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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, May 11, 2024

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Summary of the Upcoming Week

- Slight risk for severe storms over SWTX today and over SC/ETX, LA and S AR on Monday
- Slight risk of heavy rain/flash flooding
 - Sunday: N/Ctrl/E/SETX, LA, SAR
 - Monday: SETX, LA
 - Wednesday: N/Ctrl/SETX
- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions Sunday over S NM and W TX
- Moderate to major river flooding continues across E/SETX.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 5 Days

	Saturday, May 11	Sunday, May 12	Monday, May 13	Tuesday, May 14	Wednesday, May 15
Severe Storms	SWTX	TX Panhandle, NW/Ctrl/SE TX, SW LA	SC/ETX, LA, SAR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E NM,W/S-Ctrl TX	TX, LA, SAR	SETX, LA		N/Ctrl/SETX
Fire Weather	SW NM	S NM,WTX			
Wind					
Heat					
River Flooding	E/SE TX	E/SETX	E/SE TX	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.

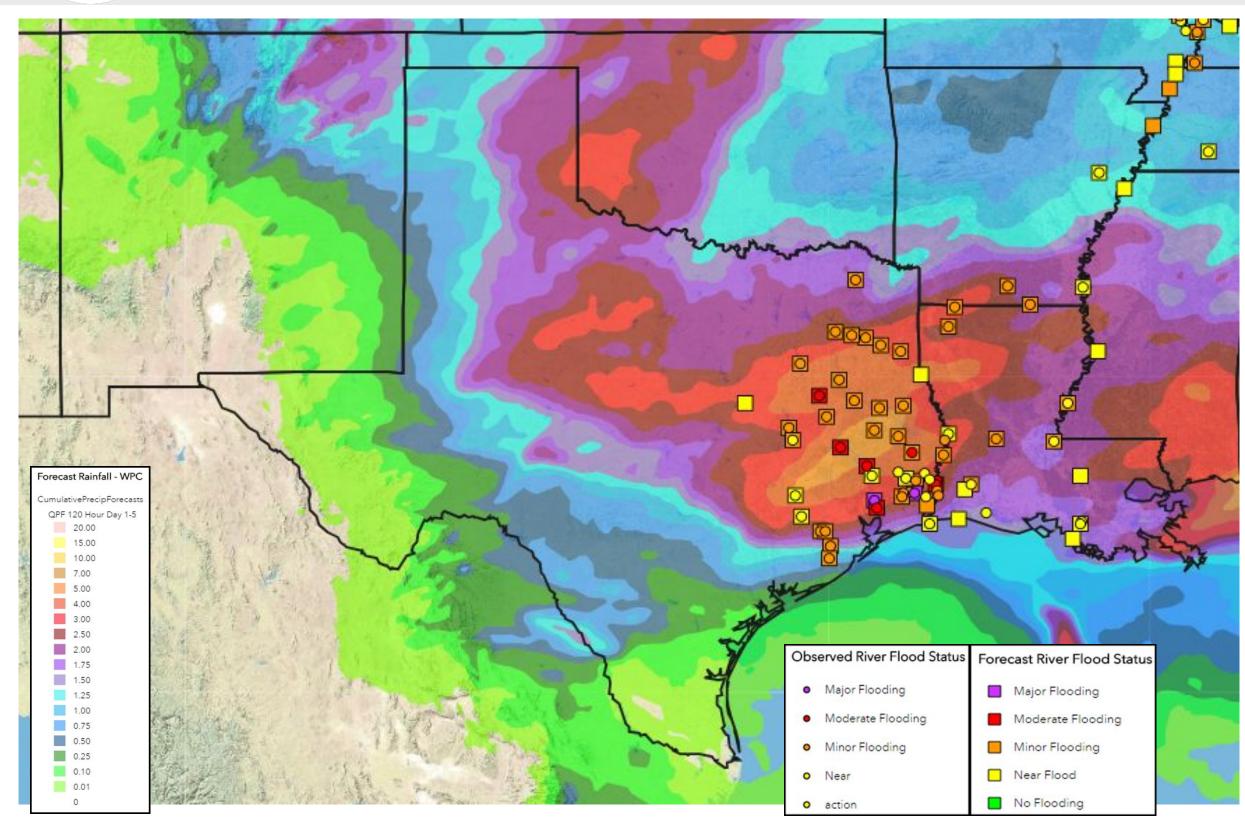
Risk Levels Little to None Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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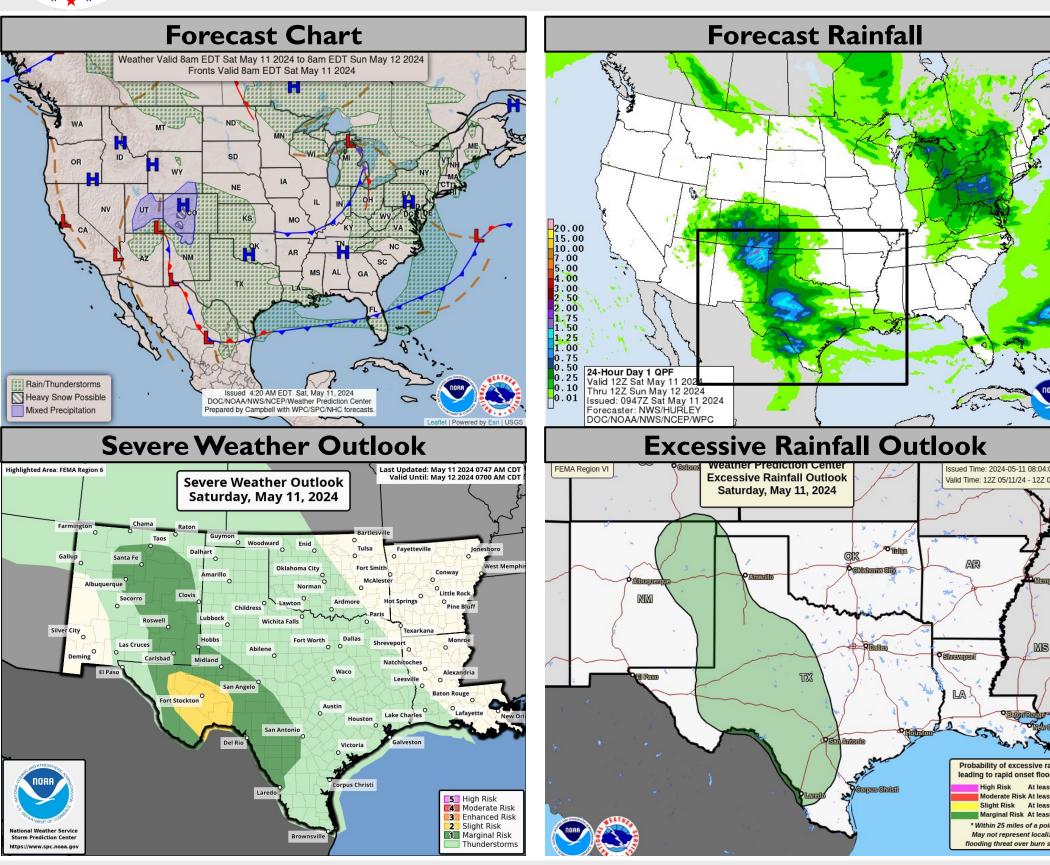


