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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Wednesday over the OK/TX Panhandles, W TX.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Thursday over N OK.**
- **Slight risk over NE TX, SE OK, NW LA and AR on Friday.**
- **Severe threat continues Sat-Sun for portions of OK, AR, and TX. Threat shifts east Monday in AR, LA.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

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

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over the Panhandles, E NM, W OK and W TX Wednesday-Monday.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27
Severe Storms		TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	N OK	SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA	SE OK, AR, C-NE TX, NW LA	SE OK, AR, C-NE TX, NW LA	E AR, N/E LA
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N-SE TX	S/SE TX, S LA	N/E OK, NW AR	AR, N LA			
Heat							
Fire Weather	E AR	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK
River Flooding	C-SE TX	C-SE TX					

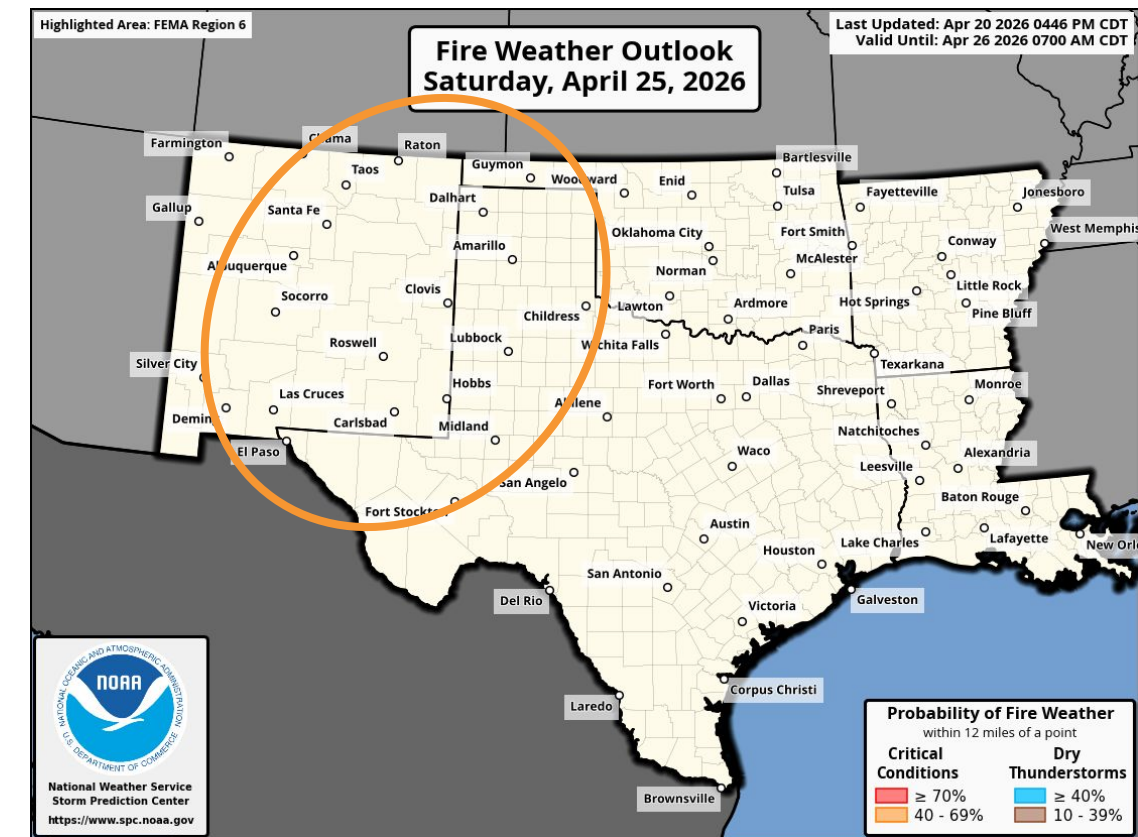
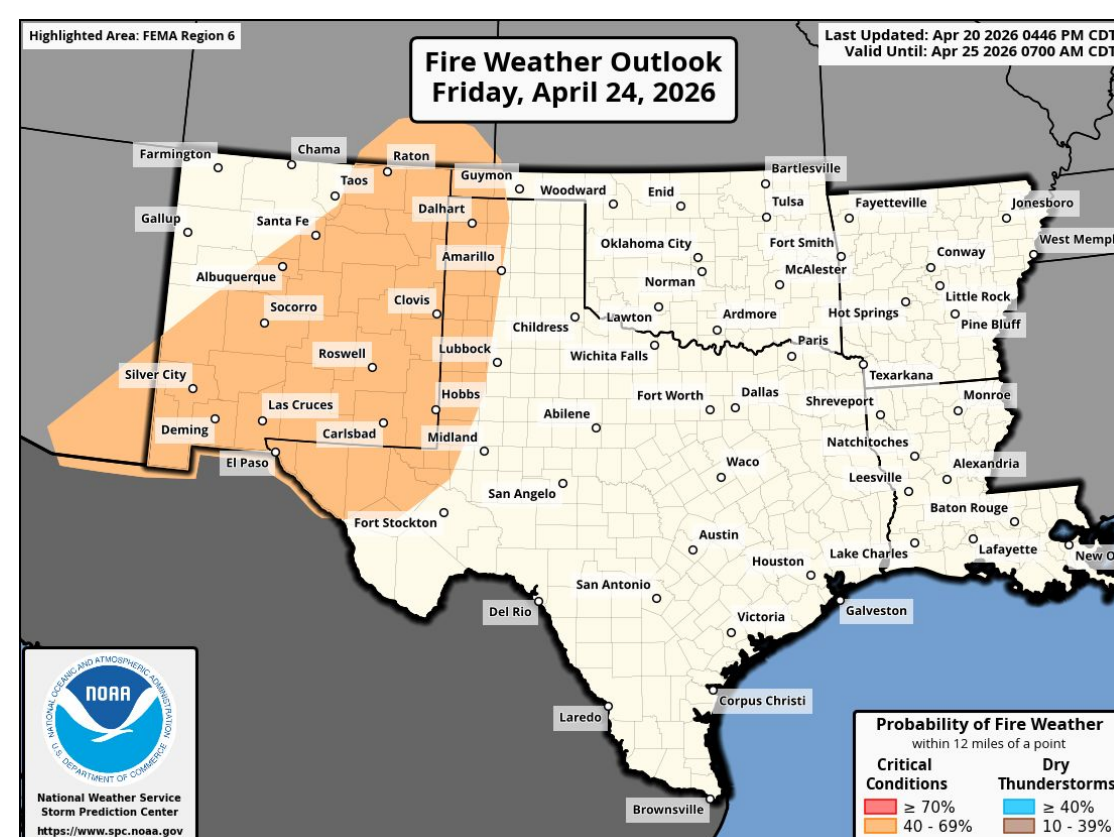
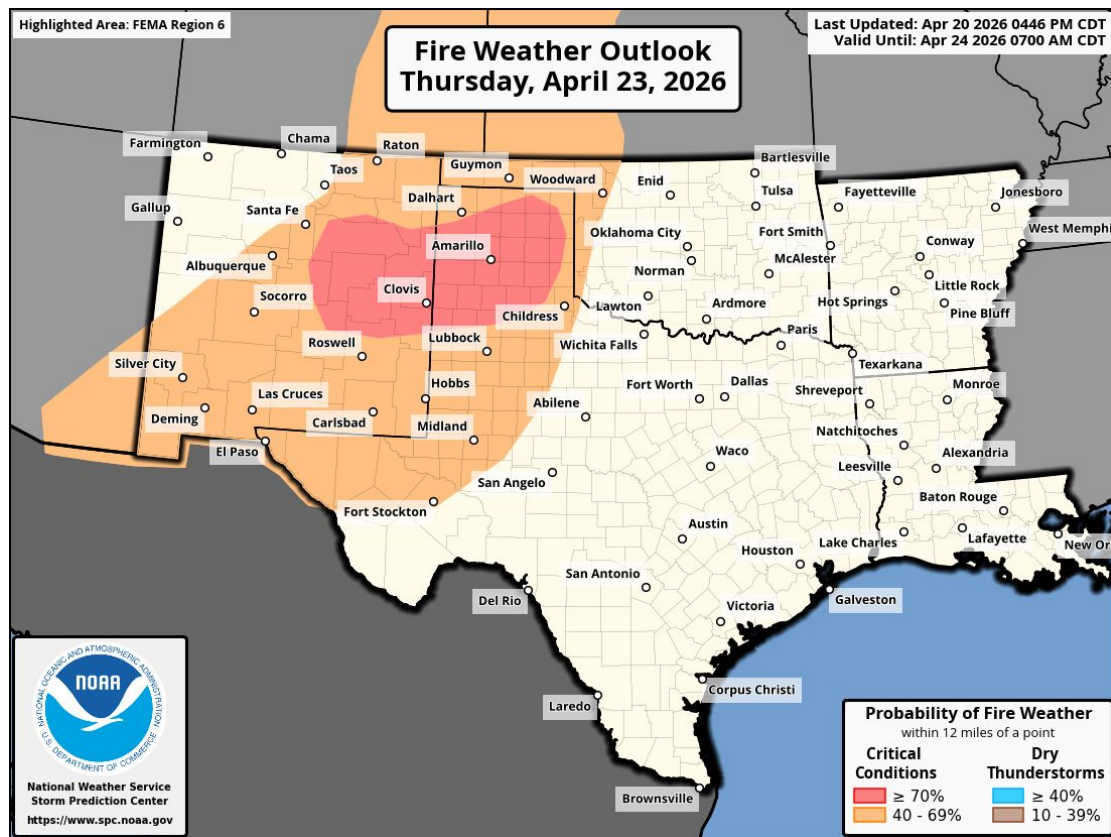
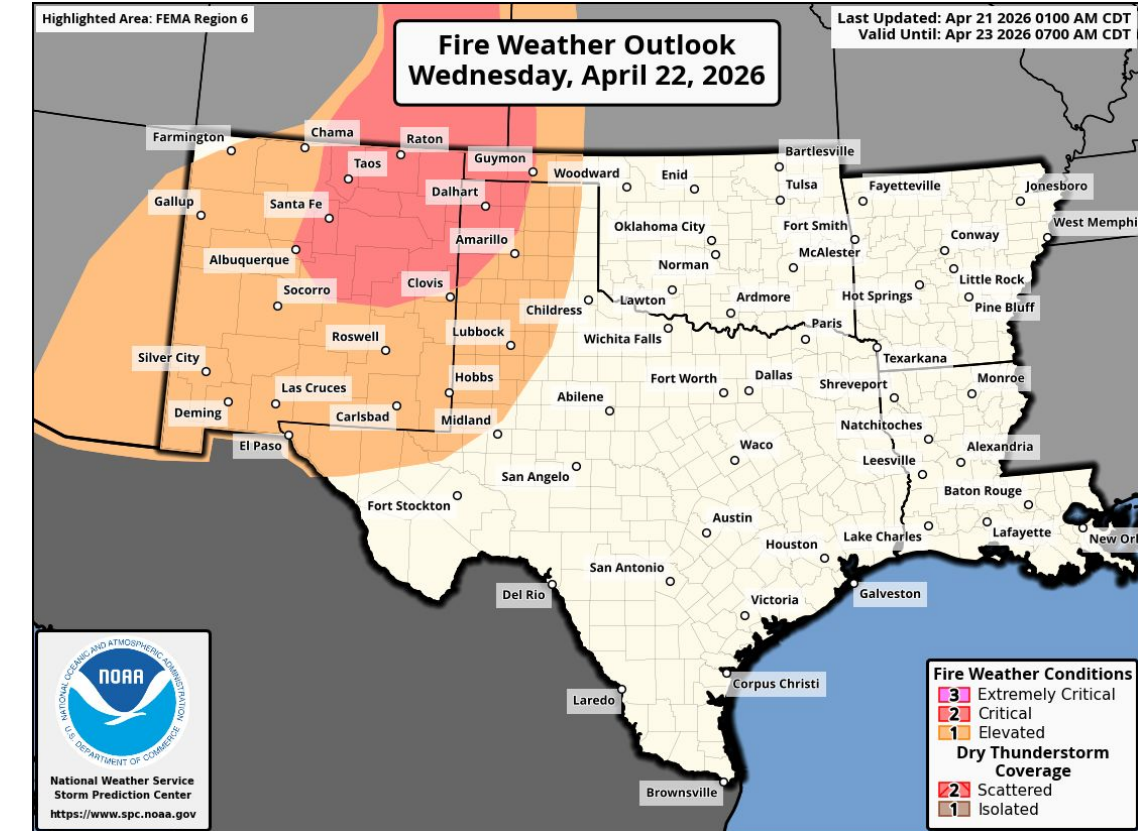
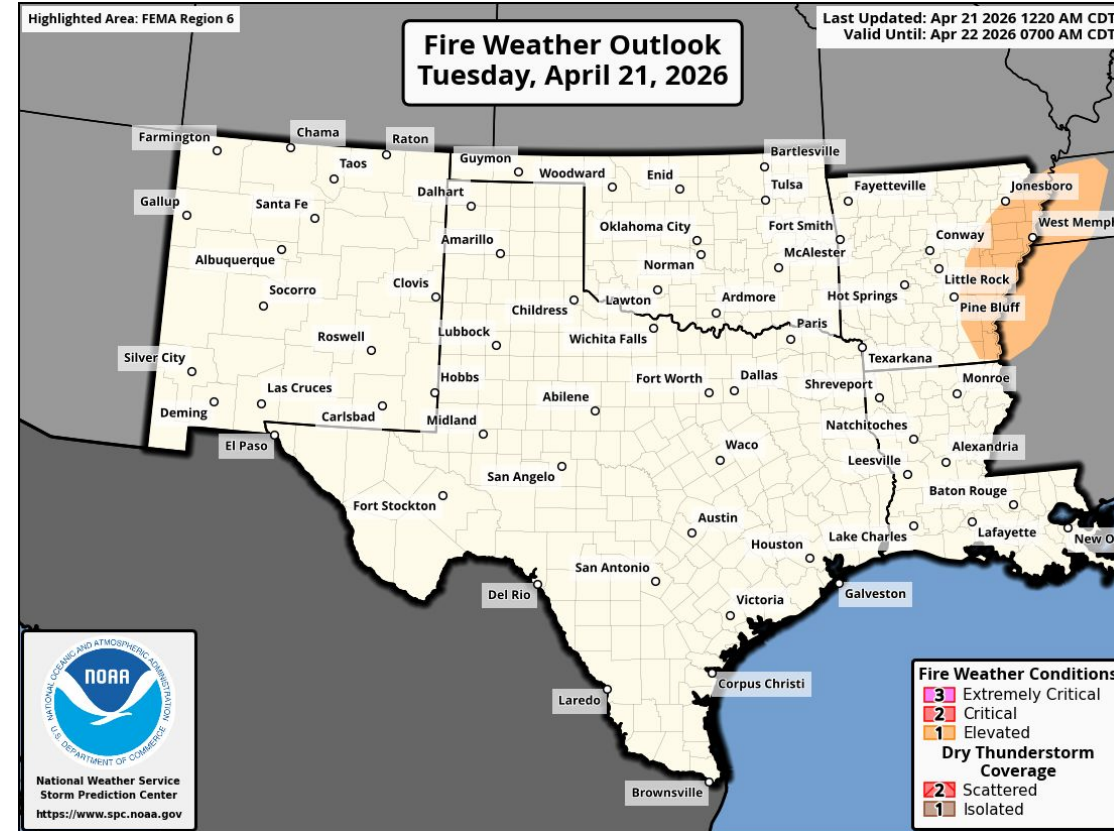
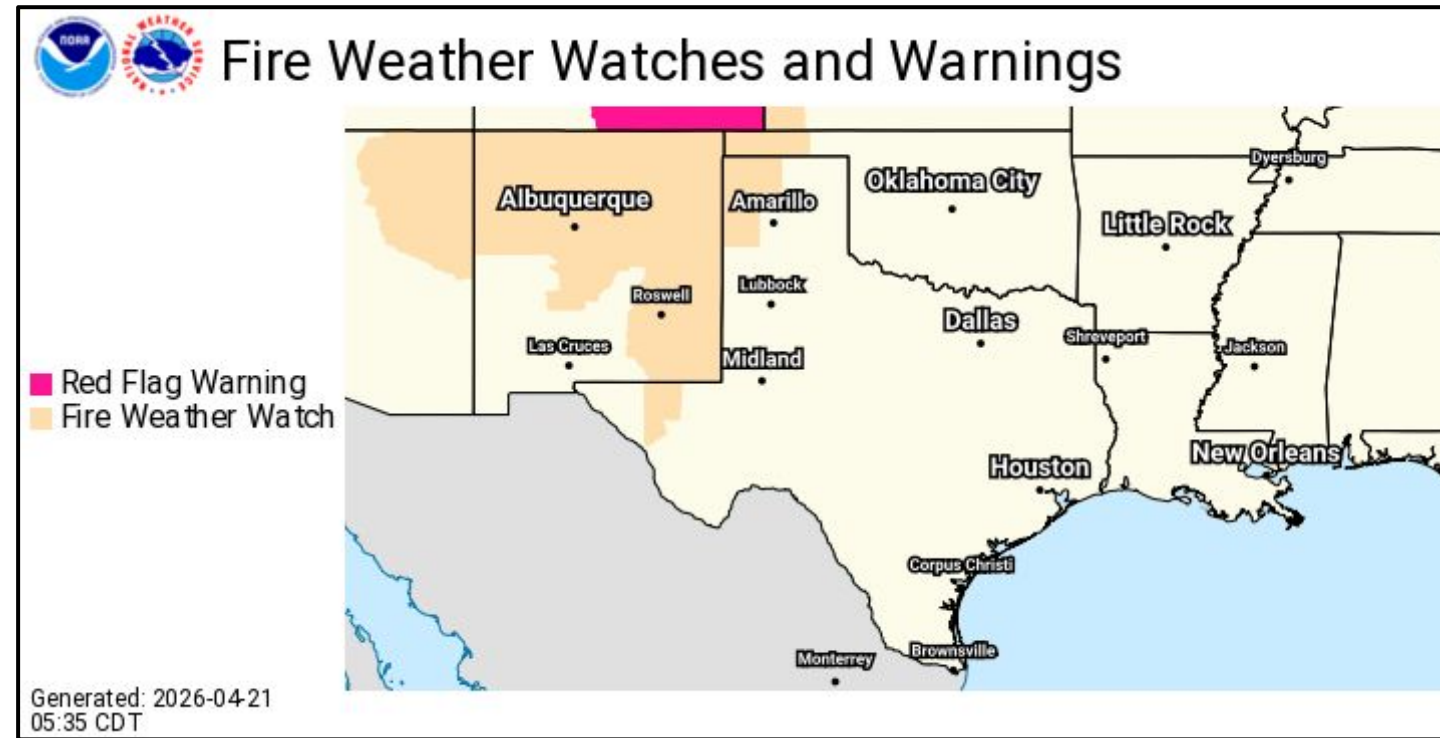
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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





