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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, April 27, 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](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for N AR today. All hazards possible including EF-2+ tornadoes.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Tuesday for SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Wednesday for SW/C/SE/E TX, LA.
- Monitoring portions of TX, LA Thursday into Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) today for C/NE TX, AR, N LA.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) Tuesday for SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Wednesday for SW/C/SE/E TX, LA.
- Monitoring portions of TX, LA, S AR Thursday through Saturday.

- **Fire Weather:**

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

- **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

	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1	Saturday, May 2	Sunday, May 3
Severe Storms		SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	SW/C/SE/E TX, LA	TX	S/SE TX, LA		
	NE AR						
	NTX						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	C/NETX, AR, N LA	SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	SW/C/SE/E TX, LA	TX	TX, LA, S AR	SE TX, LA	
Heat	STX	STX	STX				
Fire Weather	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW/W TX	NM, TX Panhandle, W TX					
River Flooding	NTX	NTX	NTX				

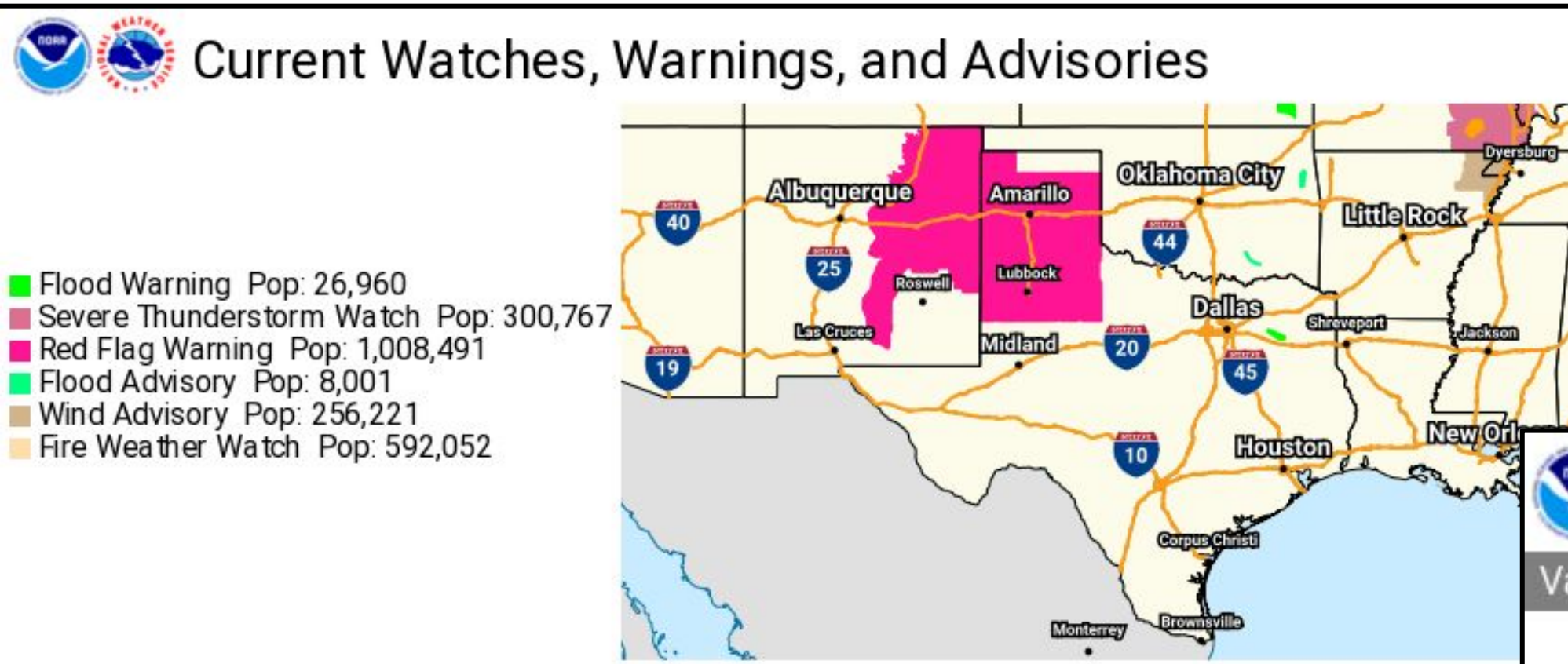
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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



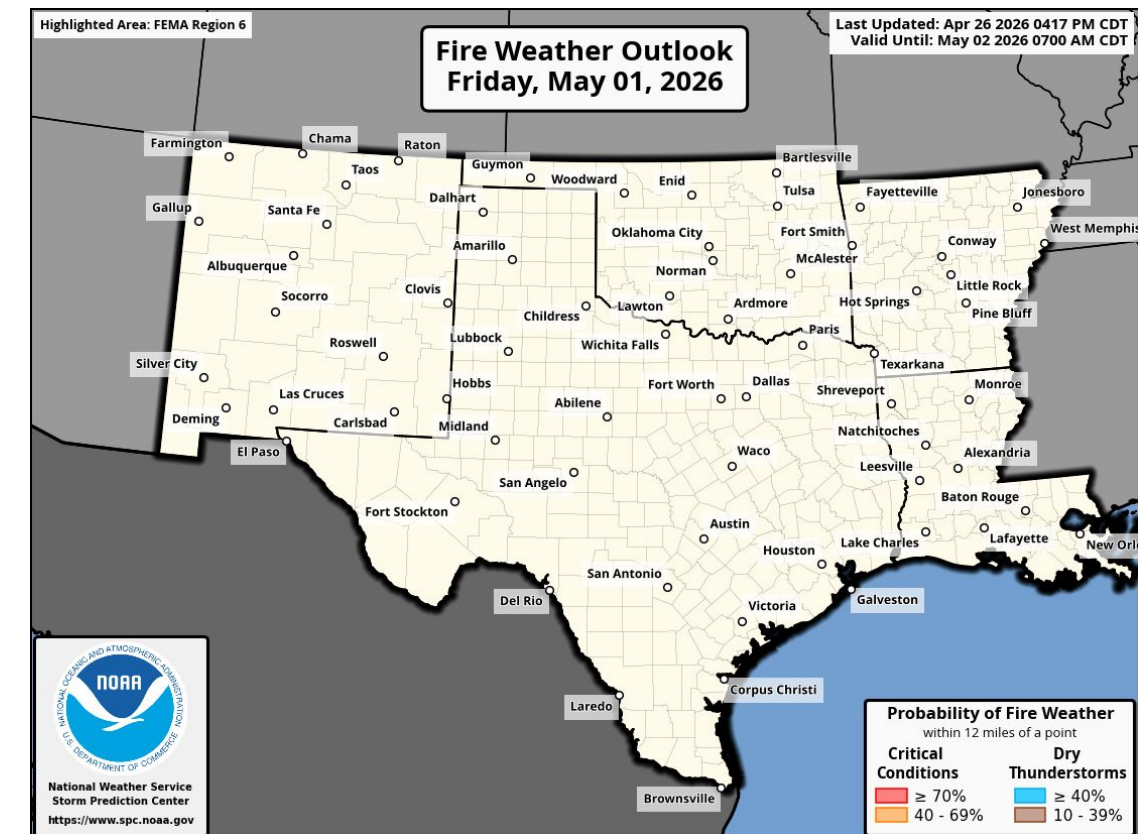
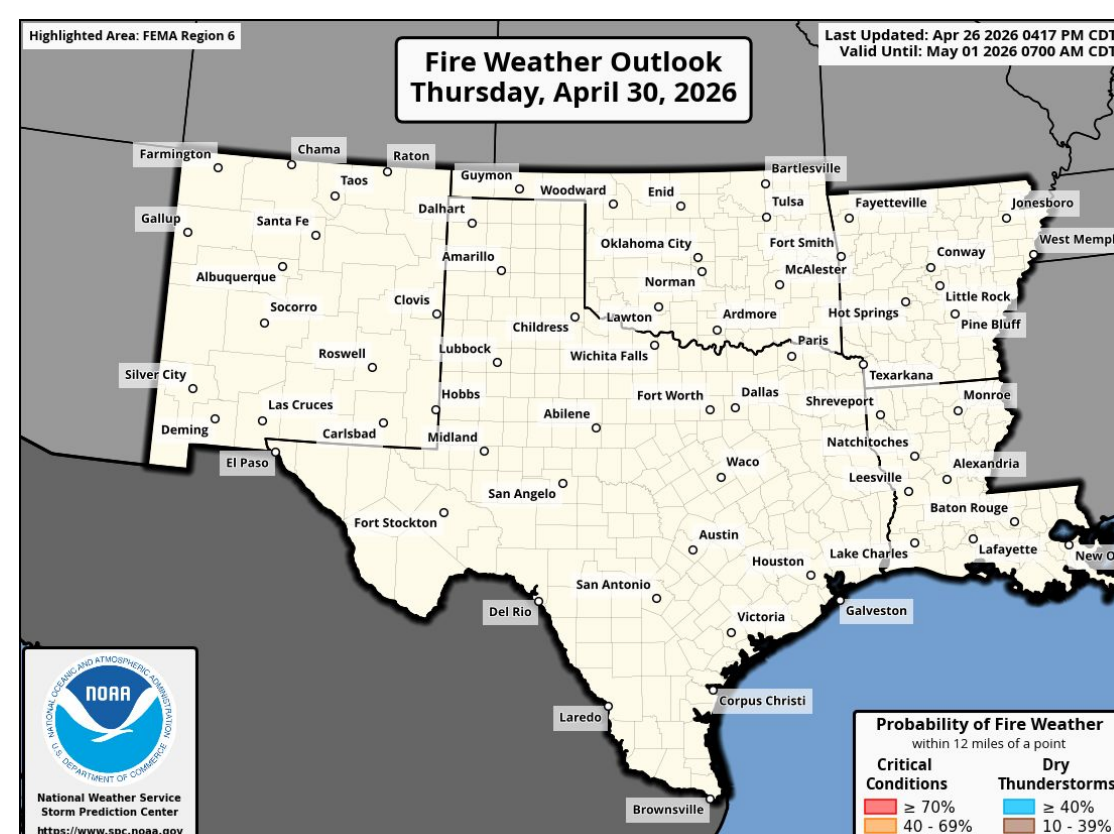
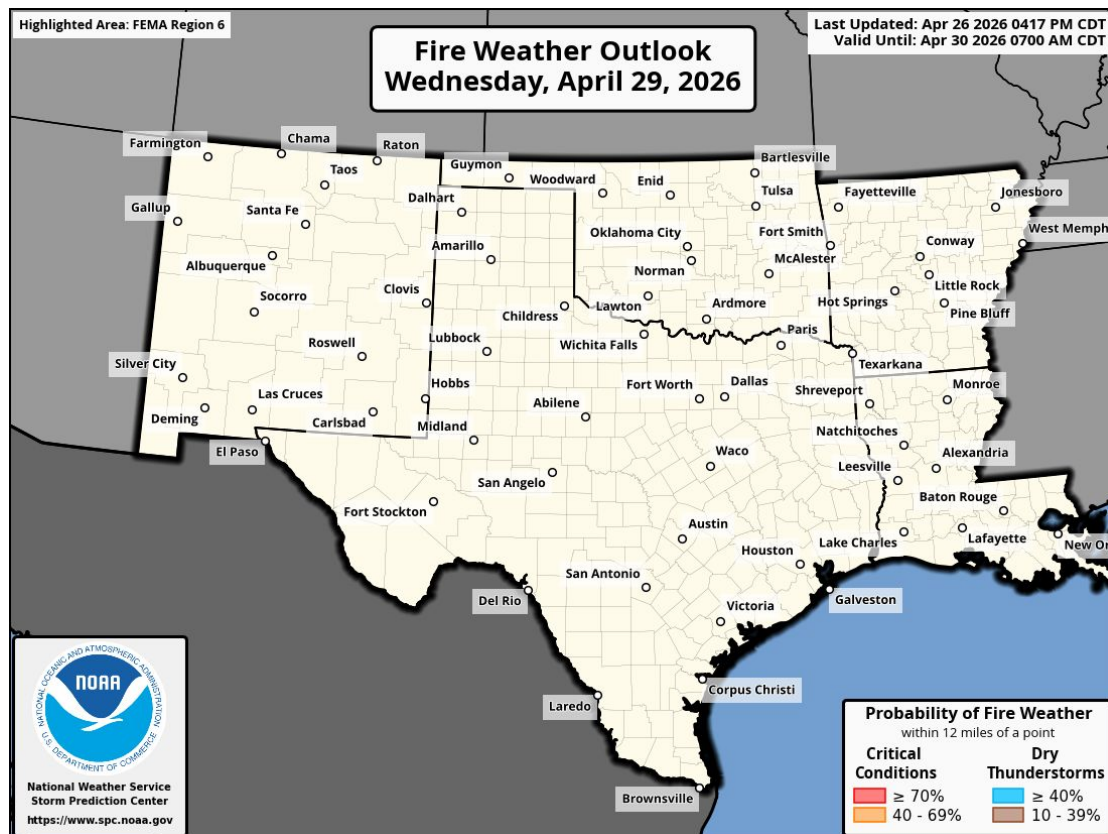
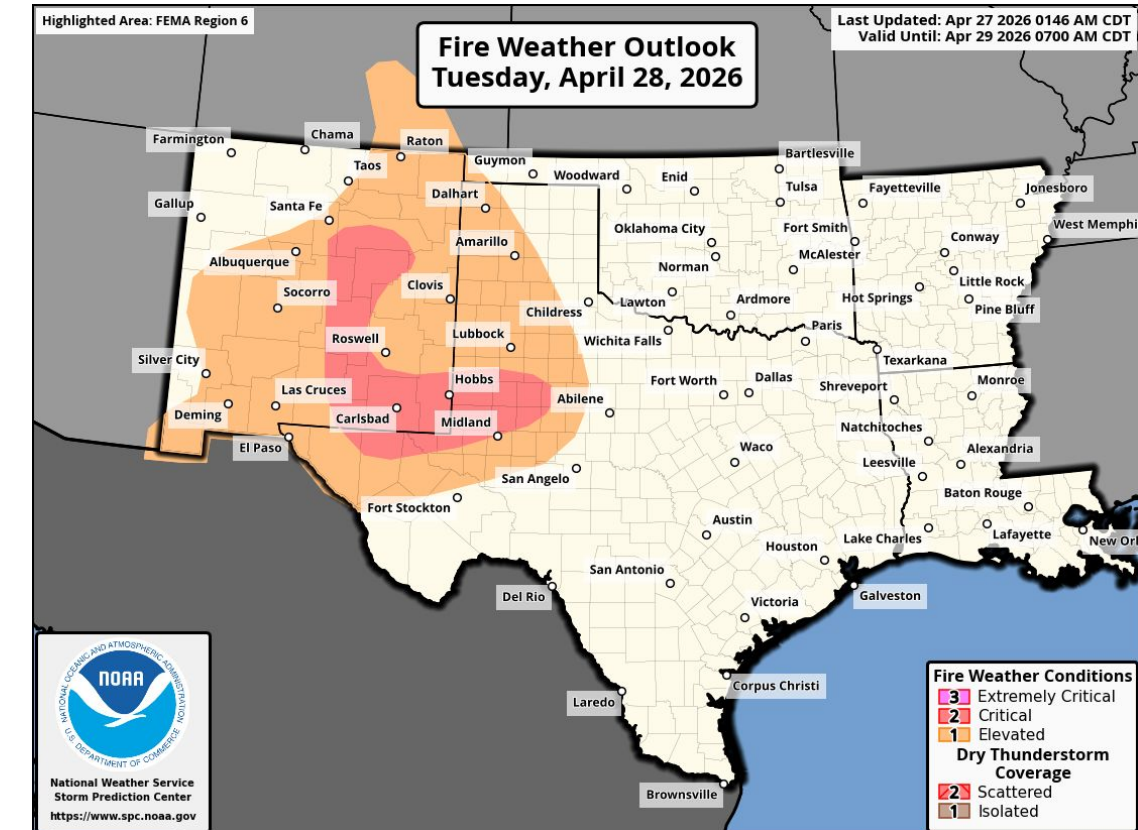
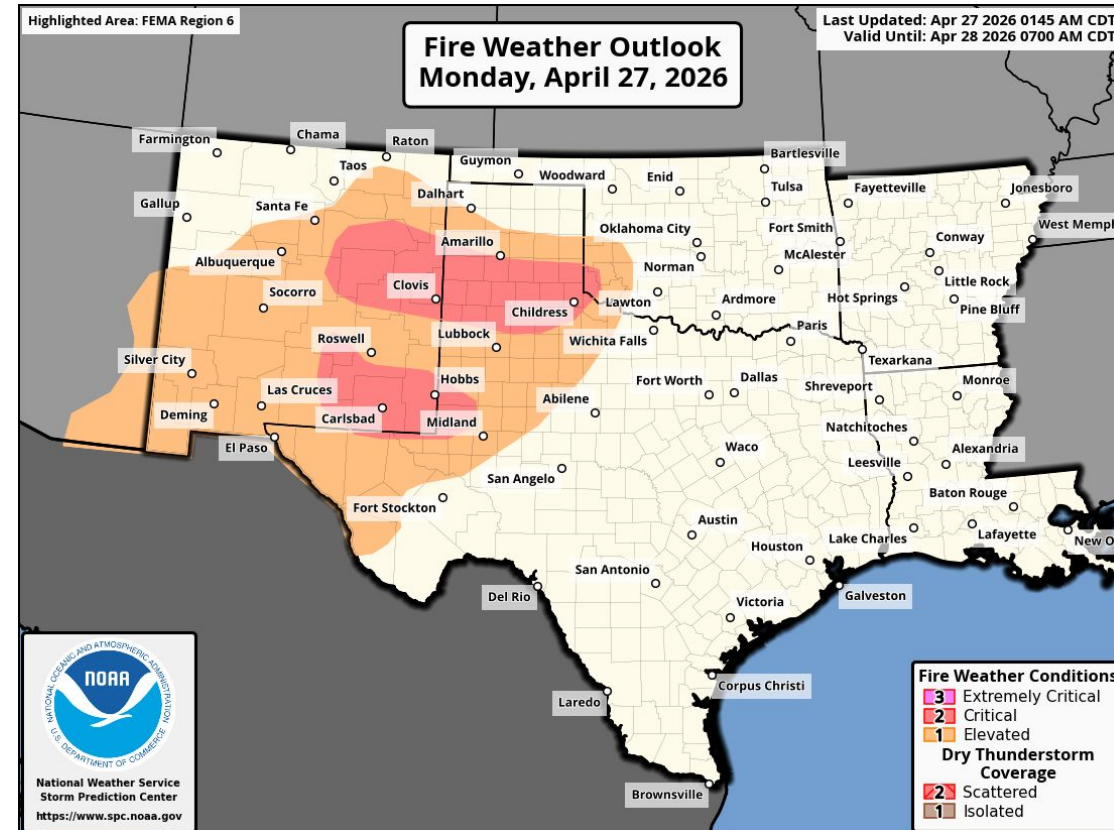
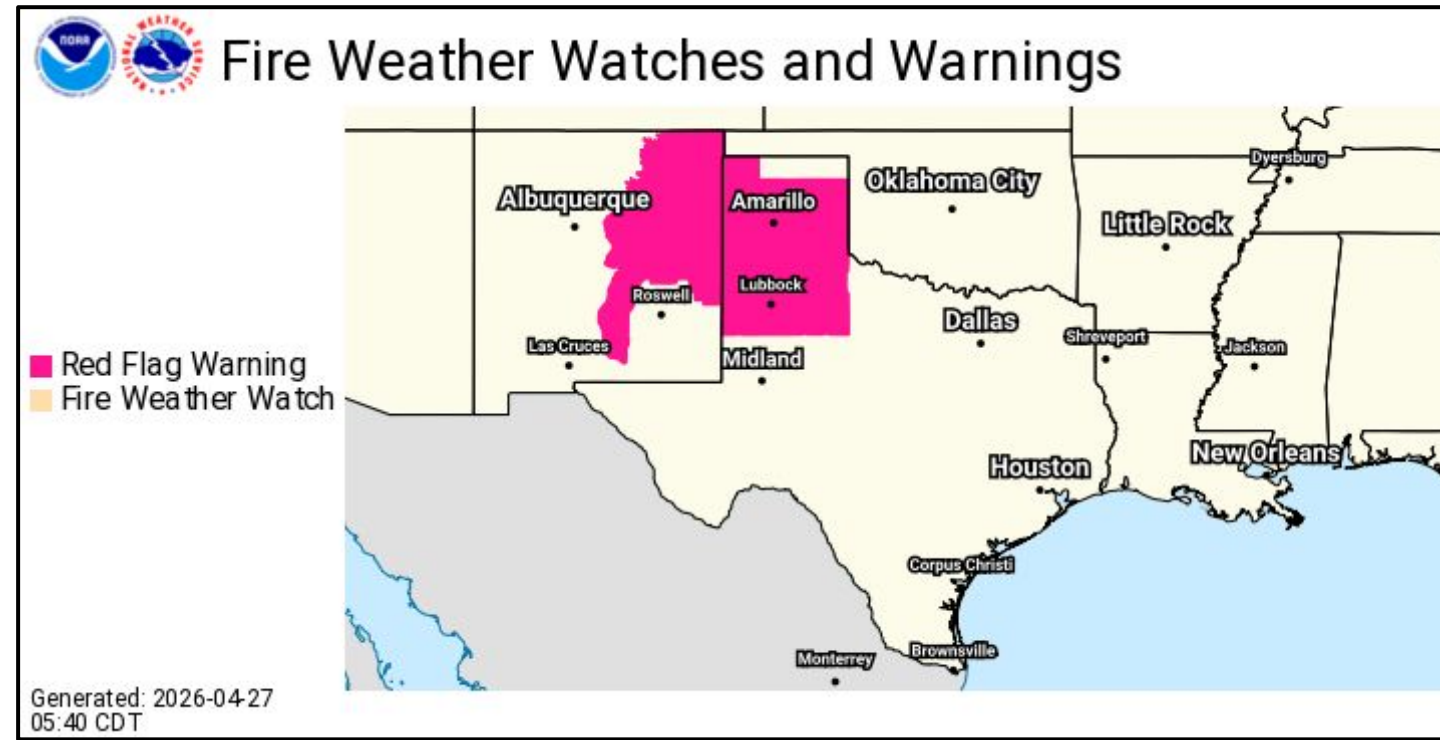
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**Red Flag Warnings for portions of NM, TX Panhandle, W TX through 8 PM CDT.**  
**Fire Weather Watches in NM, W TX for Tuesday.**



