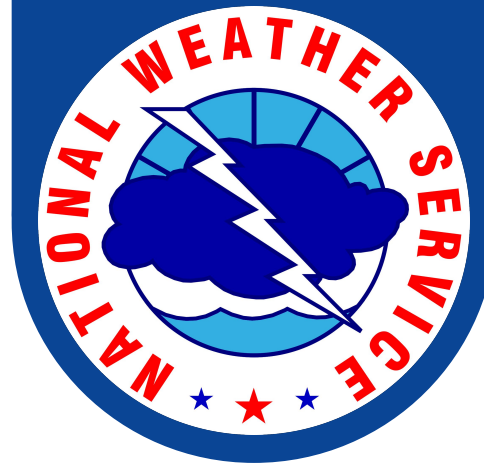




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, April 04, 2026

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Summary

- **Severe Weather:**
 - Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today over **AR, NE/E/SE/S TX** and **LA**.
 - Wind gusts up 60 mph the main threat.
- **Flash Flooding:**
 - Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) today over **SE OK, AR, TX** and **LA**.
 - Marginal risk over **S TX** on **Sunday**.
 - Monitoring for threat of heavy rainfall over **OK** and **N/NE TX** on **Friday**.
- **Fire Weather:**
 - Elevated (level 1 of 3) **Sunday** over **E NM** and the western **TX/OK Panhandles**.
 - Elevated **Monday** over the **TX/OK Panhandles**.
 - Elevated **Wednesday** over **NE NM** and the western **TX/OK Panhandles**.
- **River Flooding:**
 - Minor river flooding through **Sunday** along the **Trinity River** at **Dallas**.
 - Isolated minor flooding in **OK** will quickly recede today.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Apr 4	Sunday, Apr 5	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7	Wednesday, Apr 8	Thursday, Apr 9	Friday, Apr 10
Severe Storms	AR, NE/E/SE/STX, LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, AR, TX, LA	STX					OK, N/NETX
Heat							
Fire Weather		E NM, WTX/OK Panhandles	TX/OK Panhandles		NE NM, WTX/OK Panhandles		
River Flooding	NTX, OK	NTX					

**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.*

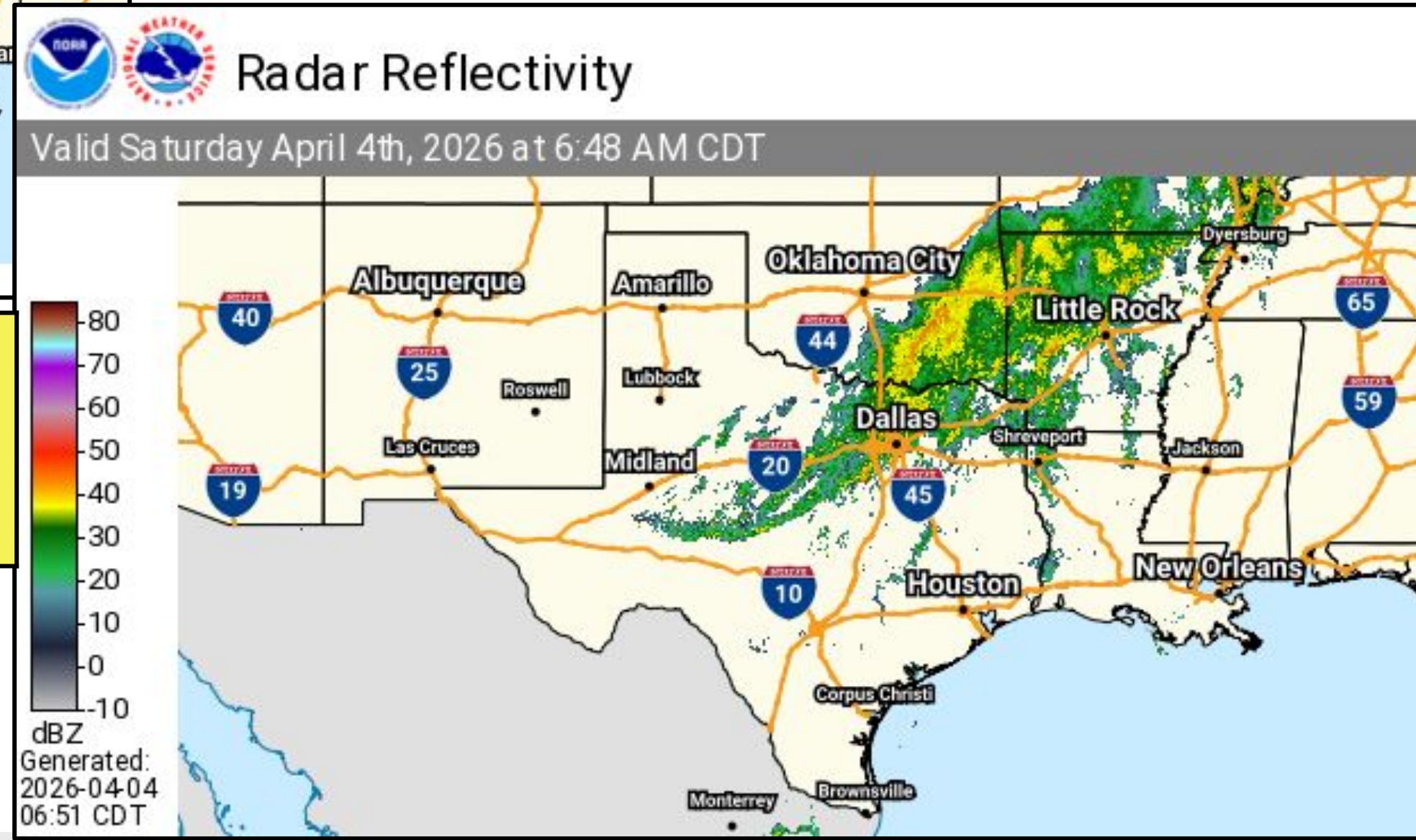
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Current Radar/Hazards

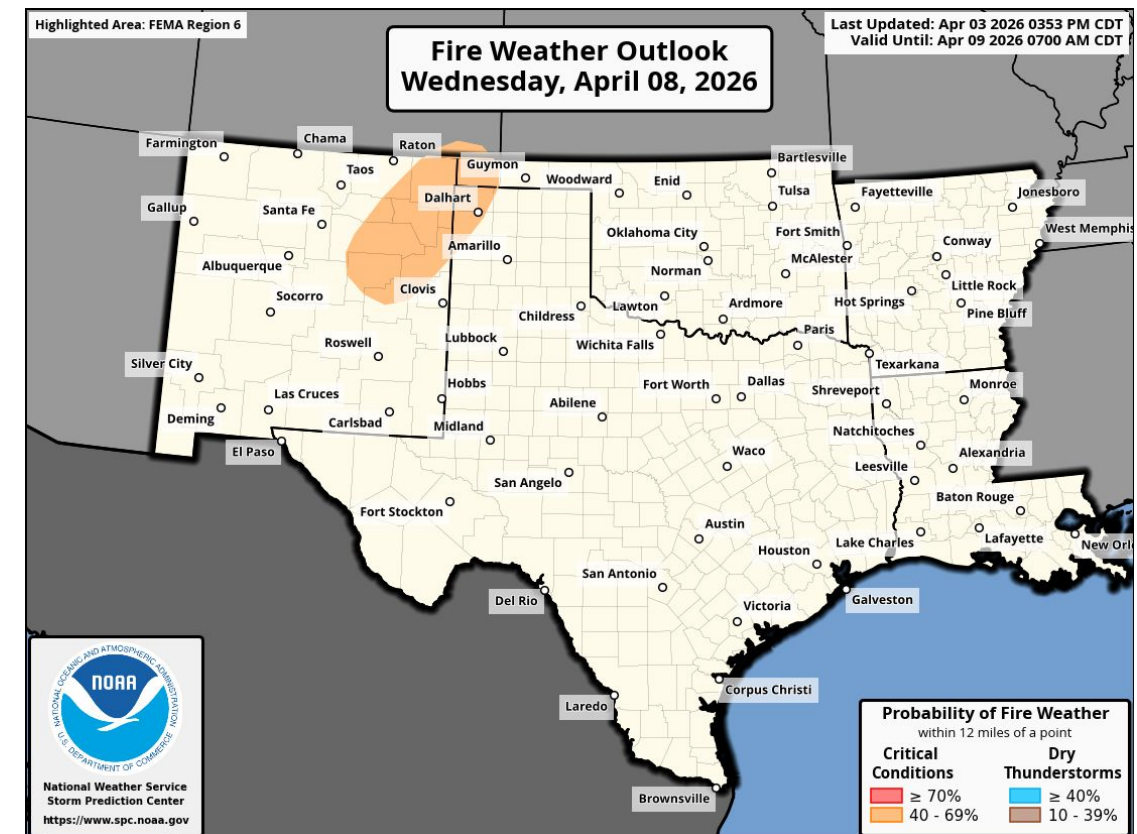
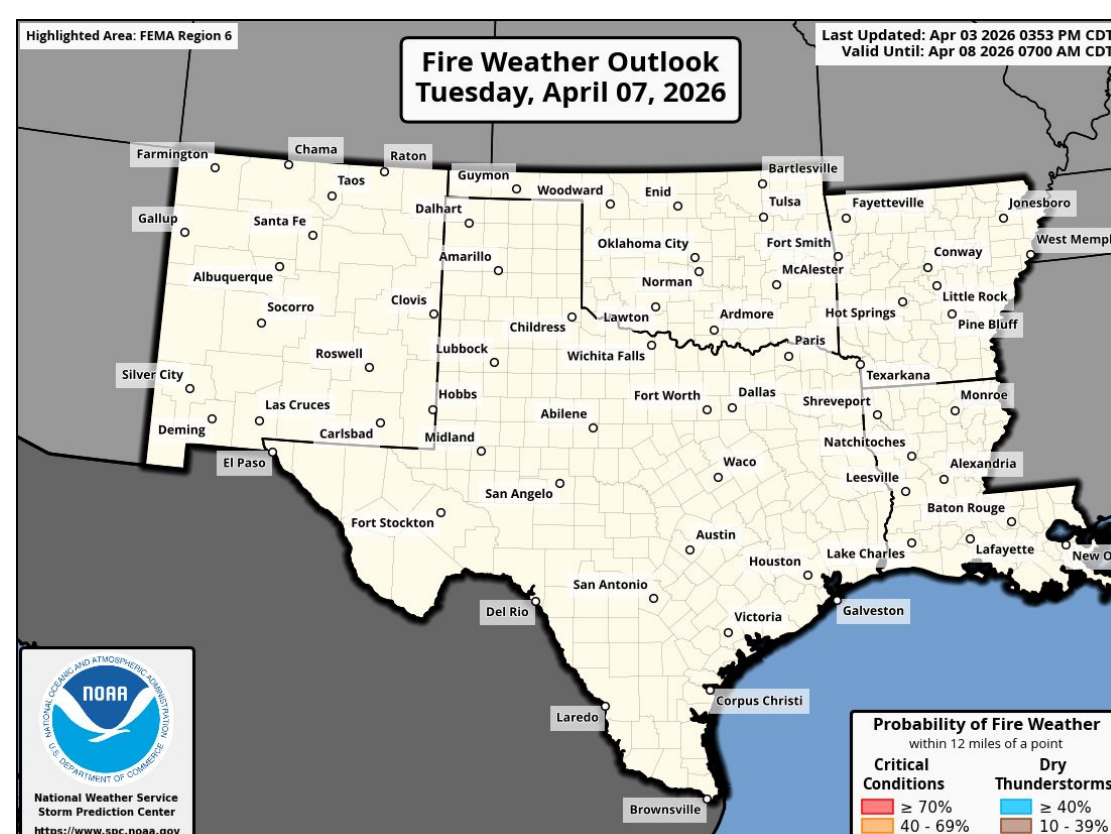
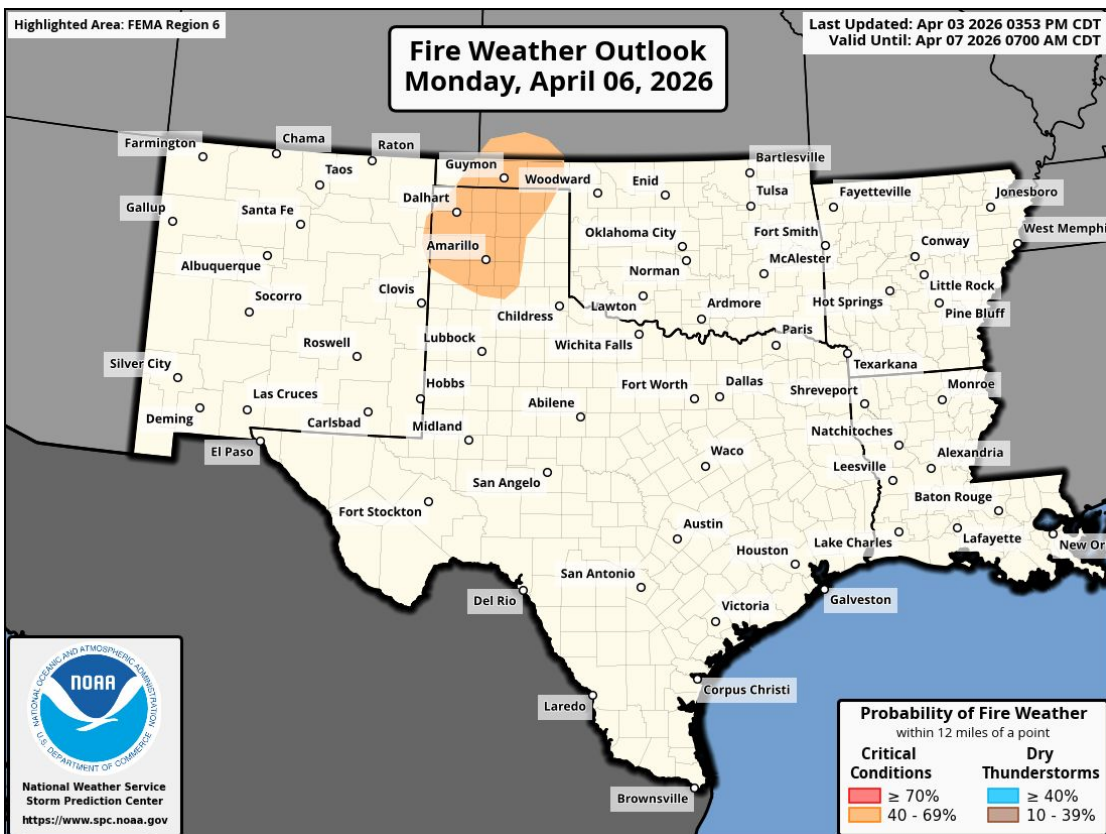
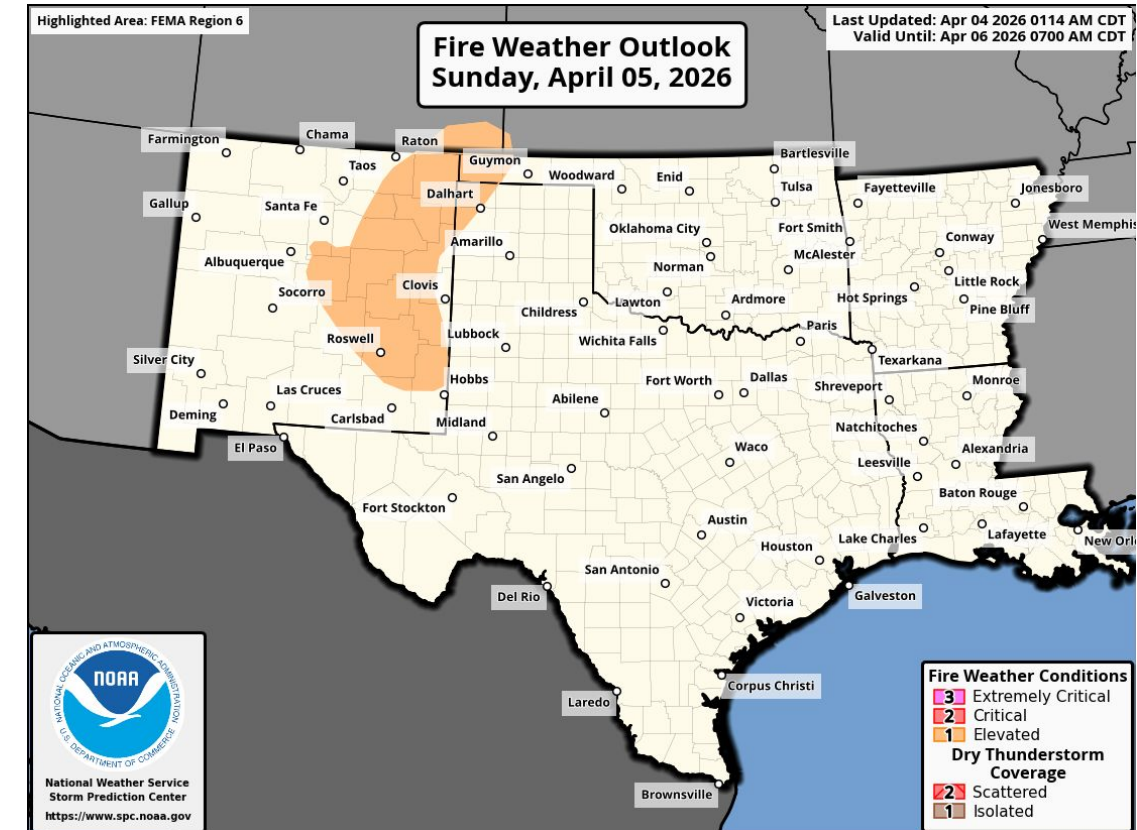
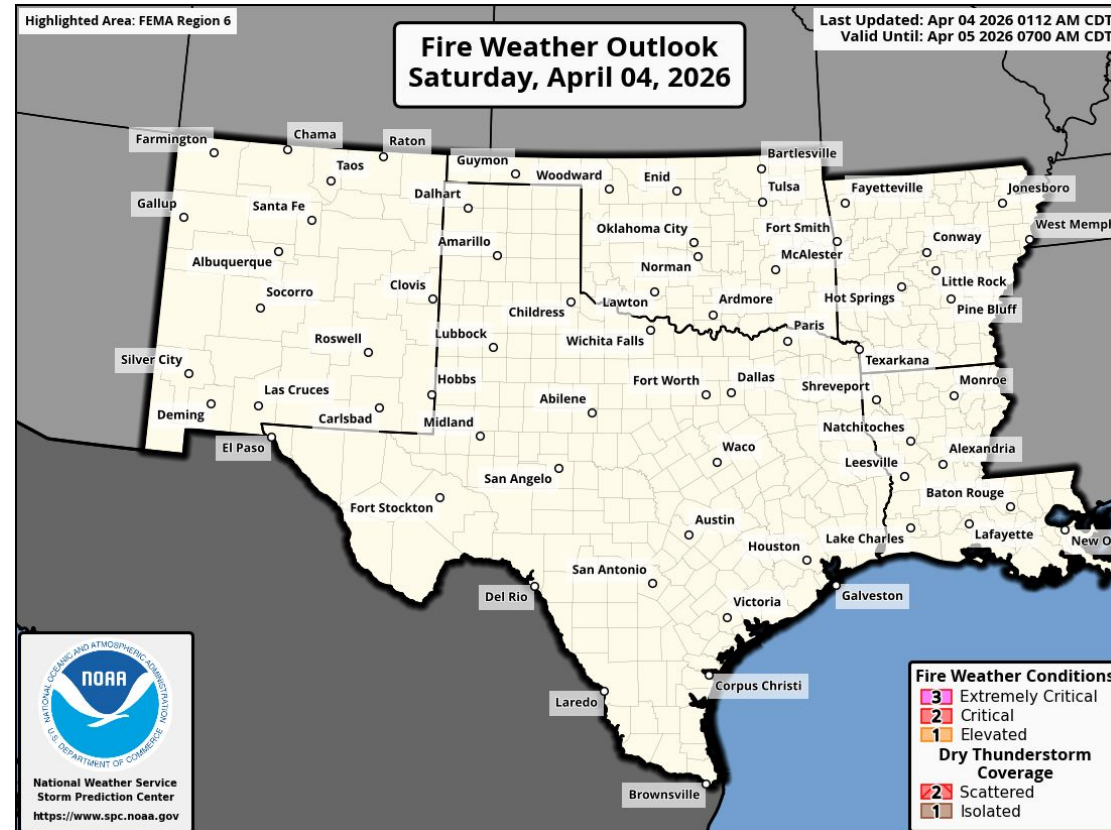
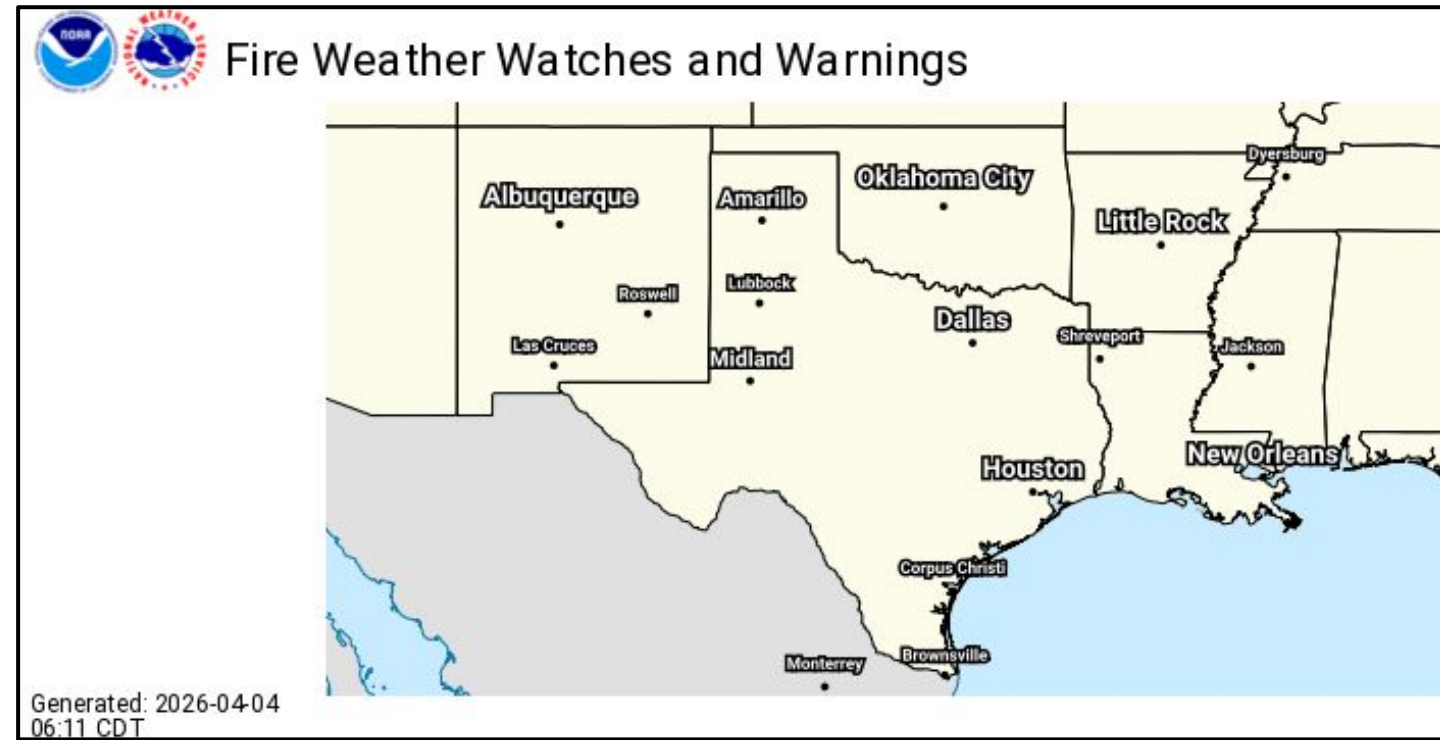


