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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Extended period of severe weather starts today in the Southern Plains, extends through this weekend.**
- **Saturday-Sunday both upgraded to an Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5), mainly for Oklahoma. Storms on Sunday could be capable of all hazards, including strong tornadoes.**
- **Severe threat shifts eastward into AR, N LA Monday.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for SE TX and S LA today.**
- **Marginal risk for N/E OK and NW AR Thu and over AR, N LA on Friday.**
- **Heavy rain may accompany strong-severe storms in OK, W AR Sat-Sun.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX today-Monday. Sunday looks to have the highest threat.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28
Severe Storms	TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	N/C OK, N TX	SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA	C/NE OK OK, N TX, W AR	C/E OK OK, N TX, W AR	E AR, N/E LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE TX, S LA	N/E OK, NW AR	AR, N LA	NE OK, NW AR	NE OK, NW AR		
Heat							
Fire Weather	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, NW/W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX
River Flooding							

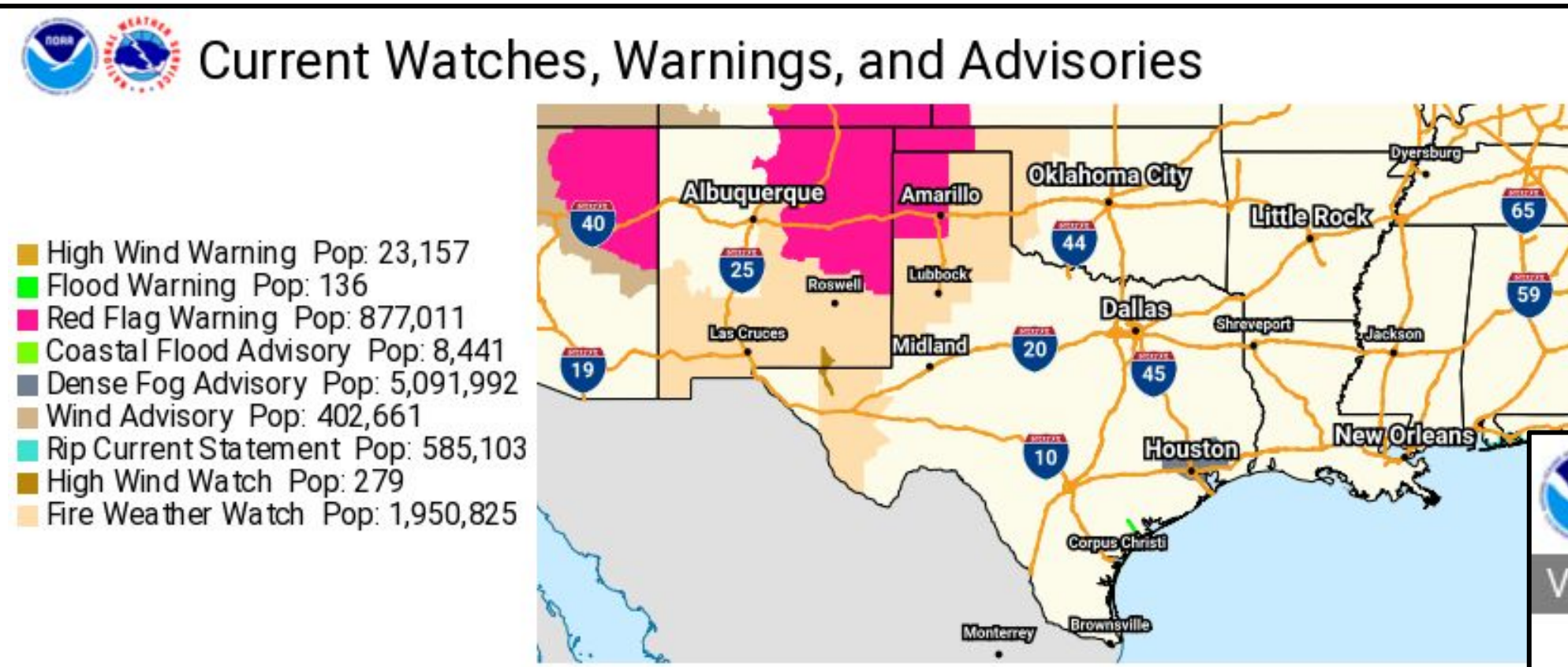
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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# Current Radar/Hazards



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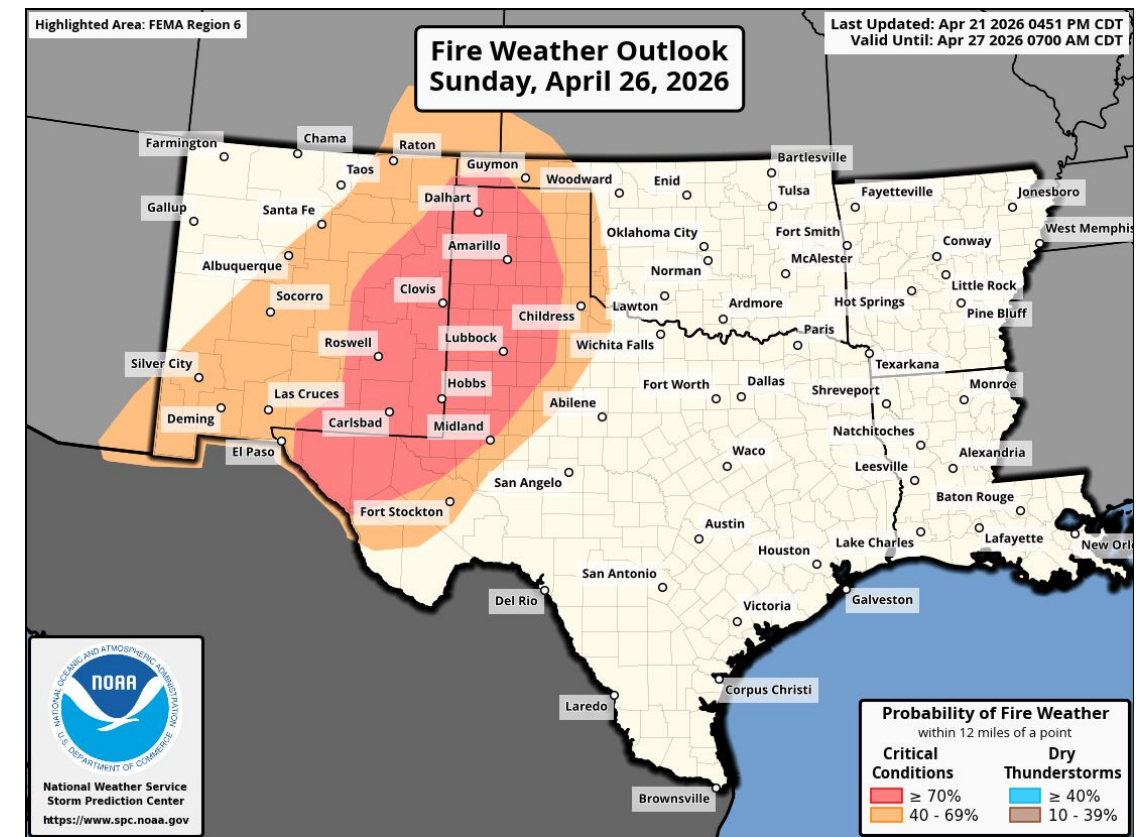
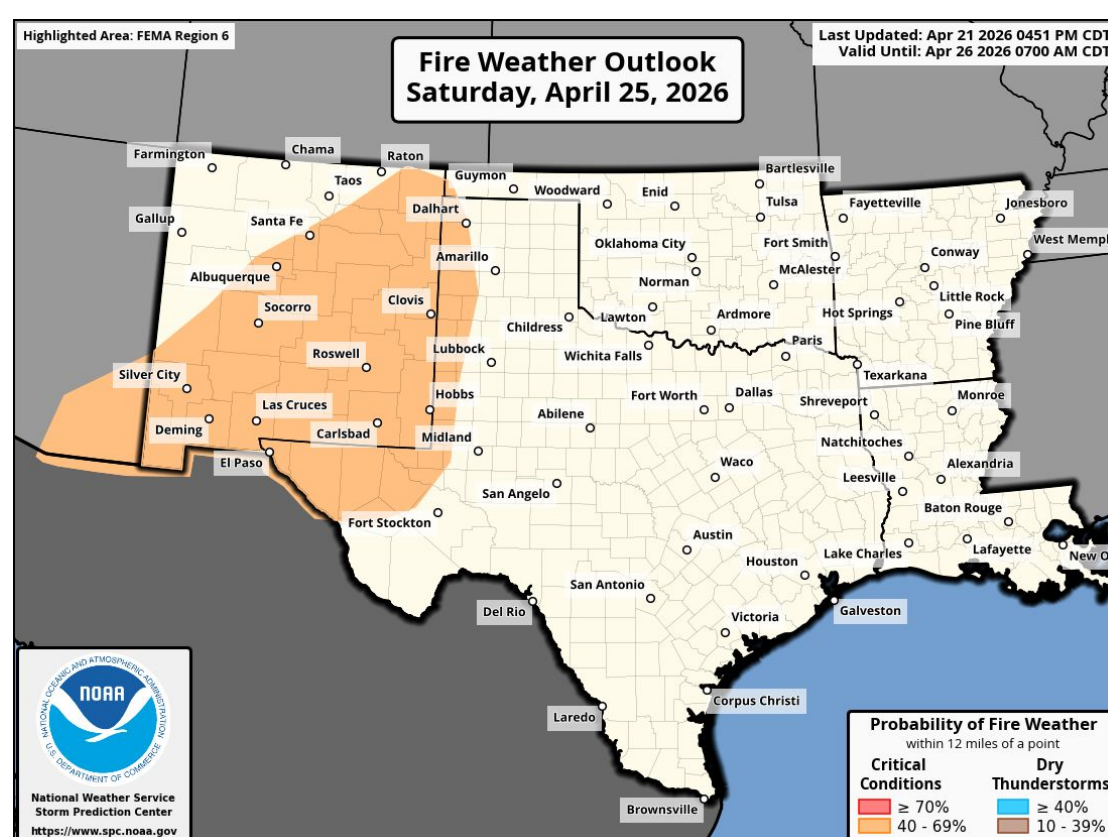
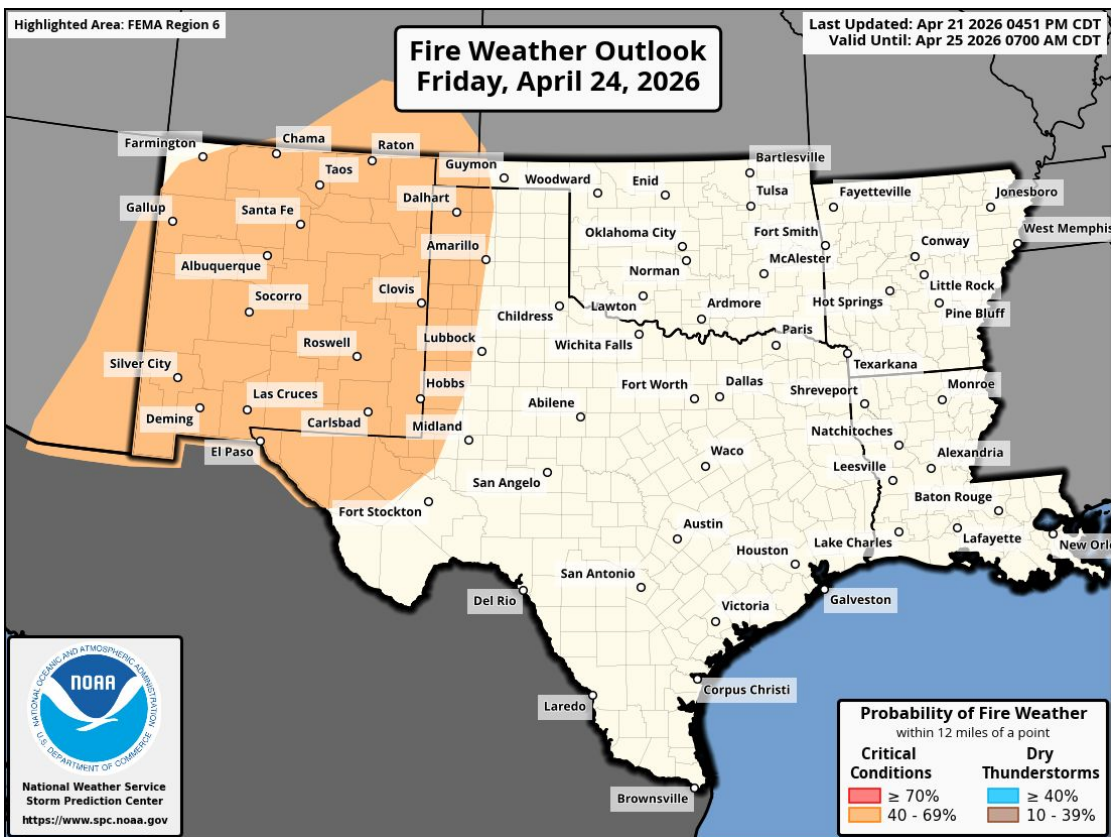
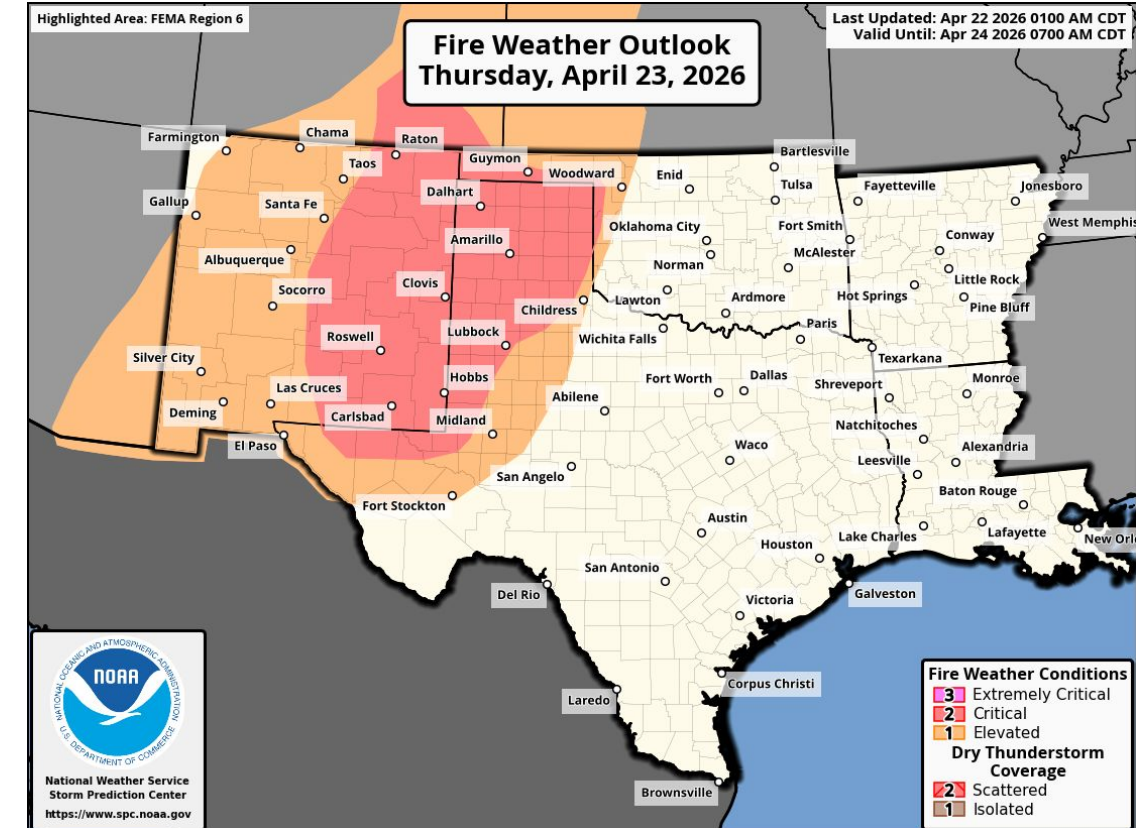
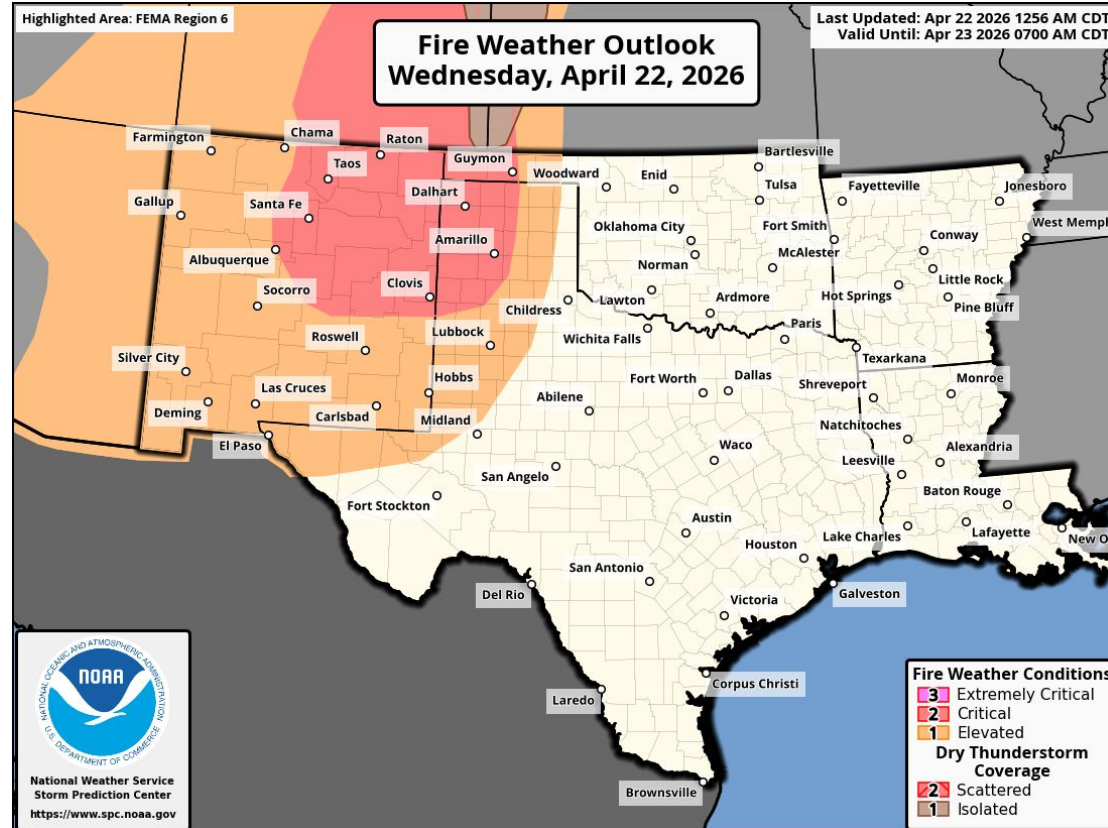
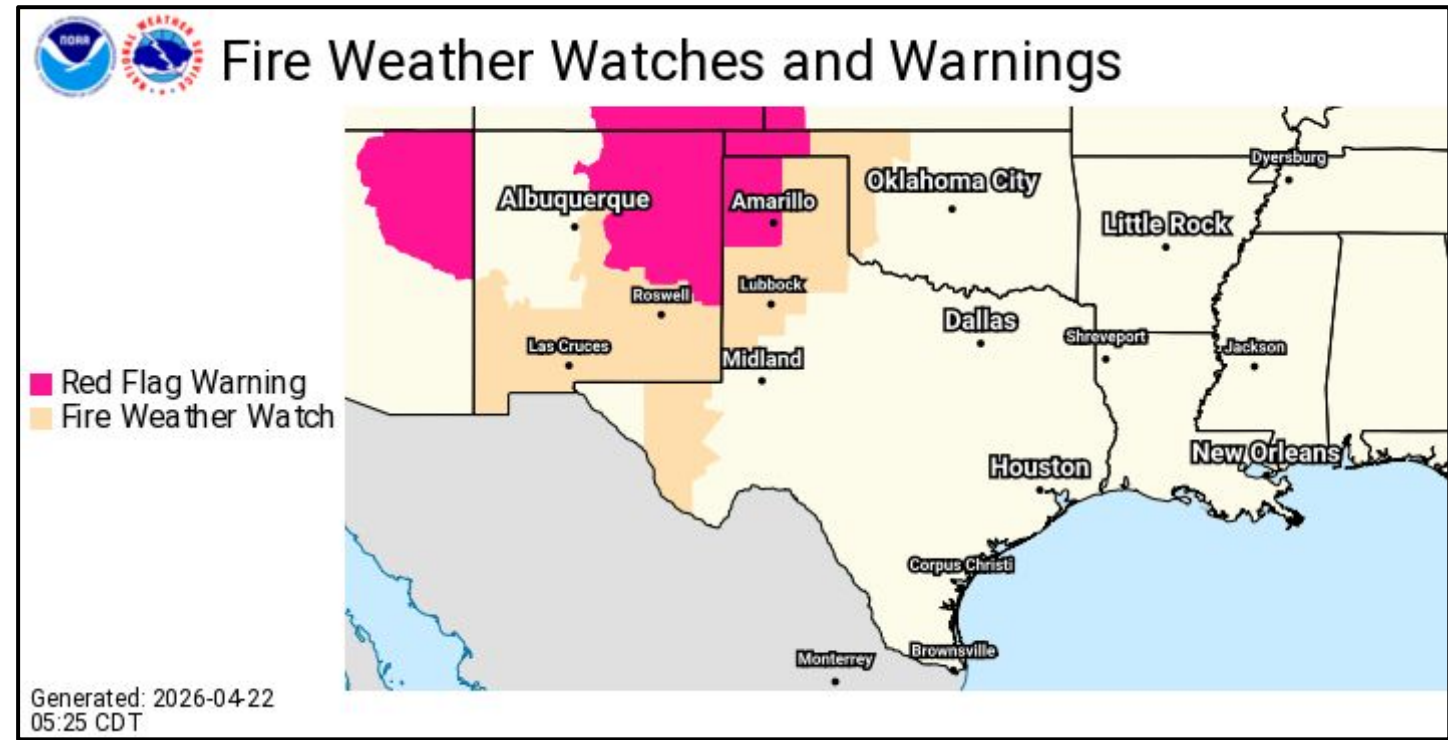


