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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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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

- Moderate risk of heavy rainfall/flash flooding for SETX today. Heavy rain threat shifts to EAR on Wednesday.
- Daily severe weather threat through mid-week for TX, OK, AR. Greatest threat on Monday with moderate risk of severe storms across OK.
- Critical fire weather conditions for NM today expanding into Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles through mid-week.
- Early season heat builds across S/SETX by mid-week, increasing risk for heat stress during ongoing flood operations.
- Moderate to major river flooding continues across E/SETX this week.



FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Sunday, May 5	Monday, May 6	Tuesday, May 7	Wednesday, May 8	Thursday, May 9
Severe Storms	S/Ctrl TX	ОК	AR	NETX, S/E OK, AR, NW LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SETX	N OK, NE AR		EAR	N LA
Fire Weather	NM	NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	
Wind					
Heat		STX	S/SETX	S/SE TX	S/SE TX
River Flooding	E/SETX	E/SETX	E/SETX	E/SE TX	E/SE TX

*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.

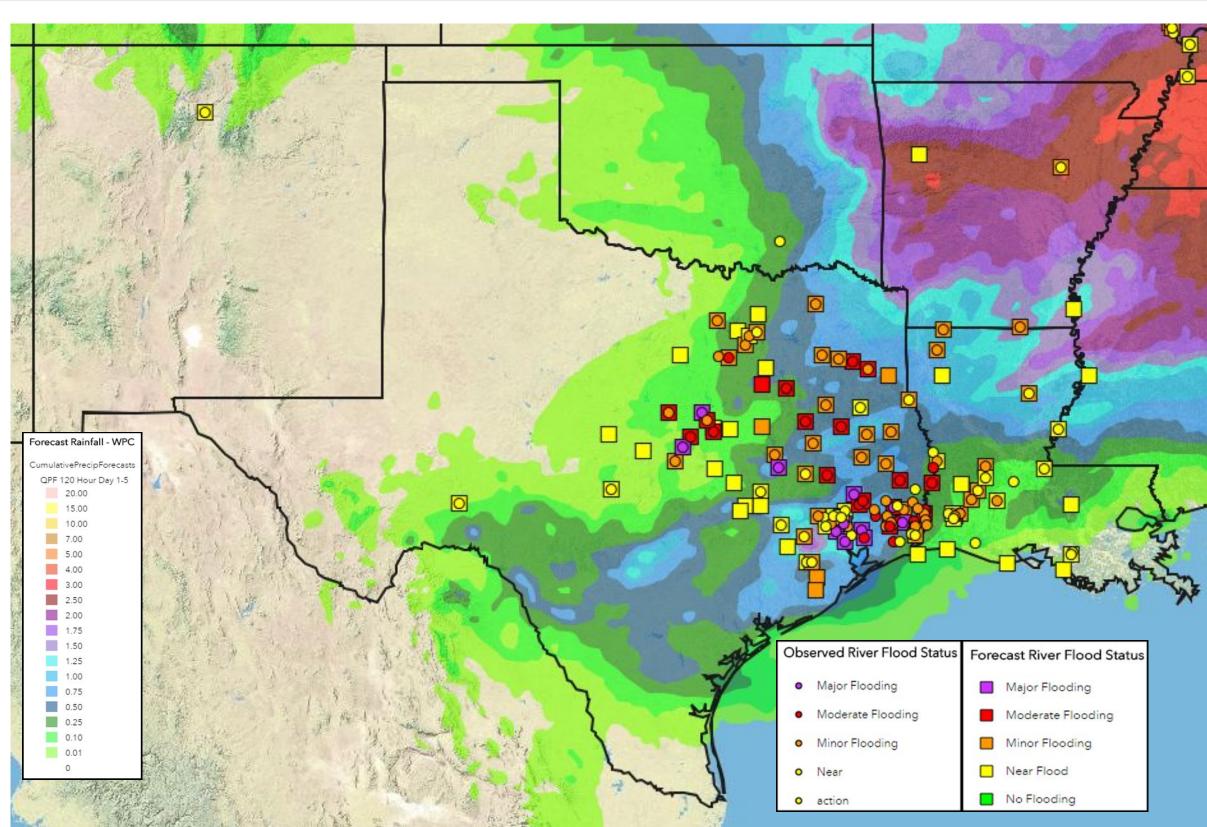
Risk Levels Little to None Minor Moderate Major Extreme





