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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, April 26, 2025

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# Summary

- **Severe Weather:** Today, Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for E NM, TX Panhandle, NW TX, S OK, N TX, SW AR and NW LA. 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, NW TX. Tuesday, Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for N/NW TX, E OK, NW AR. Wednesday, Slight risk (level 2 of 5) over N TX and SE OK.
- **Flash Flooding:** Today, Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for S OK, N/NW TX. Tuesday, Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) over E OK, N/C TX, NW AR. Wednesday, Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for E/S OK, N TX.
- **Fire Weather:** Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns today for W NM. Critical to extremely critical (levels 2-3 of 3) fire weather concerns expand into W TX tomorrow.
- **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

	Saturday, Apr 26	Sunday, Apr 27	Monday, Apr 28	Tuesday, Apr 29	Wednesday, Apr 30	Thursday, May 1	Friday, May 2
Severe Storms	E NM, TX Panhandle, NW/N TX, S OK, SW AR, NW LA	E NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	OK, NW TX	E OK, N/NW TX, N AR	NTX, SE OK		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N/NW TX, S OK			E OK, N/CTX, NW AR	E/S OK, NTX		
Fire Weather	NM	NM, Far 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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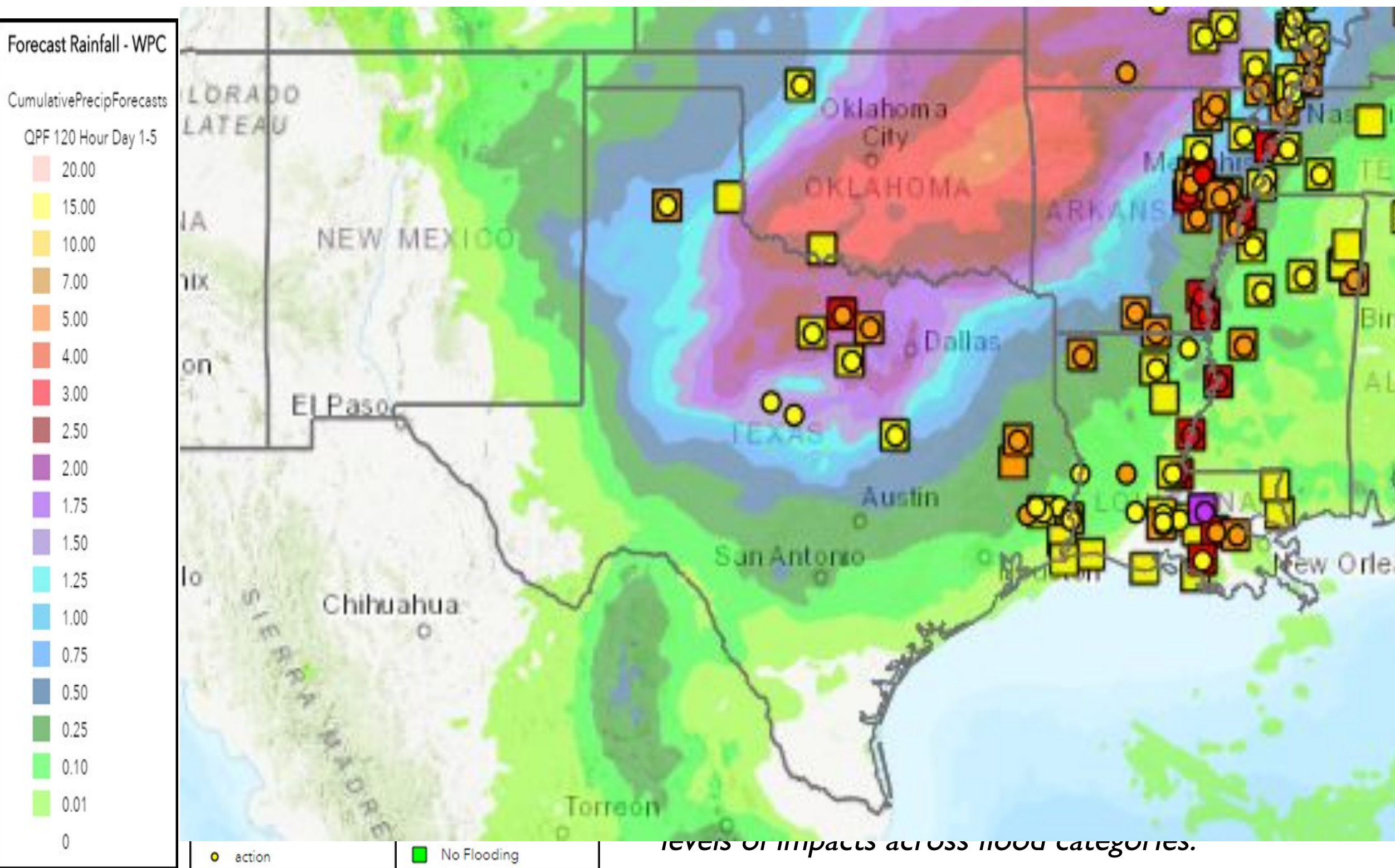






# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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



- **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.**

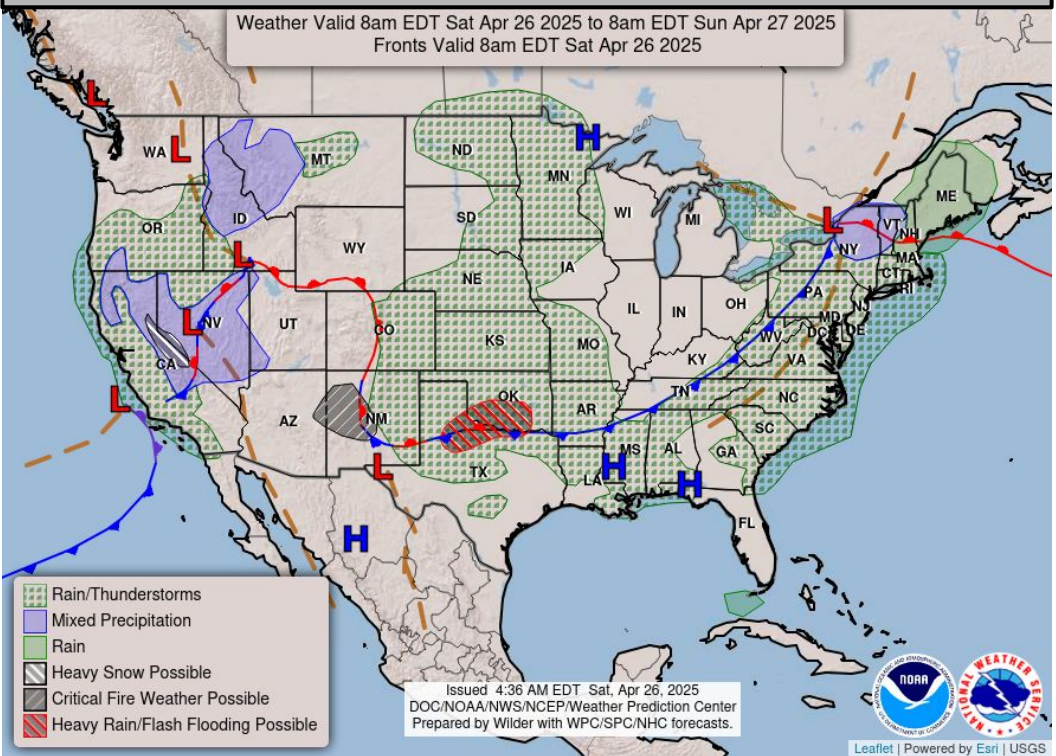




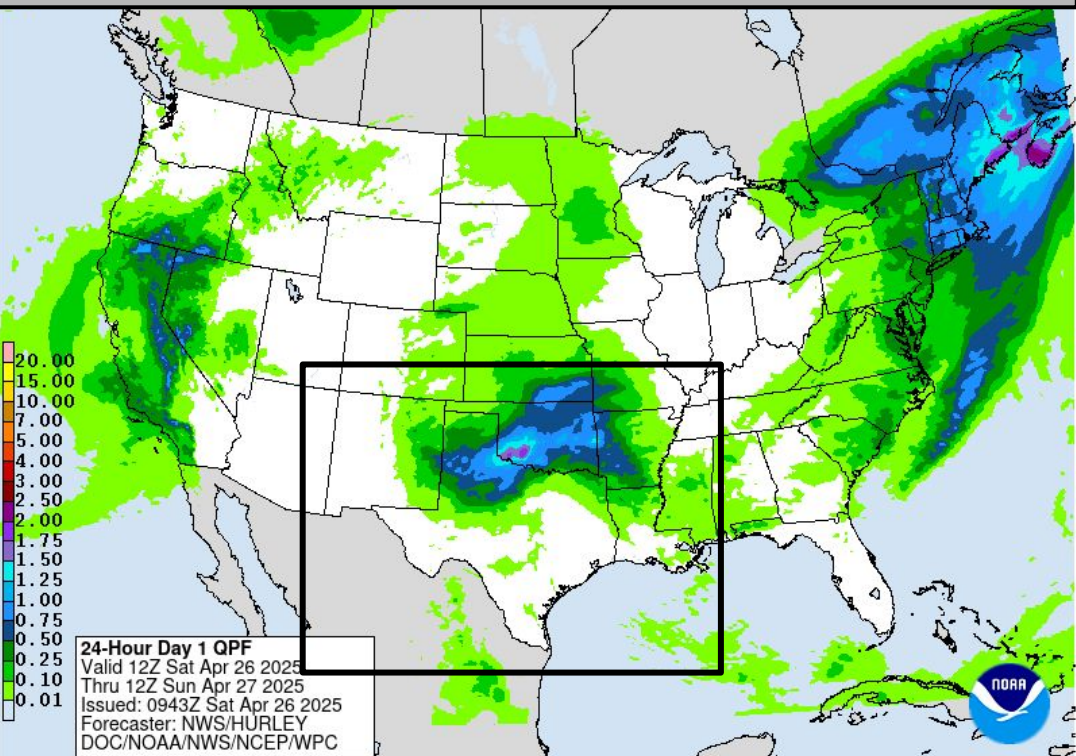


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

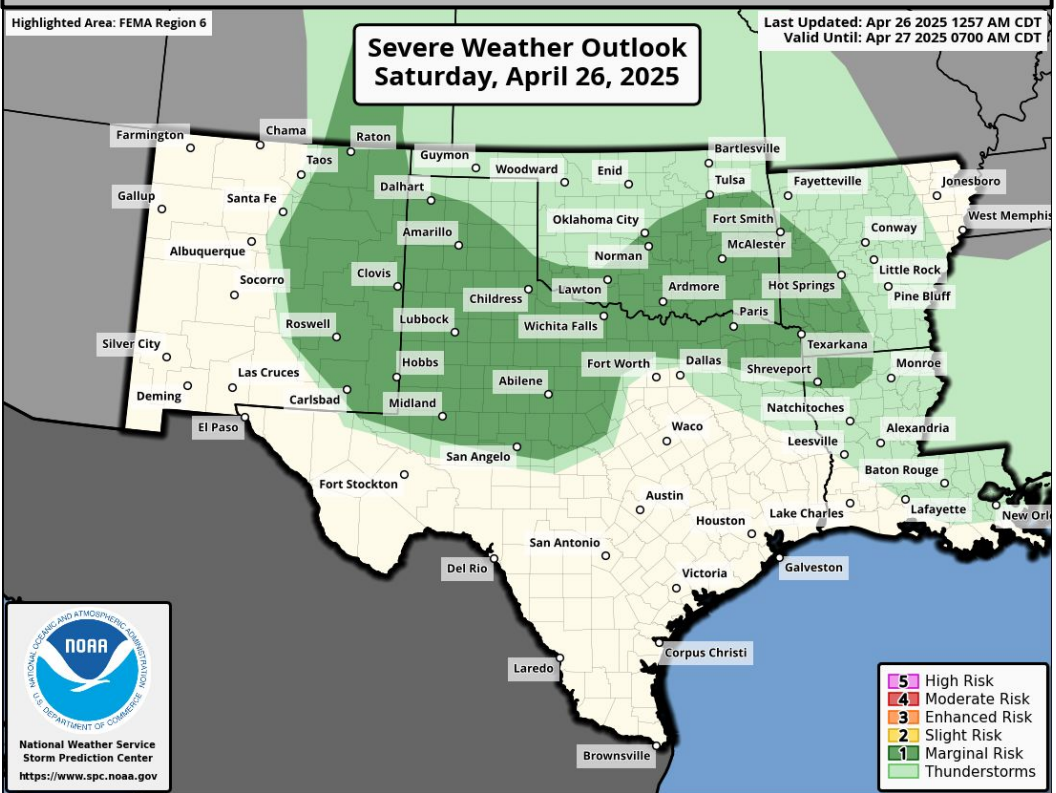


**Elevated to Critical (levels 1-2 of 3) fire weather concerns for W NM.**

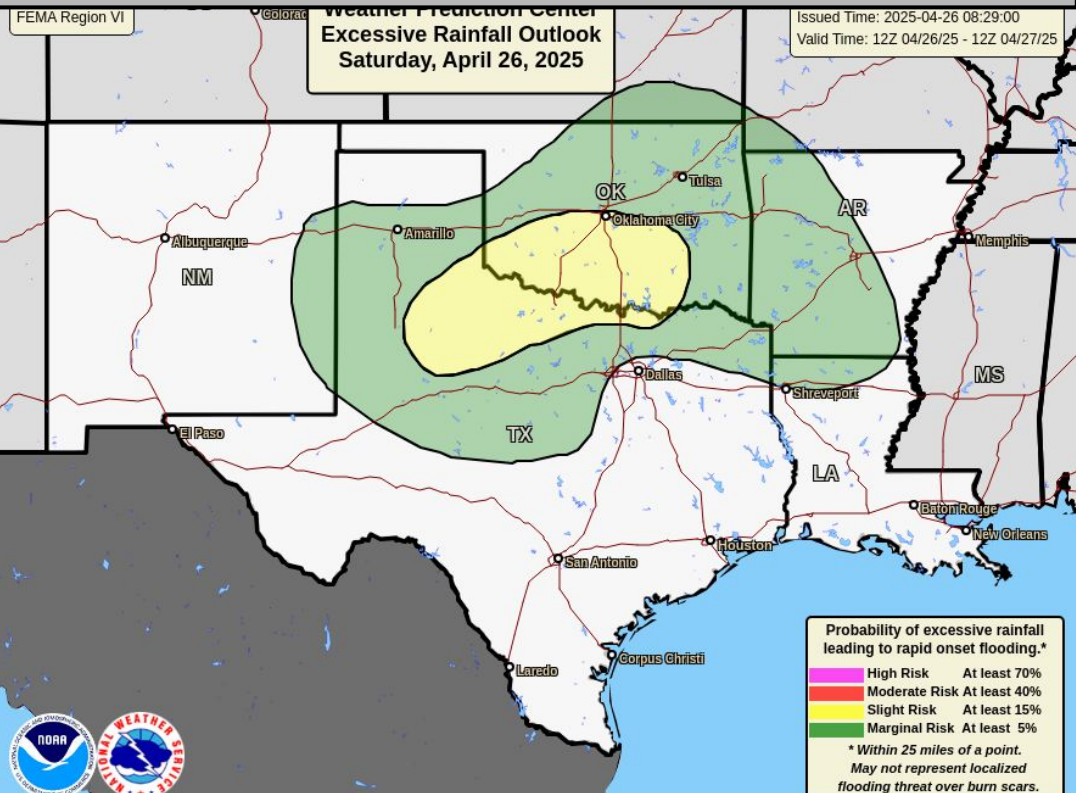
**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flooding across N/NW TX and S OK.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in E NM, TX Panhandle, NW/NTX, S OK, SW AR and NW LA.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



