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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, April 28, 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:**

- Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) for SE OK, AR, NETX, N LA.
 - EF-2+ tornadoes, 74+ mph wind gusts, & giant hail 3.5+” in diameter.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Wednesday for SW/C/SE/E TX, LA.
- Monitoring portions of TX, LA Thursday into Friday.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today for SE OK, AR, NETX, N LA.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) tomorrow in SW-E TX, LA
- Back to Slight Risk Thursday & Friday in TX. S AR, LA in the Slight Risk on Friday.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK and W TX today
- Locally elevated concerns in NM, Far W TX tomorrow.

- **Heat:**

- Impacts from heat in S TX today and tomorrow. Heat Index will make it feel like 100-108 with today as the warmest.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1	Saturday, May 2	Sunday, May 3	Monday, May 4
Severe Storms	SE OK, S AR, NE TX, N LA	SW/C/SE/ETX, LA	TX	C-ETX, LA			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA	SW/C/SE/ETX, LA	SW-CTX	C-NETX, LA, S AR			
Heat	STX	STX					
Fire Weather	NM, TX Panhandle, W TX	NM, Far W TX					
River Flooding	NTX	NTX	C-ETX, AR, N LA	C-ETX, AR, N LA	C-ETX, AR, N LA		

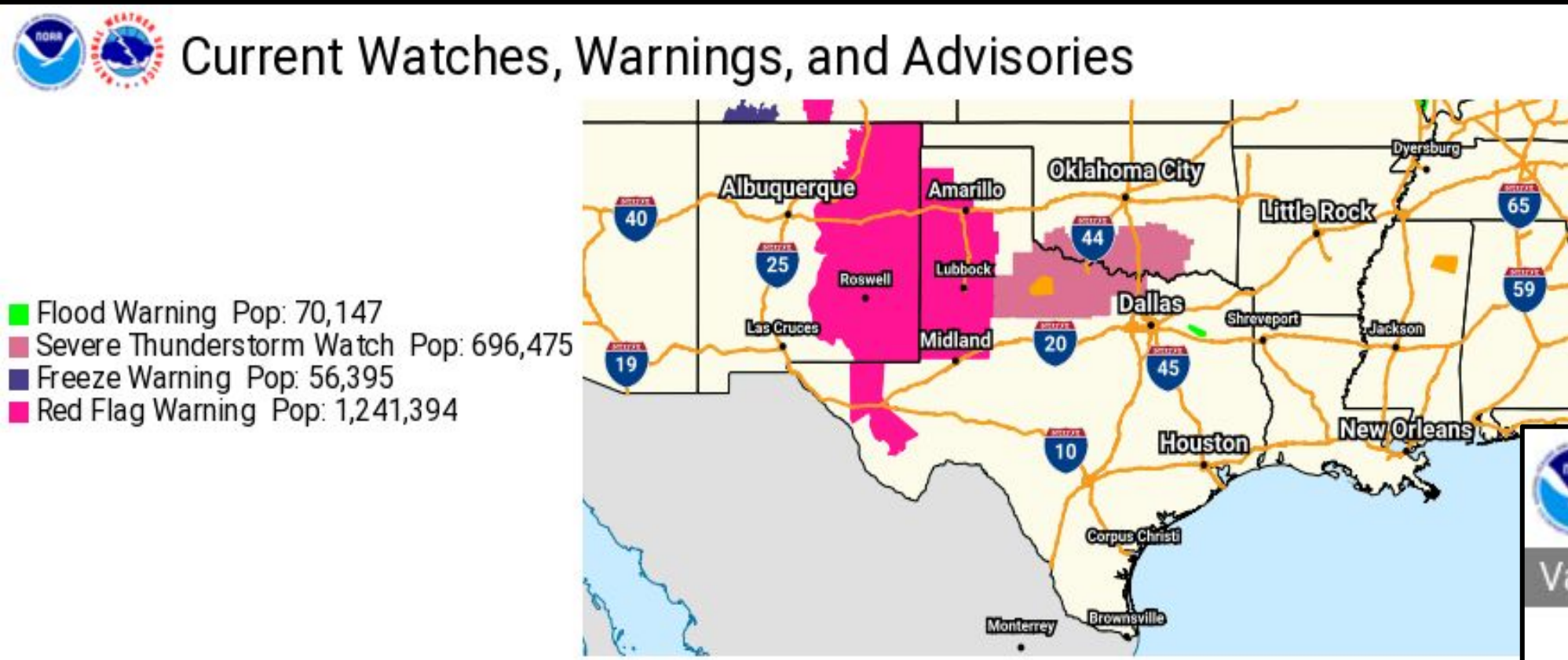
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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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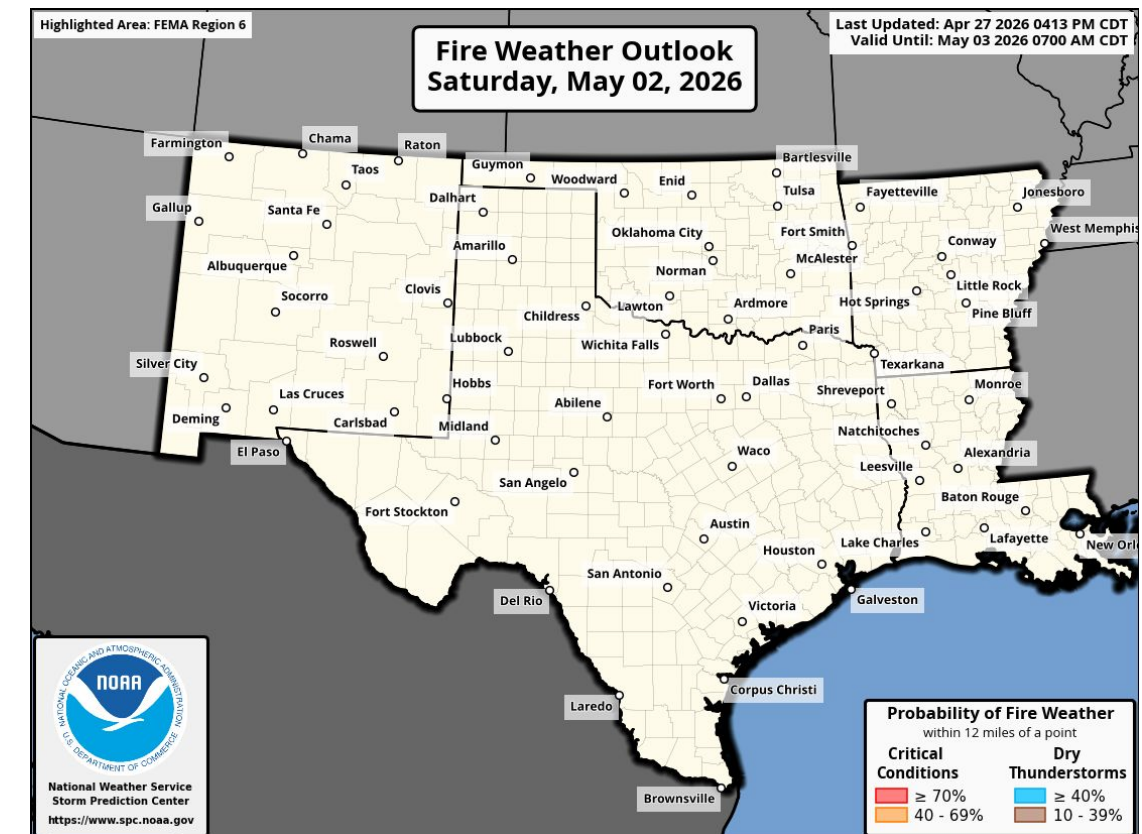
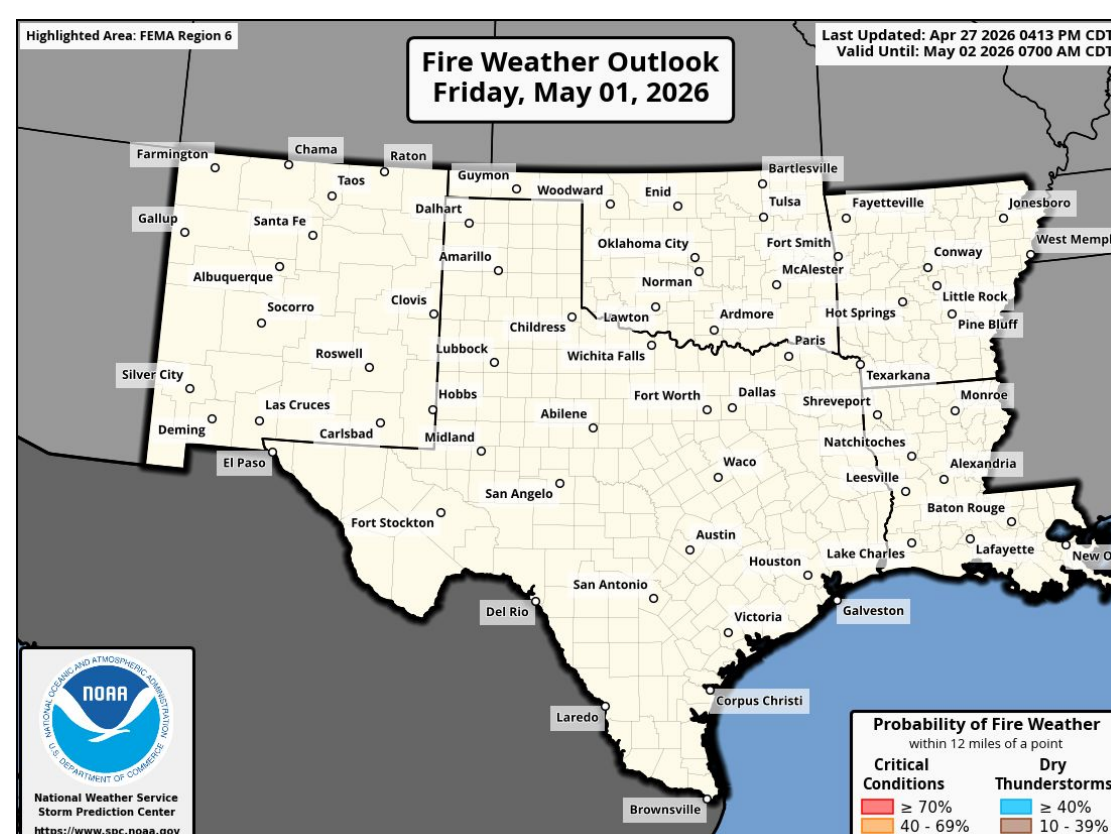
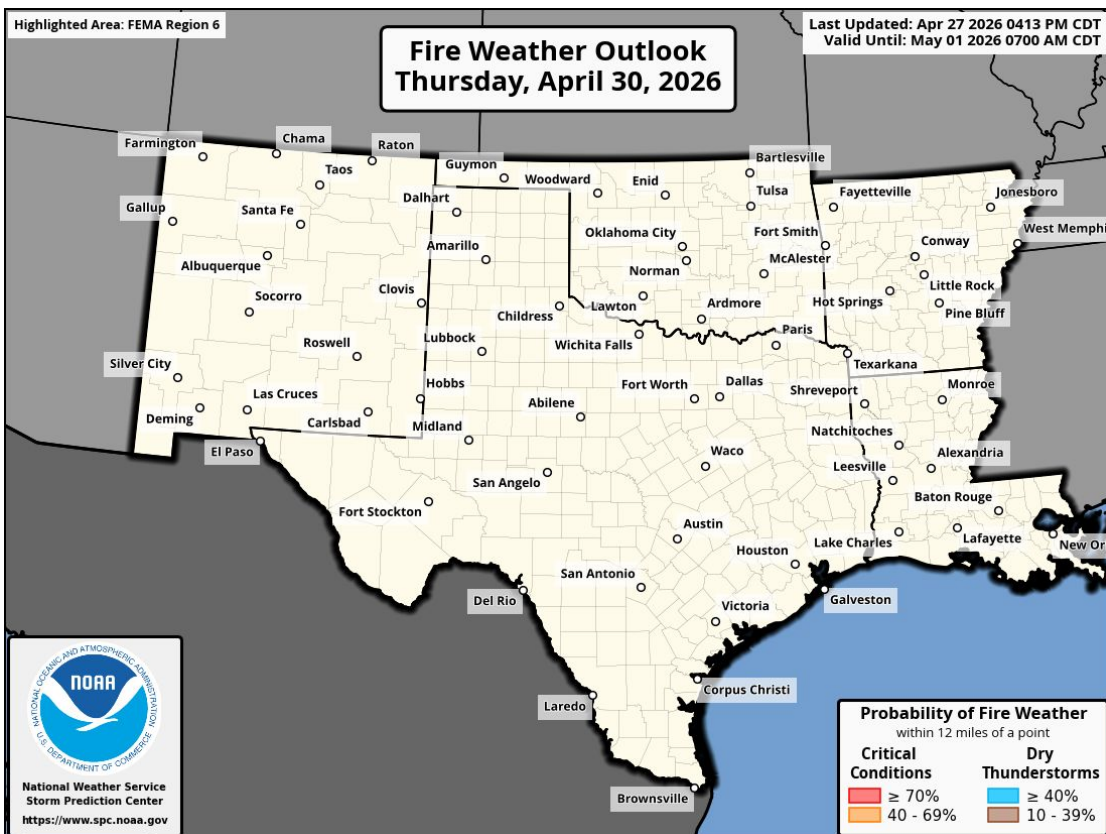
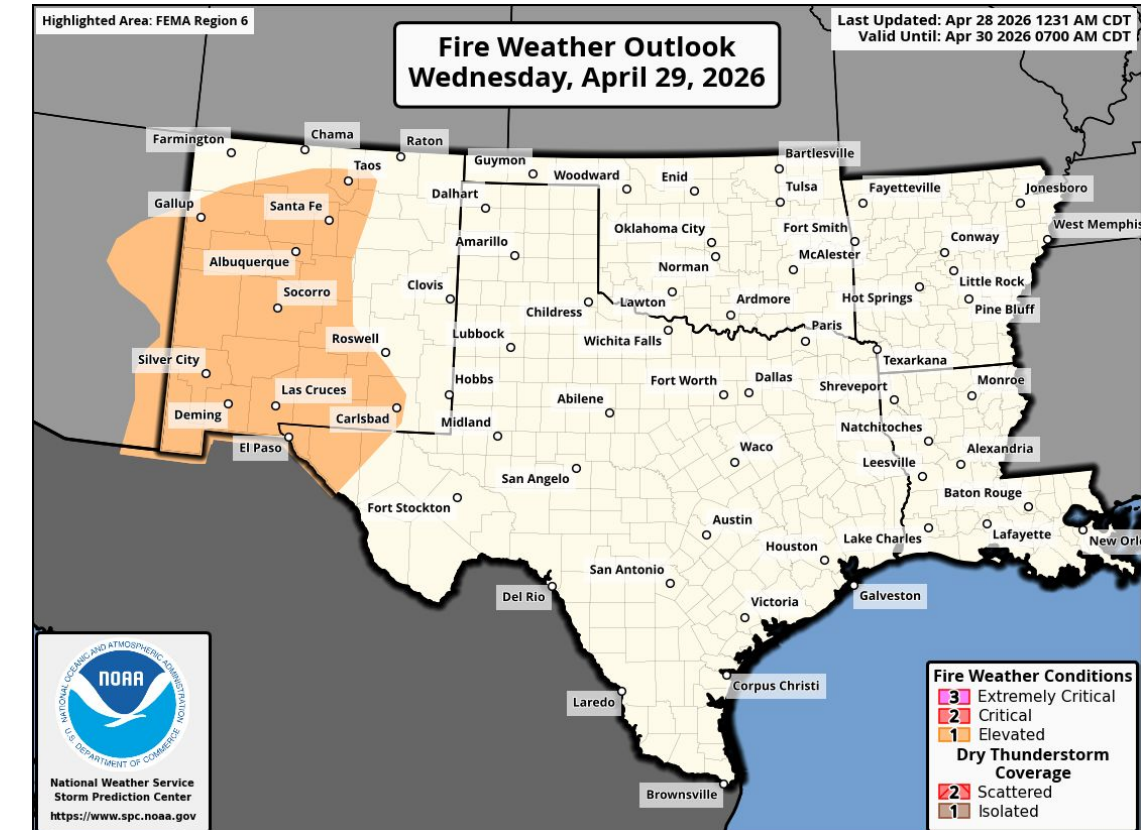
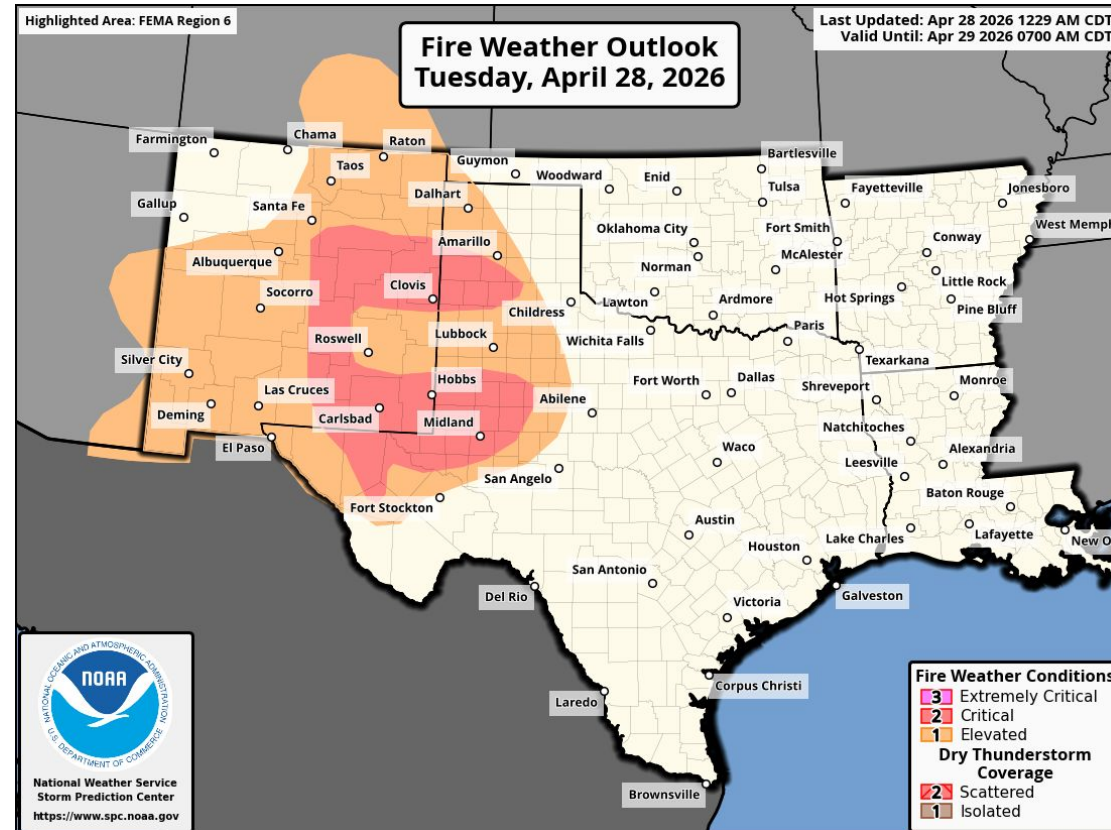
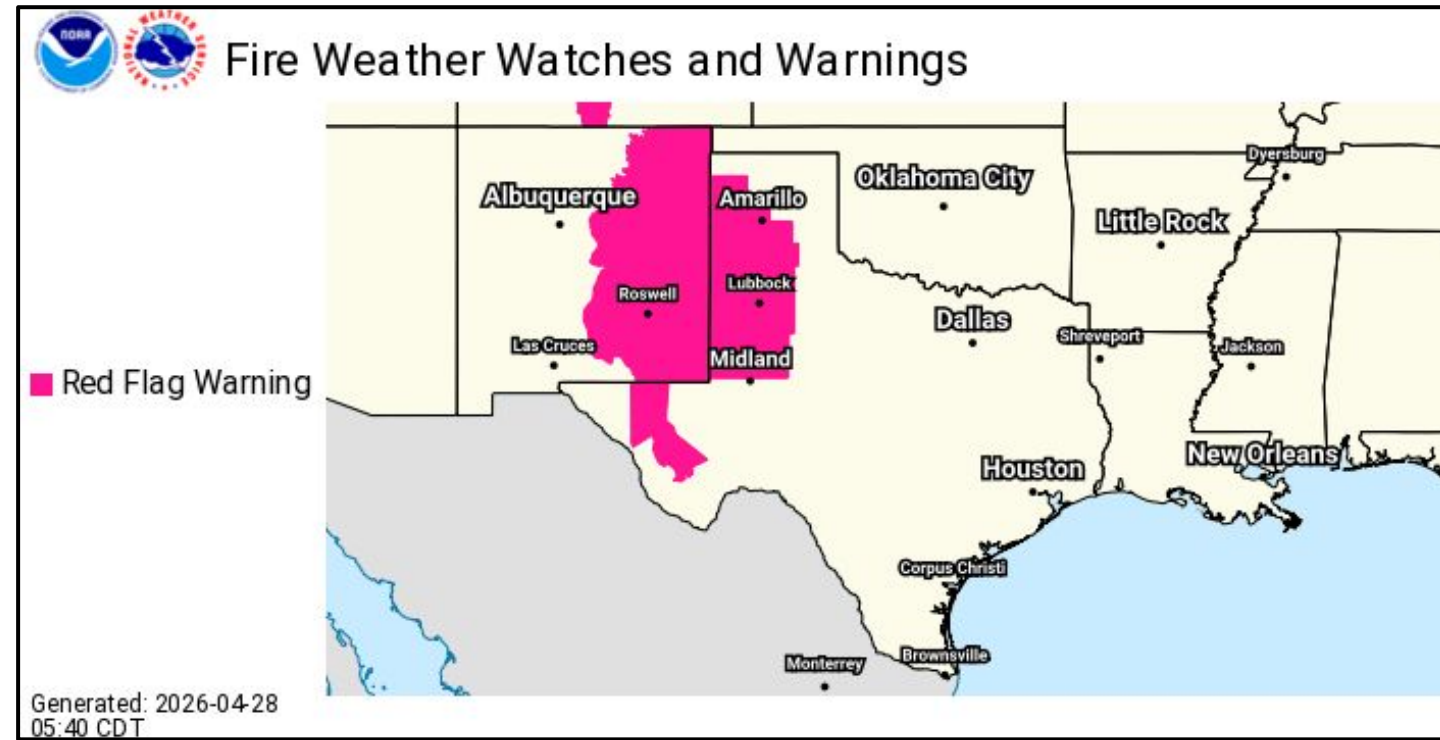
Red Flag Warnings for portions of NM, TX Panhandle, W TX 11 AM through 9 PM CDT.

