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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, April 26, 2026

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# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for portions of OK, AR, N TX, N LA today through Tuesday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for portions of OK, TX, and AR Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX through Tuesday. Today looks to have the highest threat with potential for extremely critical (level 3 of 3) over portions of these areas.

- **Heat:**

- Impacts from heat in S TX today through mid-week. Heat Index will make it feel like 100-108 with Tuesday as the warmest.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1	Saturday, May 2
Severe Storms	OK, N AR	NE AR N AR	SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	CTX	S OK, N TX		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		E AR	SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA		S OK, N TX		
Heat	STX	STX	STX	STX			
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W TX, W OK	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW/W TX	NM, W TX Panhandle, W TX				
River Flooding	NTX, E OK	NTX	NTX	NTX			

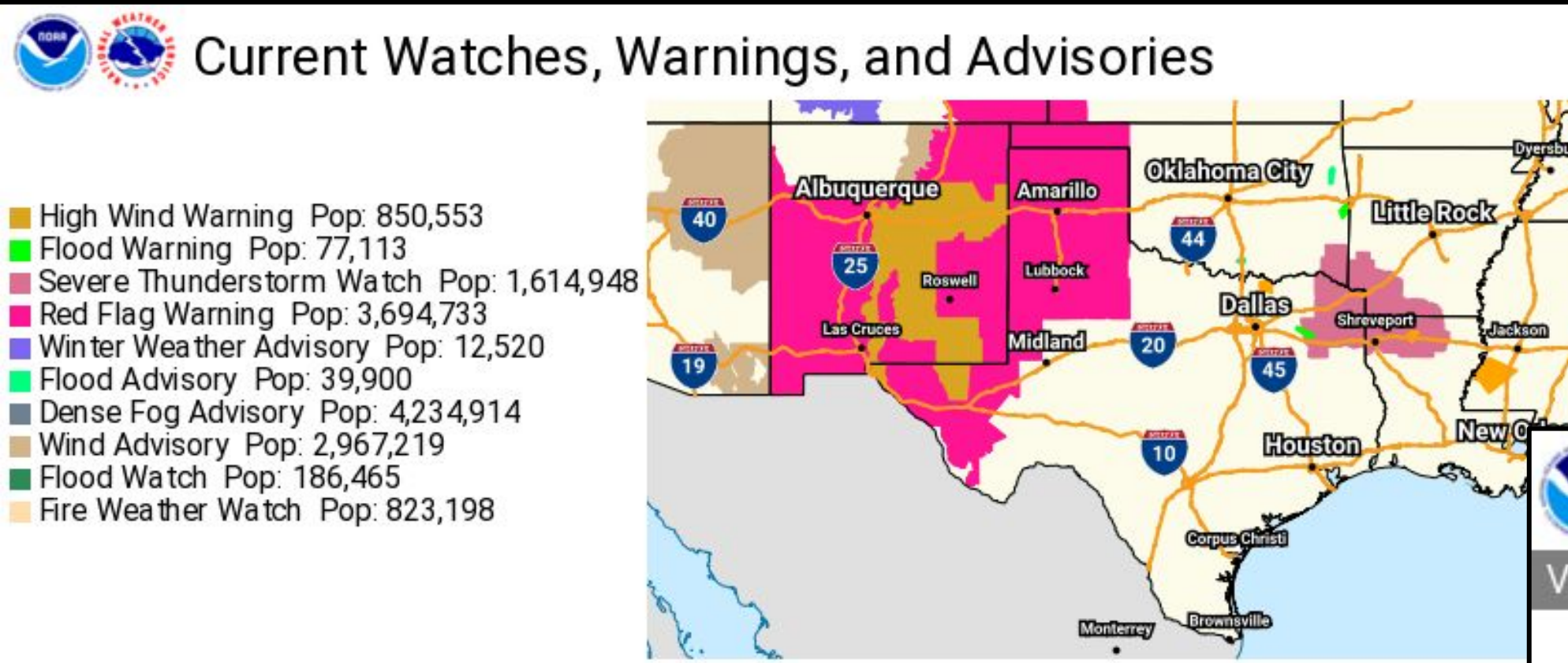
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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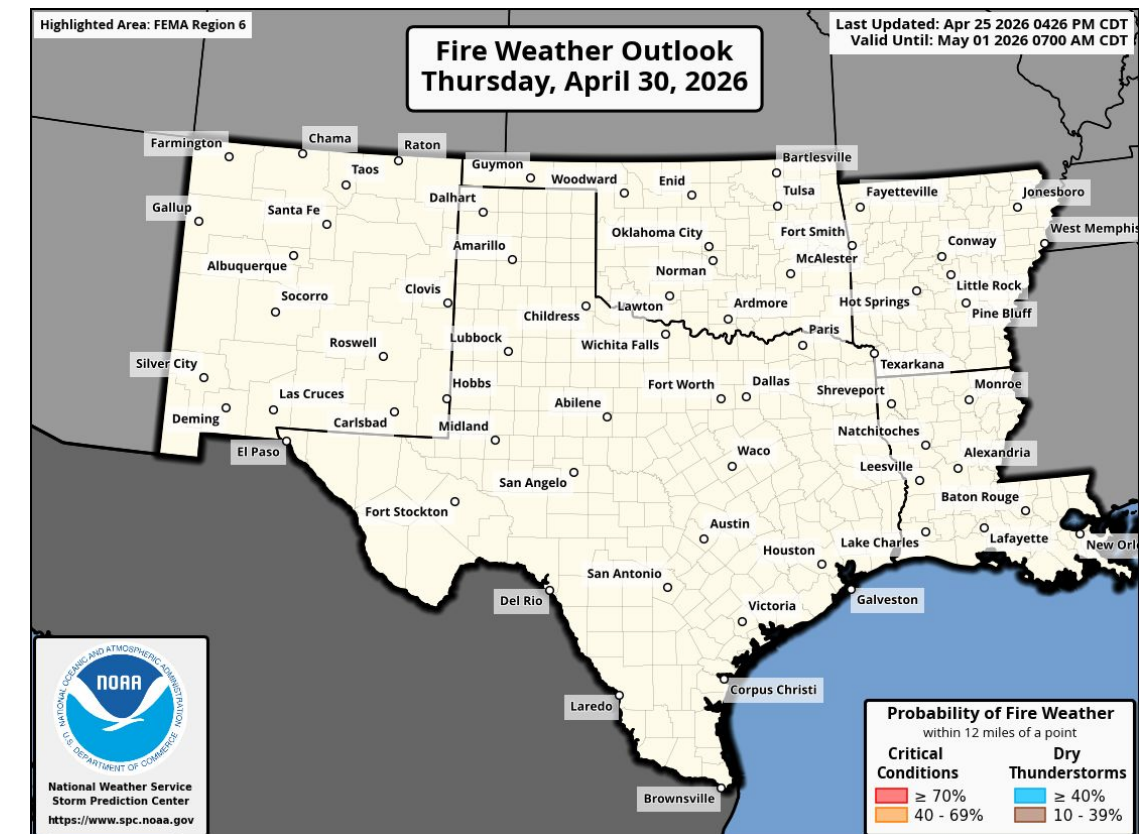
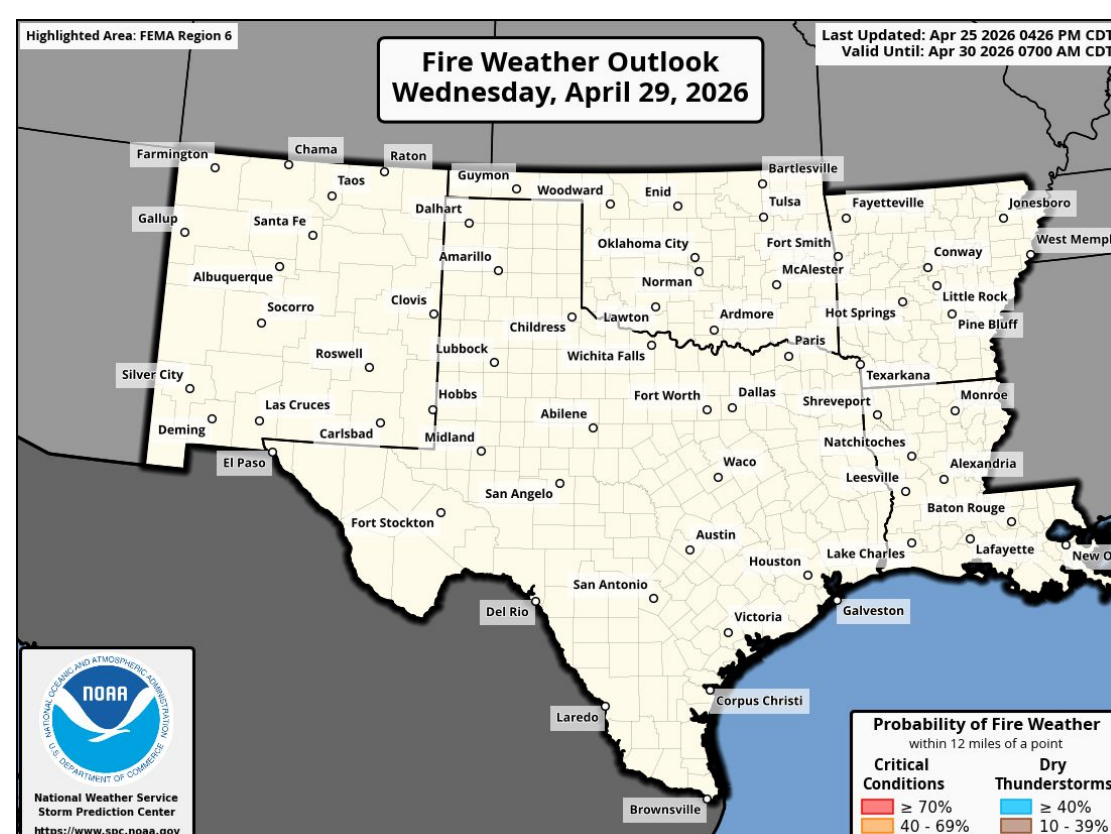
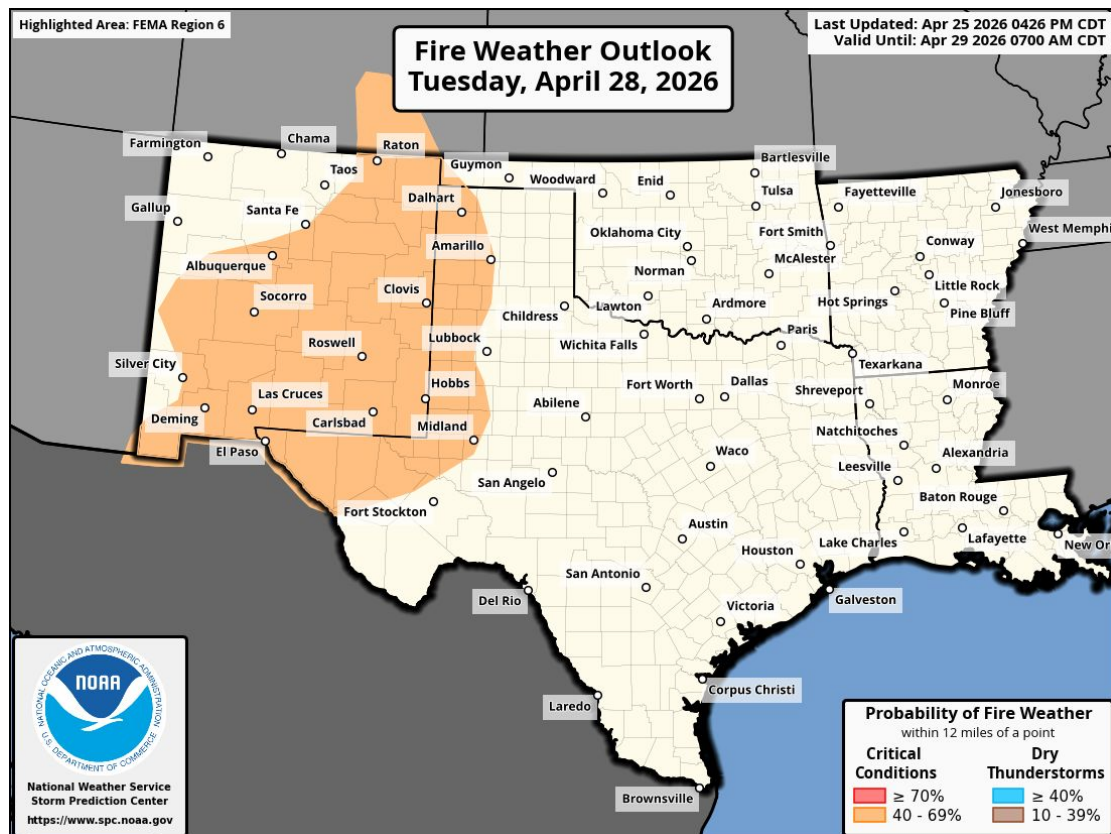
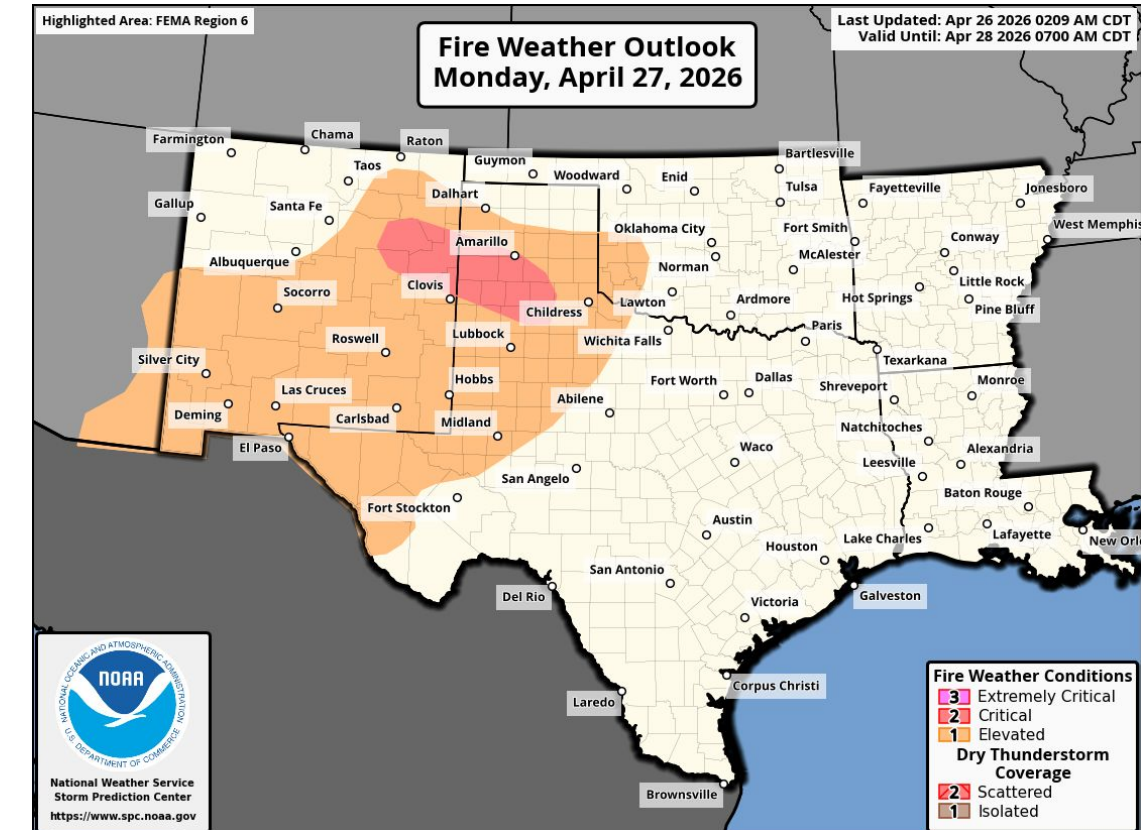
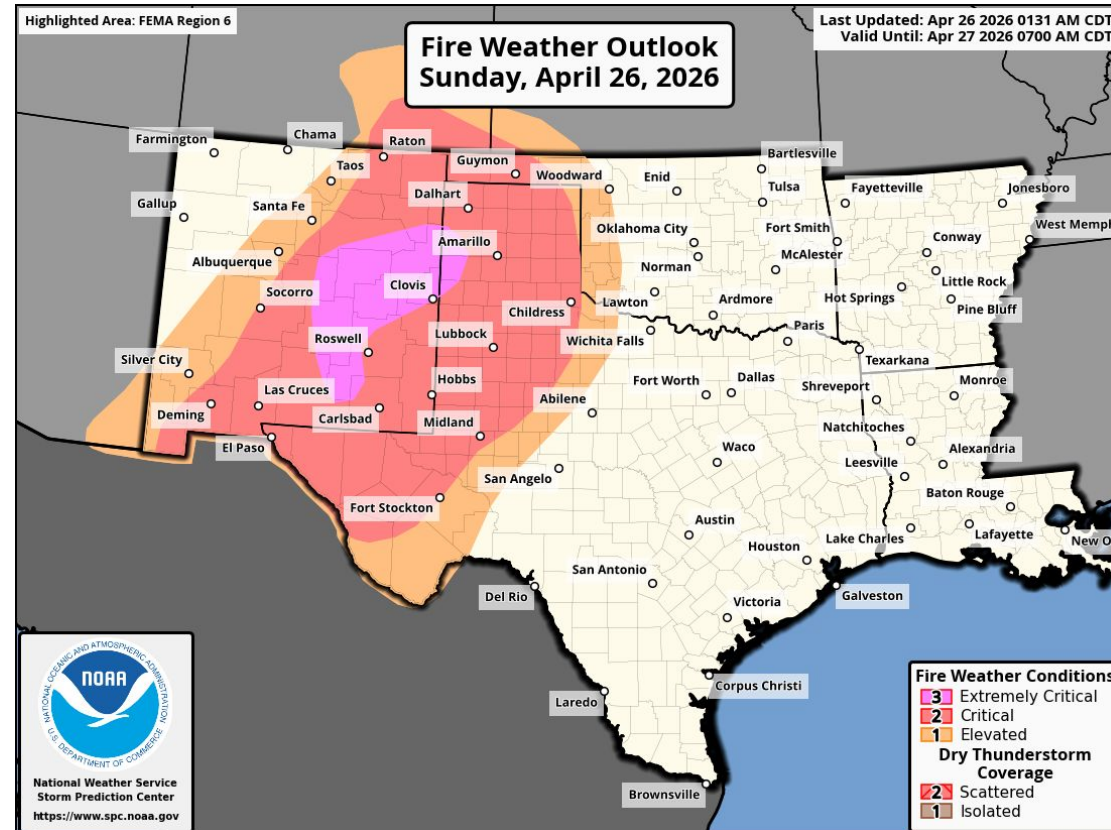
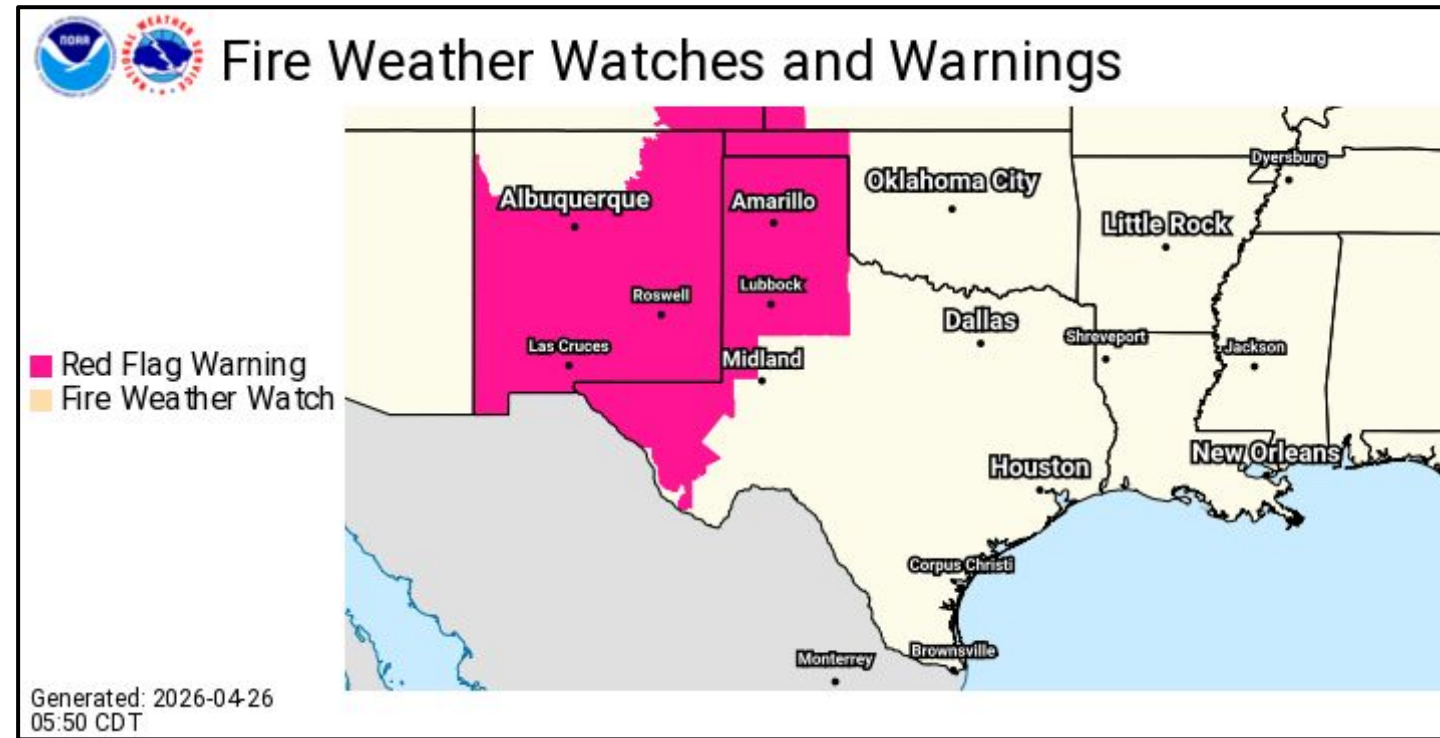


