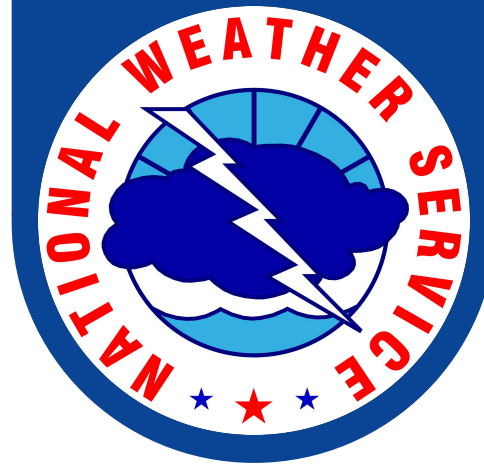




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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, April 23, 2026

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Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Extended period of severe weather continues today in the Southern Plains, going through Monday.**
 - **Capping inversion will limit storm coverage this afternoon in OK/TX. If the cap breaks, storms could produce significant severe weather (EF-2 tors, hail 2”+ in diameter).**
- **Severe threat shifts eastward into E OK, AR, N LA Monday.**
- **Monitoring TX/OK next week for more severe storms Tue-Wed.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk for N/E OK and NW AR today and over E OK, AR, NE TX, 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-Tuesday. Sunday looks to have the highest threat.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29
Severe Storms	N/C OK	SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA	C/NE OK	C/E OK	N/E AR	OK/TX	OK/TX
	N/C OK		OK, NETX, W AR	OK, NTX, W AR	E OK, AR, N LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N/E OK, NW AR	E OK, AR, NETX, N LA	E 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, NW/W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX	
River Flooding							

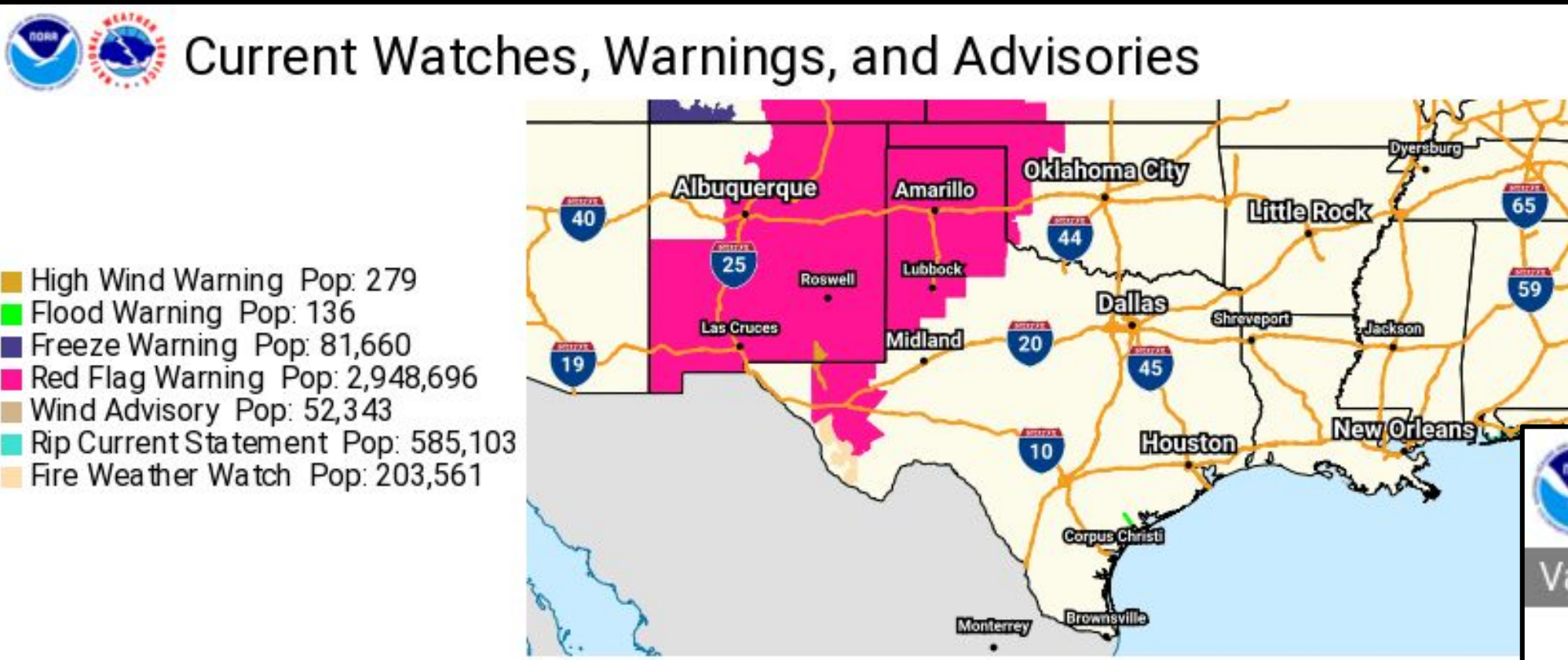
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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



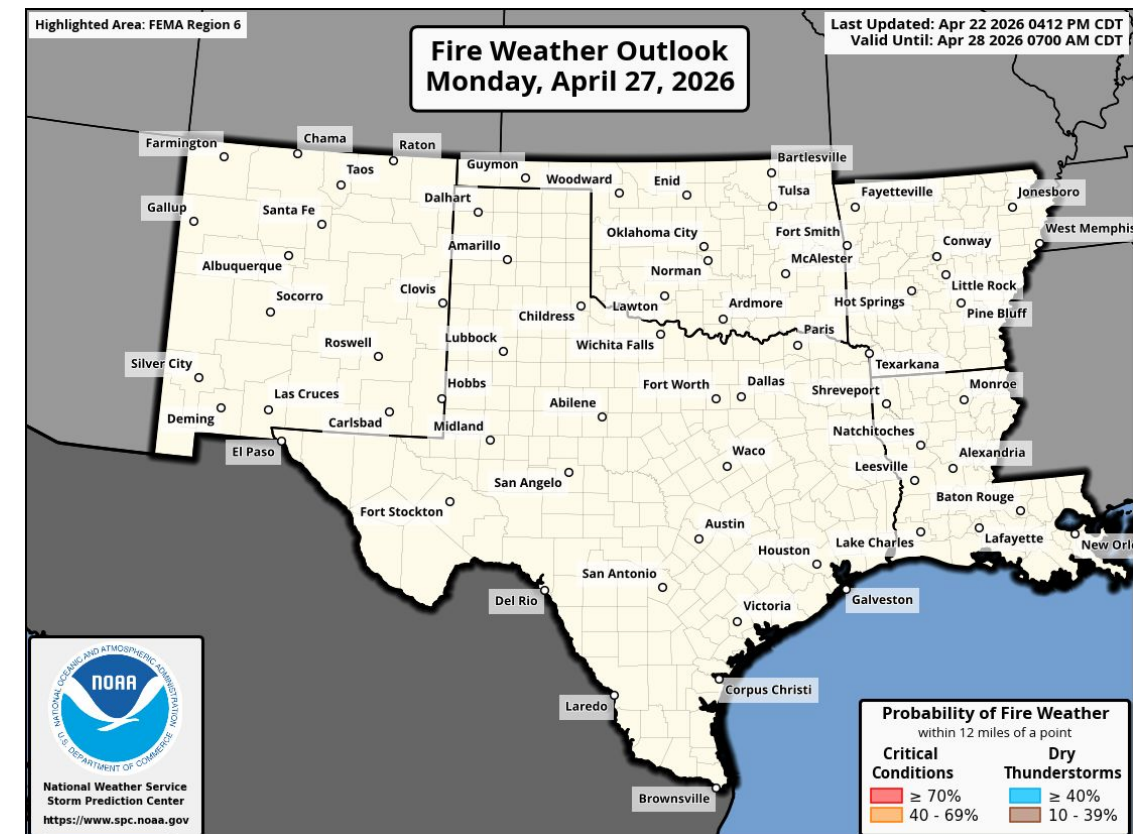
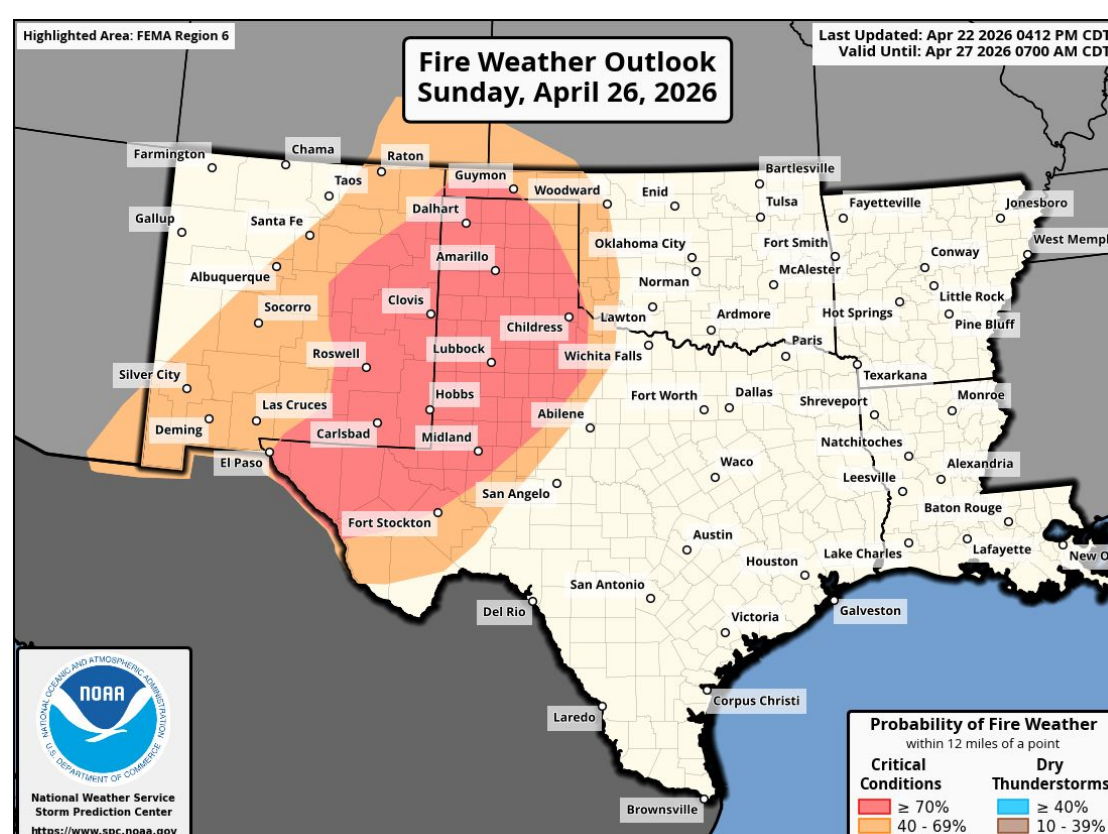
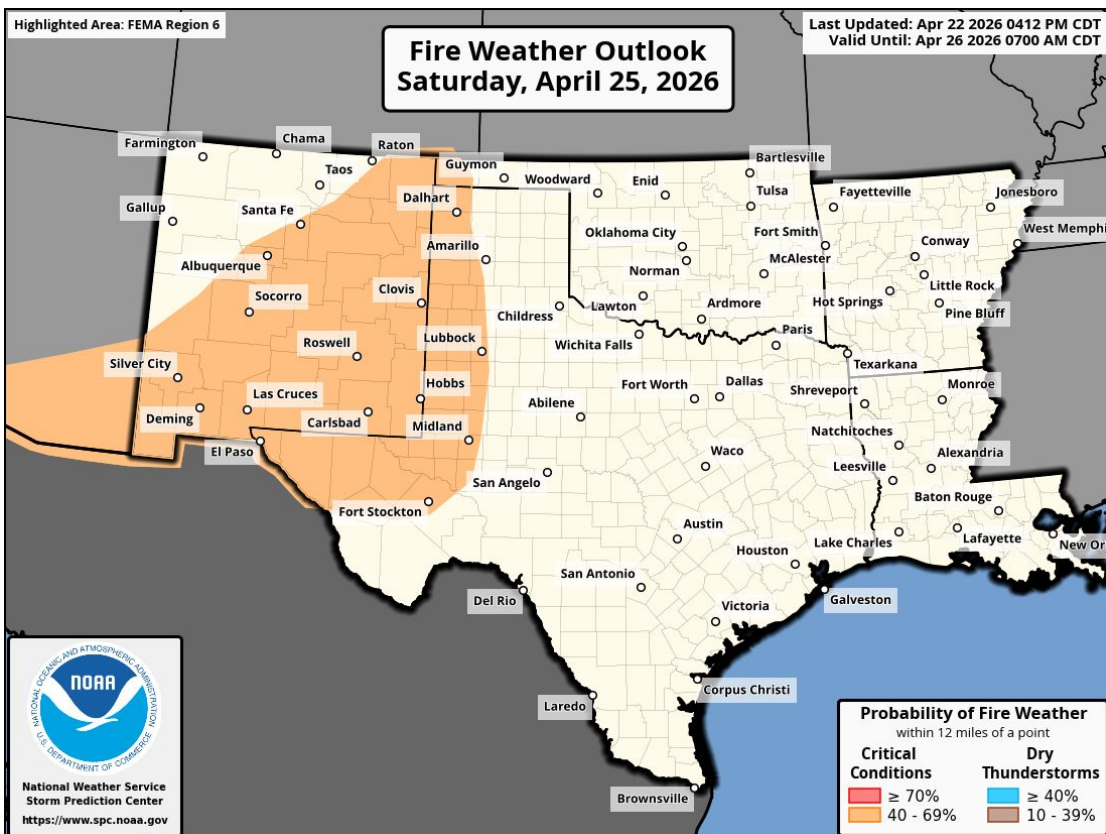
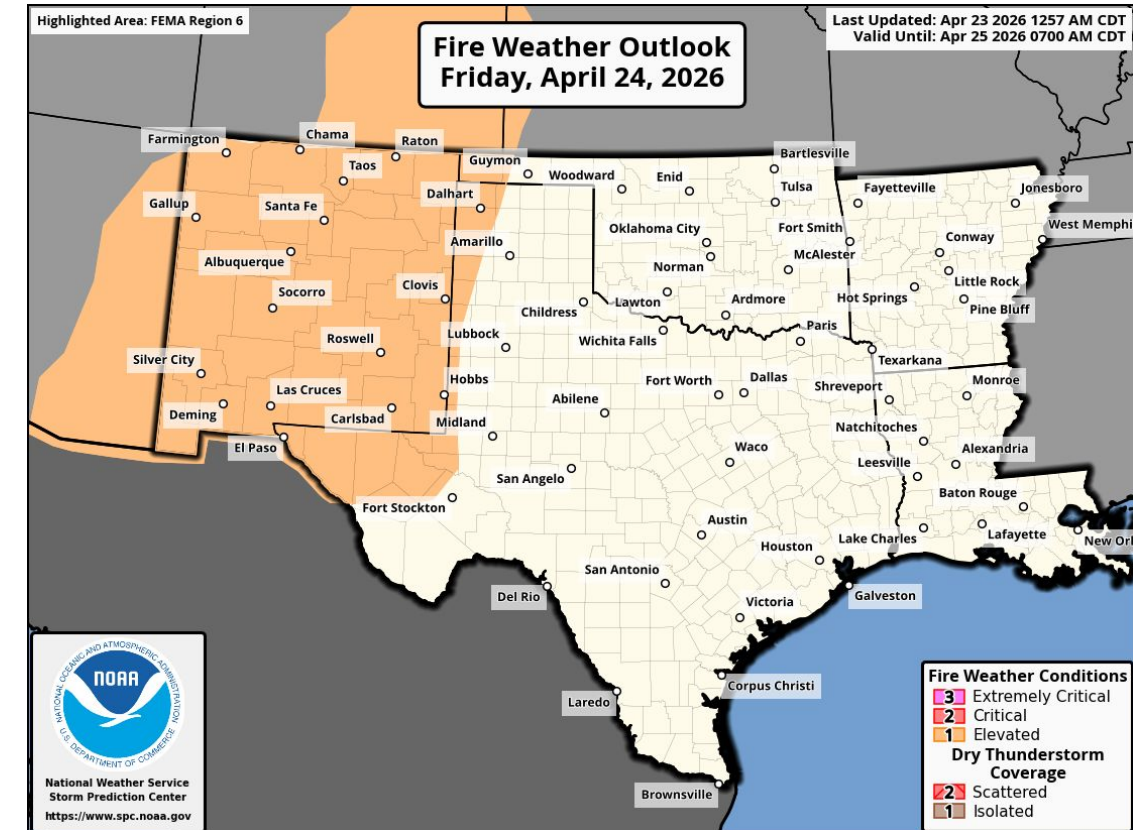
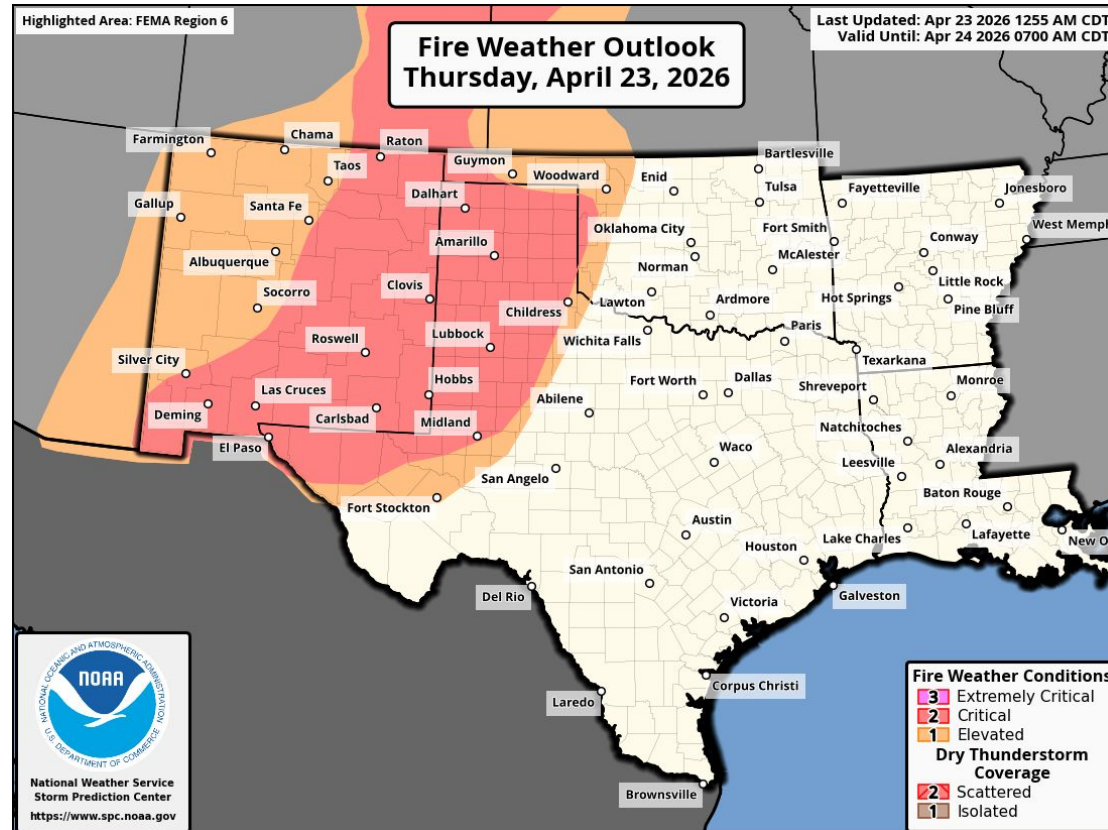
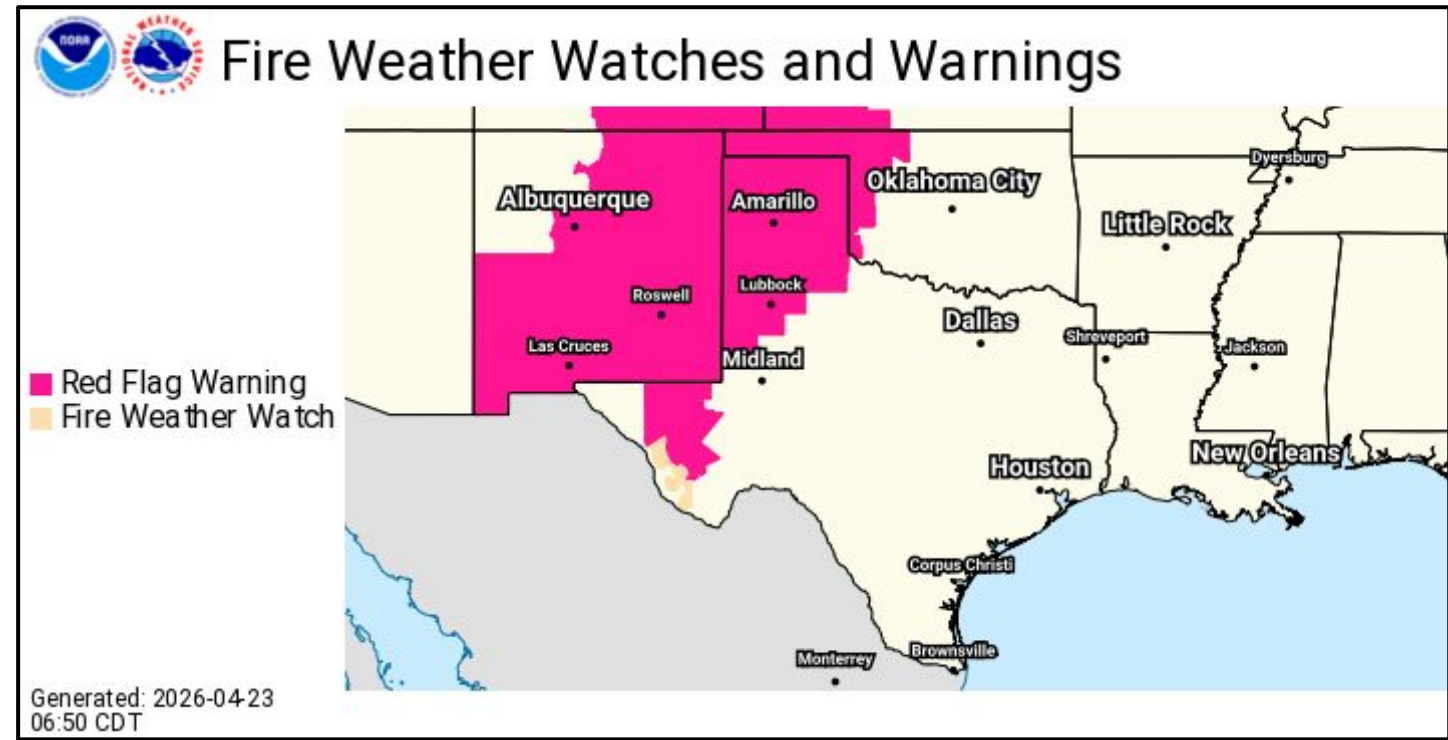
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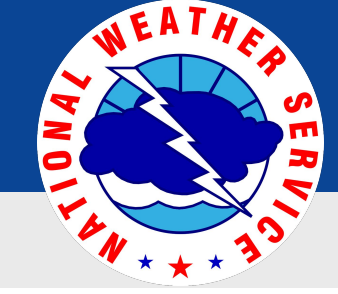


