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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, April 24, 2026

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# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Daily slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) over portions of OK, AR, N LA, N/NE TX into next Tuesday.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Daily marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over E OK, AR, NE TX, N LA into next Tuesday.**

- **Fire Weather:**

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





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30
Severe Storms	SE OK, SW AR, NETX, NW LA	N/E OK	N OK	N AR	NETX, SAR, N LA		
	SNE/ETX, N LA	OK, NETX, WAR	OK, NTX, NW AR	AR			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	E OK, WAR, NETX, N LA	NE OK, AR	AR, N LA	NTX, AR, N LA		OK, AR, N/NETX
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, NW/W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX		
River Flooding							

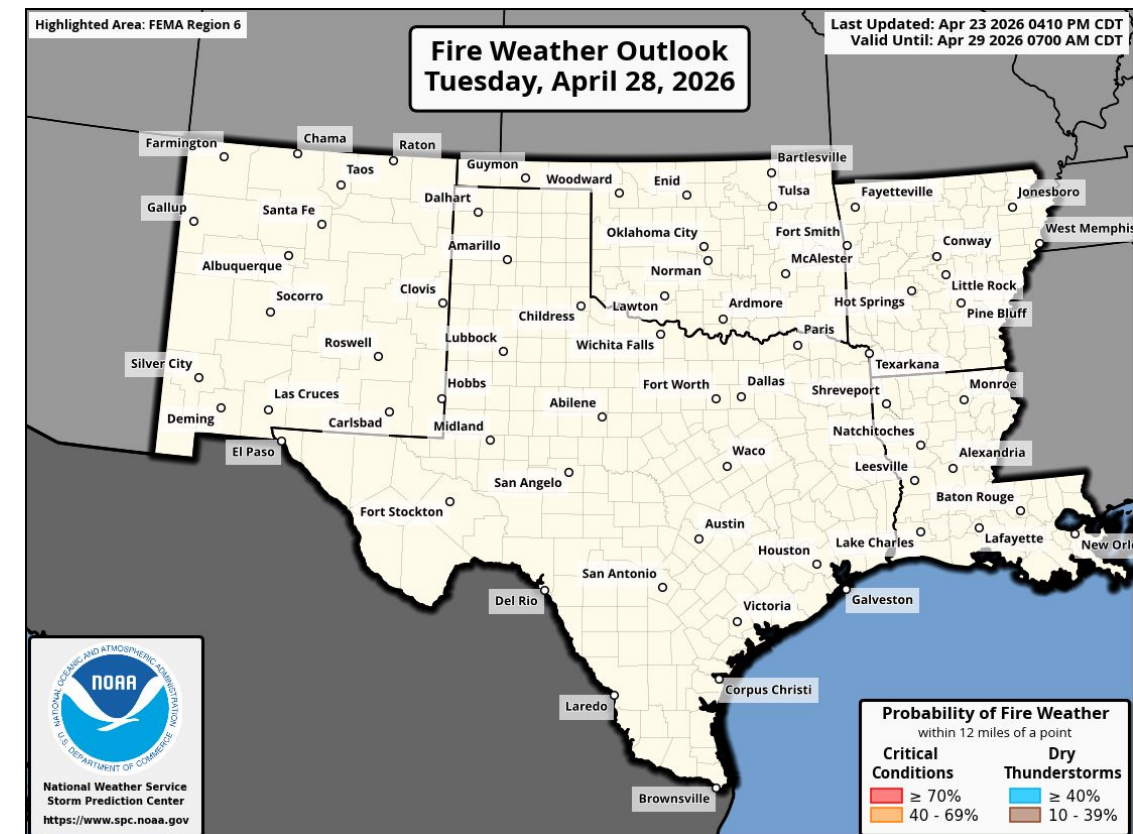
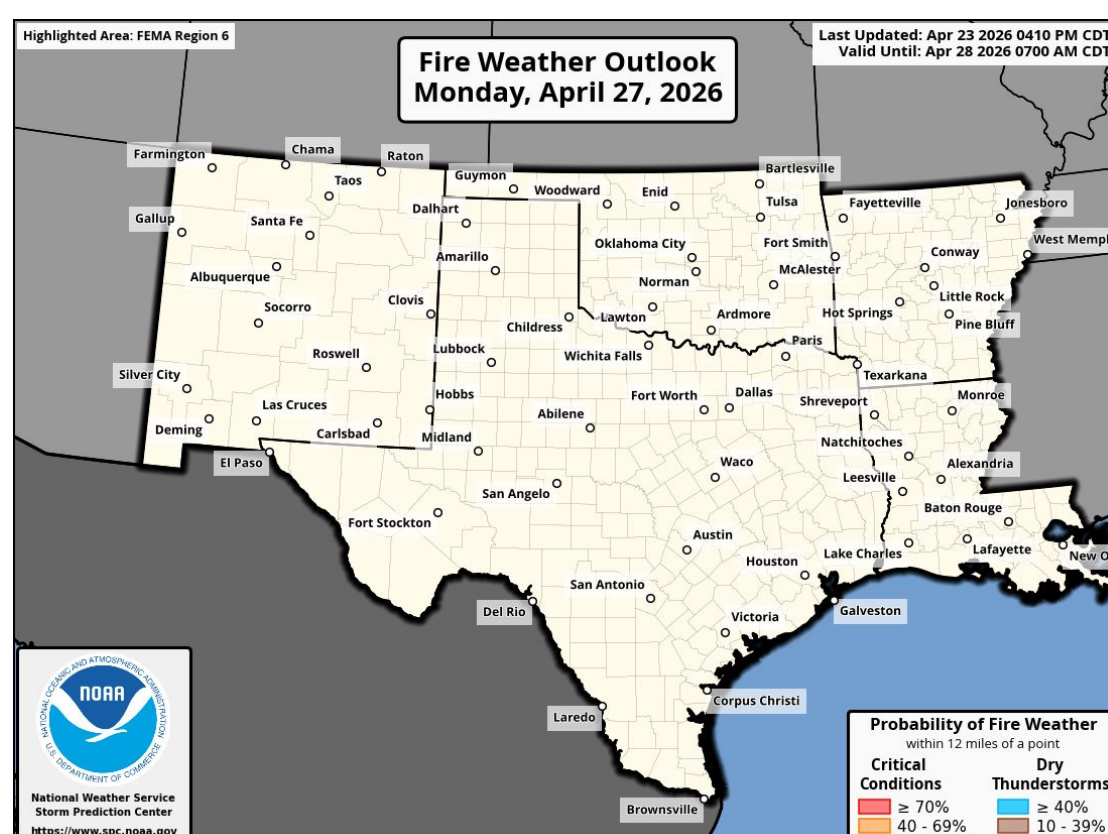
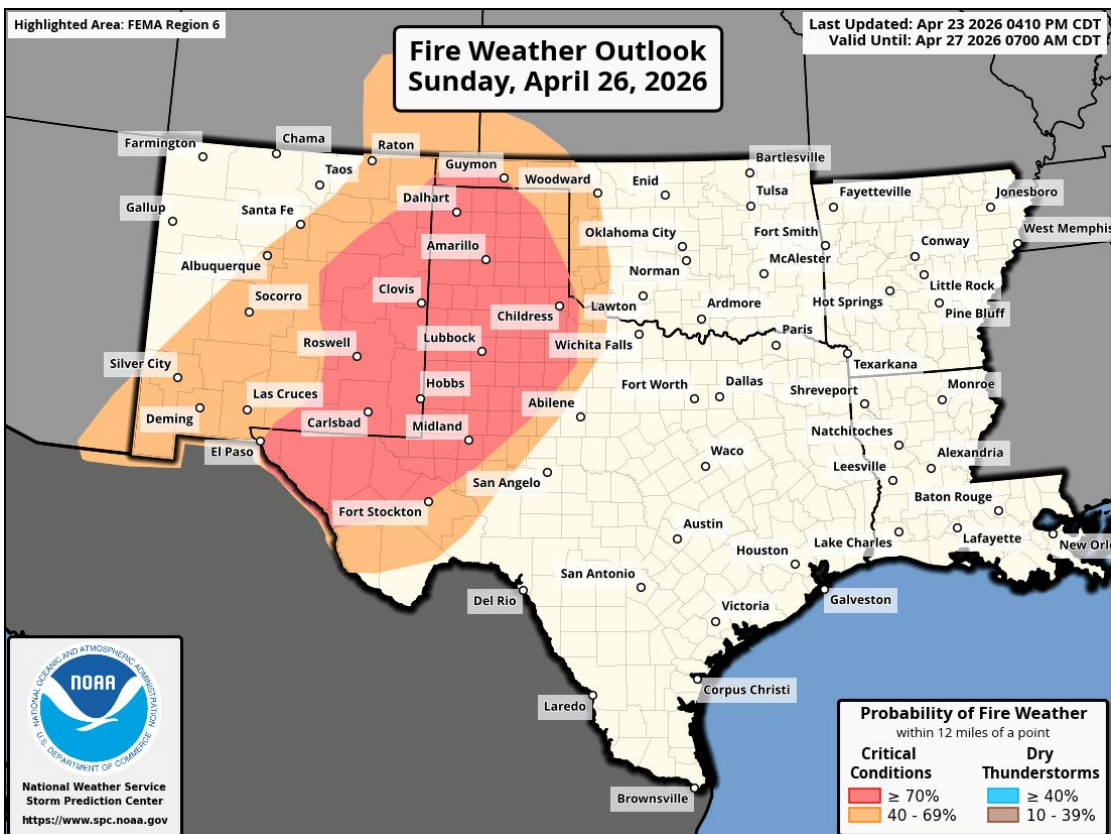
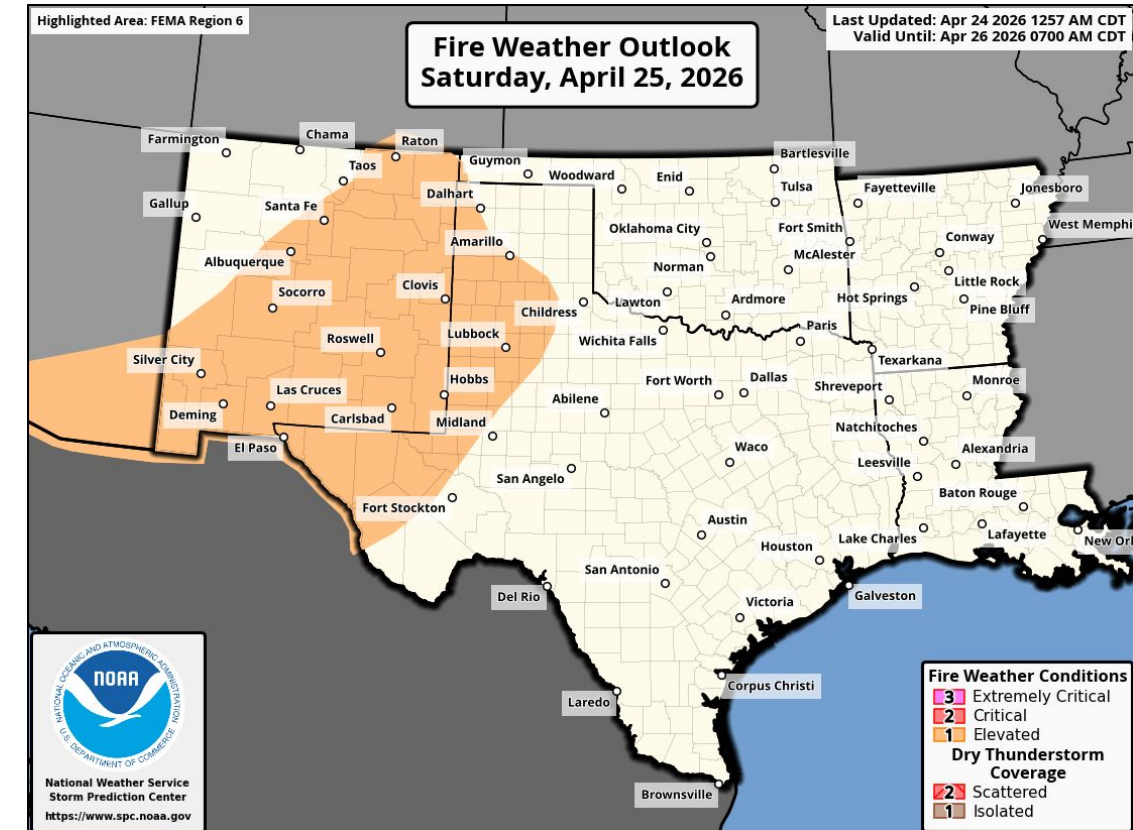
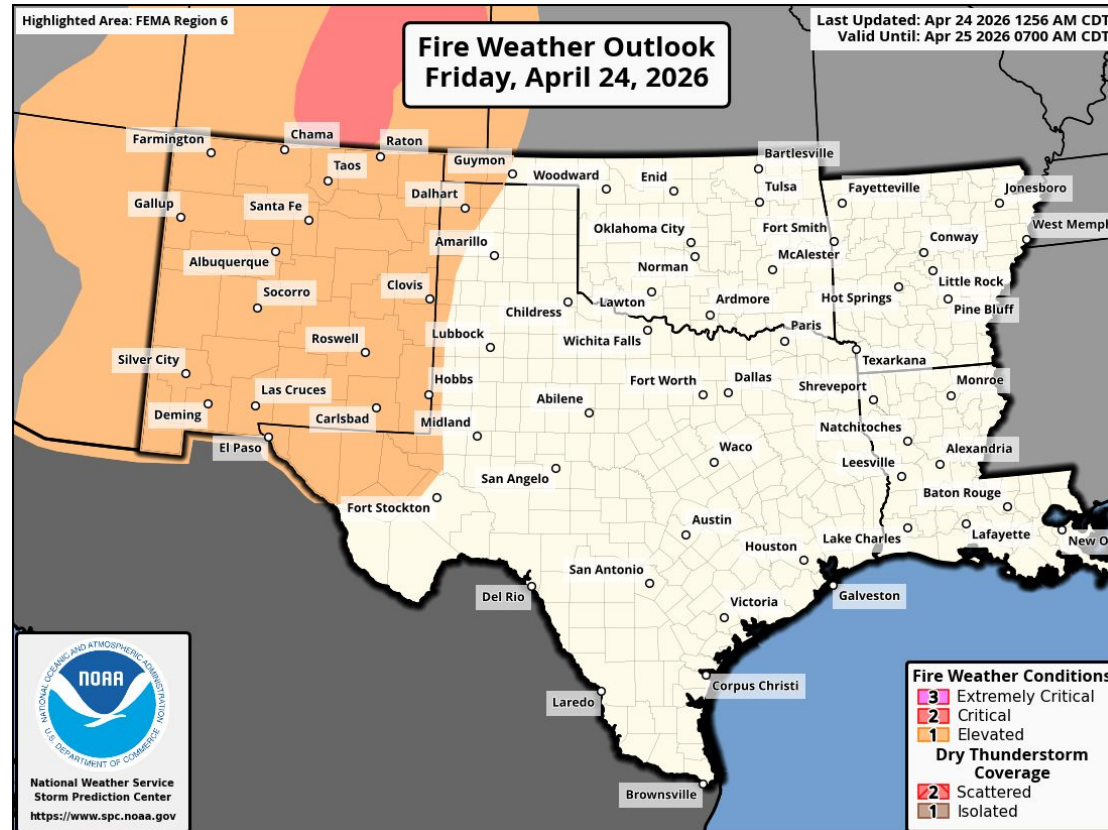
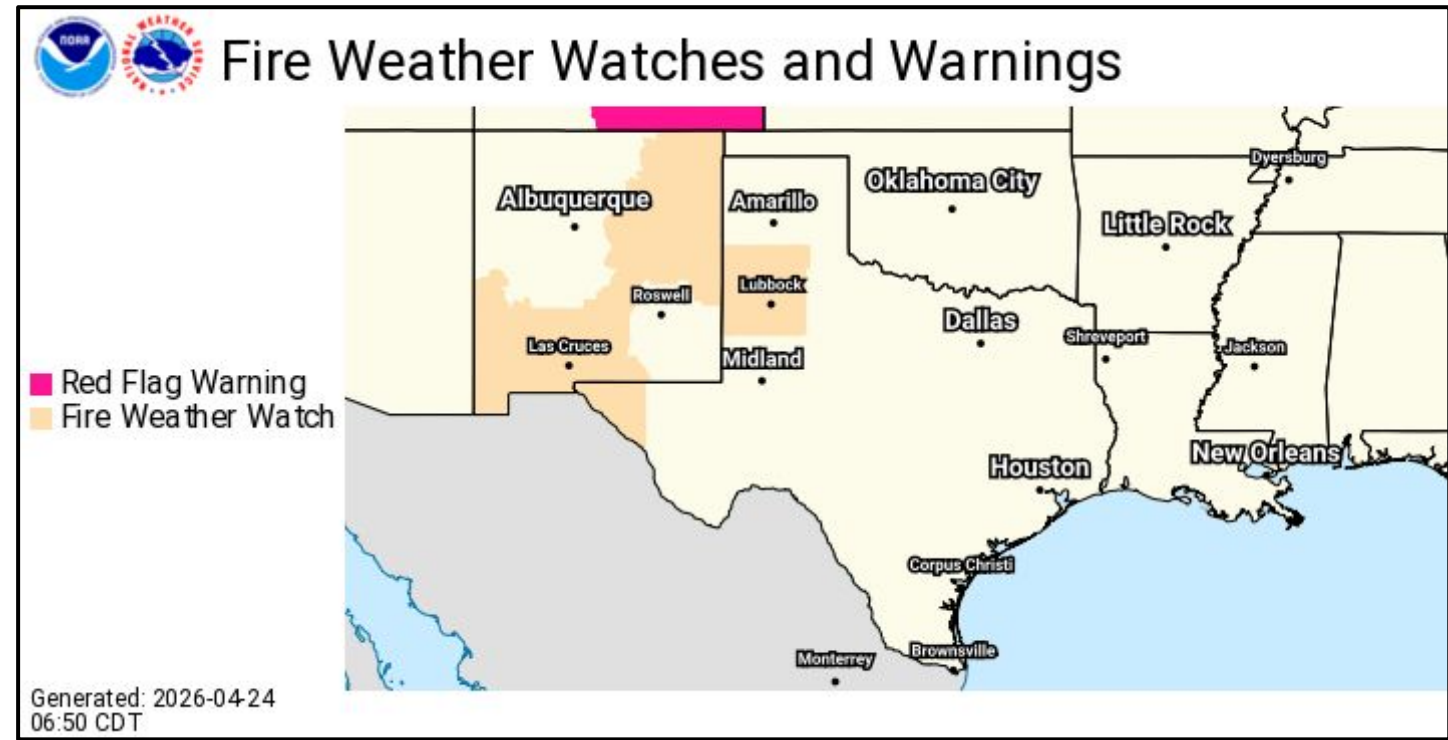
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

