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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> 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 <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.





#### Summary of the Upcoming Week

- Slight risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding
  - Today: Far N OK
  - Wednesday: OK, N/Ctrl/ETX
  - Thursday: OK, N/Ctrl/ETX, AR, NW LA
- Slight risk for severe thunderstorms
  - Today: N OK
  - Wednesday: W OK into NW/W TX
- Moderate/Major river flooding in S/NE OK, ETX and LA. Trinity river flooding homes and portions of I-10 and US 59.





#### FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

#### **Next 5 Days**

	Tuesday, Apr 30	Wednesday, May I	Thursday, May 2	Friday, May 3	Saturday, May 4
Severe Storms	N OK	W OK, NW/WTX	NWTX, OK		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	ОК	OK, N/Ctrl/ETX	E OK, N/Ctrl/ETX,AR, NW LA	Ctrl/ETX, LA, SAR	OK, NTX,TX Panhandle
Fire Weather		NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	NM, Far W TX		
Wind					
Heat					
River Flooding	S/NE OK, ETX, LA	S/NE OK, ETX, LA	NE OK, ETX, LA	NE OK, ETX, LA	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.

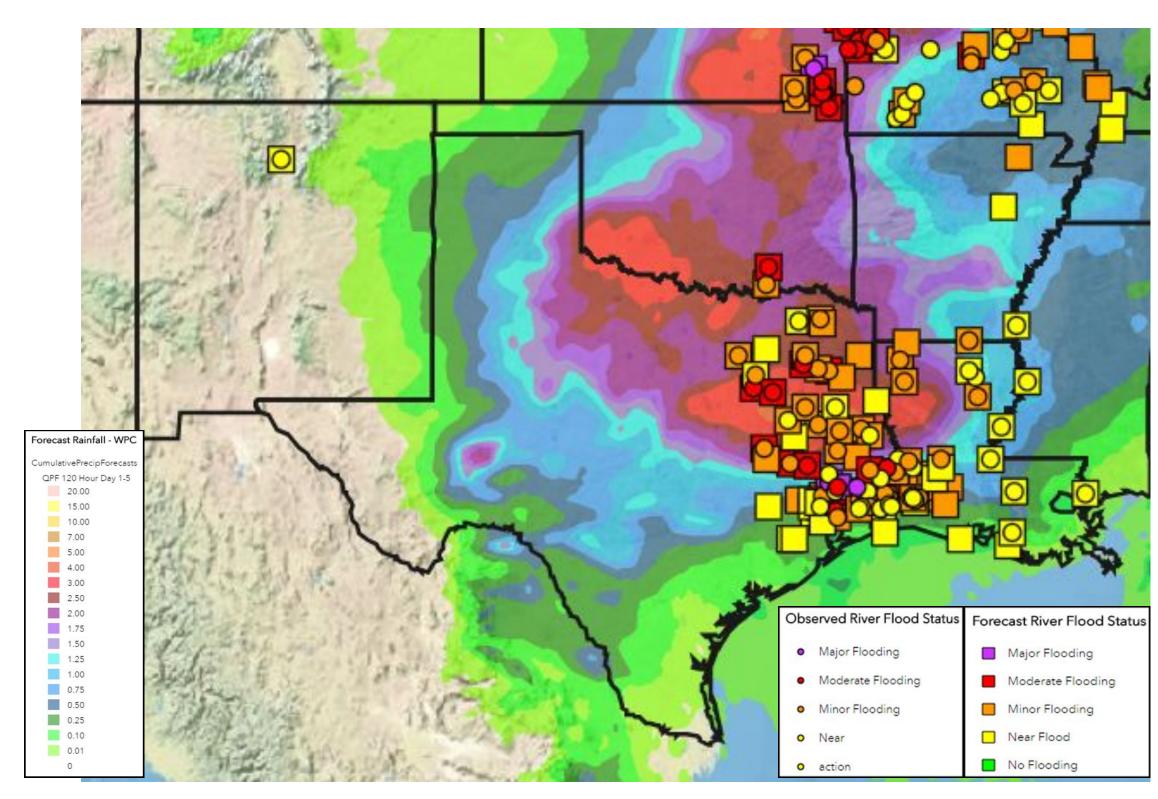
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Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme





