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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, April 20, 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:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Wednesday over the OK/TX Panhandles.**
- **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 (level 1 of 4) over cntrl TX today.**
- **Marginal risk for S/SE TX Tuesday expanding into S LA on Wednesday.**
- **Marginal risk for N/E OK and NW AR Thu and over AR on Friday.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) over the OK/TX Panhandles and NE NM today. Dry thunderstorms possible today over NM.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over the Panhandles, E NM, W OK and W TX Wednesday-Thursday.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26
Severe Storms			TX/OK Panhandles	OK	NETX, SE OK, N LA, AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	Cntrl TX	S/SETX	S/SETX, S LA	N/E OK, NW AR	AR		
Heat							
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles		NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK			
River Flooding							

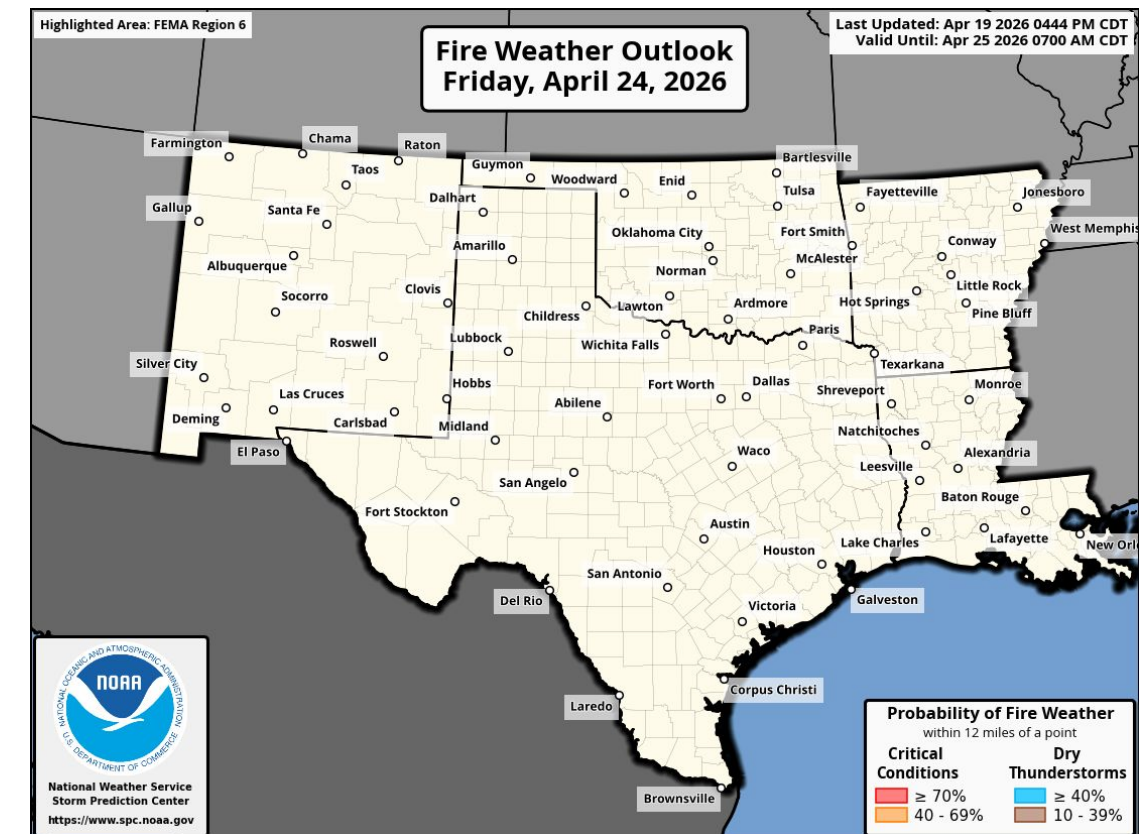
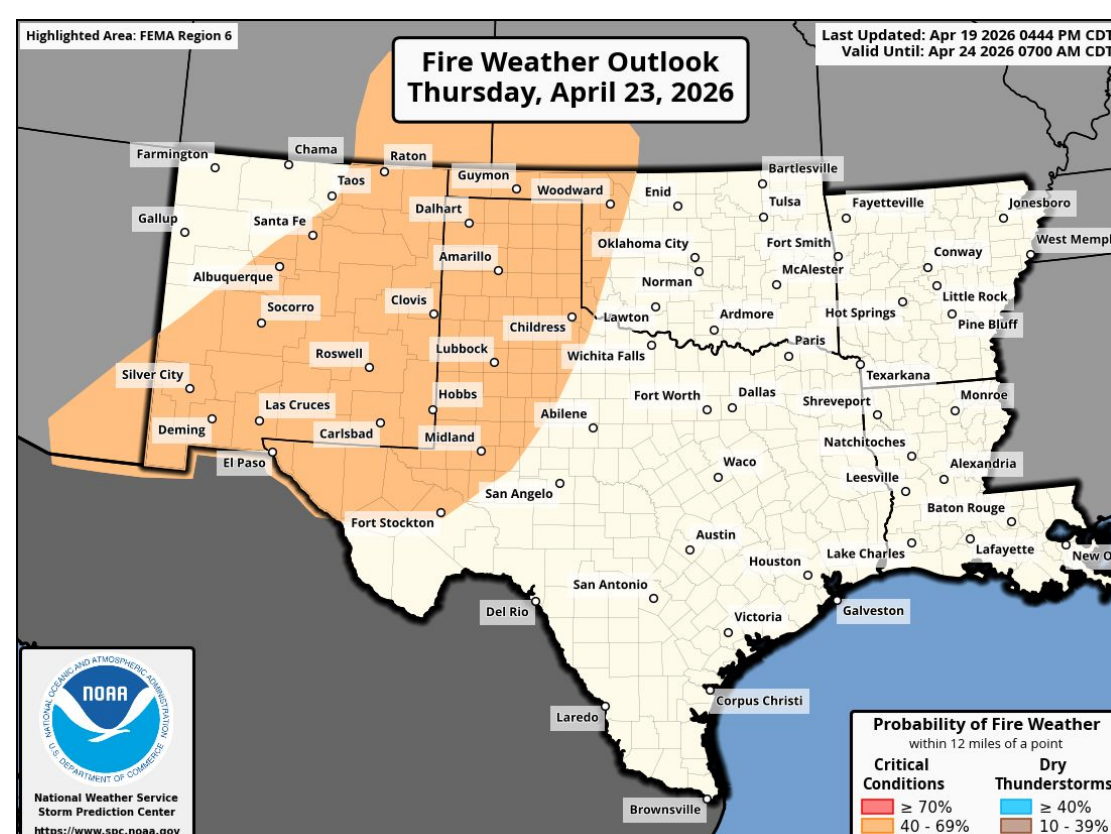
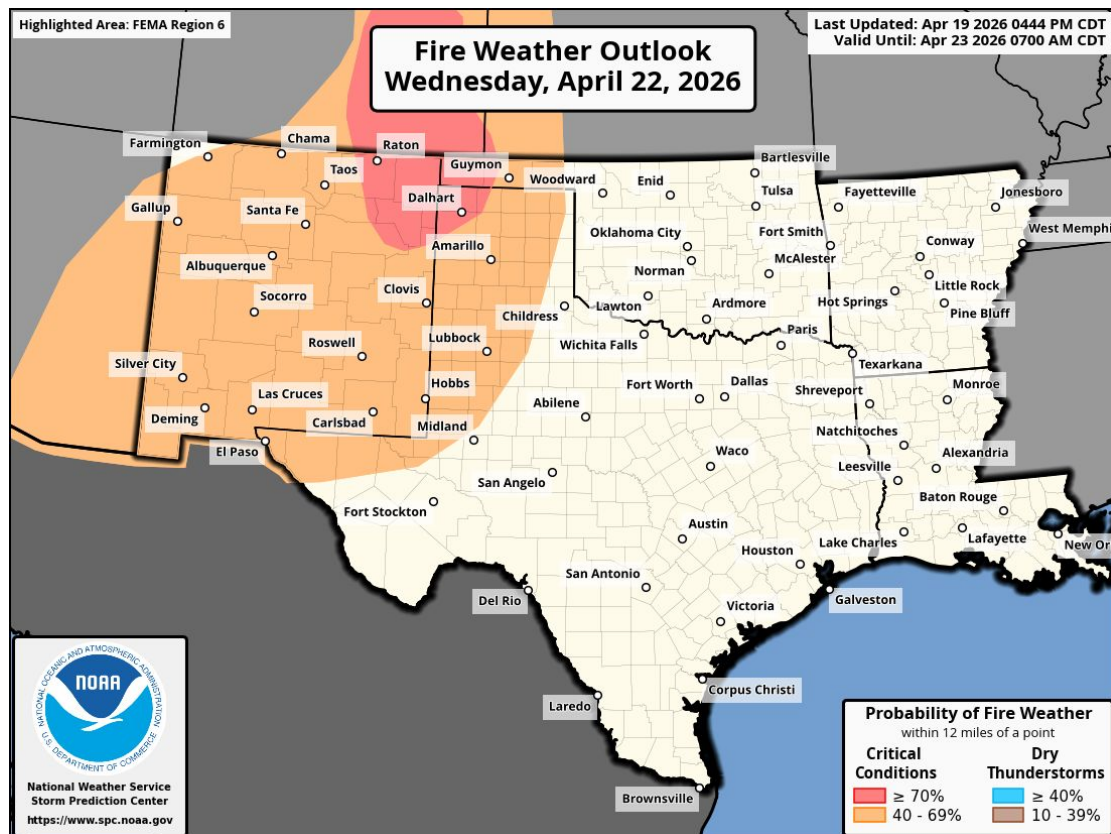
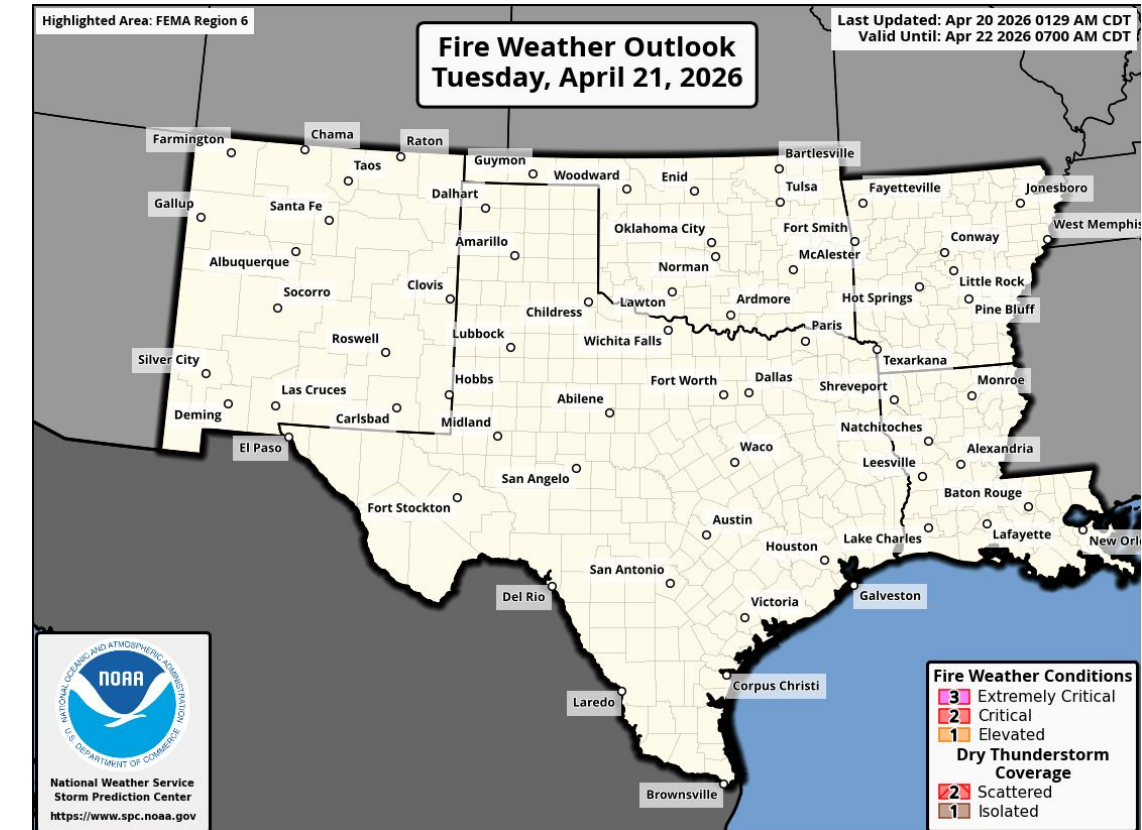
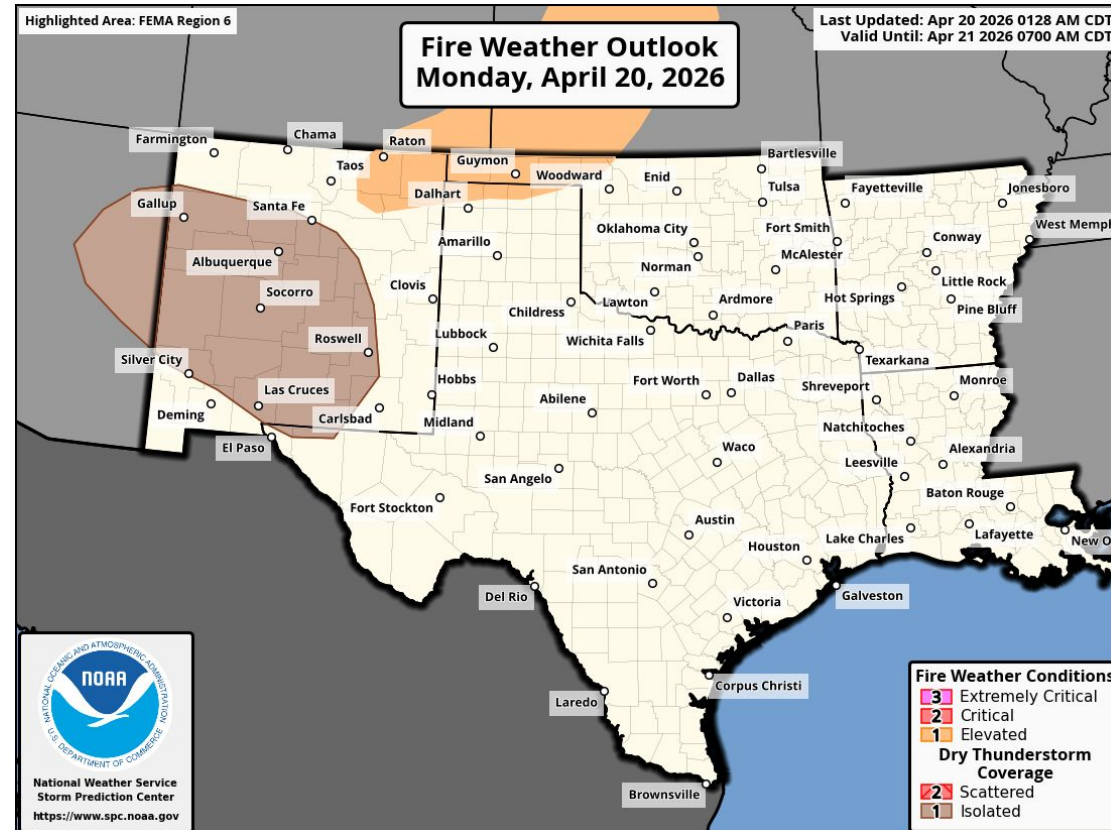
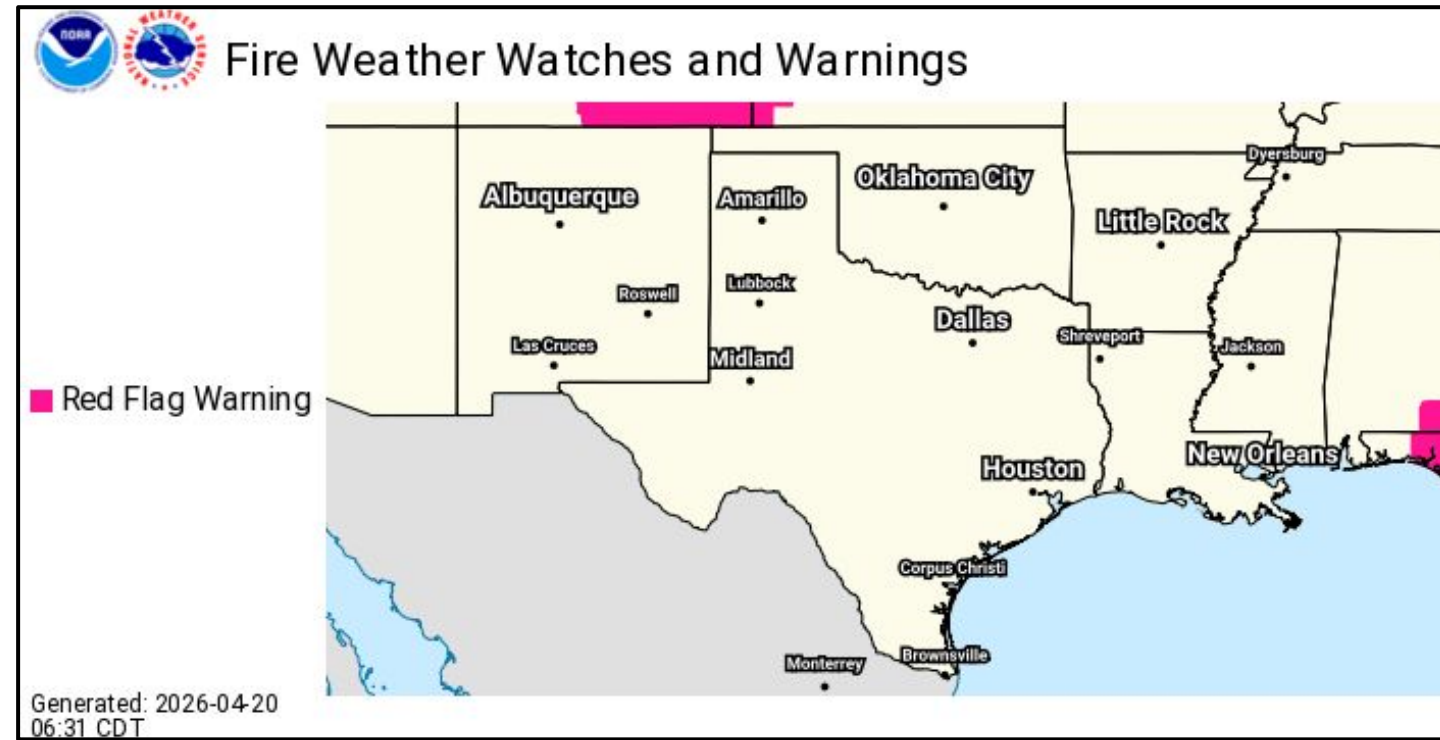
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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

