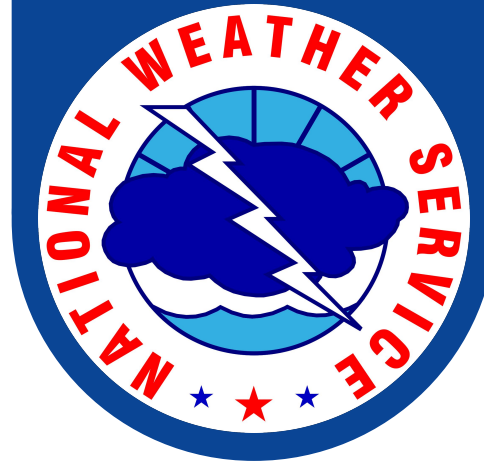




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Friday, April 25, 2025

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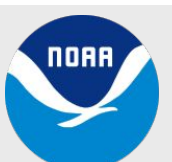
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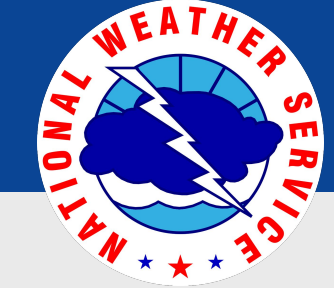
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# Summary

- **Severe Weather:** Today, Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for SE NM, NW TX, and SW OK. Tomorrow, Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for E NM, TX Panhandle. Sunday, Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK. Monday, Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for OK, N TX. Tuesday, Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for N TX, E OK, N TX, NW AR.
- **Flash Flooding:** Today, Slight risk (level 2 of 4) TX Panhandle, N TX, SW OK. Tomorrow, Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for SE NM, SE NM, TX Panhandle, N TX, OK, W AR. Monitoring for heavy rainfall Tuesday-Wednesday across OK, TX, and AR.
- **Fire Weather:** Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns today and Saturday for portions of NM and W TX. Conditions worsen Sunday to elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3).
- **River Flooding:** Moderate river flooding over AR persists the next 7 days with isolated major flooding in SE LA, cresting late next week.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

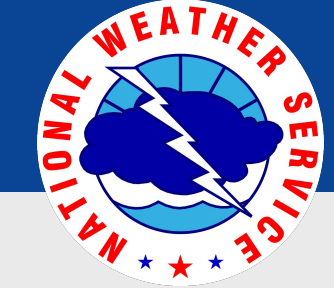
Next 7 days

	Friday, Apr 25	Saturday, Apr 26	Sunday, Apr 27	Monday, Apr 28	Tuesday, Apr 29	Wednesday, Apr 30	Thursday, May 1
Severe Storms	E NM, TX Panhandle, W/NW TX, OK	E NM, TX Panhandle	E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	OK, NTX	E OK, NTX, NW AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E NM, TX Panhandle, N TX, OK, SE AR	SE NM, TX Panhandle, N TX, OK, W AR			E OK, N/C TX, NW AR	E OK, N/C TX, AR	
Fire Weather	W NM	W NM, W TX	NM, W TX				
Winter							
River Flooding	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
	LA	LA	LA	LA	LA	LA	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.*

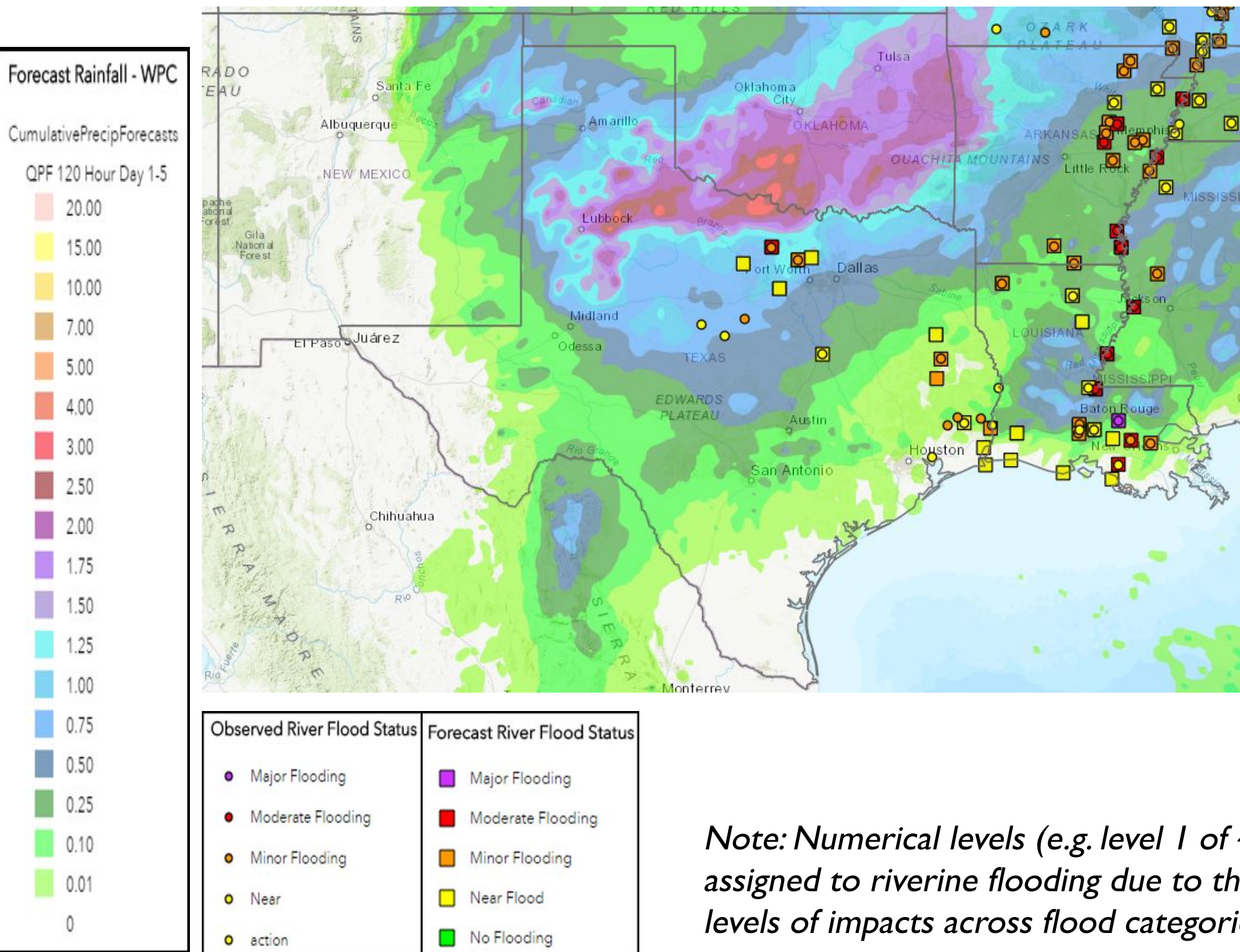
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



*Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.*

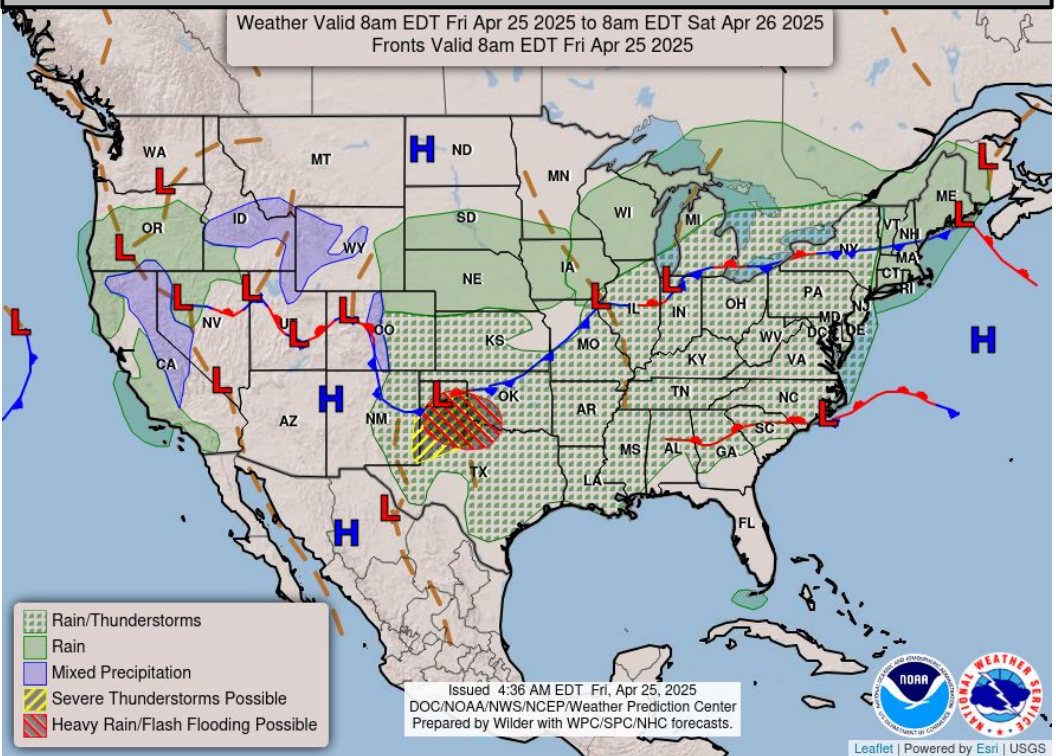
- **Moderate river flooding over AR through the next 7 days. Homes and roads/highways will be flooded.**
- **Isolated Major Flooding in SE LA crests Thursday, May 1st. Baton Rouge and the main LSU campus are protected by levees at this forecast level.**
- **Minor river flooding N/E TX, W LA. Impacts mainly to secondary roads and agricultural areas.**



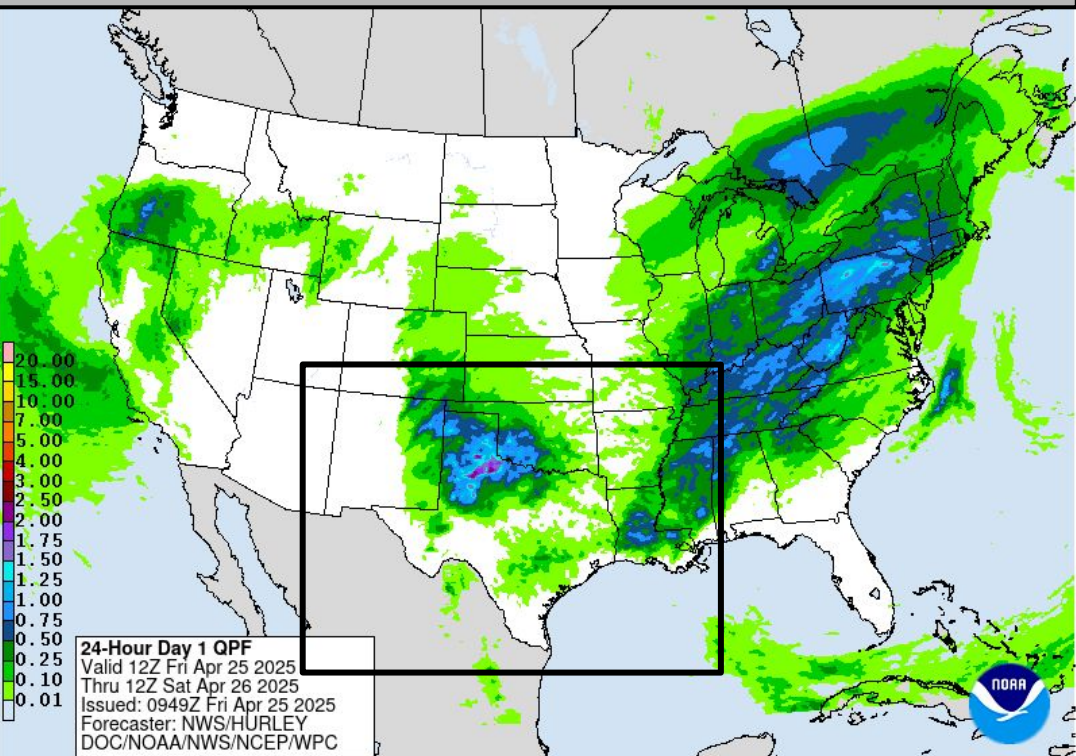


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

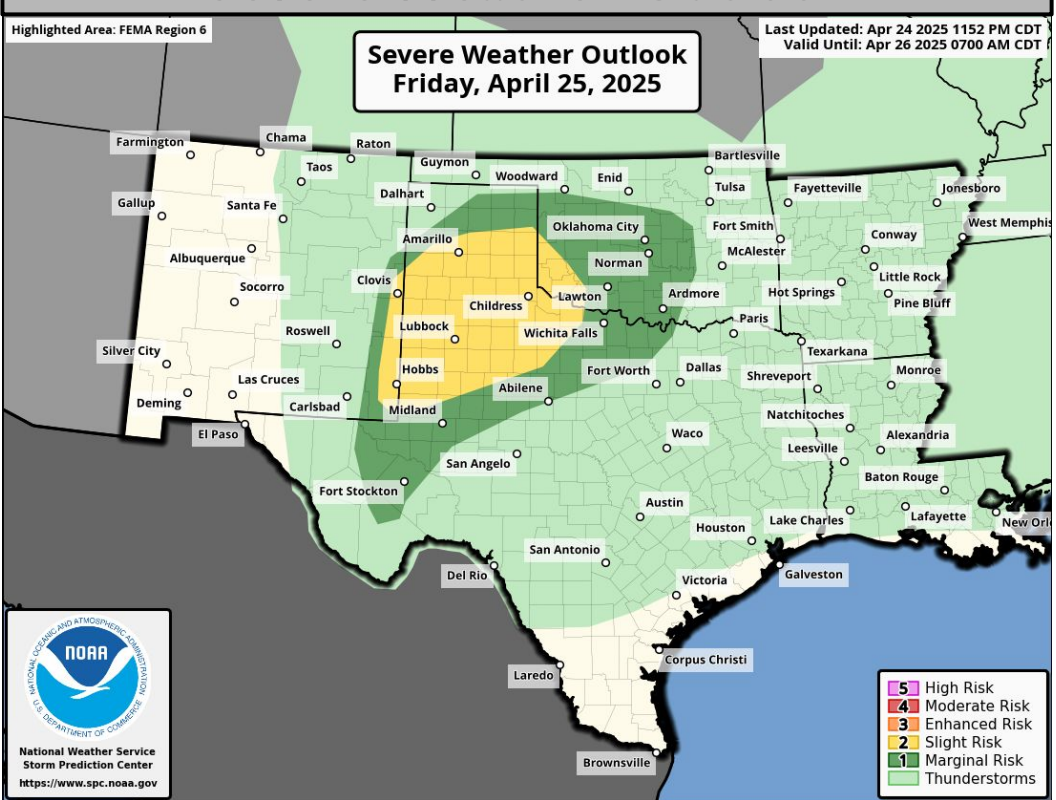


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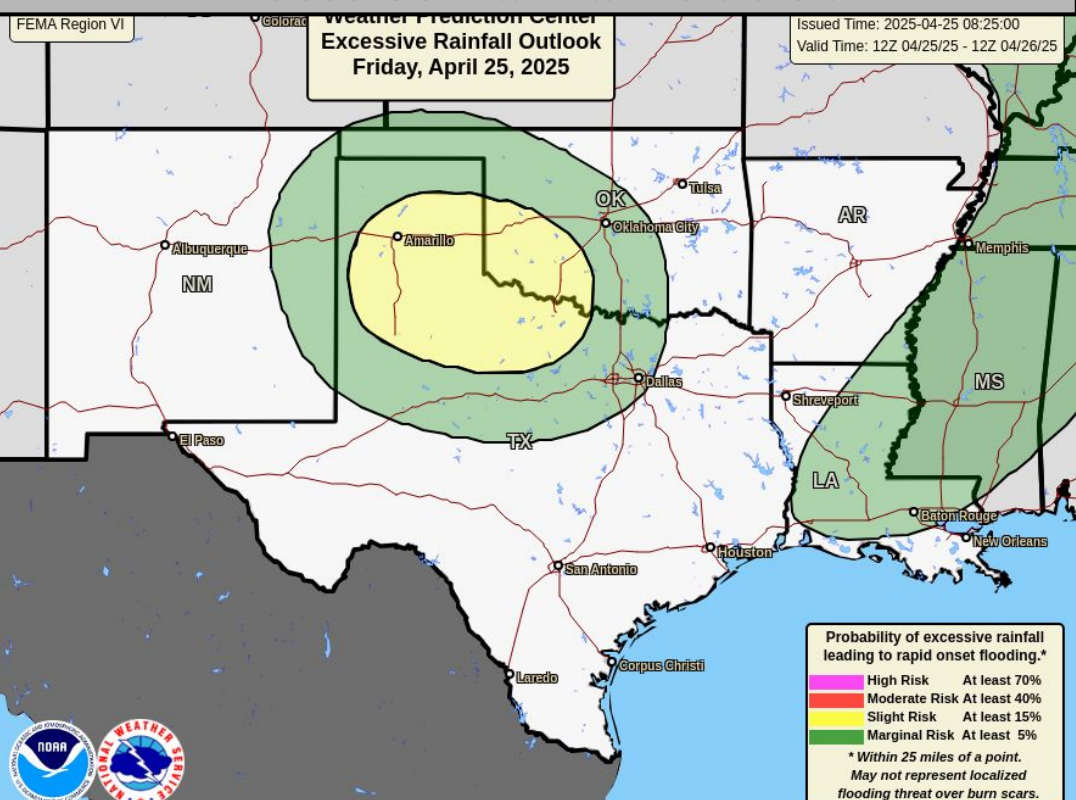
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) TX Panhandle, N TX, SW OK. Large hail is the primary threat from 2 PM to 9 PM this afternoon/evening.**

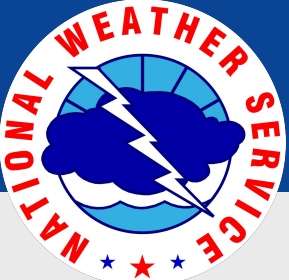
**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for W NM.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

