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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, April 08, 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 Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Thursday over the TX/OK Panhandles expanding into N OK on Friday.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over the TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W/SW TX Saturday expanding eastward into much of OK and portions of TX on Sunday.
- Slight risk for additional severe storms over portions of OK, AR, TX, LA Monday-Tuesday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Saturday in W OK, NW-SW TX.
- Marginal risk over SE OK, W AR, N/NE/C TX on Sunday.
- Marginal risk over E OK, W AR on Monday and E OK, W AR, N/NE TX on Tuesday.
 - **Note:** Marginal risk covers many of the same areas on multiple days. If repeated rounds of rainfall occur over the same areas, expect the marginal risk to be upgraded along with an increased risk of river flooding.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated threat (level 1 of 3) Thursday over NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

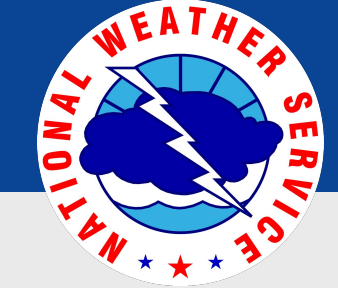
Next 7 days

| | Wednesday, Apr 8 | Thursday, Apr 9 | Friday, Apr 10 | Saturday, Apr 11 | Sunday, Apr 12 | Monday, Apr 13 | Tuesday, Apr 14 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Severe Storms | | TX/OK Panhandles | TX/OK Panhandles, N OK | TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W/SW TX | OK, N/SW/NW/CTX | OK, N TX, W AR | E OK, AR, N/NETX, NW LA |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | | | | W OK, NW-SW TX | SE OK, W AR, N/NE/CTX | E OK, W AR | E OK, W AR, N/NETX |
| Heat | | | | | | | |
| Fire Weather | | NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles | | | | | |
| River Flooding | | | | | Monitoring sections of TX, OK and AR. | Monitoring sections of TX, OK and AR. | Monitoring sections of TX, OK and AR. |

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.

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|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Risk Levels | Little to None | Minor | Moderate | Major | Extreme |
|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|



Current Radar/Hazards



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- Flood Warning Pop: 482
- Gale Warning Pop: 1,005
- Coastal Flood Advisory Pop: 1,238,292
- High Surf Advisory Pop: 585,103
- Small Craft Advisory Pop: 22,224
- Rip Current Statement Pop: 626,804



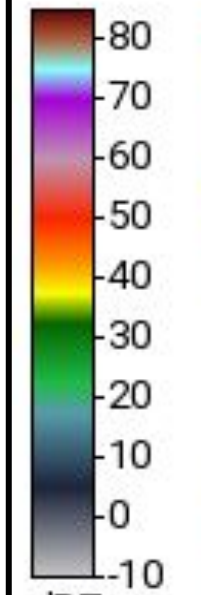
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**Coastal Flood Advisory today in SE LA
11am-8pm CDT. Flooding of lots and parks with
isolated road closures.**



Radar Reflectivity

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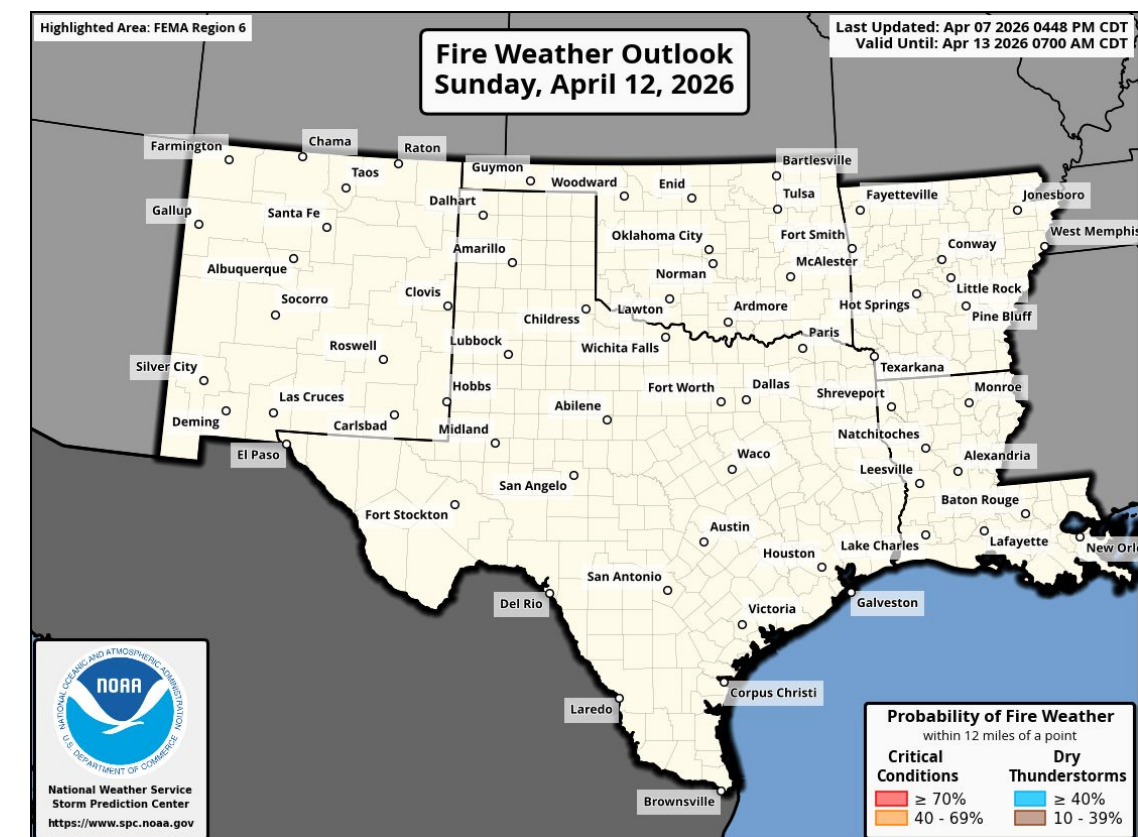
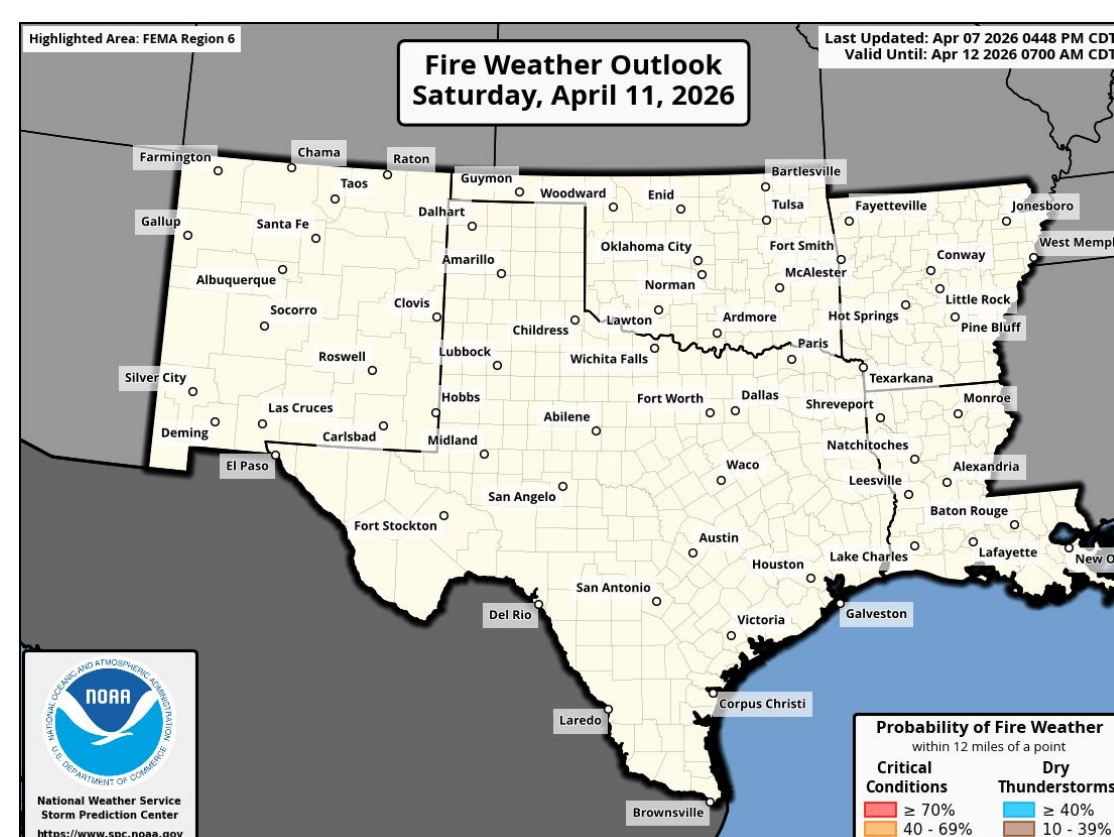
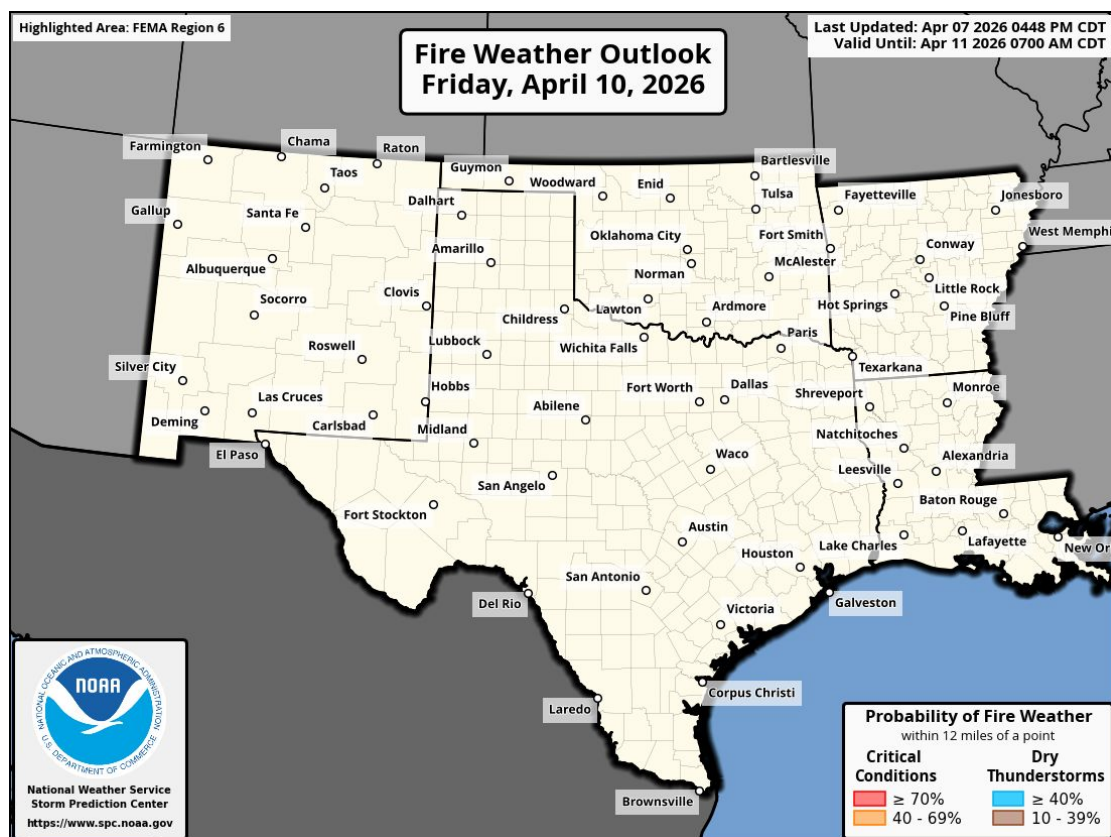
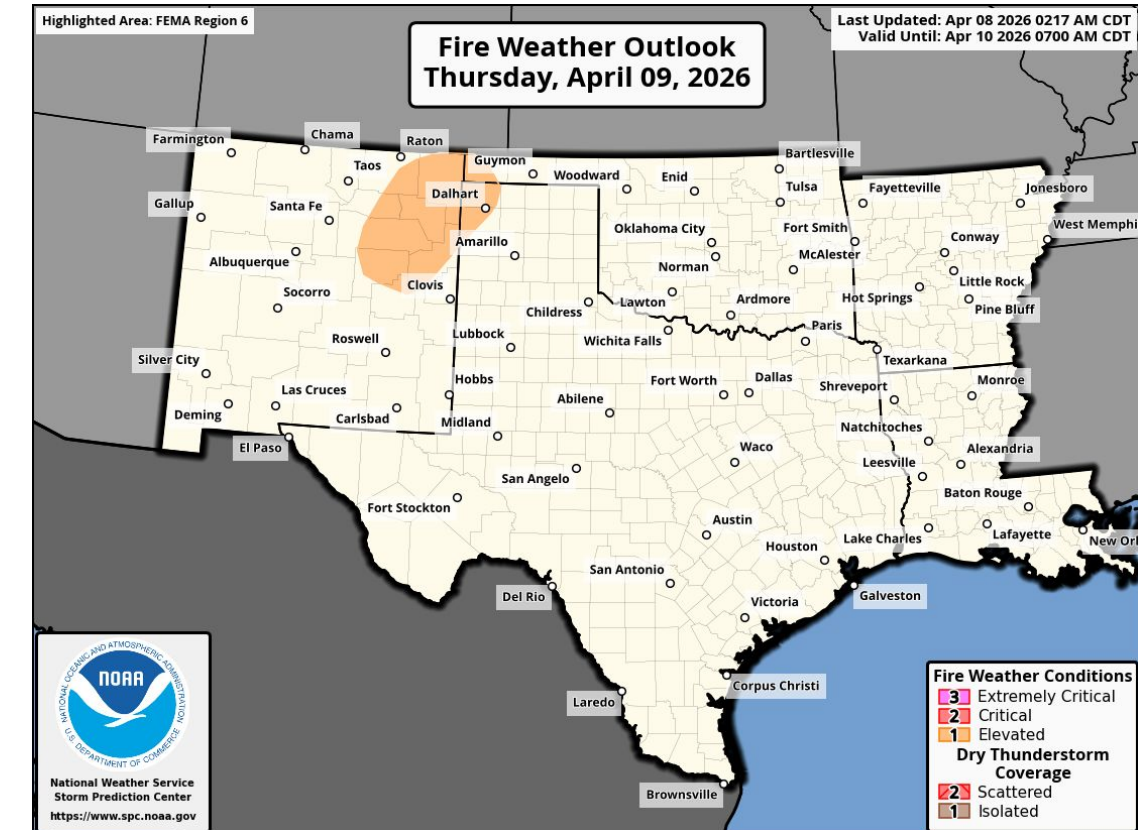
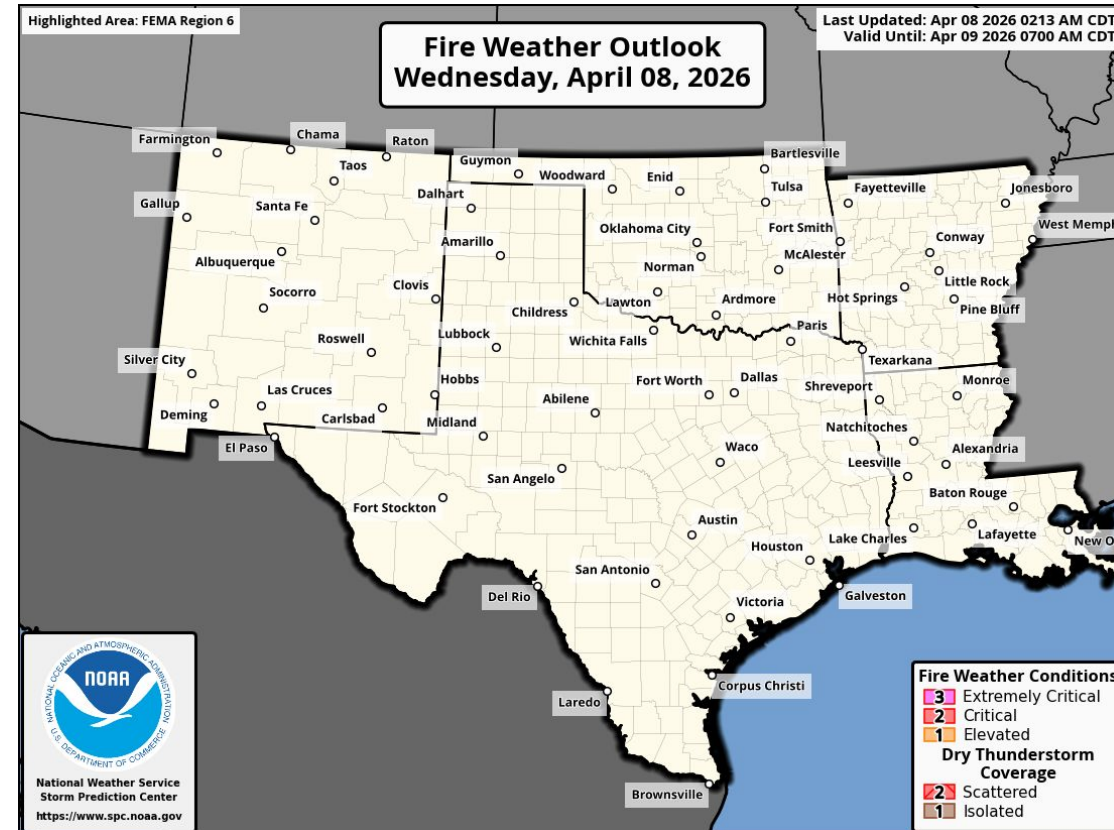
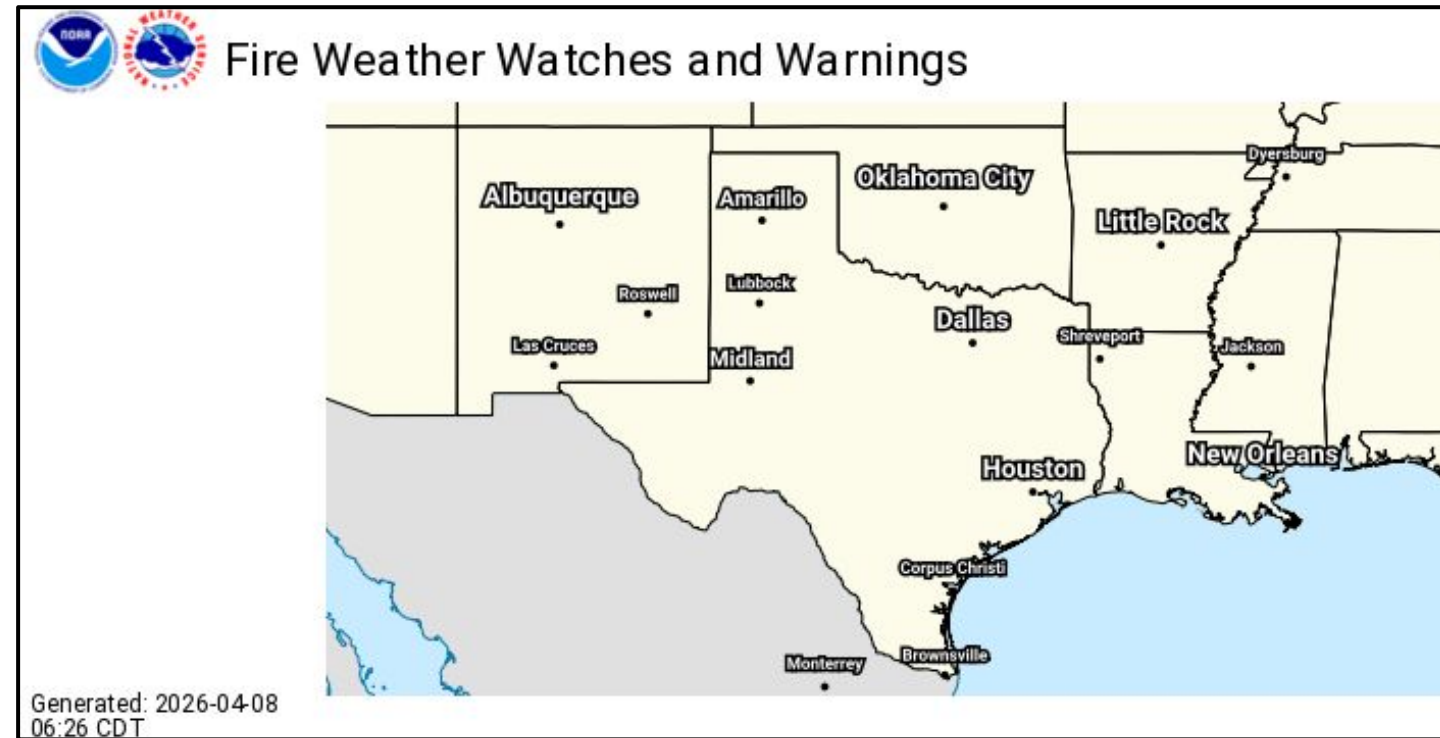


