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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, April 12, 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:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) today from S/SW-NC TX. Wind and Hail are the main threats.
- Slight risk for additional severe storms over portions of OK and TX Monday-Tuesday.
 - All severe hazards on Tuesday could occur.
- Slight risk over OK, NW AR, N/C TX on Wednesday; and OK, NW AR again on Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) over C-NE TX today.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for portions of TX, OK, and NW AR Tue-Wed.

- **River Flooding:**

- Monitoring for rises in portions of OK, TX today-Wed.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated (level 1 of 3) over W NM, TX/OK Panhandles, and E AR today, then to E NM, TX/OK Panhandles down through W TX & W OK Monday into Tuesday. Locally critical (level 2 of 3) in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles on Monday and Tuesday.
- Fire Weather concerns likely to persist into Wed-Fri in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

| | Sunday, Apr 12 | Monday, Apr 13 | Tuesday, Apr 14 | Wednesday, Apr 15 | Thursday, Apr 16 | Friday, Apr 17 | Saturday, Apr 18 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------|
| Severe Storms | S/SW-NCTX, C/W OK | S/SW-NCTX, SW OK | OK, N/W-CTX | OK, NW AR, N/C TX | C-E OK | C-E OK | |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | C-NETX | | TX, OK, NW AR | TX, OK, NW AR | | C-E OK | |
| Heat | | | | | | | |
| Fire Weather | W NM, TX/OK Panhandles, E AR | E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK | E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK | E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK | E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK | E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK | |
| River Flooding | Monitoring sections of TX, OK. | Monitoring sections of TX, OK. | Monitoring sections of TX, OK. | Monitoring sections of TX, OK. | | | |

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 |
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Current Radar/Hazards

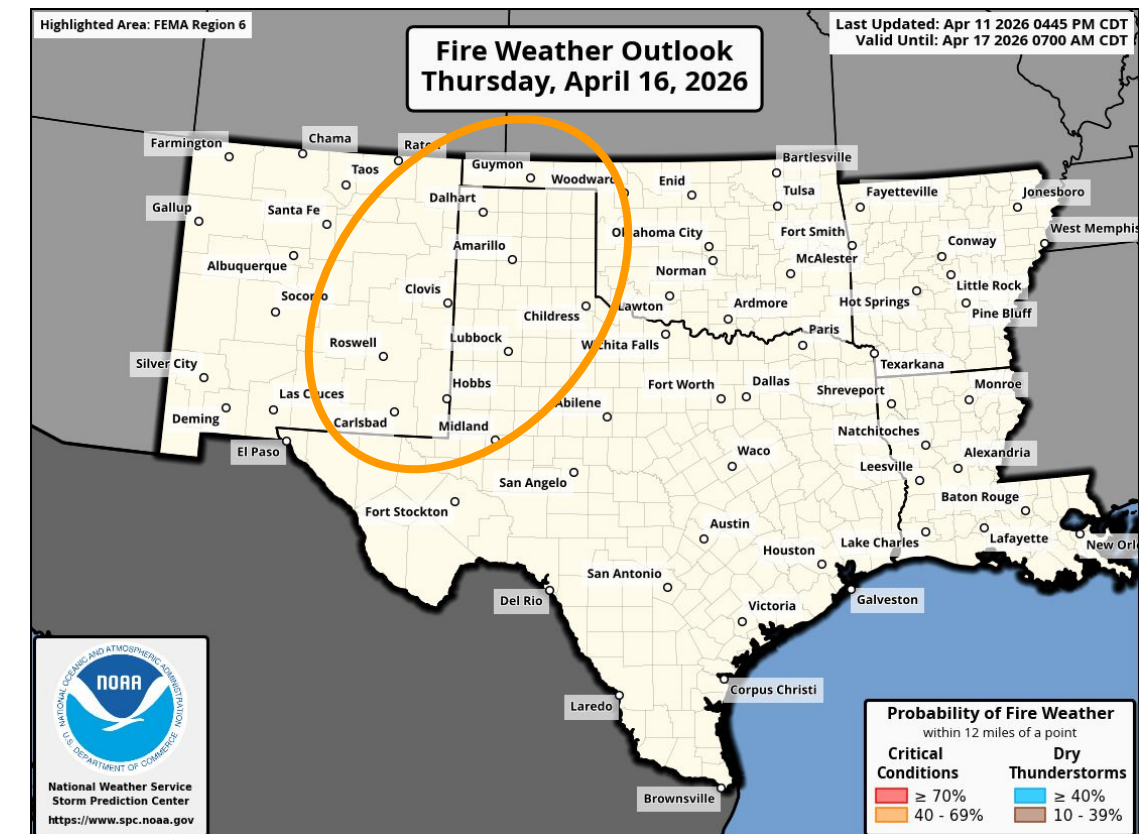
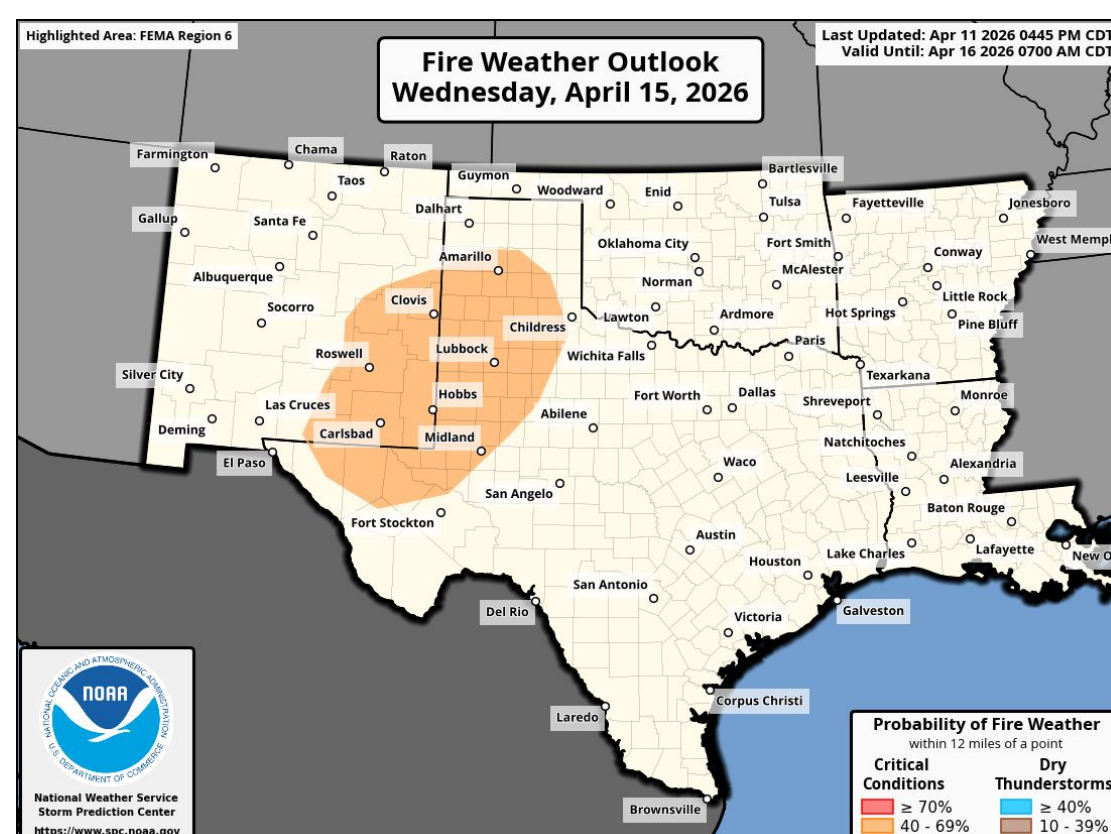
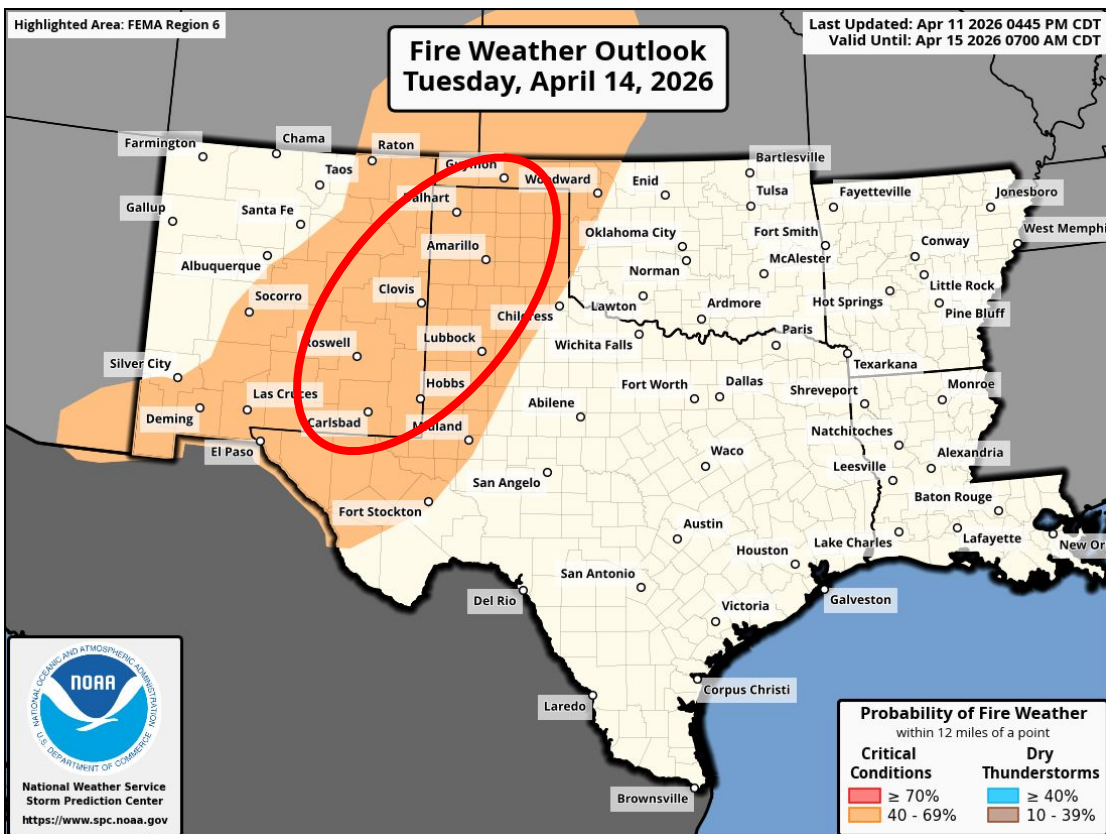
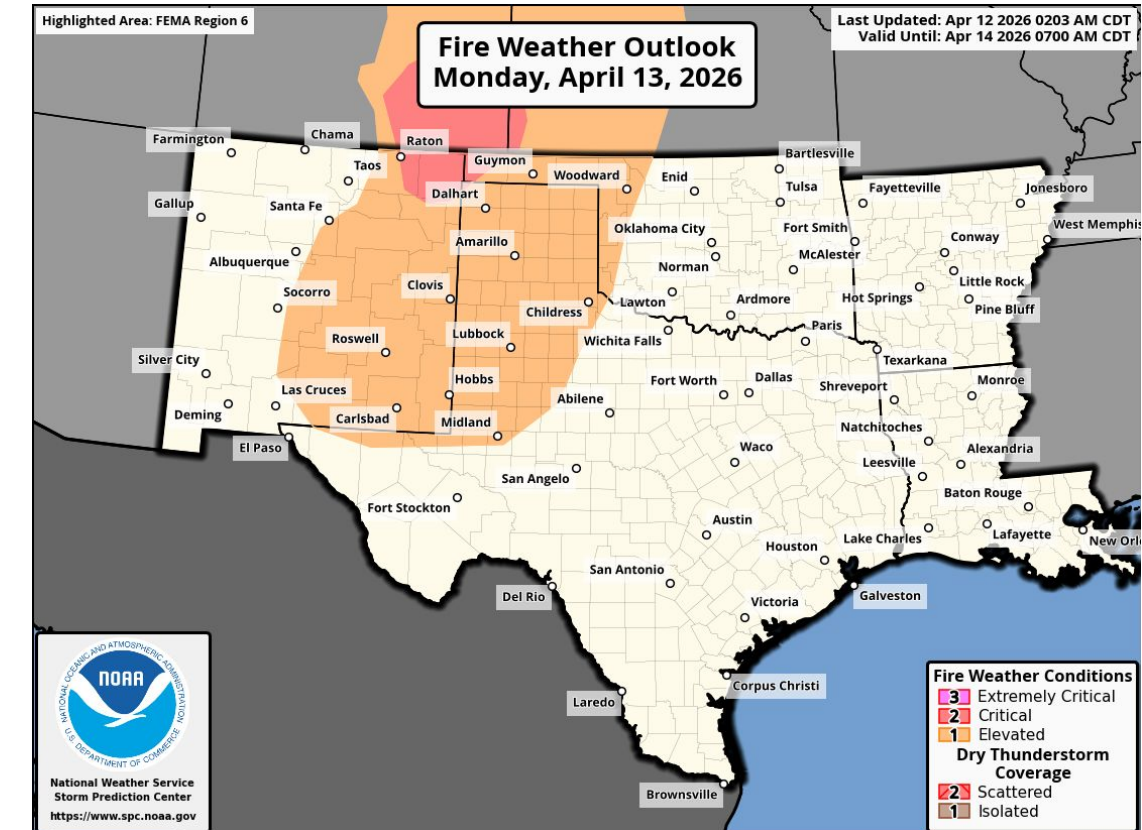
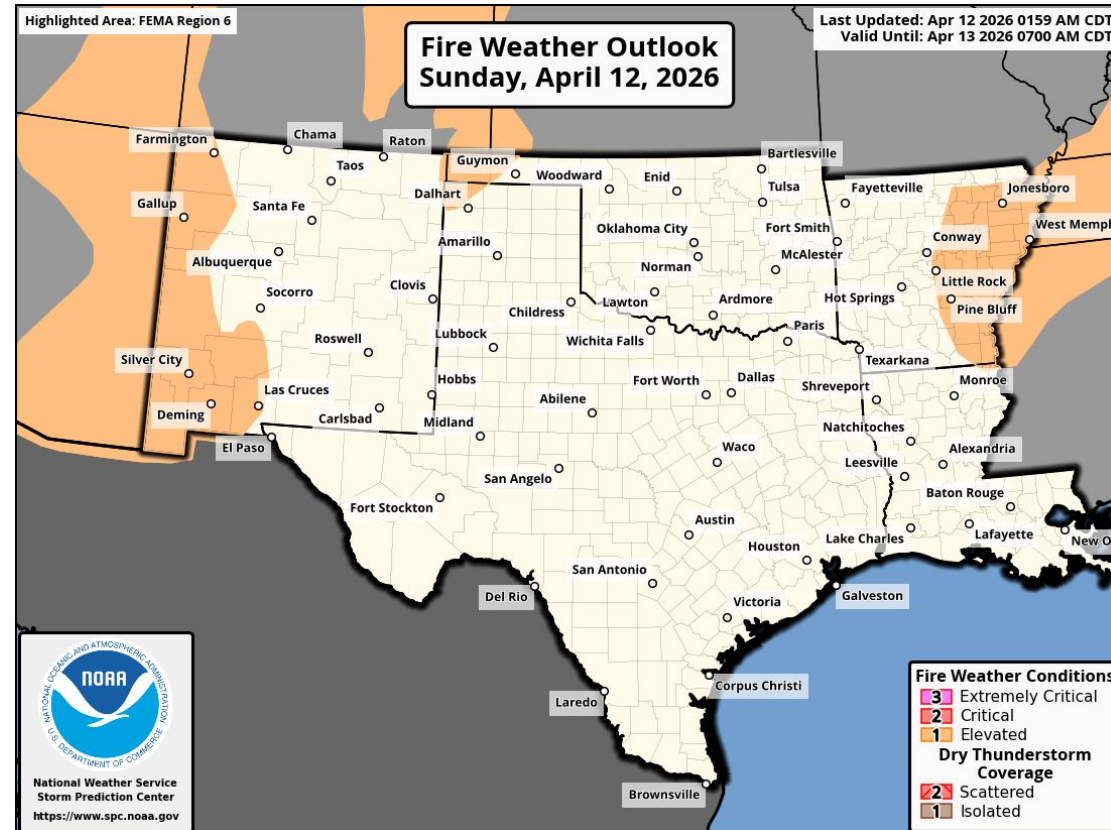
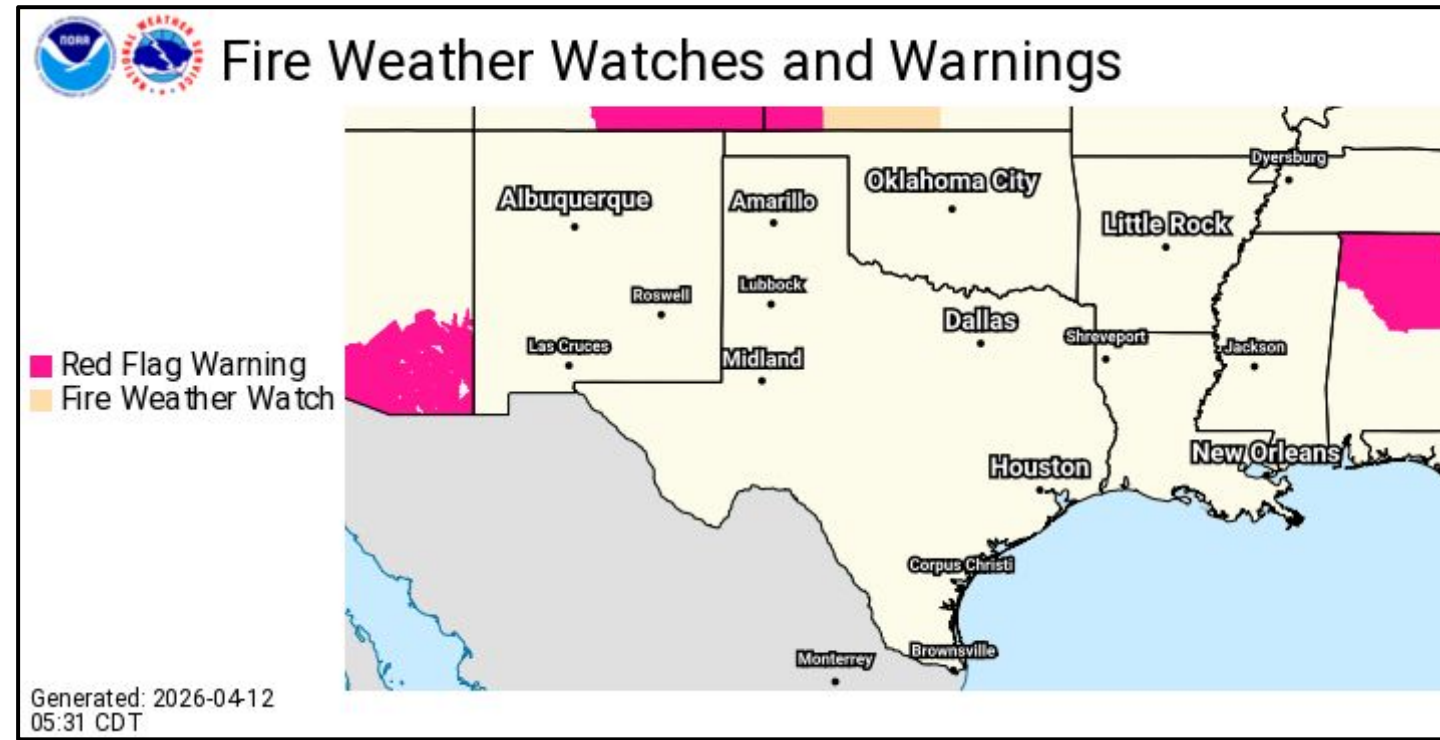


