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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week

- **Marginal to slight risk of strong/severe thunderstorms across TX, OK and AR through the week.**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions across E NM into the OK/TX Panhandles on Thursday and Friday.**
- **Minor to moderate river flooding in S AR, E TX and LA with no significant impacts.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Tuesday, Apr 23	Wednesday, Apr 24	Thursday, Apr 25	Friday, Apr 26	Saturday, Apr 27
Severe Storms	SW OK, NWTX	W OK, NWTX	W OK, NWTX	OK, NTX WAR	OK, NTX WAR
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather			E NM, TX/OK Panhandles W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles W TX
Wind					
Heat					
River Flooding	SAR, ETX, LA	SAR, ETX, LA	SAR, ETX, LA	SAR, ETX, LA	SAR, ETX, 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.*

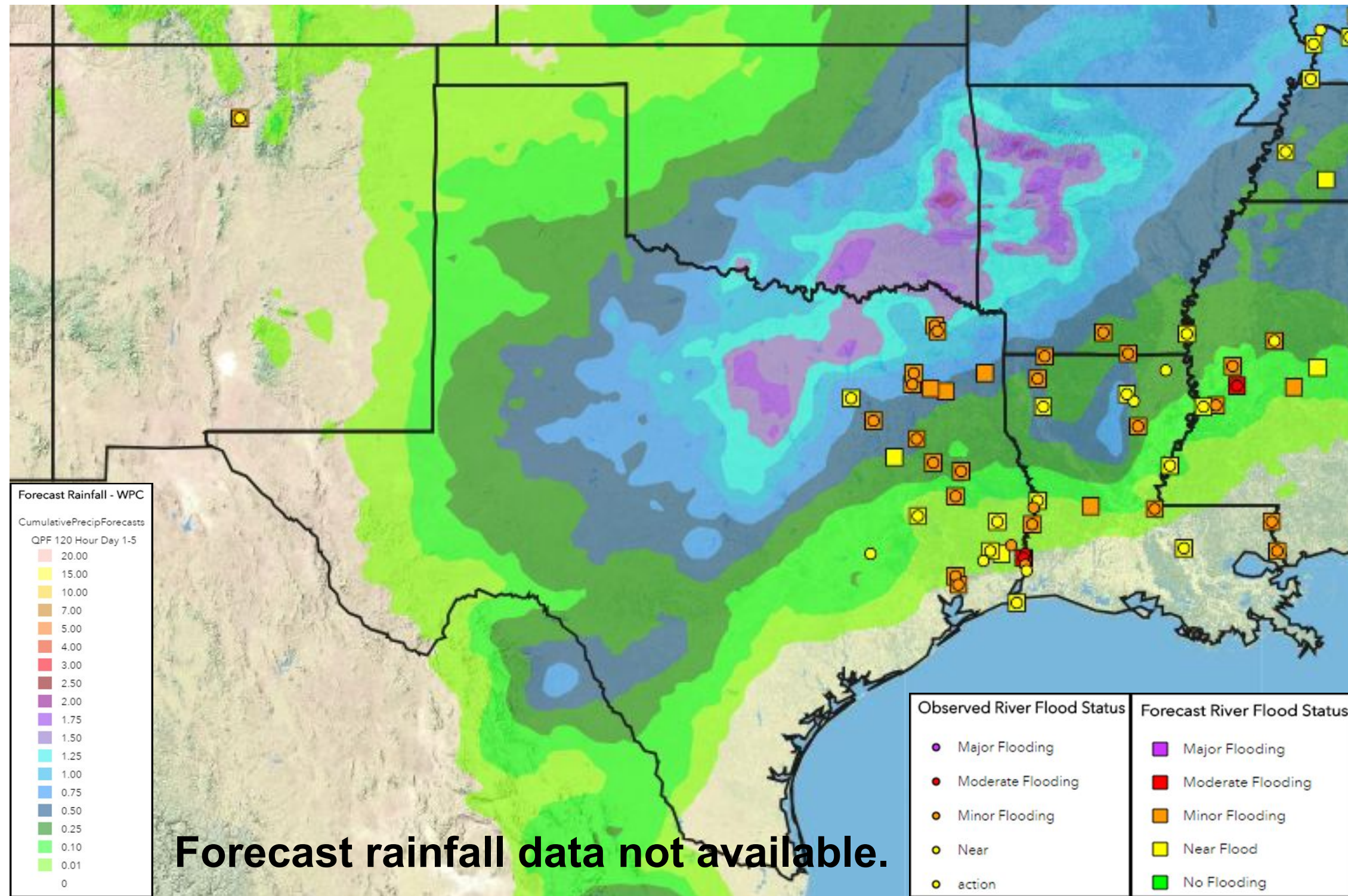
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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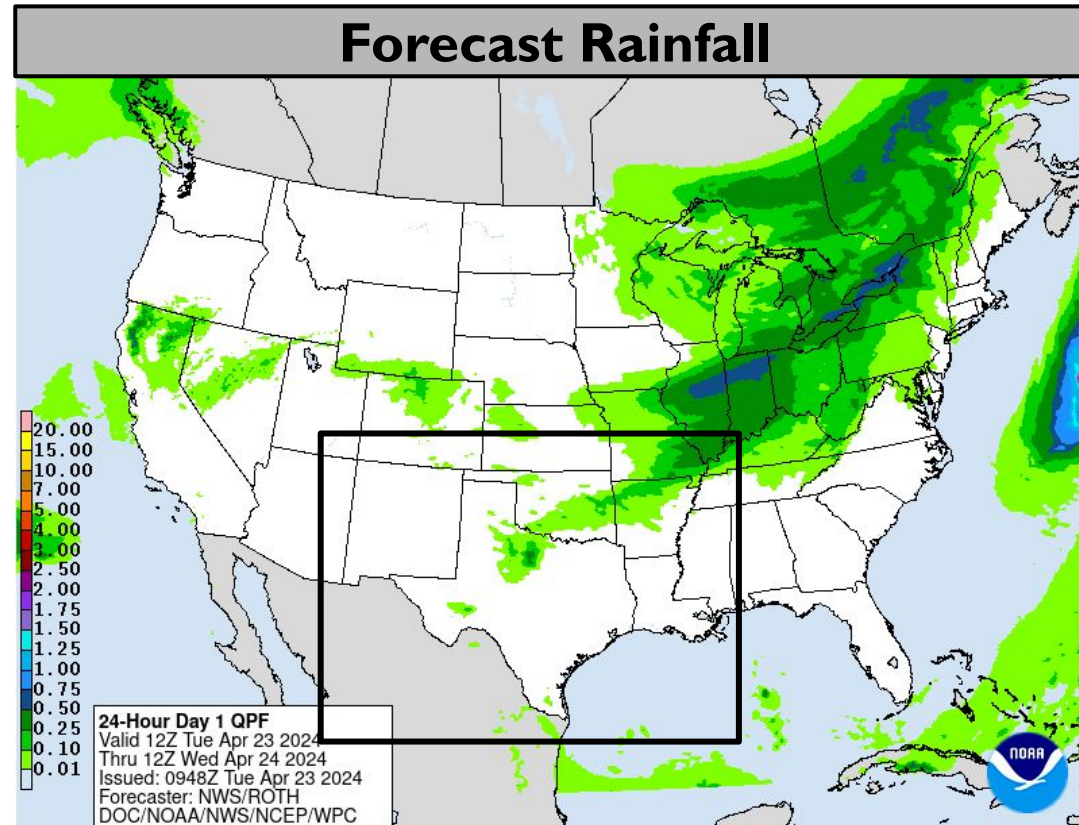
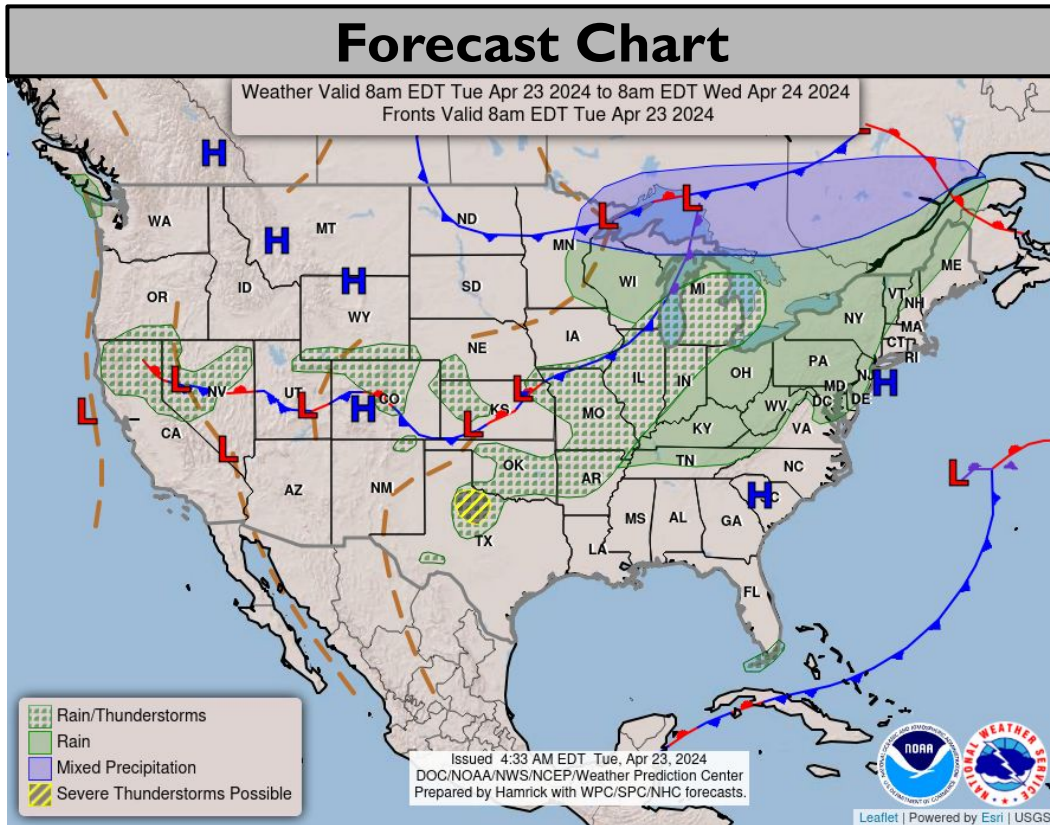