#### 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

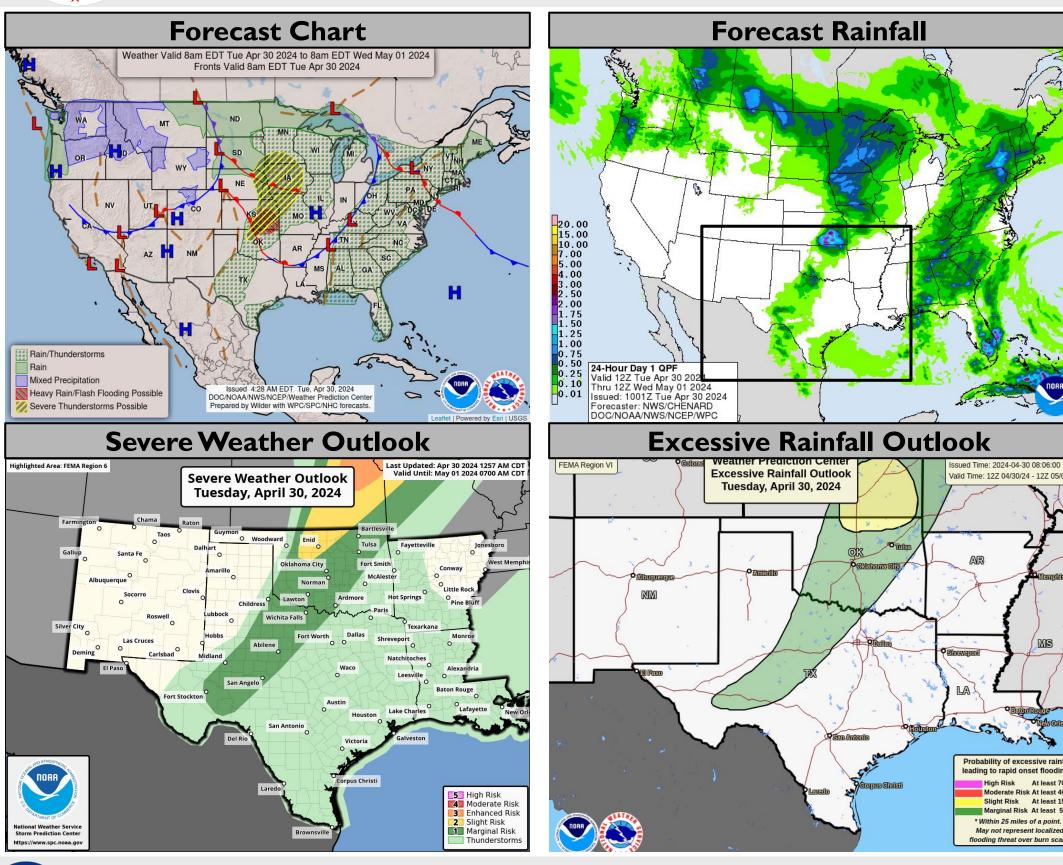


Moderate to Major river flooding in S/NE OK, ETX, LA.

Trinity River at Liberty as well as near Goodrich will flood homes in several subdivisions. Releases on Trinity River are flooding portions of I-10 and US 59.