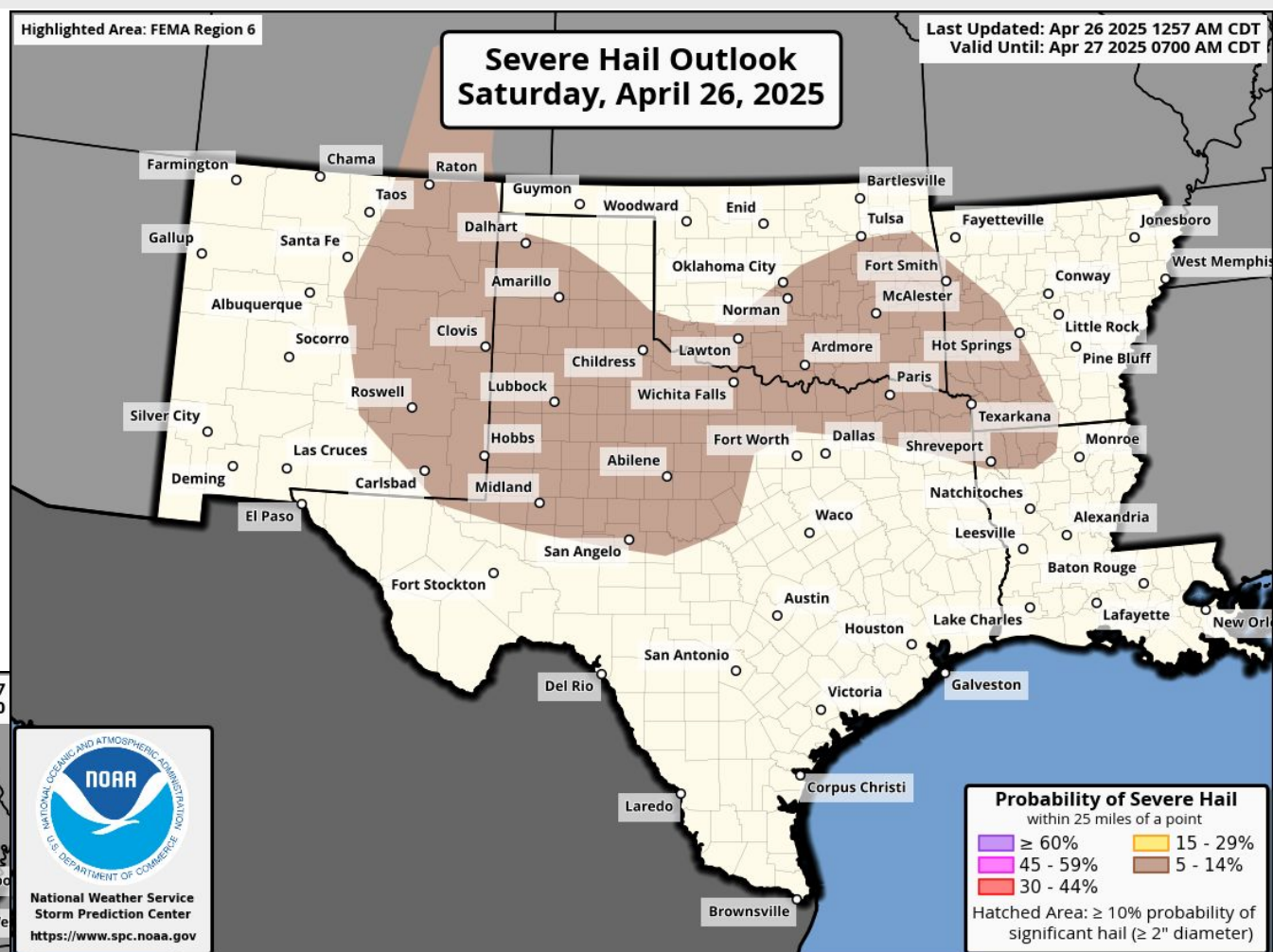
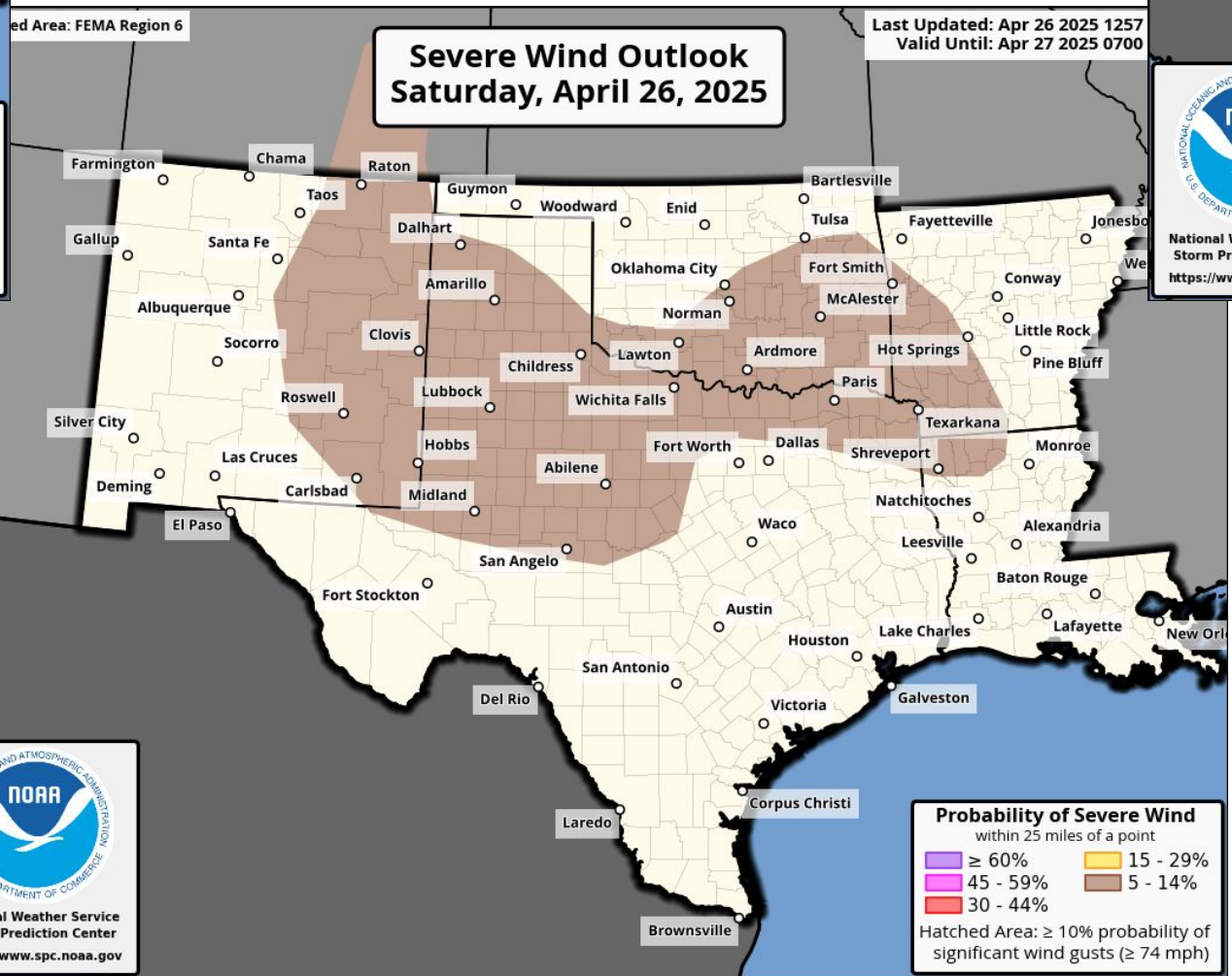
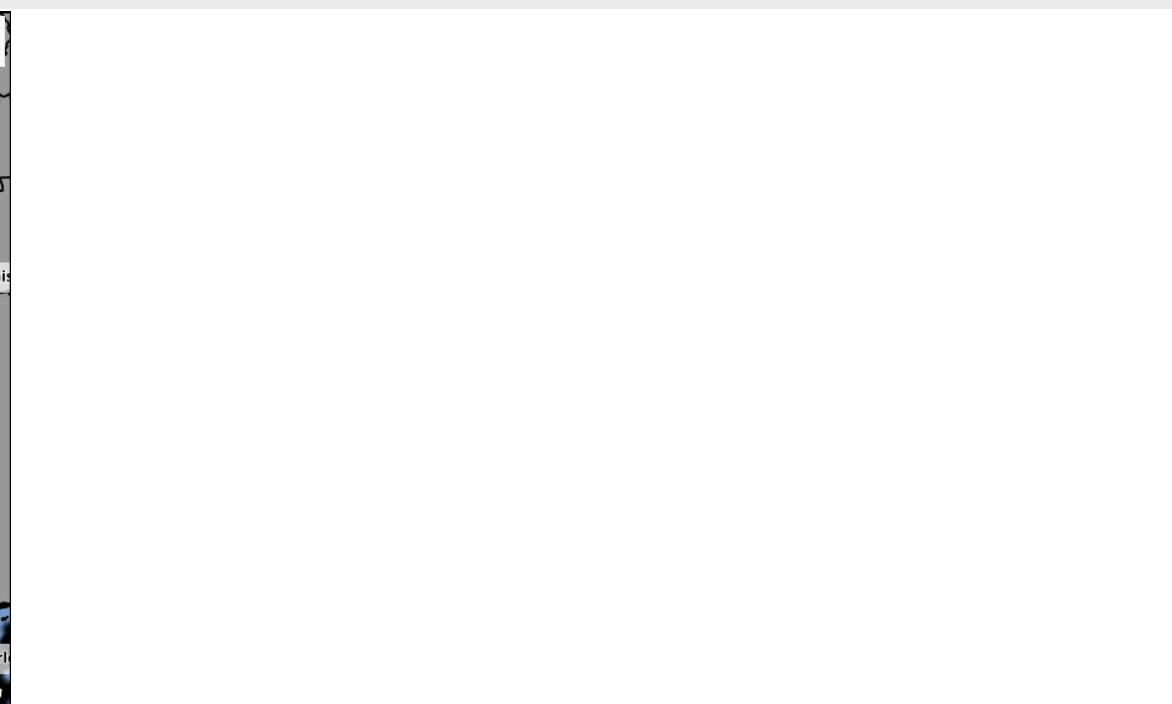
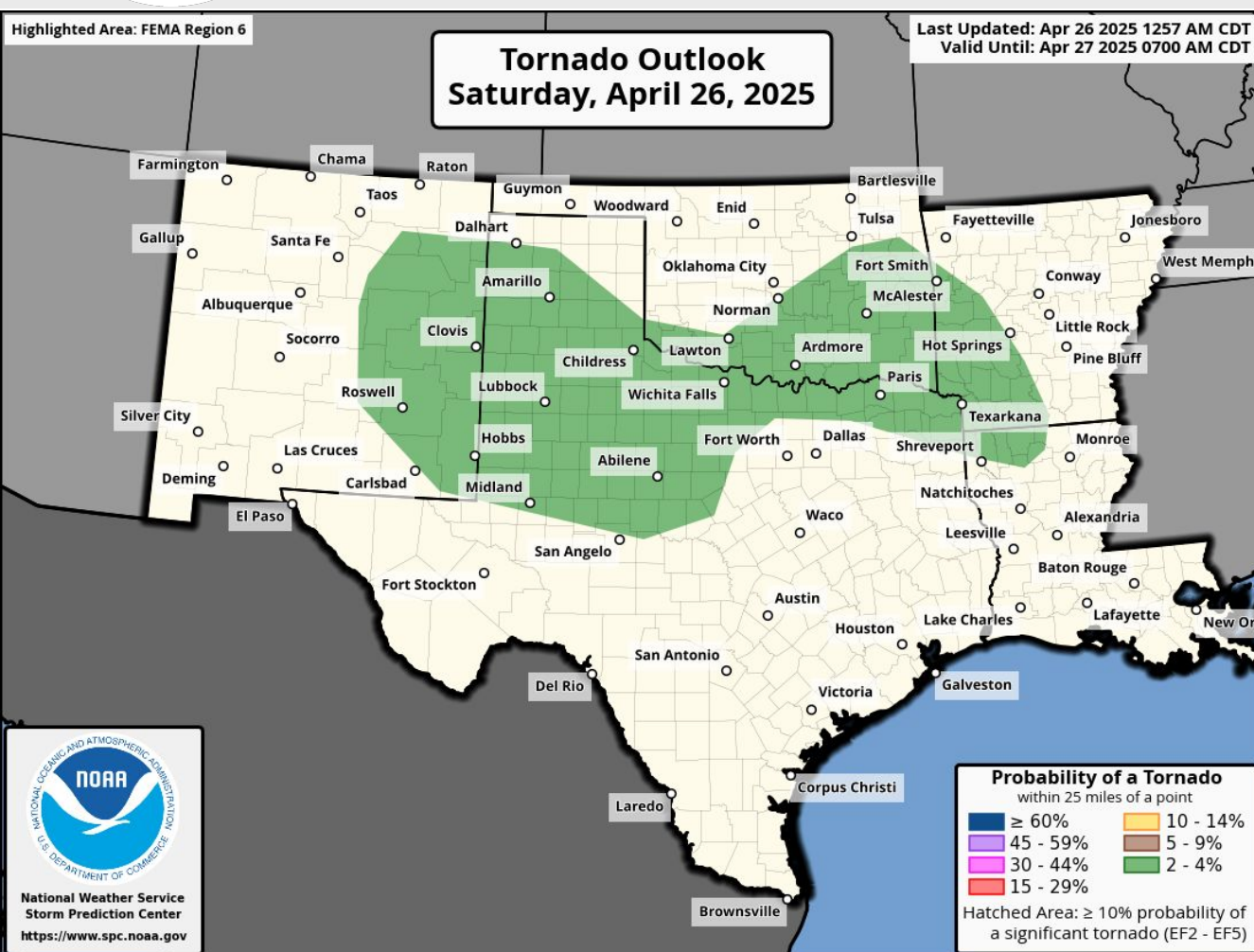
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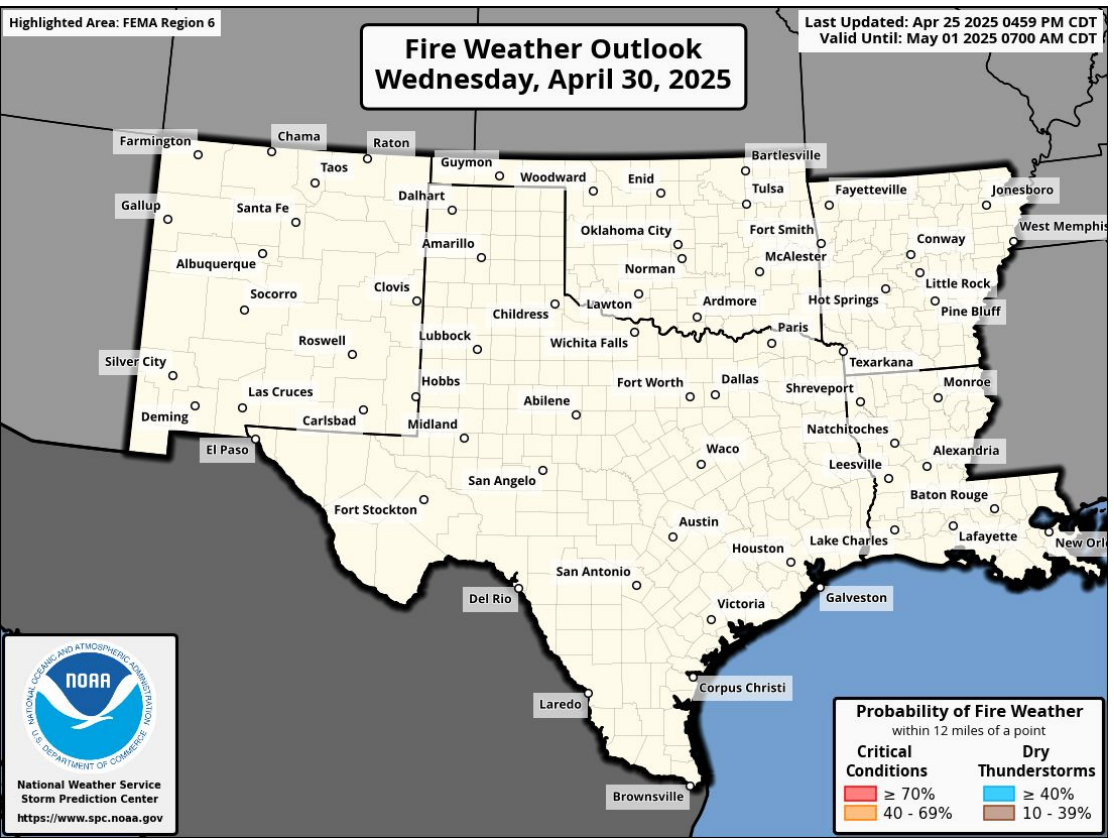
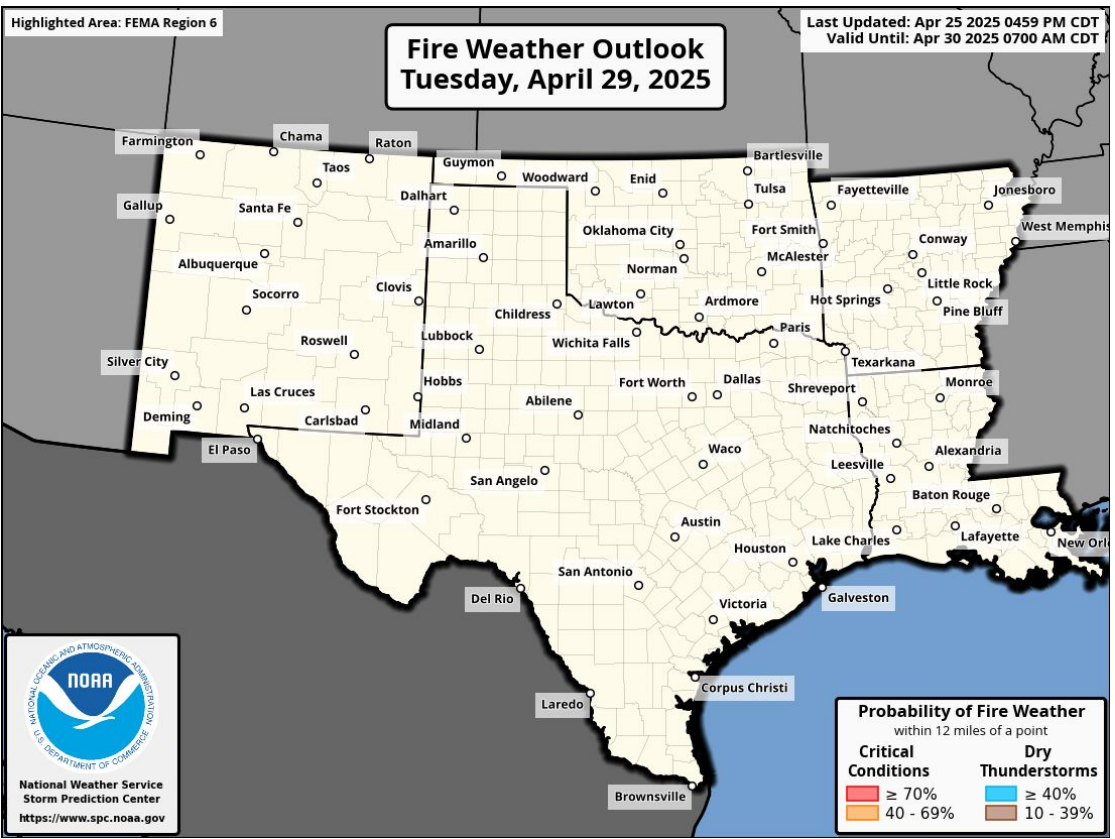
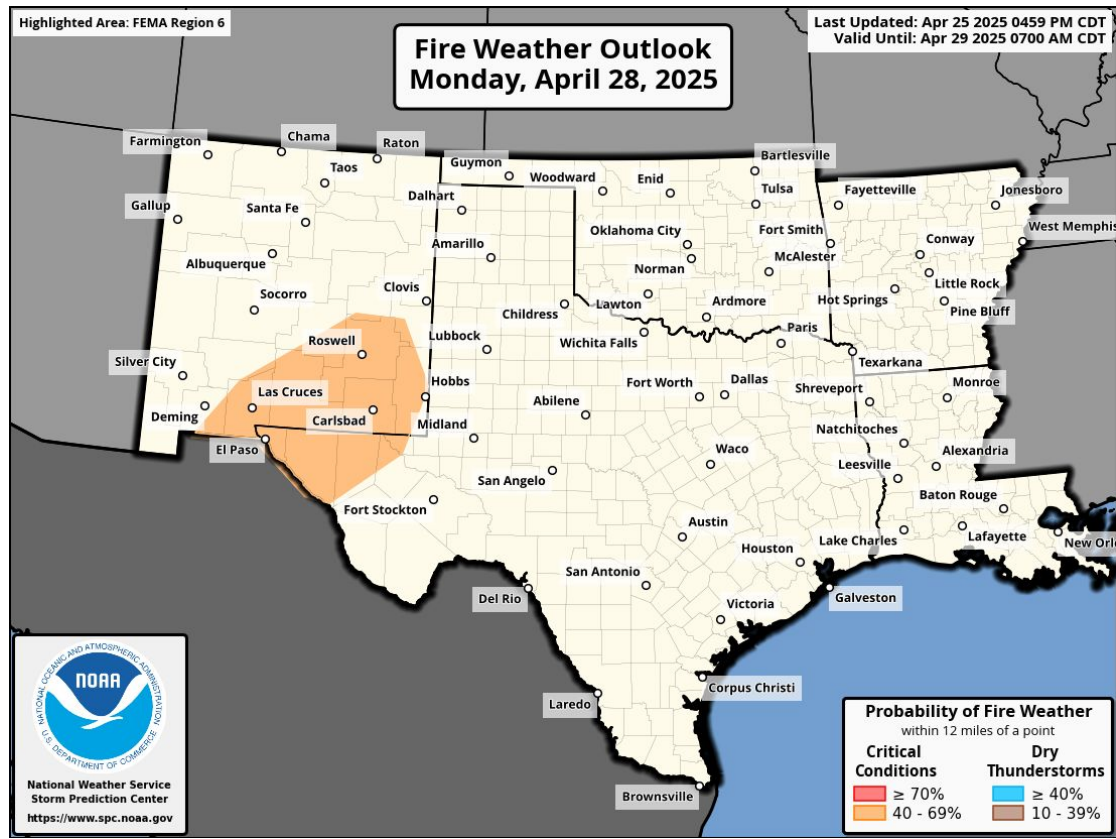
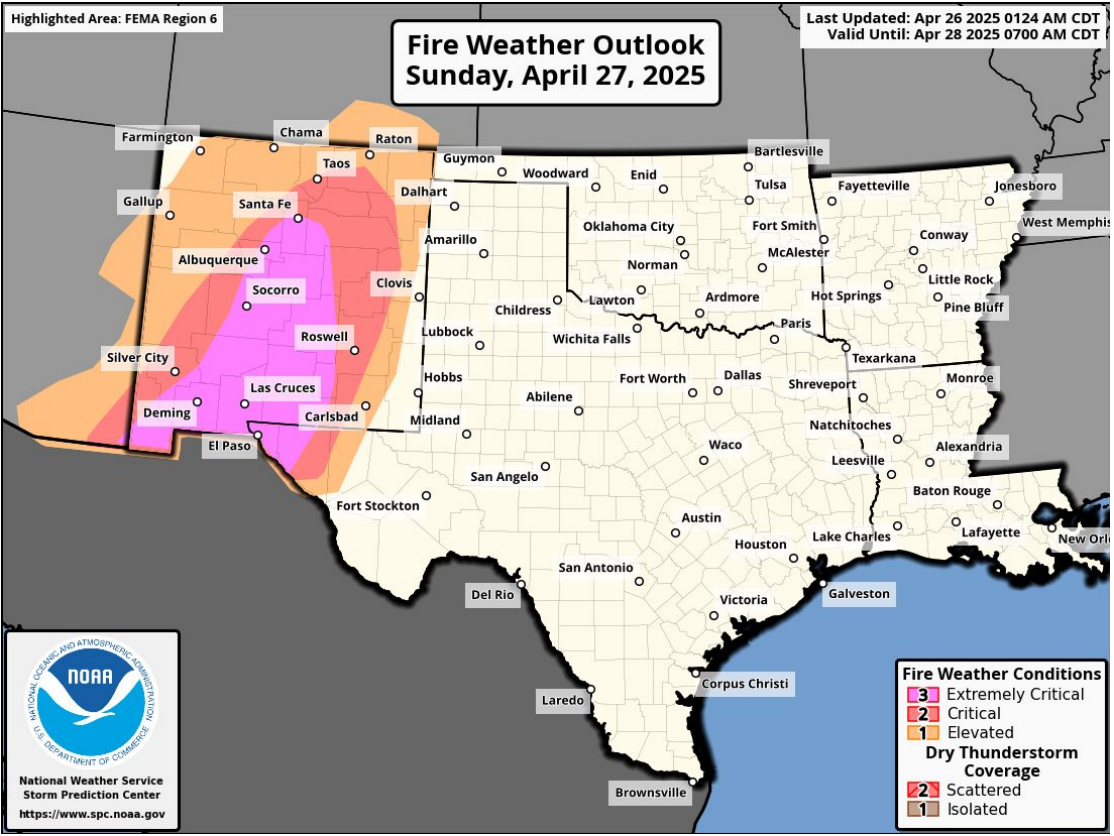
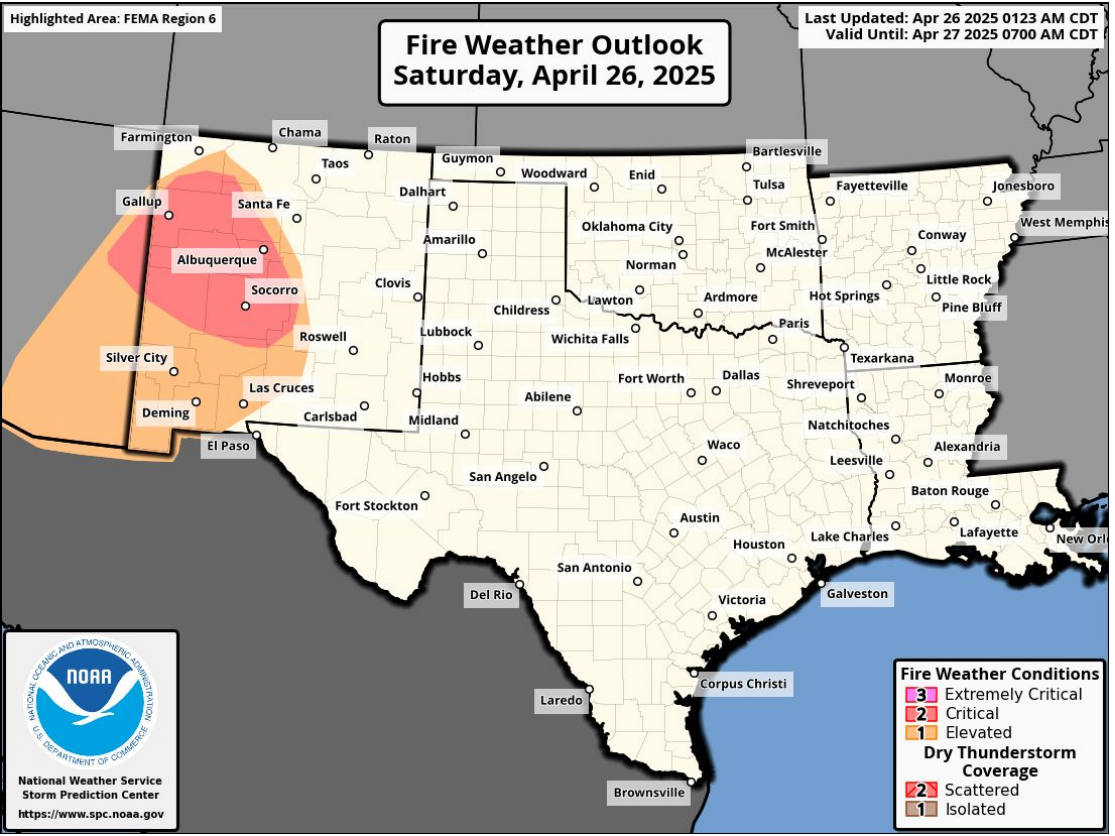
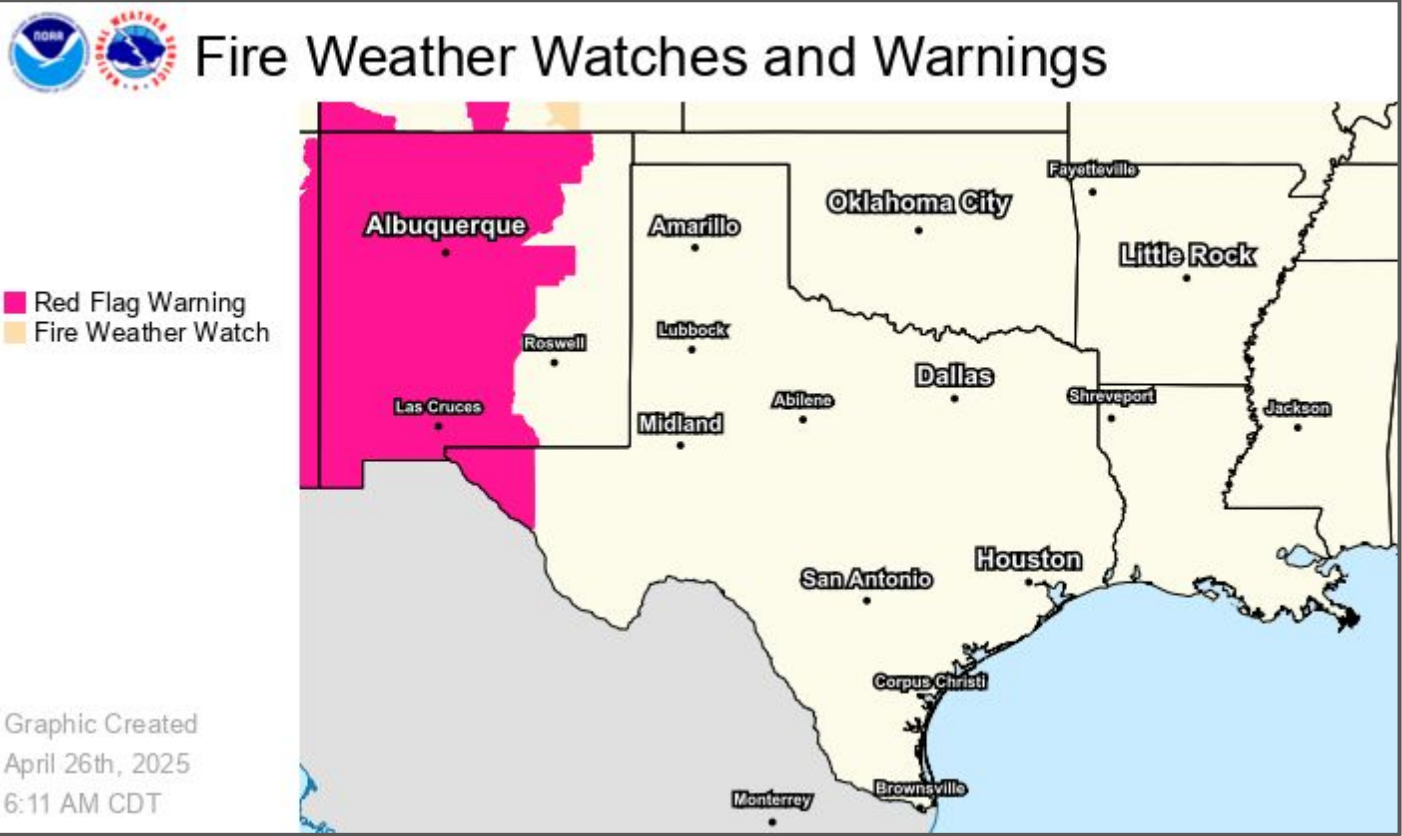
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# Fire Weather Outlooks