**Minor to moderate river flooding in SAR, ETX, LA.**

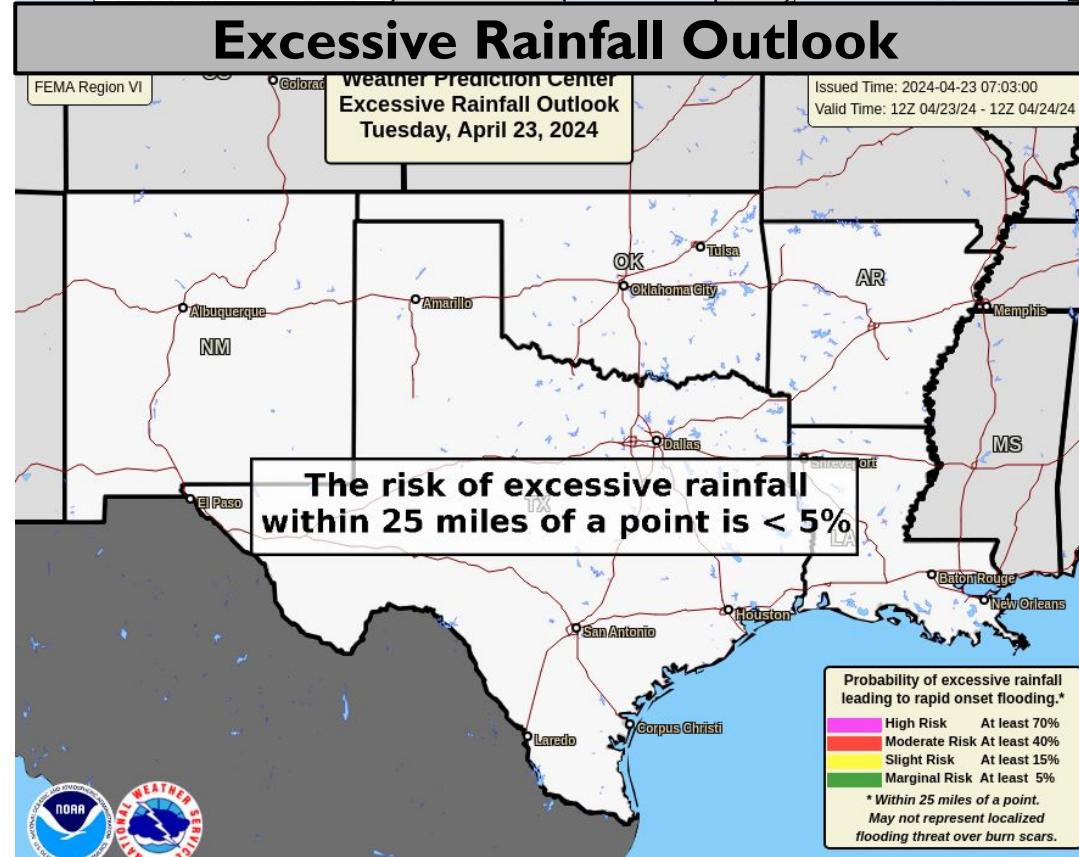
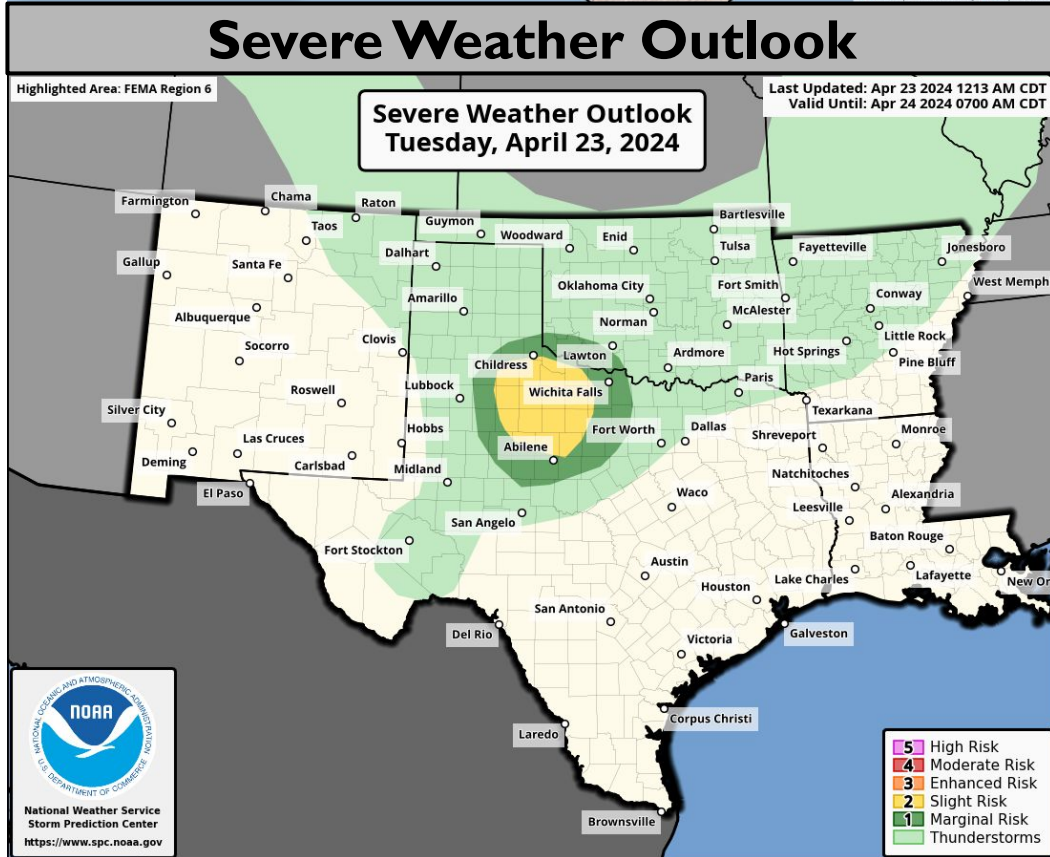




# Today's Weather



**Marginal risk of severe storms  
over SW OK and NWTX**

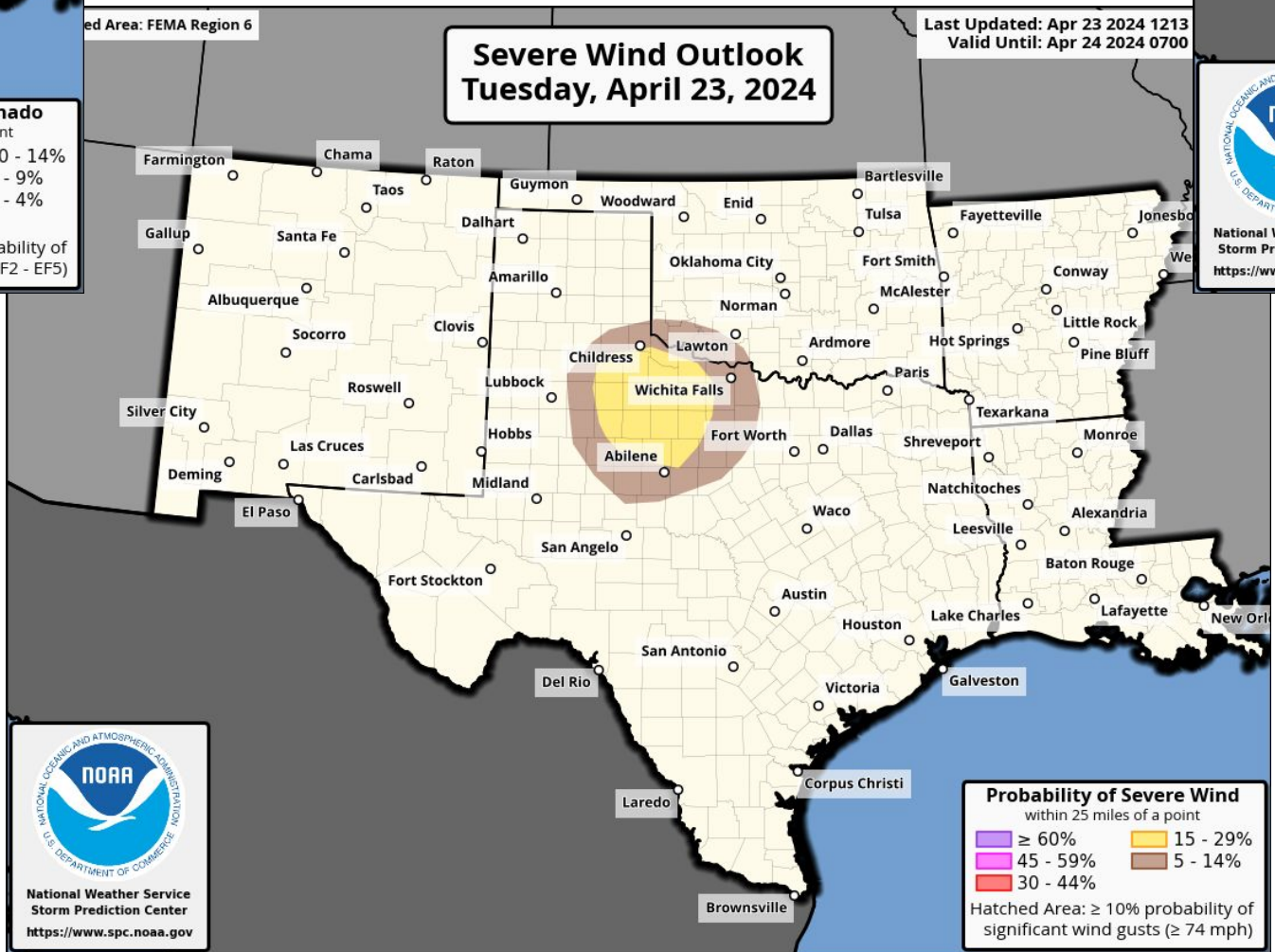
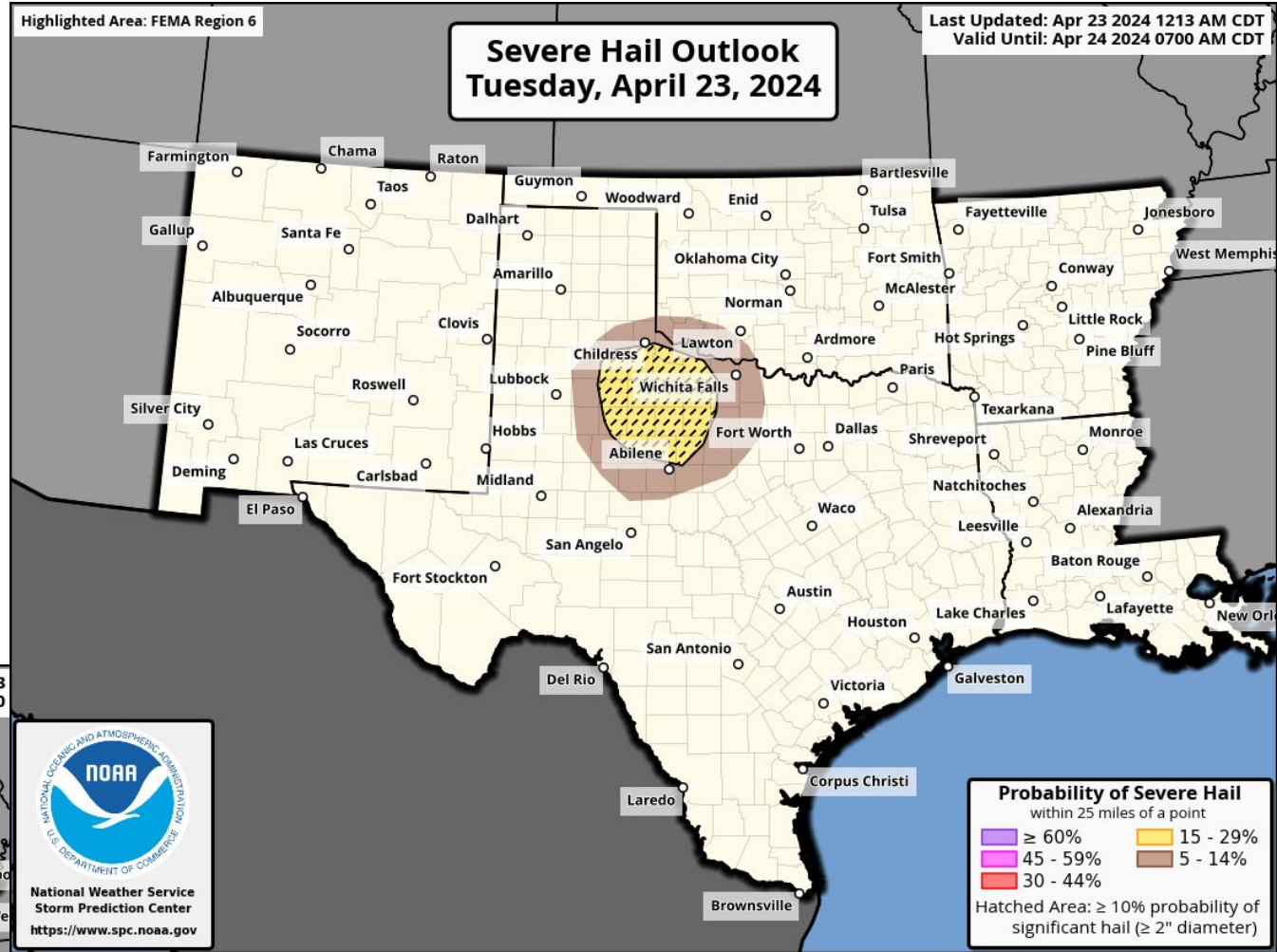
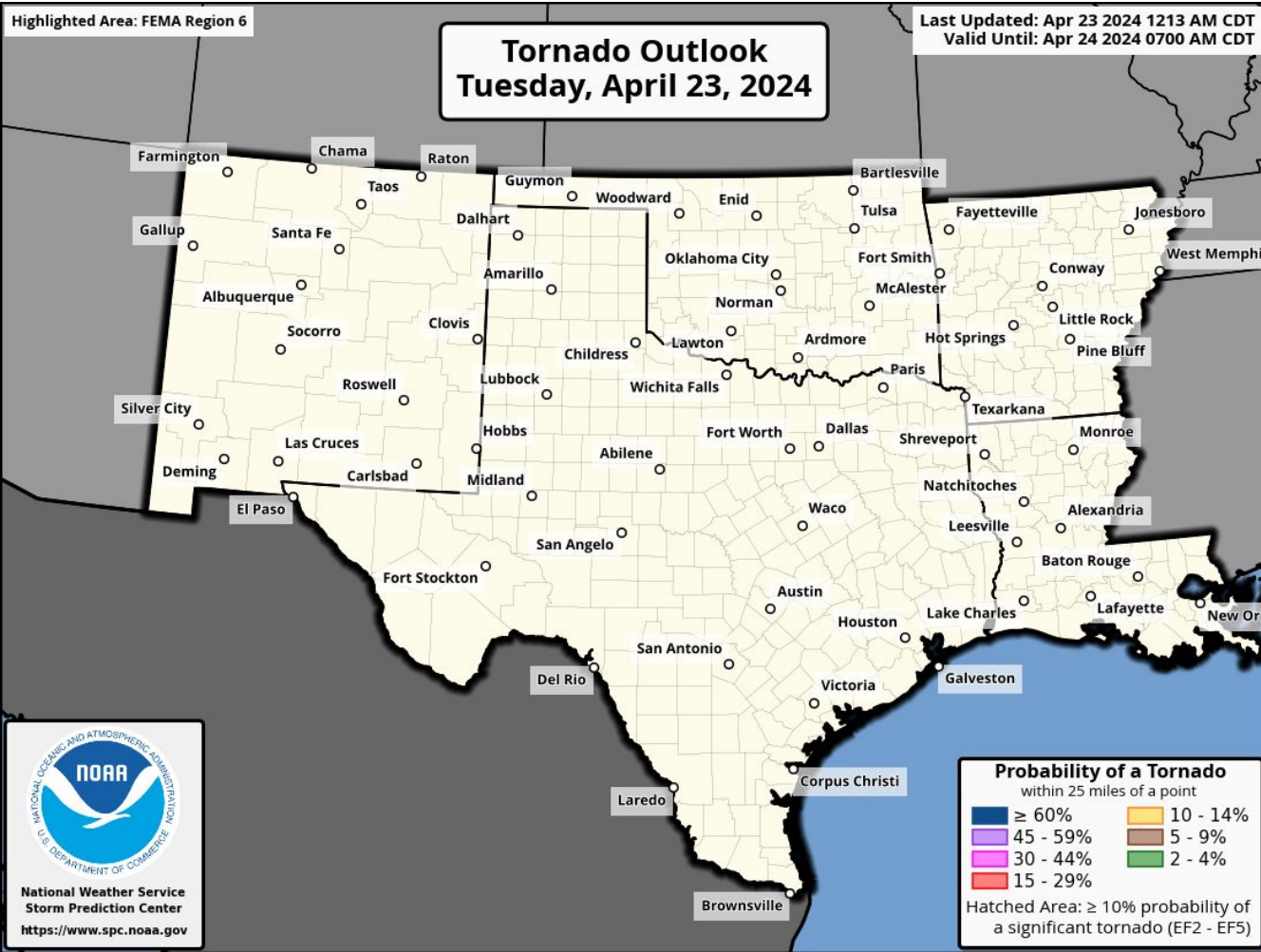






# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

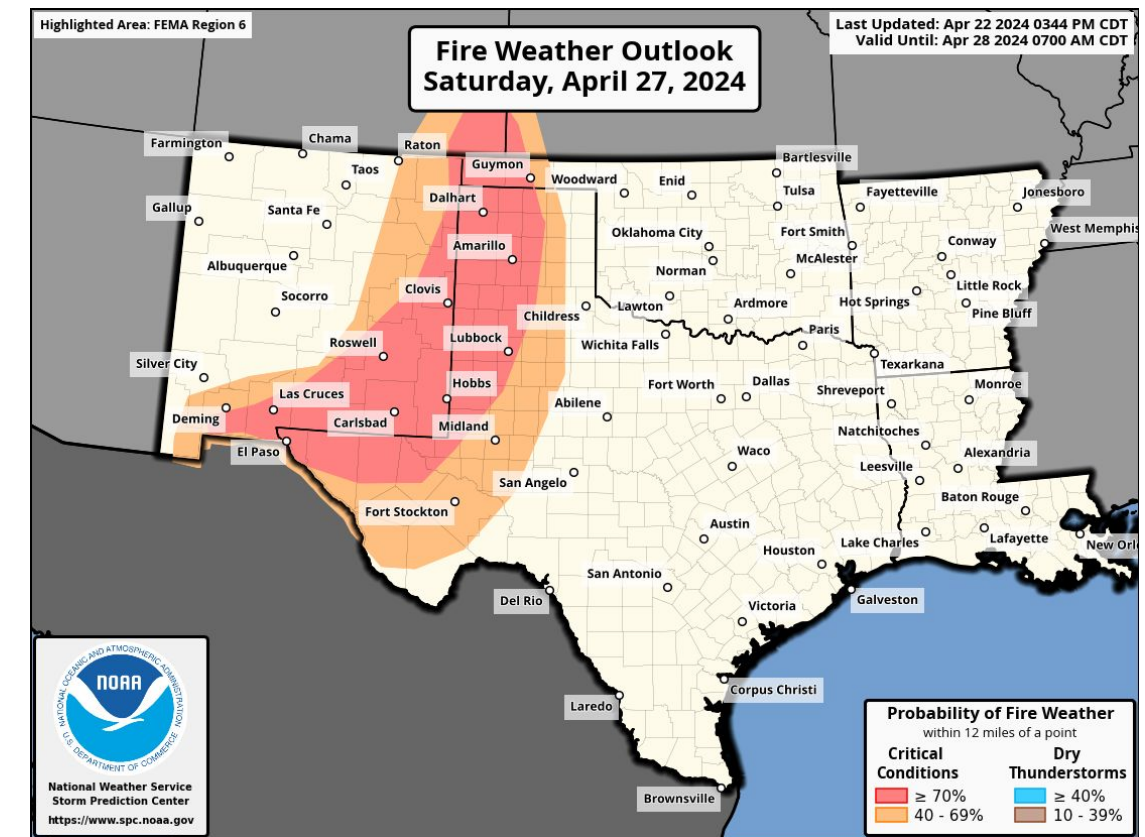
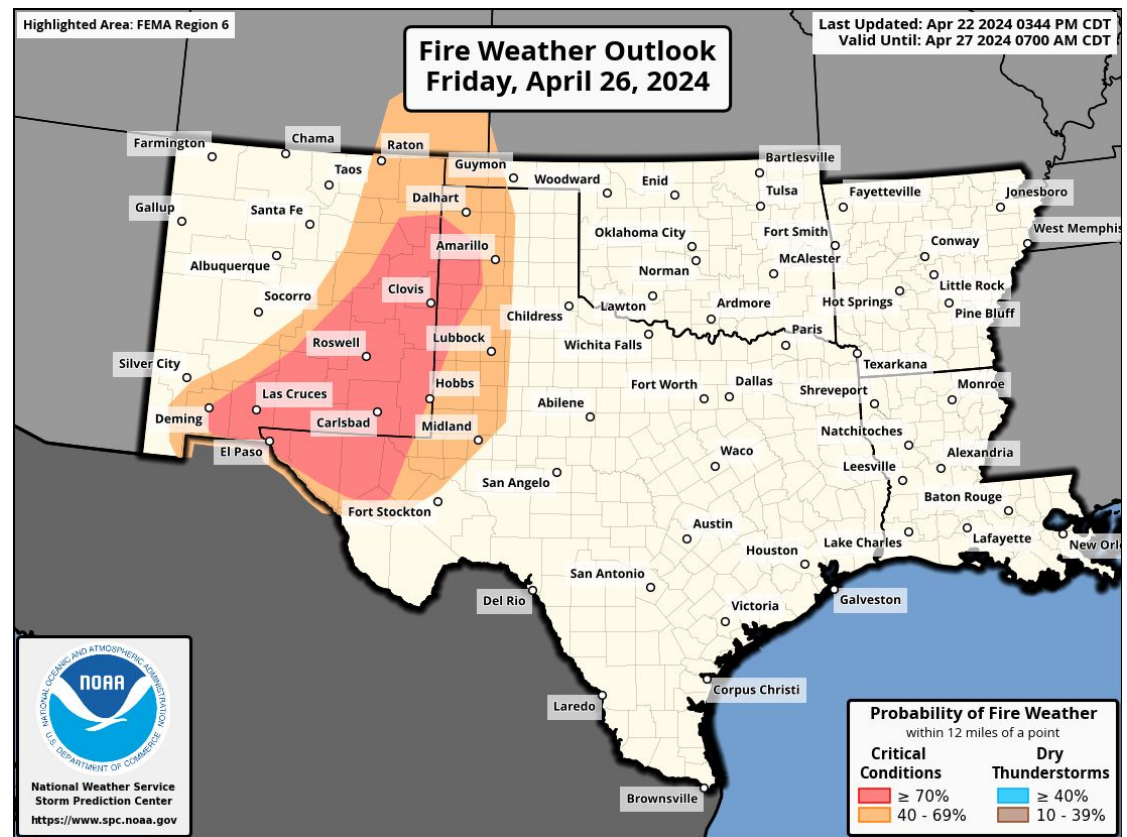
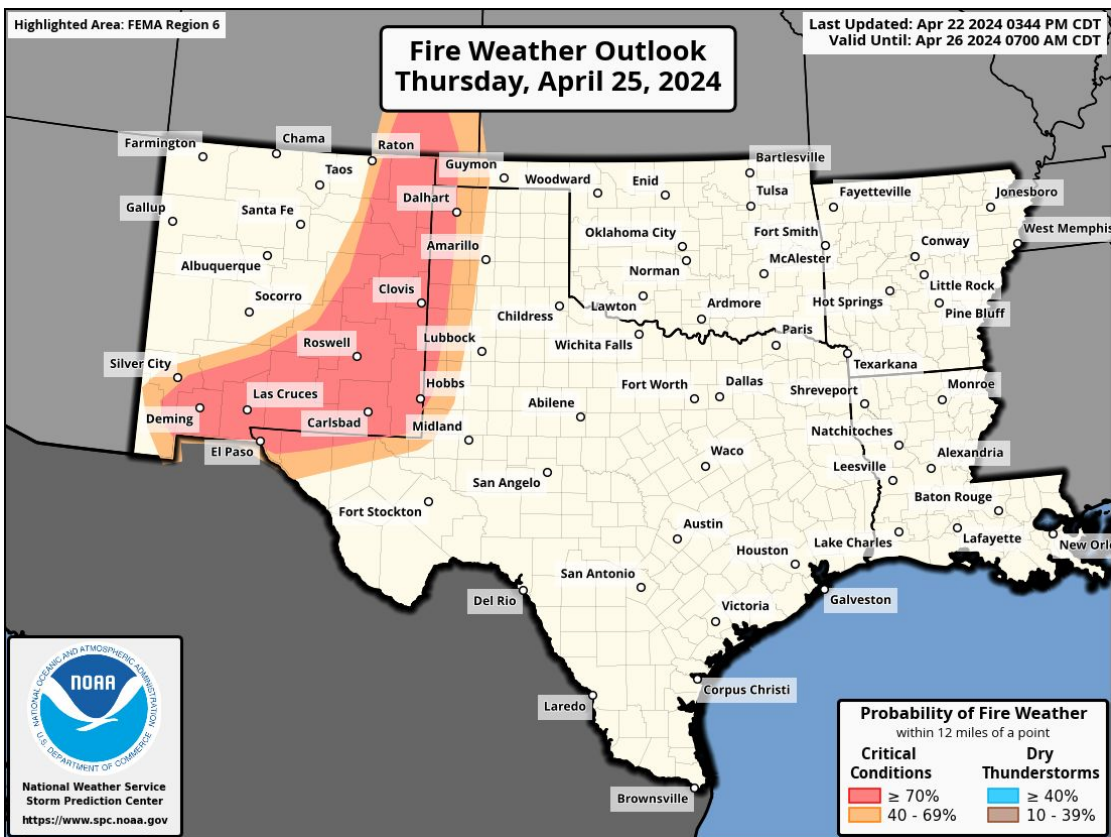
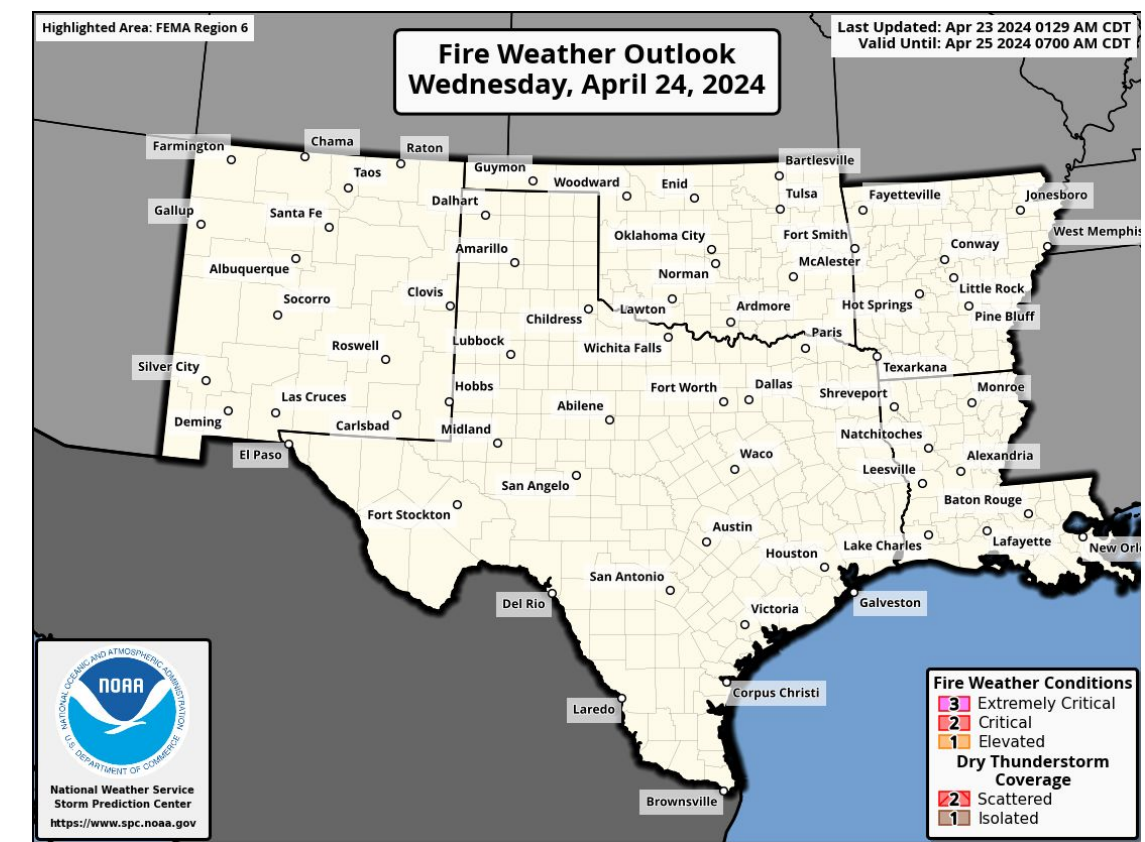
