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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, April 18, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today over Cntrl TX with hail the main threat.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Thursday over OK.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over SE TX and S LA today.
- Marginal risk for S/SE TX Sunday-Tuesday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Monitoring for rises in TX today.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire concerns today in the TX/OK Panhandles and NW TX.
- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, and W OK tomorrow.
- Elevated to locally critical over the TX/OK Panhandles on Monday and over the Panhandles, E NM, W OK and W TX Wednesday-Thursday.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Apr 18	Sunday, Apr 19	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24
Severe Storms	CTX					OK	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SETX, S LA	STX	STX	SETX			
Heat							
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles, NW TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	TX/OK Panhandles		E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	
River Flooding	Monitoring sections of TX						

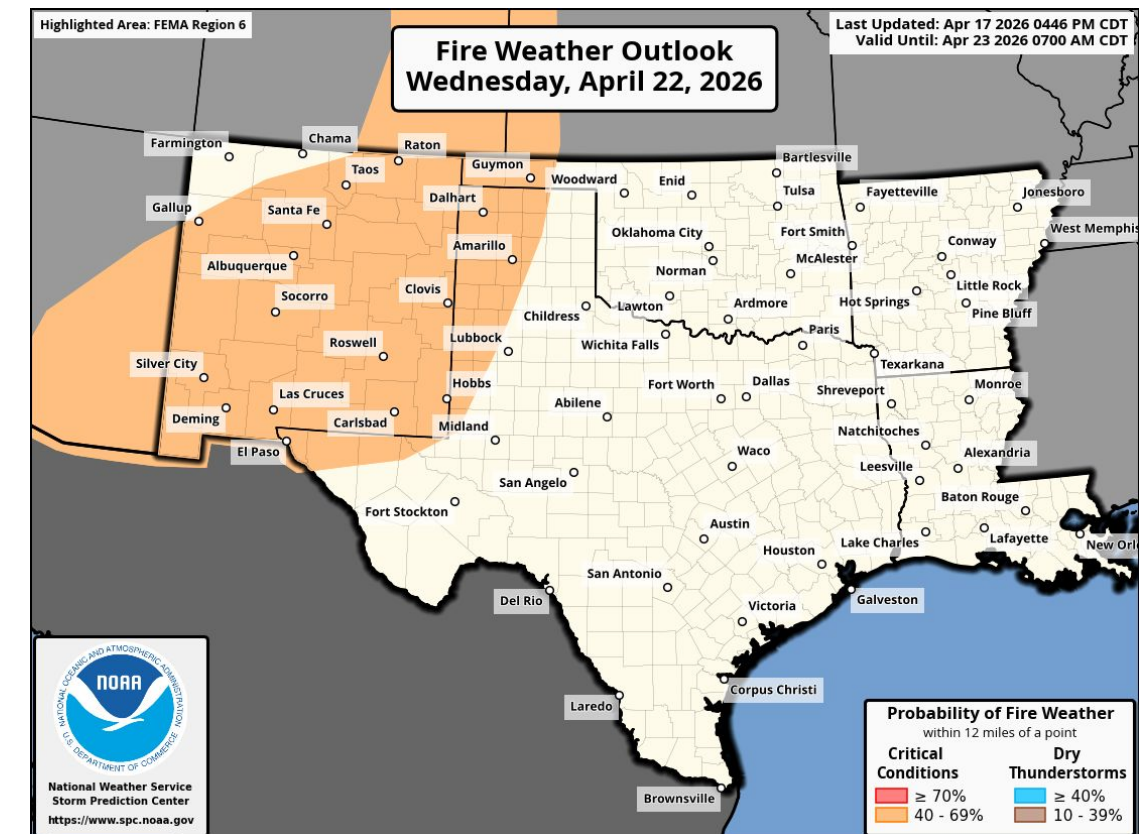
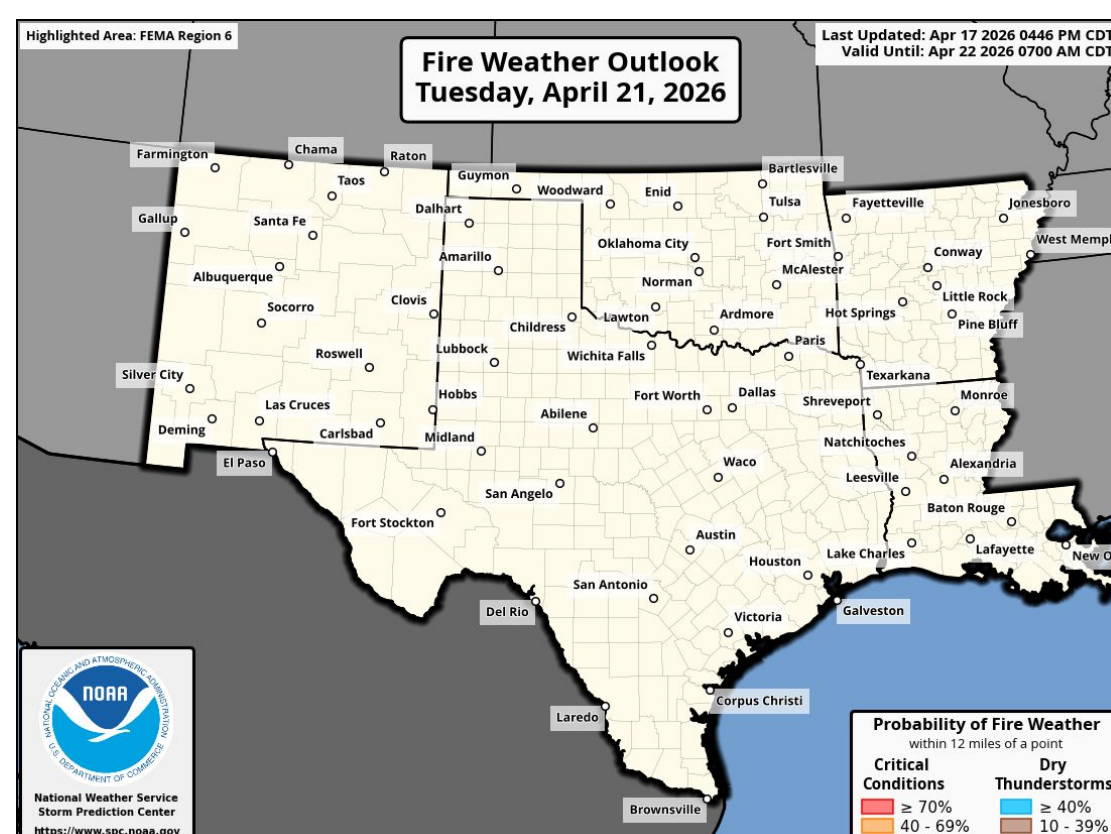
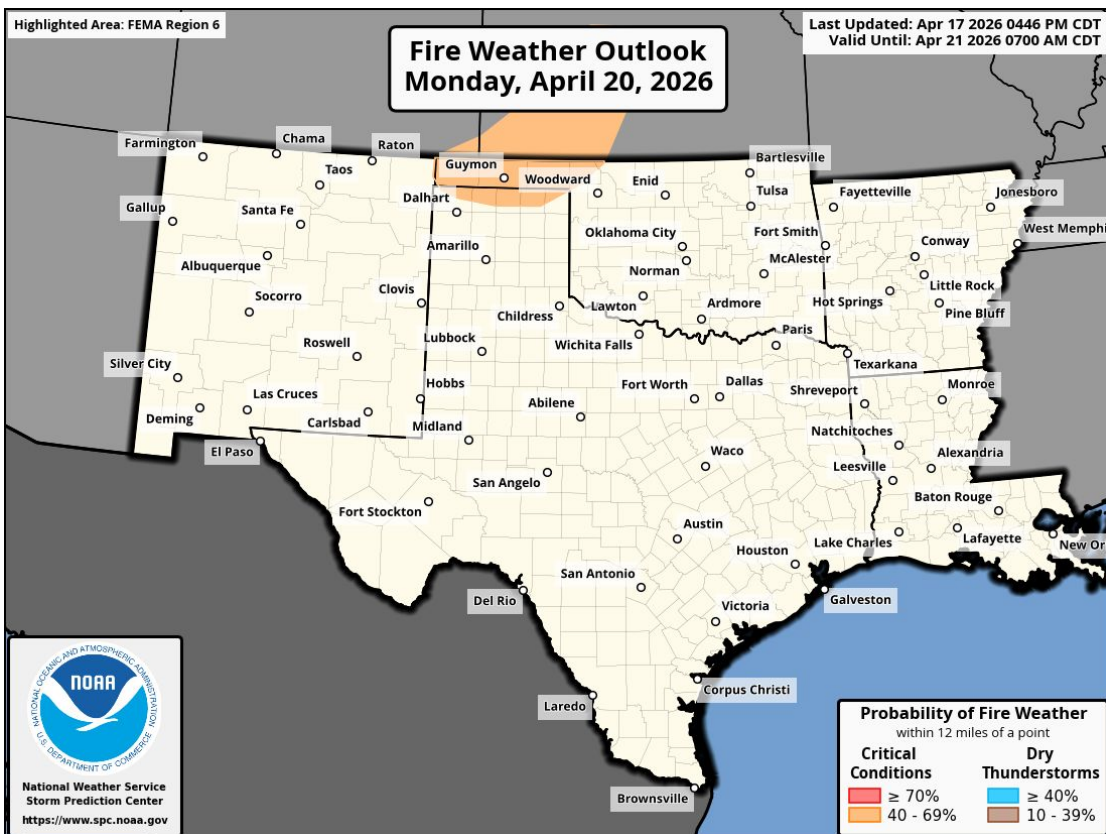
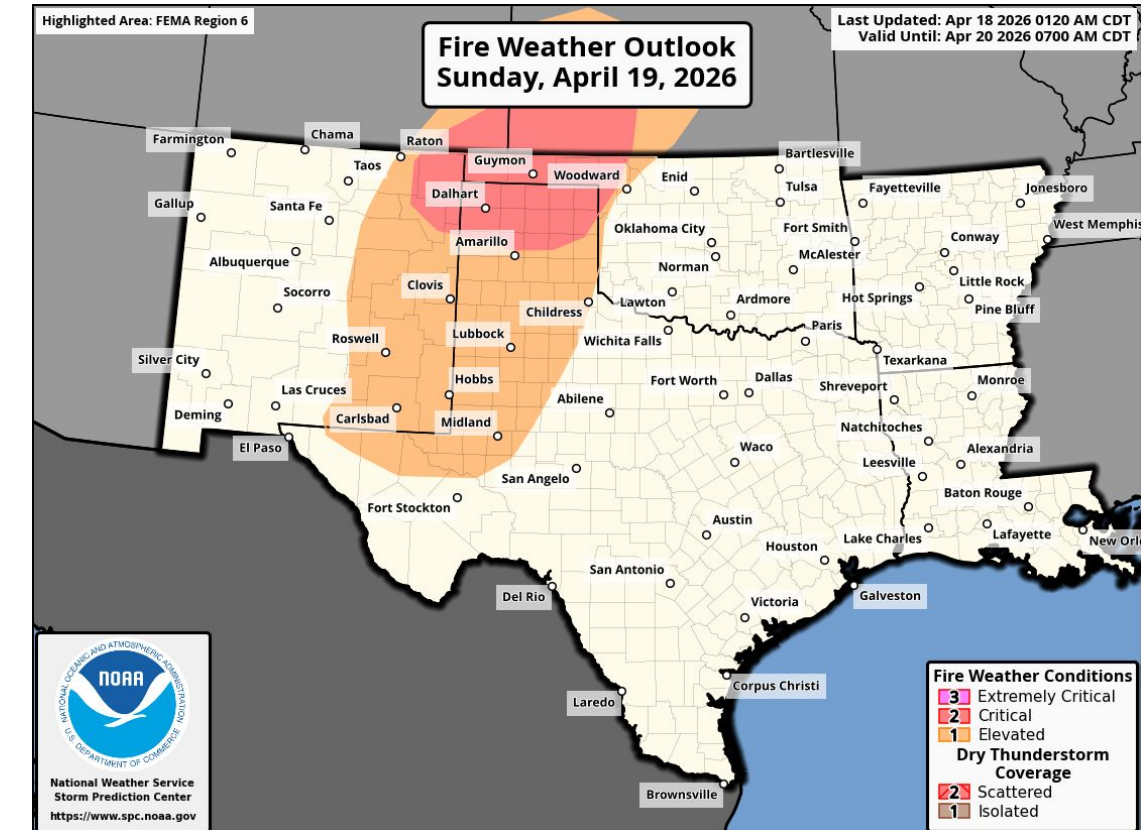
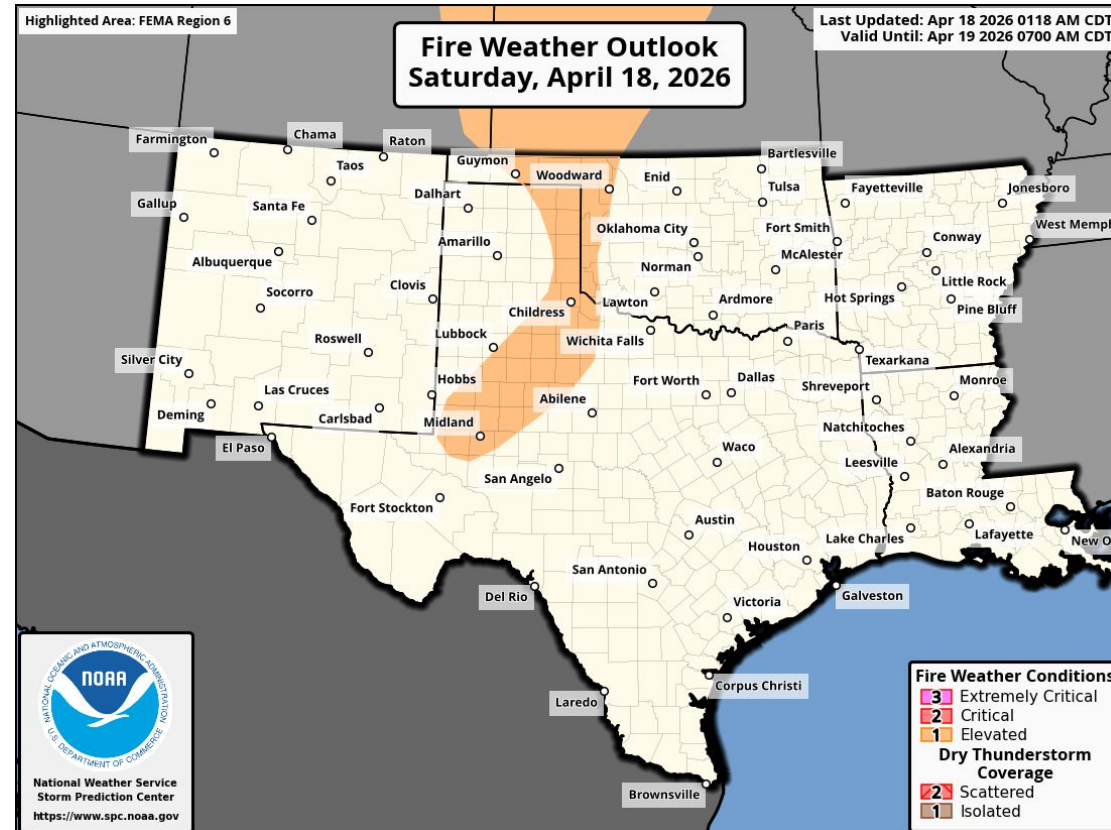
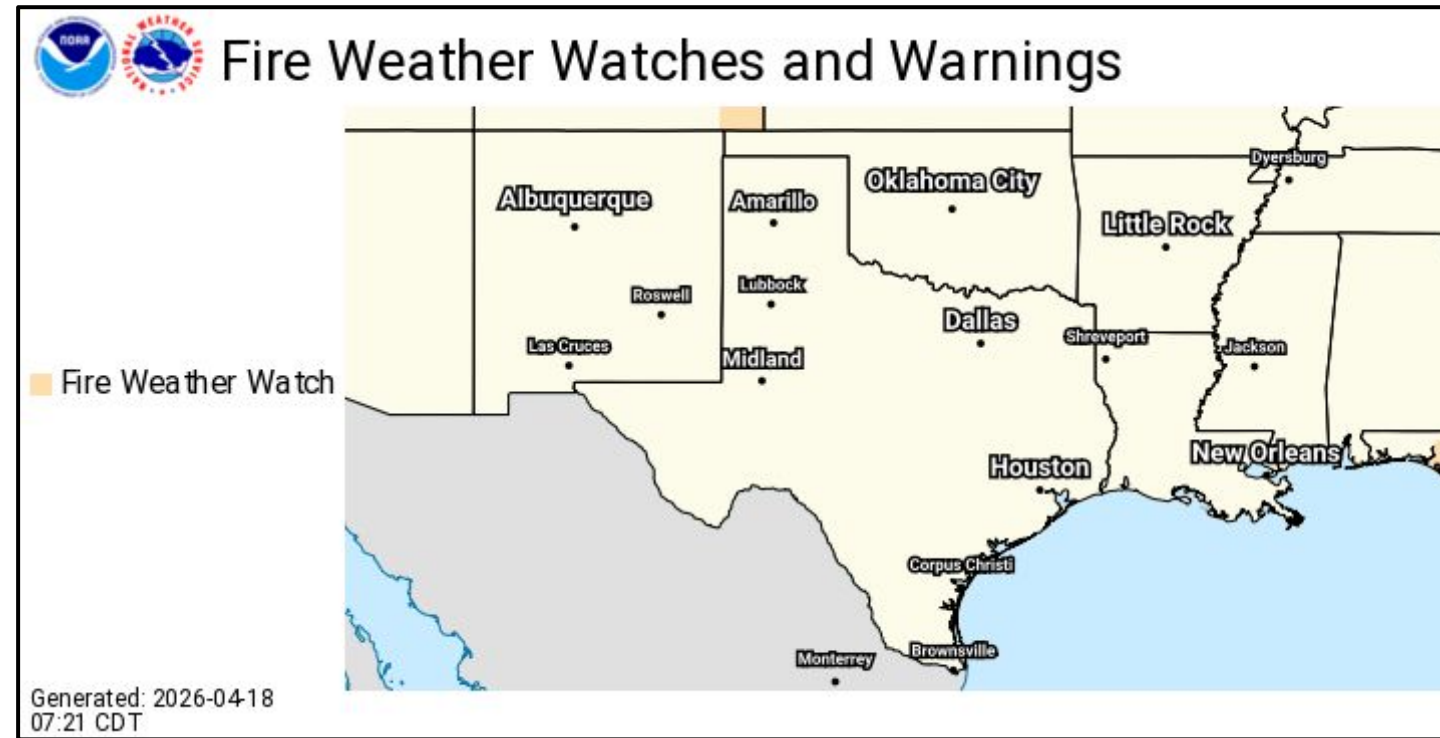
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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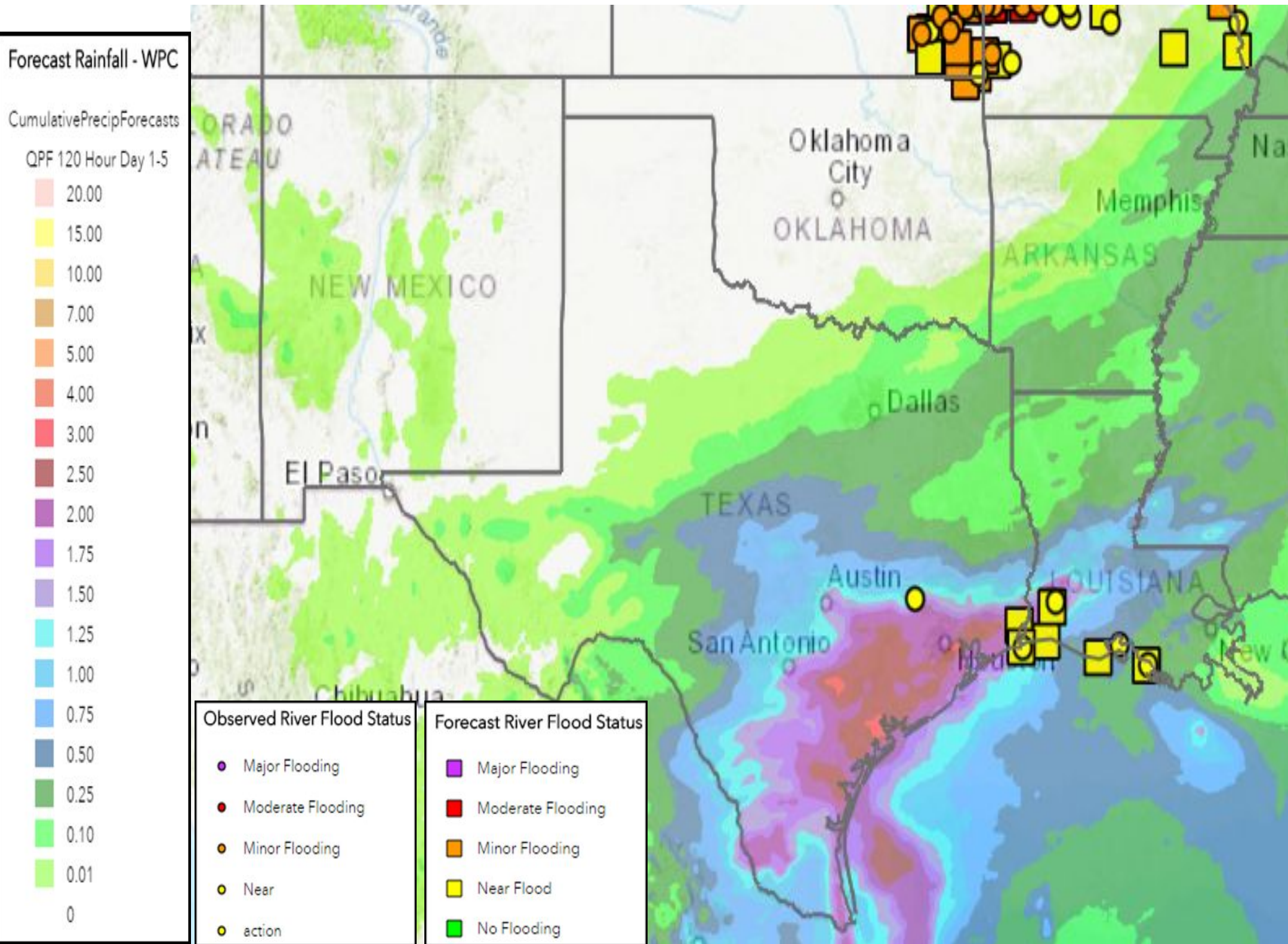
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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



