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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, April 03, 2026

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Summary

- **Severe Weather:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday over OK and NW/N TX. Mainly a large hail and damaging wind event with a marginal risk (level 1 of 5) from W AR into NE-SW TX.**
- **Marginal risk Saturday over S AR, E/SE/S TX and LA.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today/tonight for N/NW TX, OK, NW AR.**
 - **Widespread 1-3” of rain with isolated 3-5”**
- **Marginal risk Saturday over SE OK, AR, TX and LA.**
- **Marginal risk over S TX on Sunday.**

- **Fire Weather:**

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





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7	Wednesday, Apr 8	Thursday, Apr 9
Severe Storms	OK, NWTX	S AR, E/SE/STX, LA					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N/NW/CTX, OK, NW AR	SE OK, AR, TX, LA	STX				
Heat	STX, S LA						
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX, NW OK						
River Flooding							

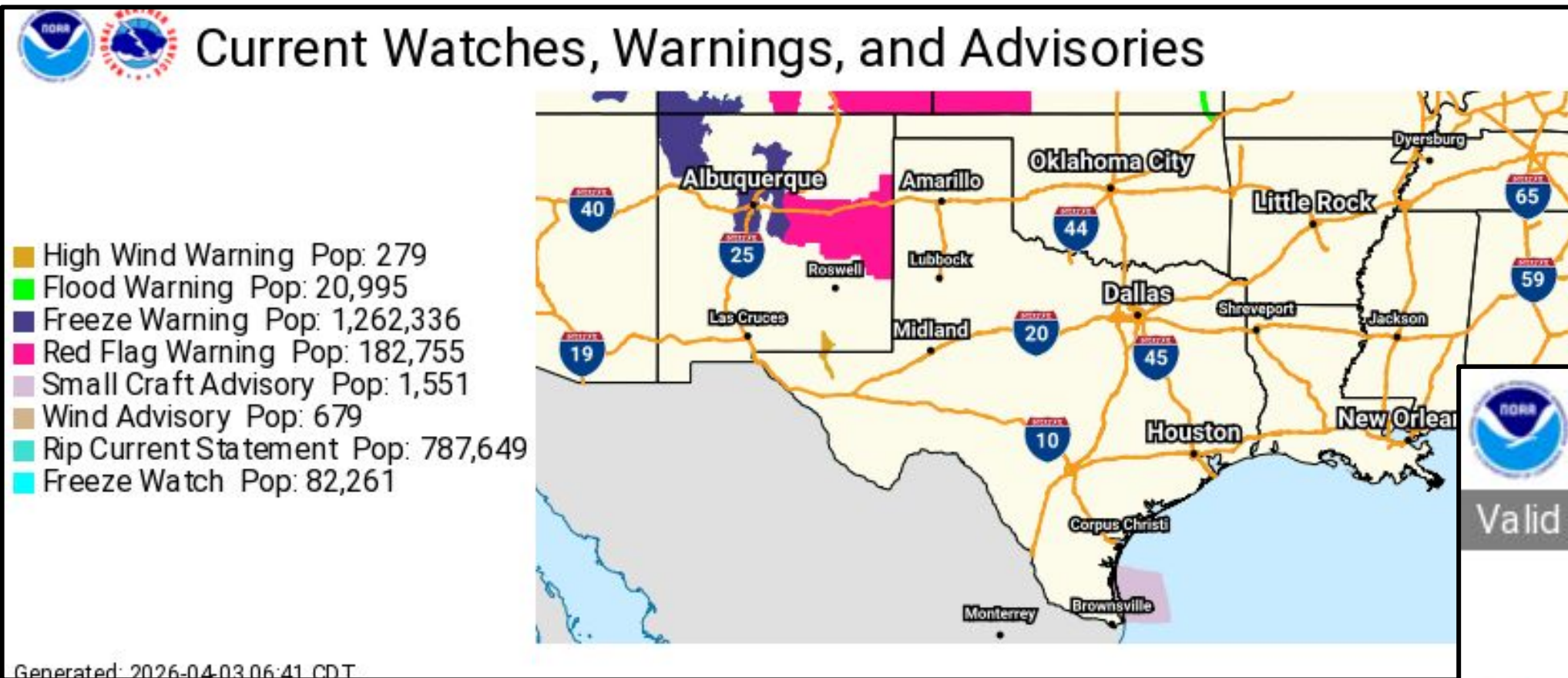
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

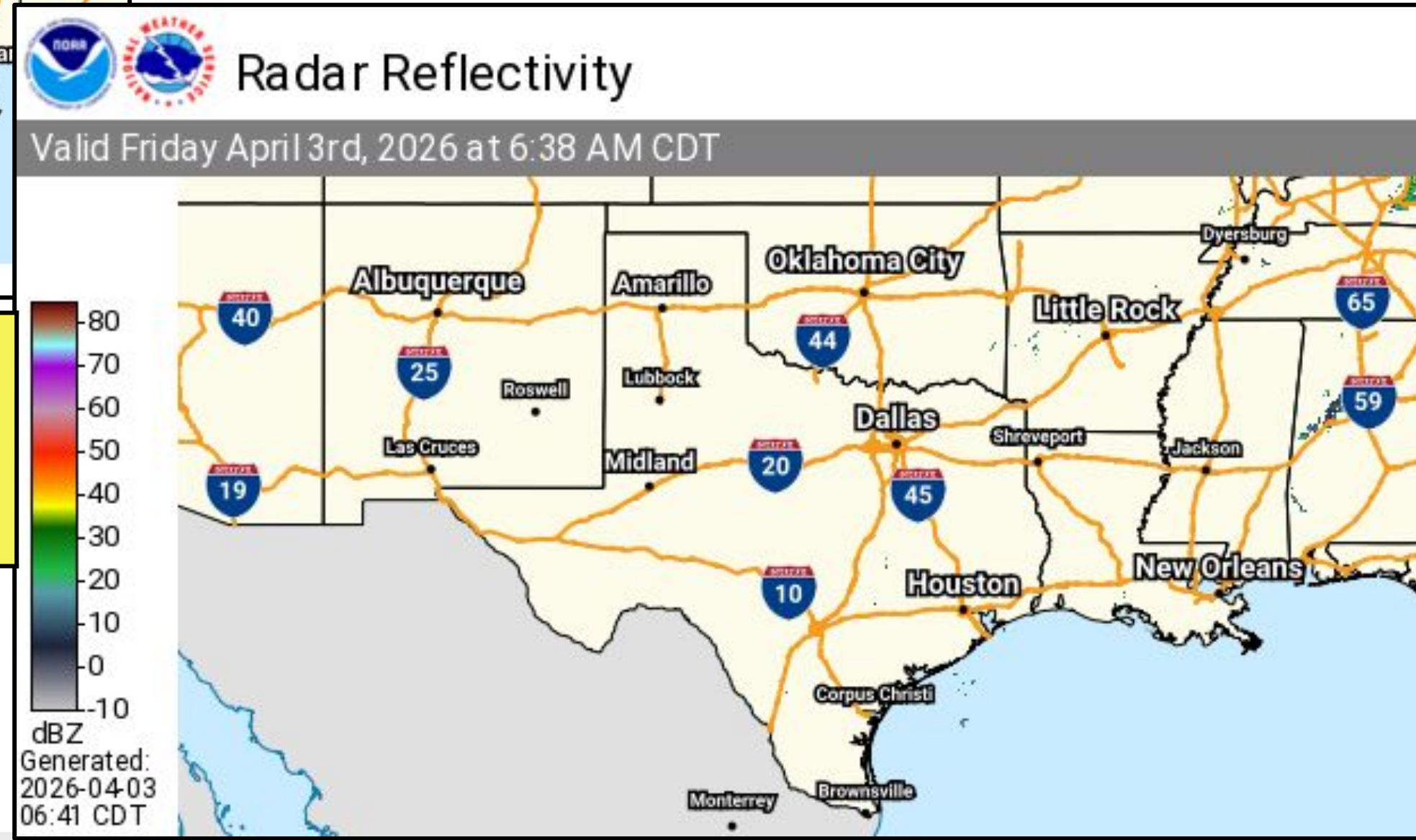
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Current Radar/Hazards

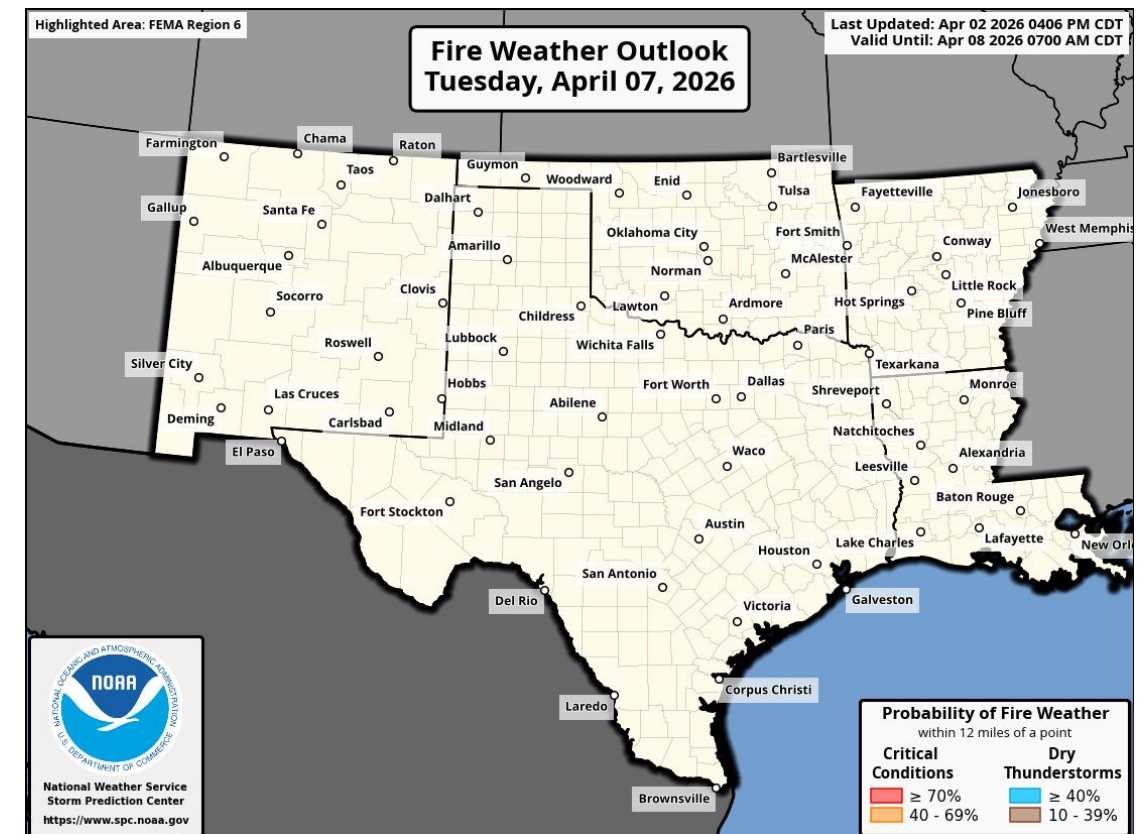
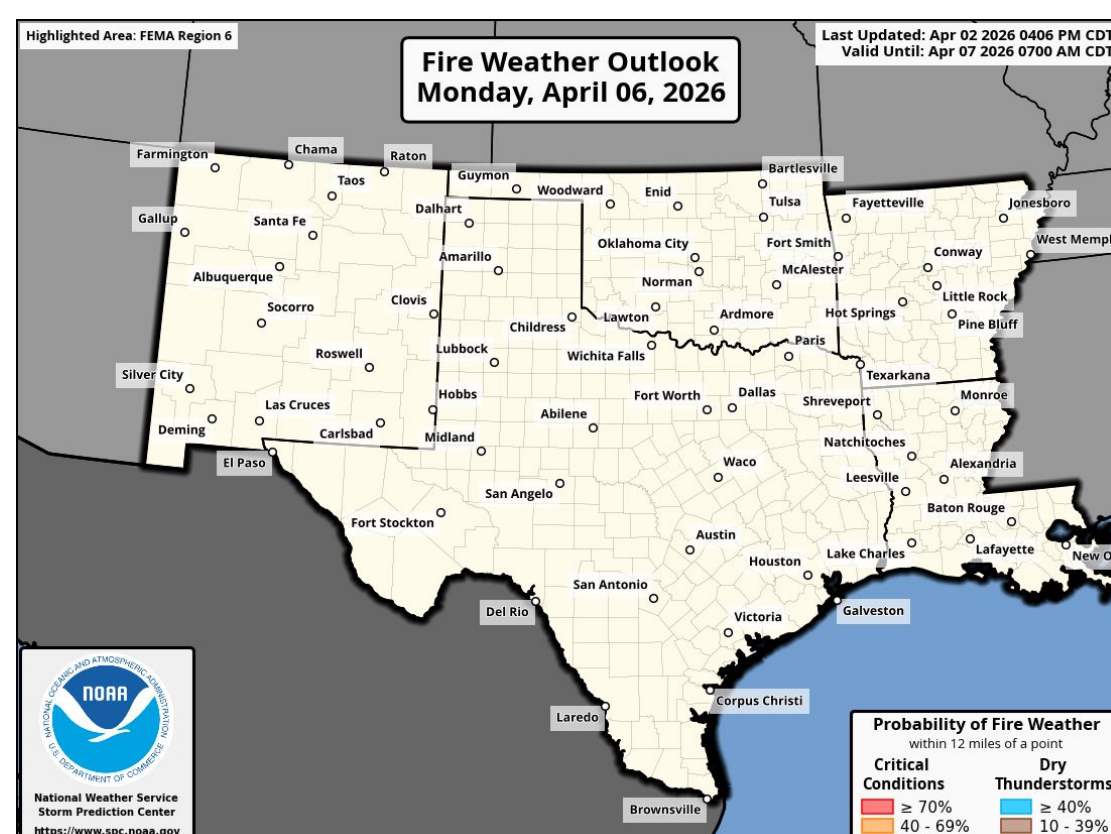
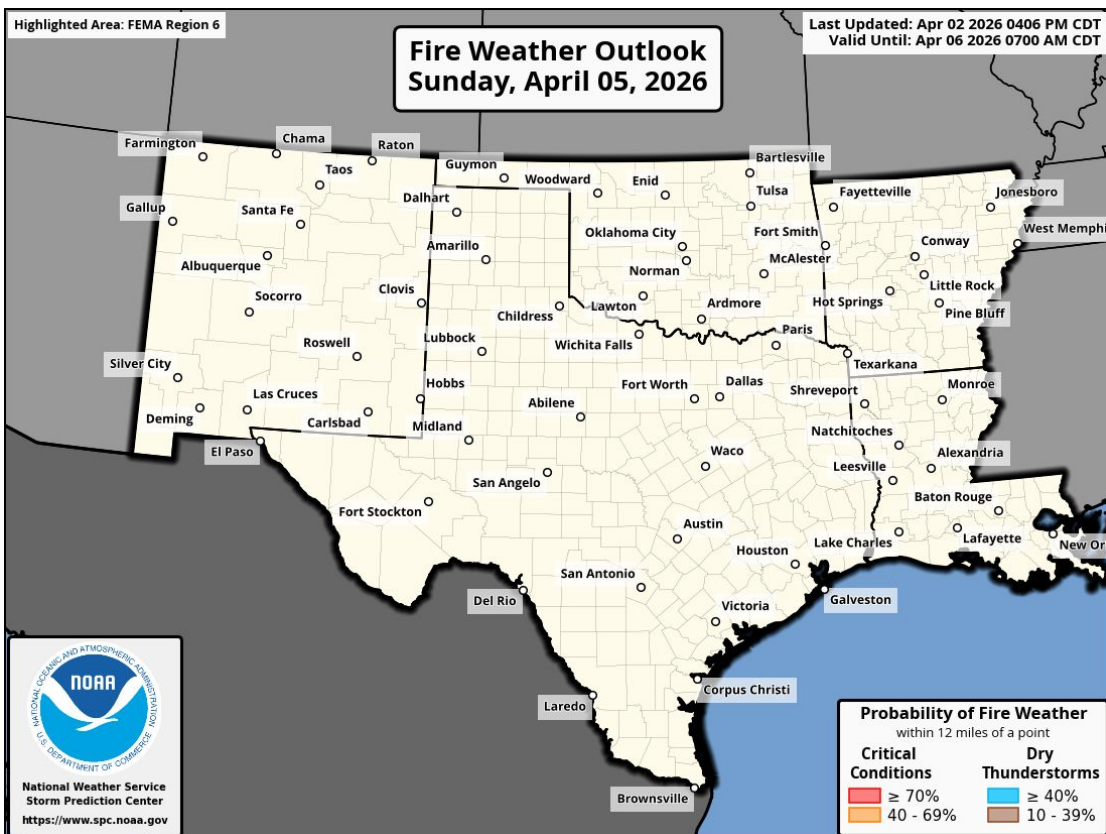
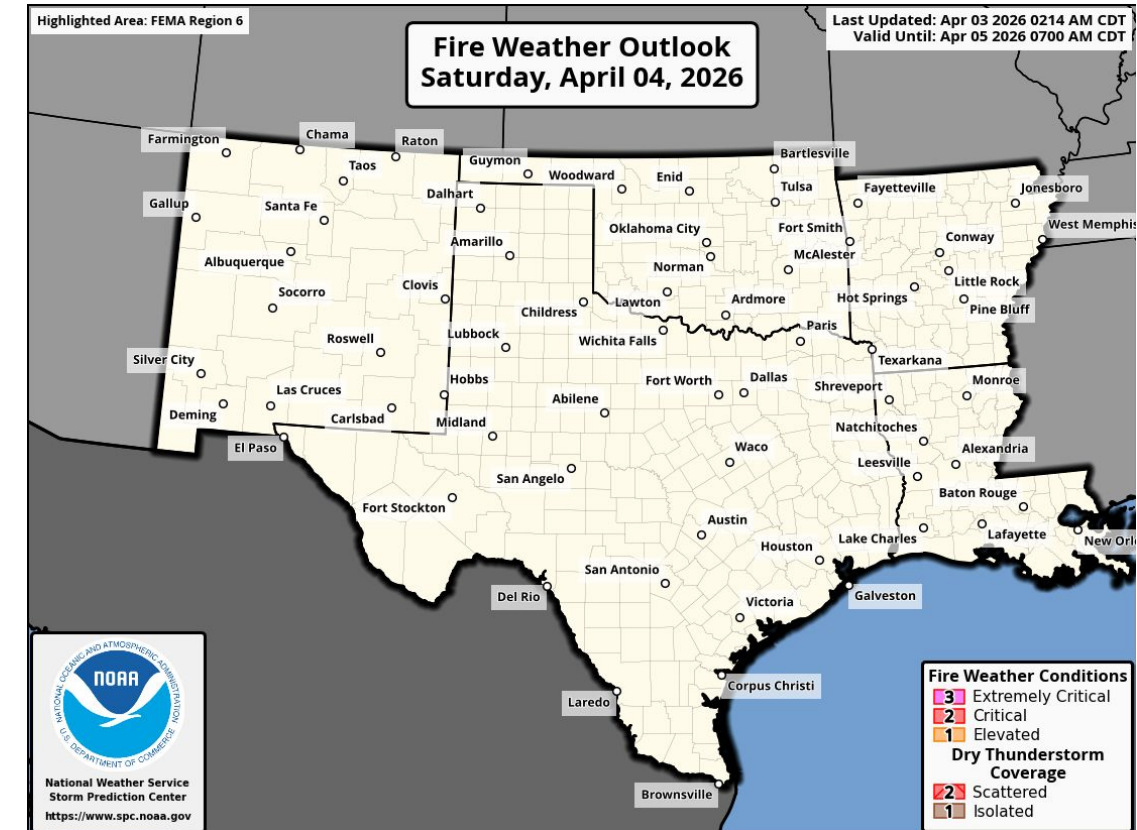
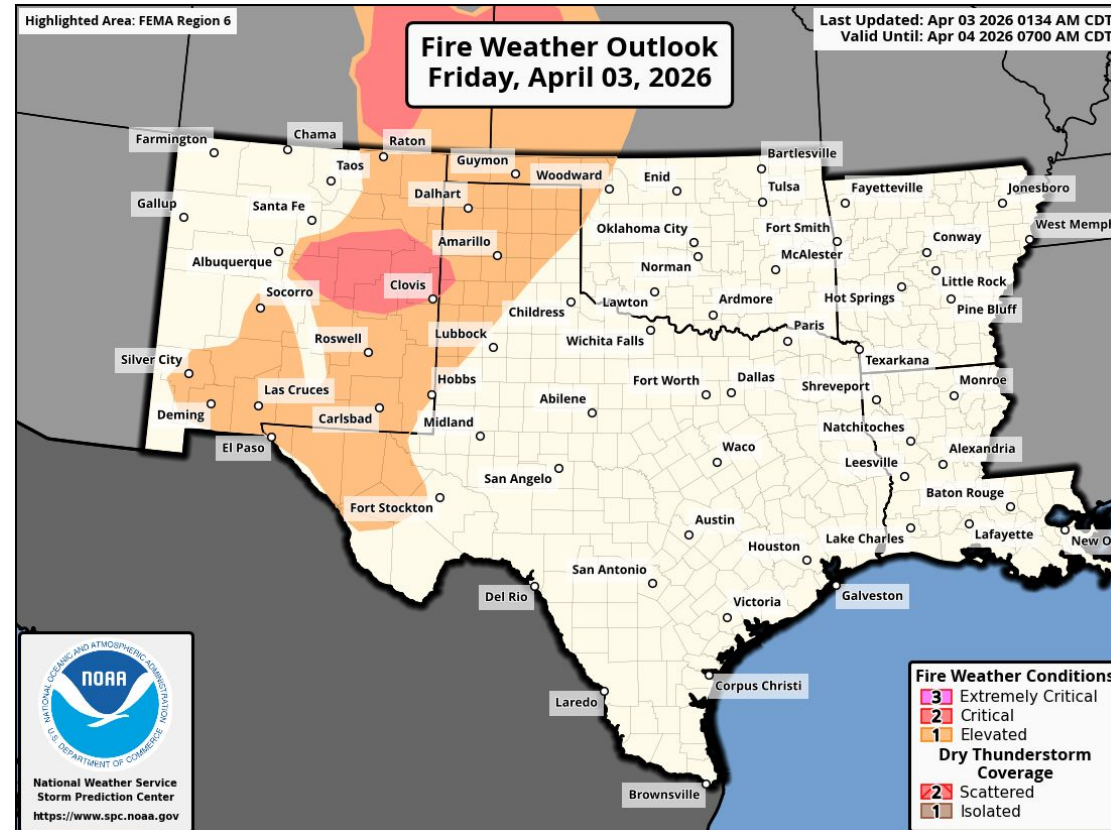
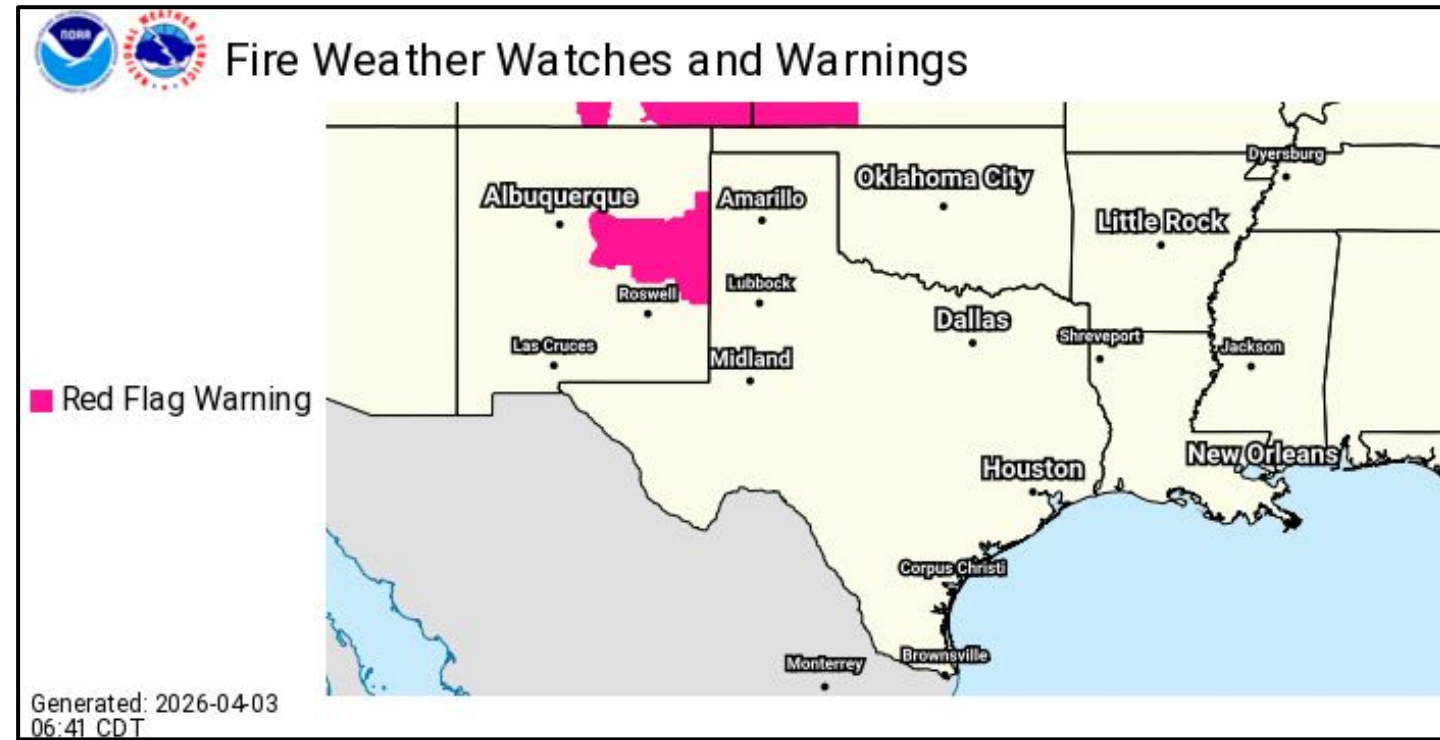