Flash flood watch over portions of OK and NW TX through 10am today.





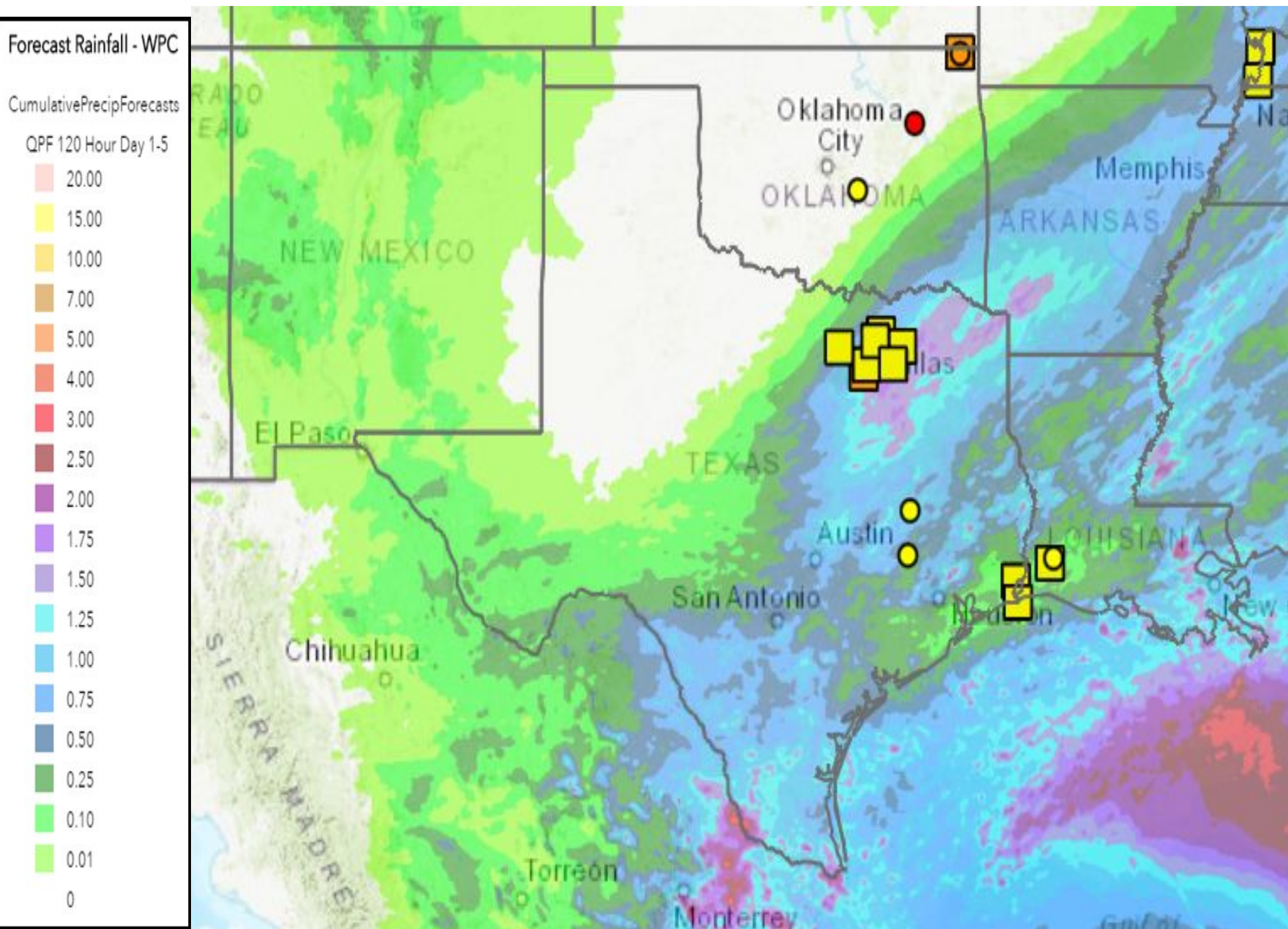
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



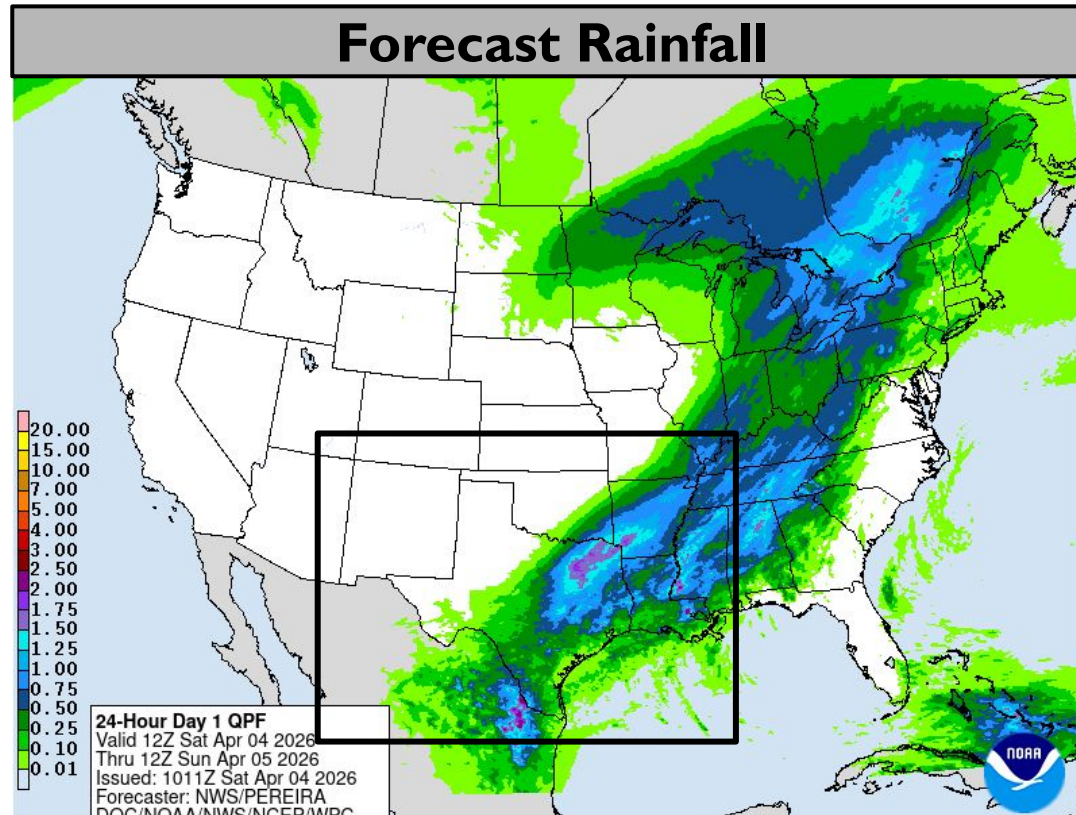
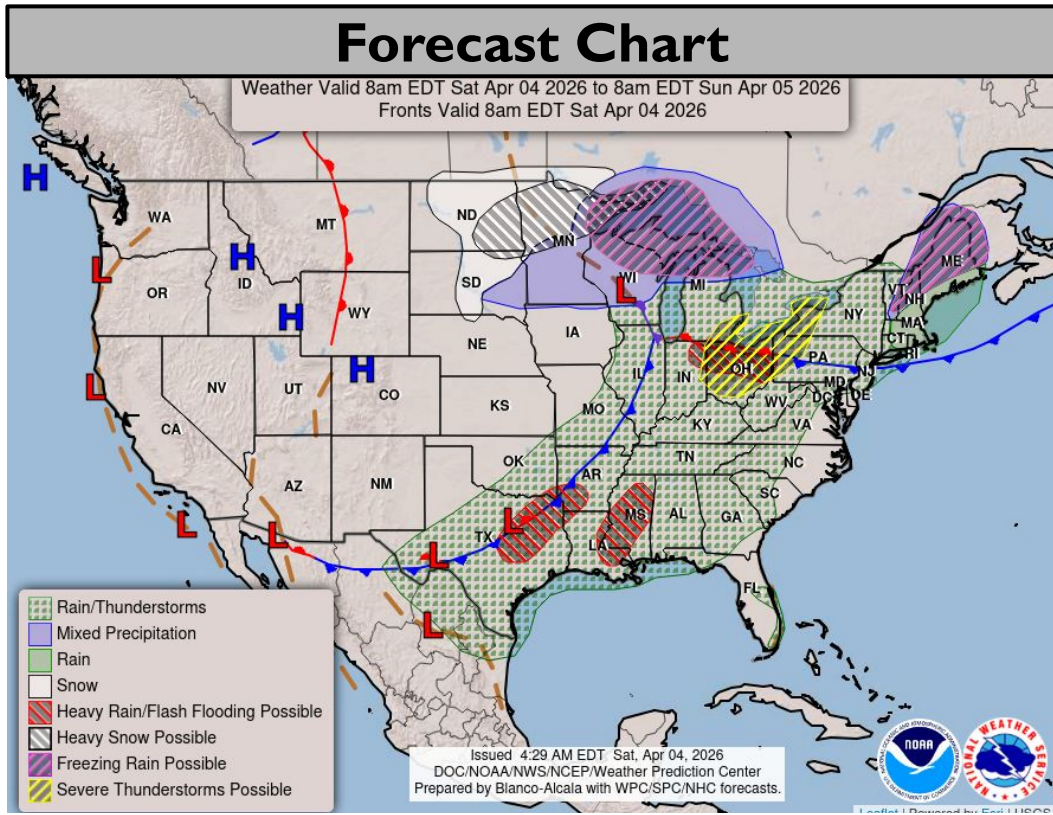
Minor river flooding along the Trinity River in Dallas through Sunday.

River flooding in OK will quickly recede today.

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.

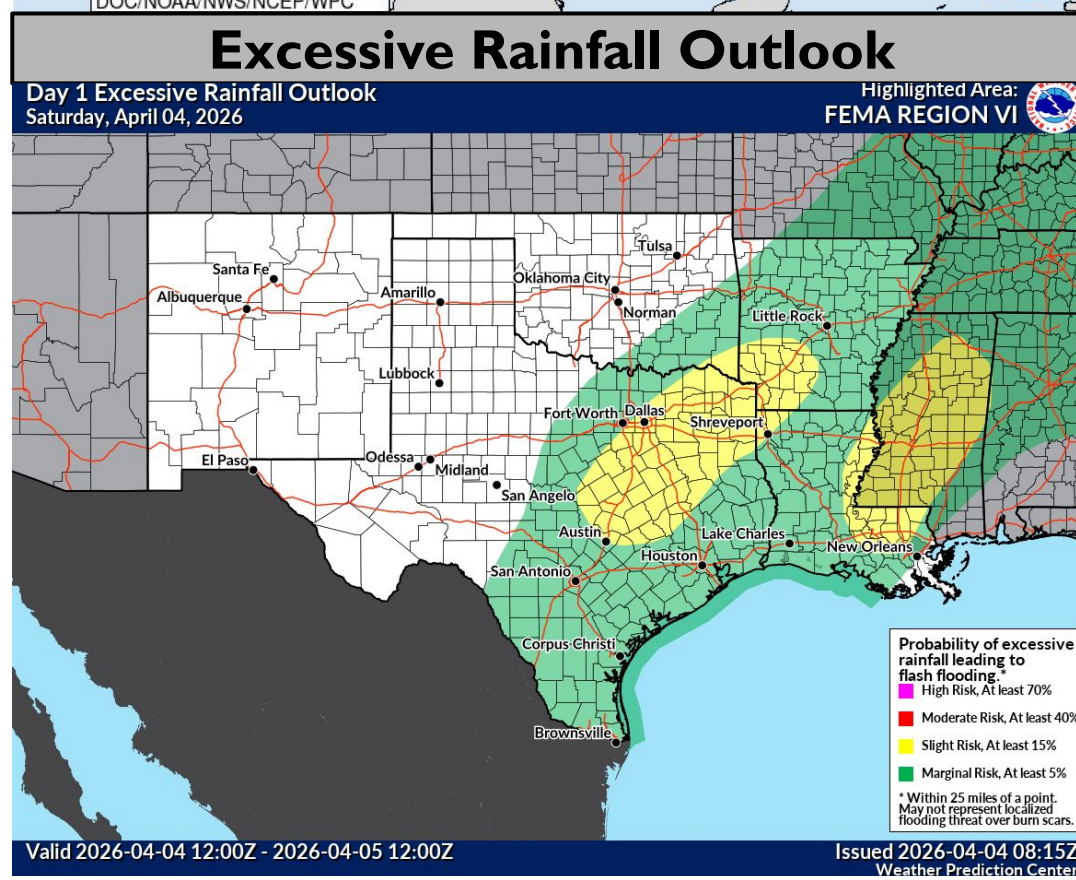
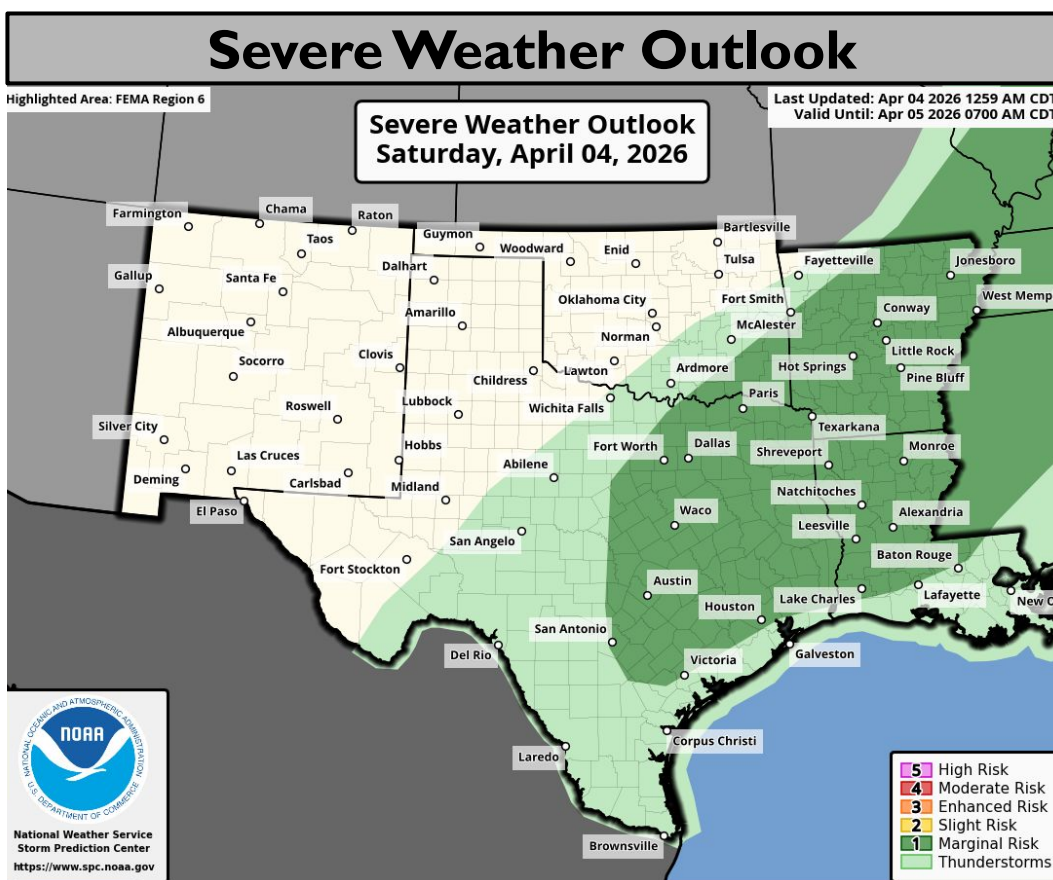


