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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, May 25, 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

- Moderate risk area for severe thunderstorms across OK today and a Slight risk for severe thunderstorms across E OK, NETX, AR on Sunday.
- Extreme fire weather conditions across S NM today with elevated to critical fire weather conditions across NM,W TX on Sunday.
- Slight risk for excessive rainfall across NE OK today and N/NW TX on Tuesday.
- Moderate and isolated major river flooding is slowly receding across SETX and LA.
- Record heat across STX peaks this weekend and gradually decreases by the middle of next week.





## FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

#### **Next 5 Days**

	Saturday, May 25	Sunday, May 26	Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28	Wednesday, May 29
Severe Storms	OK	E OK, AR, NETX	SE/S-Ctrl TX, LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE OK	E AR, NE LA		N/NWTX	N/W/Ctrl TX, OK
Fire Weather	NM,WTX	NM,WTX			
Wind	NM,WTX				
Heat	STX	STX	STX	STX	STX
River Flooding	SETX, LA	SETX, LA	SETX, LA	SETX, LA	SETX, 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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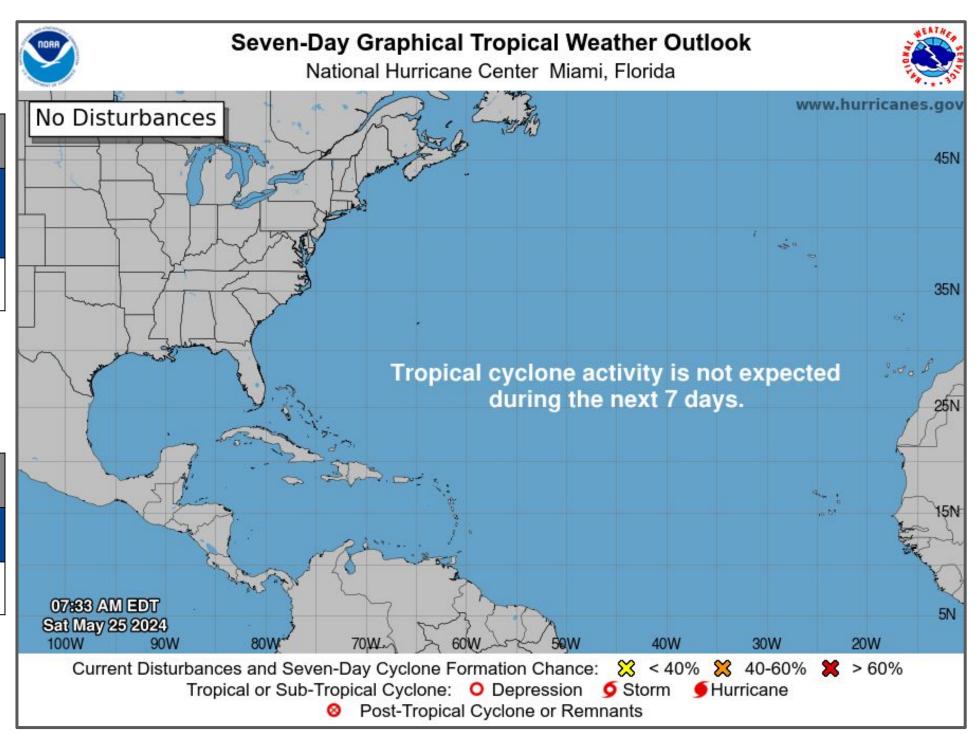




## Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development			
Area Chance of Development		Potential Impacts to FEMA 6	
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Active Tropical Cyclones			
Storm Potential Impacts to FEMA 6			
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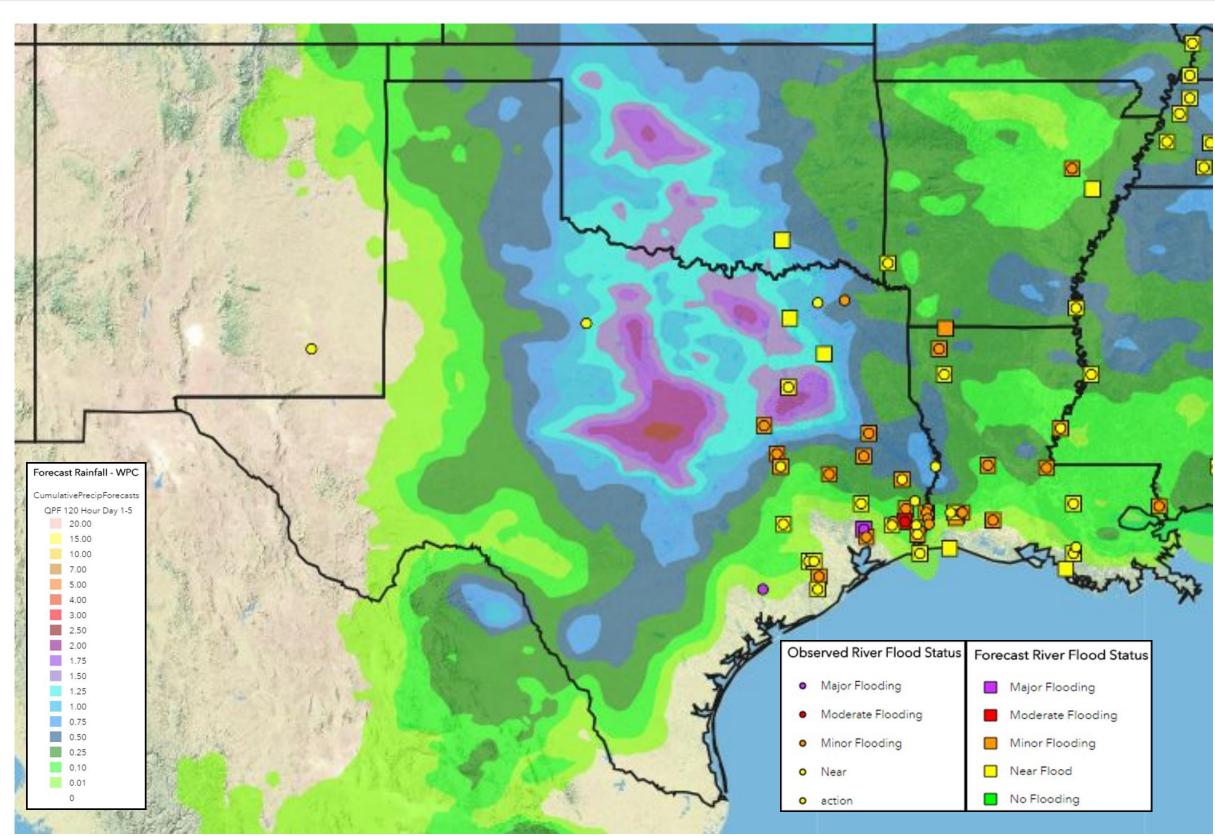
See <a href="http://www.hurricanes.gov">http://www.hurricanes.gov</a> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





