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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Slight Risk (Level 2 of 4) in TX Big Bend into Hill Country today.**
- **Slight Risk (Level 2 of 4) in Ctrl-E-SE TX, LA, S AR on Friday.**

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for the TX Big Bend into Hill Country today.**
- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for parts of S-SE TX, SE LA on Friday.**
- **Monitoring OK, AR on Tuesday and AR, LA on Wednesday.**

- **Winter Weather:**

- **Heavy, wet late season snow for the N NM mountains this afternoon through late Friday.**

- **Heat:**

- **Heat easing after today in S TX.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

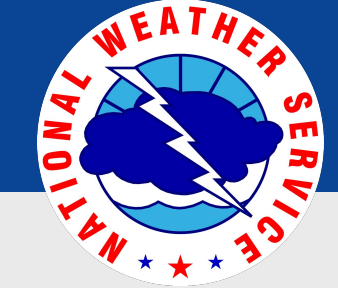
Next 7 days

	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1	Saturday, May 2	Sunday, May 3	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6
Severe Storms	TX Big Bend / Hill Country	S-SE TX, SE LA				OK, AR	AR, LA
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	TX Big Bend / Hill Country	Ctrl-SE TX, LA					
Heat	STX						
Fire Weather							
Winter Weather	N NM mountains	N NM mountains					
River Flooding	C-ETX, LA	C-ETX, LA	C-ETX, LA	AR			

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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Current Radar/Hazards



