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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, April 15, 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) over OK, N/NW TX, NW AR today.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) over NE AR Thursday.
- Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) over N-C OK on Friday.
- Monitoring Saturday over E TX, AR, LA.
- For today/Fri - All severe hazards are possible including very large hail greater than 2" in diameter. A few tornadoes (some EF-2+) are possible across NW TX and OK.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for portions TX, OK, and NW AR today; N OK again on Friday; and E/C TX, S AR, N LA on Saturday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Monitoring for rises in portions of OK, TX today and in TX on Saturday.

- **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. Break on Saturday, but conditions return Sunday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

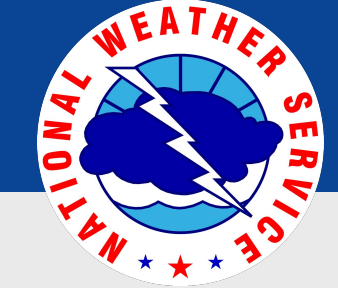
Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Apr 15	Thursday, Apr 16	Friday, Apr 17	Saturday, Apr 18	Sunday, Apr 19	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21
Severe Storms	OK, NW AR, N/NW TX	NE AR	N-C OK	E TX, AR, LA			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, N TX, AR		N OK	E/C TX, S AR, N LA			
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		
River Flooding	Monitoring sections of TX, OK			Monitoring sections of TX			

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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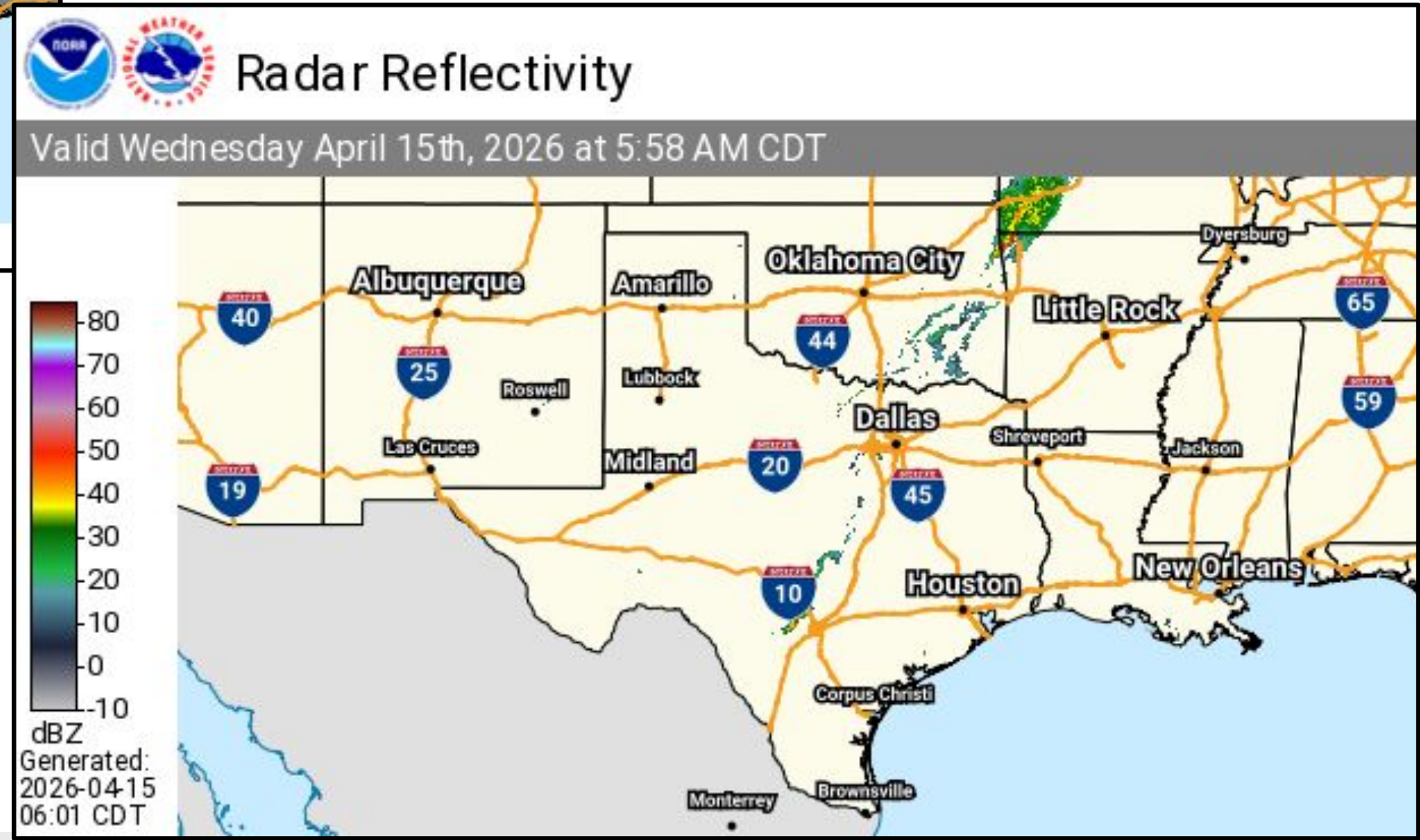


Current Radar/Hazards



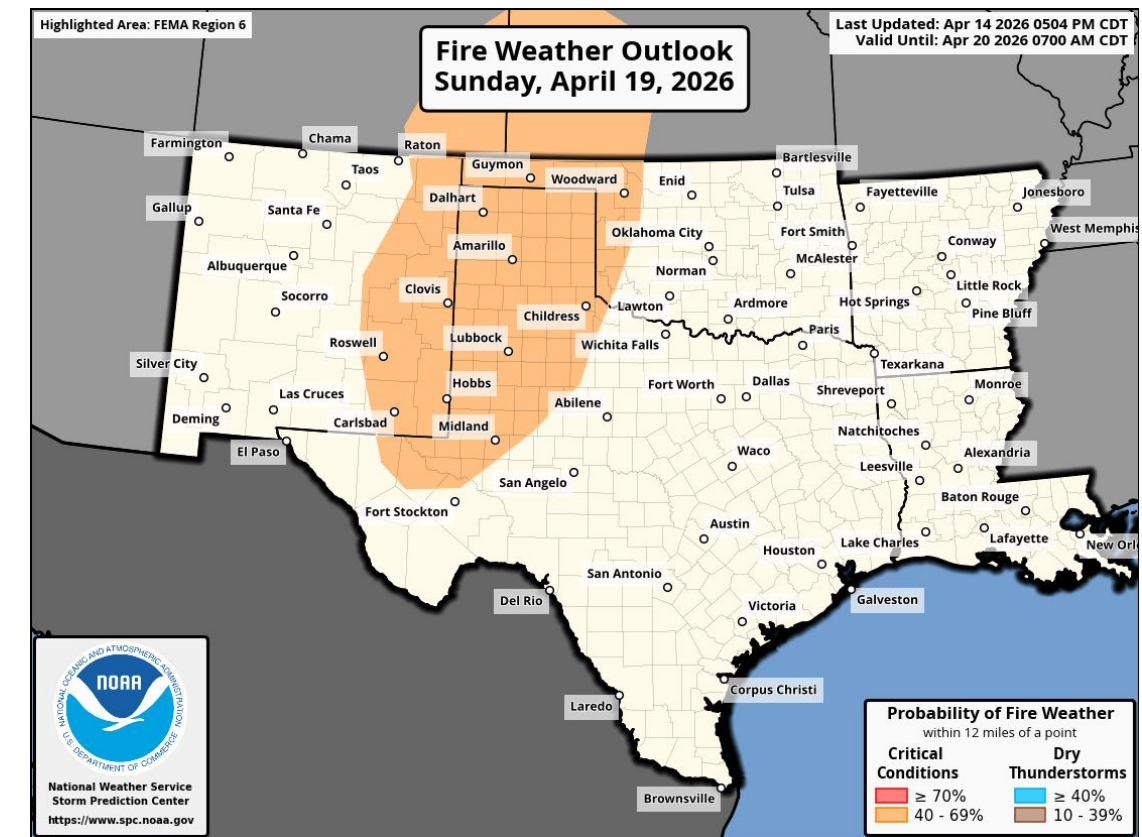
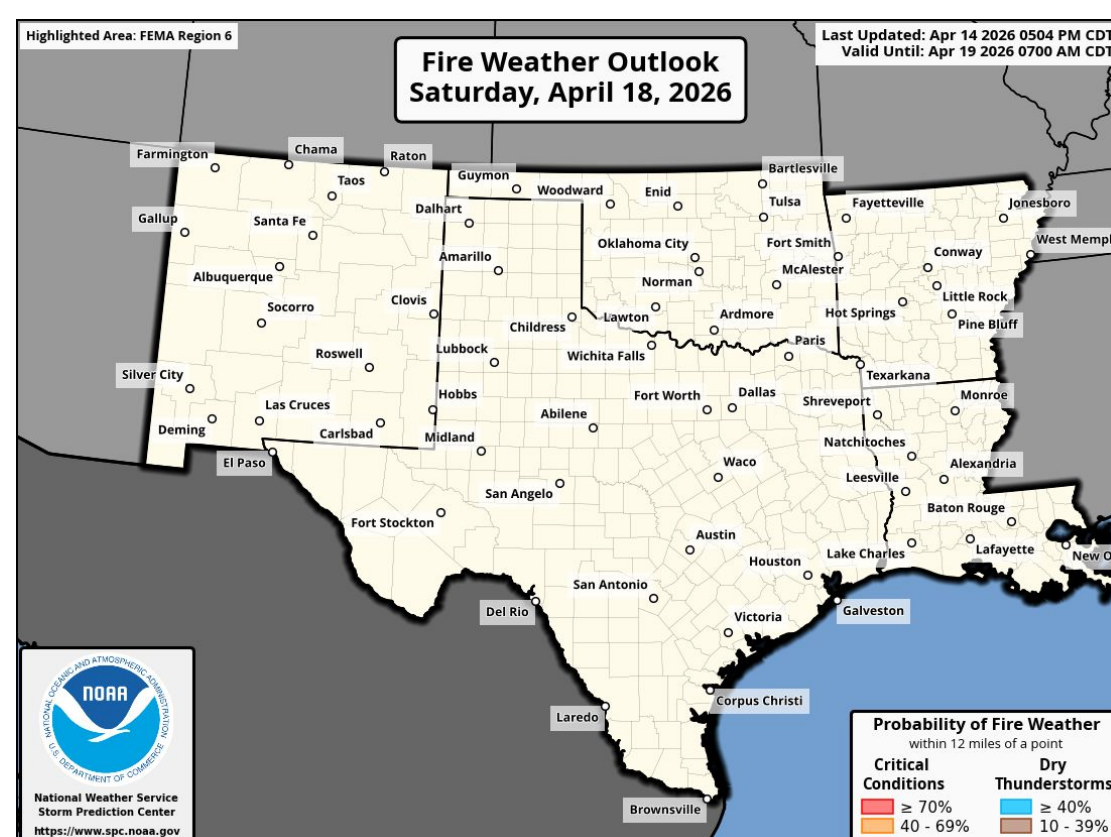
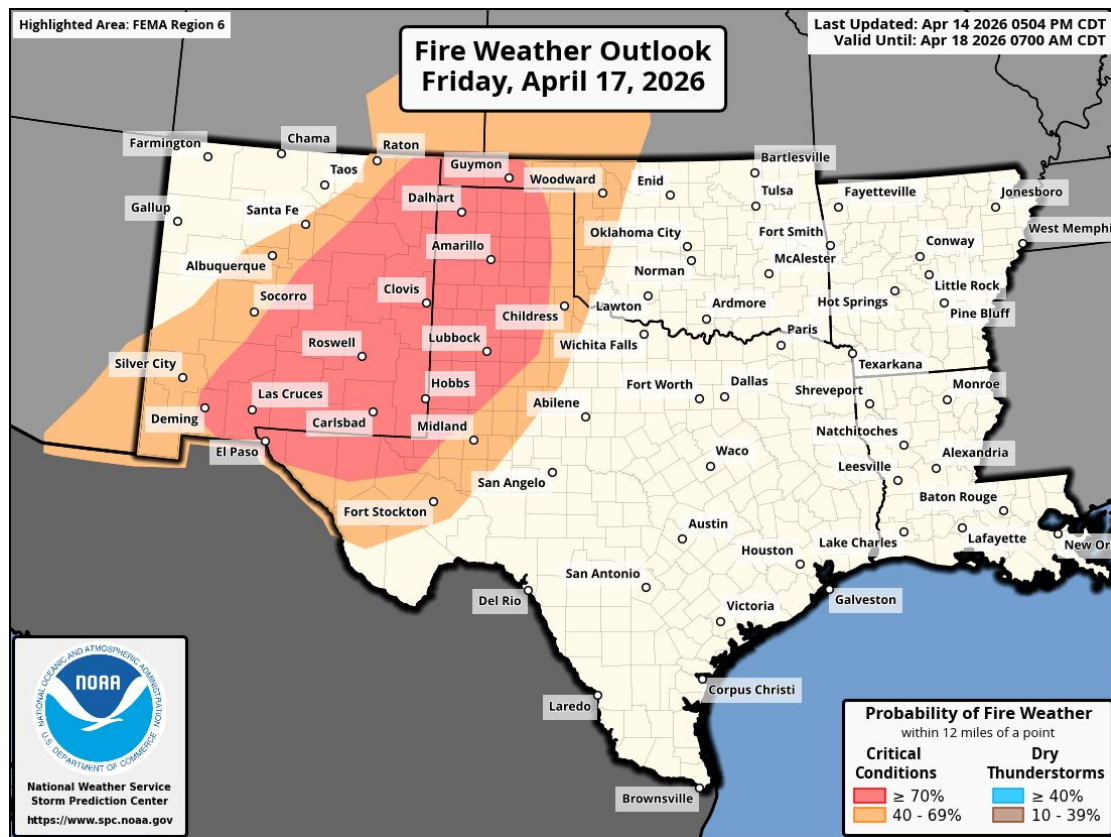
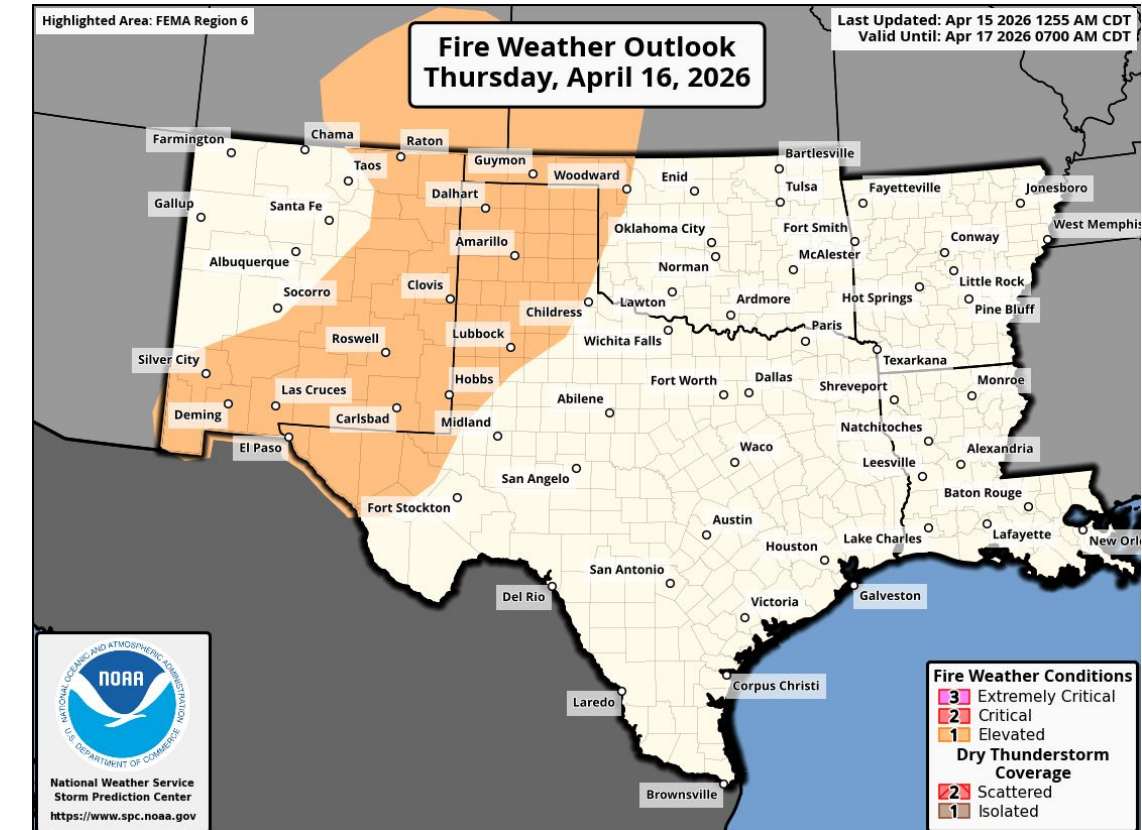
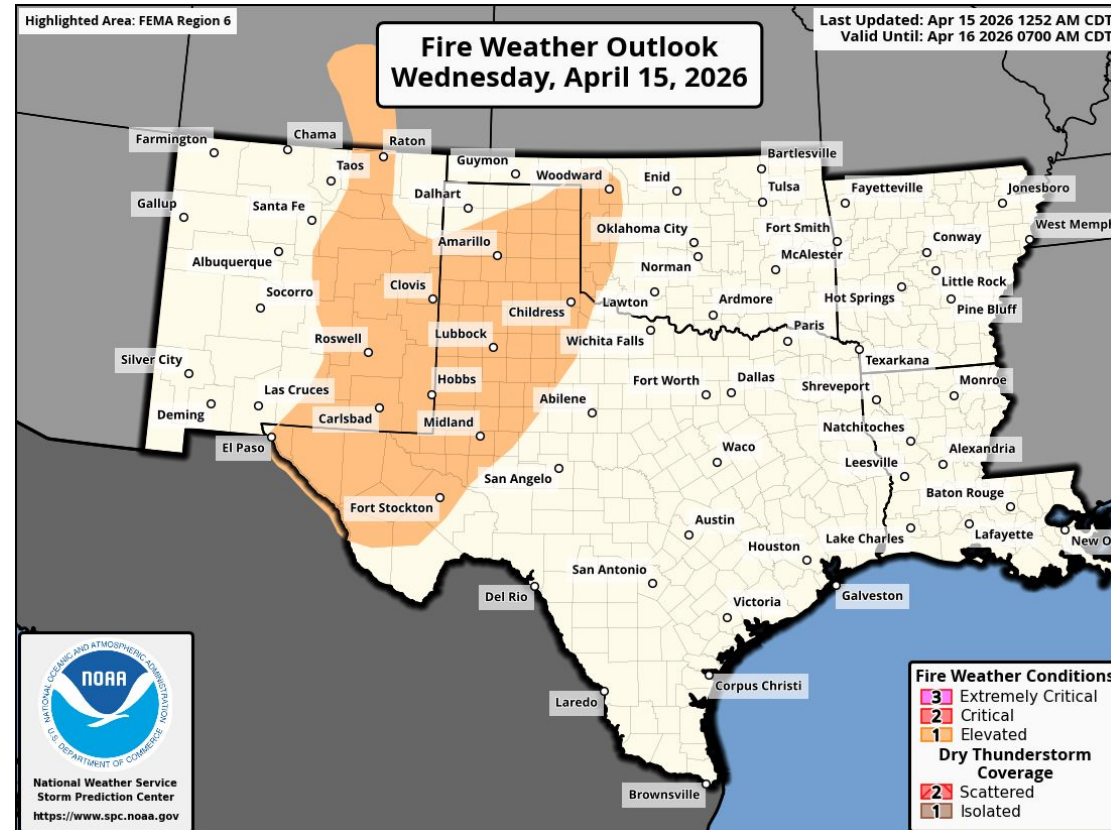
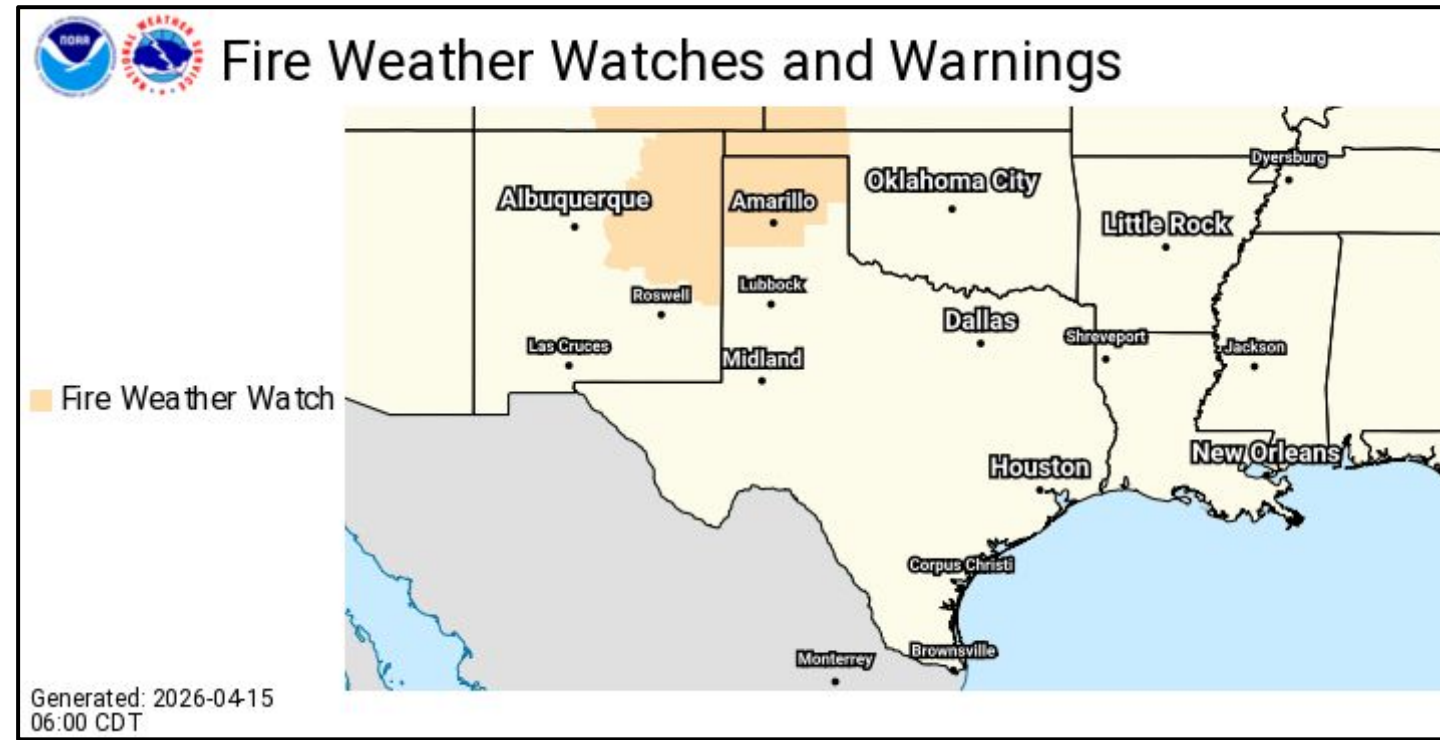
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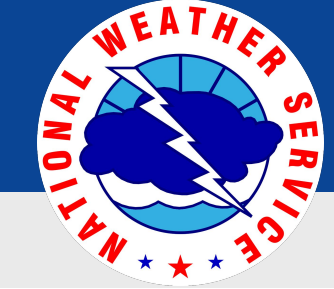
Fire Weather Watches in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles for Thursday.