Widespread Red Flag Warnings today in NM, W OK, W TX, and the Panhandles.
Timing: 10 AM CDT - 10 PM CDT.



Fire Weather Outlooks





Wind Gust/RH Forecast

Minimum RH Forecast

	4/23 Thu				4/24 Fri				4/25 Sat				4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon					
	6am		12pm		6pm		12am		6am		12pm		6pm		12am		6am		12pm		6pm	
	Abilene	69	41	38	71	32	17	19	51	54	25	26	62	48	22	23	56	28	16	16		
Amarillo	13	8	8	16	22	11	10	26	25	10	10	24	21	11	11	18	25	13	12			
Beaver	24	11	12	31	27	16	16	47	53	22	21	62	51	18	18	38	33	17	16			
El Paso	18	9	9	13	15	9	9	13	17	9	9	14	20	12	12	18	21	10	9			
Enid	74	34	35	84	54	35	38	86	73	47	52	87	73	31	34	68	44	27	28			
Fayetteville	78	58	62	84	90	64	64	93	64	47	50	75	73	62	64	84	71	49	52			
Fort Davis	22	11	11	20	16	9	9	24	15	9	9	20	16	10	11	19	19	11	12			
Guadalupe Pass	22	13	14	19	16	12	12	19	16	14	13	19	20	16	17	21	21	14	14			
Lubbock	22	7	7	15	15	8	8	23	19	8	8	14	17	9	9	16	19	8	8			
Midland/Odessa	33	10	9	19	14	9	8	19	19	9	9	24	22	10	10	23	18	10	9			
Oklahoma City	81	58	62	84	73	45	45	78	73	49	51	81	62	33	36	69	44	27	27			
San Angelo	76	39	43	84	52	17	18	47	65	26	27	66	56	27	29	66	35	19	20			
Santa Fe	22	12	12	21	19	11	11	20	21	15	16	38	36	21	20	33	37	15	14			
Shreveport	81	57	55	81	79	63	65	87	82	57	59	87	74	52	53	76	69	50	50			
Tulsa	87	67	64	81	78	54	54	81	71	54	56	81	81	57	57	81	59	41	41			
Wichita Falls	74	53	57	79	48	36	38	75	66	33	35	74	46	22	25	60	29	17	19			

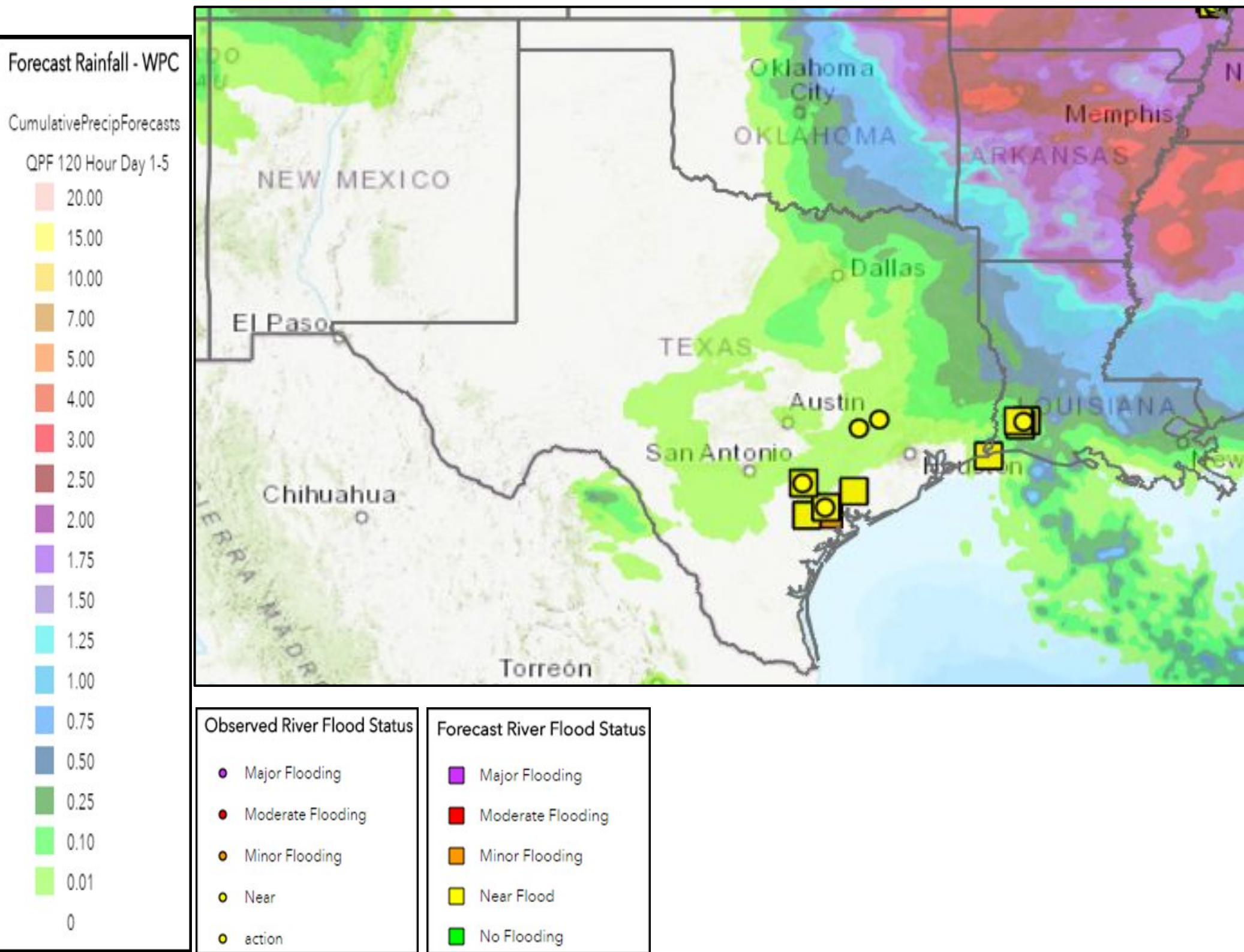
Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

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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

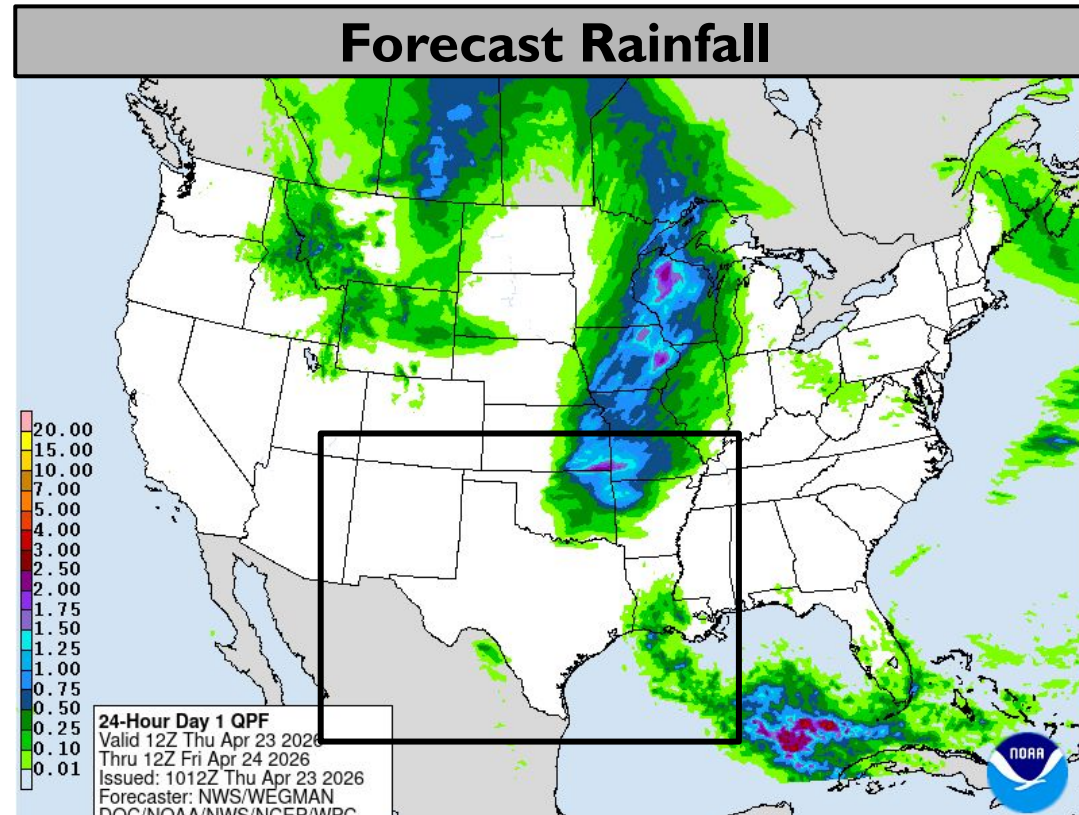
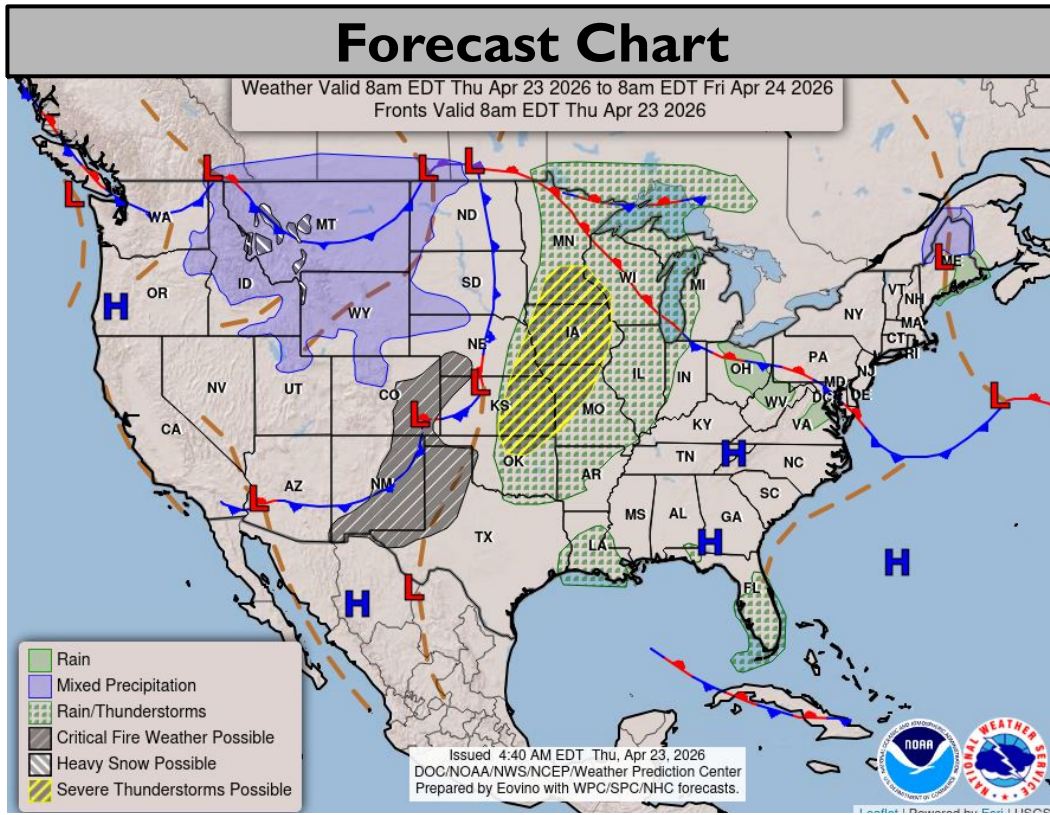


Heavy rainfall later this weekend in N/E OK, AR could produce local river rises.

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.

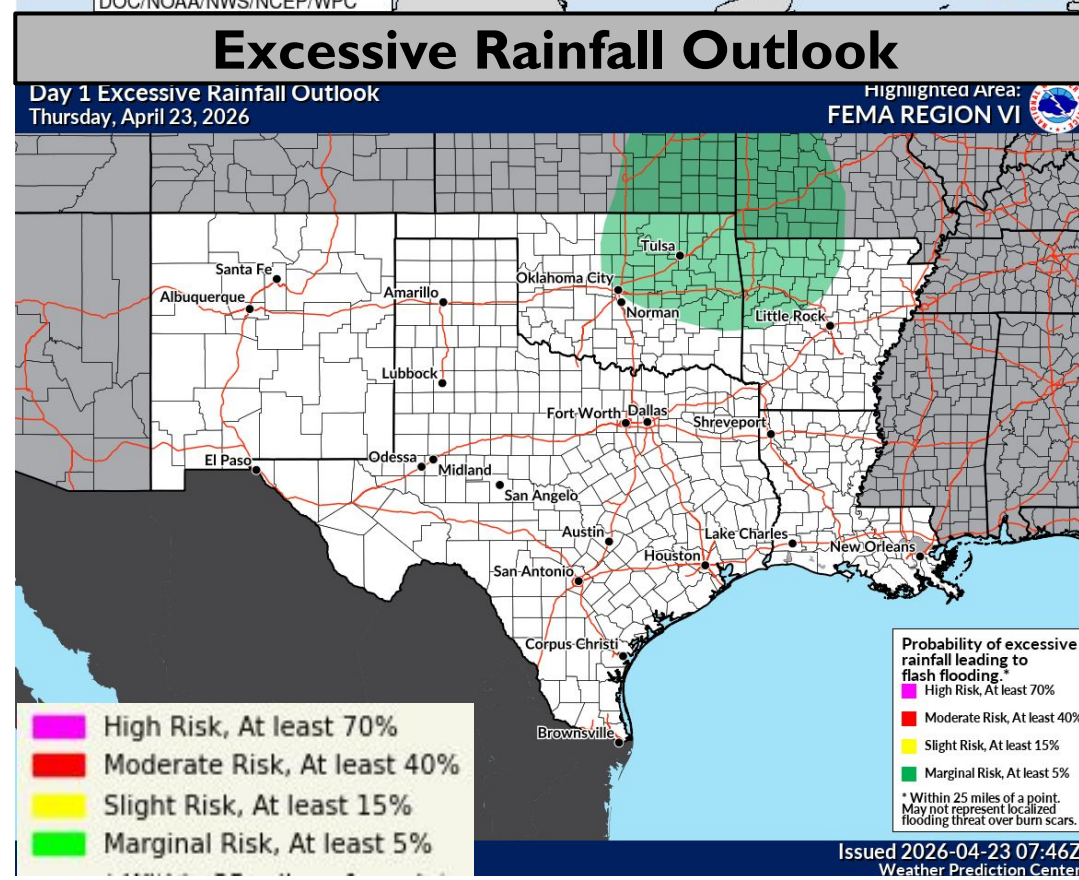
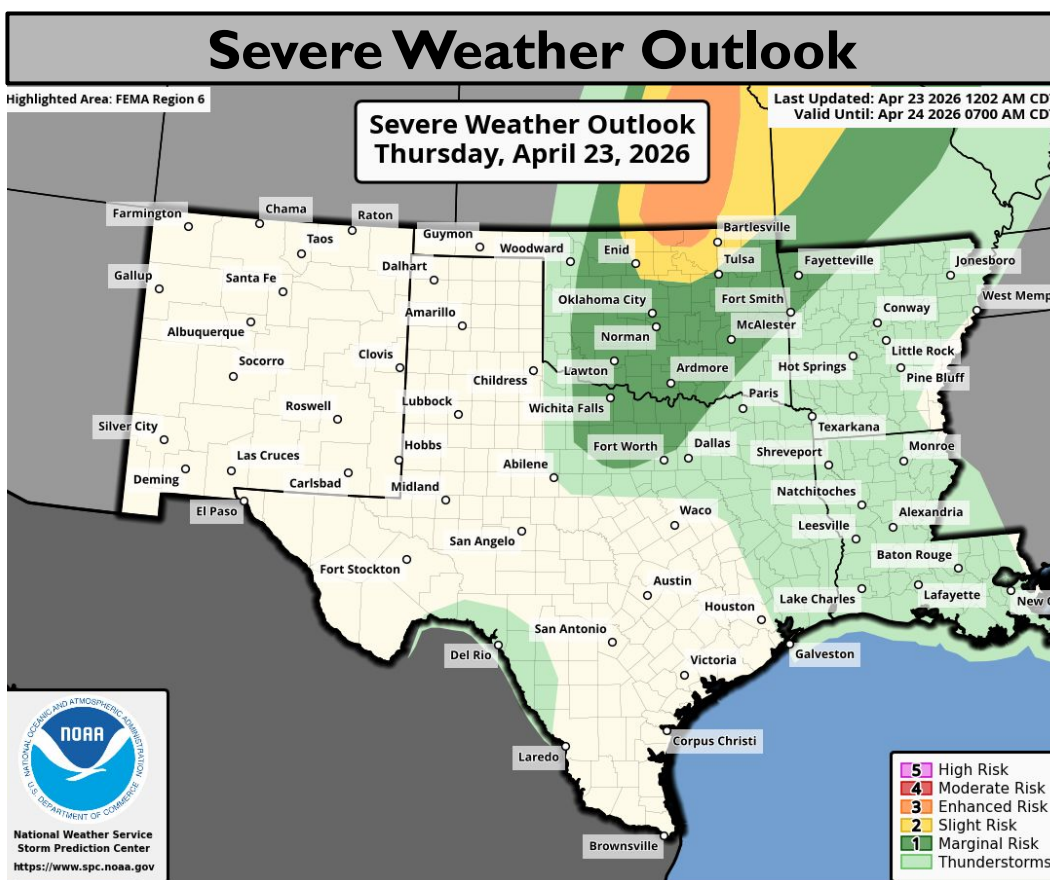


Today's Weather



Slight to Enhanced Risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms in N/C OK. Tors up to EF-2, hail 2''+ in diameter.

