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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today over N/E AR.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday over OK and NW TX. Mainly a large hail and wind event.
- Marginal risk Saturday over S AR, E/SE/TX and LA.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical today & Friday over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, NW OK.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) today over C/E TX
- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) Friday for N/NW TX, OK, NW AR.
- Marginal risk Saturday over SE OK, AR, TX and LA.
- Marginal risk over S TX on Sunday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7	Wednesday, Apr 8
Severe Storms	N/E AR	OK, NW TX	S AR, E/SE TX, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		N/CTX, OK, NW AR	SE OK, AR, C/S/E TX, NW LA	STX			
Heat	STX	STX, S LA					
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, NW OK					
River Flooding							

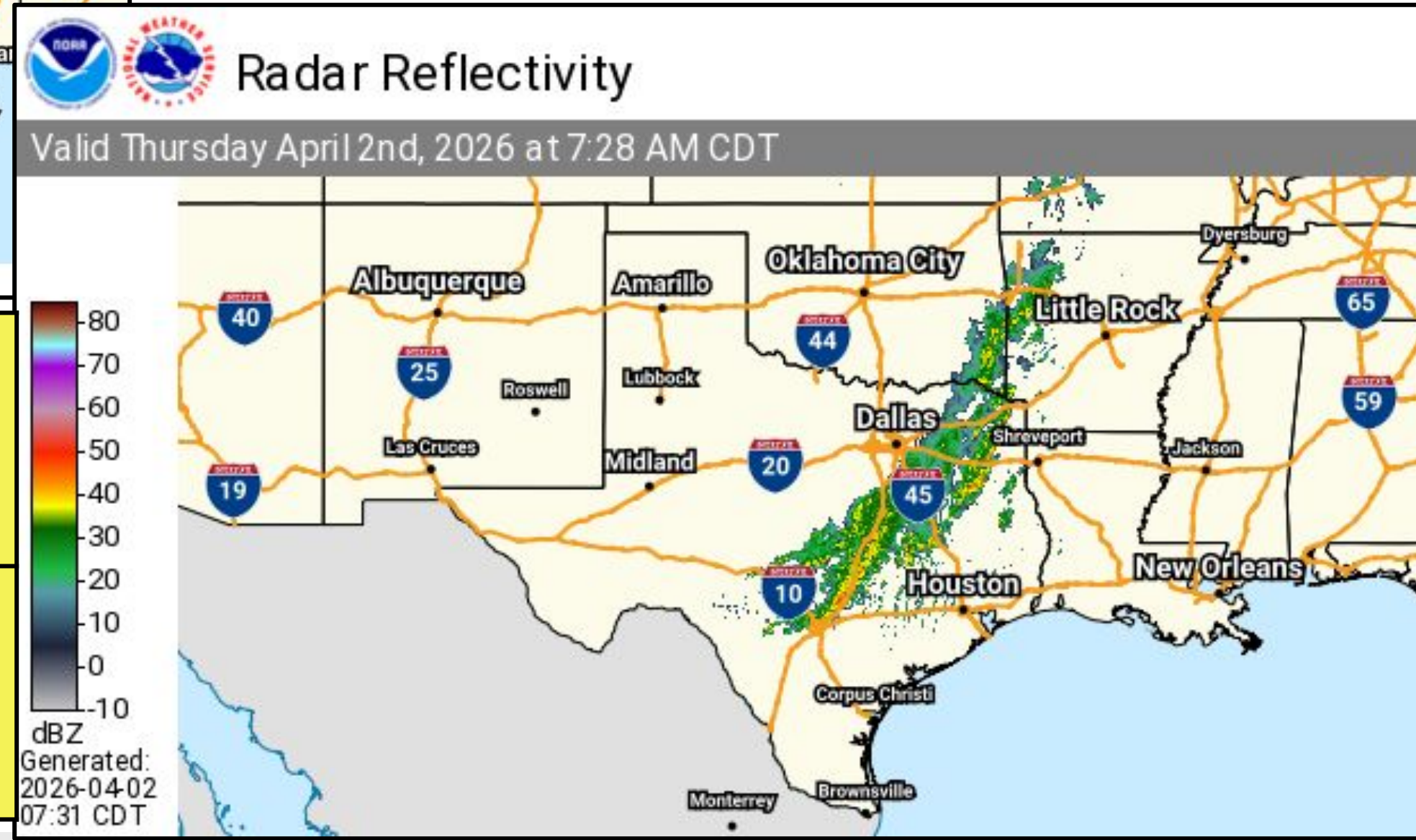
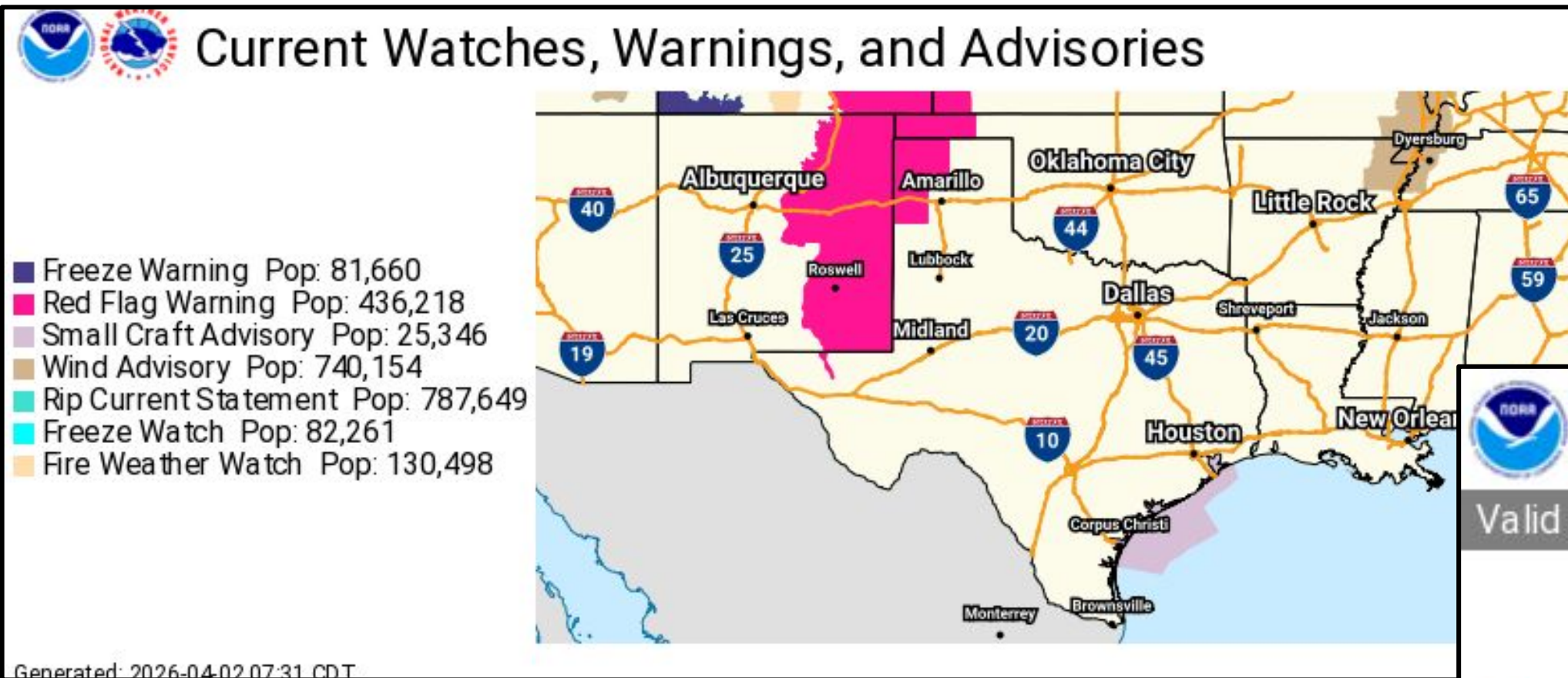
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

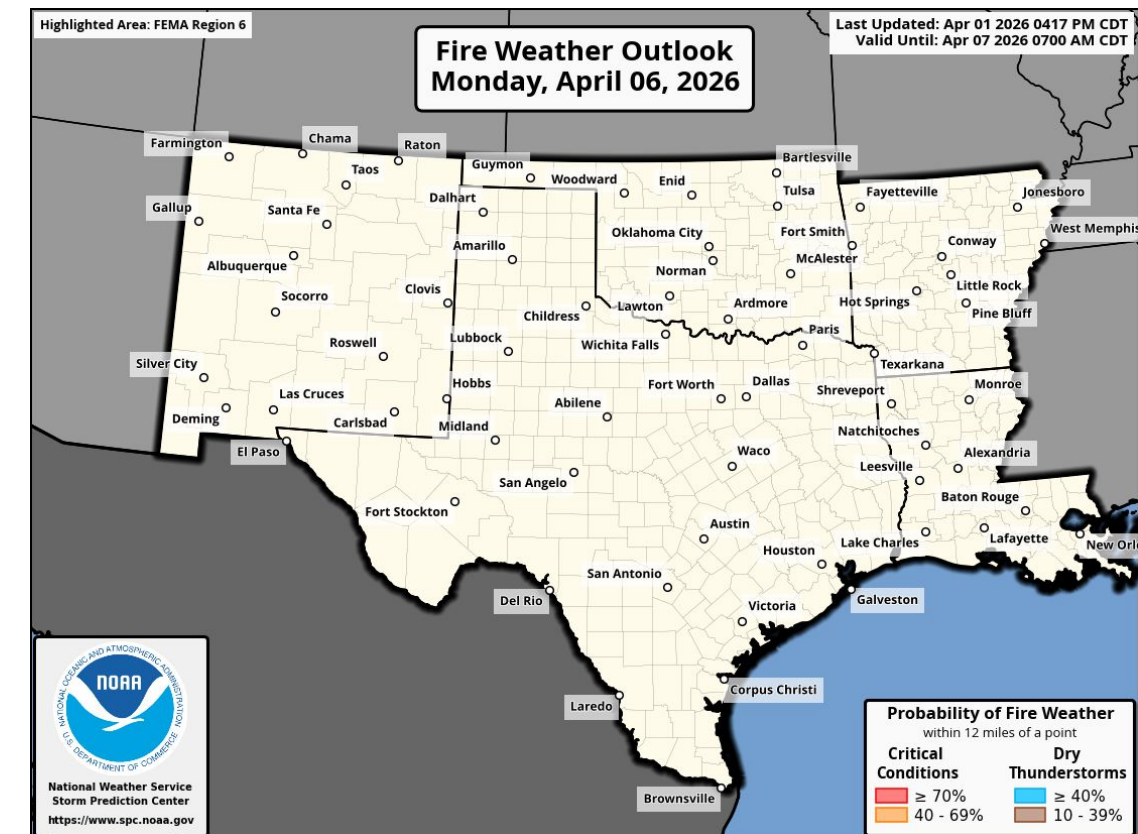
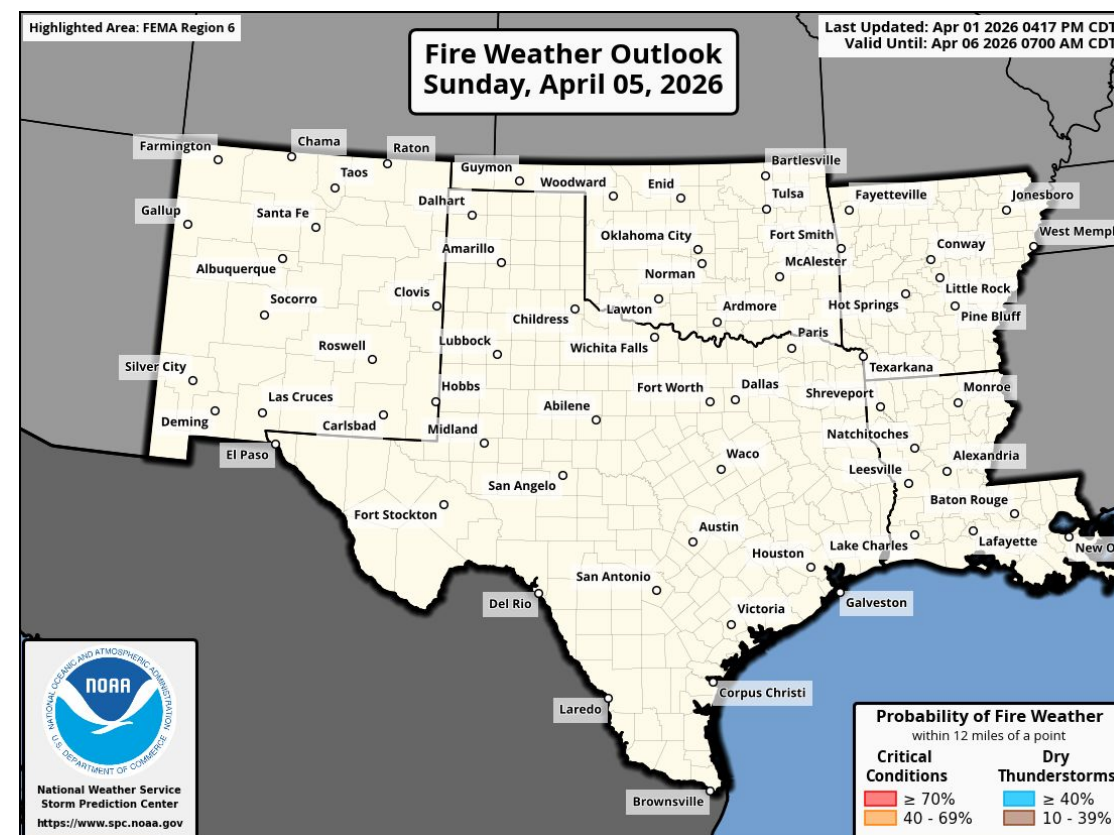
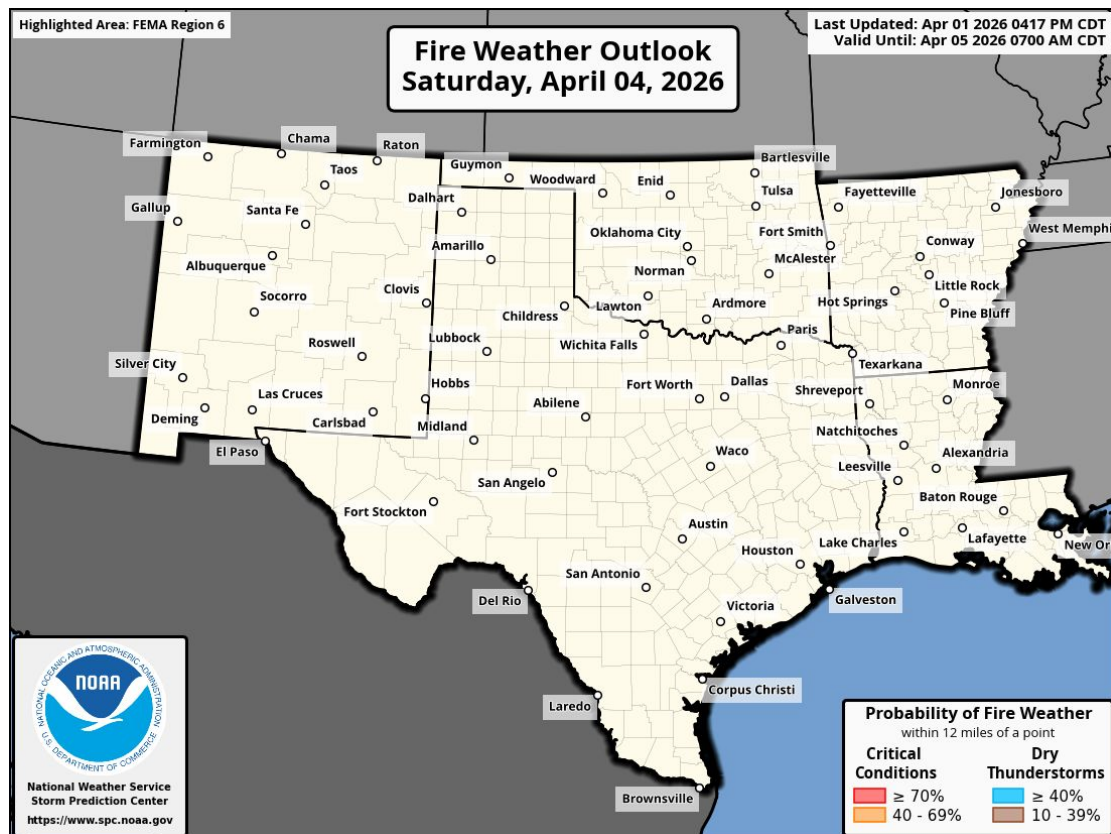
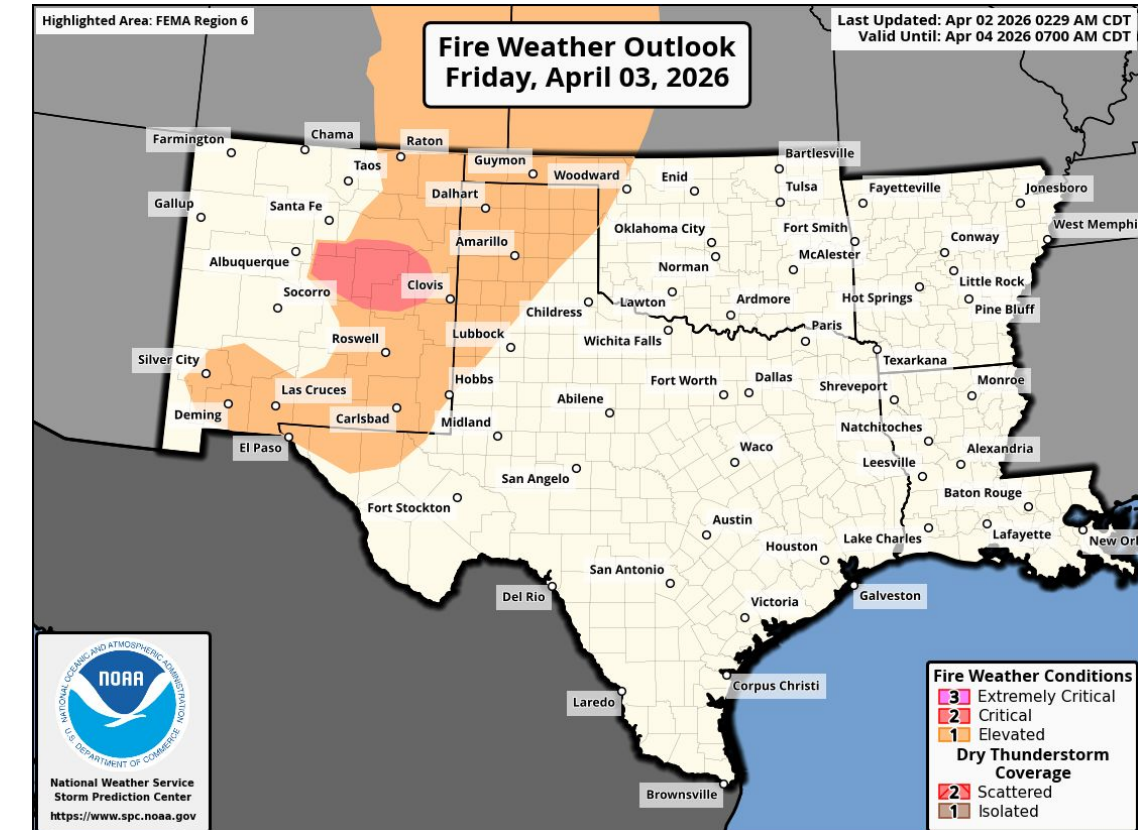
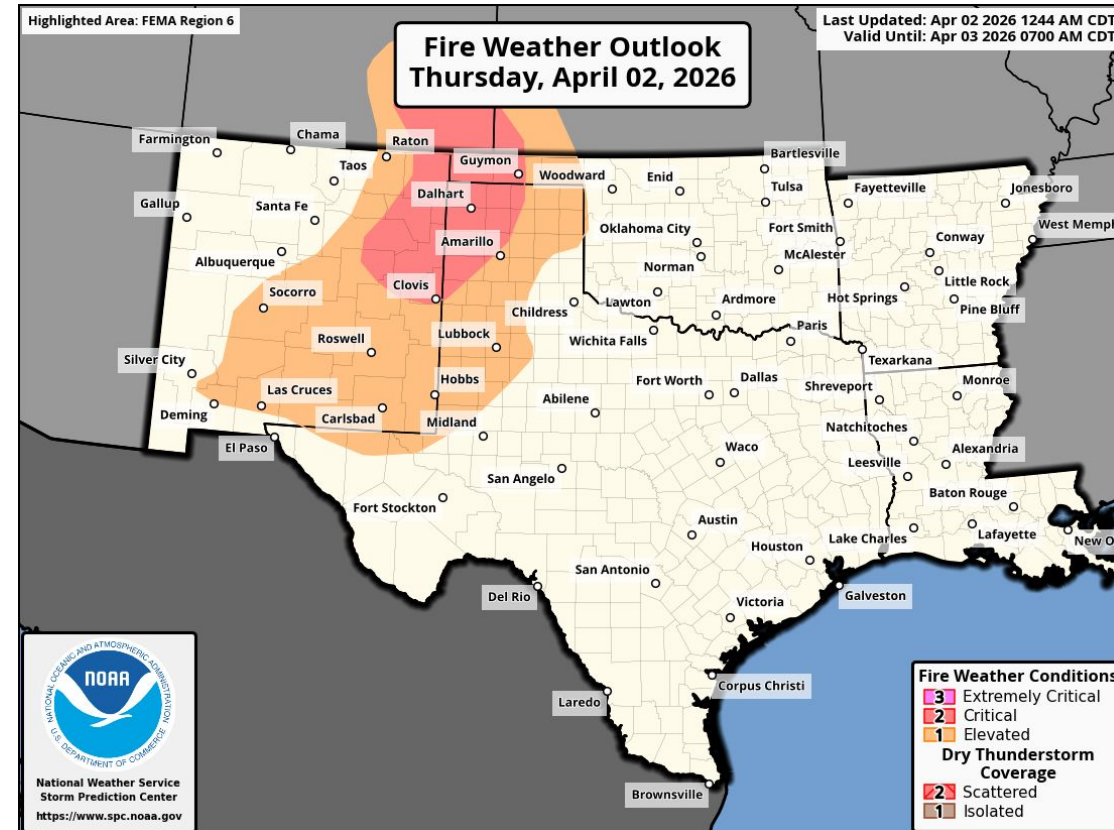
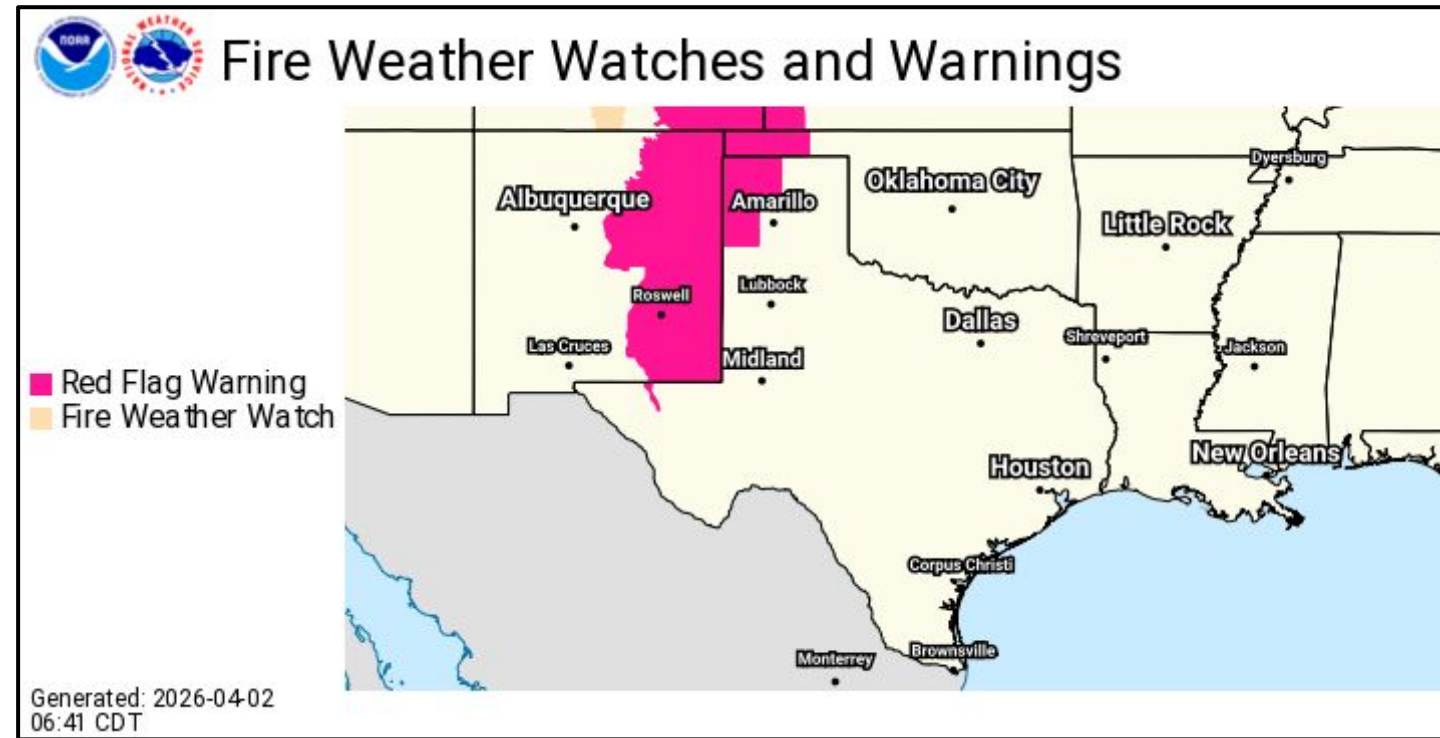