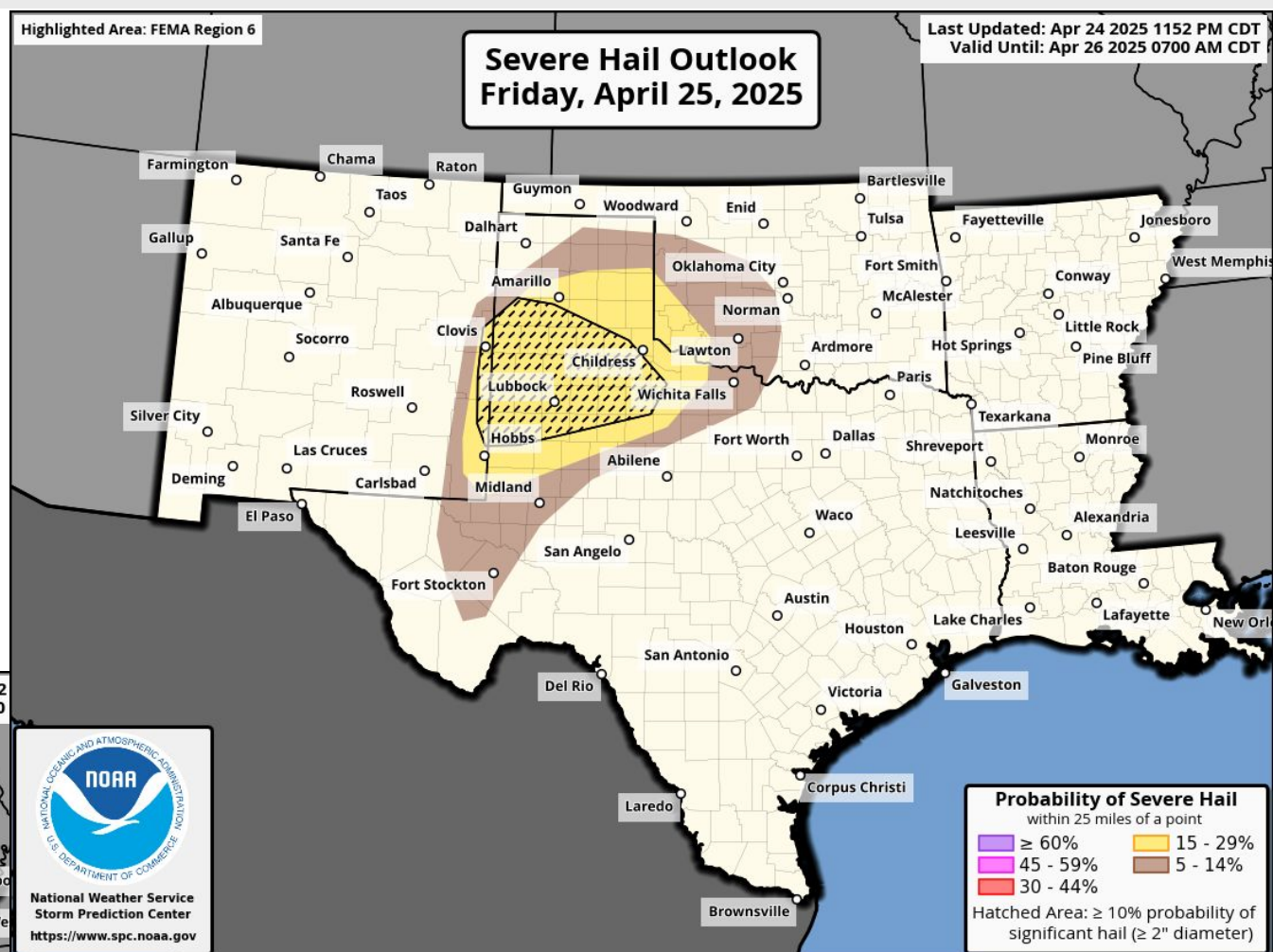
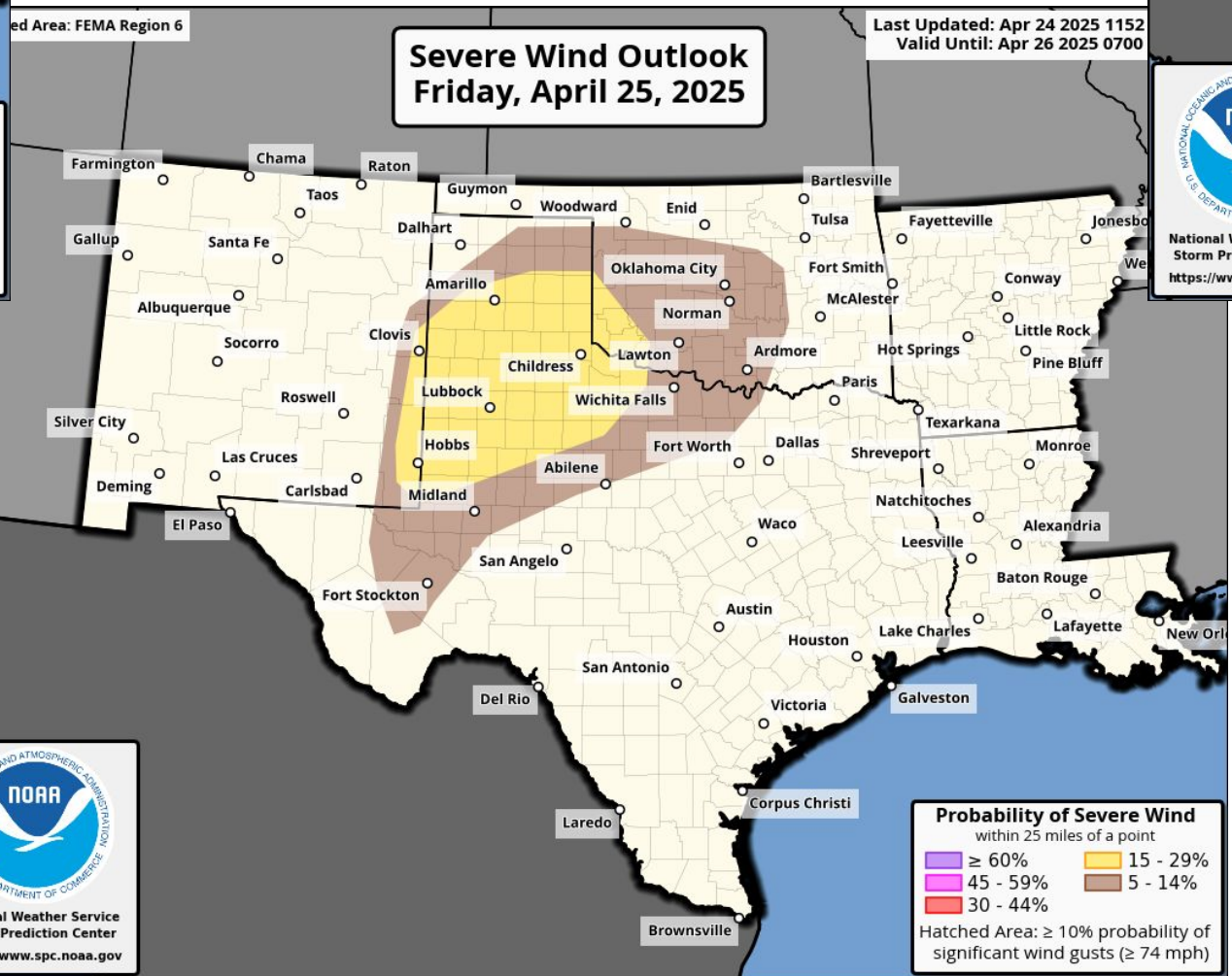
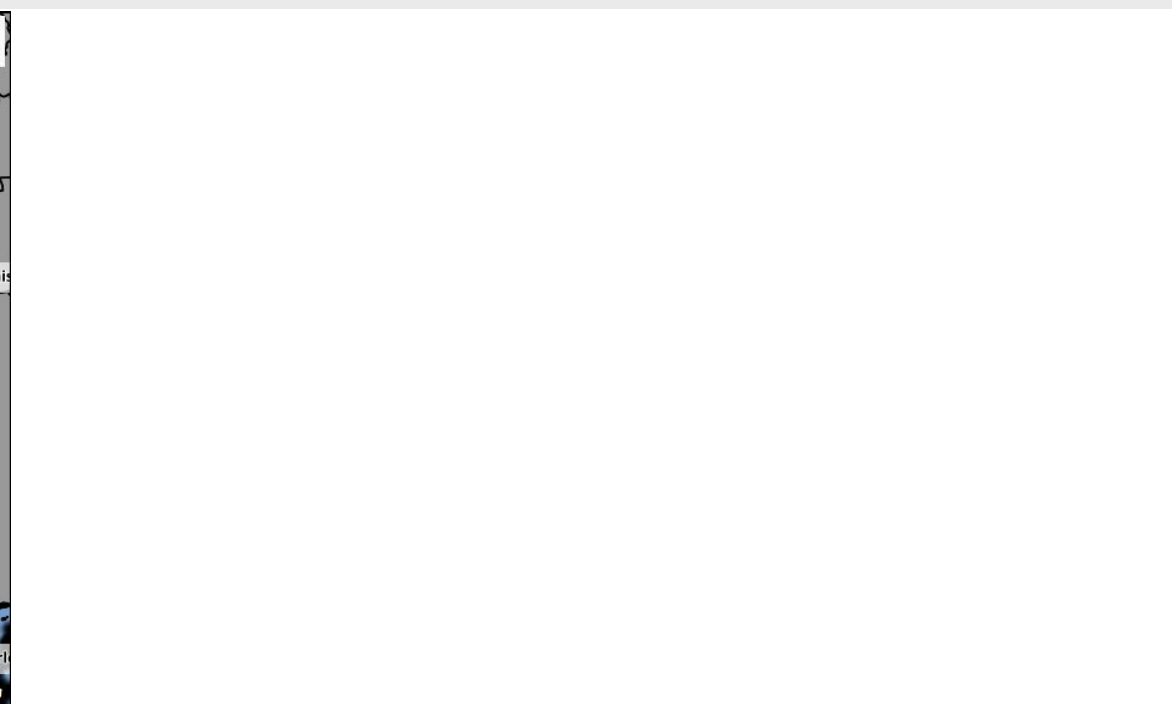
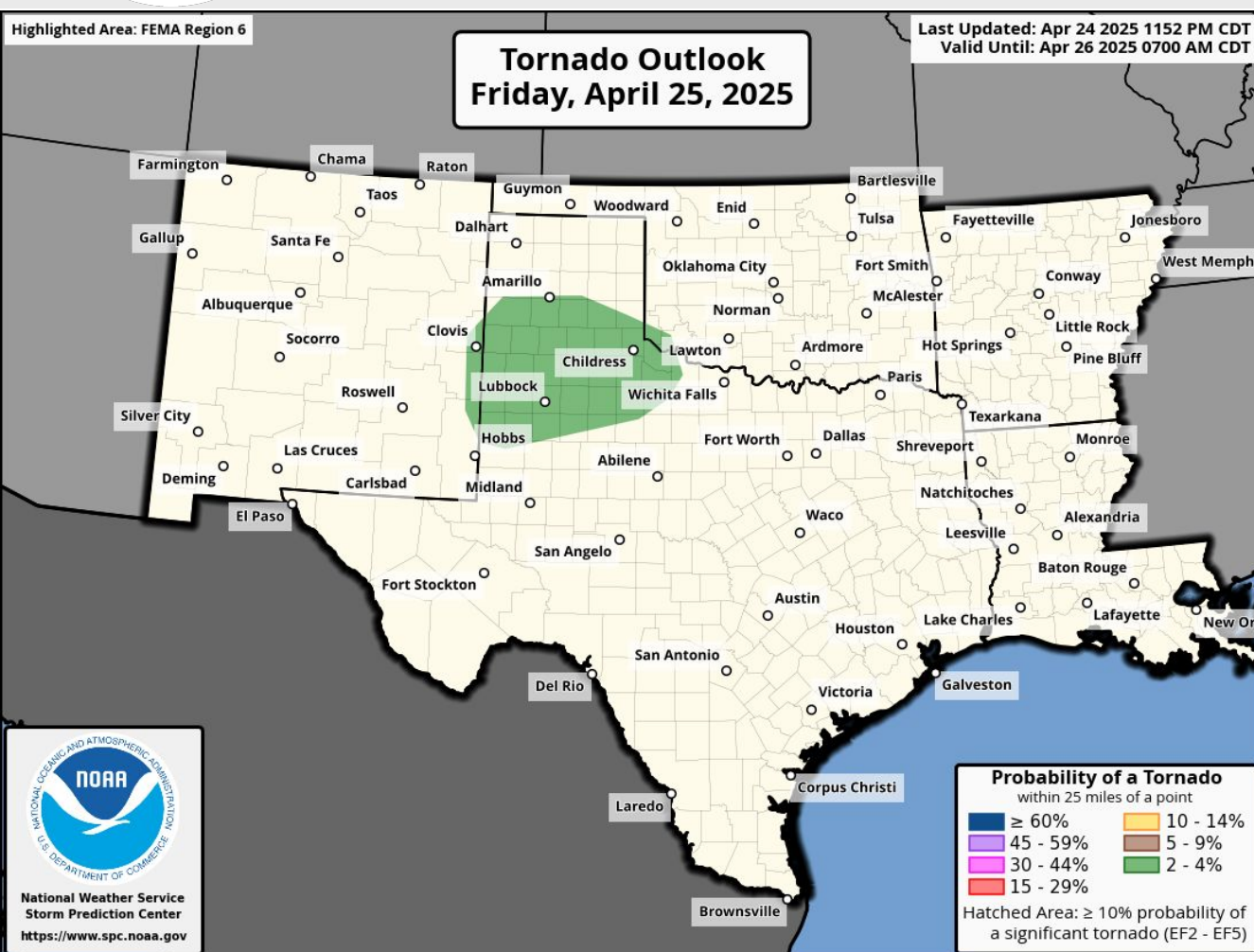


