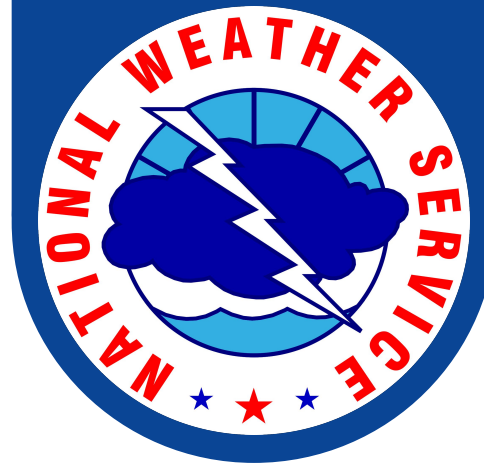




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, April 13, 2026

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Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms across portions of TX and C OK.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for additional severe storms over portions of OK and TX on Tuesday.
 - All severe hazards are possible.
- Slight risk over OK, far NW AR, and portions of N TX on Wednesday; and OK, NW AR again on Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for portions TX, OK, and NW AR Tue-Wed; and far N OK again on Friday.

- **River Flooding:**

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

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, and W OK today through Friday.
- Red Flag Warnings in effect for E NM and TX/OK Panhandle from 12 pm to 8 pm CT today.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Apr 13	Tuesday, Apr 14	Wednesday, Apr 15	Thursday, Apr 16	Friday, Apr 17	Saturday, Apr 18	Sunday, Apr 19
Severe Storms	C OK, N/W-CTX	OK, N/W-CTX	OK, NW AR, N/C TX		C-E OK		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		TX, OK, NW AR	TX, OK, AR		N OK		
Heat							
Fire Weather	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.				

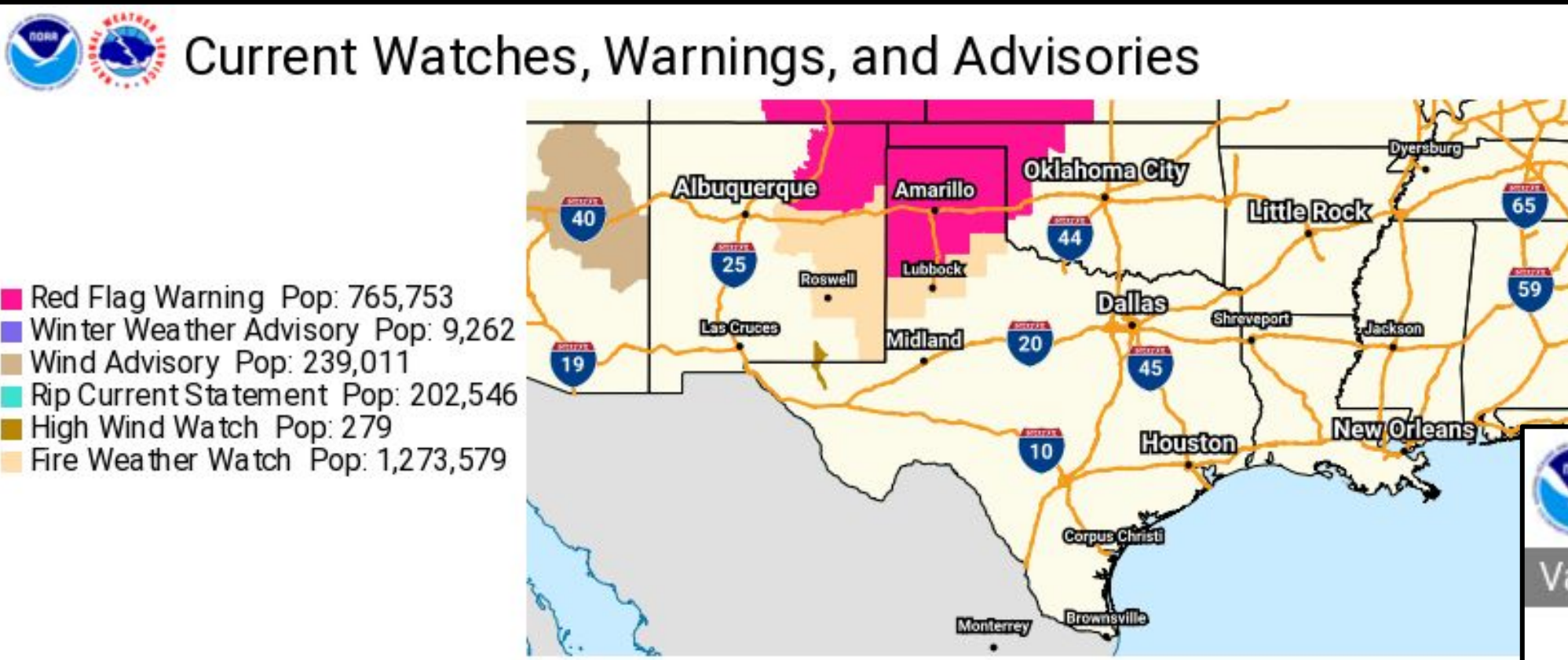
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

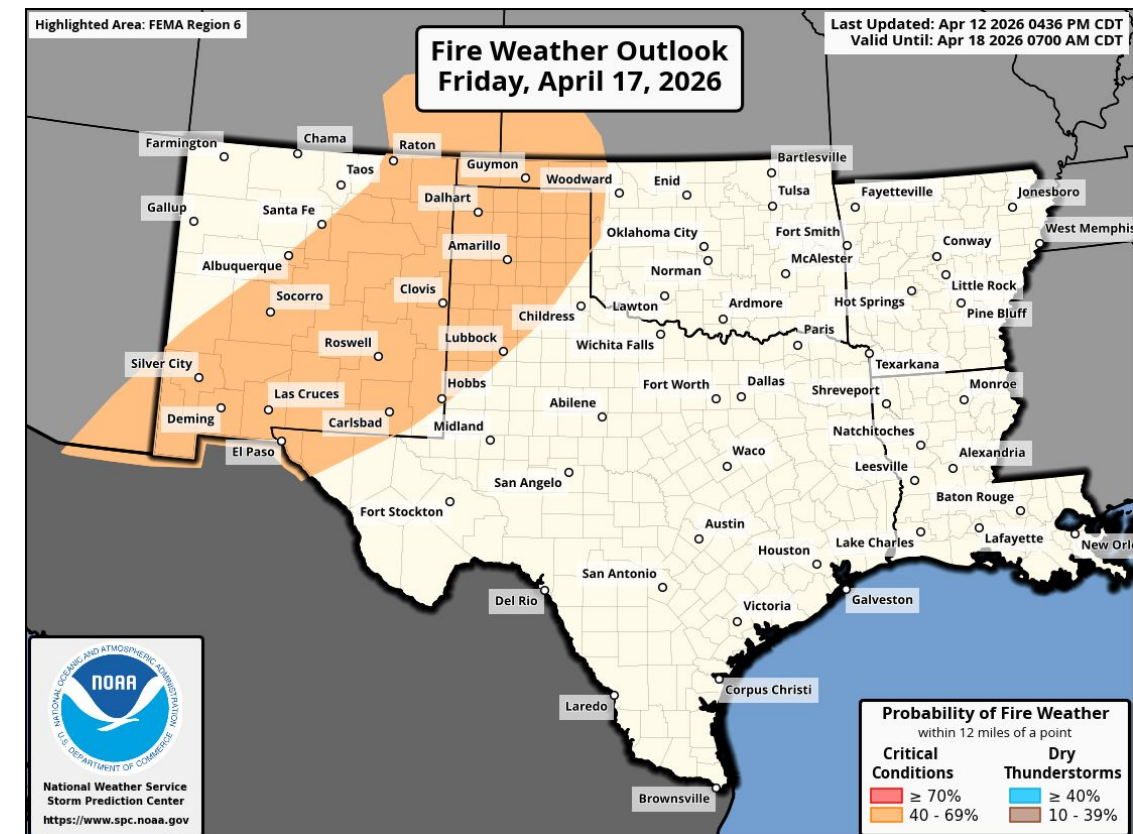
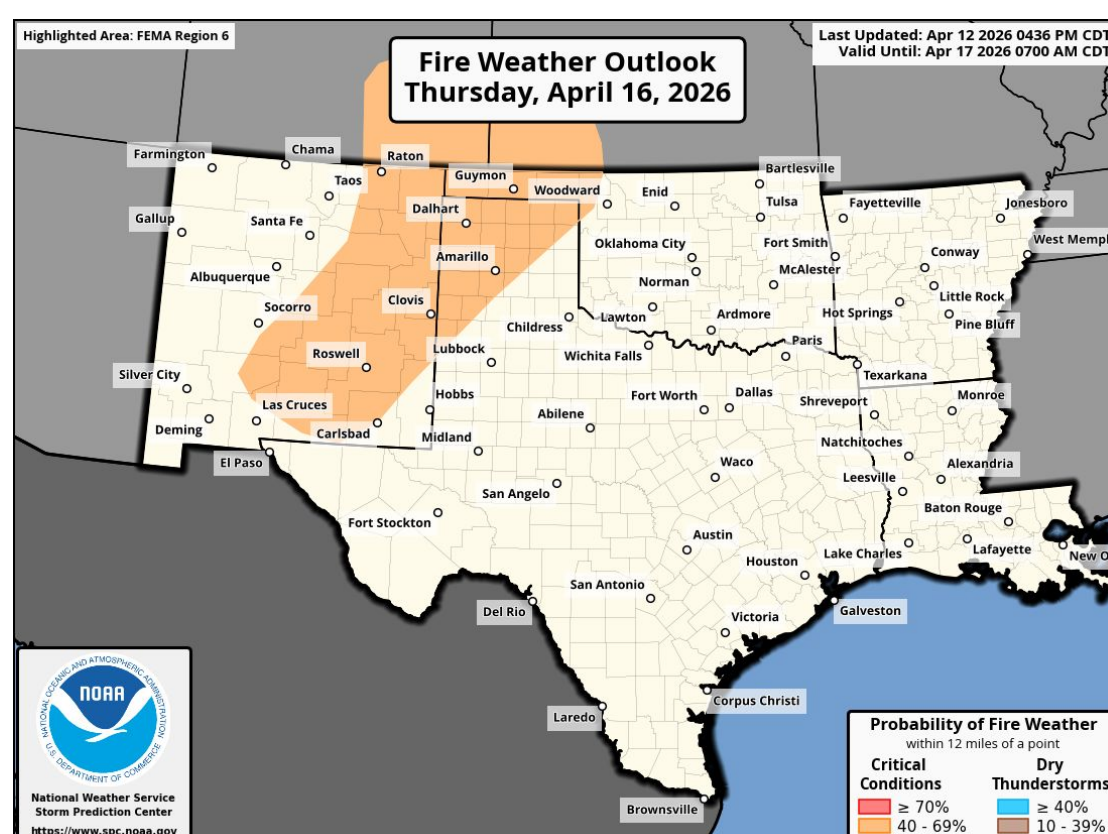
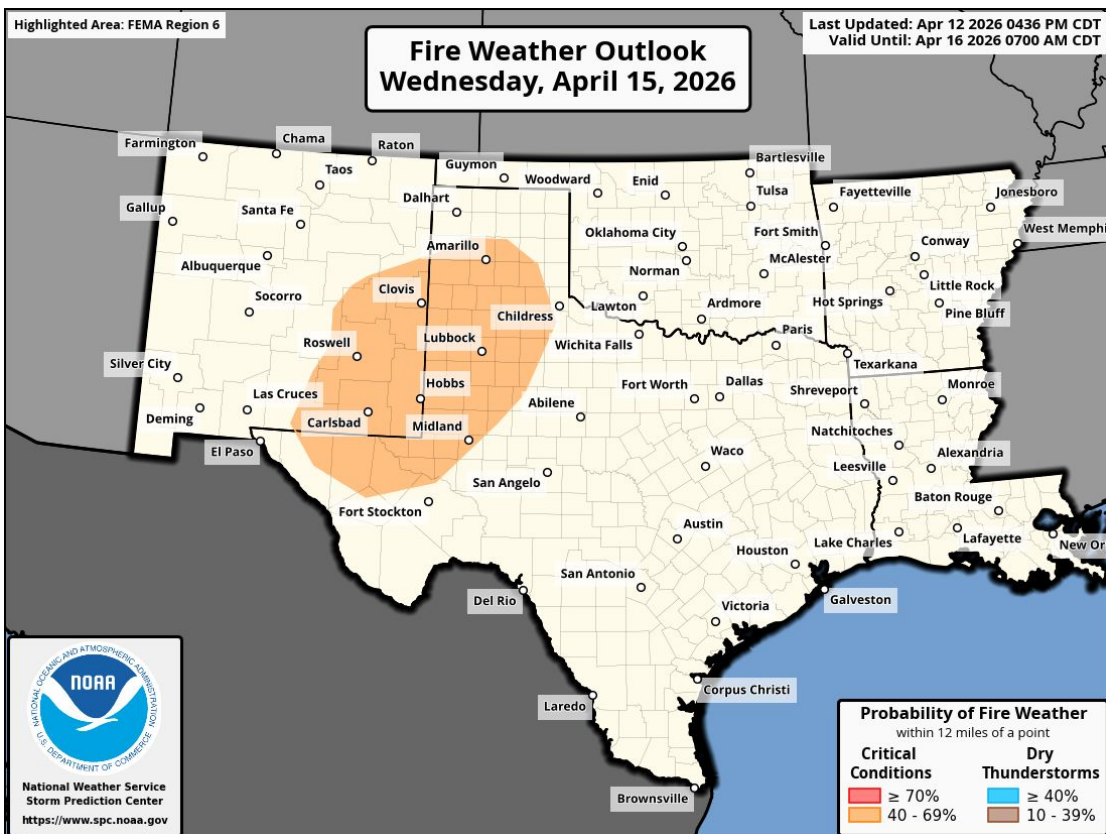
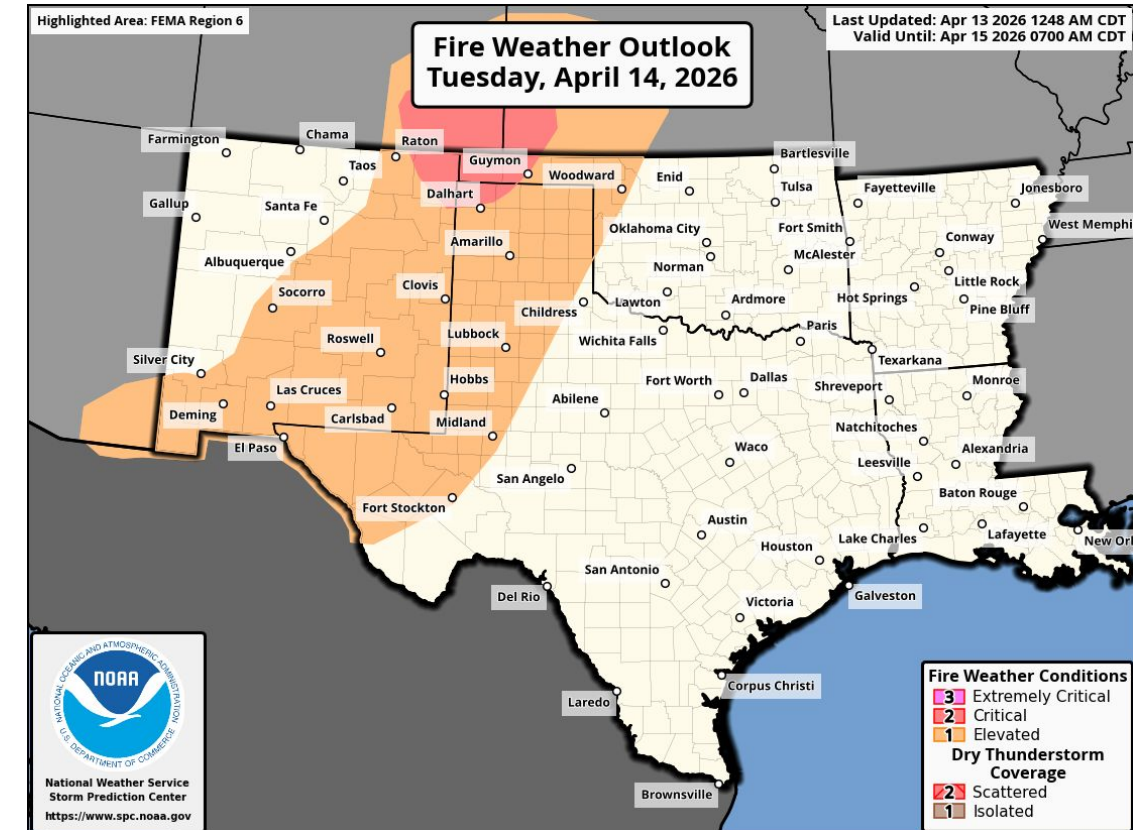
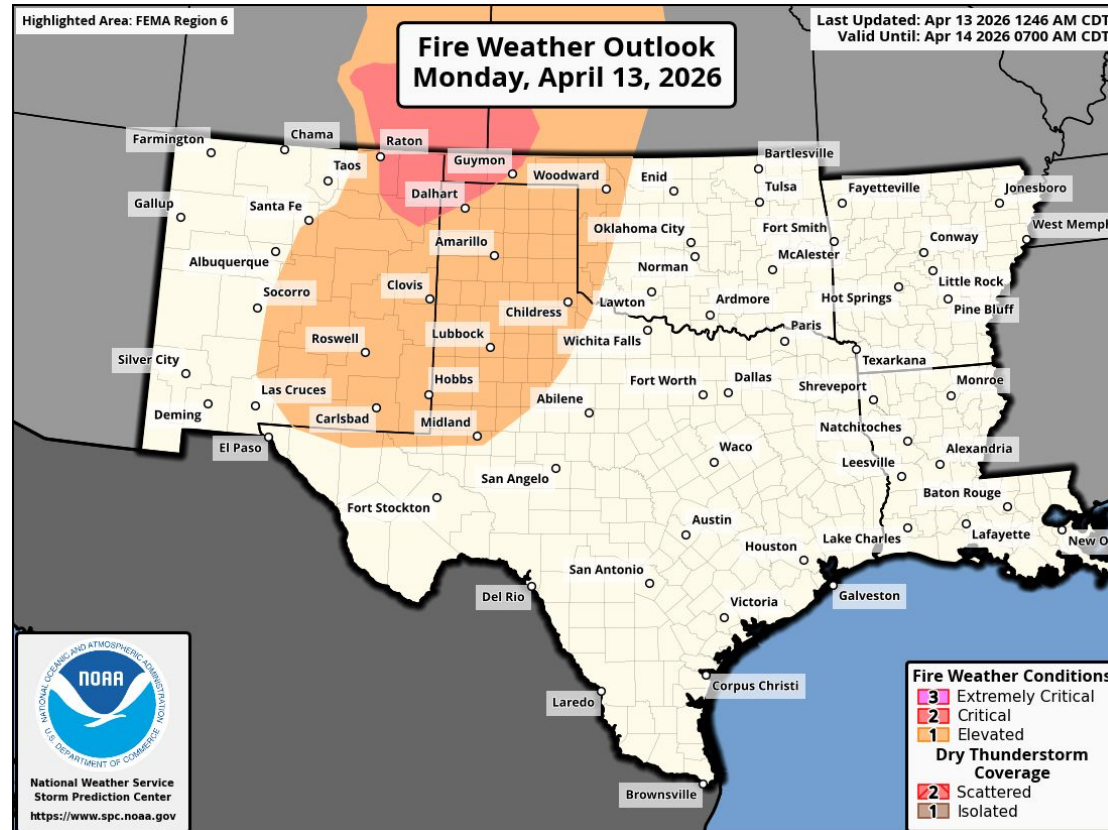
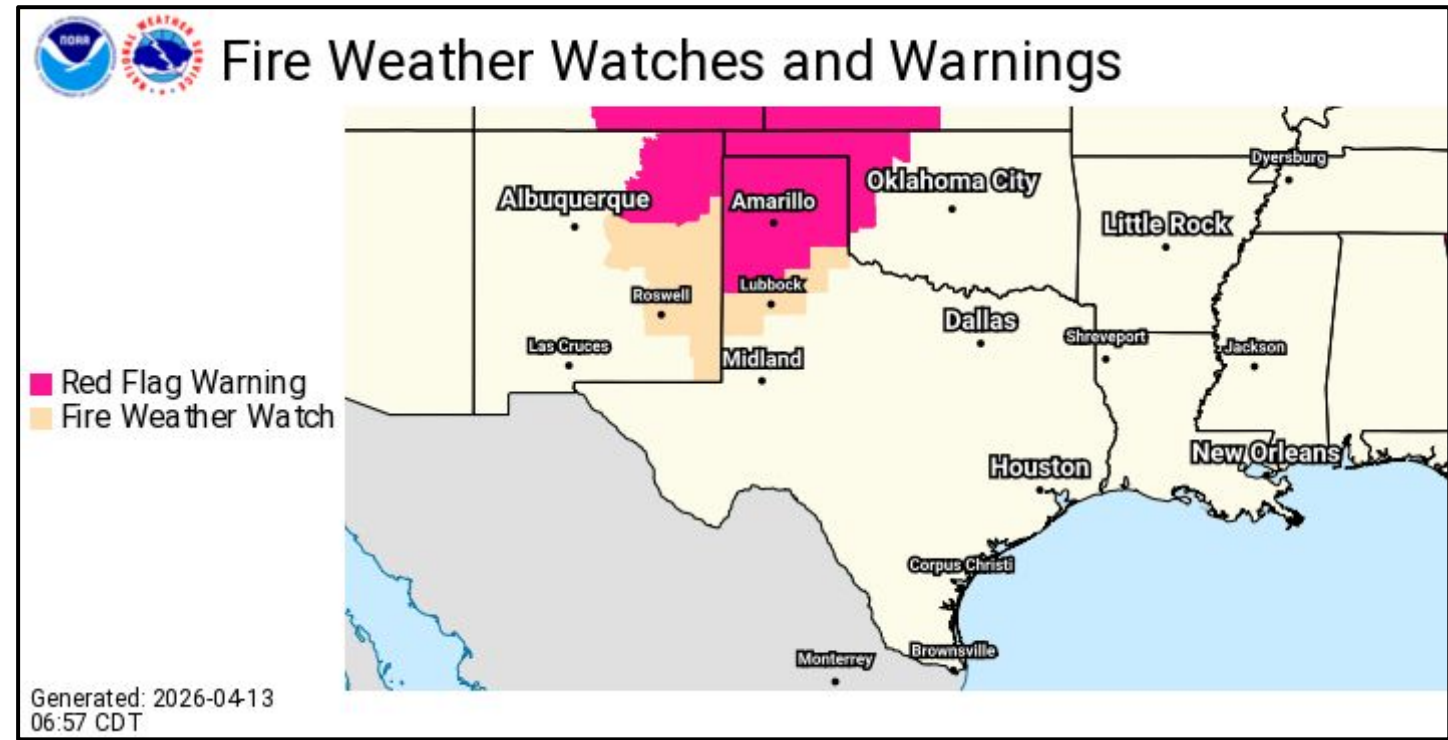