Conditional tornado timing:
4-9 PM CDT.

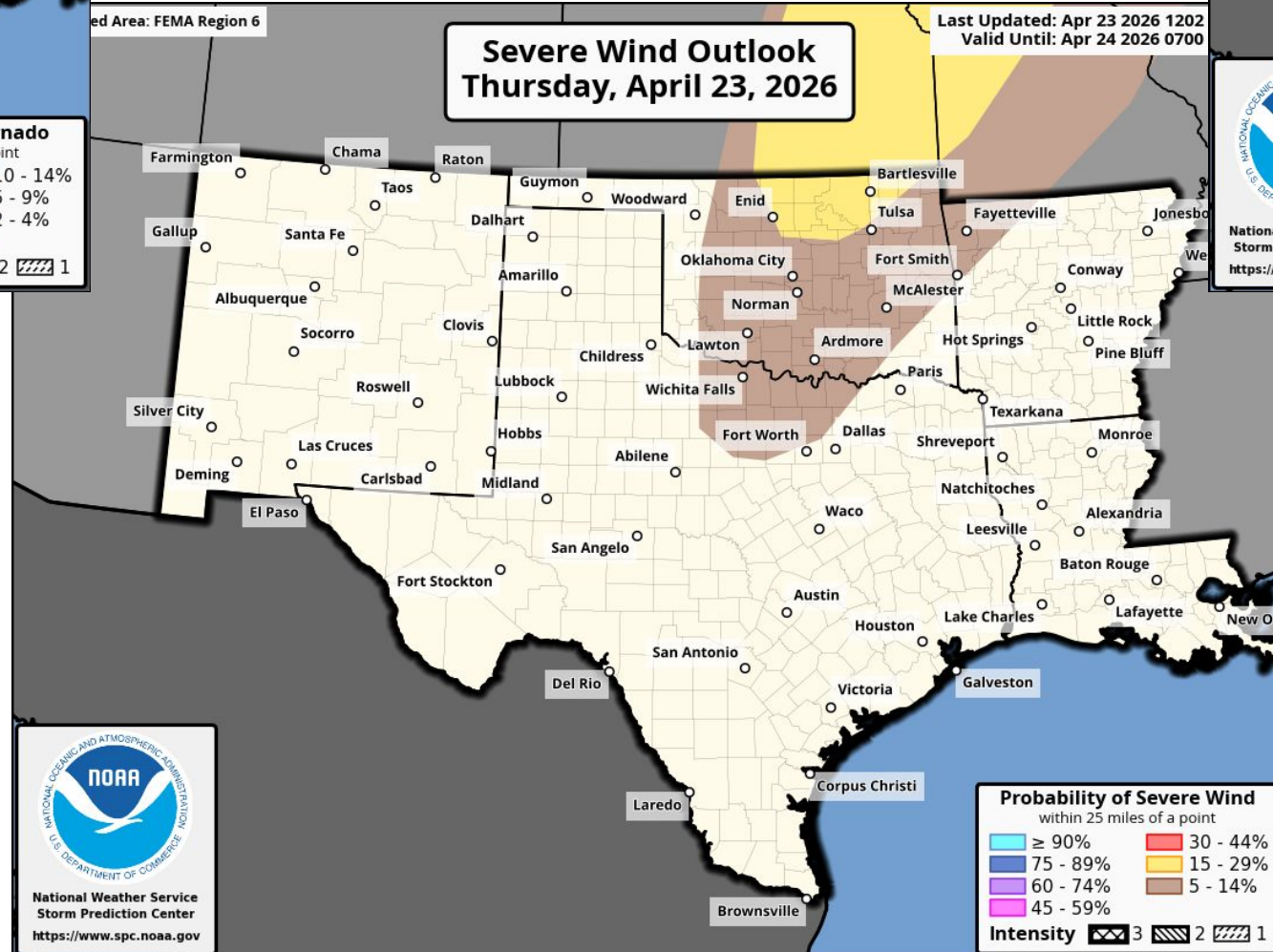
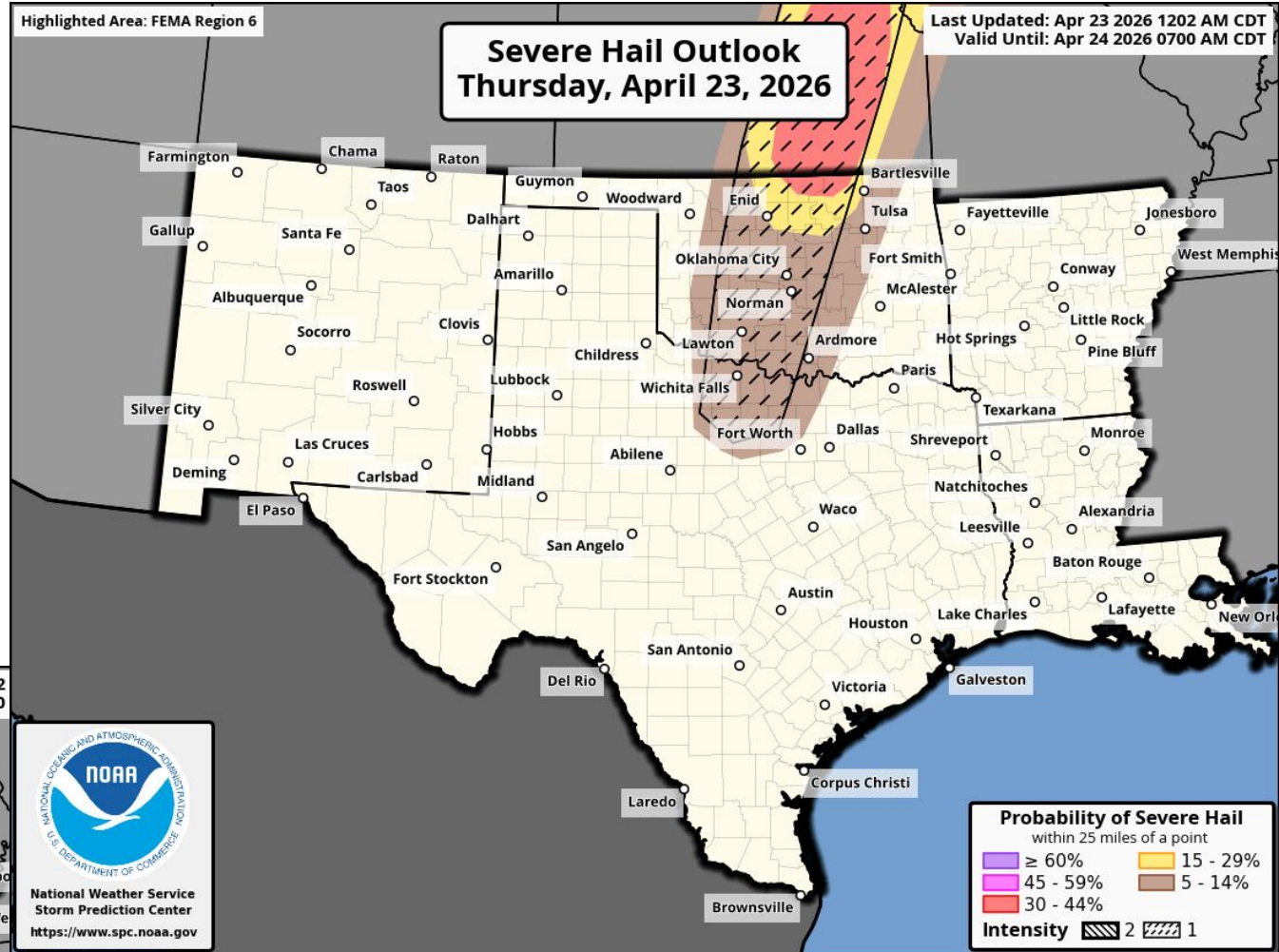
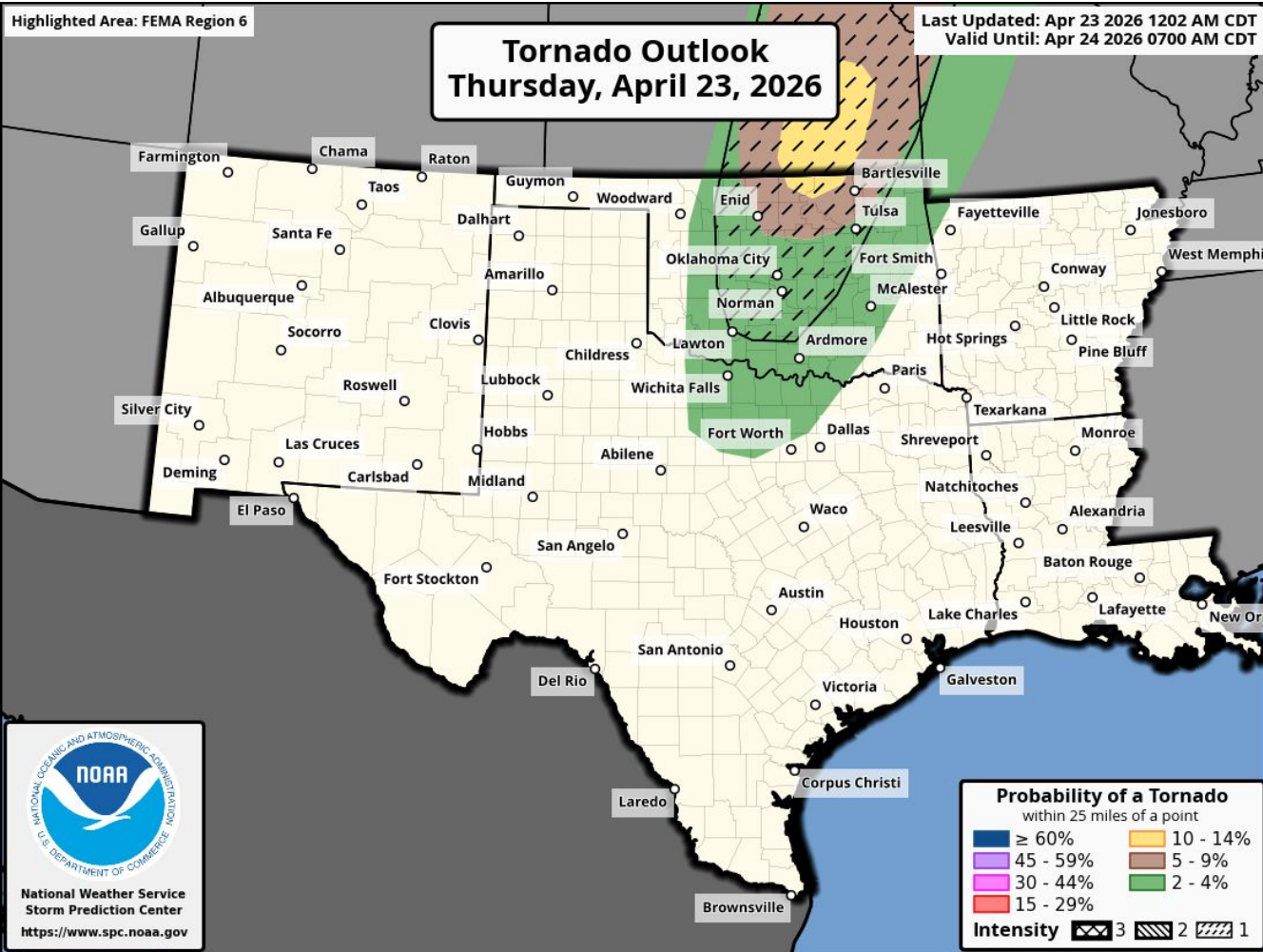


Elevated to critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over N/E OK, and NW AR. Locally 2-4'' of rain could cause flash flooding in poor drainage areas.

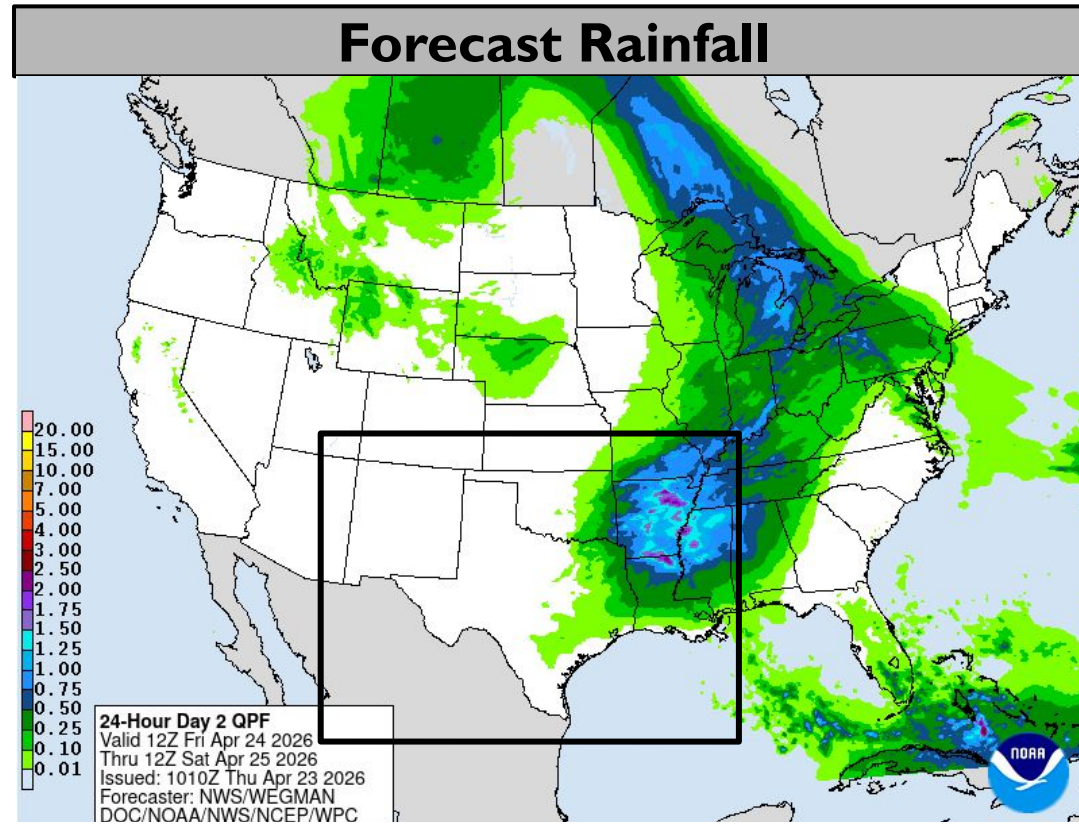
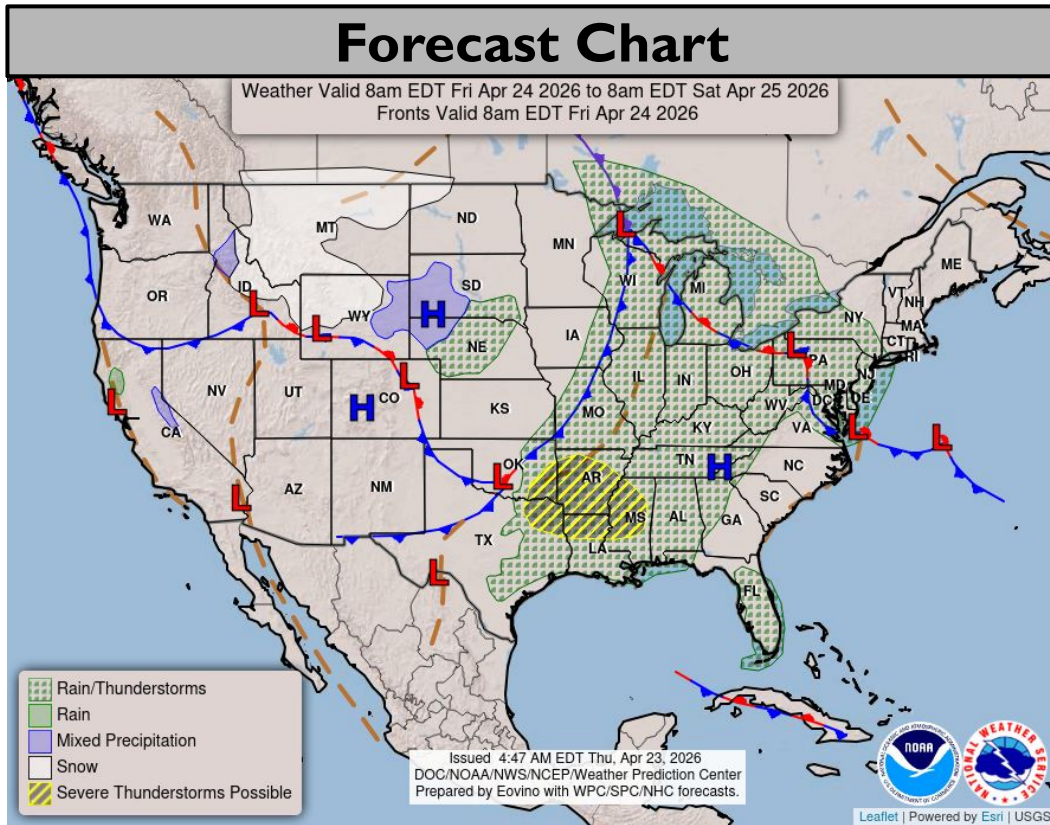


