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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Thursday over OK
- Slight risk over NE TX, SE OK, N LA and AR on Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk for S/SE TX Tuesday.

- **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.
 - Red Flag Warning today over NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles and W OK 11am-8pm CDT.
- Elevated to locally critical over the TX/OK Panhandles and NM on Monday and over the Panhandles, E NM, W OK and W TX Wednesday-Thursday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Apr 19	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25
Severe Storms					OK	NETX, SE OK, AR	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			SETX				
Heat							
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles		NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK		
River Flooding							

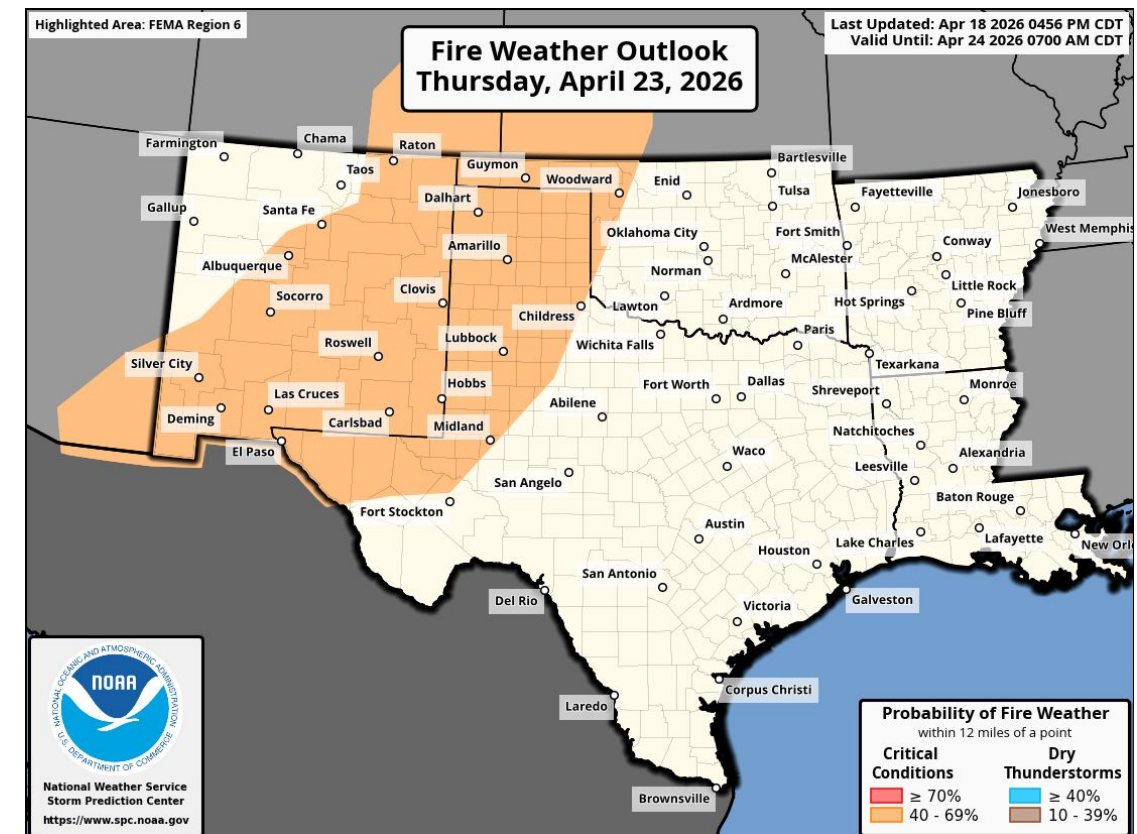
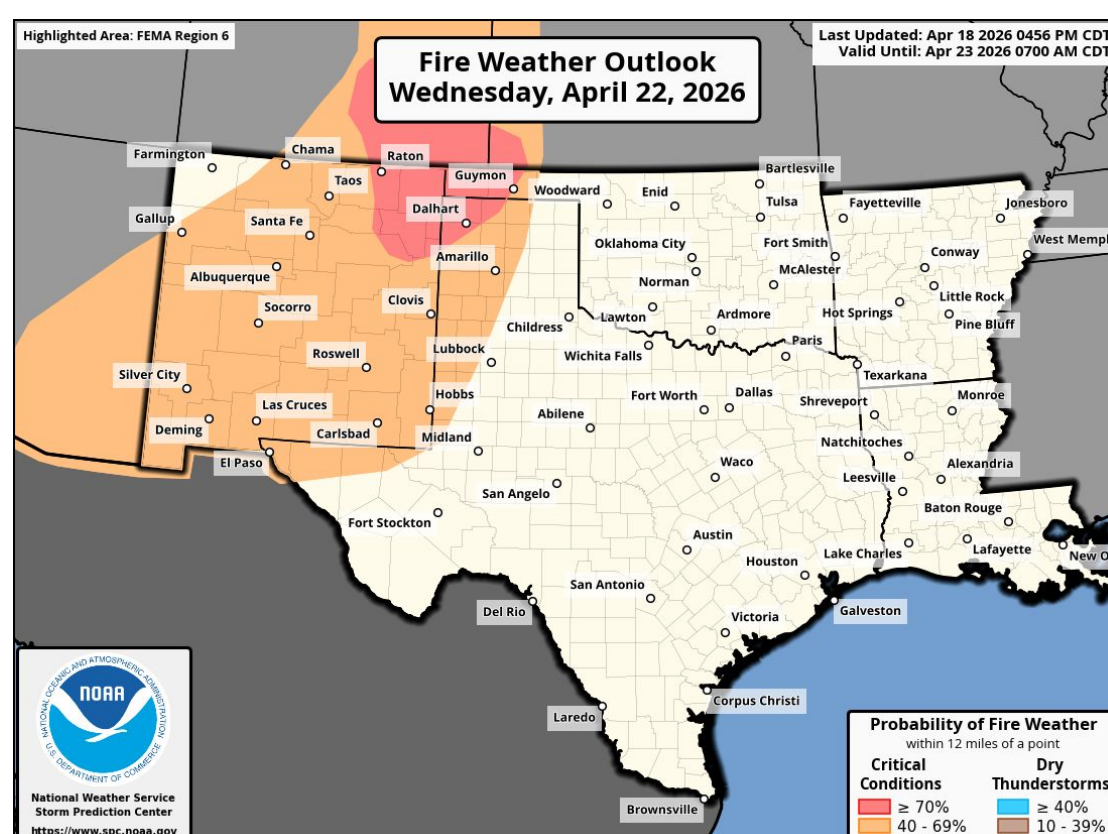
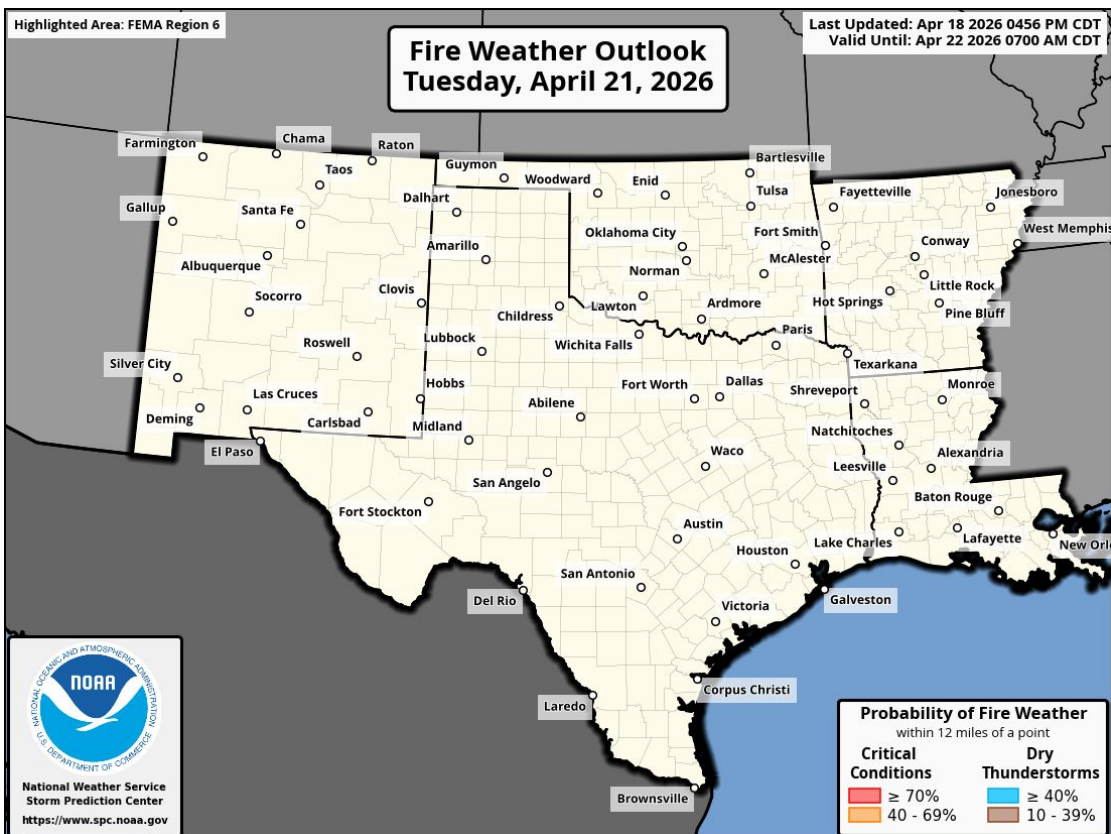
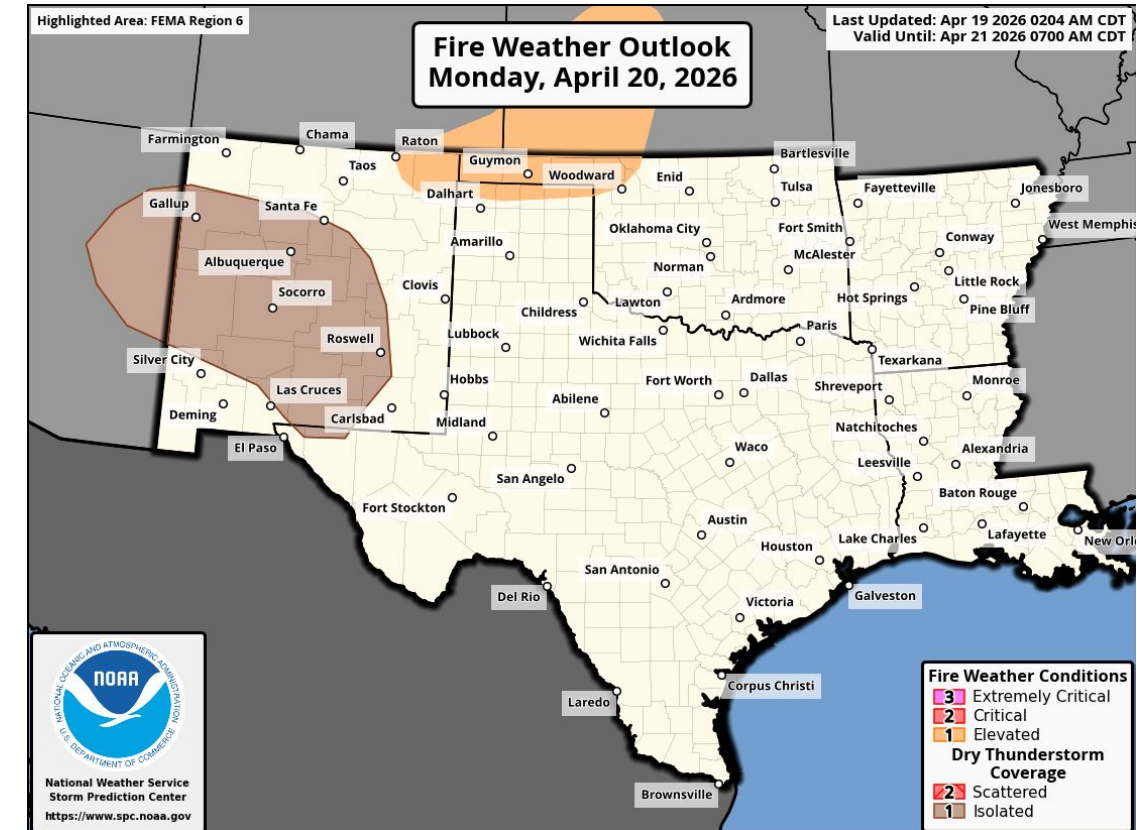
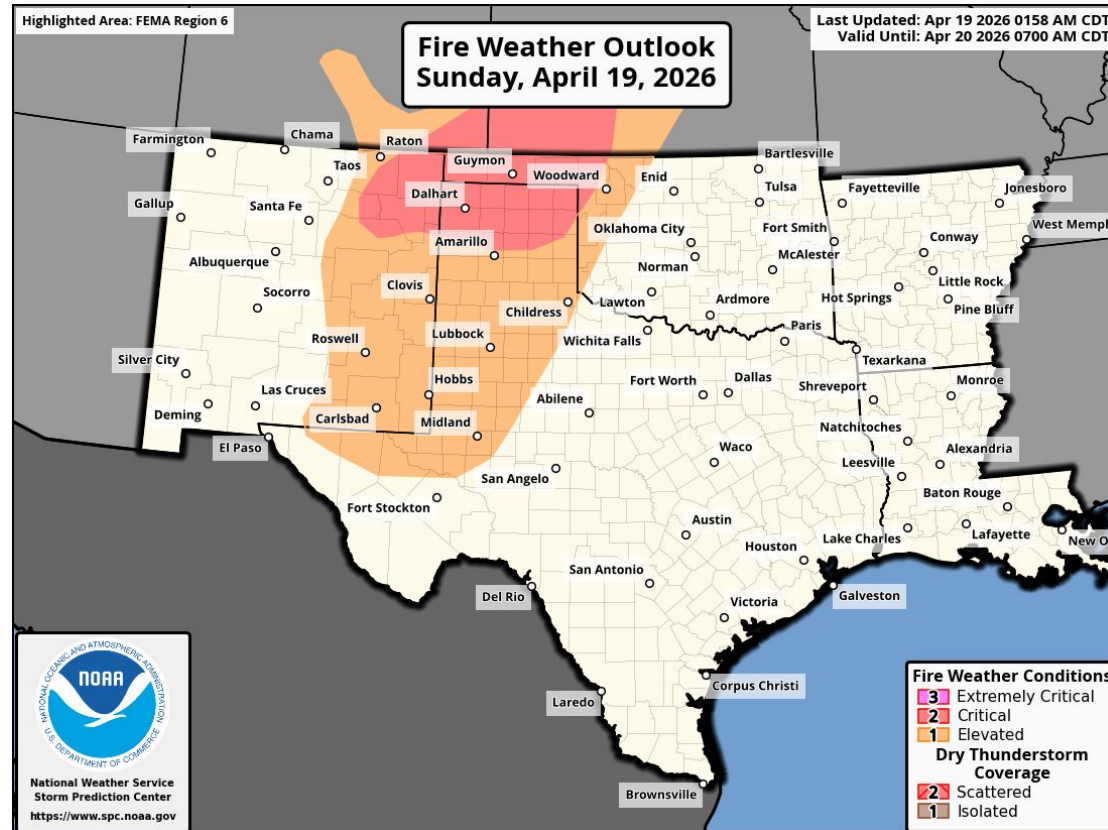
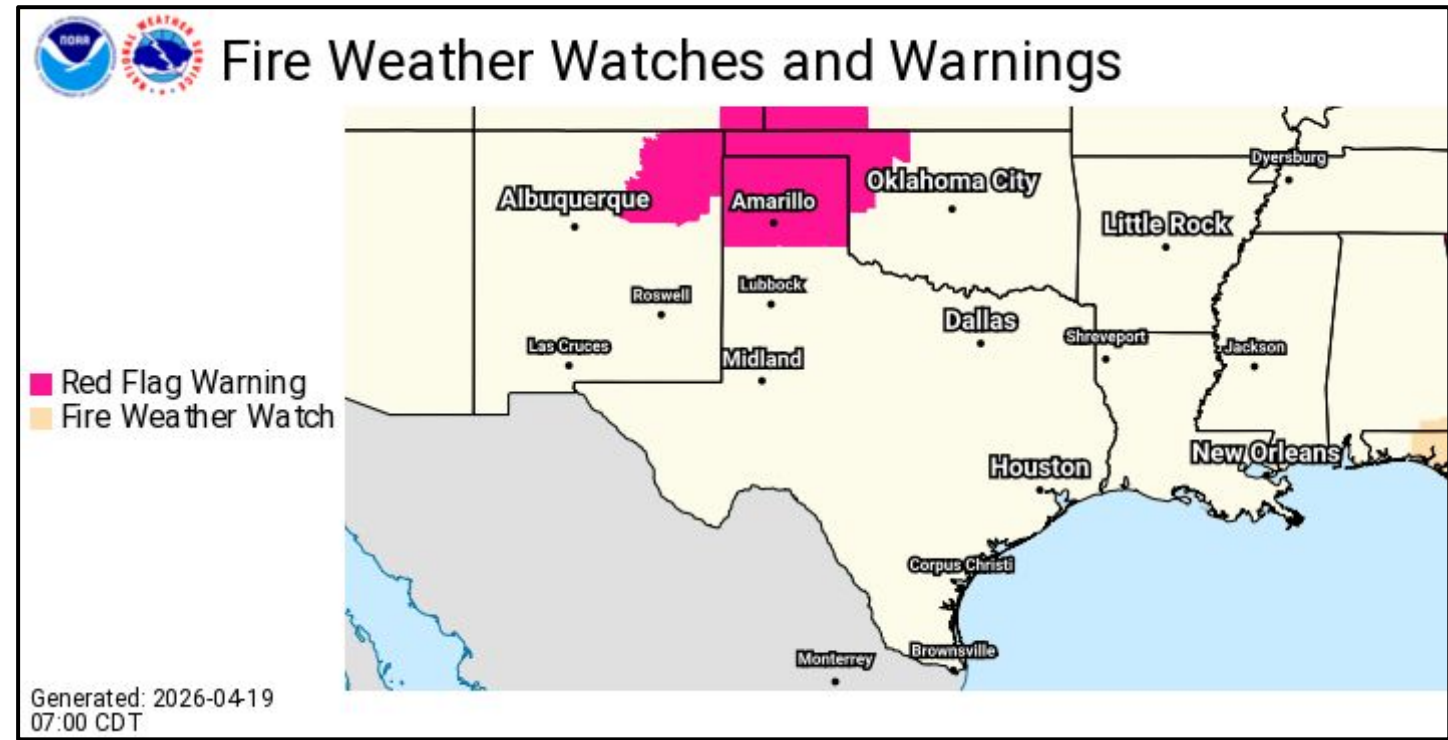
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