Fire Weather Outlooks

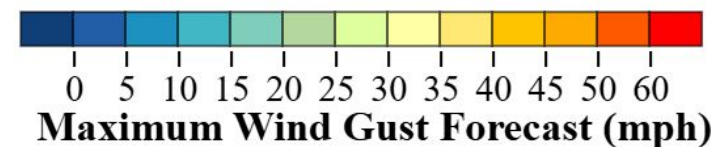




Wind Gusts

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

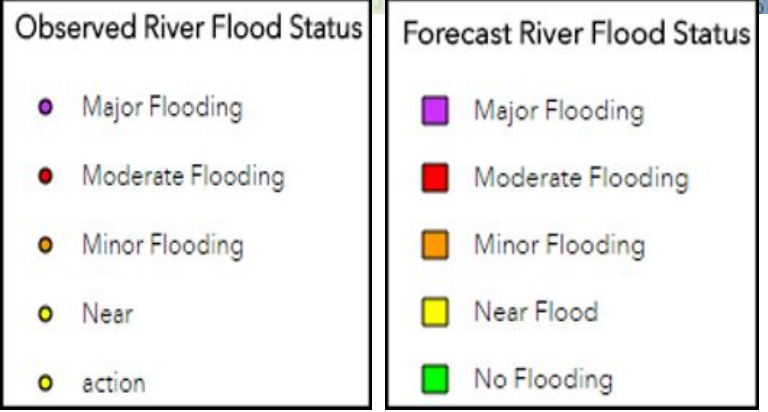
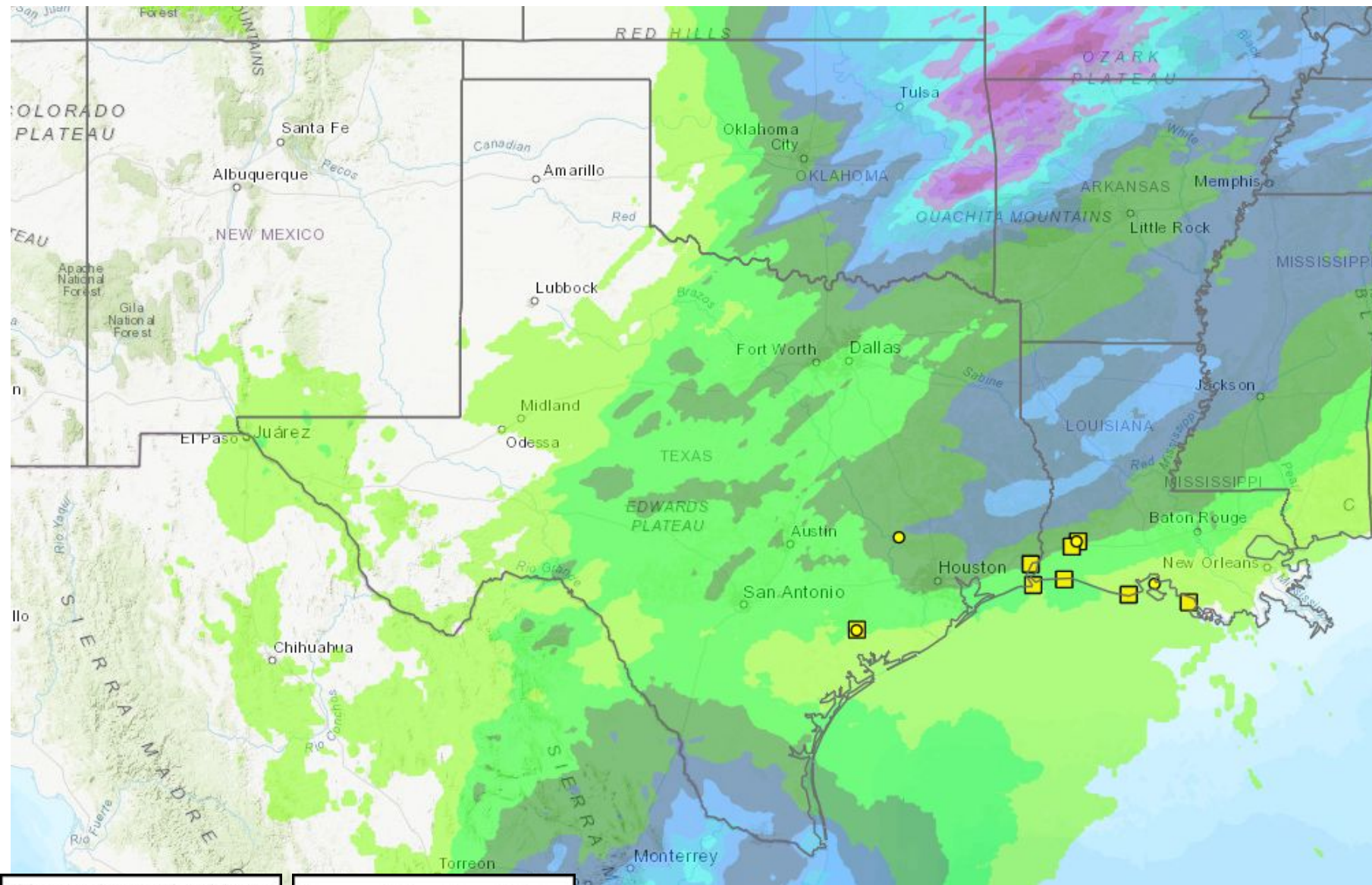
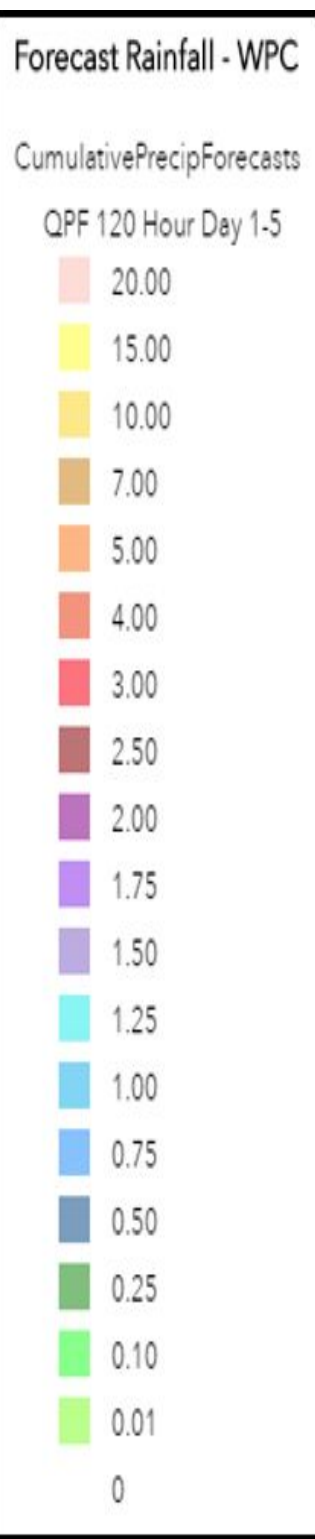
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



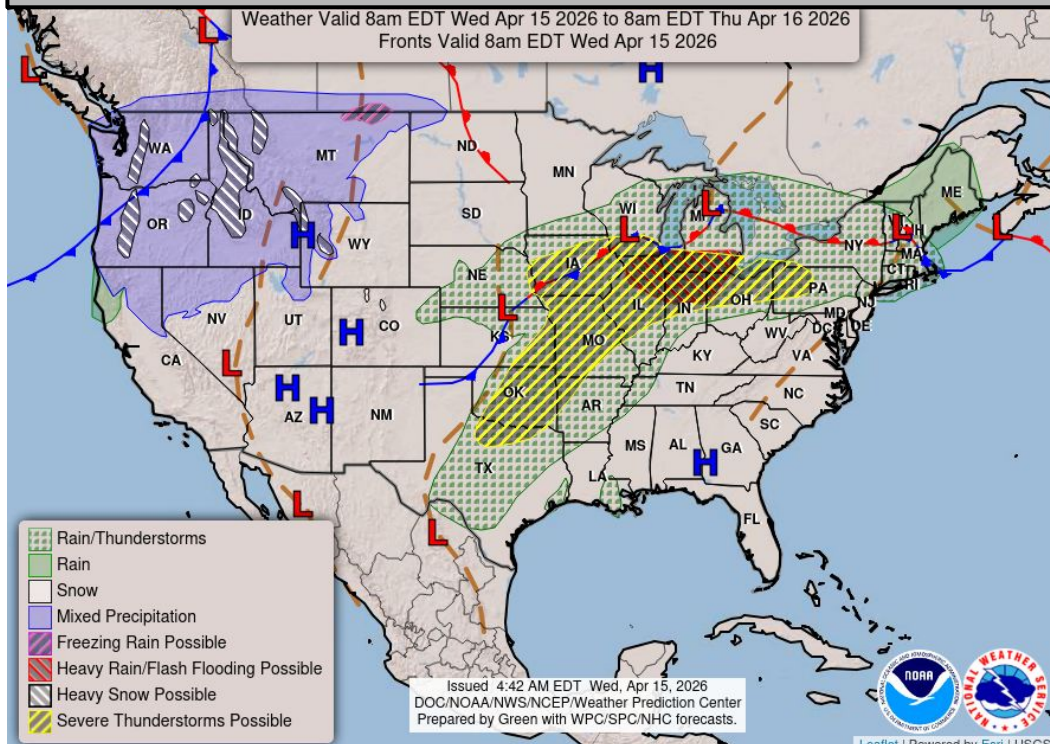
Monitoring for increased threat of river flooding over areas of OK and TX today and Saturday.

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.

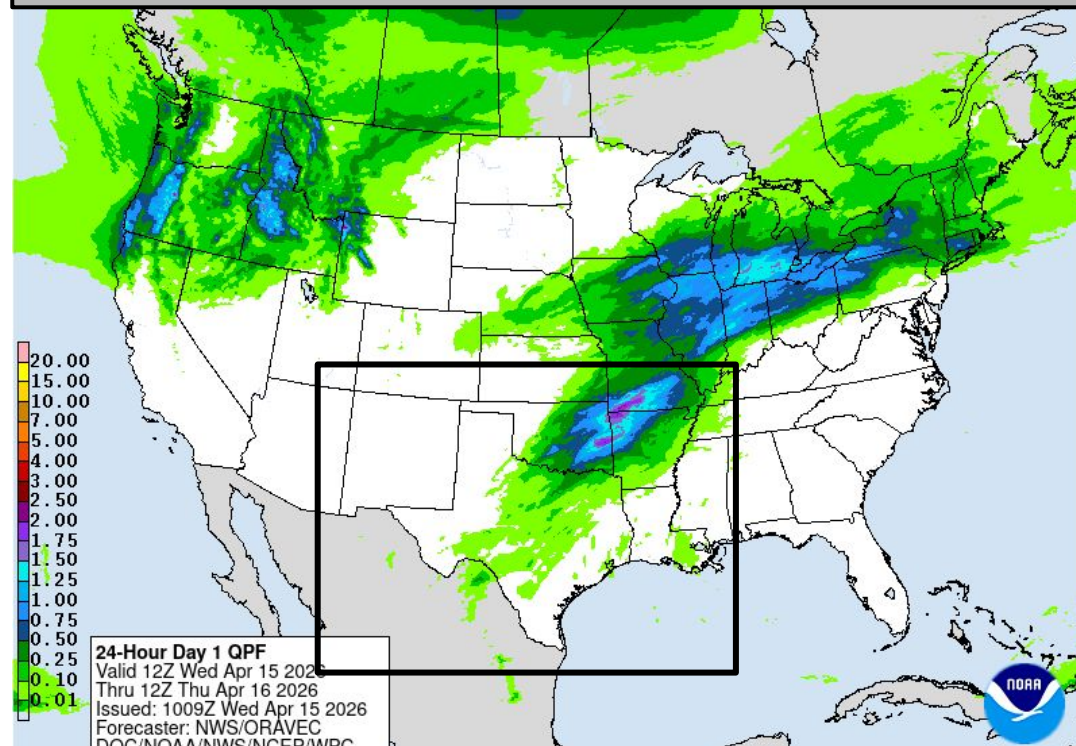


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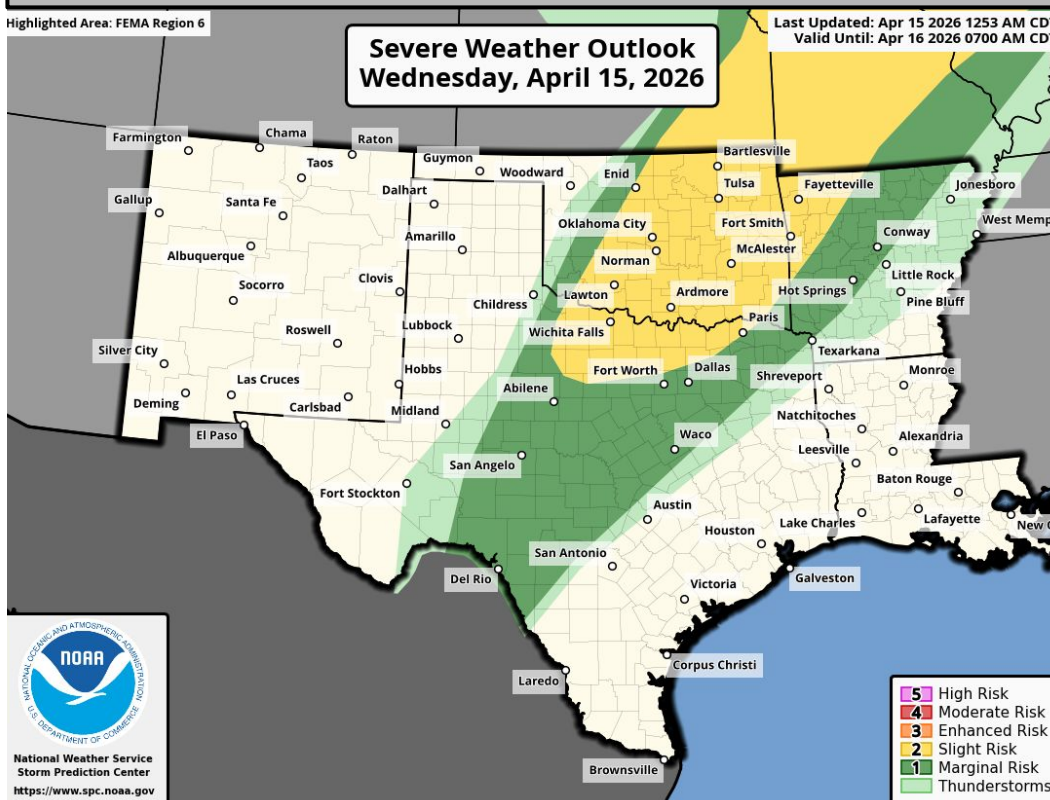
Forecast Chart