## 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

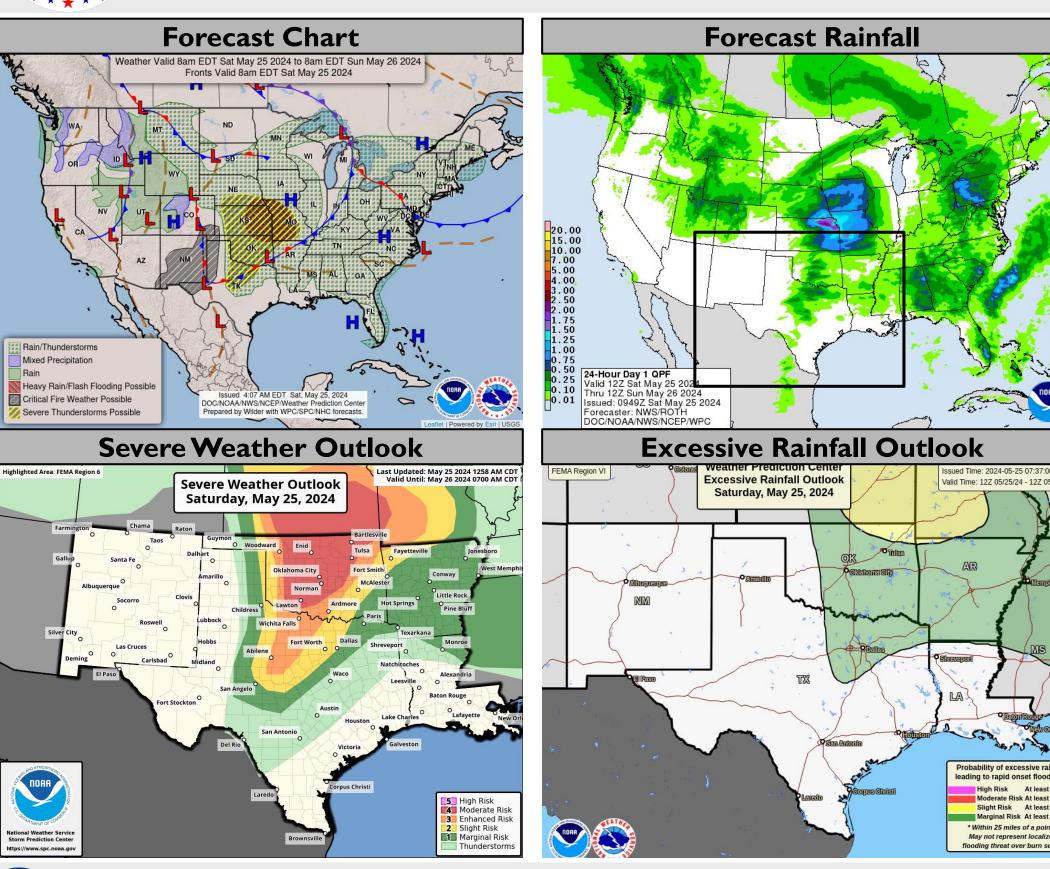
Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Isolated Moderate to Major river flooding is slowly receding in SE TX and LA.



## Today's Weather



Moderate risk of severe storms across OK.

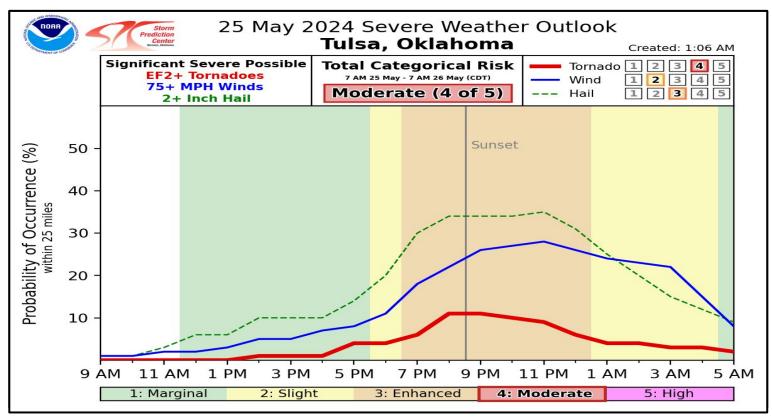
Above normal heat across STX.

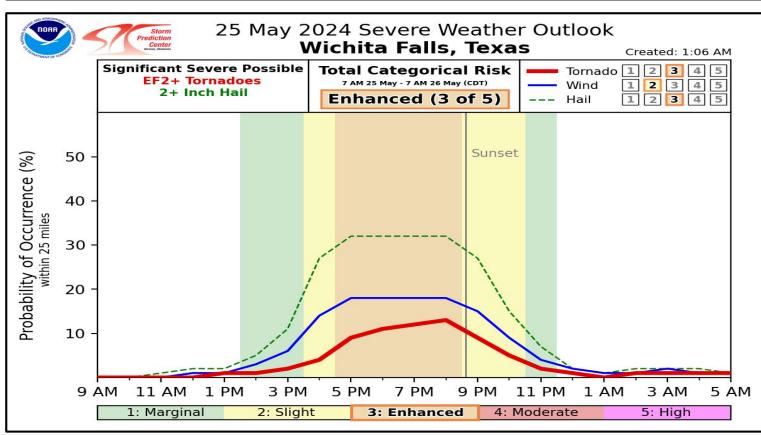
Extreme fire weather conditions across S NM.