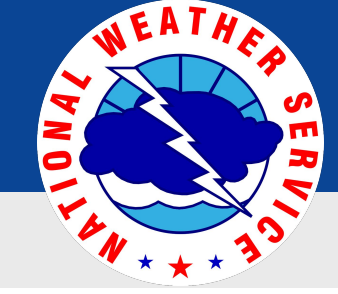
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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Fire Weather Outlooks





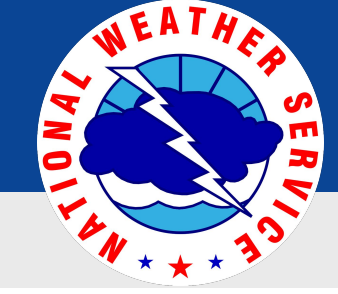
Wind Gust/RH Forecast

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/19 Sun				4/20 Mon				4/21 Tue				4/22 Wed				4/23 Thu			
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am
	Abilene	10↘	17↘	16↘	9↘	14↑	20↑	20↑	14↑	15↑	21↑	21↑	16↑	17↑	23↑	24↑	25↑	29↑	30↑	29↑
Amarillo	17↗	25↗	24↗	22↗	20↗	25↗	25↗	22↗	18↗	20↗	22↗	23↗	22↗	29↗	28↗	26↗	25↗	31↗	29↗	
Beaver	23↗	33↗	30↗	23↗	23↗	30↗	28↗	22↗	18↗	21↗	21↗	21↗	23↗	35↗	31↗	29↗	22↗	28↗	25↗	
El Paso	26↖	26↖	21↖	17↖	13↖	13↖	10↖	9↖	8↖	12↗	12↗	9↗	16↗	24↗	24↗	20↗	18↗	29↗	29↗	
Enid	17↗	20↗	18↗	18↗	24↗	28↗	24↗	20↗	23↗	26↗	23↗	18↗	22↗	28↗	26↗	28↗	32↗	36↗	31↗	
Fort Davis	23↖	21↖	20↖	10↖	9↖	12↖	16↖	8↖	9↖	8↖	16↗	17↗	18↗	20↗	20↗	16↗	26↗	29↗	28↗	
Guadalupe Pass	37↖	29↖	32↖	28↖	22↖	21↖	25↖	22↖	22↖	22↖	26↗	26↗	31↗	44↗	49↗	25↗	38↗	44↗	40↗	
Lubbock	12↗	20↗	20↗	15↗	12↗	20↗	20↗	16↗	15↗	16↗	20↗	17↗	17↗	21↗	23↗	23↗	21↗	26↗	26↗	
Midland/Odessa	21↖	23↖	23↖	12↖	15↖	26↖	24↖	17↖	16↖	16↖	18↖	18↖	20↖	23↖	26↖	25↖	23↖	30↖	30↖	
Oklahoma City	16↗	18↗	16↗	16↗	23↗	26↗	23↗	20↗	25↗	28↗	24↗	18↗	22↗	28↗	28↗	30↗	36↗	37↗	32↗	
San Angelo	13↖	17↖	16↖	9↖	10↖	16↖	16↖	10↖	12↖	17↖	17↖	13↖	15↖	20↖	18↖	18↖	23↖	23↖	22↖	
Santa Fe	17↖	17↖	16↖	13↖	8↖	15↖	16↖	9↖	9↖	16↗	16↗	12↖	21↖	29↖	31↖	24↖	32↖	33↖	32↖	
Wichita Falls	8↗	15↗	15↗	10↗	17↗	23↗	22↗	14↗	18↗	24↗	23↗	17↗	20↗	26↗	26↗	22↗	30↗	33↗	31↗	

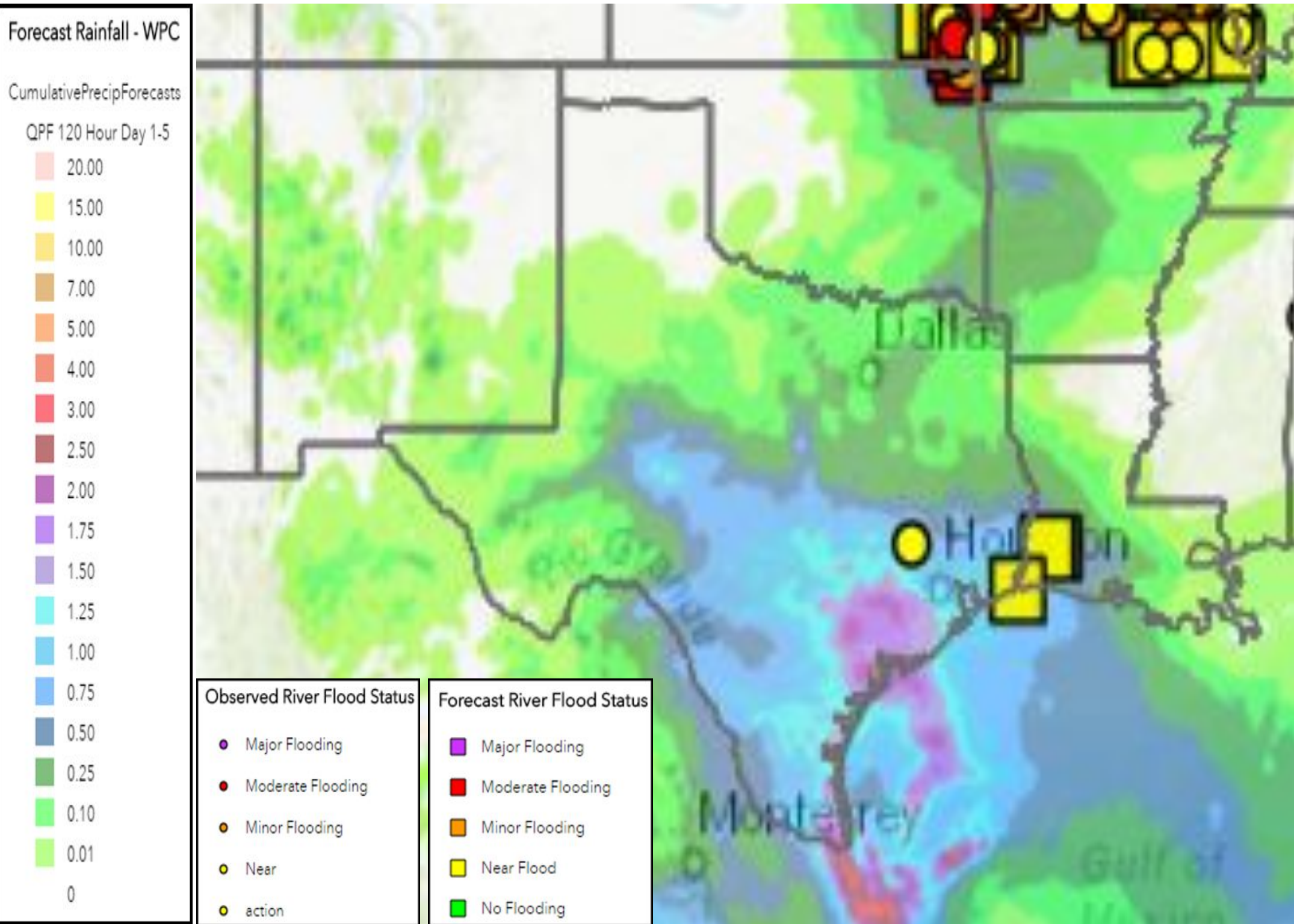
RH (%) Forecast

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	Abilene	70	31	24	51	66	64	65	80	86	78	68	87	93	69	51	81	87	62	40
Amarillo	39	15	10	23	38	33	38	72	93	47	21	63	90	32	15	31	39	11	7	
Beaver	45	16	9	23	40	23	26	69	100	43	23	72	100	47	24	61	58	16	8	
El Paso	28	22	27	34	49	44	29	42	62	37	15	22	33	21	10	14	23	15	8	
Enid	73	37	23	52	65	37	33	60	89	63	55	93	100	76	60	90	100	64	53	
Fort Davis	48	31	39	63	89	52	44	83	96	42	31	69	86	30	17	38	45	16	9	
Guadalupe Pass	50	26	29	47	70	49	47	80	86	50	29	40	52	23	16	21	25	15	13	
Lubbock	50	19	11	28	50	60	54	83	93	62	34	78	93	50	19	49	84	20	6	
Midland/Odessa	62	23	18	40	66	69	65	83	93	65	42	75	100	52	27	71	97	22	8	
Oklahoma City	63	34	27	51	63	39	34	58	80	70	65	87	96	81	64	87	97	76	58	
San Angelo	82	36	28	55	86	90	83	90	96	90	71	97	100	76	56	87	97	64	42	
Santa Fe	38	24	15	28	44	35	24	52	64	34	20	35	49	23	11	17	30	19	12	
Wichita Falls	73	31	24	59	71	37	38	72	90	78	68	93	100	71	54	90	97	64	45	



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



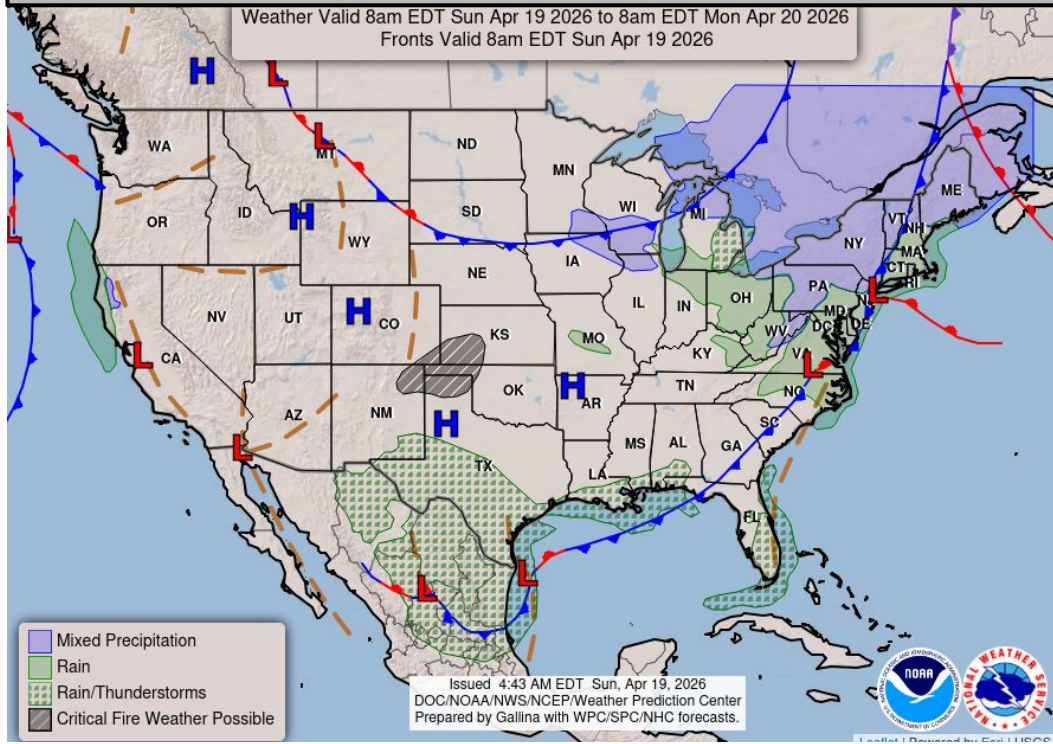
River flooding is not expected.

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.