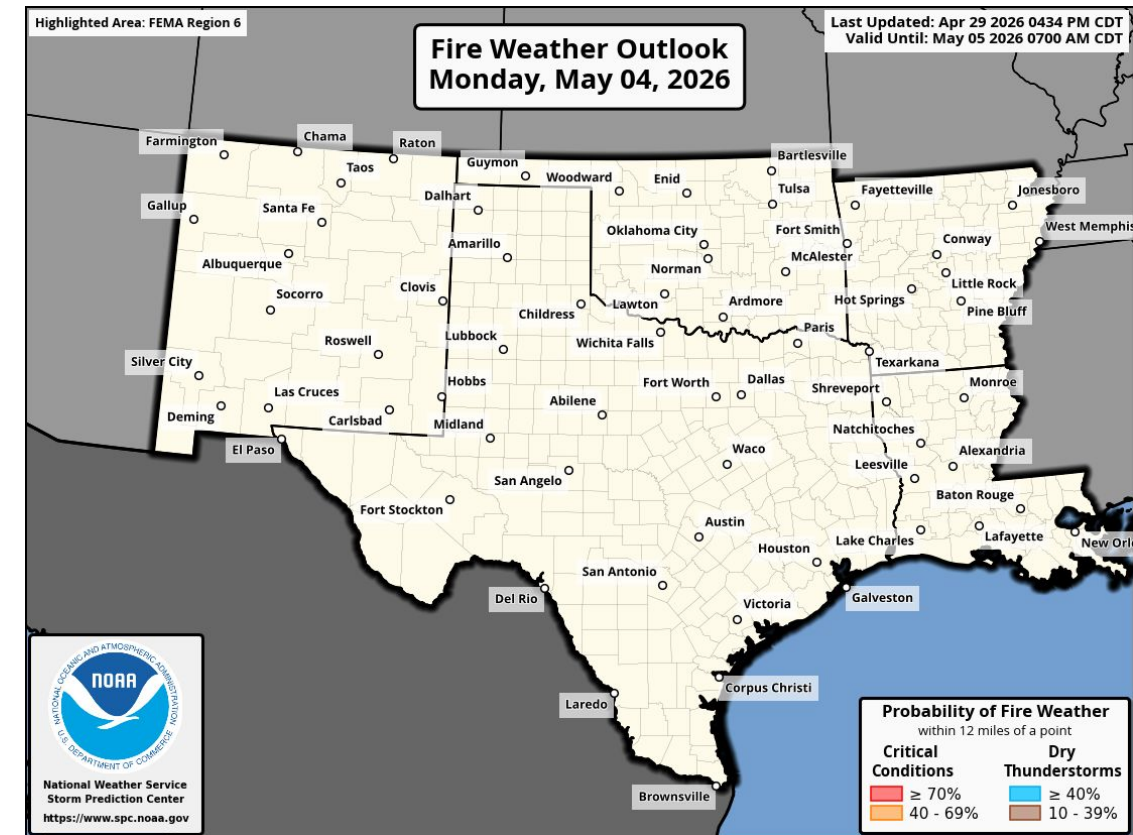
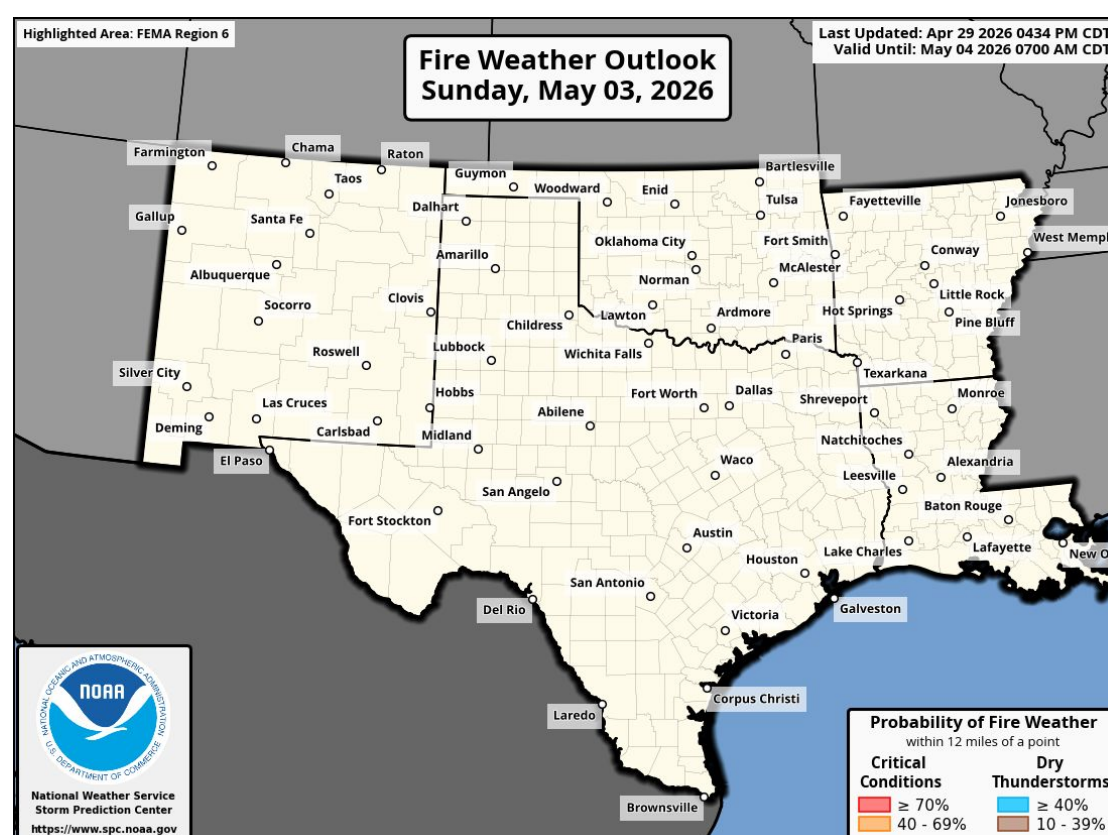
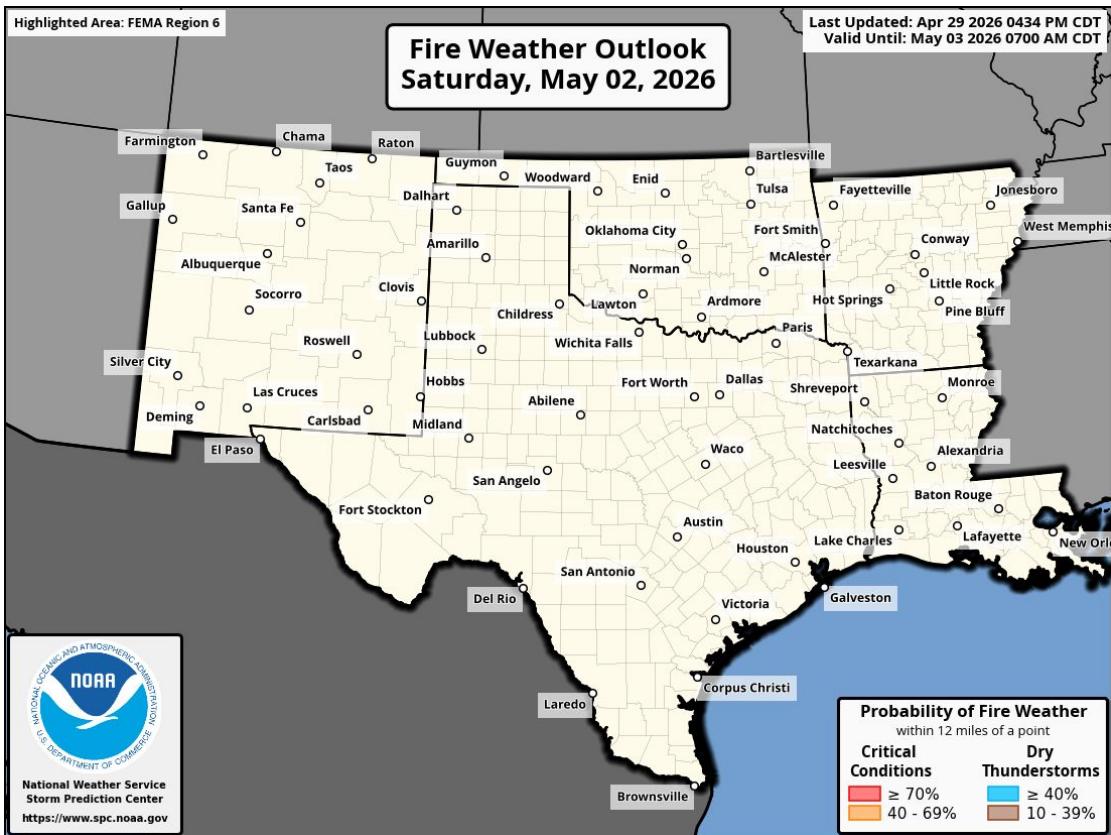
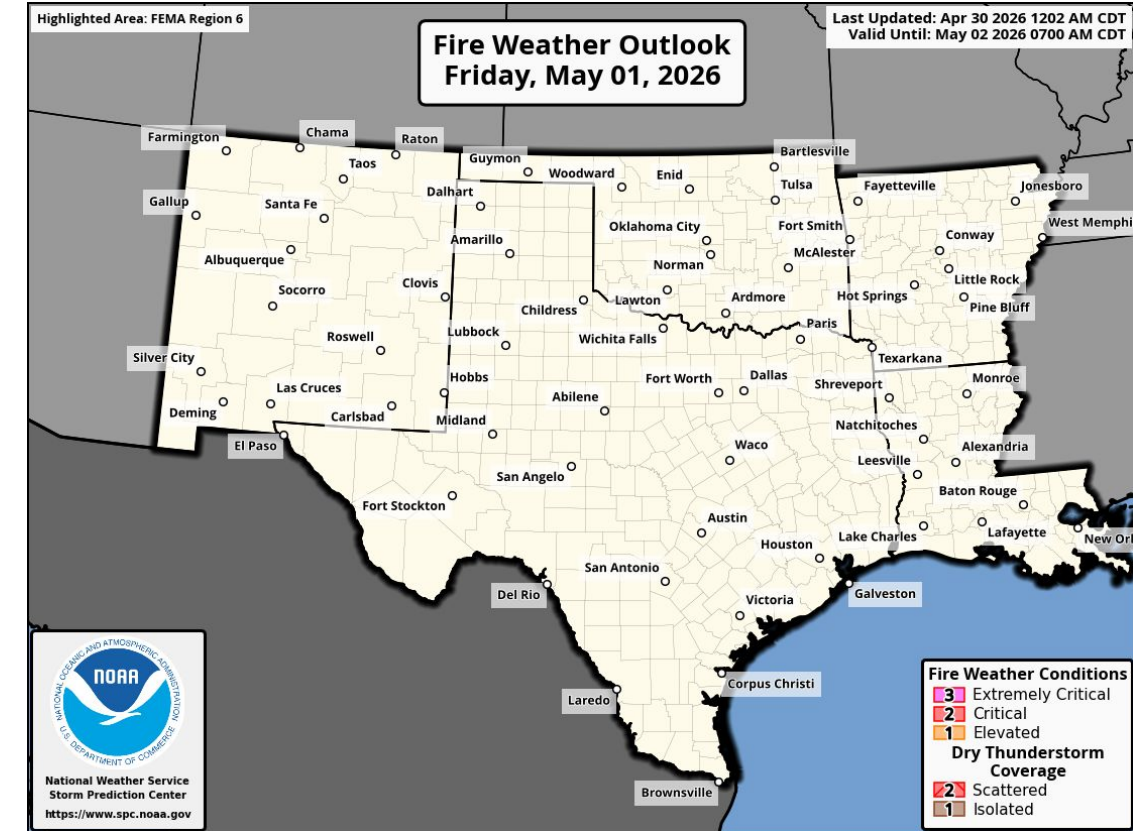
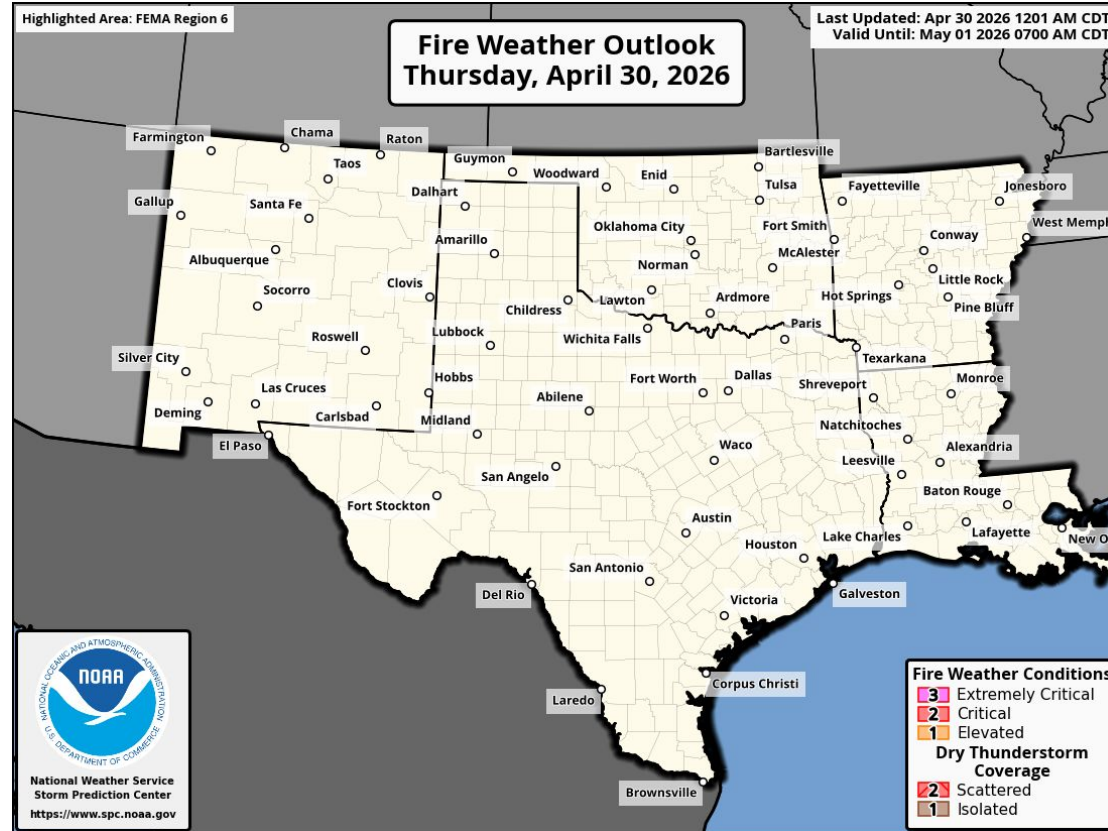
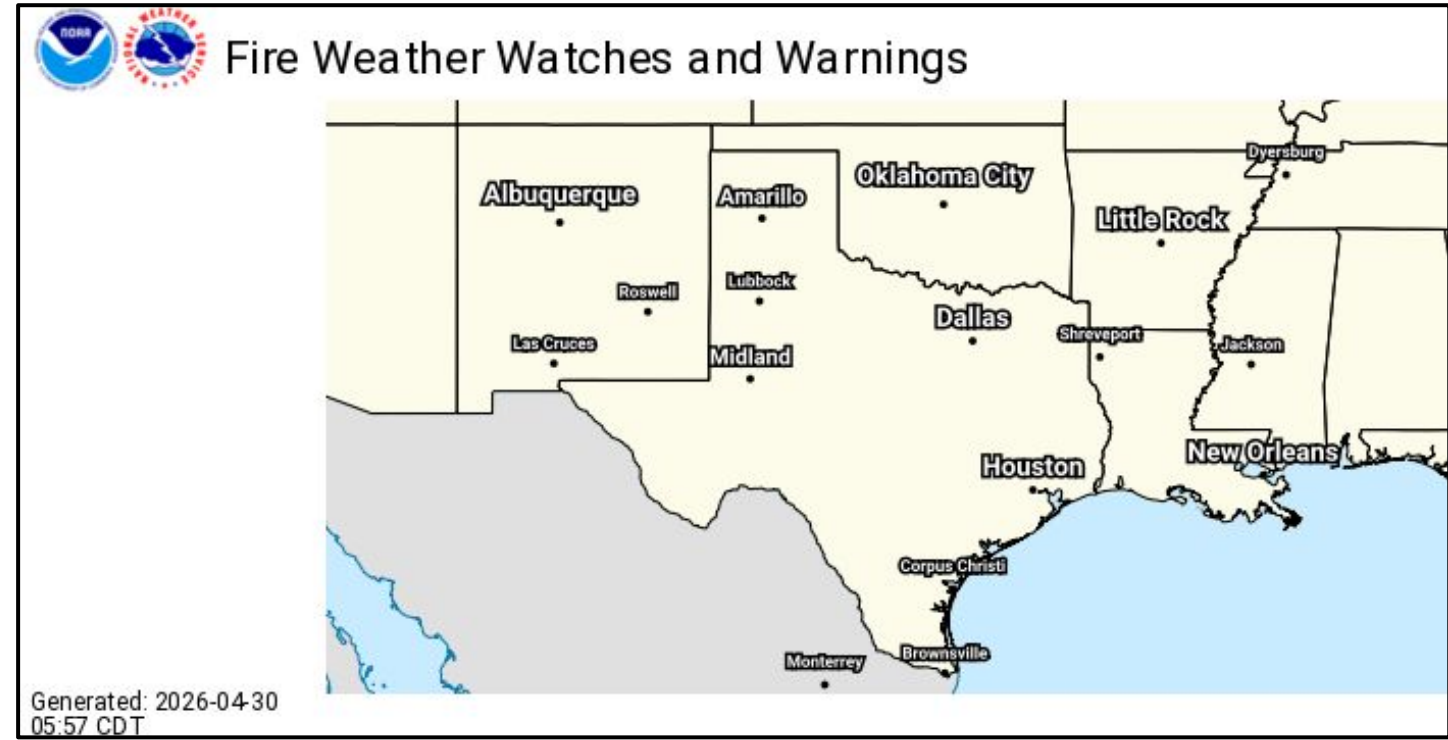
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Winter Storm Warning for the N NM mountains in effect from 4 PM CDT through Friday evening.