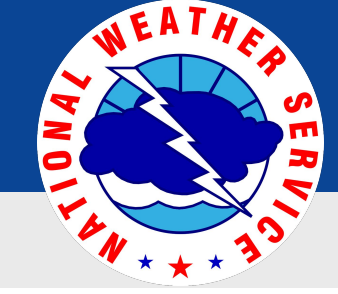
**Red Flag Warnings for portions of NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW TX, and Far W TX through 9 PM CDT.**

**High Wind Warnings in portions of NM, W TX for gusts up to 60 mph through 9 PM CDT.**



# Fire Weather Outlooks

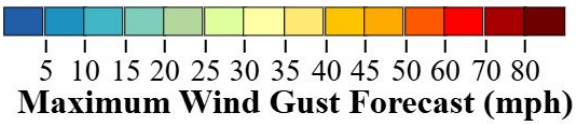




# Wind Gust/RH Forecast

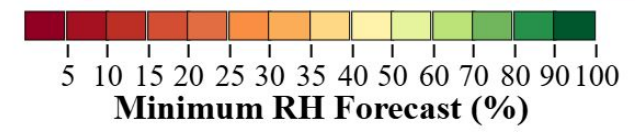
## Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

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Wichita Falls	18↗	22↗	24↖	24↗	23↗	25↗	18↗	13↗	15↗	17↘	17↘	18↖	22↖	22↖	21↖



## Minimum RH (%) Forecast

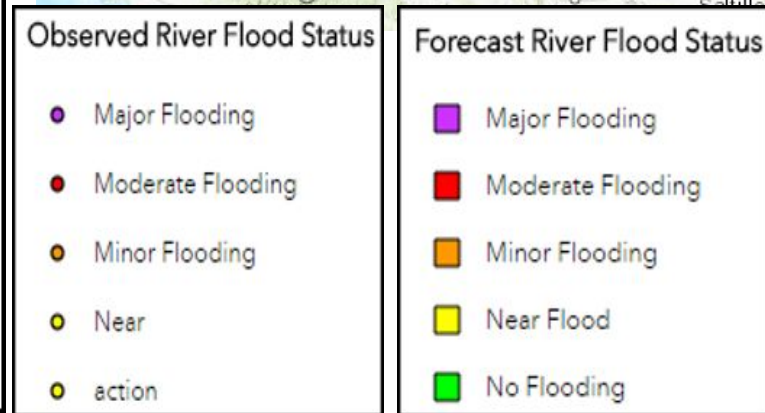
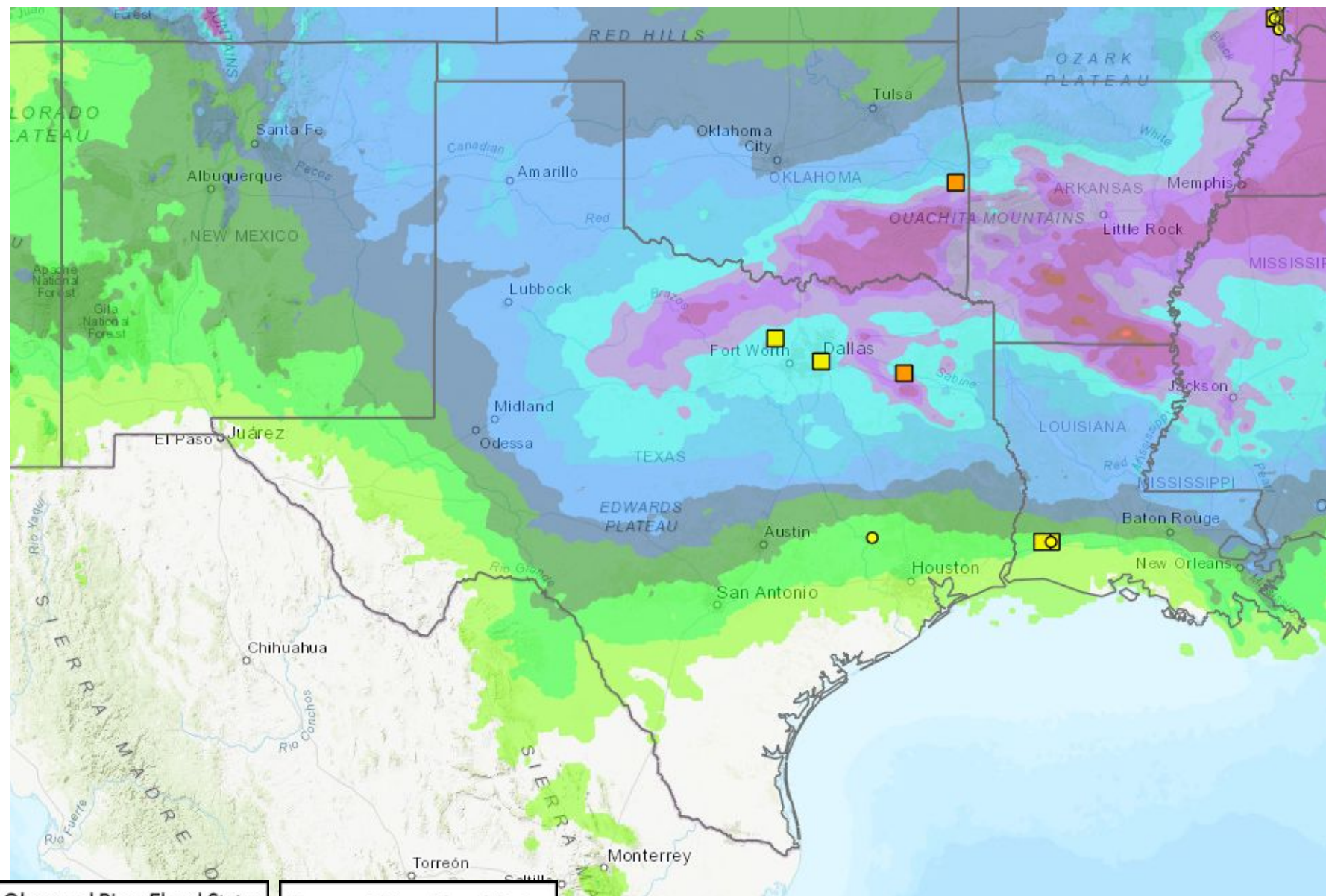
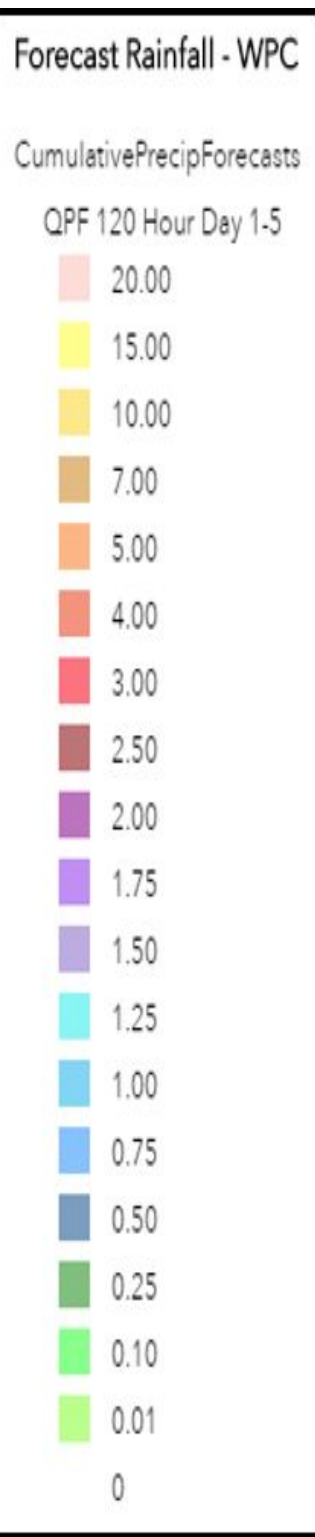
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Oklahoma City	87	59	55	76	30	17	19	54	63	40	40	65	56	38	39
San Angelo	38	17	19	69	32	15	17	46	55	18	19	41	50	36	40
Santa Fe	37	19	17	33	48	17	13	21	27	11	10	19	22	12	14
Shreveport	79	57	59	84	77	54	59	84	74	54	59	84	82	62	62
Tulsa	90	71	69	84	60	28	31	63	65	50	51	72	56	42	41
Wichita Falls	62	30	33	69	22	13	15	39	50	28	29	63	55	37	39





# 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*



**Isolated minor river flooding in E OK today and in N TX on the Sabine River today through mid-week.**

**Heavy rainfall through the early half of the week in SE OK, AR could produce local river rises.**

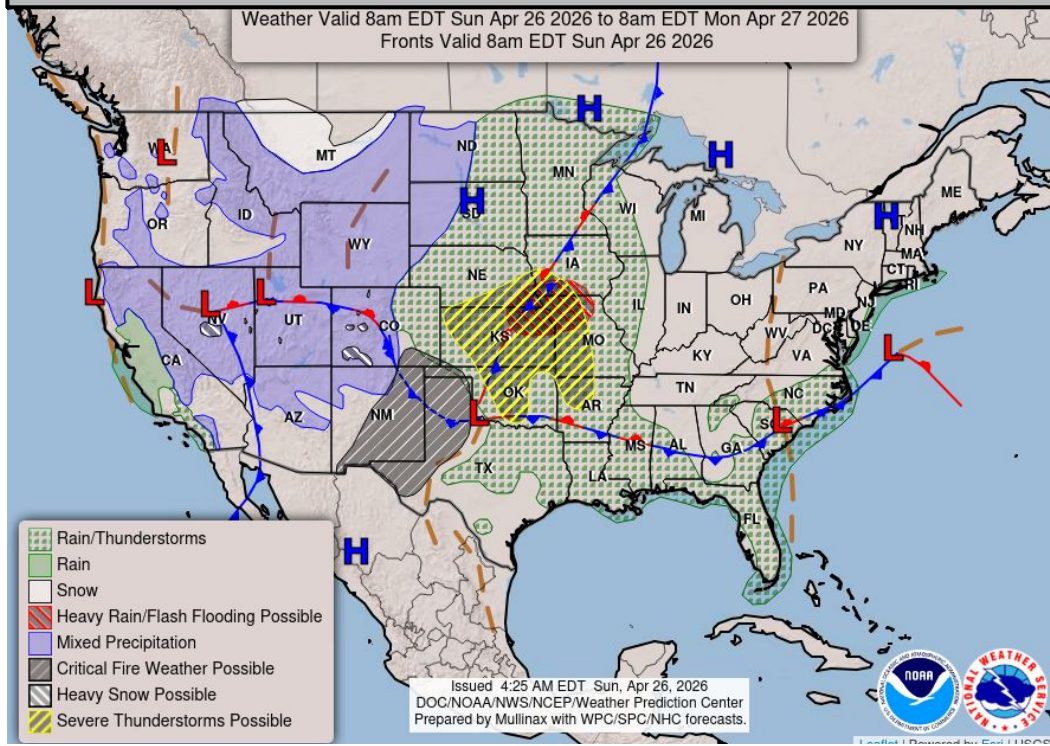
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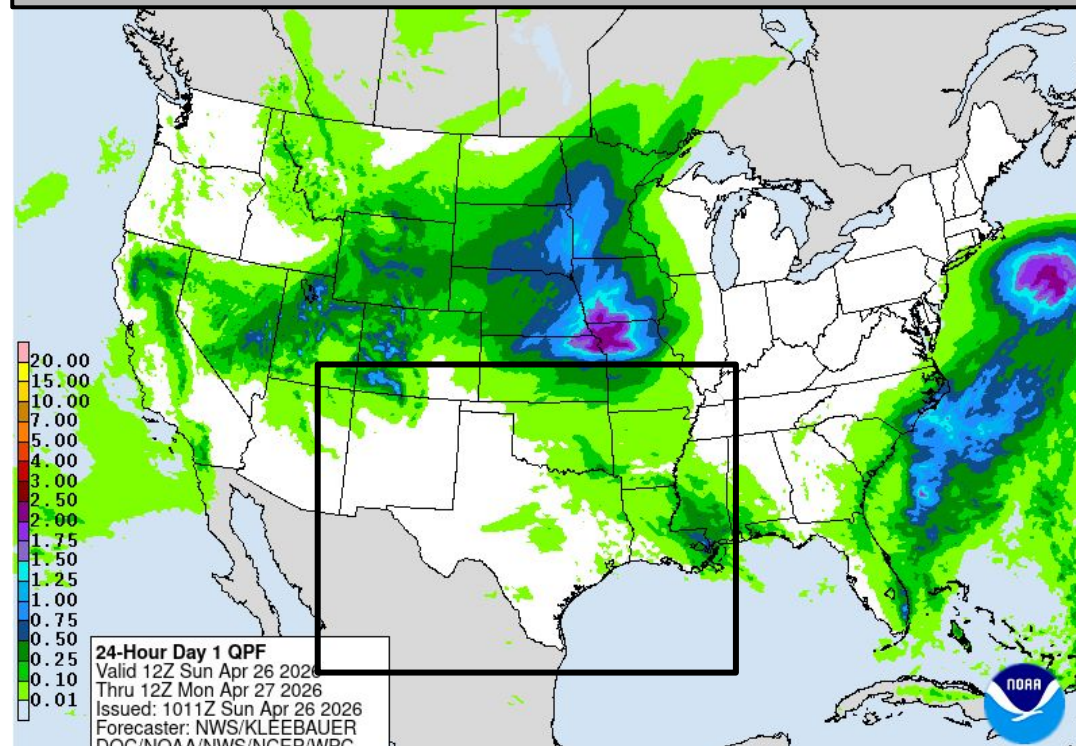