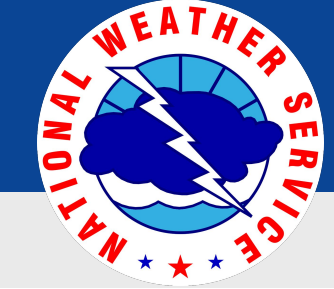
# Current Radar/Hazards



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**Fire Weather Watches in NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles.**  
**Valid from noon CDT through 9-10 PM CDT tomorrow.**



# Wind Gust/RH Forecast

## Minimum RH Forecast

## Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

	4/22 Wed		4/23 Thu				4/24 Fri				4/25 Sat				4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Abilene	55	54	81	71	39	39	69	39	18	20	47	52	28	30	61	60	31	30	57	30	18	17
Amarillo	11	11	28	13	6	6	14	22	9	9	25	32	15	15	42	41	16	16	32	28	16	15
Beaver	24	25	62	19	9	9	22	30	17	16	45	53	29	30	69	57	31	29	62	57	31	30
El Paso	10	10	18	17	9	9	15	14	9	9	16	15	10	10	20	20	13	13	23	20	10	10
Enid	62	64	90	69	40	44	81	55	40	44	77	67	48	49	80	75	54	54	84	65	43	44
Fayetteville	59	64	87	76	60	60	81	78	64	64	84	64	56	56	87	73	56	59	84	73	54	55
Fort Davis	15	14	37	20	10	10	19	15	9	9	23	17	10	10	23	19	12	12	23	21	12	11
Guadalupe Pass	15	14	21	16	12	12	16	14	12	12	19	17	15	15	22	23	18	18	22	20	14	14
Lubbock	16	15	46	28	7	7	14	13	7	7	19	21	10	10	26	29	14	14	25	22	10	10
Midland/Odessa	22	22	78	36	9	9	28	18	9	8	24	22	10	10	28	28	12	12	27	21	10	10
Oklahoma City	73	71	93	79	56	58	79	55	39	42	75	65	47	48	78	75	56	56	78	57	38	39
San Angelo	56	56	90	74	42	43	76	54	21	24	57	62	29	30	61	60	32	33	64	31	22	22
Santa Fe	11	9	18	23	11	11	22	21	12	12	23	25	17	18	35	37	20	20	38	36	15	15
Shreveport	56	56	87	74	53	56	81	74	59	57	84	74	53	55	81	76	57	59	81	74	55	57
Tulsa	71	66	87	87	64	60	81	76	52	52	78	73	58	58	81	78	62	60	78	66	47	48
Wichita Falls	62	60	90	69	46	50	76	40	23	27	63	56	32	37	78	66	44	44	70	36	21	21

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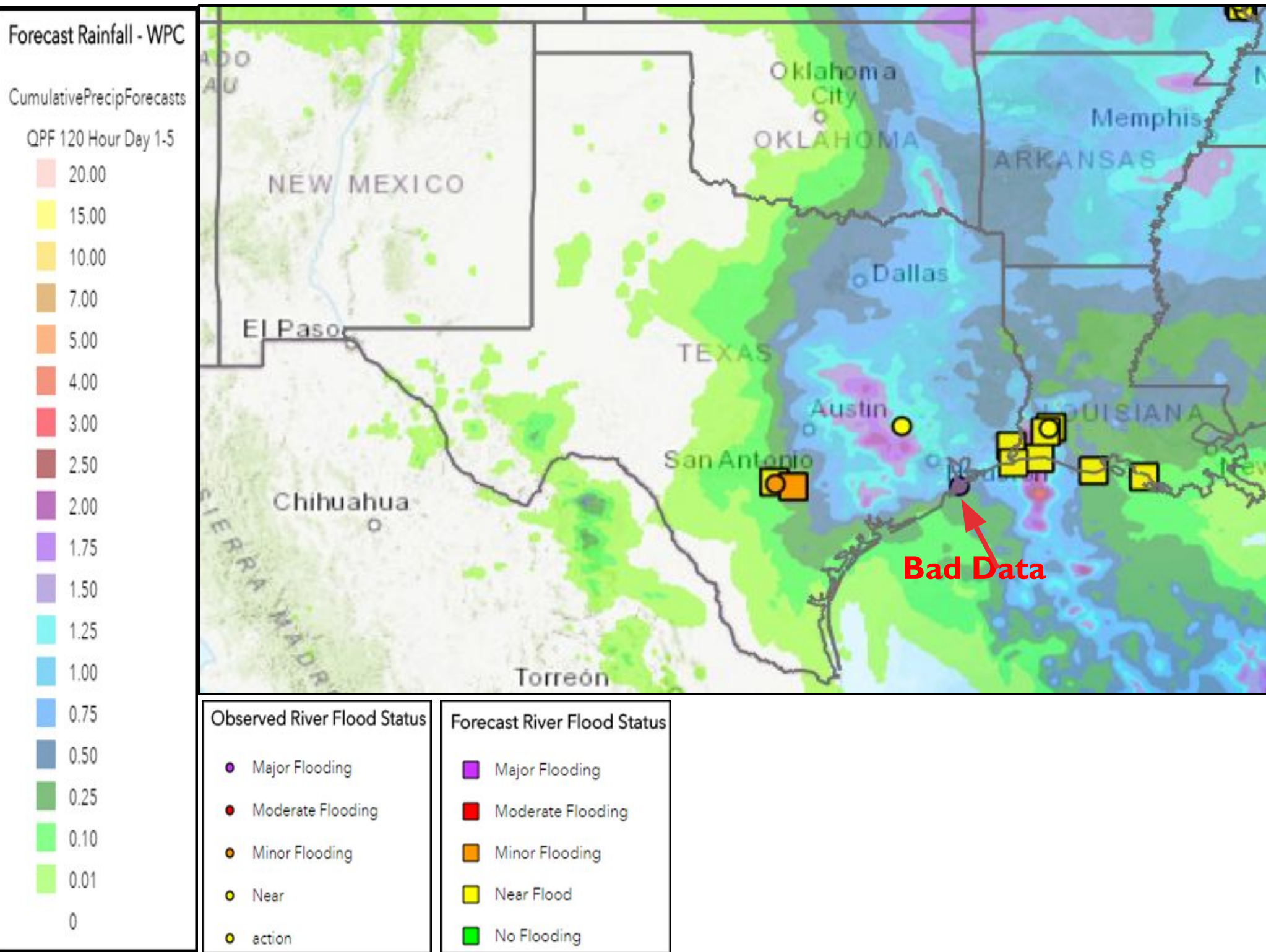
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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

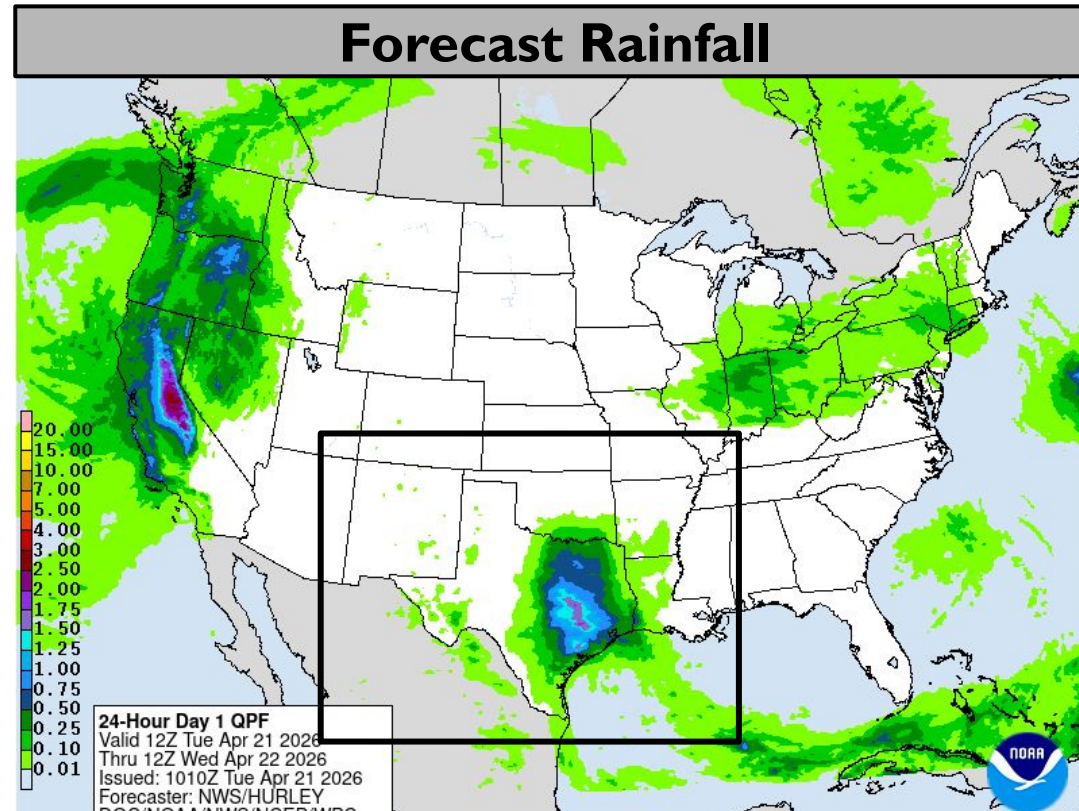
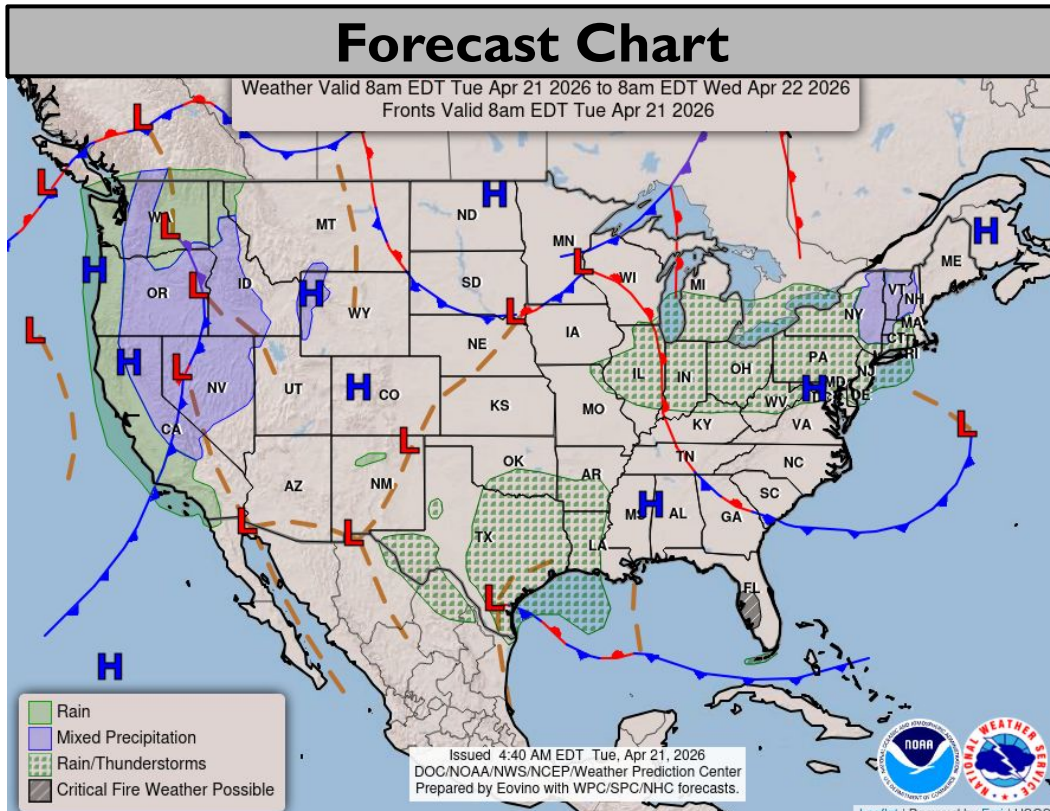


**Monitoring C-SE TX for minor river rises through tomorrow evening.**

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.

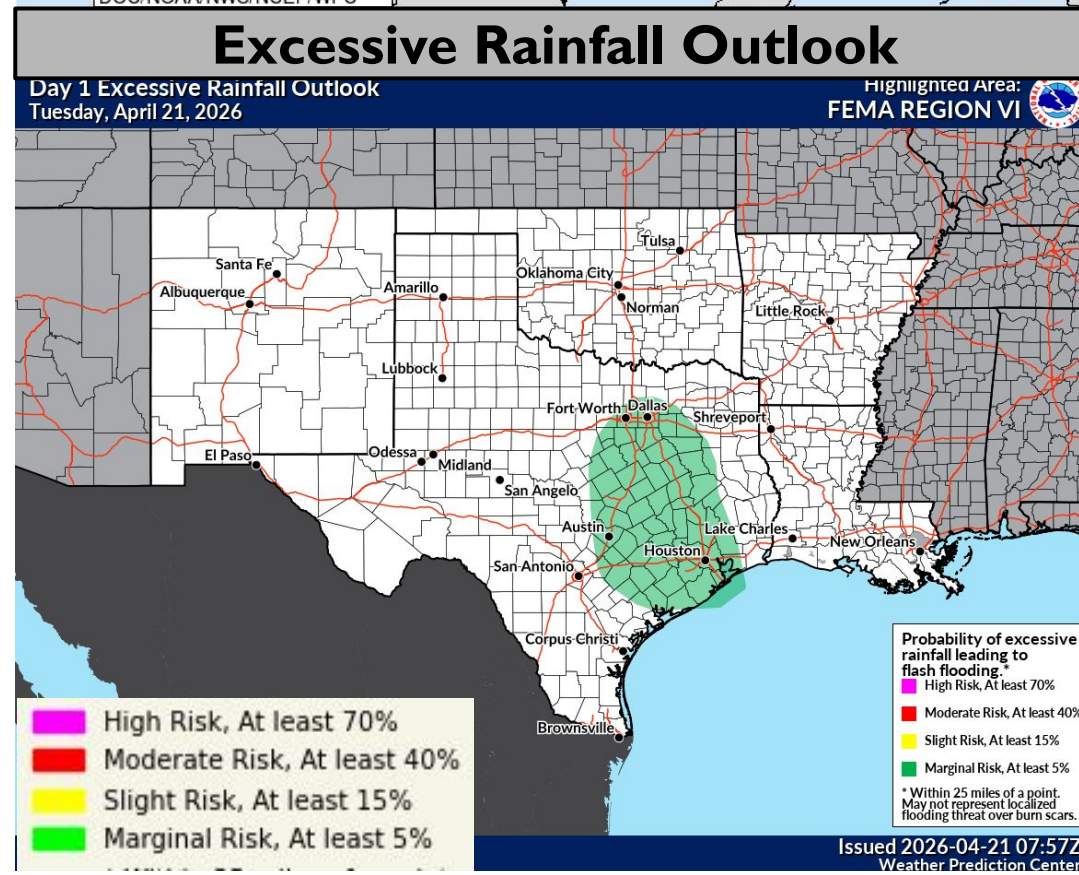
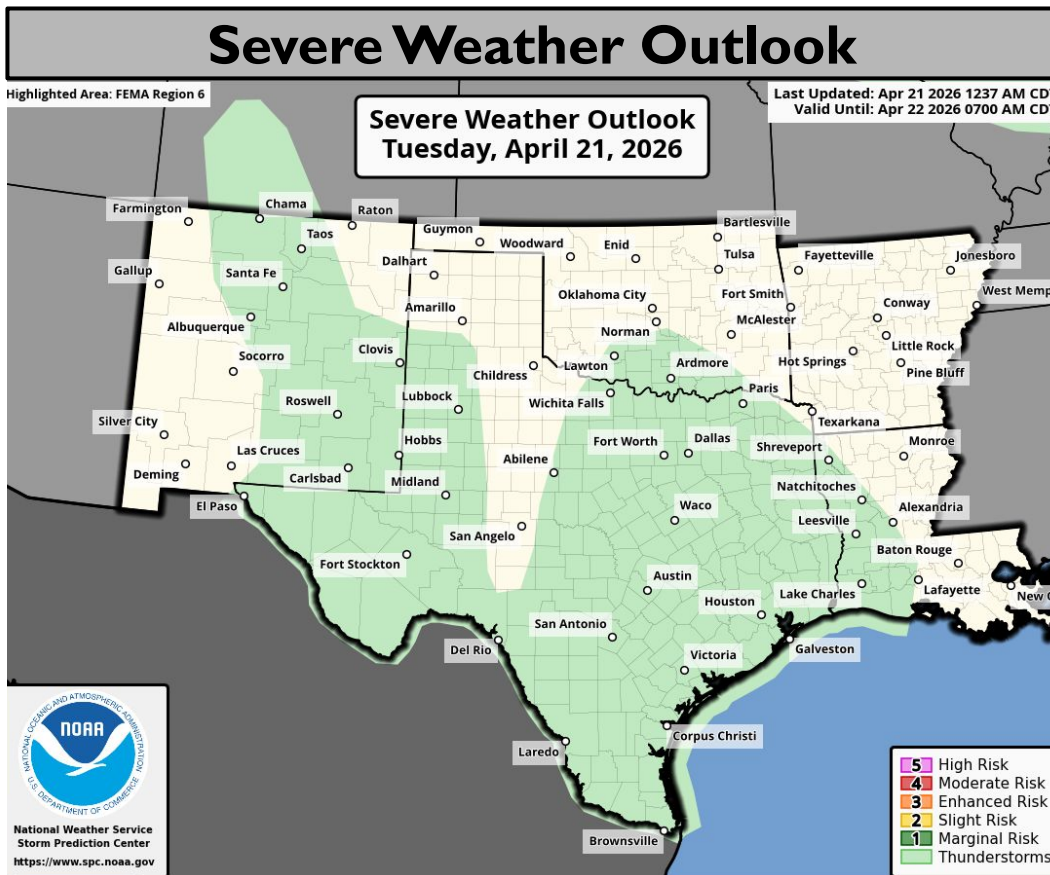