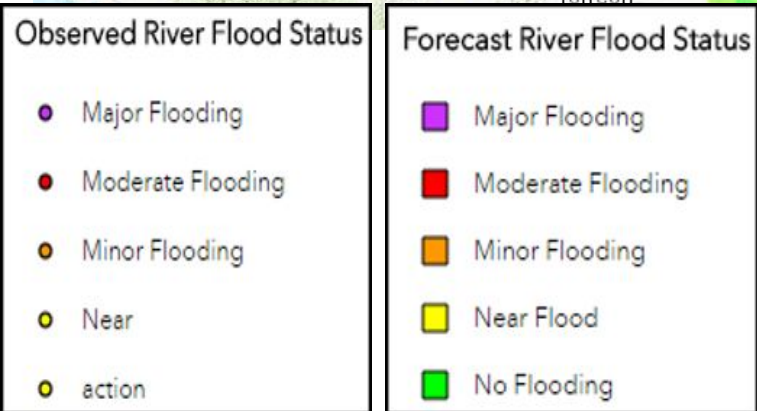
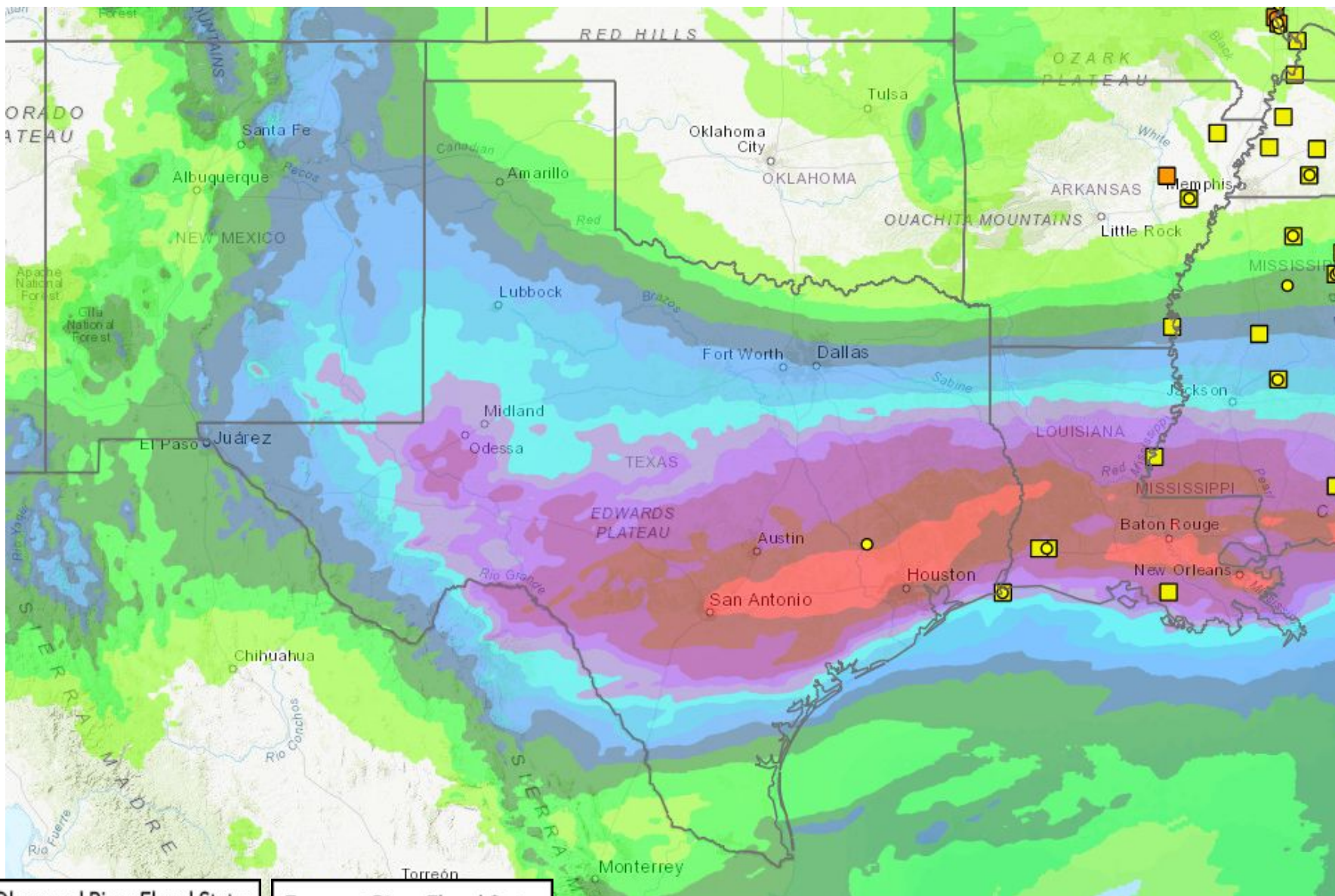
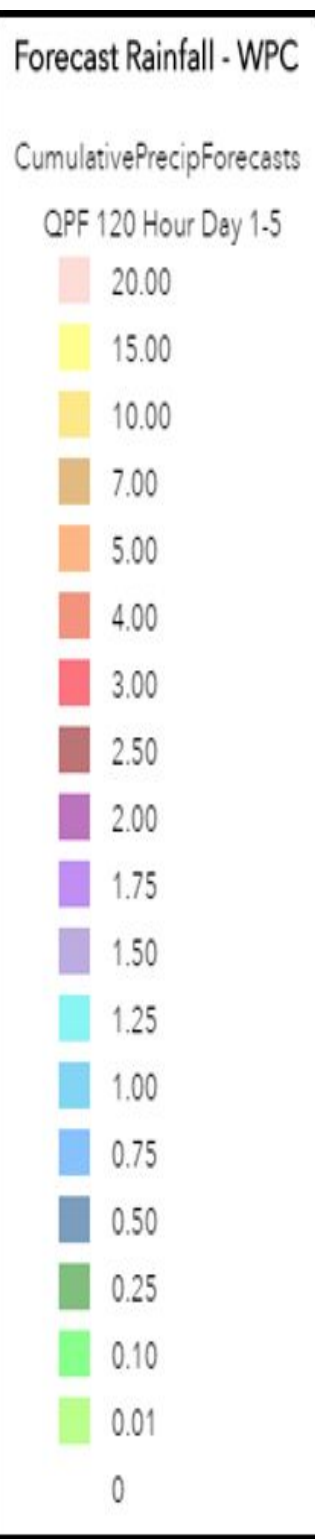
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