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

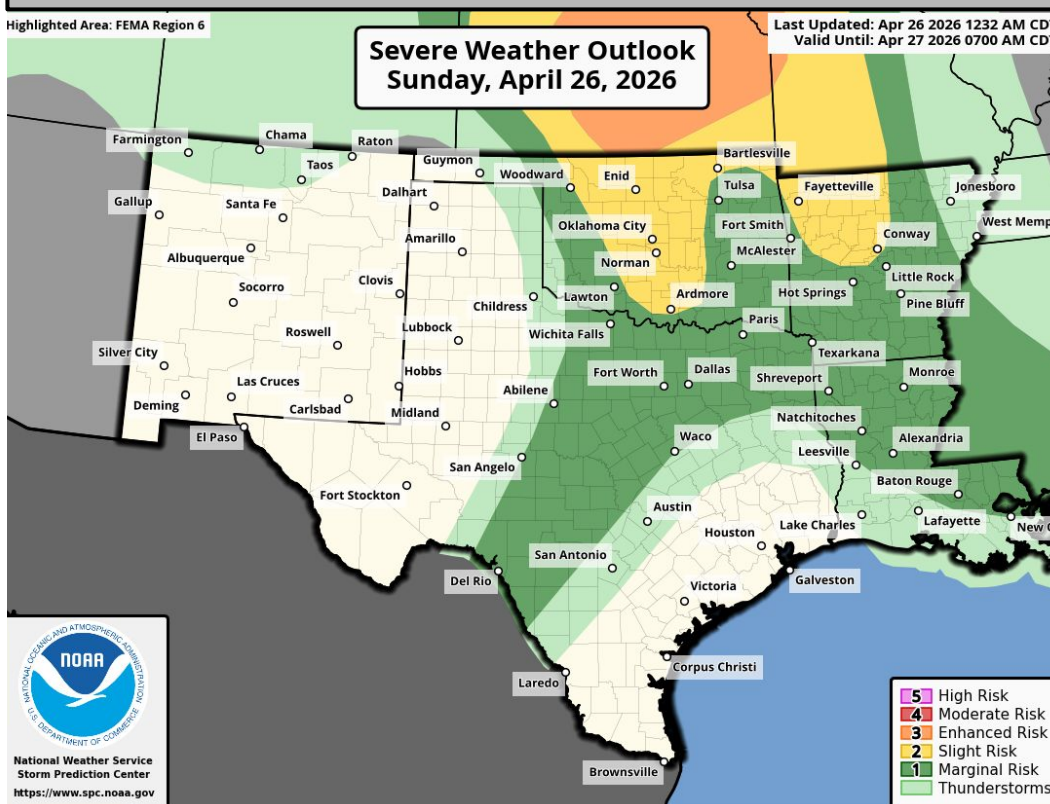


**Critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns in portions of NM, TX/OK Panhandles, WTX, W OK.**

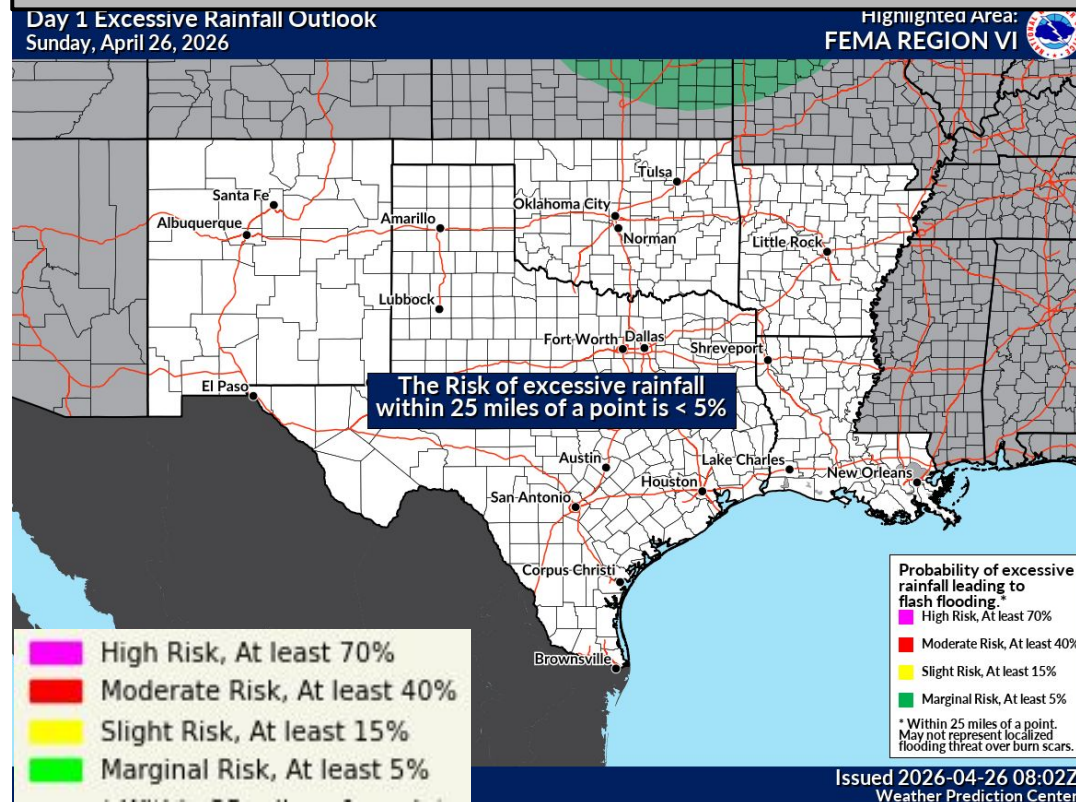
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) in OK, N AR. If the cap breaks, strong tornadoes (EF-2) and very large hail over 2" in diameter could occur. Timing: 3PM-1AM.**

**Heat impacts in STX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

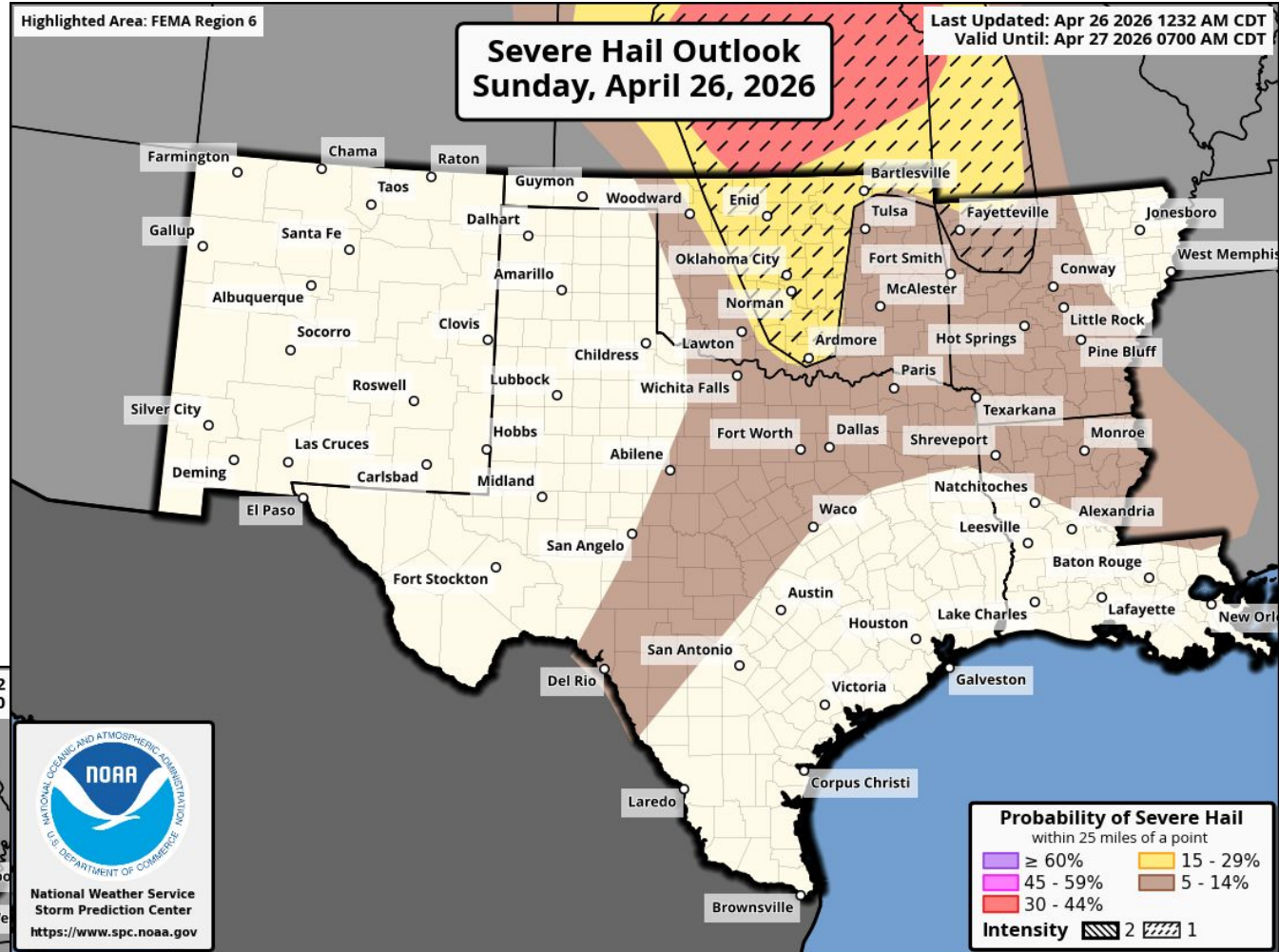
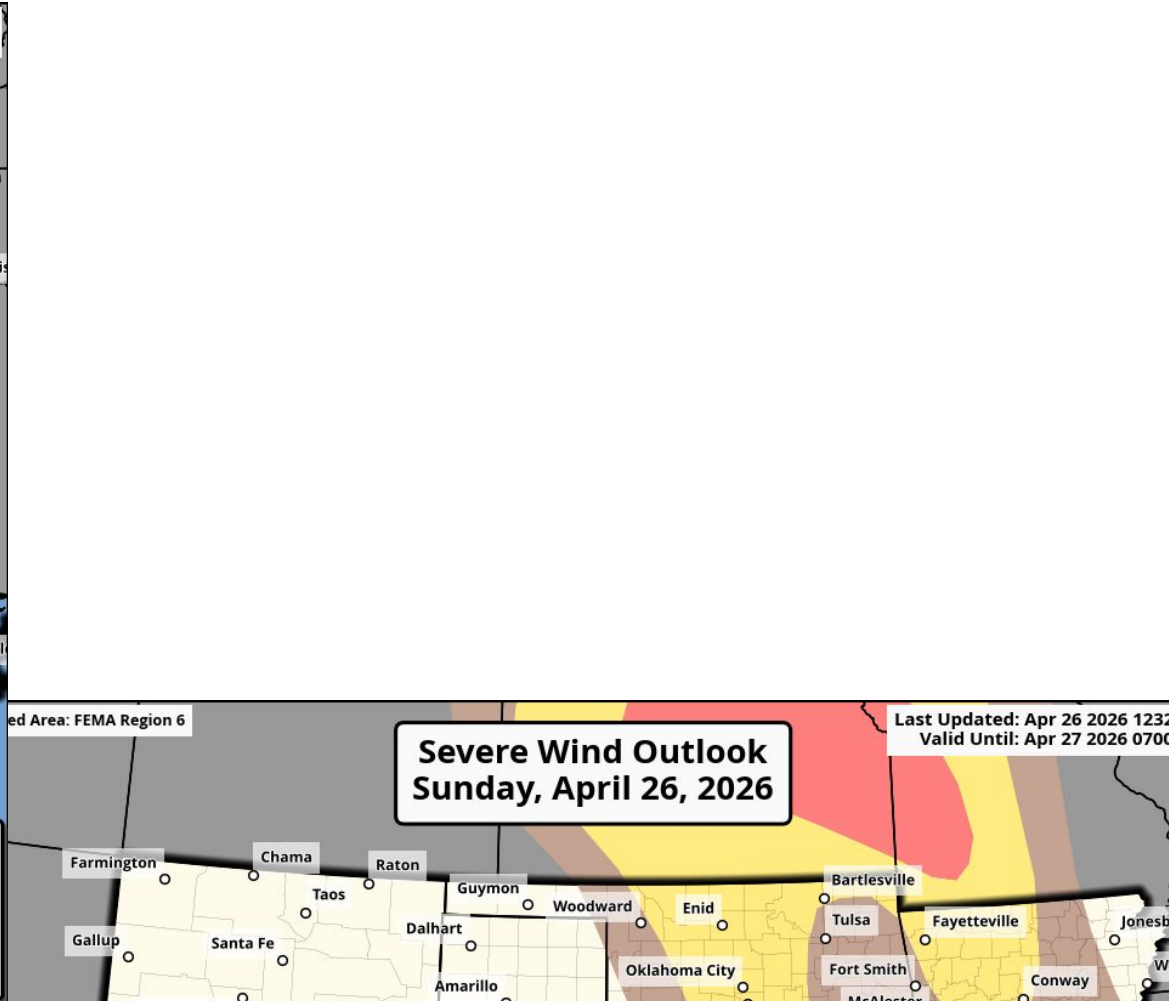
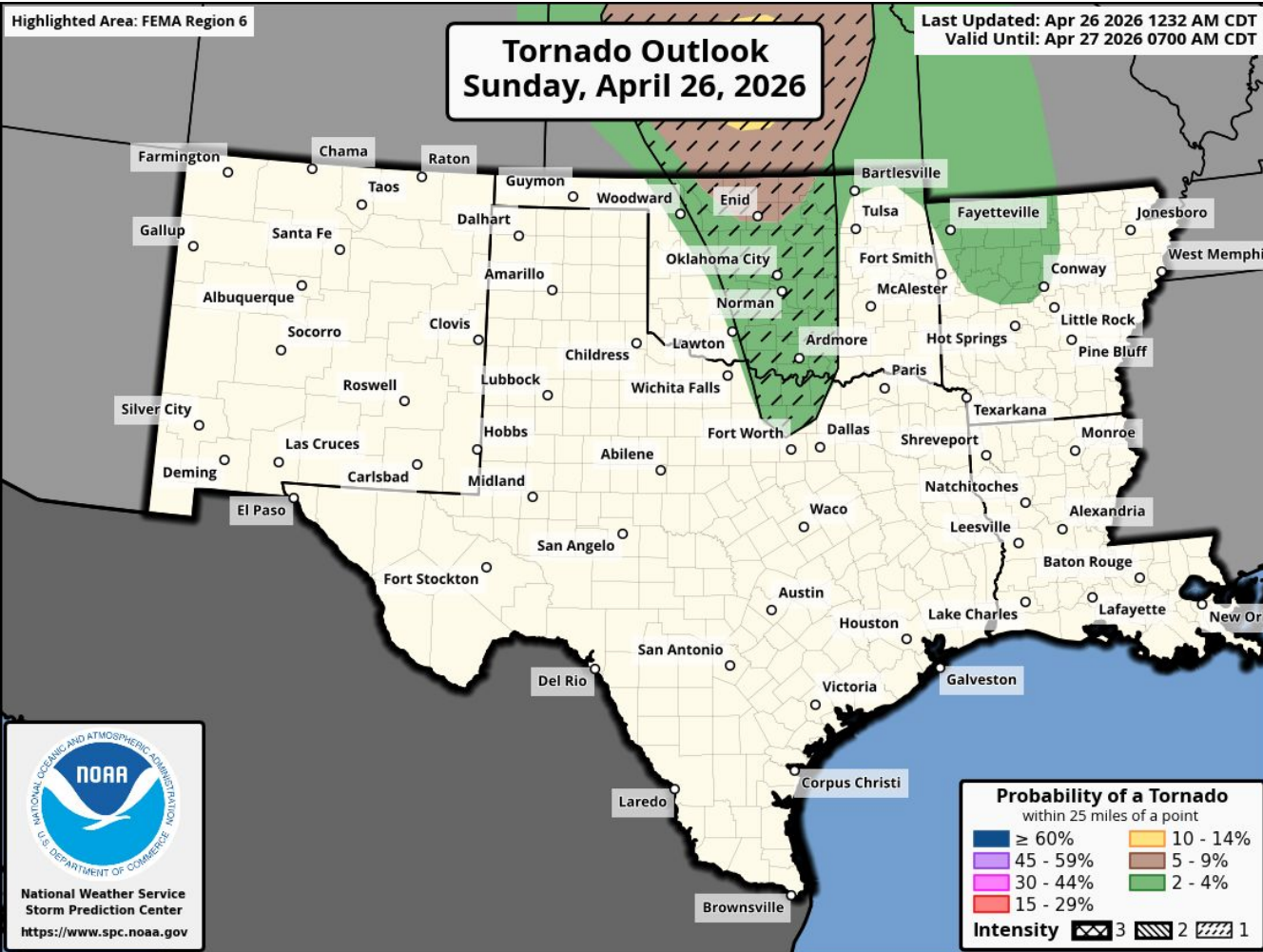


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



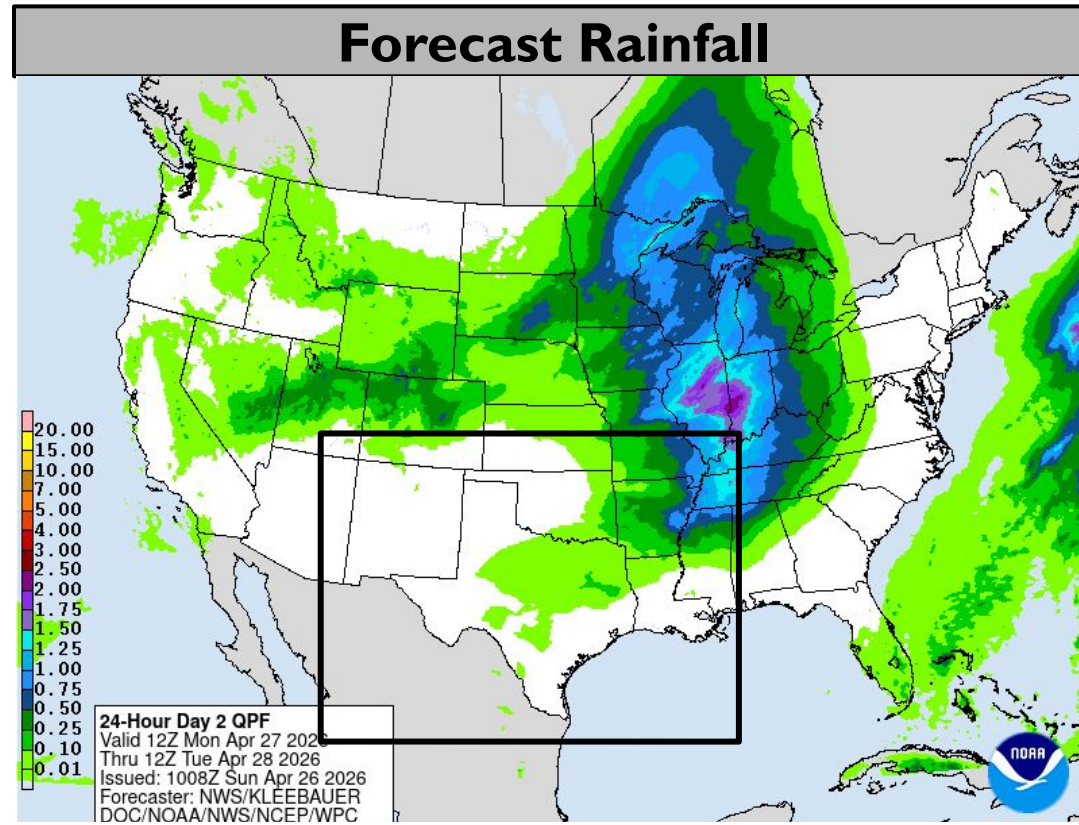
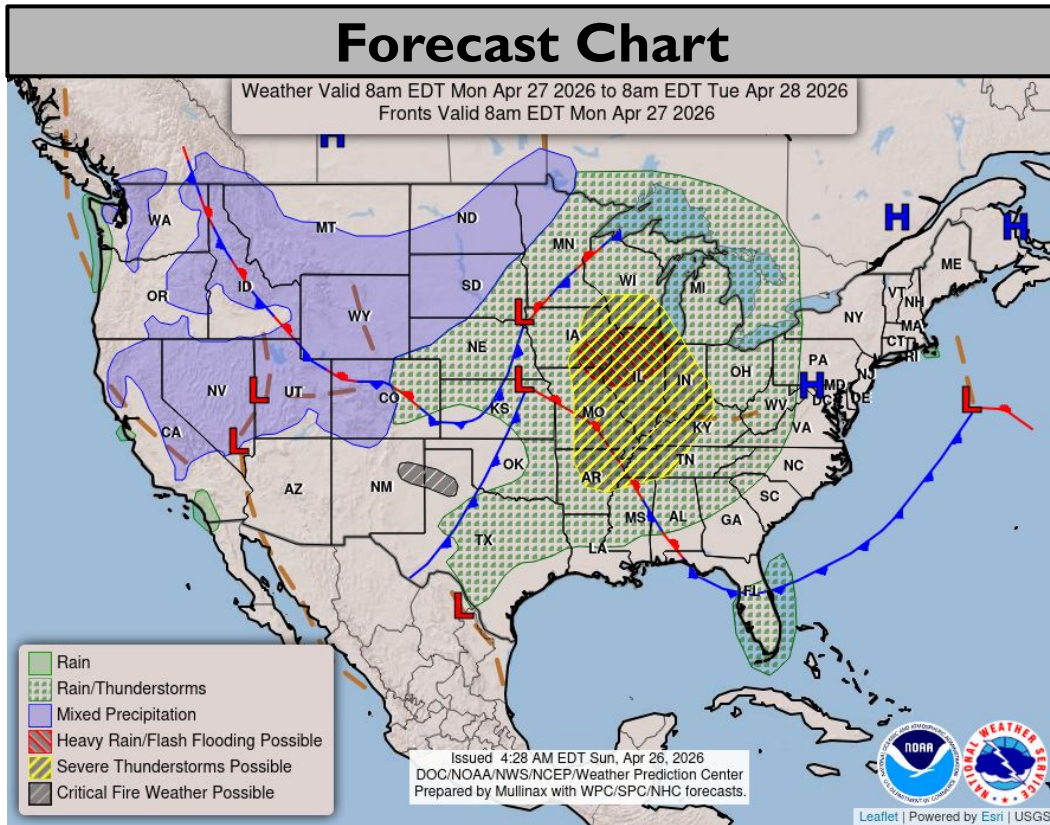