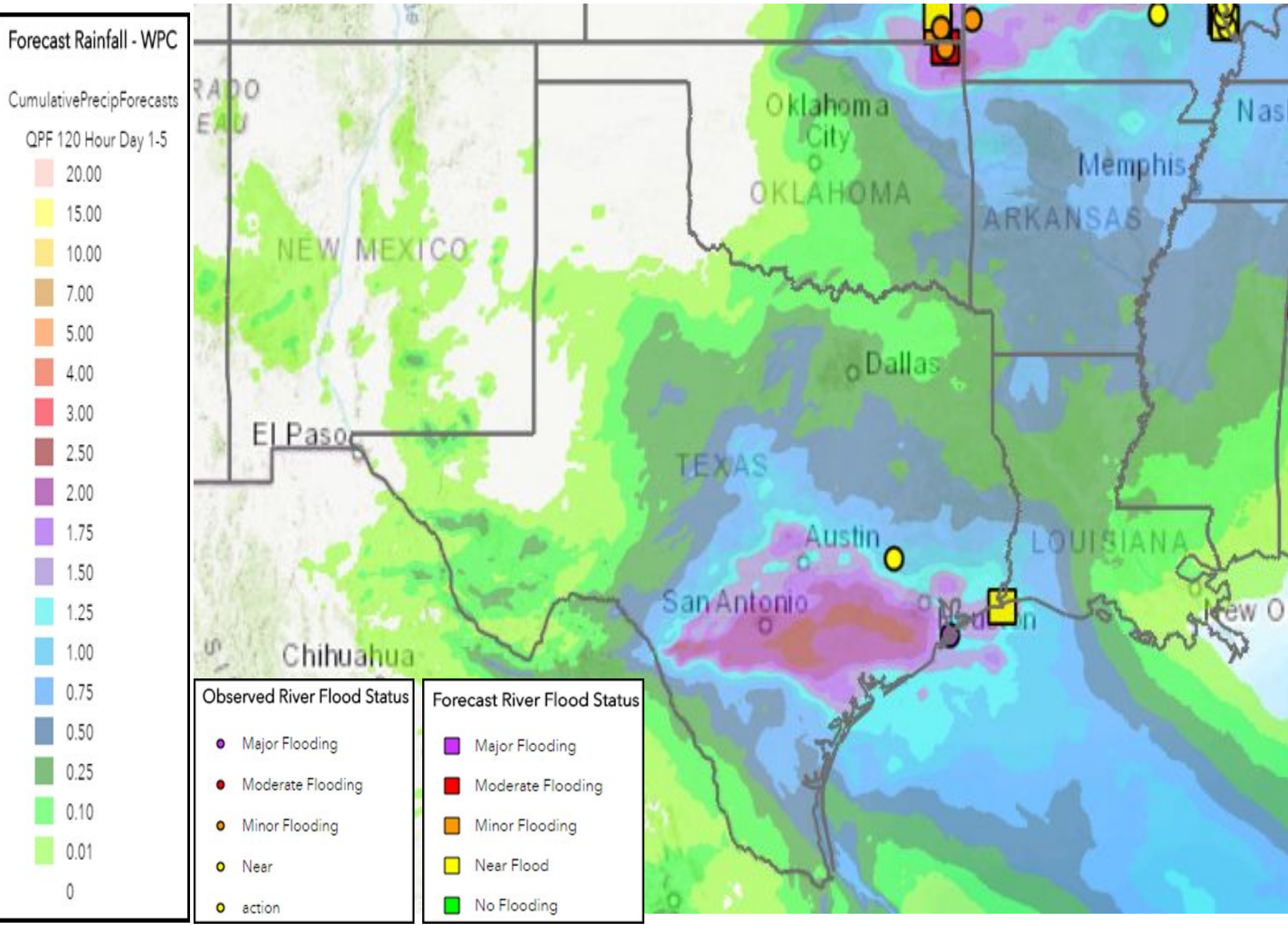
	RH (%) Forecast																		
	4/20 Mon			4/21 Tue			4/22 Wed			4/23 Thu			4/24 Fri						
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Abilene	74	80	72	83	93	84	75	90	97	71	54	81	90	64	48	76	87	38	26
Amarillo	40	36	44	80	89	46	24	67	93	36	13	32	33	11	6	15	29	21	11
Beaver	45	22	28	75	100	45	28	81	100	50	27	65	67	17	9	27	44	29	20
El Paso	53	43	26	42	67	40	14	22	33	18	10	14	21	15	8	11	20	13	8
Enid	71	40	34	69	93	68	59	93	100	76	60	90	100	64	48	81	87	45	39
Fort Davis	100	52	44	89	100	38	31	74	89	30	17	38	45	16	9	22	26	13	9
Guadalupe Pass	79	51	51	80	83	50	27	43	50	23	16	21	26	14	12	16	23	14	12
Lubbock	50	66	69	83	90	63	36	78	93	57	19	49	87	20	7	12	24	14	9
Midland/Odessa	77	86	75	90	93	78	47	90	100	62	24	78	100	26	9	34	62	15	8
Oklahoma City	66	40	37	64	80	73	68	87	100	81	69	87	97	76	58	81	90	55	43
San Angelo	86	96	90	93	100	93	76	97	100	74	56	87	97	69	49	84	97	49	29
Santa Fe	40	29	20	50	64	33	19	33	48	24	11	17	31	19	11	19	31	19	13
Tulsa	68	39	33	55	71	57	57	78	93	75	64	81	93	81	67	79	93	68	52
Wichita Falls	77	45	51	83	93	81	73	93	96	78	54	93	100	64	51	79	90	44	36

	Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast																		
	4/20 Mon			4/21 Tue			4/22 Wed			4/23 Thu			4/24 Fri						
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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



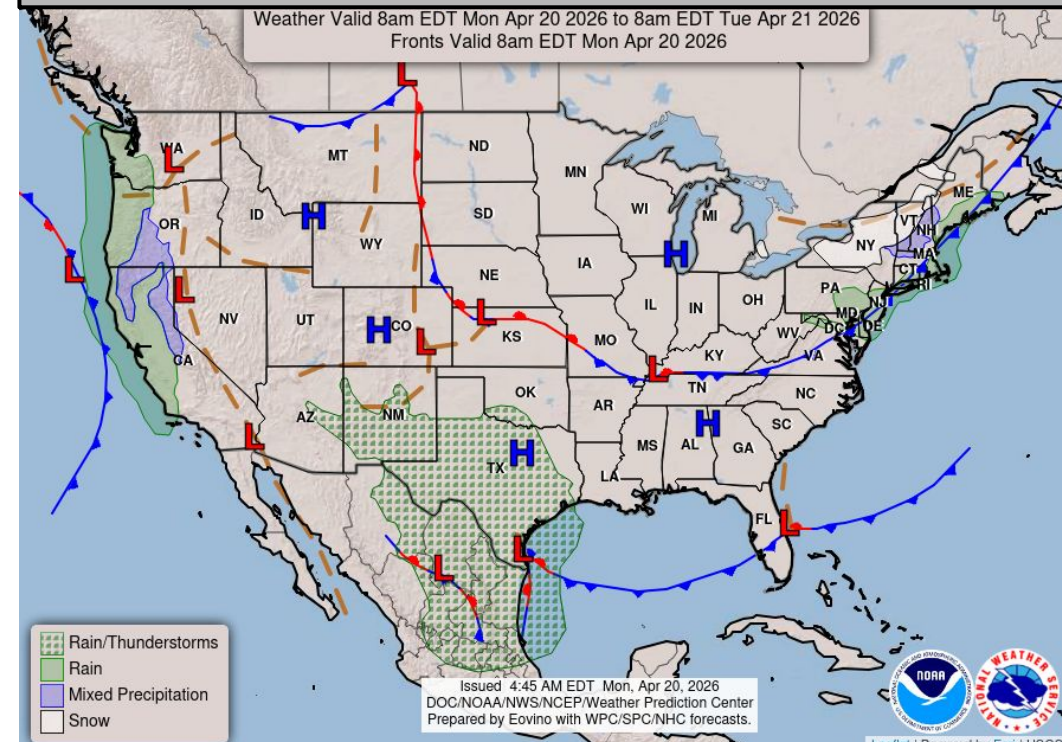
The Neosho River near Commerce, OK will fall below minor flood stage on Tuesday.

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.

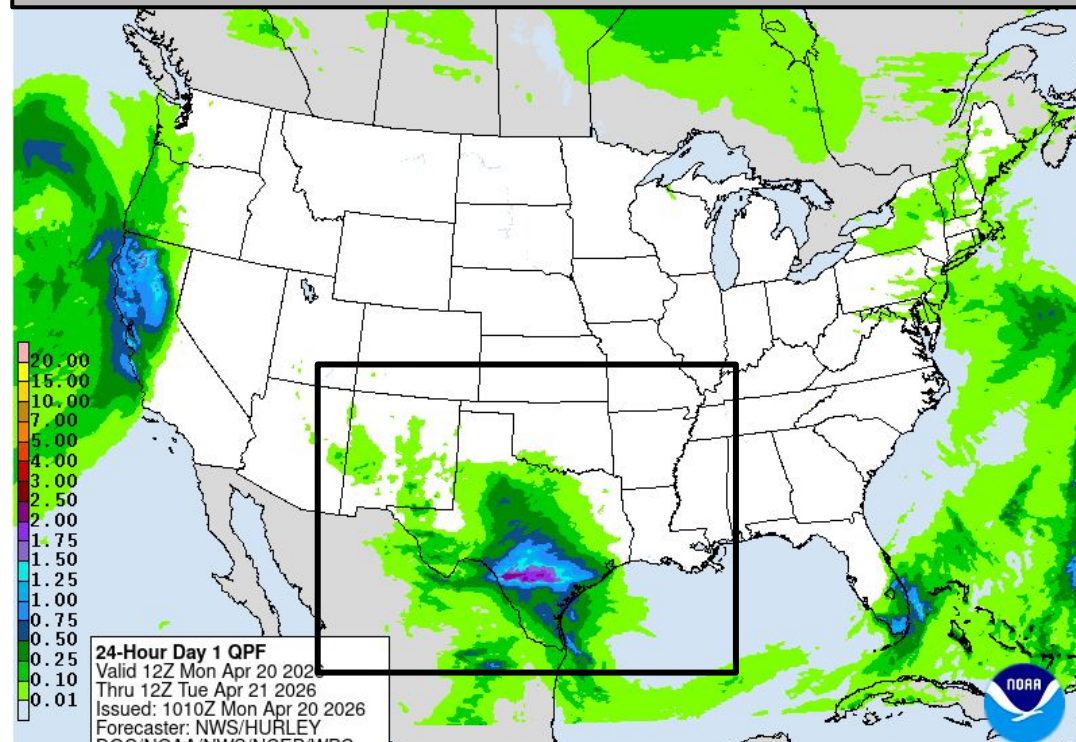


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



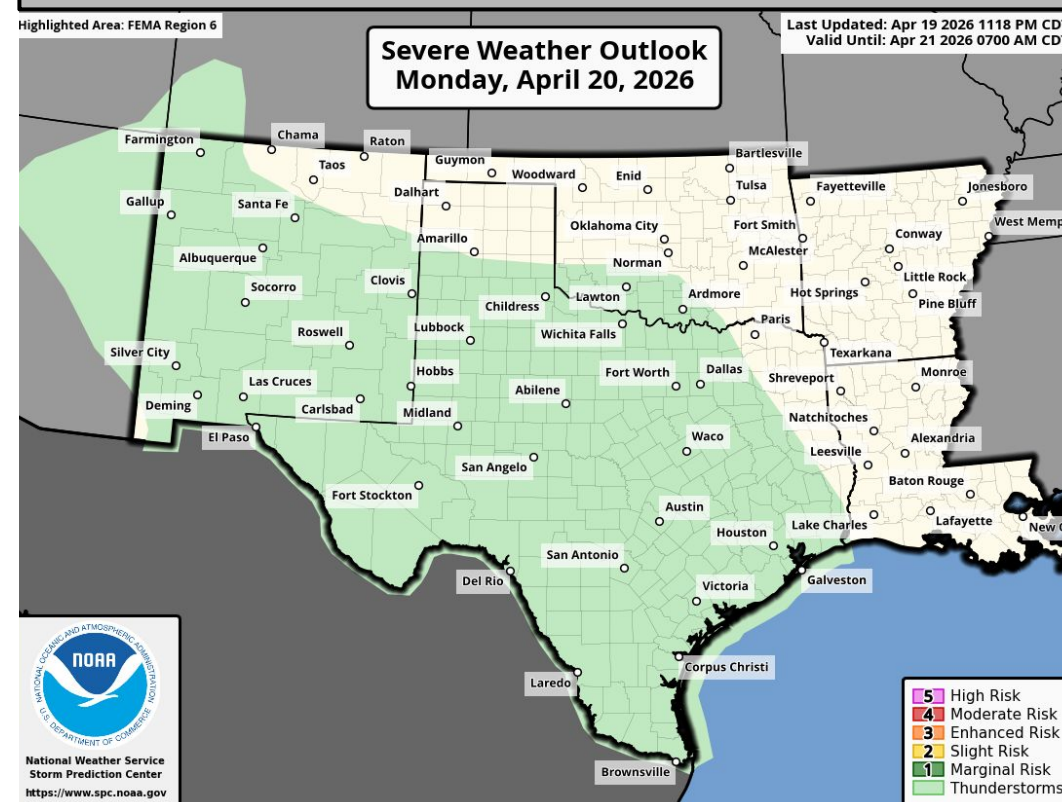
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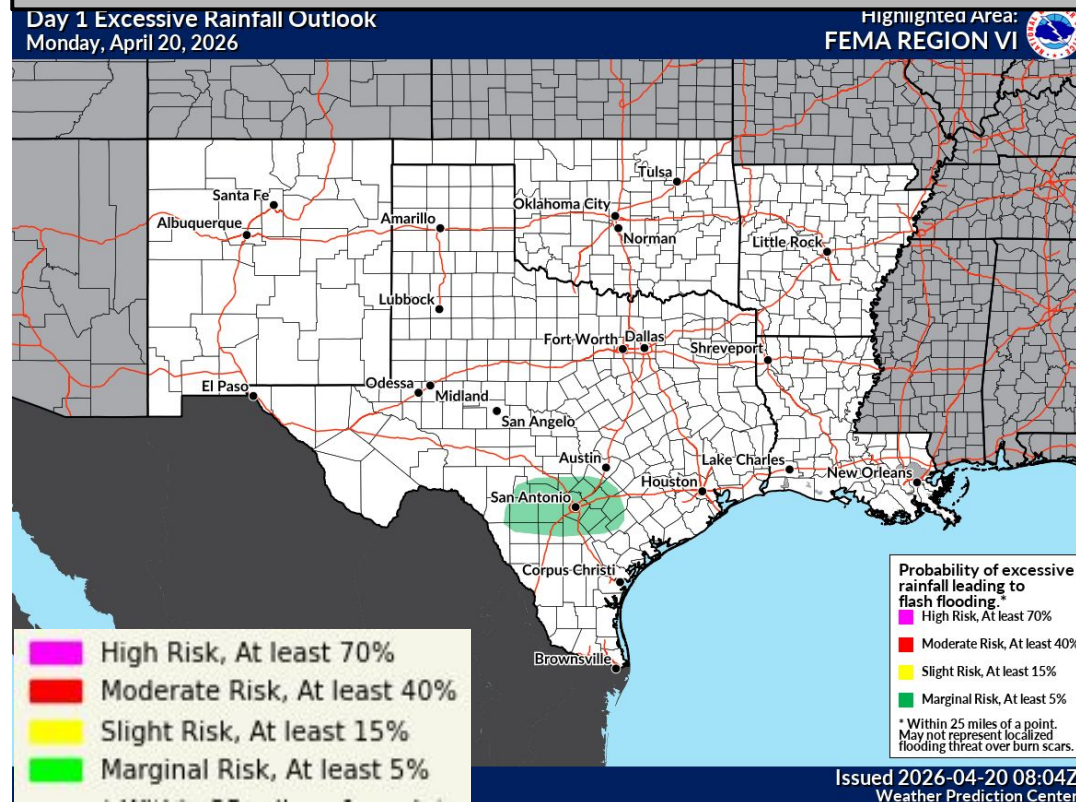
Elevated fire weather threat (level 1 of 3) over the OK/TX Panhandles with dry thunderstorms possible over NM.