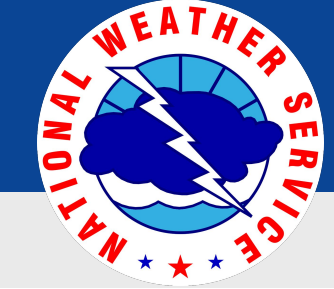
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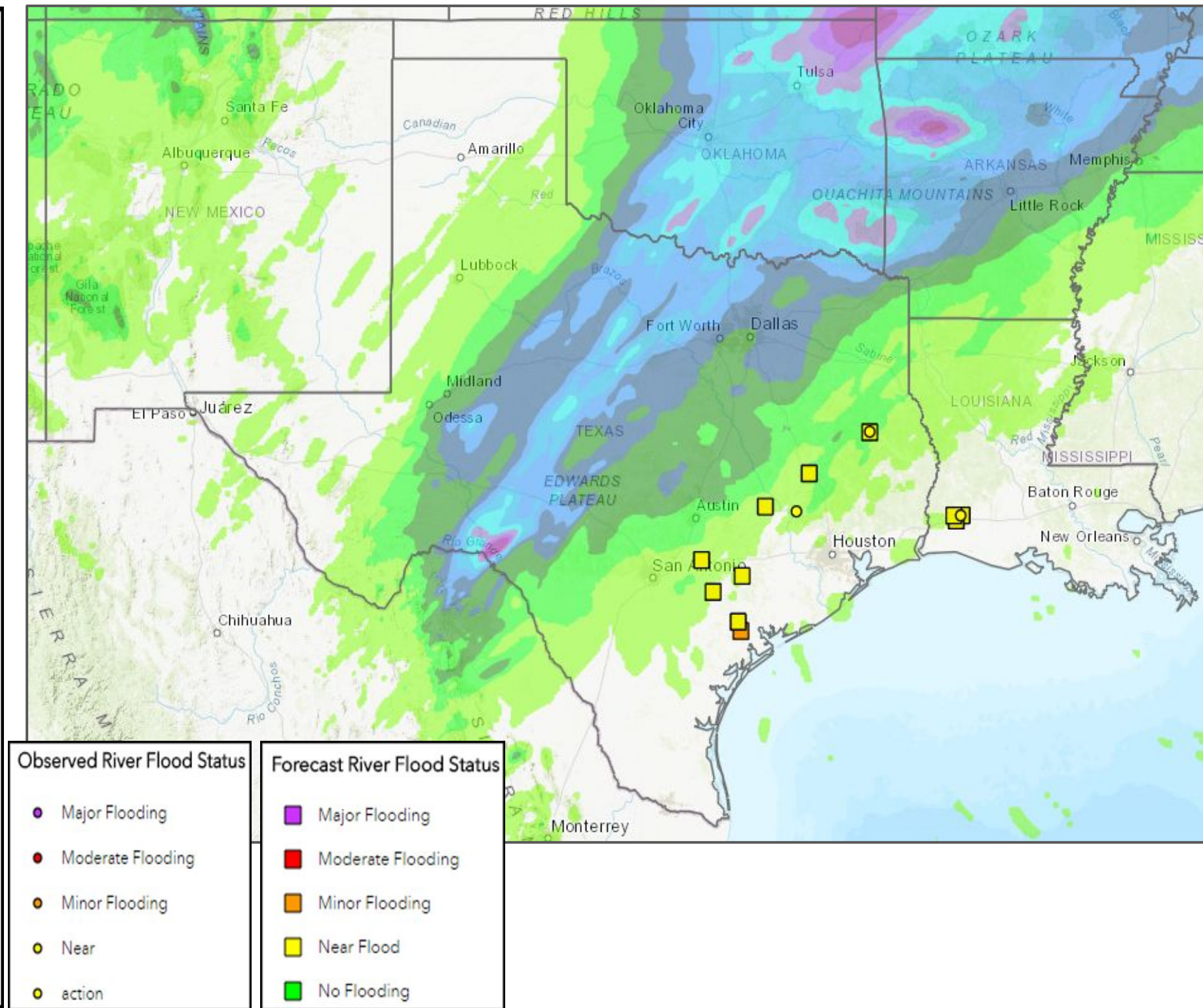
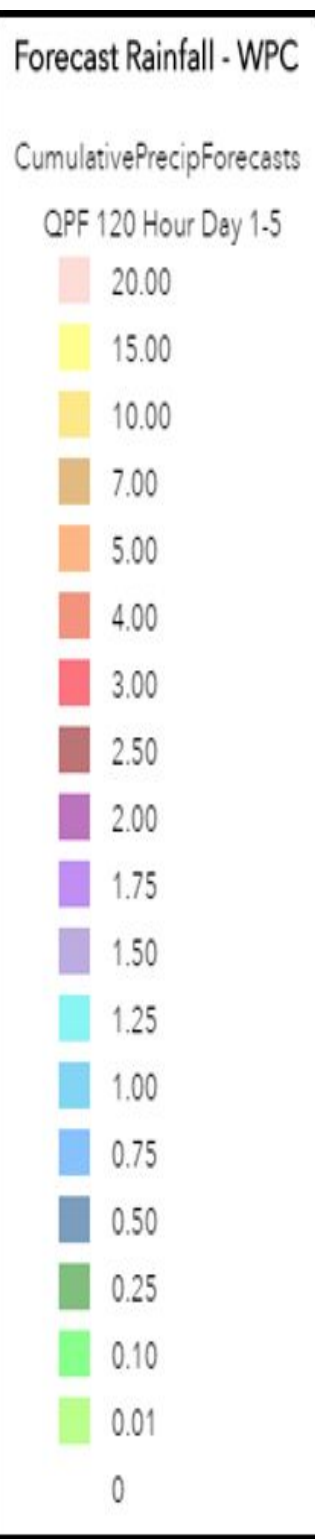
Fire Weather Outlooks





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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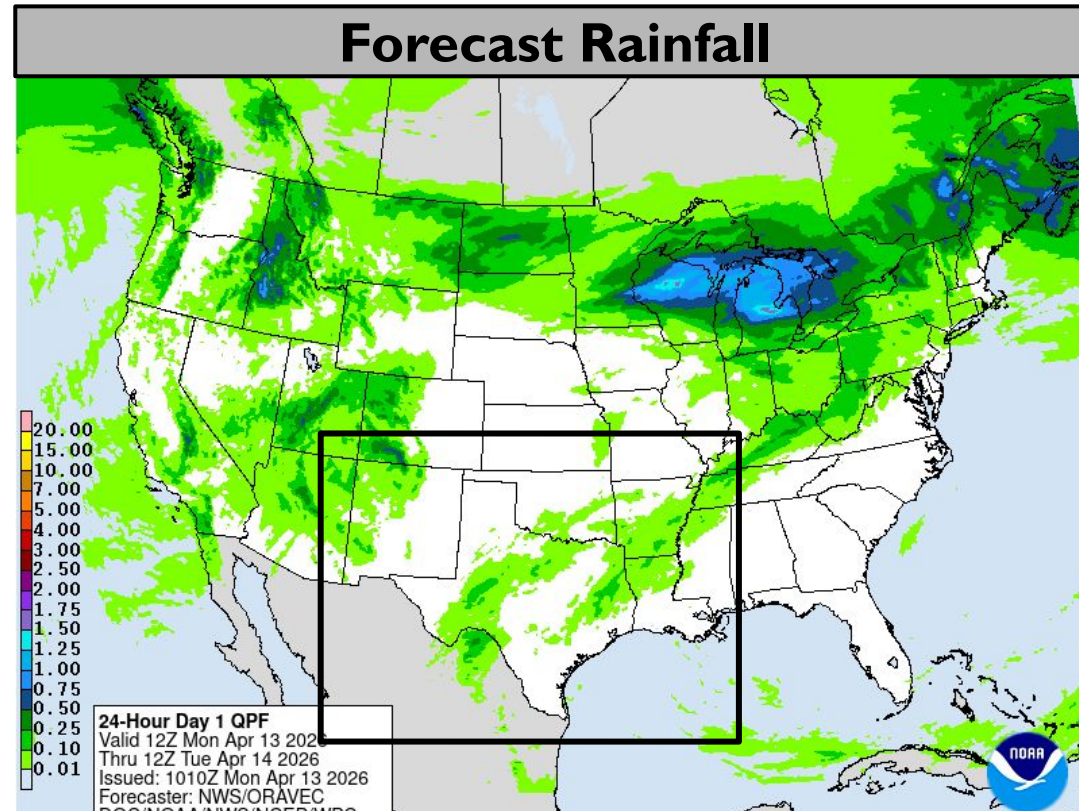
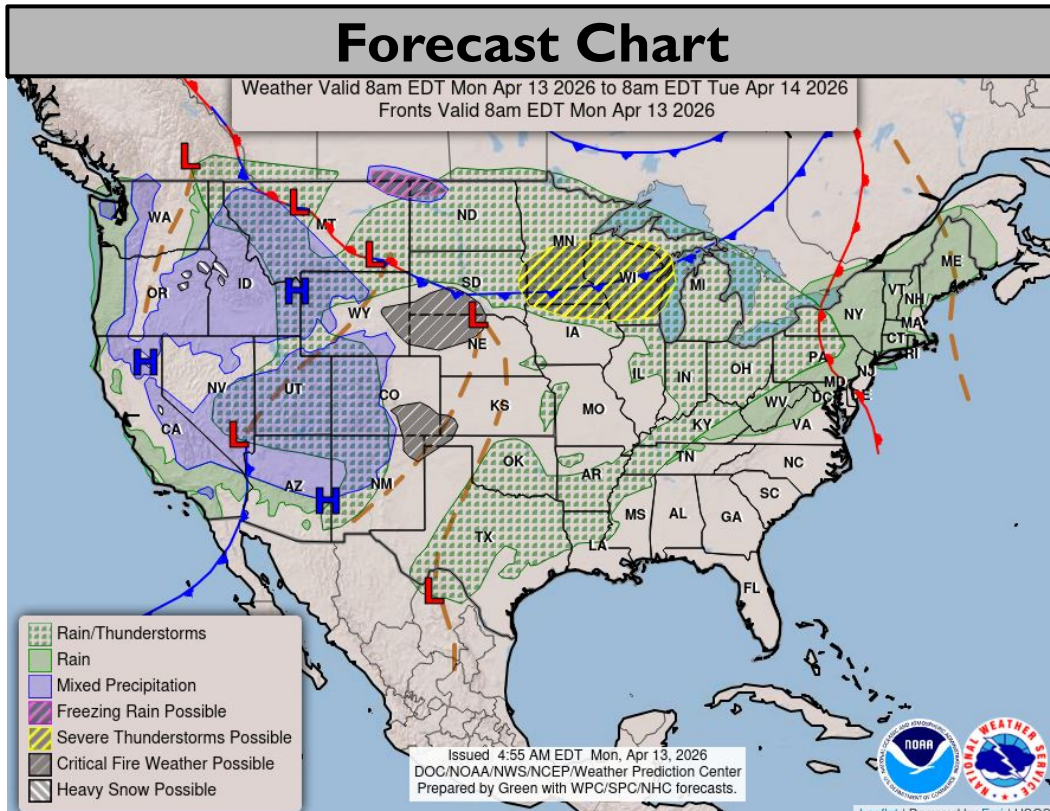


Monitoring for increased threat of river flooding this week over areas of OK and TX.

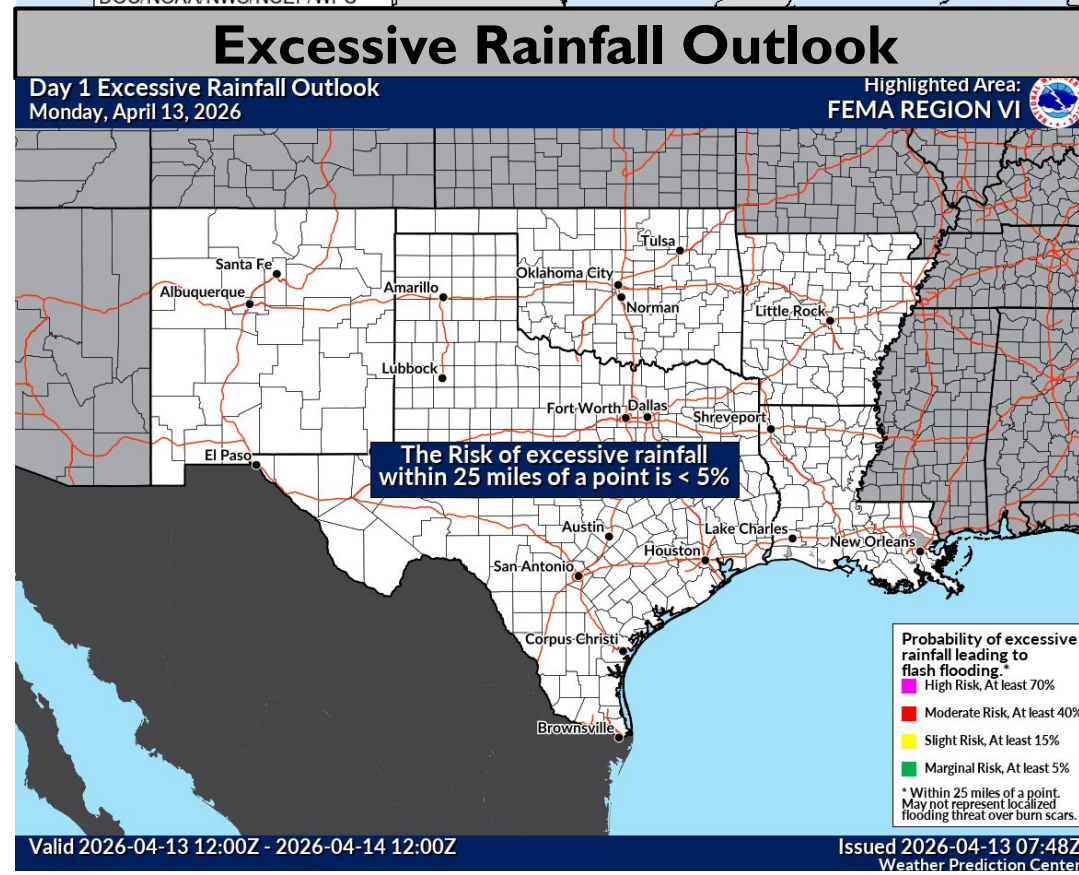
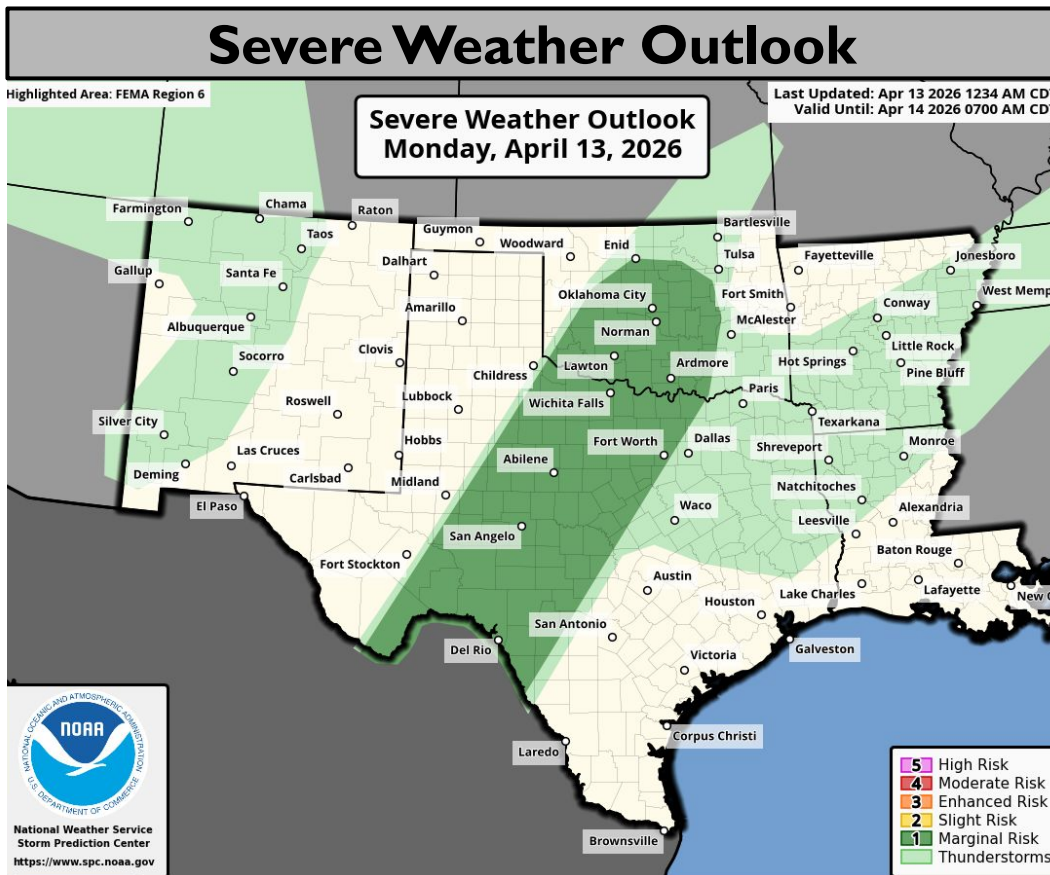
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Today's Weather