Red Flag Warnings for E NM and the Panhandles today 1PM-10PM CDT.

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



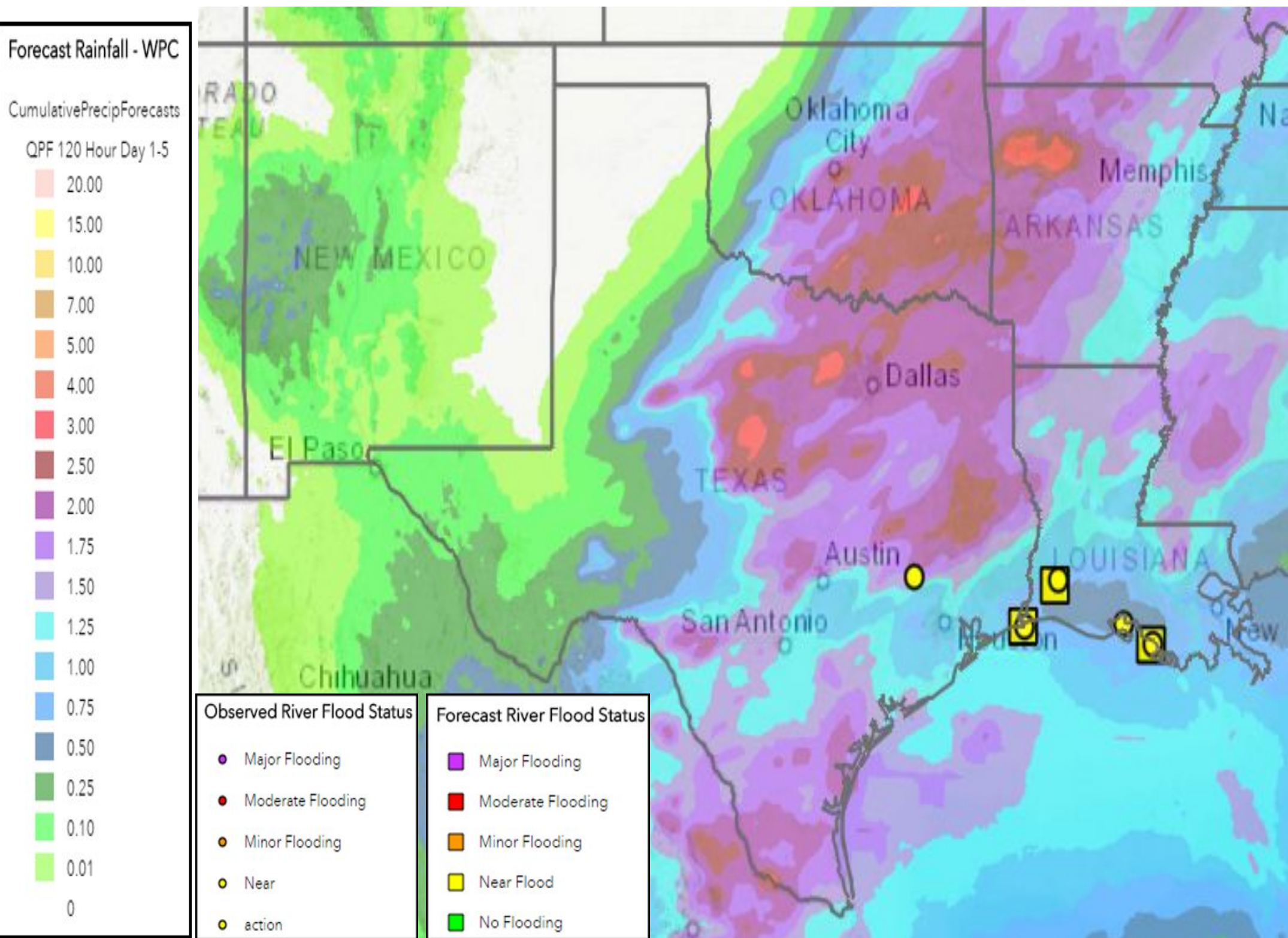
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



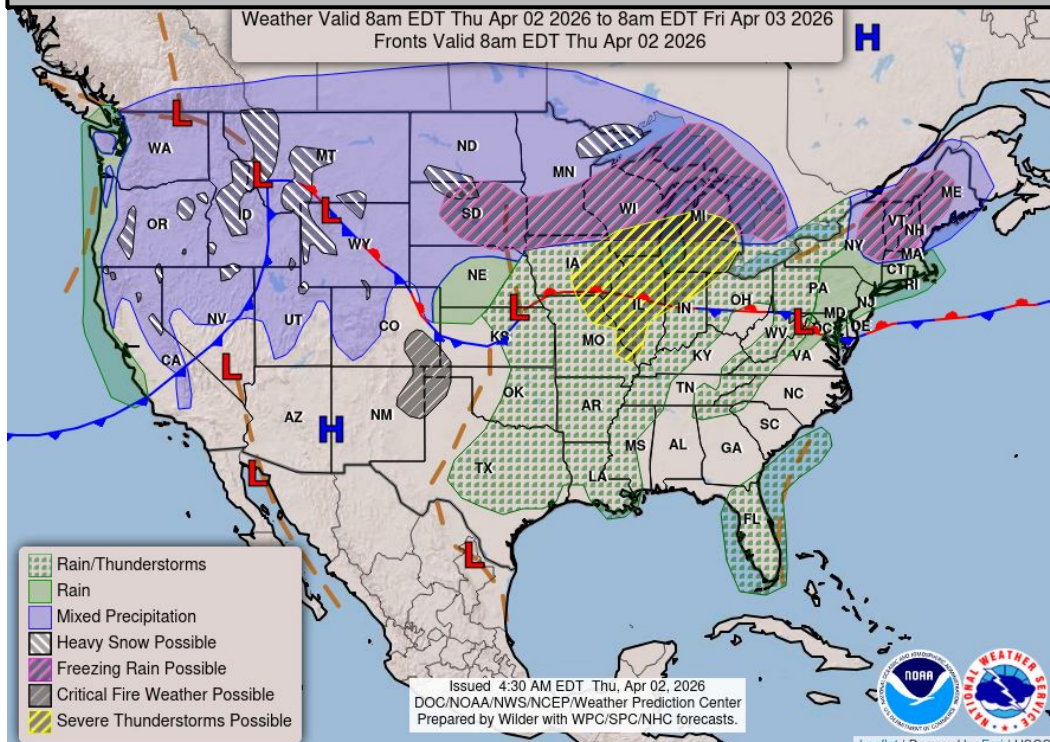
Monitoring portions of N TX, OK for rises by this weekend.

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.

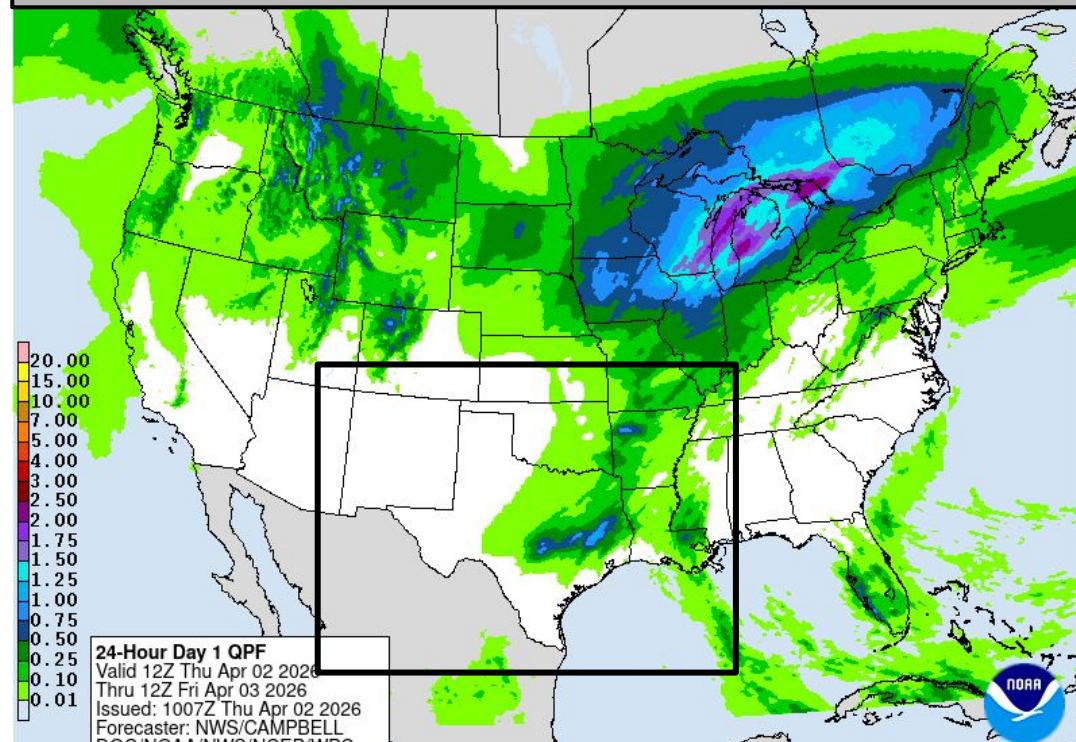


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



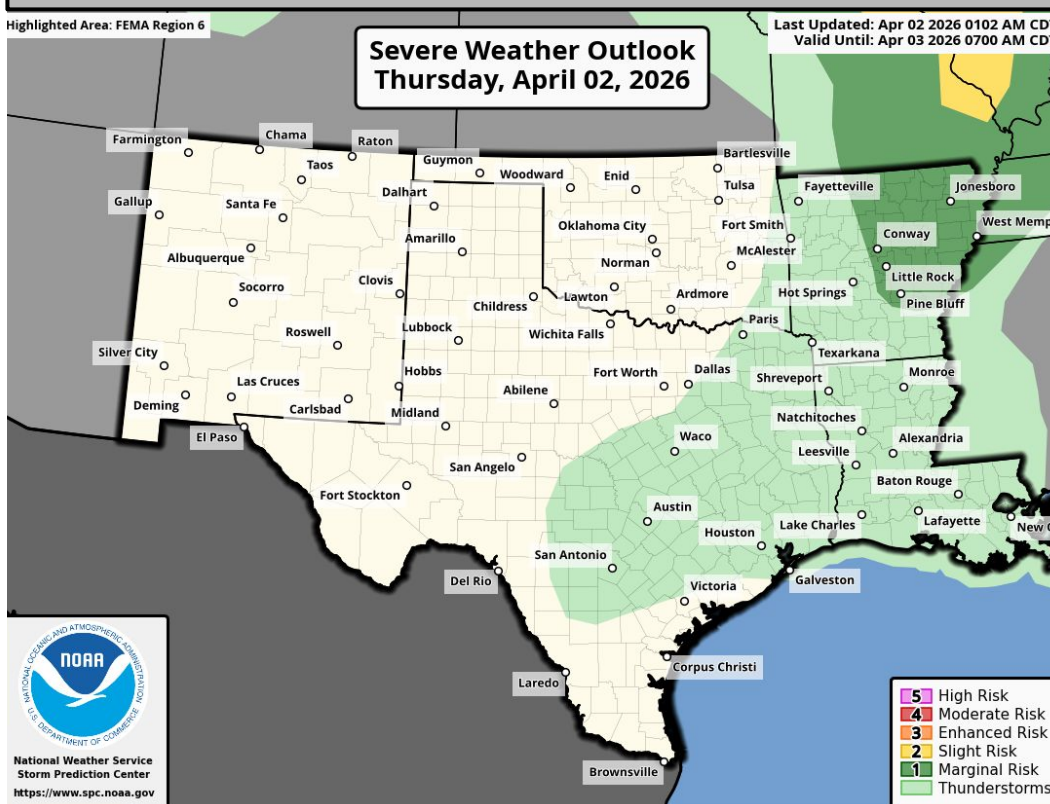
Forecast Rainfall



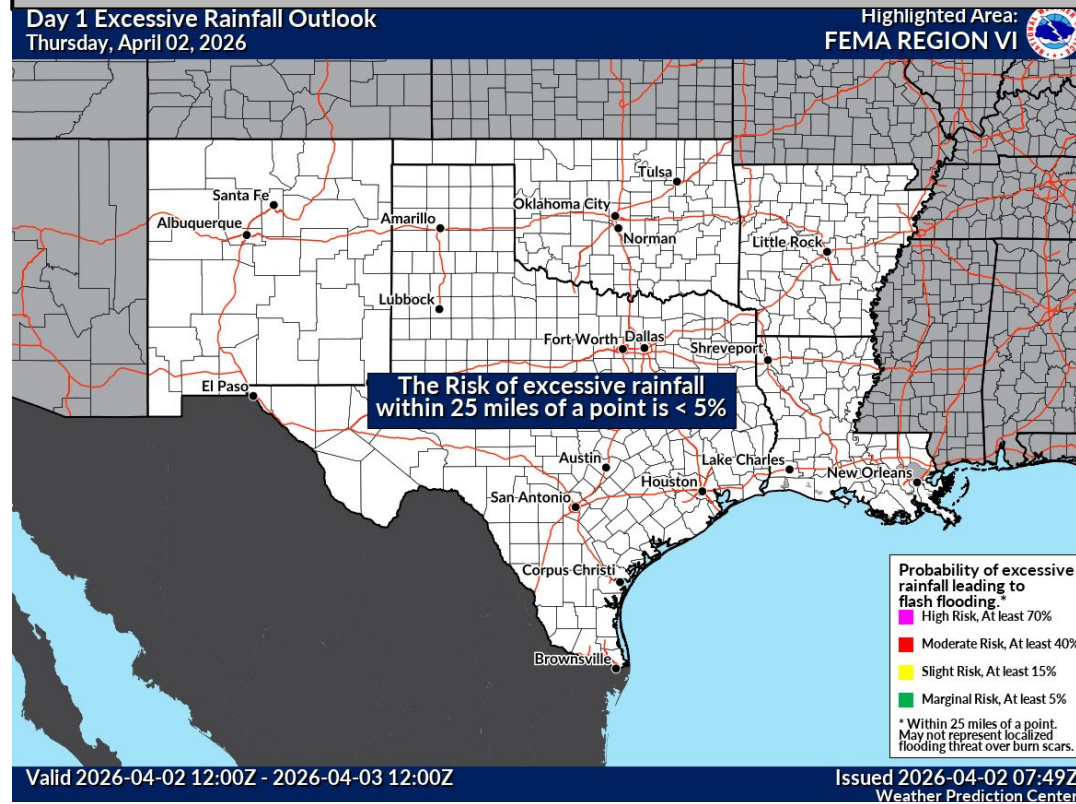
Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE AR. Conditional risk for tornadoes up to EF-2 mid-late afternoon.

