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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, April 01, 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.





Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- Slight risk to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) today for SW TX-OK. Wind and hail main threats; conditional EF-2 tornado threat.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday over W OK and NW TX.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) today in TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.
- Elevated to critical Thursday & Friday over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, NW OK.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for NE OK today.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) Friday for N/C TX, OK, NW AR.

- **Heat:**

- Minor heat impacts in S TX, S LA Wed-Fri.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Apr 1	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7
Severe Storms	NW TX, W/C OK		W OK, NW TX				
	SW TX-OK						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE OK	C/ETX	N/C TX, OK, NW AR	SE OK, AR, C/S/ETX, NW LA			
Heat	STX, S LA	STX	STX, S LA				
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles, WTX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX, NW OK				
River Flooding							

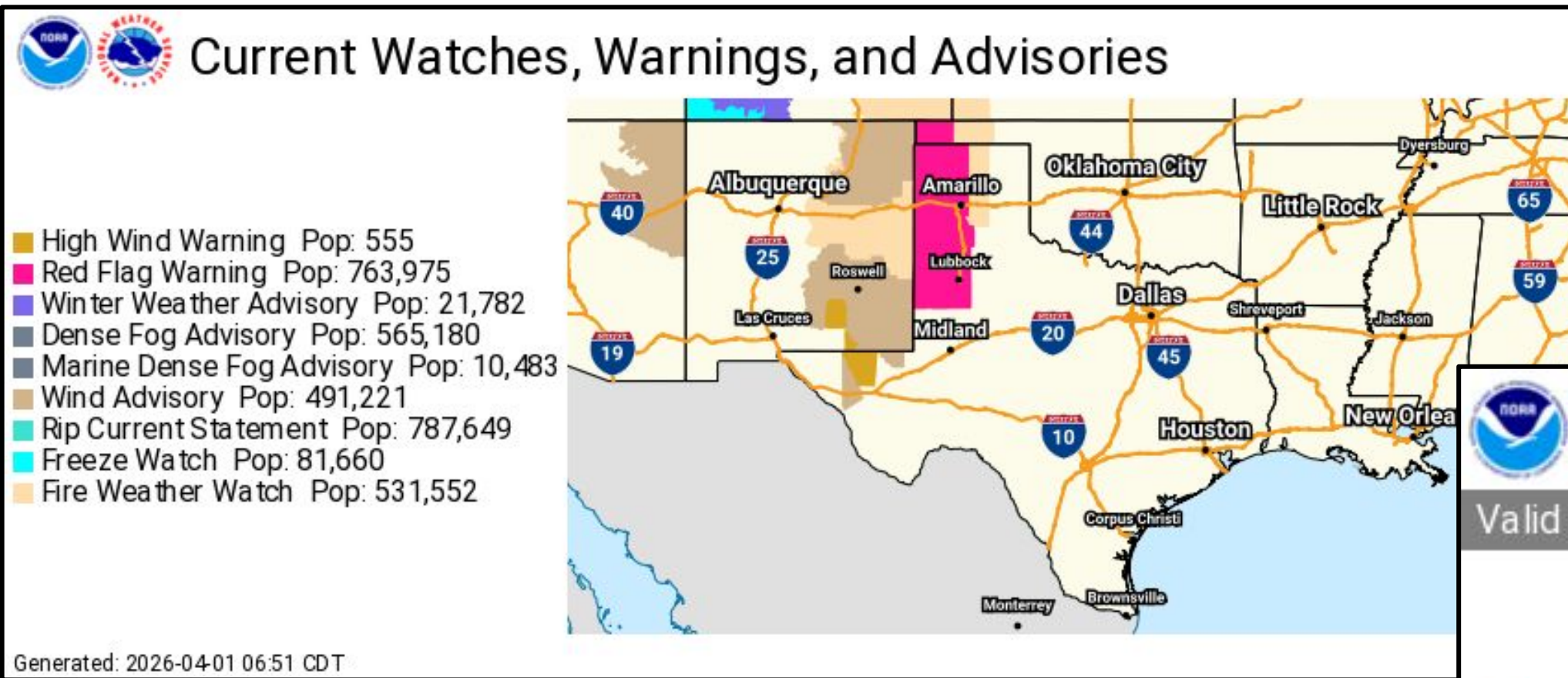
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

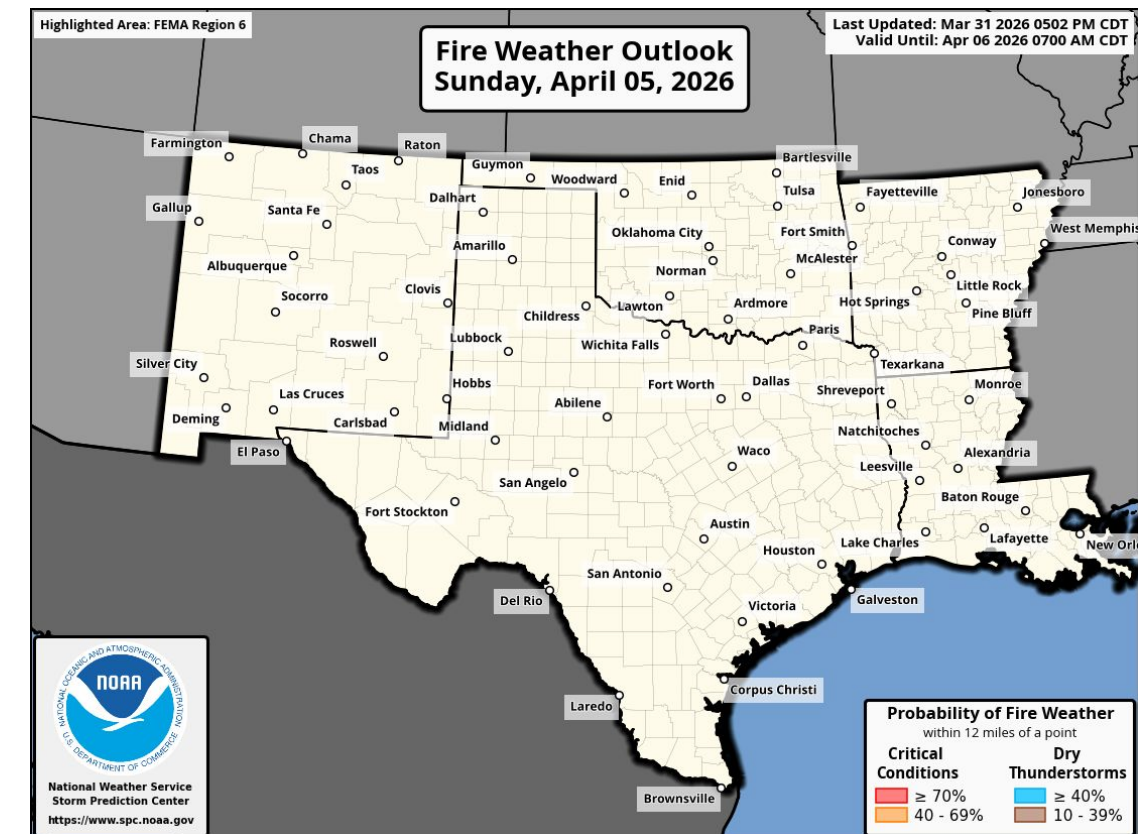
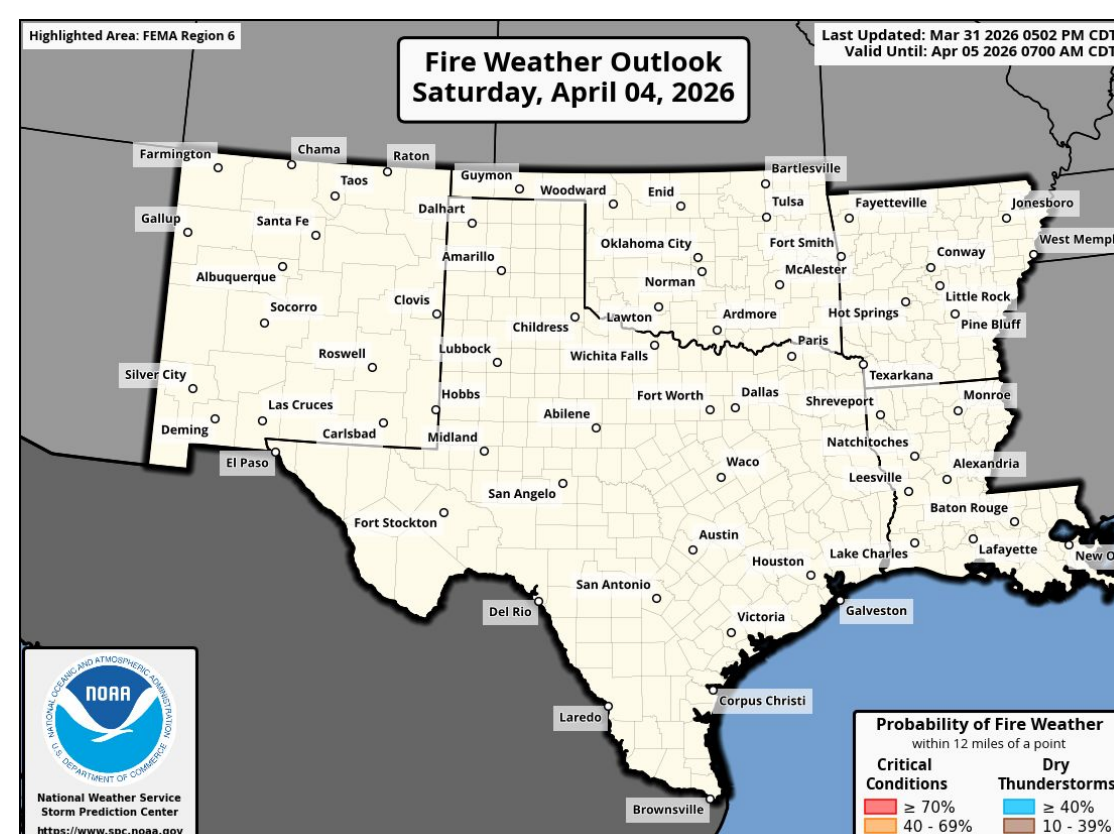
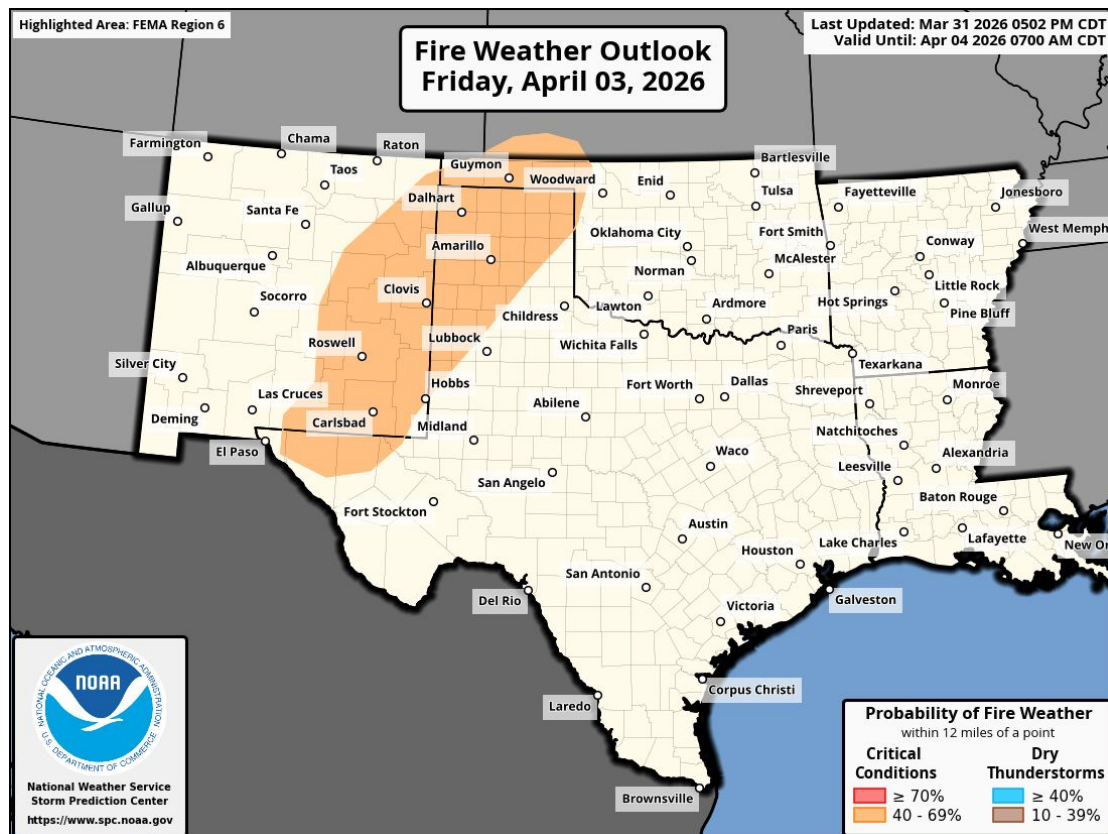
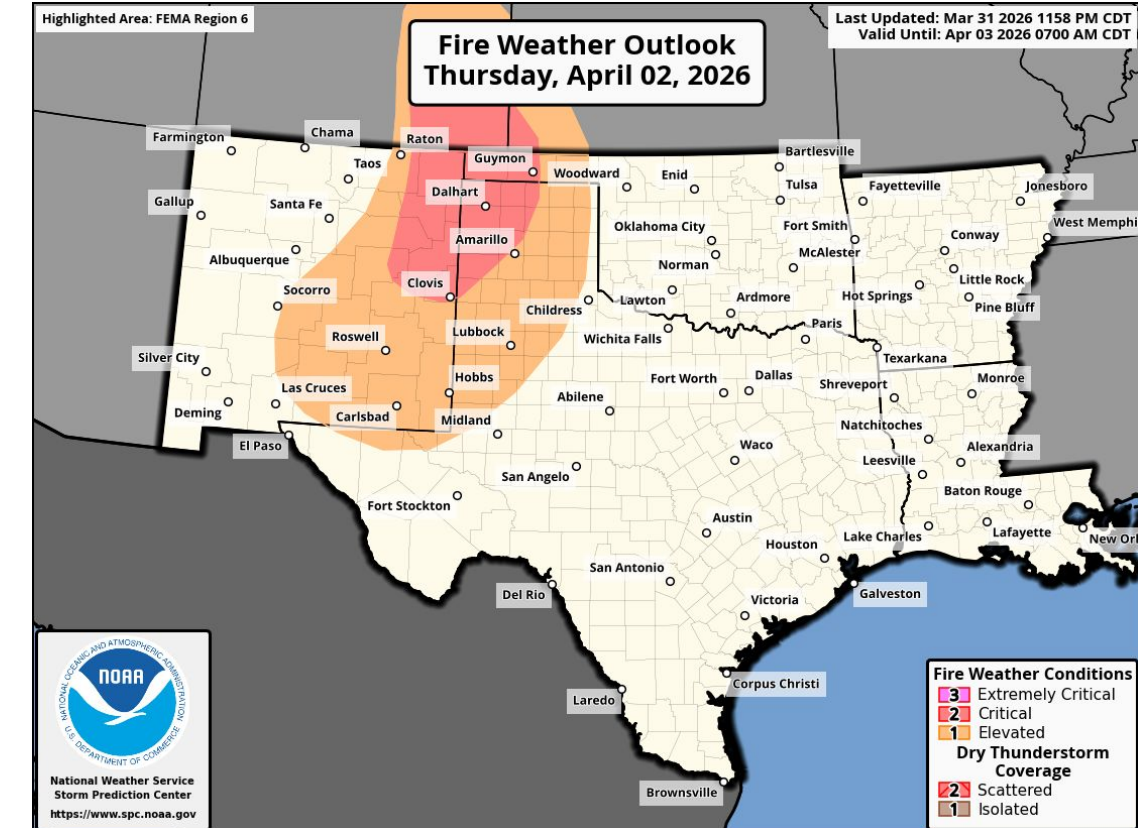
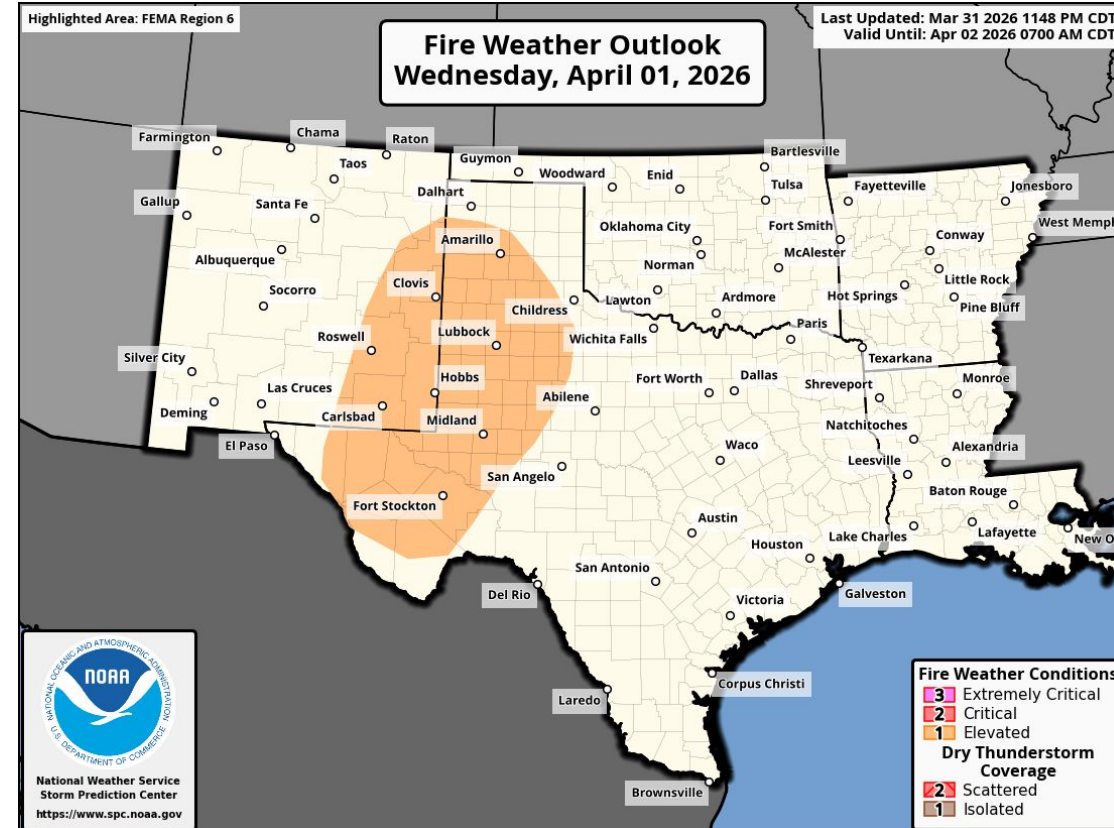
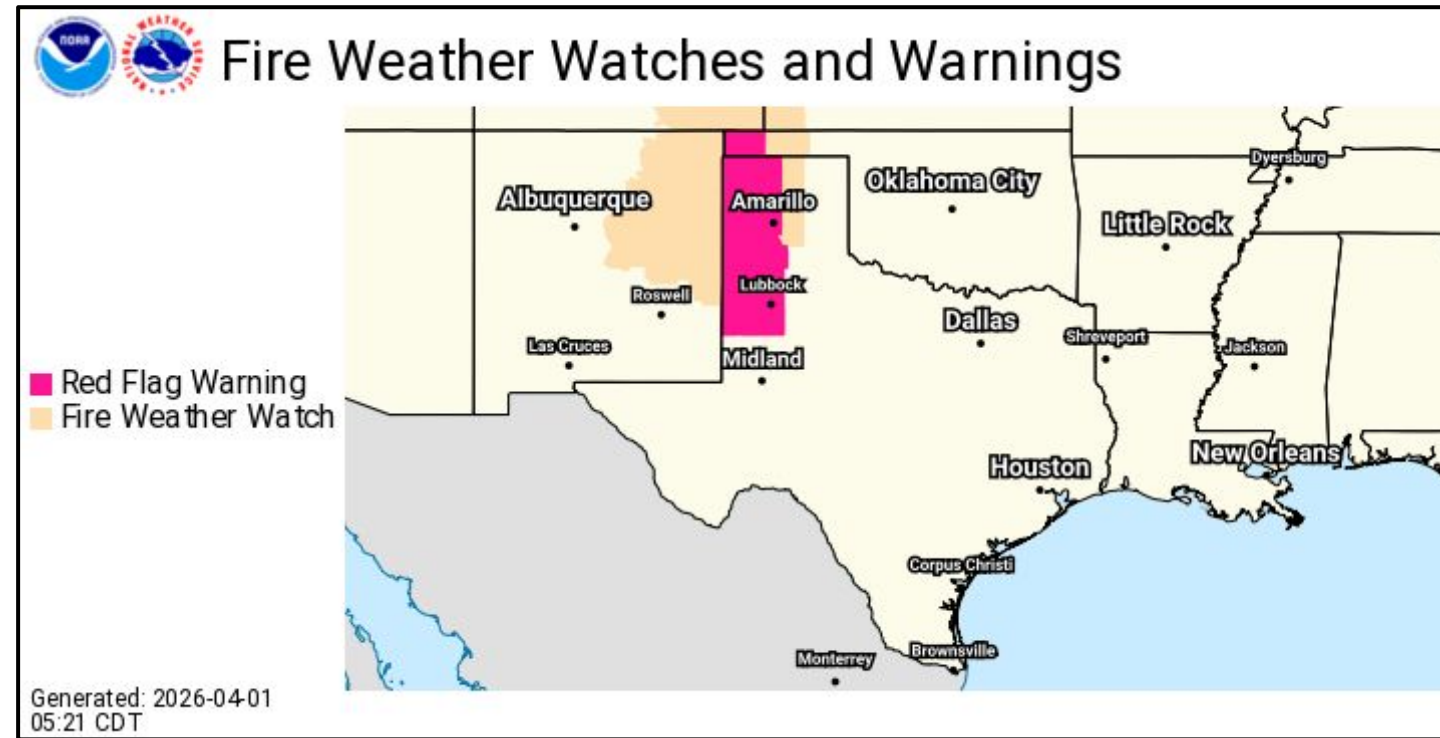


Red Flag Warnings for W TX, TX/OK Panhandles from noon CDT today through 10 PM this evening.