Today's Weather



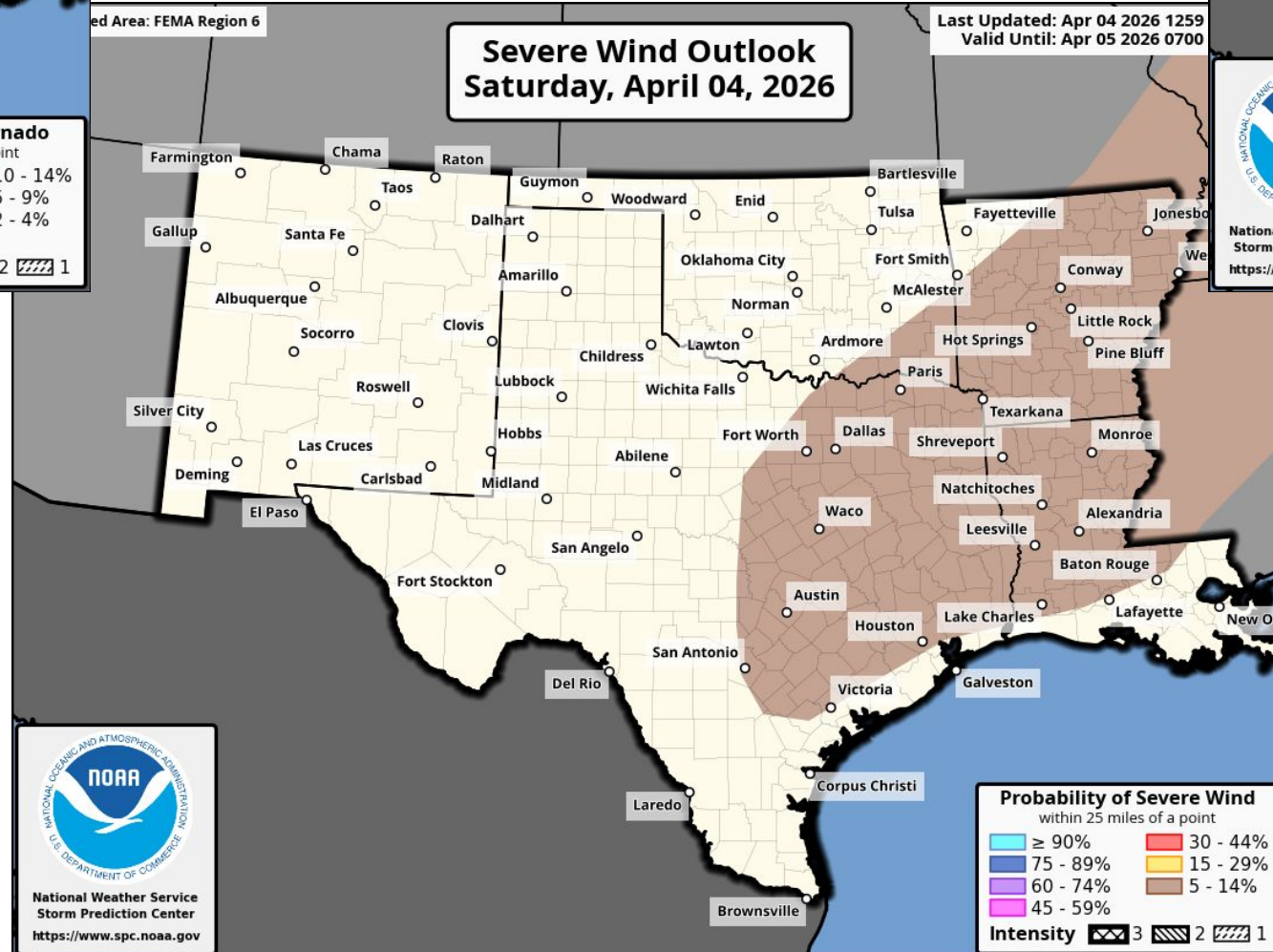
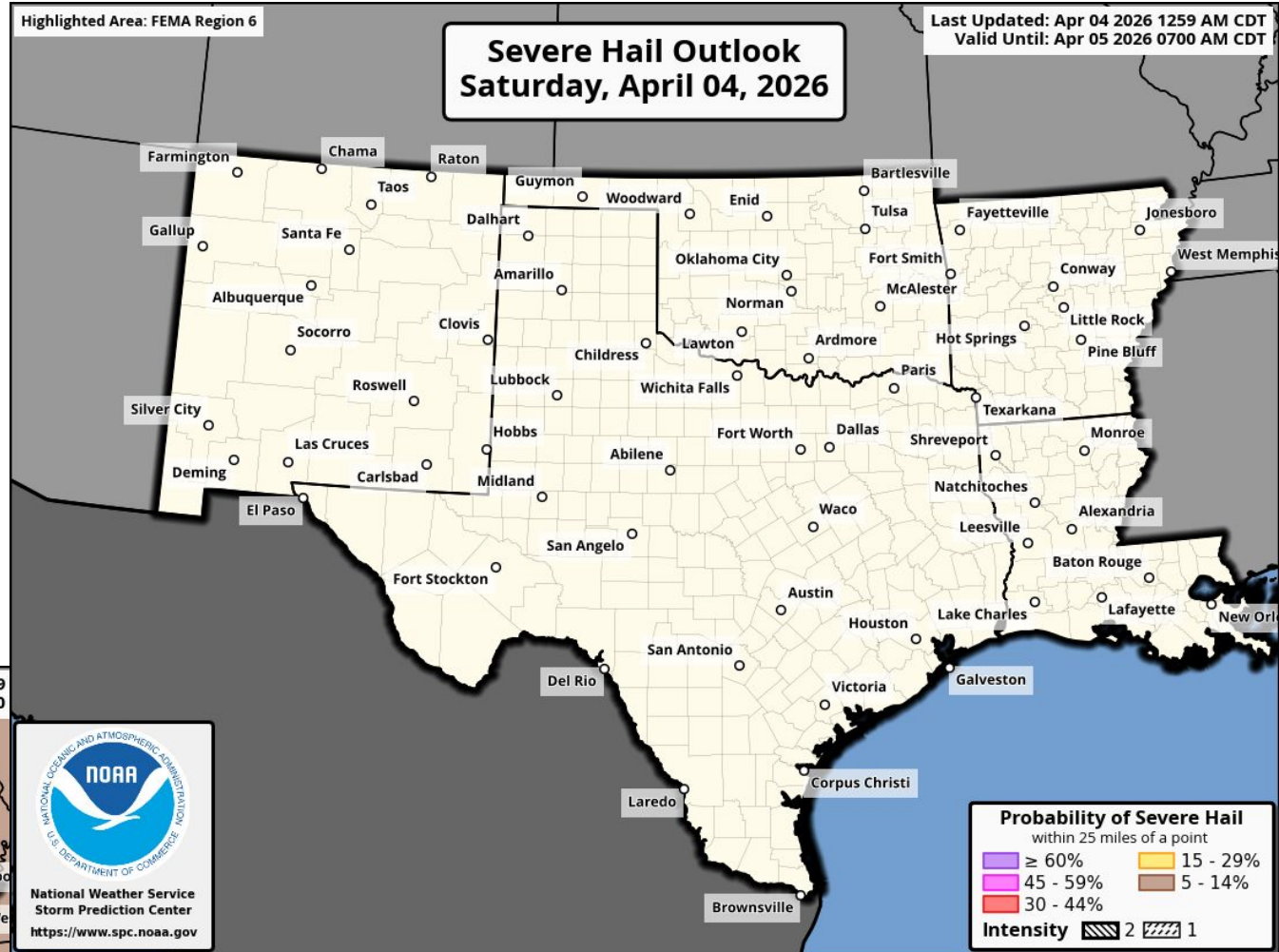
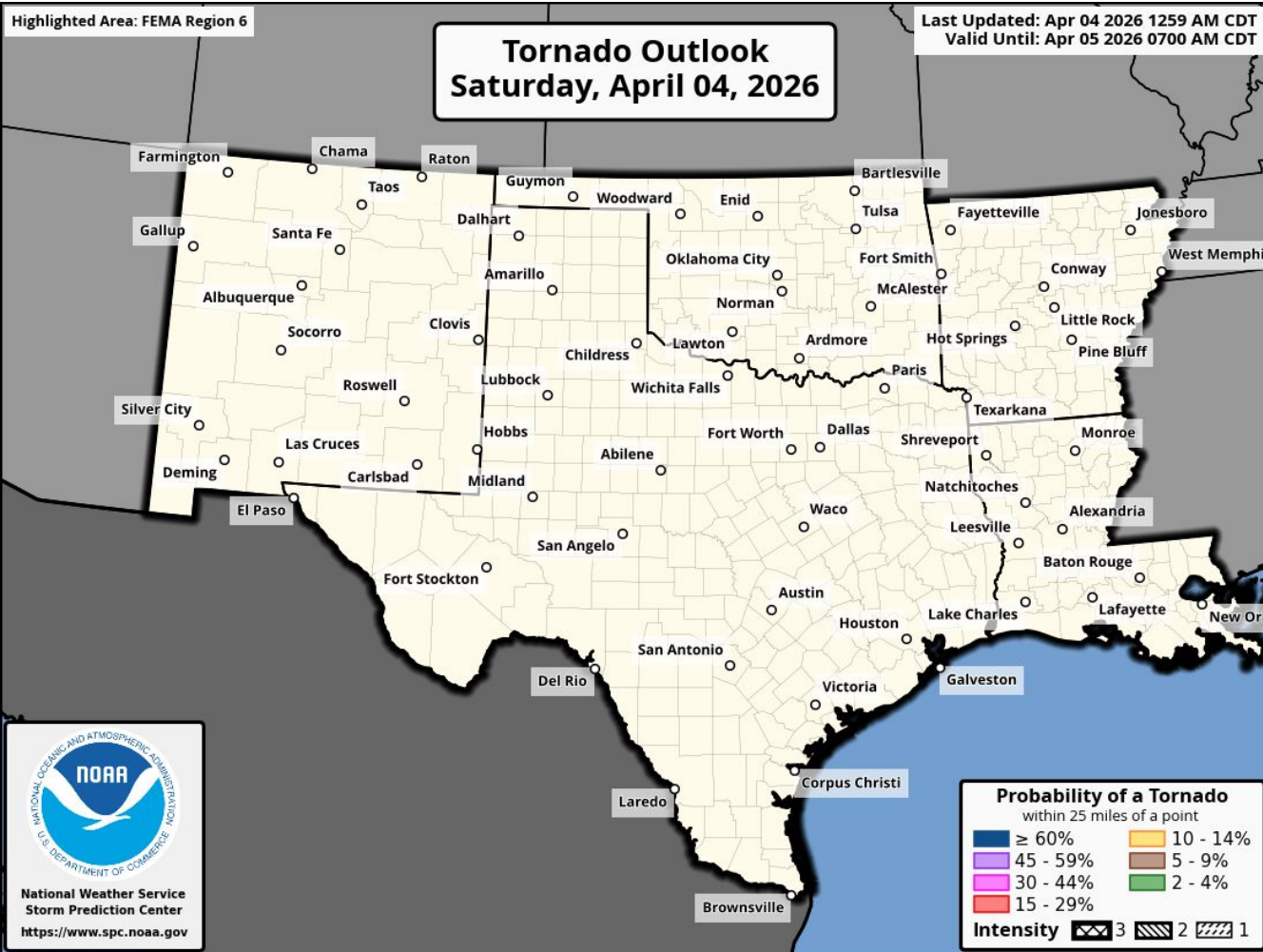
Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, TX, and LA.

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





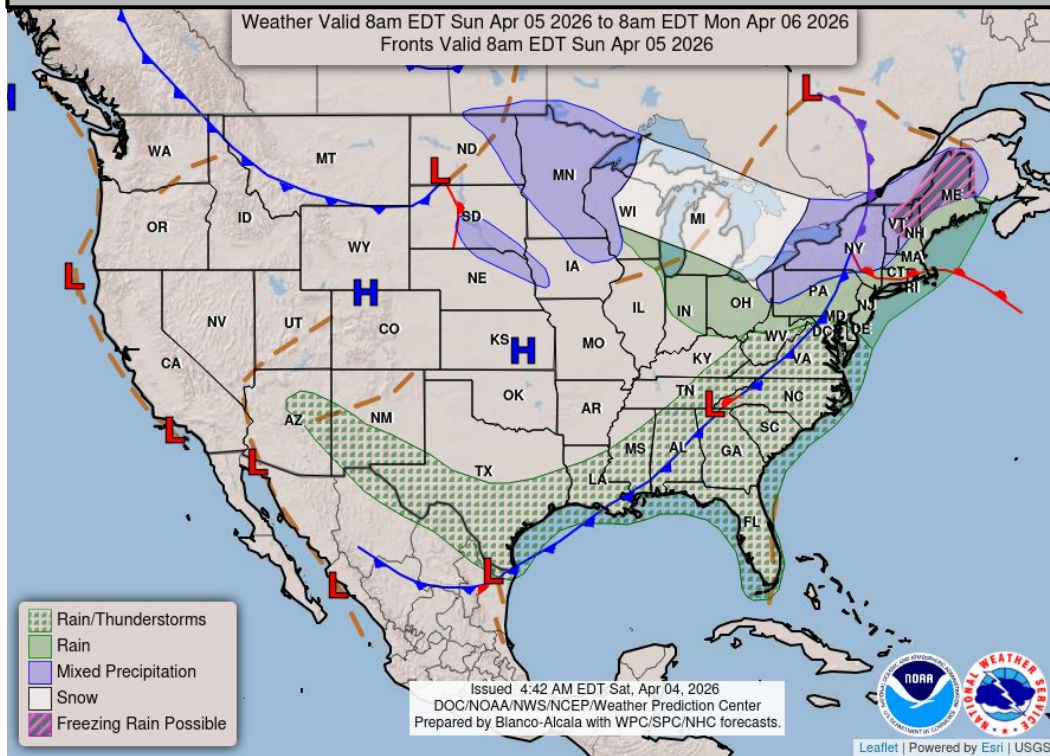
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