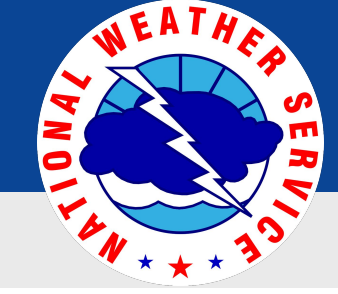
**Red Flag Warnings in NM, TX/OK Panhandles from 1 PM CDT through 9 PM CDT this evening.**

**Fire Weather Watches in effect for Thursday. Watches go through 10 PM CDT.**



# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Wind Gust/RH Forecast

## Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

## Minimum RH Forecast

	4/22 Wed		4/23 Thu			4/24 Fri				4/25 Sat				4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon					4/22 Wed		4/23 Thu			4/24 Fri				4/25 Sat				4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon					
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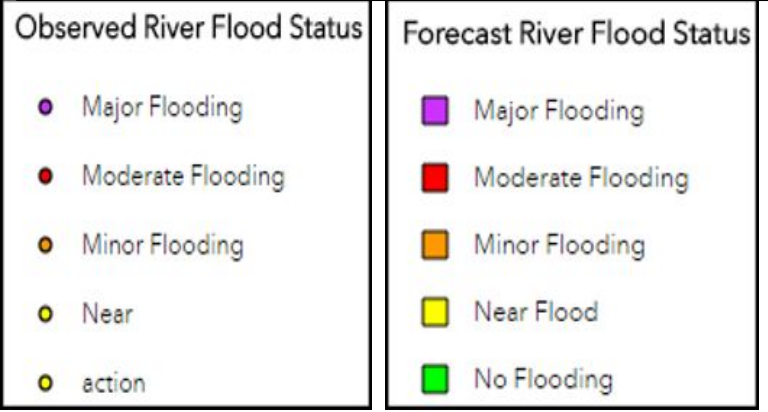
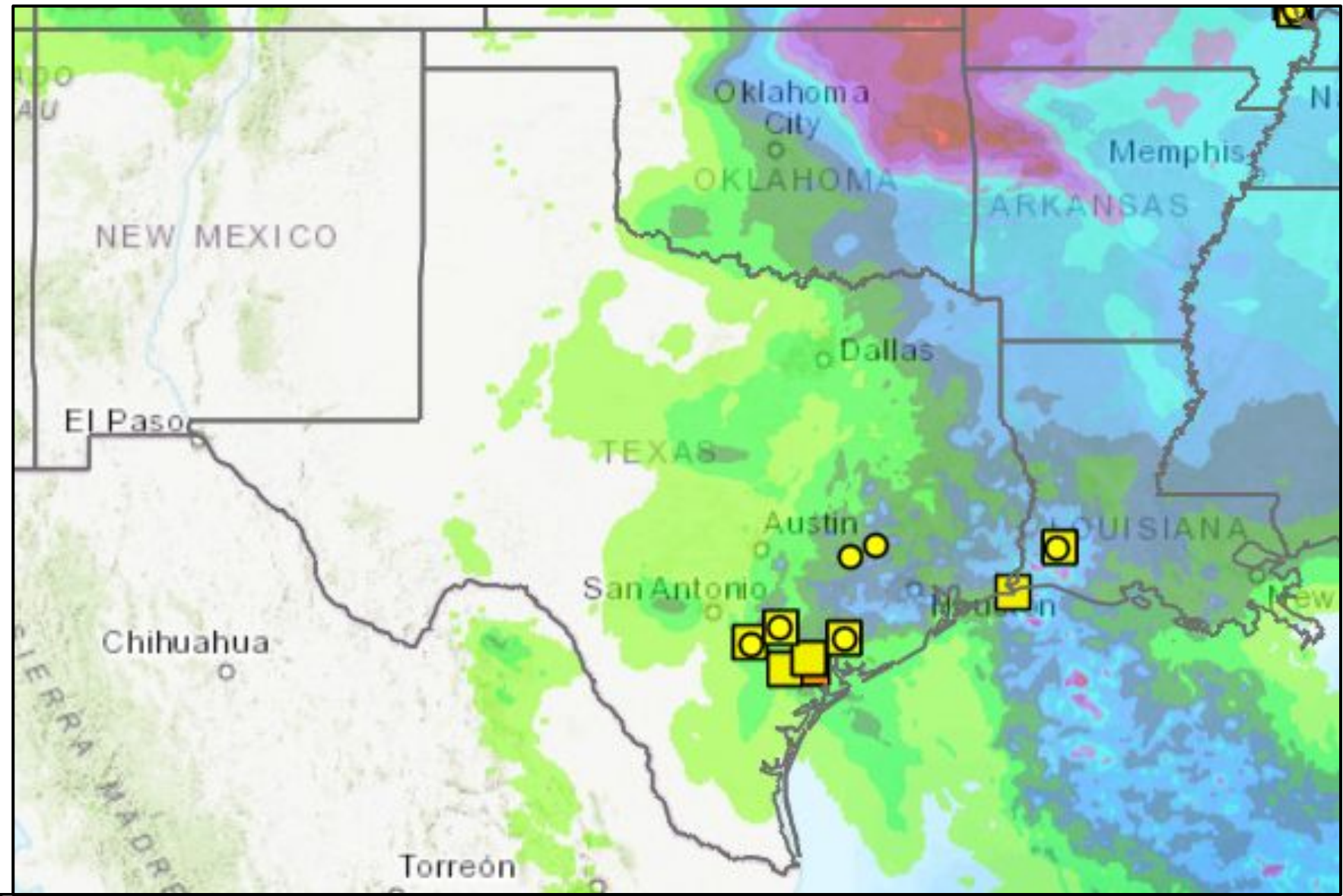
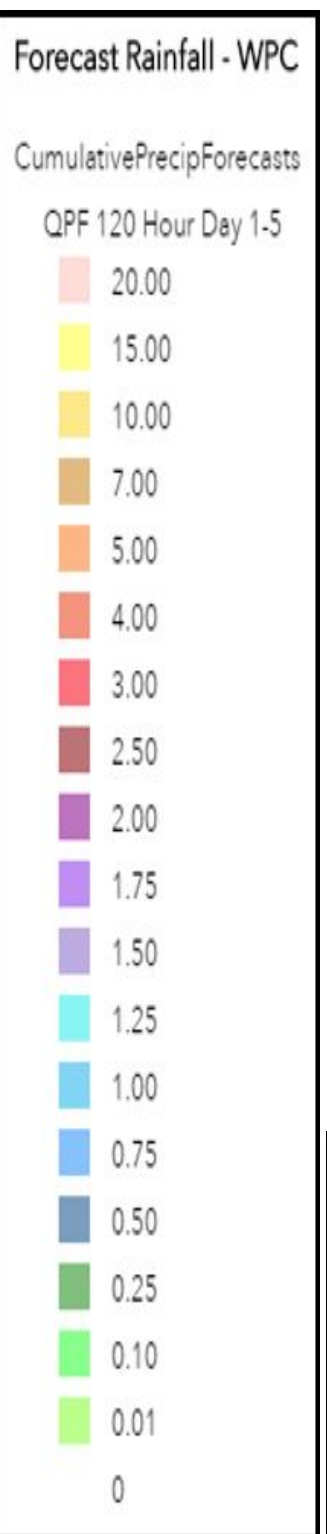
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



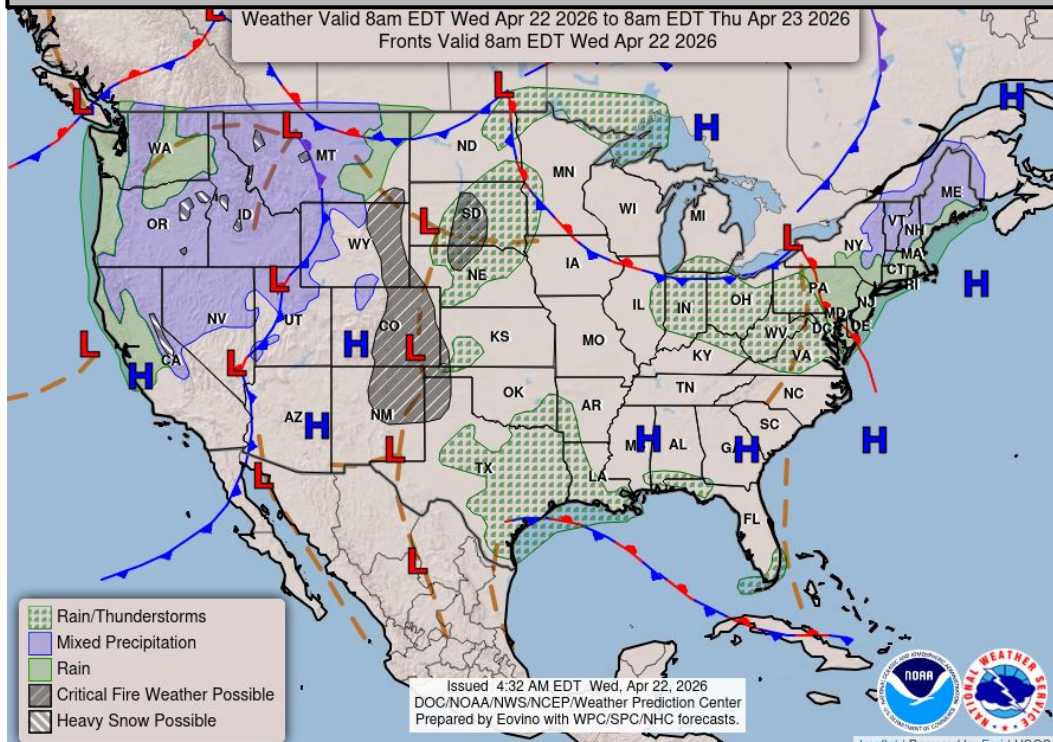
**Heavy rainfall later this week/weekend in N/E OK could produce local river rises.**

*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.*

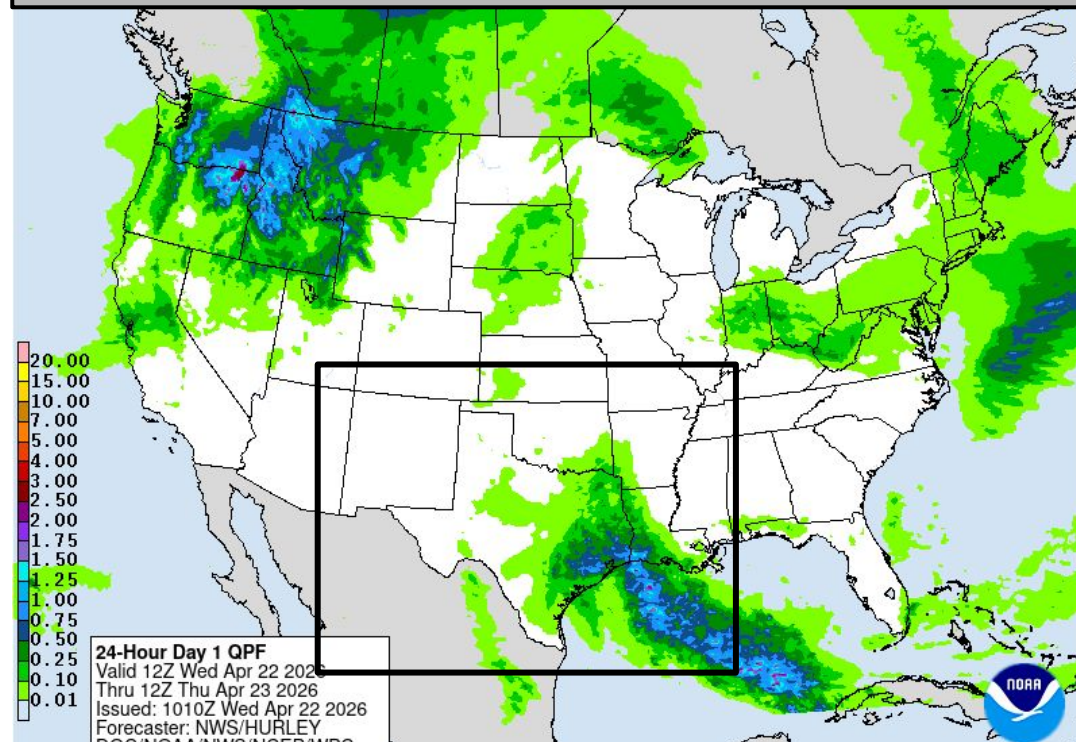


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

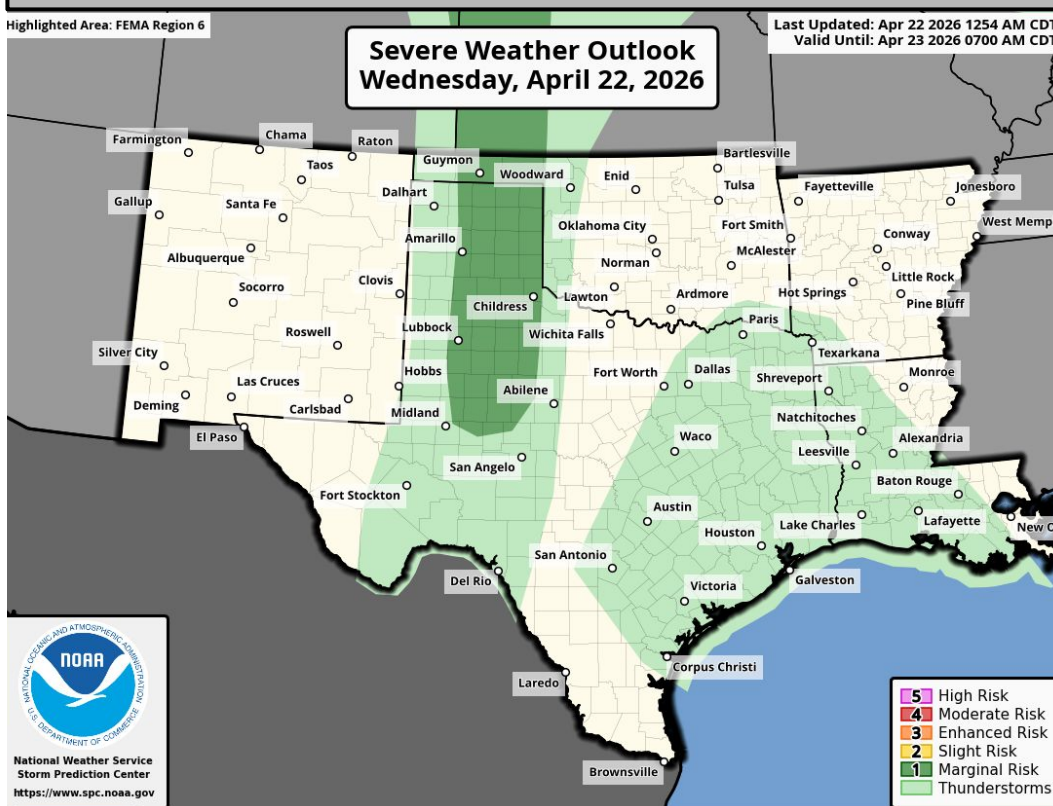


**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather threat over NM, W OK, TX/OK Panhandles and W TX. Dry lightning in the Panhandles could start new fires.**