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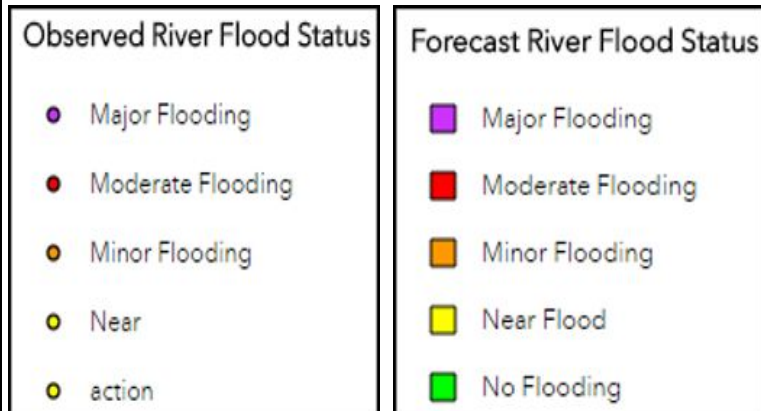
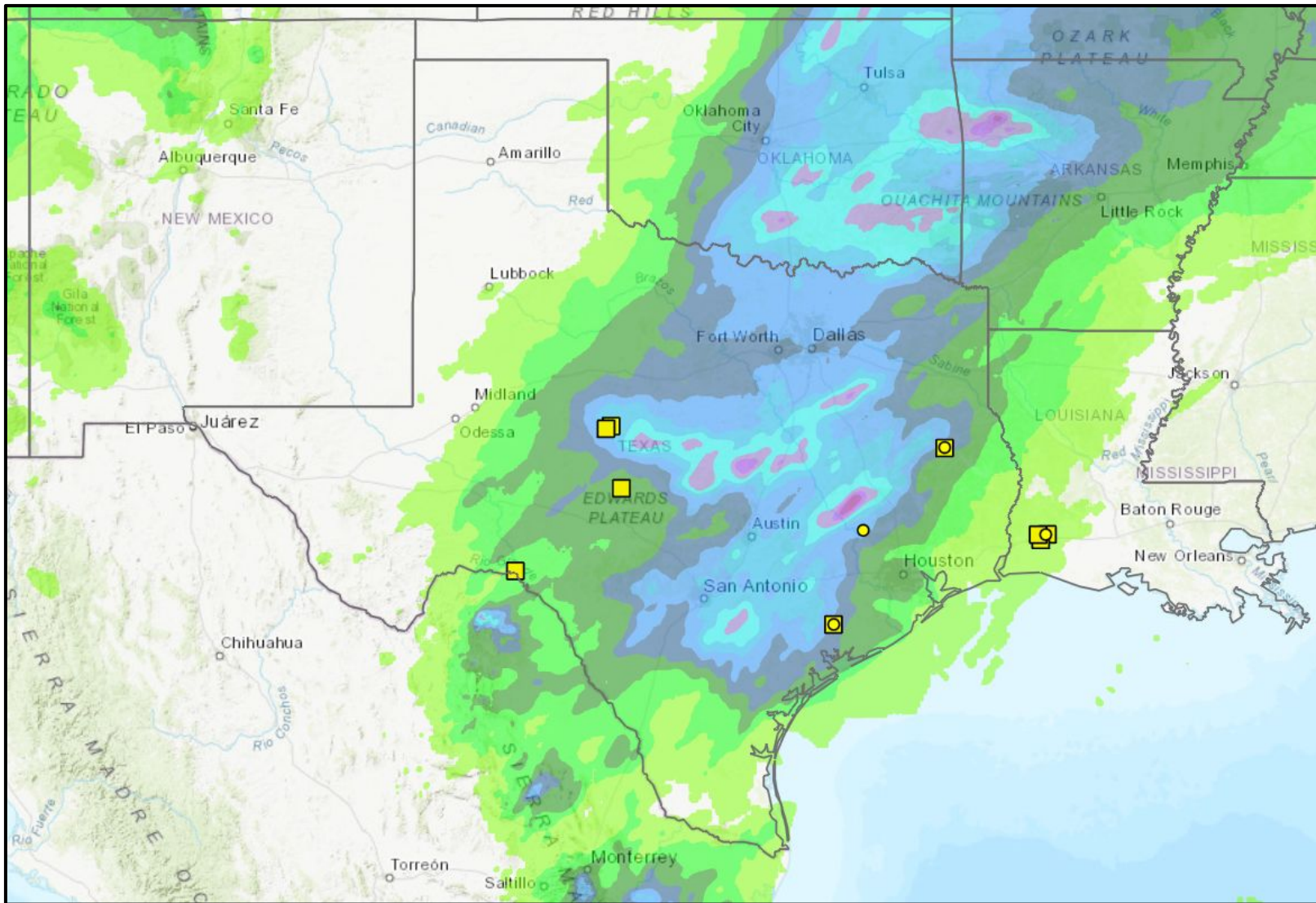
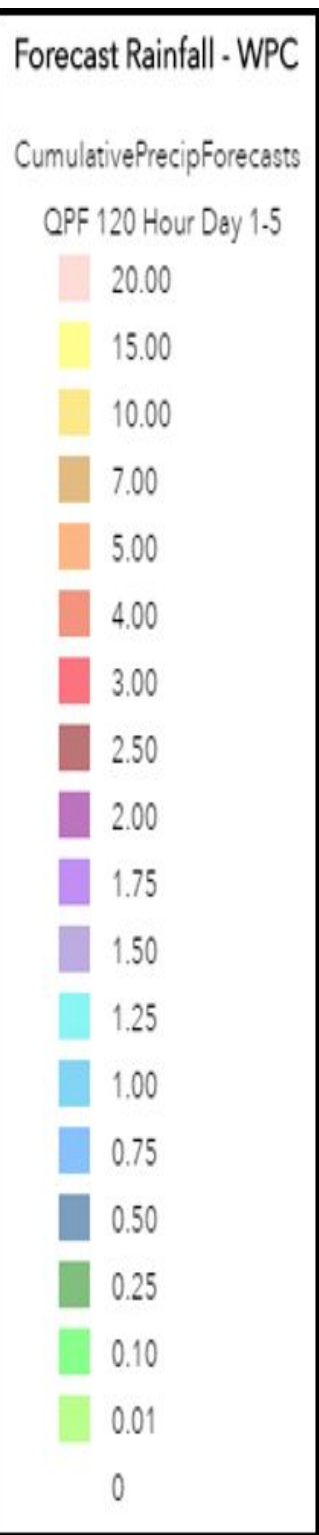
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



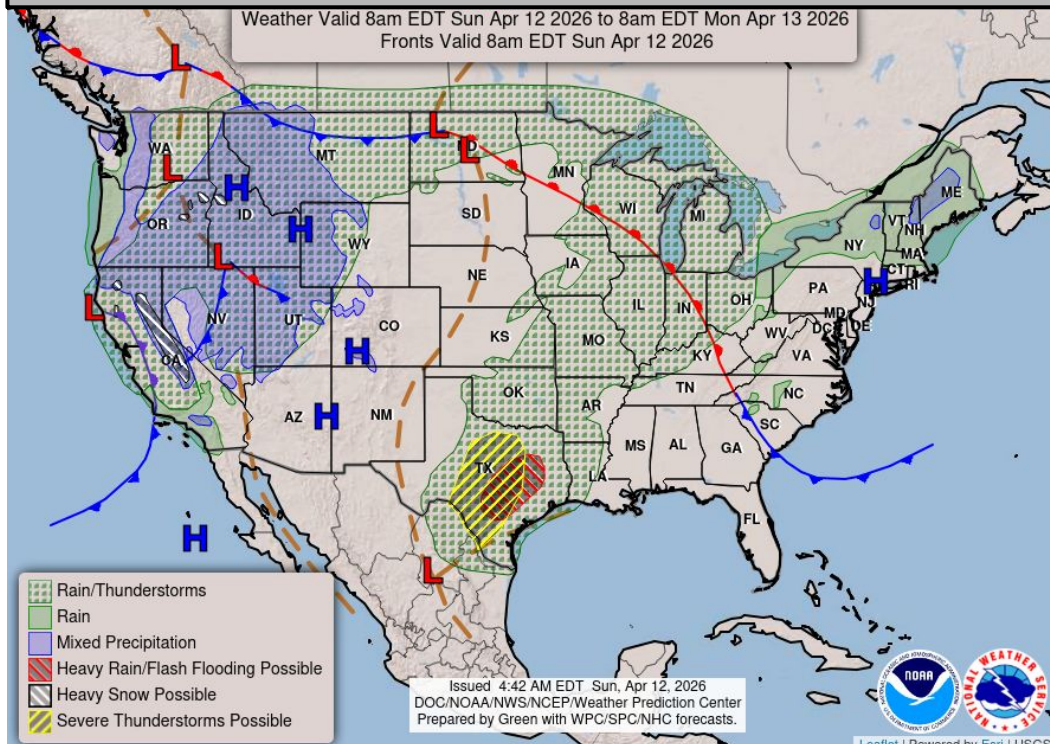
Monitoring for increased threat of river flooding this weekend into next week over areas of OK and TX.

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.

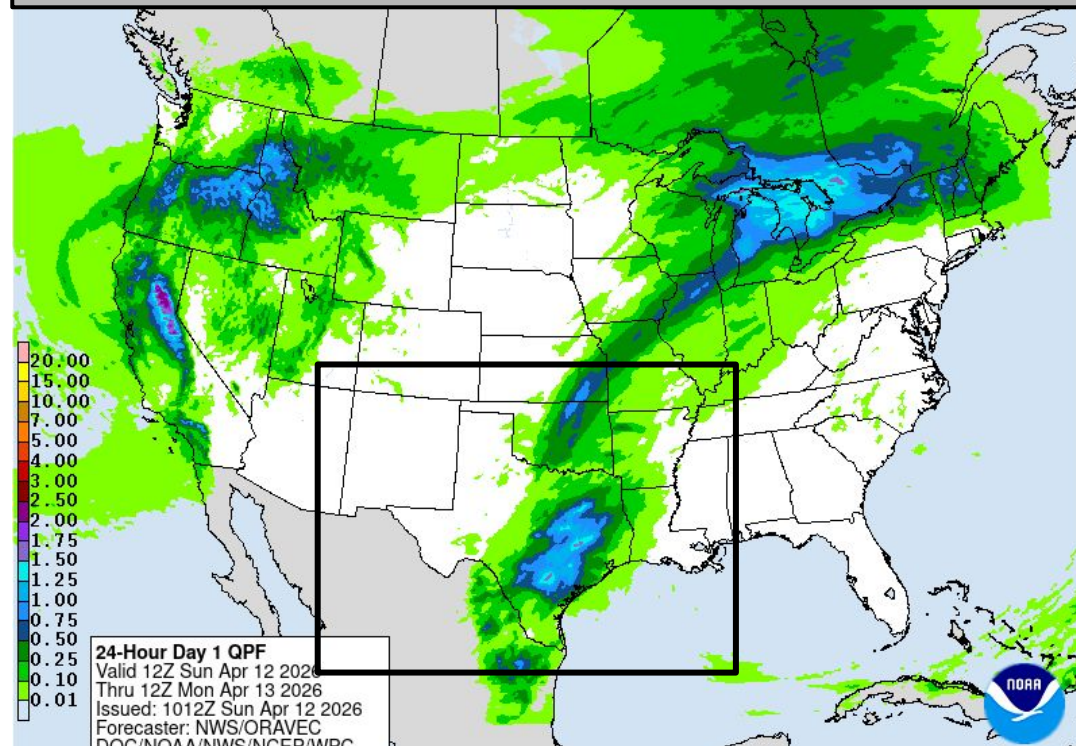


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

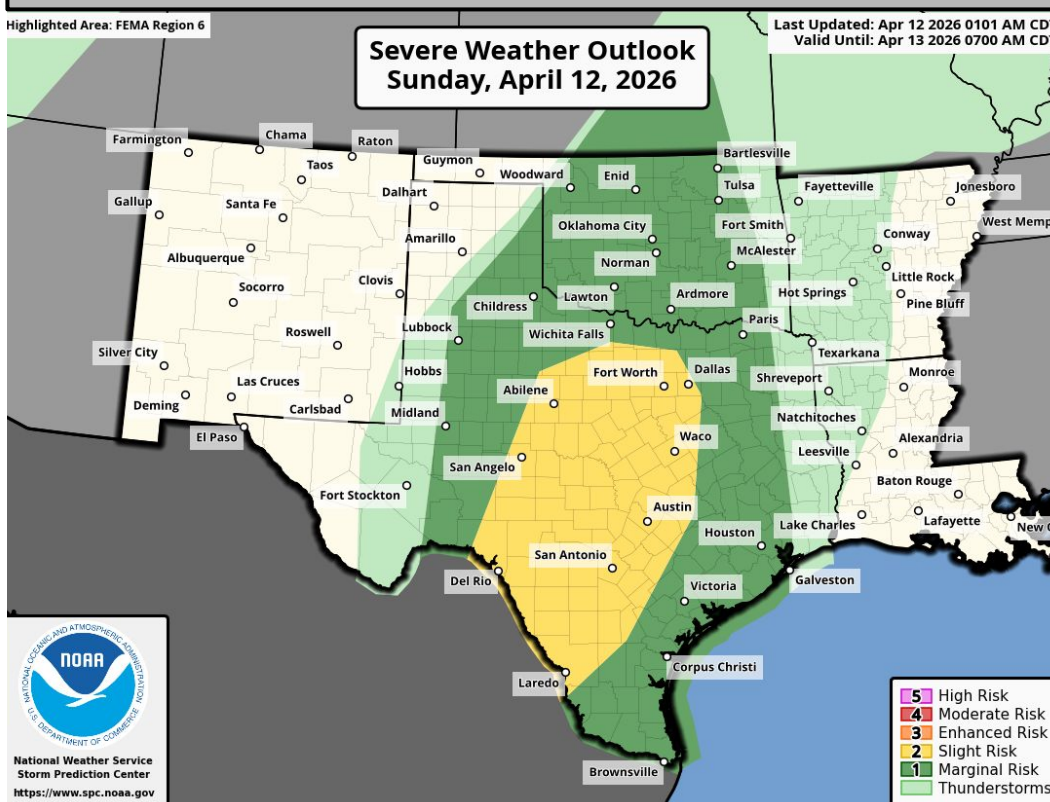


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over S/SW-NCTX, C/W OK. Hail up to 2" in diameter.

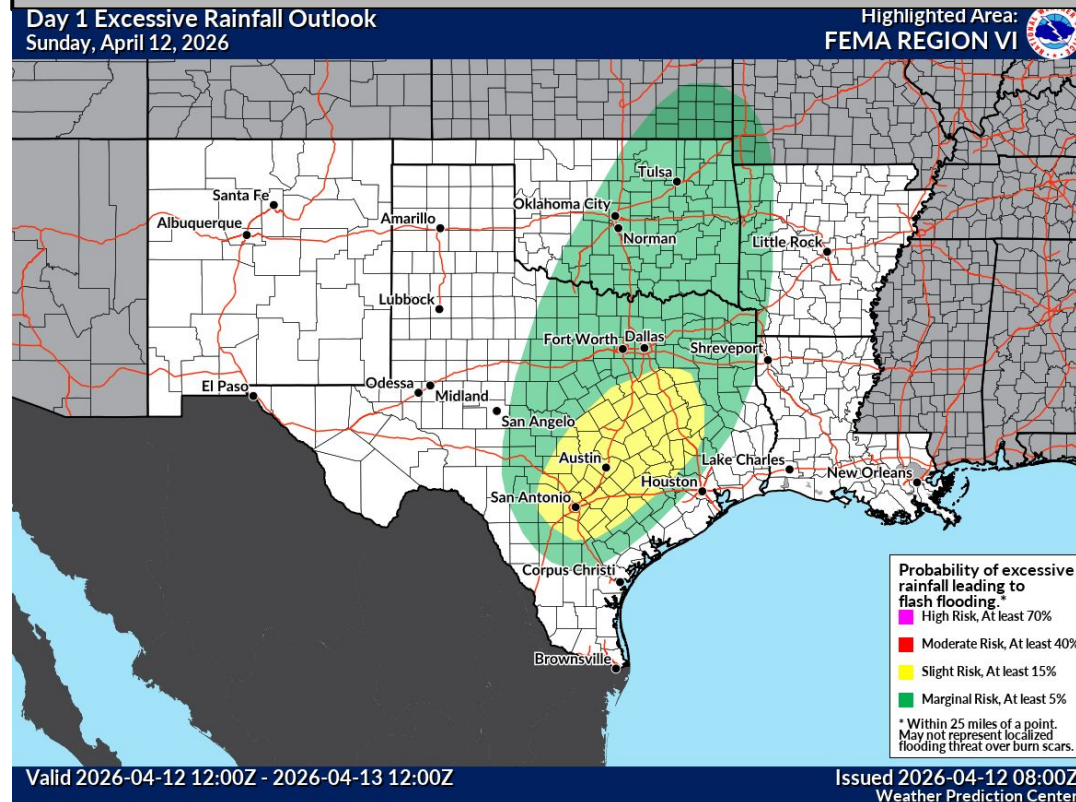
Timing: Now through midnight.

Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in C-NE TX. Locally 5-8" of rain in downpours.