Fire Weather Watches in effect for tomorrow for E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles.



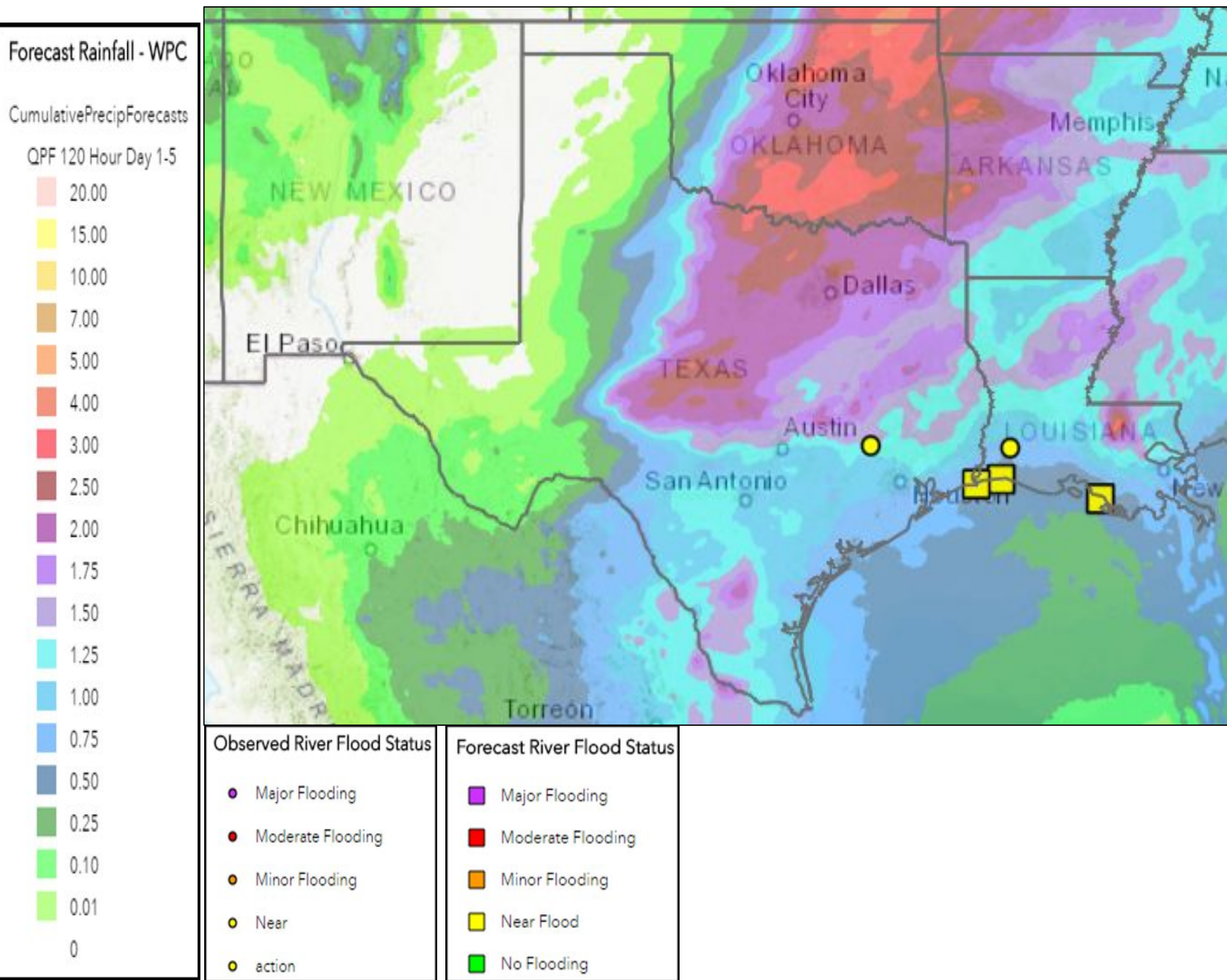
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



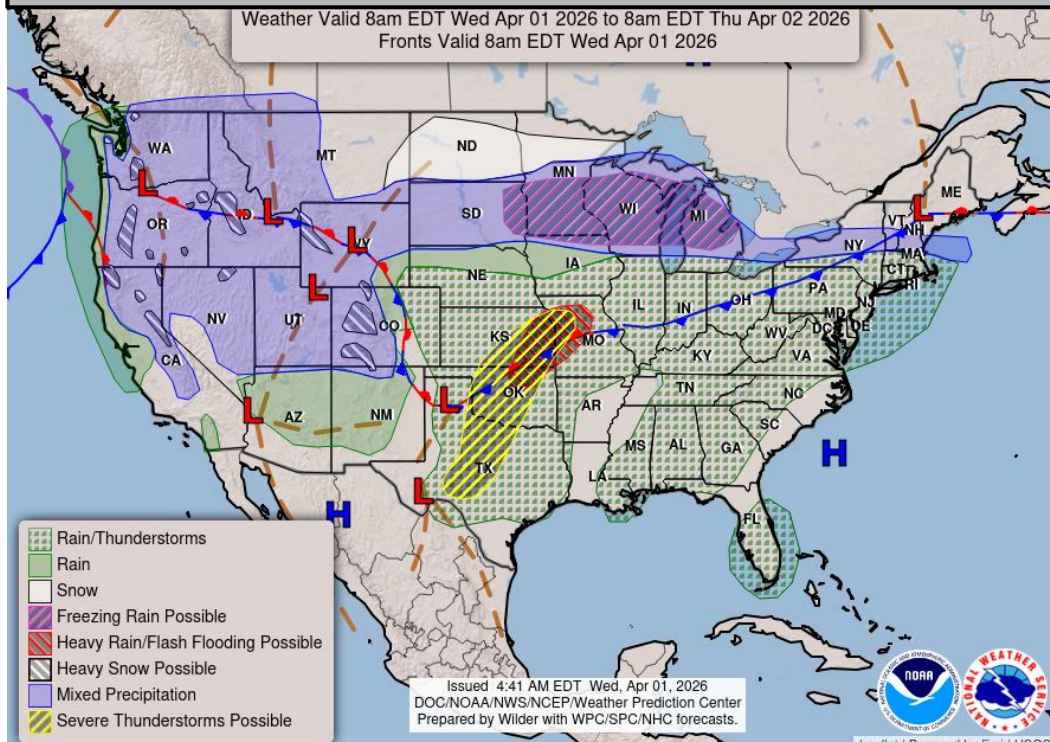
River flooding is not forecast in the next 48 hours. Monitoring portions of N TX, OK for rises by this weekend.

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.

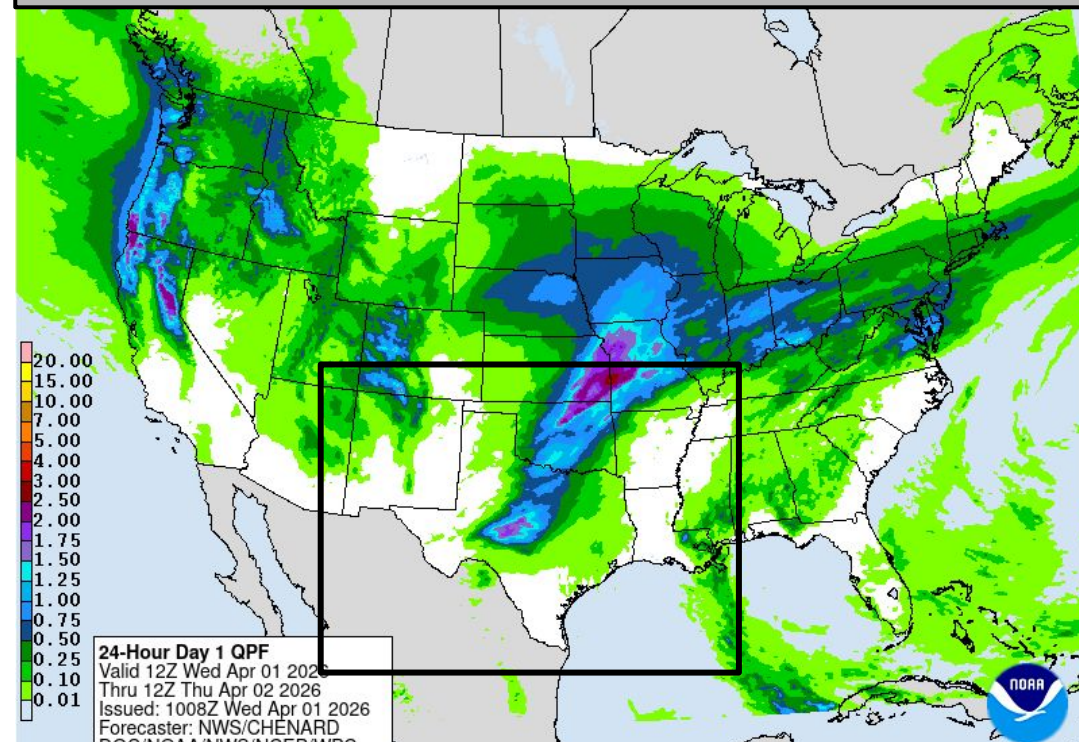


Today's Weather

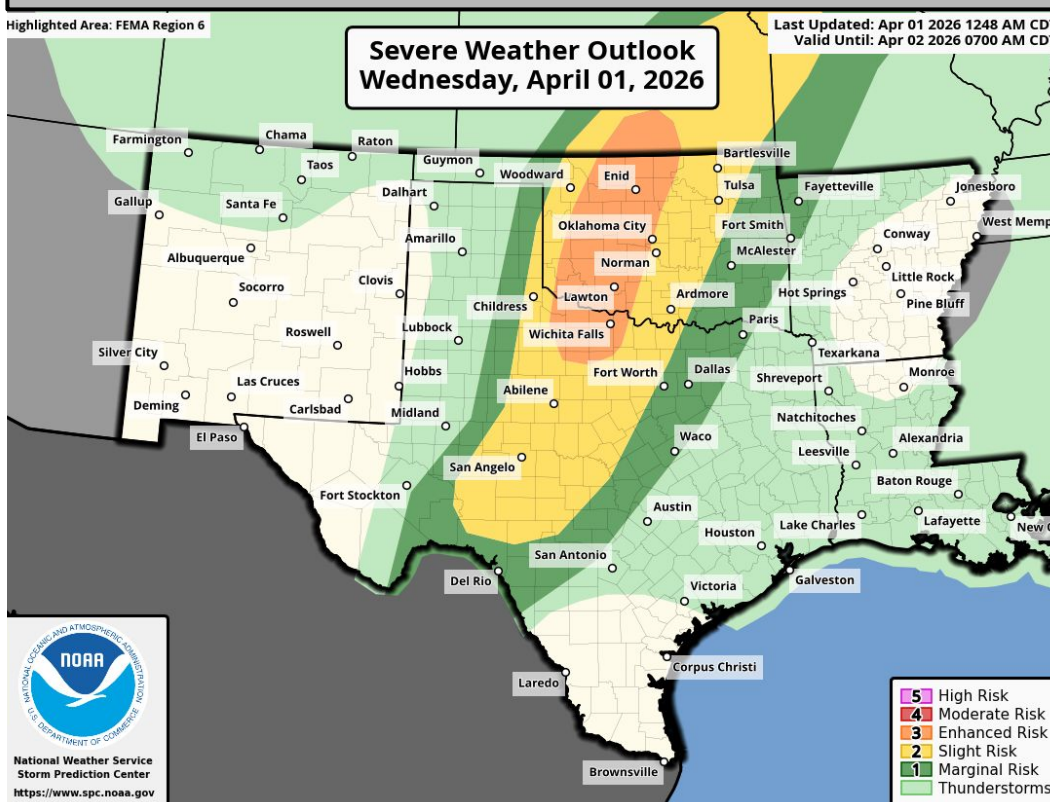
Forecast Chart



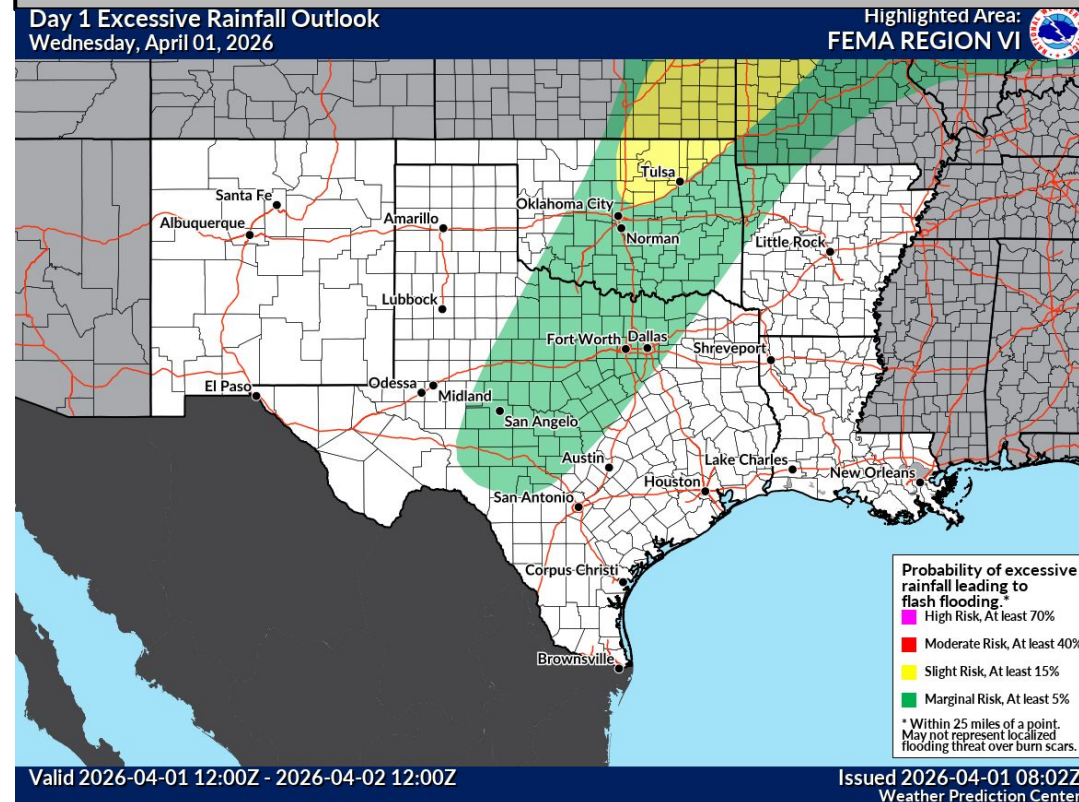
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for NW TX-W/C OK. All hazards may occur, including strong tornadoes up to EF-2.
Timing: 3 PM-2 AM