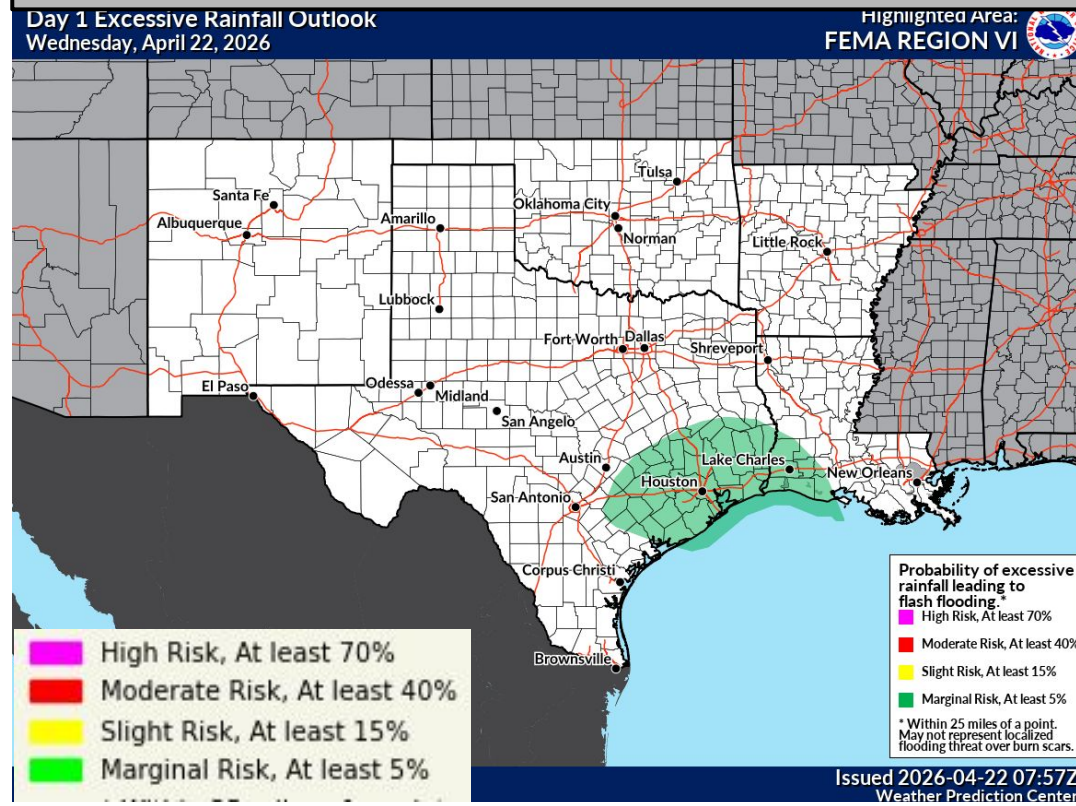
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over SE TX and S LA. Locally up to 5" of rain may produce flash flooding.**

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

## Severe Weather Outlook

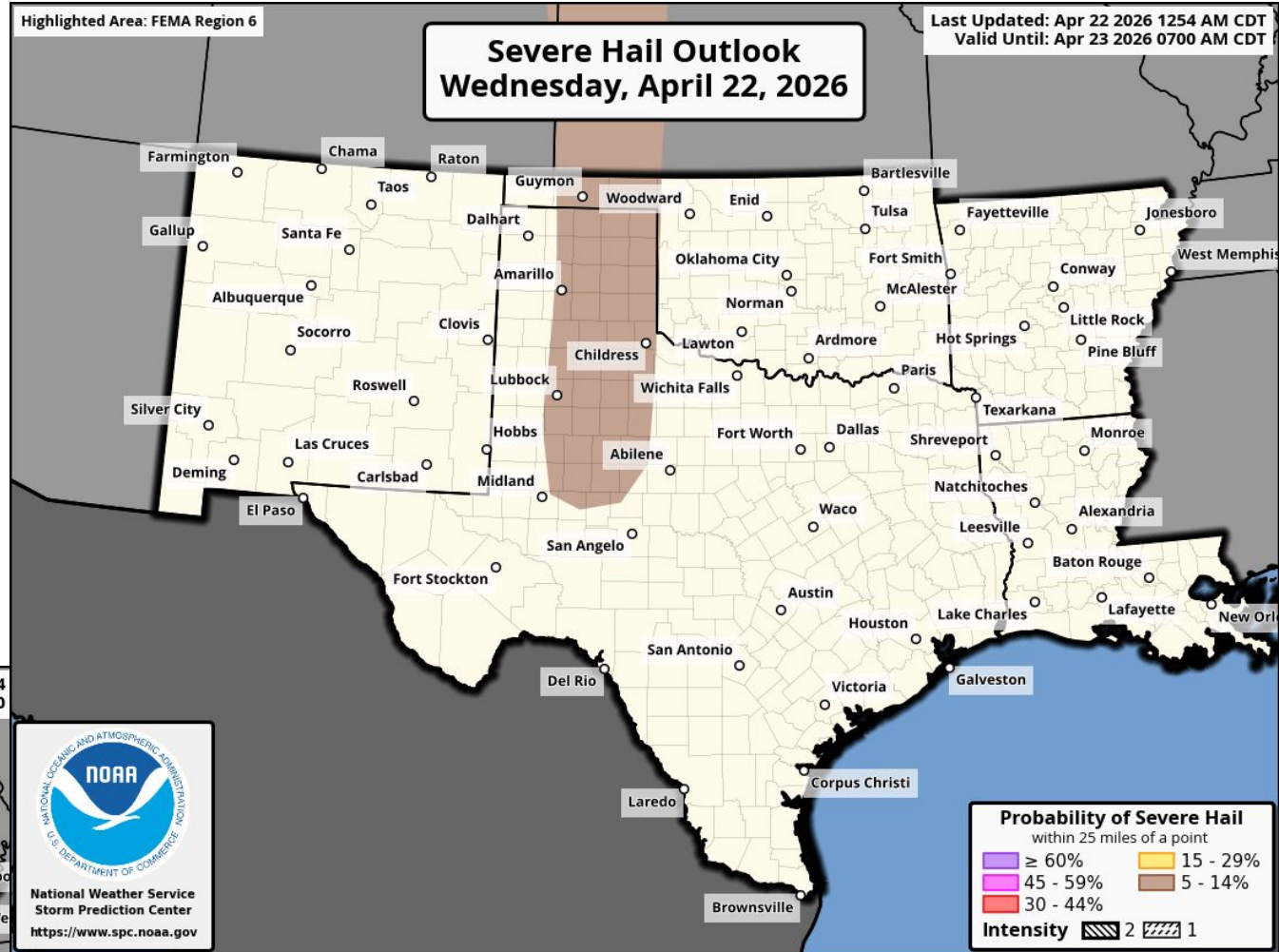
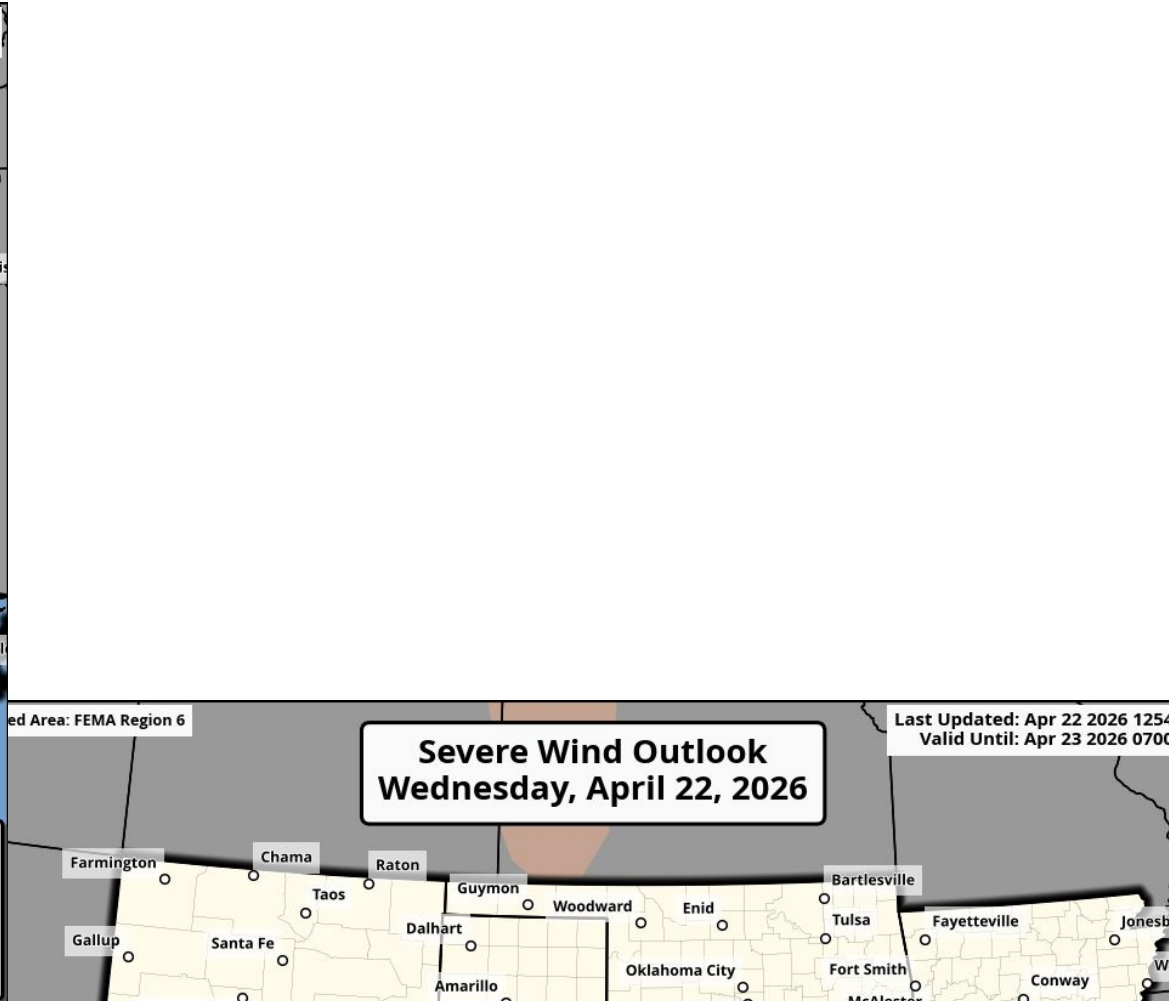
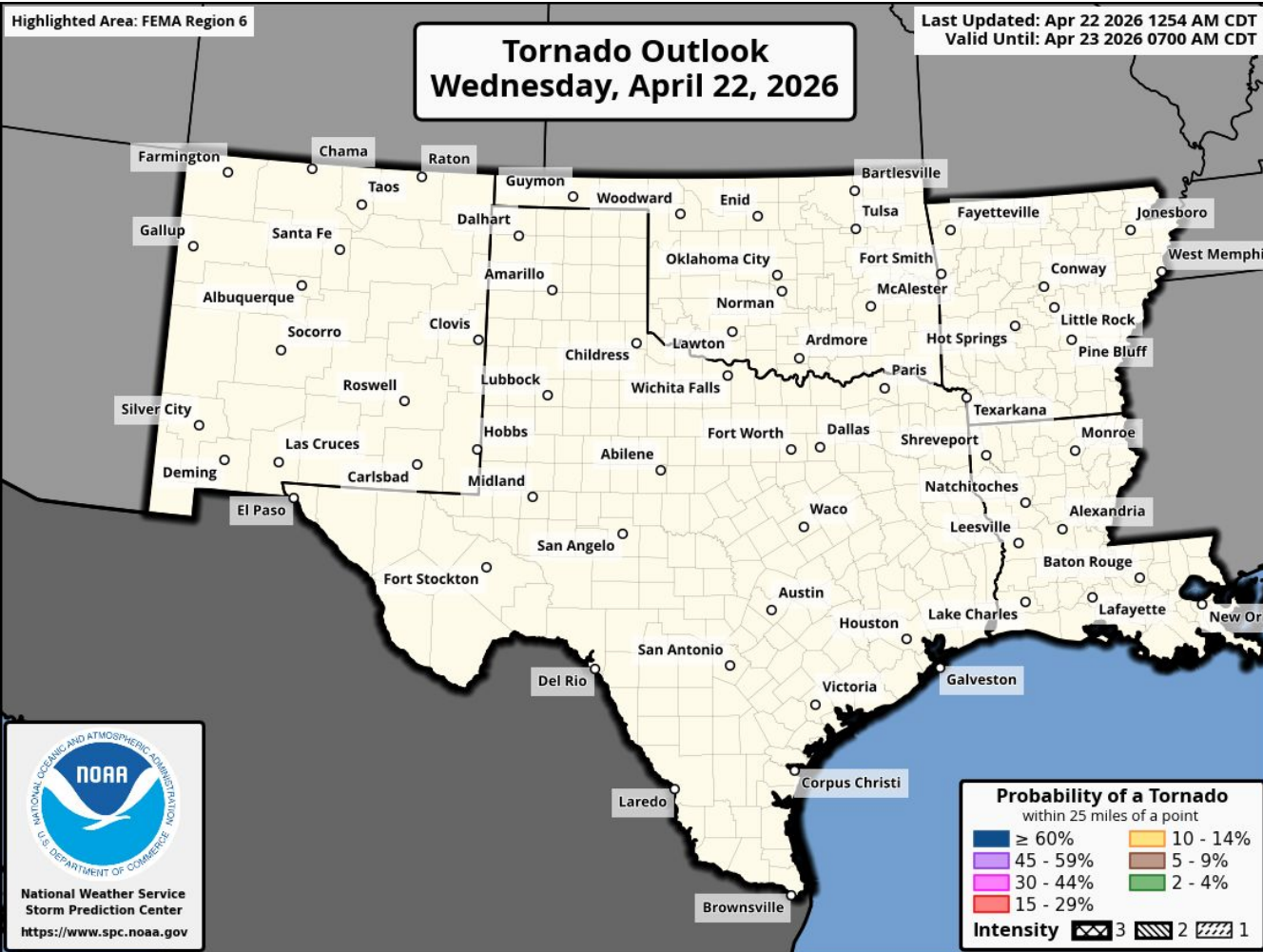


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



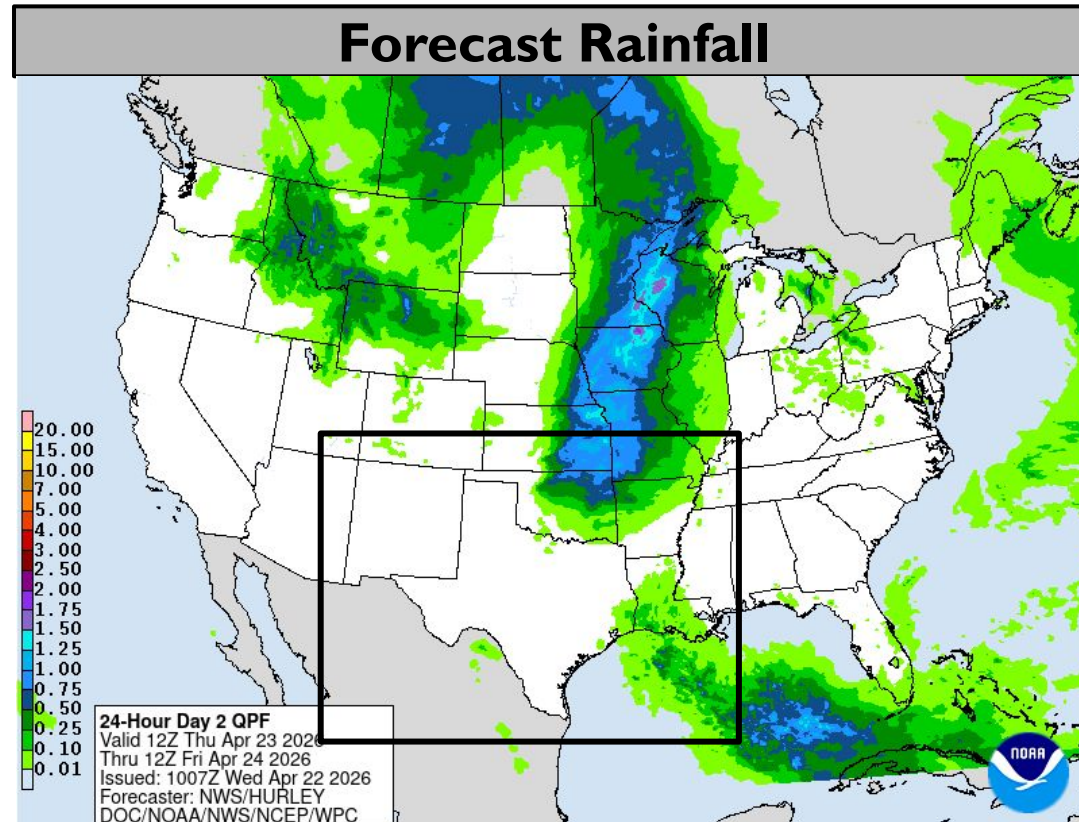
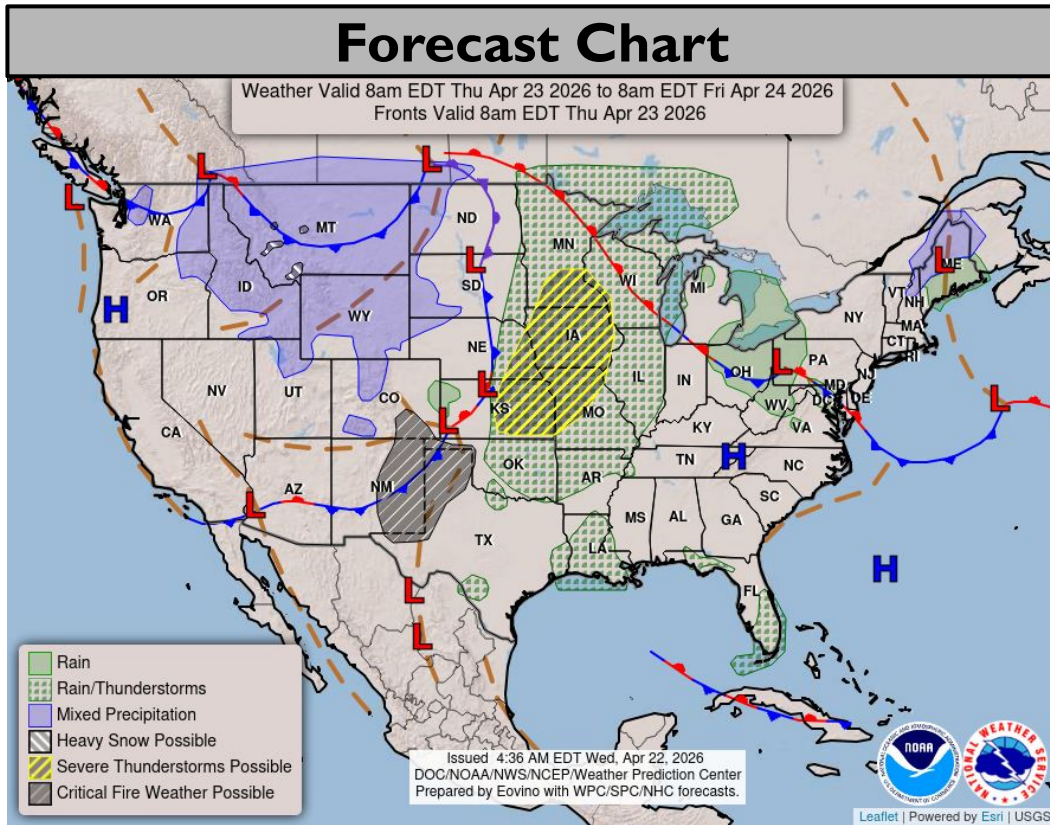