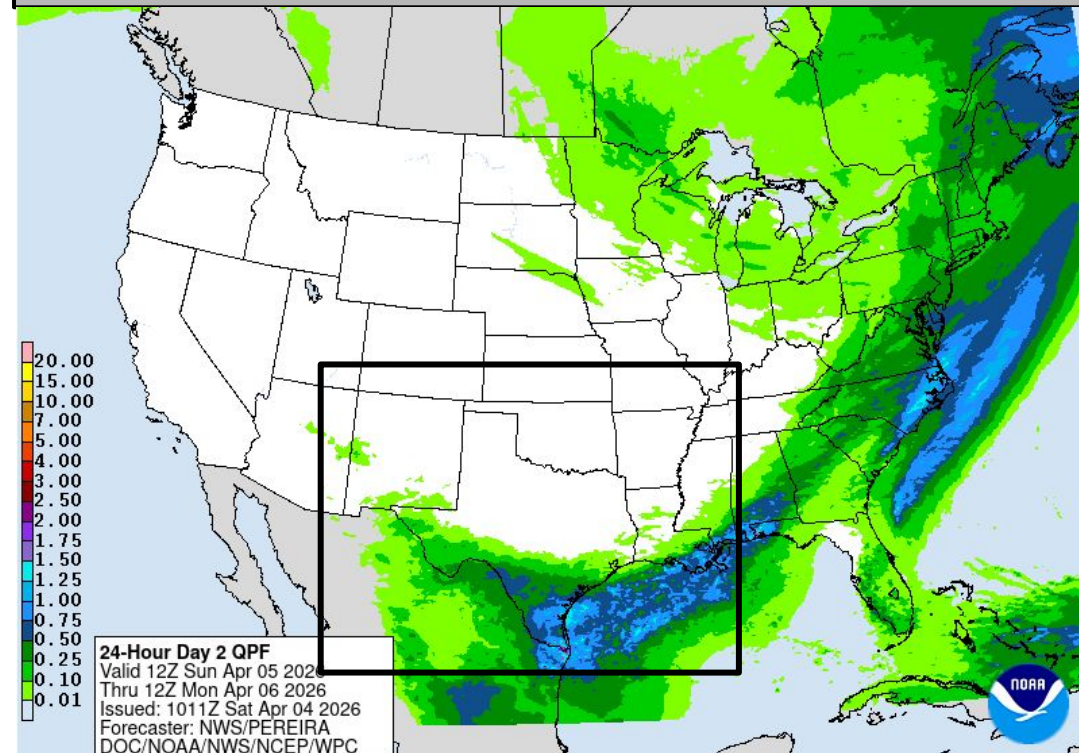


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



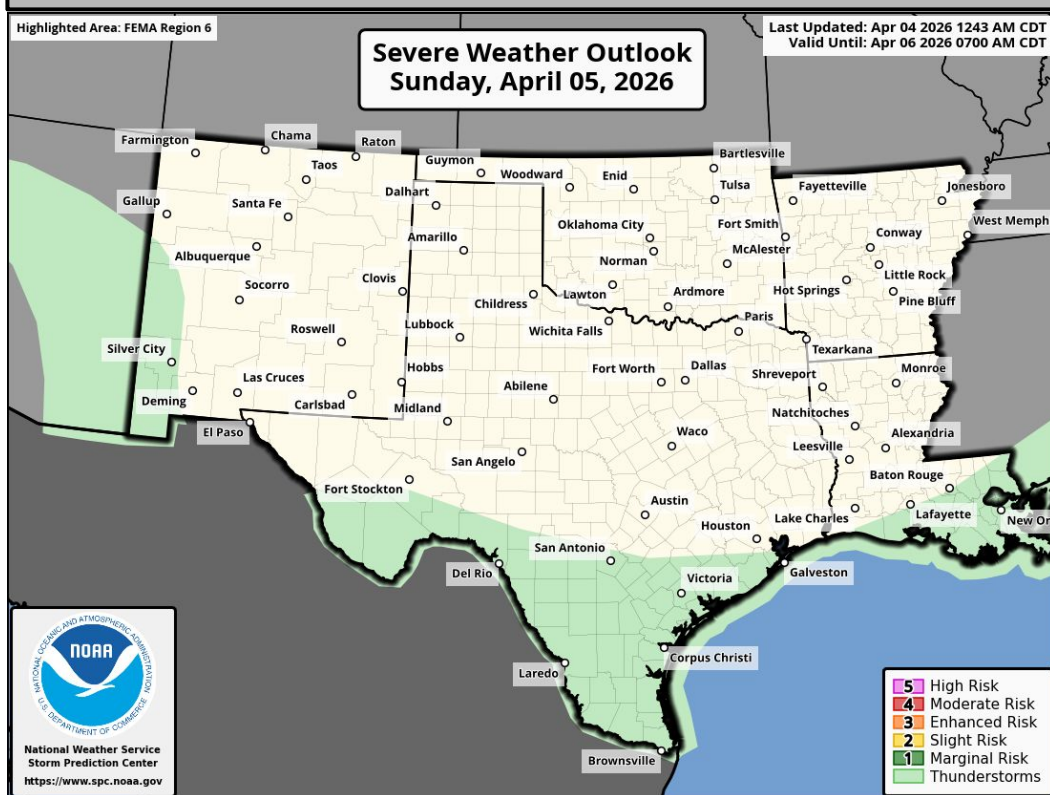
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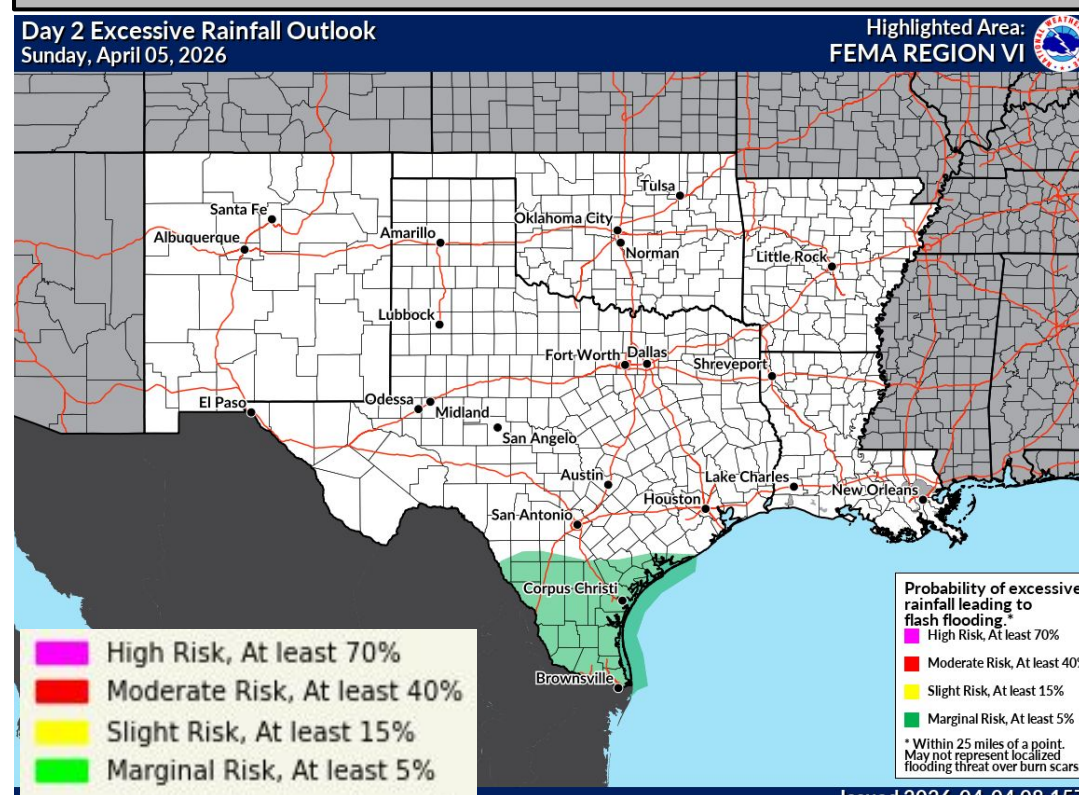
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over STX.

Elevated fire weather risk (level 1 of 3) over E NM and the W TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook

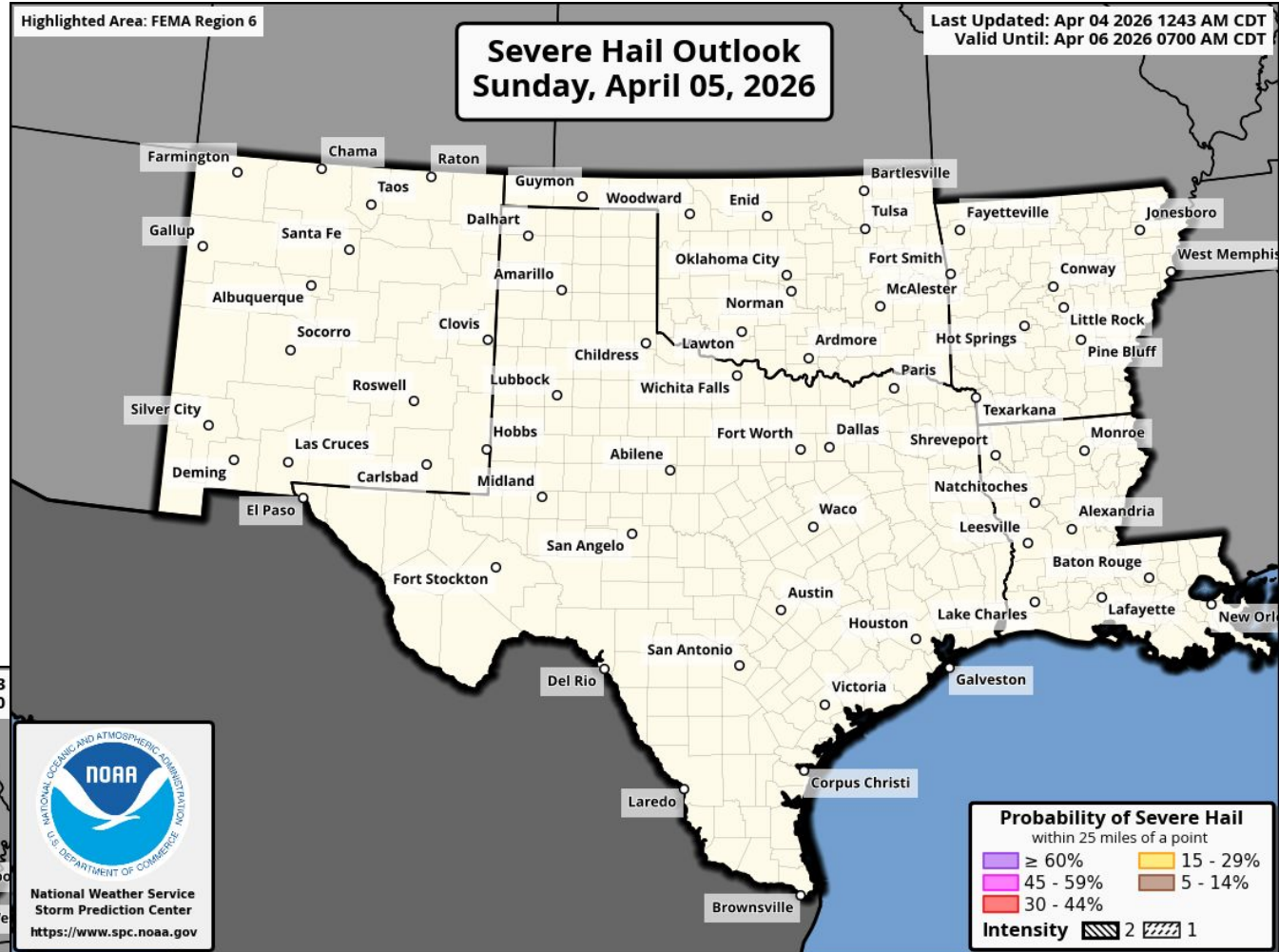
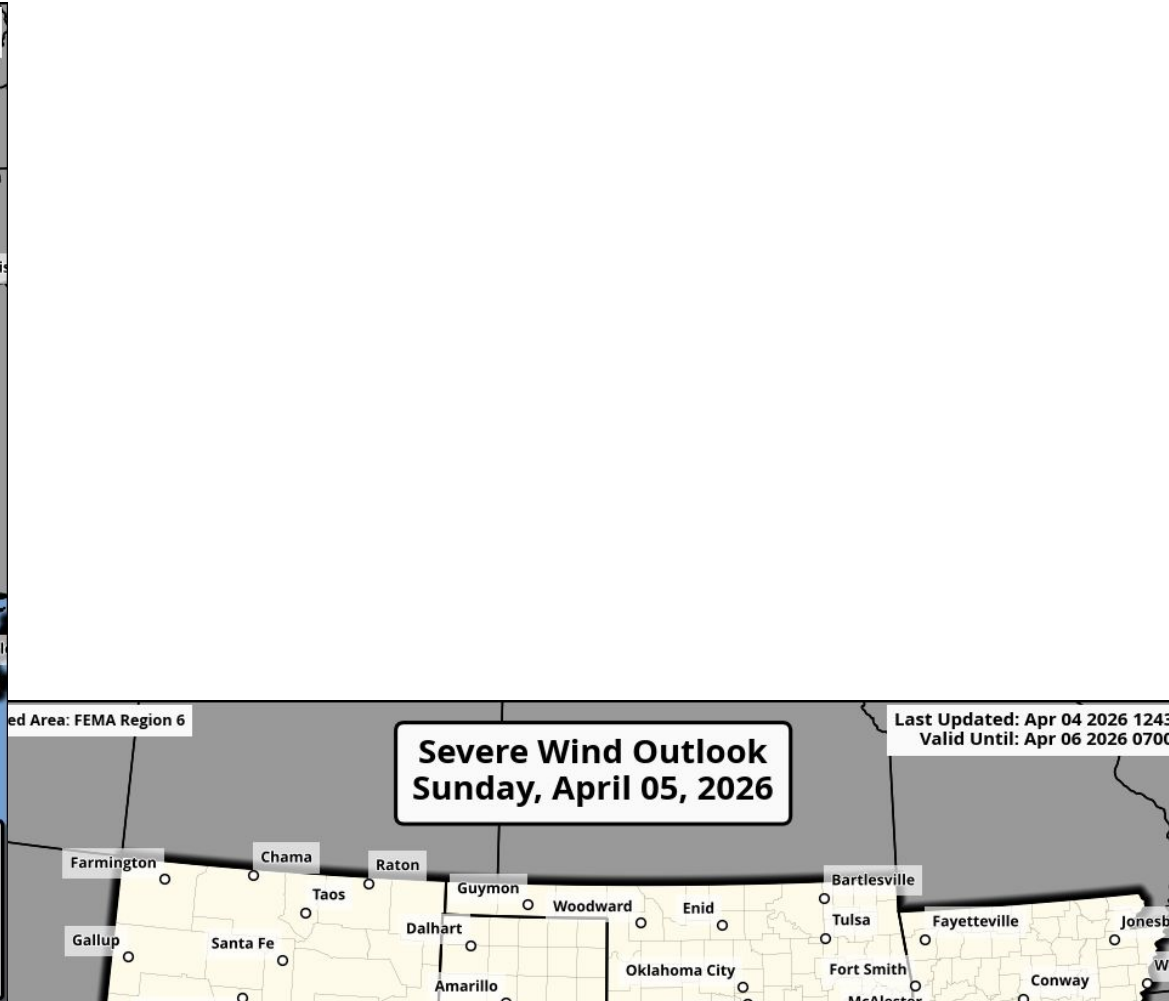
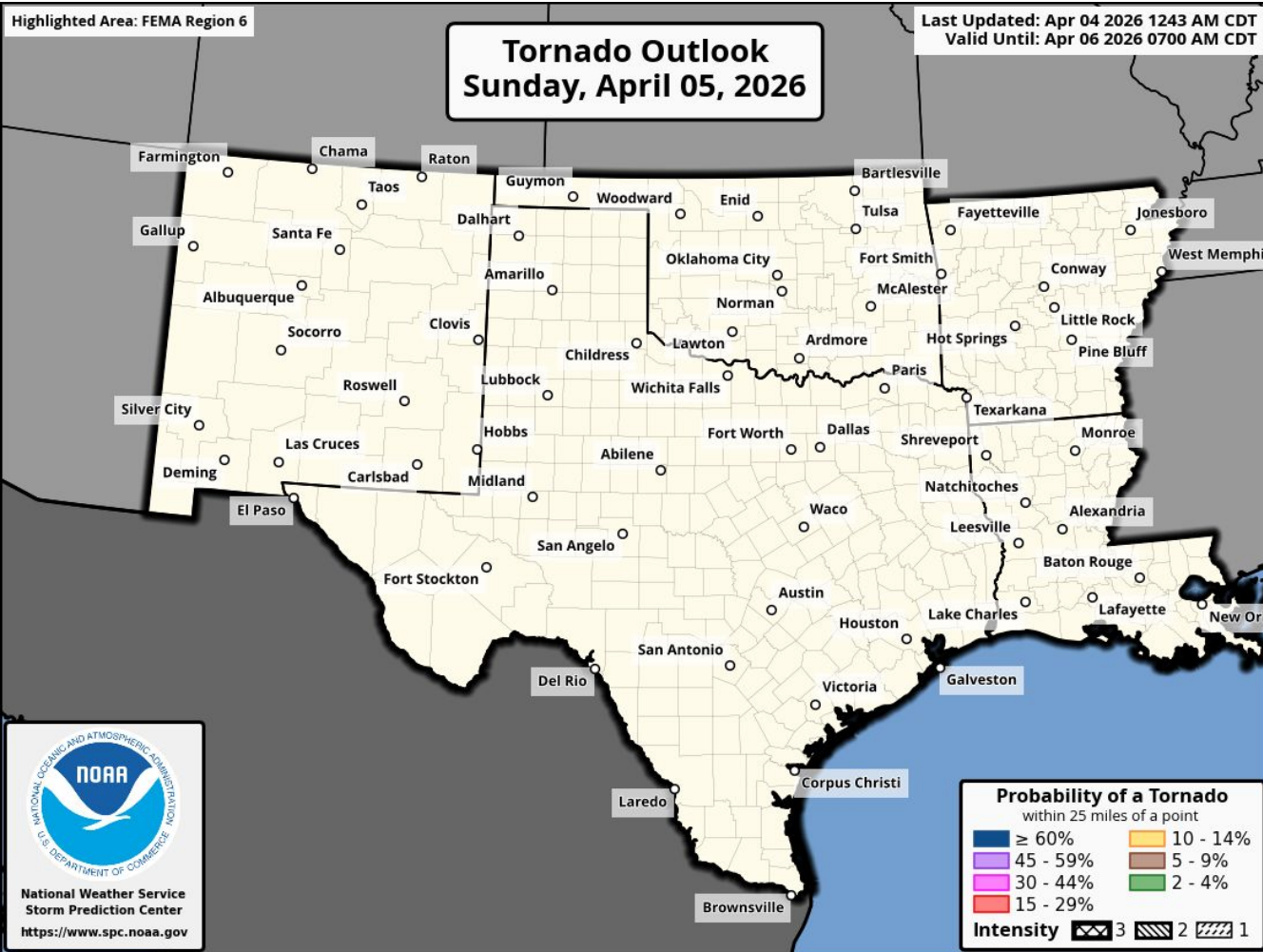