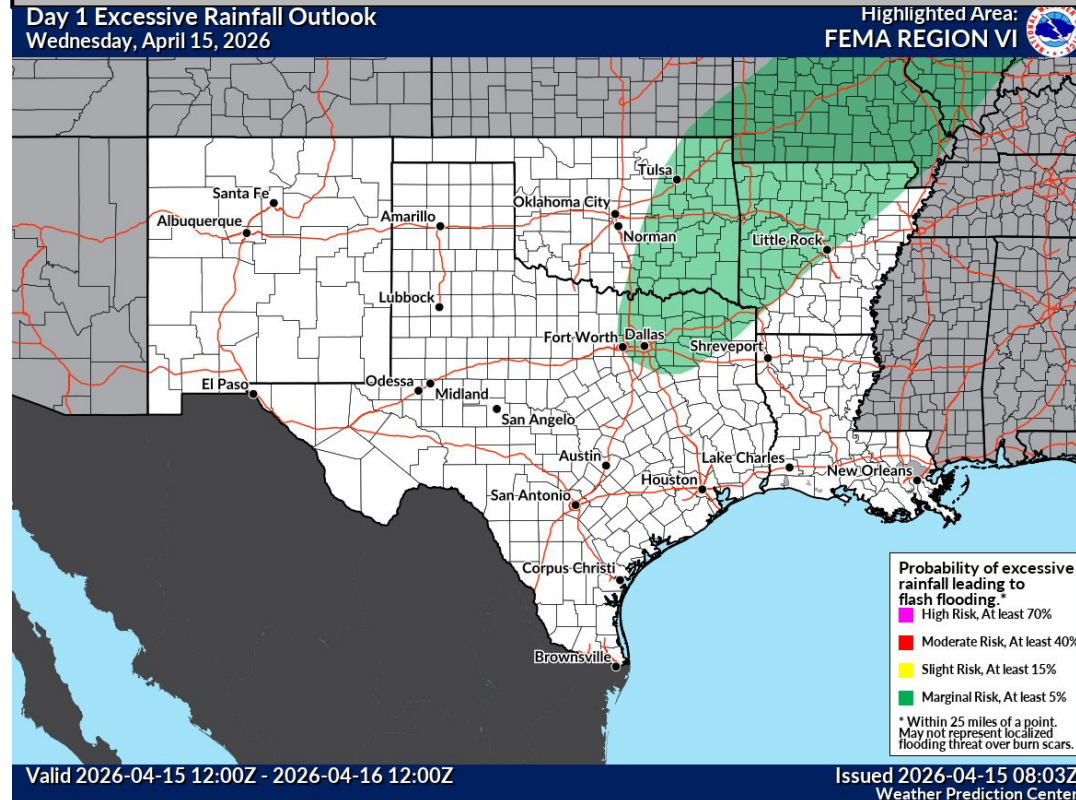
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



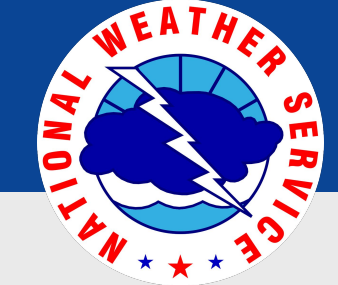
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



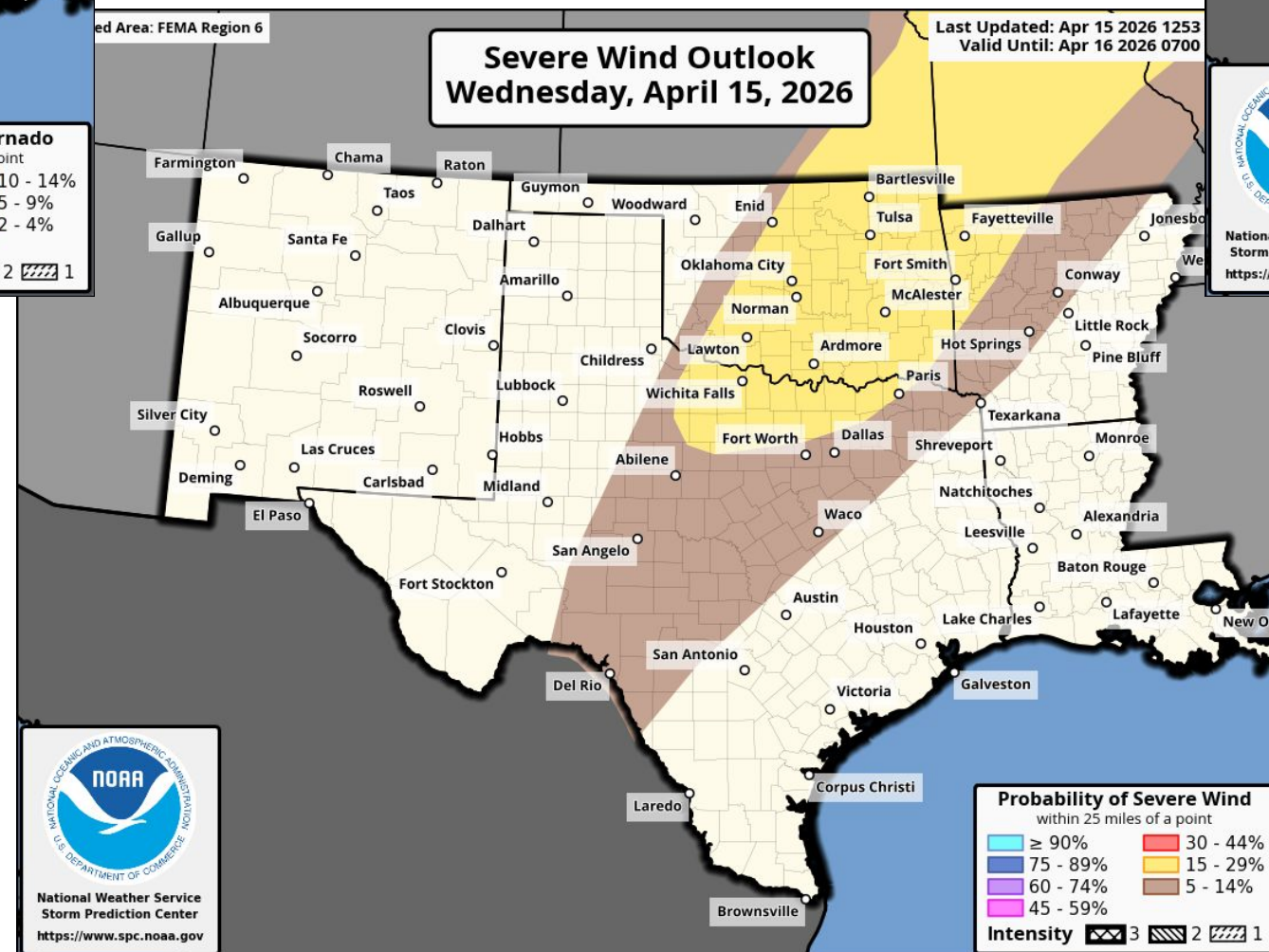
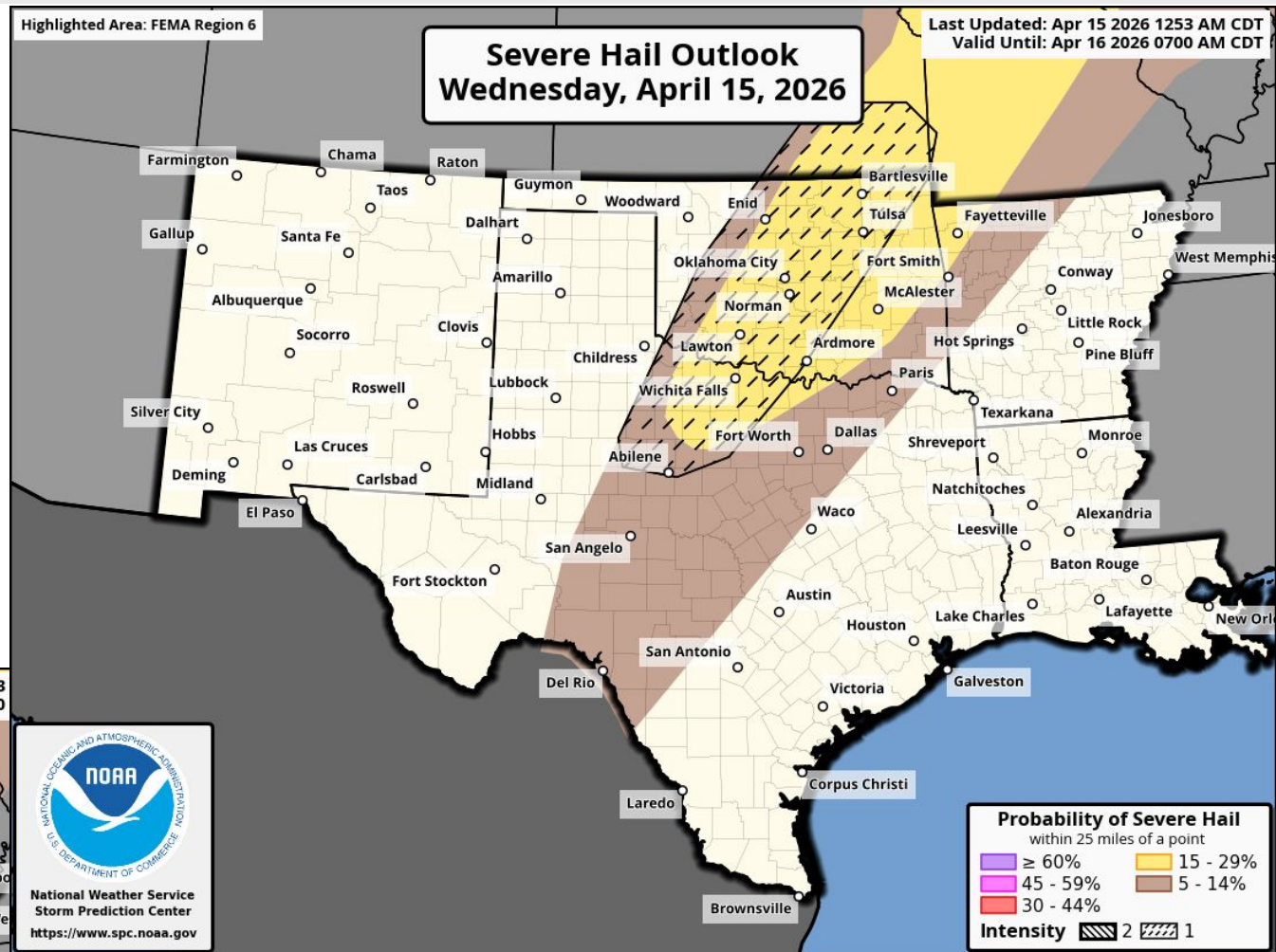
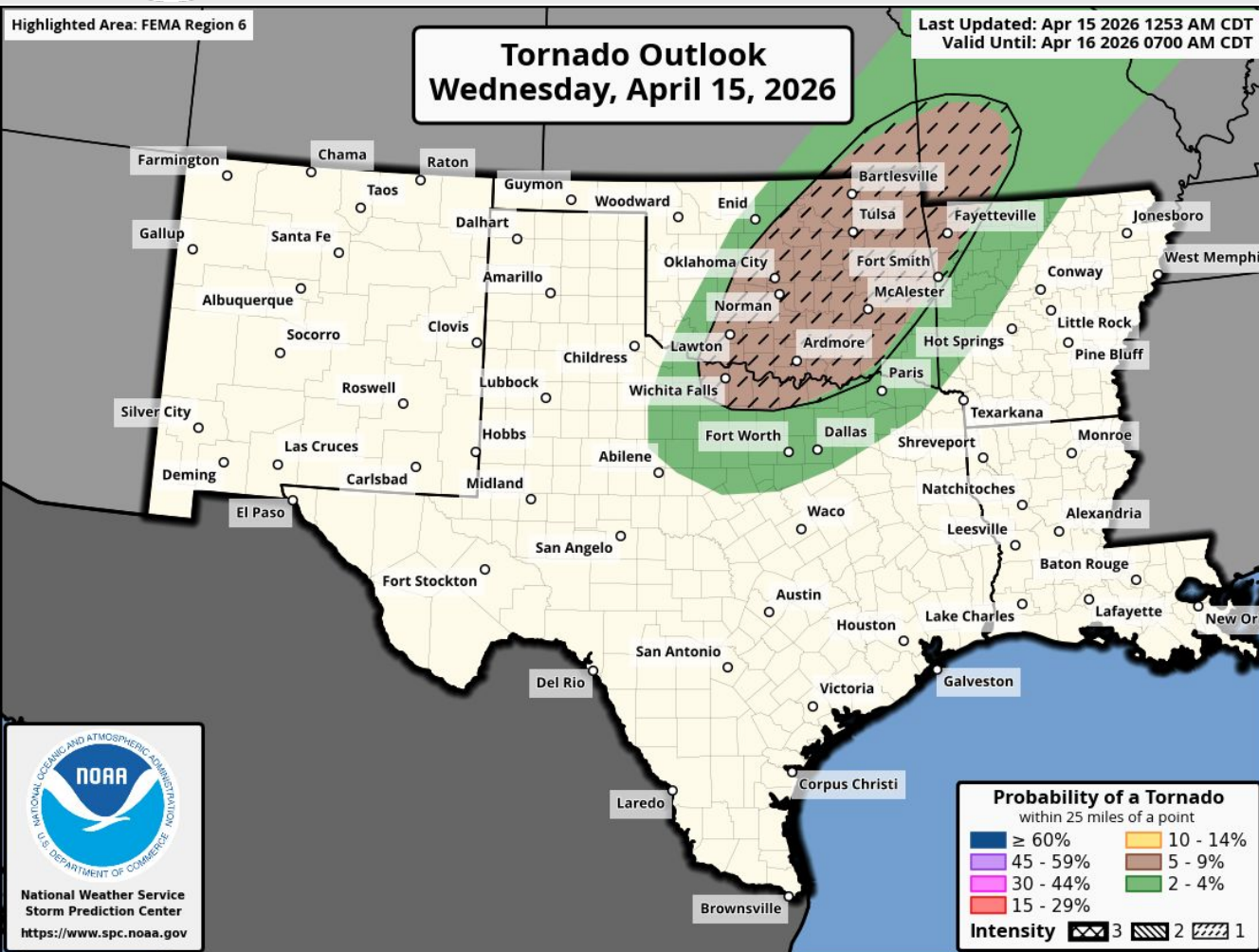
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over OK, NW AR, N/NW TX. Timing: 2 PM-11 PM.

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

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



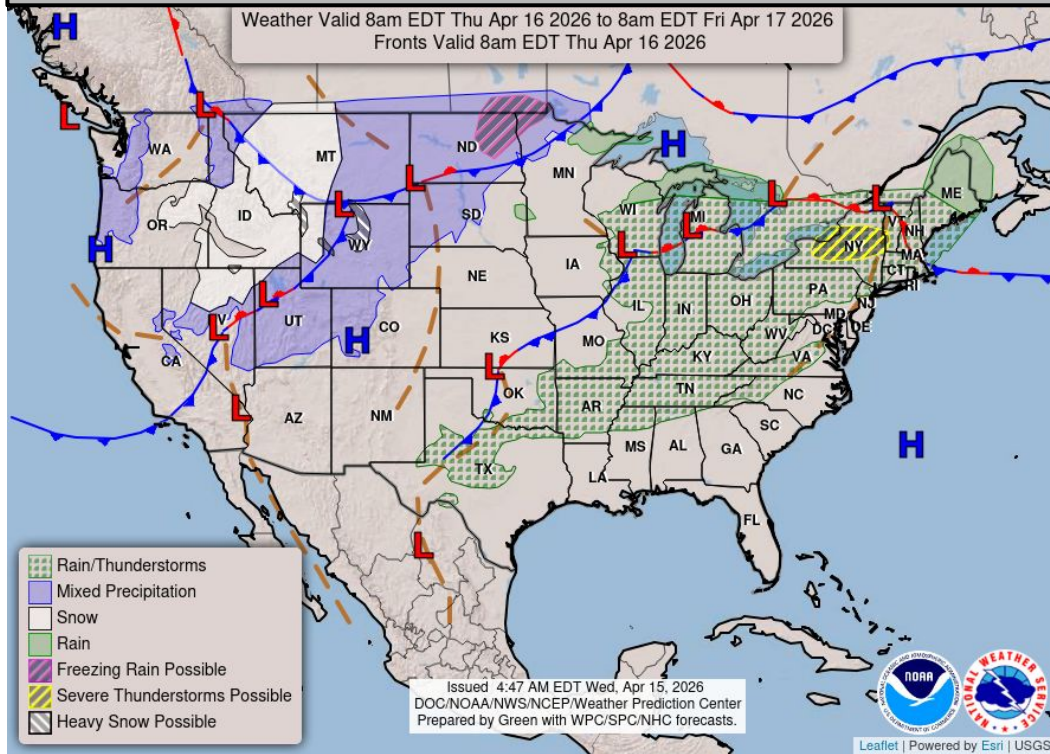
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