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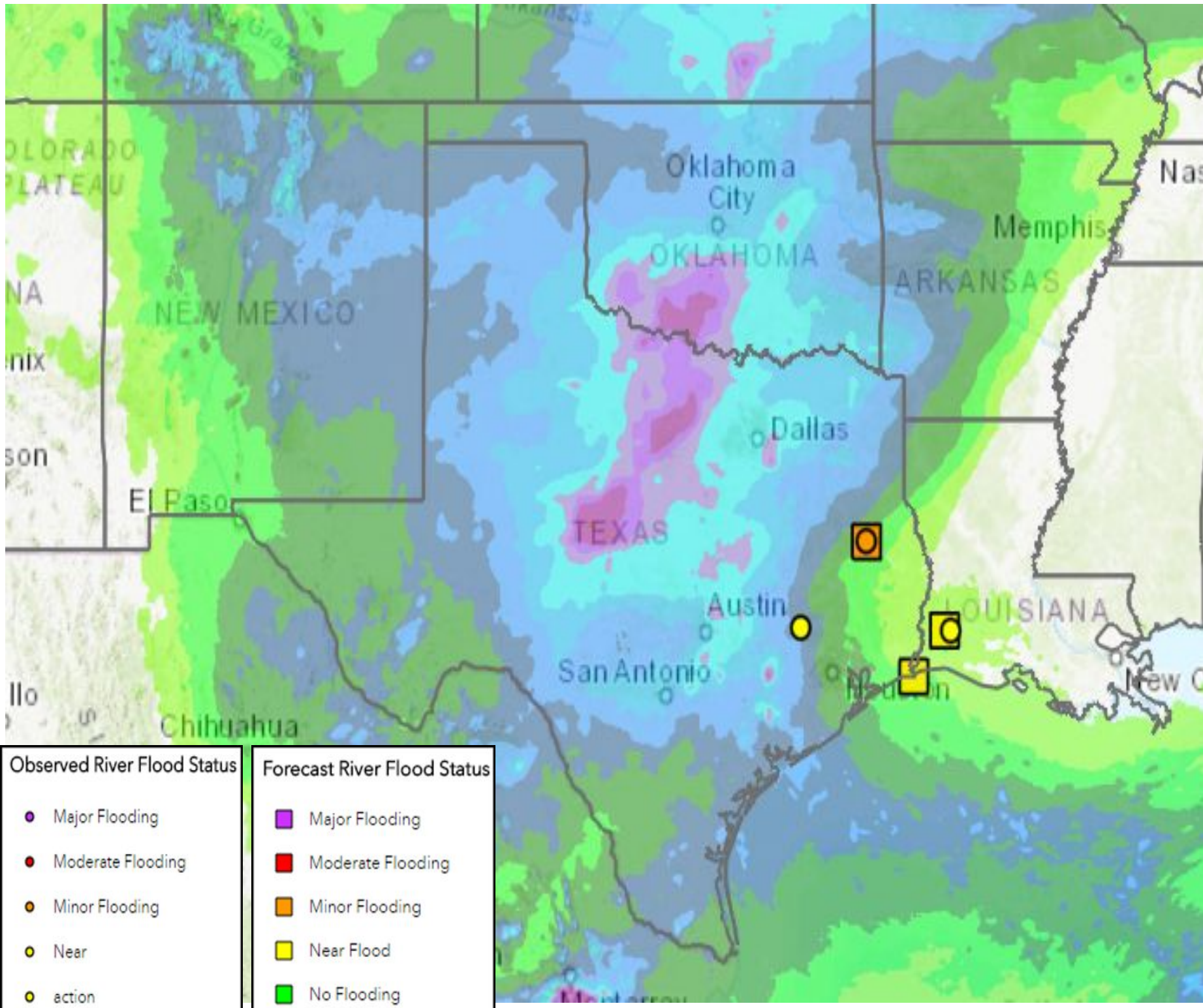
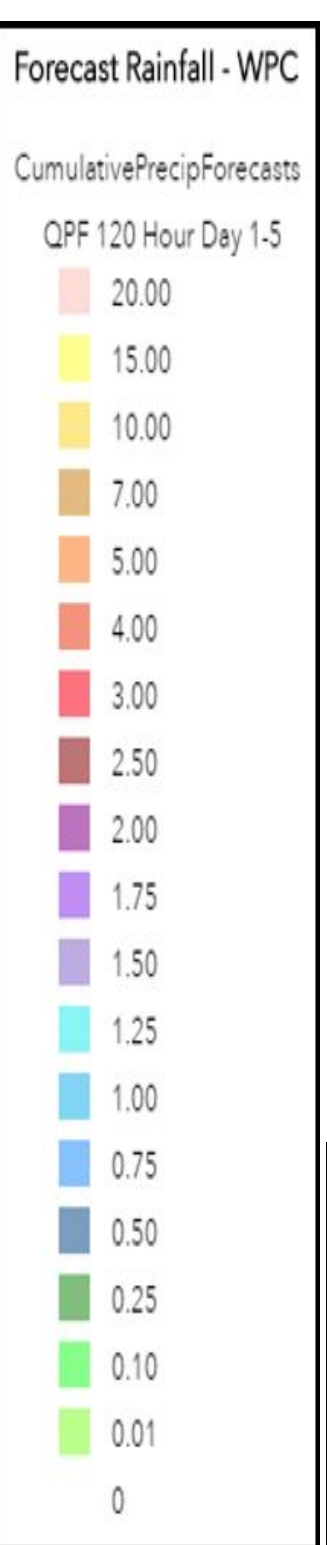
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



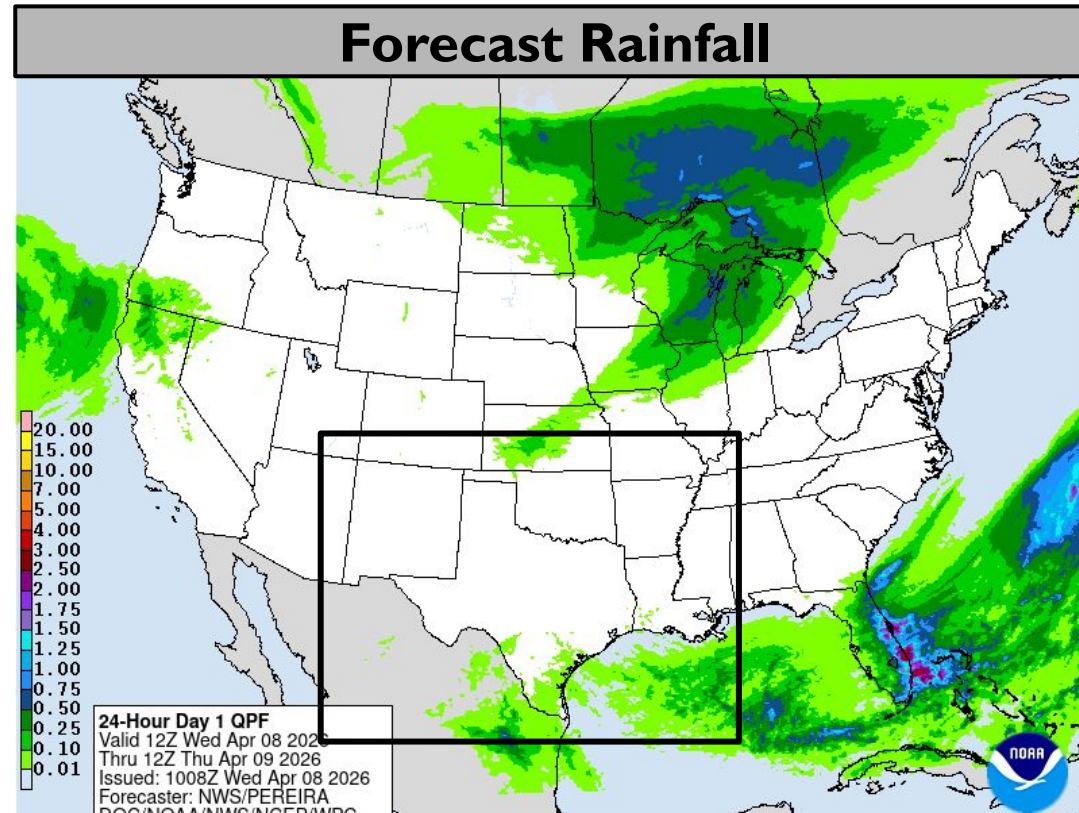
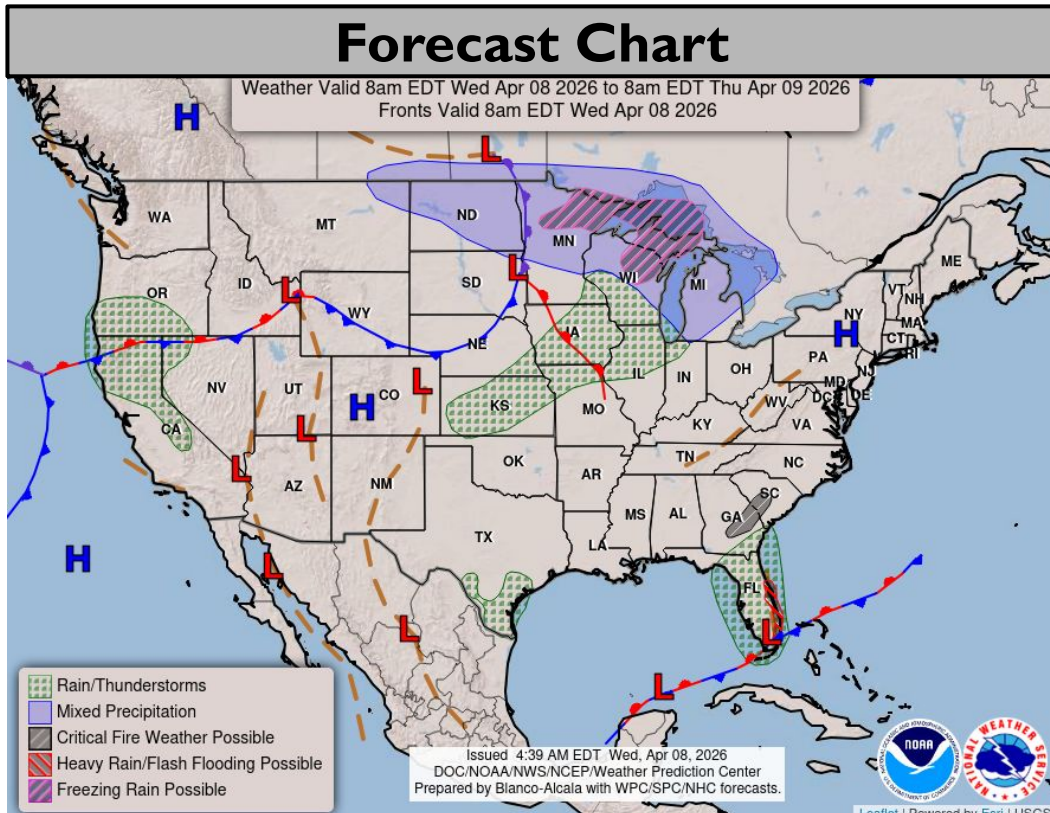
Minor flooding on the Angelina near Lufkin starting today. No major impacts.

Monitoring for increased threat of river flooding this weekend into next week over areas of OK, AR and TX.

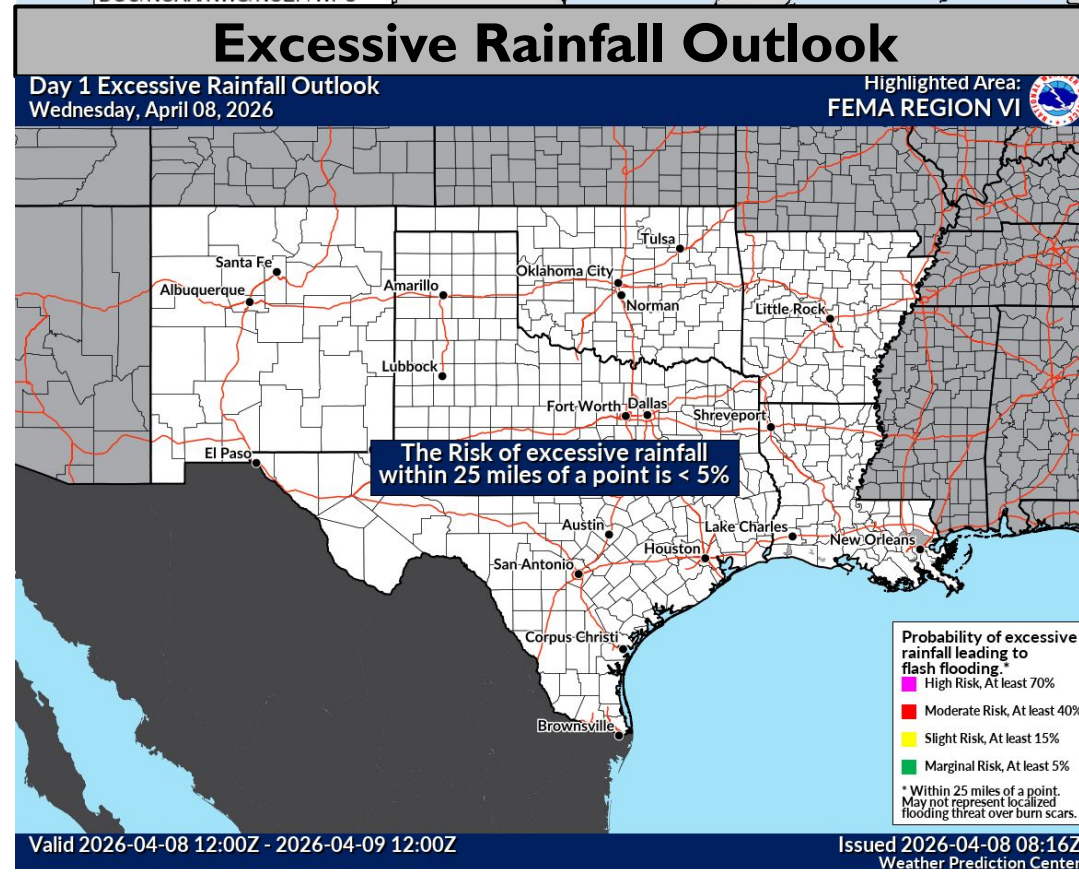
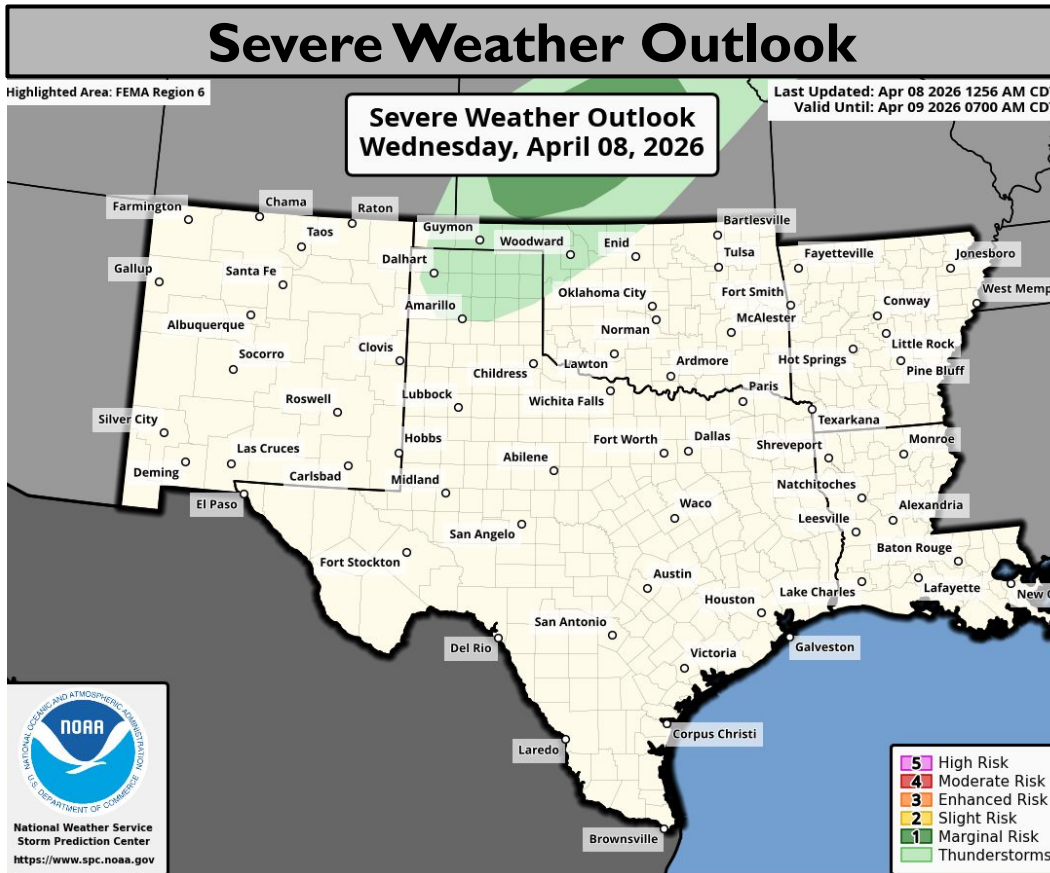
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.