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





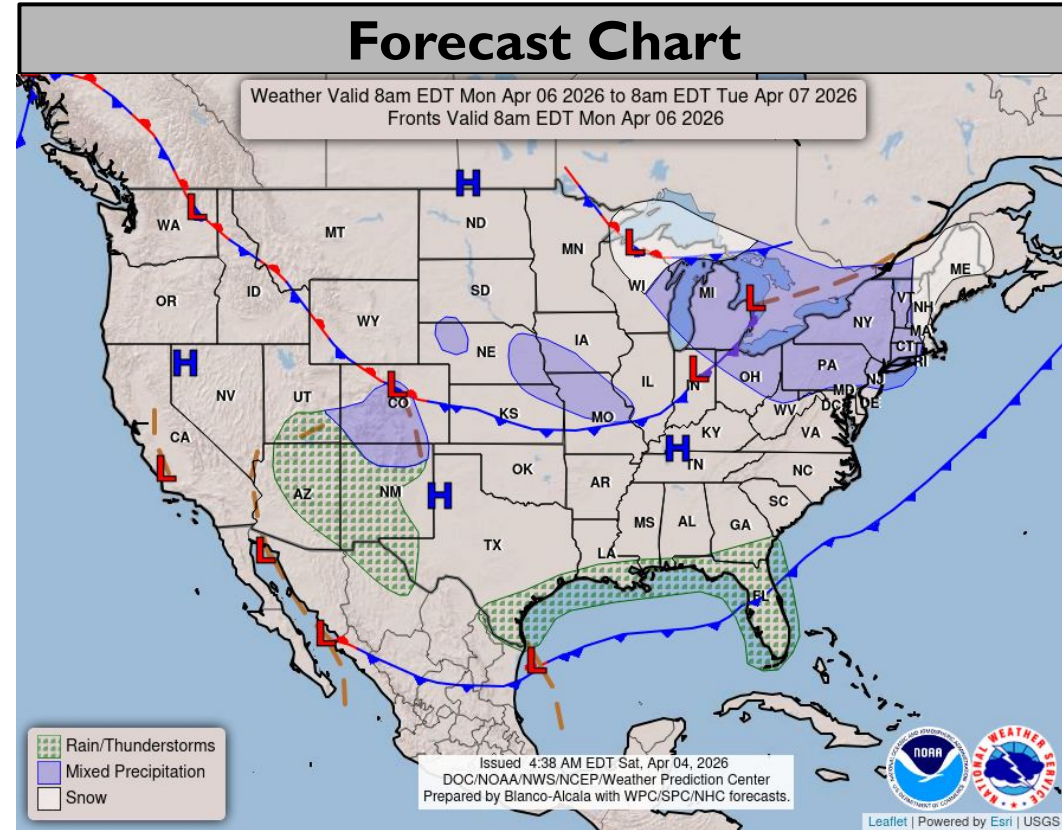
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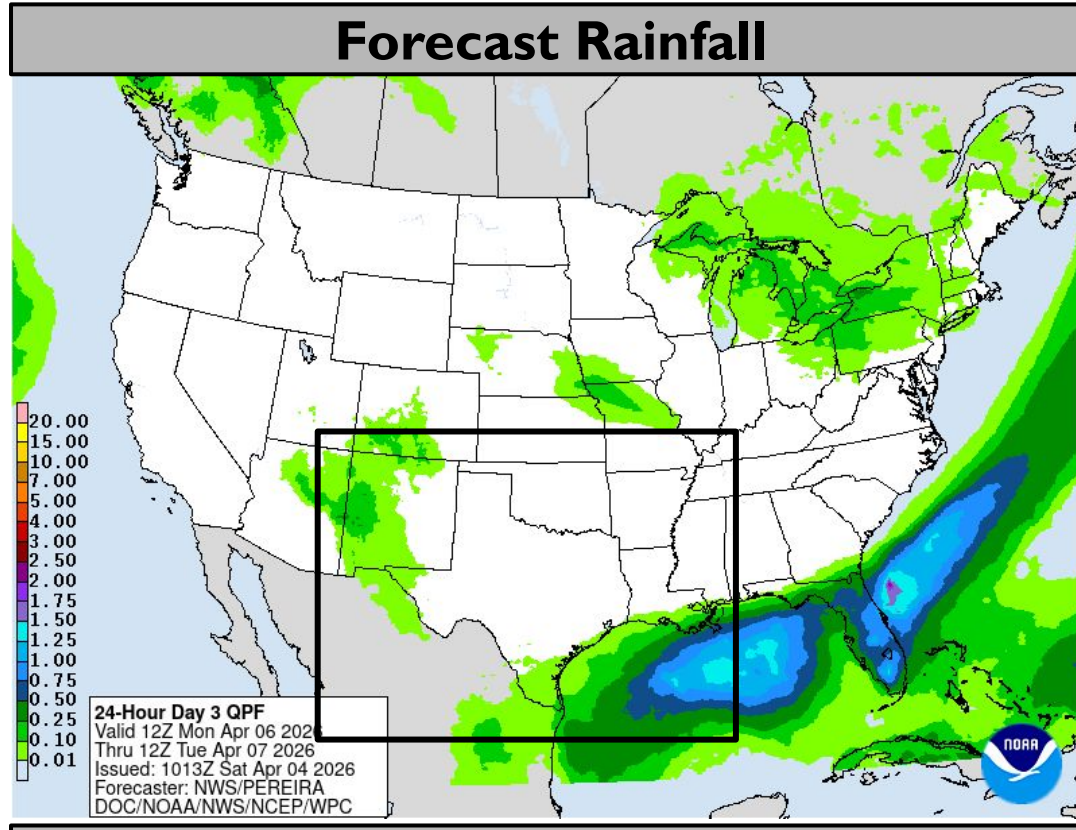


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

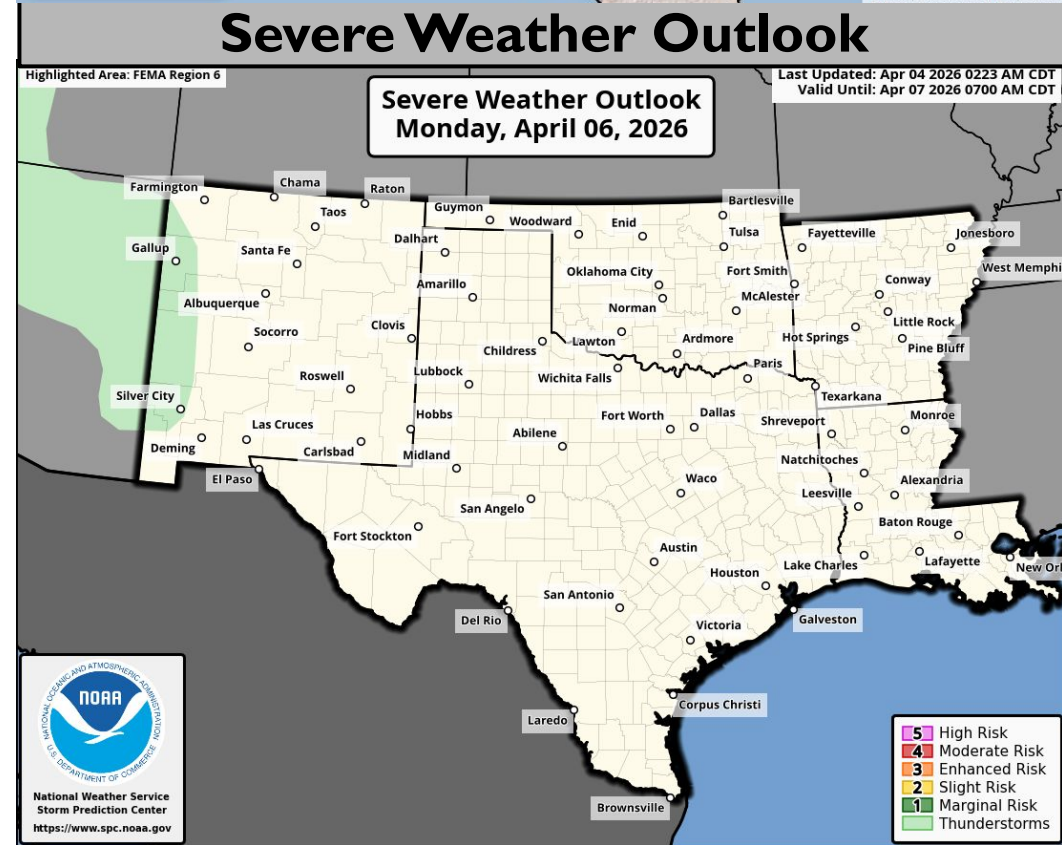


Forecast Rainfall

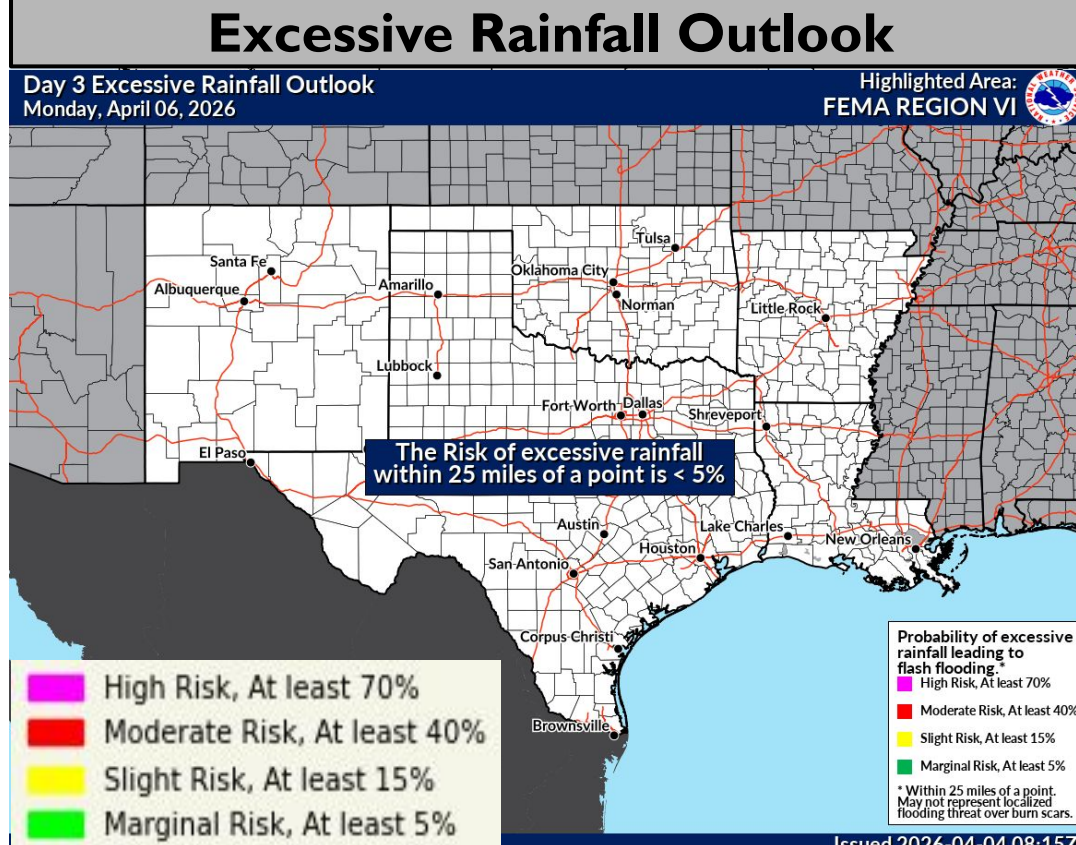


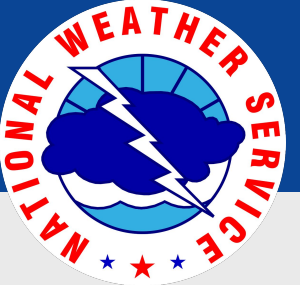
Elevated fire weather risk (level 1 of 3) over the TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook



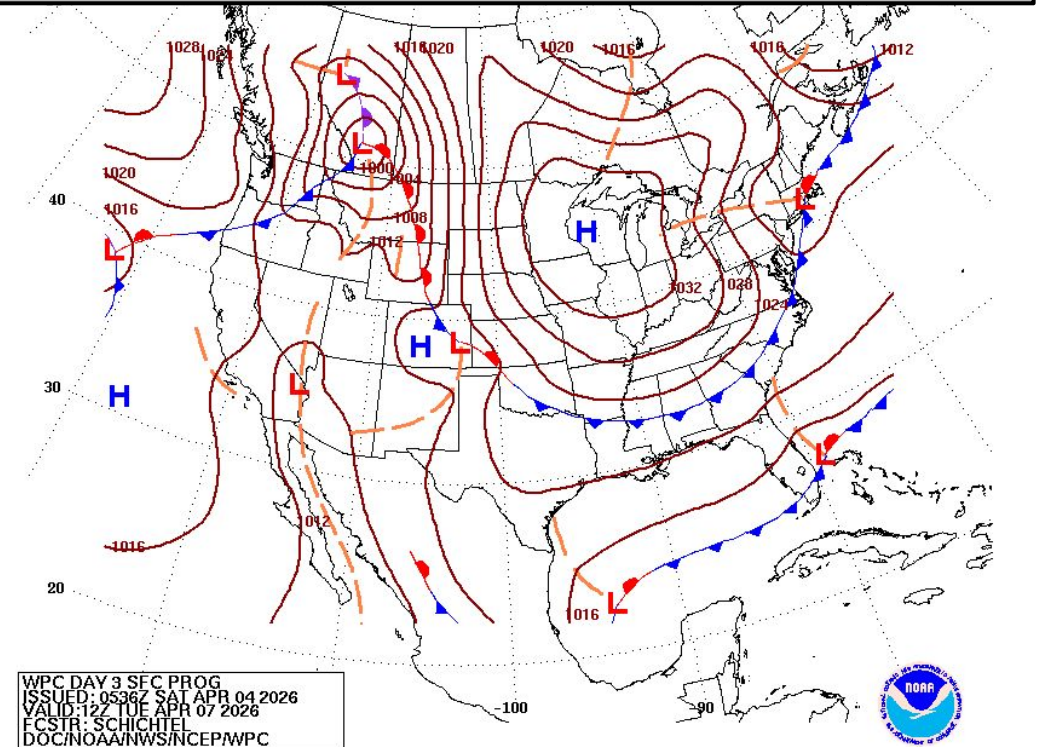
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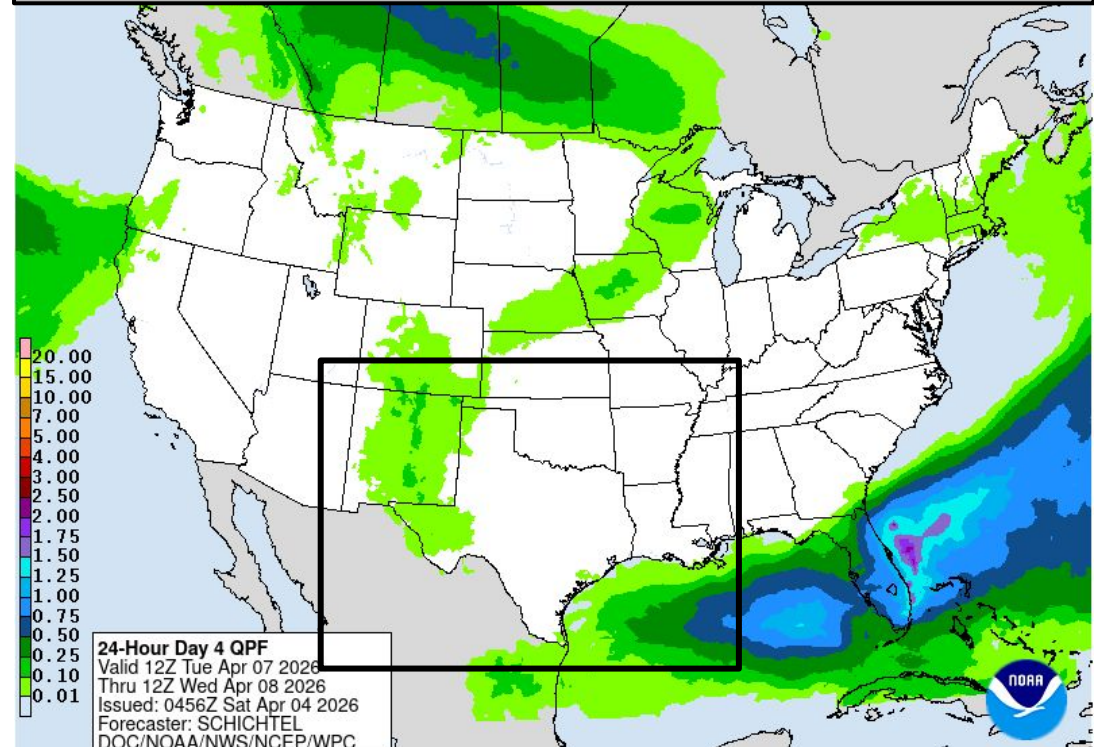


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

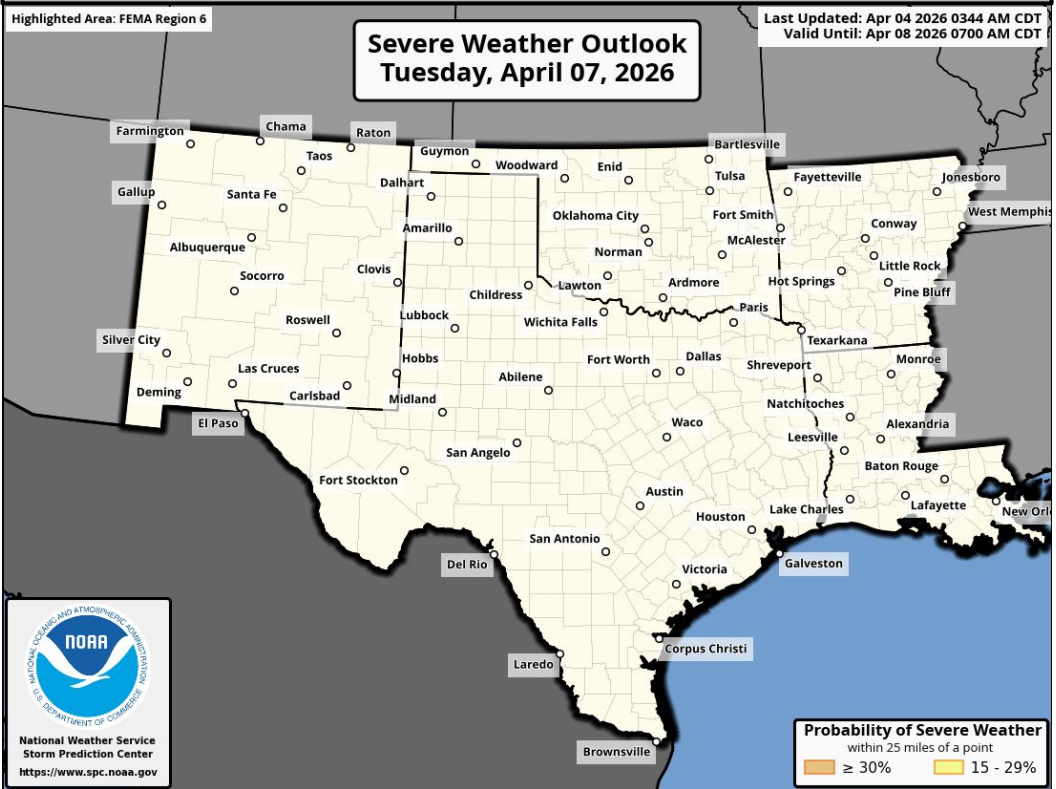


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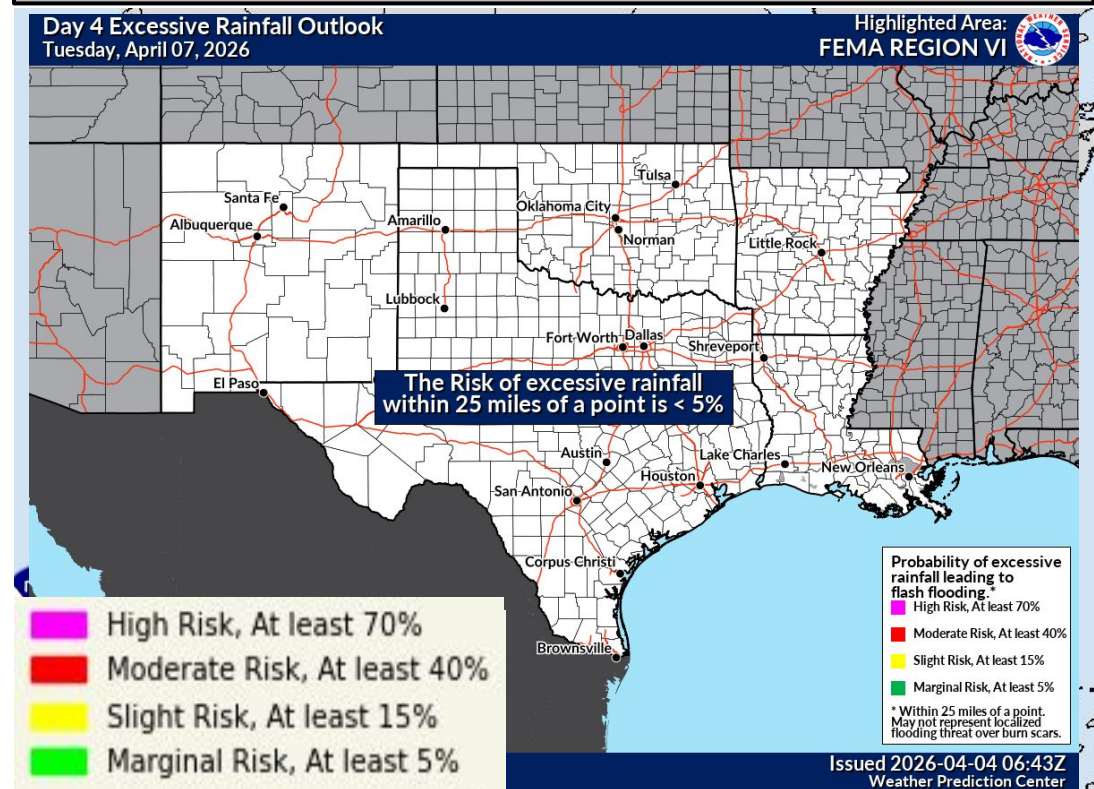