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





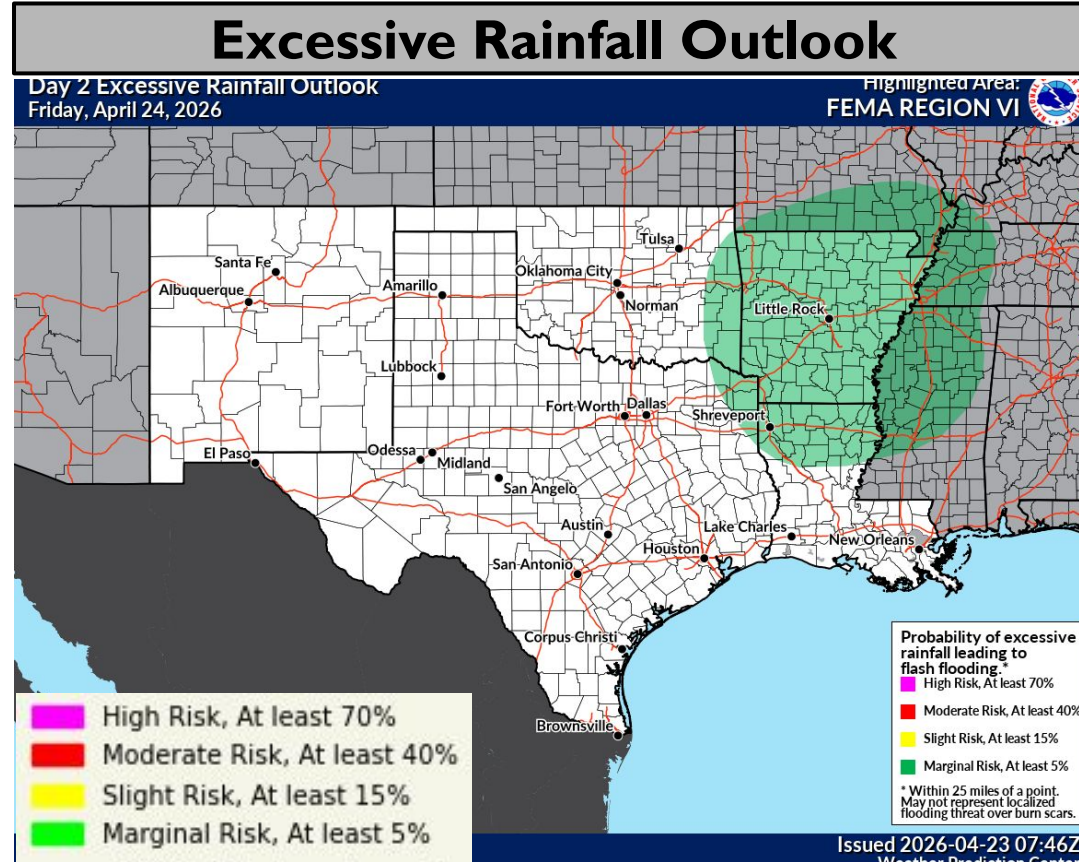
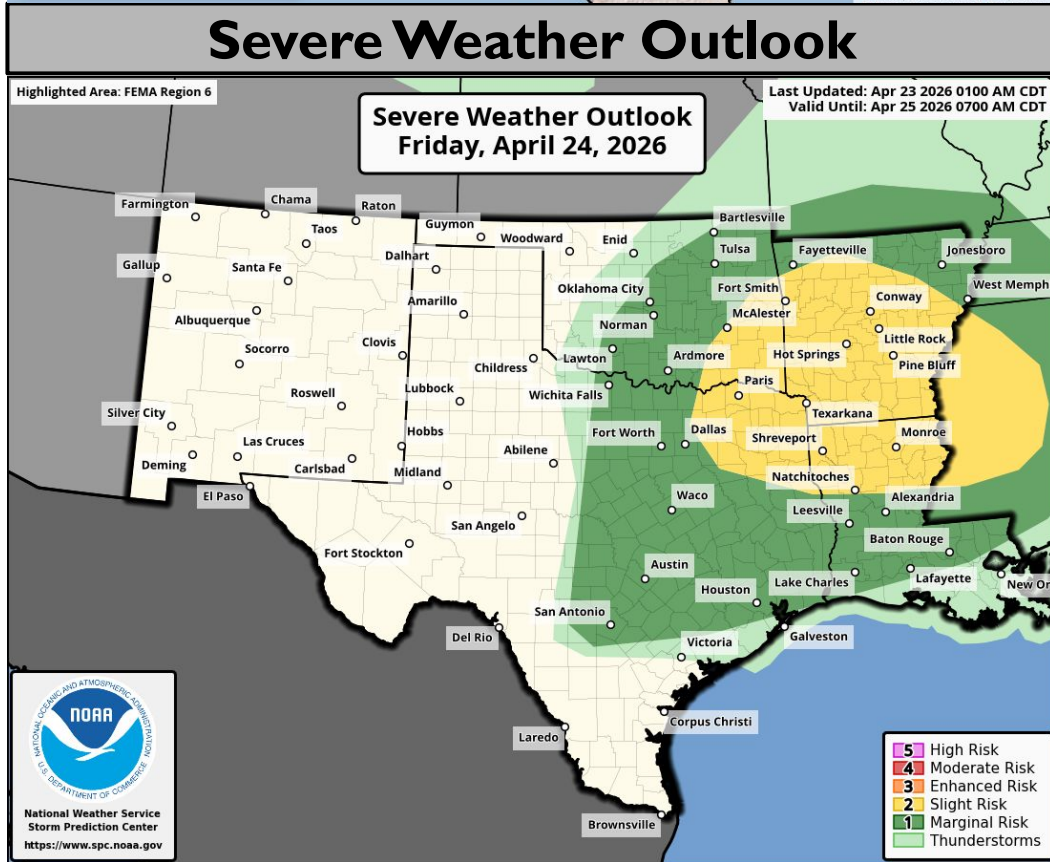
Tomorrow's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, AR, NE TX, NW LA. Mainly a wind and hail threat.

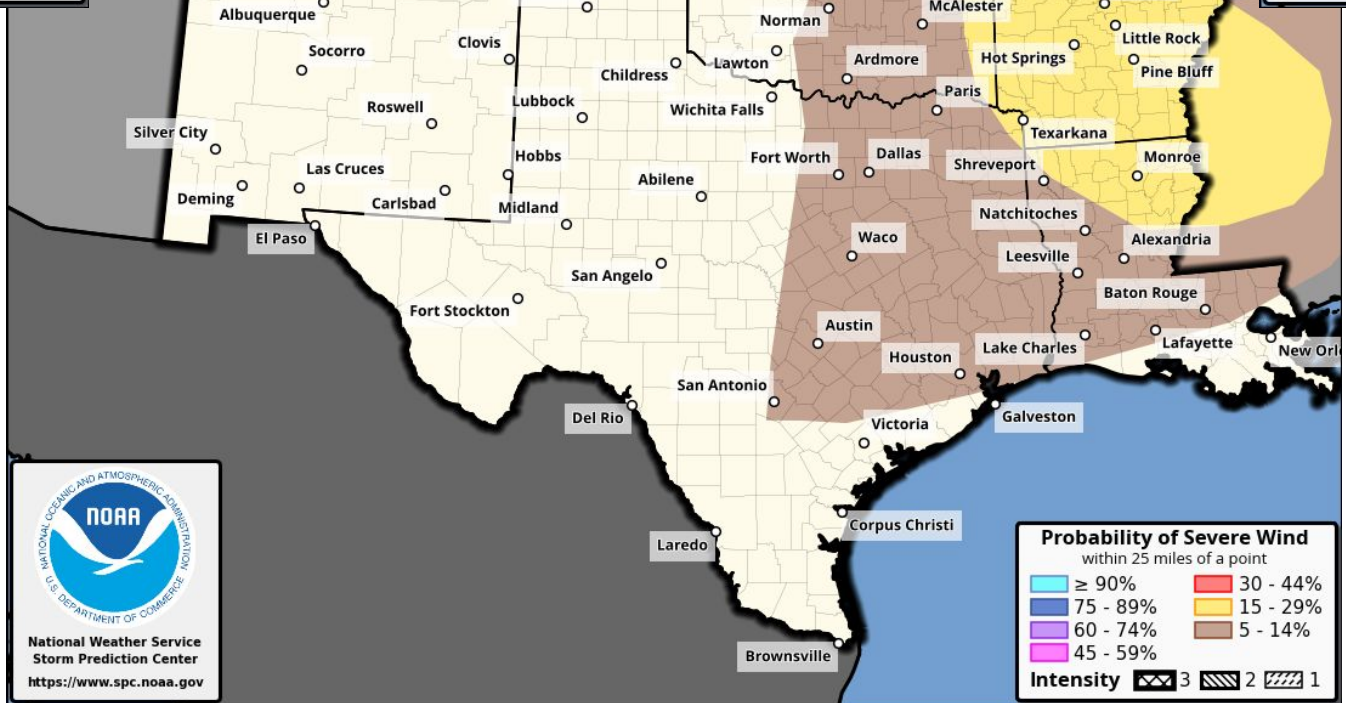
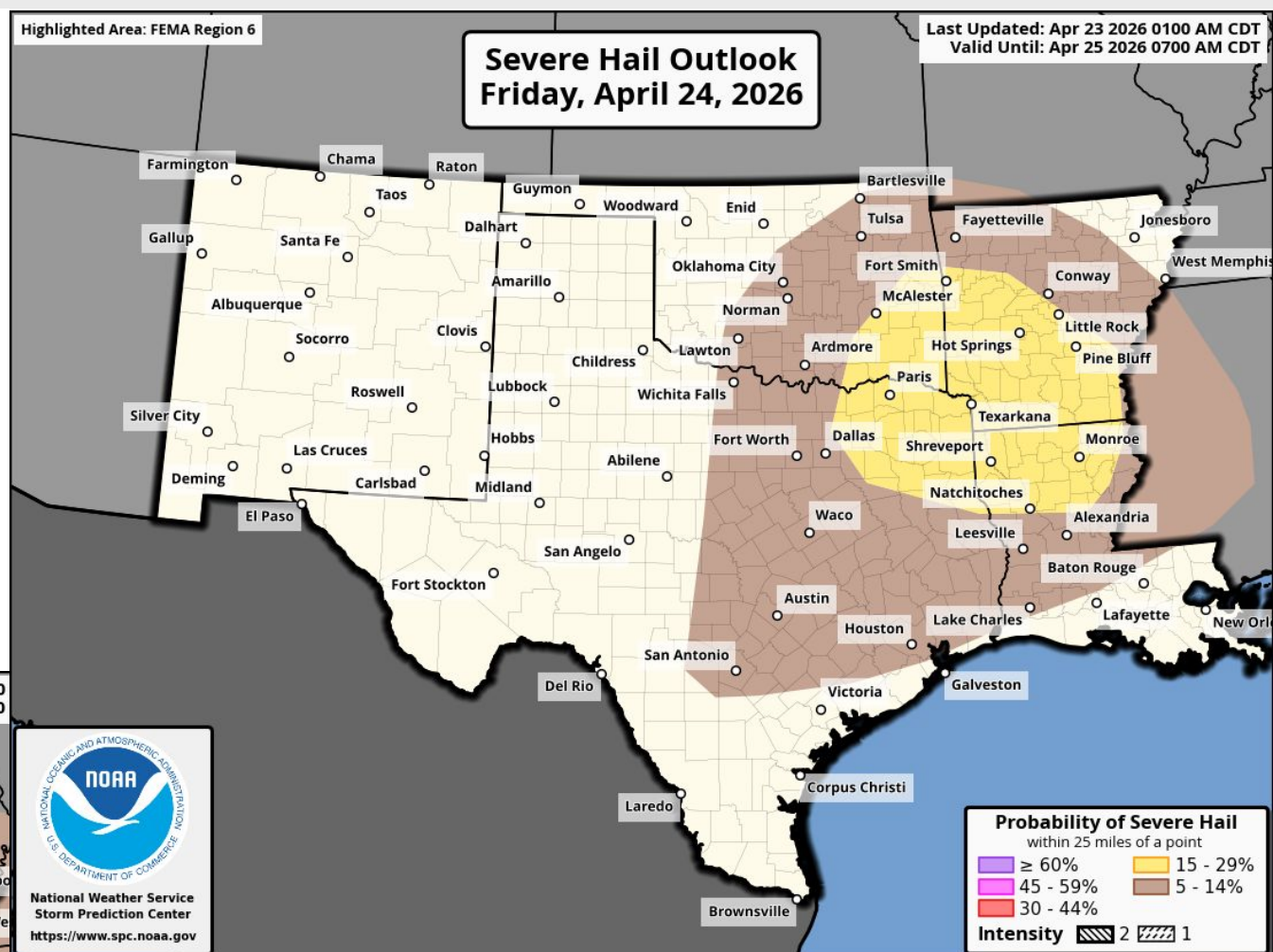
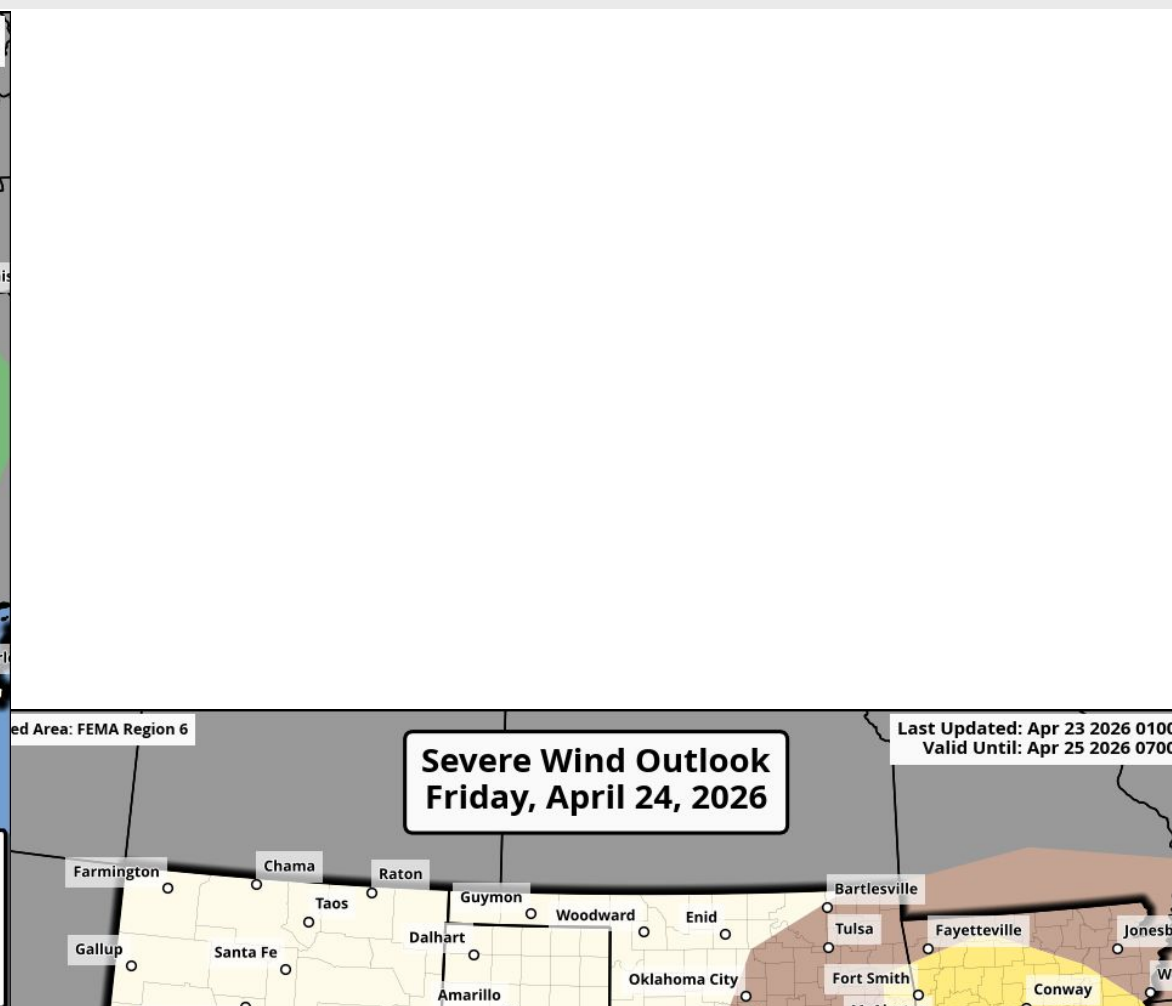
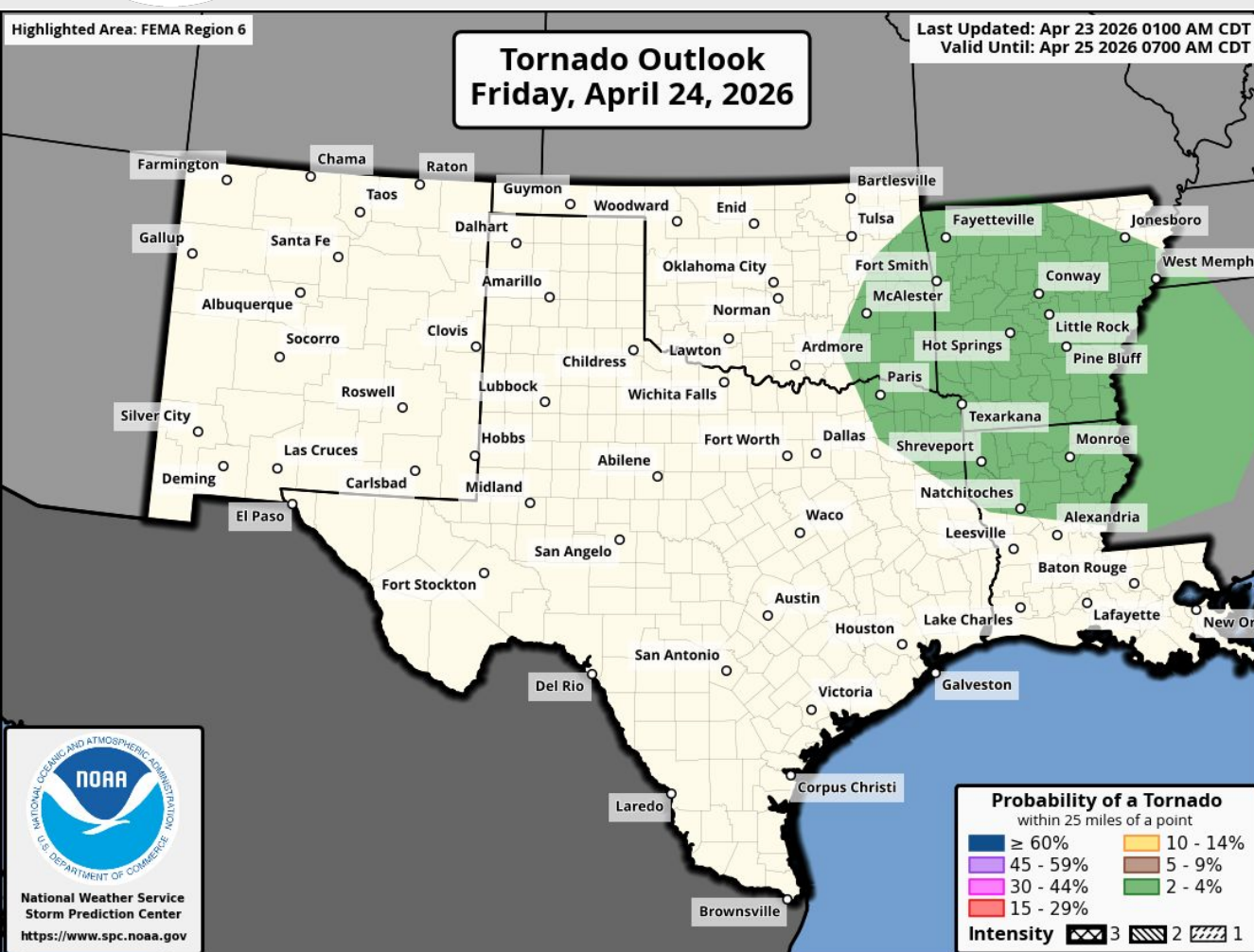
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over E OK, AR, NE TX, N LA.