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

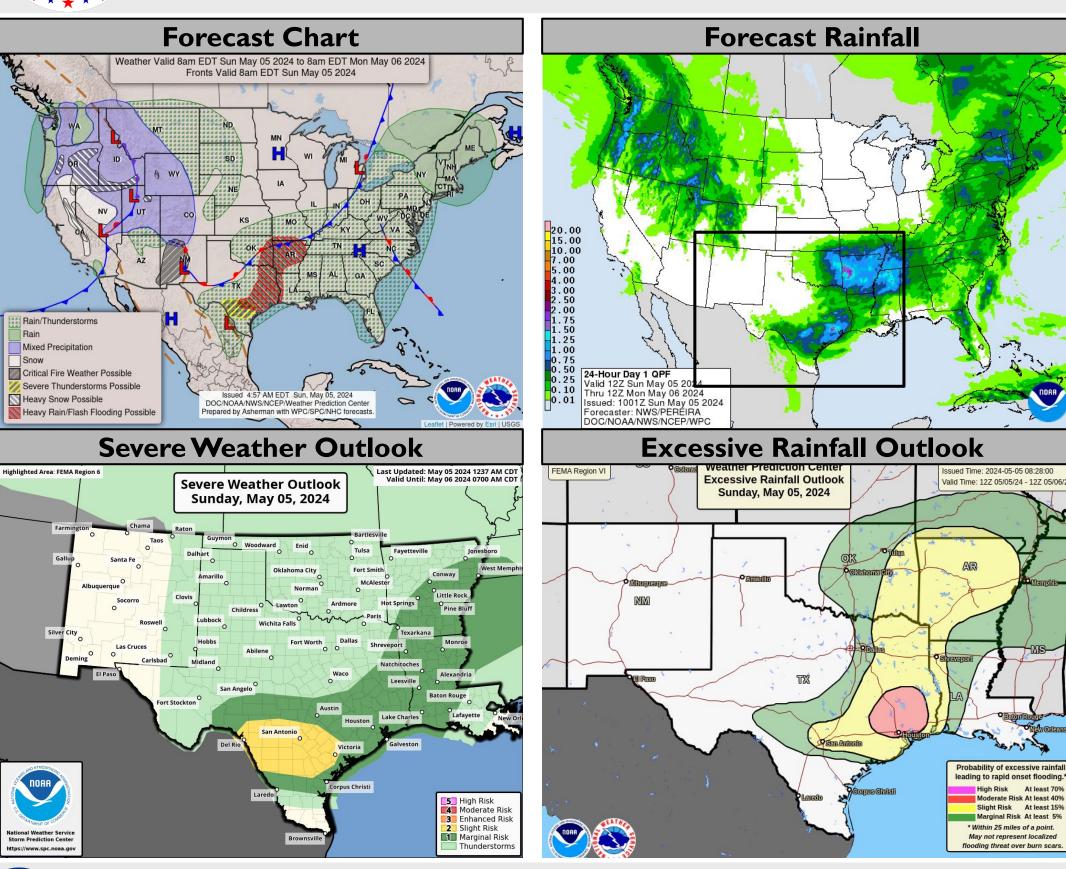
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Moderate to major river flooding continues across E/SETX this week. Numerous homes, roads, and agricultural areas are flooded.