Moderate to major river flooding continues across E/SETX into next week. Homes, roads, and agricultural areas are flooded.

Additional rainfall on Sunday/Monday over E/SETX will prolong current river flooding and may result in additional river flooding, but will not increase river levels to where they were last week.



Today's Weather



Slight risk for severe storms over SWTX

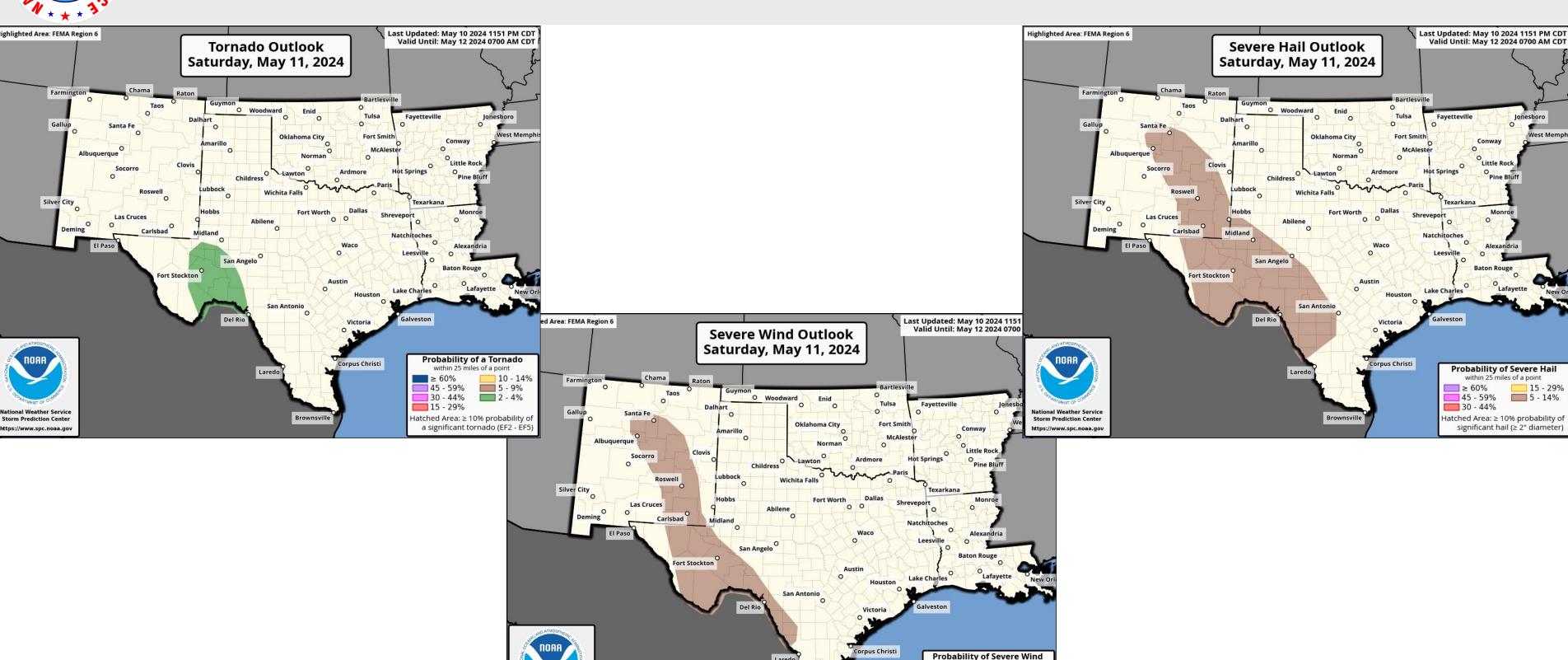
Marginal risk for isolated heavy rainfall/flash flooding for E NM into W/S-Ctrl TX.