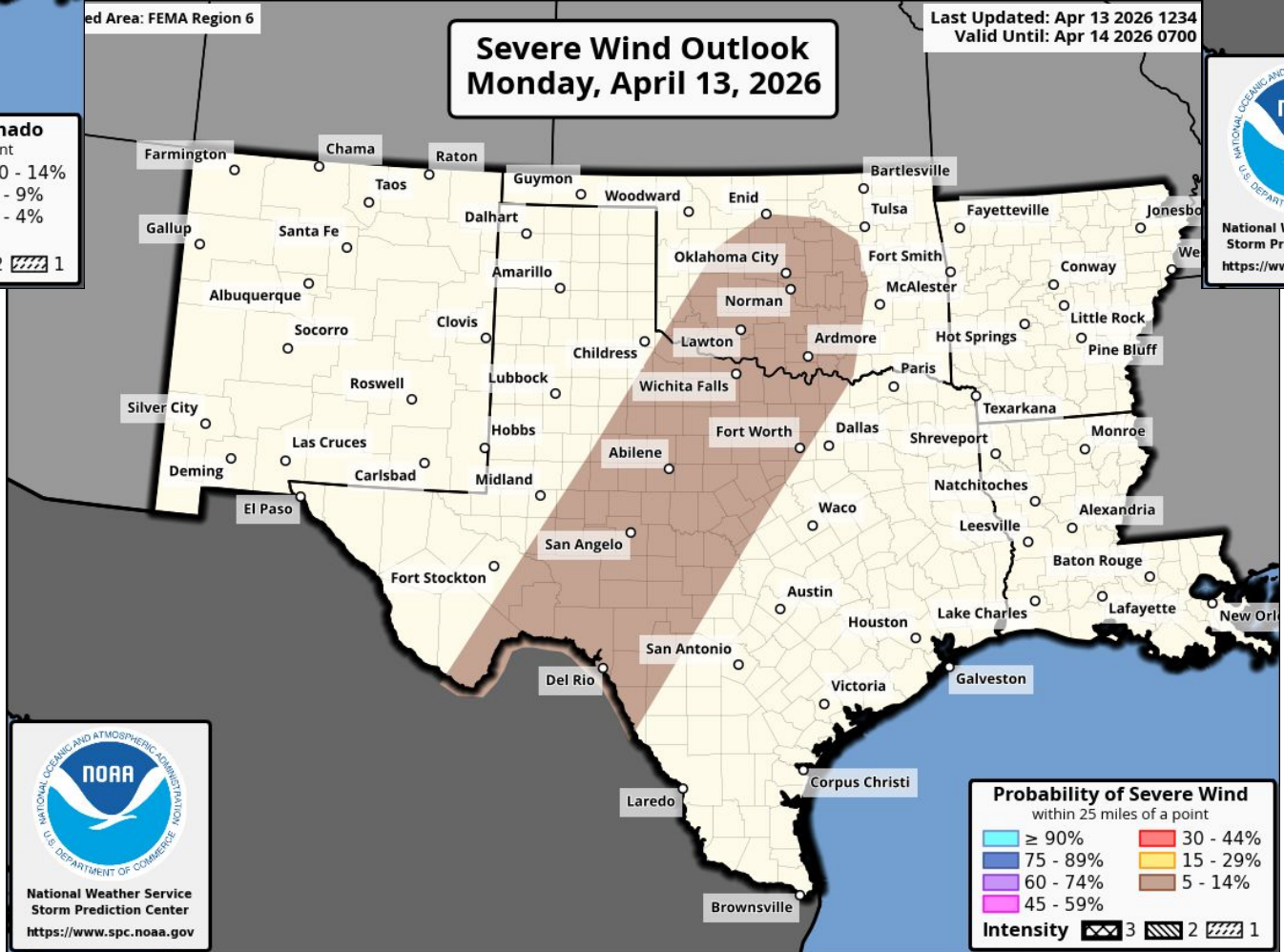
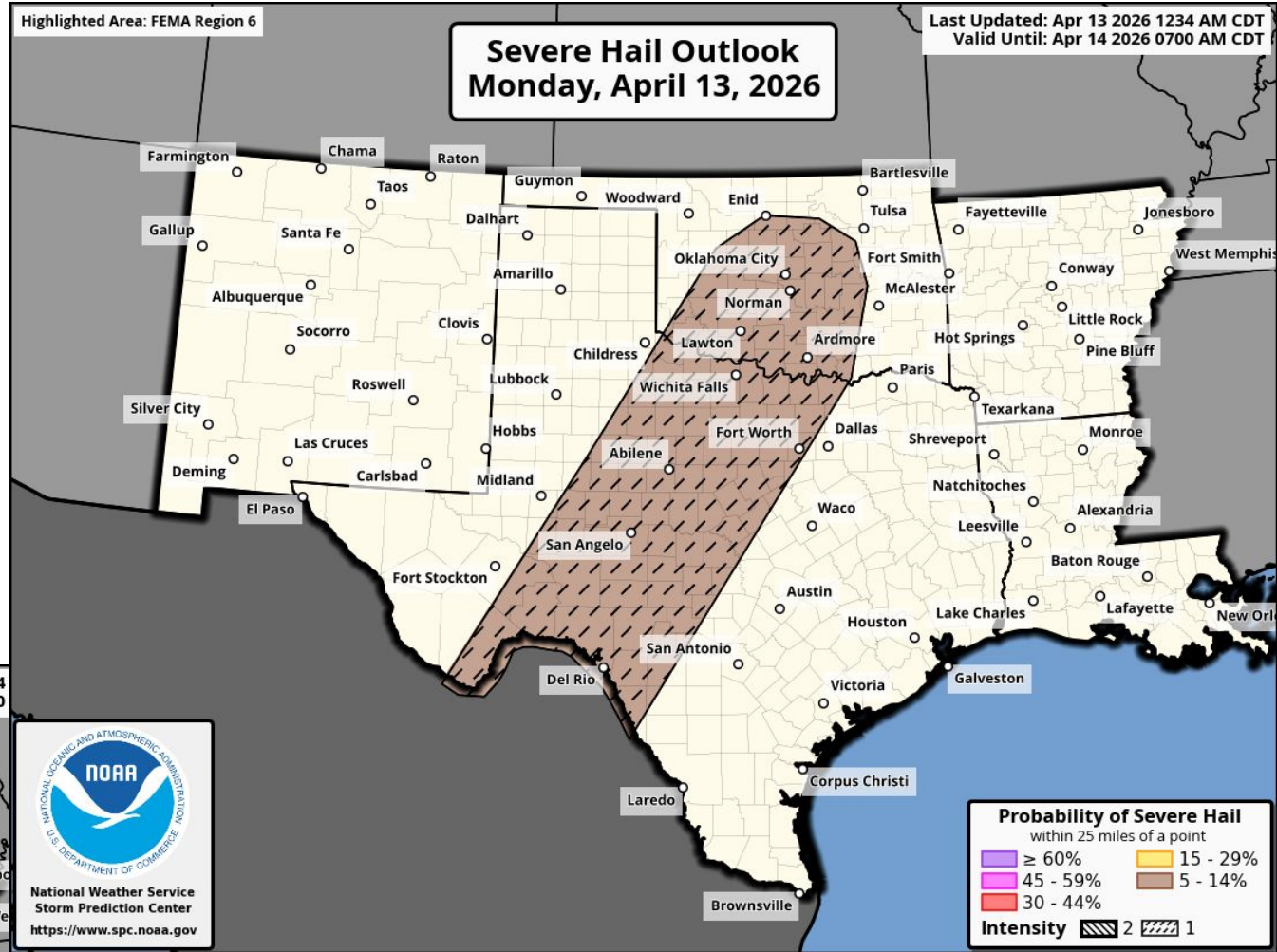
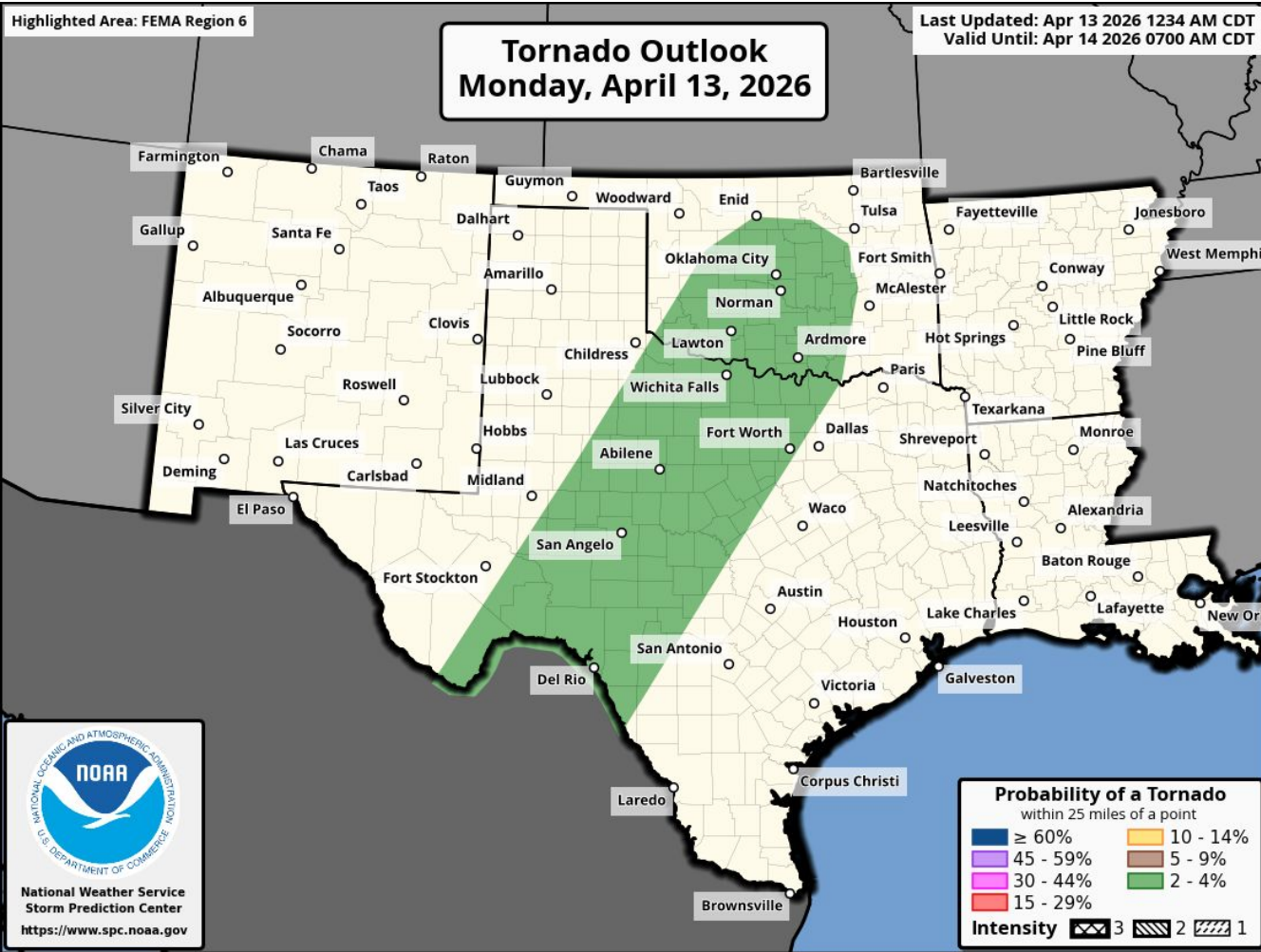


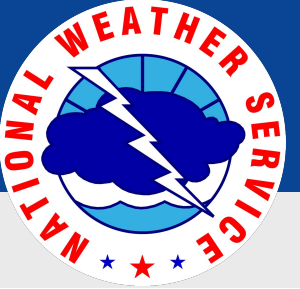
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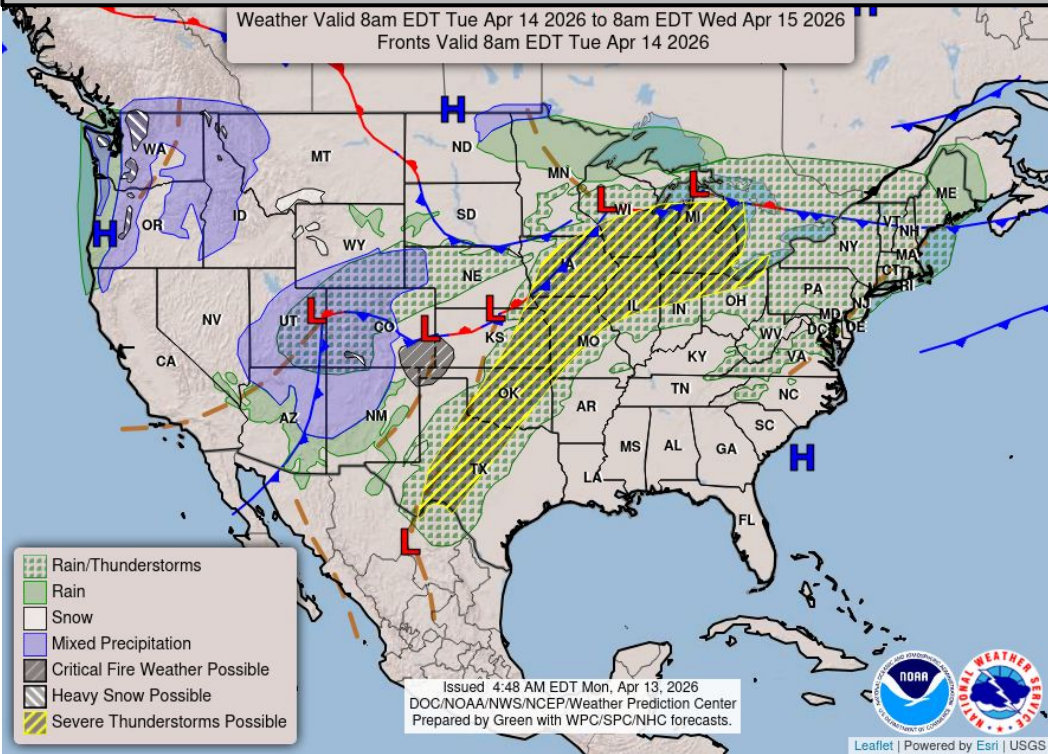
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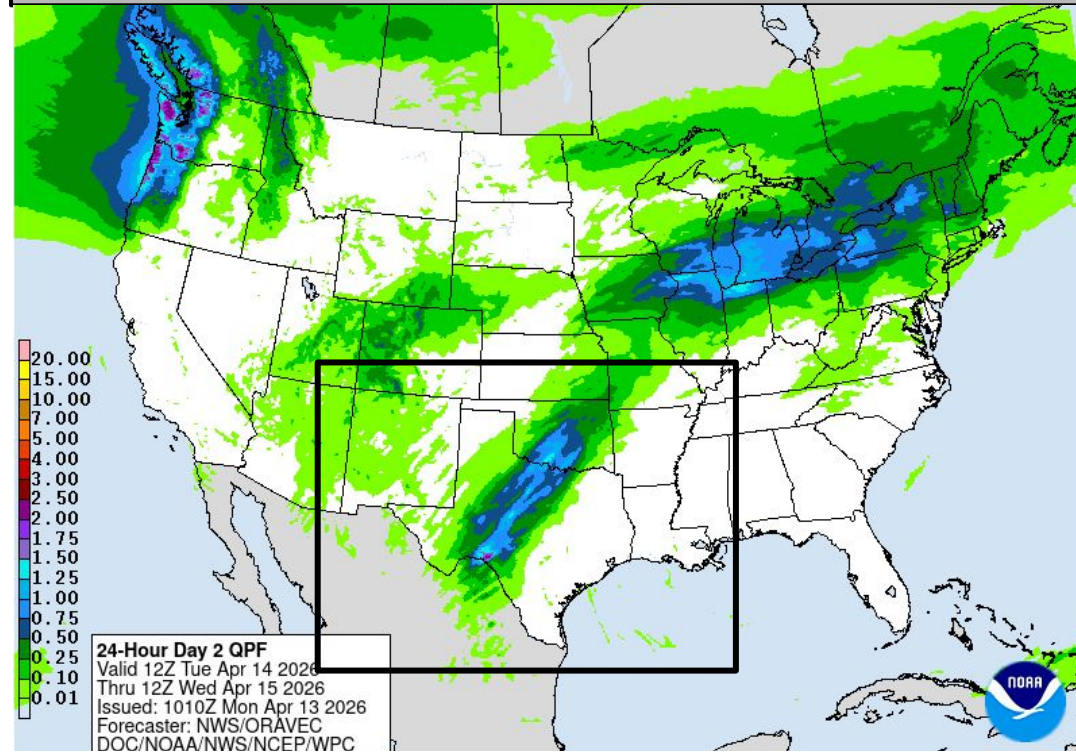