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



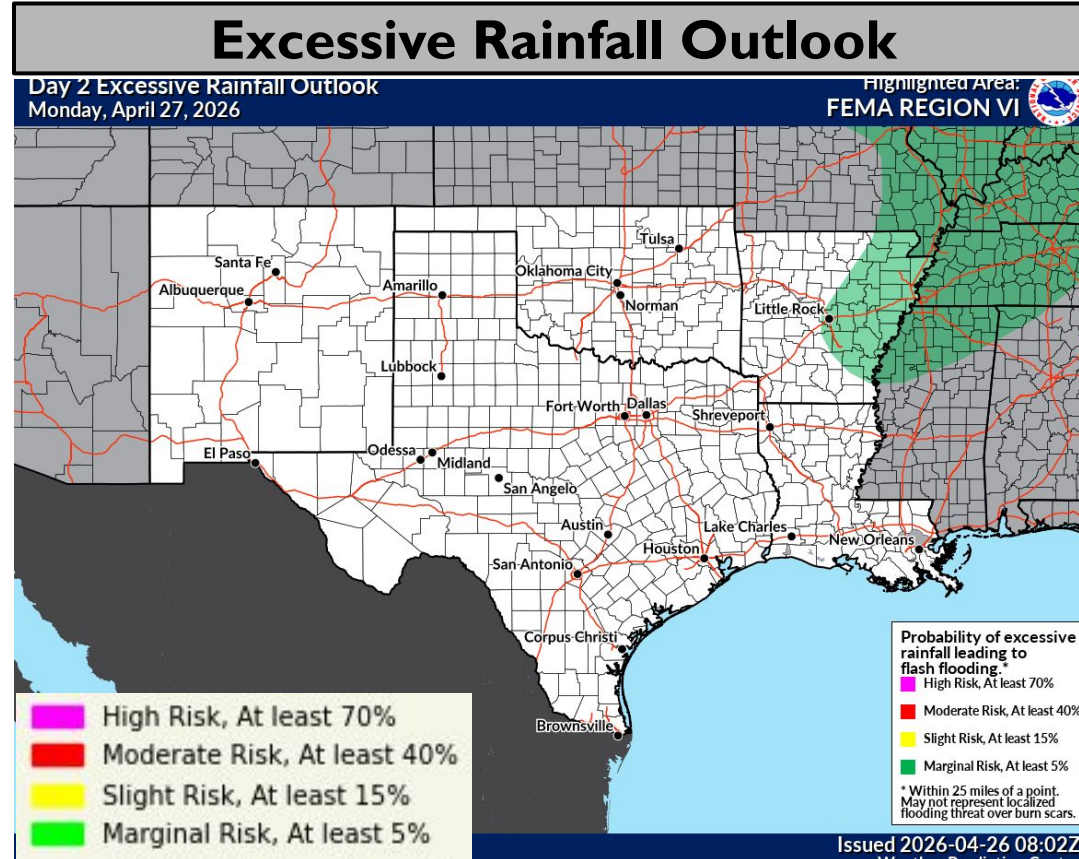
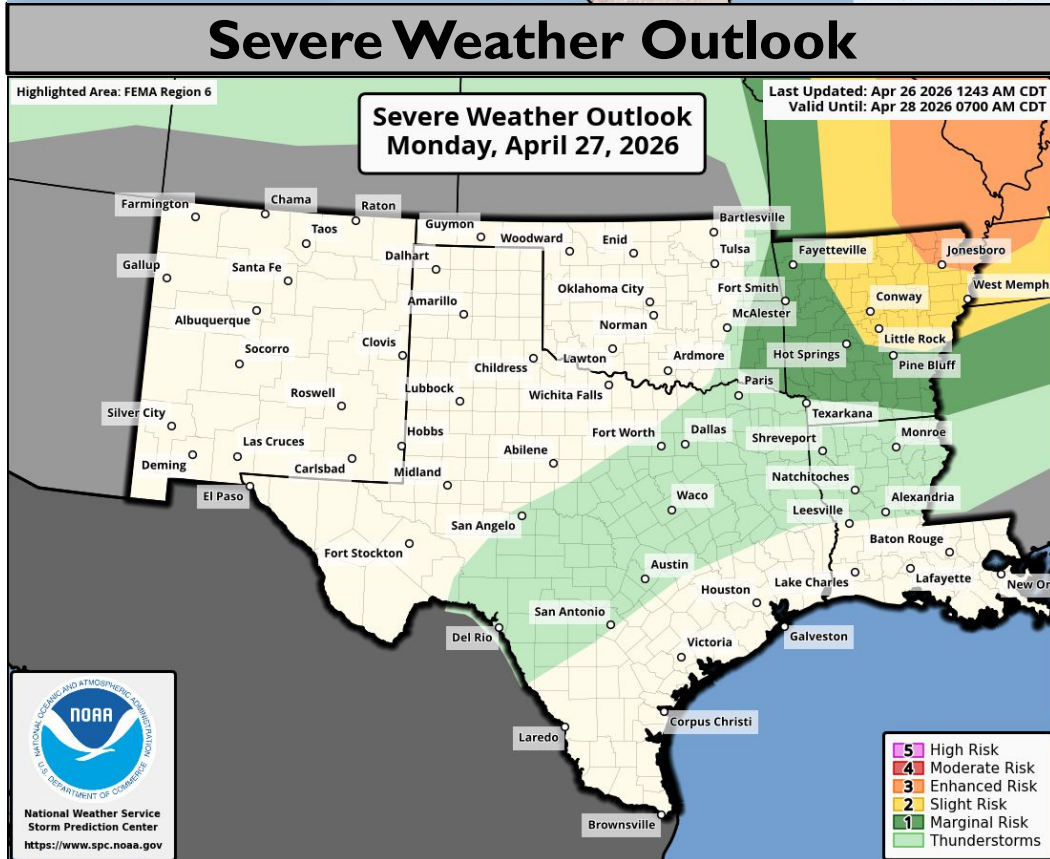


# Tomorrow's Weather



**Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms over N AR. All hazards could occur. Timing: late afternoon-early morning.**

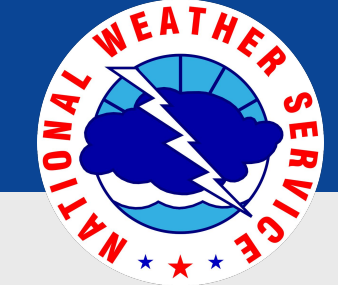
**If storm coverage is low on Sunday, the threat for Monday could expand more into AR.**



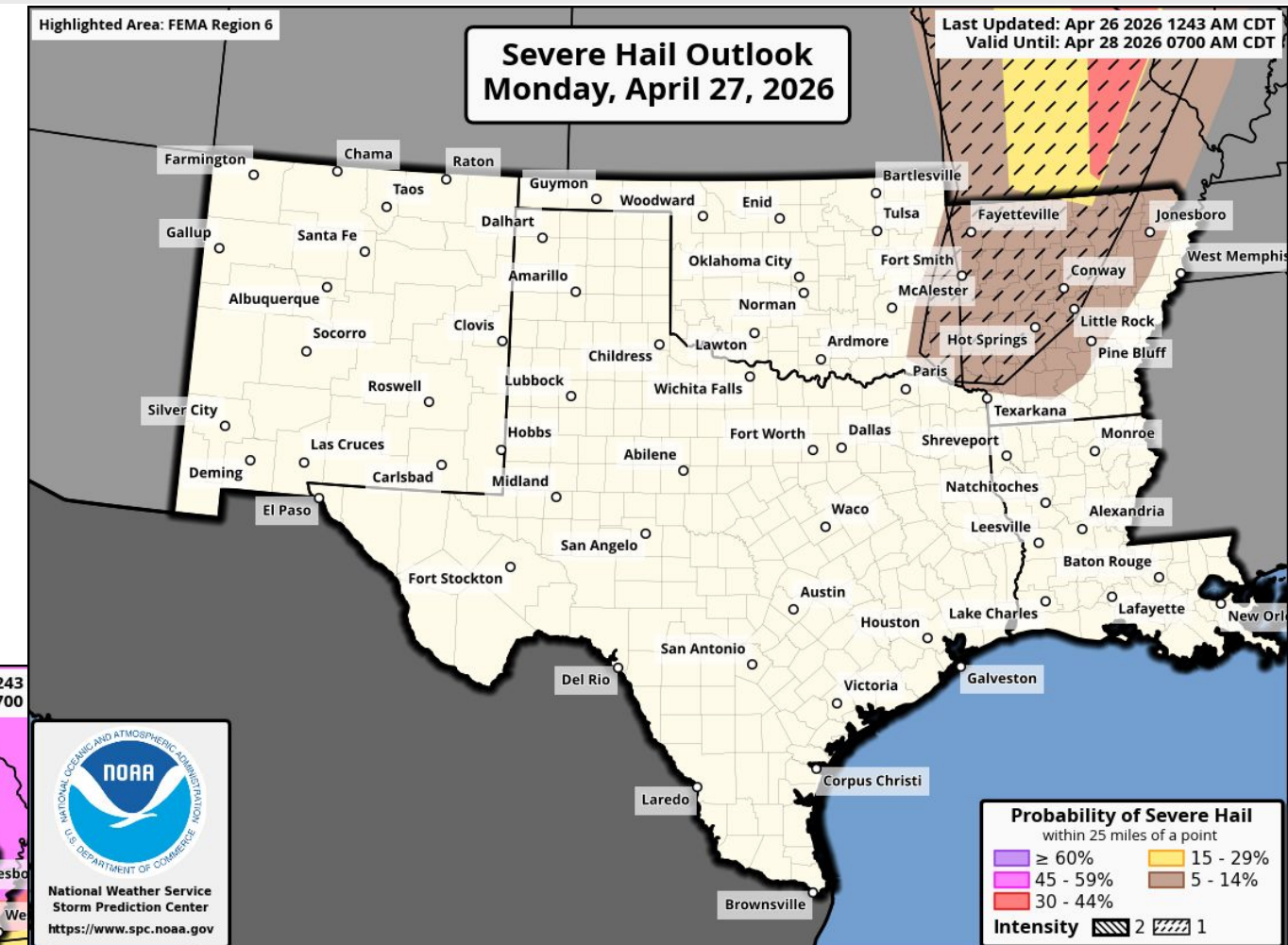
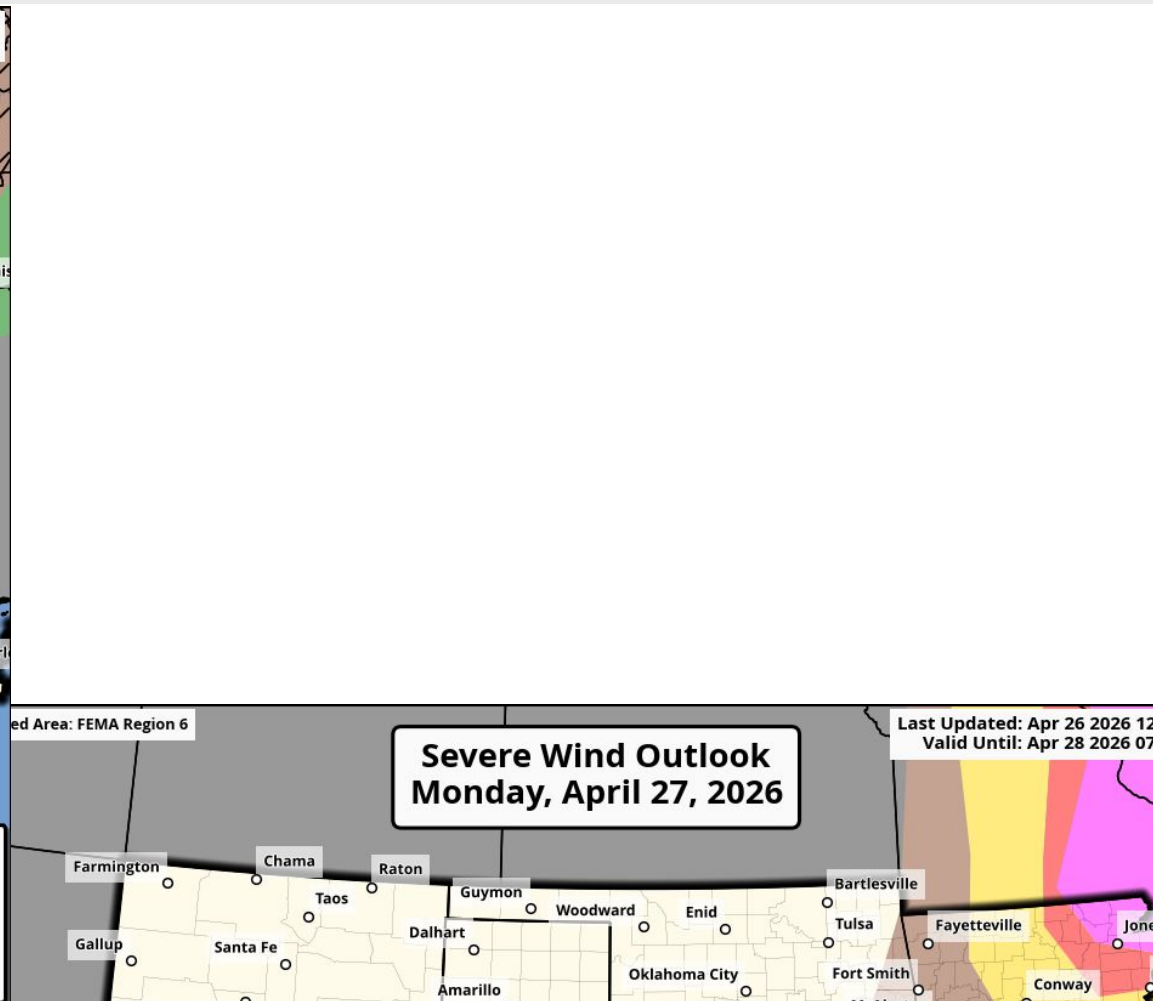
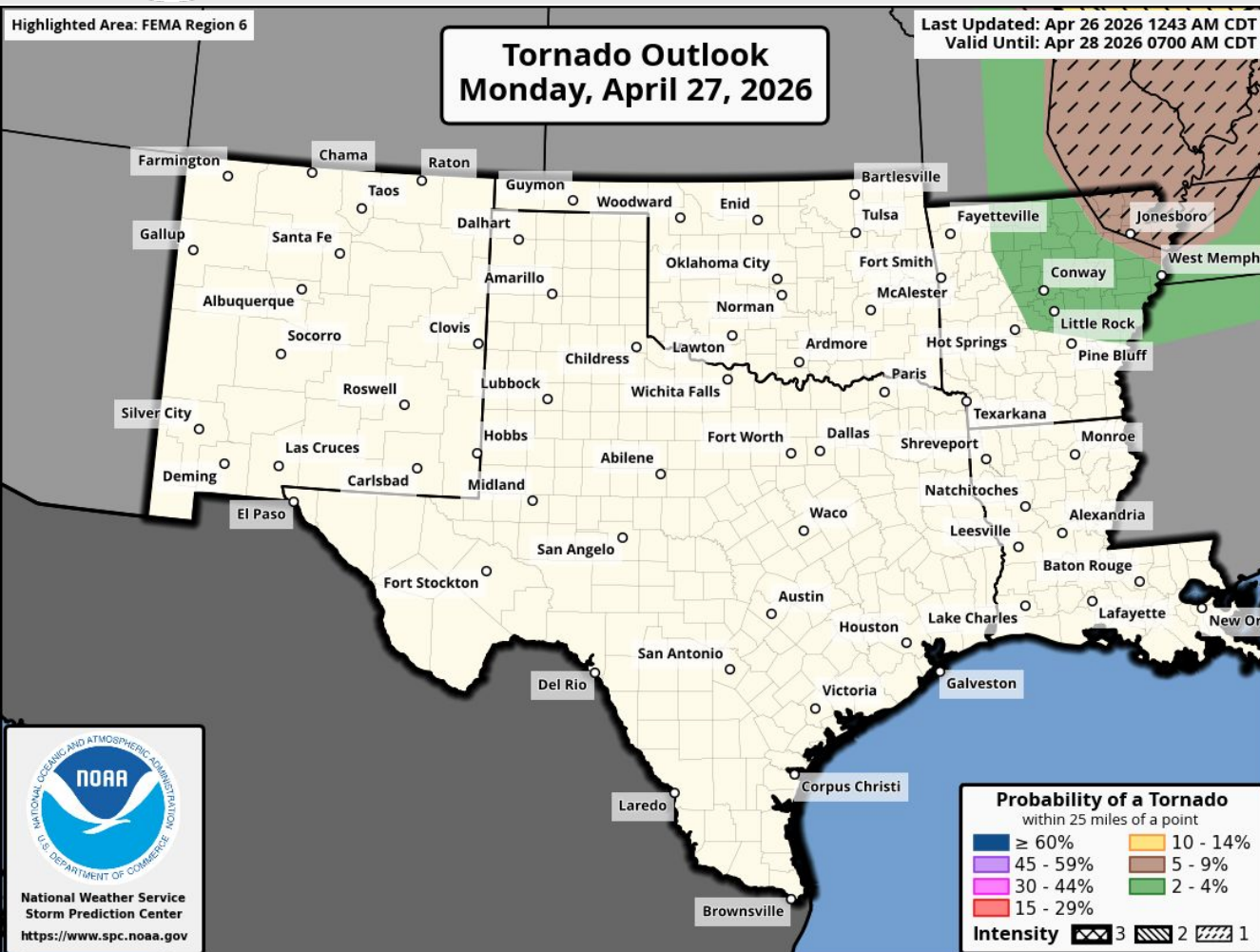
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**Heat impacts in S TX.**