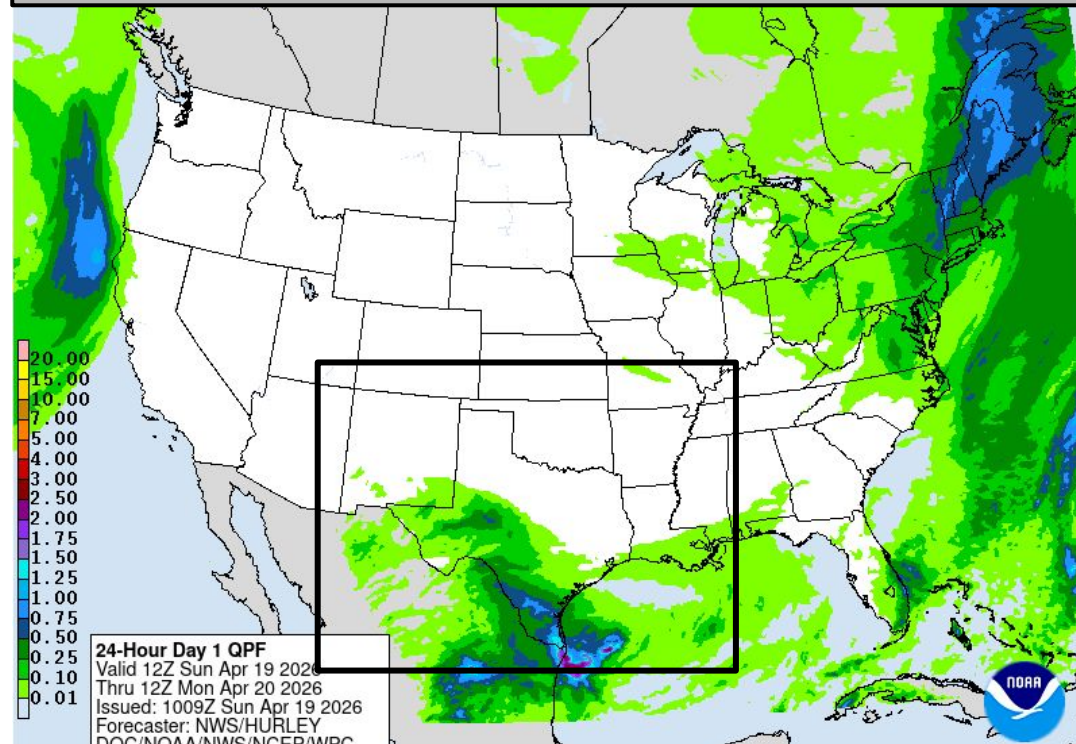


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

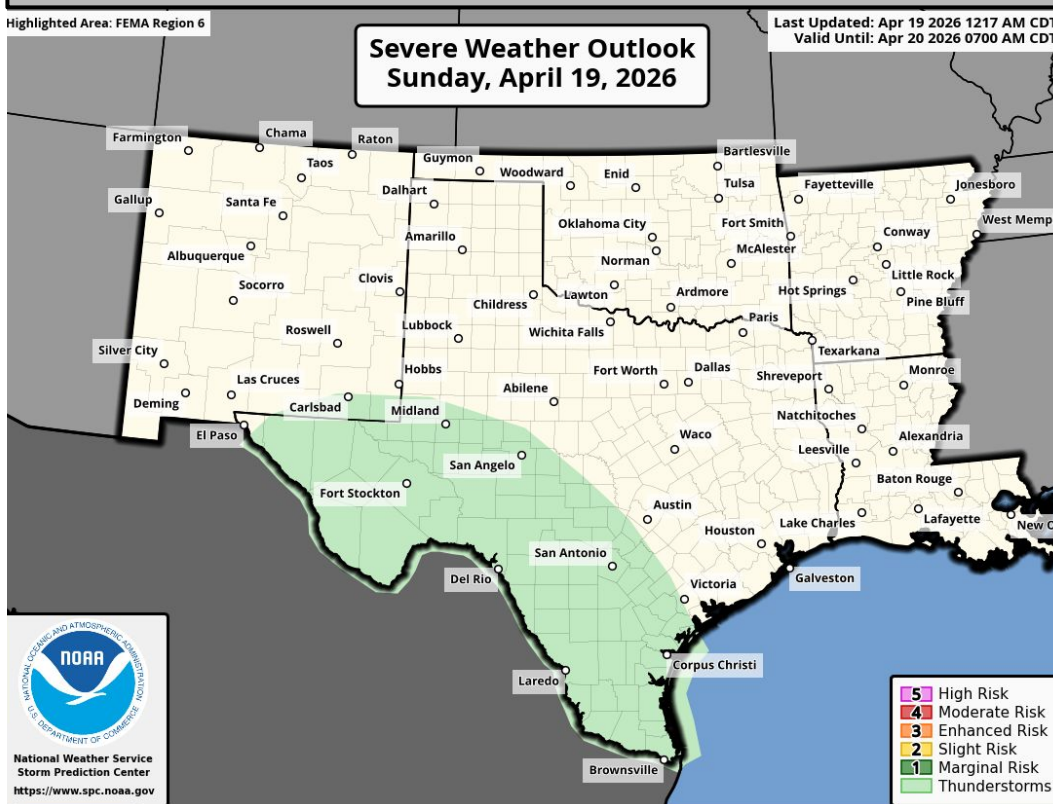


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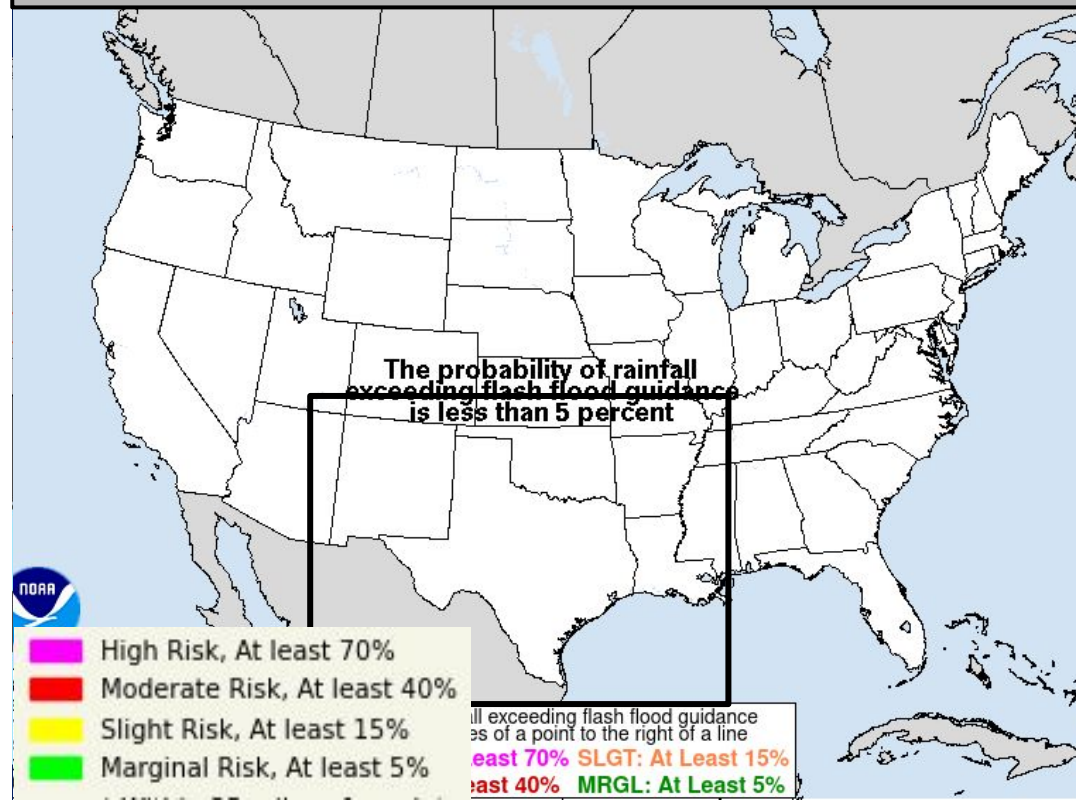


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Severe Weather Outlook

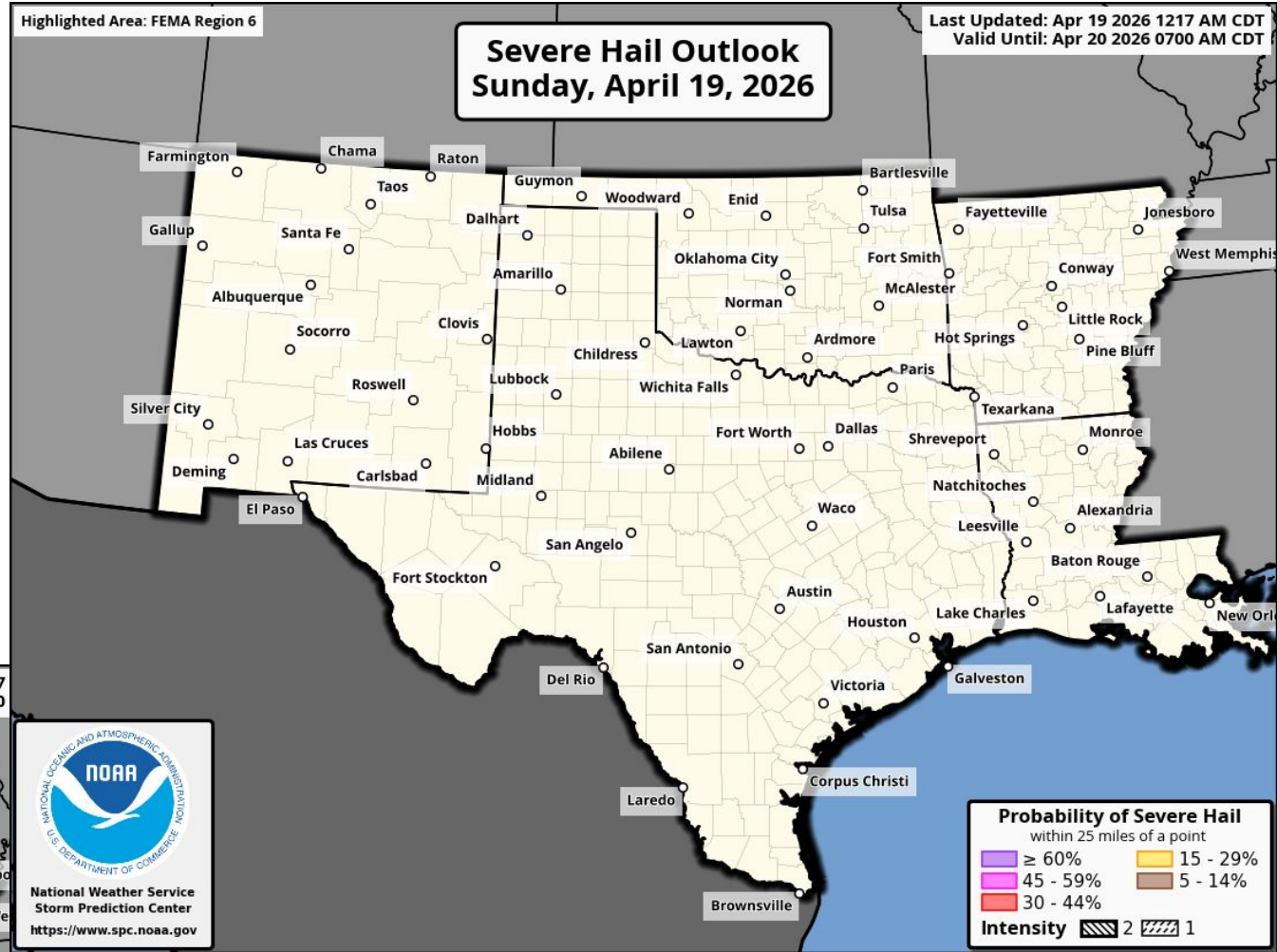
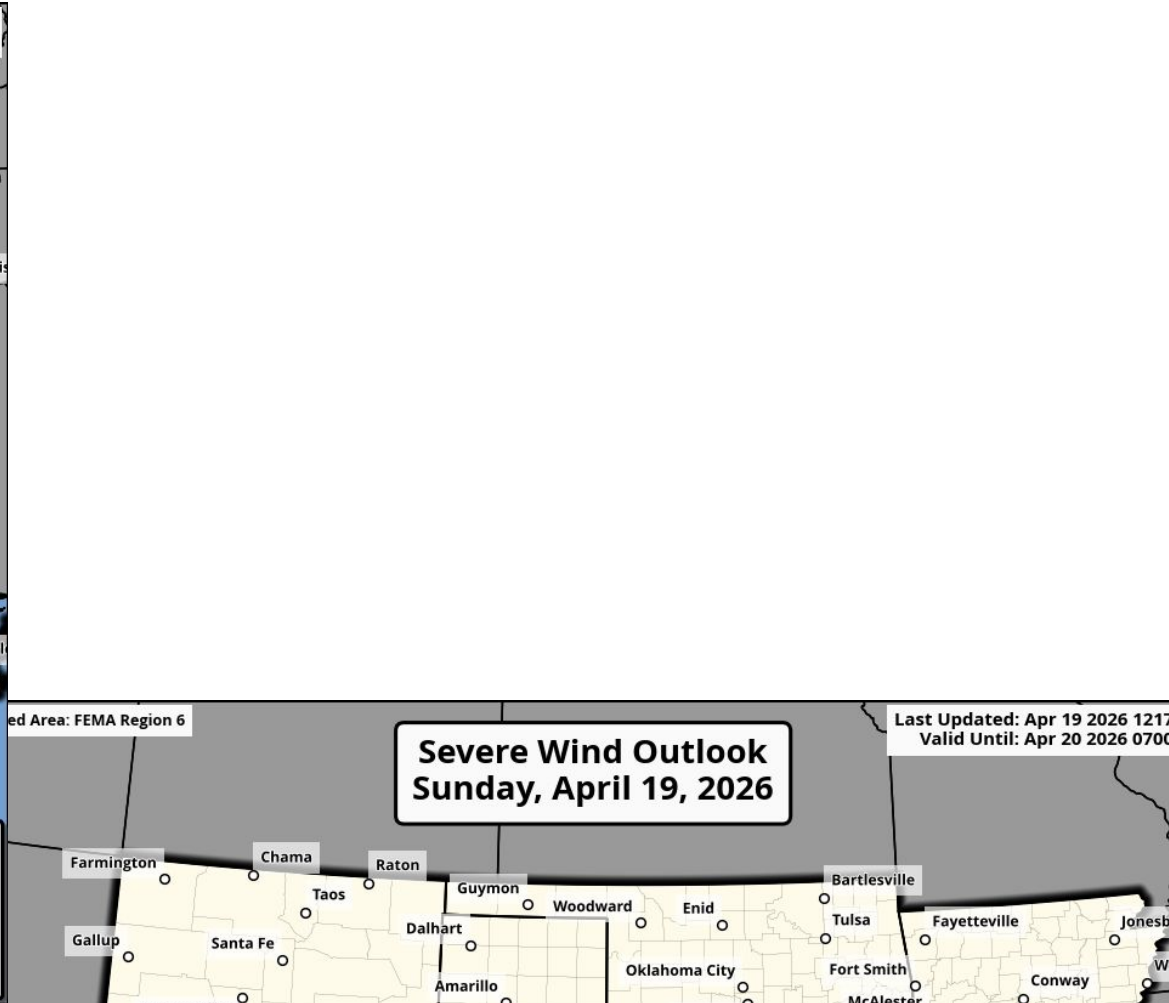
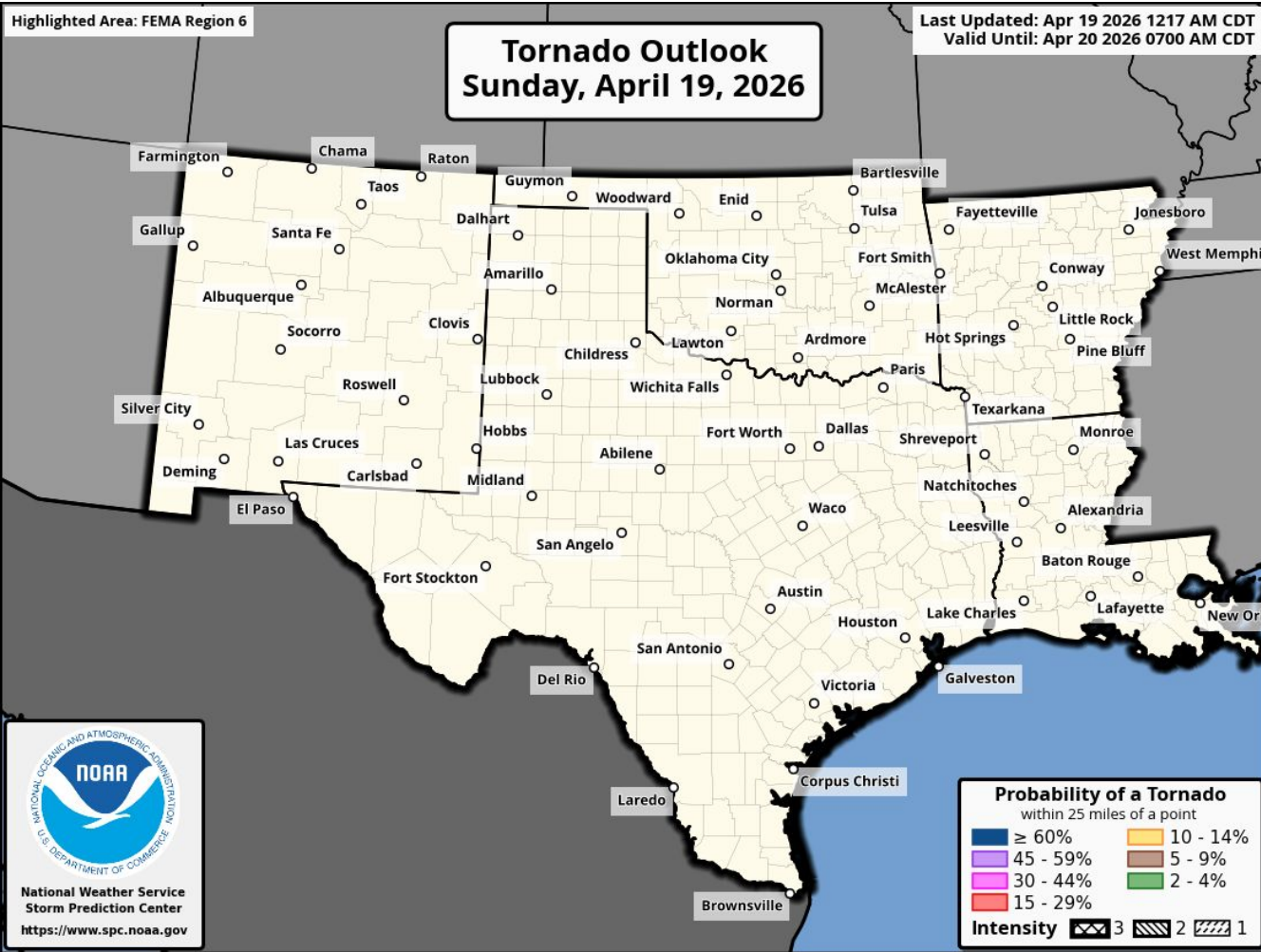