Red Flag Warnings for E NM today 1PM-9PM CDT.





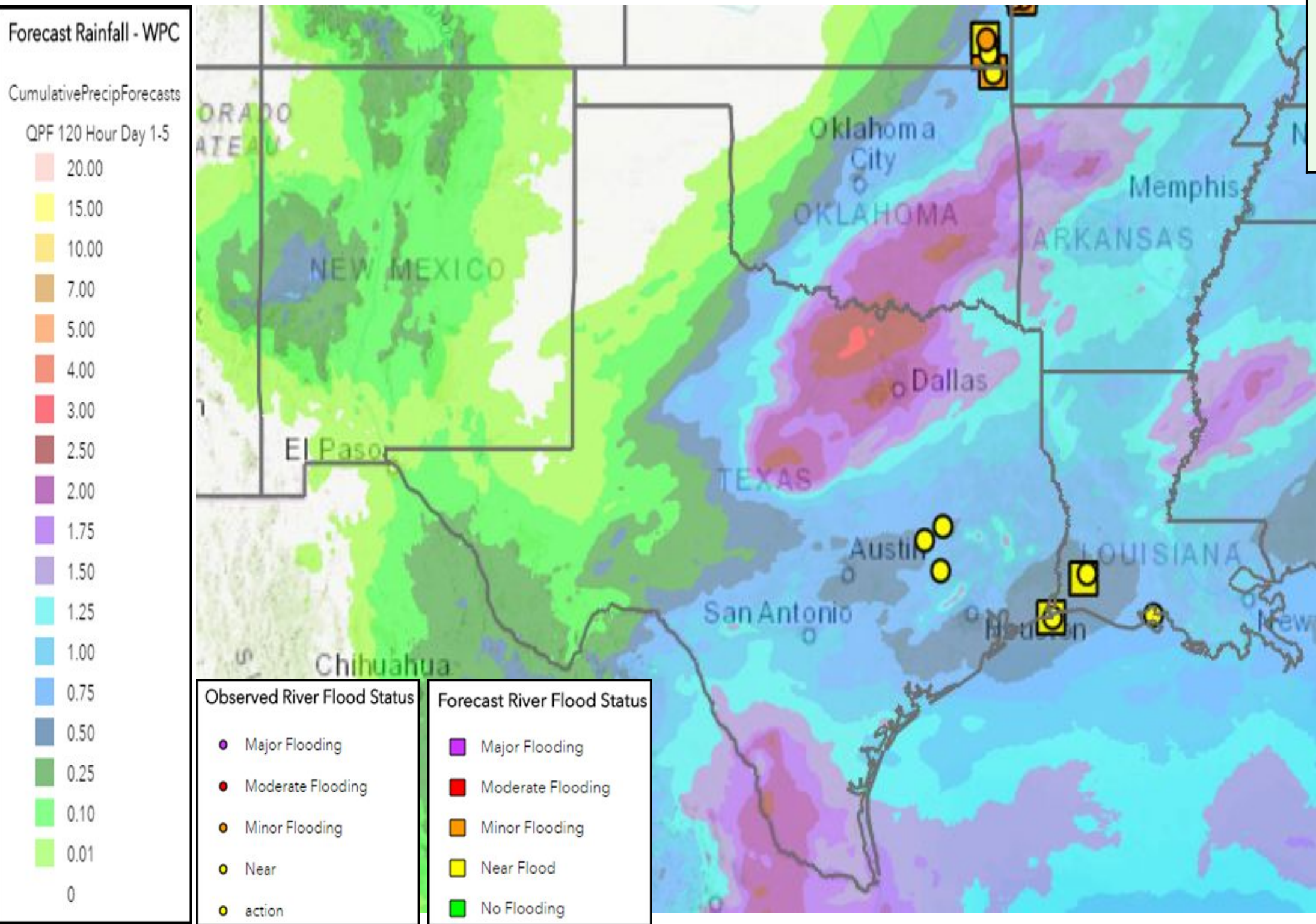
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



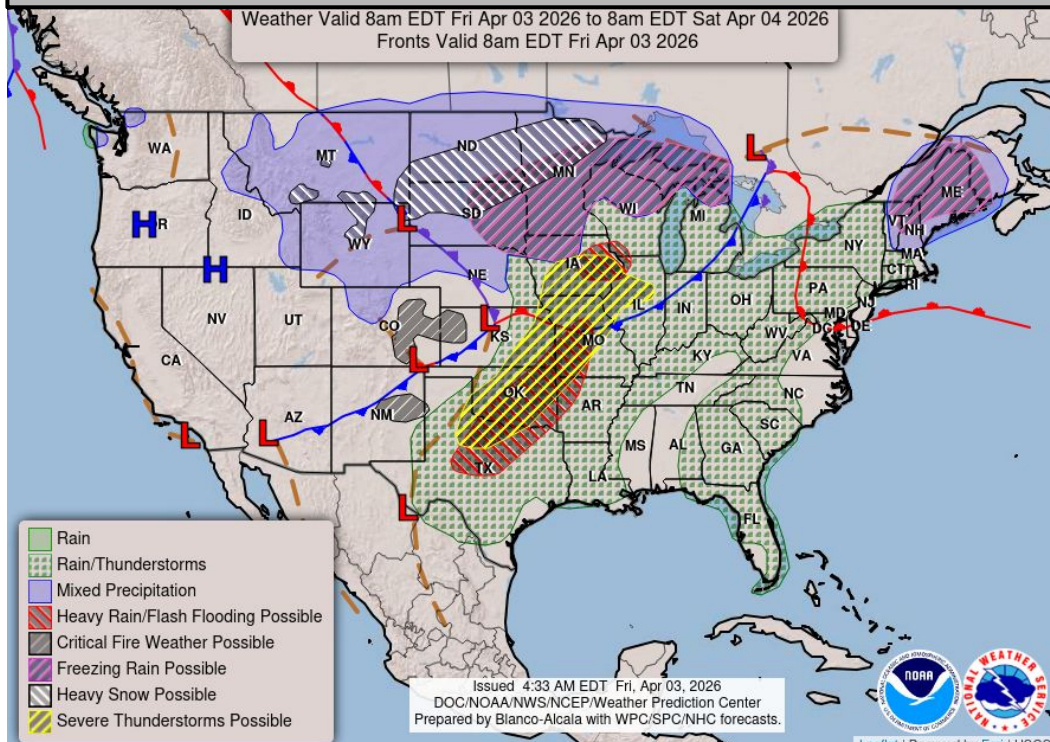
Monitoring portions of N TX, OK for rises by this weekend.

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.

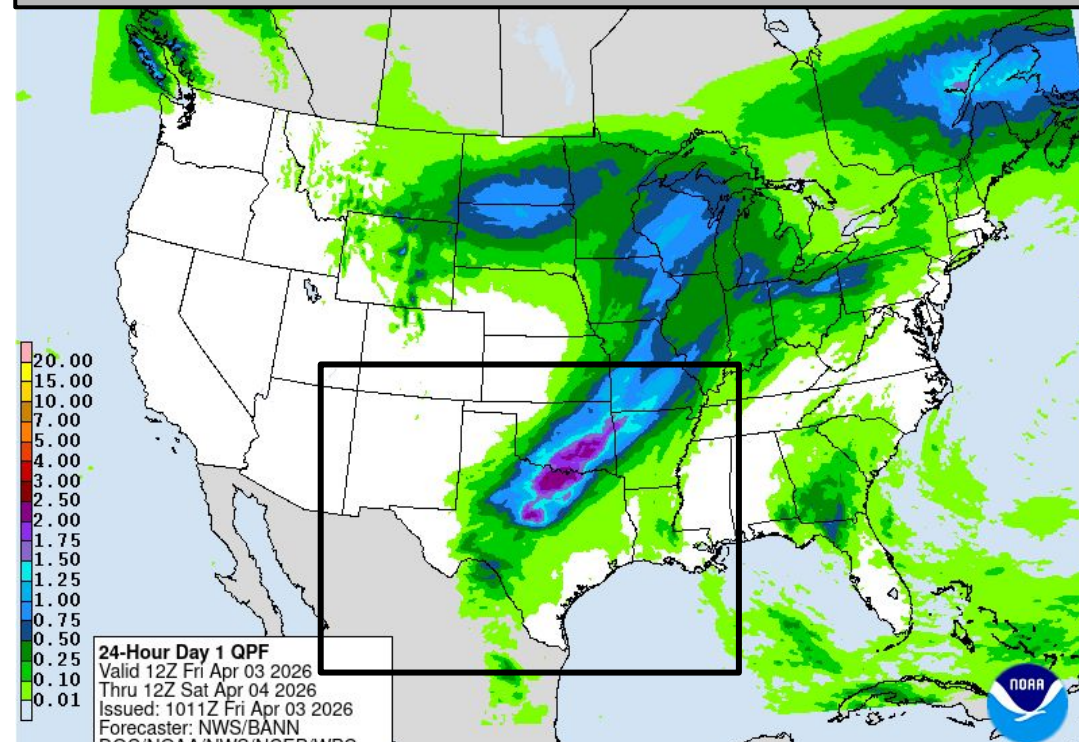


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

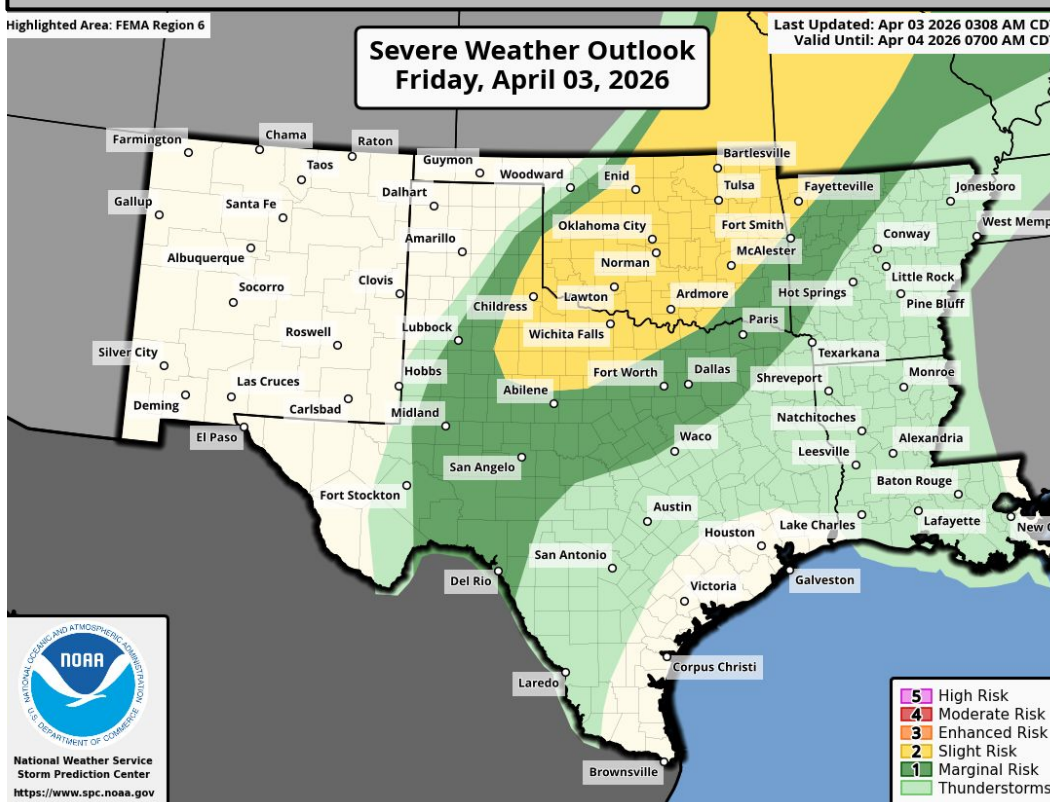


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday for severe storms over OK and NW/N TX. Mainly wind and hail event. Marginal threat (level 1 of 5) extends from W AR into NE-SW TX.