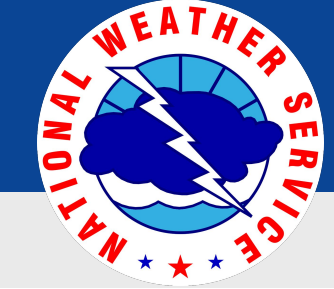
Severe Thunderstorm Watch in N TX, S OK through 1 PM CDT.





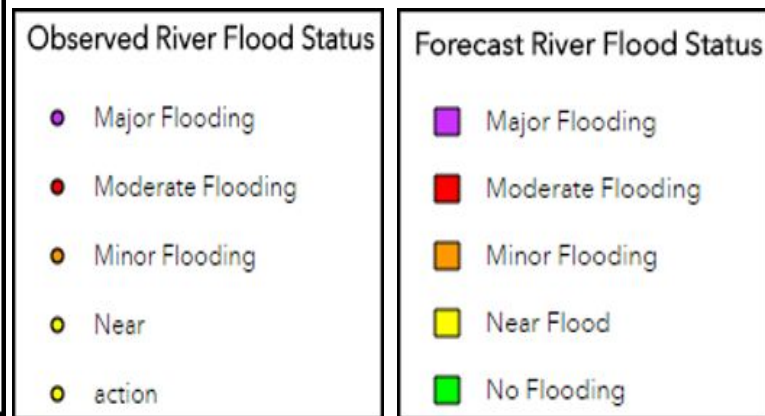
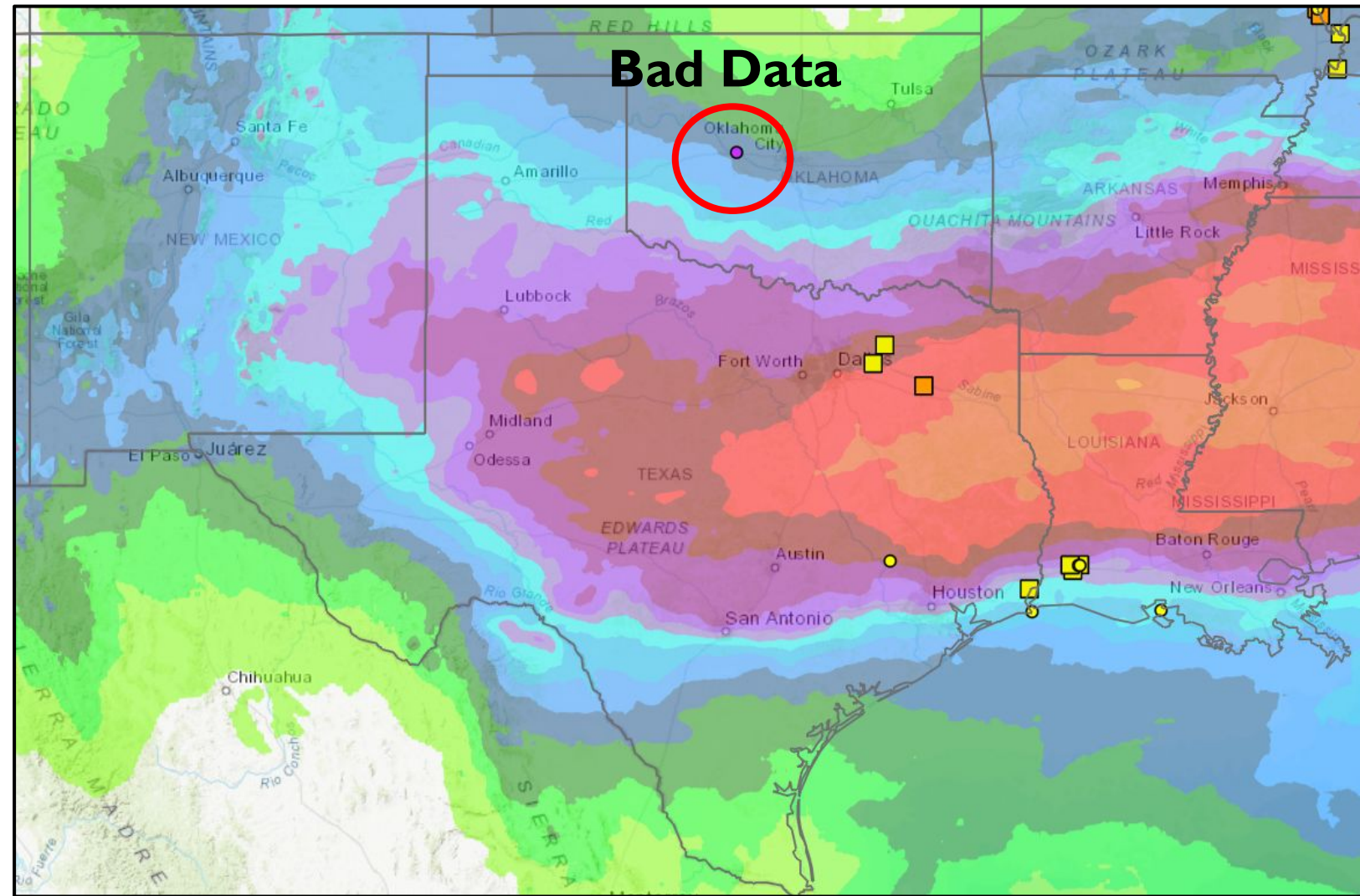
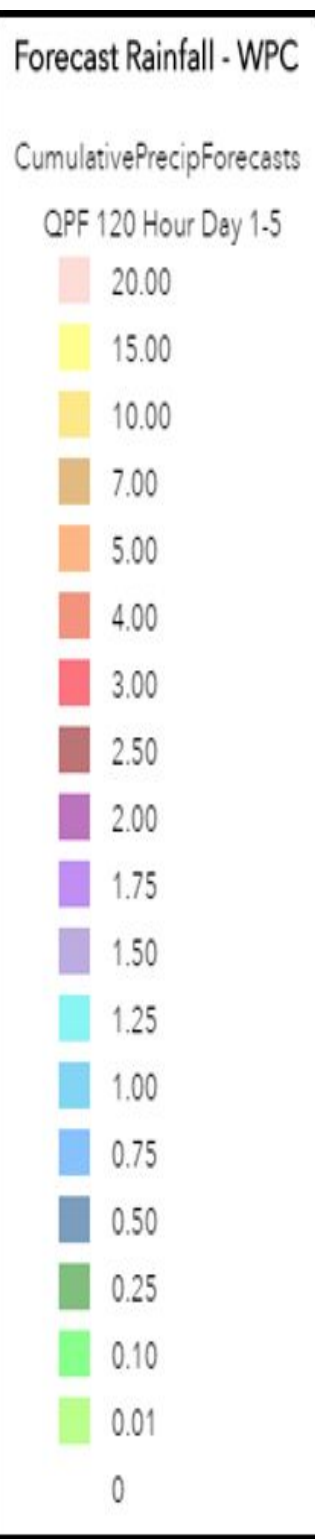
Fire Weather Outlooks





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 through Thursday morning.

Heavy rainfall through the week in C-ETX, AR, N LA could produce local river rises.

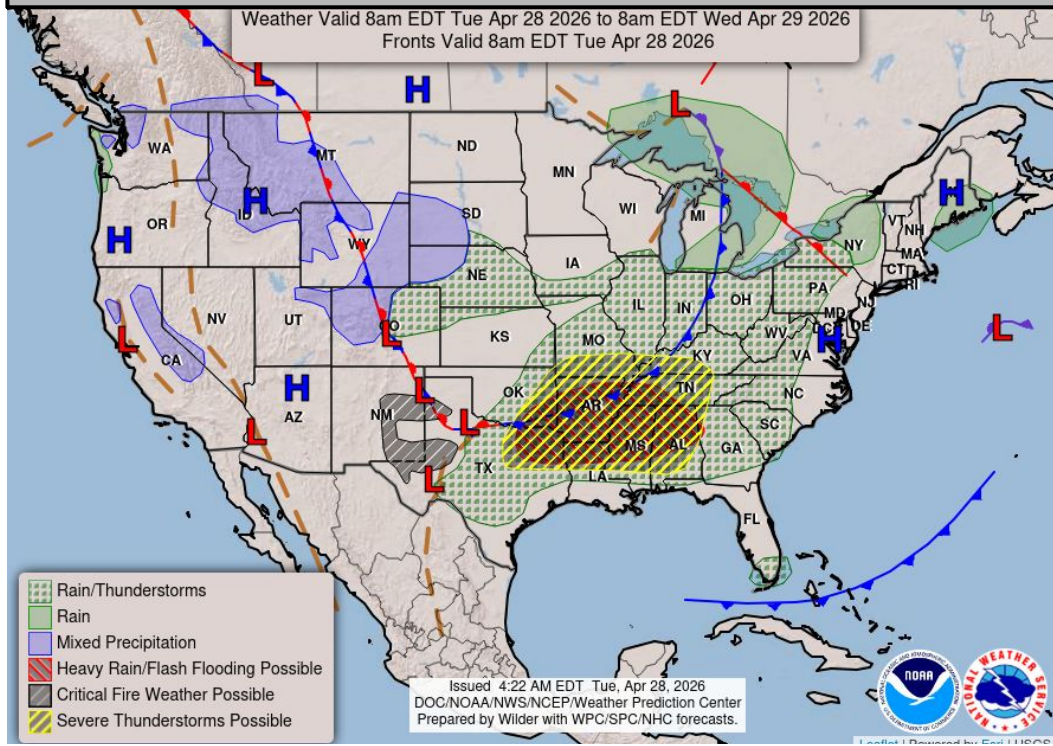
Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.



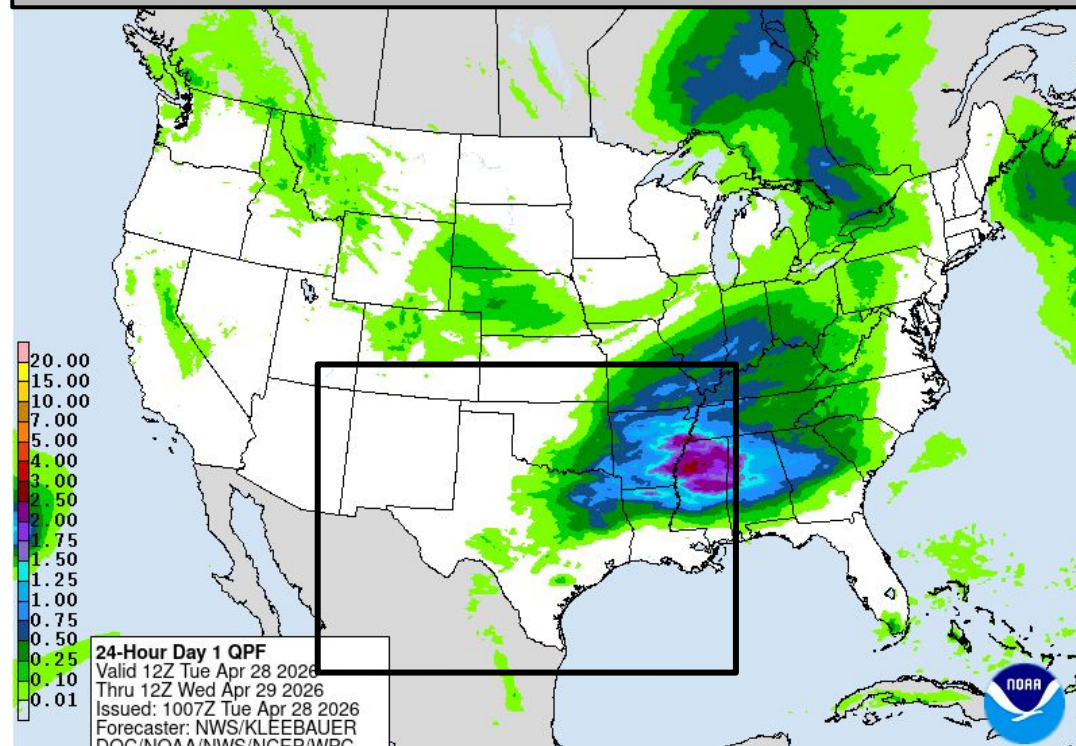


Today's Weather

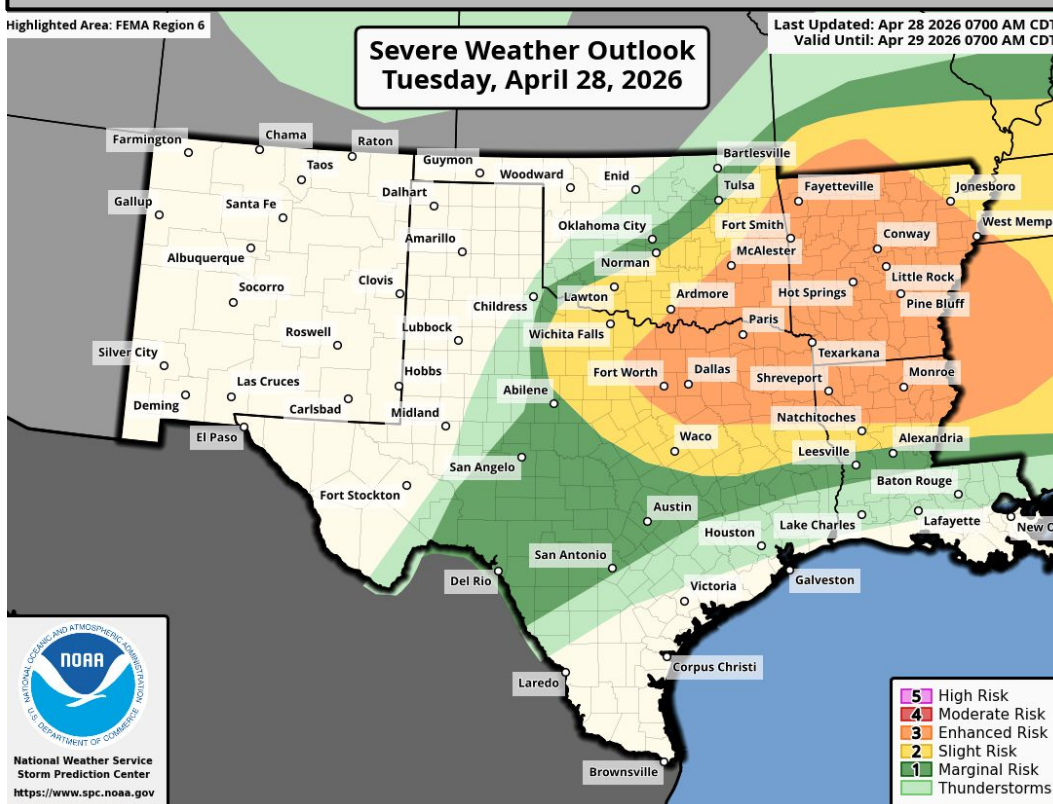
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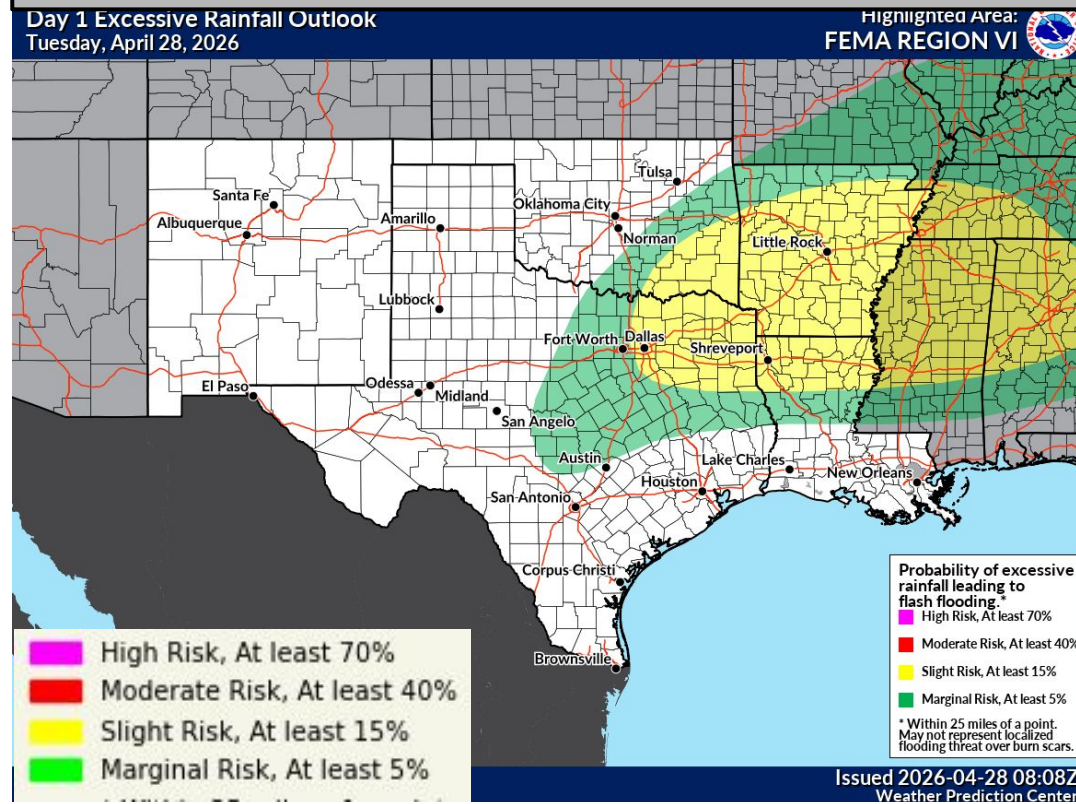
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms in SE OK, S AR, NE TX, N LA. All modes of severe weather could occur.
Timing: Now through 2 AM CDT.
Denton: 10 AM - 7 PM CDT.