Excessive Rainfall Outlook



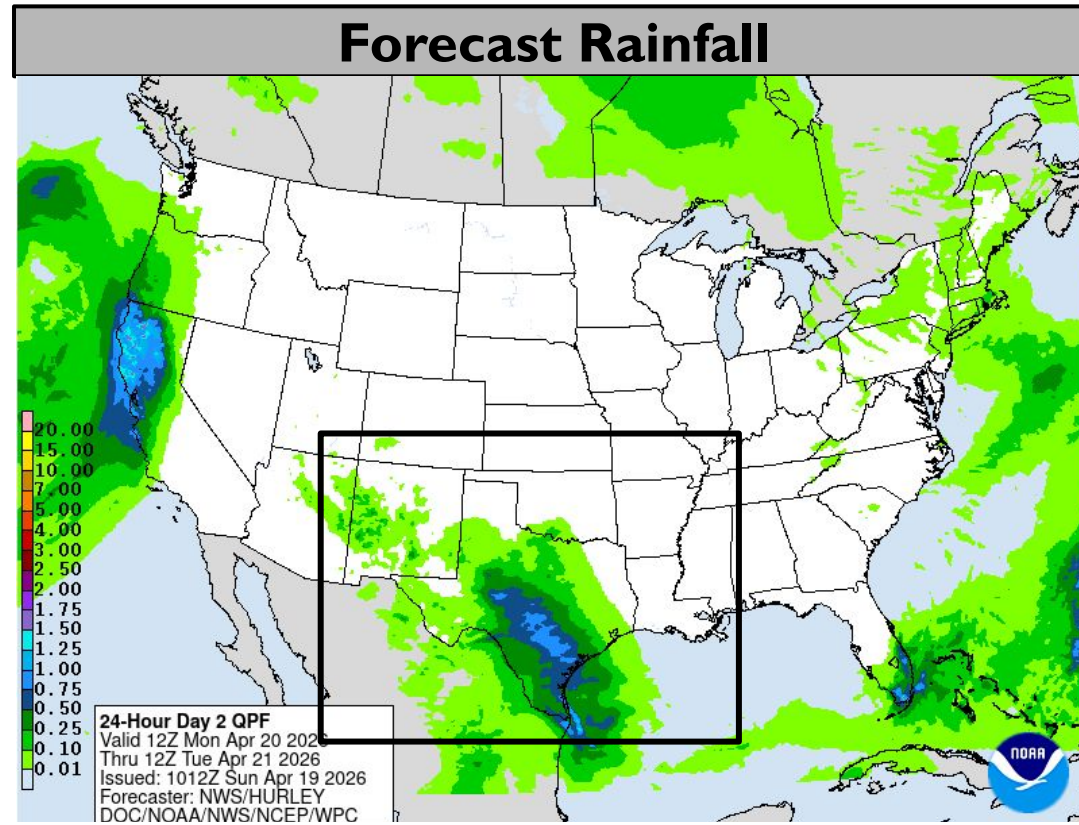
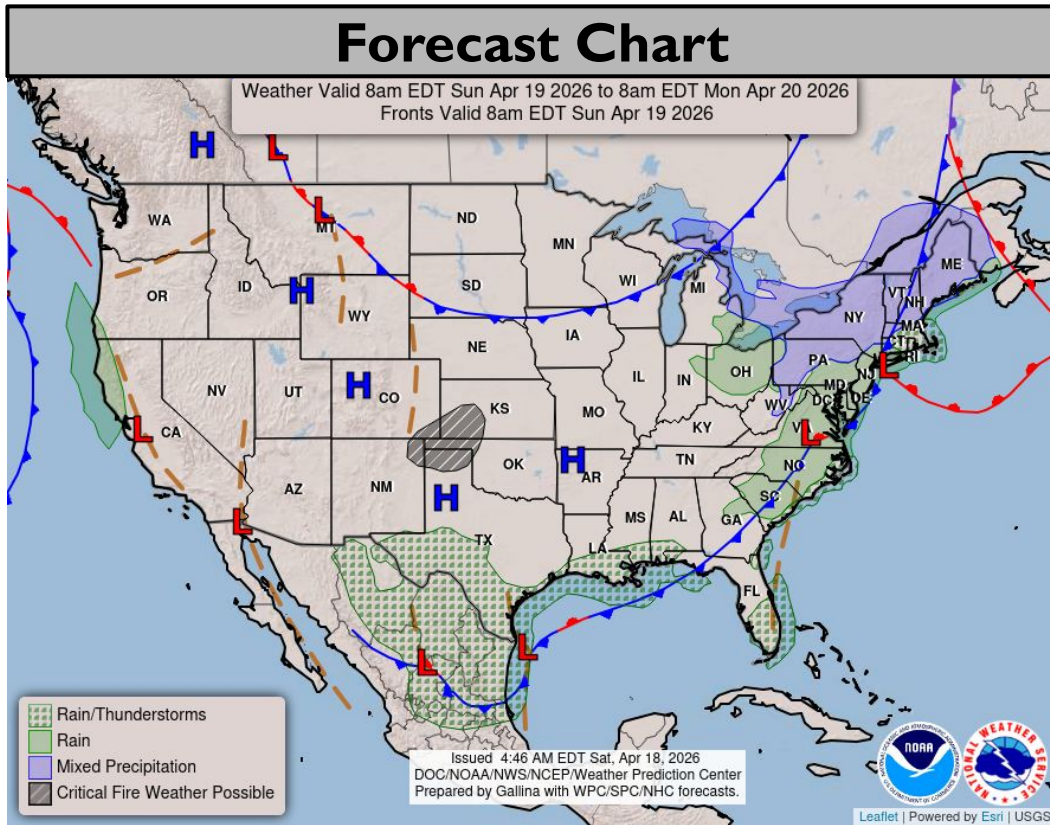


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

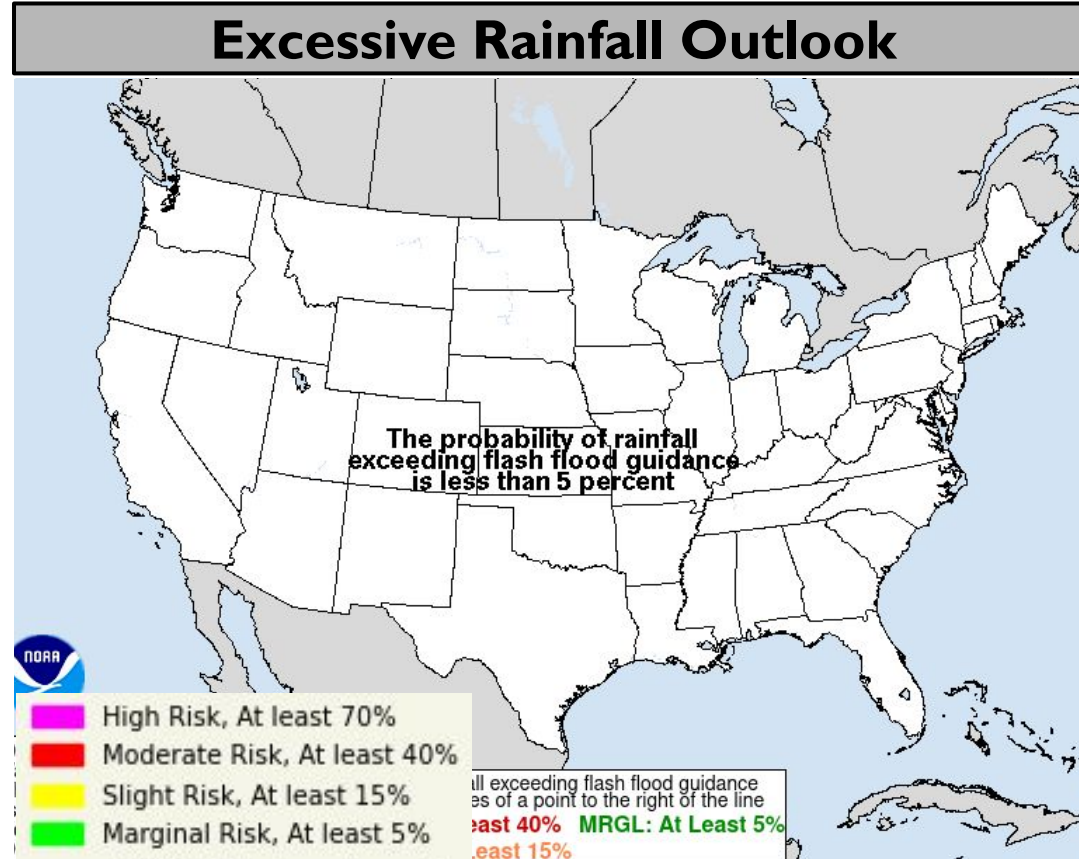
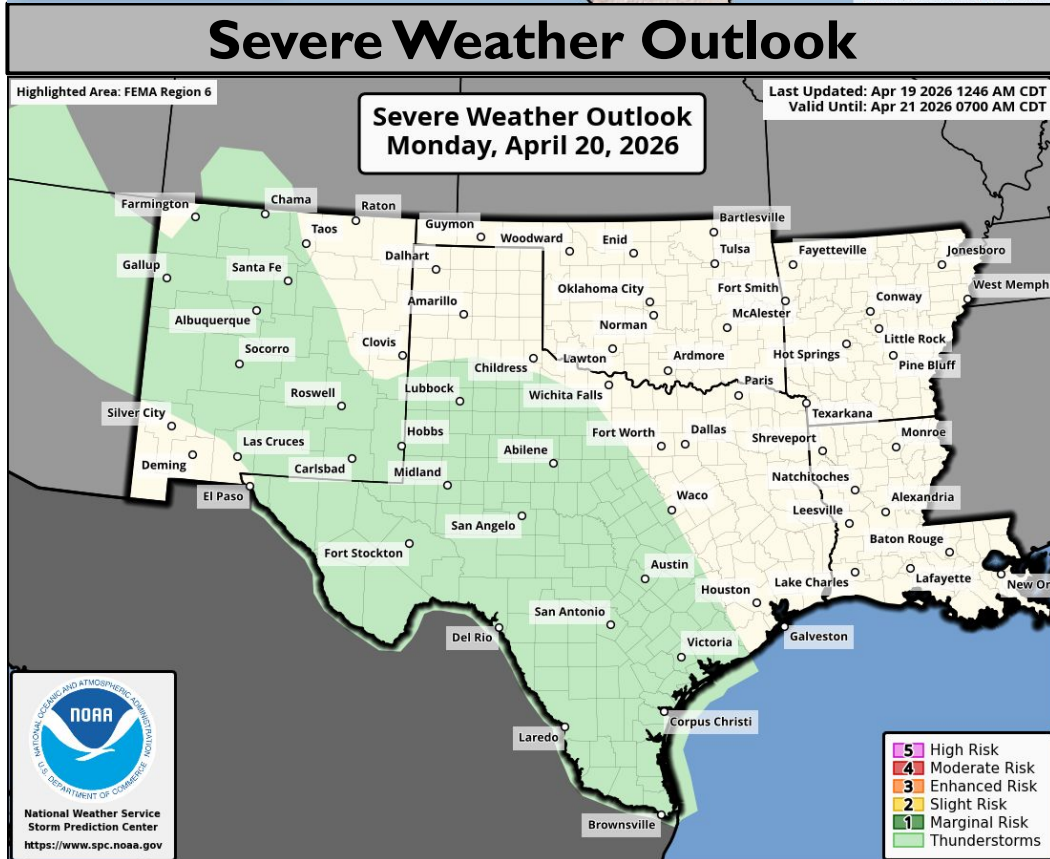




Tomorrow's Weather

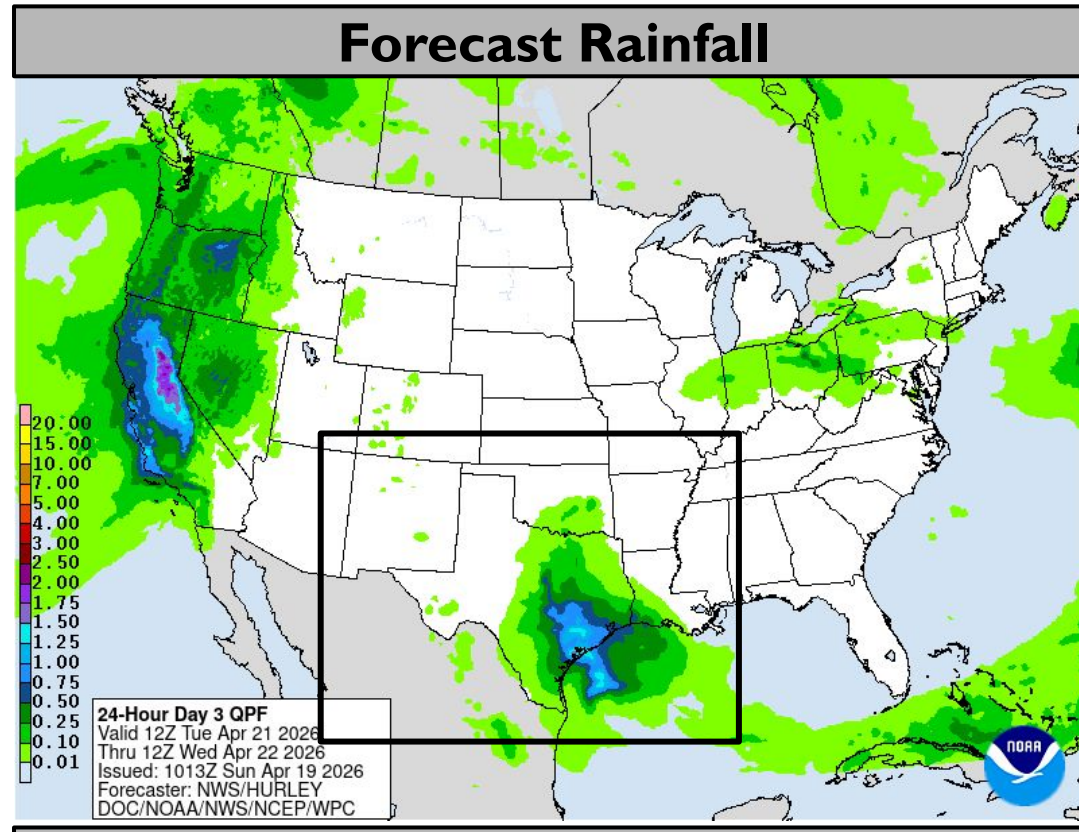
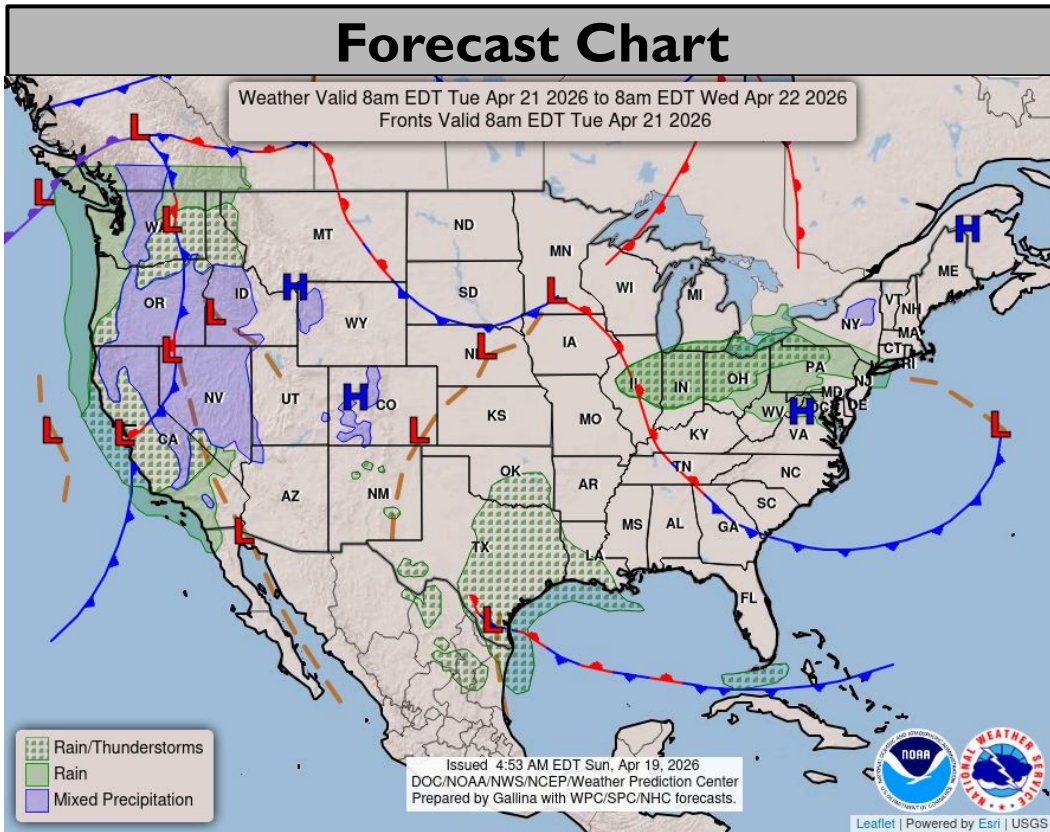


Elevated fire weather threat (level 1 of 3) over the OK/TX Panhandles with dry thunderstorms possible over NM.