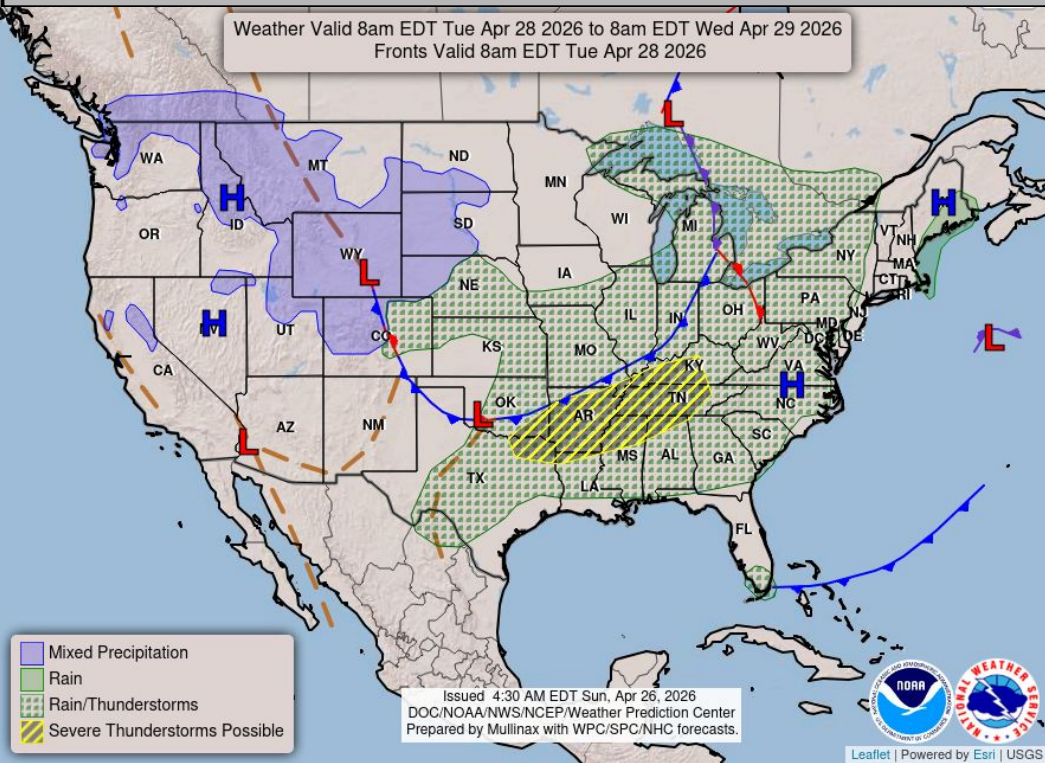
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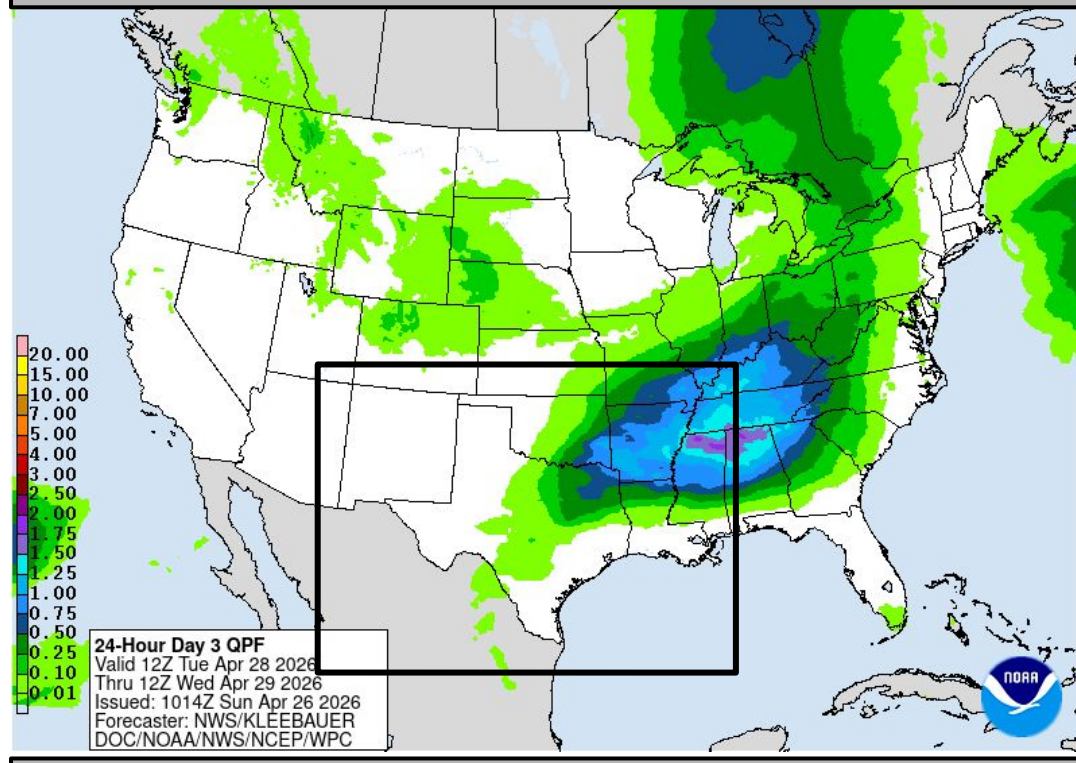


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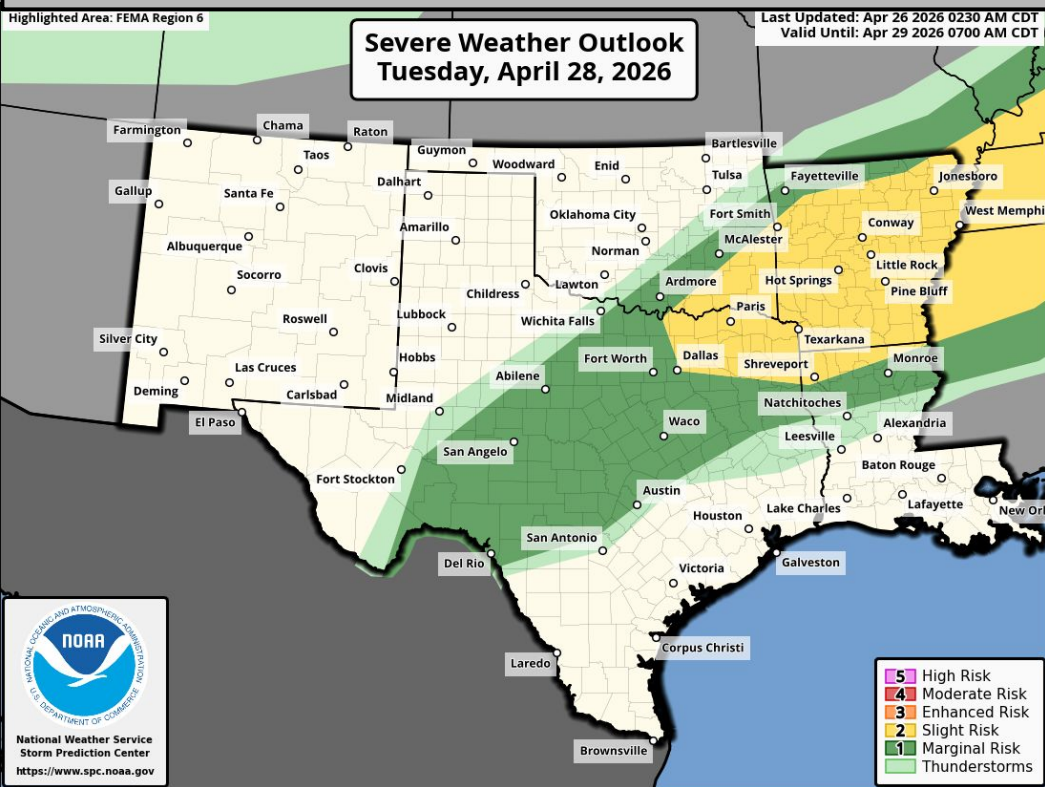
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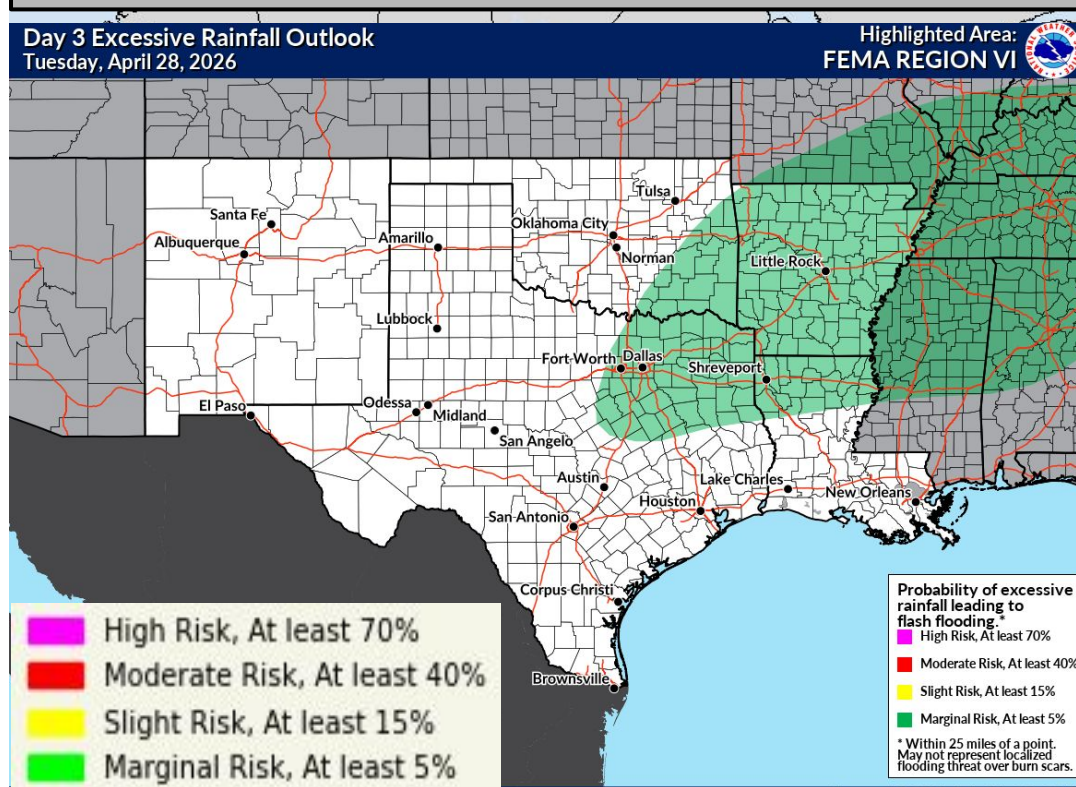
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

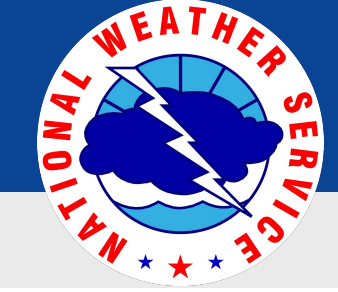


**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SE OK, AR, NETX, N LA.**

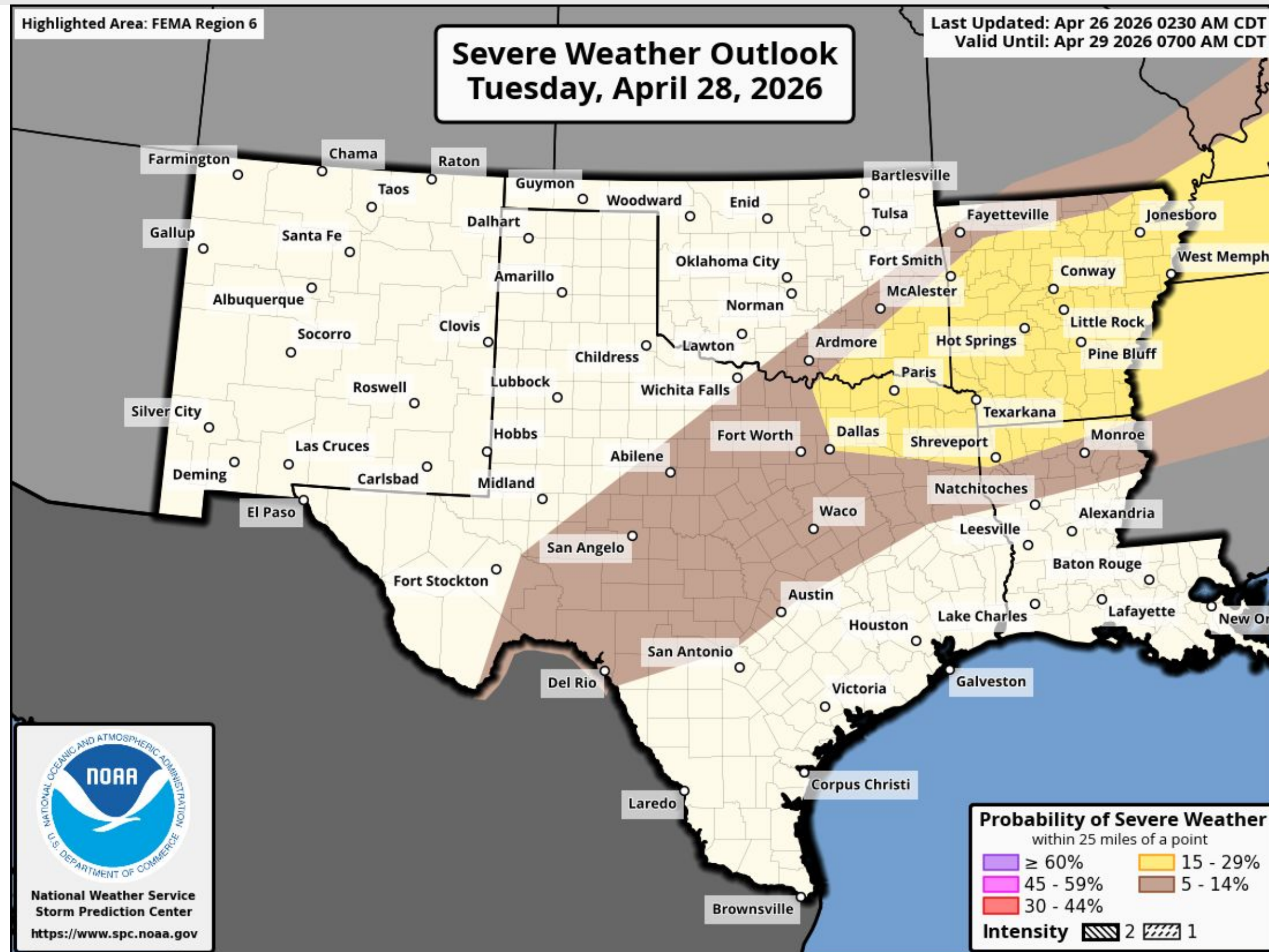
**Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in NM, WTX Panhandle, WTX.**

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

**Heat impacts in STX.**



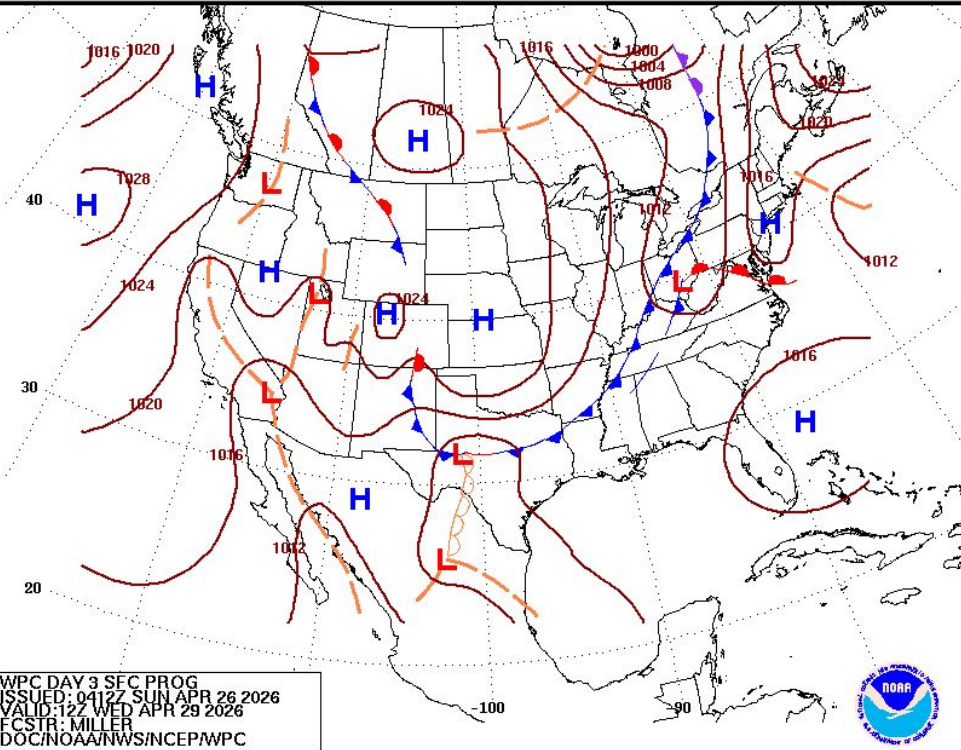
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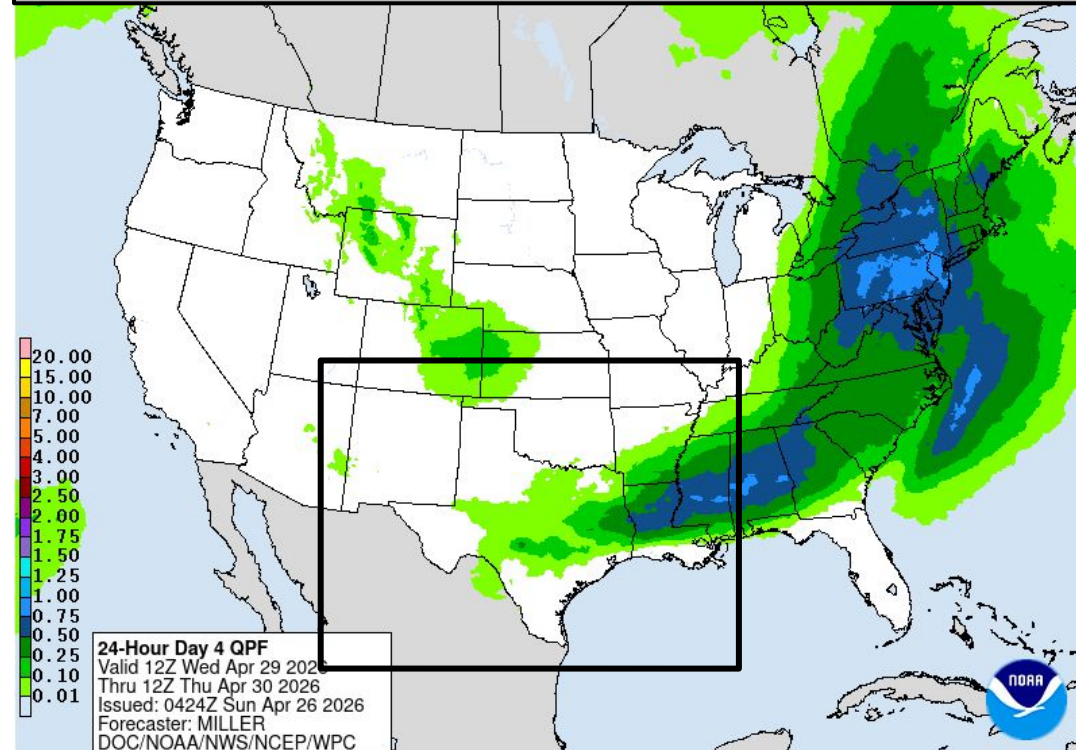


# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



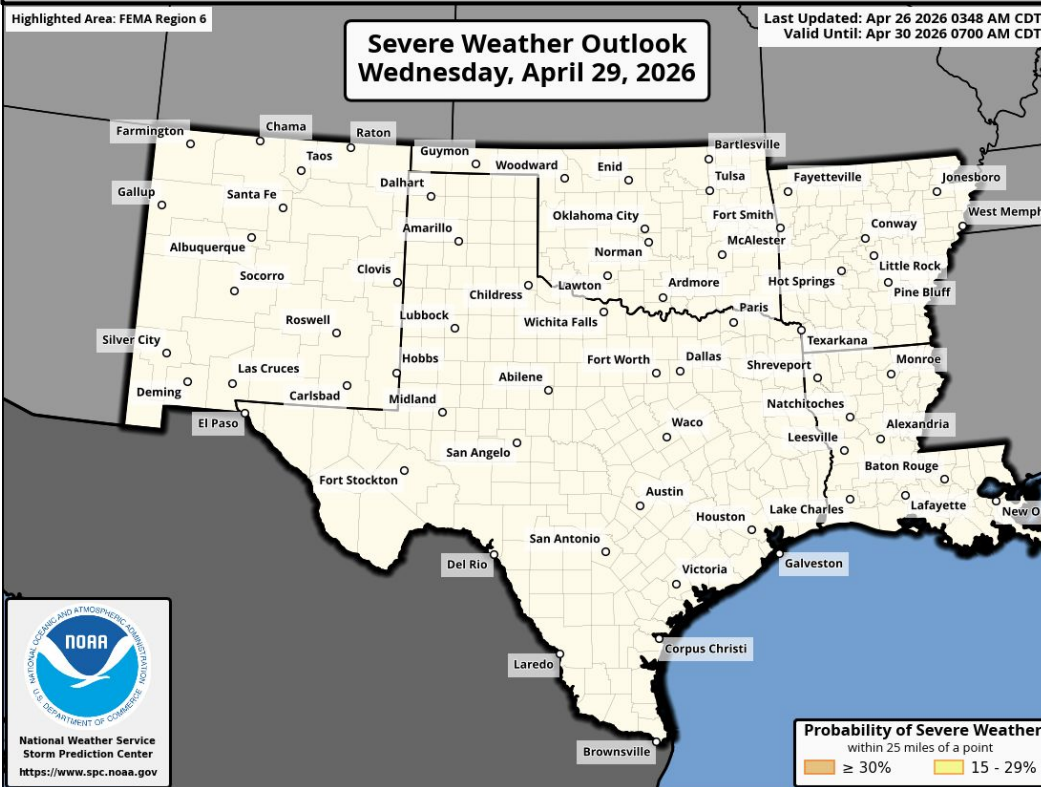
## Forecast Rainfall



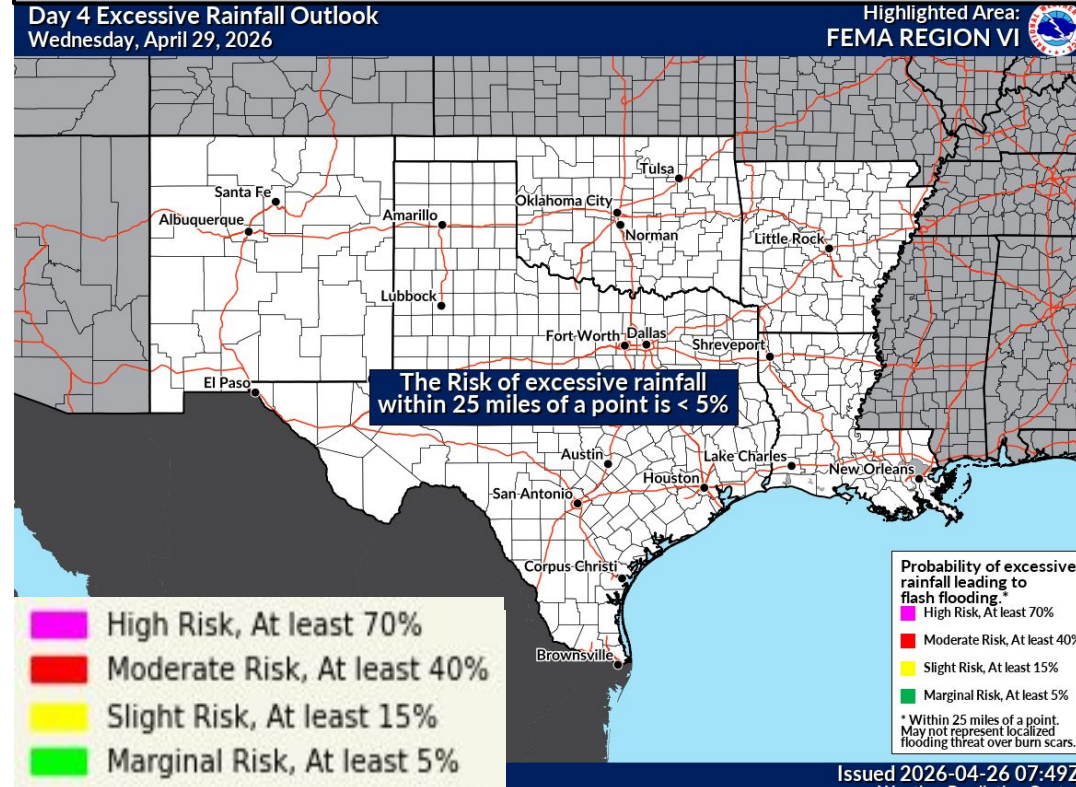
**Monitoring C TX for severe storms.**

**Heat impacts in S TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



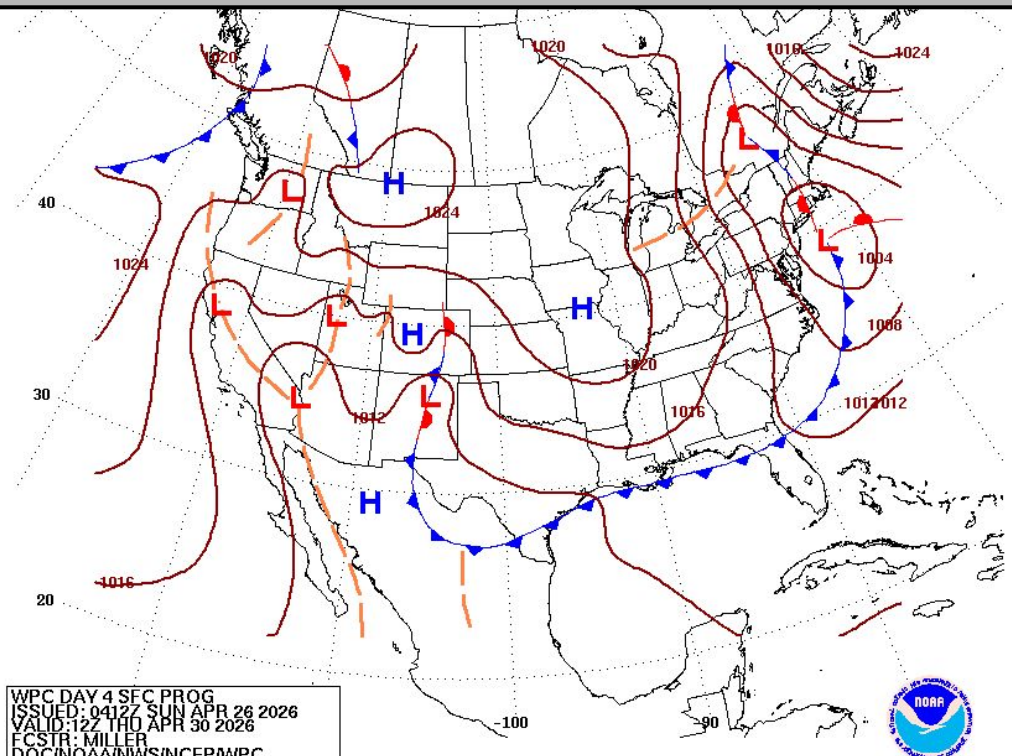
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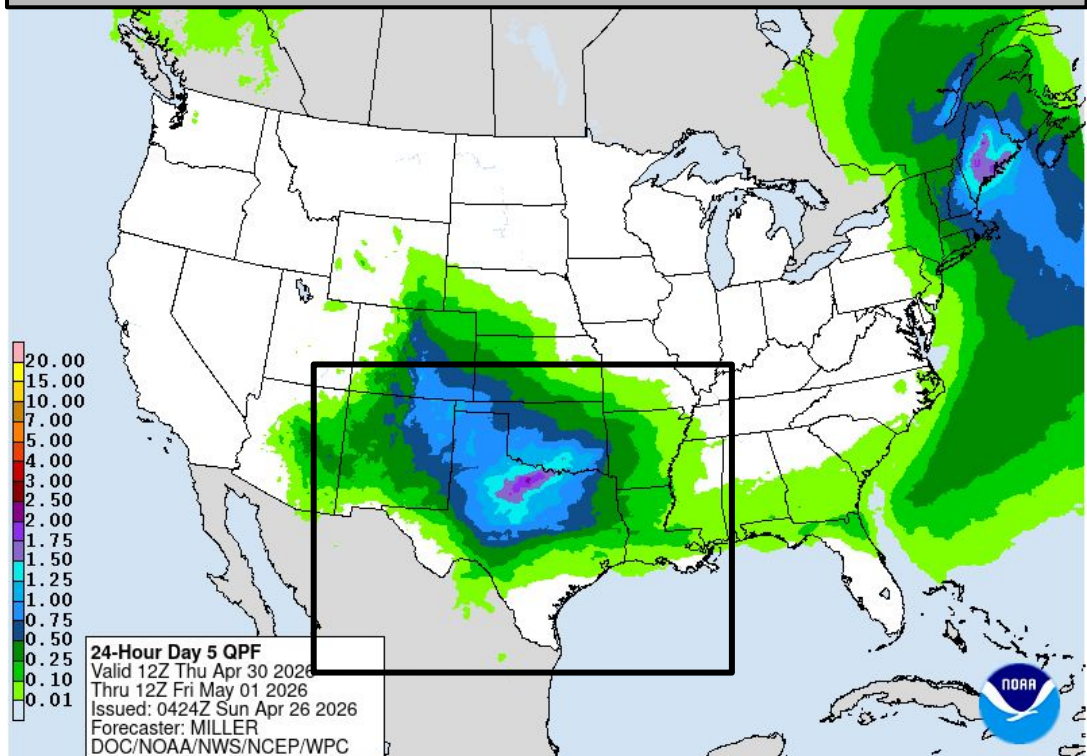
# Thursday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
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VALID: 12Z THU APR 30 2026  
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

### Forecast Rainfall

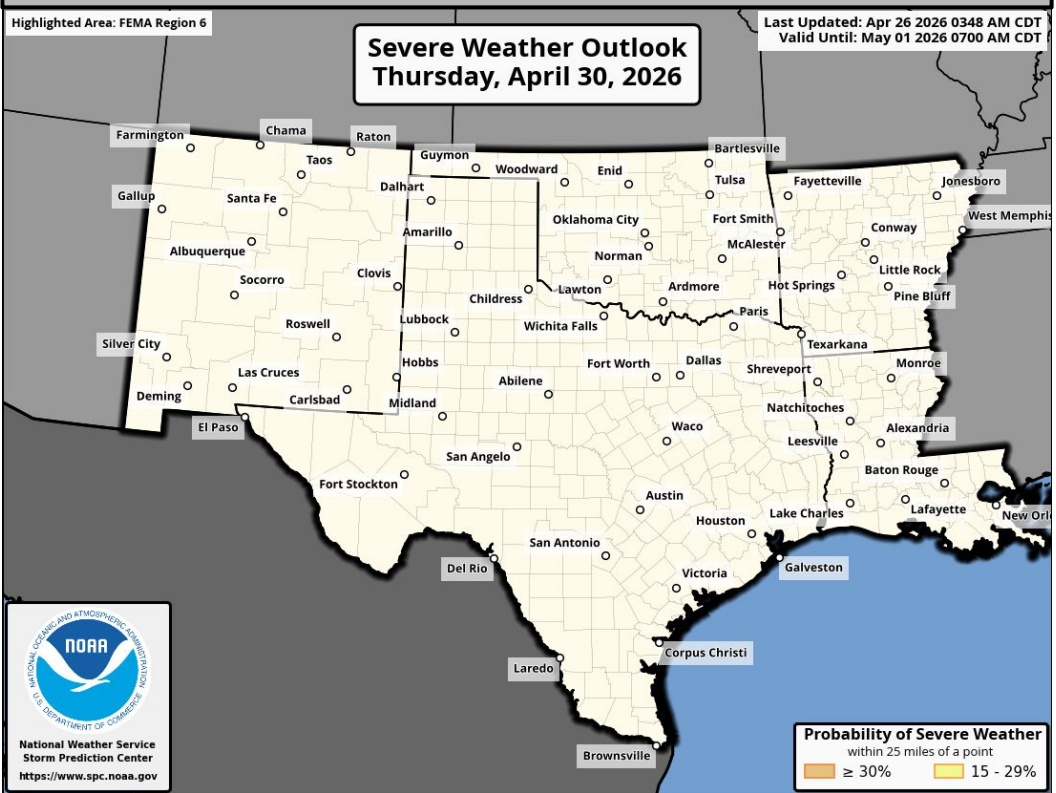


24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in S OK, N TX.**

**Monitoring S OK, N TX for fsevere thunderstorms.**

### Severe Weather Outlook

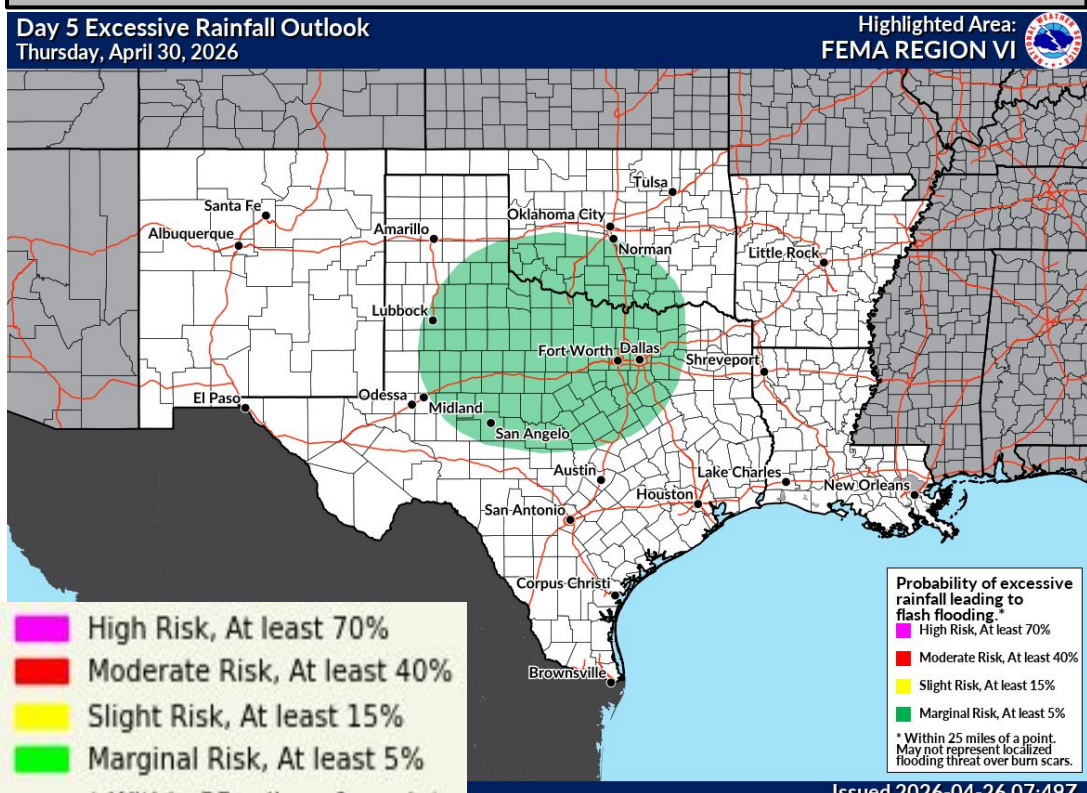


Severe Weather Outlook  
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 26 2026 0348 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 01 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  
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

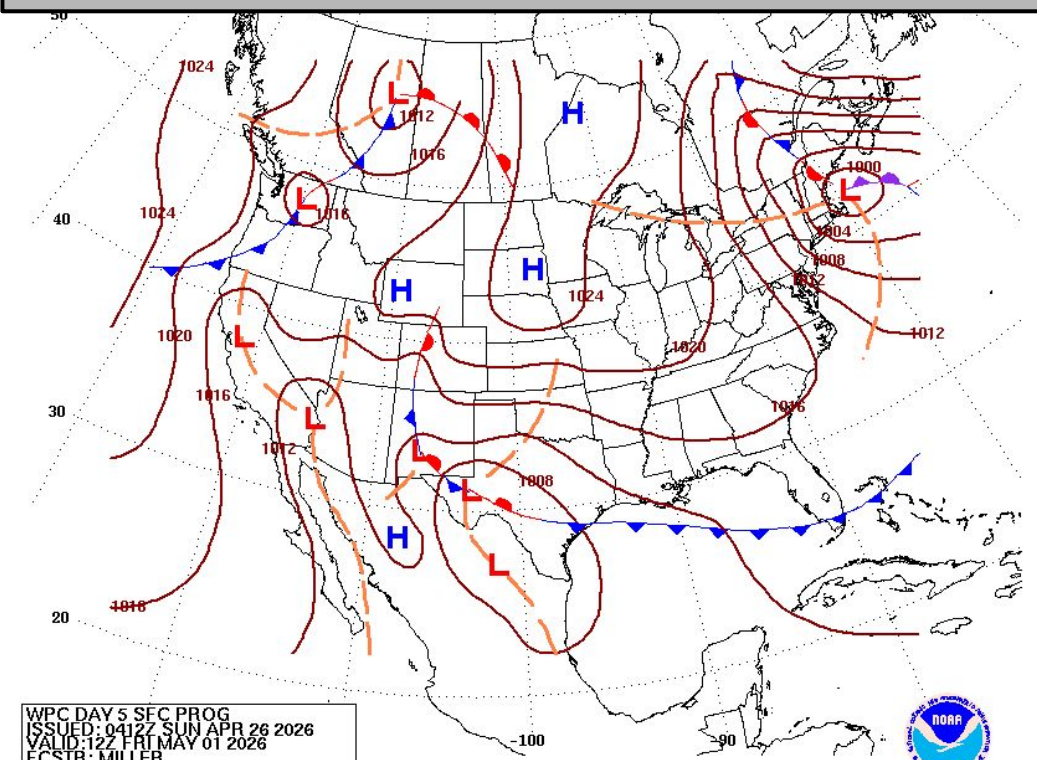
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:  
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\* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