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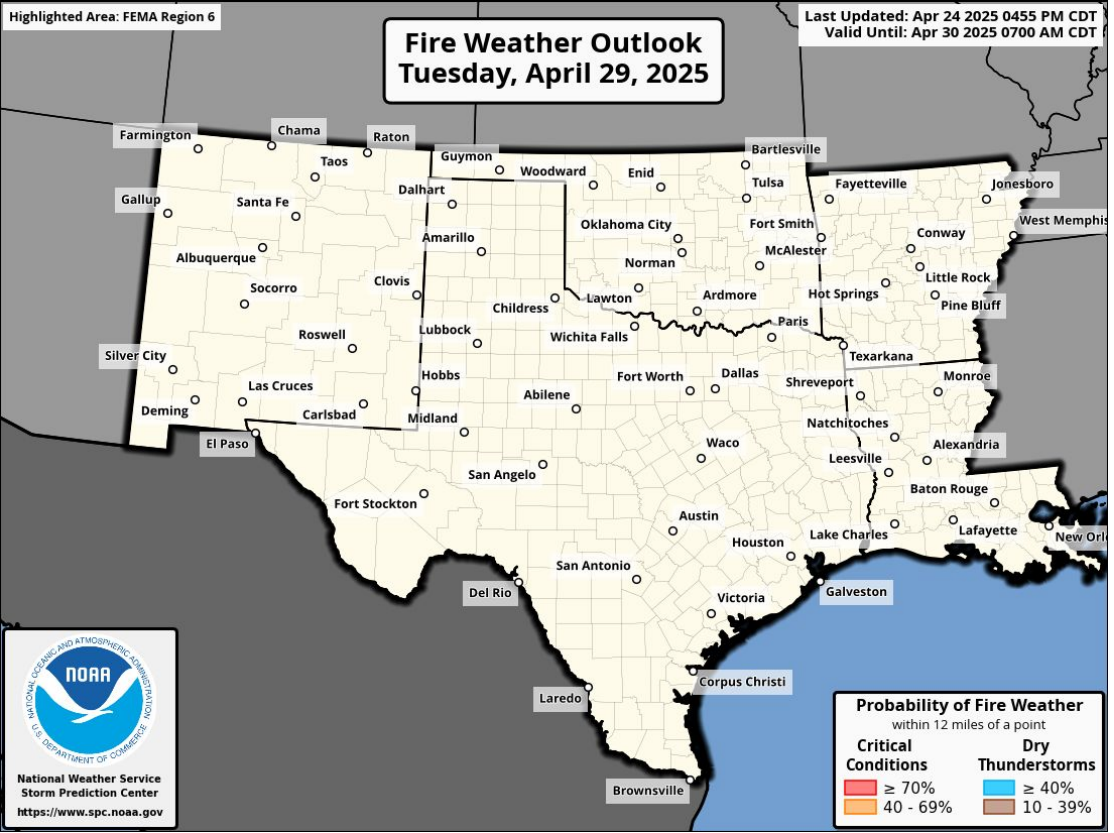
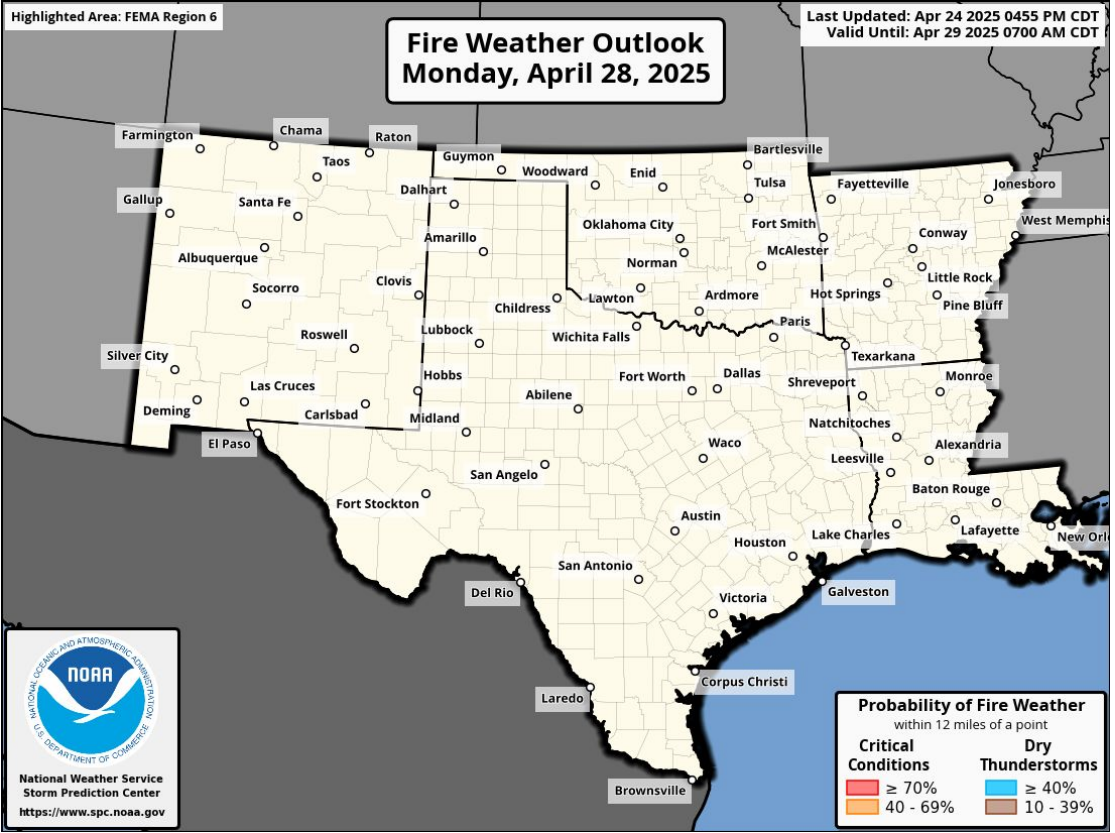
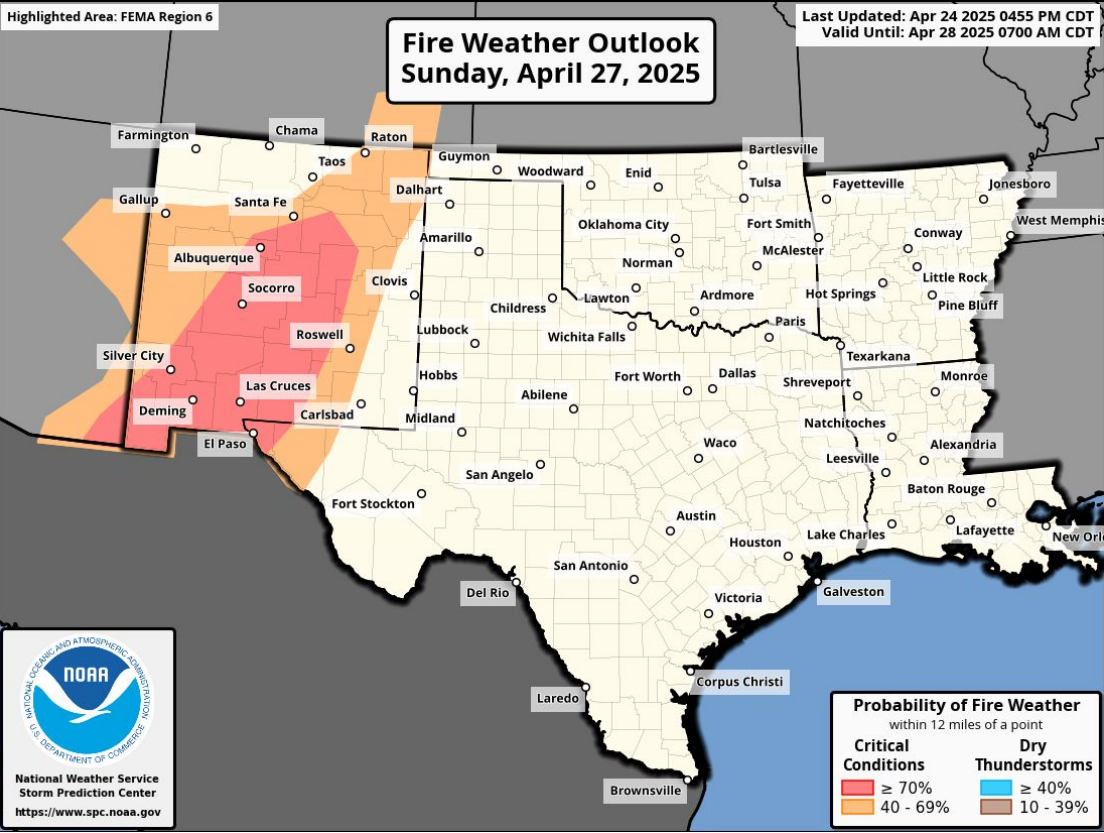
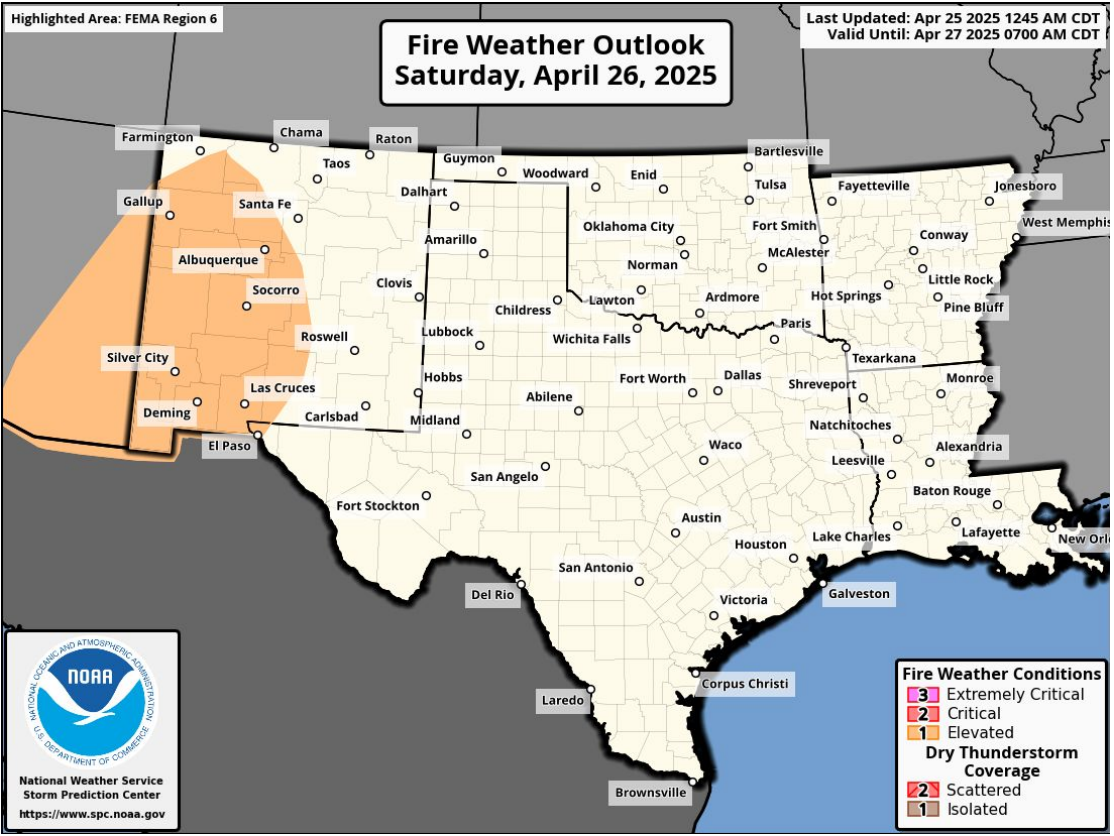
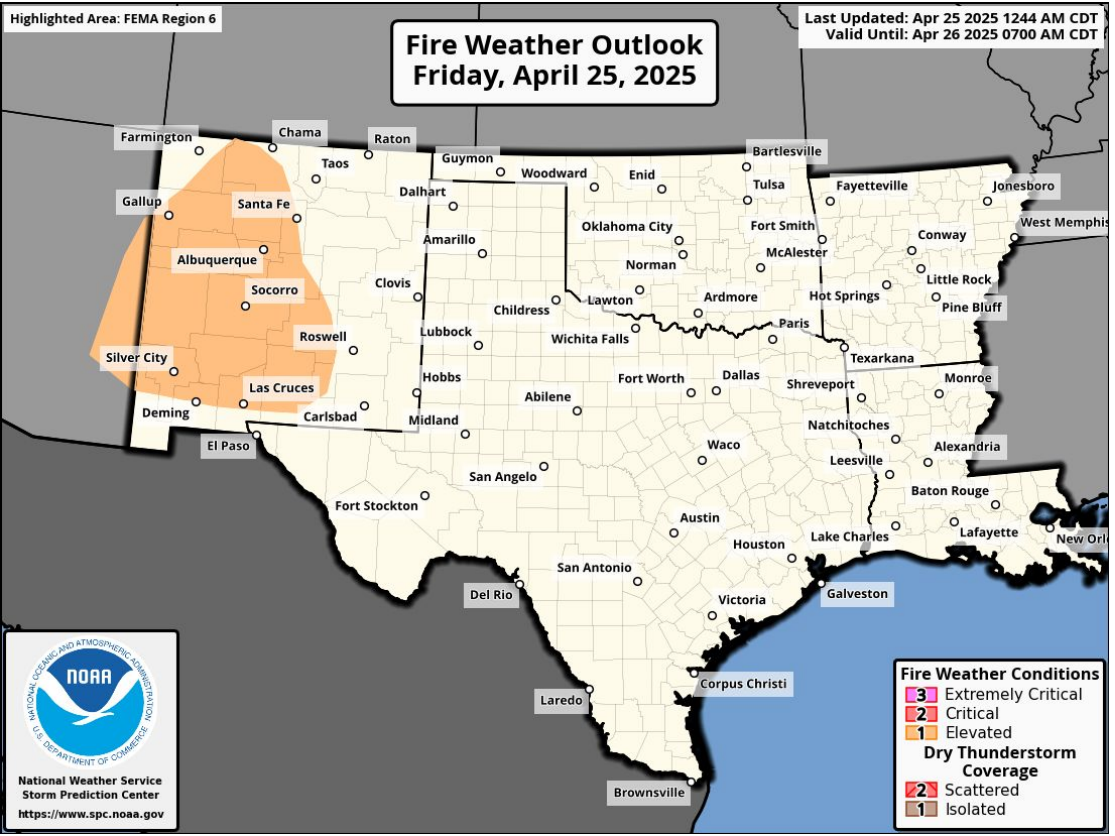
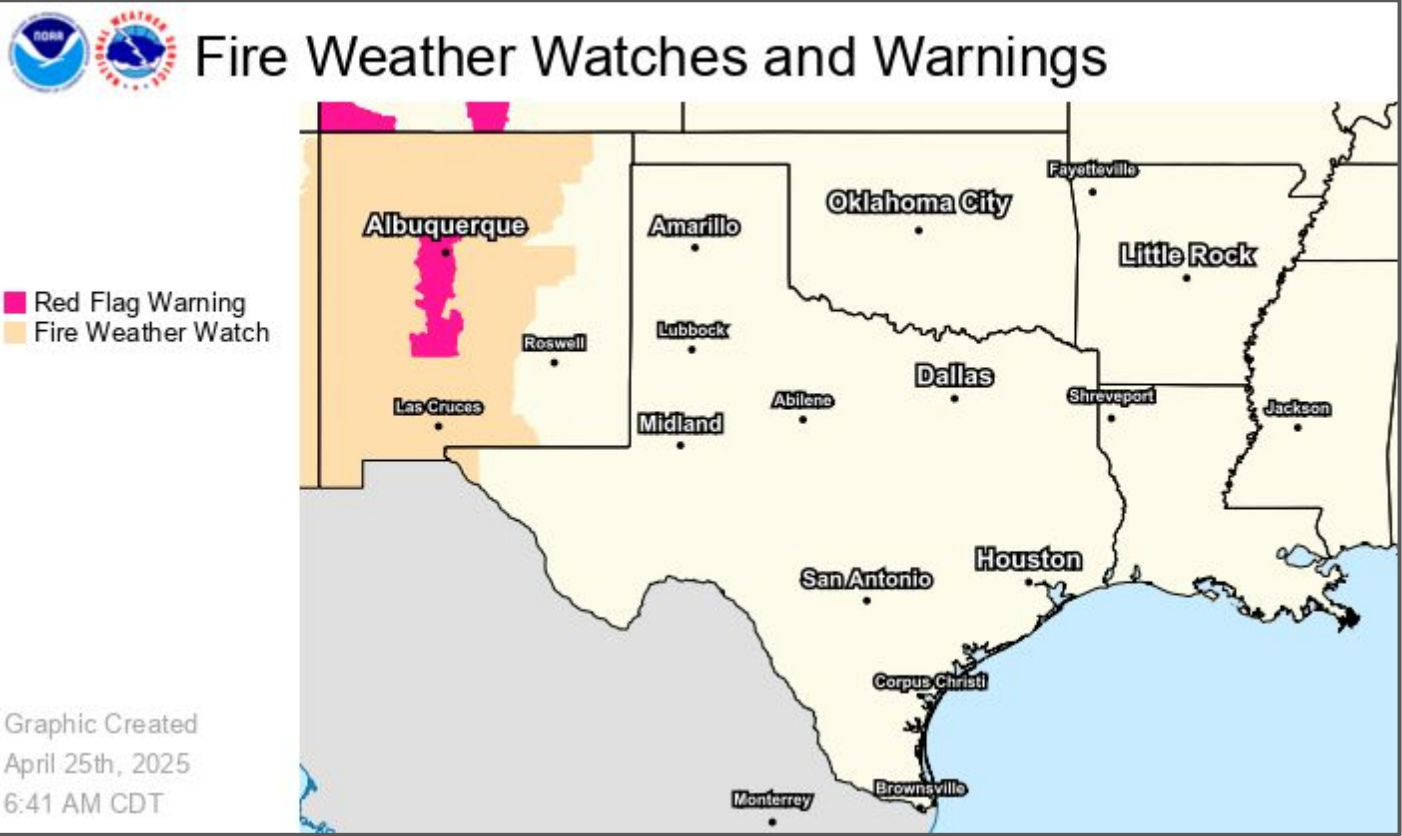


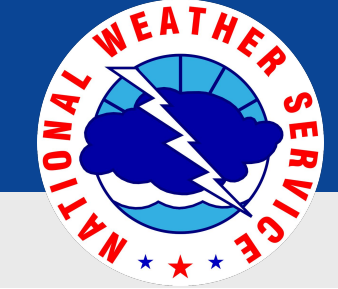
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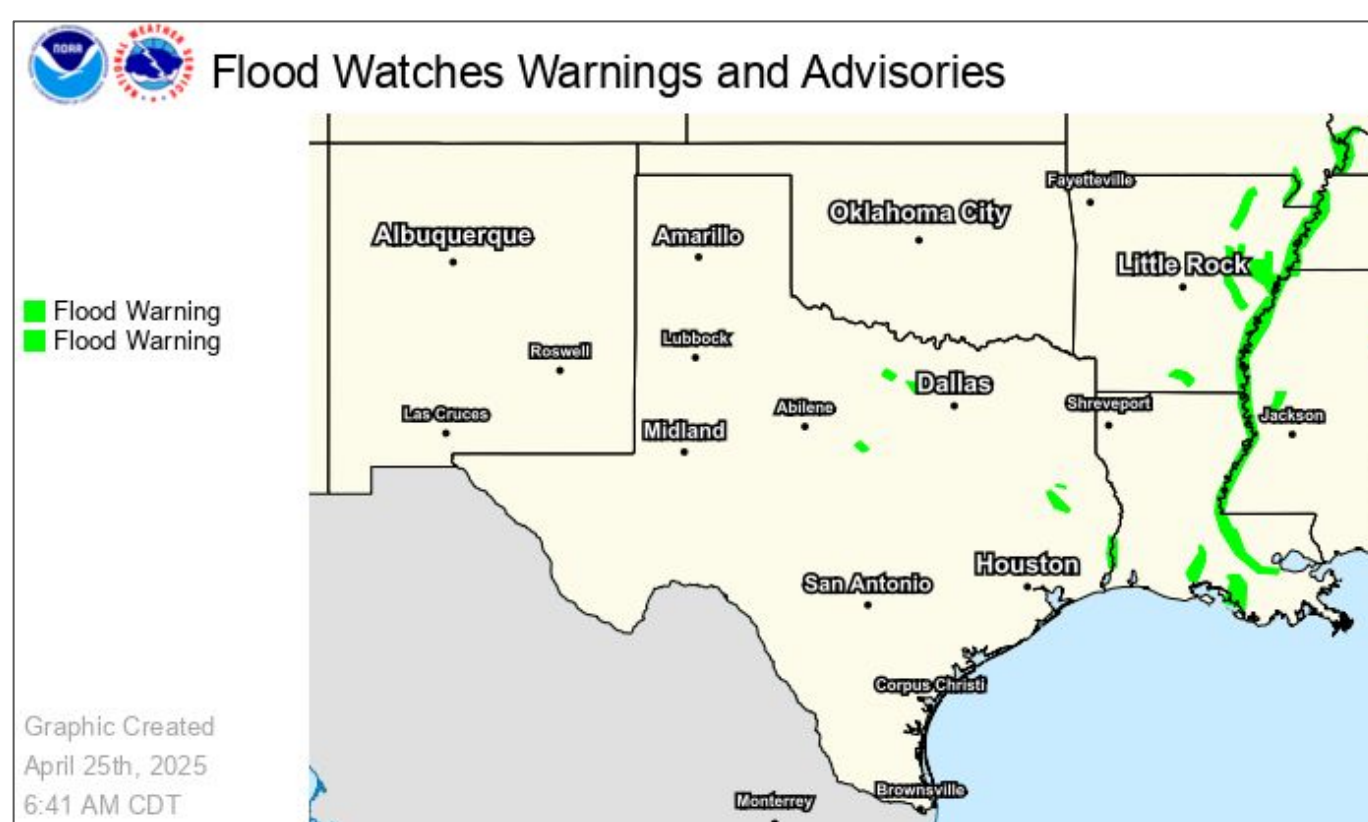
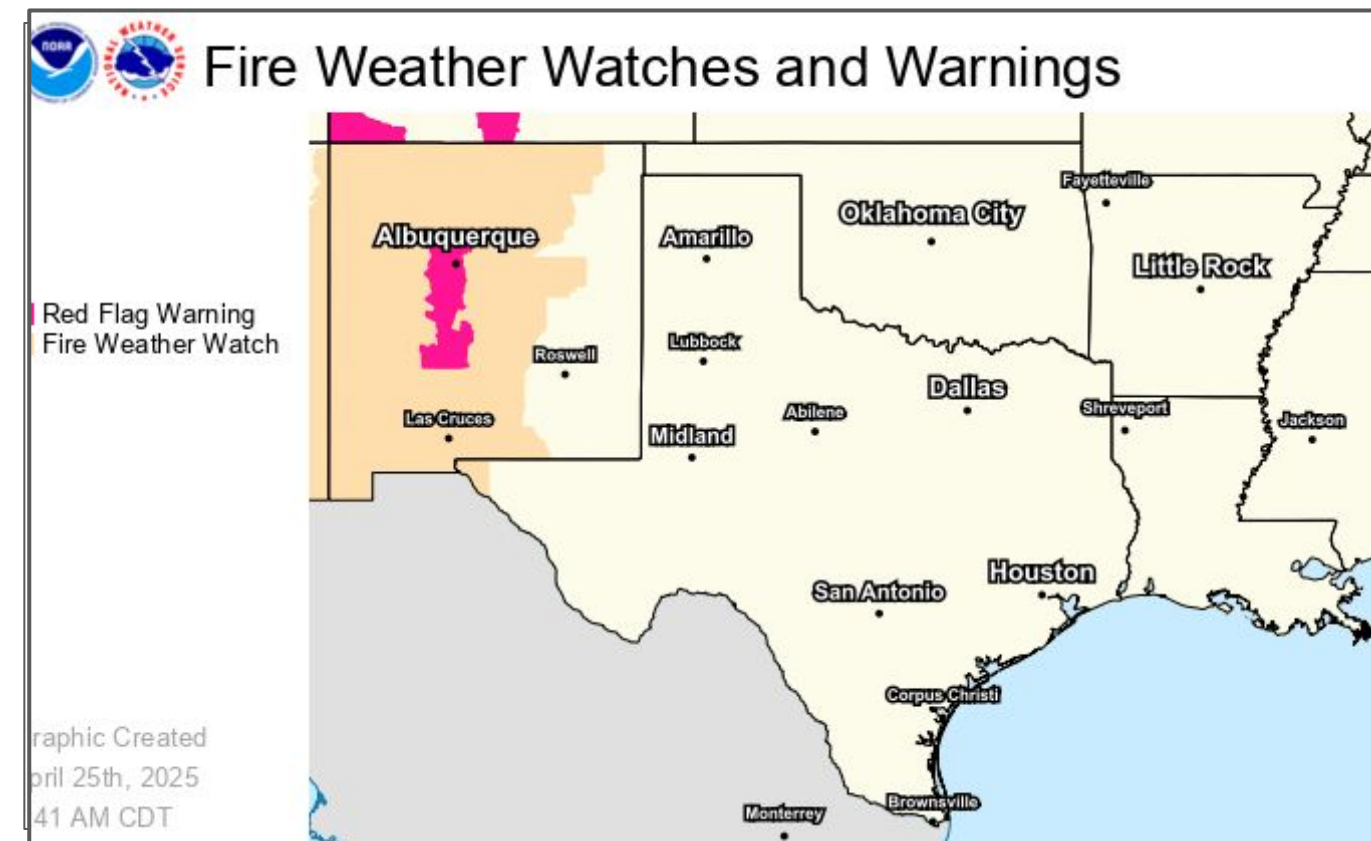
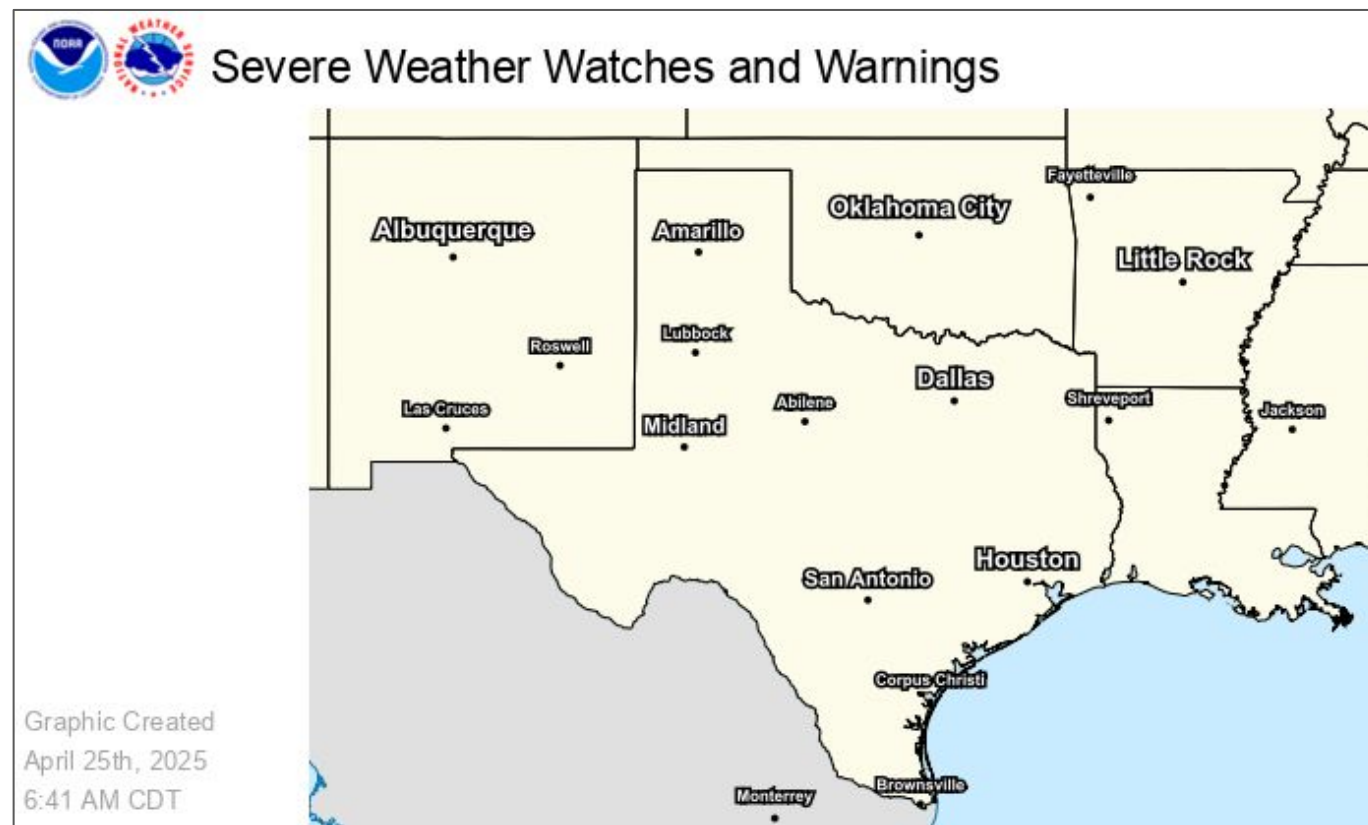
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