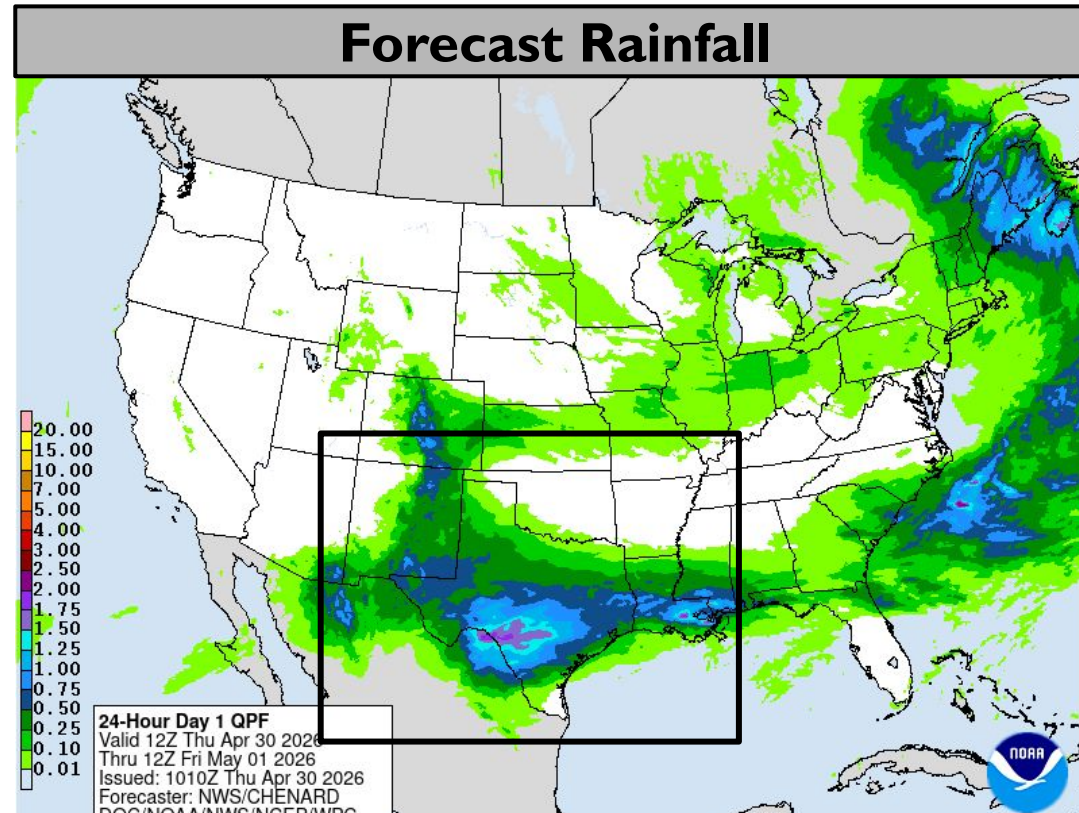
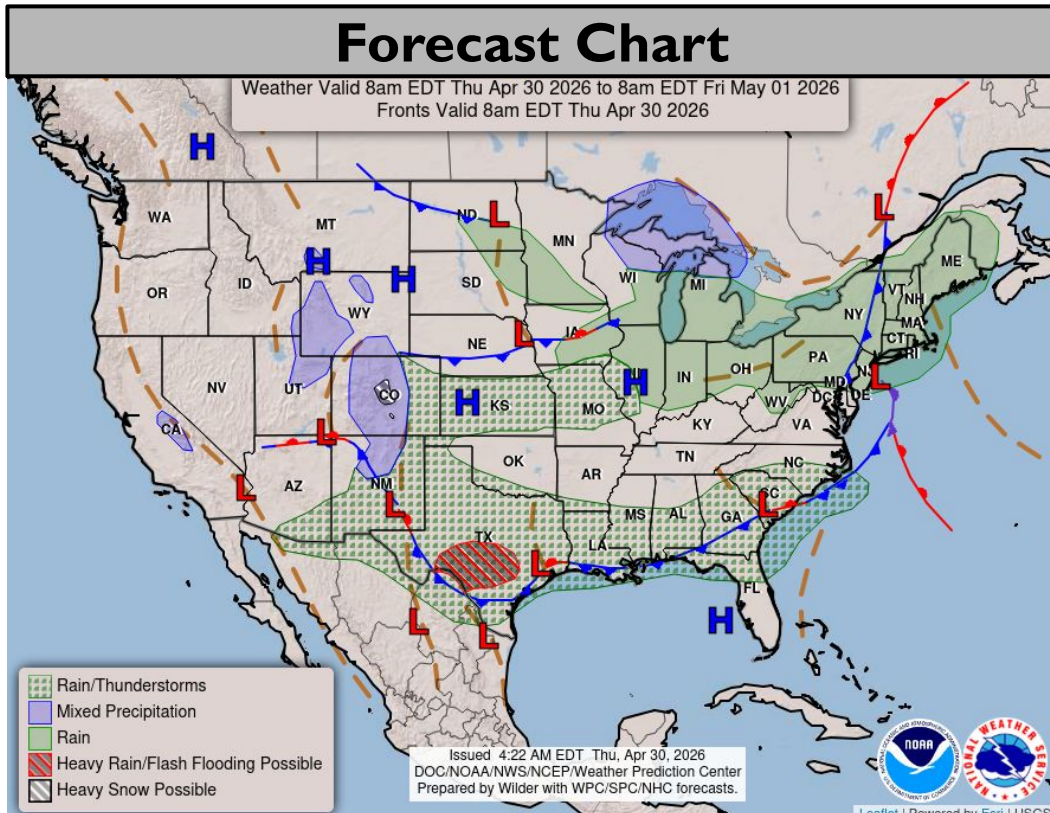
Heavy rainfall through the week in C-ETX, LA will likely lead to action stage/minor river flooding.

Cache River at Patterson in AR will reach Minor flood stage Sunday. Impacts to low swampy timberland.

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.