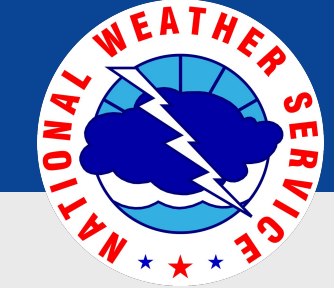
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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





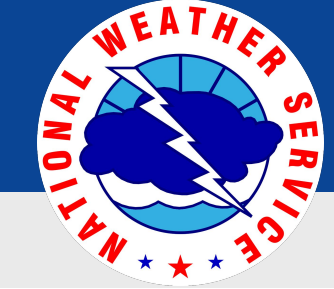
# Wind Gust/RH Forecast

### Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	4/24 Fri				4/25 Sat				4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon				4/28 Tue			
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am
	Abilene	20↔	14↔	10↔	12↑	17↔	21↔	18↔	18↔	22↔	22↔	21↑	18↔	21↔	17↔	9↑	14↔	17↔	16↔	
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Beaver	10↔	16↔	20↔	20↔	15↔	17↓	16↔	14↔	13↔	36↔	36↔	17↔	17↔	18↔	15↓	15↔	13↔	18↔	18↔	
El Paso	14↔	21↔	21↔	18↔	15↔	31↔	33↔	21↔	20↔	51↔	53↔	22↔	15↔	20↔	21↔	10↔	8↔	21↔	22↔	
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Guadalupe Pass	29↔	44↔	43↔	26↔	35↔	48↔	48↔	38↔	49↔	66↔	74↔	74↔	68↔	54↔	46↔	18↔	24↔	36↔	37↔	
Lubbock	12↔	17↔	17↔	12↔	15↔	21↔	18↔	15↔	23↔	45↔	41↔	21↔	22↔	26↔	23↔	9↔	15↔	21↔	21↔	
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Wichita Falls	15↔	16↓	14↔	15↔	17↔	21↑	18↑	17↑	20↔	24↔	24↑	23↑	21↔	23↔	17↔	14↔	18↔	20↔	20↔	

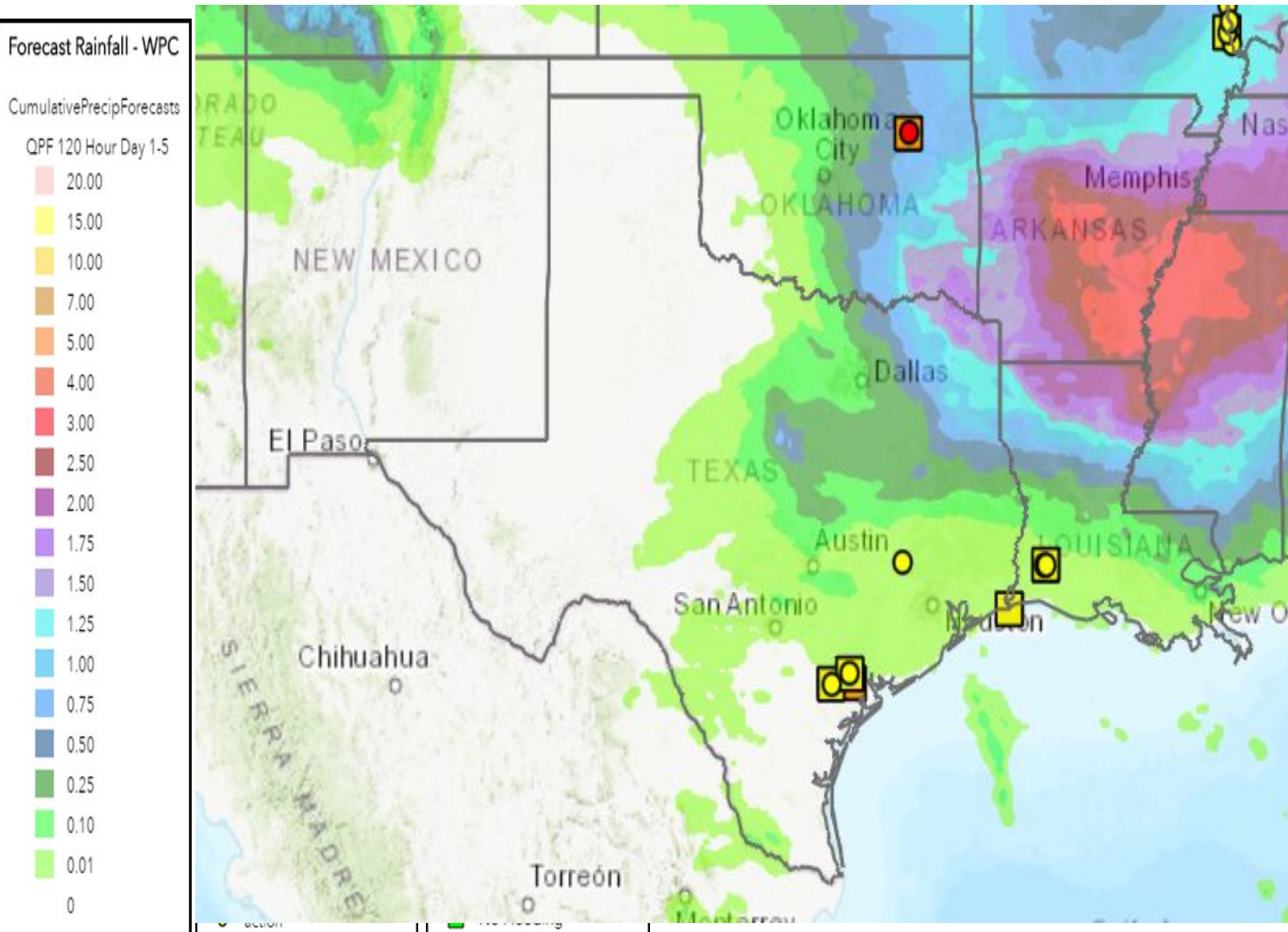
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Enid	93	59	38	87	100	66	56	97	100	74	41	68	62	34	28	56	86	47	36	
Fayetteville	90	81	64	87	96	60	54	84	96	73	66	87	100	67	54	81	90	57	50	
Fort Davis	17	11	9	20	26	14	9	20	30	14	10	20	34	18	12	25	30	14	12	
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Lubbock	21	14	7	20	40	11	7	15	26	14	10	17	28	15	8	16	31	16	9	
Midland/Odessa	26	10	8	17	36	13	9	20	35	16	11	22	38	16	9	22	41	18	11	
Oklahoma City	93	64	44	75	90	66	55	87	100	62	39	69	68	29	25	50	72	47	35	
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Shreveport	90	76	65	97	100	82	63	87	100	77	59	79	93	70	57	79	93	63	52	
Tulsa	93	76	52	81	93	69	60	87	97	84	63	81	90	51	37	63	77	53	42	
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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



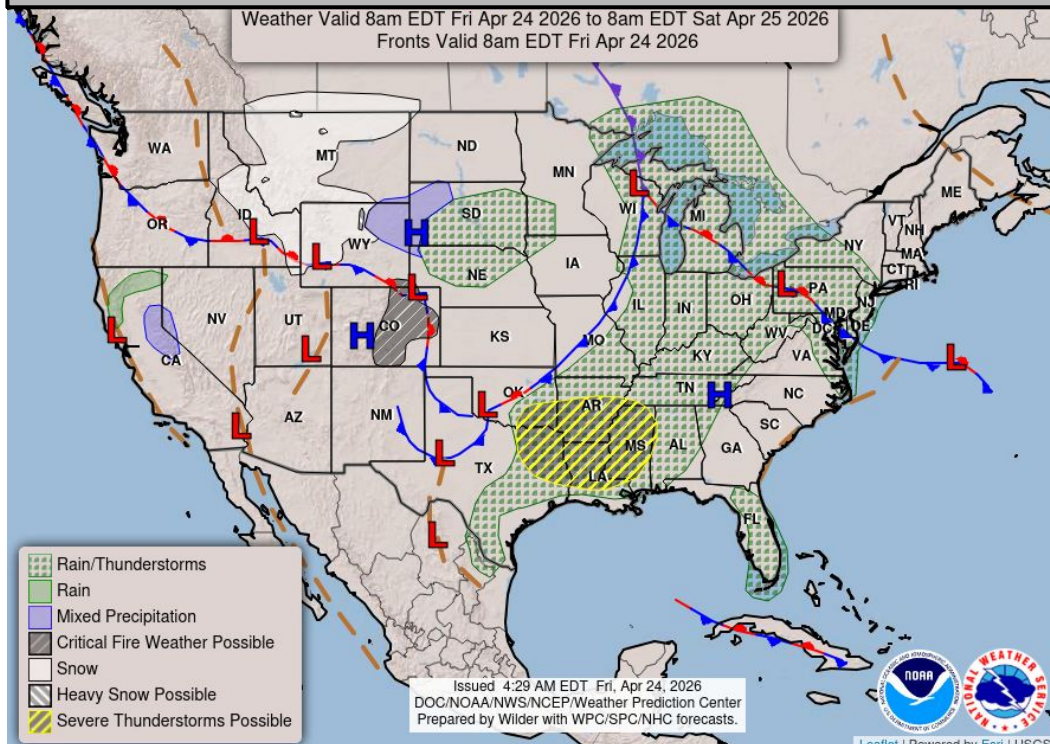
**Heavy rainfall later this weekend in N/E OK, AR could produce local river rises.**

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.

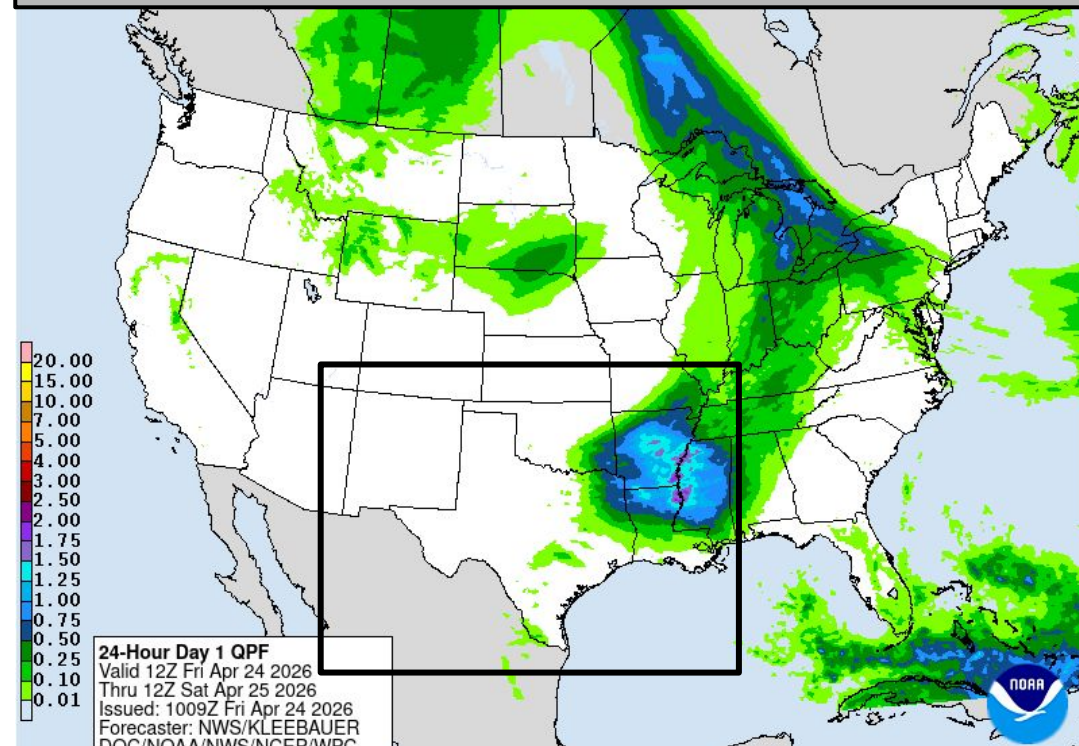


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart

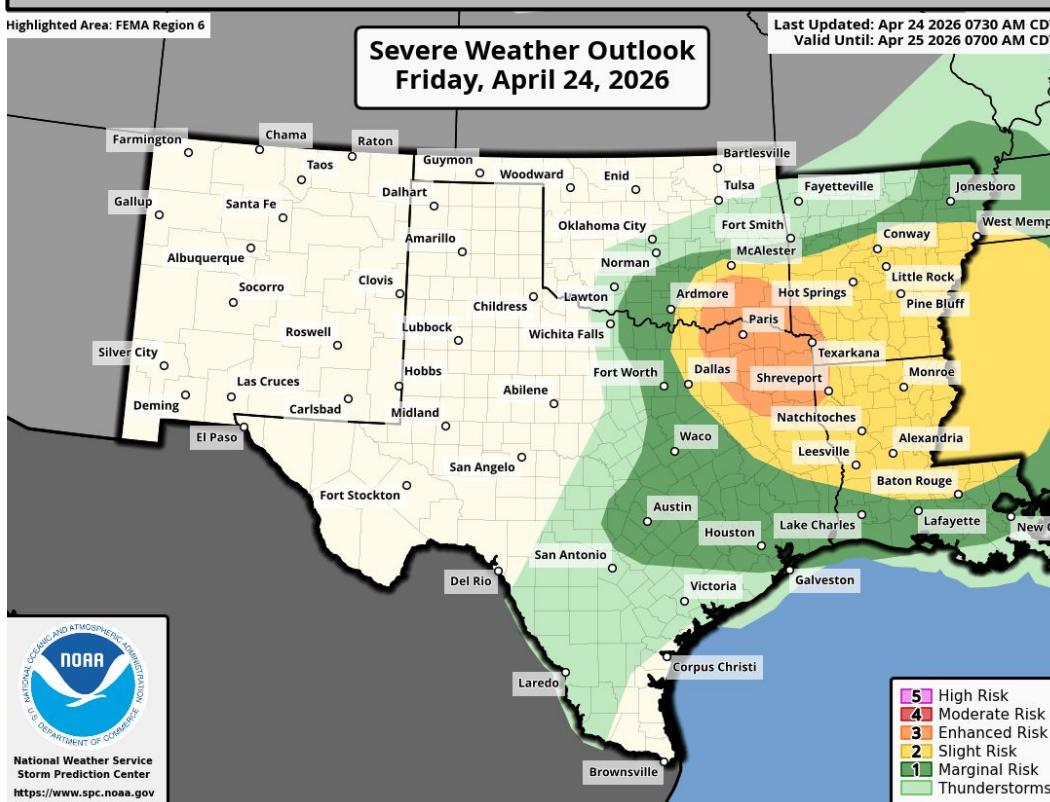


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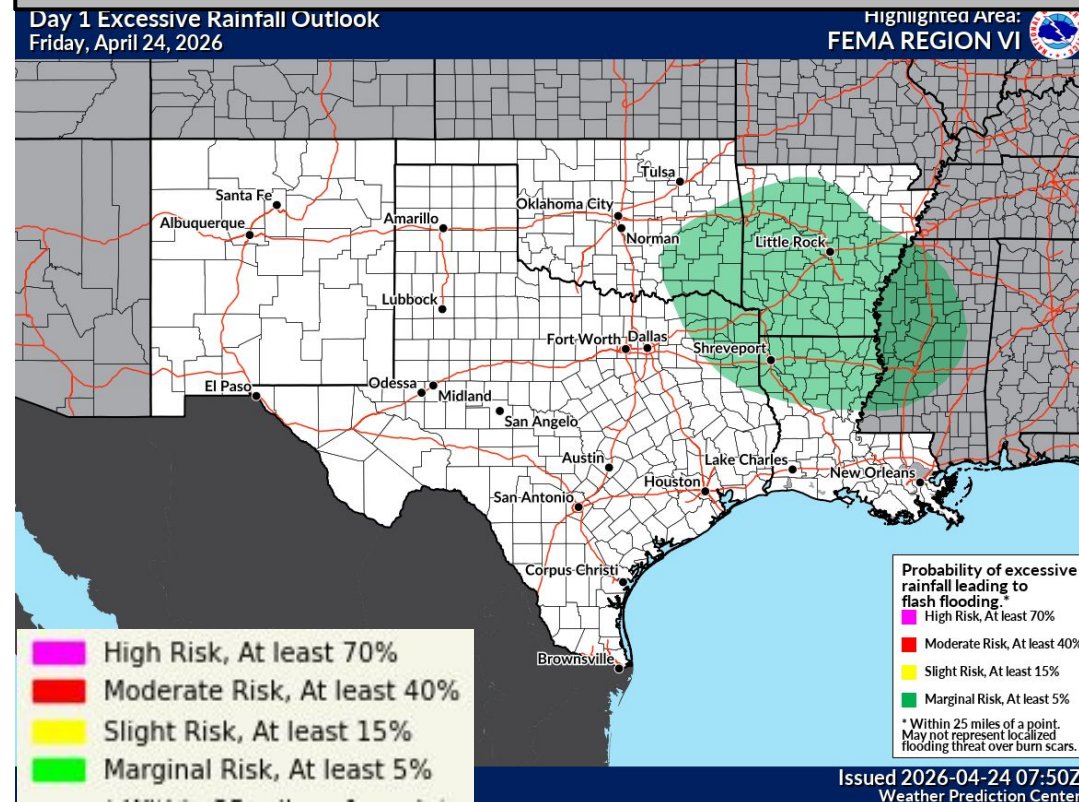


**Slight risk to enhanced (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms over SE OK, AR, NE/ETX, N LA. All hazards possible including EF-2 tornadoes, large hail of 2+ inches and wind gusts to 70 mph.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