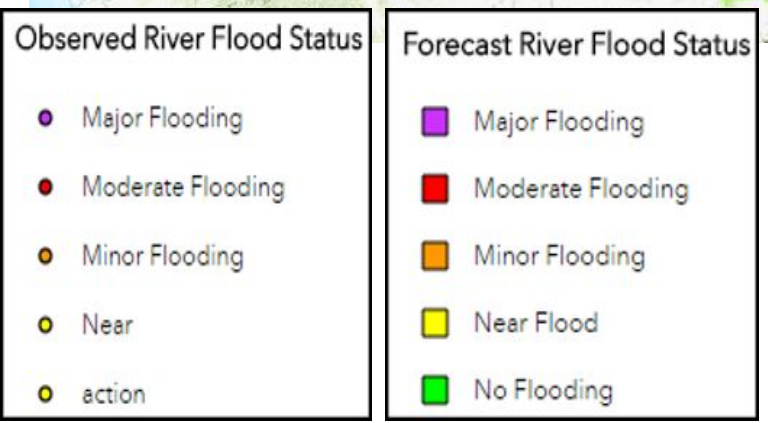
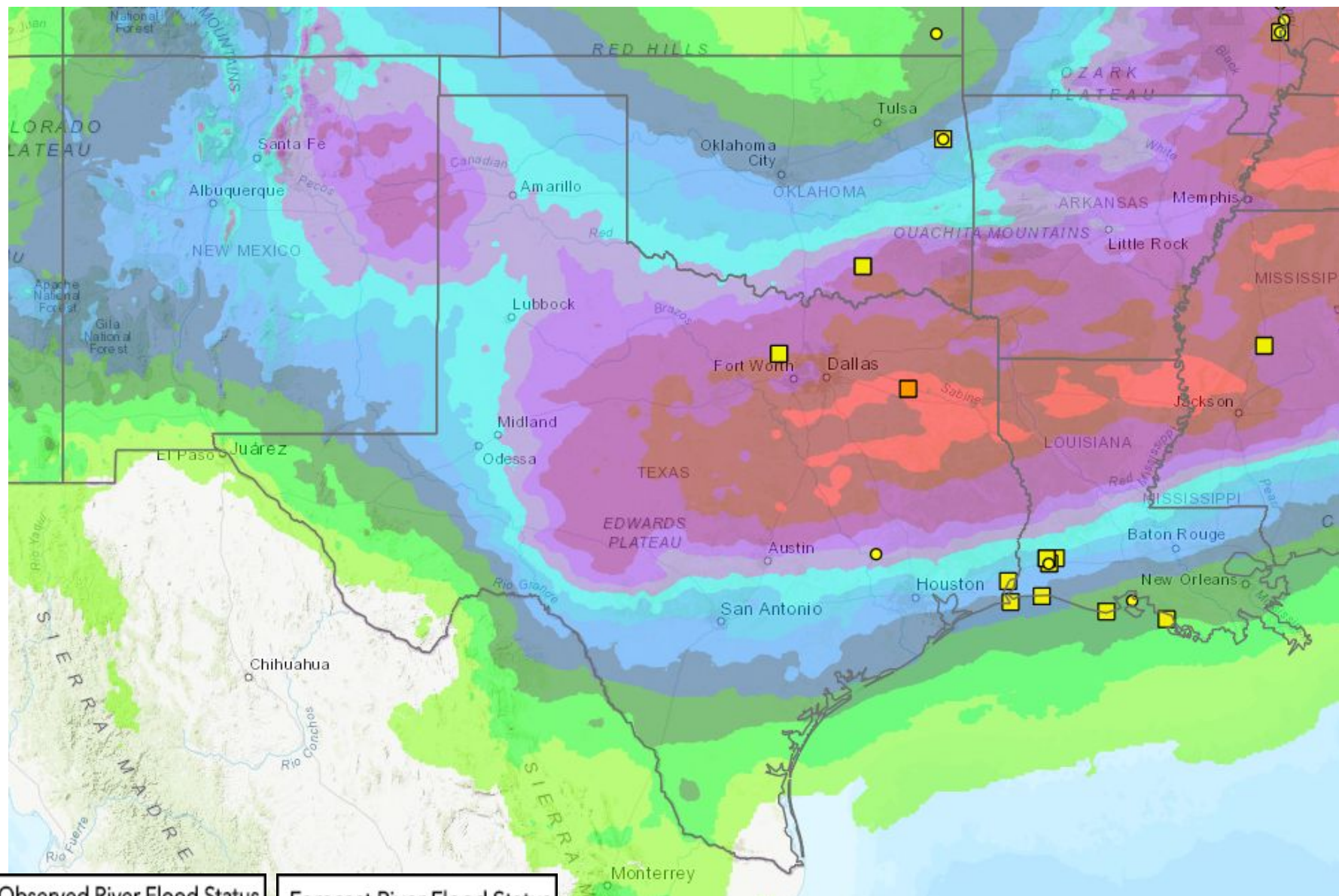
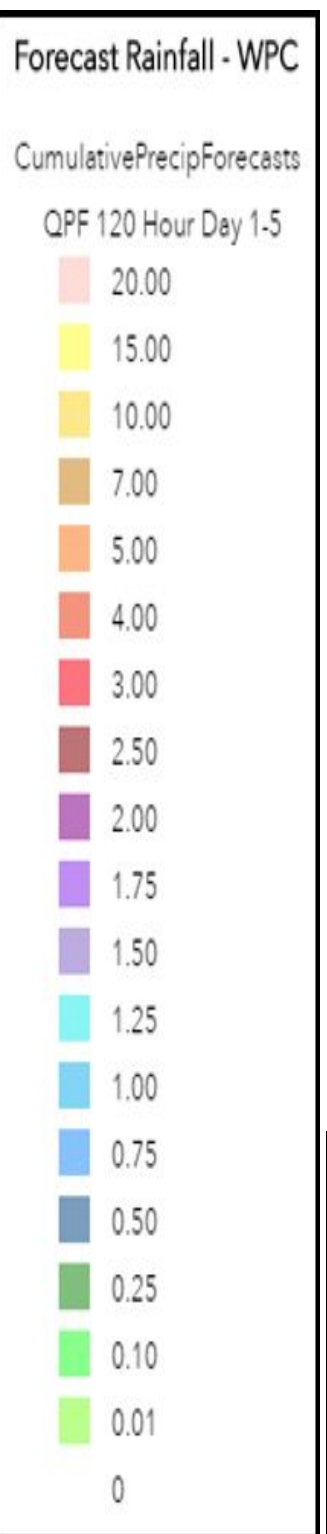
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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



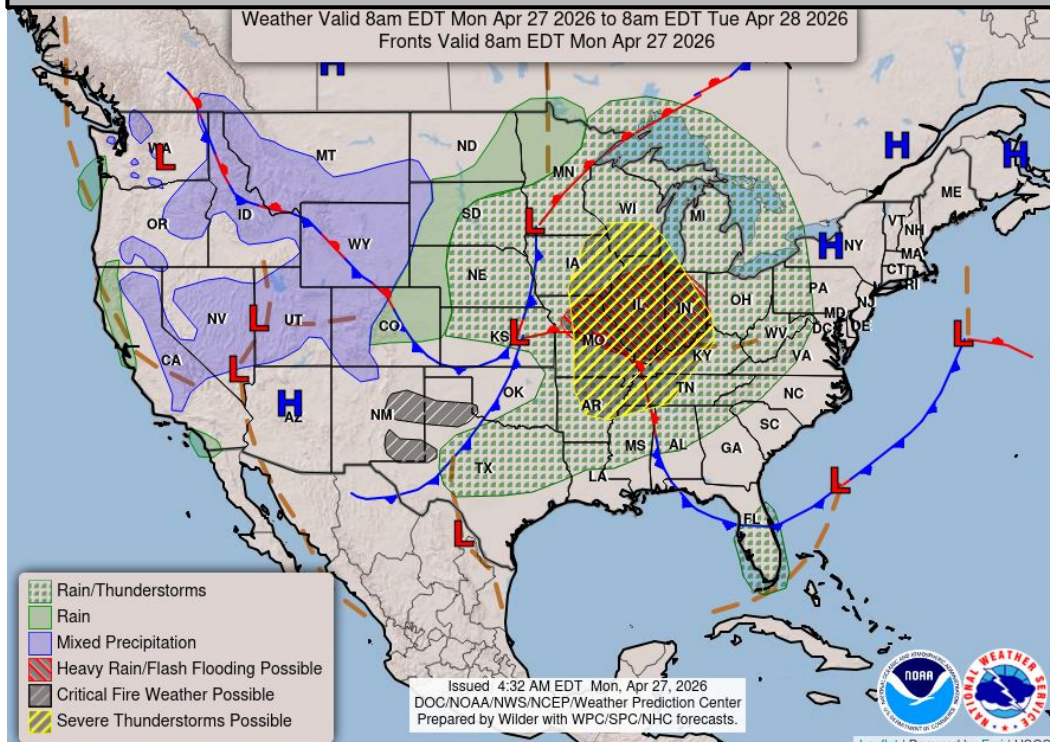
**Isolated minor river flooding in N TX on the Sabine River today through mid-week. Heavy rainfall through the week in SE OK, N/ETX, AR could produce local river rises.**

*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.*

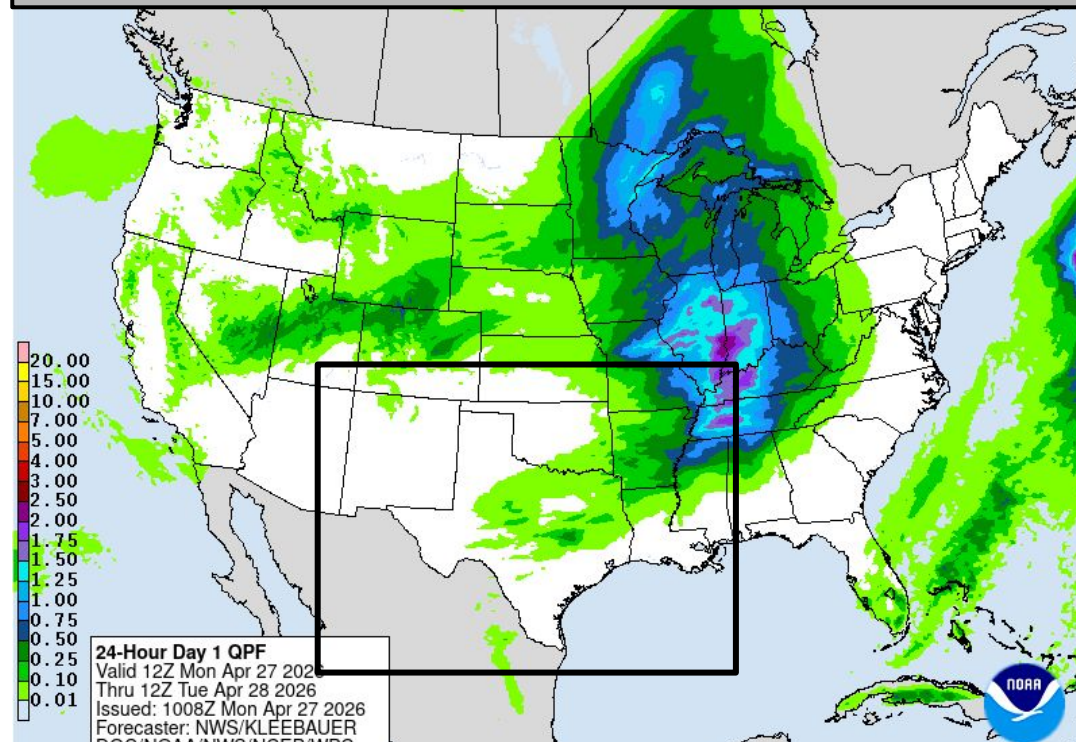


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



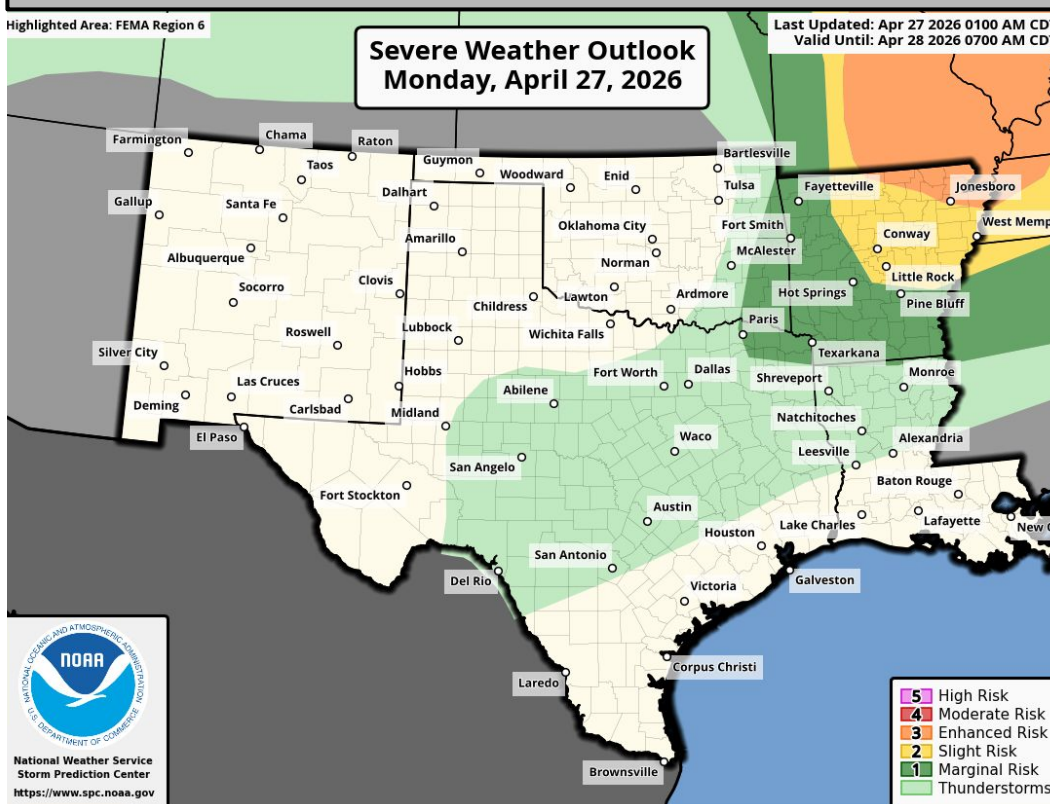
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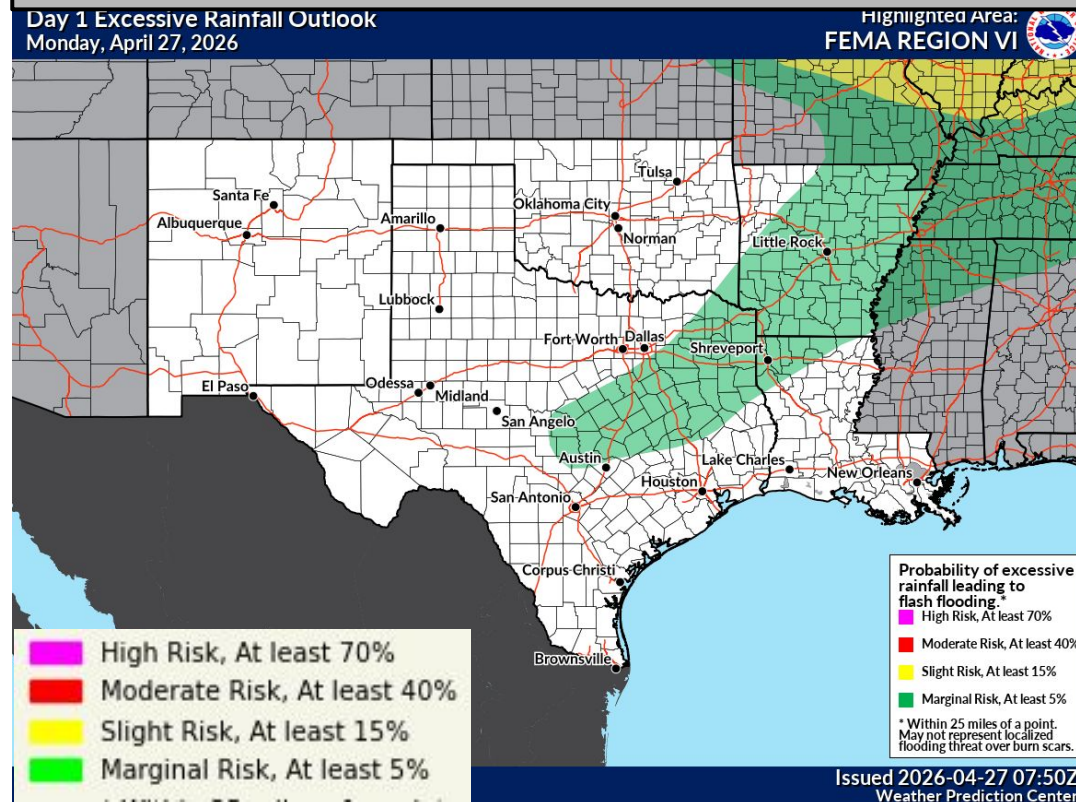
**Slight to enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for severe storms over N AR. All hazards could occur. Timing: 4 PM - 4 AM.**

**Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in NM, TX/OK Panhandles, NW/W TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