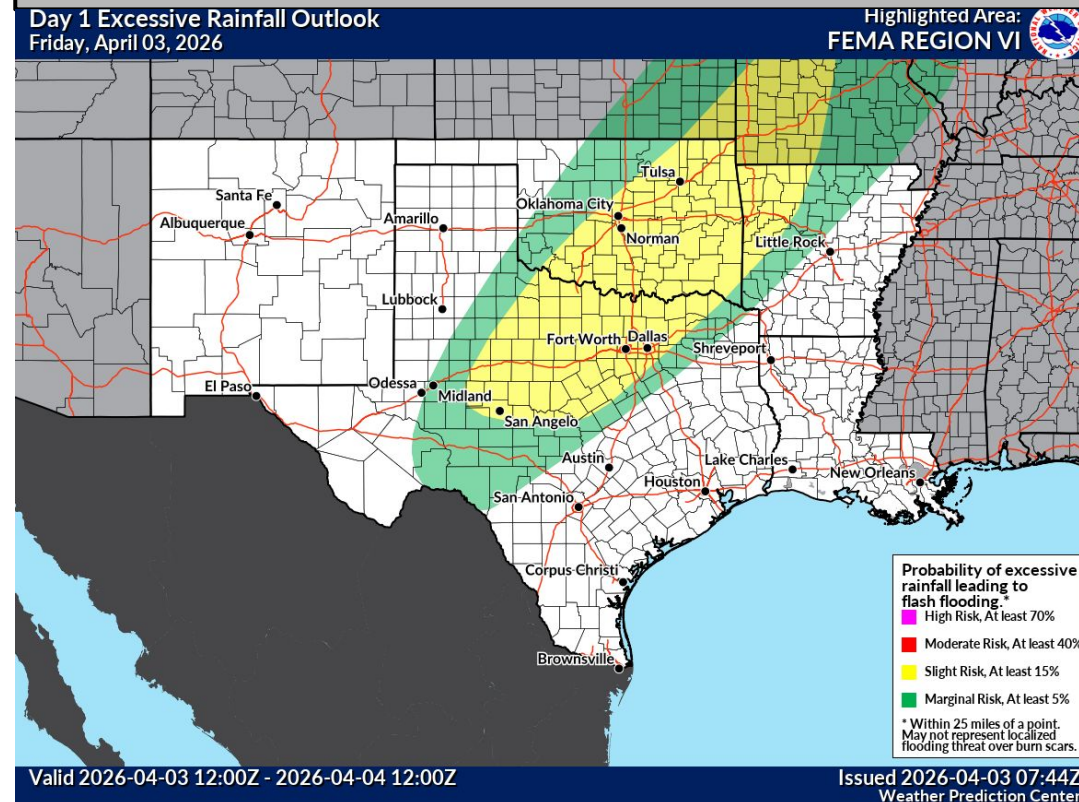
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding for N/NW/CTX, OK, NW AR. 1-3" of rain, locally 3-5".

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.

Severe Weather Outlook

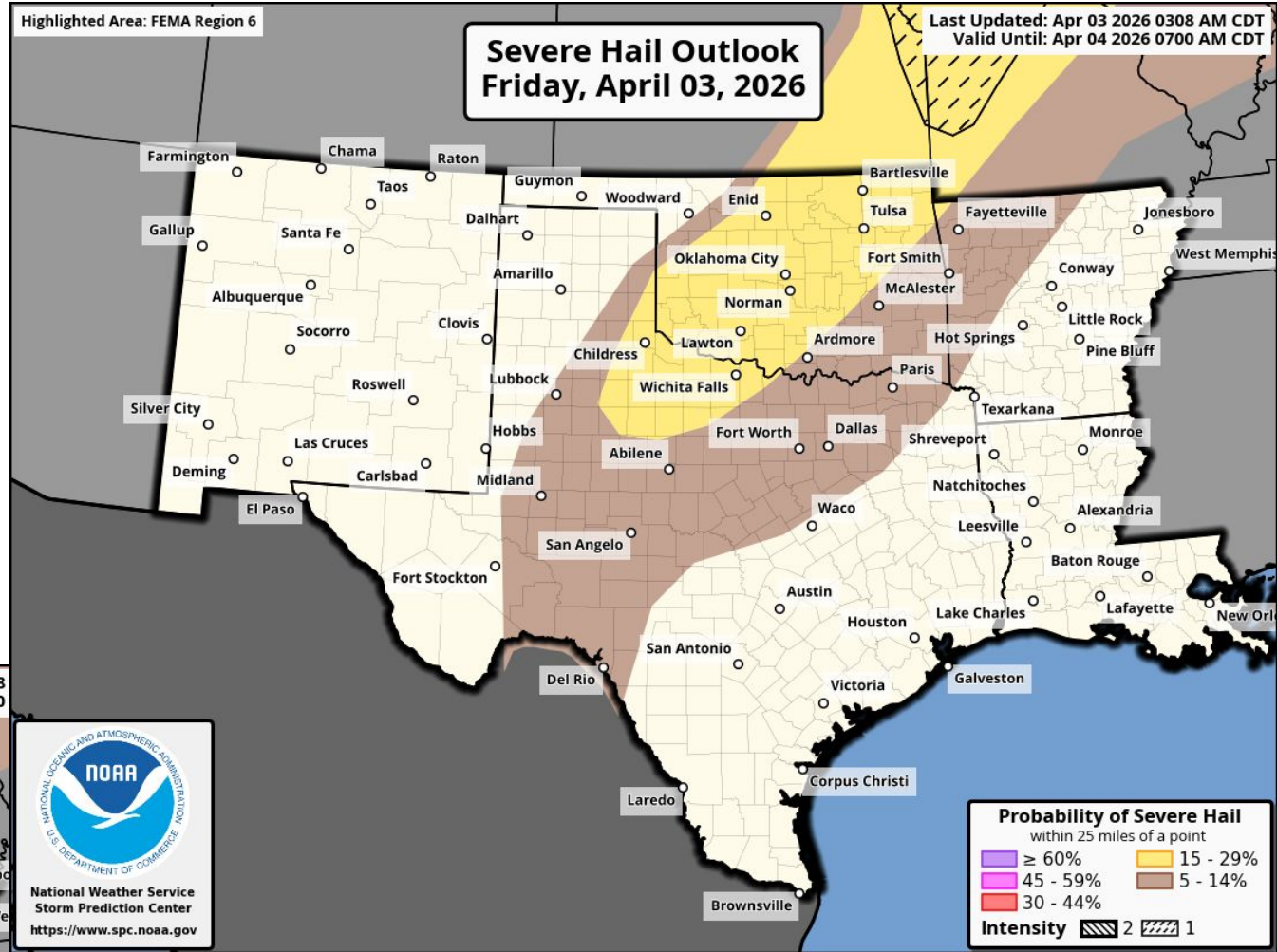
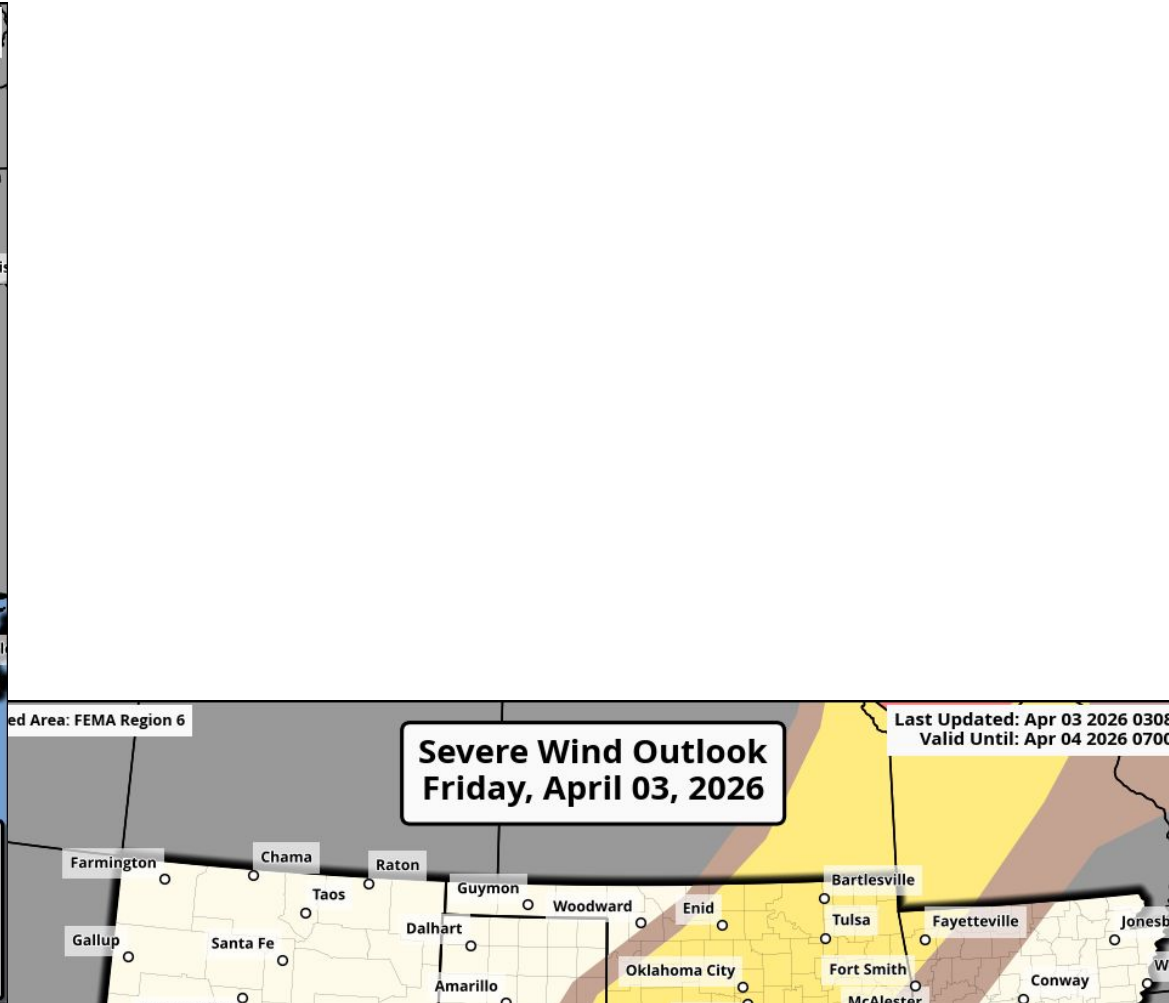
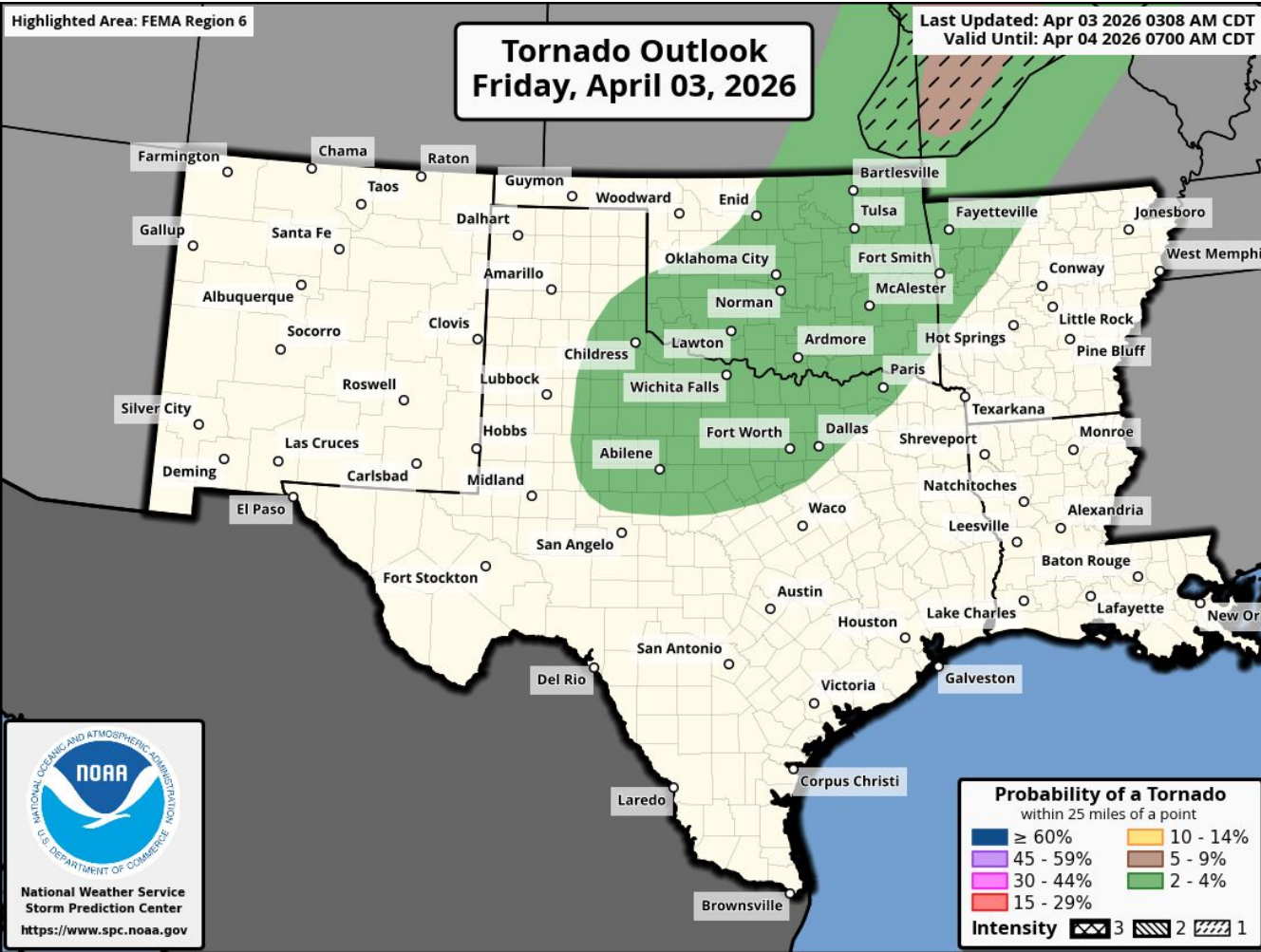


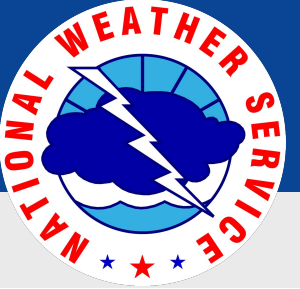
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





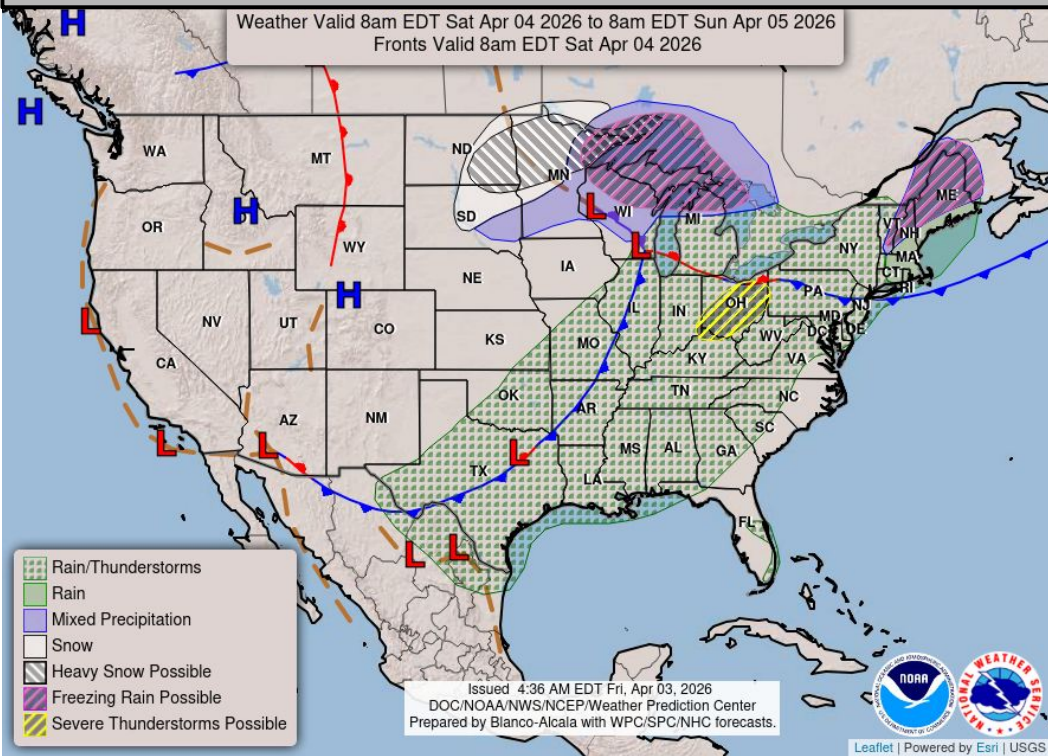
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