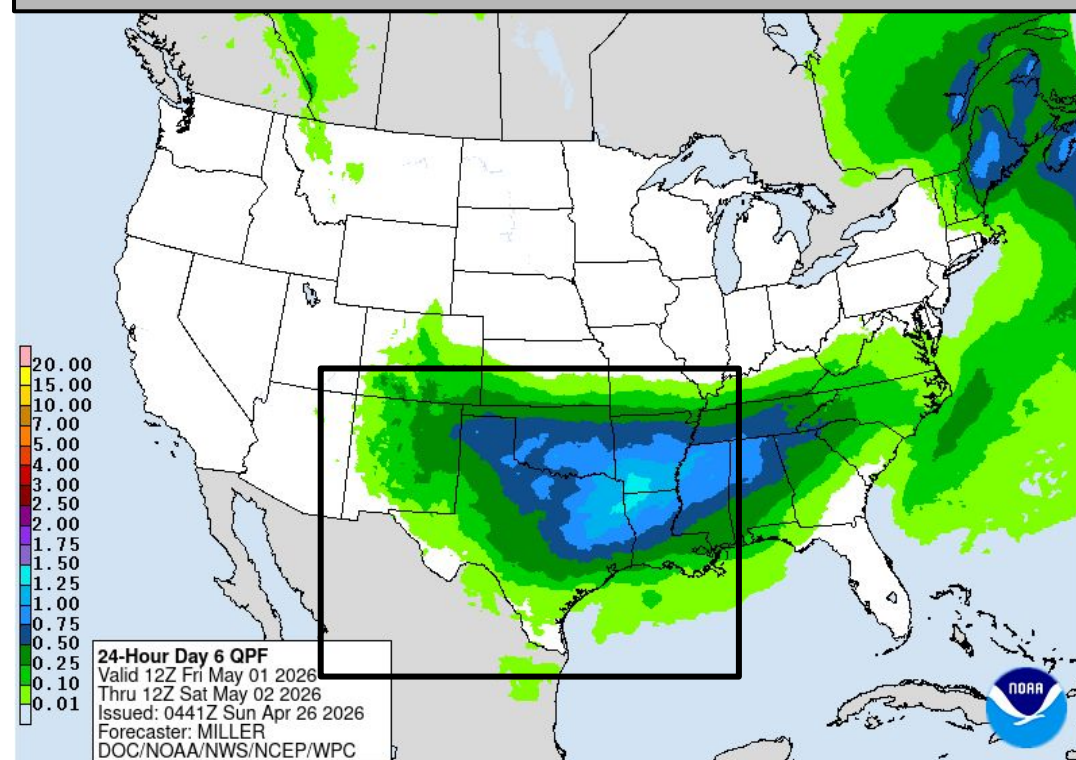


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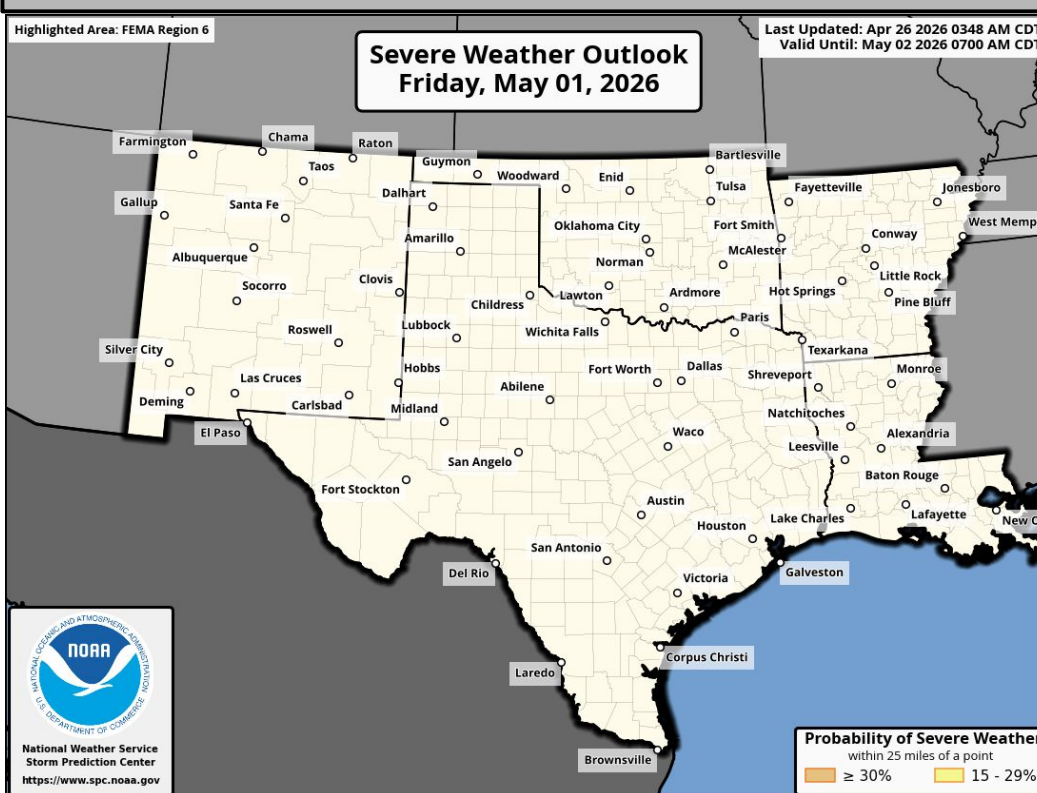