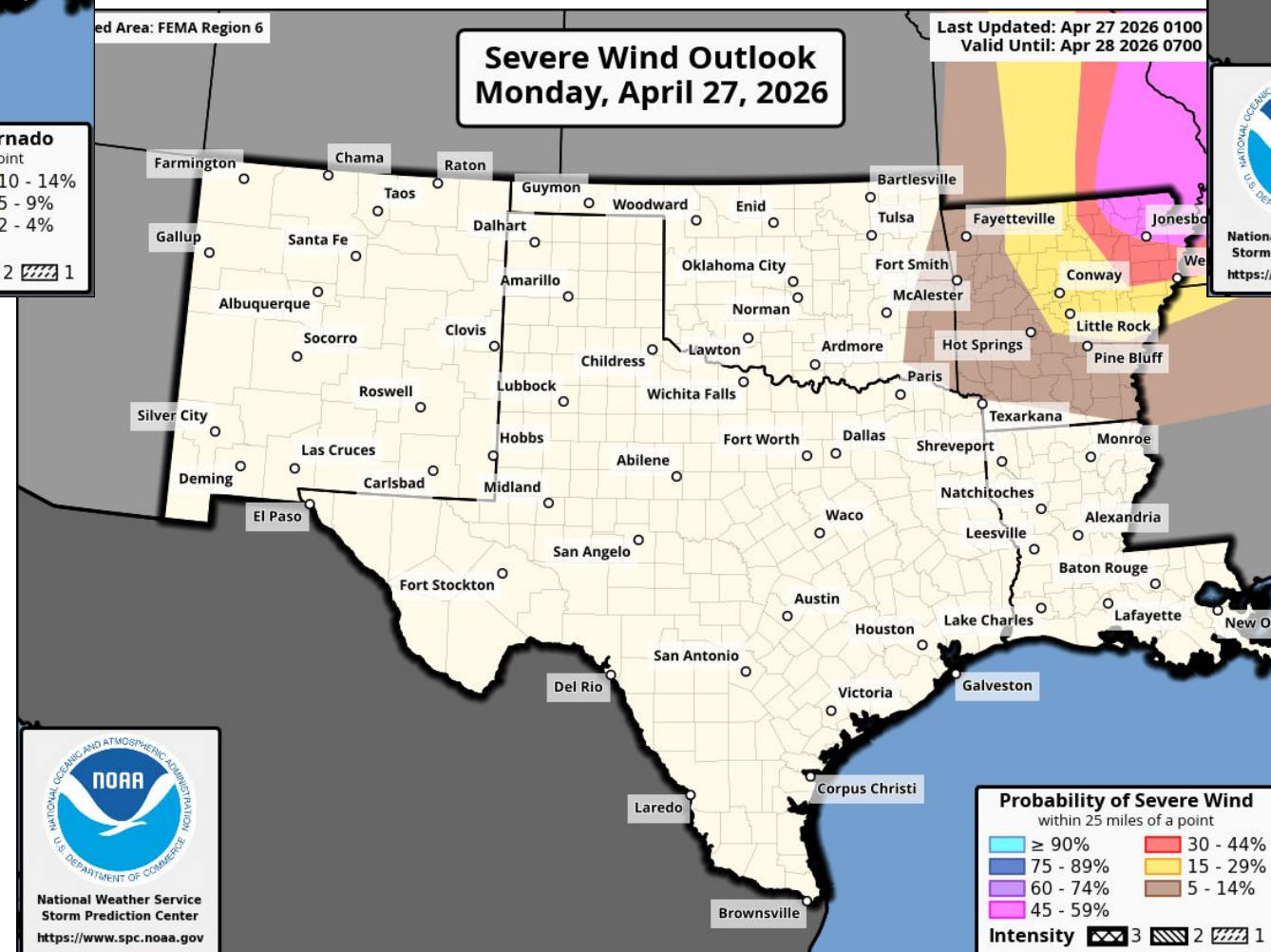
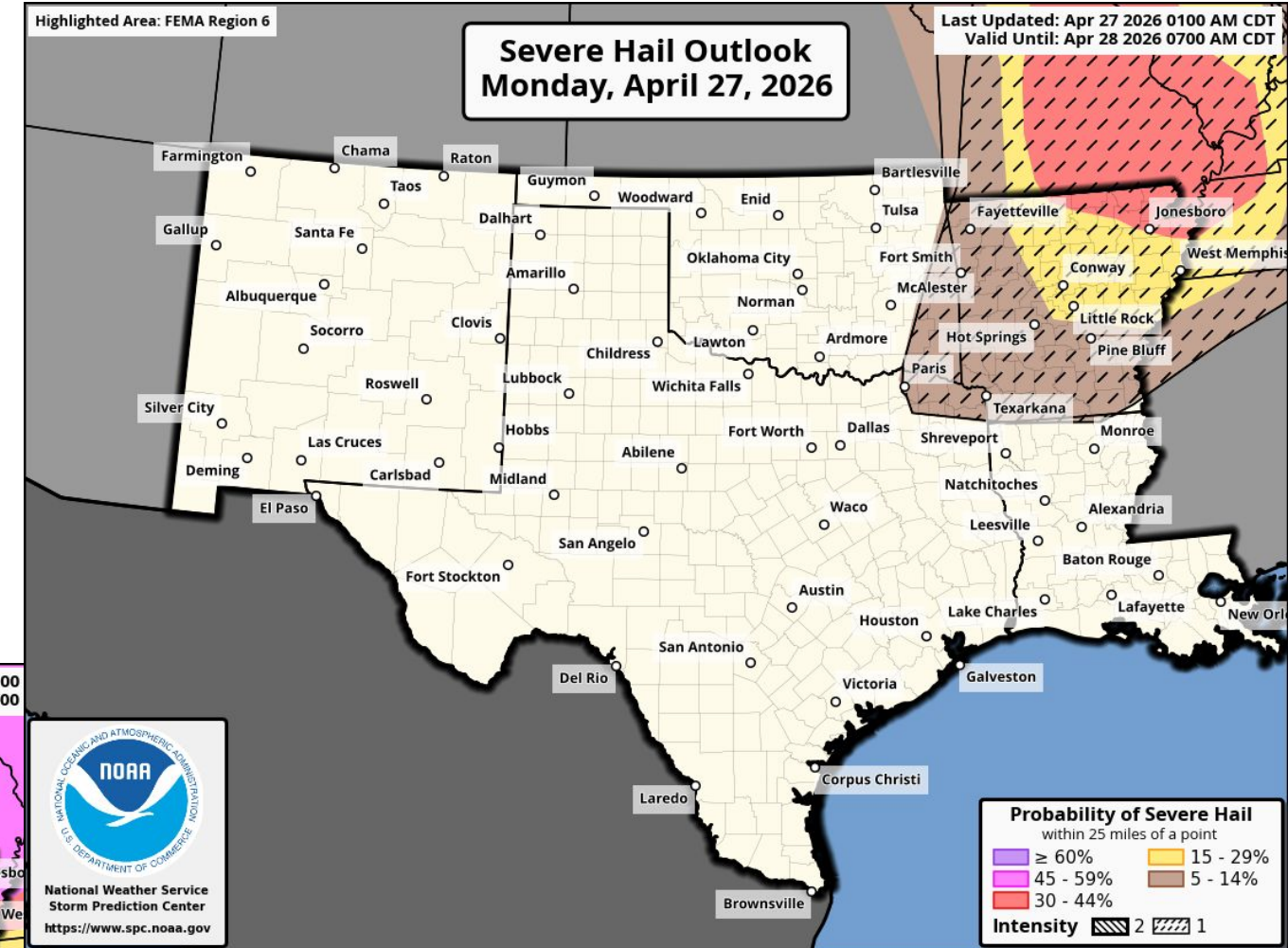
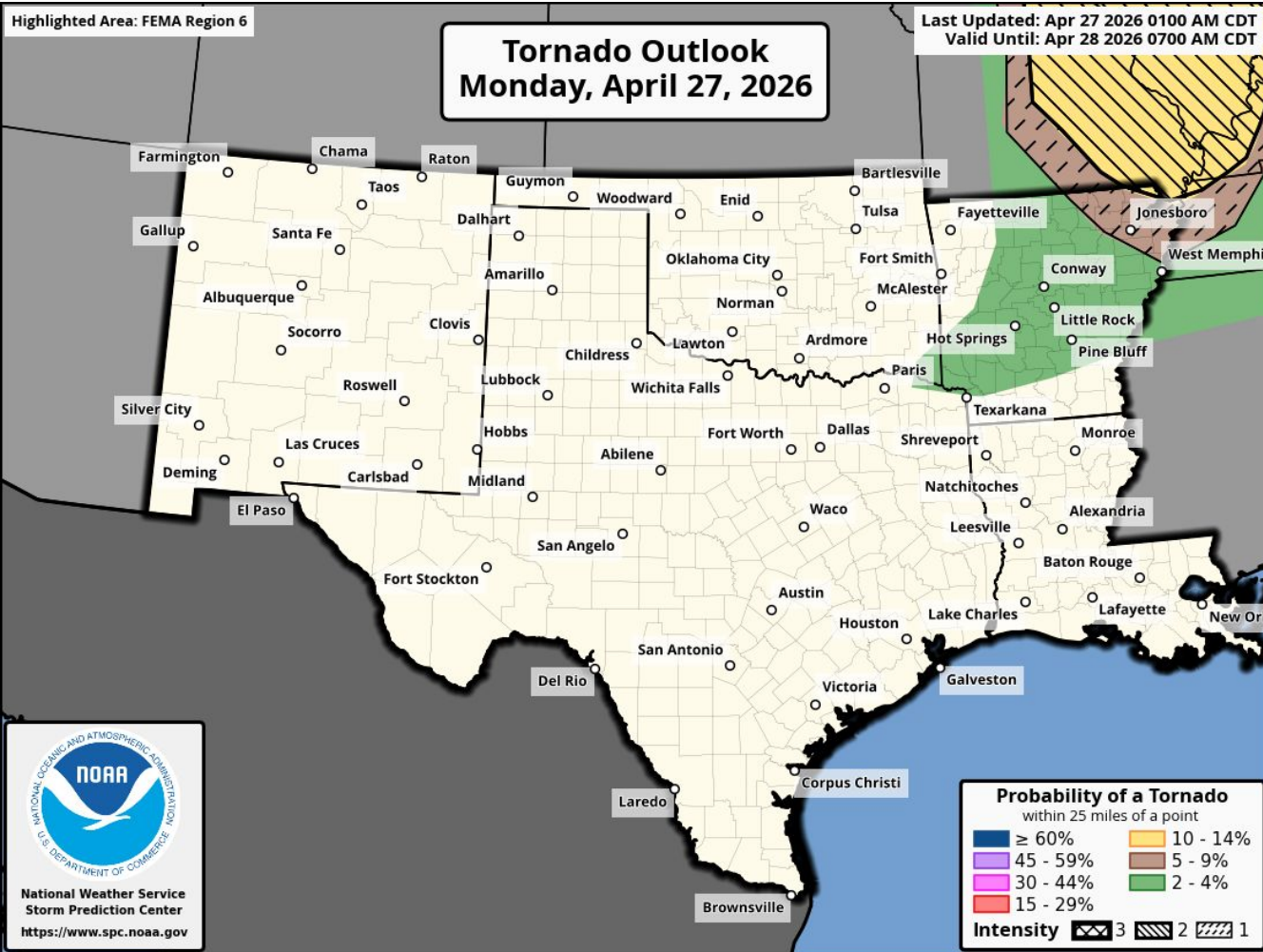


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in C/NE TX, AR, N LA. High end bullseyes of 3-6”.**

**Heat impacts in S TX.**

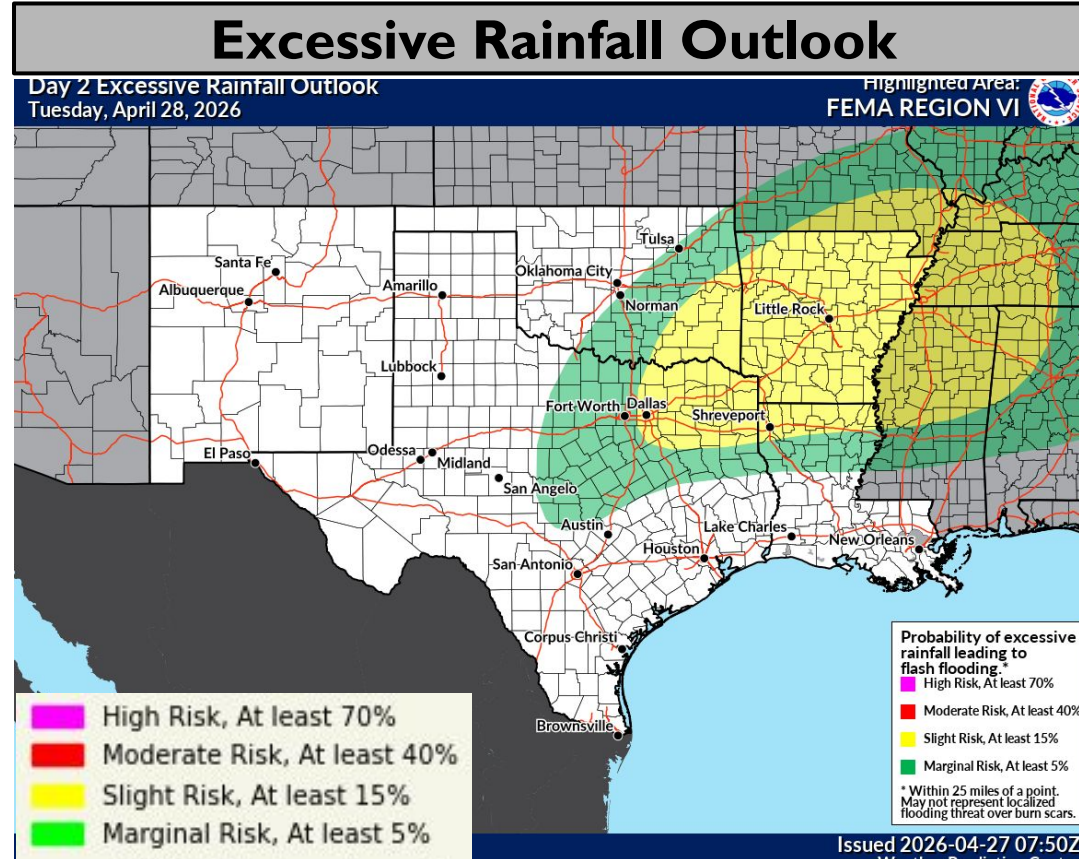
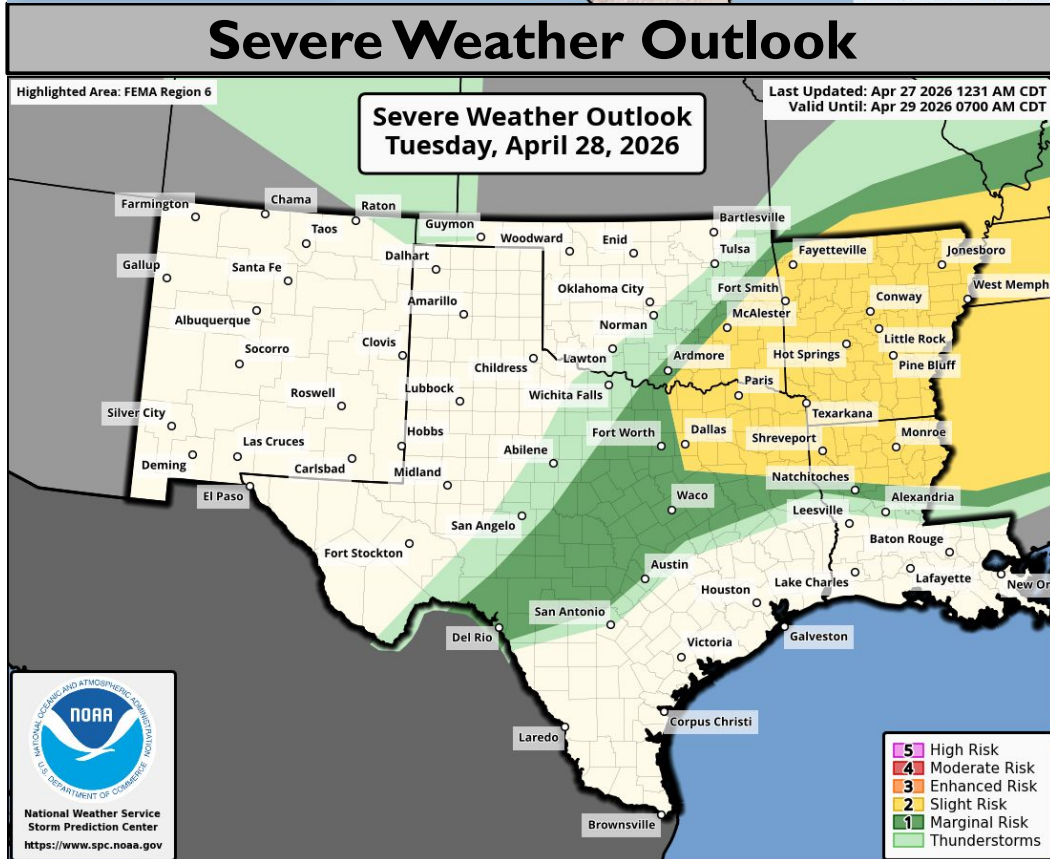
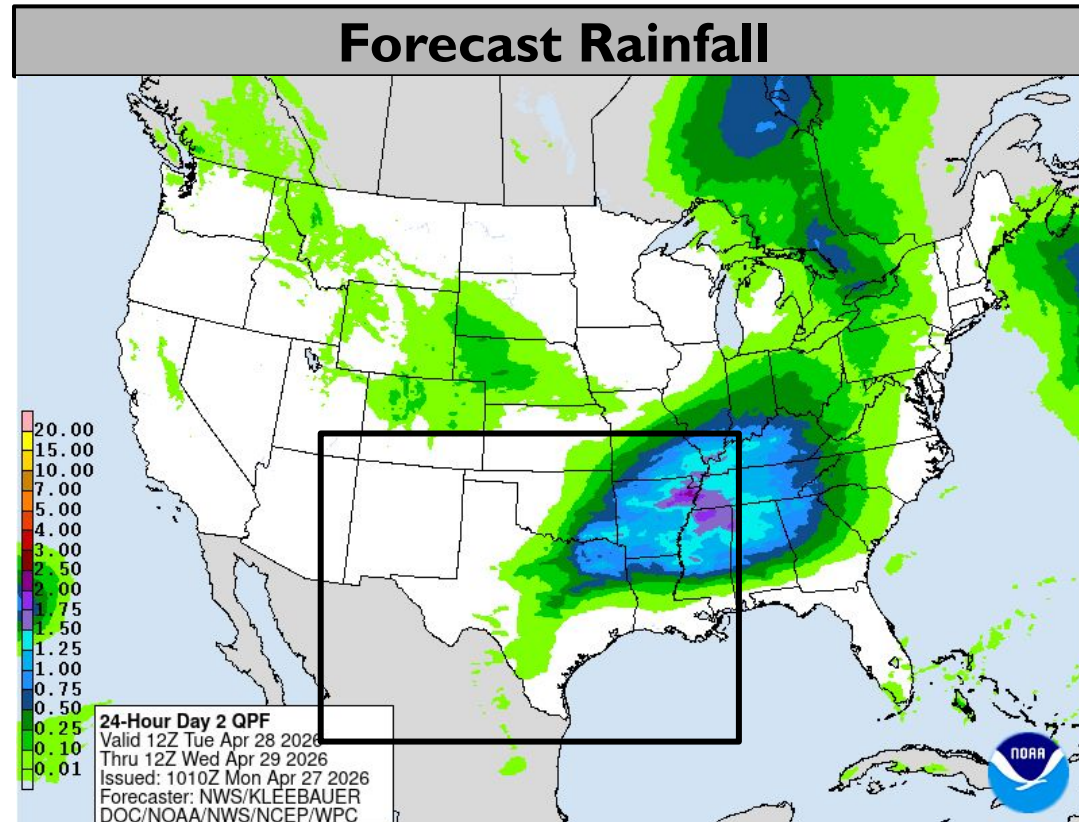
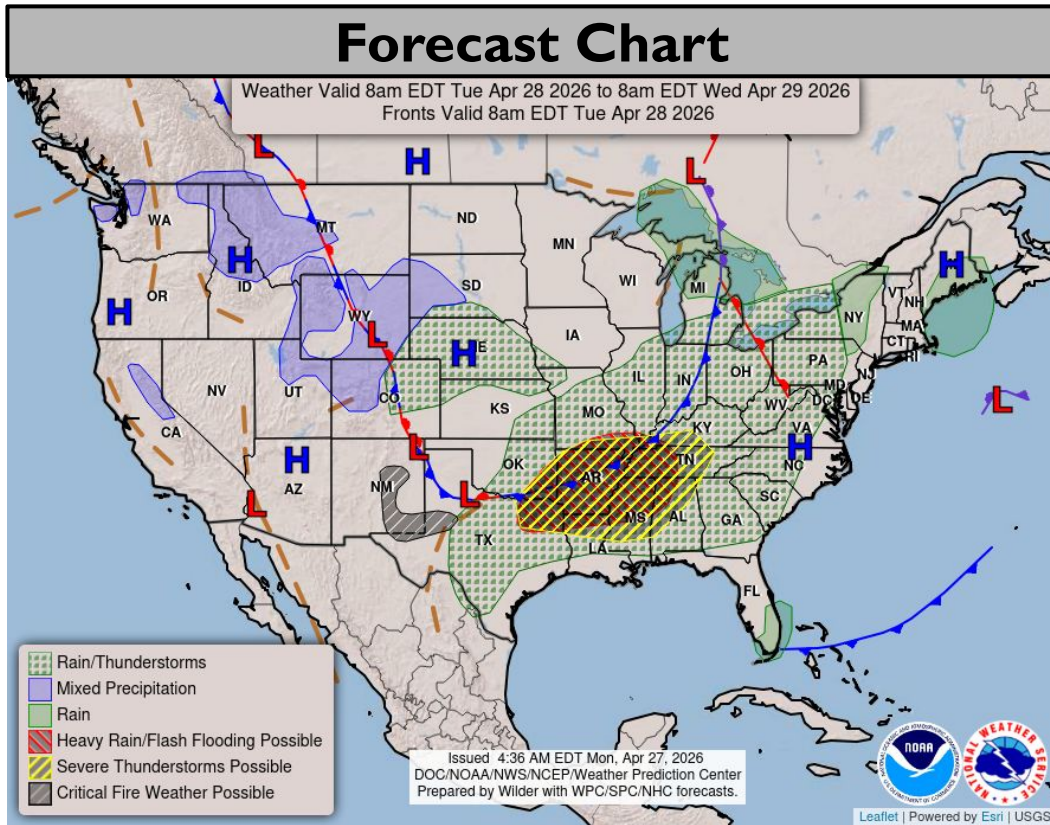