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

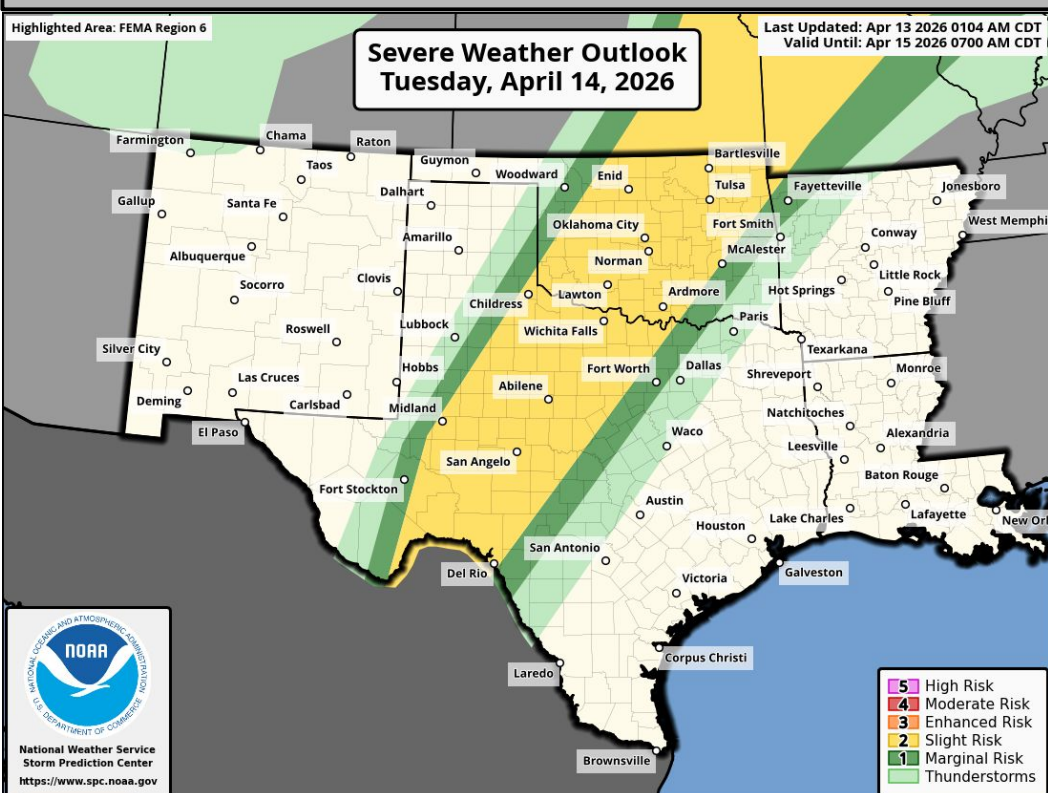


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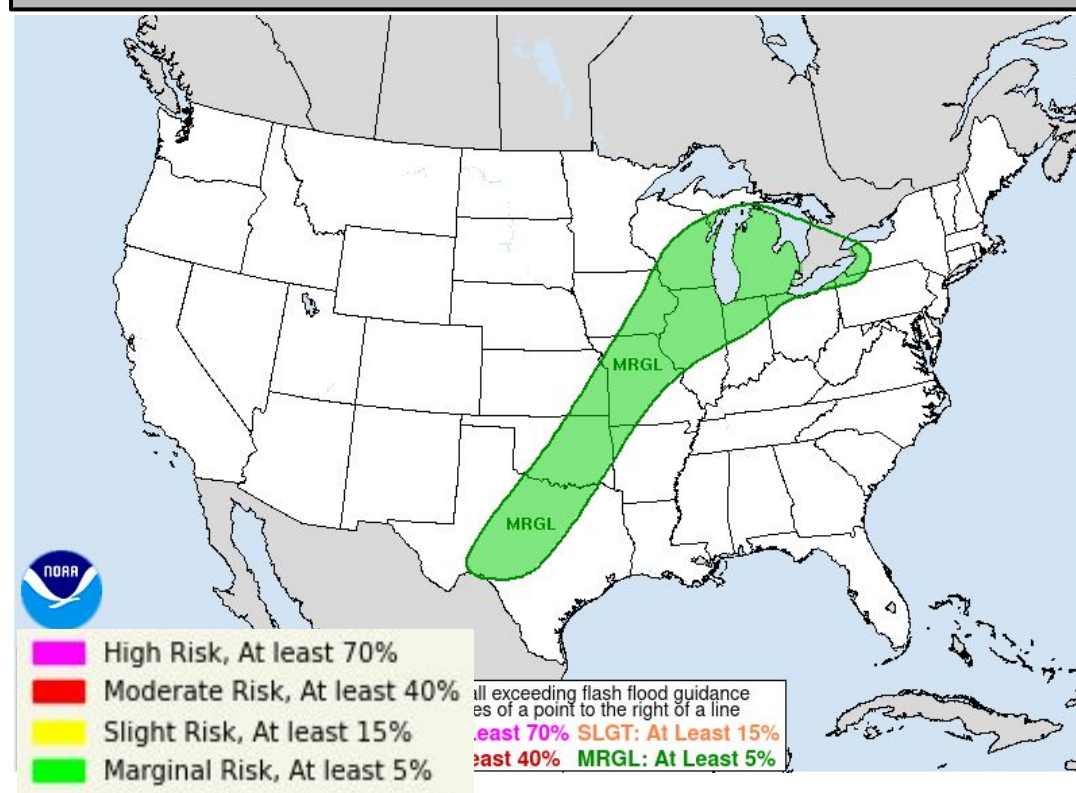
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over TX, OK, NW AR.

Severe Weather Outlook

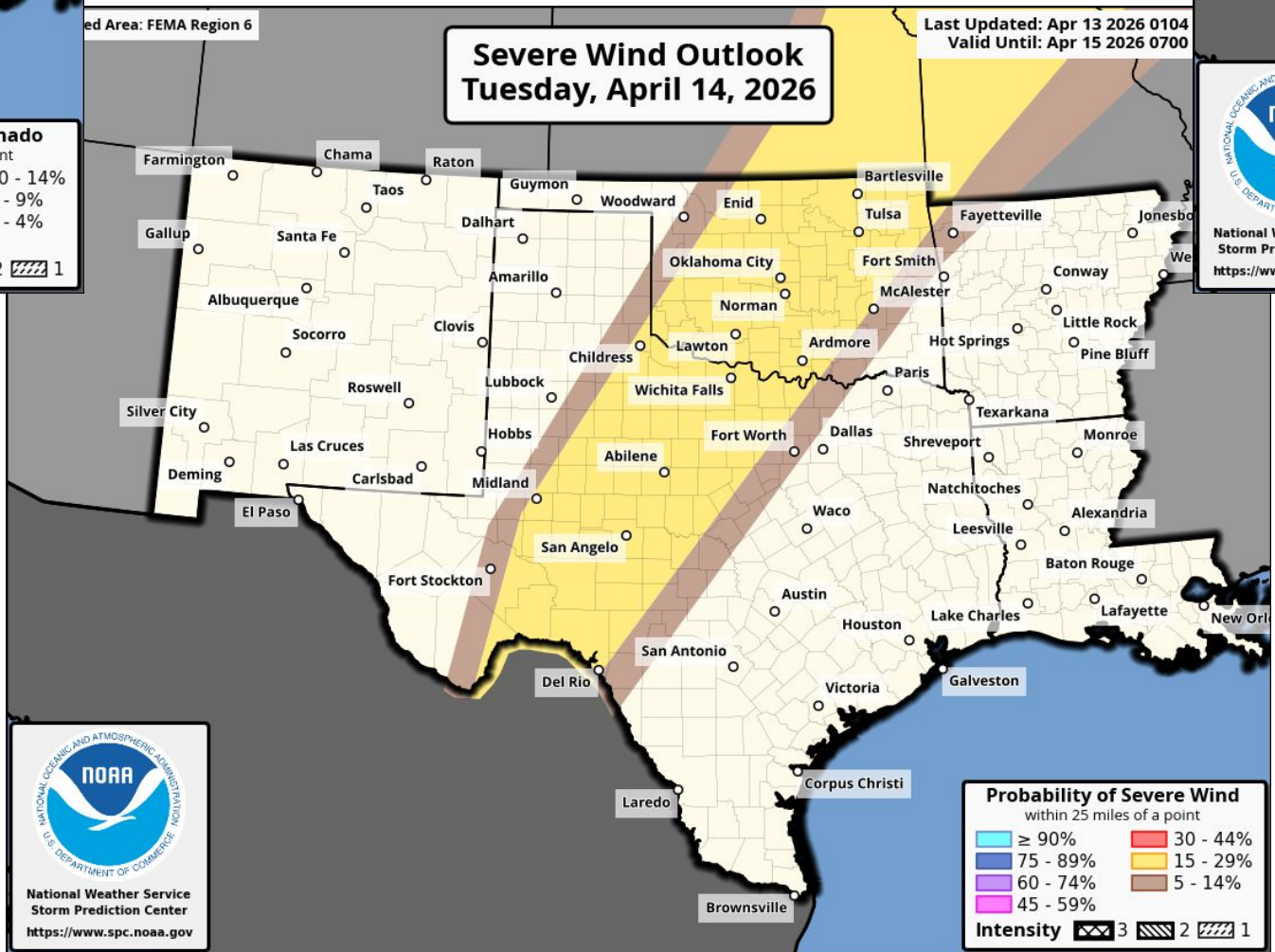
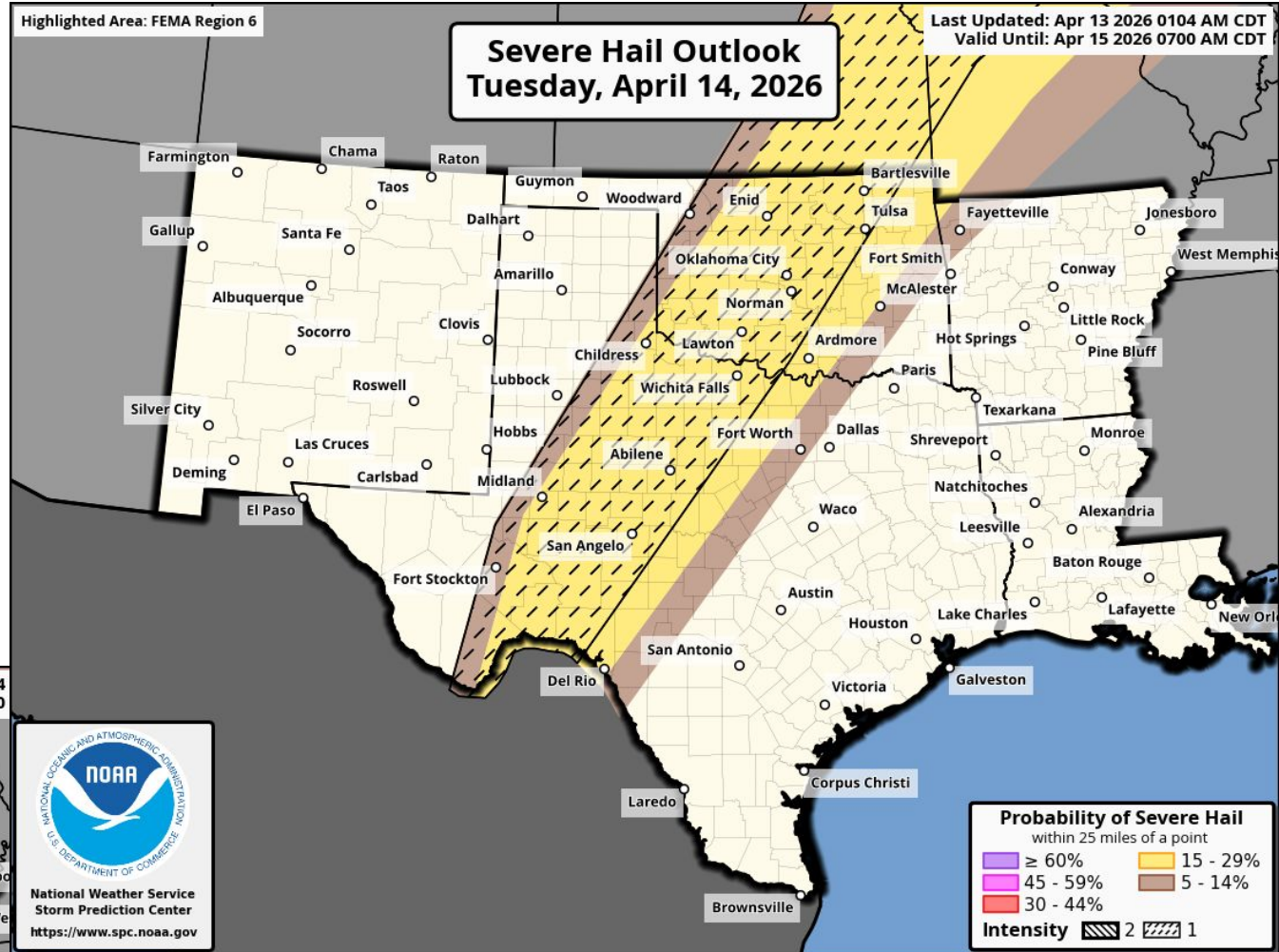
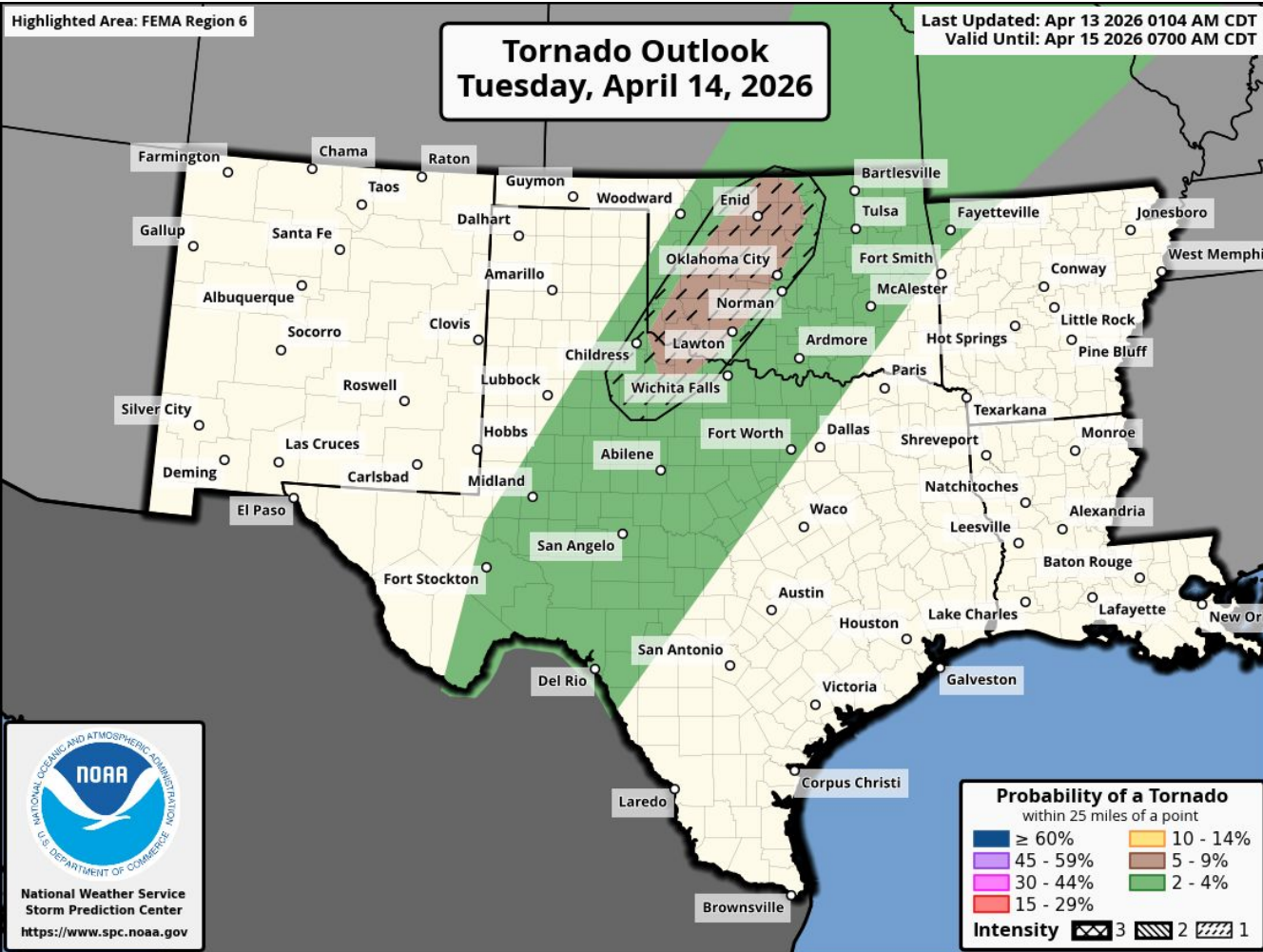


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





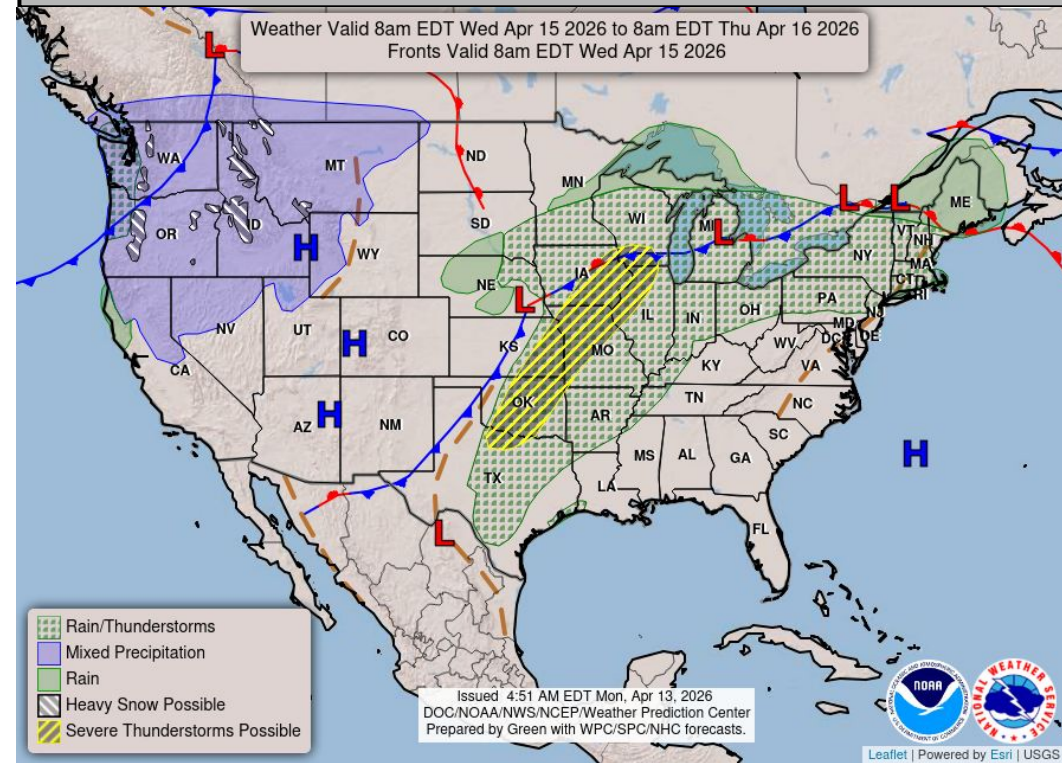
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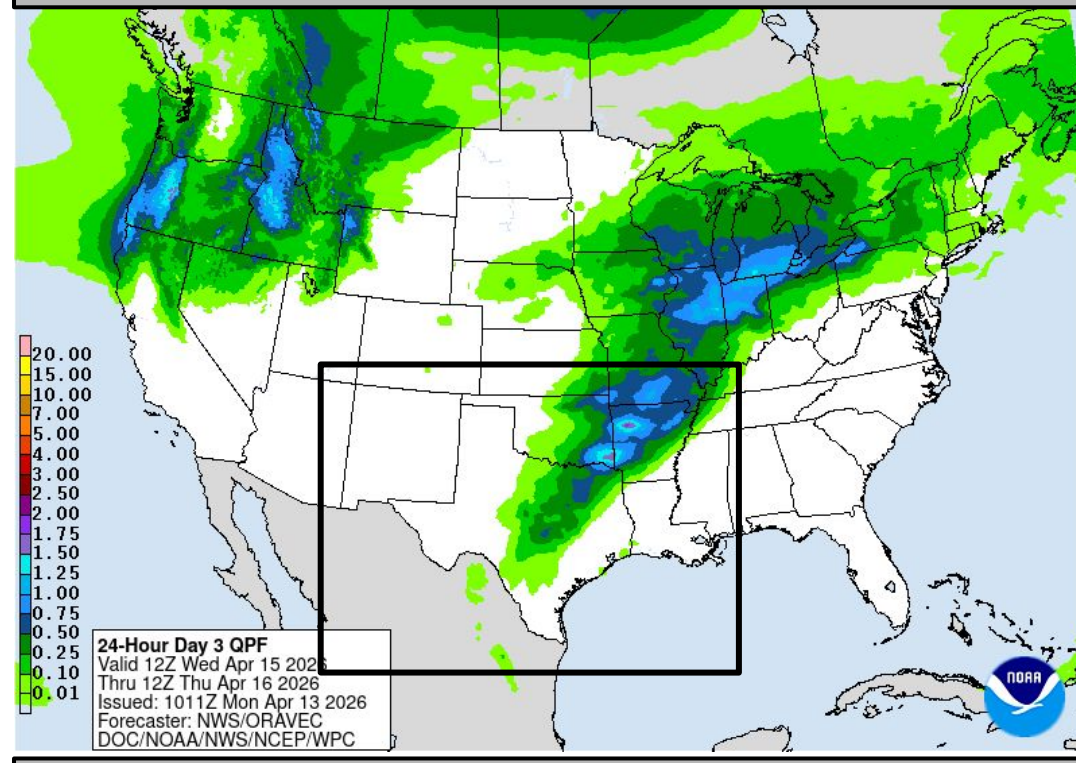