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

Severe Weather Outlook

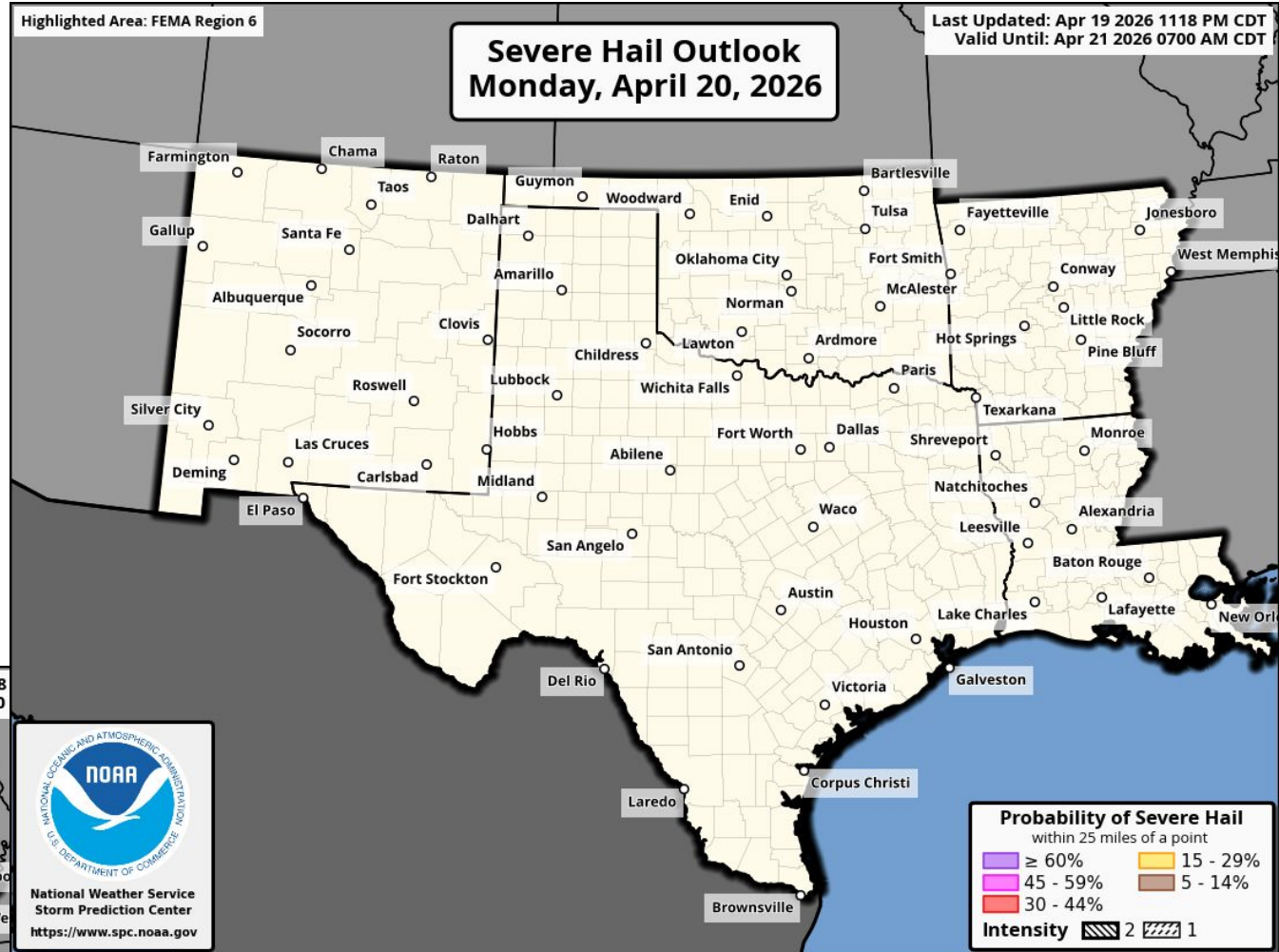
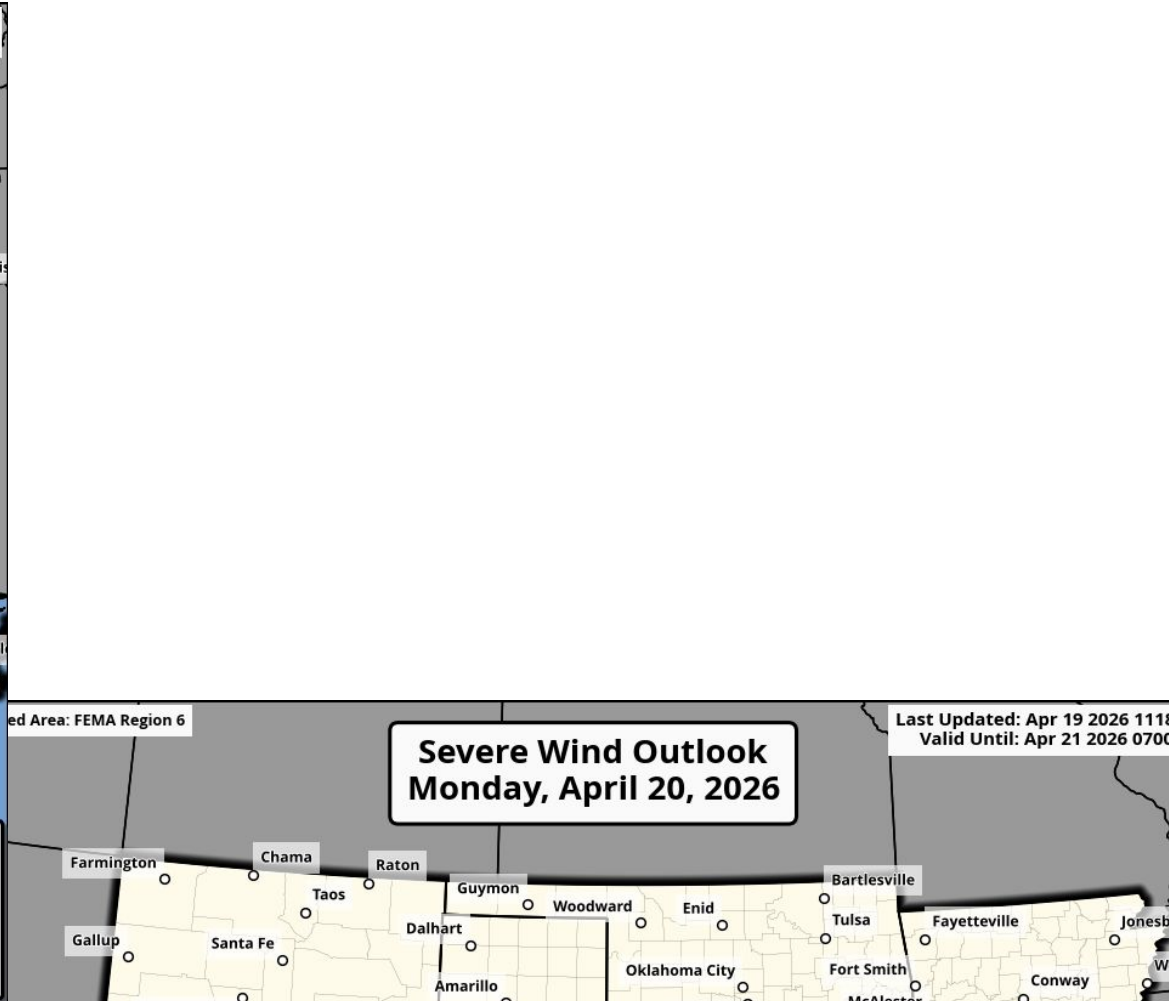
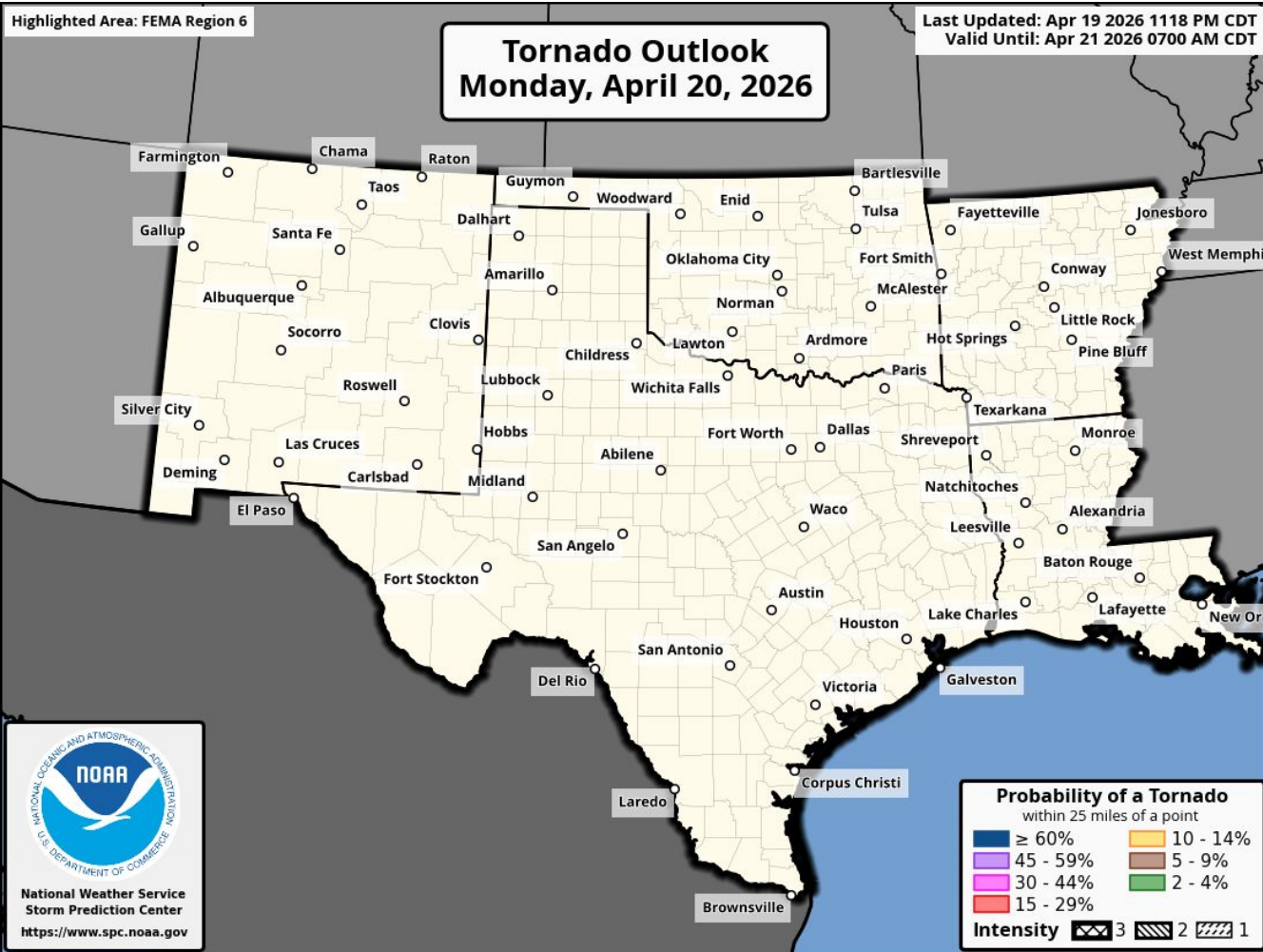


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





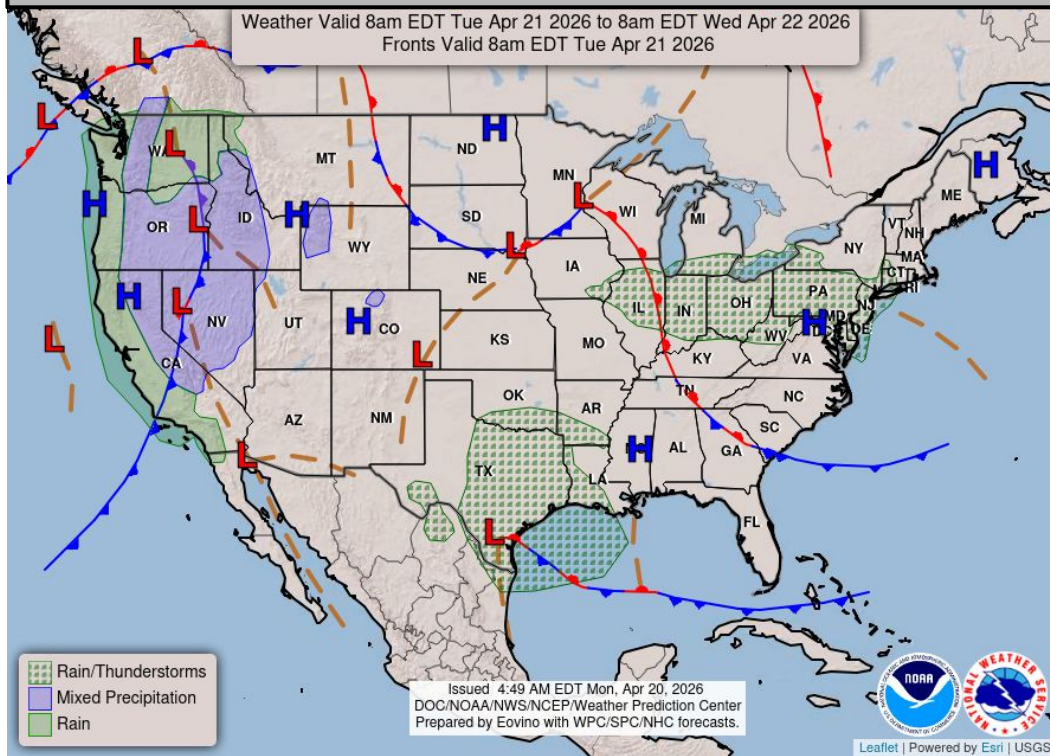
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