Elevated fire weather conditions for SW NM





Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



≥ 60%

45 - 59% 30 - 44%

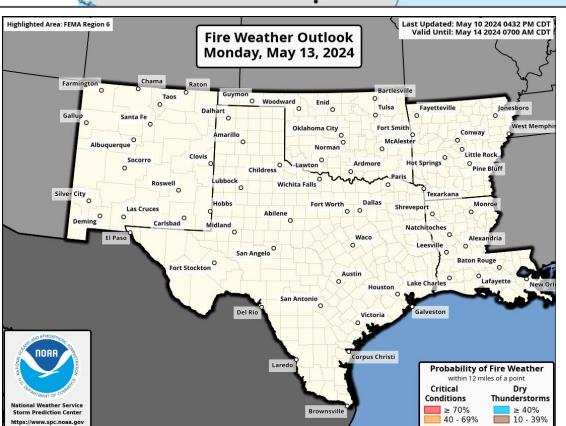
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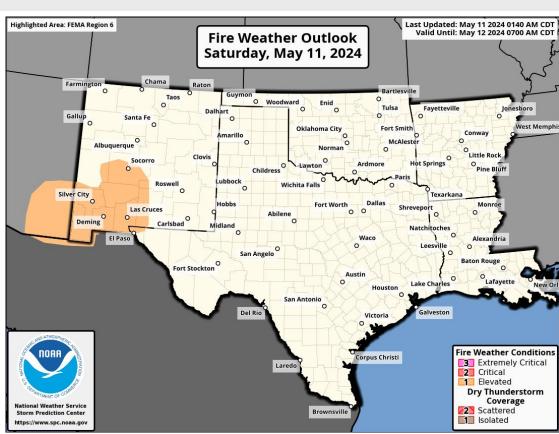
15 - 29% 5 - 14%