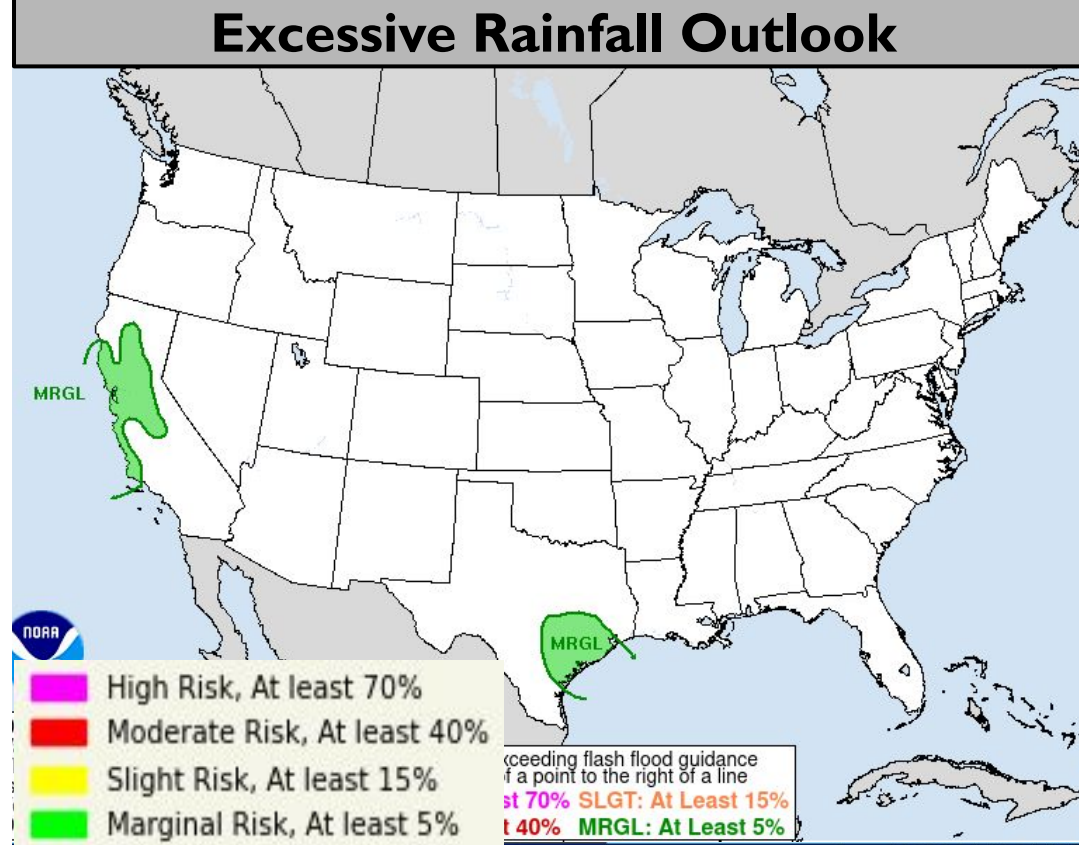
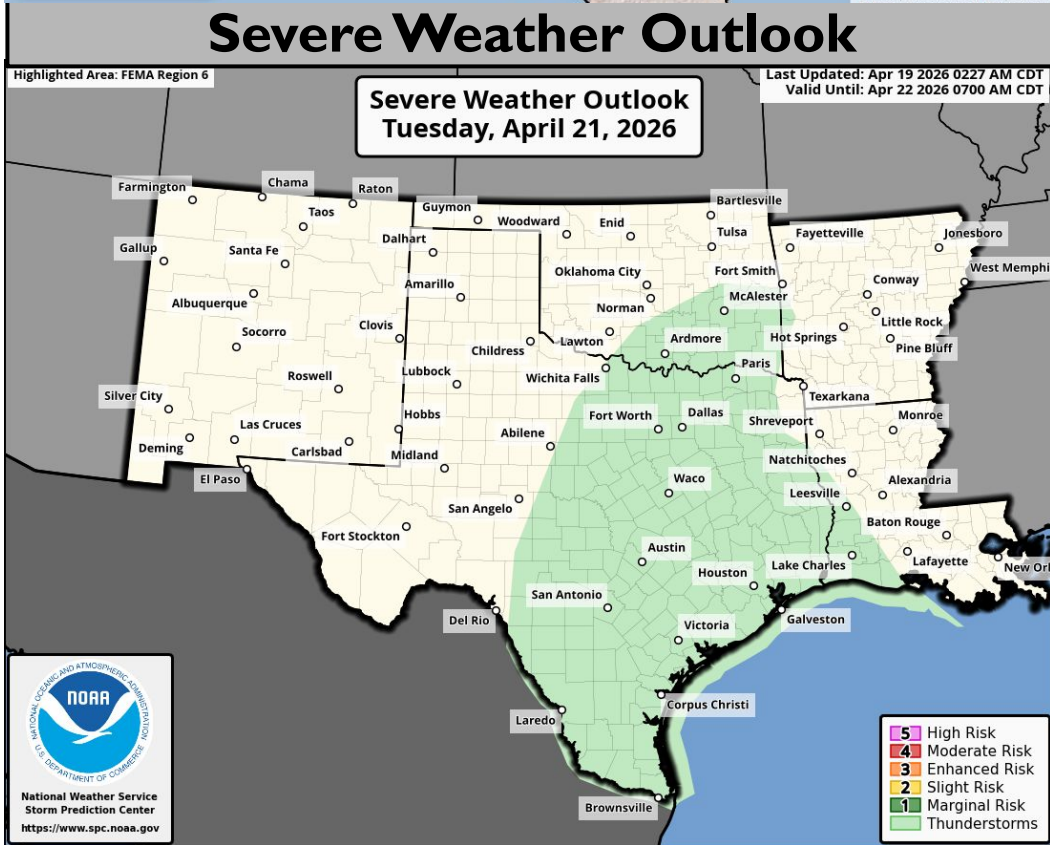




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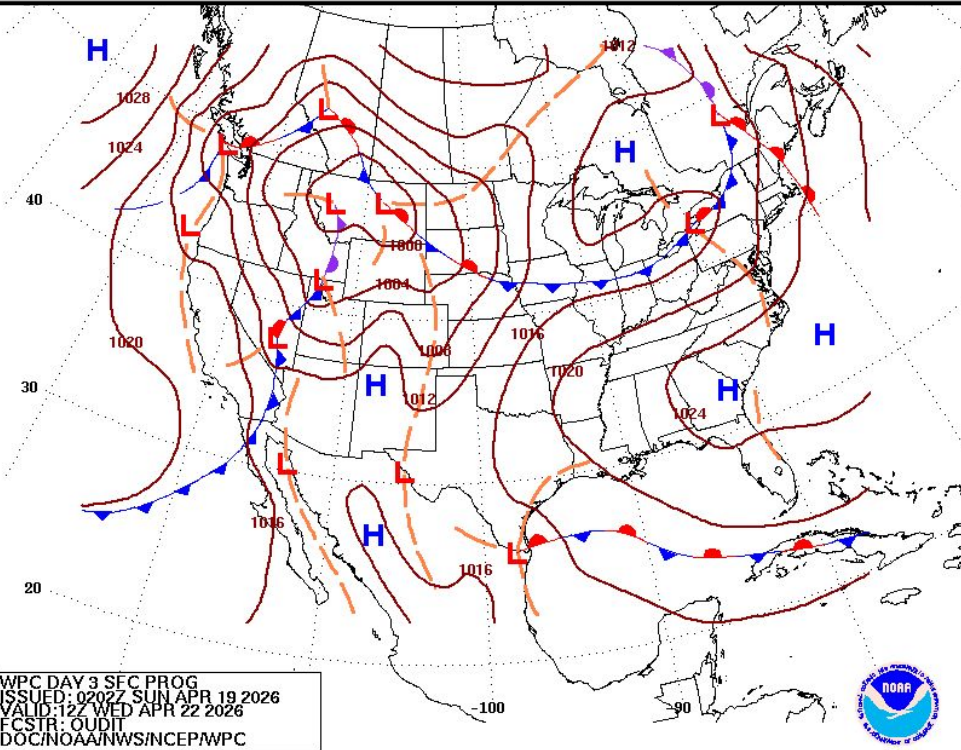
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over SE TX for flash flooding.



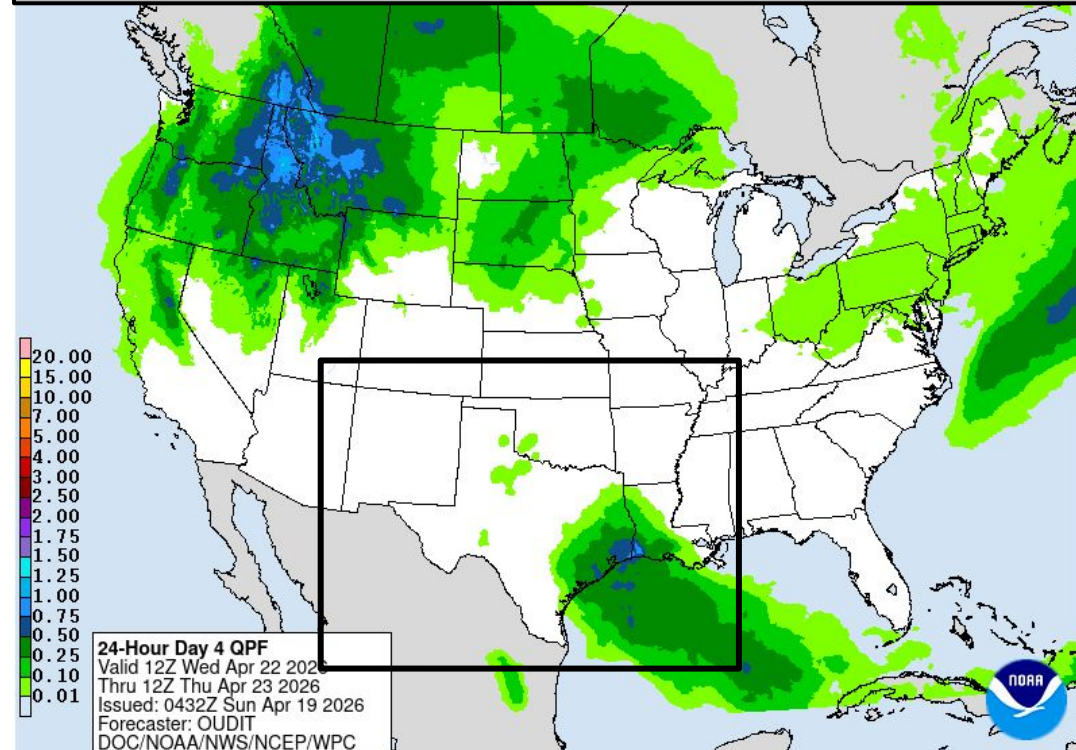


Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

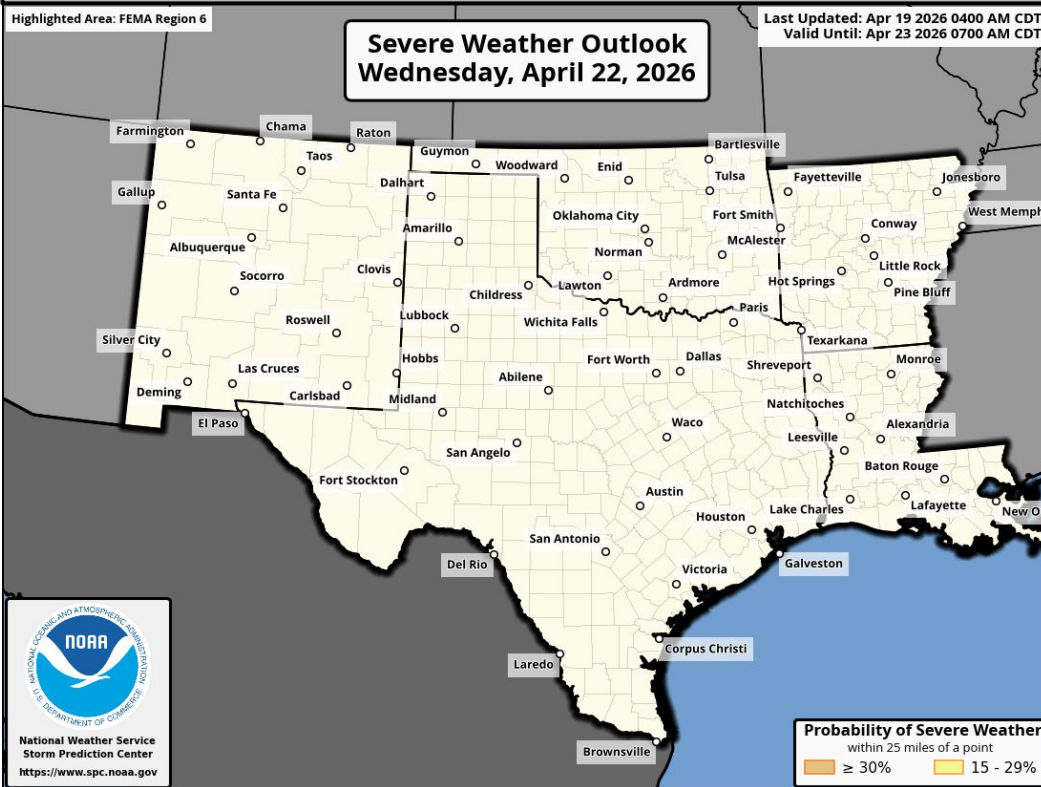


Forecast Rainfall

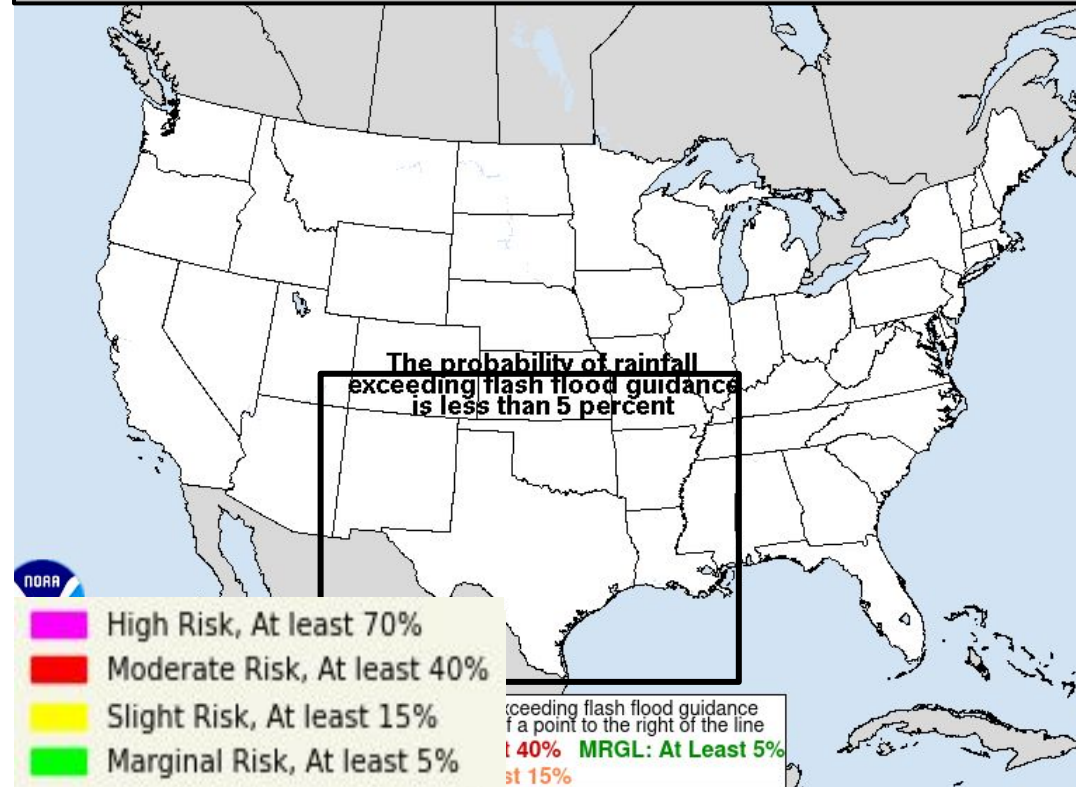


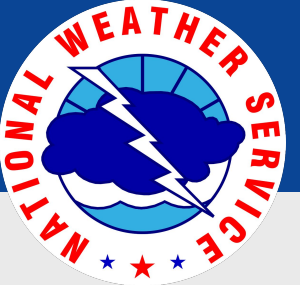
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Severe Weather Outlook