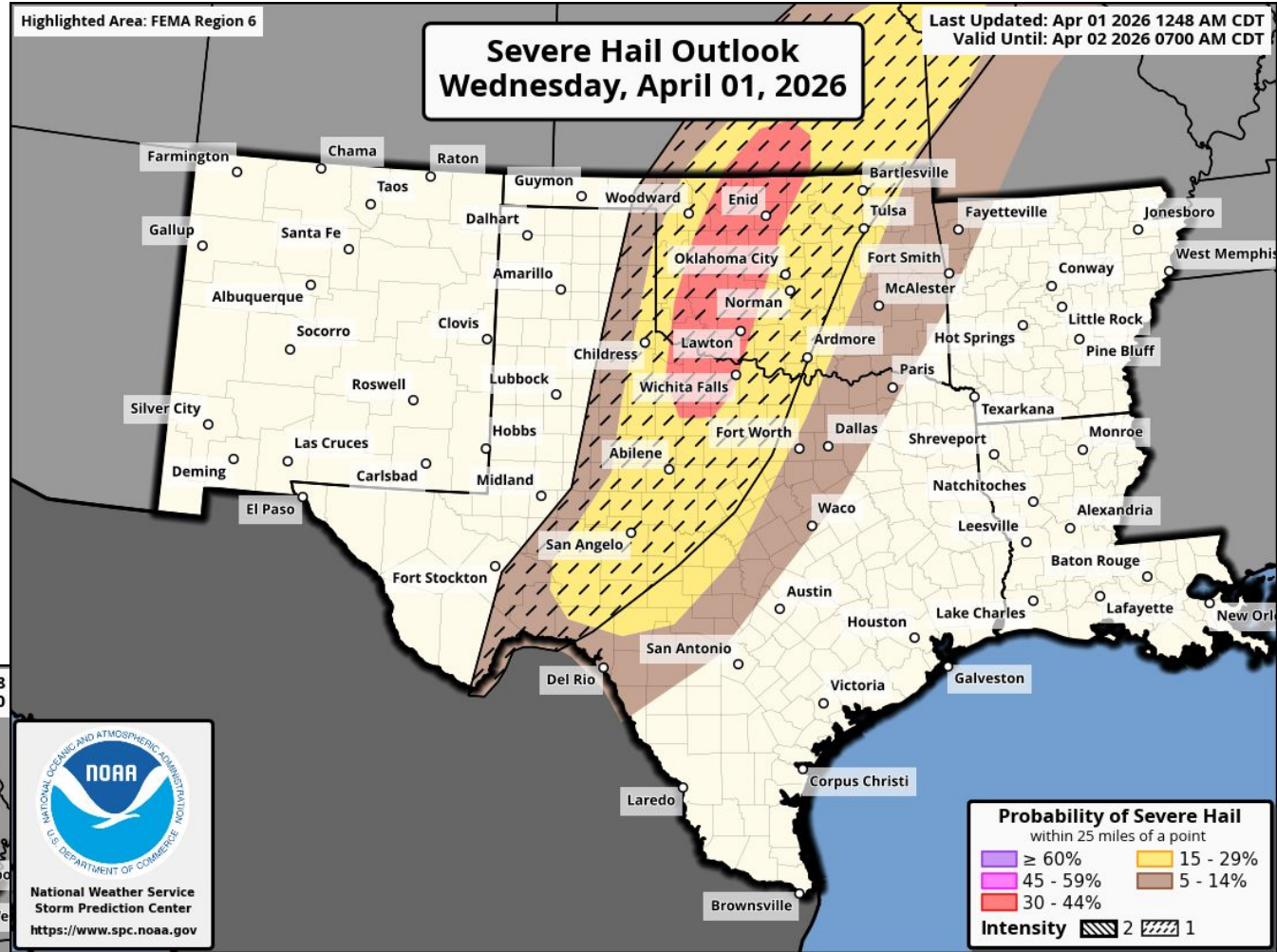
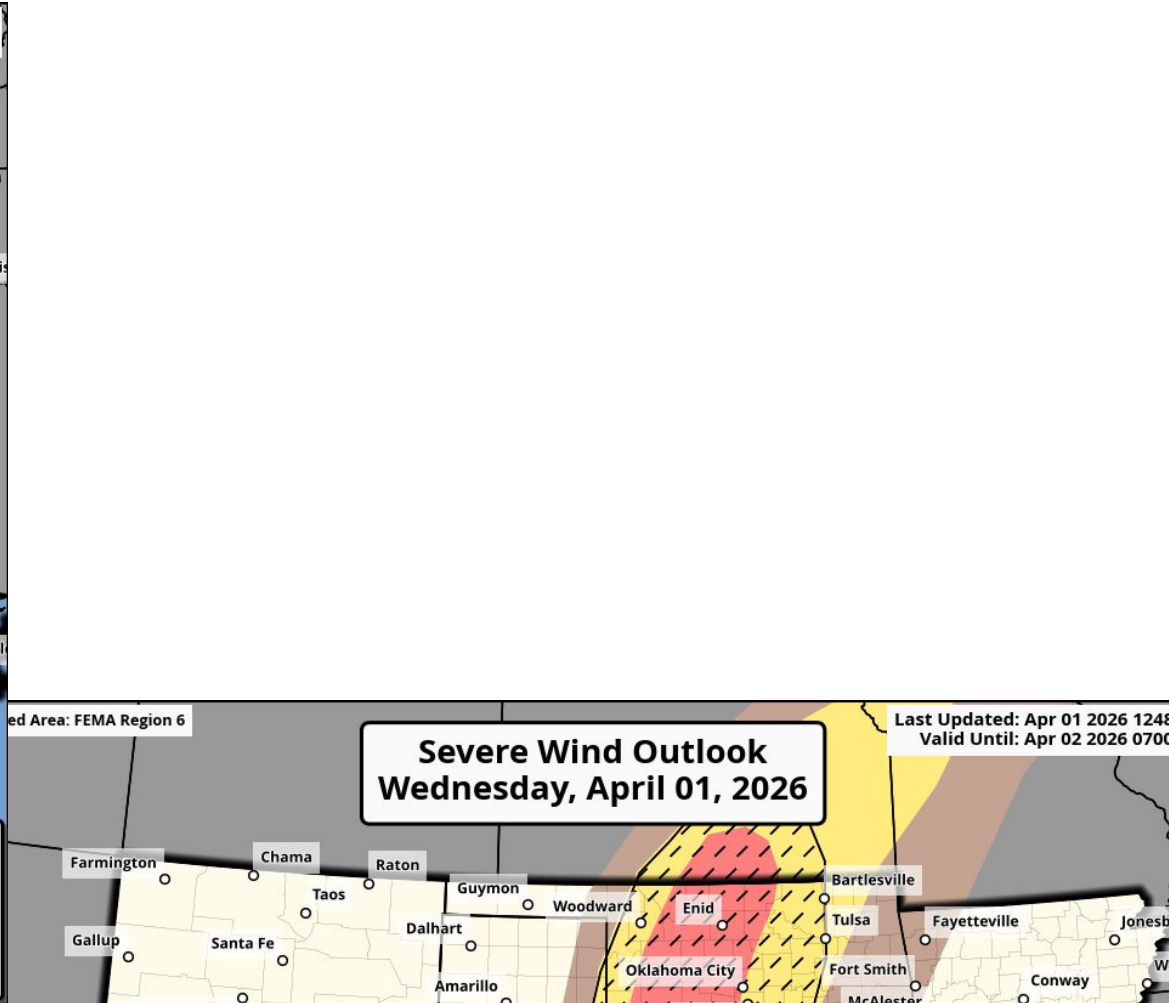
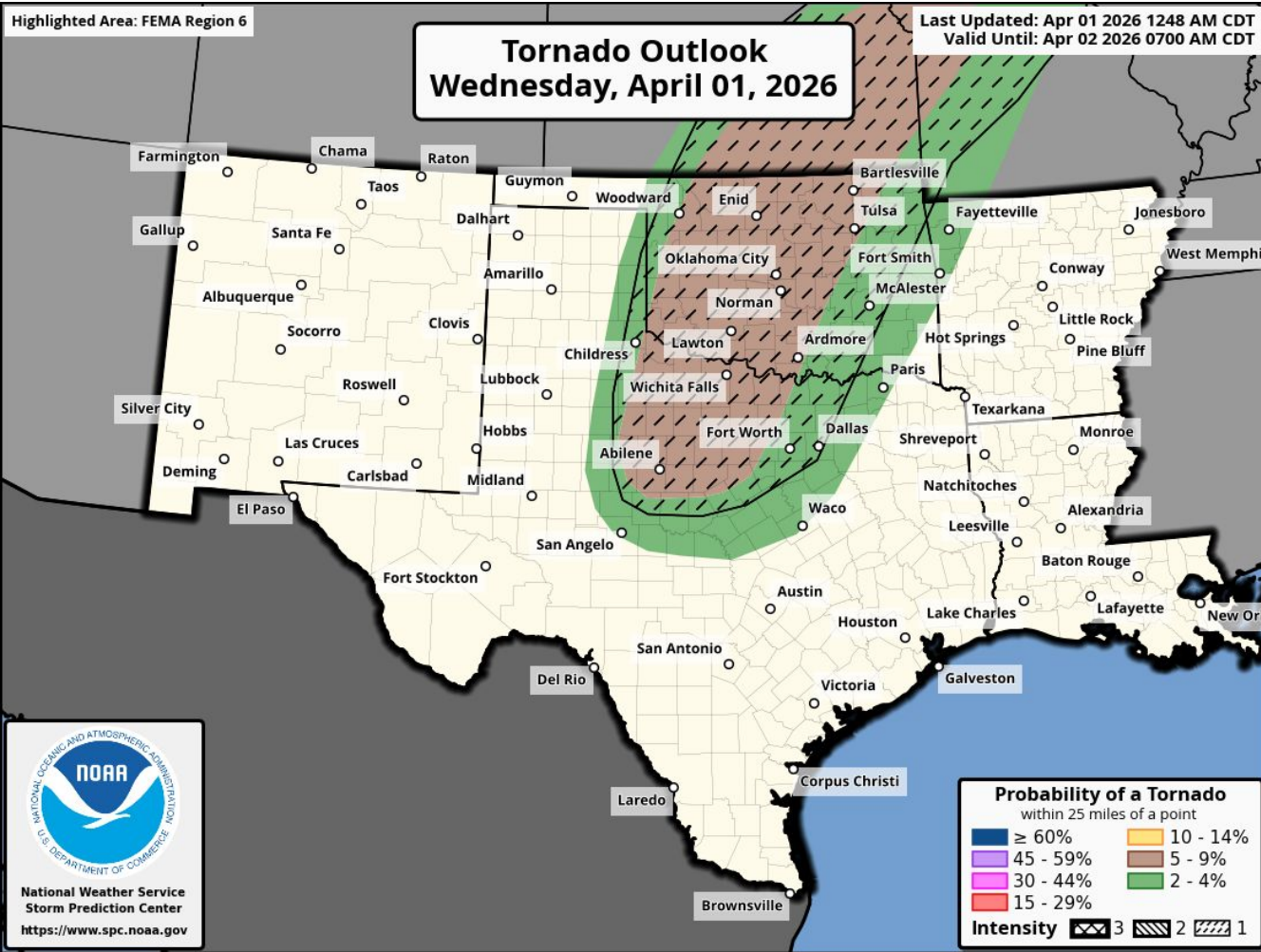
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SW TX-OK.

Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in NE OK. 1-3" of rain, localized up to 5". Flash flooding in poor drainage areas down through the Edwards Plateau may occur overnight.



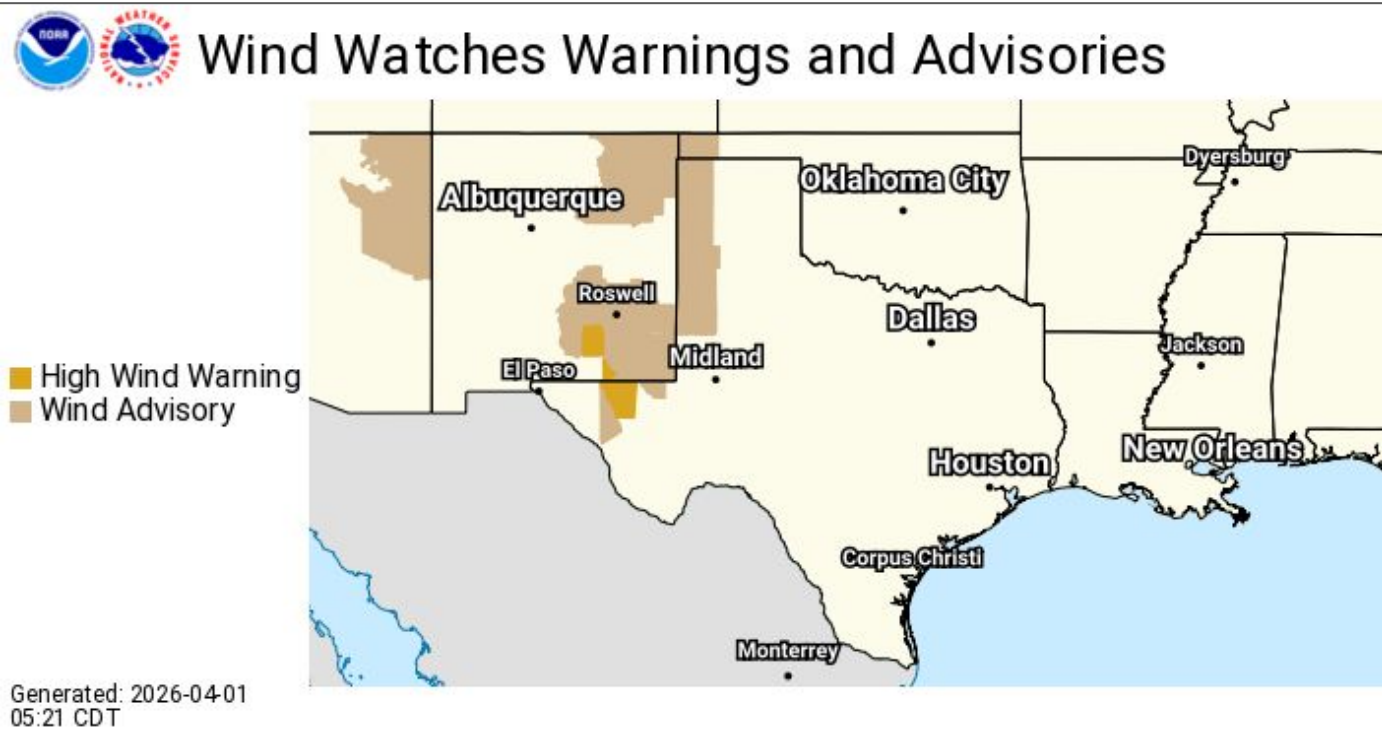
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



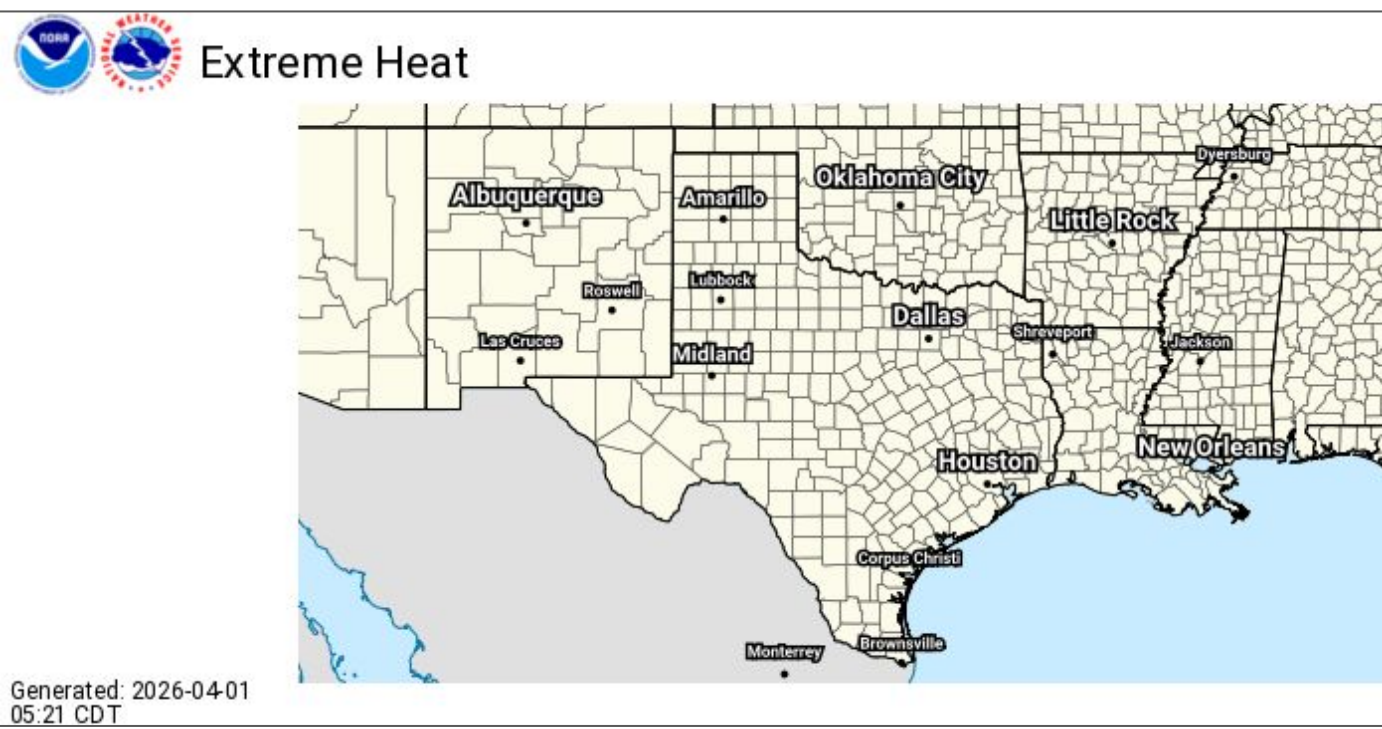


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



High Wind Warnings for Guadalupe mountains from 1 PM CT through 7 PM CT. Gusts up to 60 mph. Difficult travel for high profile vehicles, blowing dust.

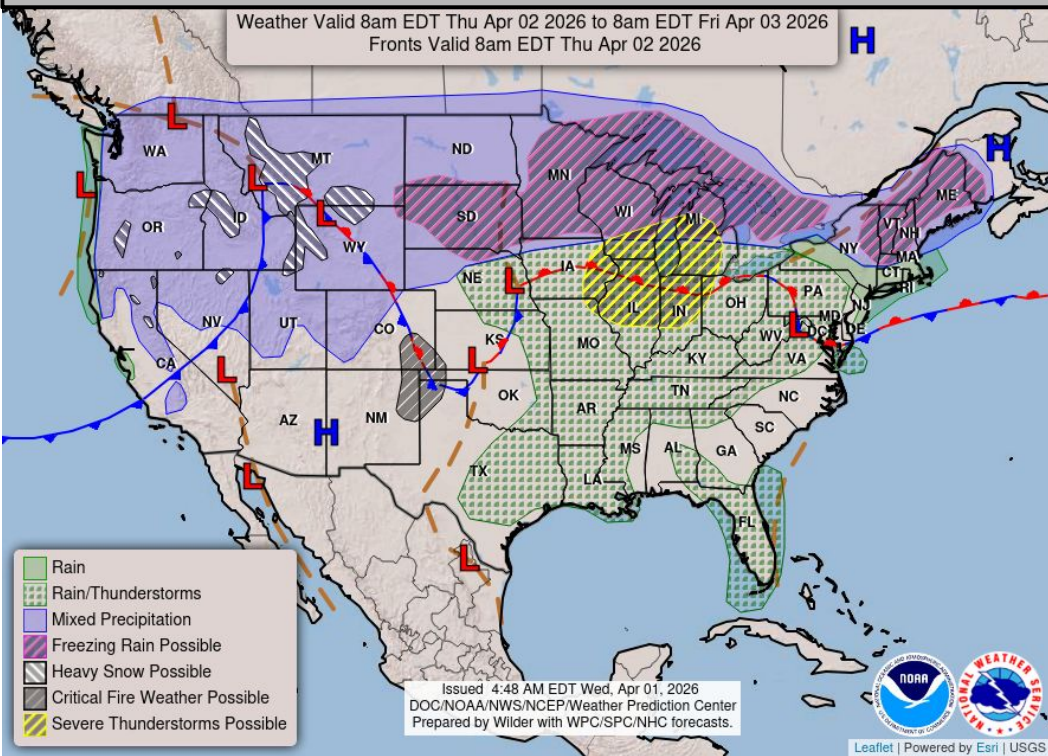


Wind Advisories for E NM/W TX from noon CT through 10 PM CT. Gusts up to 50 mph. Blowing dust.