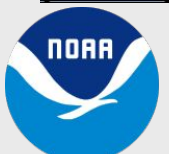
Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

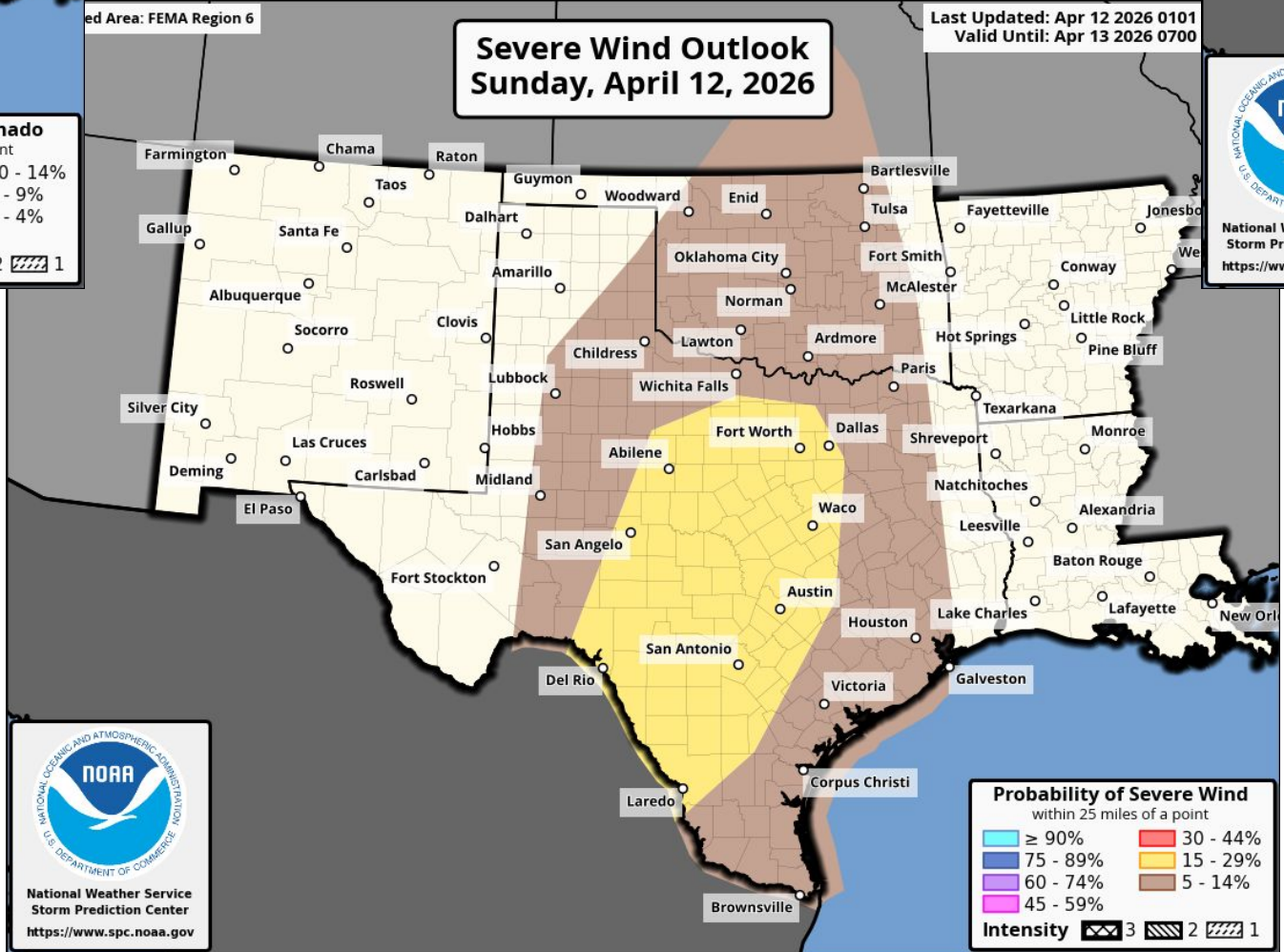
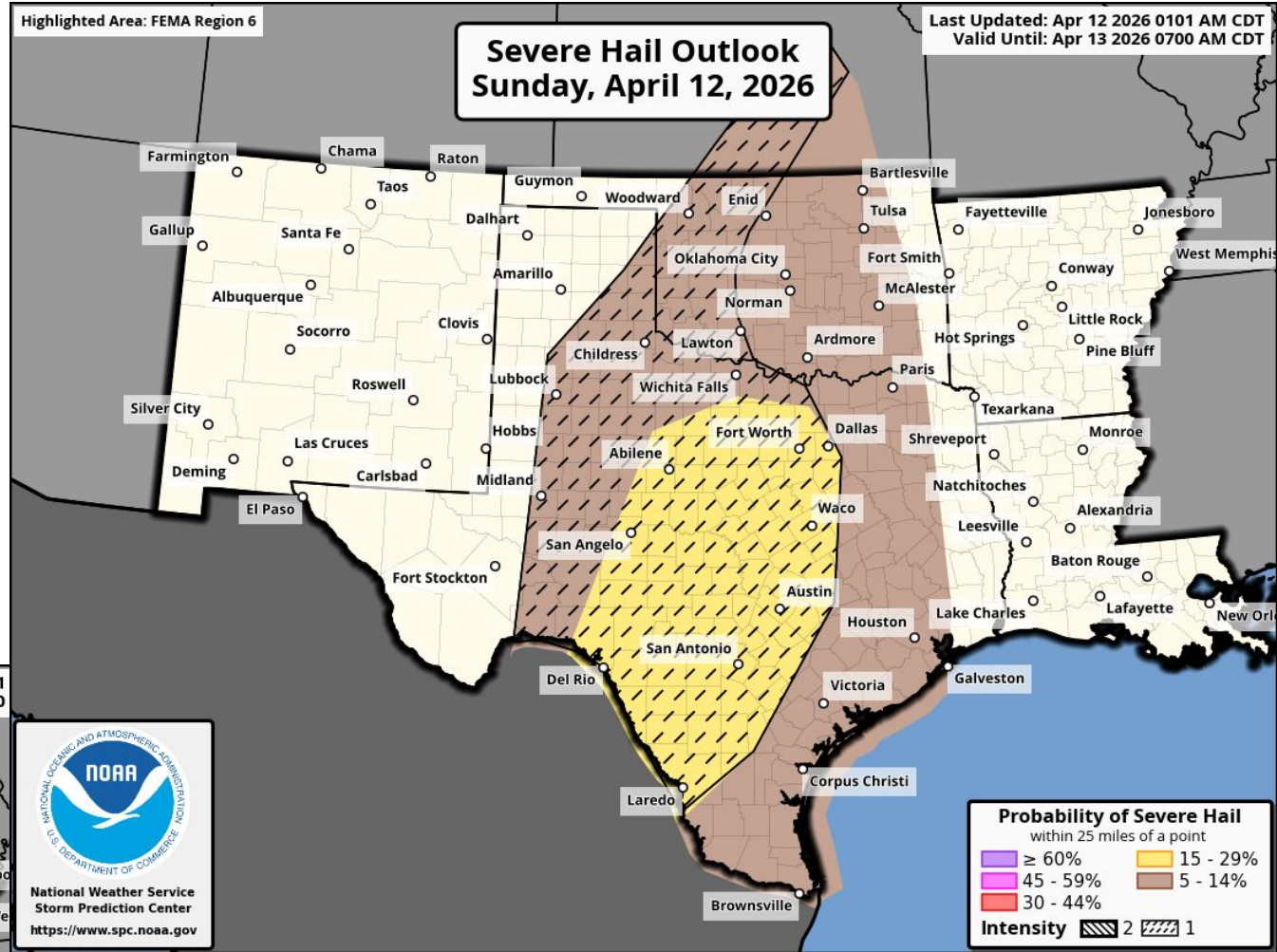
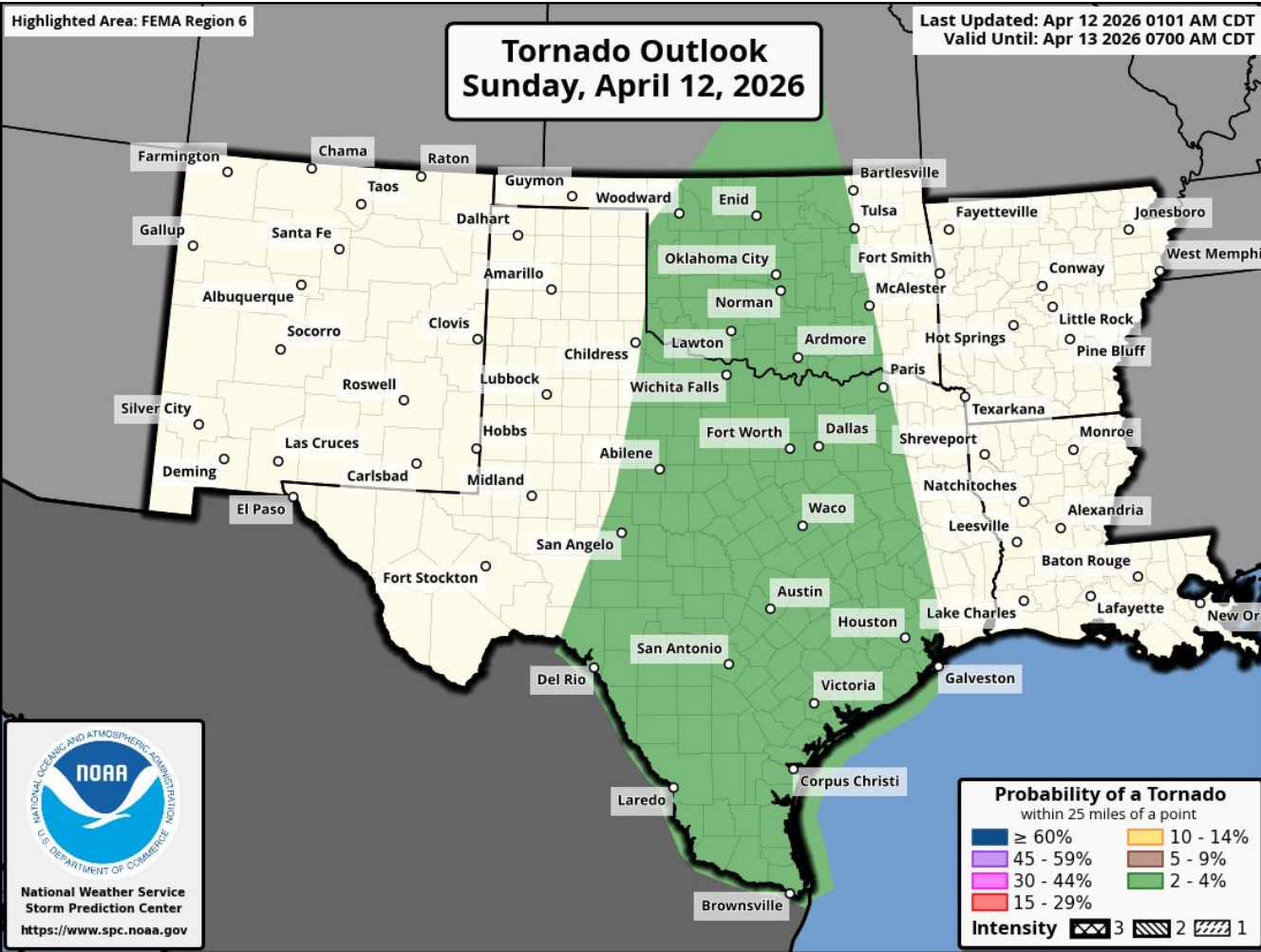


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather over W NM, TX/OK Panhandles, E AR.





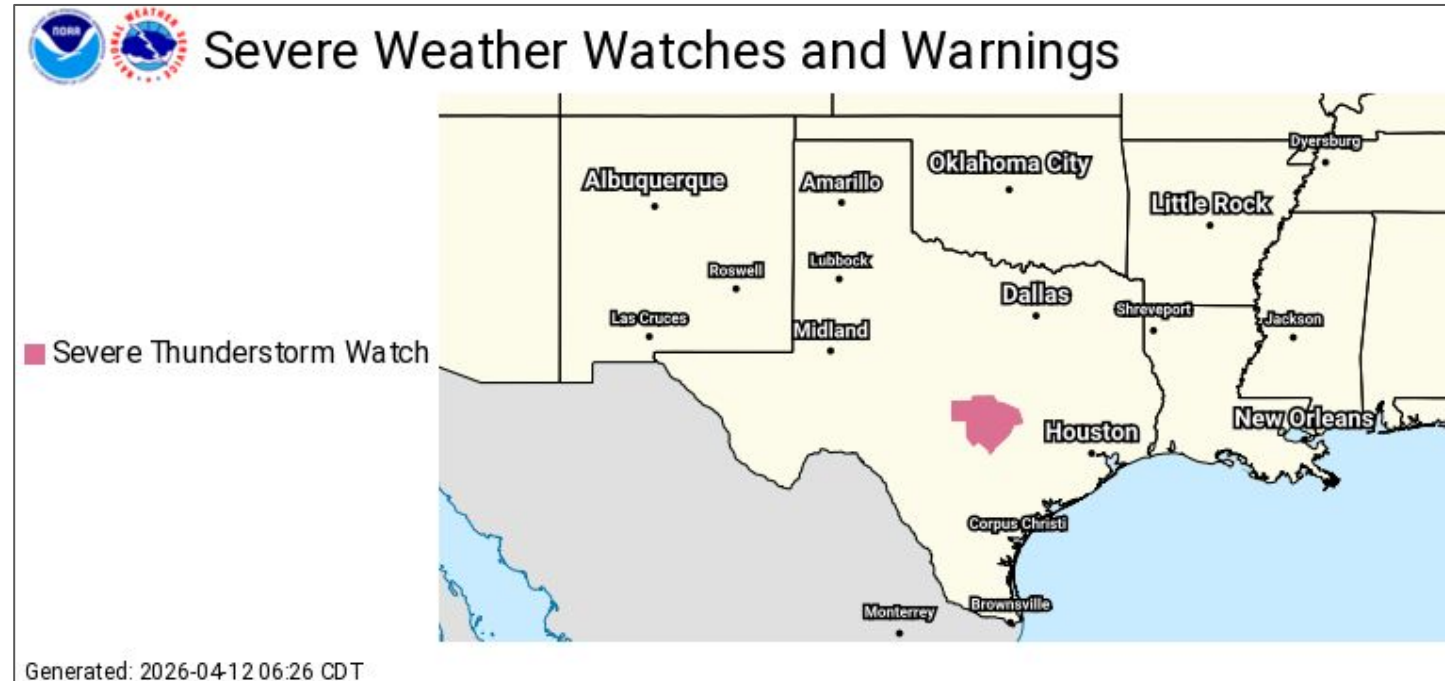
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