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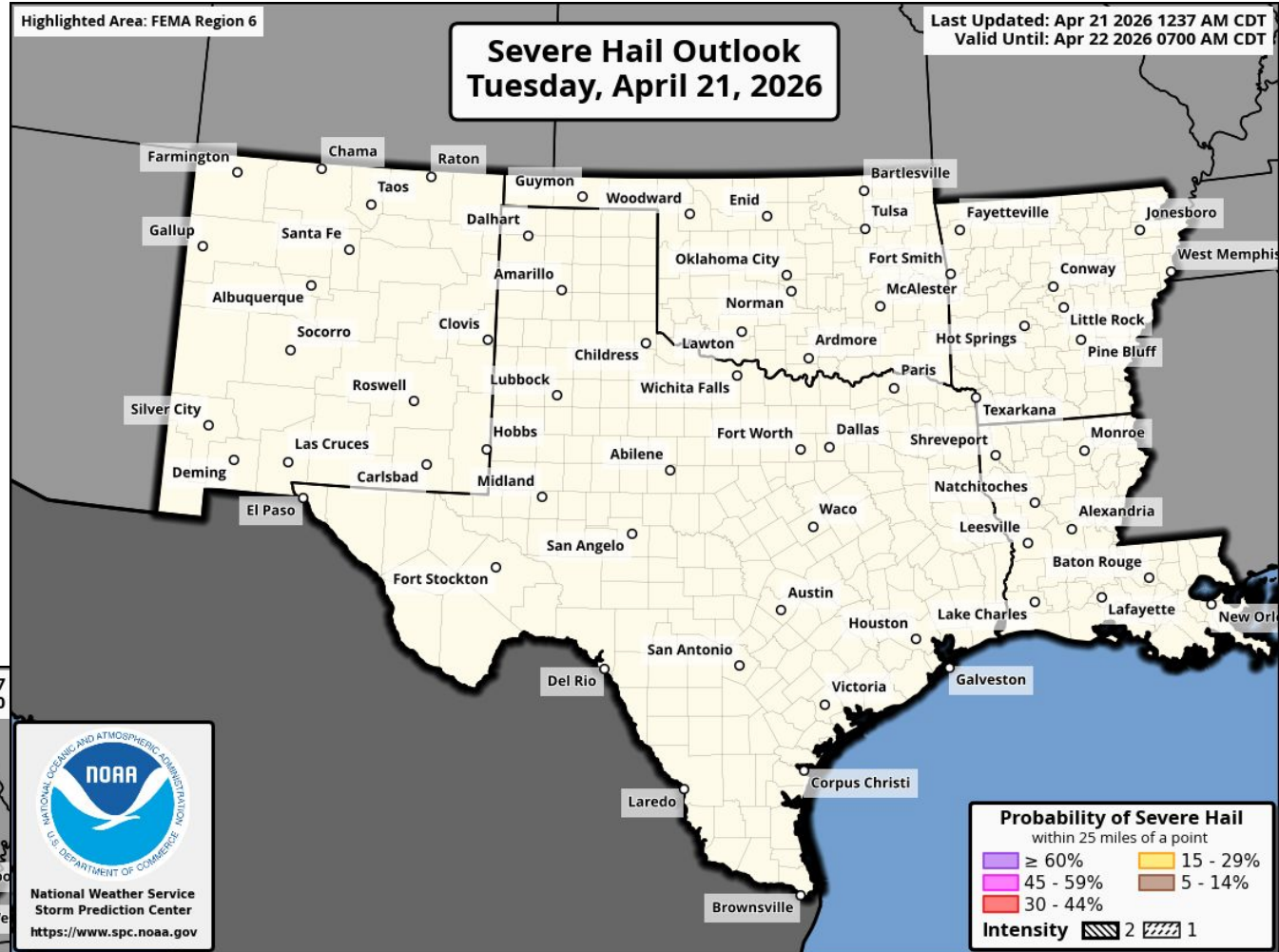
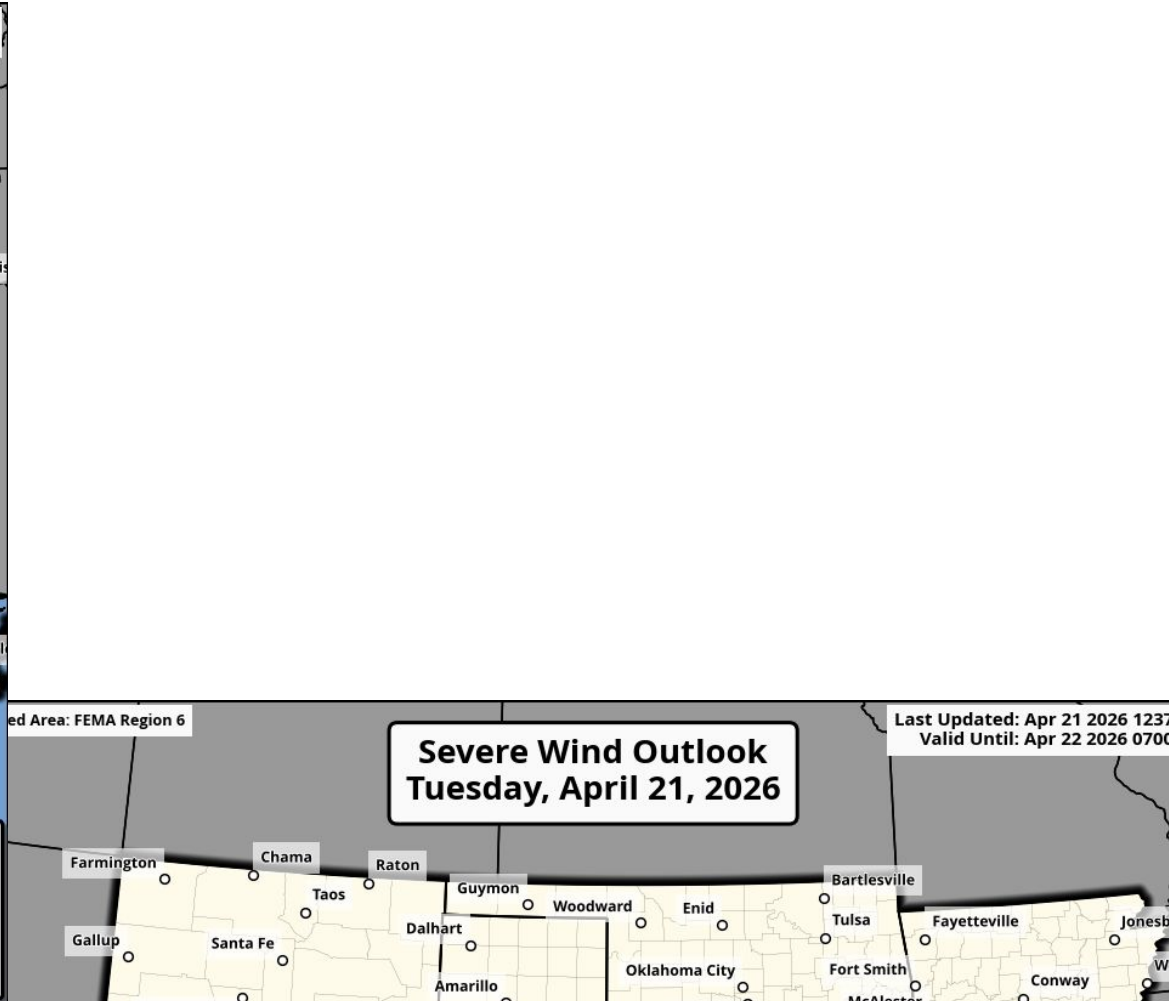
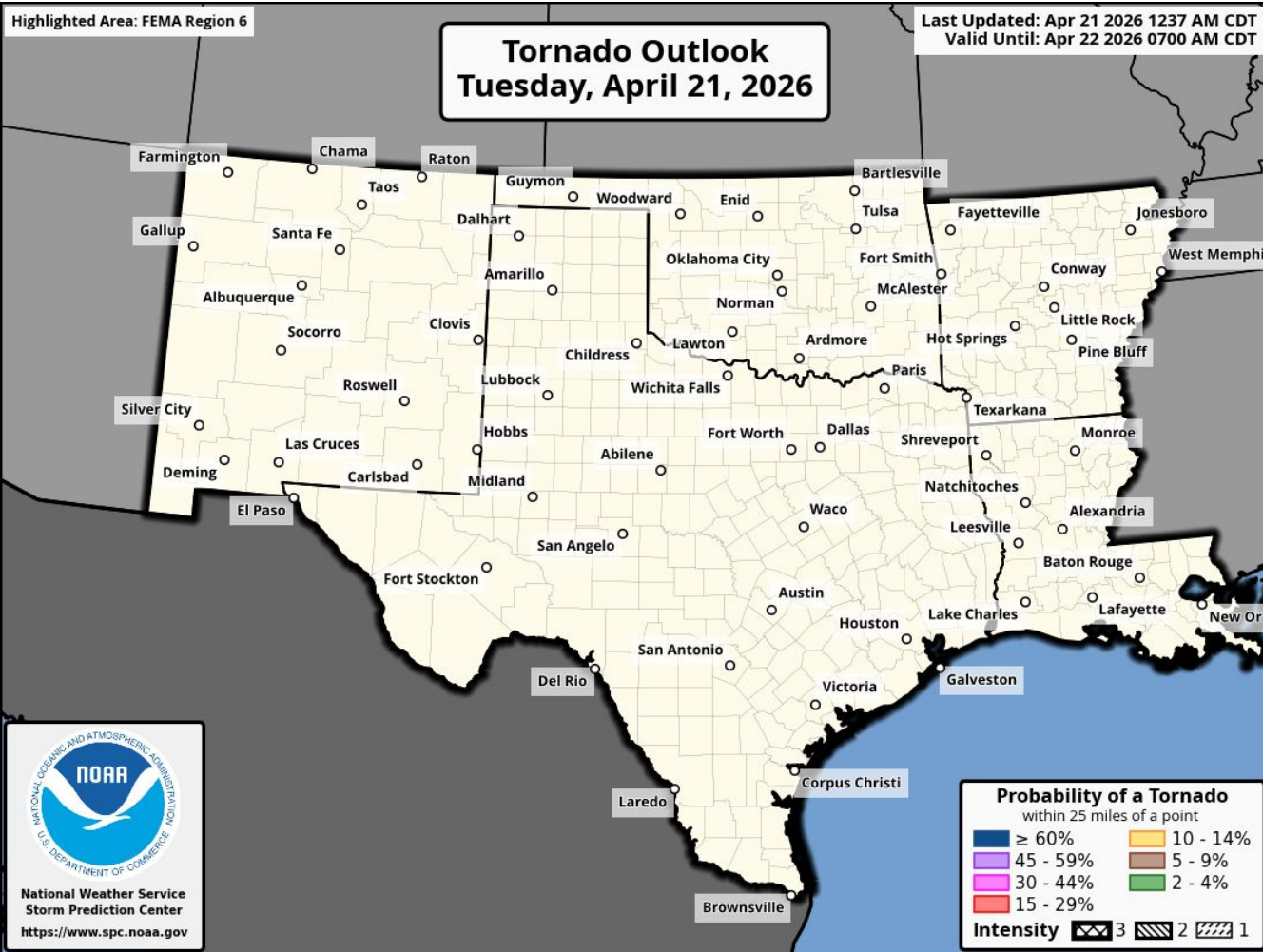
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over N-SETX. 1-2" of rain expected; up to 4-5" locally in downpours.**

**Locally elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in E AR.**



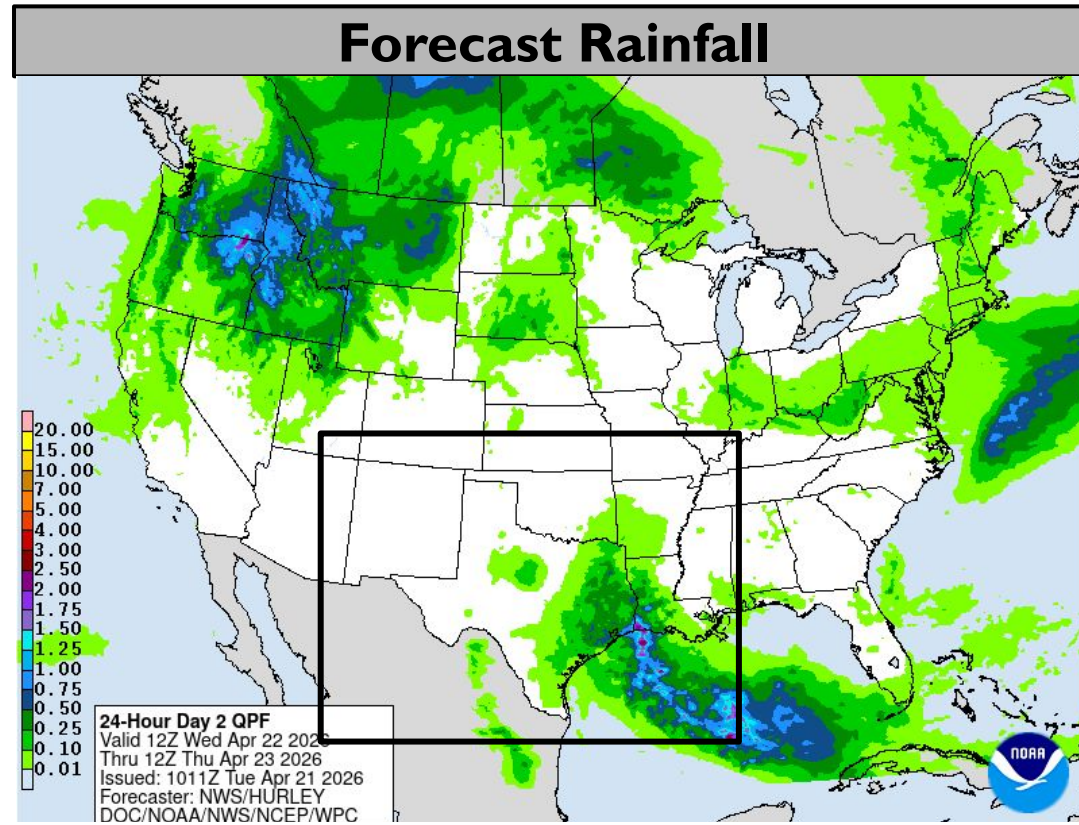
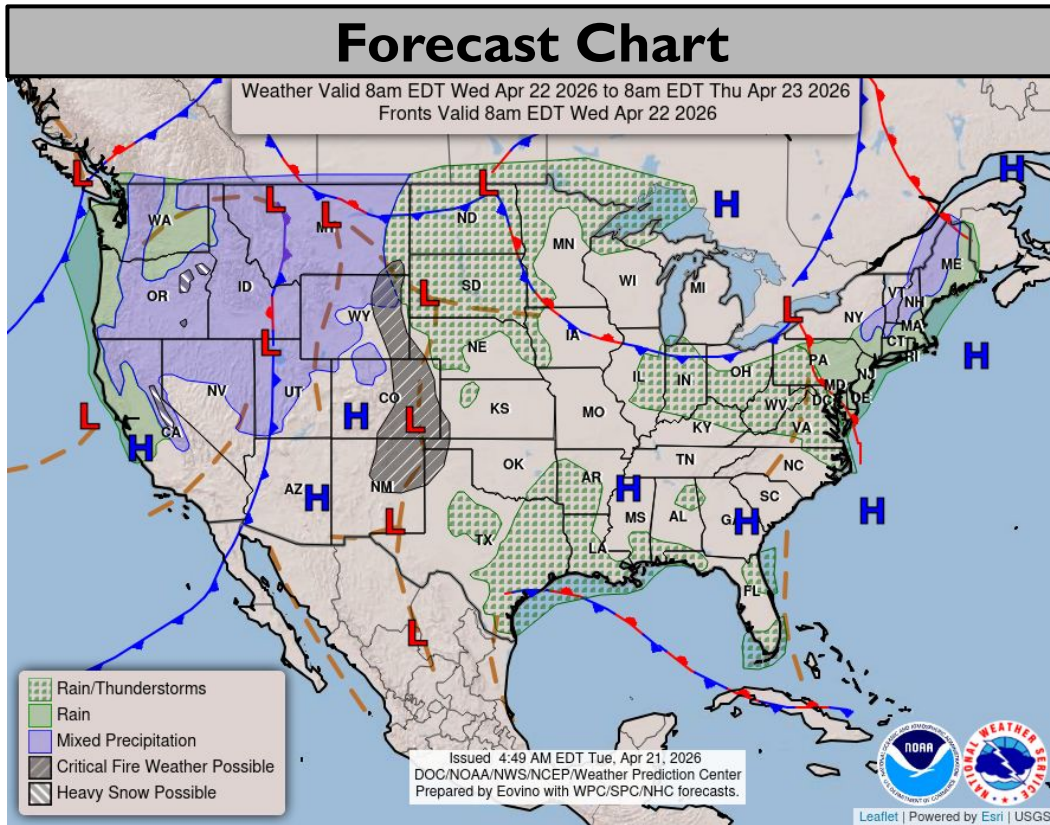