Severe Weather Outlook

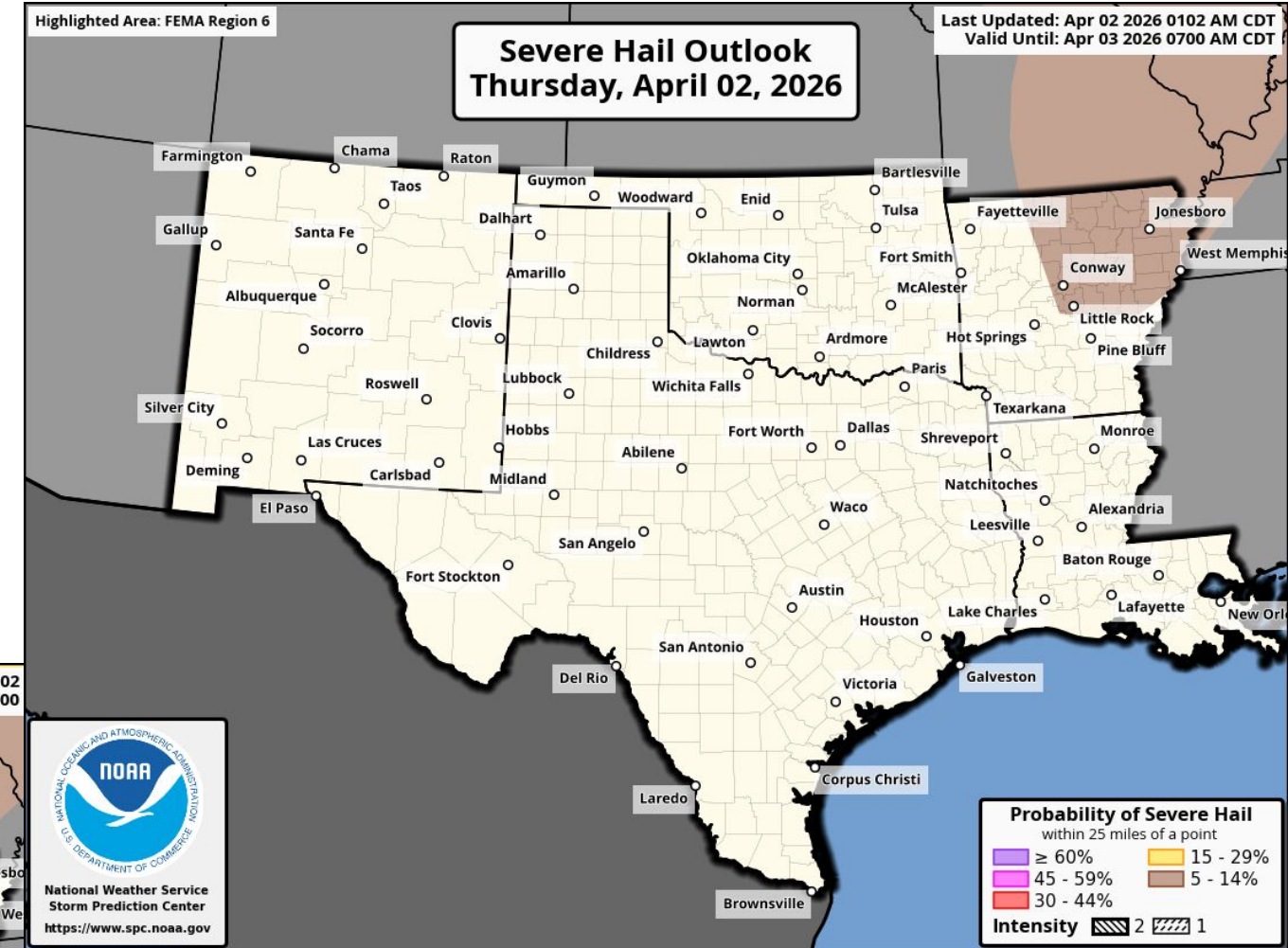
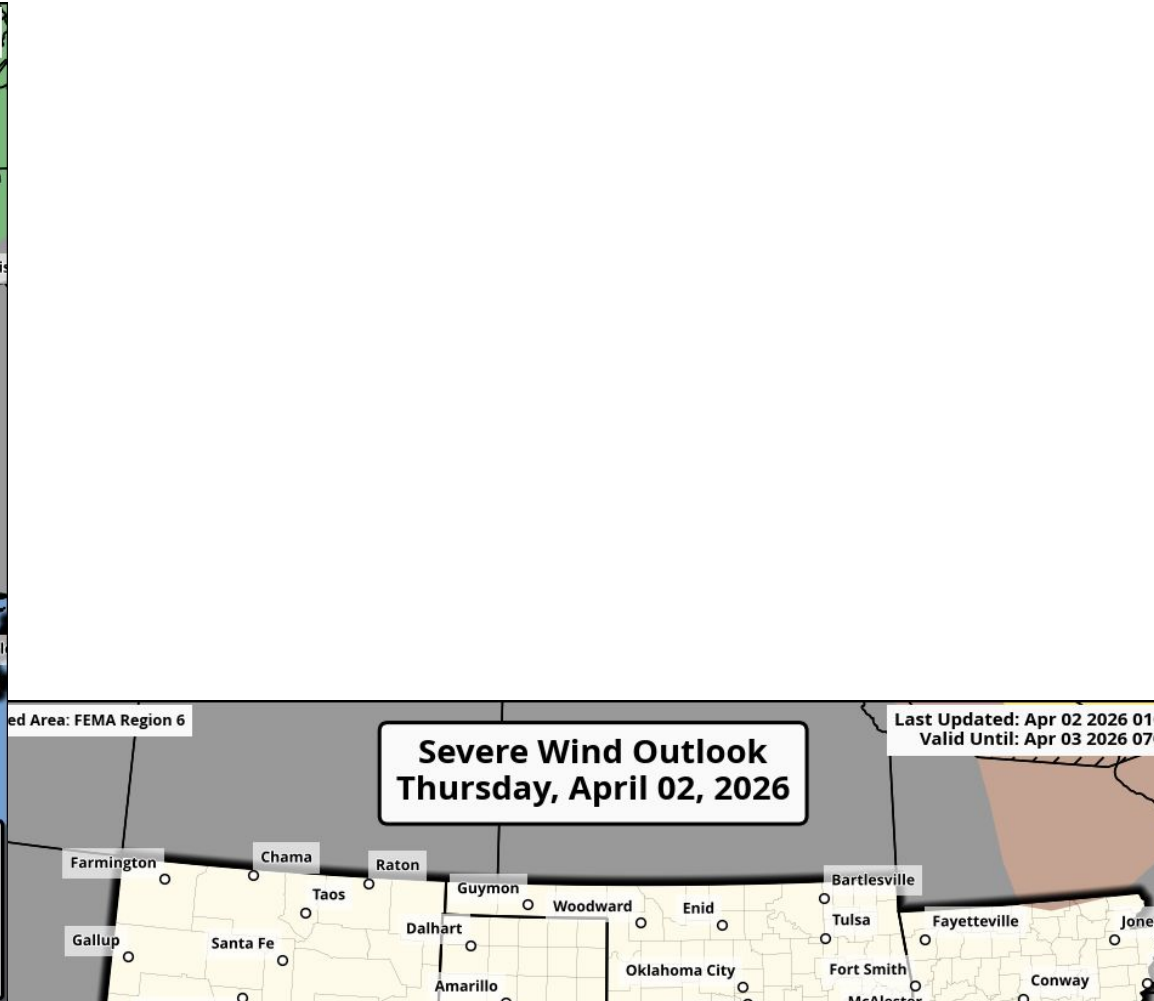
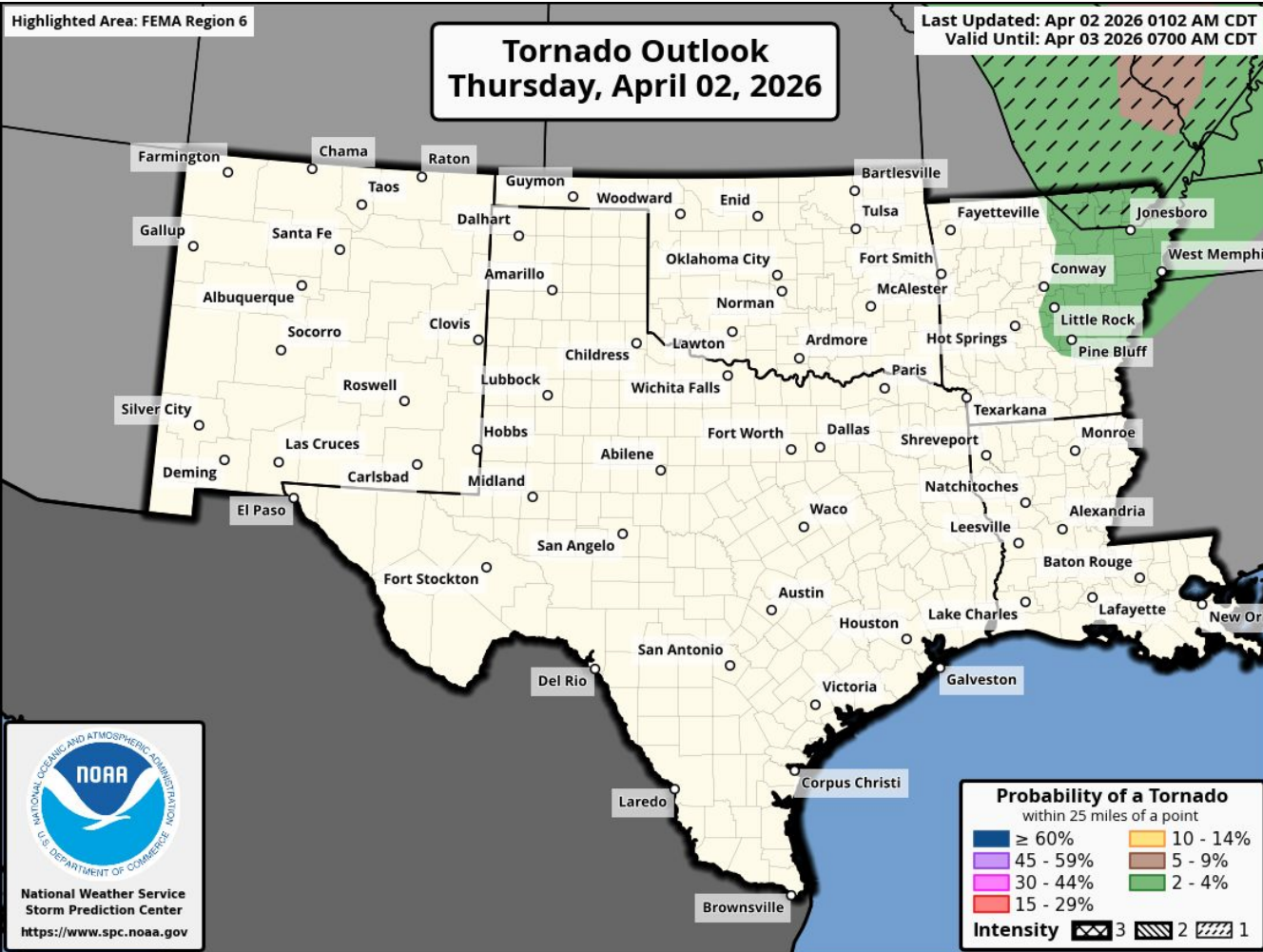


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



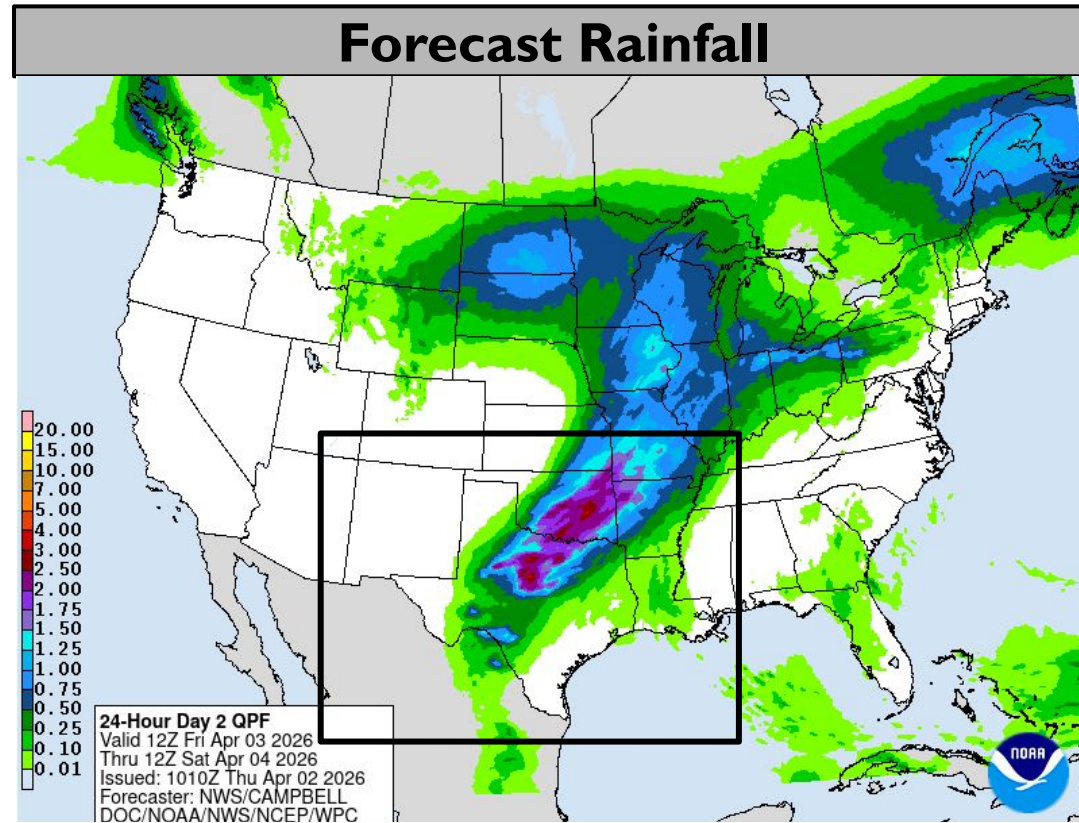
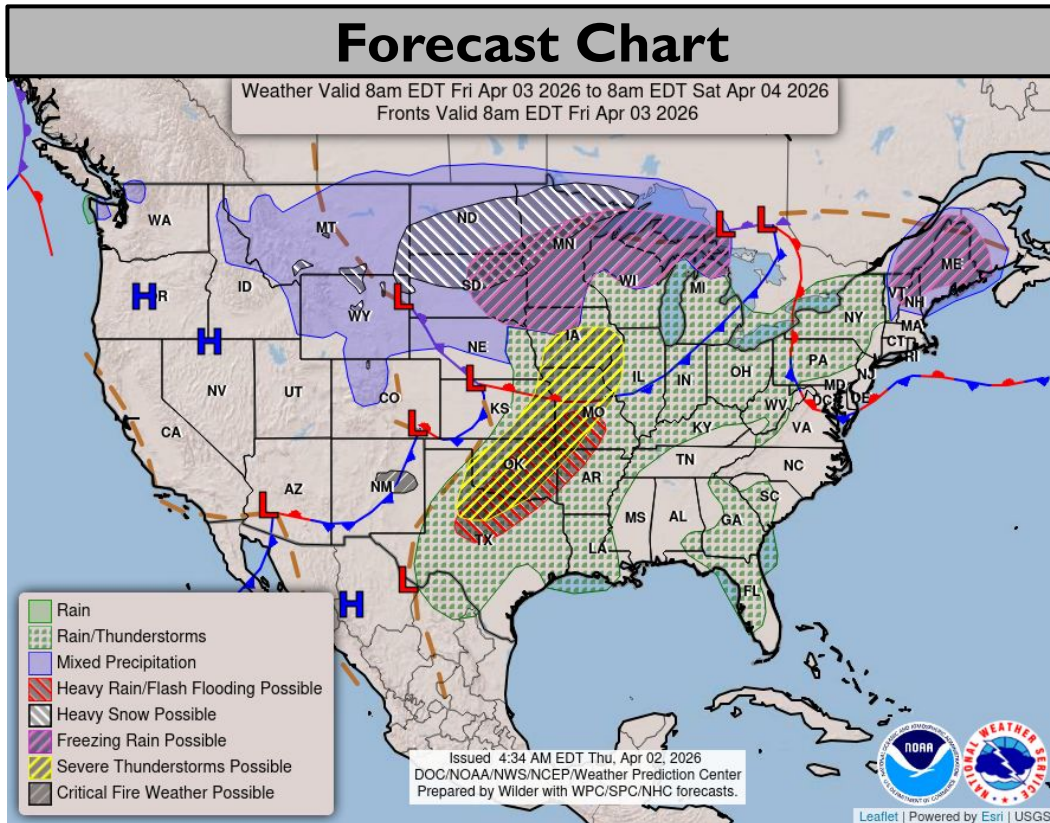