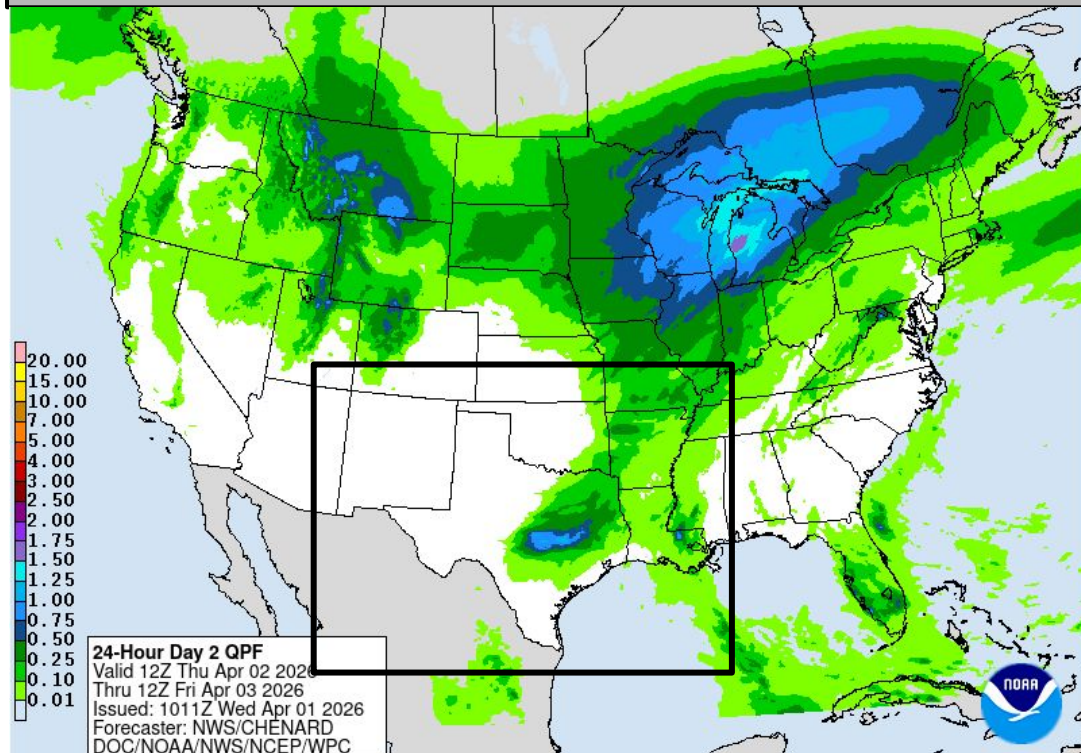


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.

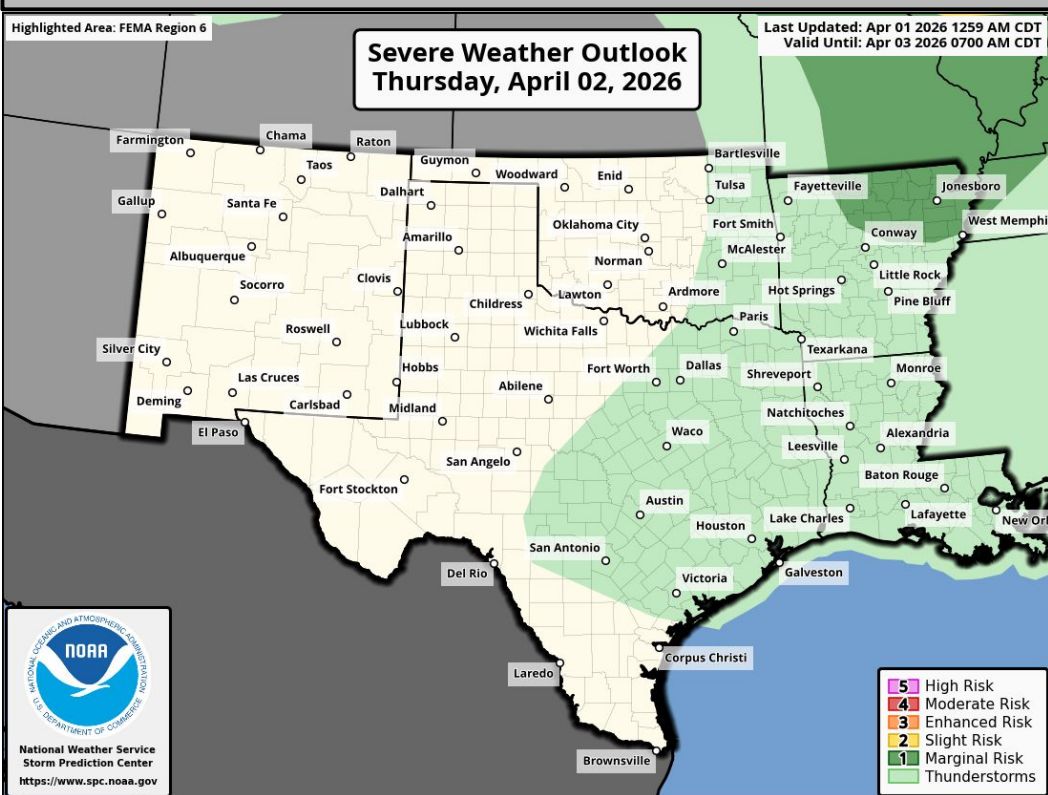
Minor heat impacts for S TX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE AR.

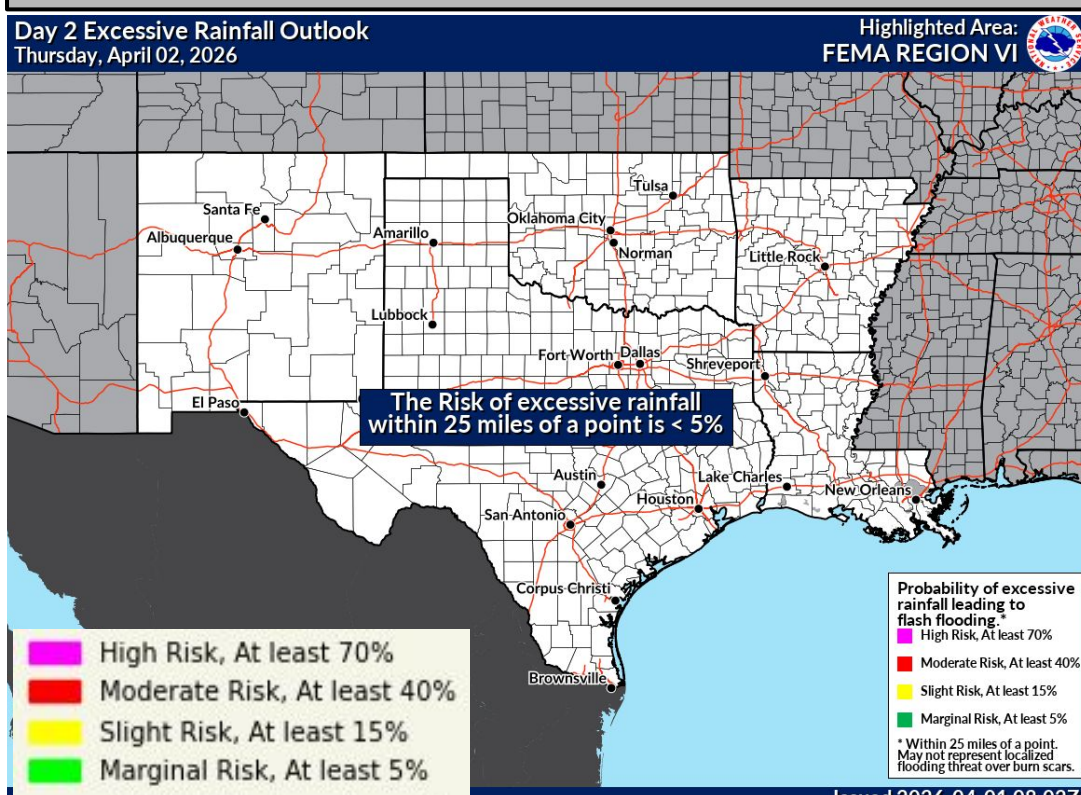
Conditional risk for tornadoes up to EF-2 mid-late afternoon.

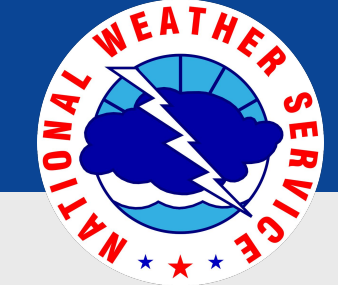
Locally heavy rainfall in C/E TX. 1-2"; up to 4" in downpours.

Severe Weather Outlook

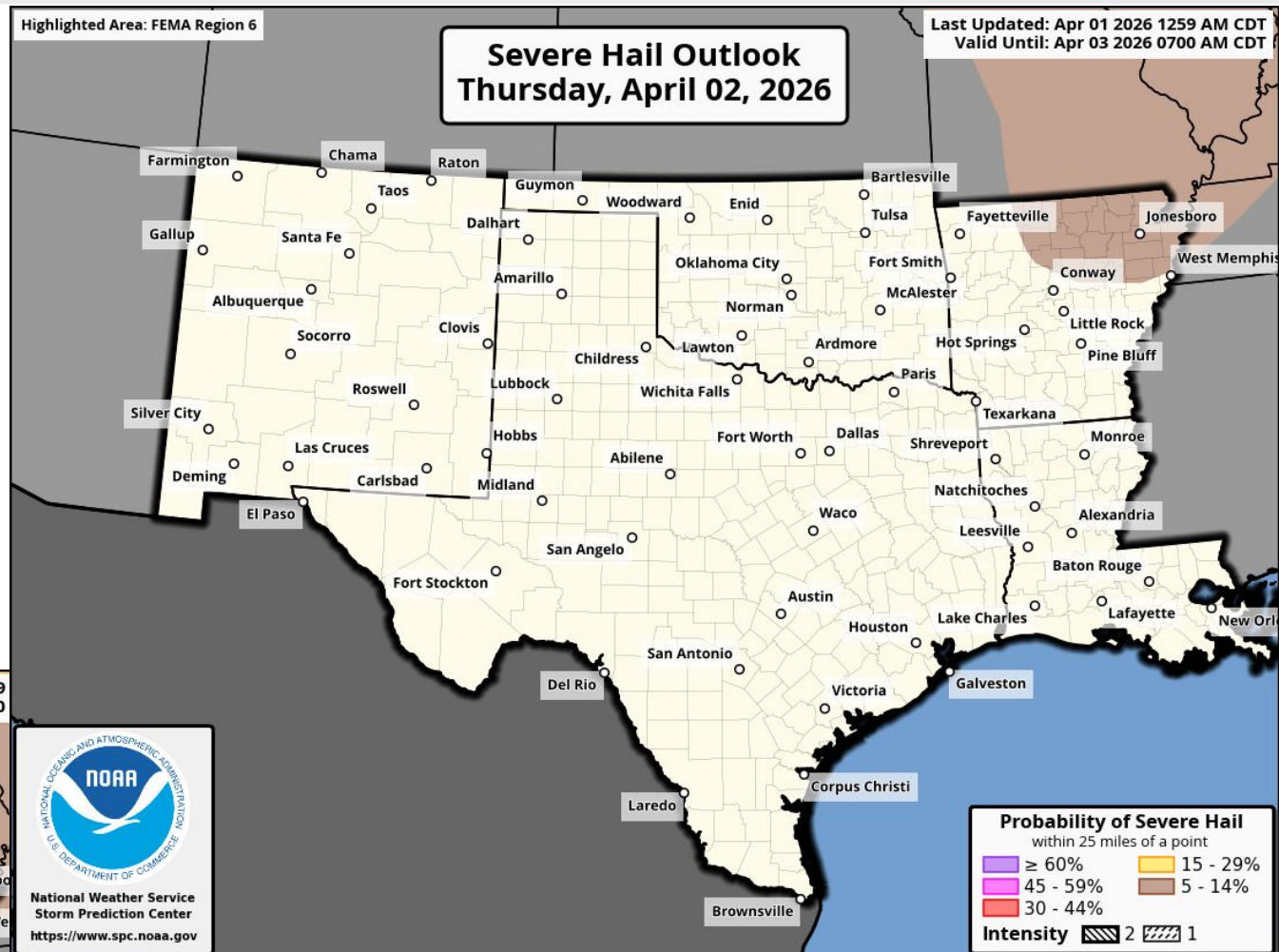
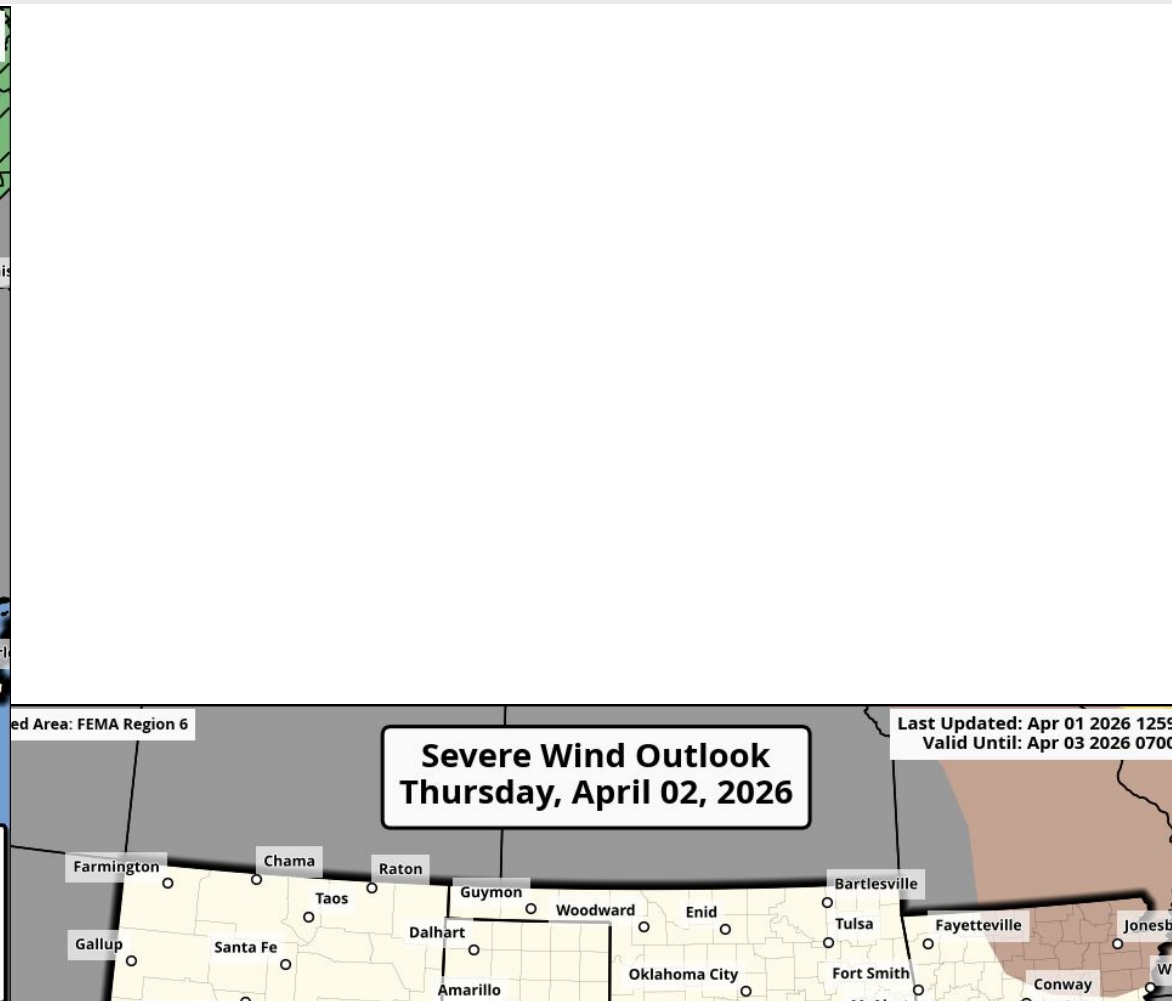
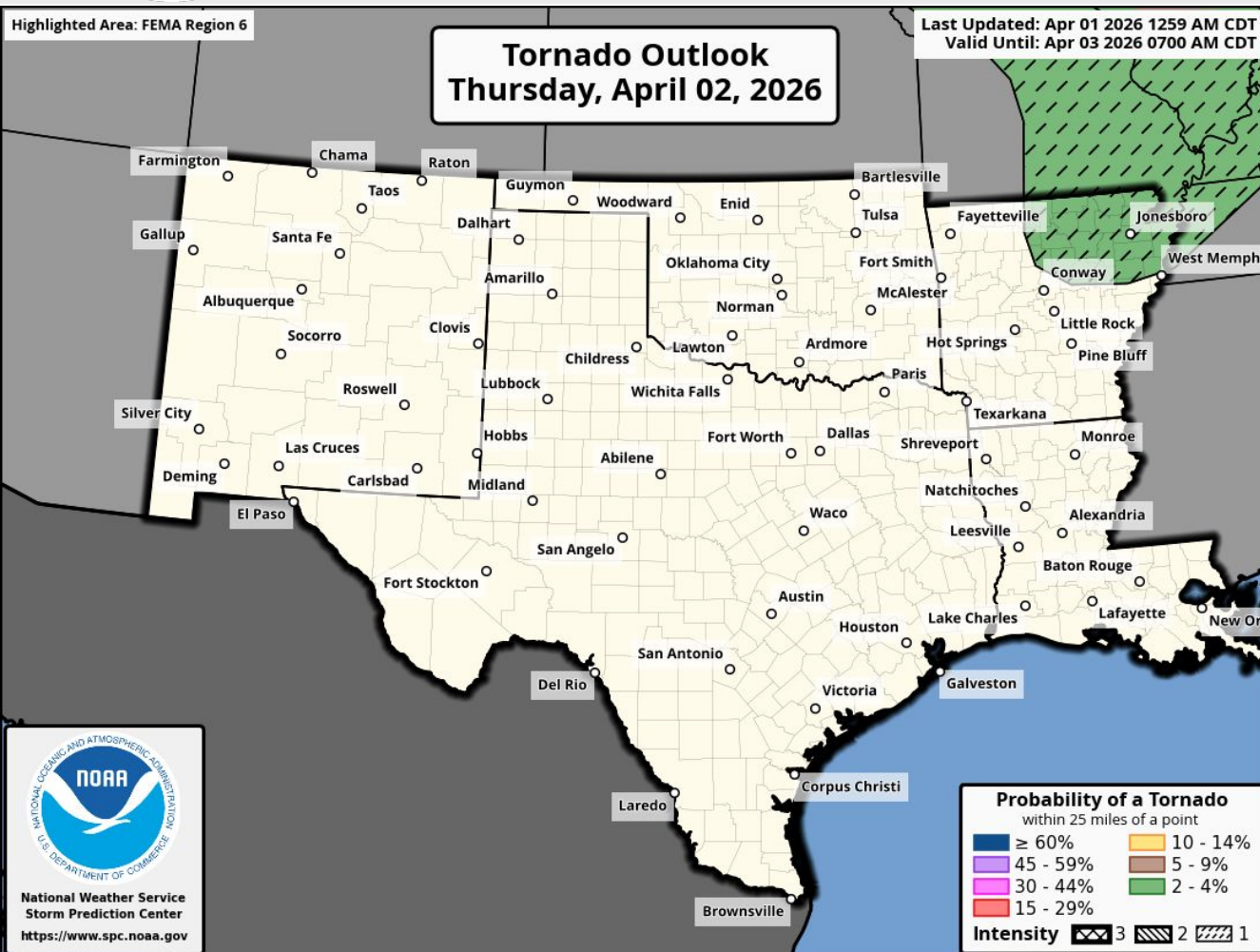