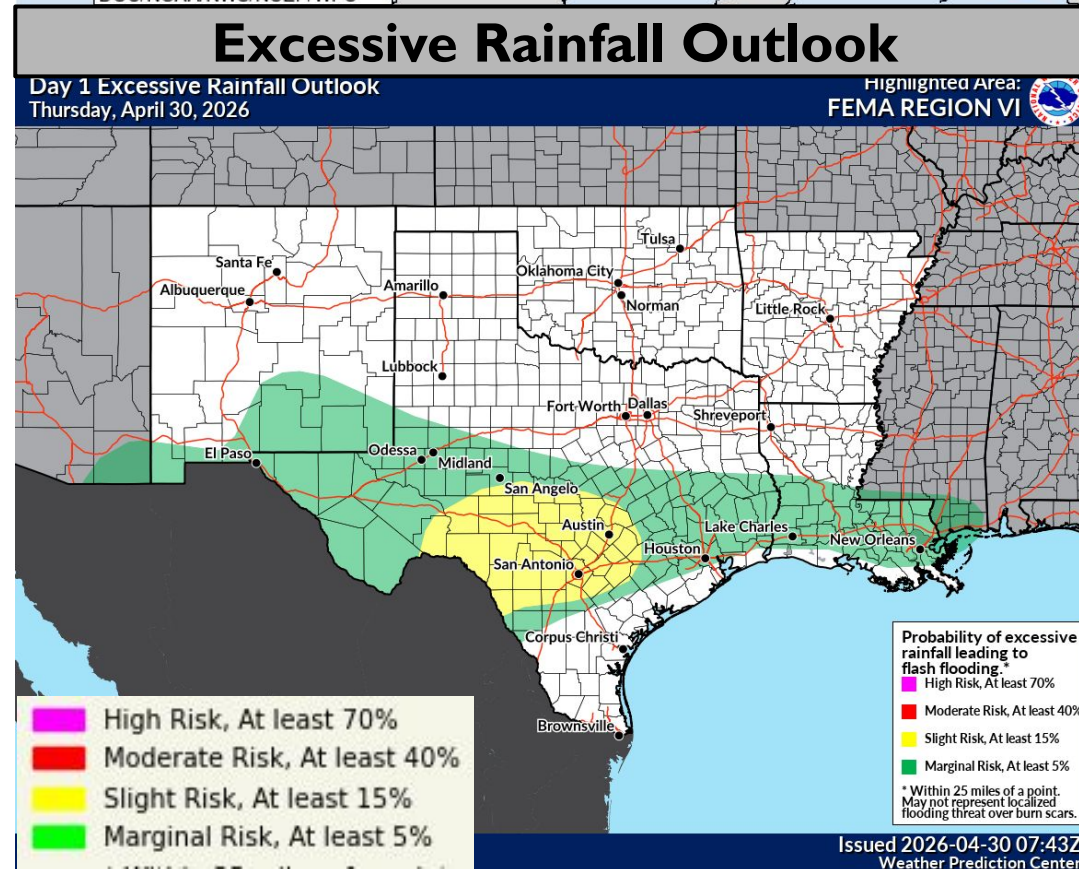
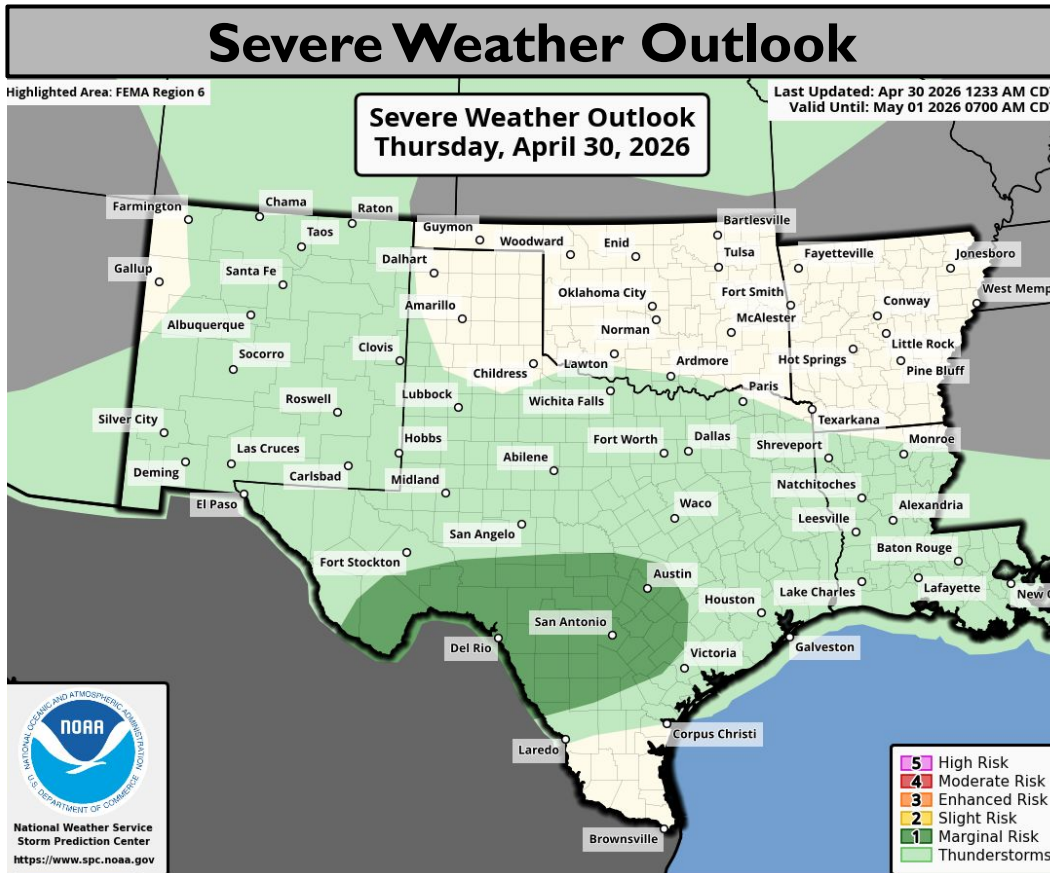


Today's Weather



Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in TX Big Bend into Hill Country. Average 1-2" of rain, with local amounts up to 5".

Minor impacts to travel due to heavy, wet late season snow for the N NM mountains. 2-8" above 7500' and 8-14" above 9500'.

