



FEMA



Prepared by
Andy Bollenbacher

FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, April 25, 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:**

- **Enhanced to moderate risk (levels 3-4 of 5) today for portions of E OK, NE TX, W AR. Extremely large over 3.5” in diameter and strong tornadoes (EF-2) could occur in supercells.**
 - **Today’s tornado threat peaks in the evening.**
- **Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for portions of OK, TX, and AR the southern plains, MS Valley through 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 with potential for extremely critical fire weather threat over portions of these areas.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1
Severe Storms	S/E OK	OK	NE AR	SE OK, S AR, NE TX, N LA	CTX	S OK, N TX	
	E OK, NE TX, W AR		AR				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E OK, SW AR, NE TX, N LA	NE OK	E AR	C-NETX, AR, N LA		S OK, N TX	
Heat			STX	STX			
Fire Weather	NM, NW TX, Far W TX, TX Panhandle	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, NW/W TX	NM, NW/W TX			
River Flooding							

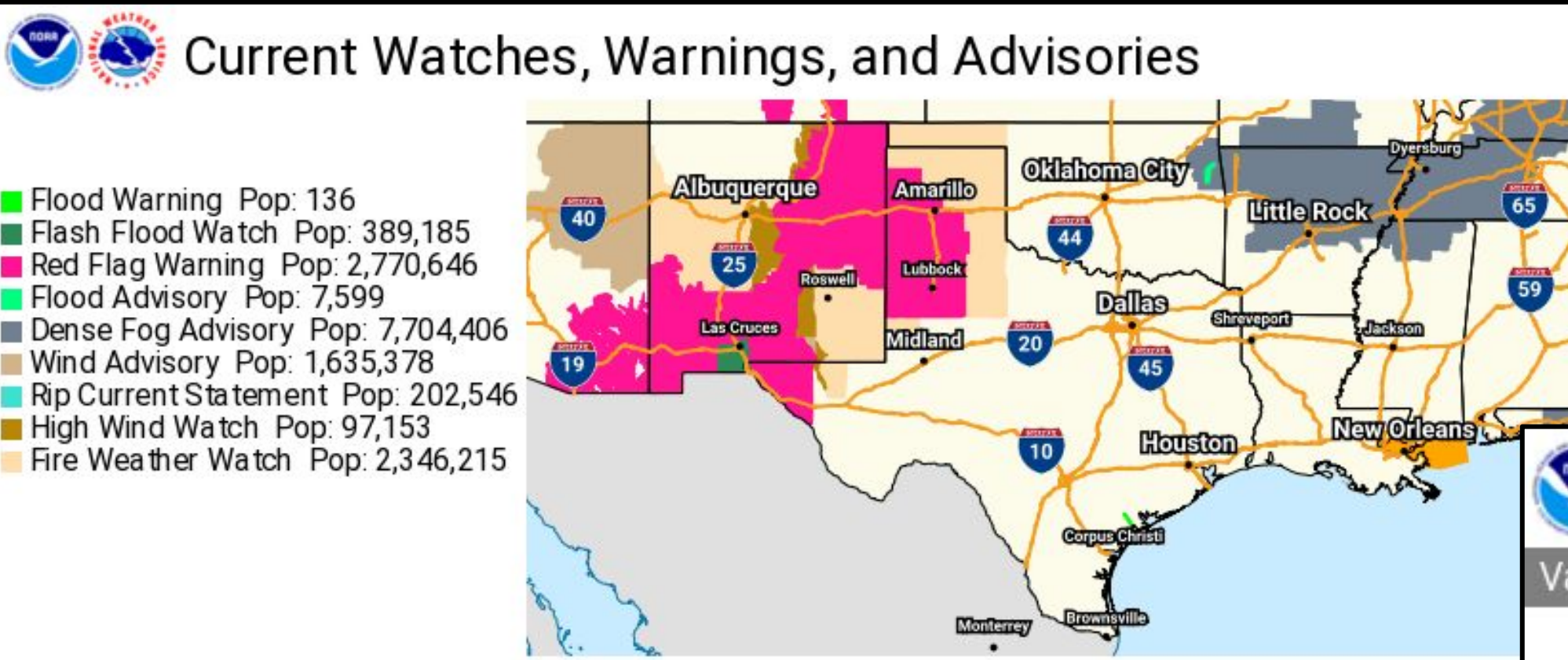
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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
-------------	----------------	-------	----------	-------	---------



Current Radar/Hazards



Generated: 2026-04-25 06:31 CDT

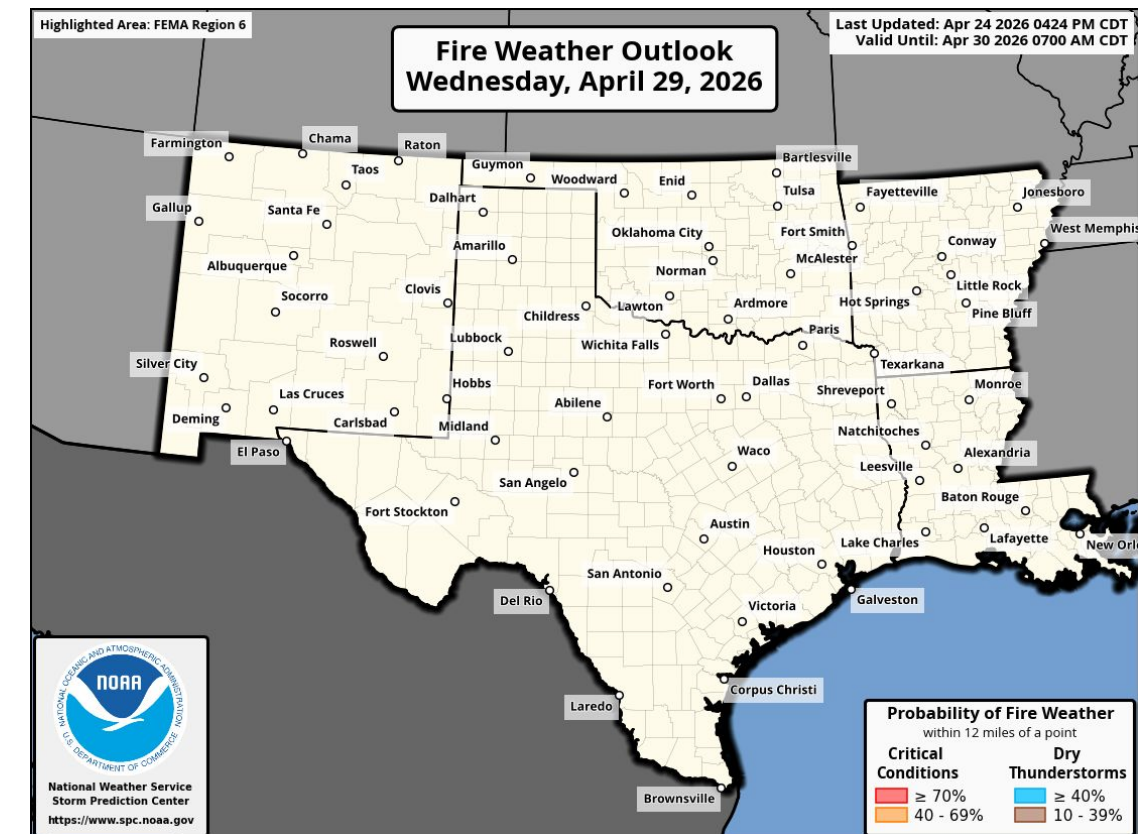
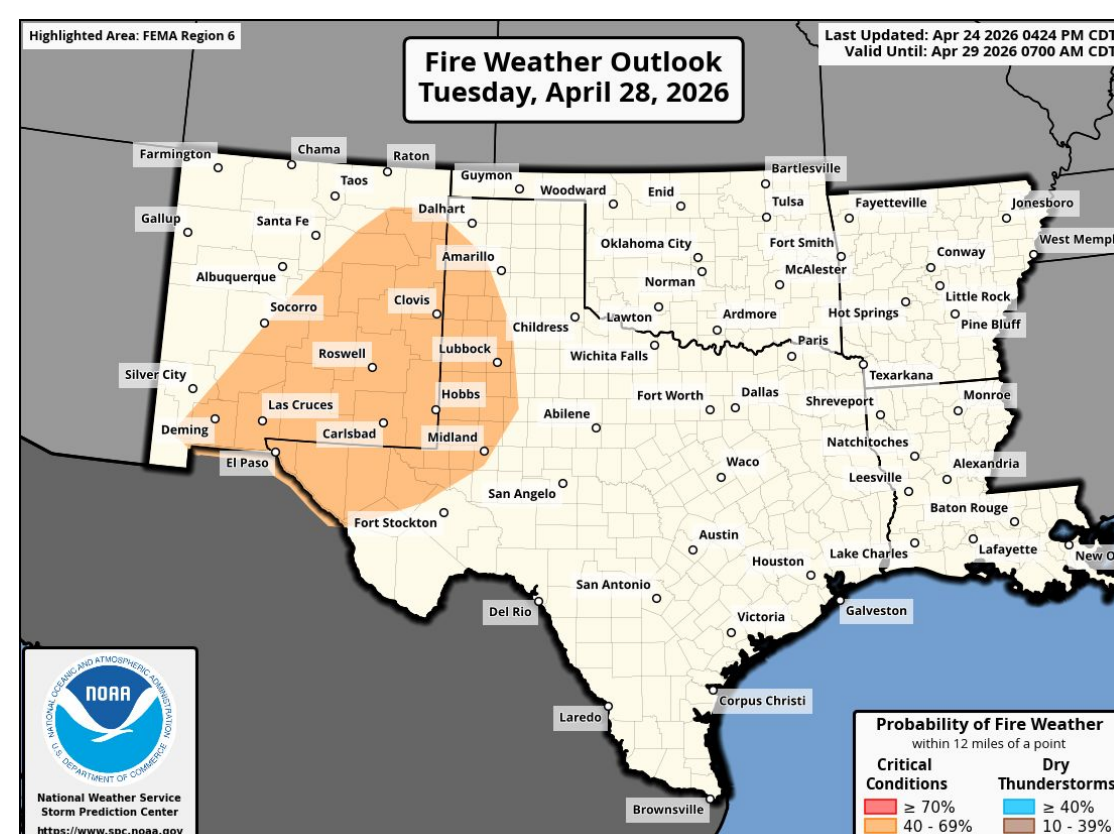
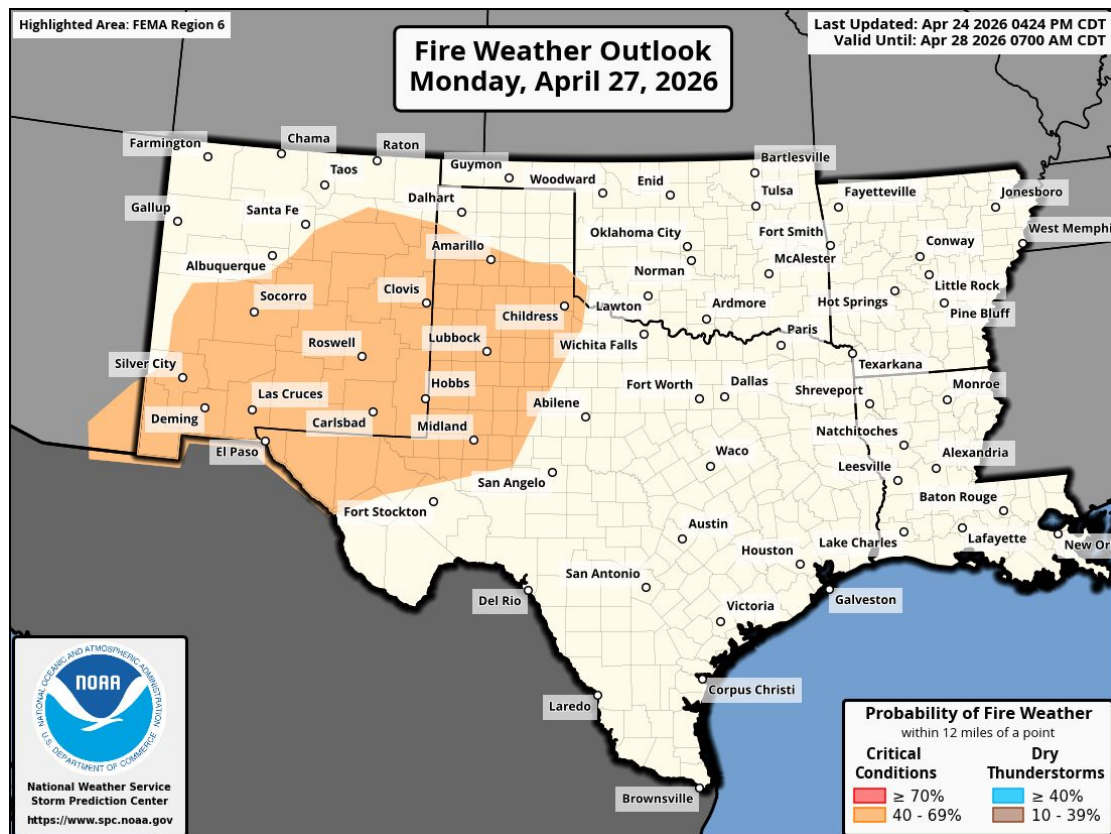
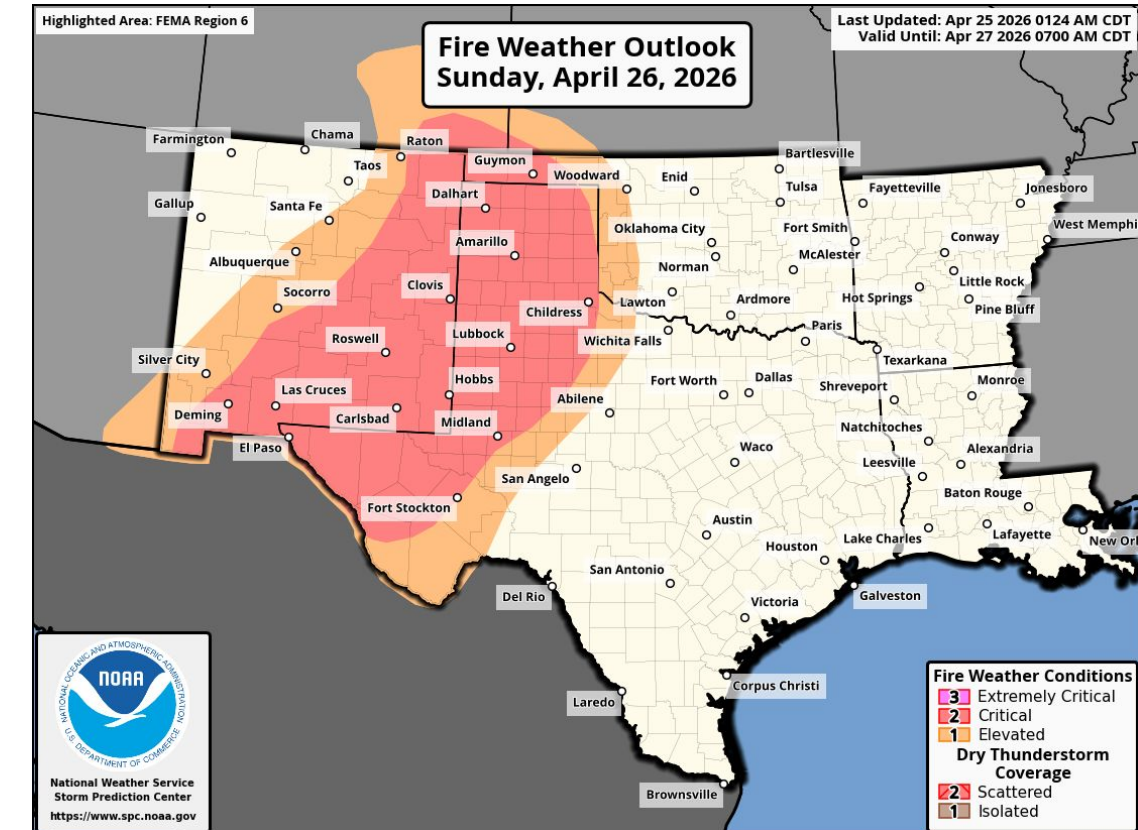
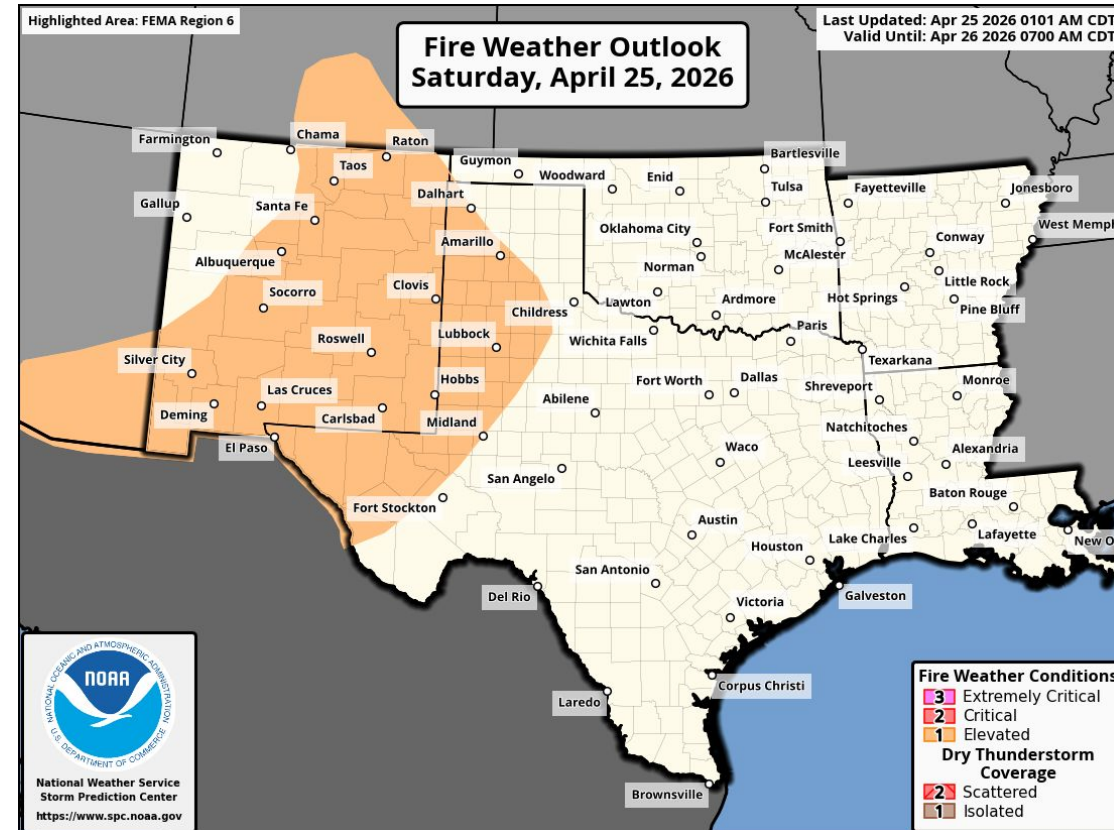
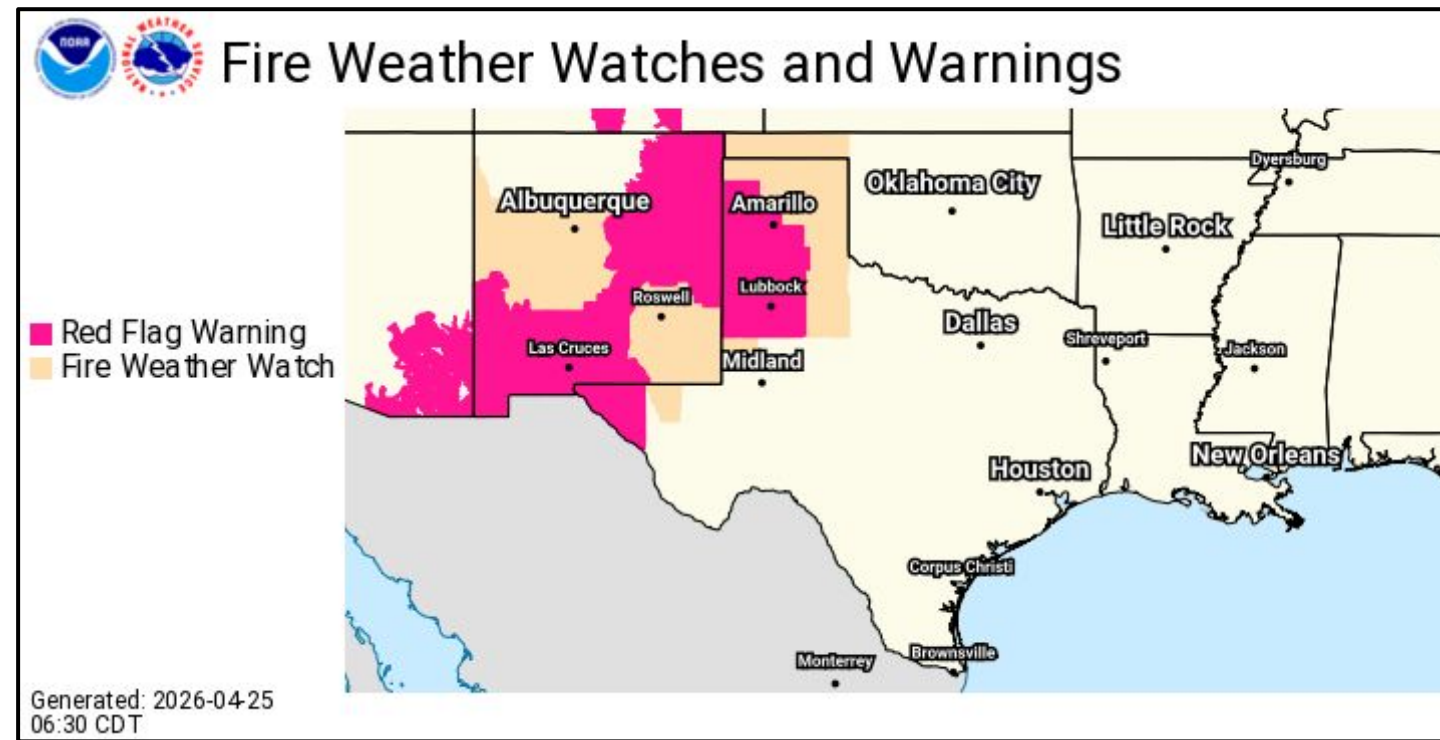