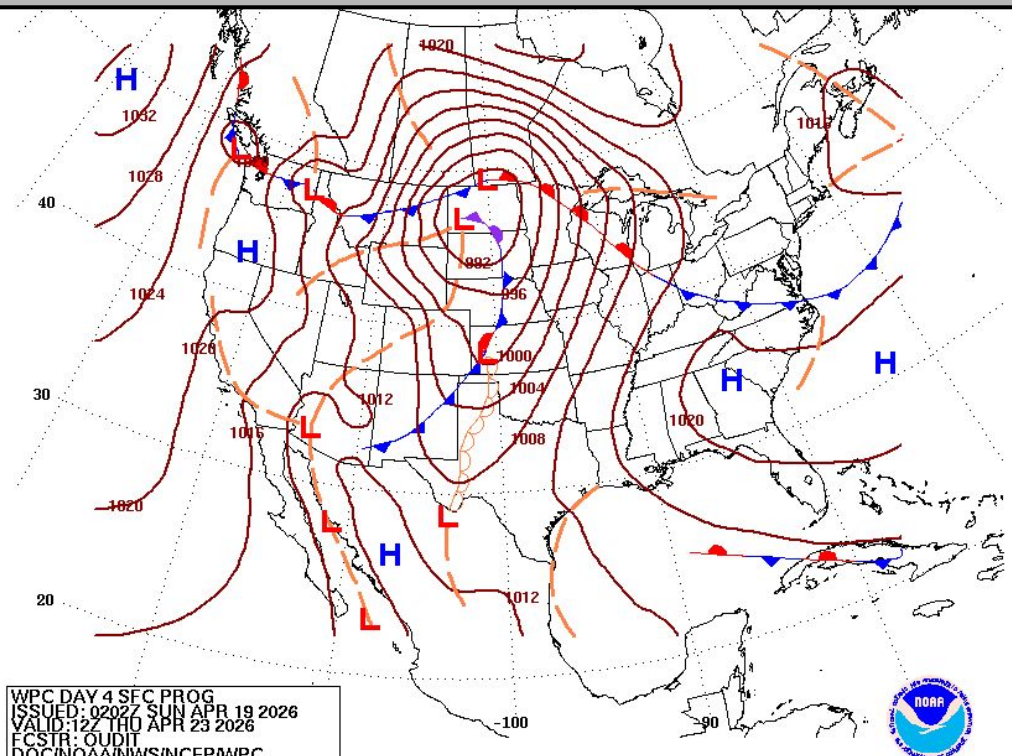
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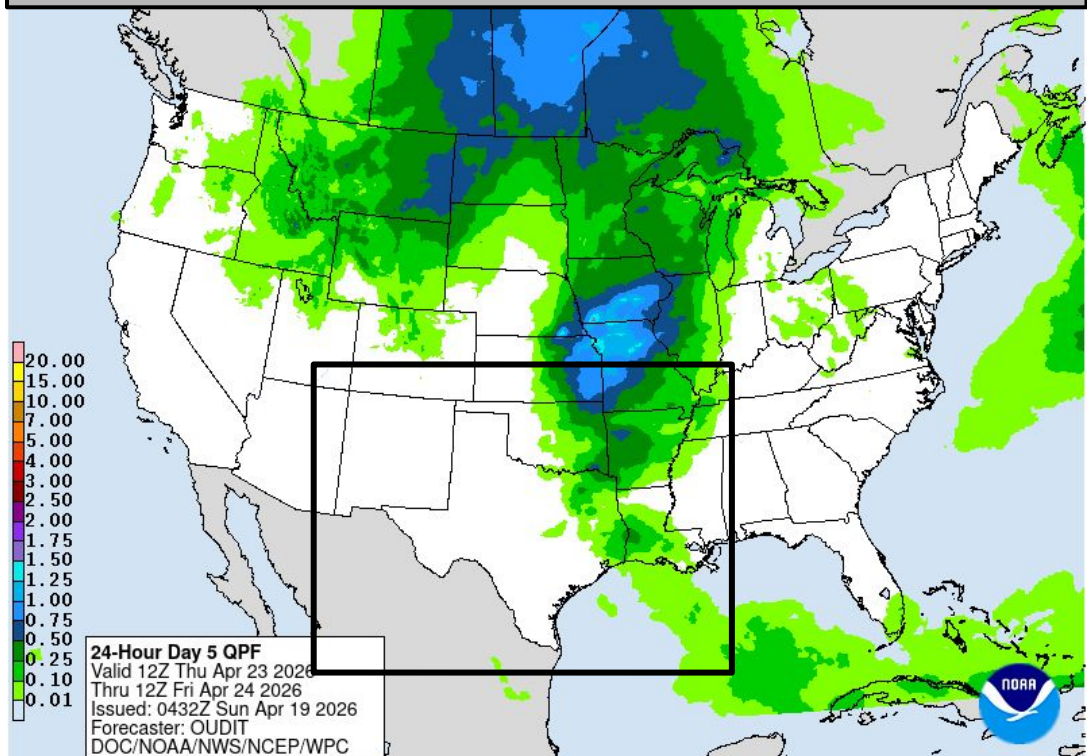
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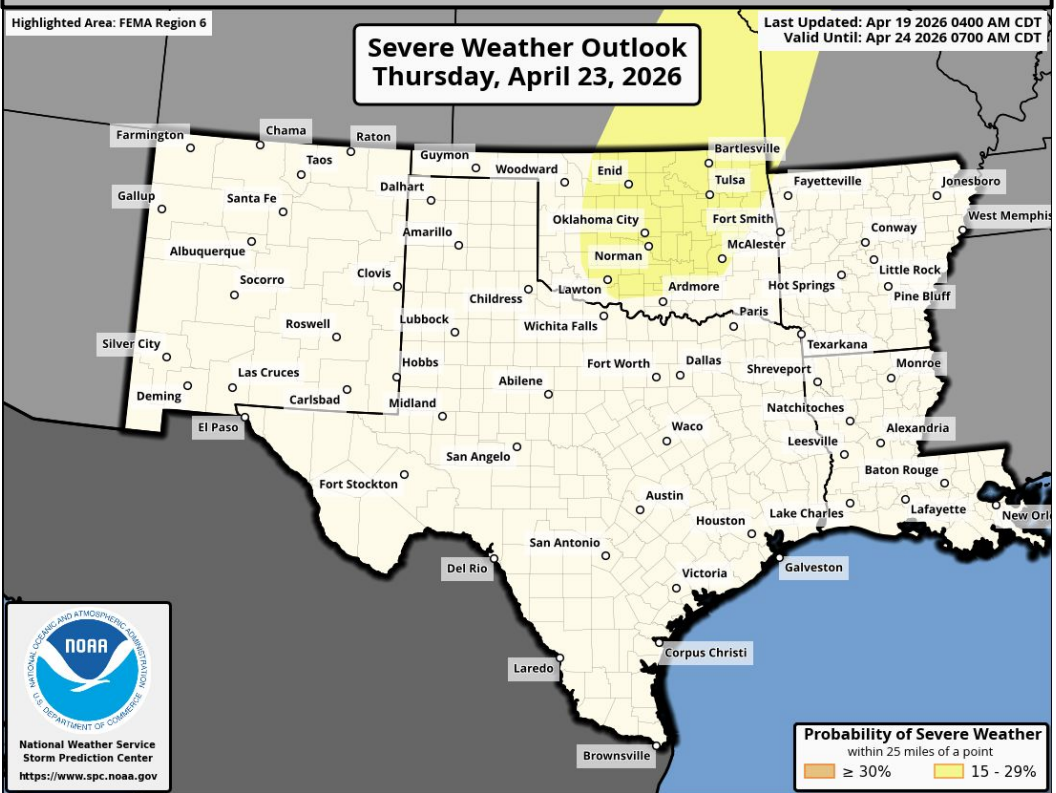
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Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Thu Apr 23 2026
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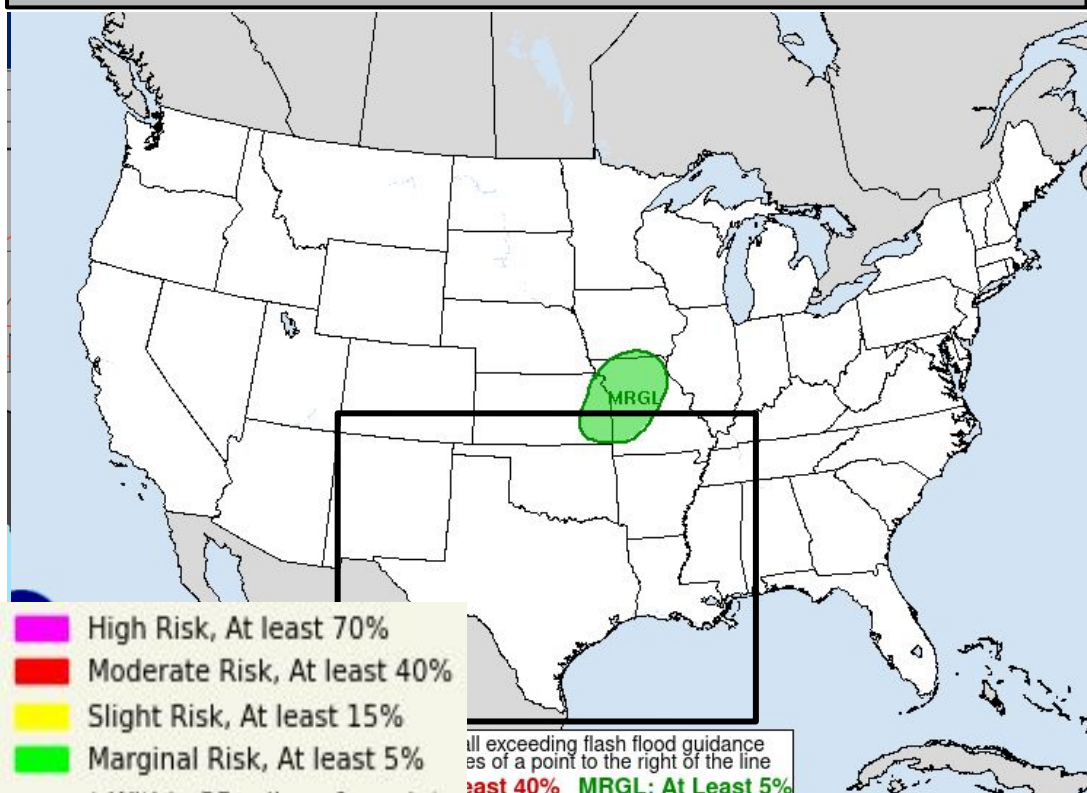
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, April 23, 2026

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

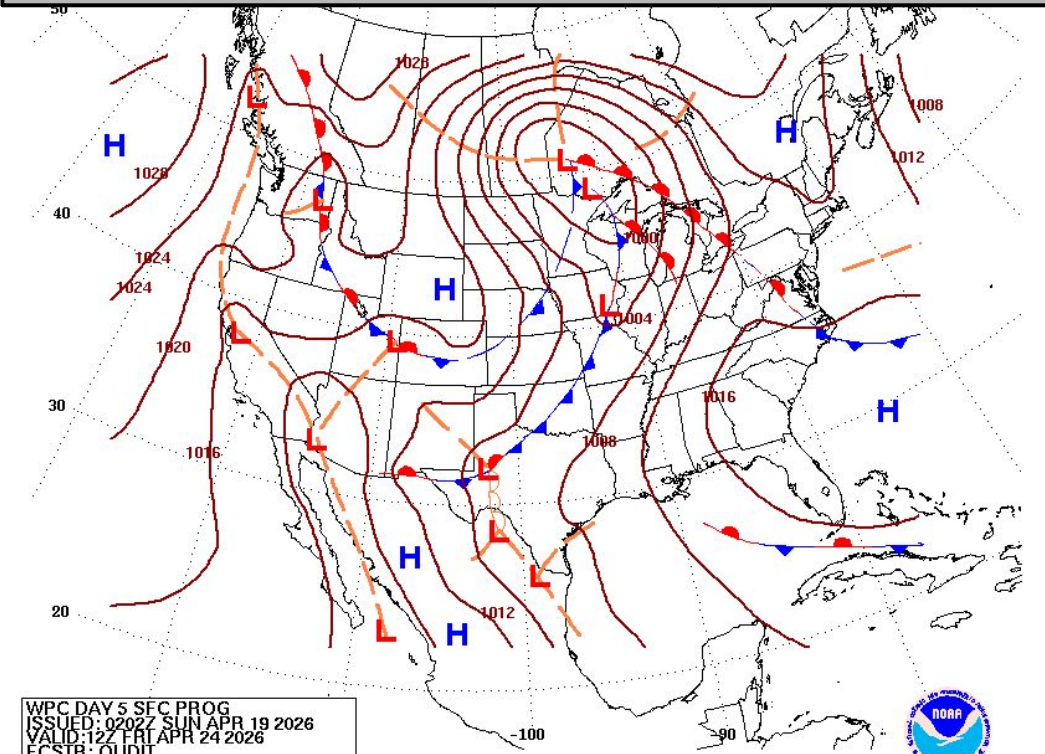
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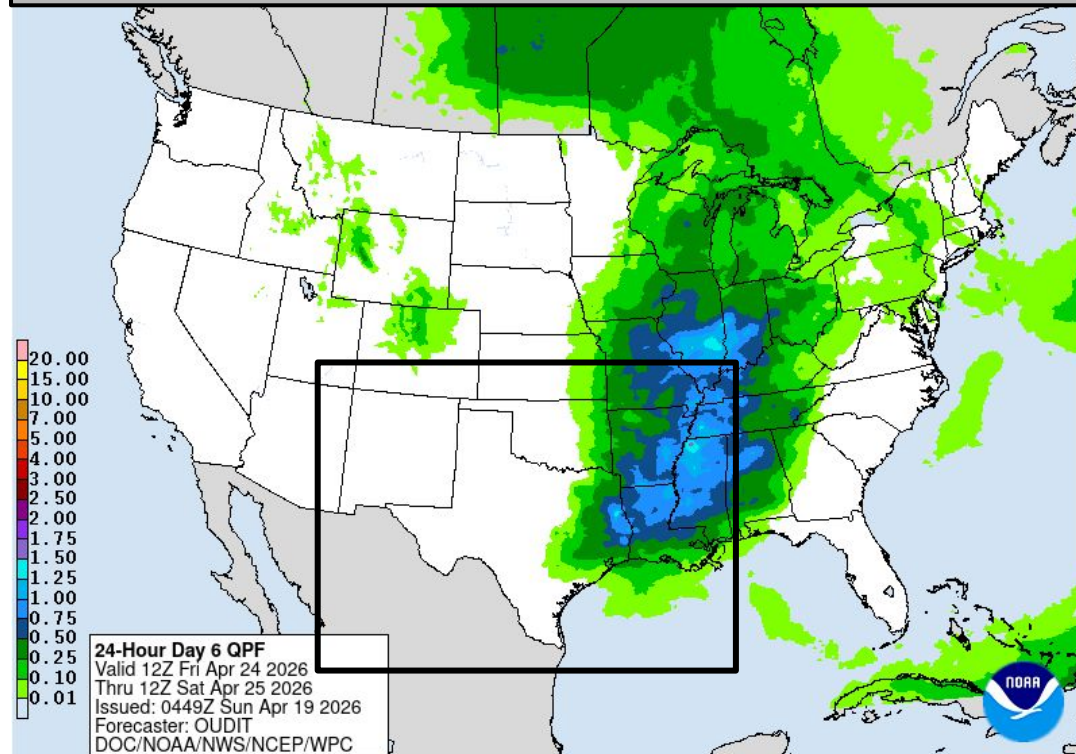


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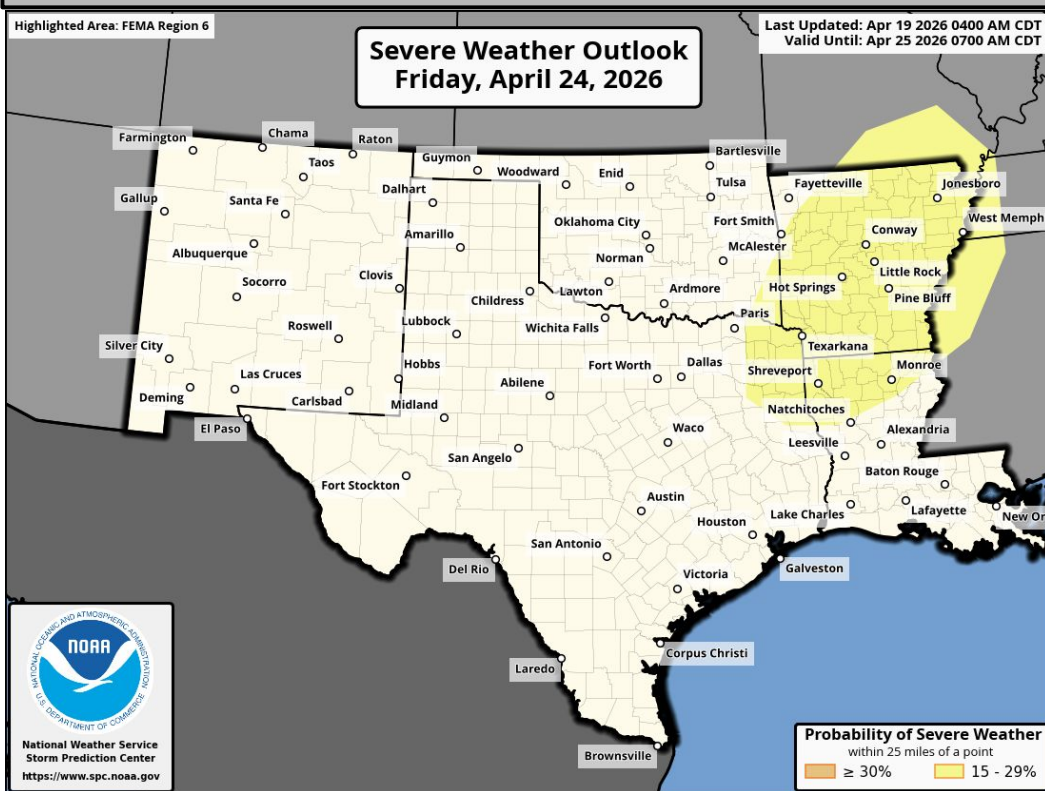


Forecast Rainfall



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, NE TX, AR and N LA.