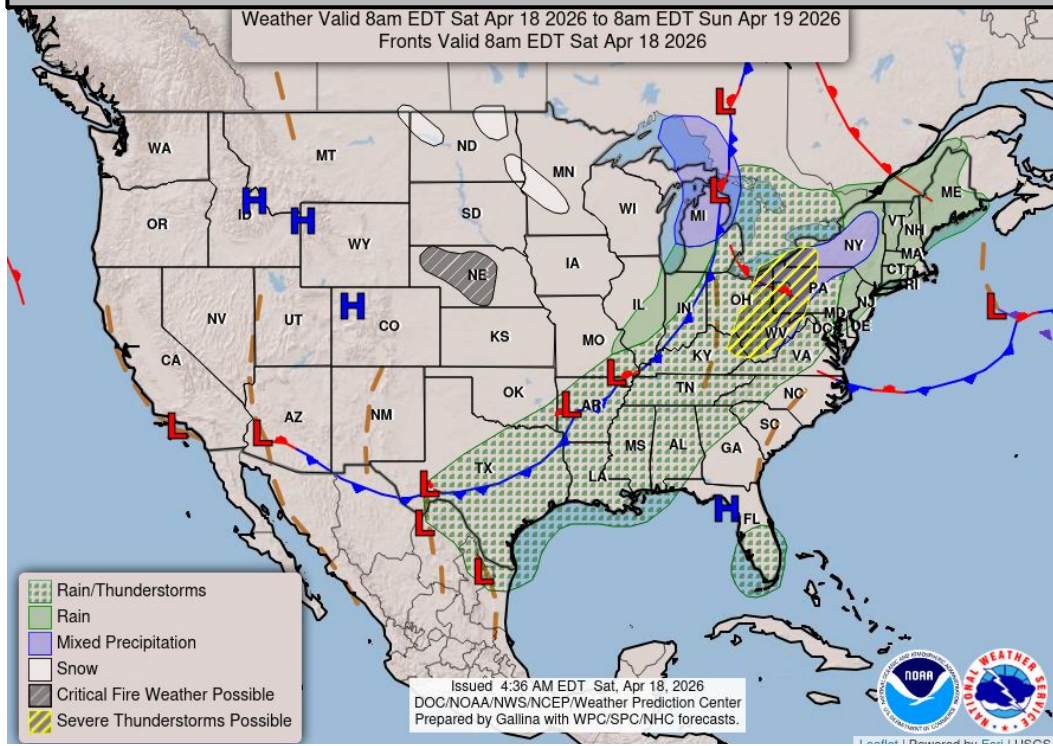
**Monitoring for increased threat of river flooding over TX today.**

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.

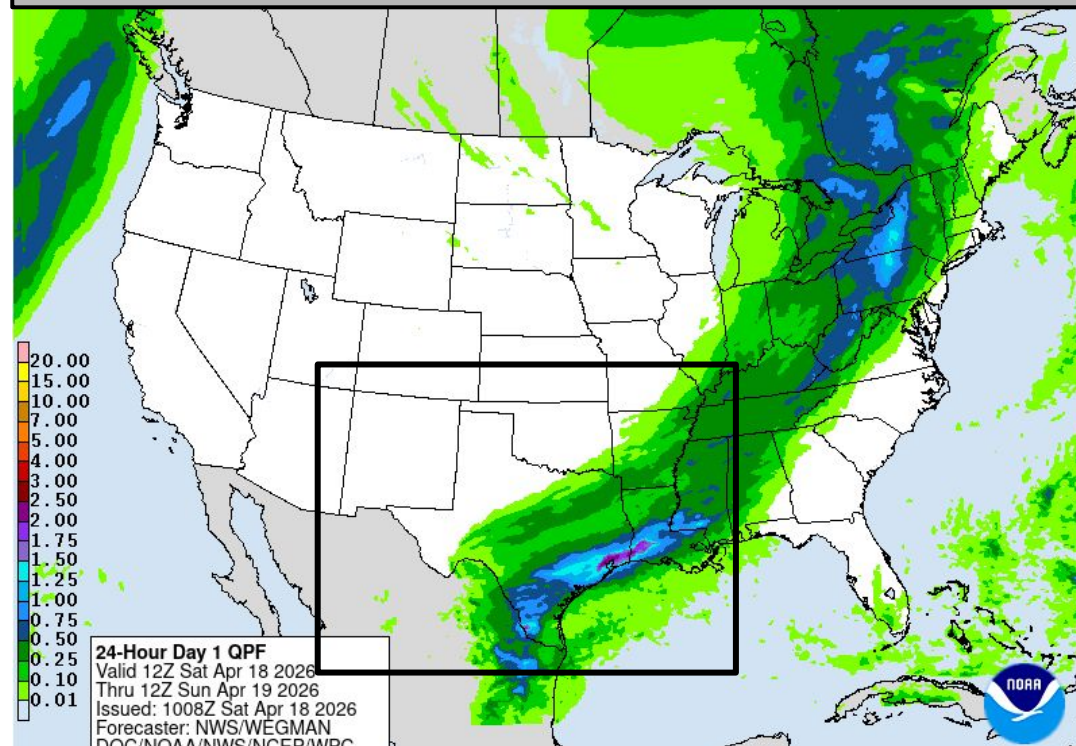


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

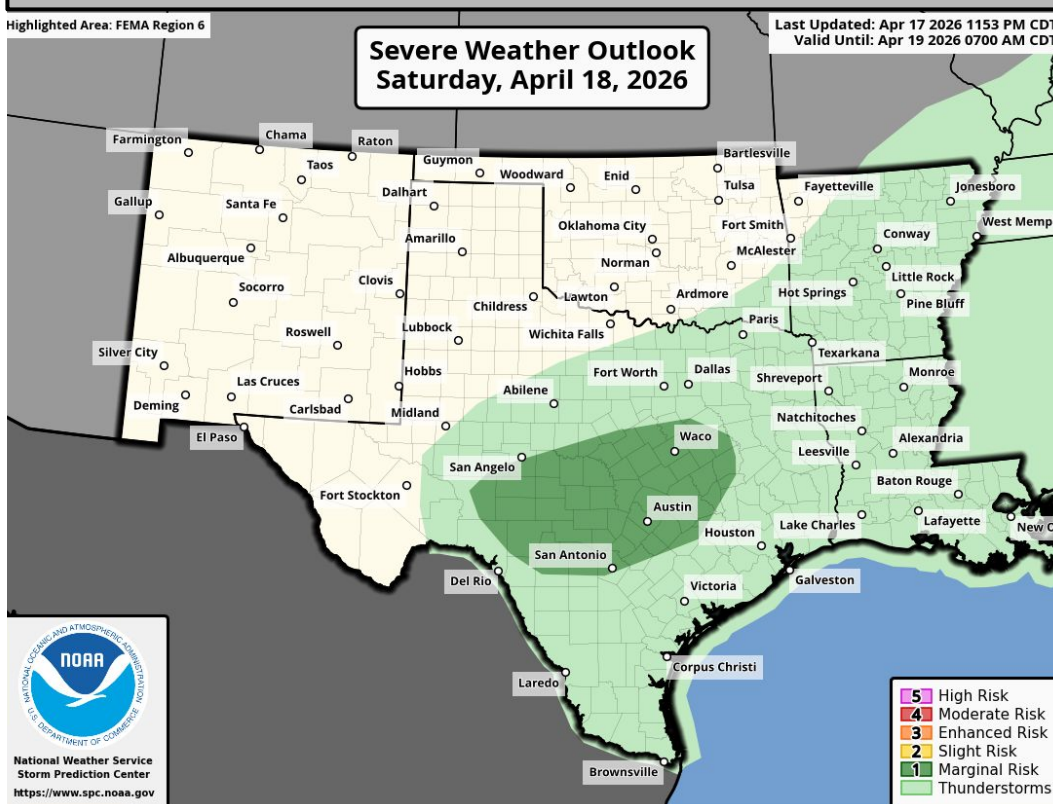


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE TX and S LA.**

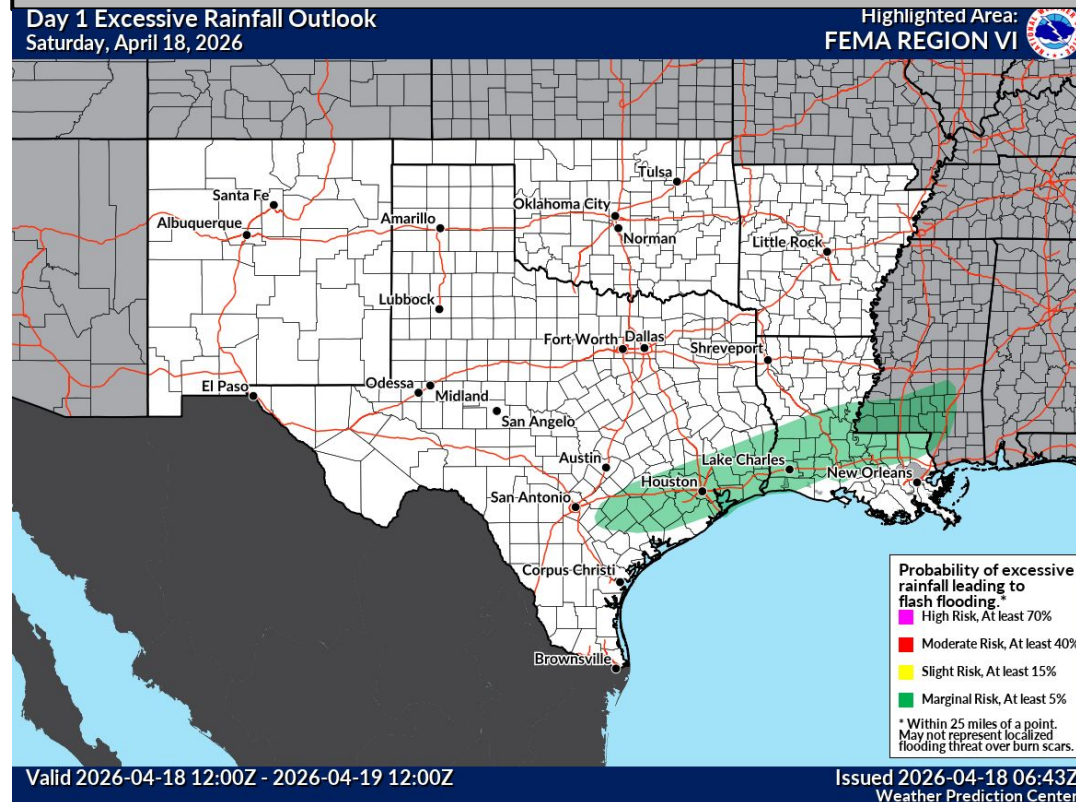
**Elevated fire weather threat/post frontal conditions in TX/OK Panhandles, NW TX.**