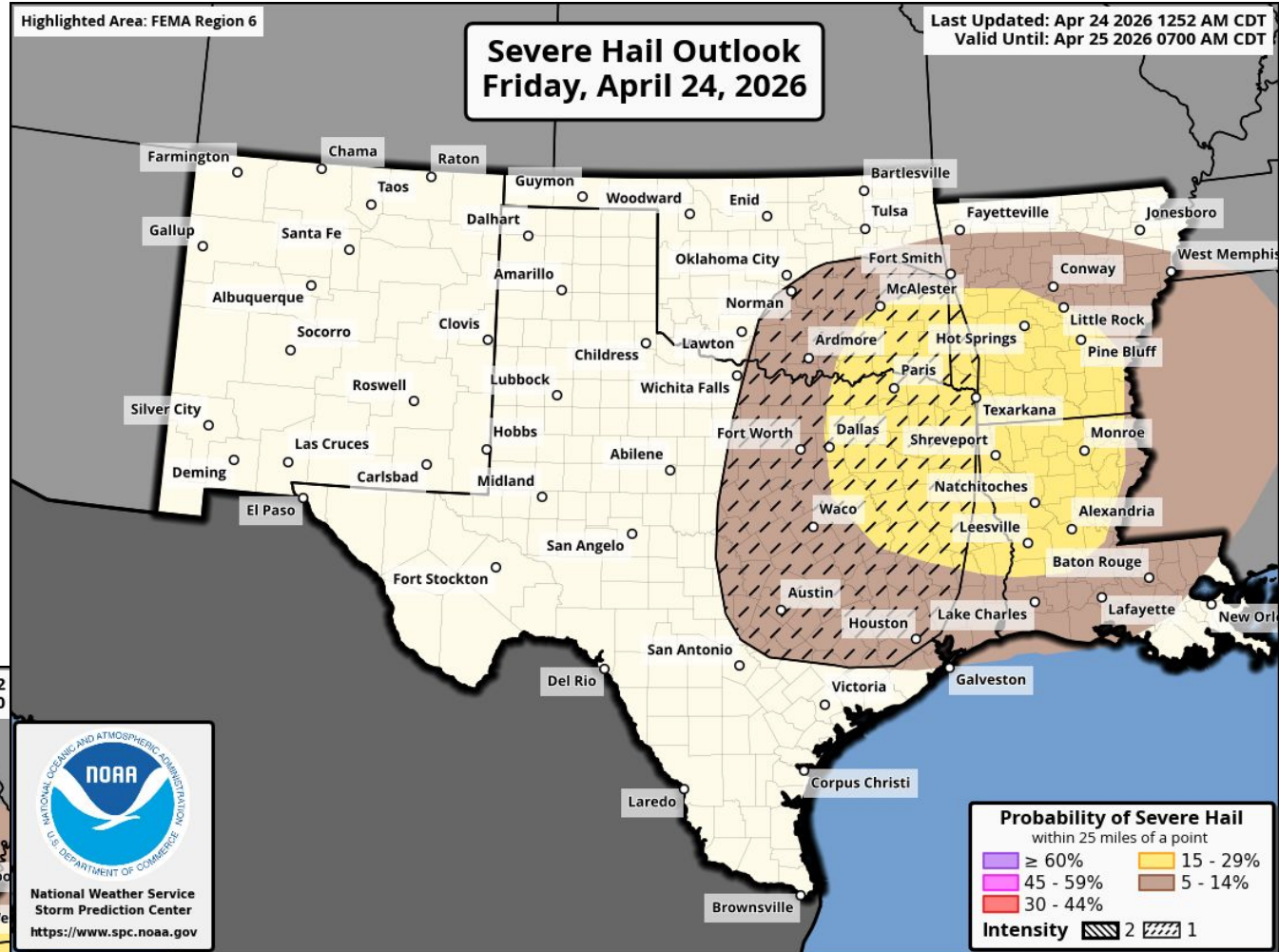
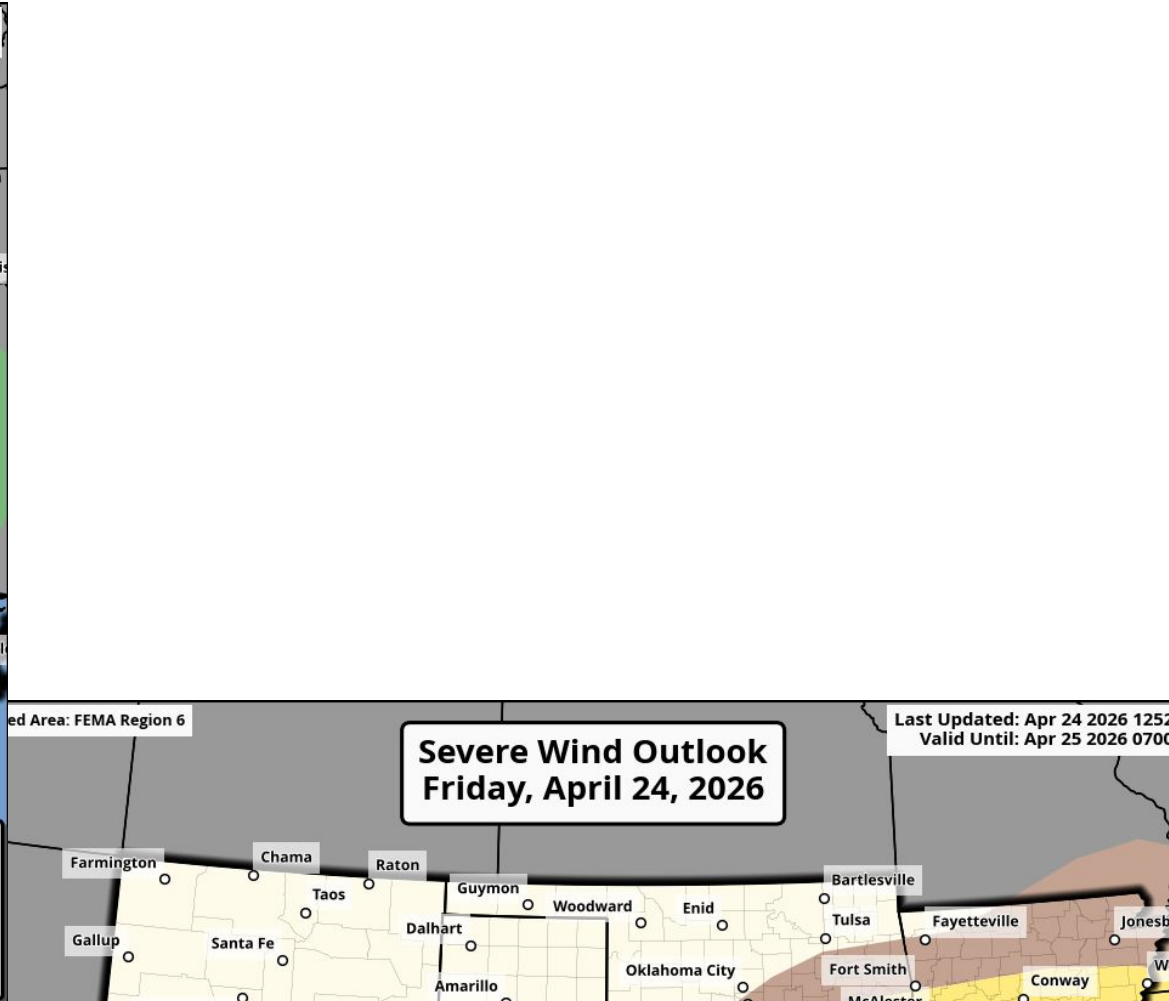
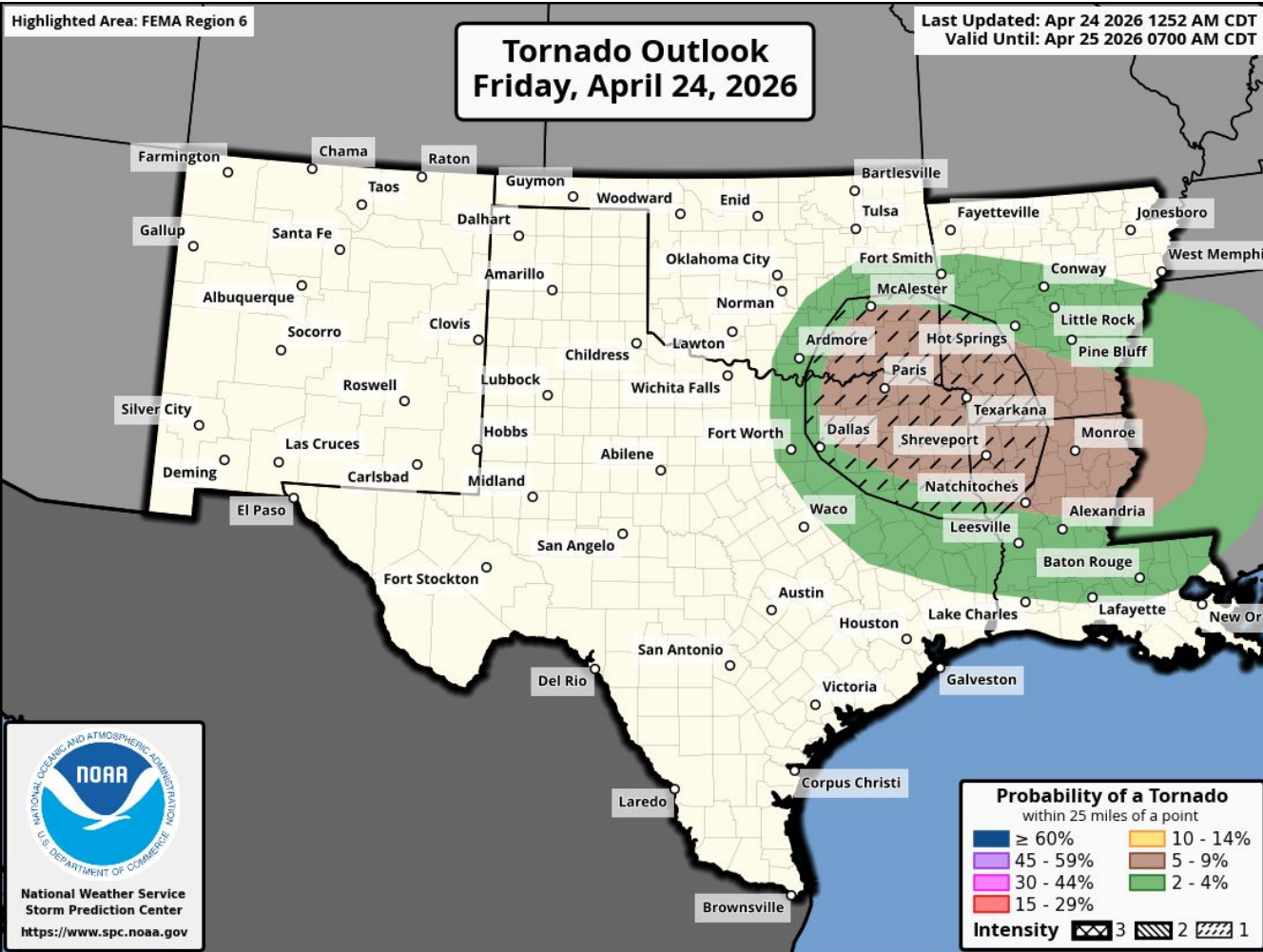


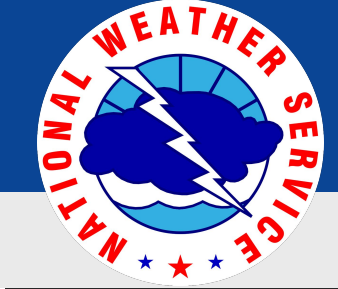
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding over E OK, AR, NETX, N LA.**



# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards

## Flash Flood Watch...for Potential Dam Failure

Valid: Now through Friday Evening



A very small section of West El Paso, in the drainage of Cement Lake, near Loop 375.



- The Dam at Cement Lake is weakened and could fail.
- Authorities are pumping water out of the lake, but the dam could fail prior to mitigation of the failure.



- If the dam fails, a deadly rush of water would flow out of the lake, and overspread Loop 375, Doniphan Dr. and Paisano Dr., and rush into the Rio Grande and surrounding low lying areas



**Flash flood watch through tonight for a small portion of western El Paso for a potential Dam Failure.**



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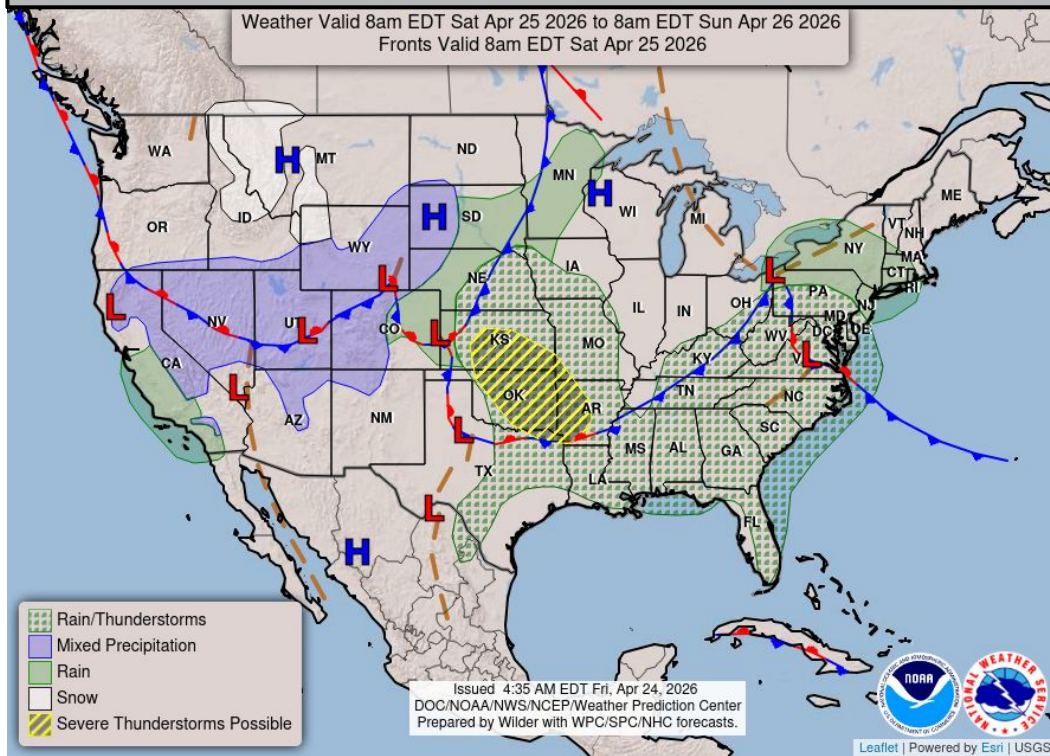
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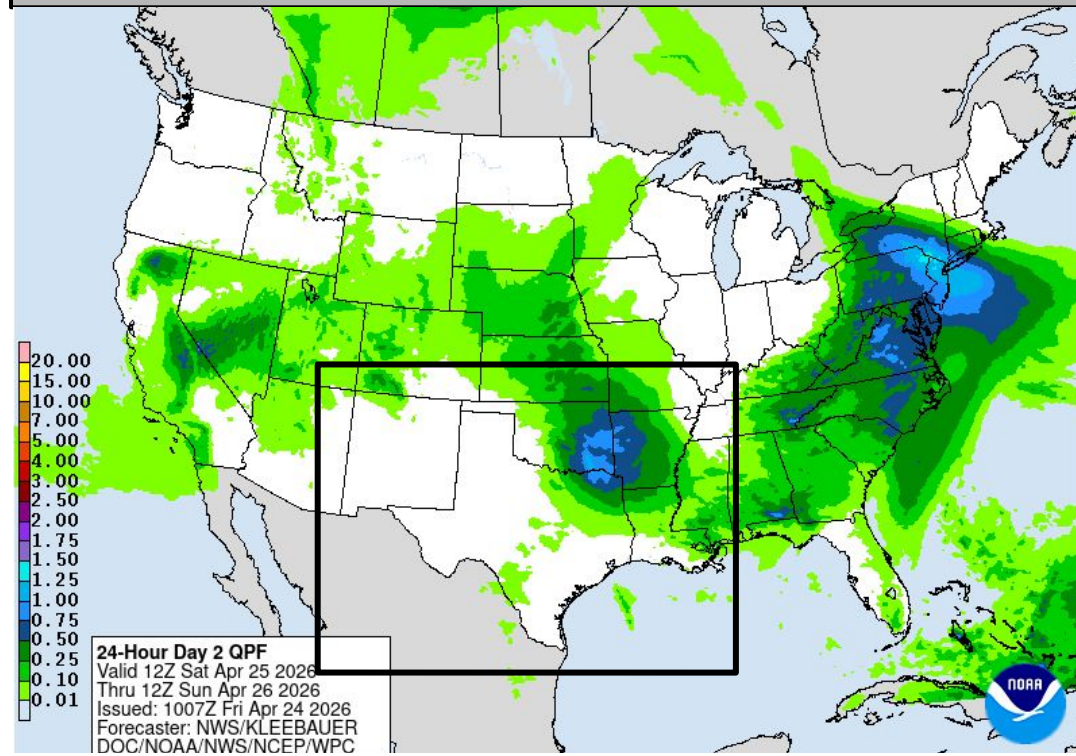