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

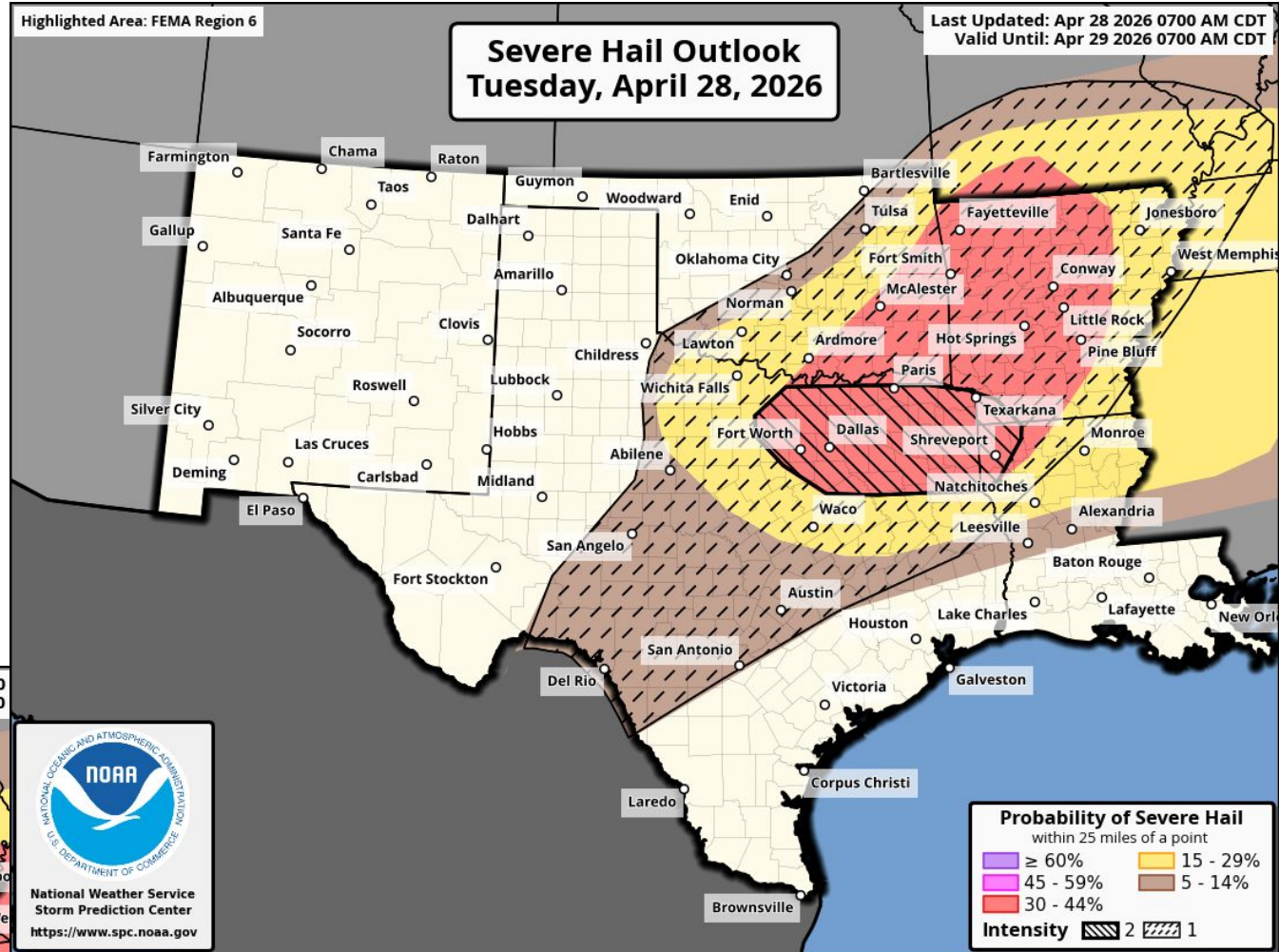
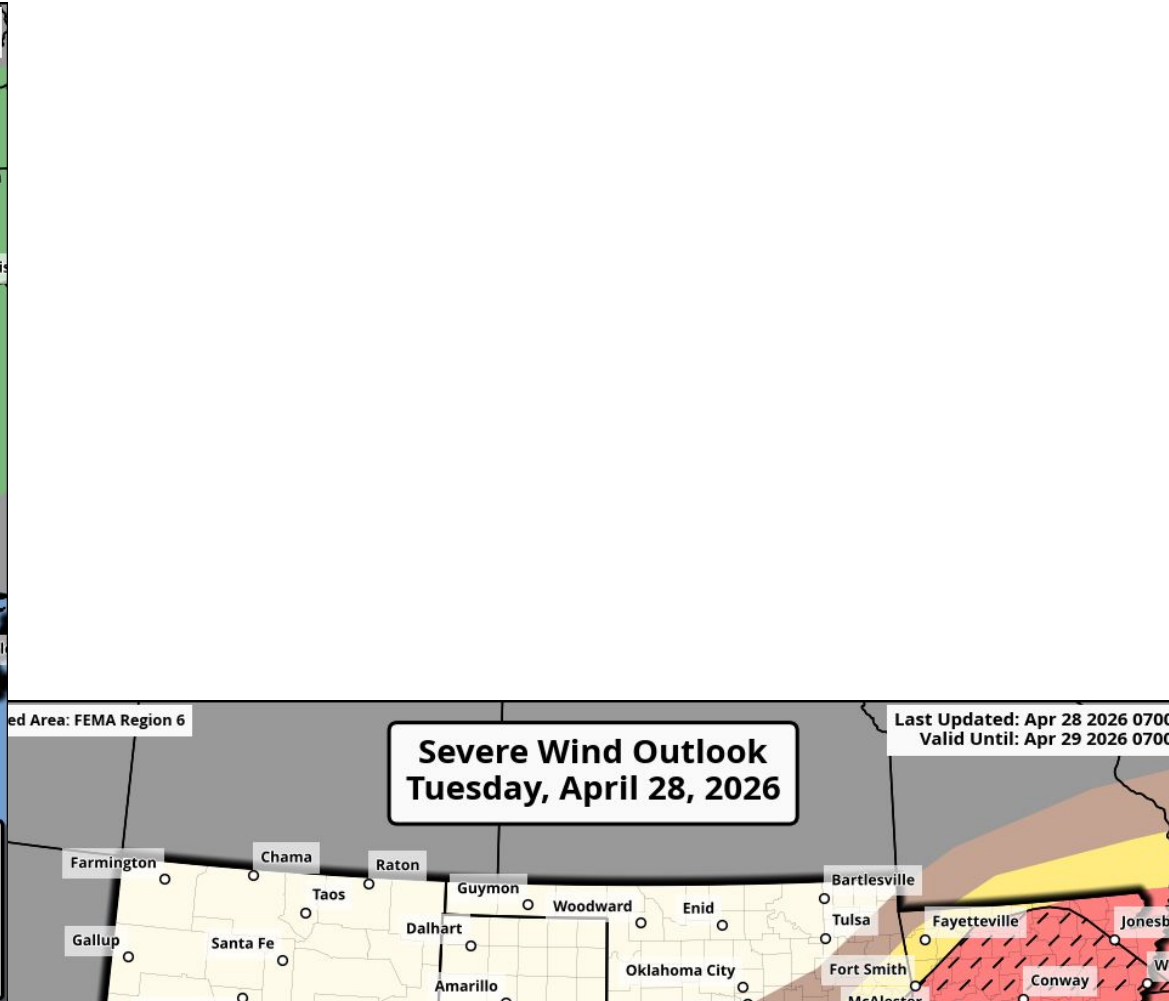
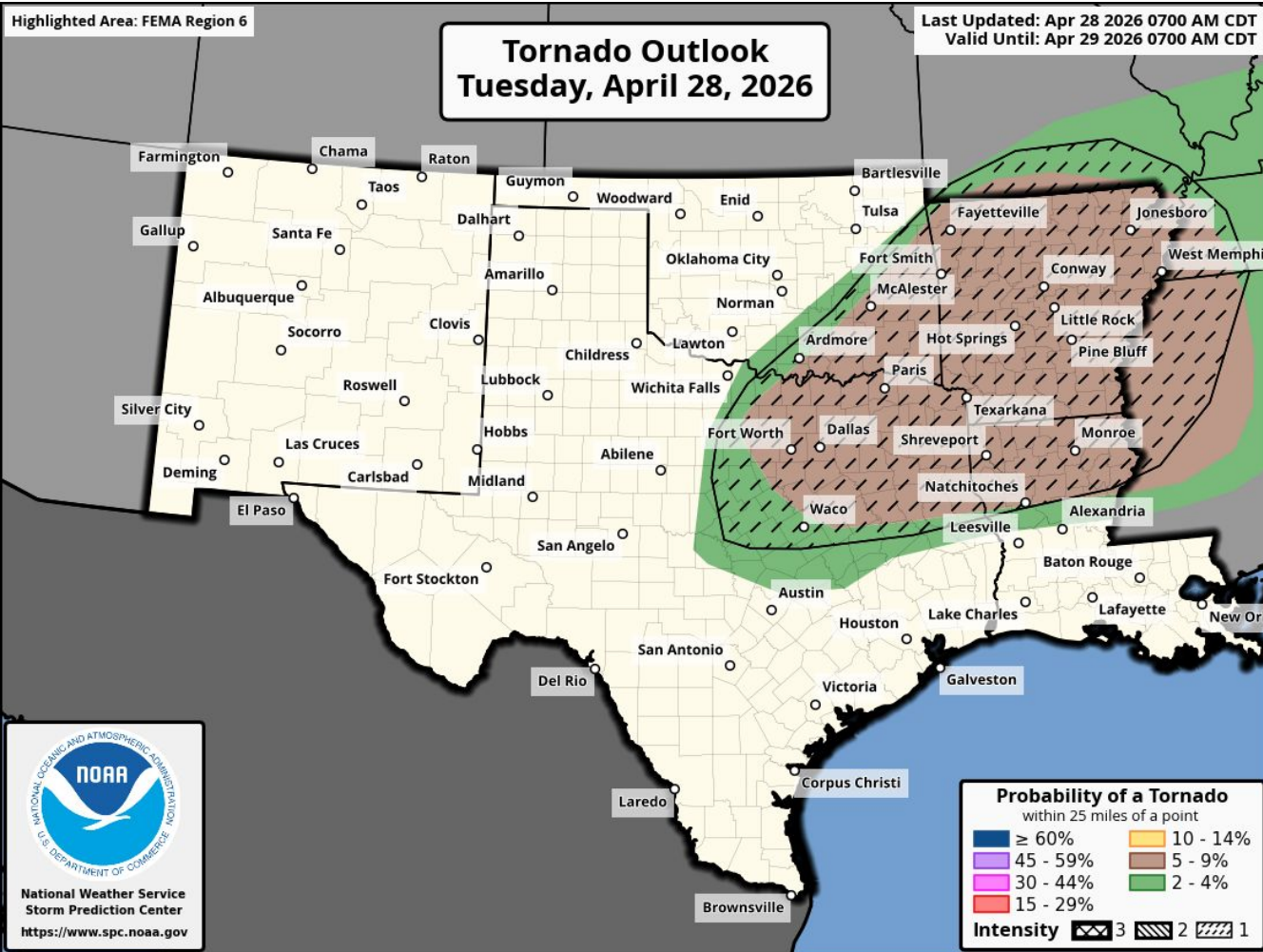
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding over SE OK, AR, NE TX, N LA. High end bullseyes of 4-6".

Heat impacts in S TX.



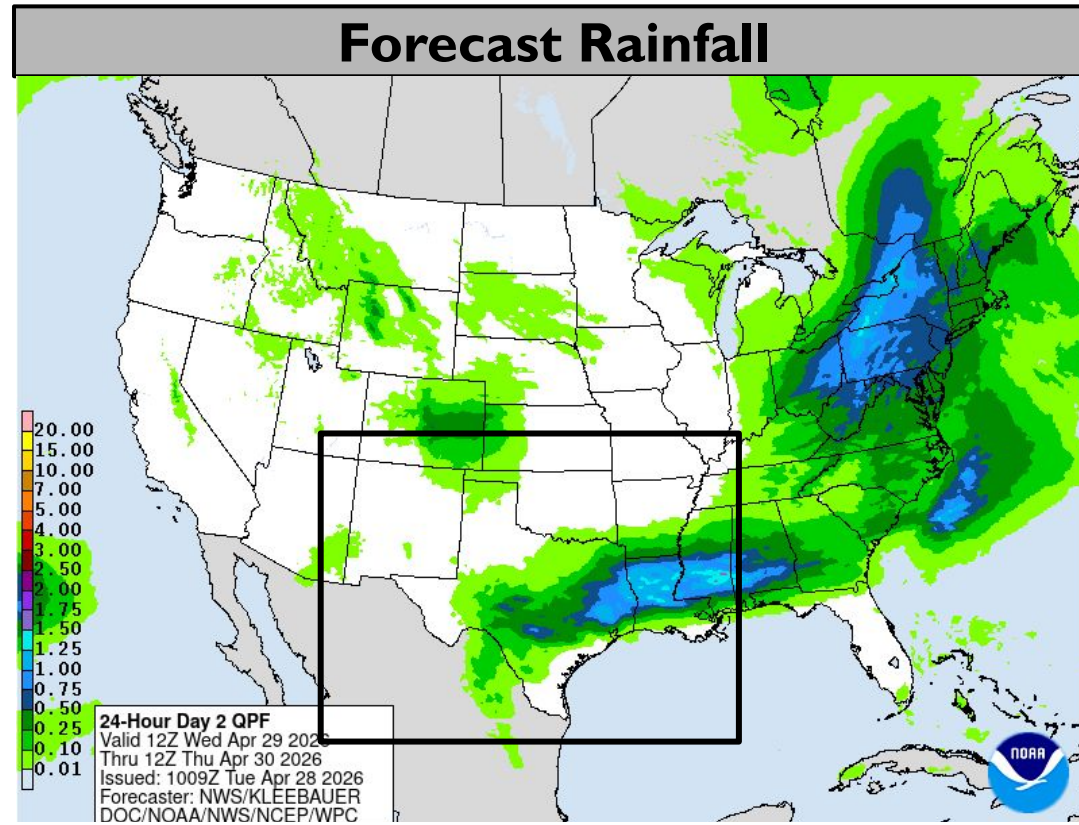
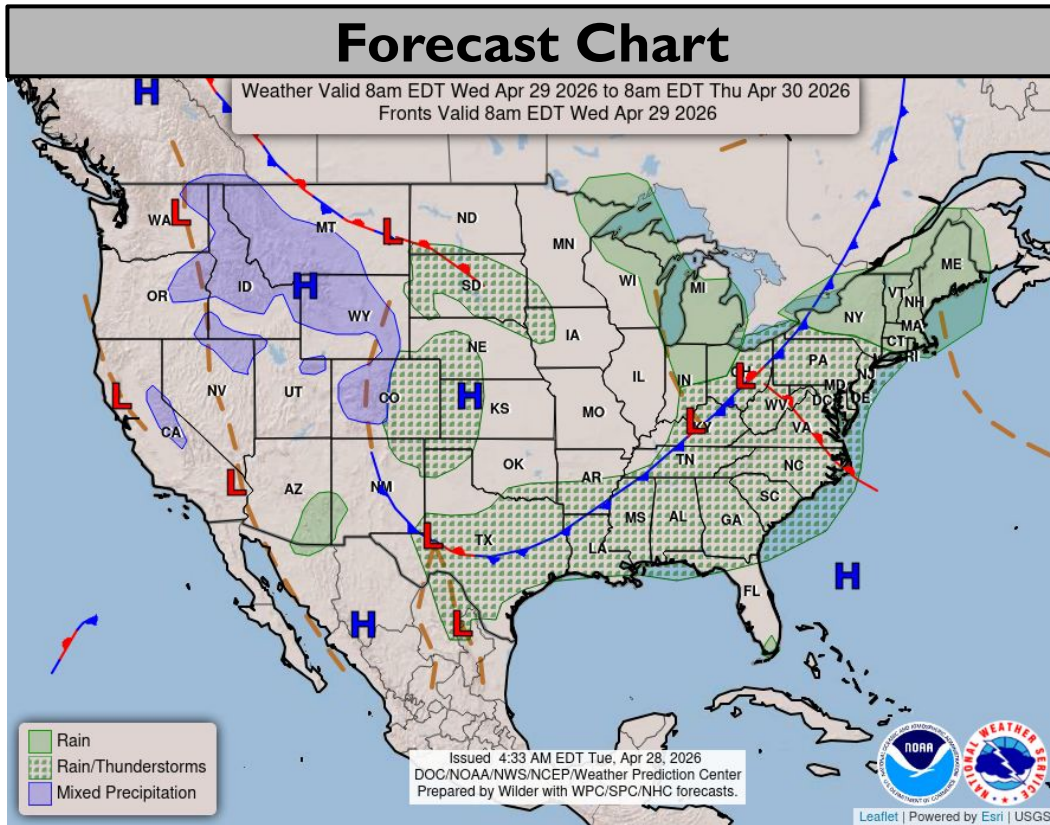