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





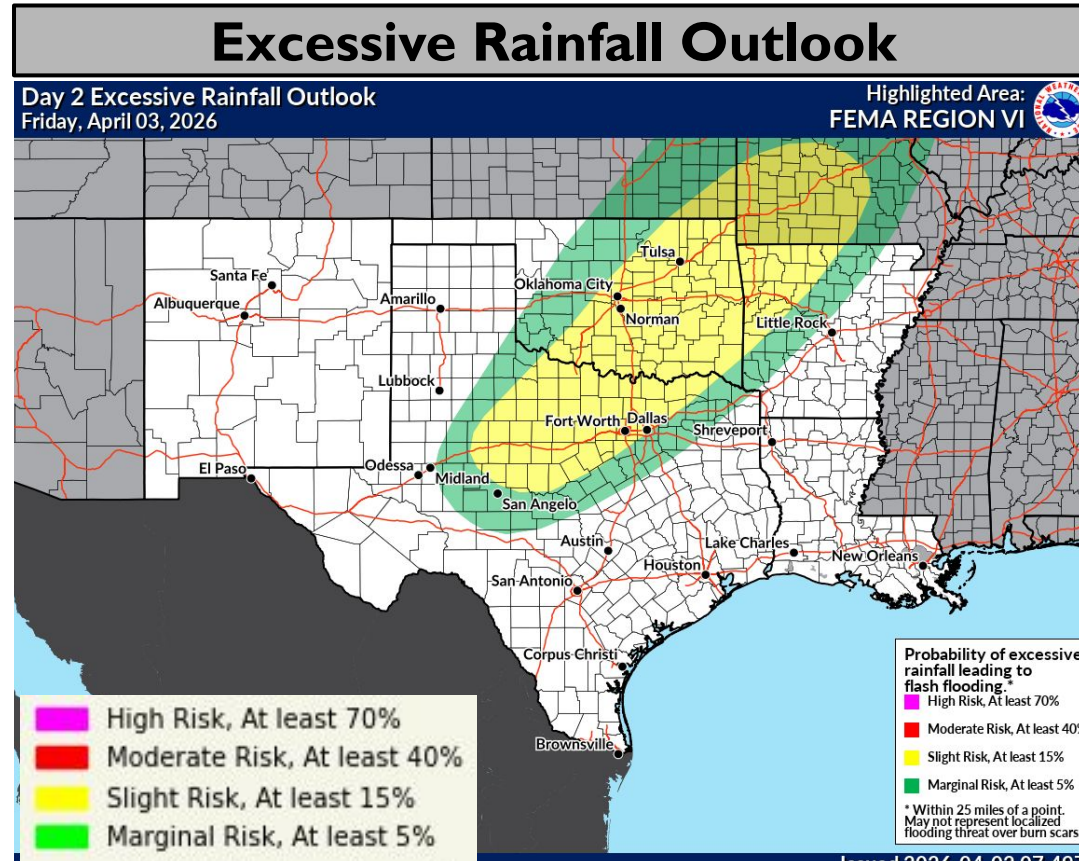
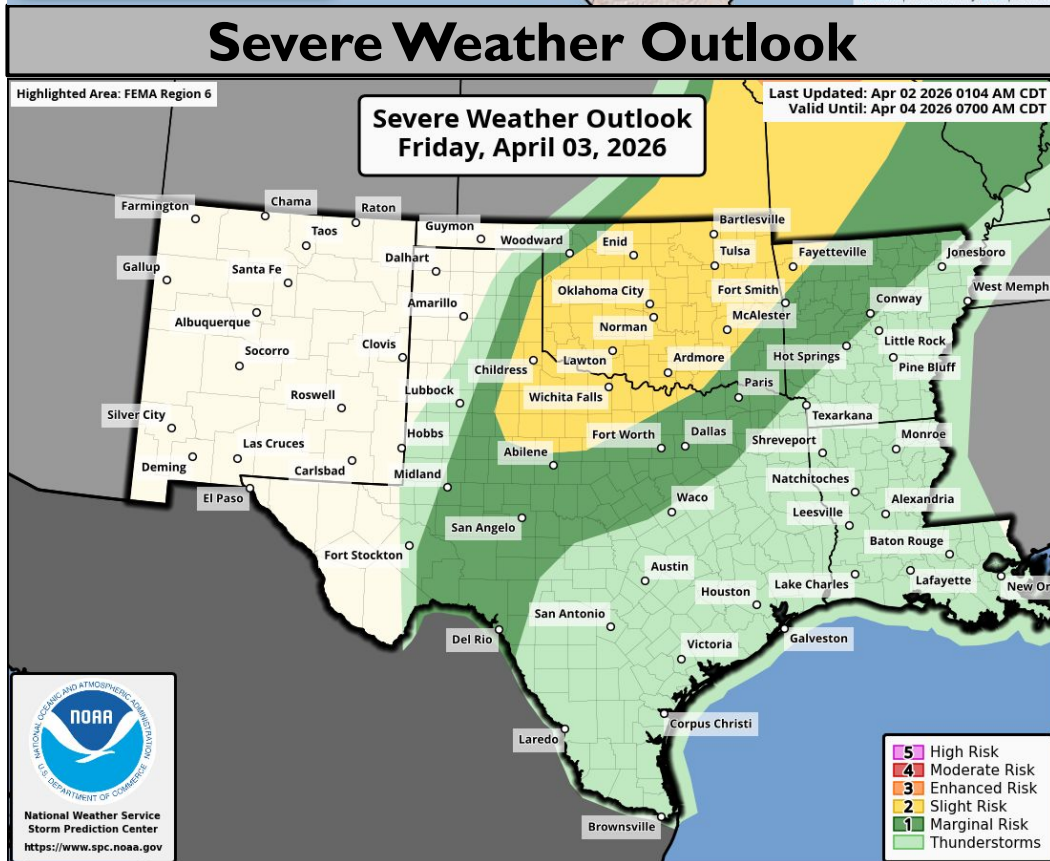
Tomorrow's Weather



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

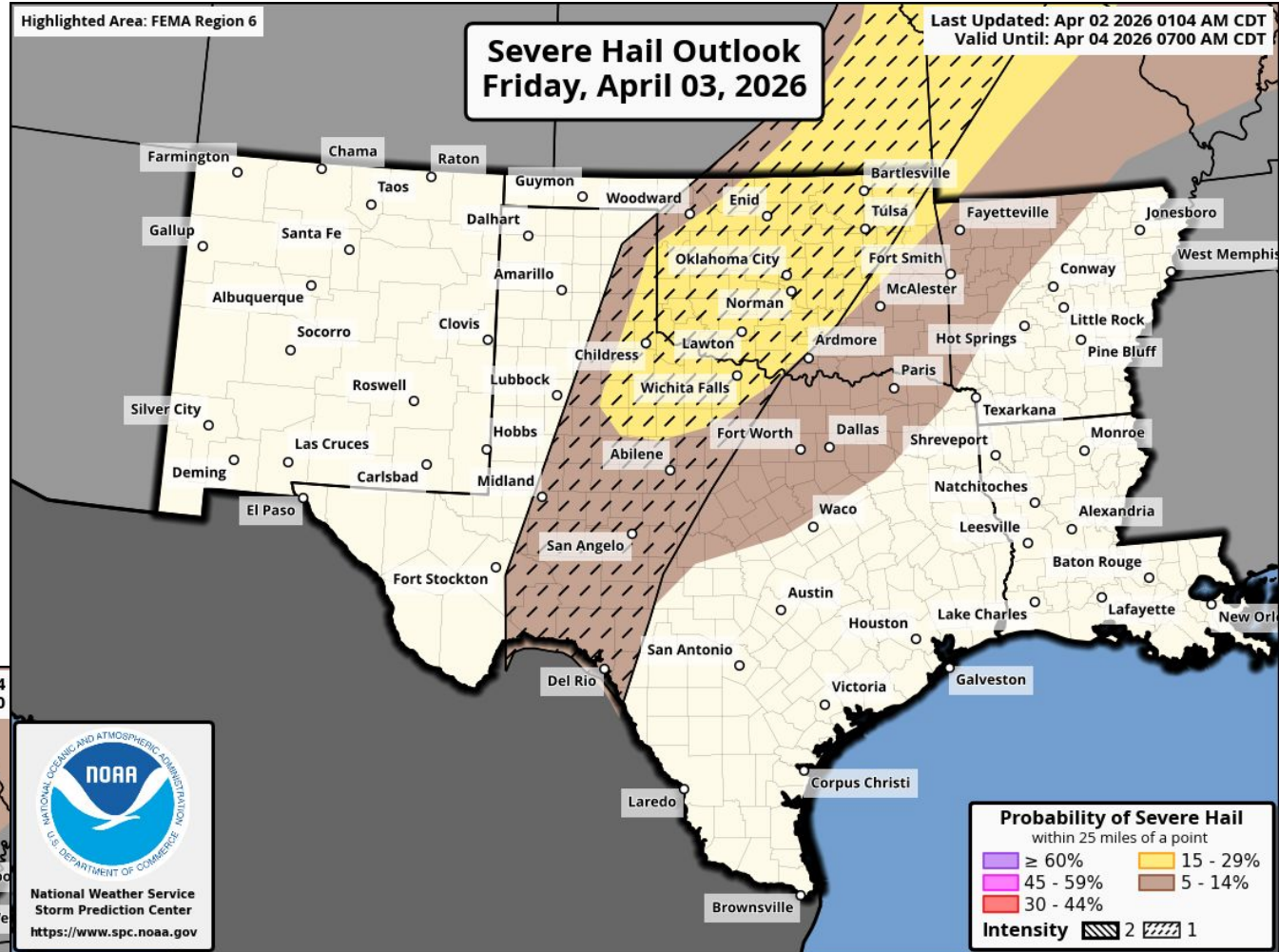
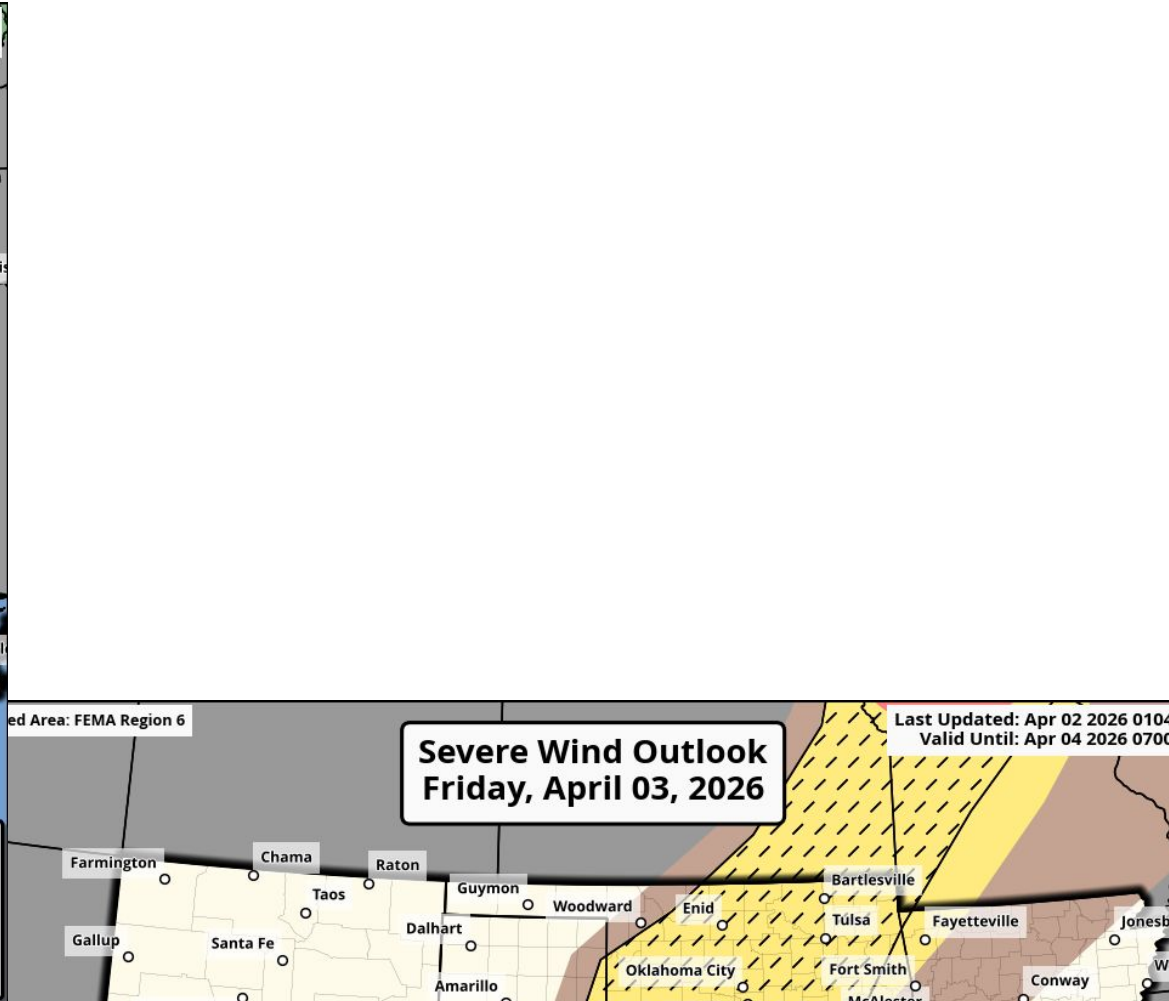
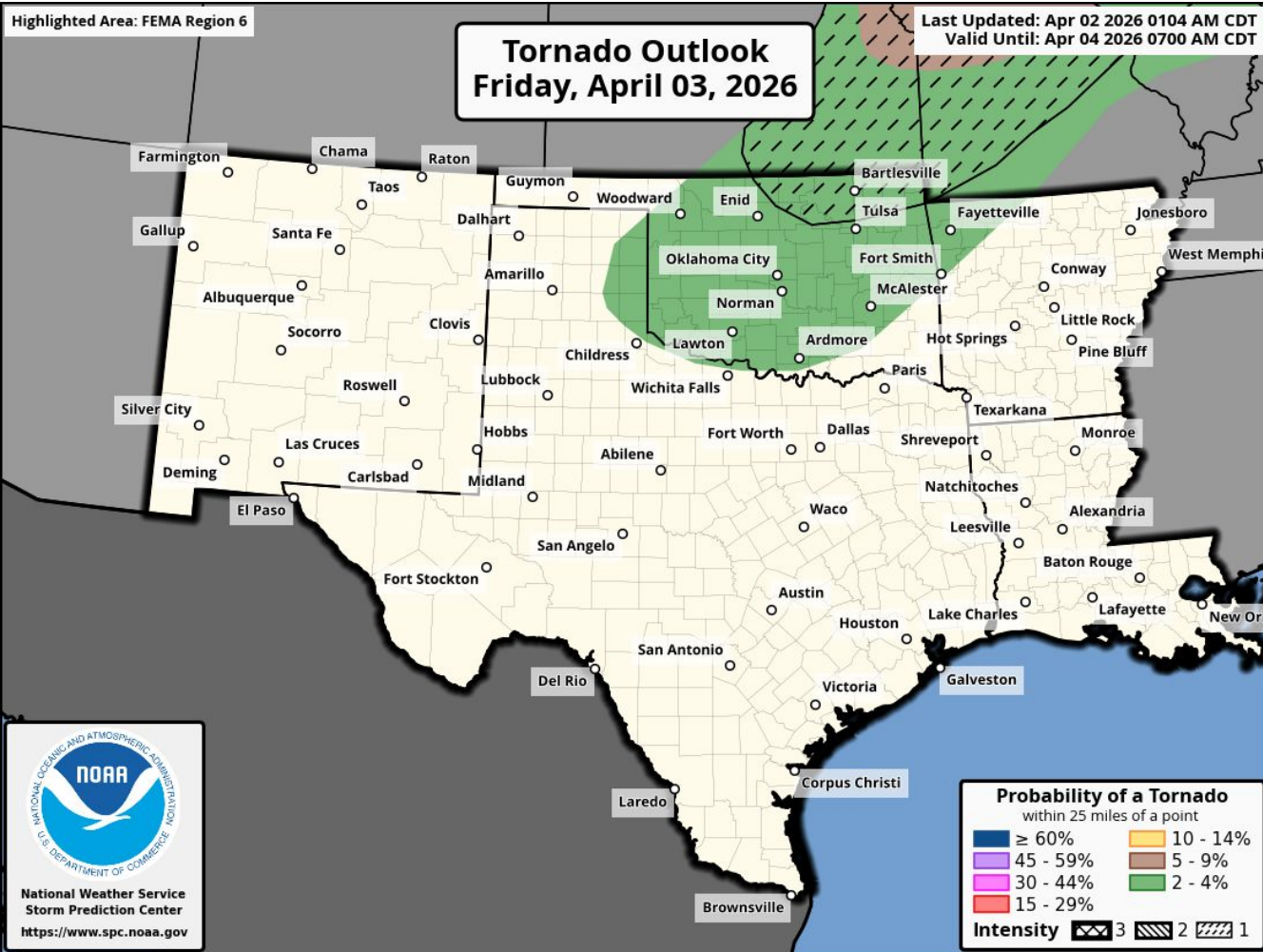
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding for N/CTX, OK, NW AR. 1-3" of rain, locally 5-7".

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.