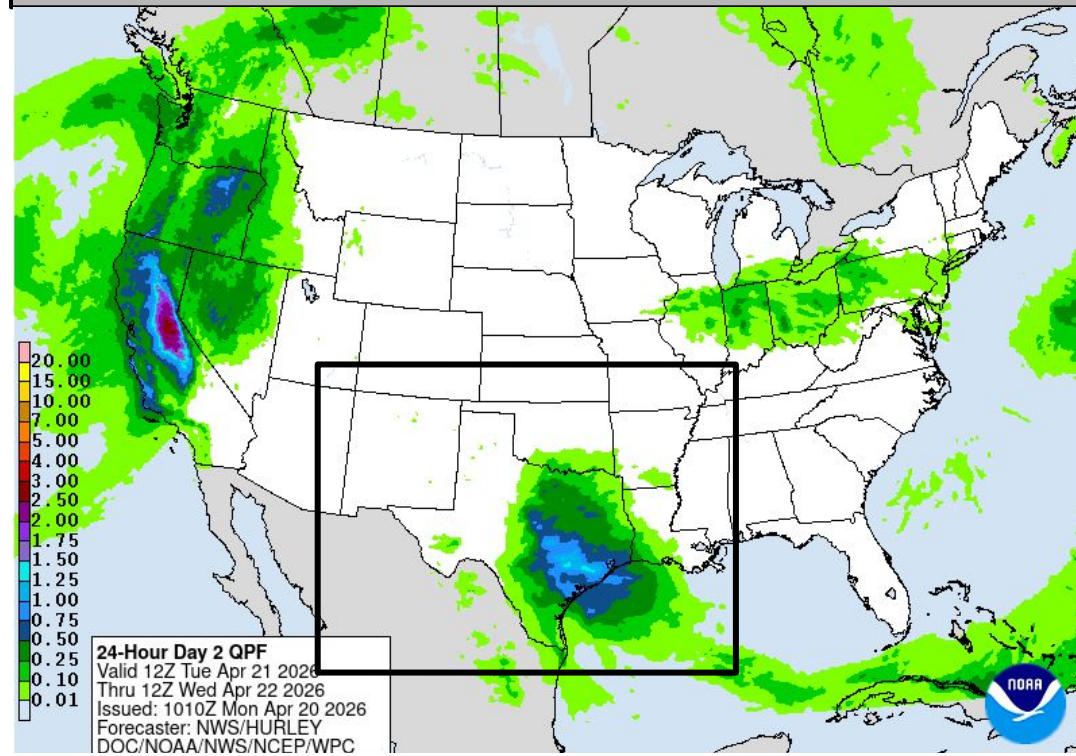


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

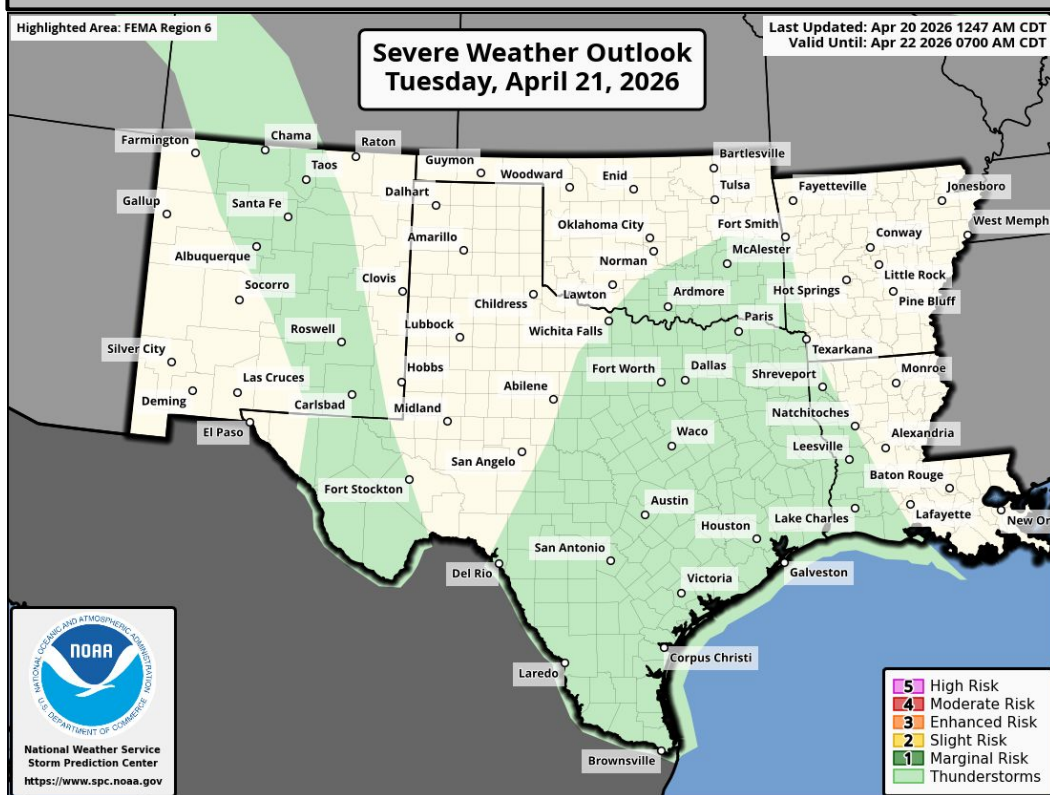


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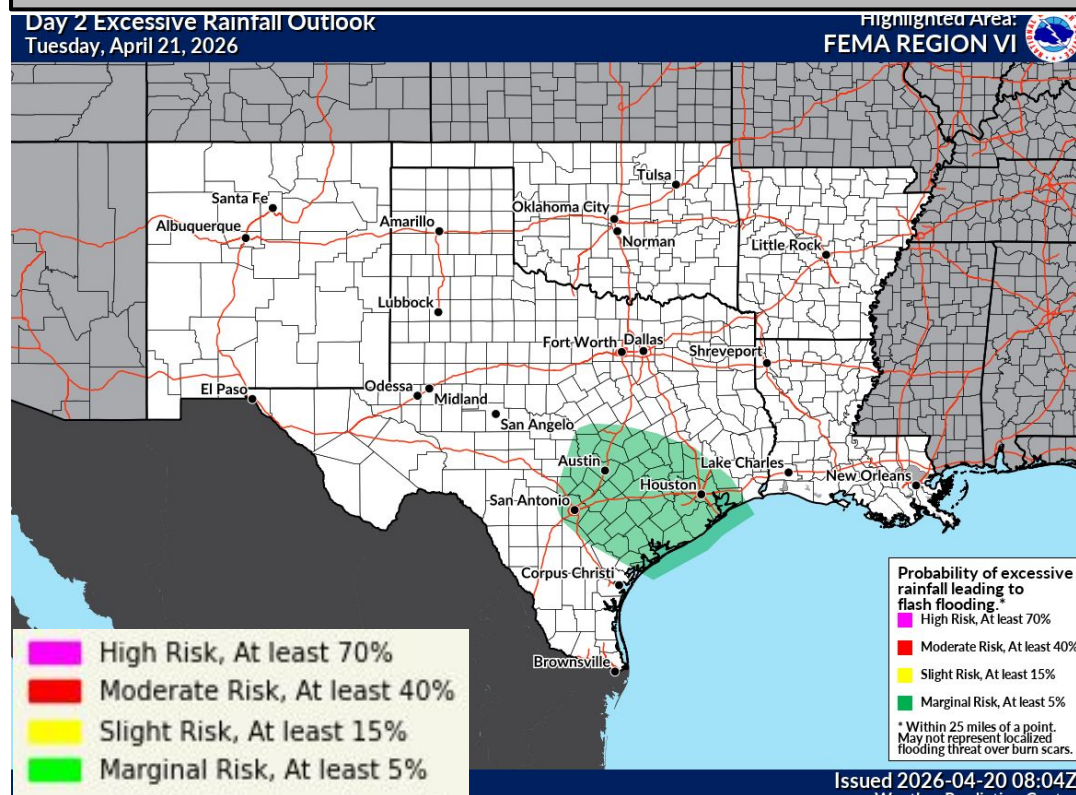


Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over S/SE TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

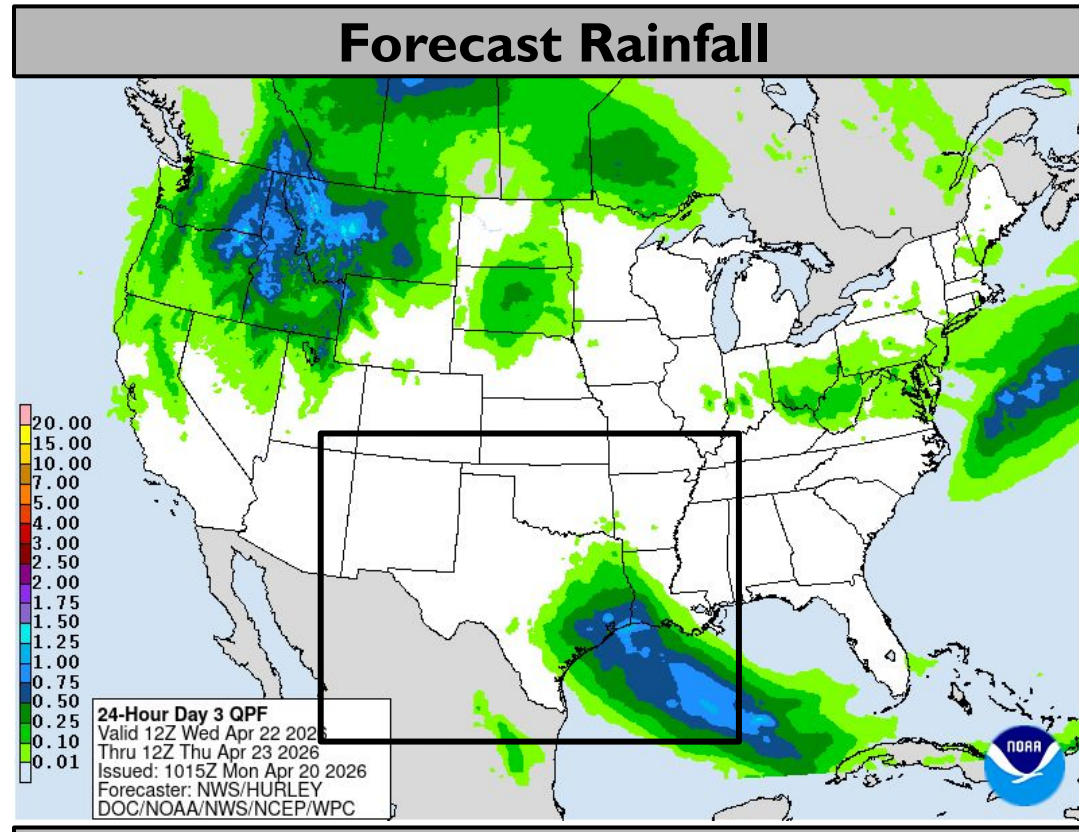
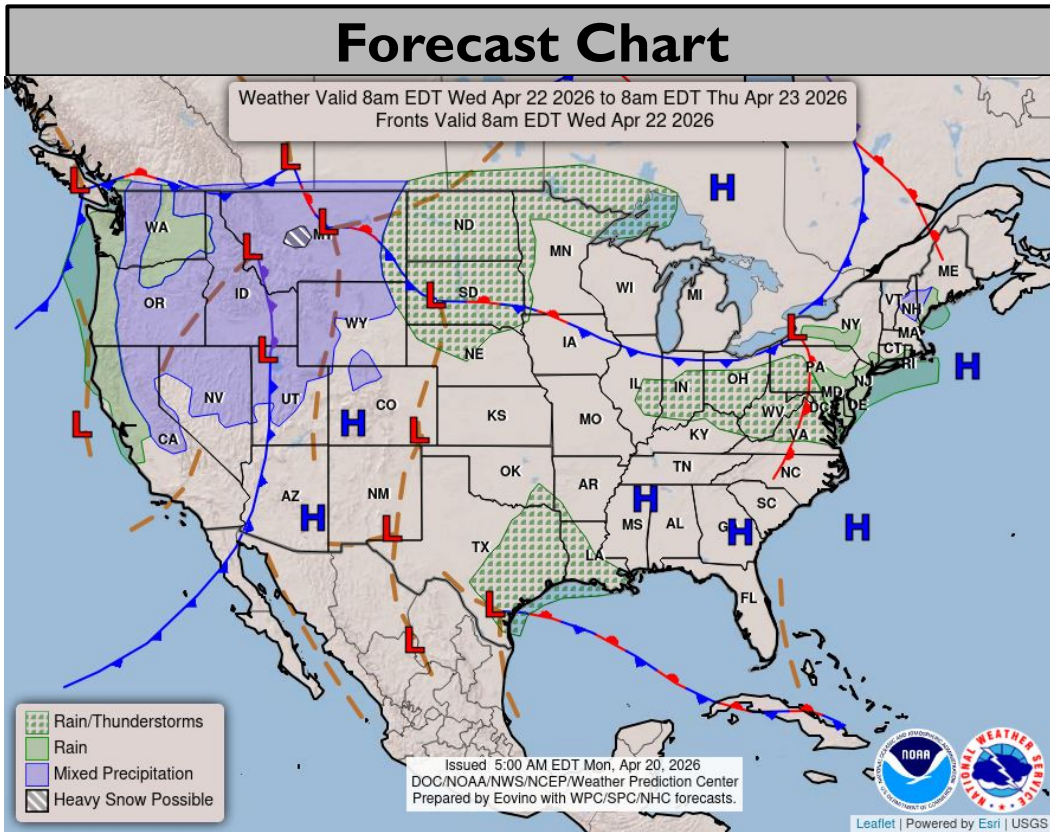


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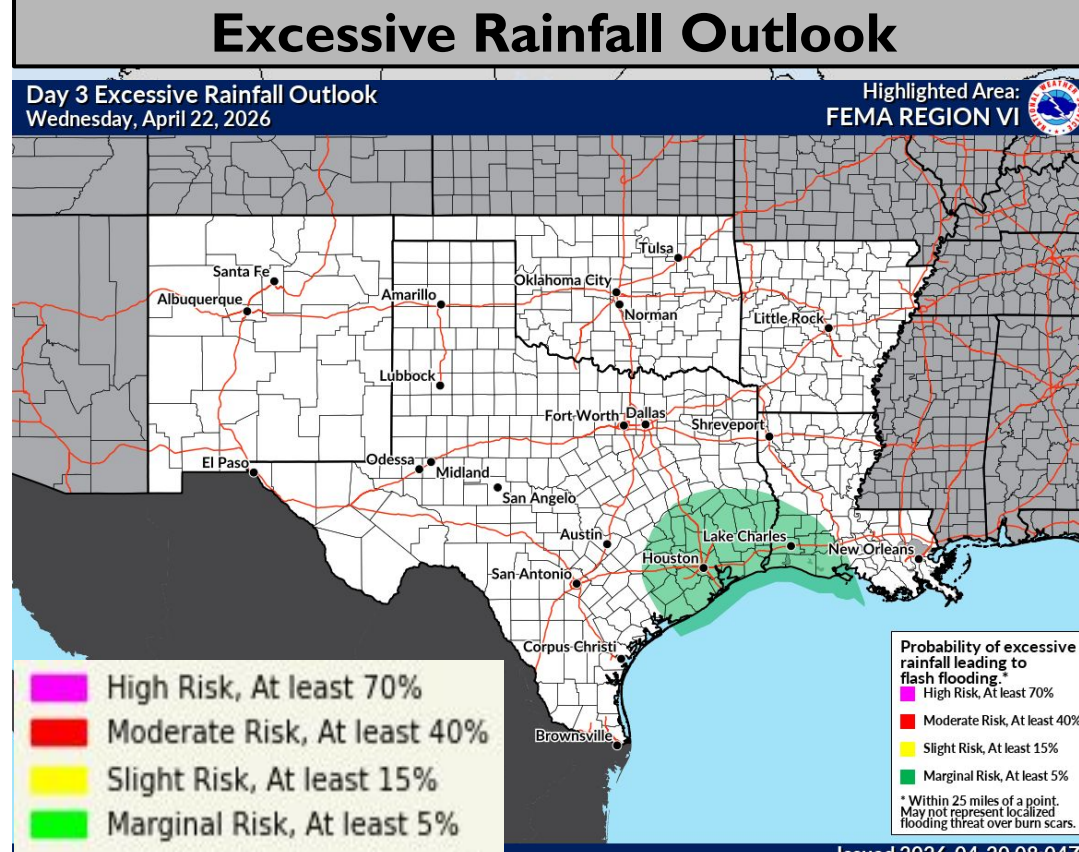
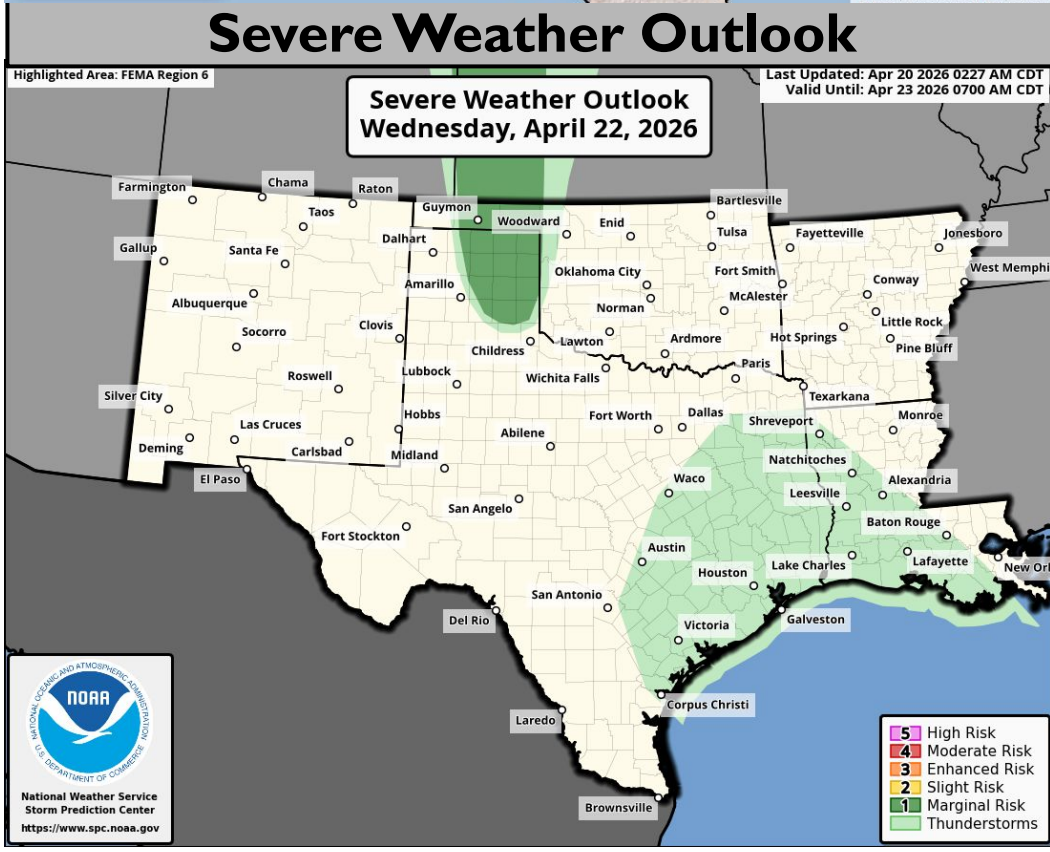
Wednesday's Weather