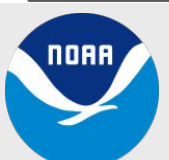
Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



**Red Flag Warning this afternoon in C NM from Noon to 7 PM today.**

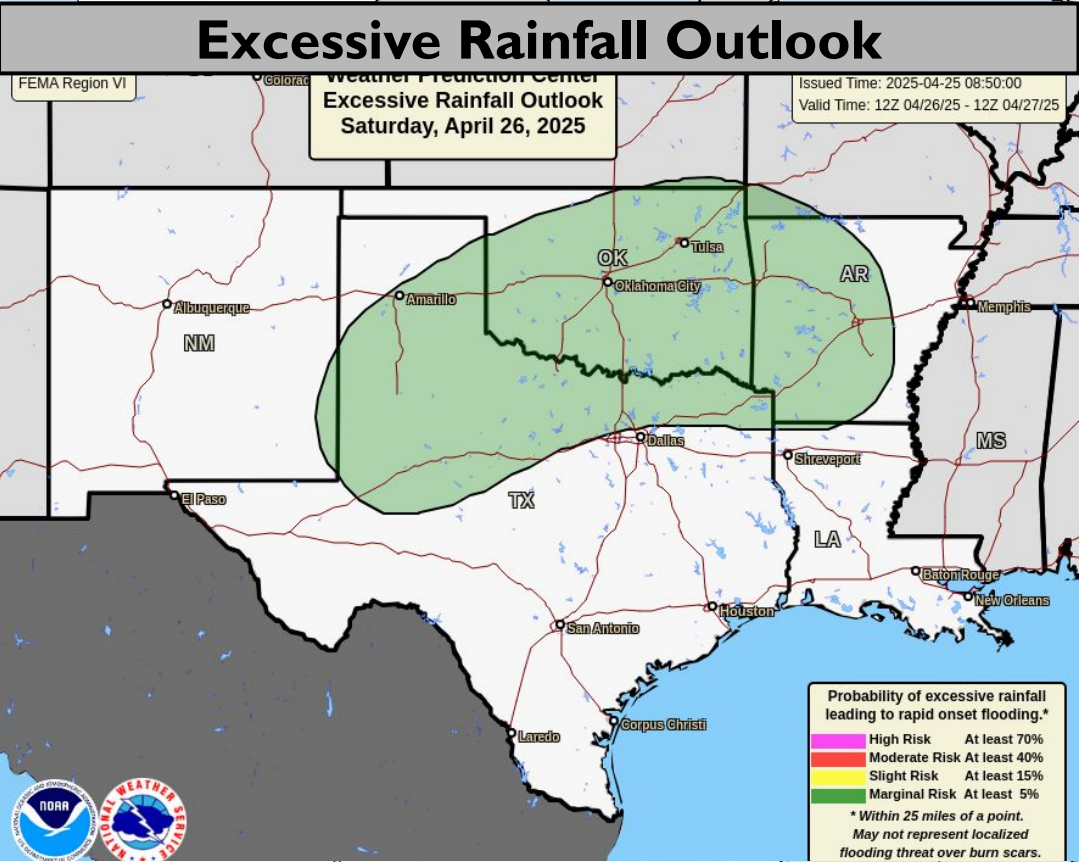
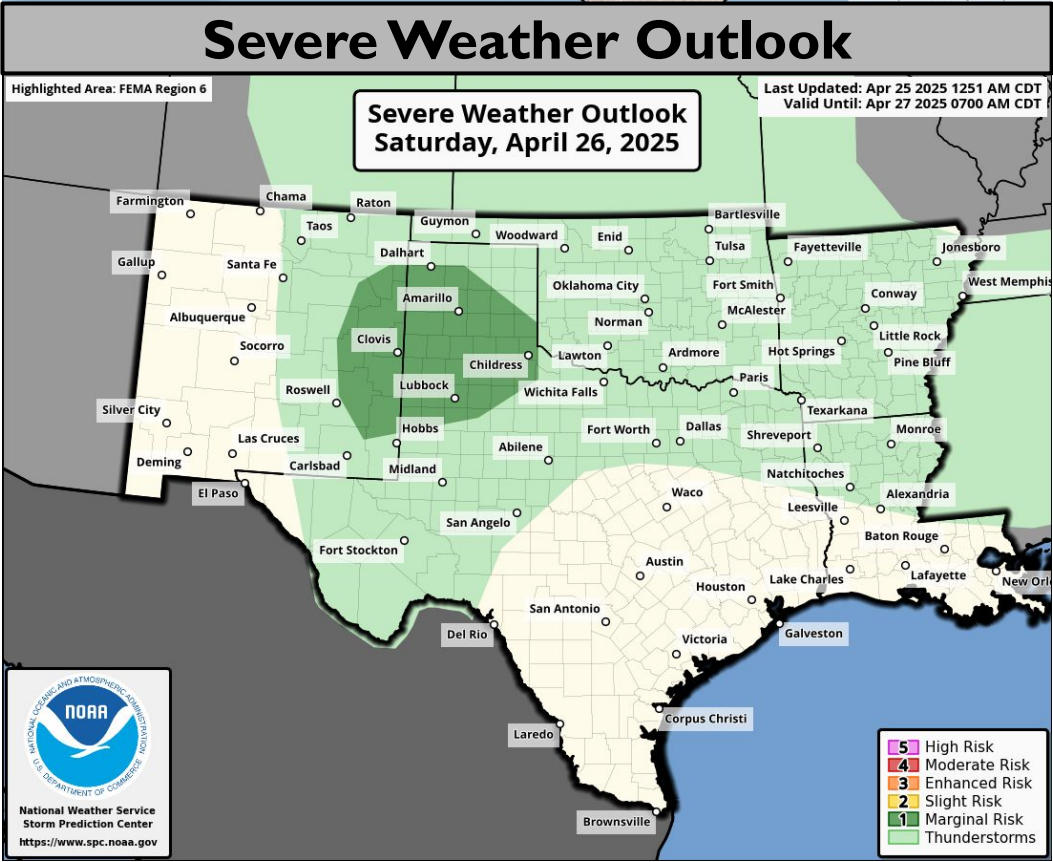
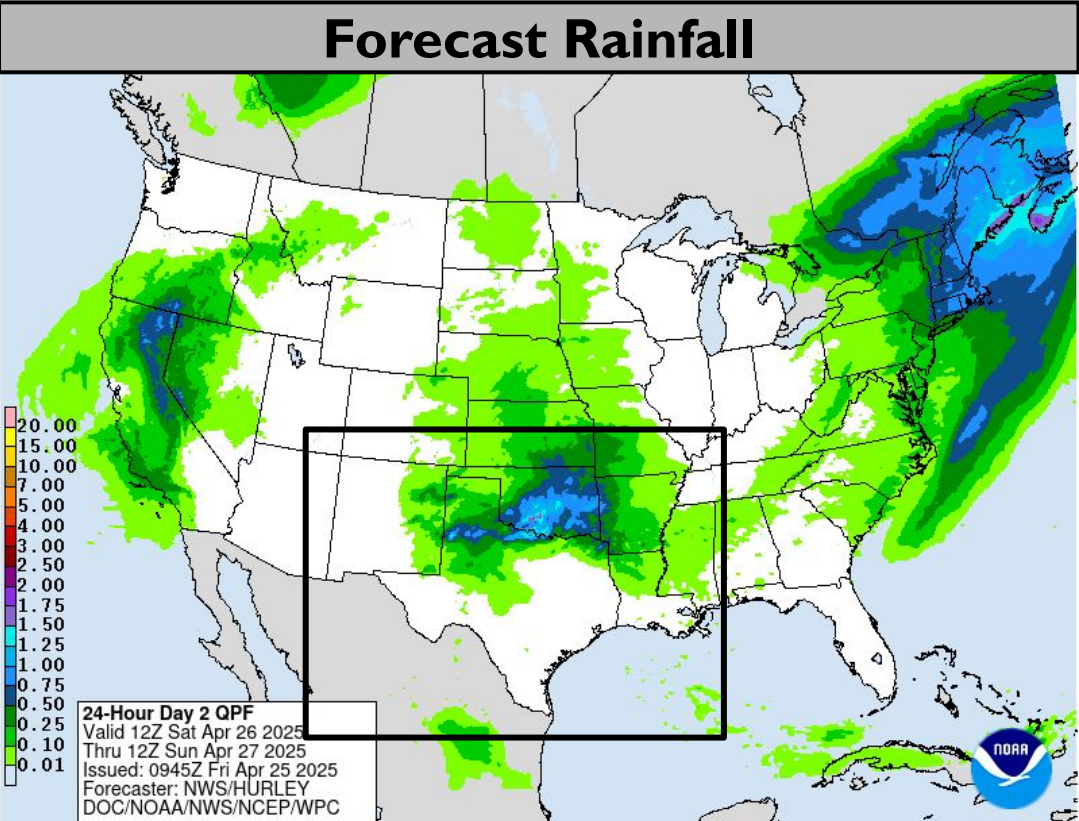
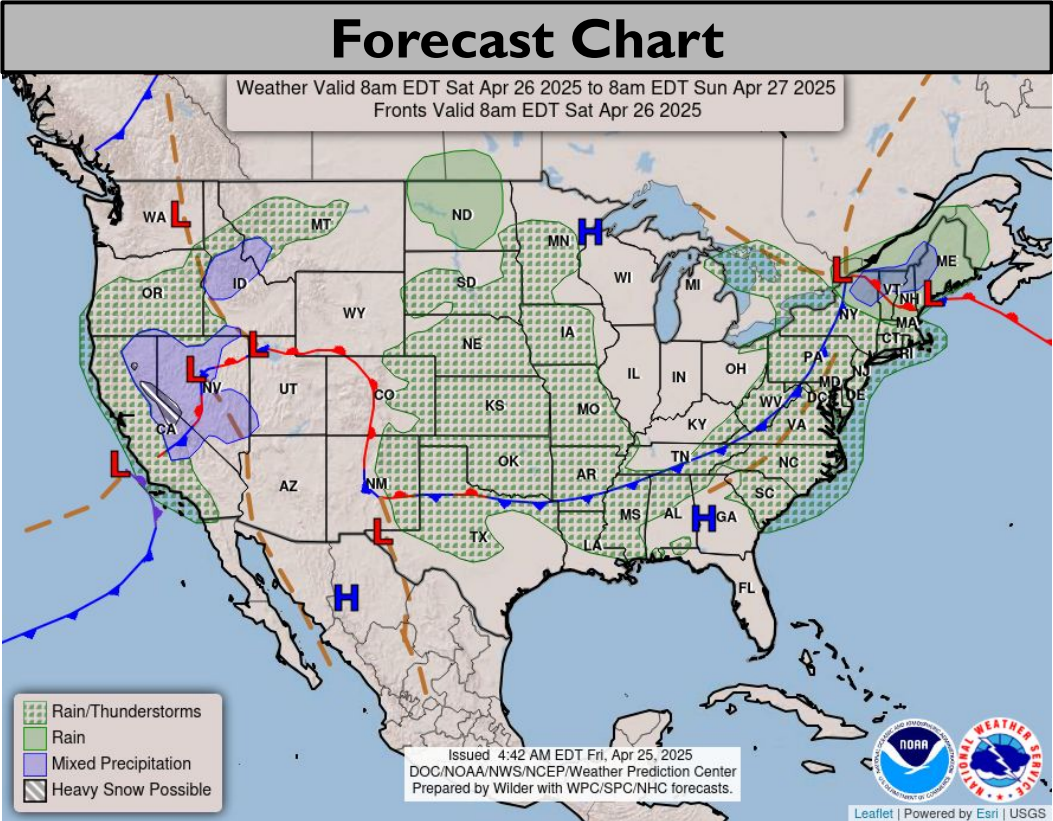
**Fire Weather Watch Saturday afternoon for NM, and again on late Sunday morning through Sunday evening for W NM, Far W Texas.**

**High Wind Watch Sunday afternoon for SW-N NM. Gusts up to 60 mph may cause issues with blowing dust.**





# Tomorrow's Weather



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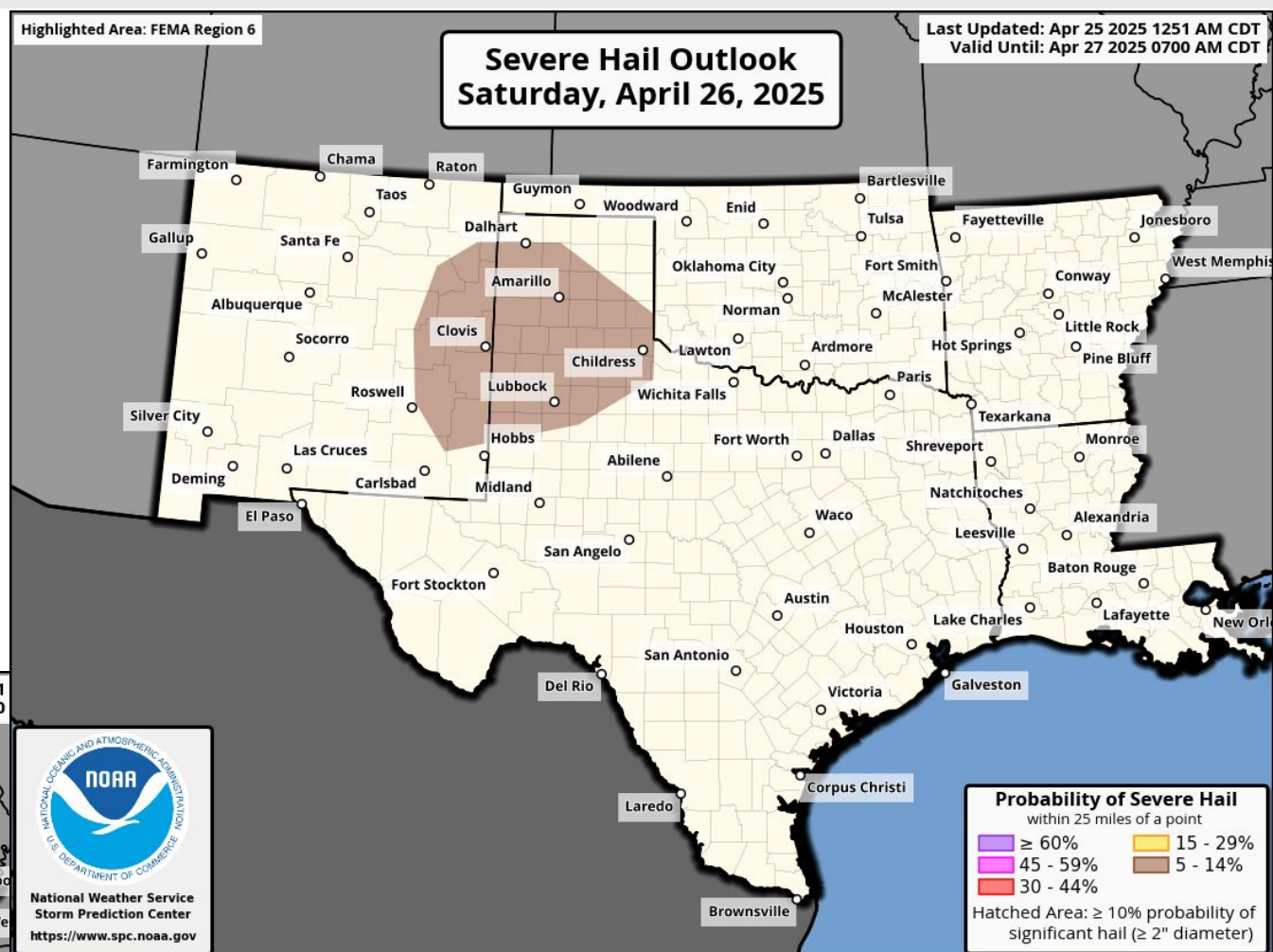
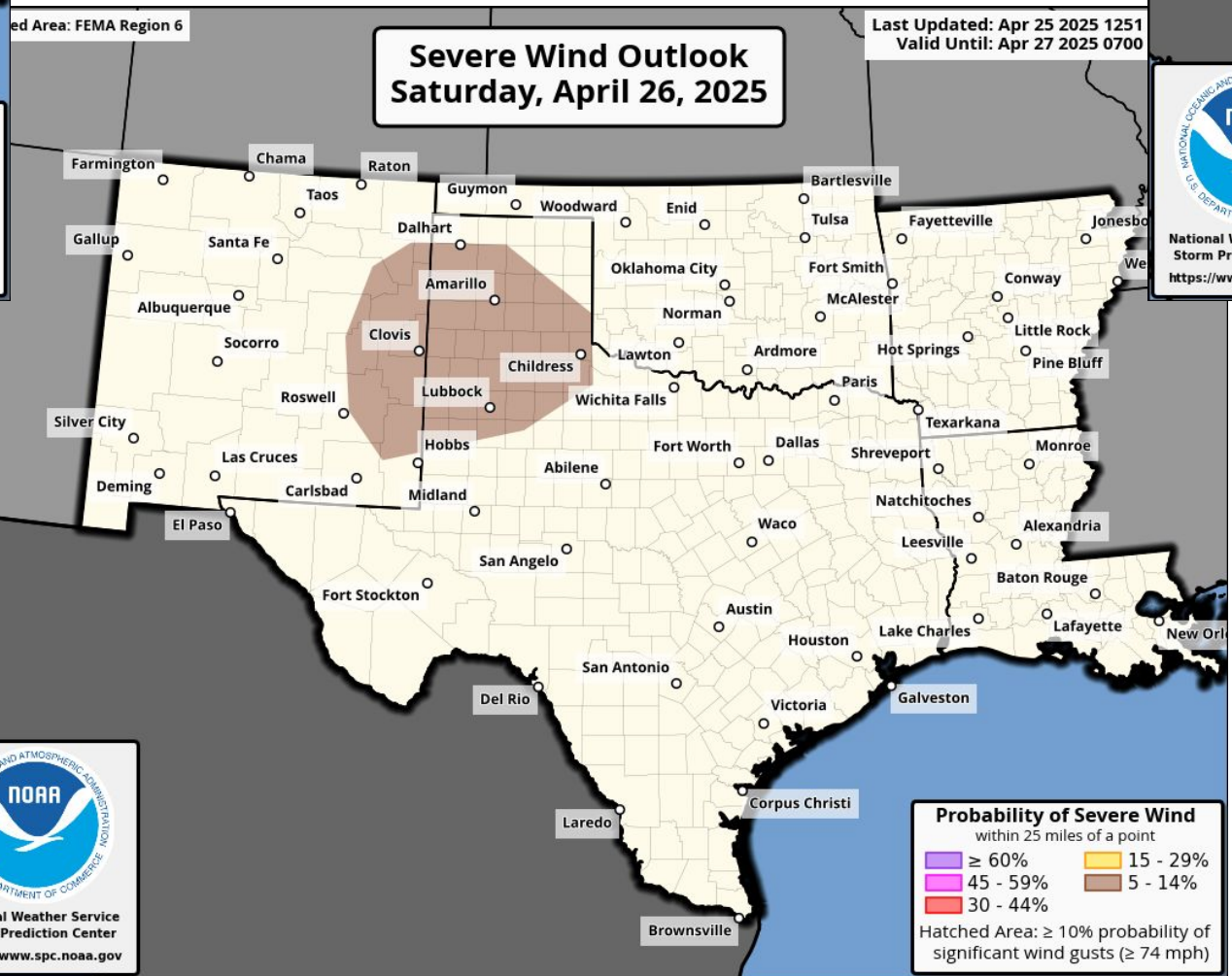
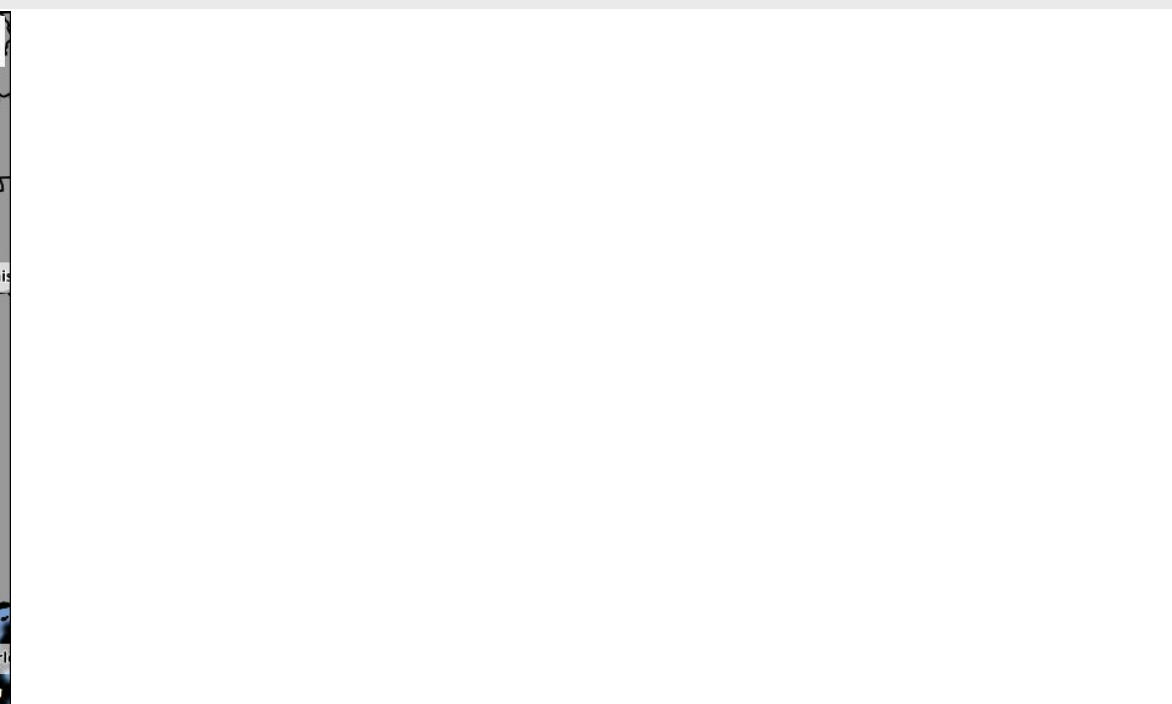
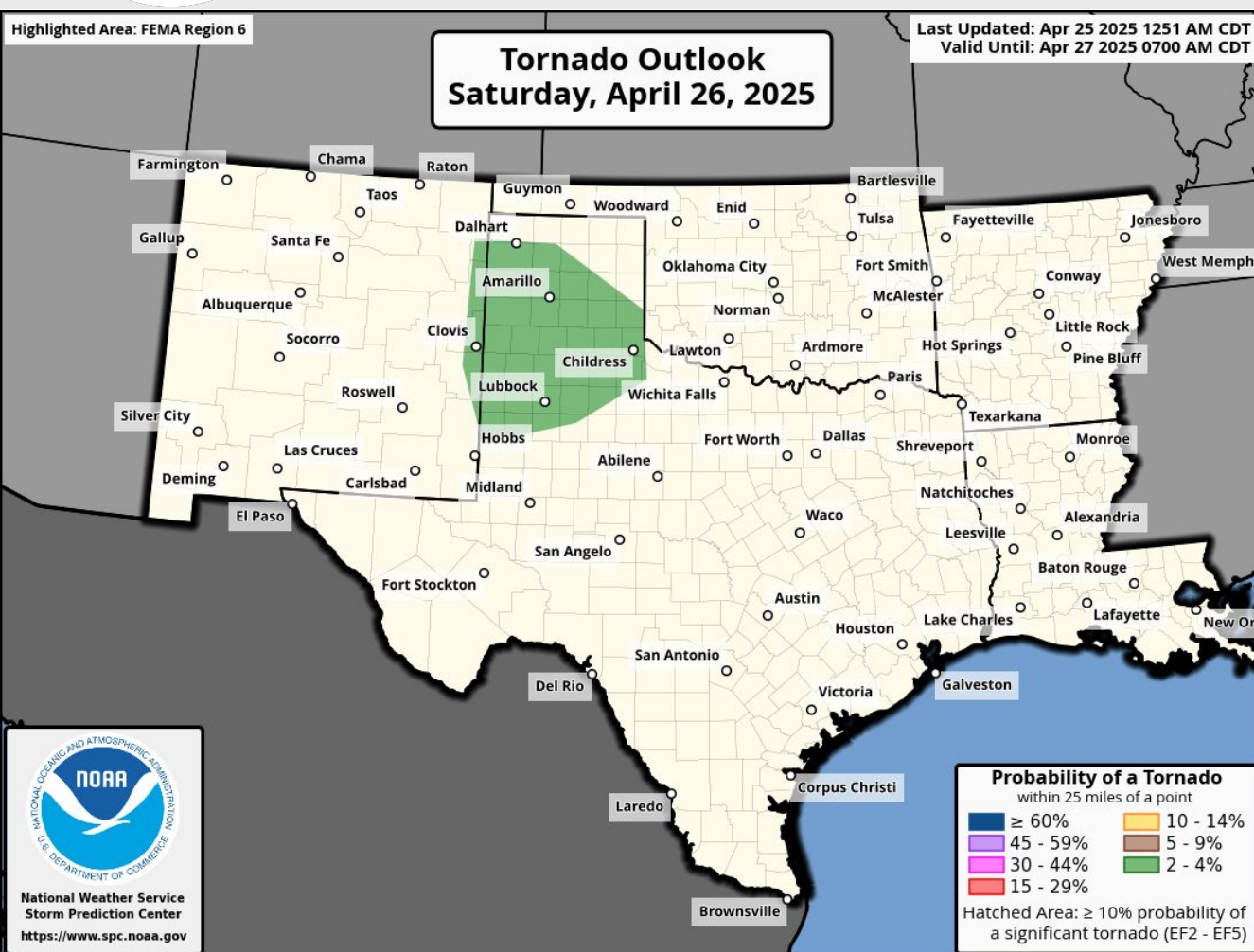
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flooding across SE NM, TX Panhandle, N TX, OK, W AR.**