#### Today's Weather

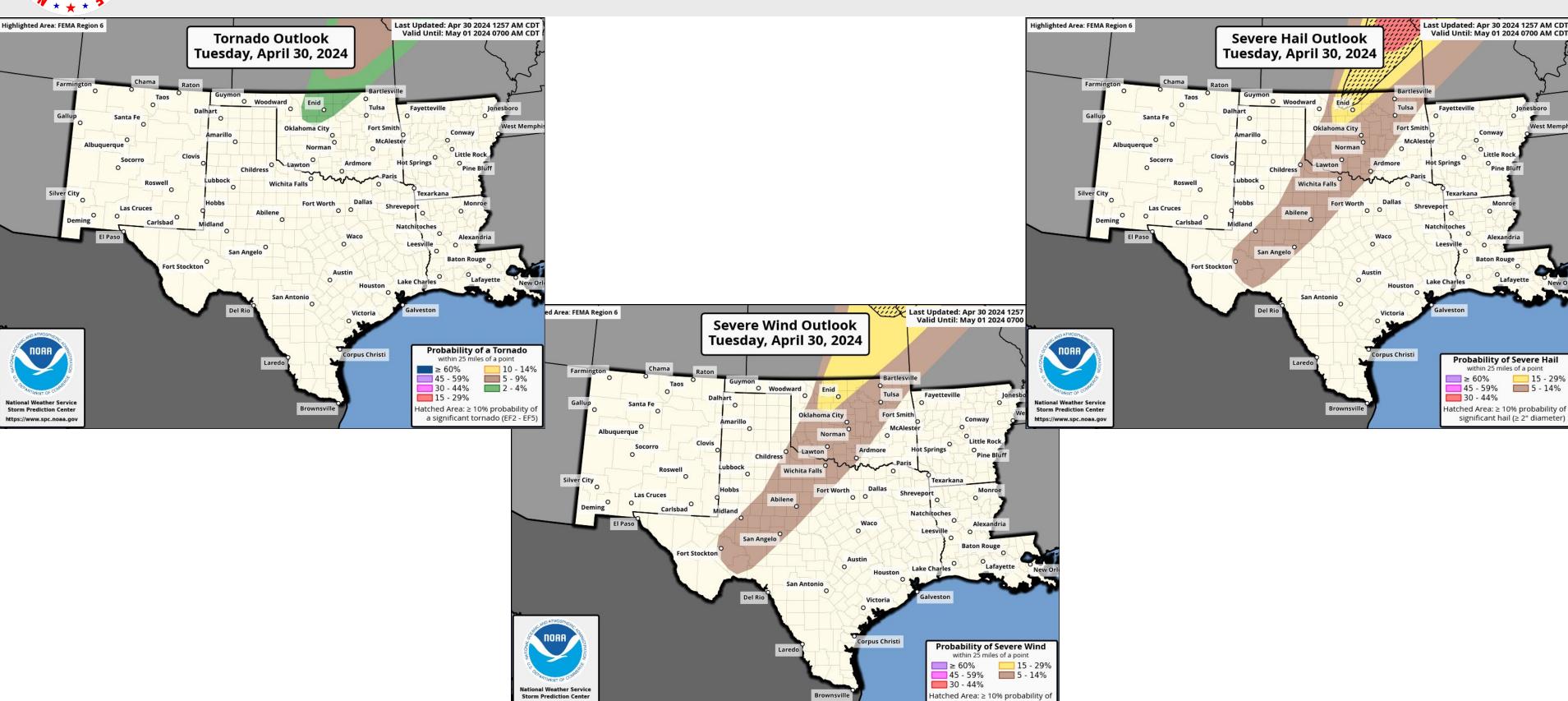


Slight risk of severe storms for N OK.

Slight risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding for N OK.

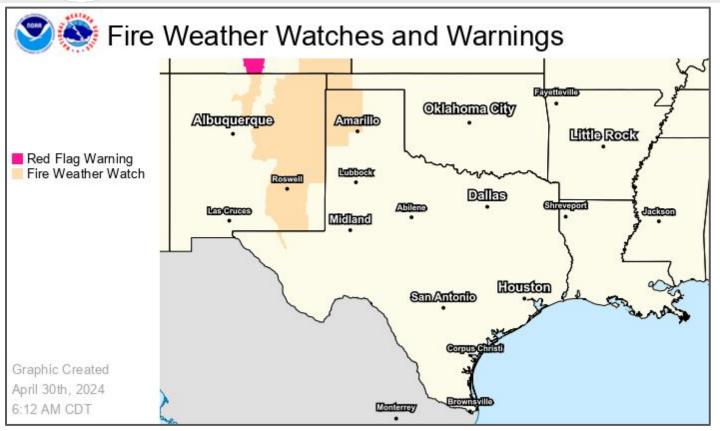


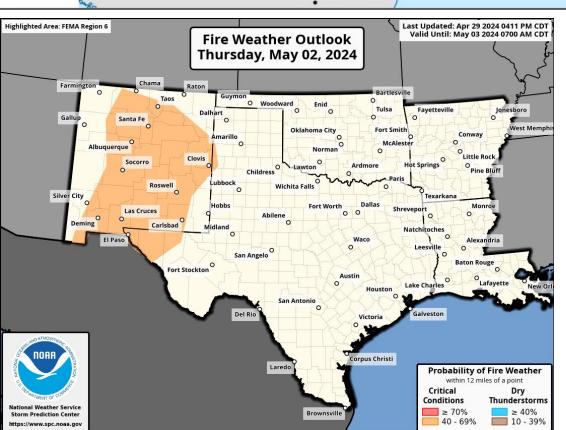
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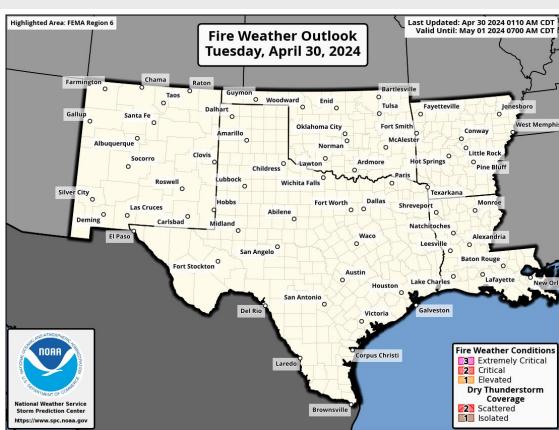