**Marginal risk for severe storms (level 1 of 5) over Cntrl TX with hail the main threat.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

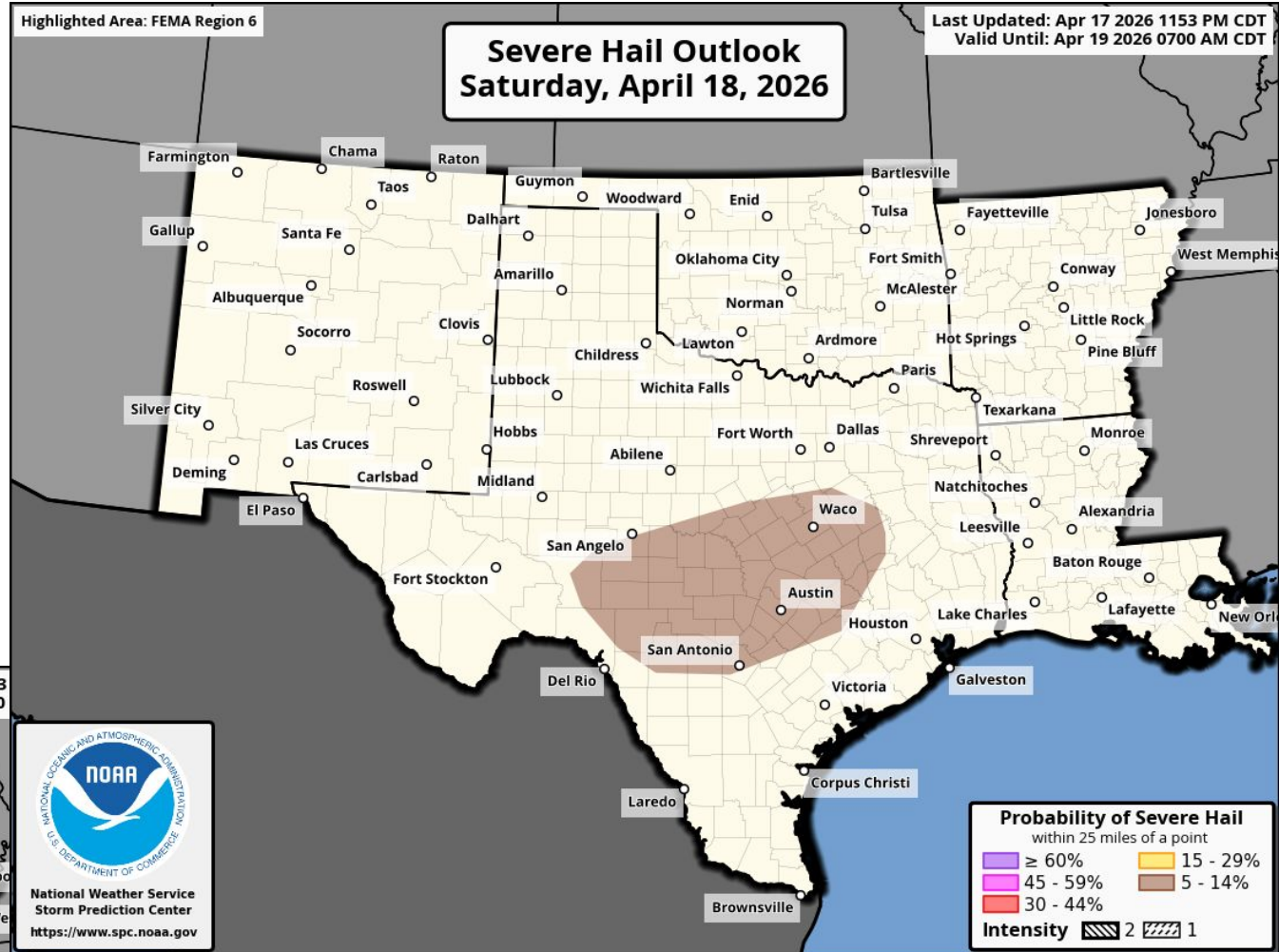
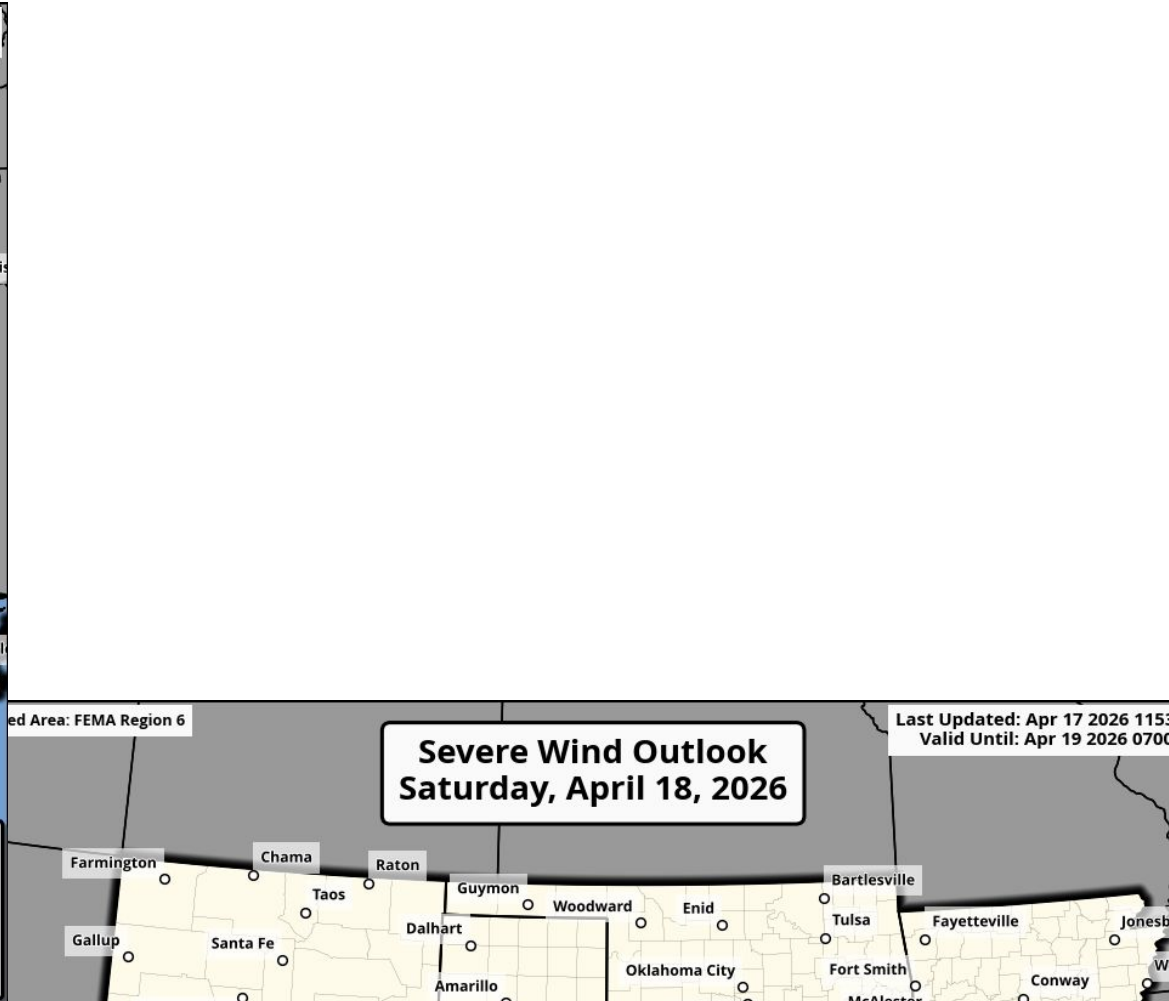
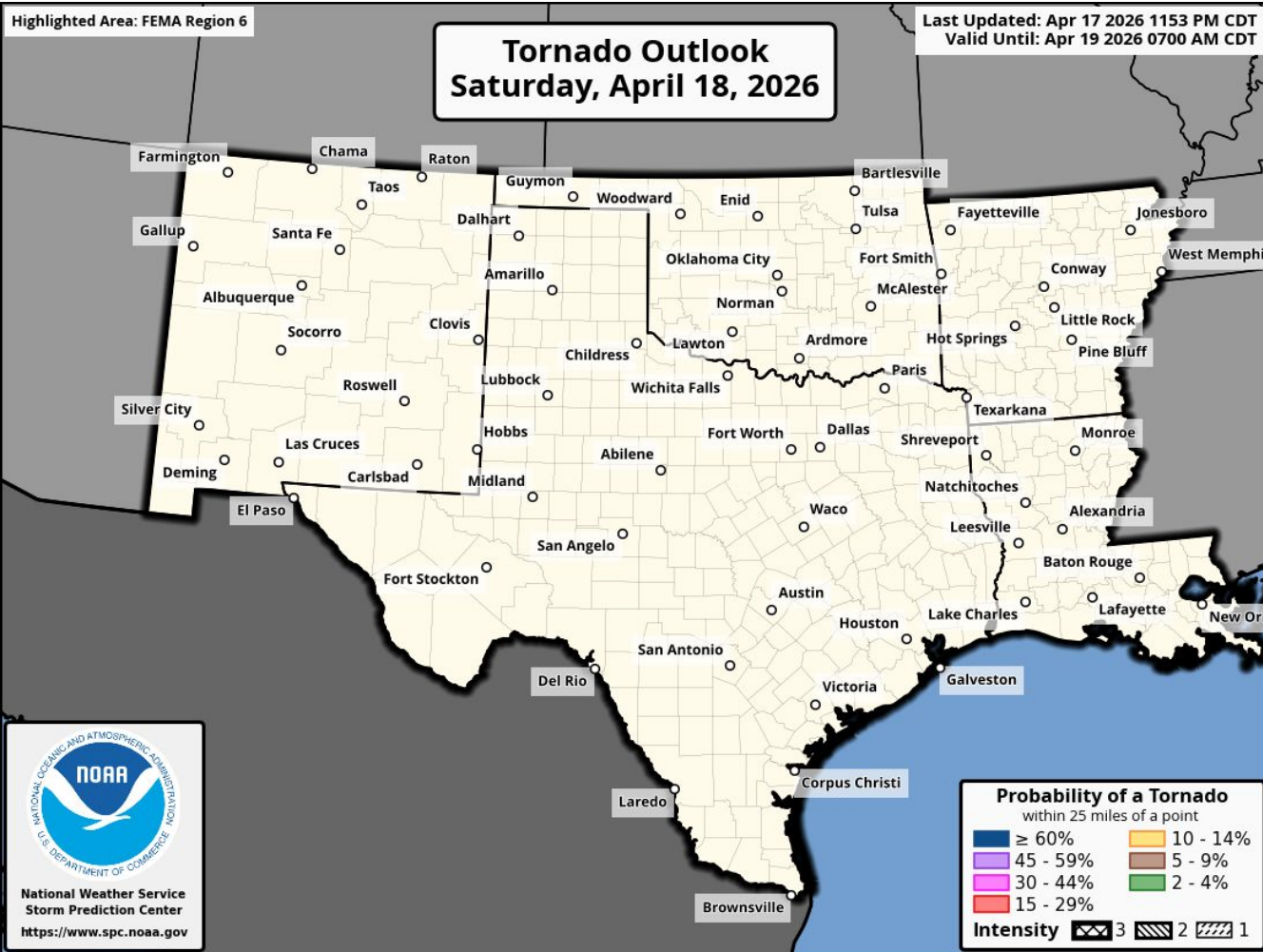


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



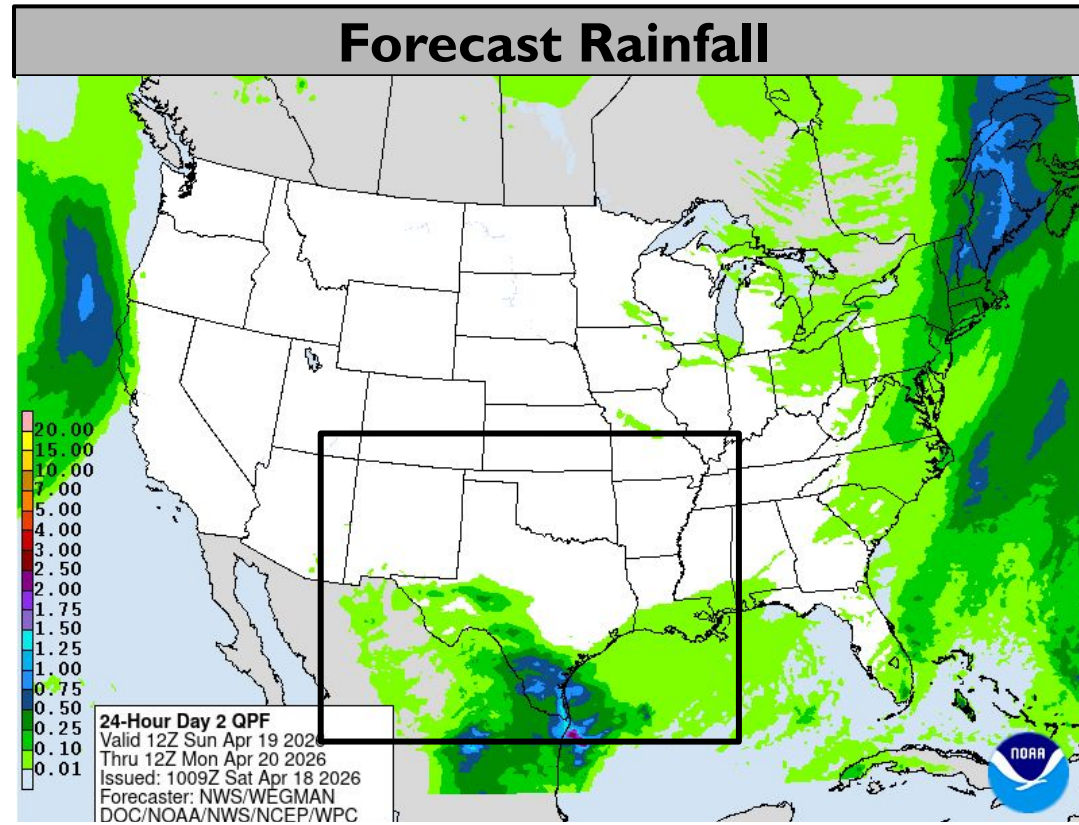
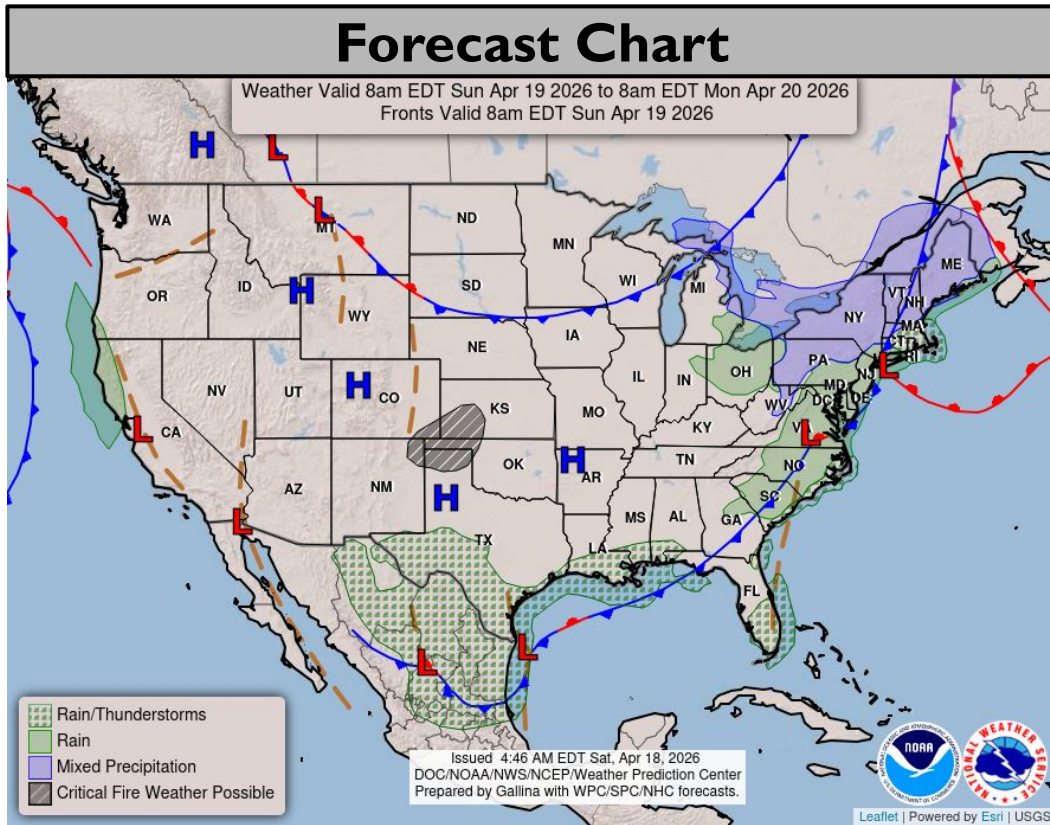