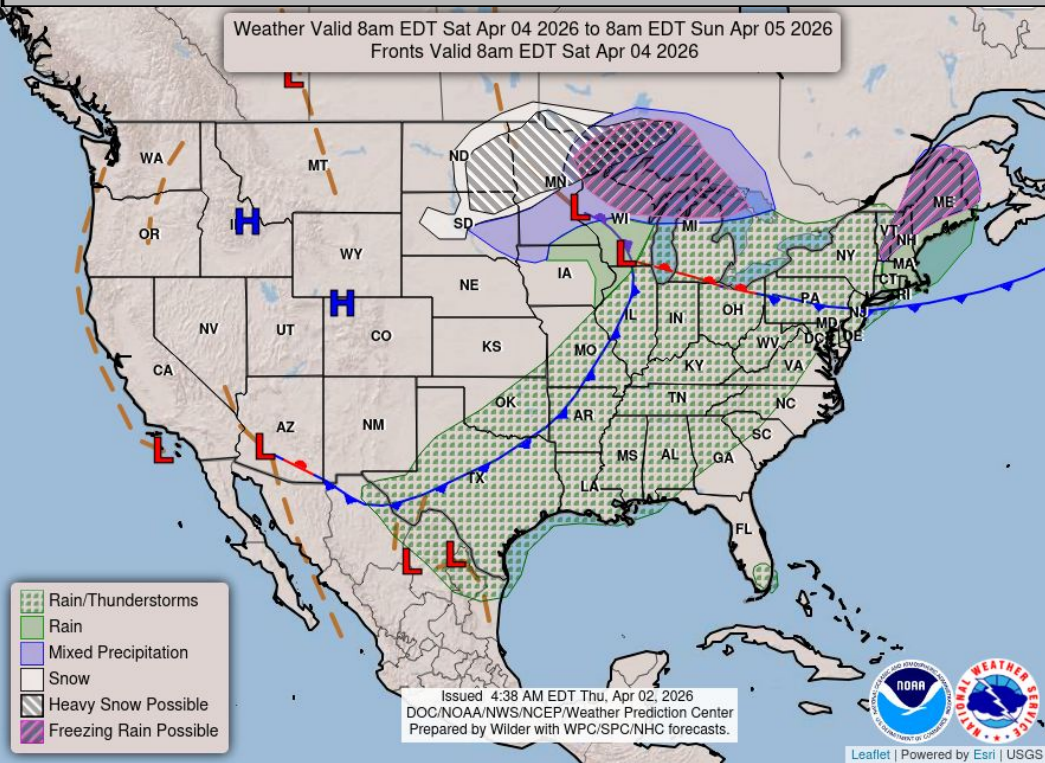
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



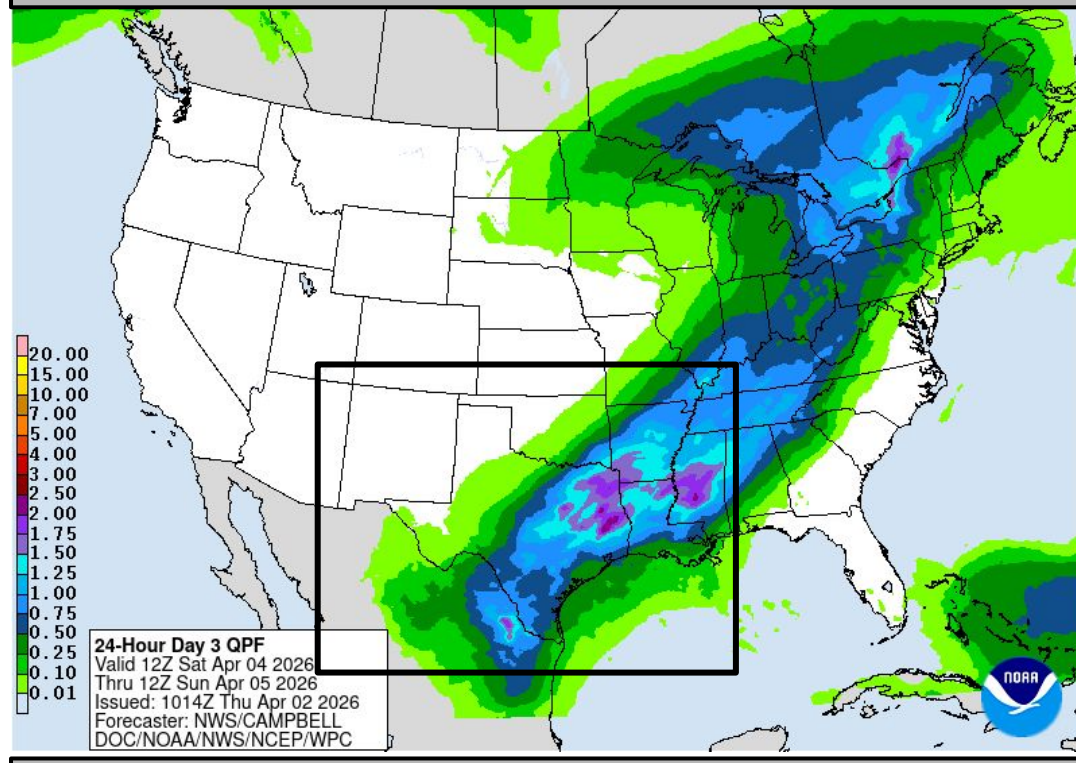


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



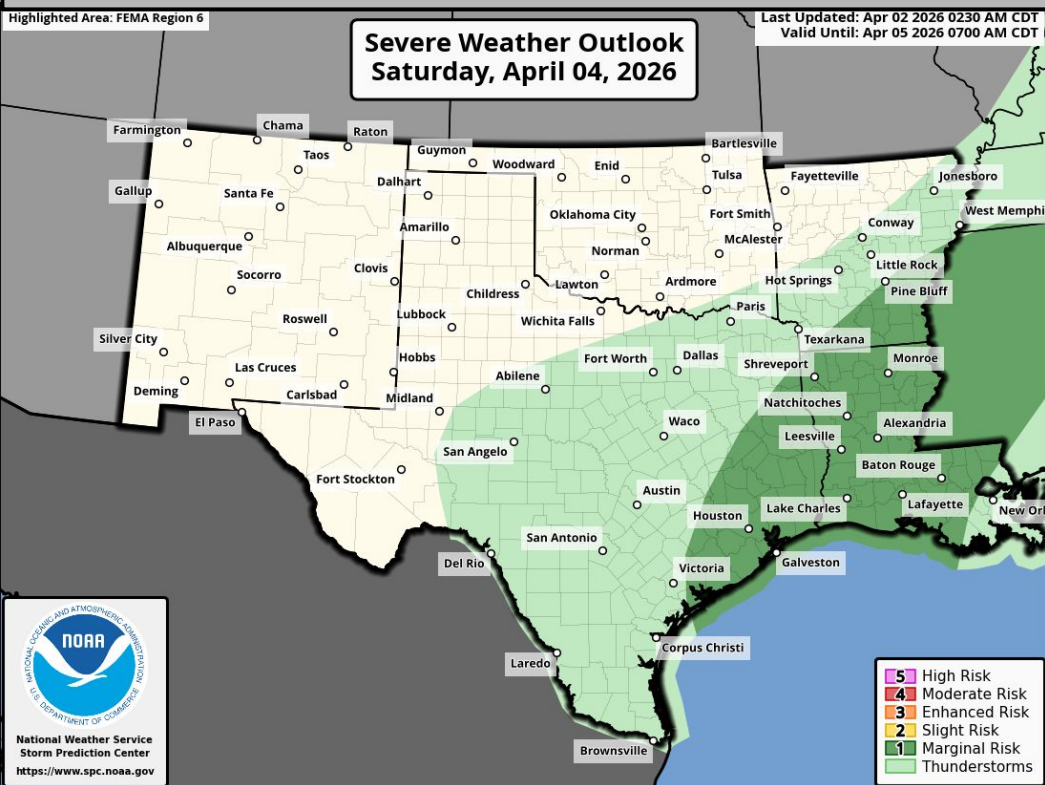
Forecast Rainfall



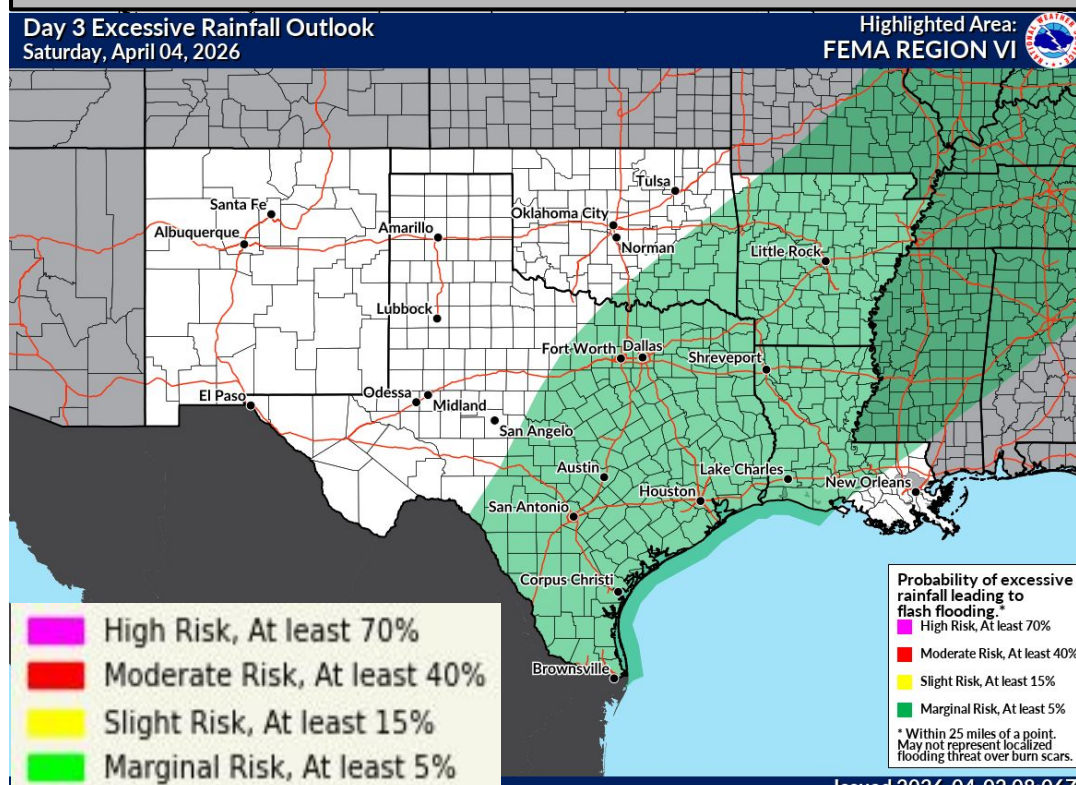
Marginal risk for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, C/S/E TX, and NW LA.

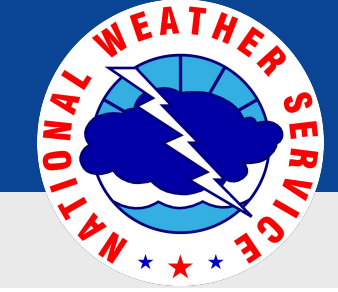
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, C/S/E TX, NW LA. 1-3" of rain; locally up to 3-5".

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook





Wind Gust/Min Relative Humidity

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/2 Thu				4/3 Fri				4/4 Sat				4/5 Sun			
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am
Abilene	18↑	20↑	20↑	23↑	25↑	24↑	20↑	17→	28↓	28↓	21↓	13↓	12↓	17↓	14↓	
Amarillo	25→	23→	24→	22→	22→	25→	23→	20→	21→	21→	12→	9→	9→	20→	21→	
Beaver	18→	18↑	20↑	18↑	24↓	24↓	23↓	14↓	18↓	21↓	15↓	5↓	8↓	16↓	18↓	
El Paso	12→	17→	15→	9→	13→	24→	24→	13↓	22↓	25↓	23↓	23↓	26↓	26↓	24↓	
Enid	28↑	20→	17→	30↑	37↑	37↑	24→	16↓	24↓	24↓	16↓	3↓	7↓	10↓	10↓	
Fayetteville	35↑	36↑	25↑	22↑	29↑	29↑	24↑	18↑	17↓	20↓	17↓	9↓	14↓	16↓	12↓	
Fort Davis	21→	18→	18→	7→	9→	17→	18→	23↓	26↓	31↓	41↓	41↓	35↓	30↓	30↓	
Guadalupe Pass	35→	33→	36→	25→	28→	39→	39→	53→	48→	39→	48→	48→	41→	40→	38→	
Lubbock	21→	21→	21→	17→	16→	17→	17→	21→	26→	26→	16→	7→	9→	18→	18→	
Midland/Odessa	12→	18→	20→	18→	21→	17→	22→	21→	33→	35→	35→	29→	20→	23→	24→	
Oklahoma City	30↑	21→	24↑	26↑	31↑	31↑	23→	17↓	21↓	21↓	14↓	7↓	7↓	9↓	9↓	
San Angelo	13→	16↑	16↑	16↑	20↑	21↑	16↑	13↑	25↓	26↓	22↓	10↓	14↓	17↓	16↓	
Santa Fe	20→	29→	31→	20→	31→	31→	28→	16↓	12↓	13↓	13↓	15↓	16↓	20↓	17↓	
Shreveport	21↑	23↑	20↑	15↑	21↑	22↑	18↑	16↑	16↑	17↑	15↓	14↓	16↓	17↓	13↓	
Tulsa	35↑	29→	20→	23↑	30↑	30↑	23→	15↓	20↓	21↓	15↓	5↓	10↓	12↓	8↓	
Wichita Falls	28↑	28↑	26↑	24↑	28↑	28↑	23↑	20↓	26↓	26↓	16↓	7↓	7↓	10↓	10↓	

Cold front/wind shift

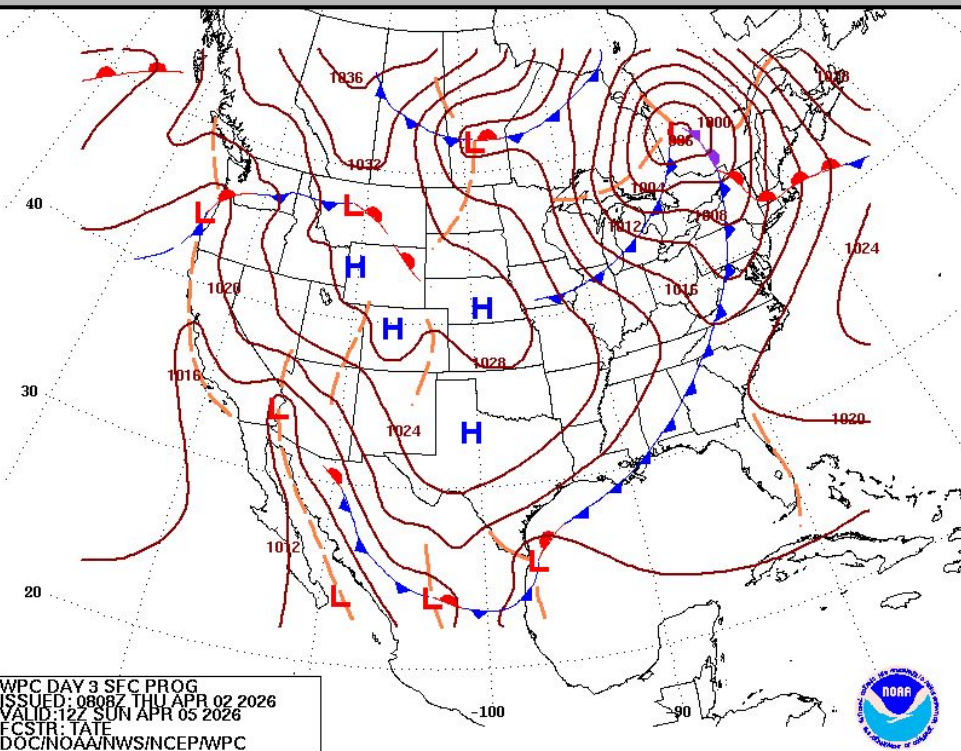
RH (%) Forecast

	4/2 Thu				4/3 Fri				4/4 Sat				4/5 Sun			
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Abilene	84	47	31	71	90	71	60	78	100	60	42	62	71	44	39	
Amarillo	41	22	11	20	28	20	13	26	35	24	14	34	55	24	16	
Beaver	68	46	17	35	37	27	15	27	48	30	16	44	78	26	15	
El Paso	49	29	15	22	32	20	11	15	15	16	16	29	42	42	33	
Enid	100	61	45	81	97	71	61	69	71	47	41	71	82	49	42	
Fayetteville	90	76	56	84	93	73	60	84	100	64	43	68	79	44	38	
Fort Davis	52	24	15	33	57	23	20	39	33	38	38	52	70	45	40	
Guadalupe Pass	56	28	19	30	34	21	15	20	20	27	30	39	58	53	58	
Lubbock	44	20	11	22	62	32	17	54	43	23	17	38	63	31	24	
Midland/Odessa	53	24	13	49	87	56	31	66	86	41	26	45	68	44	33	
Oklahoma City	90	62	40	73	87	81	69	81	80	49	41	64	76	50	40	
San Angelo	93	56	36	73	97	79	60	81	100	78	52	72	83	51	43	
Santa Fe	75	50	24	38	59	37	14	28	44	28	15	29	44	34	24	
Shreveport	97	79	58	90	100	72	58	81	100	79	81	90	89	50	44	
Tulsa	90	69	46	73	87	76	62	81	83	51	40	63	76	46	37	
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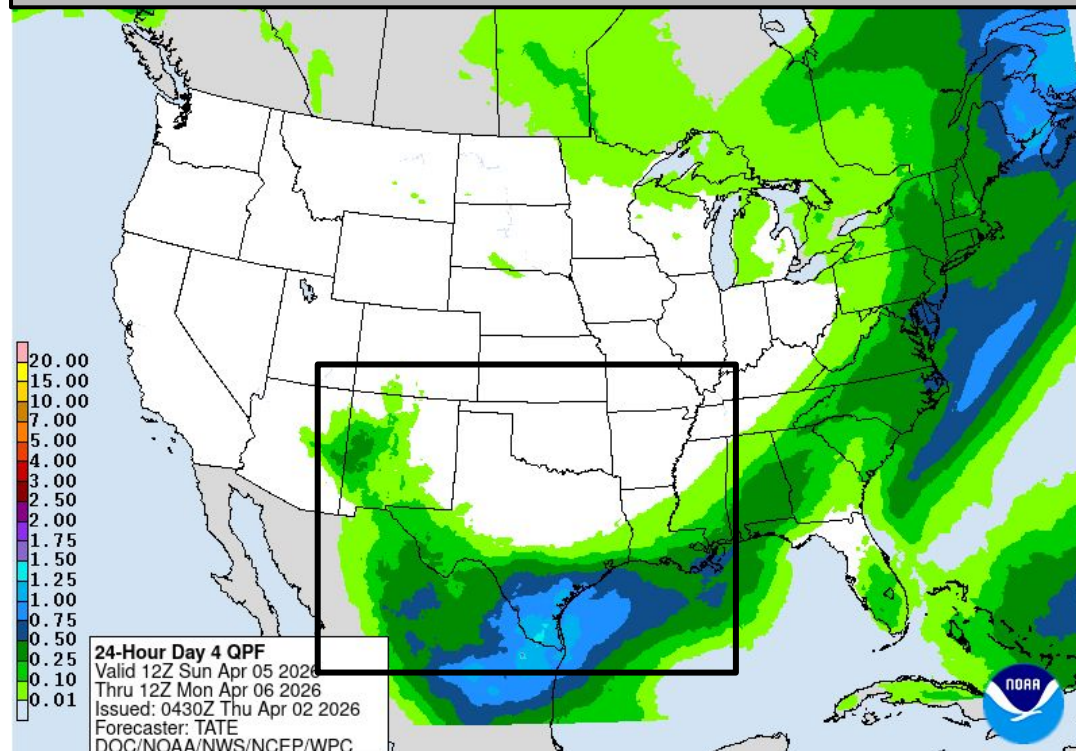
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z SUN APR 05 2026
FCSTR: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