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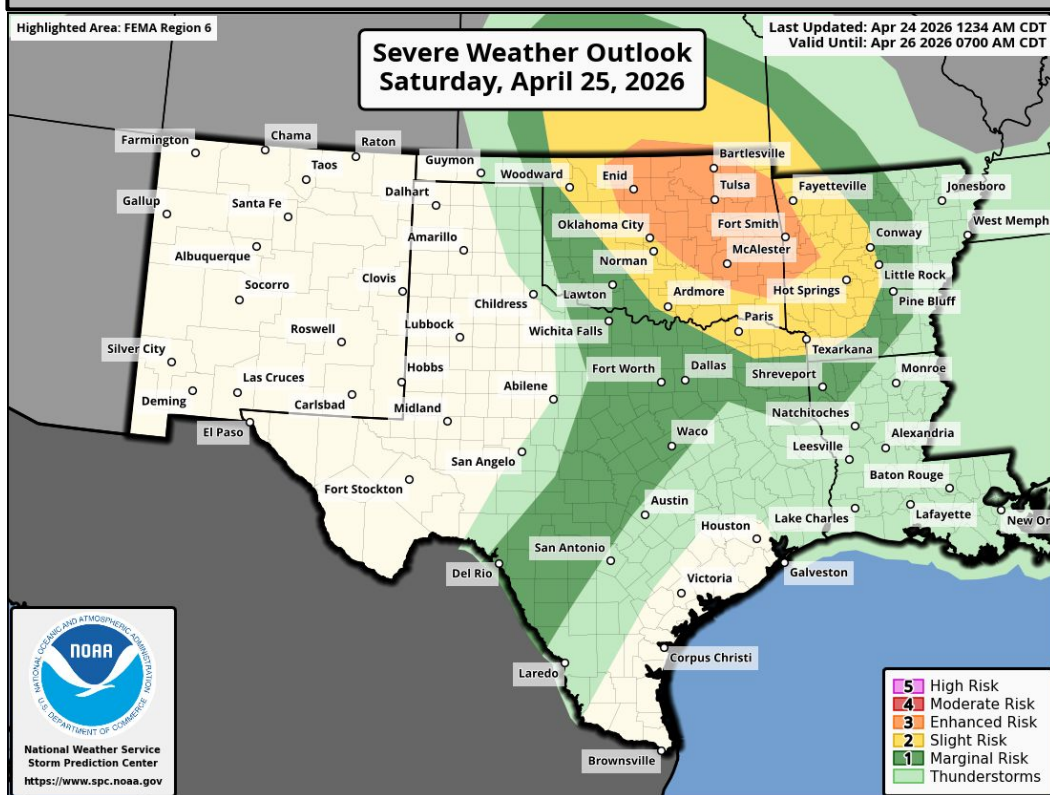
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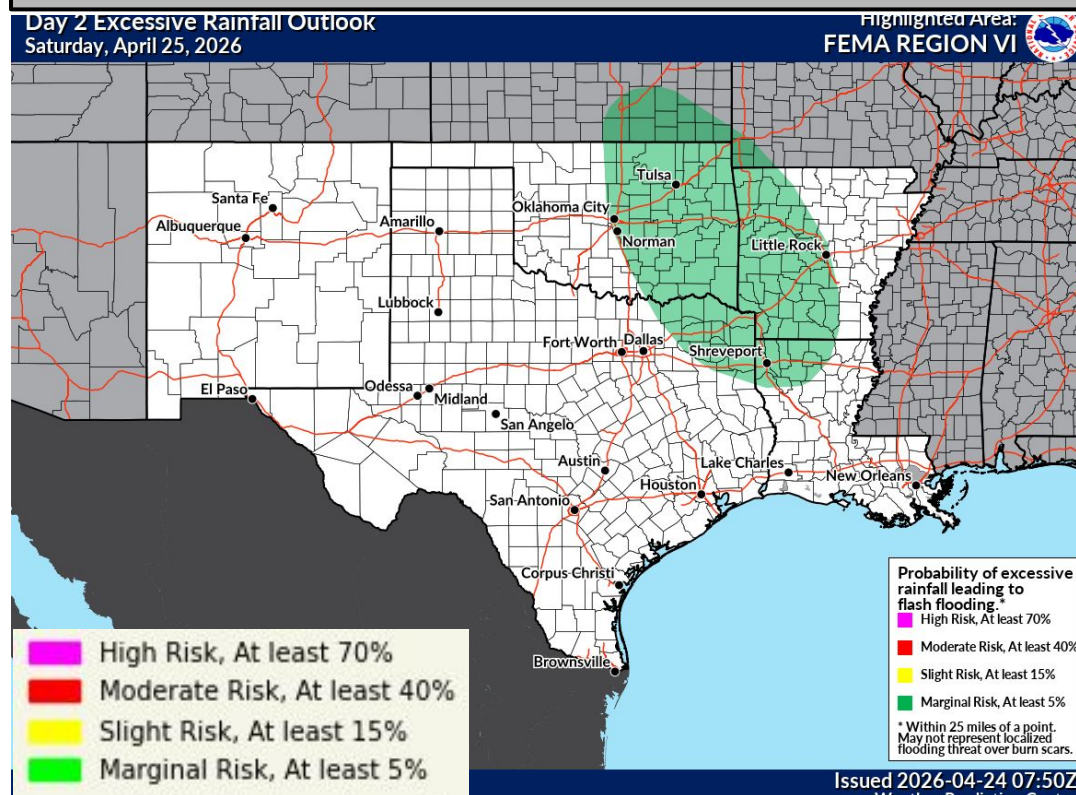
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



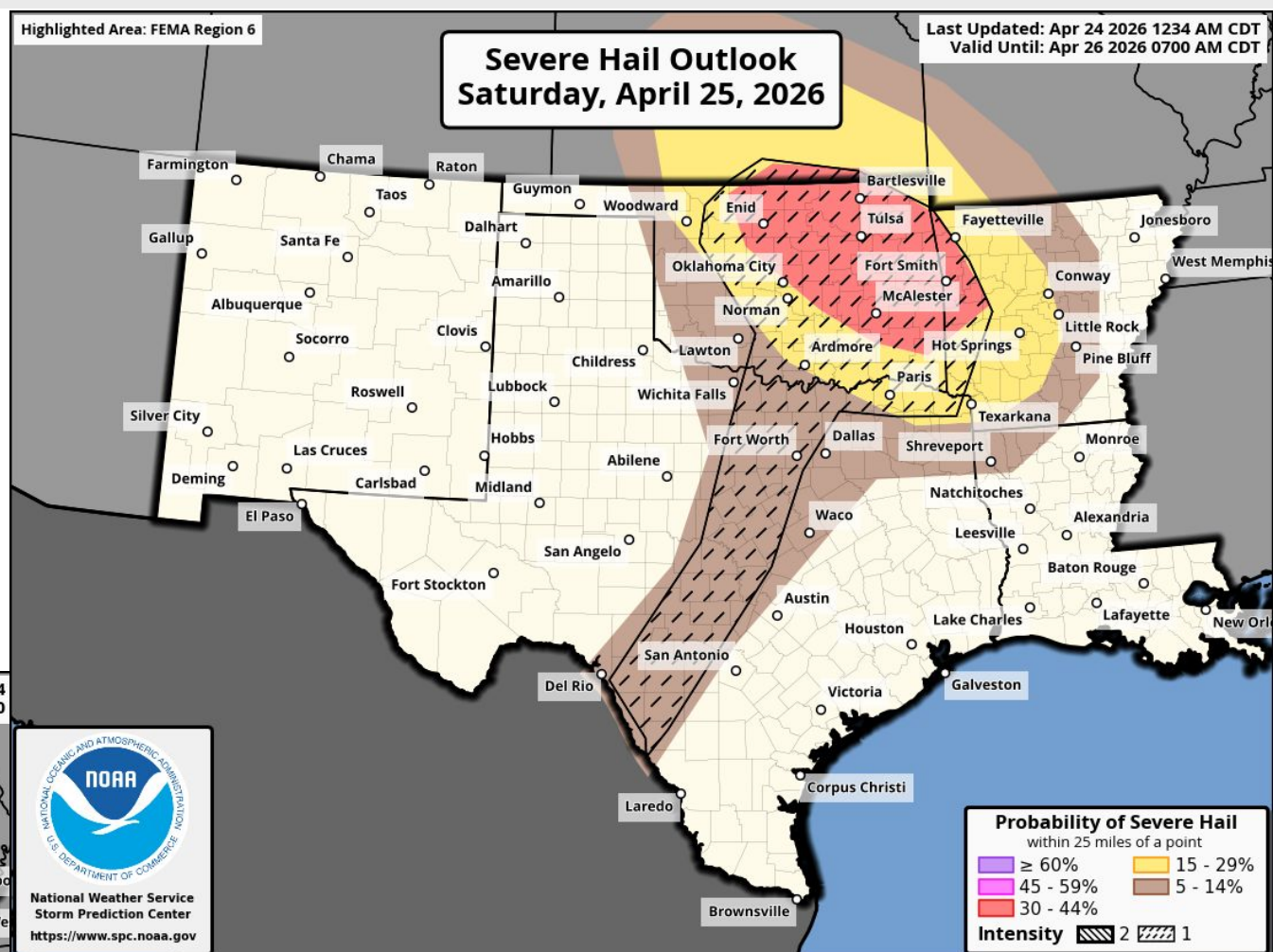
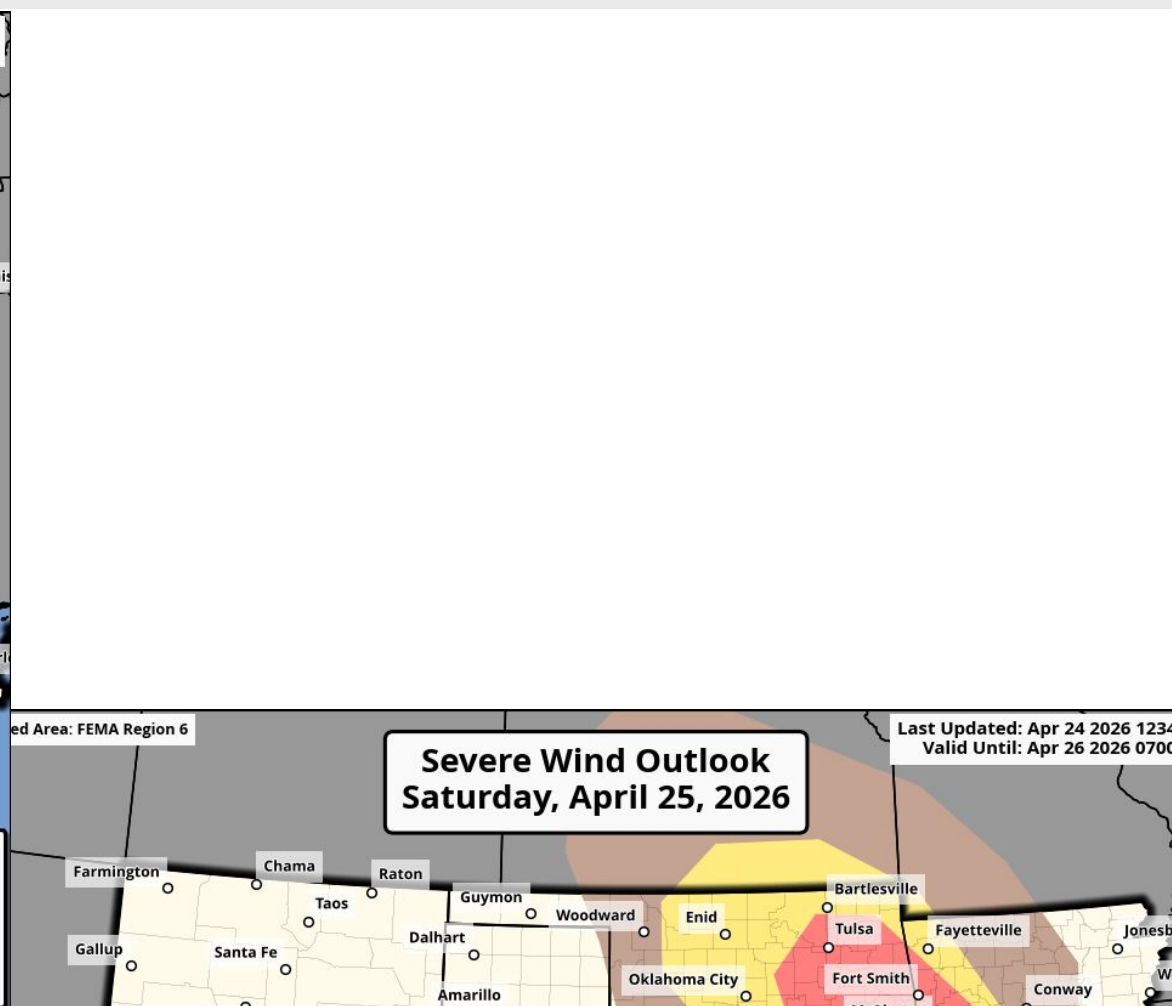
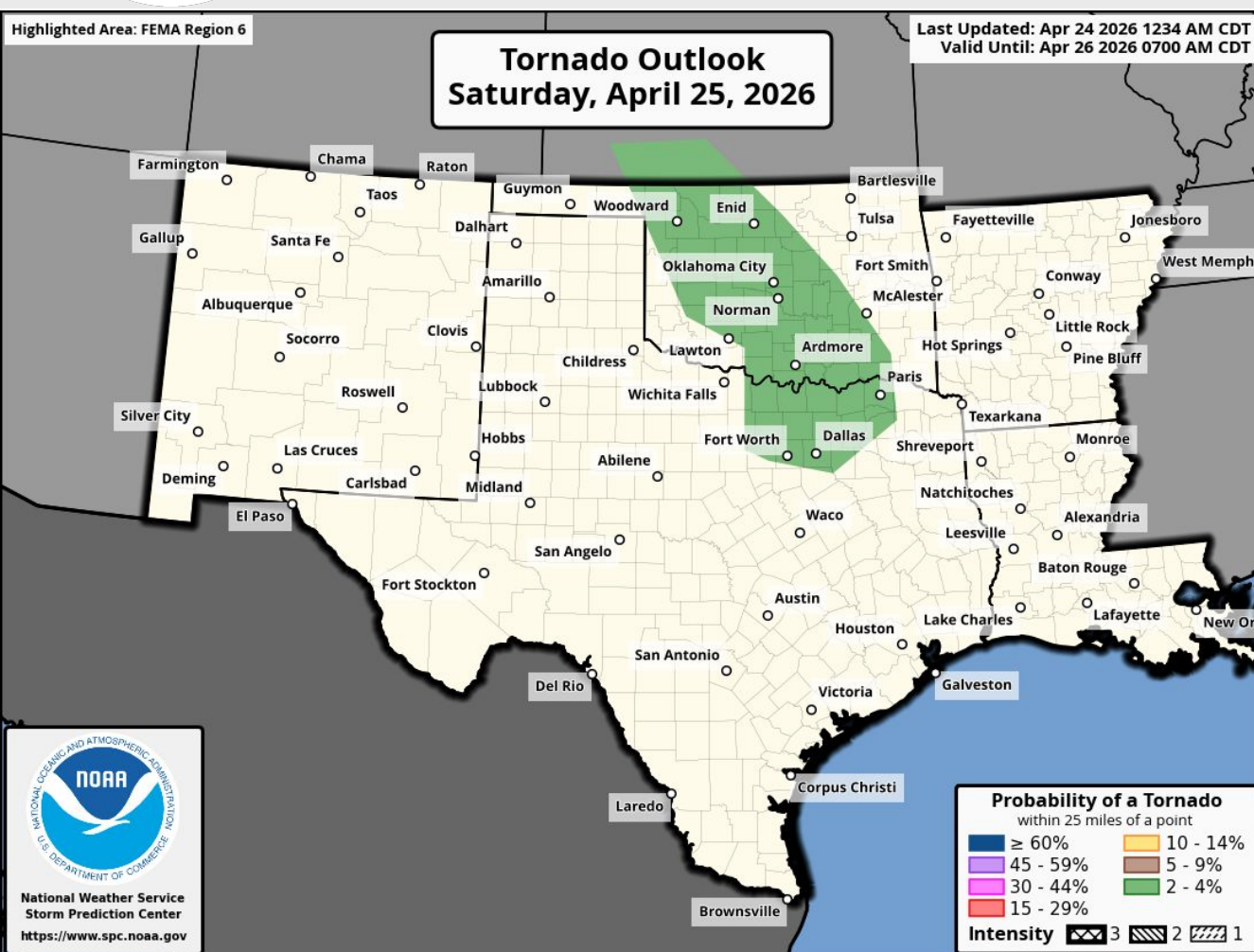
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**Elevated to critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in E OK, W AR, NE TX, N LA.**

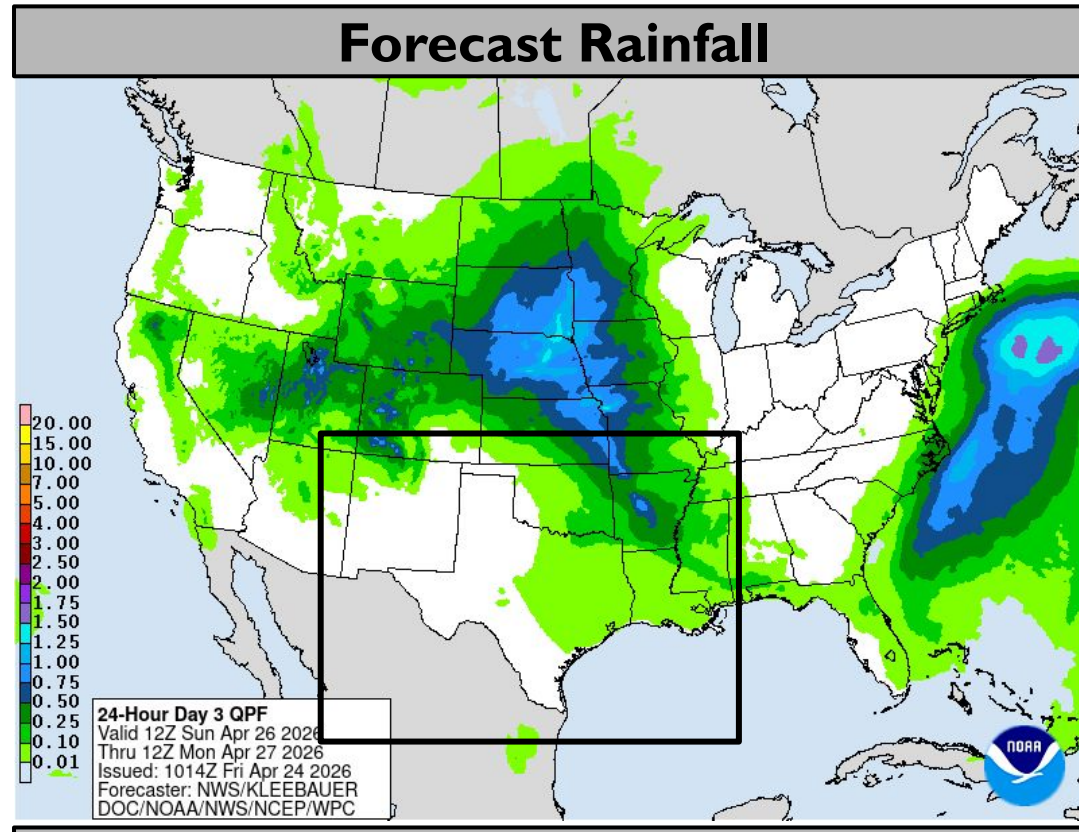
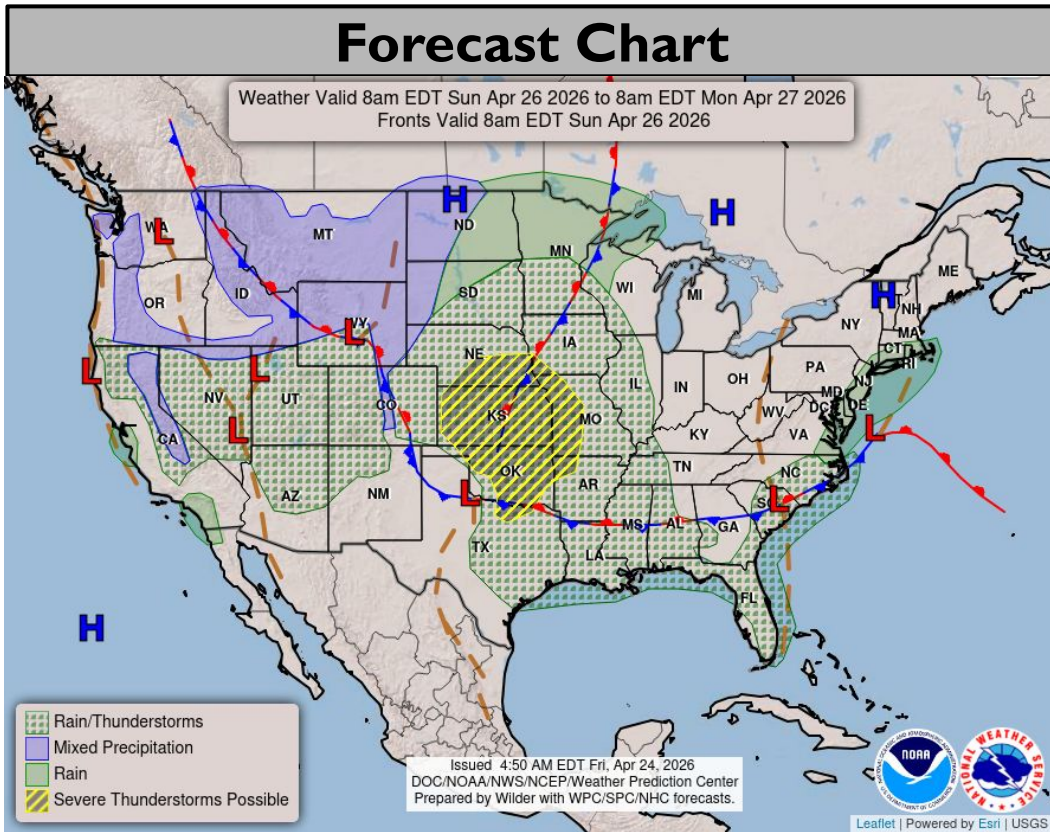