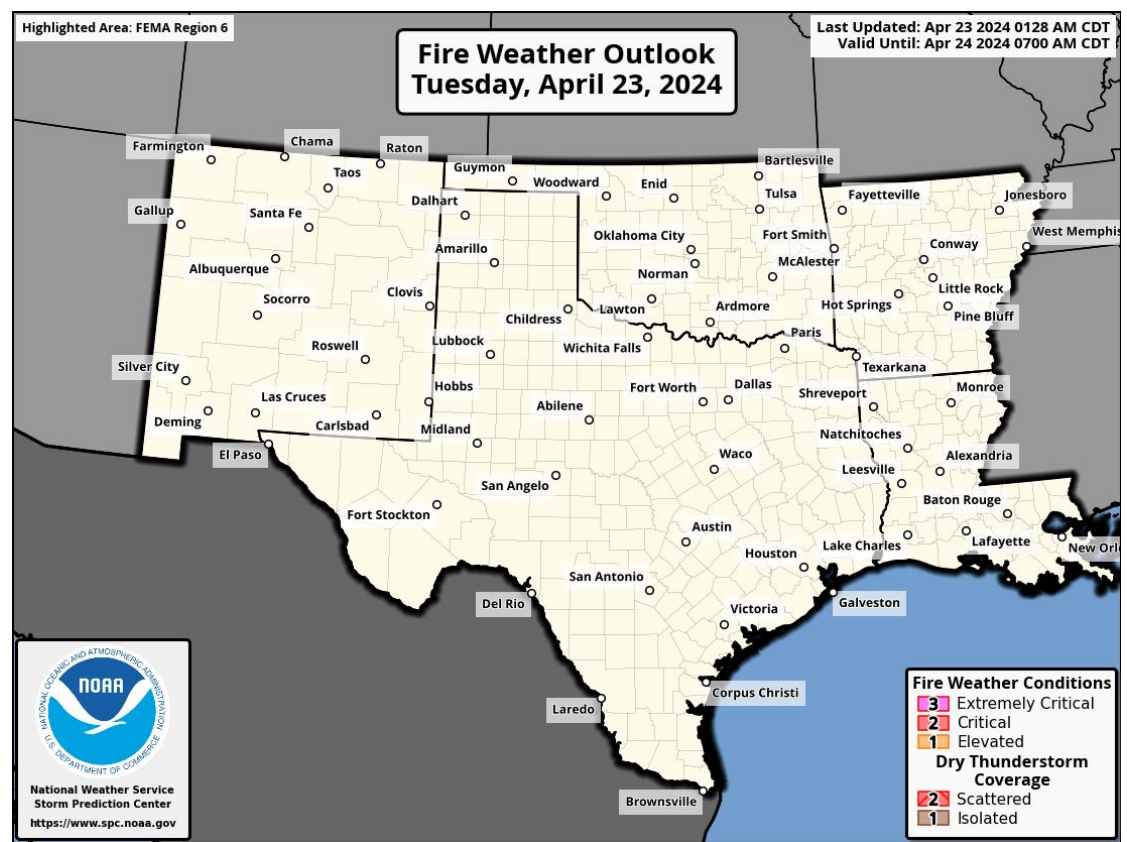
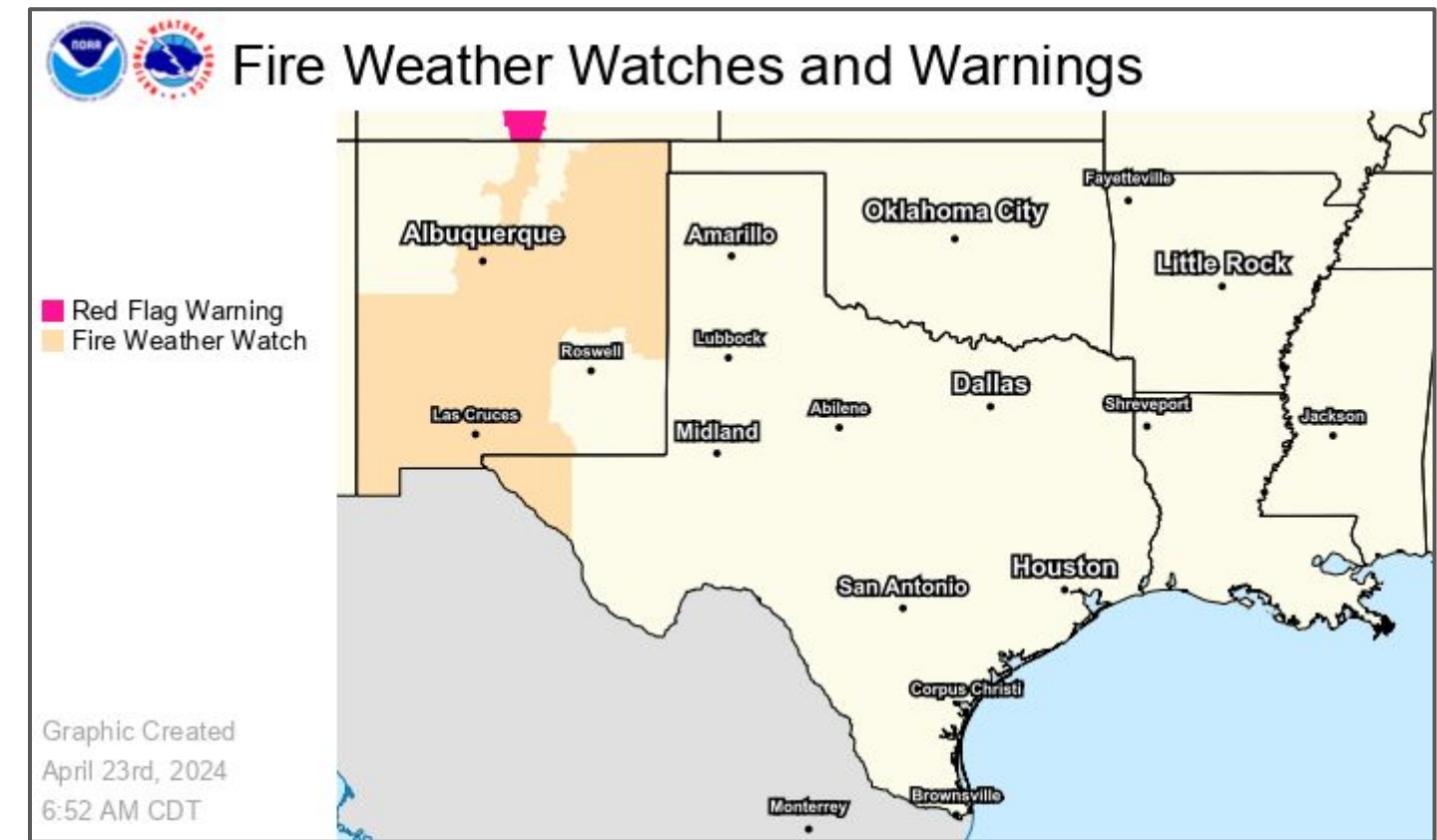
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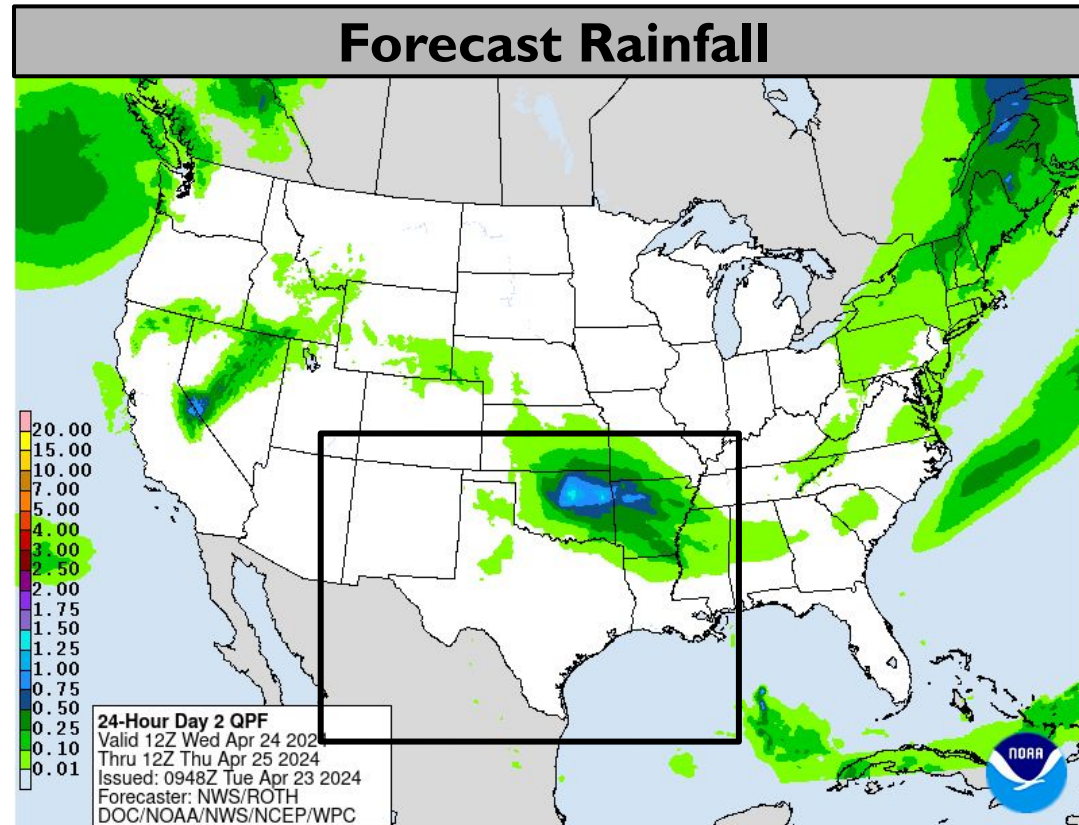
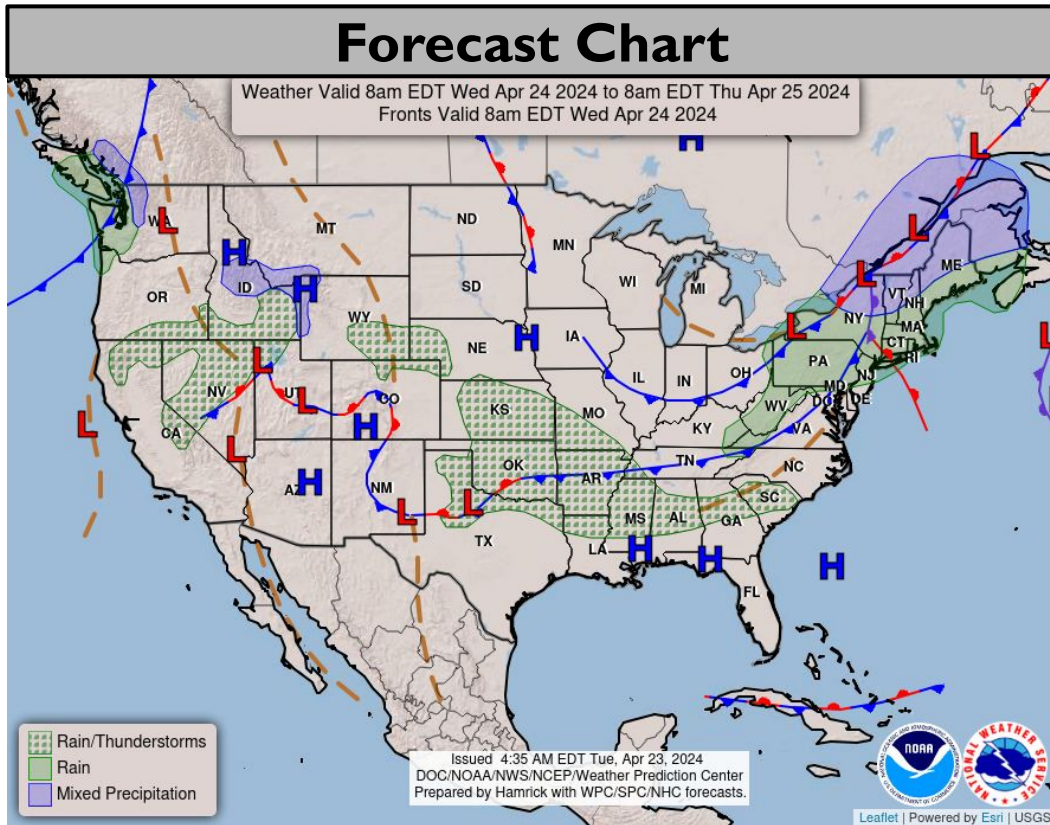
# Fire Weather Outlooks