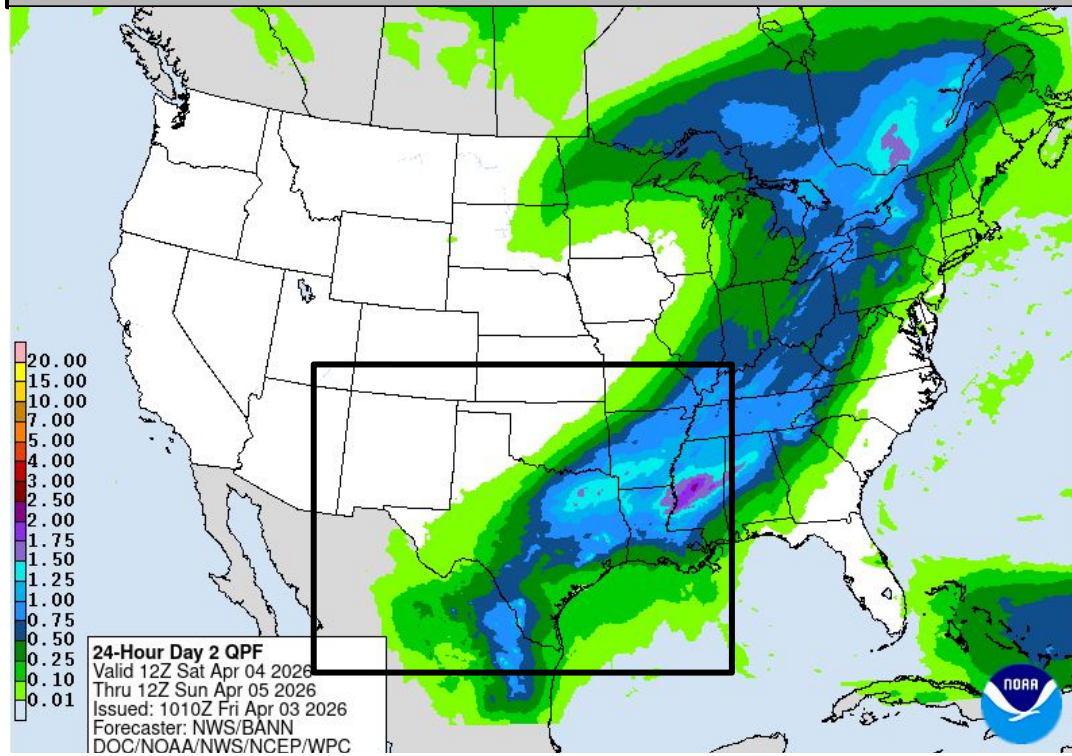


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



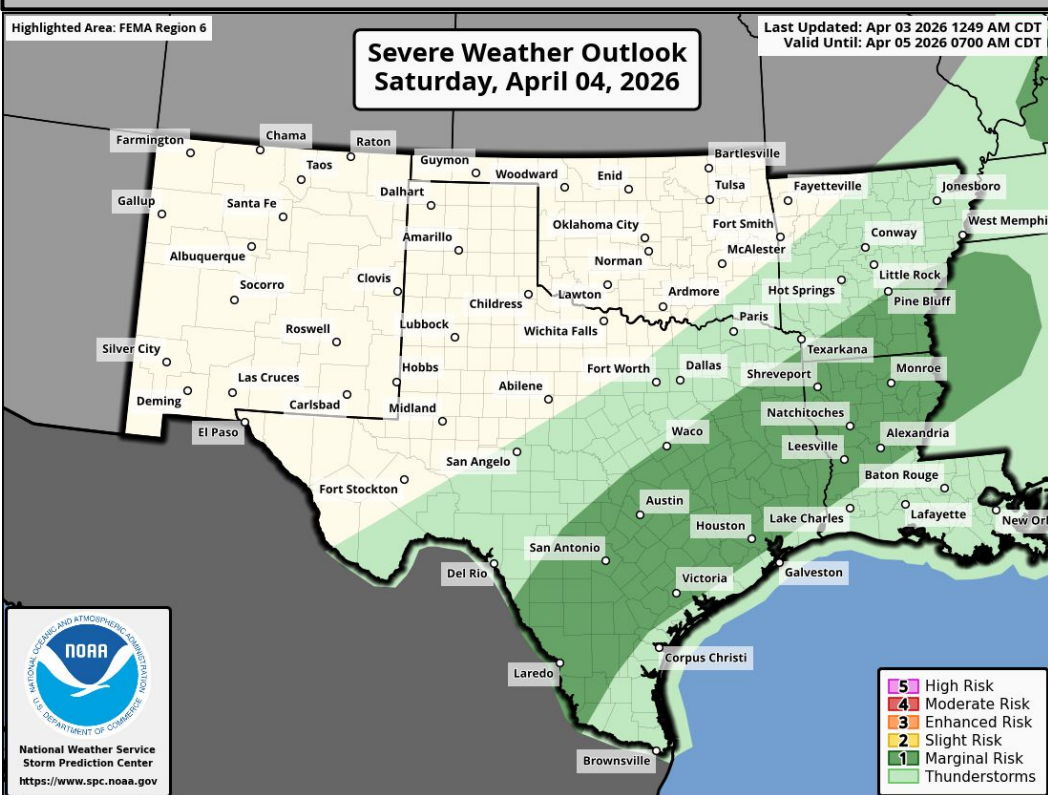
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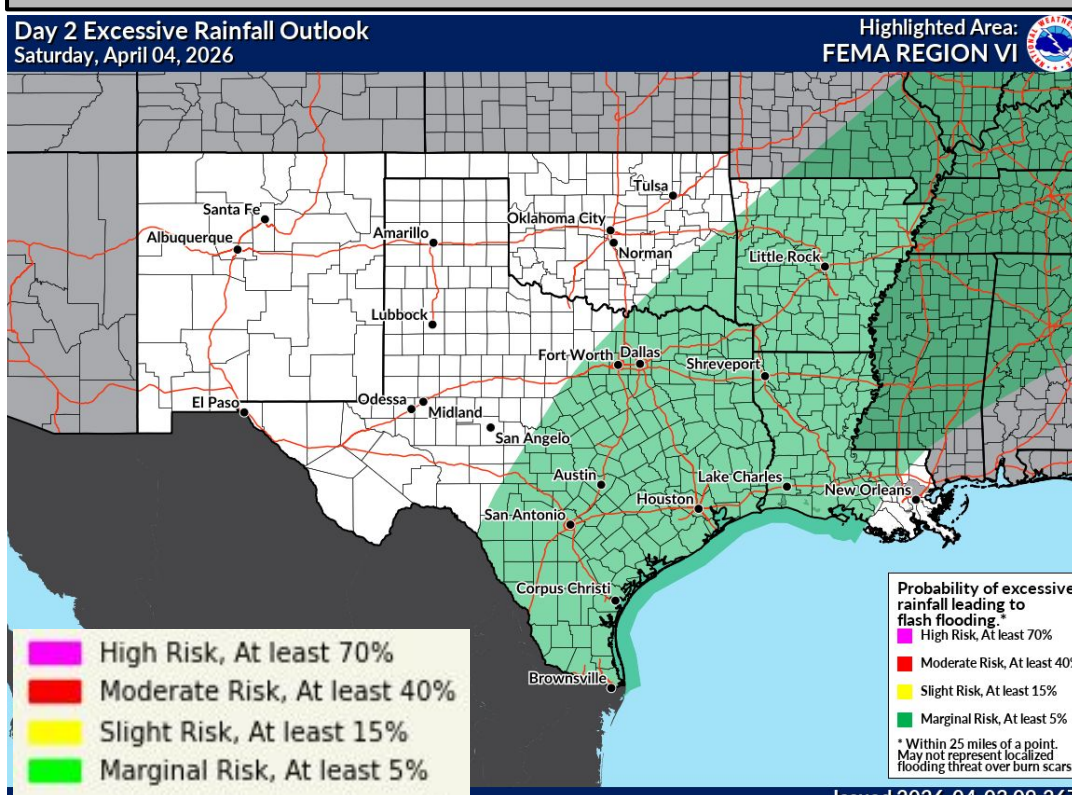
Marginal risk for severe storms (level 1 of 5) over SAR, E/SE/S TX, LA

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, TX, LA.

Severe Weather Outlook

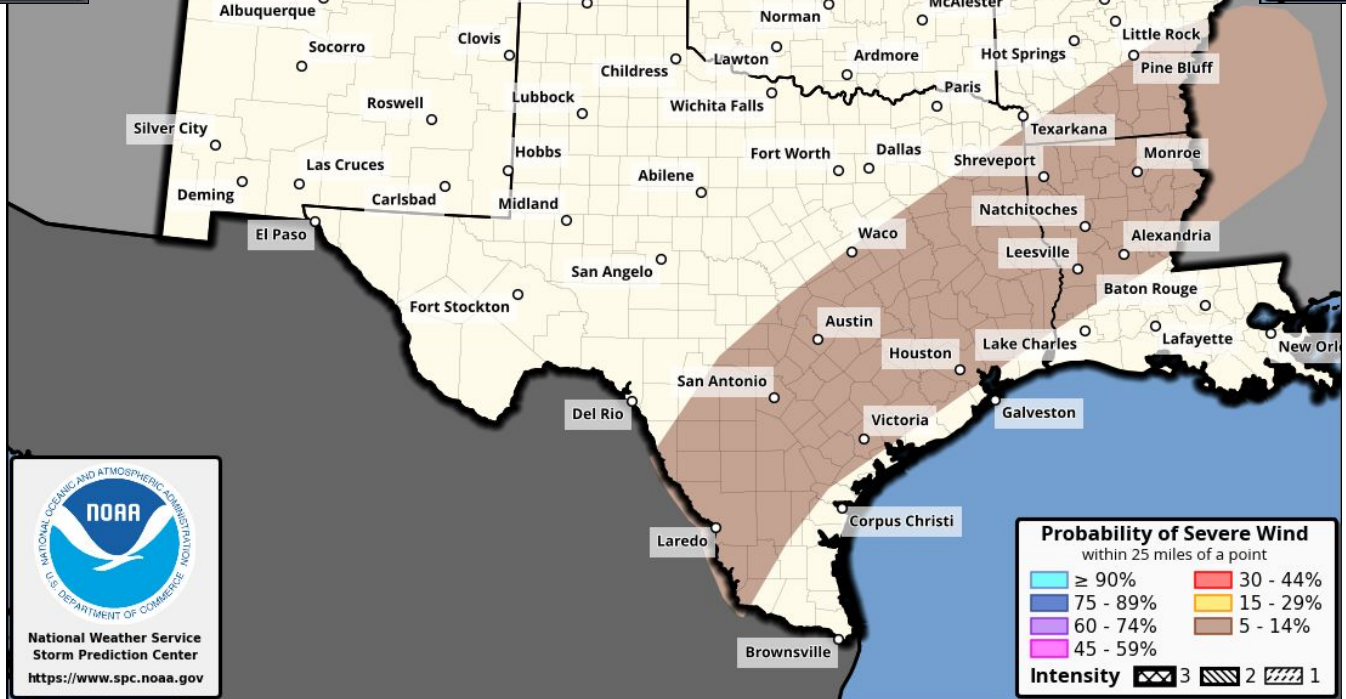
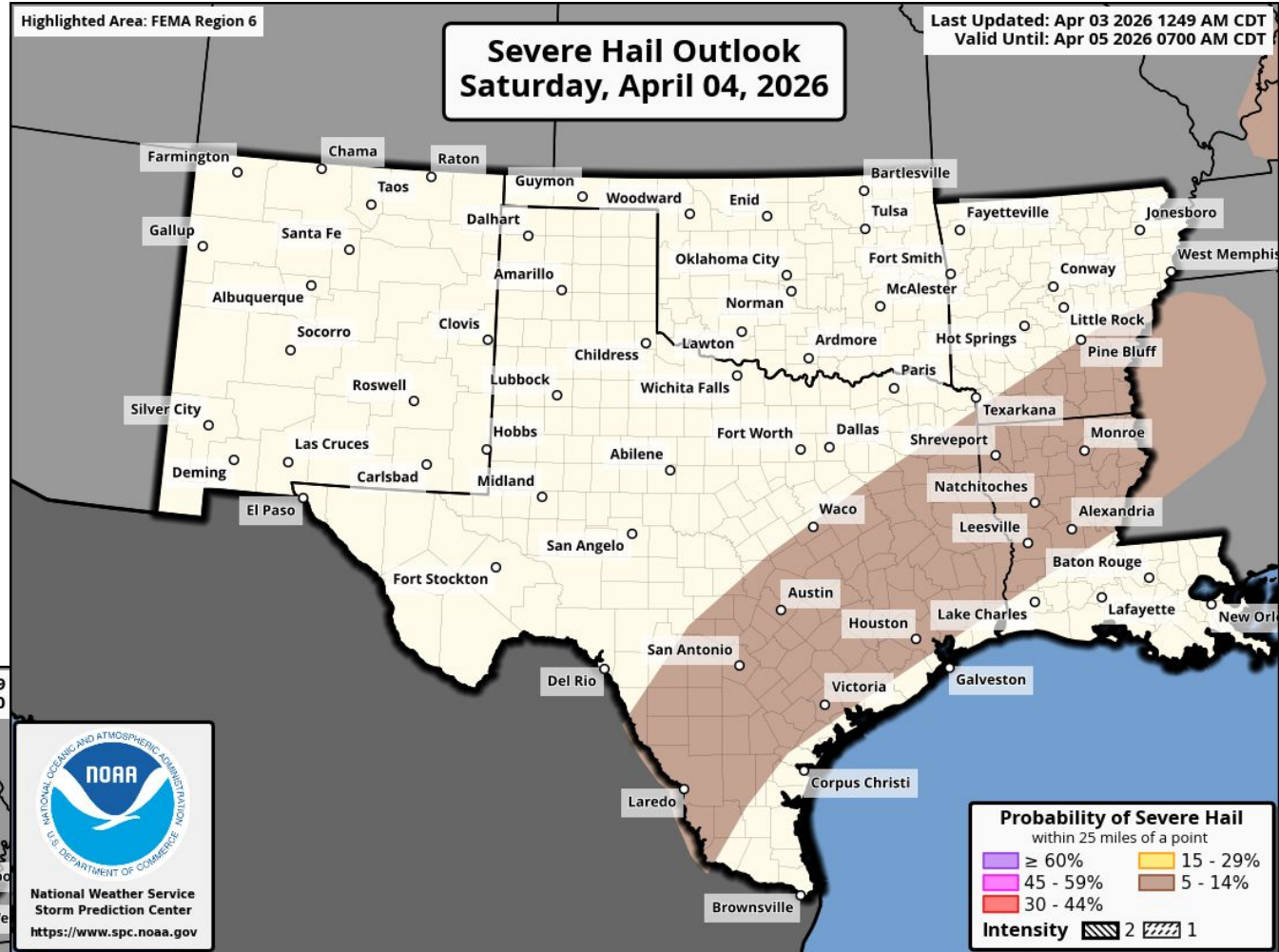
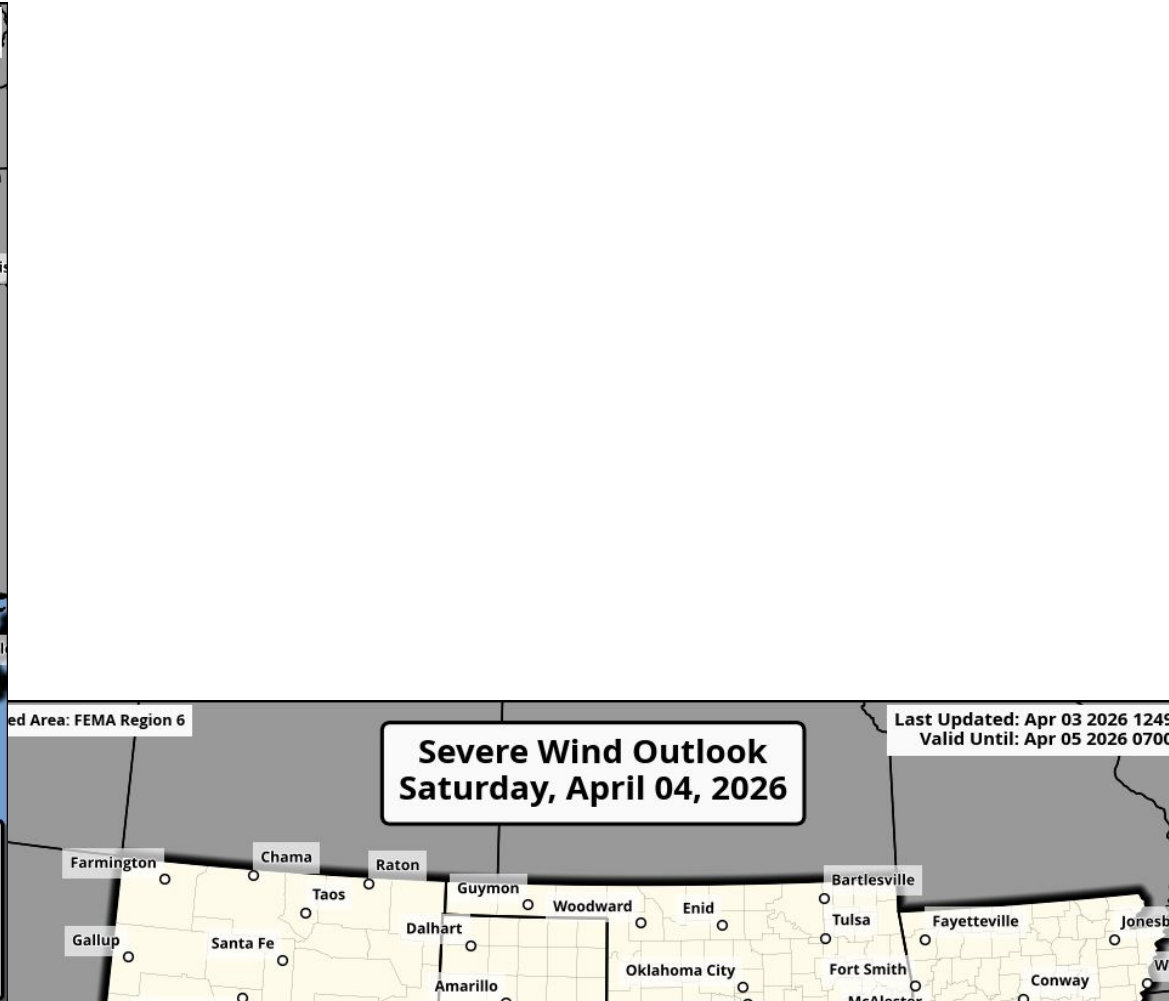
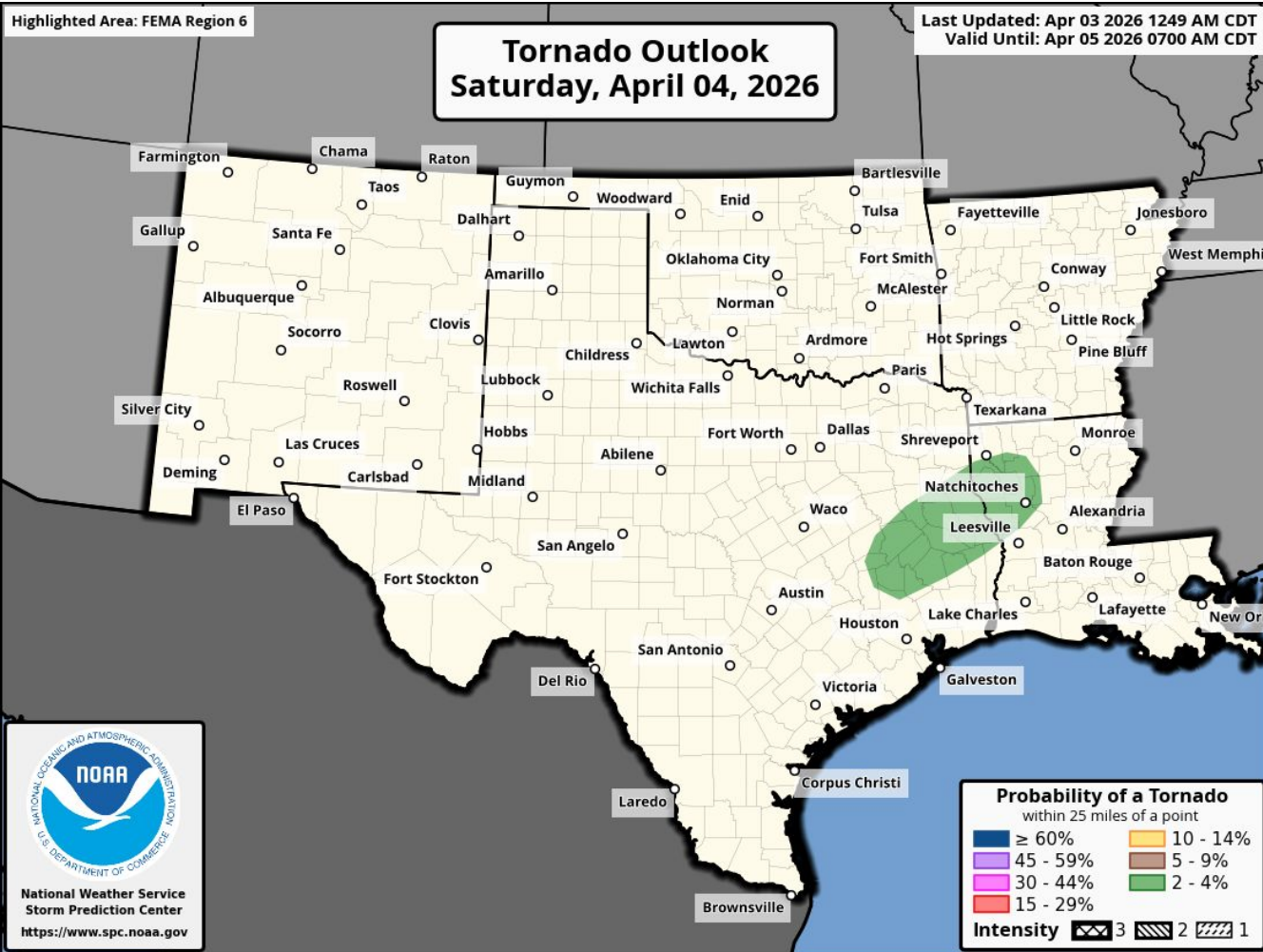