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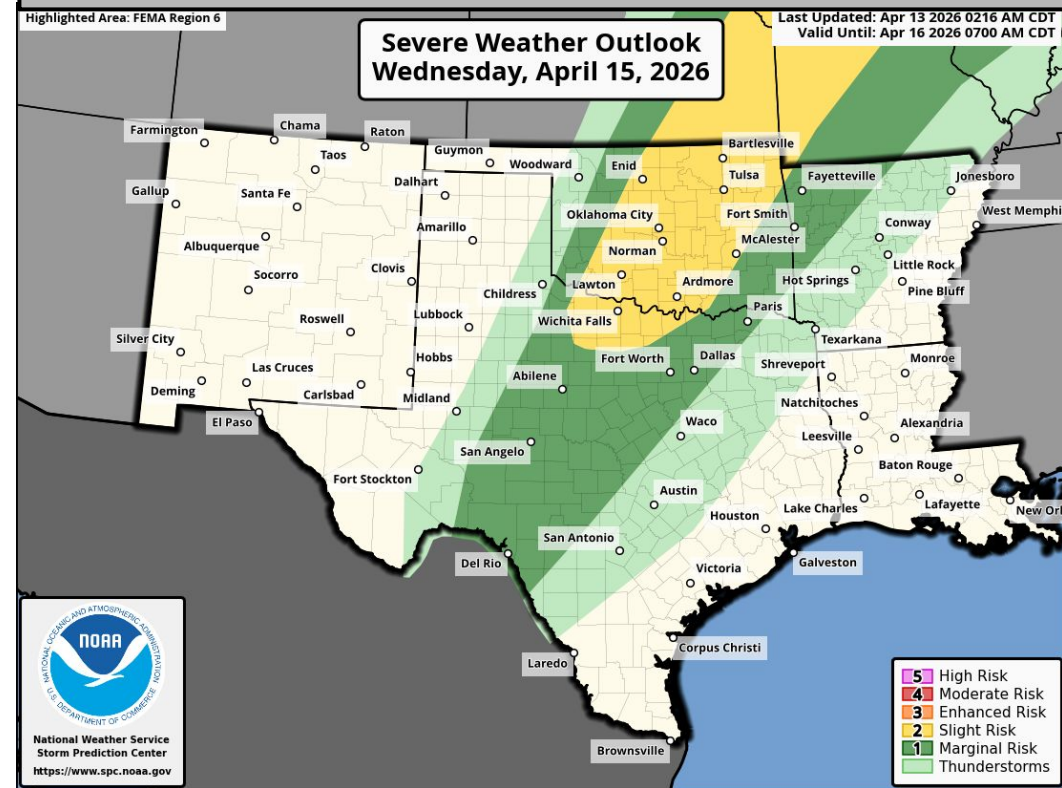
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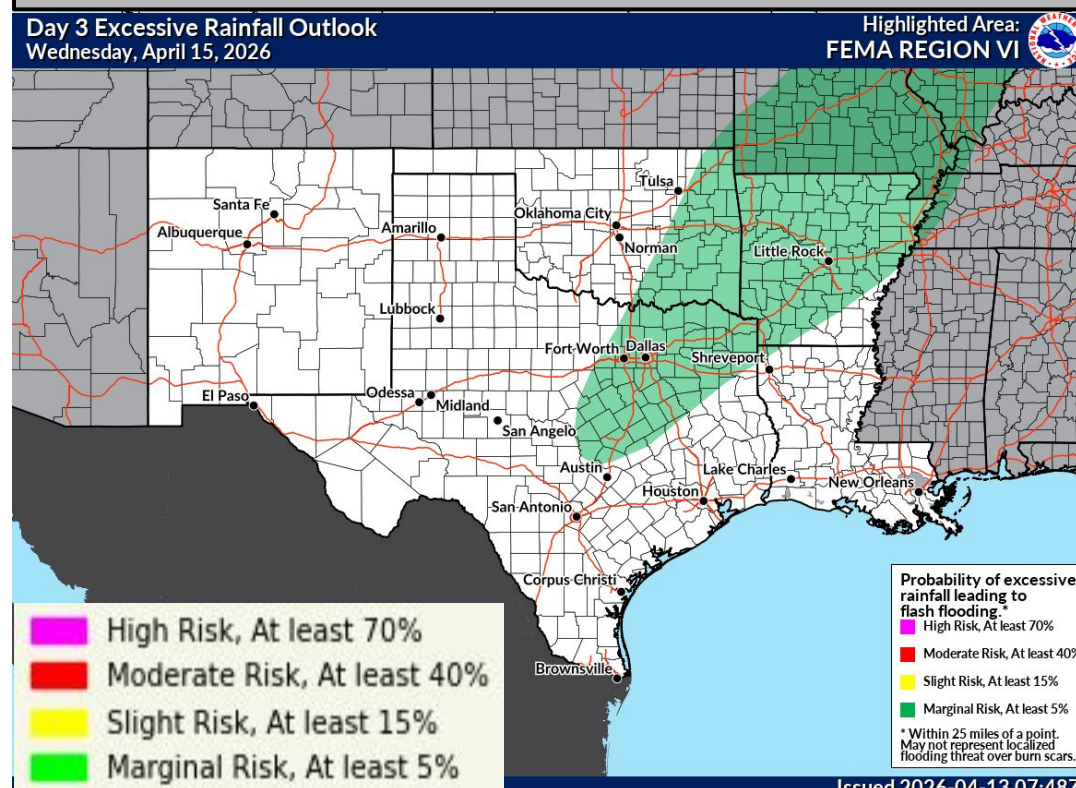
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



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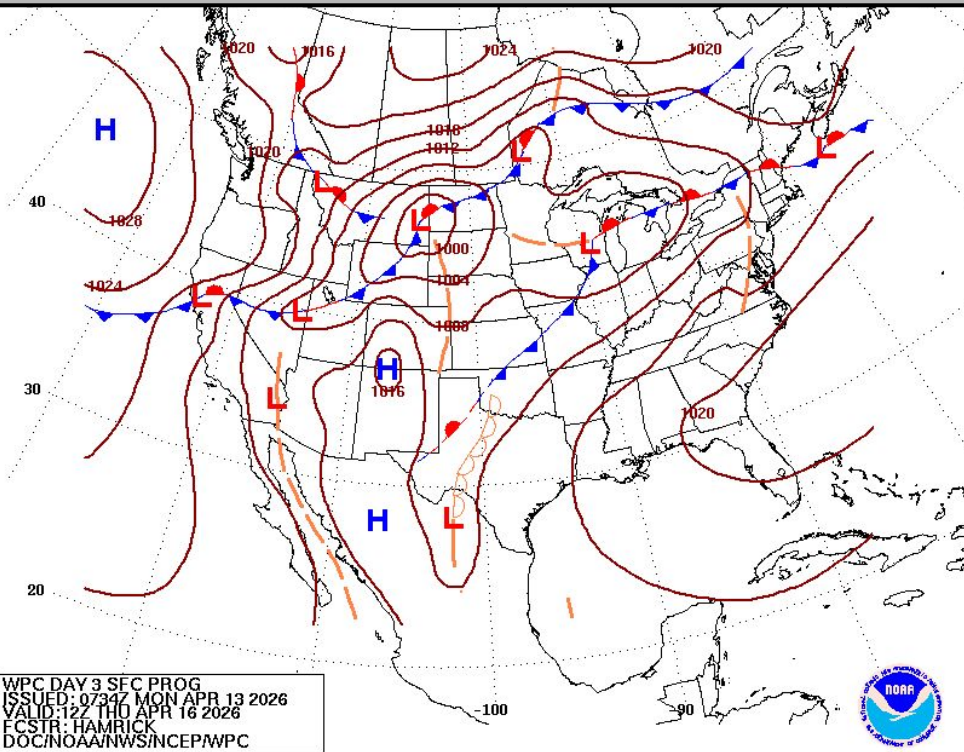
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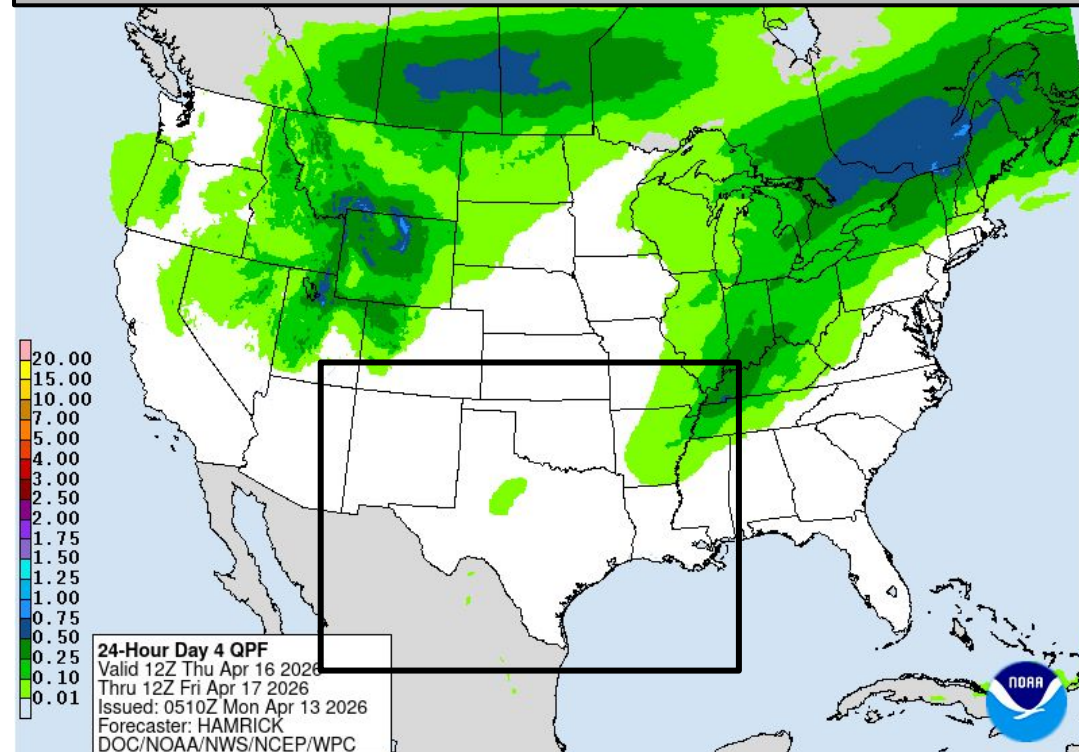


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



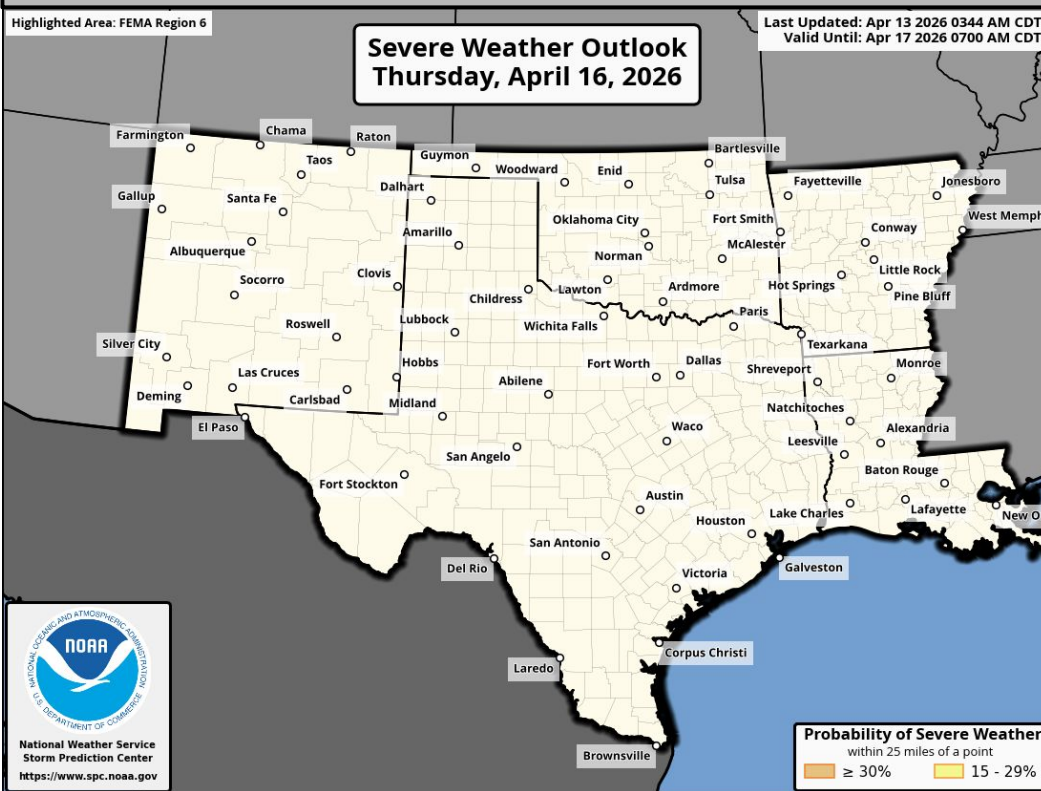
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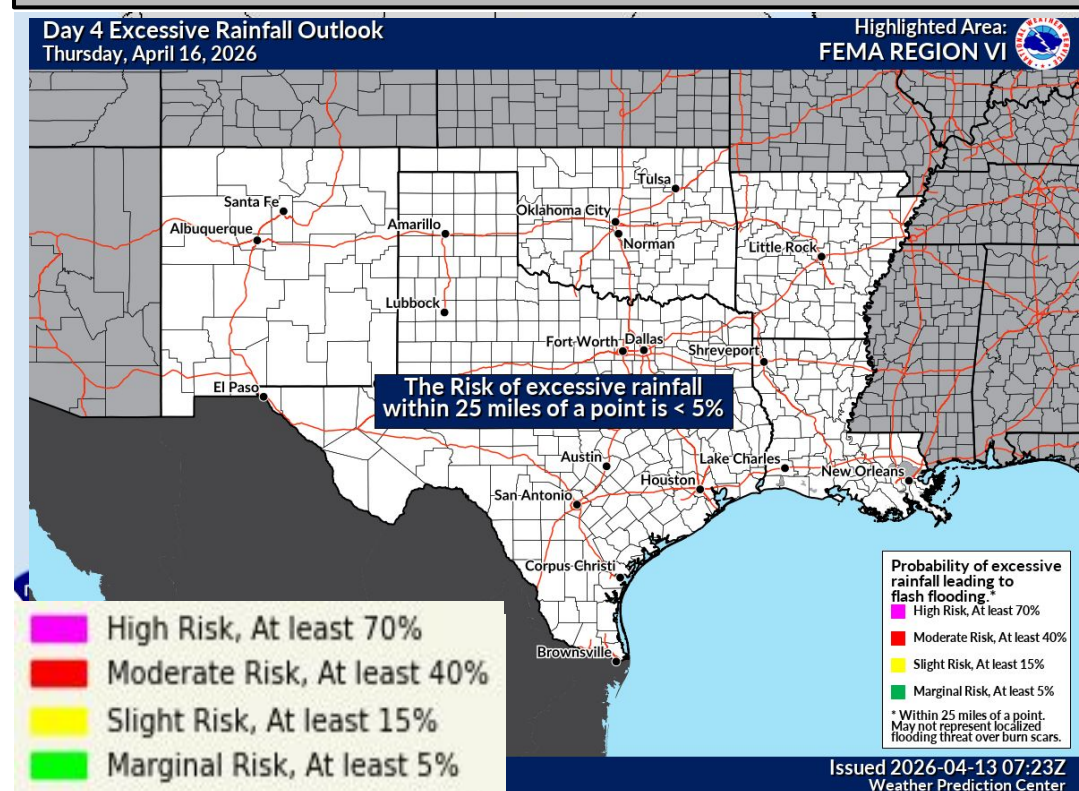
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Monitoring for severe storms in OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