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tomorrow's Weather

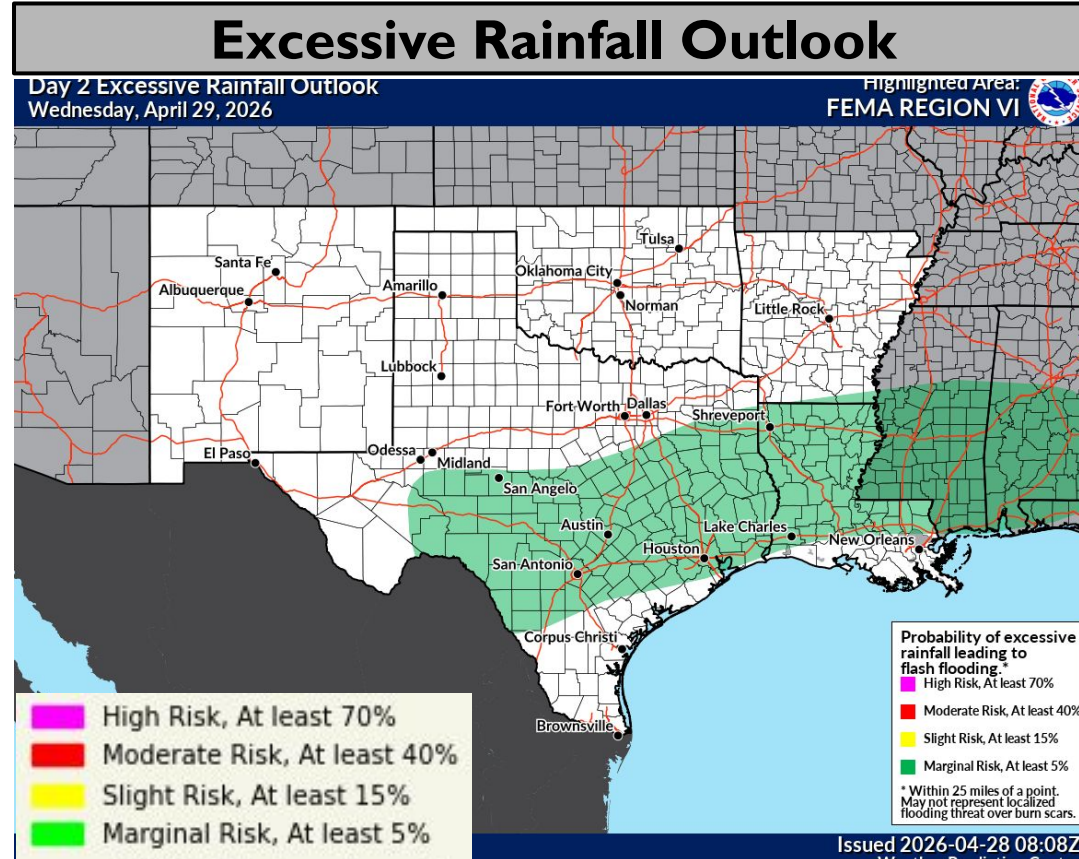
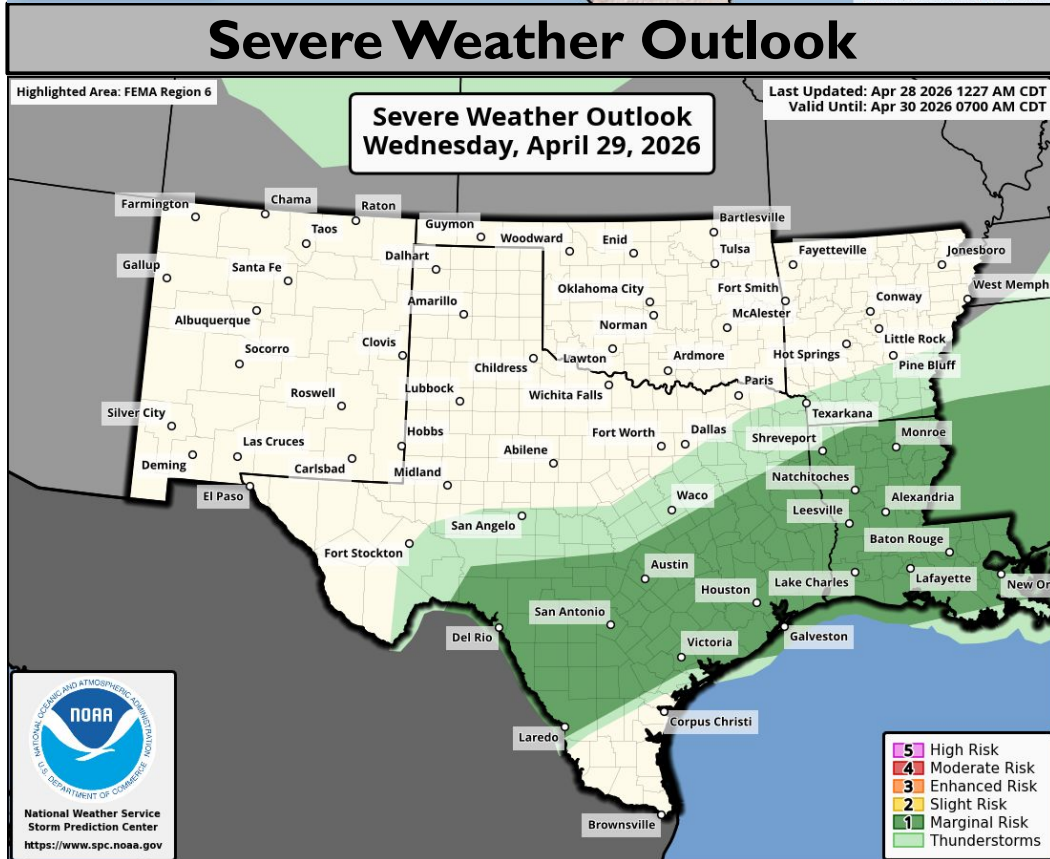


Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SW/C/SE/ETX, LA.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SW/C/SE/ETX, LA. High end bullseyes of 4-7”.

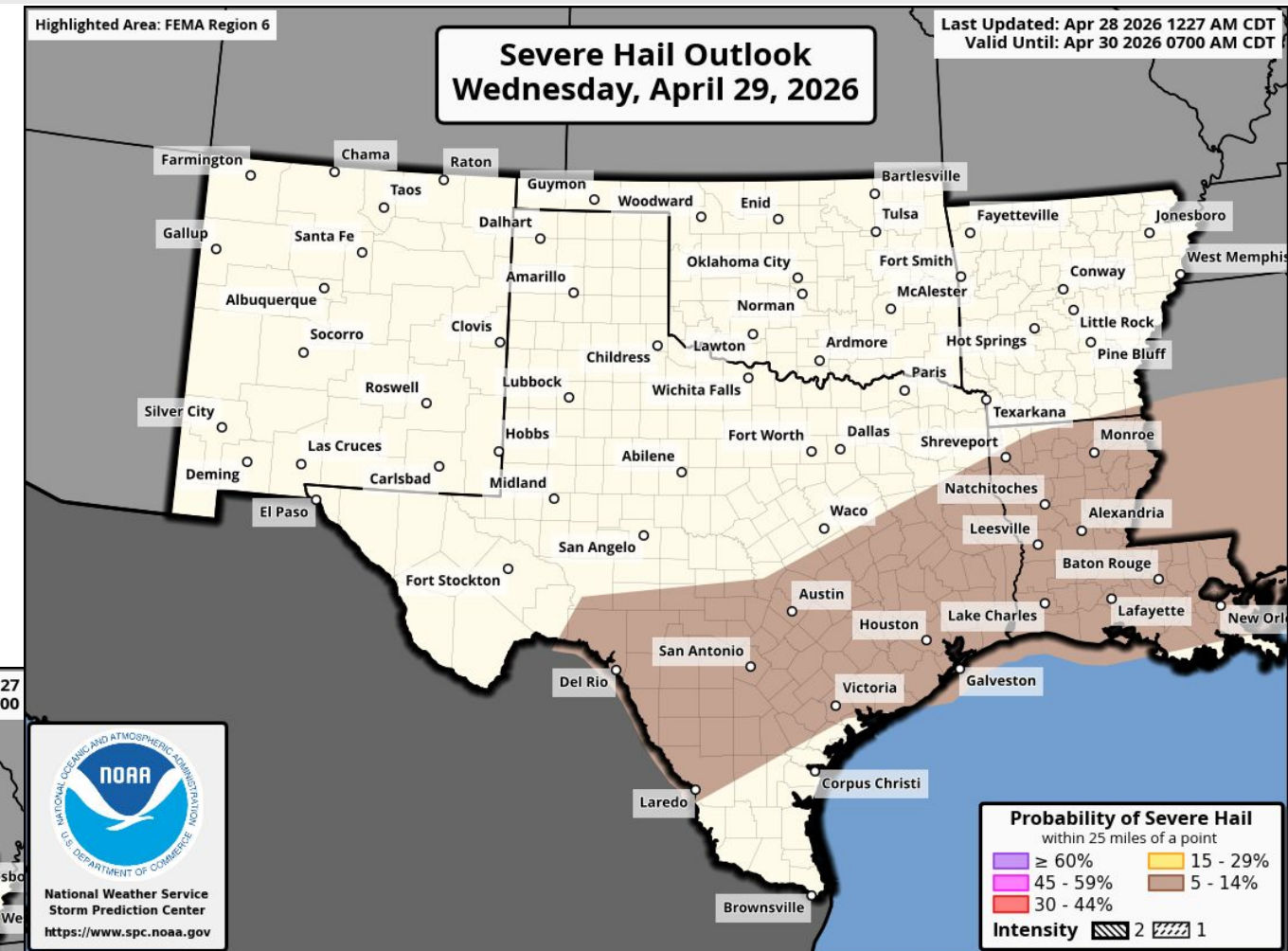
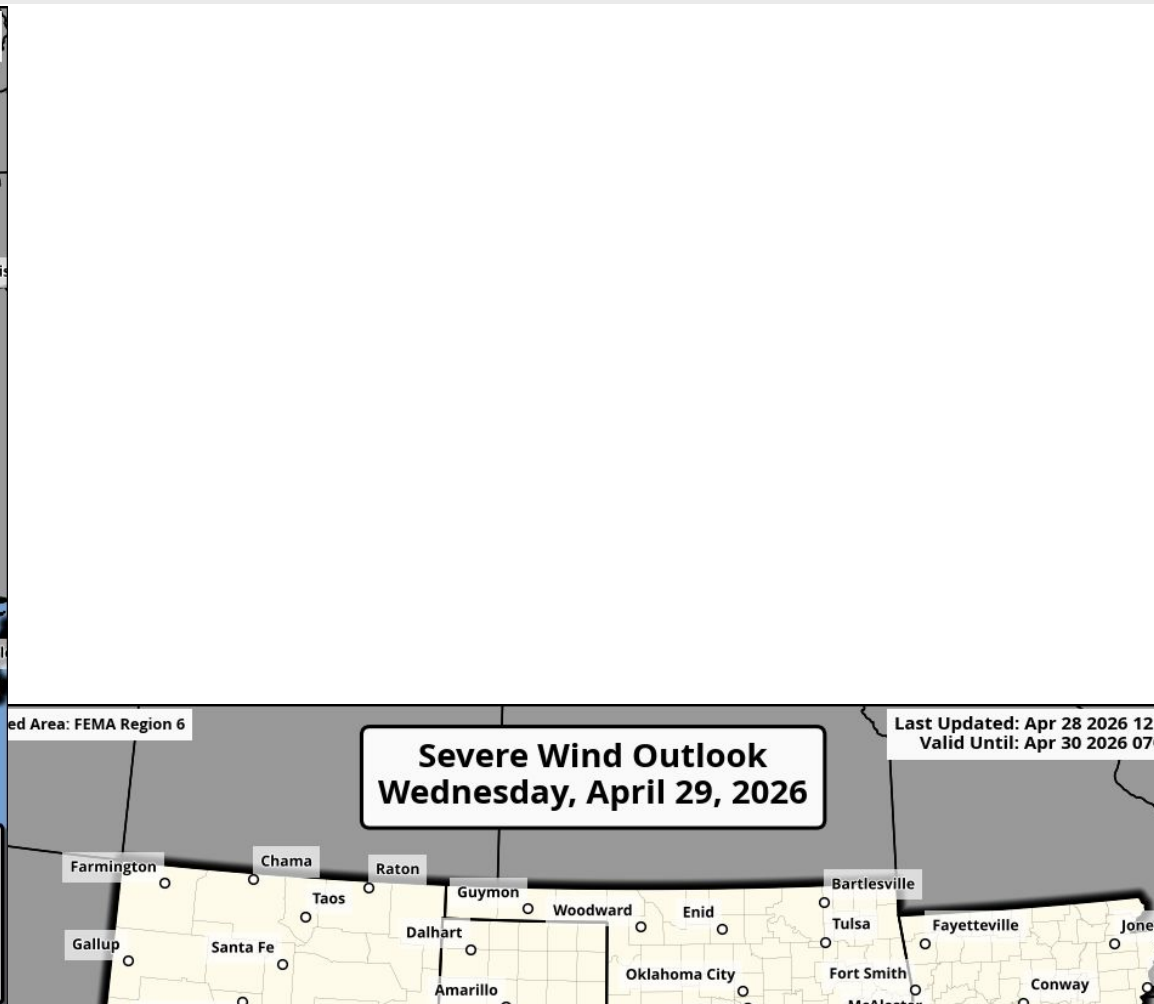
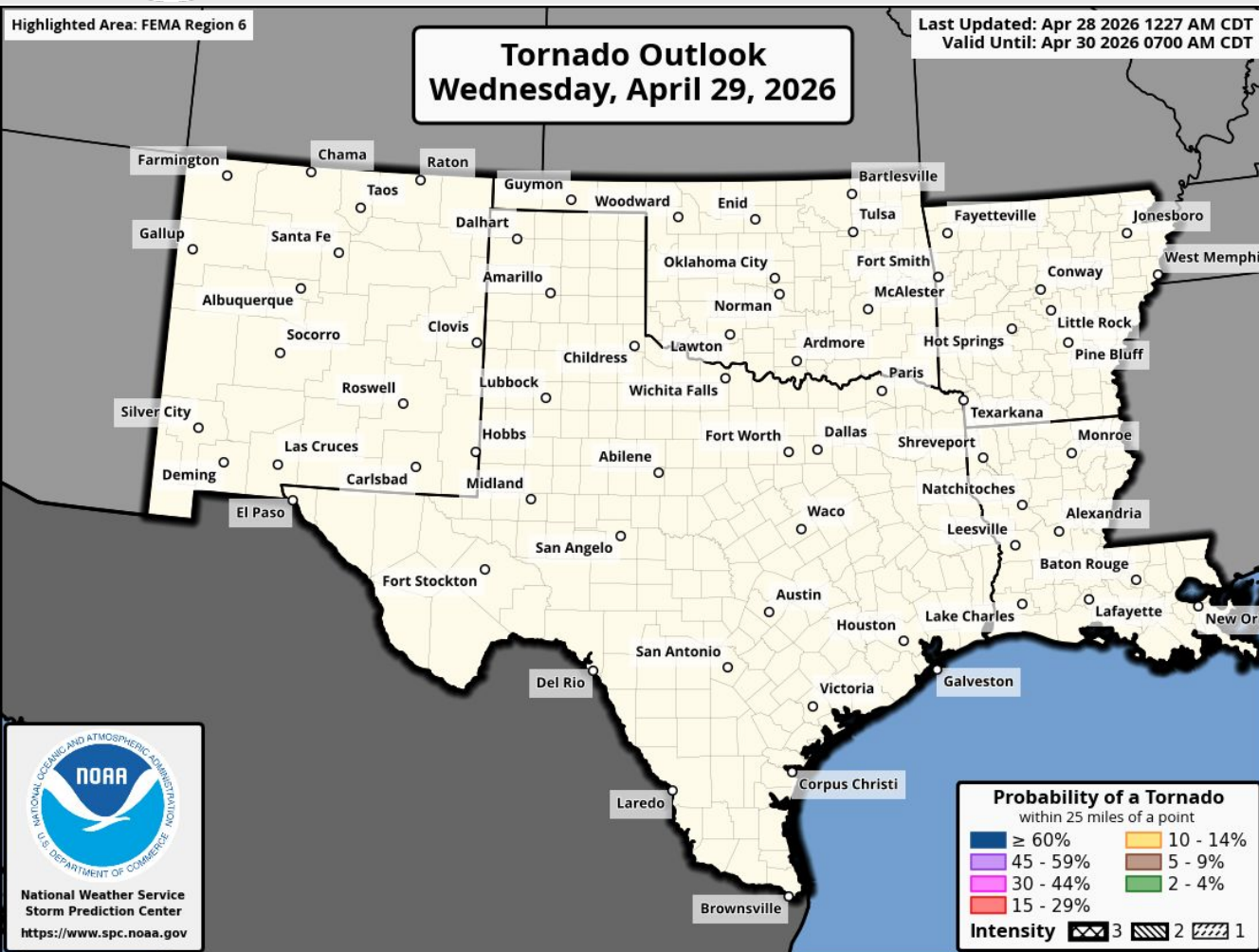
Locally elevated fire weather threat in NM, Far W TX.

Heat impacts in STX.