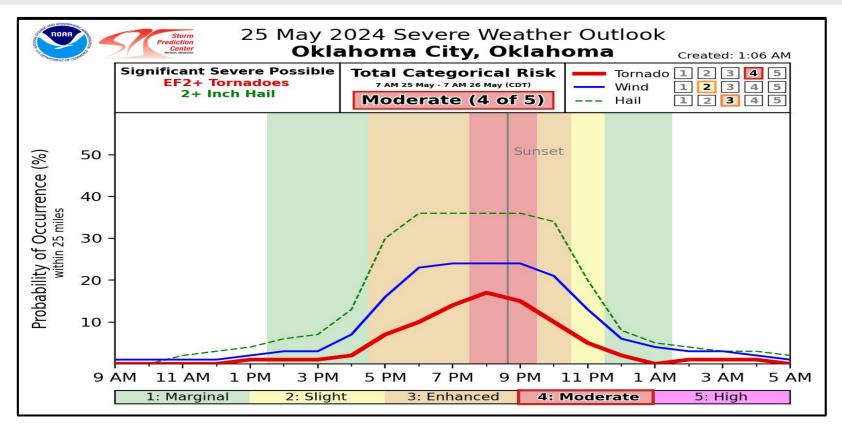
Slight risk of excessive rainfall across NE OK.

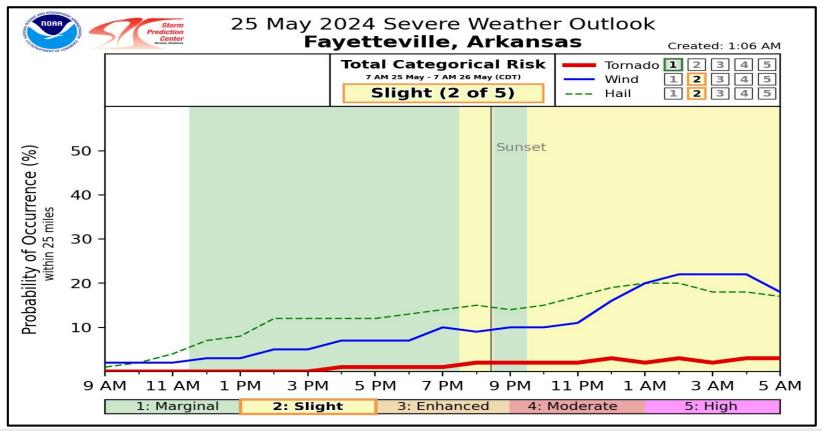


## Thunderstorm Outlook Timing





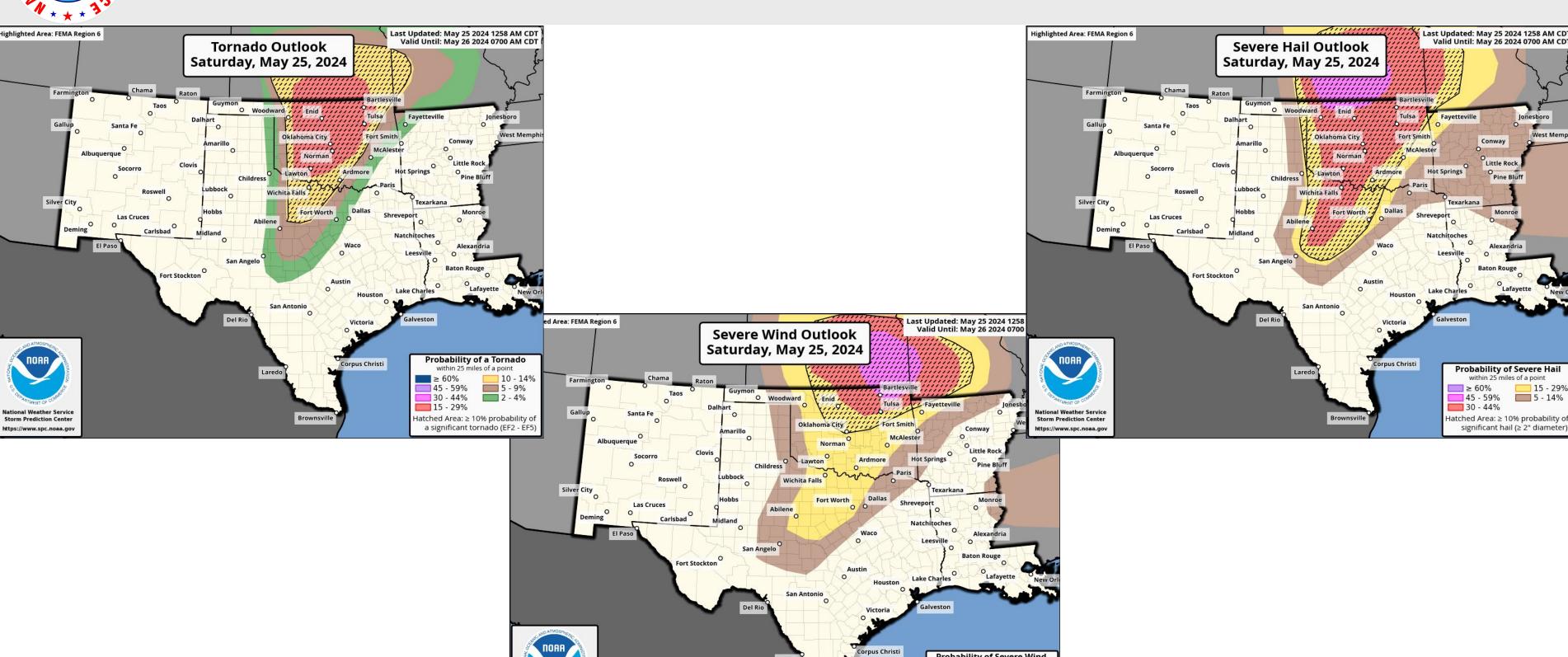








## Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



≥ 60%

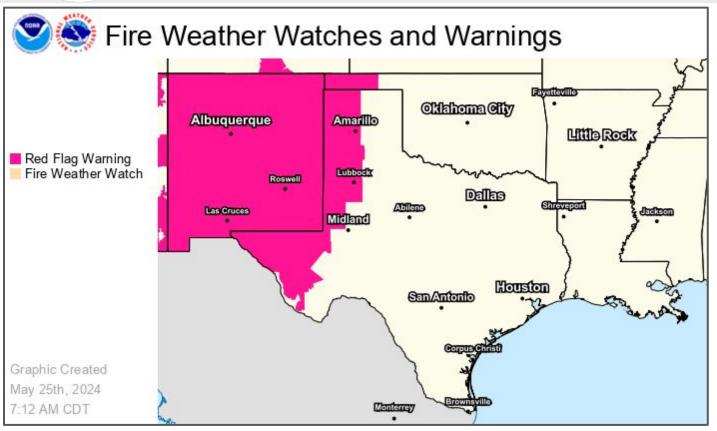
45 - 59% 30 - 44%

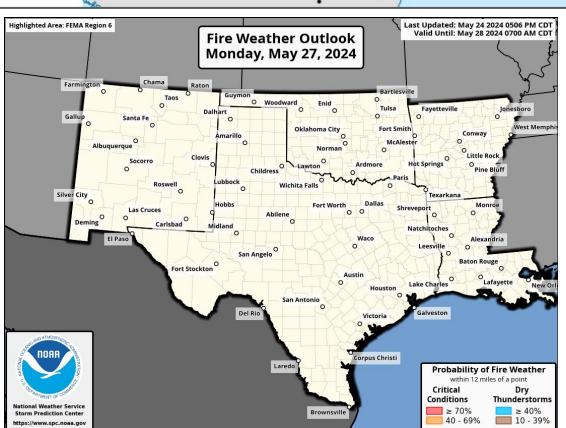
Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability o