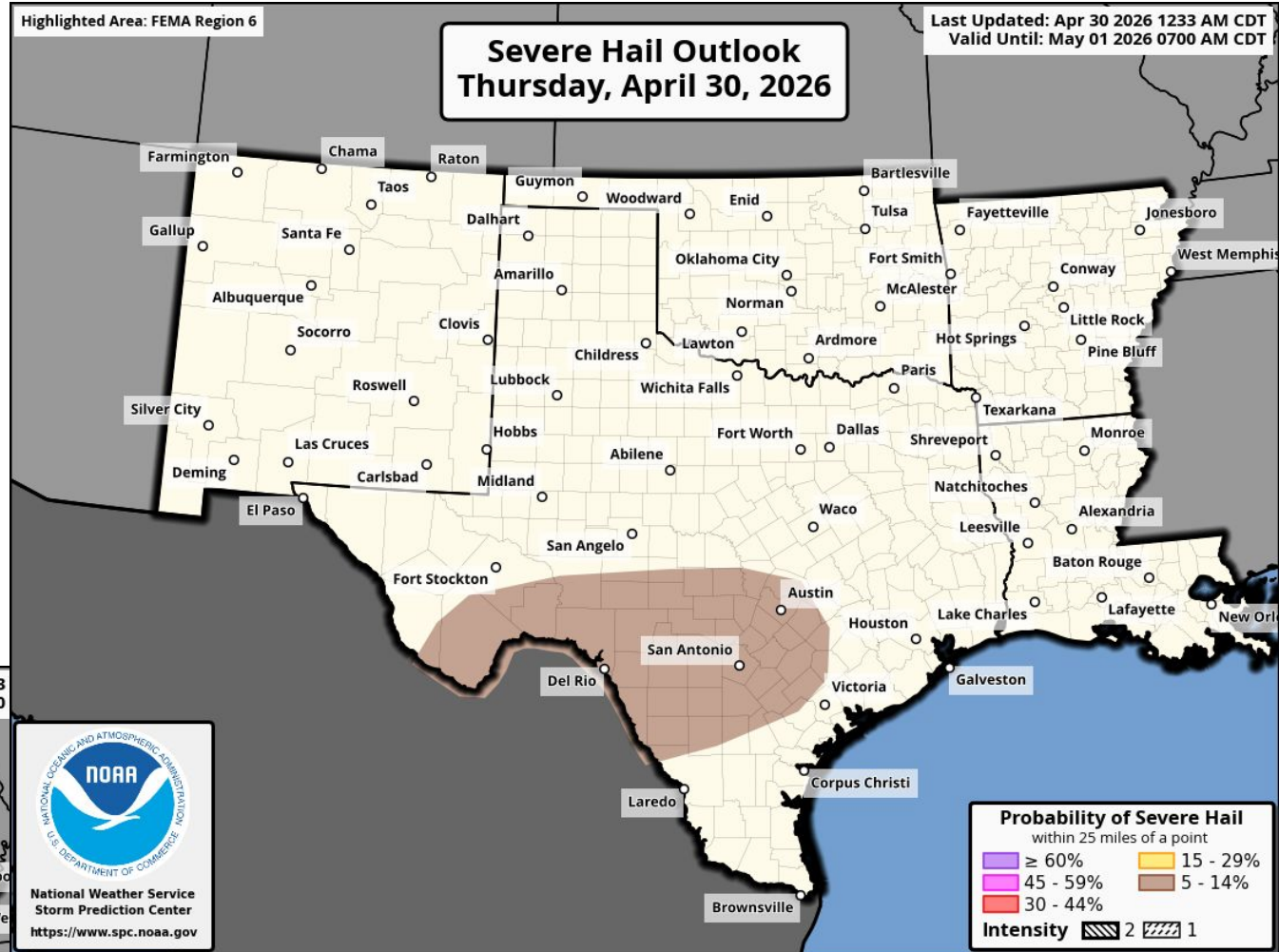
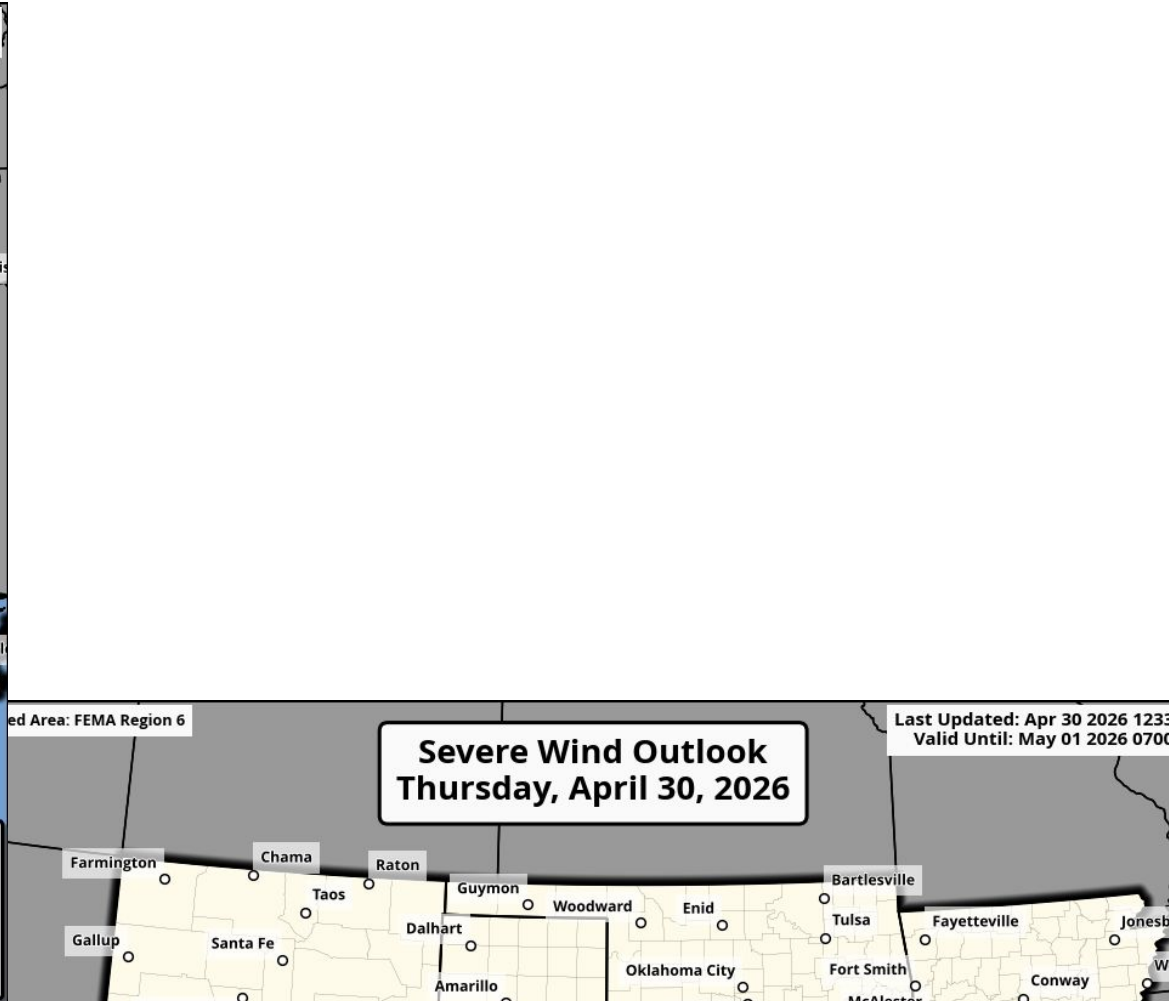
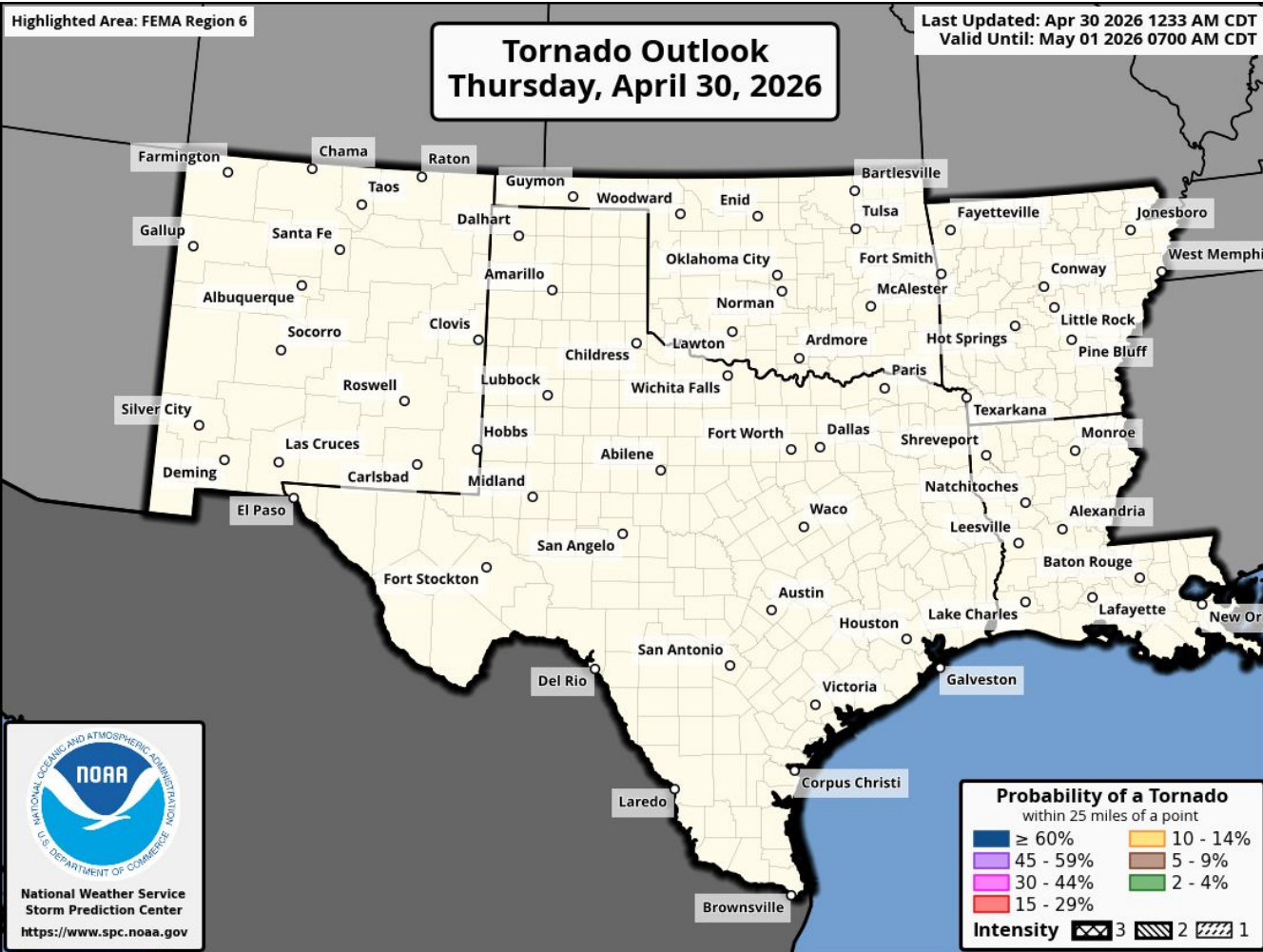


Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms near the TX Big Bend / Hill Country.

Heat impacts in STX.



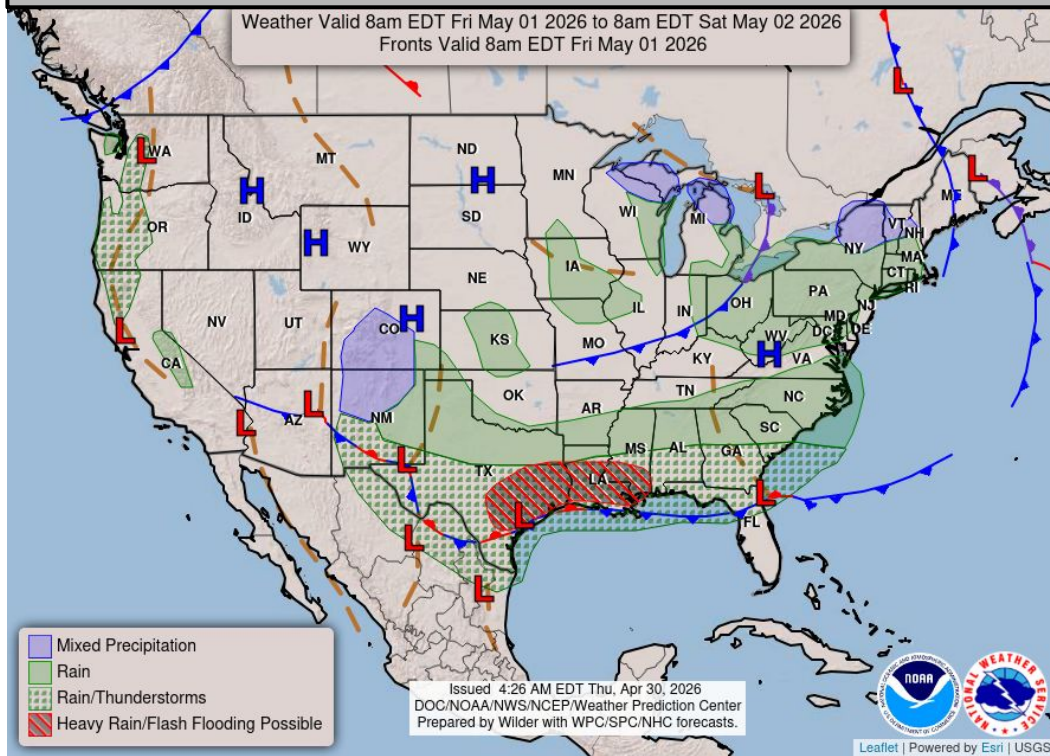
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