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





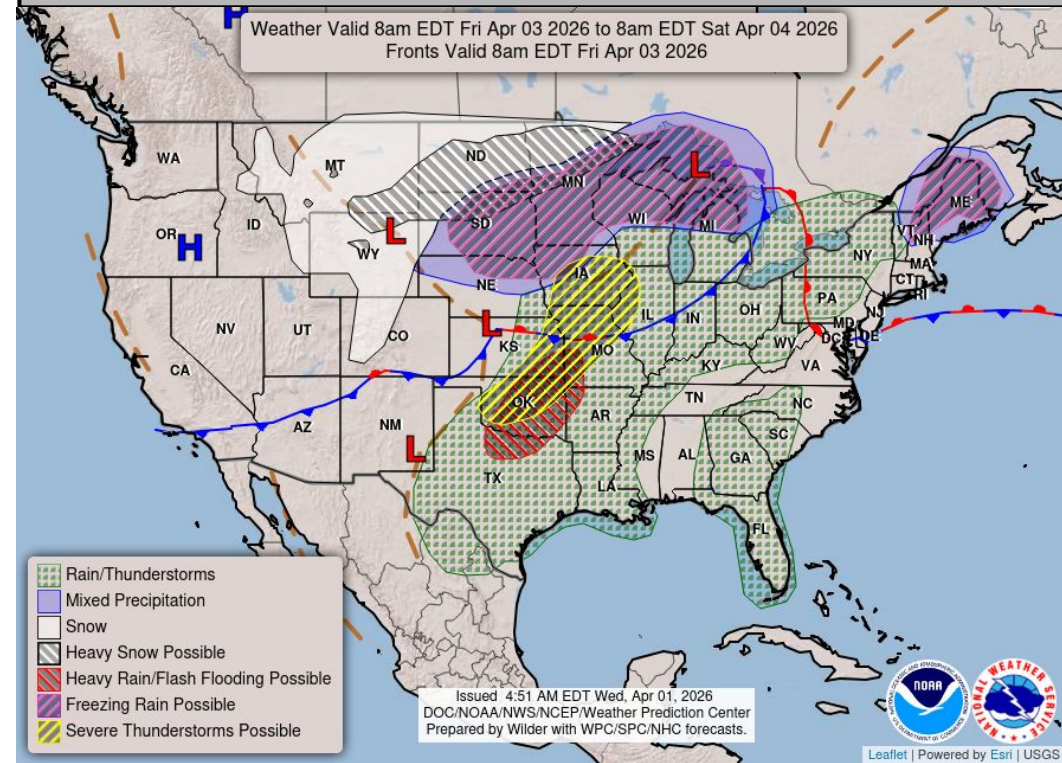
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



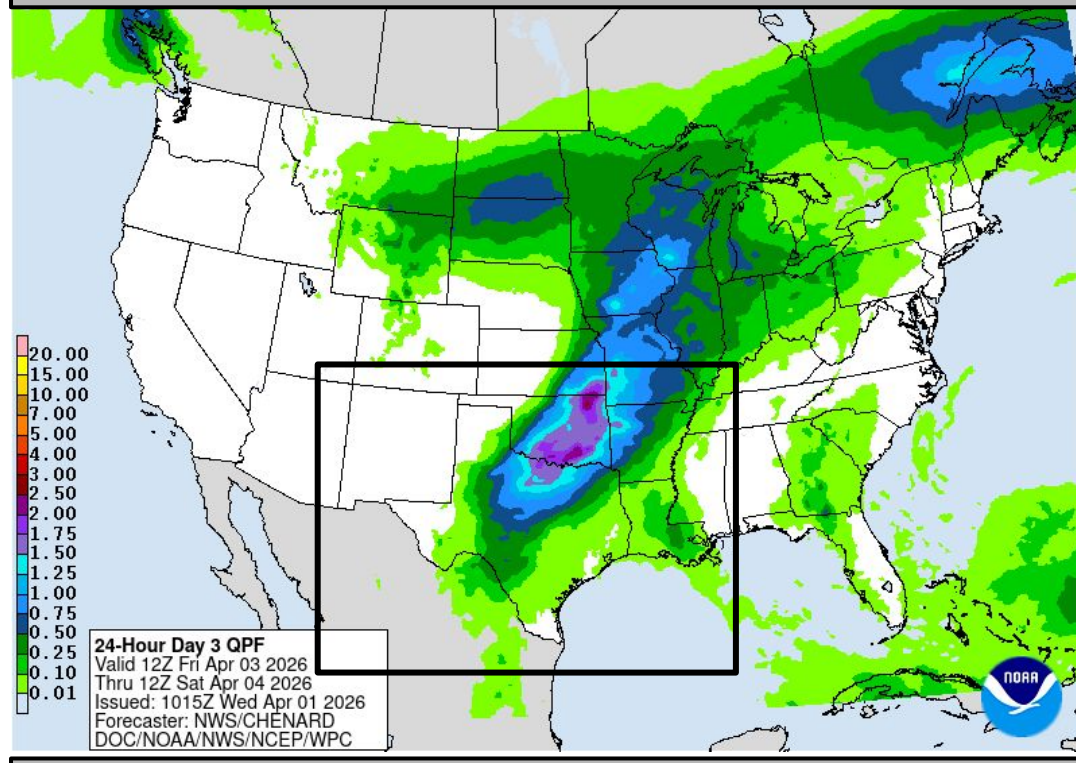


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



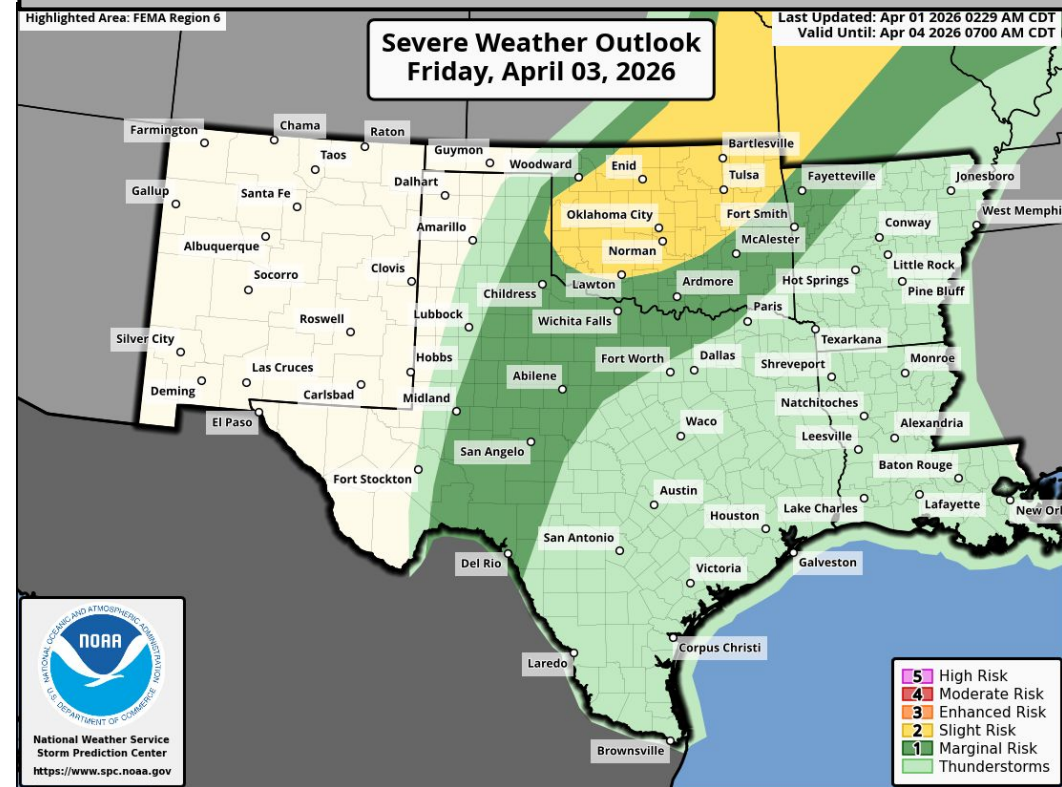
Forecast Rainfall



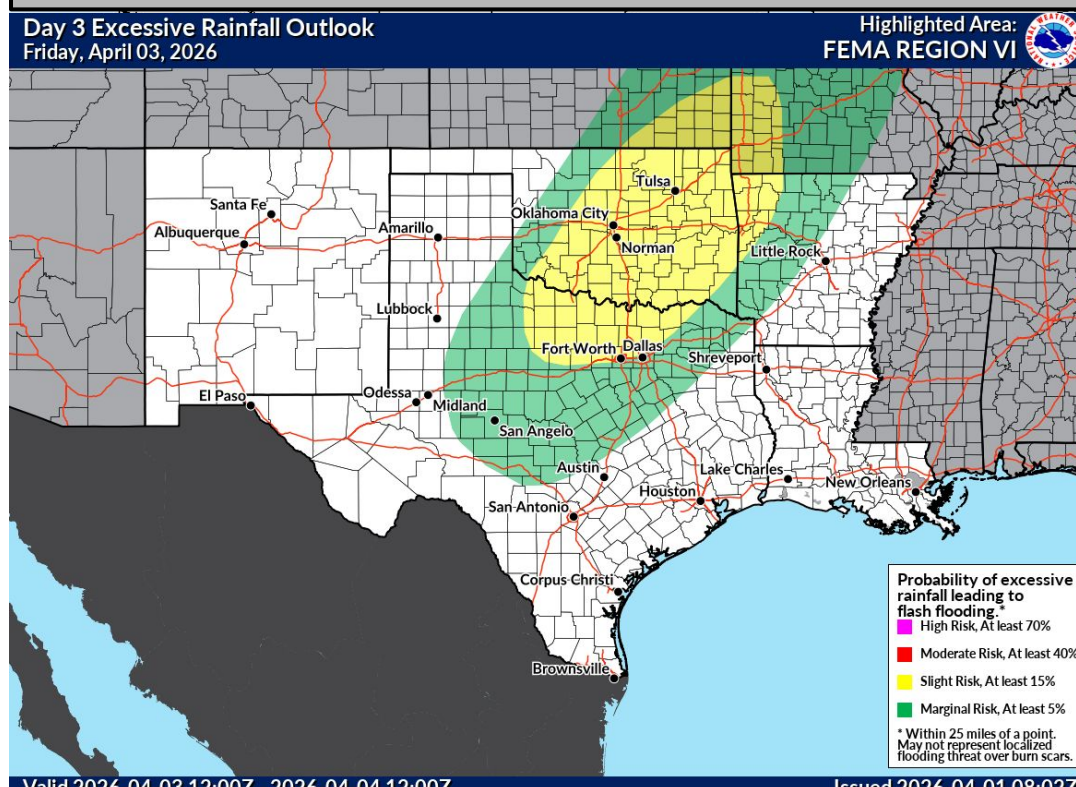
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday for severe storms over OK and NW TX. Mainly wind and hail event.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding for N/CTX, OK, NW AR. 1-3" of rain, locally 5-7".

Severe Weather Outlook

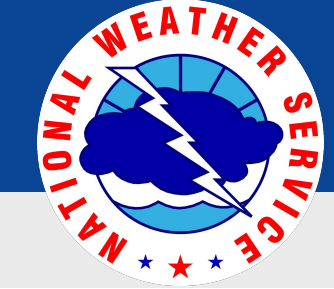


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather threat for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, NW OK. Cold front/wind shift from the north afternoon-overnight.

Minor heat impacts for S TX, S LA.



Wind Gust/Min Relative Humidity

Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

	4/1 Wed		4/2 Thu				4/3 Fri				4/4 Sat				Maximum
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
Abilene	29↑	29↑	18↑	18↑	20↑	20↑	23↑	25↑	24↑	21↑	18→	26↓	29↓	23↓	29
Amarillo	29↑	31↑	25→	23→	24↑	25↑	22↑	22↑	26→	23→	24↓	21↓	21↓	15↓	31
Beaver	23↔	23↔	22↑	16→	21↑	20↑	20↑	21↔	24↓	24↓	17↓	21↓	23↓	20↓	24
El Paso	38→	35→	13→	9→	22↑	18↑	9→	13→	20→	18→	14↓	22↔	23↔	20↔	38
Enid	21↑	26↑	30↑	28↑	20↑	20↑	28↑	37↑	37↑	24↑	21↓	28↓	28↓	21↓	37
Fayetteville	26↑	28↑	32↑	33↑	33↑	24↑	20↑	30↑	30↑	25↑	22→	20↓	23↓	20↓	33
Fort Davis	30↑	32↑	22→	18→	17↑	18↑	9→	15→	24→	25→	26↓	36↓	36↓	36↓	36
Guadalupe Pass	67→	67→	36→	37→	39→	39→	25→	28→	38→	40→	41↓	58↓	58↓	49↓	67
Lubbock	31↑	31↑	21→	17→	22↑	21↑	17↑	17↑	22↑	21↑	22↓	26↓	26↓	18↓	31
Midland/Odessa	28↑	29↑	17→	17→	20↑	21↑	18↑	17↑	22↑	24↑	23↓	38↓	38↓	35↓	38
Oklahoma City	28↑	28↑	28↑	28↑	23↑	21↑	24↑	31↑	31↑	23↑	21↓	24↓	24↓	20↓	31
San Angelo	28↑	25↑	16↑	12↑	15↑	16↑	16↑	20↑	20↑	18↑	13↑	25↓	26↓	22↓	28
Santa Fe	29↑	32→	21→	20→	29↑	31↑	20→	28→	32→	31→	17↓	13↓	15↓	15↓	32
Shreveport	22↑	21↑	21↑	21↑	22↑	18↑	14↑	20↑	21↑	20↑	16↑	18↑	18↑	17↓	22
Tulsa	28↑	30↑	33↑	33↑	32↑	21↑	26↑	32↑	30↑	25↑	23↓	23↓	23↓	17↓	33
Wichita Falls	33↑	33↑	26↑	26↑	23↑	21↑	23↑	30↑	30↑	23↑	23↓	28↓	28↓	20↓	33

Minimum RH Forecast

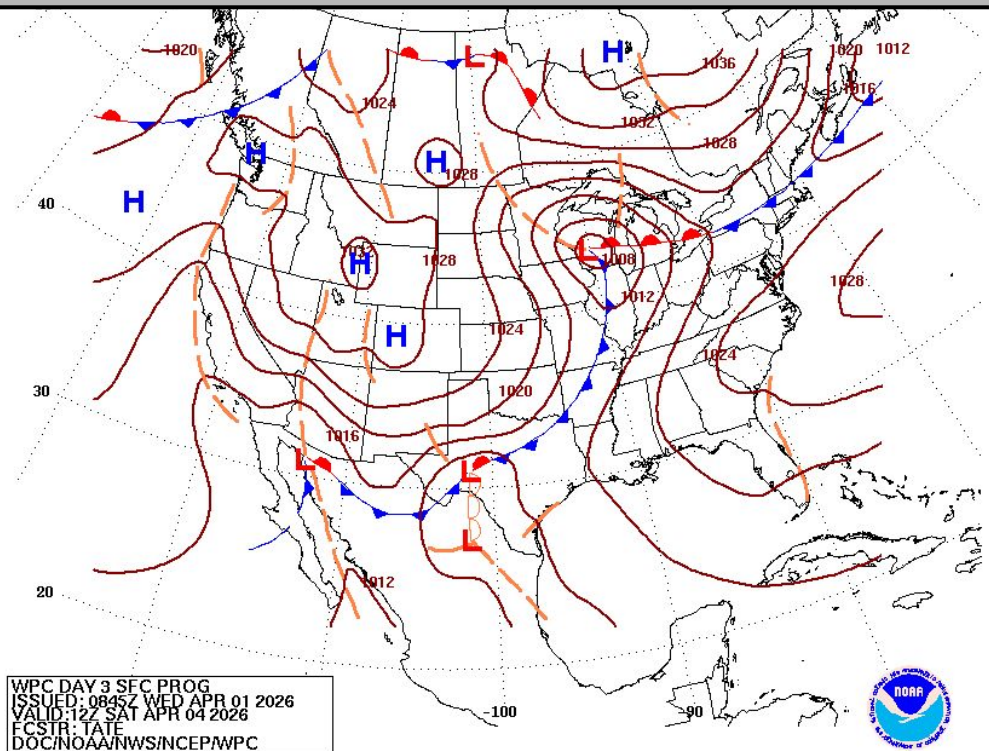
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Amarillo	27	30	34	23	11	10	19	20	11	11	25	30	16	15	10
Beaver	47	47	49	37	14	14	24	27	17	16	28	37	17	16	14
El Paso	20	22	39	26	13	13	23	20	10	10	18	16	14	14	10
Enid	64	61	97	63	39	45	76	74	51	58	77	52	37	42	37
Fayetteville	49	47	64	78	52	54	87	76	56	60	81	77	41	44	41
Fort Davis	21	22	34	27	12	12	31	26	18	18	39	35	30	31	12
Guadalupe Pass	31	37	48	31	18	18	24	23	17	16	21	28	27	28	16
Lubbock	18	22	31	24	10	10	22	36	18	19	43	28	16	16	10
Midland/Odessa	21	23	38	27	13	12	45	64	28	30	70	47	28	24	12
Oklahoma City	54	50	84	71	36	39	73	80	56	60	79	57	40	41	36
San Angelo	34	35	81	66	32	36	76	81	60	58	84	80	45	47	32
Santa Fe	61	50	60	52	21	18	32	42	16	14	25	34	16	14	14
Shreveport	46	51	79	84	62	62	93	84	57	58	84	87	76	76	46
Tulsa	56	53	71	73	44	44	76	73	58	58	78	59	38	40	38
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Cold front/wind shift



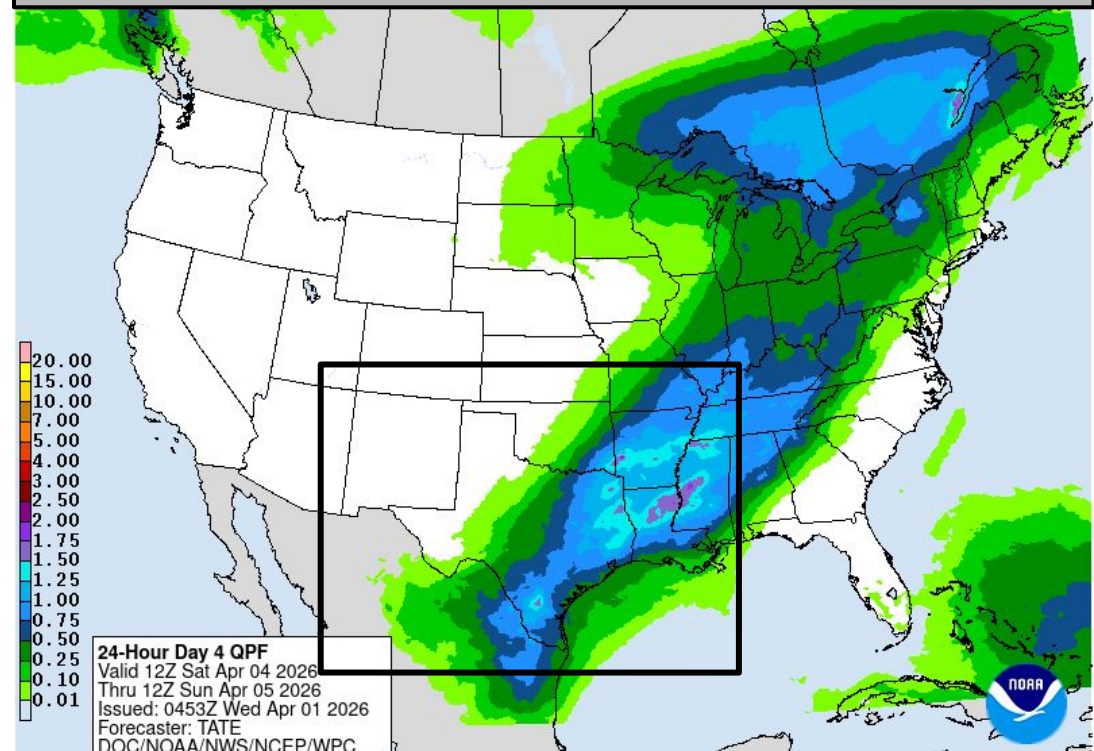
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z SAT APR 04 2026
FCSTR: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