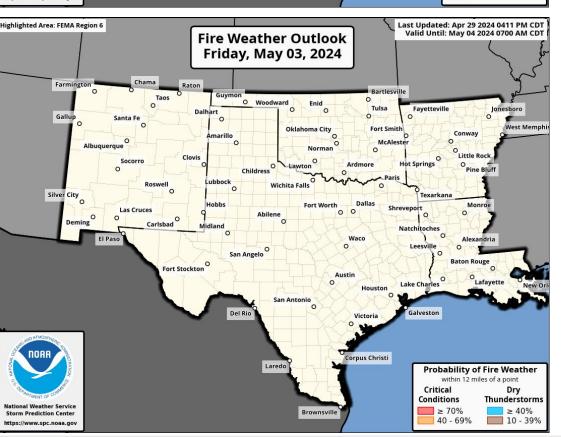


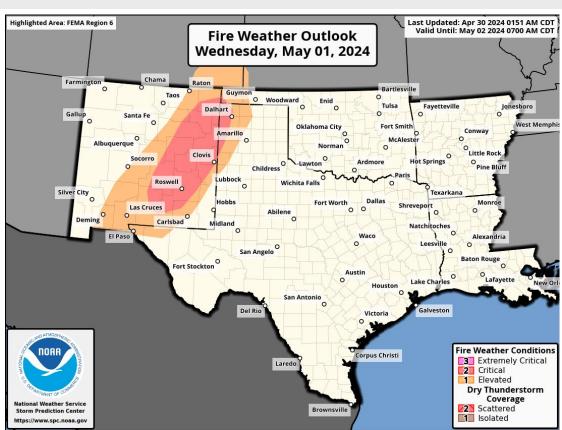
#### Fire Weather Outlooks

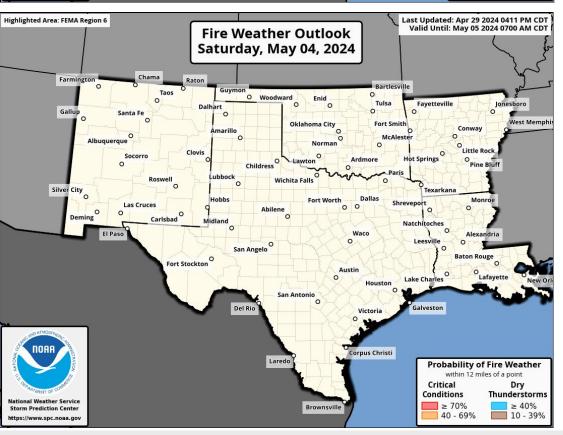








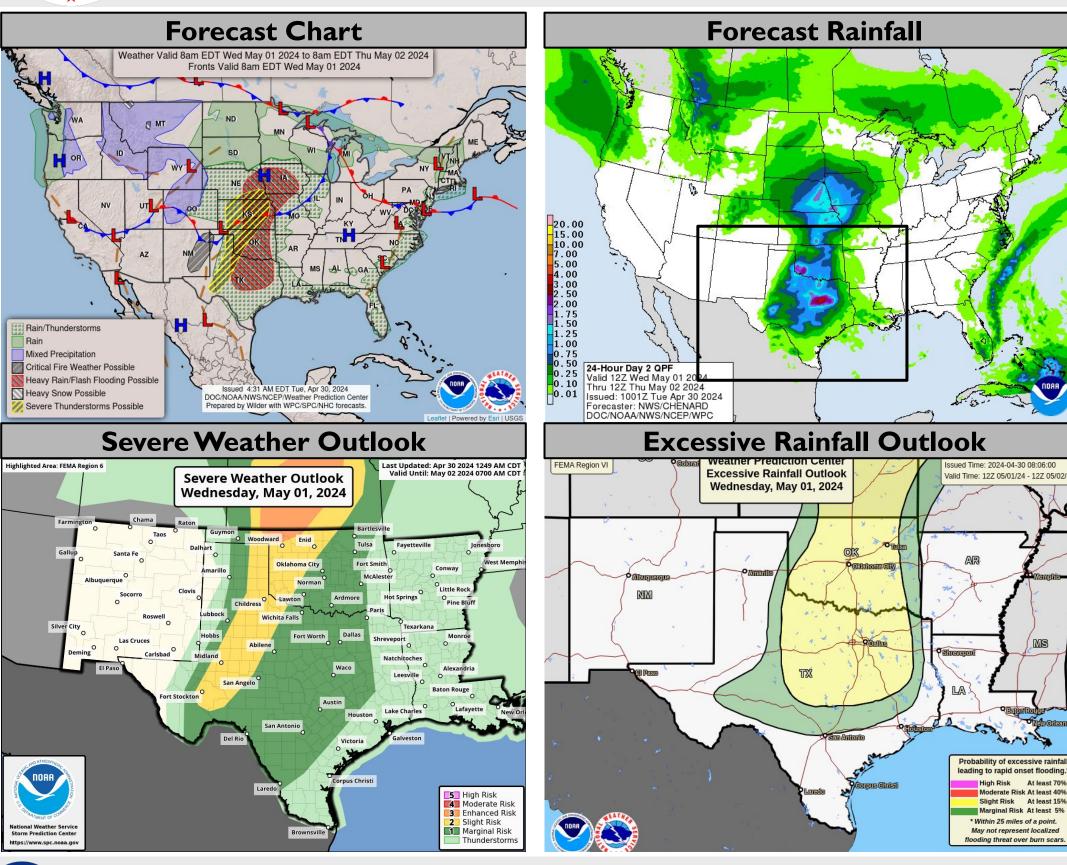








