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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, April 06, 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

- **Fire Weather:**
 - **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) today over E NM, and the TX/OK Panhandles.**
 - **Elevated Wednesday over NE NM and the western TX/OK Panhandles.**
- **Severe Storms:**
 - **Monitoring TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX Thursday into Friday.**
 - **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX Saturday and expanding eastward in C OK, NW/C TX Sunday.**
- **Flash Flooding:**
 - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Thursday in N-C OK.**
 - **Monitoring for threat of heavy rainfall over OK Sunday.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7	Wednesday, Apr 8	Thursday, Apr 9	Friday, Apr 10	Saturday, Apr 11	Sunday, Apr 12
Severe Storms				TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, WTX	TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, WTX	TX/OK Panhandles, W/C OK, W/NW/CTX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding				N-C OK			OK
Heat							
Fire Weather	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles		NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles				
River Flooding							

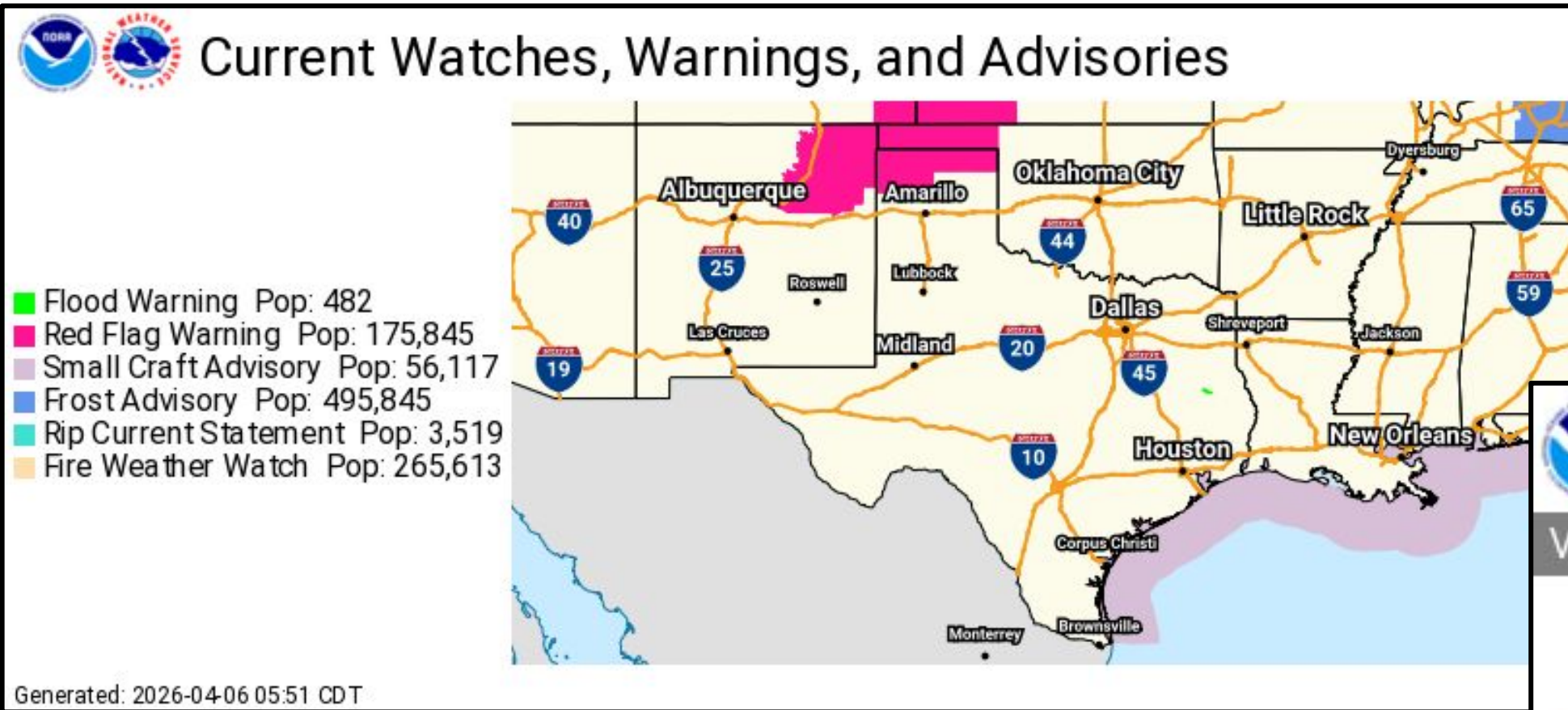
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

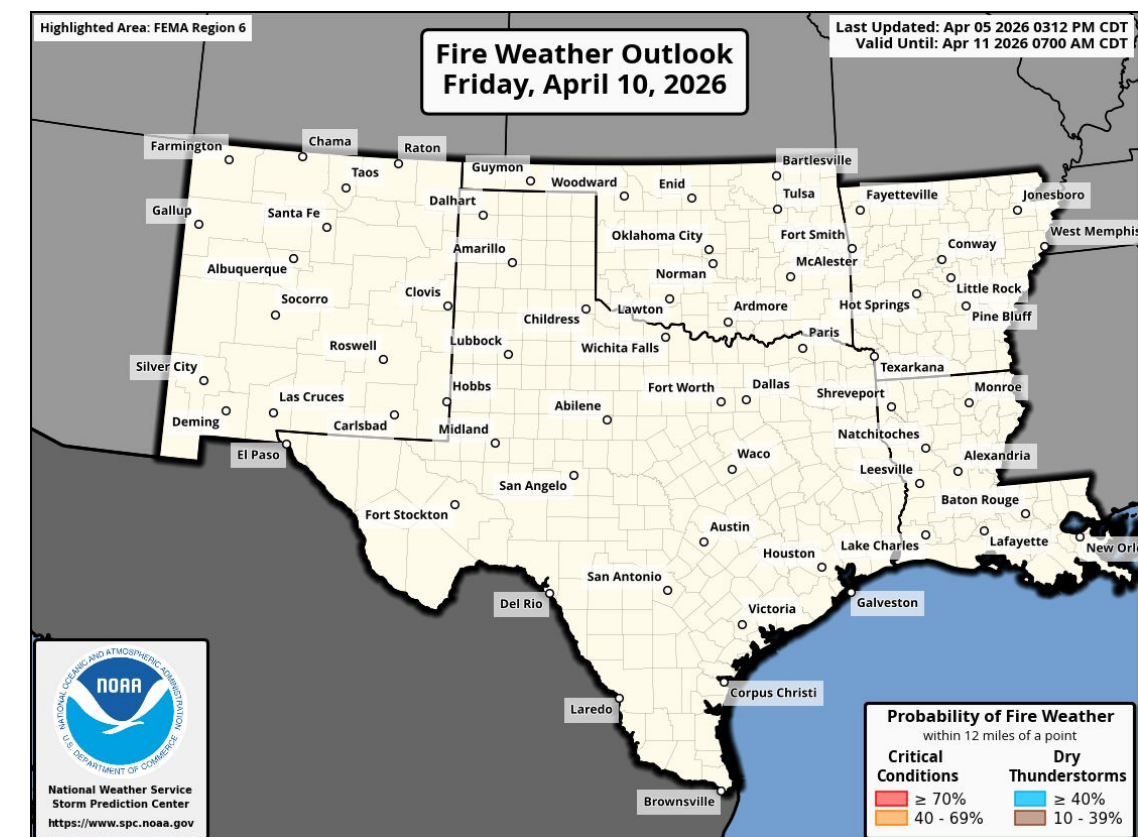
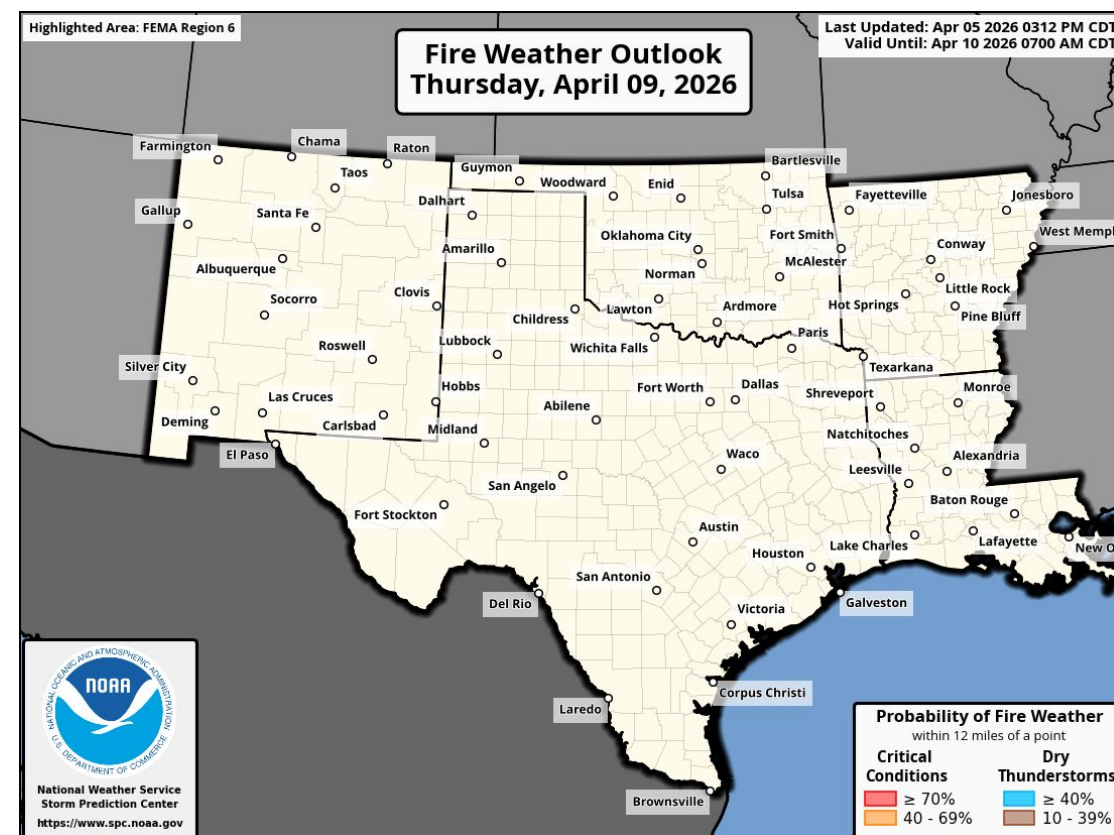
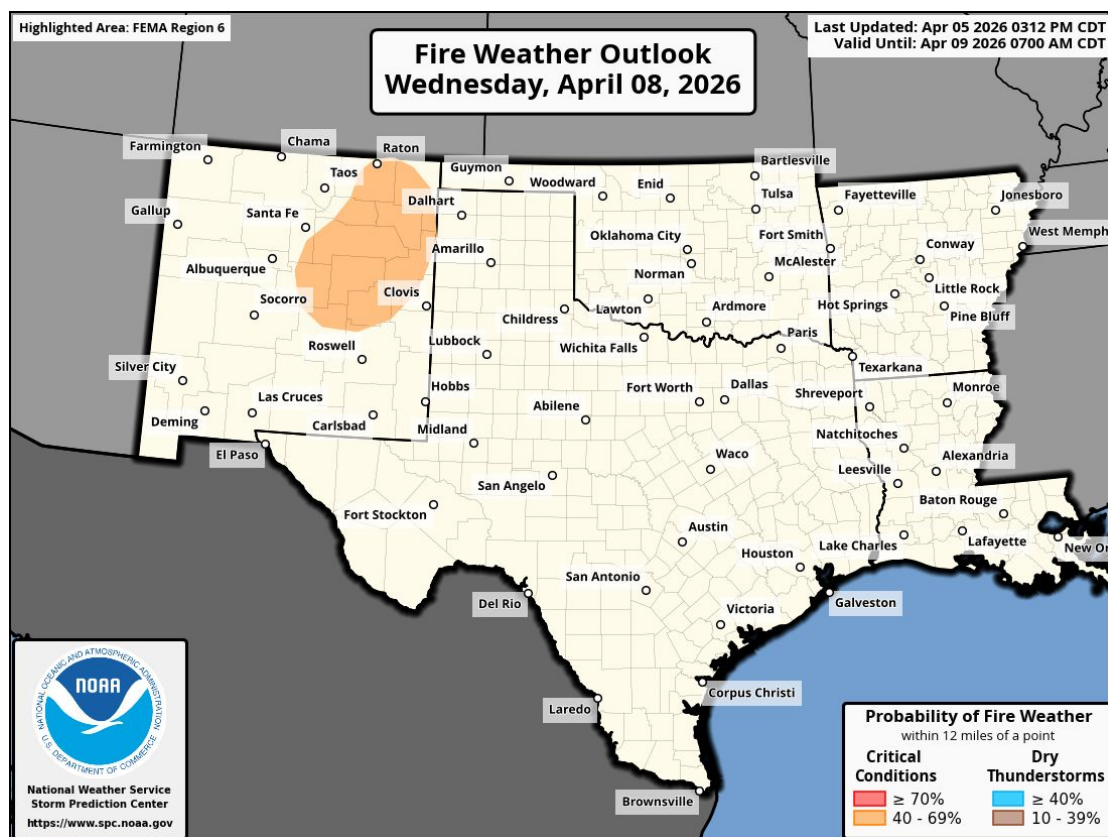
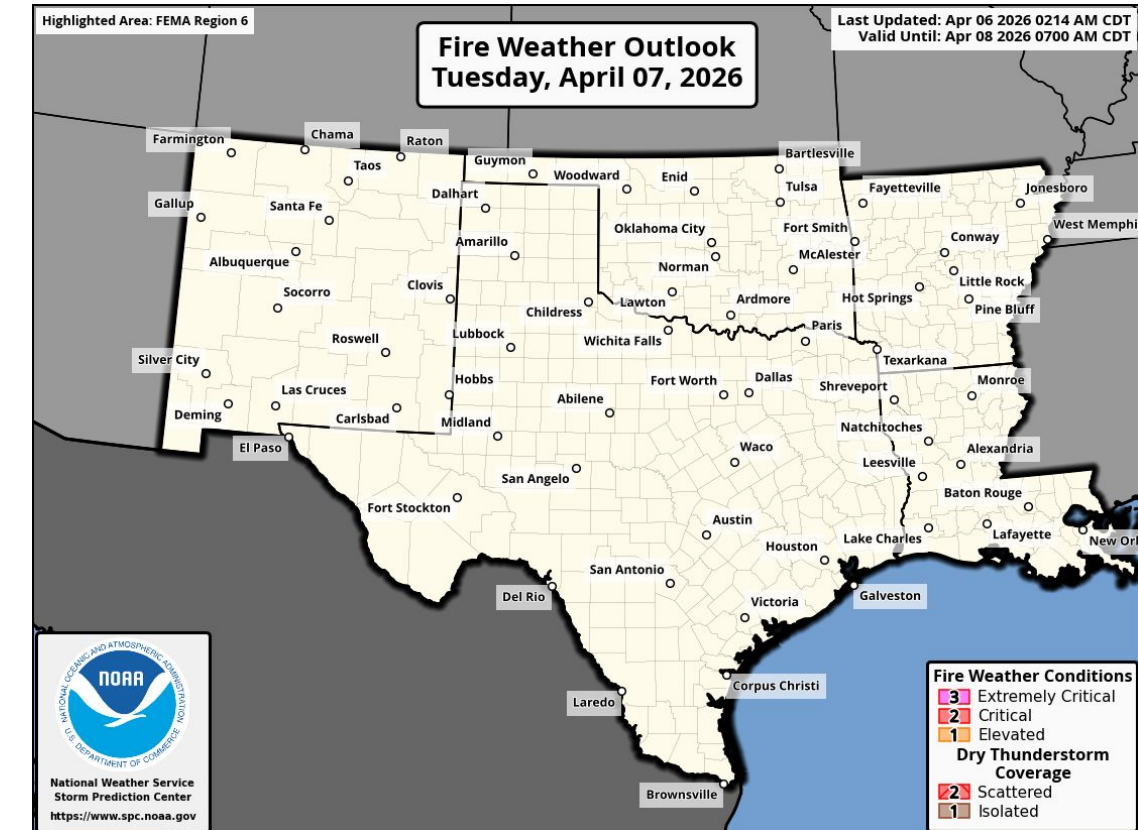
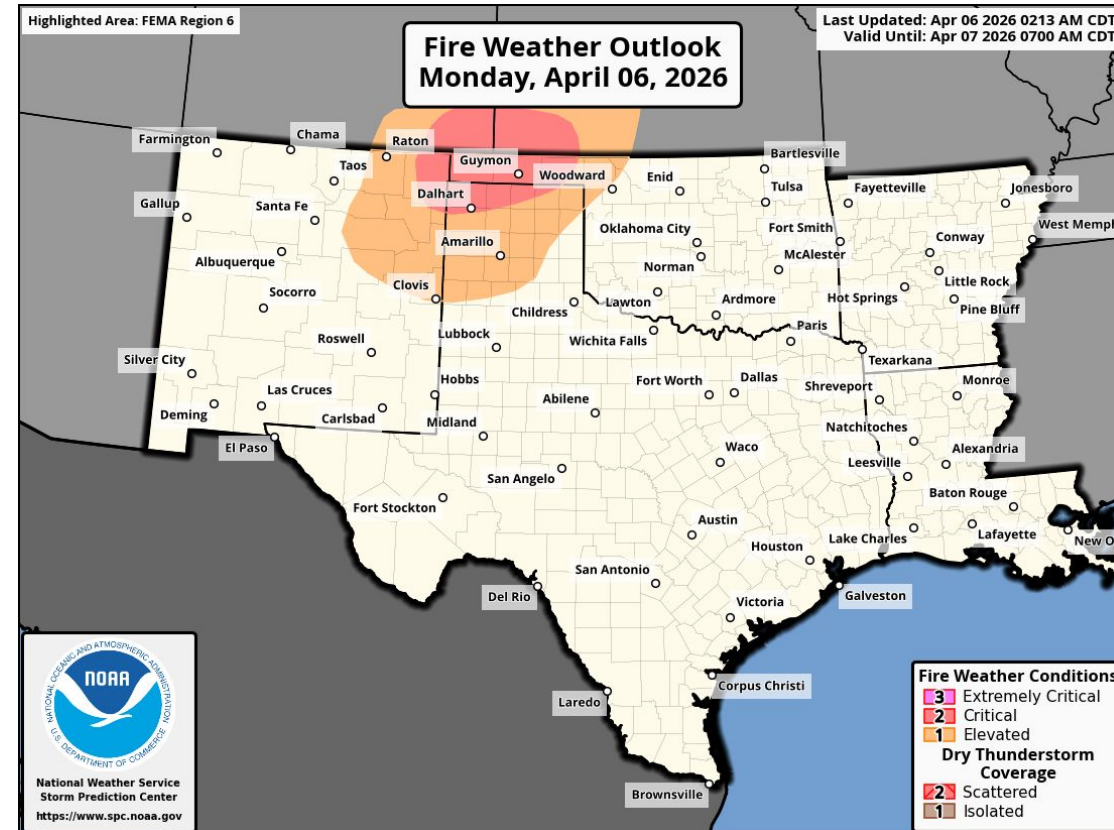
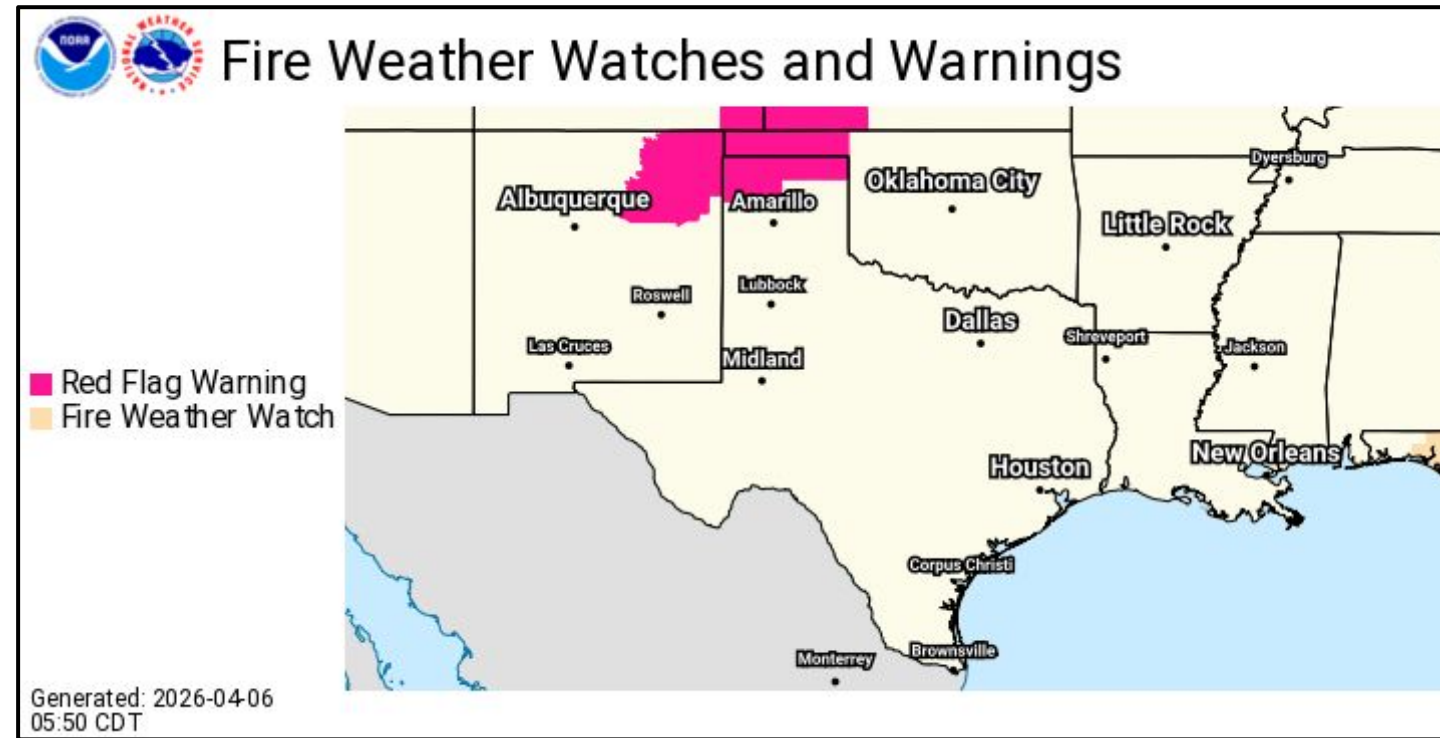