Today's Weather

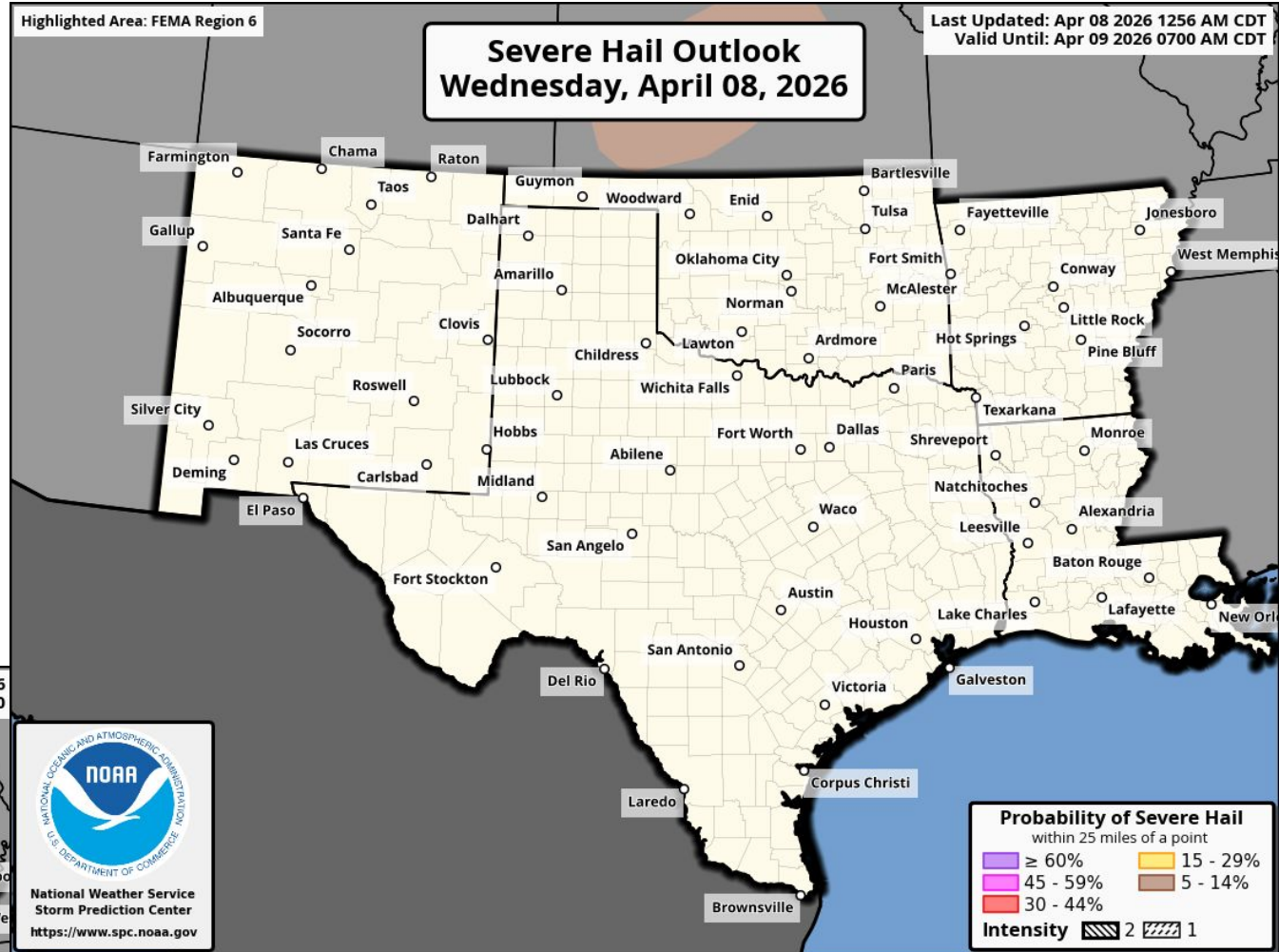
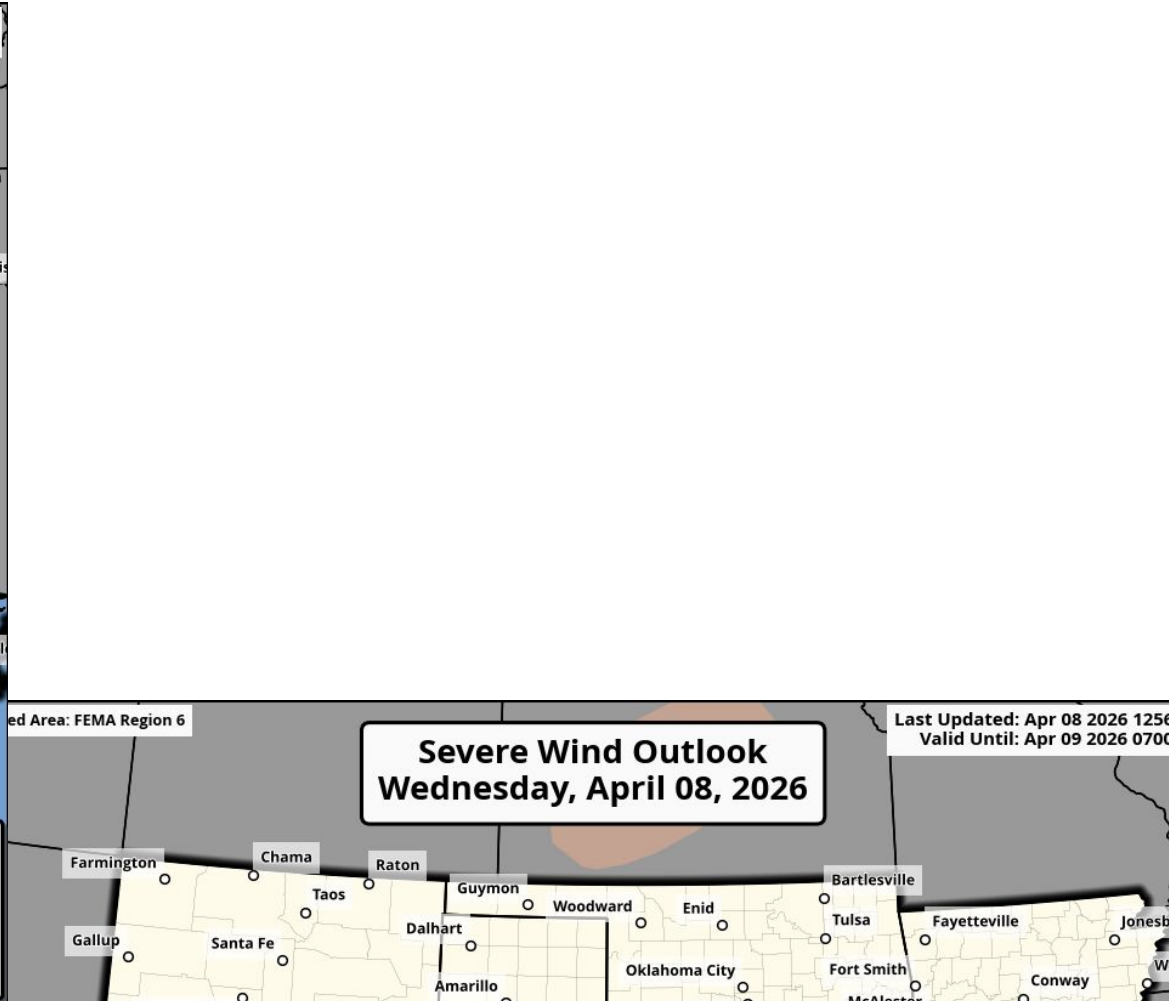
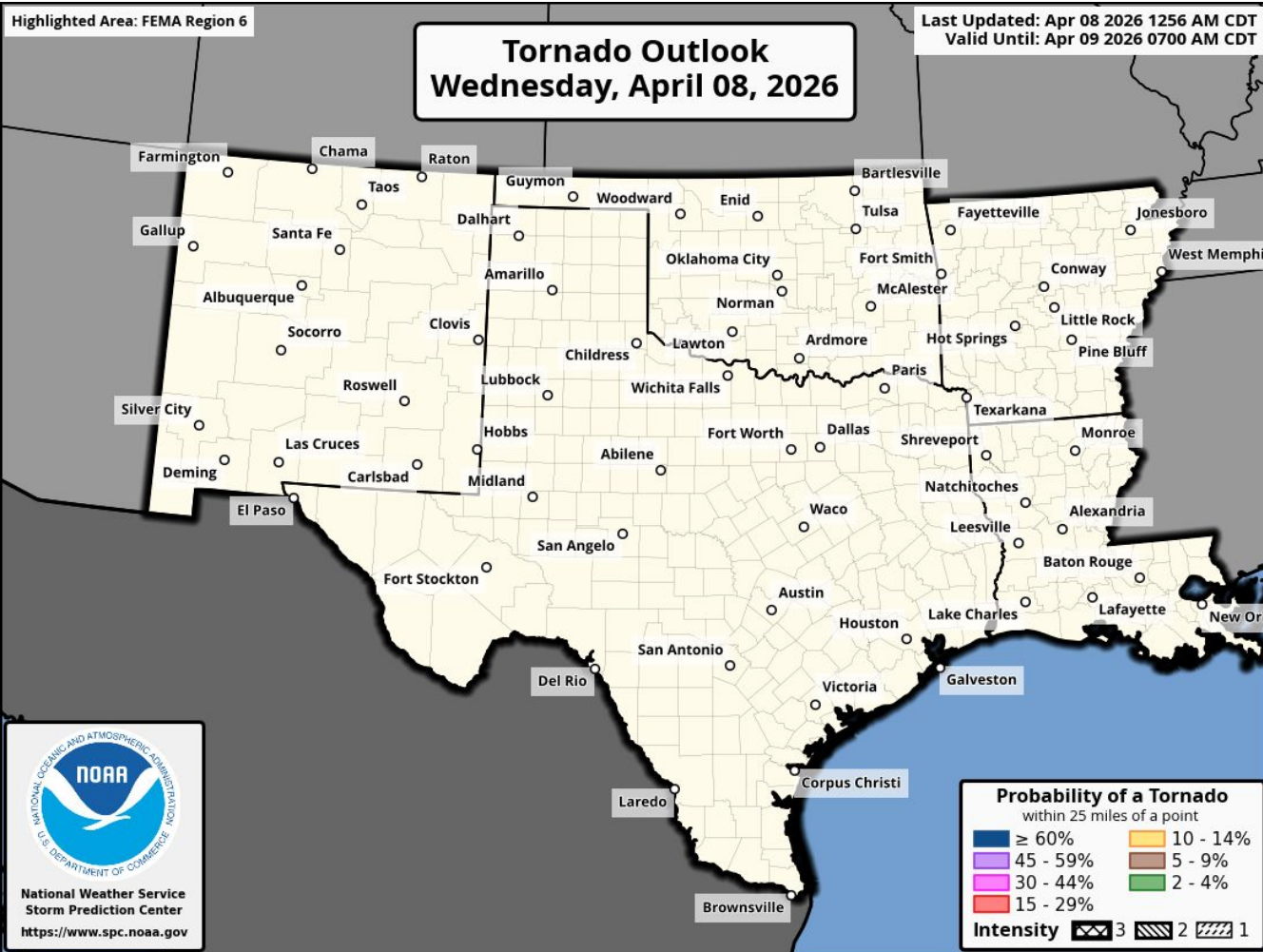


No significant weather impacts expected.





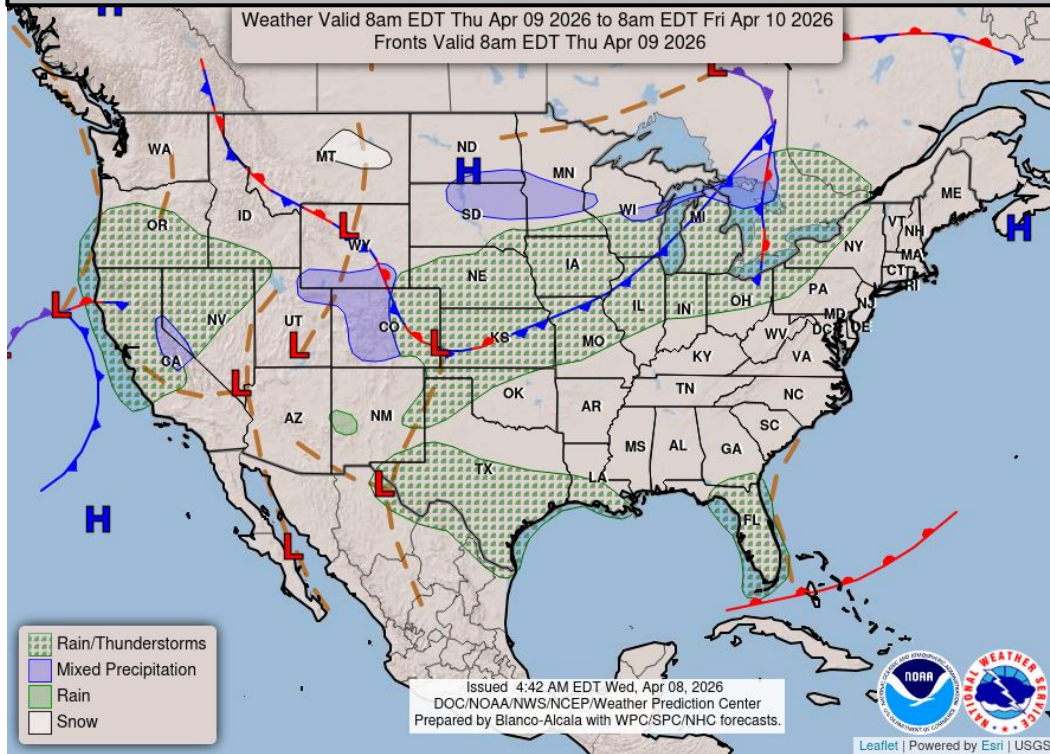
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