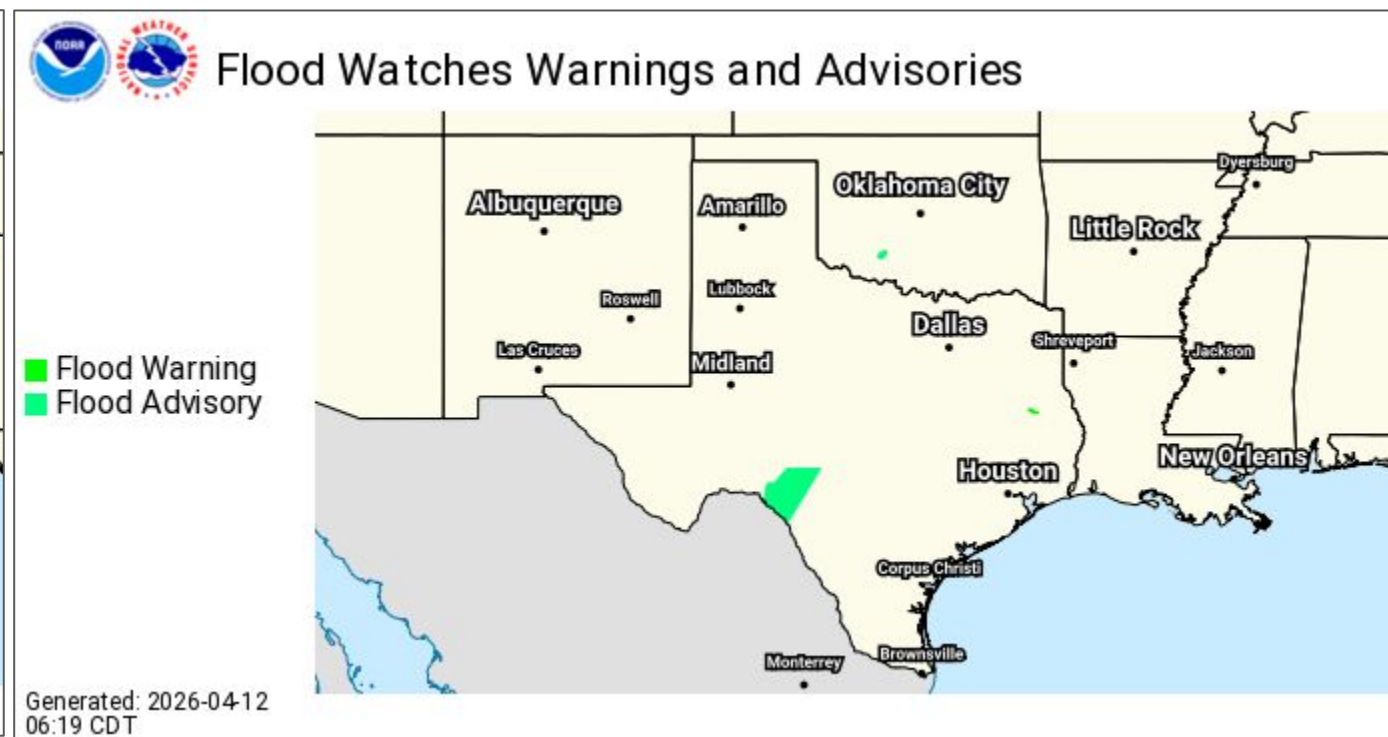


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

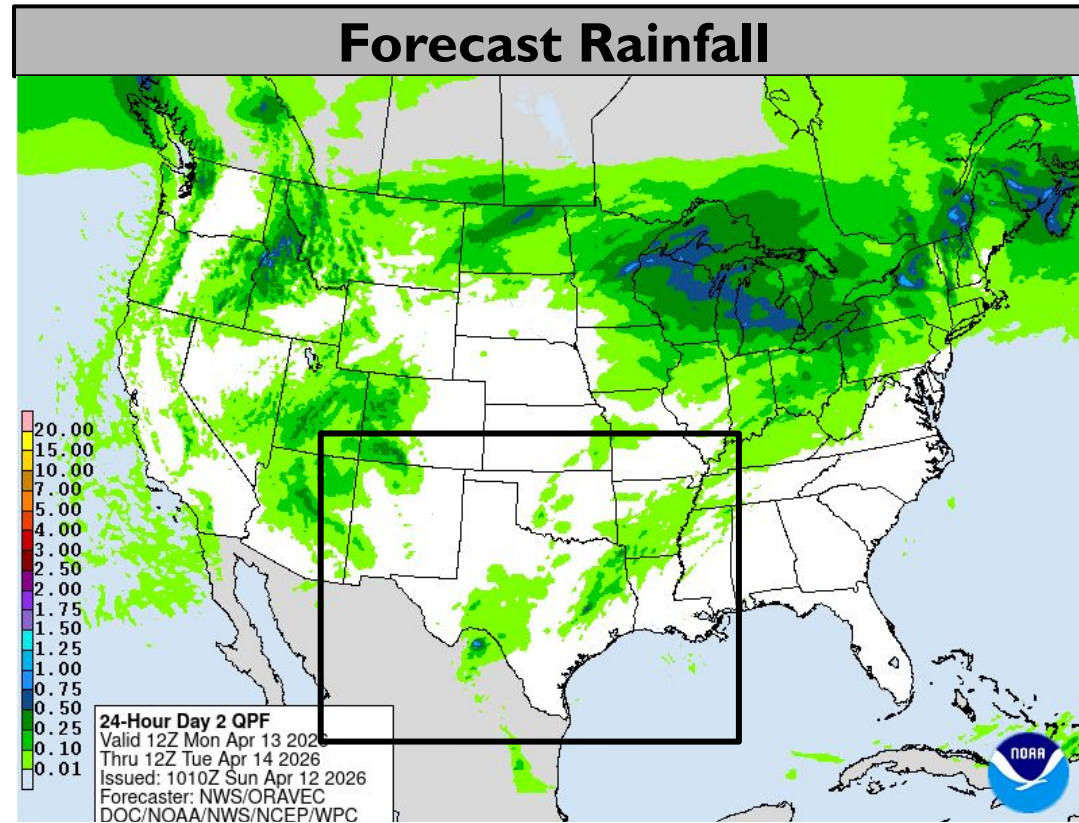
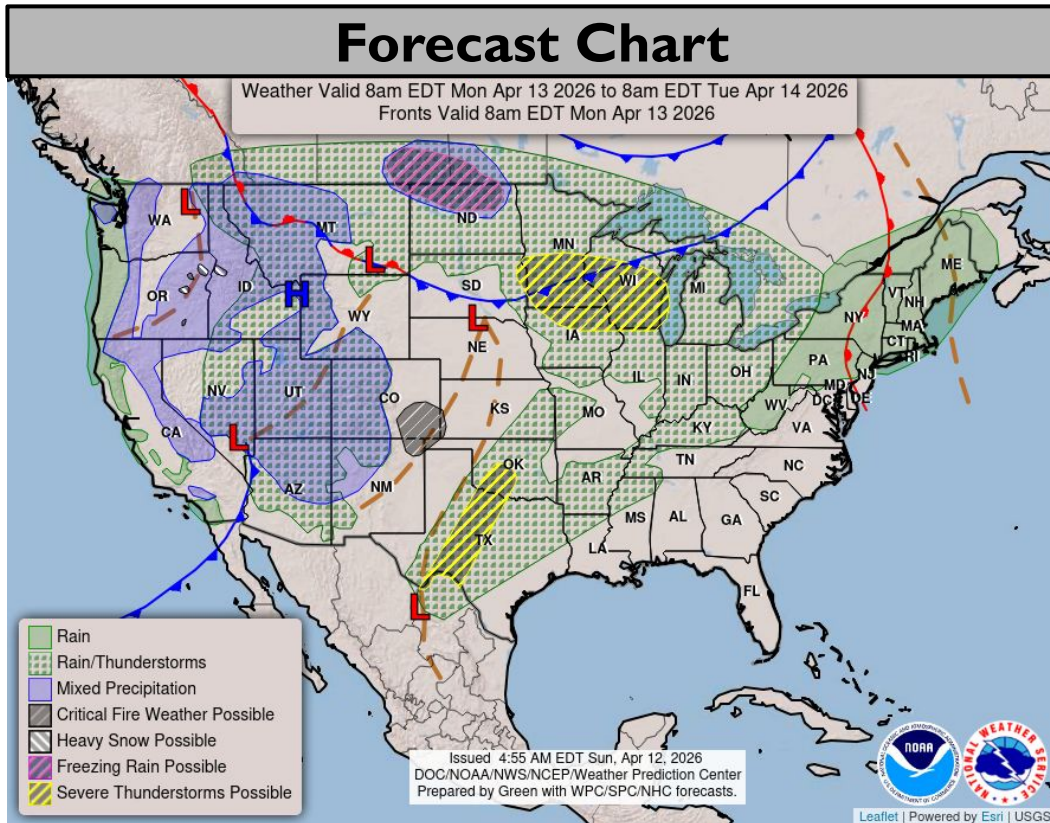


Severe Thunderstorm Watch Valid through 8 AM CDT this morning.



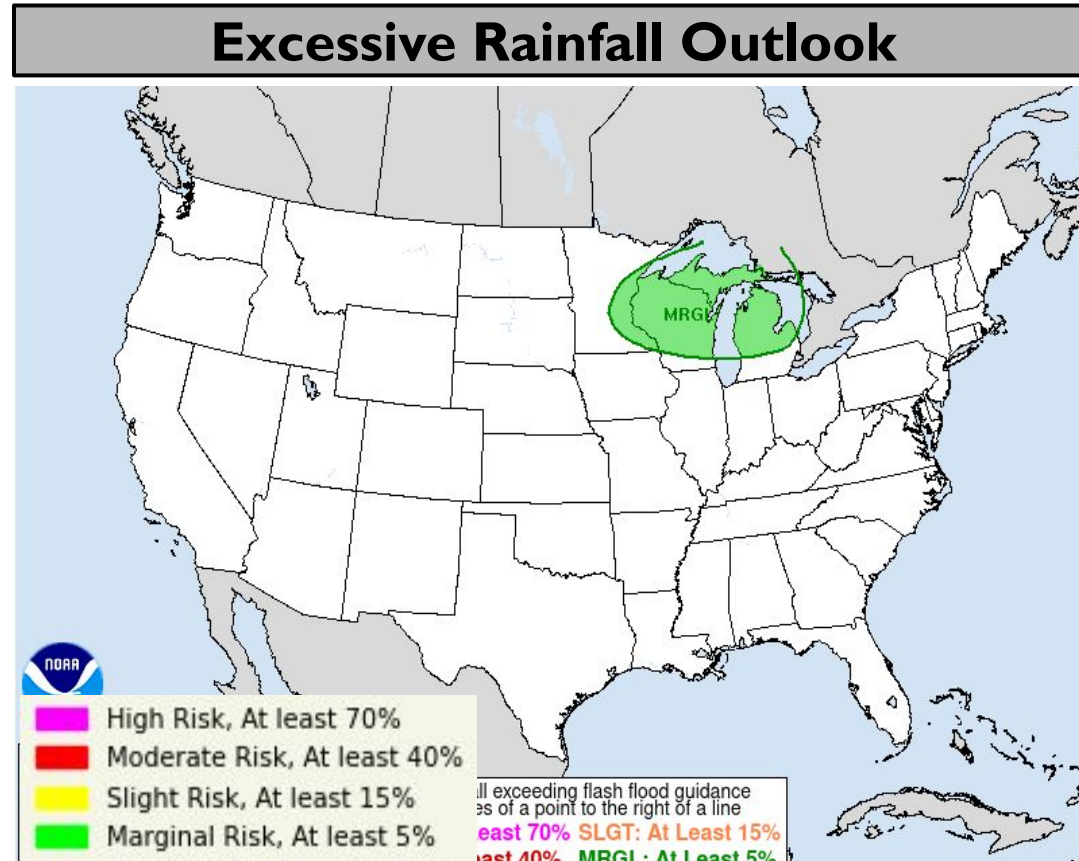
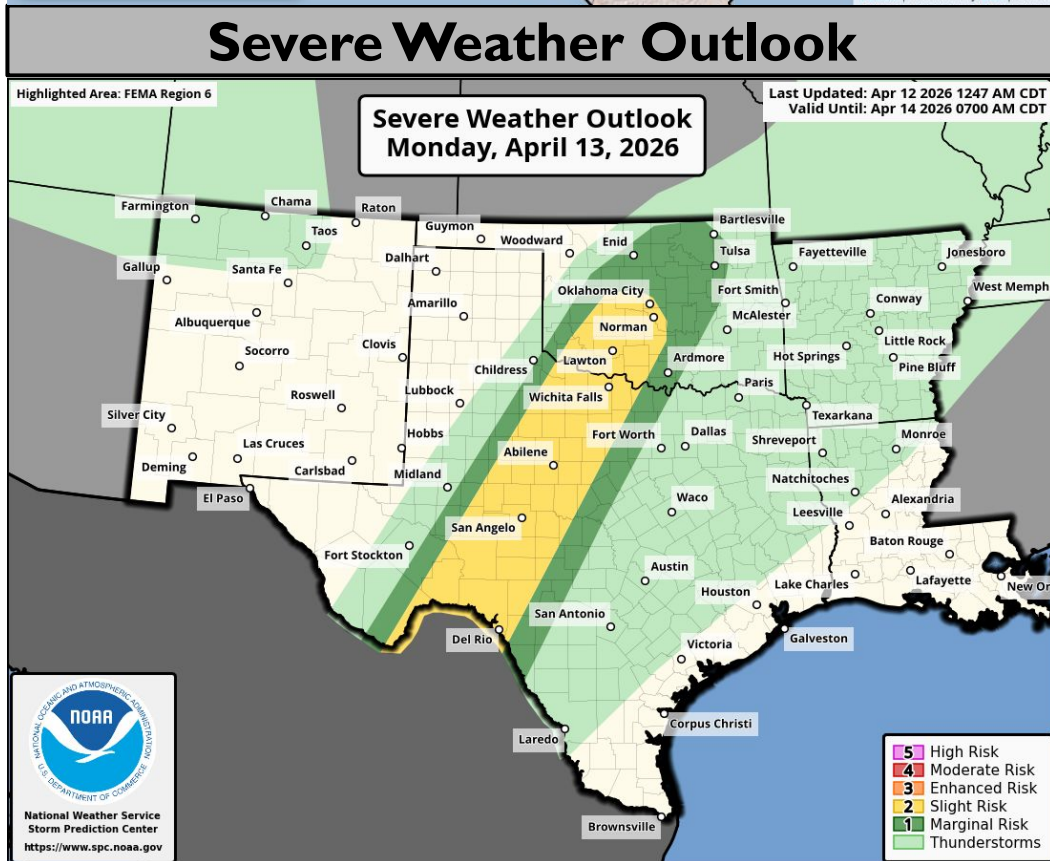


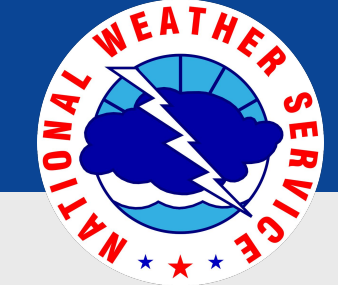
Tomorrow's Weather



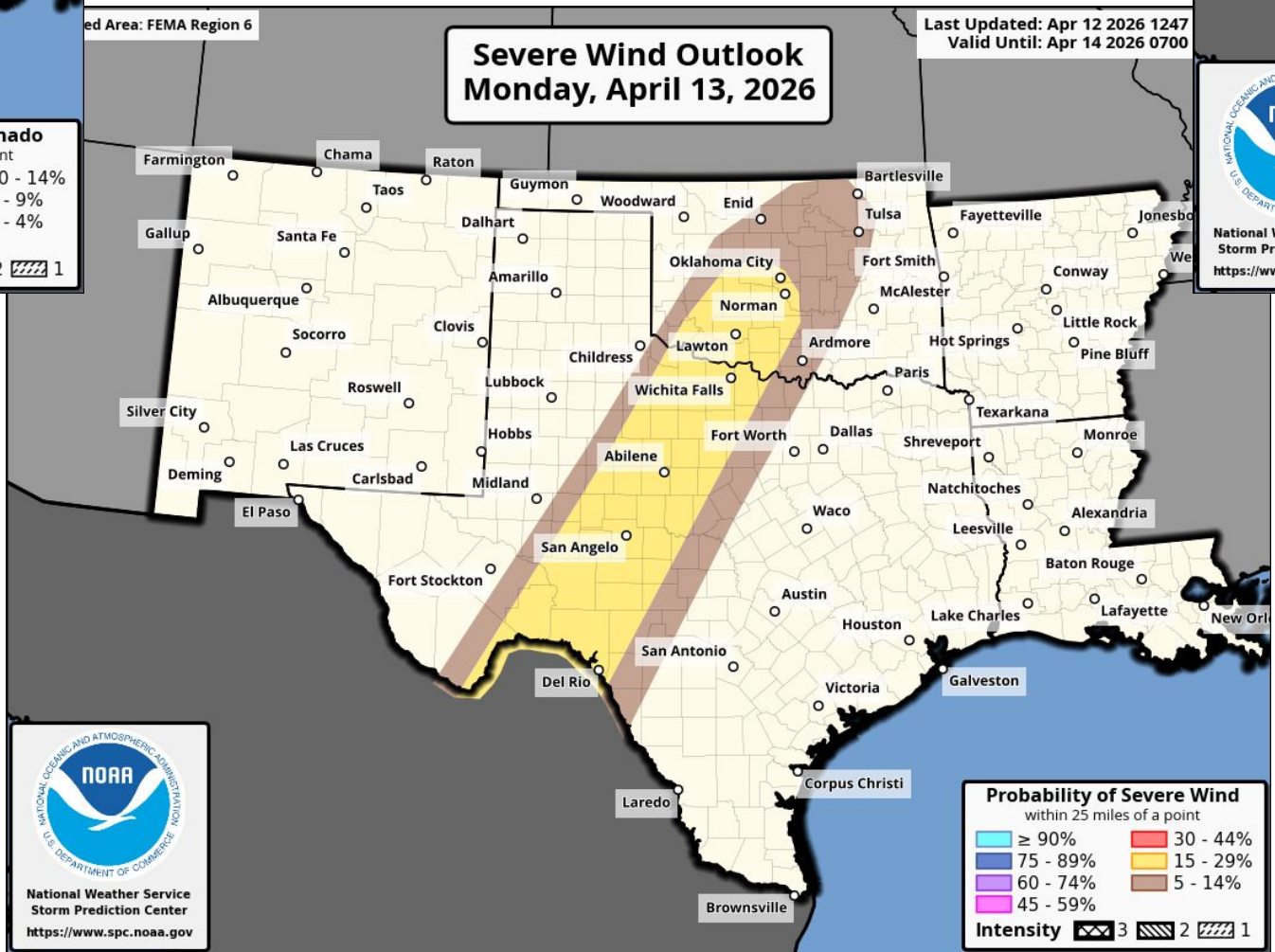
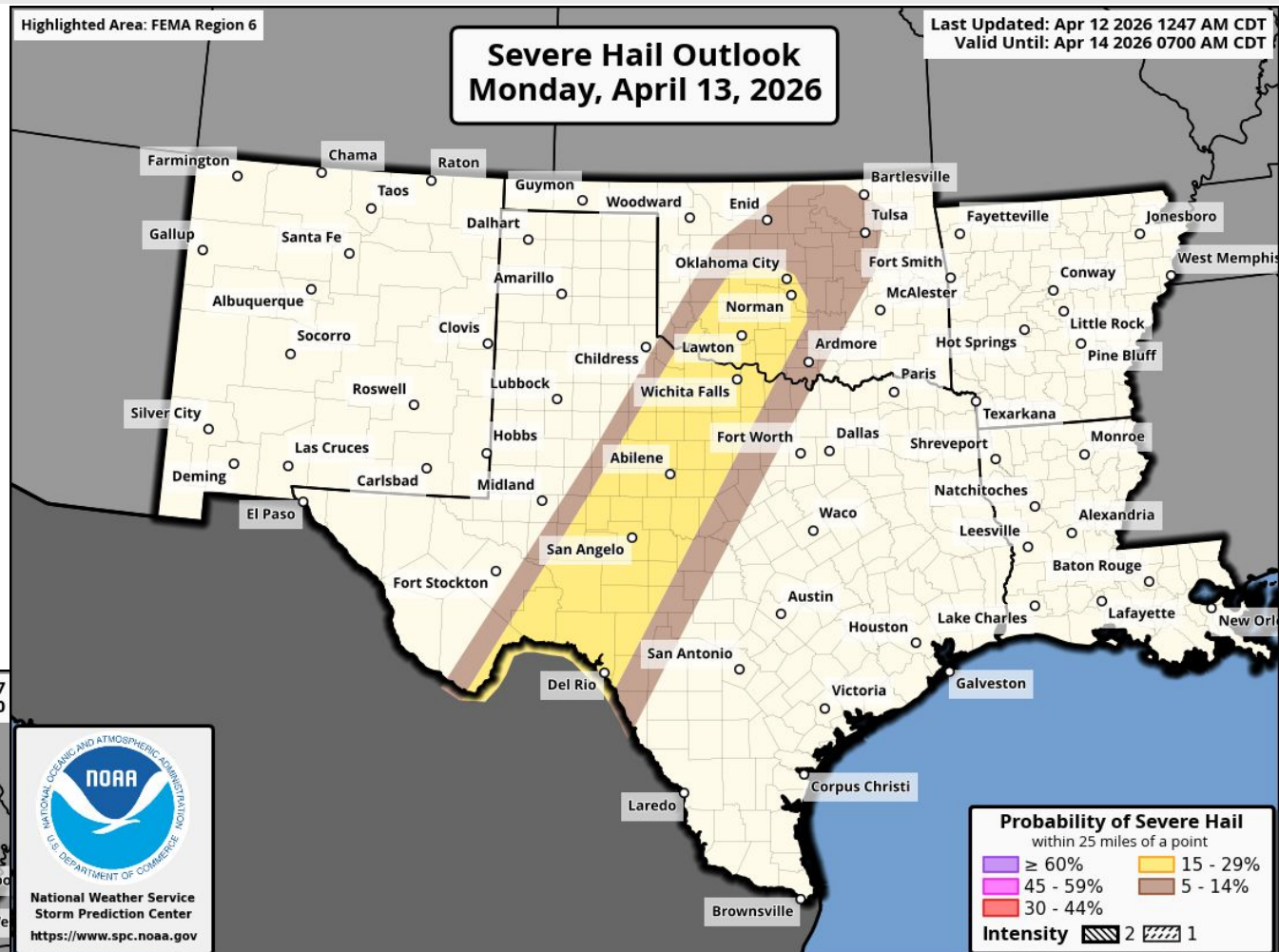
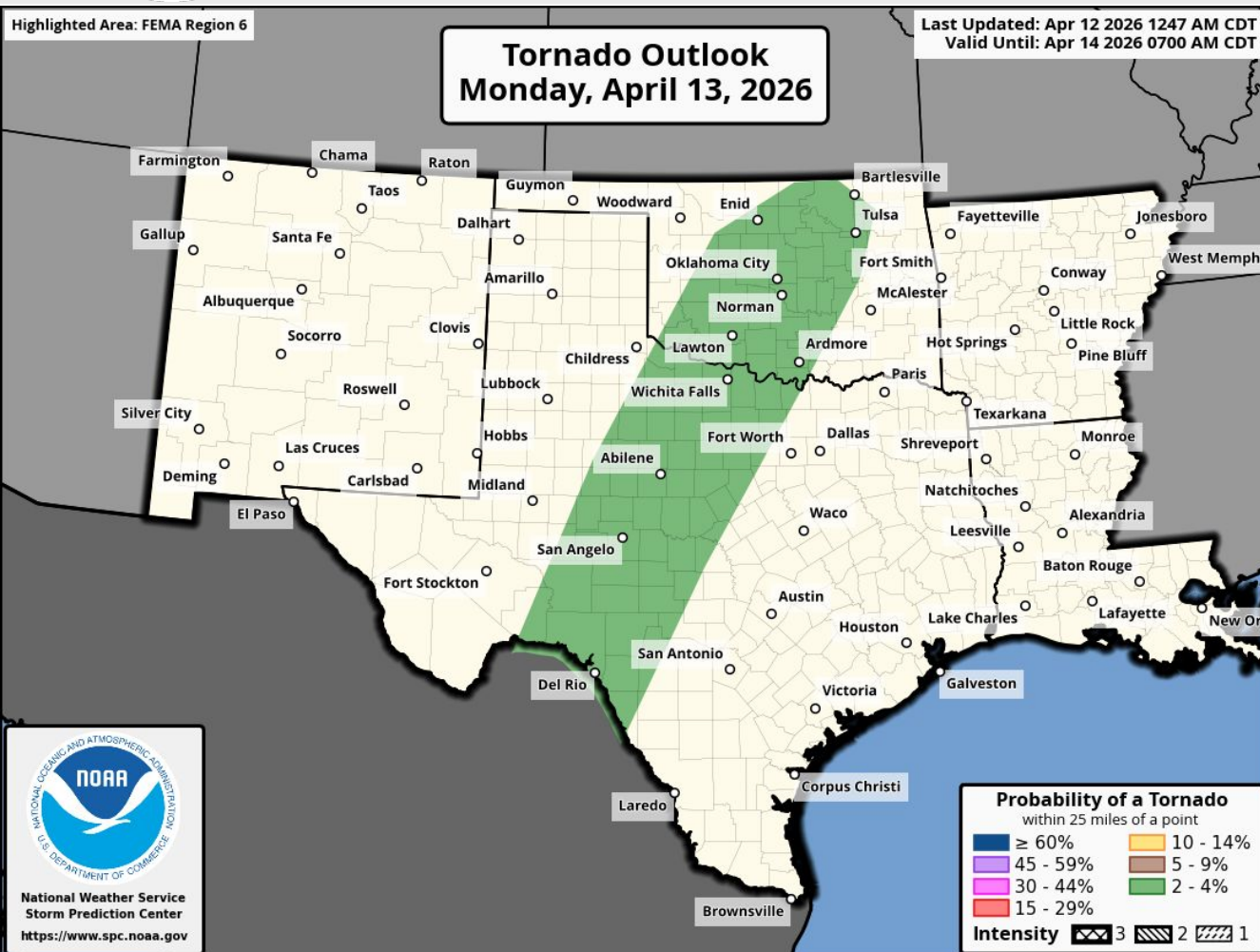
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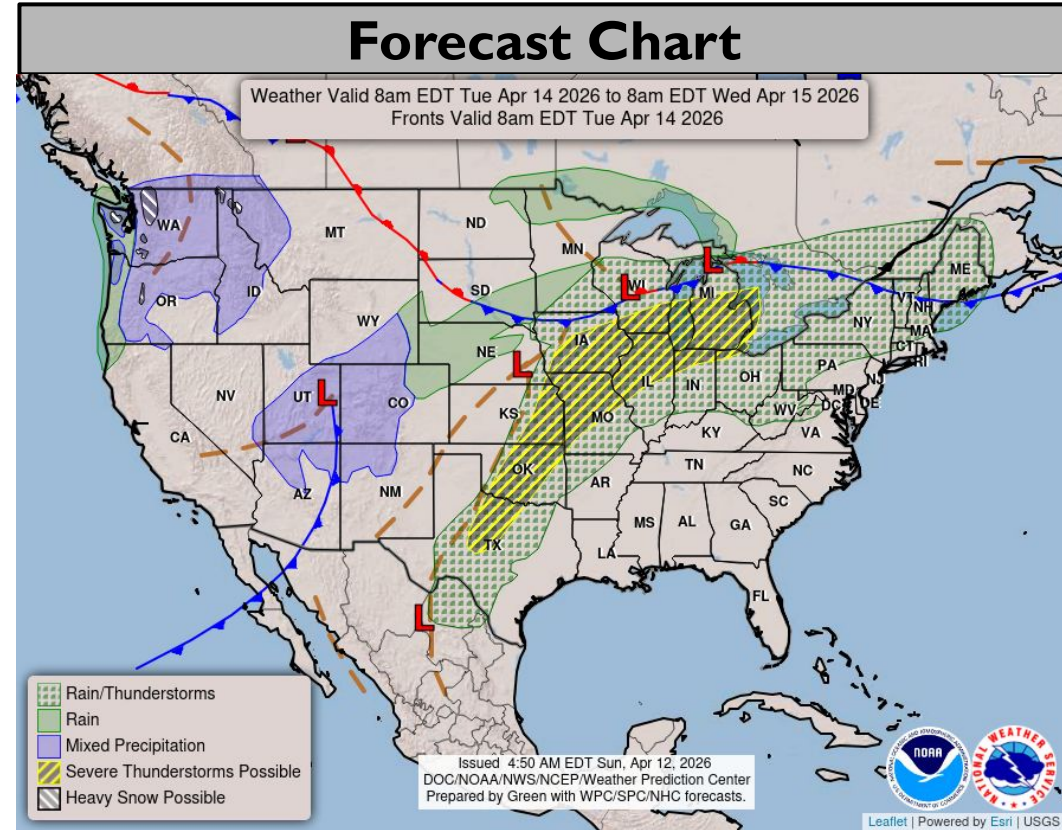
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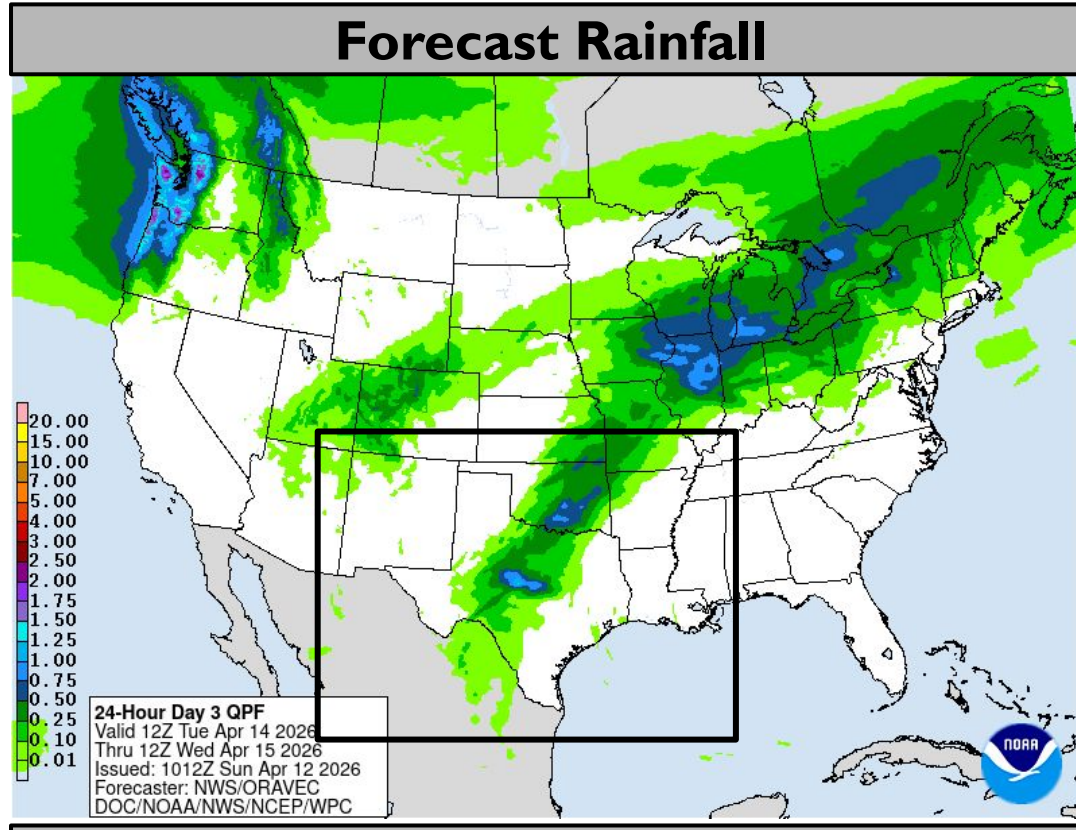