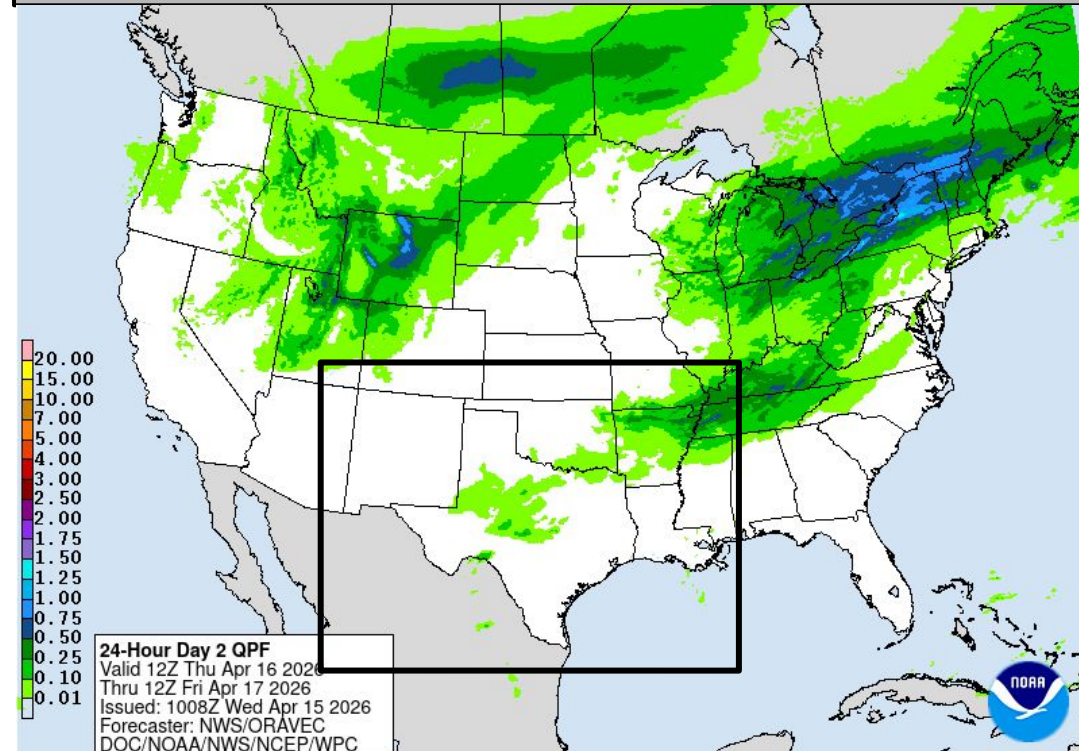


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

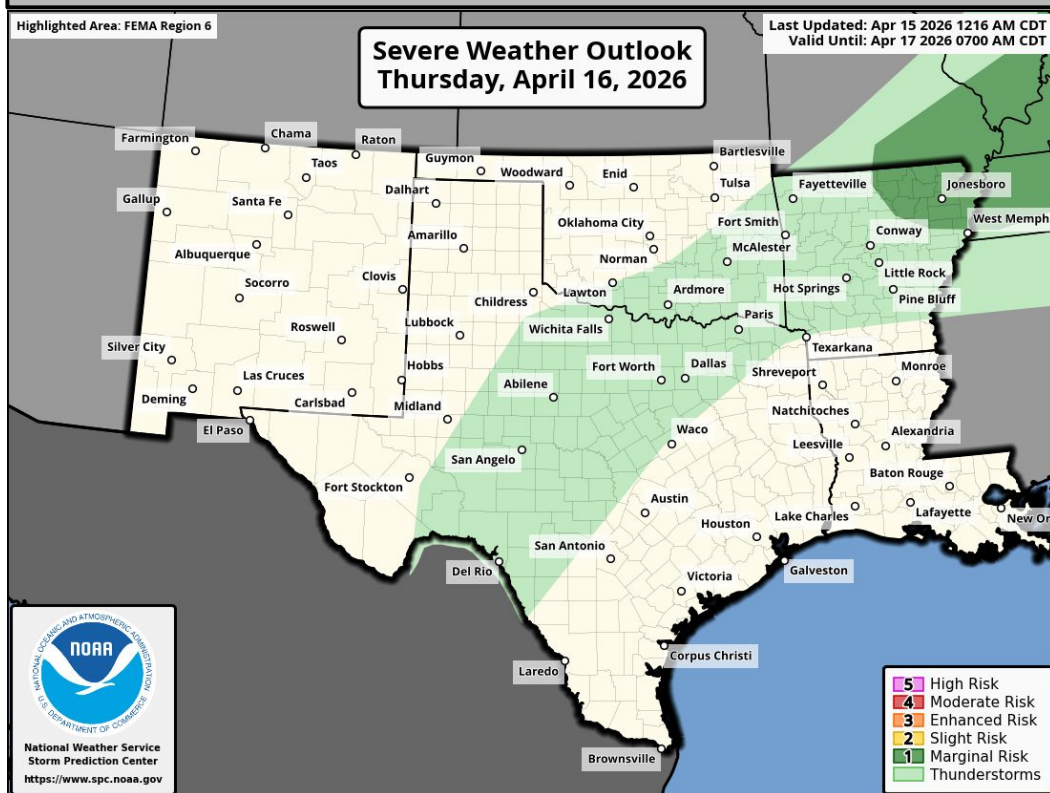


Forecast Rainfall

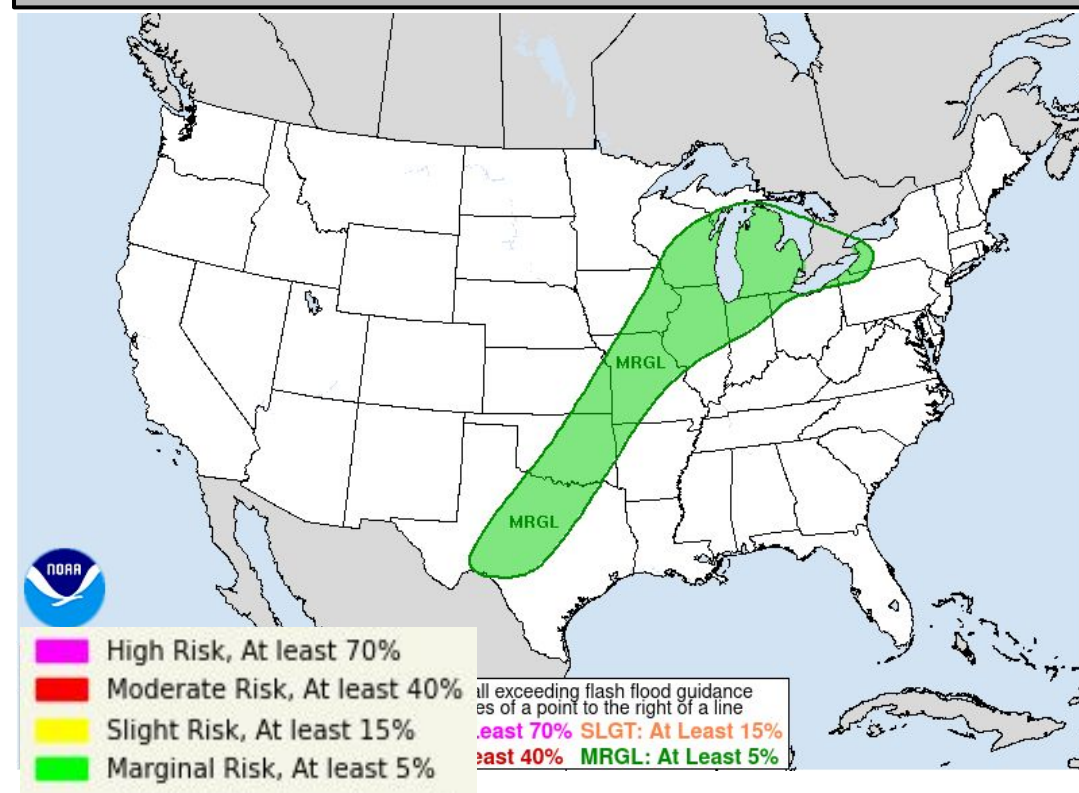


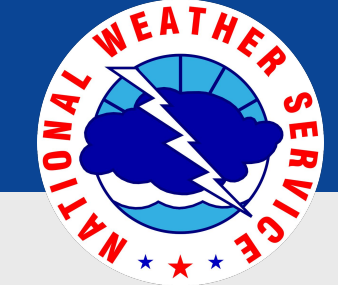
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Severe Weather Outlook

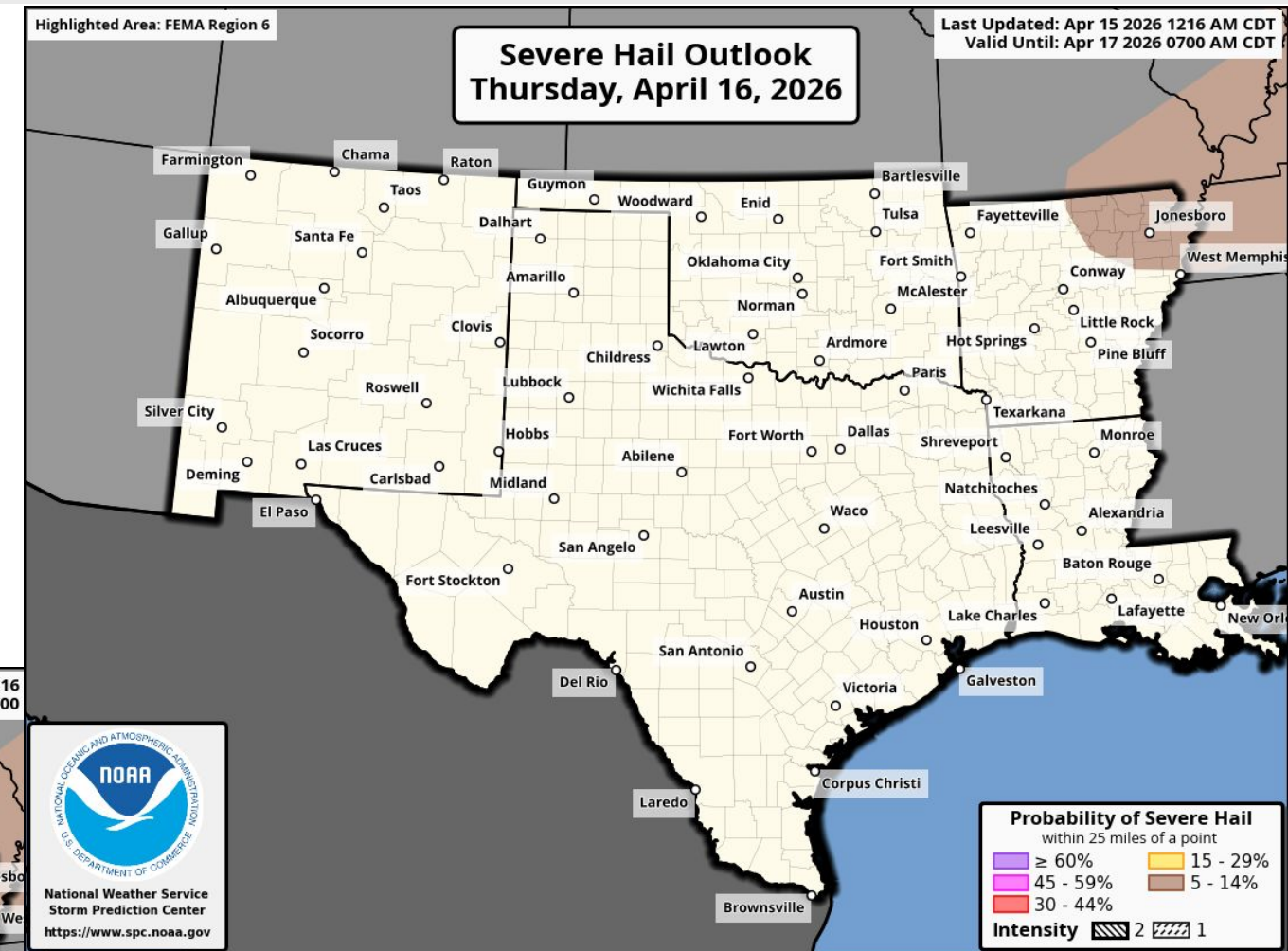
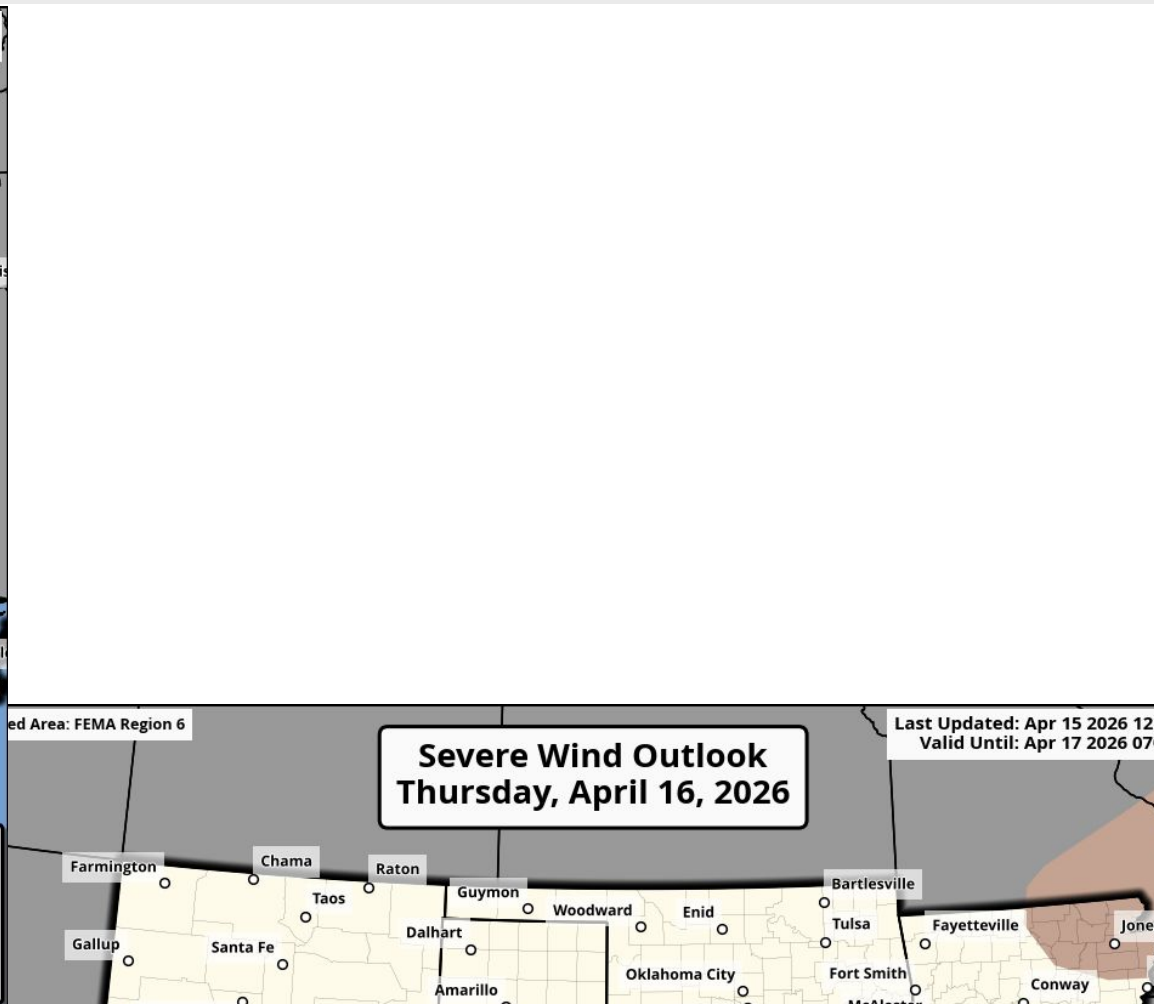
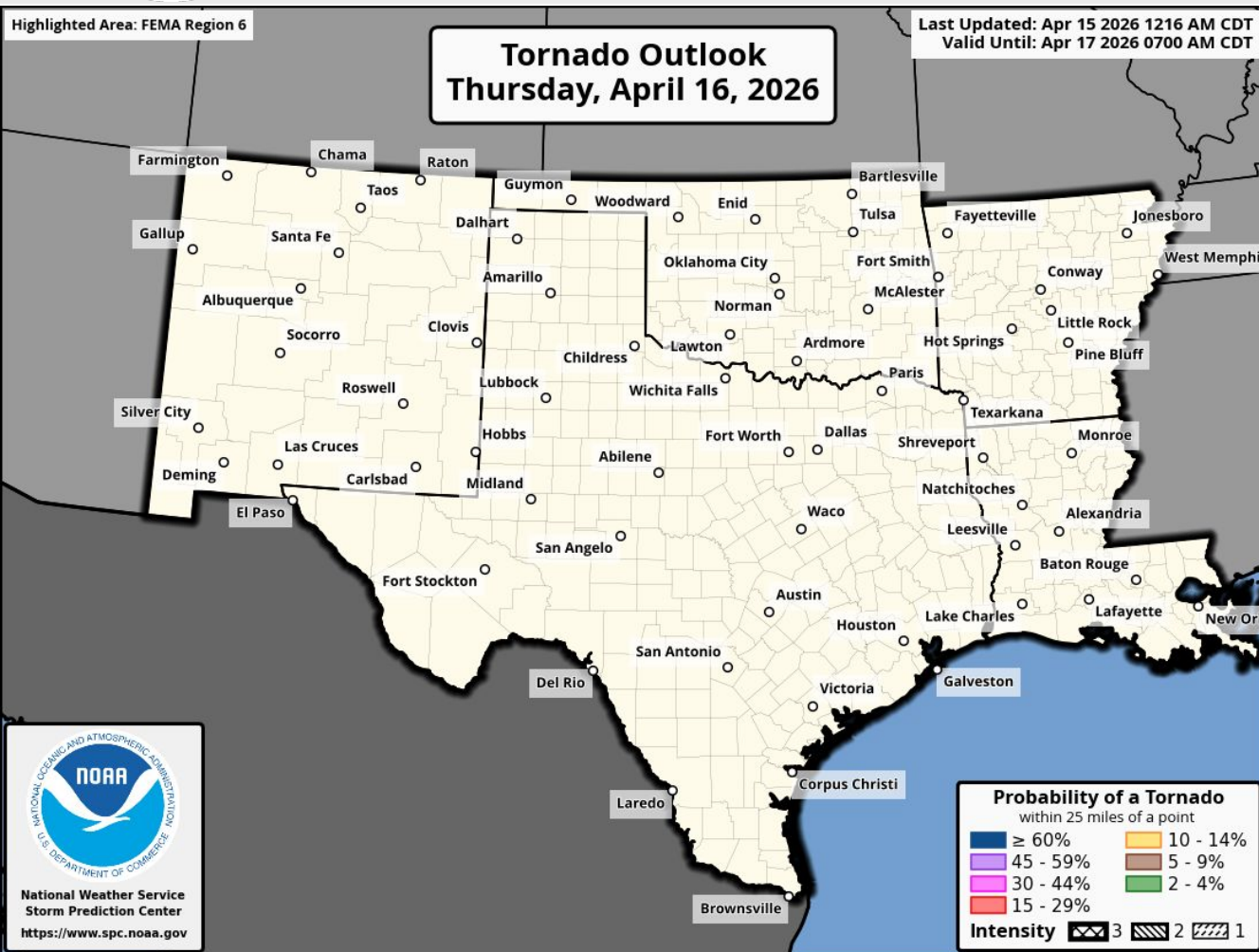