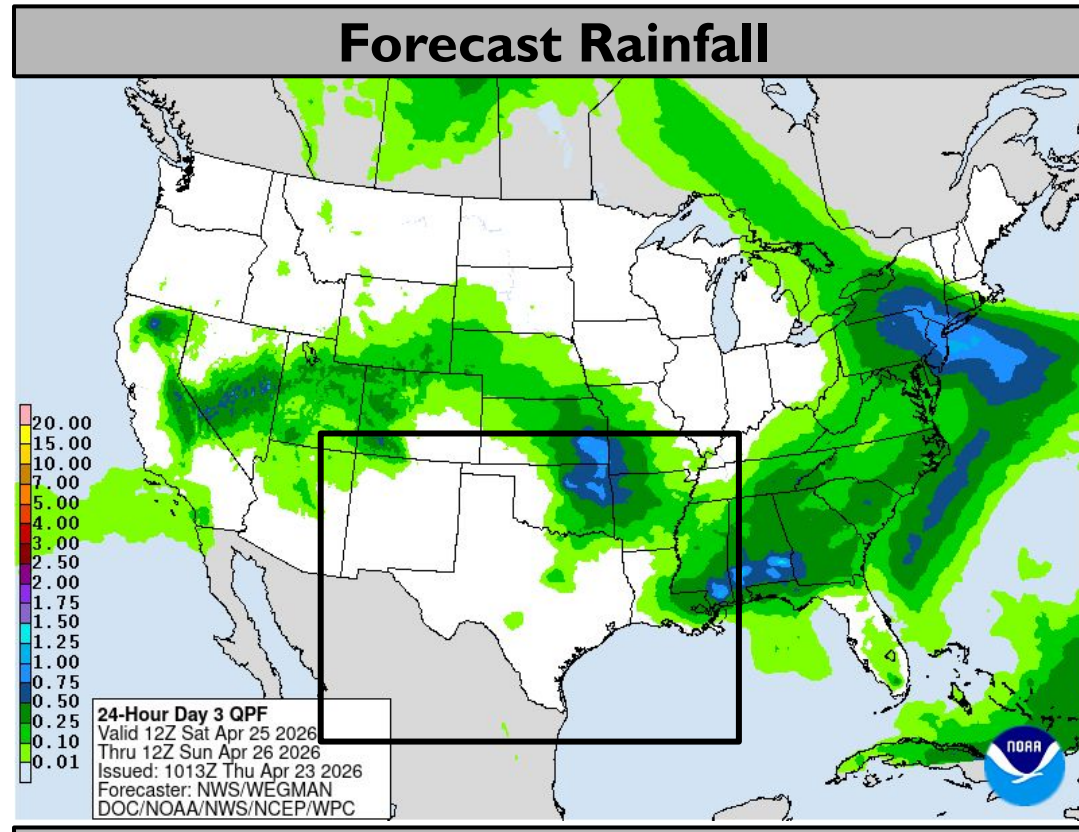
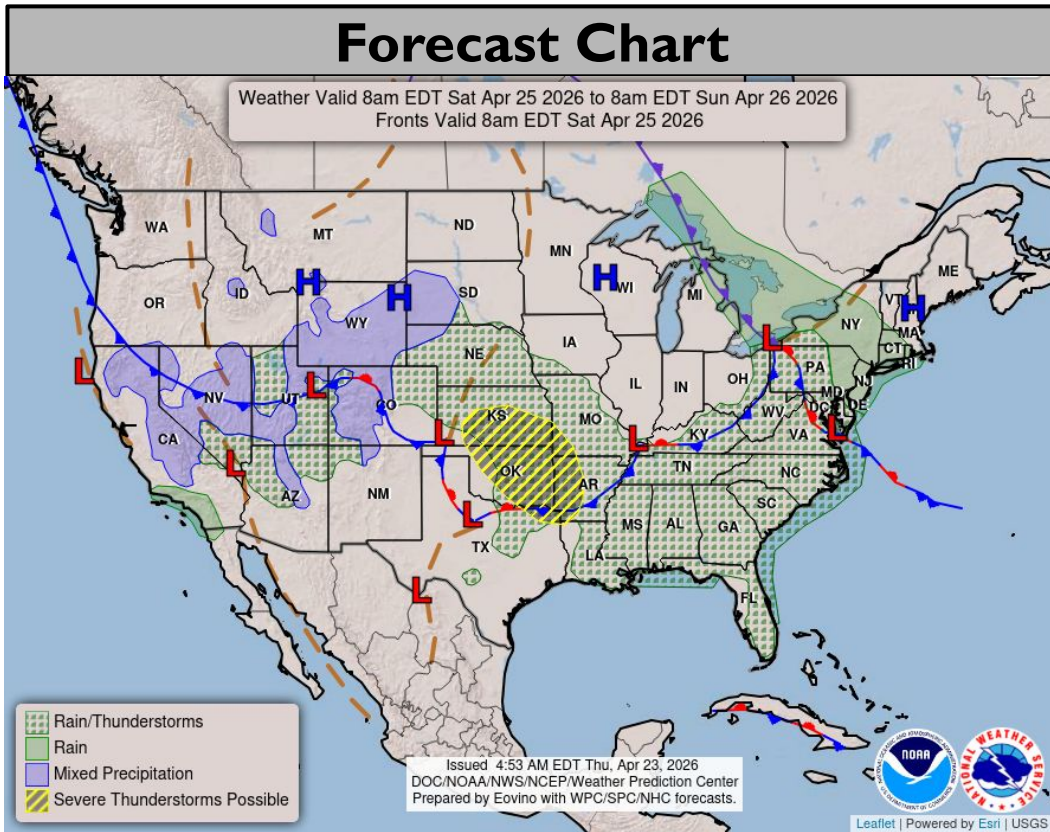


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





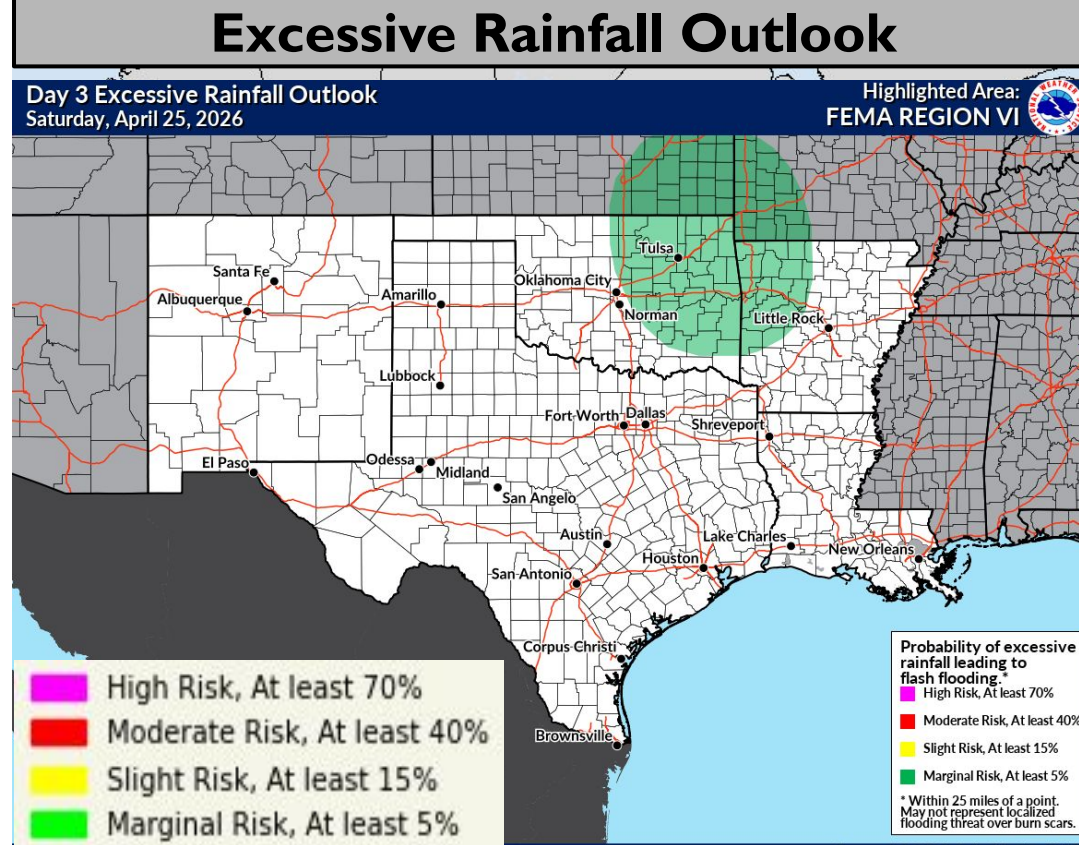
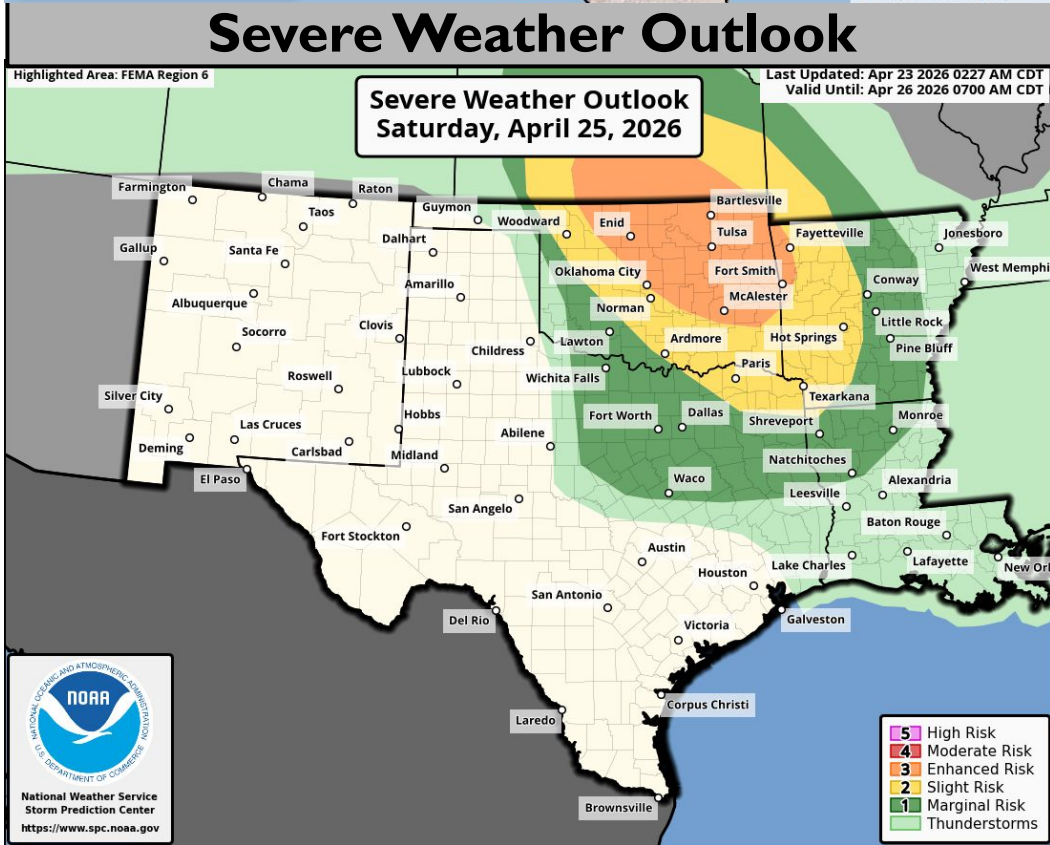
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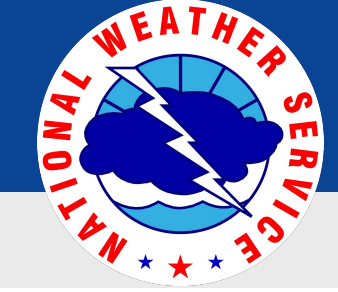


Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms in portions of OK, AR, and N TX. All severe hazards could occur.

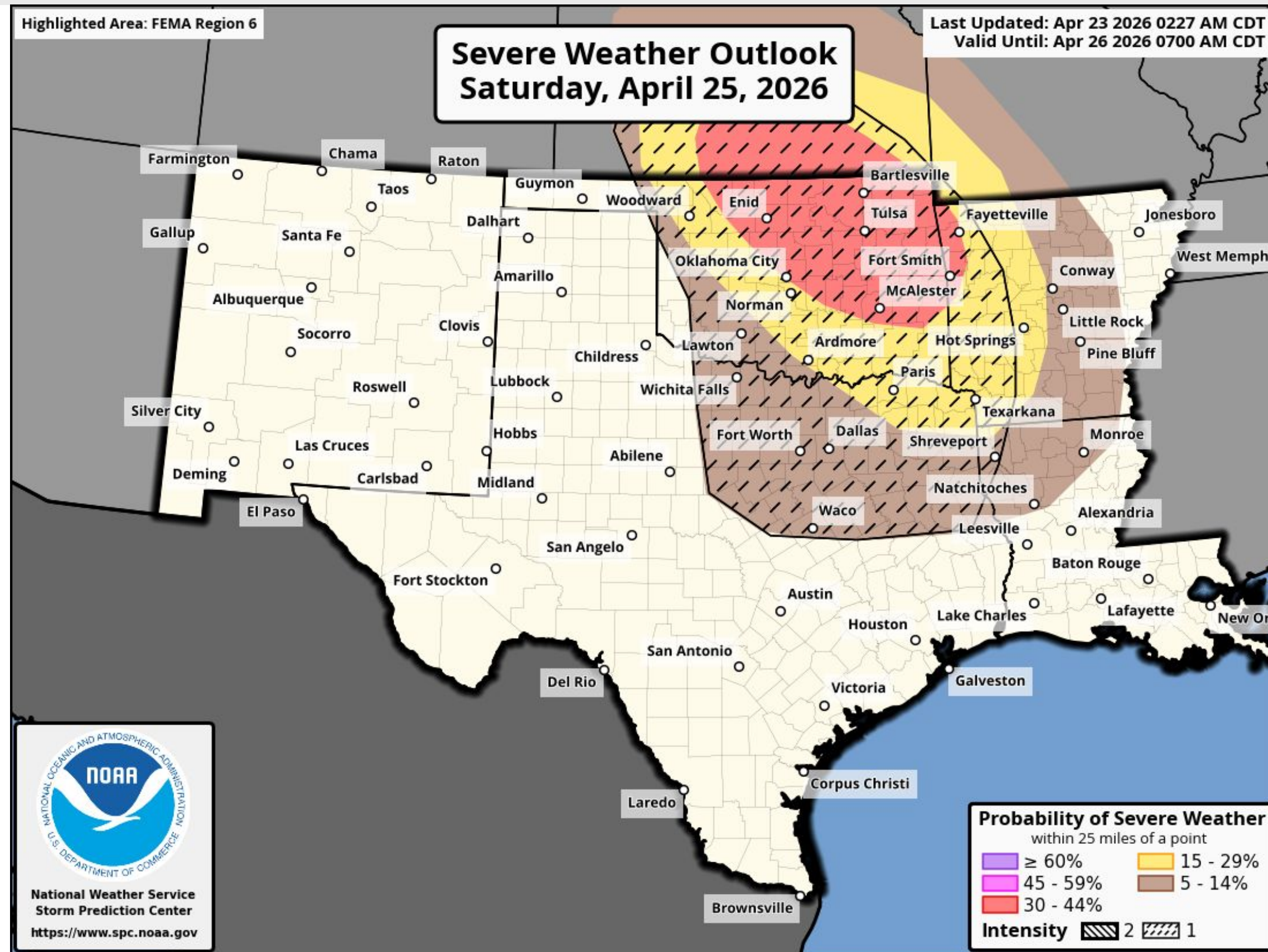
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in E OK, NW AR.





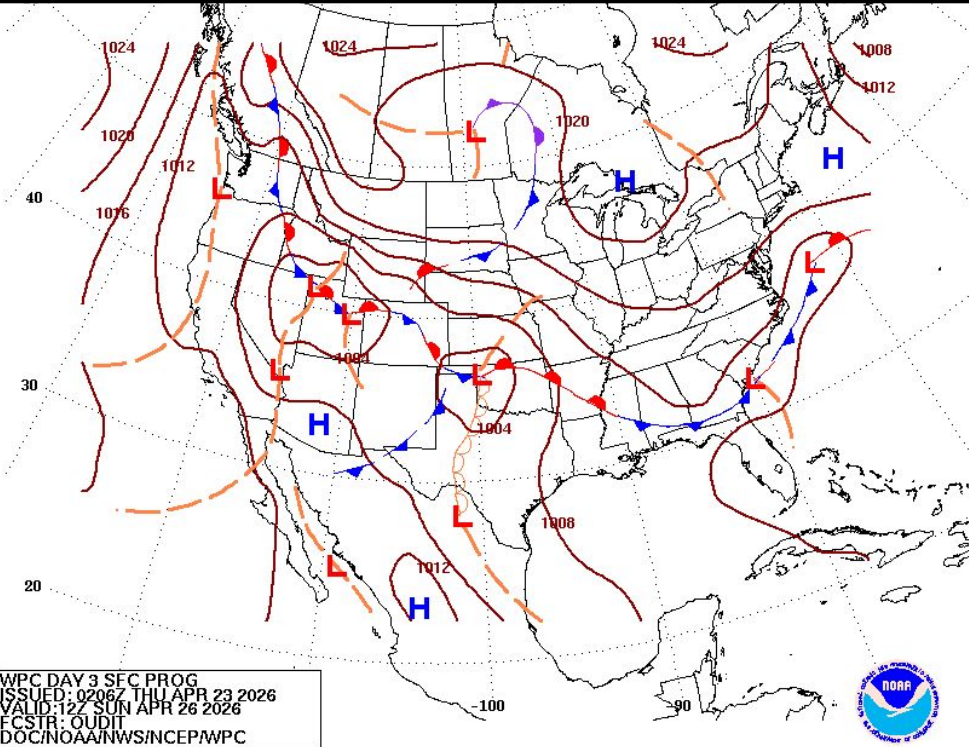
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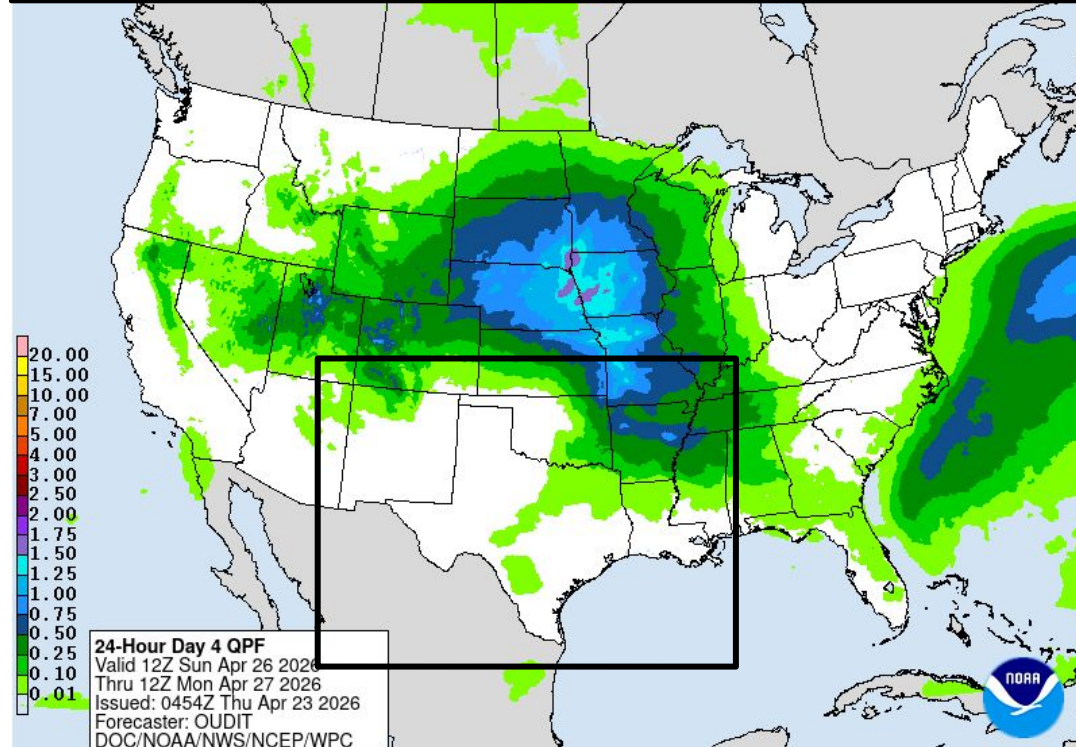