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



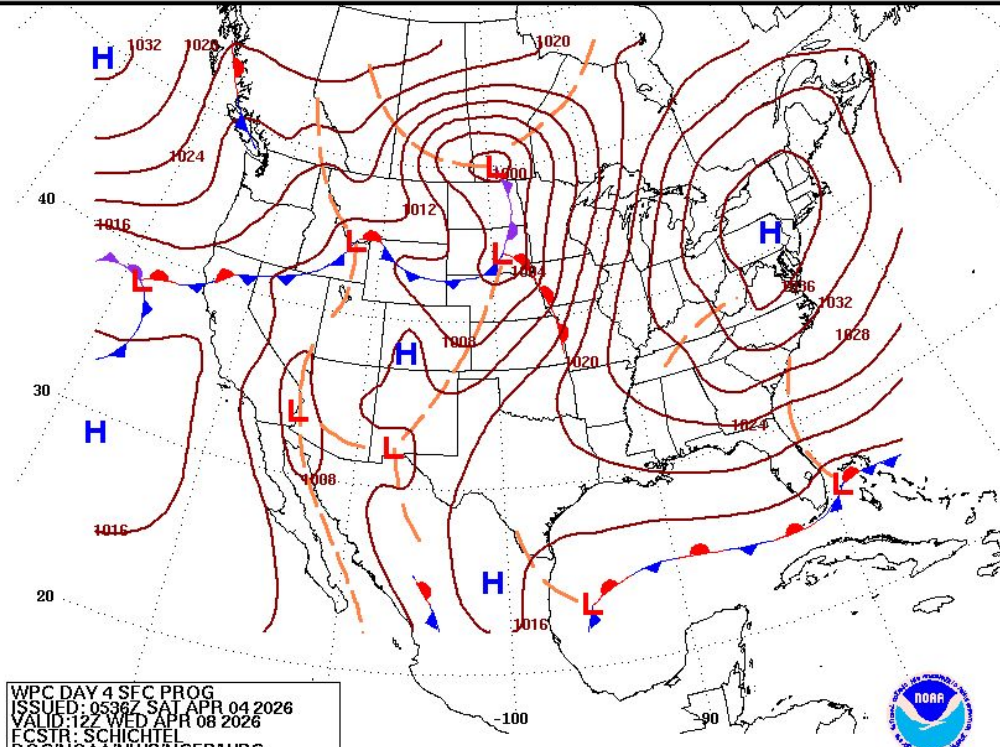
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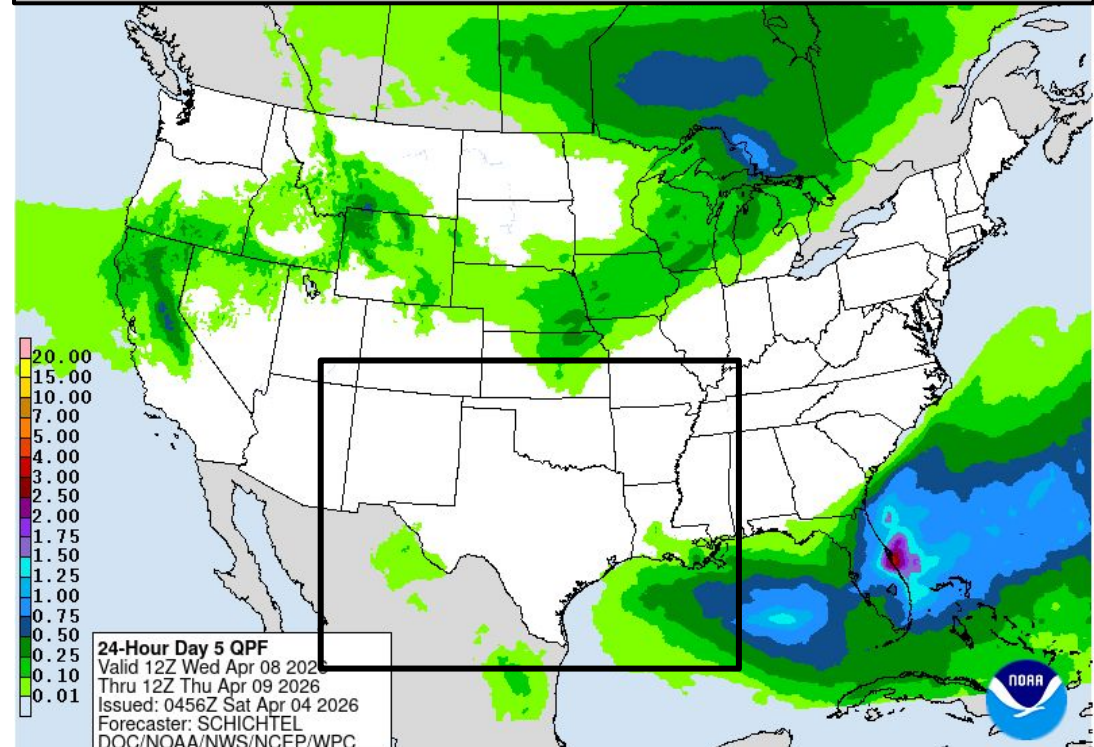
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

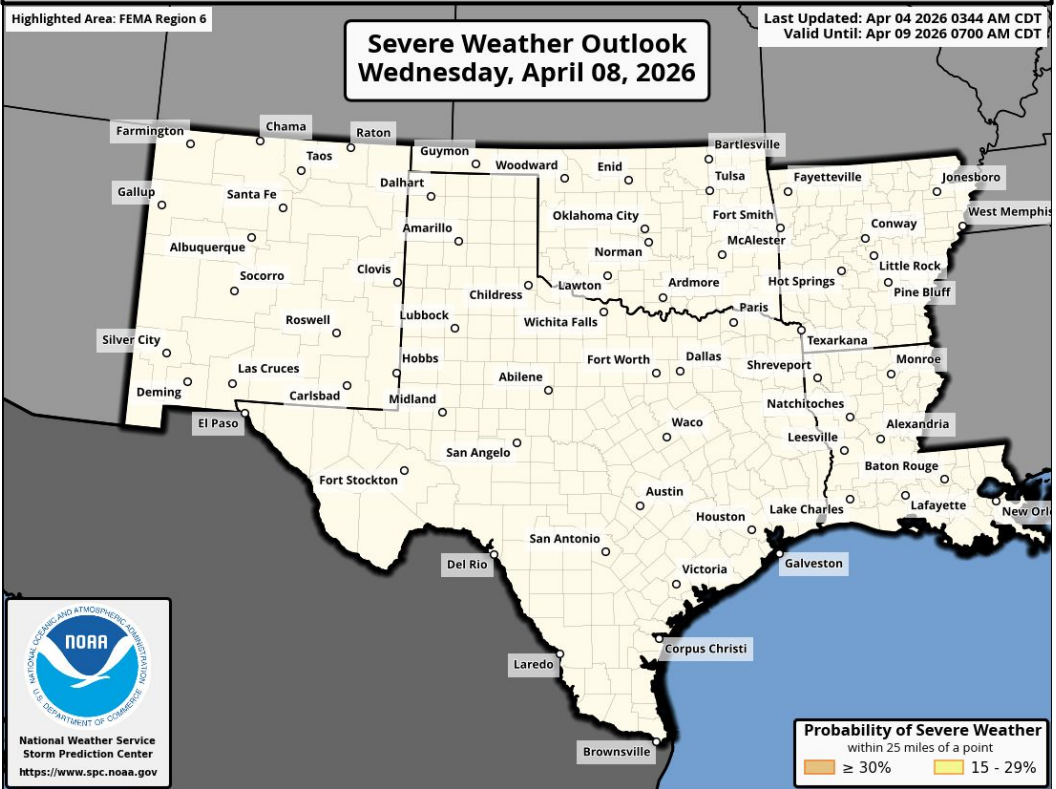
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
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Severe Weather Outlook

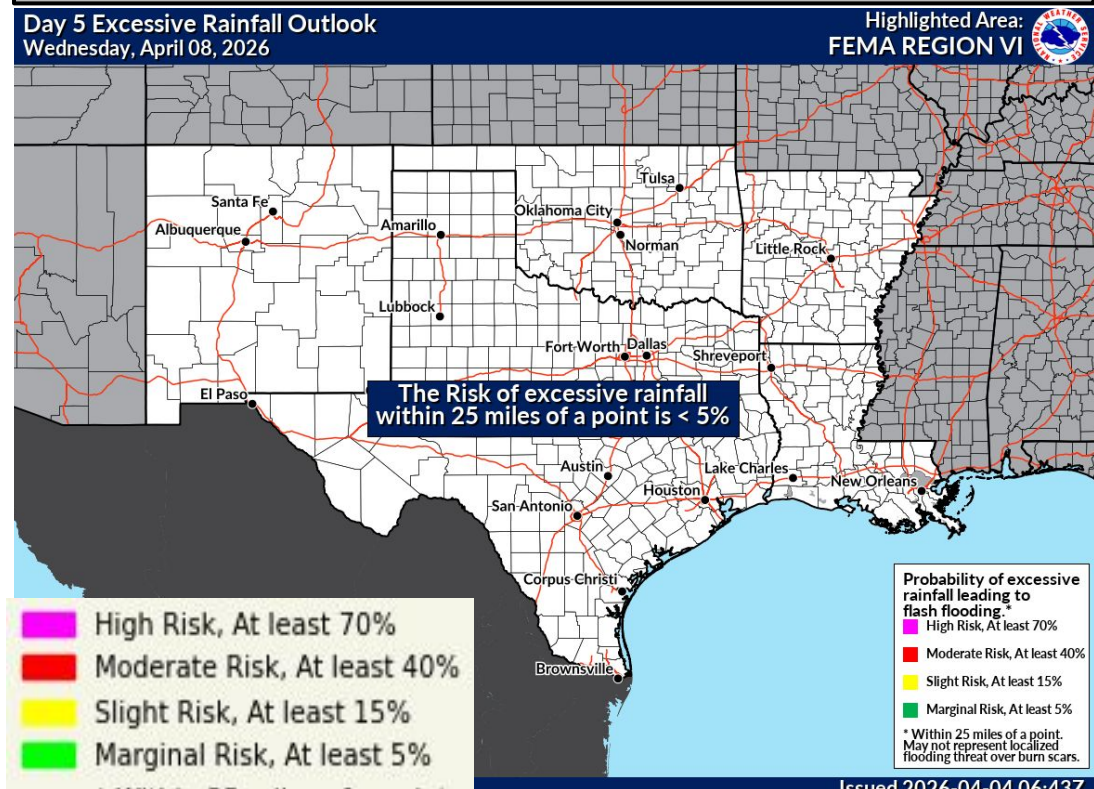


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, April 08, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 04 2026 0344 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 09 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
Wednesday, April 08, 2026

Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI

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

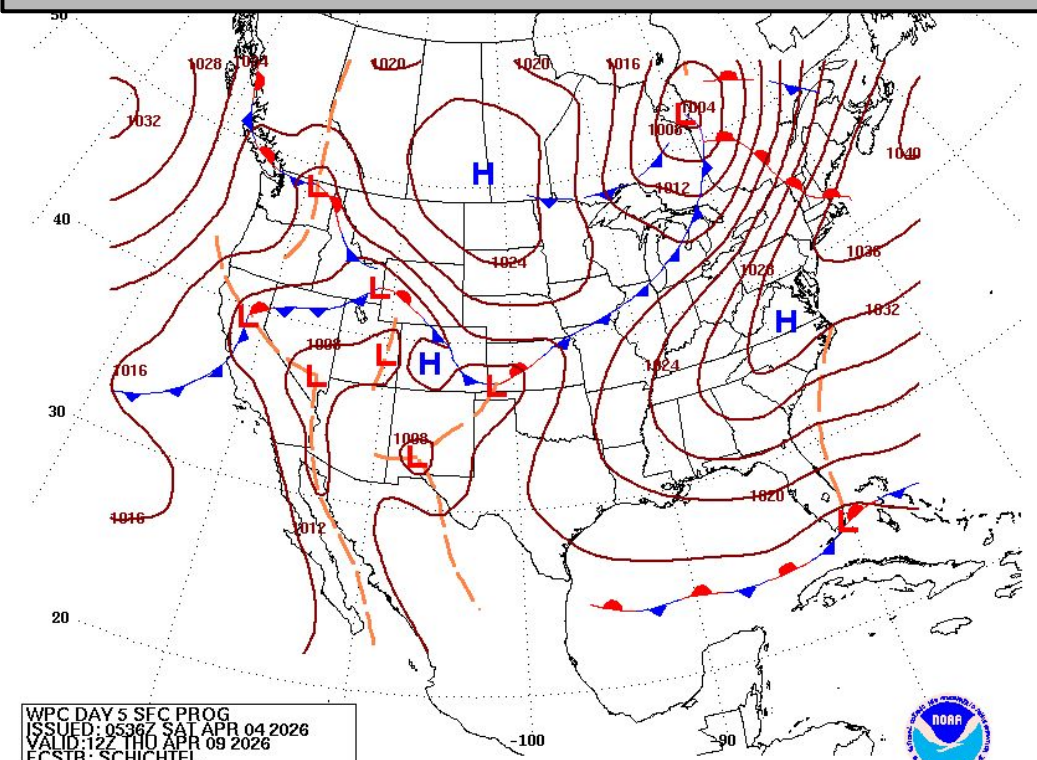
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.