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





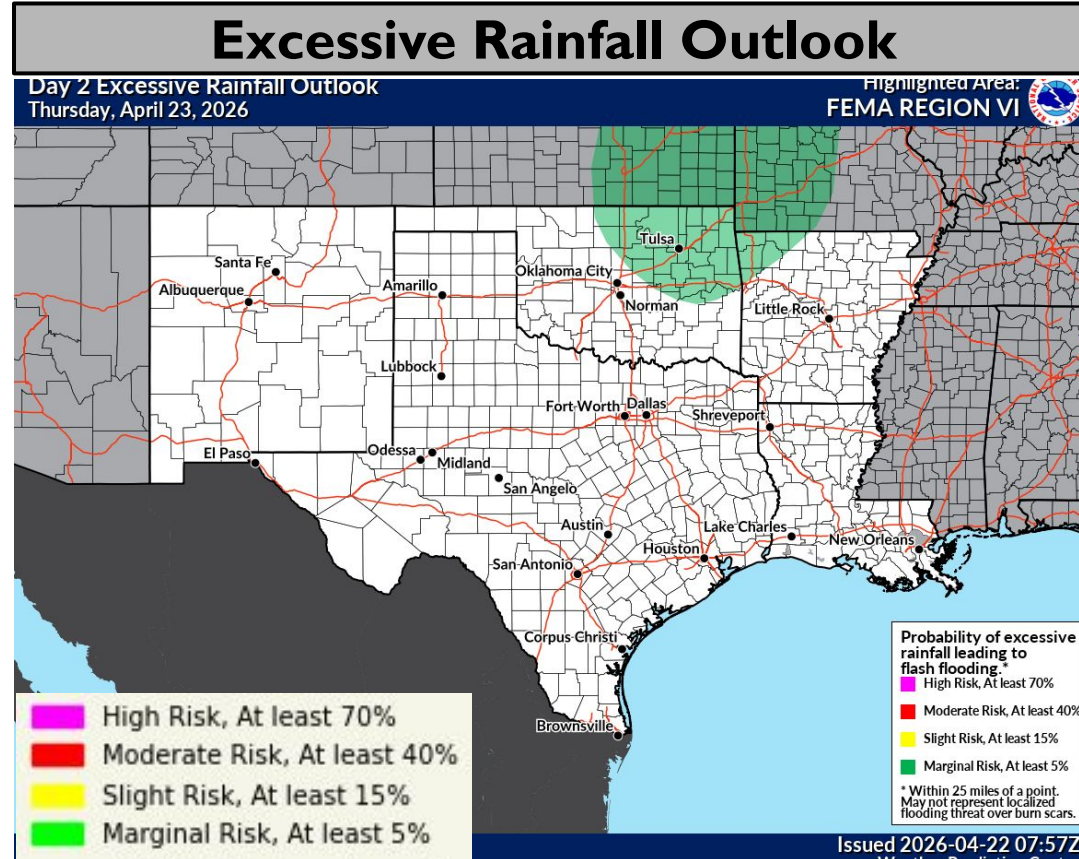
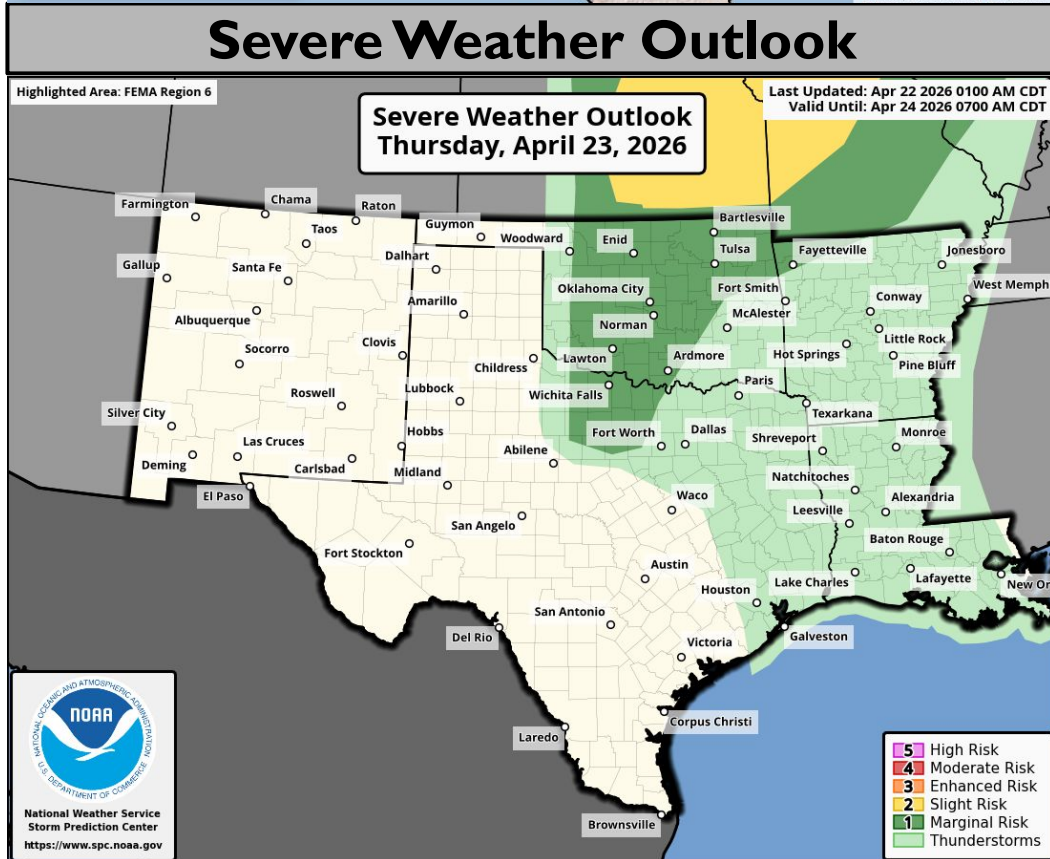
# Tomorrow's Weather



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

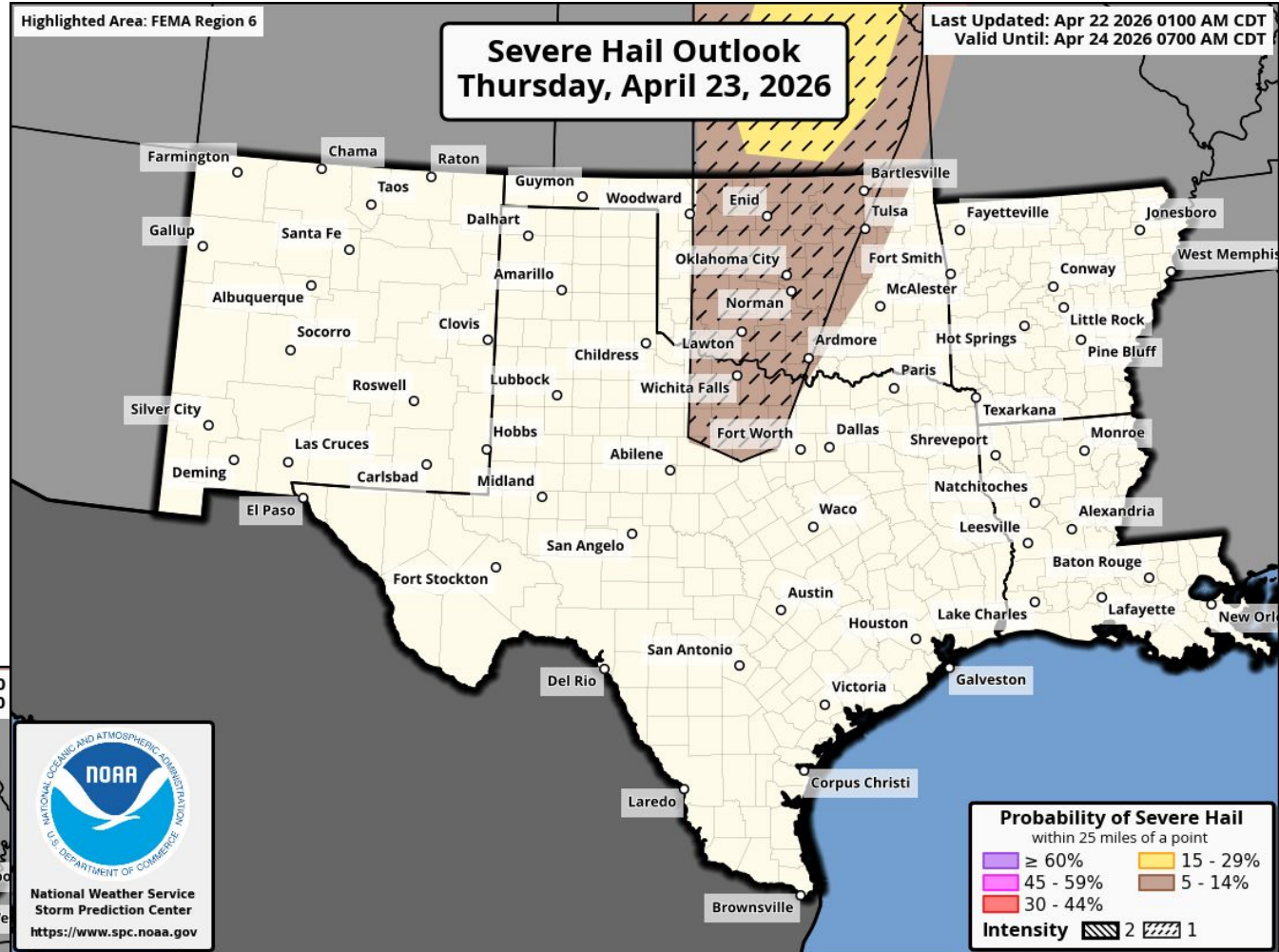
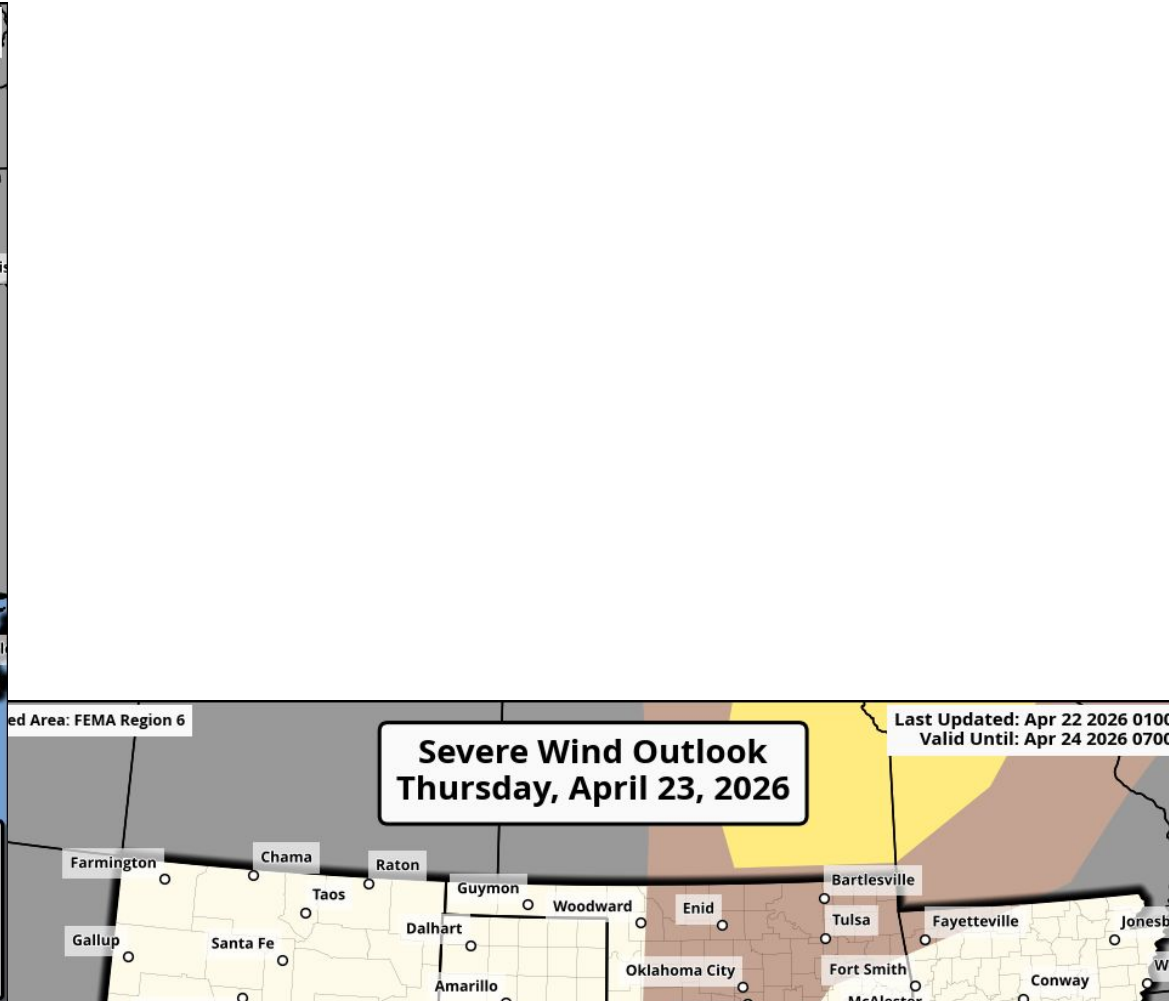
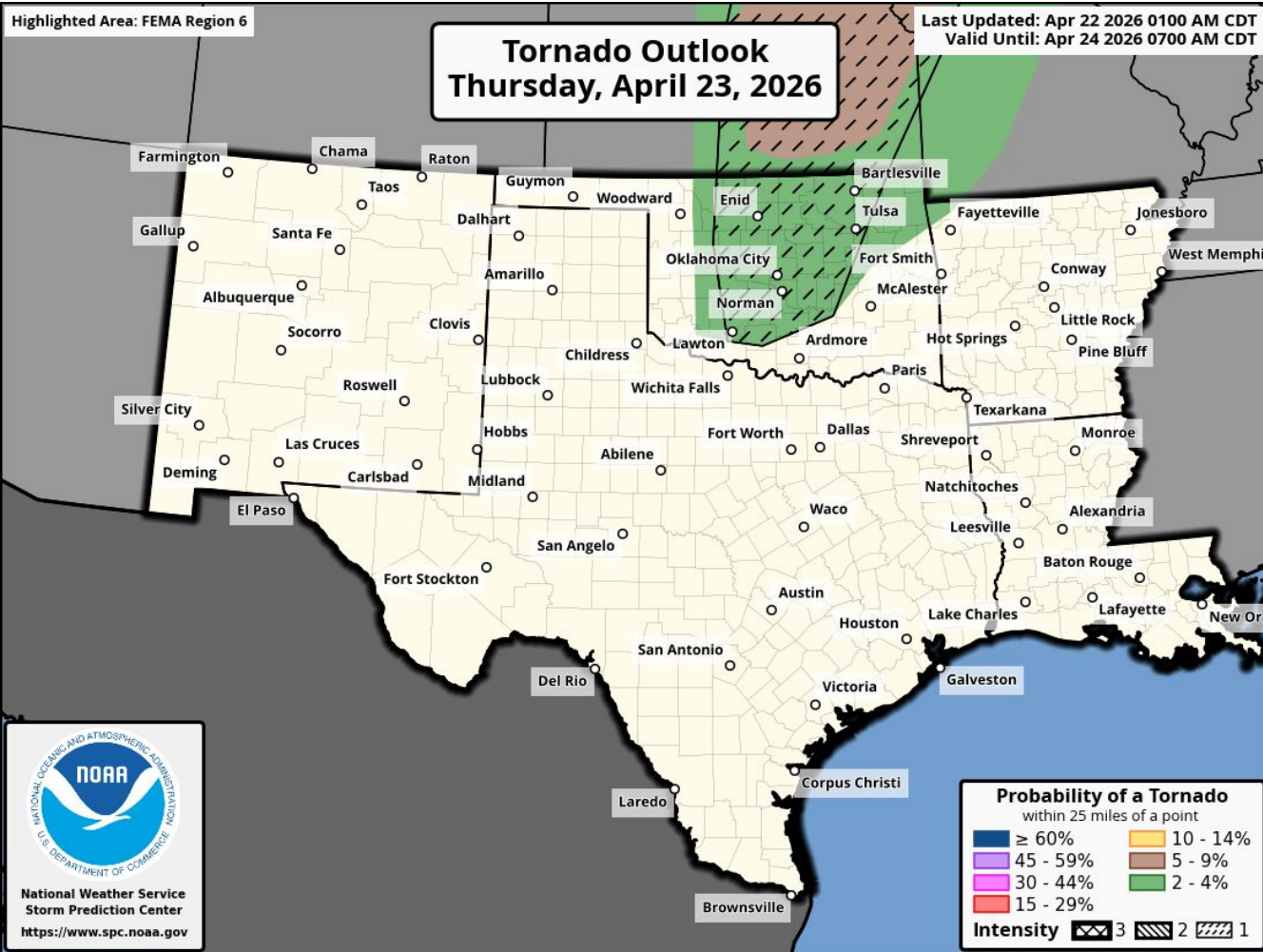
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in portions of OK, NW AR, N TX. Conditional strong tornado (up to EF-2) and hail over 2" diameter threat in the afternoon/evening.**