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





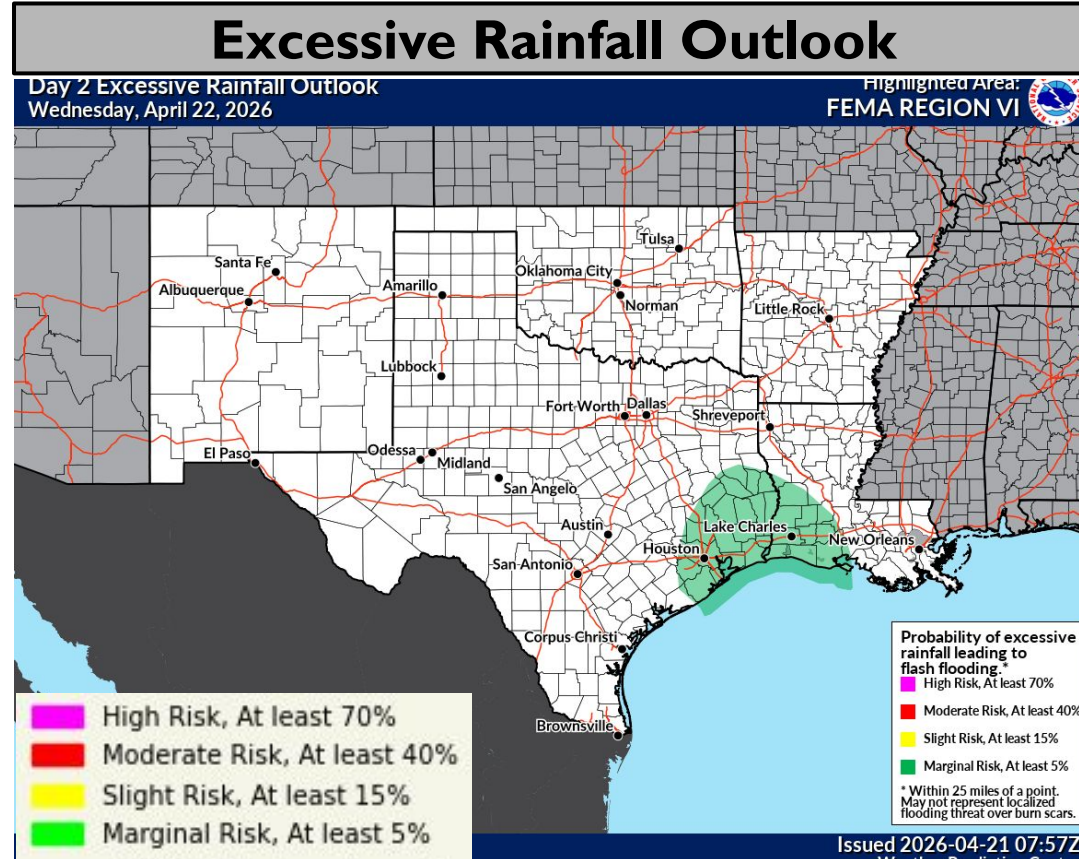
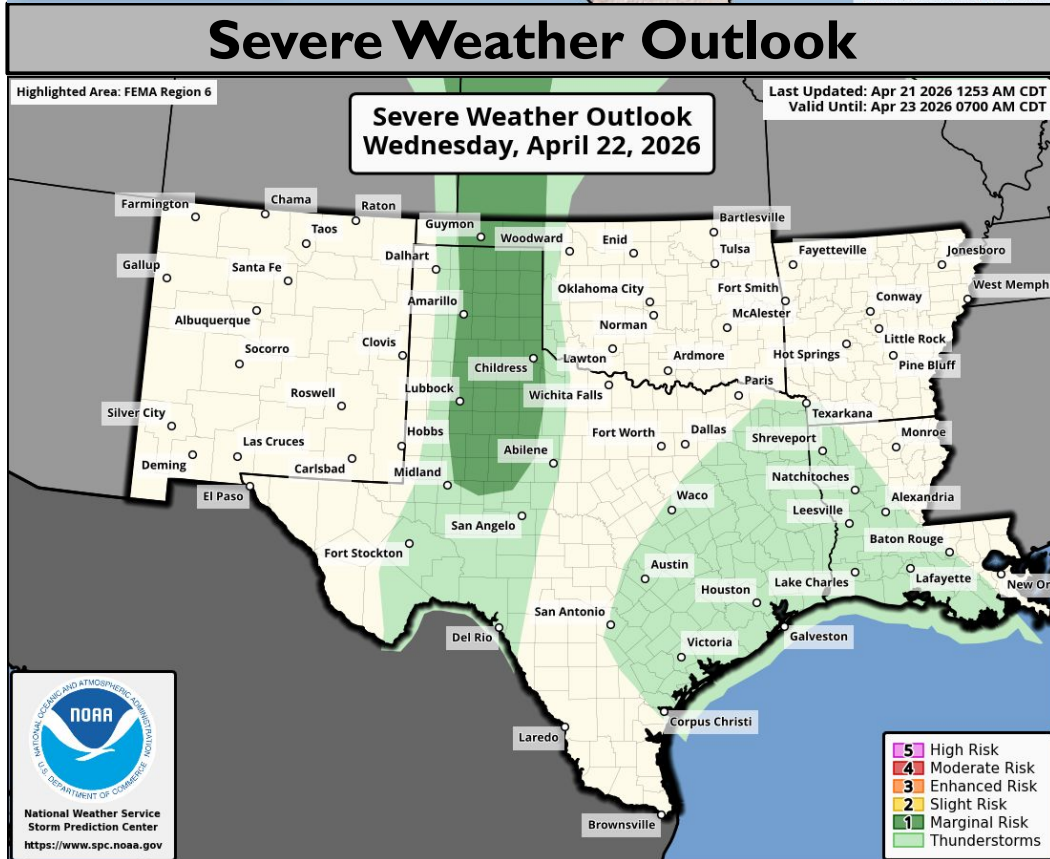
# Tomorrow's Weather



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

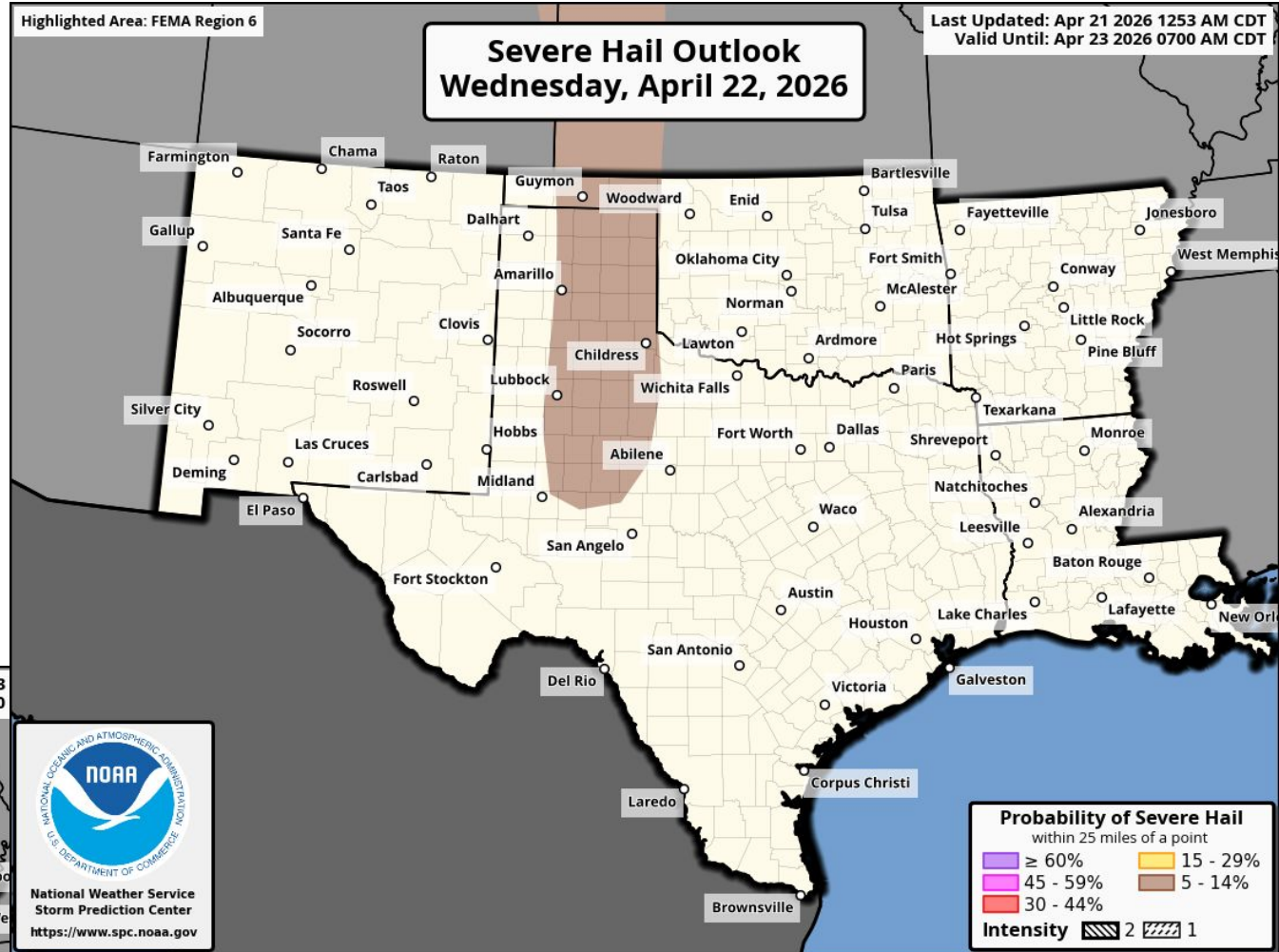
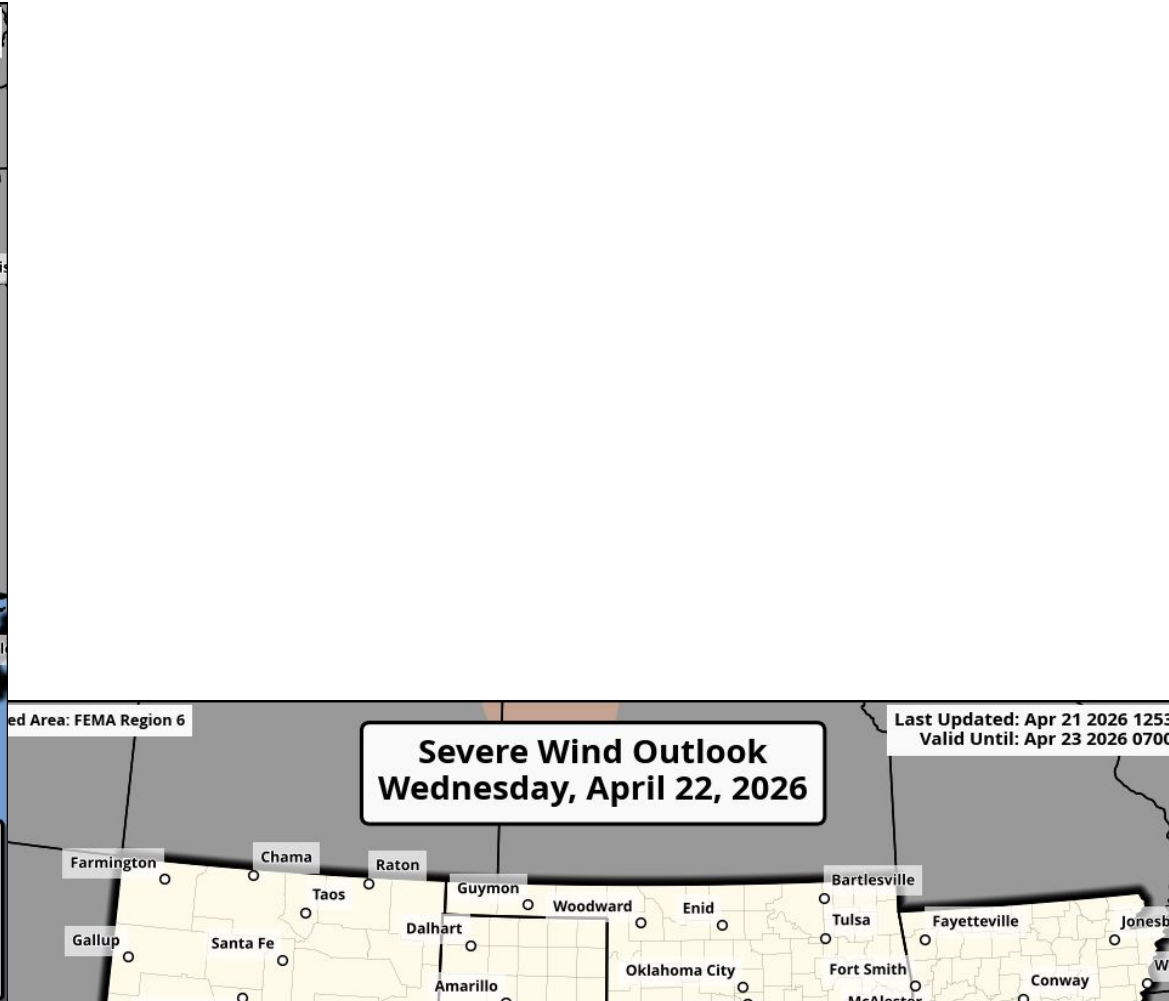
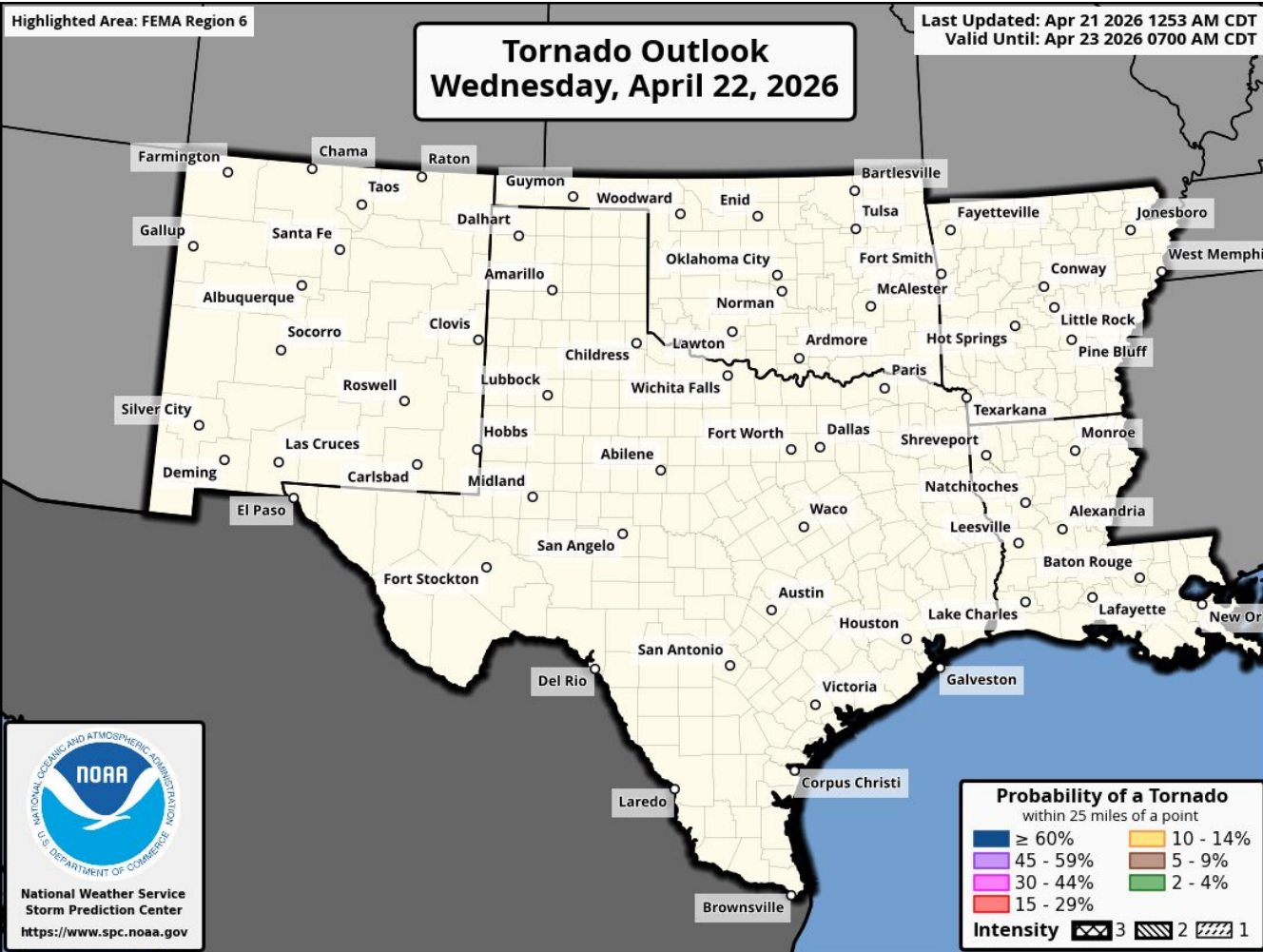
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over S/SE TX and S LA. Locally up to 6" of rain may produce flash flooding.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms over the TX/OK Panhandles, W TX. Mainly a hail threat in the afternoon.**





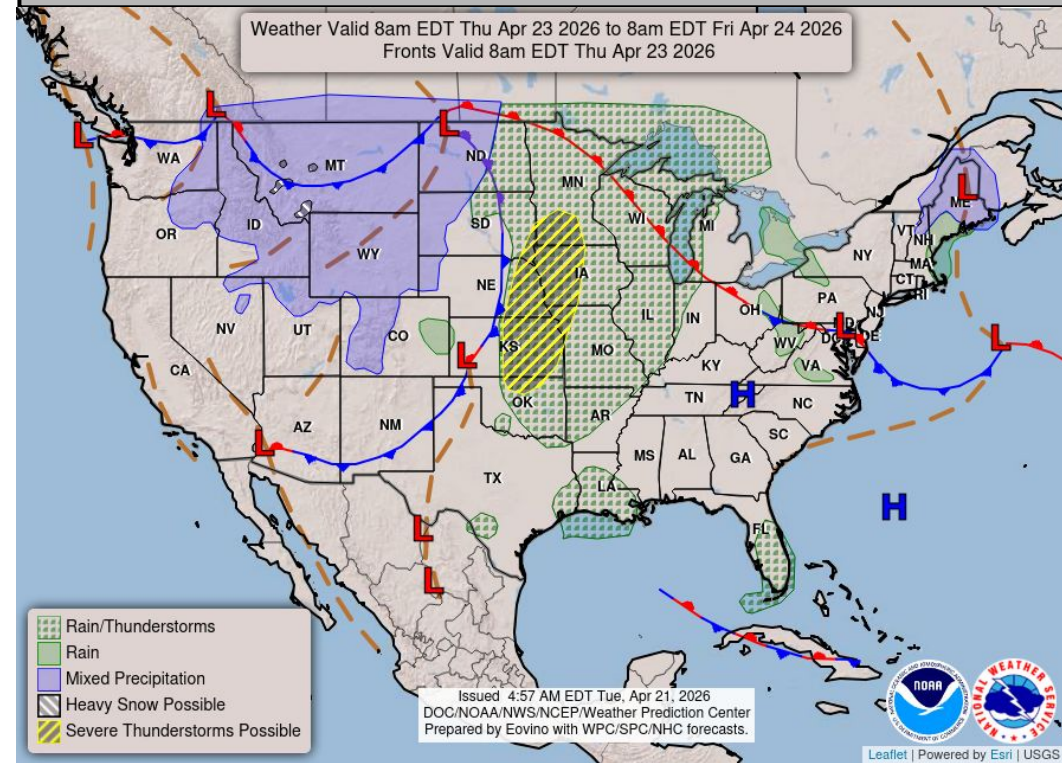
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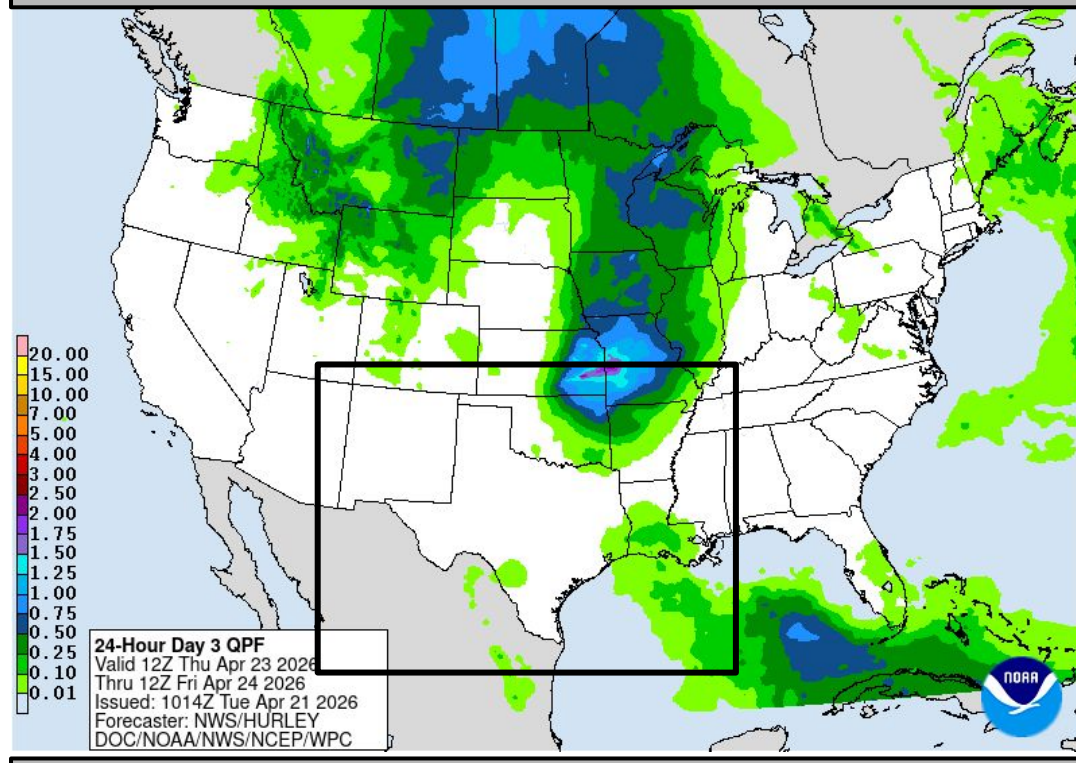