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

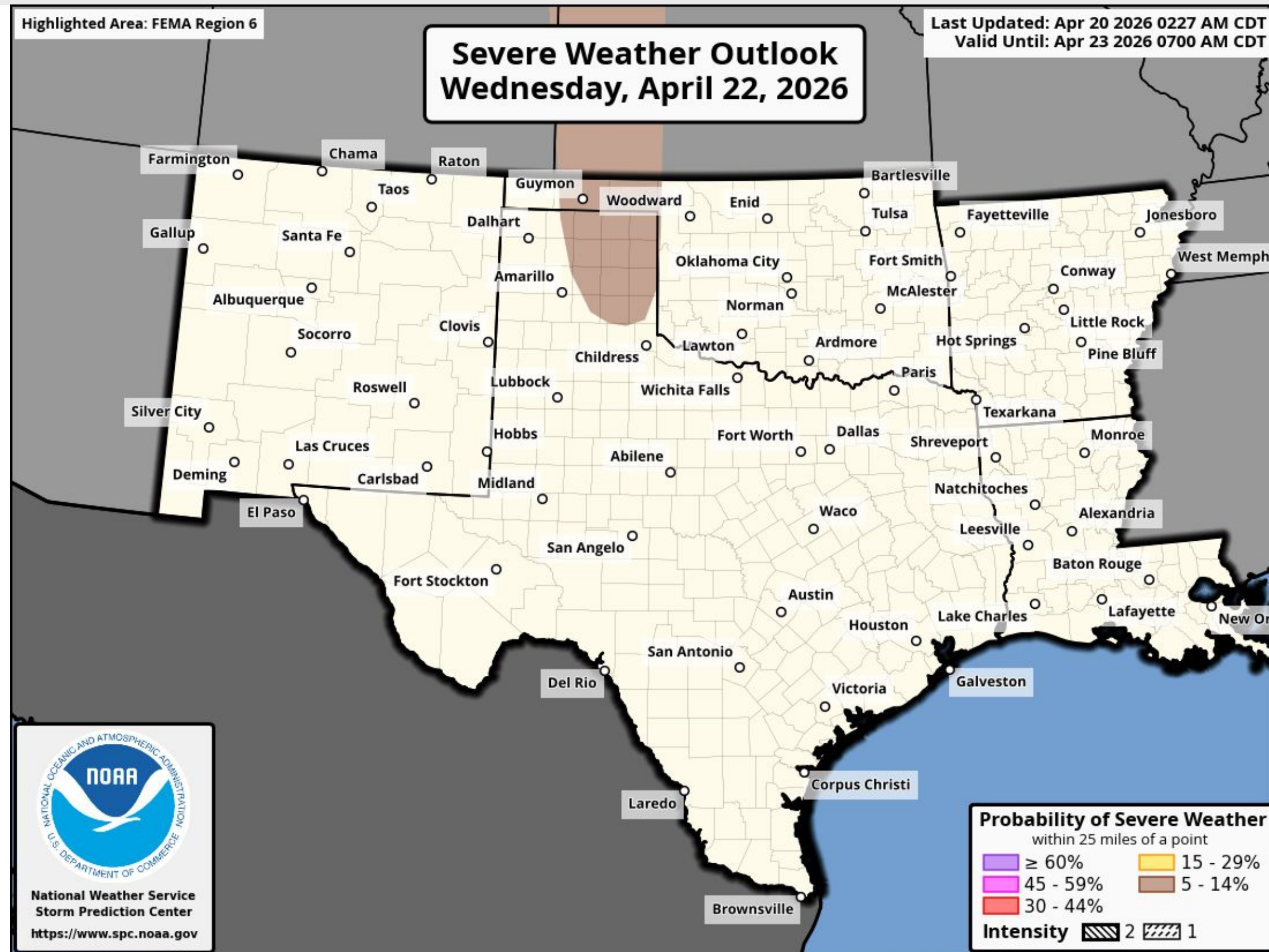
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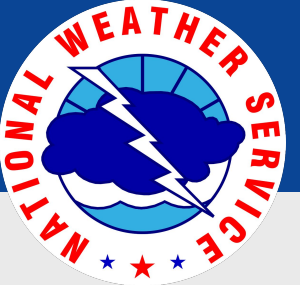
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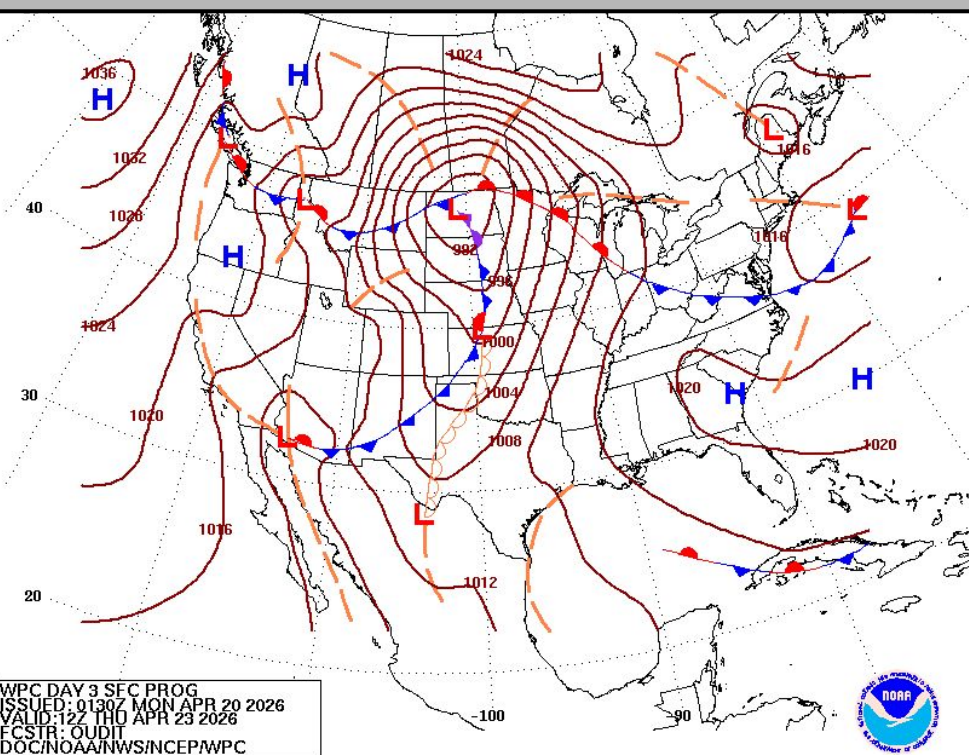
Wednesday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



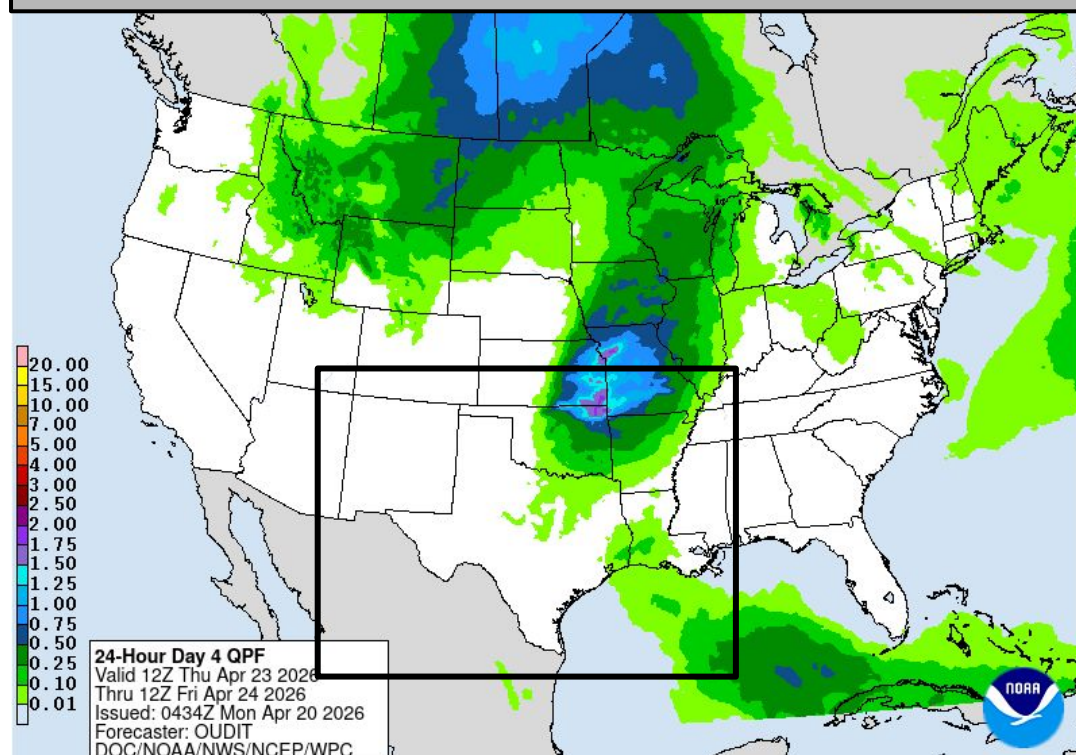


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



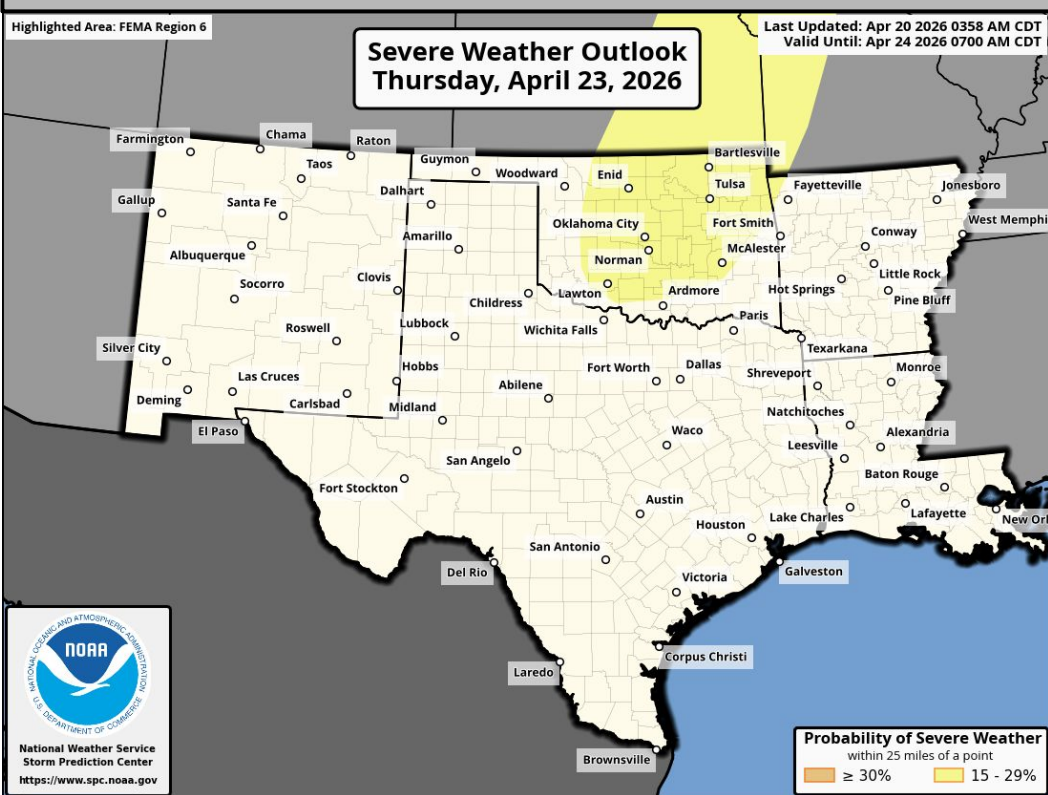
Forecast Rainfall



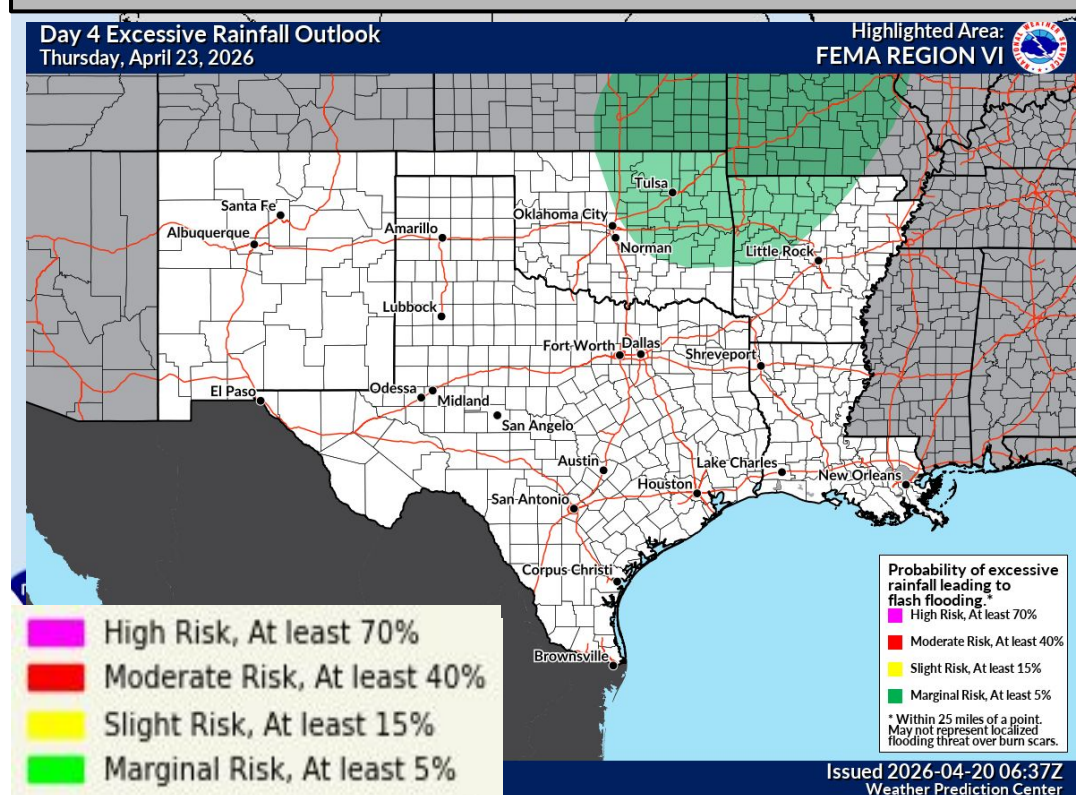
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over OK.

Elevated to locally critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



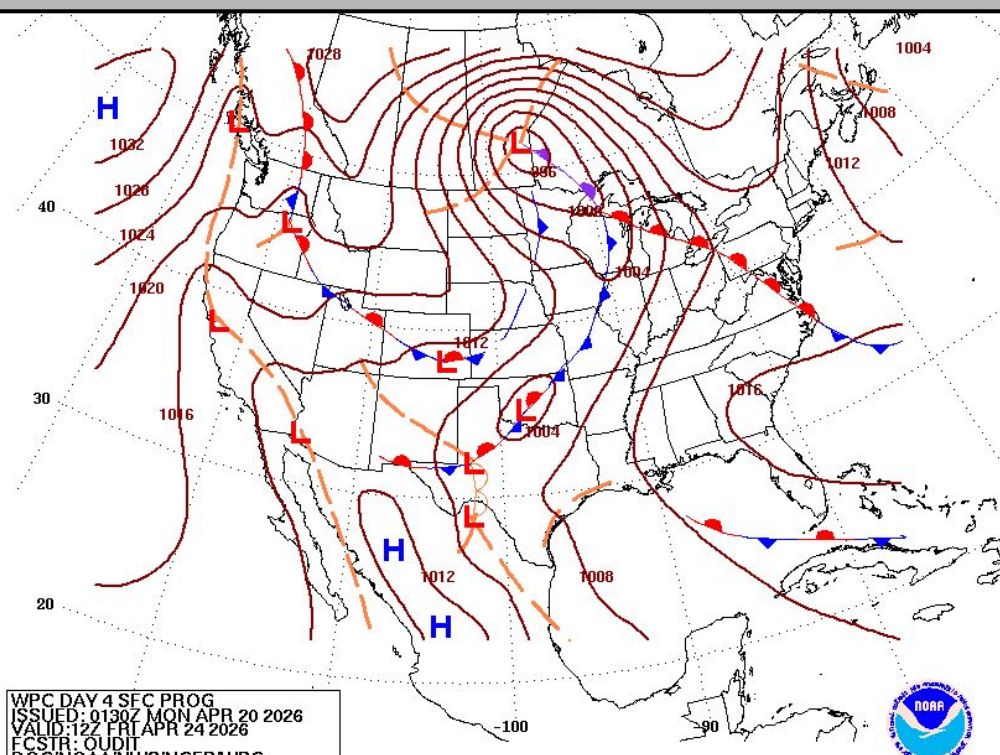
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over N/E OK, and NW AR.





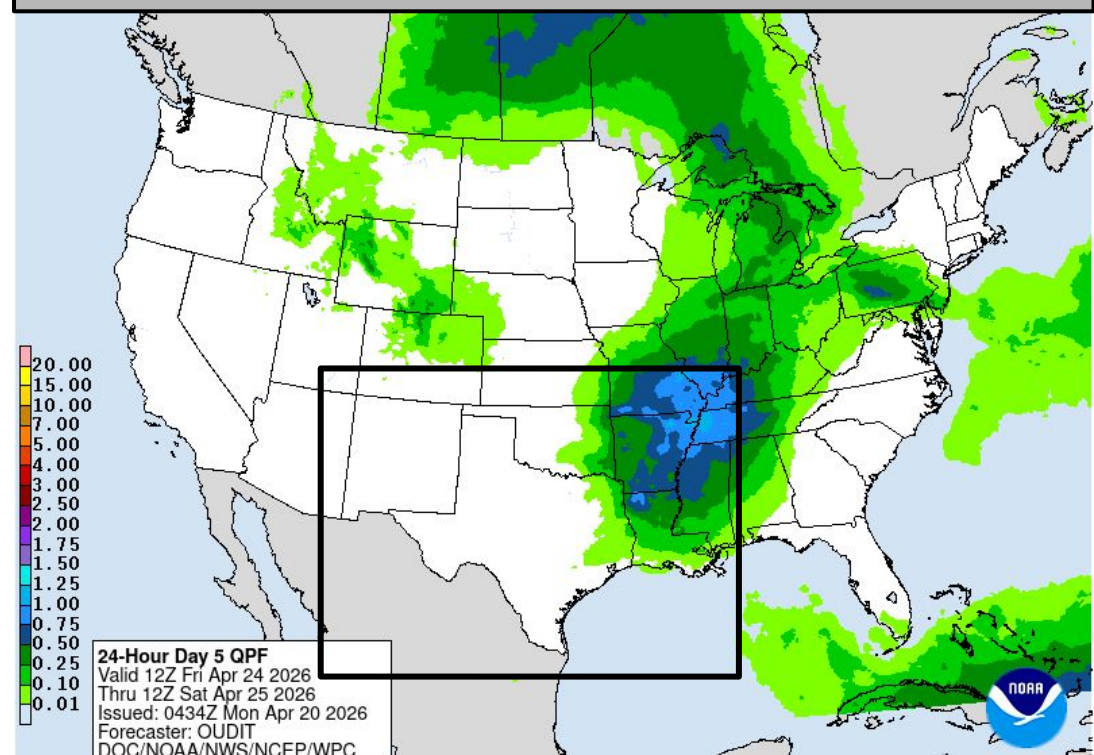
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z FRI APR 24 2026
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Forecast Rainfall