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





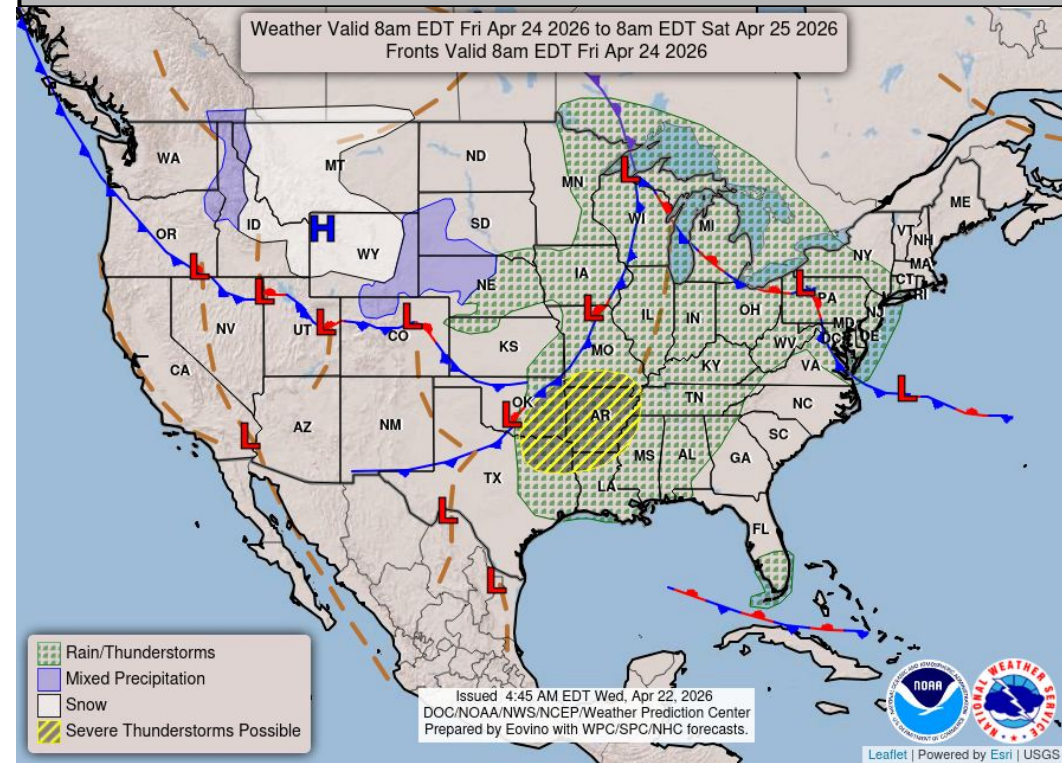
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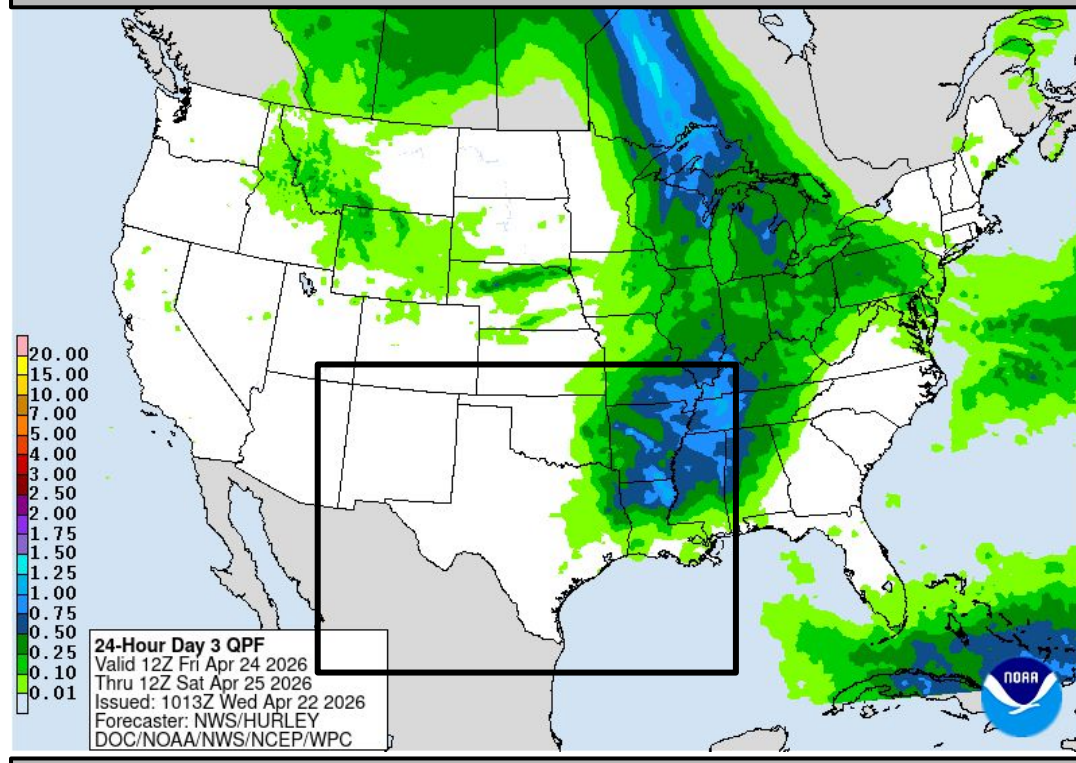


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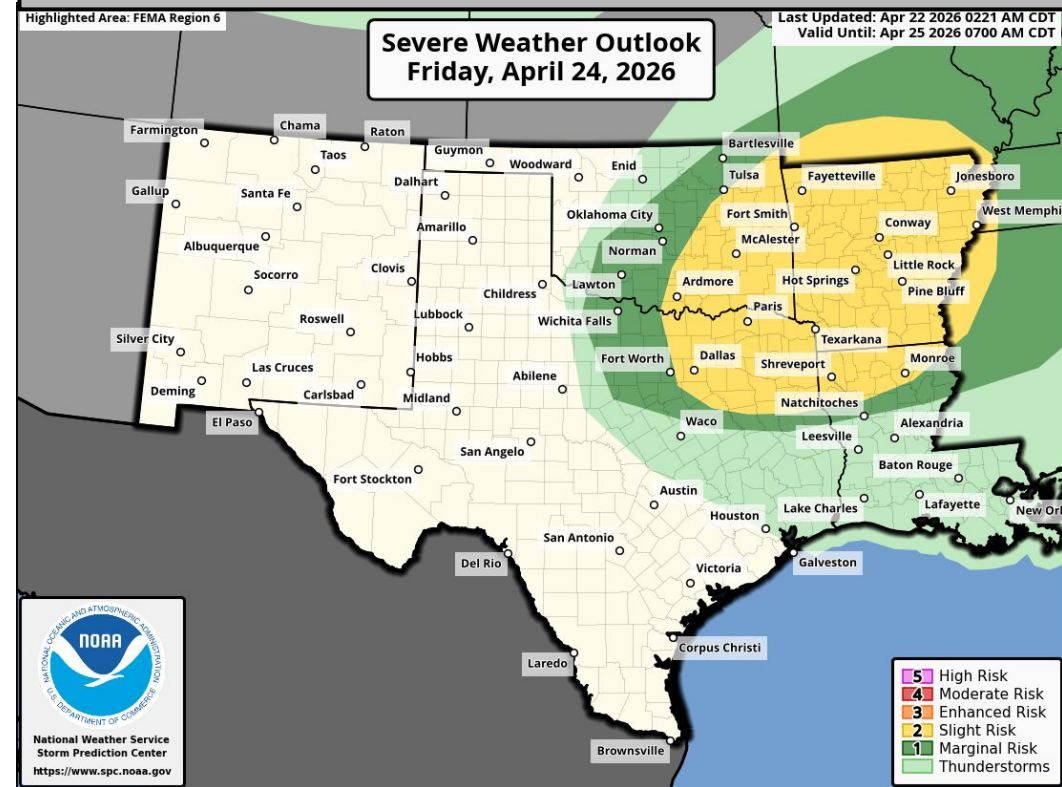
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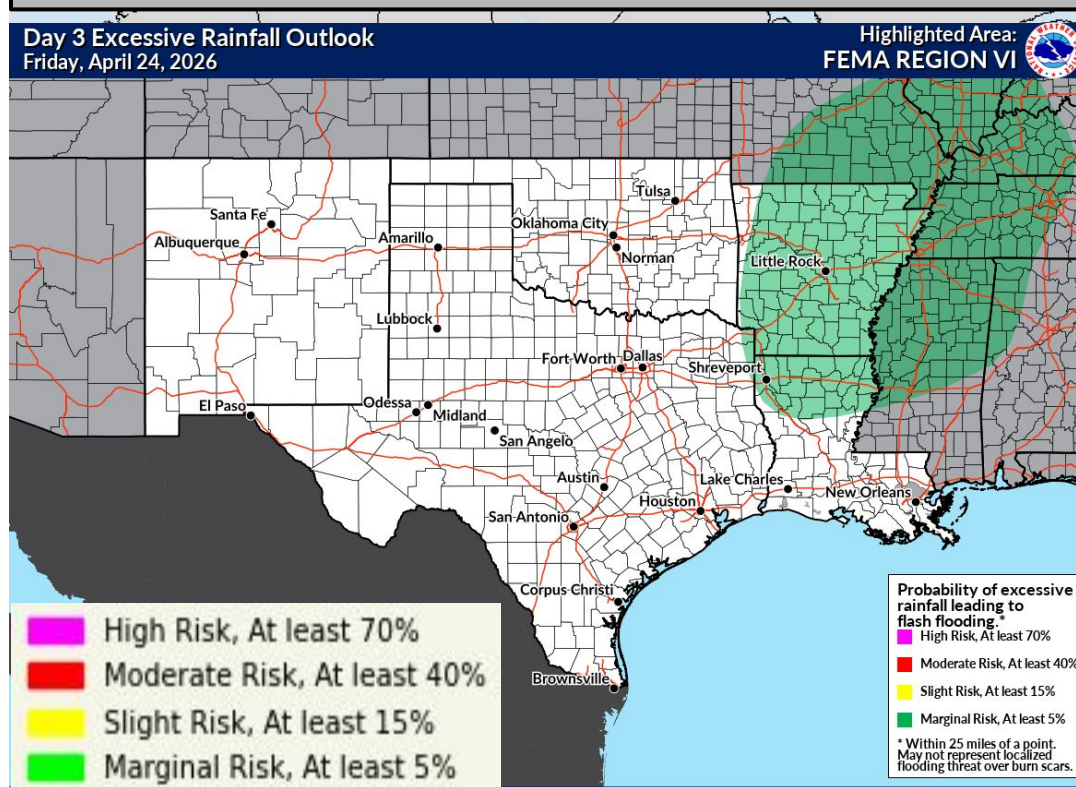
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



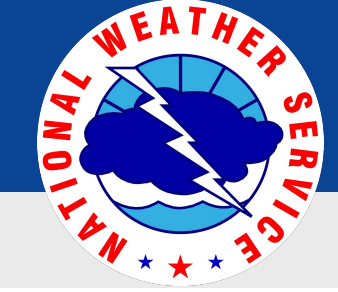
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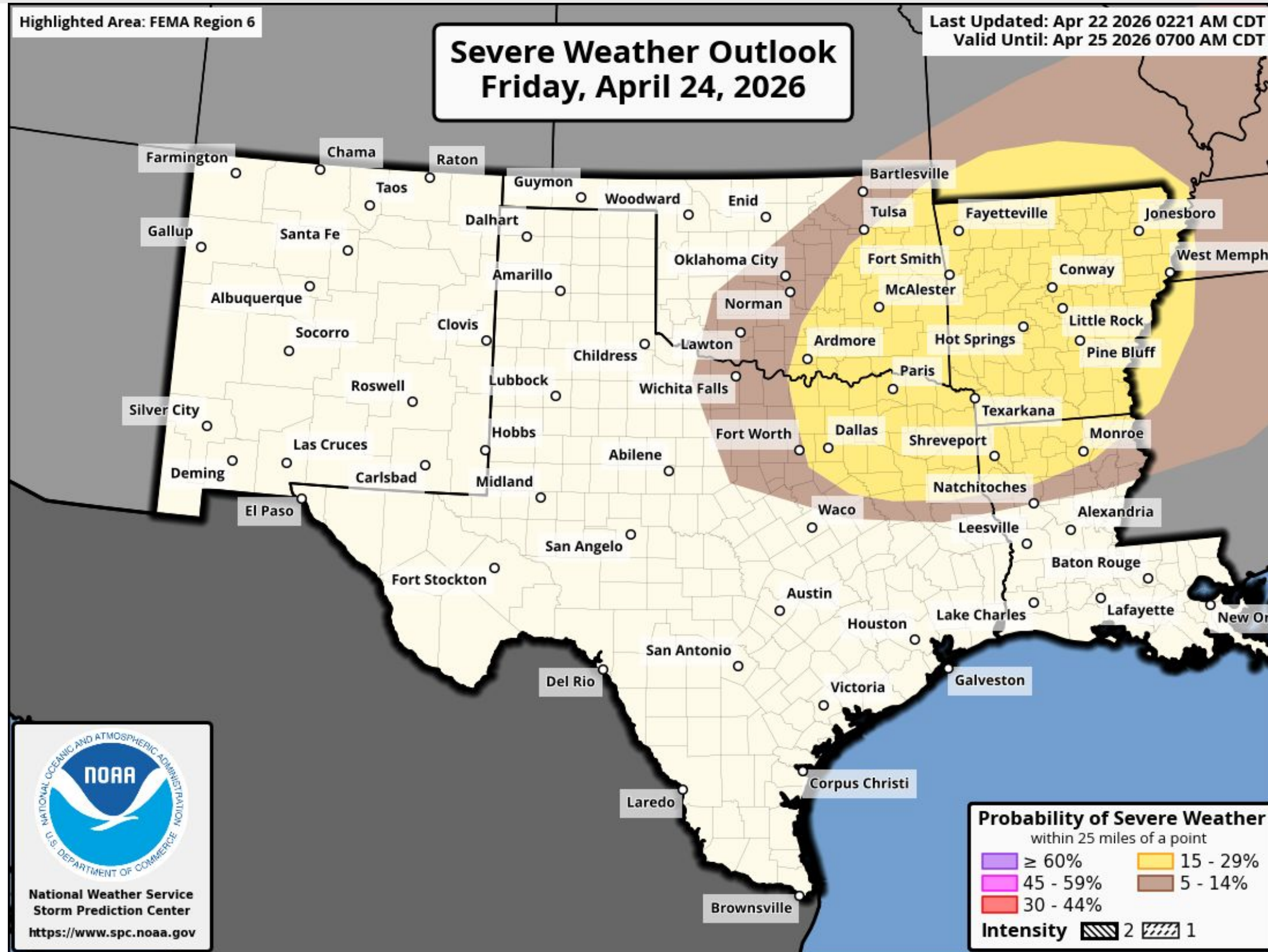
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA.**

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

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



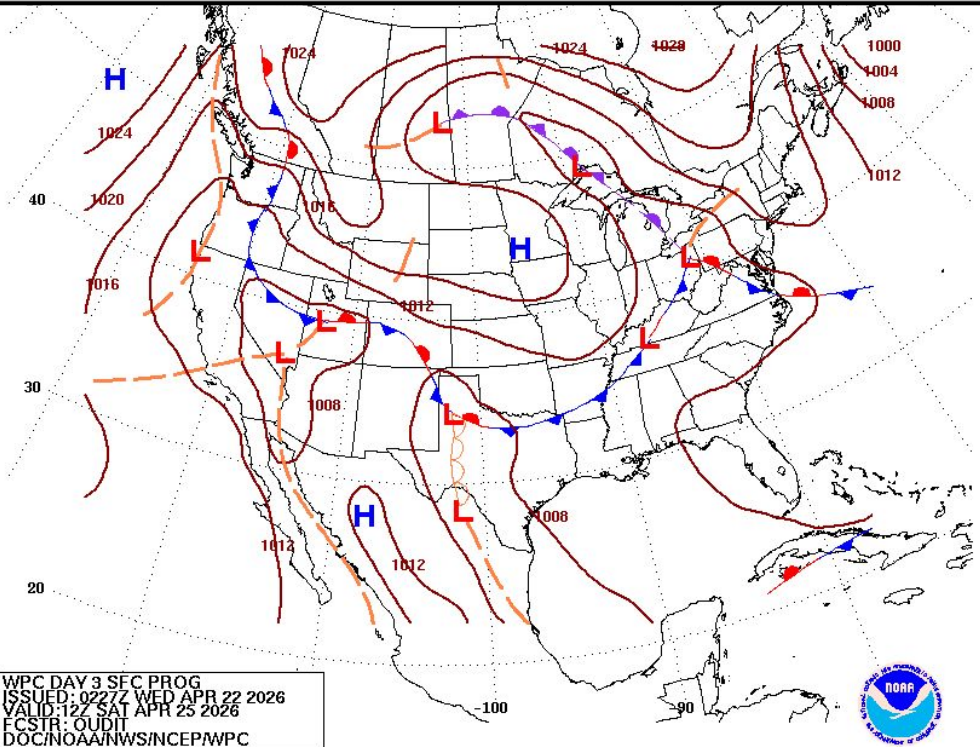
# Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