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Tomorrow's Weather



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

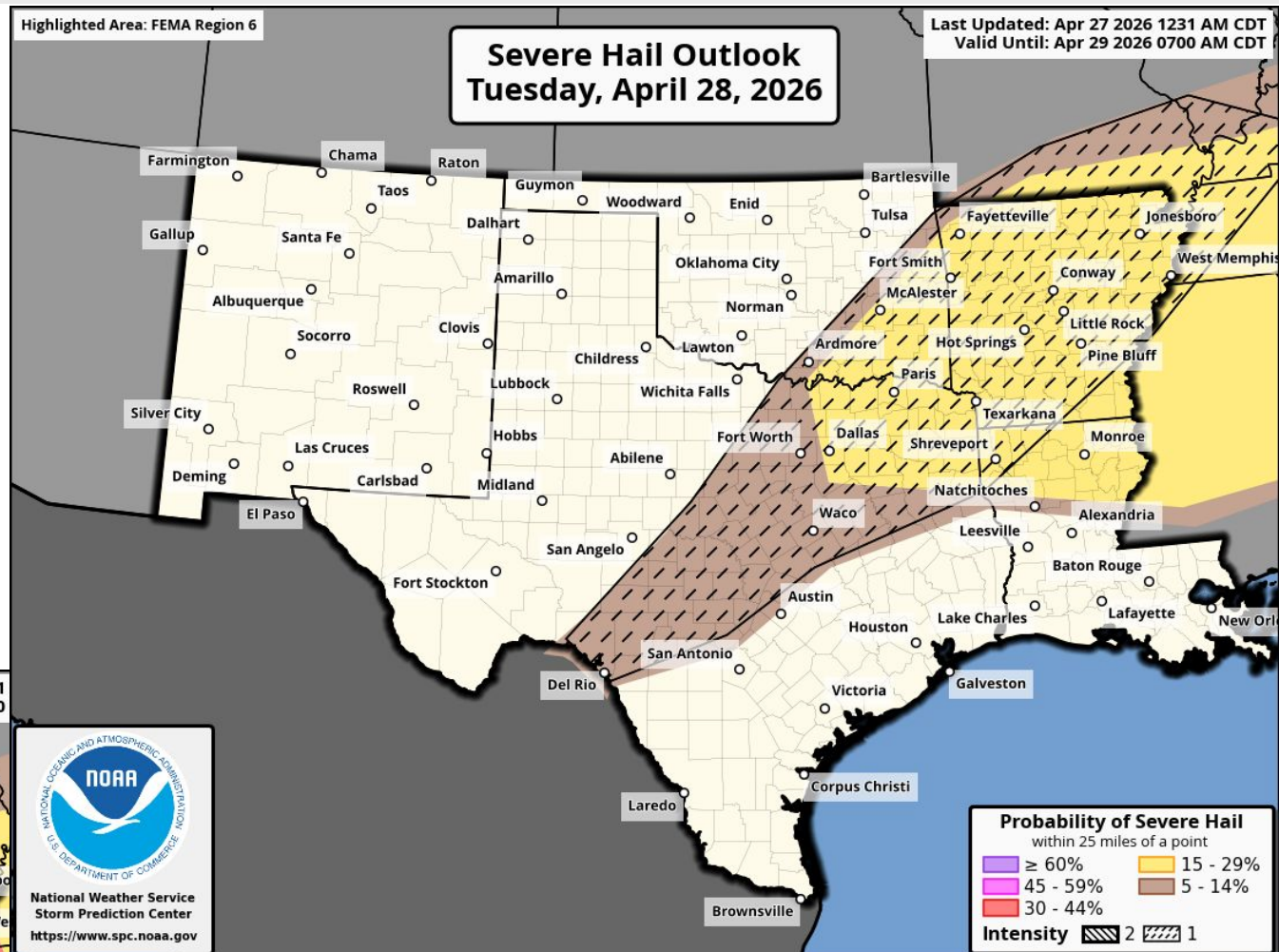
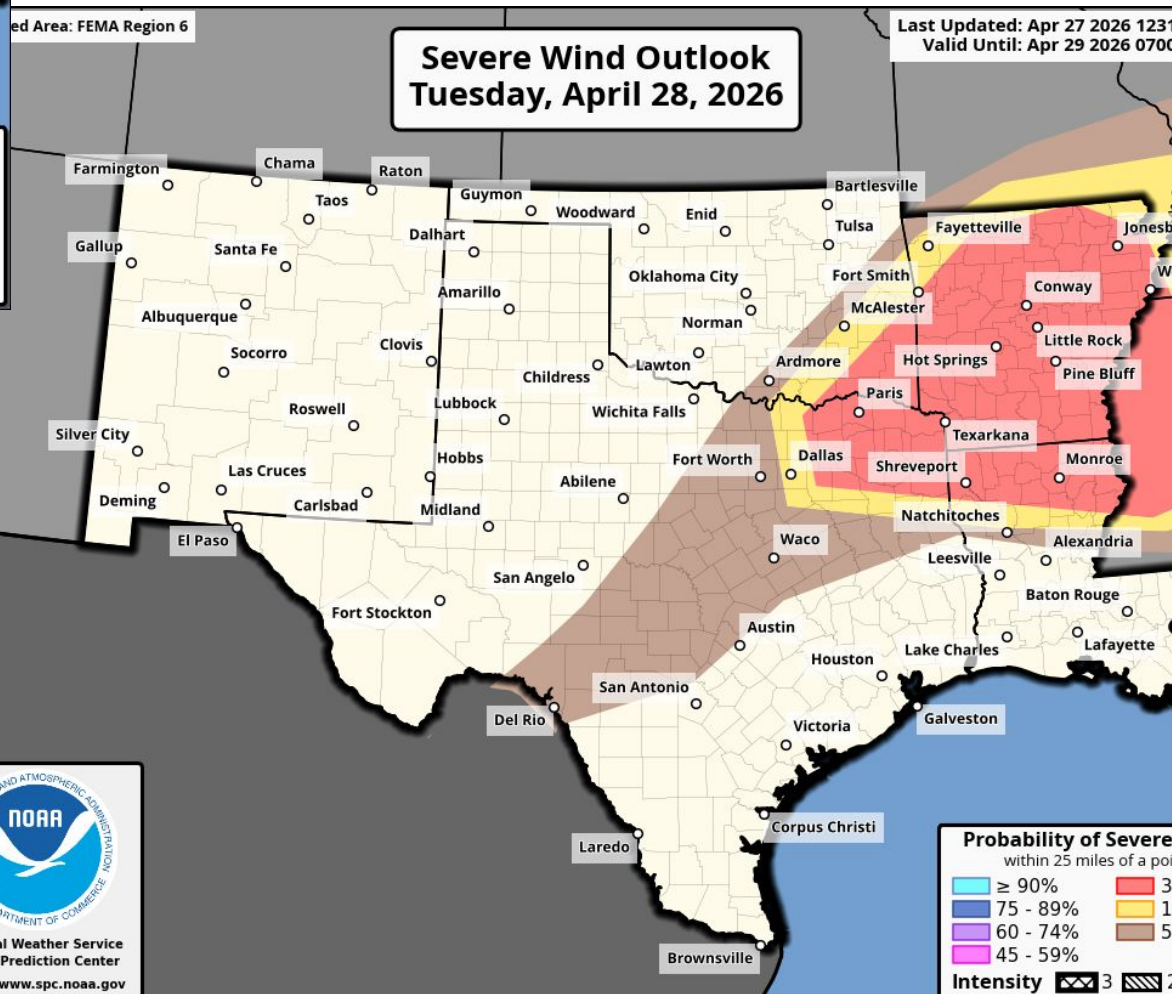
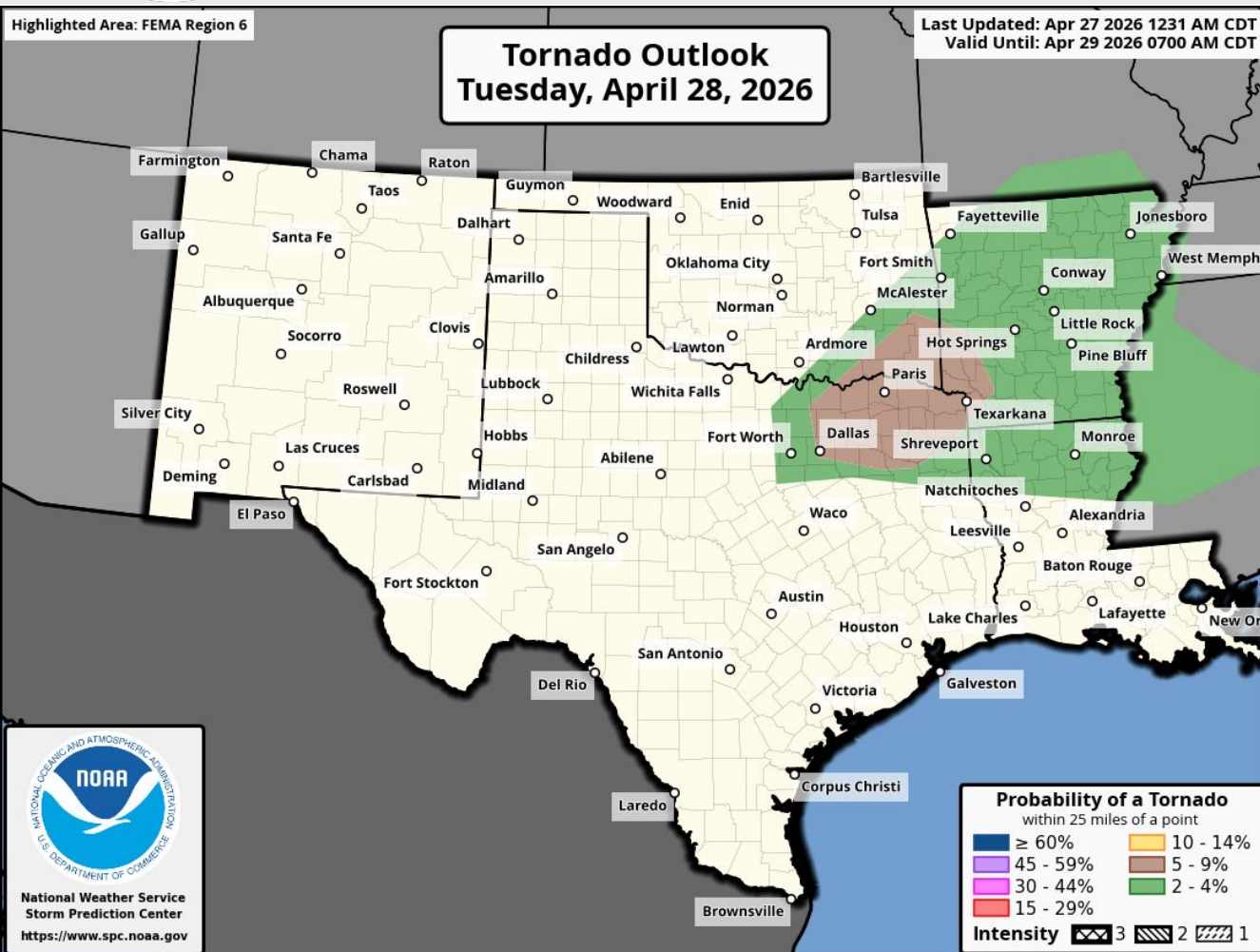
**Elevated to locally critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns in NM, W TX Panhandle, W TX.**

**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA. High end bullseyes of 5-7”.**

**Heat impacts in S TX.**

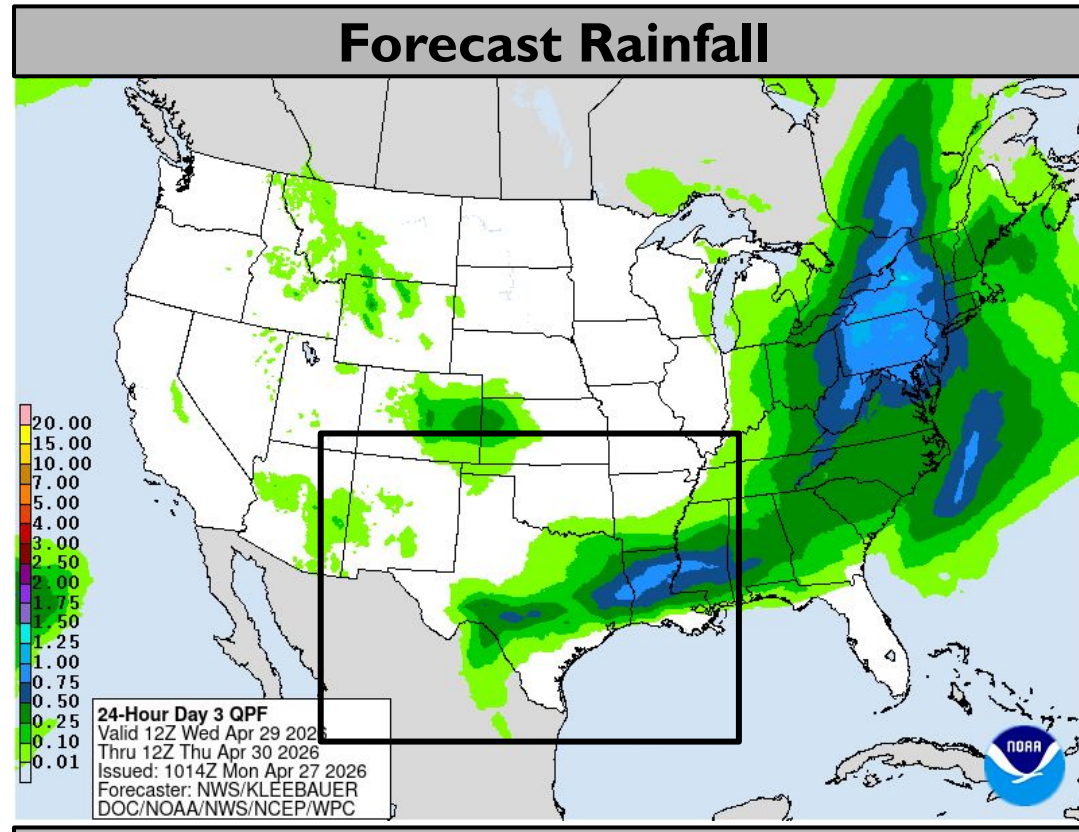
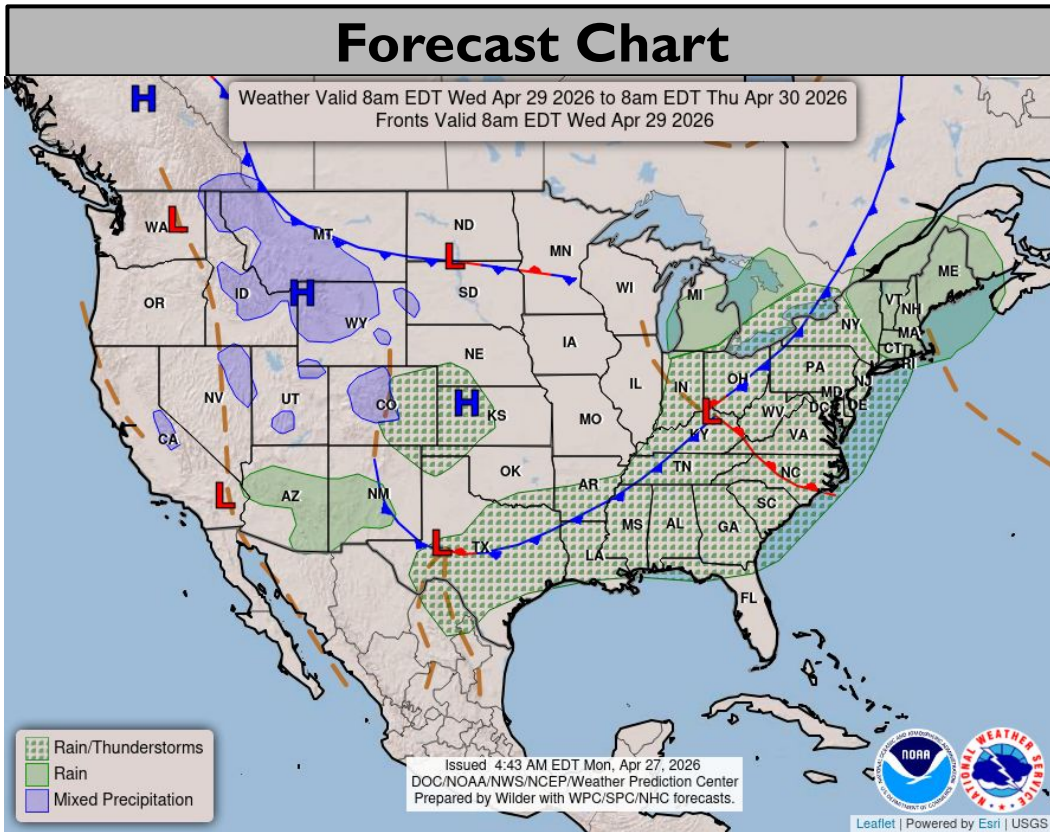