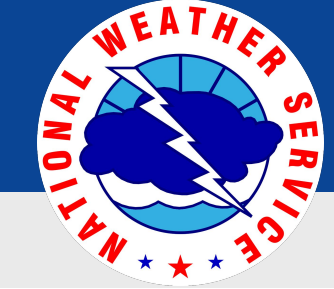
Red Flag Warnings for portions of NM, NW TX, and Far W TX through 9 PM CDT.

Flash Flood Watch continues this morning due to potential flooding caused by a potential break of the Cement Lake Dam in west El Paso.



Fire Weather Outlooks





Wind Gust/RH Forecast

Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

	4/25 Sat		4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon				4/28 Tue			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
	Abilene	20↗	17↗	17↗	17↗	21↗	21↗	21↗	20↗	22↗	18↗	12↗	13↗	16↗
Amarillo	22↘	17↗	12↖	20↗	38↗	37↗	25↗	28↗	29↗	25↗	13↗	14↗	22↗	22↗
Beaver	15↘	15↖	14↖	10↖	32↗	33↗	17↗	20↗	20↘	16↘	15↖	13↖	18↖	18↖
El Paso	30↗	31↗	20↗	28↗	40↗	43↗	28↗	14↖	20↗	20↗	12↗	8↖	17↗	18↗
Enid	18↗	15↖	14↖	17↗	21↗	20↗	21↗	21↗	23↗	17↗	15↖	17↗	16↖	15↖
Fayetteville	15↗	15↖	14↖	21↗	23↗	23↗	26↗	30↗	29↗	23↗	12↗	14↗	15↗	14↗
Fort Davis	21↗	21↗	15↗	21↗	25↗	25↗	21↗	23↗	23↗	20↗	9↗	15↗	25↗	24↗
Guadalupe Pass	53↗	55↗	40↗	48↗	71↗	75↗	68↗	64↗	61↗	58↗	55↗	47↗	47↗	36↗
Lubbock	20↗	16↗	14↗	17↗	45↗	44↗	18↗	23↗	26↗	22↗	10↗	13↗	21↗	20↗
Midland/Odessa	25↗	24↗	15↗	17↗	28↗	28↗	16↗	24↗	29↗	28↗	9↗	15↗	22↗	22↗
Oklahoma City	20↗	16↗	16↗	20↗	23↗	25↗	25↗	23↗	25↗	18↗	14↖	16↖	16↖	15↖
San Angelo	17↗	15↗	14↗	16↗	17↗	17↗	18↗	16↗	18↗	14↗	9↗	10↗	15↗	14↗
Santa Fe	24↗	24↗	15↗	28↗	41↗	41↗	21↗	28↗	25↗	25↗	20↗	24↗	29↗	28↗
Shreveport	9↗	8↗	9↗	13↗	16↗	14↗	15↗	21↗	23↗	17↗	15↗	14↗	17↗	15↗
Tulsa	18↗	16↗	13↗	18↗	23↗	22↗	24↗	24↗	24↗	17↗	13↖	15↖	16↖	14↖
Wichita Falls	21↗	17↗	15↗	17↗	21↗	23↗	23↗	22↗	24↗	17↗	13↖	15↖	17↖	17↖

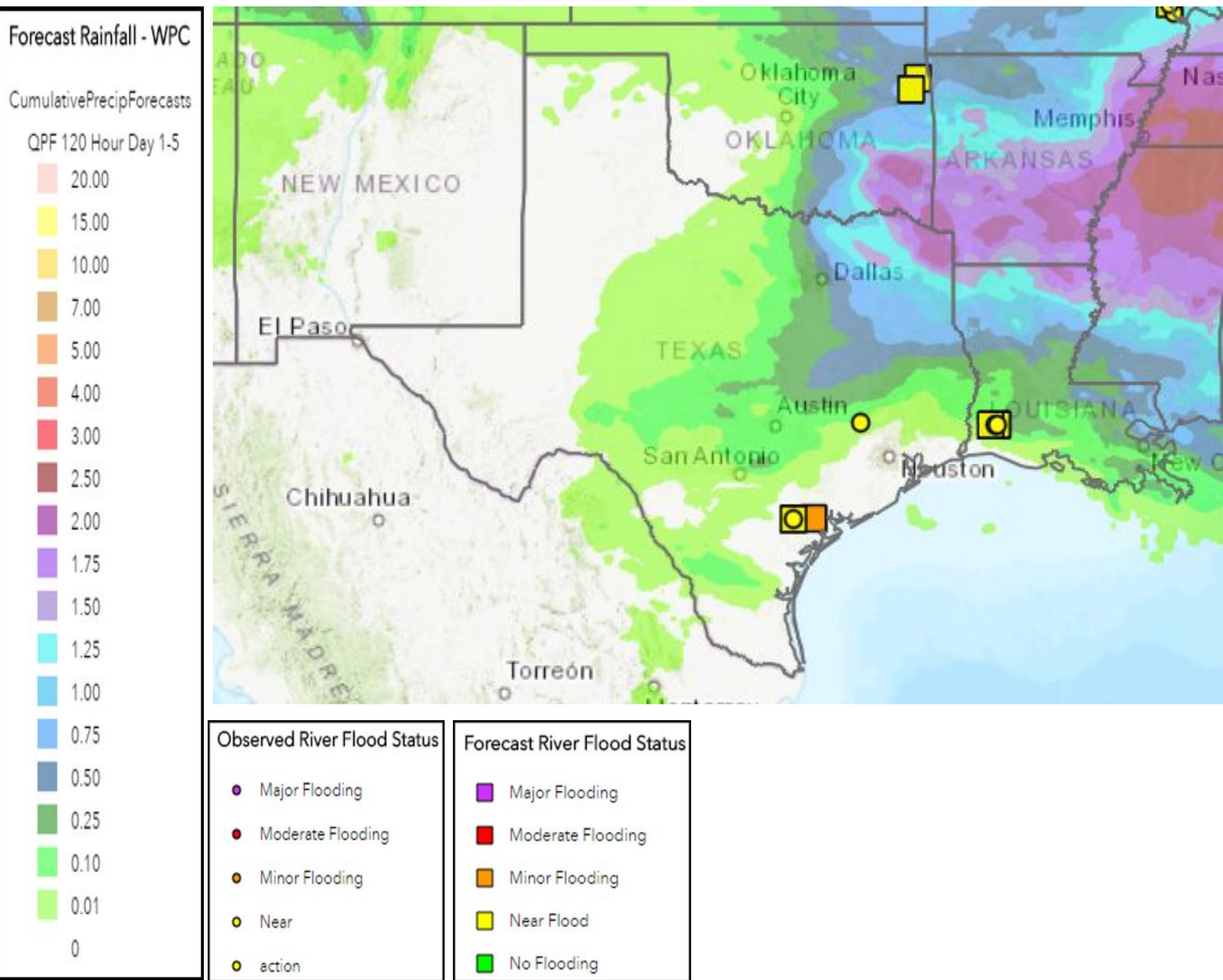
Minimum RH Forecast

	4/25 Sat		4/26 Sun				4/27 Mon				4/28 Tue				Minimum
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
	Abilene	16	16	41	28	15	16	50	23	12	13	33	44	24	
Amarillo	10	9	24	27	11	12	18	19	9	9	19	24	9	8	8
Beaver	26	26	85	70	16	14	27	31	19	18	53	51	22	21	14
El Paso	10	11	17	19	11	11	17	23	9	9	11	14	8	8	8
Enid	58	58	100	93	56	52	65	34	24	27	64	60	37	37	24
Fayetteville	52	58	87	68	60	64	87	79	55	58	84	66	58	60	52
Fort Davis	10	10	21	16	10	11	20	20	11	10	22	13	9	9	9
Guadalupe Pass	14	14	23	23	16	16	23	21	15	14	18	13	11	11	11
Lubbock	8	8	16	17	10	10	17	17	8	8	14	15	6	6	6
Midland/Odessa	9	9	17	16	11	11	22	17	9	9	19	22	8	8	8
Oklahoma City	60	58	90	81	46	45	66	35	19	22	52	58	41	41	19
San Angelo	17	16	53	36	17	18	58	30	15	17	46	56	23	22	15
Santa Fe	15	16	49	36	18	15	30	42	16	14	25	24	10	10	10
Shreveport	57	61	87	82	59	59	82	74	54	54	79	74	54	59	54
Tulsa	60	64	90	81	69	65	84	58	34	36	65	63	52	50	34
Wichita Falls	31	30	66	44	22	23	58	26	14	16	42	55	34	37	14



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



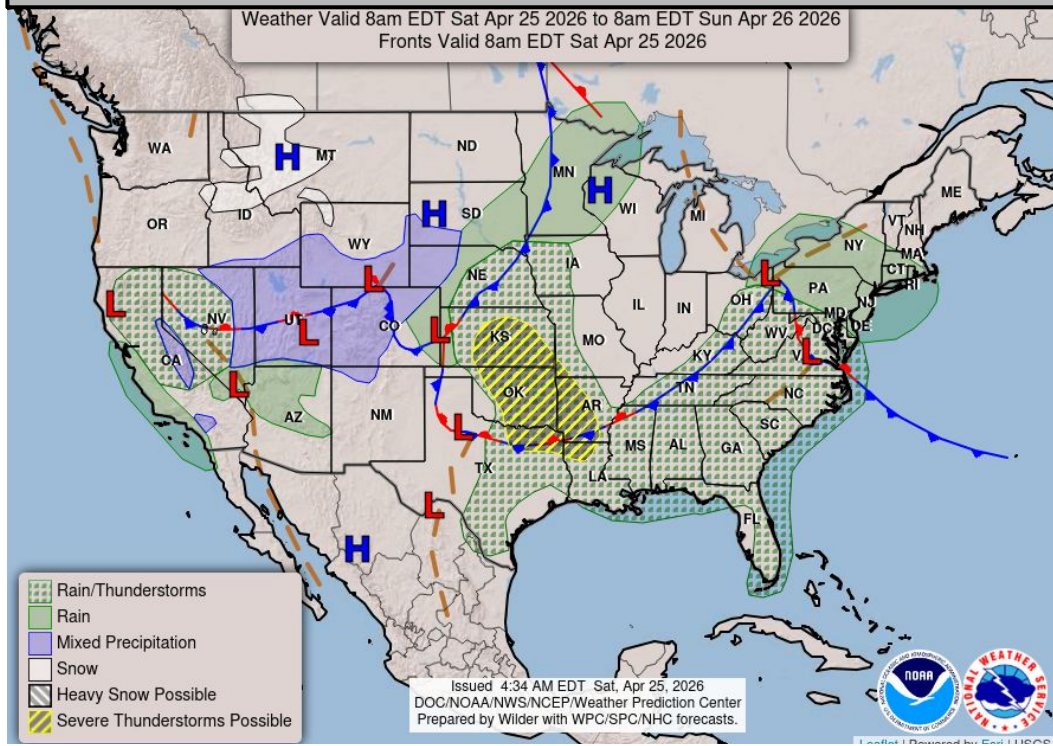
Heavy rainfall later this weekend in SE OK, AR could produce local river rises.

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.

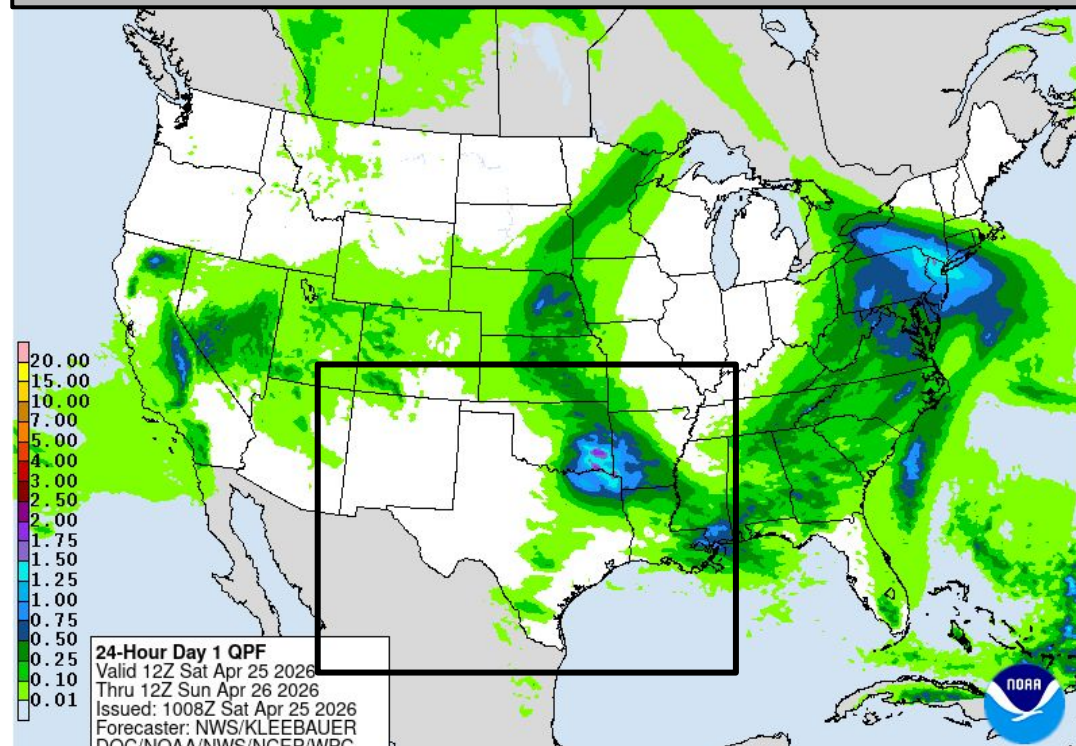


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



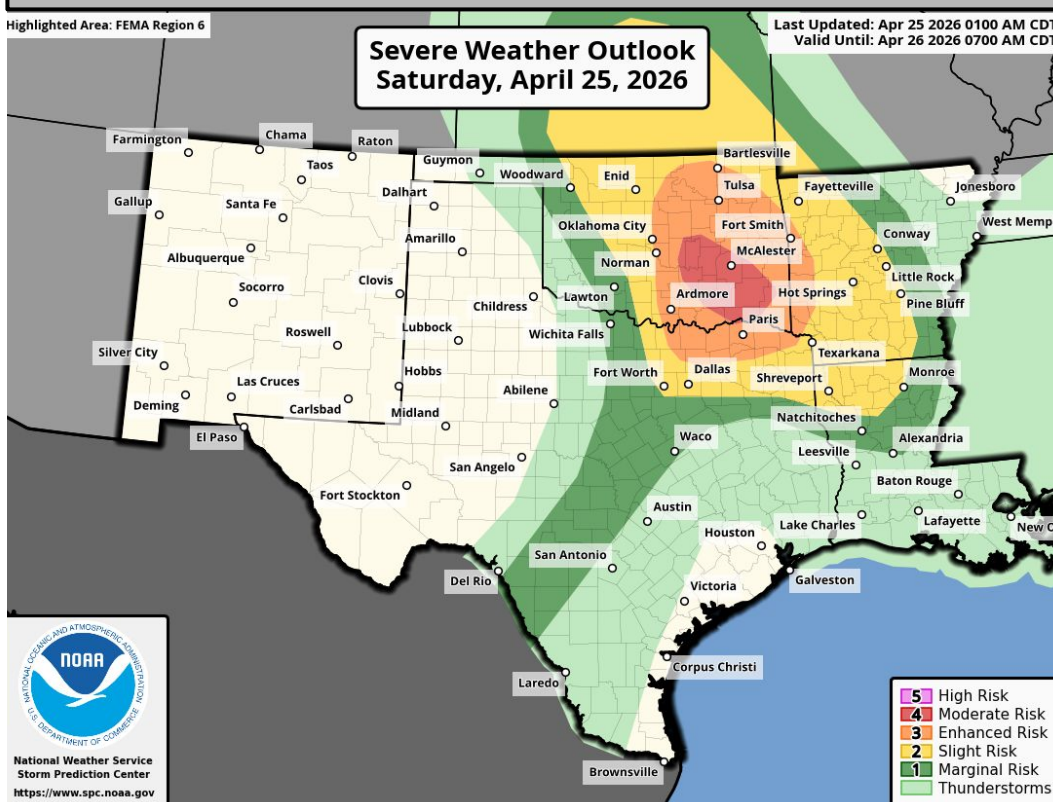
Forecast Rainfall



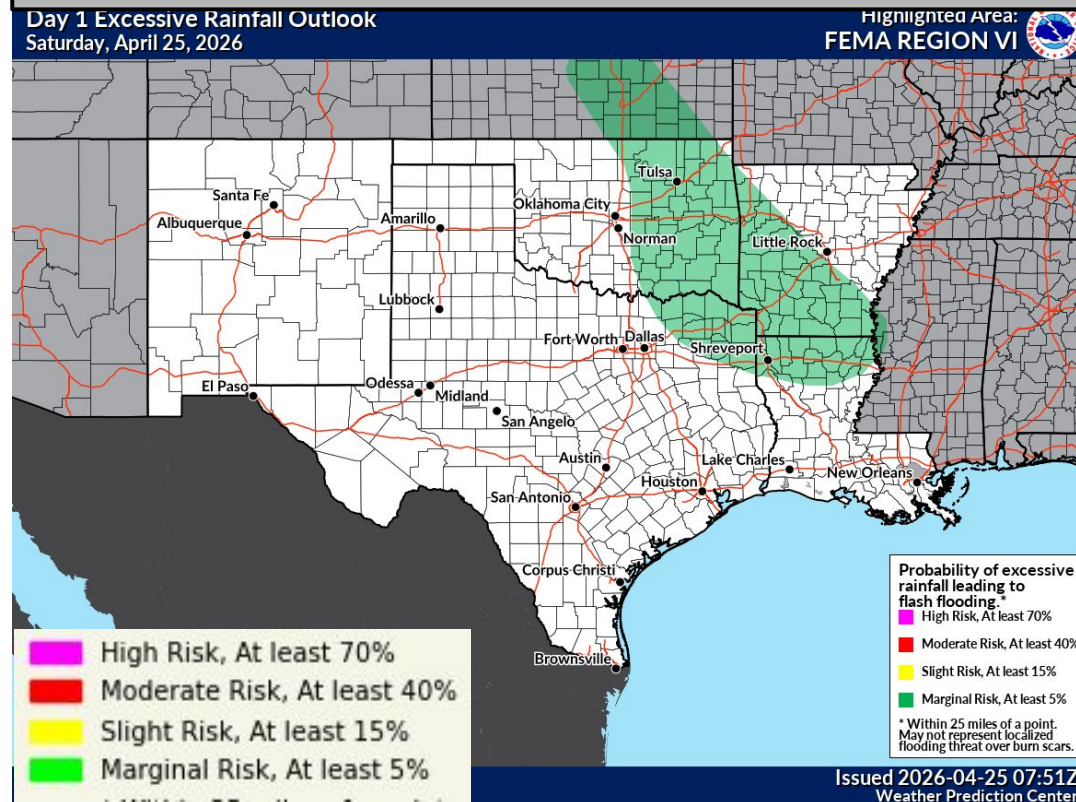
Moderate risk (level 4 of 5) for S/E OK. Hail over 3.5" in diameter, and strong tornadoes (EF-2) in supercells.
Timing: 4 PM - 4 AM CDT.

Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) in E OK, W AR, NE TX. Hail over 3.5" in diameter, and strong tornadoes (EF-2) in supercells.
Timing: 4 PM - 4 AM CDT.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

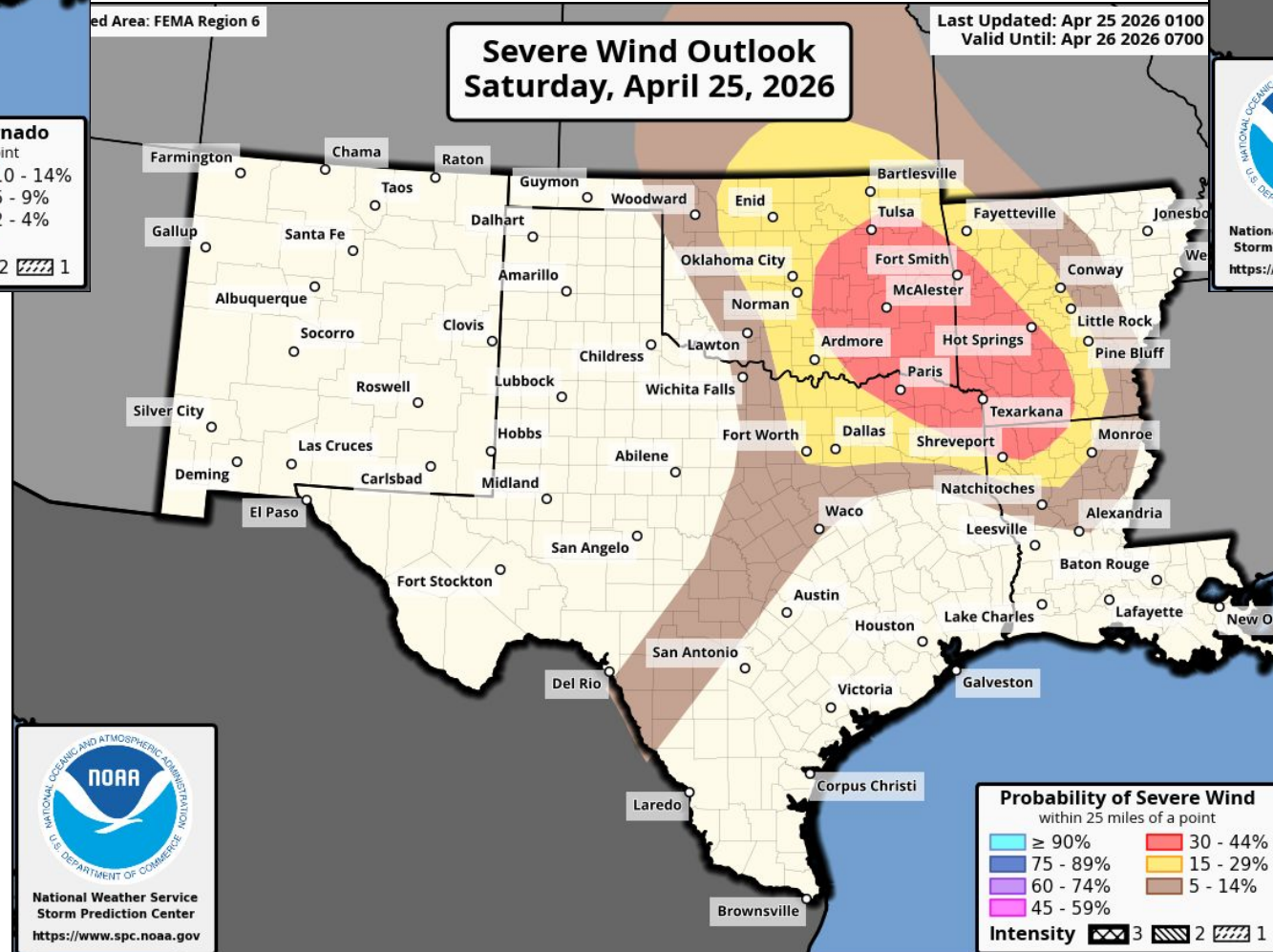
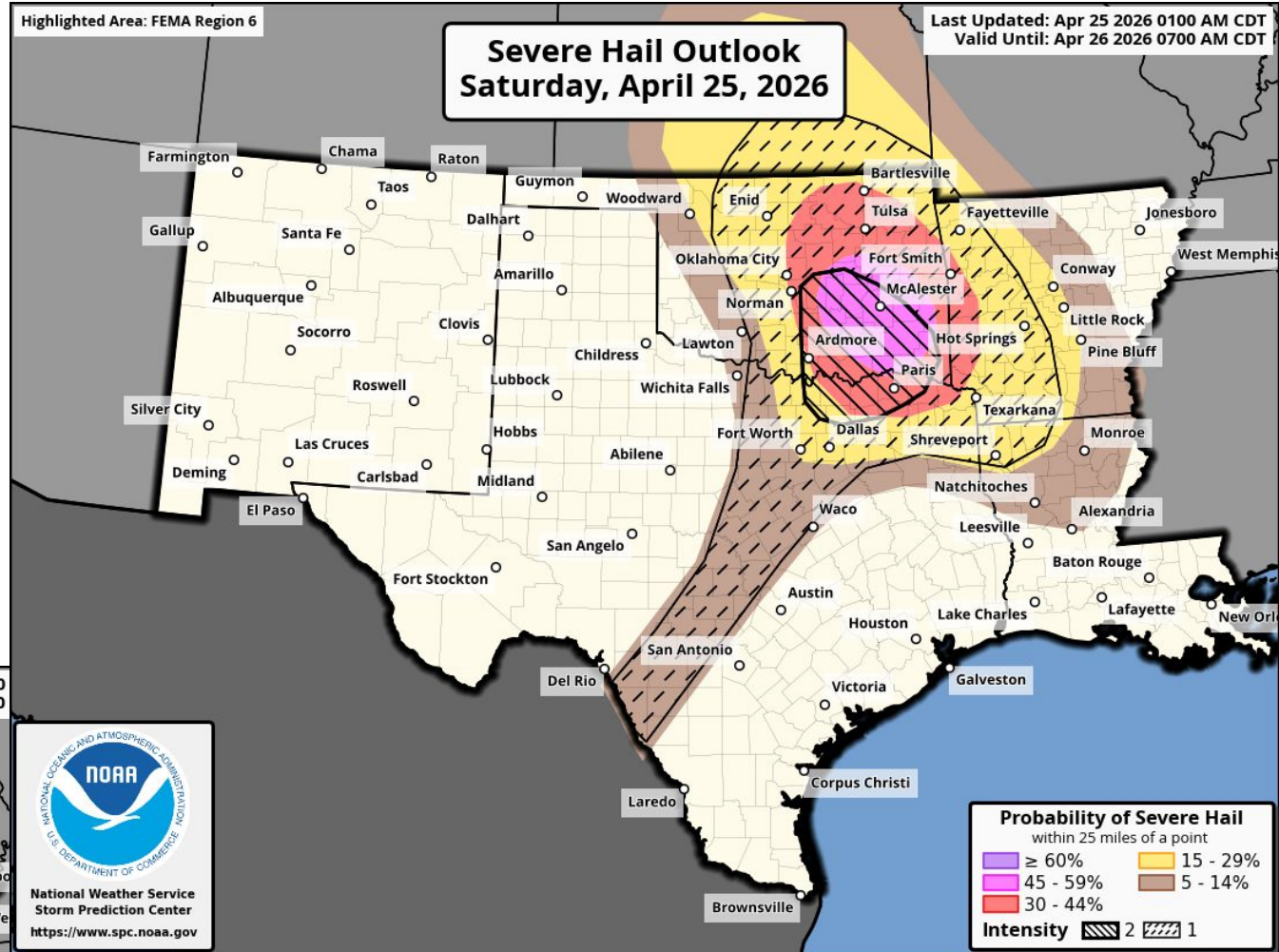
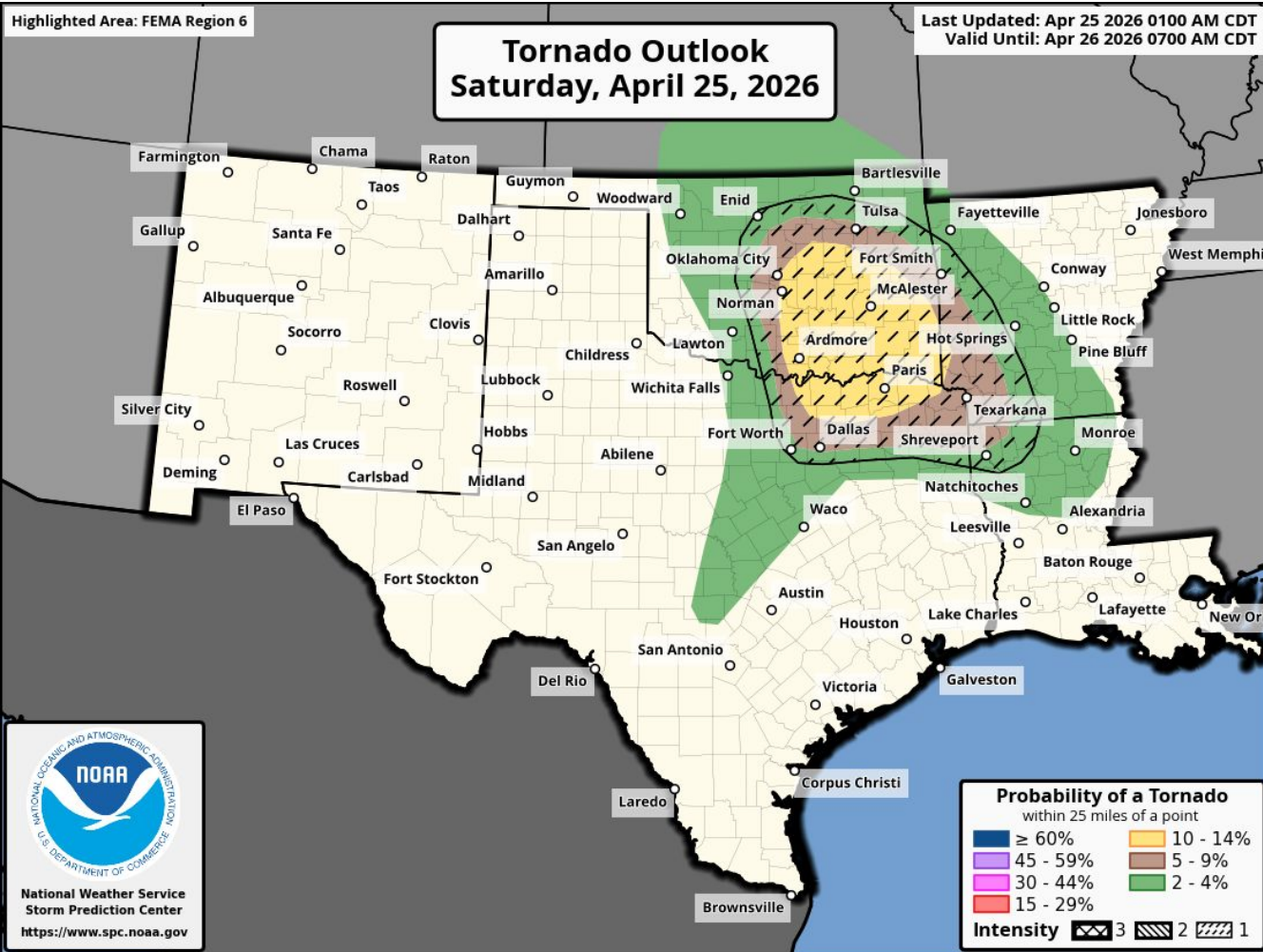


Elevated to critical fire weather threat (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, NW TX, Far W TX, TX Panhandle.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall in E OK, SW AR, NE TX, N LA. Swaths of 2-4" of rain.

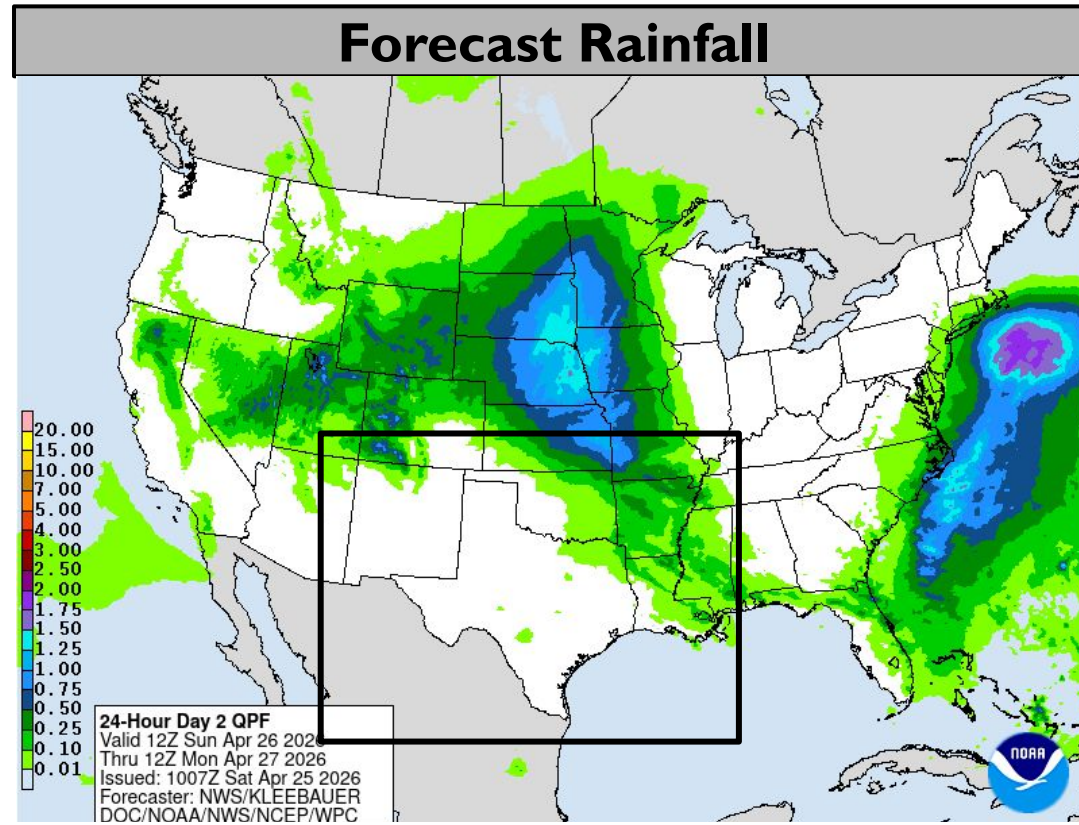
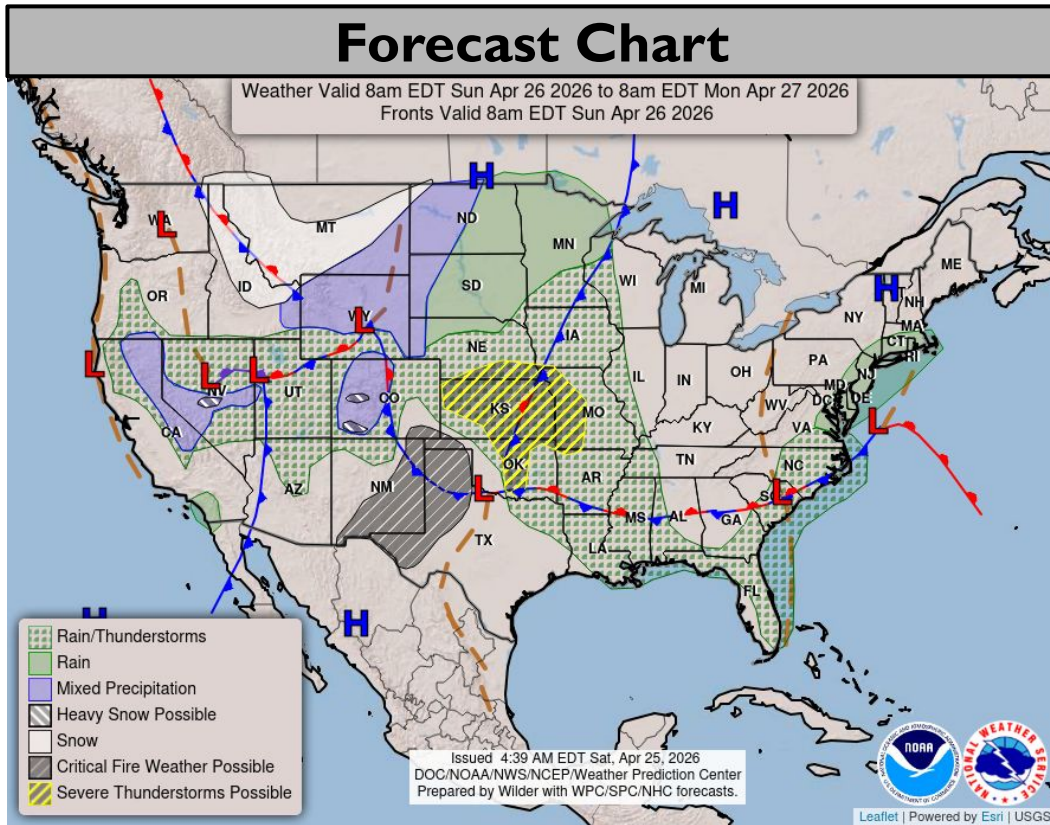