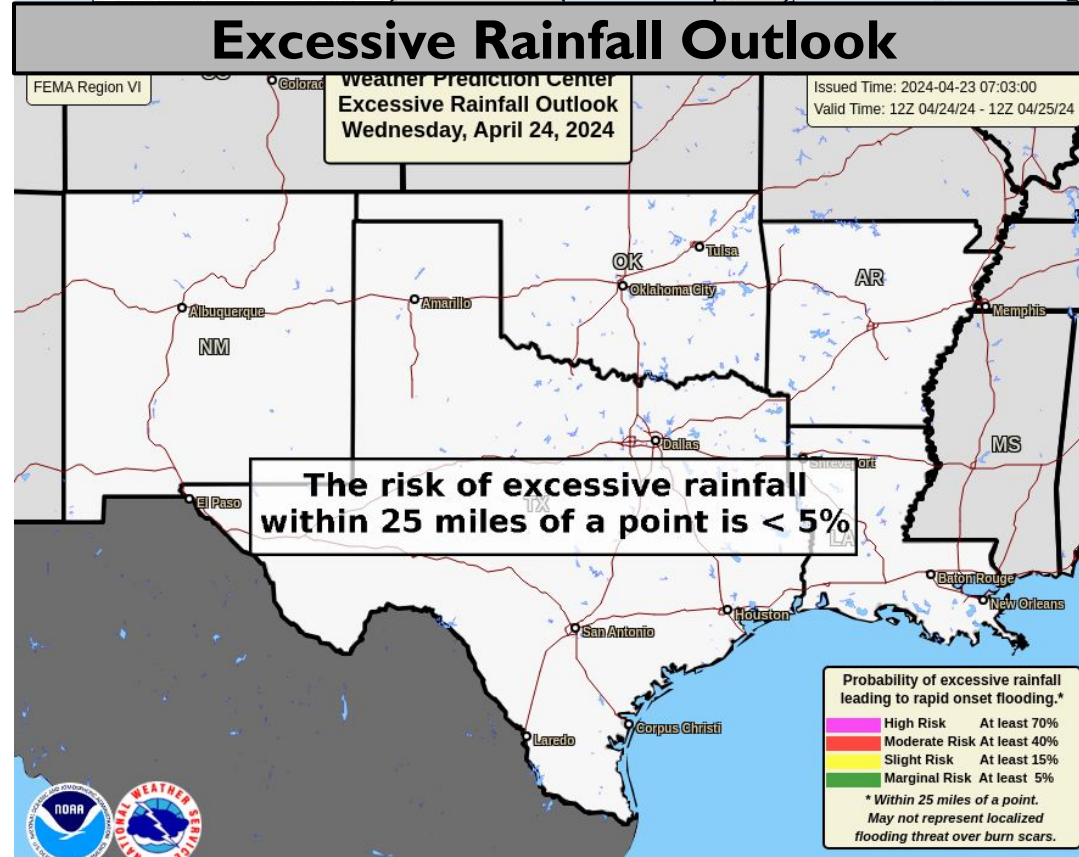
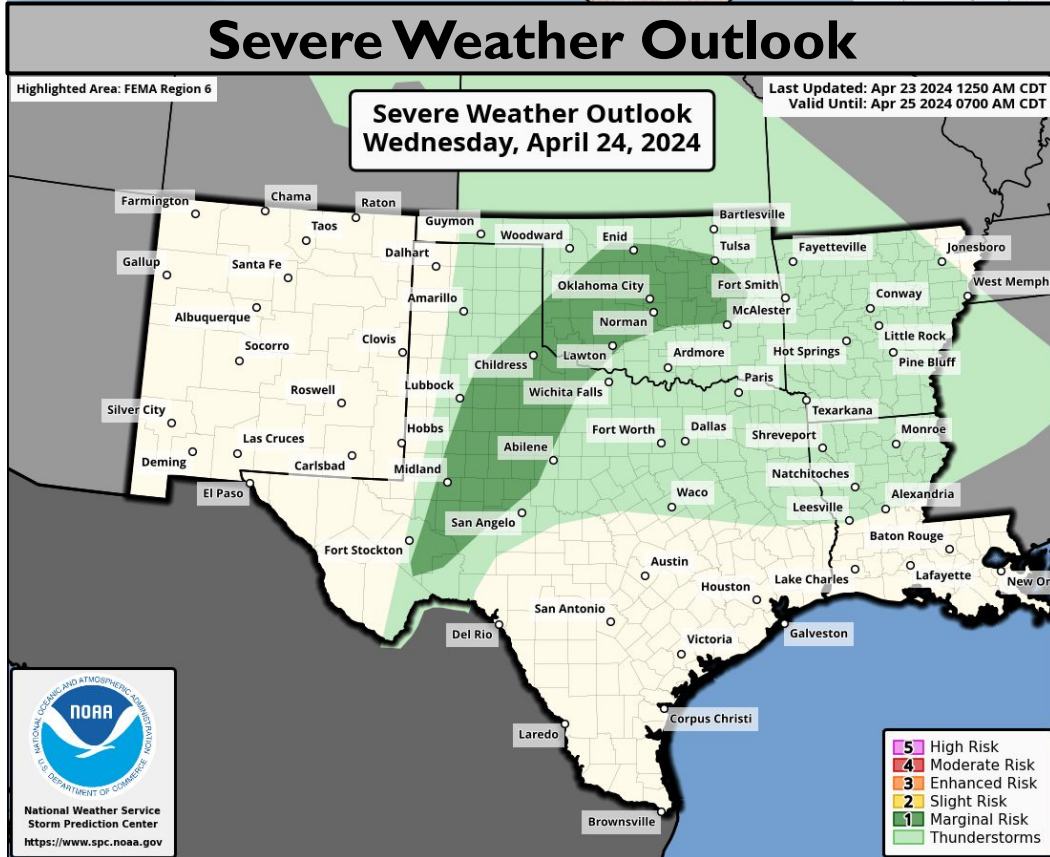




# Tomorrow's Weather



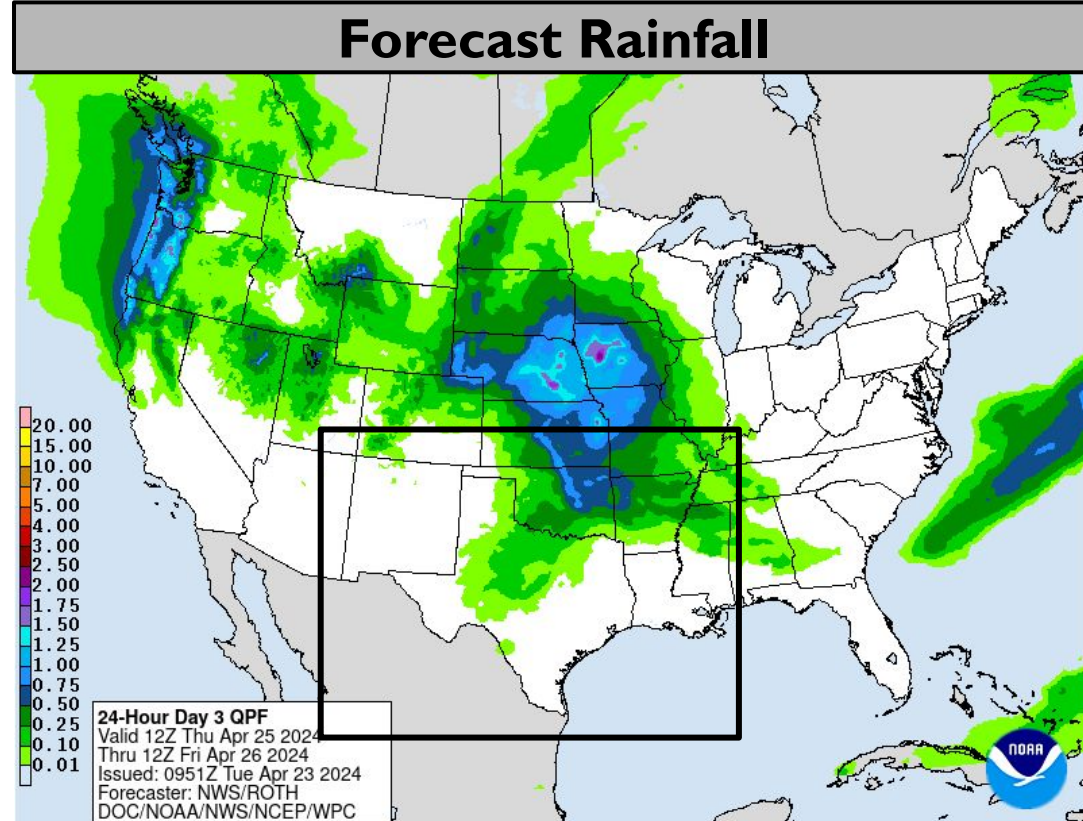
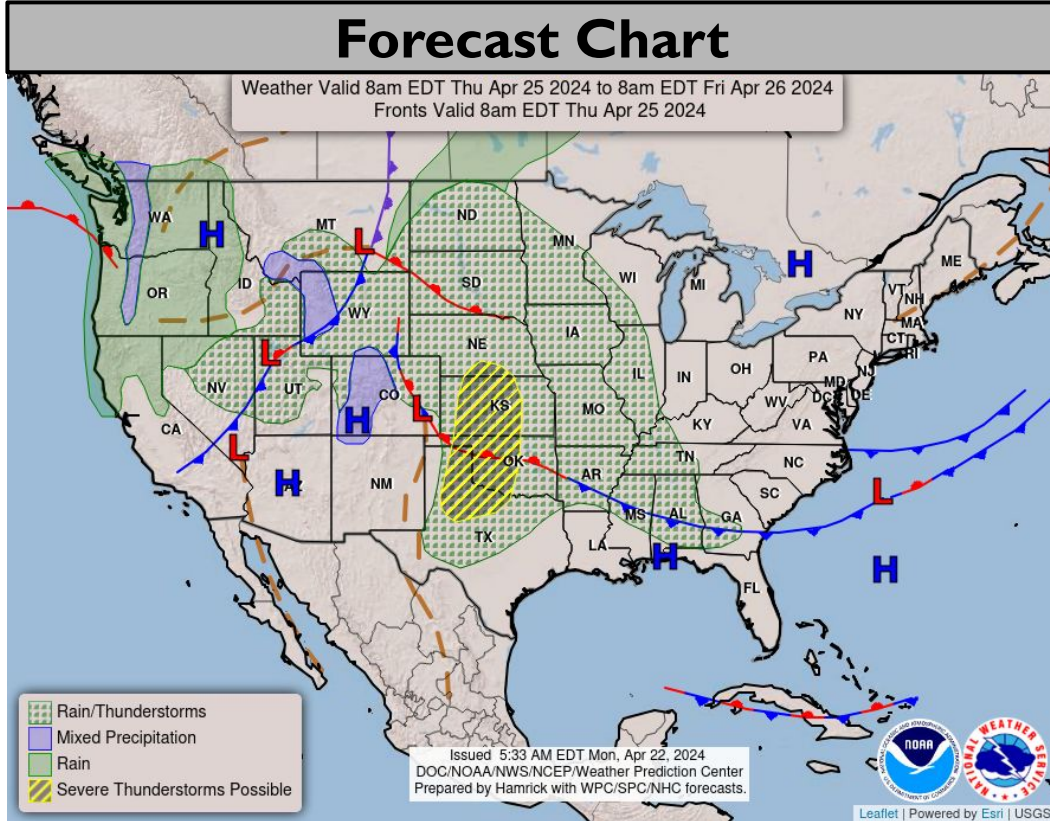
**Marginal risk for severe storms  
over W OK into NWTX**