**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns for W NM.**



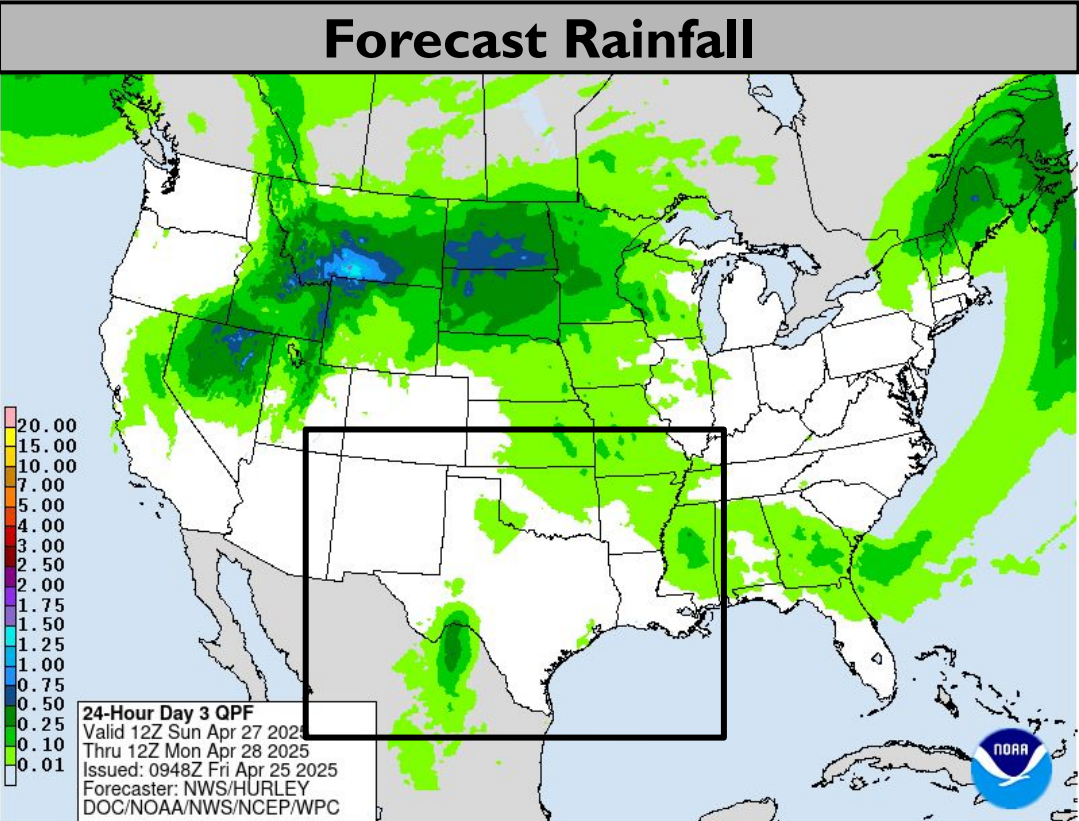
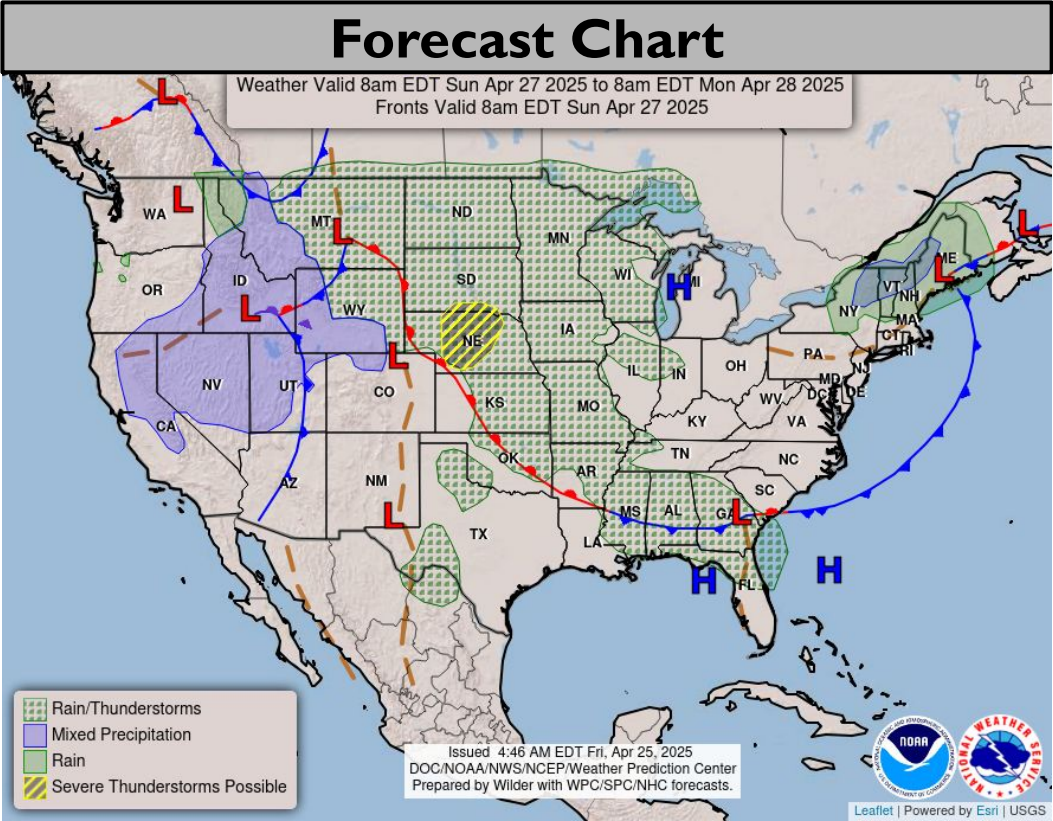


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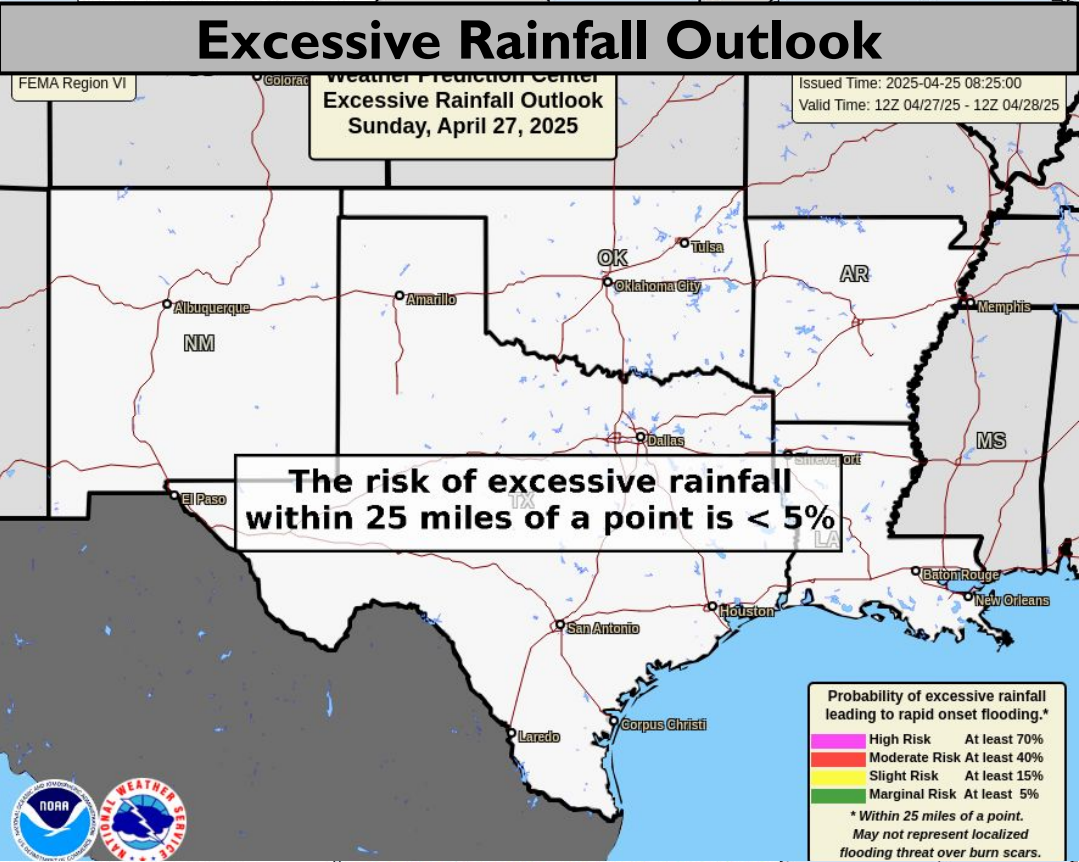
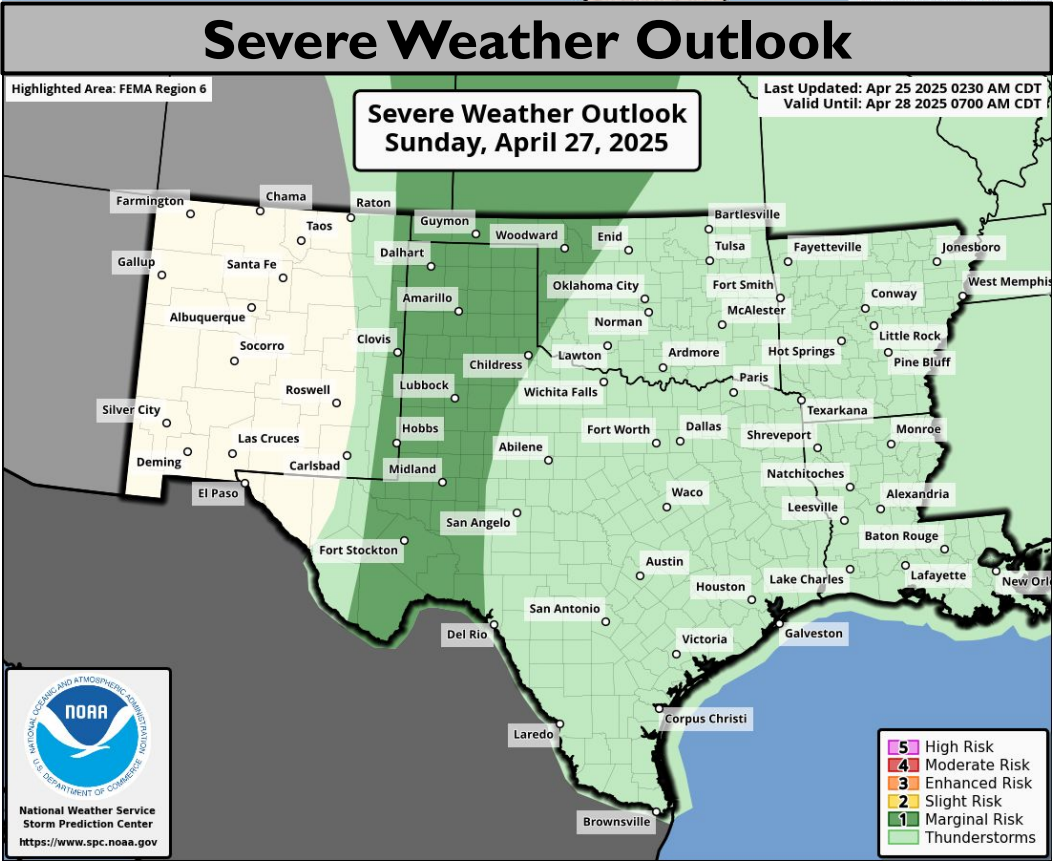