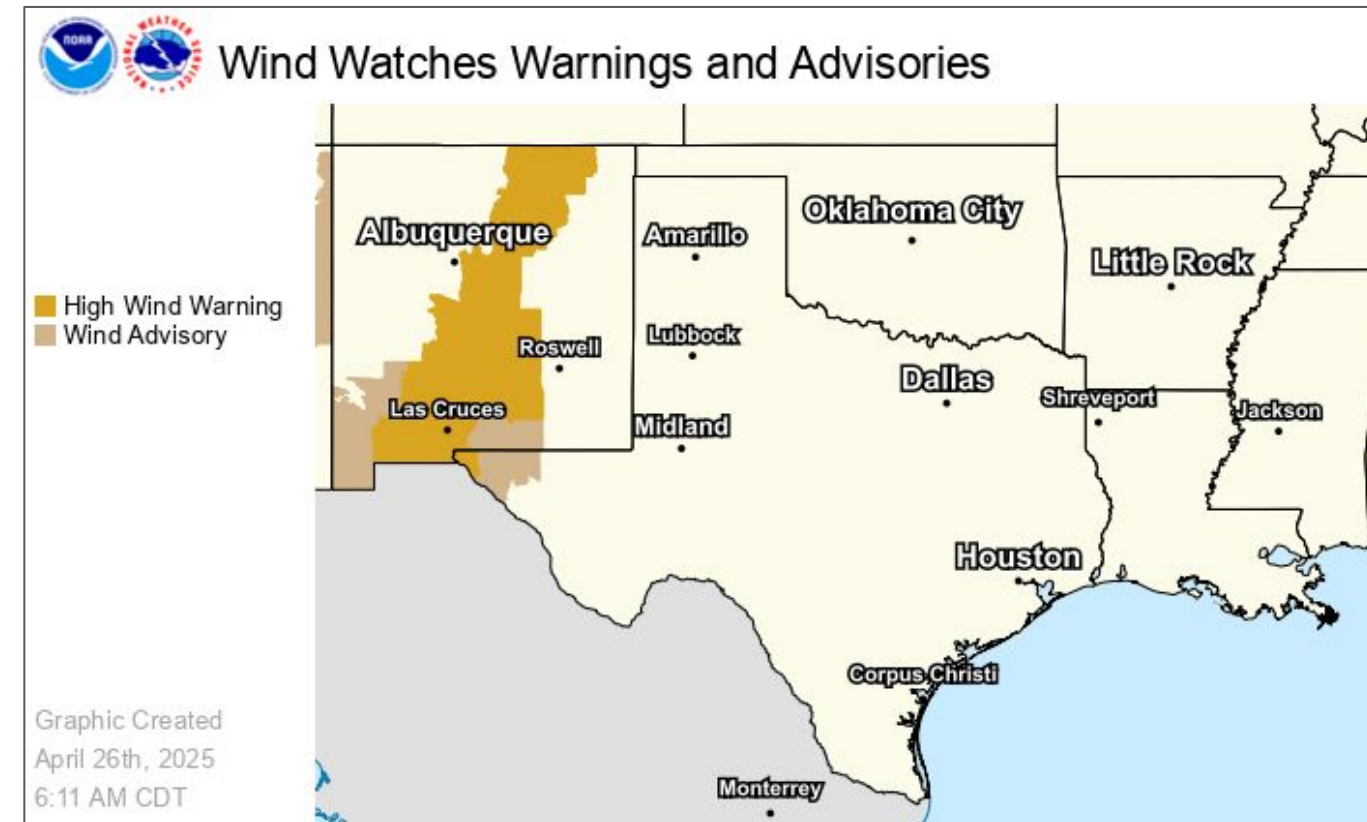






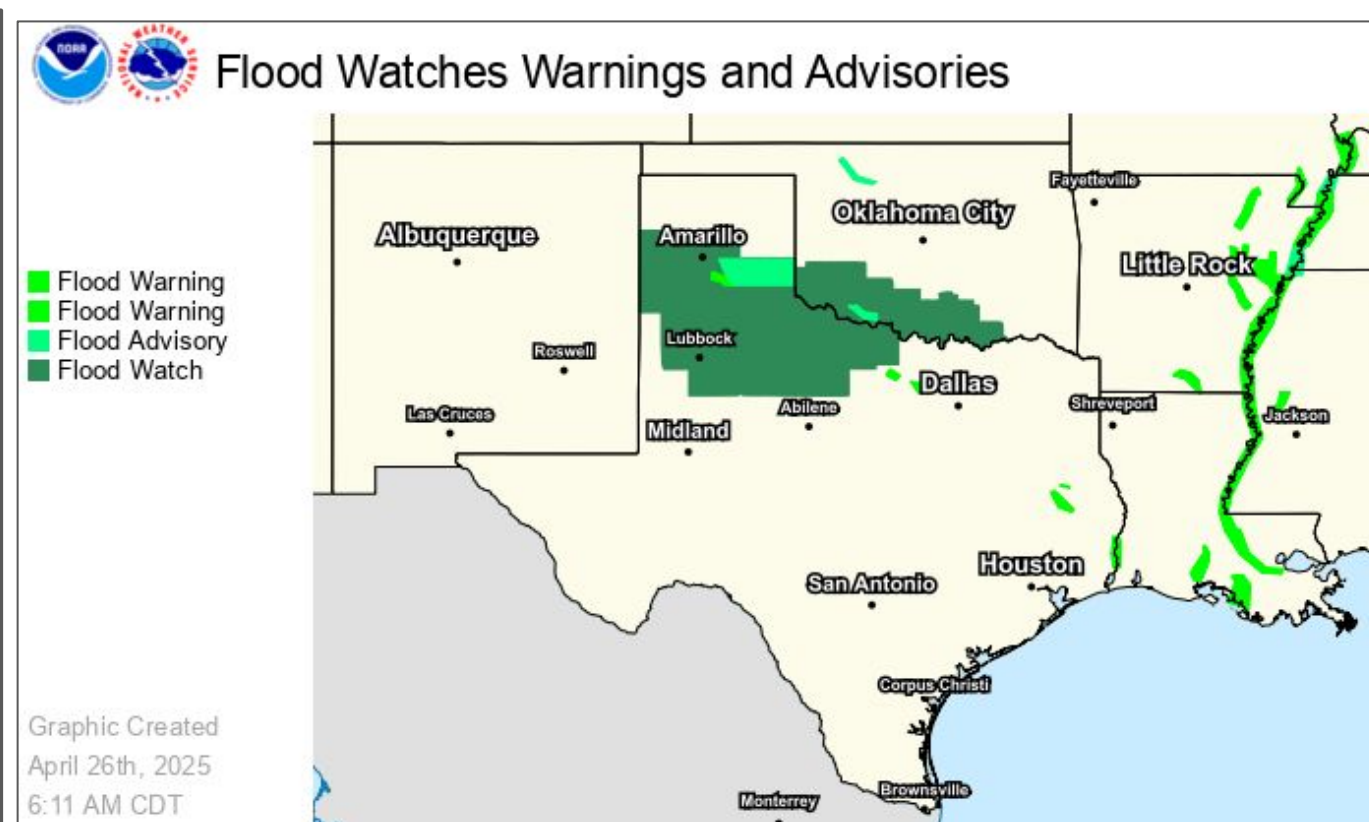
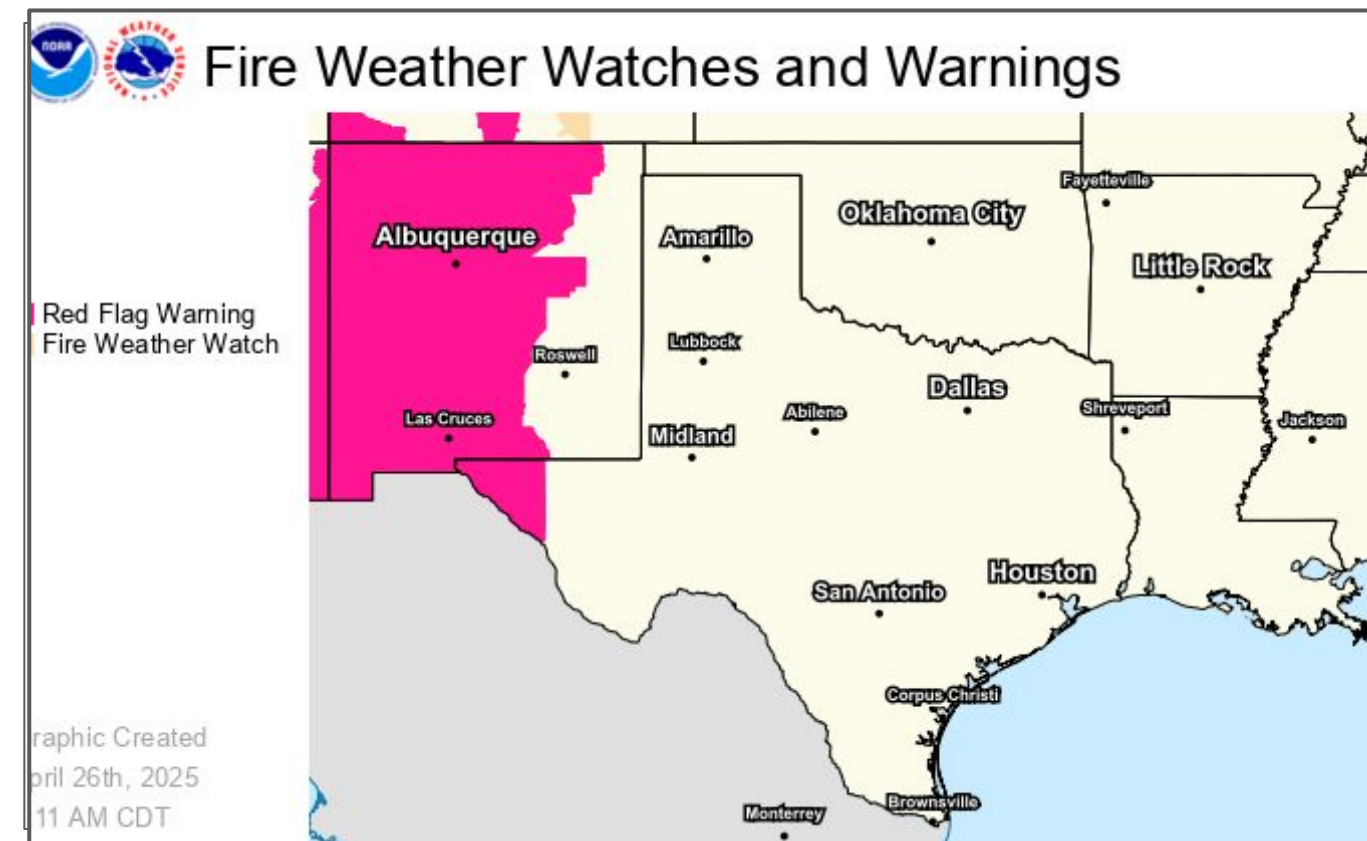
# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Heat, and Flood Hazards