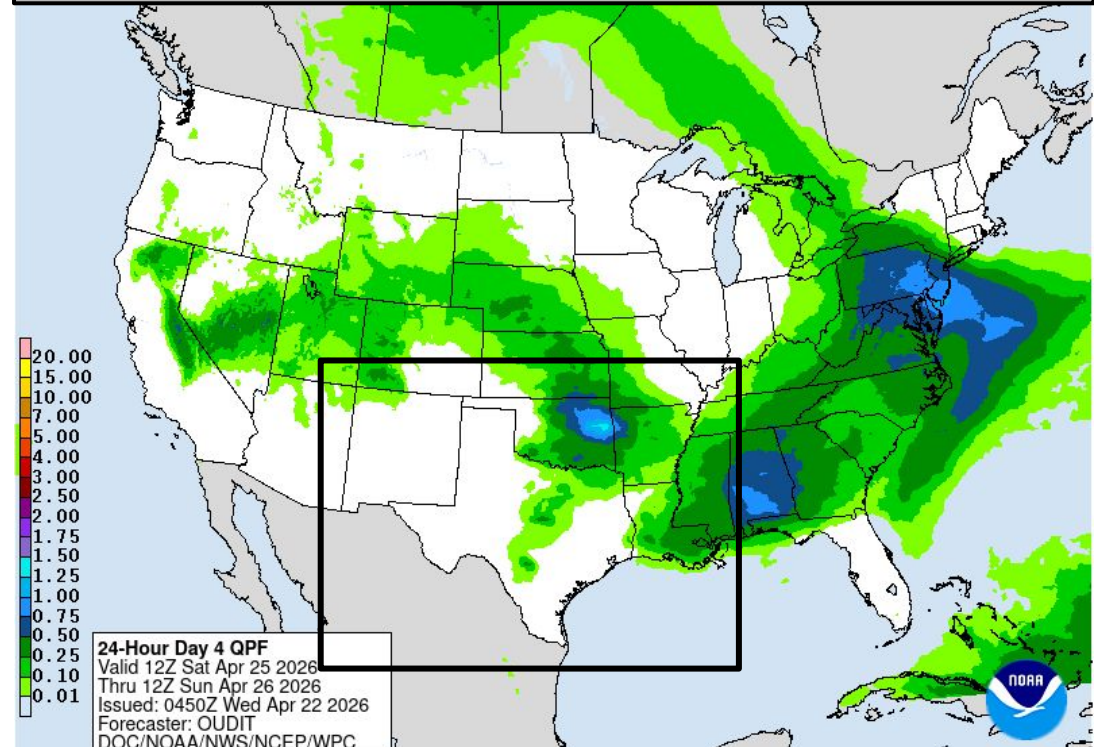


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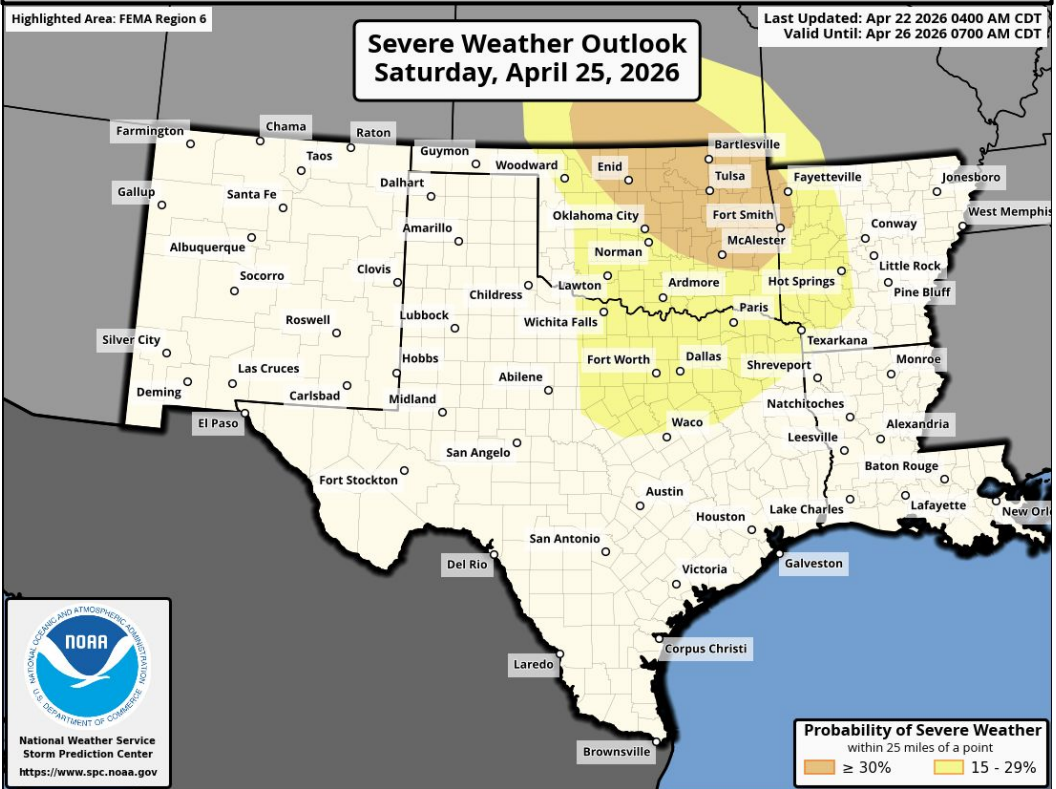
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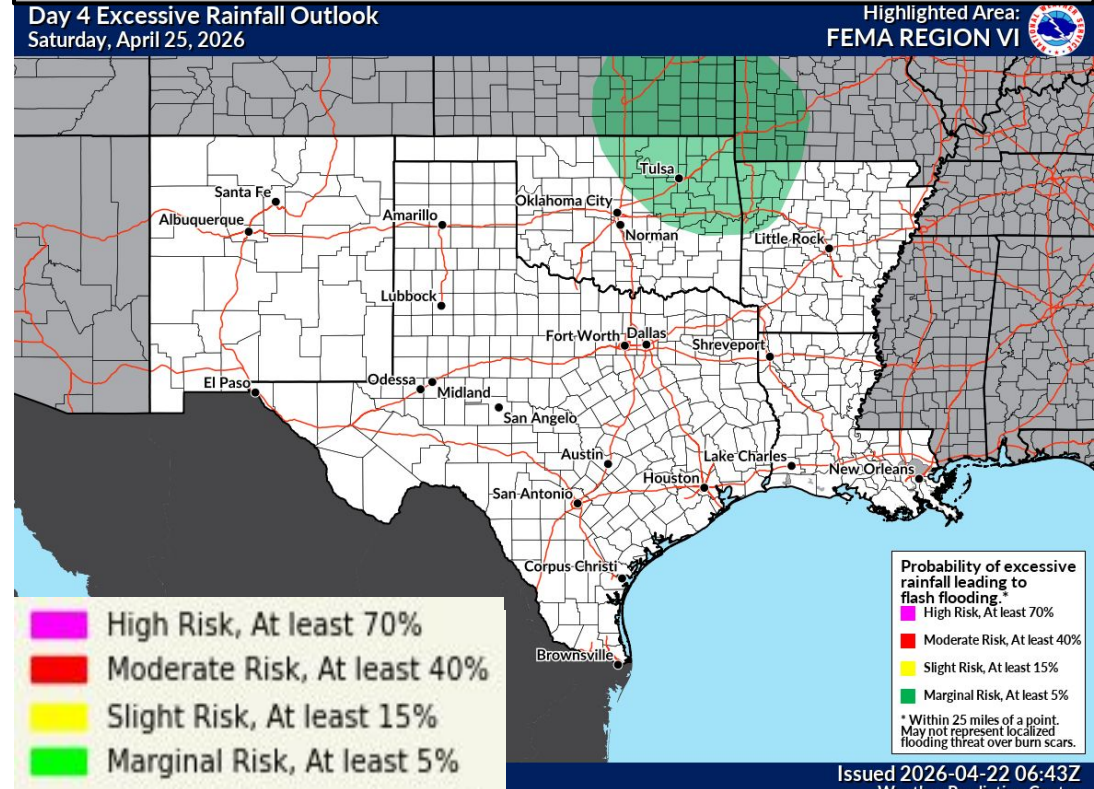
### Forecast Rainfall



### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms in portions of OK, AR, and N TX.**

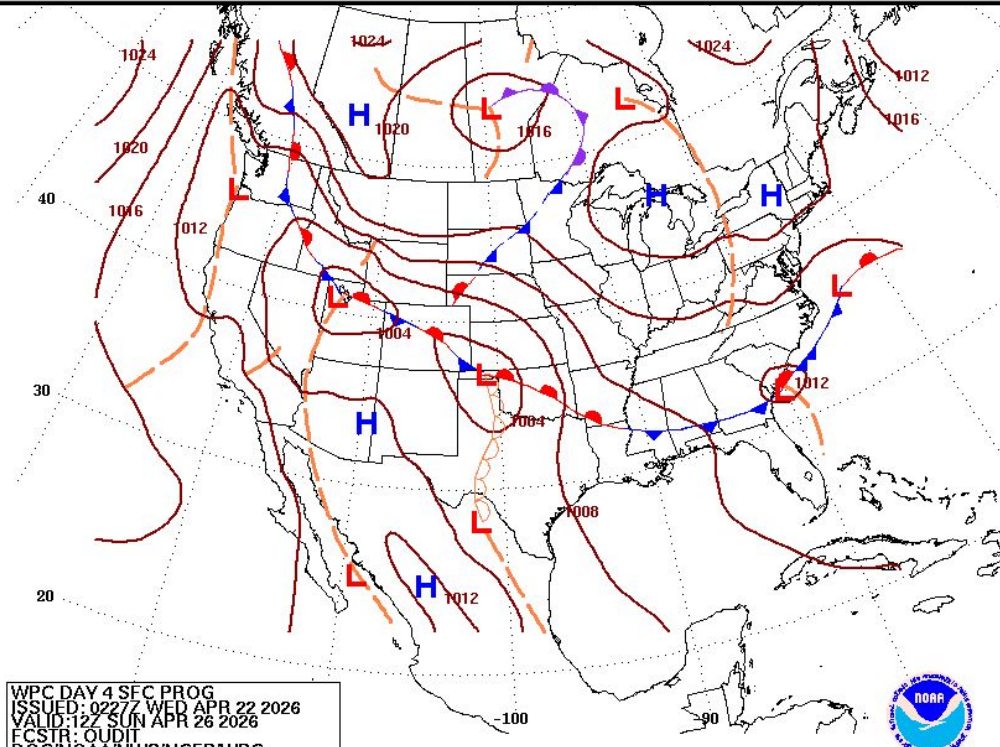
**Elevated to critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in NE OK, NW AR.**

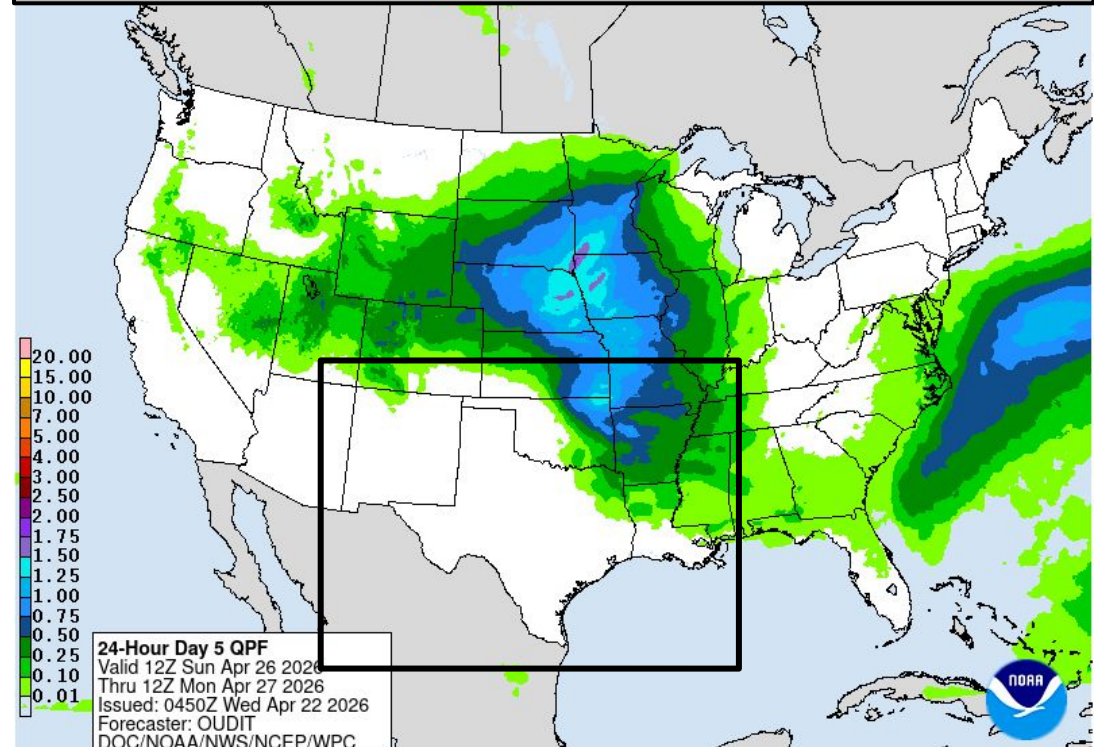


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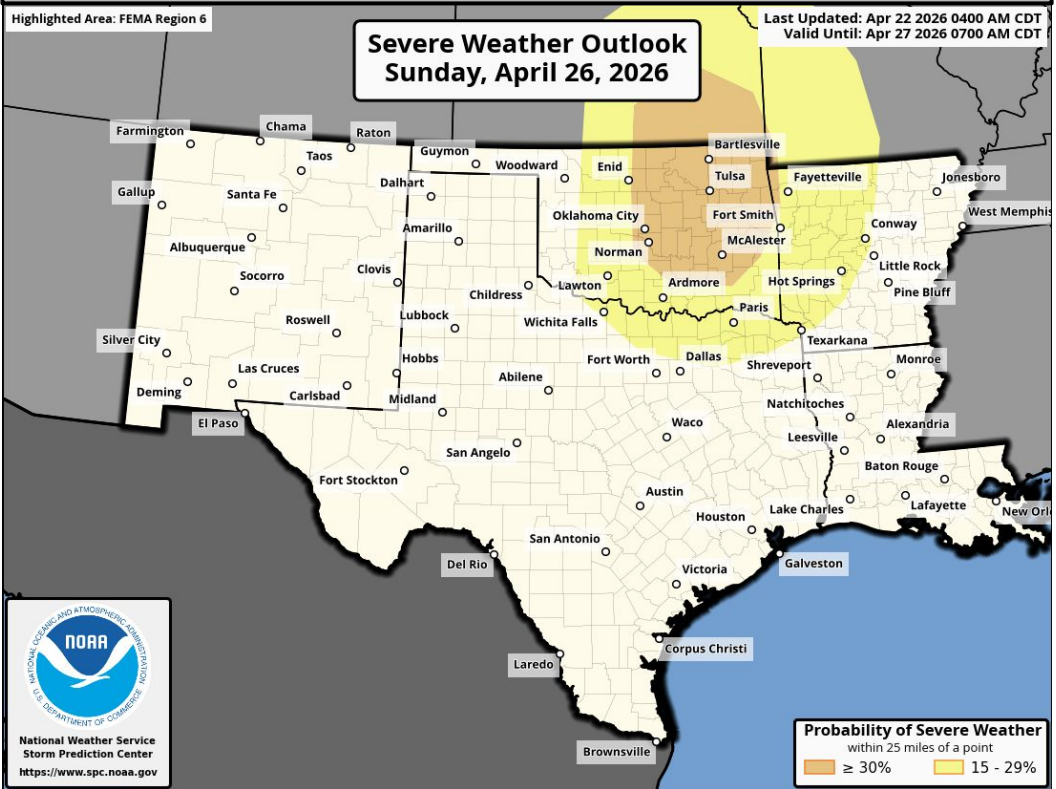
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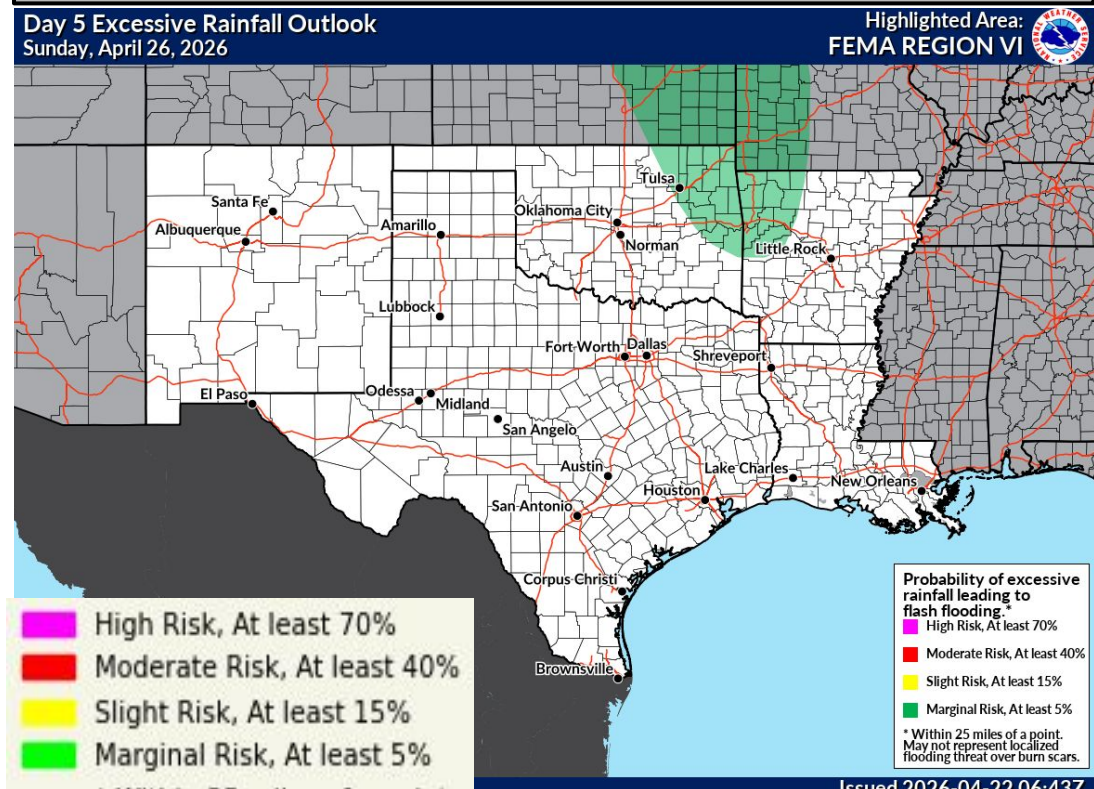
### Forecast Rainfall



### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms in portions of OK, AR, N TX. All hazards could occur, including strong tornadoes (EF-2+) and very large hail (well over 2" in diameter).**

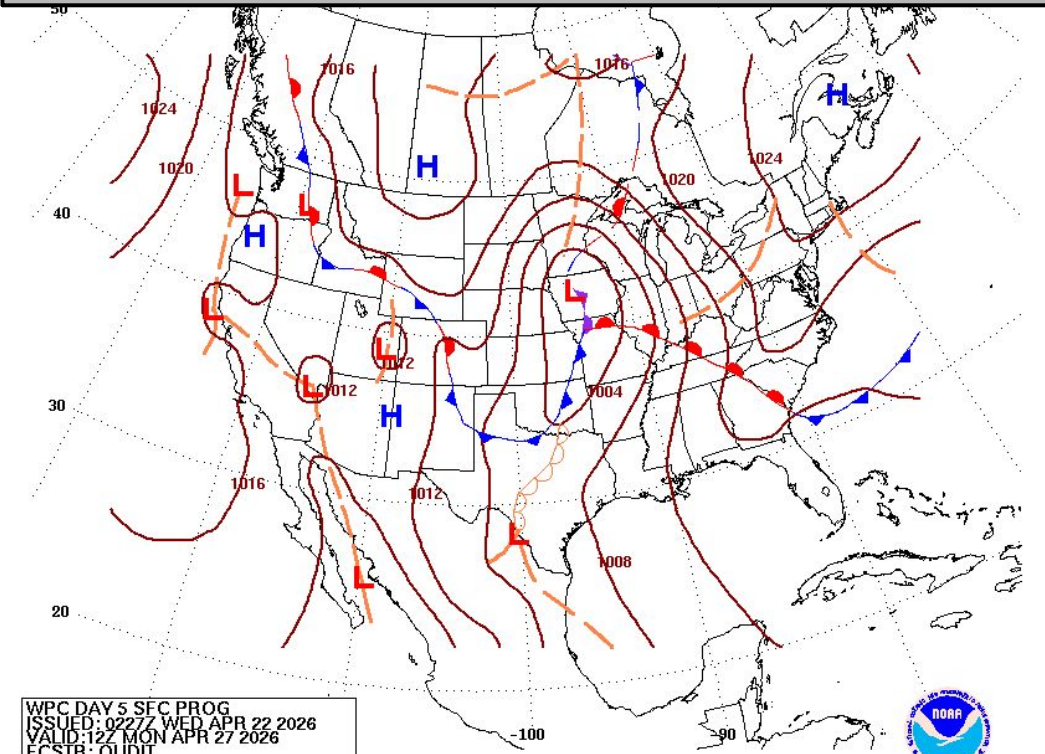
**Critical to locally extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns in portions of NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in NE OK, NW AR.**