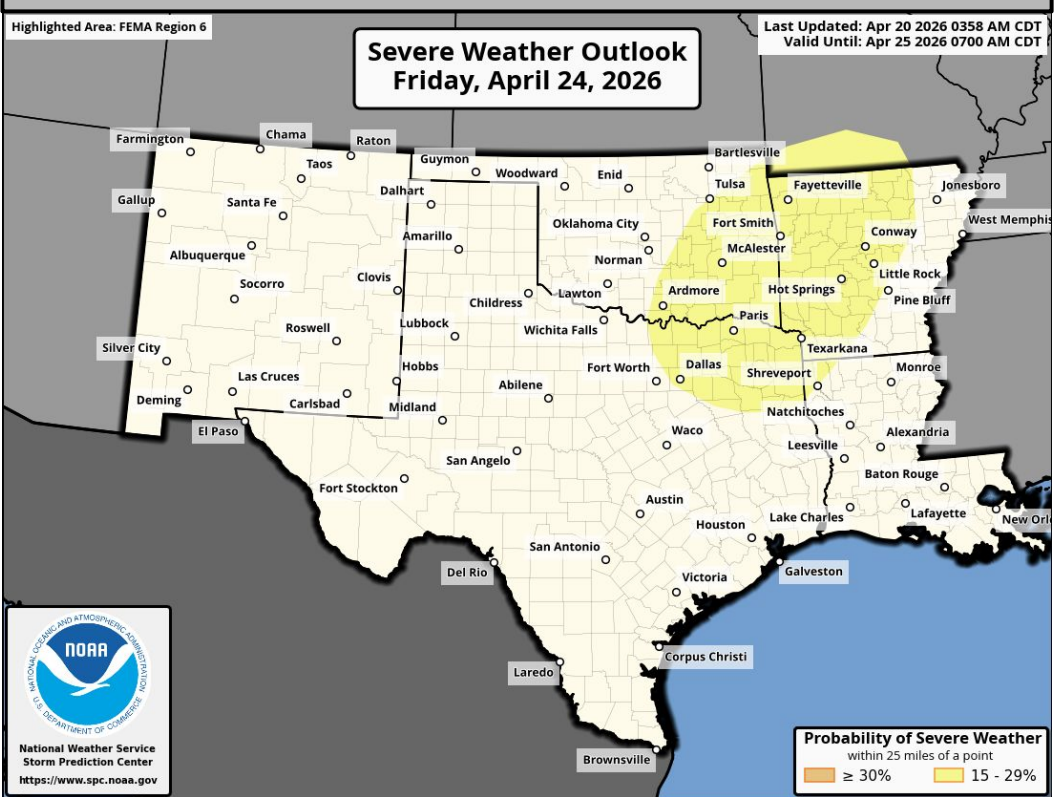


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Valid 12Z Fri Apr 24 2026
Thru 12Z Sat Apr 25 2026
Issued: 0434Z Mon Apr 20 2026
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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

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

Severe Weather Outlook

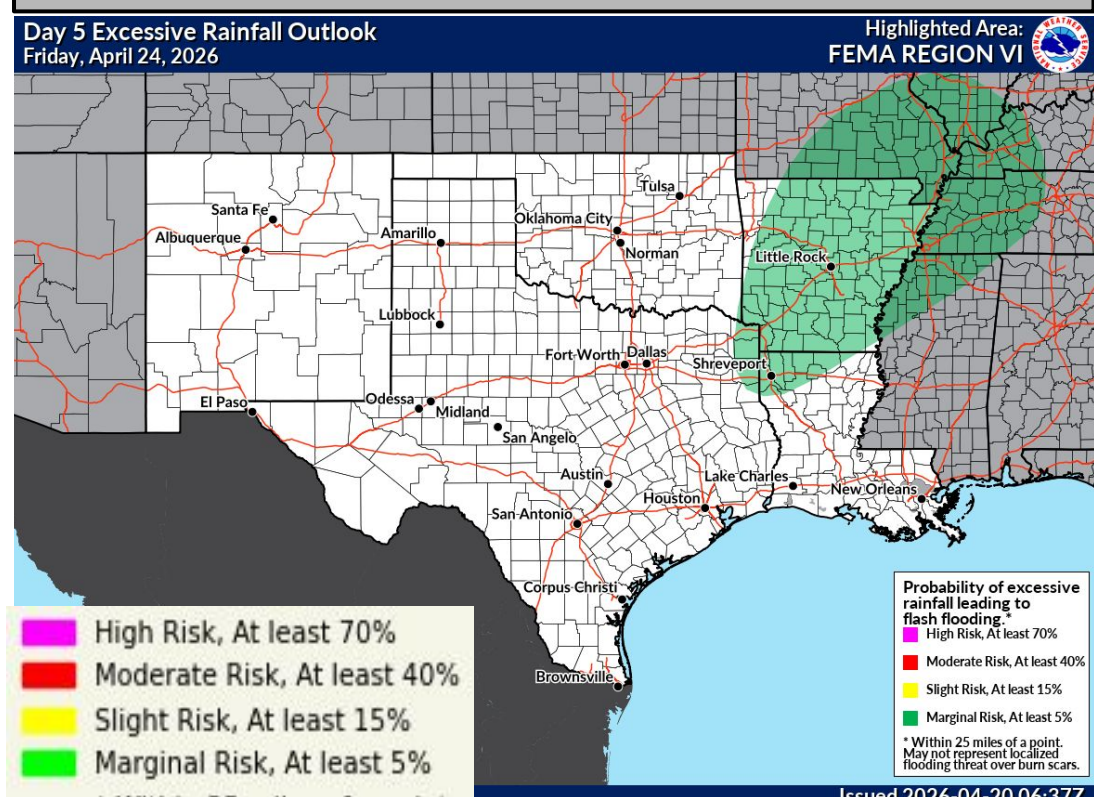


Severe Weather Outlook
Friday, April 24, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 20 2026 0358 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 25 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
Friday, April 24, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

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

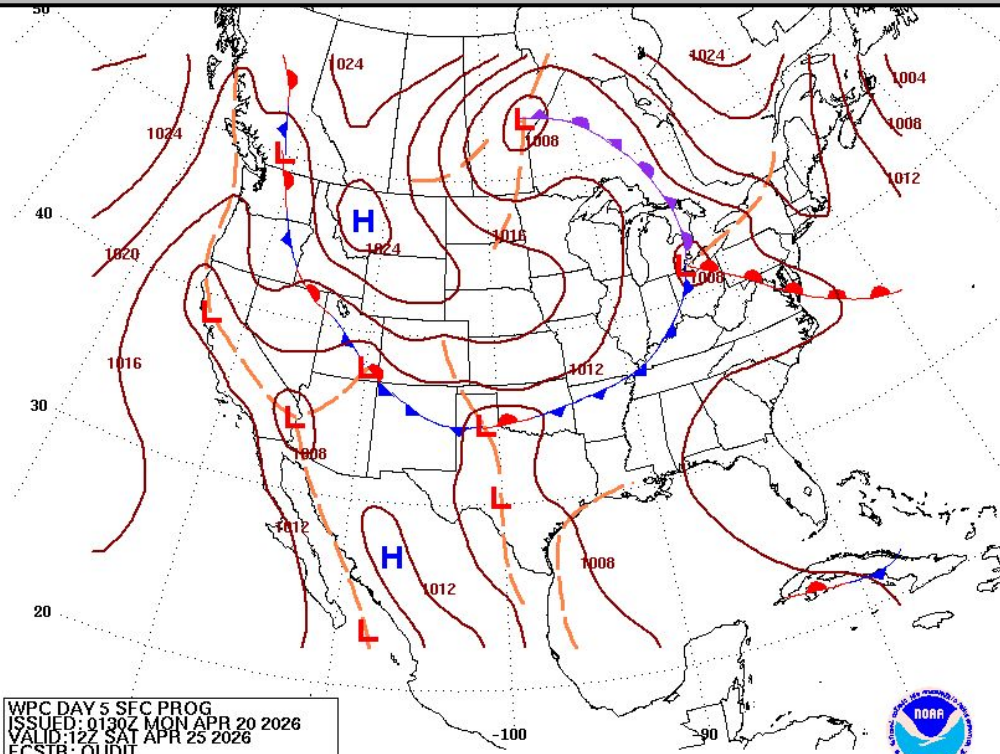
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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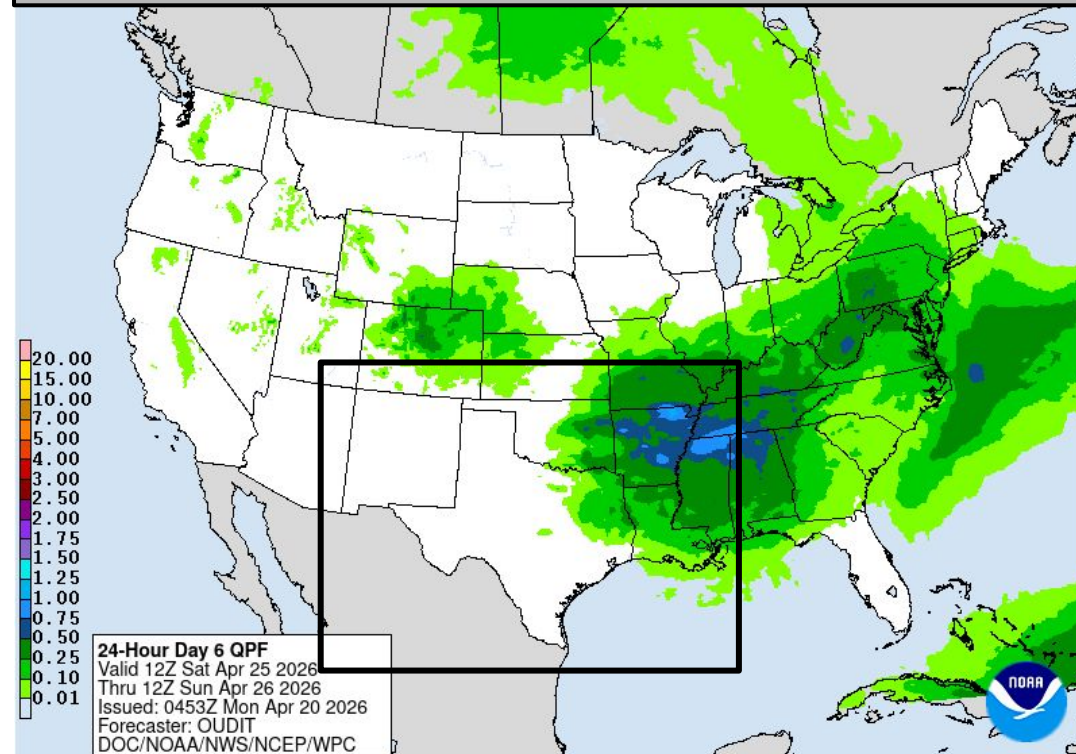


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart

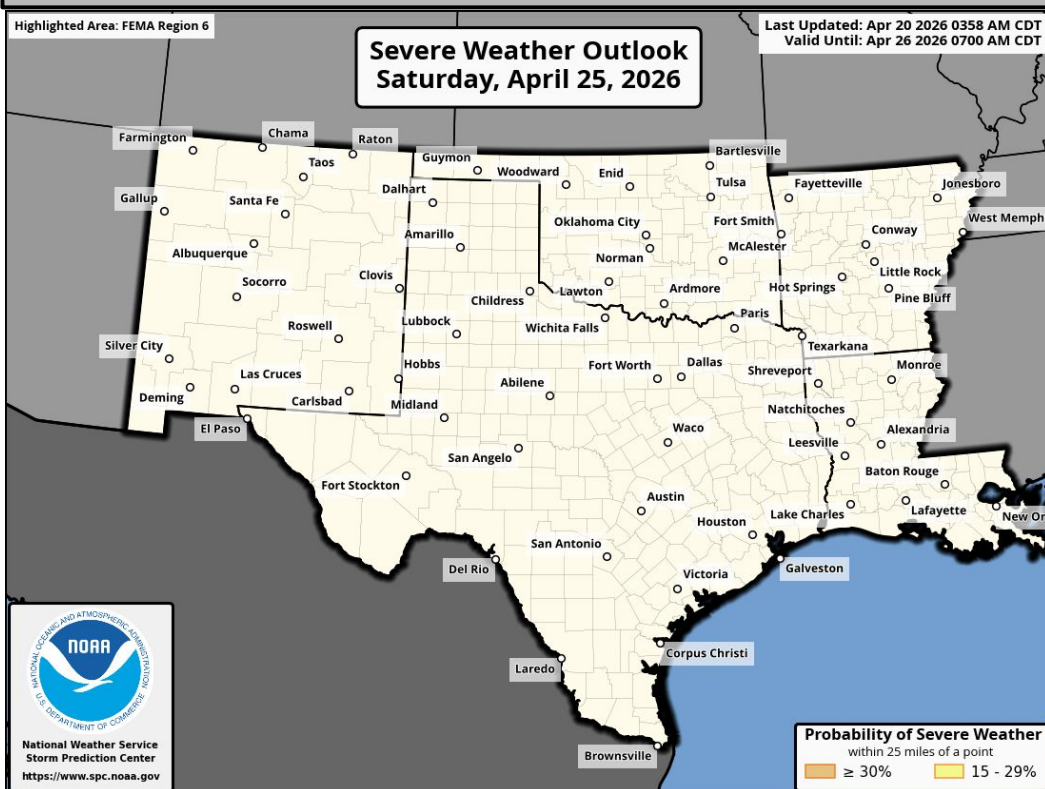


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

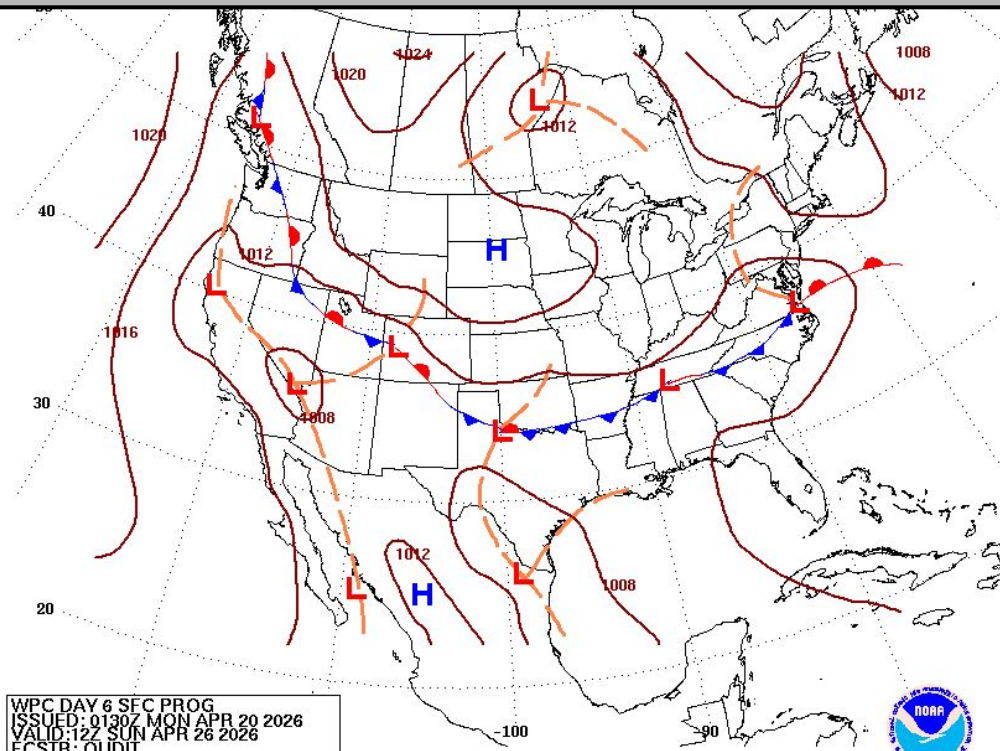


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



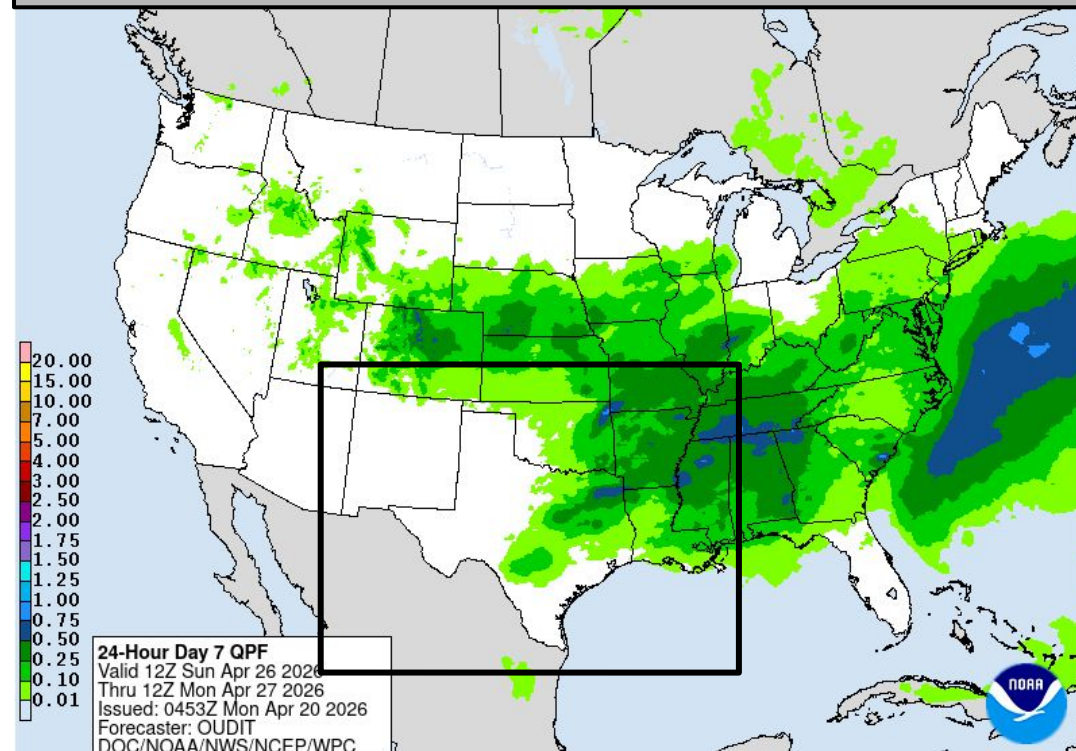
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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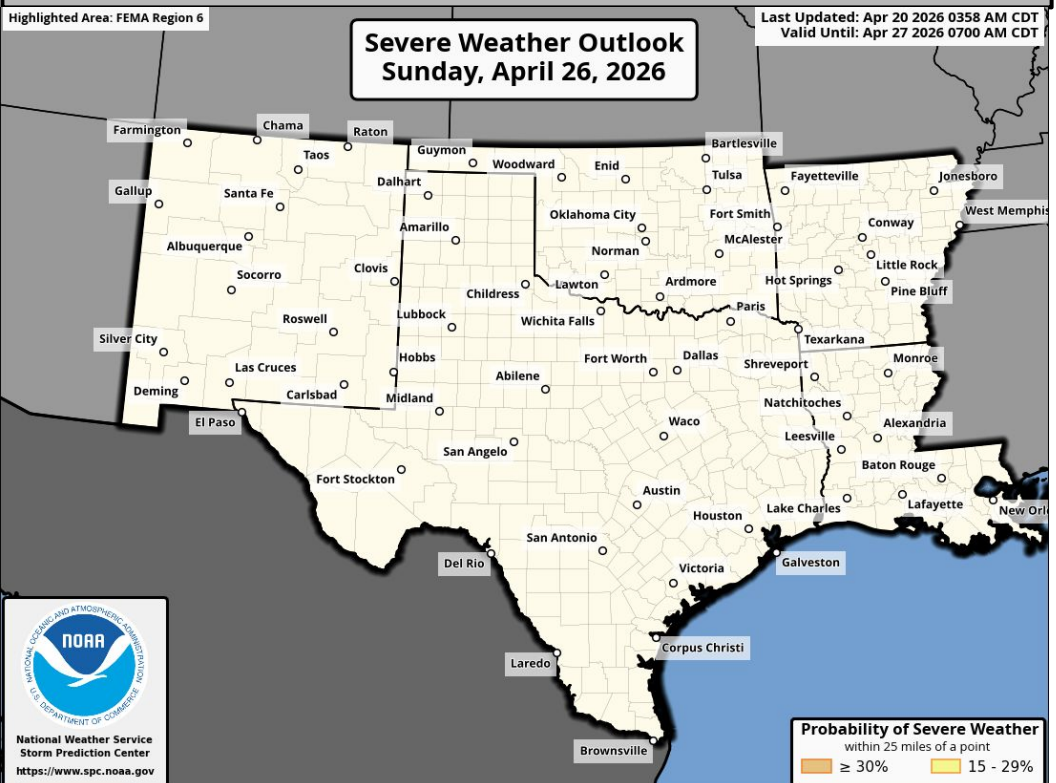
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