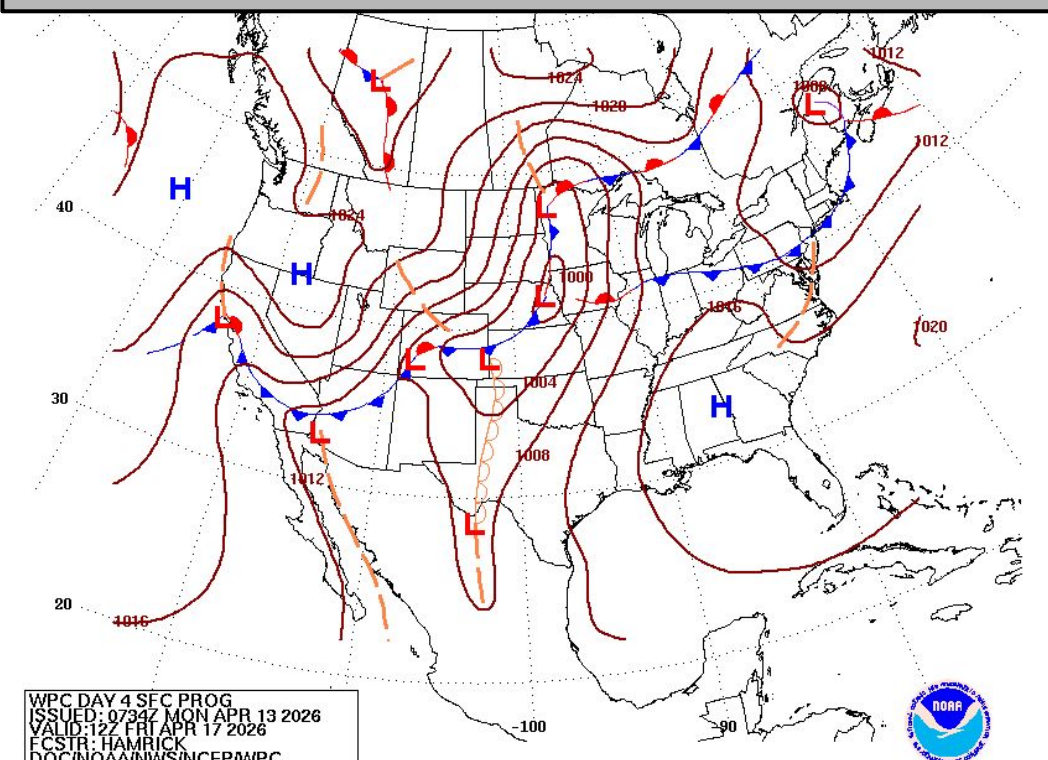
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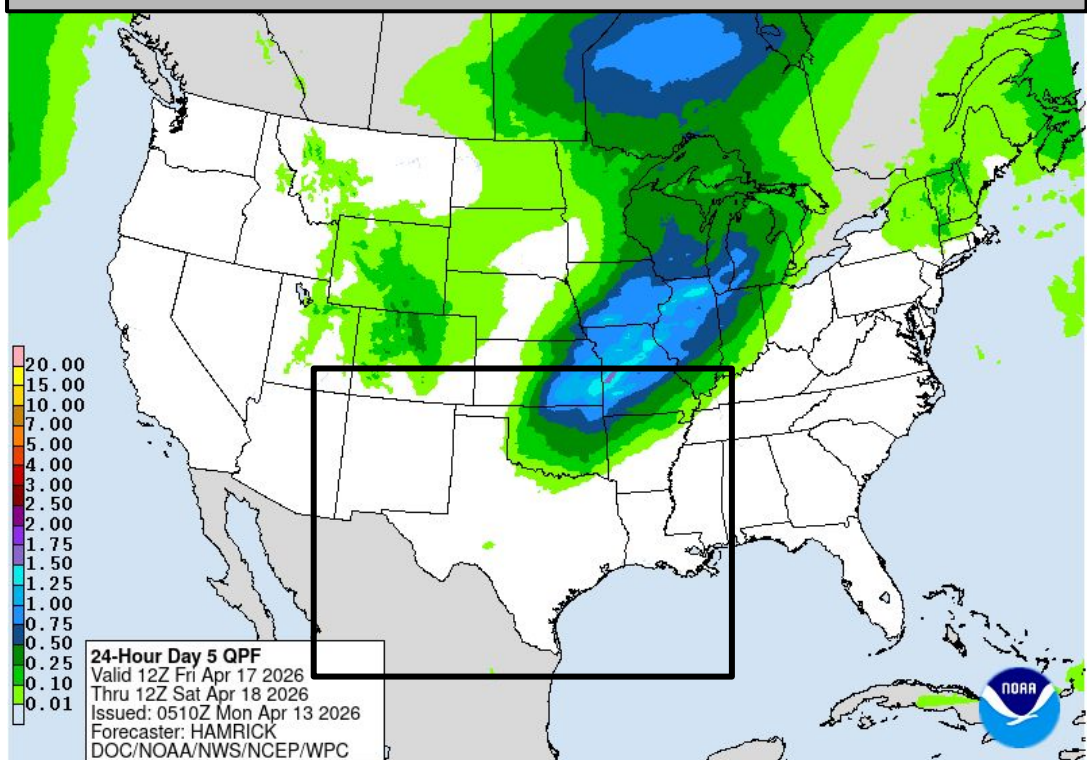
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

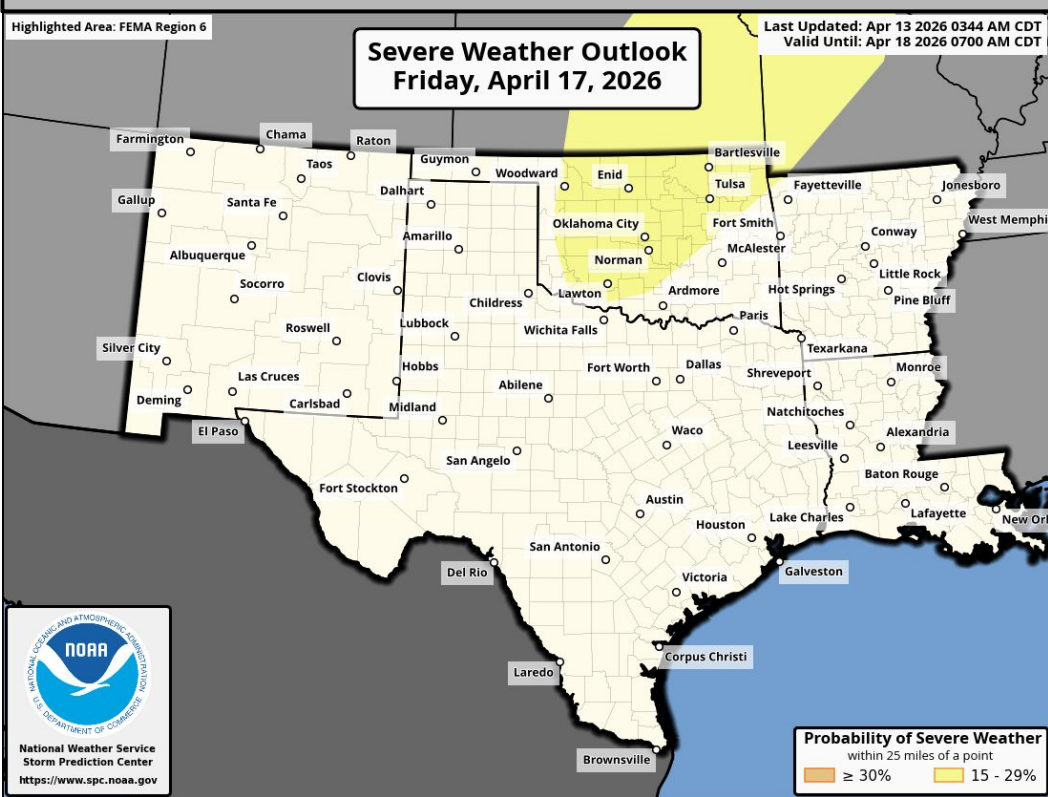


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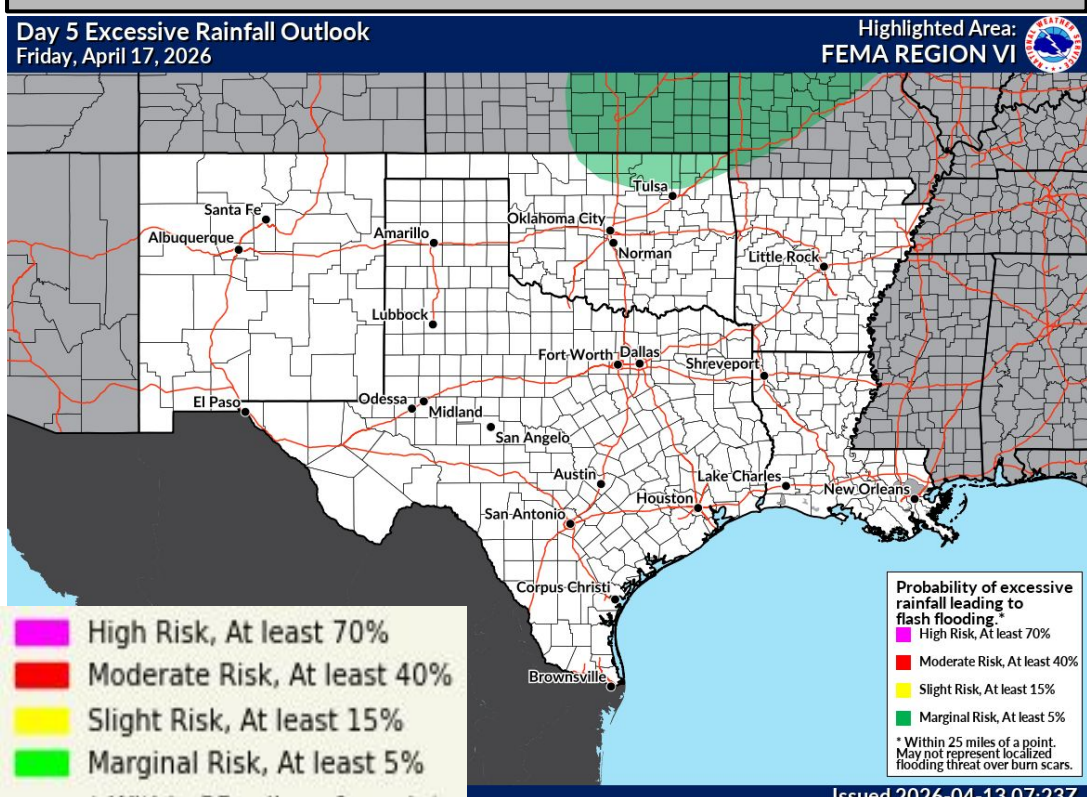
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
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Probability of Severe Weather within 25 miles of a point
≥ 30% 15 - 29%

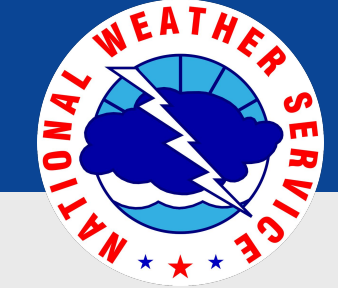
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Friday, April 17, 2026

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.

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Wind Gust/Relative Humidity

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/13 Mon			4/14 Tue			4/15 Wed			4/16 Thu			4/17 Fri					
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm			
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Amarillo	29↗	36↗	36↗	18↗	25↗	33↗	32↗	18↗	18↗	22↗	21↗	14↗	20↗	29↗	26↗	28↑	25↗	33↗
Beaver	29↗	41↗	37↗	15↗	32↗	41↗	33↗	15↗	16↗	21↗	17↗	8↑	17↗	29↗	26↗	22↑	23↗	32↗
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Lubbock	23↗	32↗	30↗	16↗	22↗	31↗	30↗	17↗	17↗	23↗	22↗	10↗	14↗	26↗	24↗	21↑	22↗	29↗
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*Table values in mph
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Minimum RH Forecast

	4/13 Mon			4/14 Tue			4/15 Wed			4/16 Thu			4/17 Fri					
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Amarillo	20	13	14	28	26	15	16	26	19	10	9	20	14	7	7	19	25	9
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Fort Davis	22	18	18	39	26	18	18	38	25	13	13	25	20	13	13	44	22	14
Guadalupe Pass	35	26	25	37	33	27	29	34	19	12	11	17	12	10	11	18	19	16
Lubbock	28	15	15	28	35	17	17	34	18	8	9	17	15	9	10	46	31	9
Midland/Odessa	39	18	19	68	48	22	25	76	29	12	11	23	34	23	26	71	32	13
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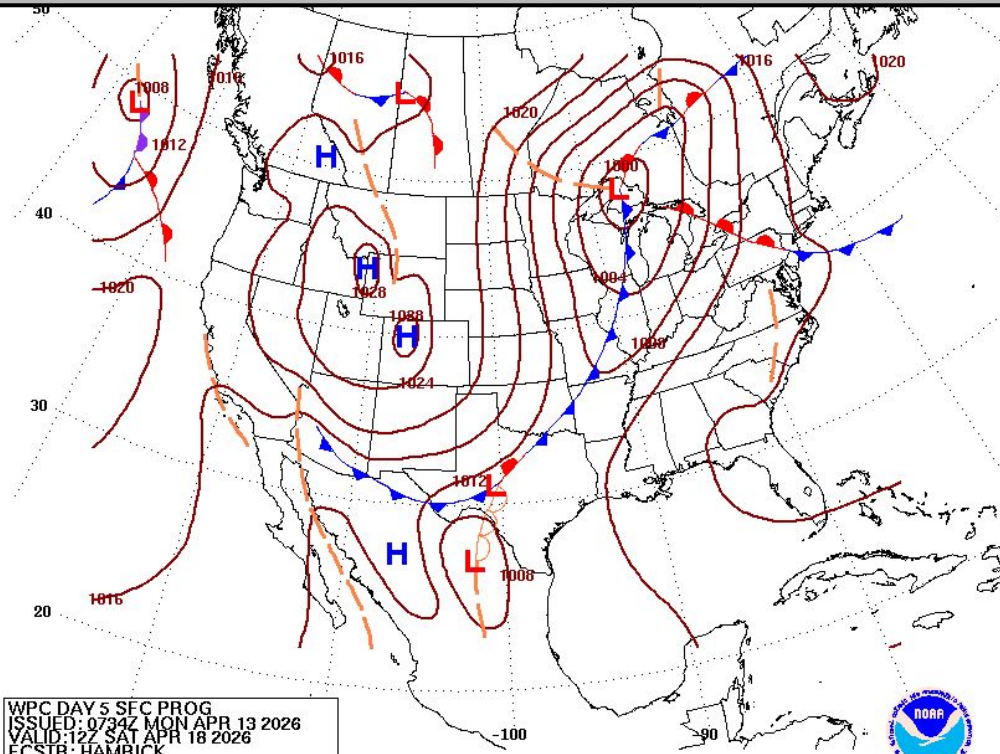
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- Dry, southwest winds will persist much of the week in E NW, W OK, NW TX



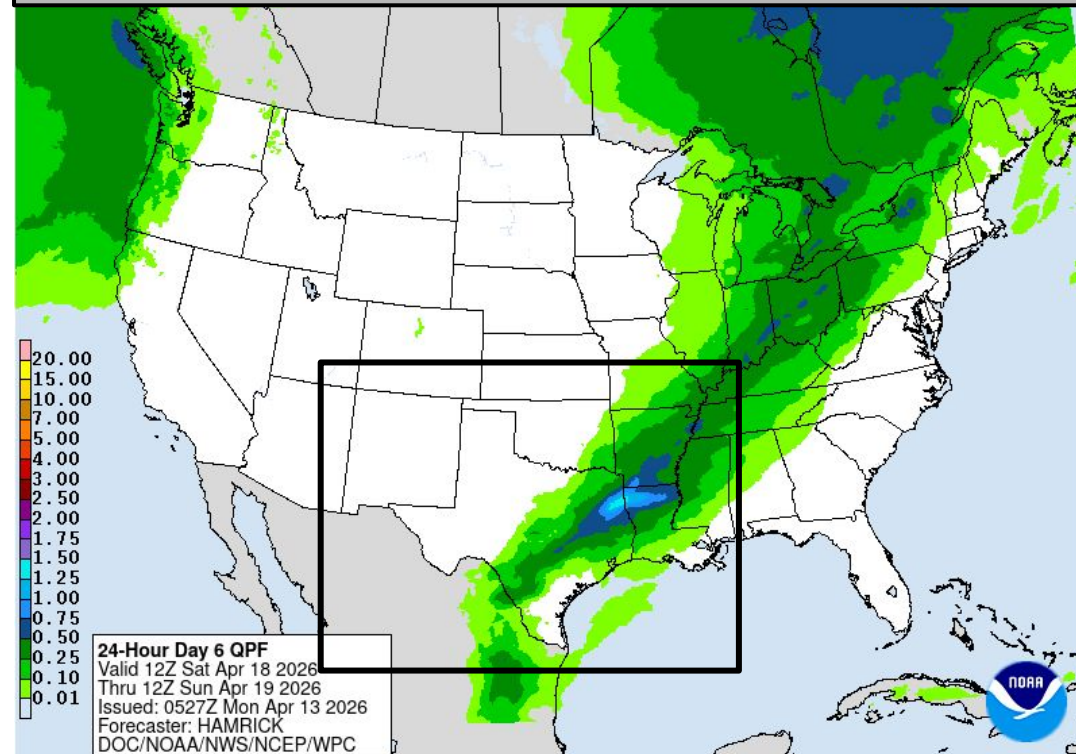
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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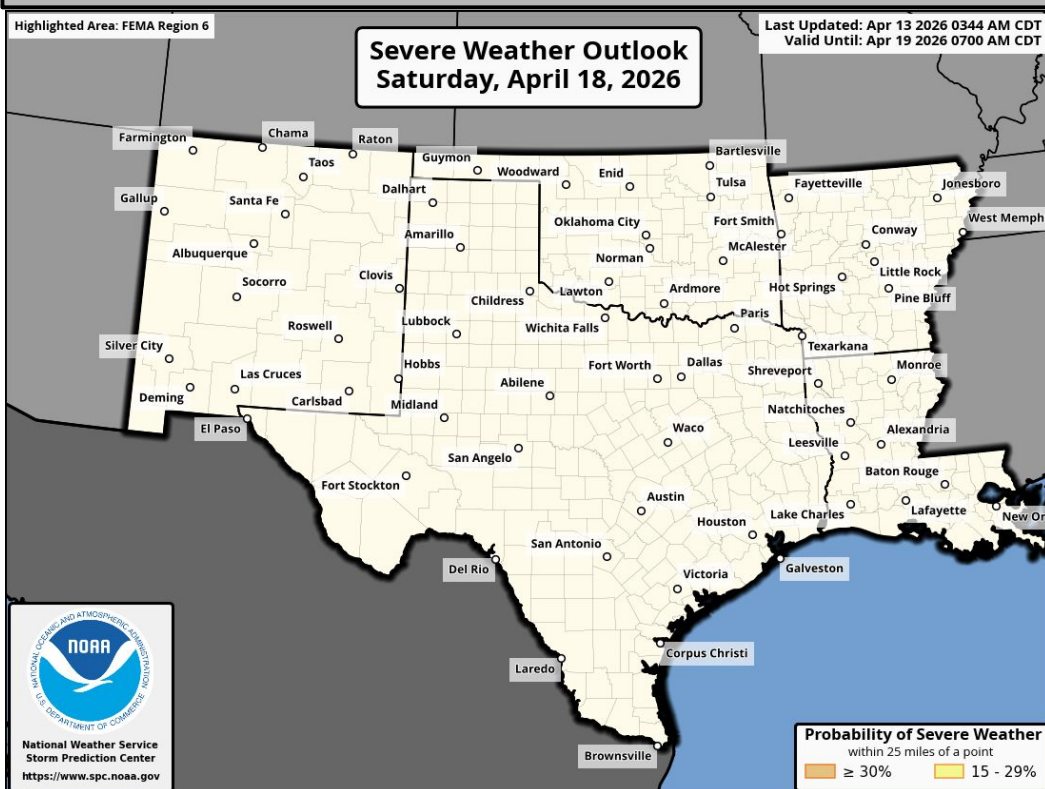
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Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, April 18, 2026

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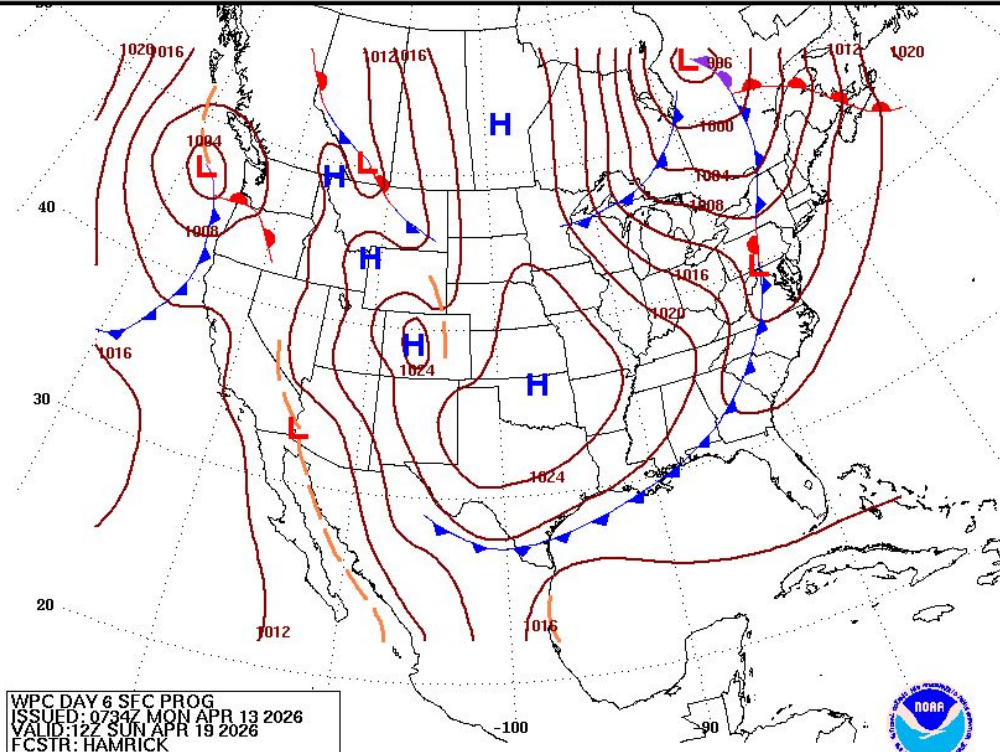