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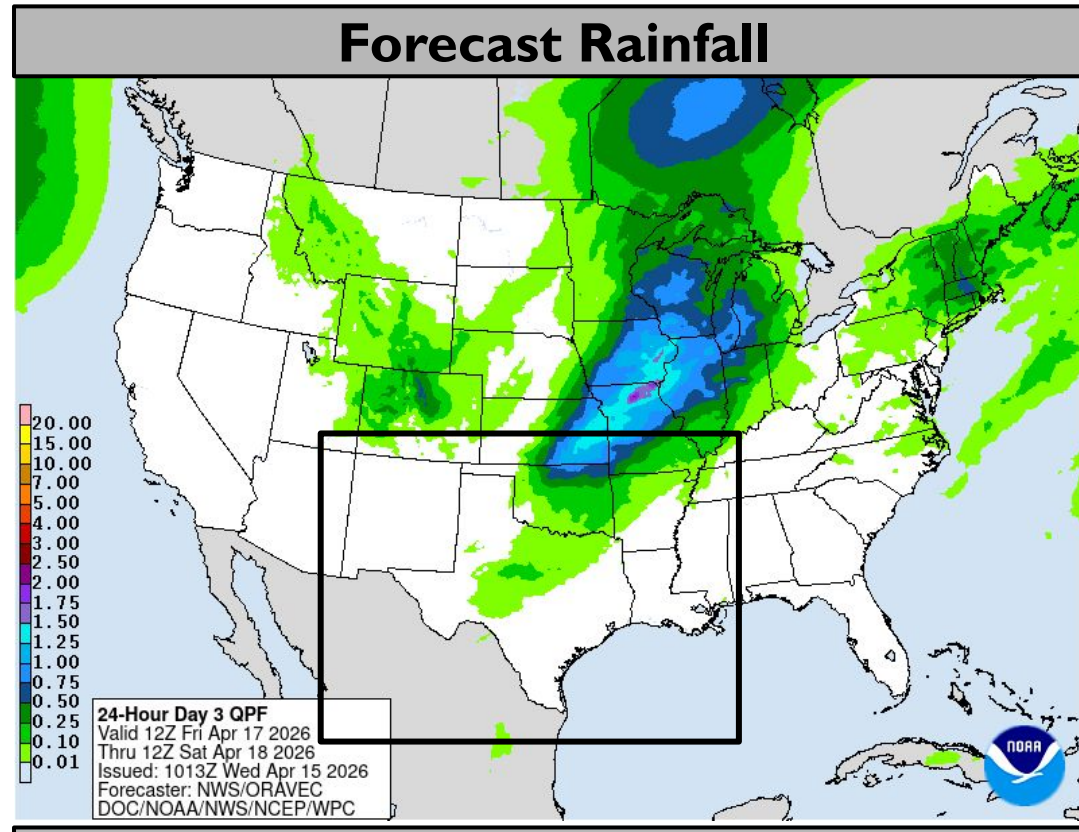
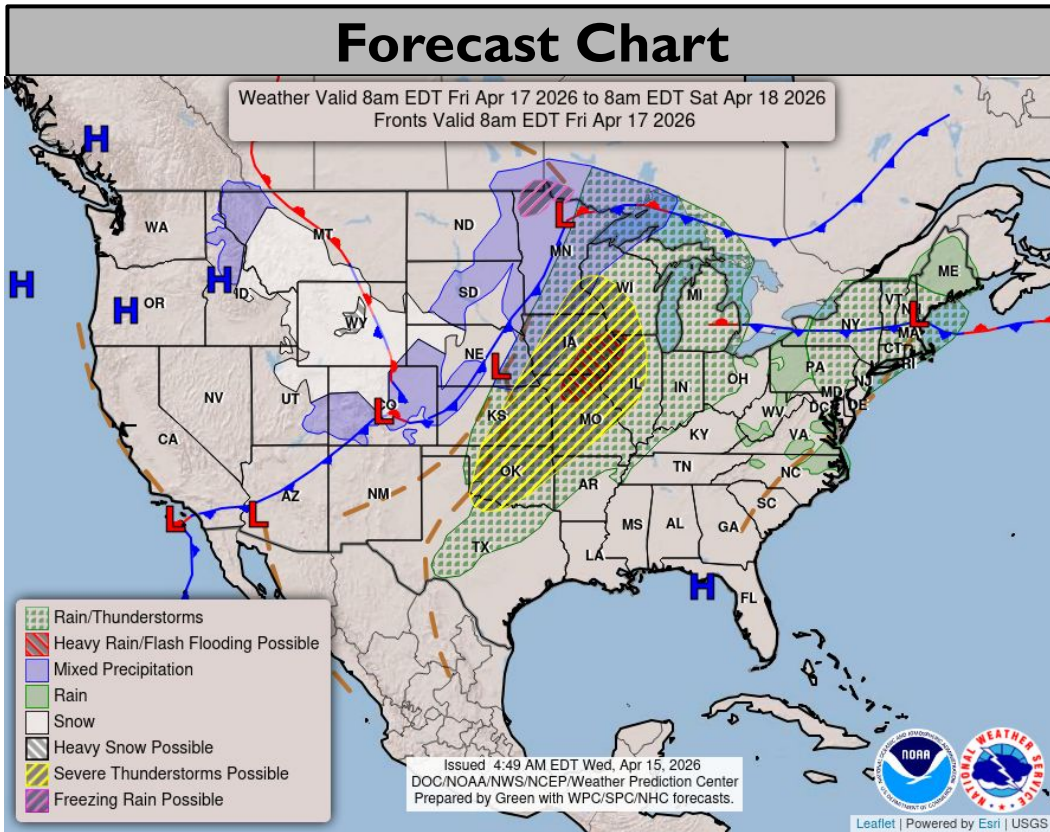


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





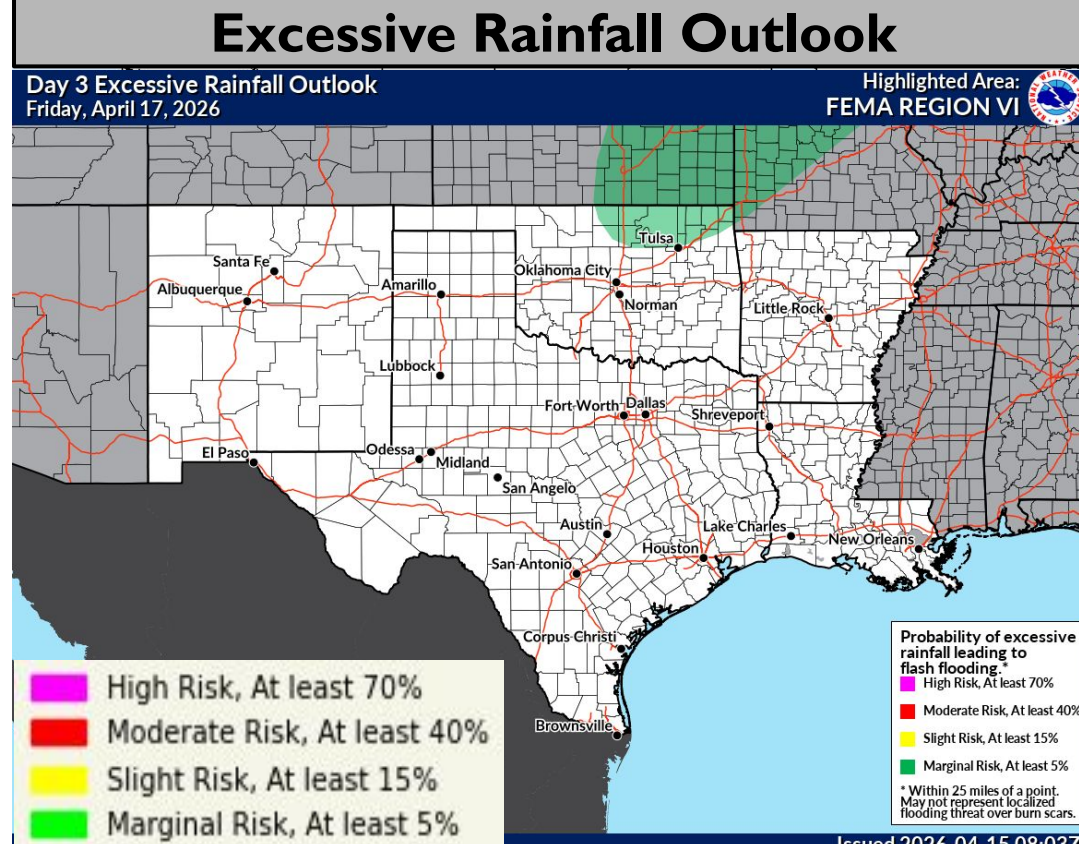
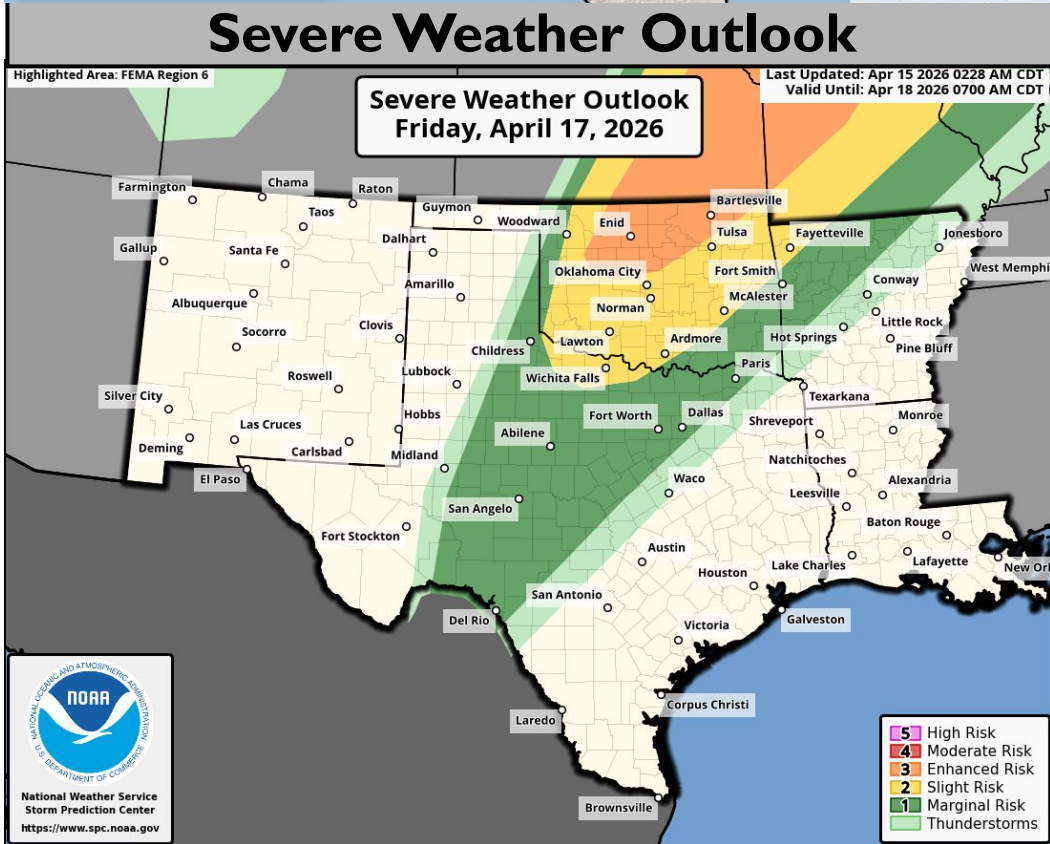
Friday's Weather



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms in N-C OK. Level I Hatching: All Hazards. Timing: afternoon-overnight.

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

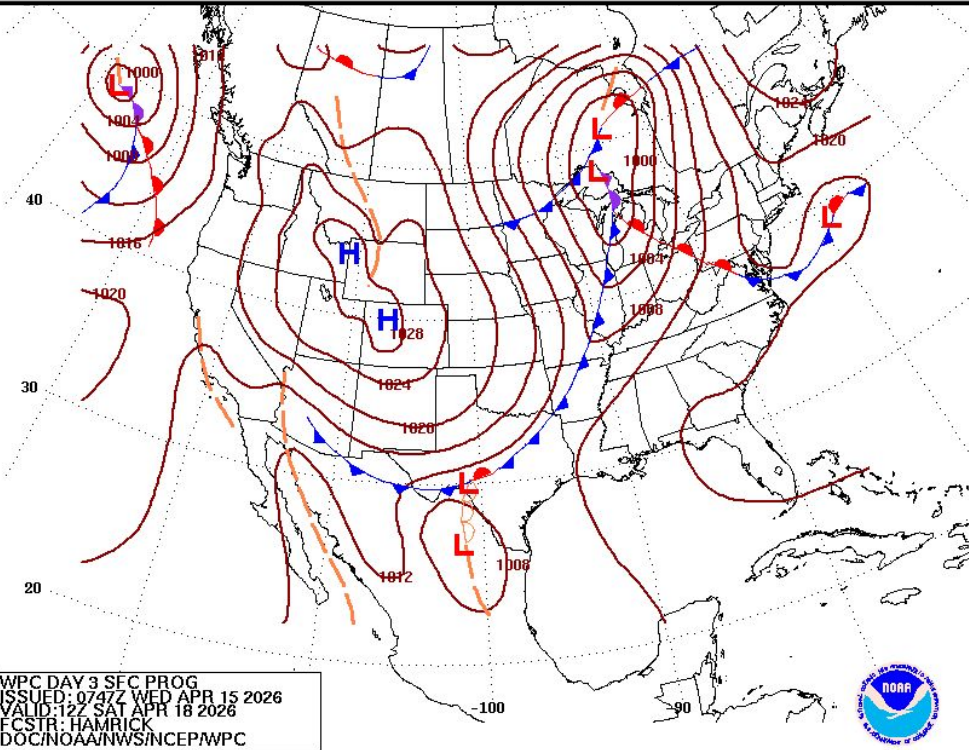
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in N OK.