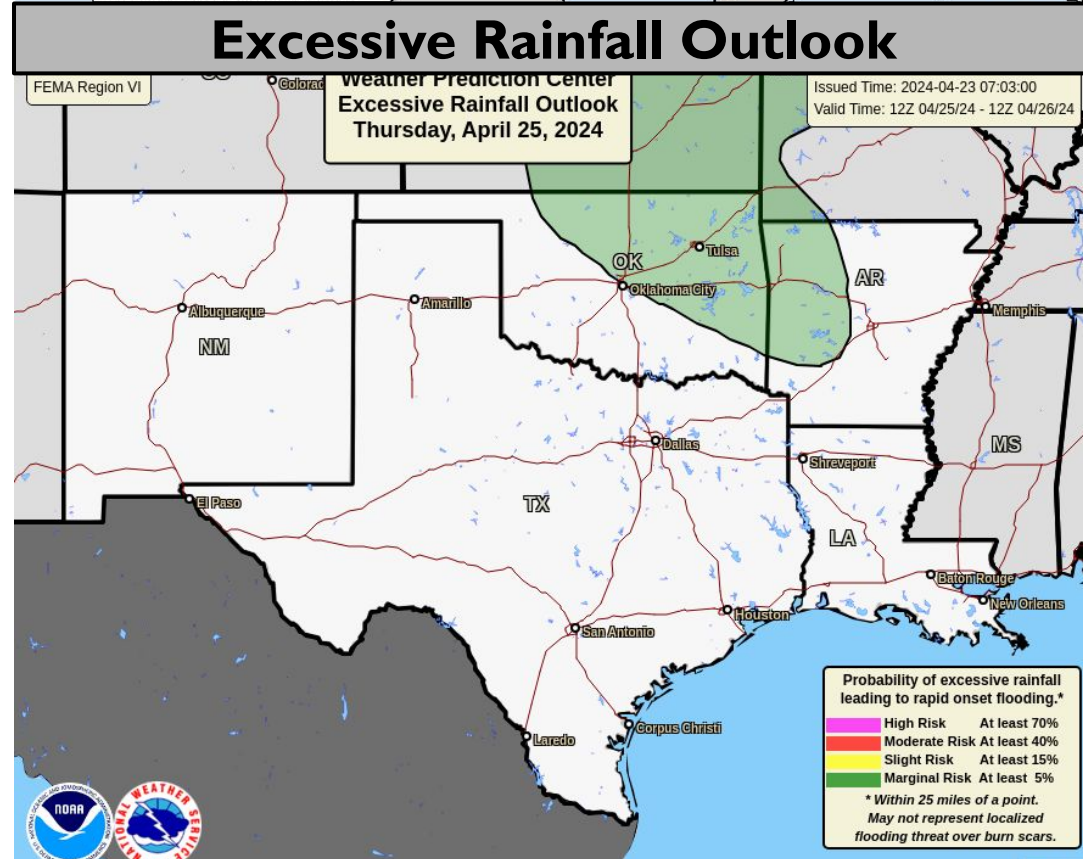
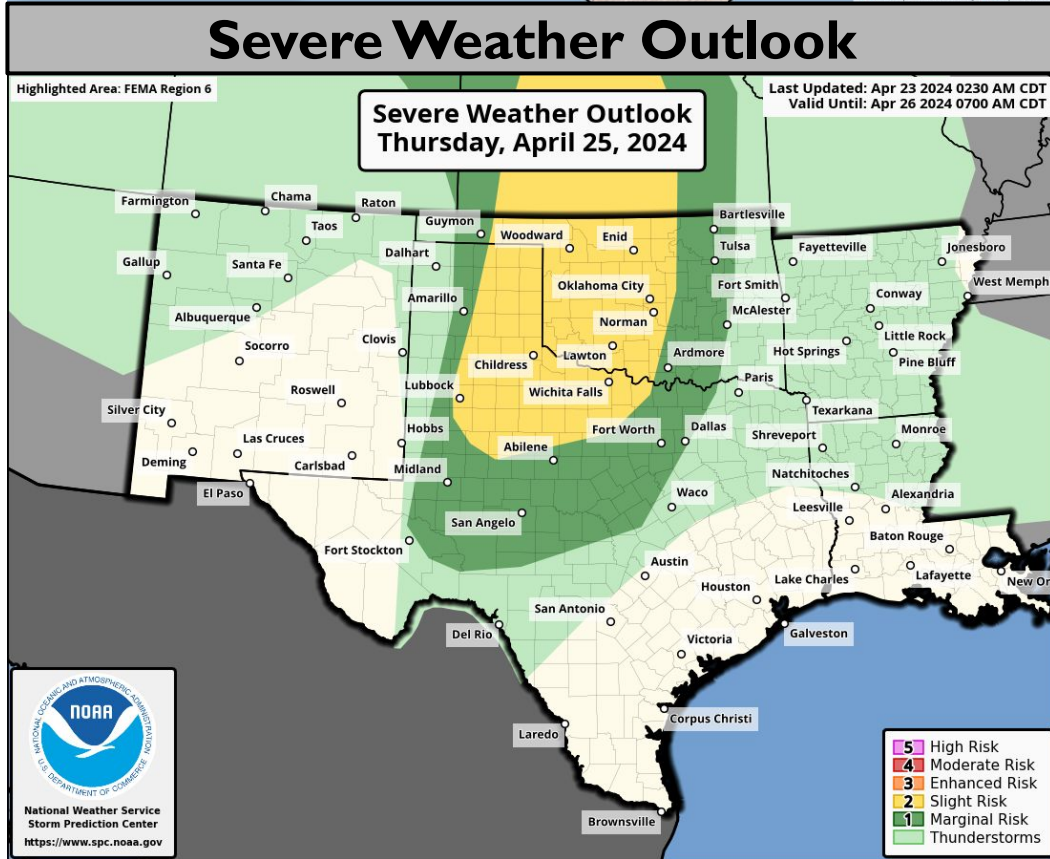