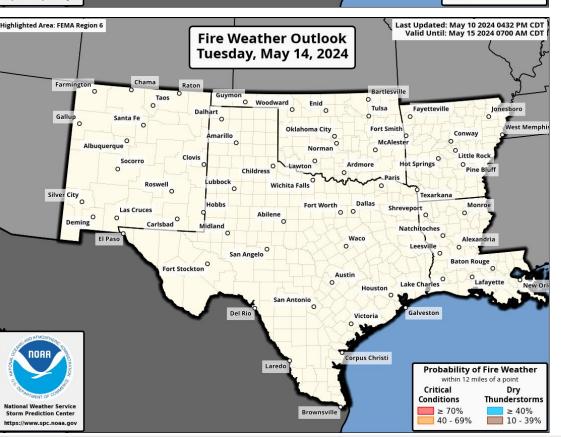


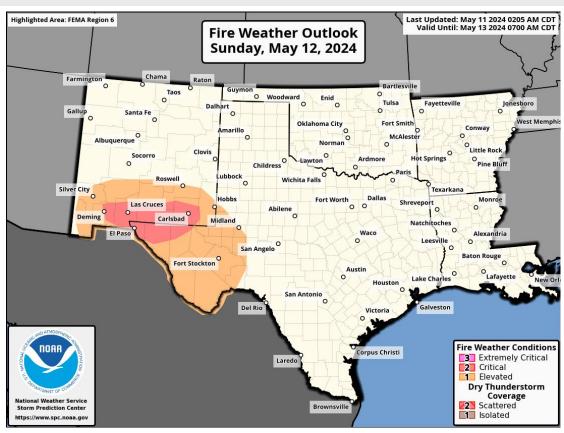
Fire Weather Outlooks

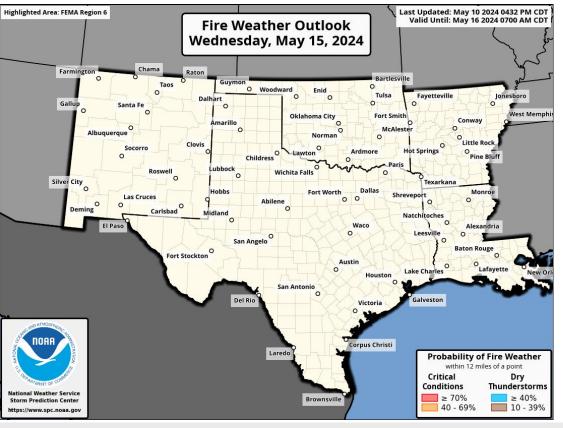








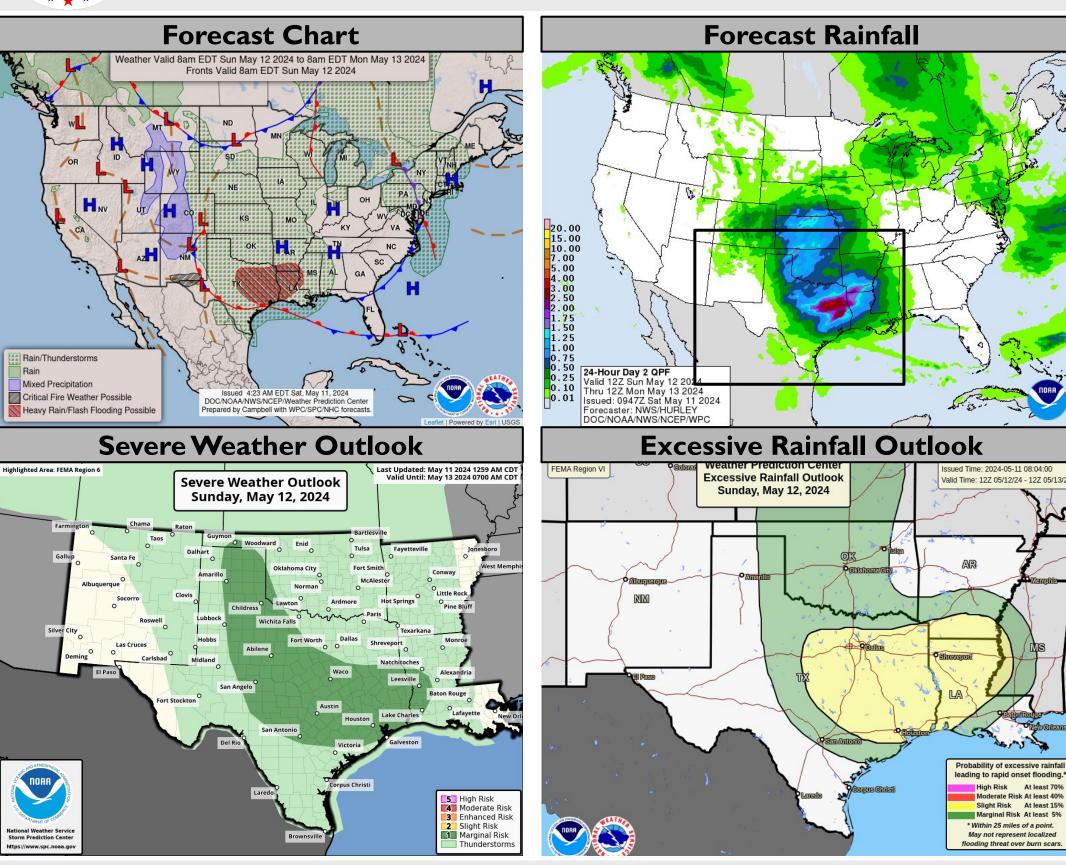








Tomorrow's Weather



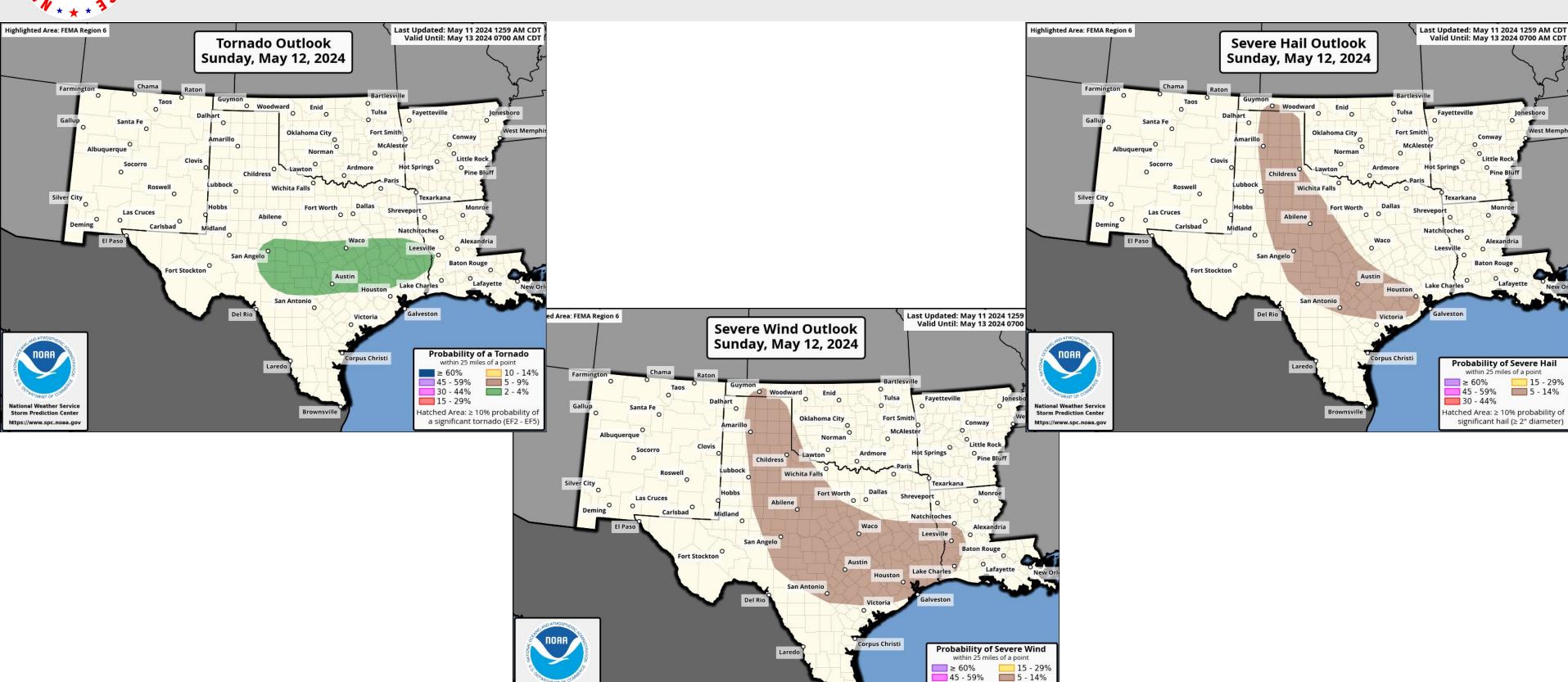
Slight risk of heavy rain/flash flooding for N/Ctrl/E/SETX into LA and SAR.