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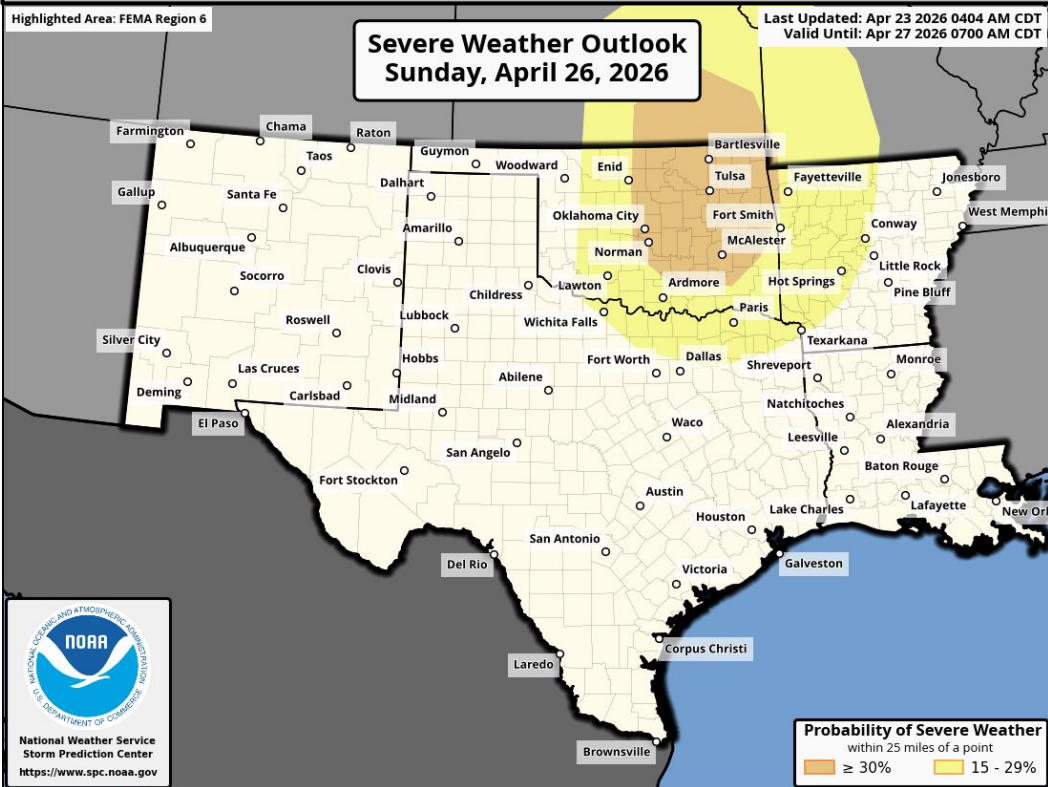
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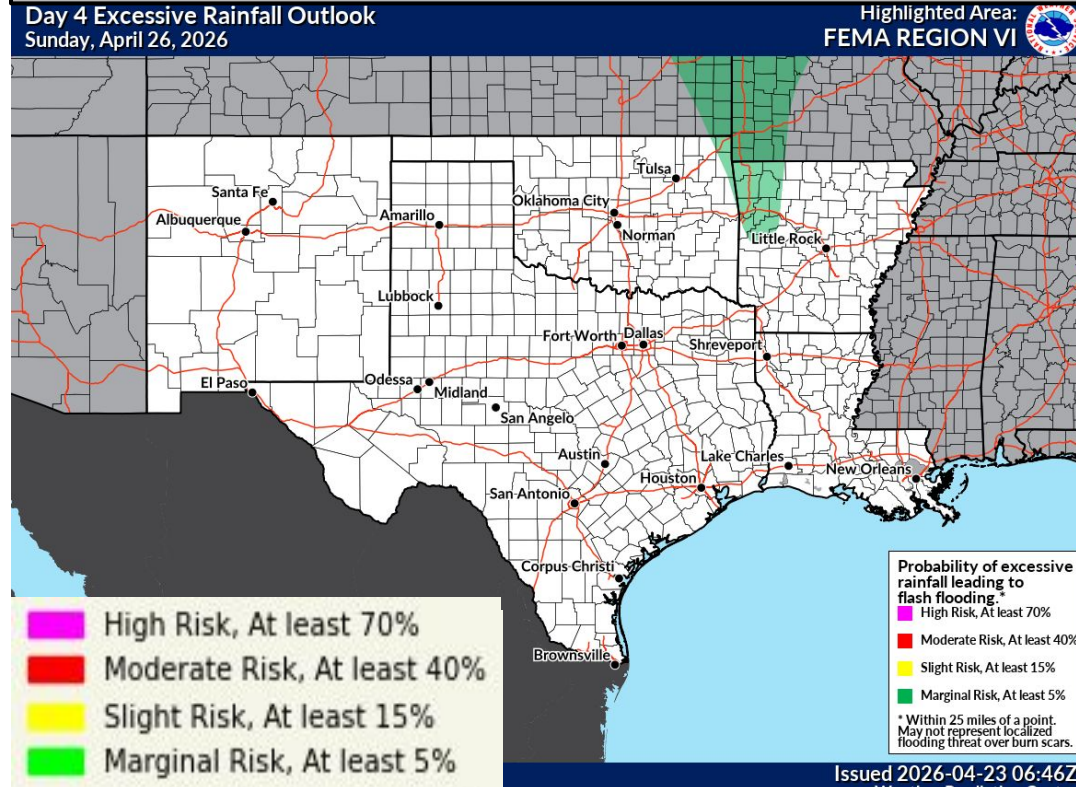
Forecast Rainfall



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).

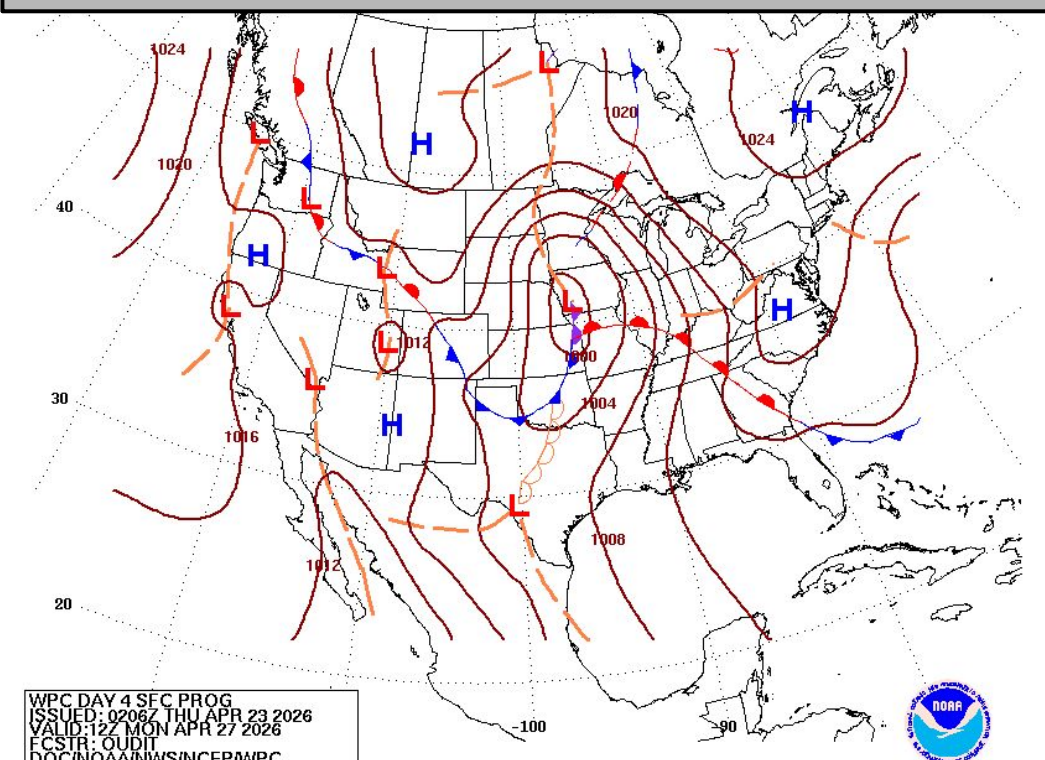
Critical to locally extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns in portions of NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX, W OK.

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



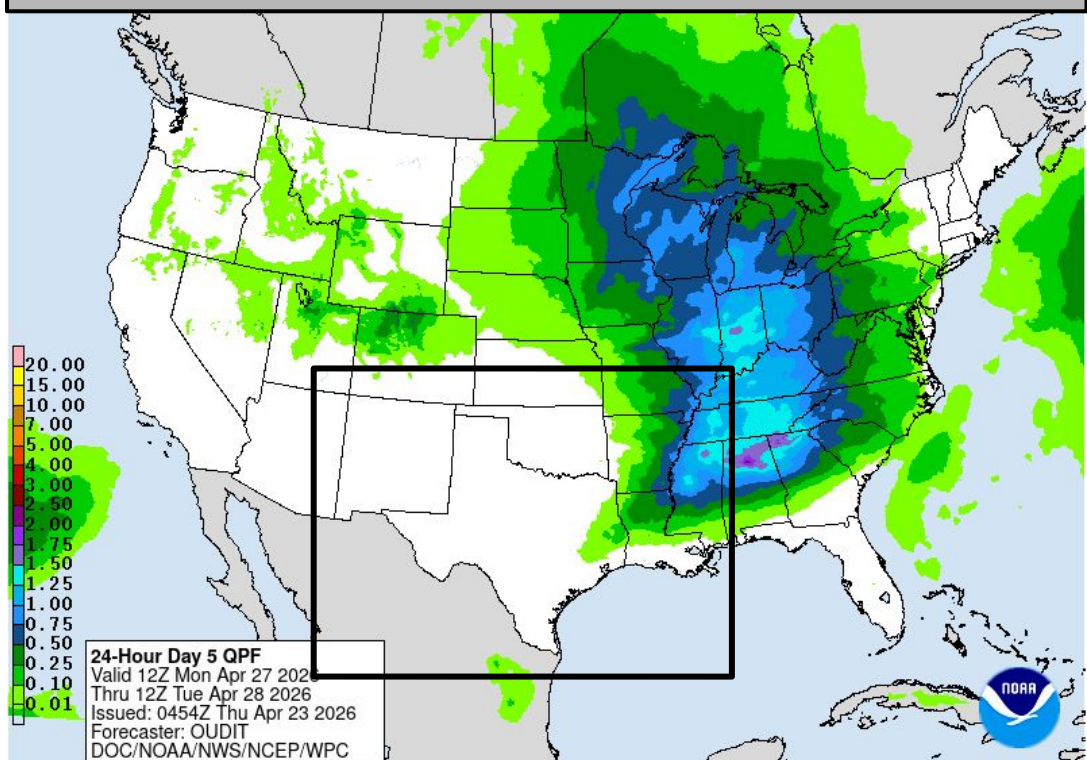
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



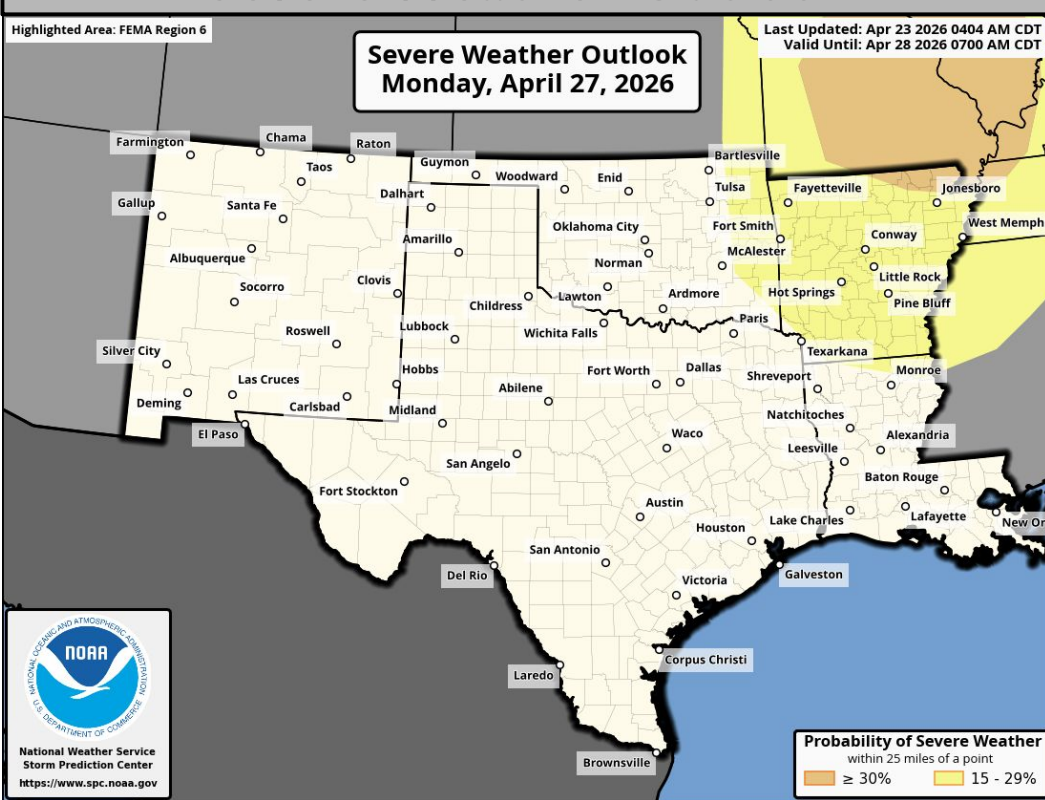
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Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
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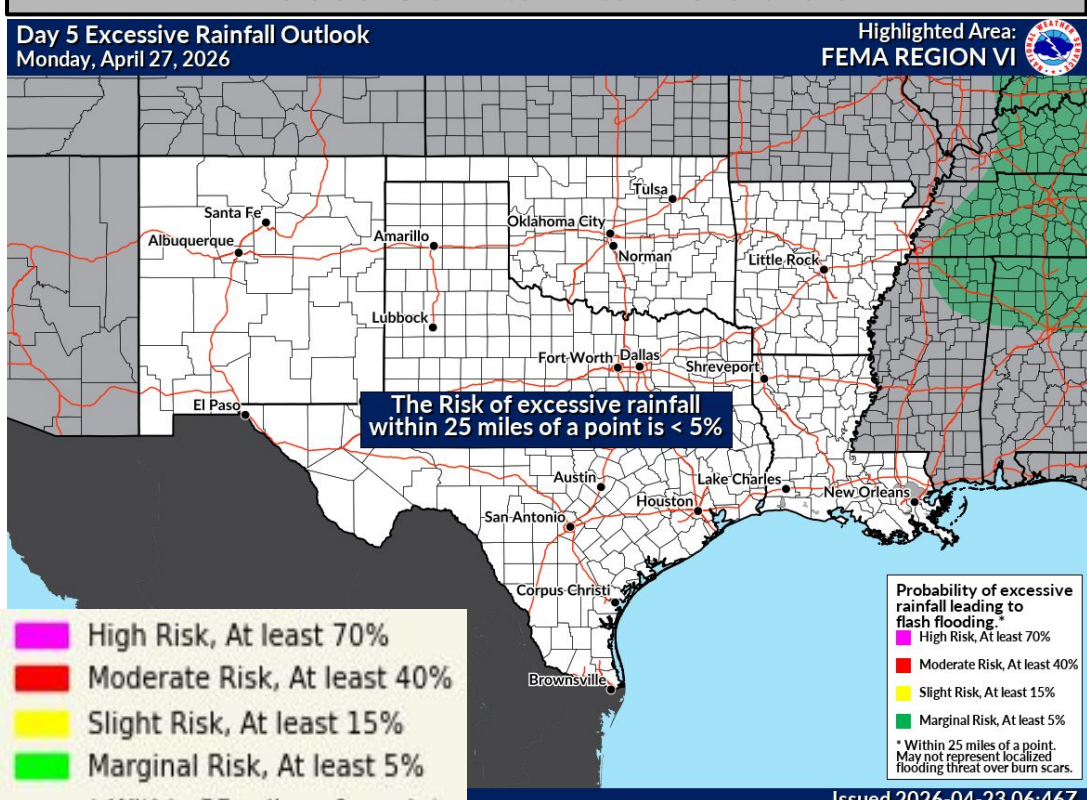
Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, April 27, 2026

Probability of Severe Weather
within 25 miles of a point
≥ 30% 15 - 29%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, April 27, 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.

Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms over E AR, N/E LA. All hazards could occur.

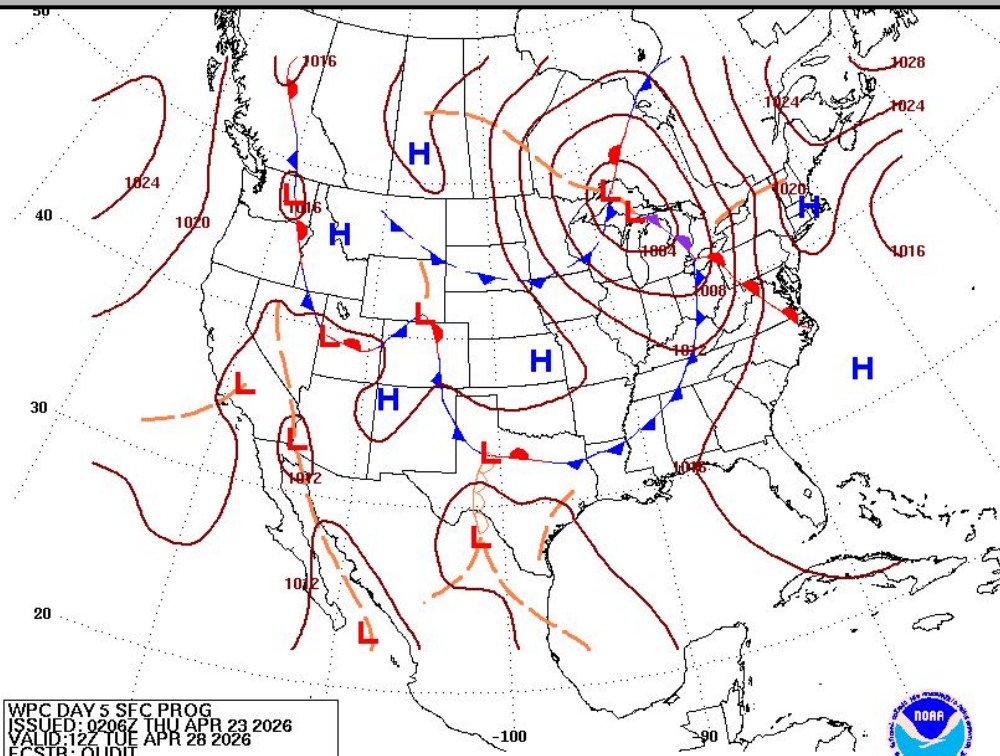
If storm coverage is low on Sunday, the threat for Monday could expand more into AR.