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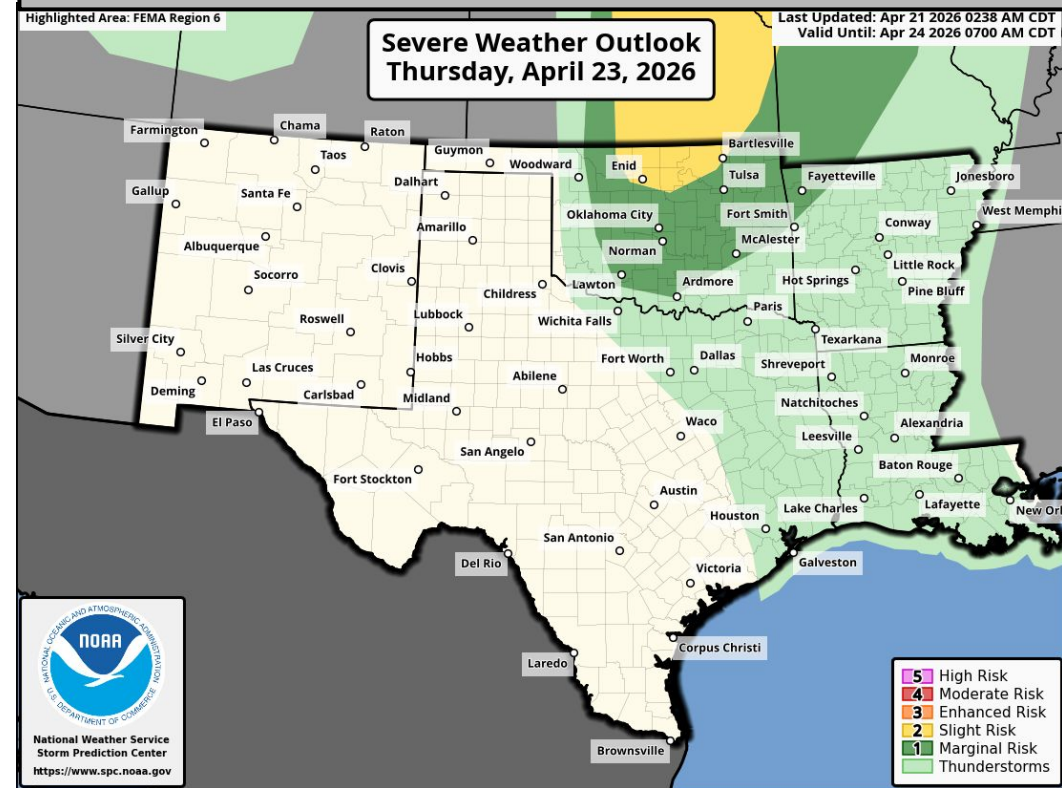
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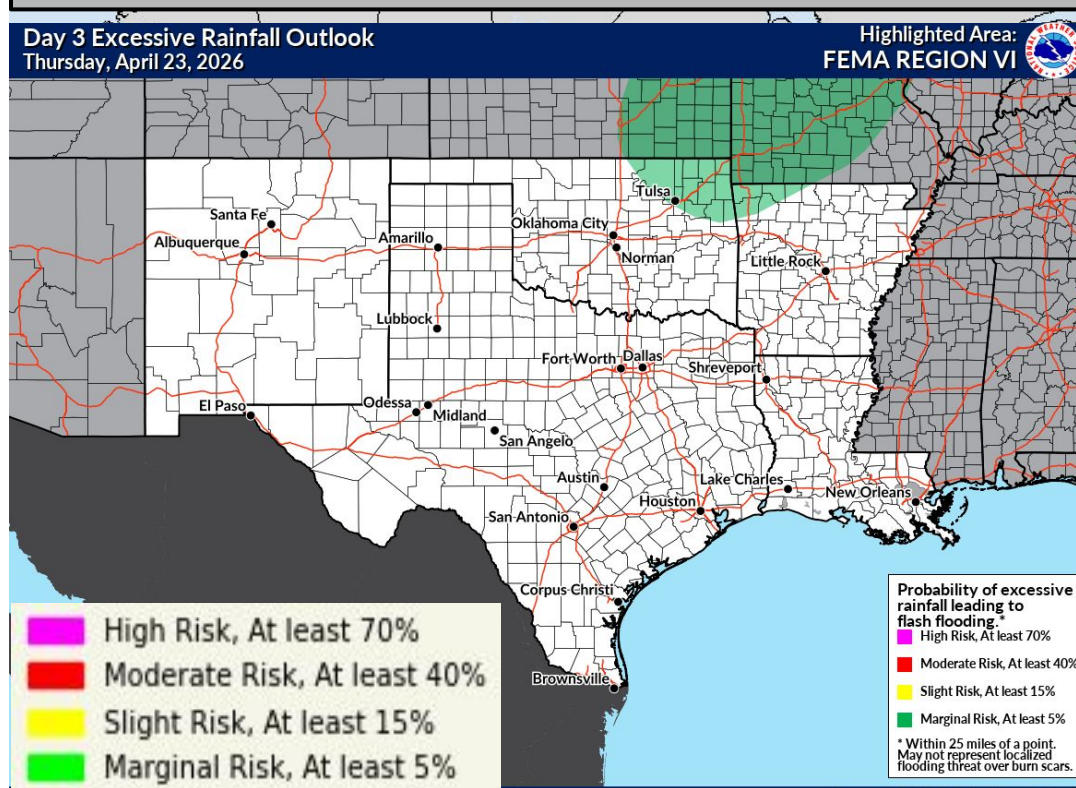
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



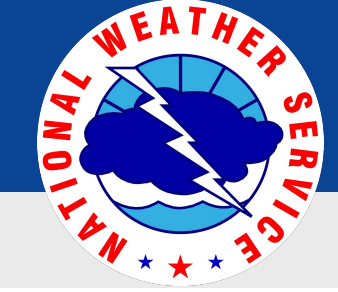
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



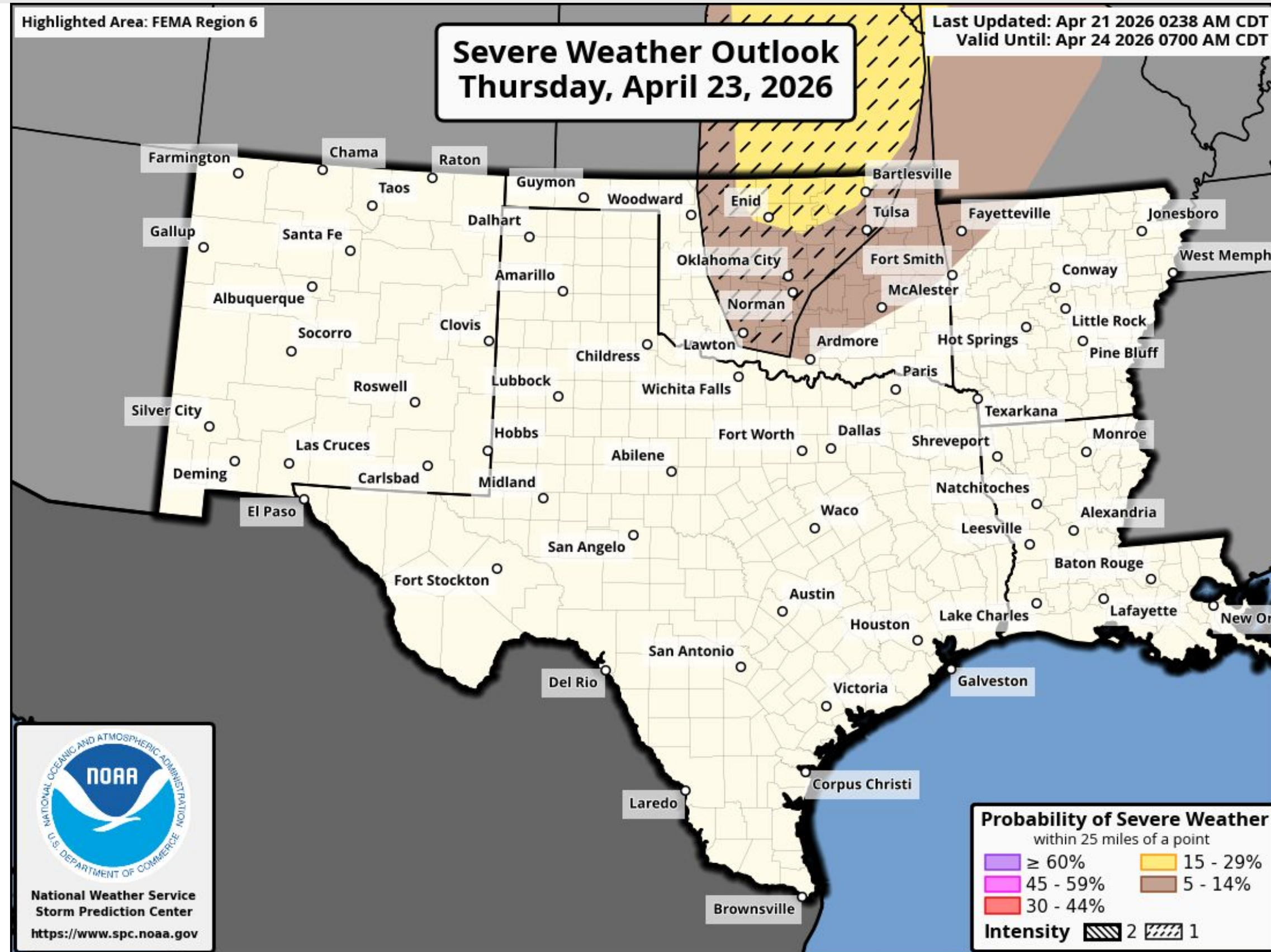
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over N OK. Conditional risk for hail over 2" in diameter.**

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

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



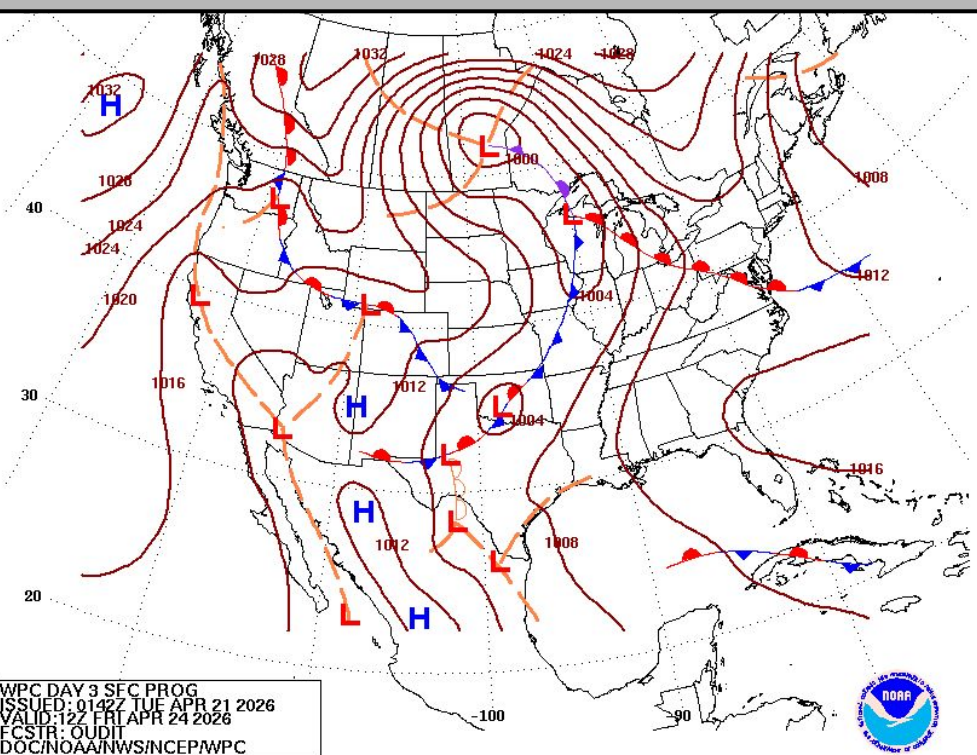
# Thursday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