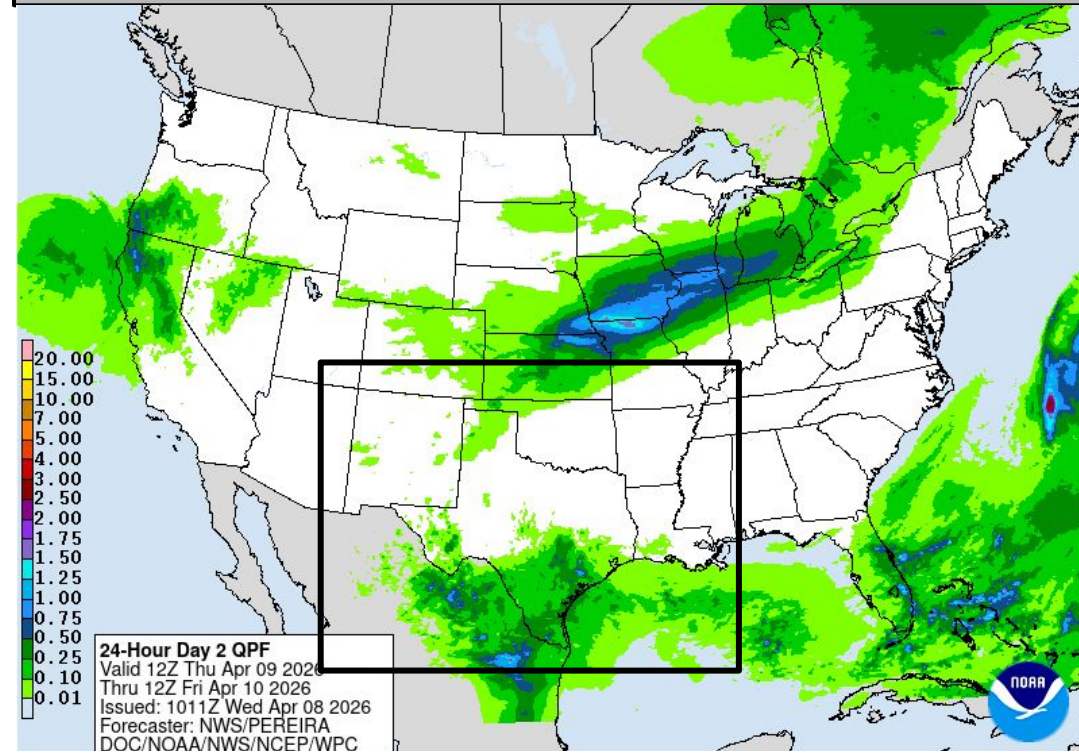


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



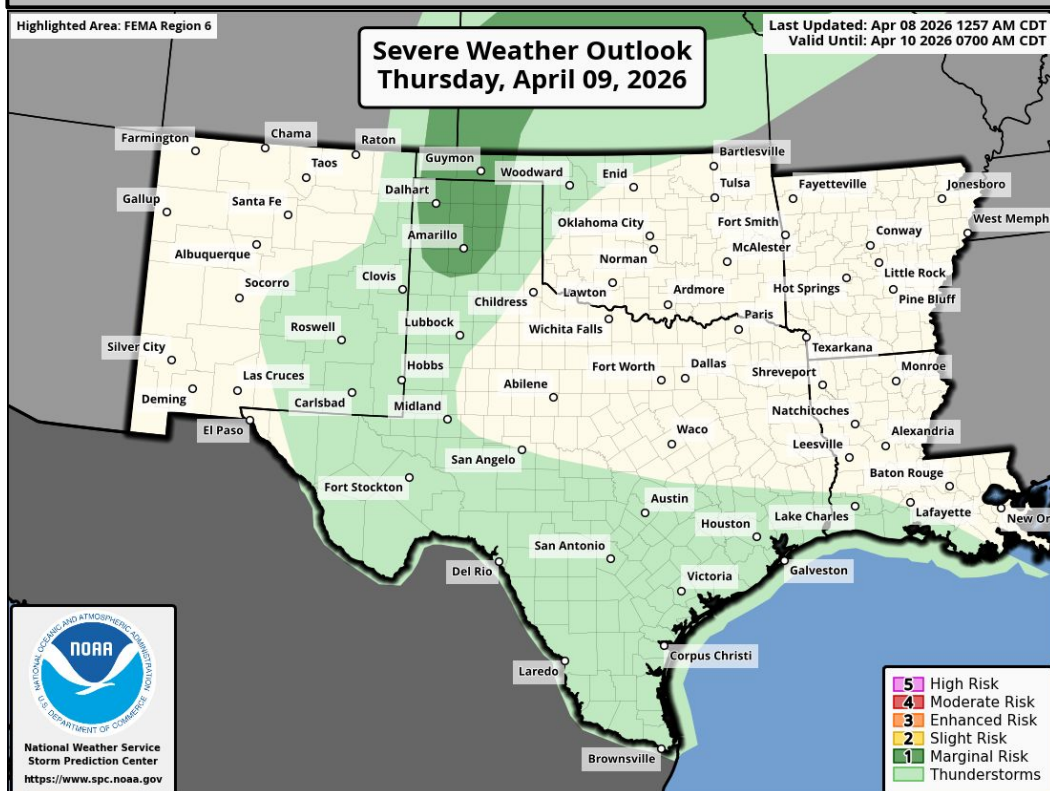
Forecast Rainfall



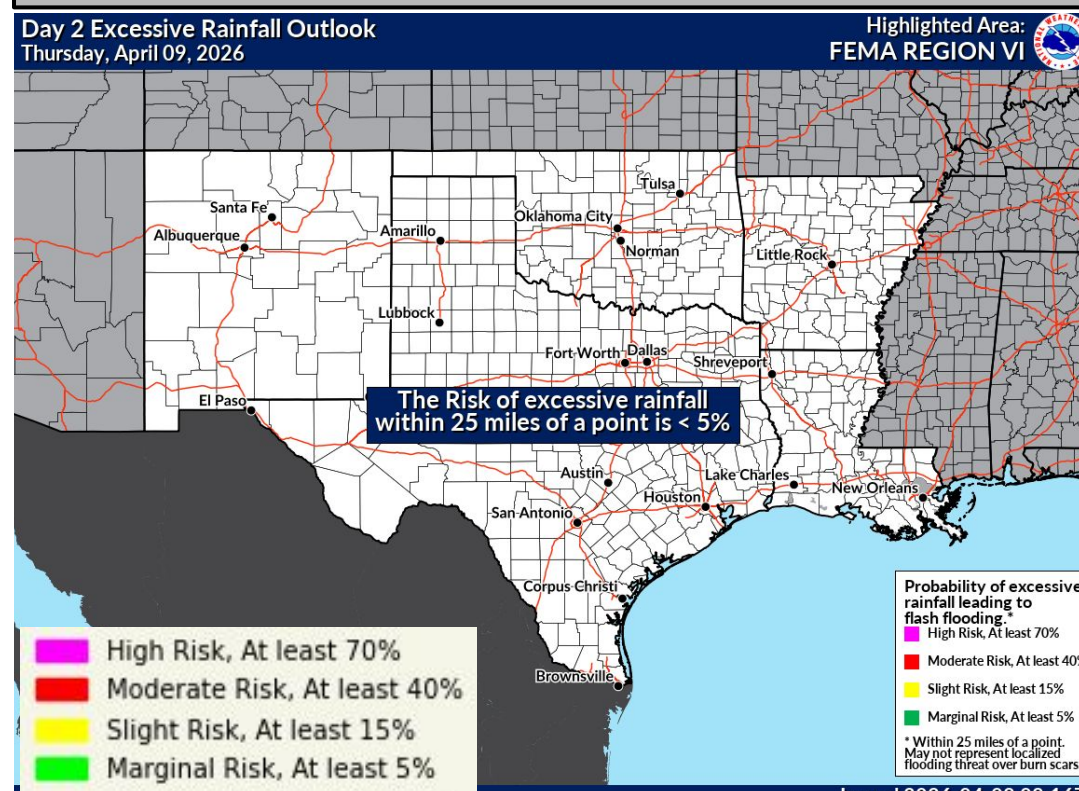
Marginal risk for severe storms (level 1 of 5) in TX/OK Panhandles.

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

Severe Weather Outlook

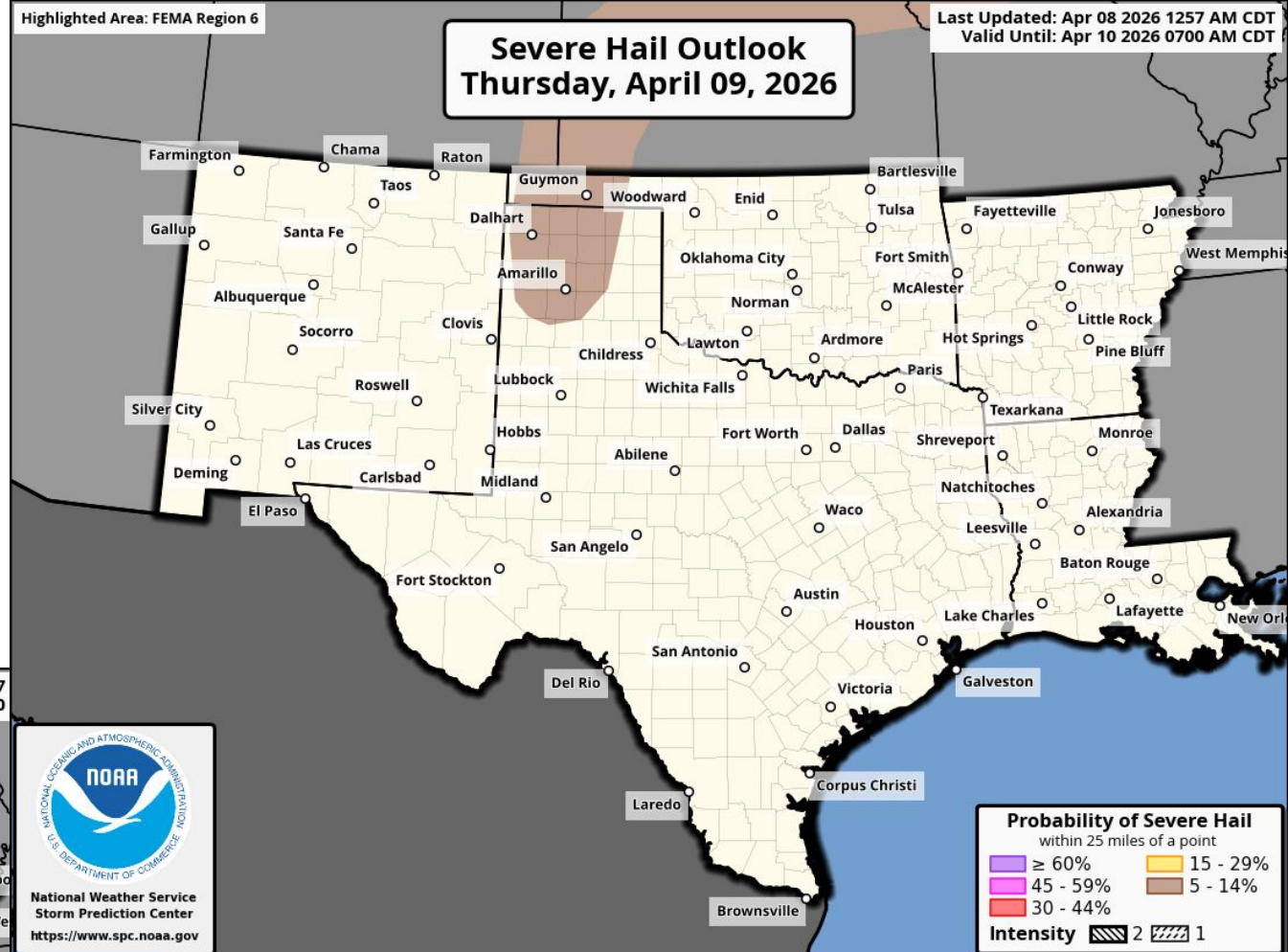
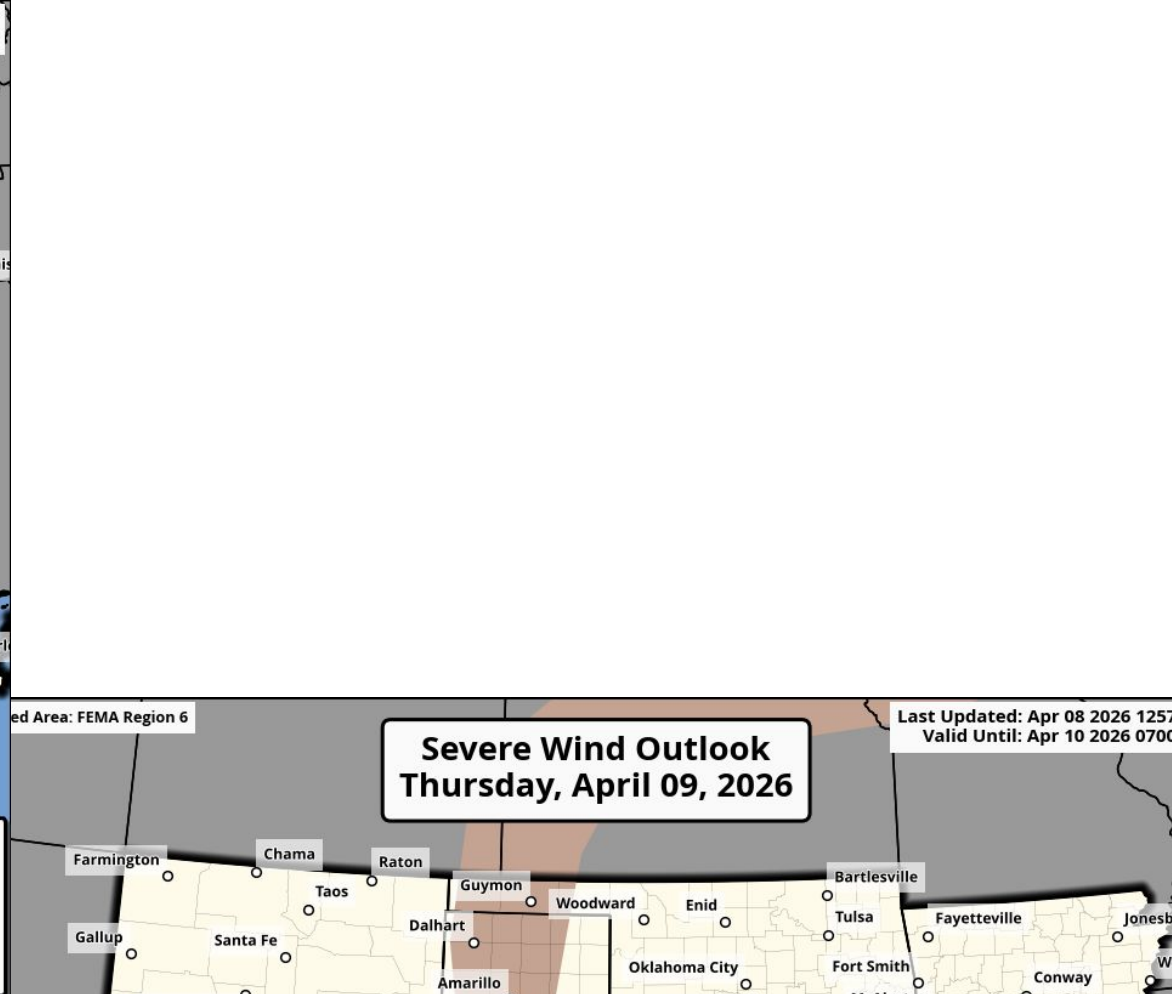
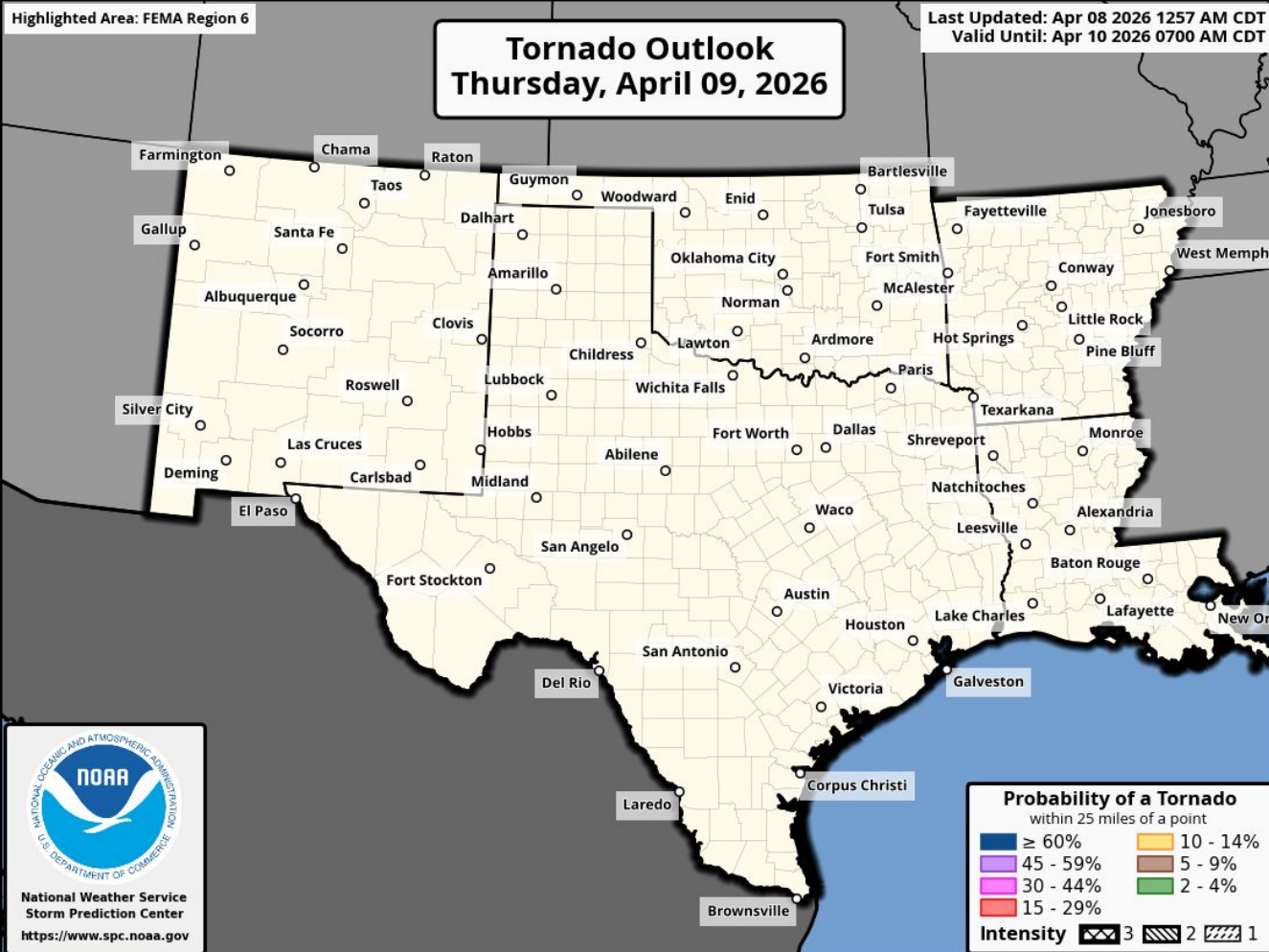