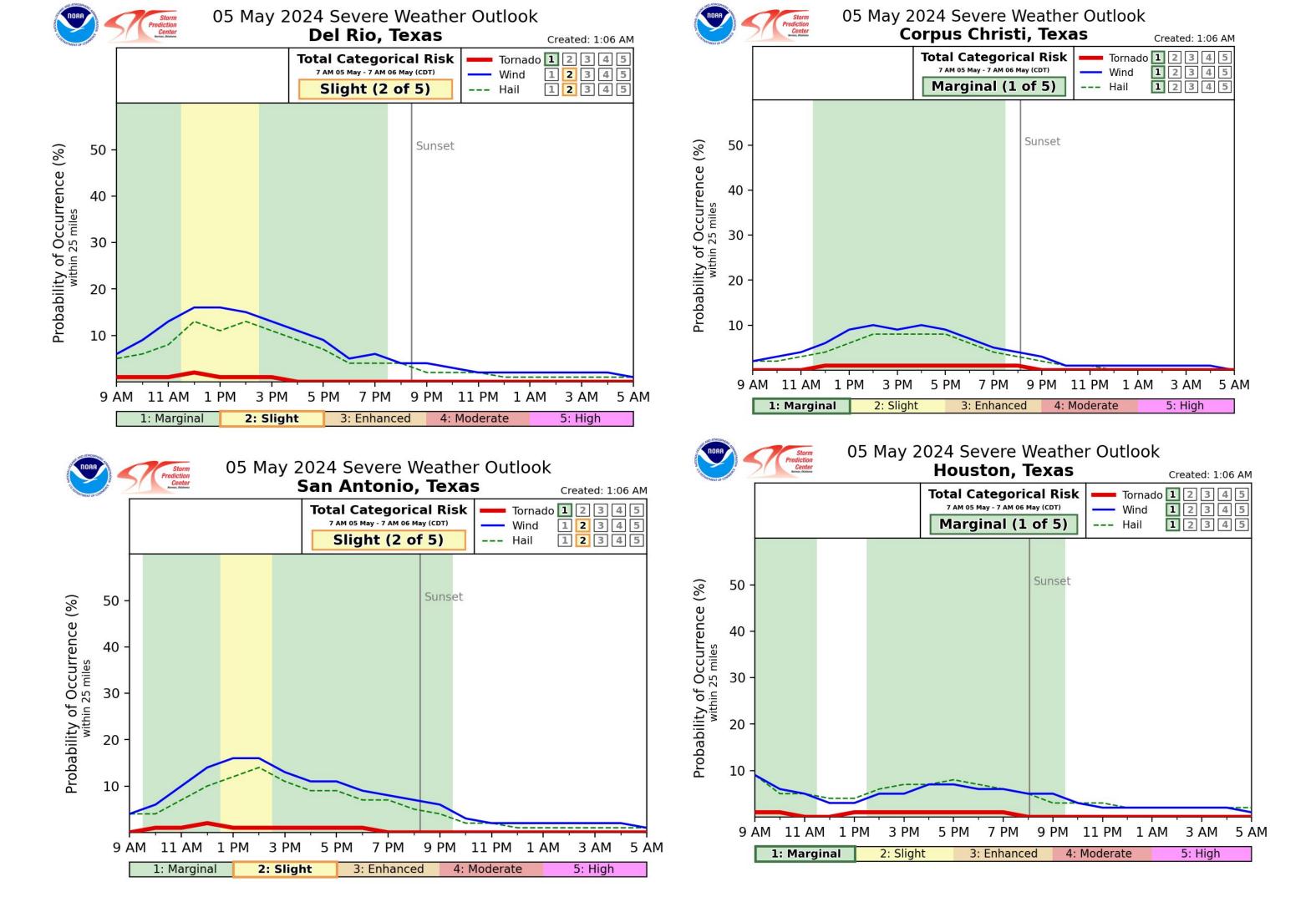
Today's Weather



Moderate risk of heavy rainfall/flash flooding across SE TX.

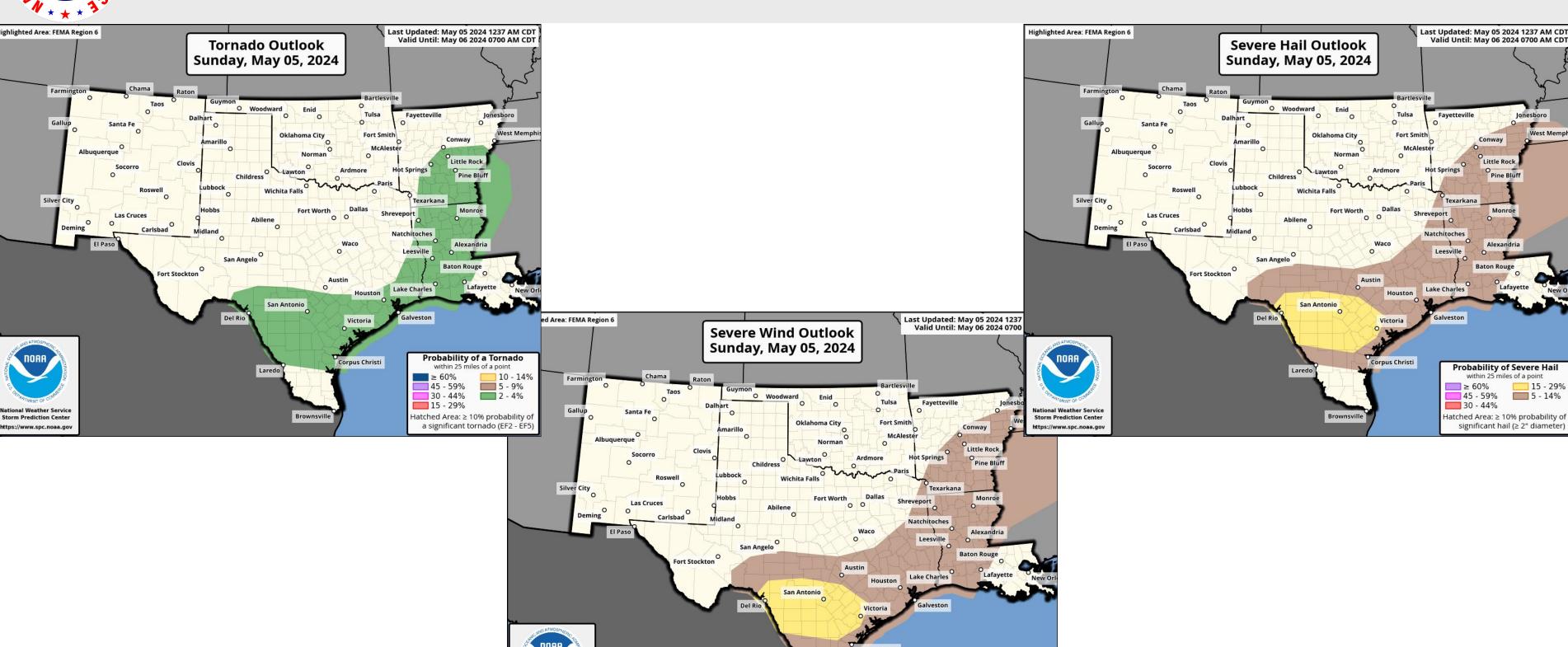
Critical fire weather conditions for NM.

Slight risk of severe storms for S/Ctrl Tx.





Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



≥ 60%

45 - 59% 30 - 44%

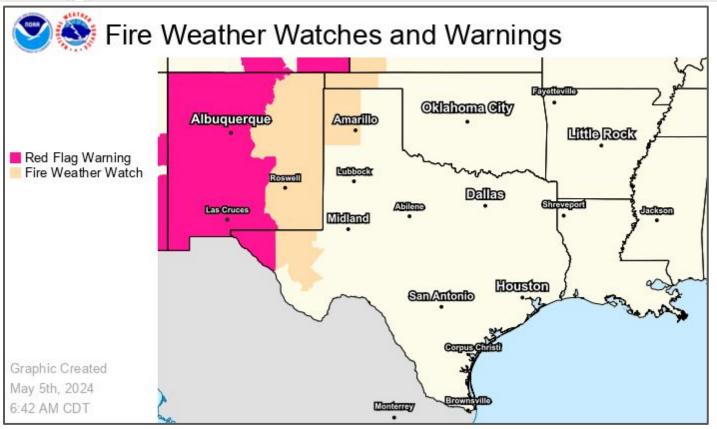
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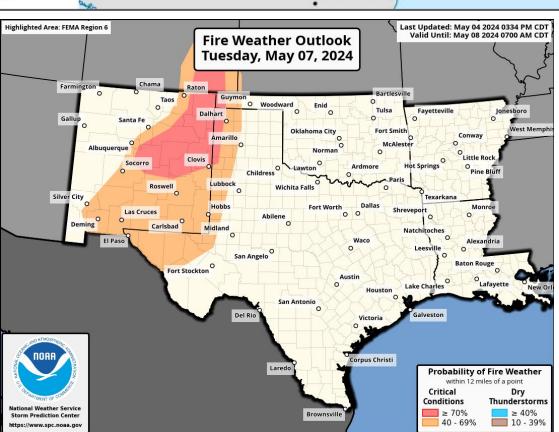
15 - 29% 5 - 14%