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



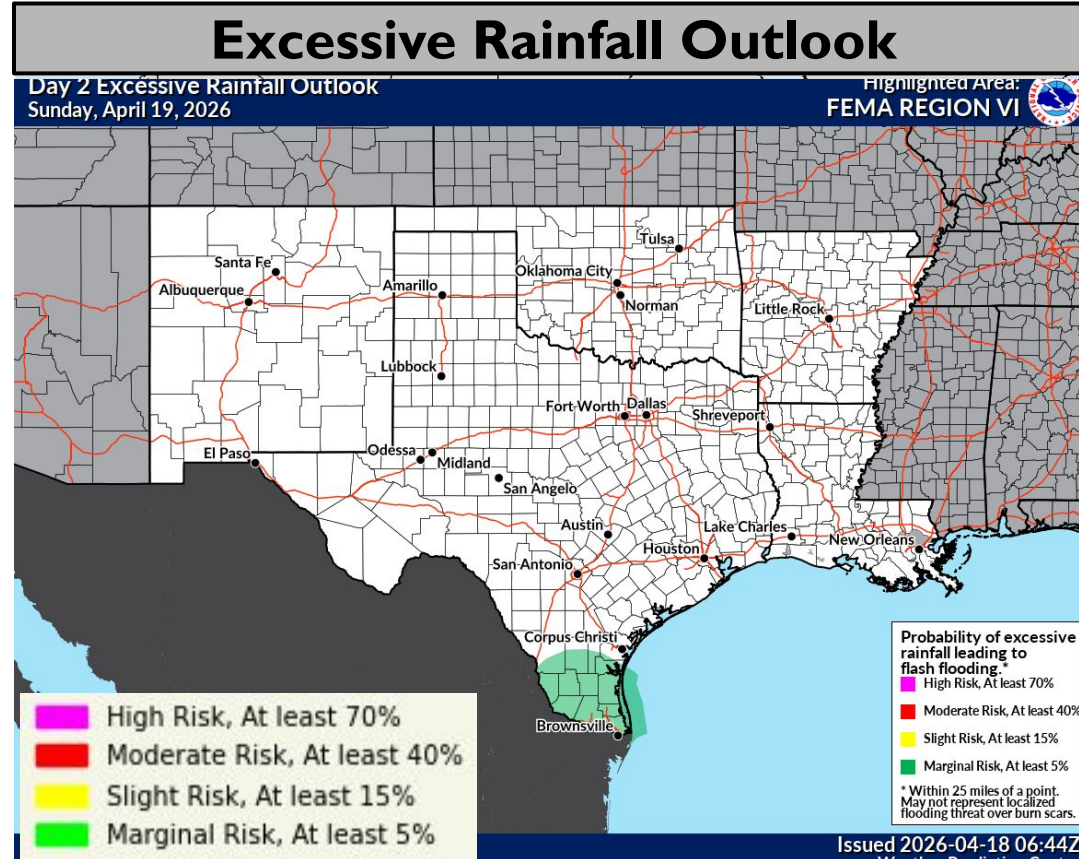
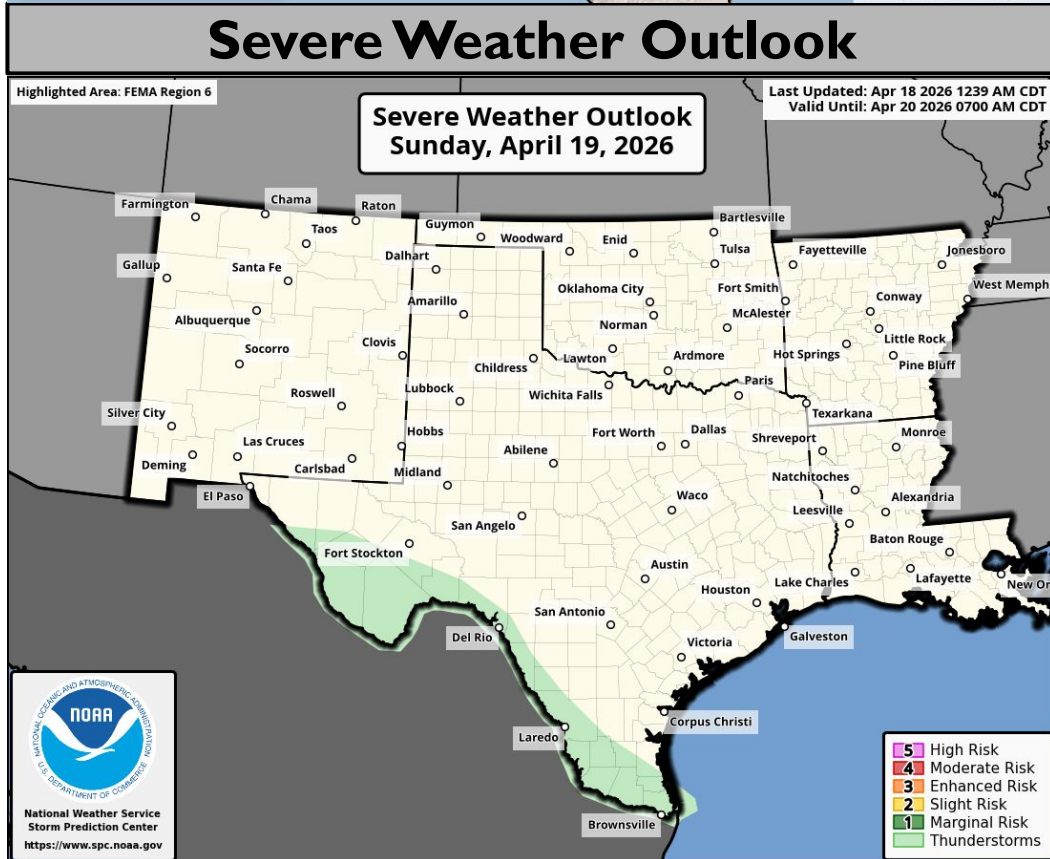


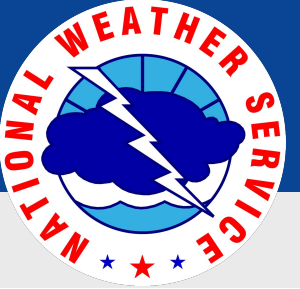
# Tomorrow's Weather



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

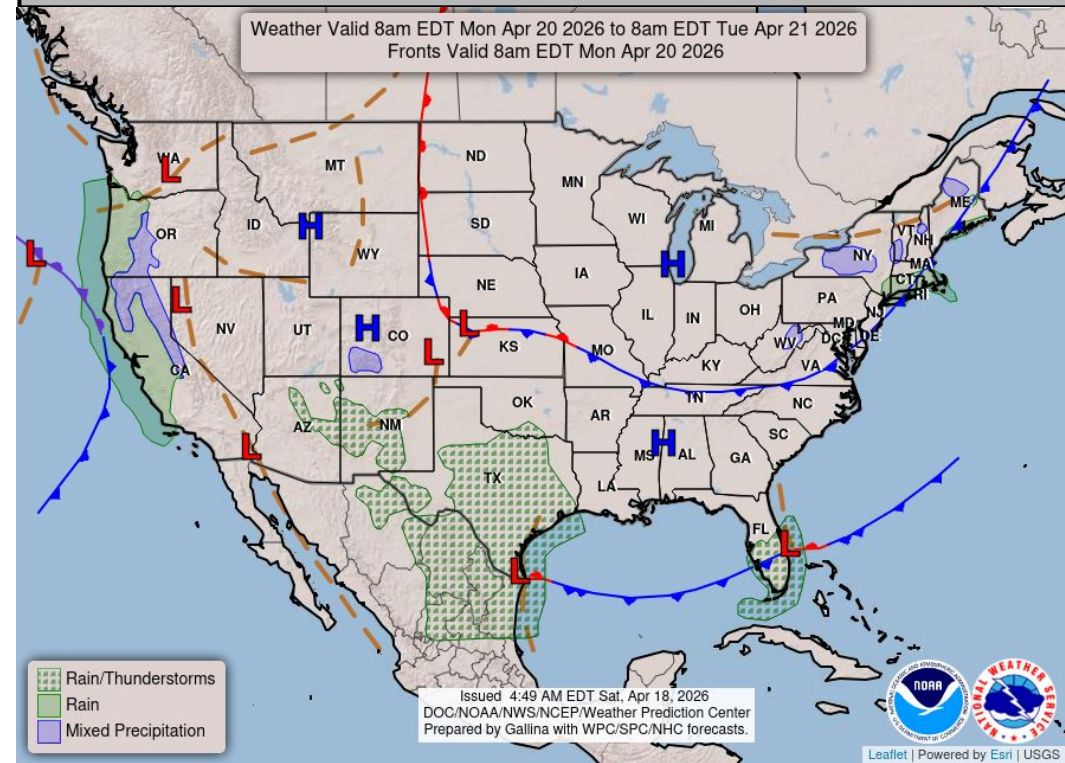
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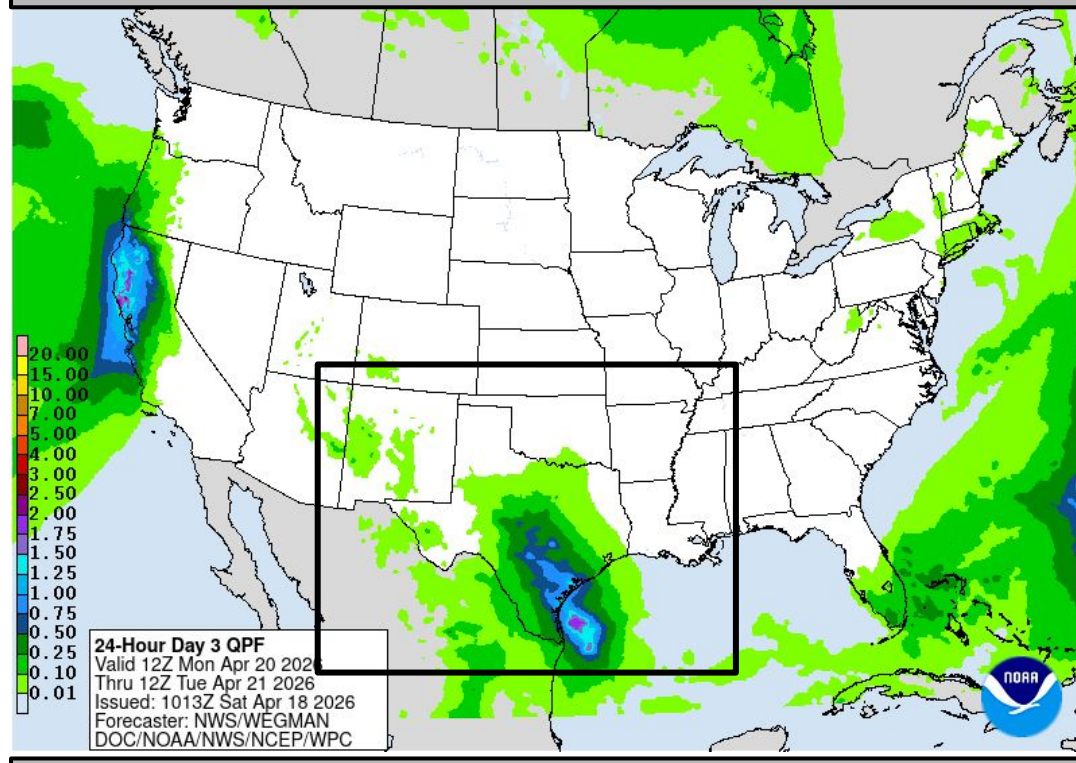


# Monday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



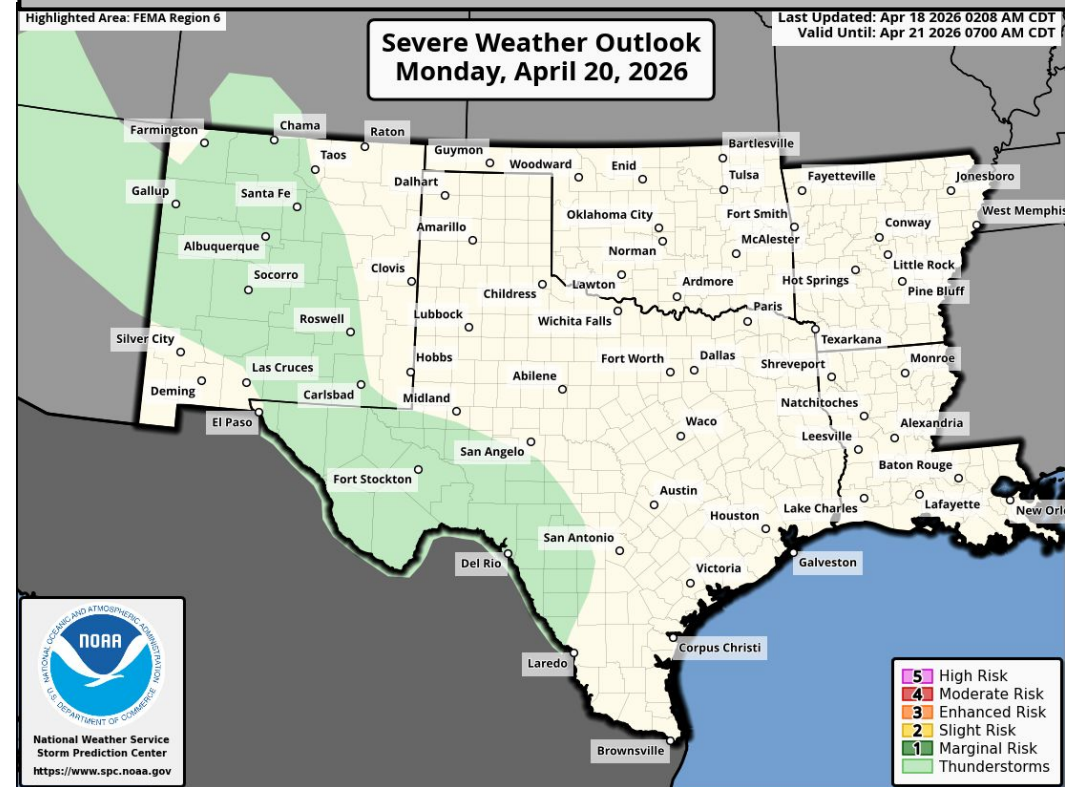
## Forecast Rainfall



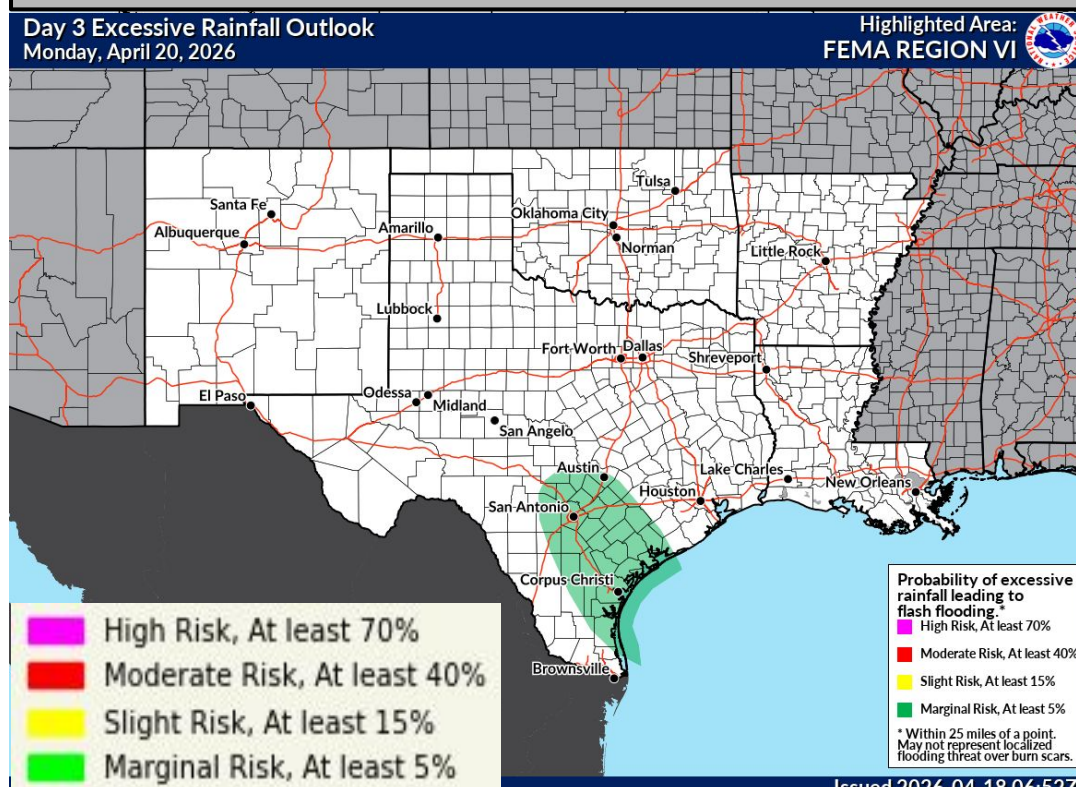
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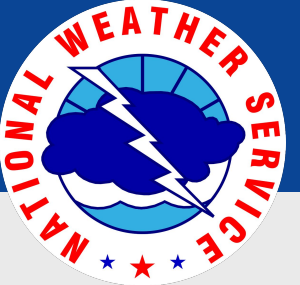
**Elevated fire weather threat (level 1 of 3) over the OK/TX Panhandles.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