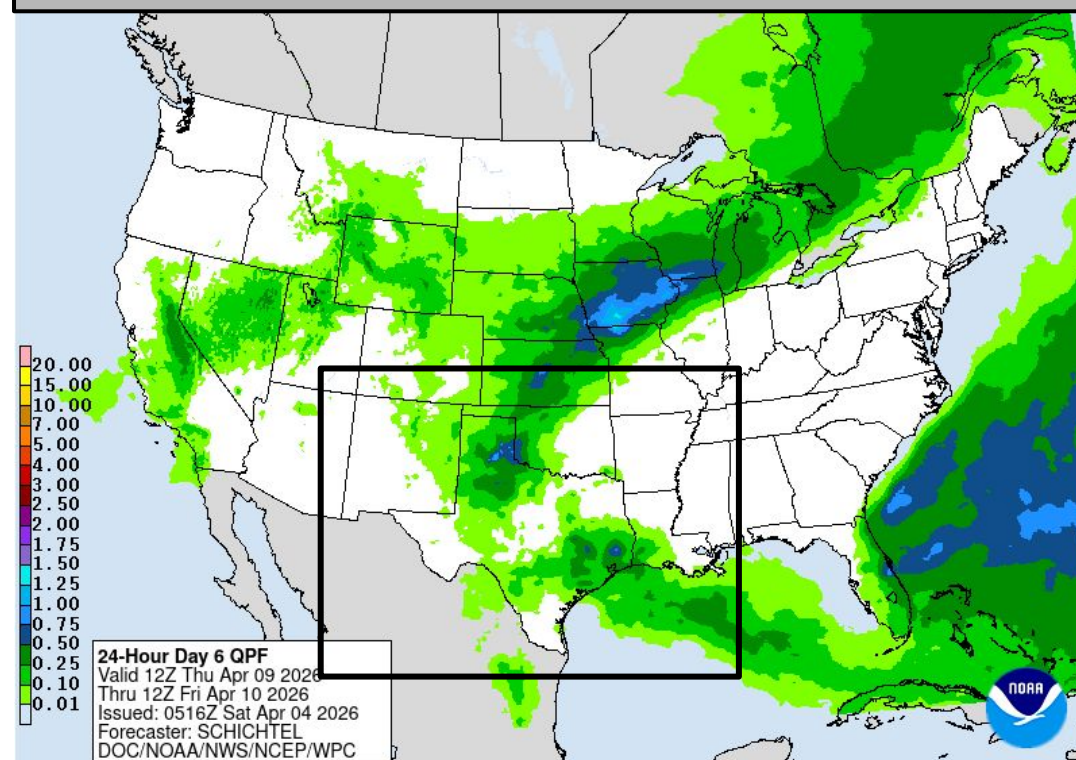
Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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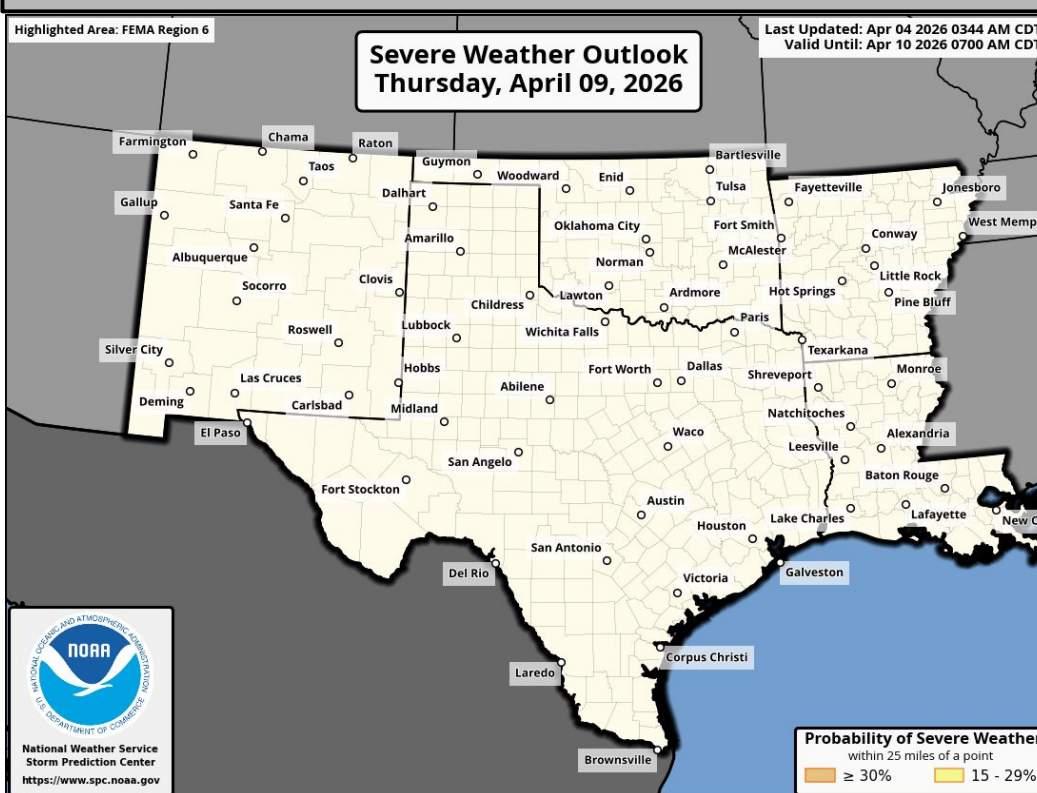
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
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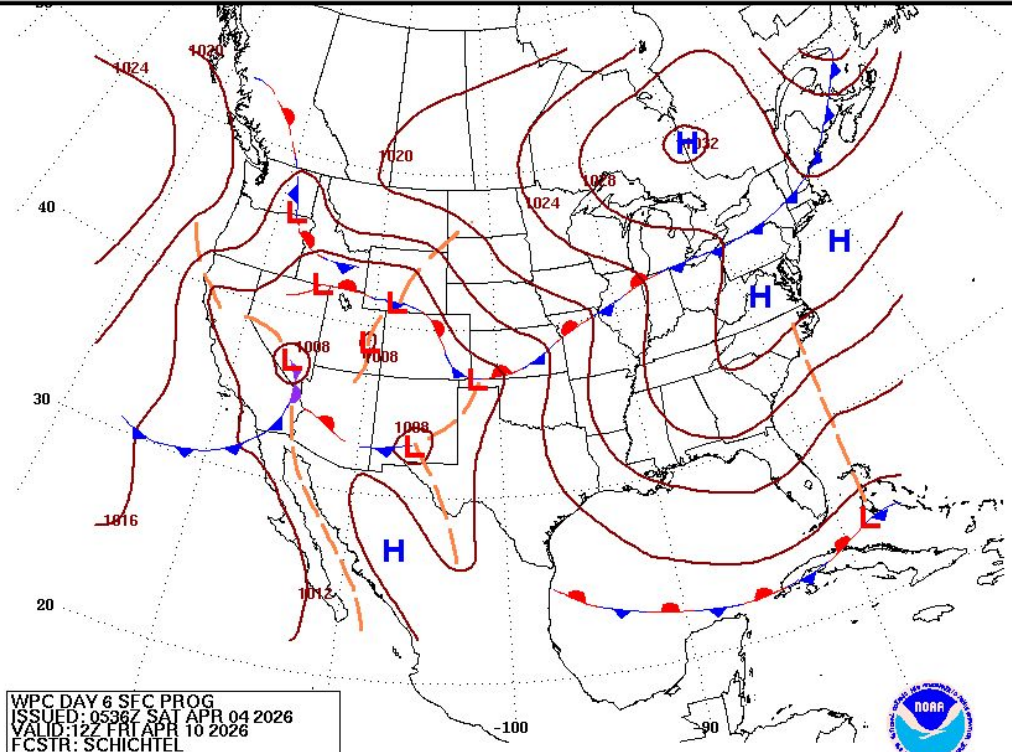
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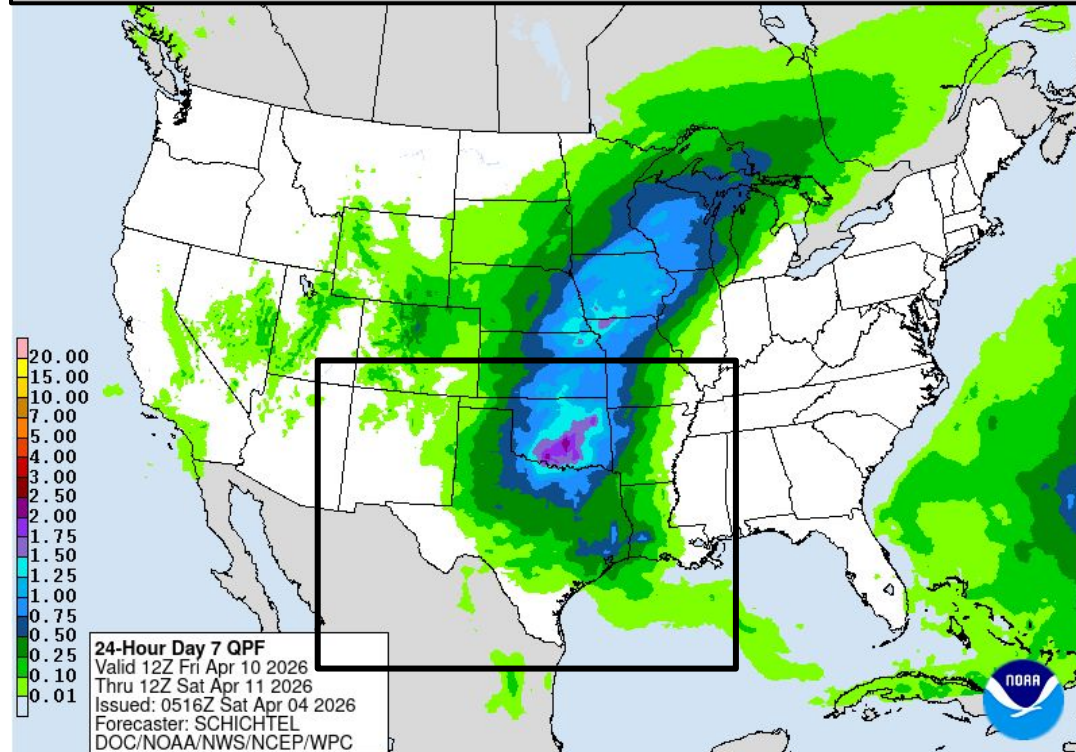
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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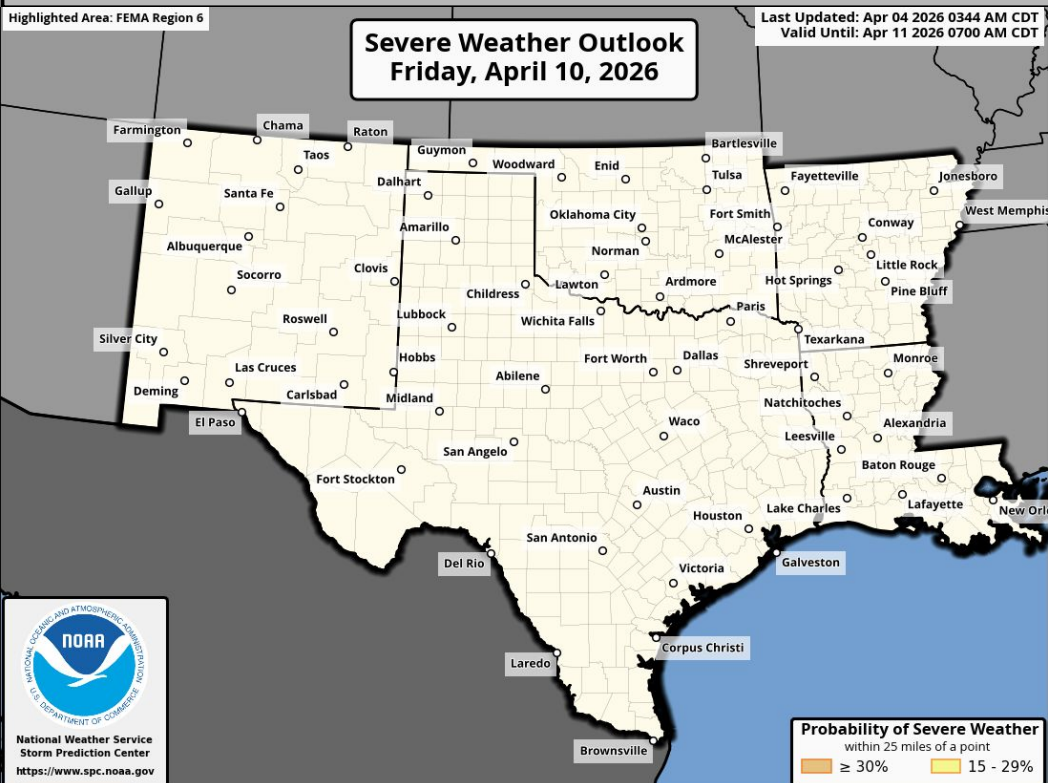
Forecast Rainfall



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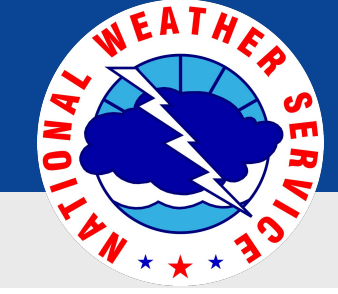
**Monitoring for heavy rainfall over
OK, N/NETX on Friday.**

Severe Weather Outlook



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
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Wind Gust/Relative Humidity

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/4 Sat		4/5 Sun				4/6 Mon				4/7 Tue			
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	Abilene	30	22	9	13	18	15	5	7	13	13	8	10	16
Amarillo	21	12	9	7	17	20	20	17	24	24	20	18	29	29
Beaver	21	15	5	6	13	15	16	23	28	24	20	22	31	29
El Paso	29	24	24	28	28	25	21	18	18	15	13	12	10	9
Enid	24	16	6	6	10	9	10	14	20	17	13	18	26	24
Fayetteville	20	18	12	15	17	13	5	6	8	8	9	15	16	16
Fort Davis	36	32	26	28	28	25	18	14	17	17	12	9	15	15
Guadalupe Pass	40	30	28	28	30	30	22	20	24	24	18	15	20	20
Lubbock	28	16	7	8	18	18	9	9	18	17	12	14	20	20
Midland/Odessa	36	26	12	17	22	20	9	10	17	17	10	16	21	21
Oklahoma City	25	17	6	8	10	8	7	8	13	12	10	17	23	21
San Angelo	29	23	10	17	20	16	6	8	13	13	8	9	15	15
Santa Fe	12	15	15	16	21	23	20	12	15	16	15	9	17	17
Shreveport	16	16	16	17	18	14	8	13	13	8	6	14	16	13
Tulsa	21	16	6	10	14	9	3	6	10	9	7	14	20	17
Wichita Falls	28	18	8	9	13	10	5	7	12	12	9	14	20	18