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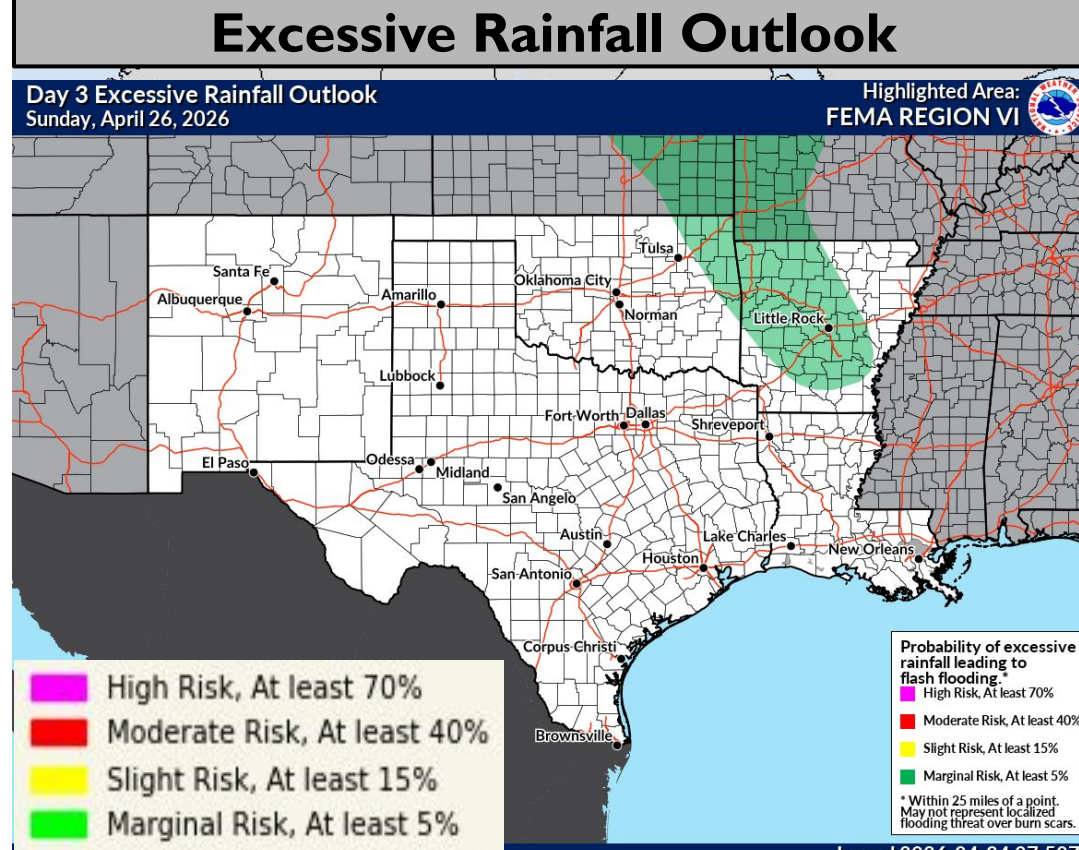
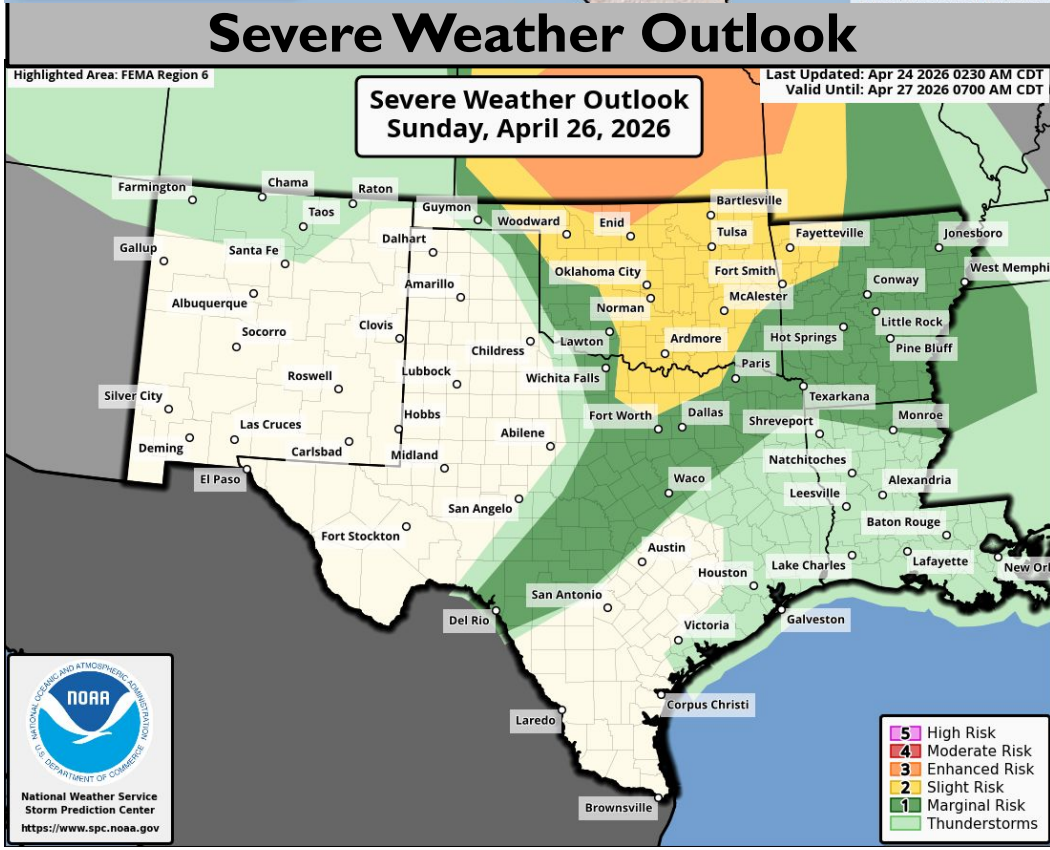


# Sunday's Weather

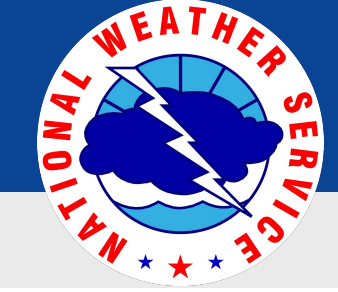


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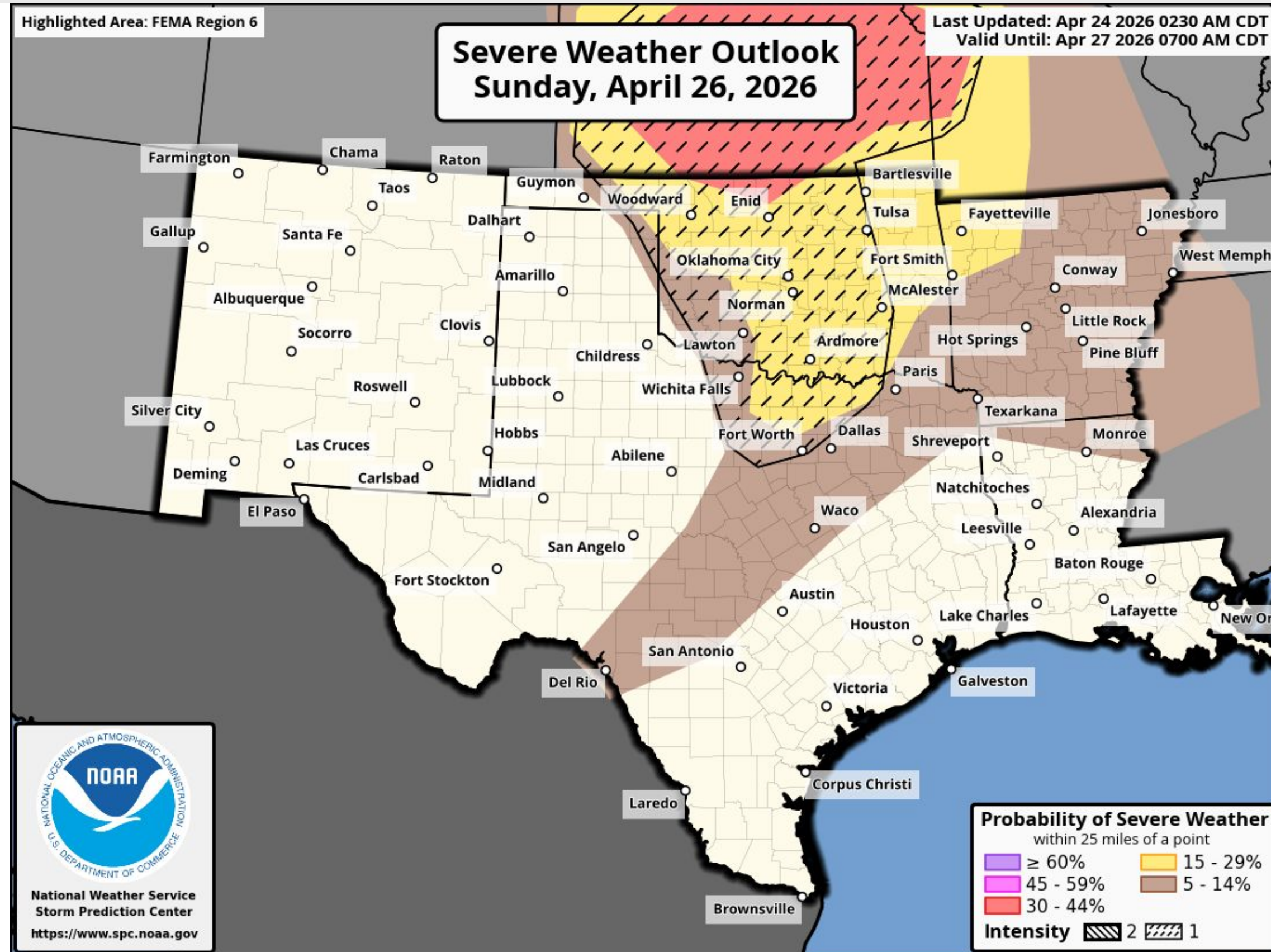
**Critical to locally extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns in portions of NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK.**



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



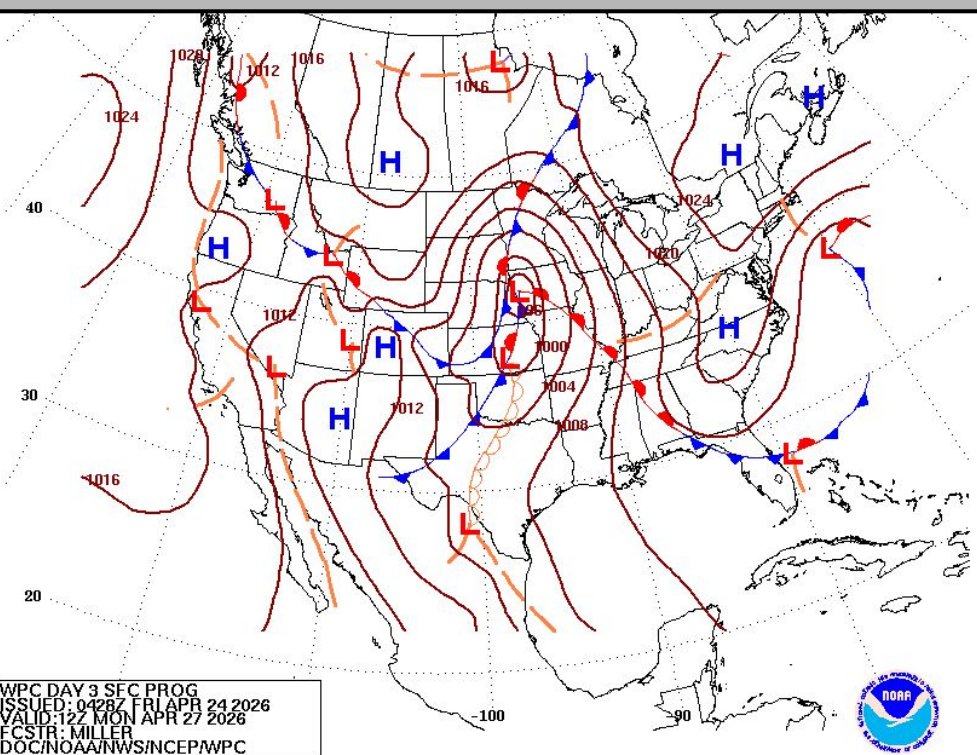
# Sunday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIIG Level