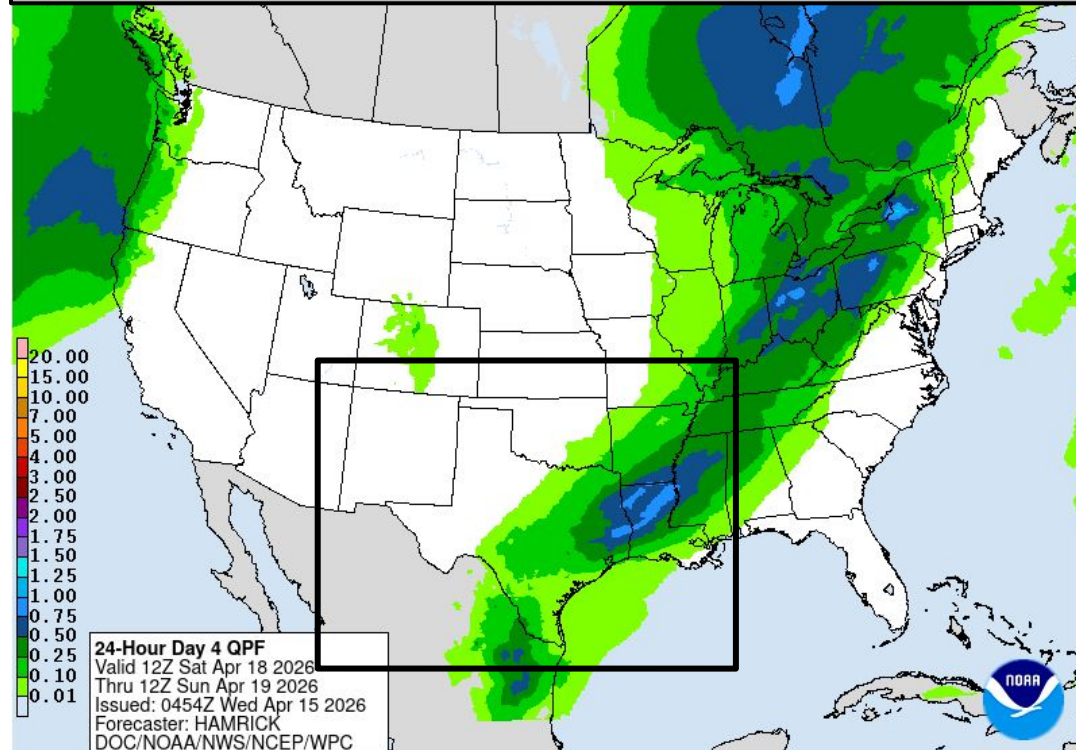


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



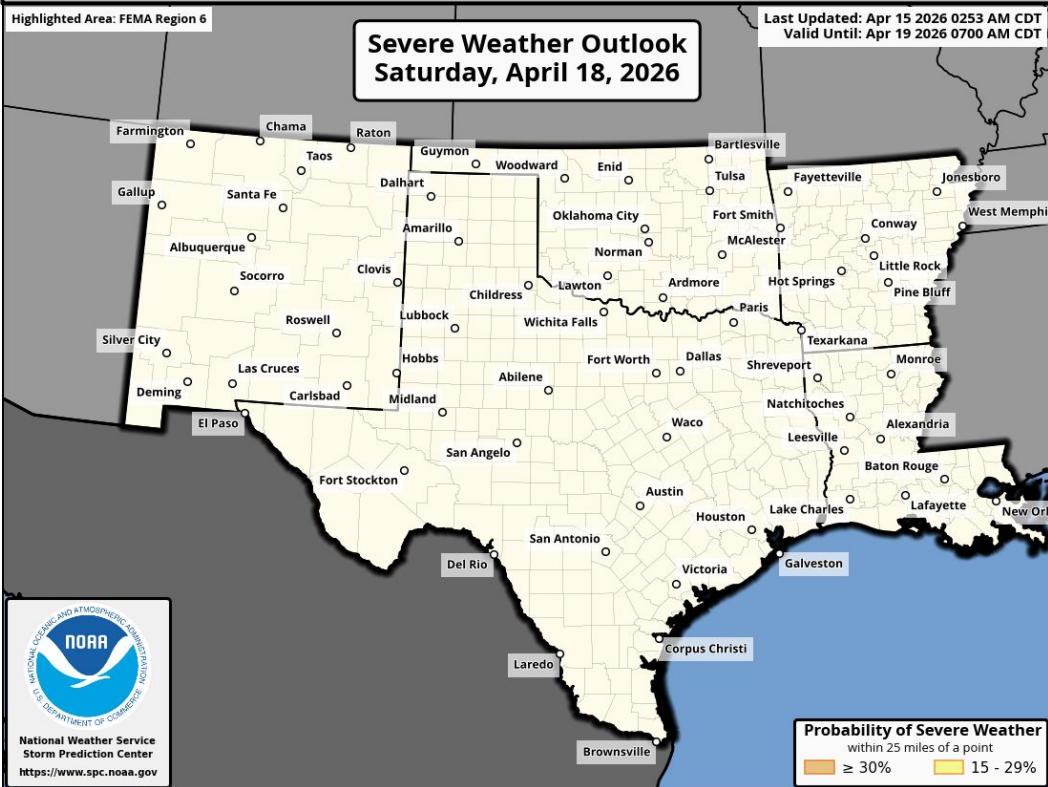
Forecast Rainfall



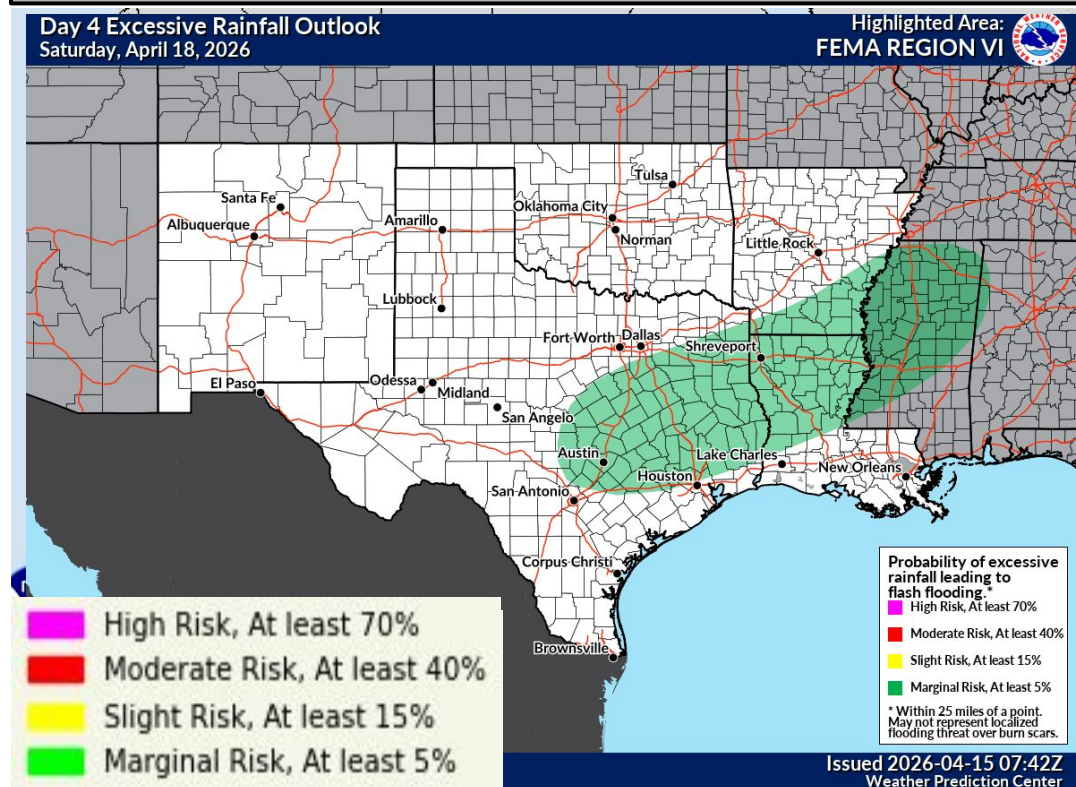
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in E/CTX, SAR, N LA.

Monitoring for severe storms over ETX, AR, LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



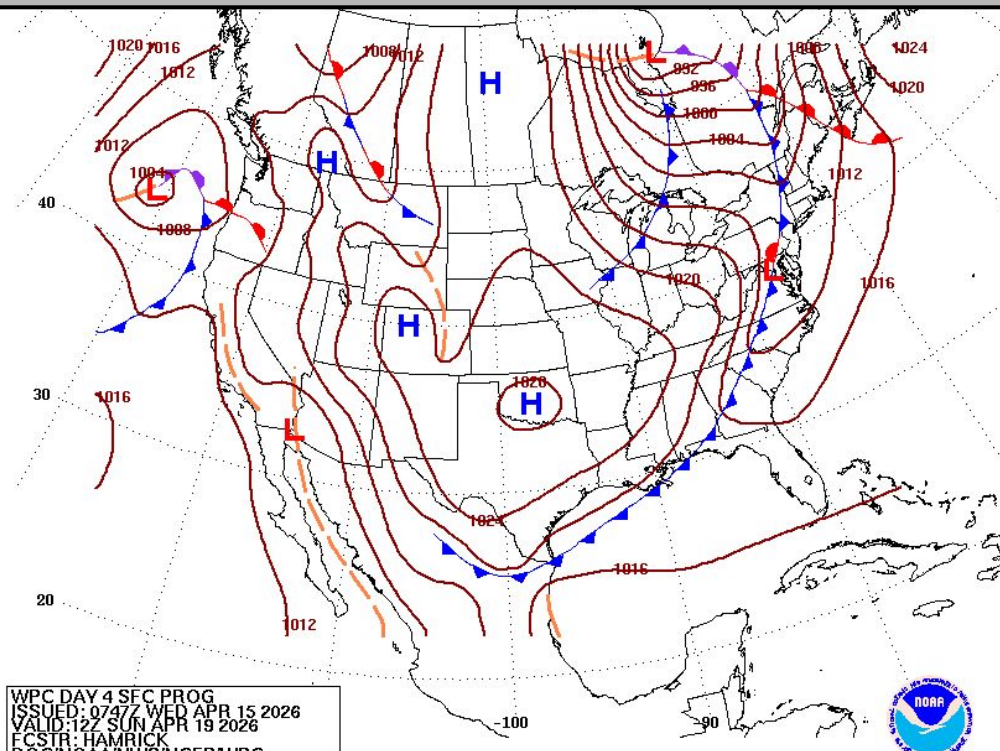
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





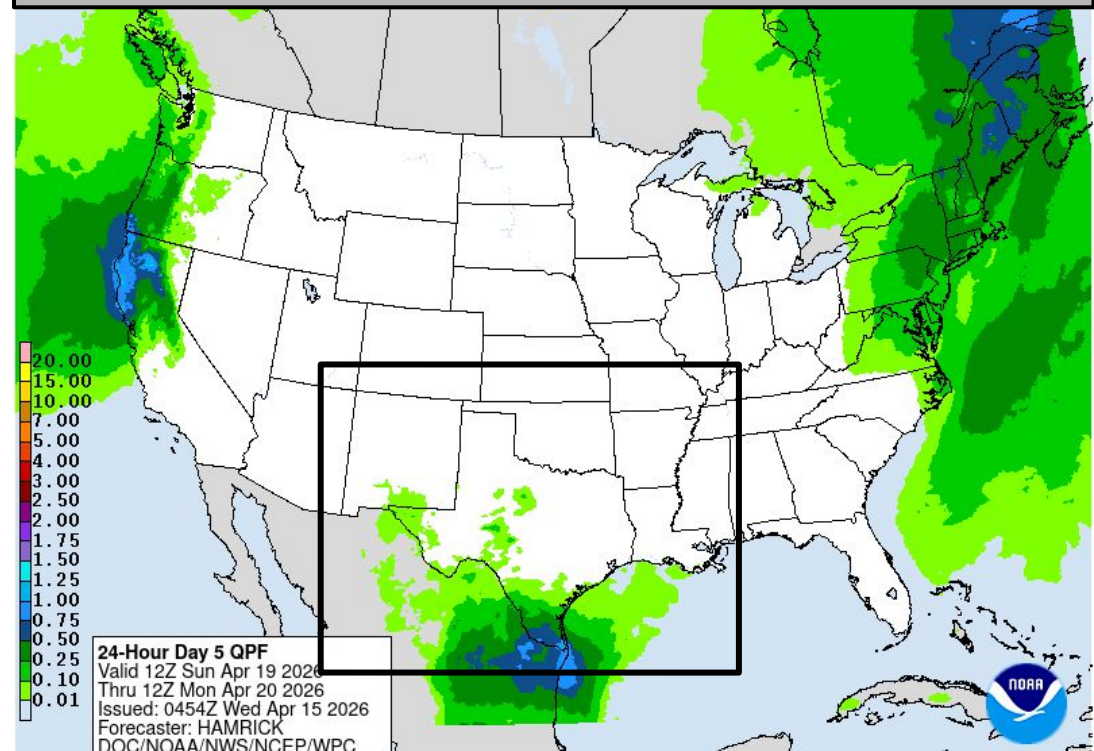
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z SUN APR 19 2026
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

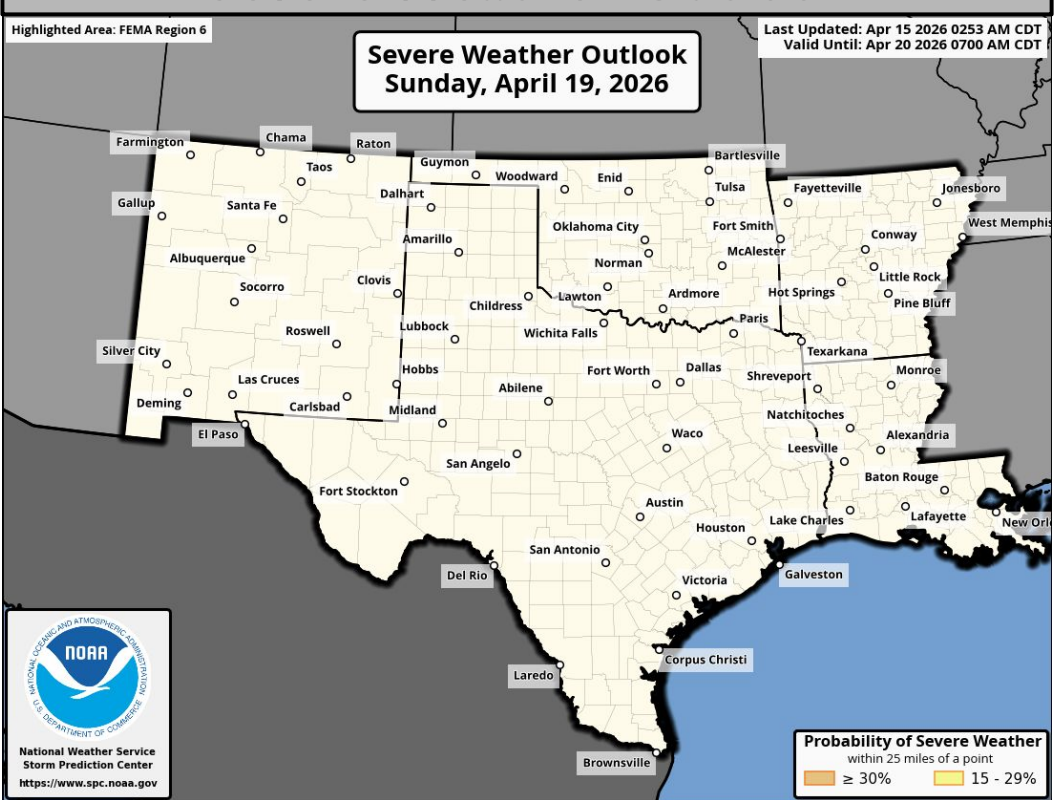
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun Apr 19 2026
Thru 12Z Mon Apr 20 2026
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

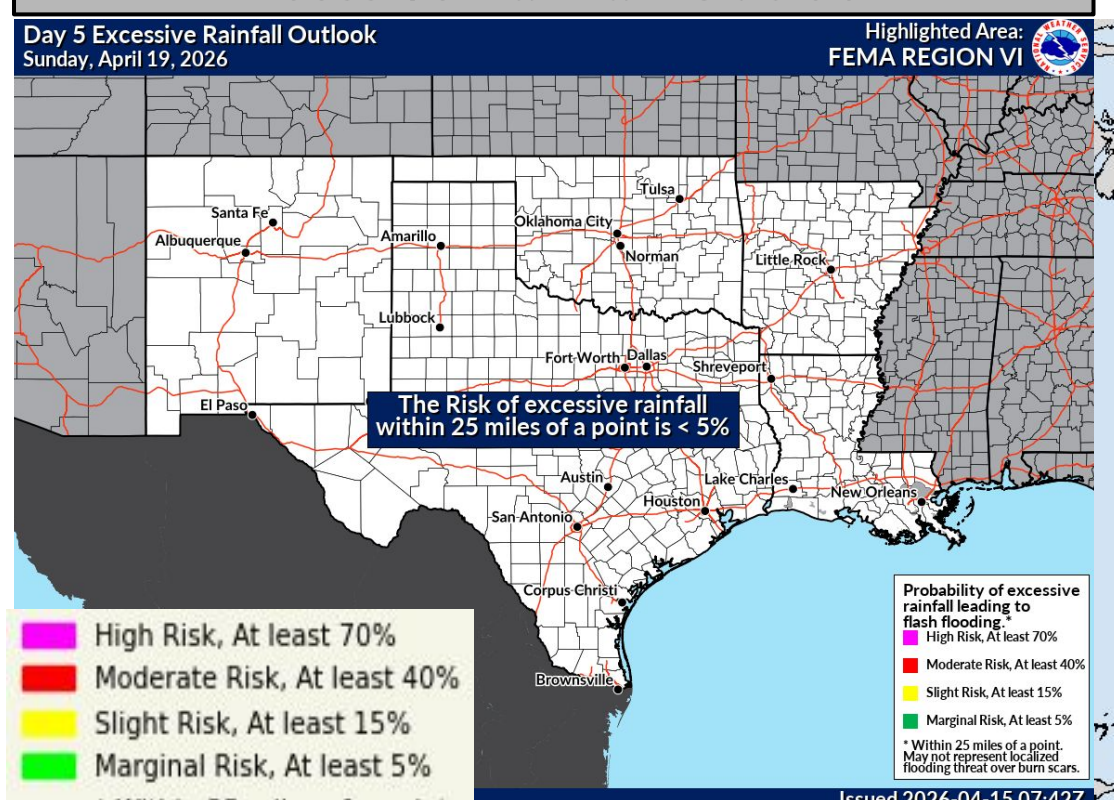


Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, April 19, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 15 2026 0253 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 20 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
Sunday, April 19, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

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

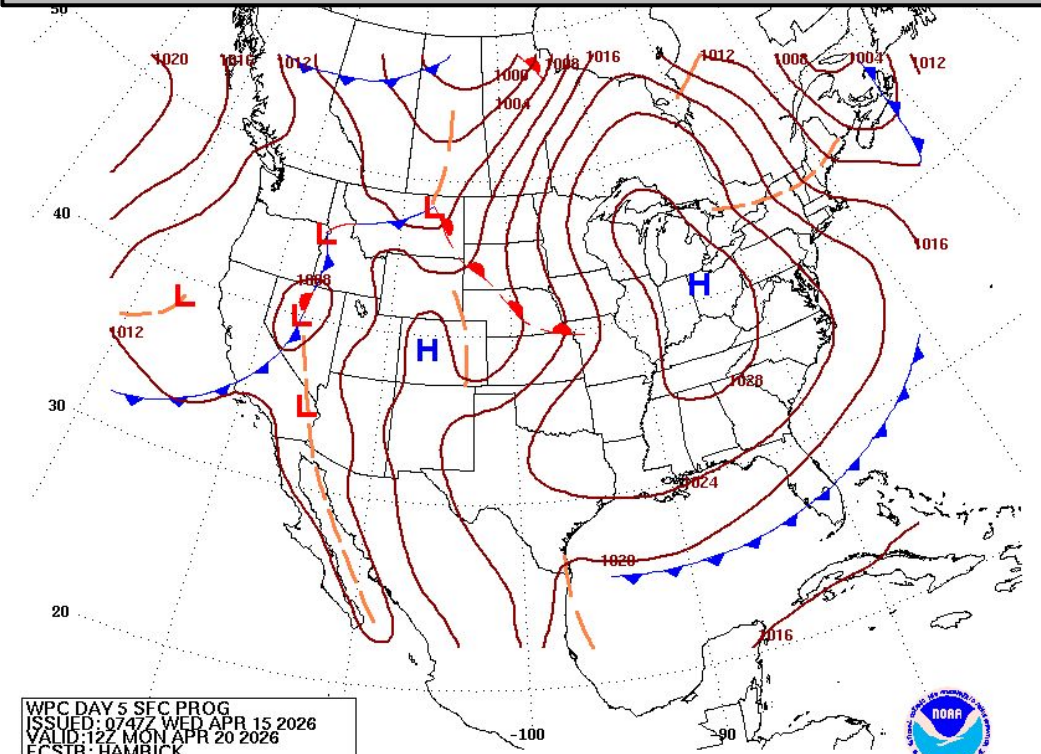
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding.
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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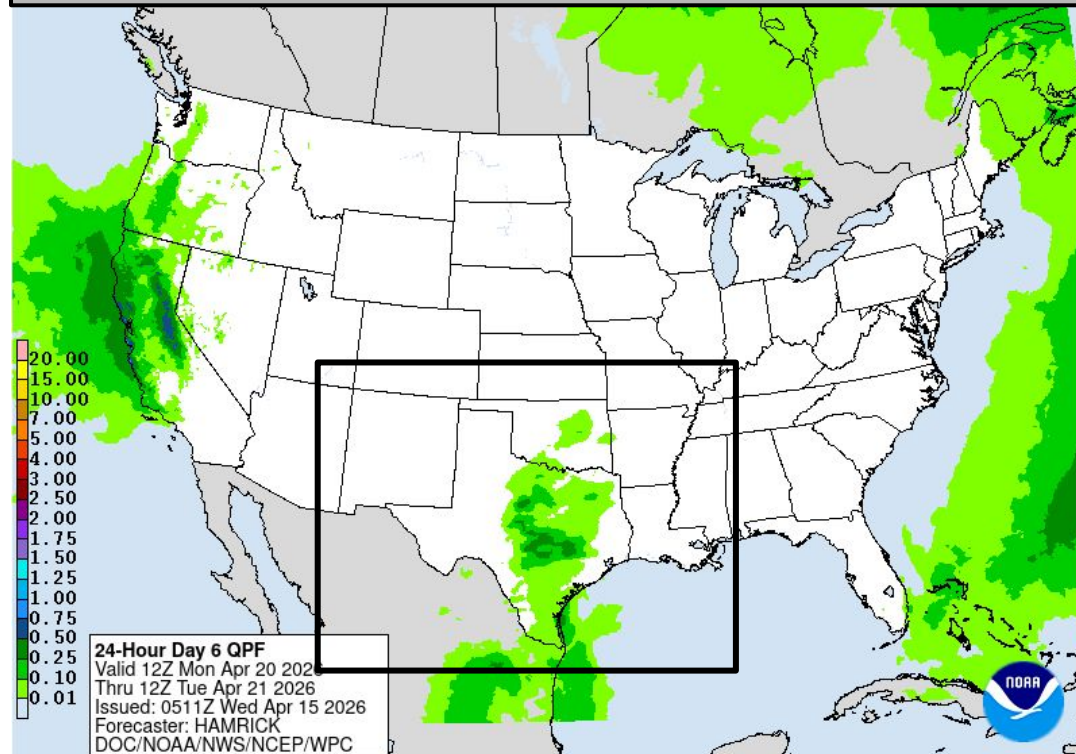
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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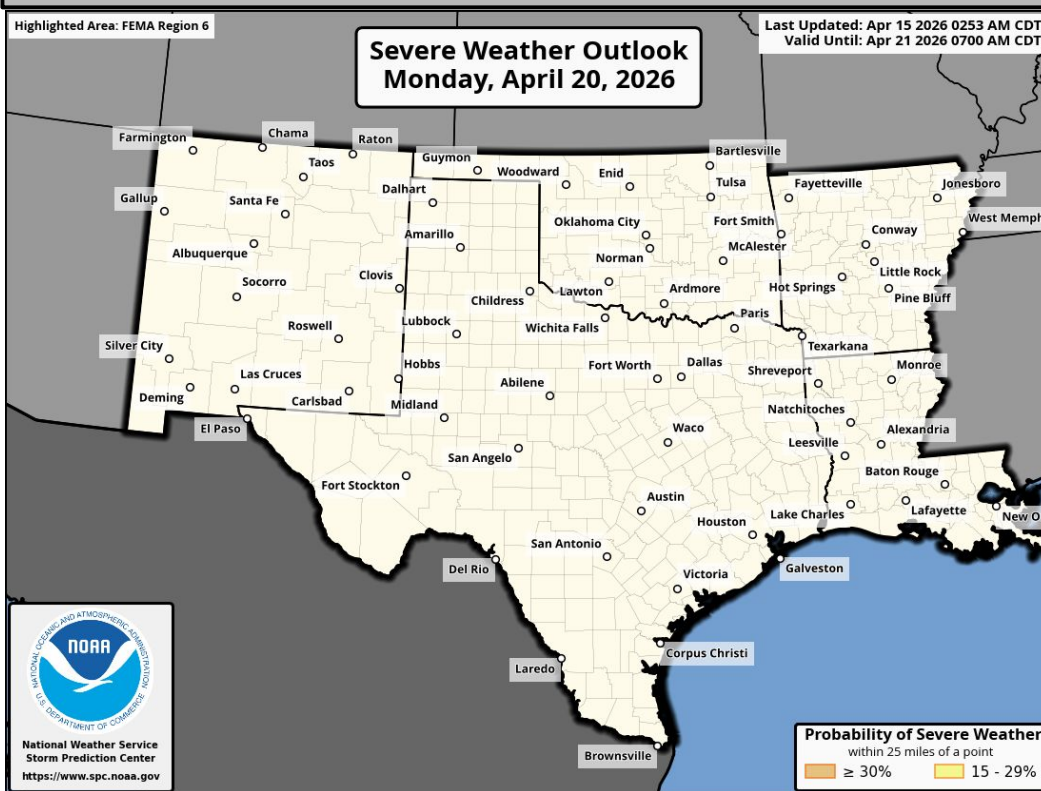
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 20, 2026