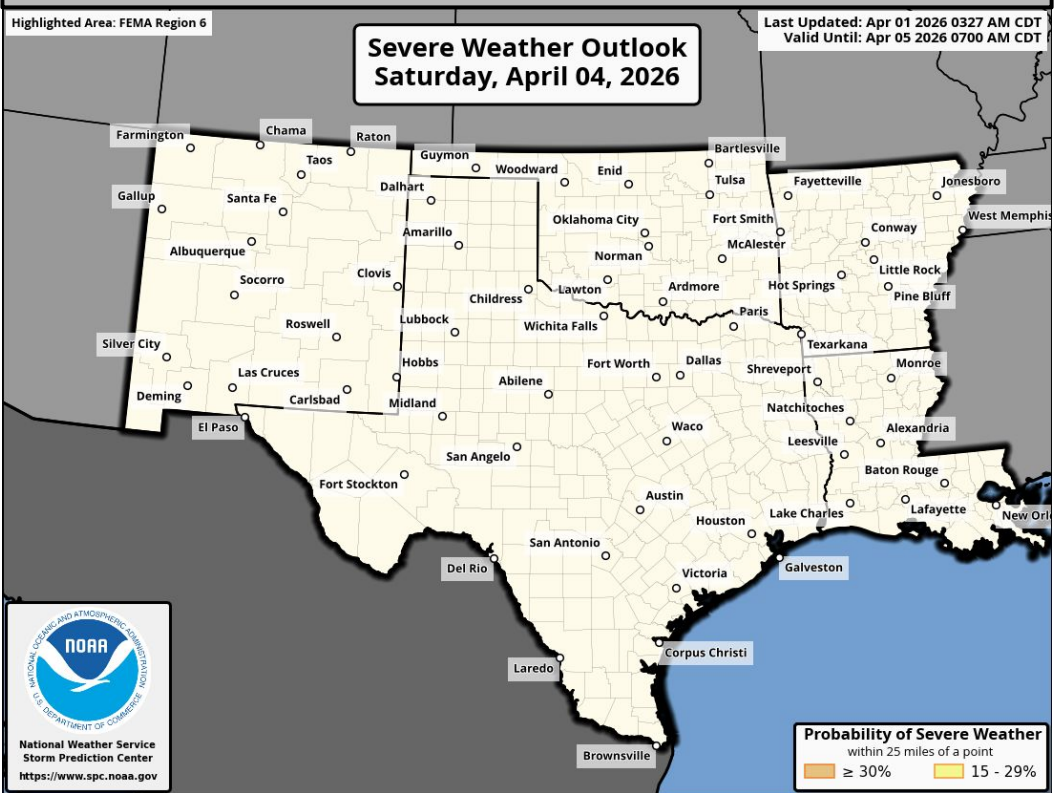
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 4 QPF
Valid 12Z Sat Apr 04 2026
Thru 12Z Sun Apr 05 2026
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, C/S/E TX, NW LA. 1-3" of rain; locally up to 3-5".

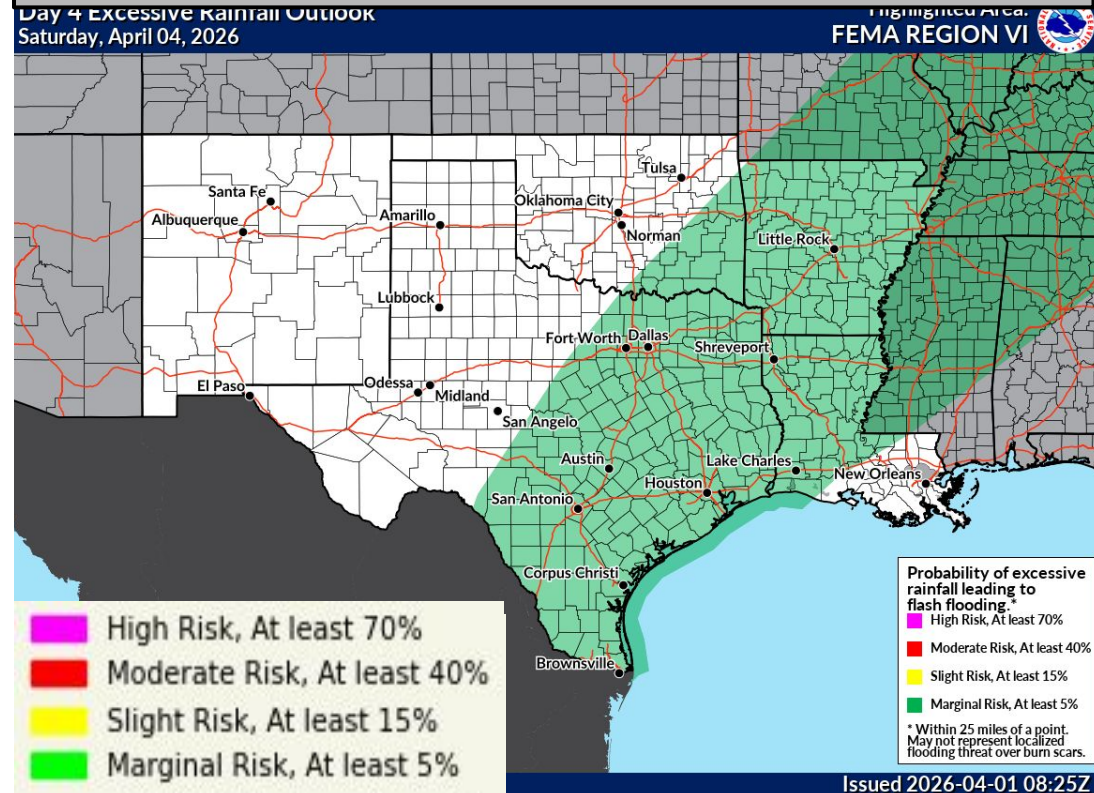
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, April 04, 2026
Last Updated: Apr 01 2026 0327 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 05 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Saturday, April 04, 2026

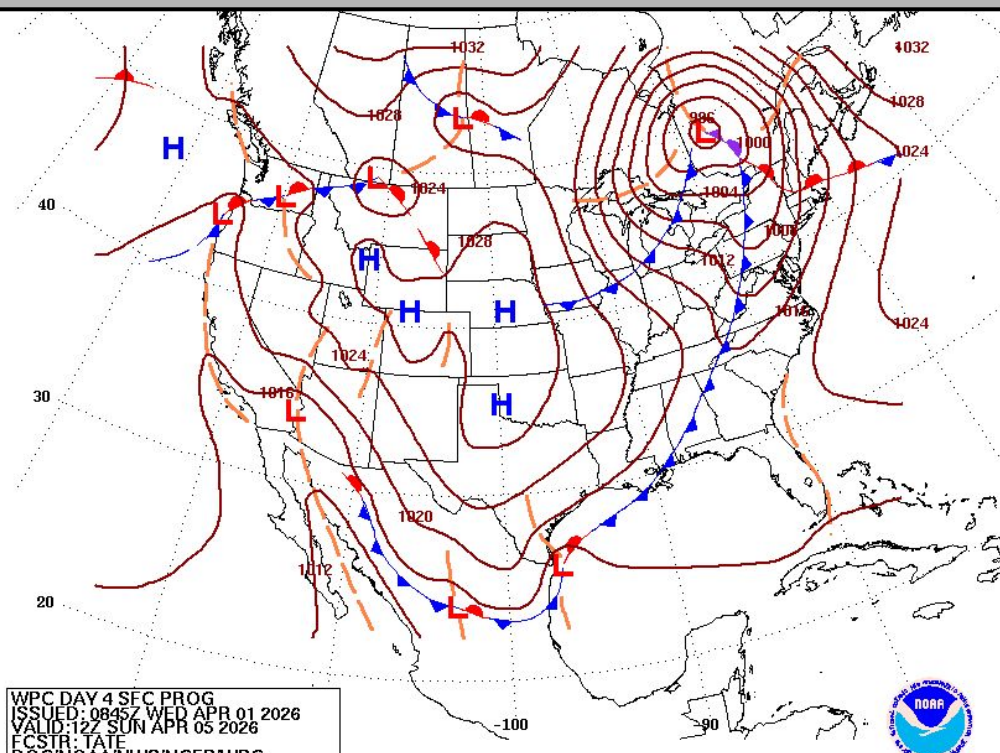
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

*Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.
Issued 2026-04-01 08:25Z
Weather Prediction Center



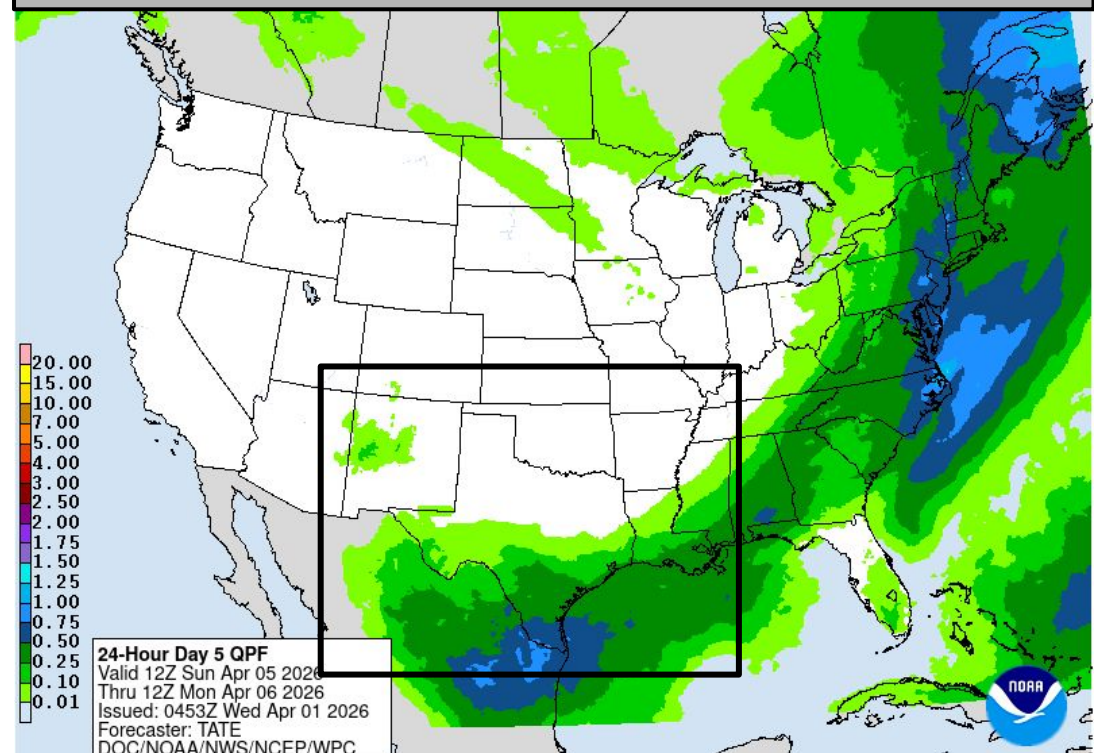
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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FCSTR: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

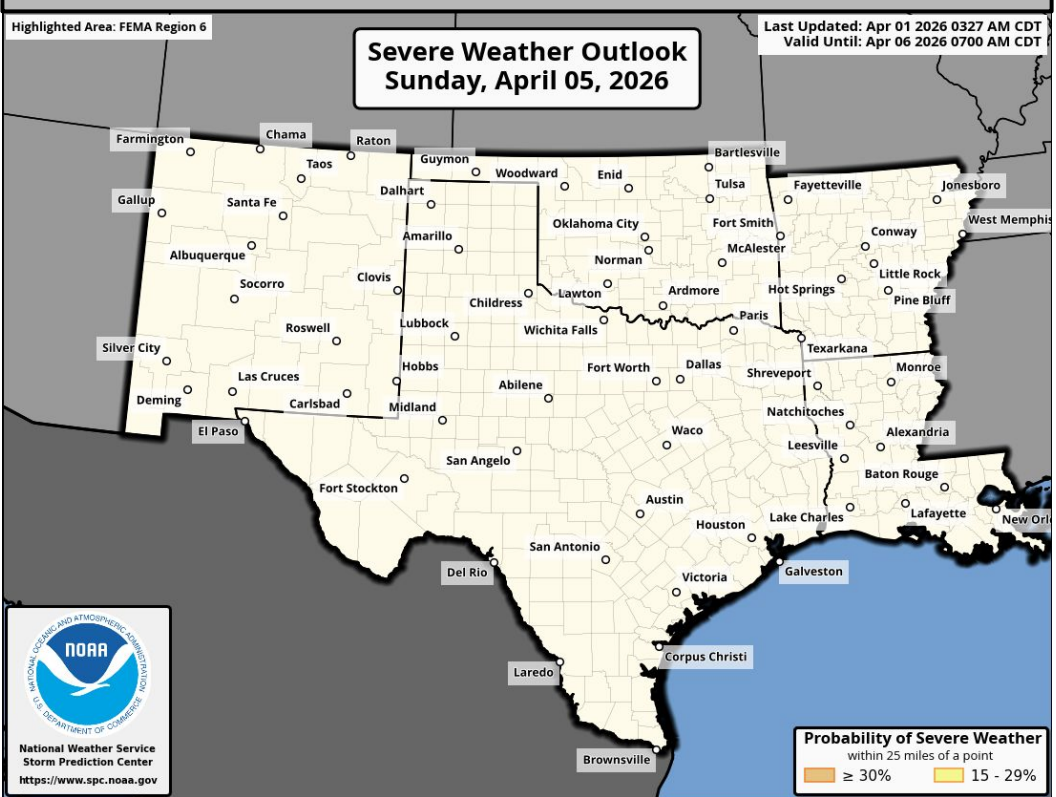
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

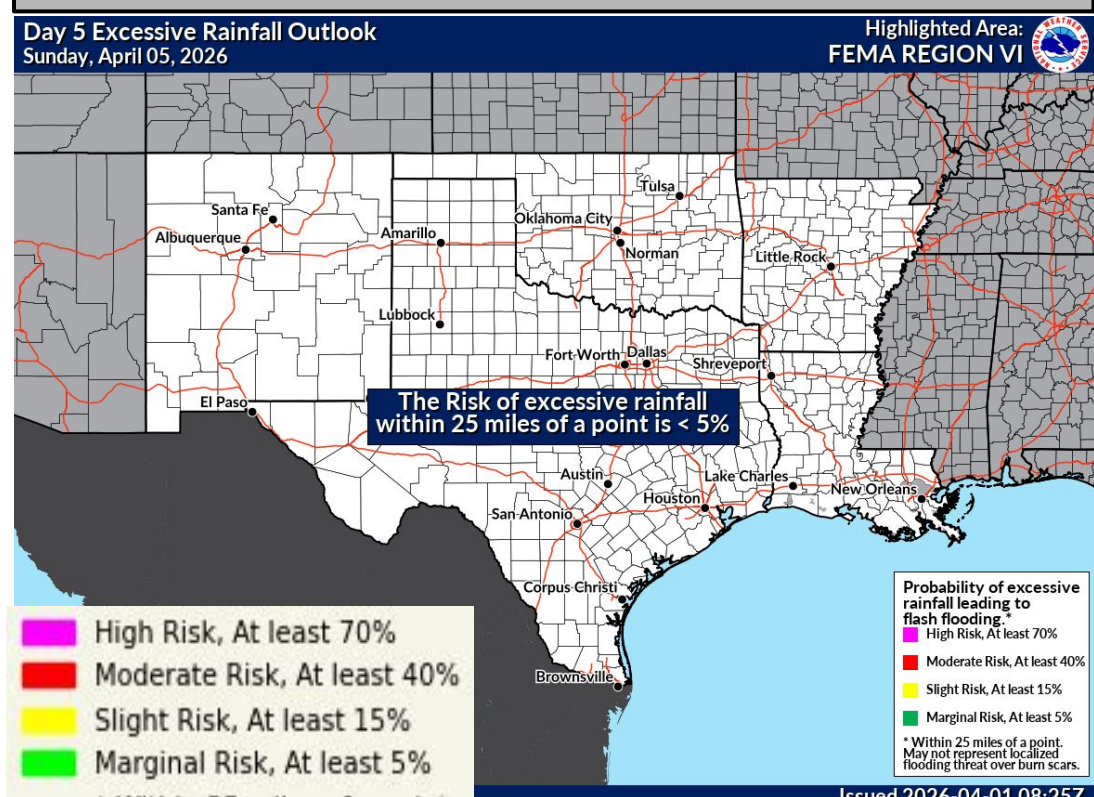
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Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, April 05, 2026

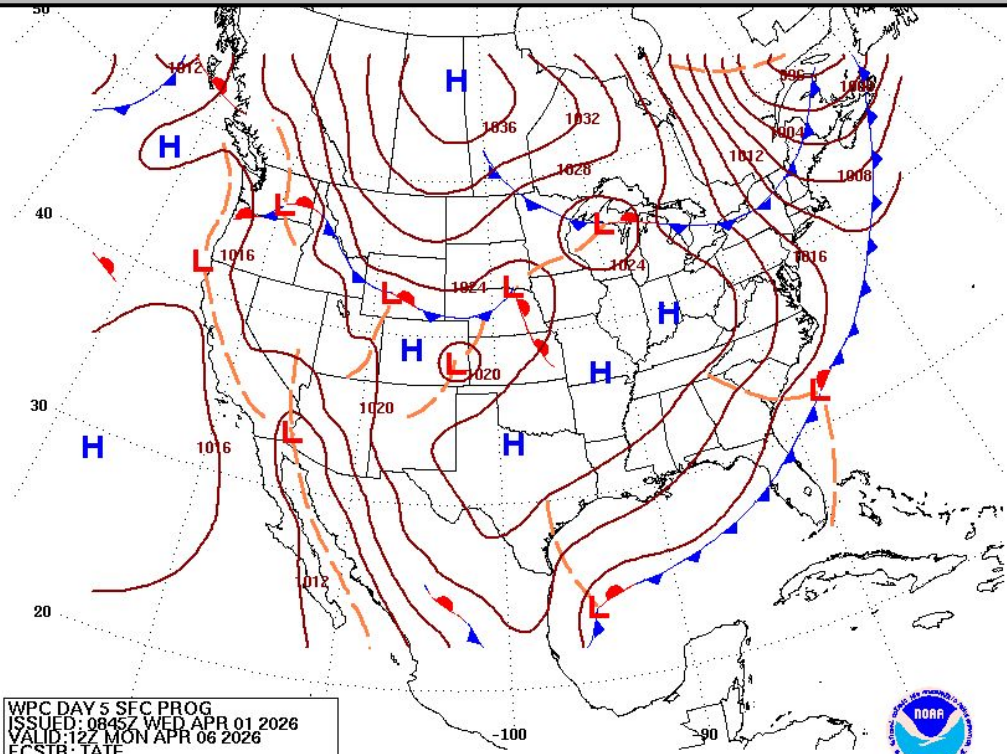
The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