**Red Flag Warning S NM/W TX late morning to late evening Sunday.**

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



**Flash flood watch today from the TX Panhandle, NW TX, into S OK.**

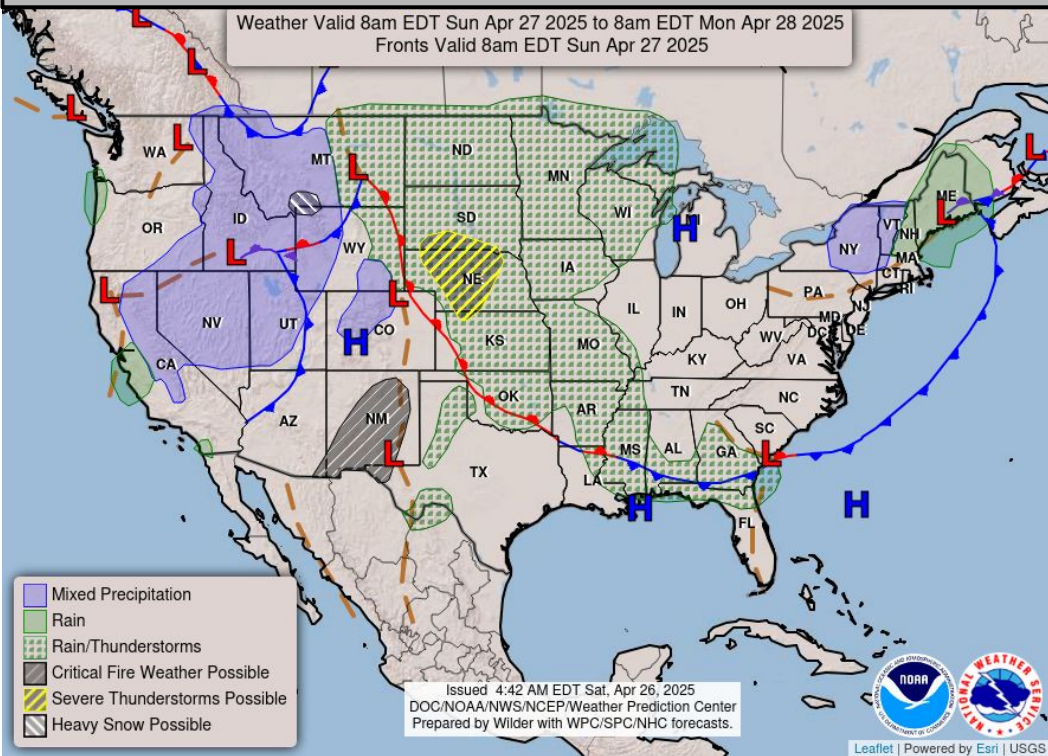




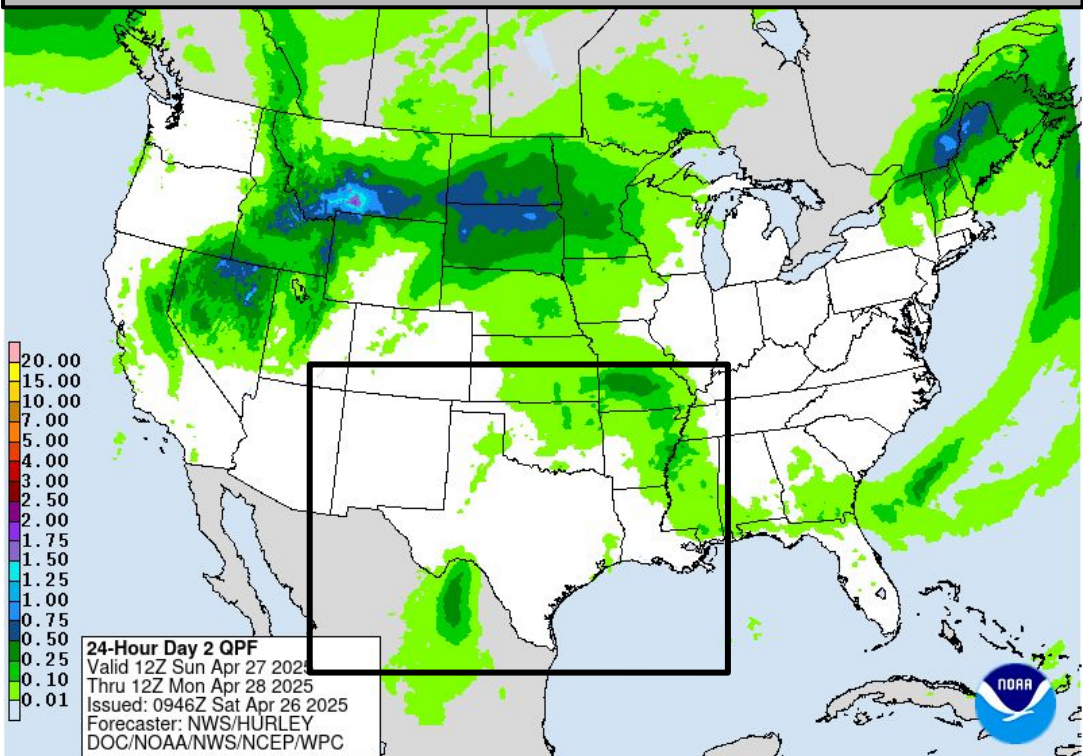


# Tomorrow's Weather

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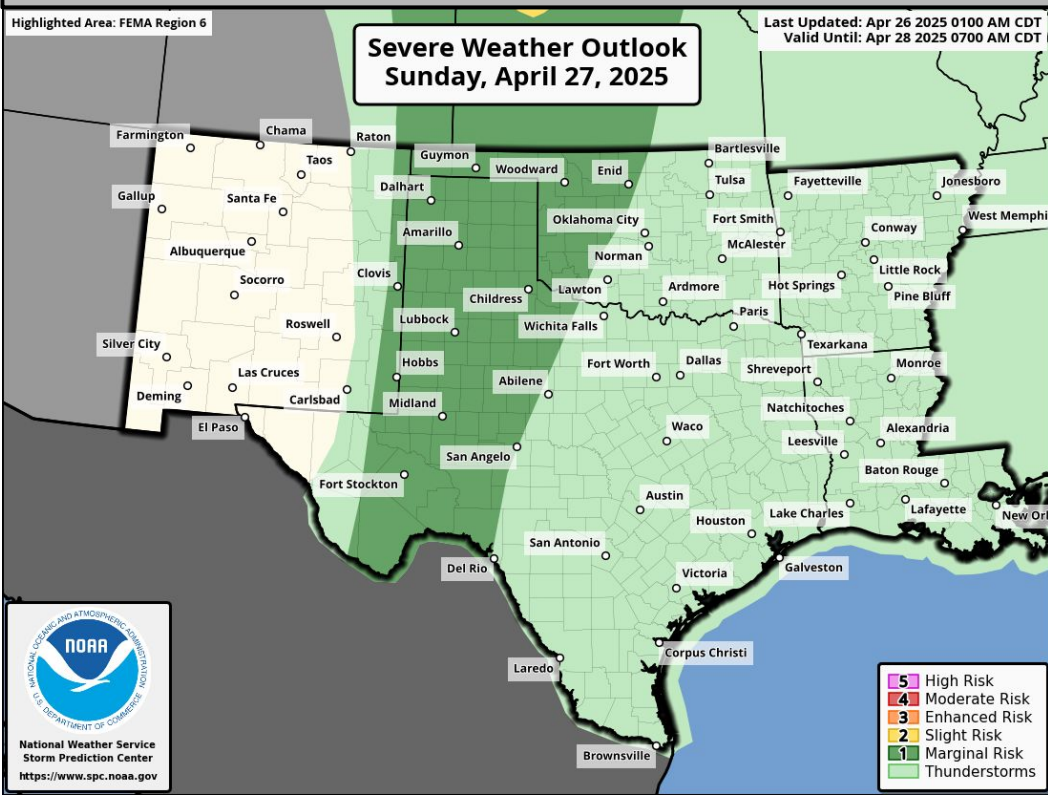
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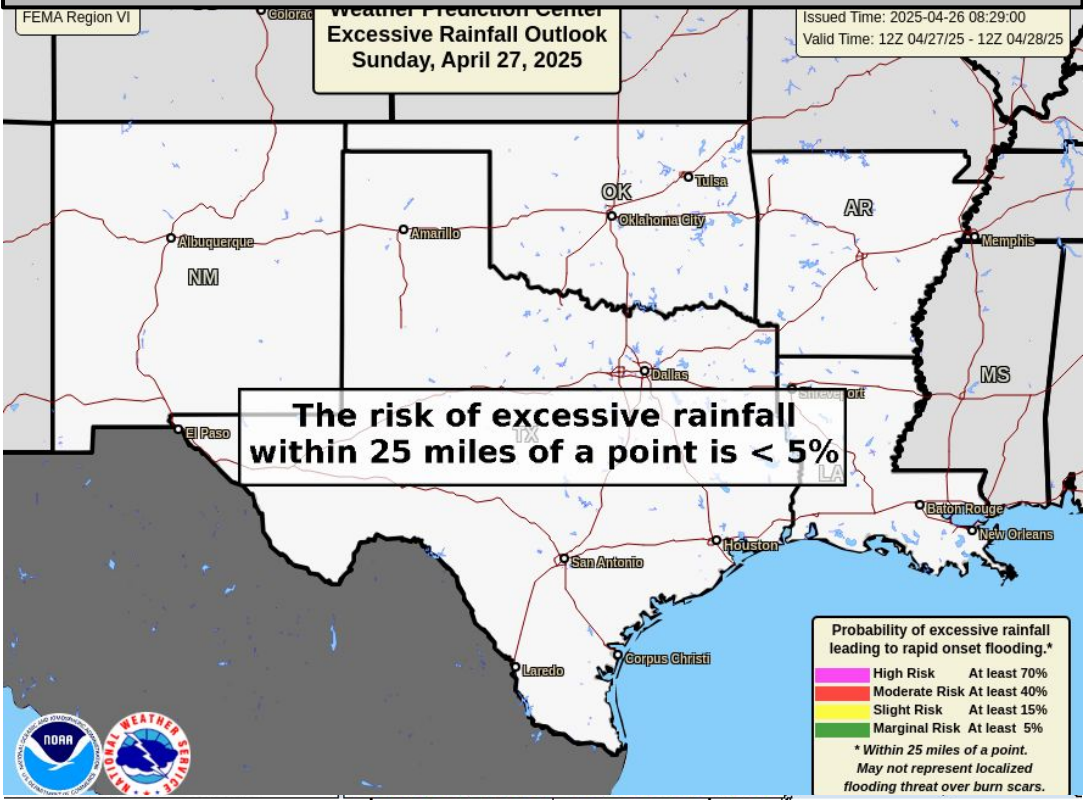