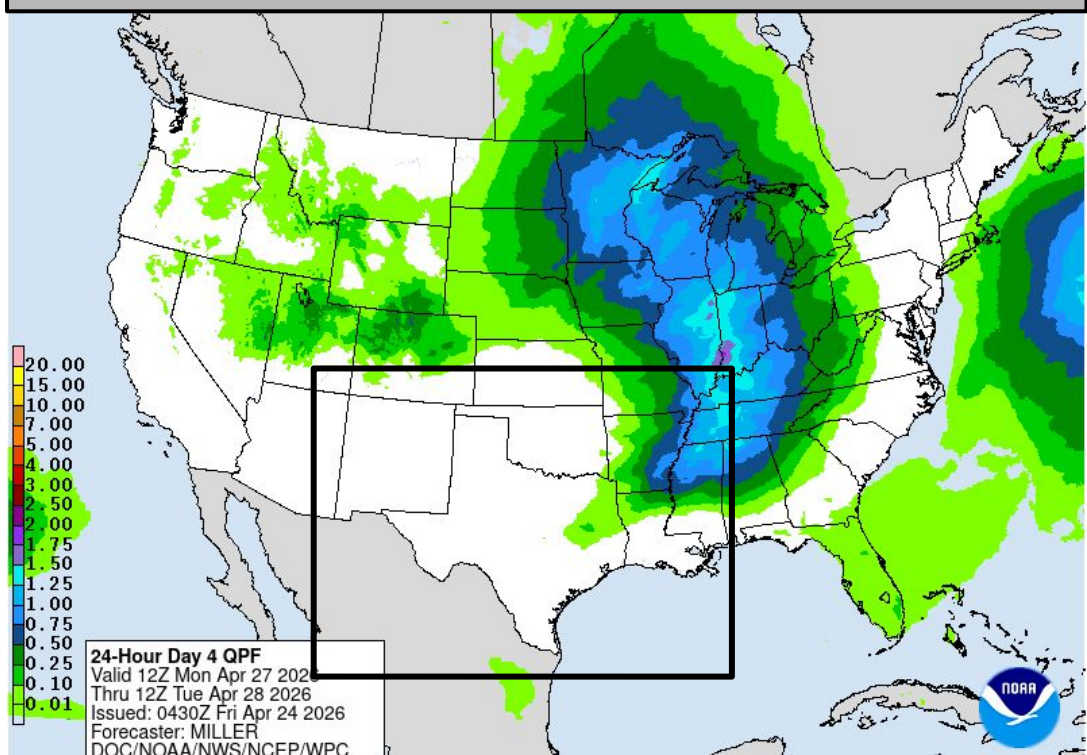


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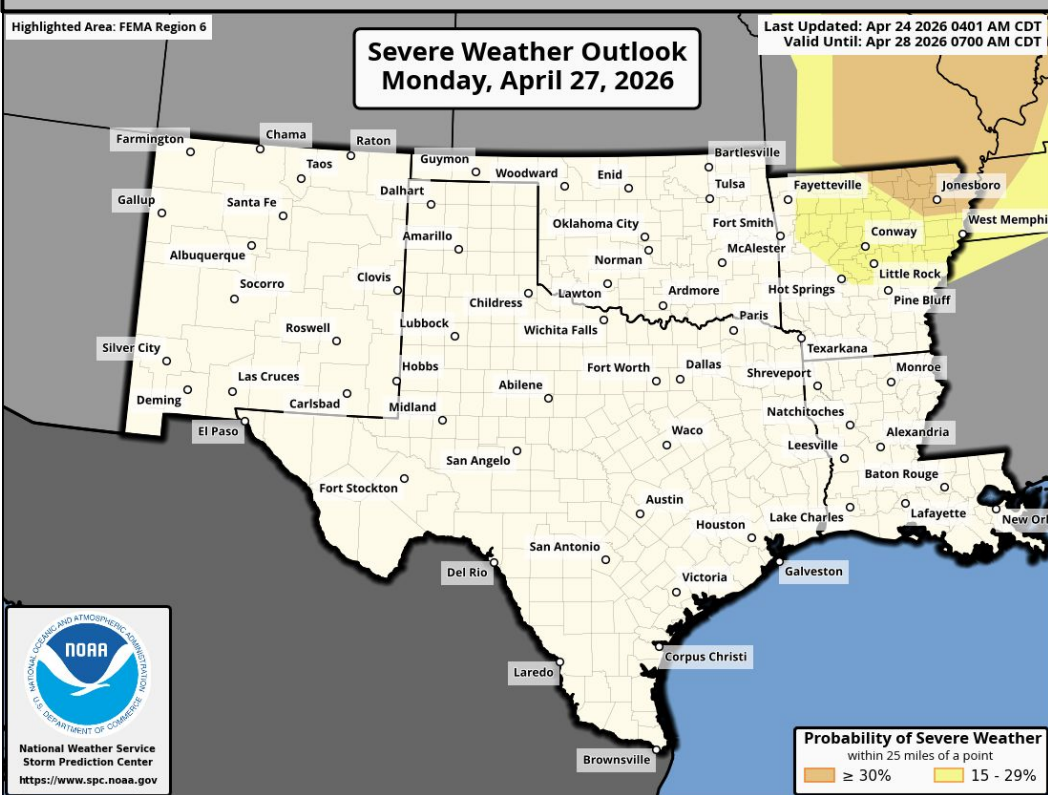
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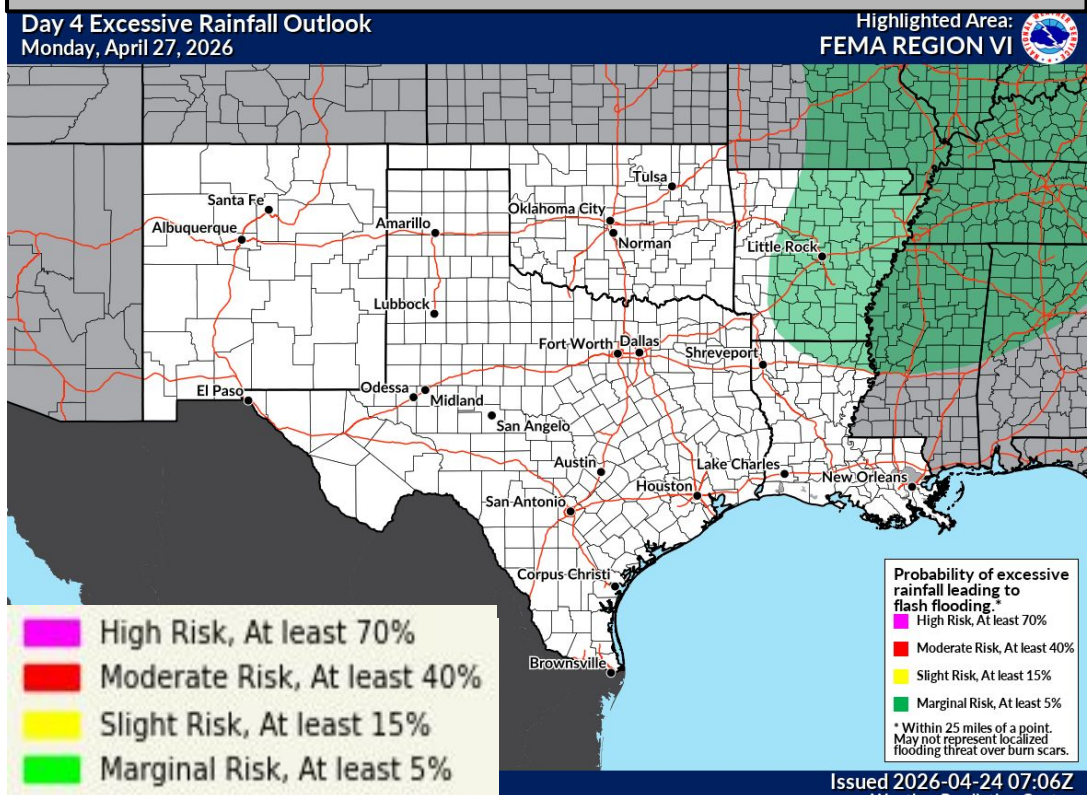
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



**Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms over AR. All hazards could occur.**

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

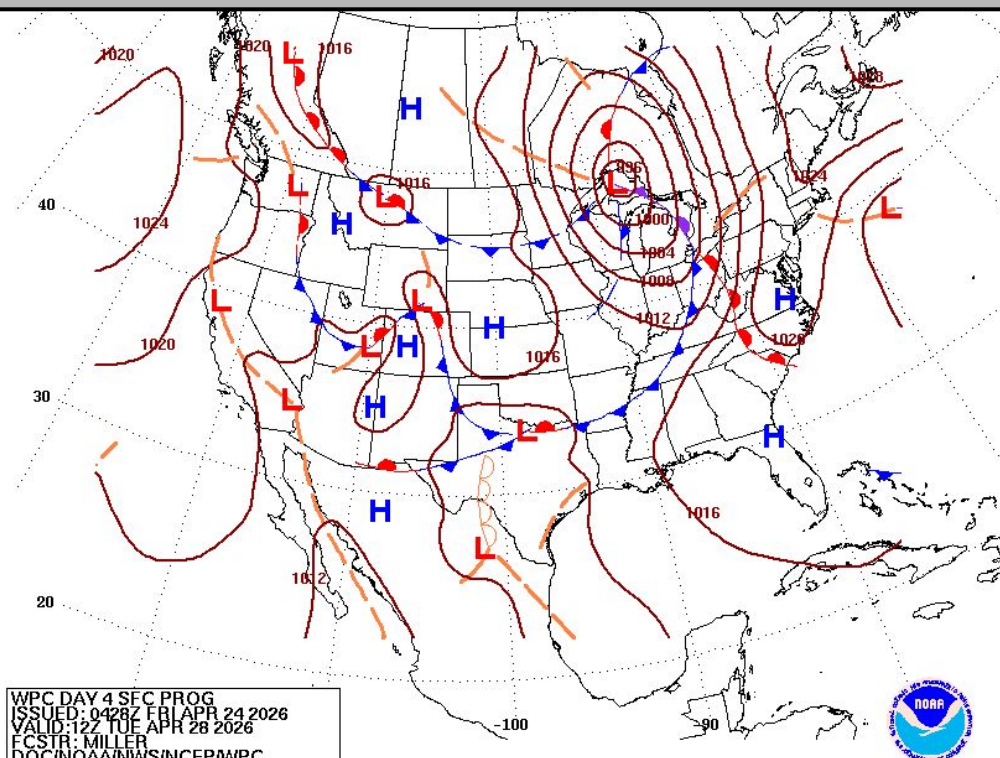
**Monitoring for elevated to locally critical fire weather concerns in NM, NW/W TX.**





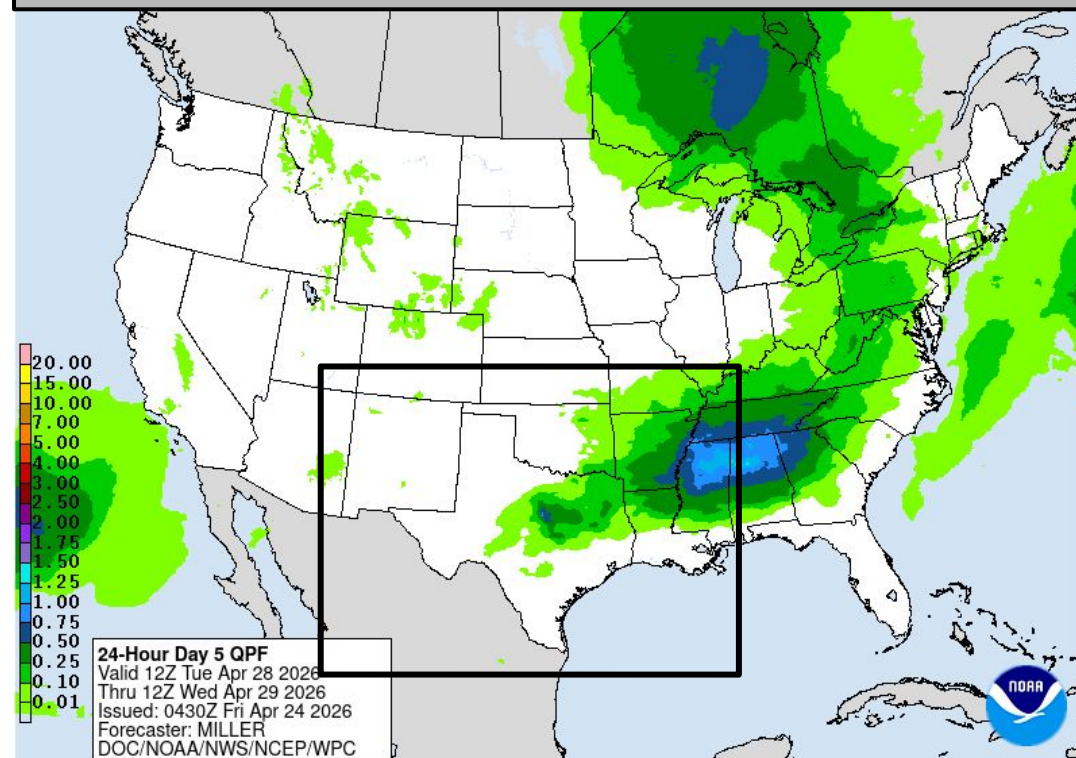
# Tuesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
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VALID: 12Z TUE APR 28 2026  
FCSTR: MILLER  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

### Forecast Rainfall



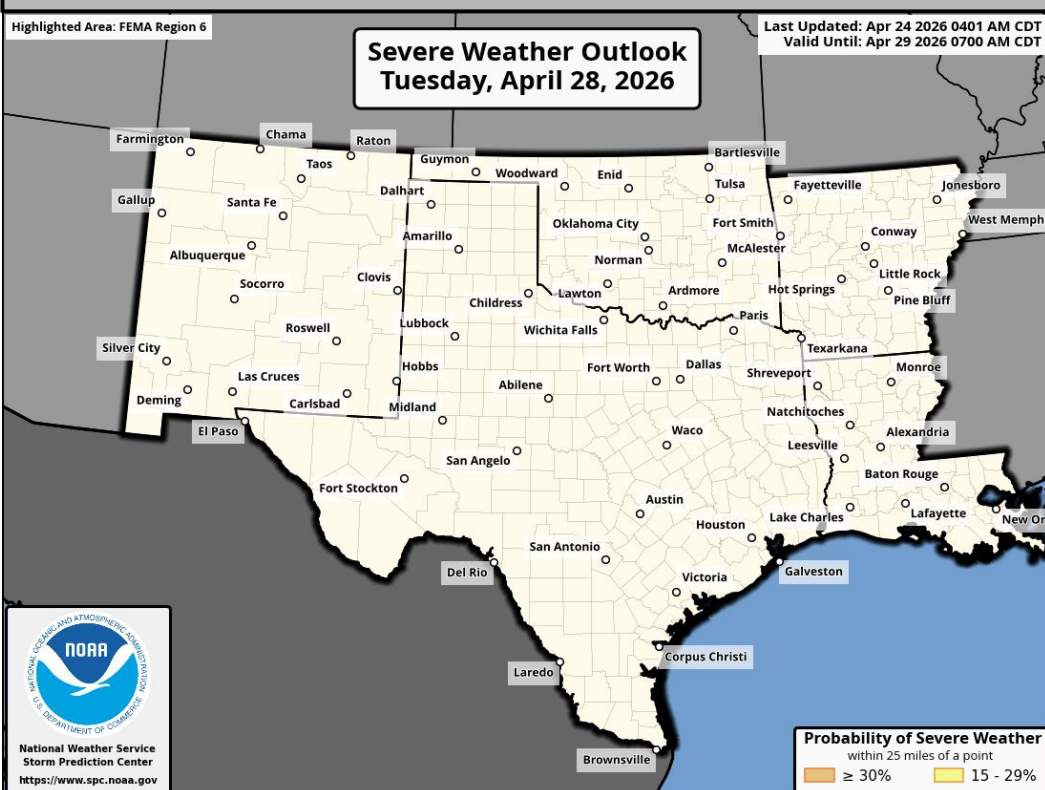
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**Monitoring NE TX, S AR, N LA for severe weather threat.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall over N TX, AR, N LA.**

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

### Severe Weather Outlook

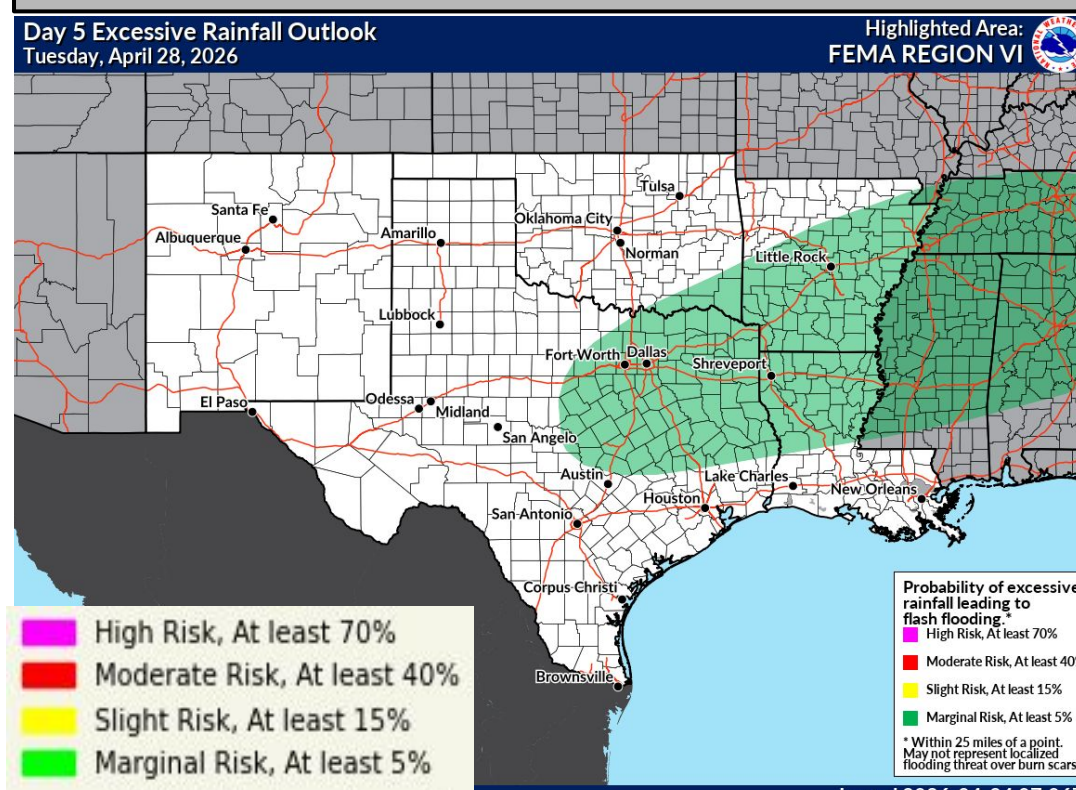


Severe Weather Outlook  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 24 2026 0401 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Apr 29 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  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

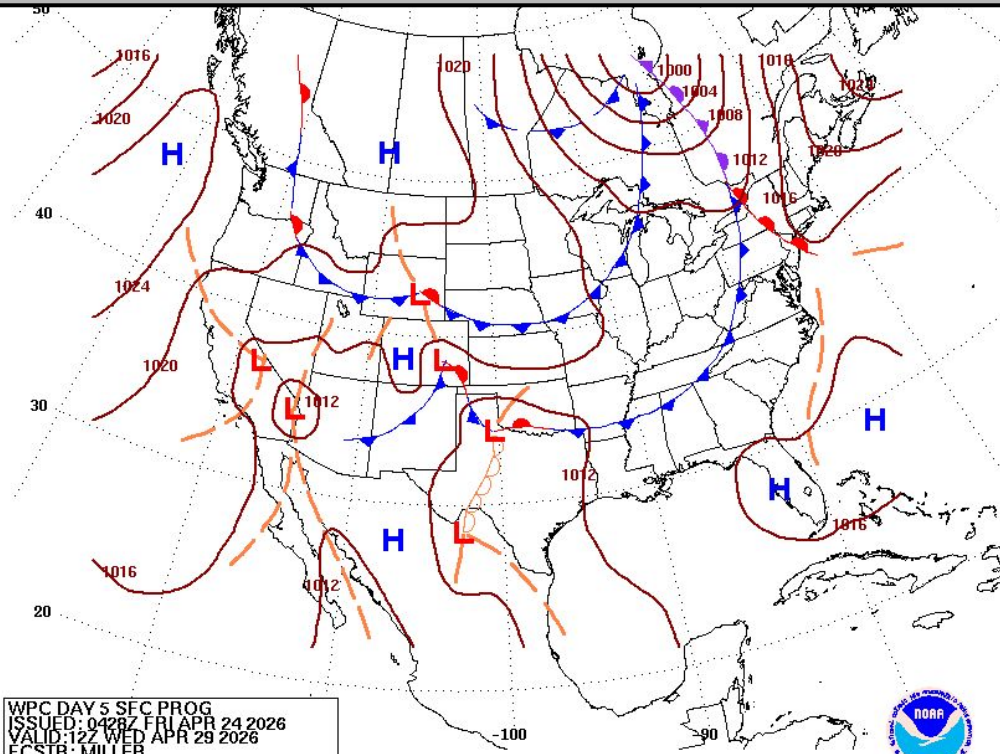
High Risk, At least 70%  
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Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
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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.