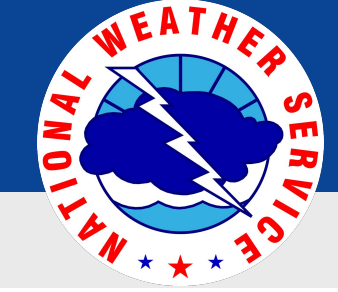
Red Flag Warning in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles this afternoon.





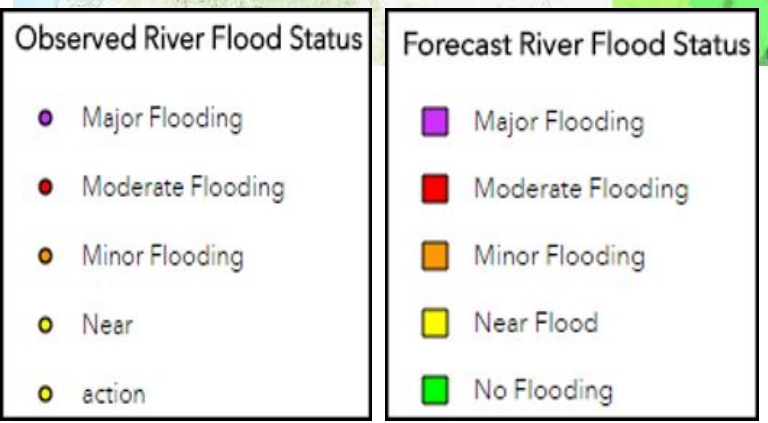
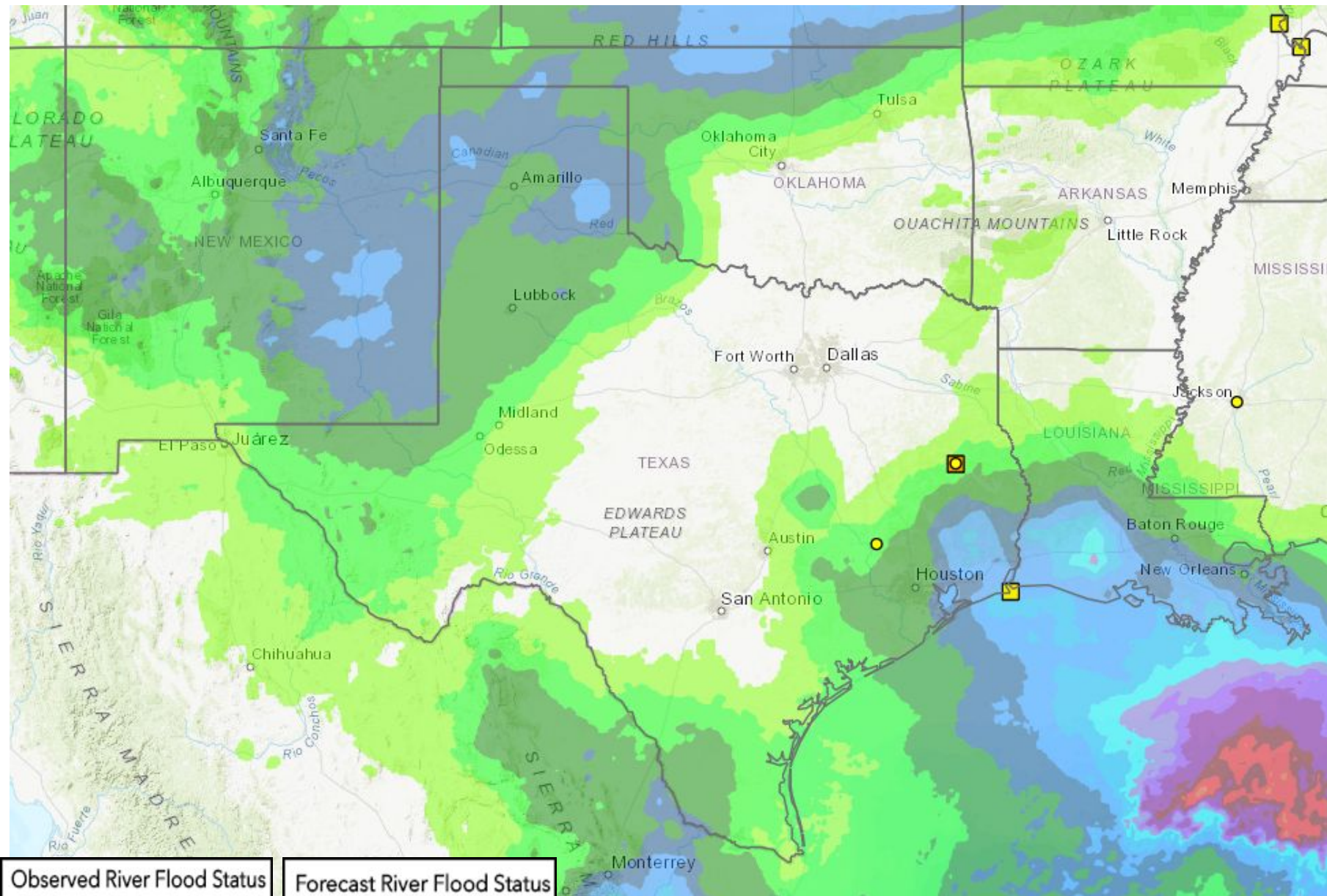
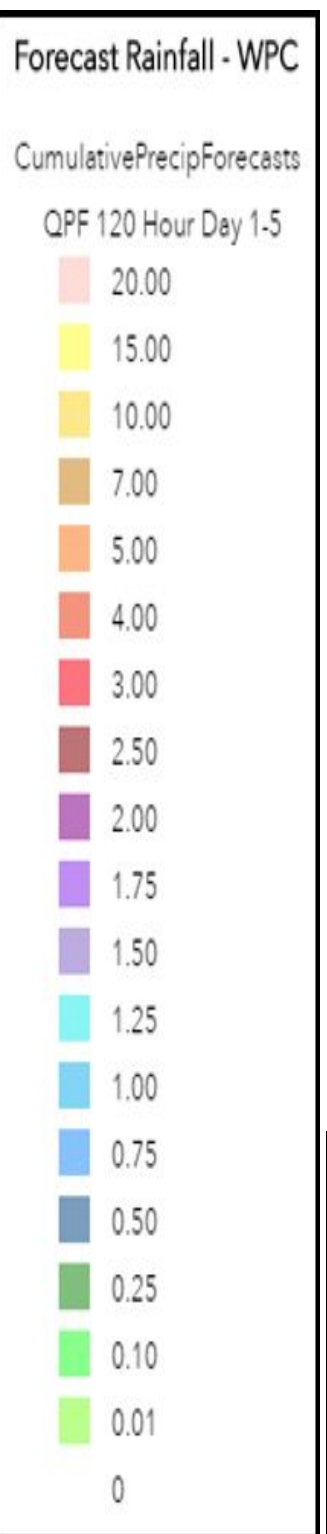
Fire Weather Outlooks





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

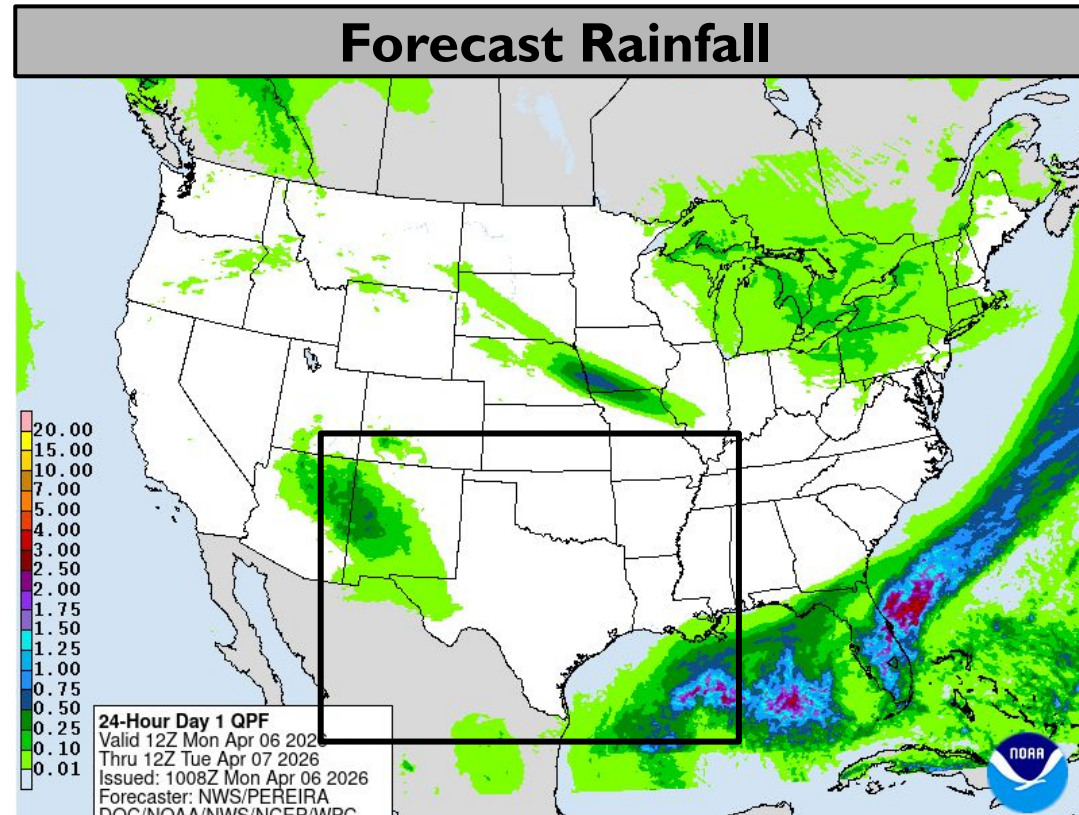
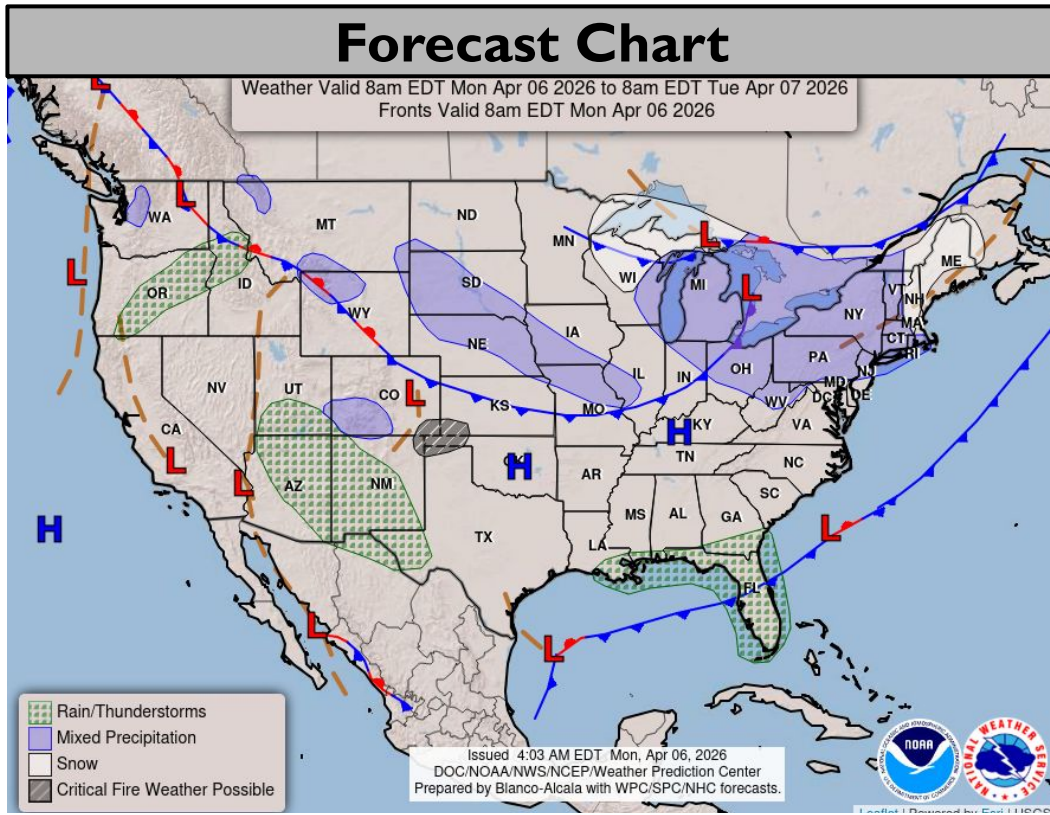


Minor flooding on the Angelina near Lufkin starting Tuesday. No major impacts.

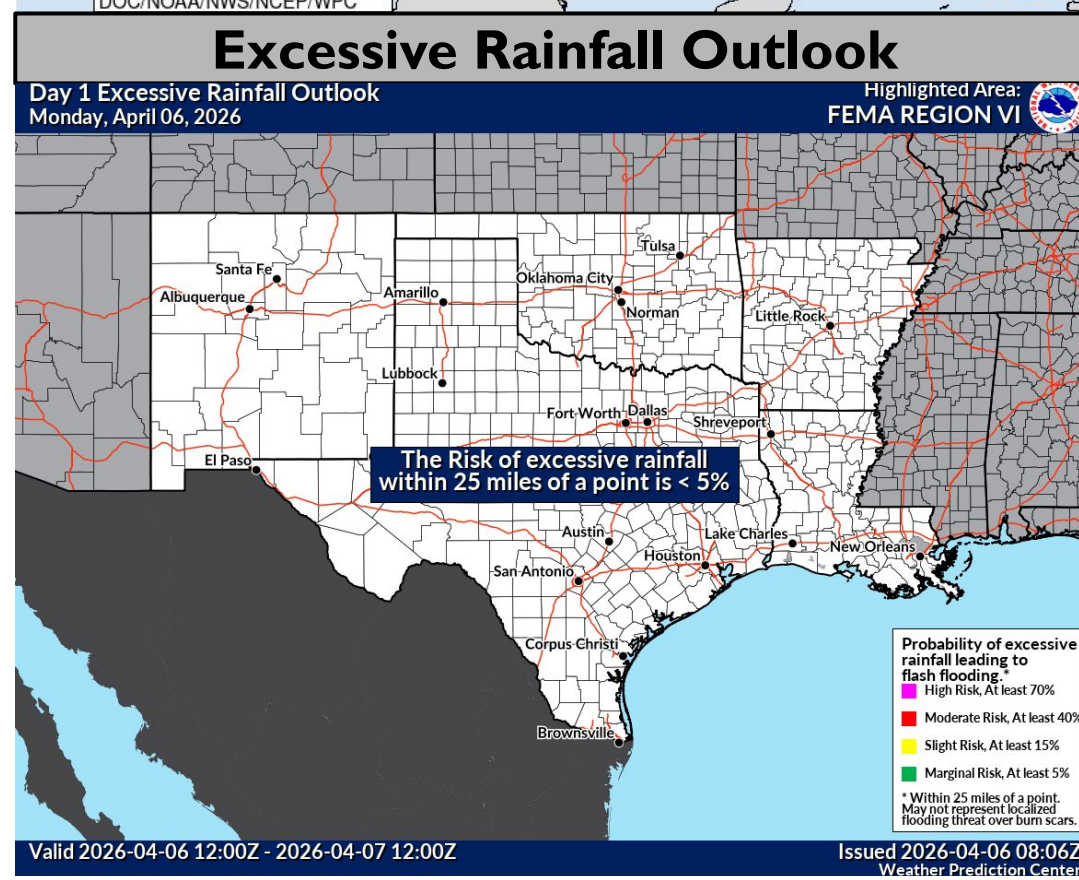
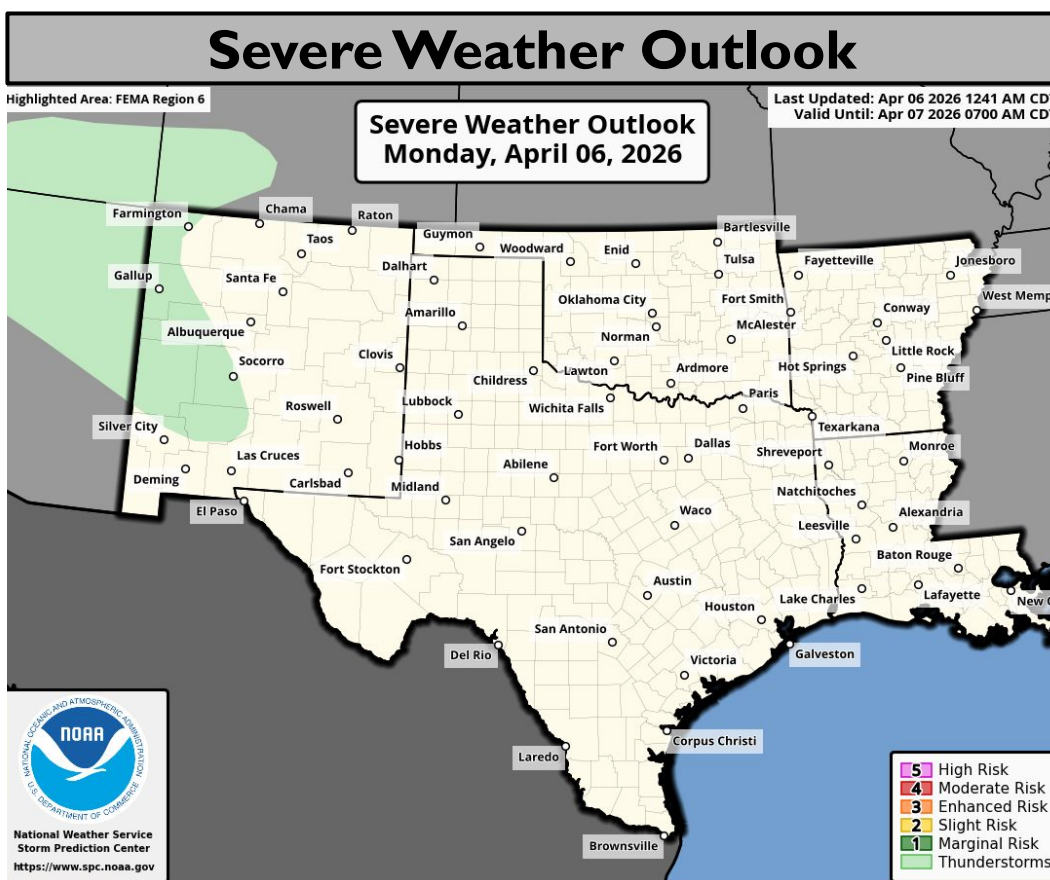
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.