#### Tomorrow's Weather

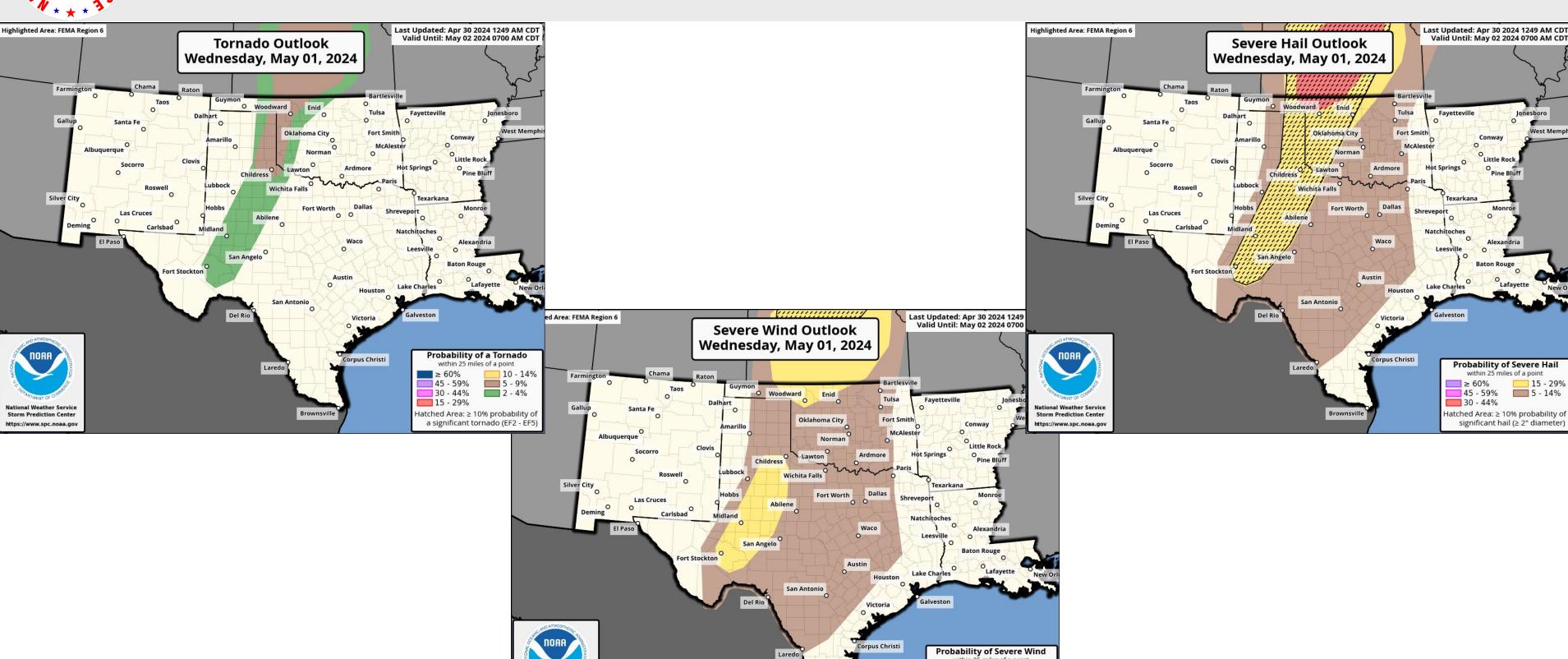


Slight risk of severe storms for WOK, NW/WTX.

Slight risk area for heavy rain/flash flooding across OK, N/Ctrl/ETX.



#### Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



≥ 60%

45 - 59% 30 - 44%

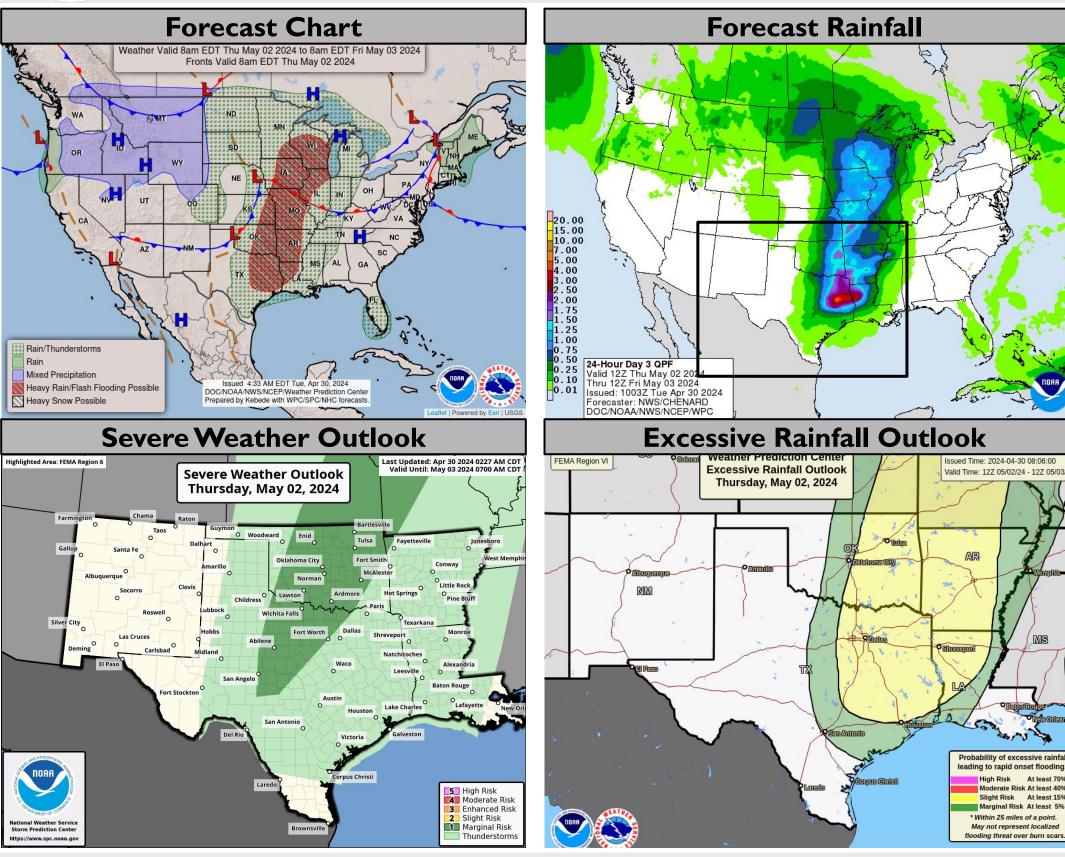
Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of