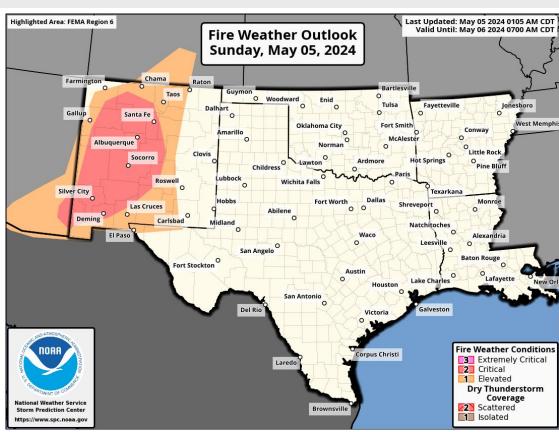


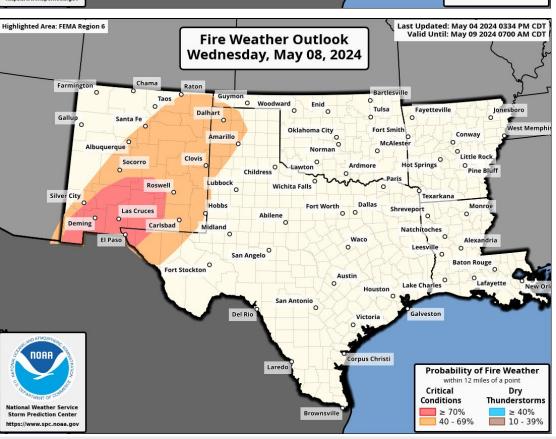


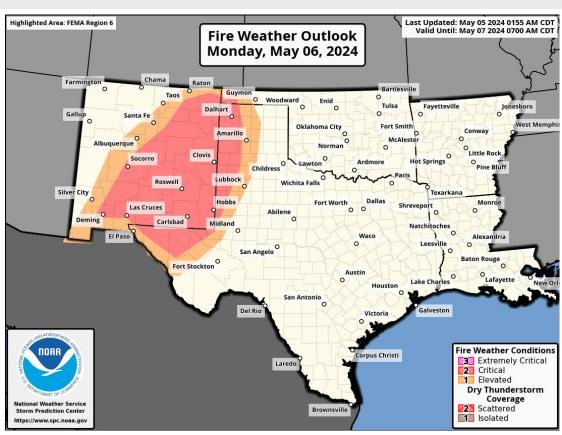
Fire Weather Outlooks

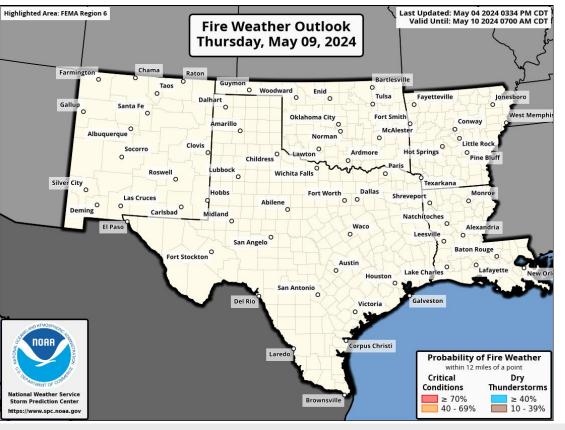












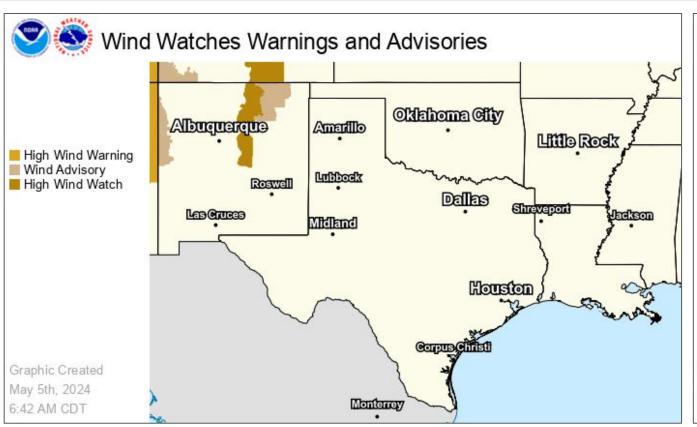


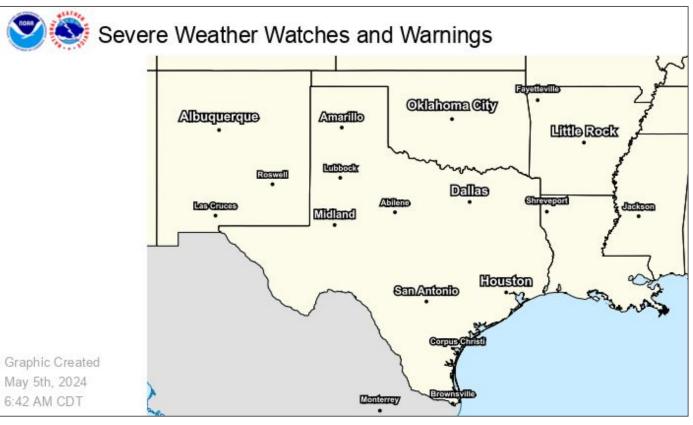
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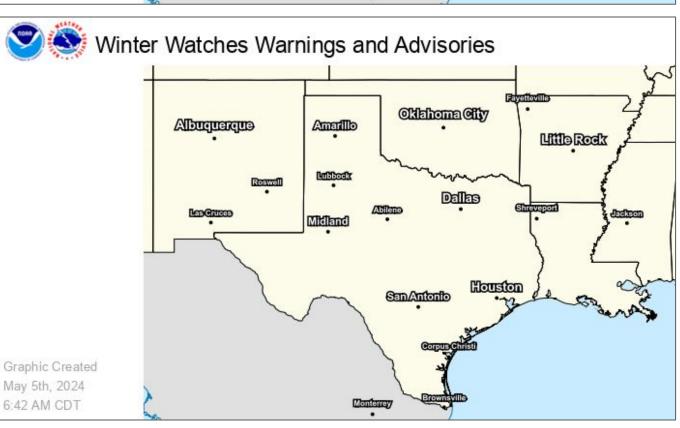
Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards





A Flood Watch is in effect across OK,TX, NW AR through this afternoon.

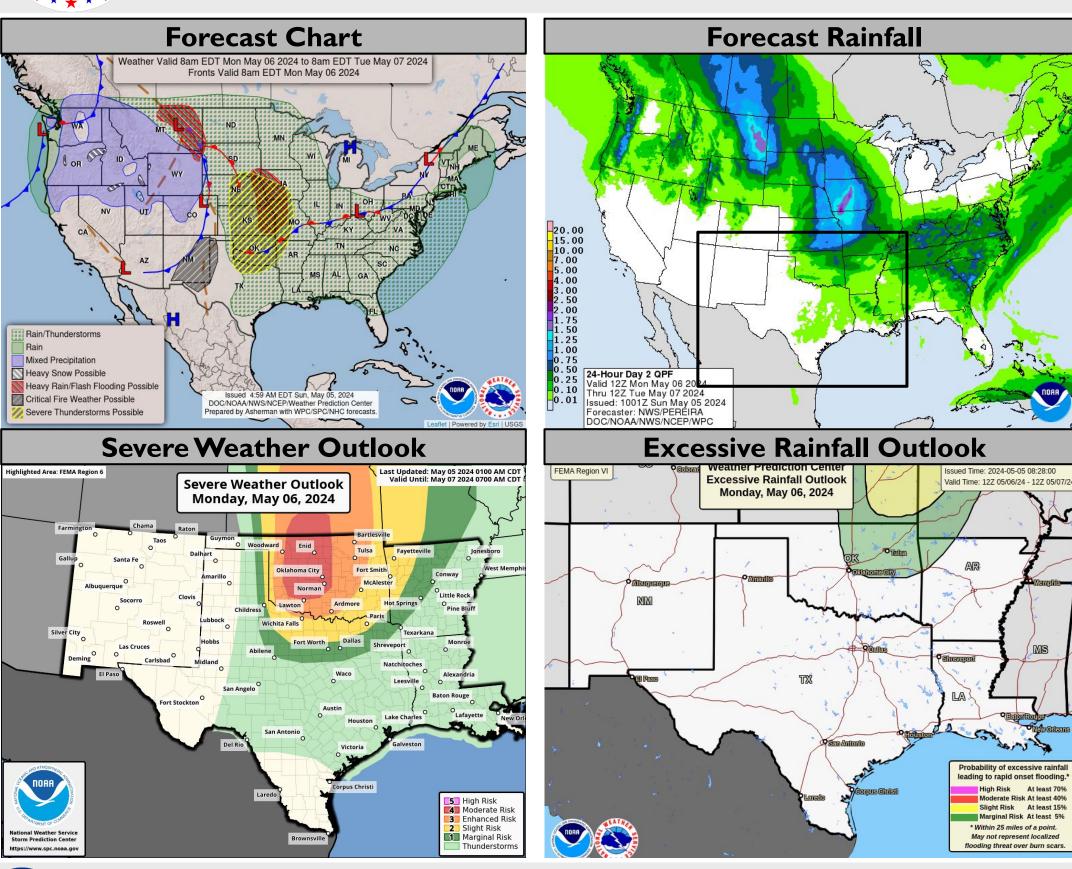








Tomorrow's Weather



Moderate risk of severe thunderstorms for OK.

Elevated to critical fire weather conditions for NM, Far W TX, TX/OK Panhandles.