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





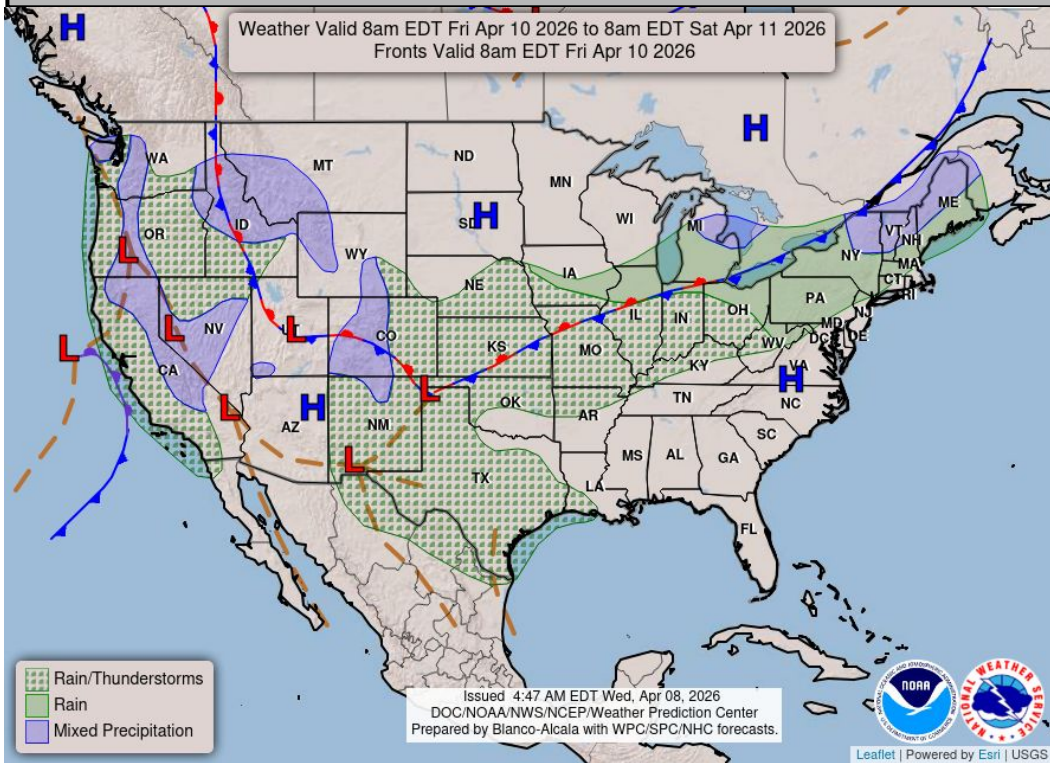
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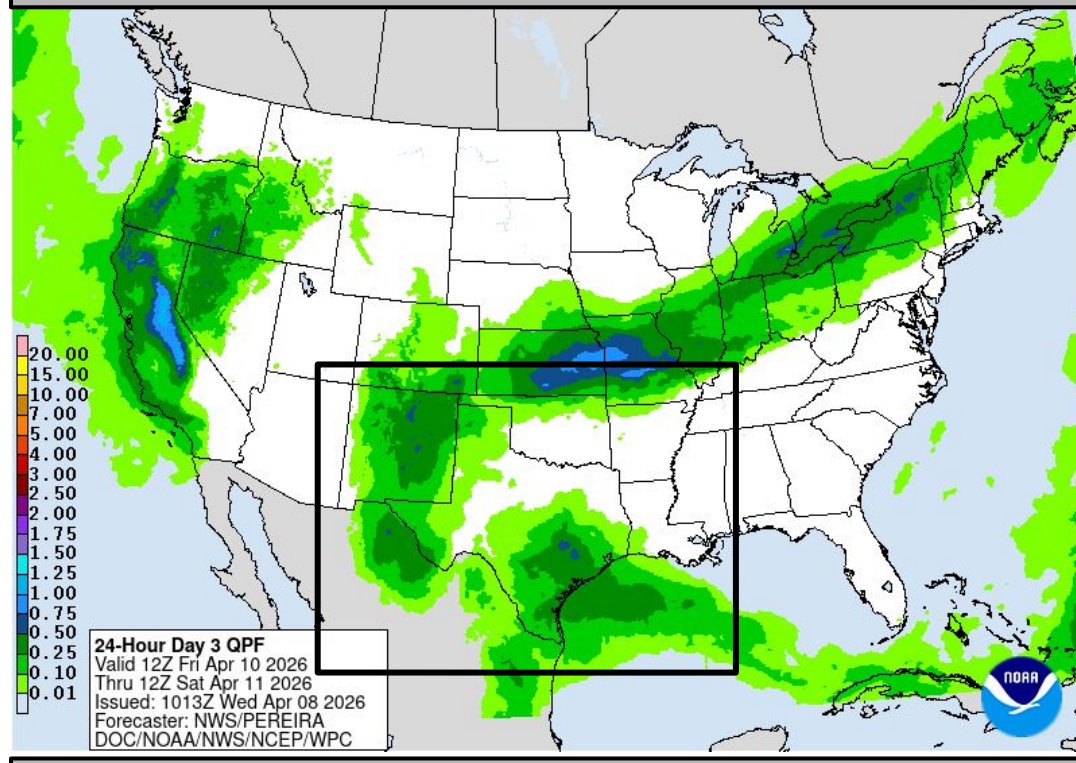


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

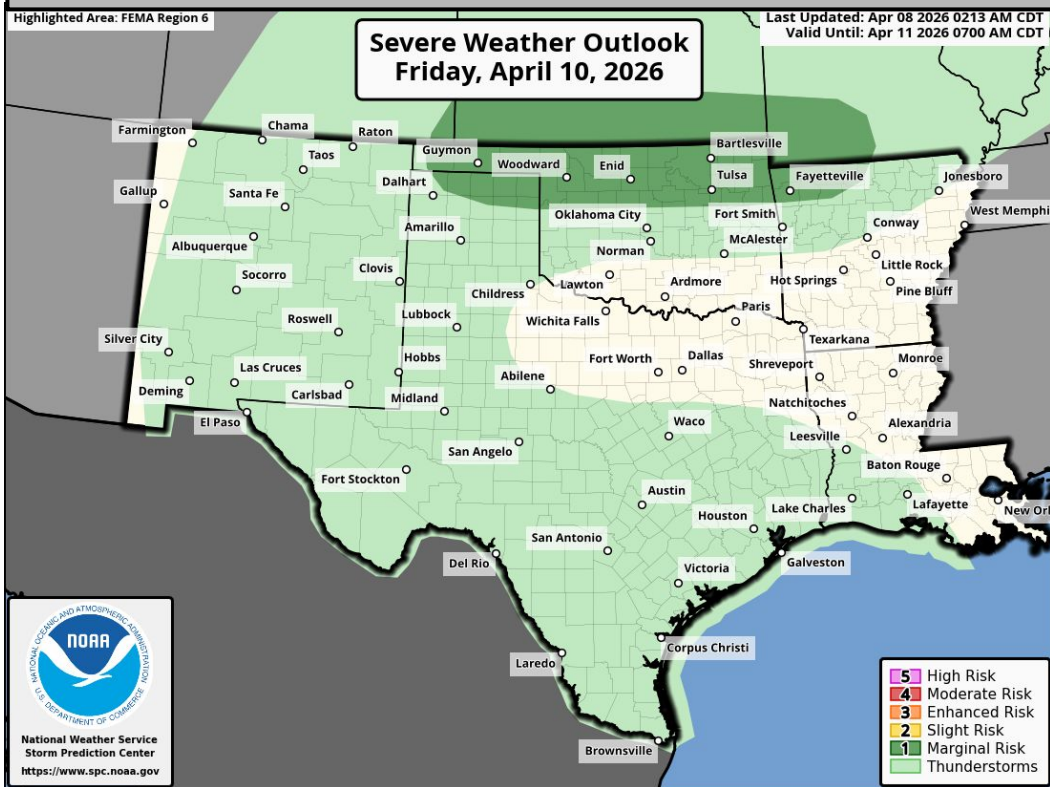


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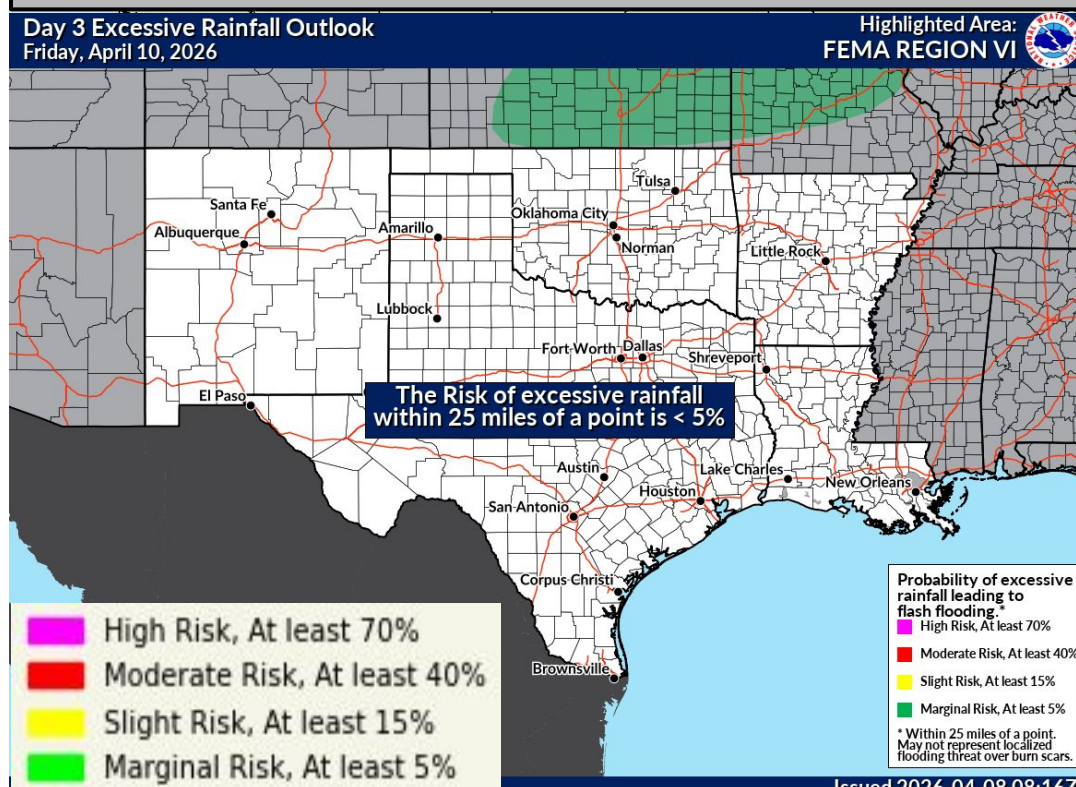


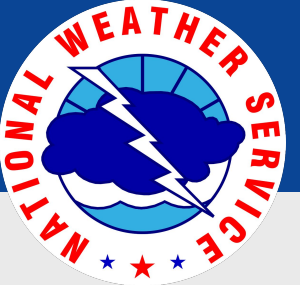
Marginal risk for severe storms (level 1 of 5) in TX/OK Panhandles through N OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



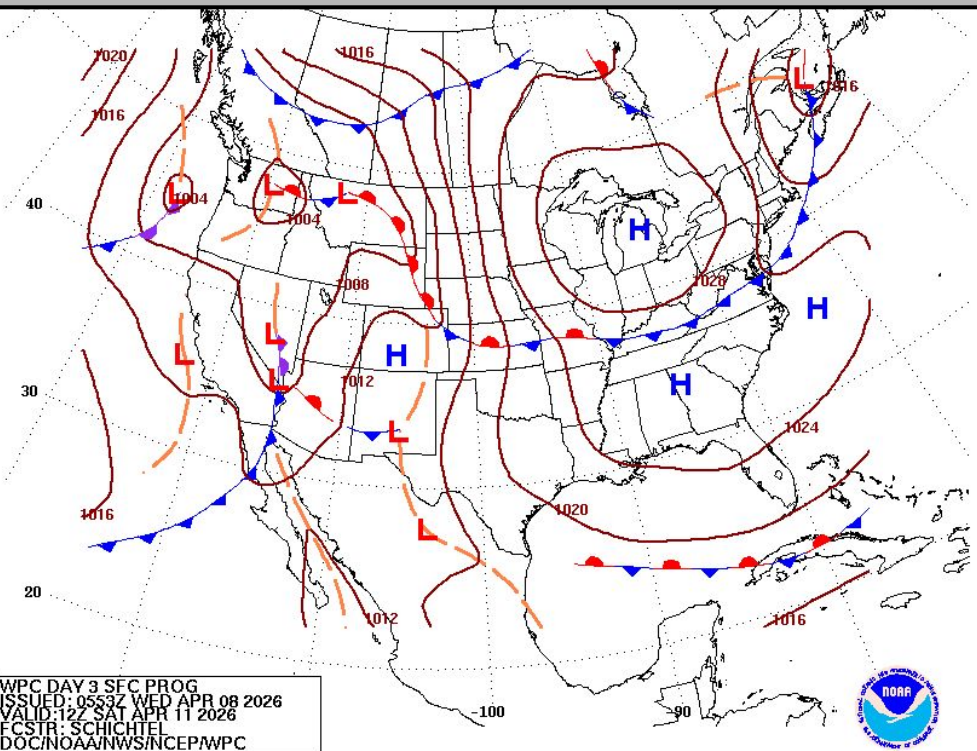
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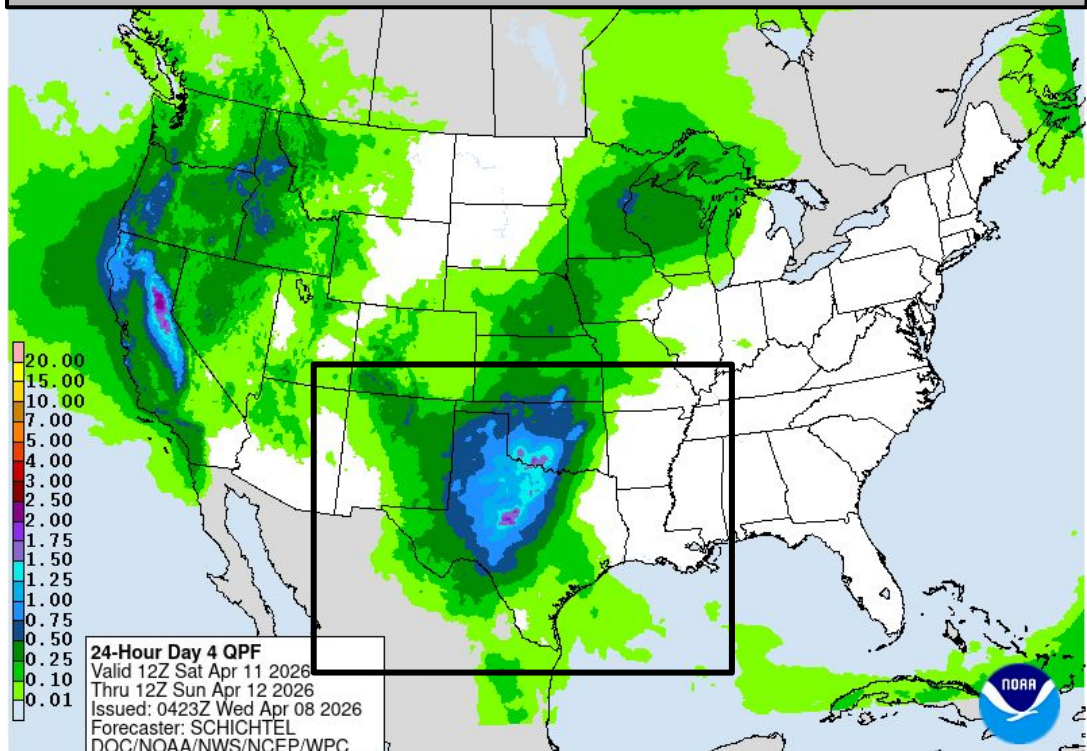
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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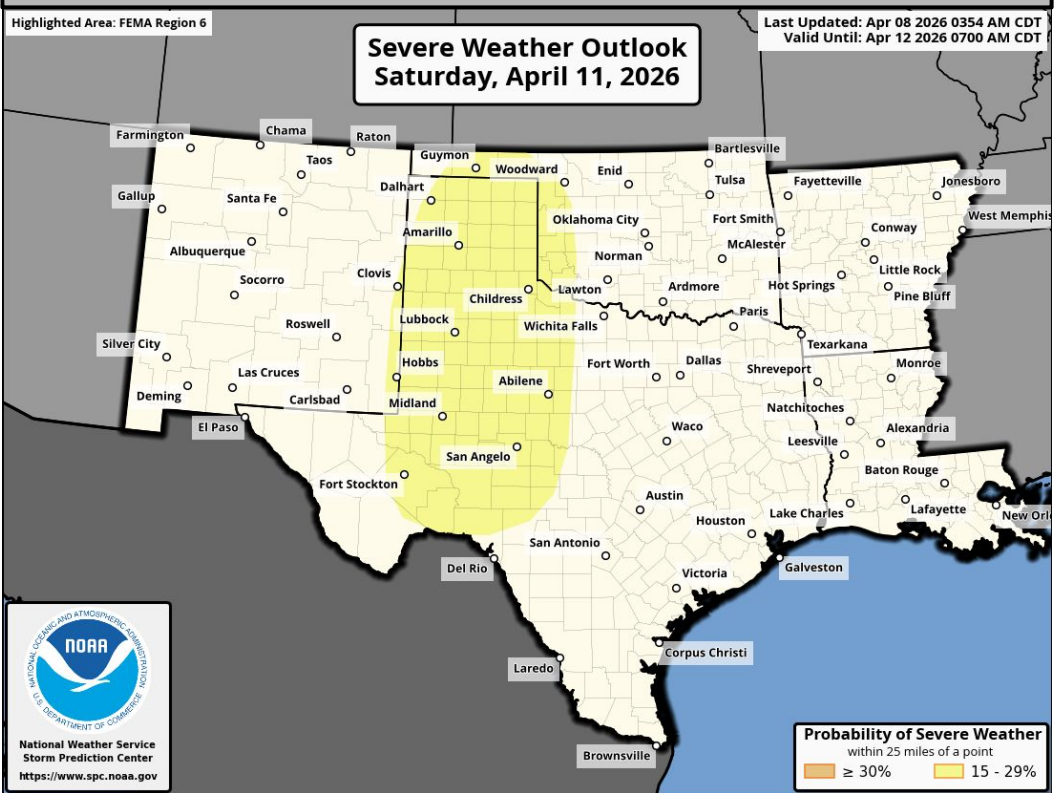


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W/SW TX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over W OK, NW-SW TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