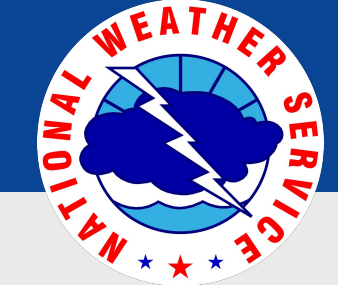


Today's Weather

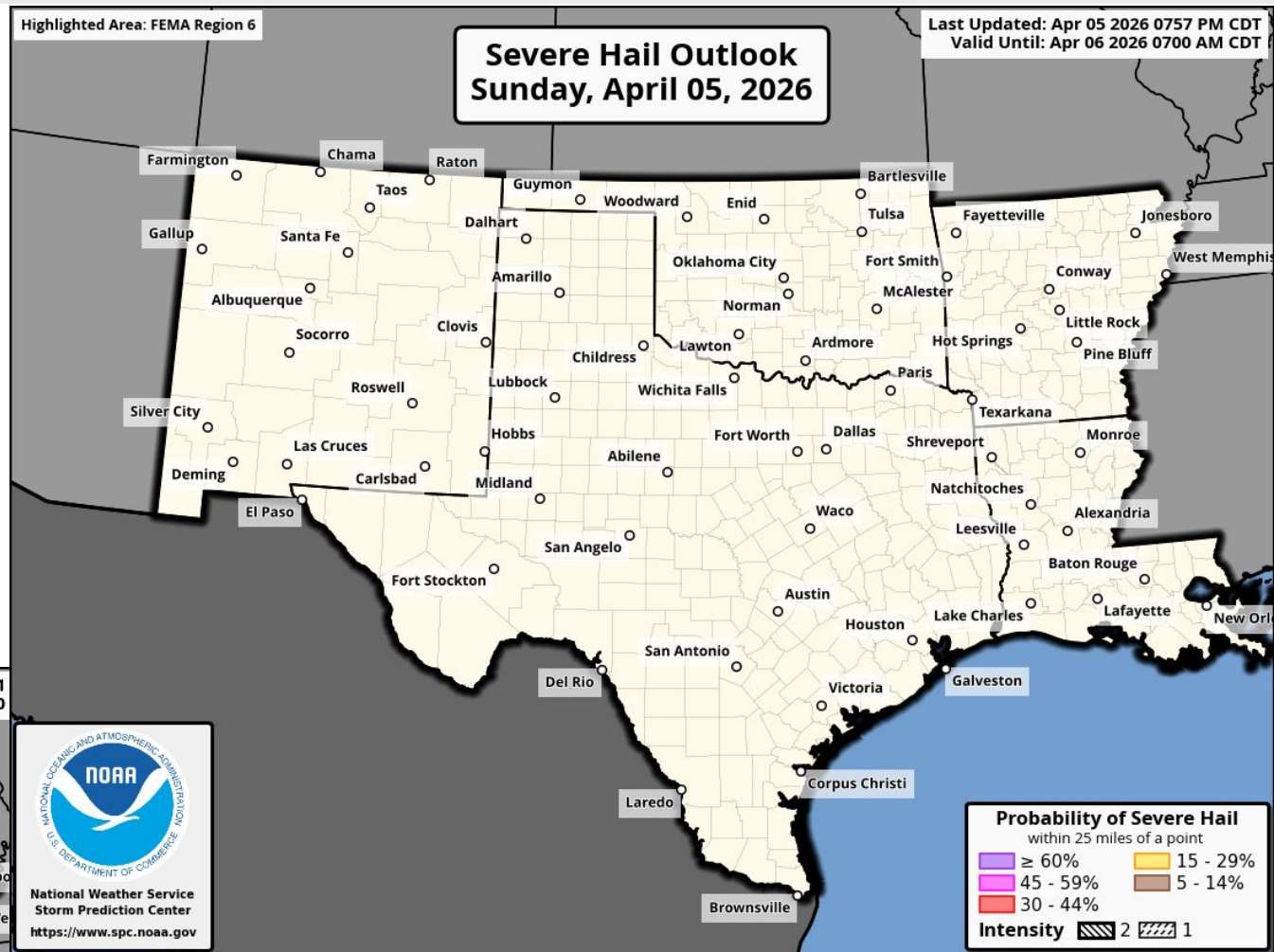
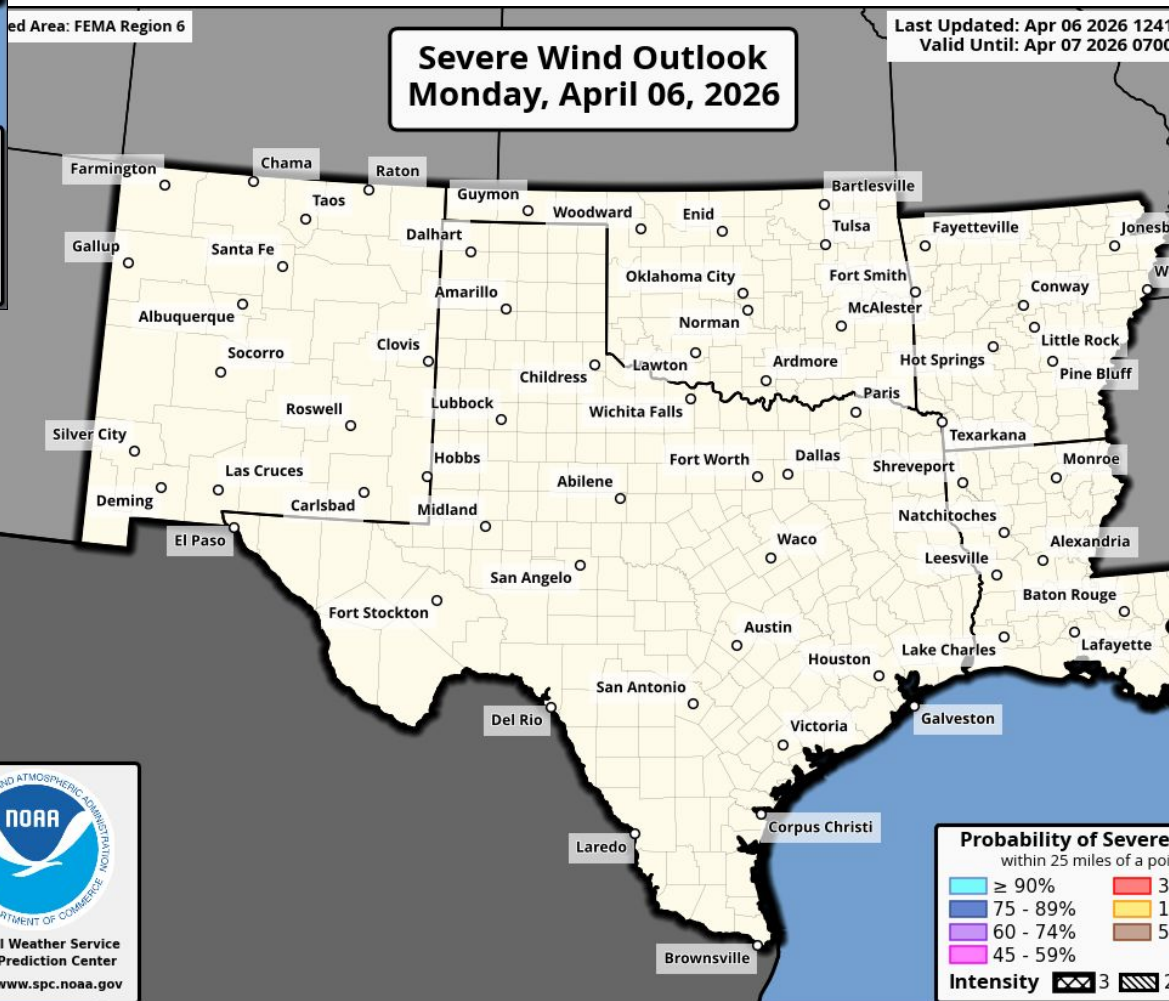
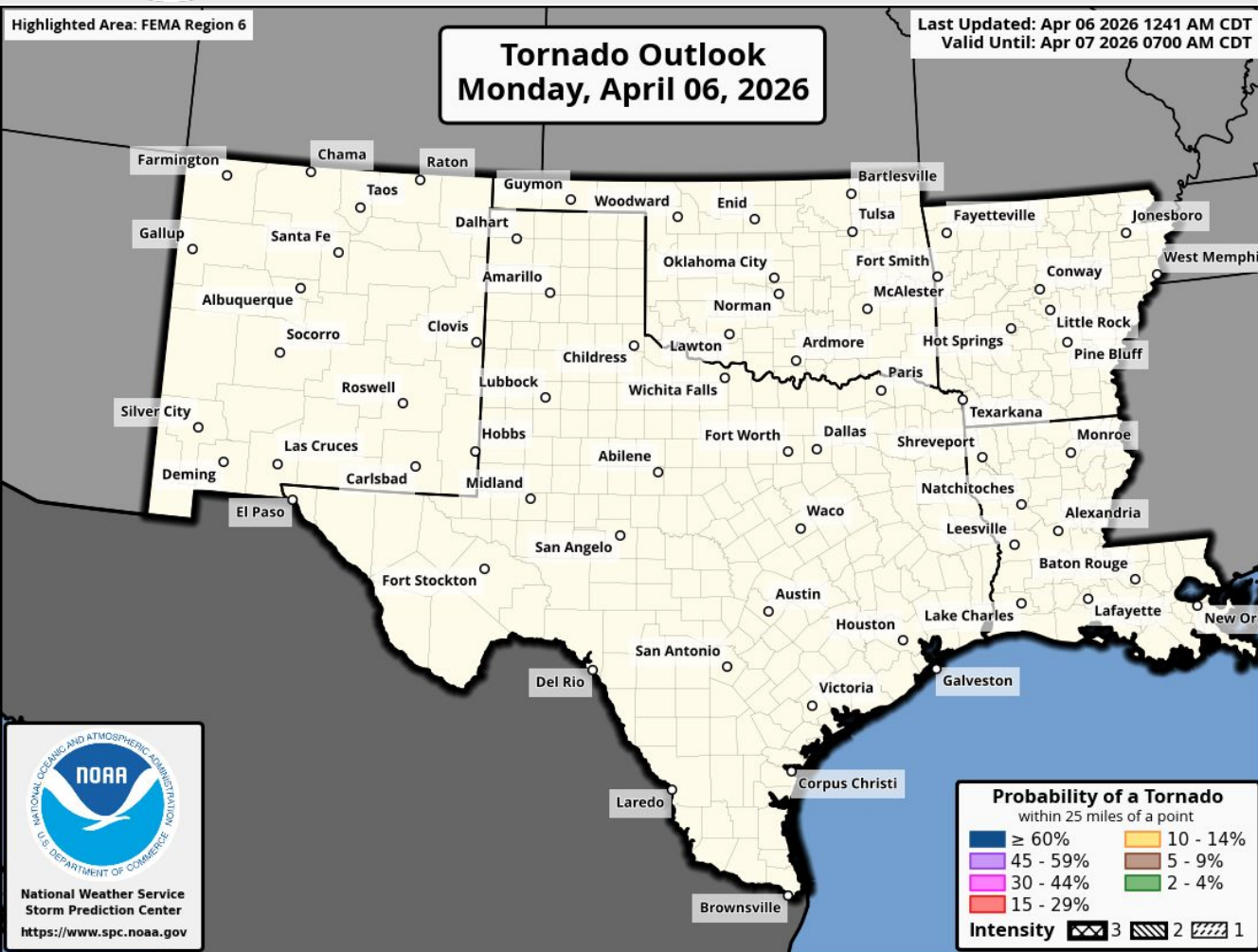


Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) this afternoon over NE NM, and the TX/OK Panhandles.



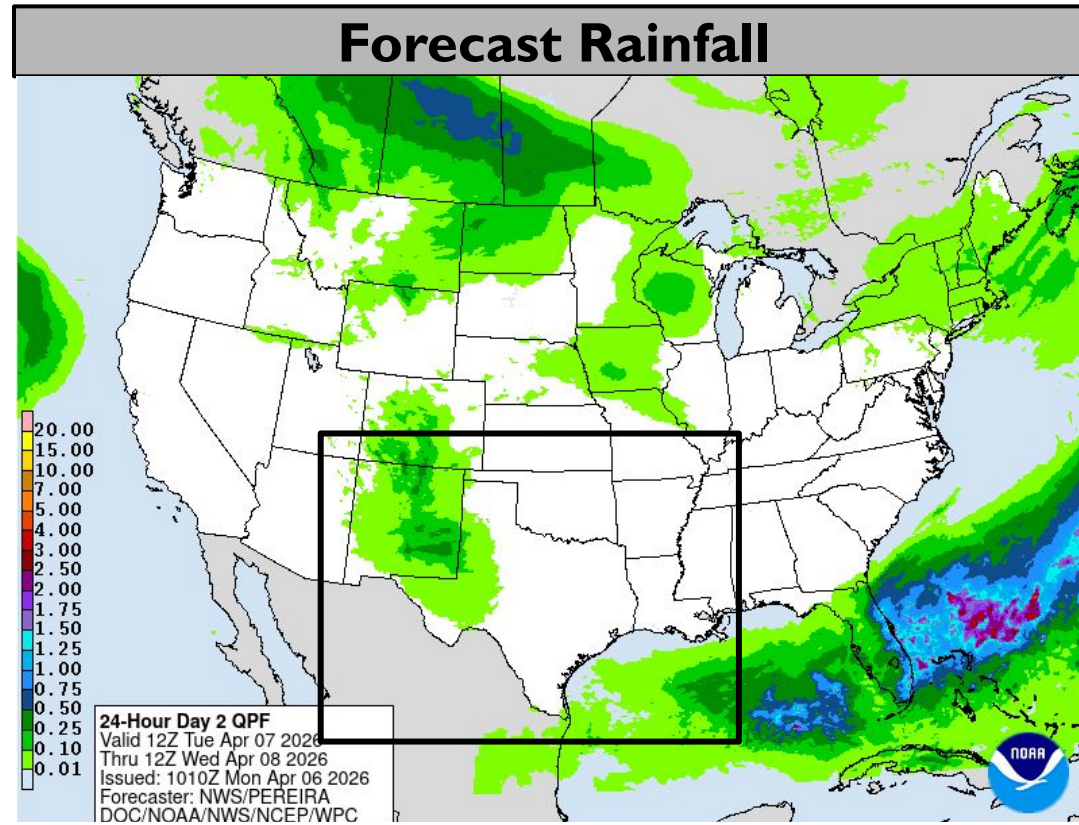
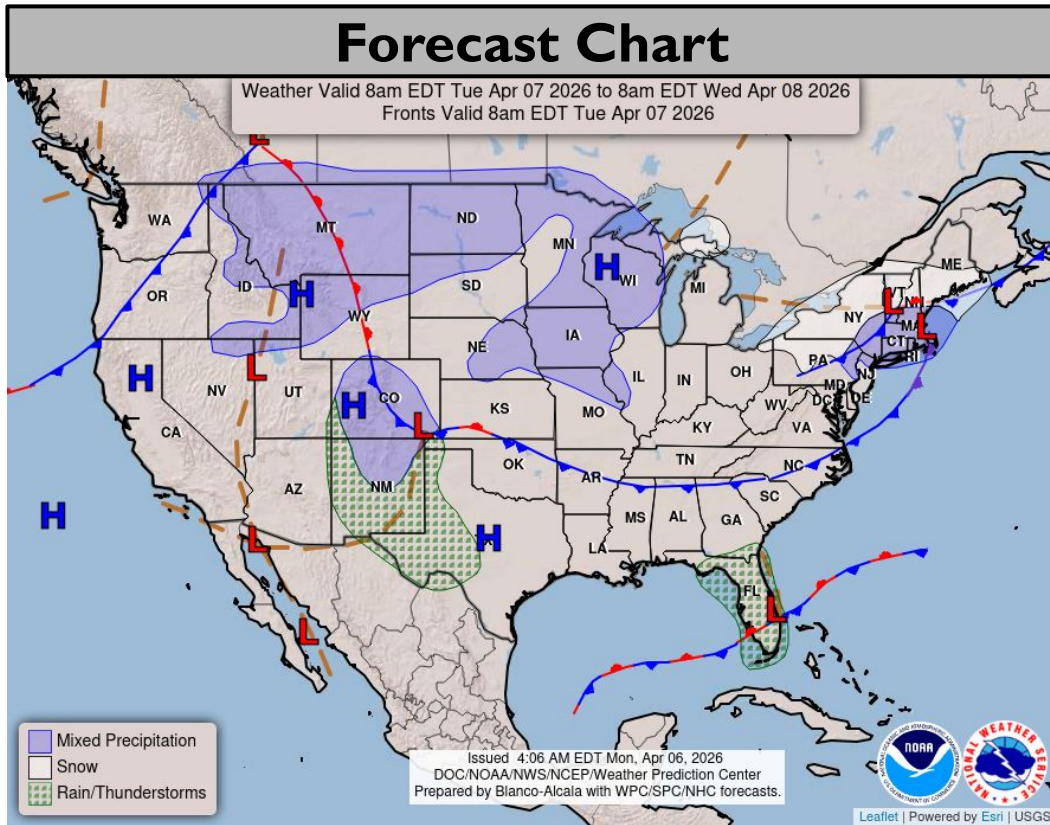