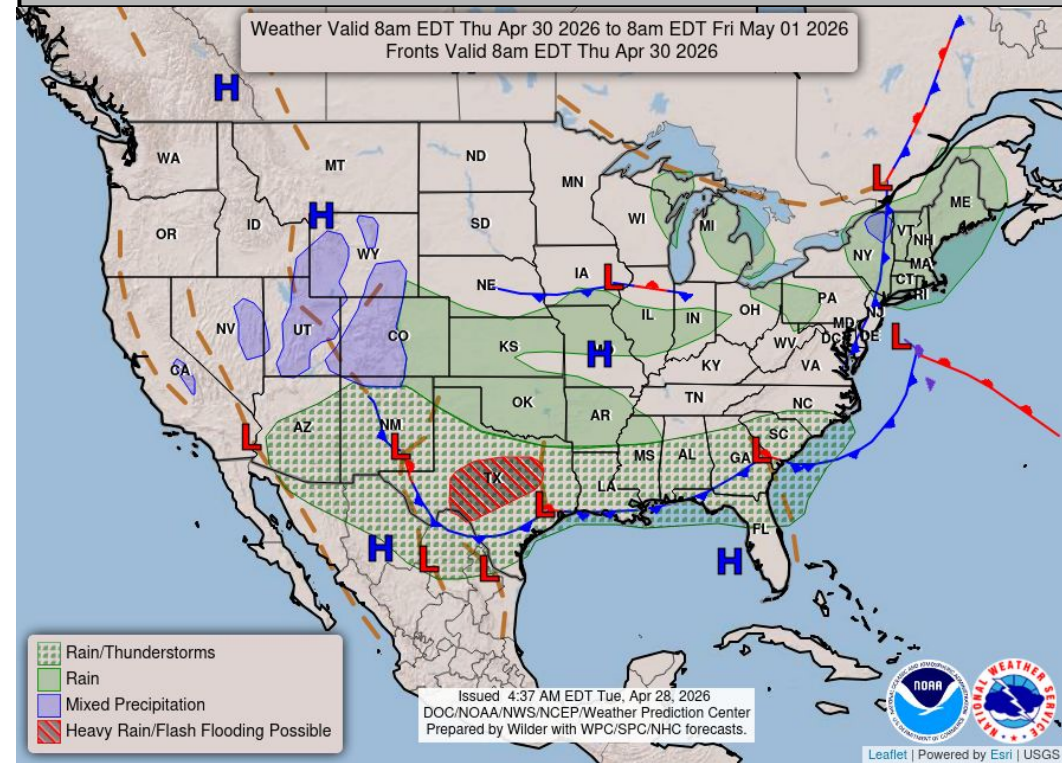
Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



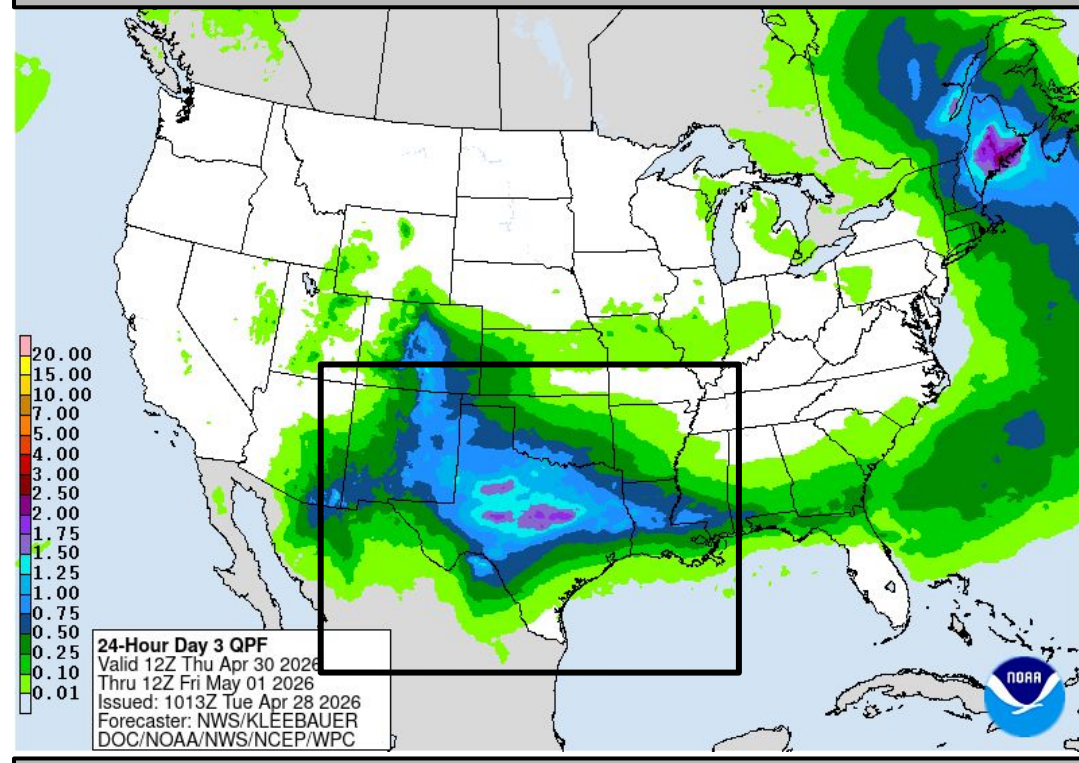


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



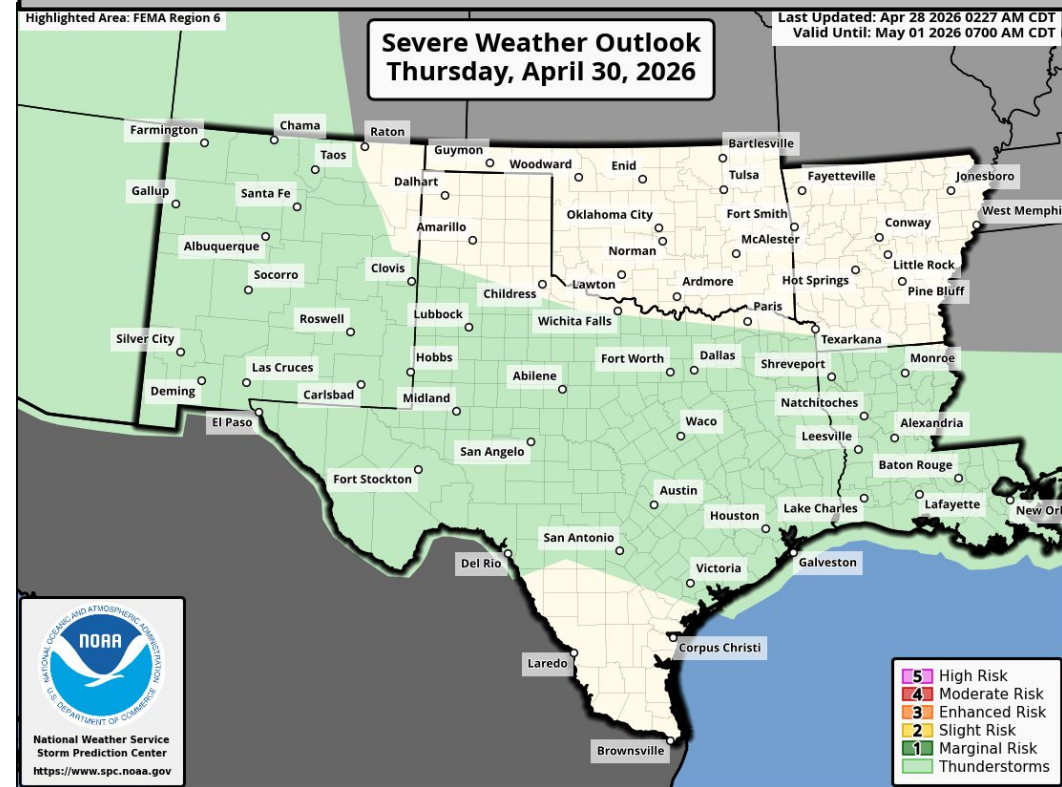
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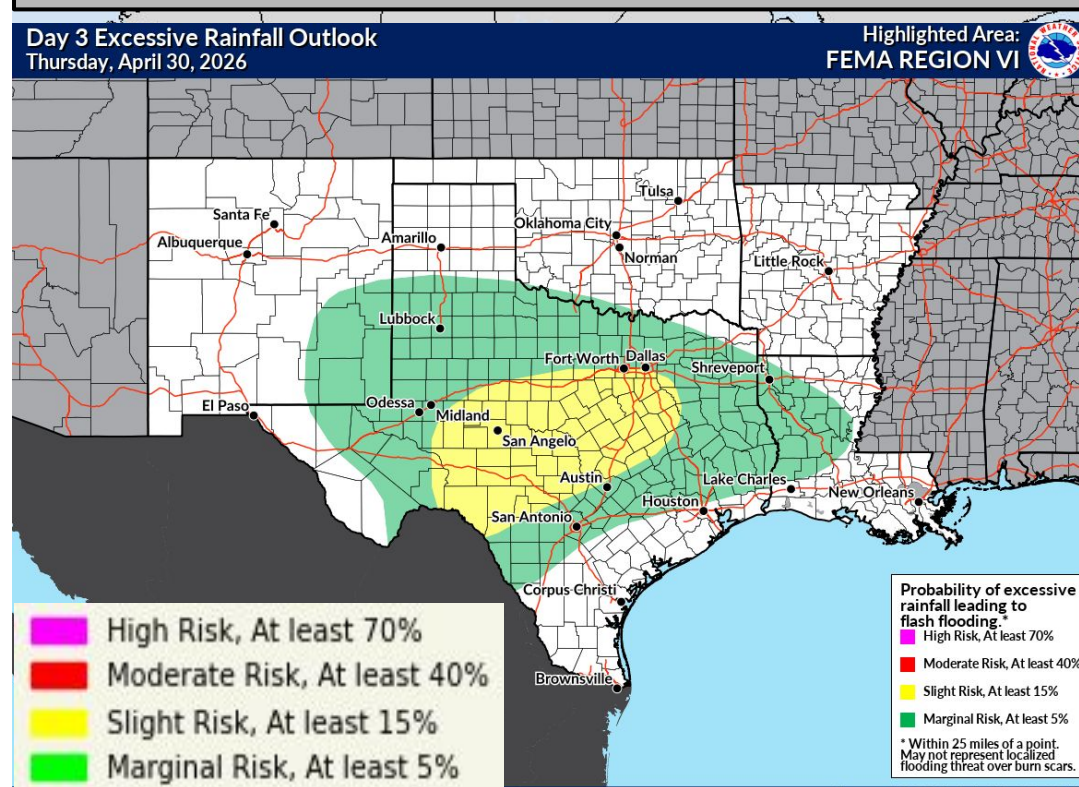
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in SW-C TX. 2-3" of rain, with totals up to 7-8" in downpours.

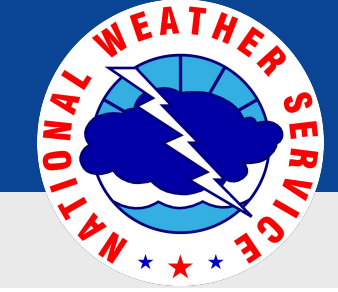
Monitoring TX for severe thunderstorms.

Severe Weather Outlook

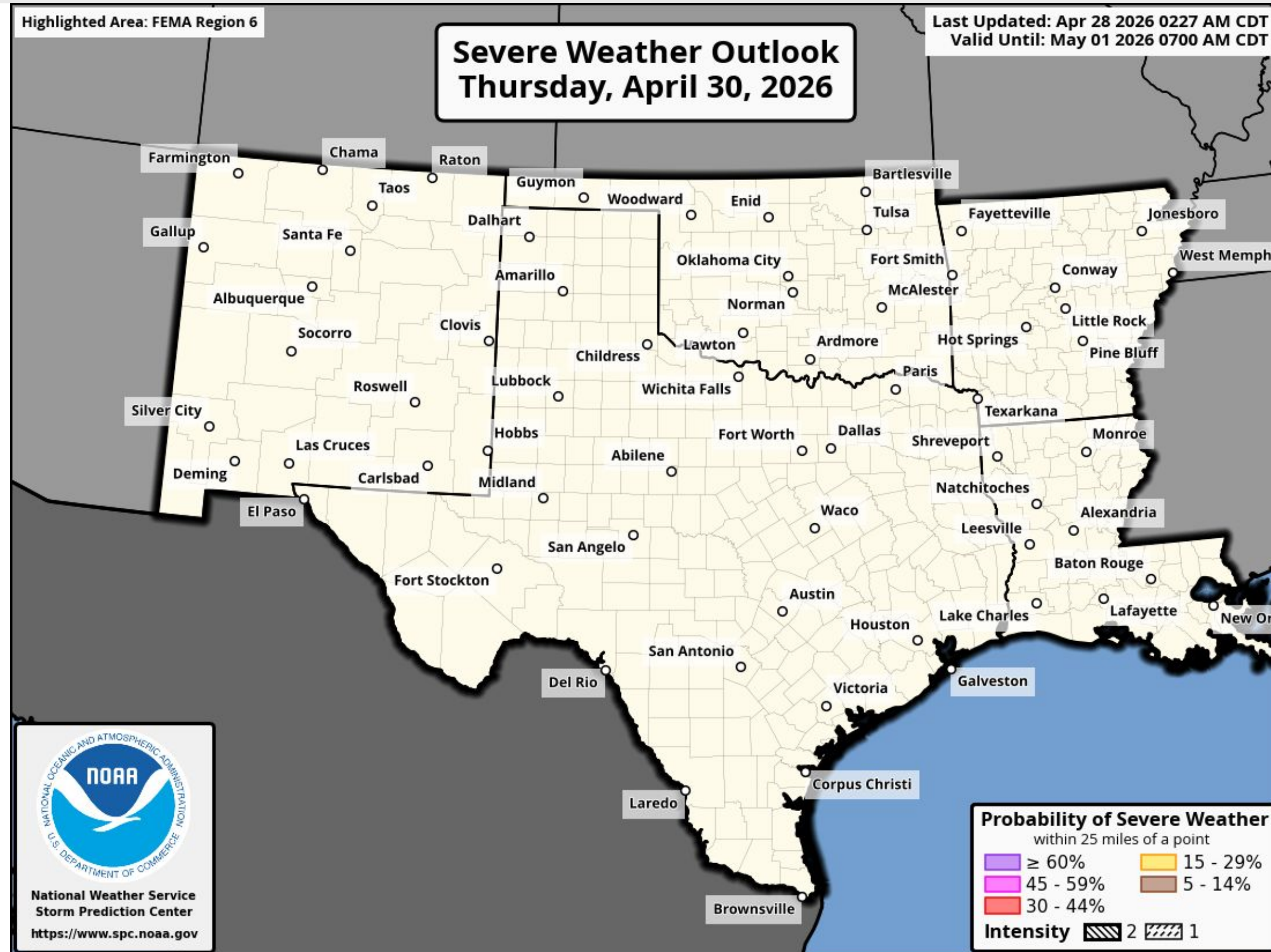


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





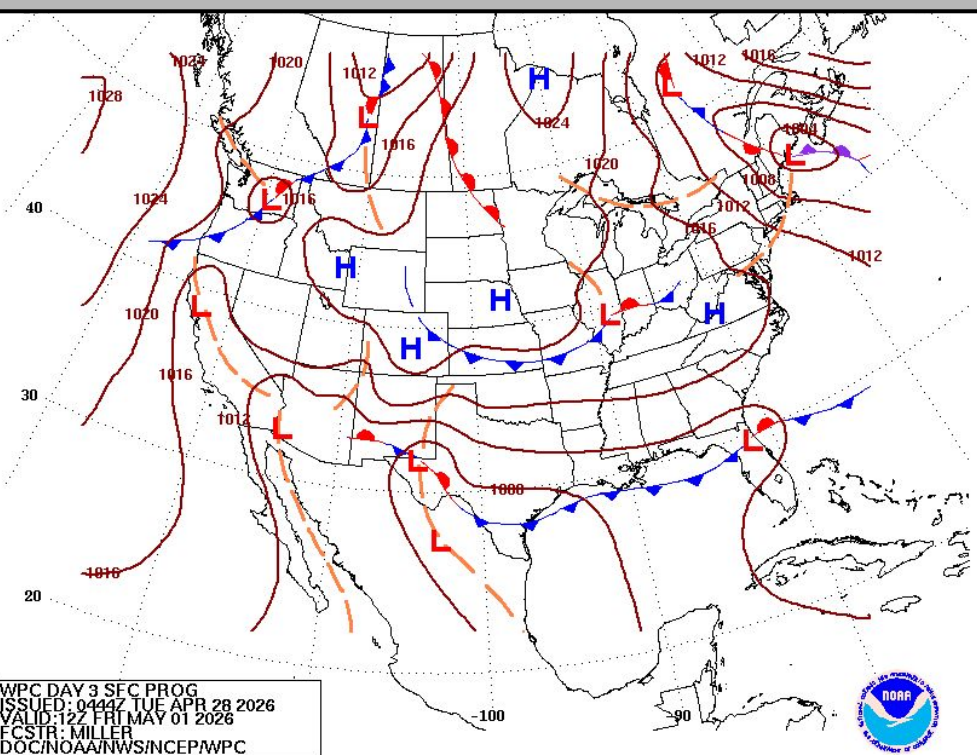
Thursday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





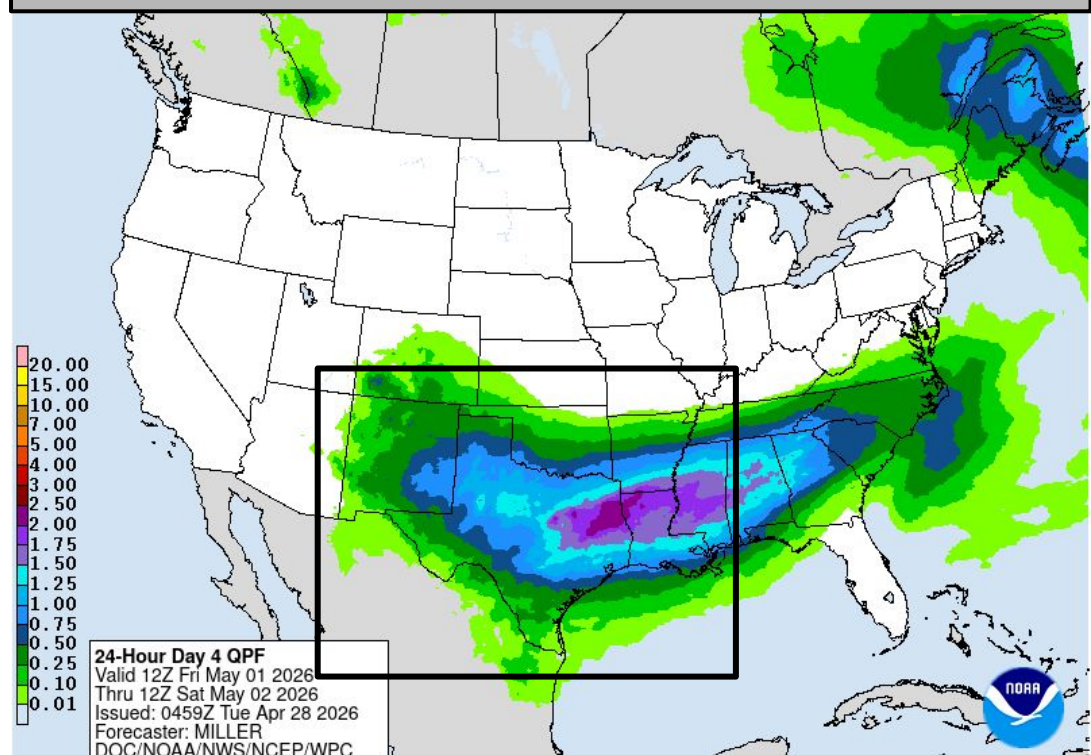
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z FRI MAY 01 2026
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Forecast Rainfall

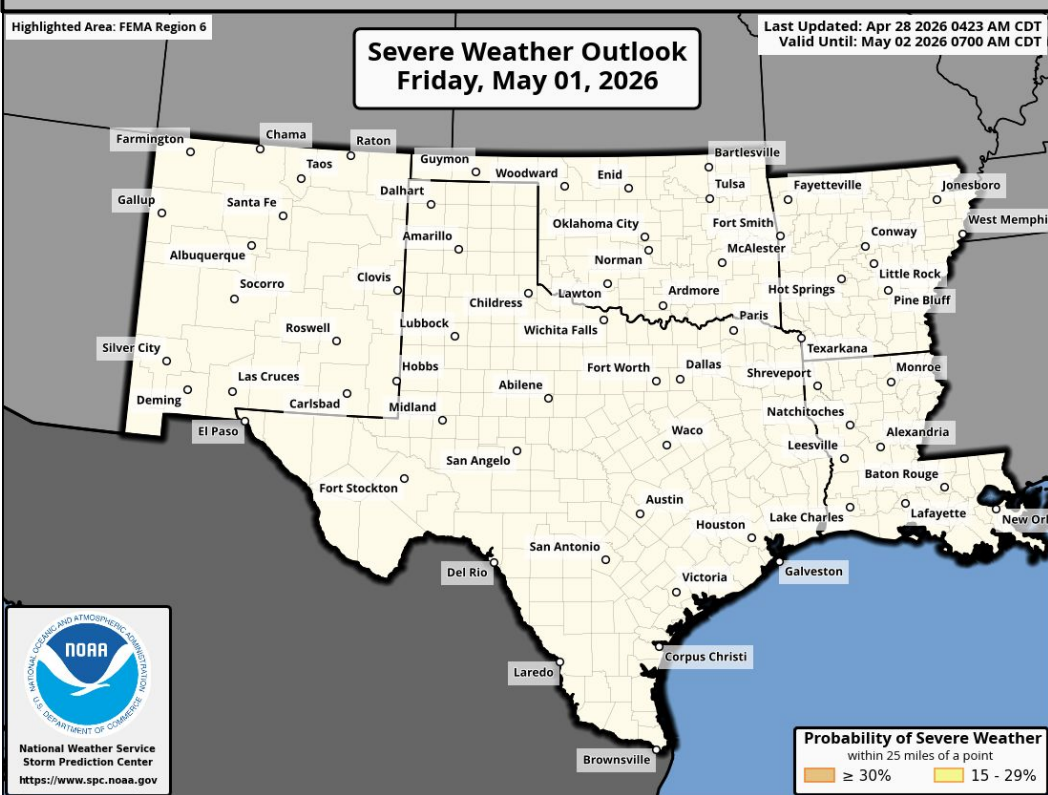


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Valid 12Z Fri May 01 2026
Thru 12Z Sat May 02 2026
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Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in C-NE TX, S AR, N LA. 2-3", with totals up to 6" in downpours.