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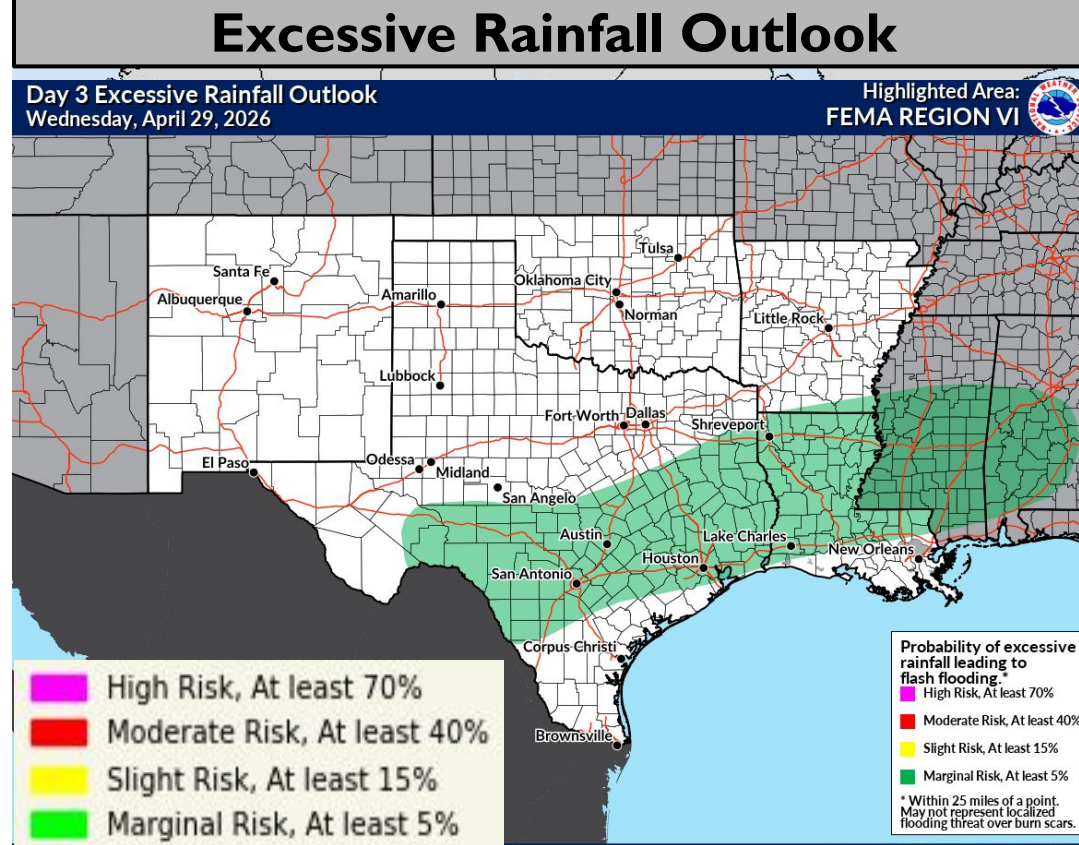
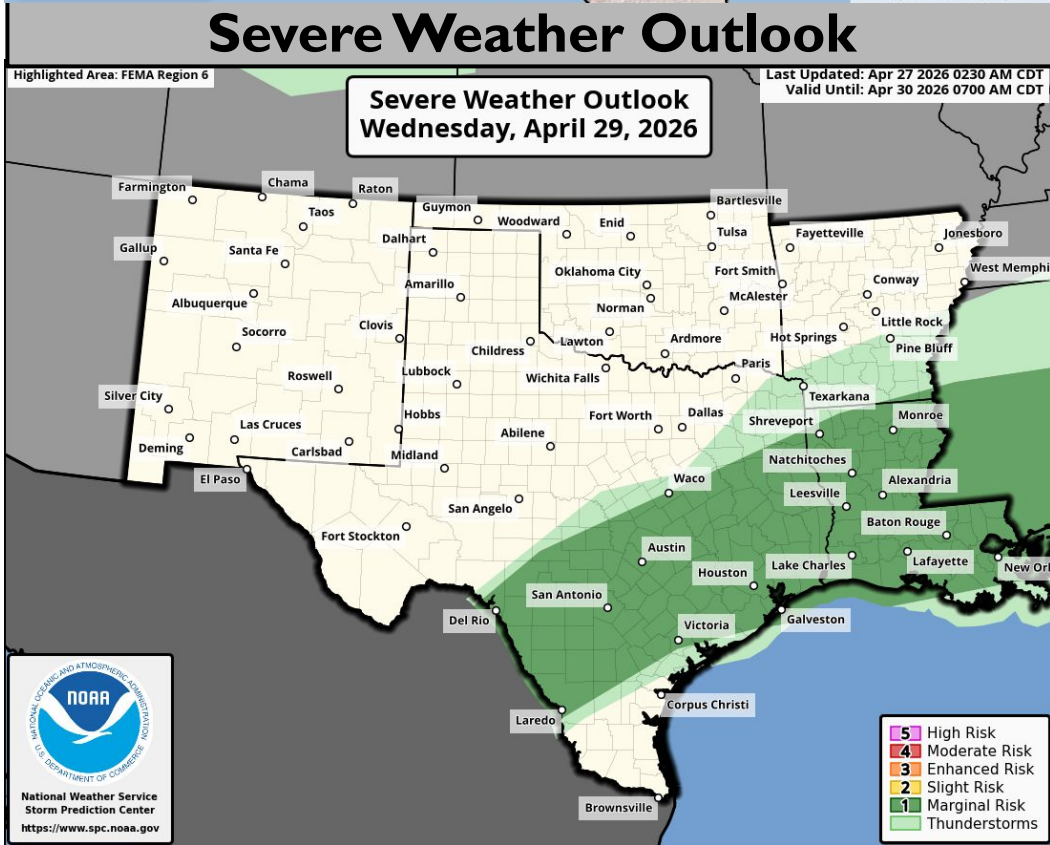
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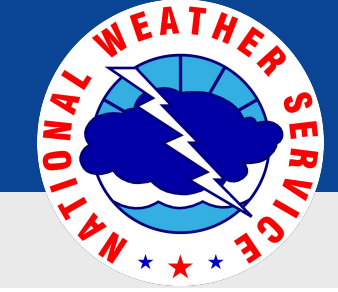


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SW/C/SE/ETX, LA.**

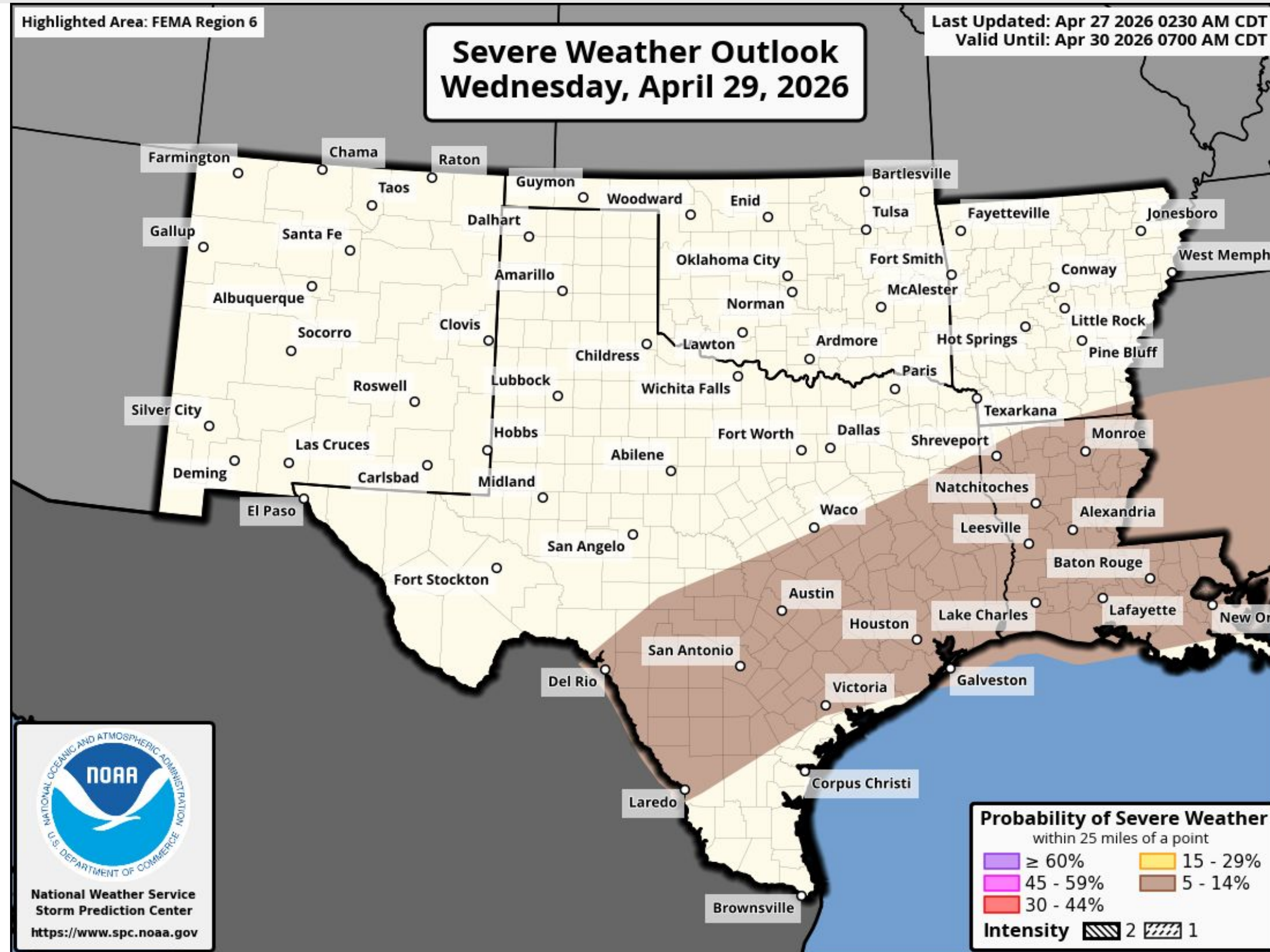
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**Heat impacts in STX.**





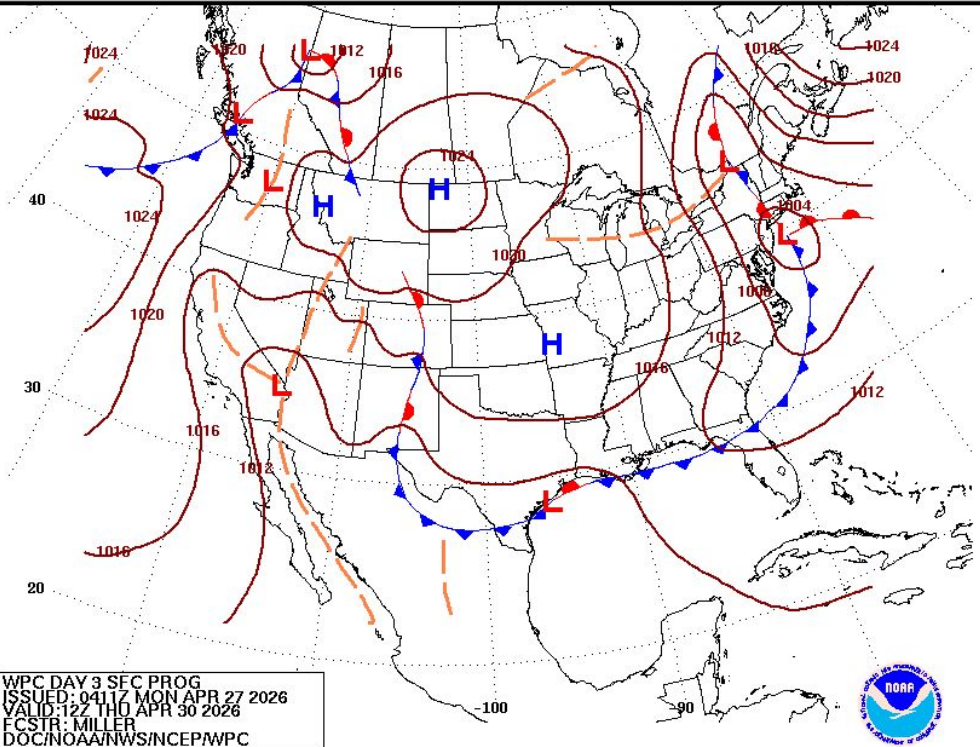
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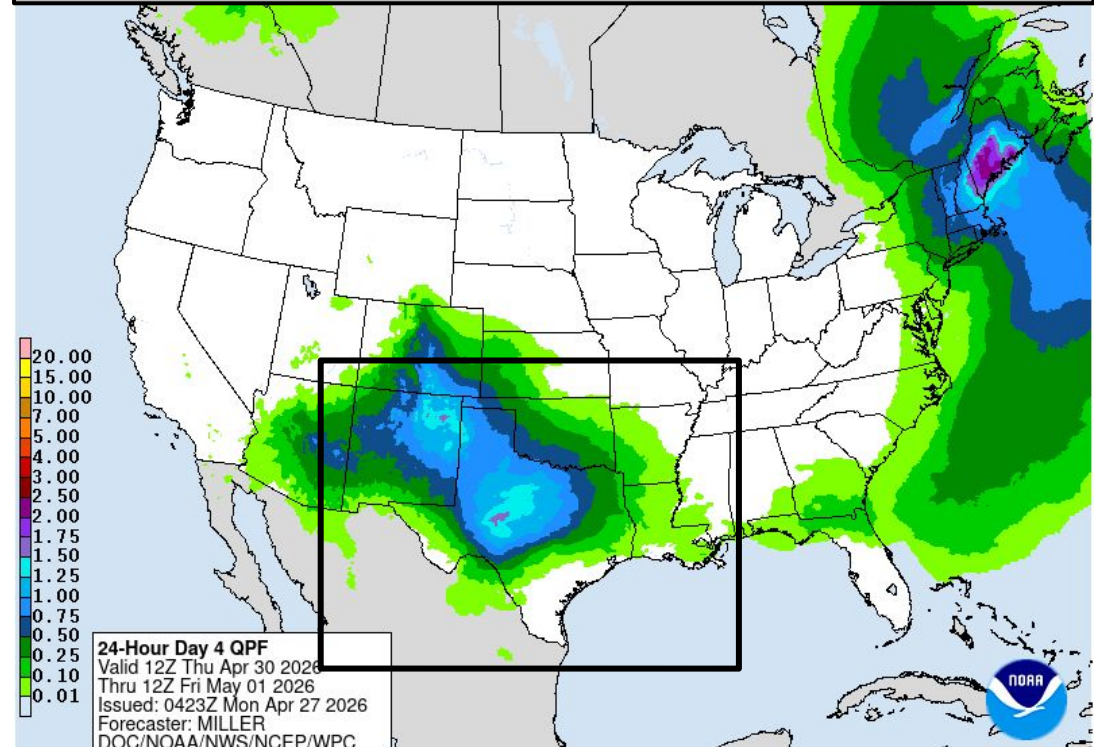


# Thursday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



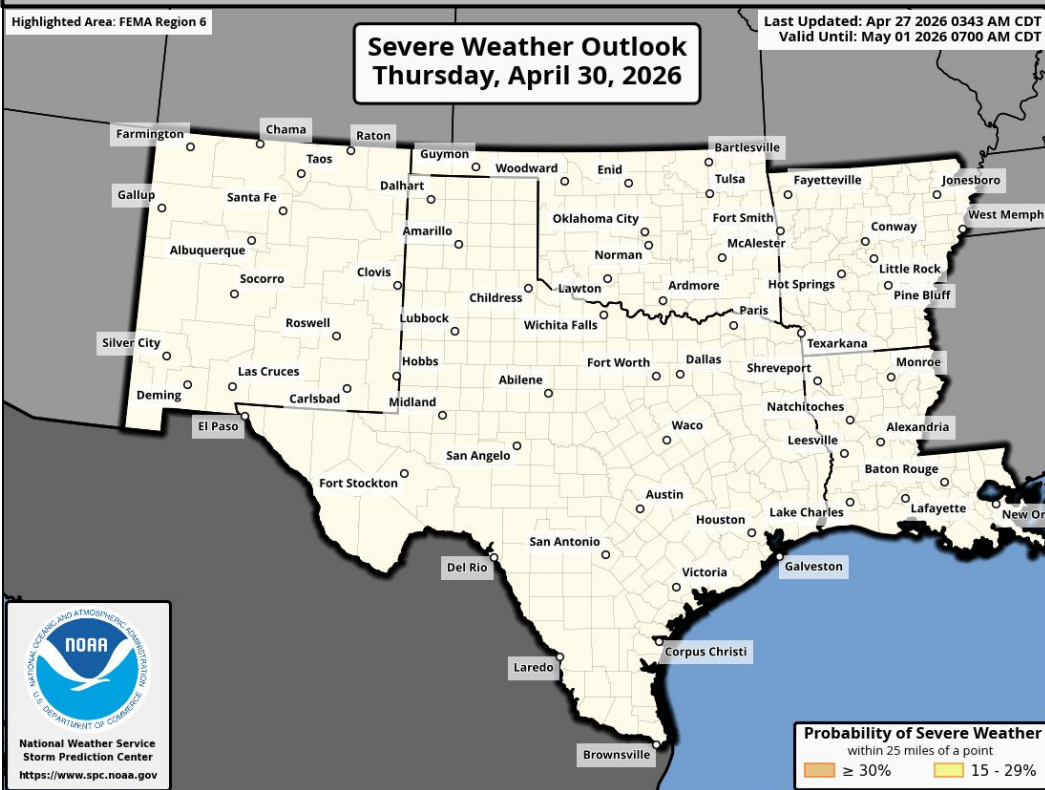
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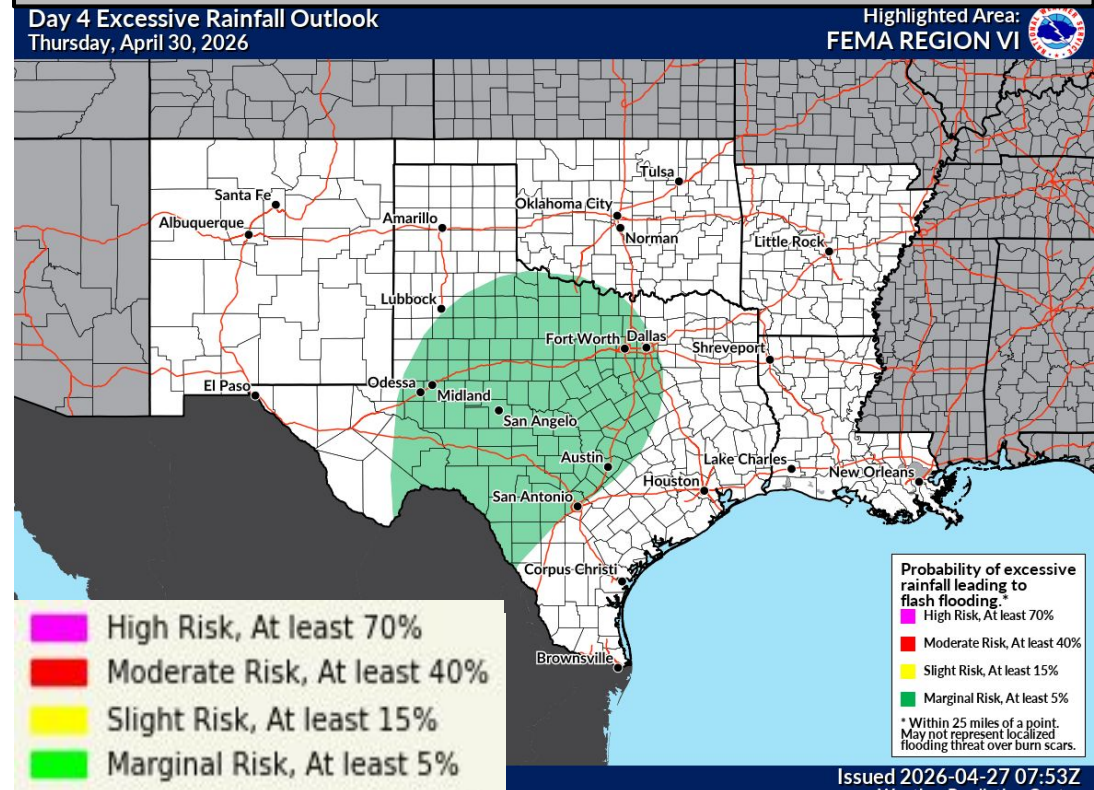
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in TX.**