Elevated to critical fire weather threat over S NM and W TX

Marginal risk for isolated severe storms over the TX Panhandle, NW/Ctrl/SETX, SW LA



Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



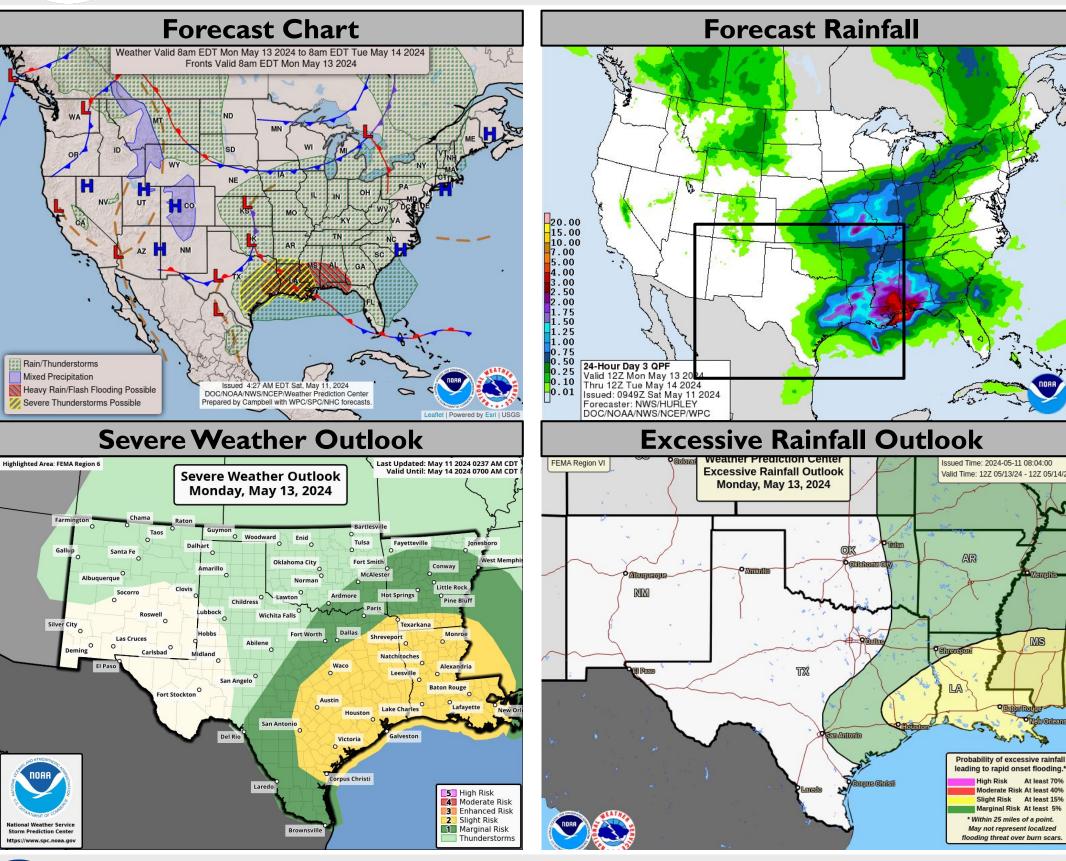
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Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of