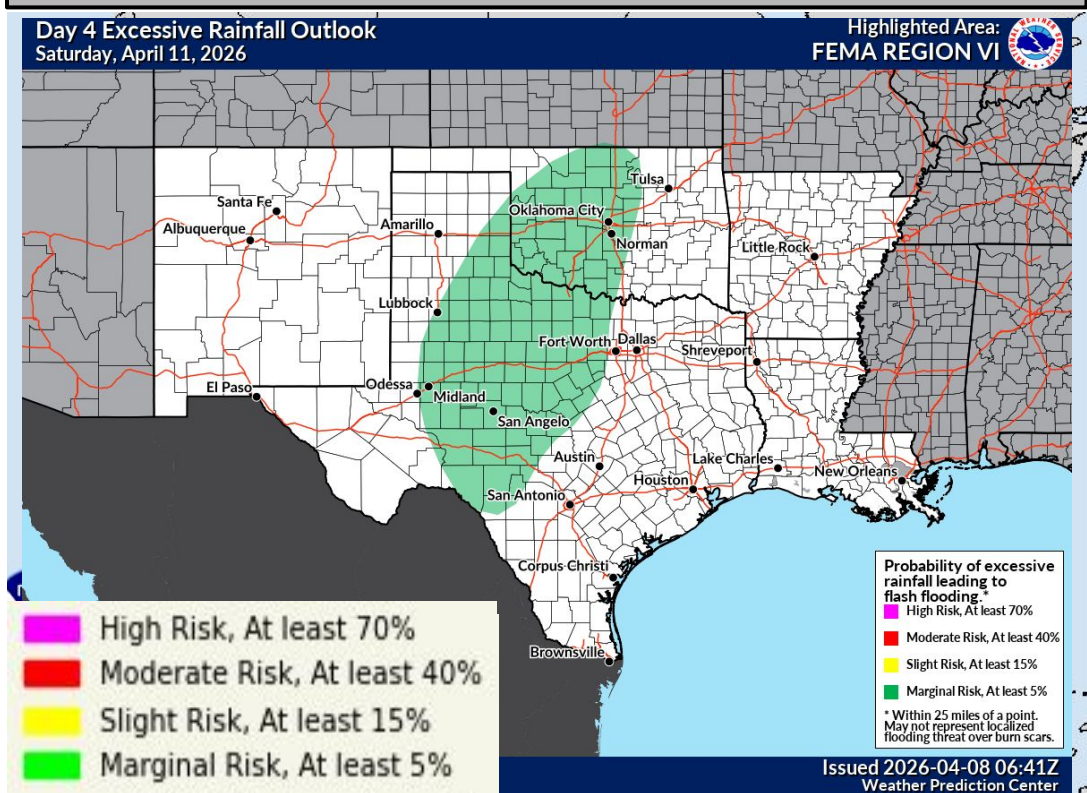


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, April 11, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 08 2026 0354 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 12 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Saturday, April 11, 2026

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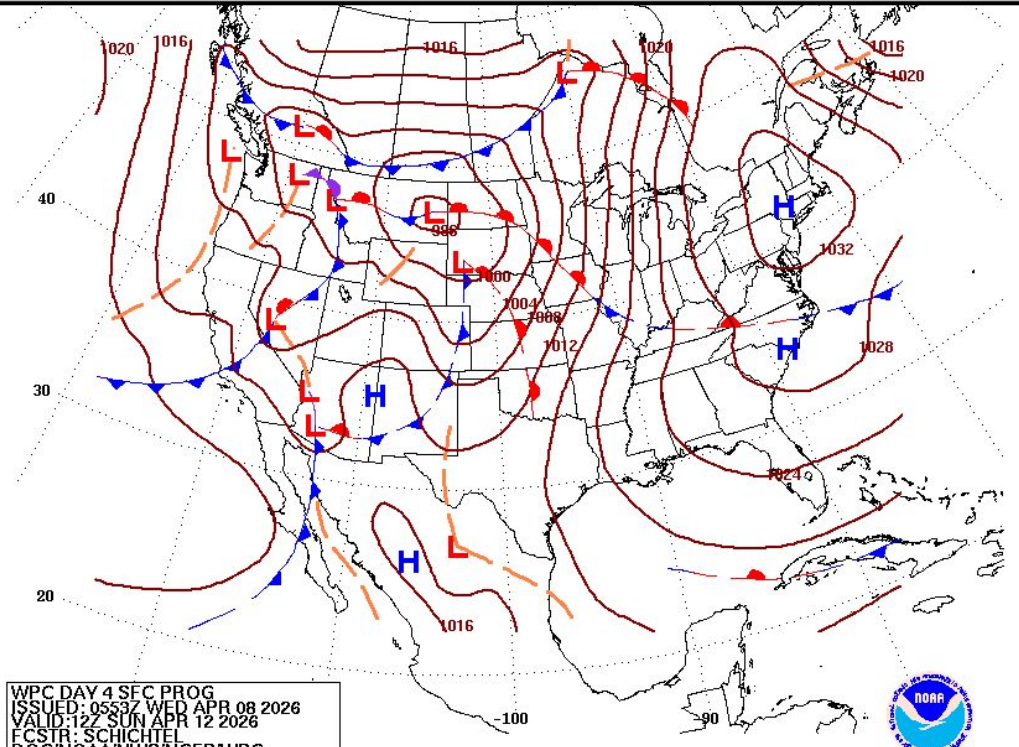
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
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Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

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Weather Prediction Center



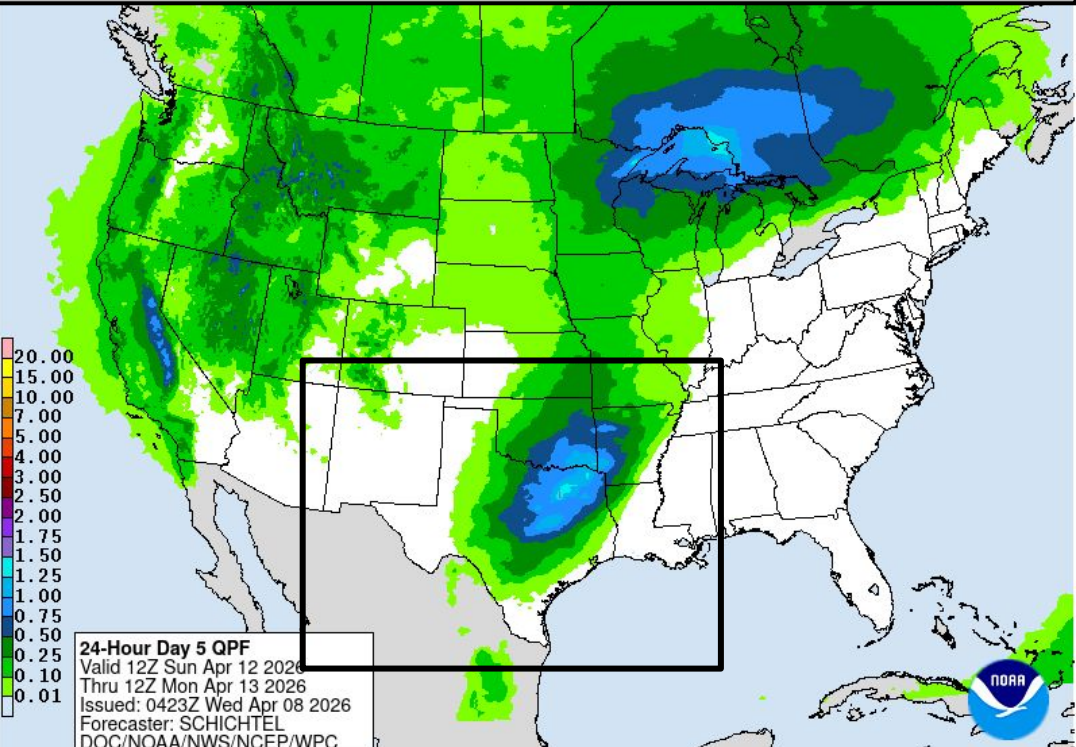
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

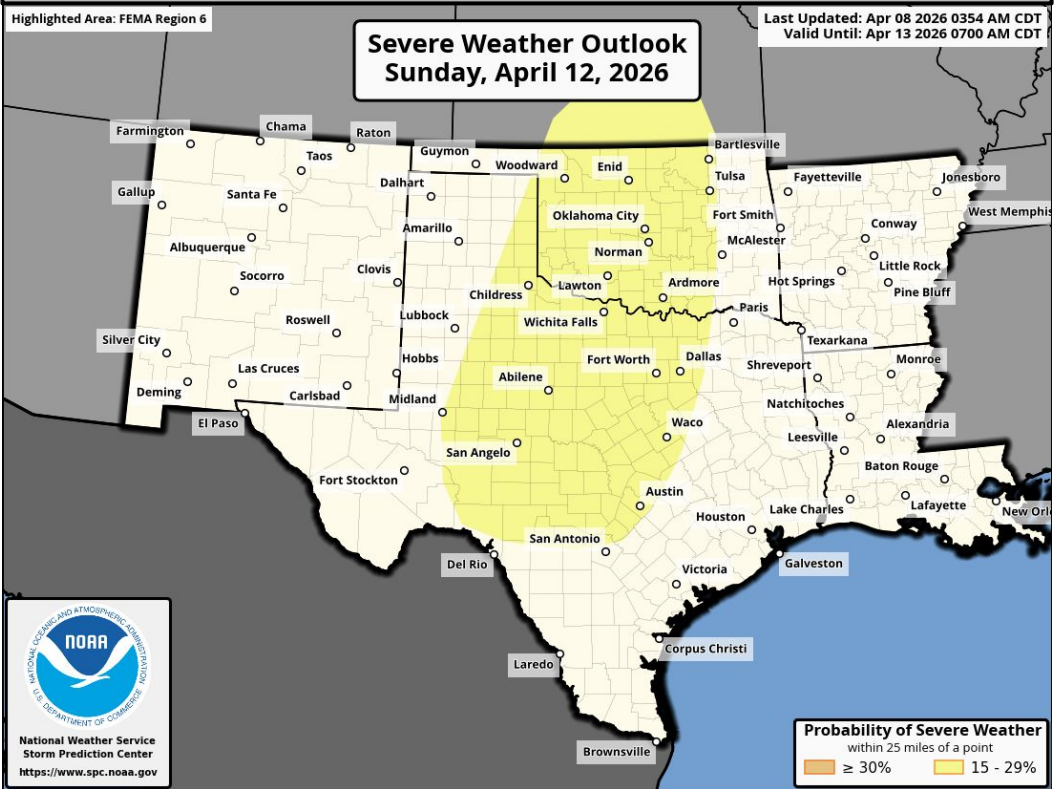


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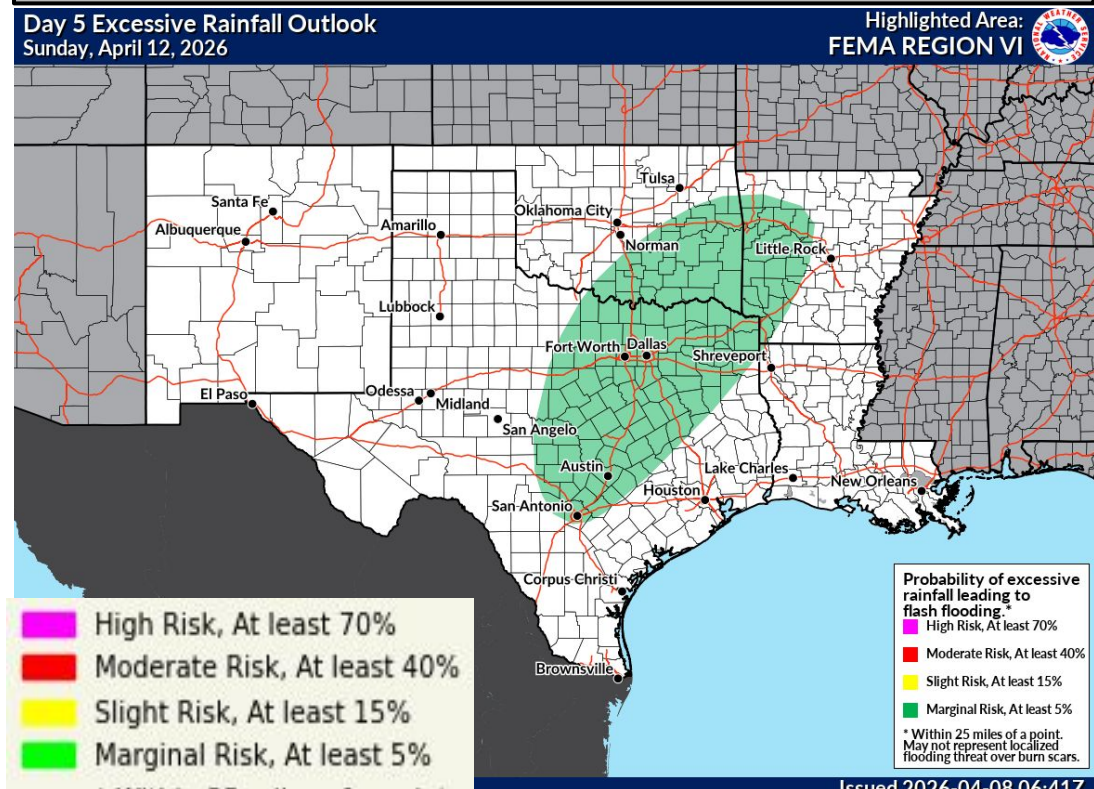
Severe Weather Outlook



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Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Last Updated: Apr 08 2026 0354 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 13 2026 0700 AM CDT

Probability of Severe Weather within 25 miles of a point
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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, April 12, 2026

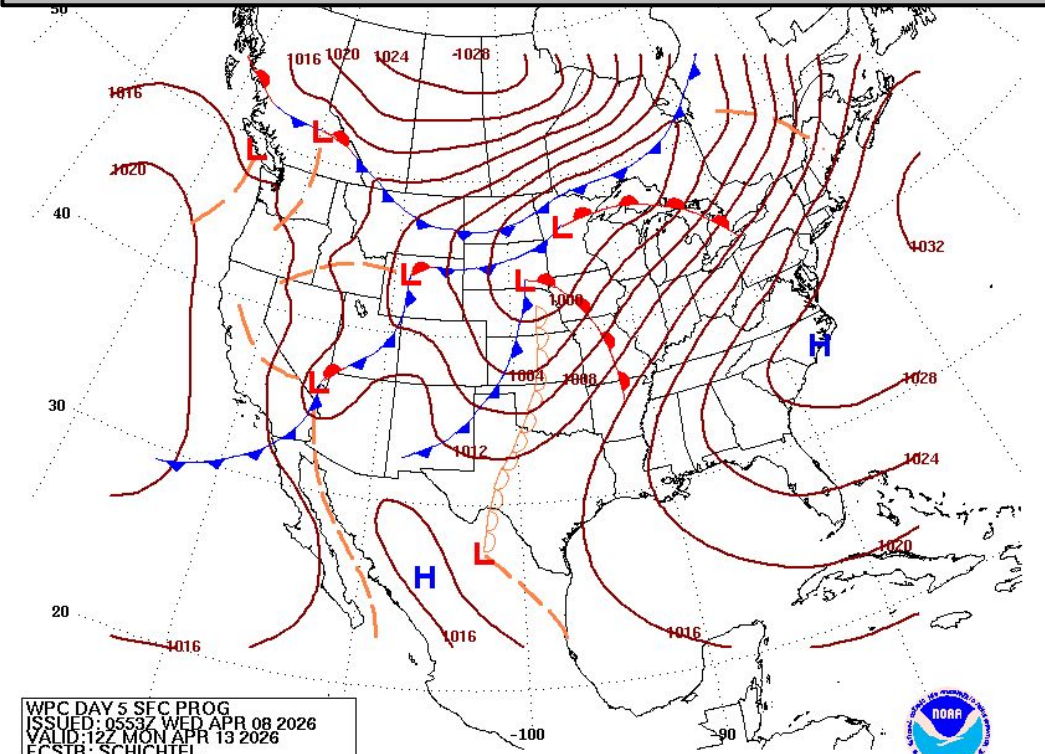
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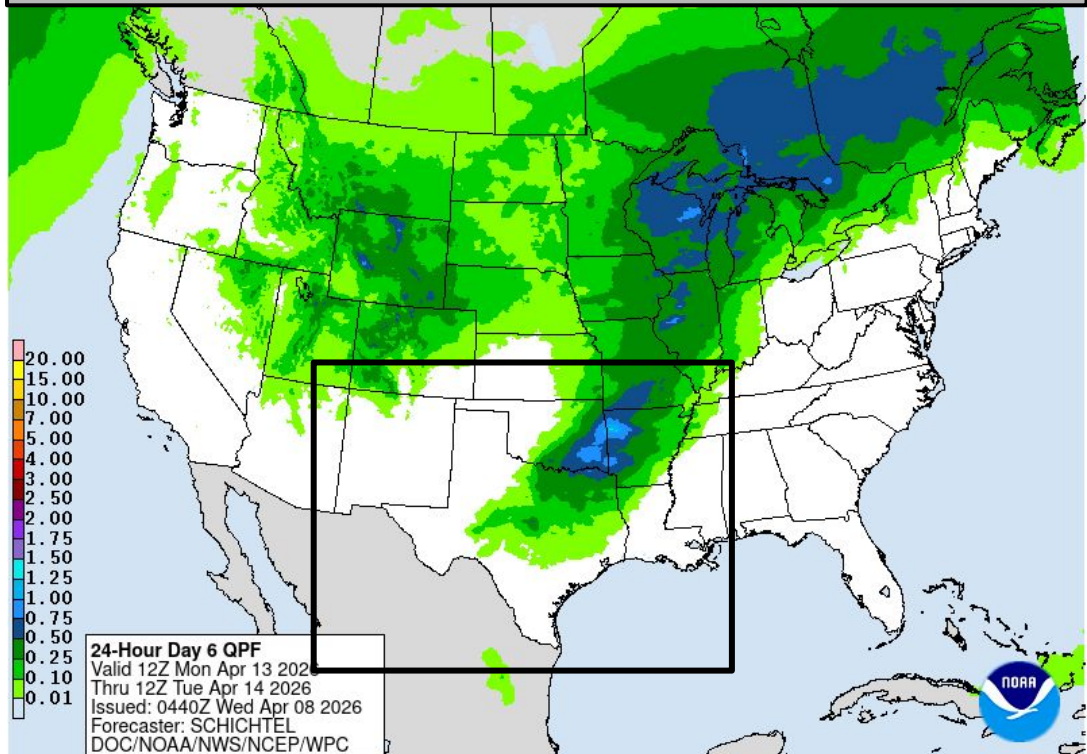
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