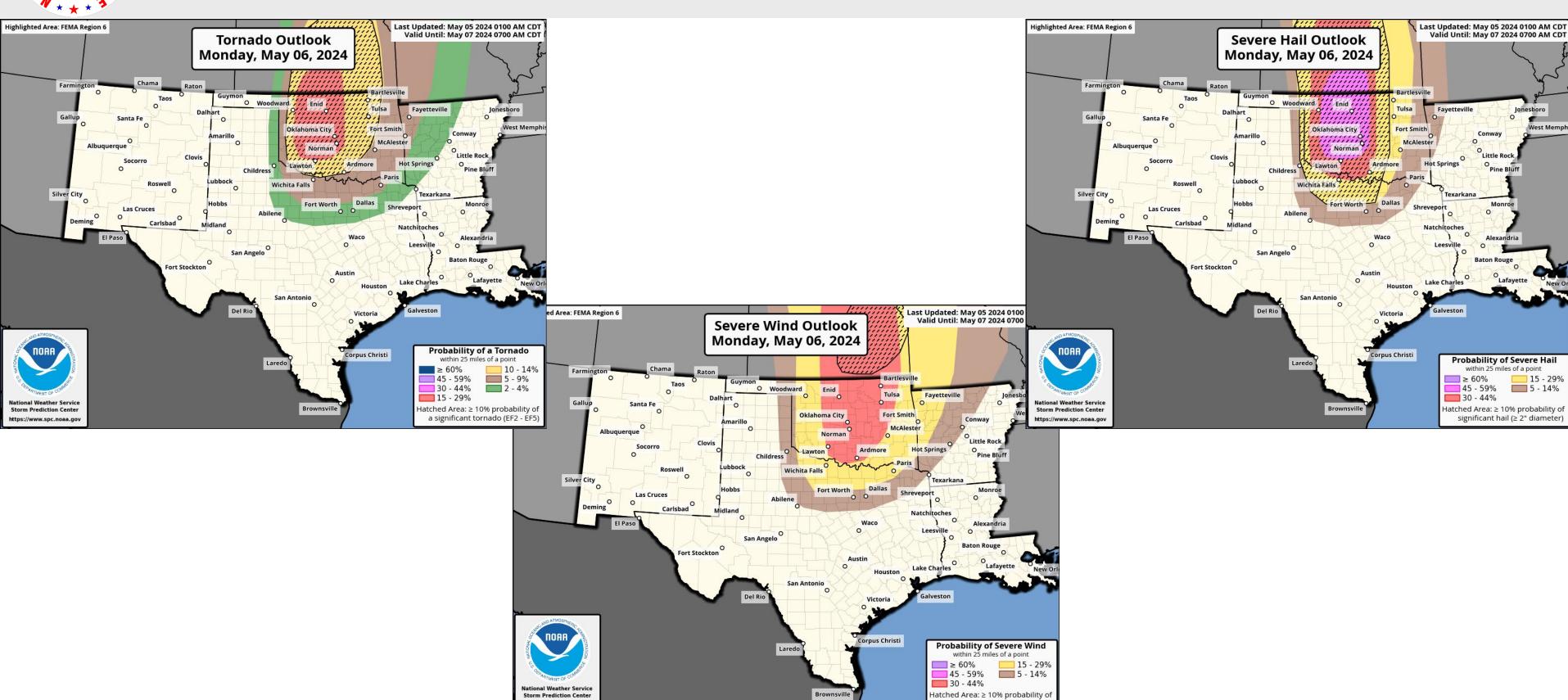
Marginal risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding across N OK, NE AR.

Early season heat builds across S TX.