Monitoring for elevated to locally critical fire weather concerns in NM, NW/W TX.



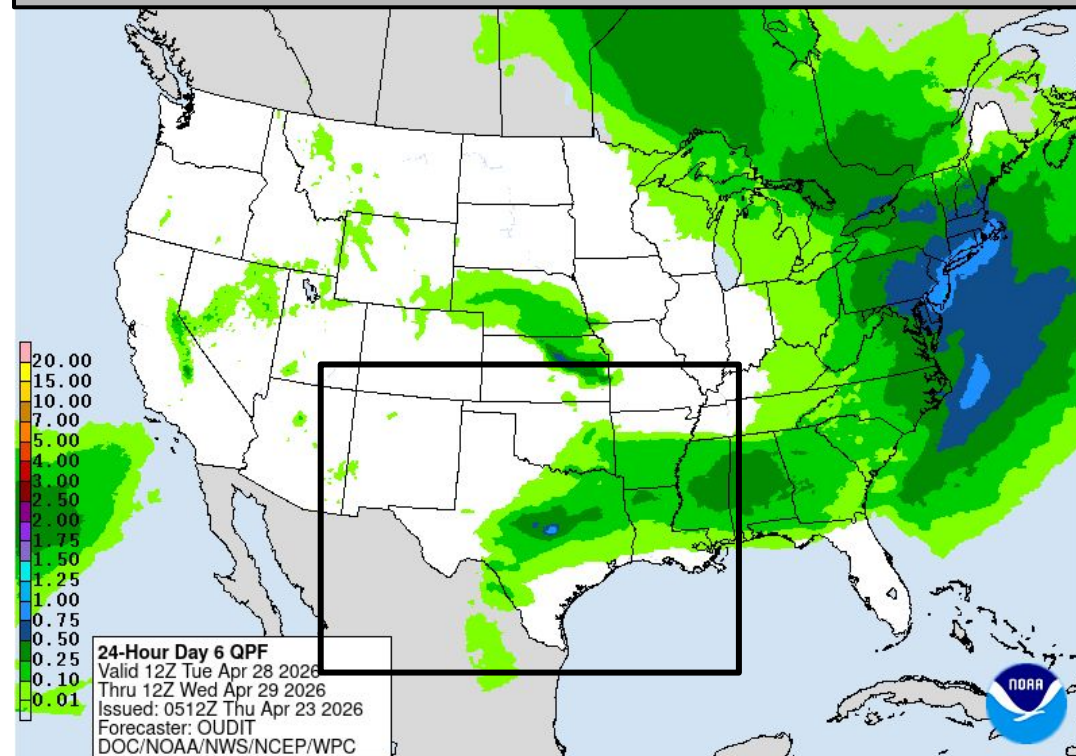
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

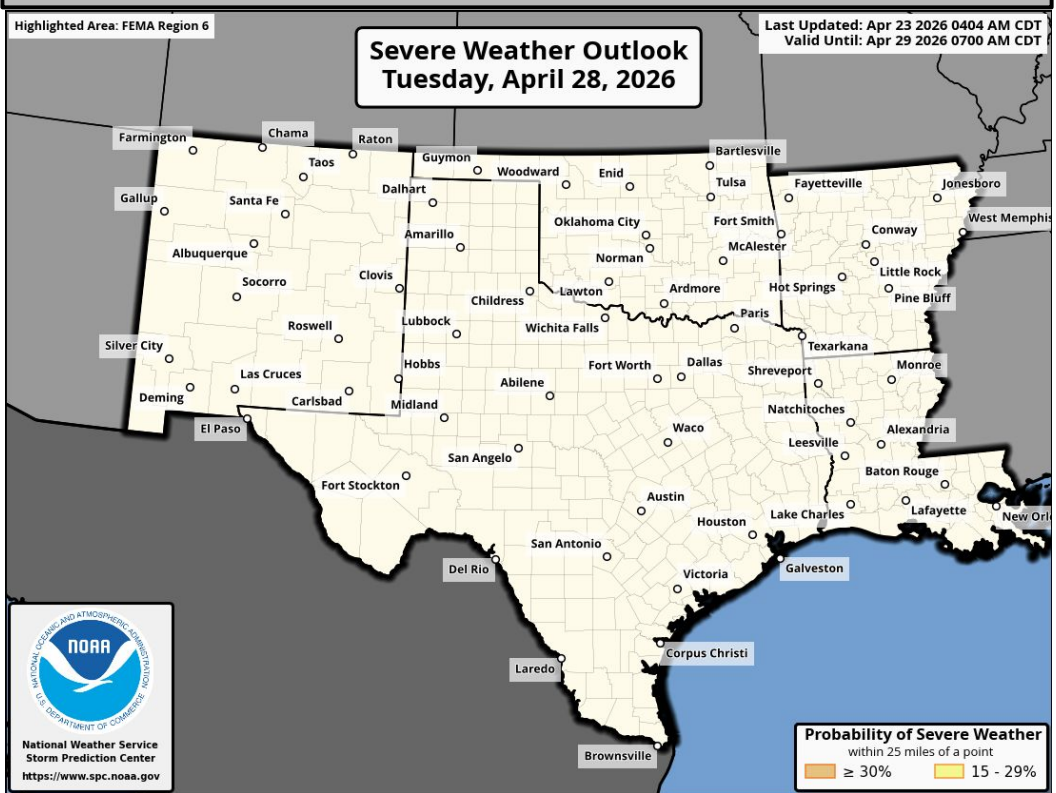


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Monitoring OK/TX for isolated severe weather.

Monitoring E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX for fire weather concerns.

Severe Weather Outlook



**Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

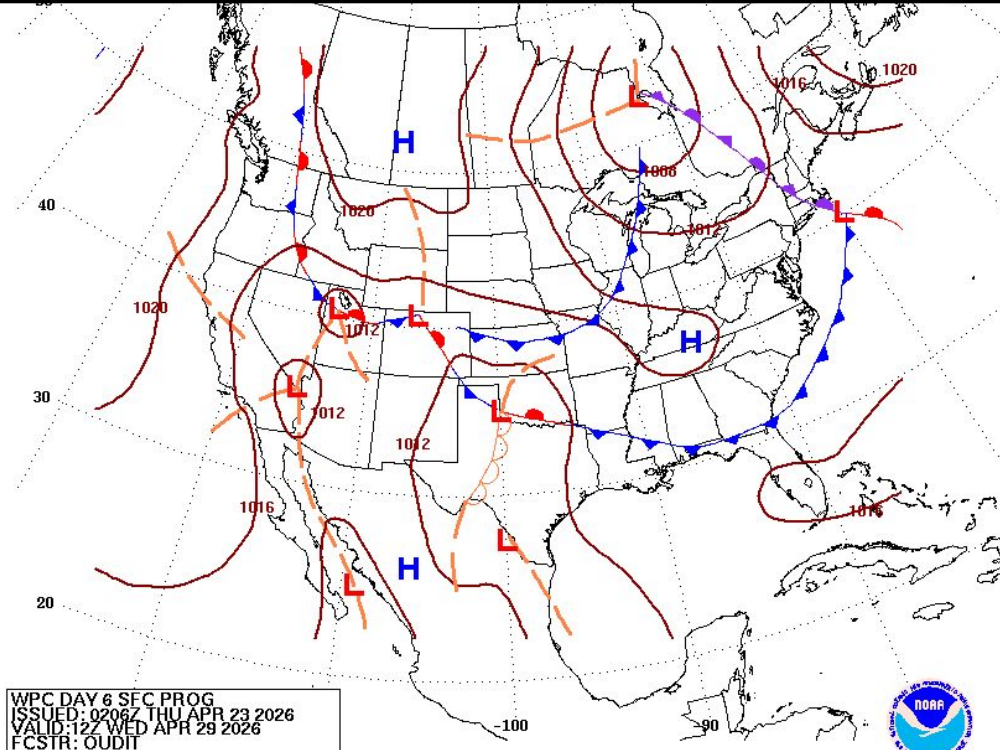
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Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



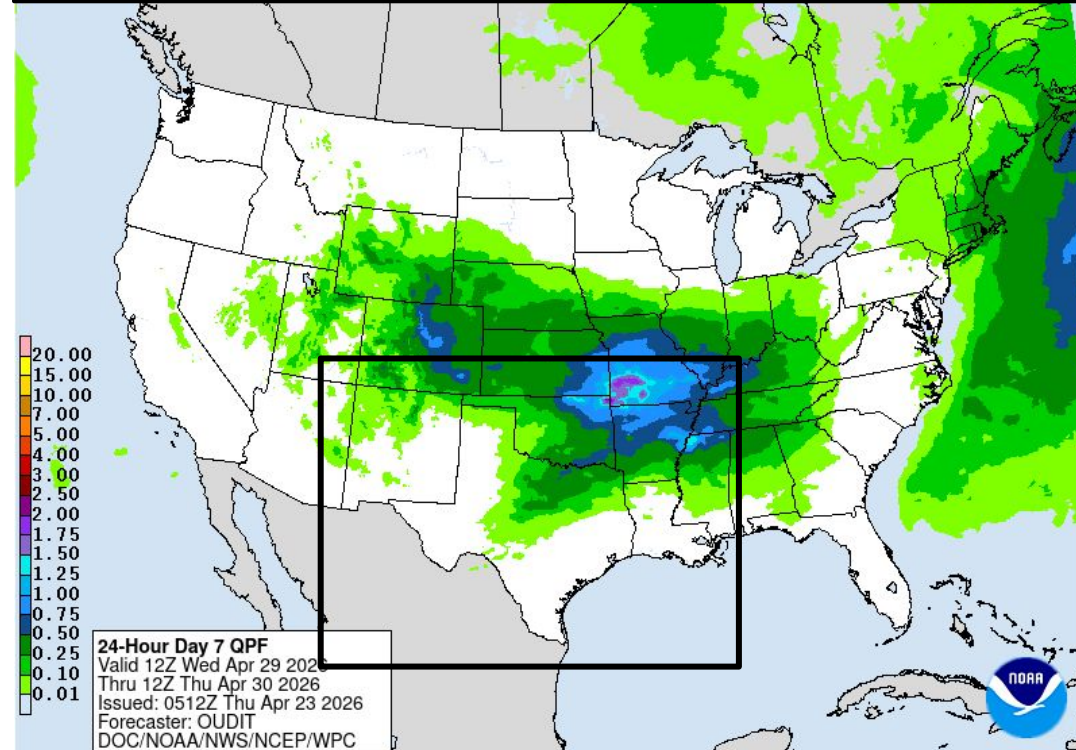
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Forecast Chart



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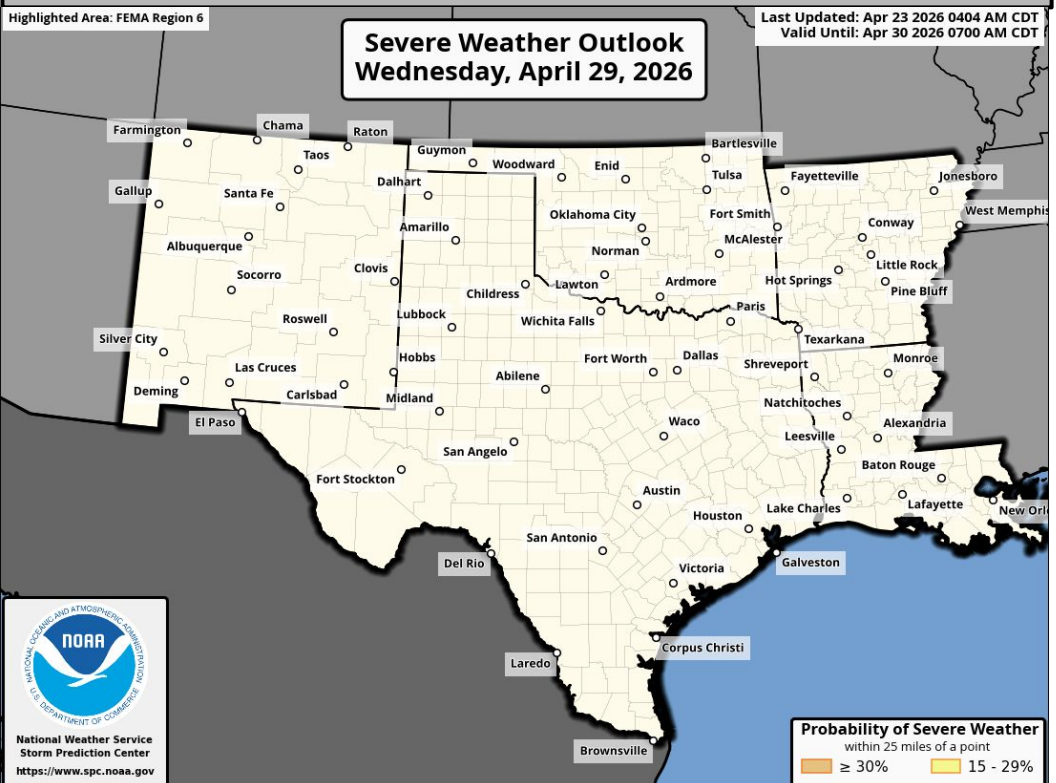
Forecast Rainfall



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Thru 12Z Thu Apr 30 2026
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Monitoring OK/TX for isolated severe weather.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

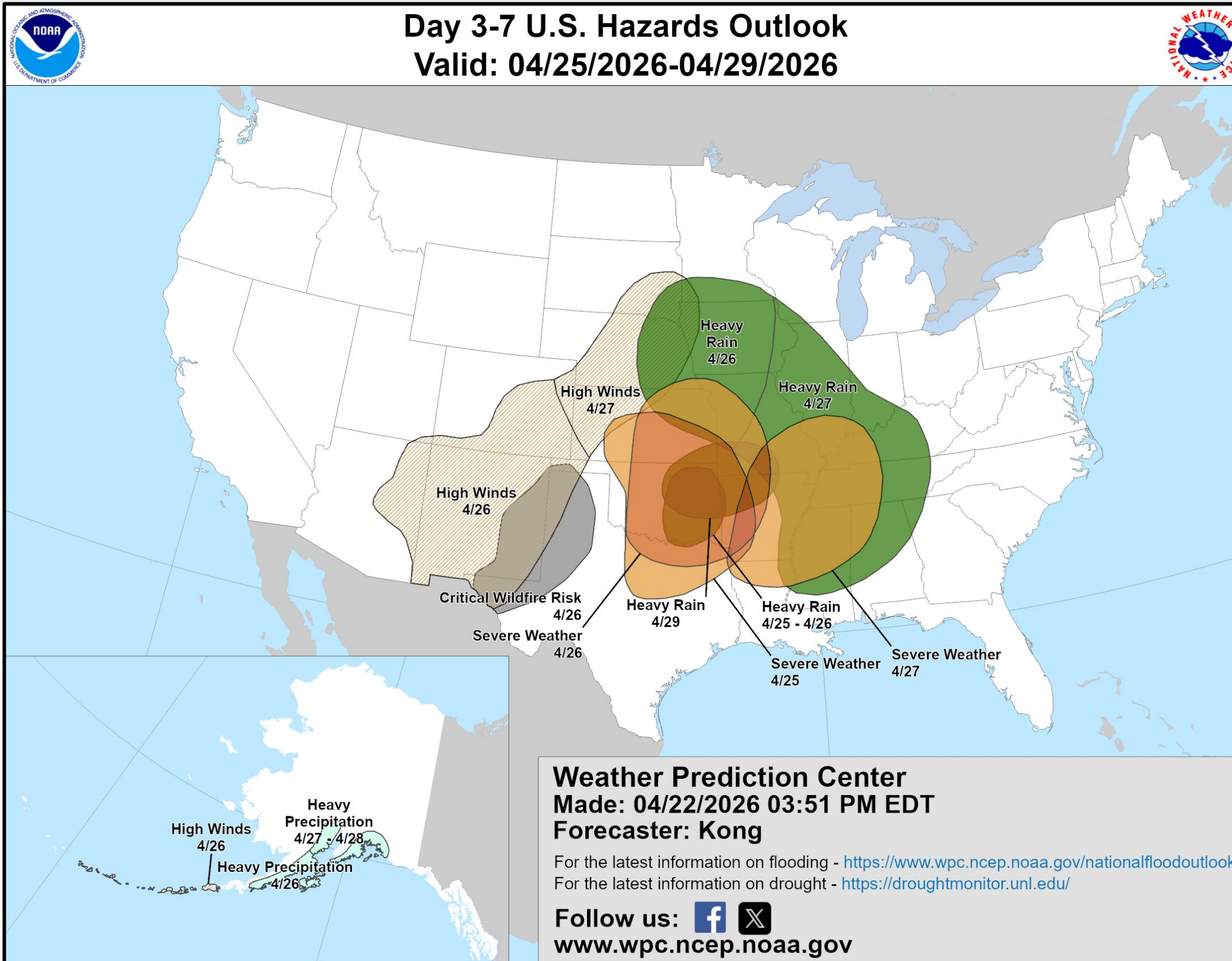
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Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