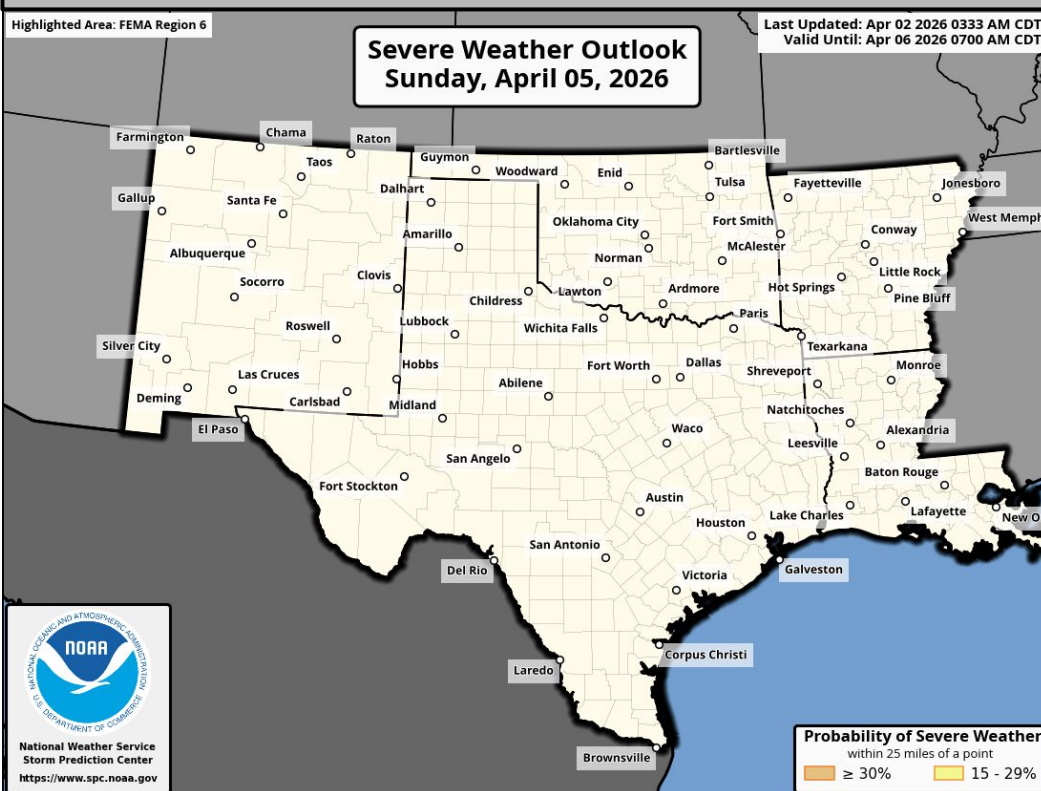
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 4 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun Apr 05 2026
Thru 12Z Mon Apr 06 2026
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Forecaster: TATE
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**Marginal risk for flash flooding
over STX.**

Severe Weather Outlook

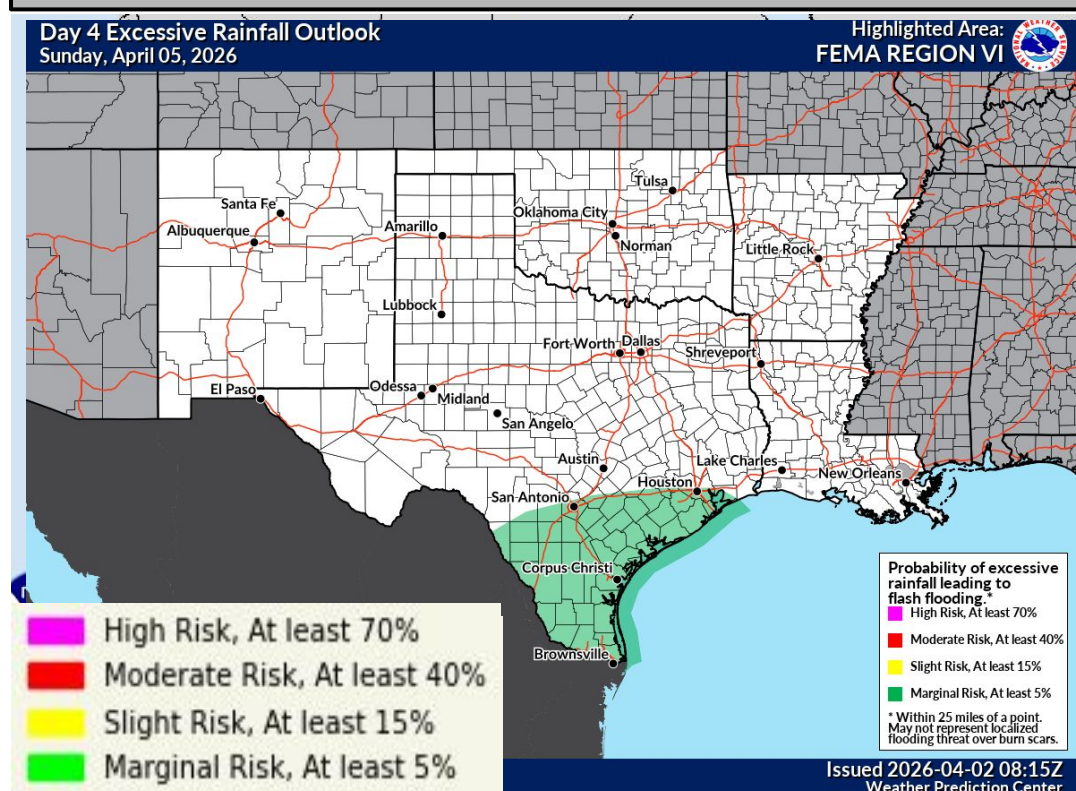


Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, April 05, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 02 2026 0333 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 06 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
Sunday, April 05, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

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

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.

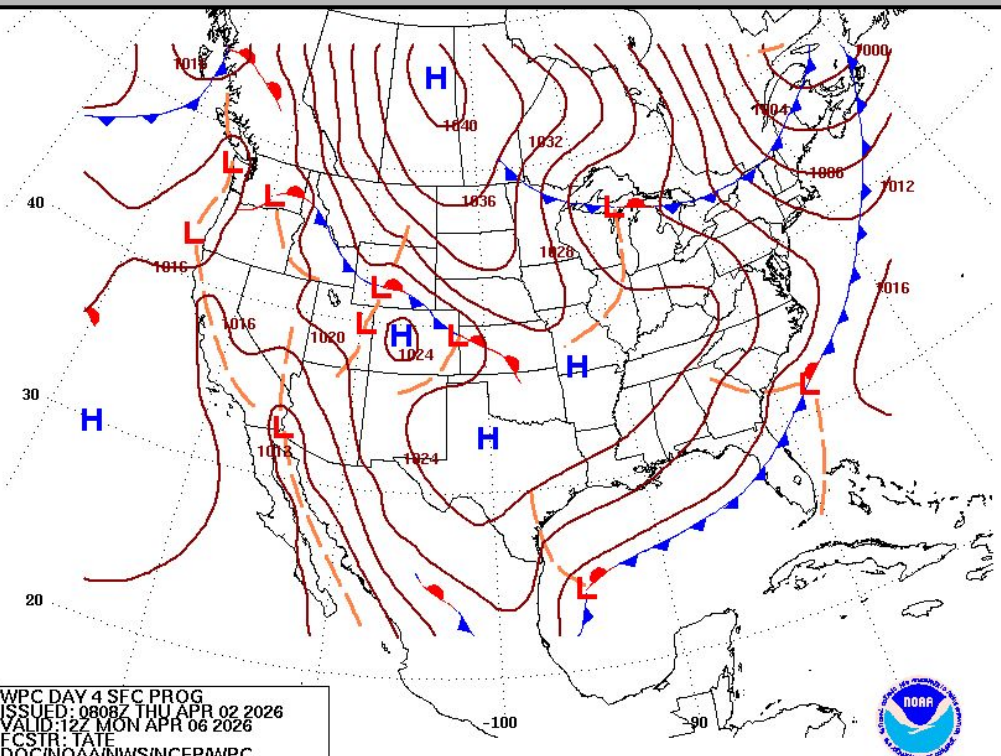
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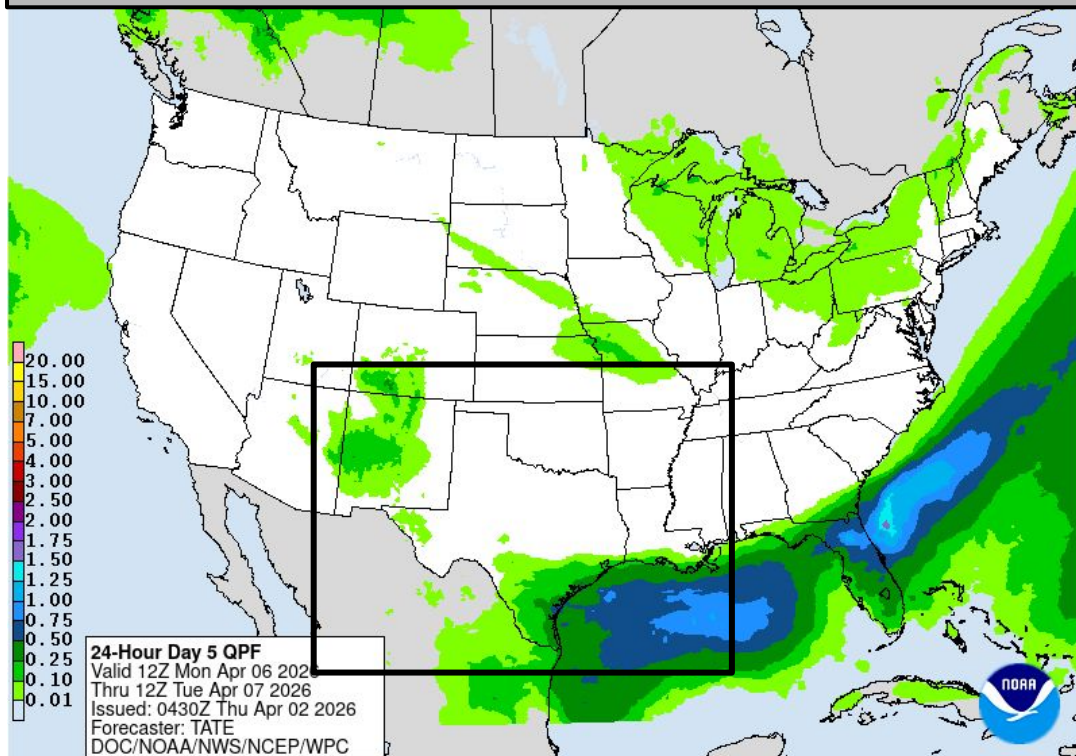
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z MON APR 06 2026
FCSTR: TATE
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

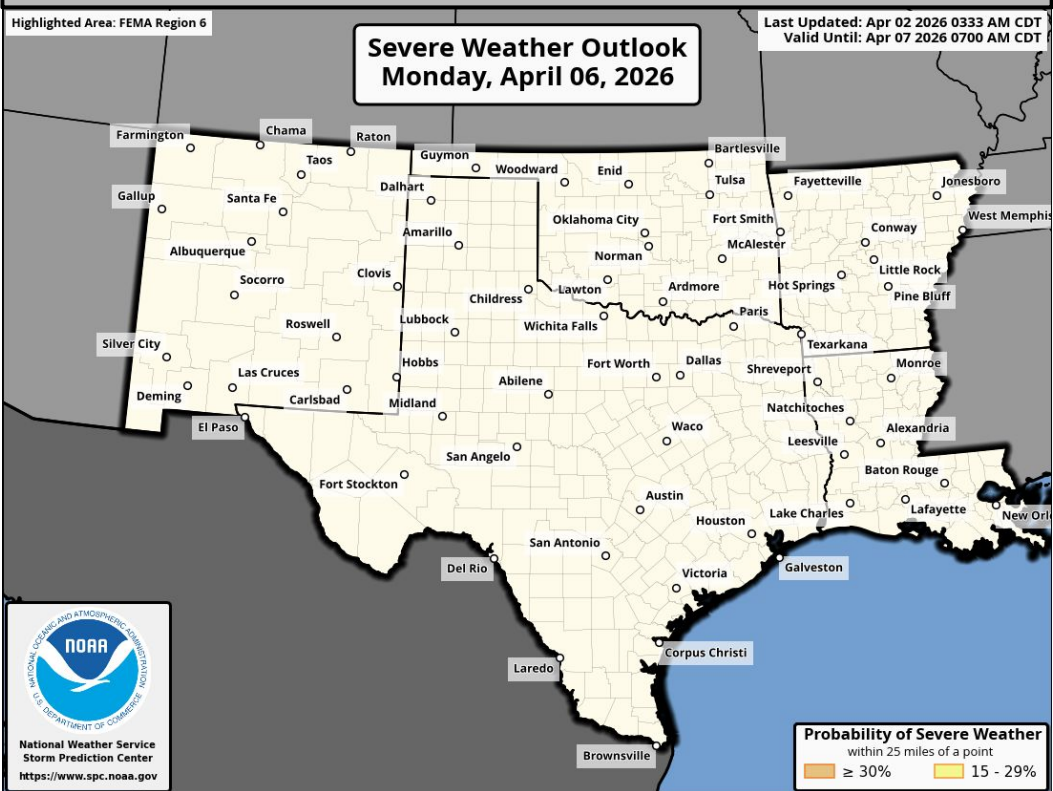
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

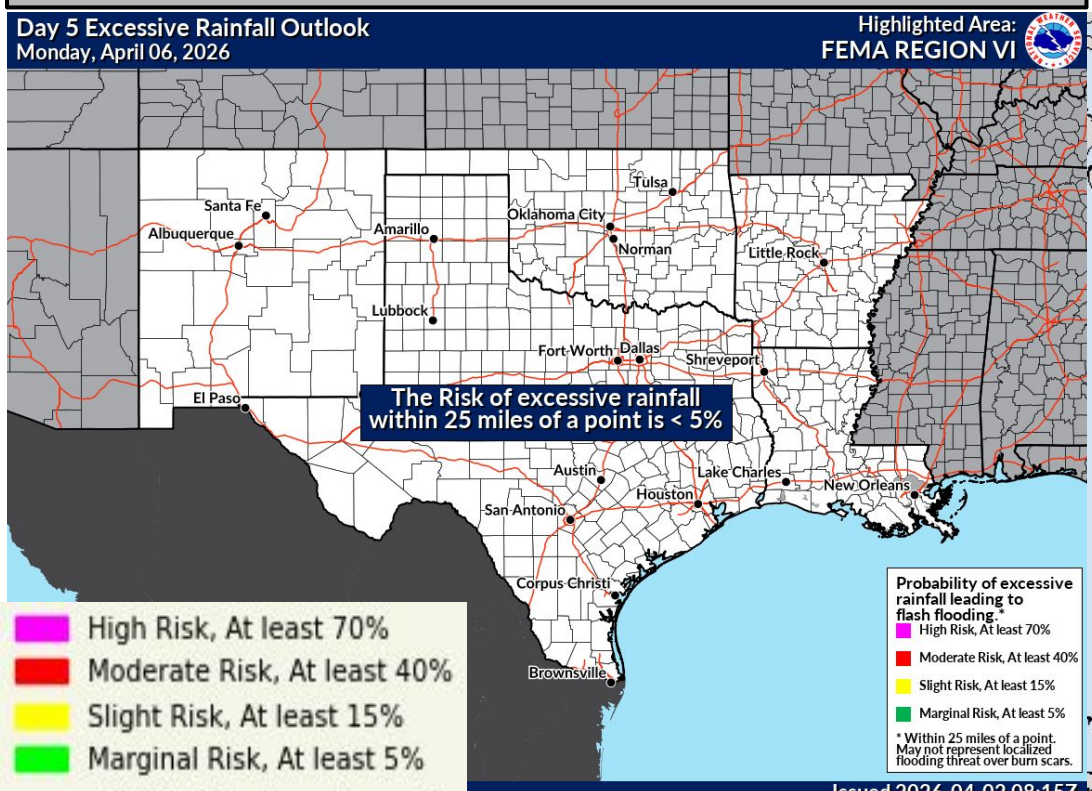


Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 06, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 02 2026 0333 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 07 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, April 06, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