**Monitoring TX for severe thunderstorms.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



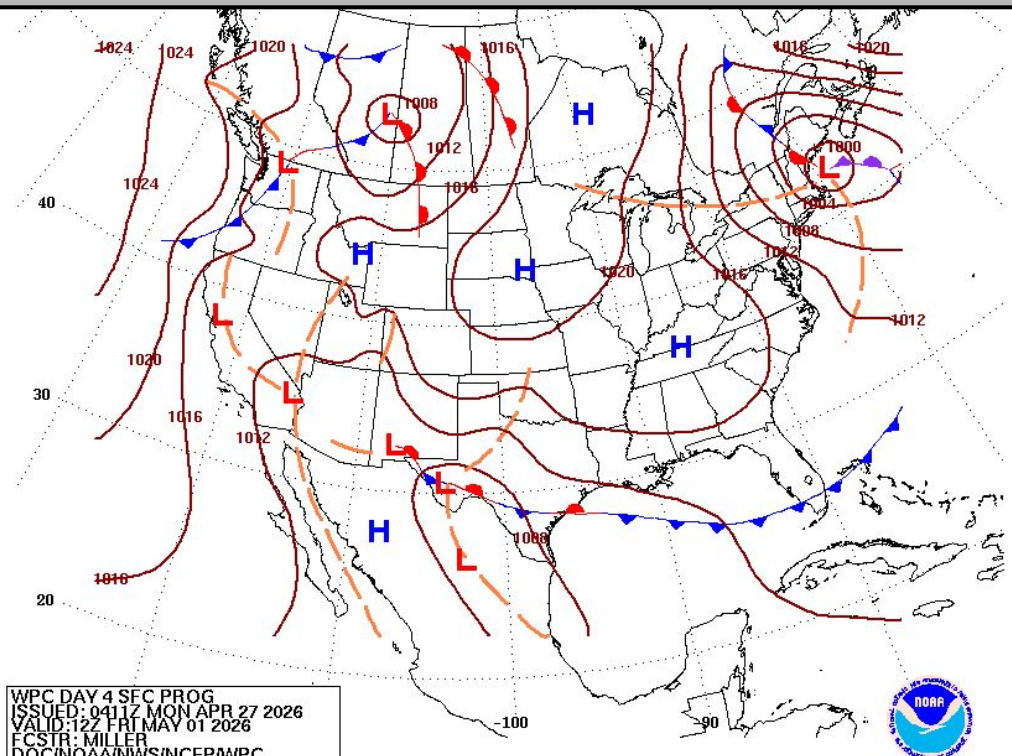
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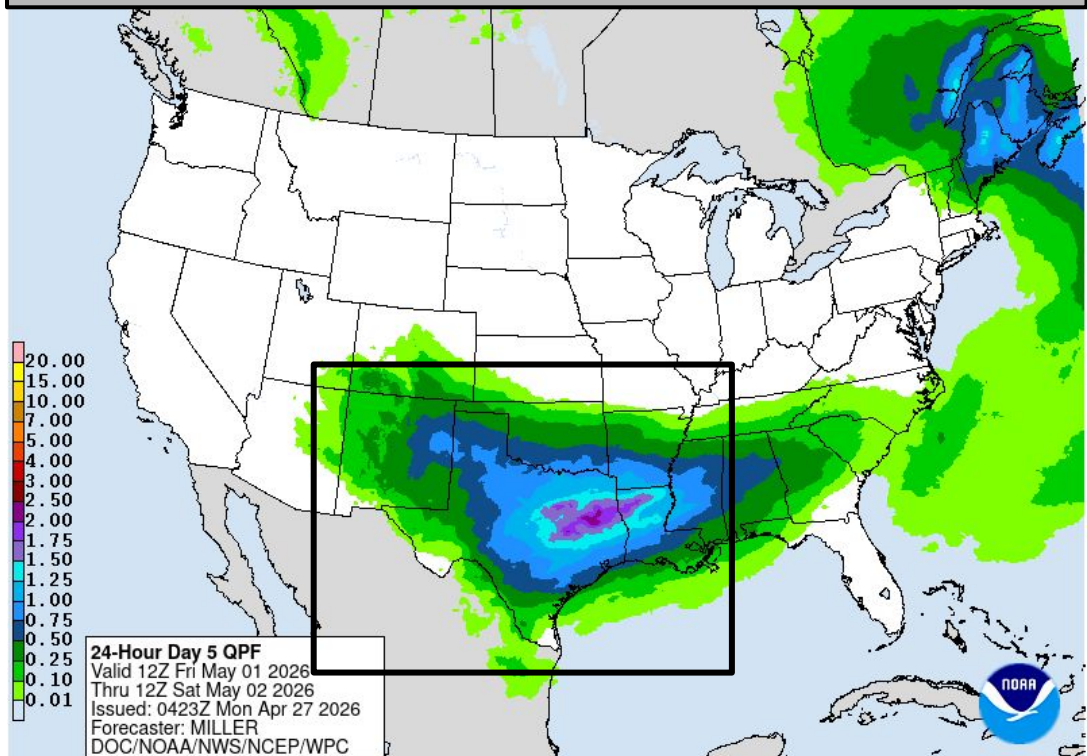
# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
ISSUED: 0411Z MON APR 27 2026  
VALID: 12Z FRI MAY 01 2026  
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

## Forecast Rainfall

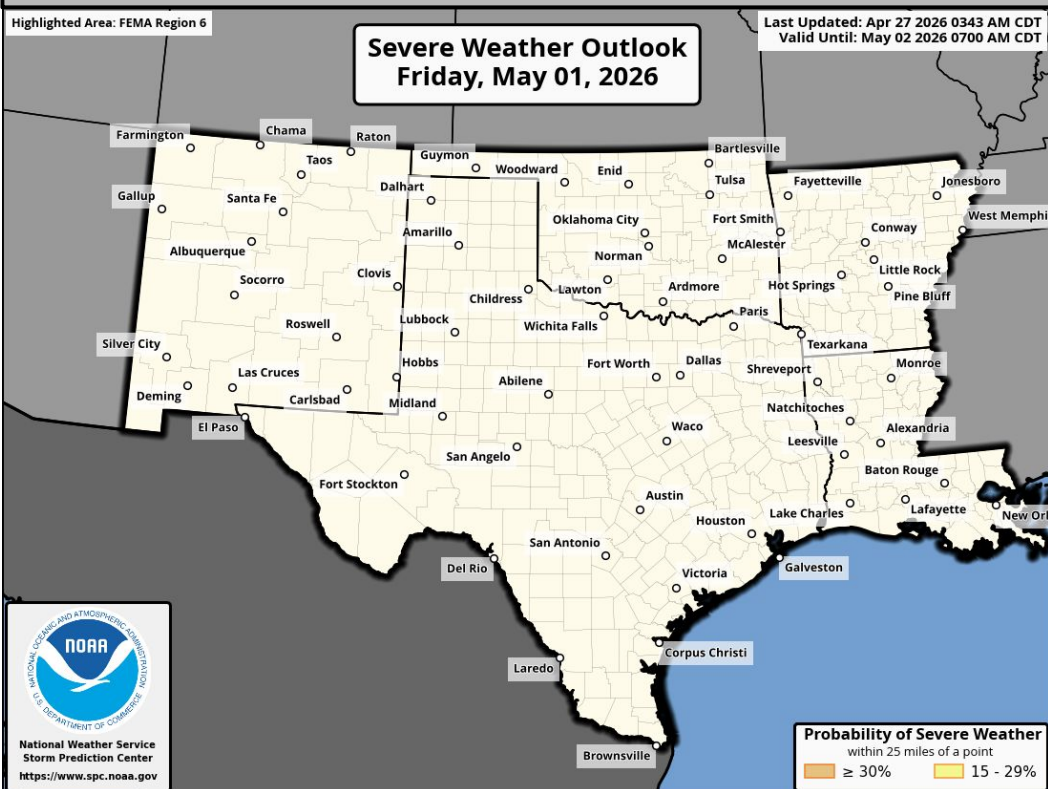


24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
Valid 12Z Fri May 01 2026  
Thru 12Z Sat May 02 2026  
Issued: 0423Z Mon Apr 27 2026  
Forecaster: MILLER  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in TX, LA, S AR.**

**Monitoring S/SE TX, LA for severe storms.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

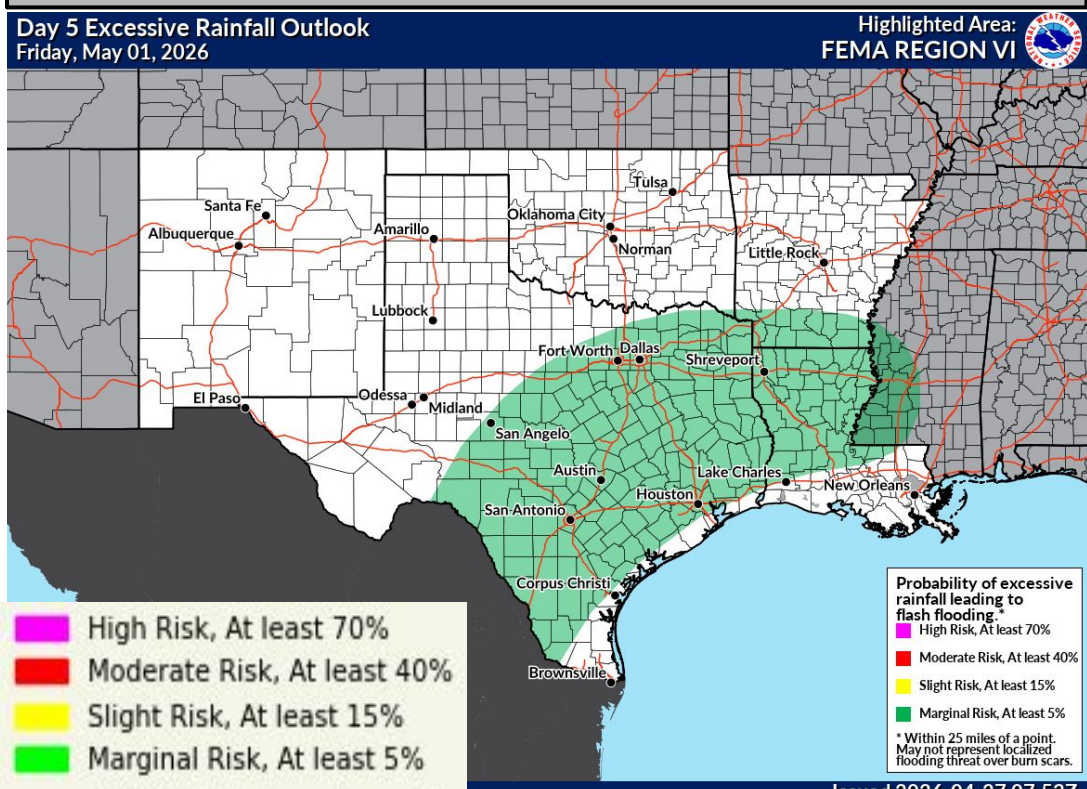


Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, May 01, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 27 2026 0343 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 02 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  
Friday, May 01, 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:  
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.

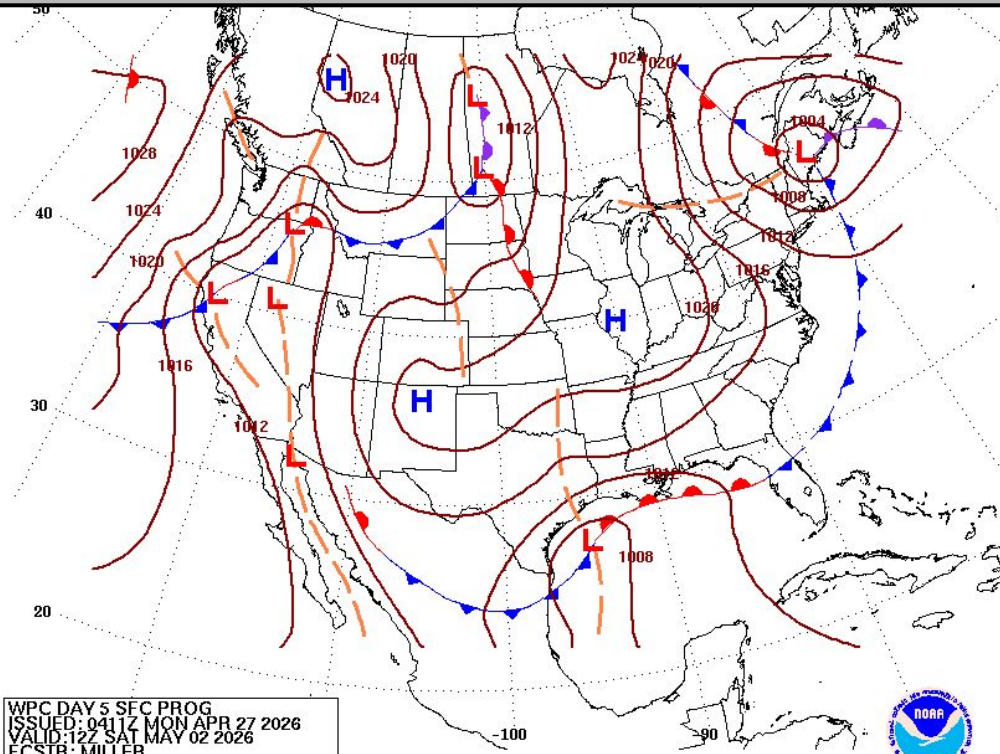
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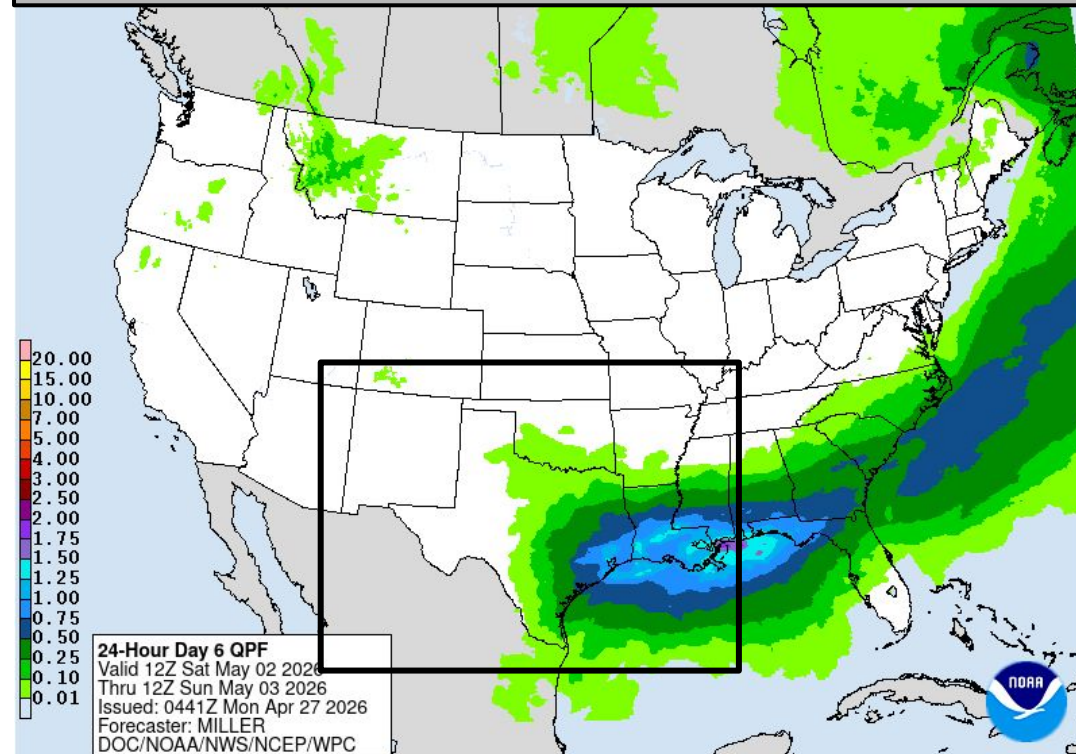
# Saturday's Weather

### Forecast Chart



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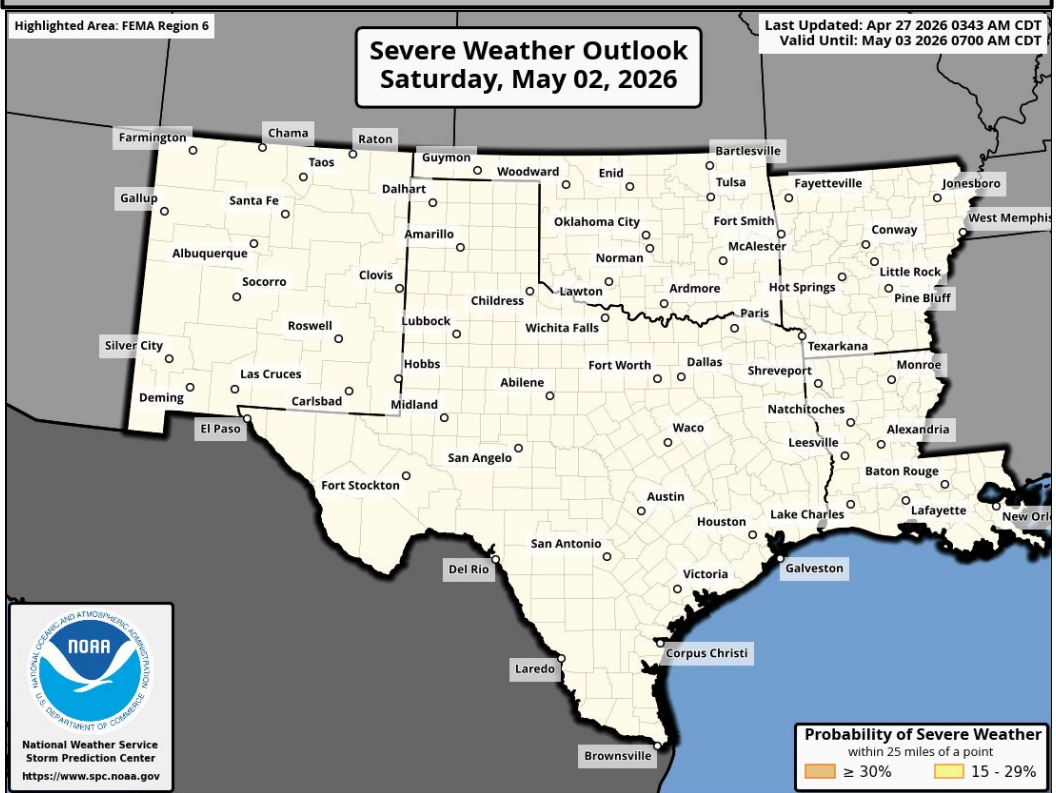
### Forecast Rainfall



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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

