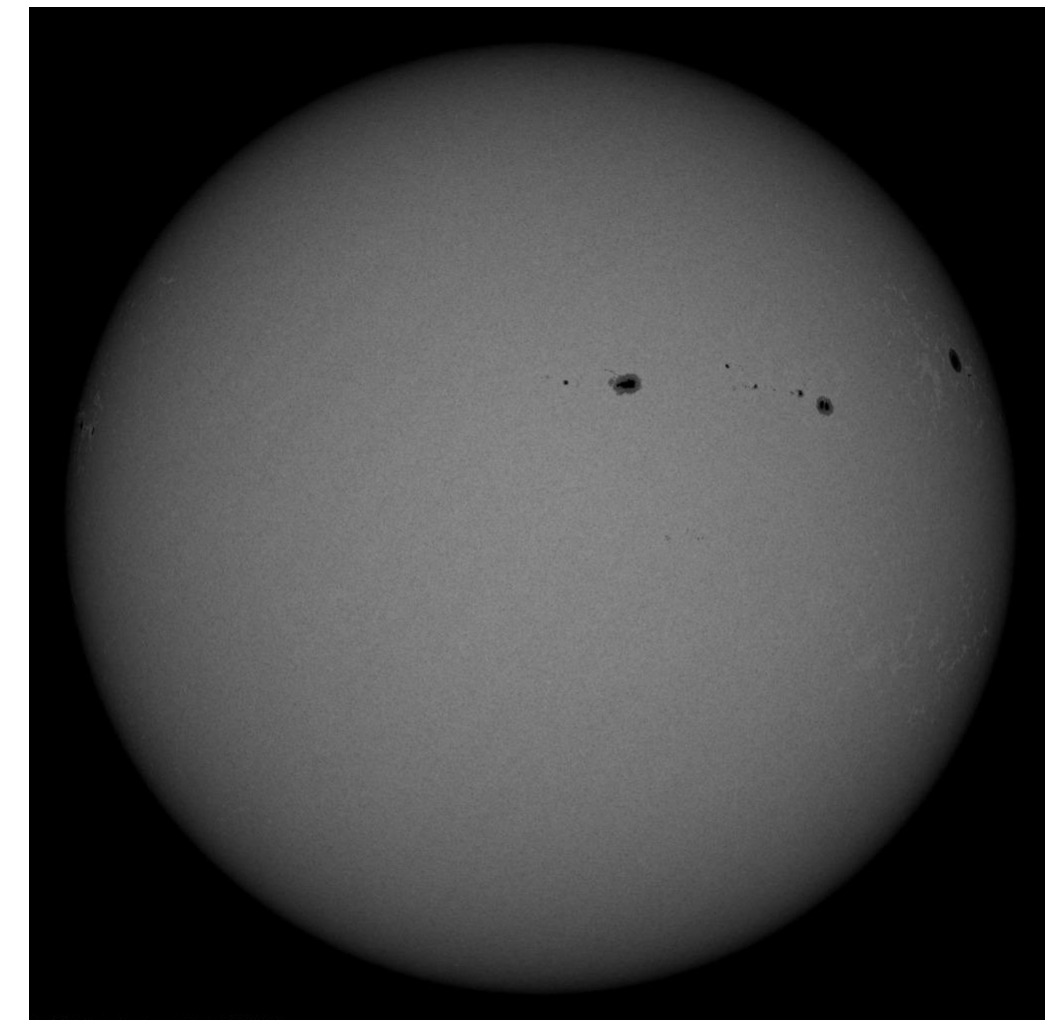
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Mar 30	Tuesday, Mar 31	Wednesday, Apr 1
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>



[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;"><b>Little to None</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></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>	<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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></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>	<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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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