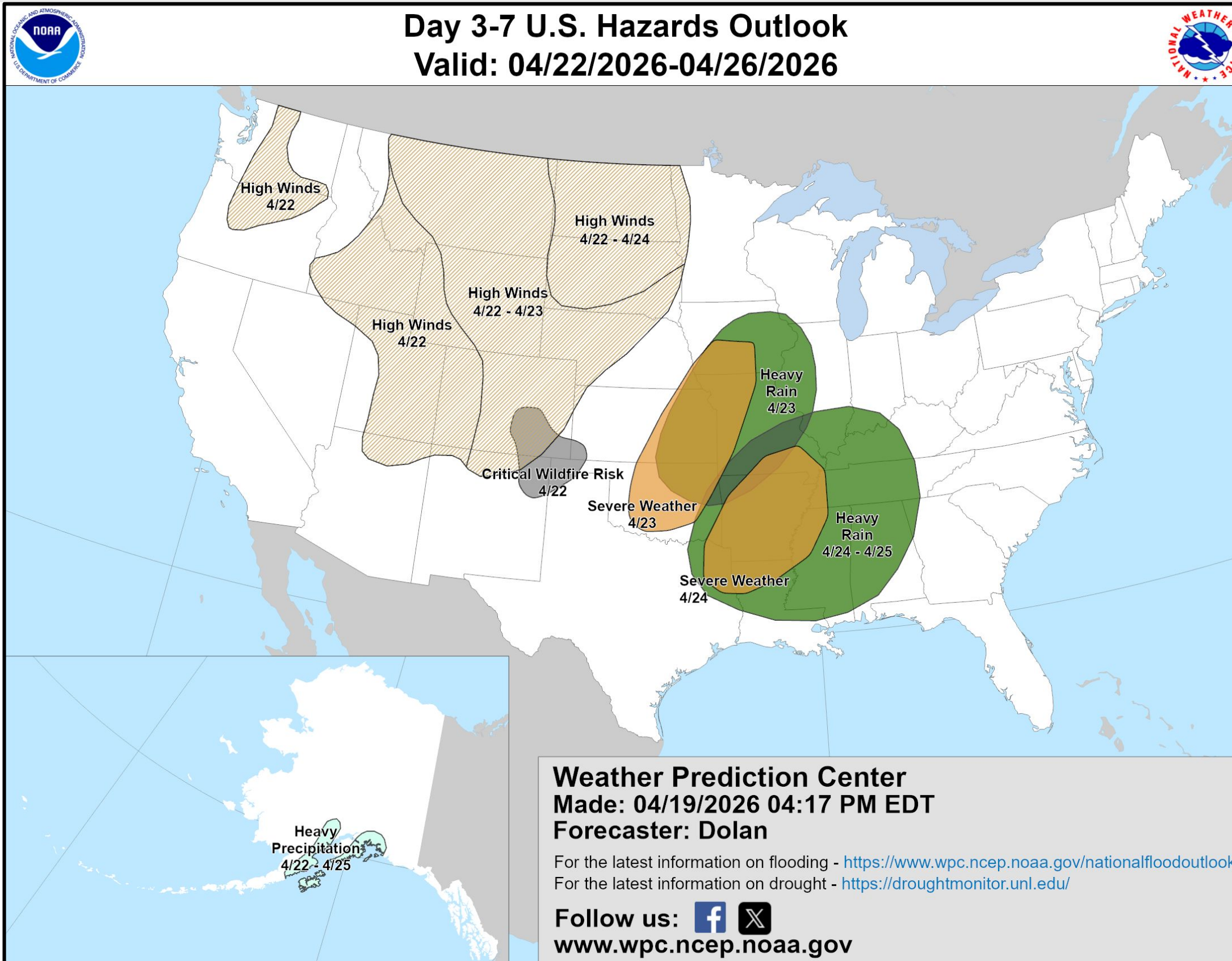
Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, April 26, 2026

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Valid Until: Apr 27 2026 0700 AM CDT

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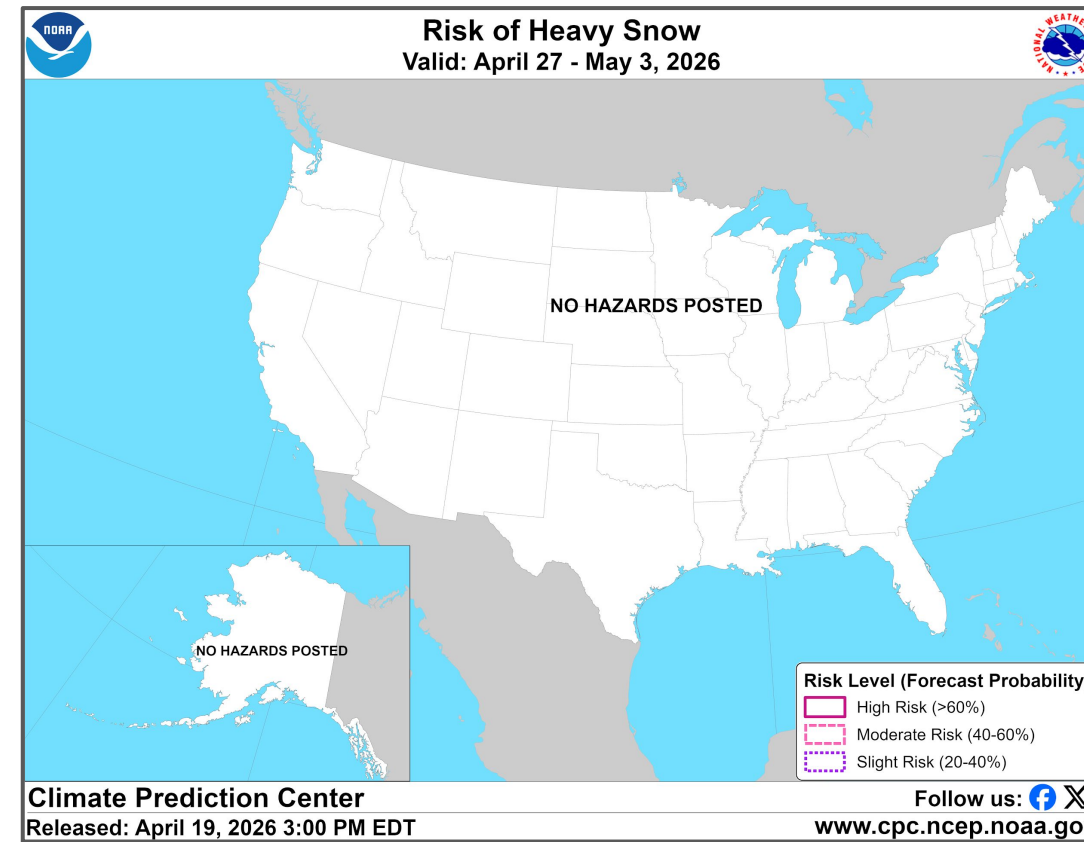
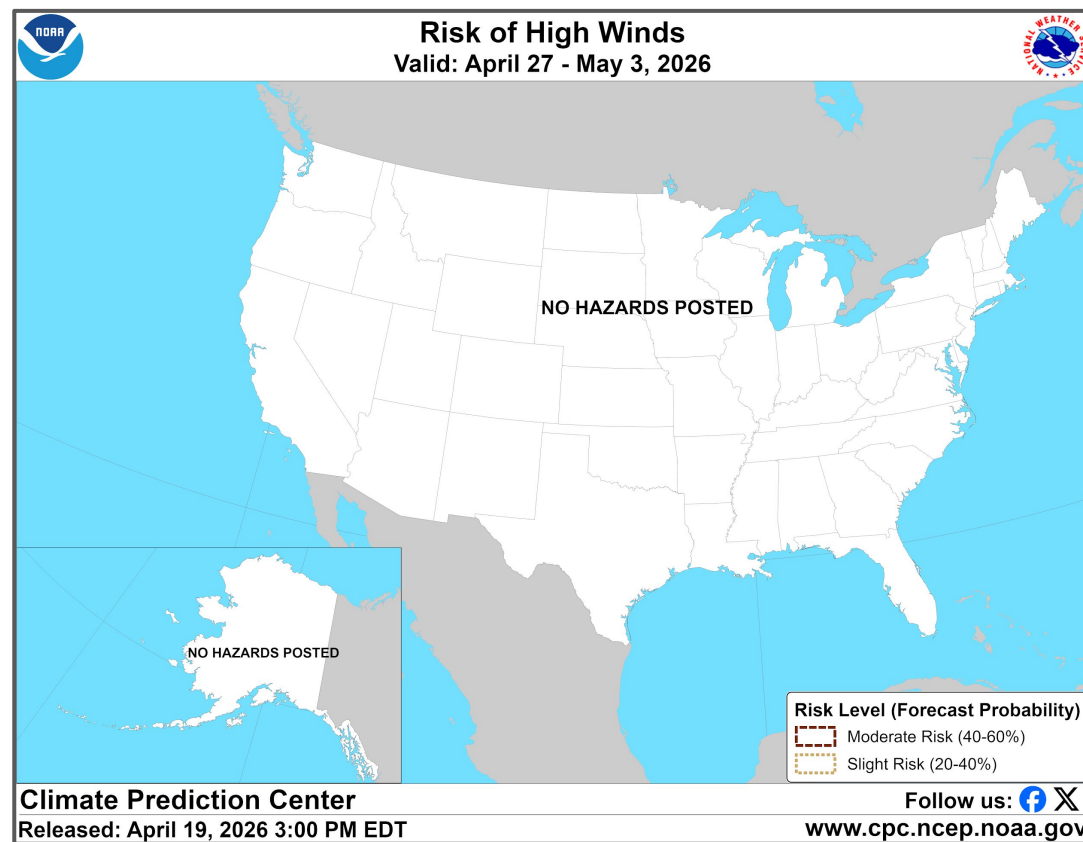
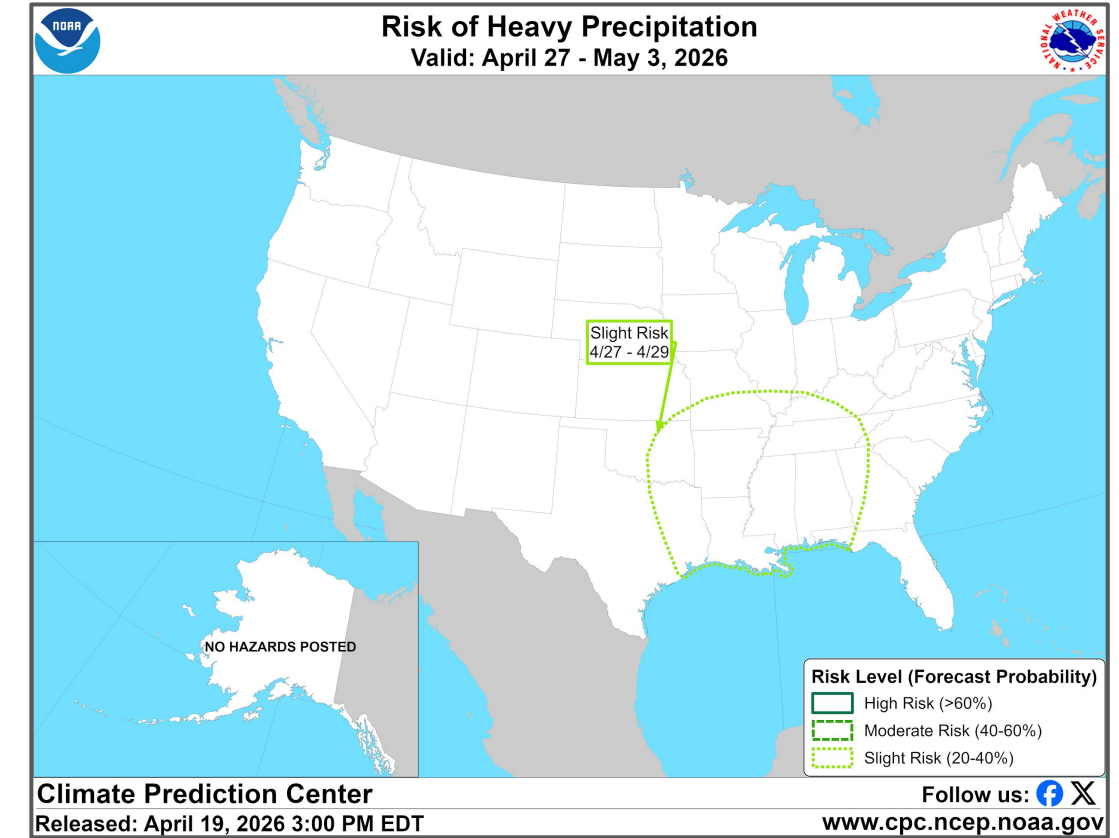
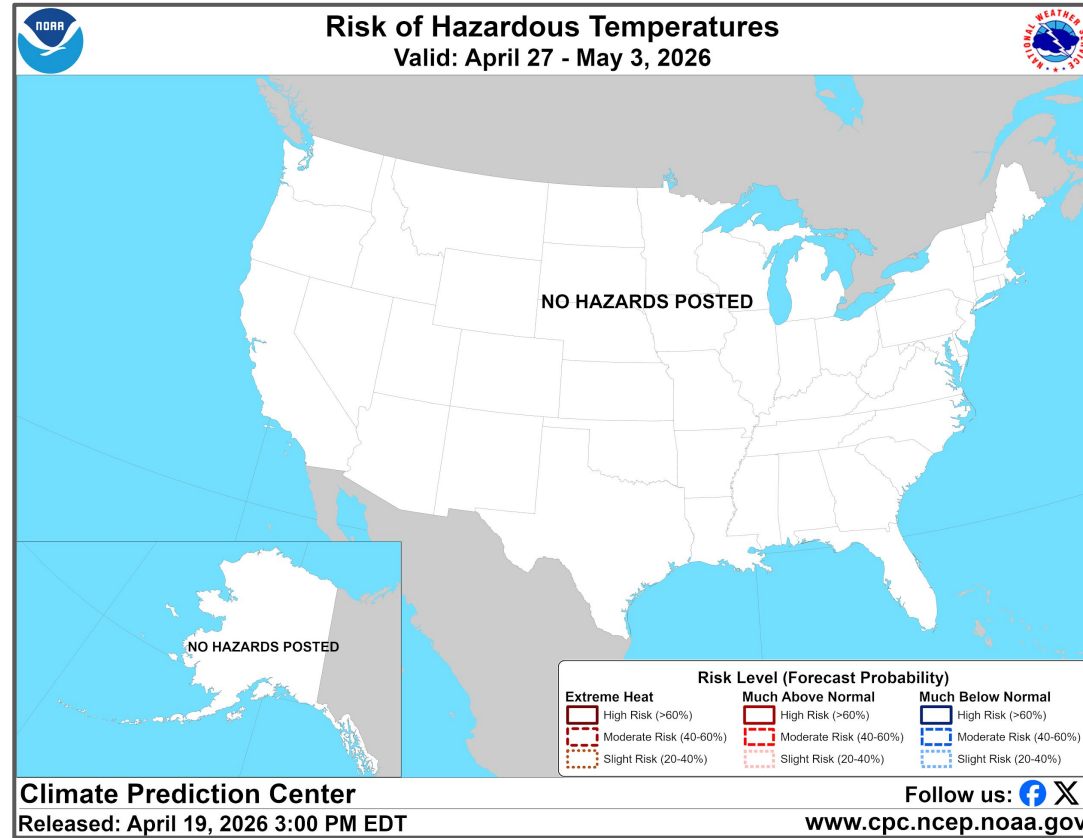
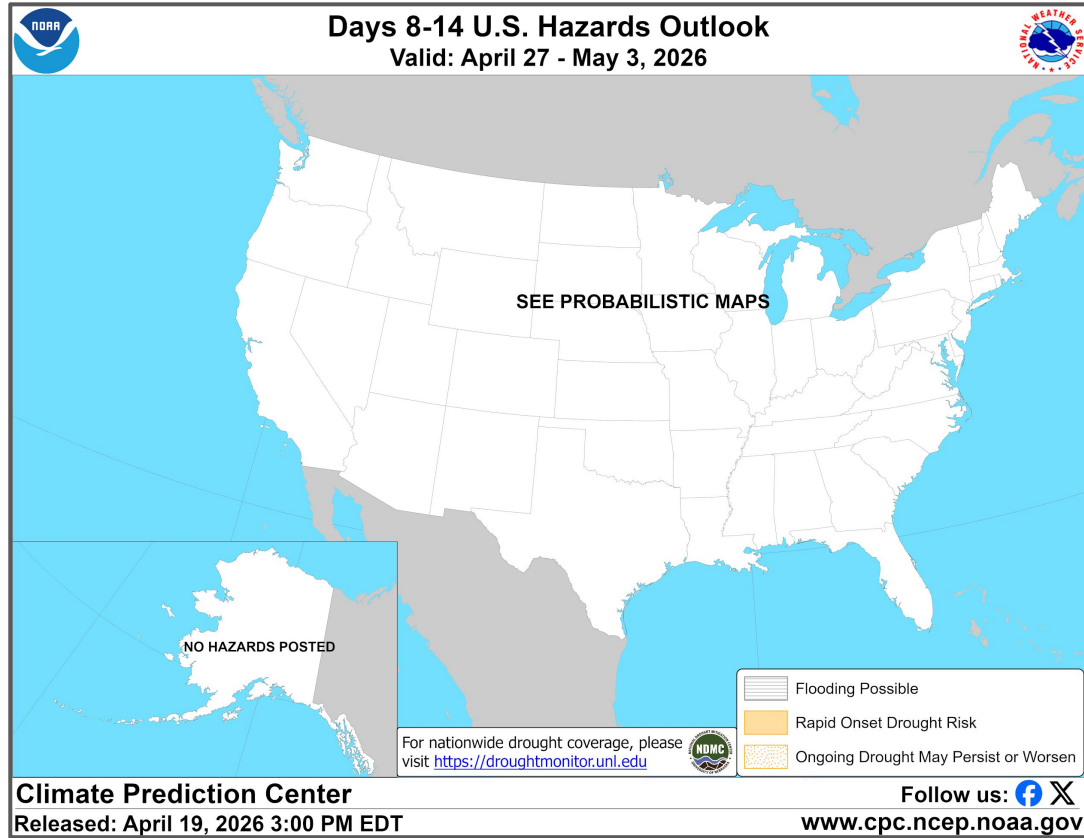