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

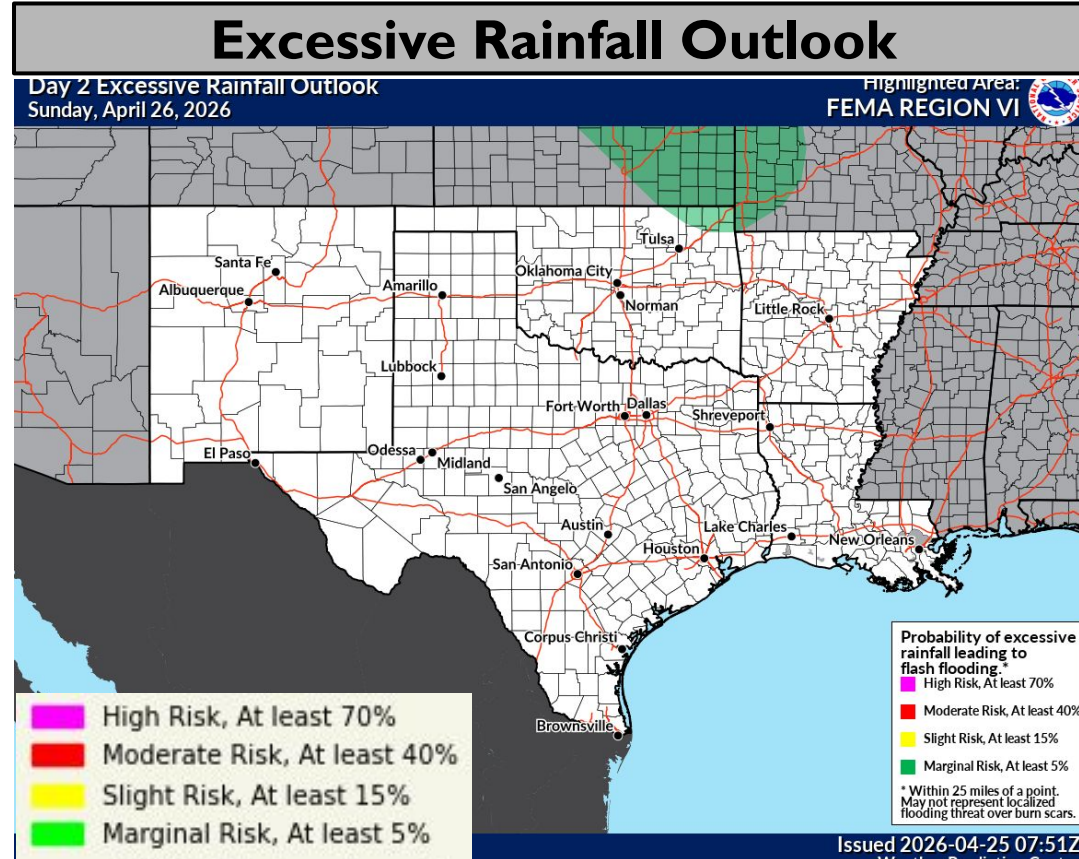
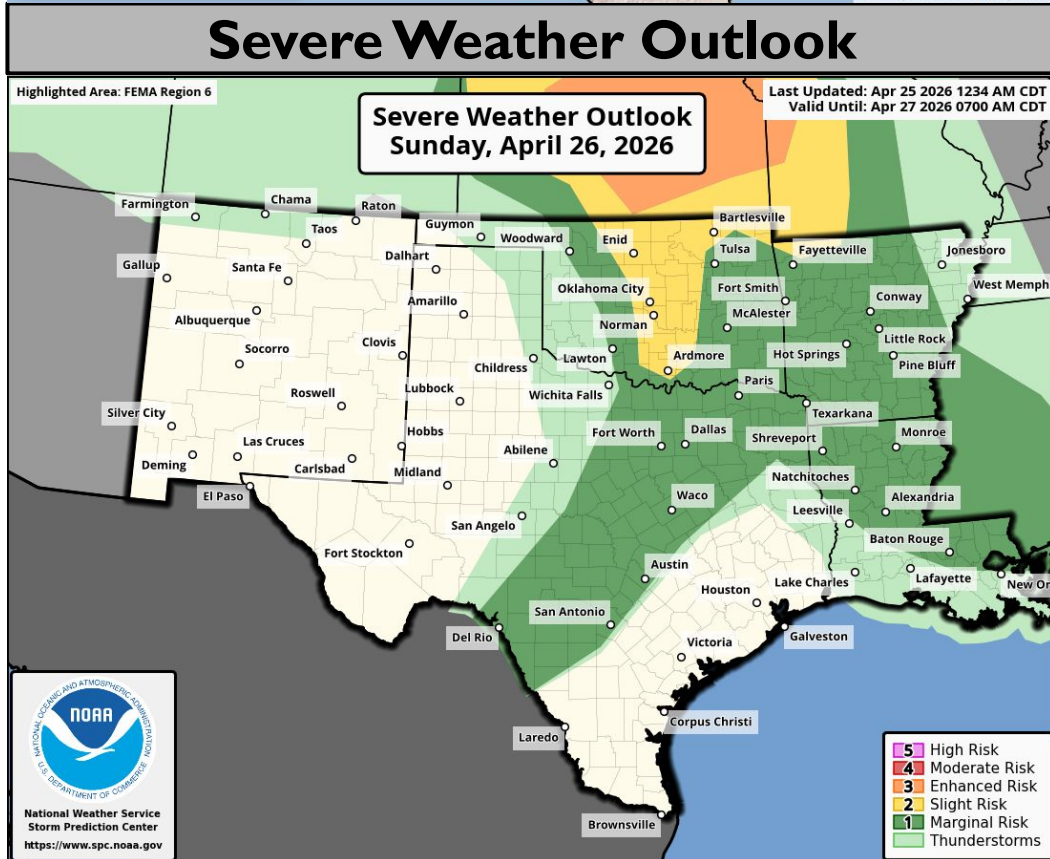




Tomorrow's Weather



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

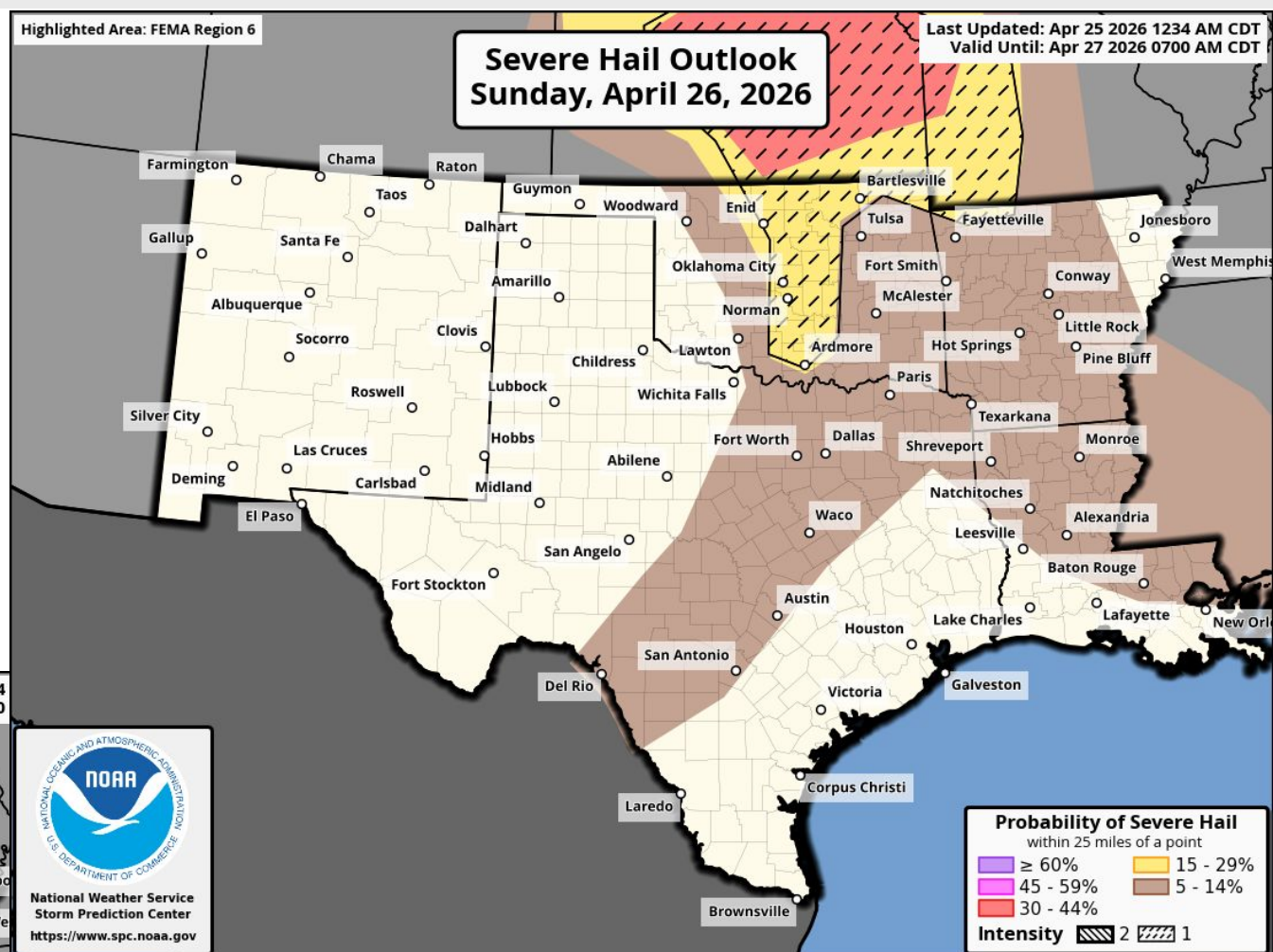
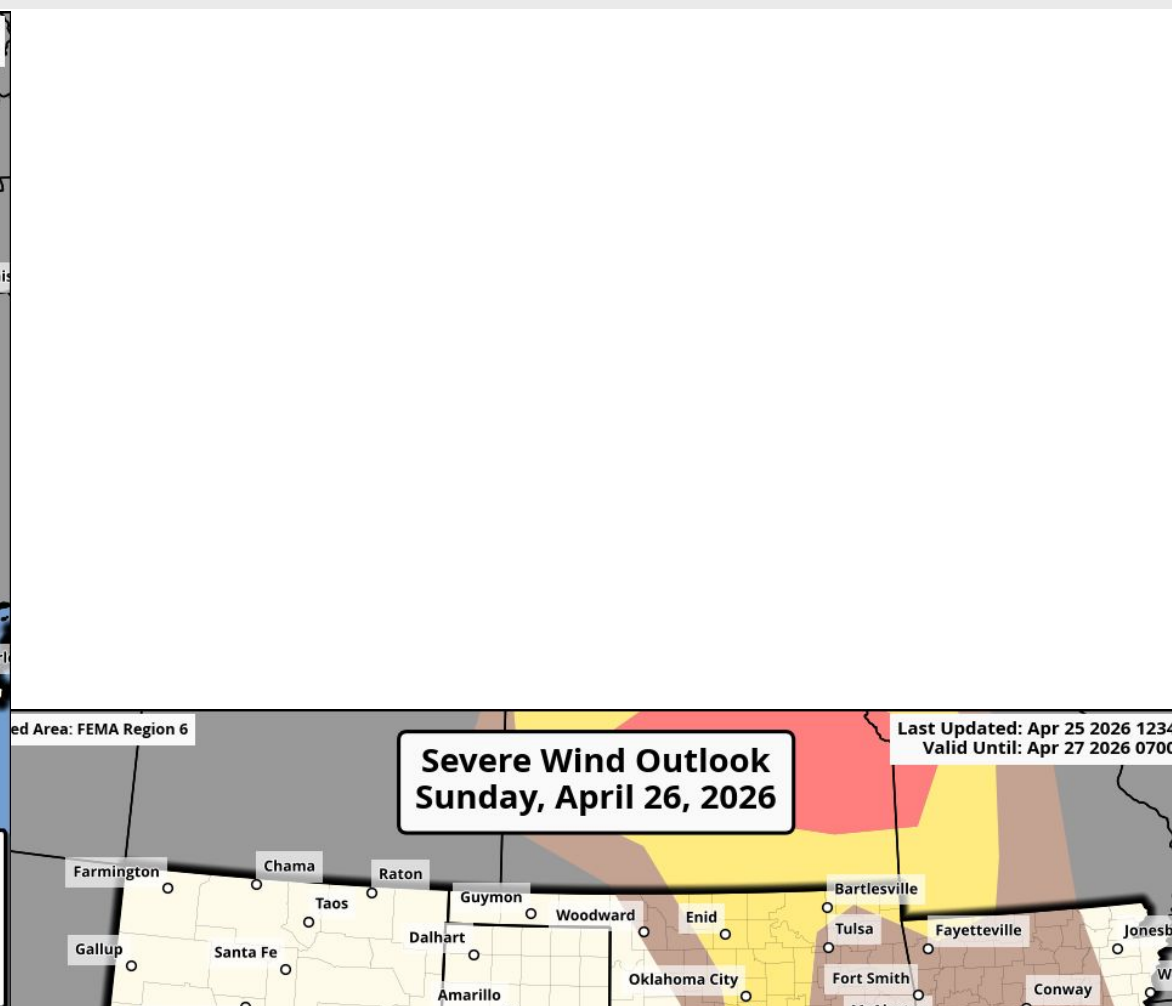
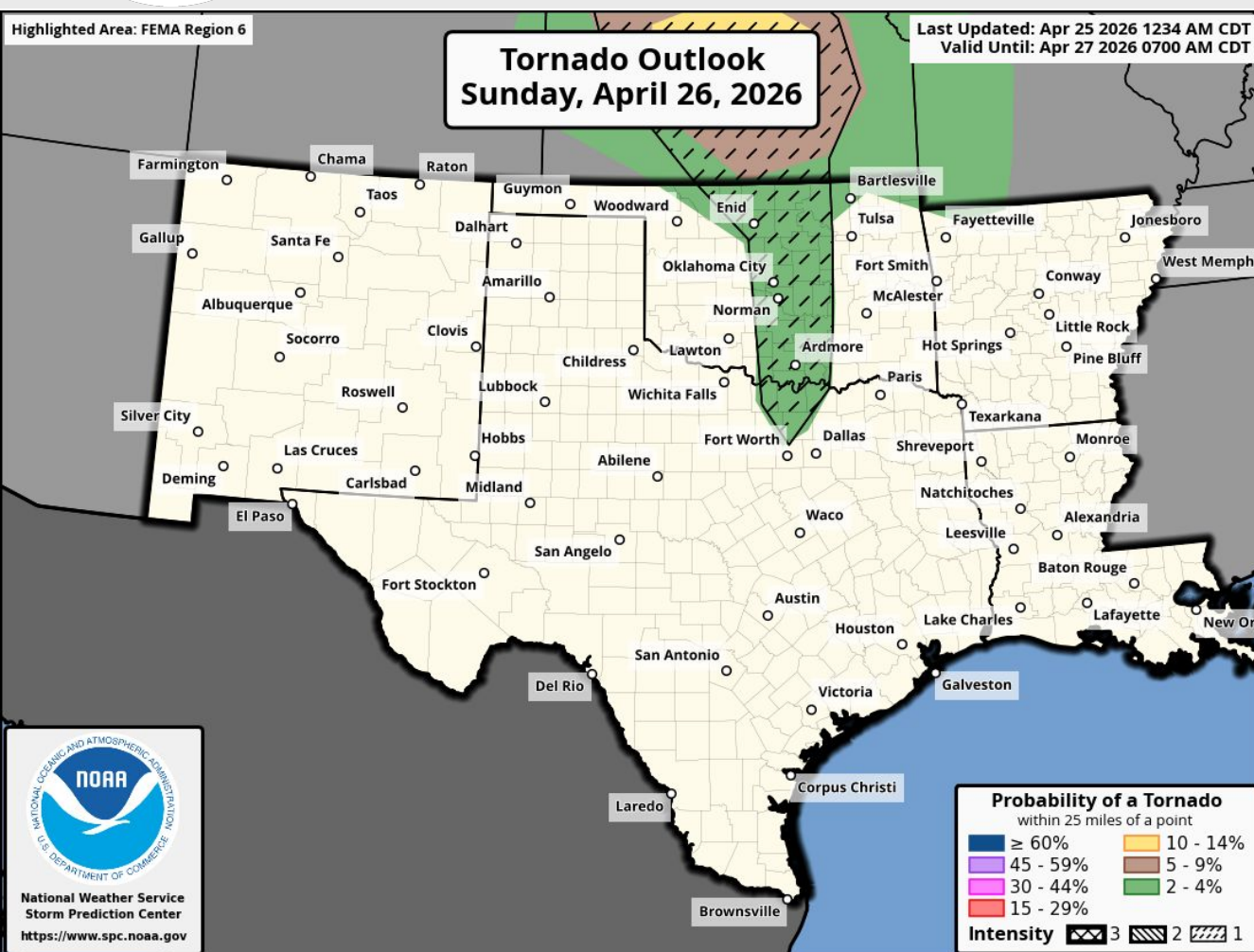


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in OK. If the cap breaks, strong tornadoes (EF-2) and very large hail over 2" in diameter could occur in the afternoon/evening hours.