Severe Weather Outlook

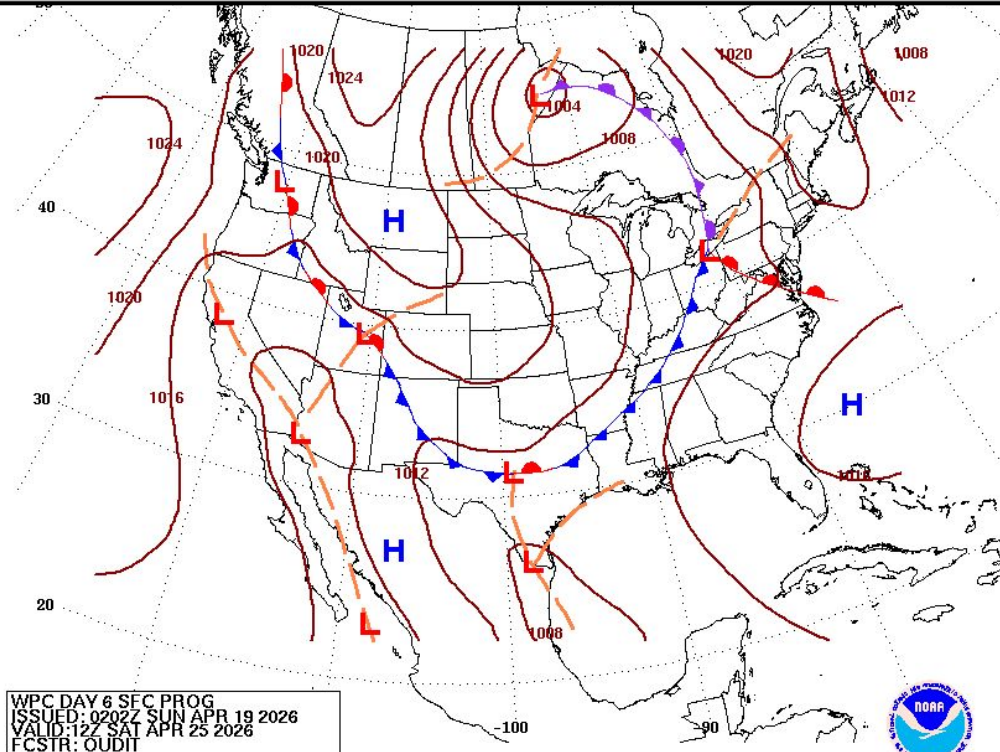


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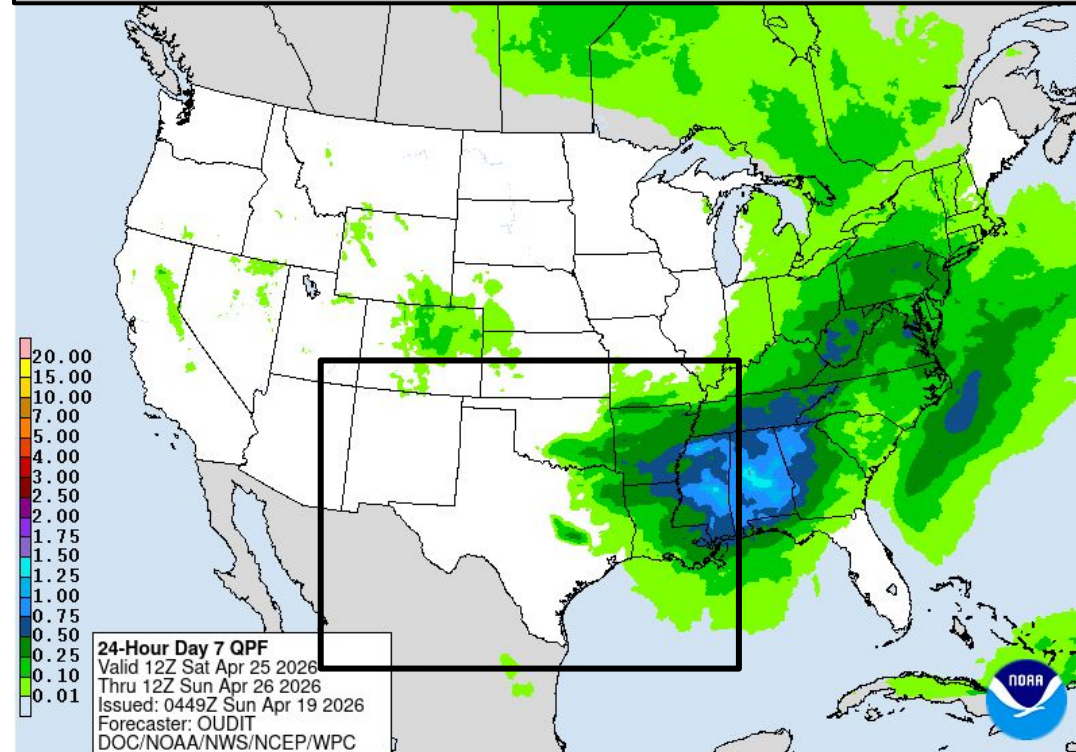
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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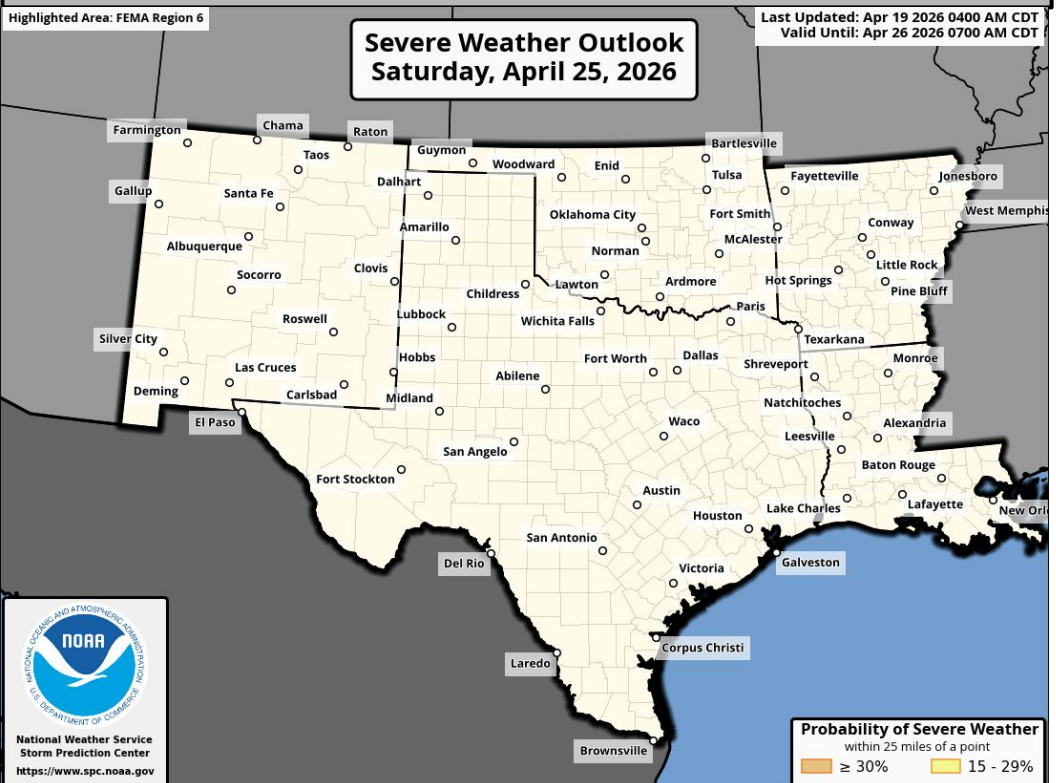
Forecast Rainfall



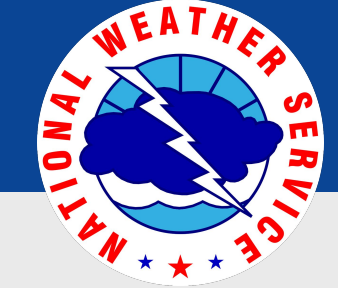
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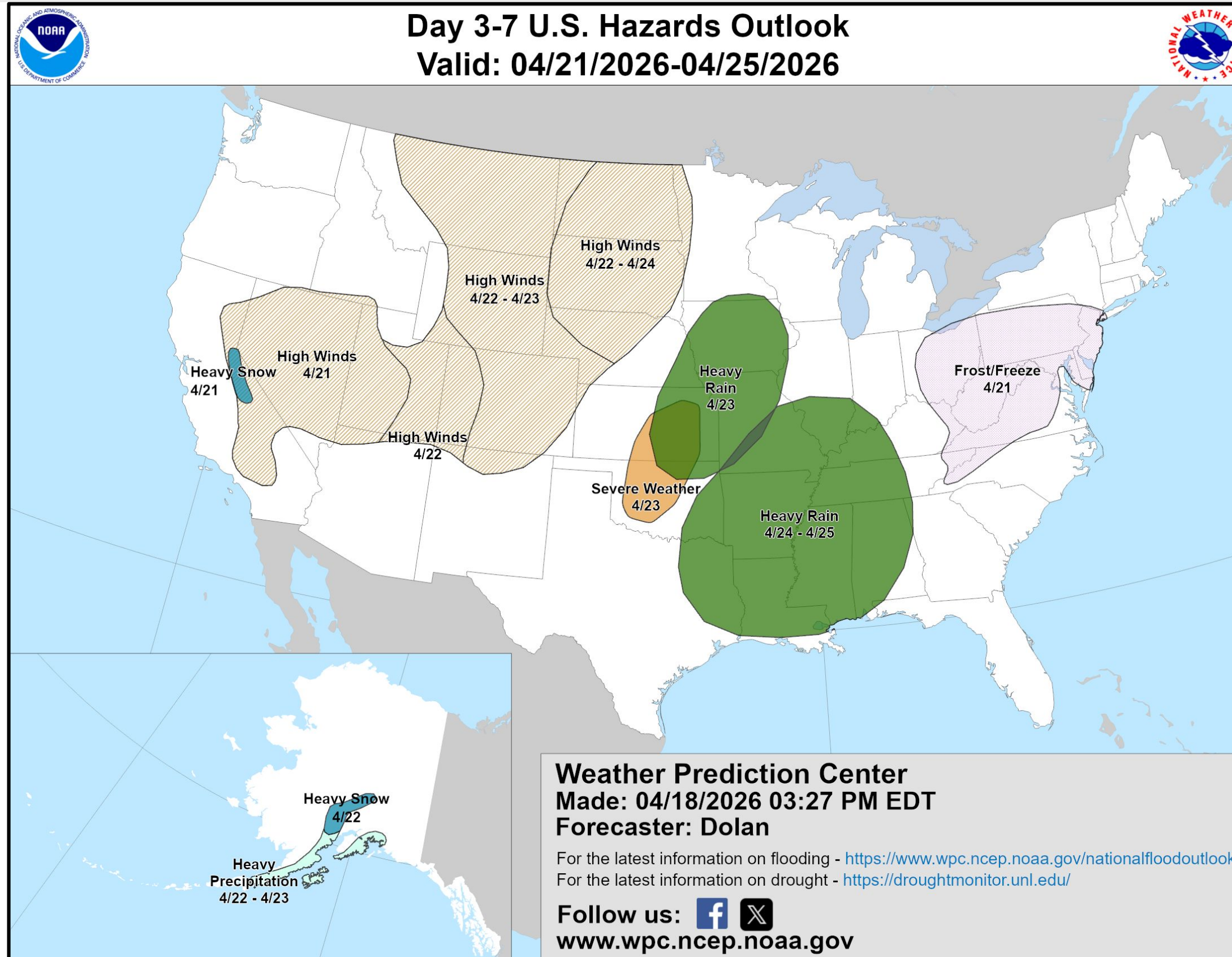
Severe Weather Outlook