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

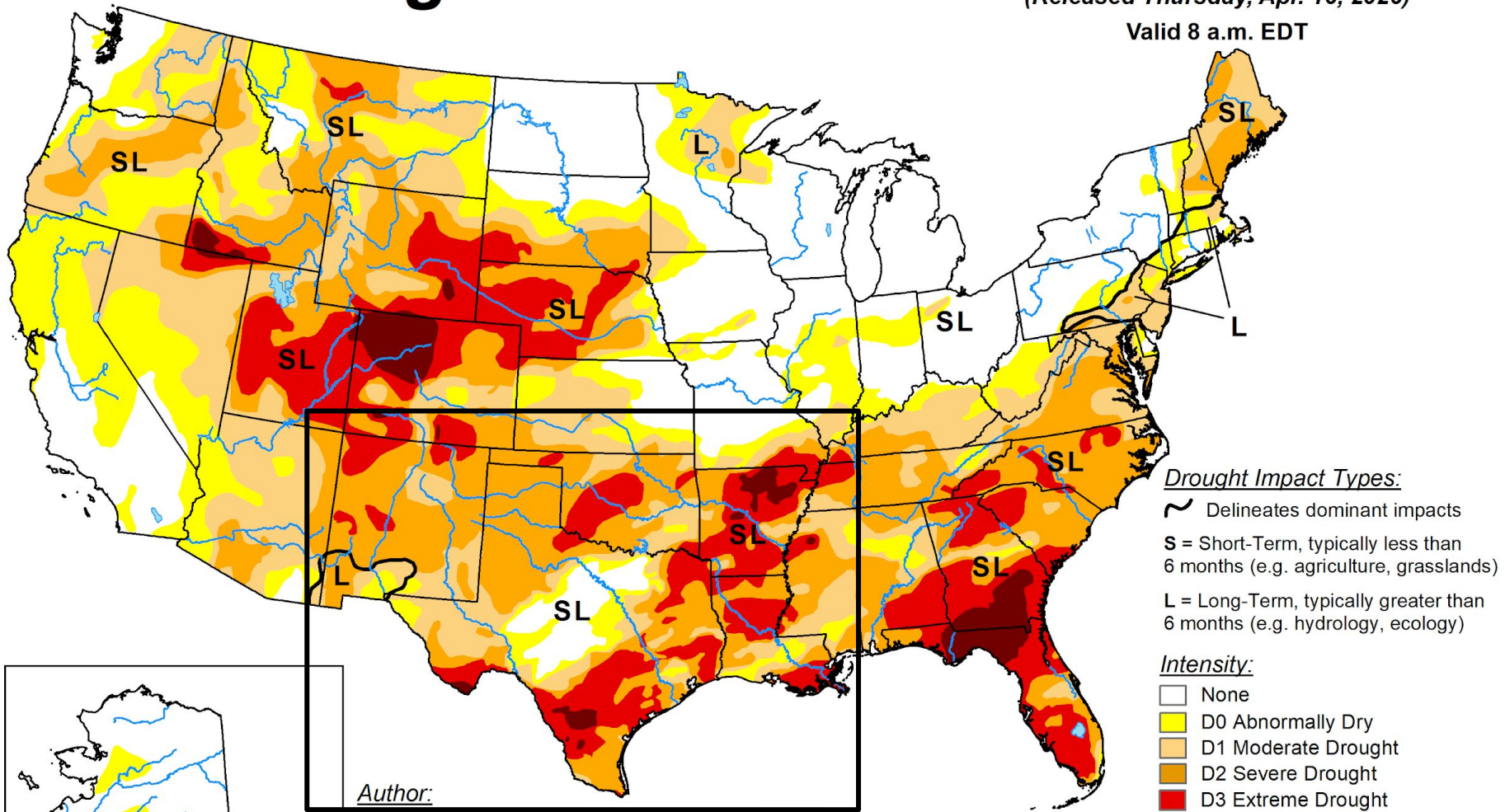




Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor

April 14, 2026
(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Impact Types:
~ Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

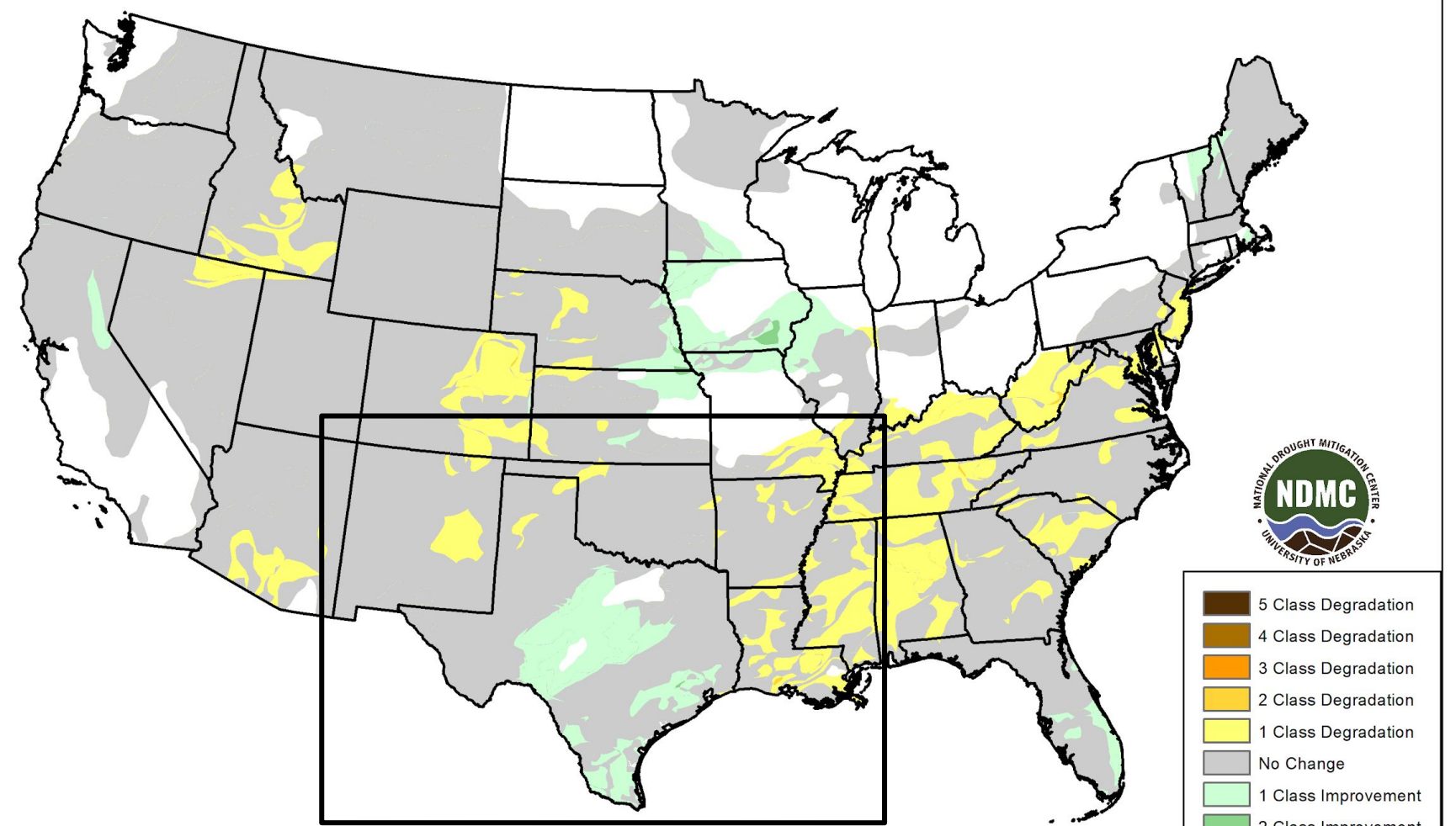
Author:
Brian Fuchs
National Drought Mitigation Center

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



April 14, 2026
compared to
April 7, 2026

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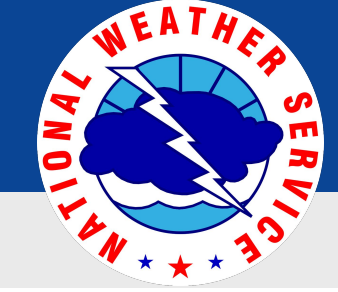


5 Class Degradation
4 Class Degradation
3 Class Degradation
2 Class Degradation
1 Class Degradation
No Change
1 Class Improvement
2 Class Improvement
3 Class Improvement
4 Class Improvement
5 Class Improvement



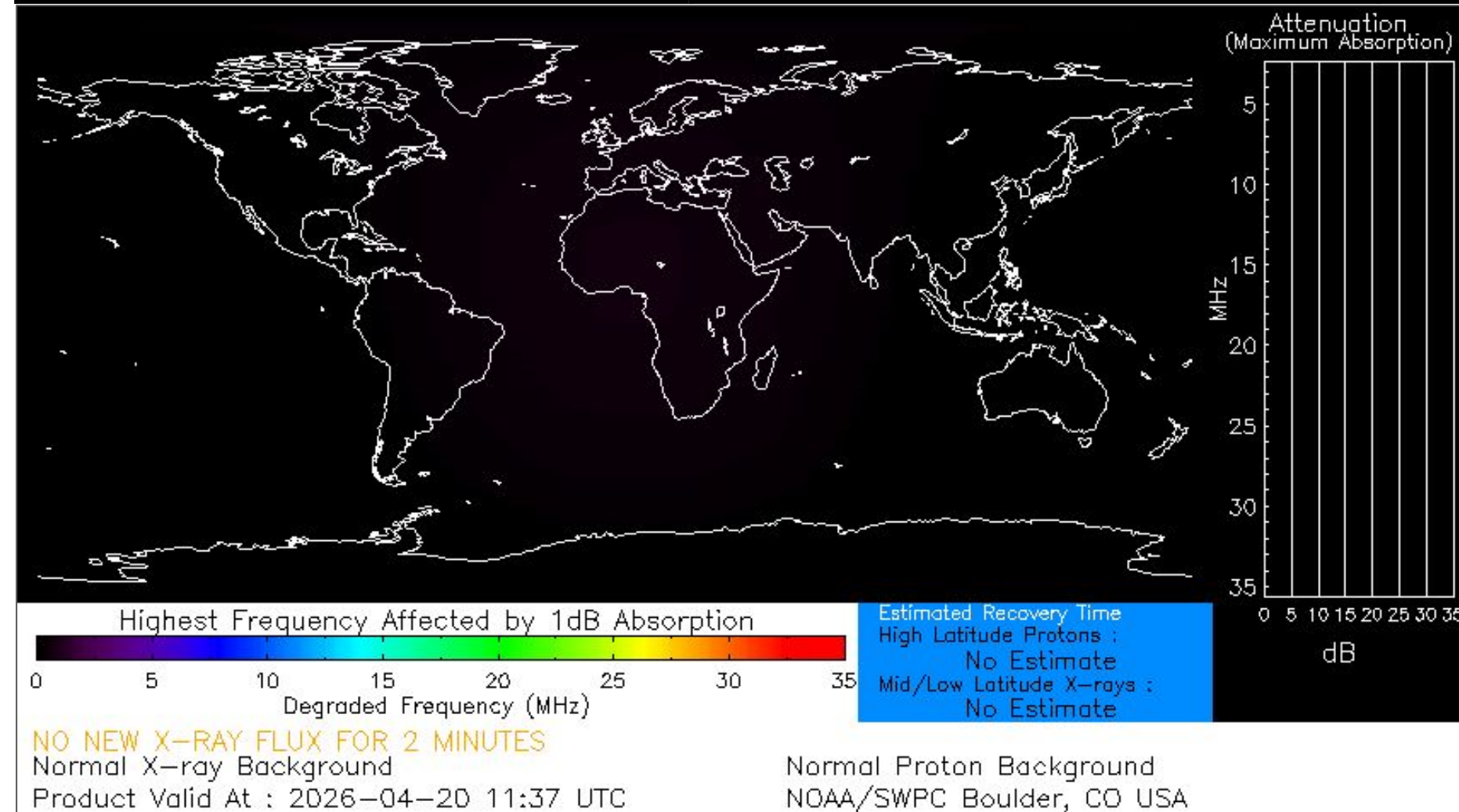
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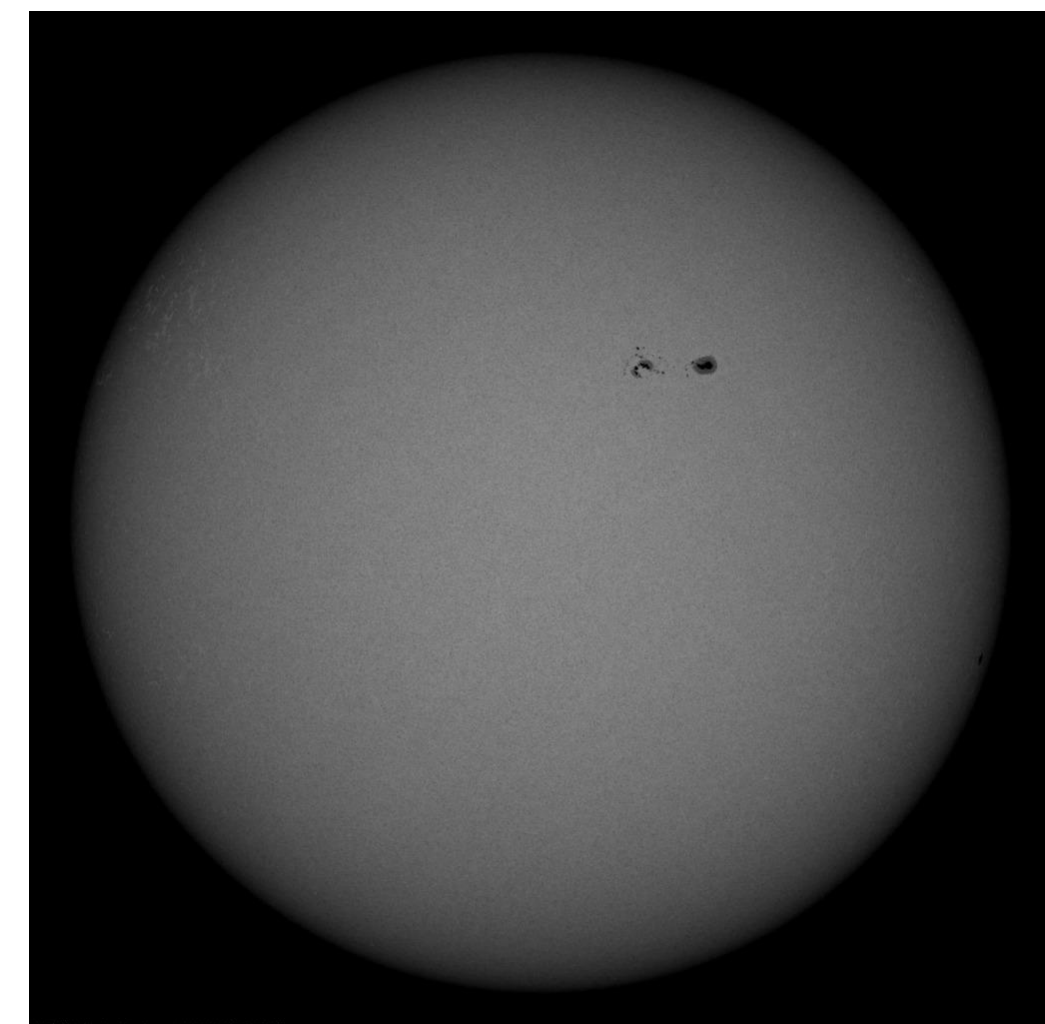
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Apr 20	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
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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