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

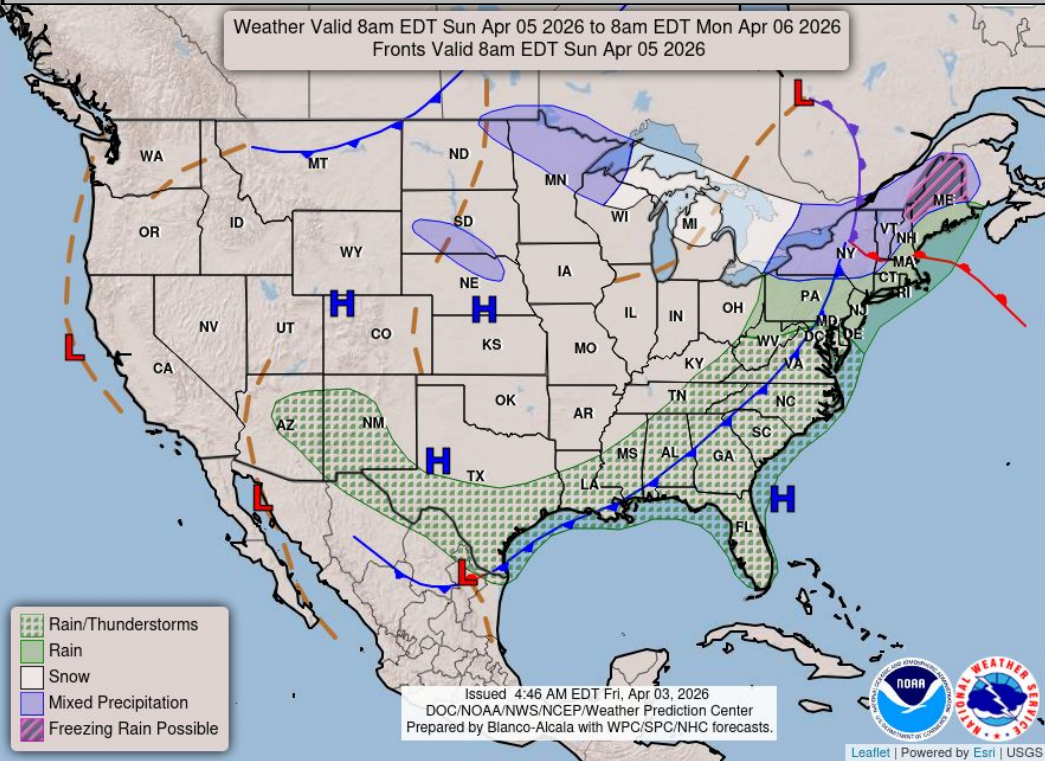




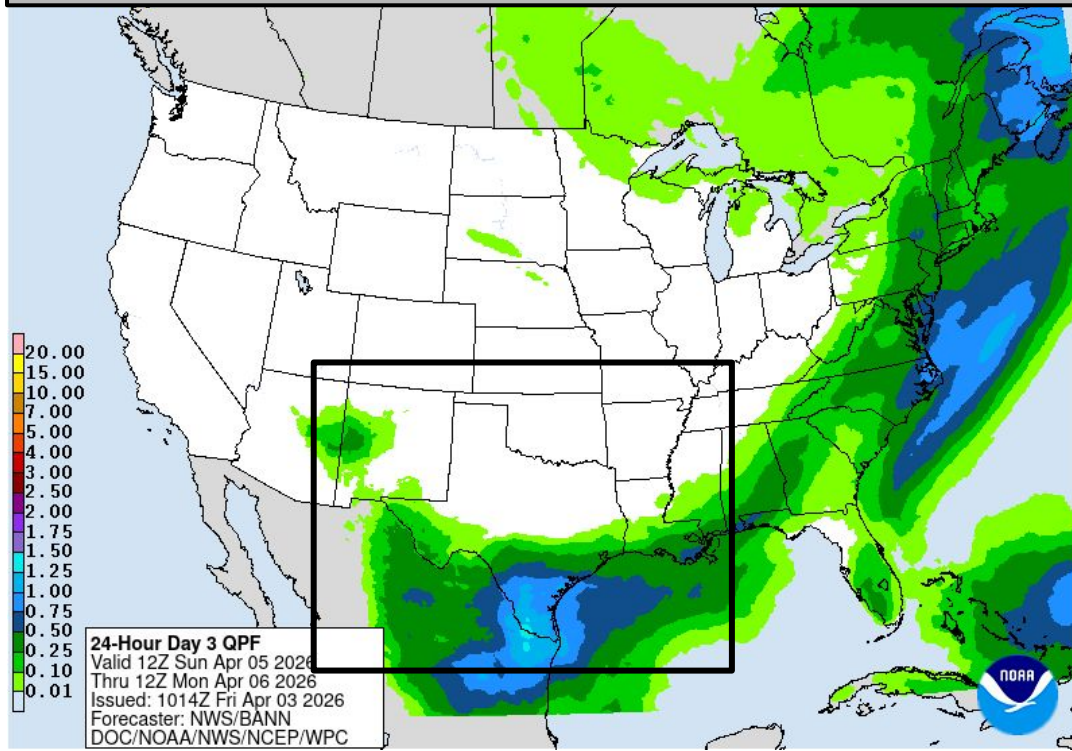
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

Weather Valid 8am EDT Sun Apr 05 2026 to 8am EDT Mon Apr 06 2026
Fronts Valid 8am EDT Sun Apr 05 2026

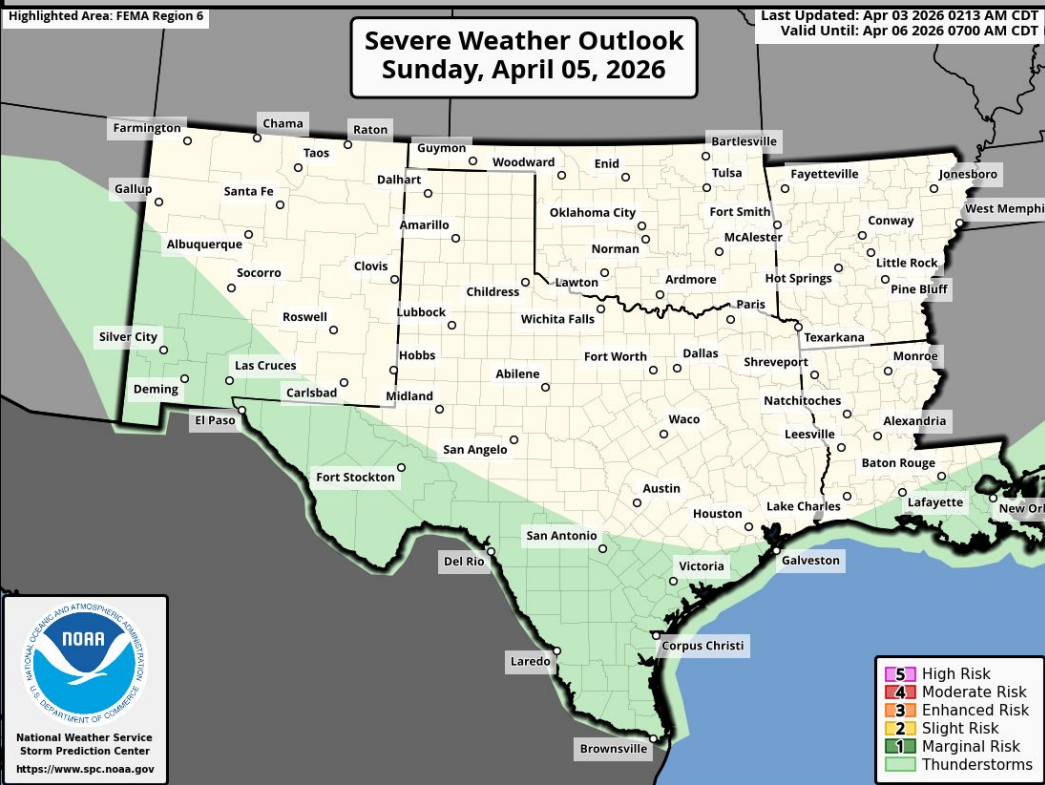


Forecast Rainfall

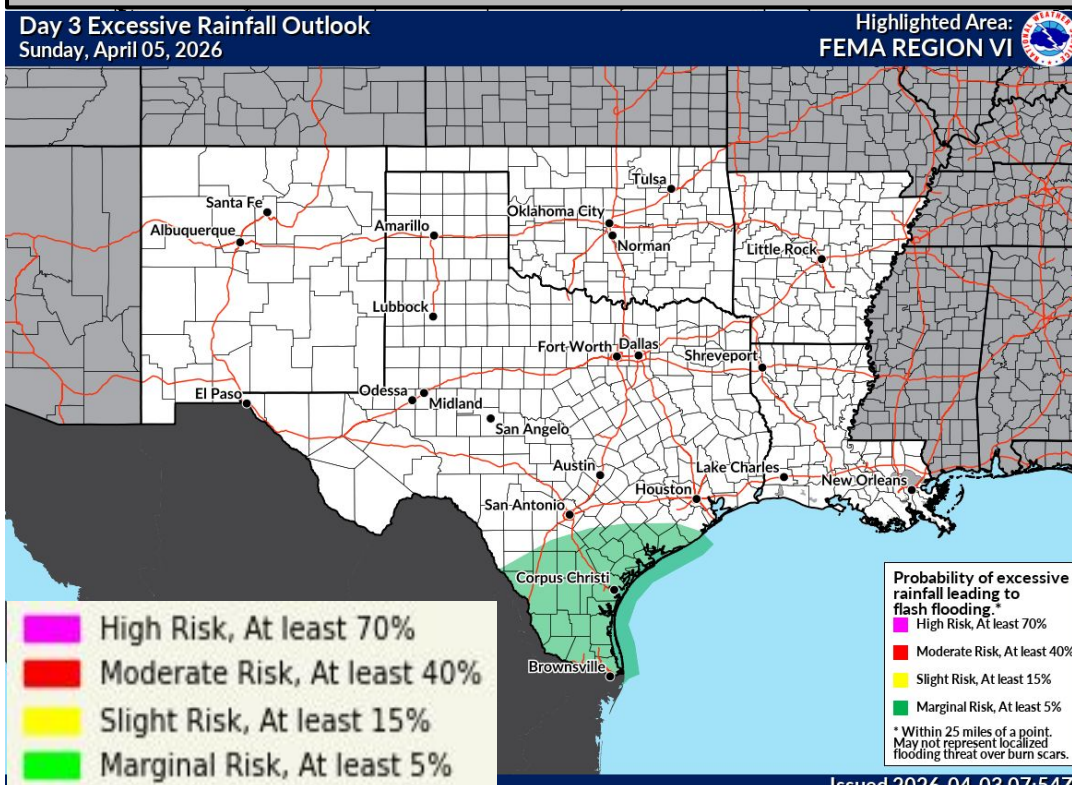


**Marginal risk for flash flooding
over STX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook





Wind Gust/Relative Humidity

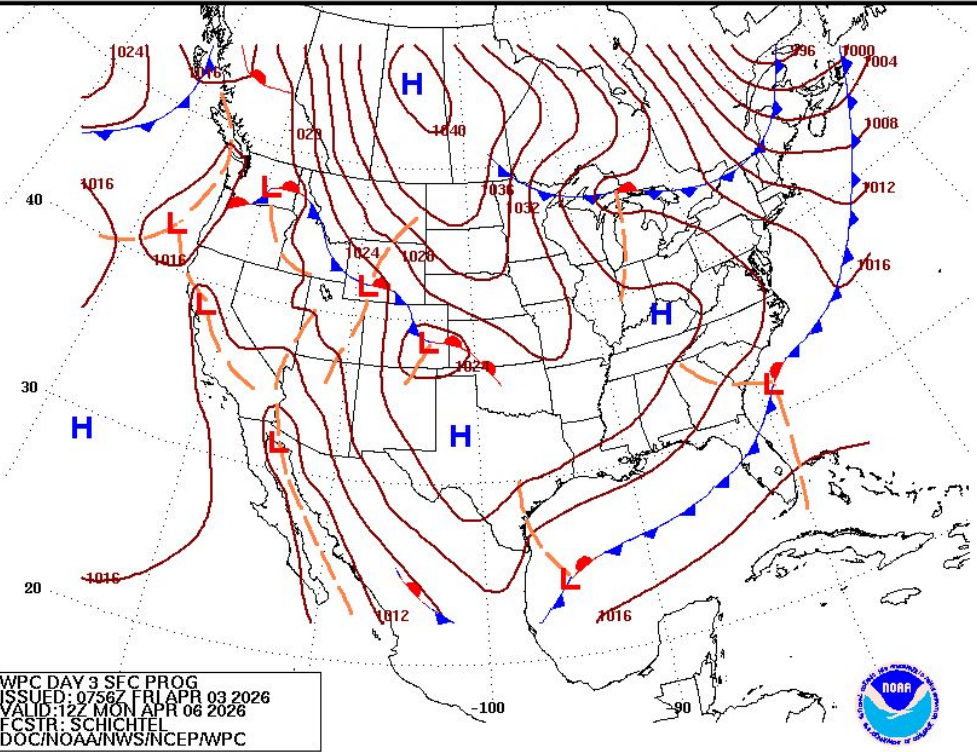
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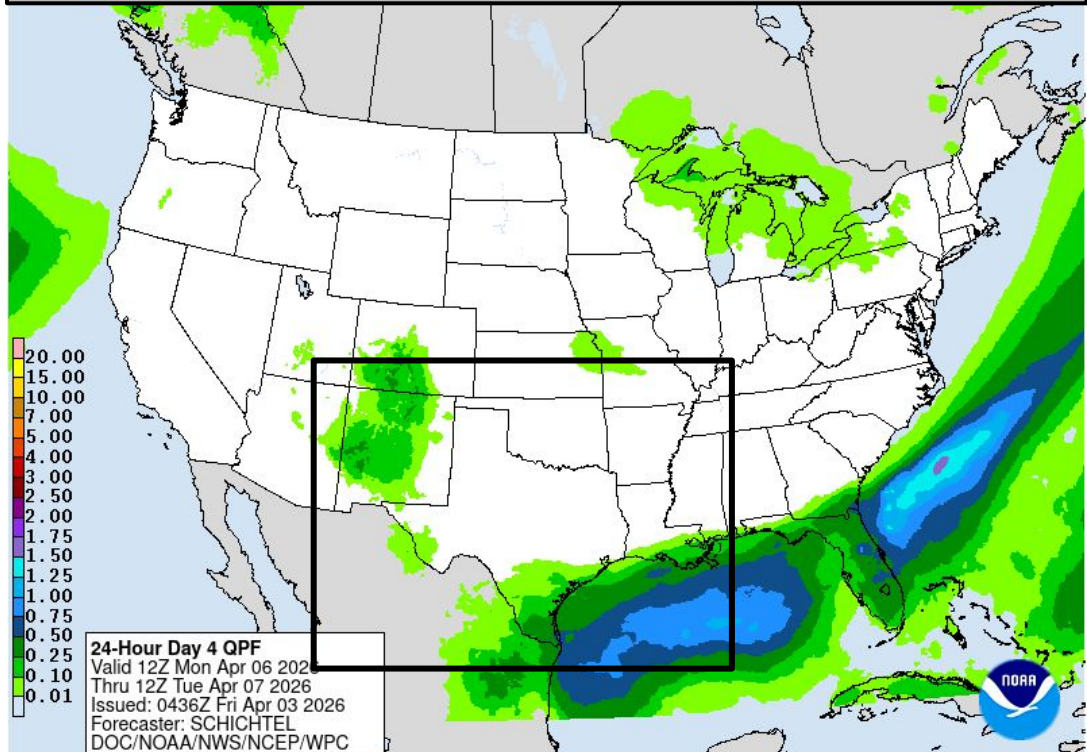
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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