15 - 29% 5 - 14%





#### Thursday's Weather

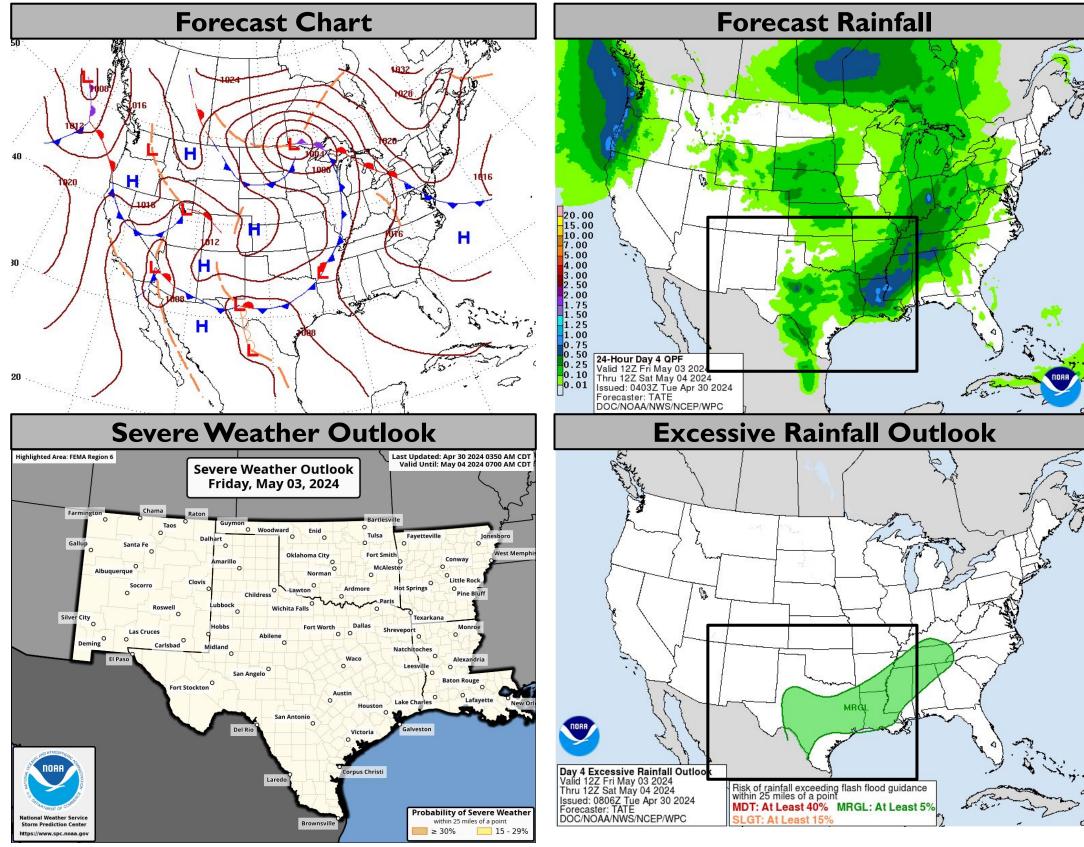


Slight risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding for OK, N/Ctrl/ETX, AR, NW LA.