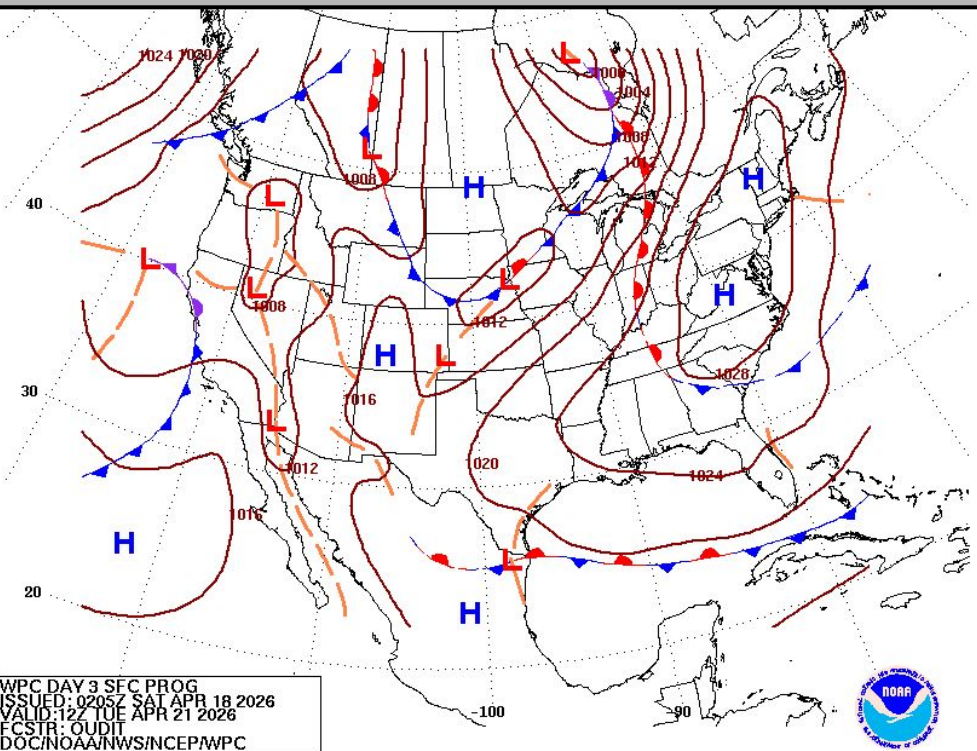
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



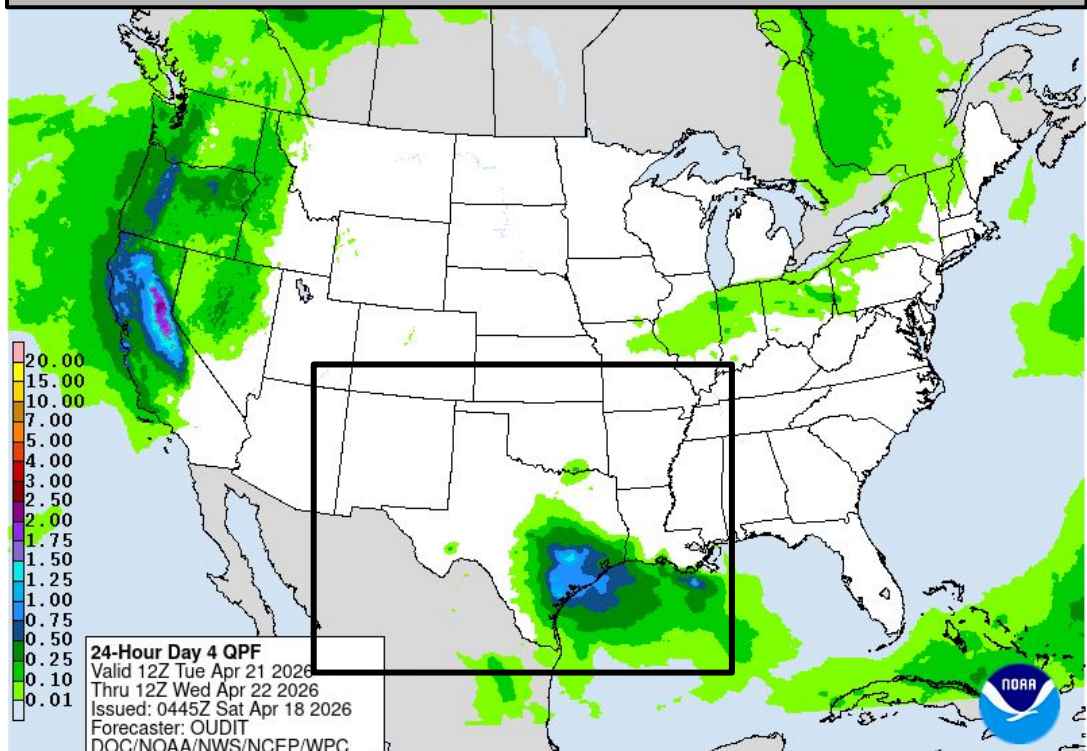


# Tuesday's Weather

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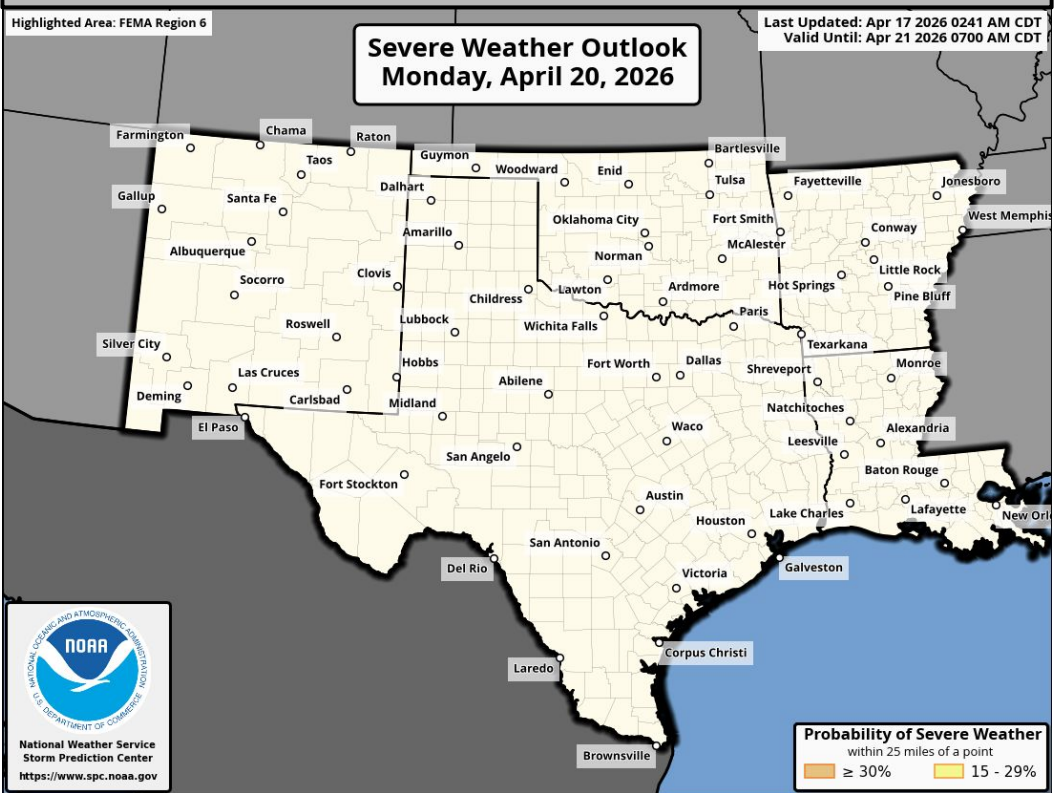


### Forecast Rainfall

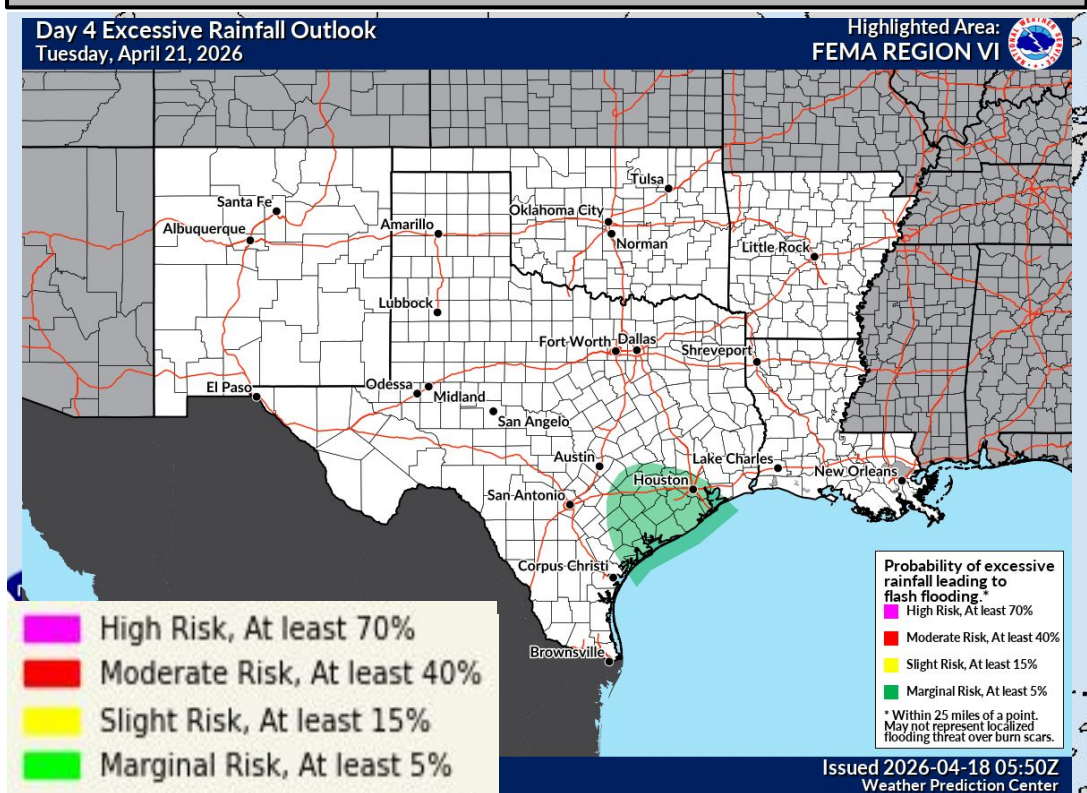


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over SE TX for flash flooding risk.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



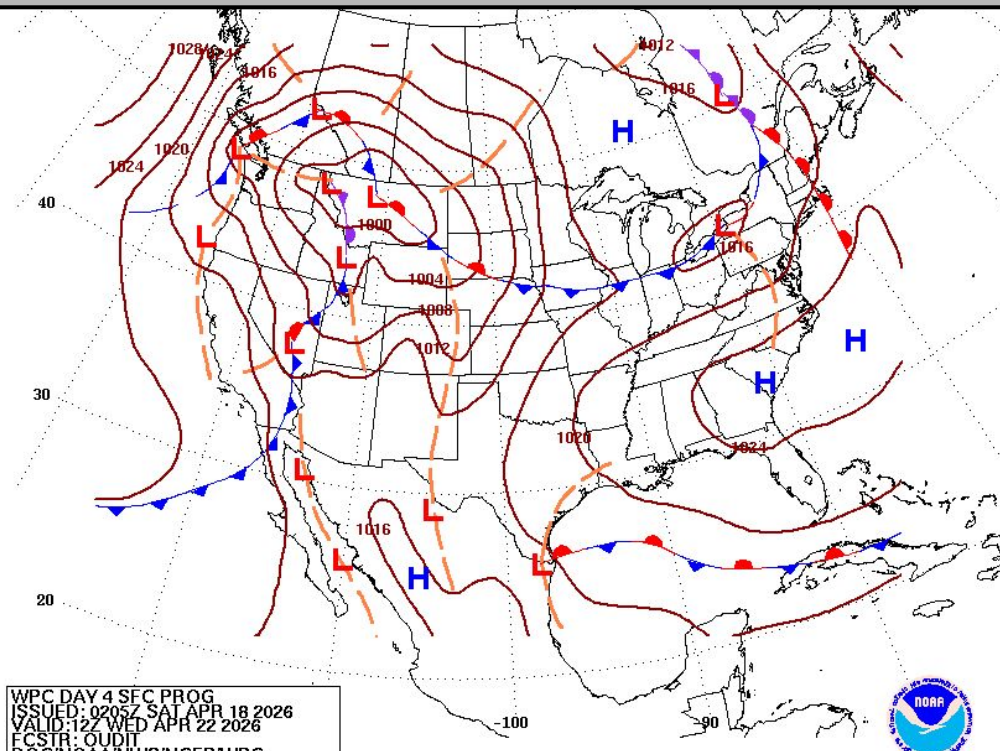
### Excessive Rainfall Outlook





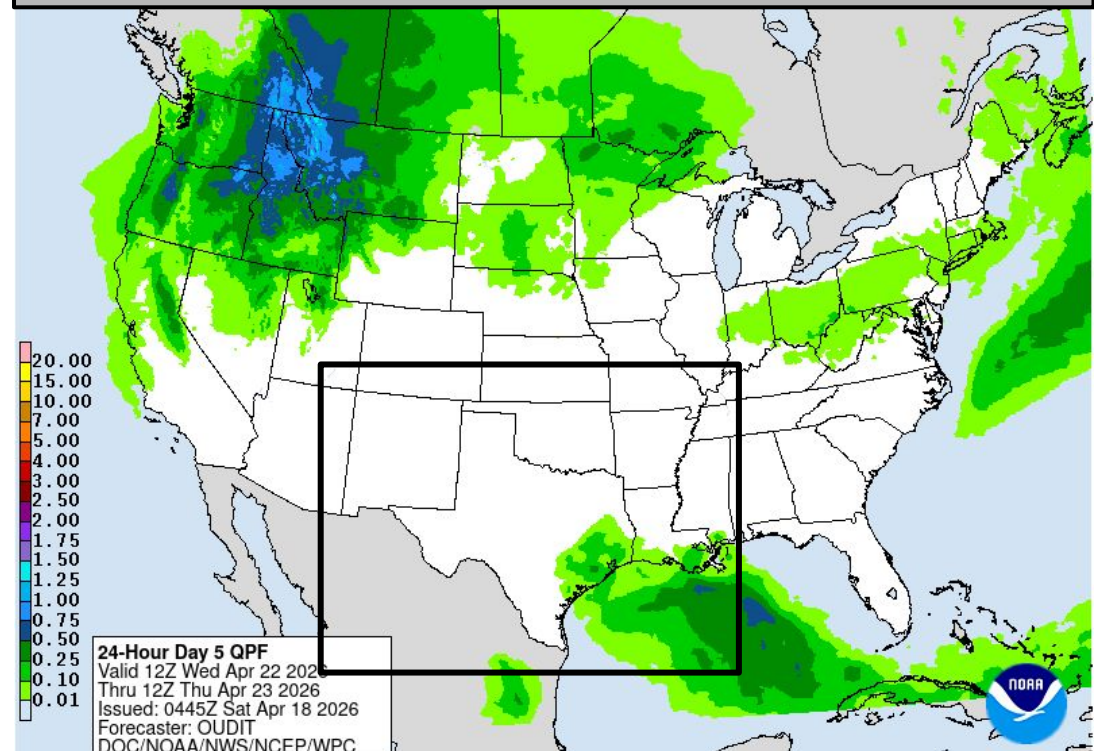
# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
ISSUED: 0205Z SAT APR 18 2026  
VALID: 12Z WED APR 22 2026  
FCSTR: OUDIT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