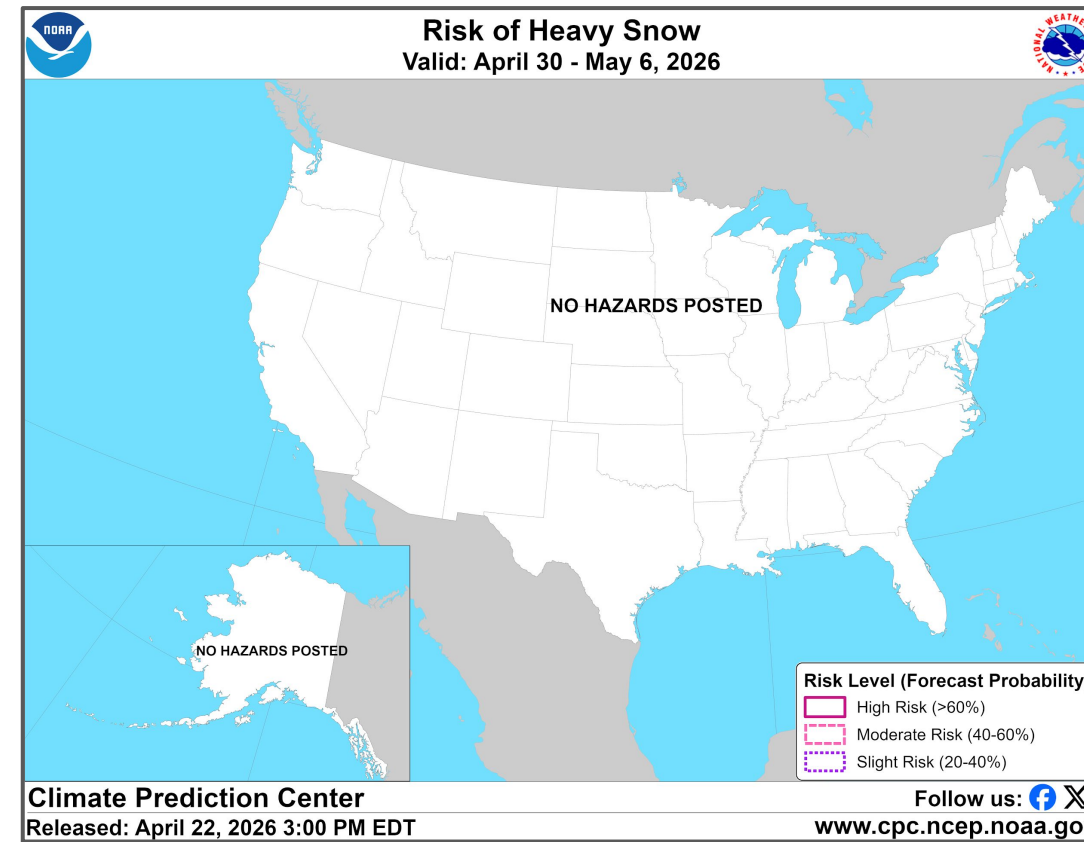
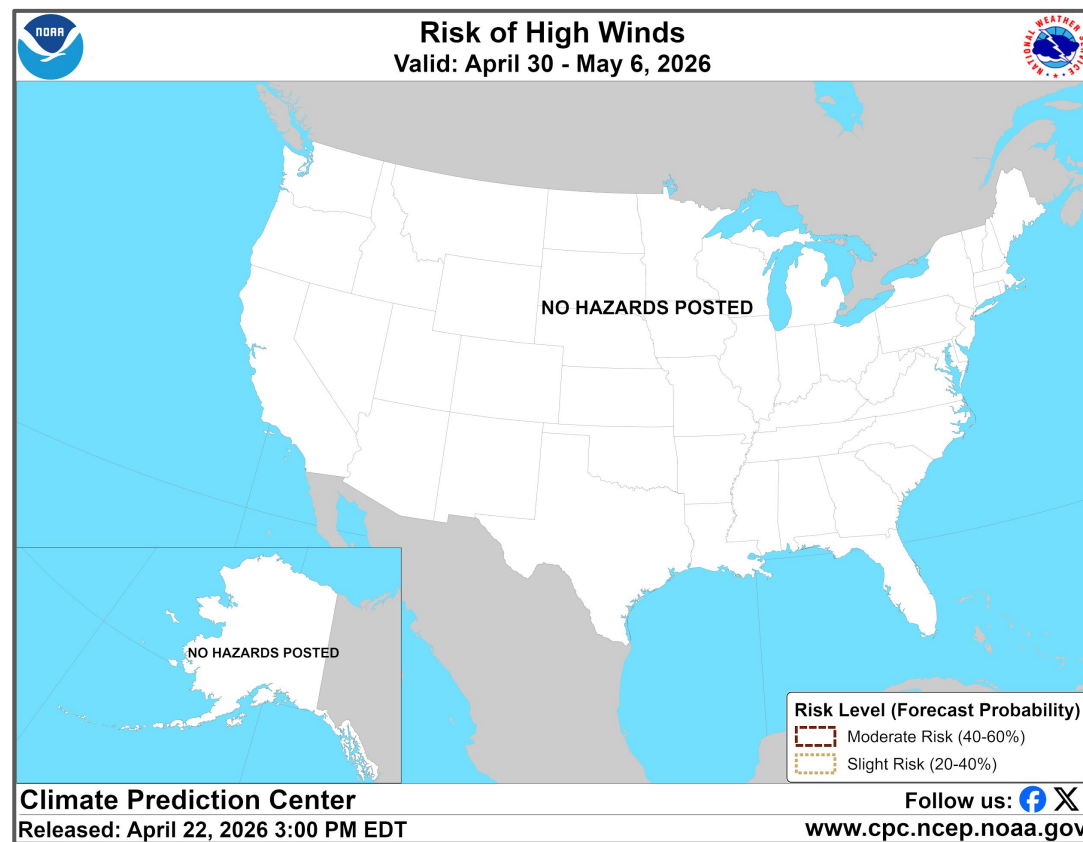
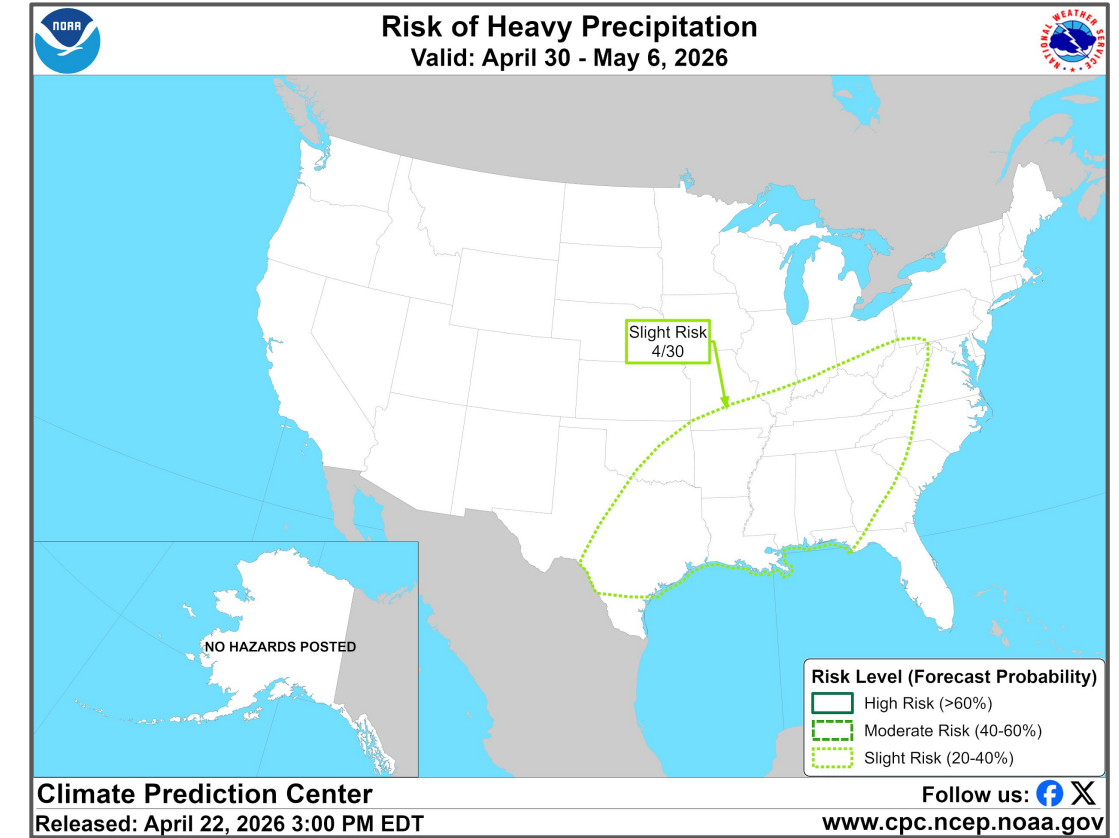
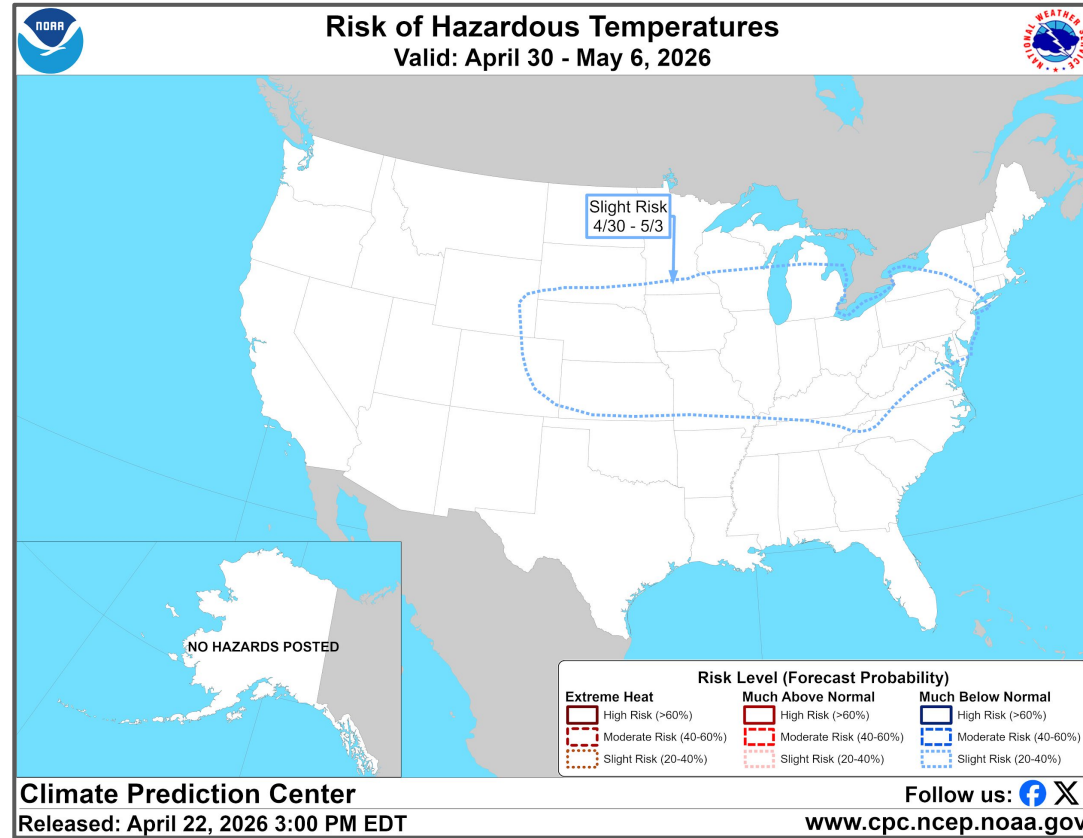
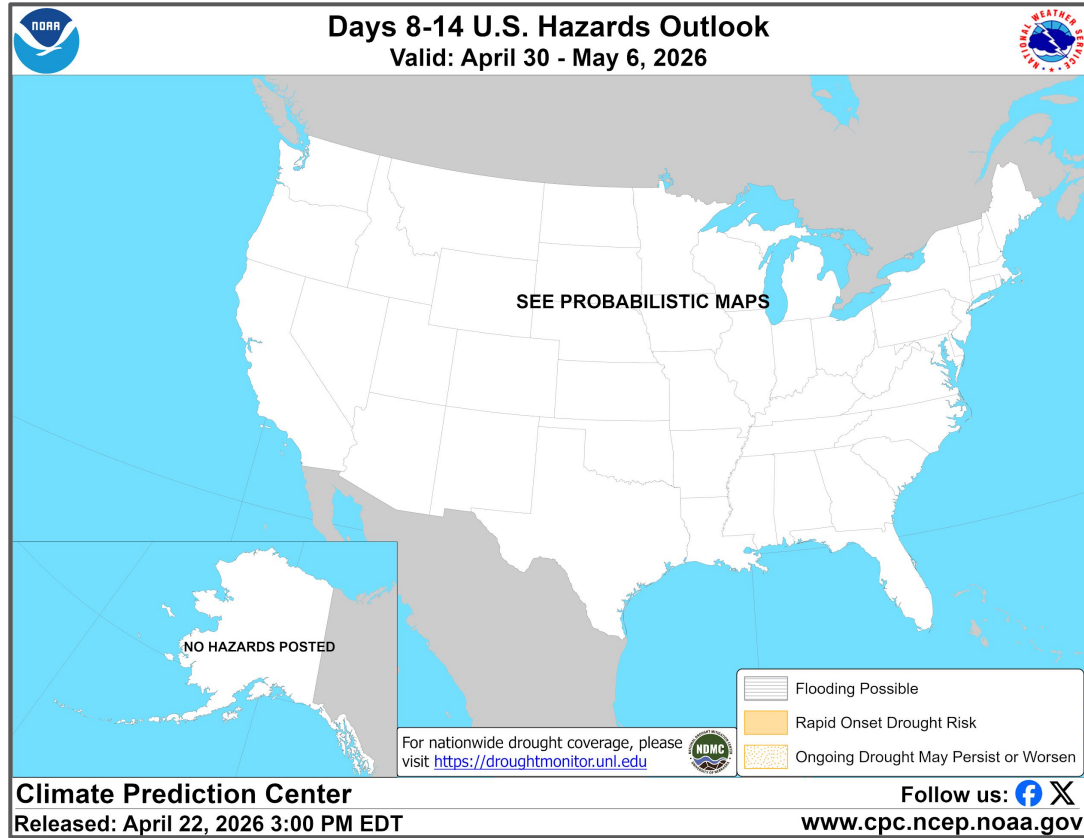


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





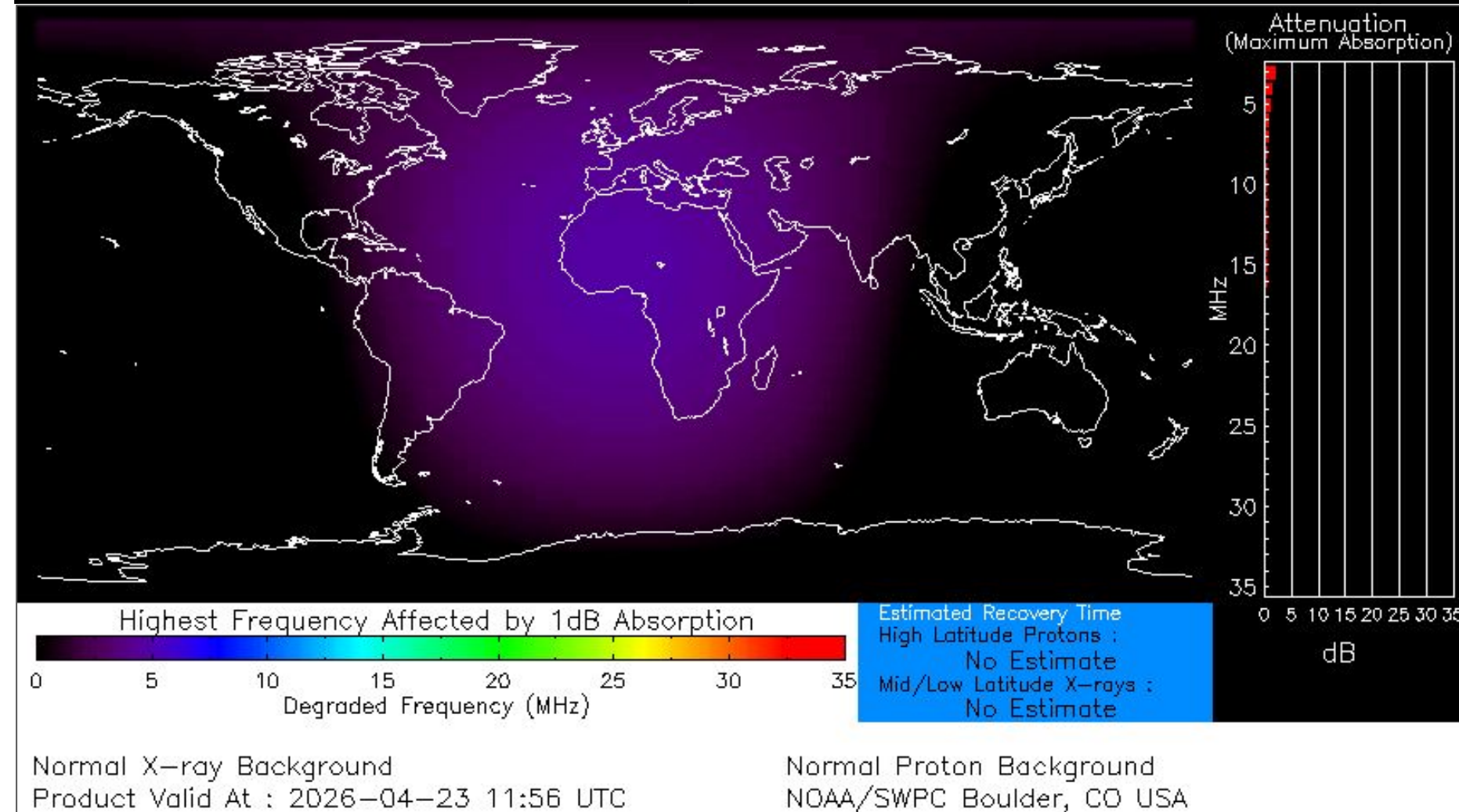
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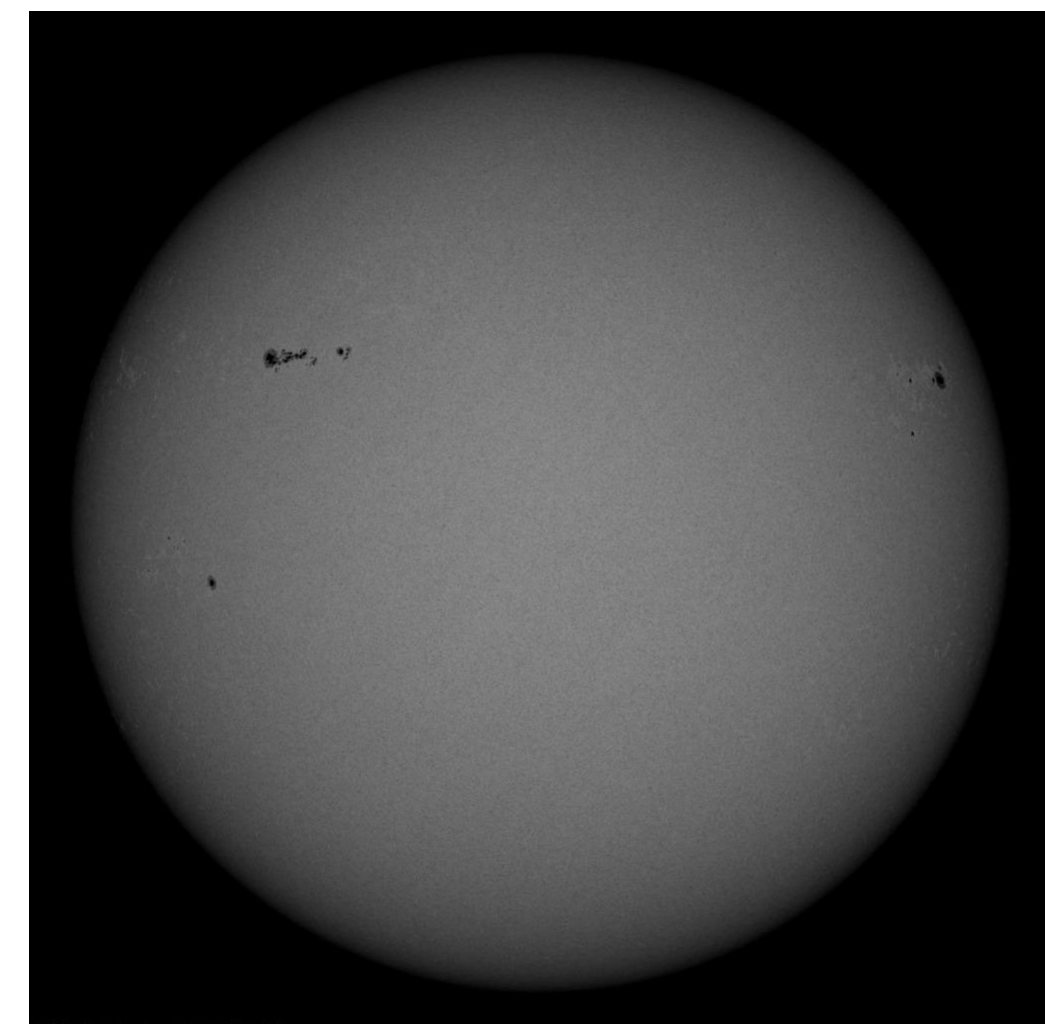
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Apr 23	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
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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