Marginal Risk of severe storms for N/NWTX and OK



#### Friday's Weather

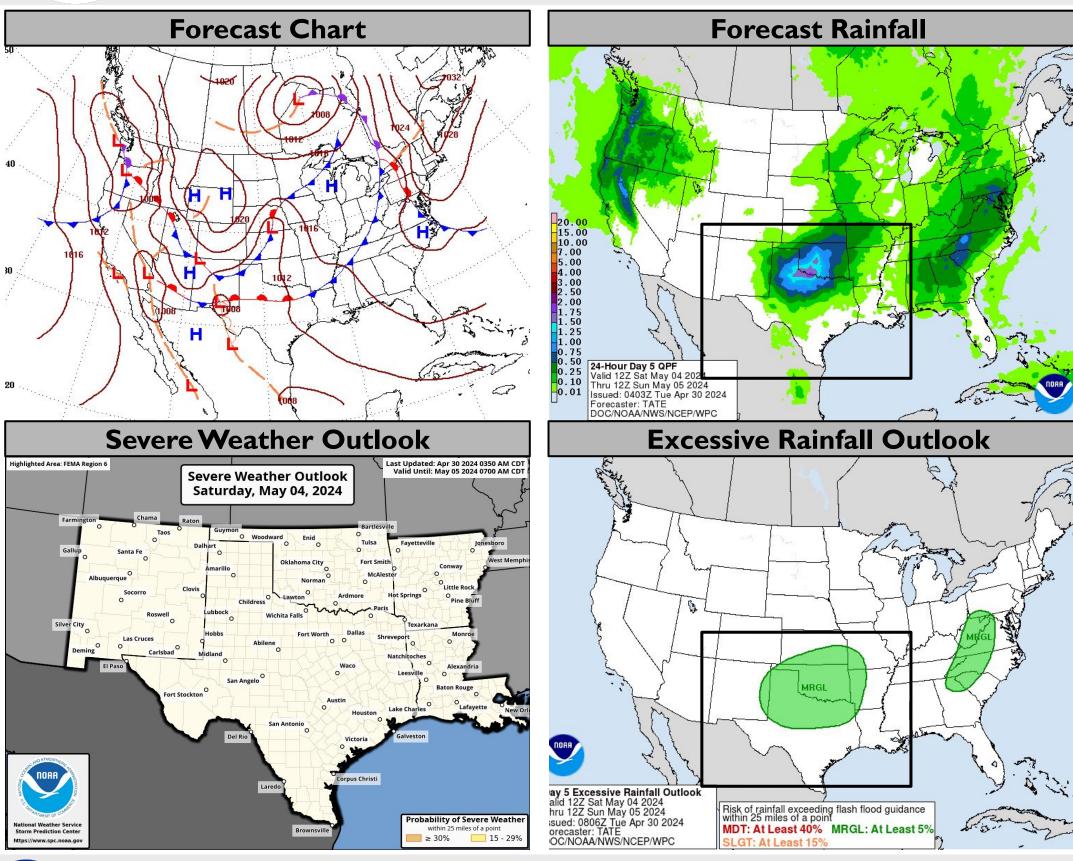


Marginal risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding for Ctrl/ETX, LA, SAR.





#### Saturday's Weather

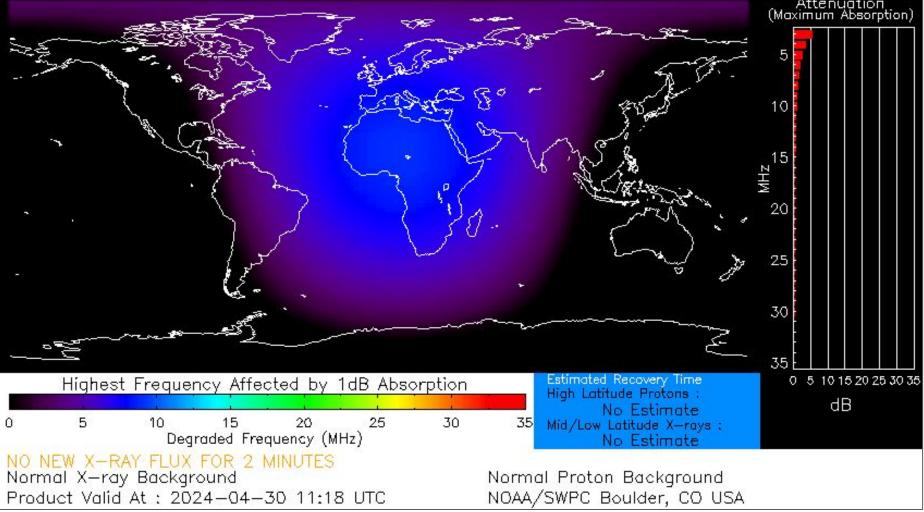


Marginal Risk for severe storms for OK, NTX,TX Panhandle



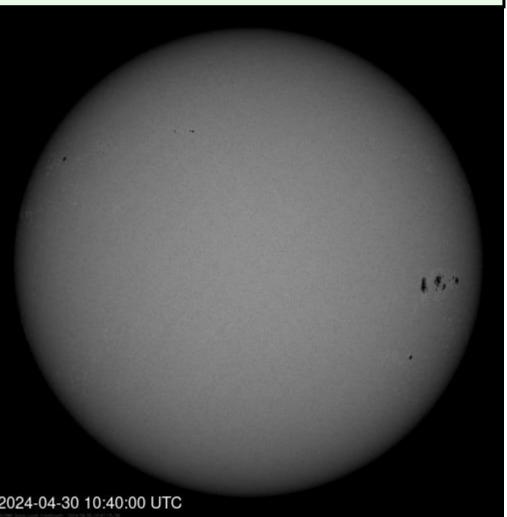
### Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, Apr 30	Wednesday, May I	Thursday, May 2
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp =4)	Active (Max Kp =4)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	35%	35%	35%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%



**Space Weather Storm Scales** 

**Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast** 





Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI					
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)		
Green	Little to None Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	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	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	Minor Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	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> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some mino (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	Moderate Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	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> <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	Major Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	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> <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	Extreme 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	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> <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

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