Monitoring C-E TX, LA for severe storms.

Severe Weather Outlook

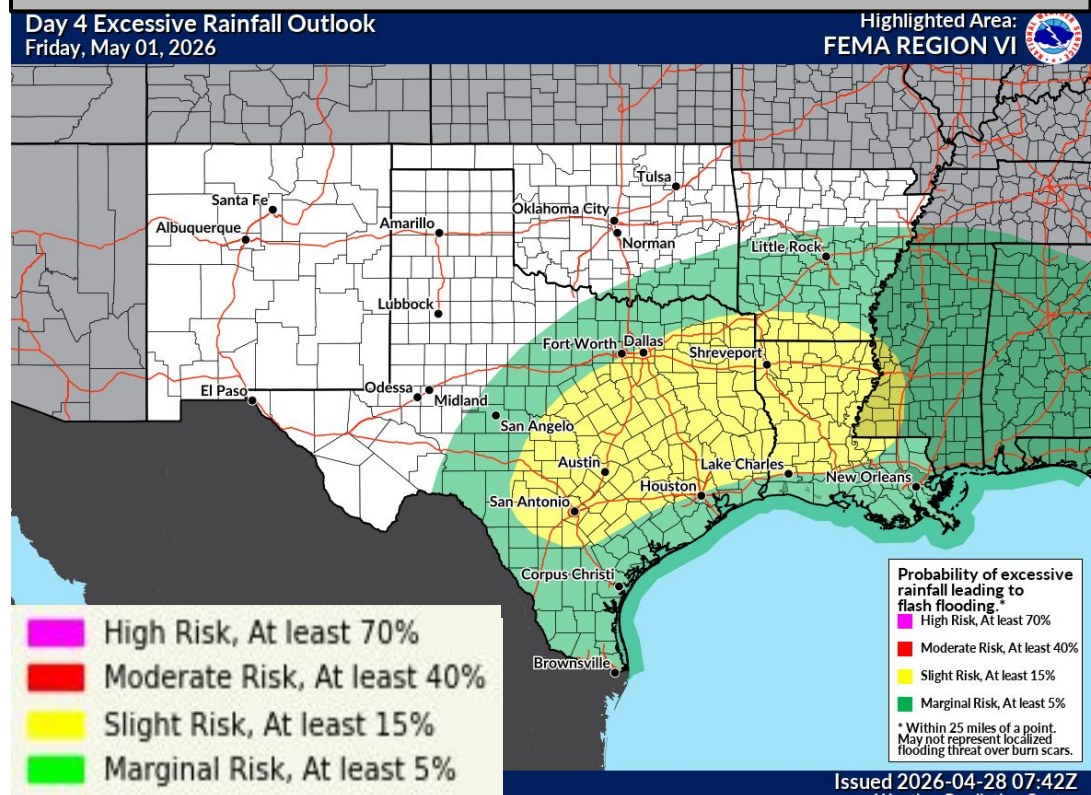


Severe Weather Outlook
Friday, May 01, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 28 2026 0423 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 4 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.

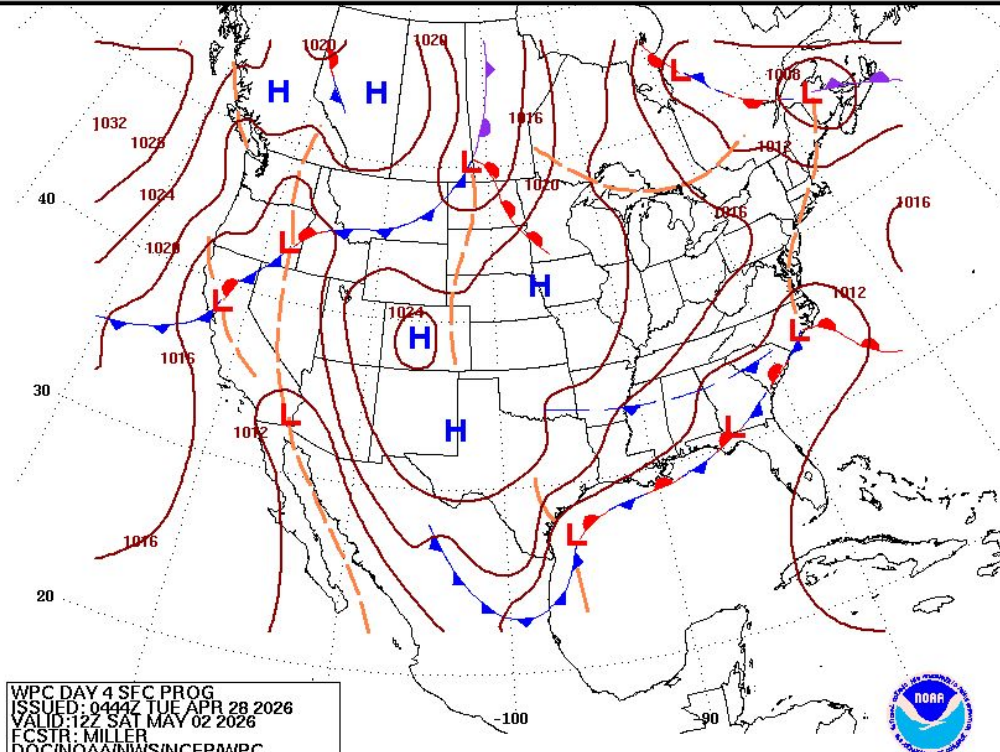
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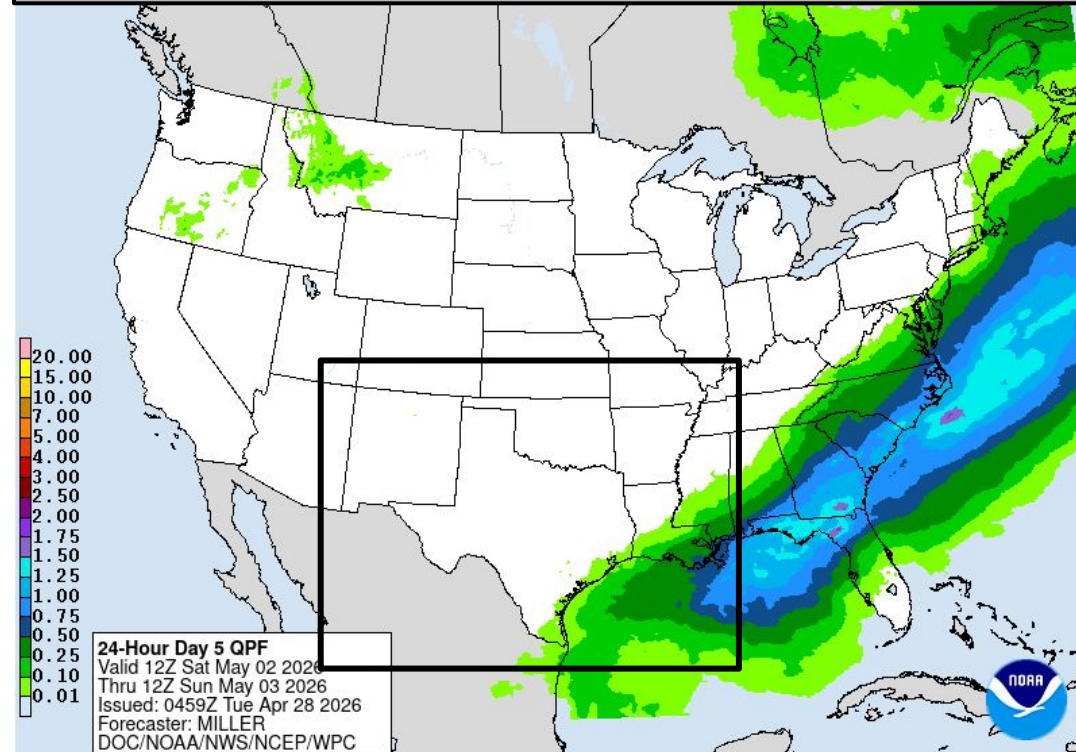
Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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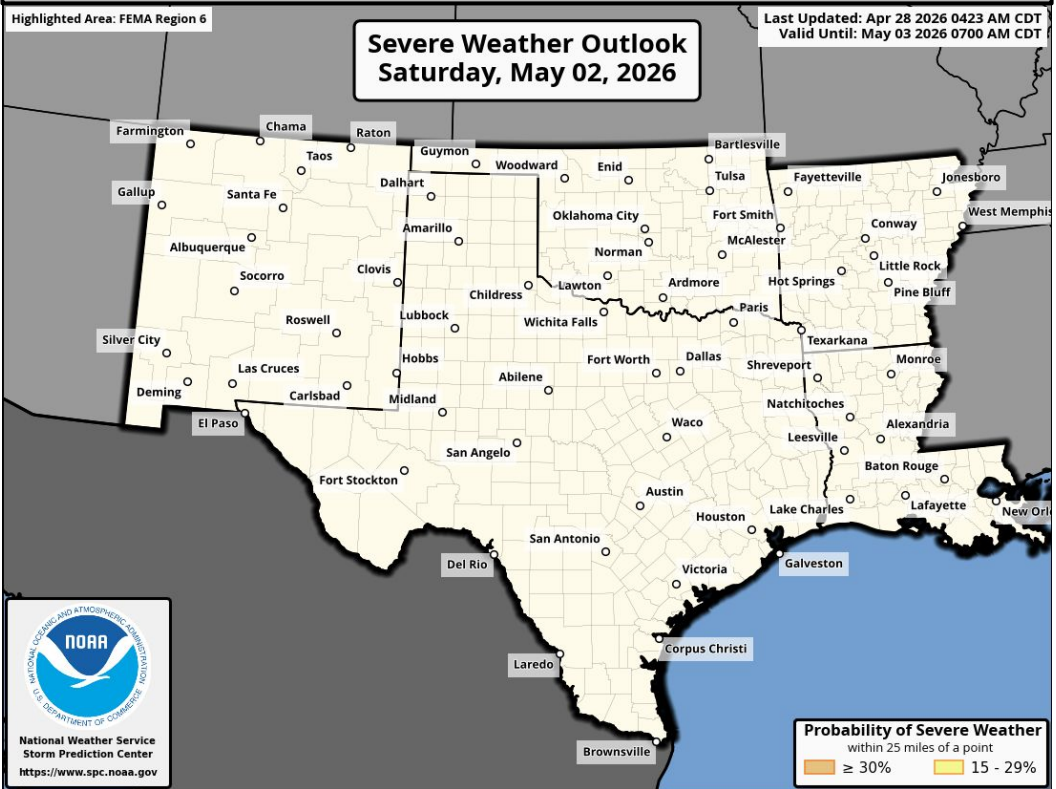
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Sat May 02 2026
Thru 12Z Sun May 03 2026
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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

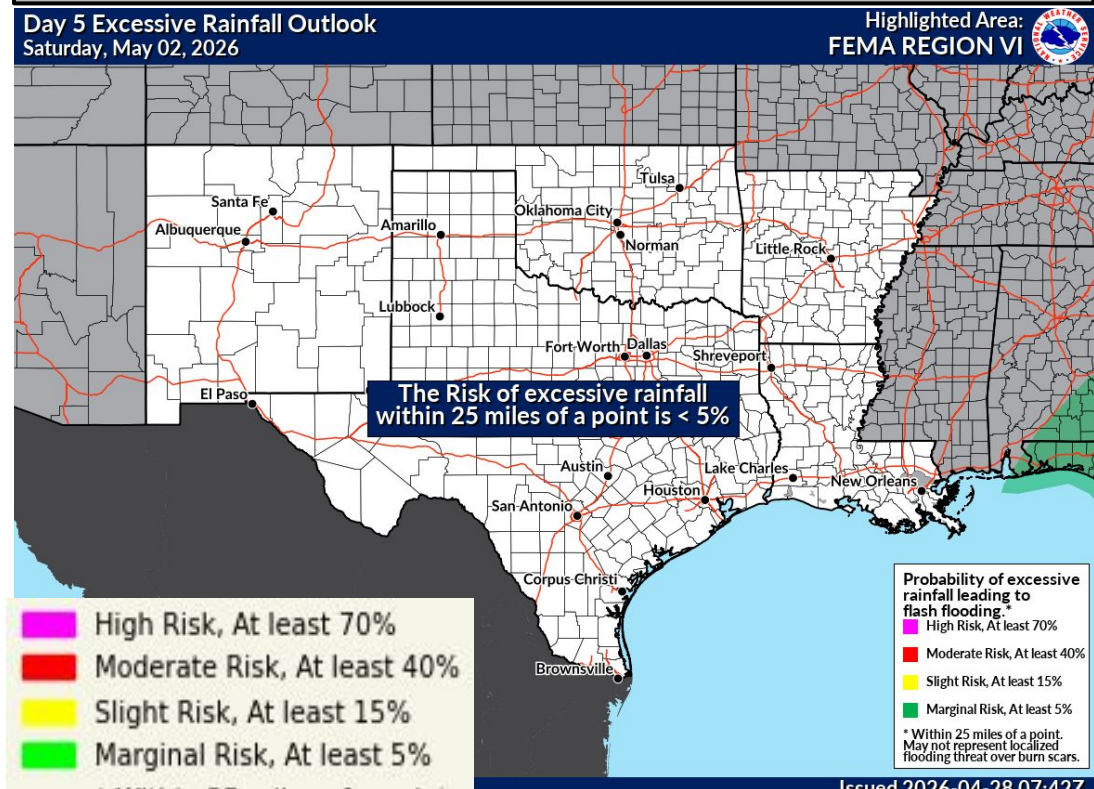


Severe Weather Outlook
Saturday, May 02, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 28 2026 0423 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 03 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
Saturday, May 02, 2026