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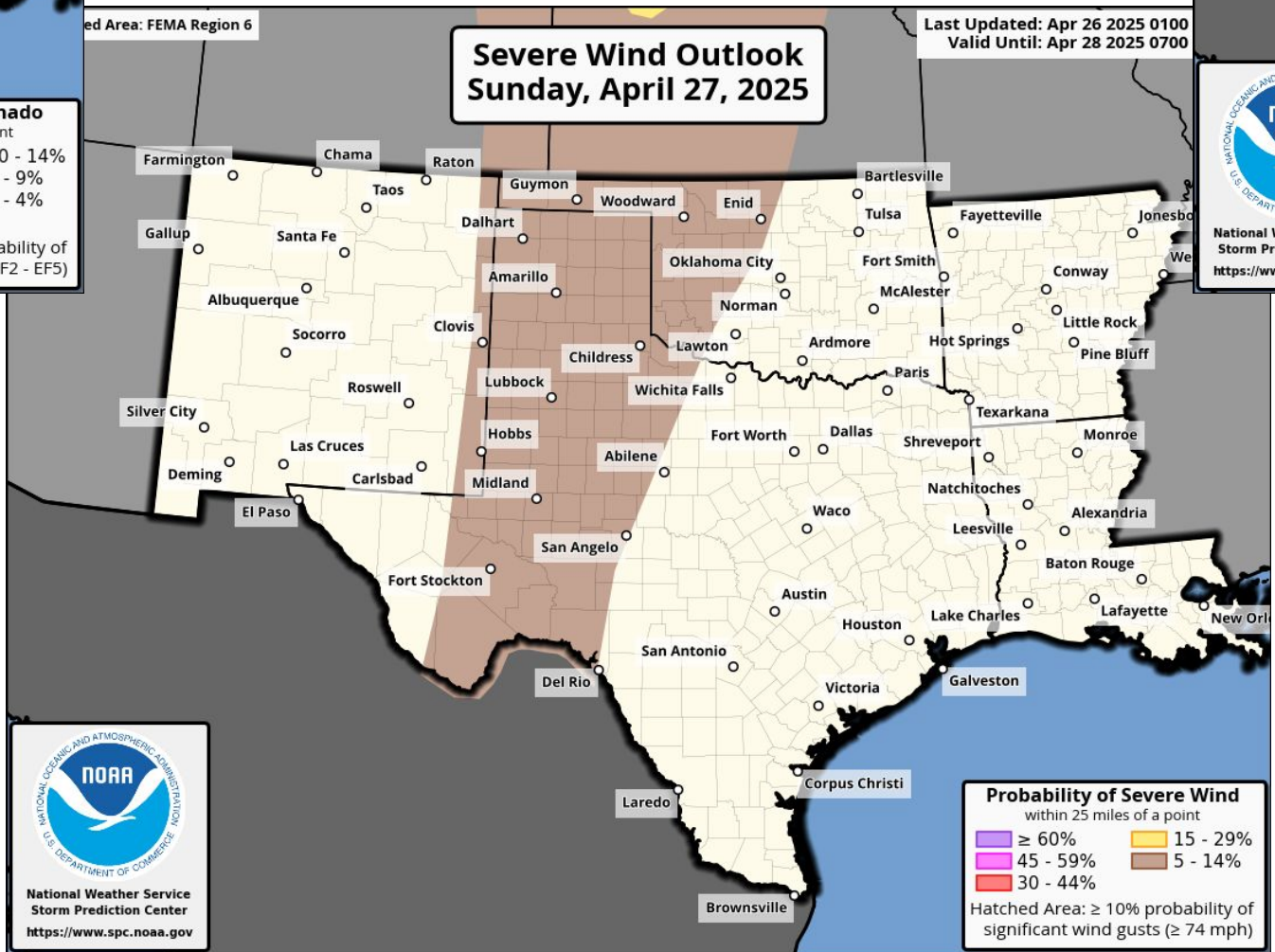
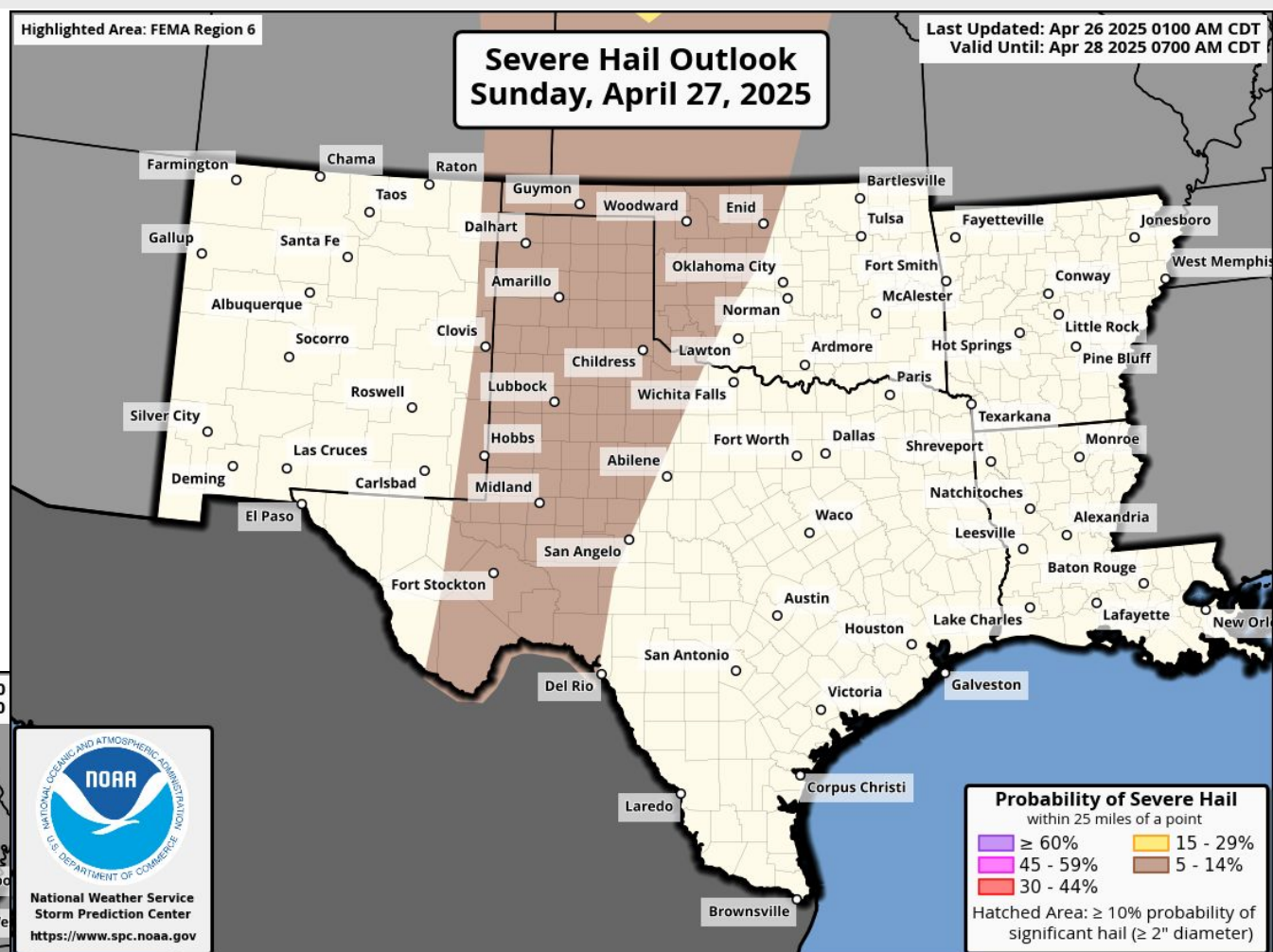
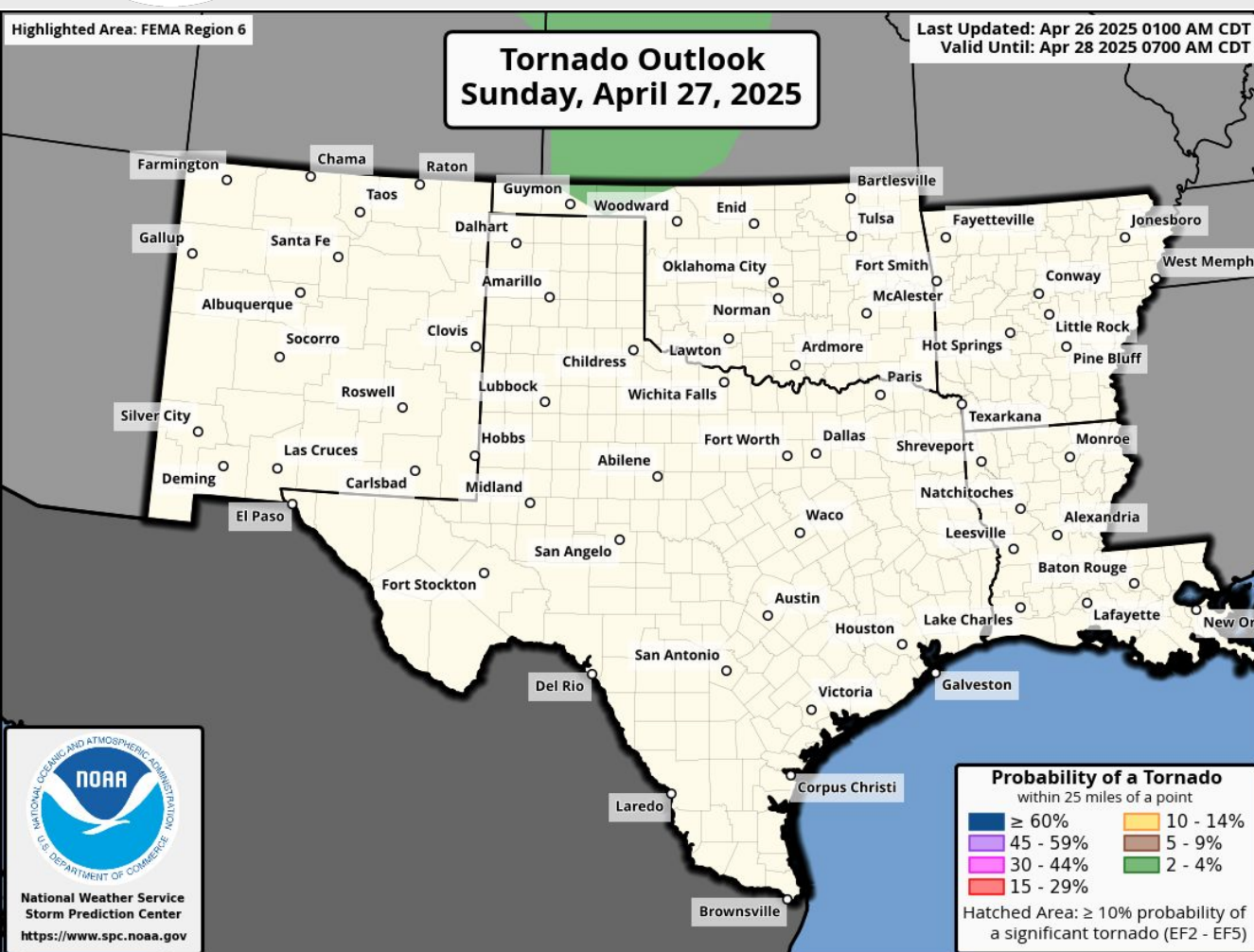
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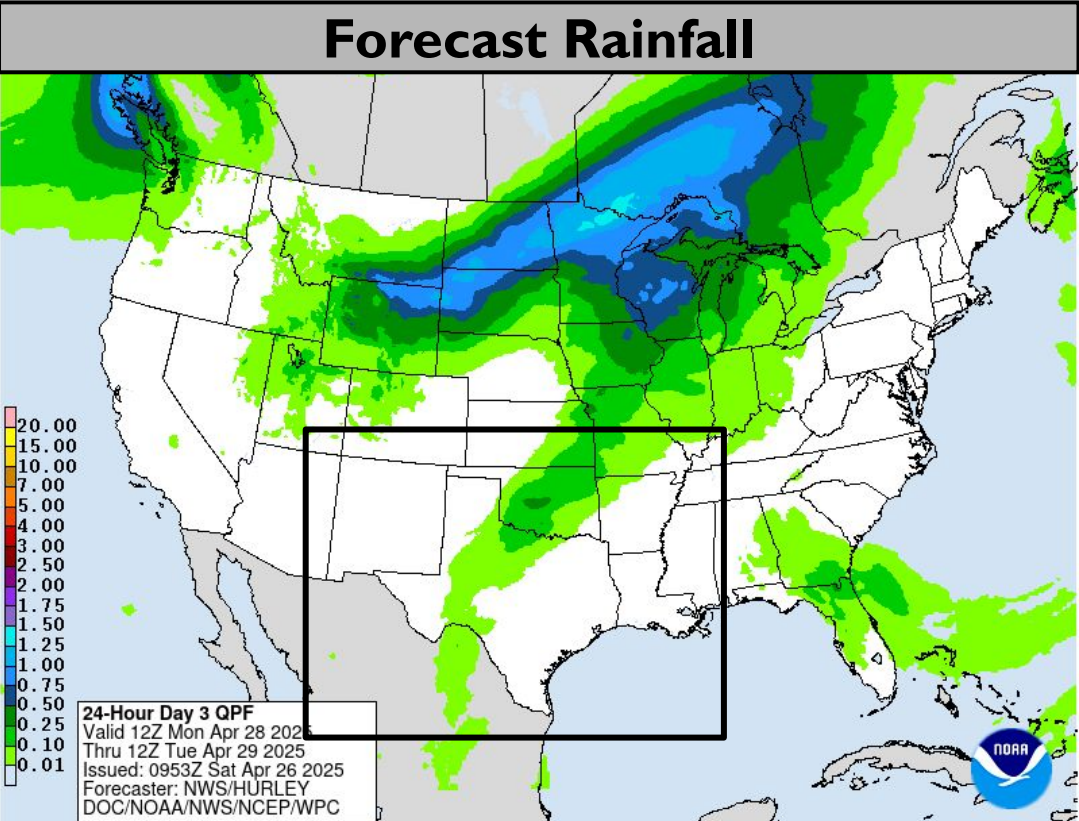
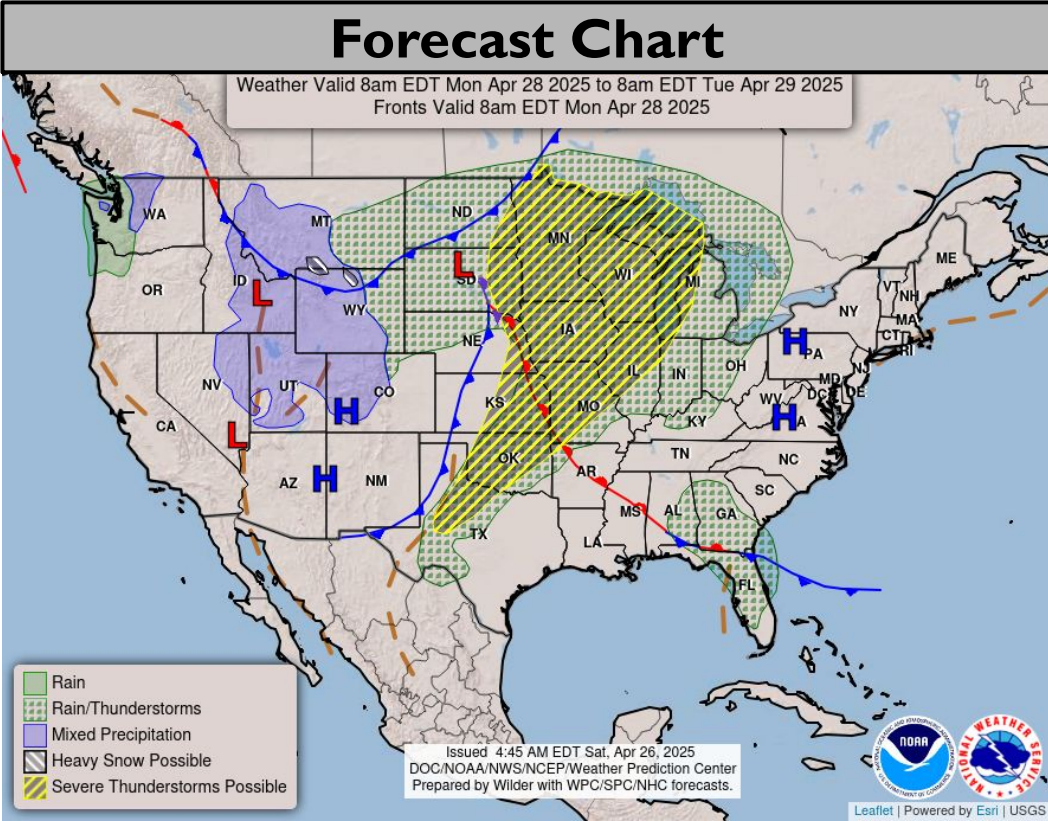
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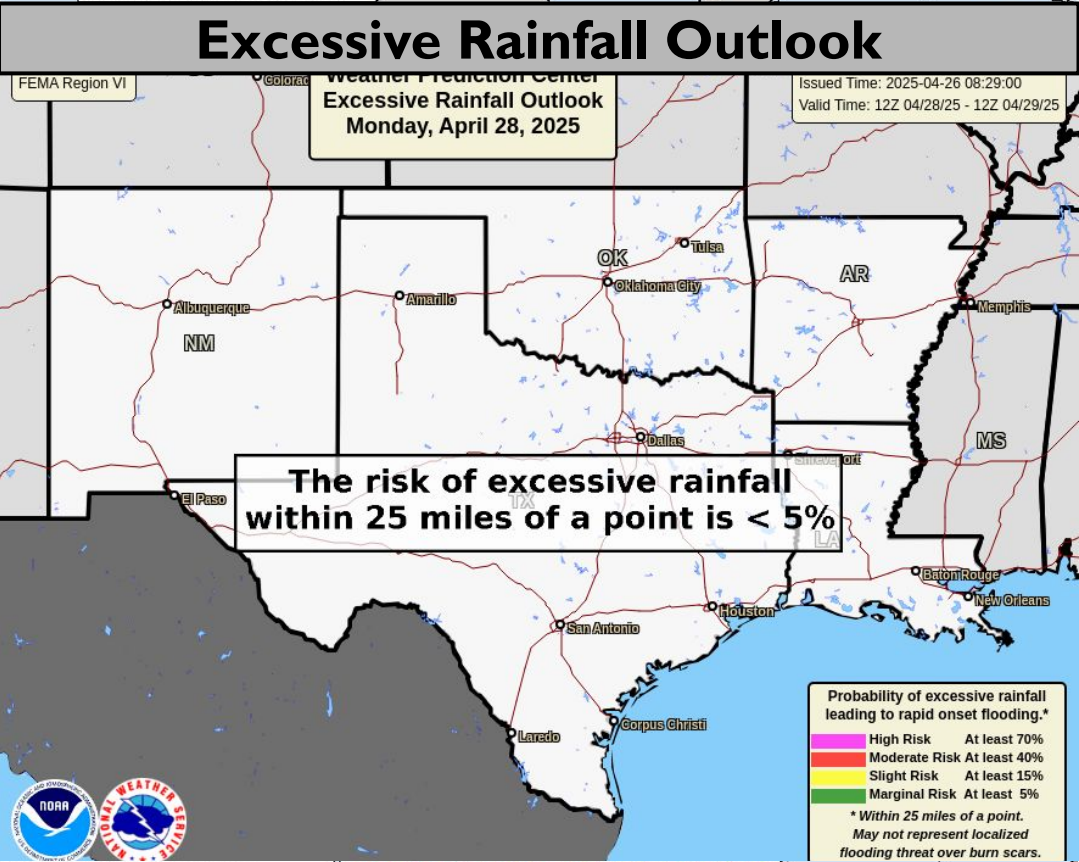
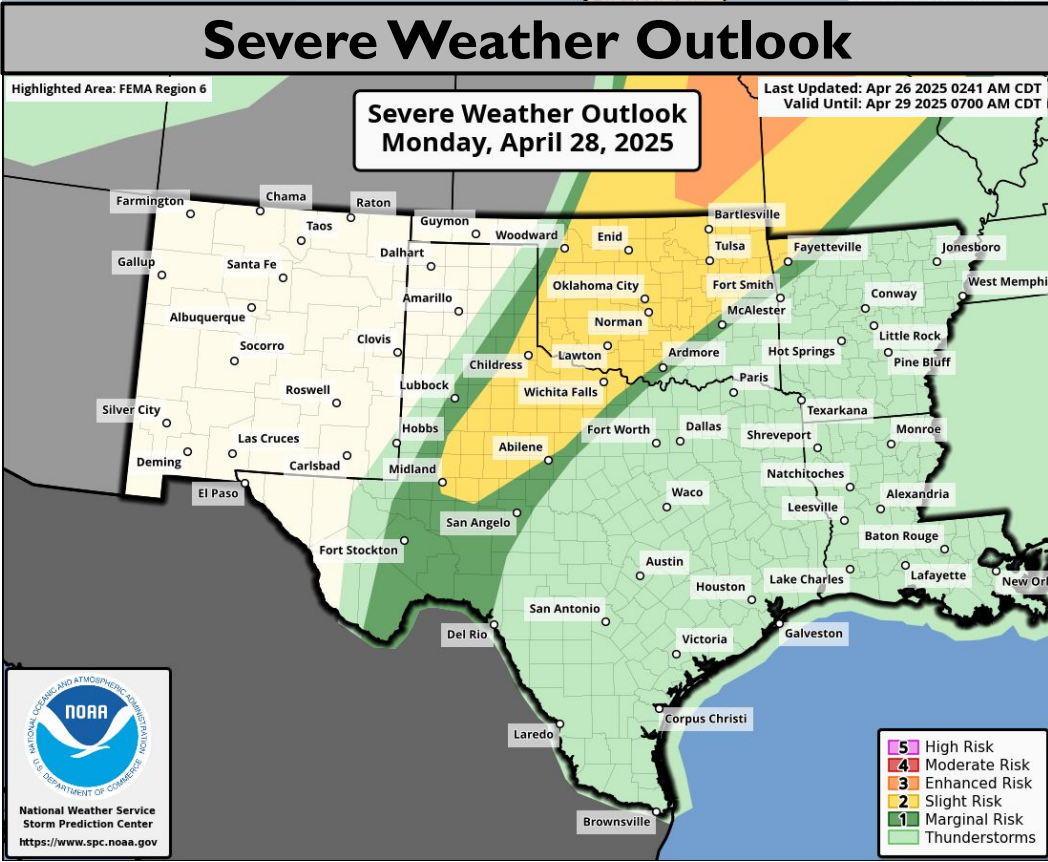




# Monday's Weather



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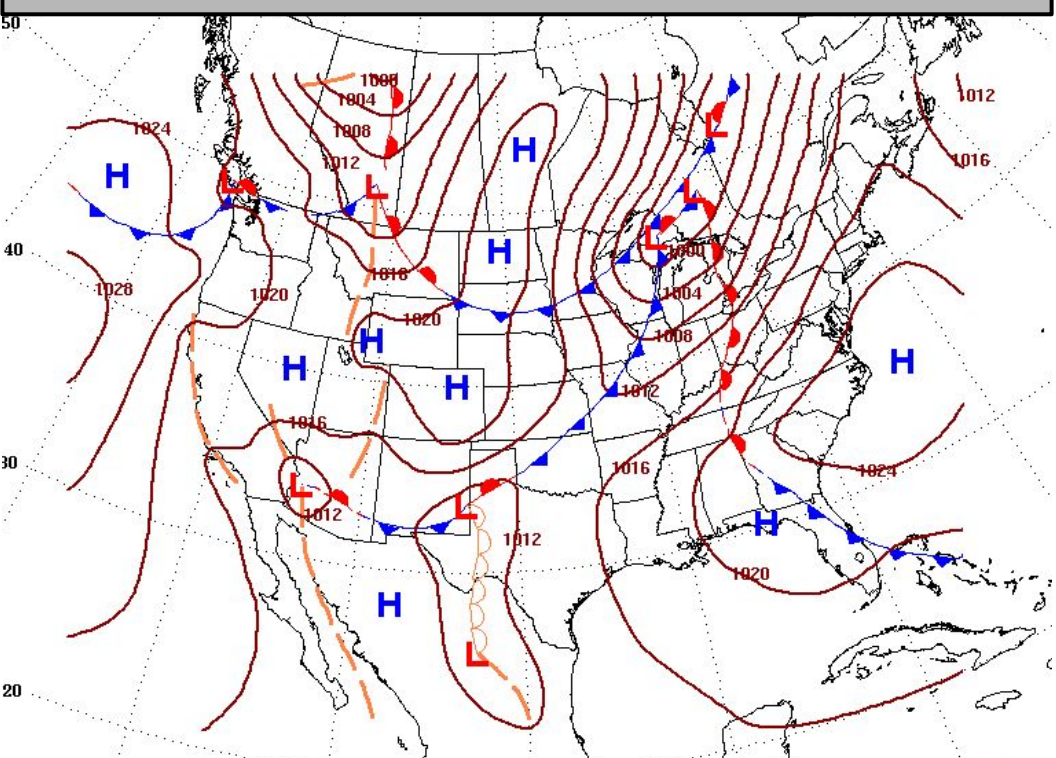