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

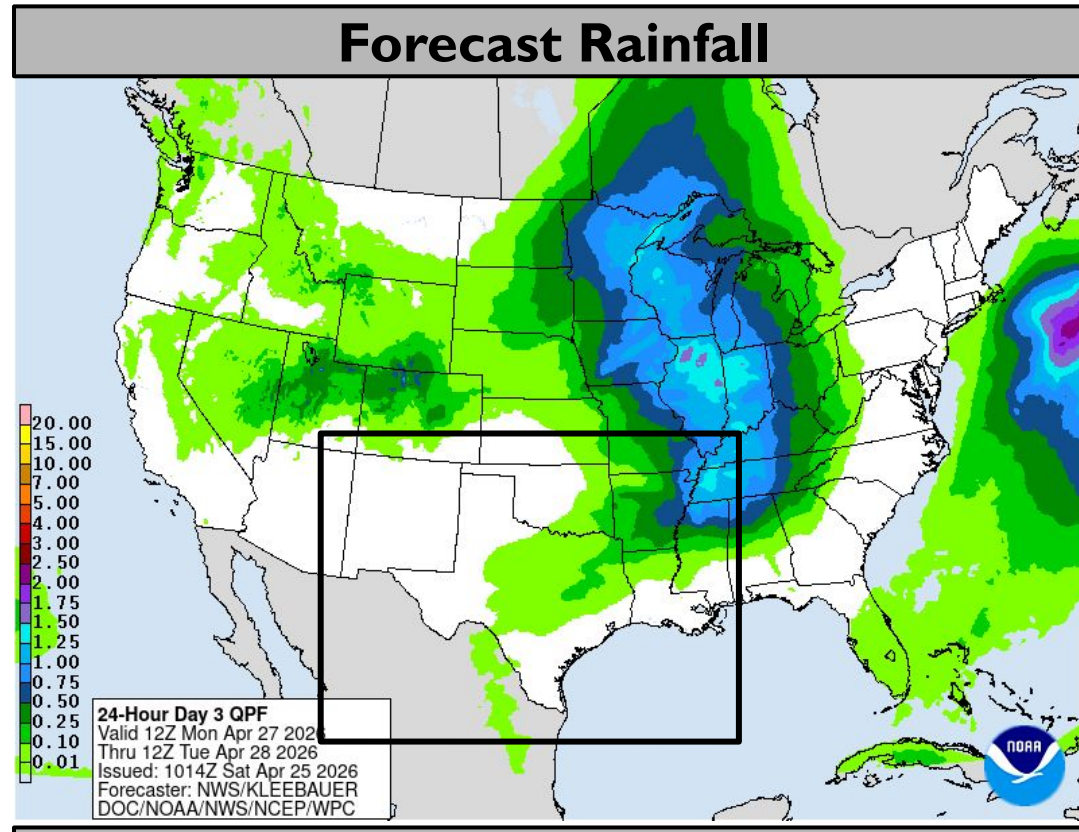
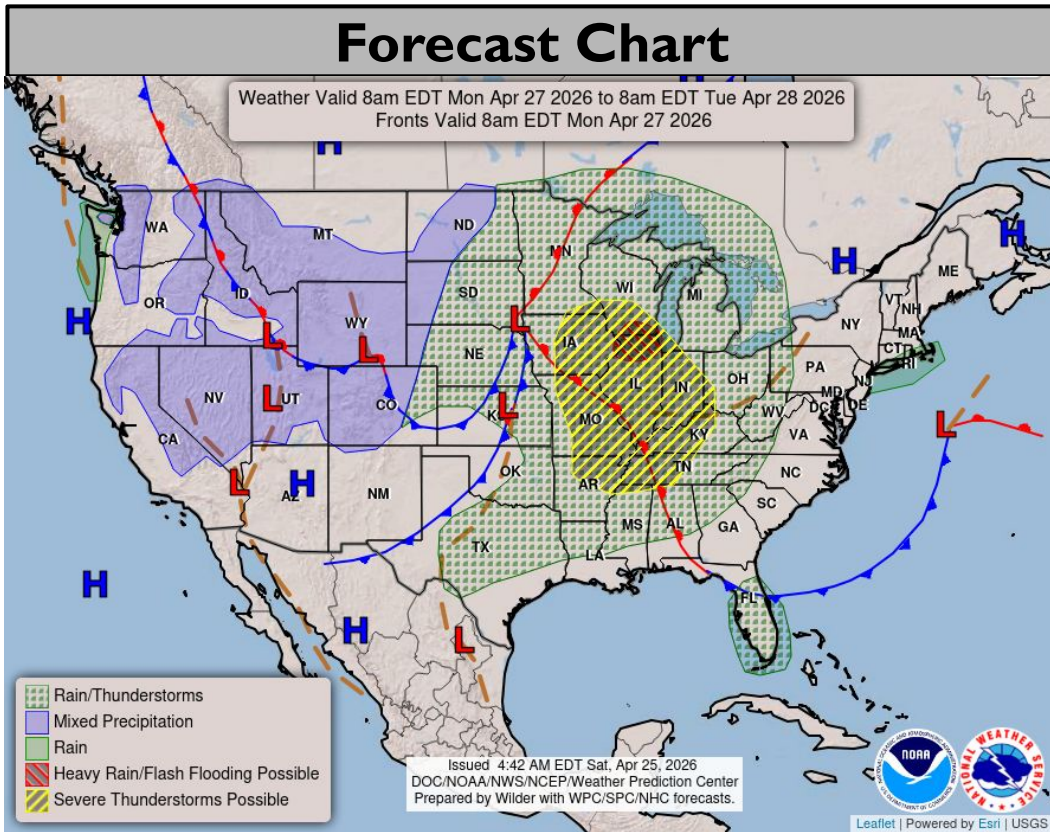


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



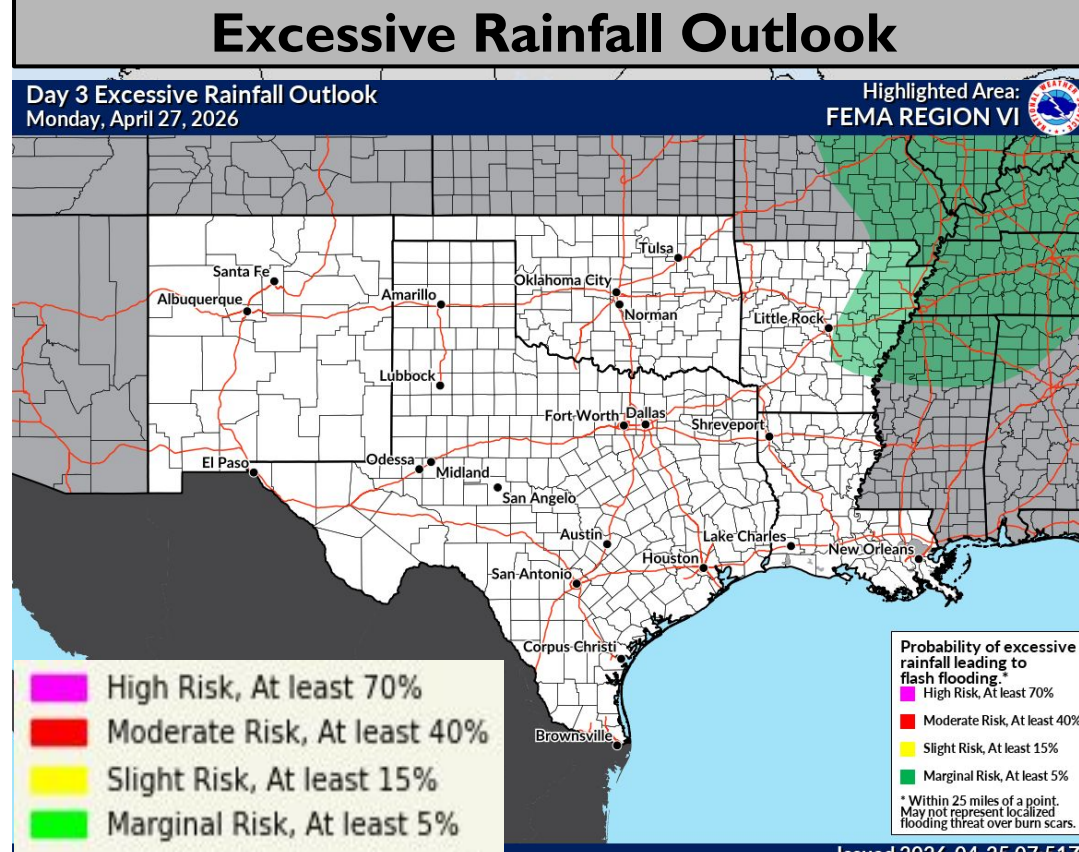
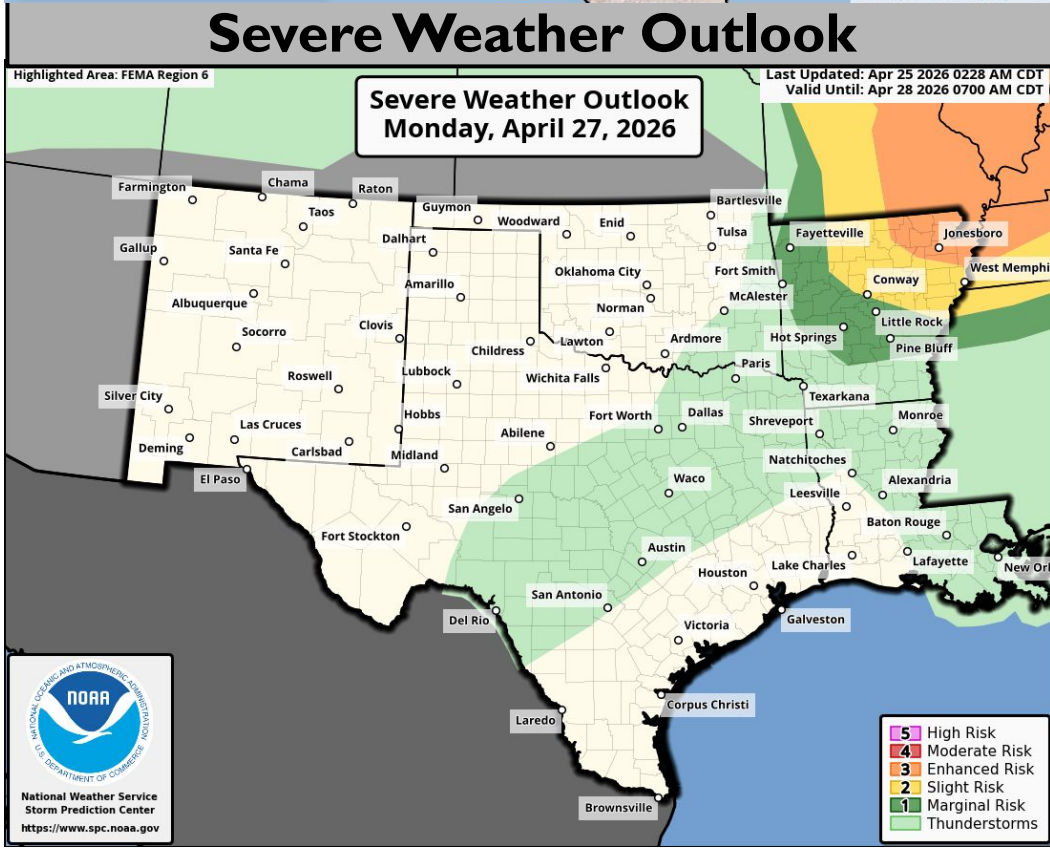


Monday's Weather



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

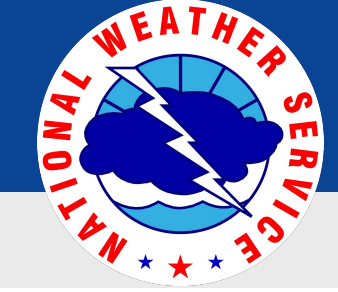
If storm coverage is low on Sunday, the threat for Monday could expand more into AR.



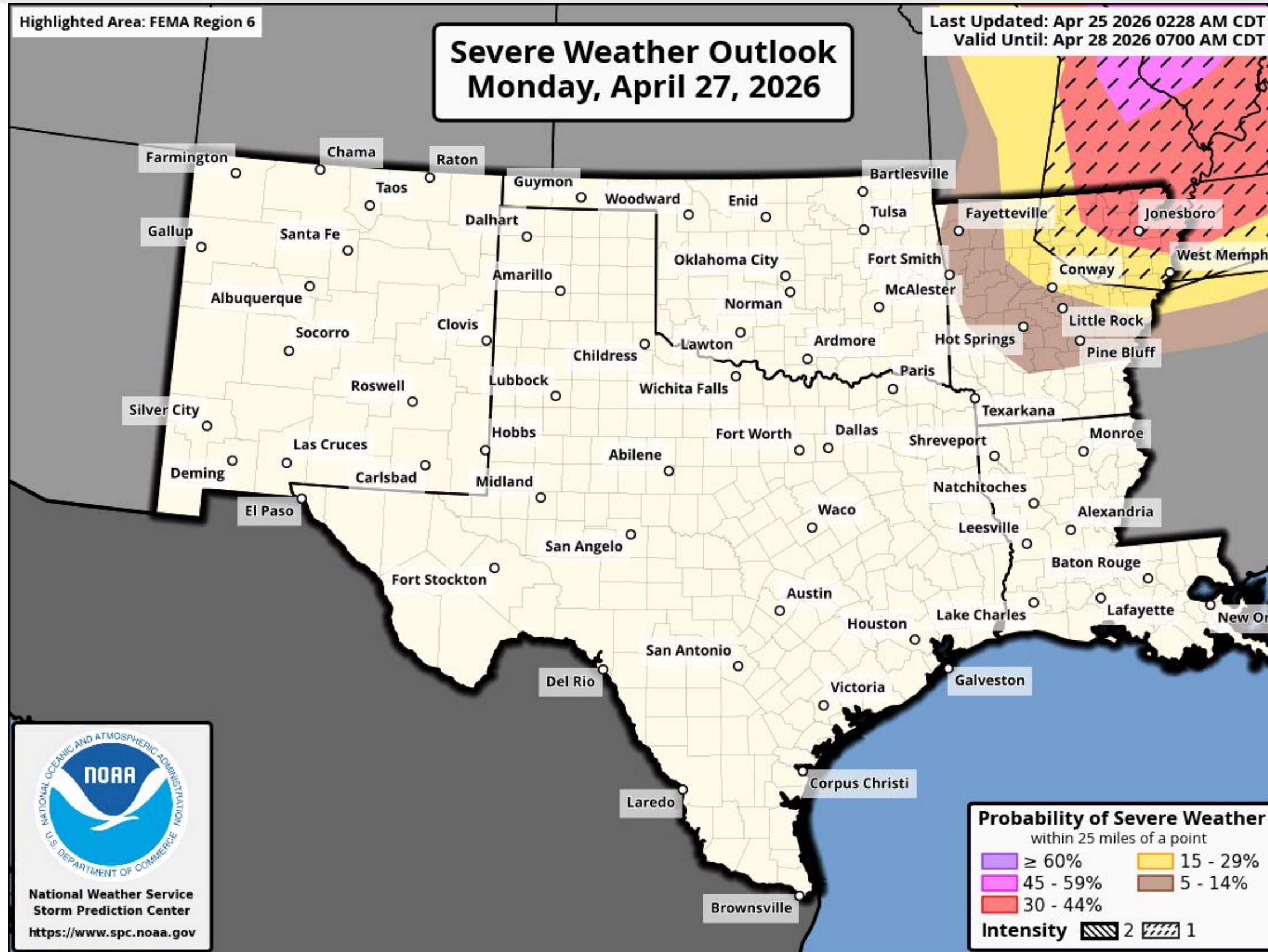
Monitoring for elevated to locally critical fire weather concerns in NM, NW/W TX.

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

Monitoring for heat impacts in STX.



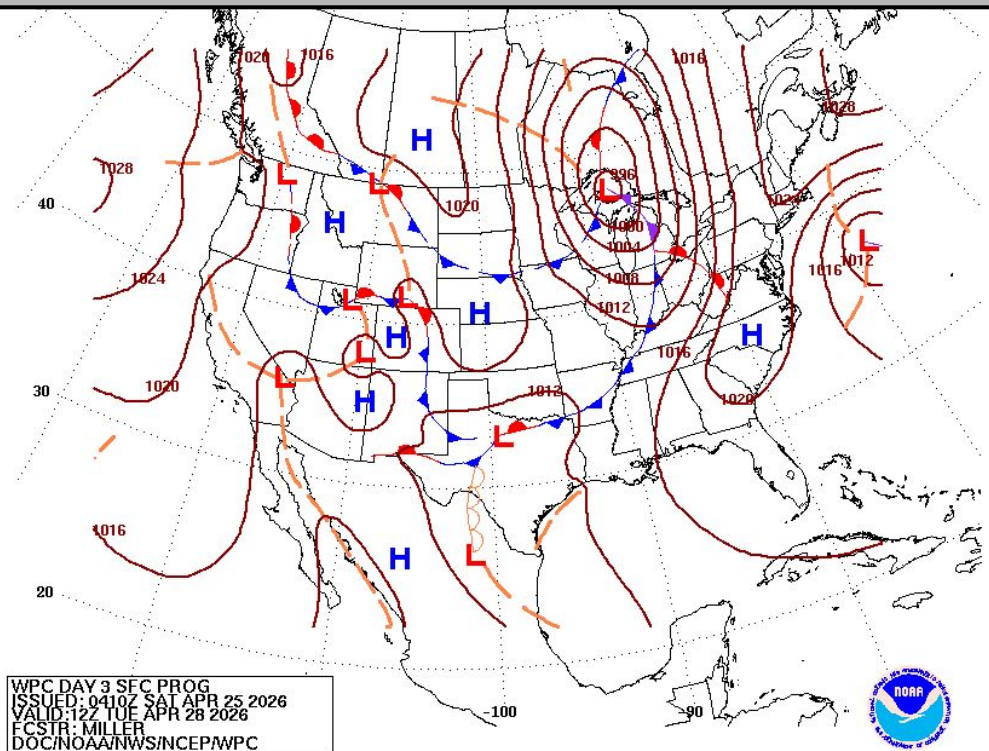
Monday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