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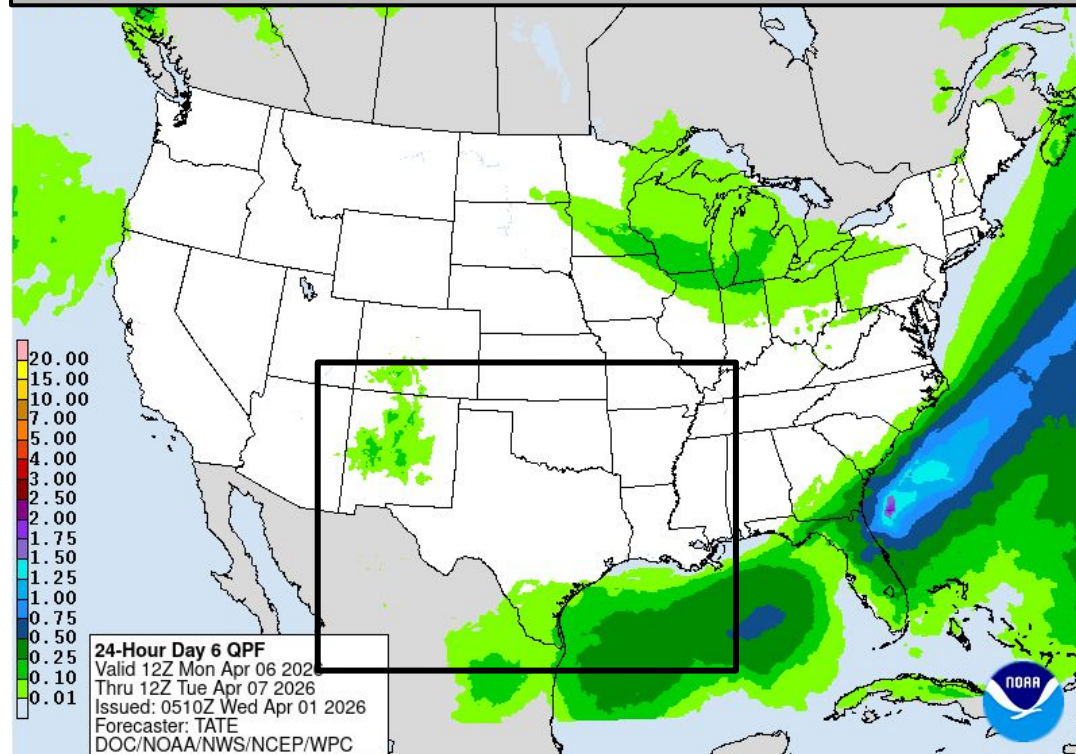
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z MON APR 06 2026
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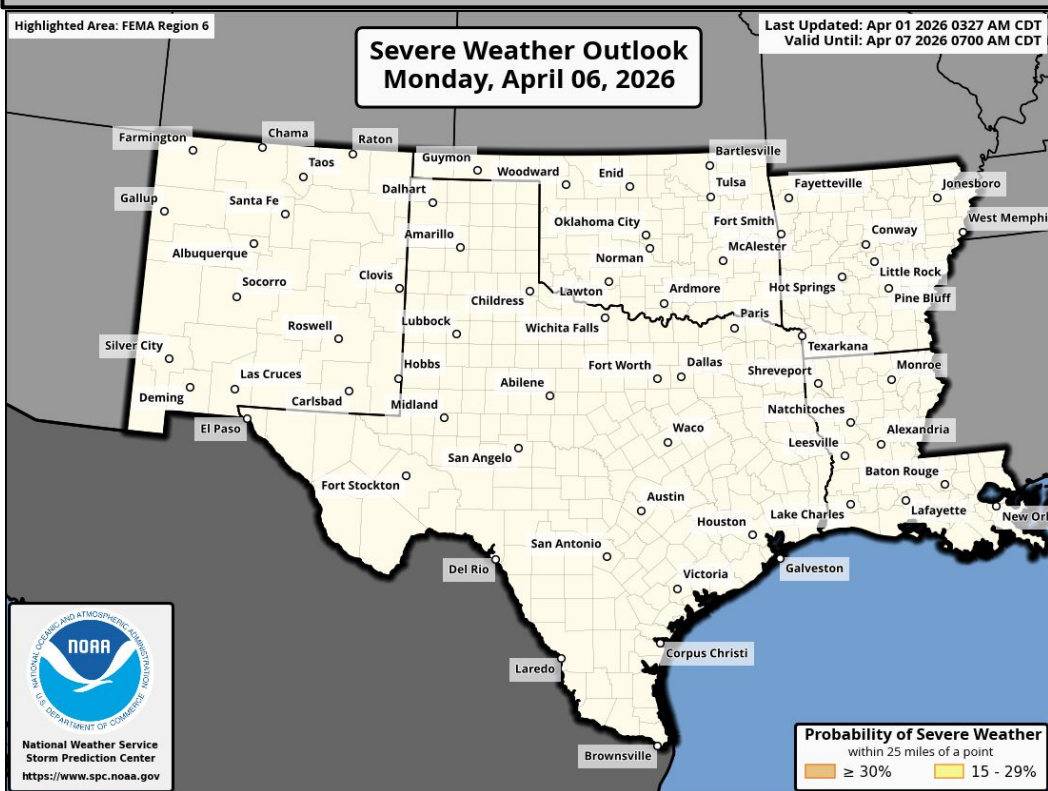
Forecast Rainfall



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Thru 12Z Tue Apr 07 2026
Issued: 0510Z Wed Apr 01 2026
Forecaster: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 06, 2026

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Valid Until: Apr 07 2026 0700 AM CDT



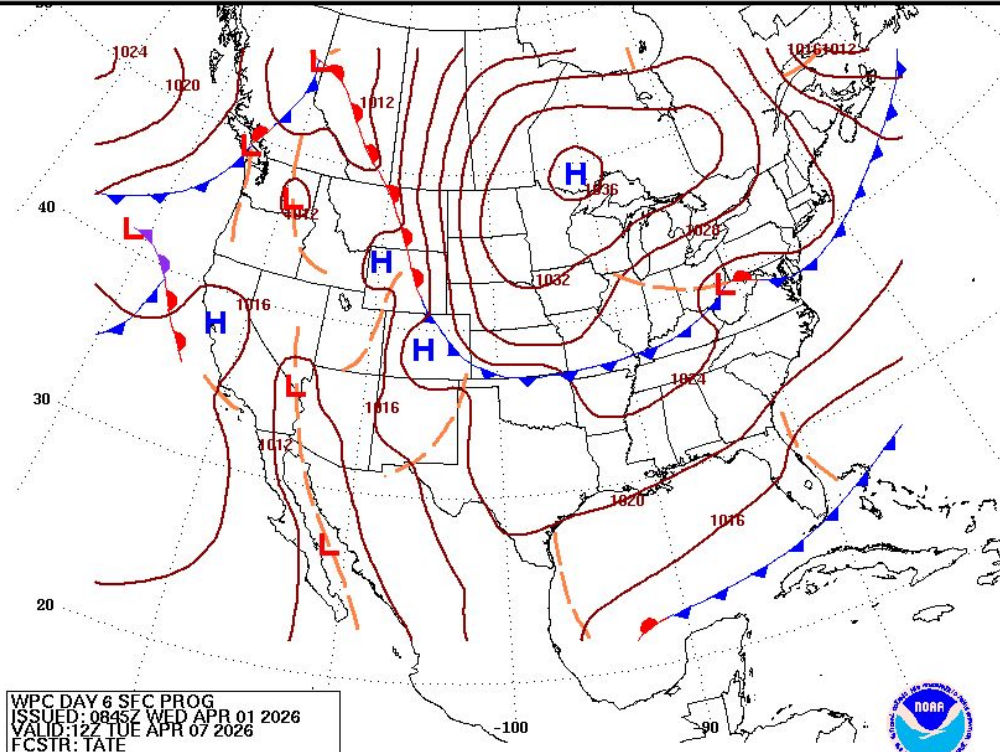
**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
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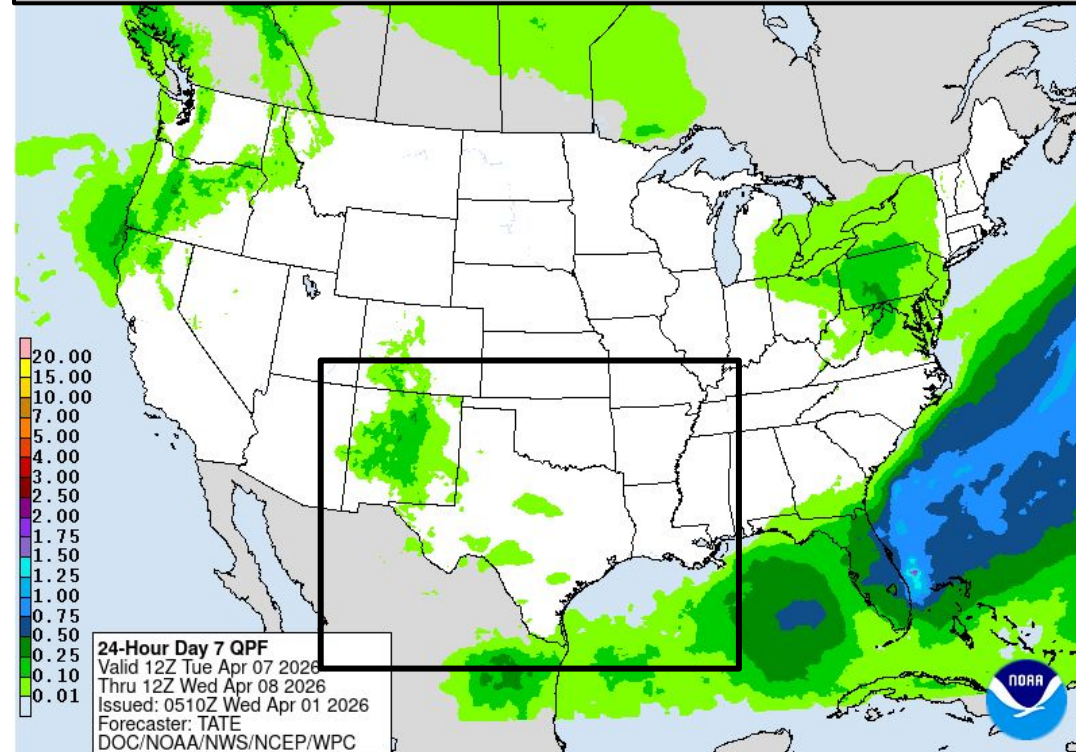
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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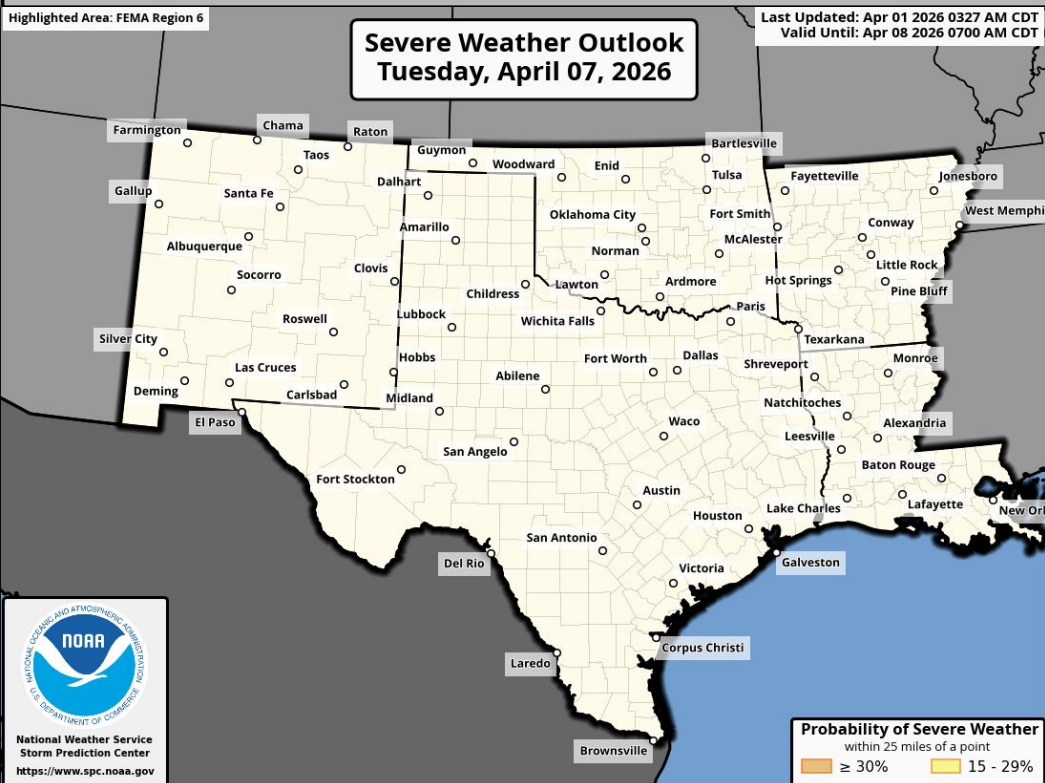
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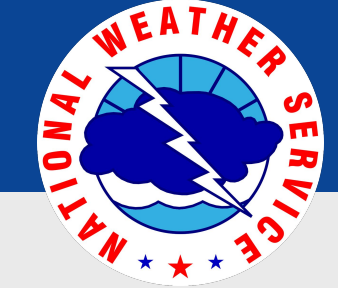


Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, April 07, 2026

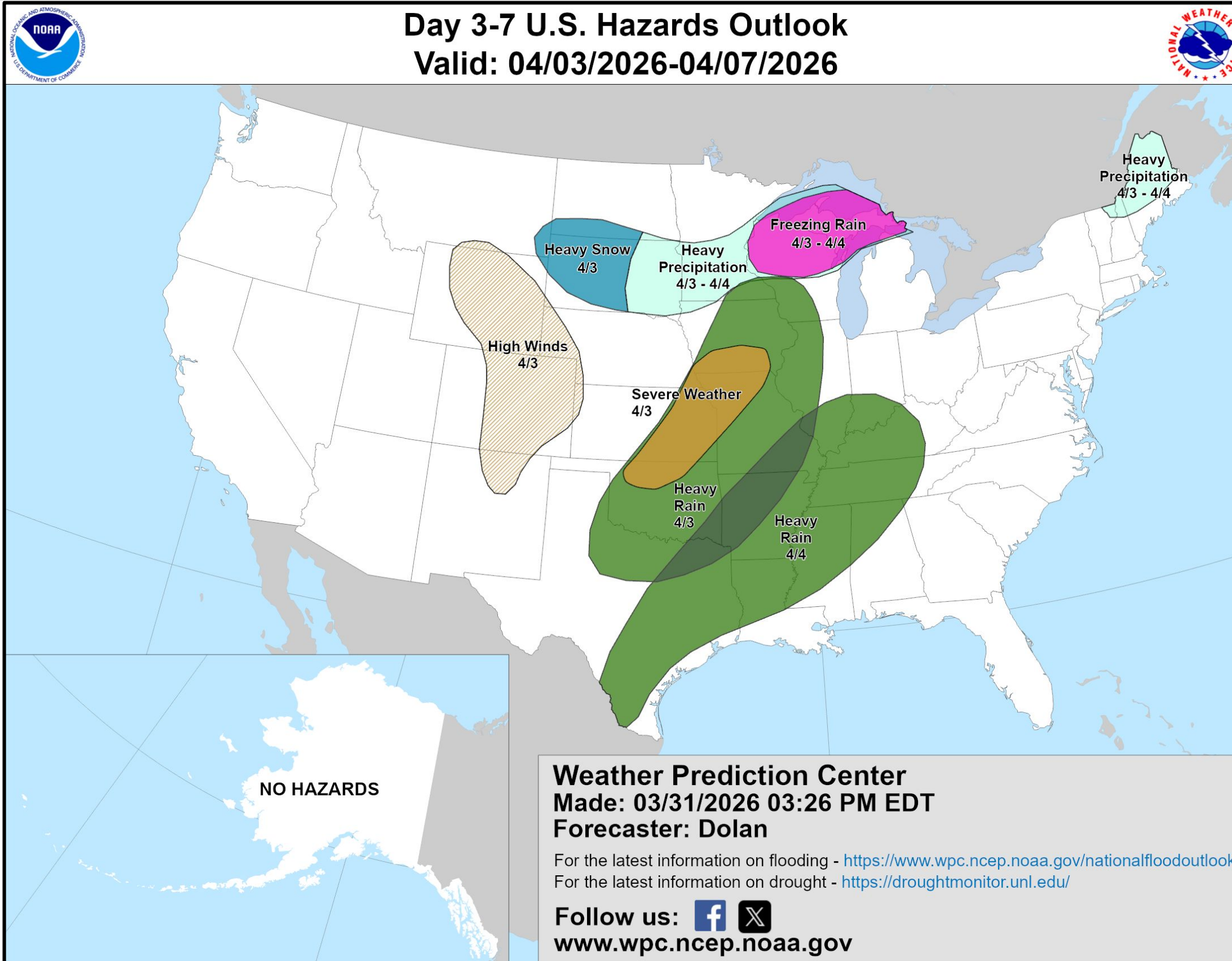
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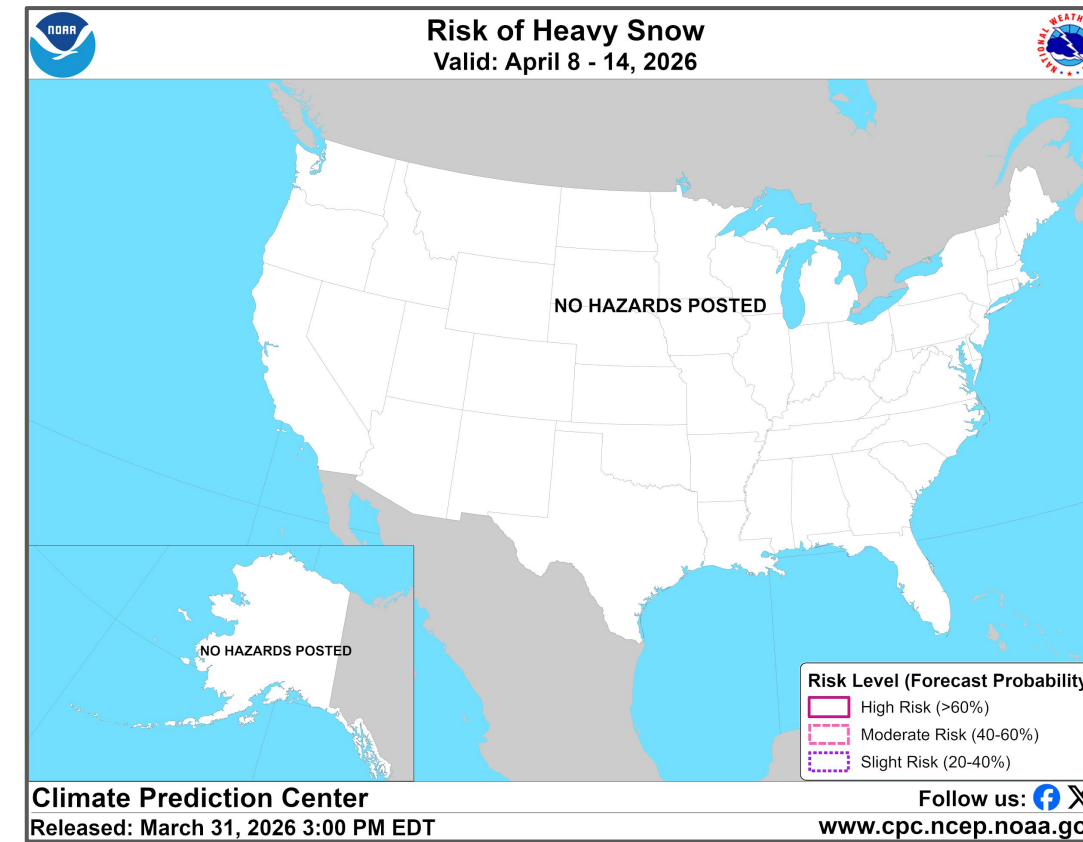
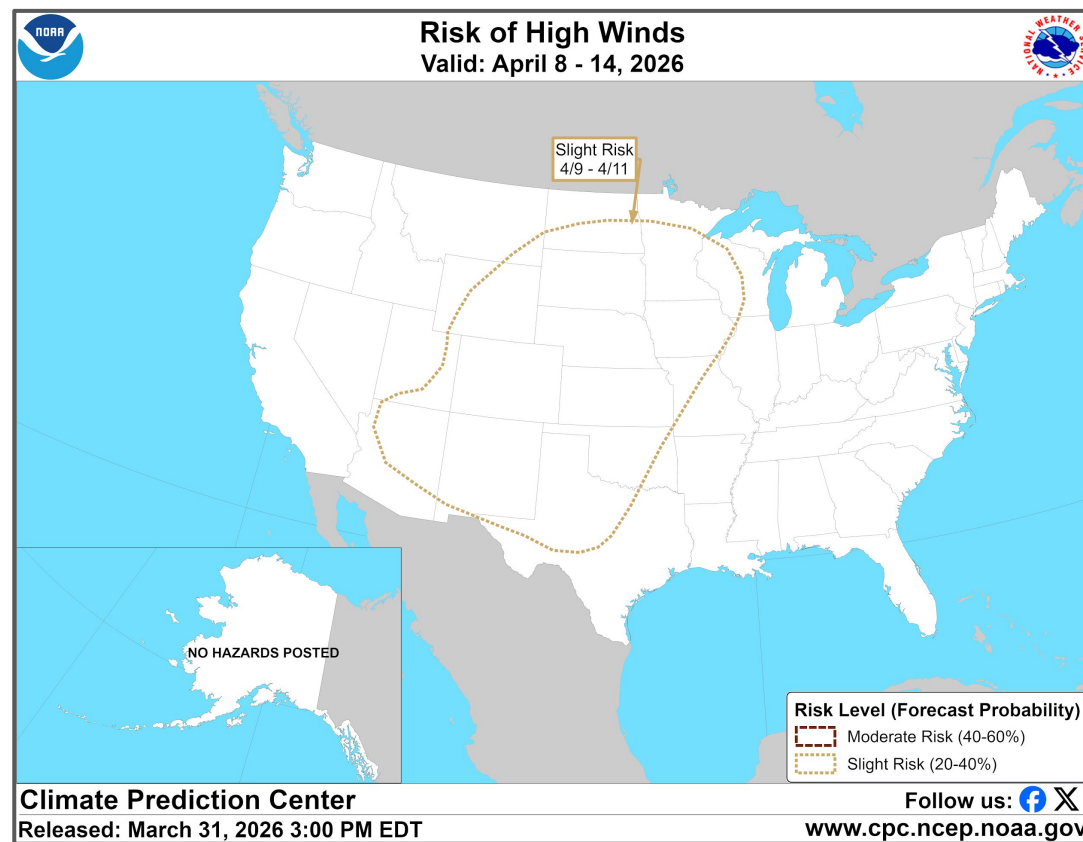
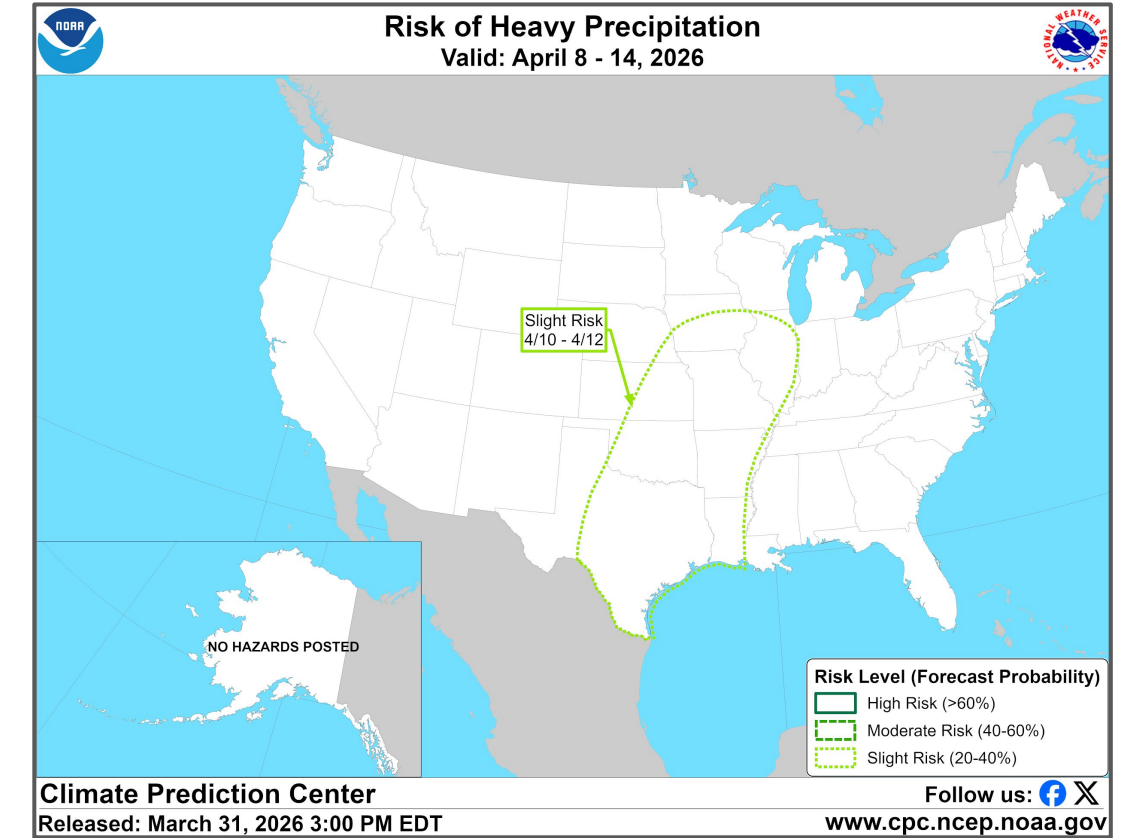
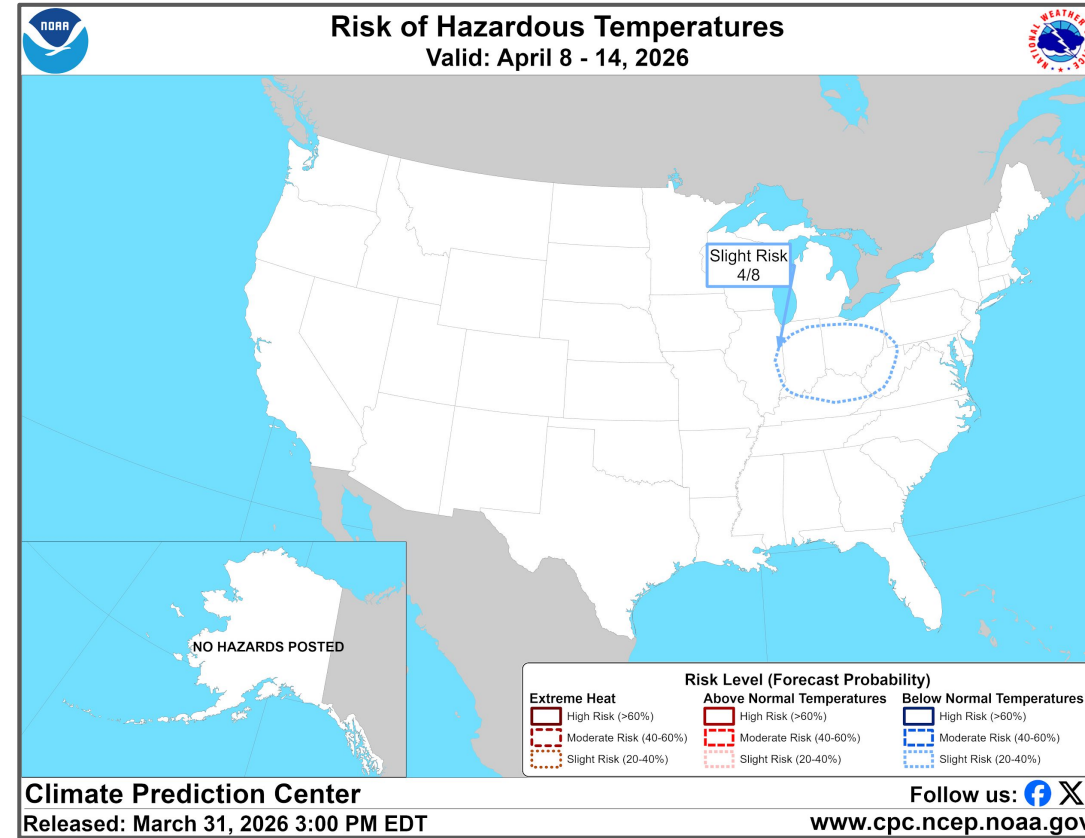
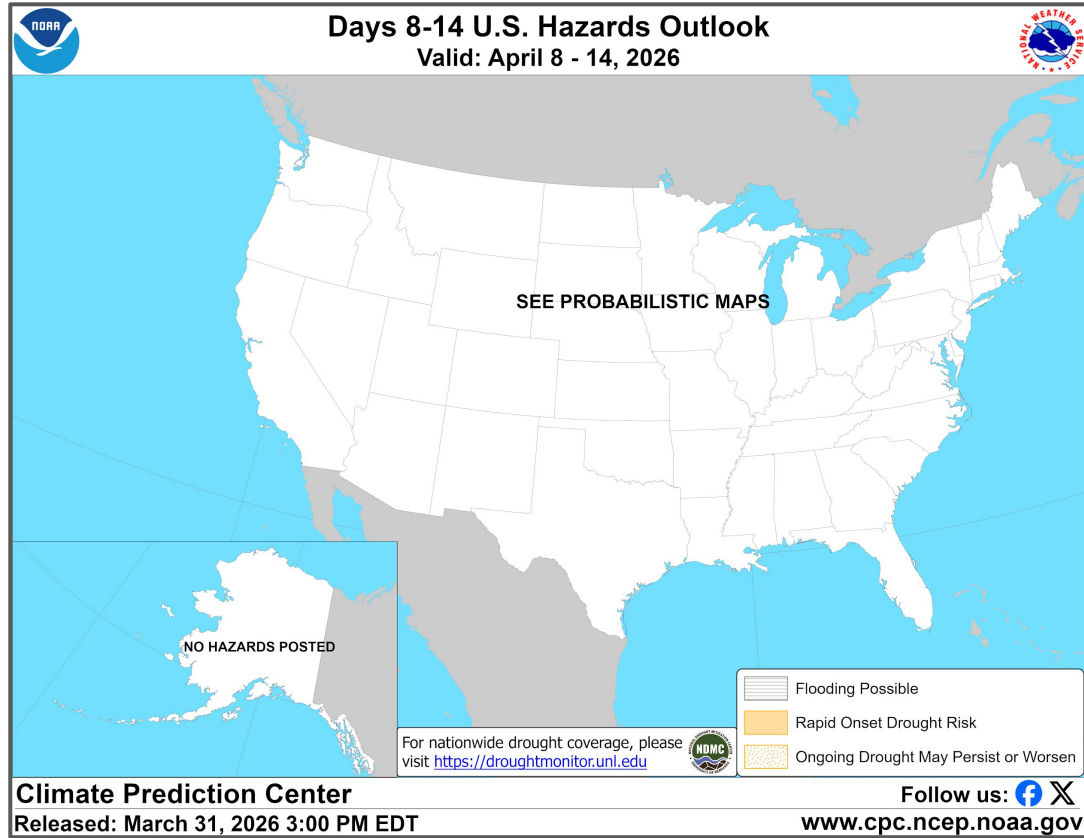


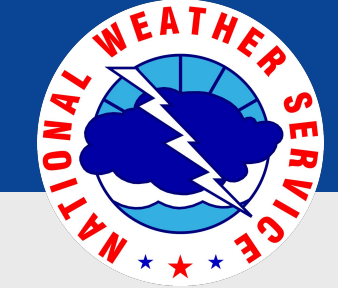
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





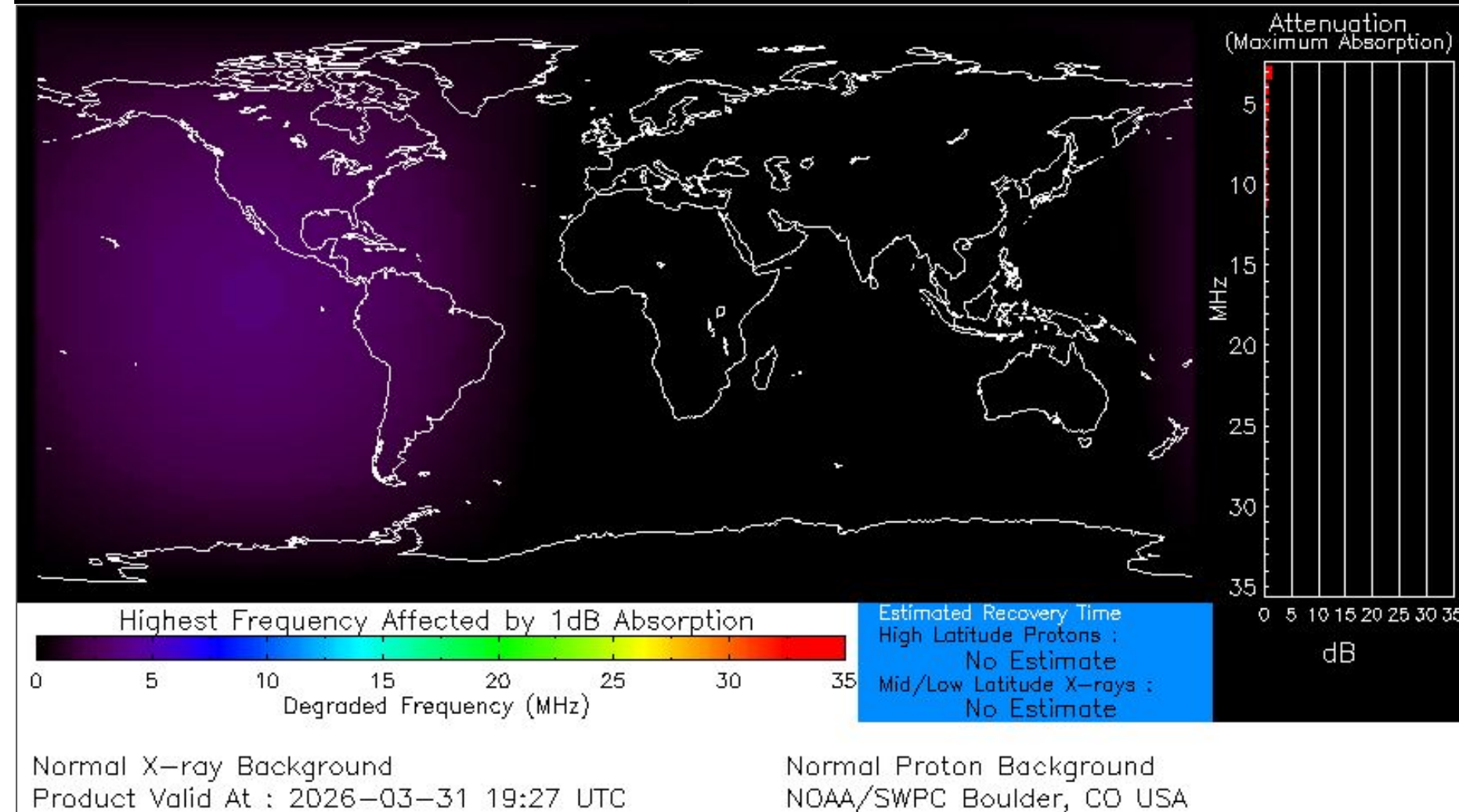
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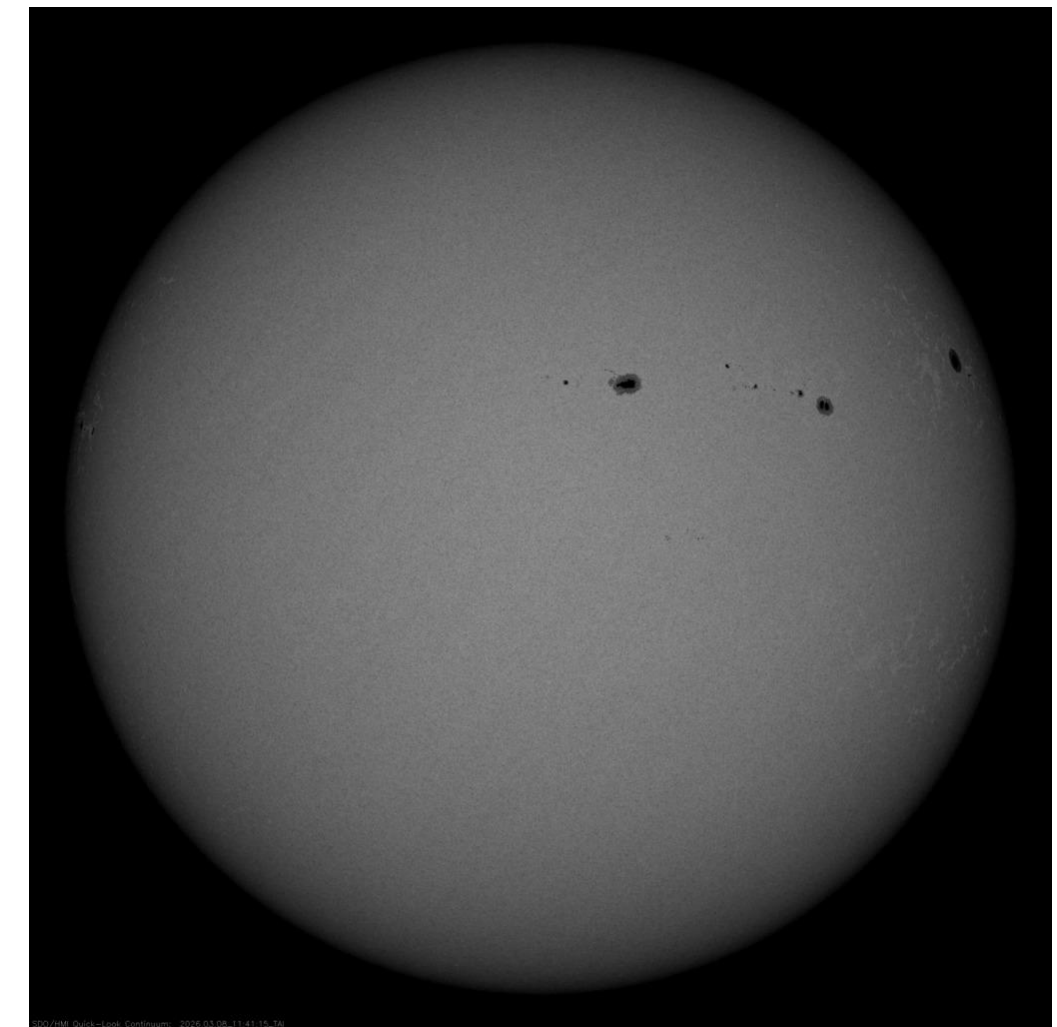
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Apr 1	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)	Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	20%



[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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