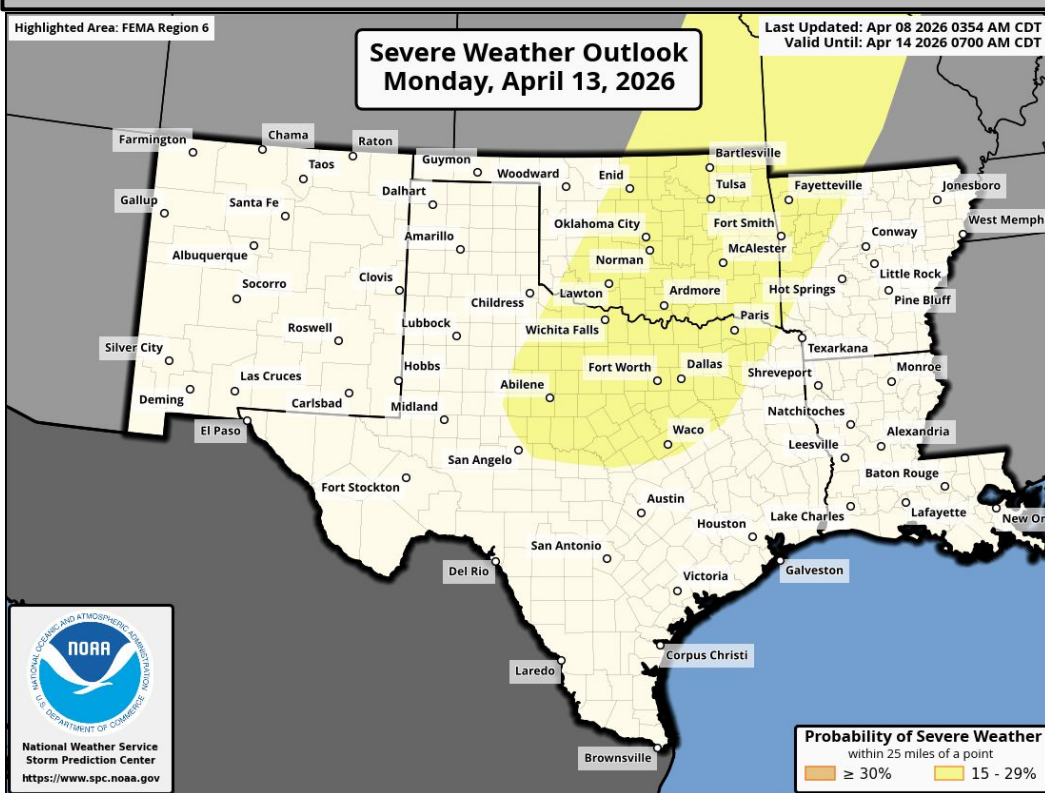


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over OK, W AR and NTX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over E OK, W AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 13, 2026

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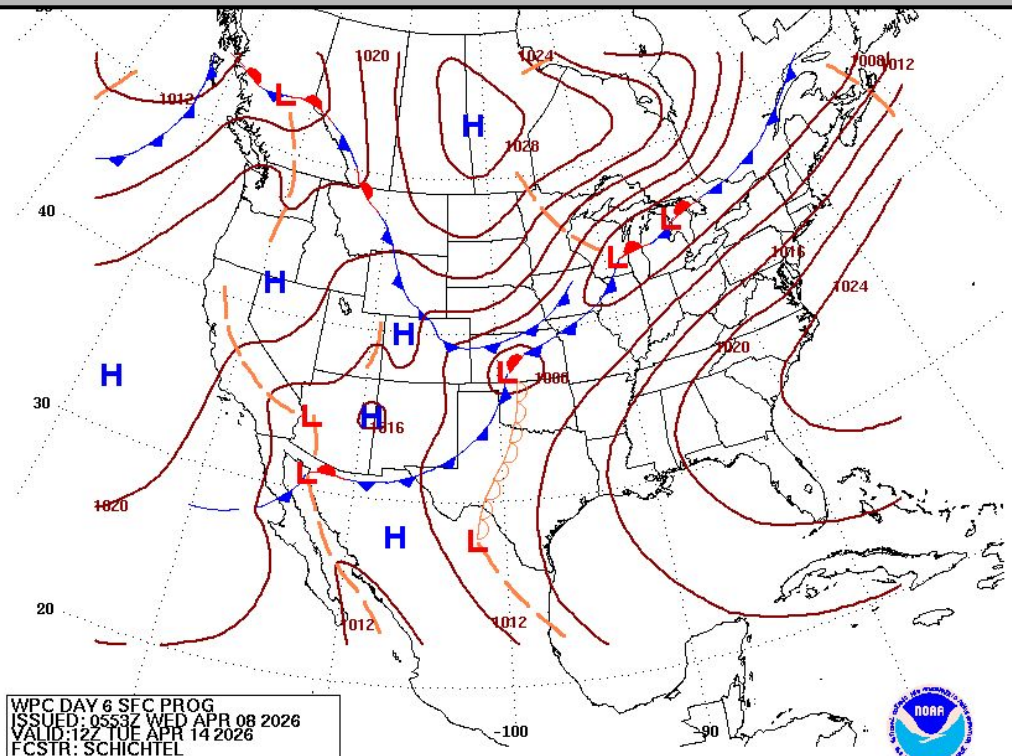
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Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



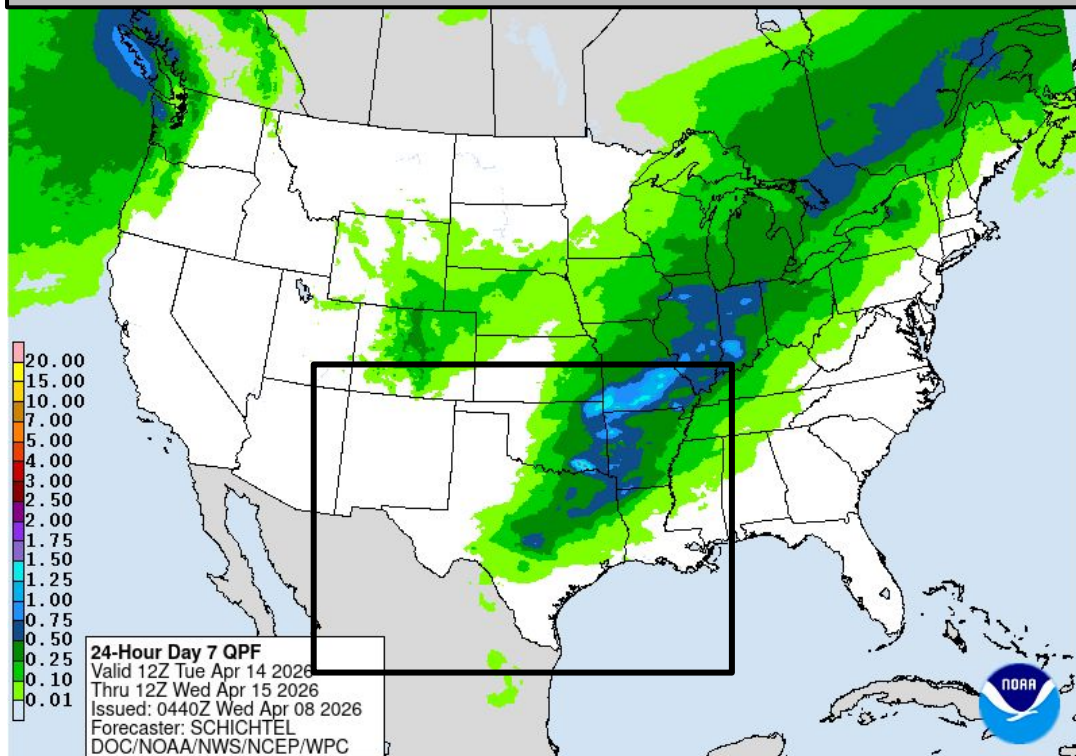
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

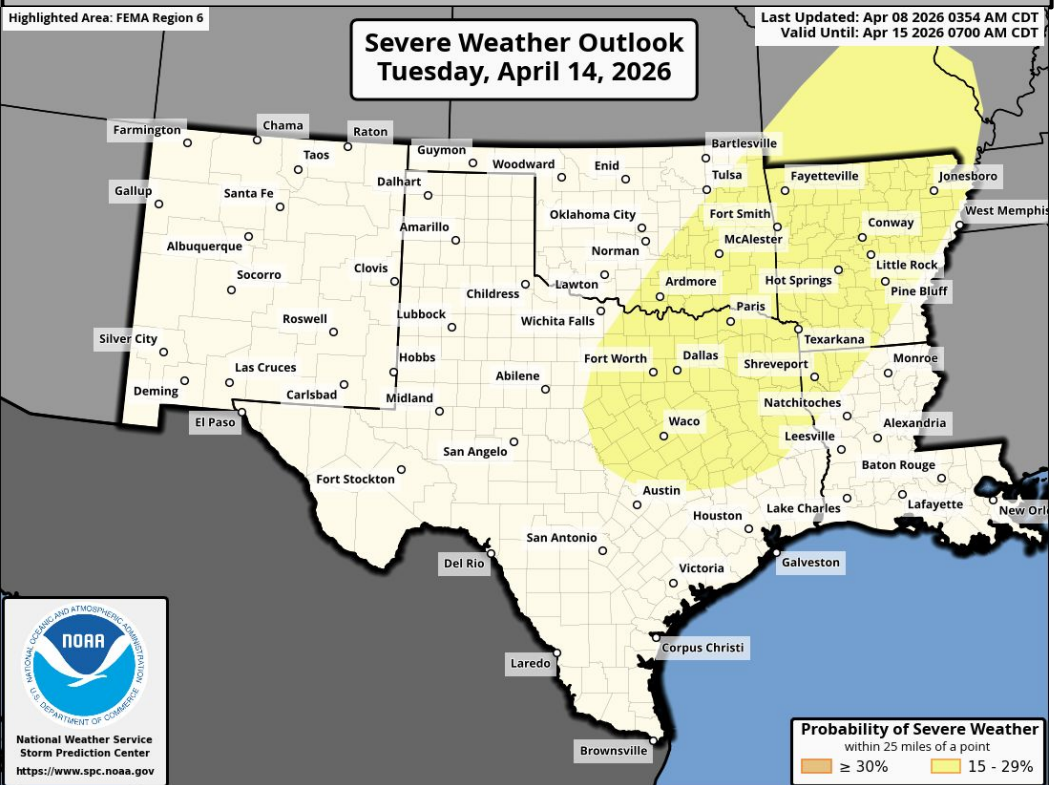


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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over E OK, W AR, N/NETX.