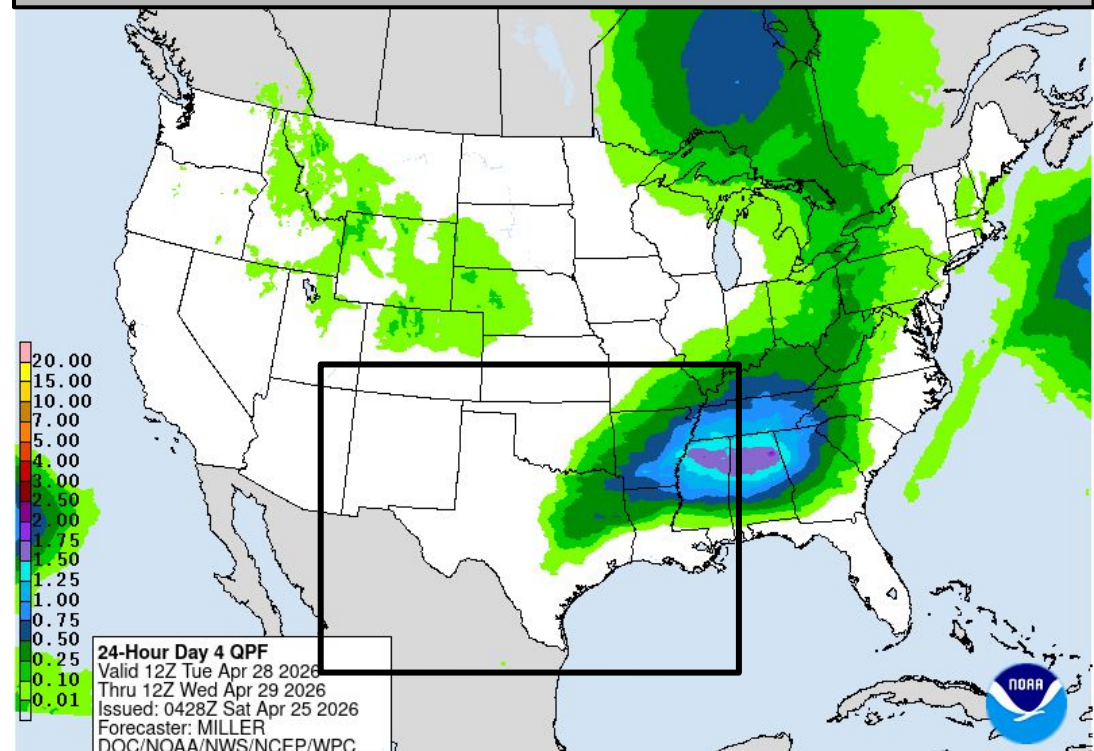


Tuesday's Weather

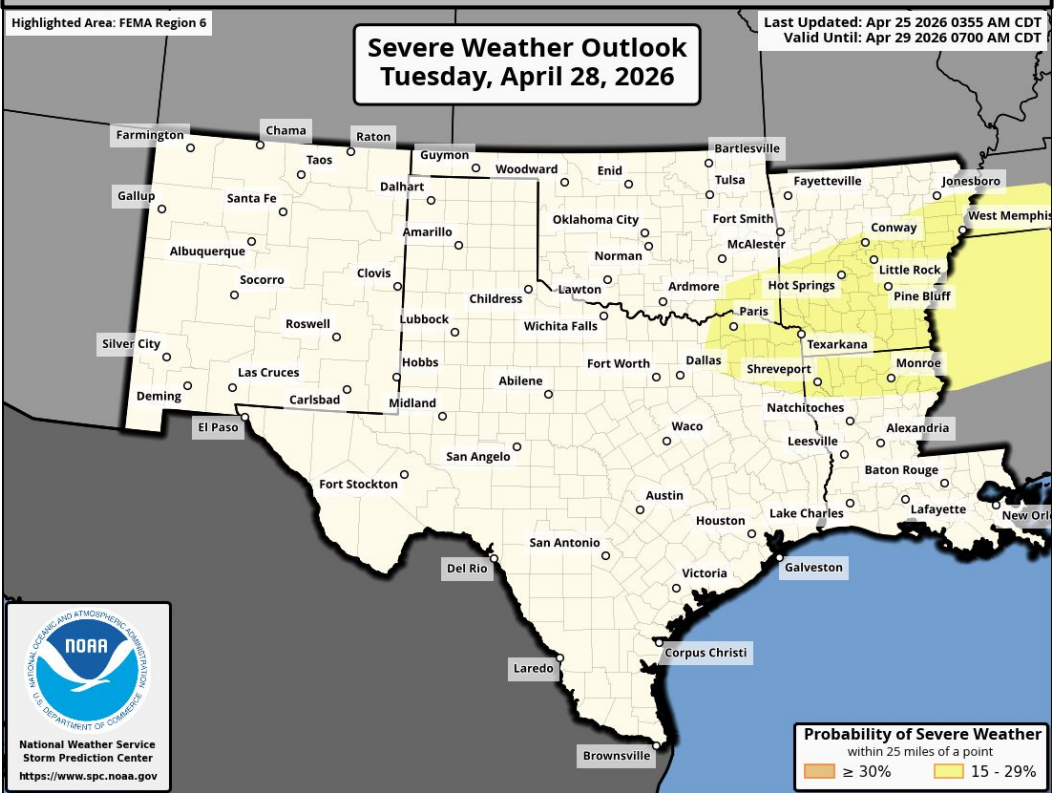
Forecast Chart



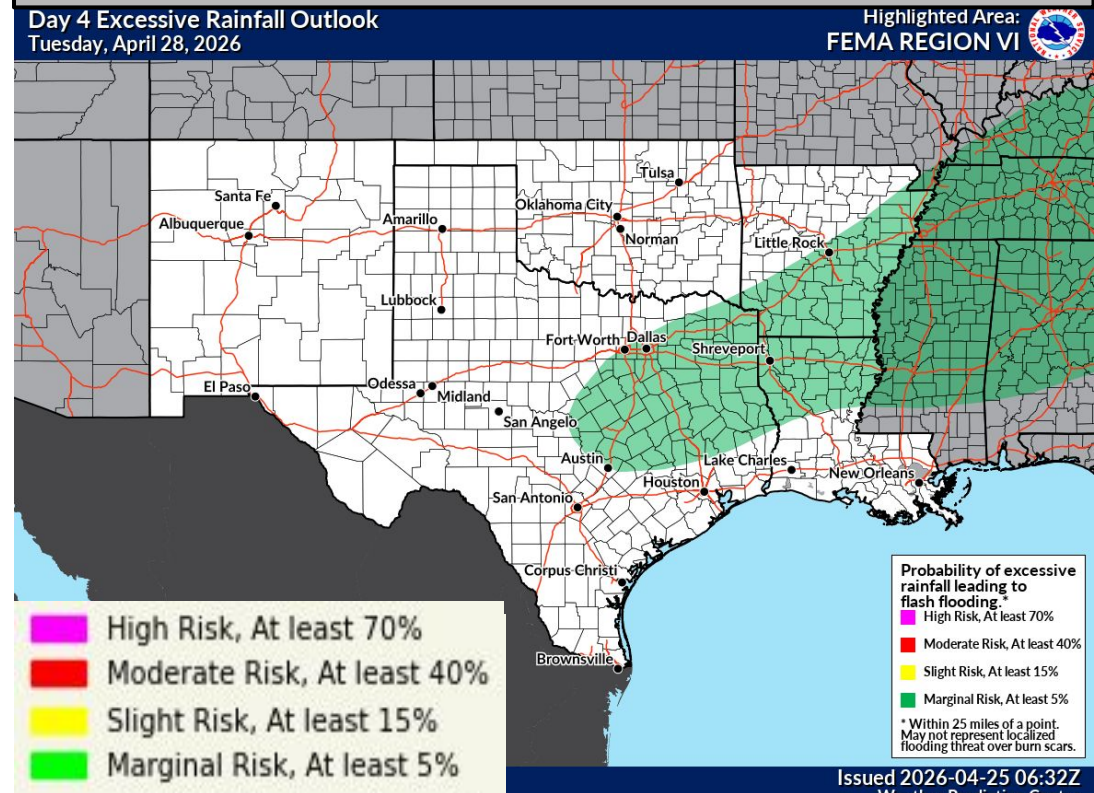
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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

Elevated to locally critical fire weather concerns in NM, NW/W TX.

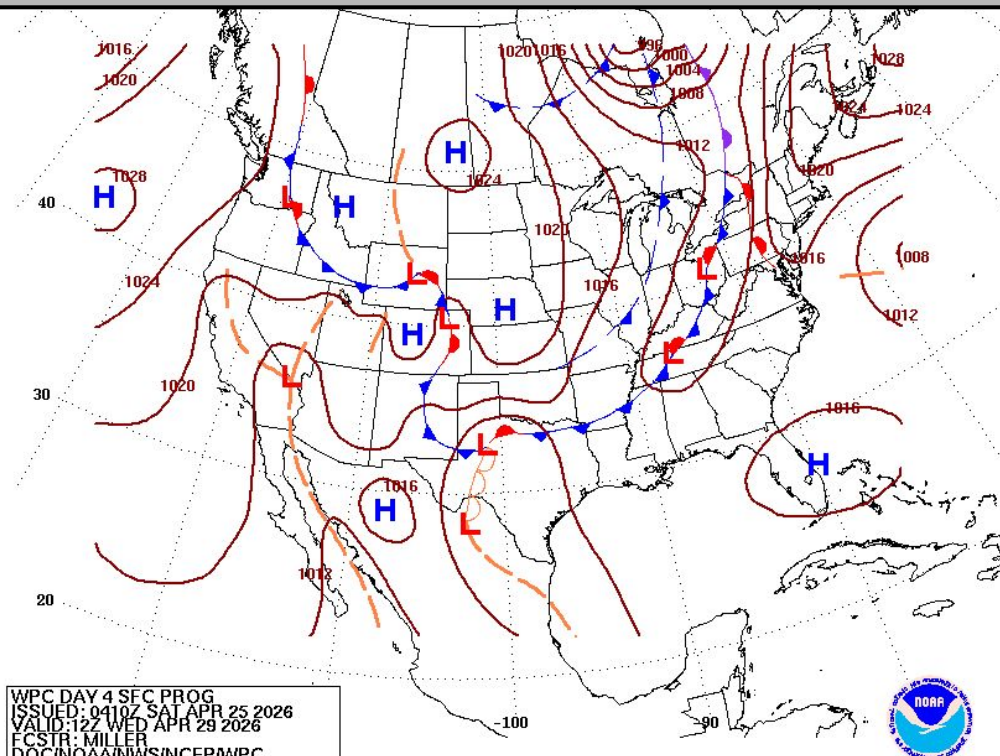
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rainfall over C-NE TX, AR, N LA.

Monitoring for heat impacts in STX.



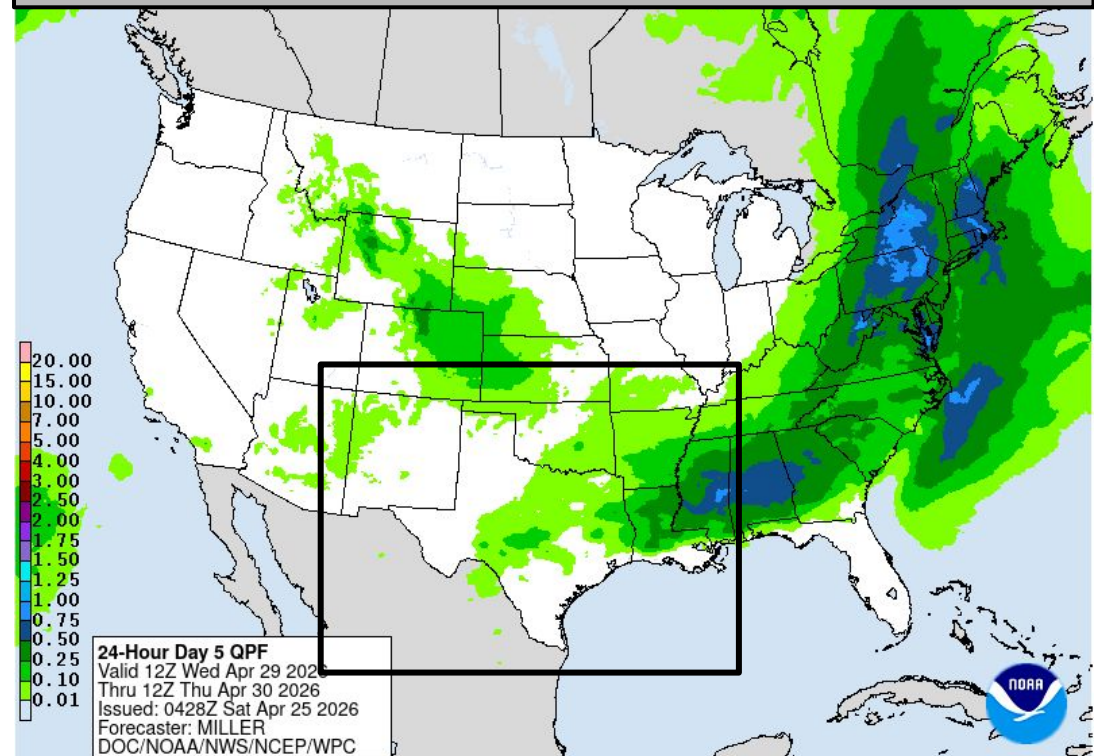
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG
ISSUED: 0410Z SAT APR 25 2026
VALID: 12Z WED APR 29 2026
FCSTR: MILLER
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

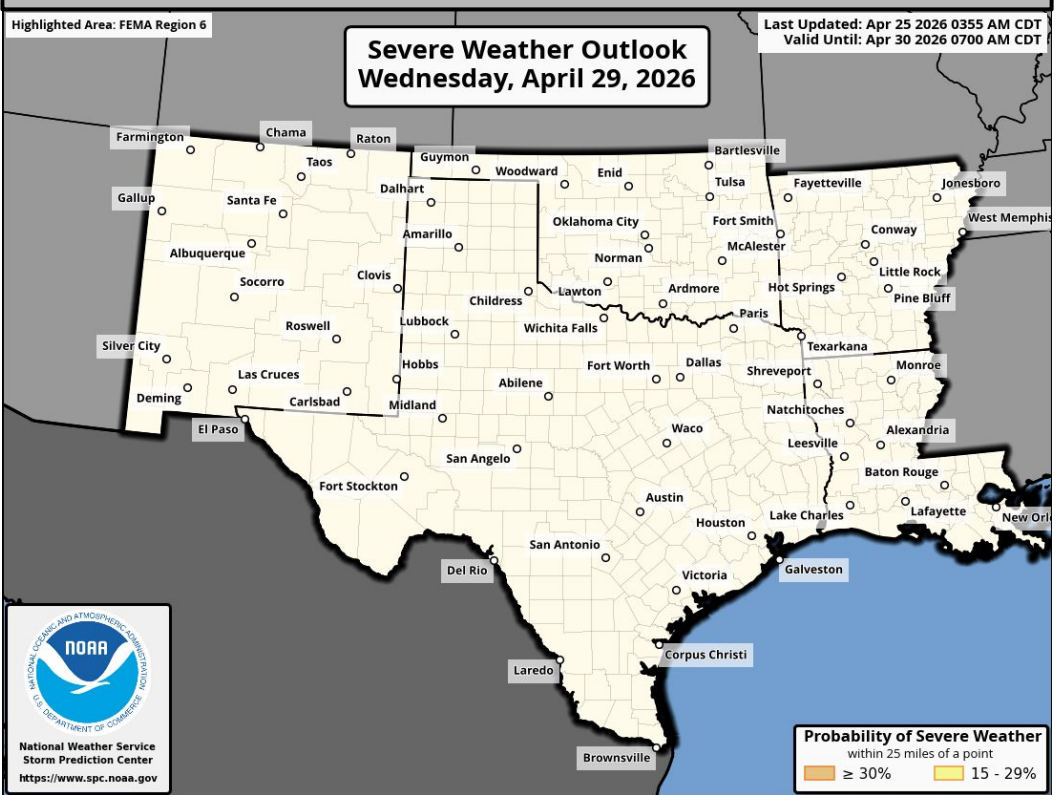
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Wed Apr 29 2026
Thru 12Z Thu Apr 30 2026
Issued: 0428Z Sat Apr 25 2026
Forecaster: MILLER
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Monitoring CTX for severe storms.

Severe Weather Outlook



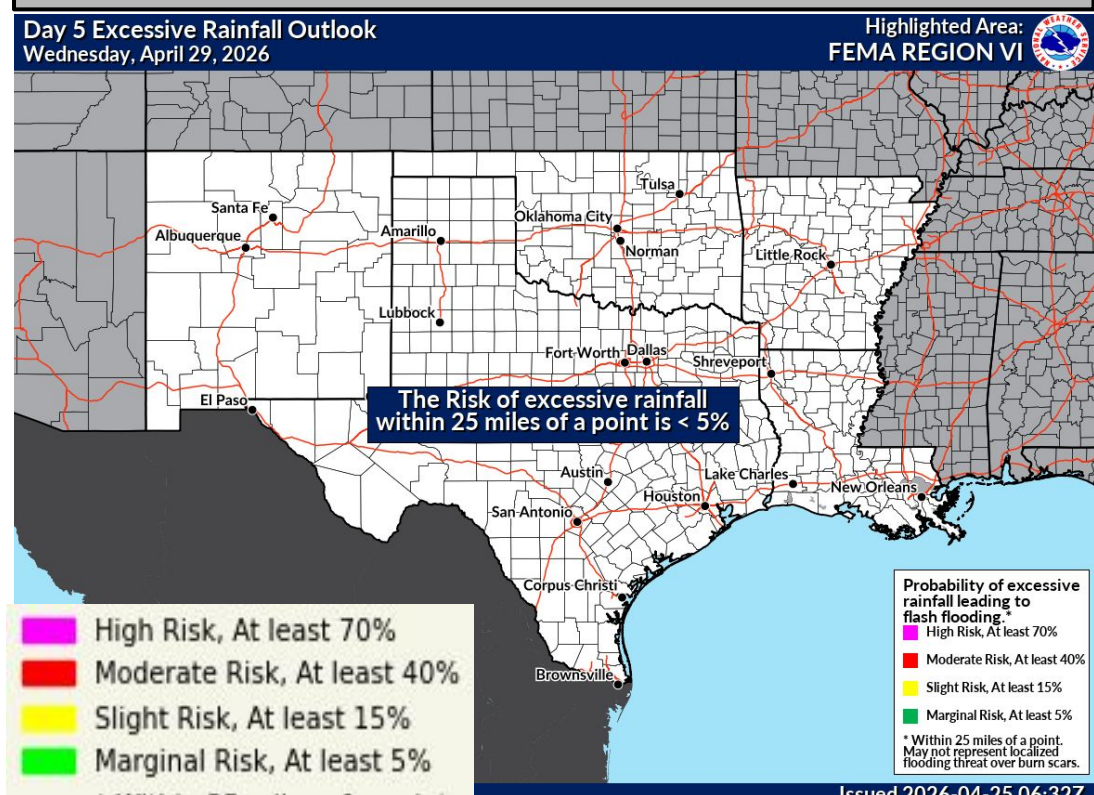
Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 25 2026 0355 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 30 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
Wednesday, April 29, 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%

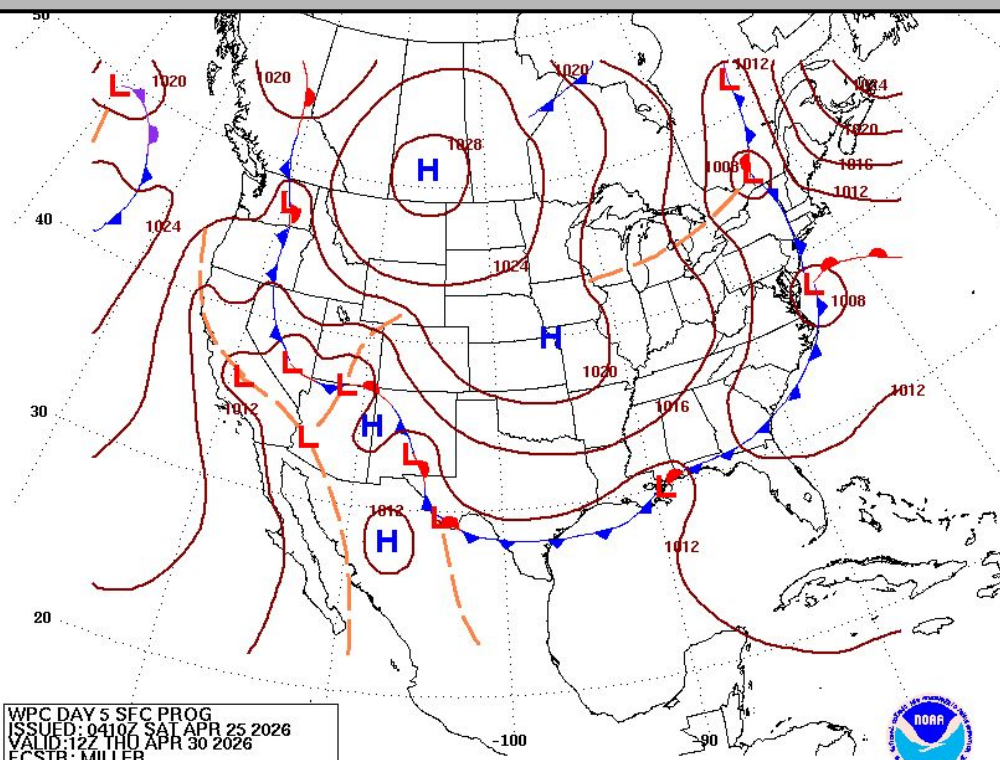
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