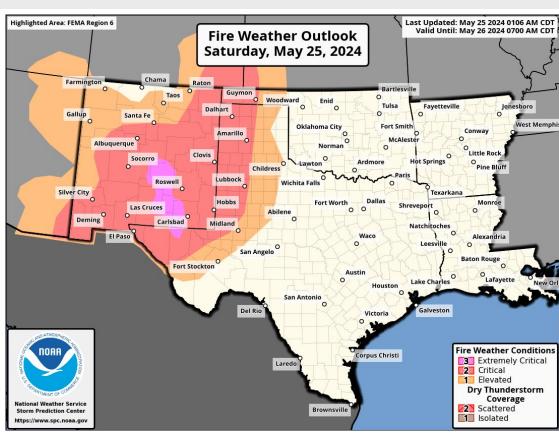
15 - 29% 5 - 14%

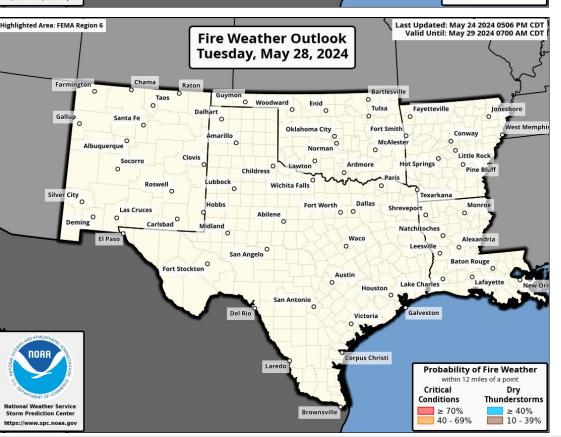


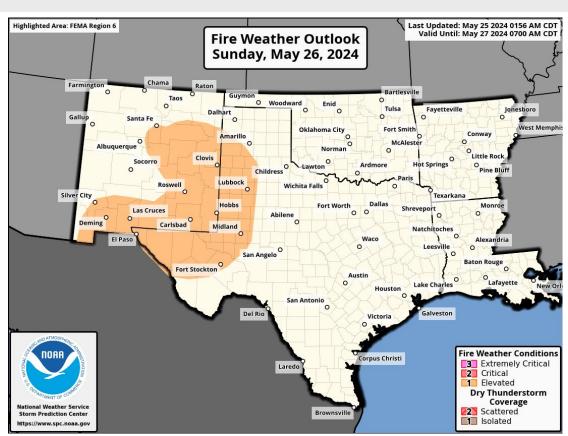
## Fire Weather Outlooks

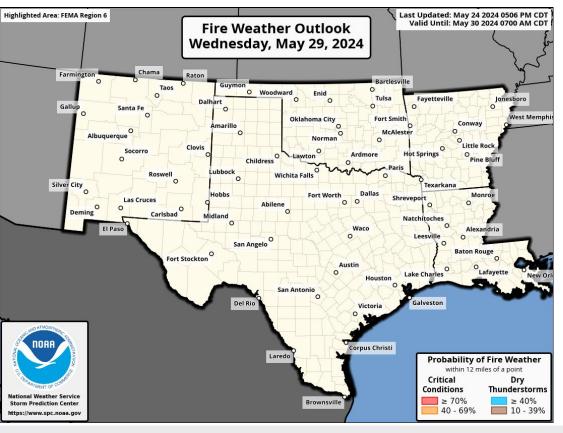












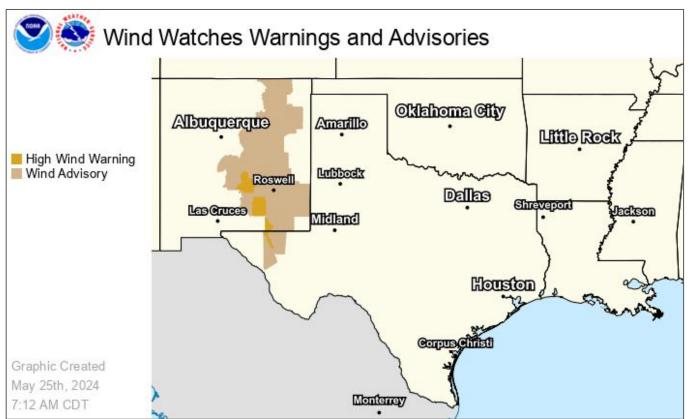


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## Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

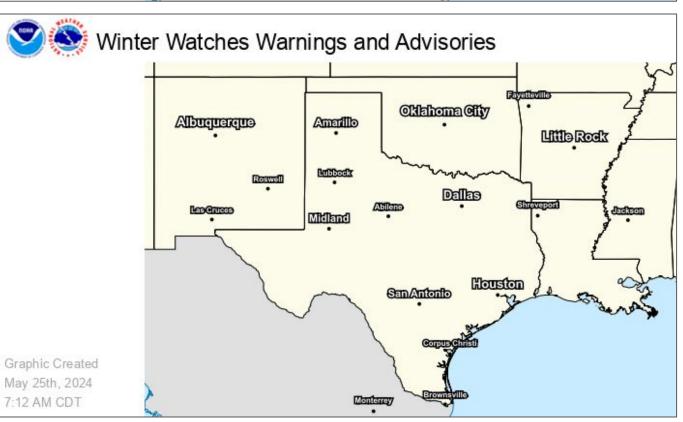
#### Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards





High Wind Warnings and Wind Advisories are in effect for gusts up to 60 MPH in NM,WTX.

A Flood Watch is in effect through Monday for EAR.