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

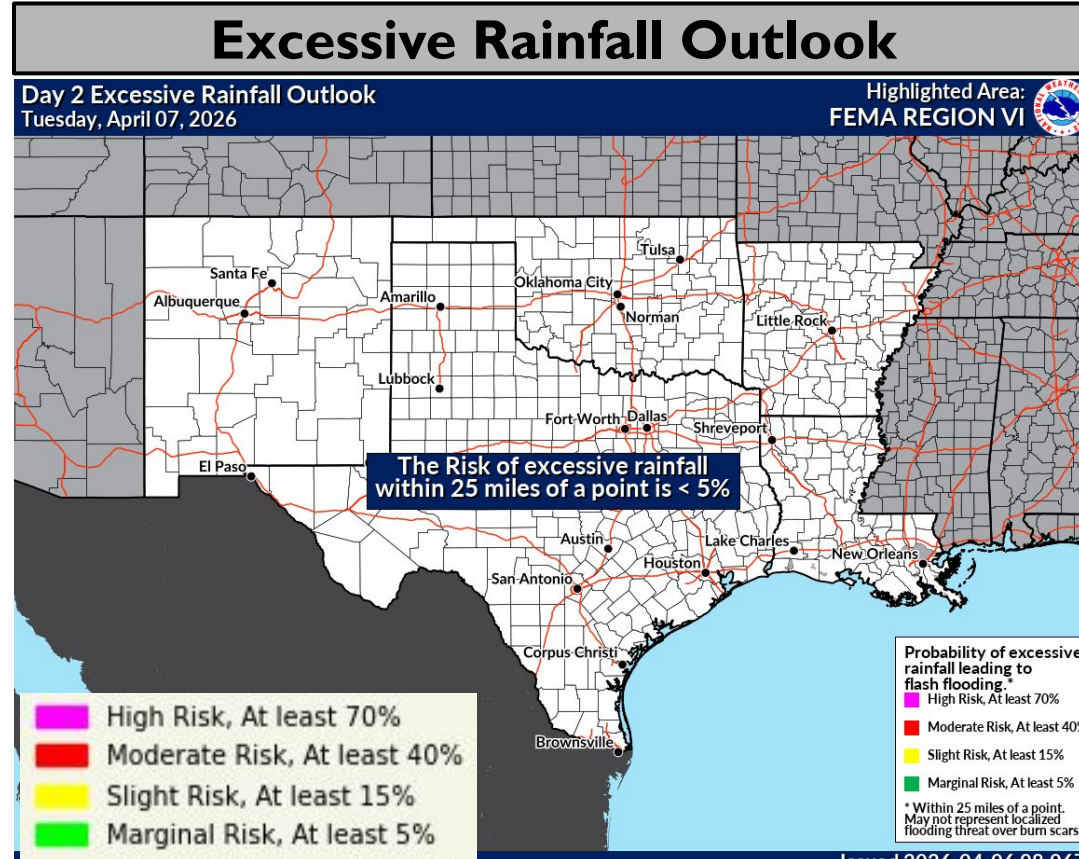
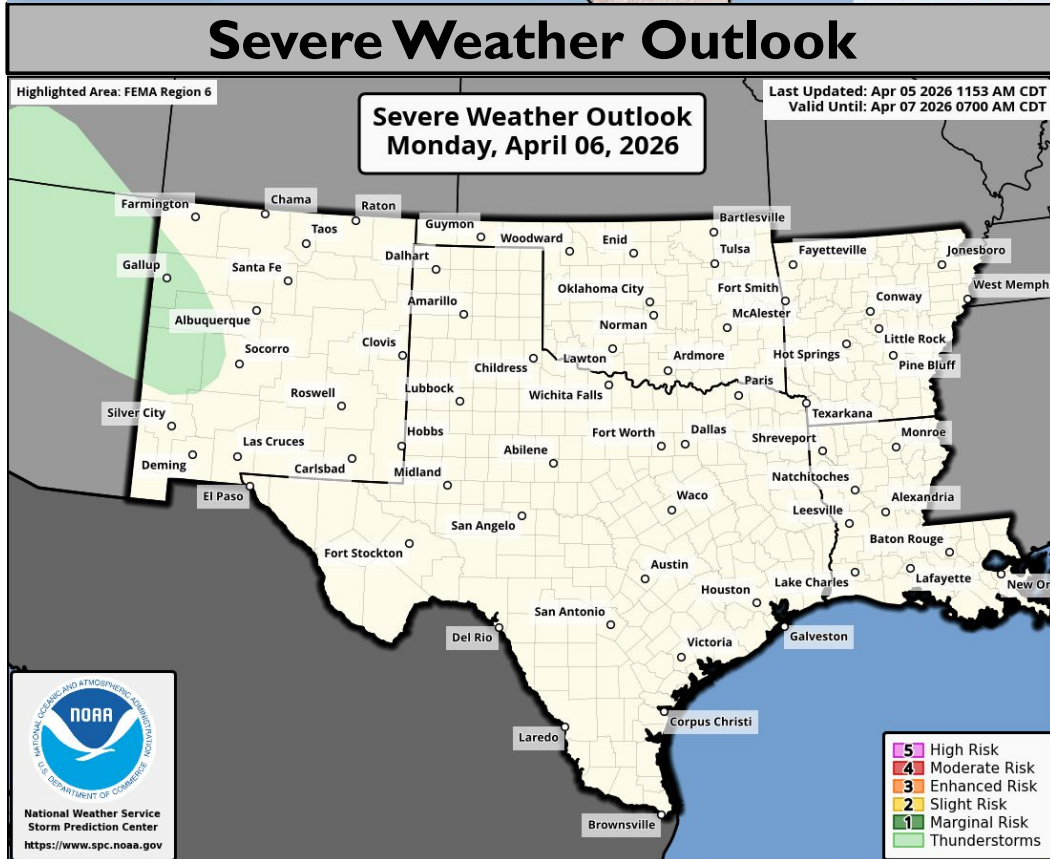




Tomorrow's Weather

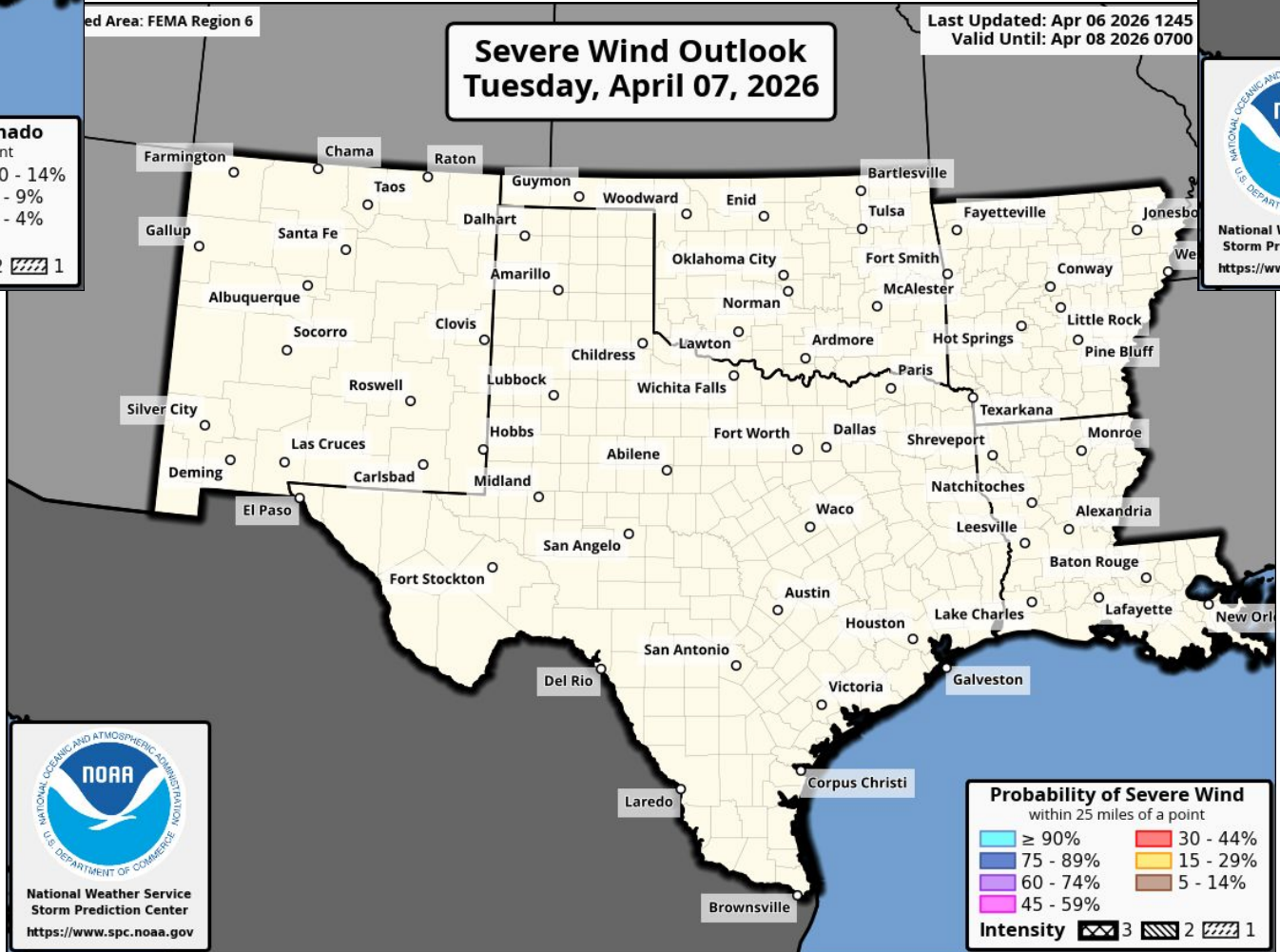
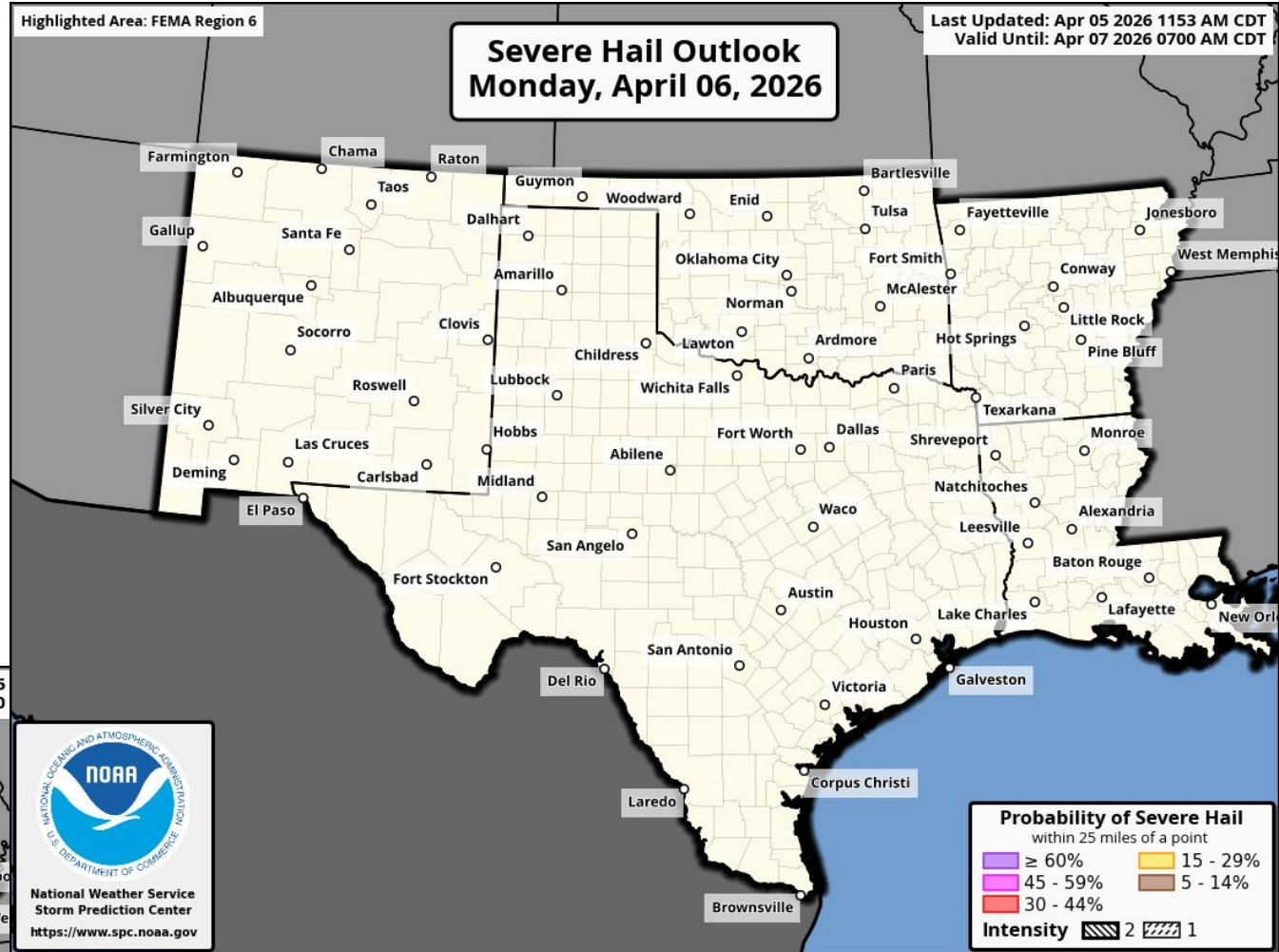
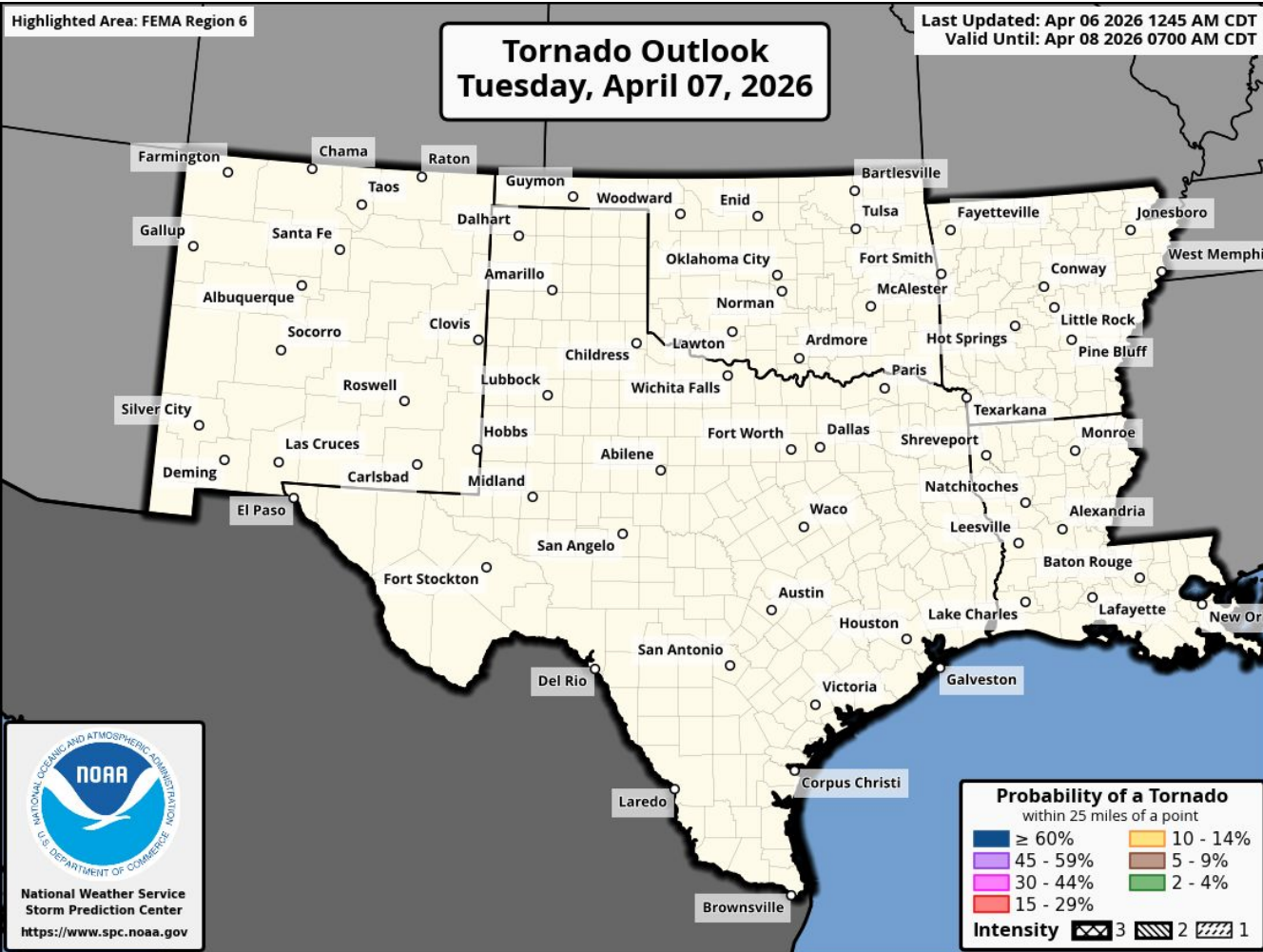


No significant weather expected.



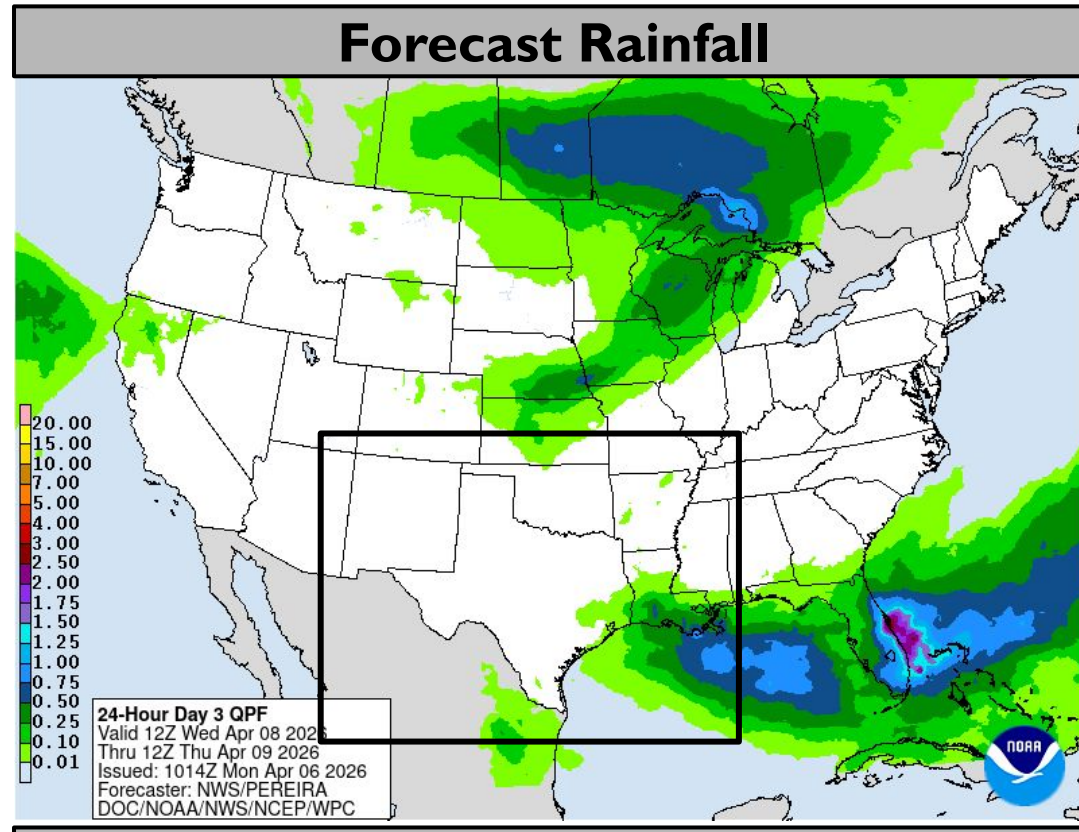
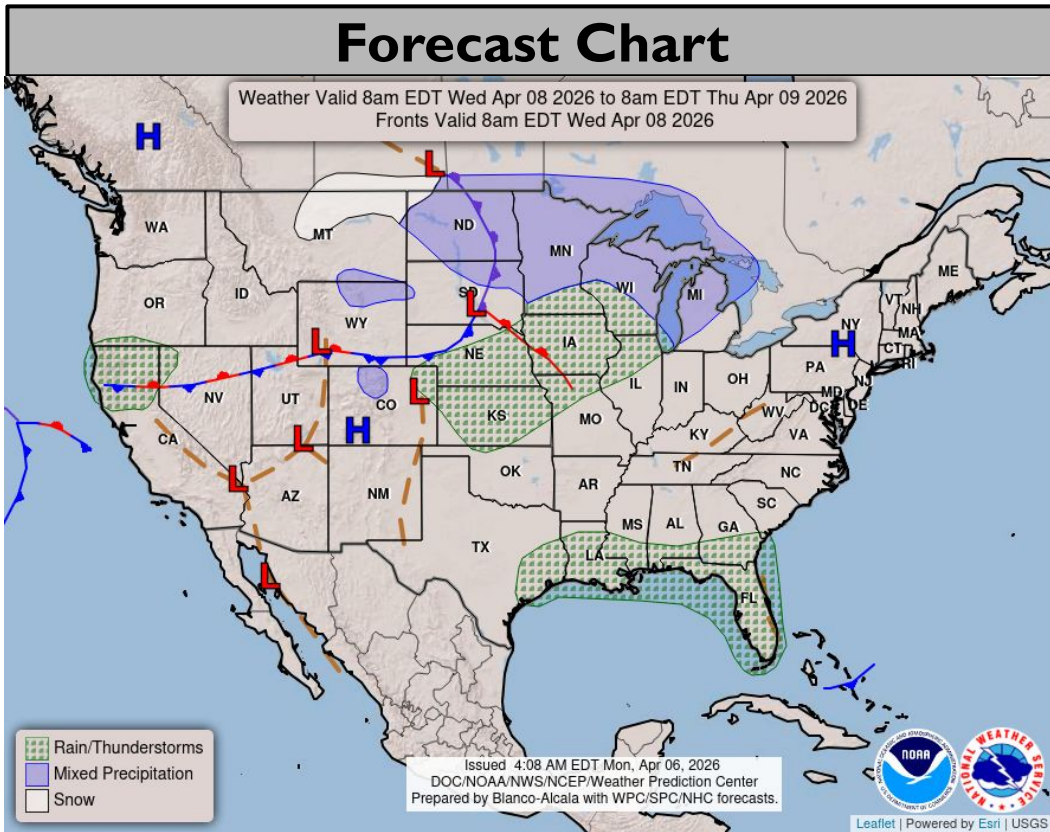