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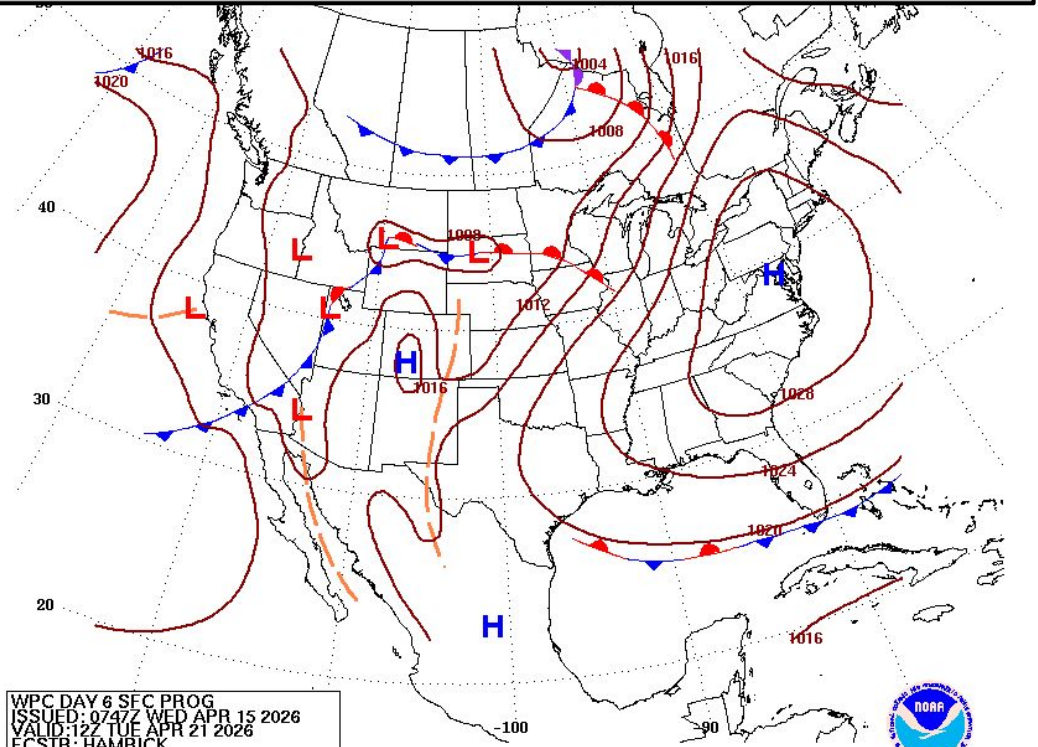
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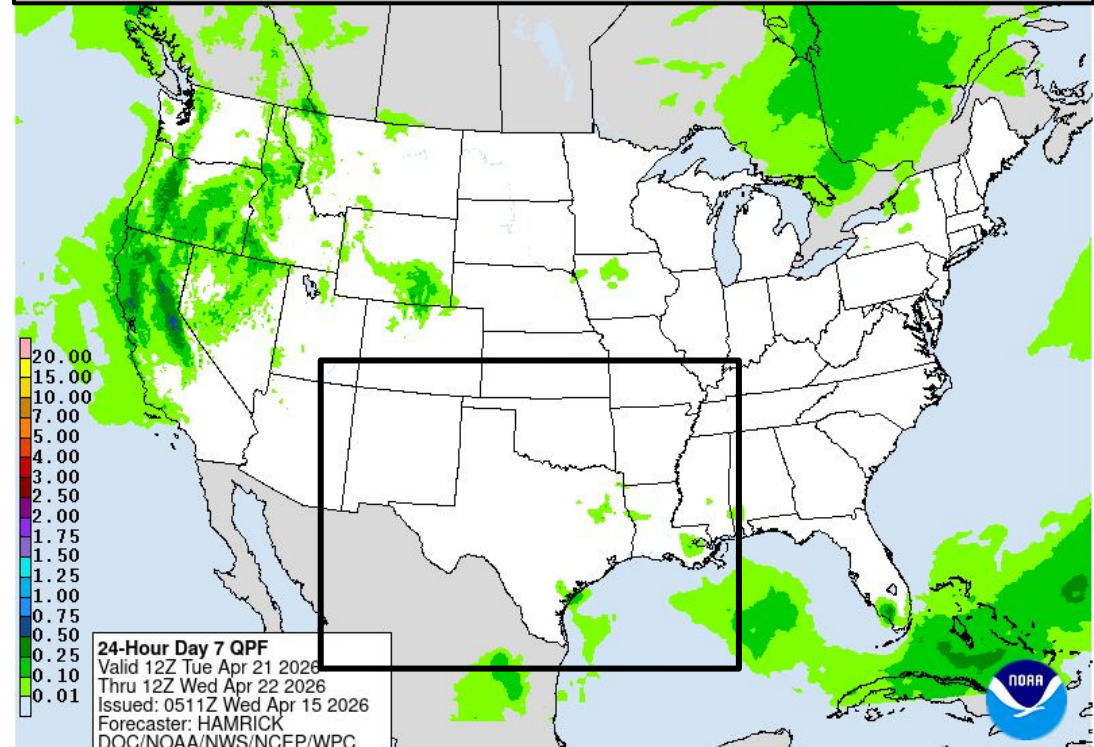
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z TUE APR 21 2026
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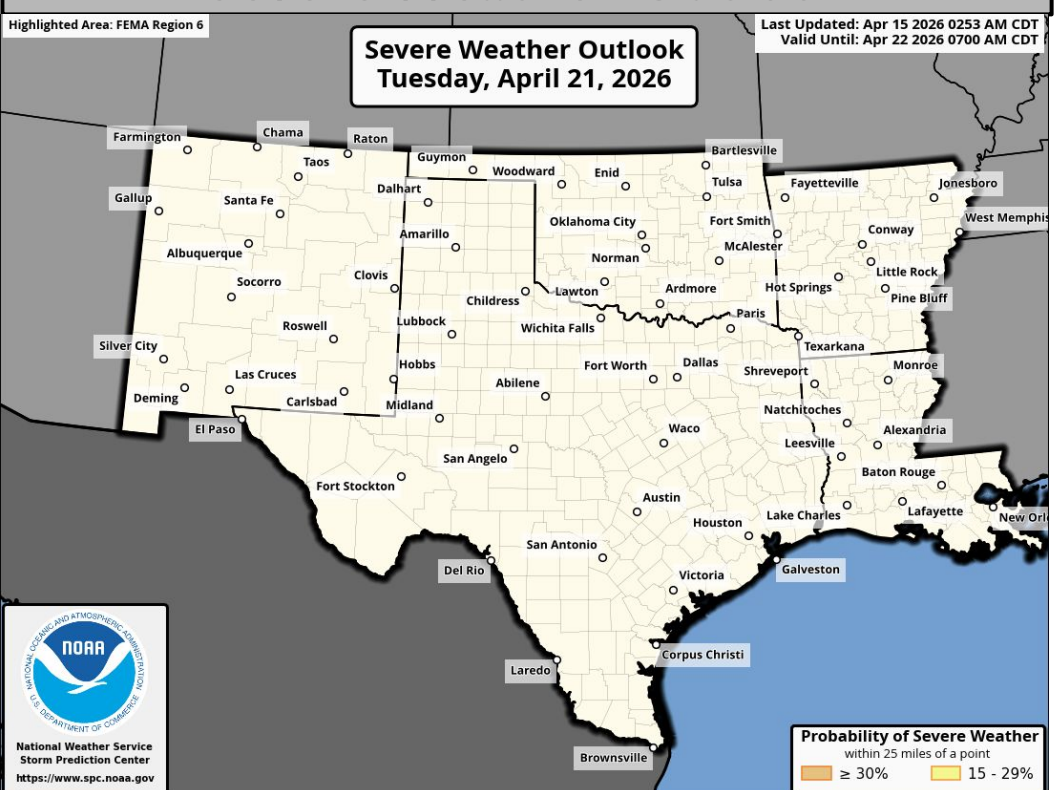
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