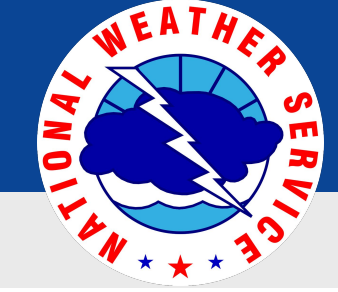
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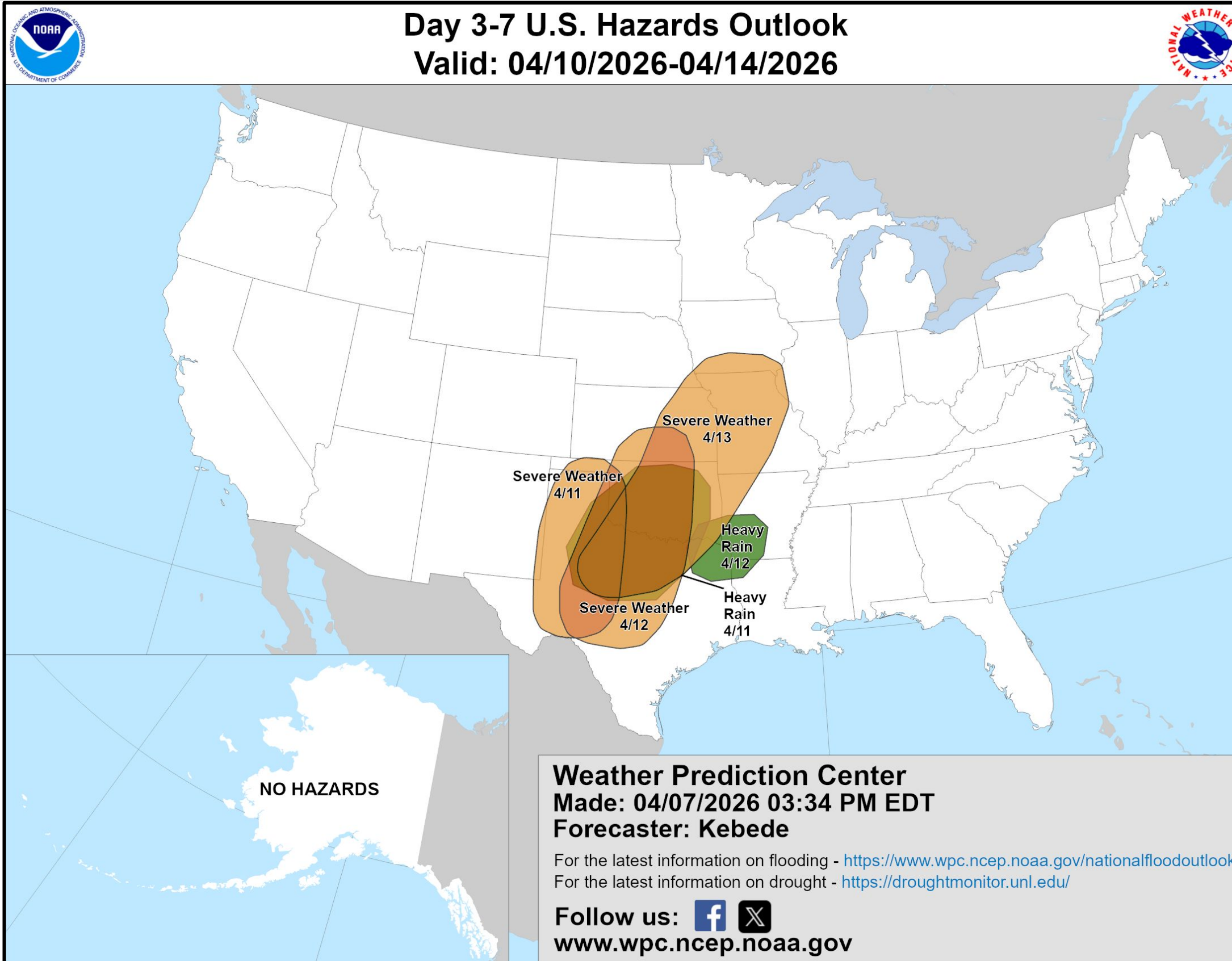
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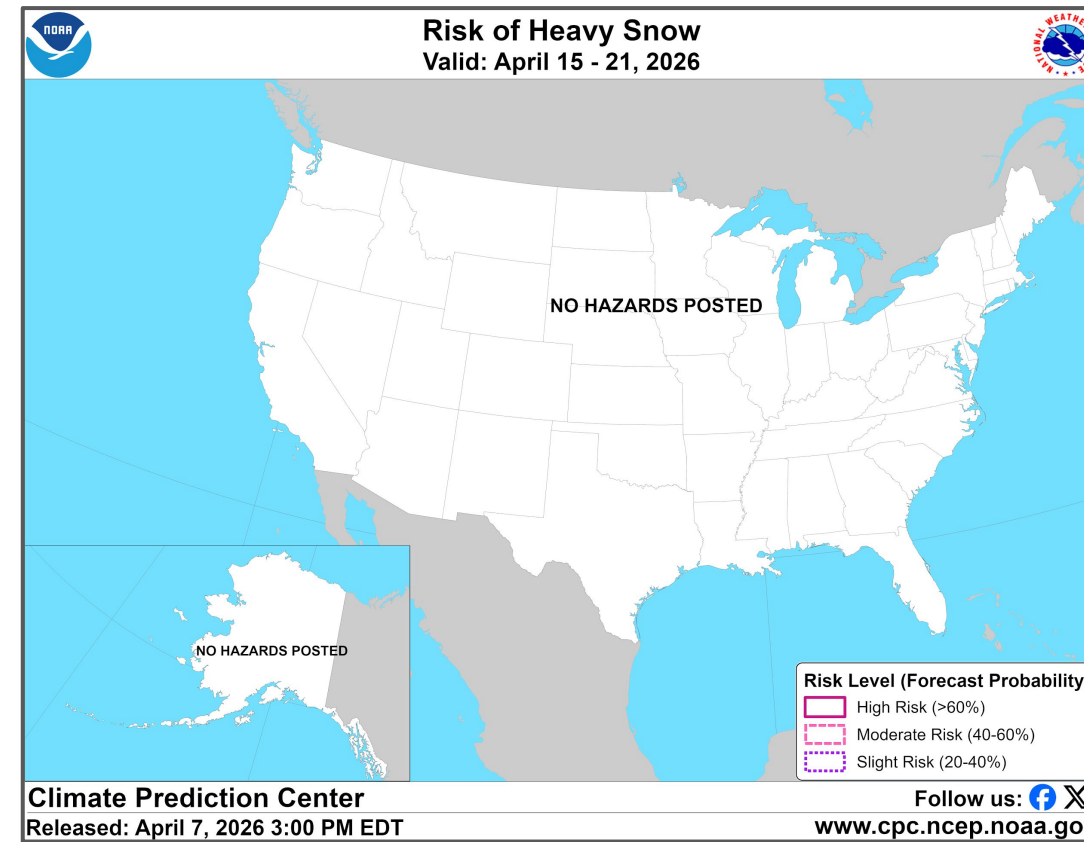
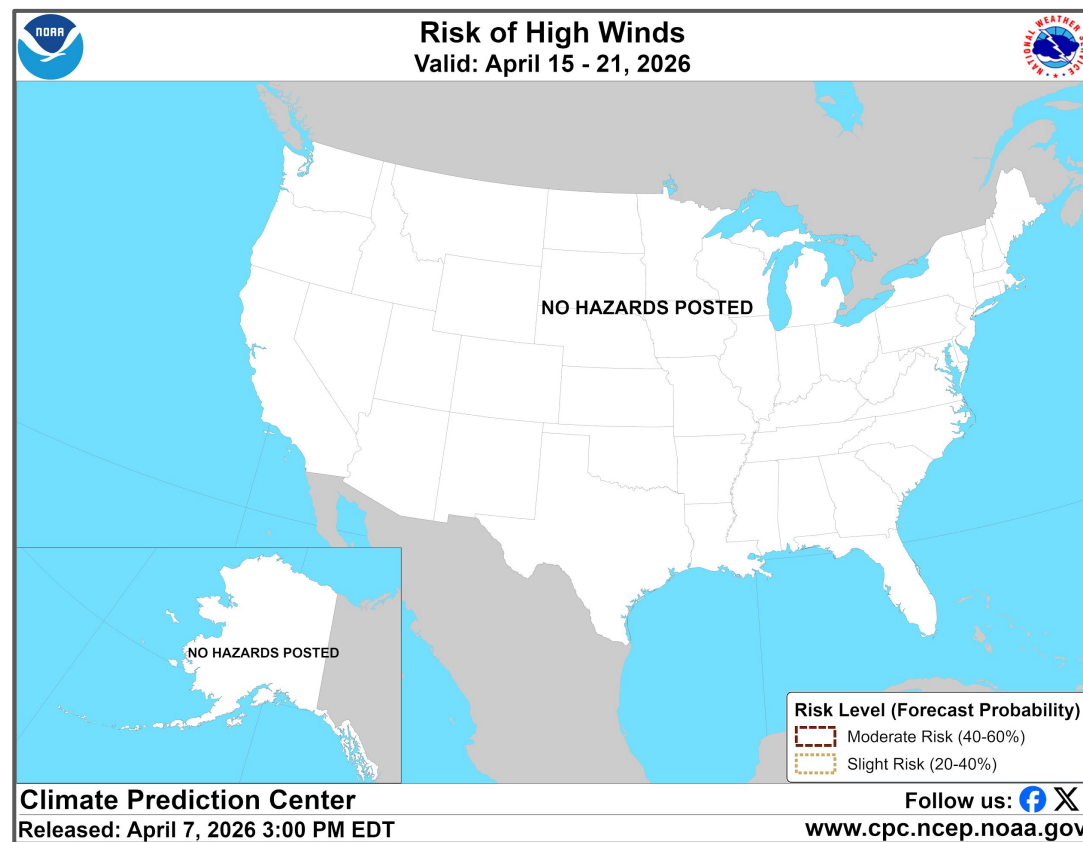
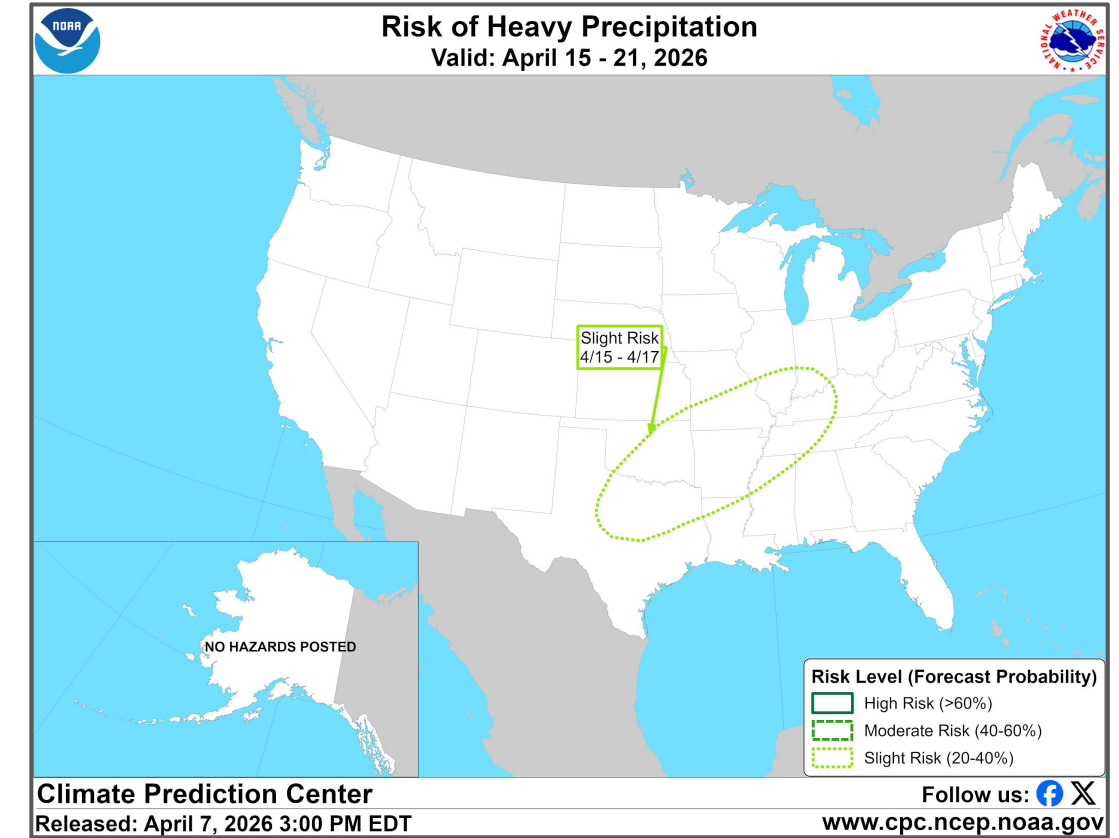
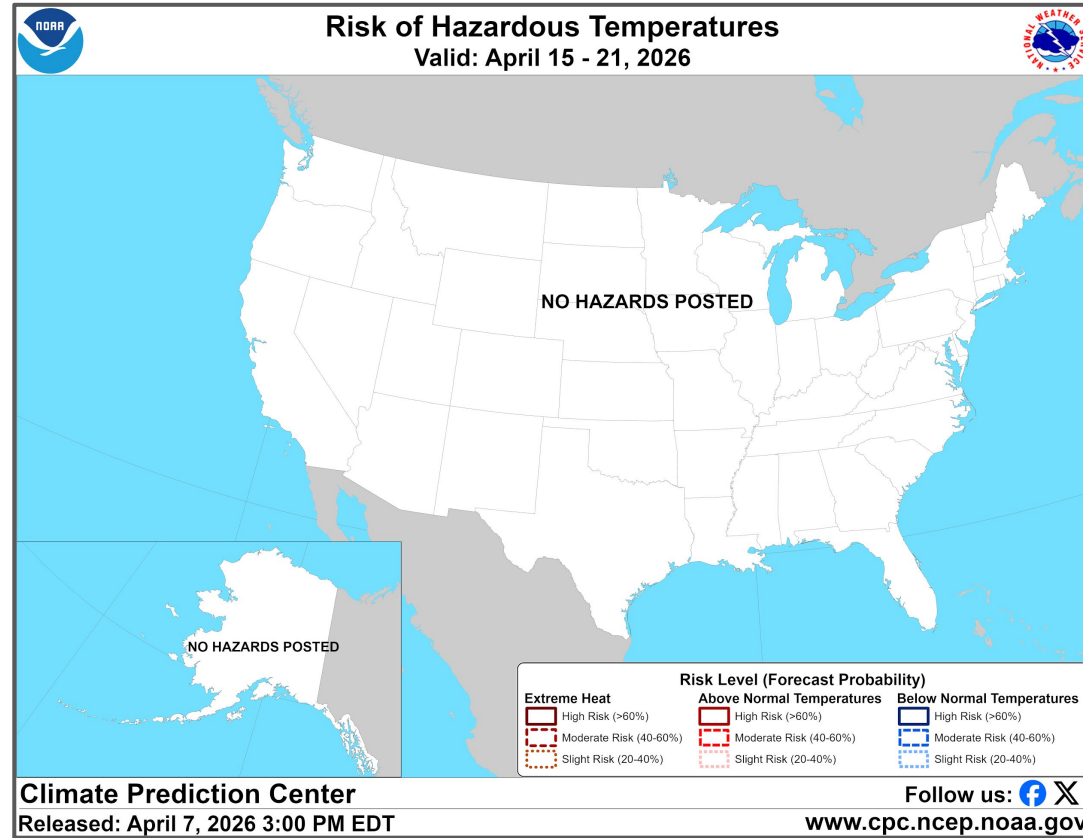
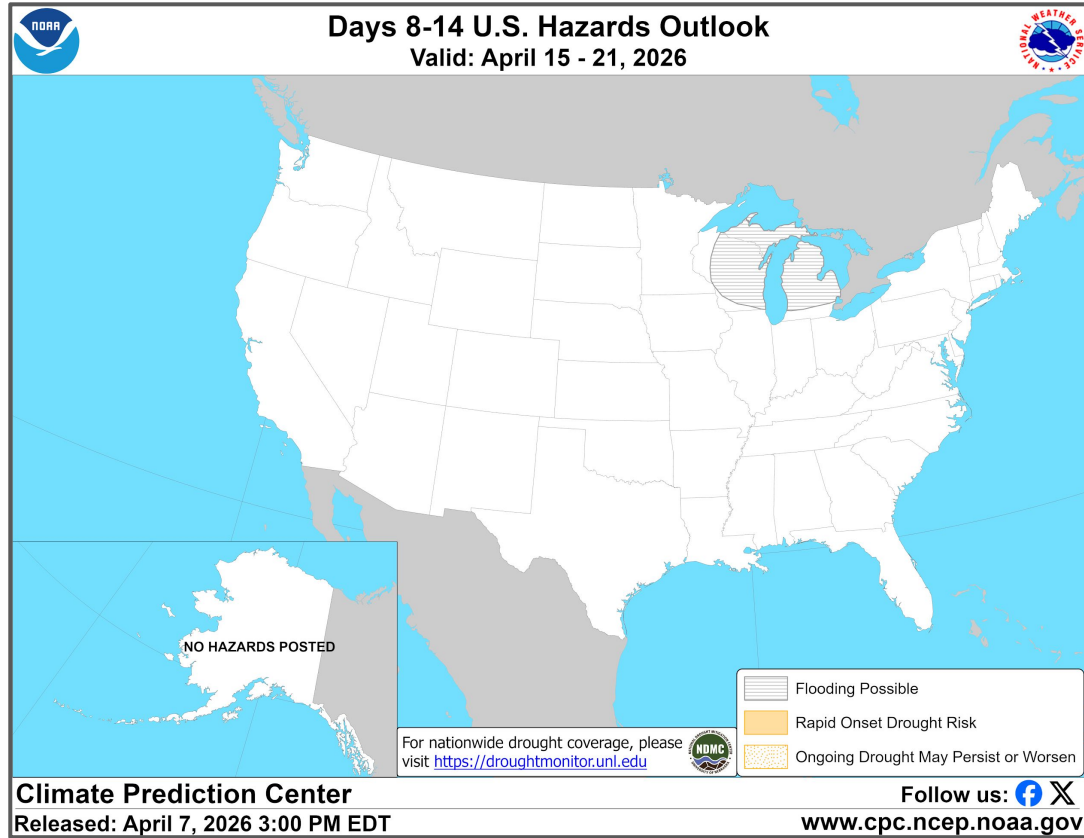


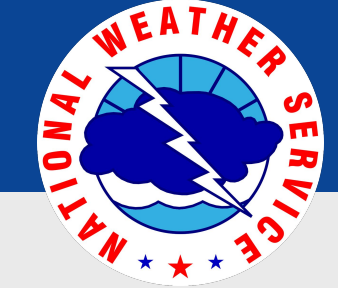
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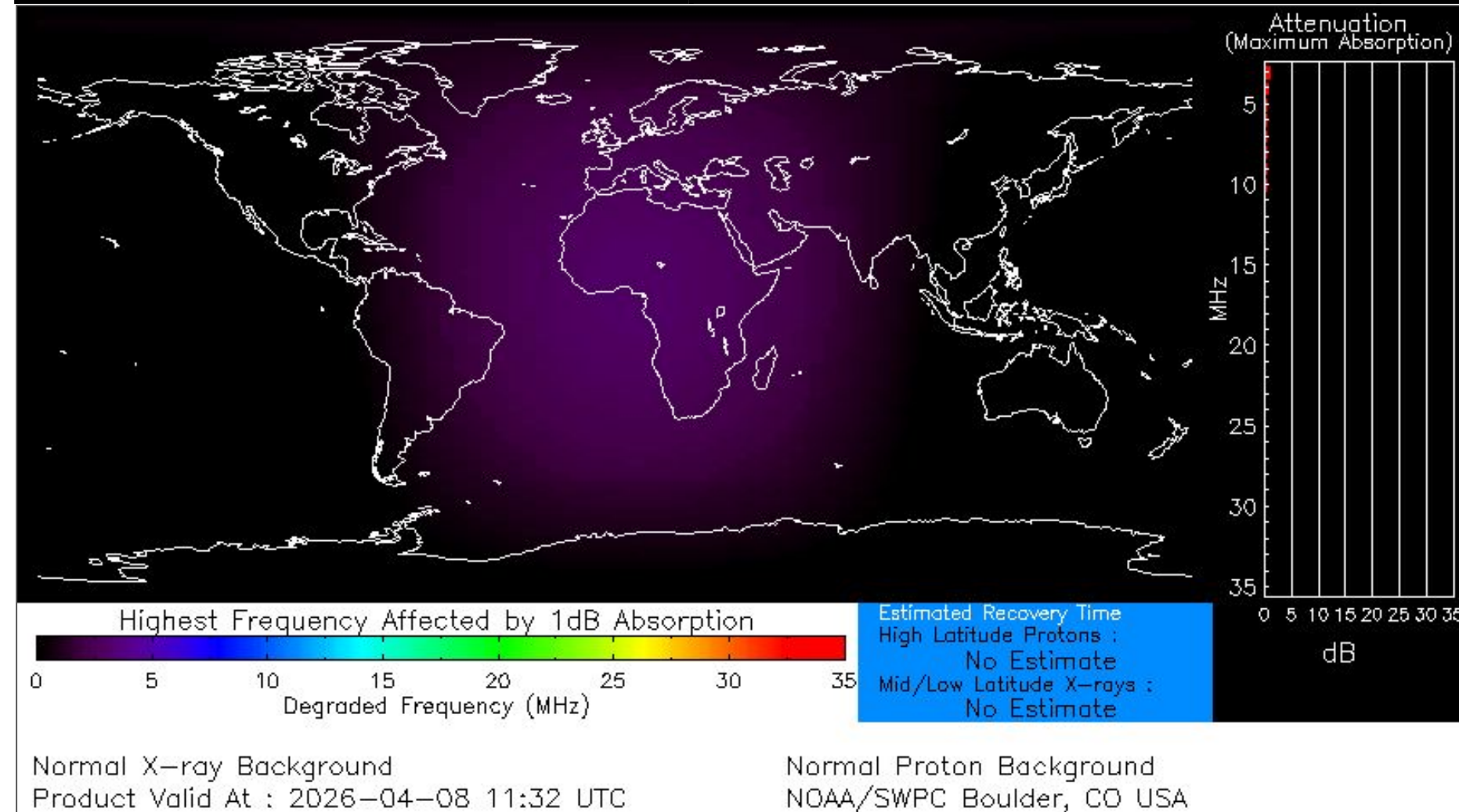
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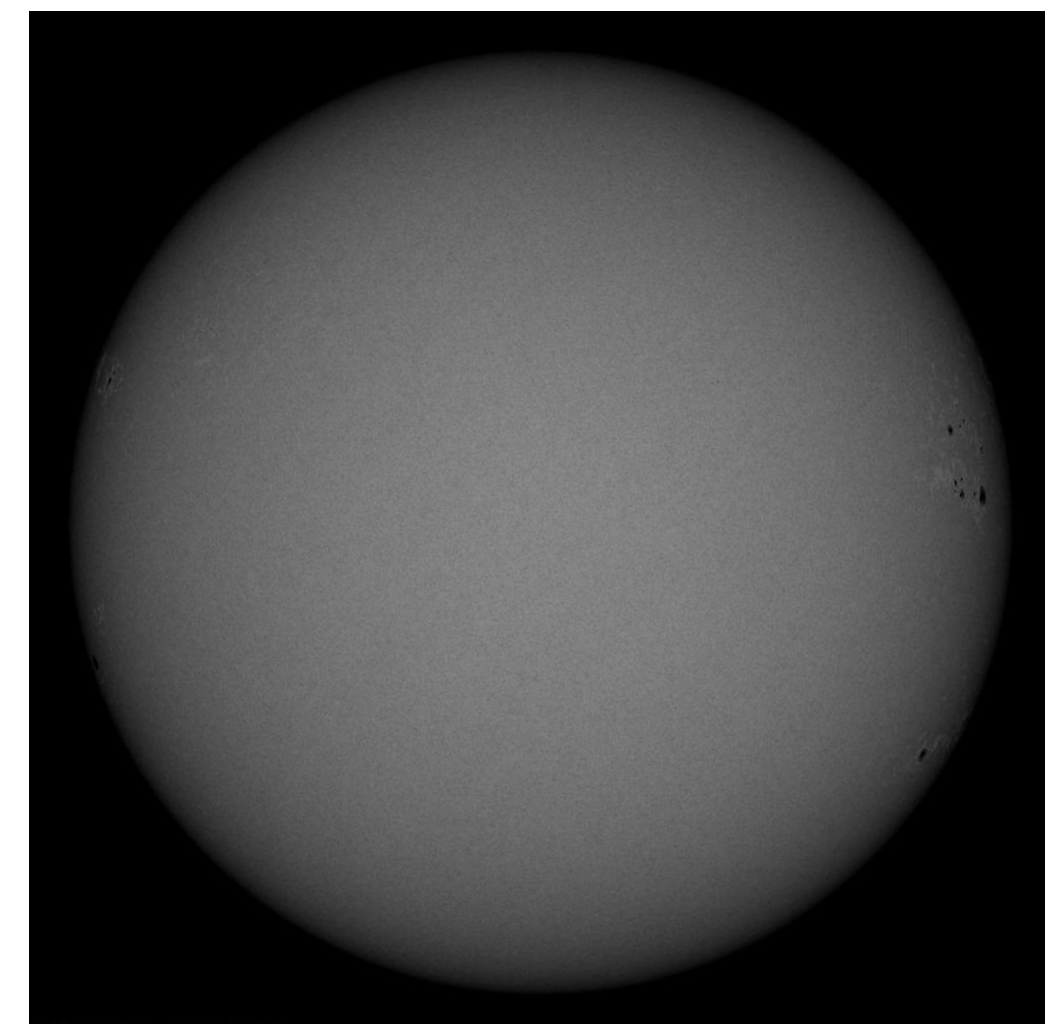
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

| | Wednesday, Apr 8 | Thursday, Apr 9 | Friday, Apr 10 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Quiet (Max Kp=2) | Minor Storm (Max Kp=5) | Active (Max Kp=4) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2) | 40% | 35% | 35% |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5) | 10% | 10% | 10% |



[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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