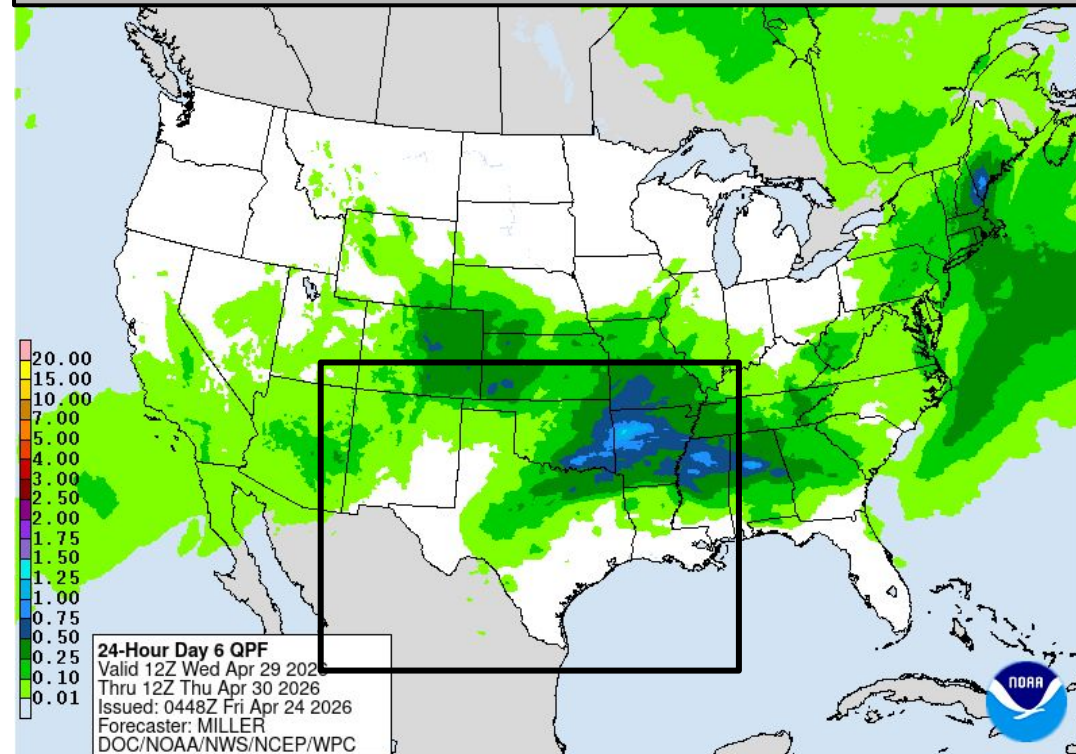
# Wednesday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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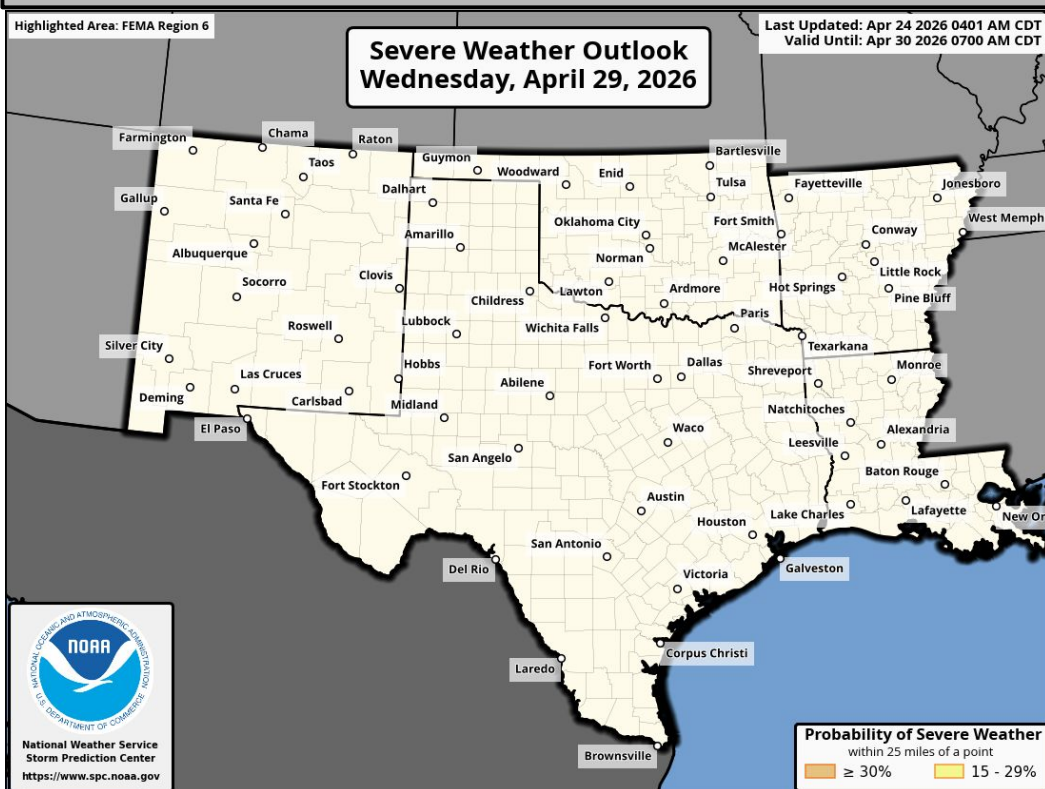
### Forecast Rainfall



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**Monitoring OK/TX for isolated severe weather.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

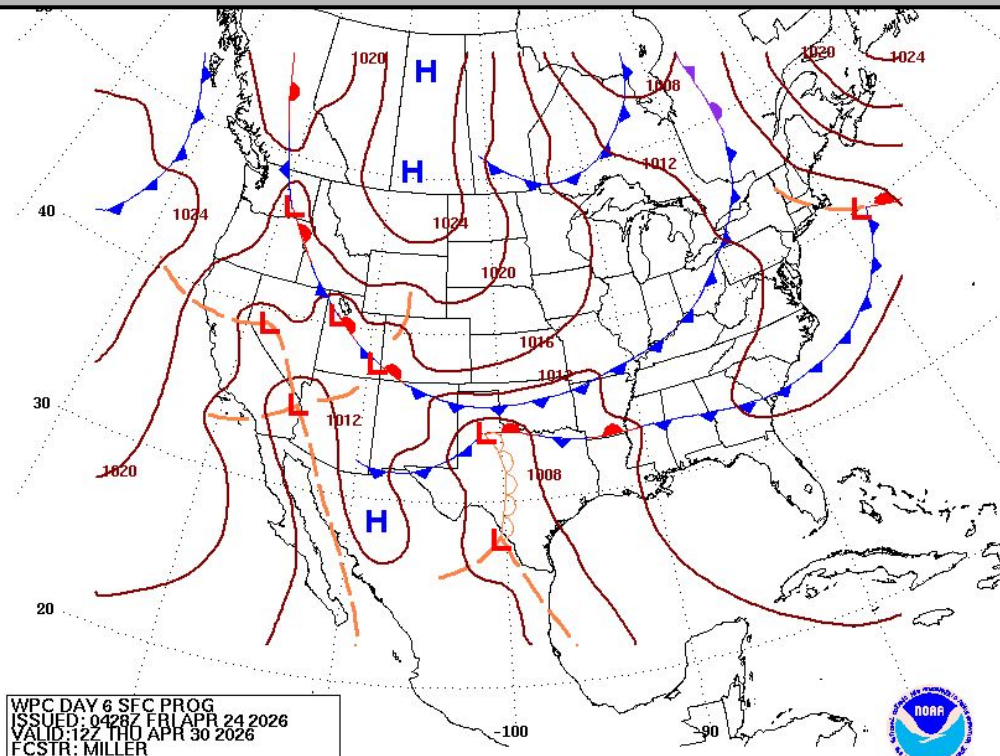
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**

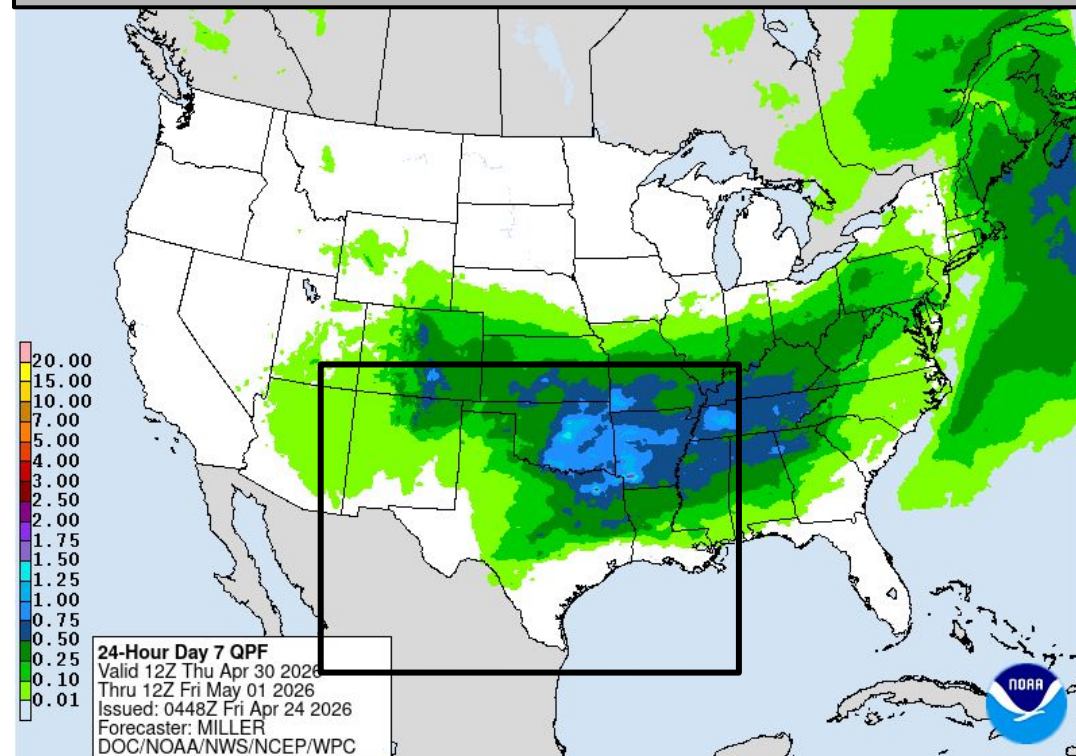


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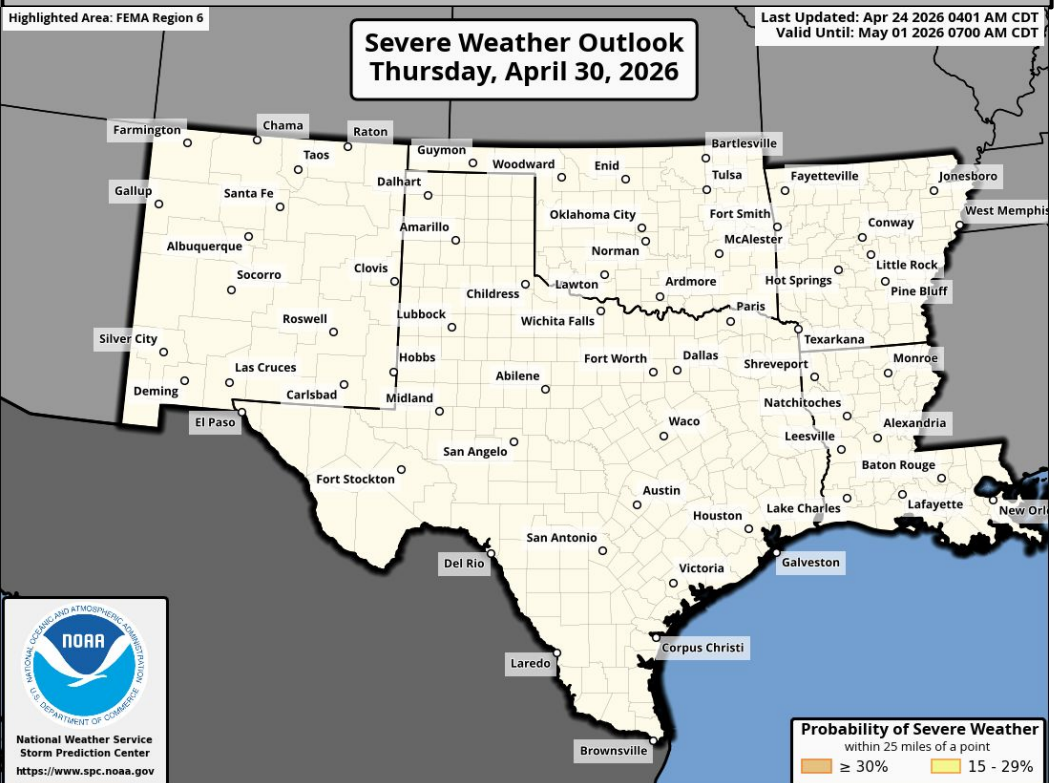


### Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring OK, AR, and N/NE TX for possible flash flooding.**