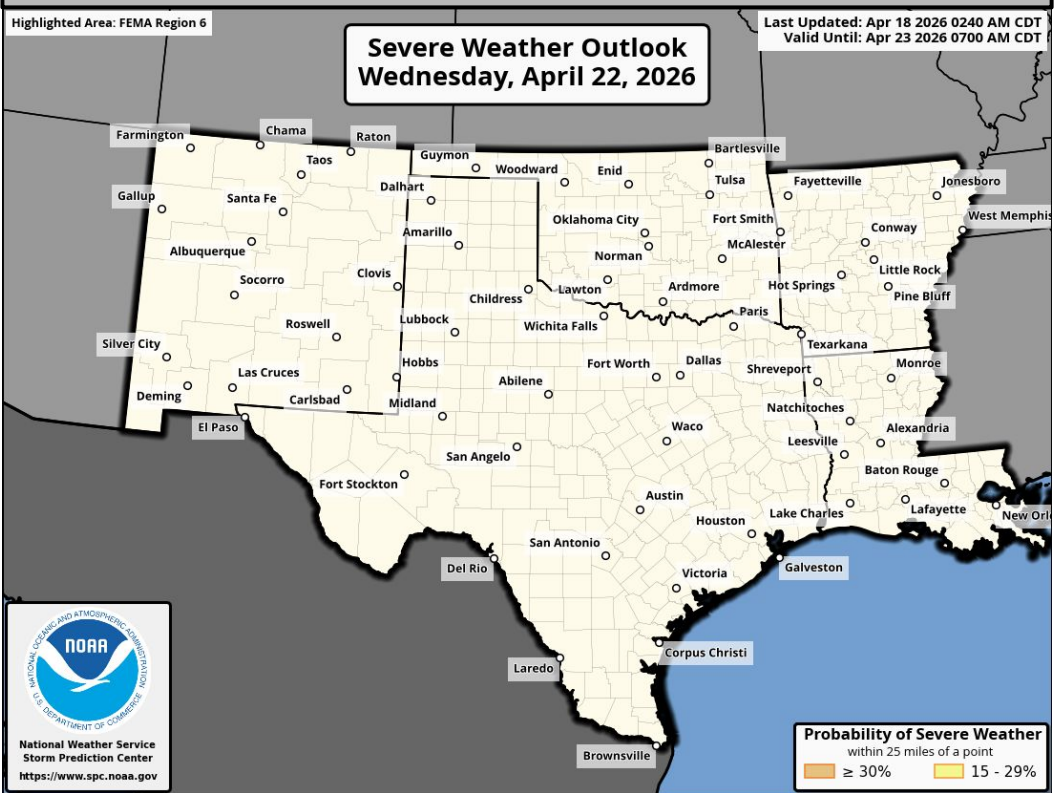
## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Wed Apr 22 2026  
Thru 12Z Thu Apr 23 2026  
Issued: 0445Z Sat Apr 18 2026  
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

**Elevated to locally critical fire weather threat over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles and W TX.**

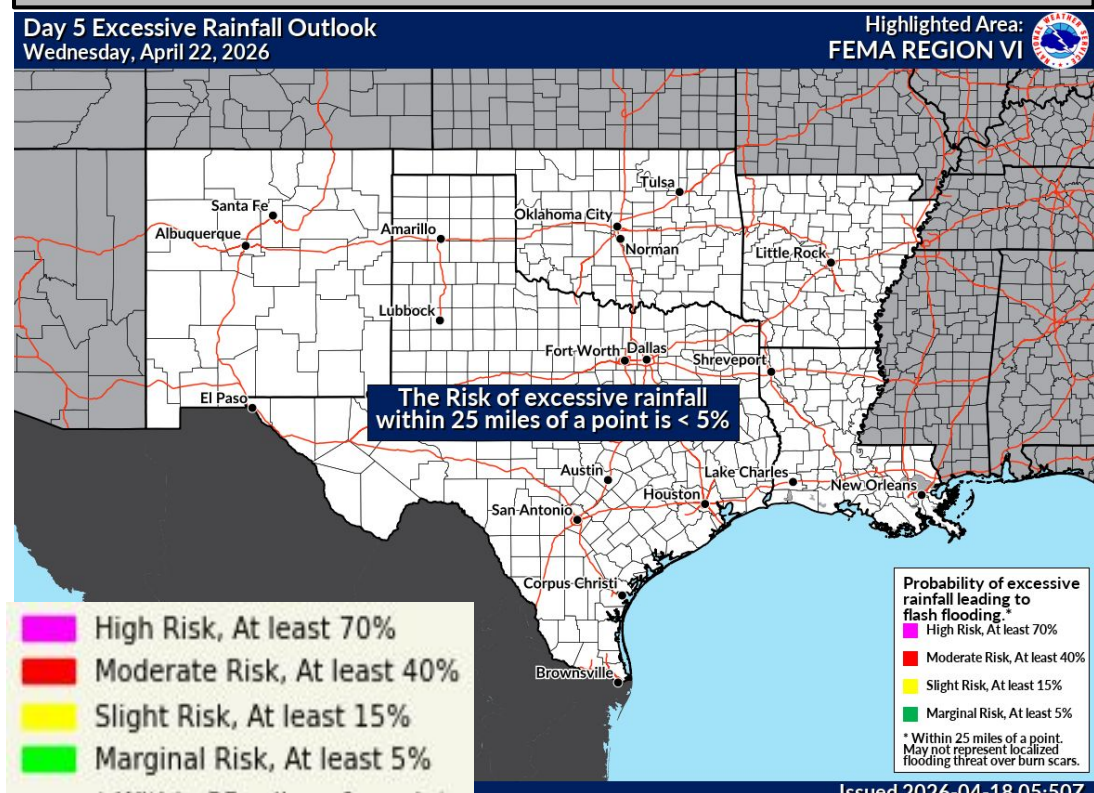
## Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6  
**Severe Weather Outlook**  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
Last Updated: Apr 18 2026 0240 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Apr 23 2026 0700 AM CDT



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI  
**Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook**  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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%

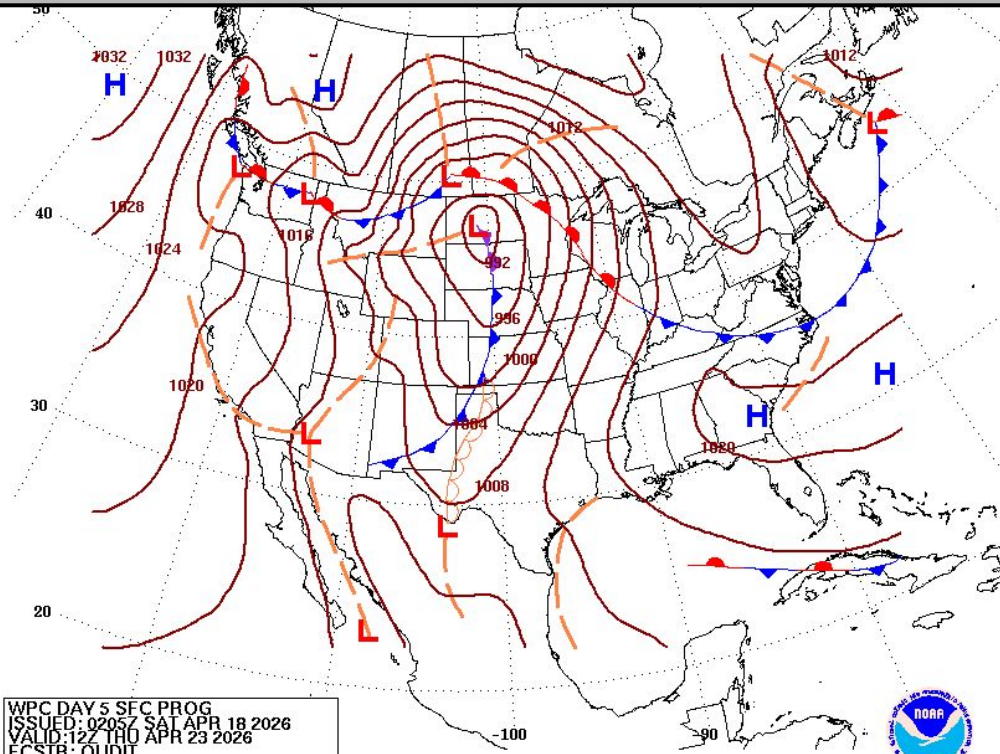
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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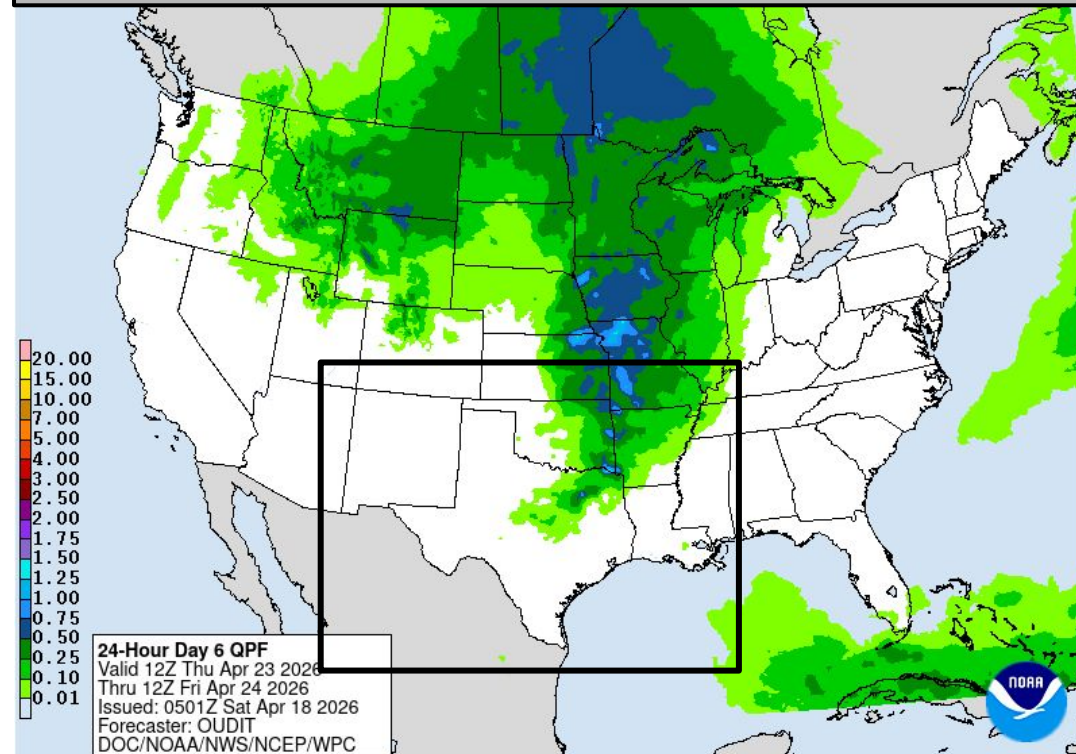
# Thursday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z THU APR 23 2026  
FCSTB - OUDIT

### Forecast Rainfall

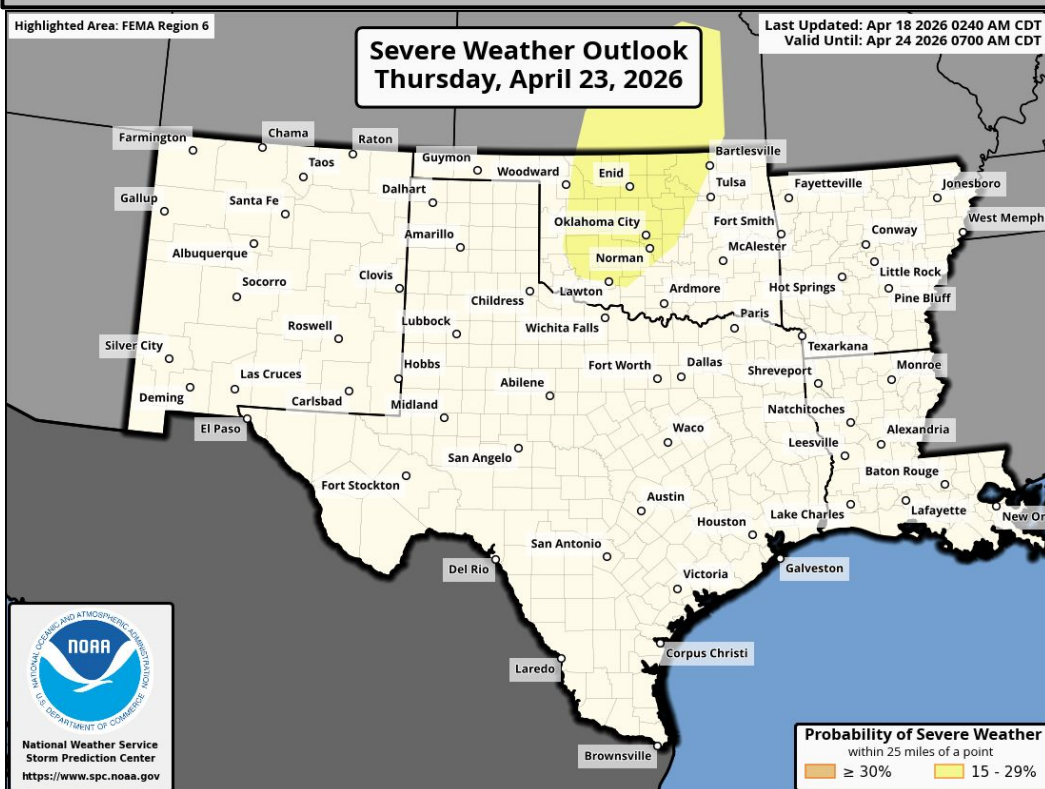


24-Hour Day 6 QPF  
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Forecaster: OUDIT  
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**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over OK.**

**Elevated to locally critical fire weather threat over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Thursday, April 23, 2026