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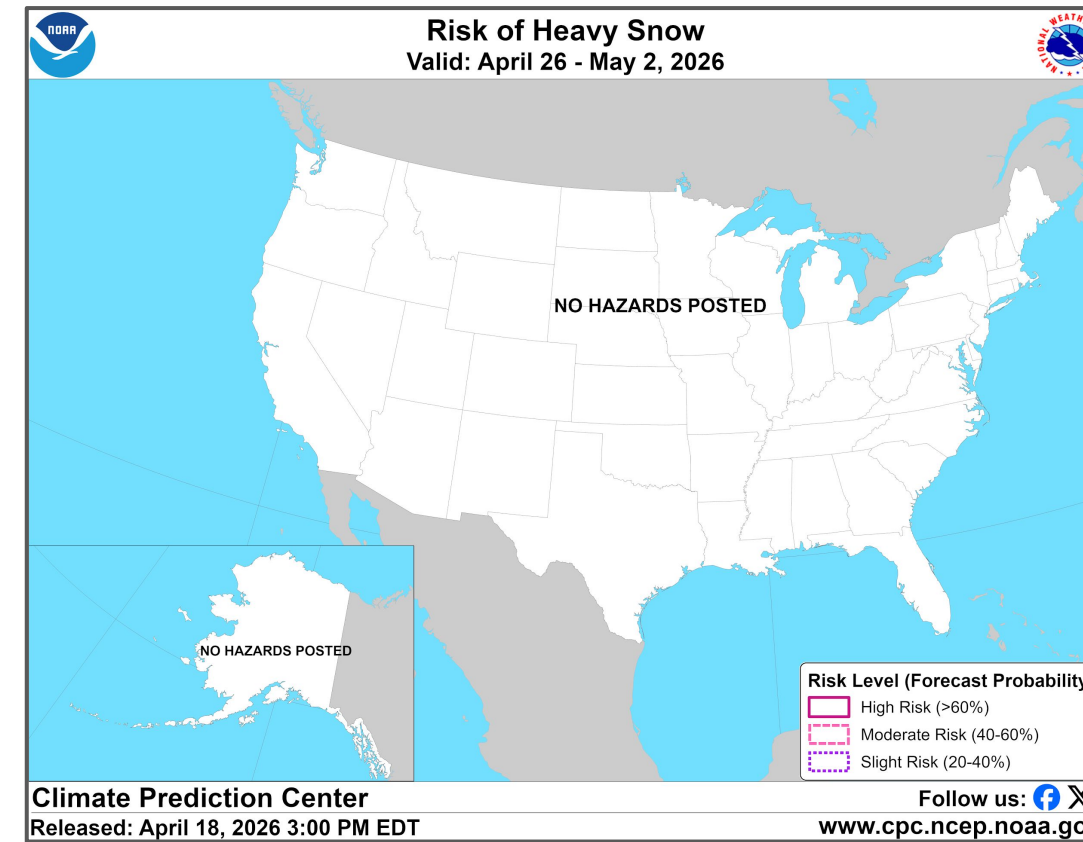
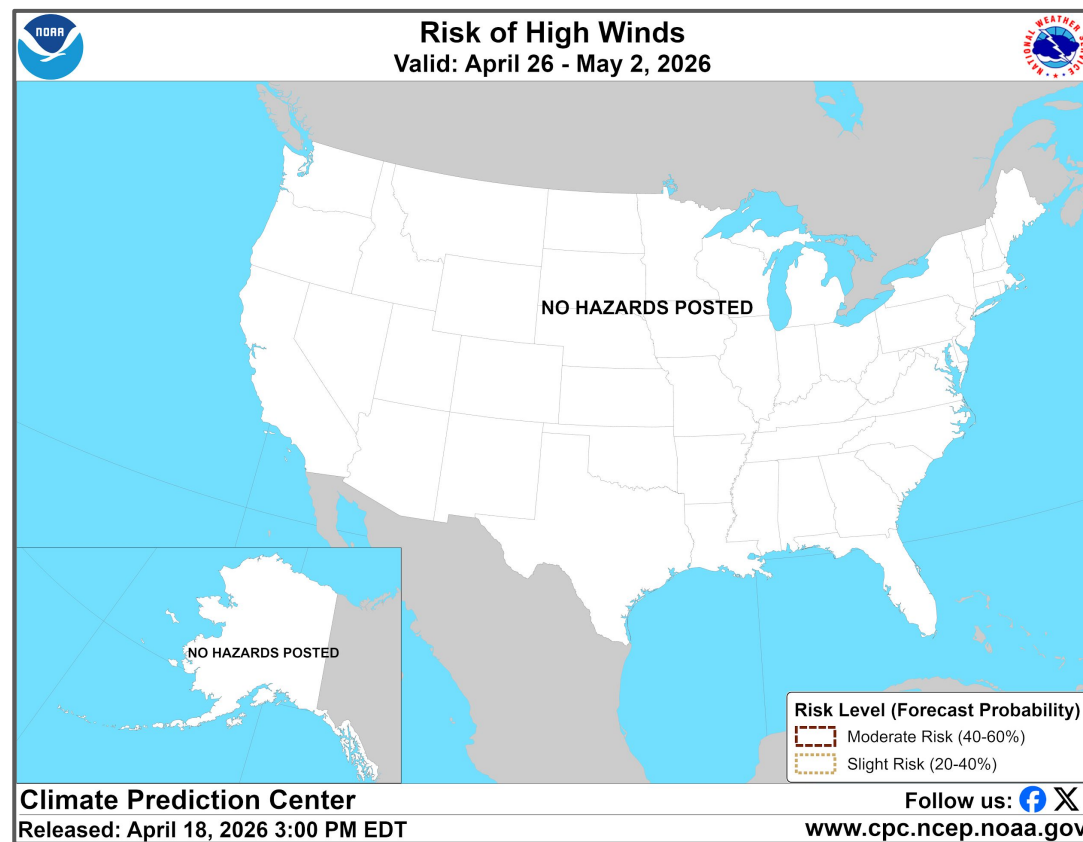
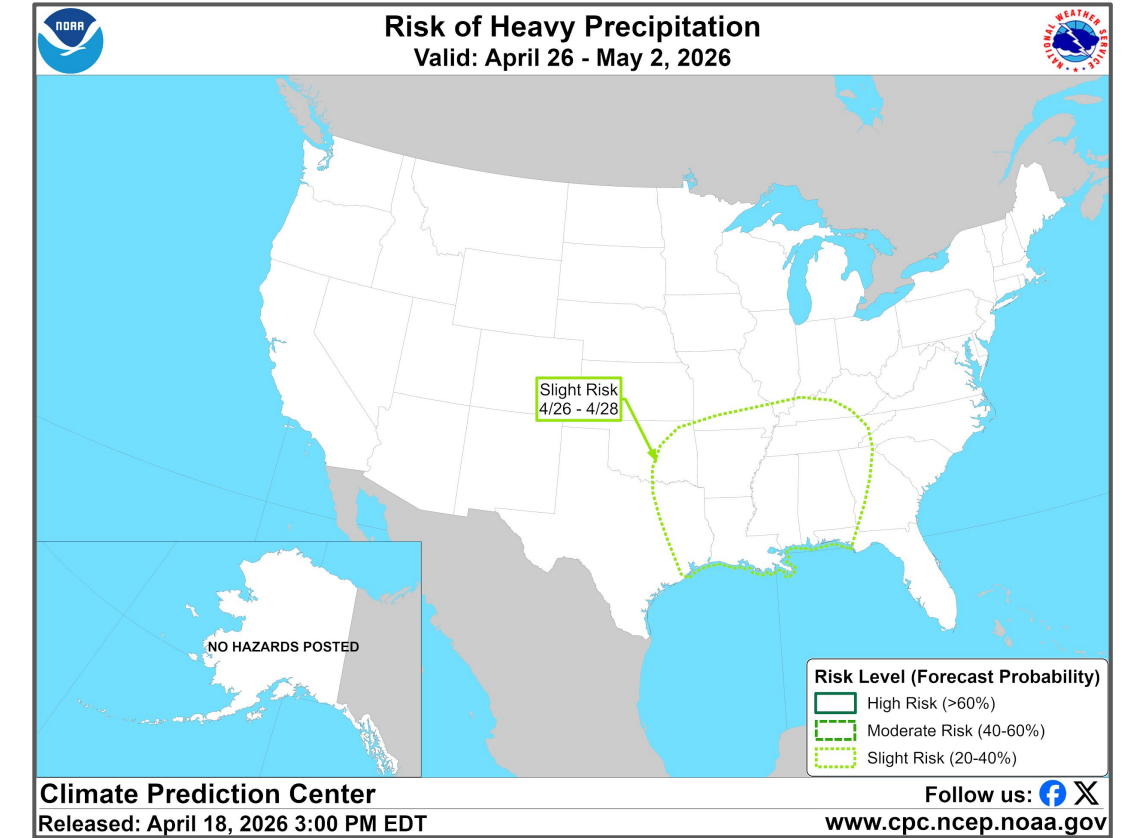
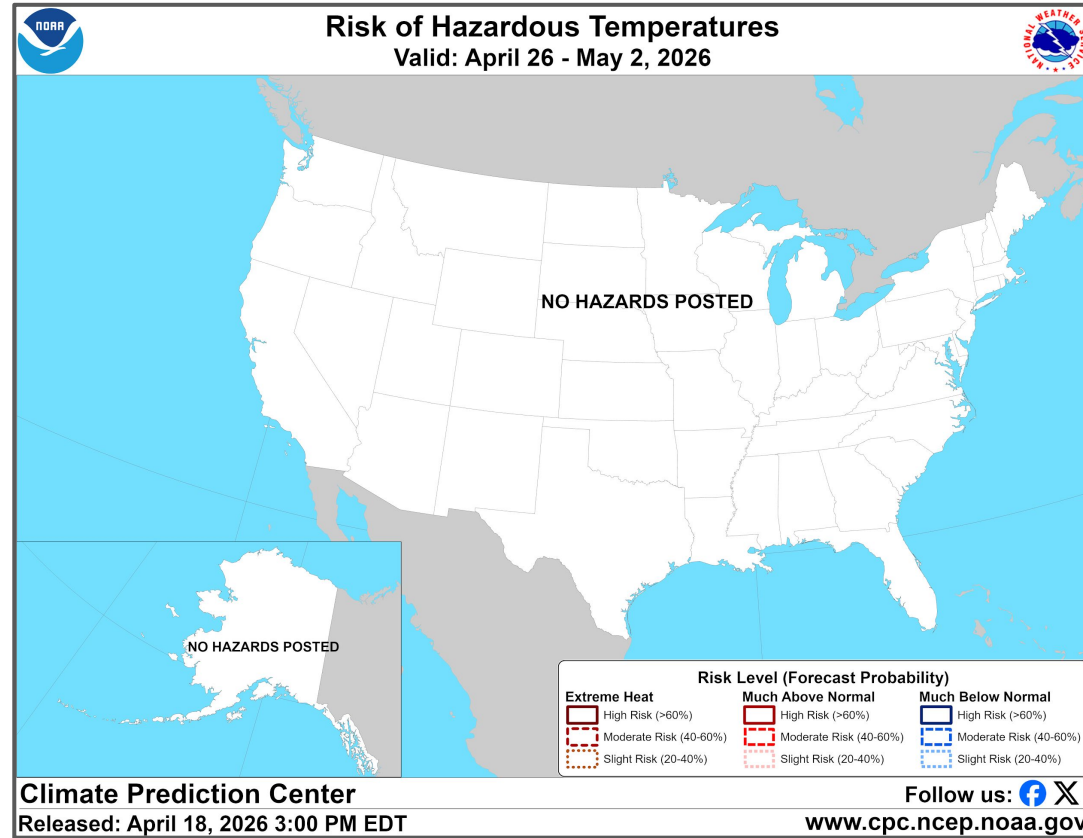
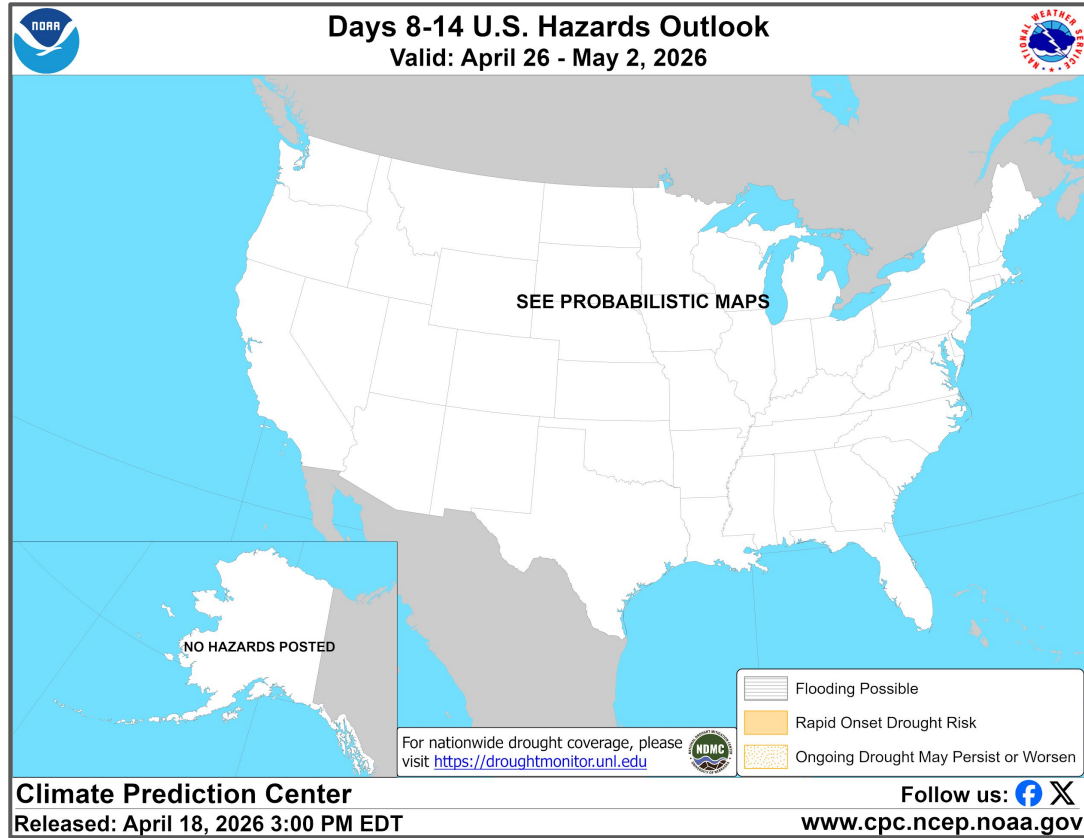


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





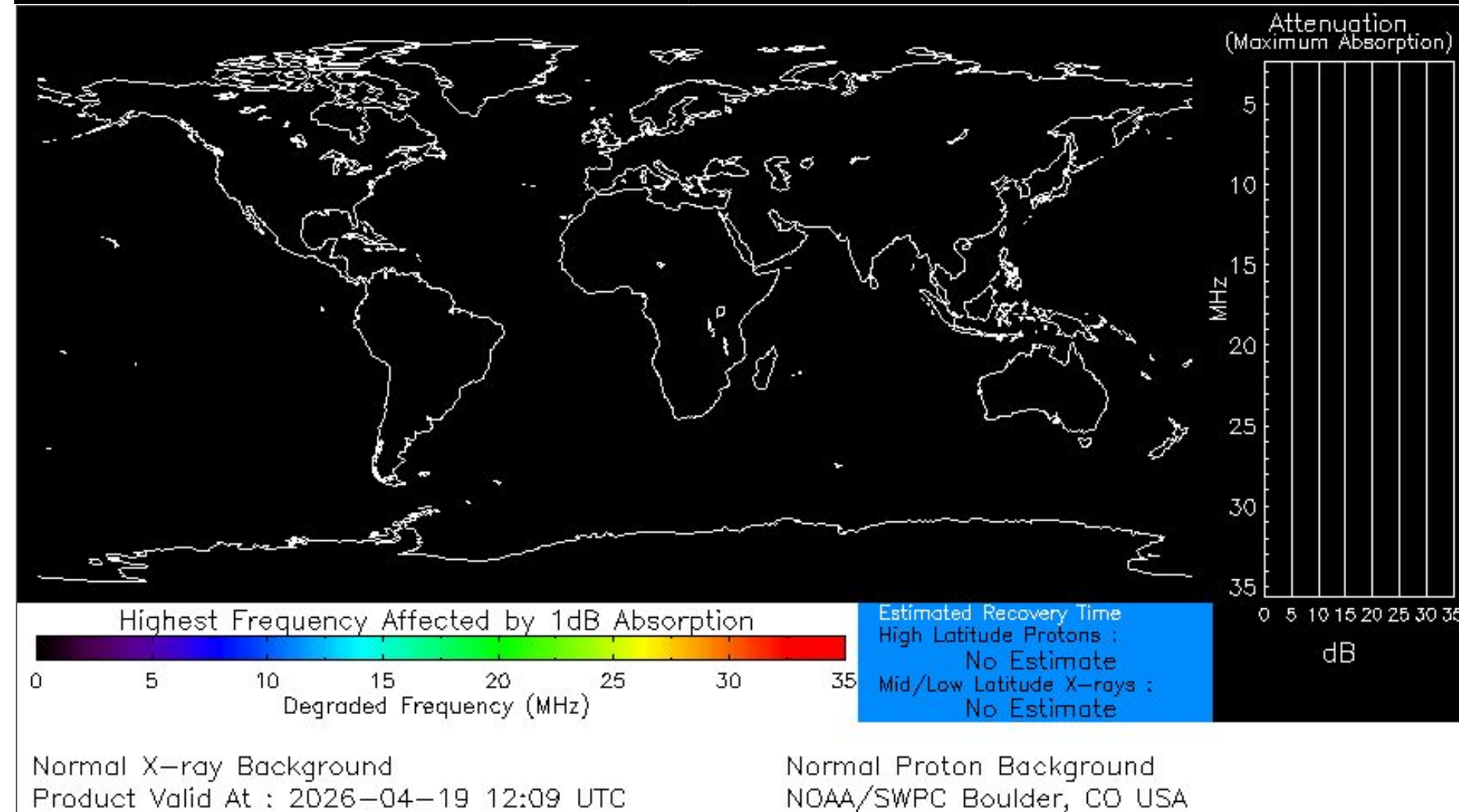
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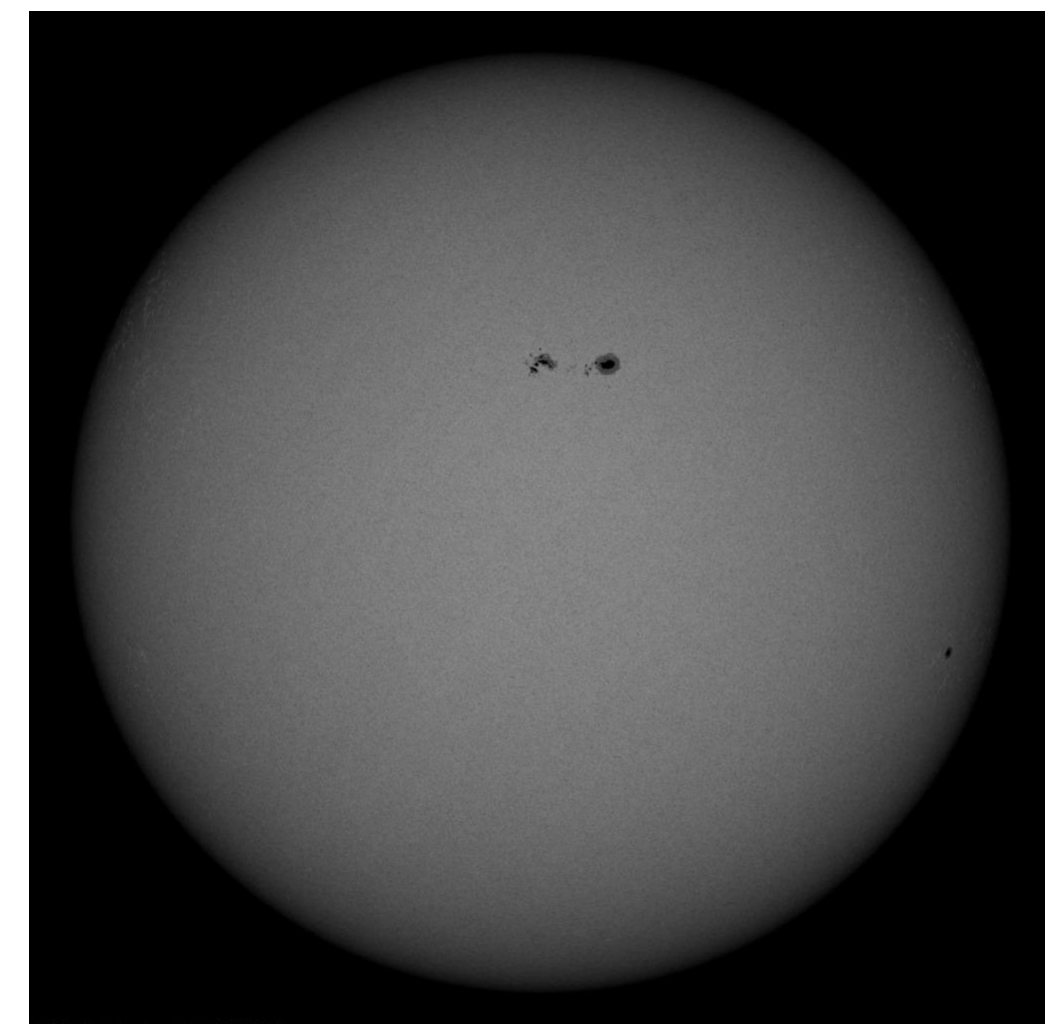
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Apr 19	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	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;">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

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