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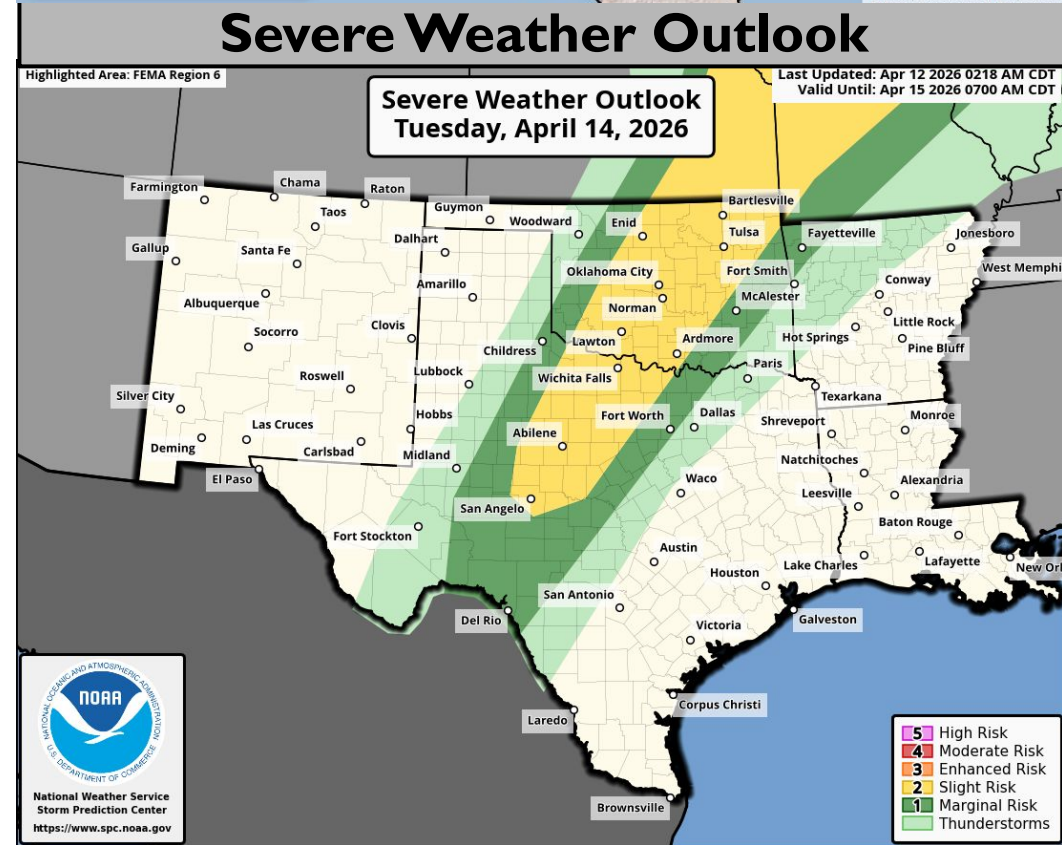
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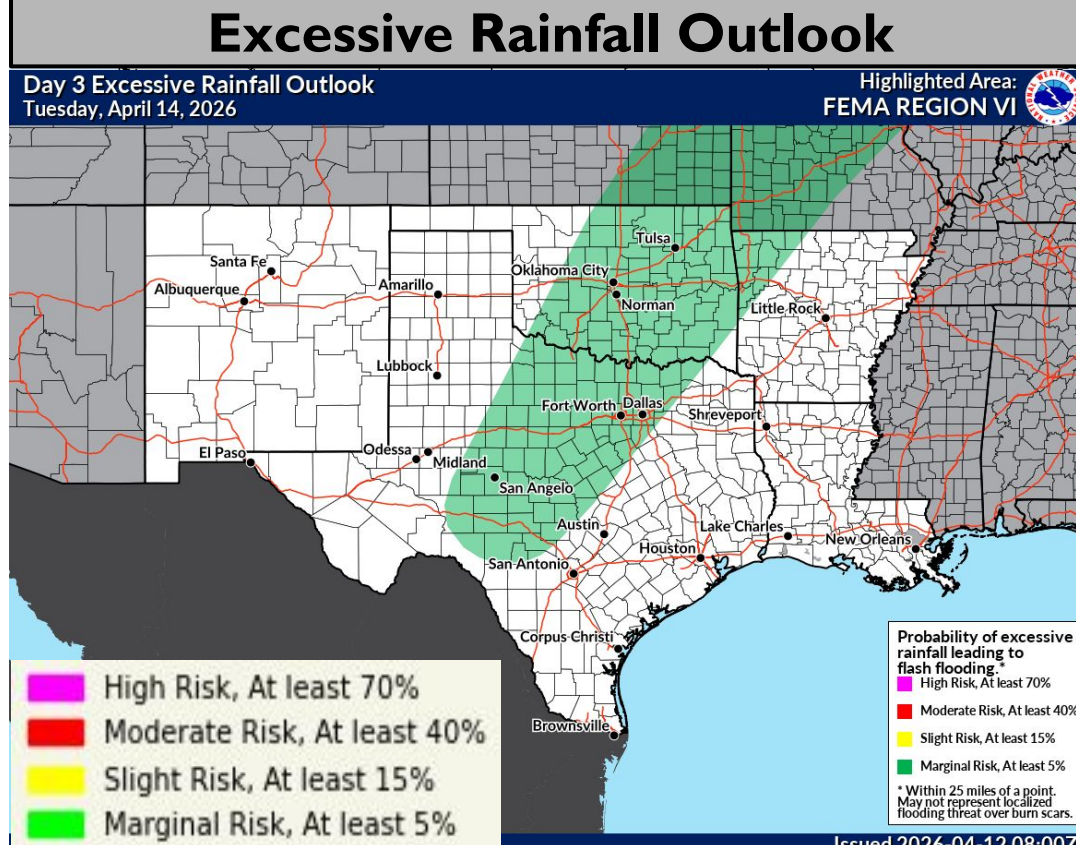
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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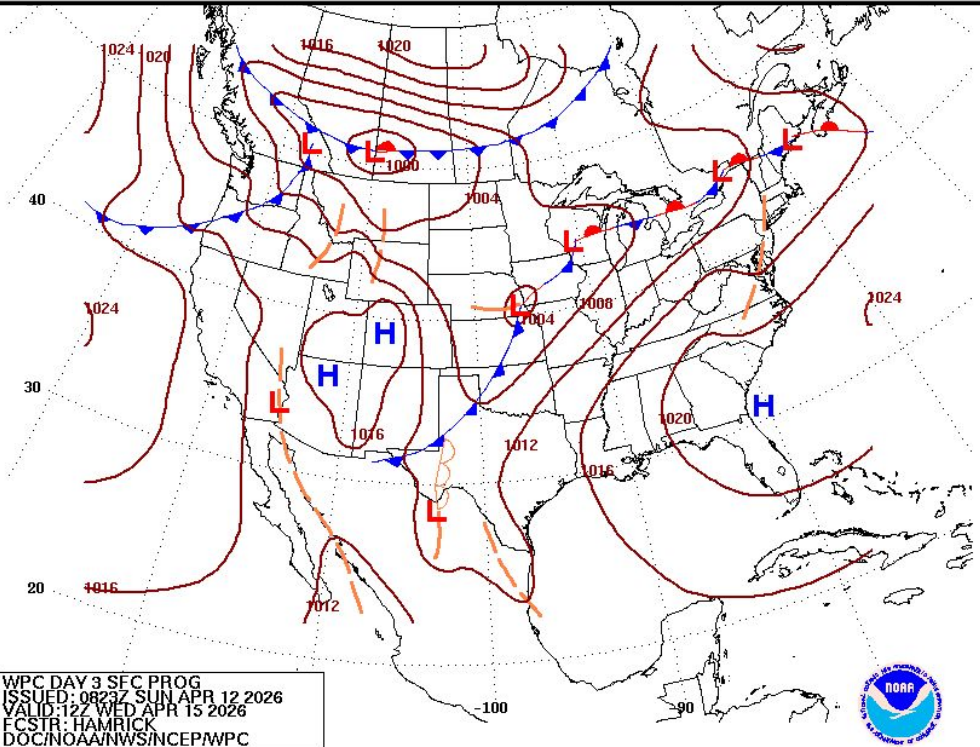
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over TX, OK, NW AR.