# Thursday's Weather



**Slight risk for severe storms over W OK into NWTX**

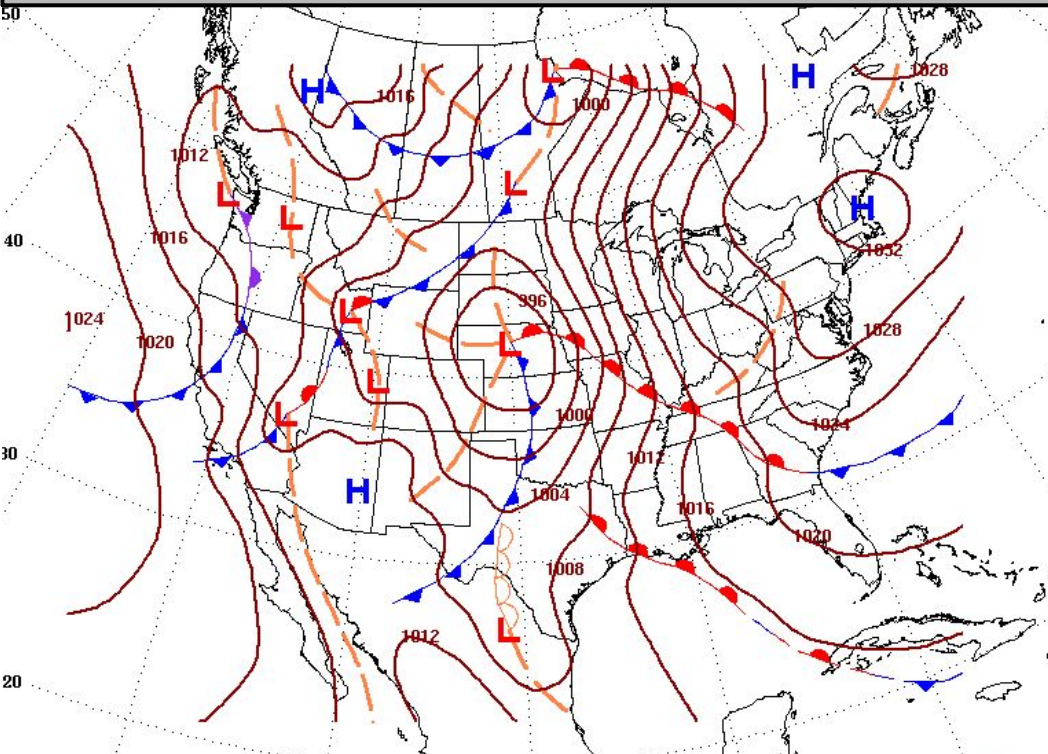




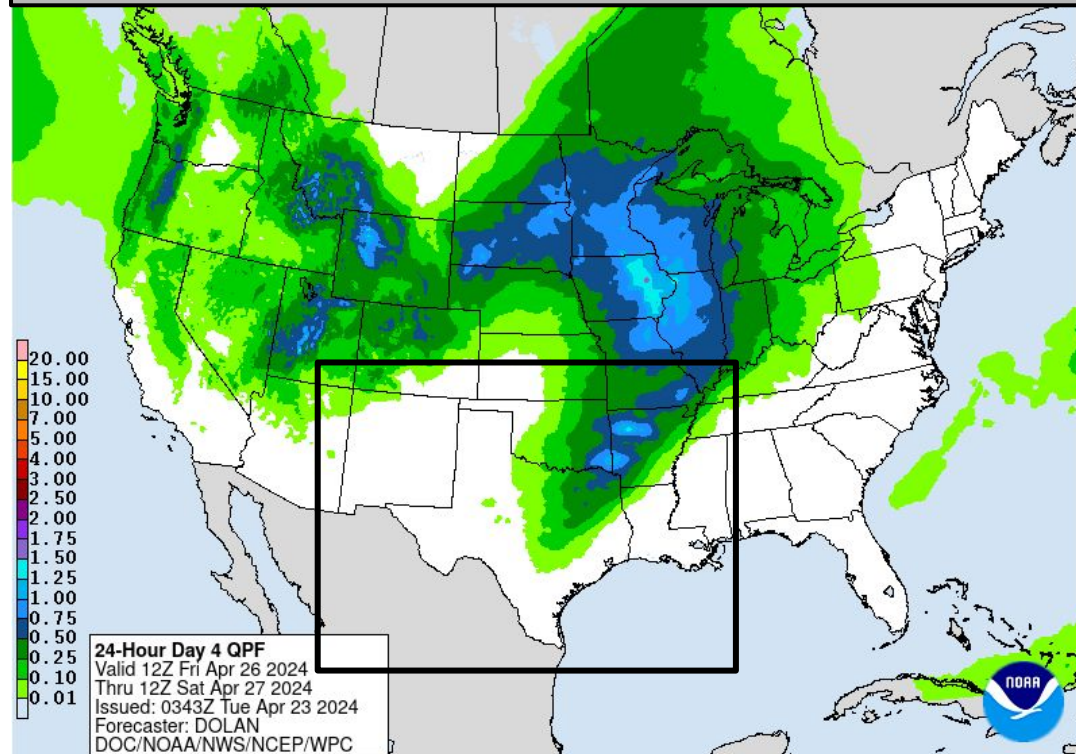


# Friday's Weather

### Forecast Chart

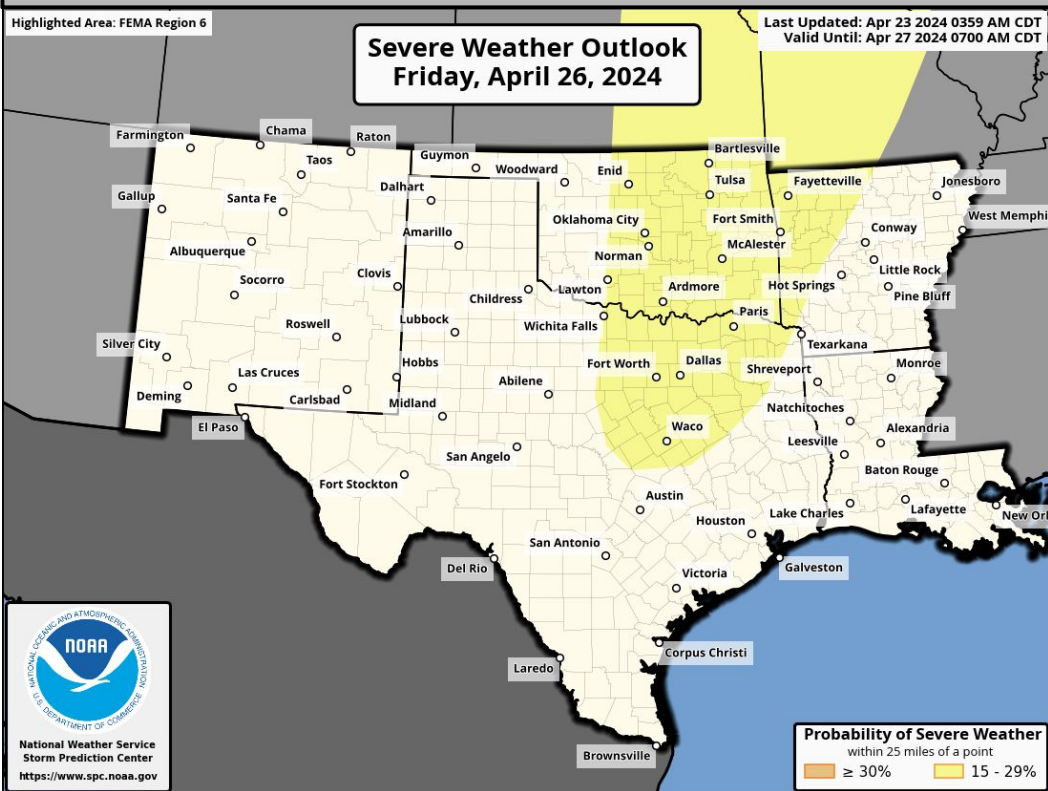


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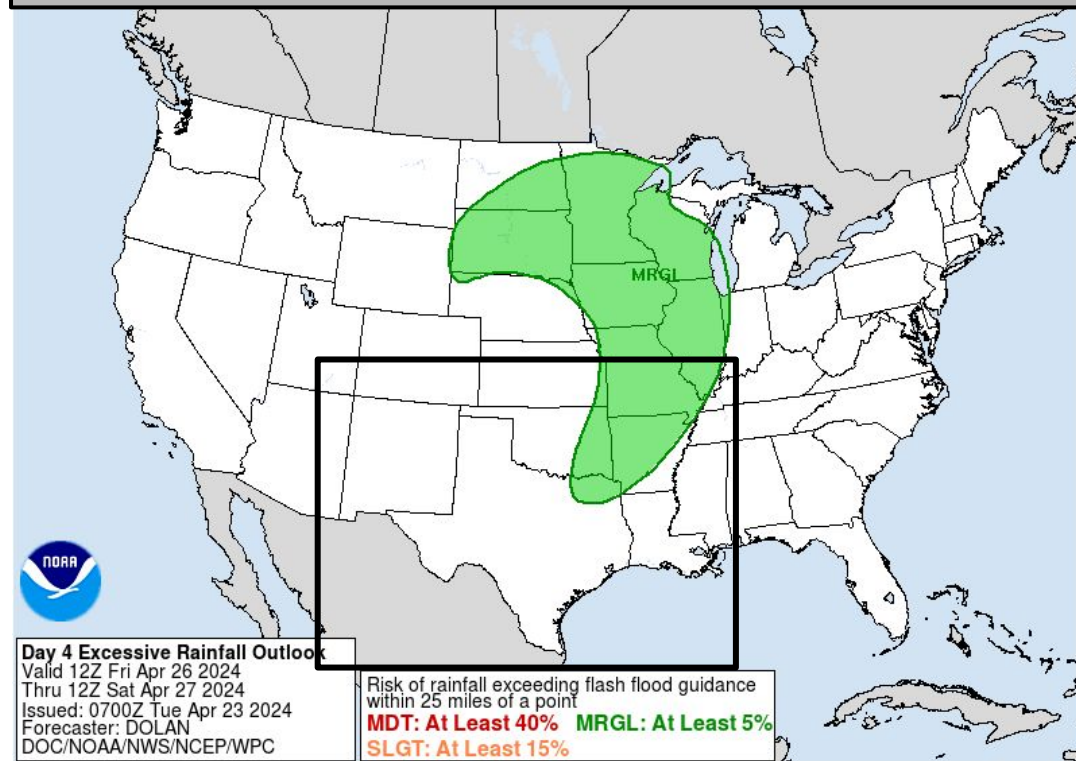