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

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

Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding:
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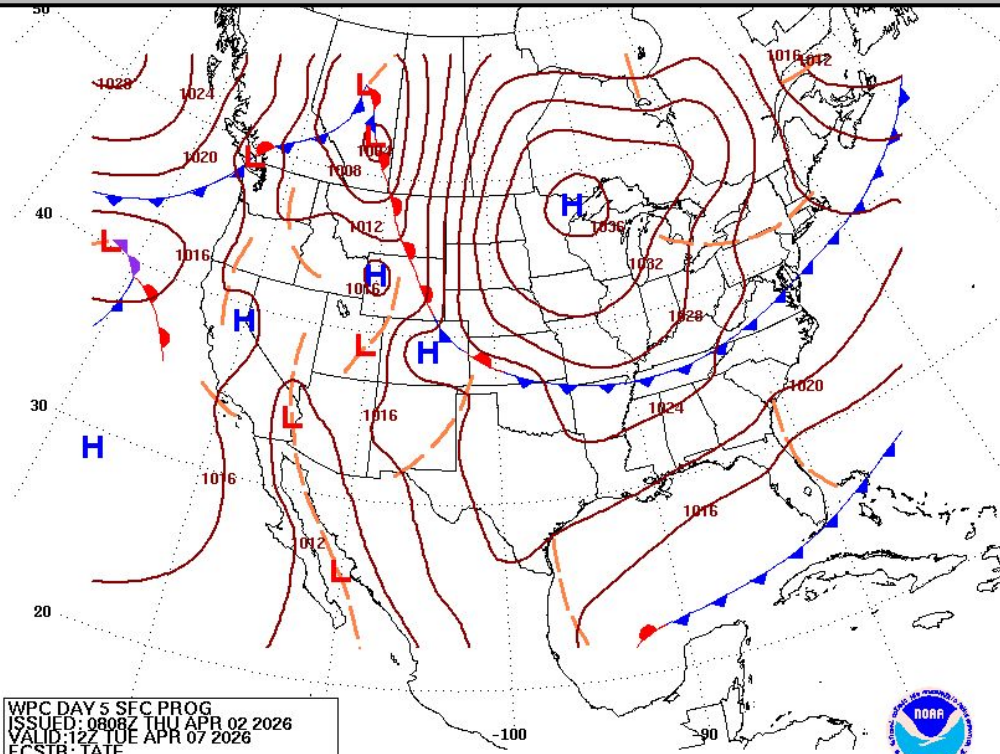
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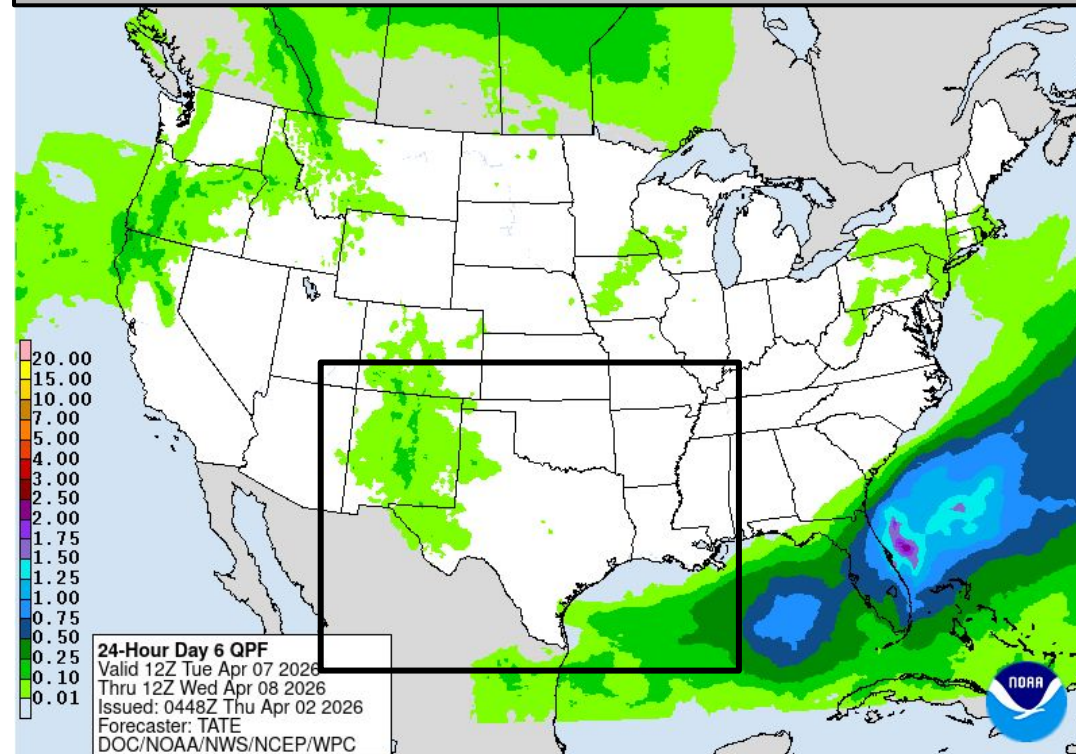
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z TUE APR 07 2026
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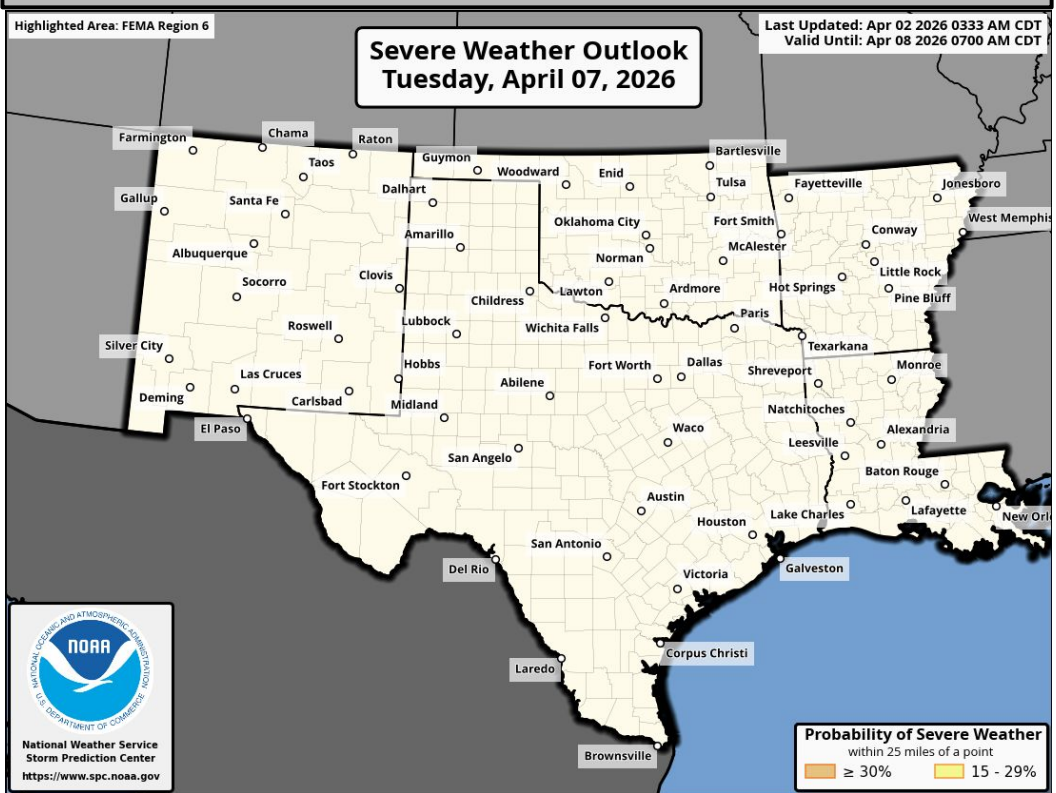
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

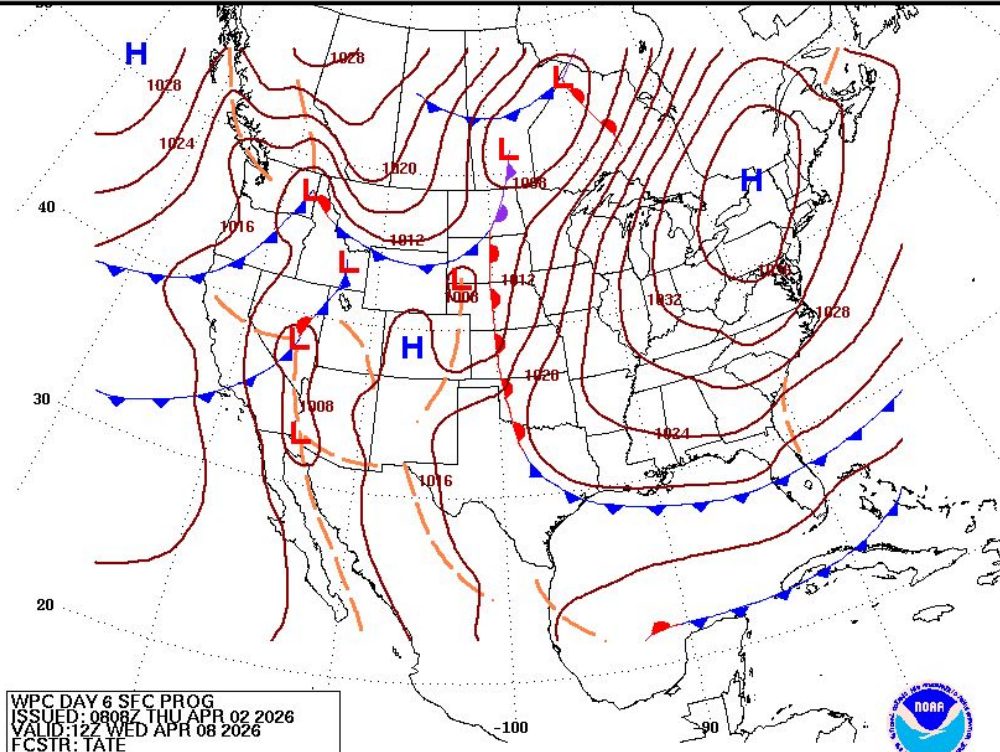


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
not available beyond Day 5**