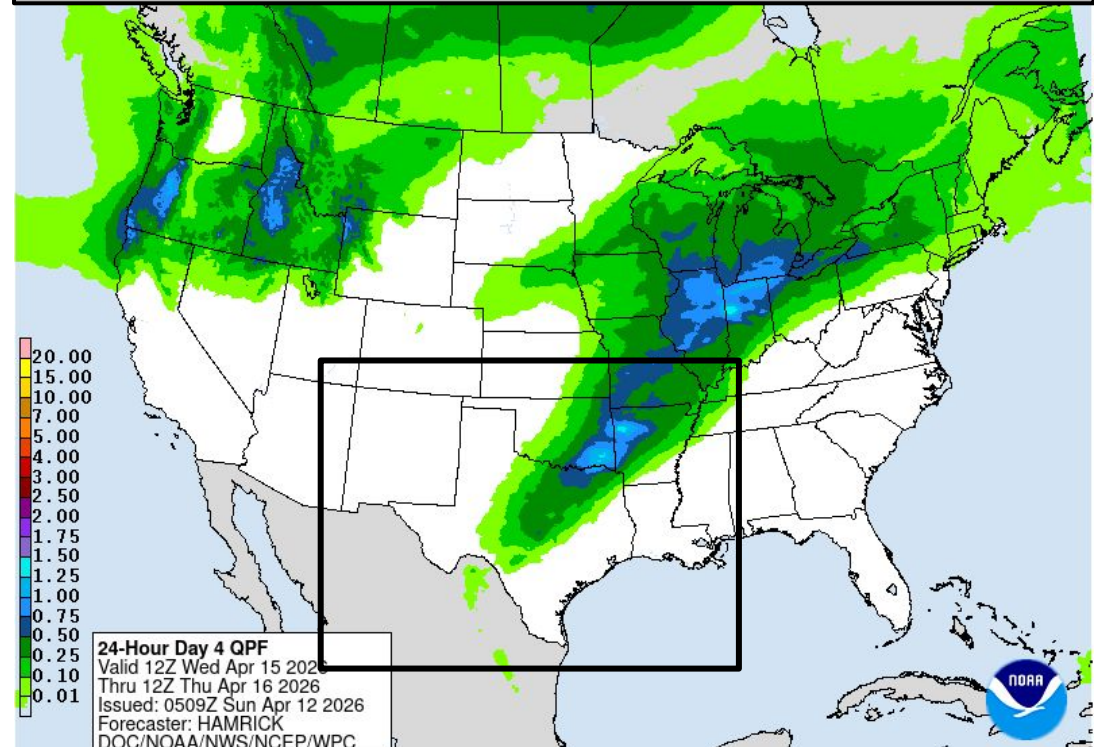


Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

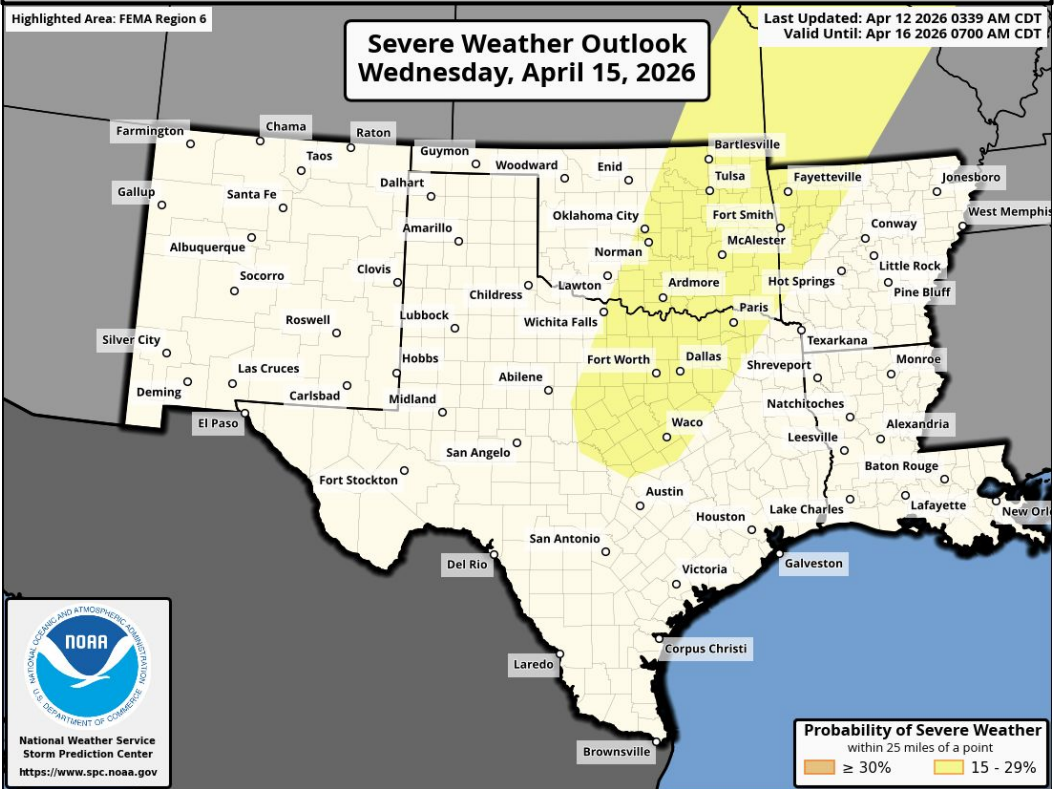


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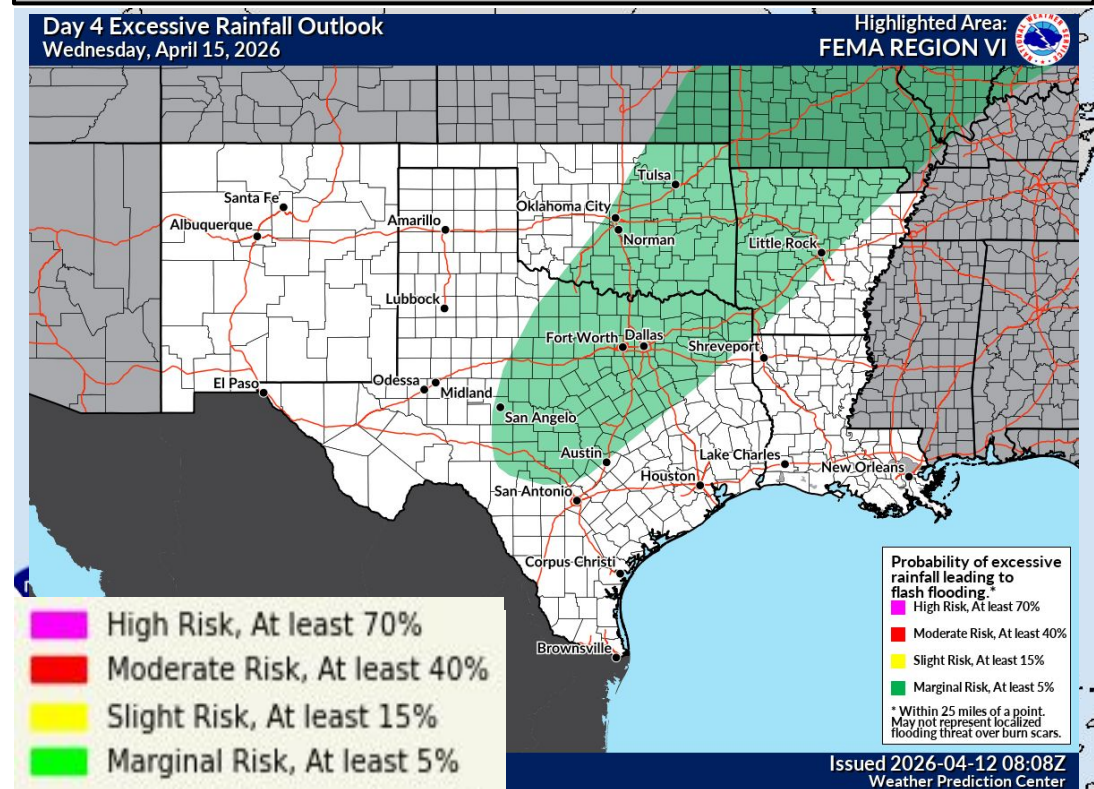
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Severe Weather Outlook



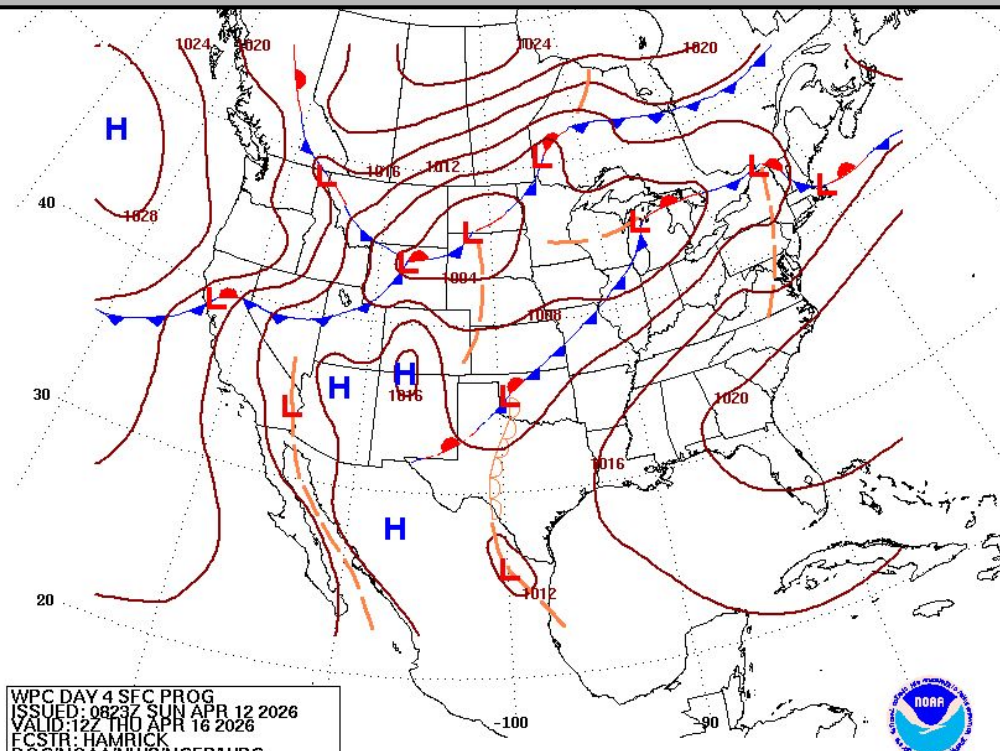
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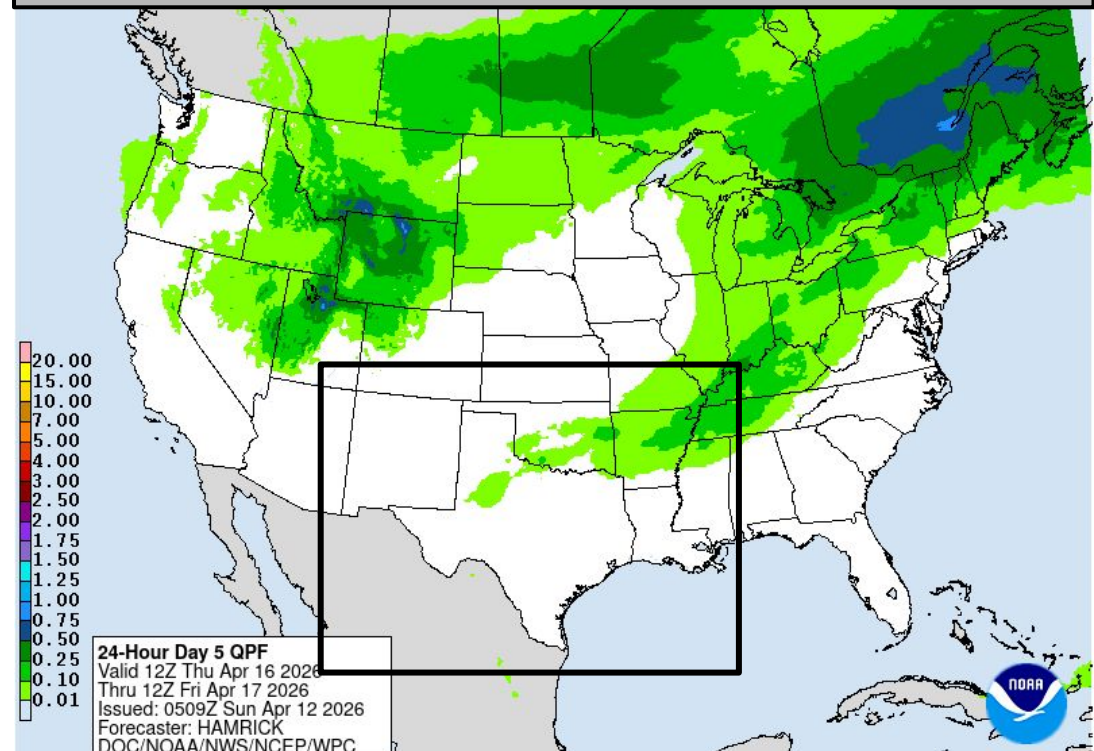
Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG
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Forecast Rainfall

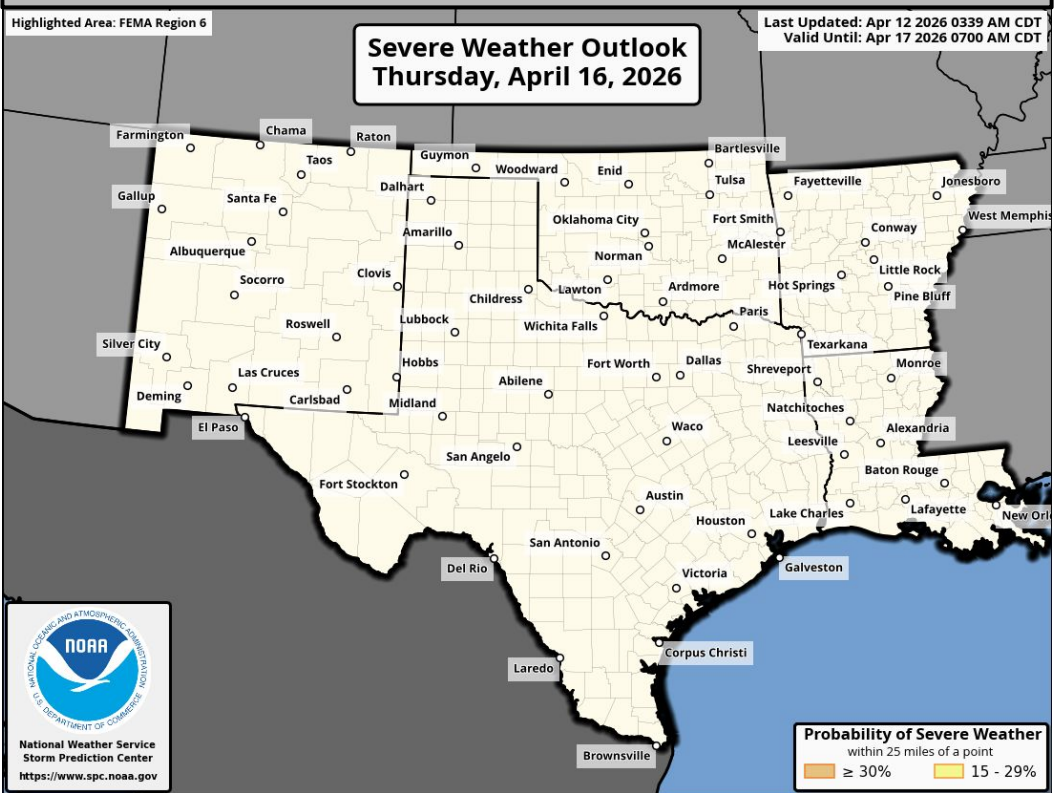


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Thru 12Z Fri Apr 17 2026
Issued: 0509Z Sun Apr 12 2026
Forecaster: HAMRICK
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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Monitoring for severe storms in OK.

Severe Weather Outlook

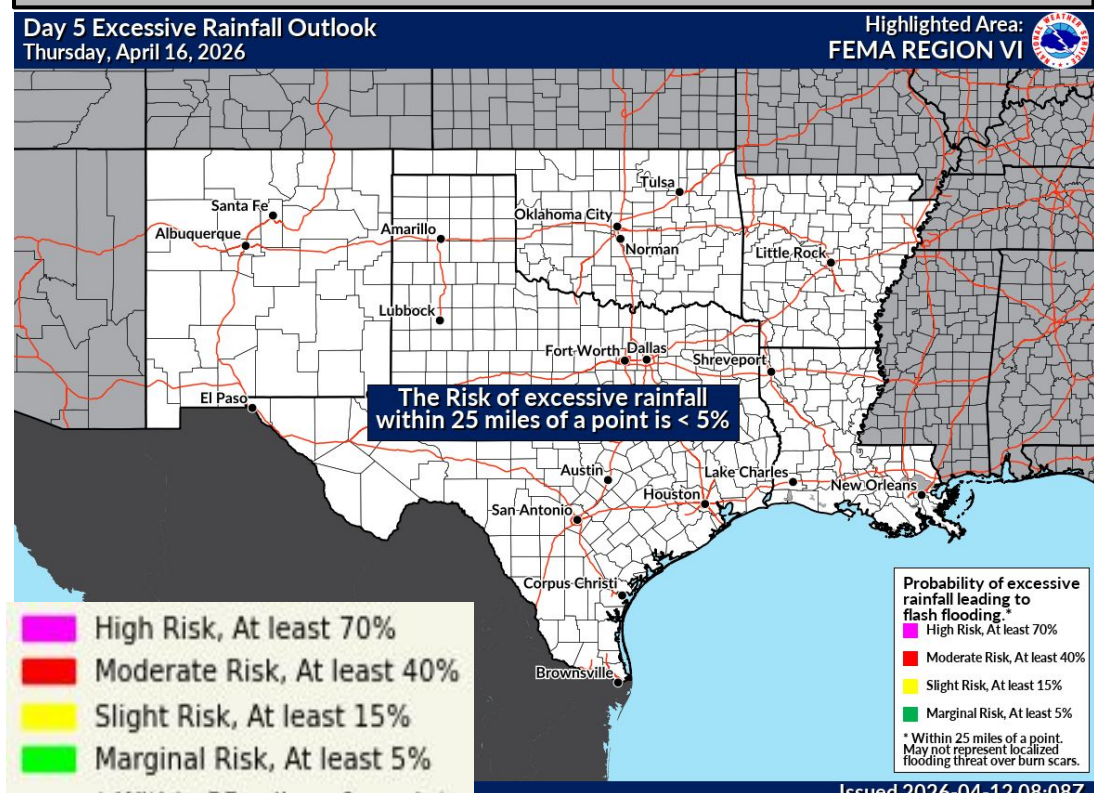


Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, April 16, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 12 2026 0339 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 17 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
Thursday, April 16, 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%