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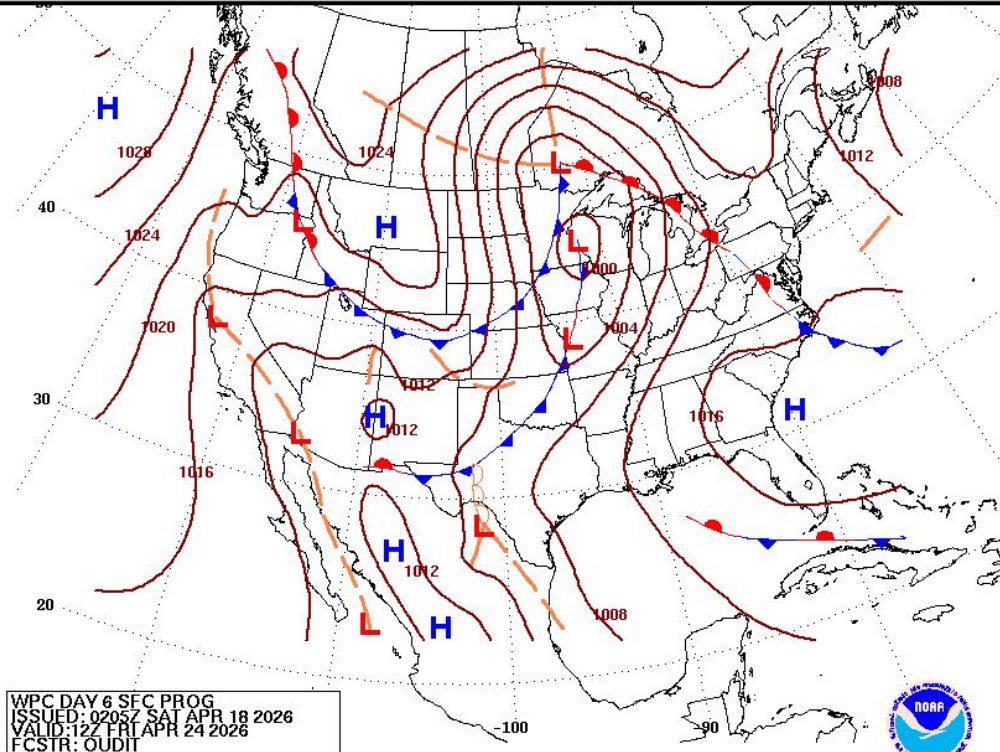
Probability of Severe Weather  
within 25 miles of a point  
≥ 30%    15 - 29%

**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**



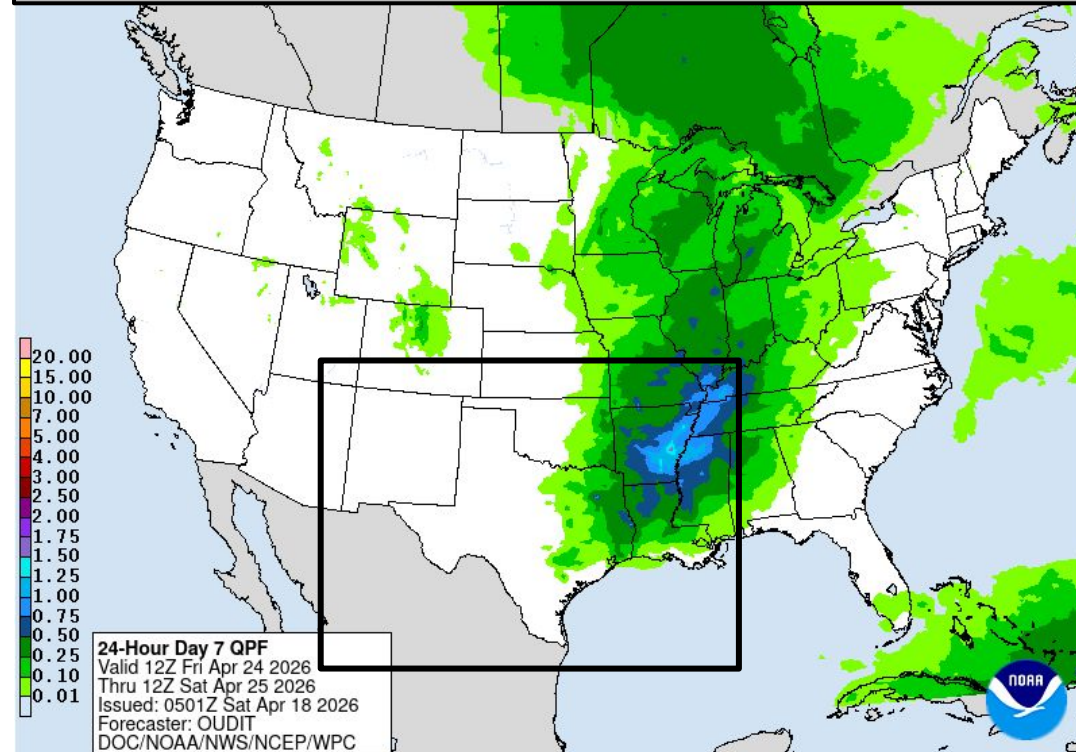
# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 6 SFC PROG  
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VALID: 12Z FRI APR 24 2026  
FCSTR: OUDIT

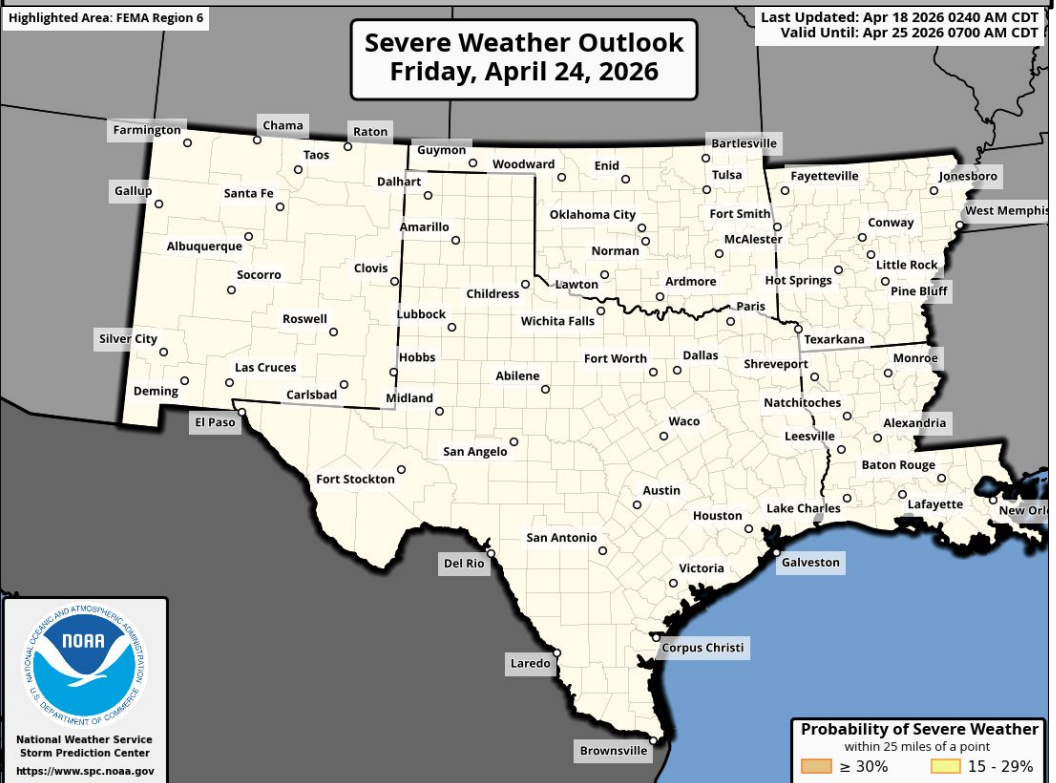
## Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 7 QPF  
Valid 12Z Fri Apr 24 2026  
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**No significant weather expected.**