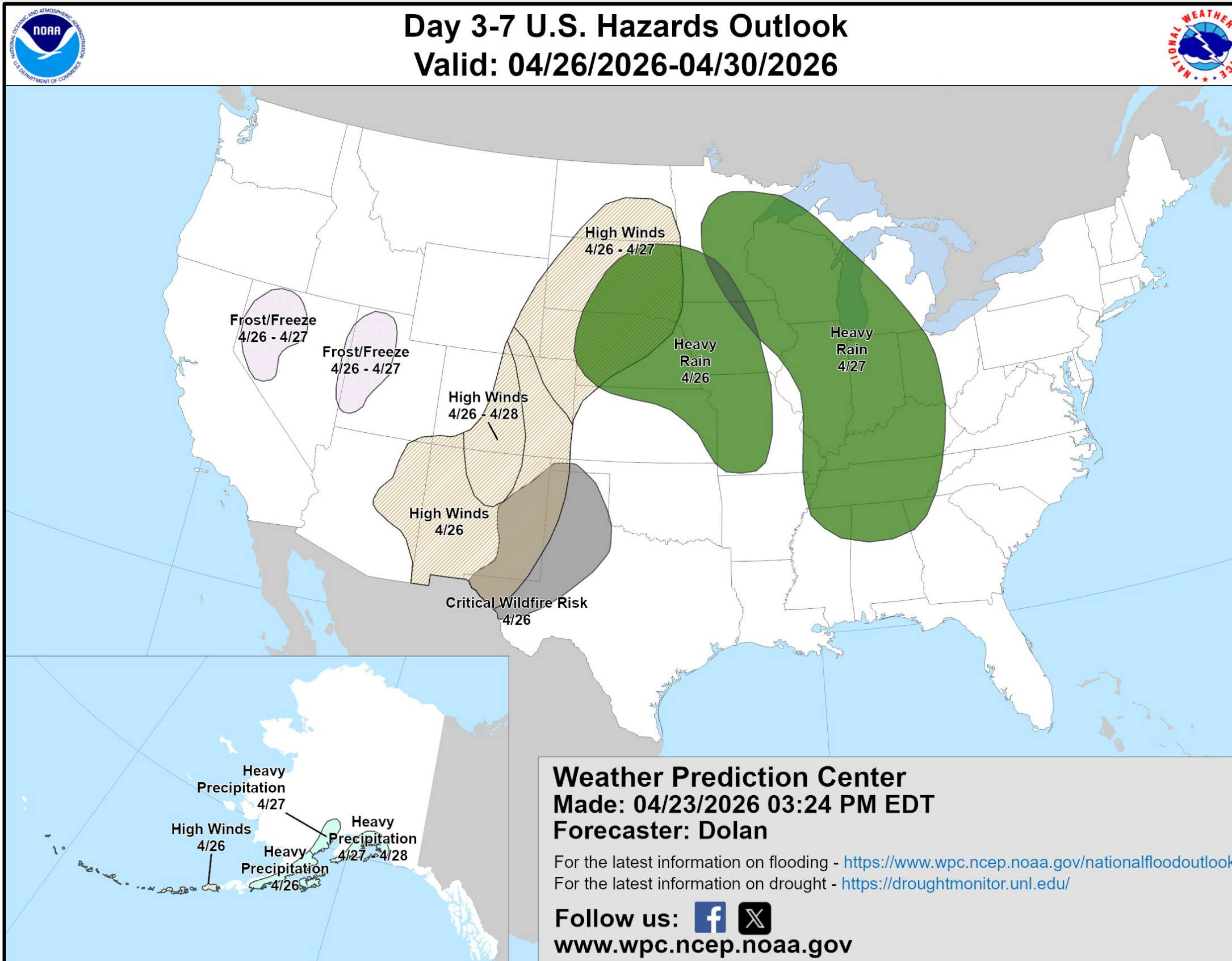
### Severe Weather Outlook



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

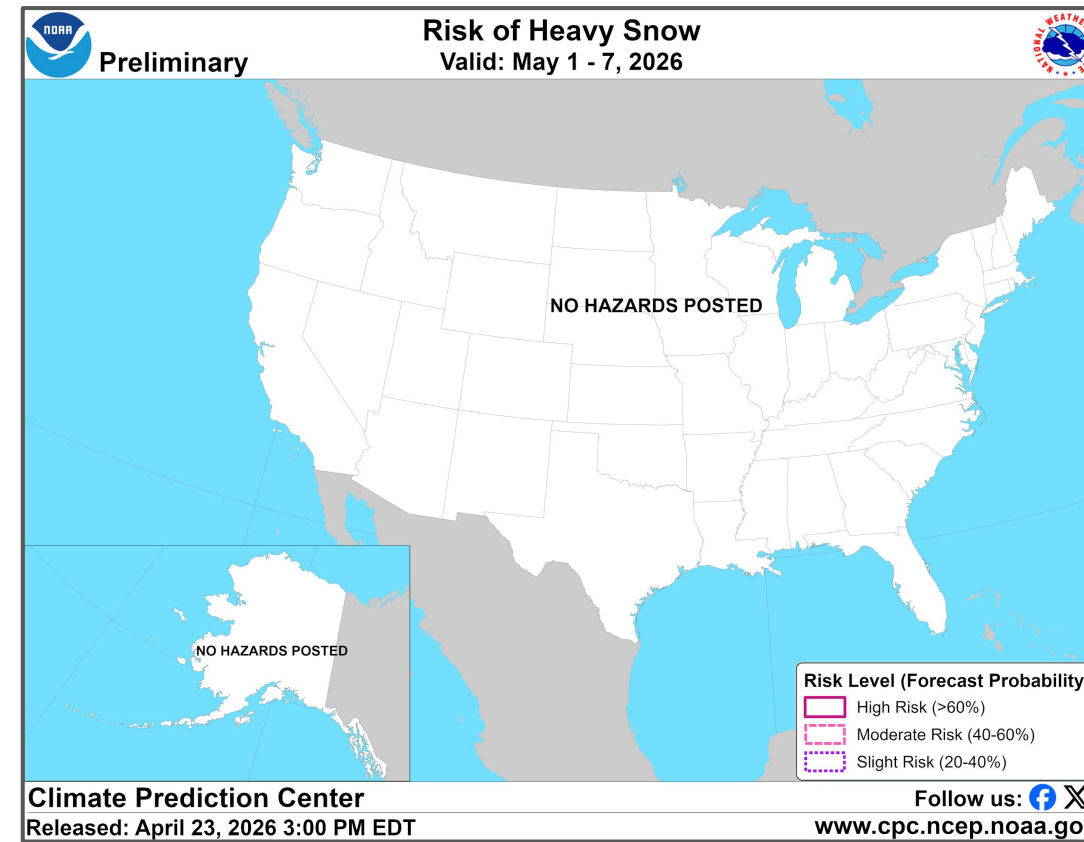
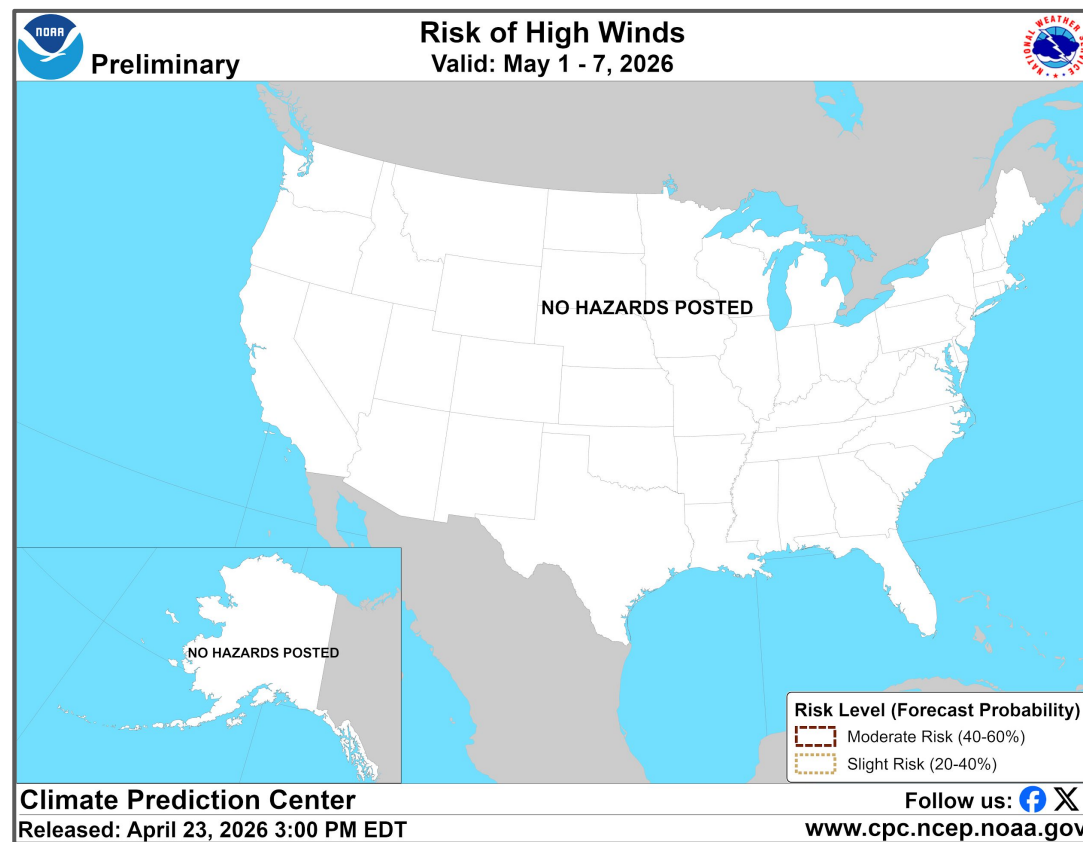
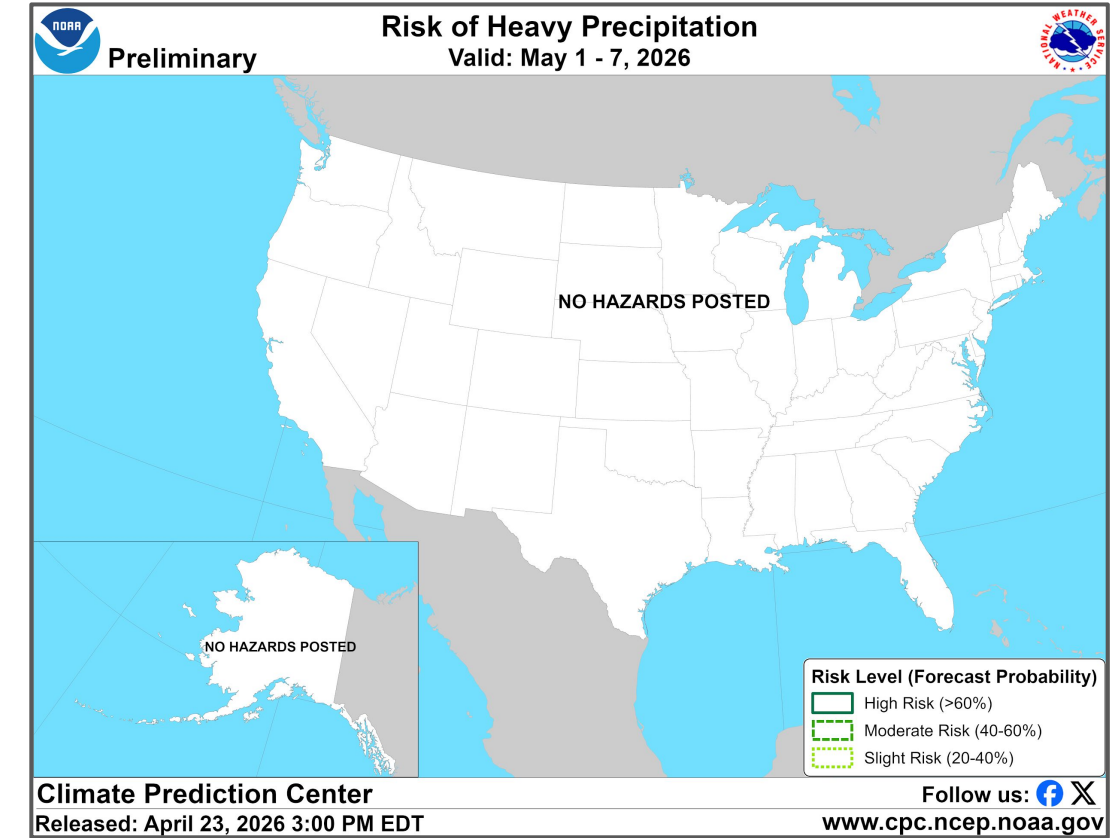
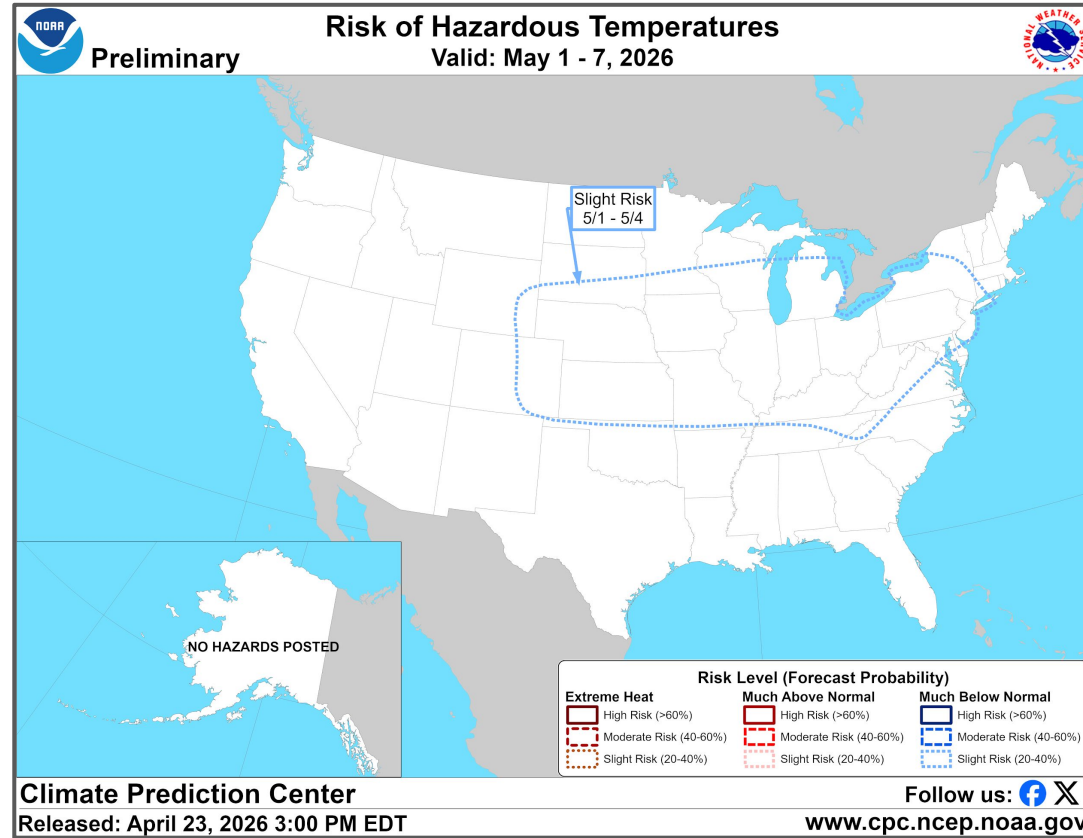
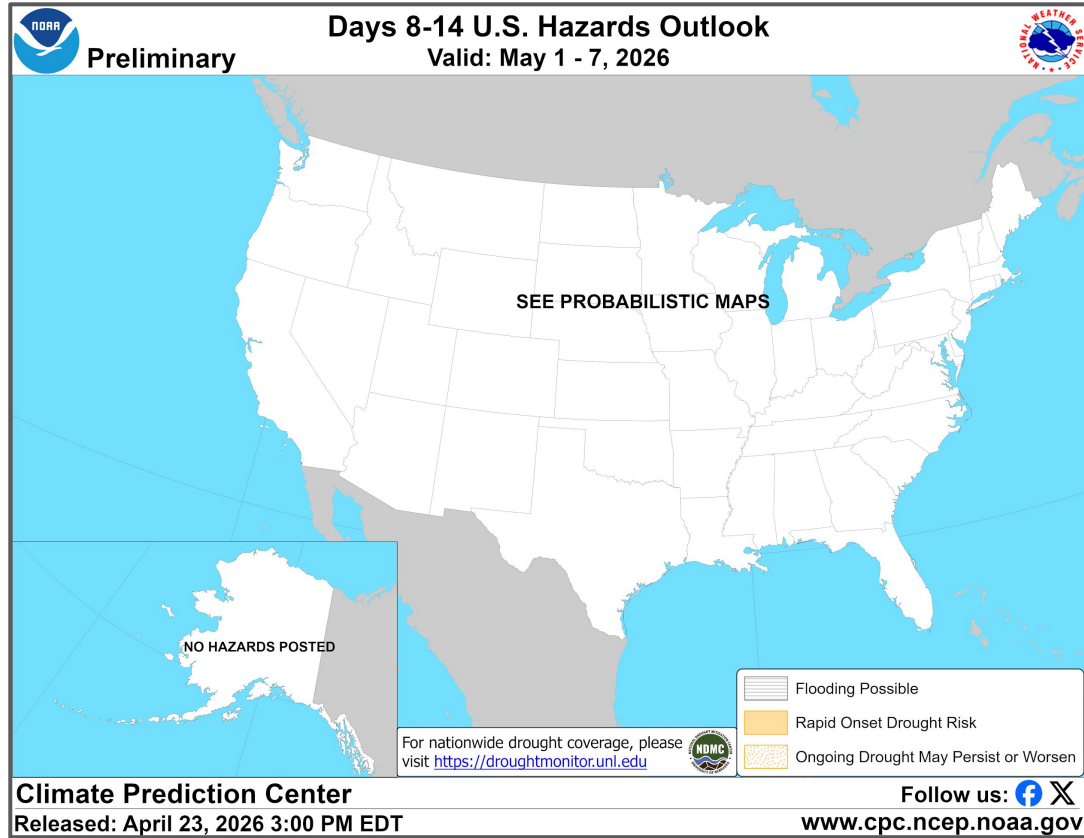


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





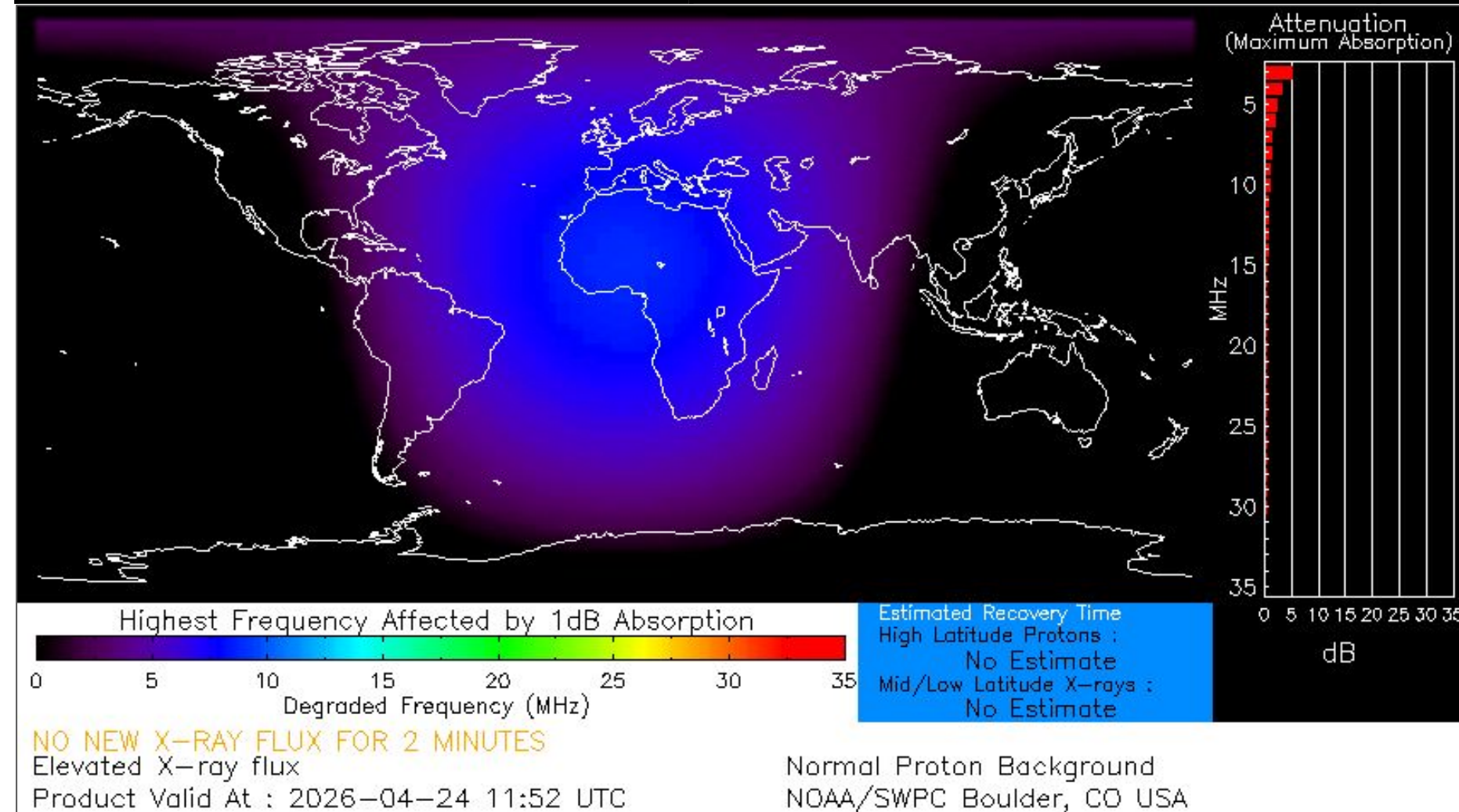
# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





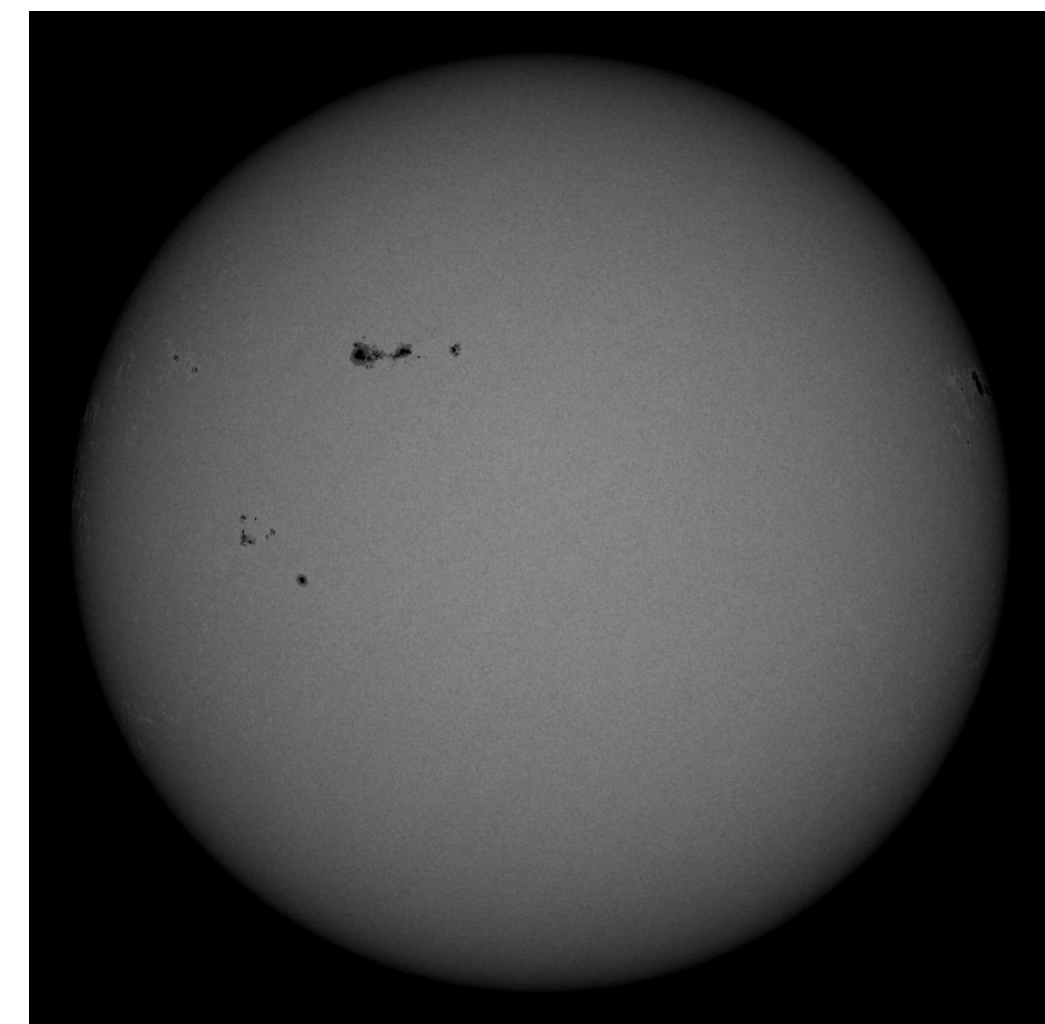
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Apr 24	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</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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