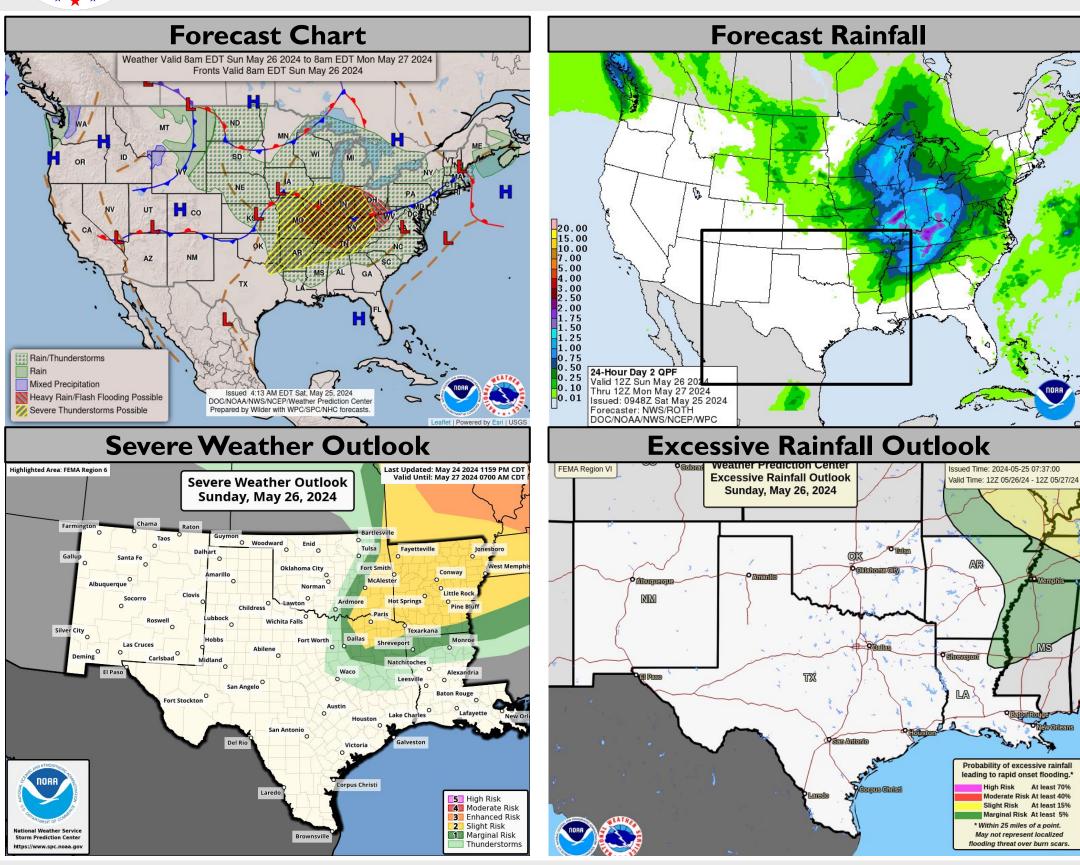








### Tomorrow's Weather



Above normal heat across STX.

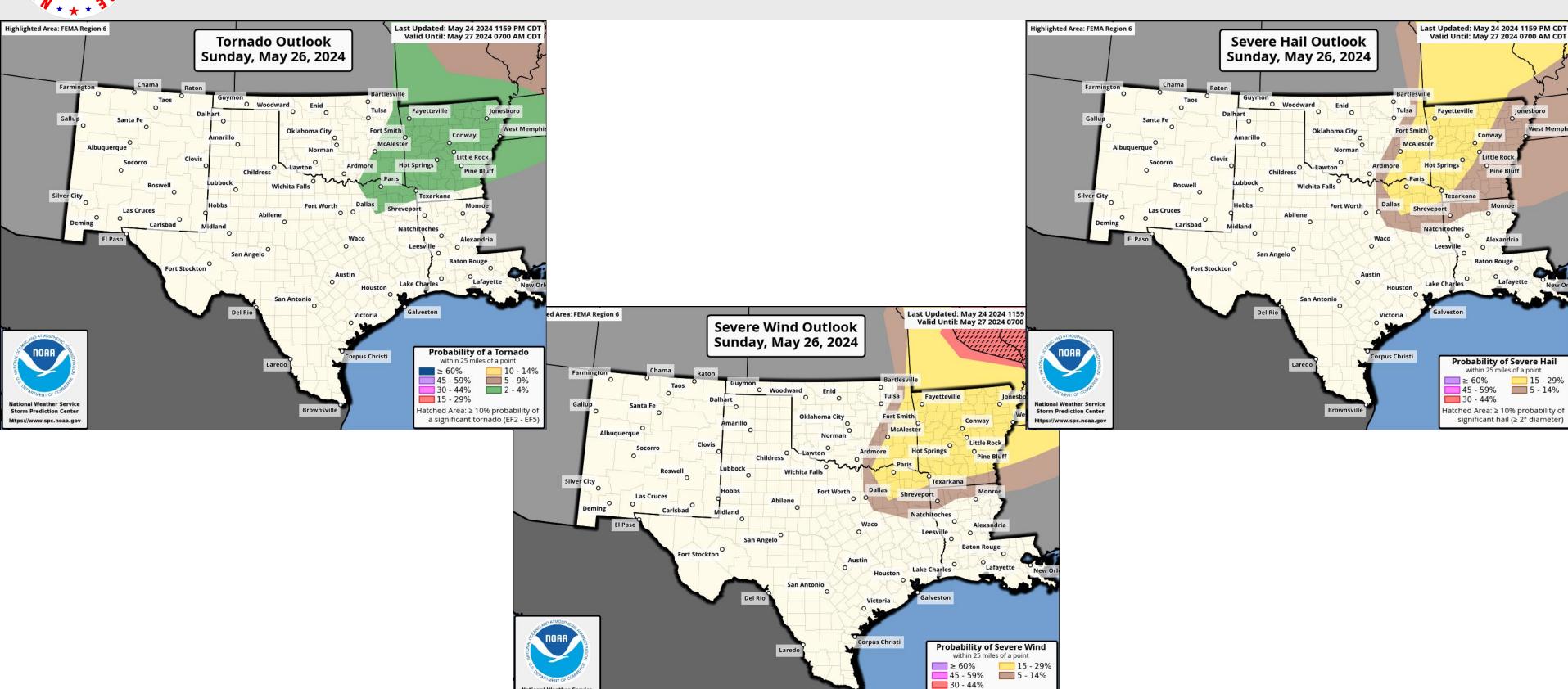
Slight risk of severe storms across E OK, AR and NETX.