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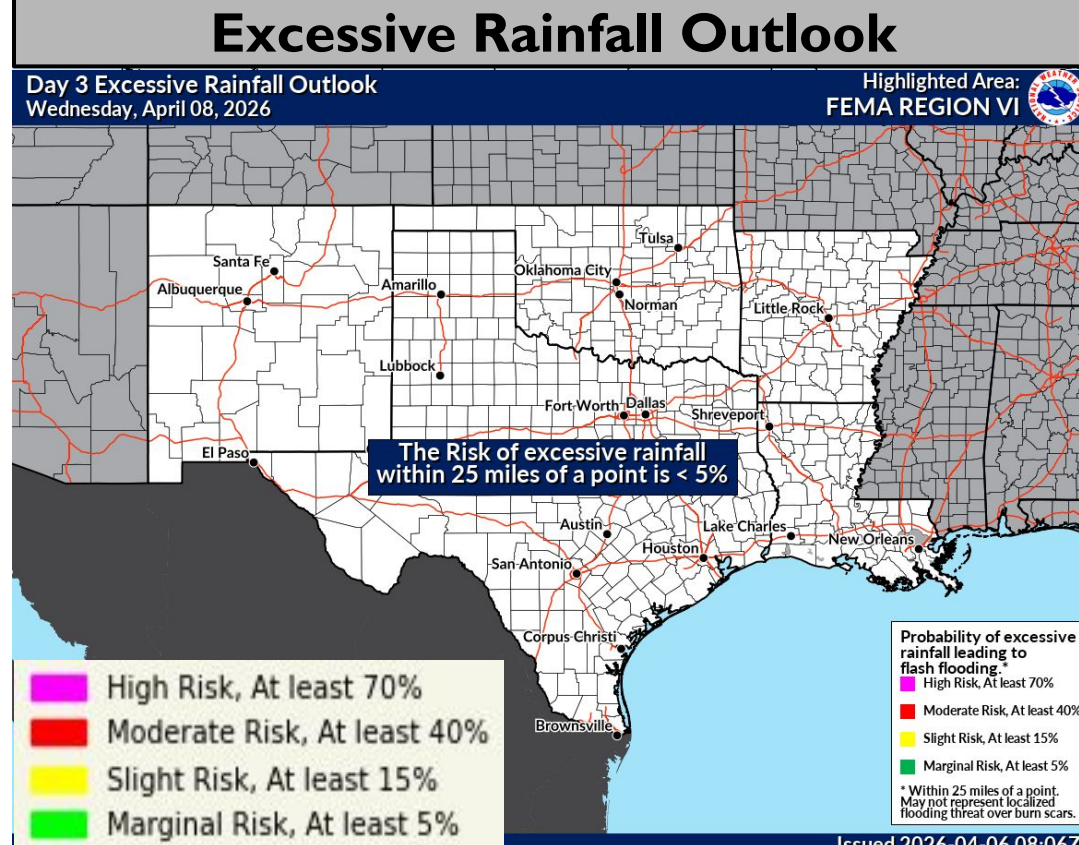
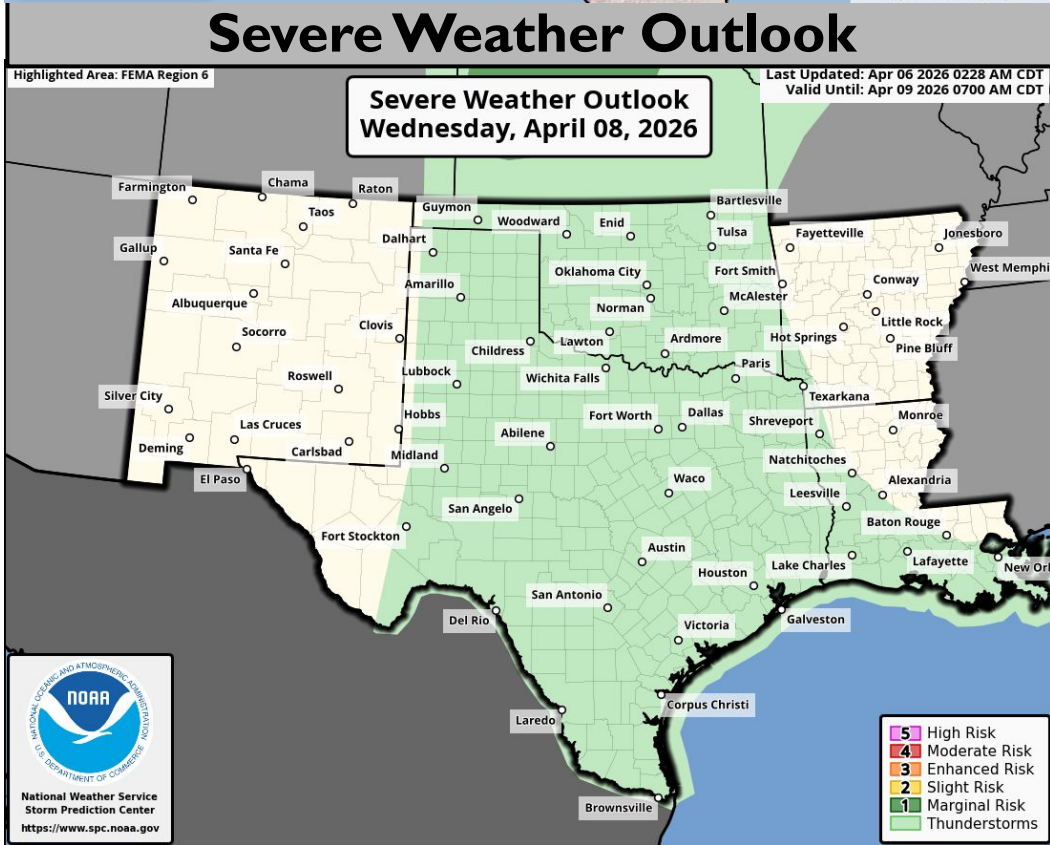




Wednesday's Weather



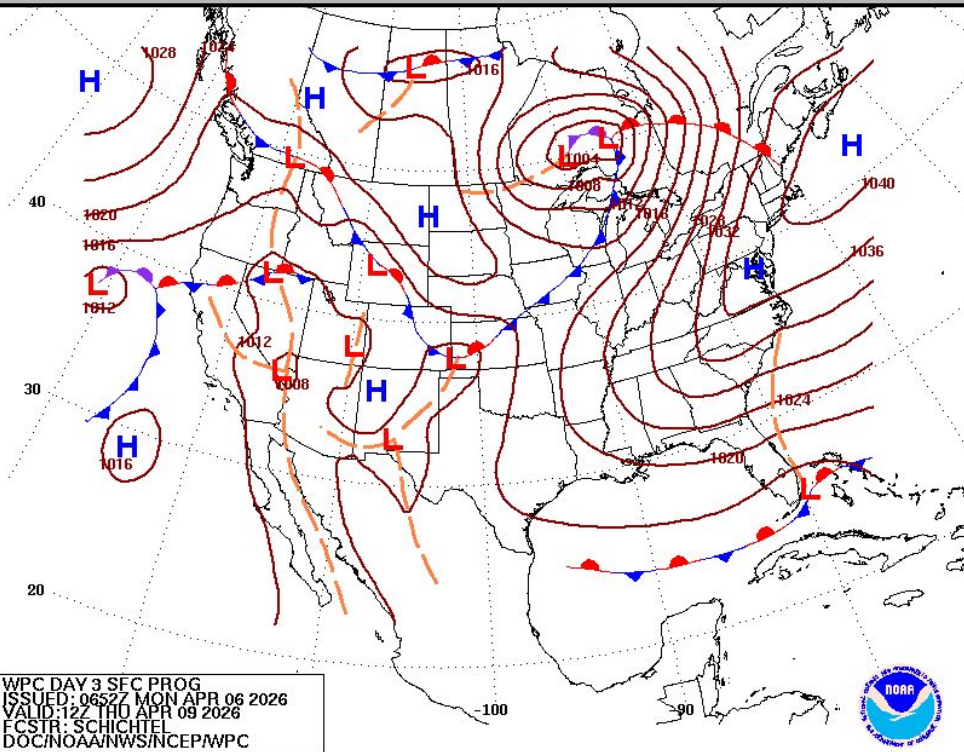
Elevated fire weather risk (level 1 of 3) over NE NM and the WTX/OK Panhandles.



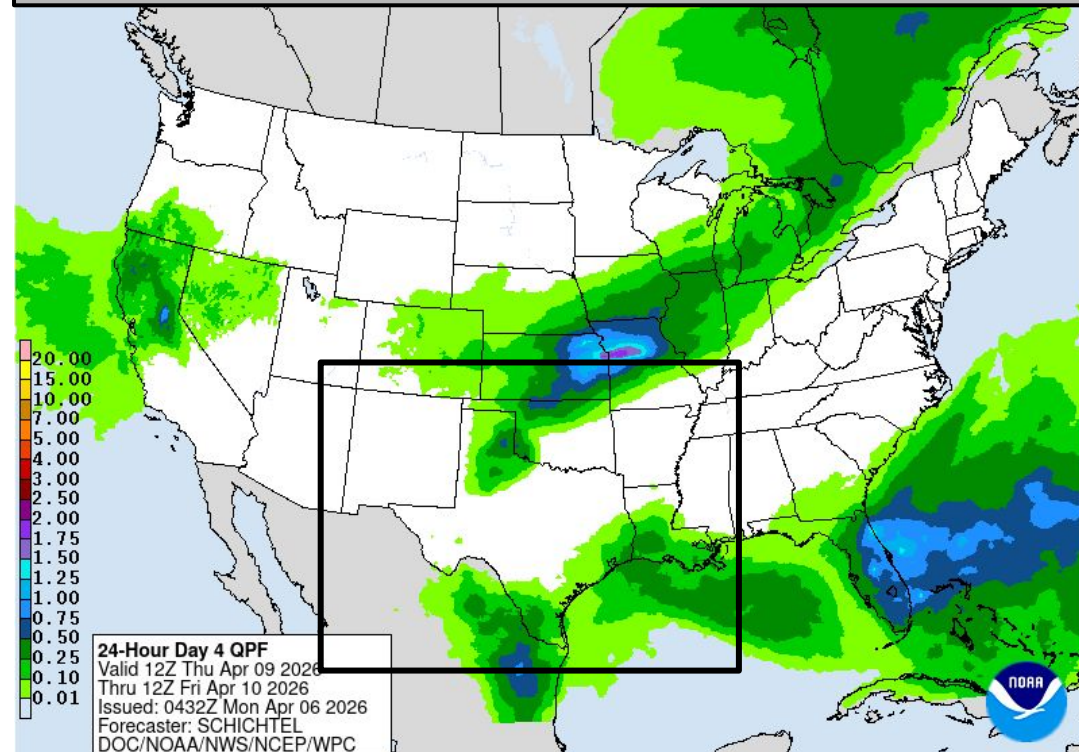


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



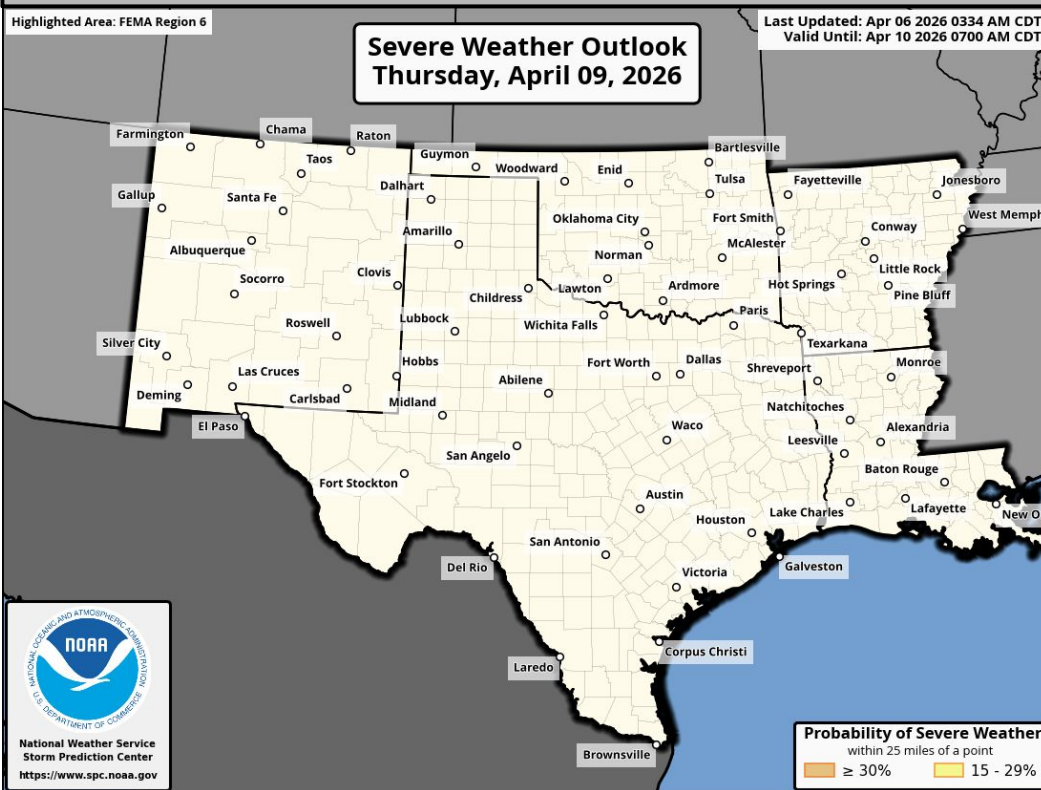
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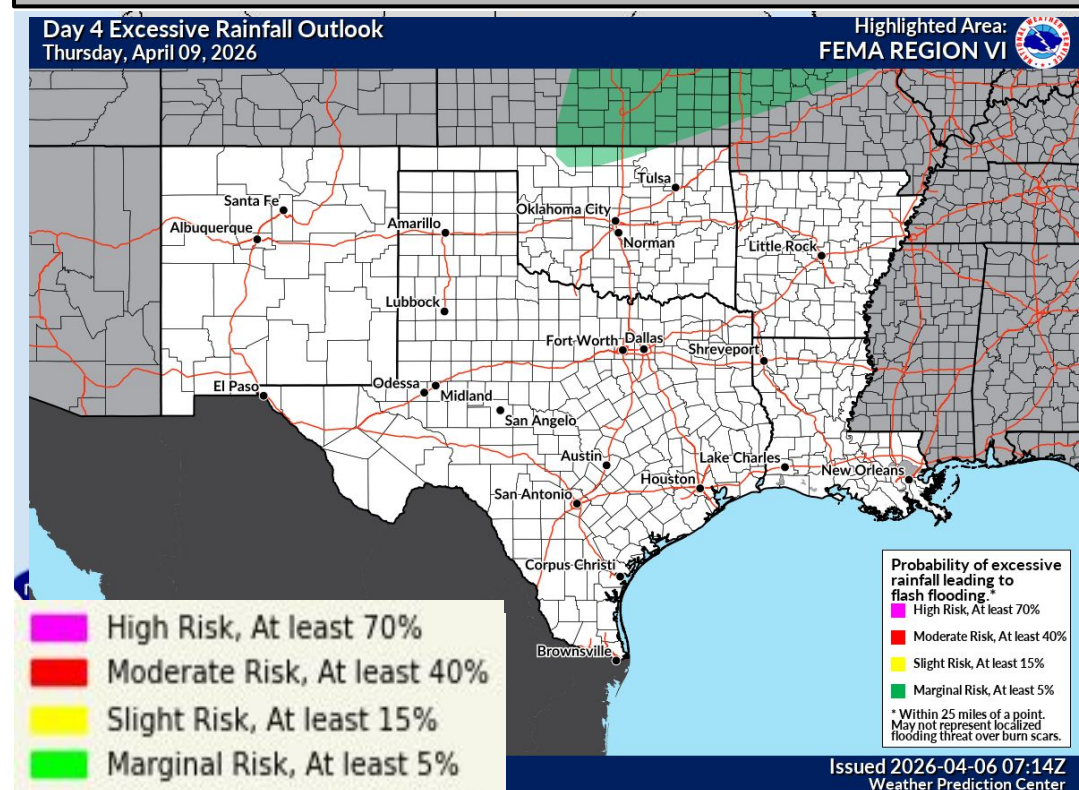
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over N-C OK.