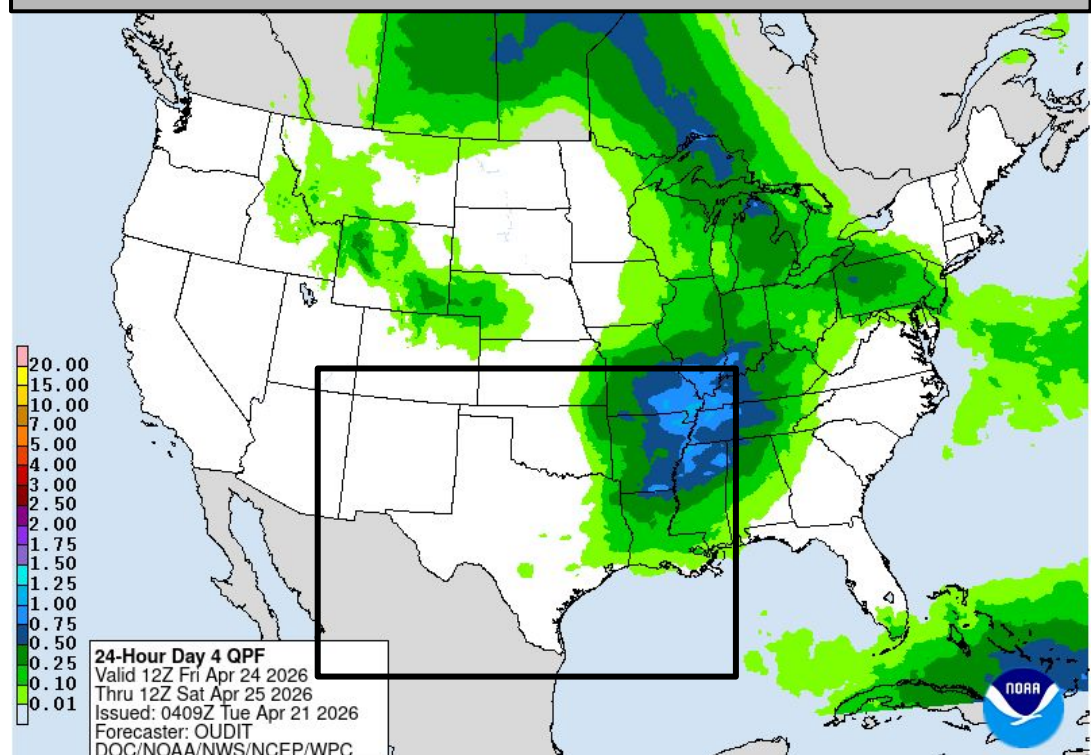


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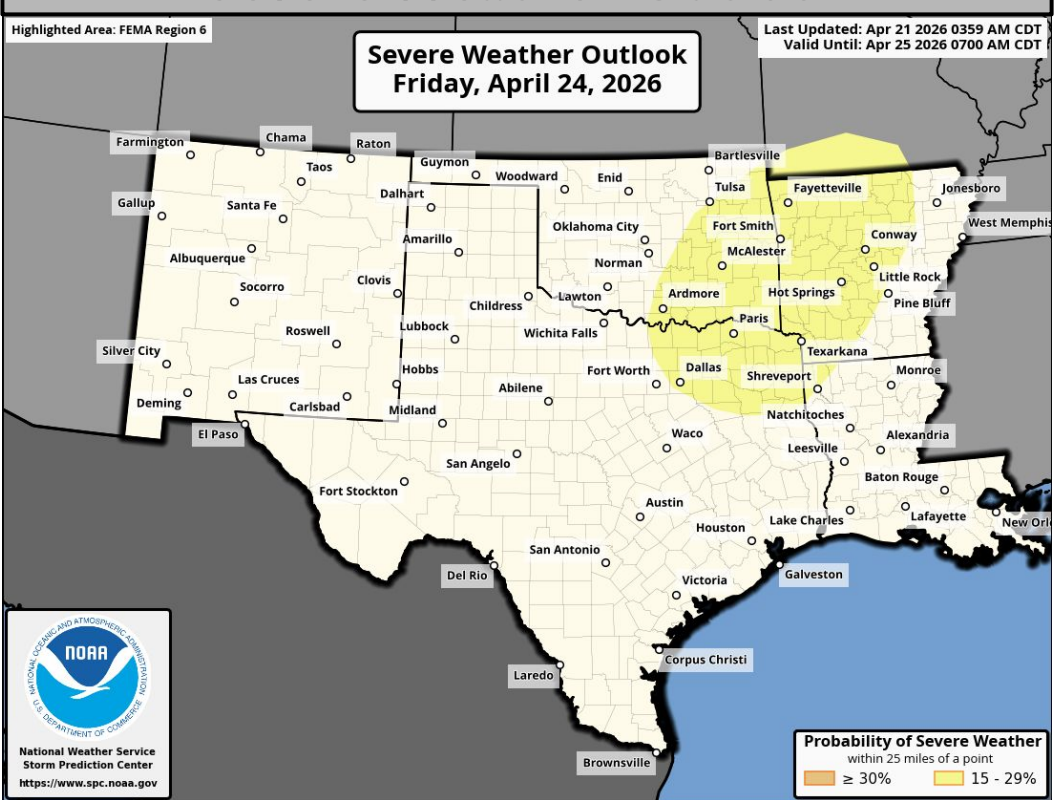
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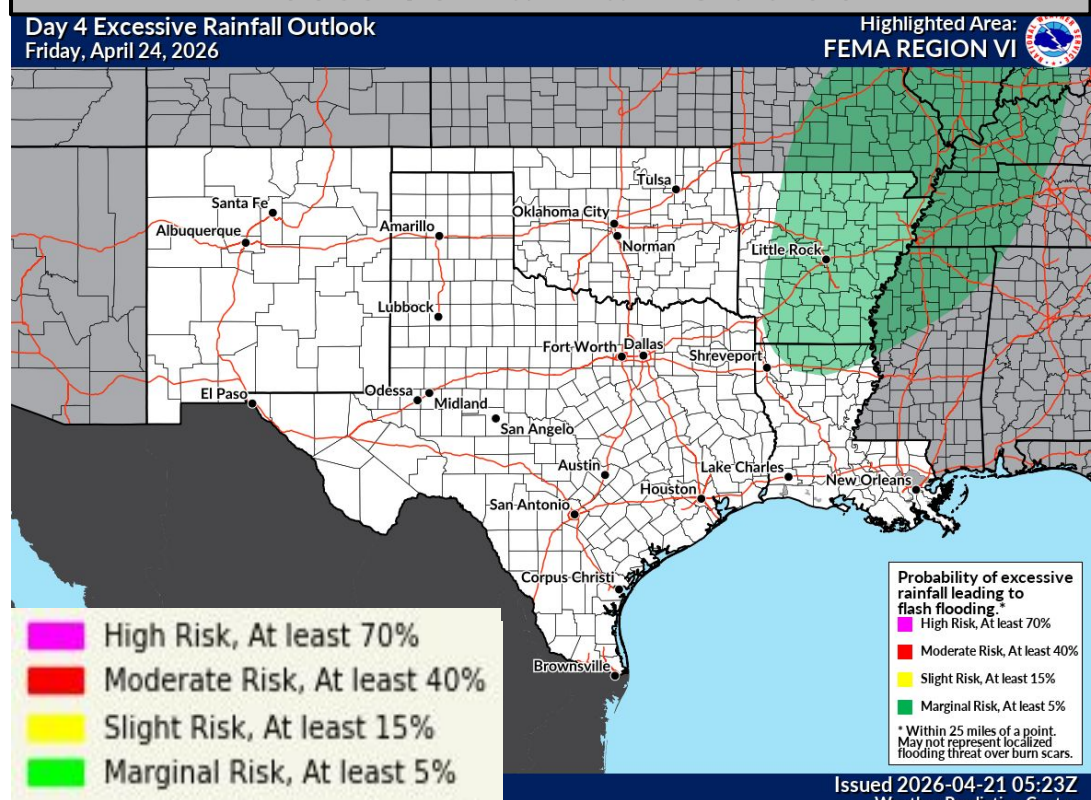
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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

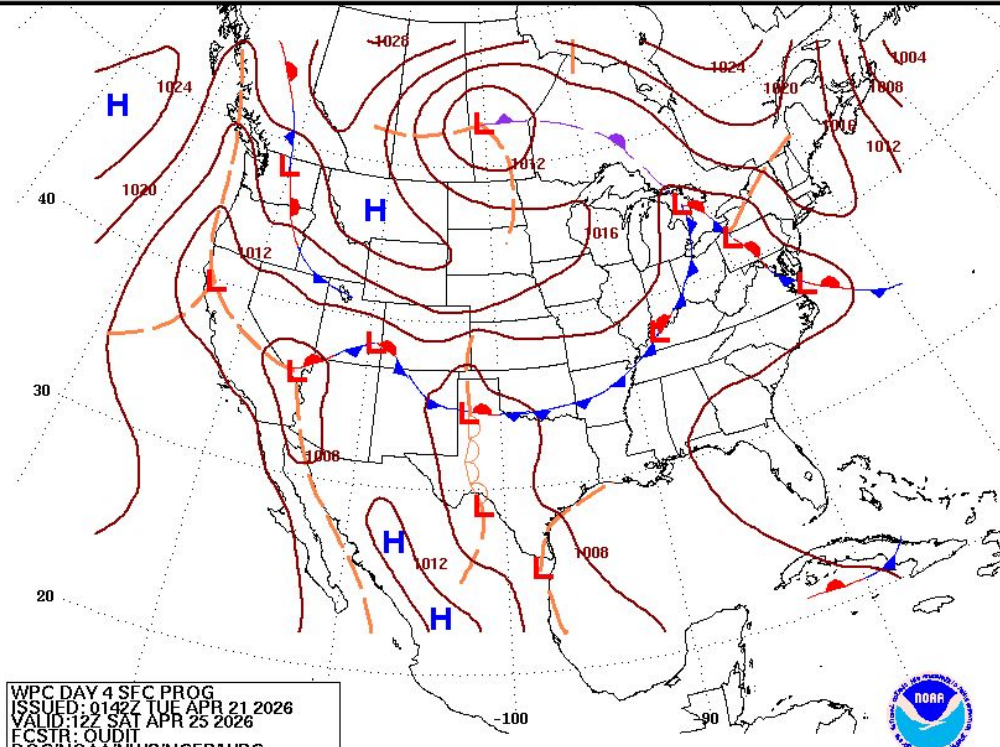
**Elevated to critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over AR, N LA.**



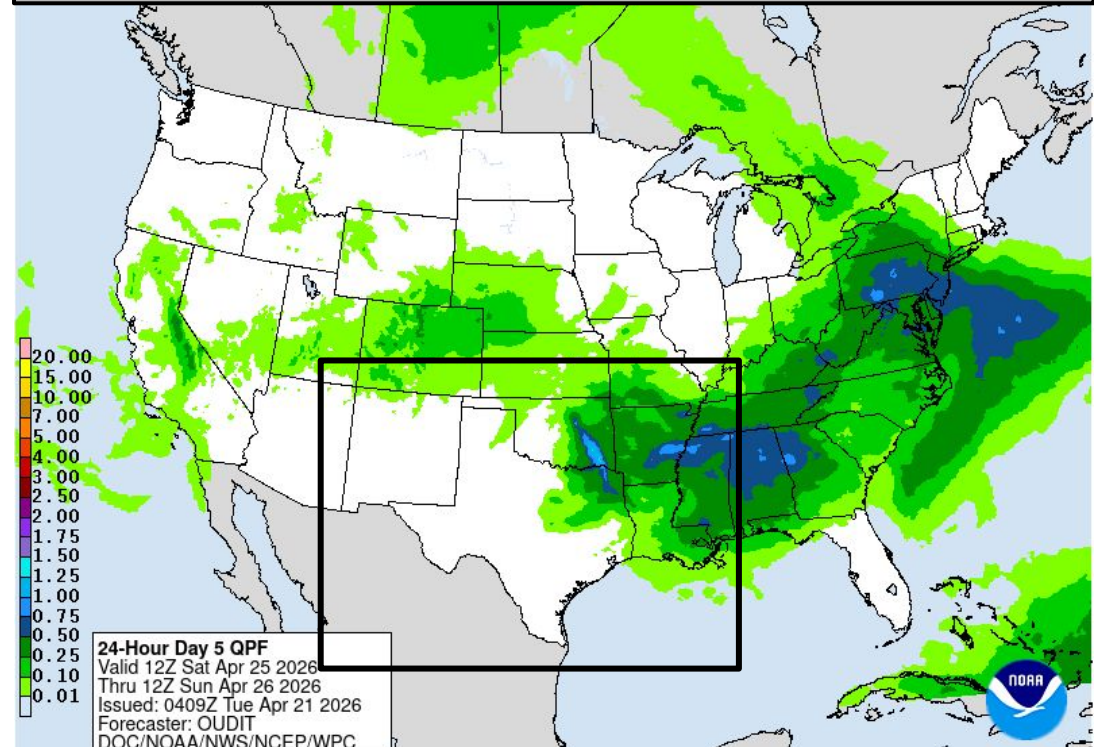
# Saturday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
ISSUED: 0142Z TUE APR 21 2026  
VALID: 12Z SAT APR 25 2026  
FCSTR: OUDIT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

### Forecast Rainfall

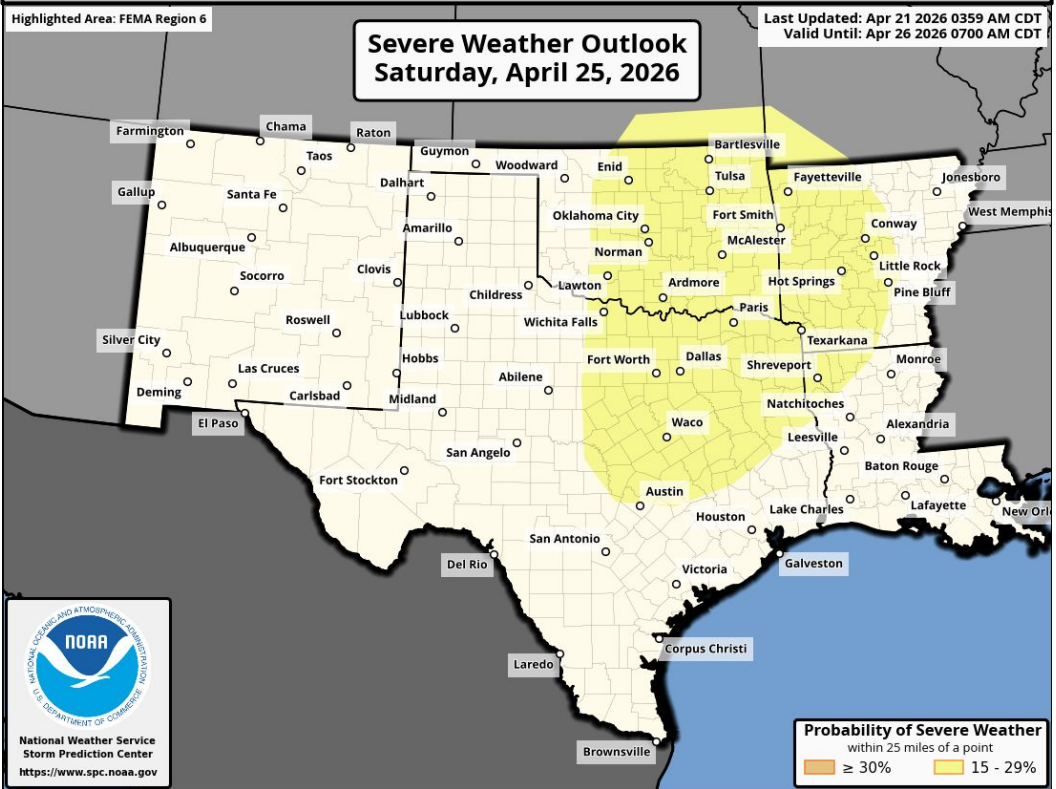


24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Sat Apr 25 2026  
Thru 12Z Sun Apr 26 2026  
Issued: 0409Z Tue Apr 21 2026  
Forecaster: OUDIT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, AR, C-NE TX, NW LA.**

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

### Severe Weather Outlook

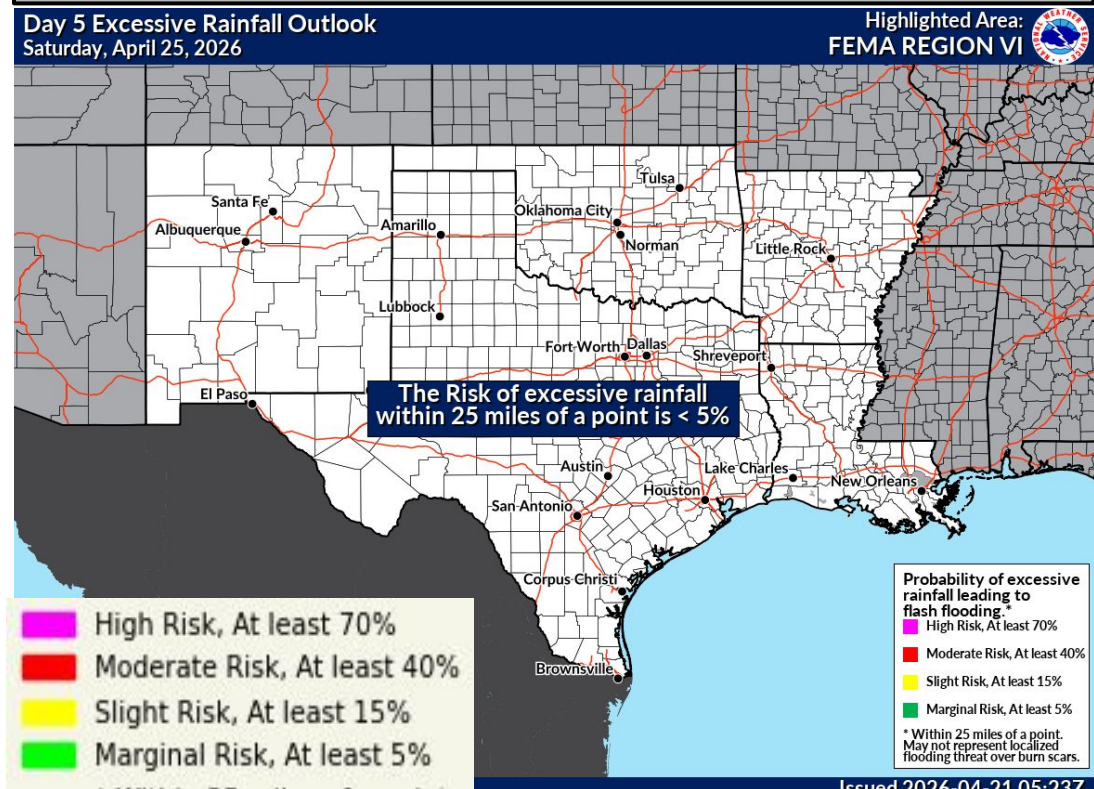


Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 21 2026 0359 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Apr 26 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  
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

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

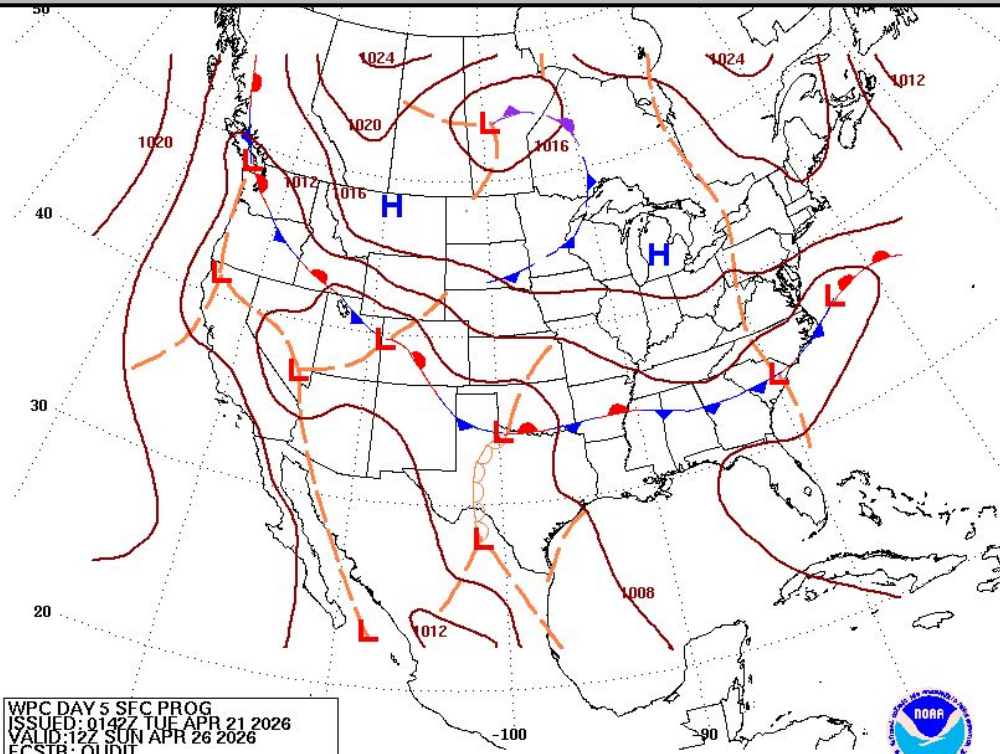
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

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.