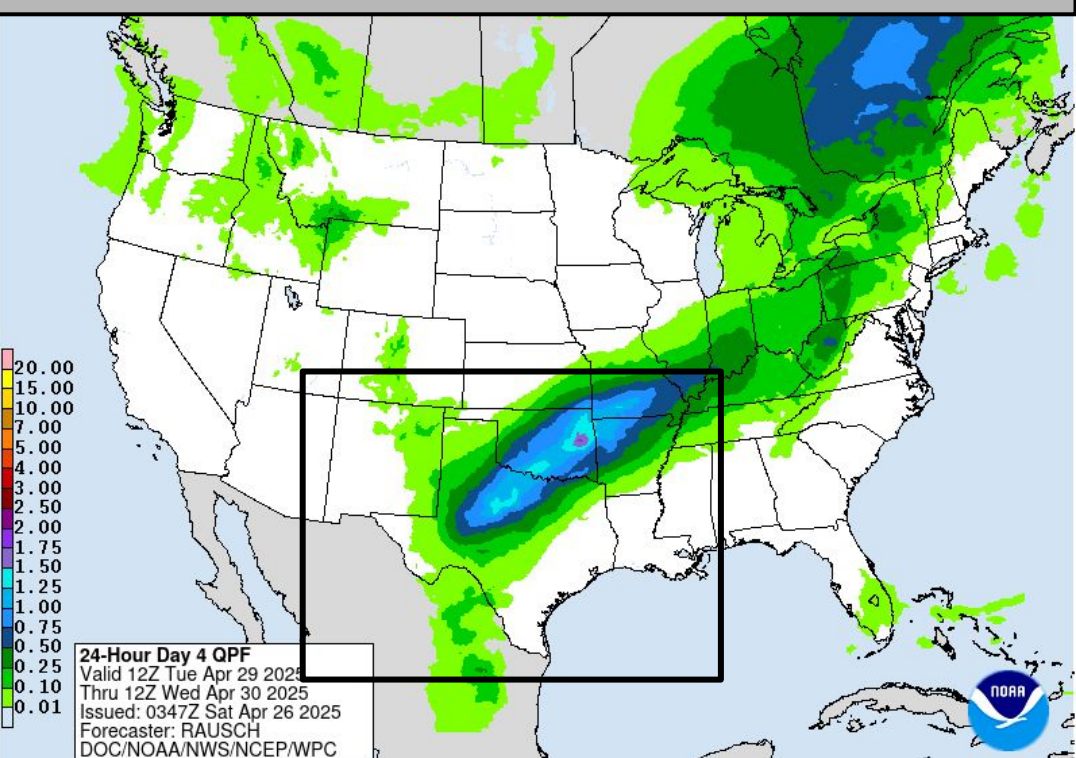


# Tuesday's Weather

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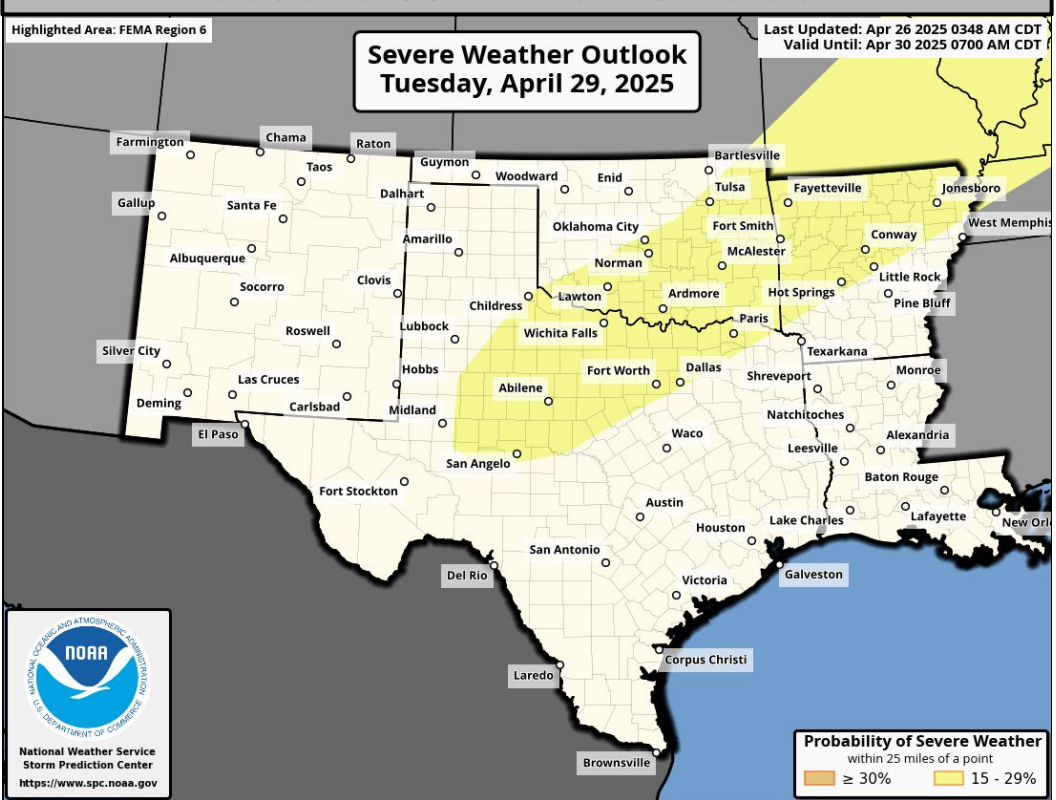
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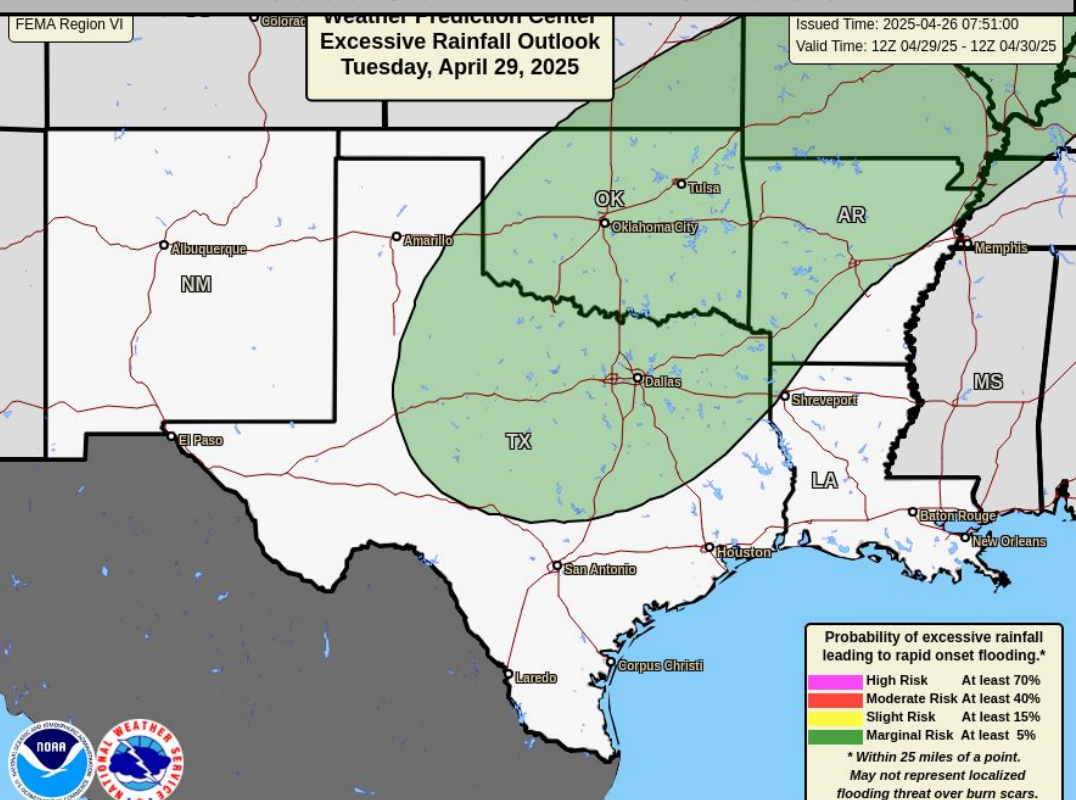
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**Monitoring for flooding in E OK, N/C TX, NW AR.**

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

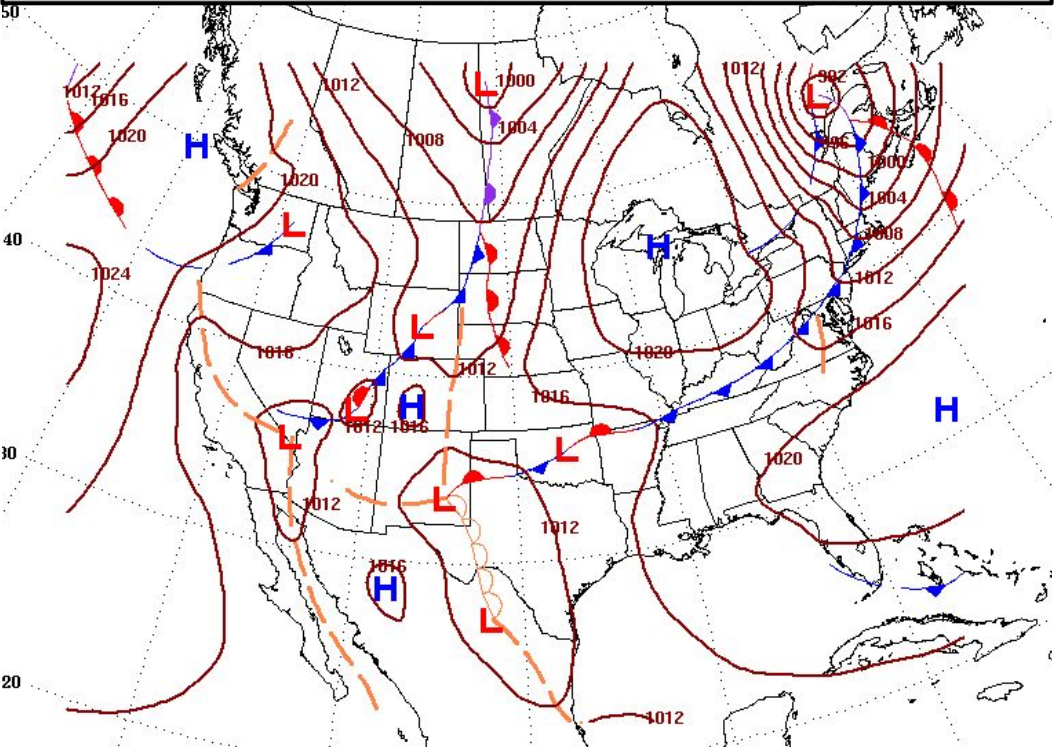




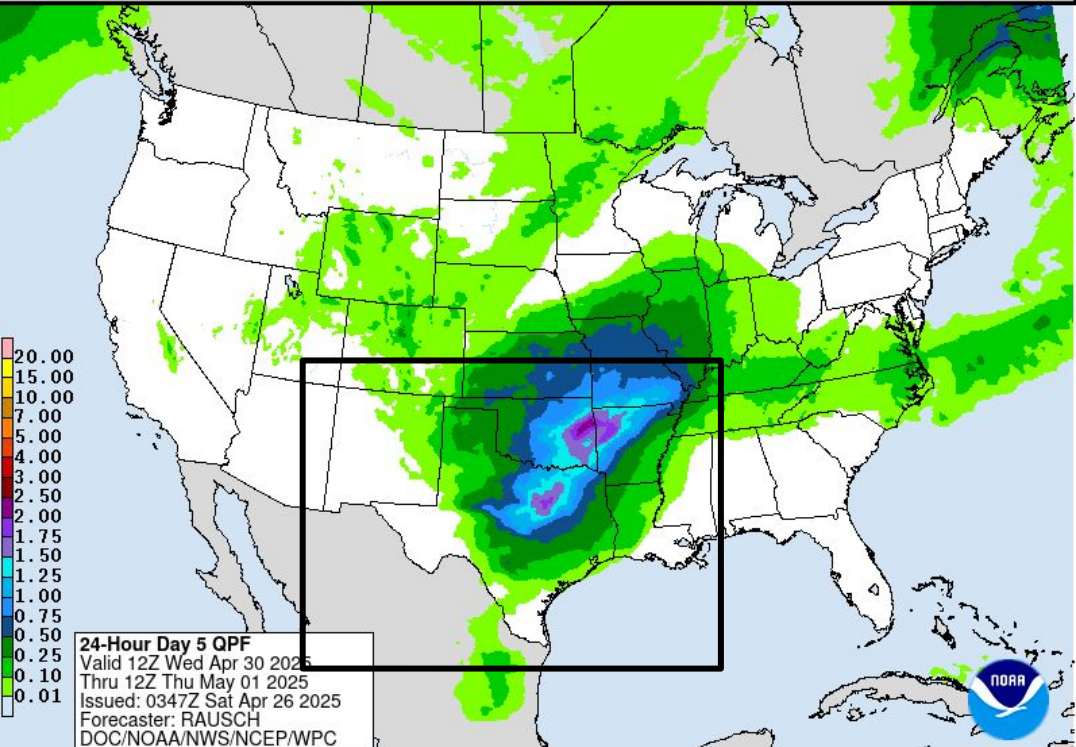


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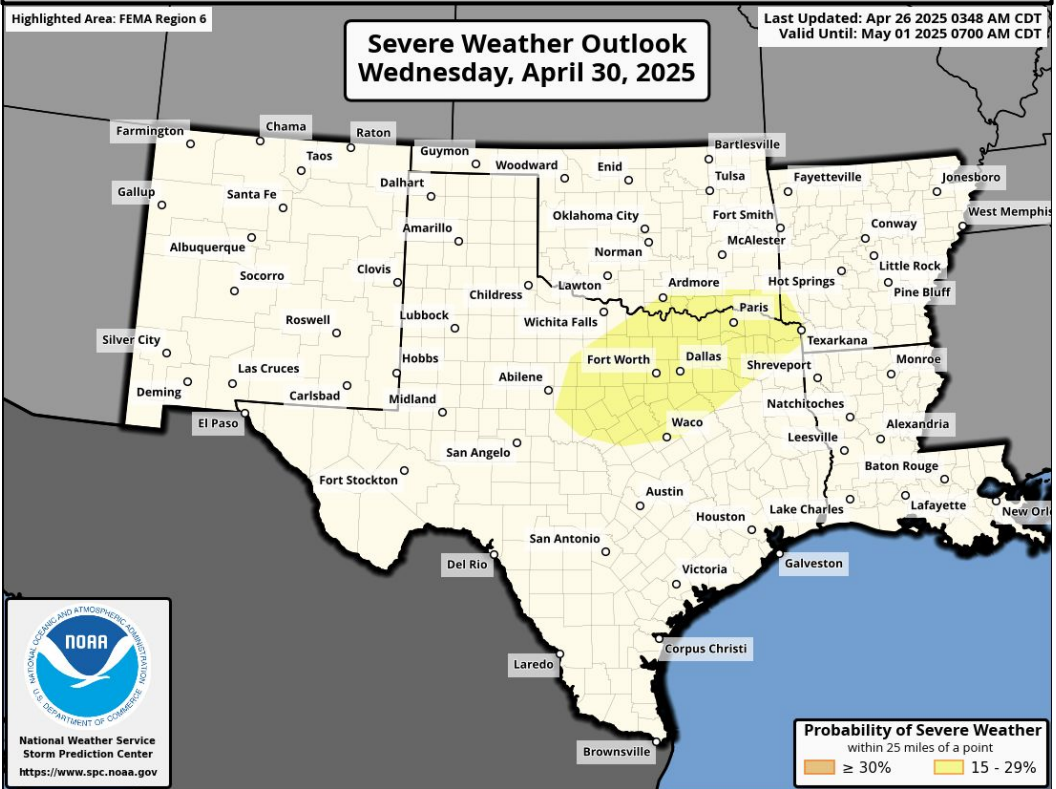
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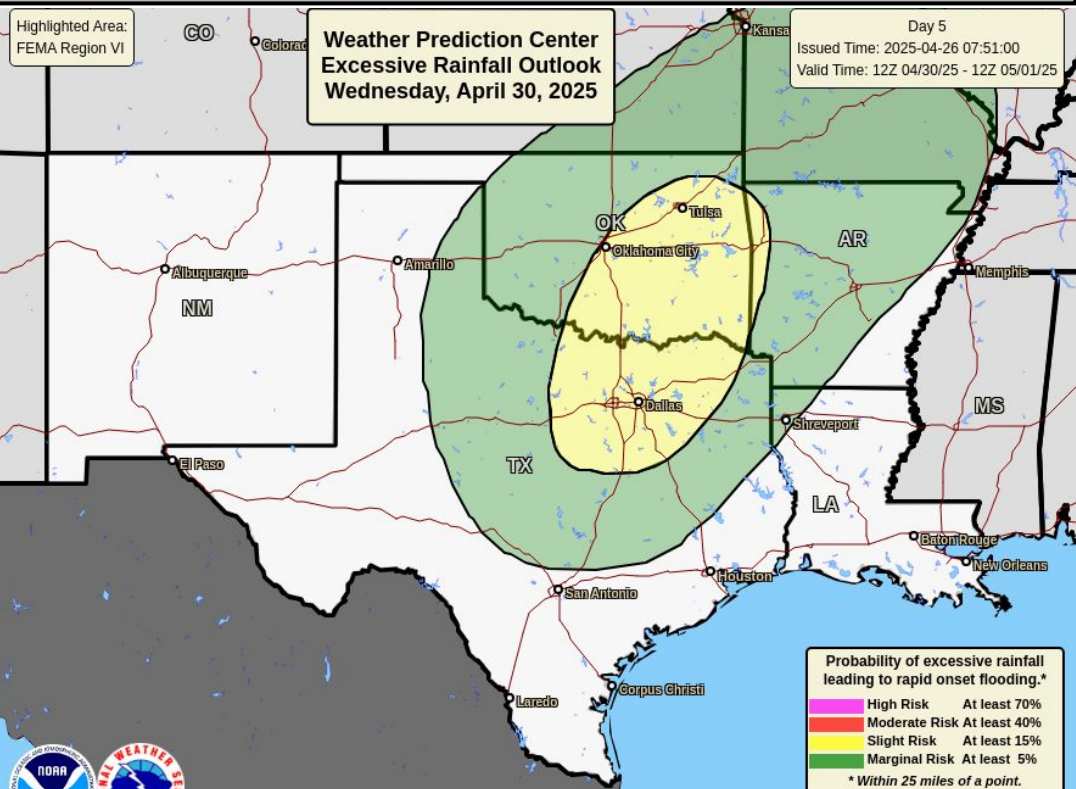
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Severe Weather Outlook