**Monitoring for flash flooding in SE TX, LA.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, May 02, 2026

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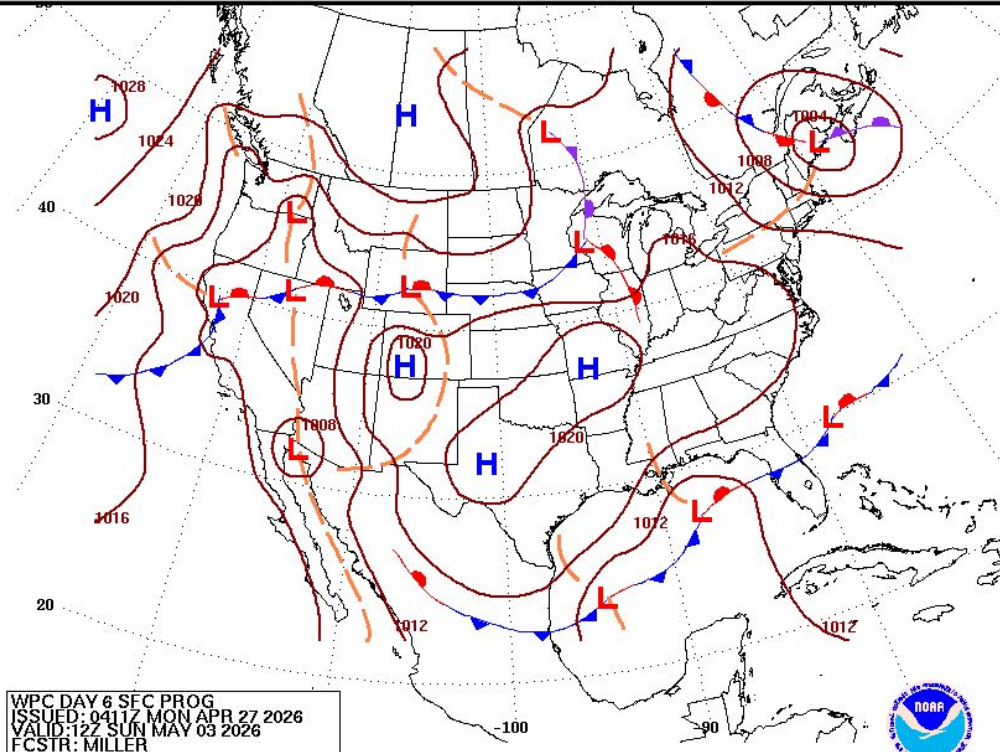


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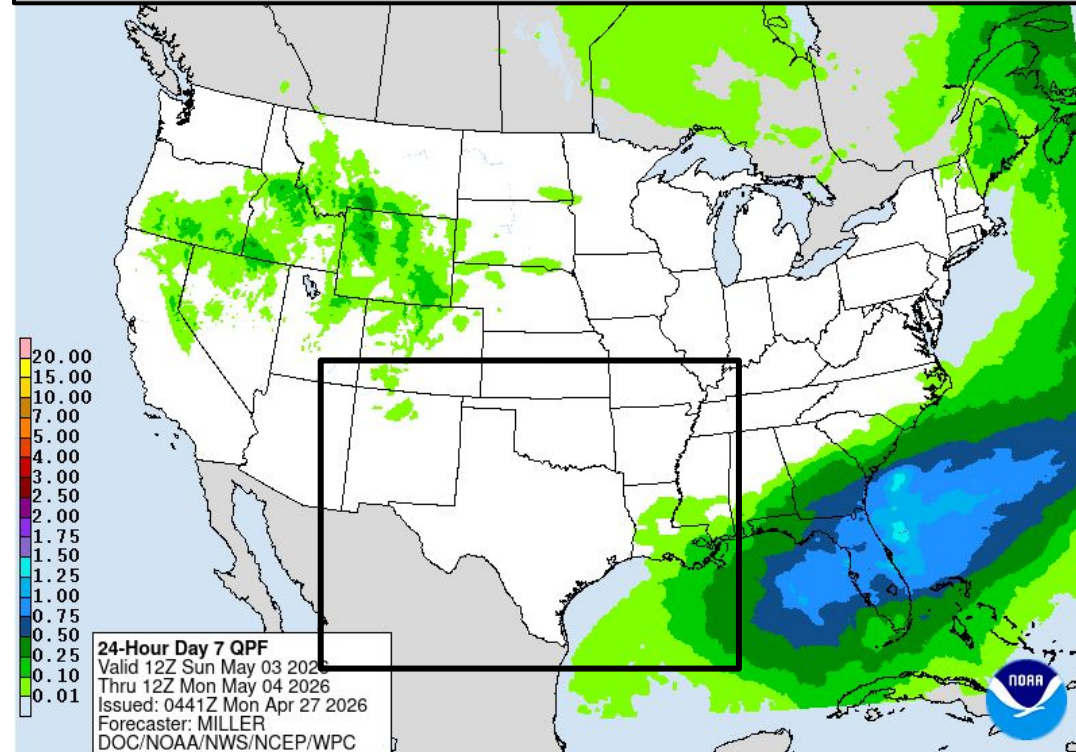


# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

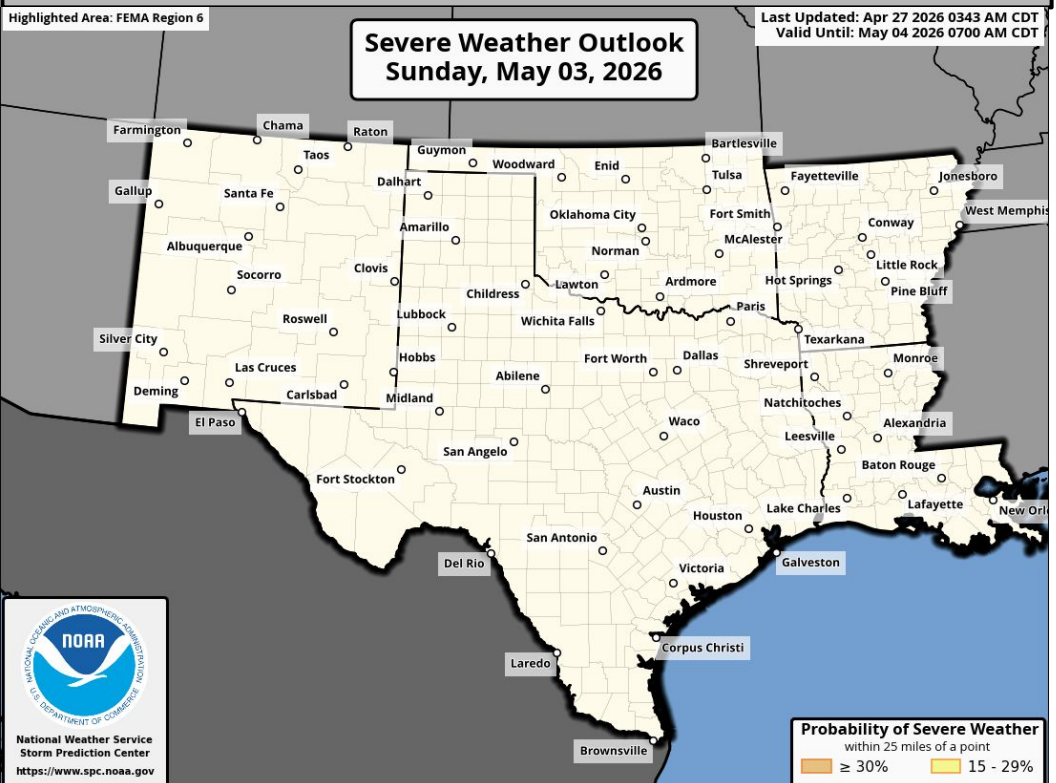


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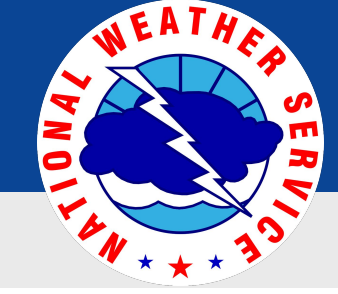


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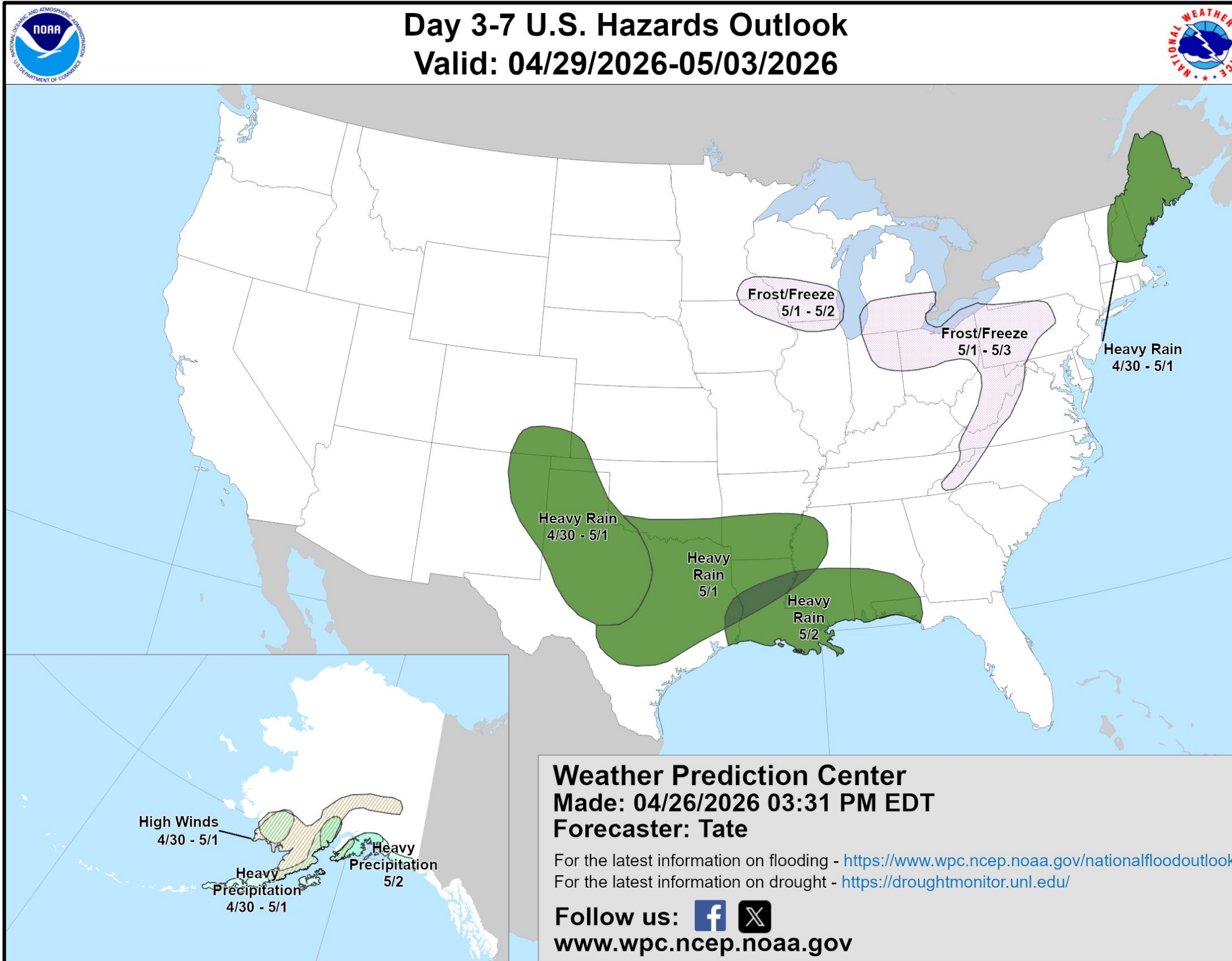
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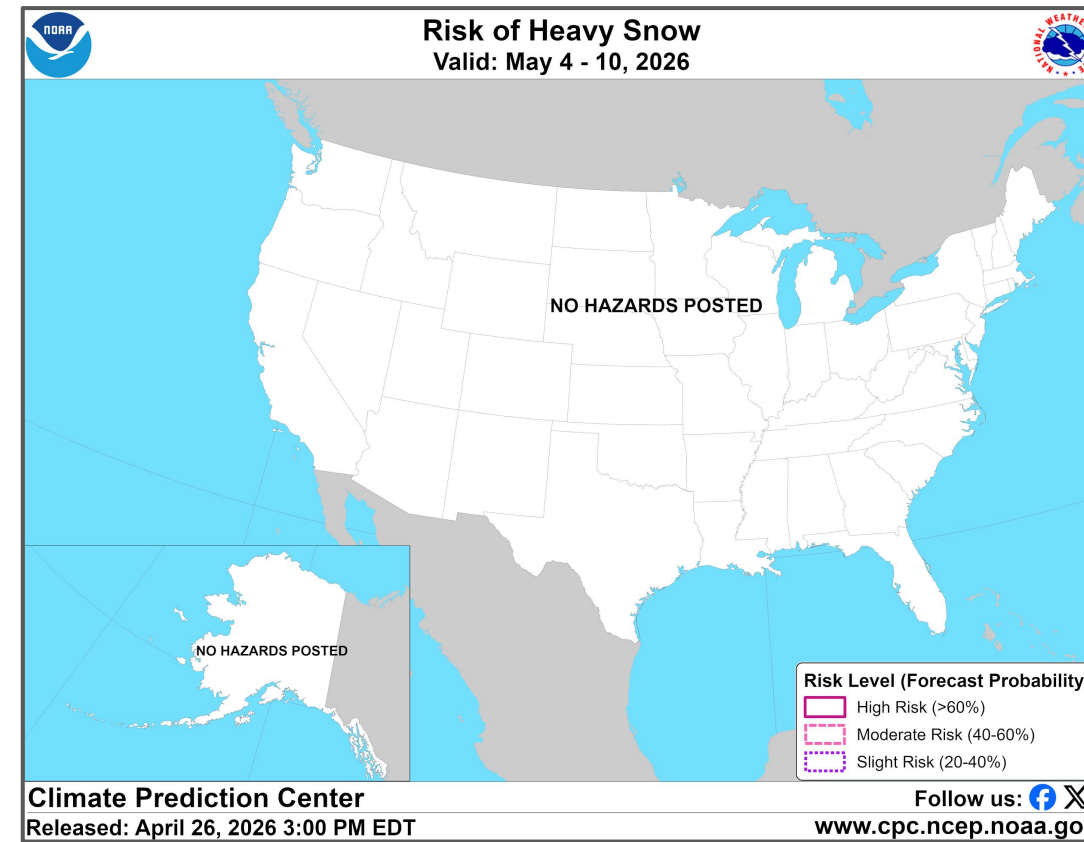
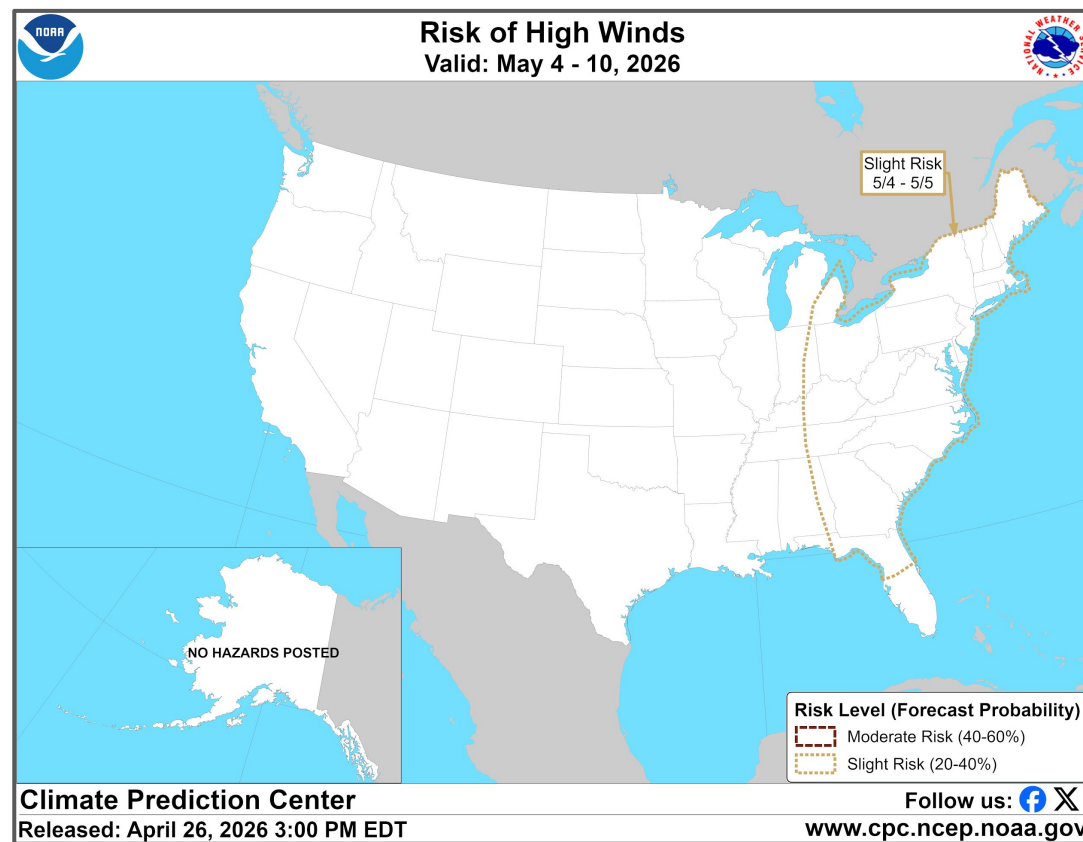
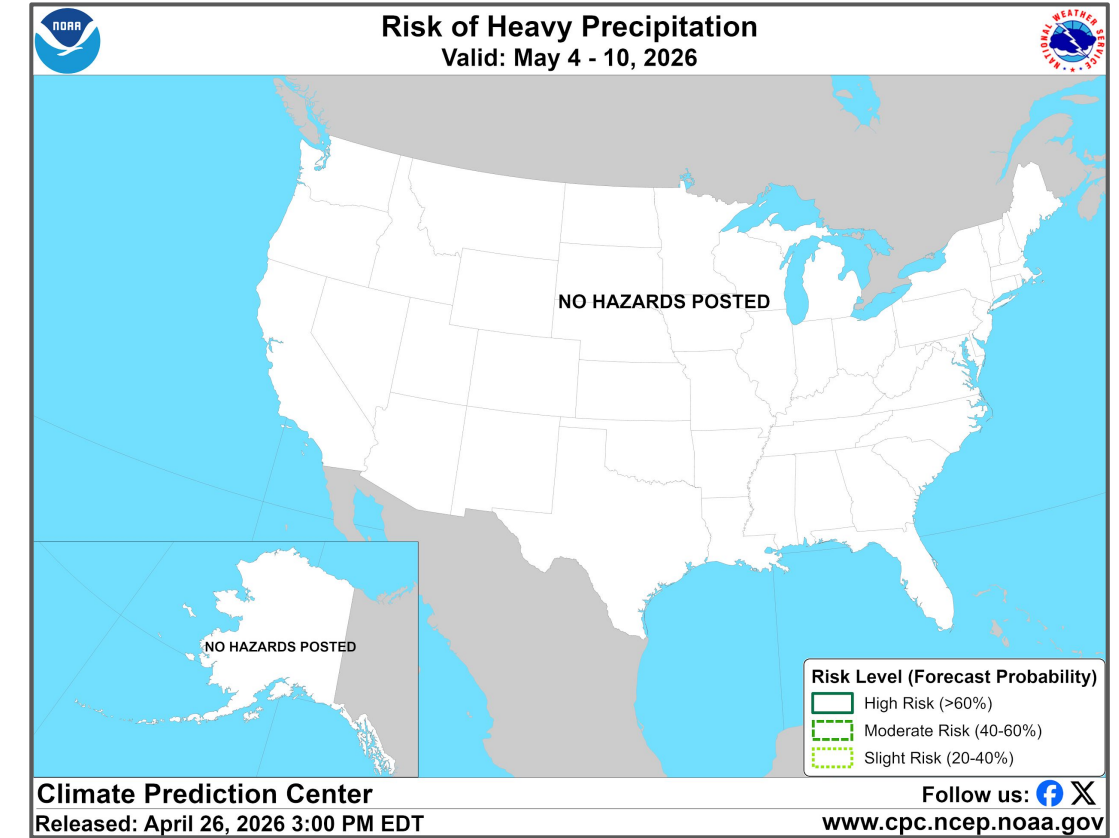
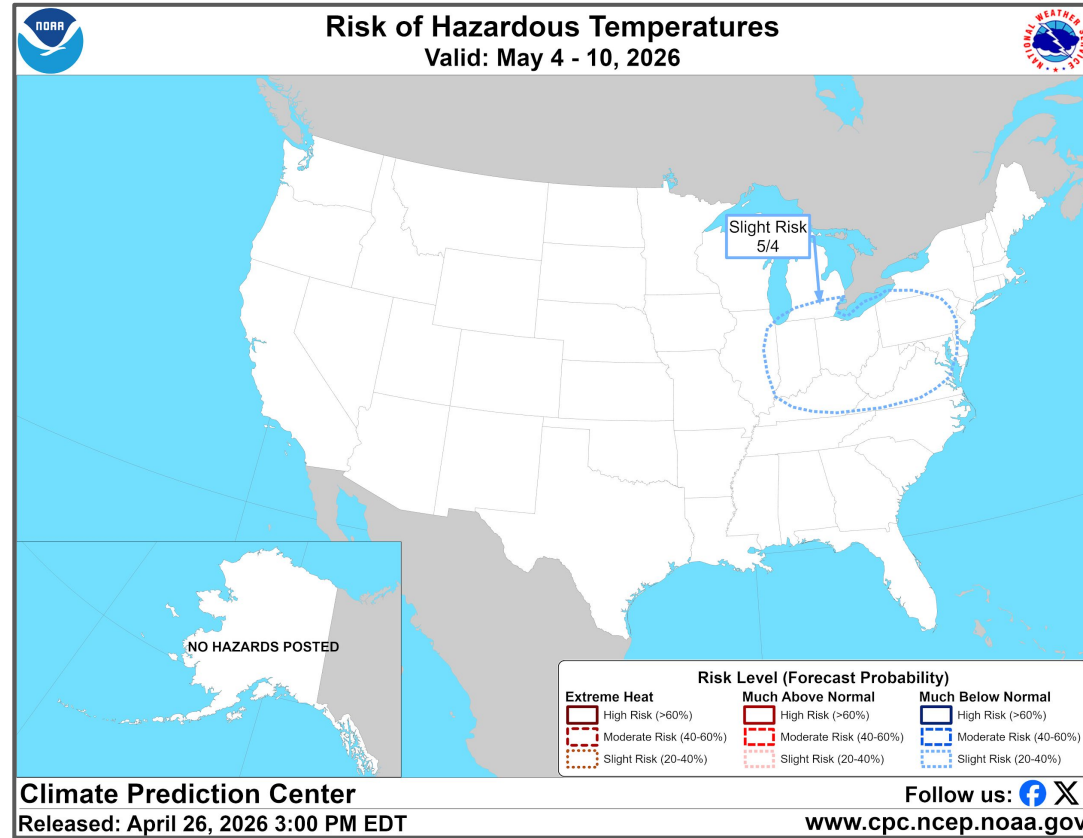
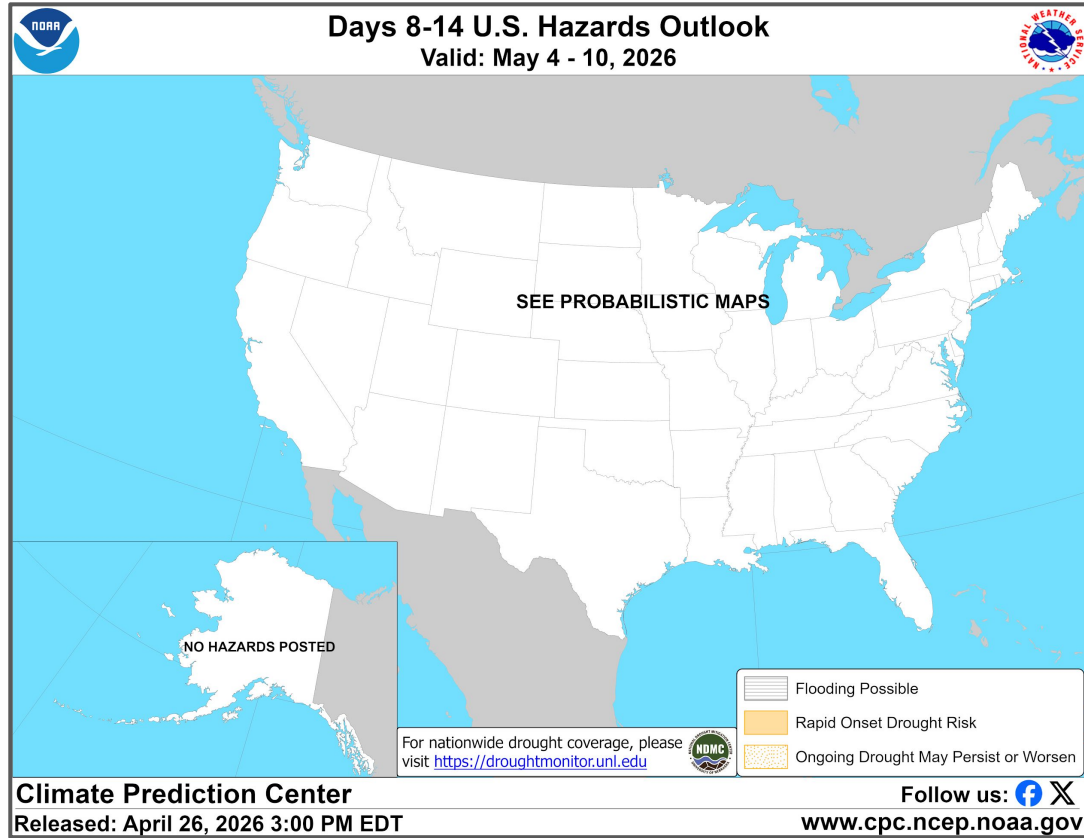