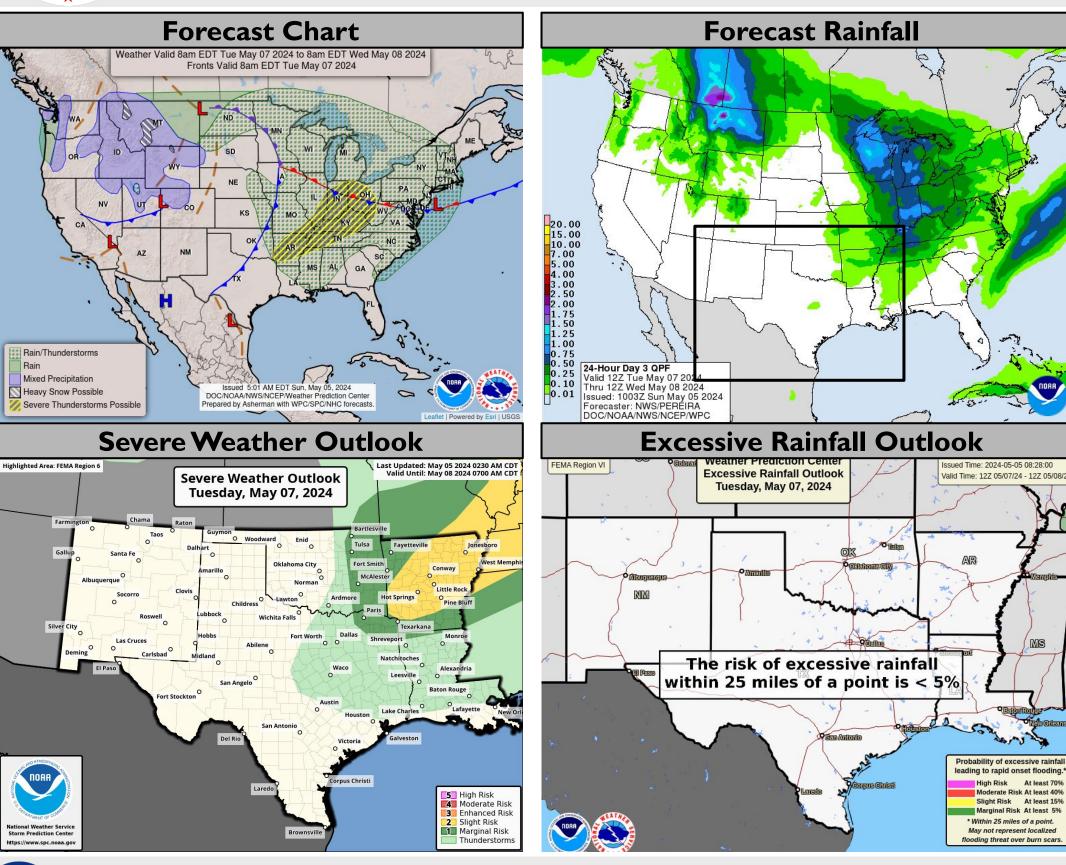


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Tuesday's Weather



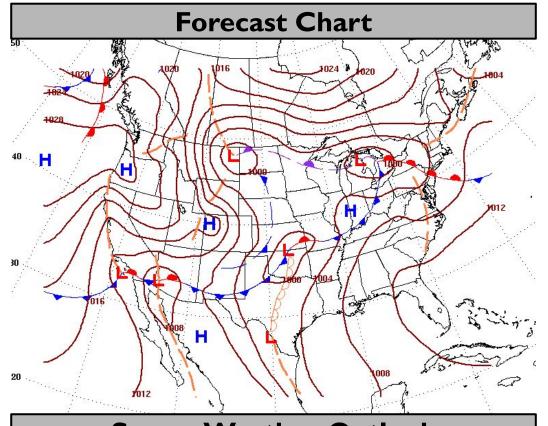
Slight risk of severe thunderstorms for AR.

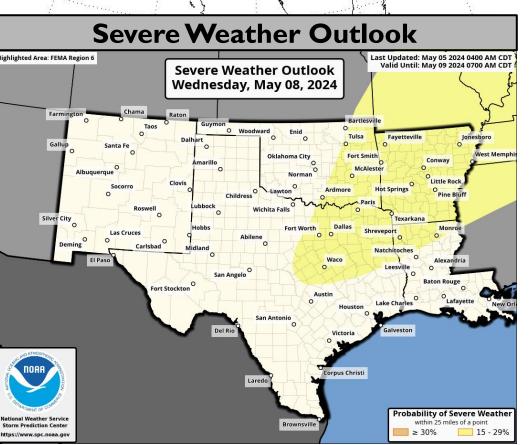
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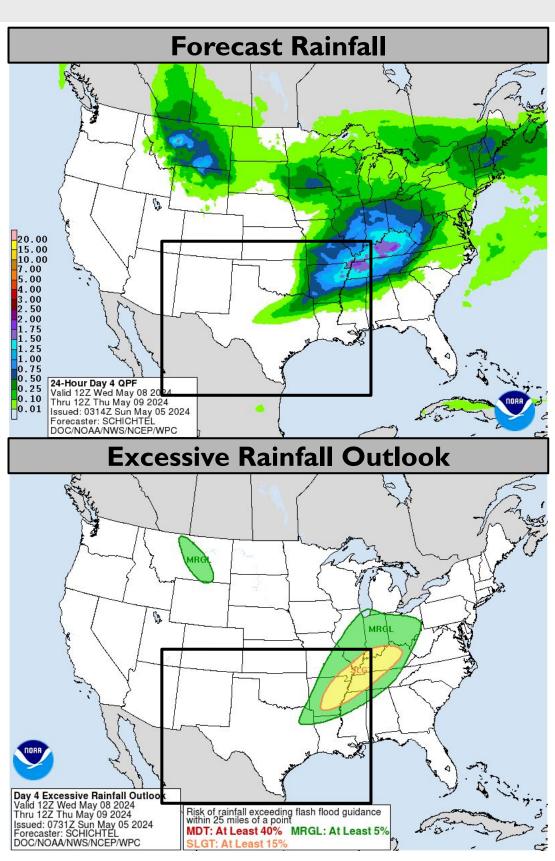
Early season heat across S/SETX.



Wednesday's Weather







Slight risk of severe thunderstorms for NETX, S/E OK, AR, NW LA.

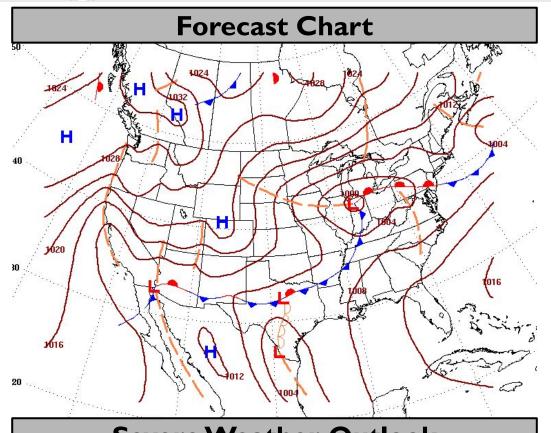
Slight risk of excessive rainfall/flash flooding across EAR.