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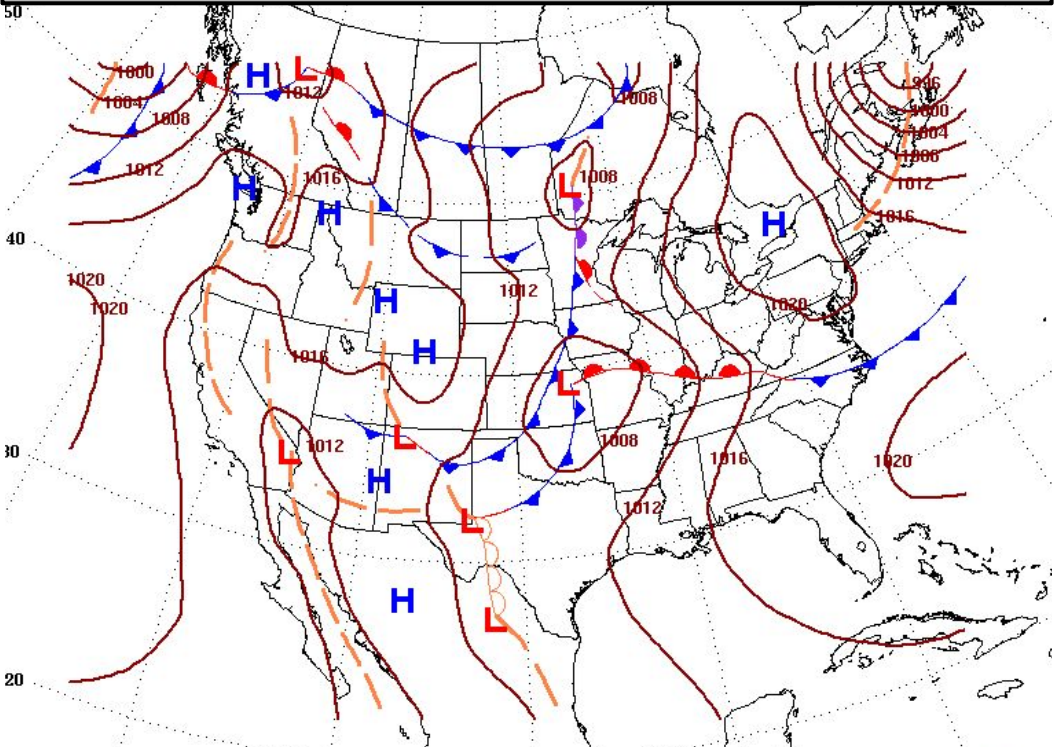
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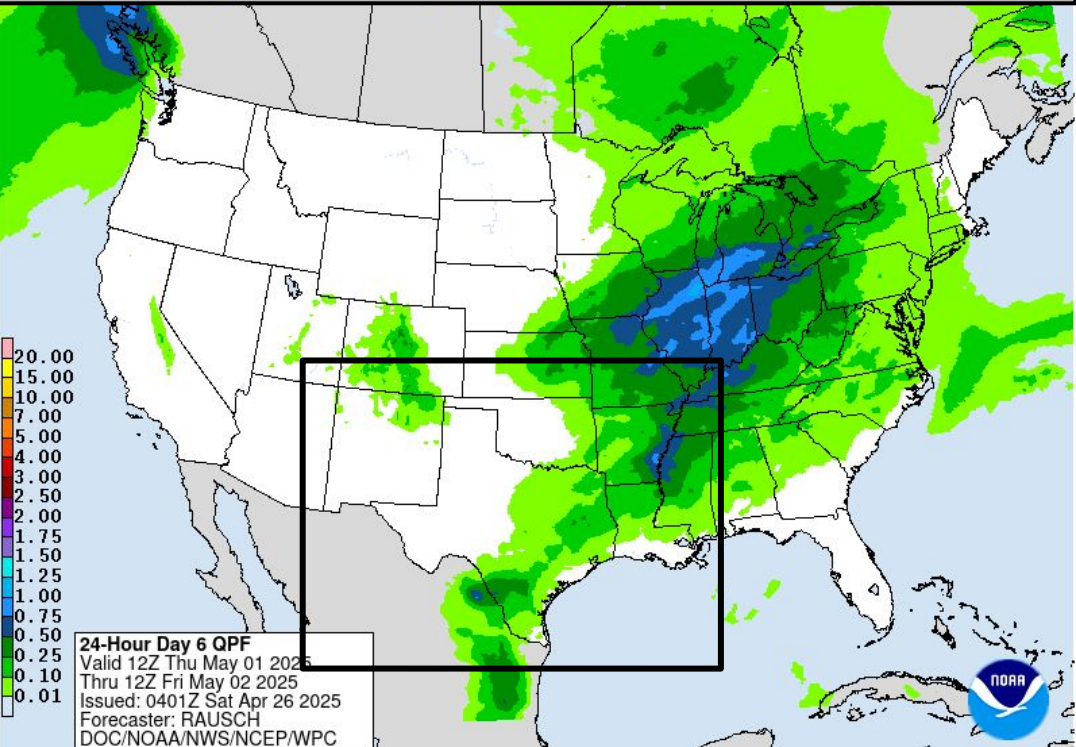


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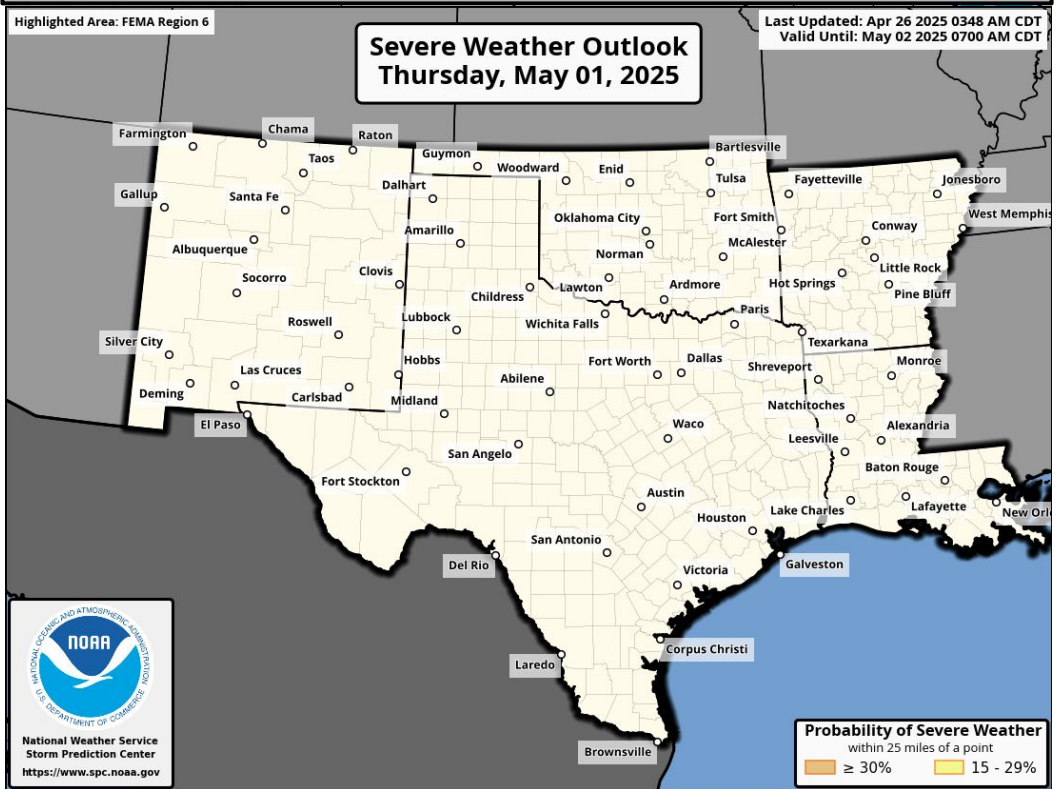


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



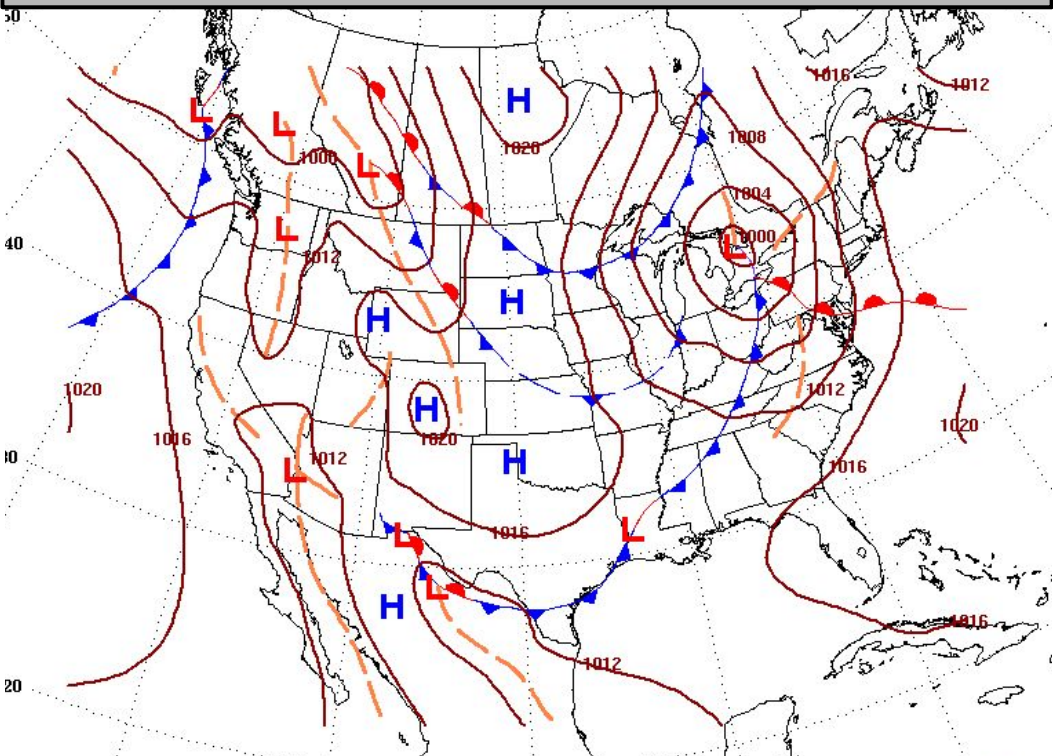
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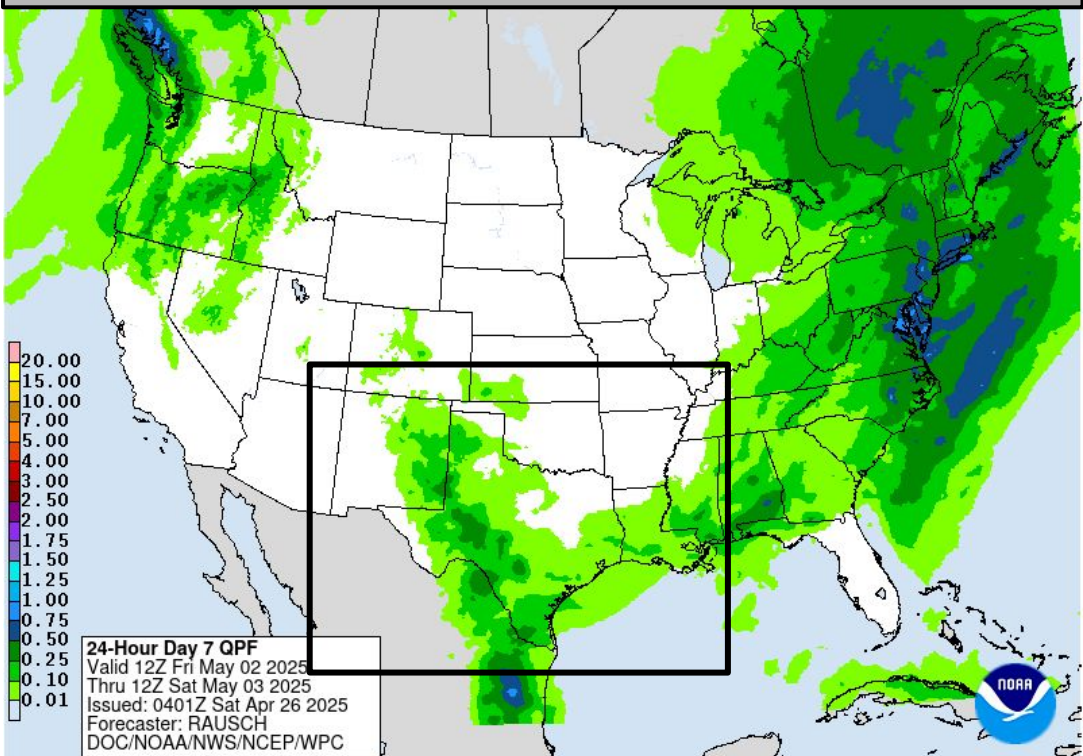


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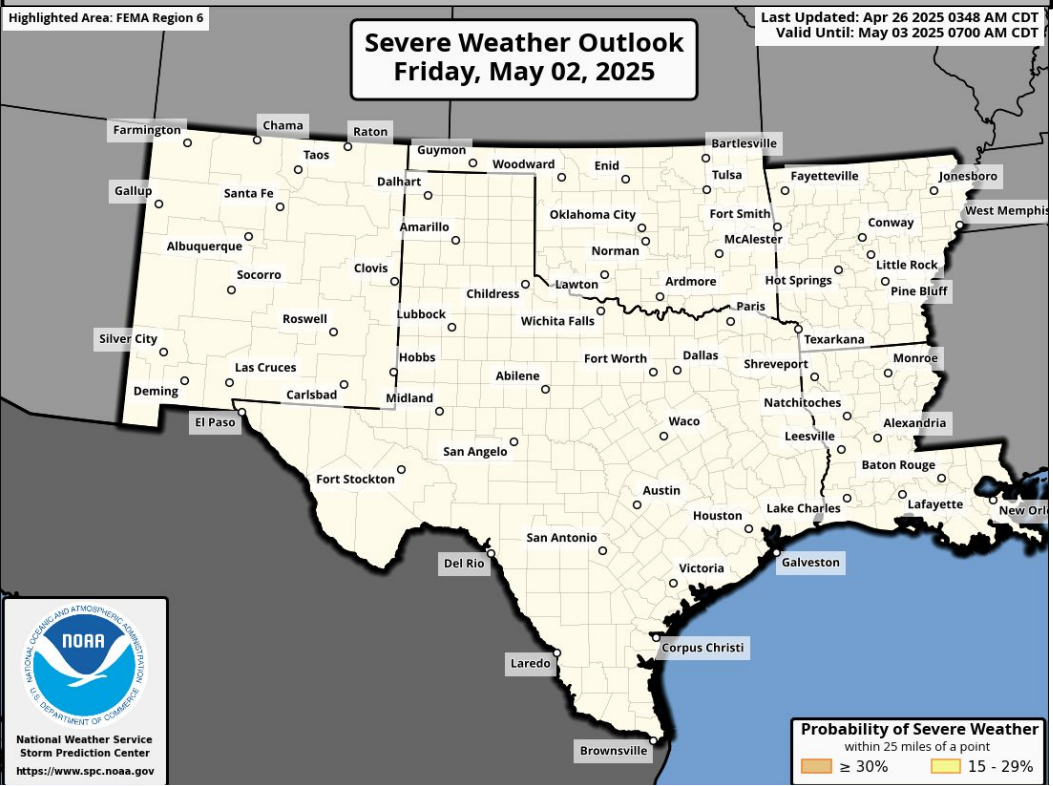


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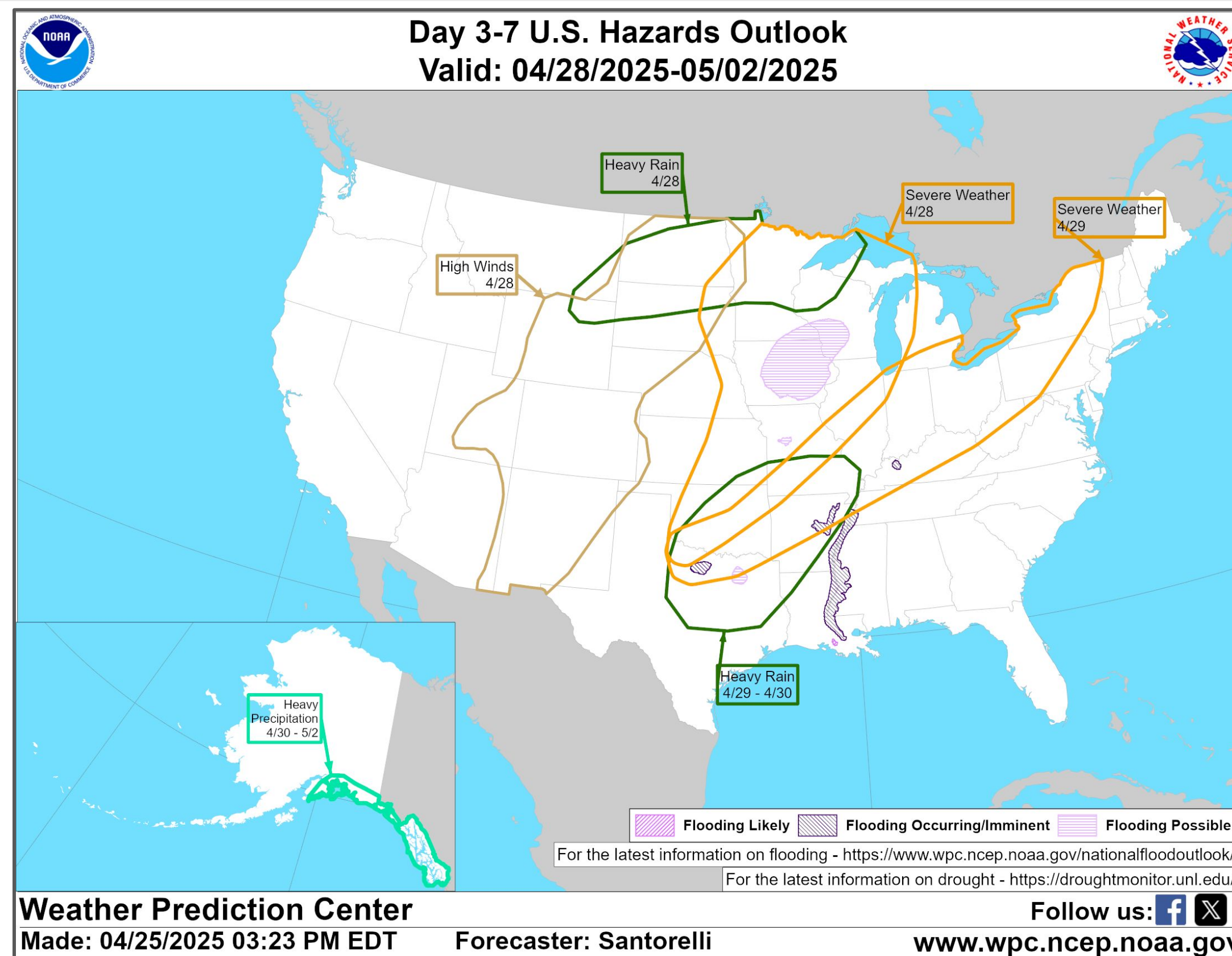
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# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook



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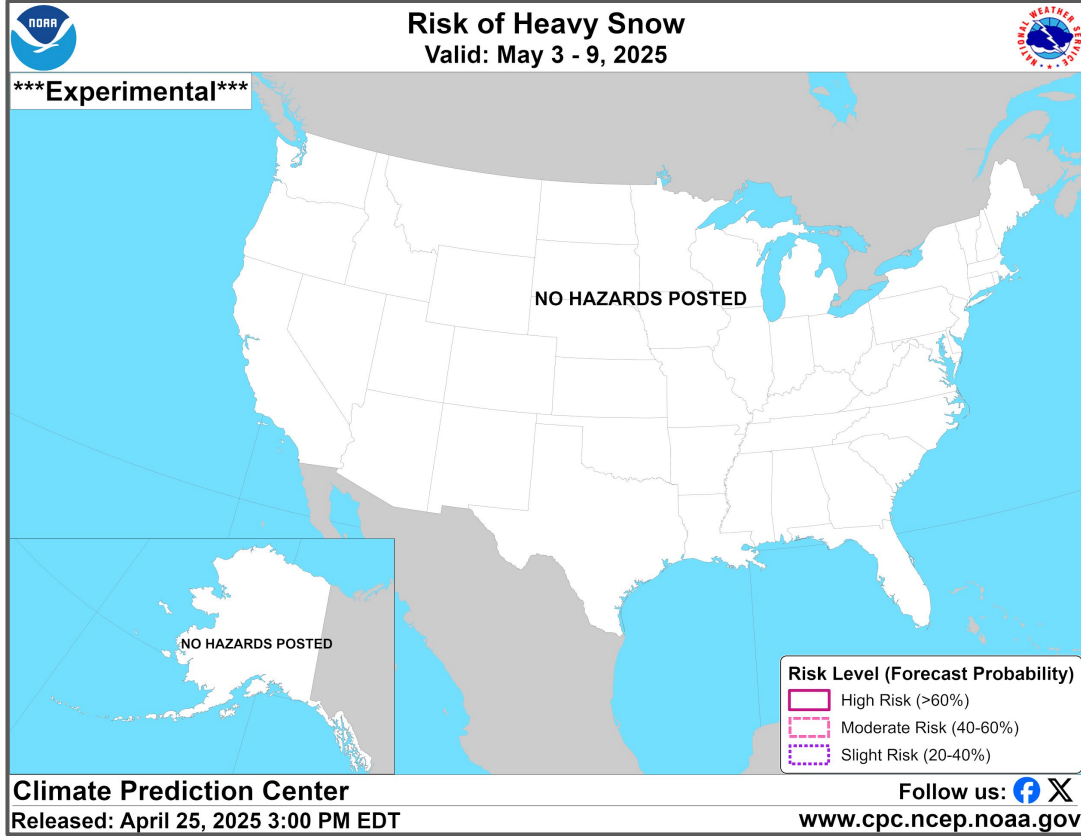
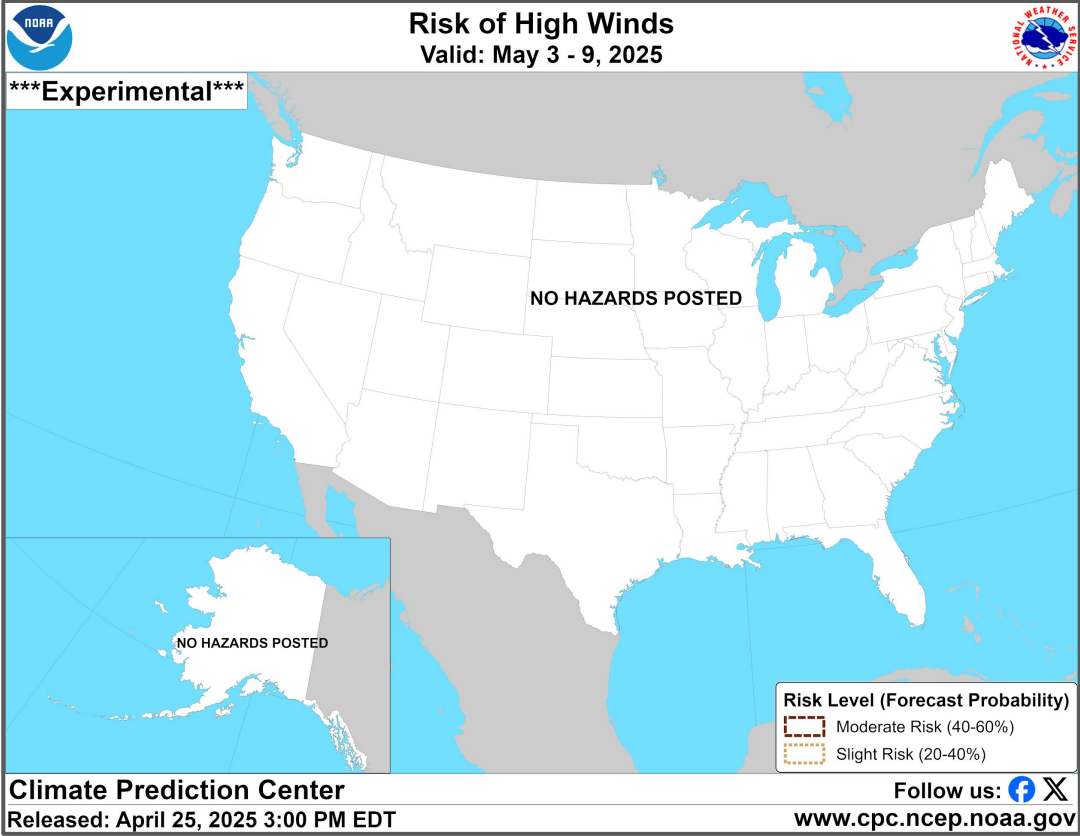
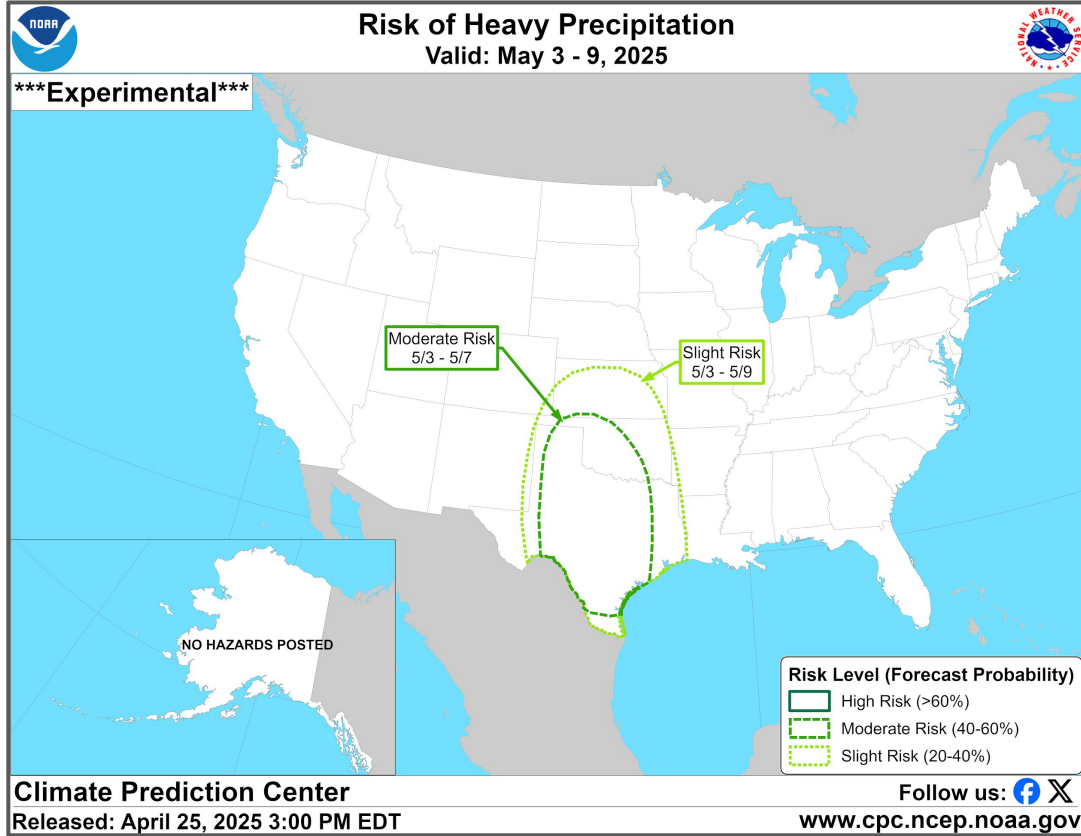
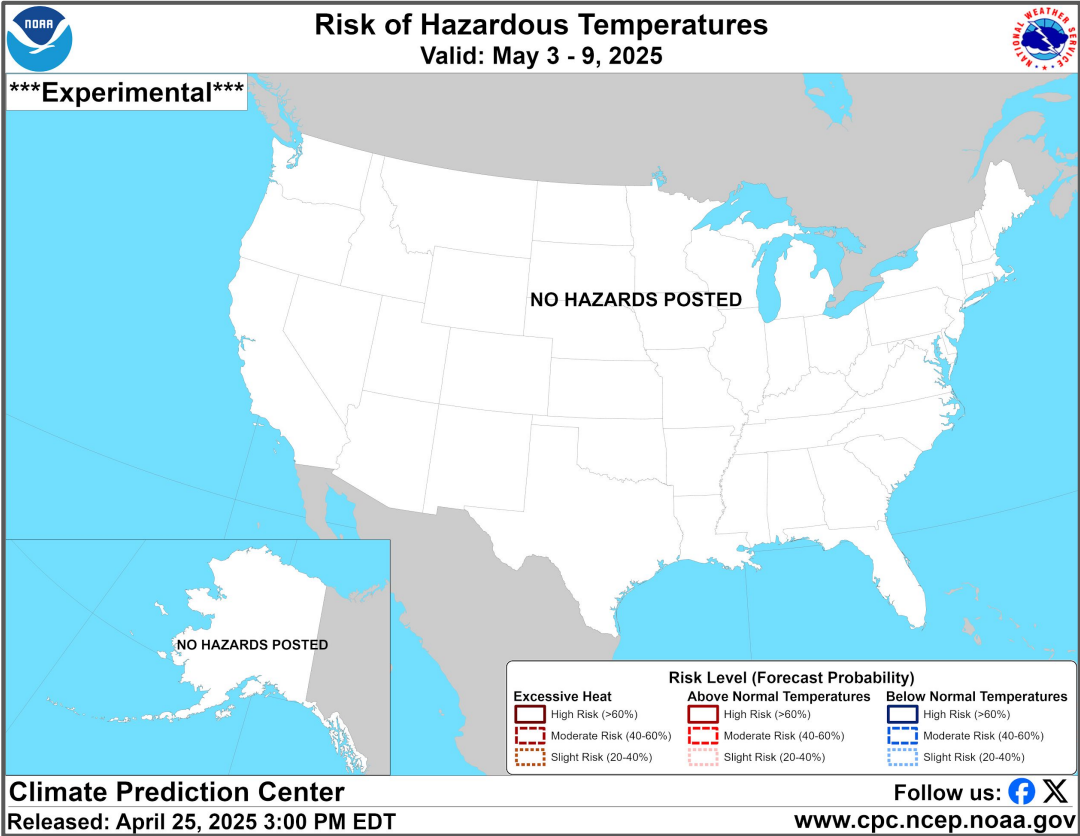
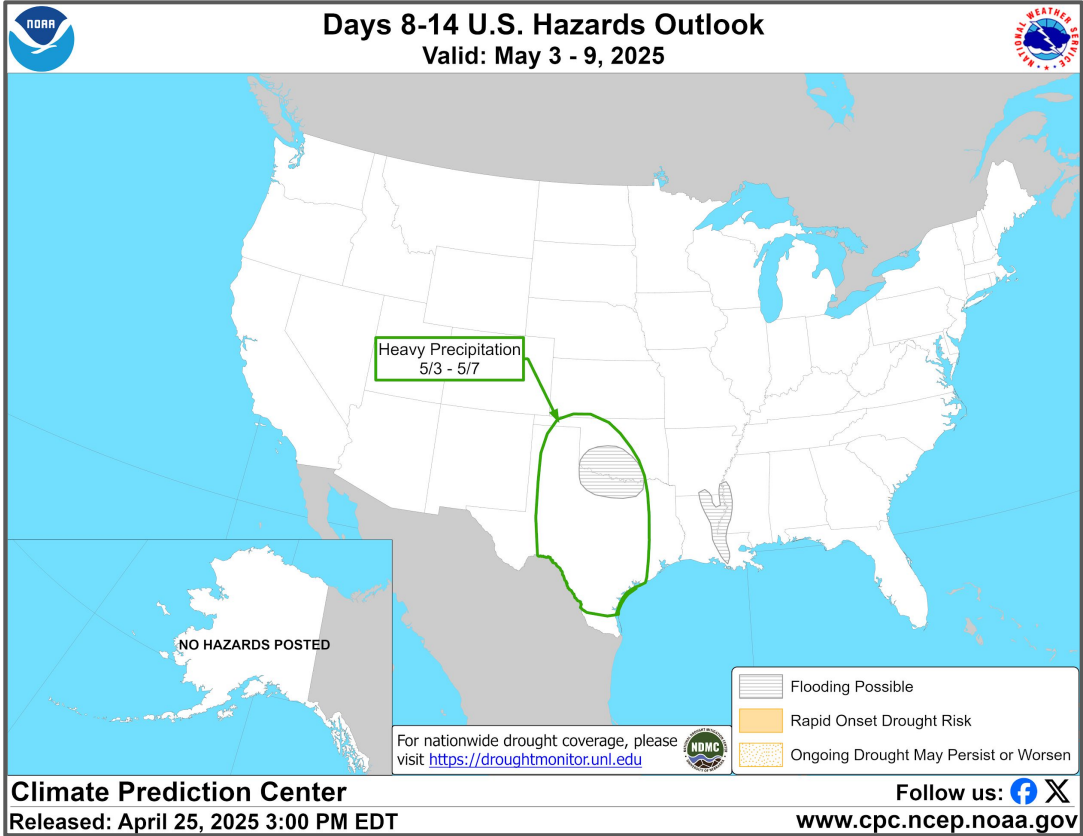
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# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook



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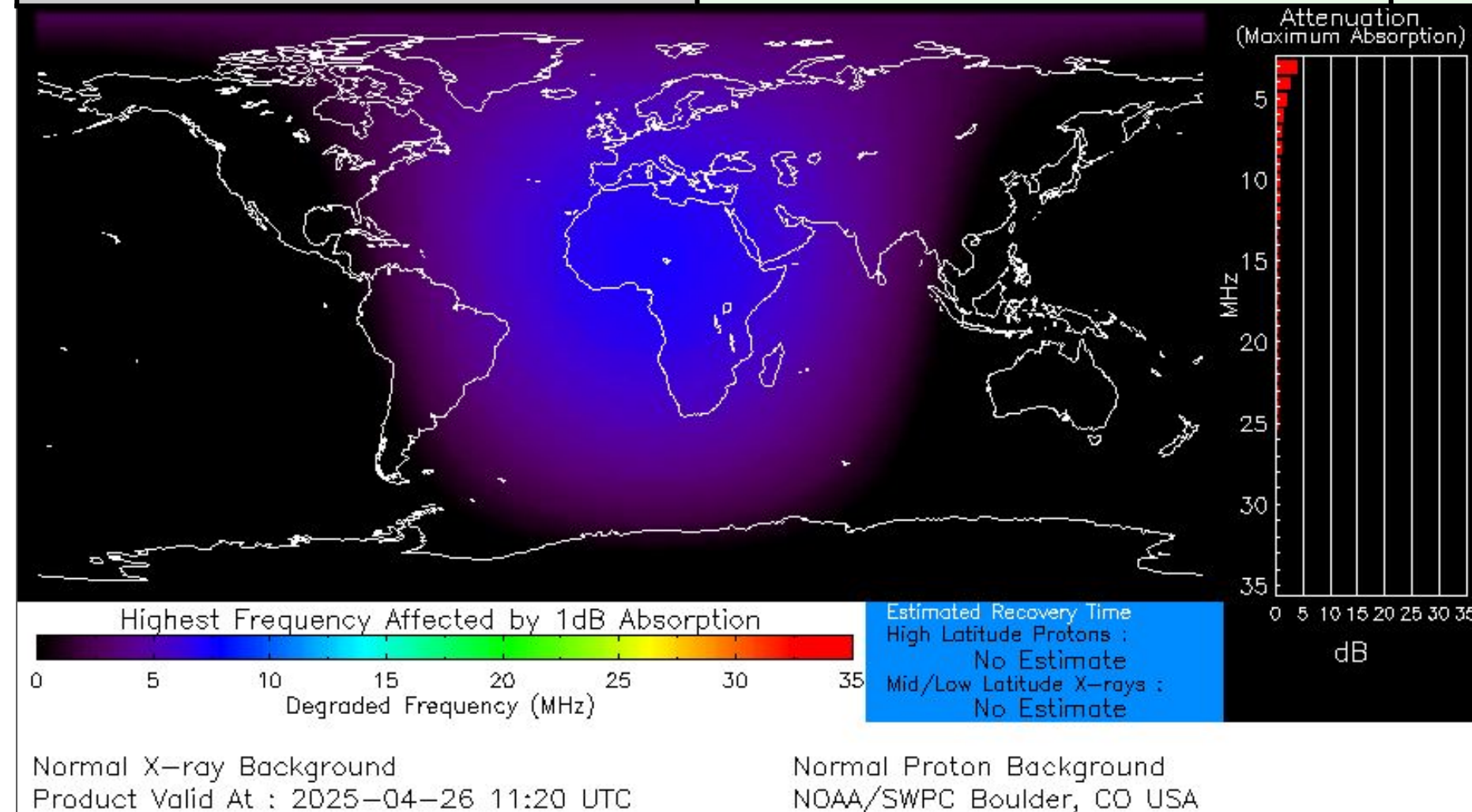






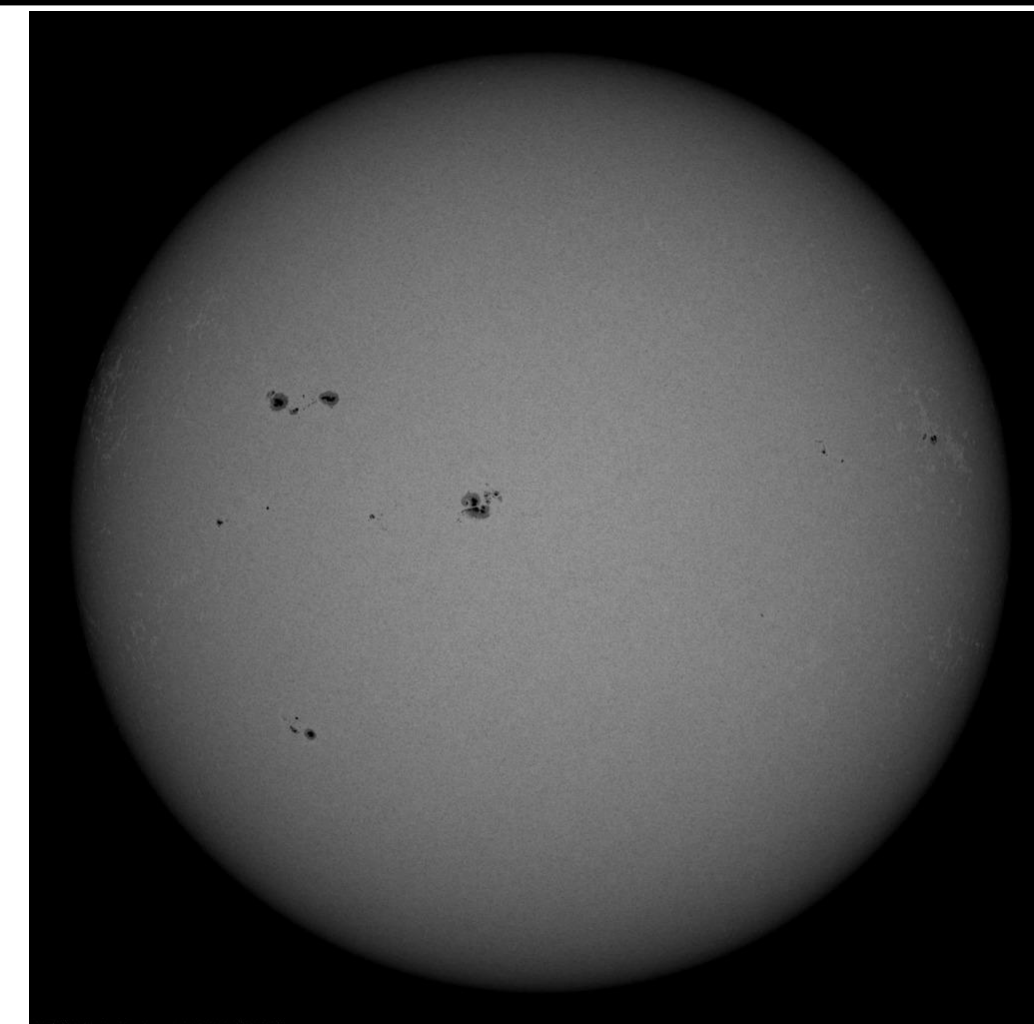
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Saturday, Apr 26	Sunday, Apr 27	Monday, Apr 28
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
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>

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