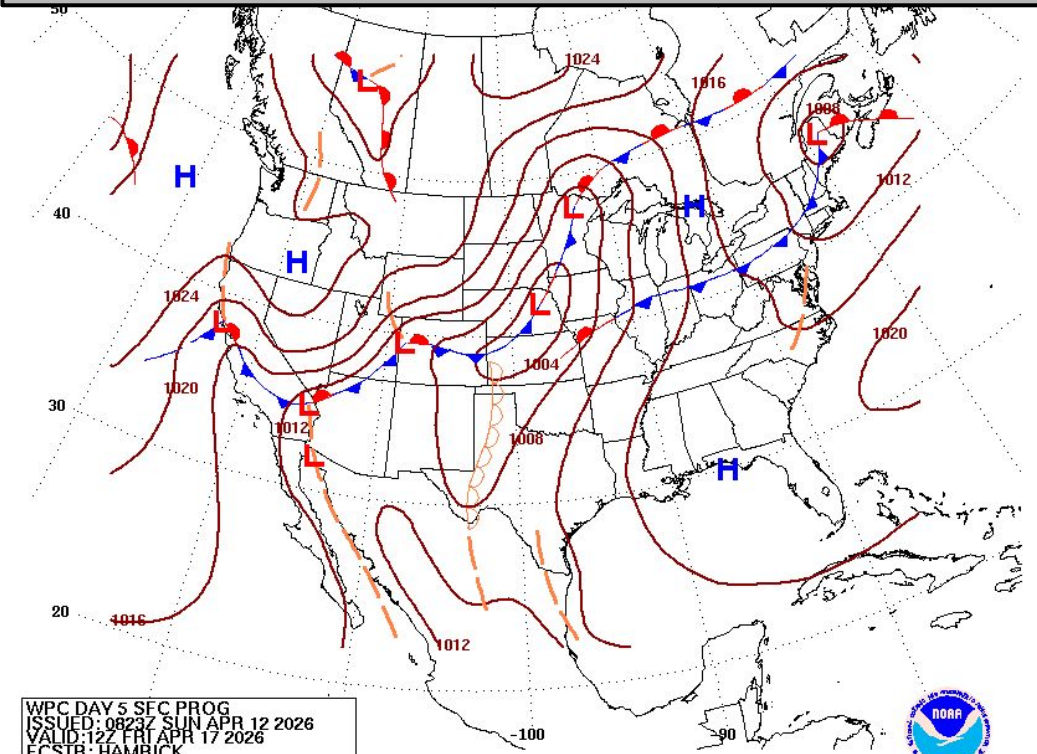
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding:
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Marginal Risk, At least 5%
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May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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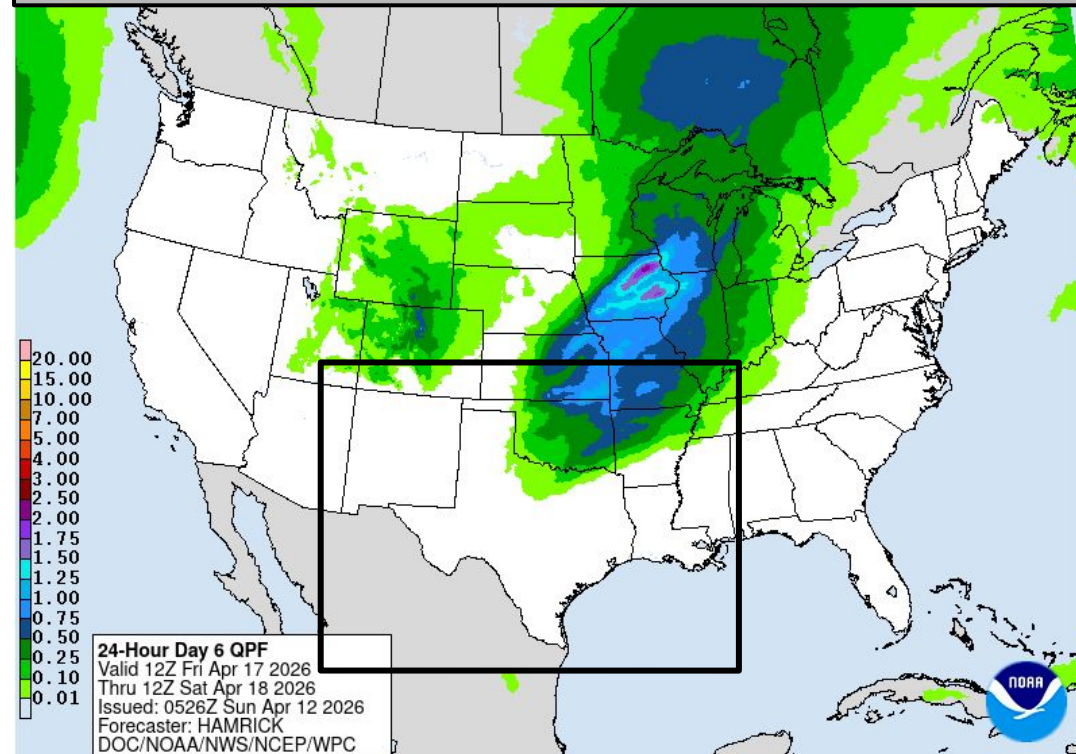
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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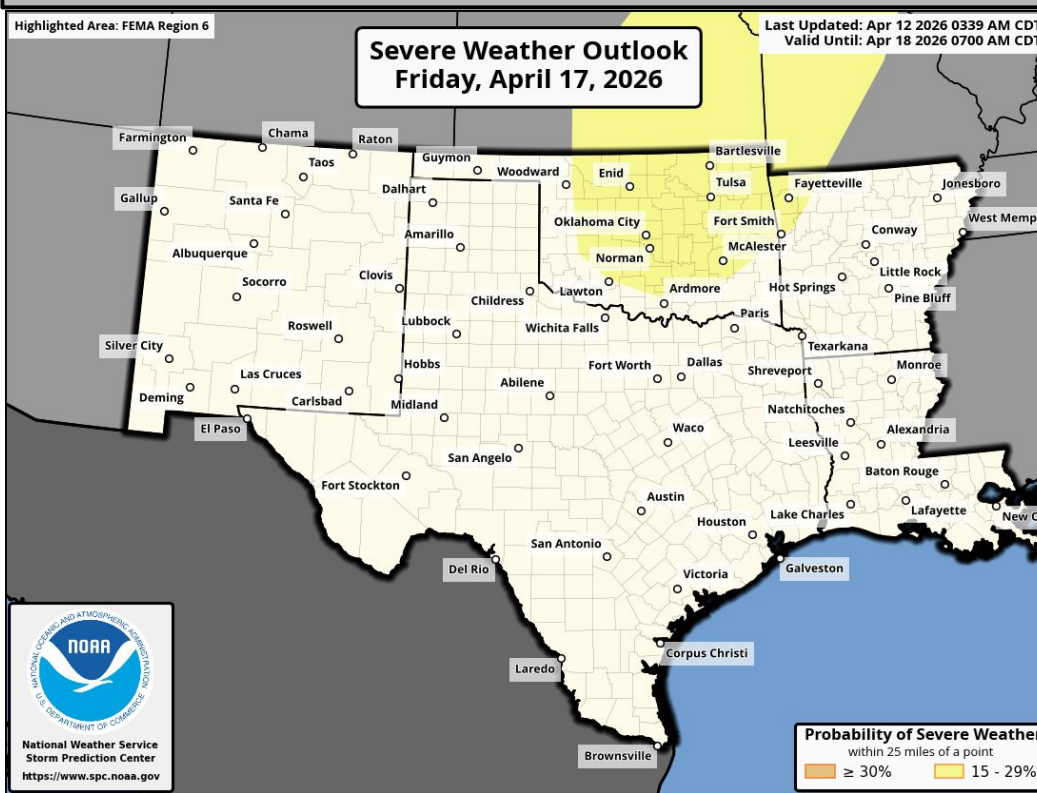


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, NW AR. Locally heavy rain/flash flooding may accompany storms.

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

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
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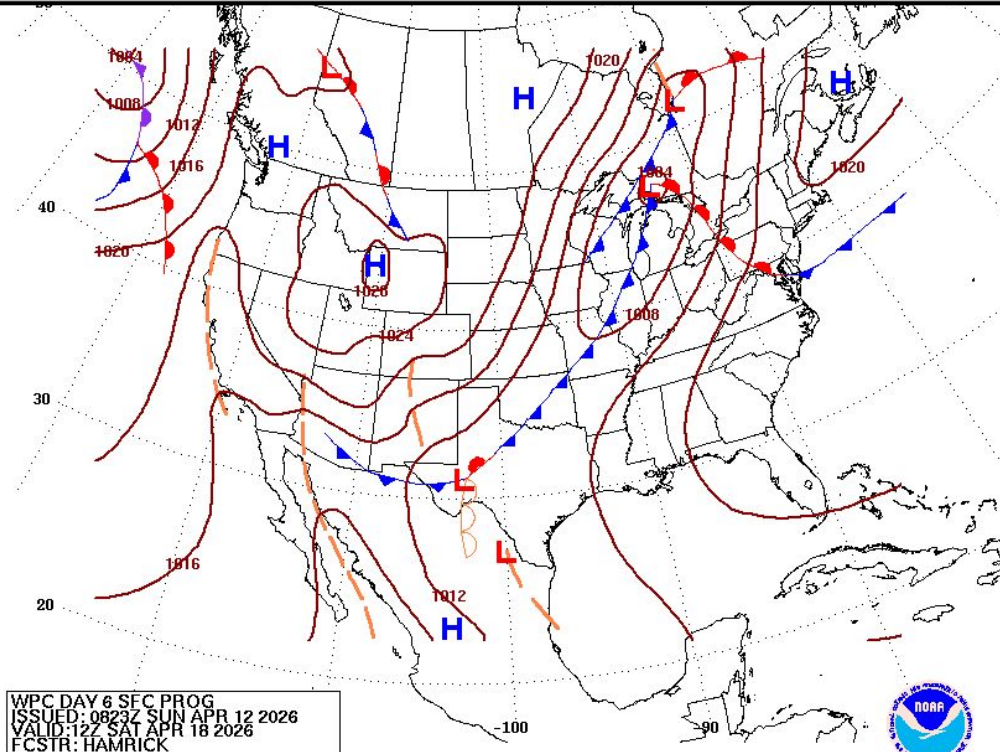
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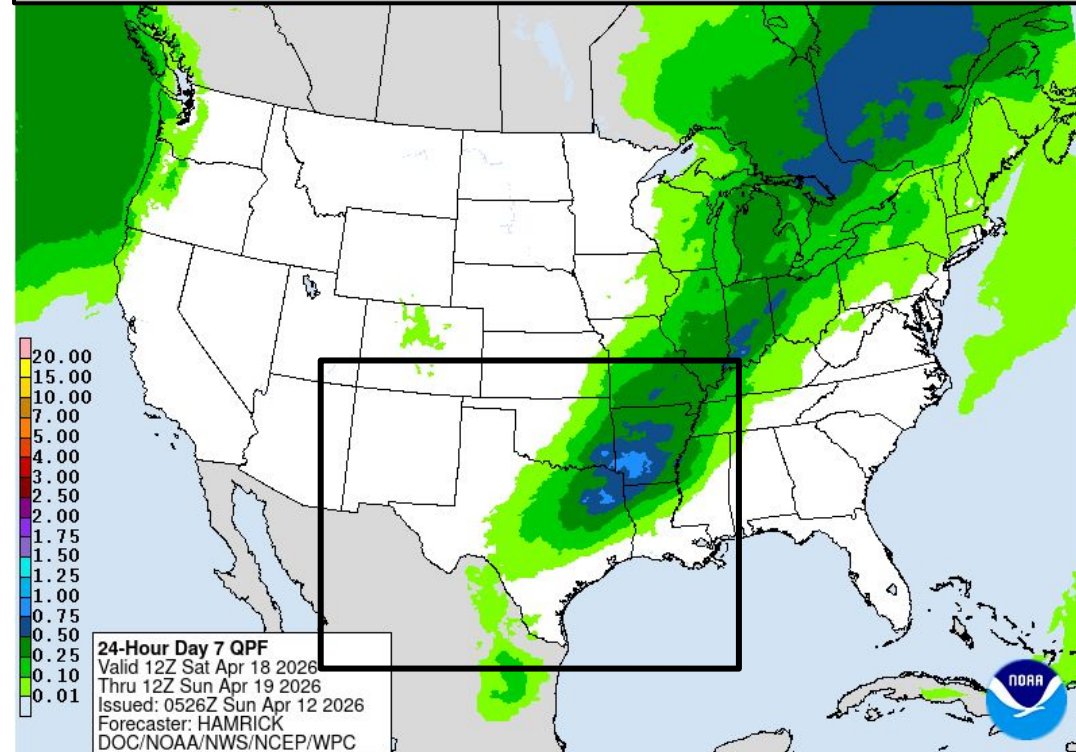
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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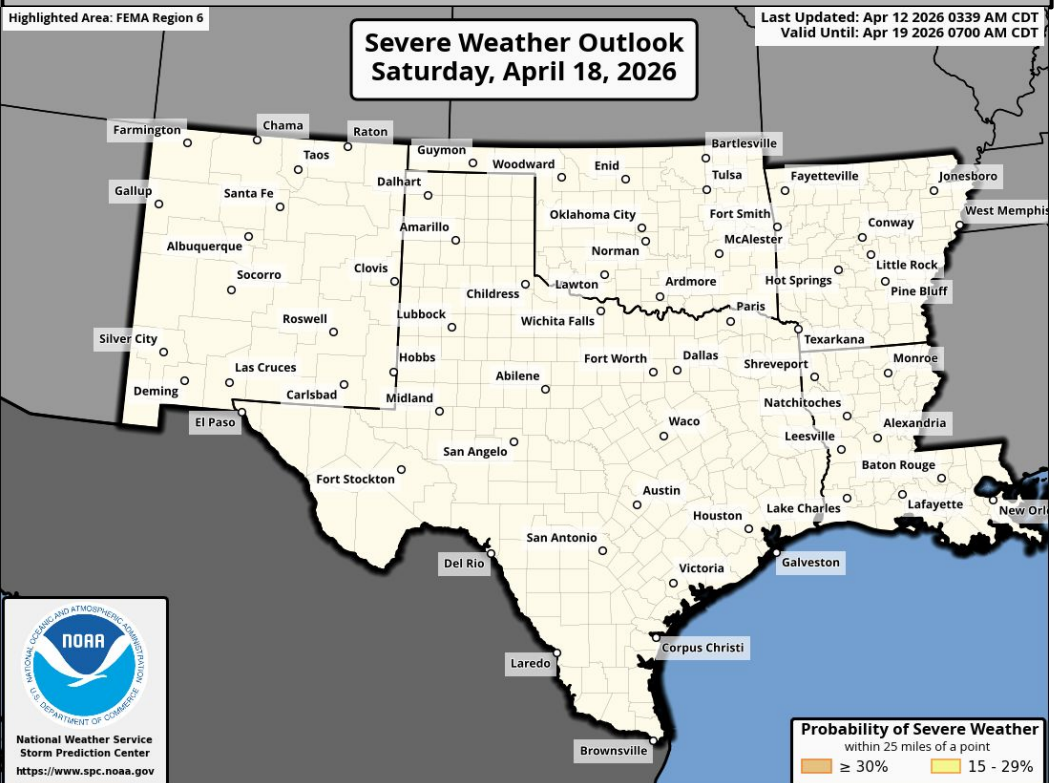
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, April 18, 2026