Elevated fire weather conditions across NM,WTX.

Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across EAR, NE LA.



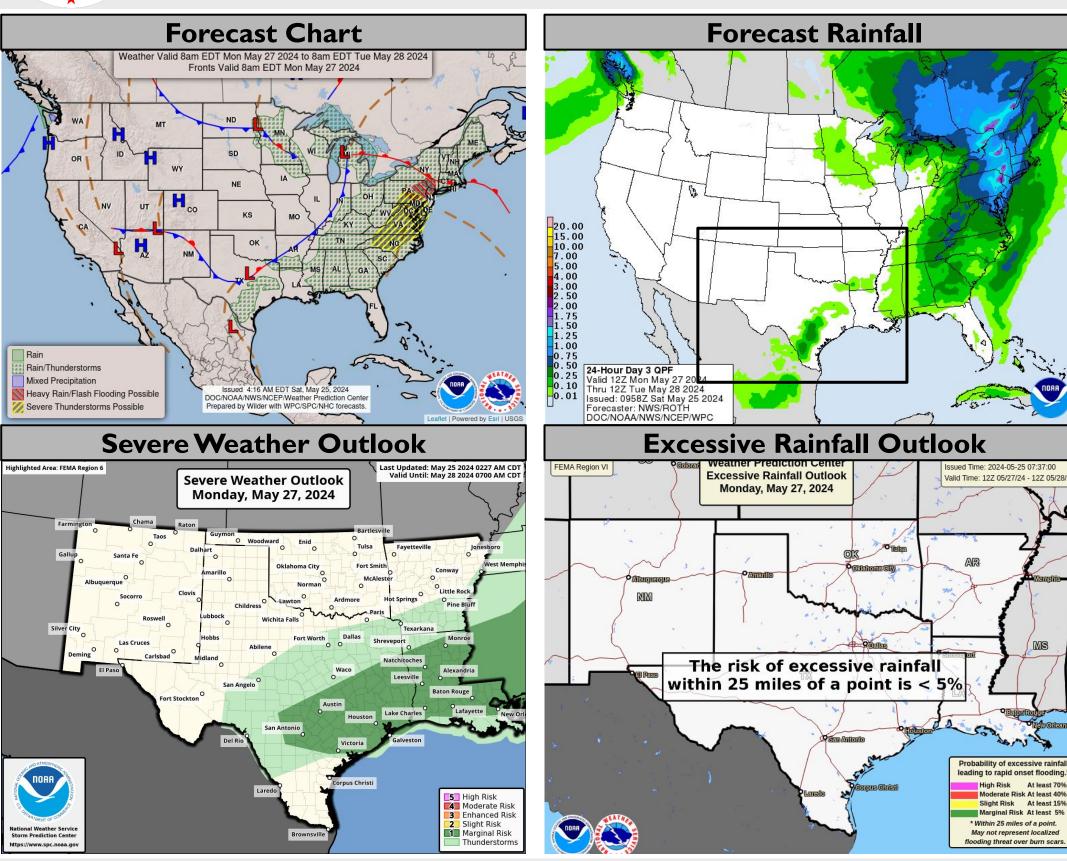
## Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of



## Monday's Weather

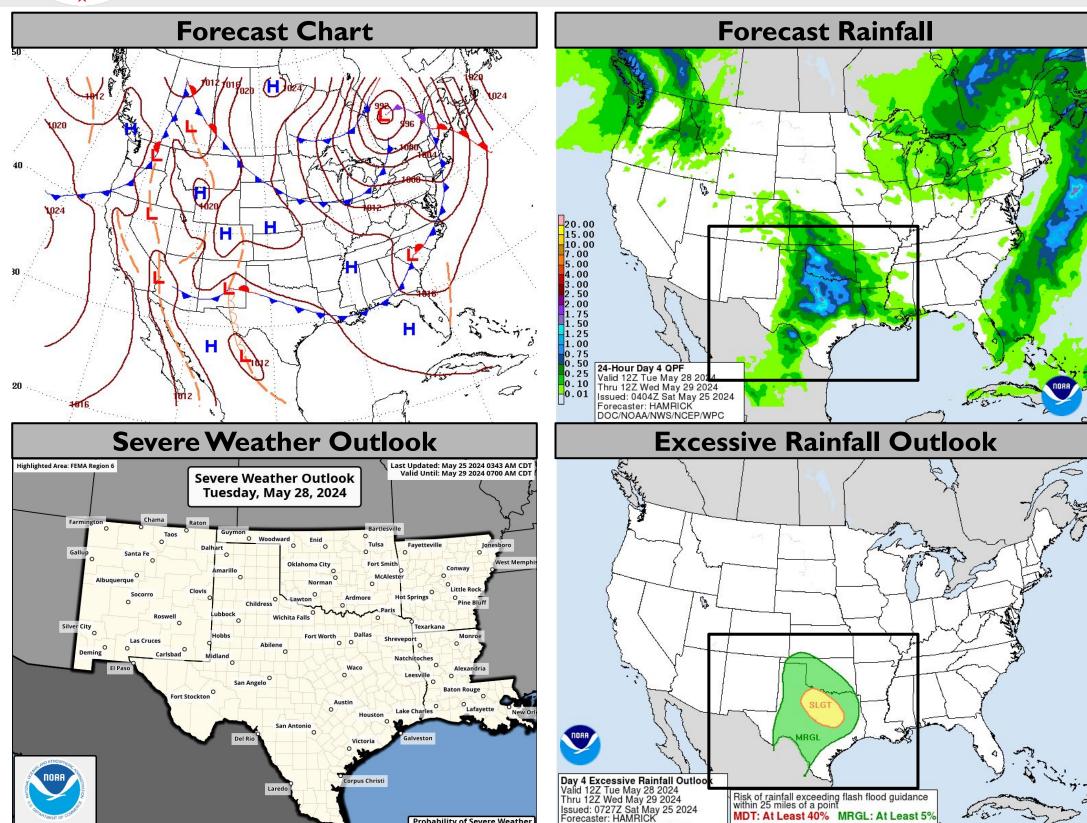


Above normal heat across STX.

Marginal risk of severe storms across SE/S-Ctrl TX, LA.