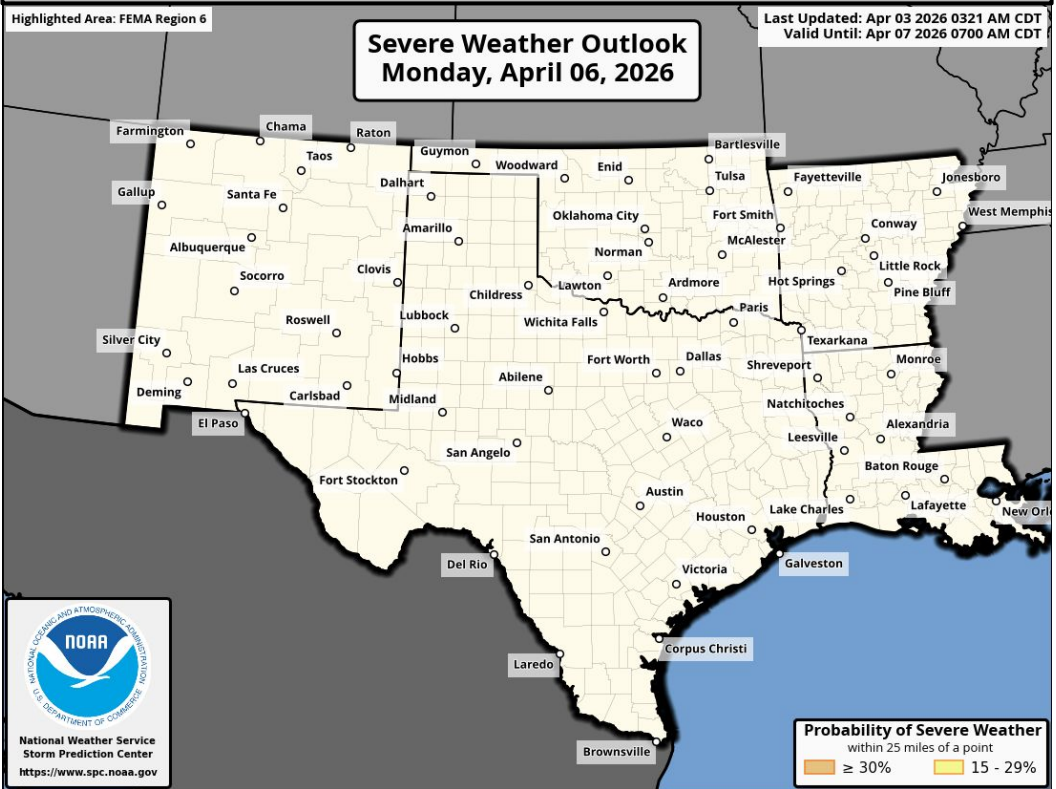
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 4 QPF
Valid 12Z Mon Apr 06 2026
Thru 12Z Tue Apr 07 2026
Issued: 0436Z Fri Apr 03 2026
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

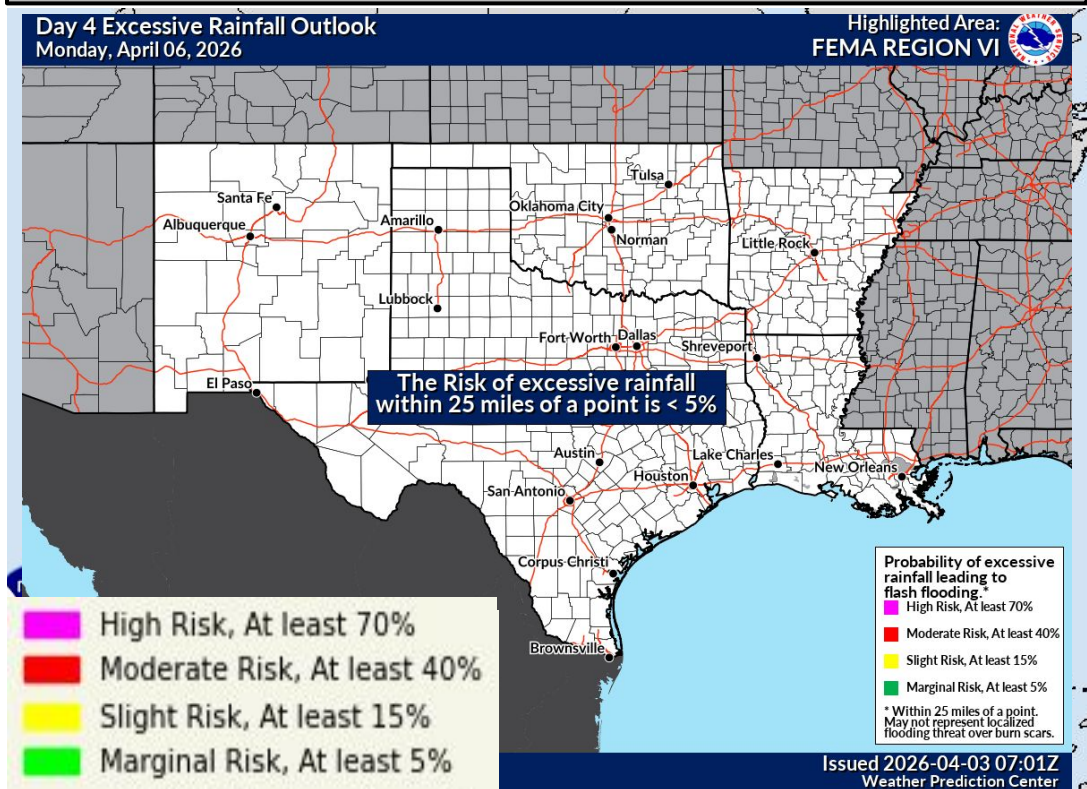


Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 06, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 03 2026 03:21 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 07 2026 07:00 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 4 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%

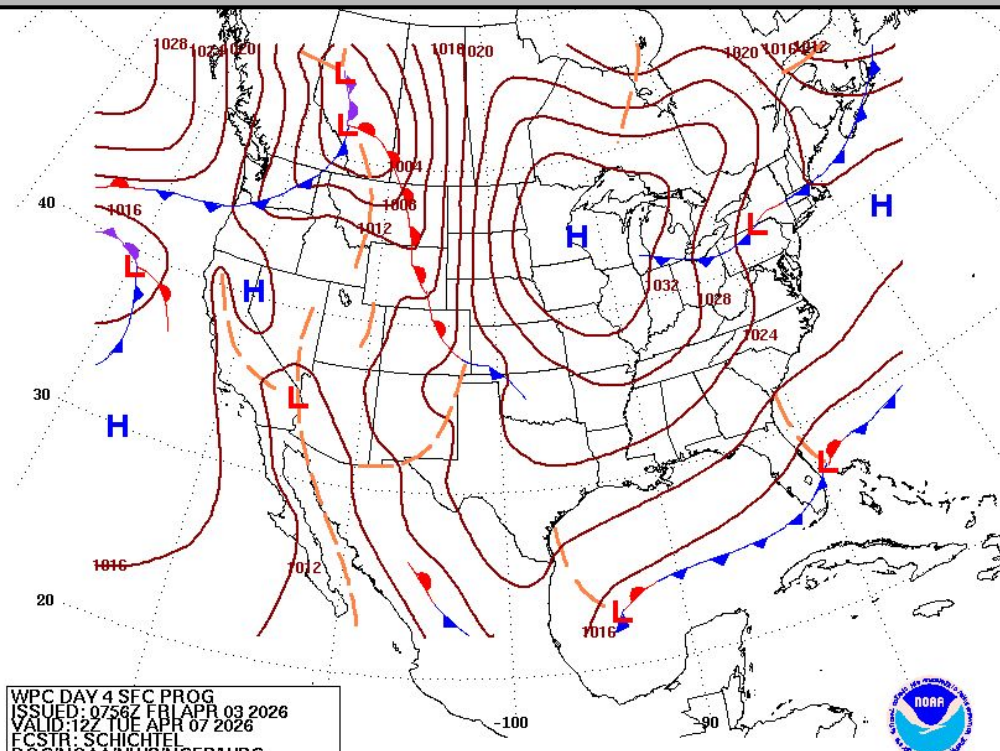
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
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Moderate Risk, At least 40%
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May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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Weather Prediction Center



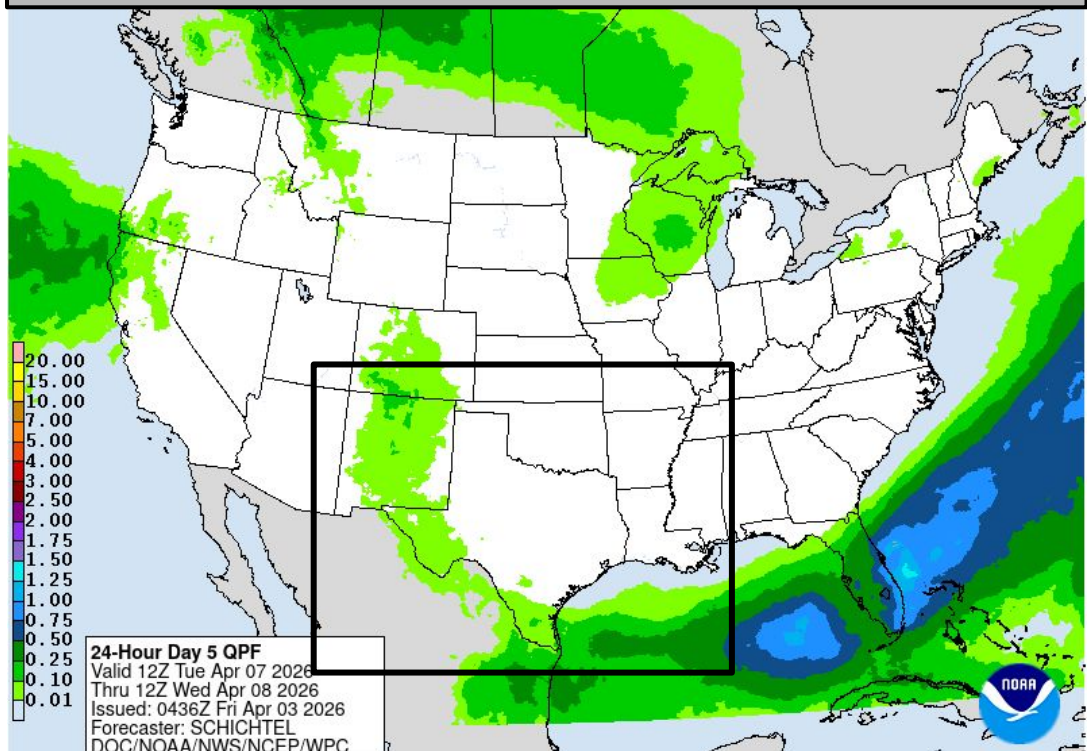
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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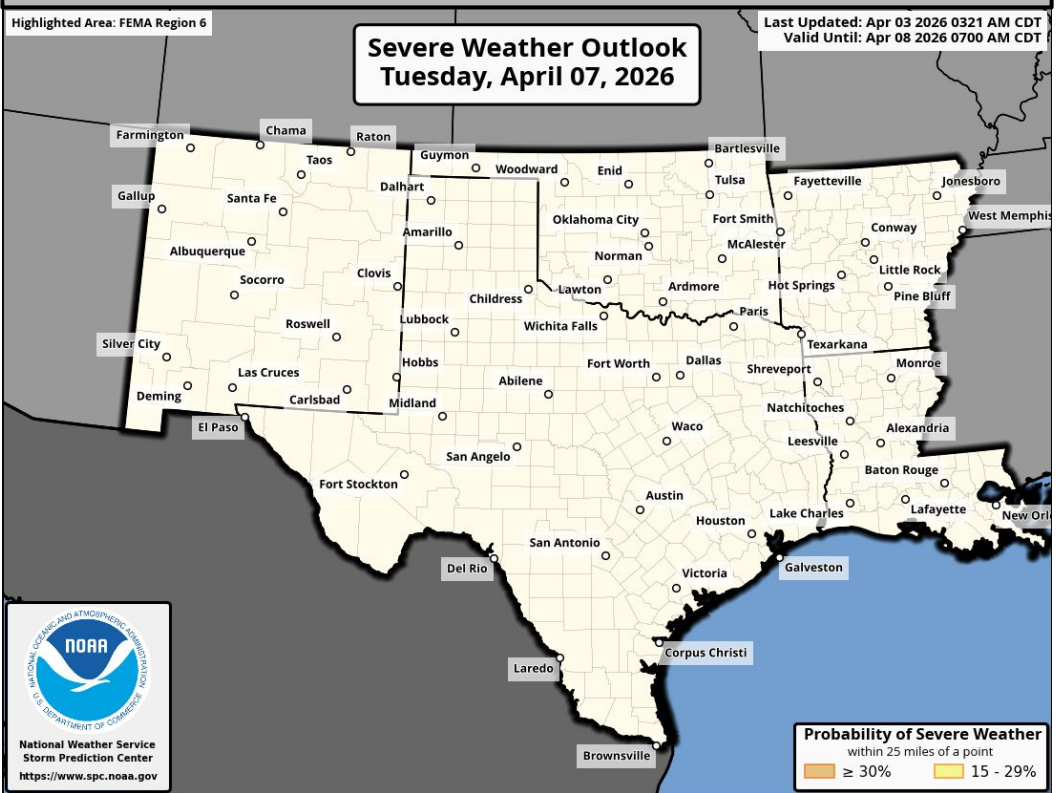
Forecast Rainfall



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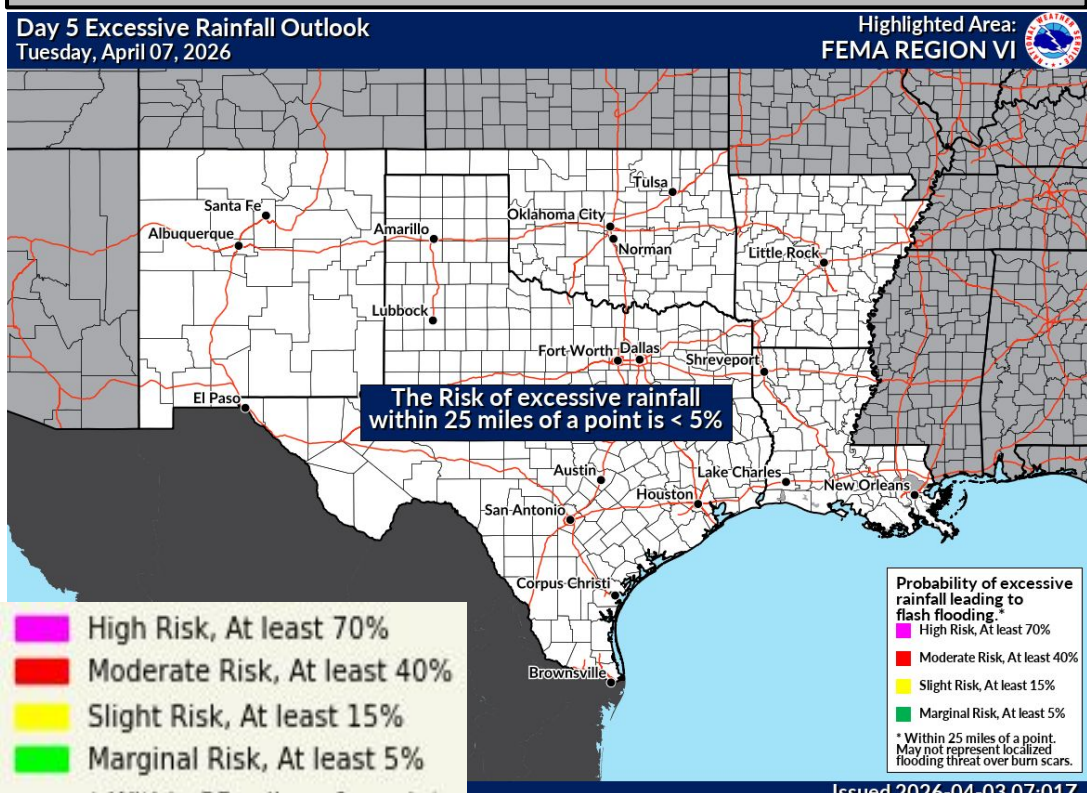
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, April 07, 2026

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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Tuesday, April 07, 2026