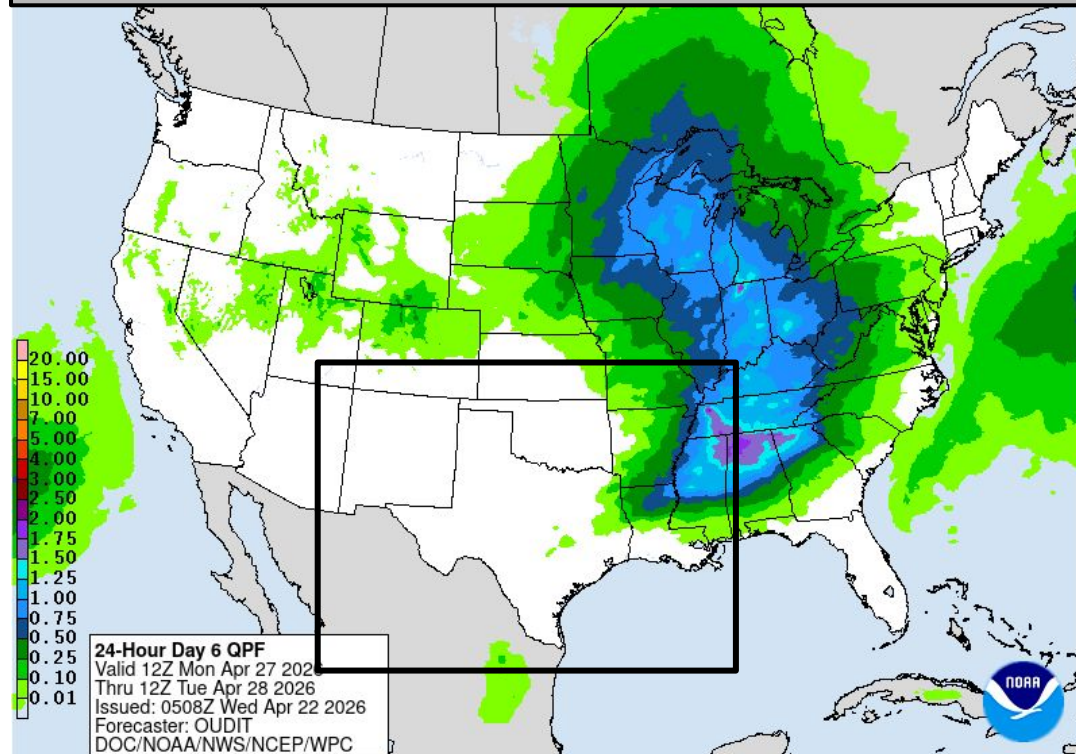
# Monday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



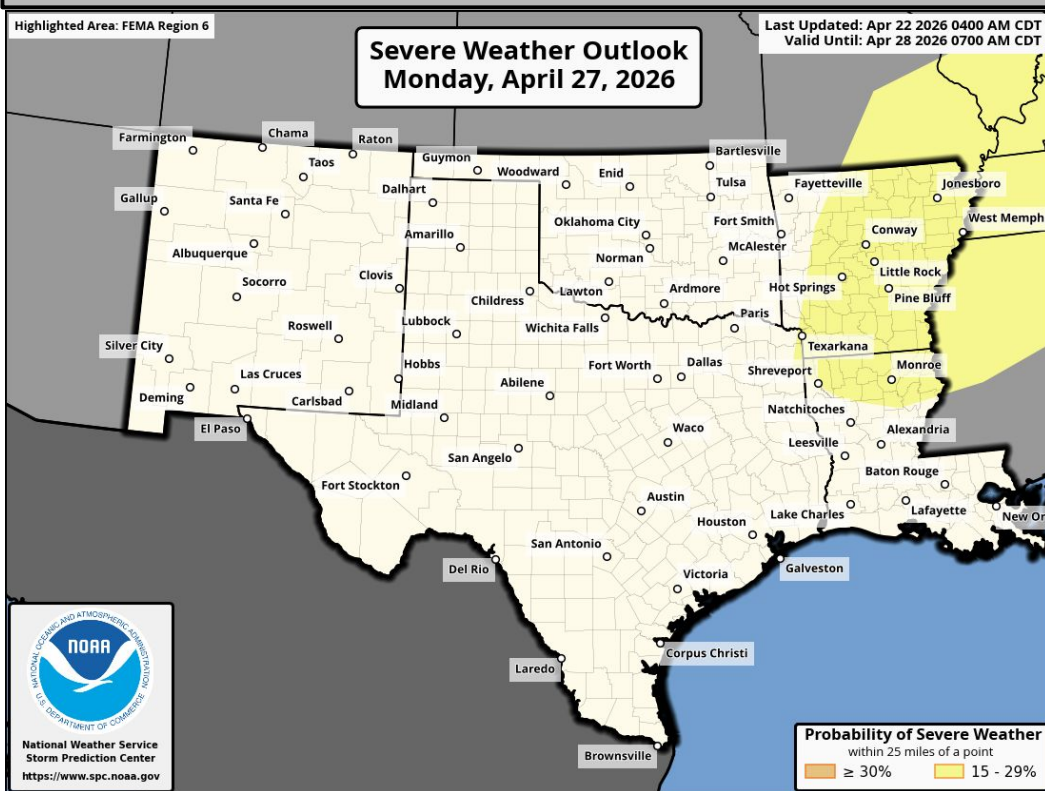
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VALID: 12Z MON APR 27 2026  
FCSTB- OUDIT

### Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 6 QPF  
Valid 12Z Mon Apr 27 2026  
Thru 12Z Tue Apr 28 2026  
Issued: 0508Z Wed Apr 22 2026  
Forecaster: OUDIT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Monday, April 27, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 22 2026 0400 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Apr 28 2026 0700 AM CDT



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

**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 NM, NW/WTX.**

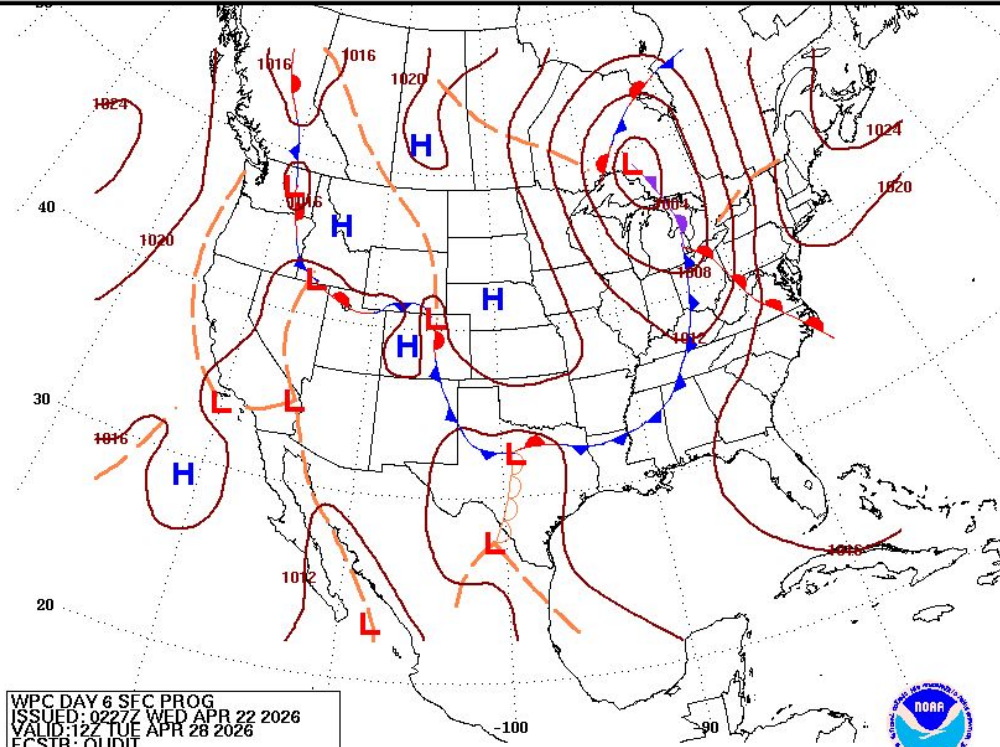
**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**





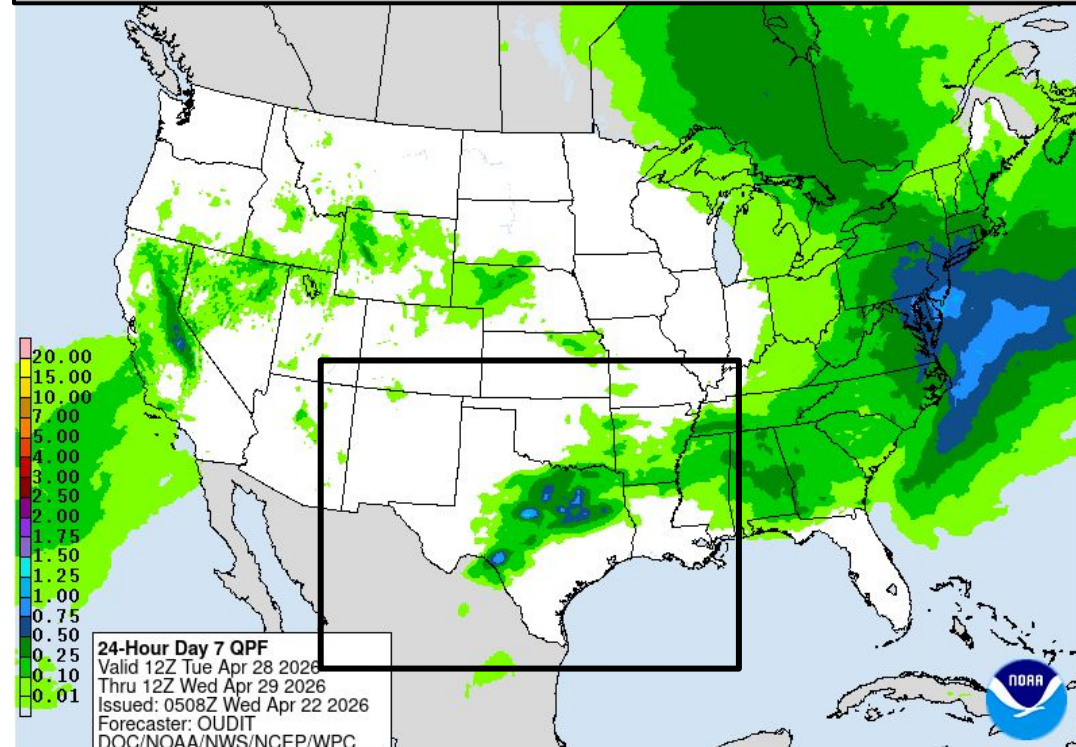
# Tuesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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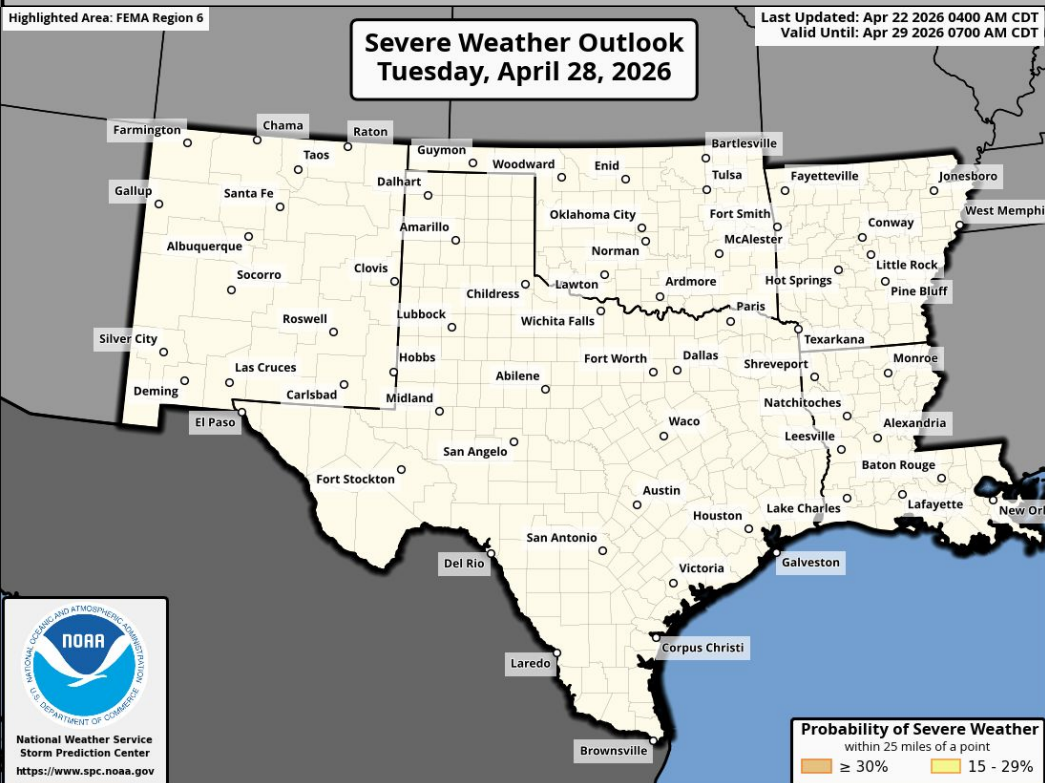
### Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 7 QPF  
Valid 12Z Tue Apr 28 2026  
Thru 12Z Wed Apr 29 2026  
Issued: 0508Z Wed Apr 22 2026  
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**Monitoring E NM, TX/OK  
Panhandles,  
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### Severe Weather Outlook