Issued 2026-04-25 06:32Z



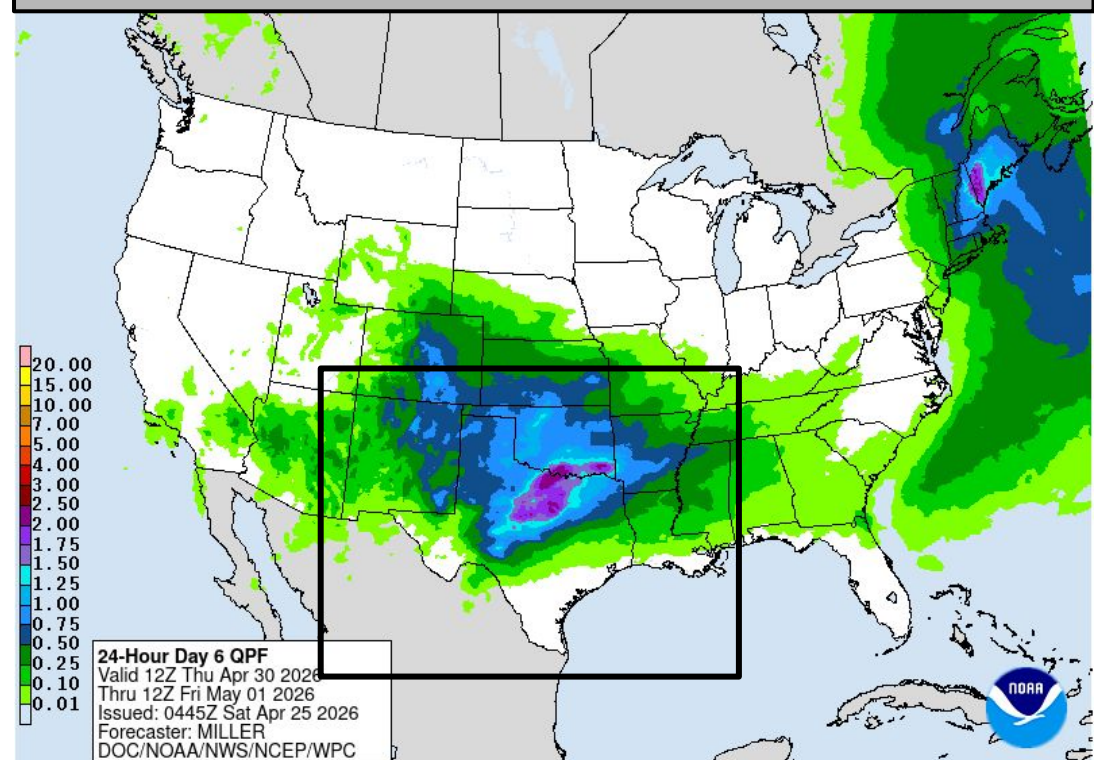
Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 5 SFC PROG
ISSUED: 0410Z SAT APR 25 2026
VALID: 12Z THU APR 30 2026
FCSTB-MILLER

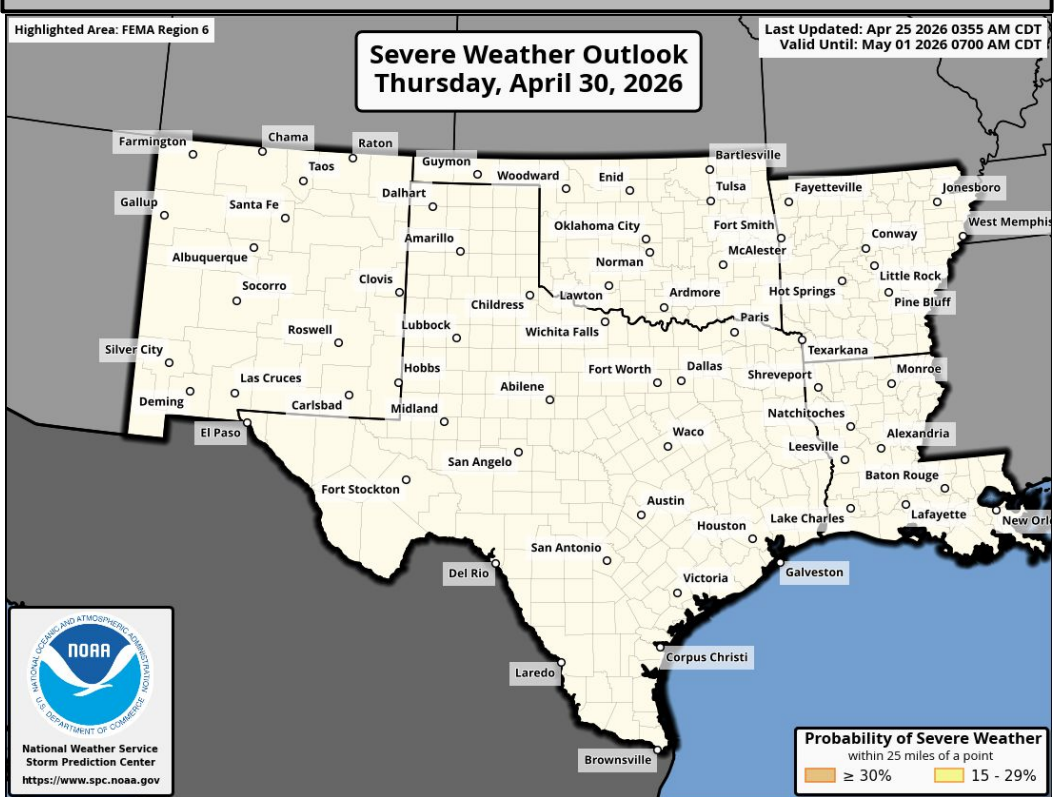
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 6 QPF
Valid 12Z Thu Apr 30 2026
Thru 12Z Fri May 01 2026
Issued: 0445Z Sat Apr 25 2026
Forecaster: MILLER
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Monitoring S OK, N TX for flash flooding and severe thunderstorms.

Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 25 2026 0355 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 01 2026 0700 AM CDT

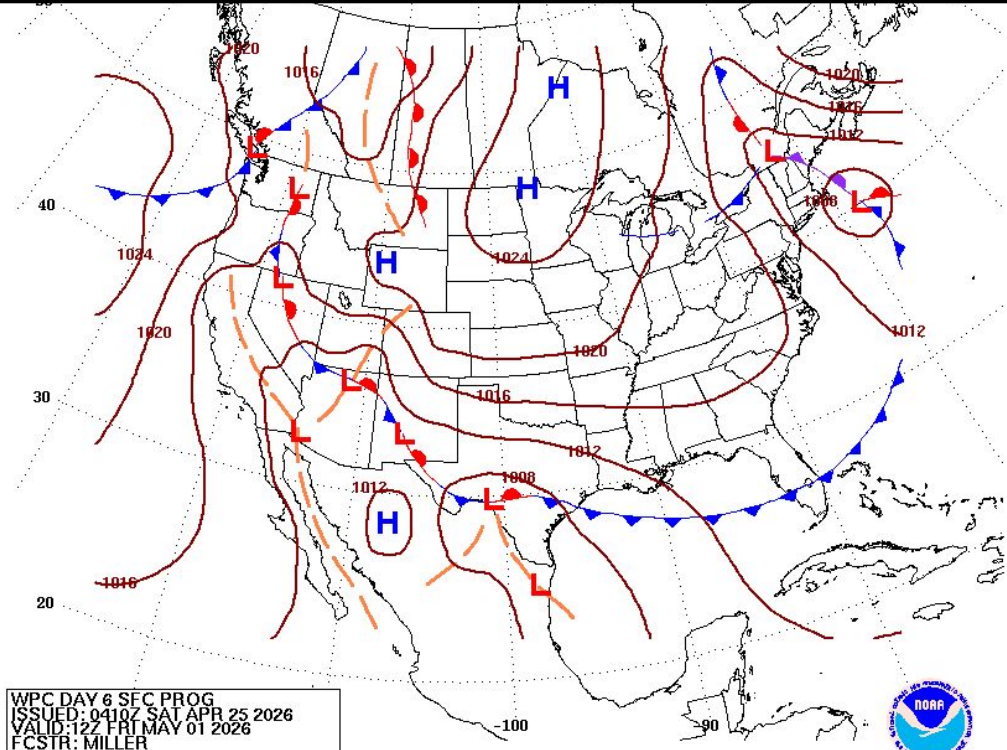


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



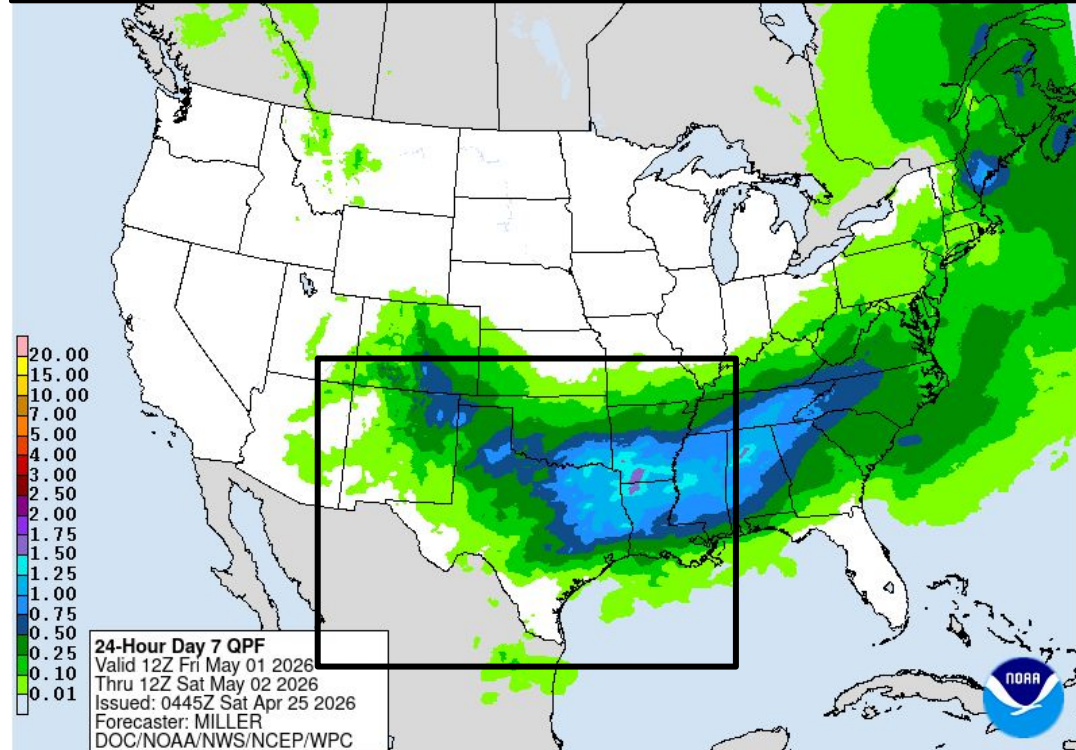
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 6 SFC PROG
ISSUED: 0410Z SAT APR 25 2026
VALID: 12Z FRI MAY 01 2026
FCSTR: MILLER

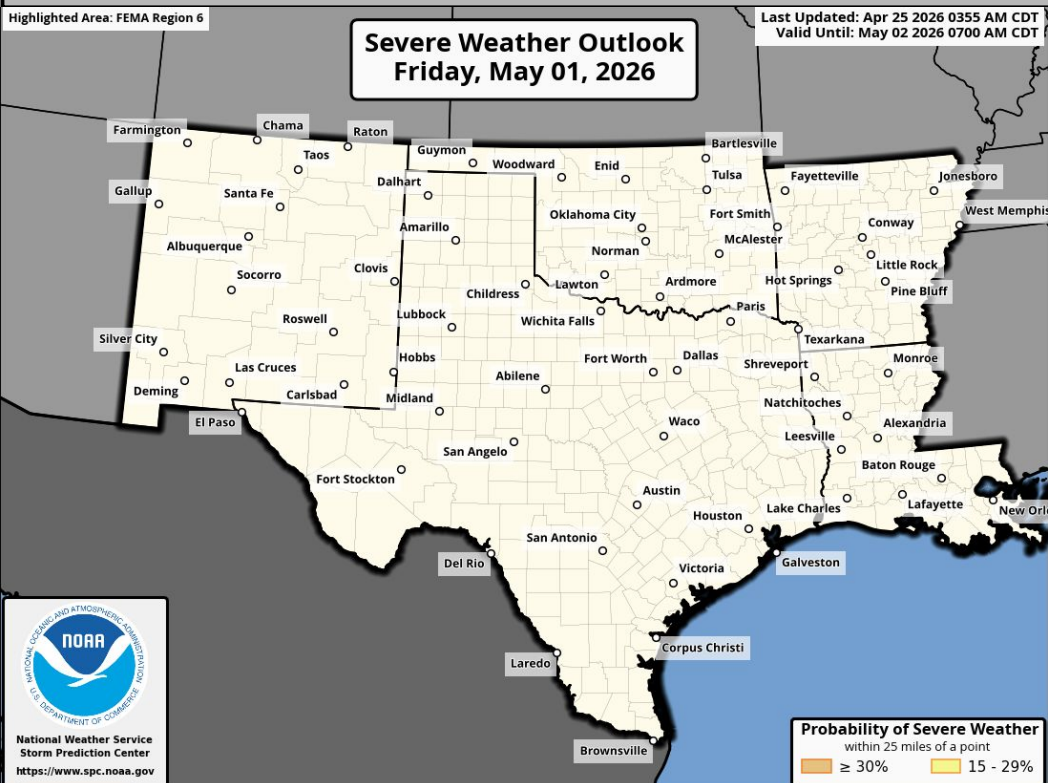
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 7 QPF
Valid 12Z Fri May 01 2026
Thru 12Z Sat May 02 2026
Issued: 0445Z Sat Apr 25 2026
Forecaster: MILLER
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

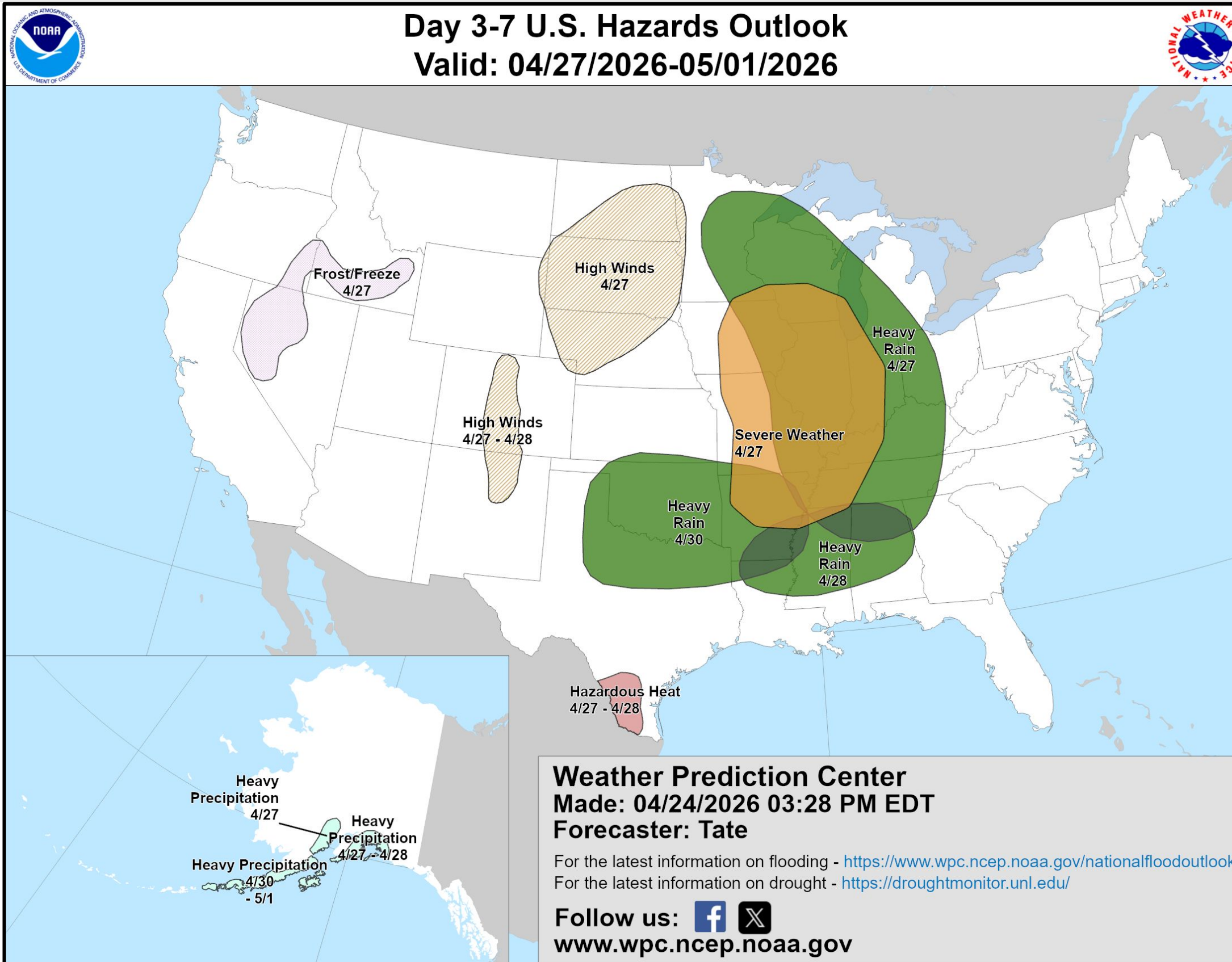


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
not available beyond Day 5**