Highlighted Area:
FEMA REGION VI

The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

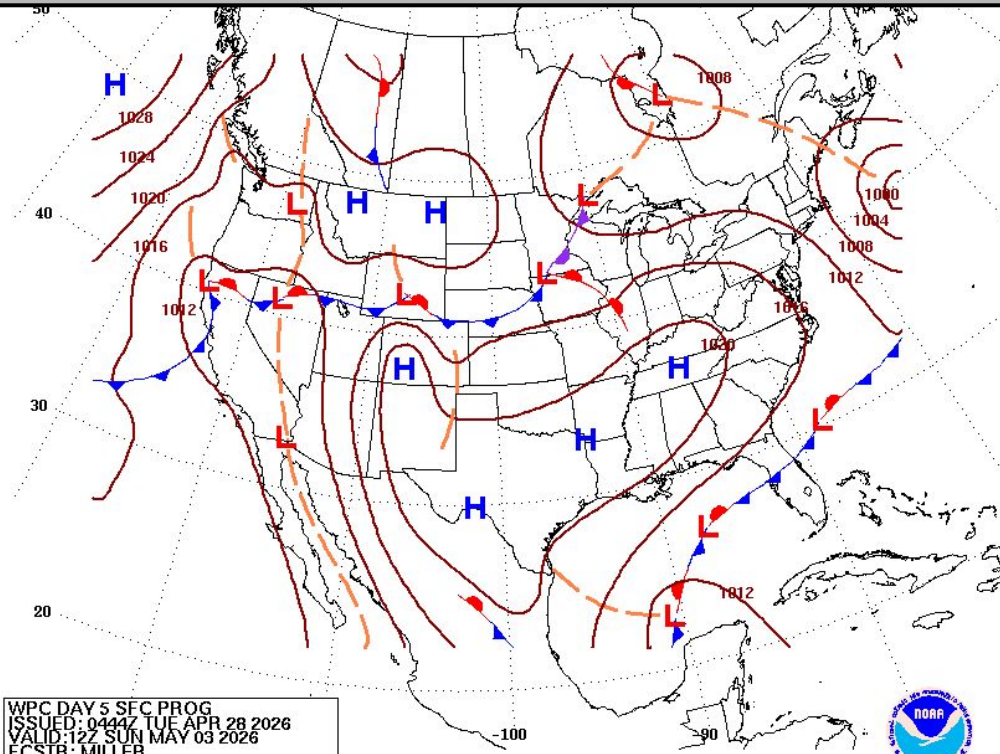
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Probability of excessive
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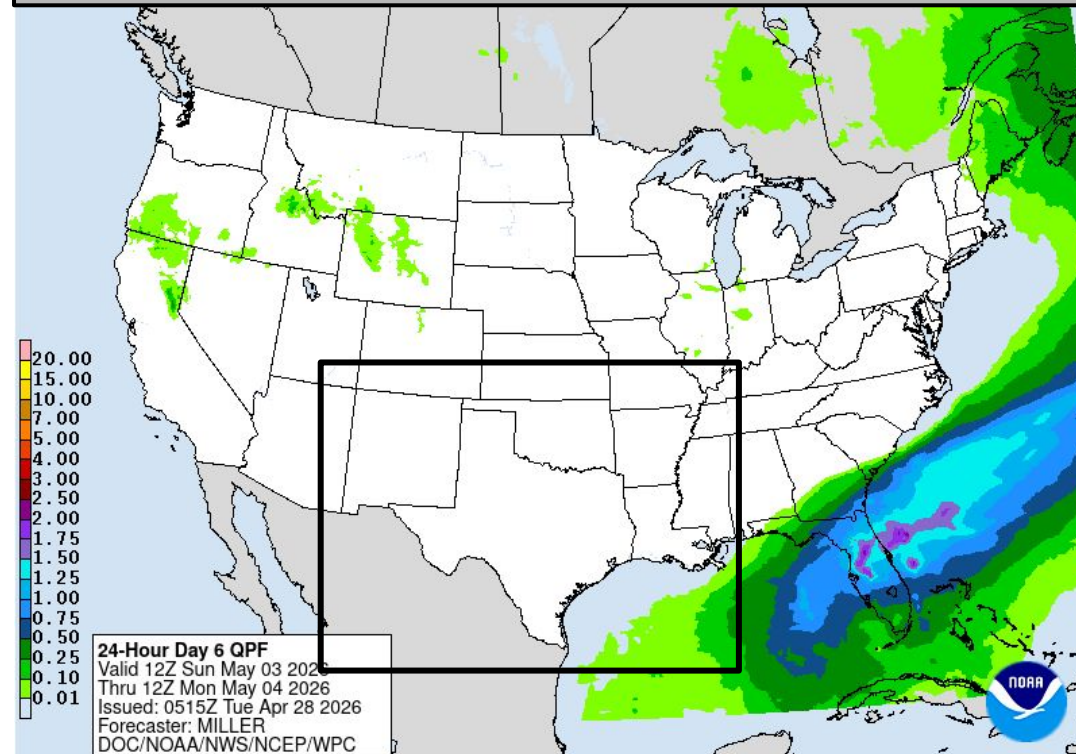
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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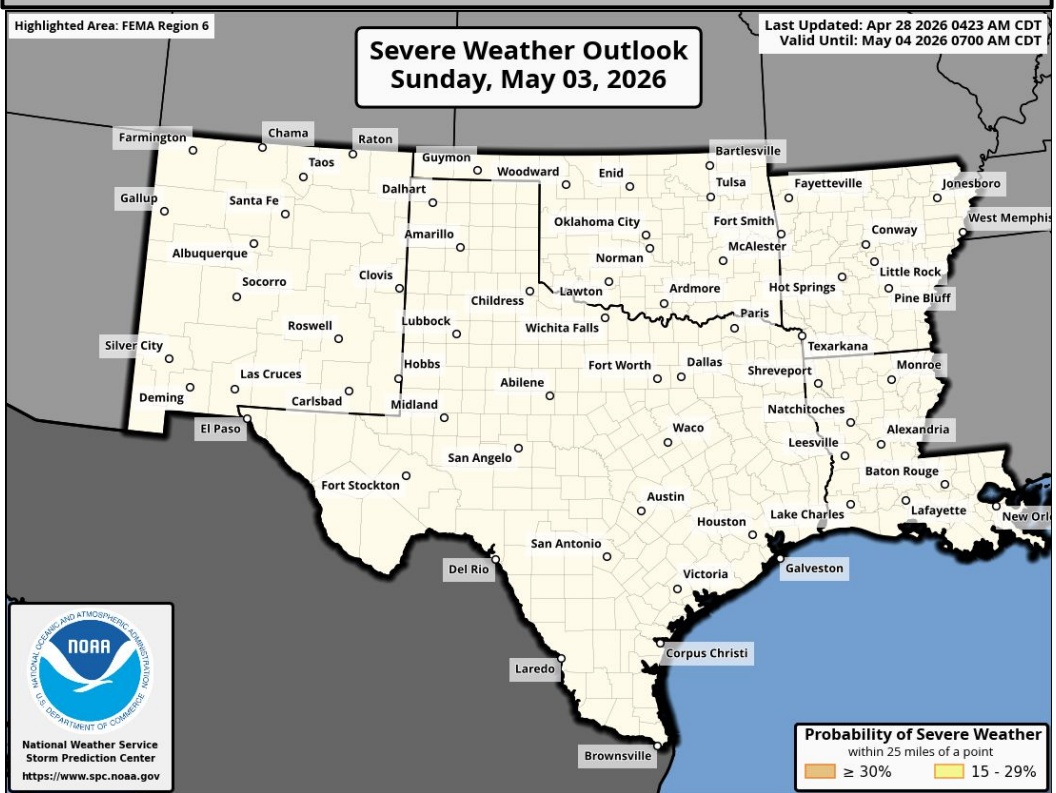
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Severe Weather Outlook



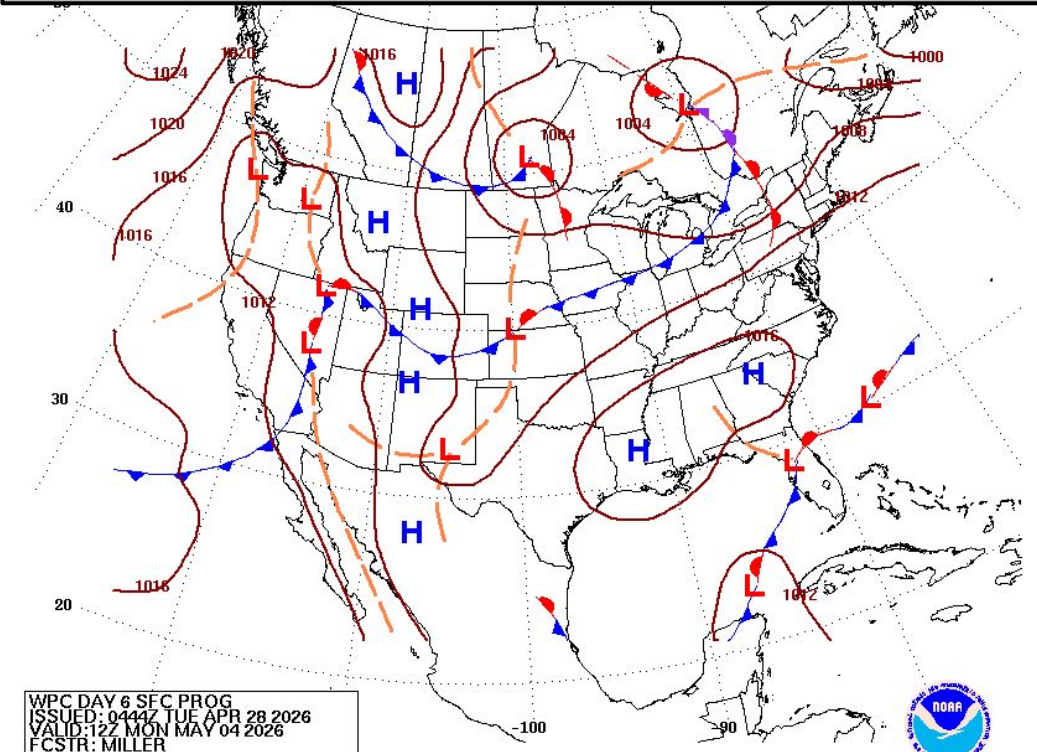
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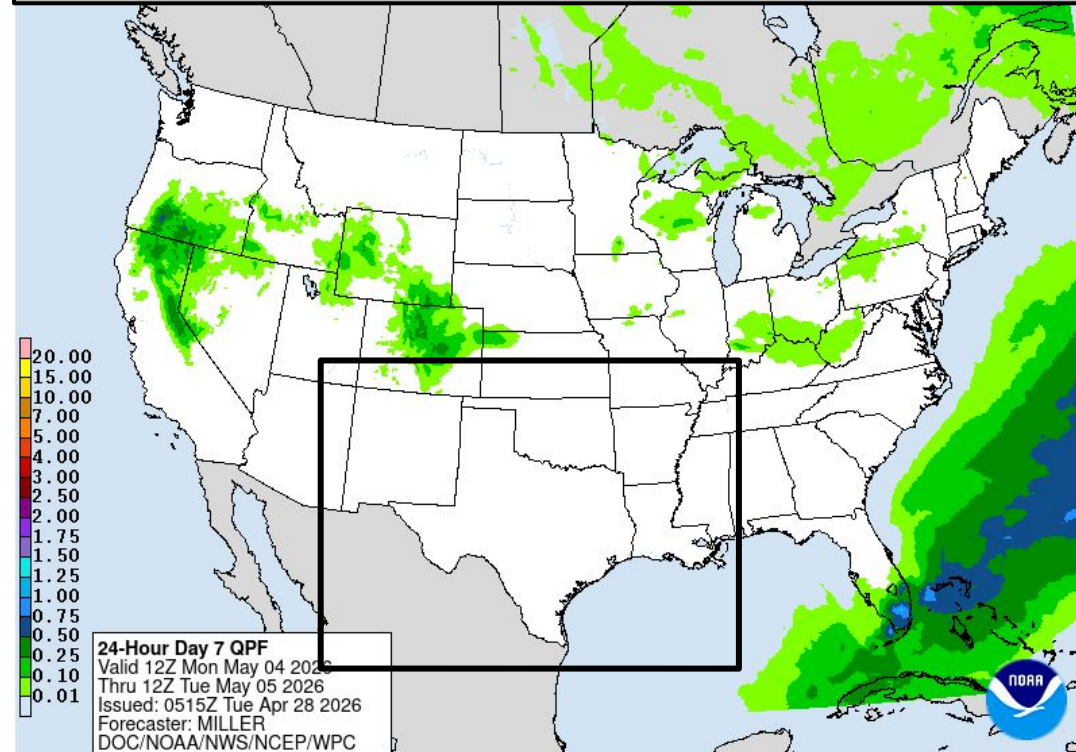


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

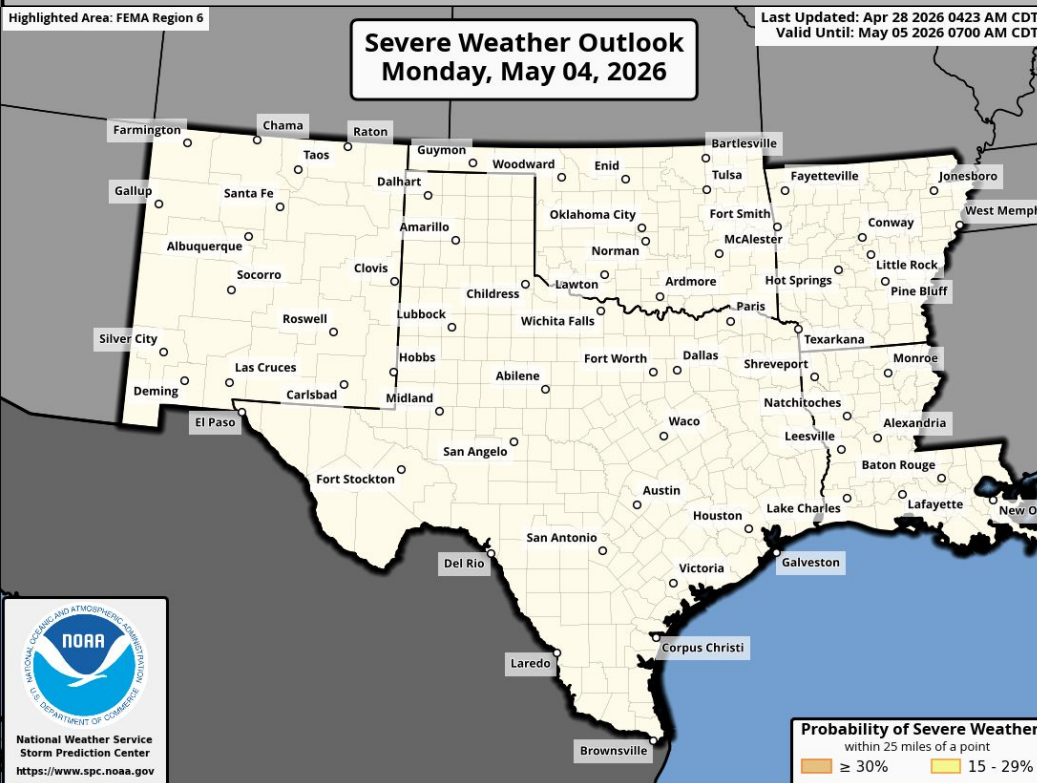


Forecast Rainfall



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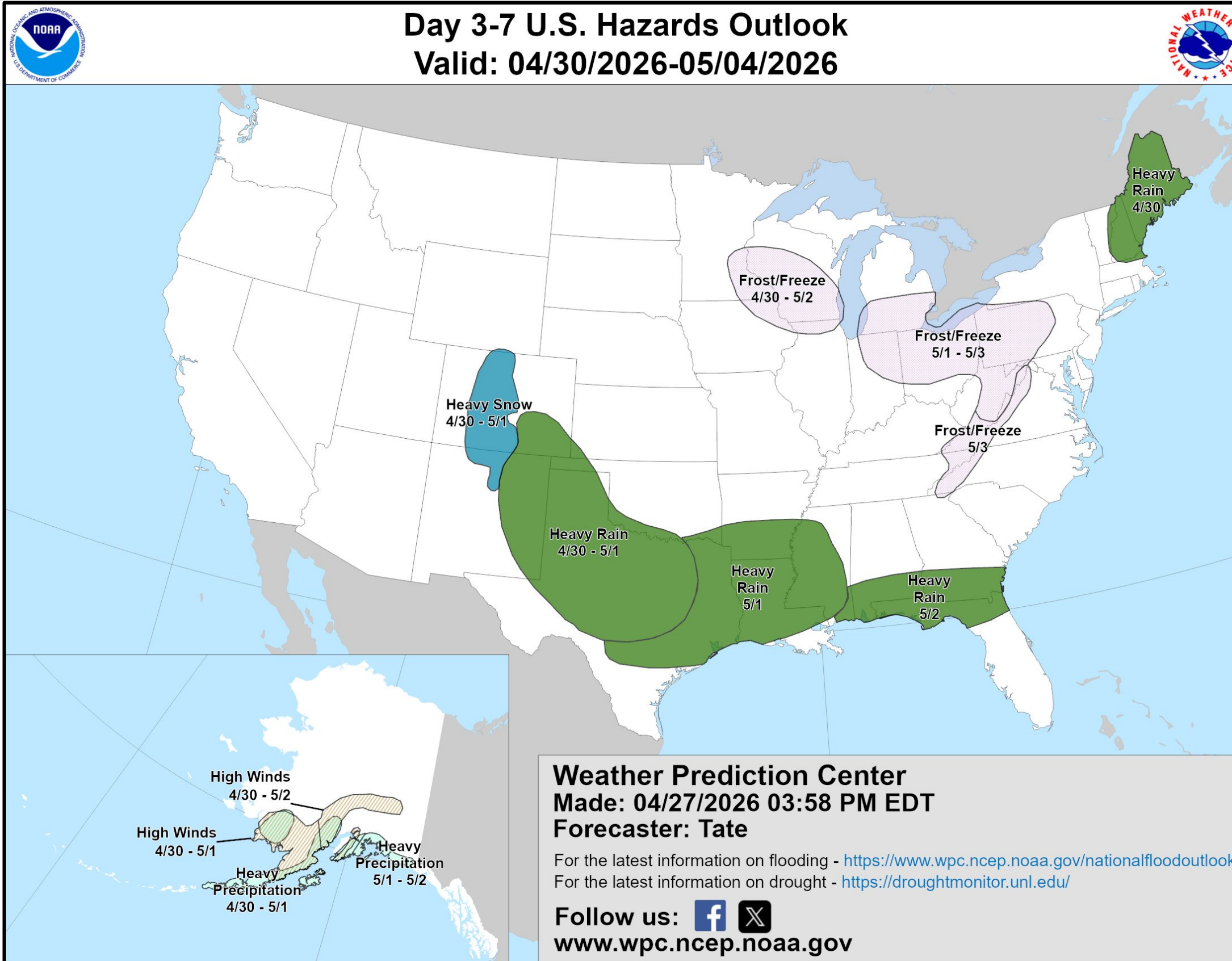
Severe Weather Outlook