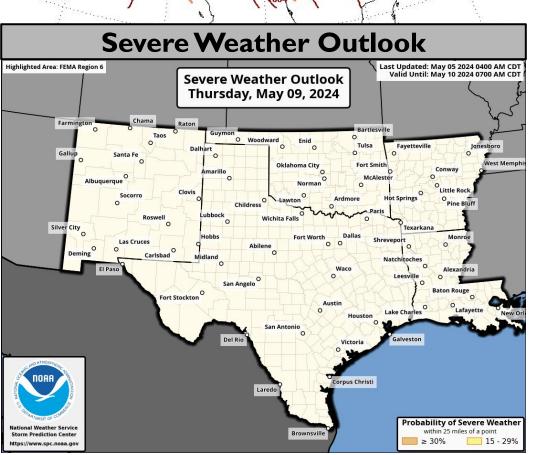
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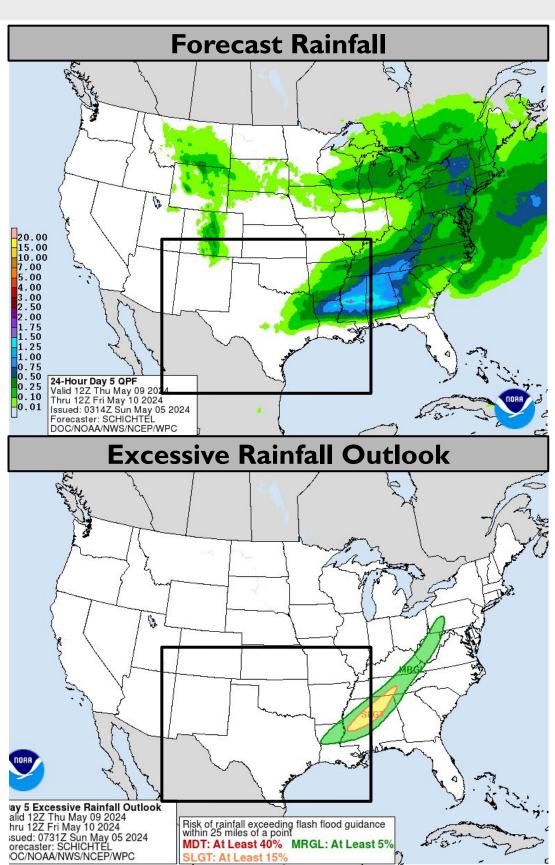
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Thursday's Weather







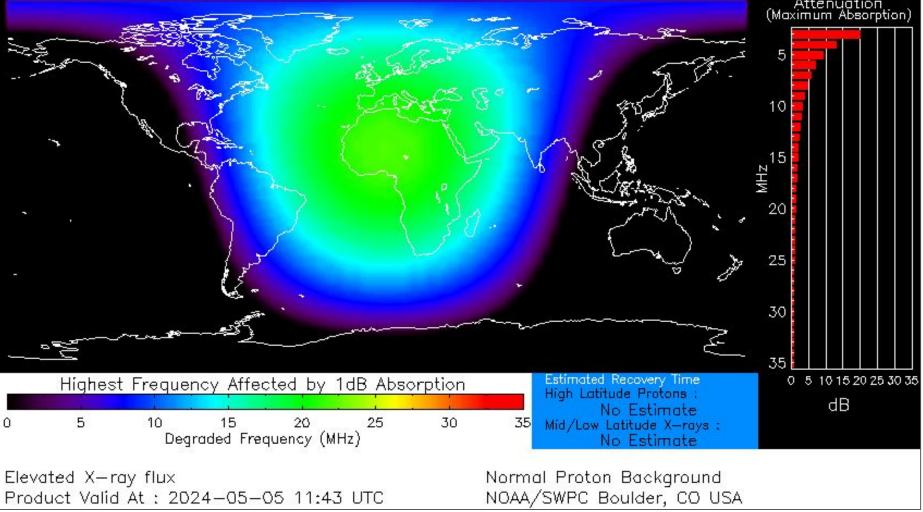
Early season heat across S/SETX.

Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across N LA.



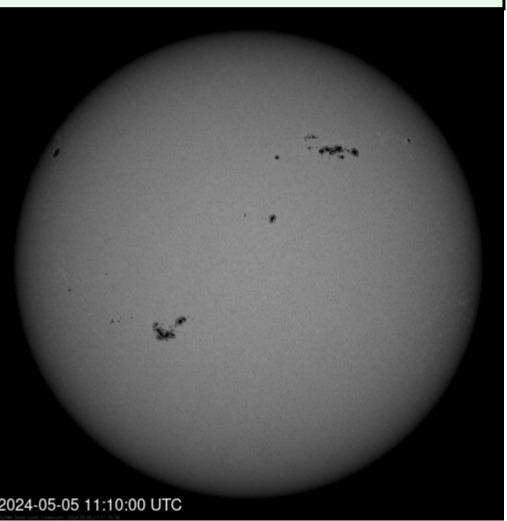
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday, May 5	Monday, May 6	Tuesday, May 7
Geomagnetic Storms	Moderate (G2) Storm (Max Kp =6)	Active (Max Kp =4)	Active (Max Kp =4)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	75%	75%	75%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	25%	25%	25%



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	 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	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	 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	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	 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	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	 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 			

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