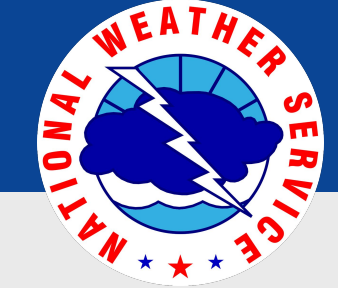


Severe Weather Outlook  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

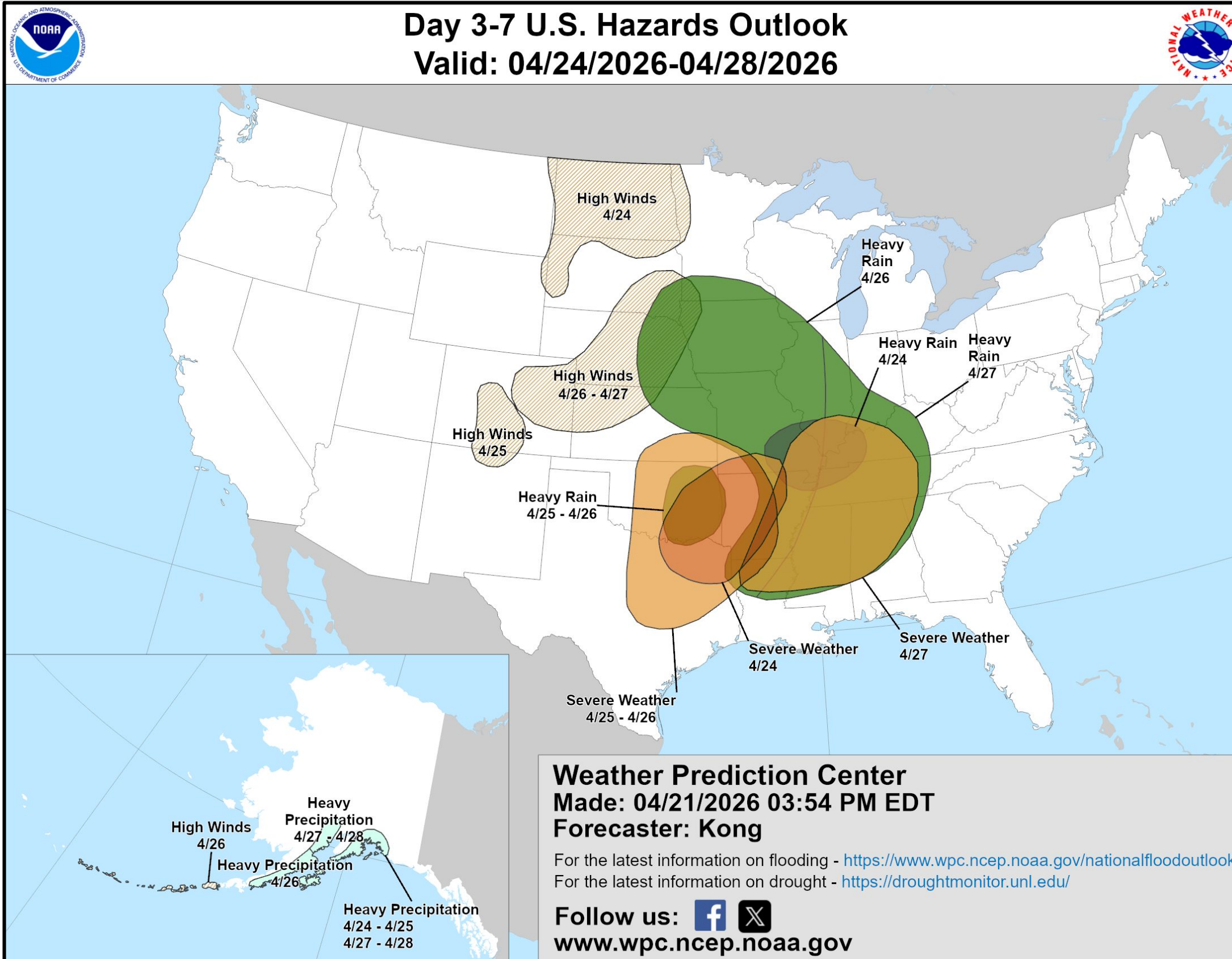
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
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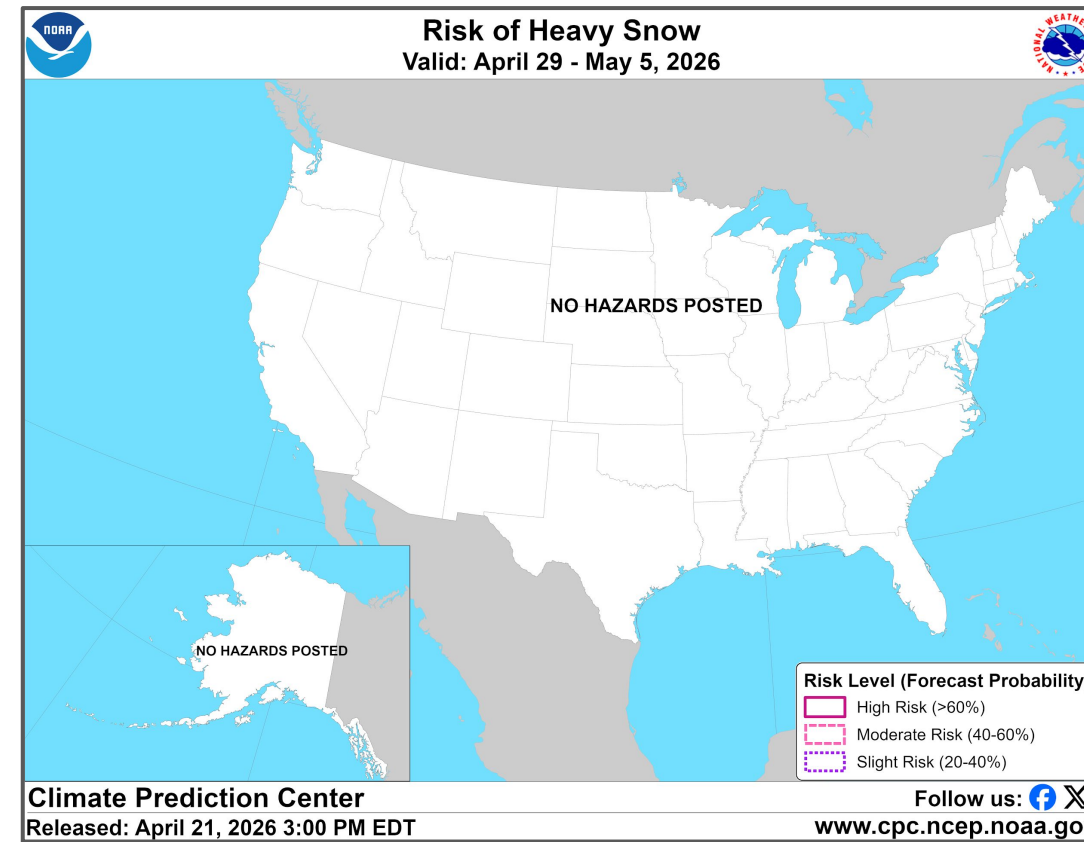
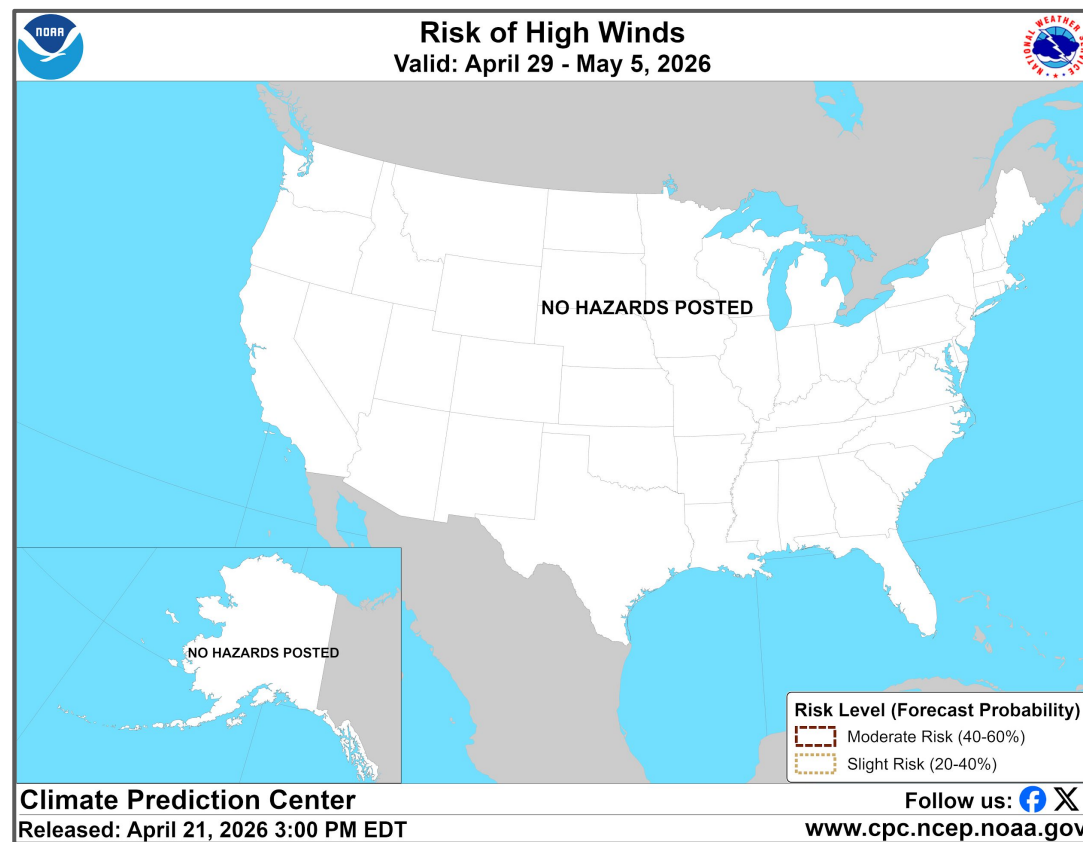
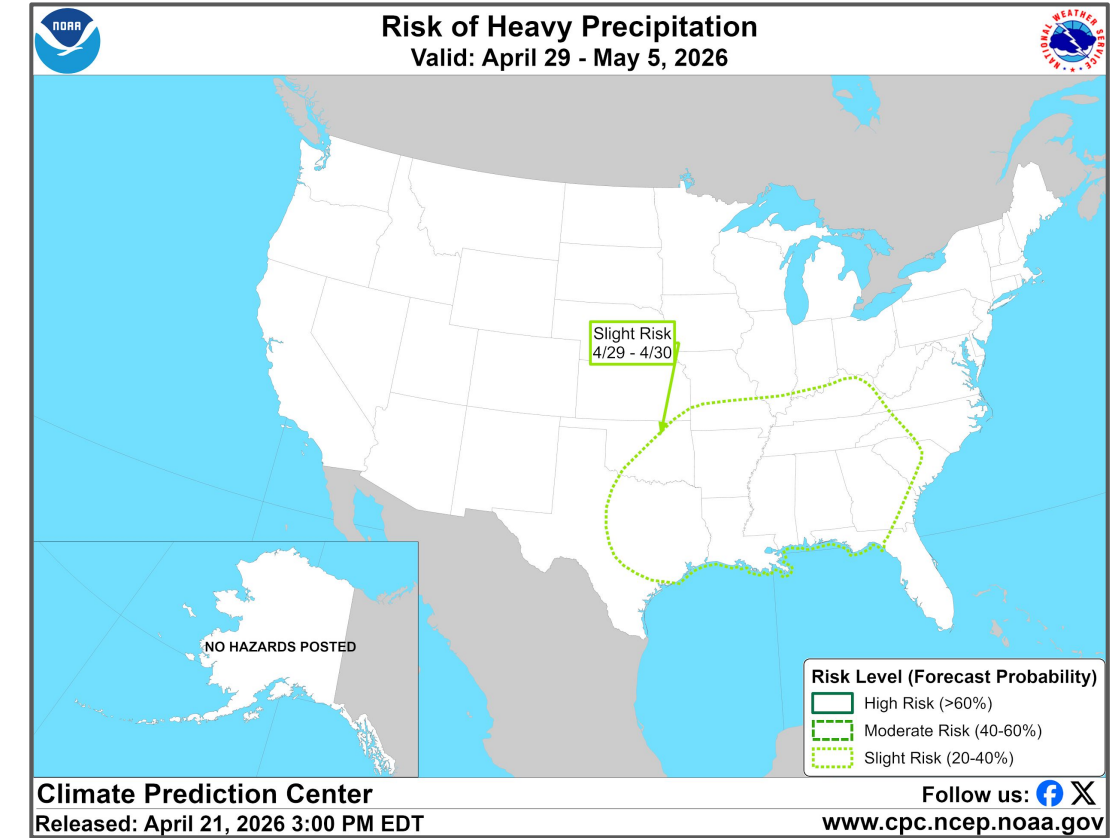
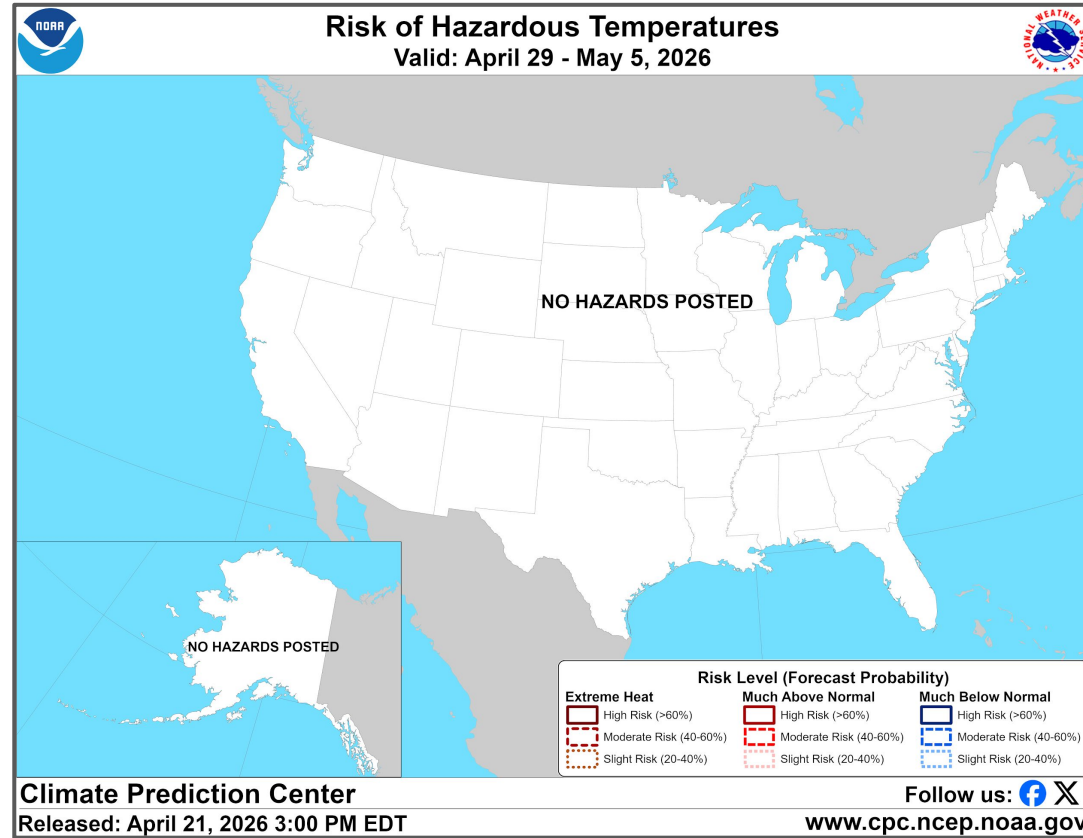
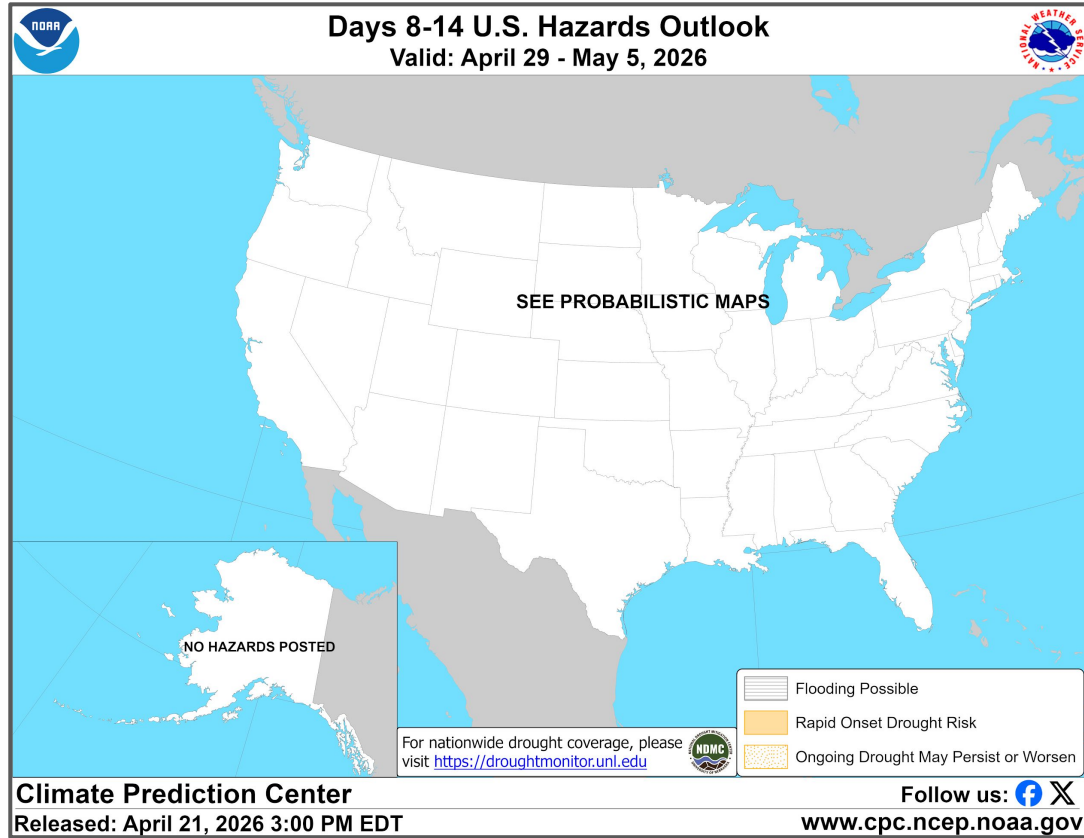


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





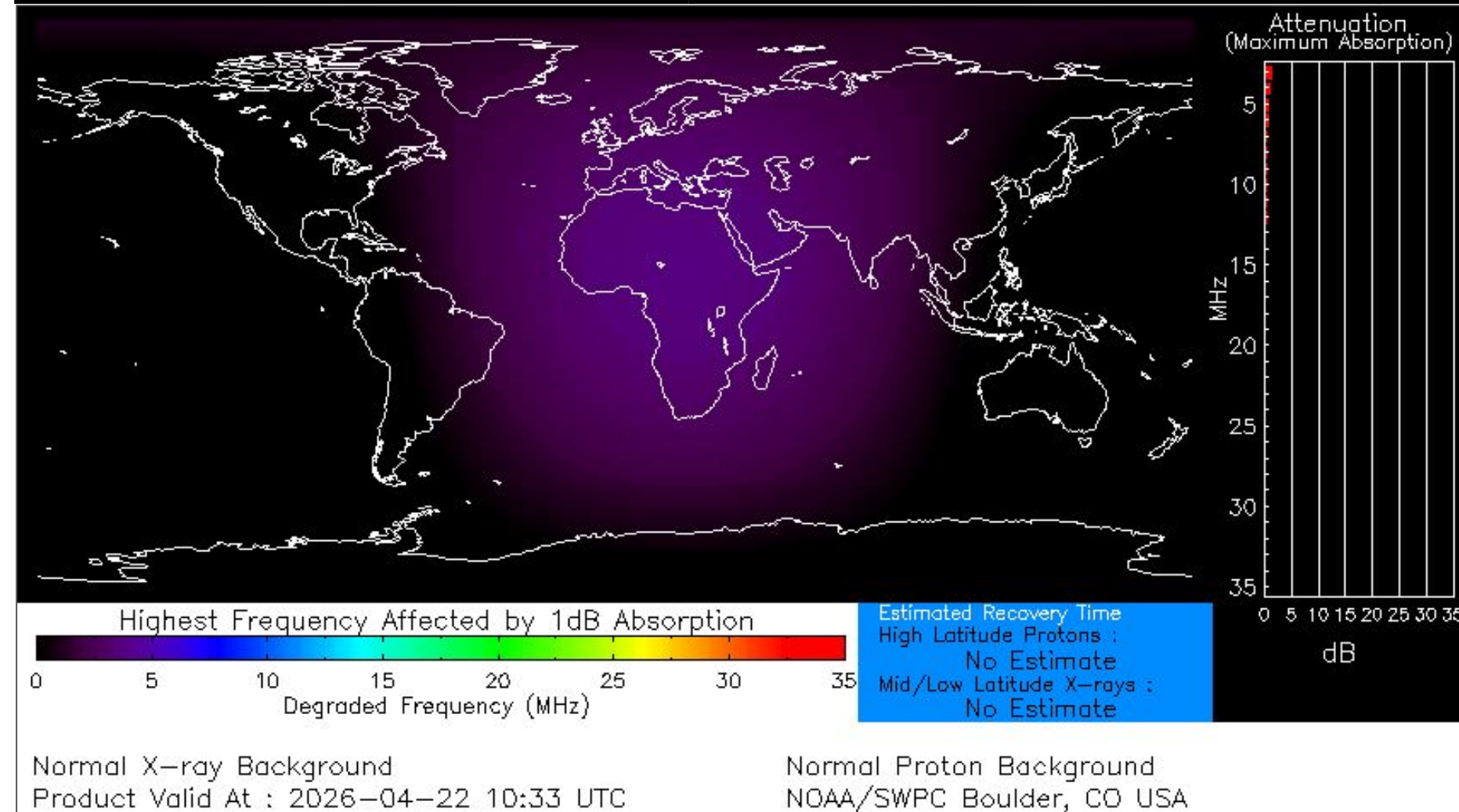
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





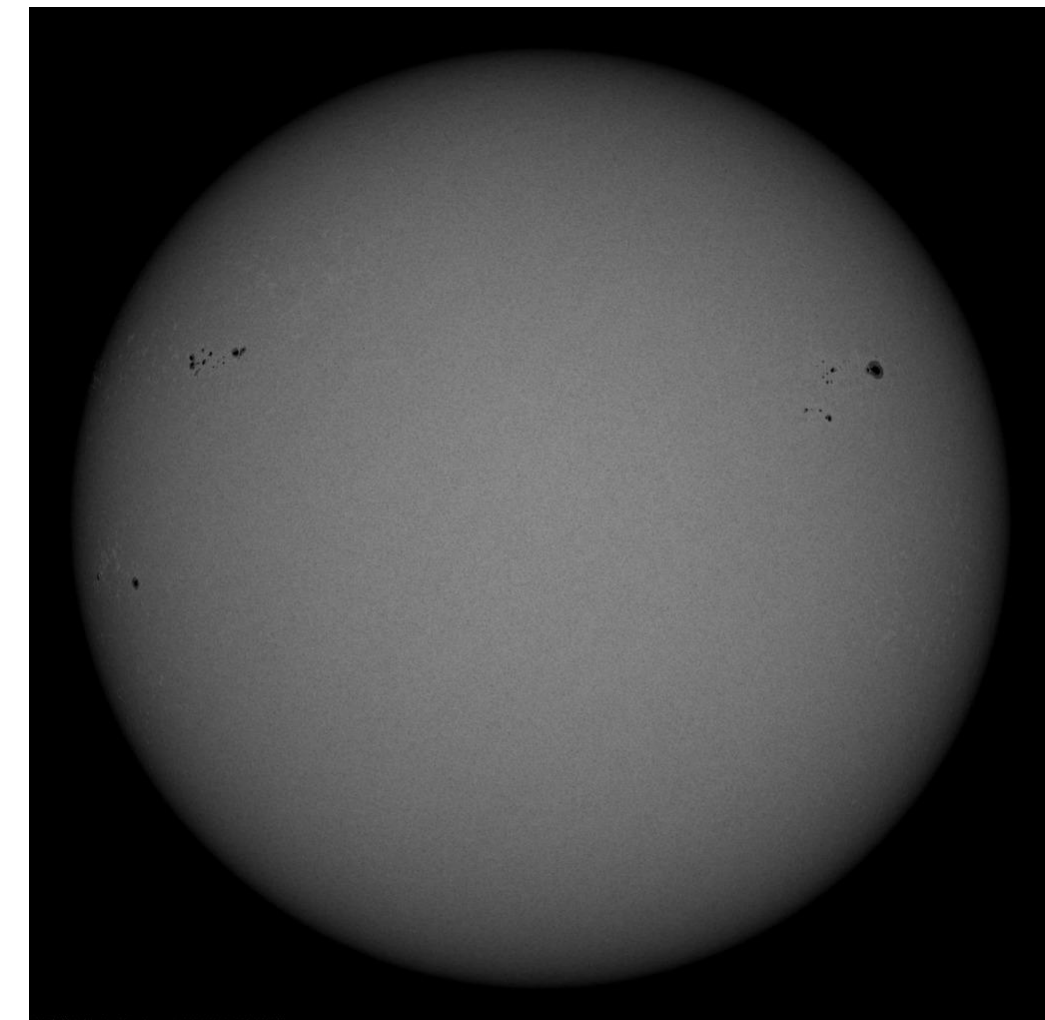
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, Apr 22	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>



[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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