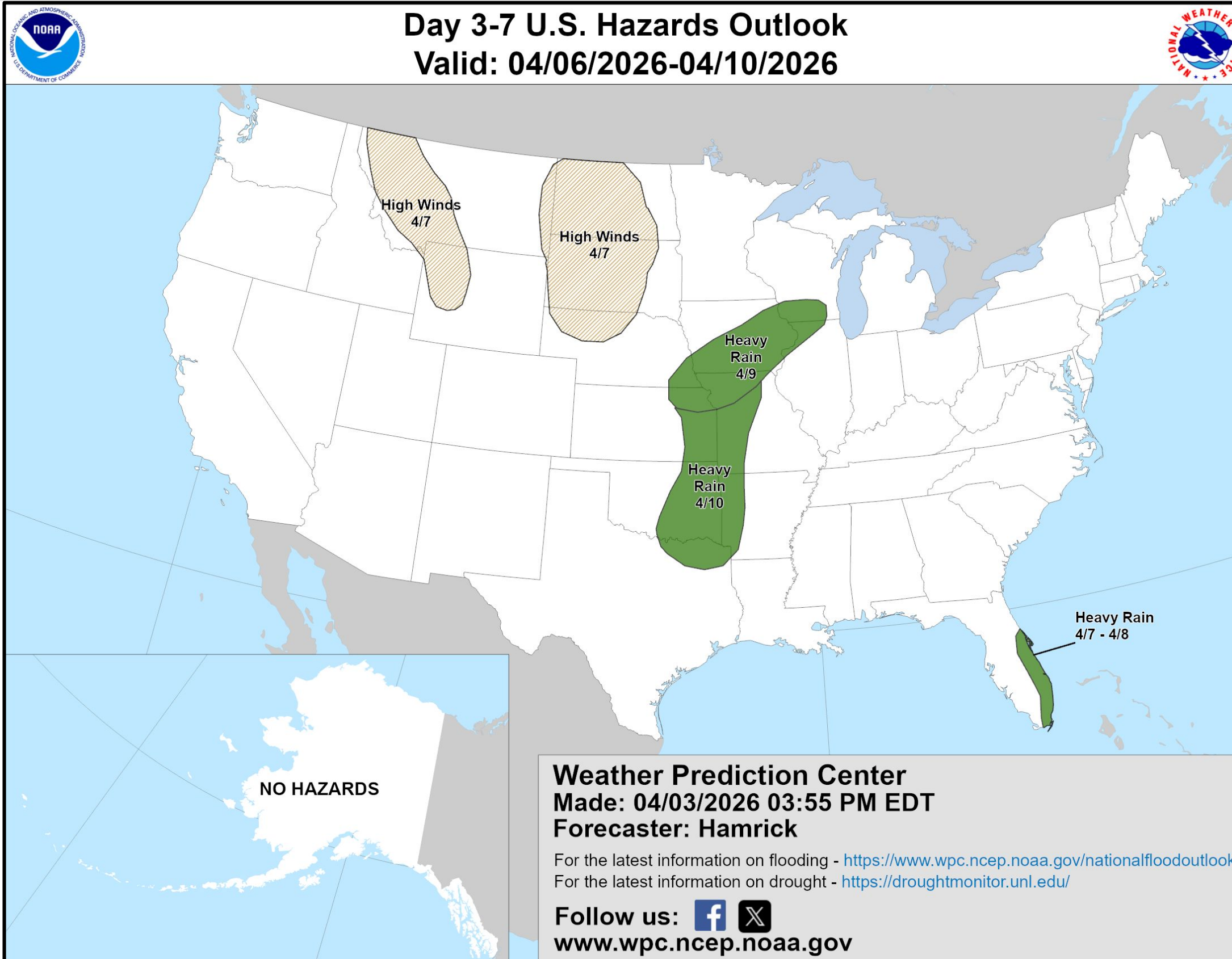
RH (%) Forecast

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Amarillo	31	19	36	49	25	16	40	65	25	16	38	67	35	23
Beaver	31	20	46	69	26	17	46	73	24	15	43	76	37	22
El Paso	19	16	29	34	30	31	40	50	44	33	44	59	48	24
Enid	43	33	65	82	44	37	74	100	41	32	56	96	46	37
Fayetteville	72	47	71	79	47	39	73	85	40	38	69	86	46	40
Fort Davis	61	39	50	53	42	41	62	79	56	41	63	82	49	37
Guadalupe Pass	28	32	45	48	42	57	57	62	51	52	58	65	54	45
Lubbock	34	19	40	60	30	22	45	70	35	21	40	73	44	31
Midland/Odessa	53	28	43	56	35	25	45	74	42	28	49	76	51	37
Oklahoma City	55	41	63	76	47	37	69	86	43	34	61	79	46	36
San Angelo	72	48	66	77	47	38	64	86	55	36	69	93	60	43
Santa Fe	29	15	30	44	31	17	31	54	40	24	44	66	56	34
Shreveport	76	81	87	83	52	44	66	86	46	36	66	83	42	37
Tulsa	61	41	63	76	47	37	69	89	41	34	59	82	48	38
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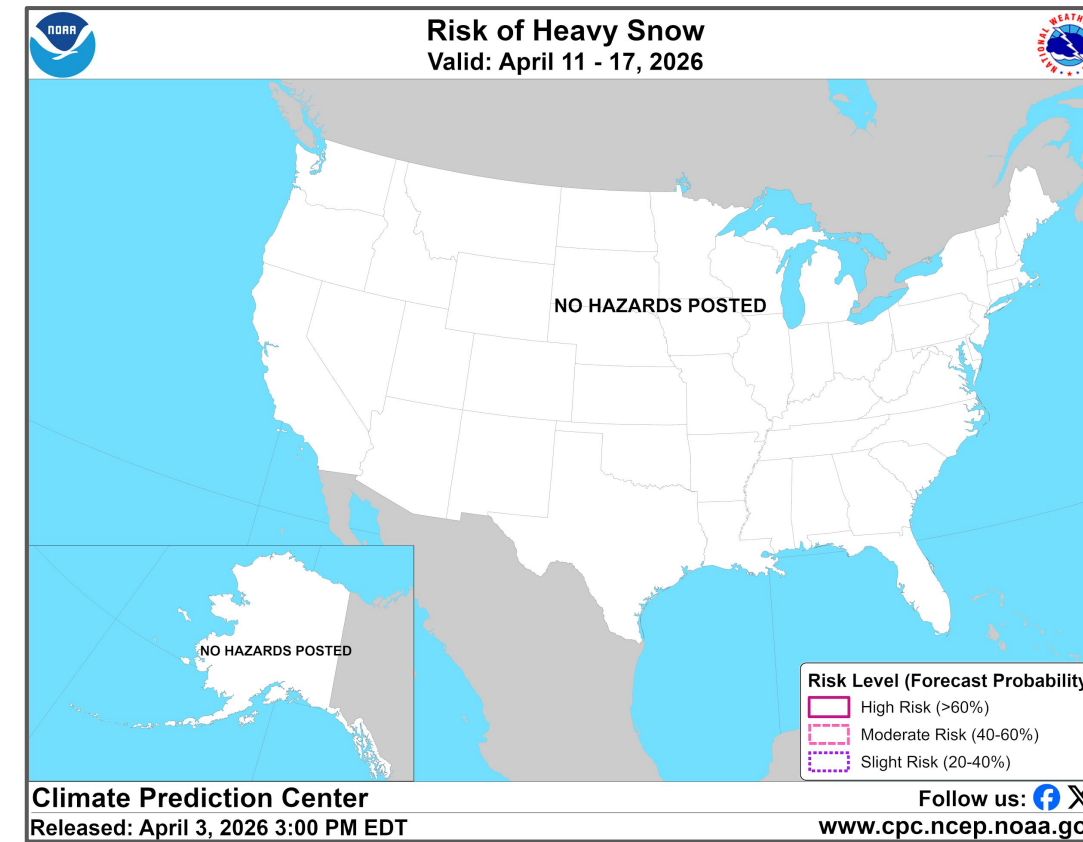
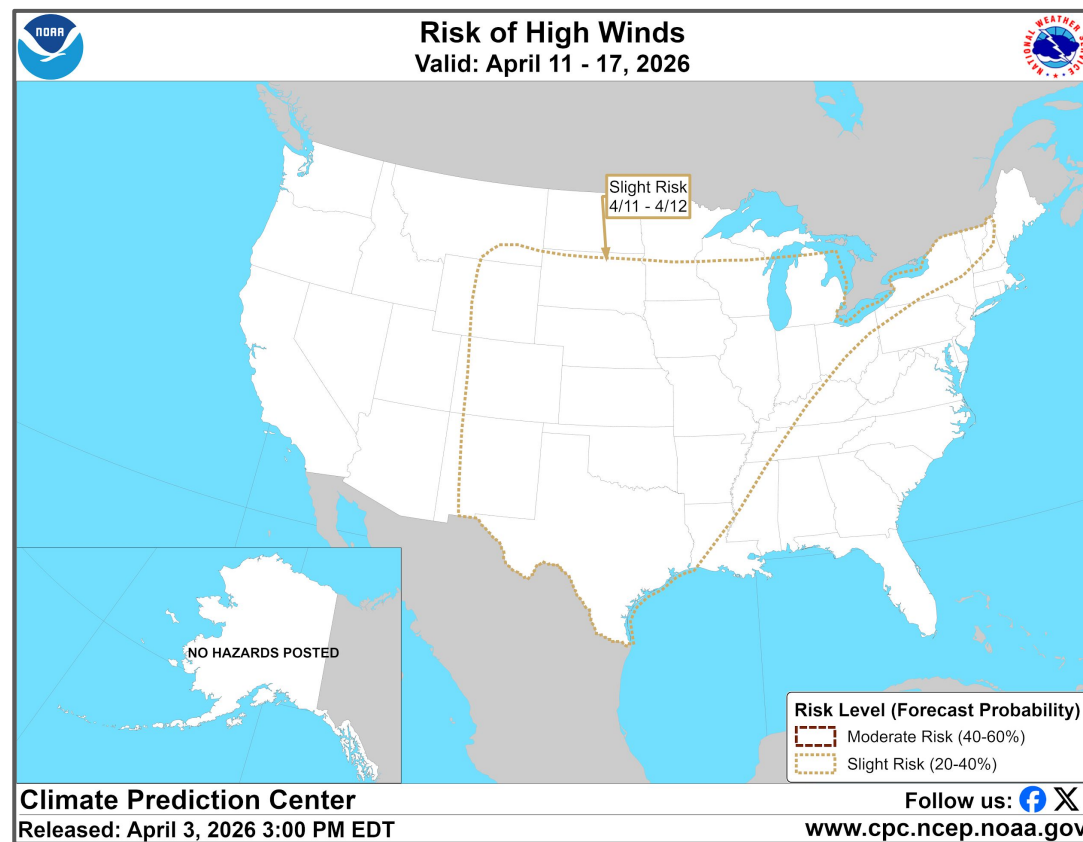
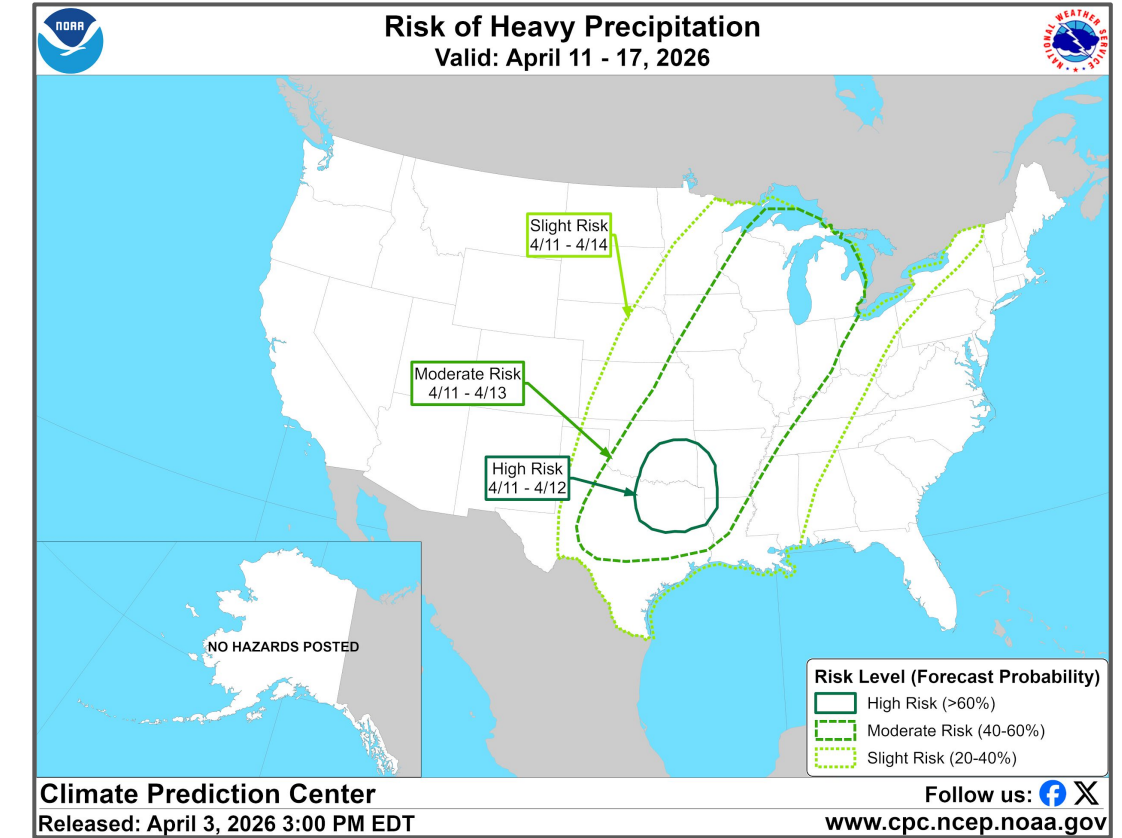
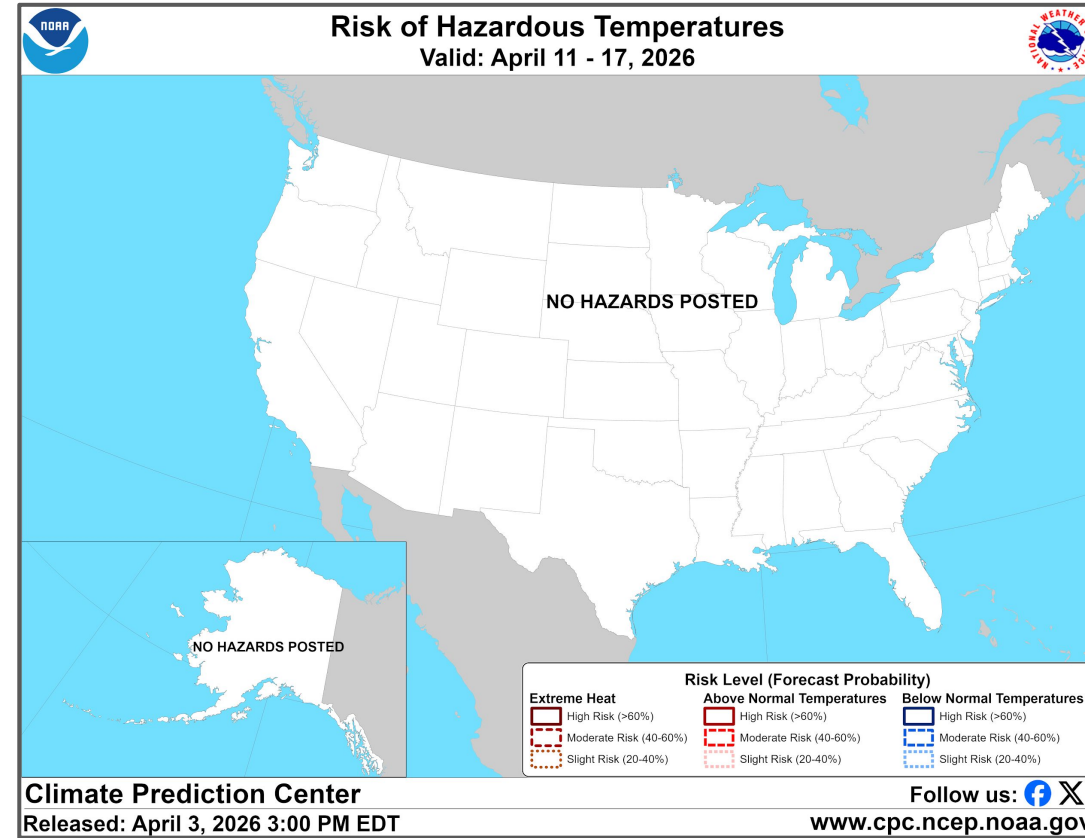
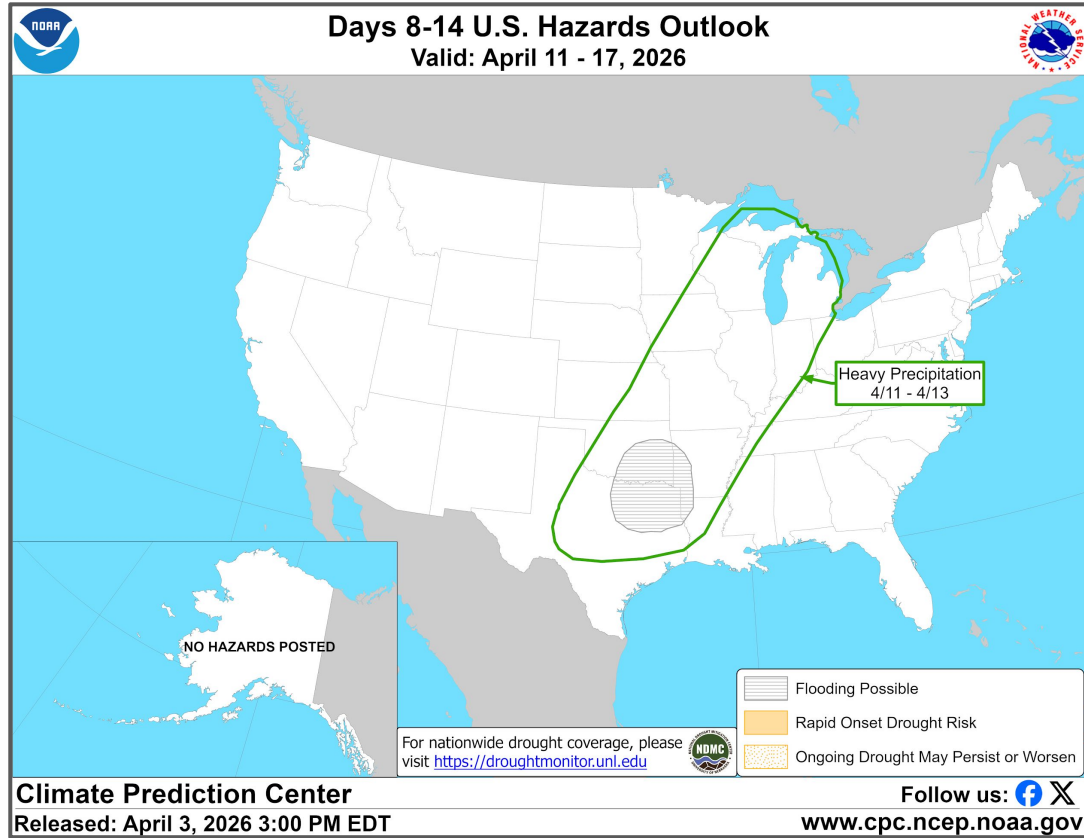


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





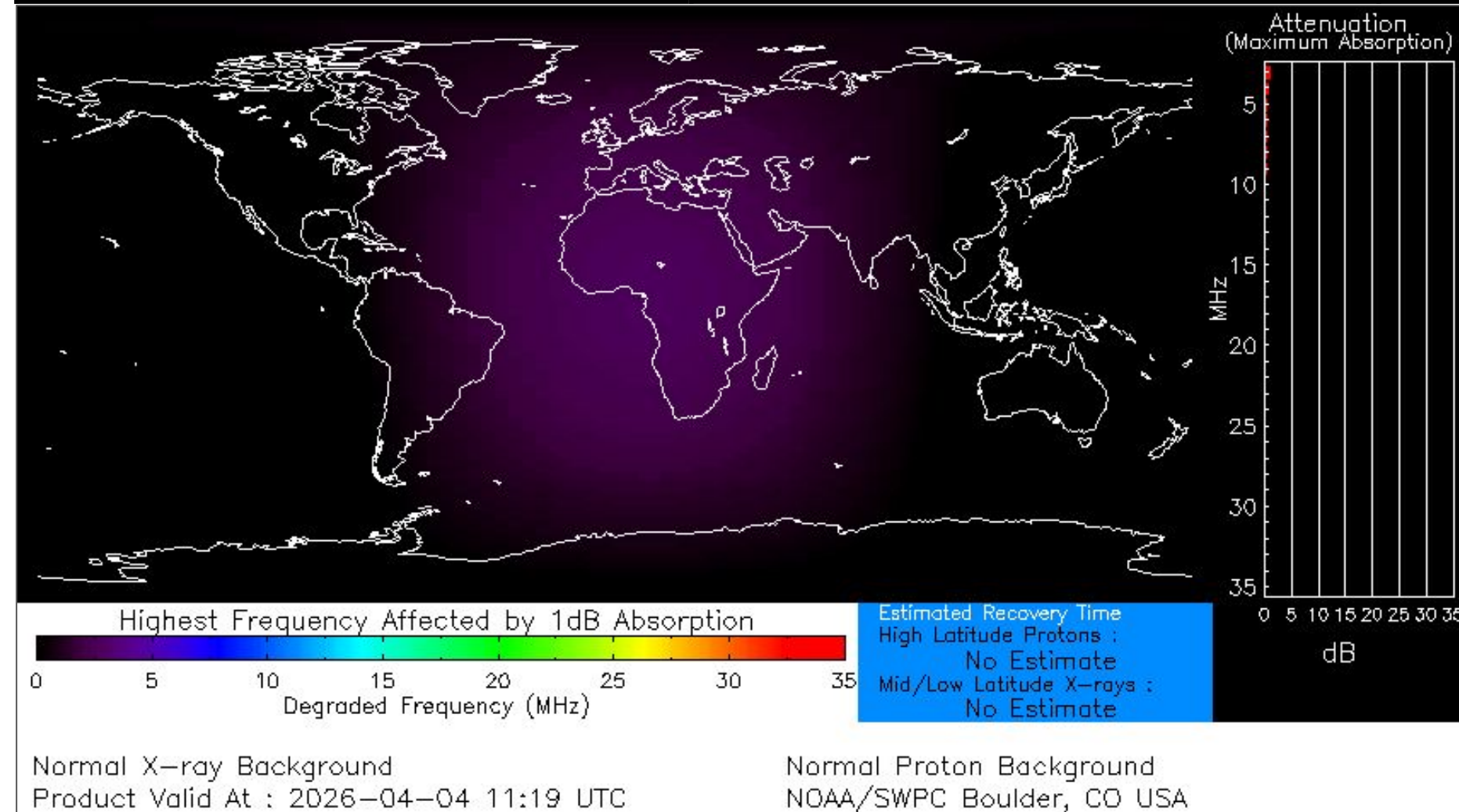
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook





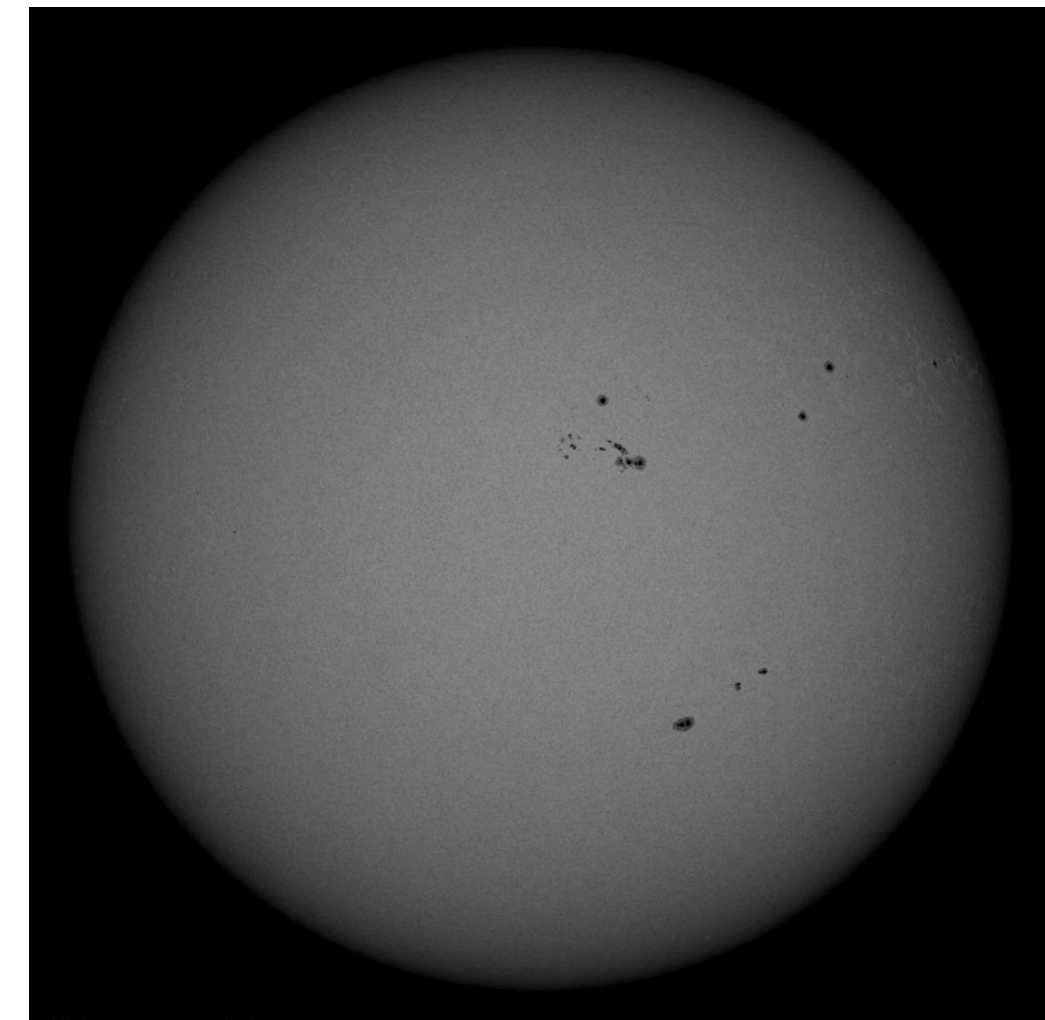
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

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