Monday's Weather

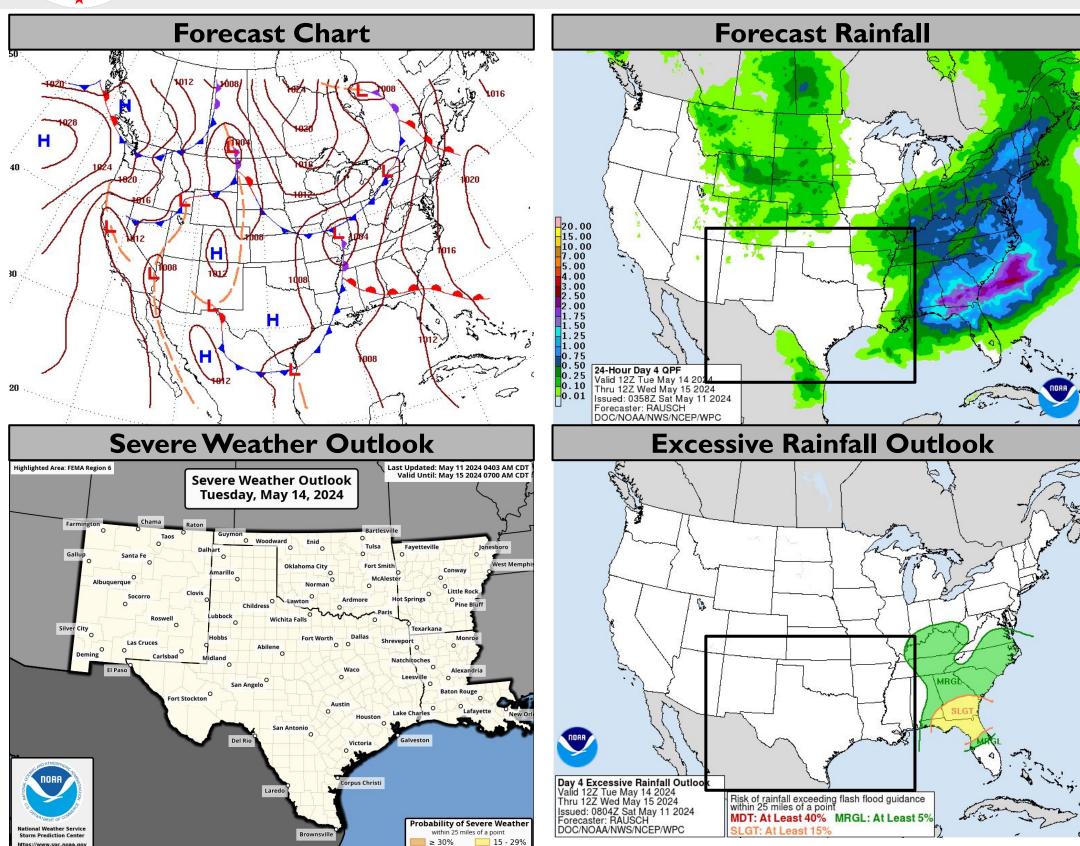


Slight risk for heavy rainfall/flash flooding for SETX into LA.

Slight risk for severe storms over SC/ETX, LA, SAR



Tuesday's Weather

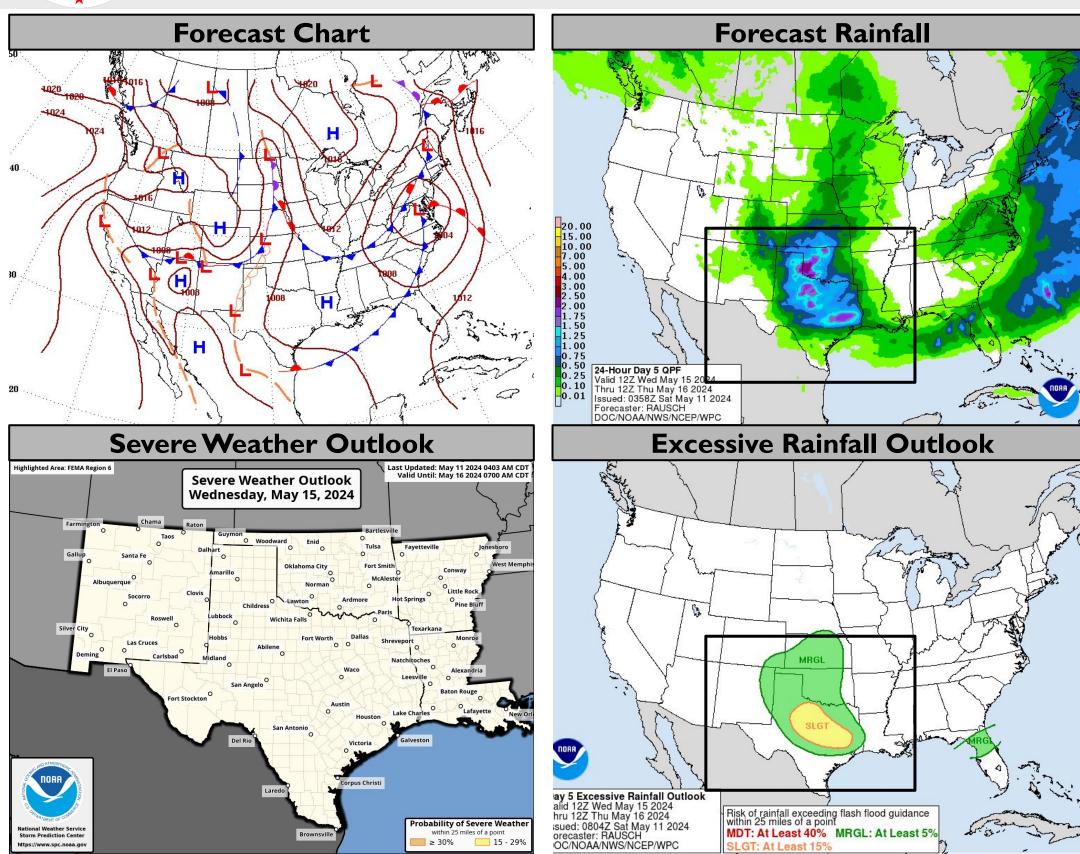


No significant weather expected.