# Sunday's Weather



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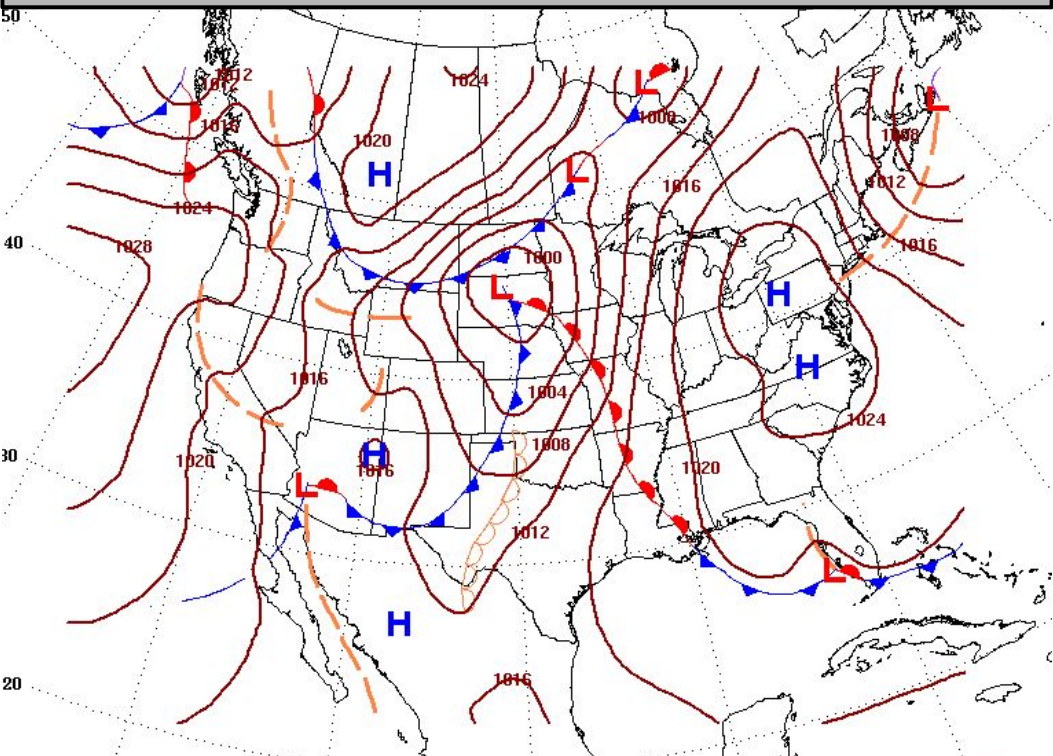
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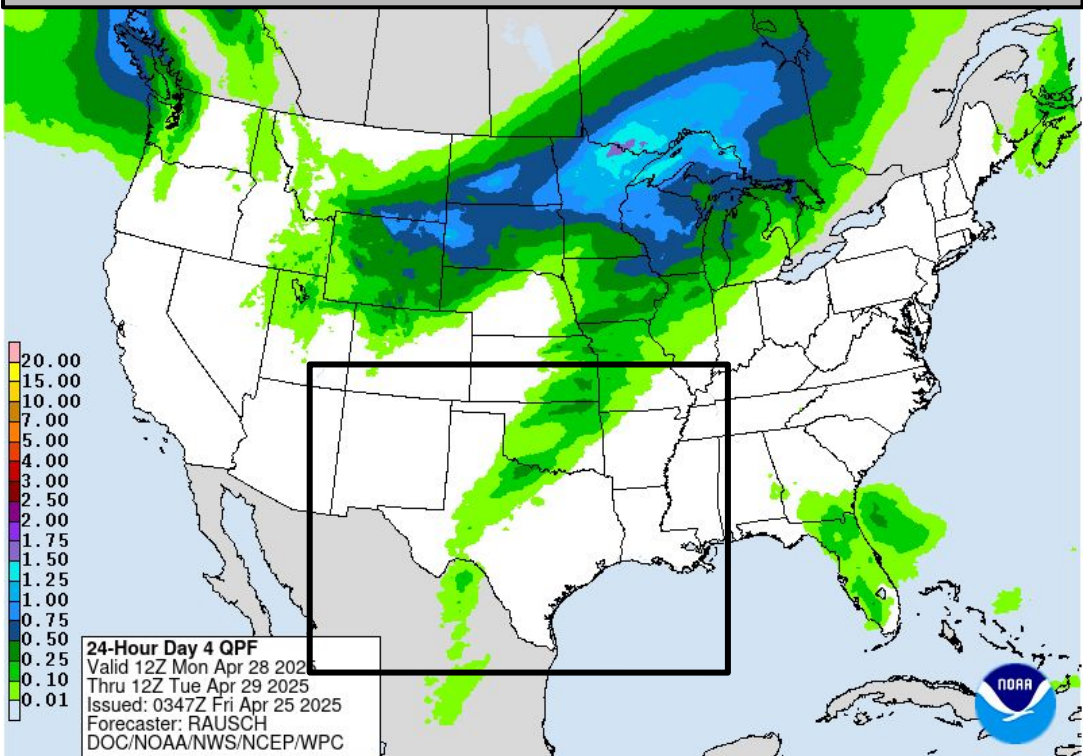


# Monday's Weather

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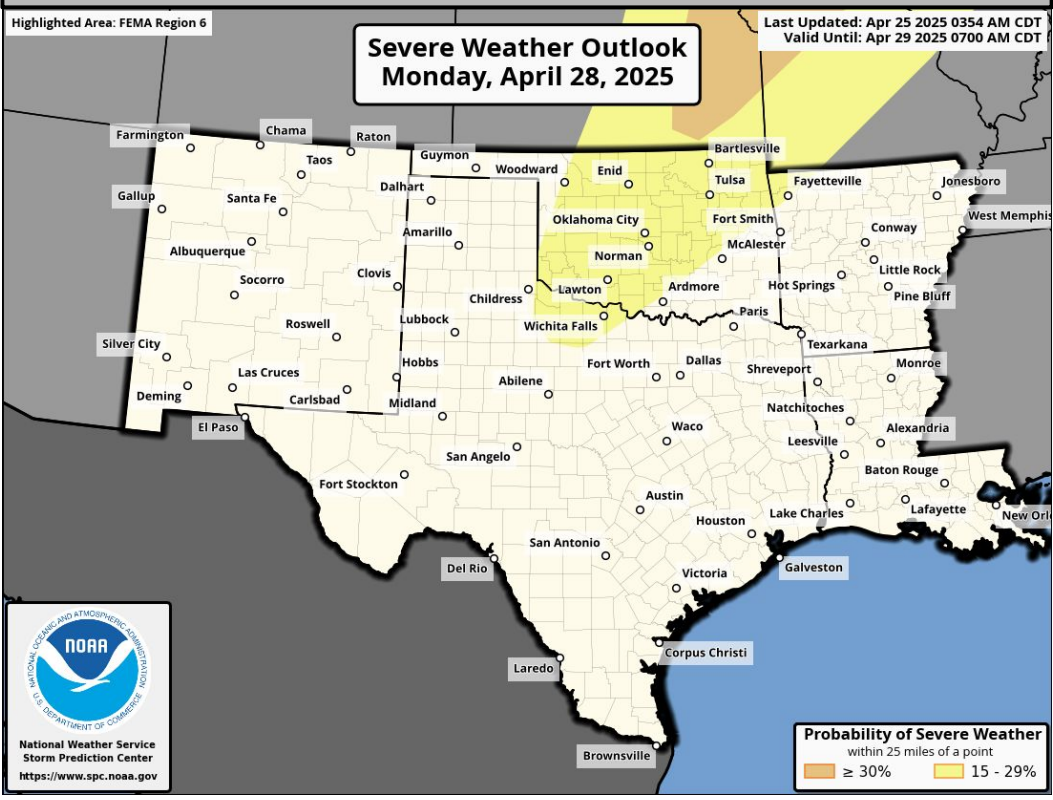


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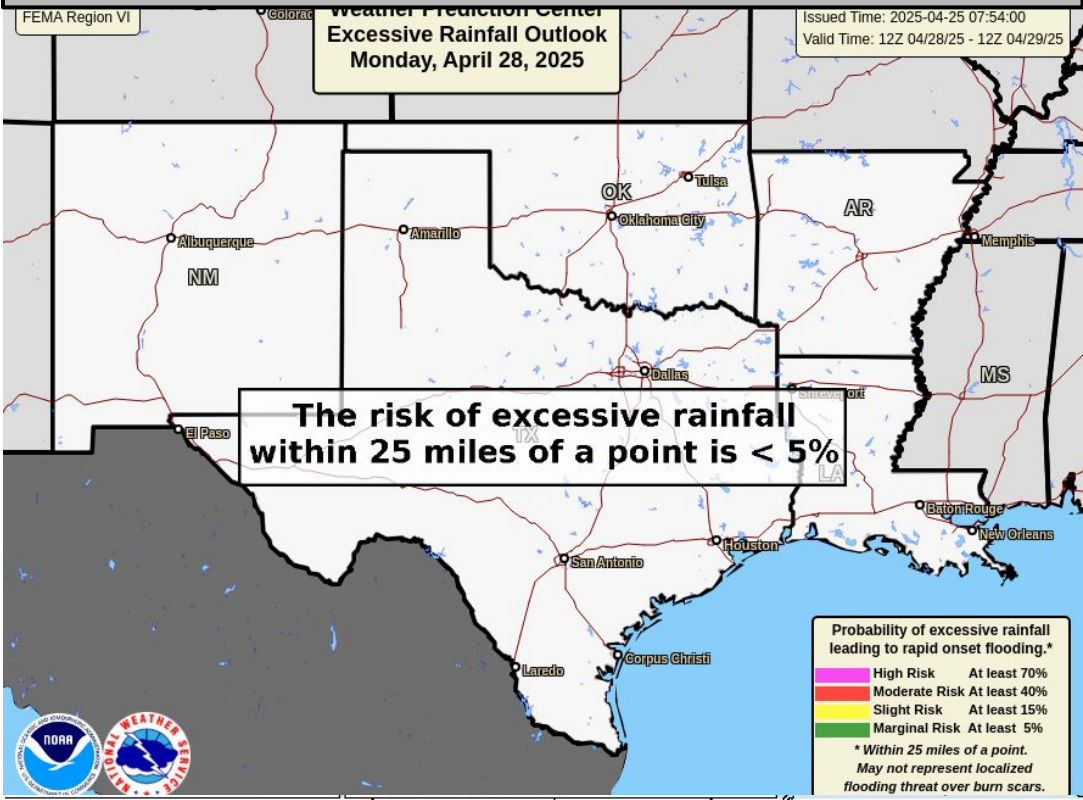


**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, NTX.**

Severe Weather Outlook



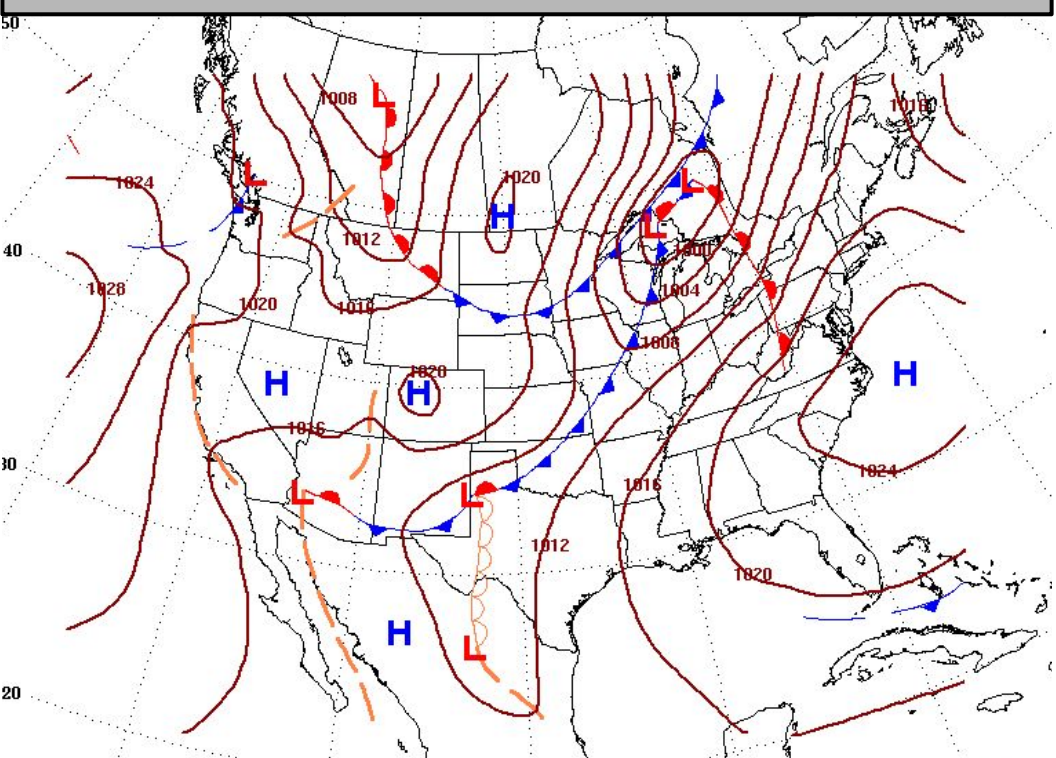
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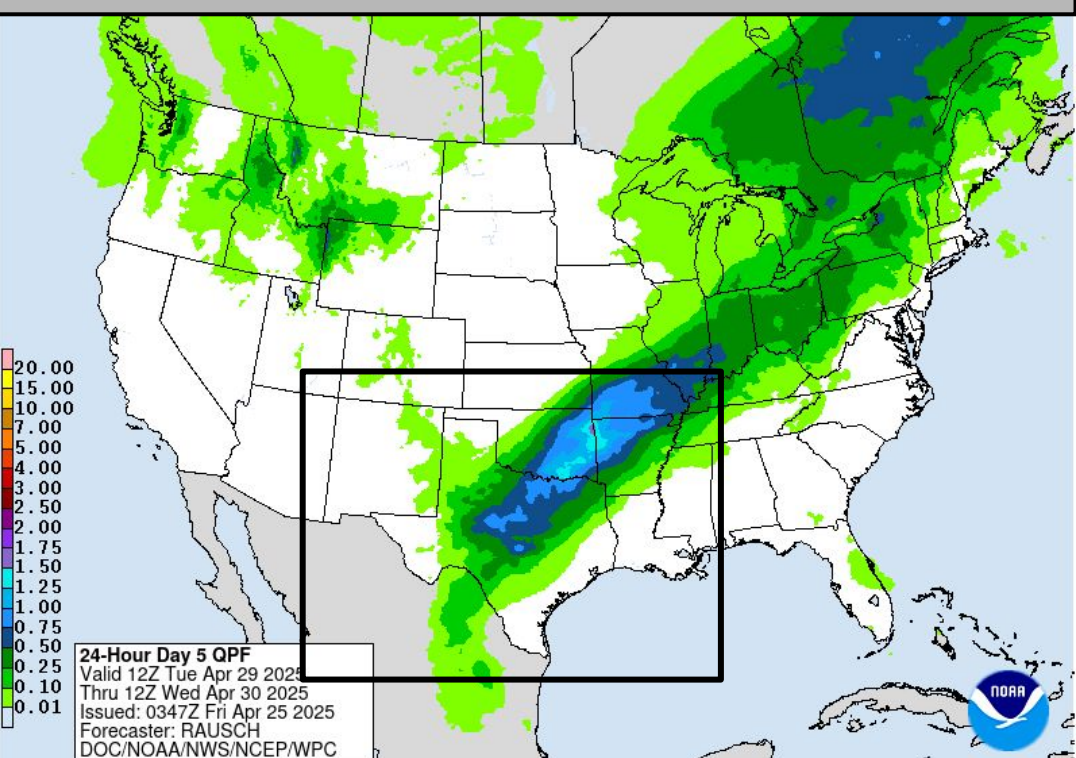


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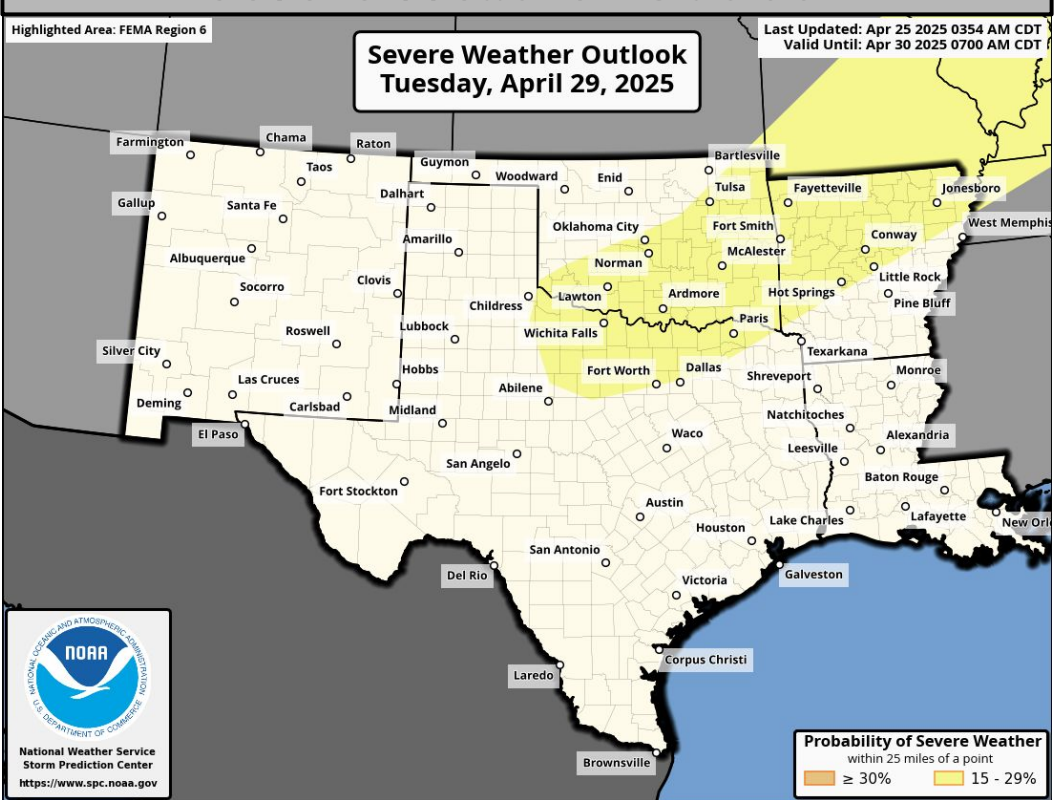
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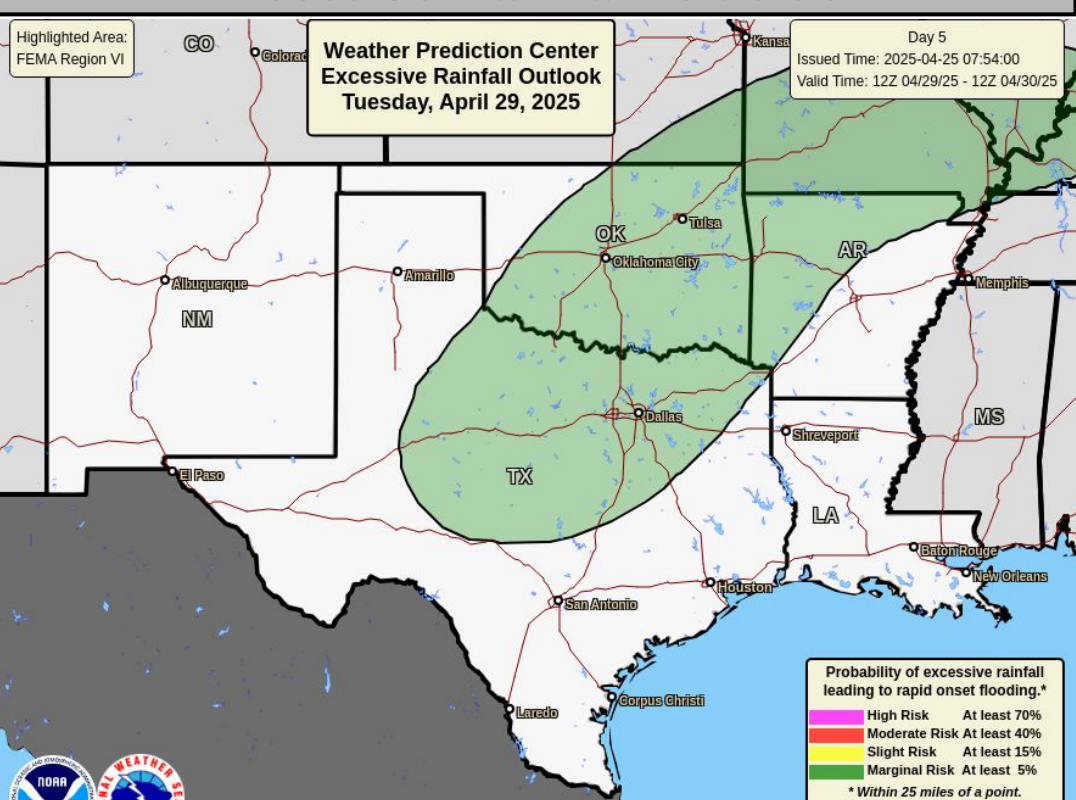
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in E OK, N TX, NW AR.**