Monitoring for severe storms in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



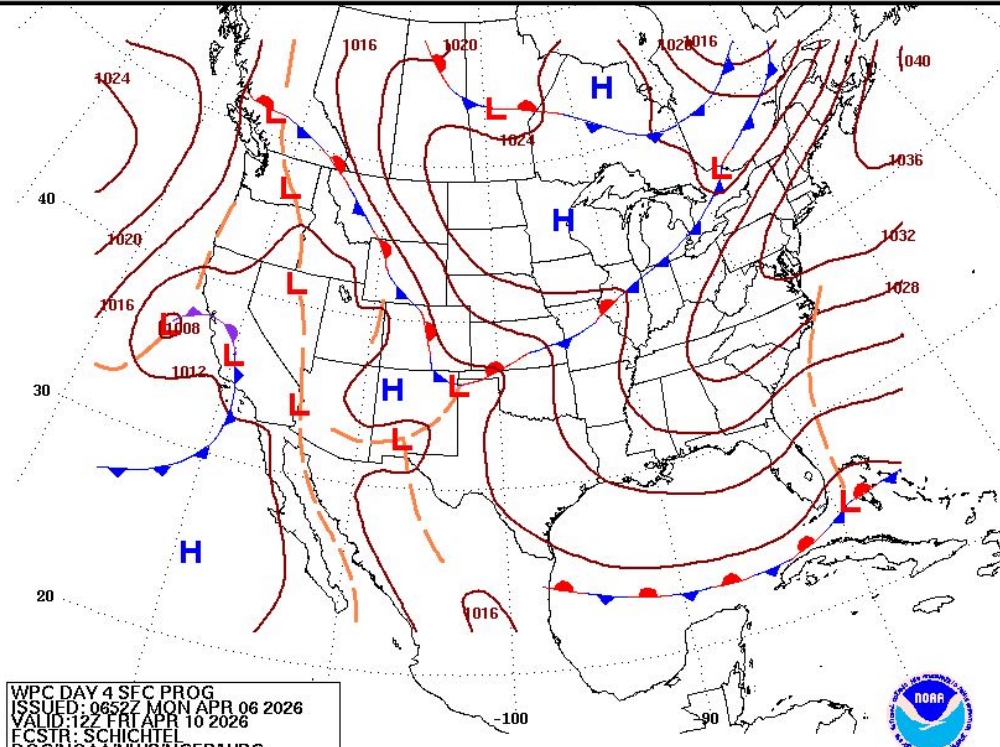
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





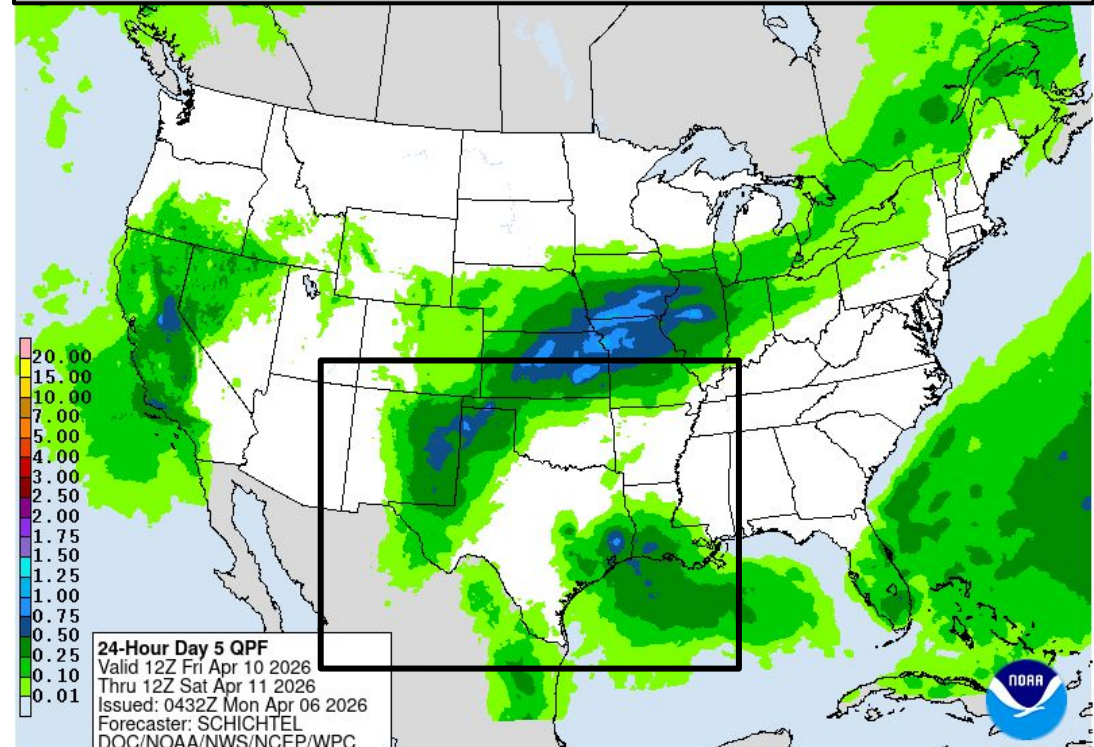
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z FRI APR 10 2026
FCSTR: SCHICHEL
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

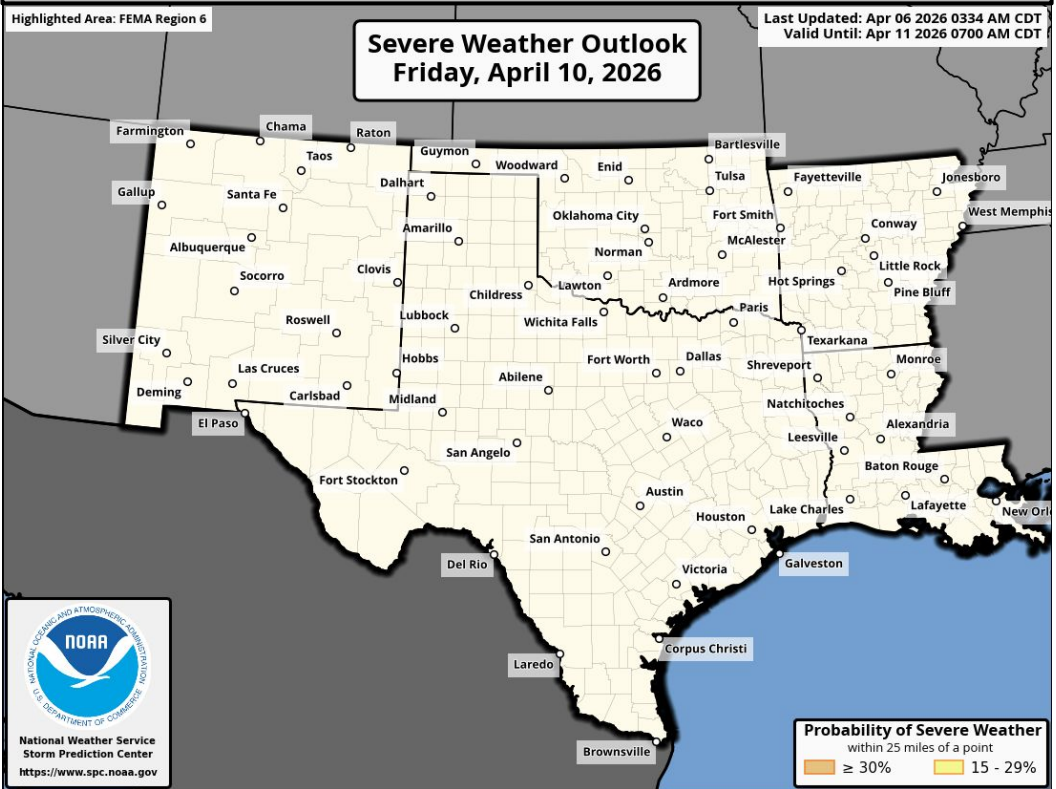
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Fri Apr 10 2026
Thru 12Z Sat Apr 11 2026
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Severe Weather Outlook

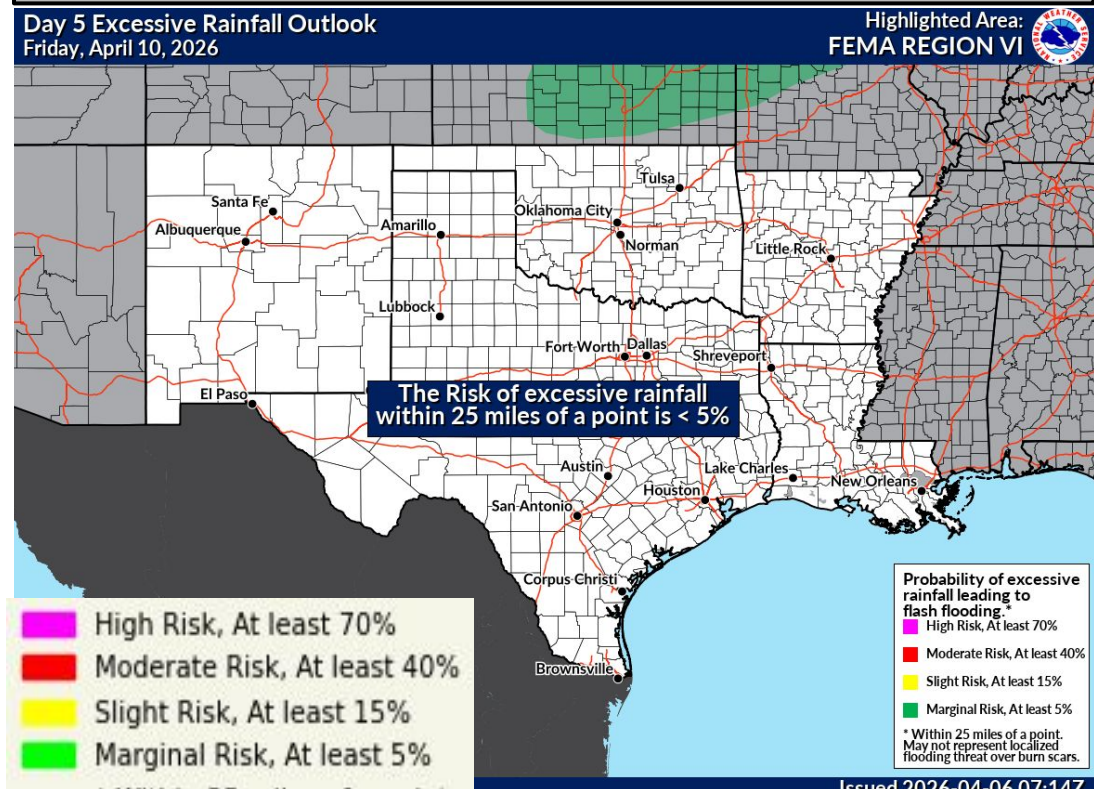


Severe Weather Outlook
Friday, April 10, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 06 2026 0334 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 11 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
Friday, April 10, 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%

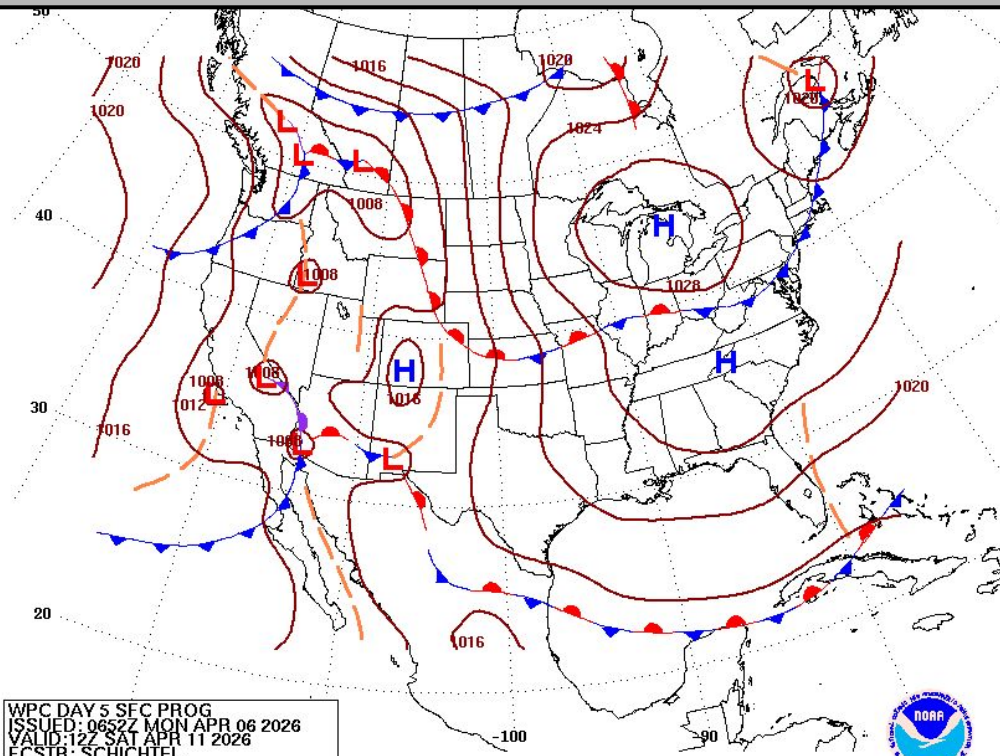
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding:
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* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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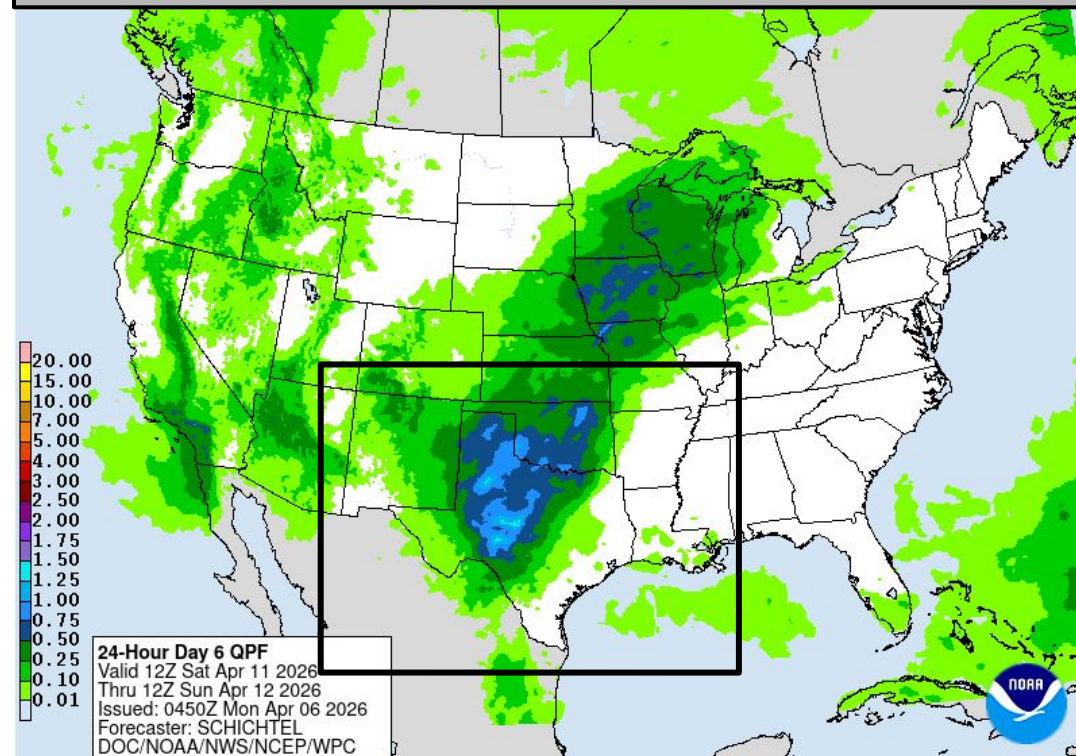
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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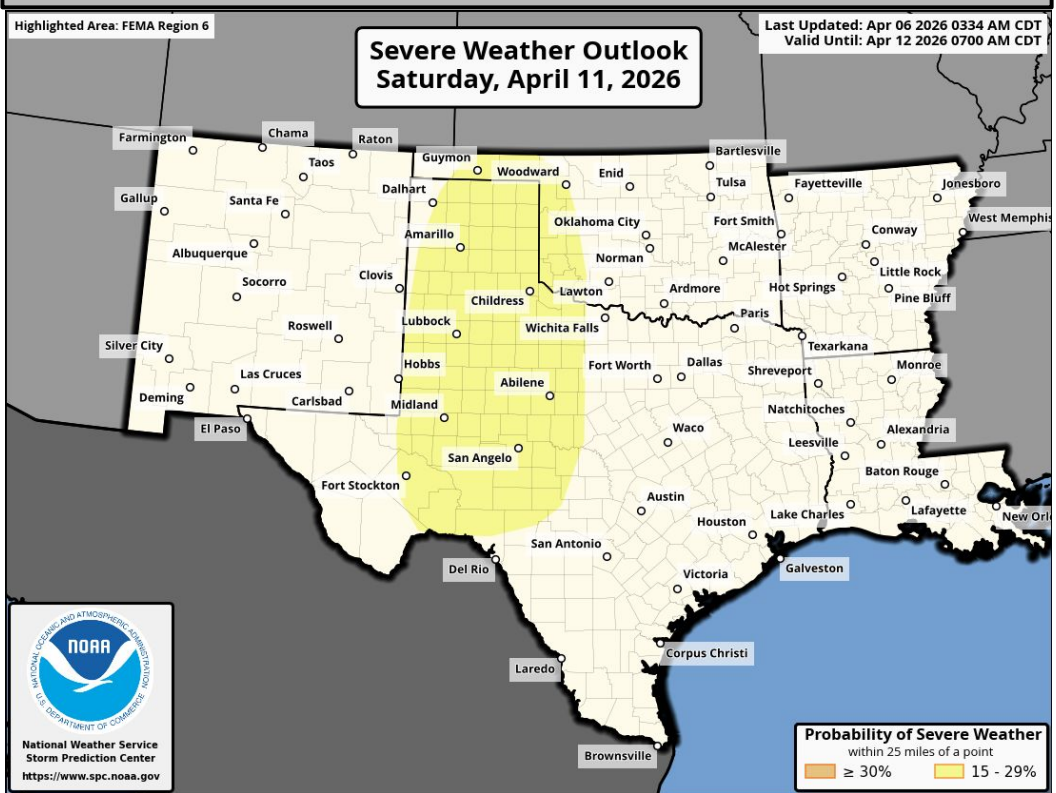
Forecast Rainfall



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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, April 11, 2026

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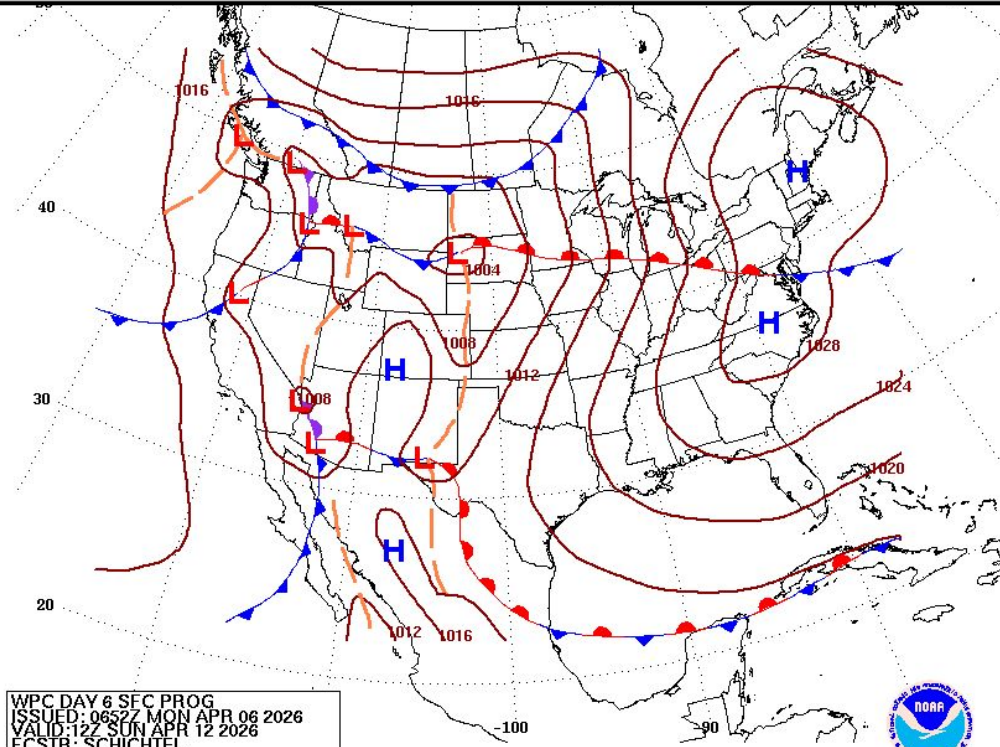