## Tuesday's Weather



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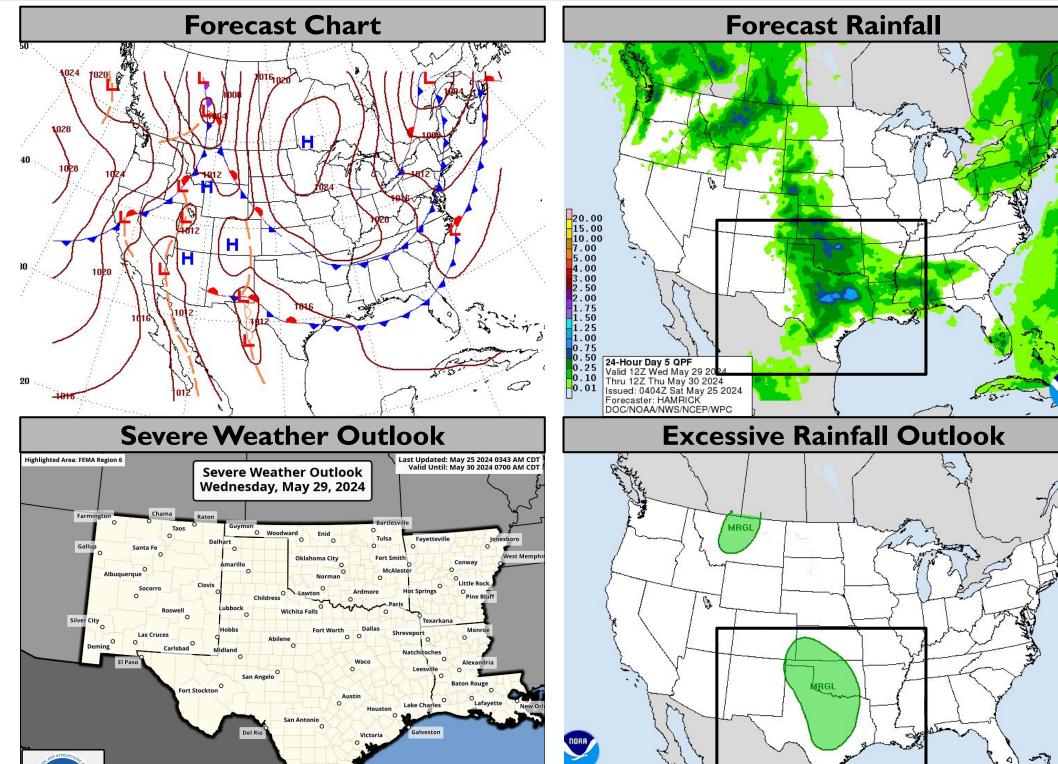
≥ 30%

Above normal heat across STX.

Slight risk for excessive rainfall across N/NWTX.



## Wednesday's Weather



bability of Severe Weathe

≥ 30%

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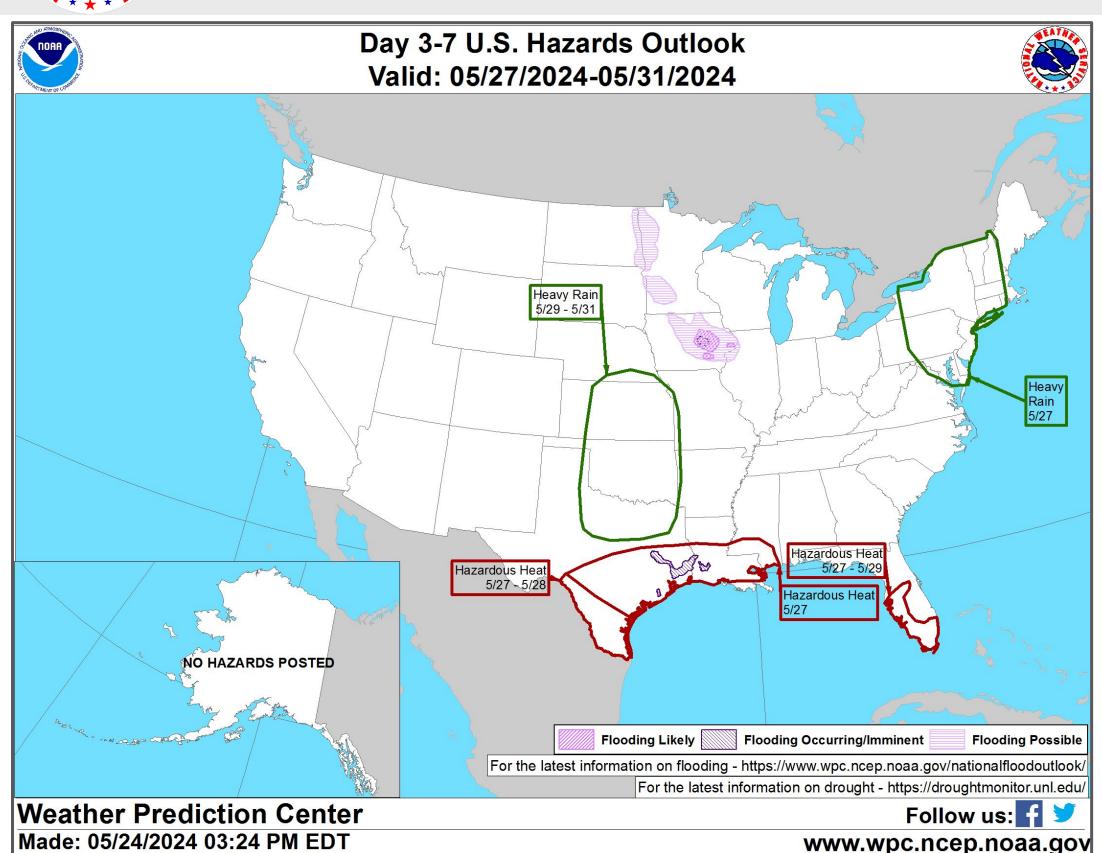
MDT: At Least 40% MRGL: At Least 59

Above normal heat across STX.

Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across OK, W/N/Ctrl TX.