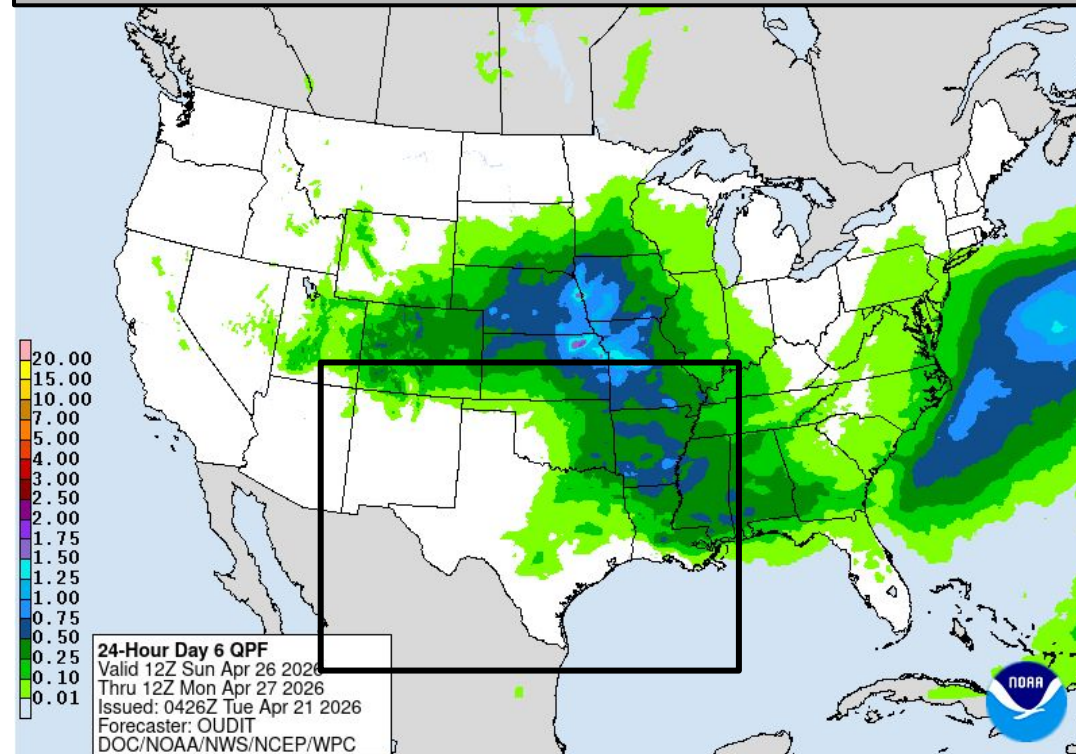


# Sunday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



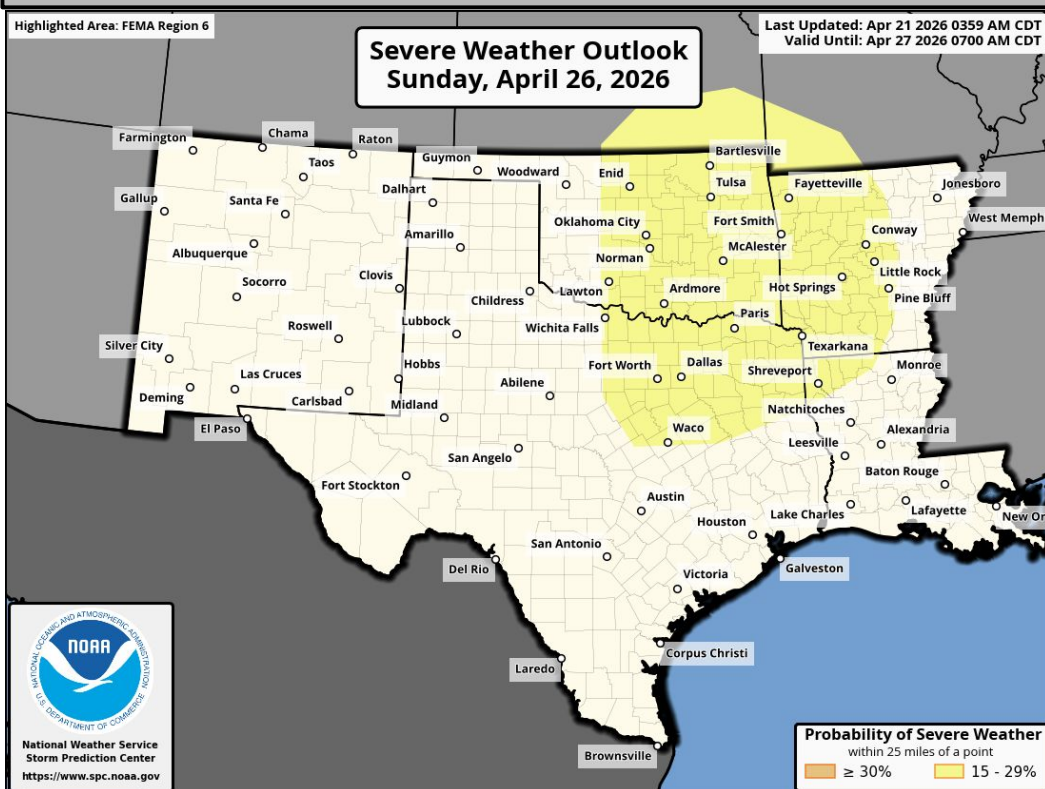
### Forecast Rainfall



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### Severe Weather Outlook

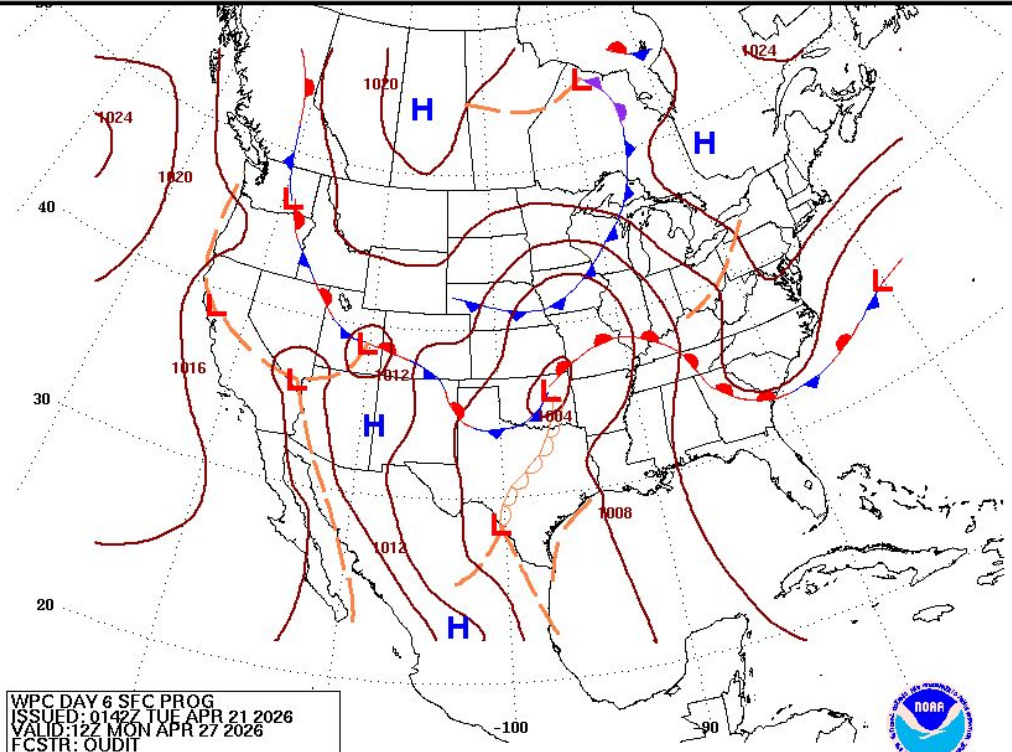


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**

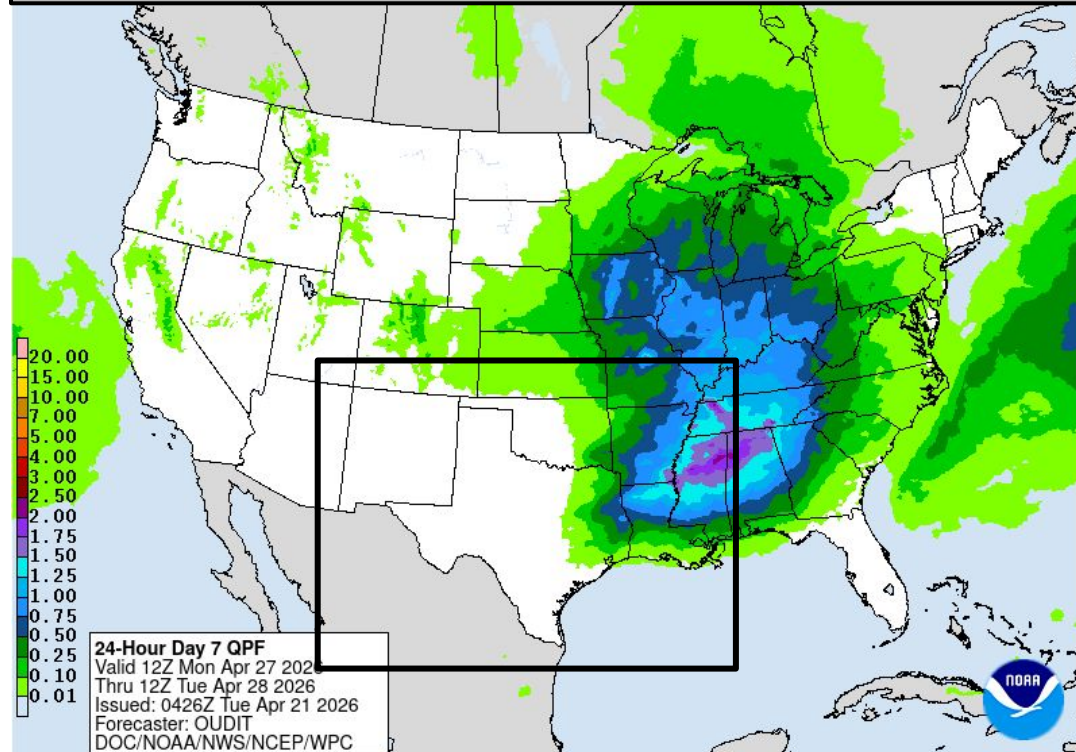


# Monday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



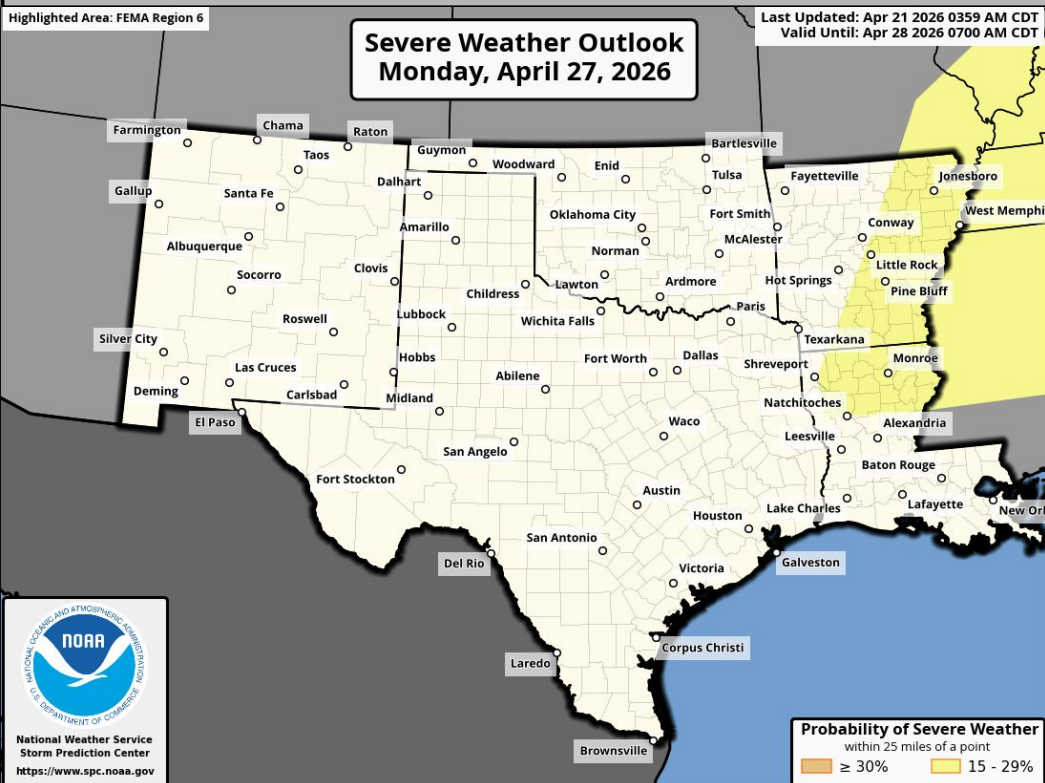
### Forecast Rainfall



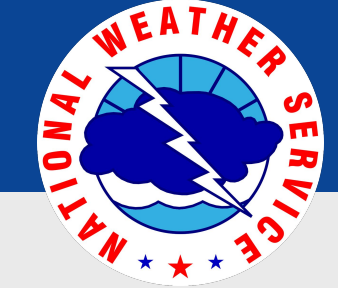
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over E AR, N/E LA.**