**Monitoring for flooding in E OK, N/C TX, NW AR.**

Severe Weather Outlook



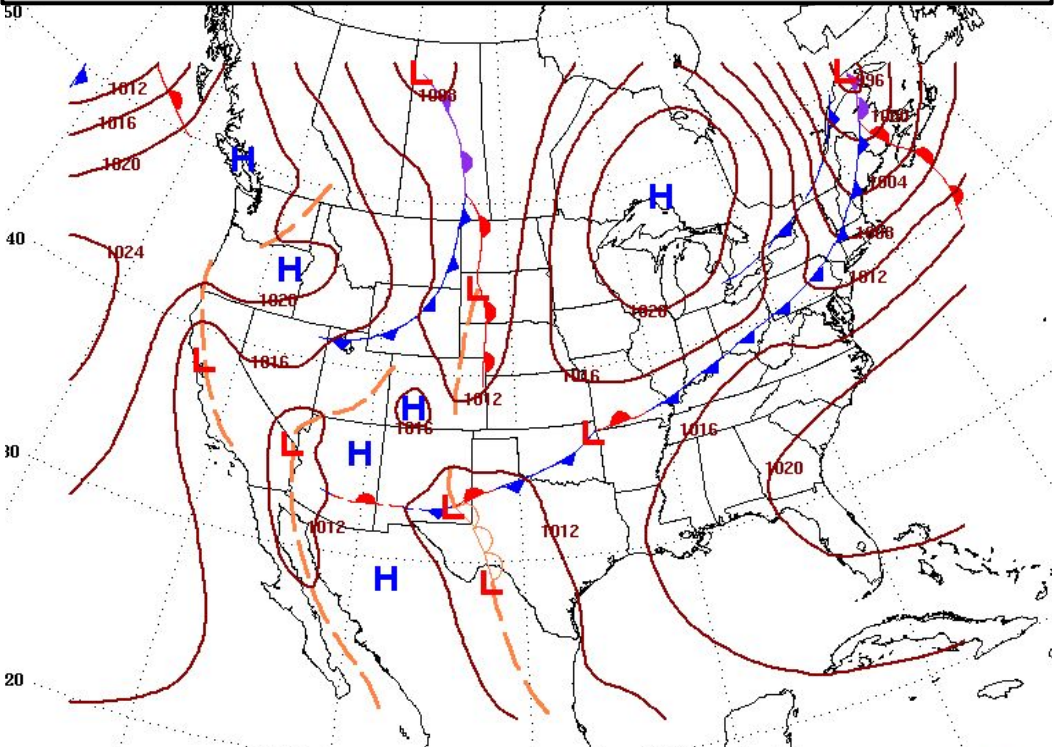
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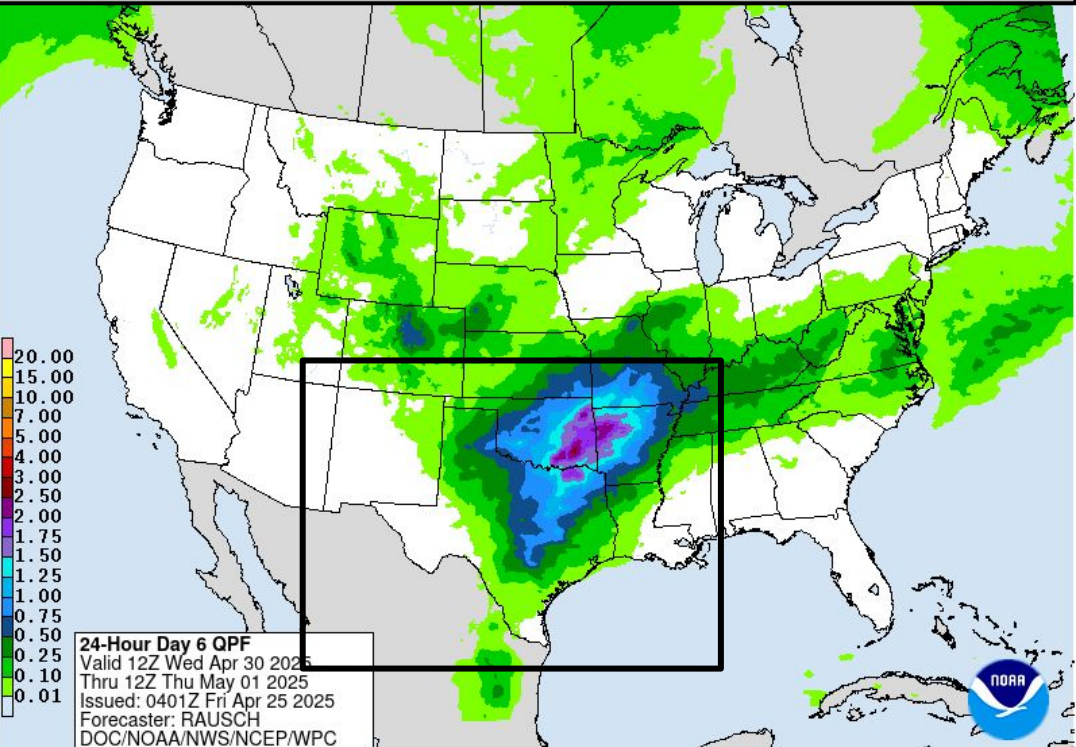


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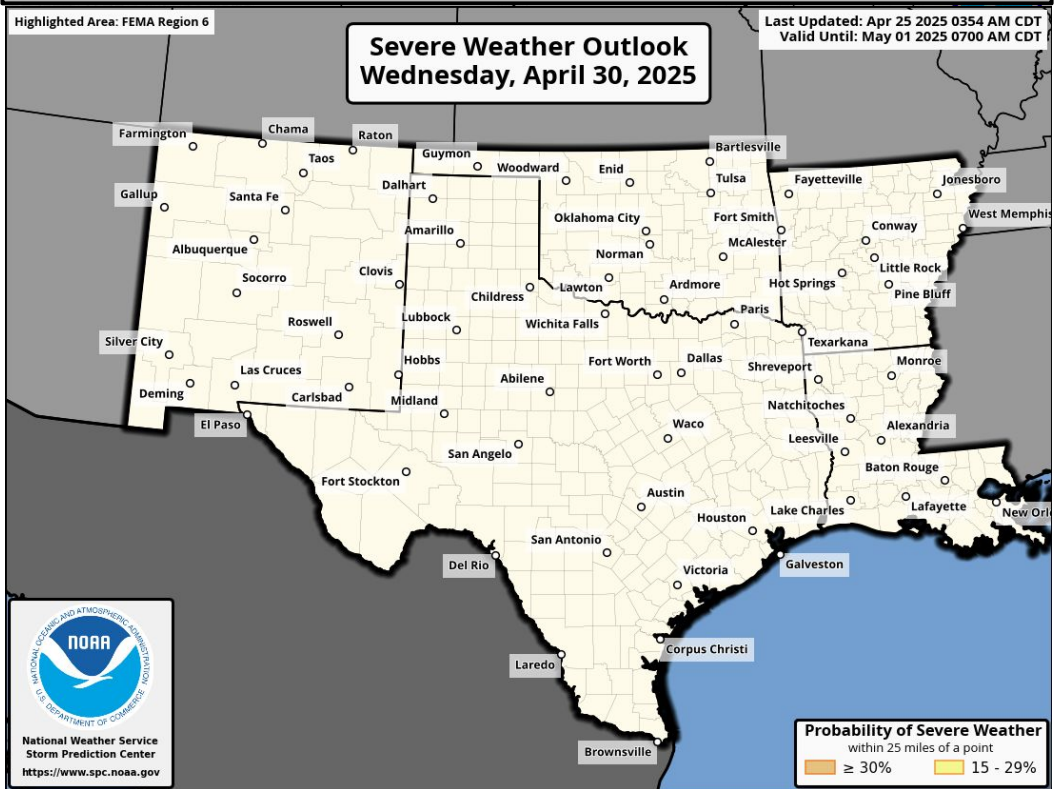


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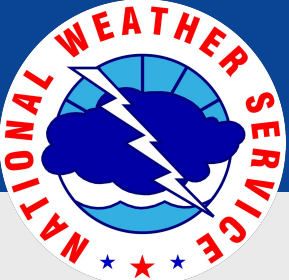


**Monitoring for flooding in E OK, N/CTX, AR.**

Severe Weather Outlook

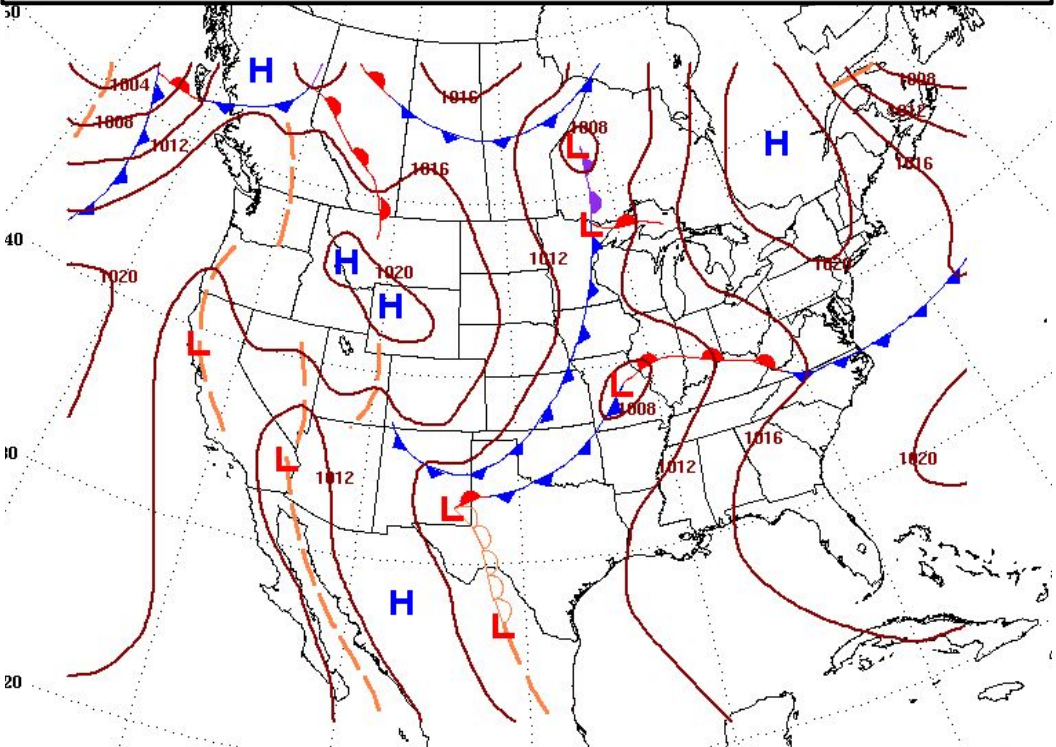


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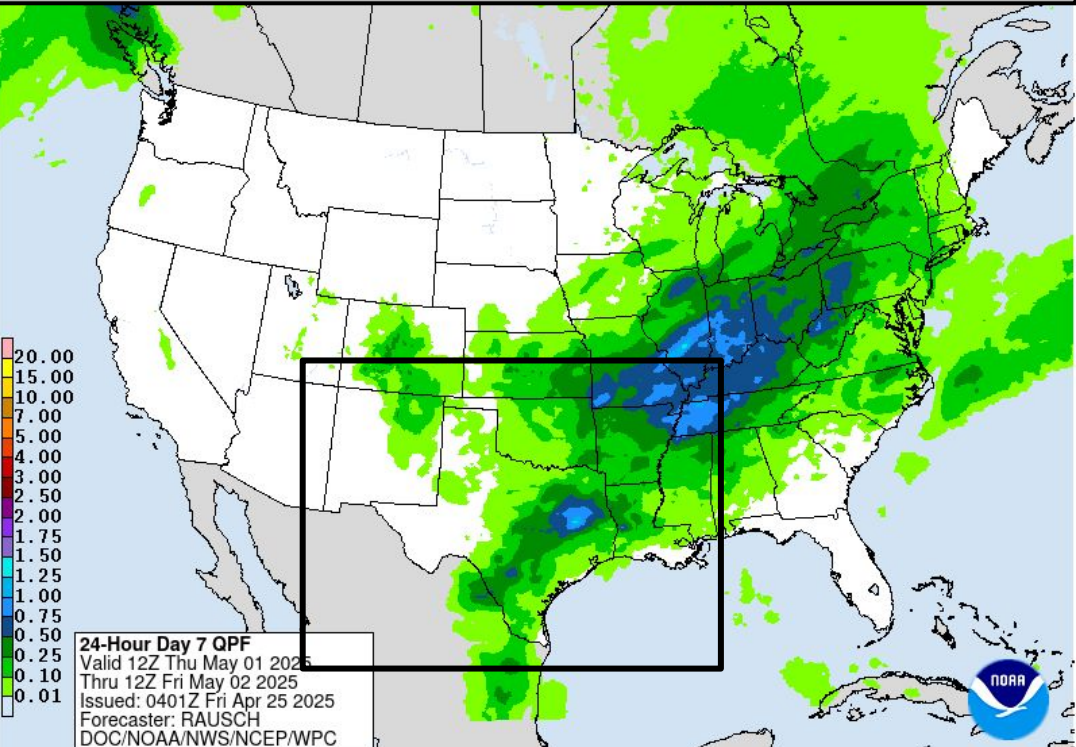


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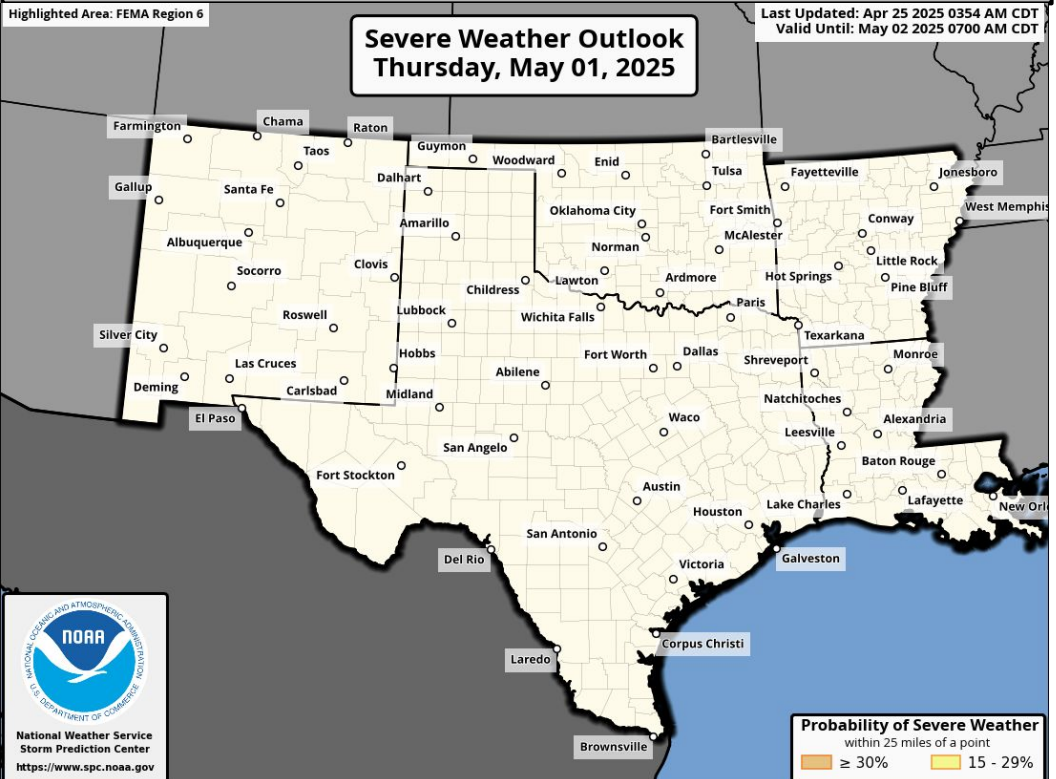


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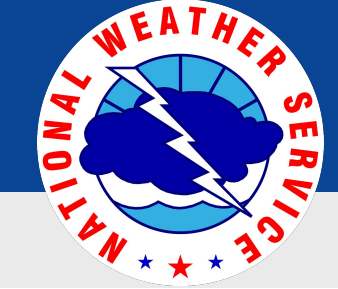


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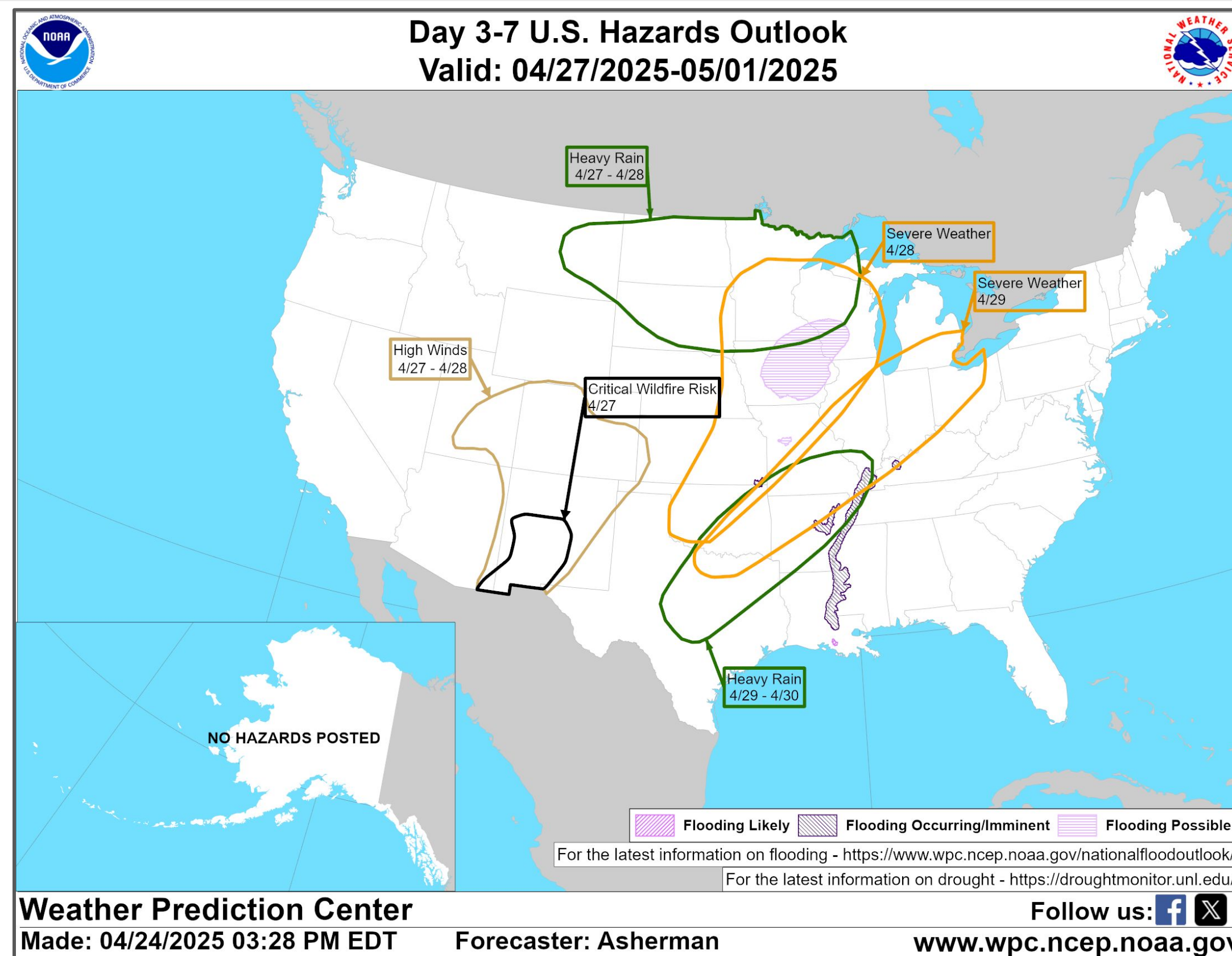
Severe Weather Outlook