## "Day 3-7" Hazards Outlook



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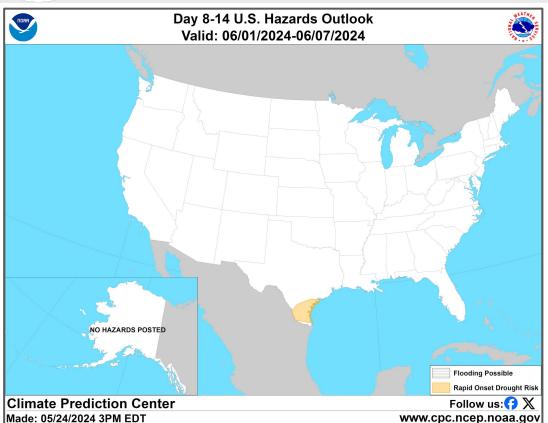
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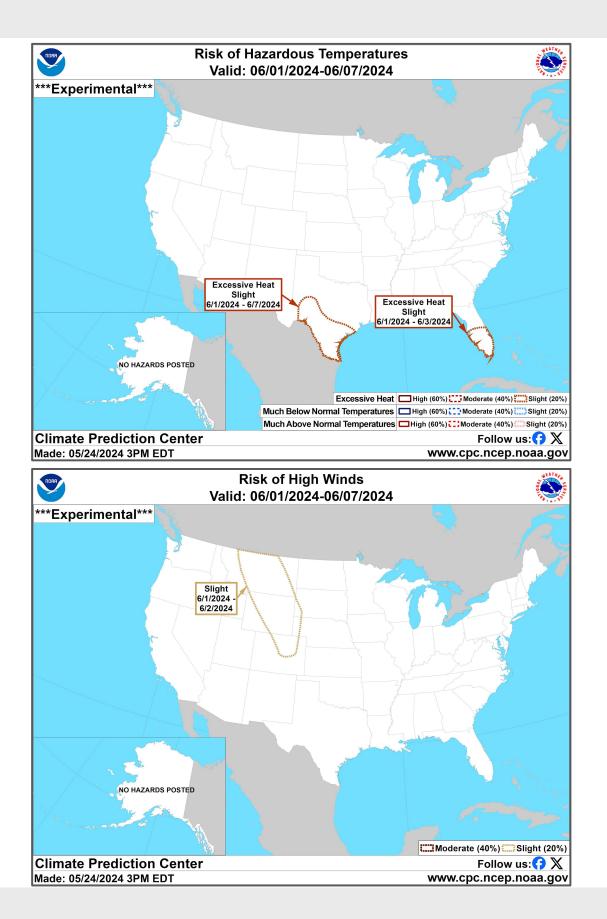
## "Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook

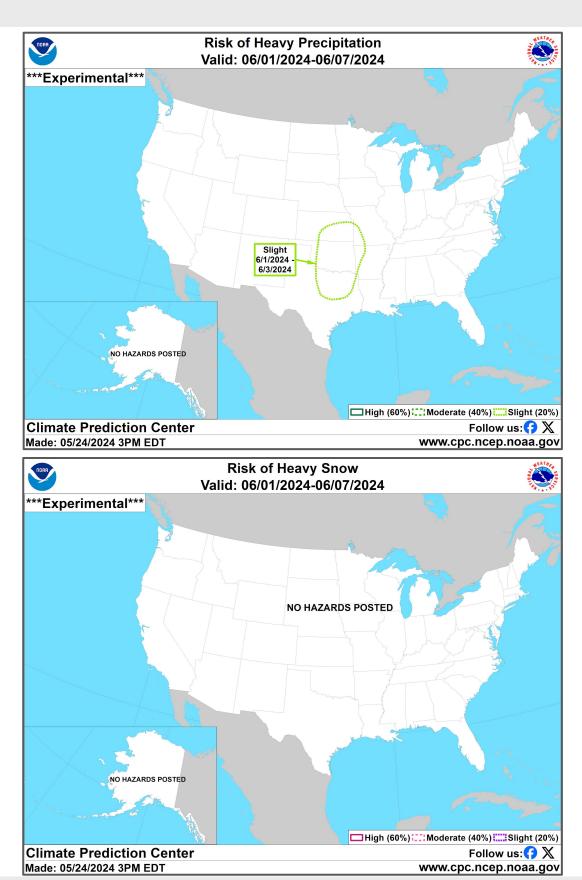


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- I. The "day 8-14" will really be days 7-13
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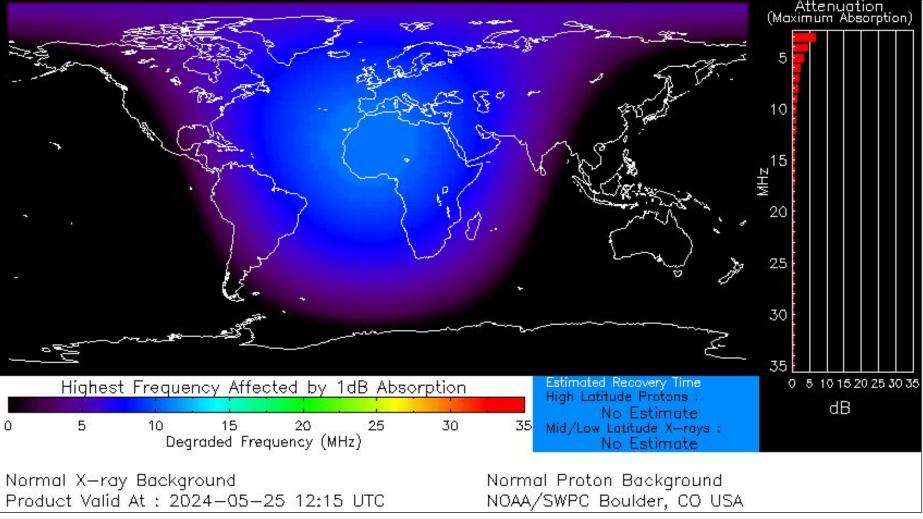






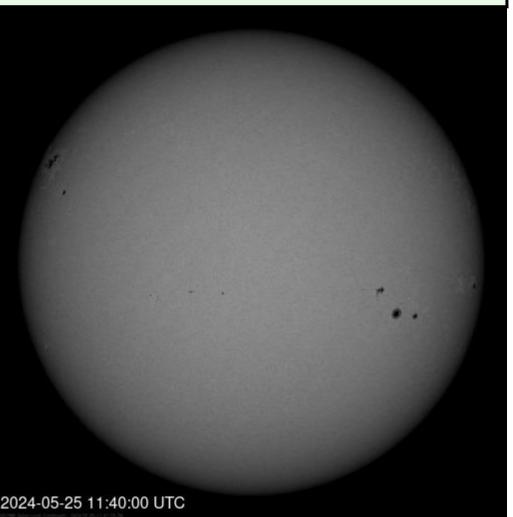
## Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, May 25	Sunday, May 26	Monday, May 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	10%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	60%	60%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	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 day.</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 toward:         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>	

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