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

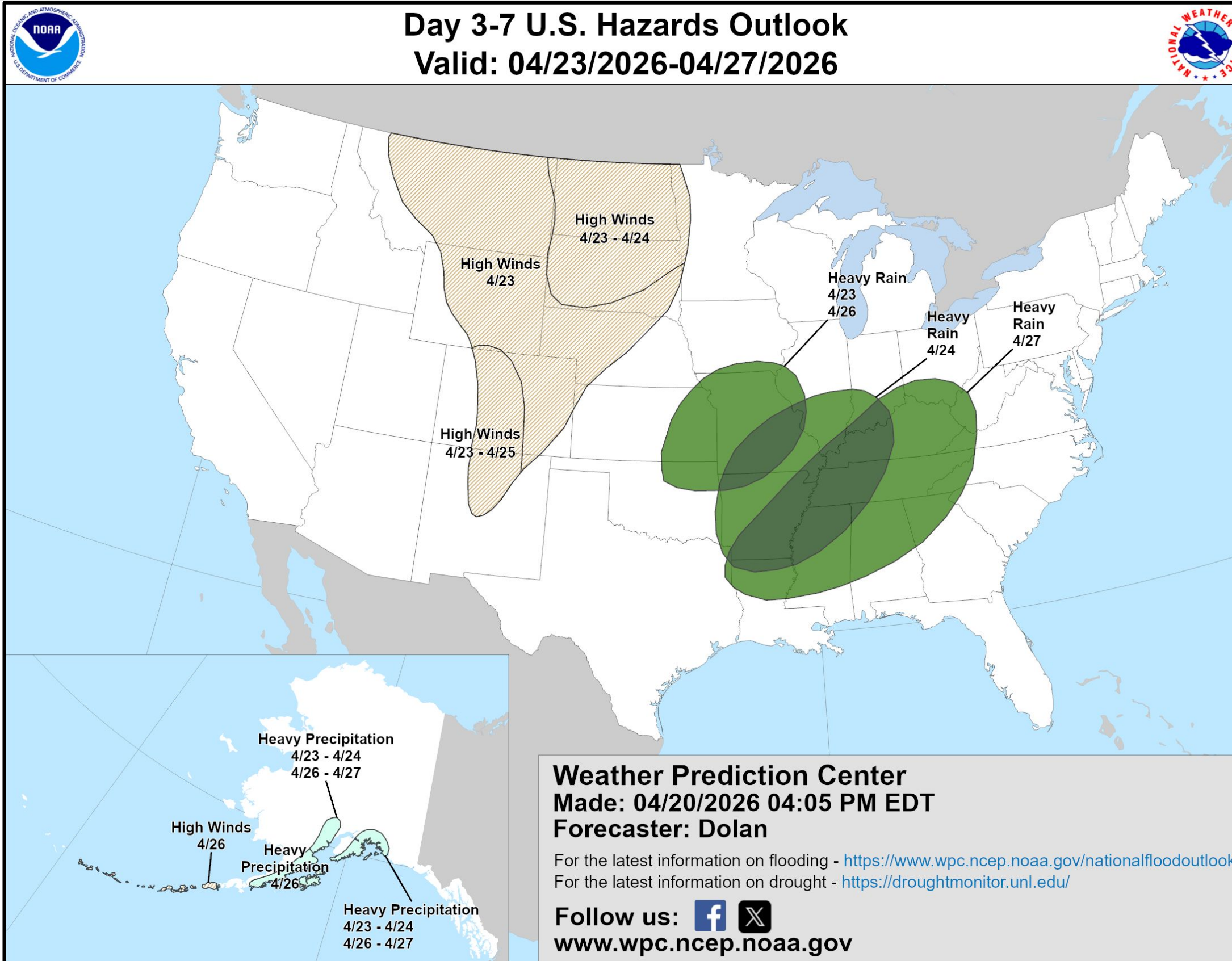
### Severe Weather Outlook



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

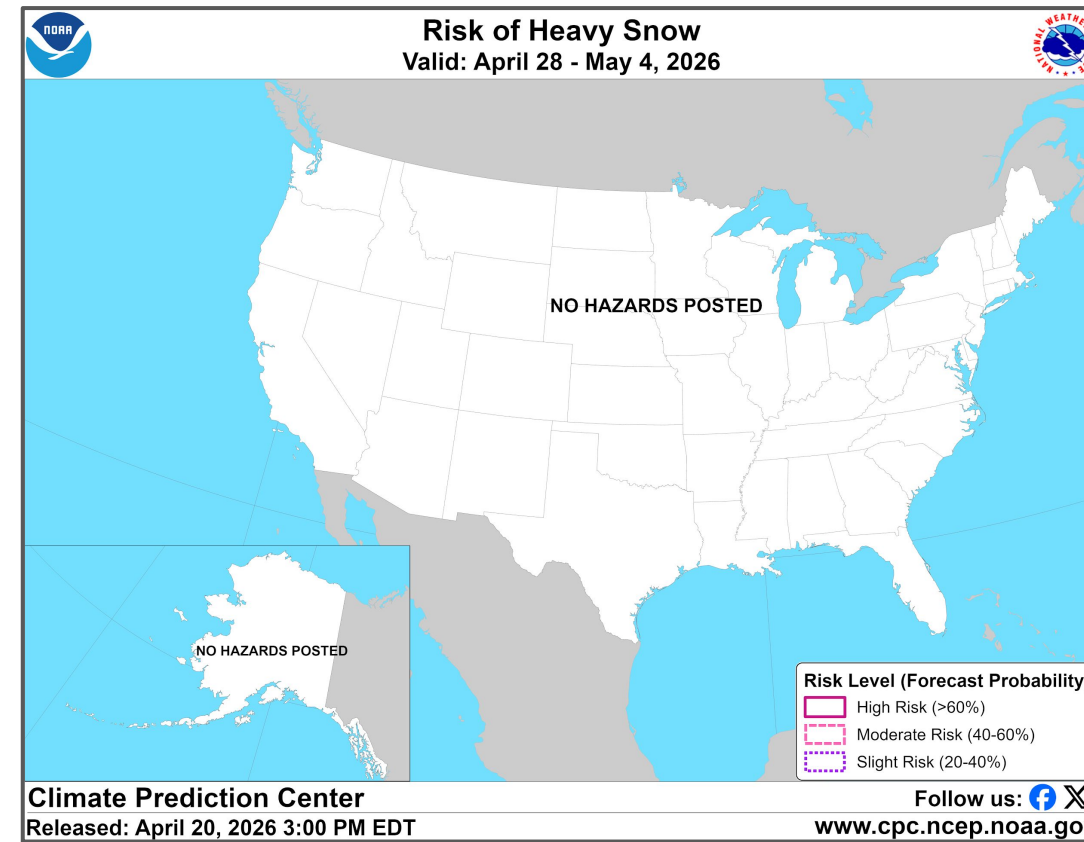
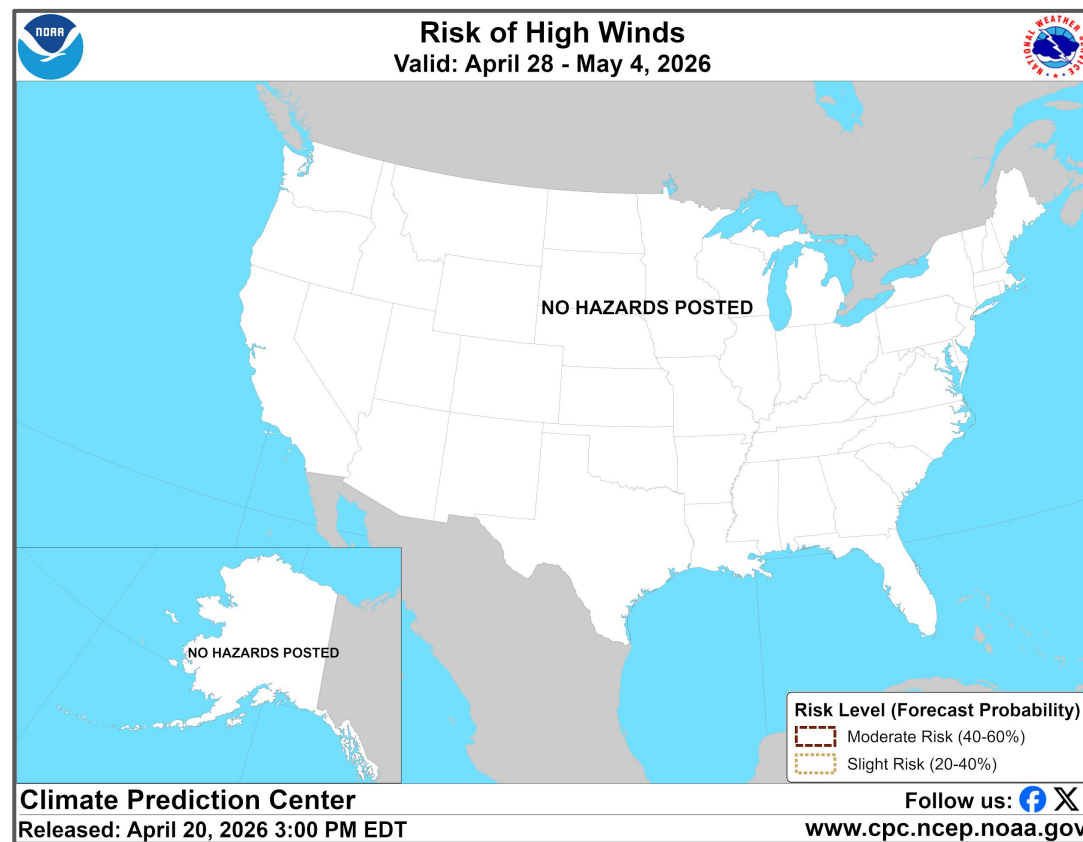
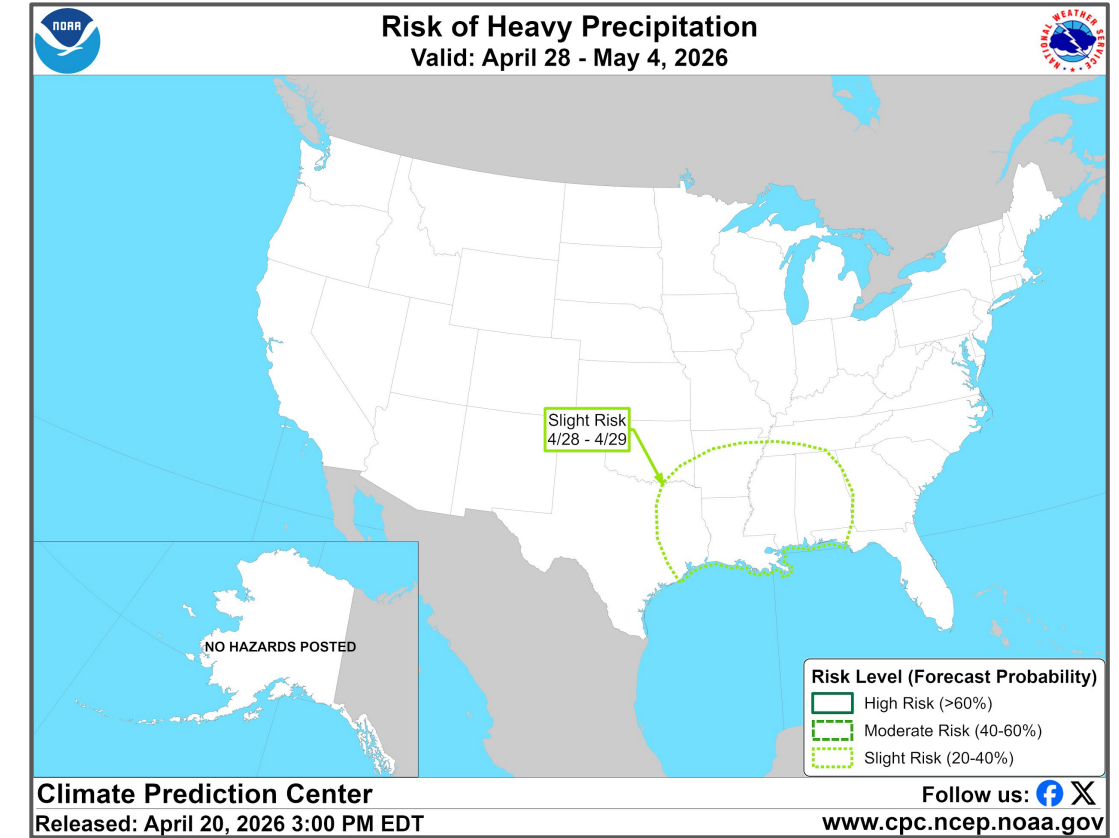
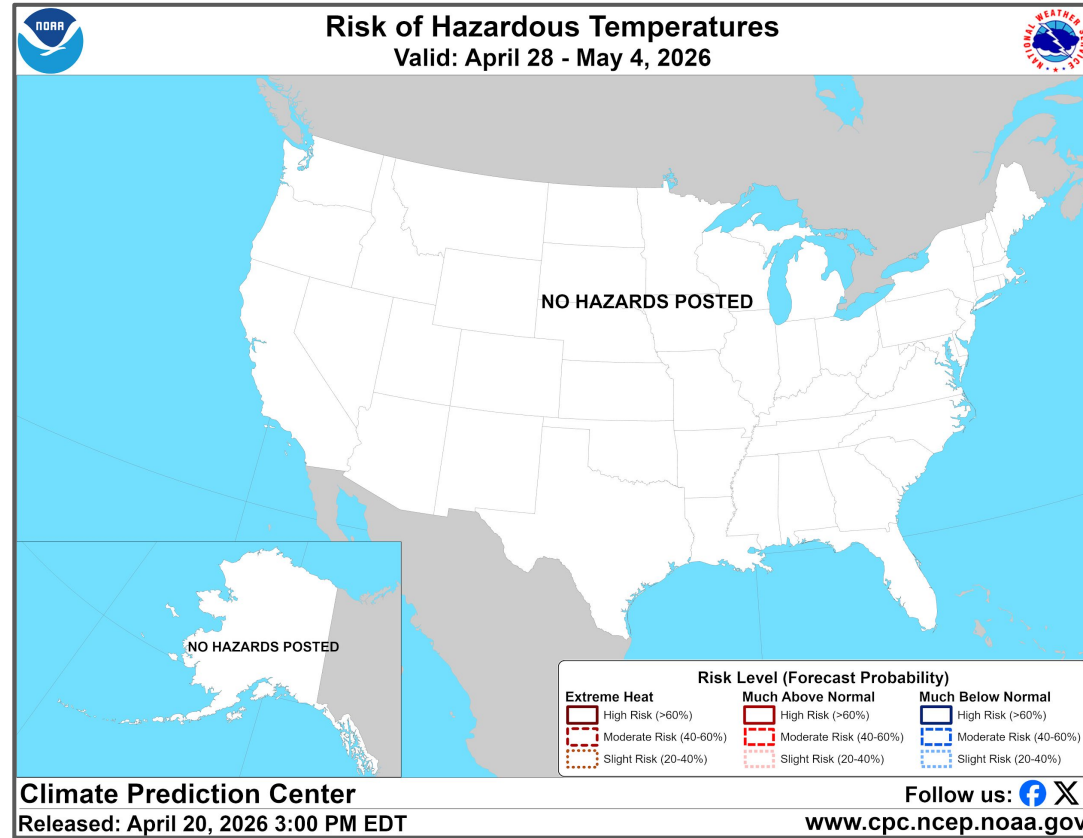
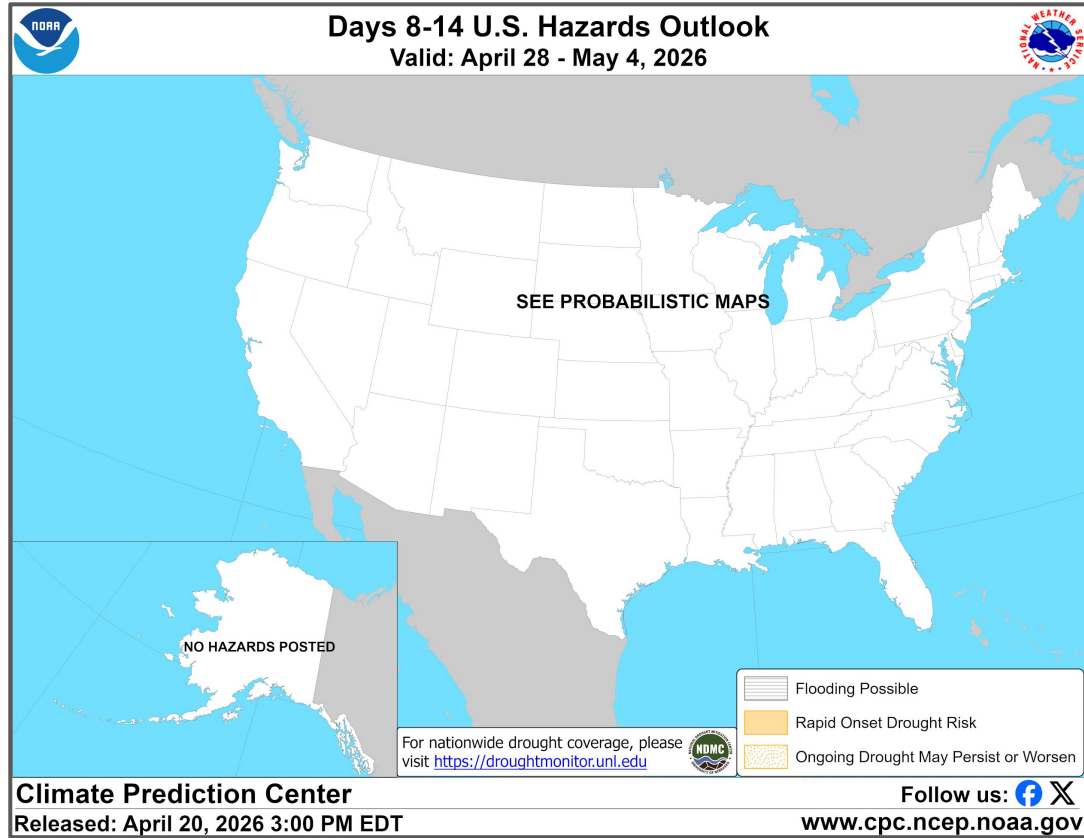


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





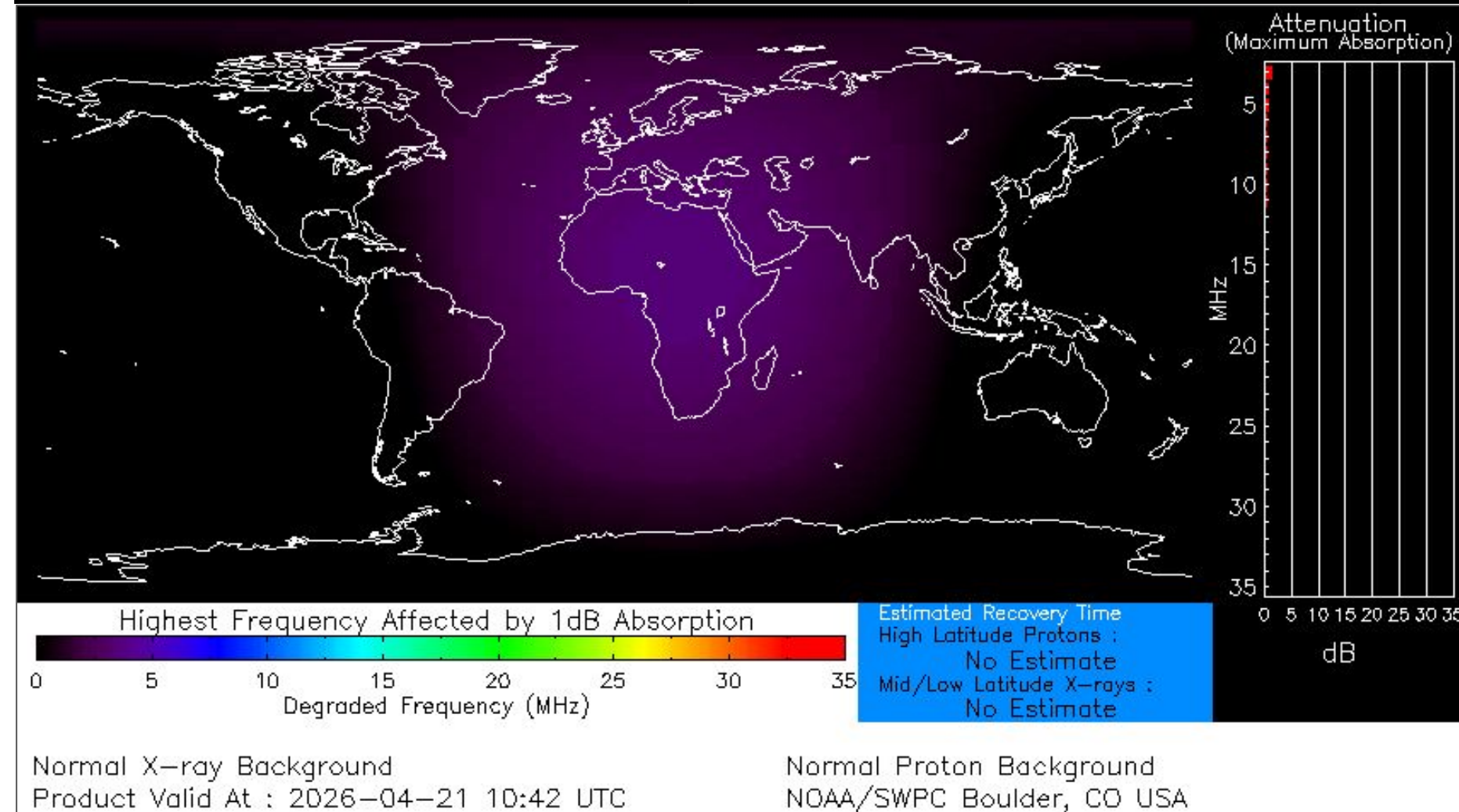
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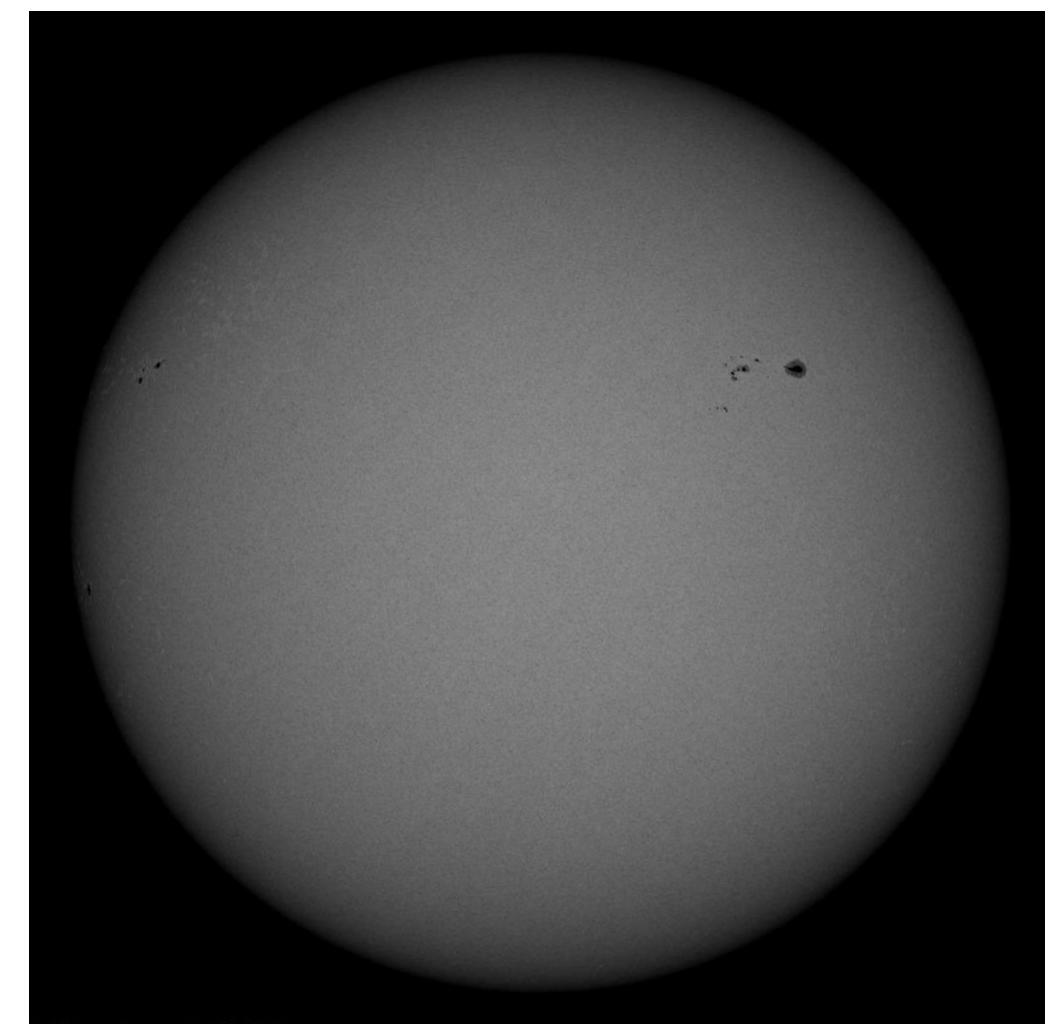
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Apr 21	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	5%	5%	5%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	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;"><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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