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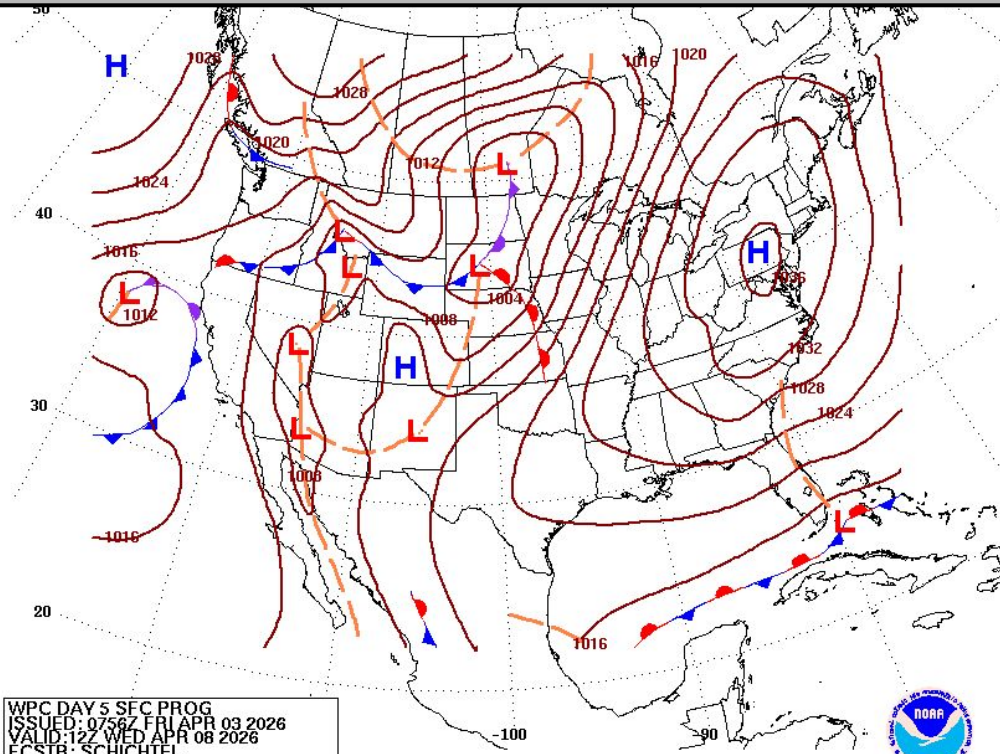
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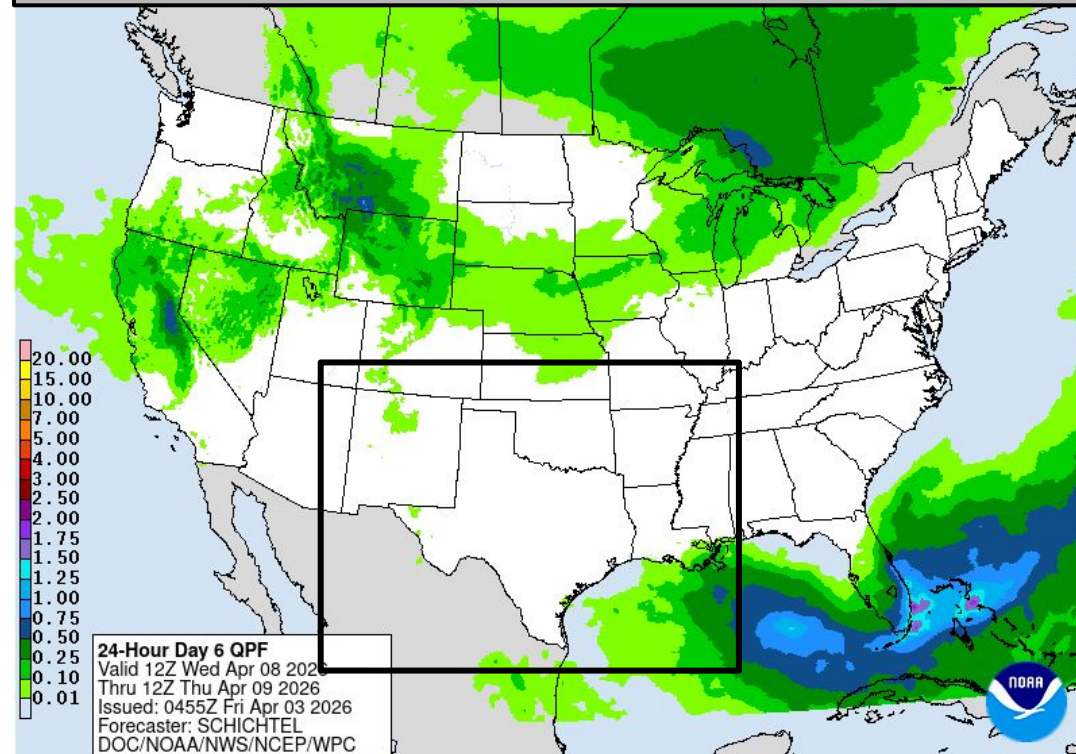
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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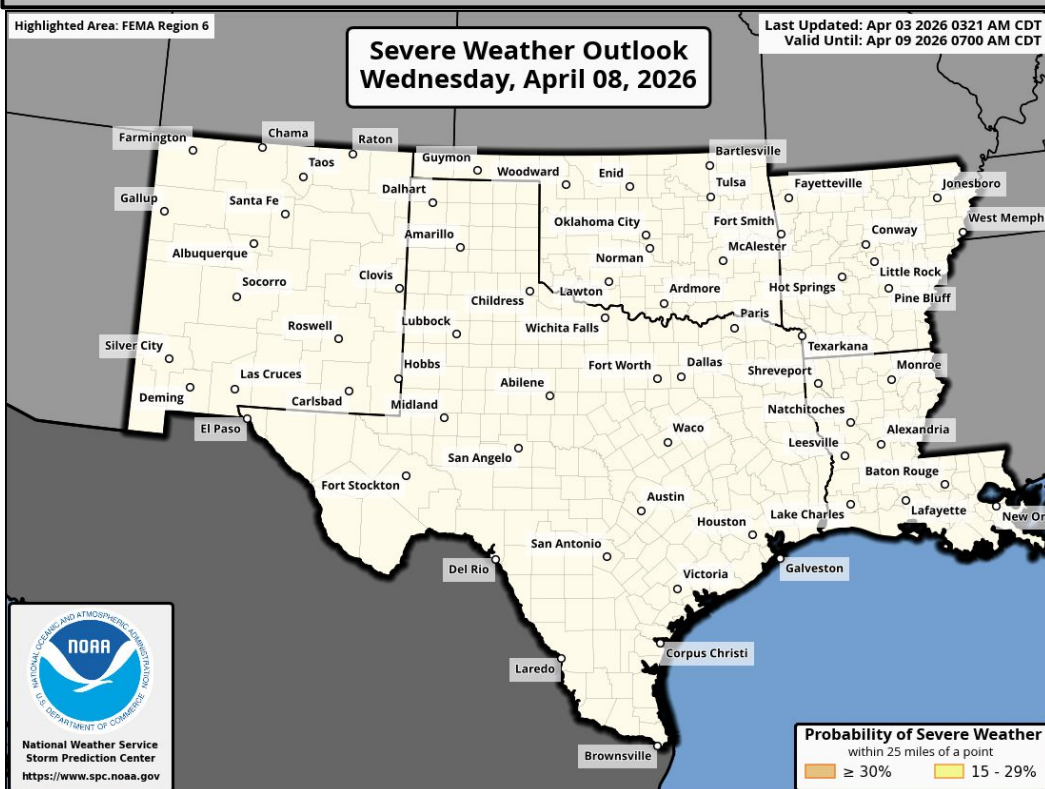
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, April 08, 2026

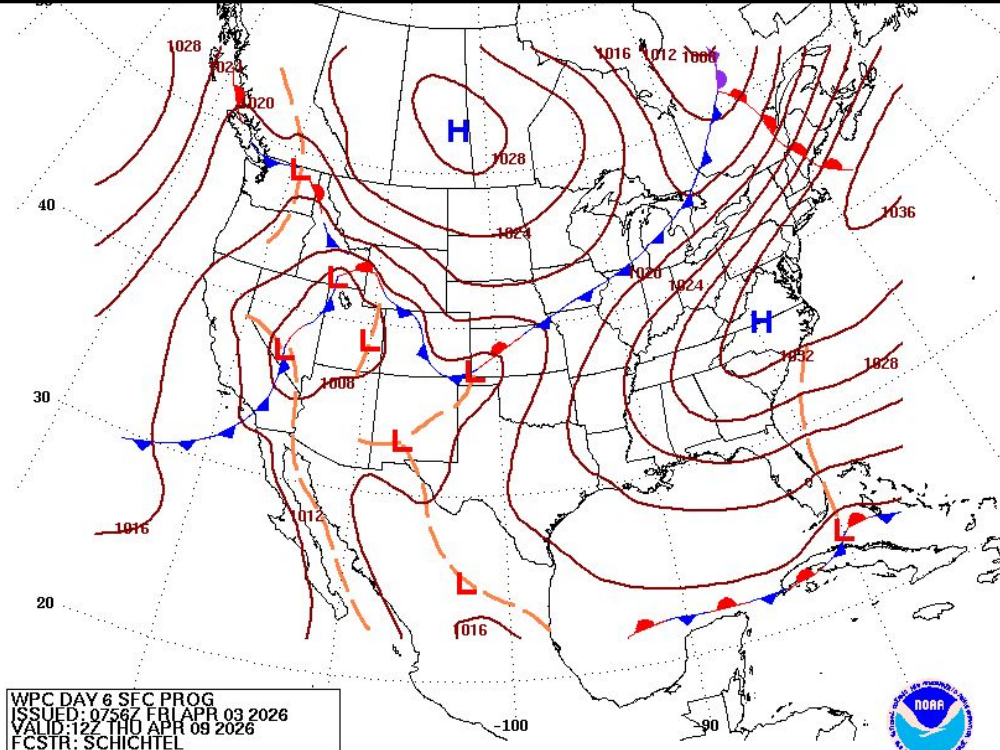
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
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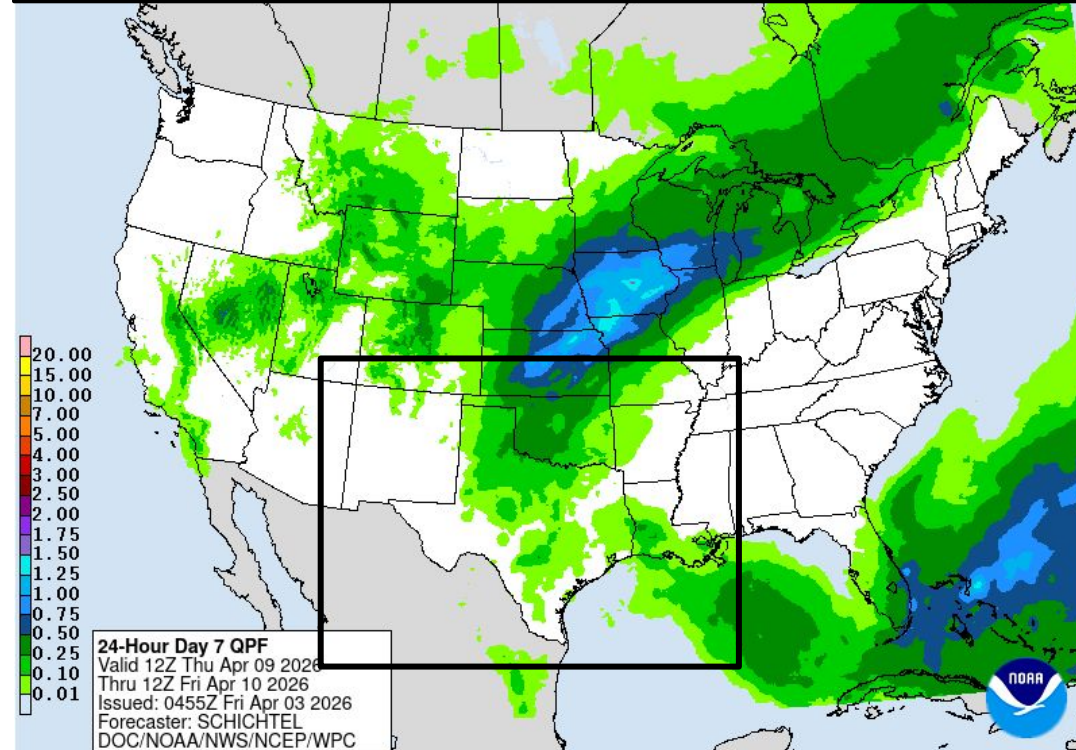