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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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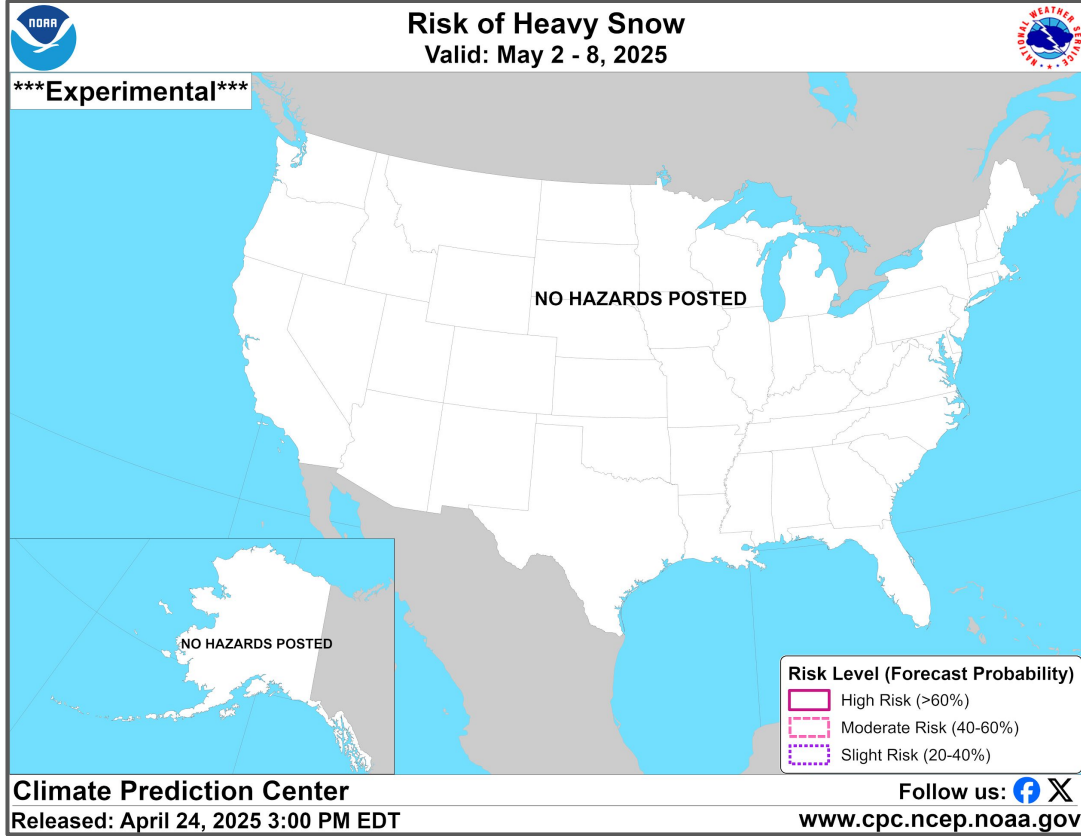
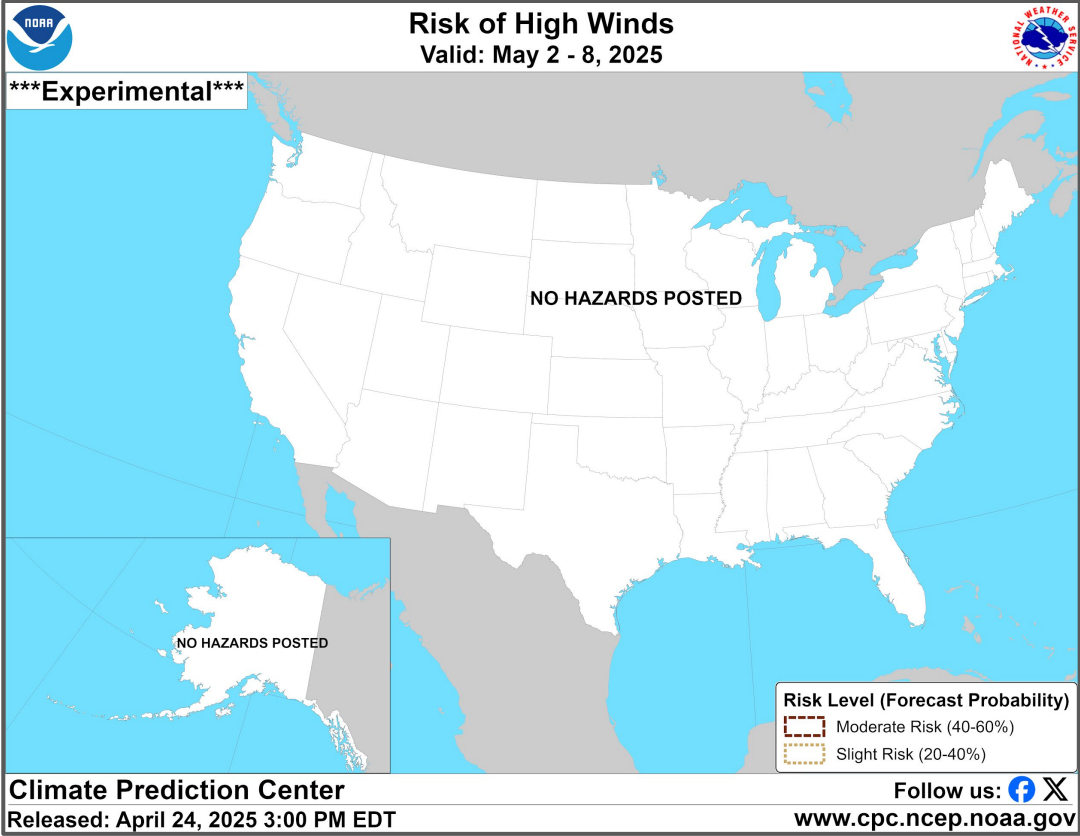
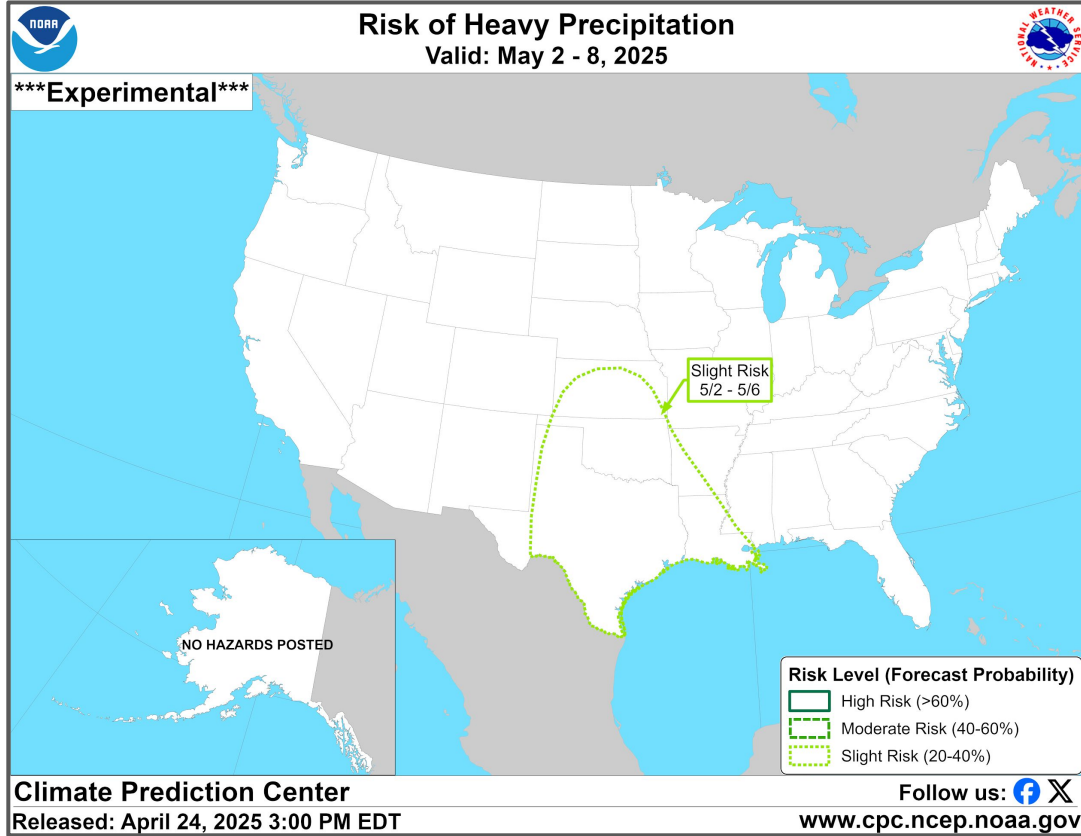
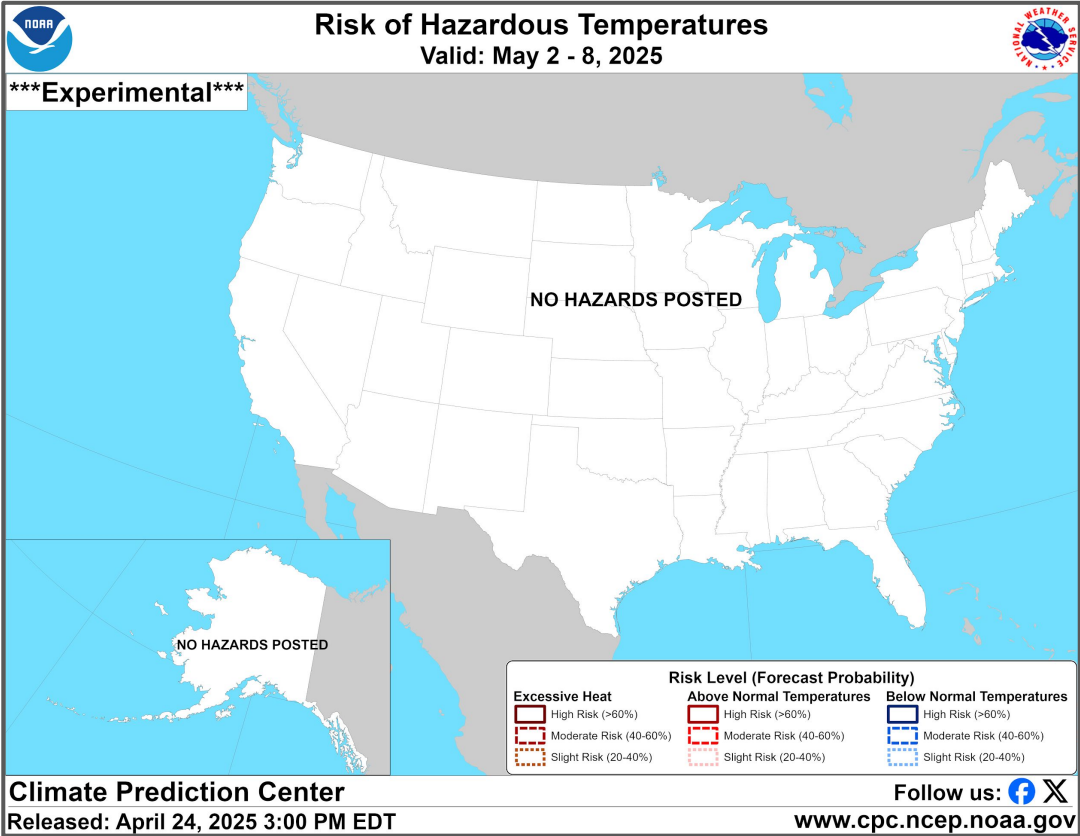
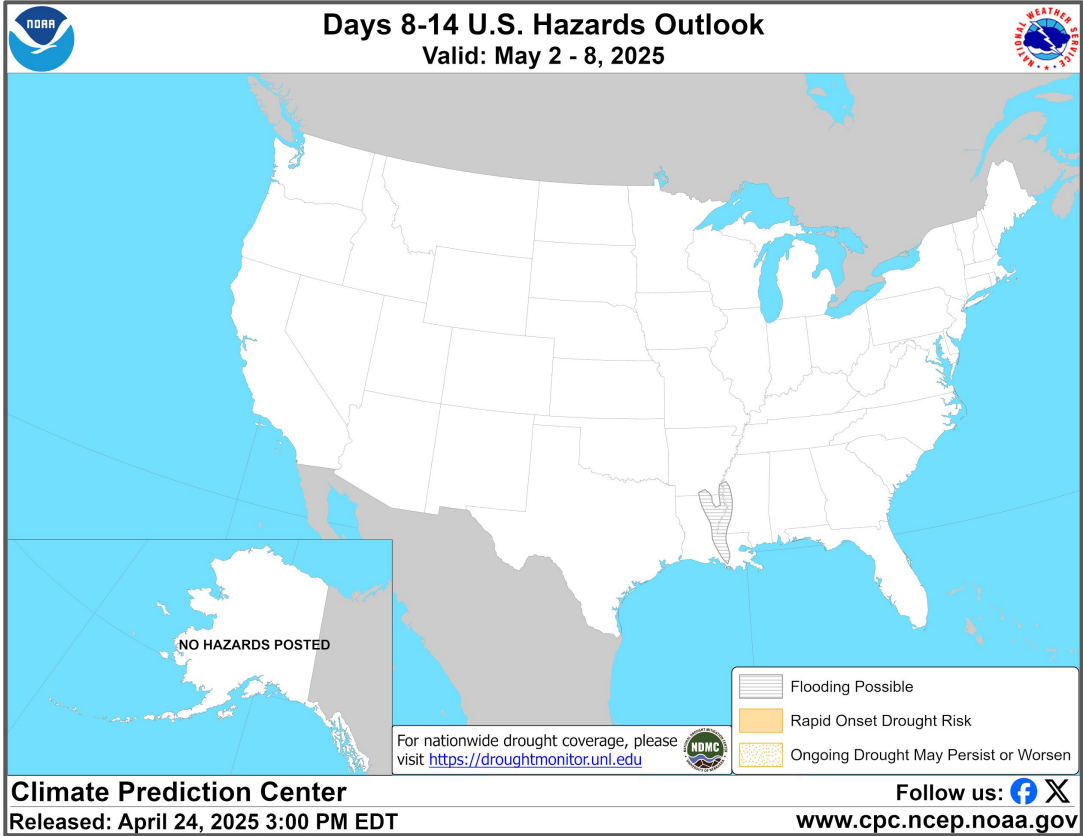
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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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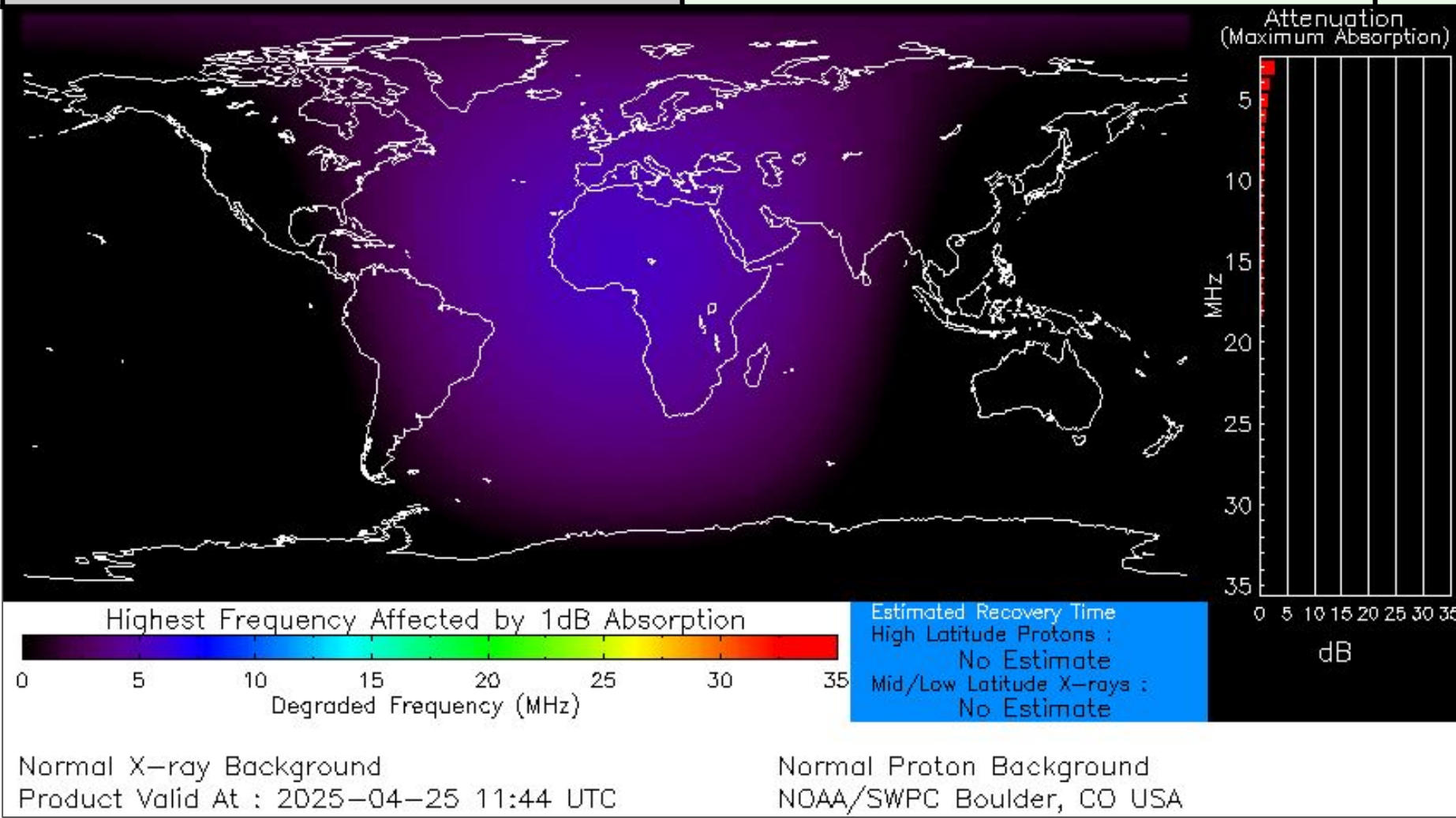
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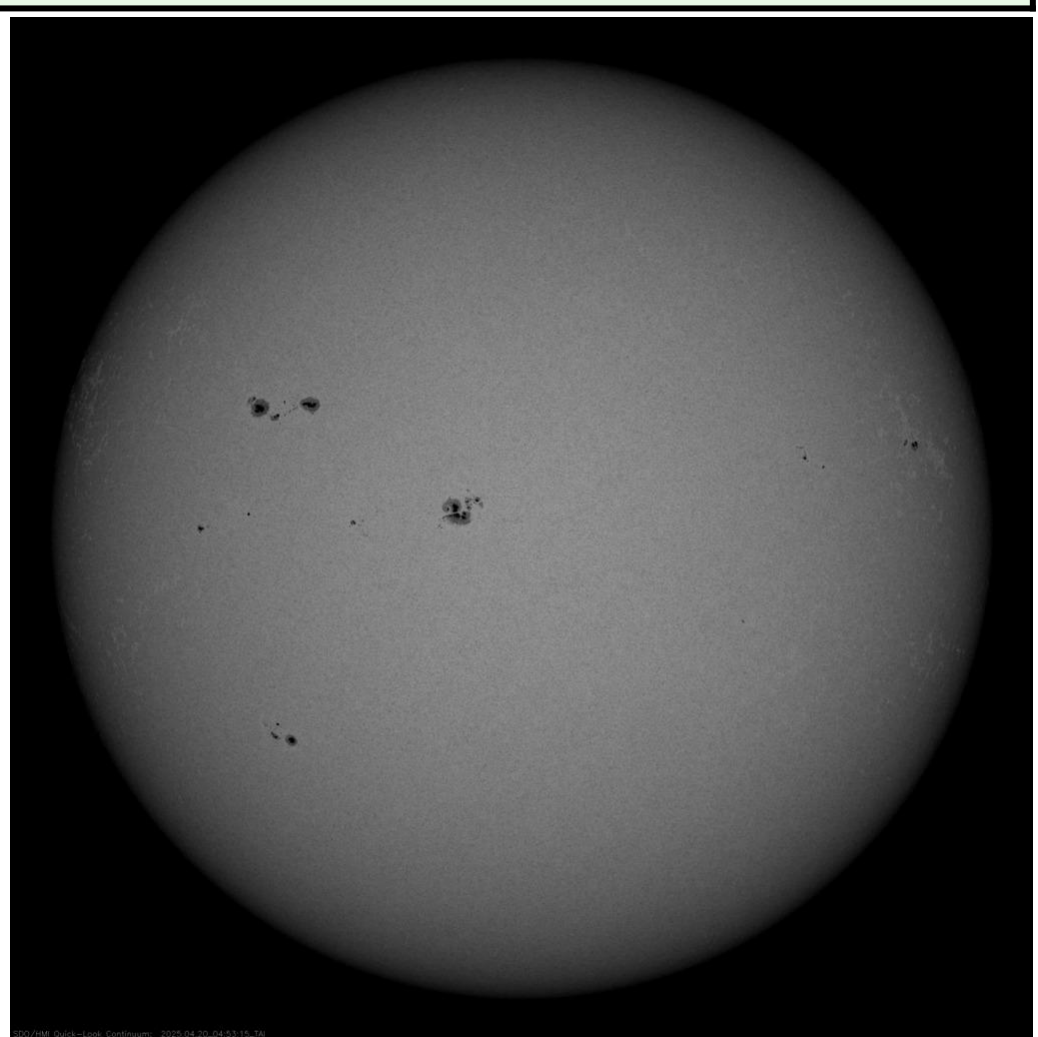
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Friday, Apr 25	Saturday, Apr 26	Sunday, Apr 27
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[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	<b>Little to None</b> 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	<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	<b>Minor</b> 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 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	<b>Moderate</b> 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 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	<b>Major</b> 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 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	<b>Extreme</b> 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 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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