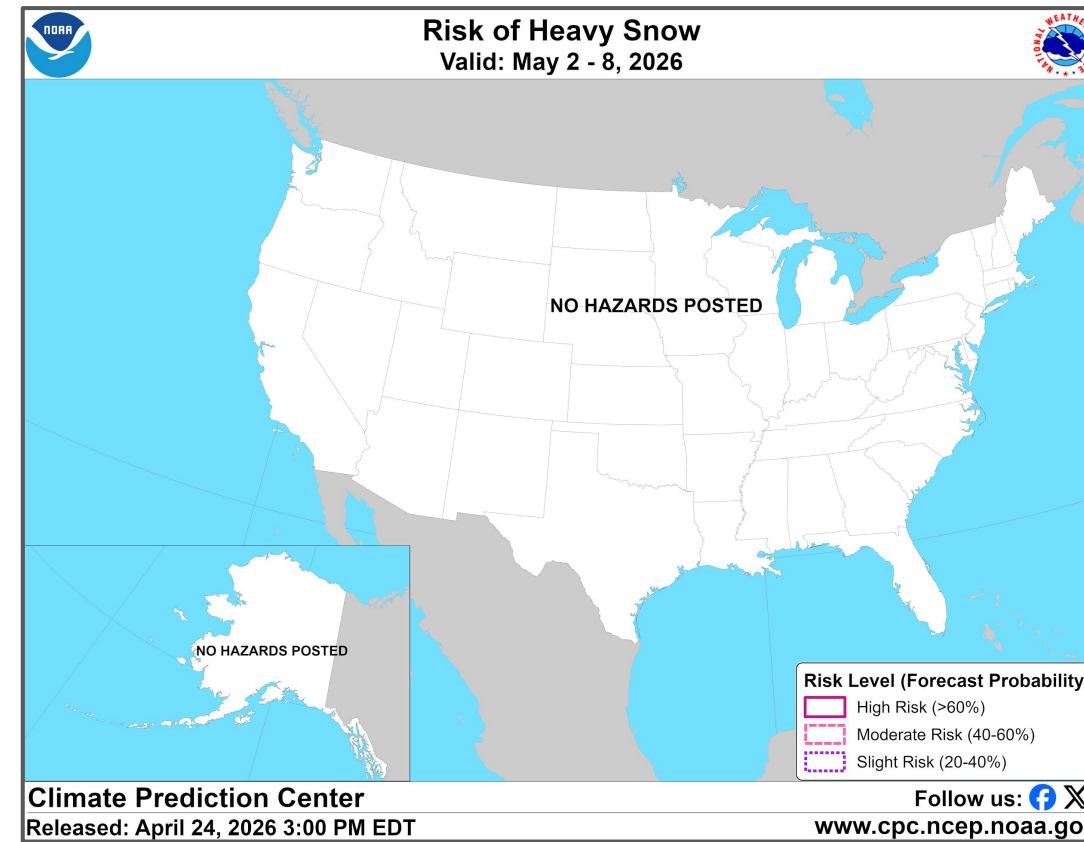
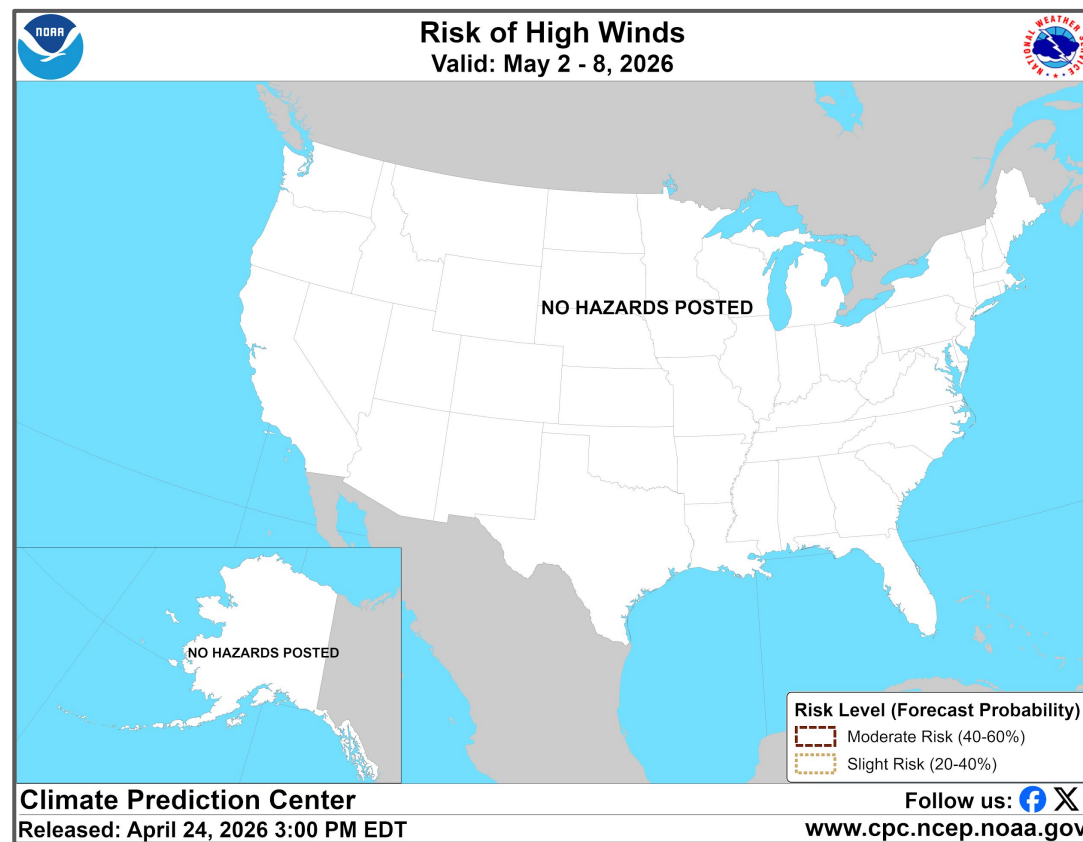
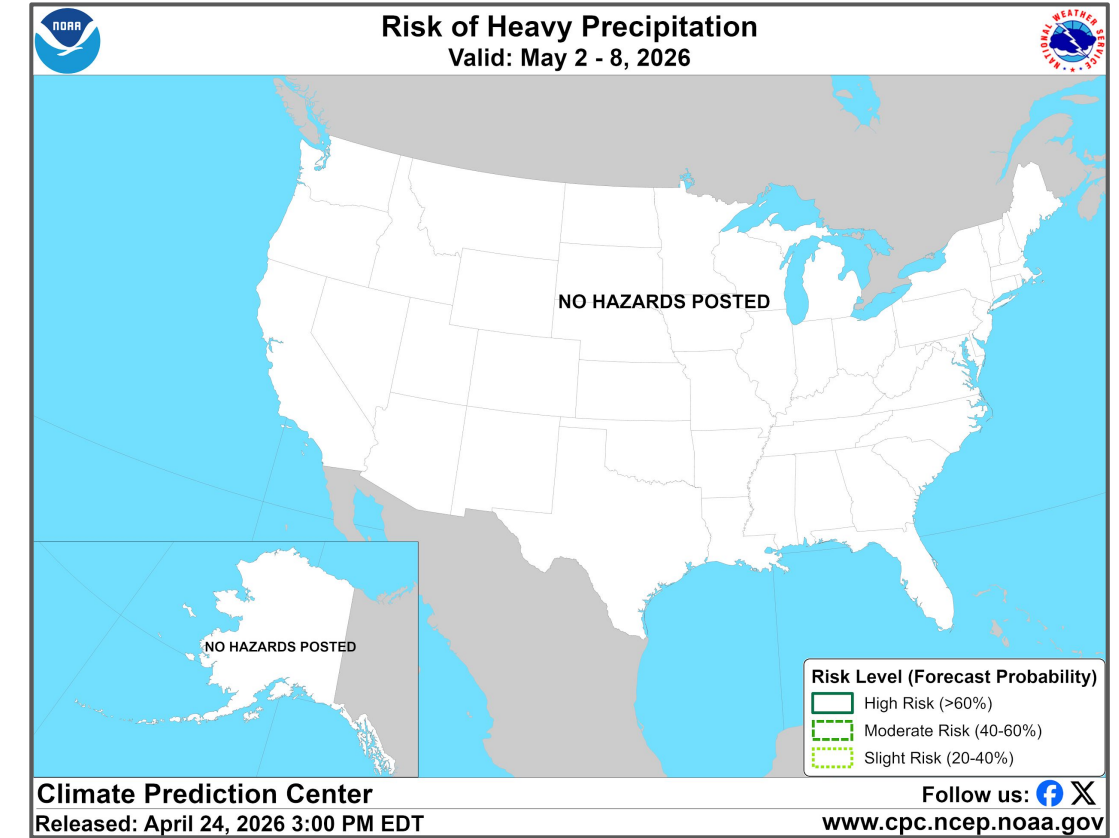
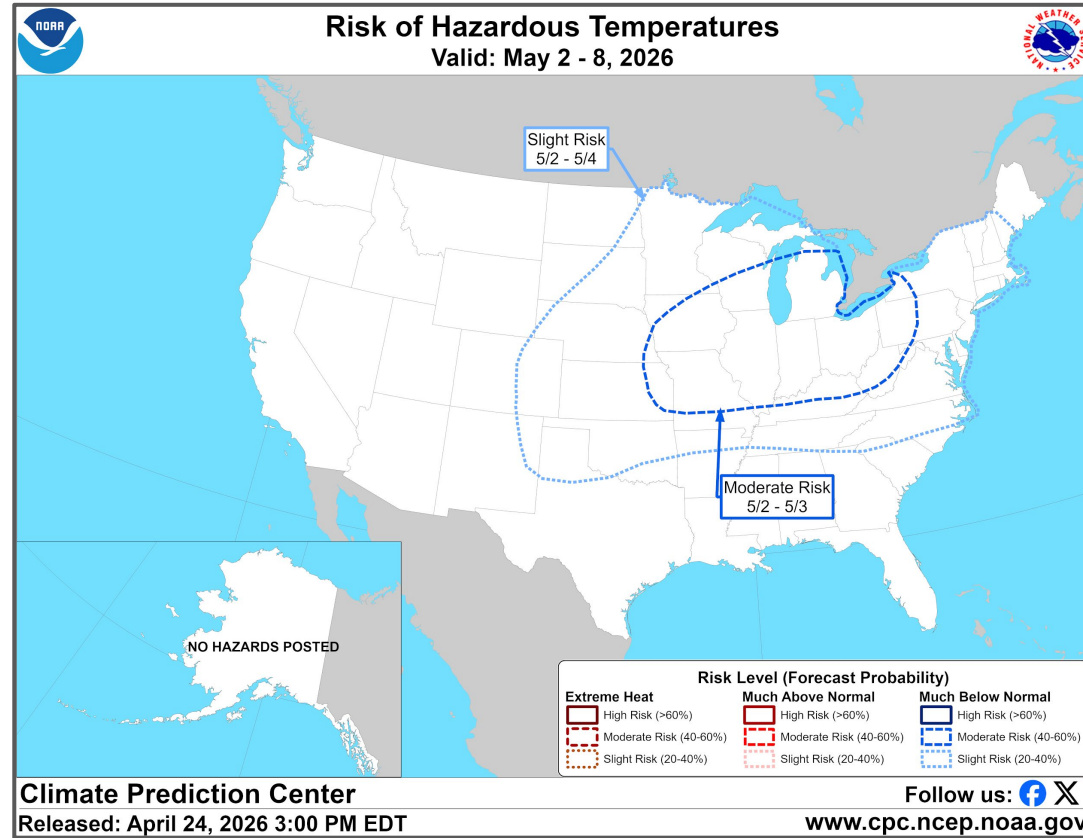
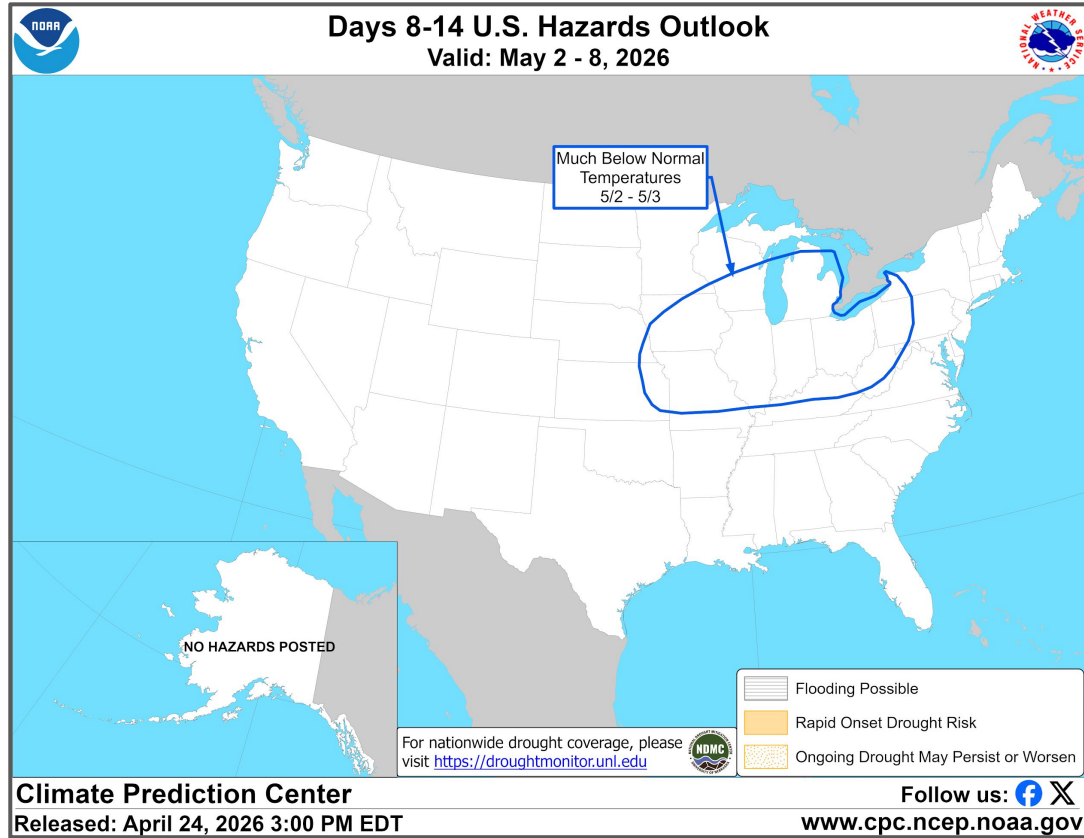


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





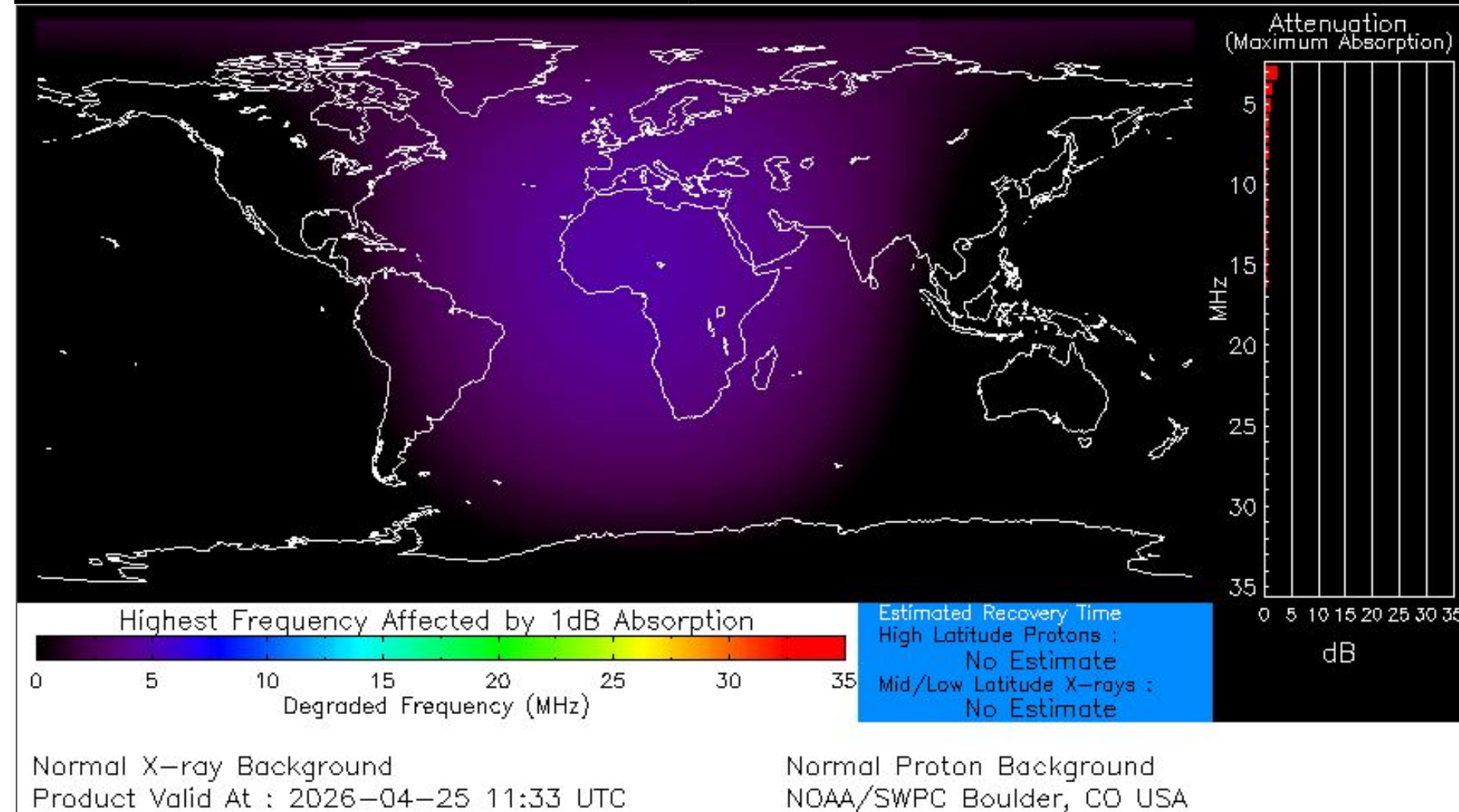
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





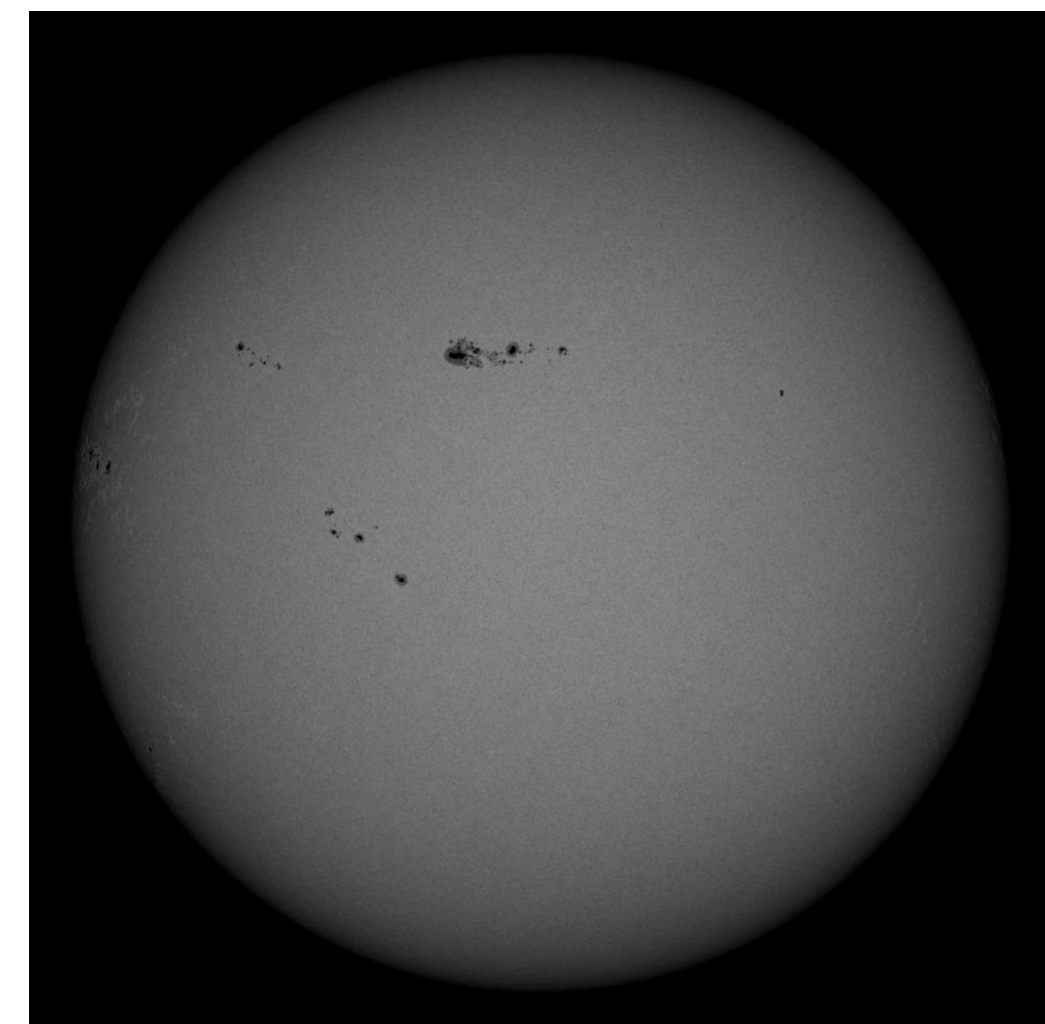
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Apr 25	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	25%	20%	10%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	75%	75%	70%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	35%	30%	20%



[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>	<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</p>	<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>	<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</p>	<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>	<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</p>	<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>	<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</p>	<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>	<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</p>	<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



National Weather Service

Southern Region Headquarters

Regional Operations Center

Fort Worth, TX



Phone: (682) 703-3747



Facebook: NWSSouthern



E-mail: sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



X: NWSSouthern



Web: www.weather.gov/srh