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



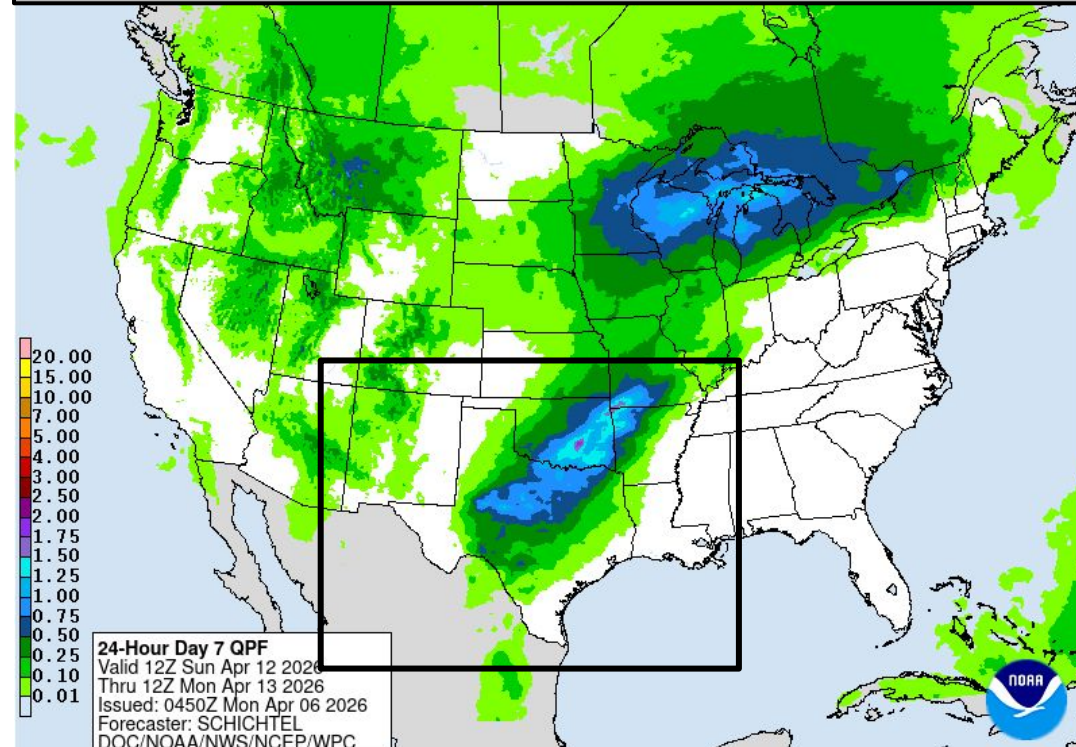
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

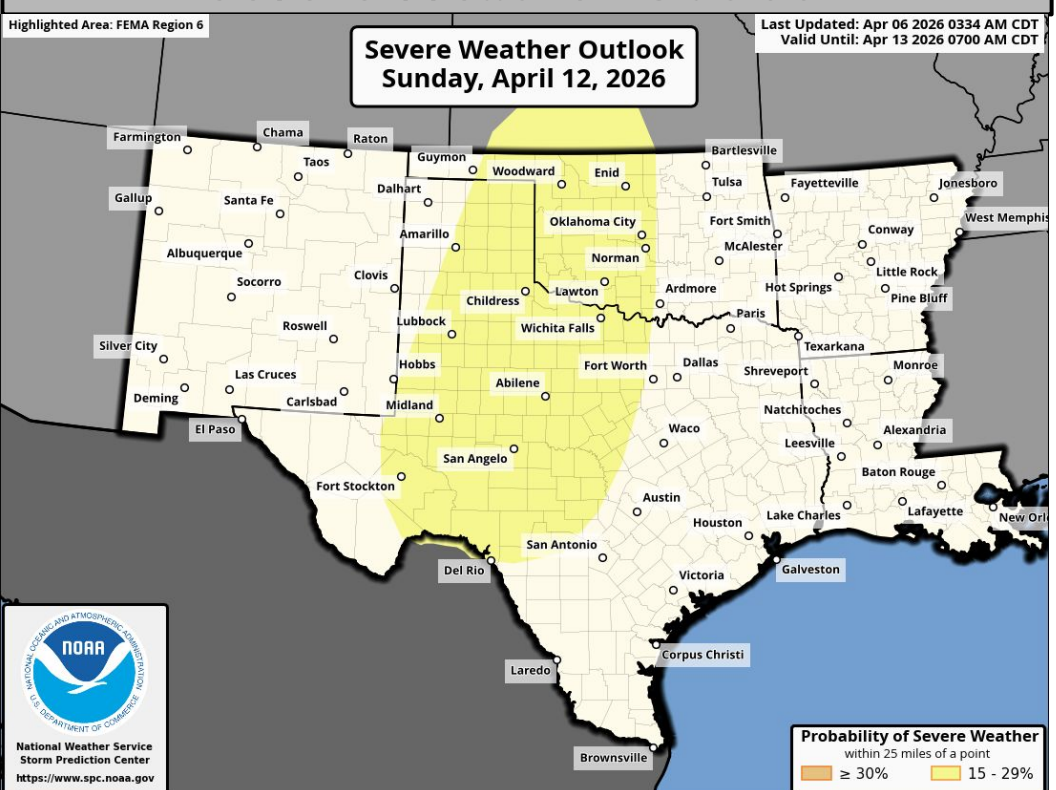


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in TX/OK Panhandles, W/C OK, W/NW/C TX.

Monitoring for flash flooding in OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, April 12, 2026

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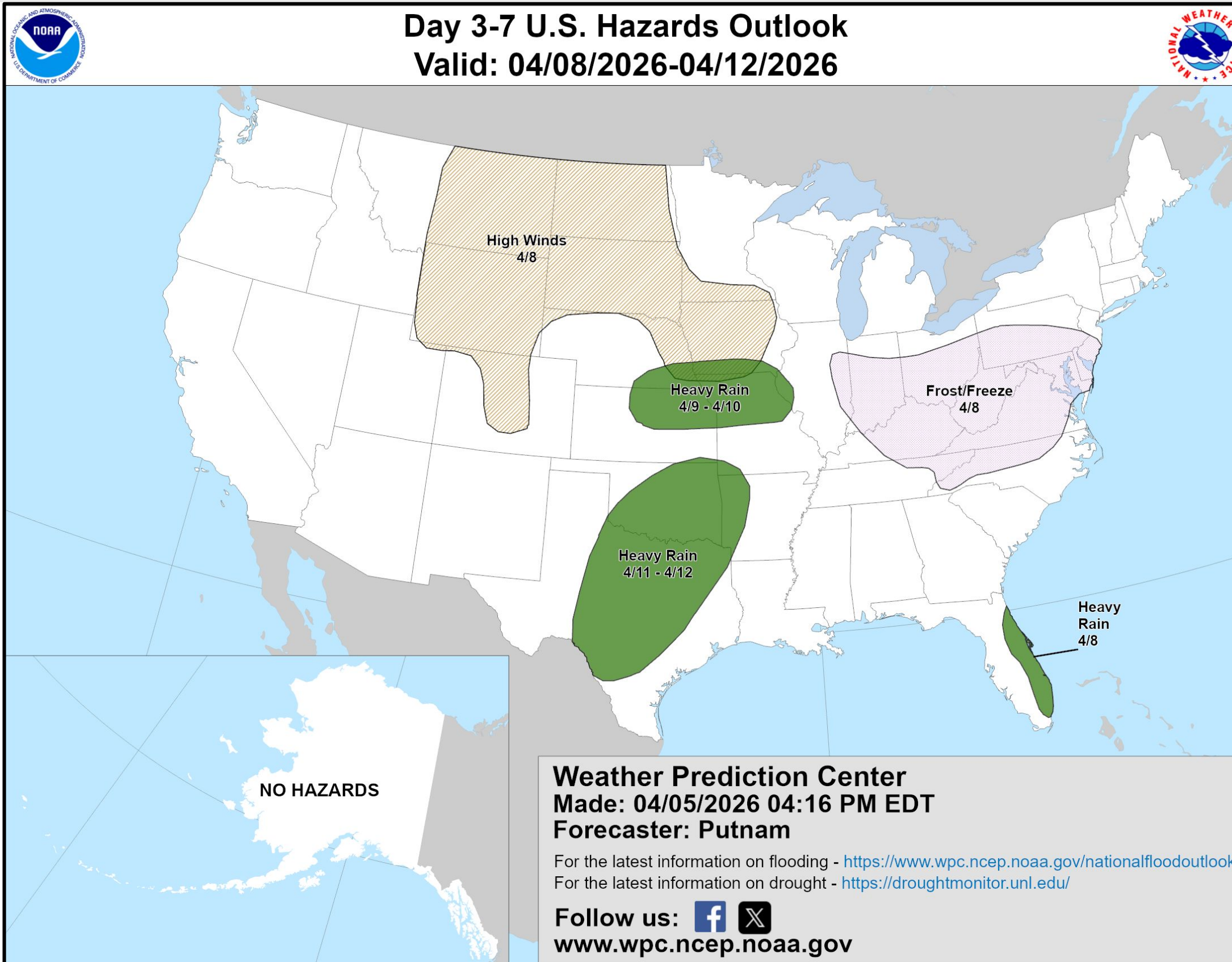


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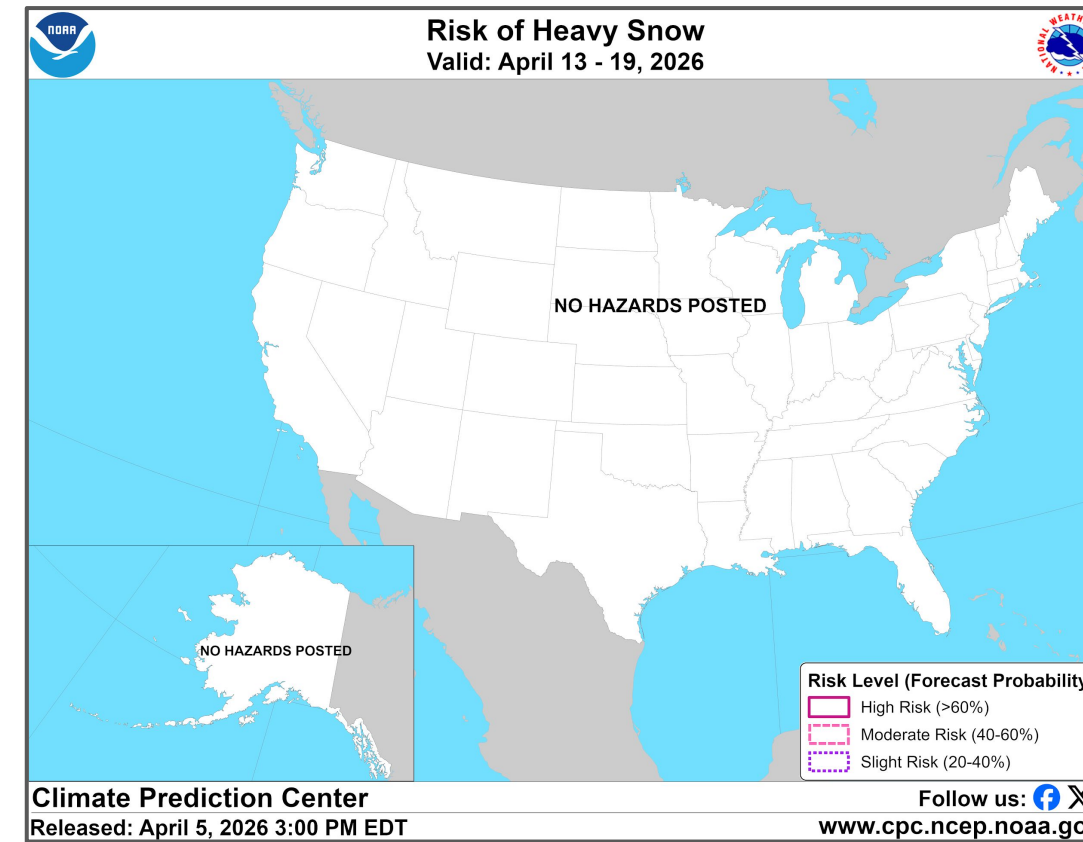
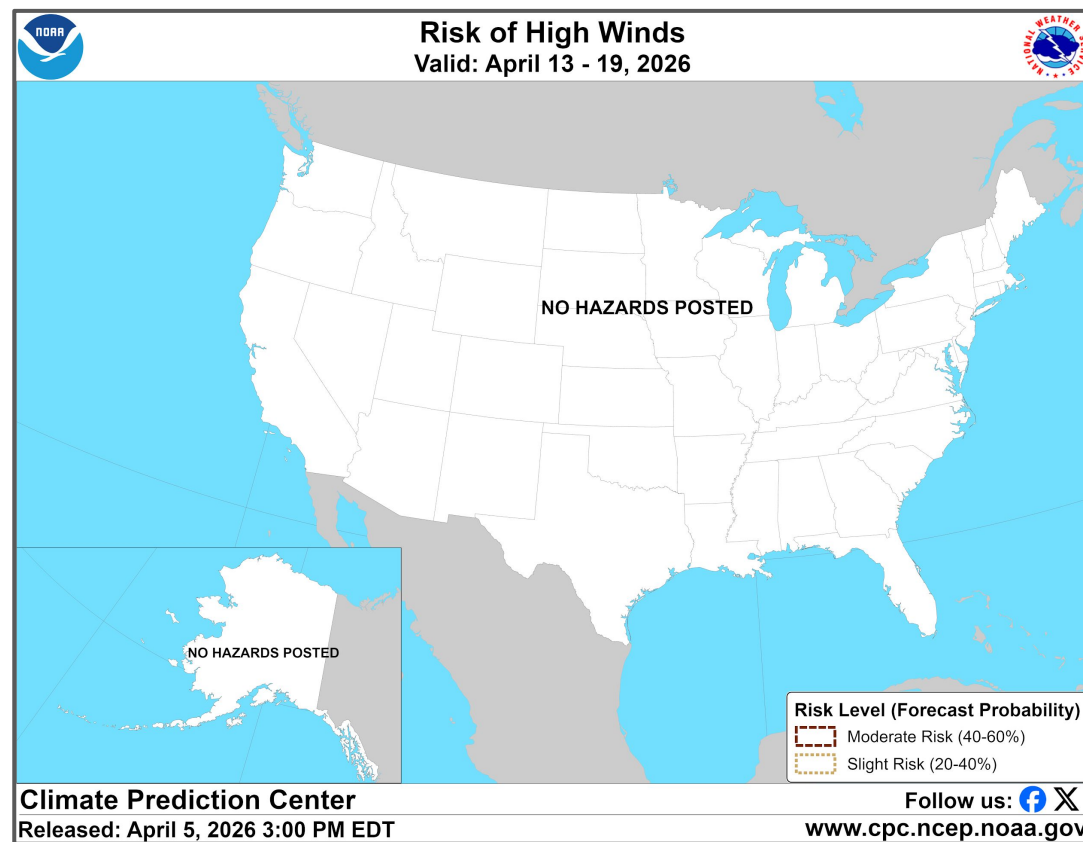
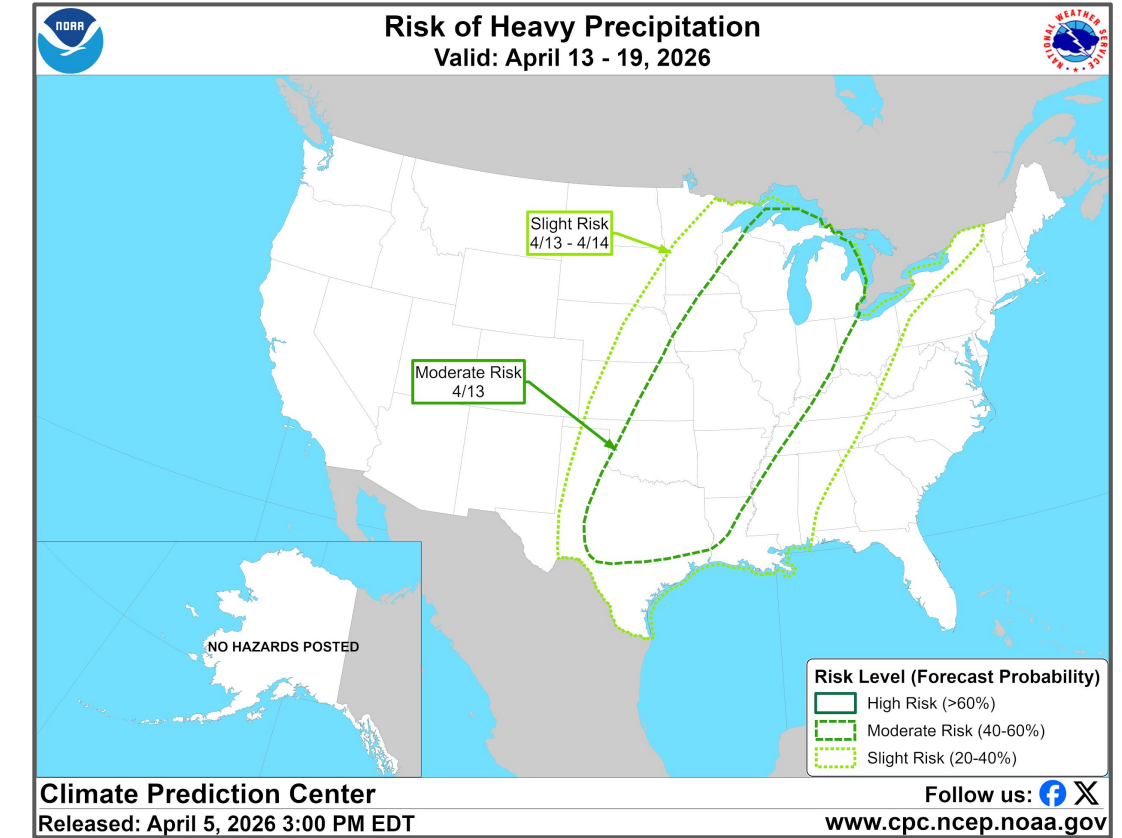
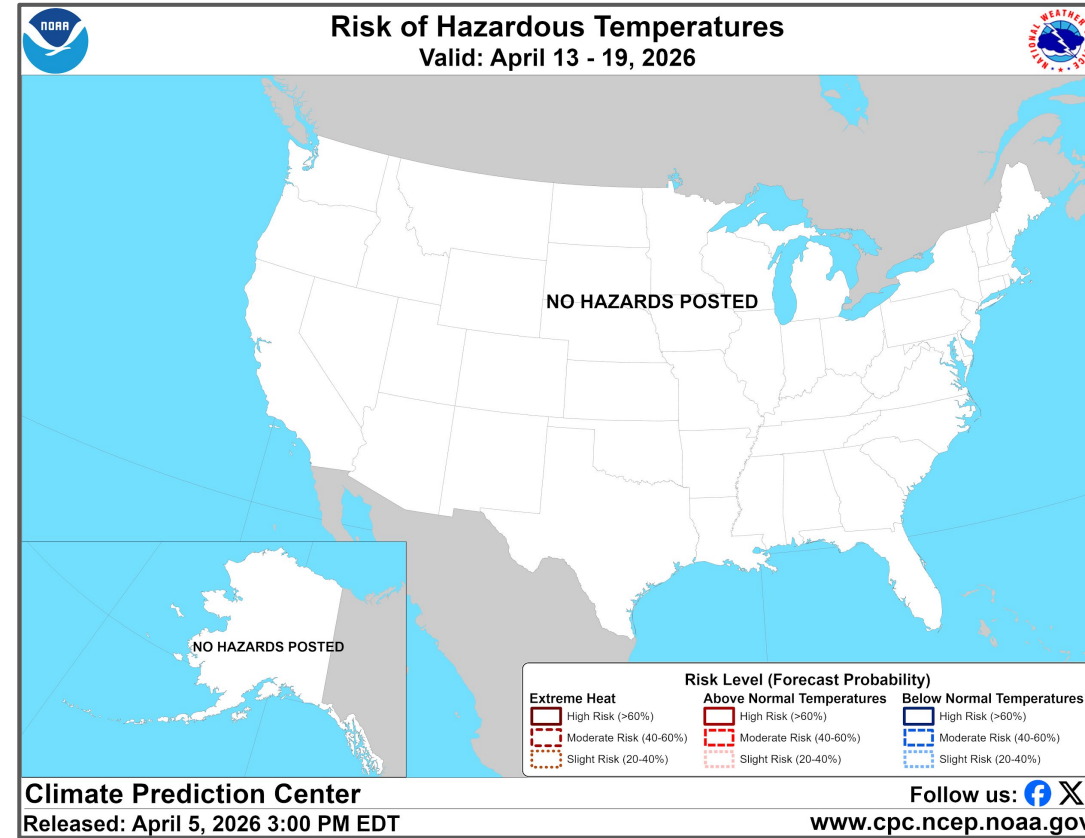
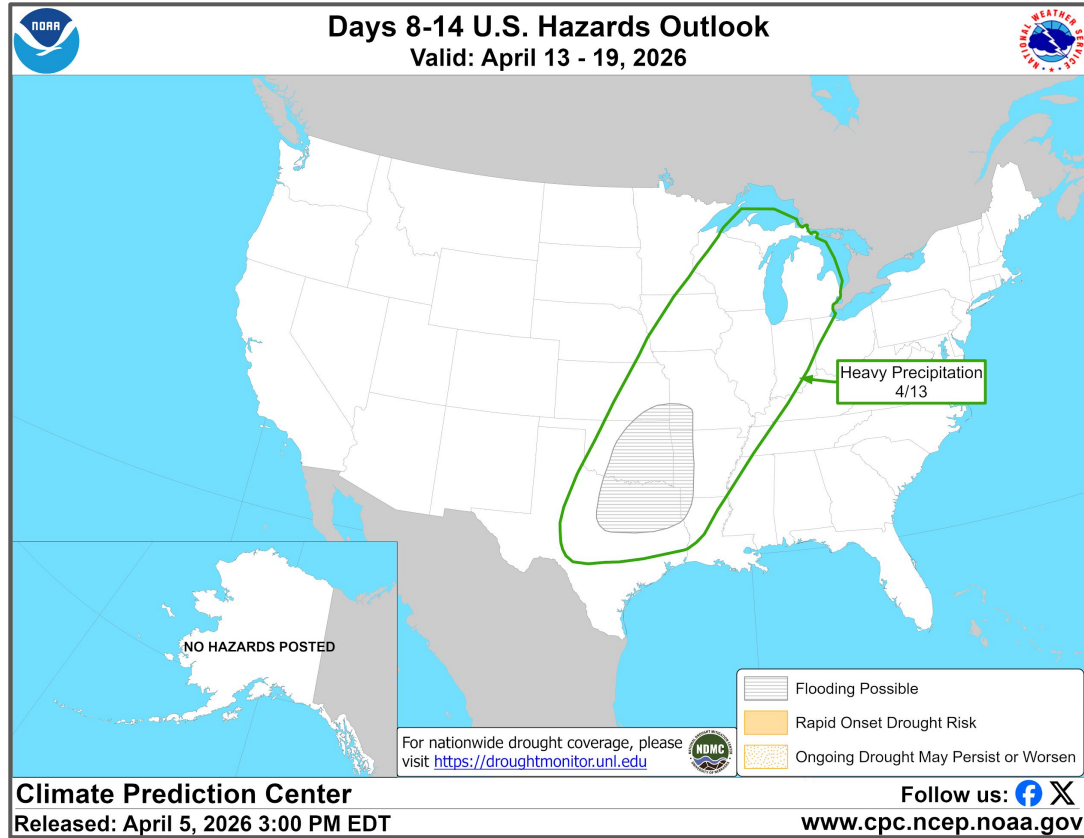