## Forecast Rainfall



**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

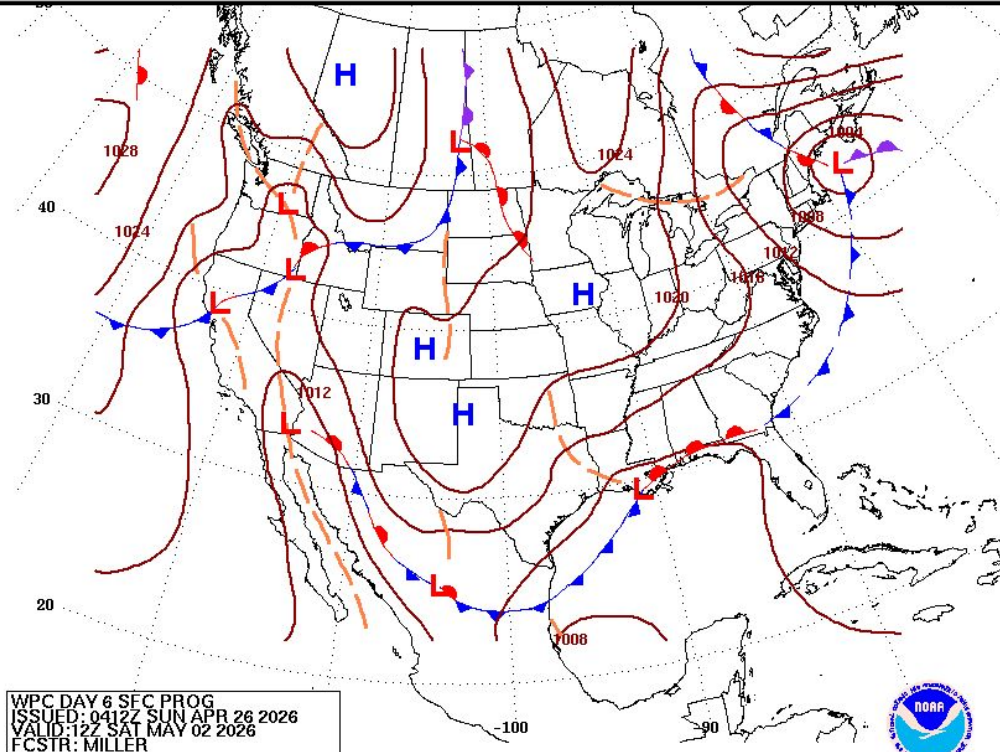


**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5**



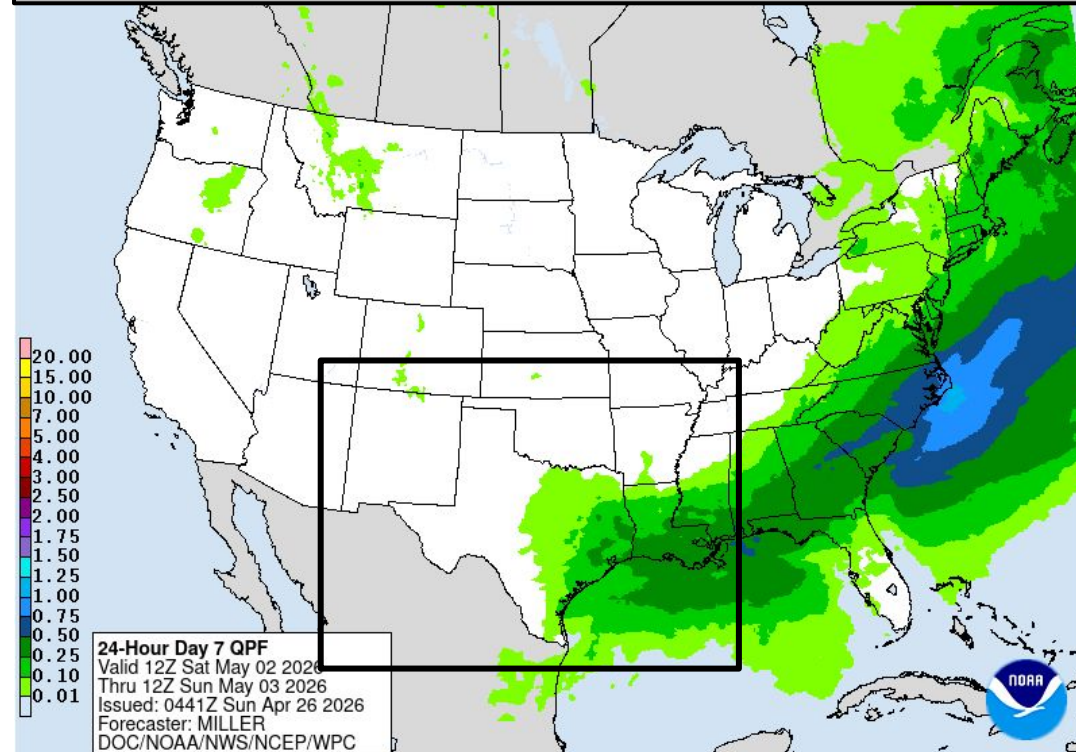
# Saturday's Weather

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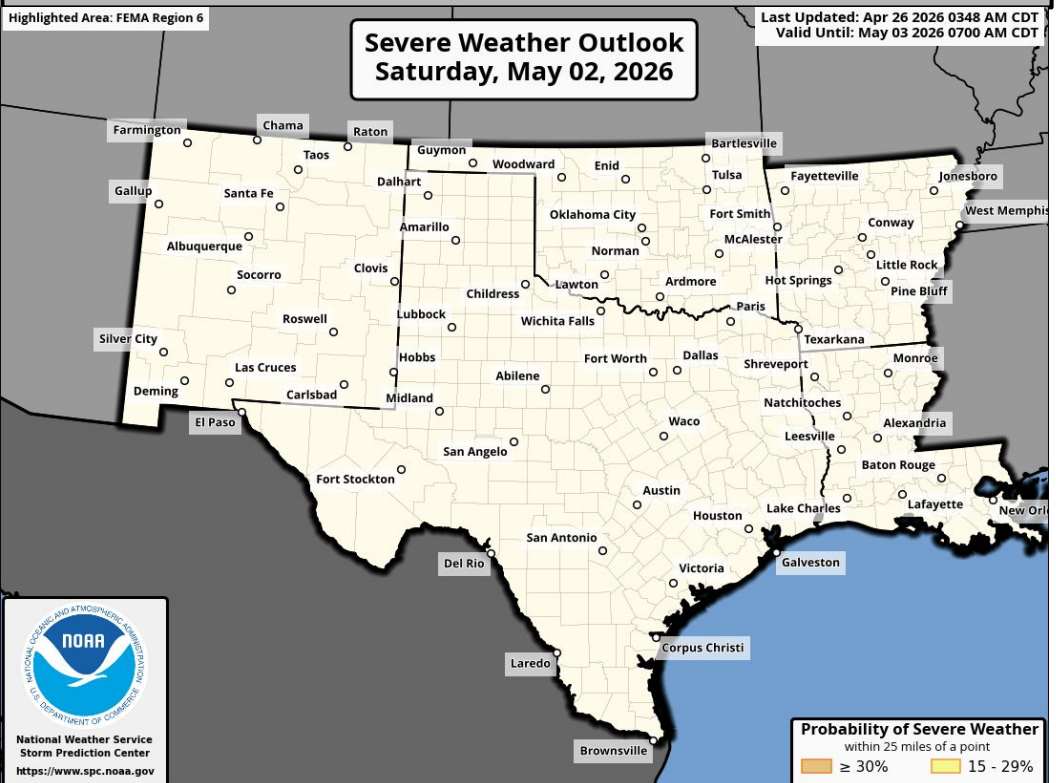
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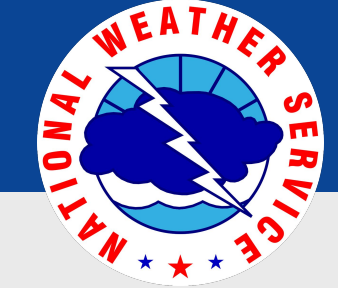
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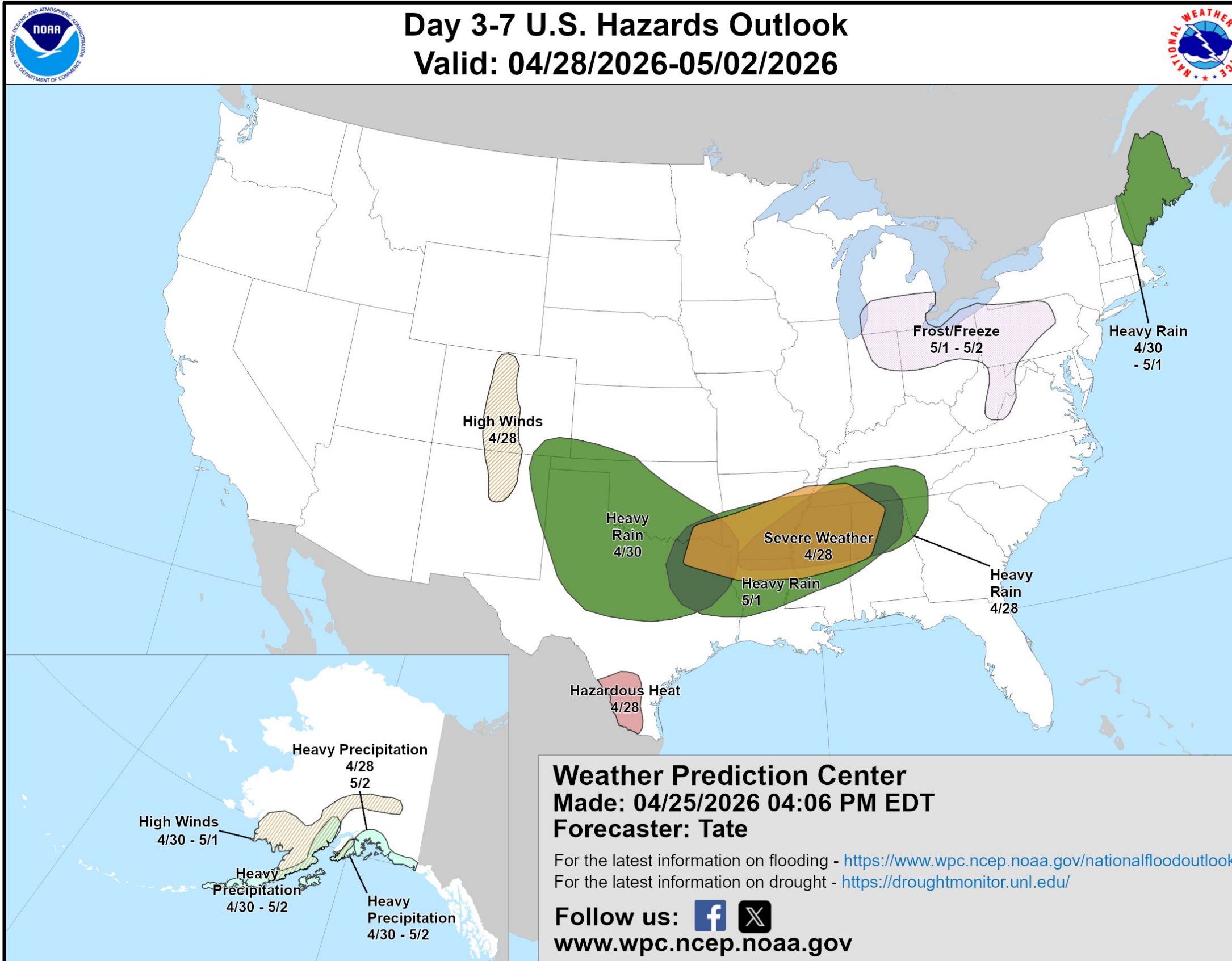
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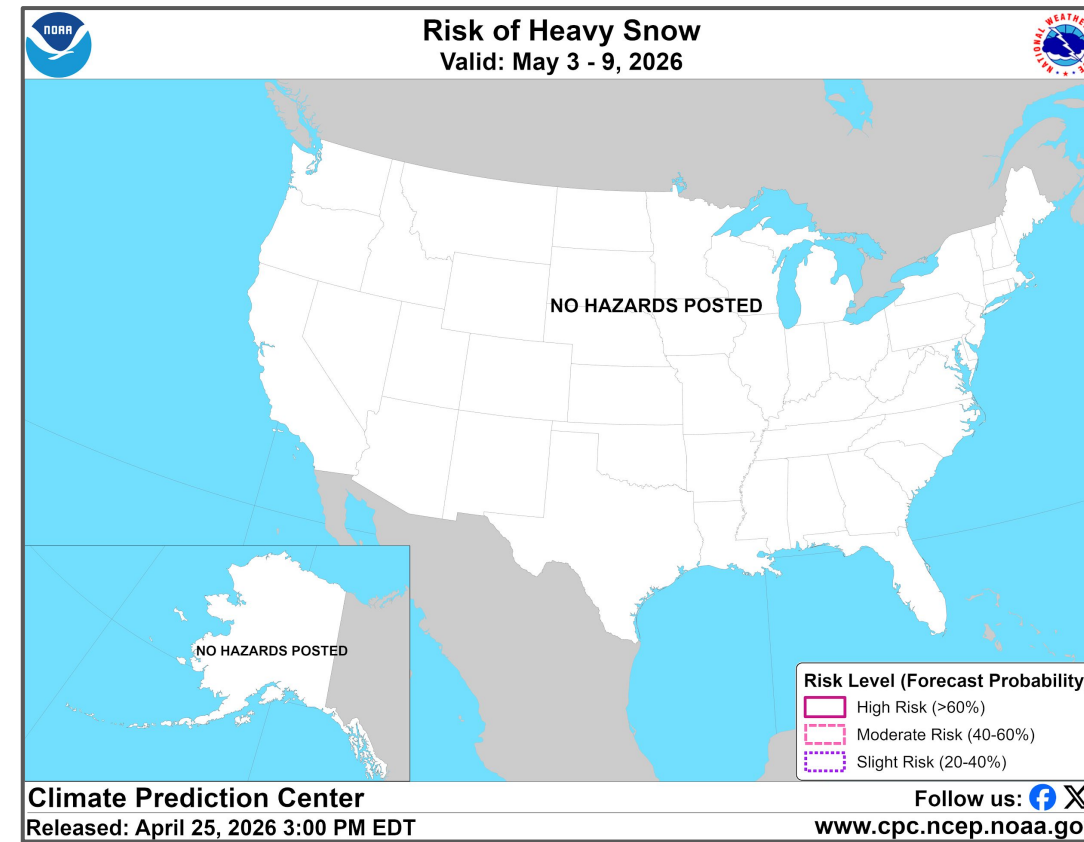
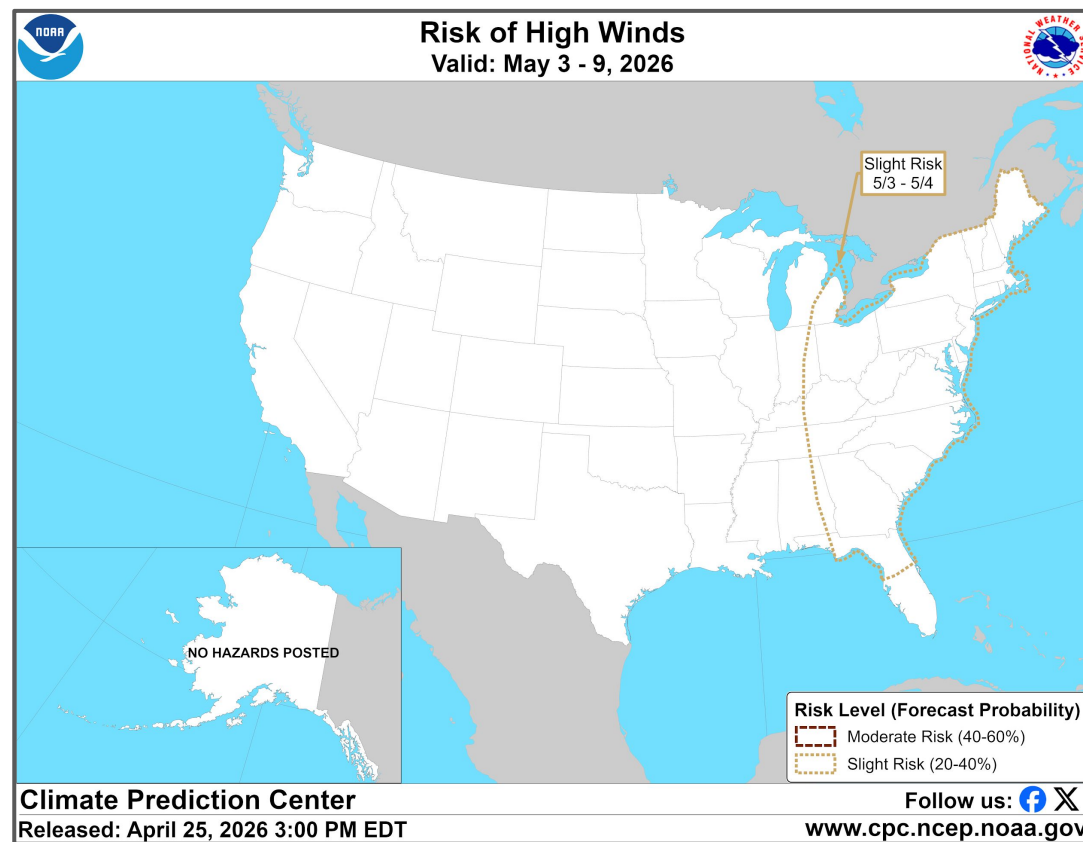
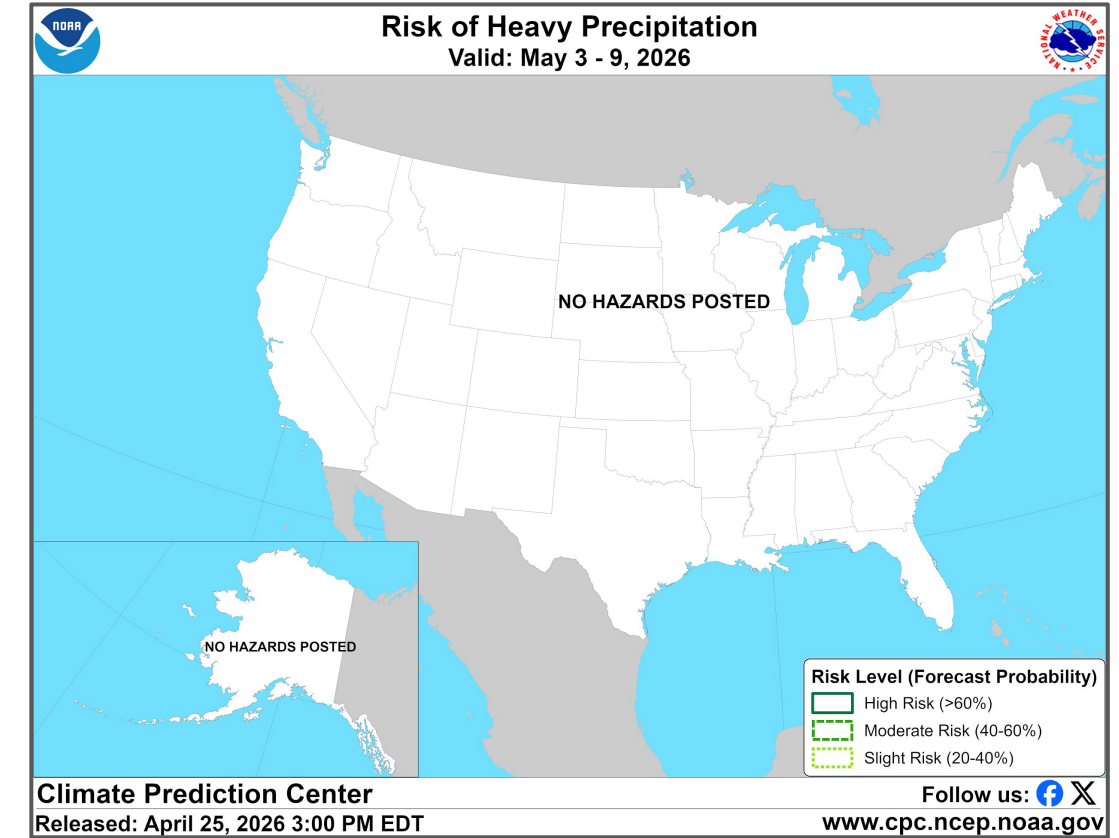
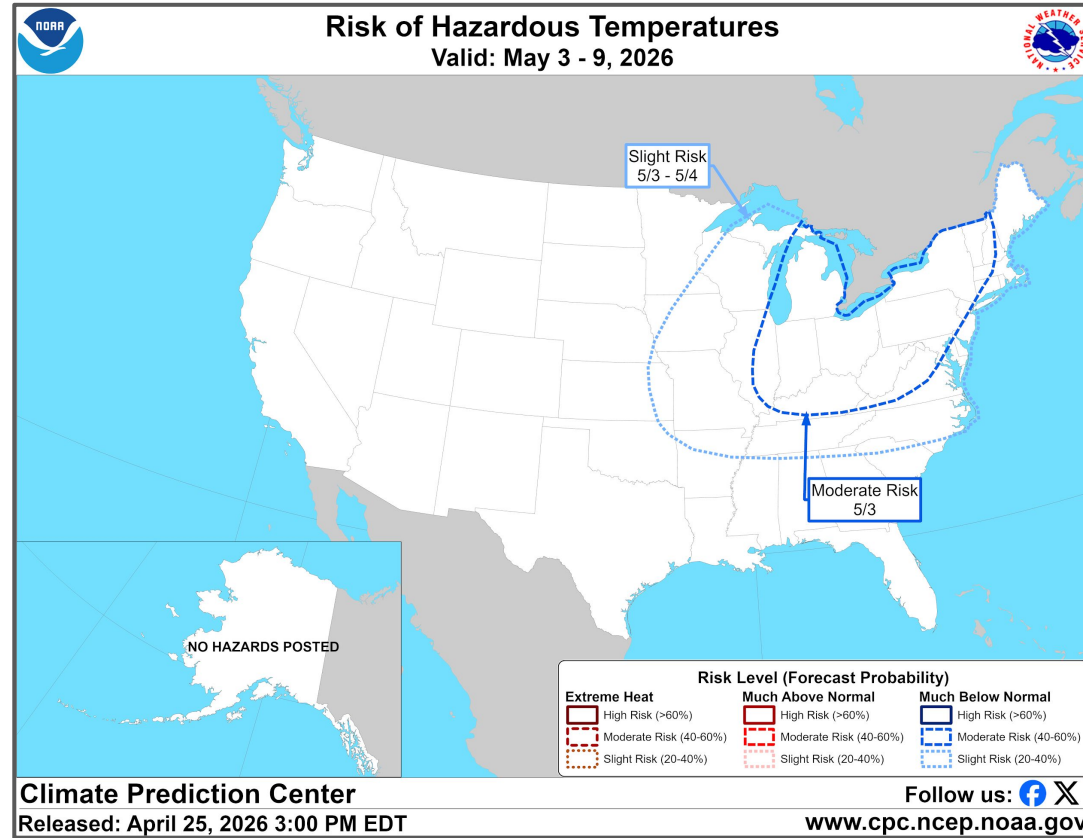
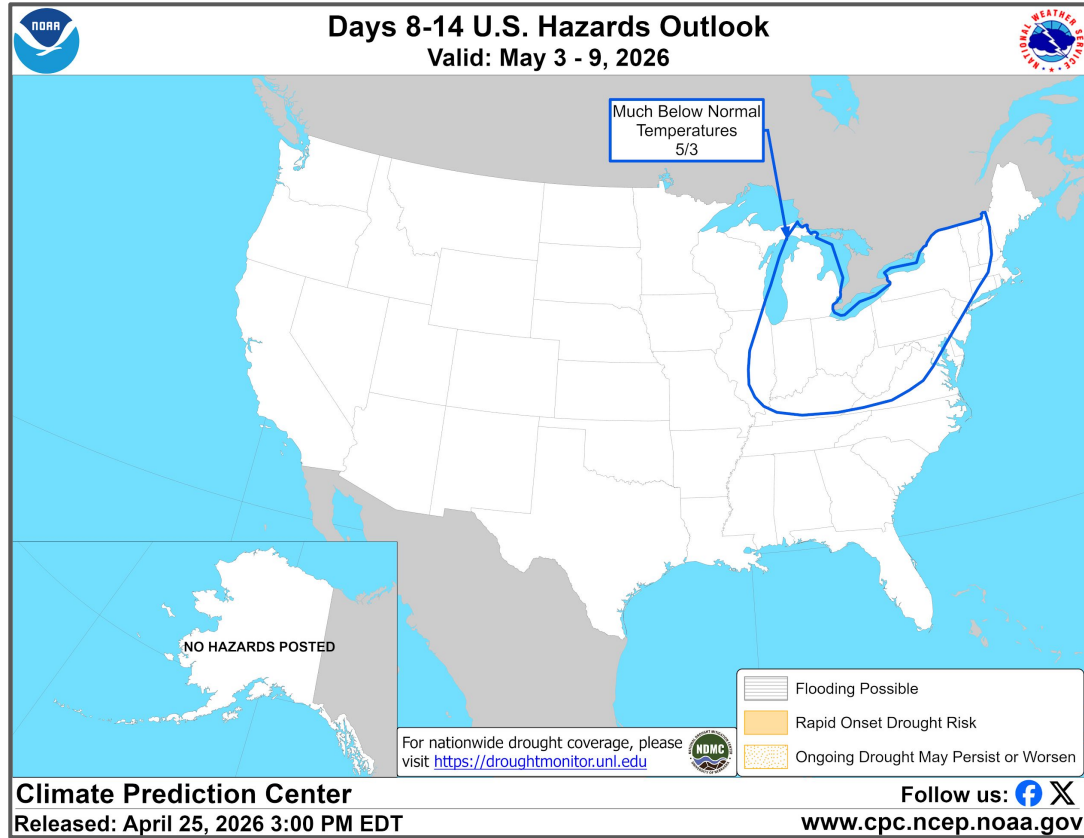


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





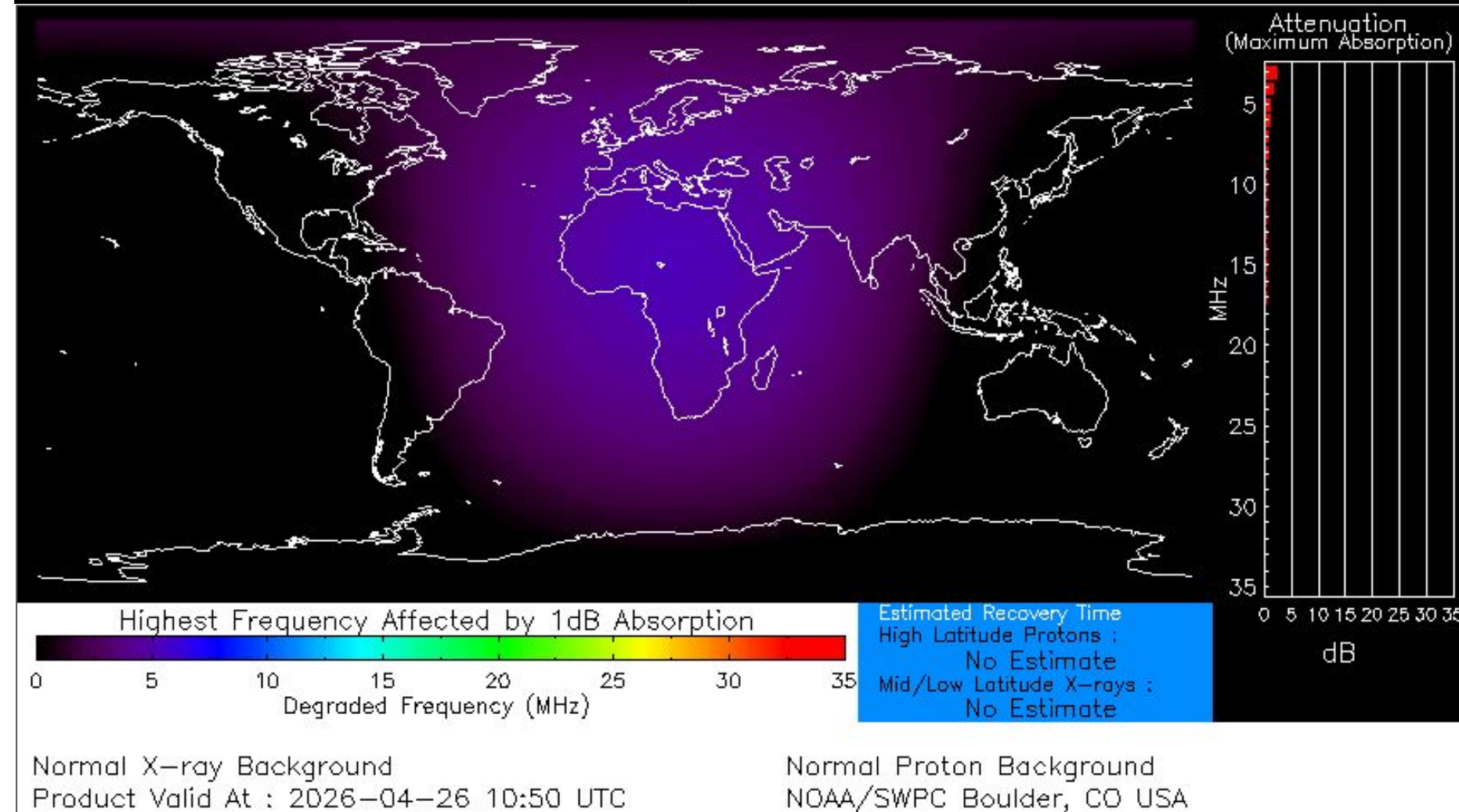
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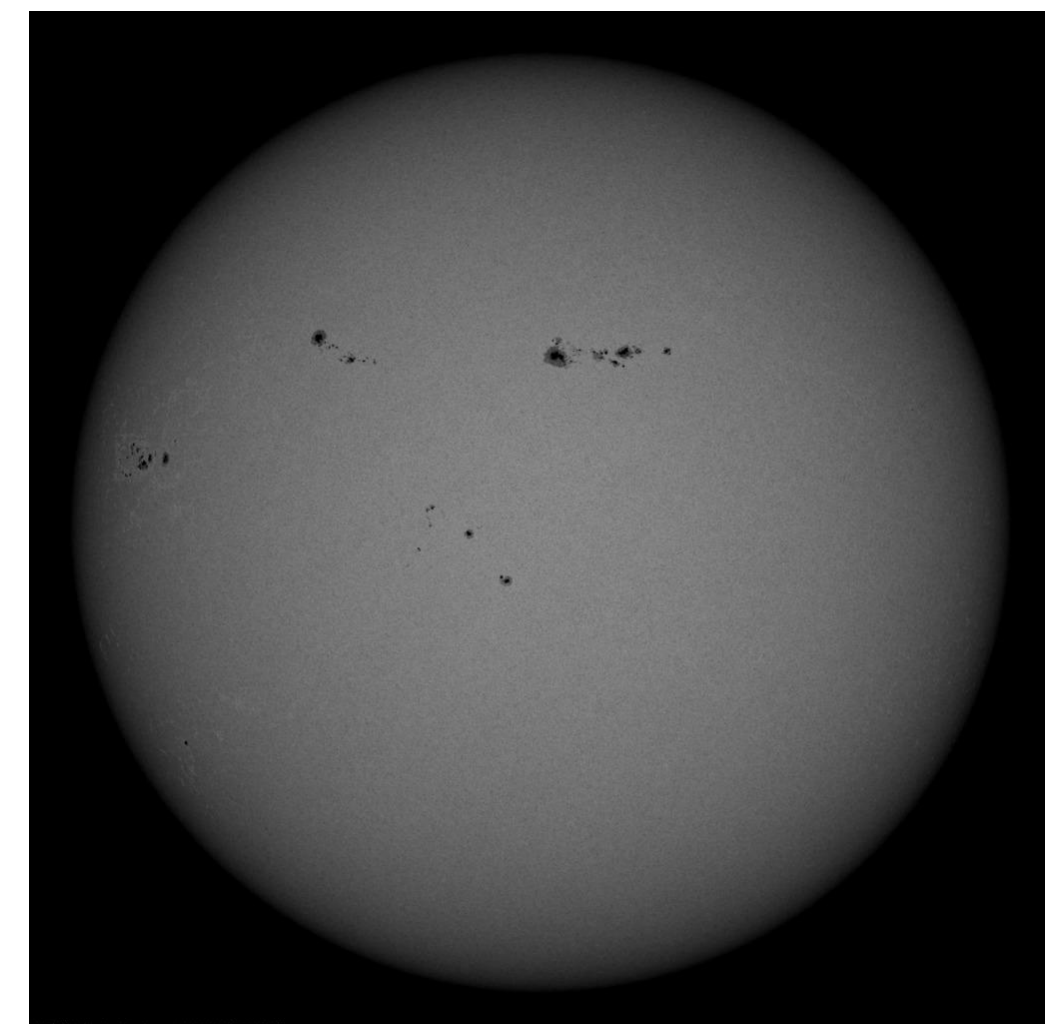
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, Apr 26	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</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>55%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>15%</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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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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