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

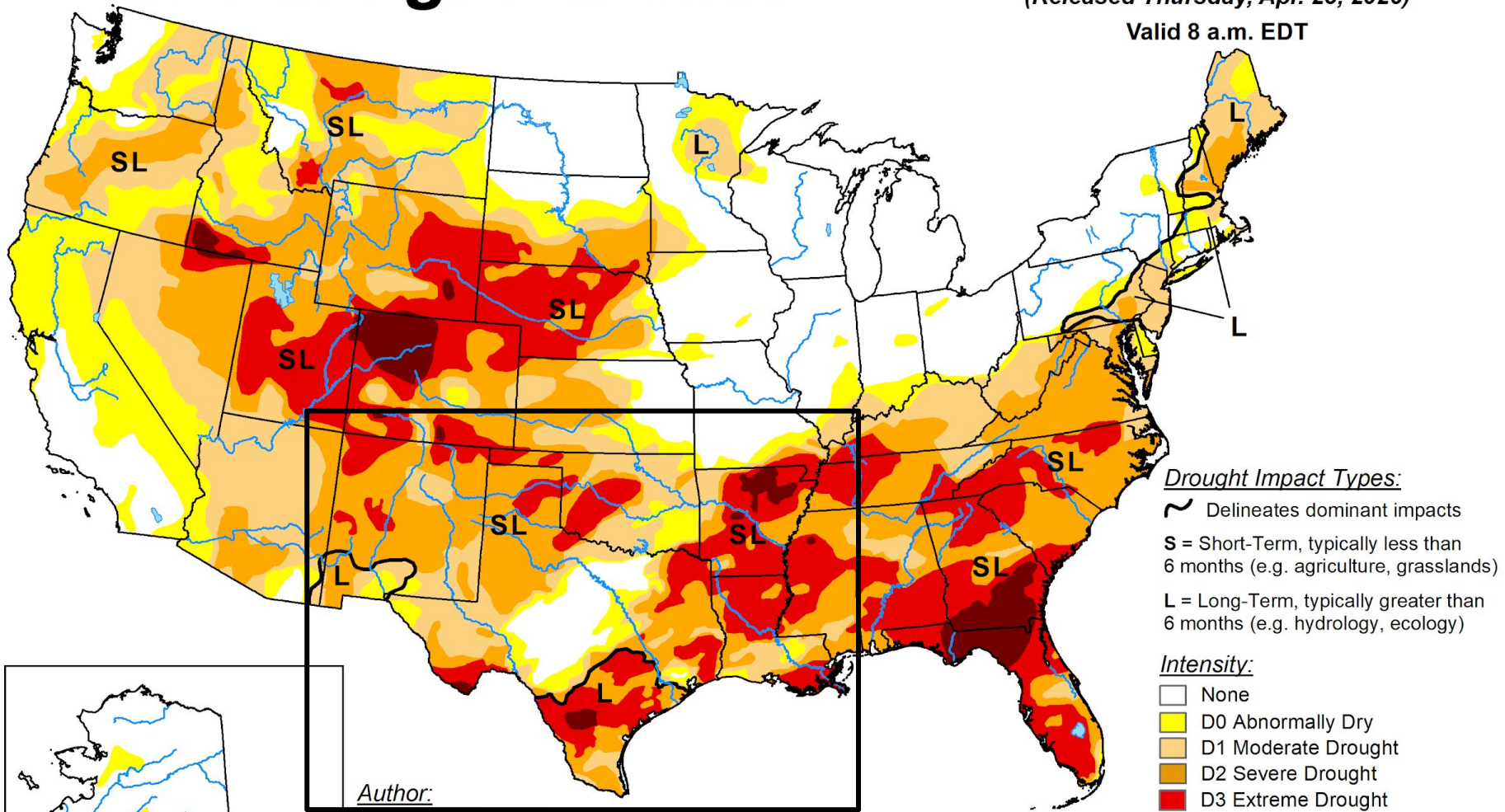




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

April 21, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 23, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



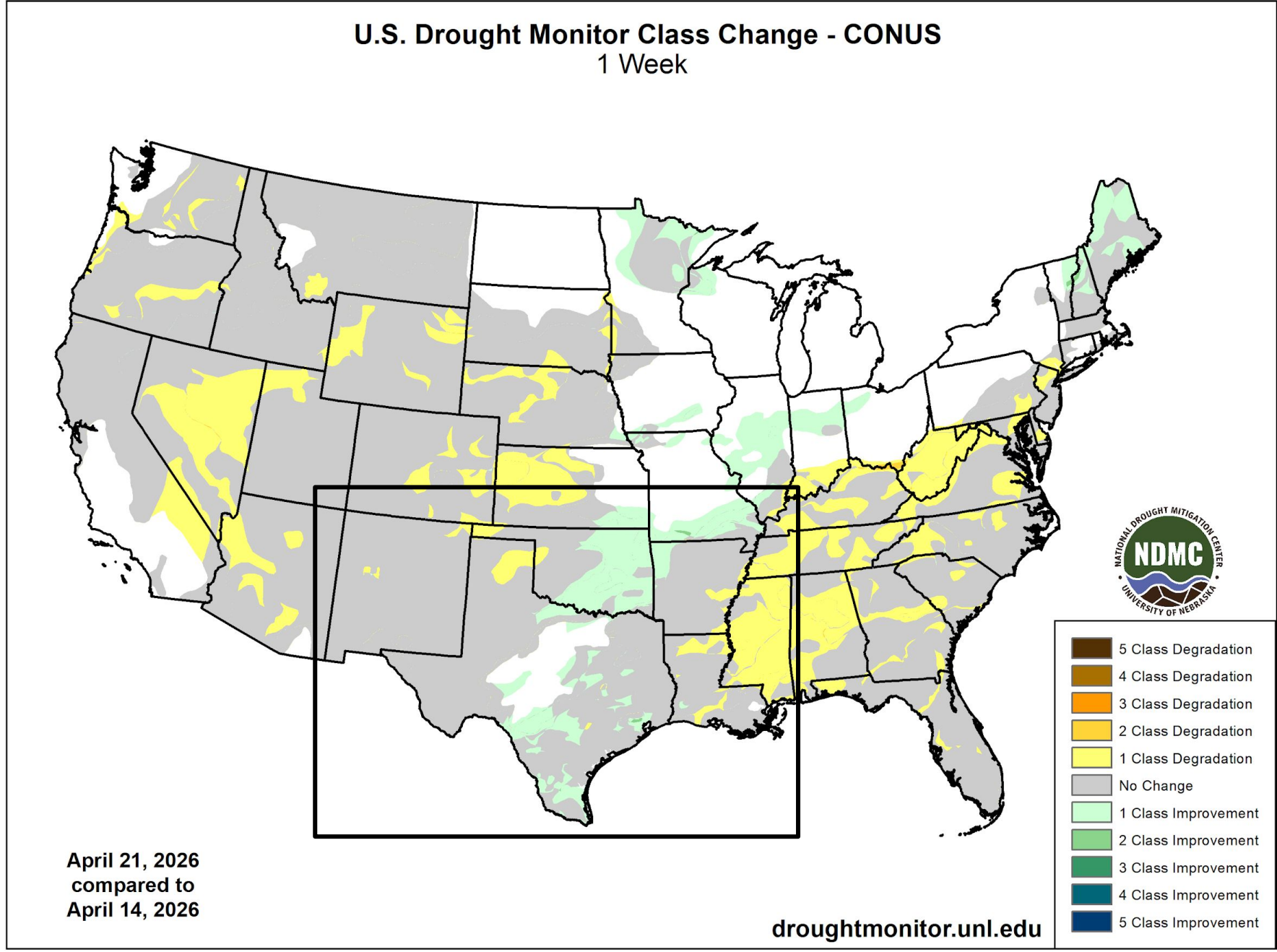
Author:  
Brian Fuchs  
National Drought Mitigation Center

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



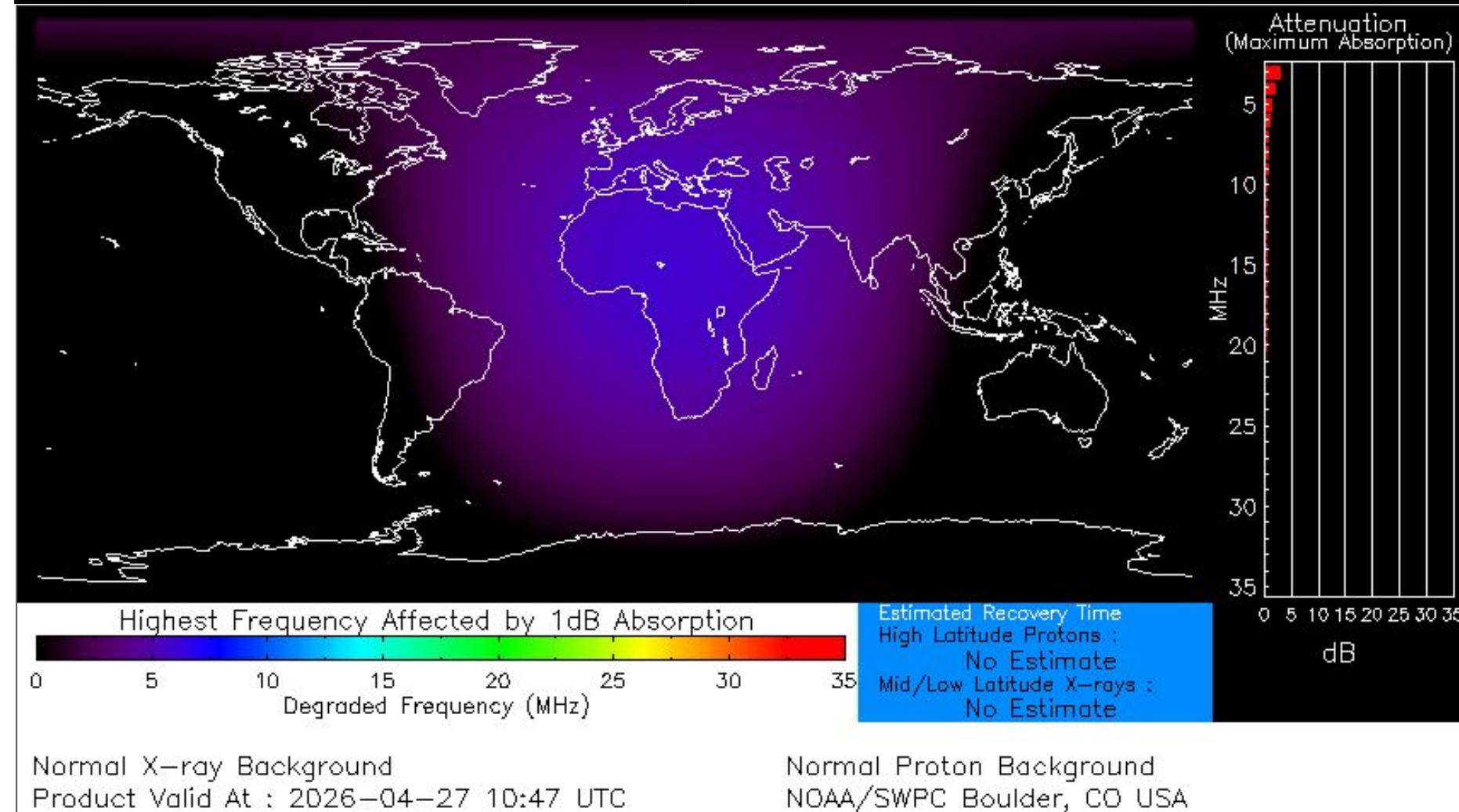
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April 14, 2026

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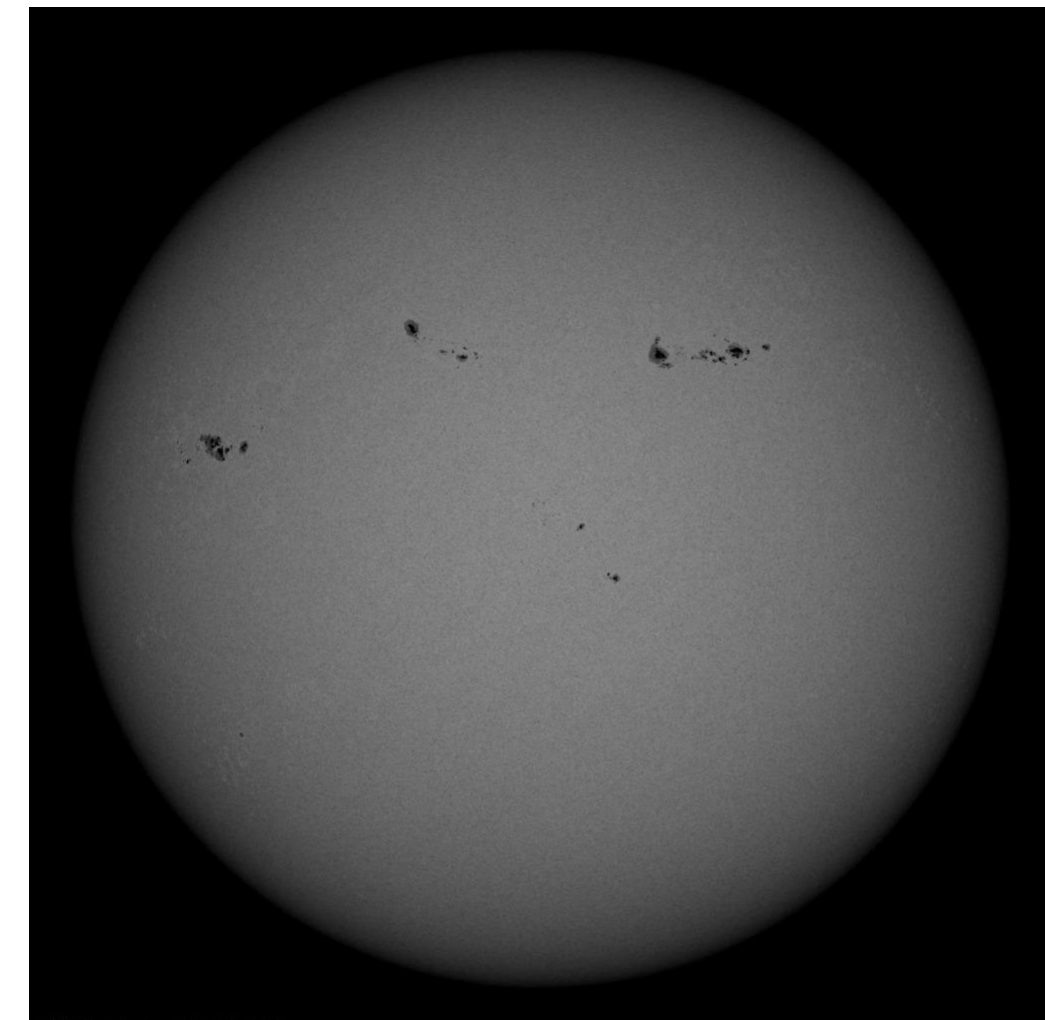
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, Apr 27	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</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>	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>

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