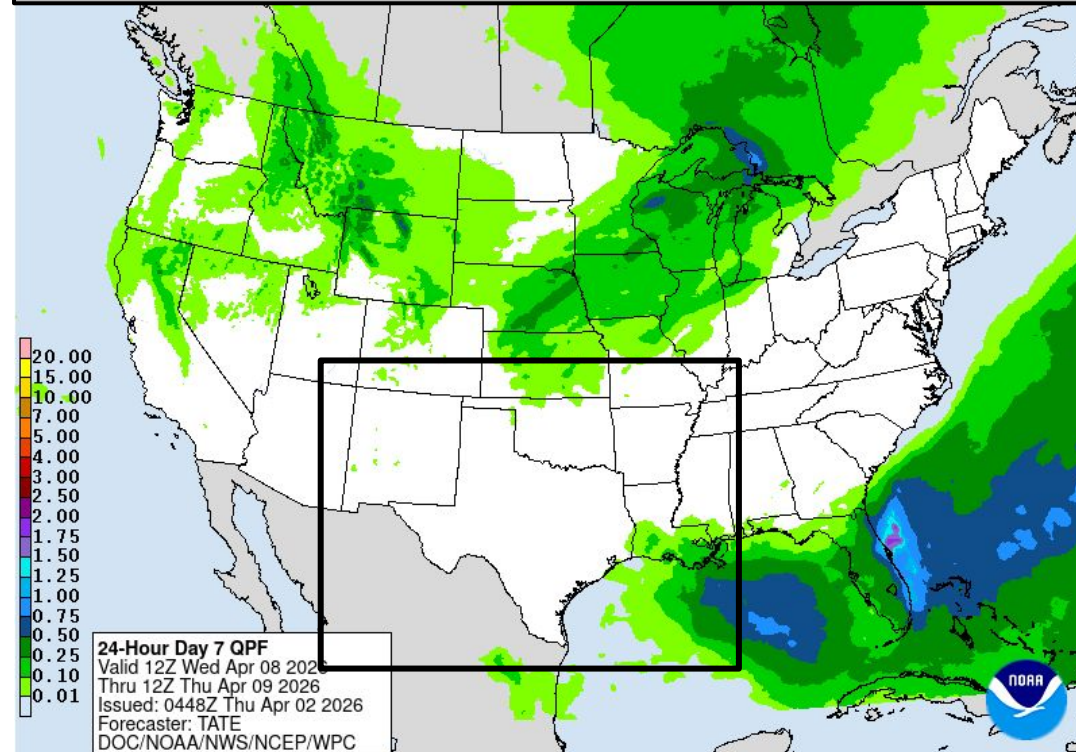


Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

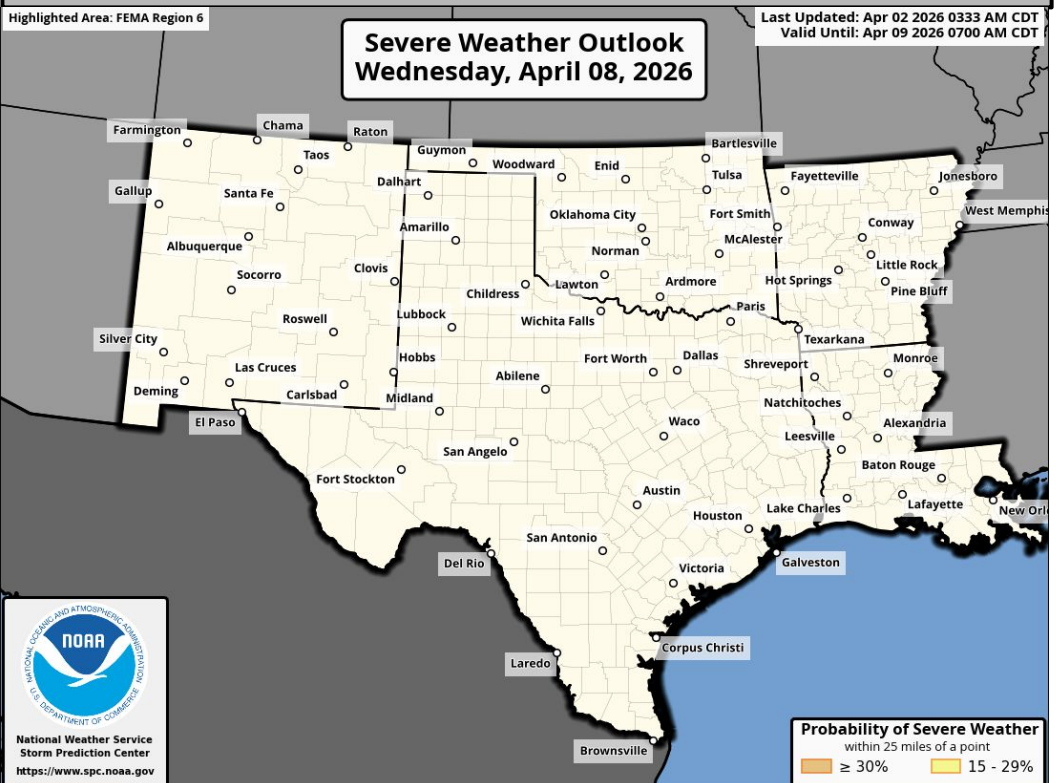


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

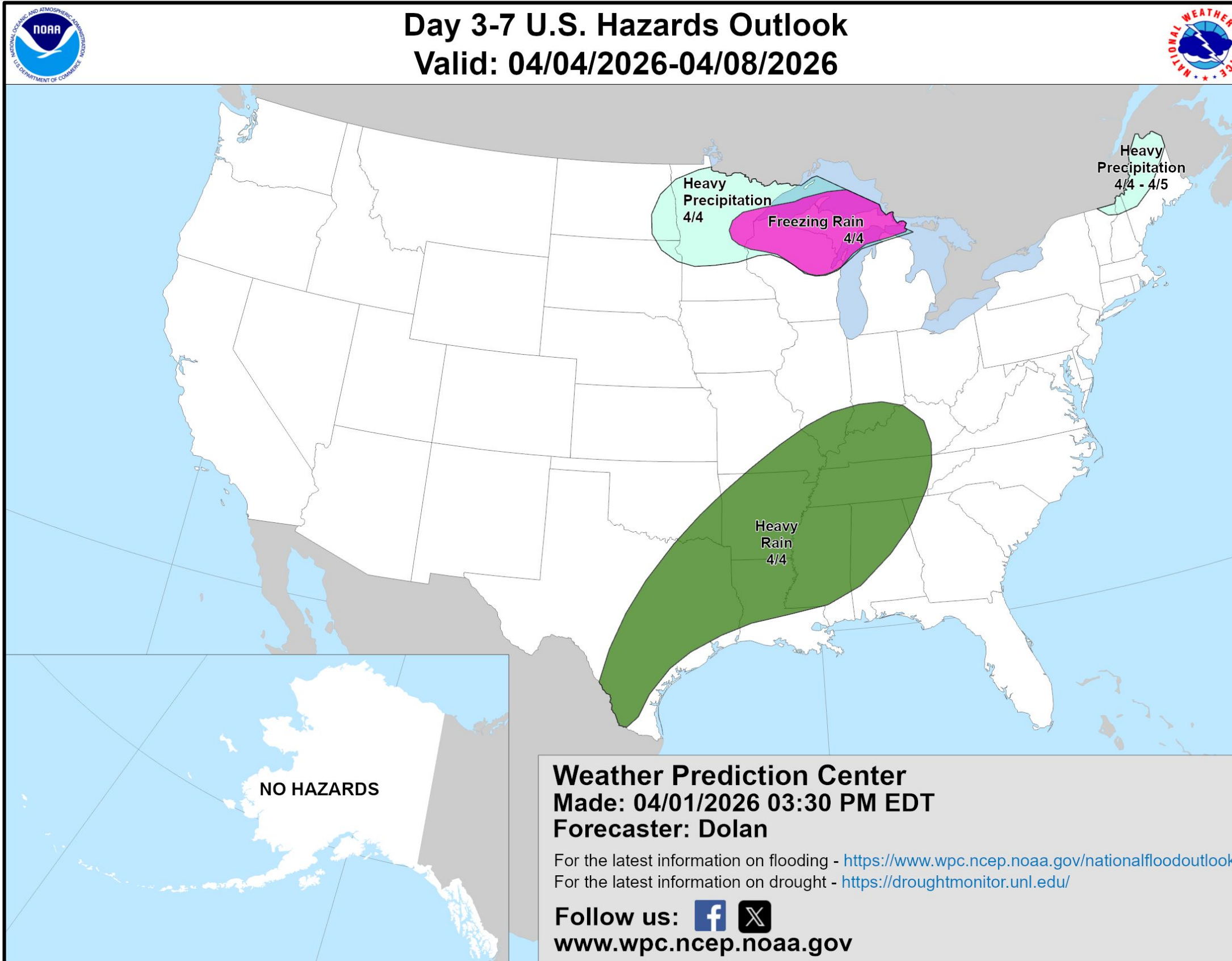
Severe Weather Outlook



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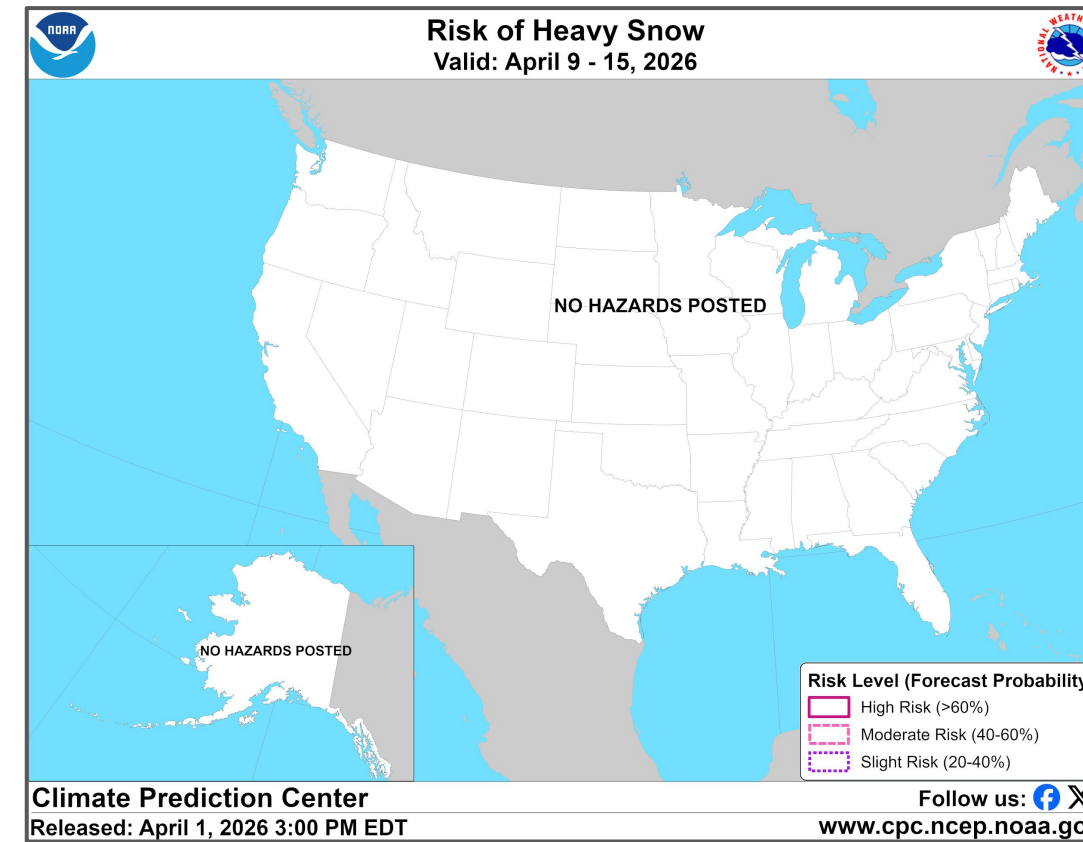
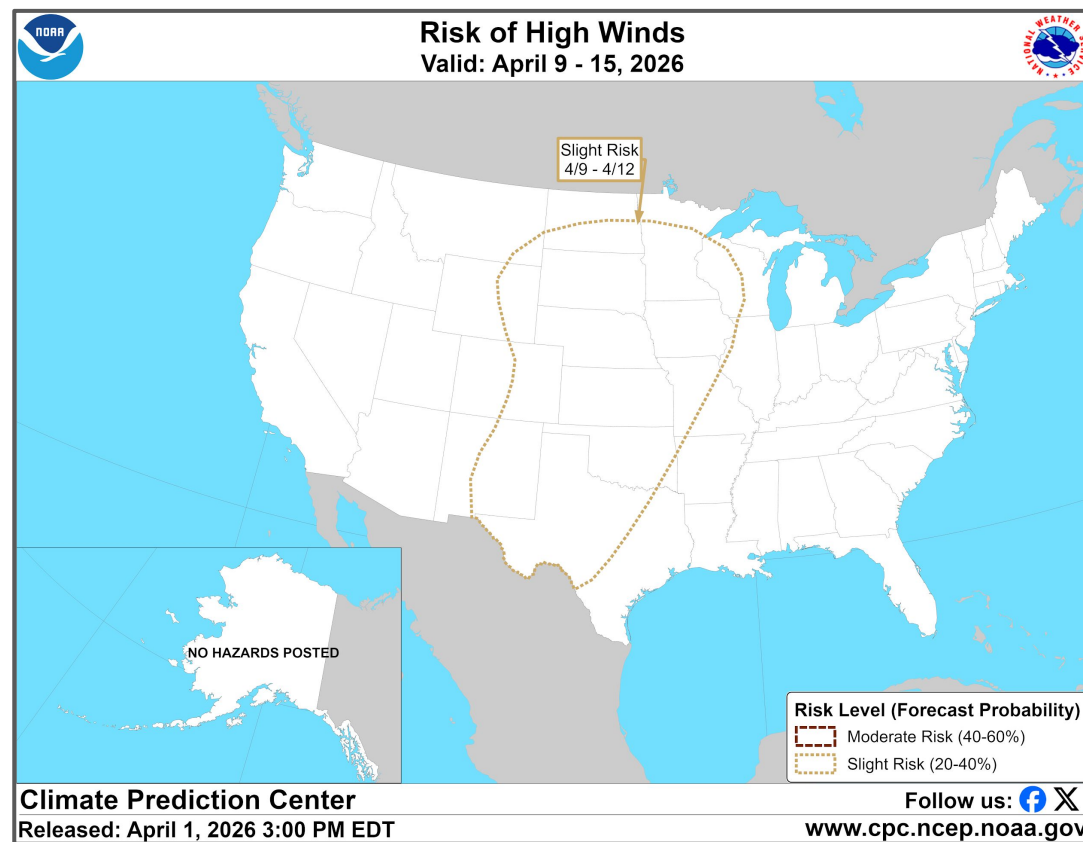
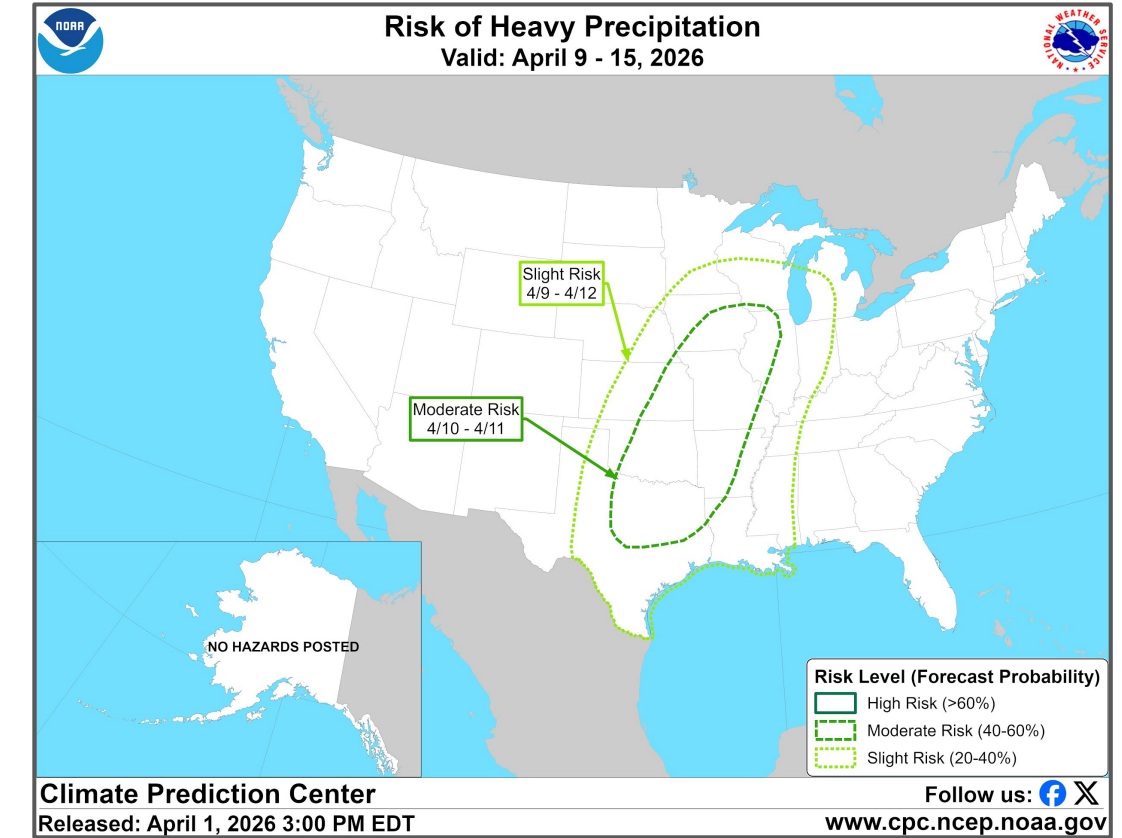
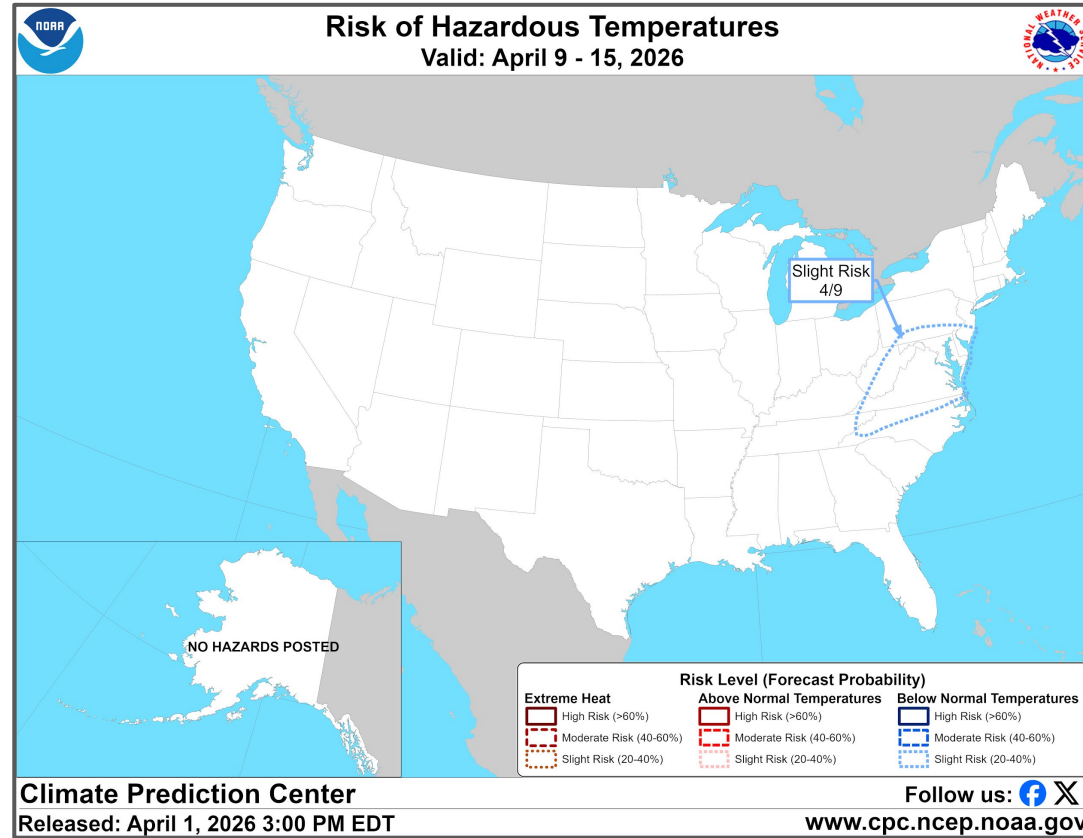
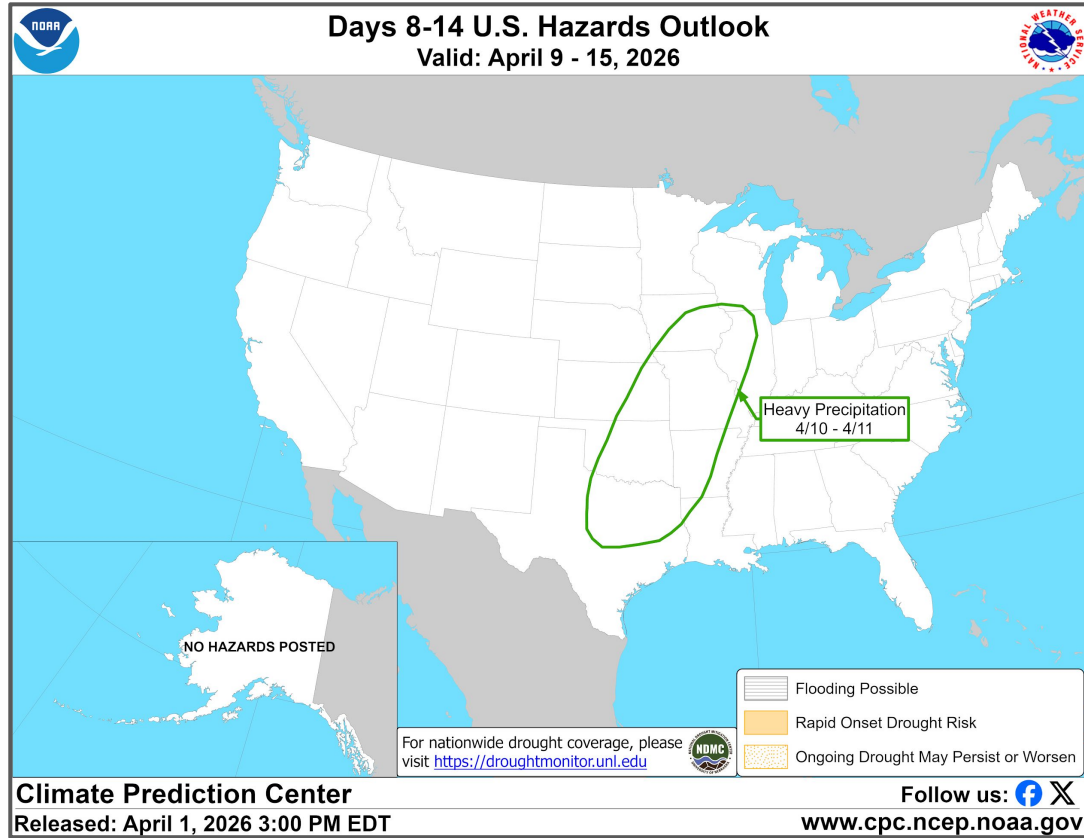


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





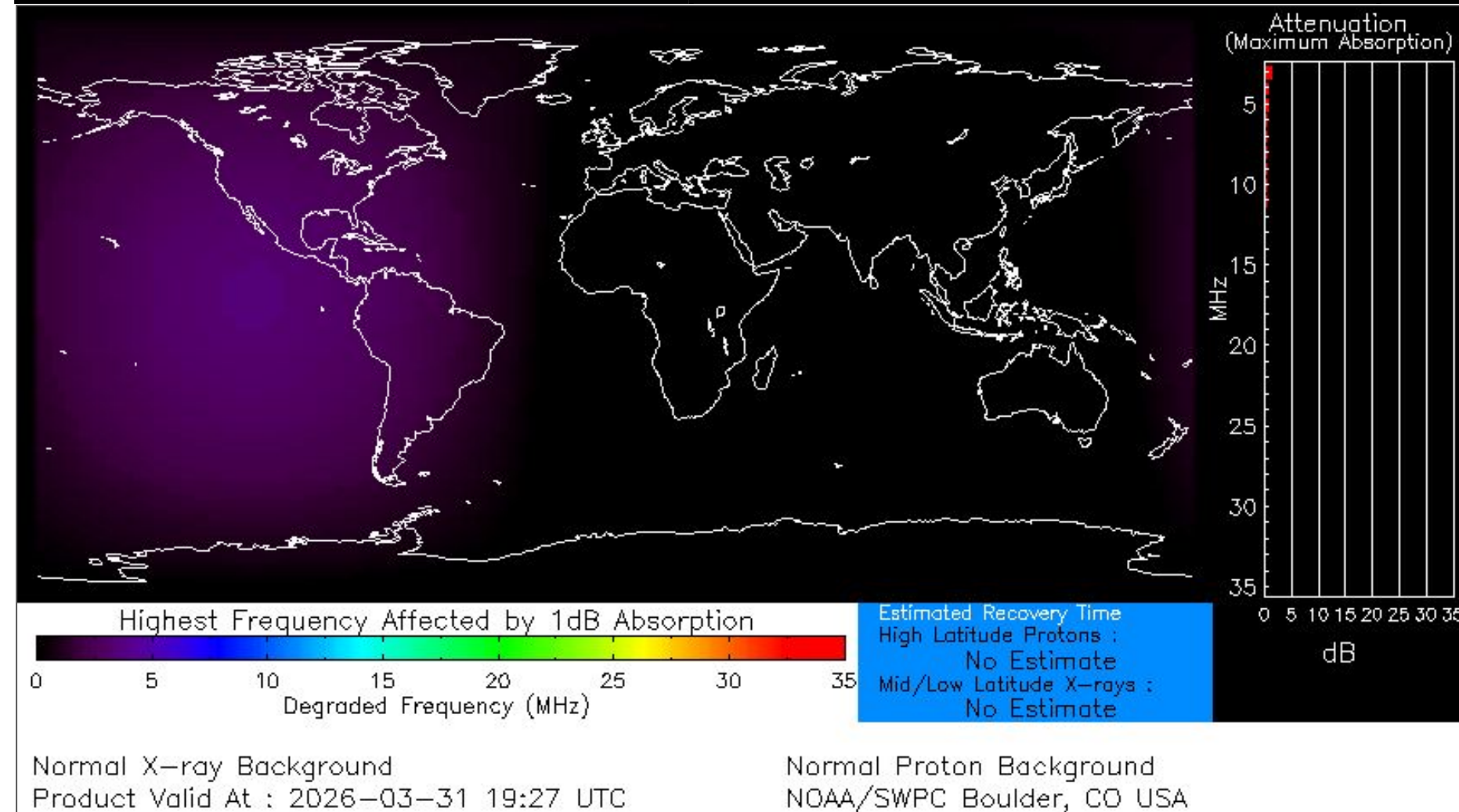
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





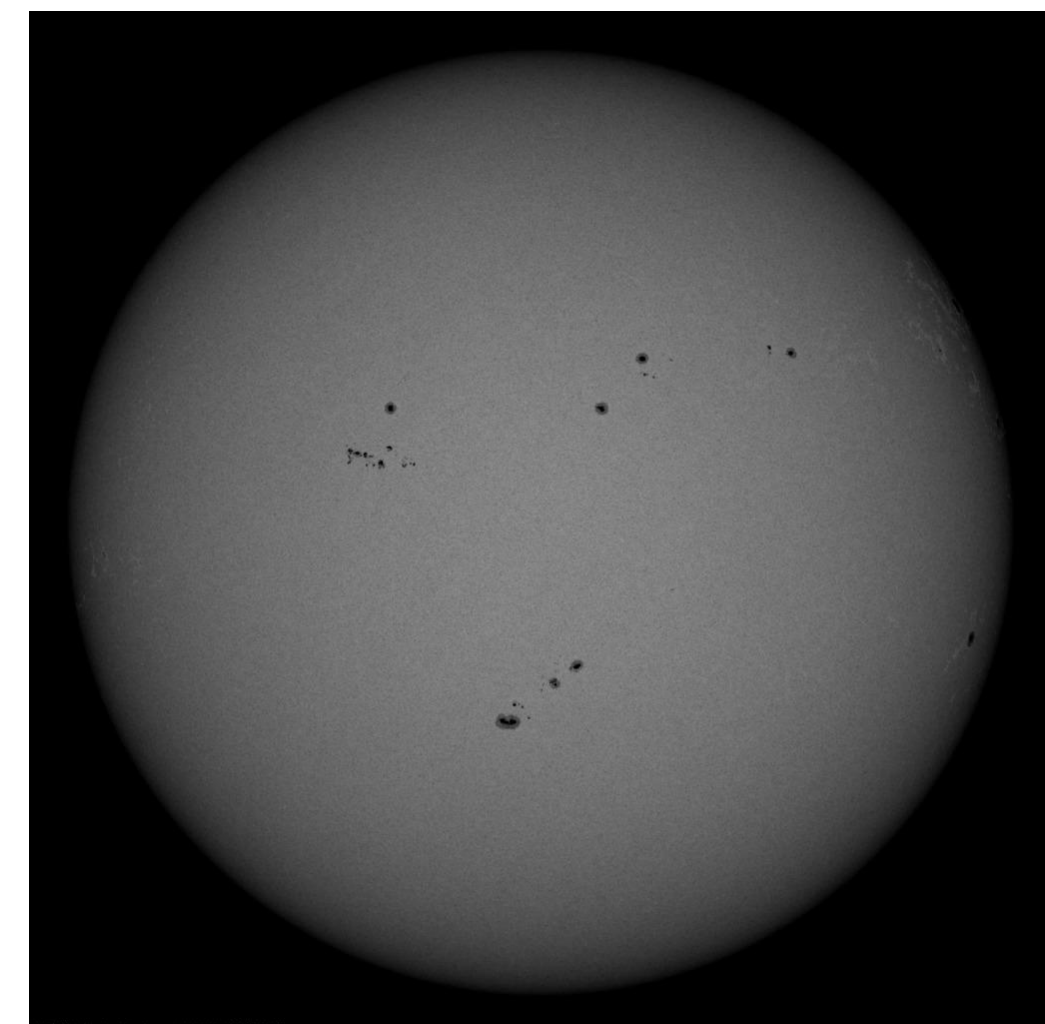
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1 Storm) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	55%	55%	55%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	15%	15%	15%



[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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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>	<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"> 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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