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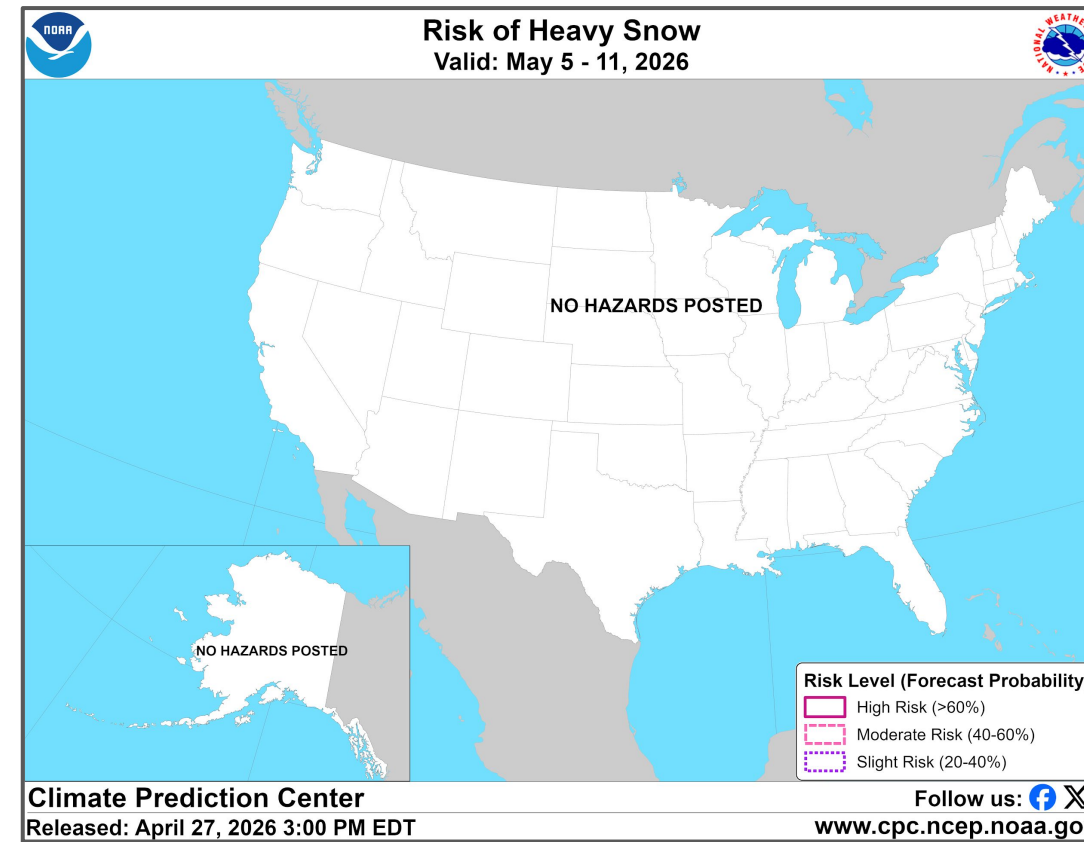
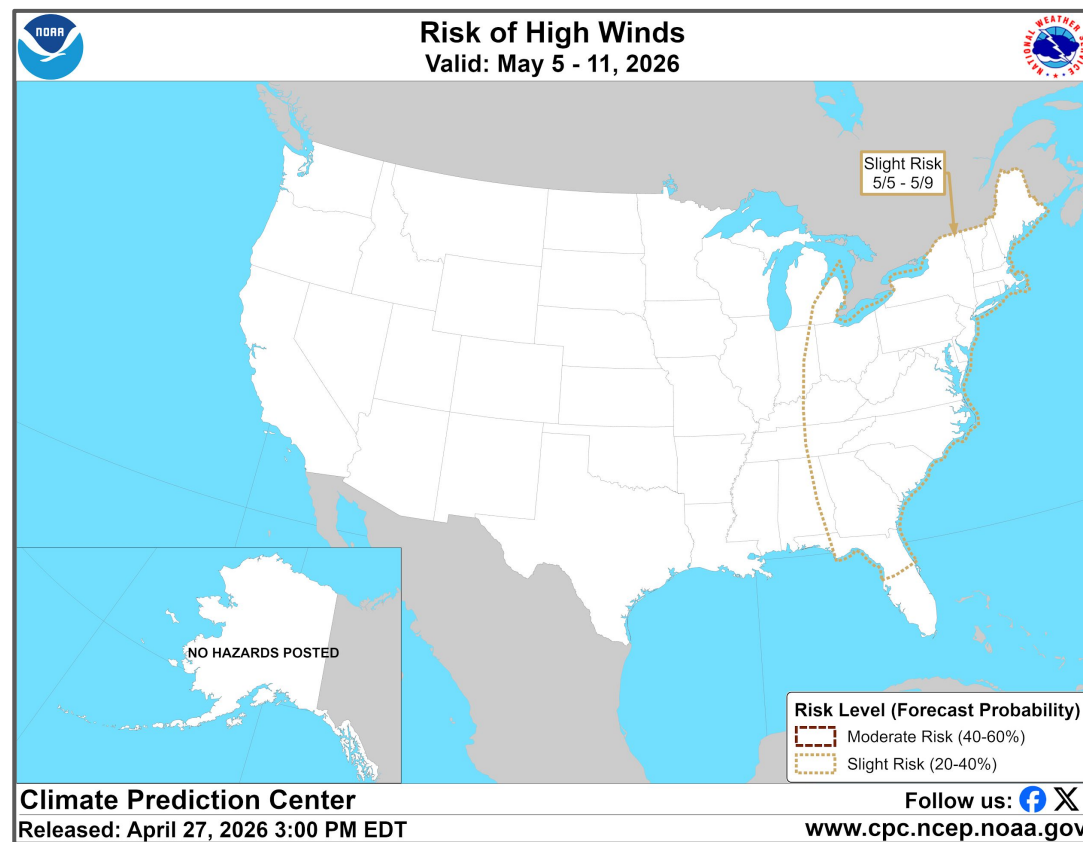
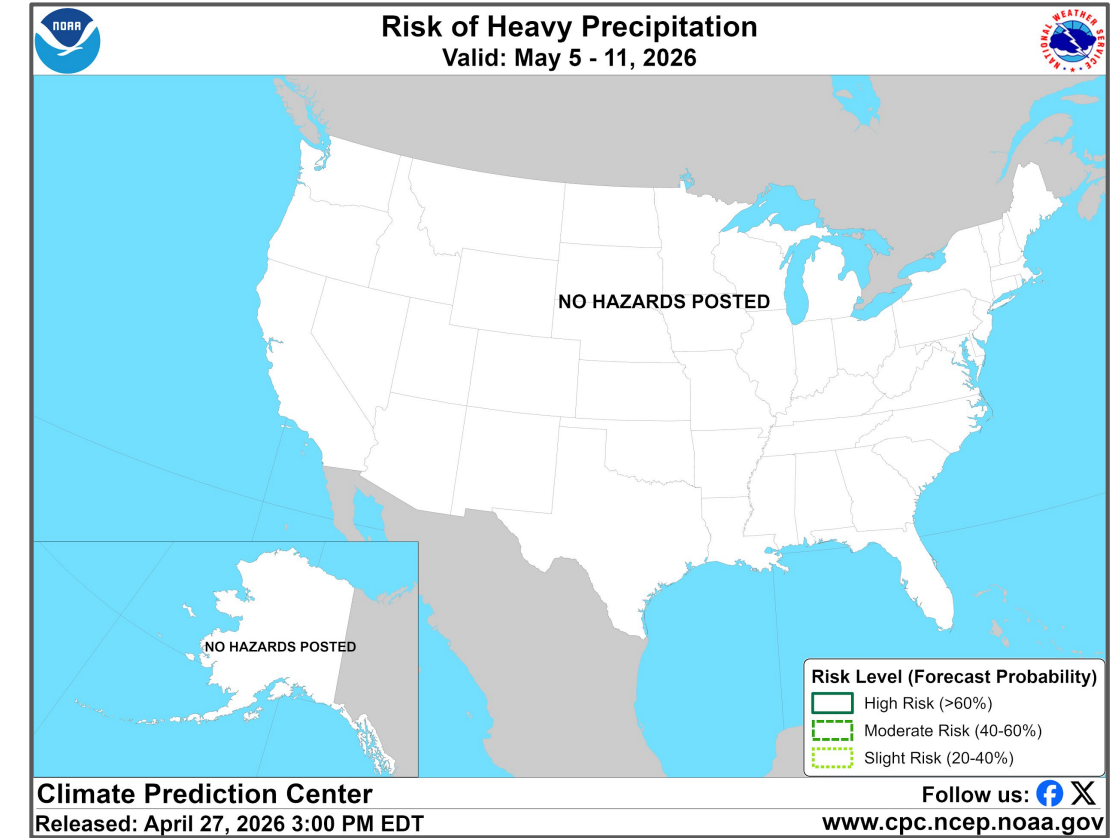
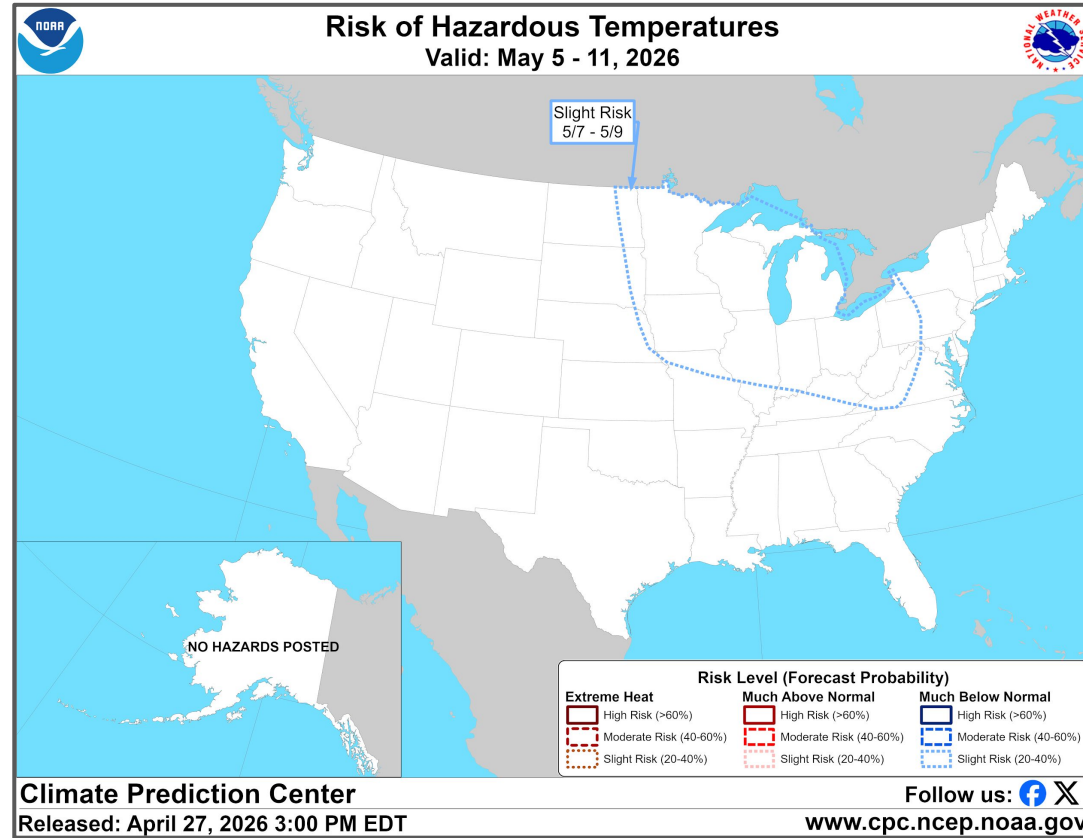
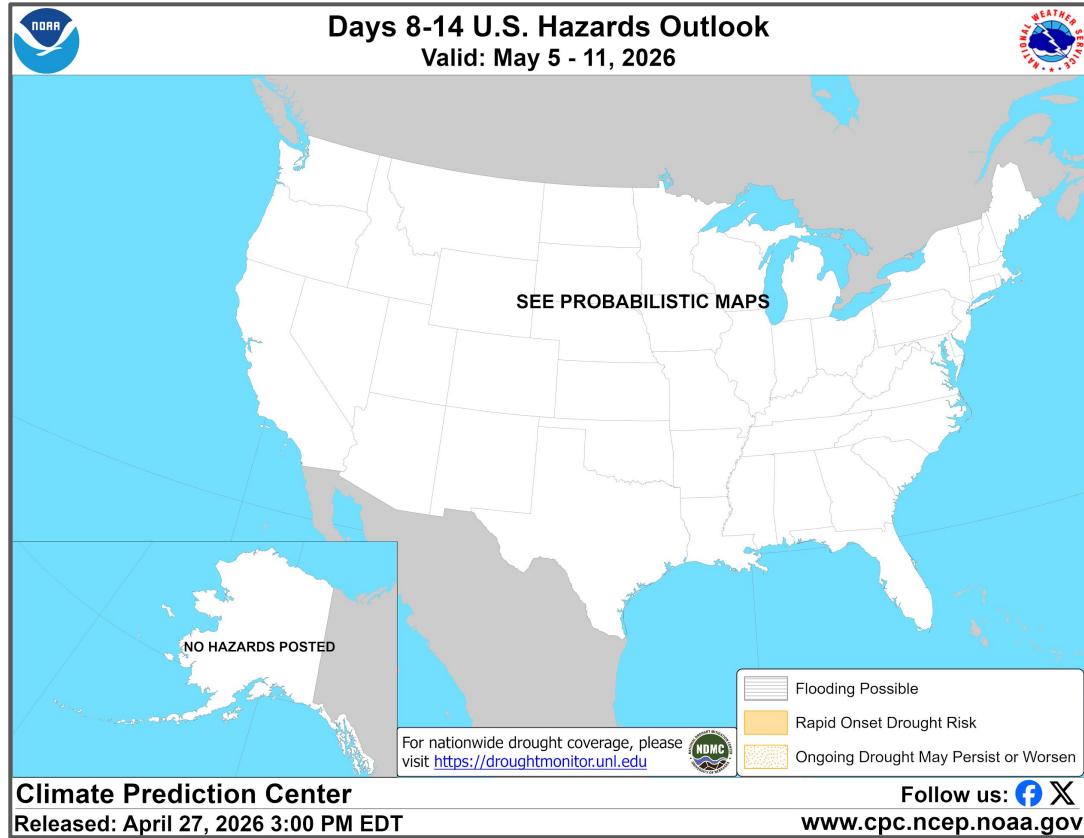


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





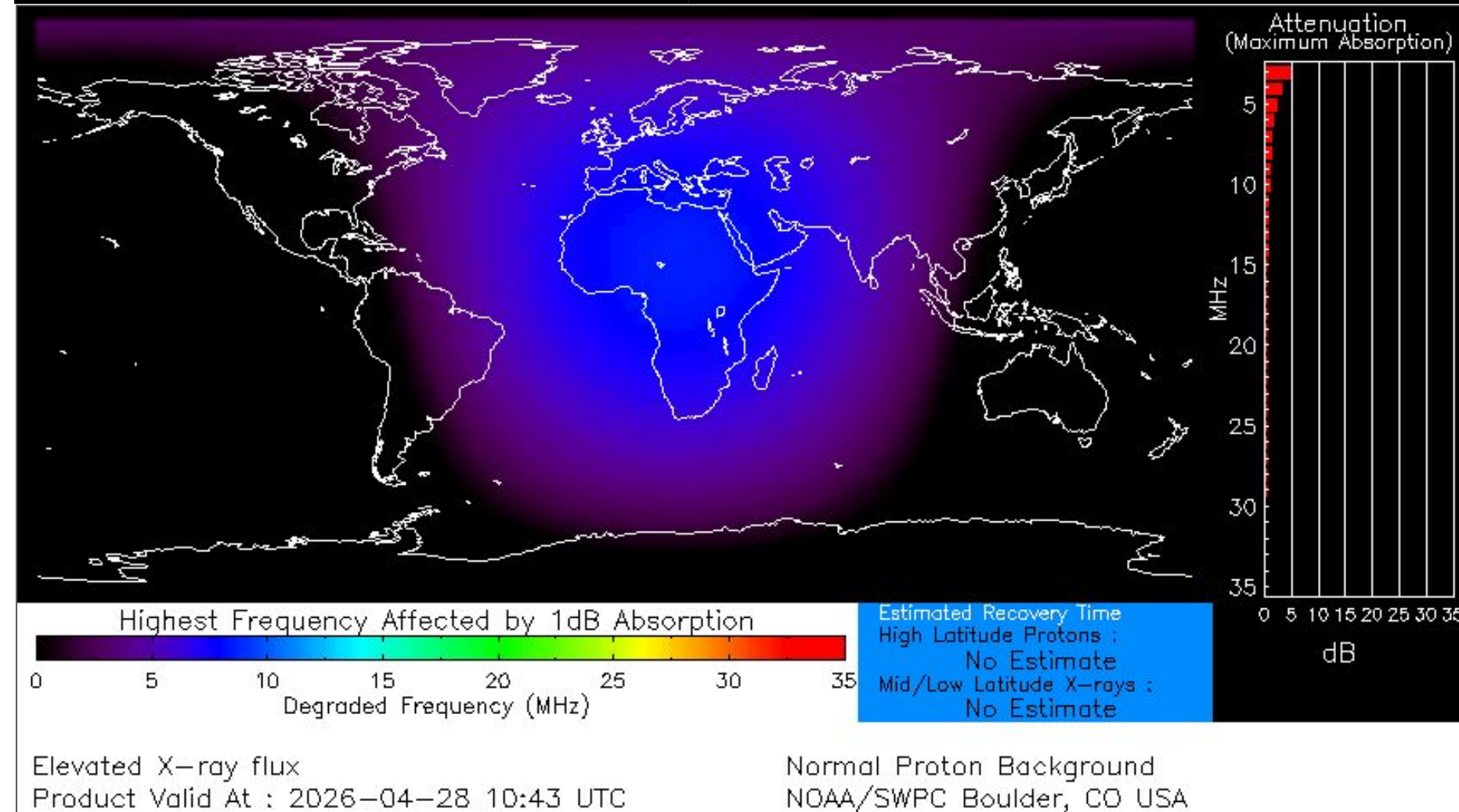
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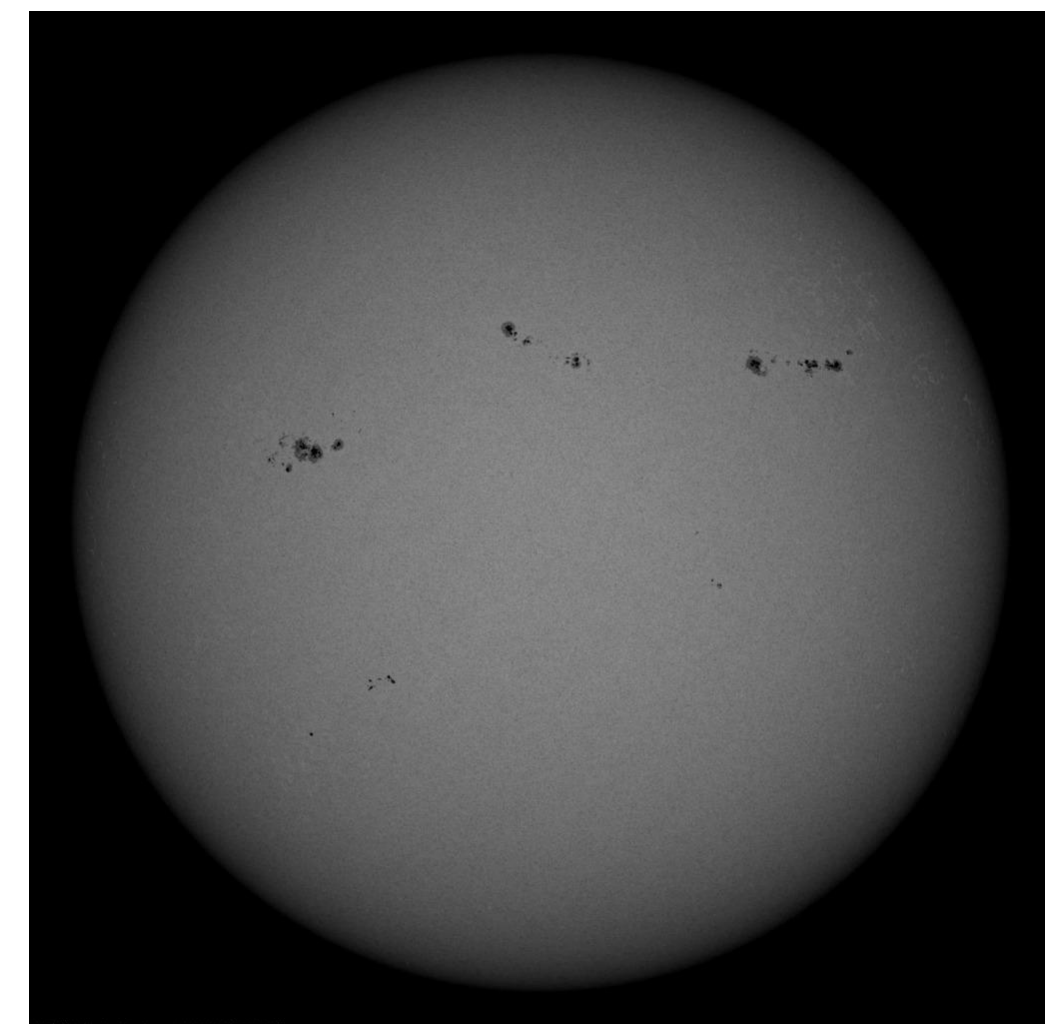
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Apr 28	Wednesday, Apr 29	Thursday, Apr 30
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	70%	70%	70%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	25%	25%	25%



[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



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