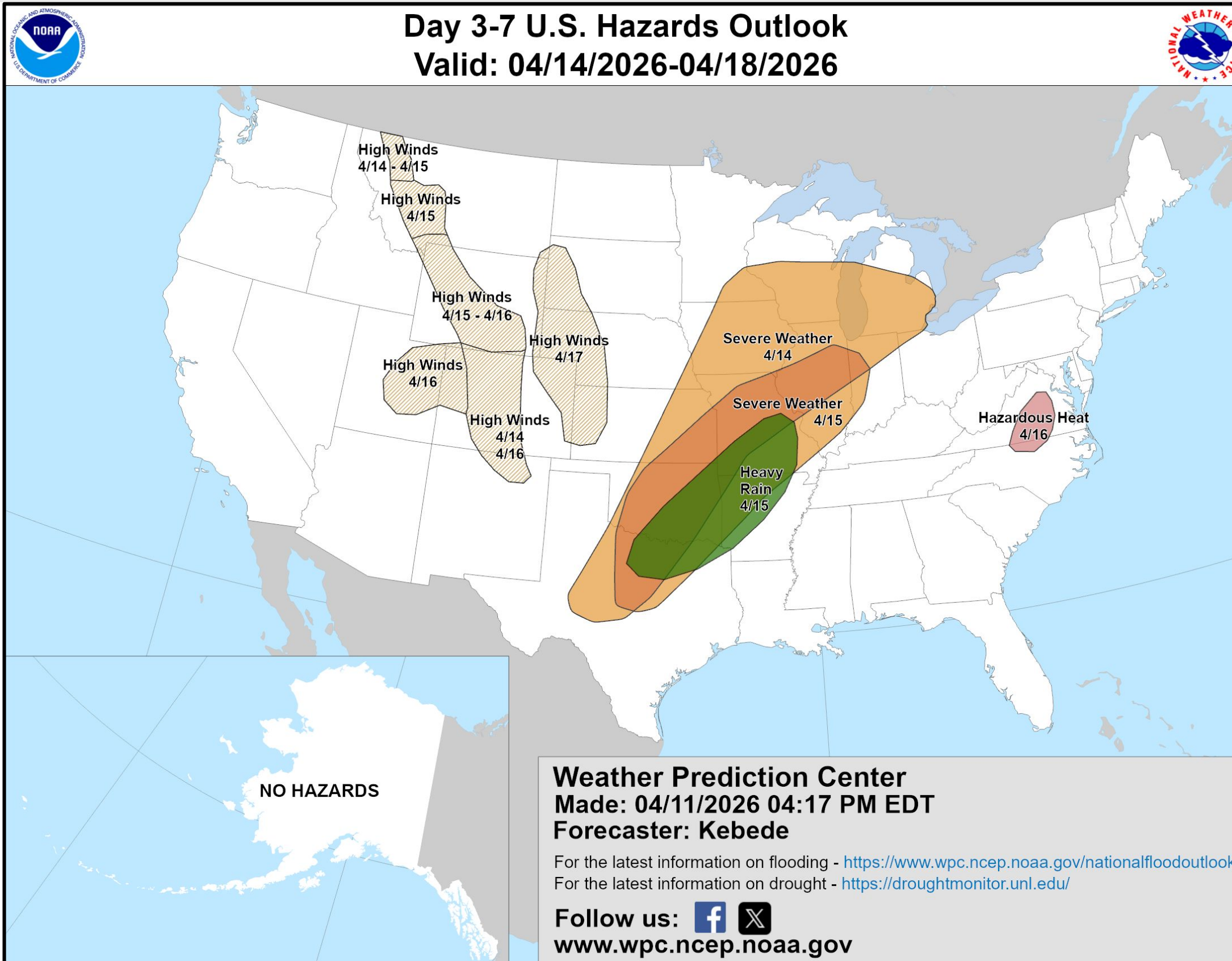
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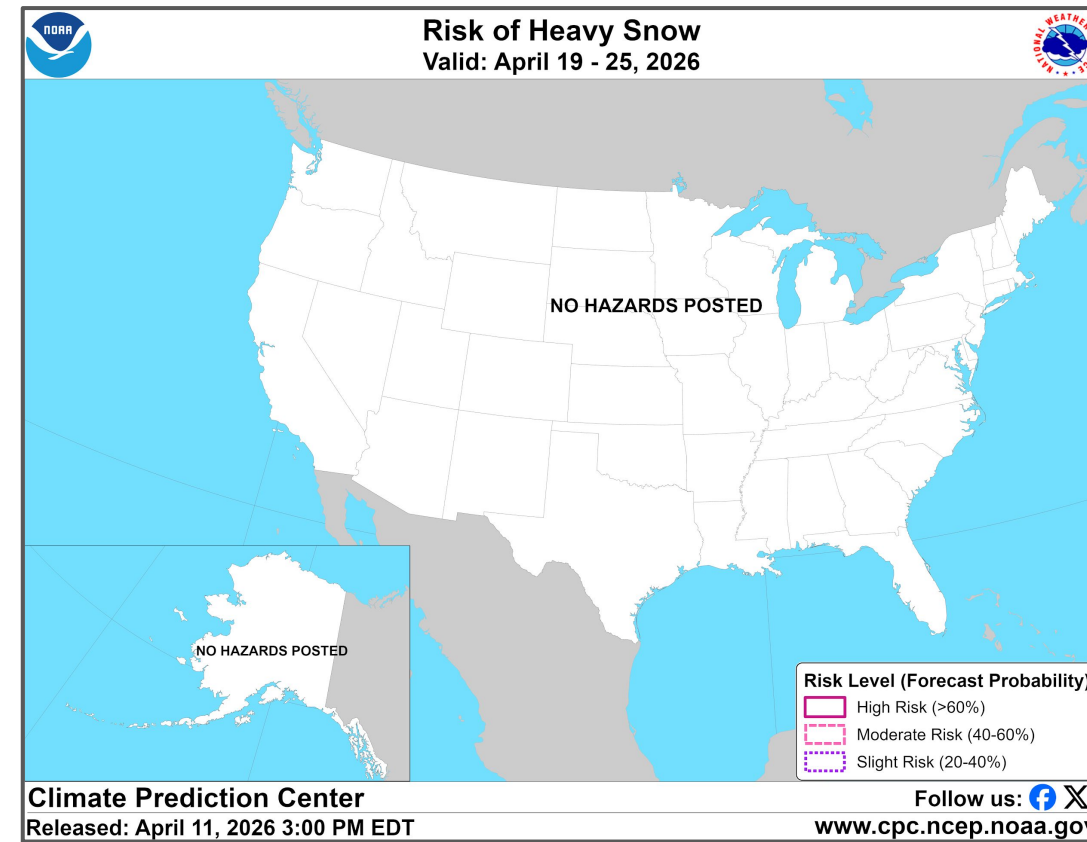
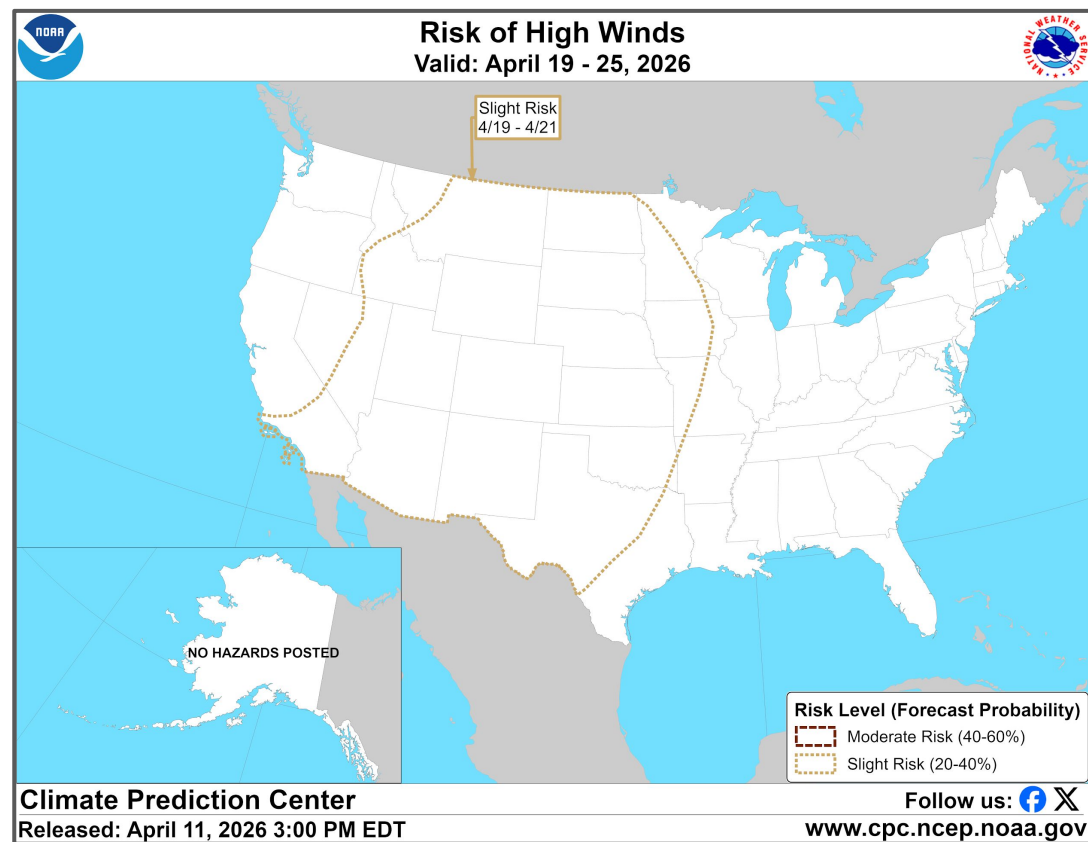
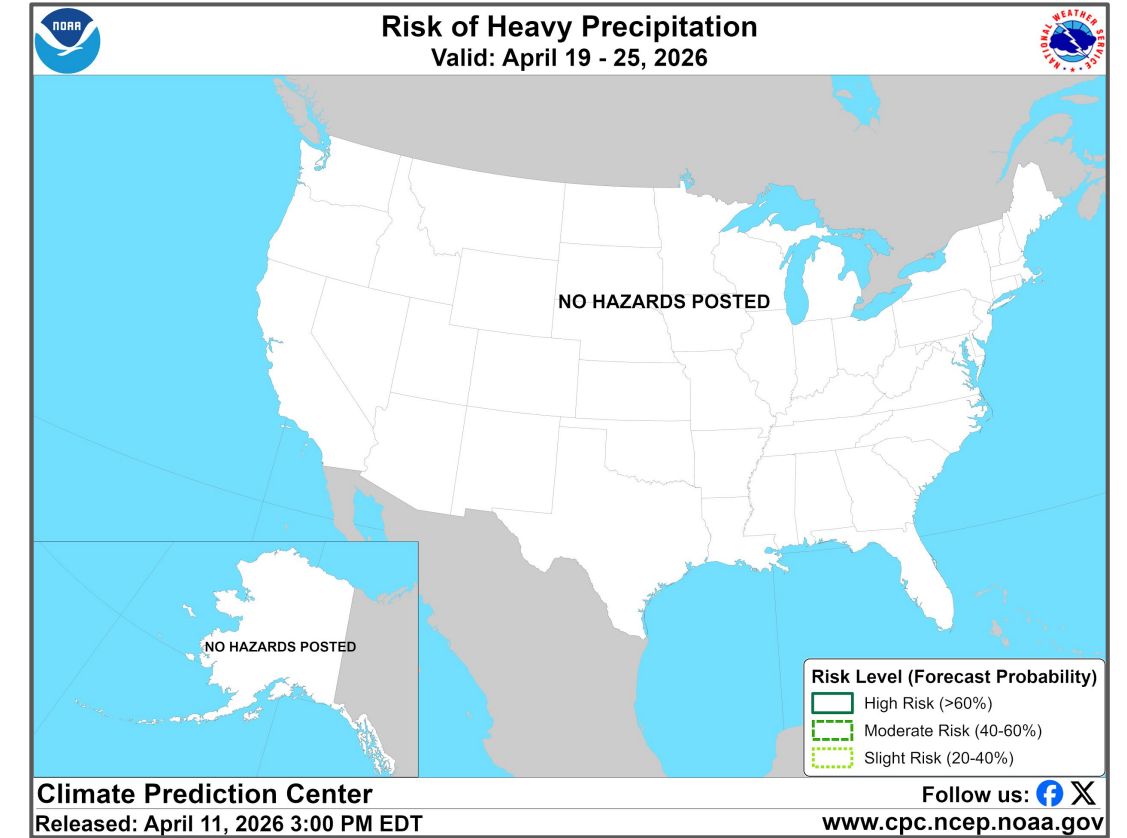
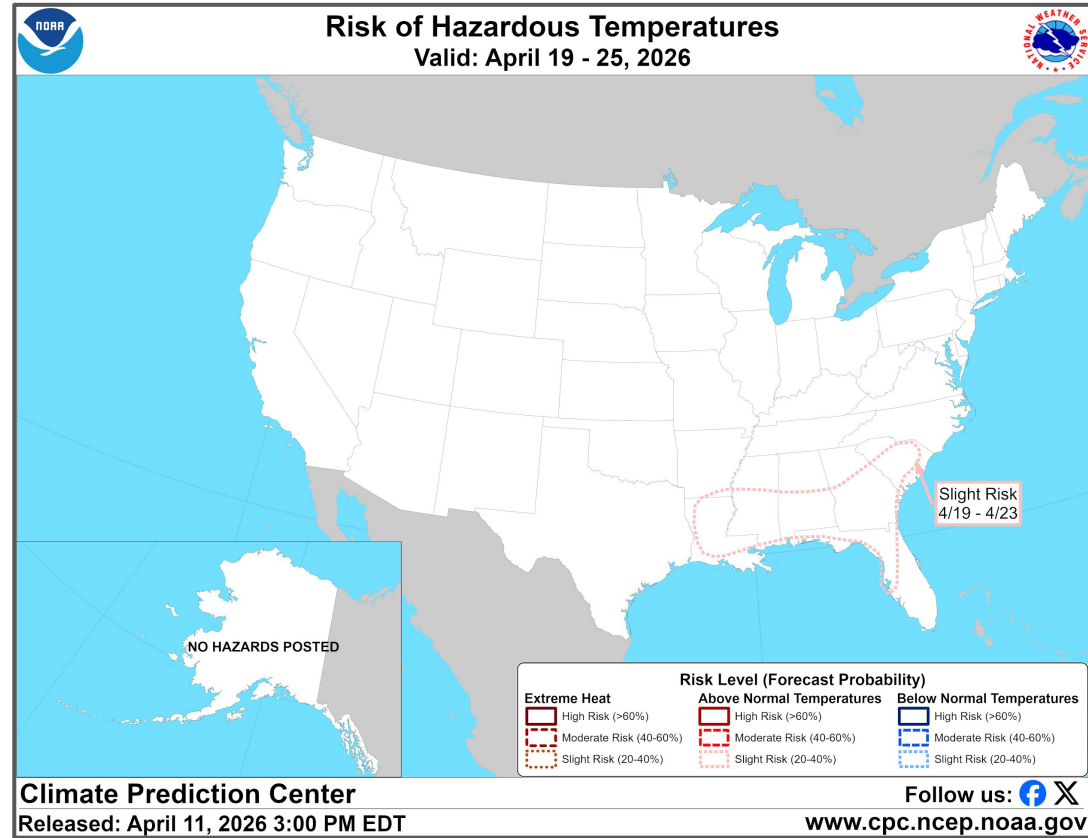
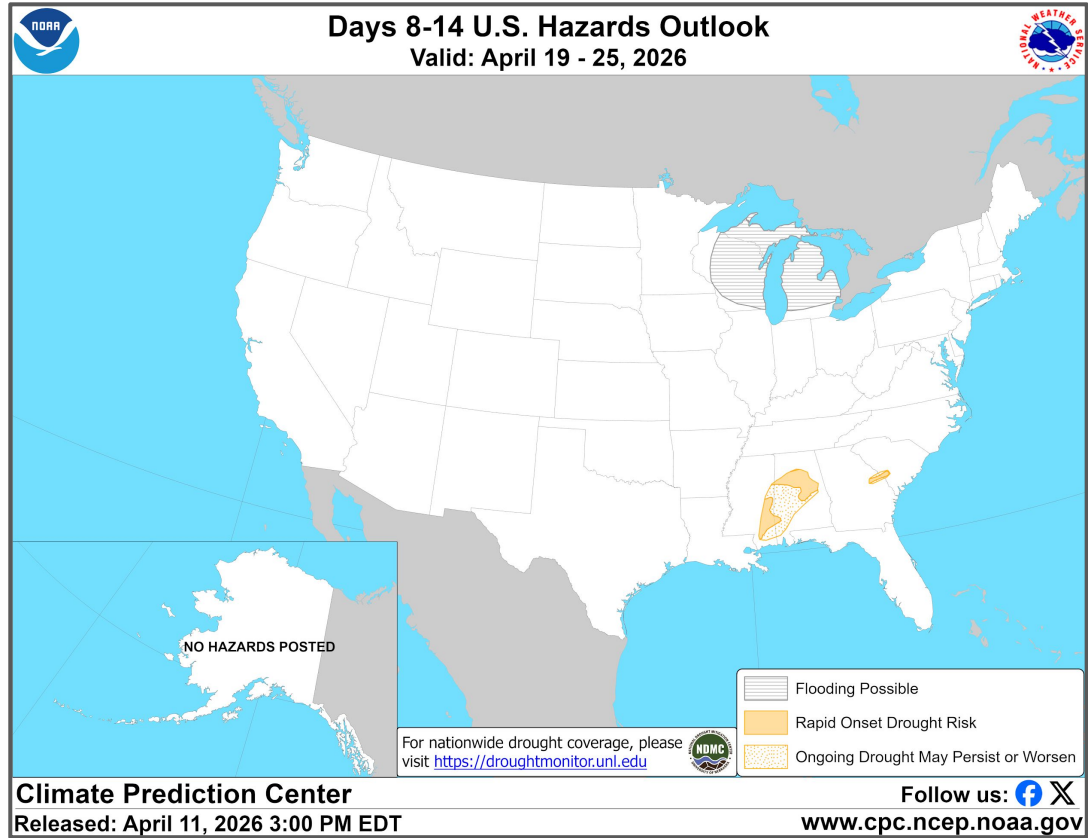


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





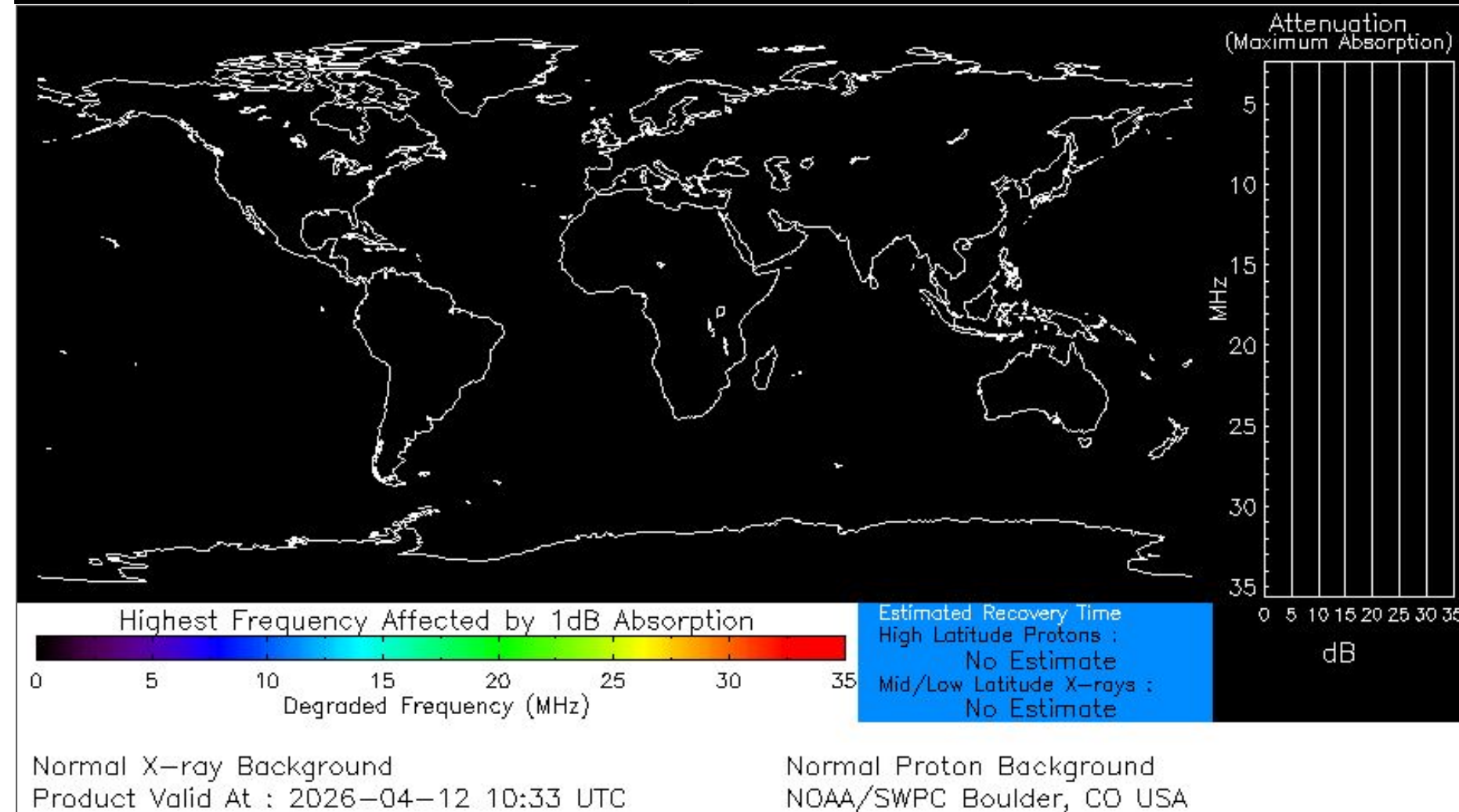
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





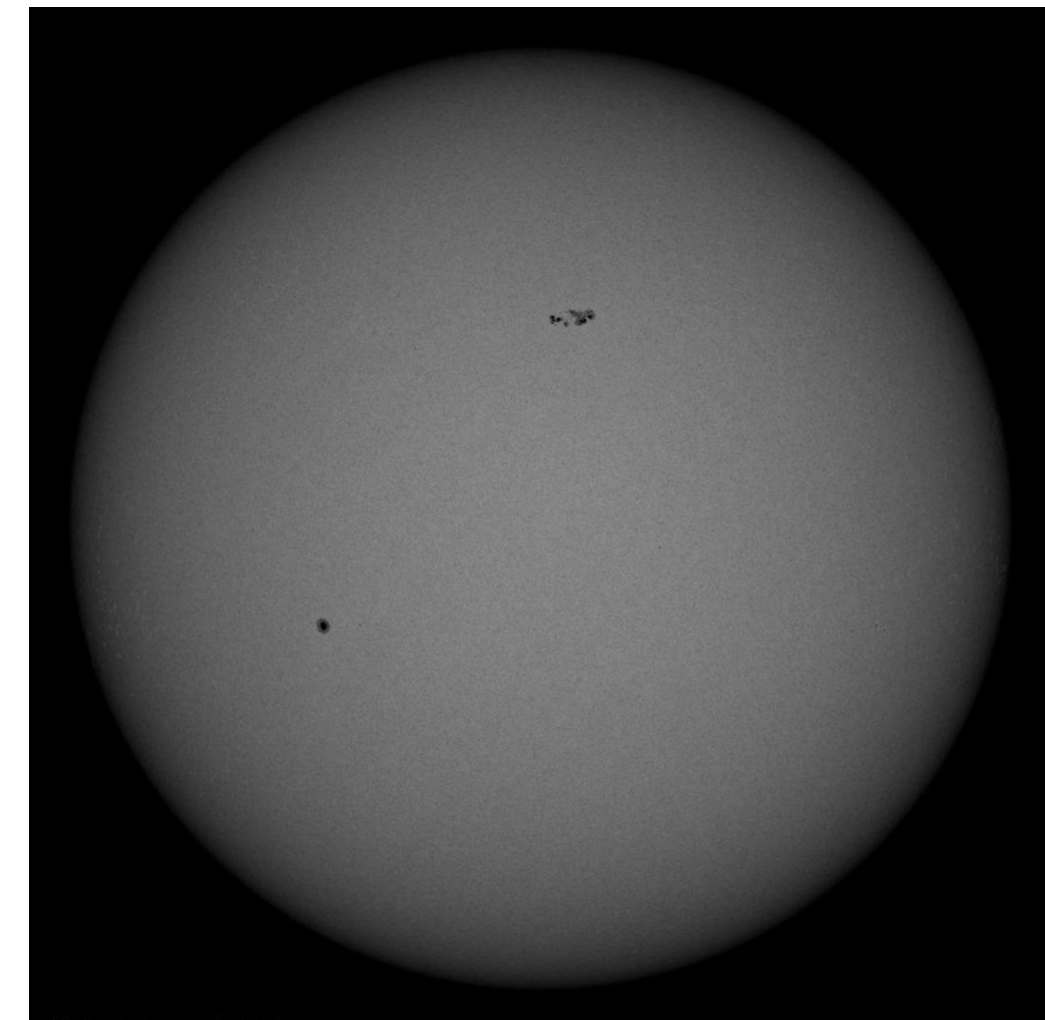
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

| | Sunday, Apr 12 | Monday, Apr 13 | Tuesday, Apr 14 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Unsettled (Max Kp=3) | Quiet (Max Kp=2) | Active (Max Kp=4) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2) | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |



[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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