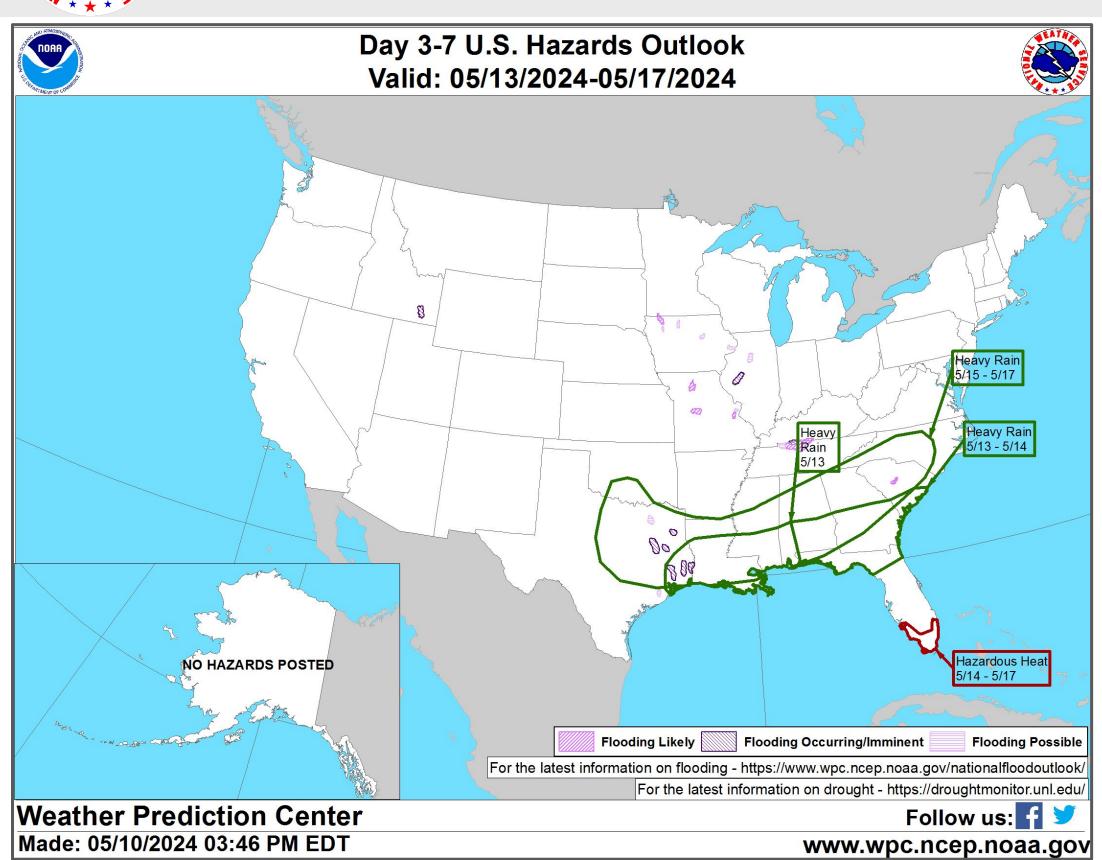
Wednesday's Weather



Slight risk for heavy rainfall over N/Ctrl, SETX



"Day 3-7" Hazards Outlook



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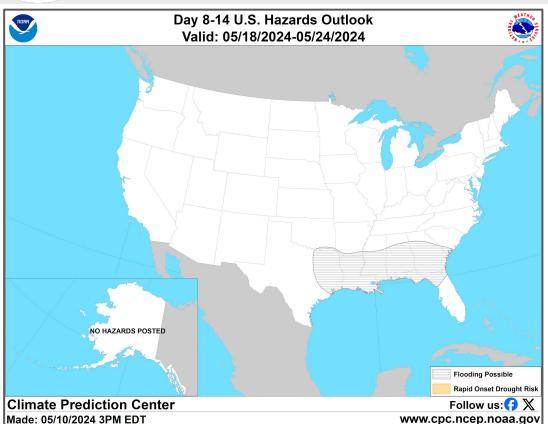
- I. The "day 3-7" will really be days 2-6
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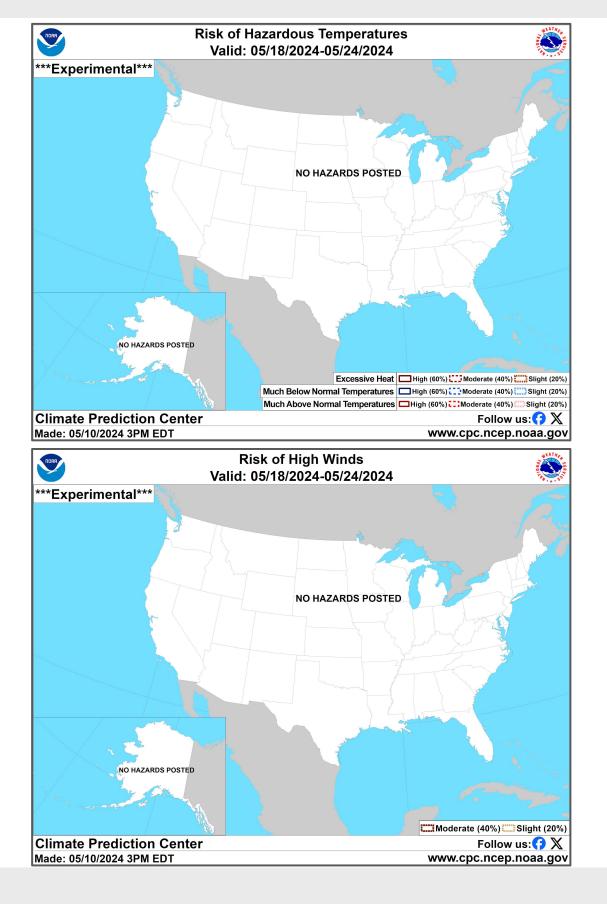
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