**Slight risk for severe storms over OK into NTX and NW AR**

### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook

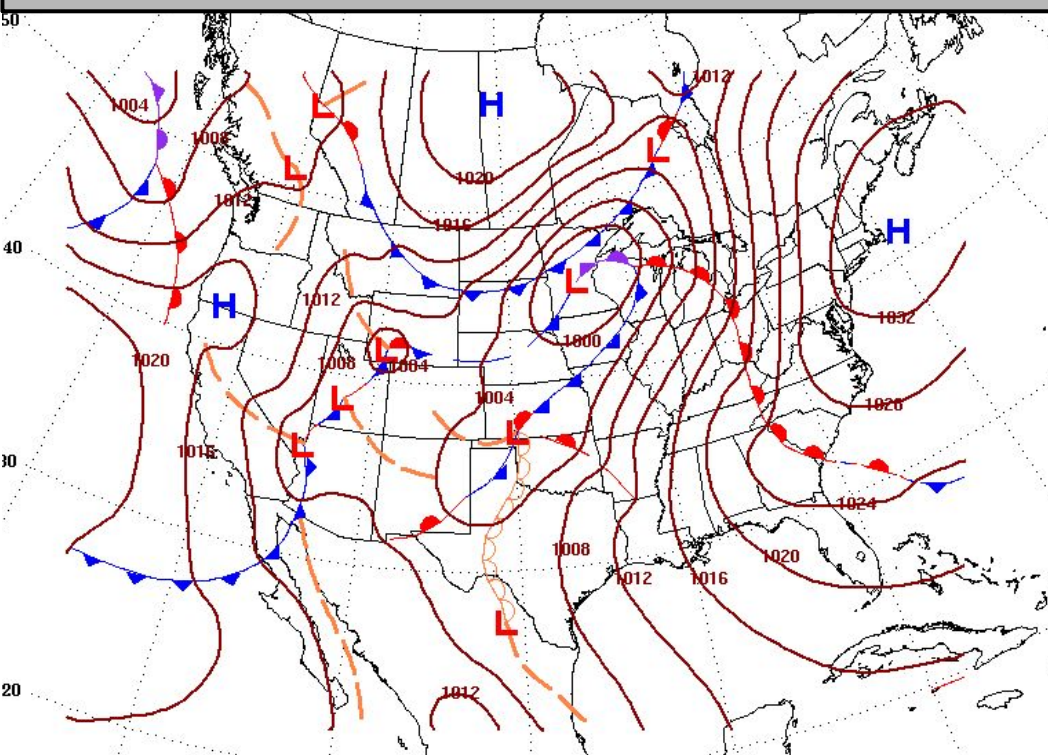




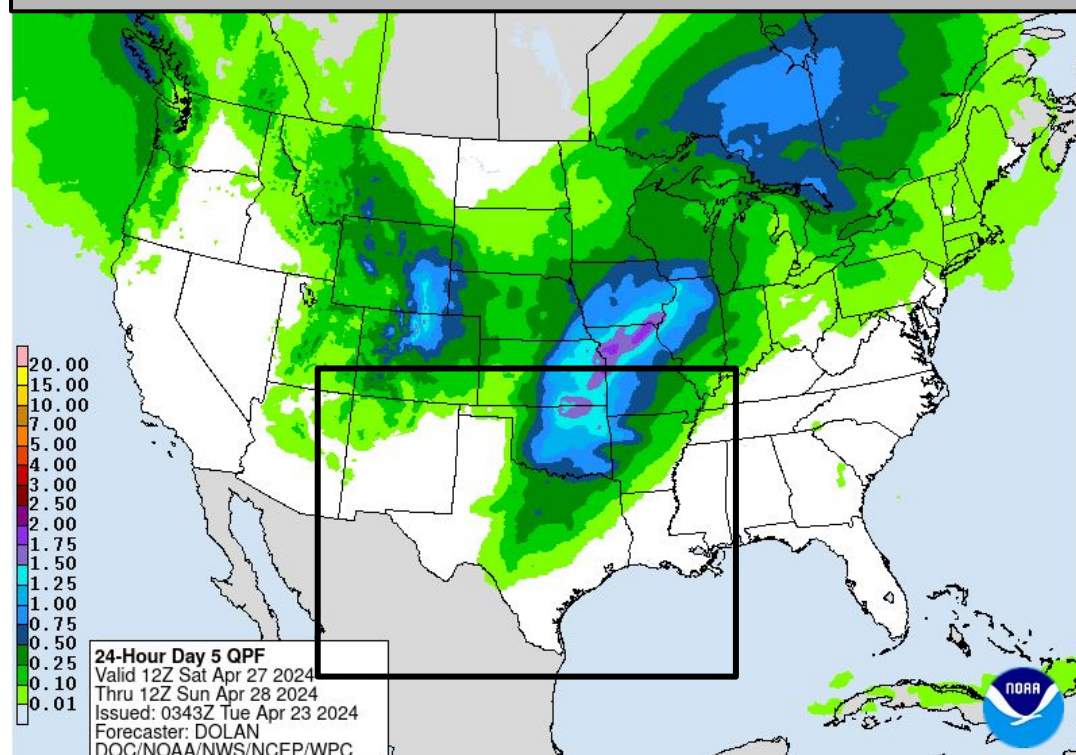


# Saturday's Weather

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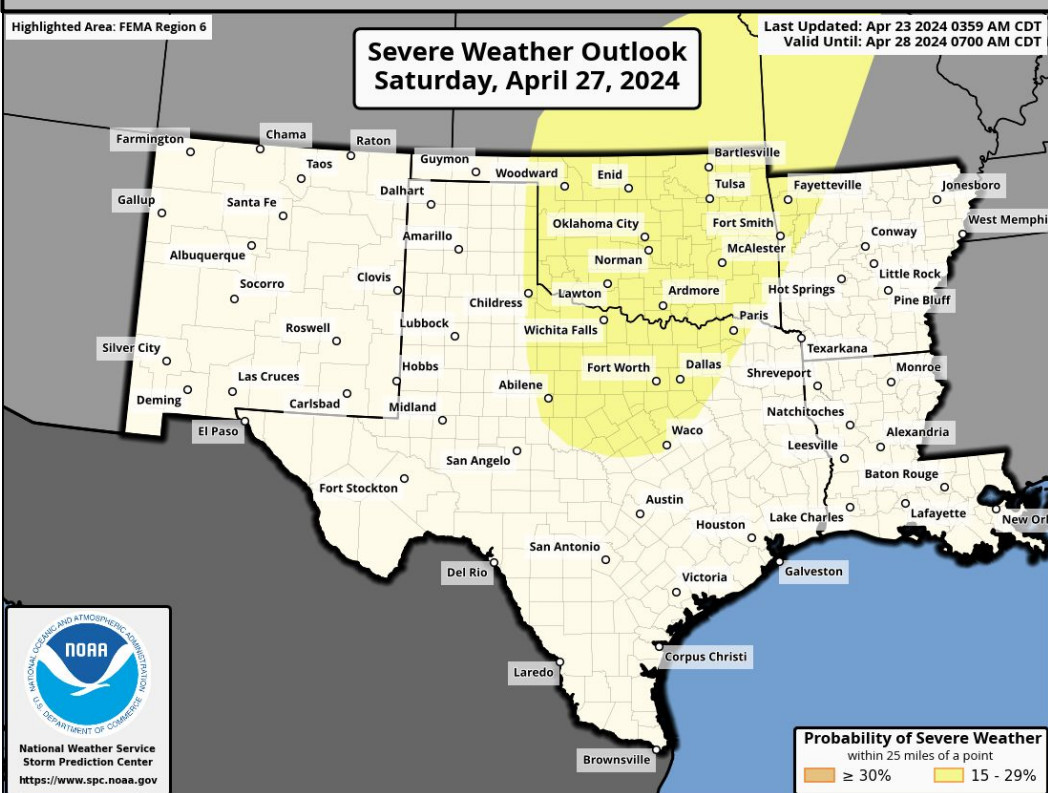


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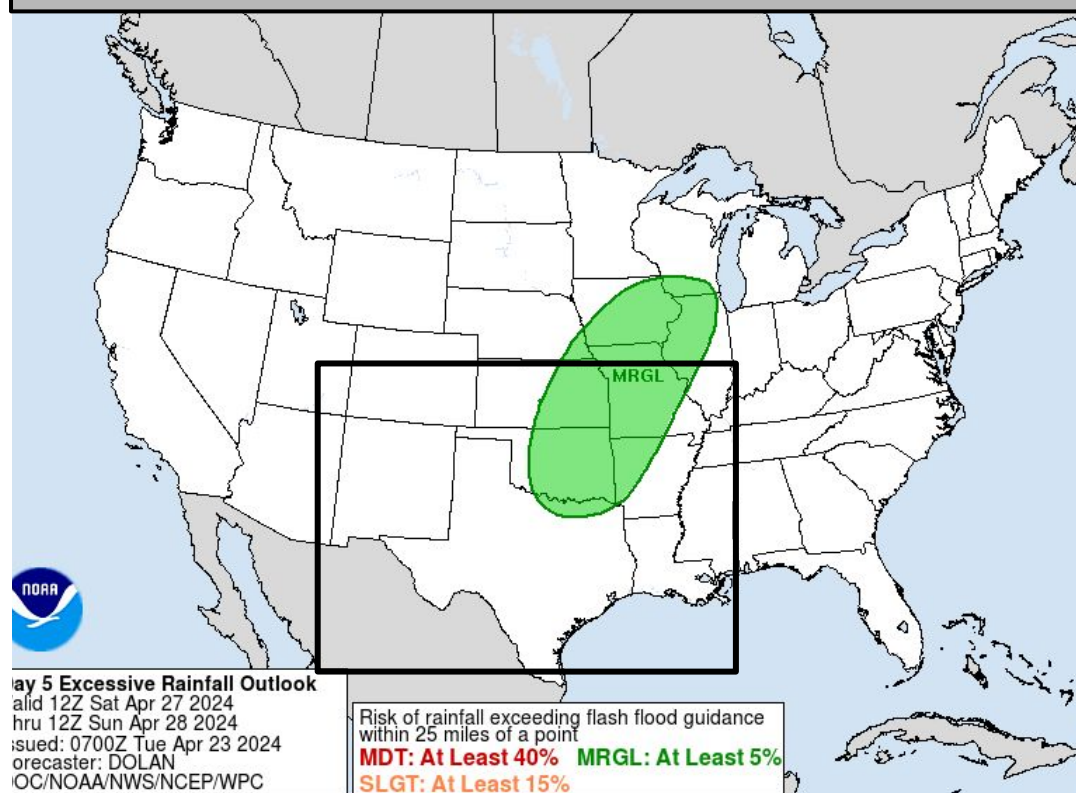


**Slight risk for severe storms over OK, N TX into TX Panhandle**

### Severe Weather Outlook



### Excessive Rainfall Outlook

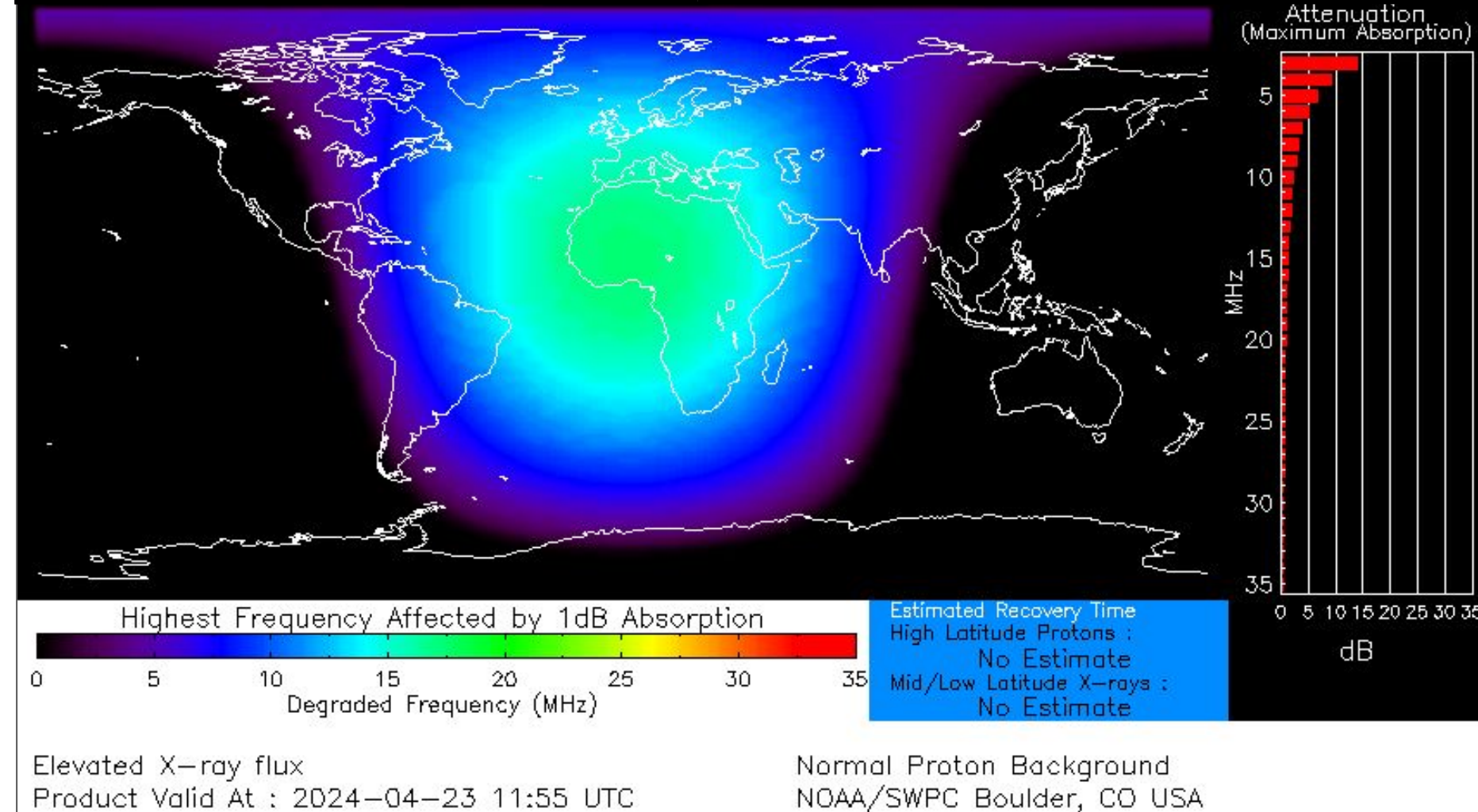






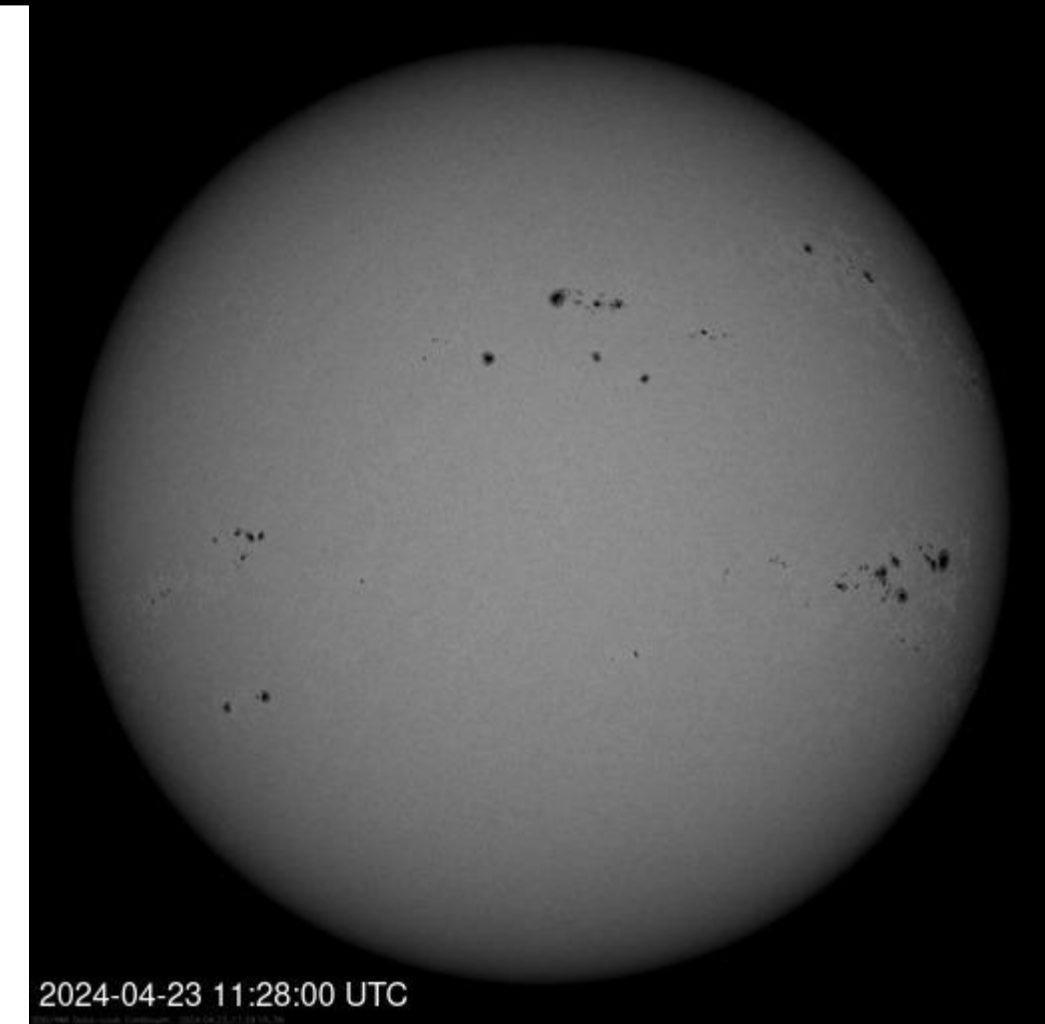
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Apr 23	Wednesday, Apr 24	Thursday, Apr 25
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp = 4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</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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