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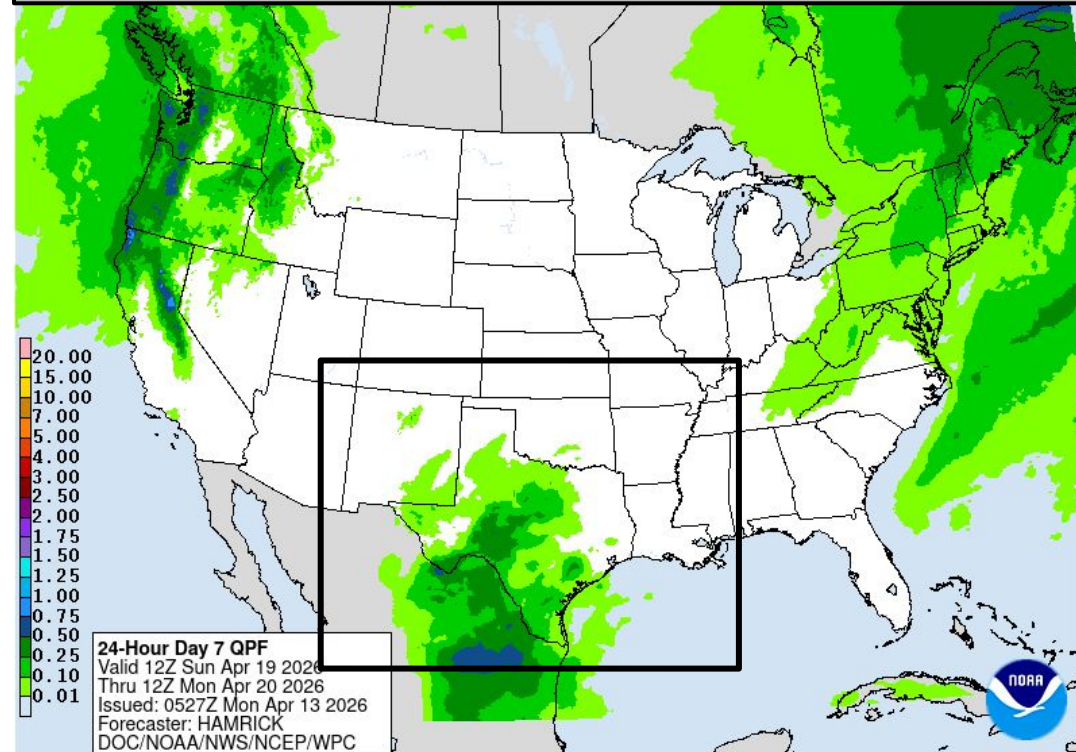


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

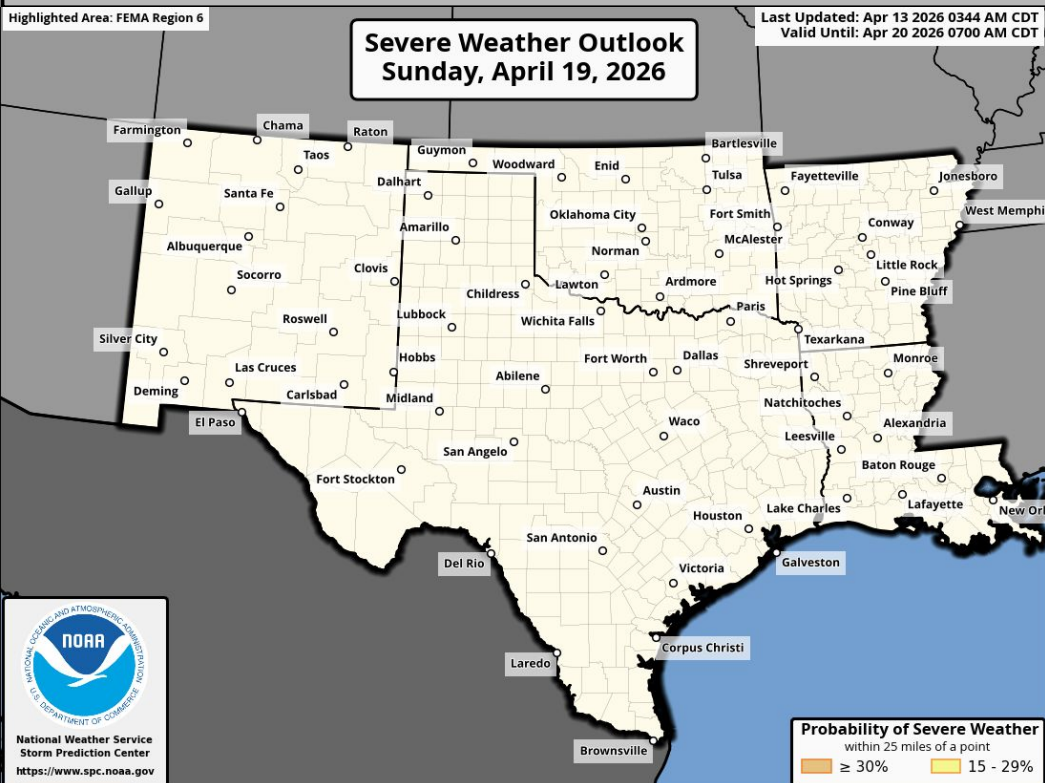


Forecast Rainfall



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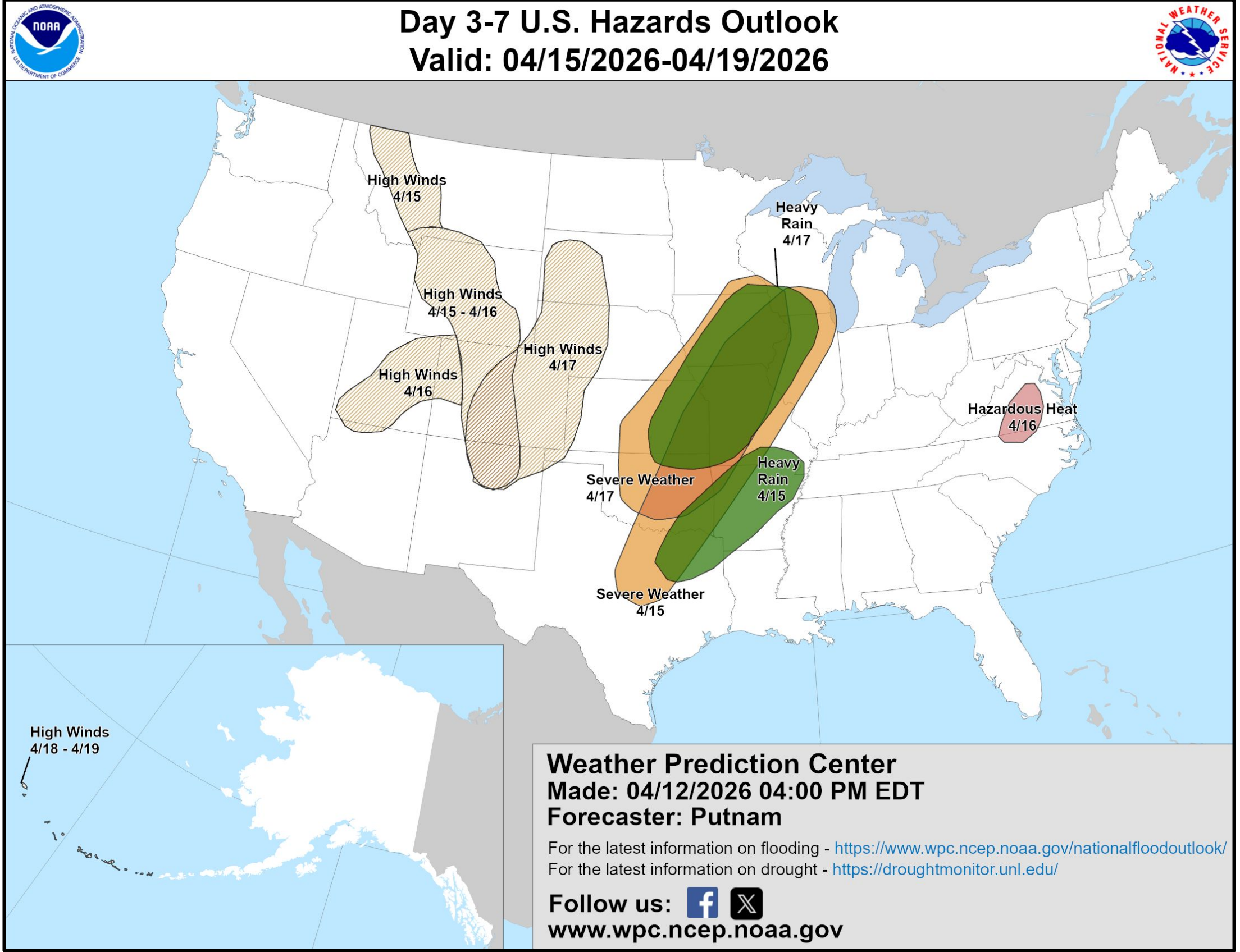
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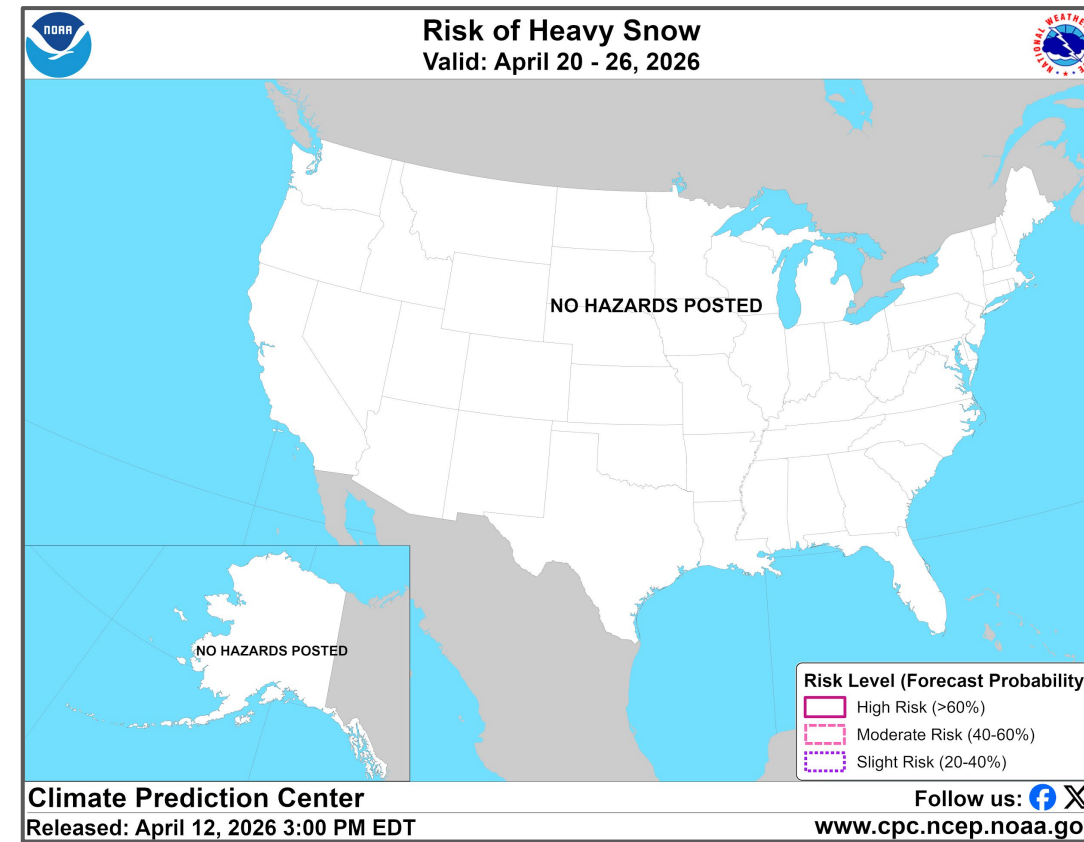
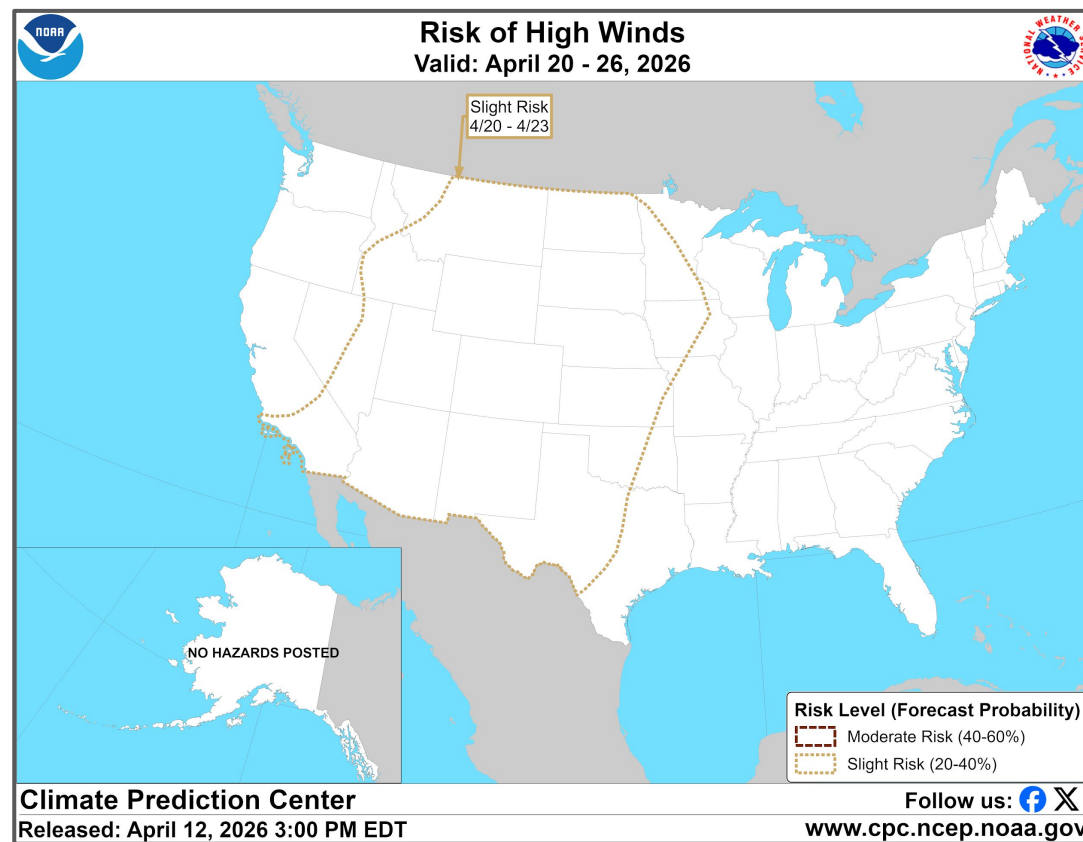
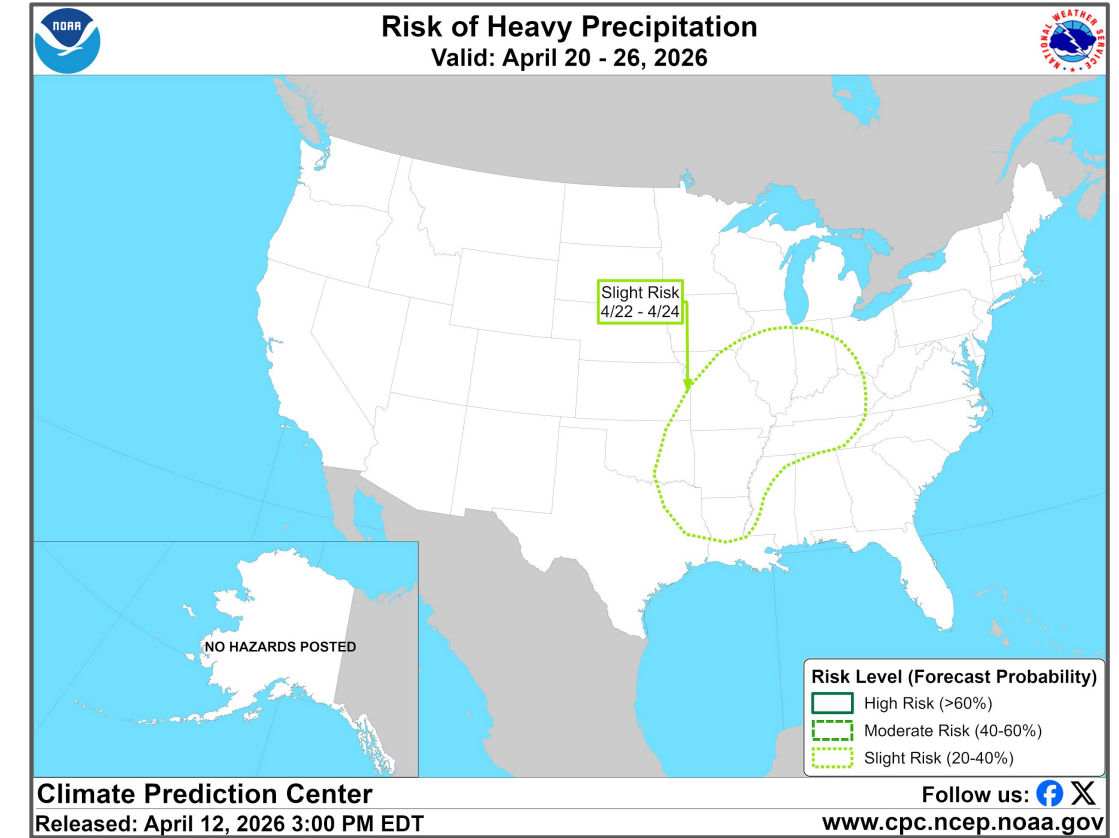
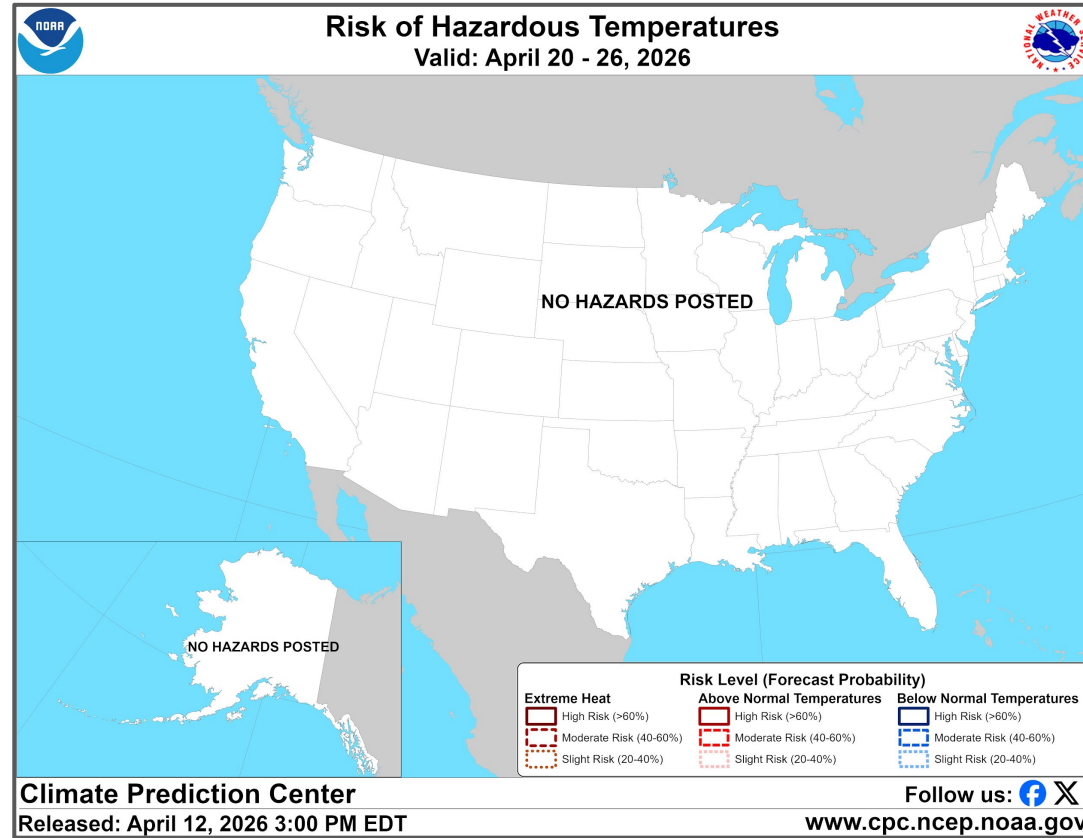
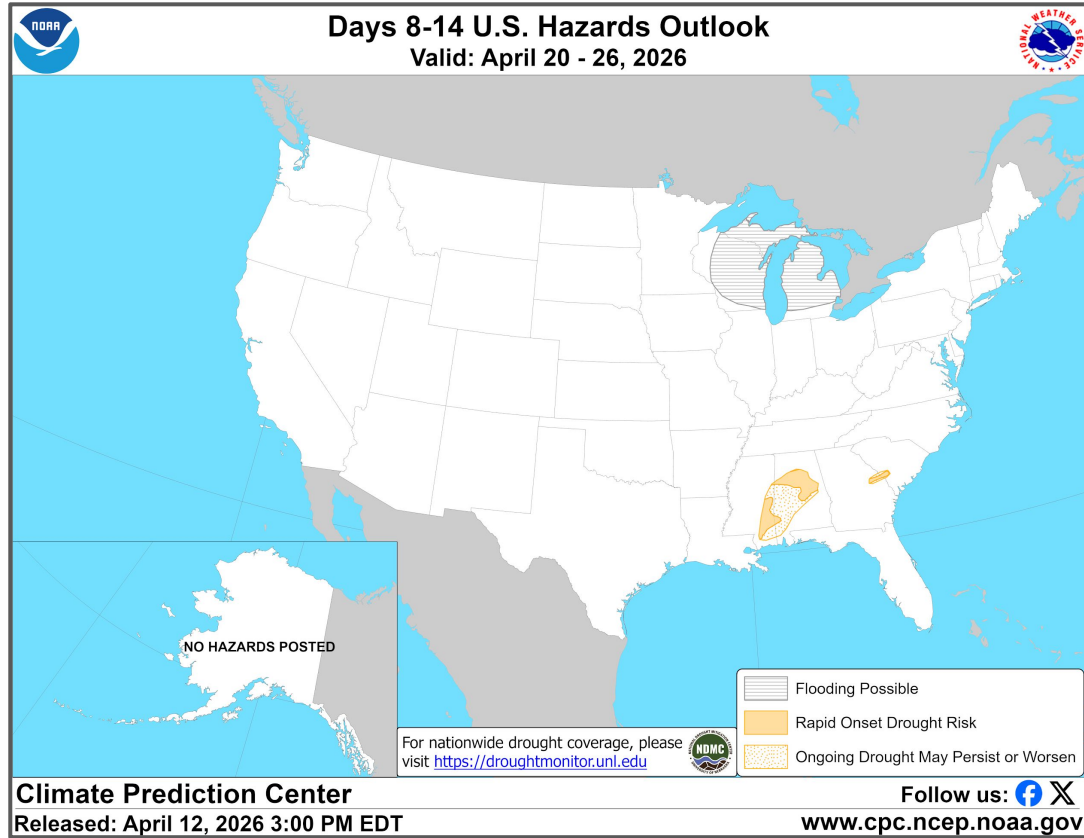