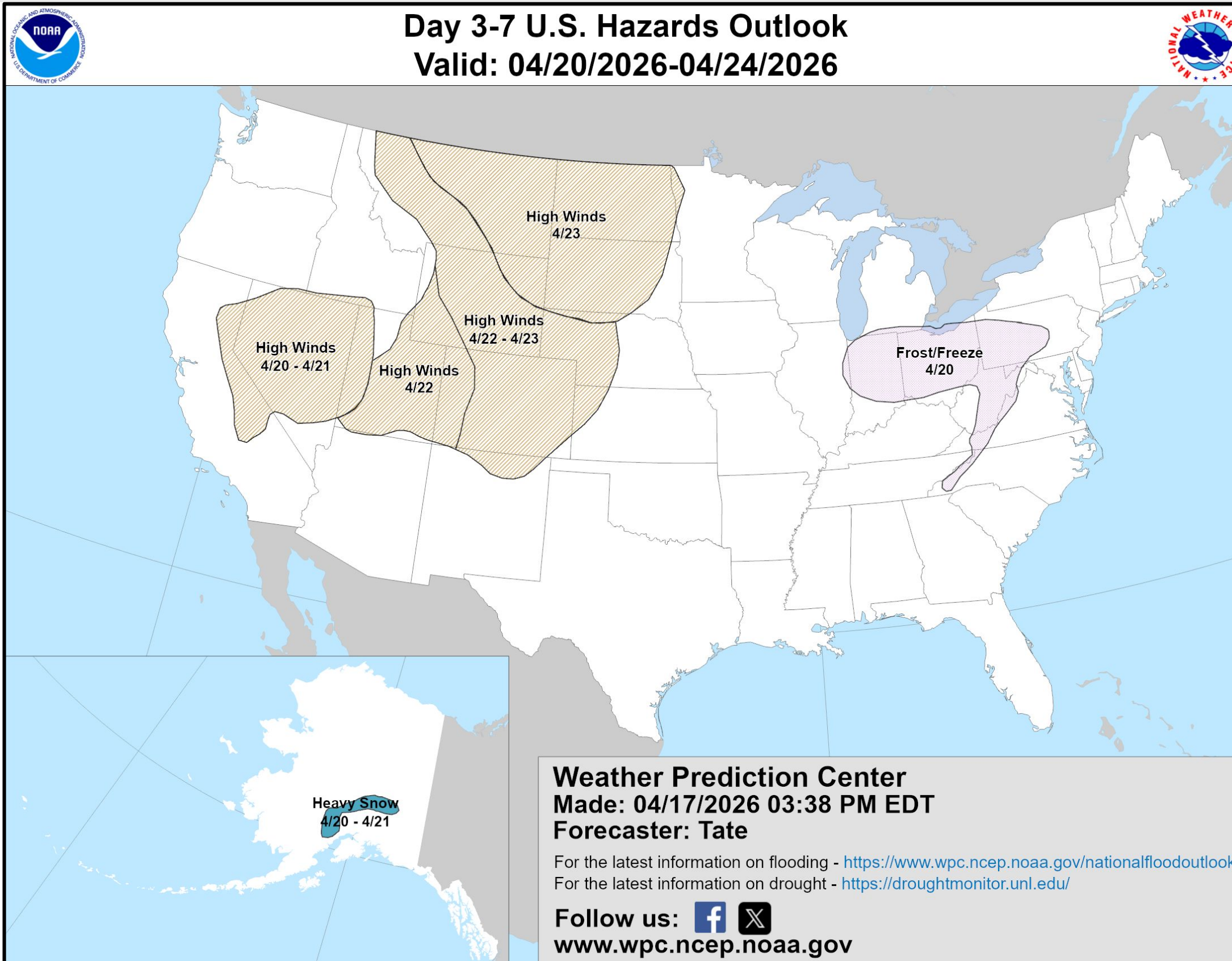
## Severe Weather Outlook



**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
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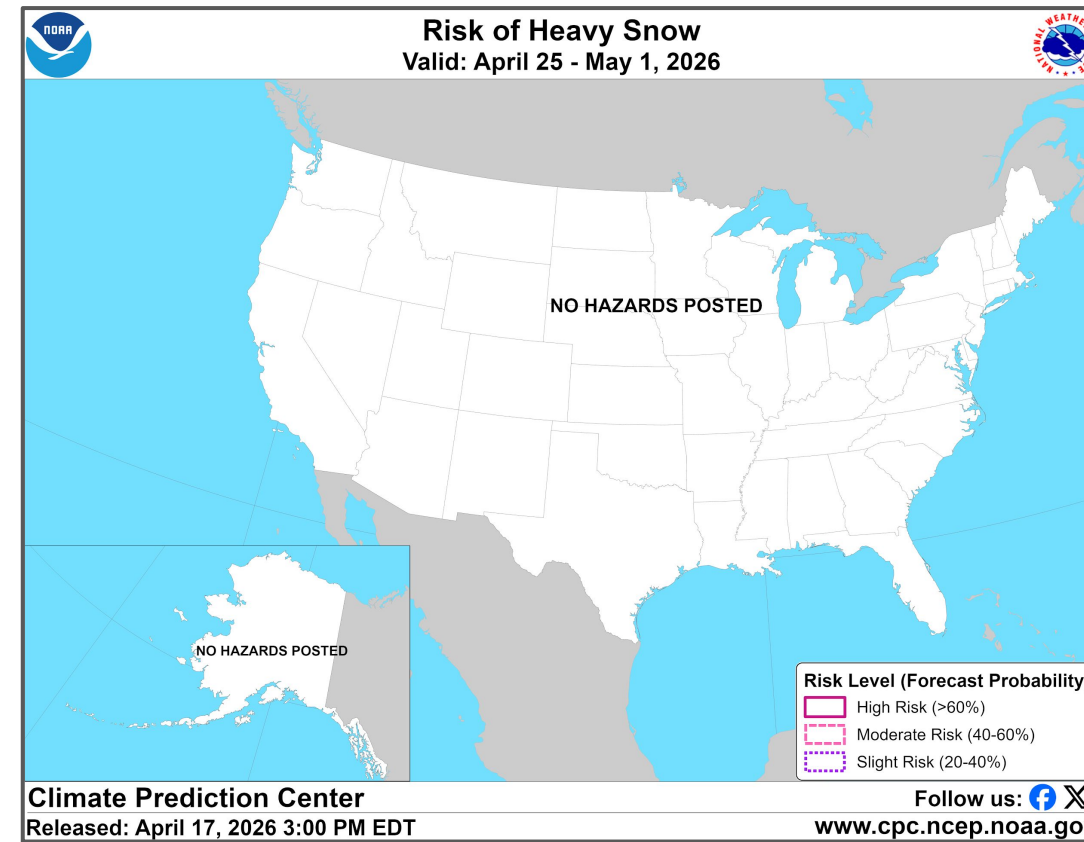
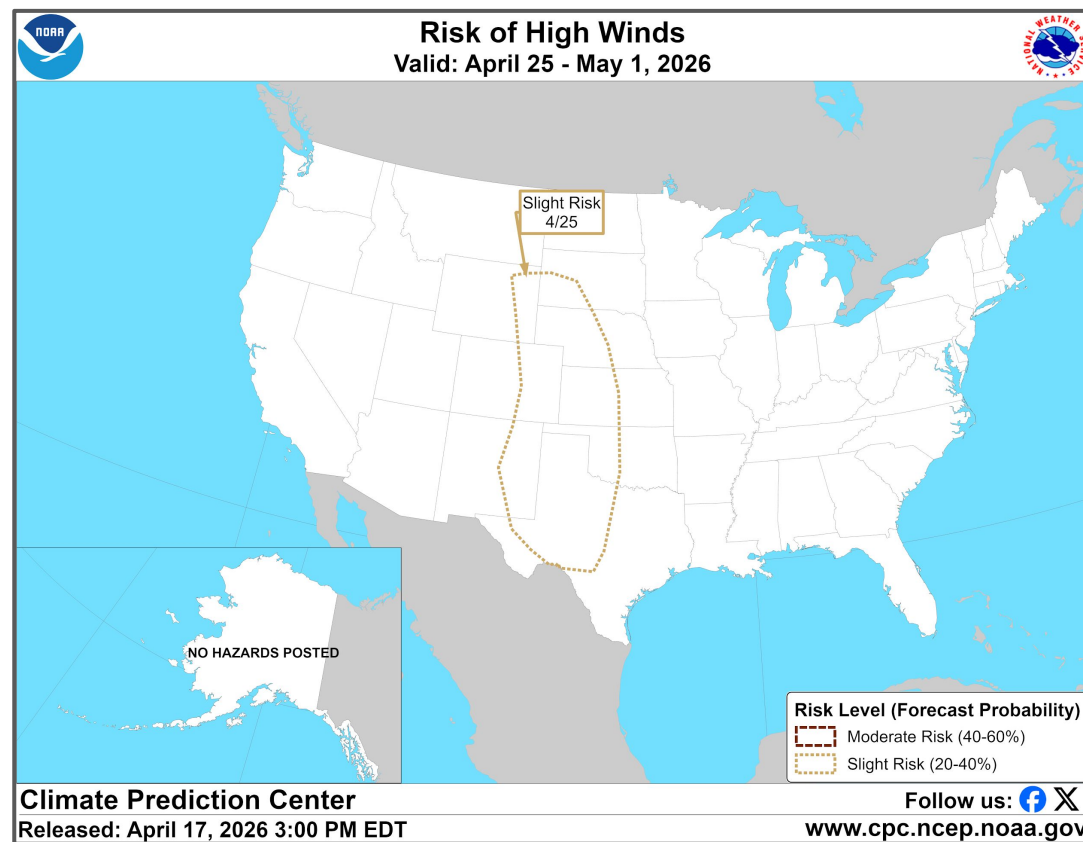
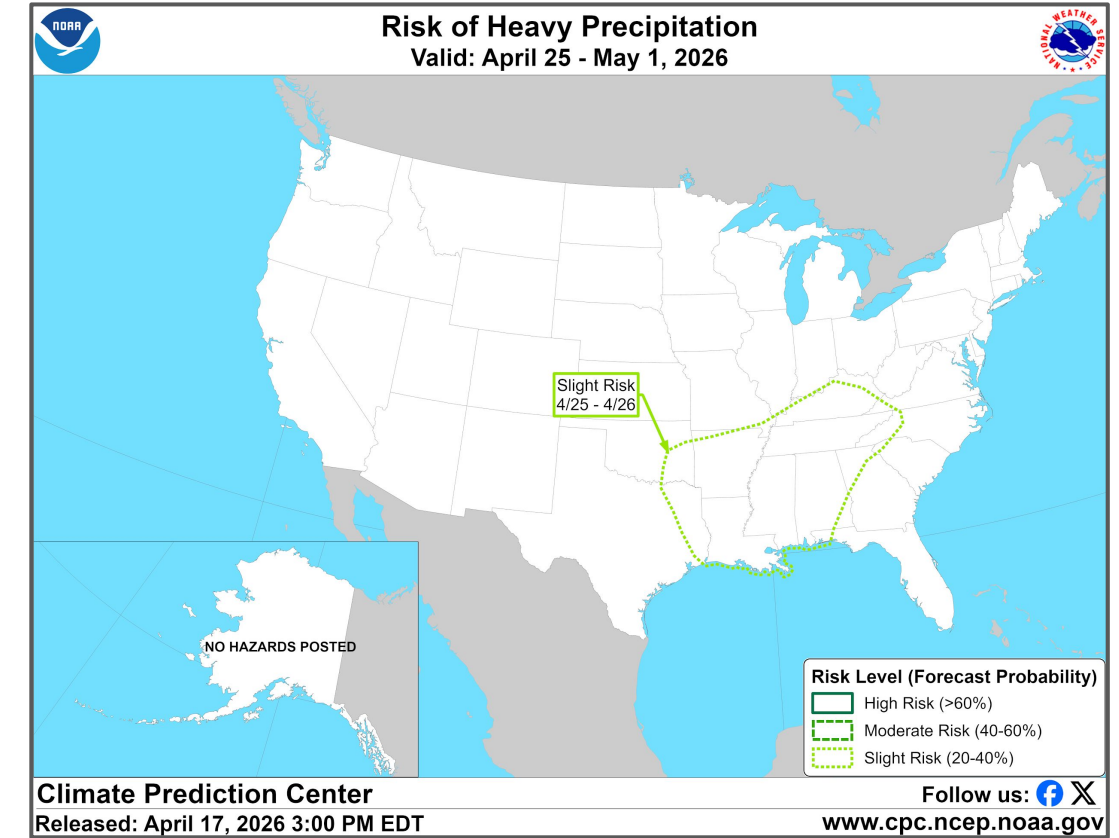
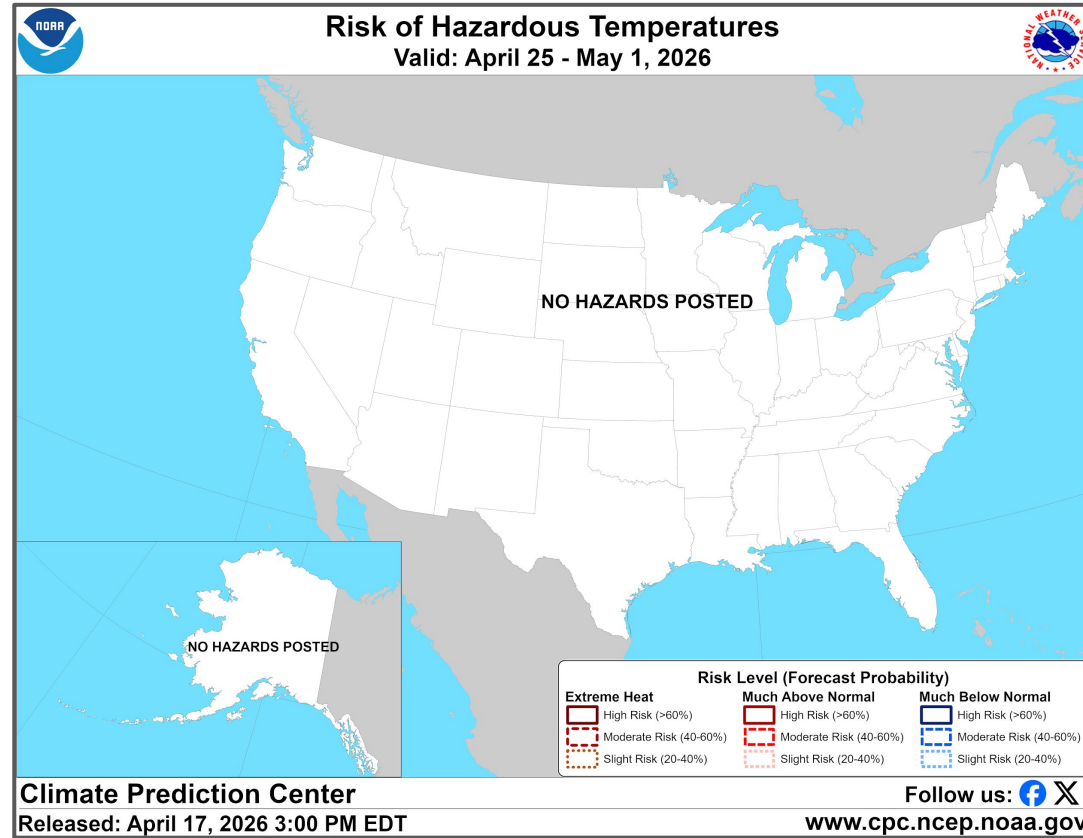
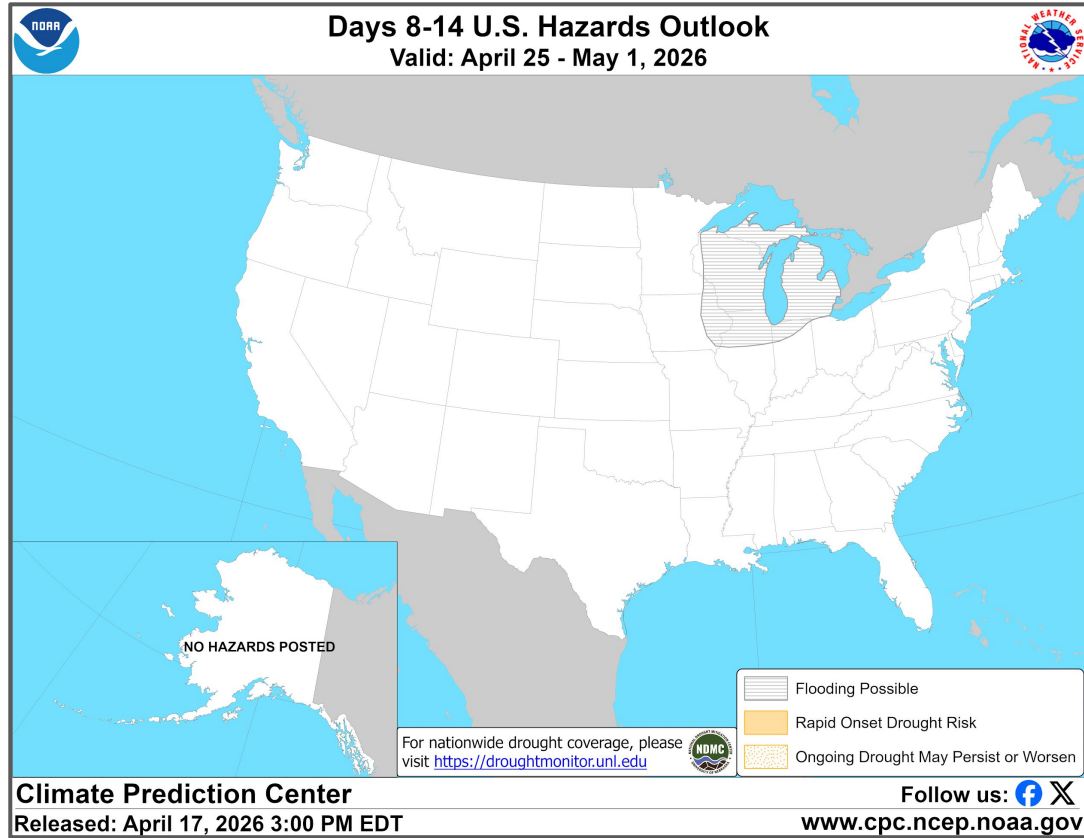


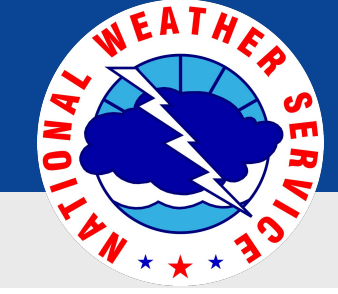
# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





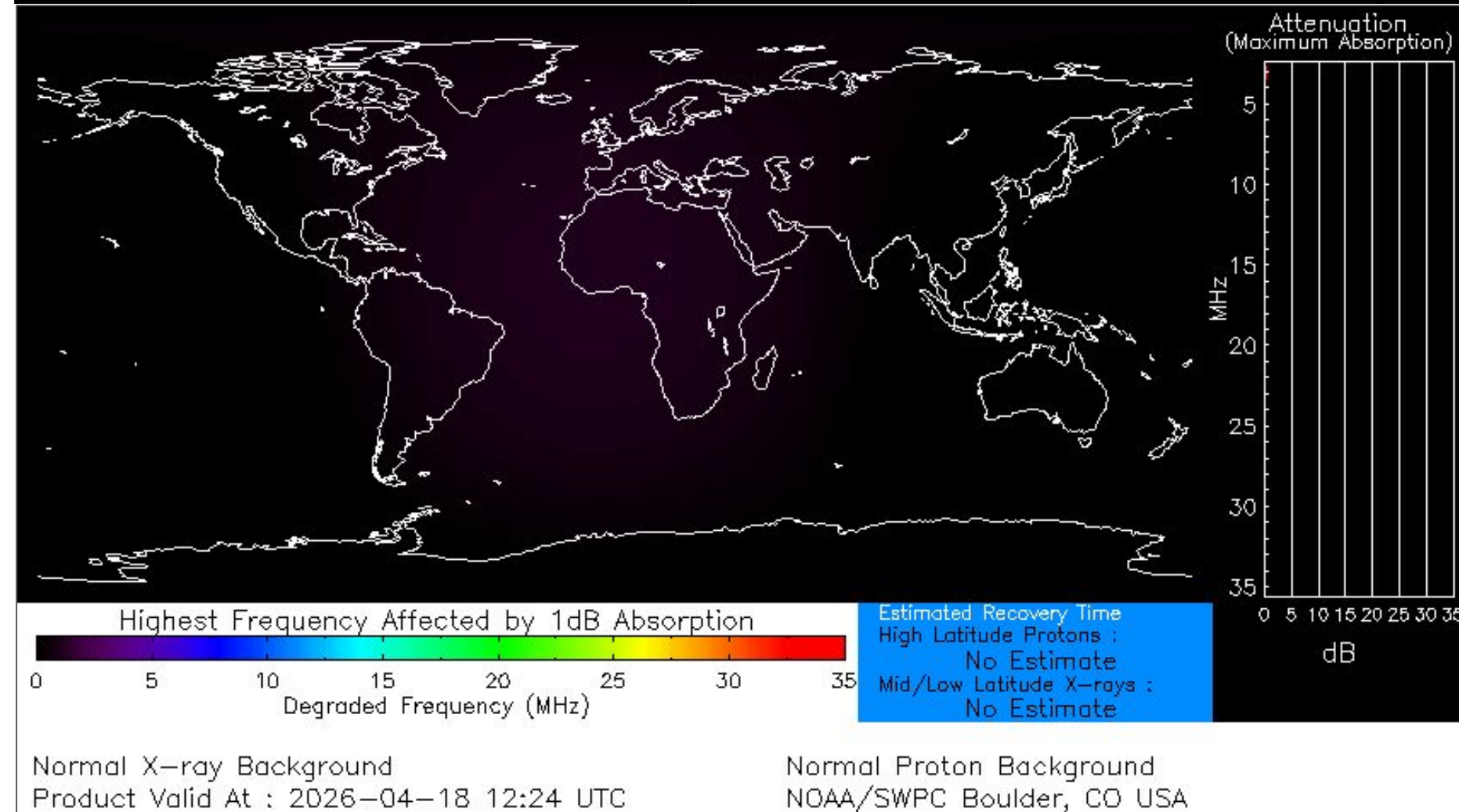
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





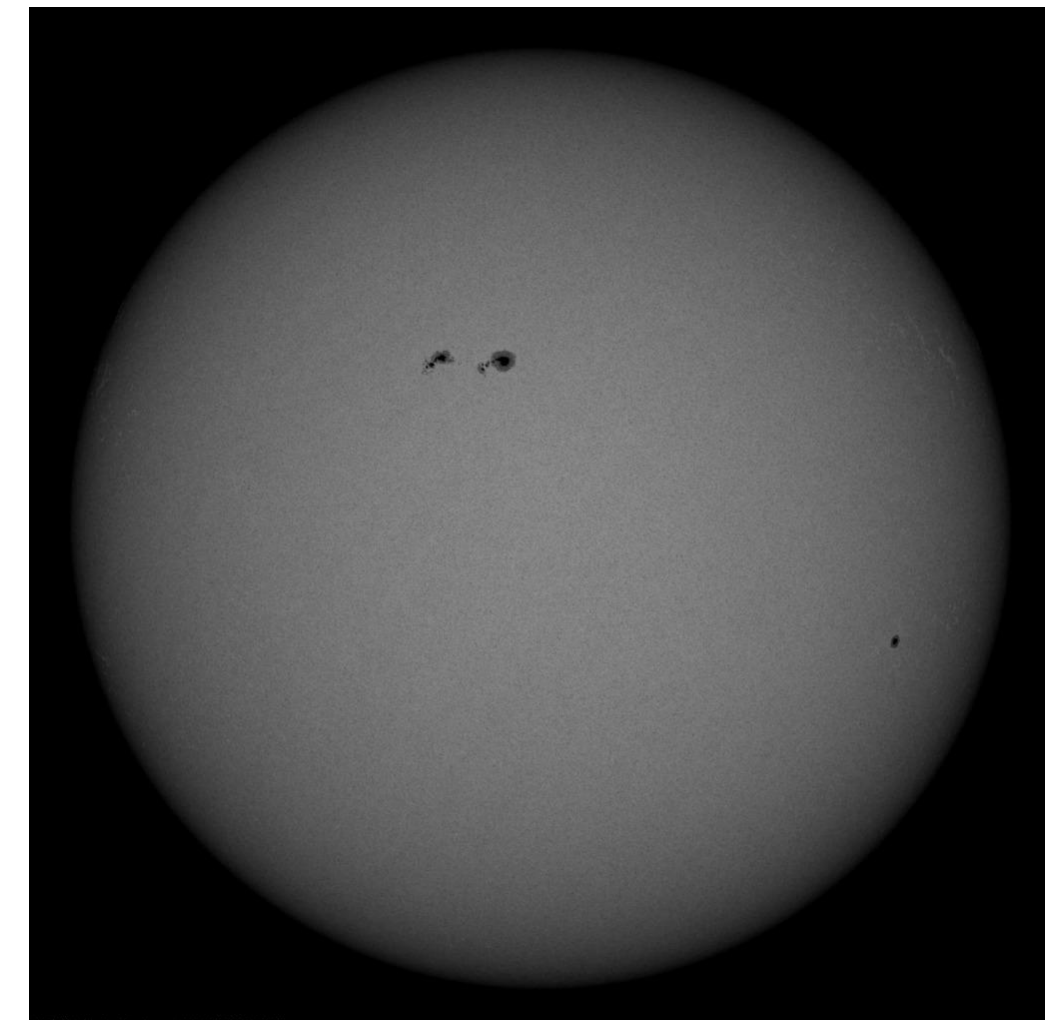
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Apr 18	Sunday, Apr 19	Monday, Apr 20
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	25%	25%	25%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	5%	5%	5%



[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;"><b>Little to None</b></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"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></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"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></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"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></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"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></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"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov)**



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