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

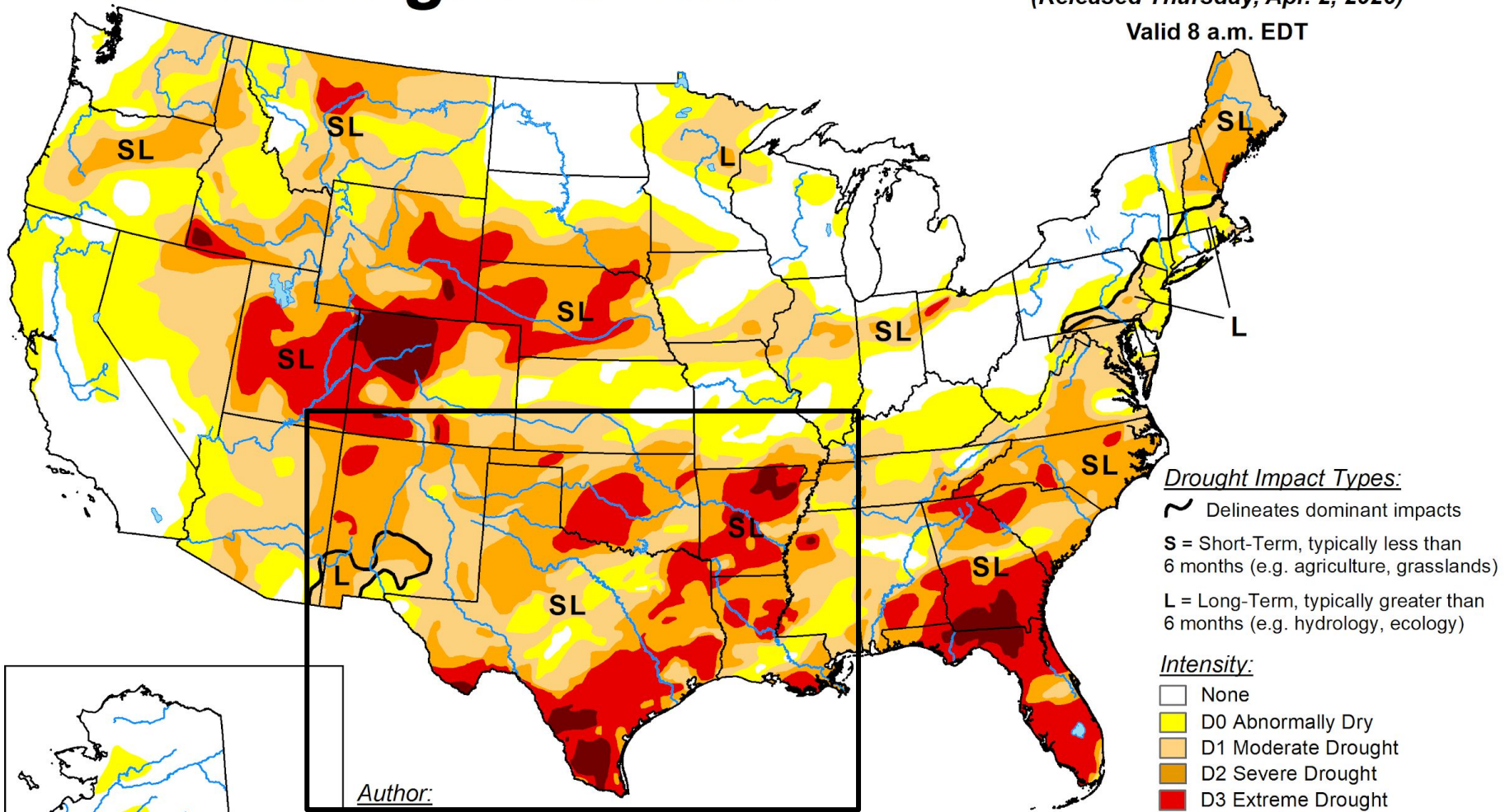




Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor

March 31, 2026
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

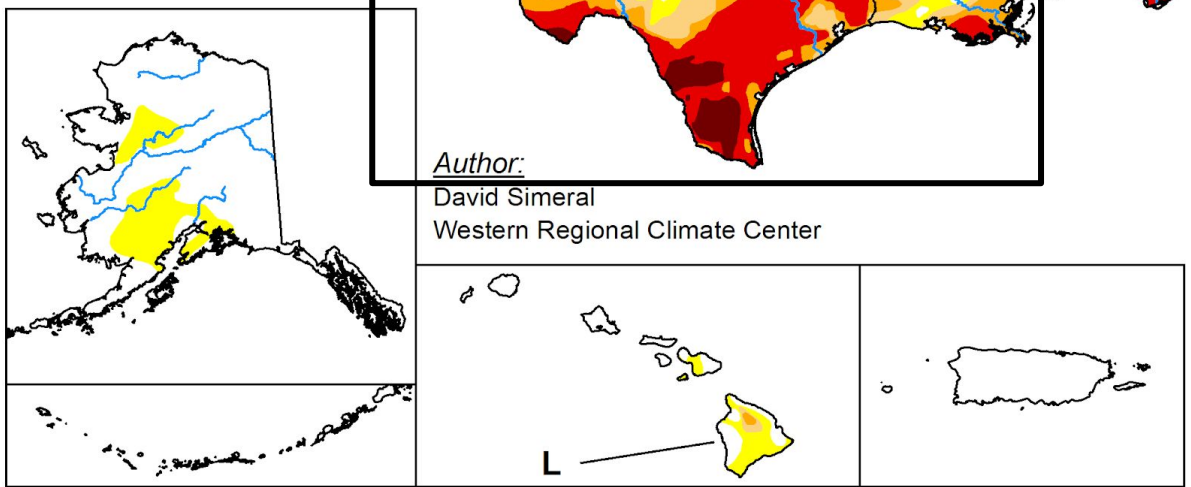


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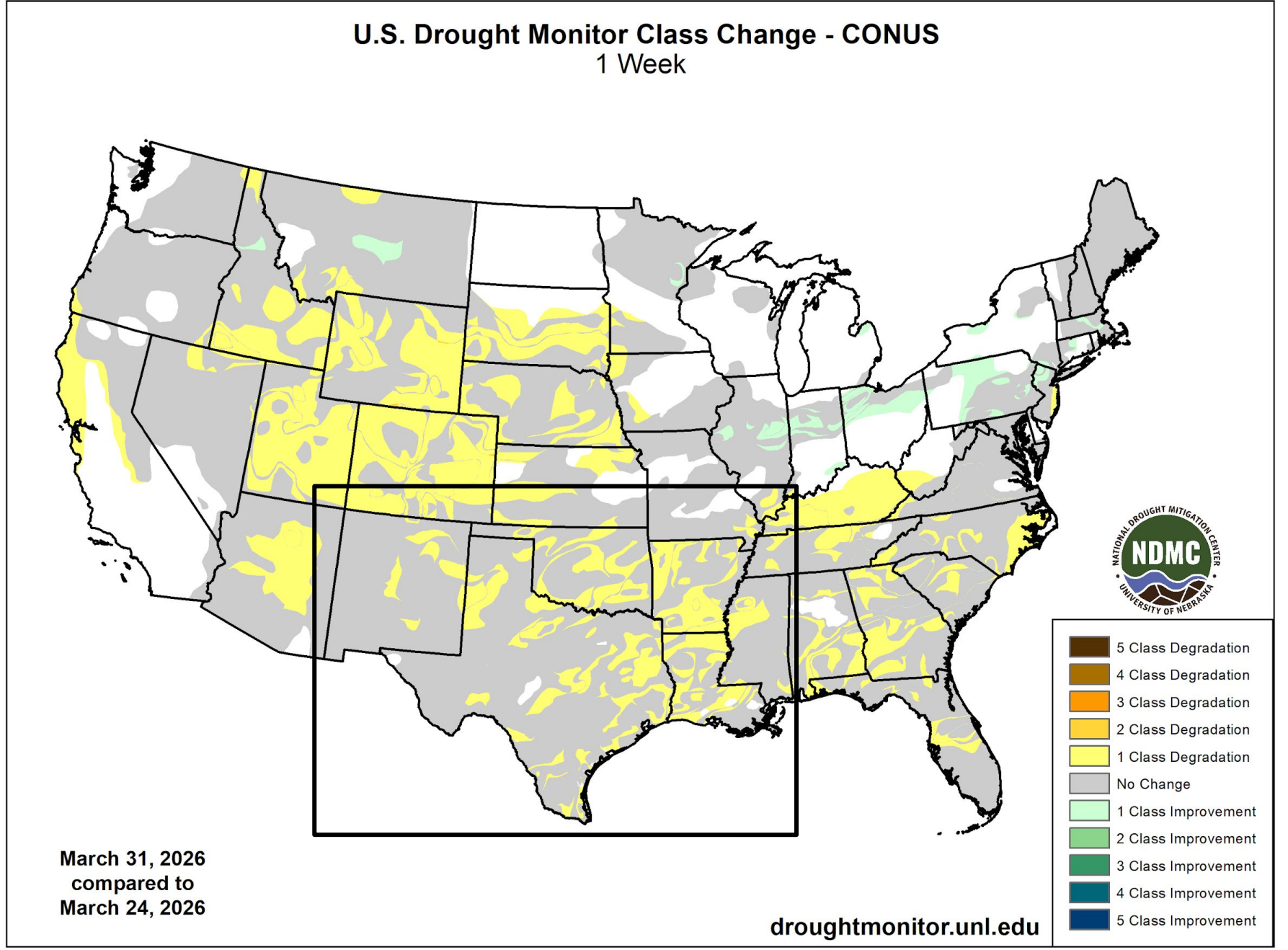
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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



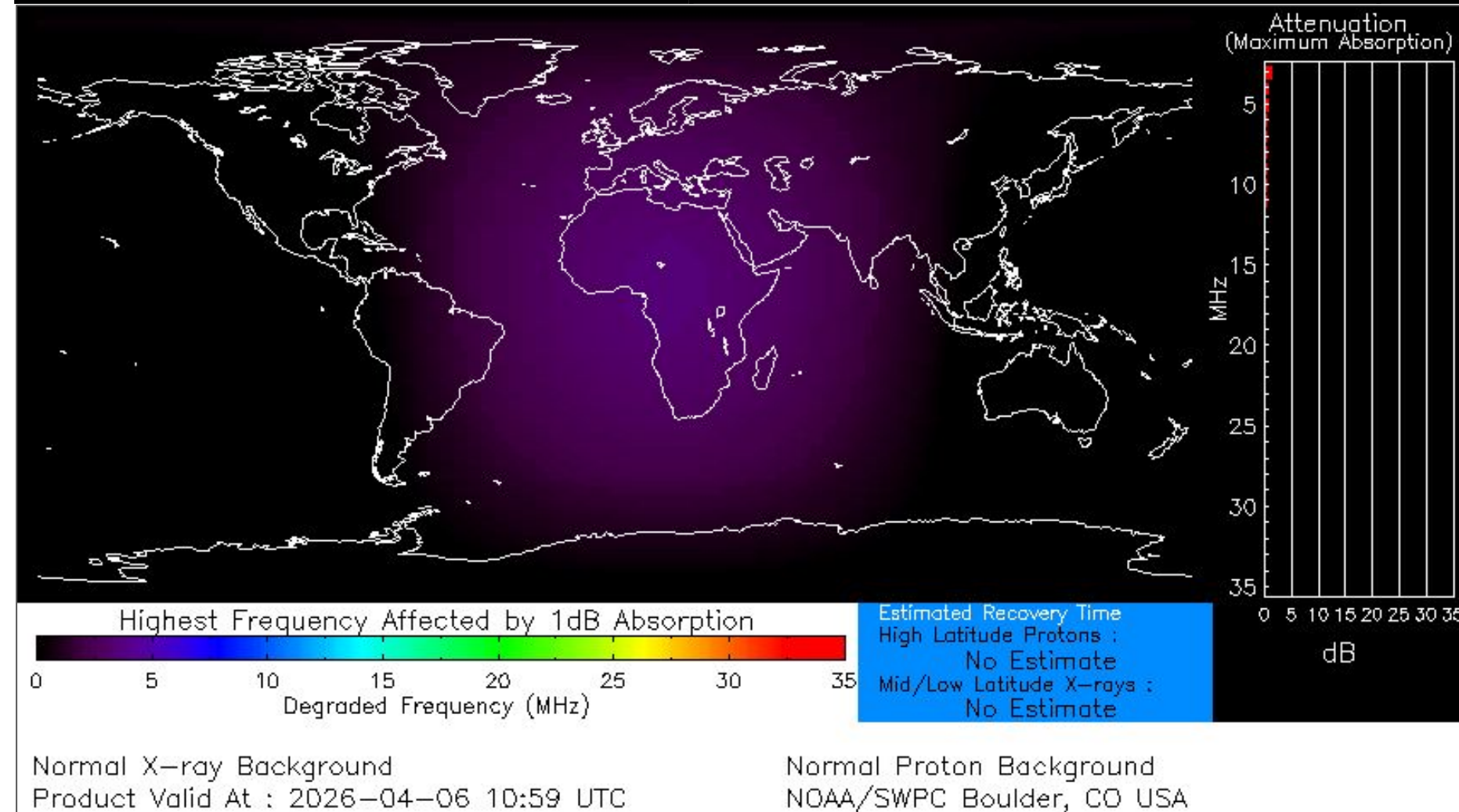
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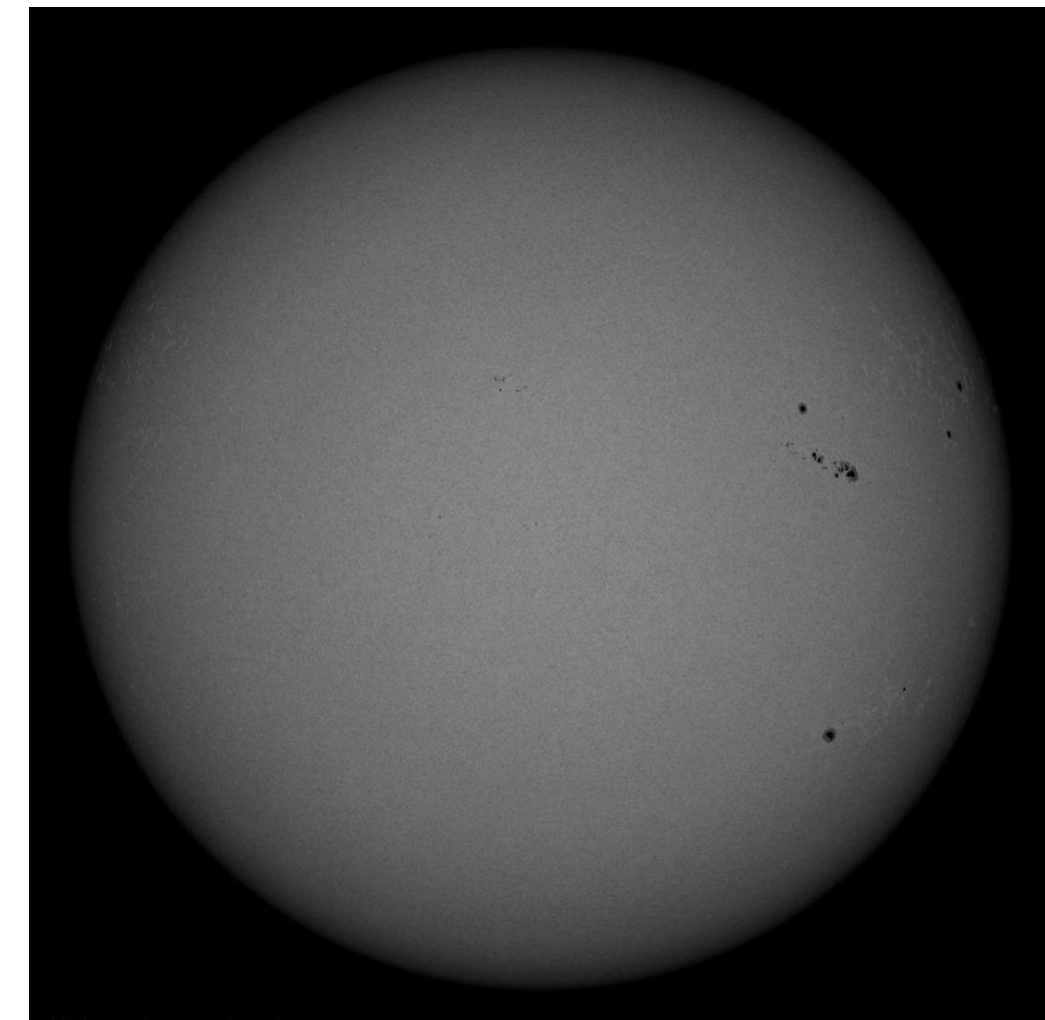
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Apr 6	Tuesday, Apr 7	Wednesday, Apr 8
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	15%	15%	15%
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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