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

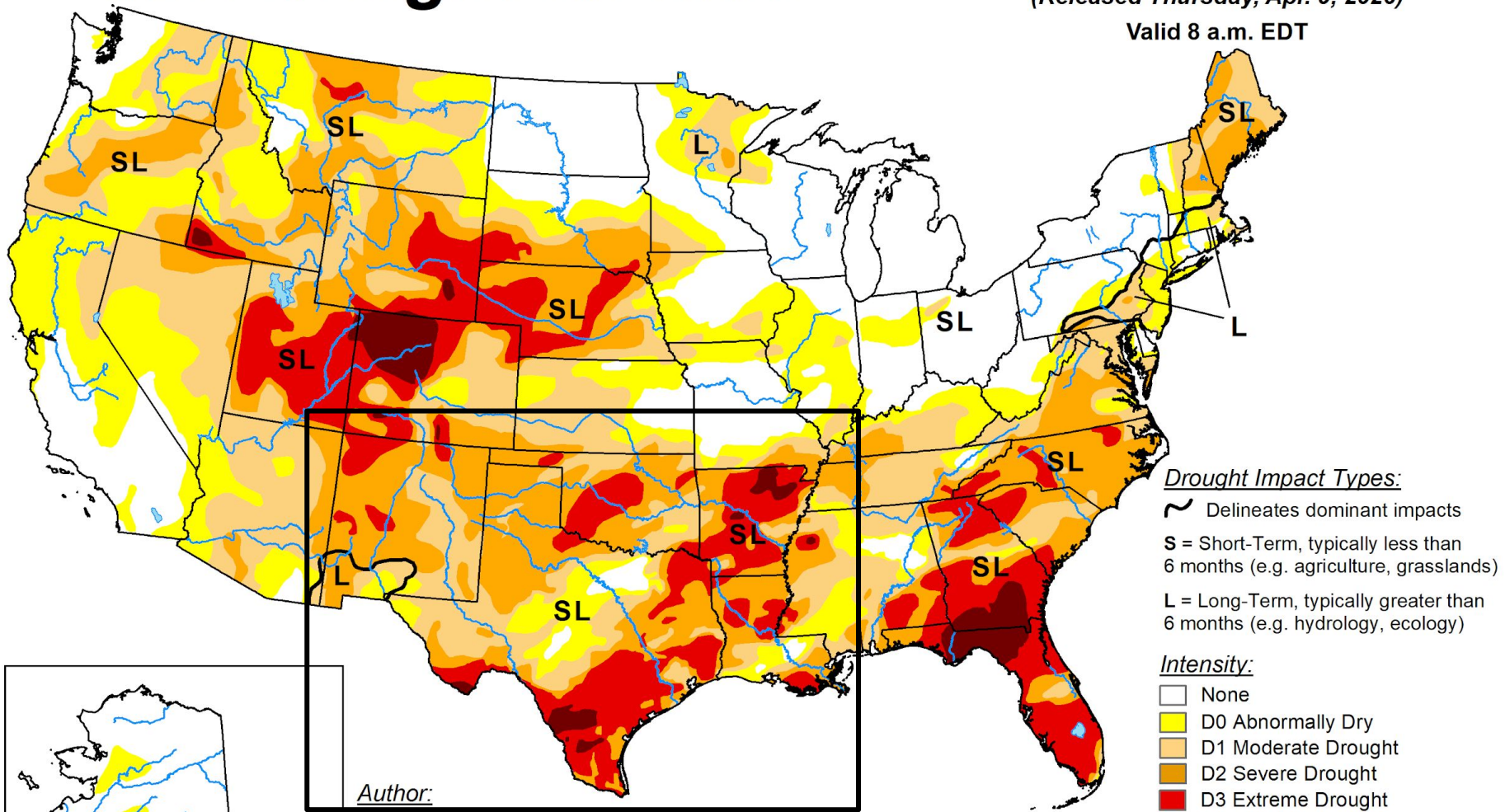




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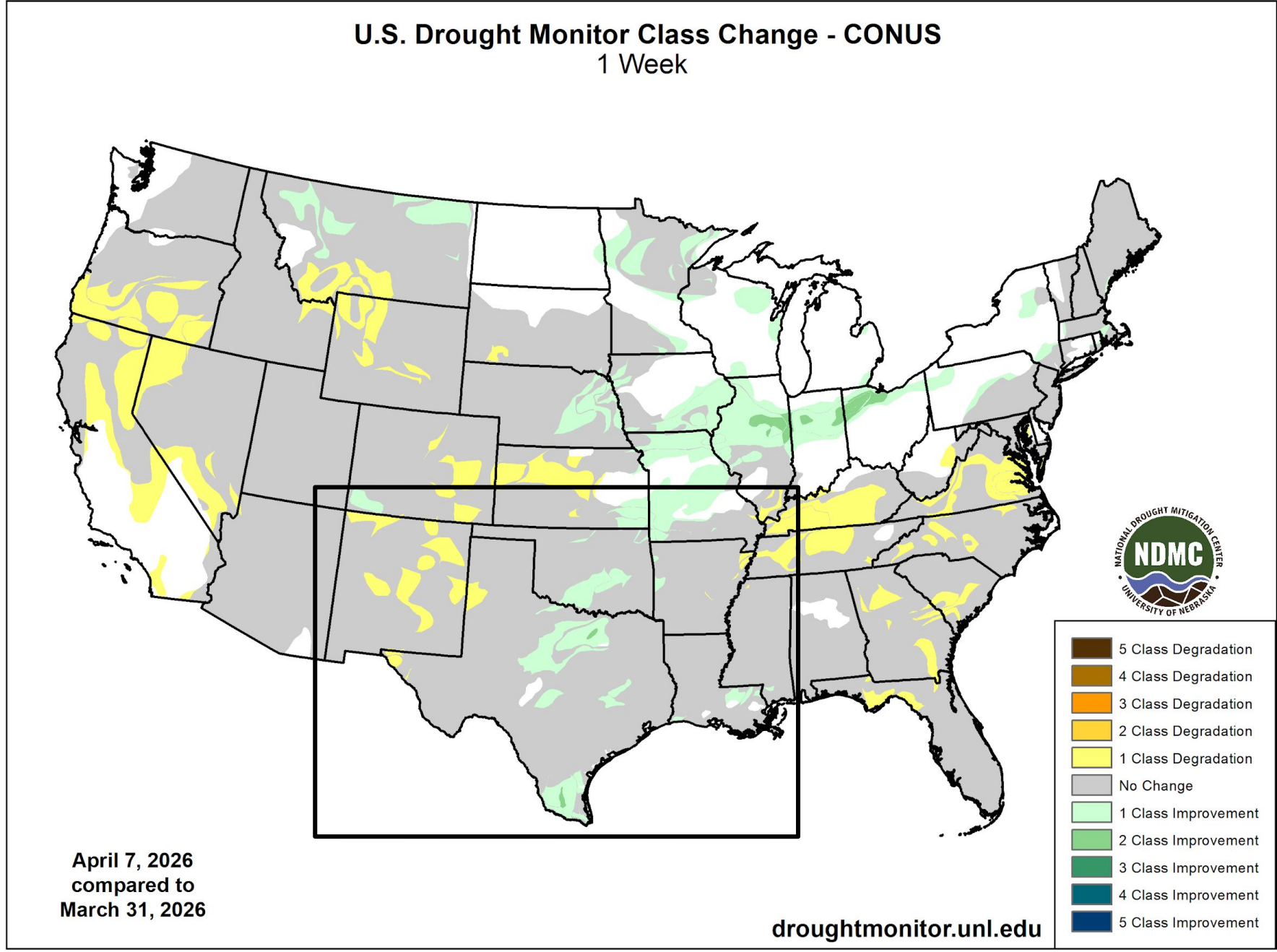
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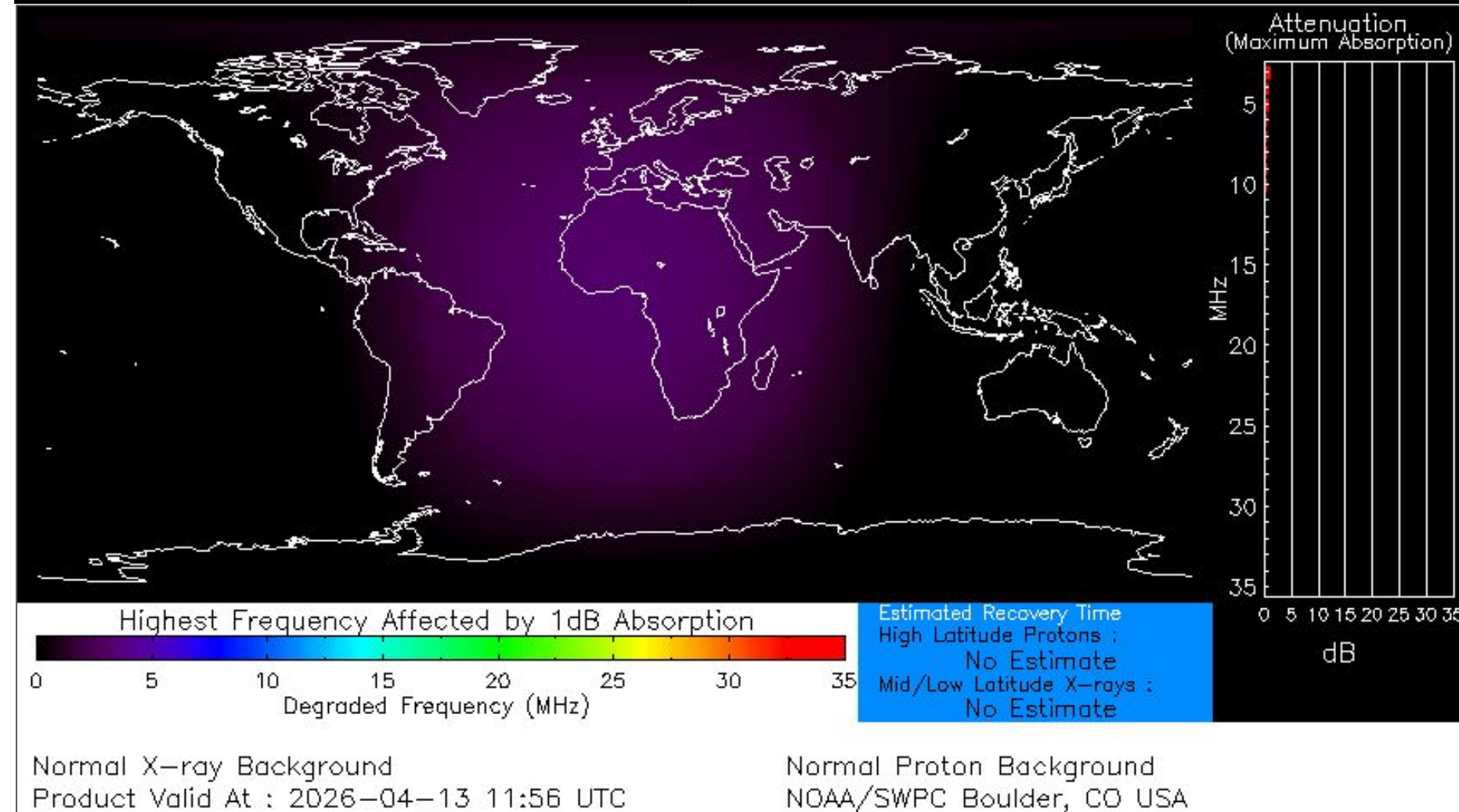
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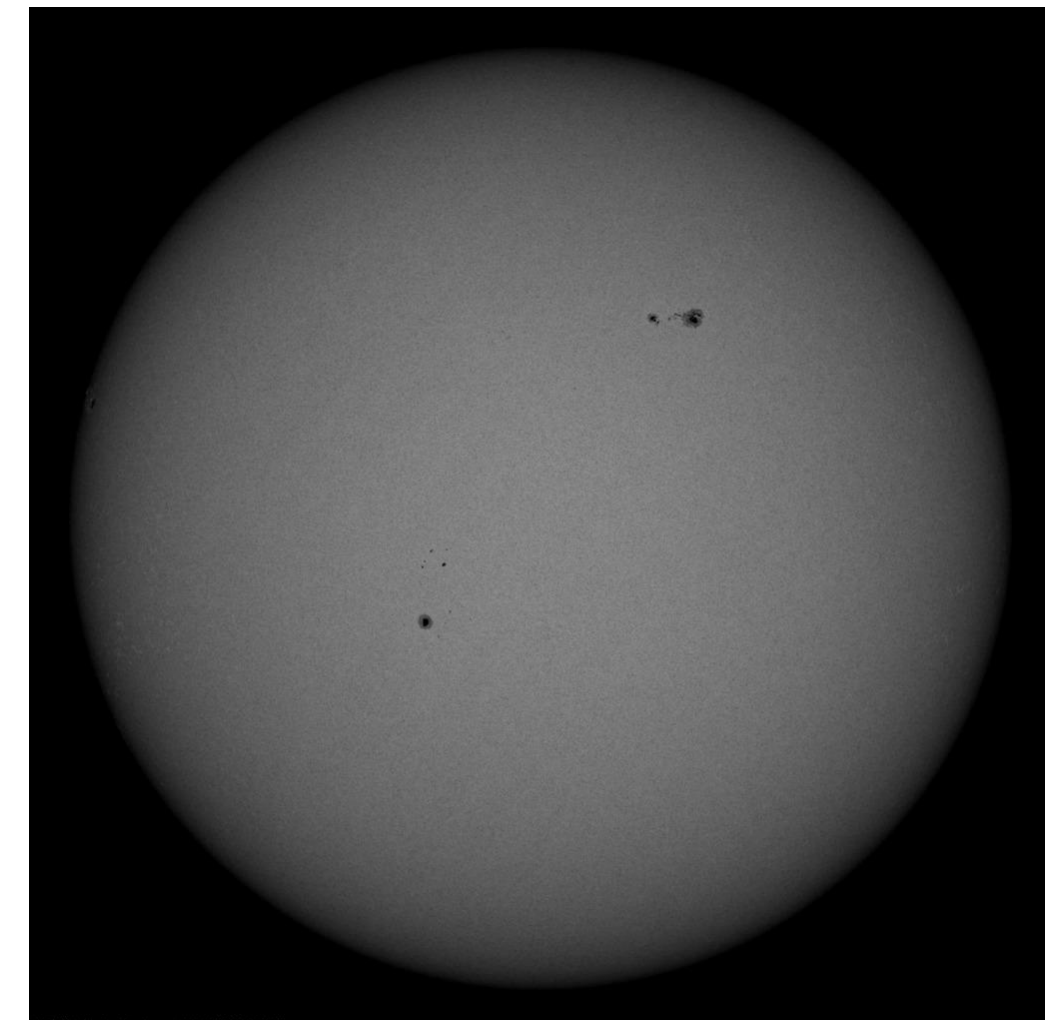
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Apr 13	Tuesday, Apr 14	Wednesday, Apr 15
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	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>	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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