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart

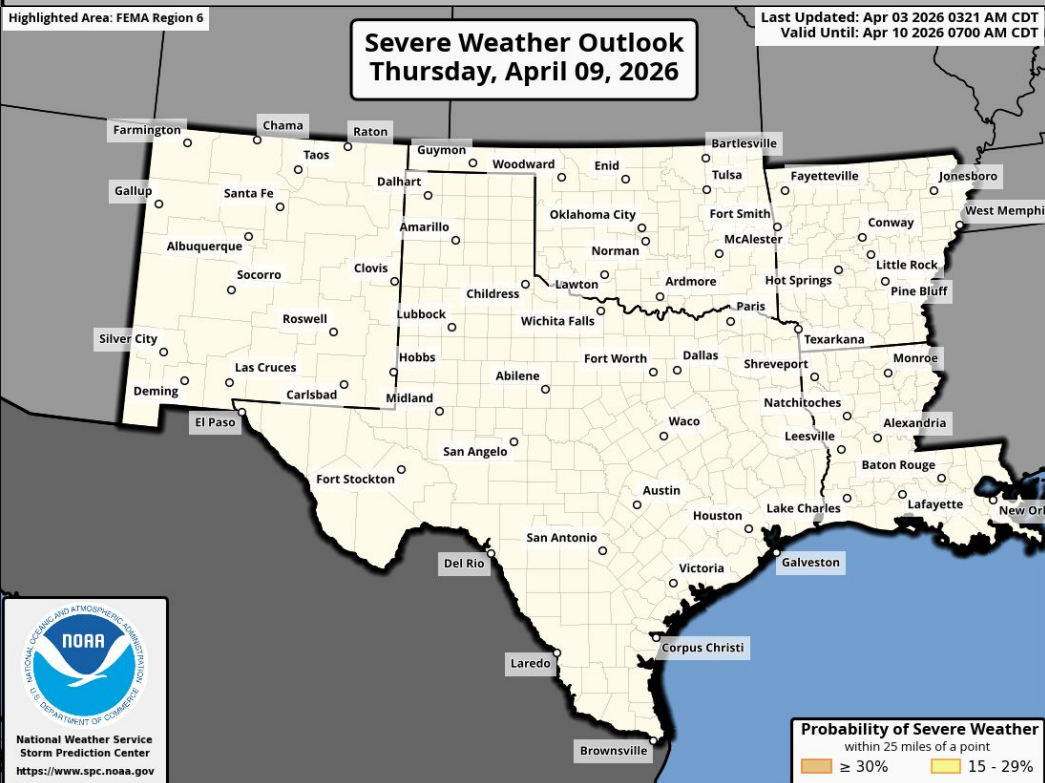


Forecast Rainfall



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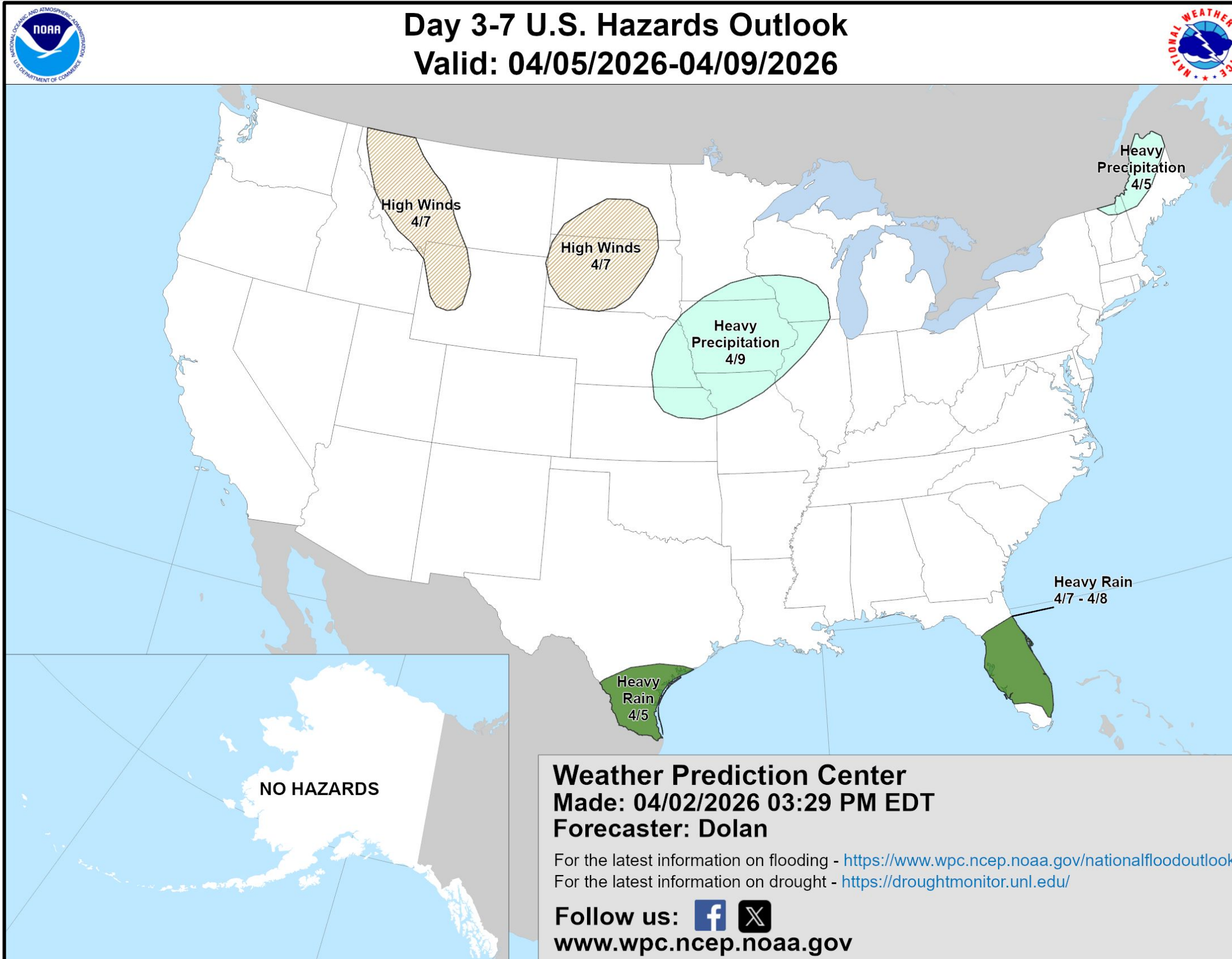
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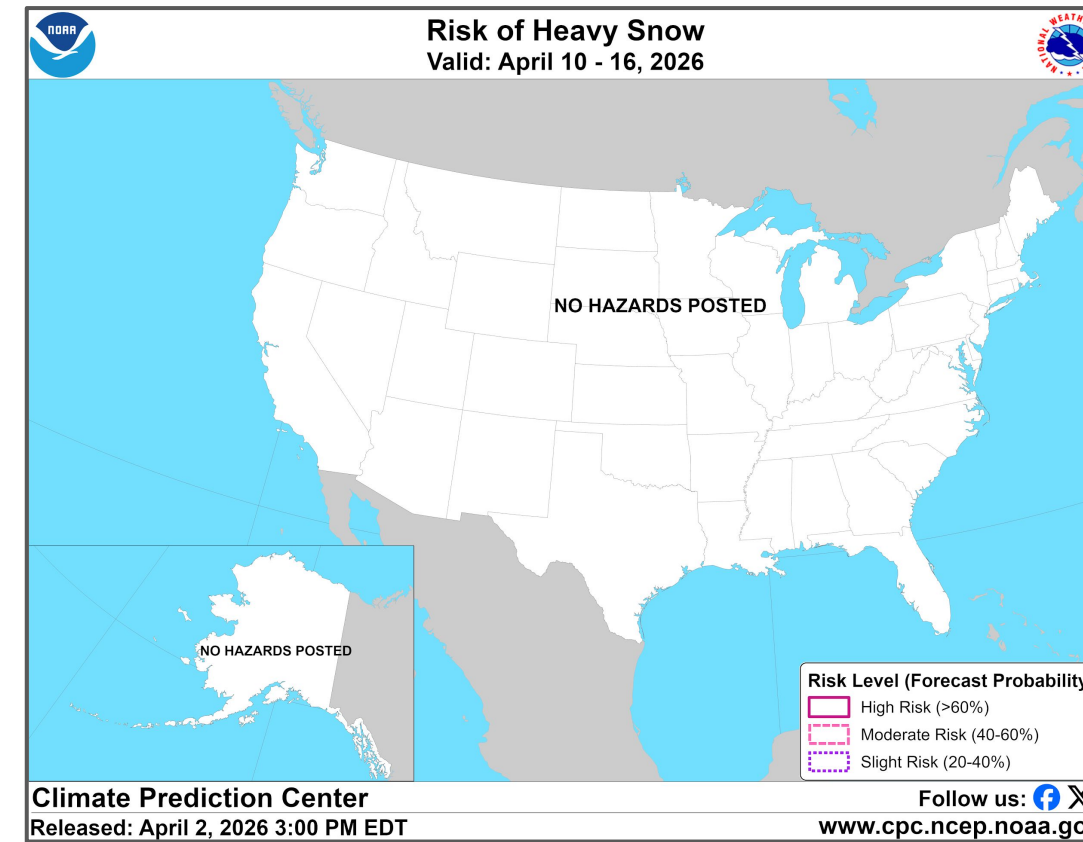
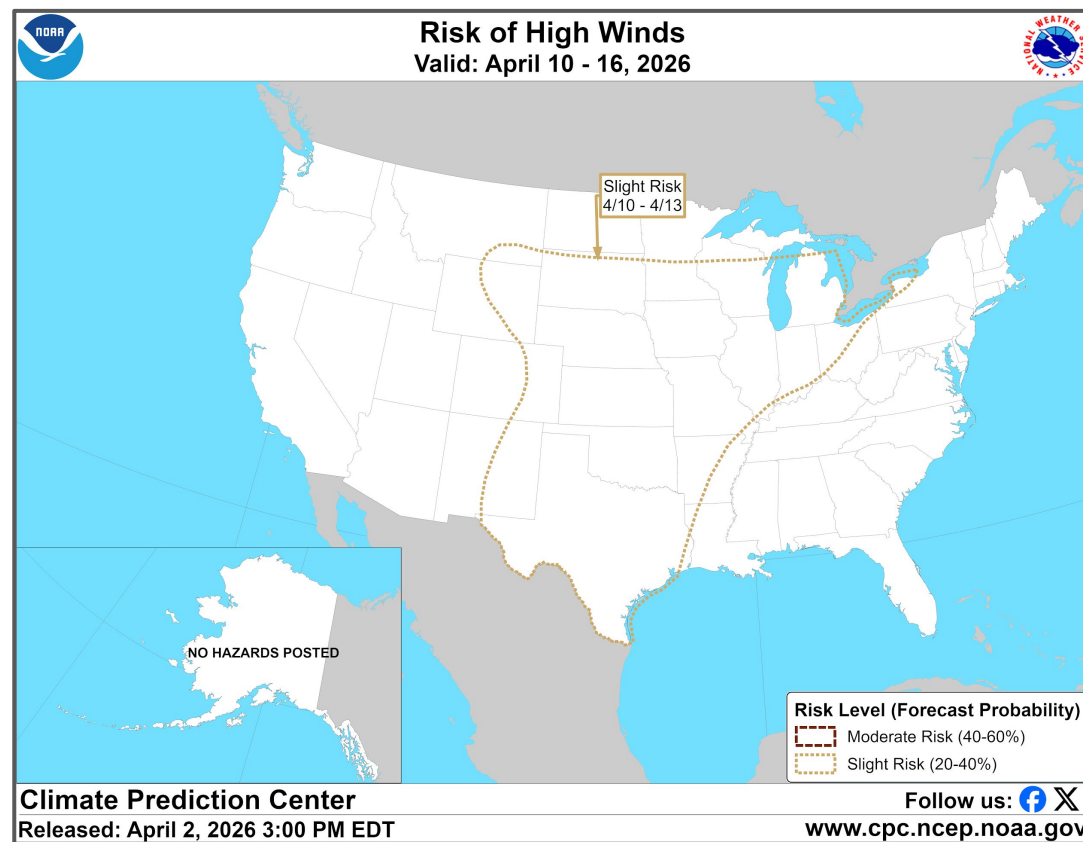
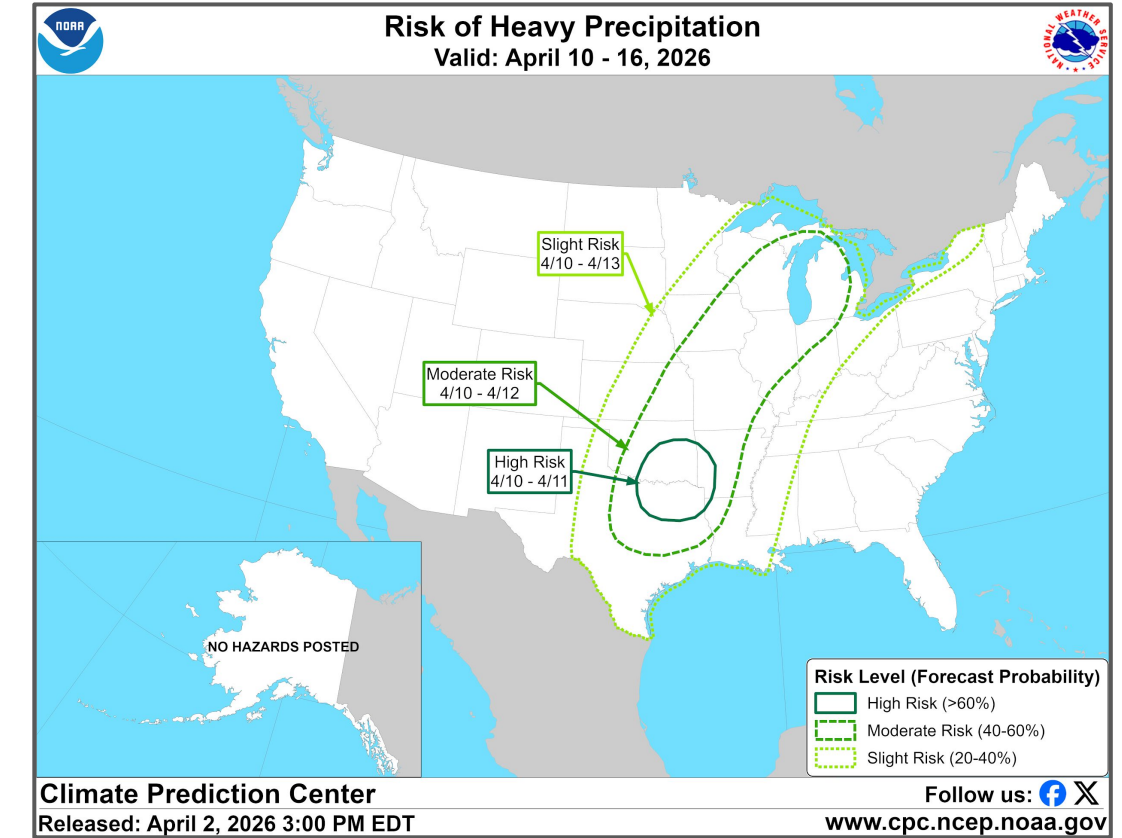
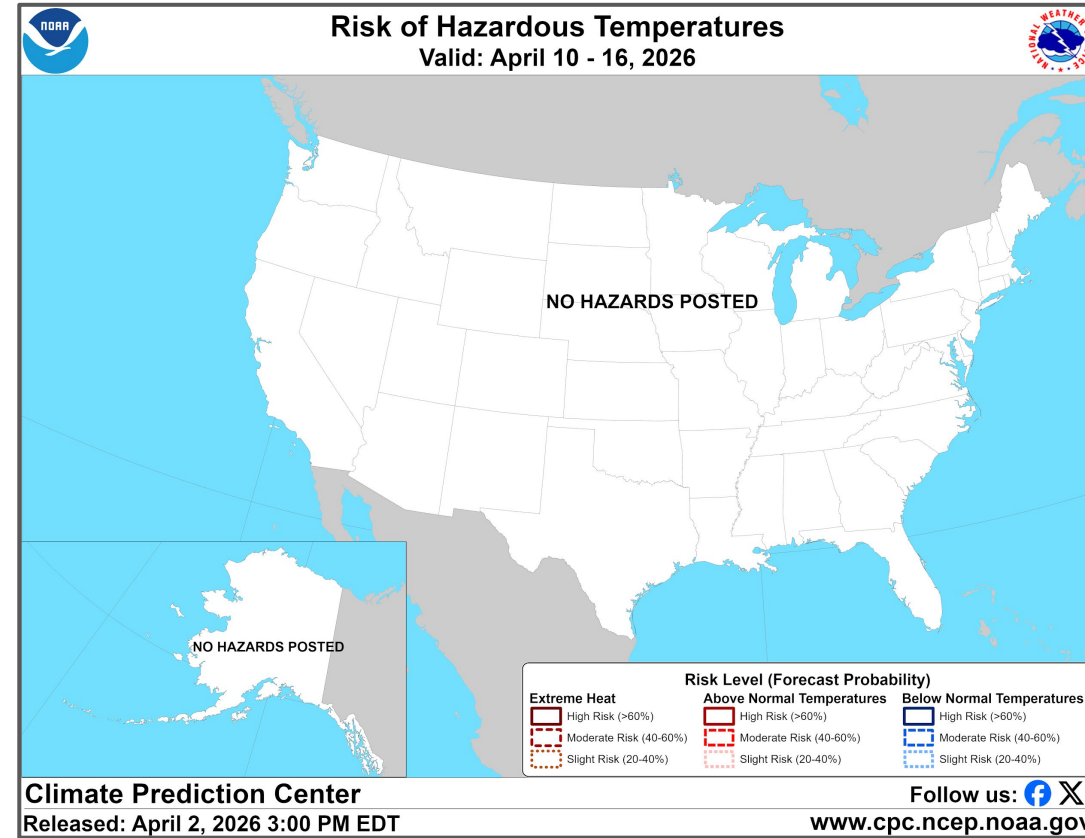
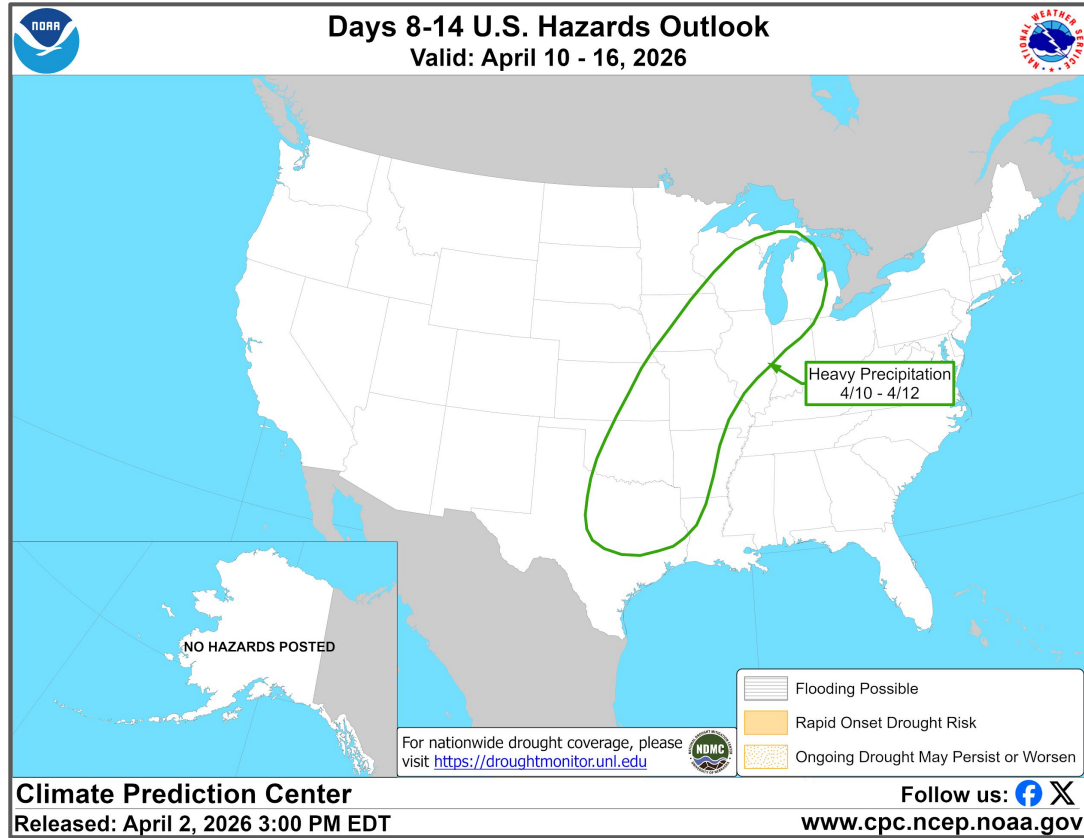


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





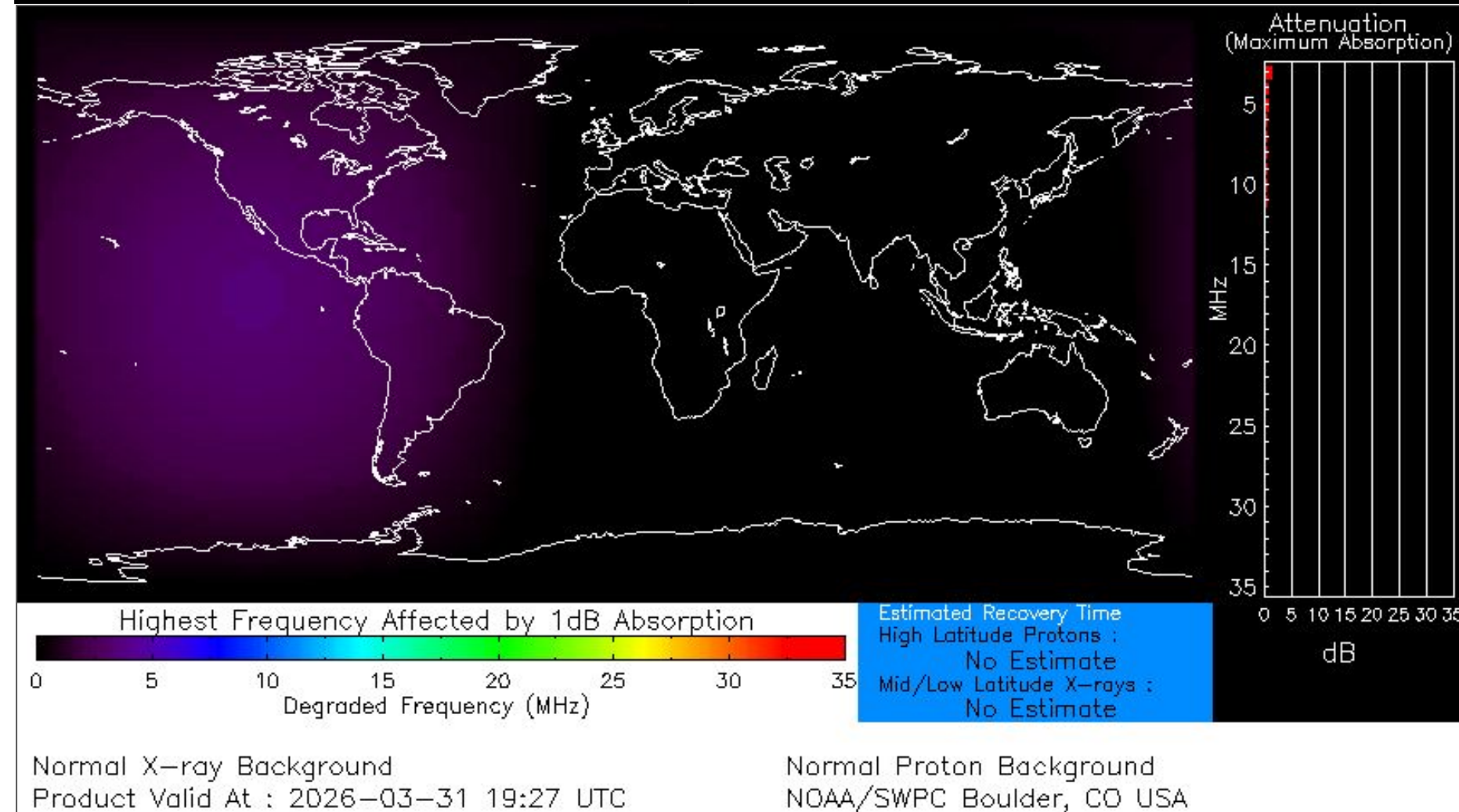
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





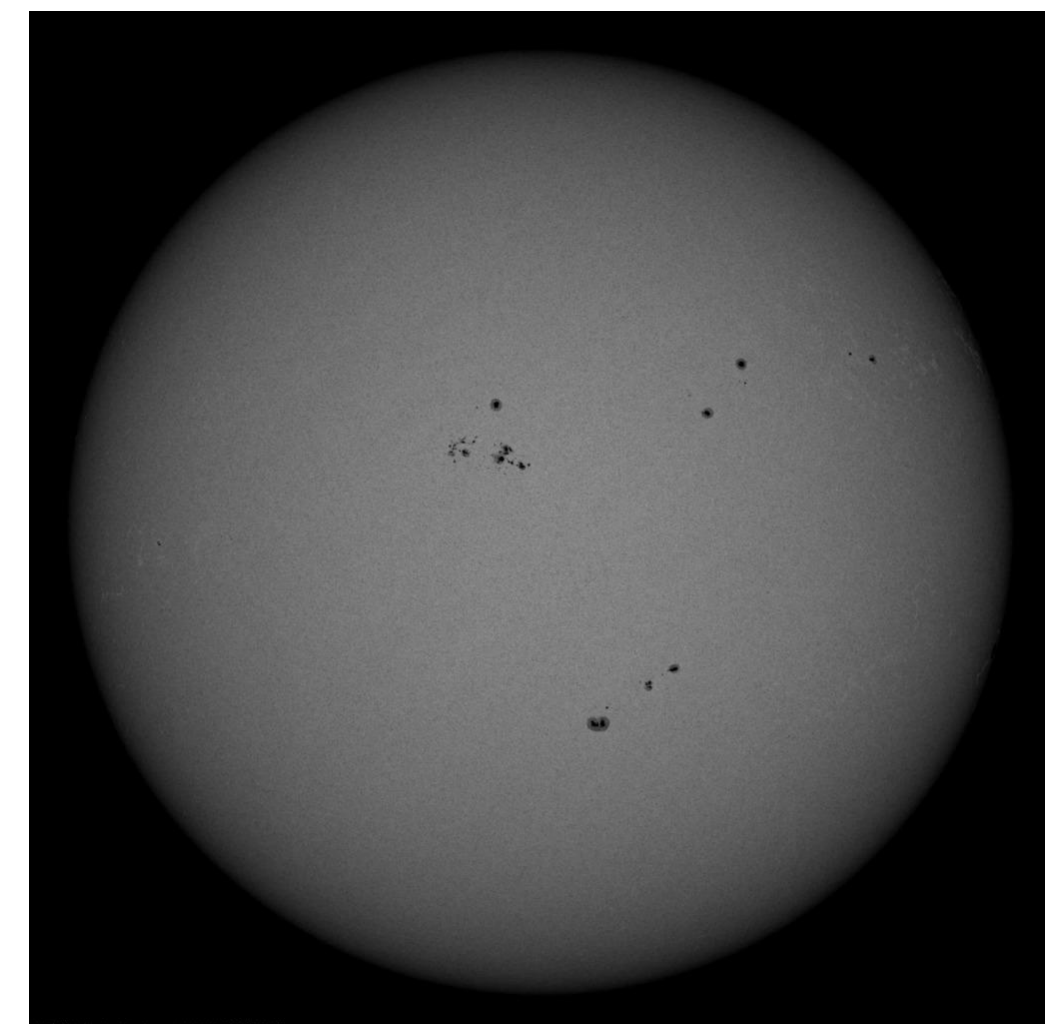
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5
Geomagnetic Storms	Moderate (G2) (Max Kp=6)	Minor (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	50%	50%	25%
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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