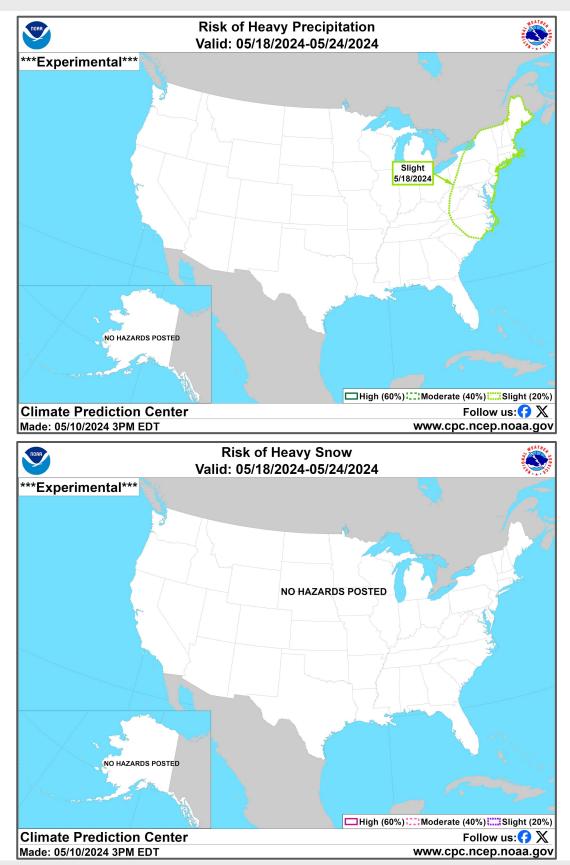


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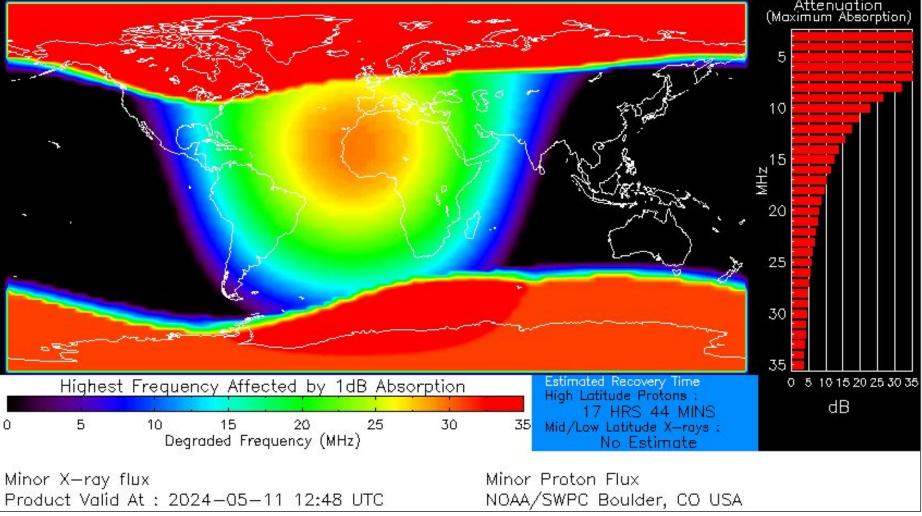






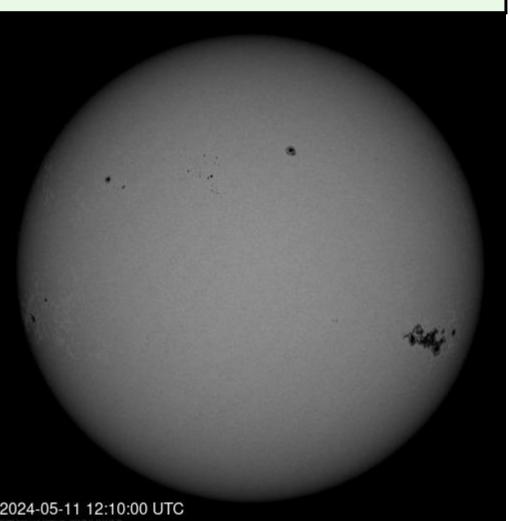
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, May 11	Sunday, May 12	Monday, May 13
Geomagnetic Storms	Moderate (G3) (Max Kp = 7)	Moderate (G3) (Max Kp = 7)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	99%	99%	99%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	95%	95%	95%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	75%	75%	75%



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 		

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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