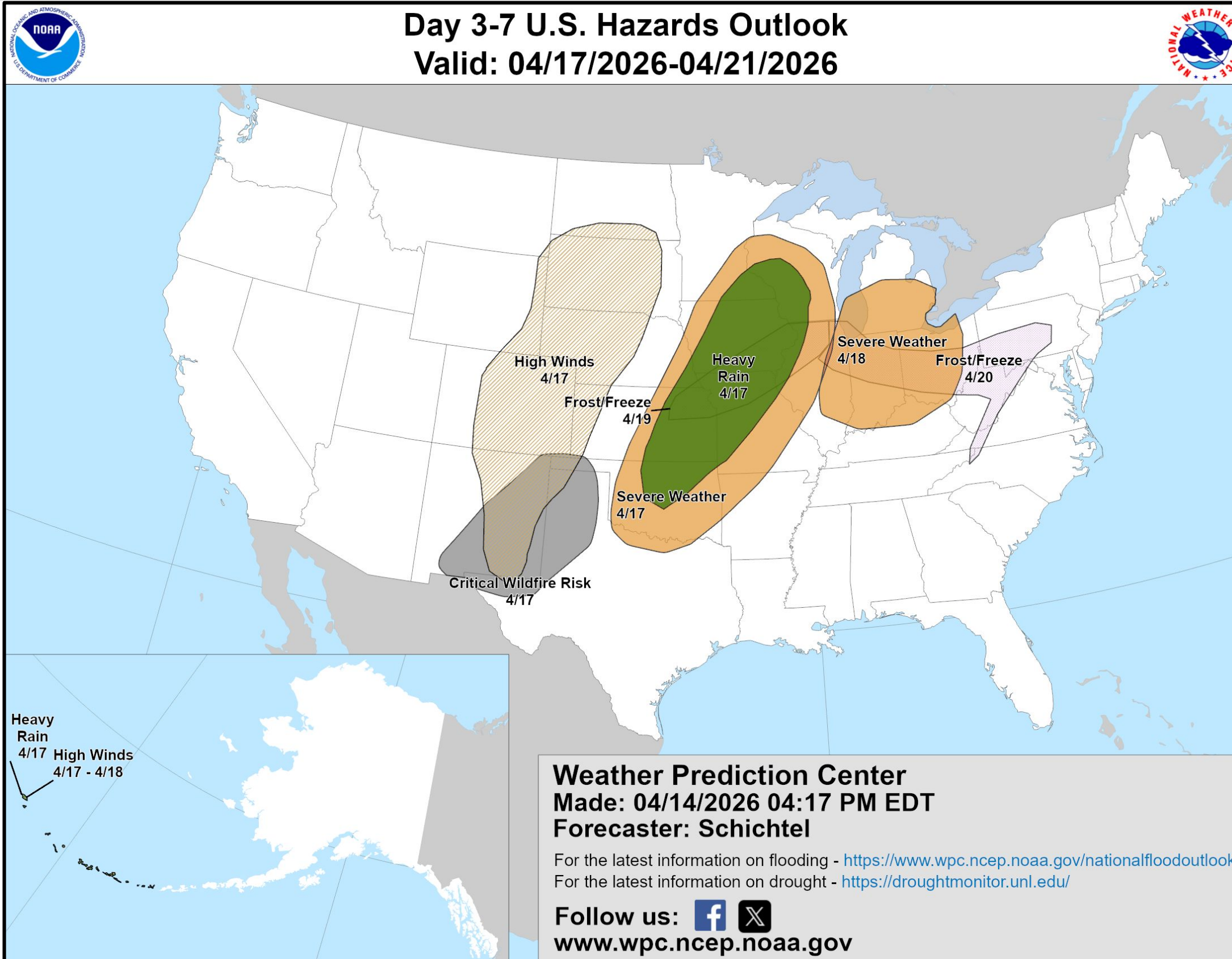
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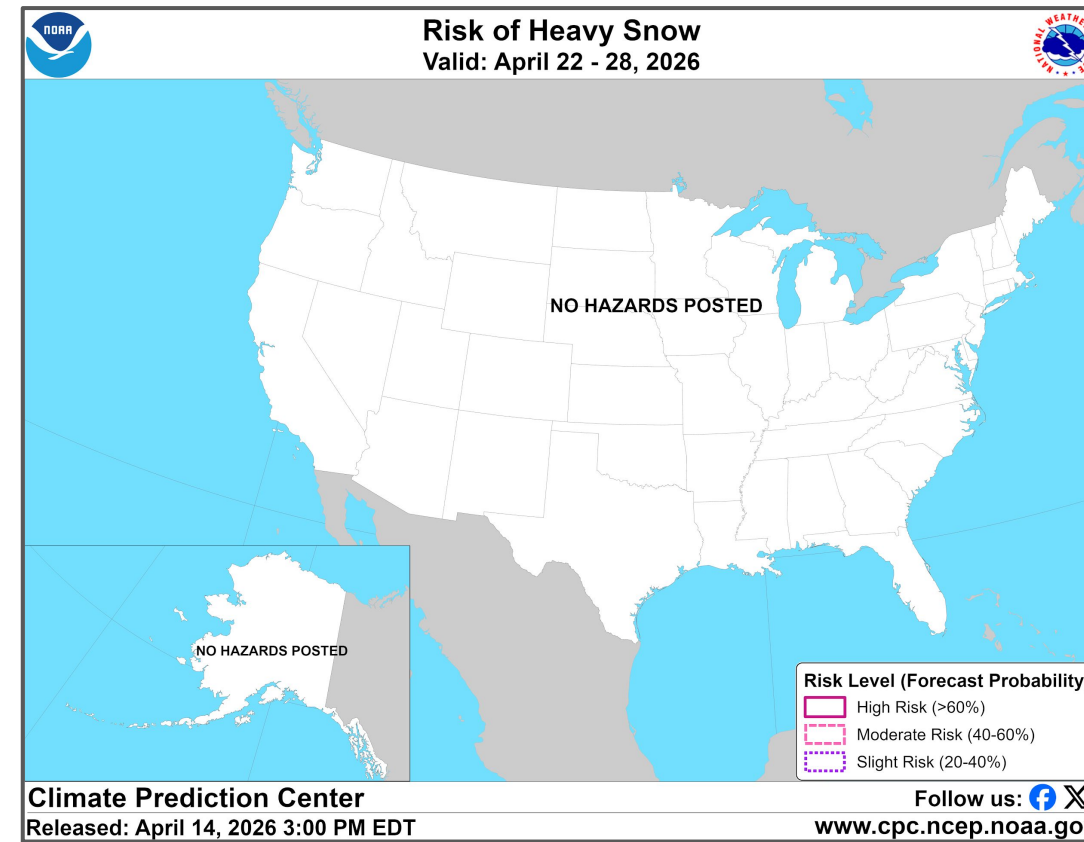
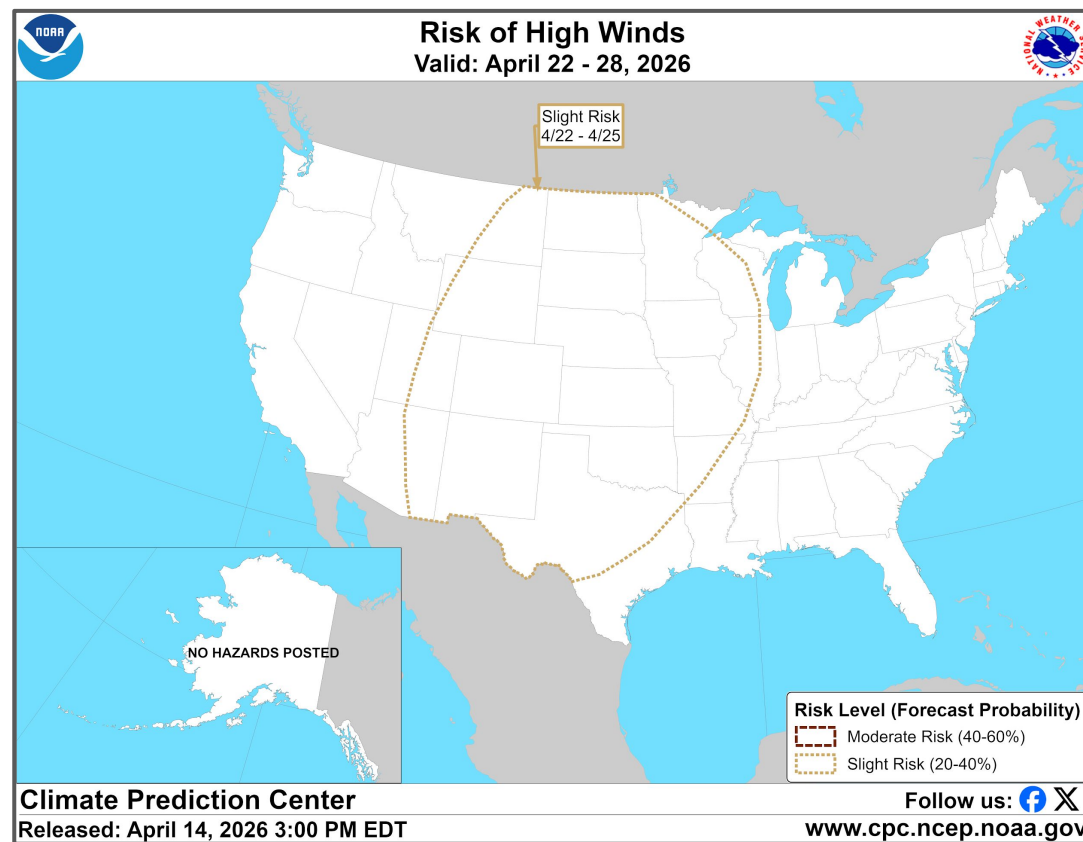
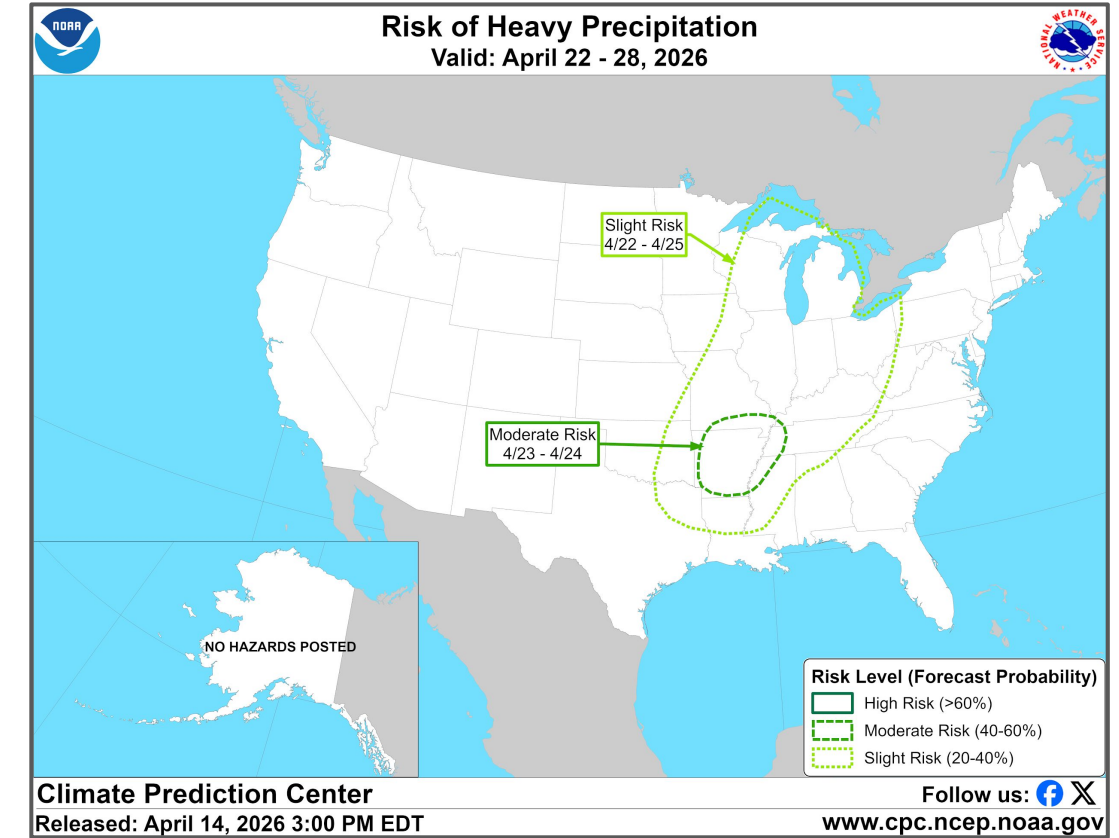
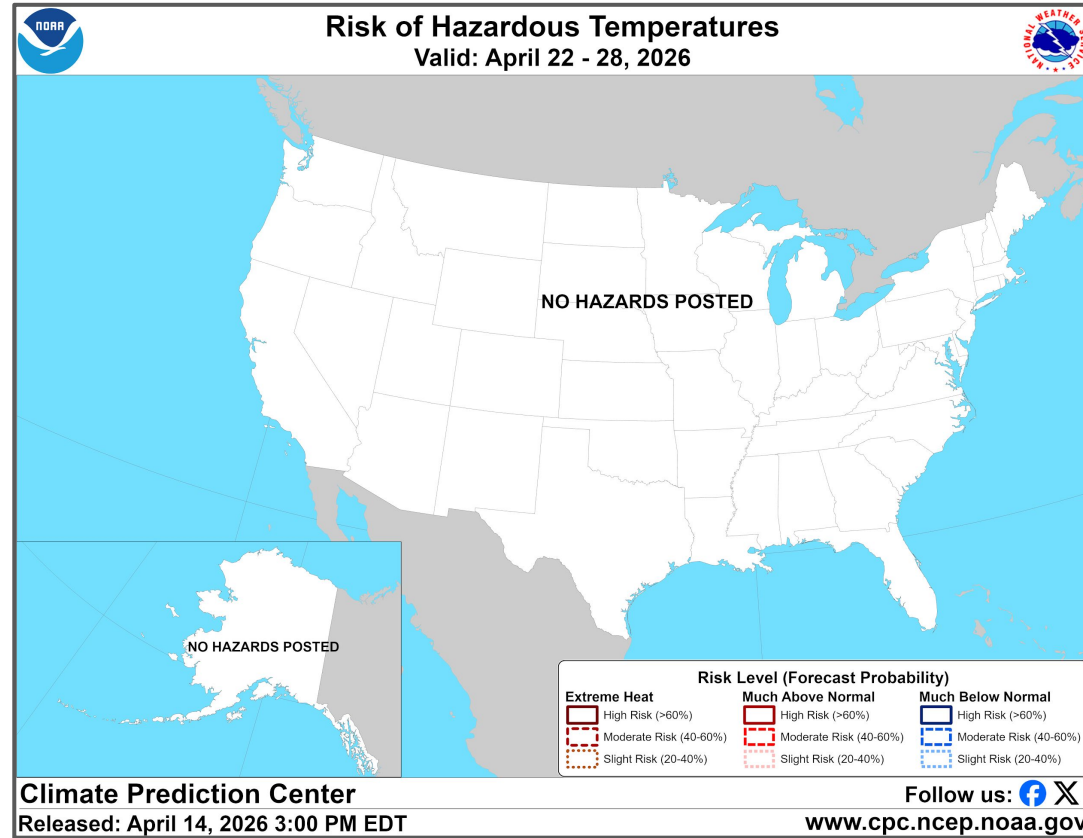
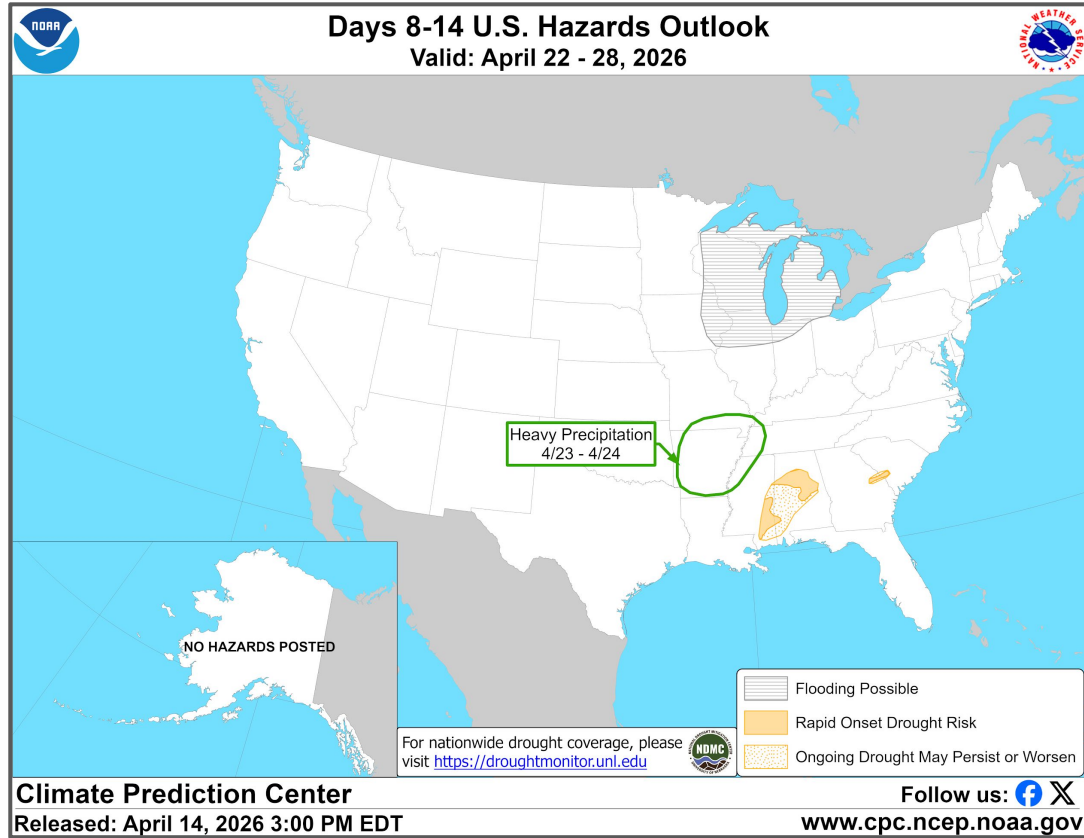


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





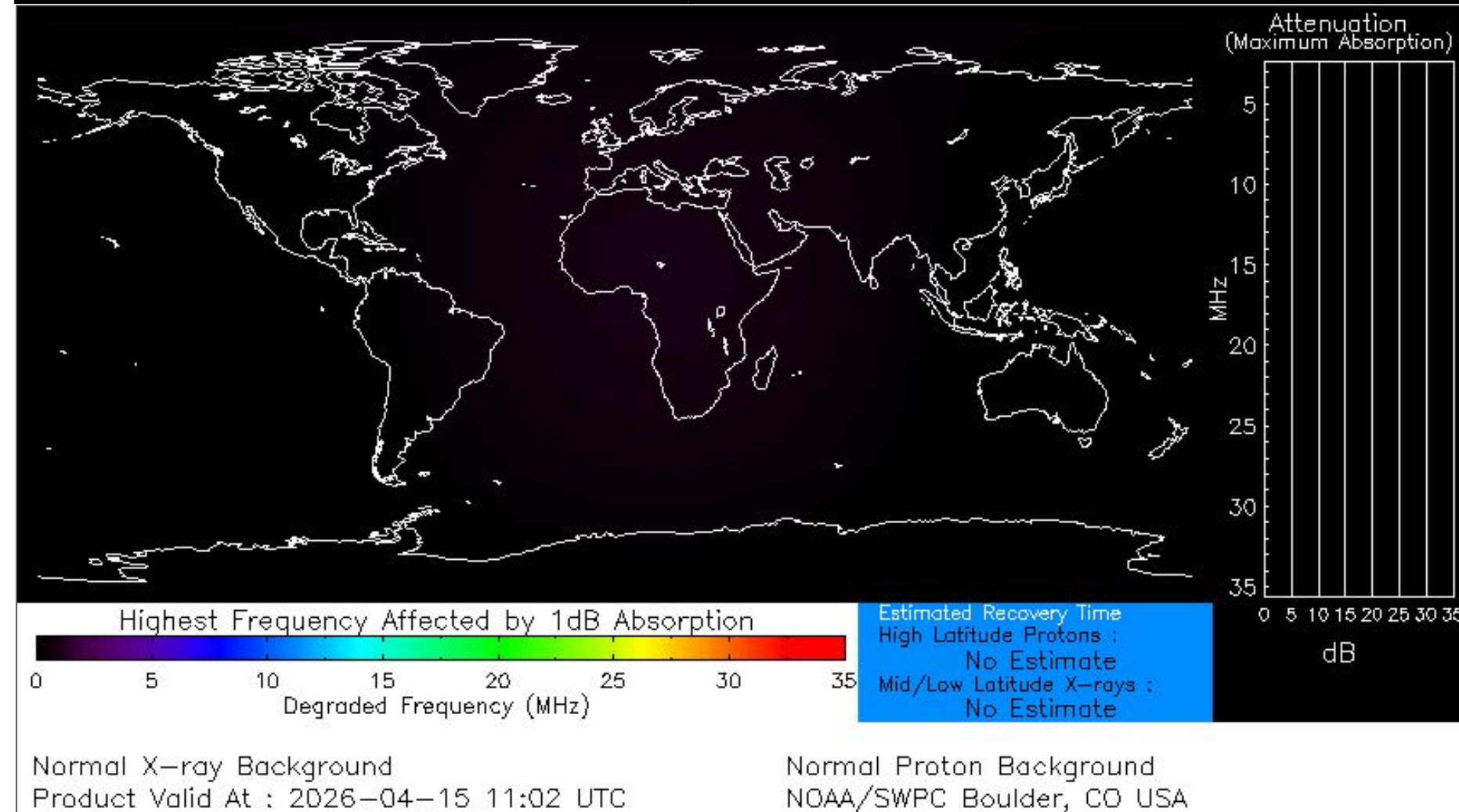
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook





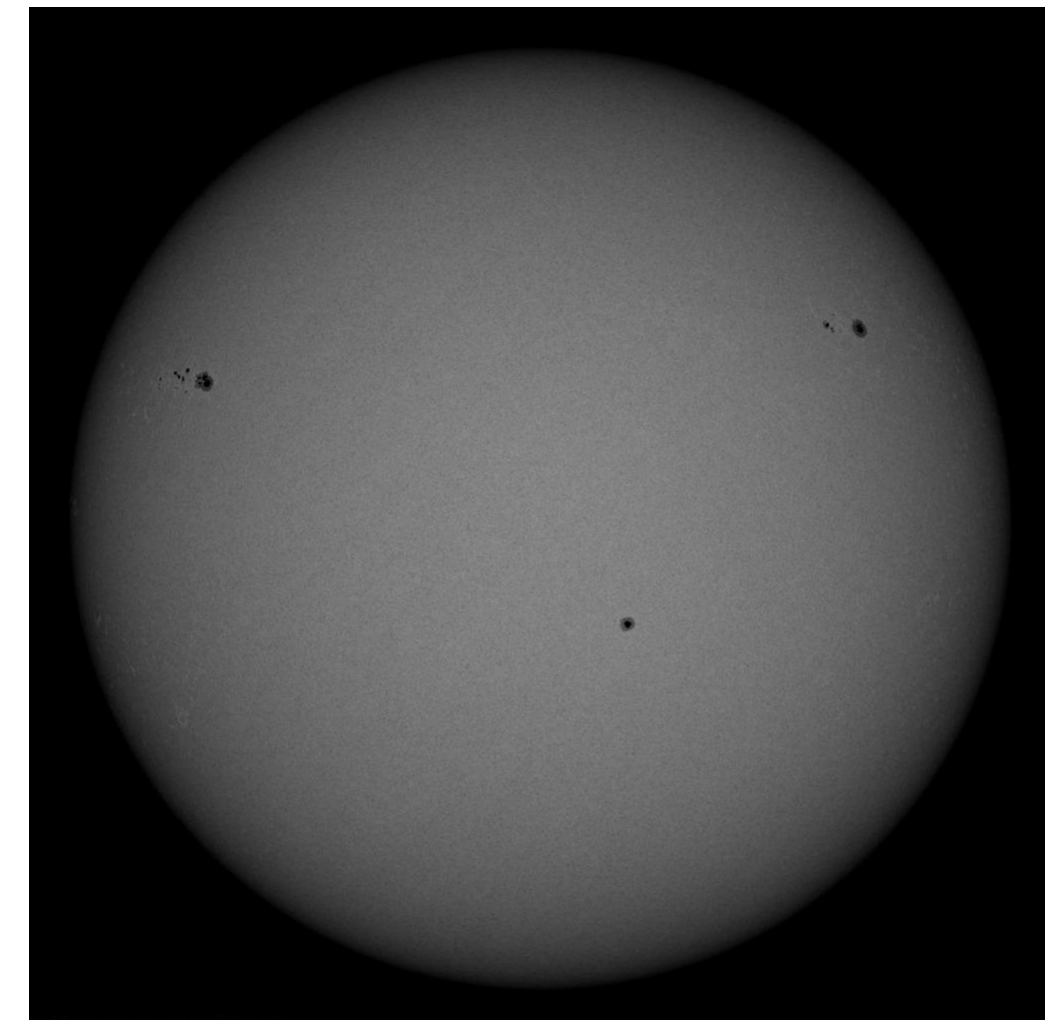
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Apr 15	Thursday, Apr 16	Friday, Apr 17
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	15%	15%
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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