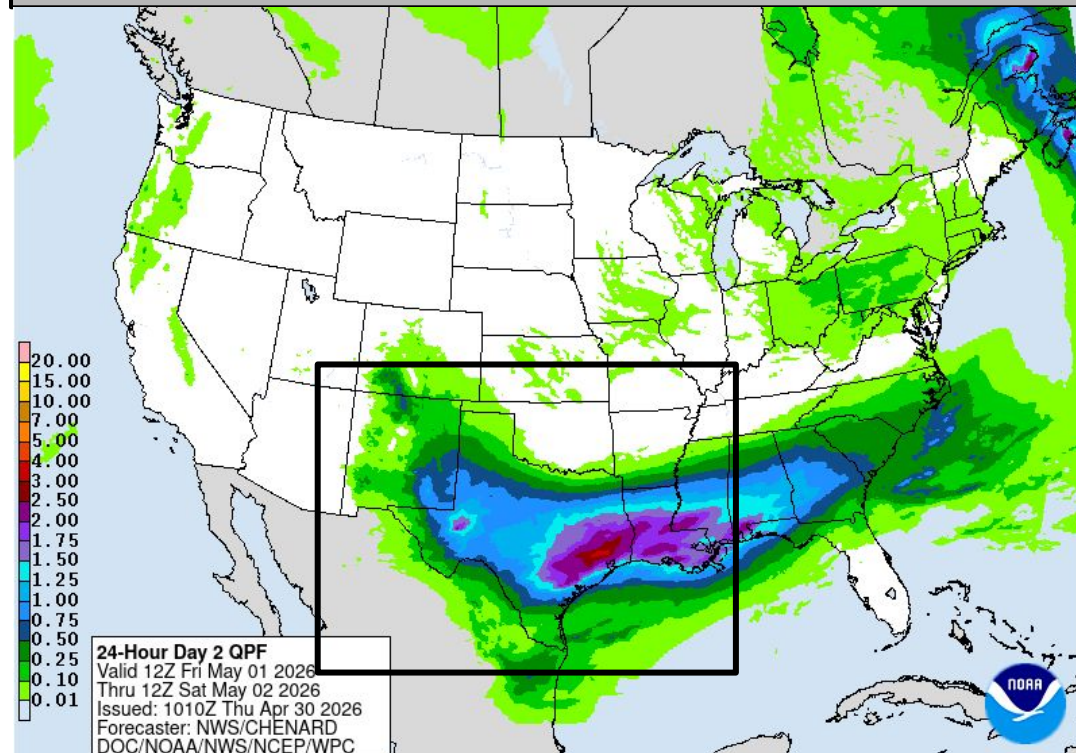


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



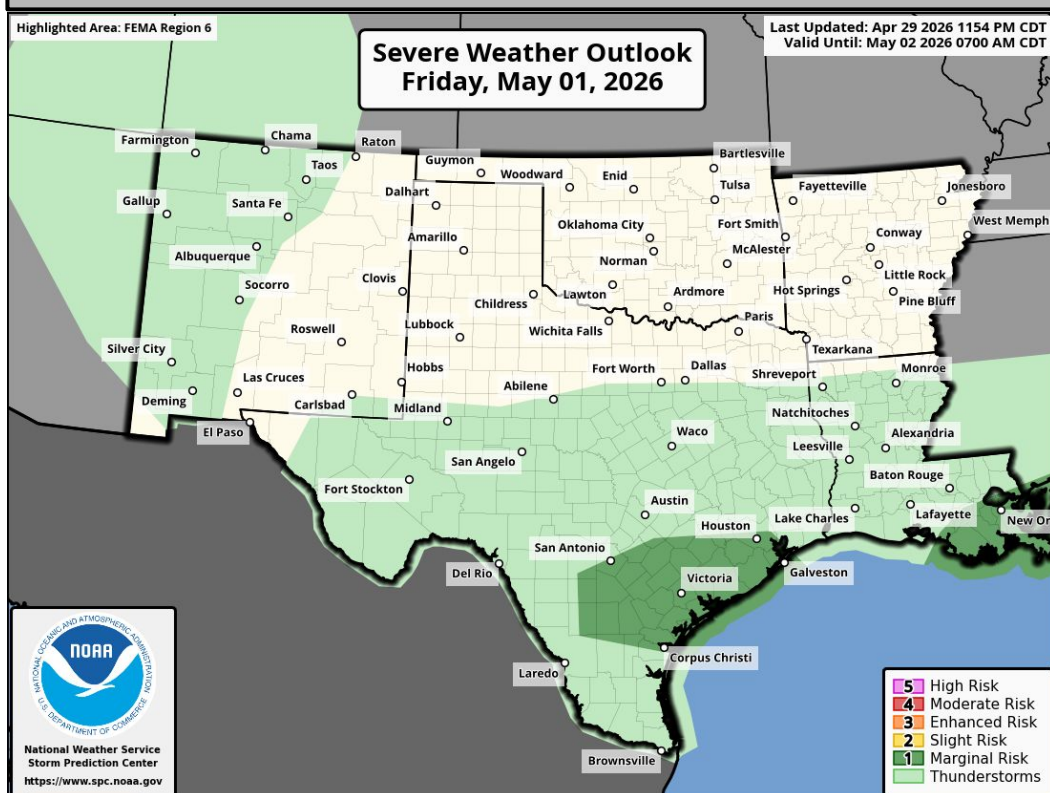
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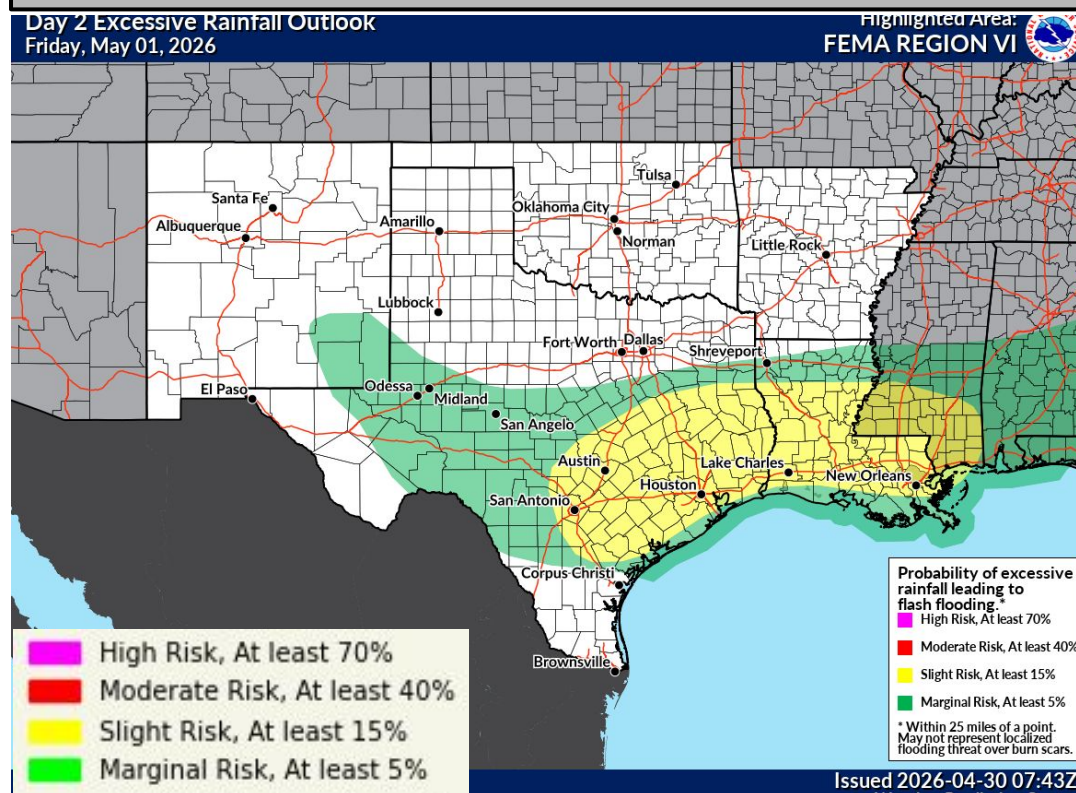
Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in Ctrl-E-SE TX, LA, S AR. Area of 2-4" of rain, with local amounts up to 6.5".

Continued difficult travel due to heavy, wet late season snow for the N NM mountains.

Severe Weather Outlook



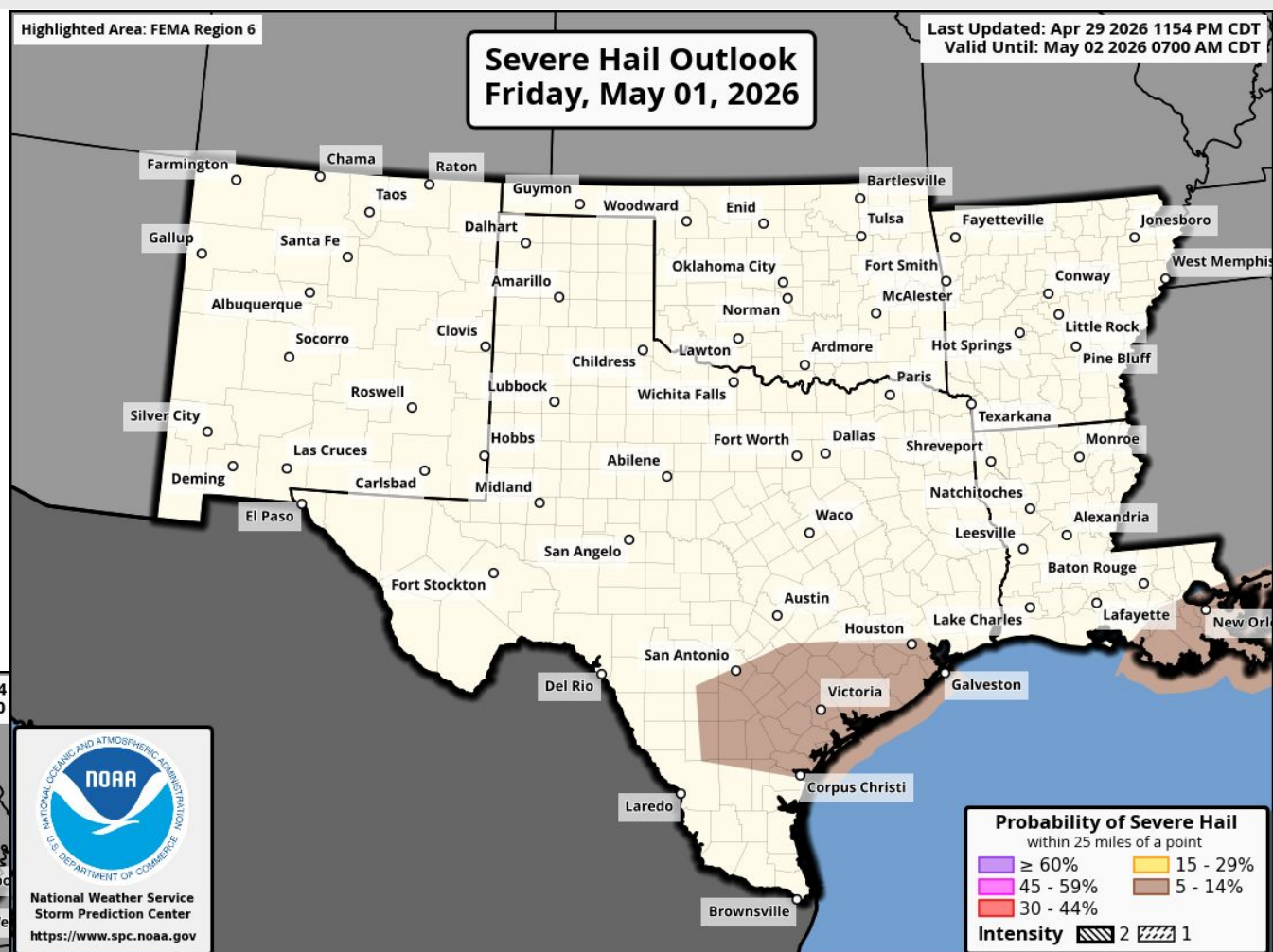
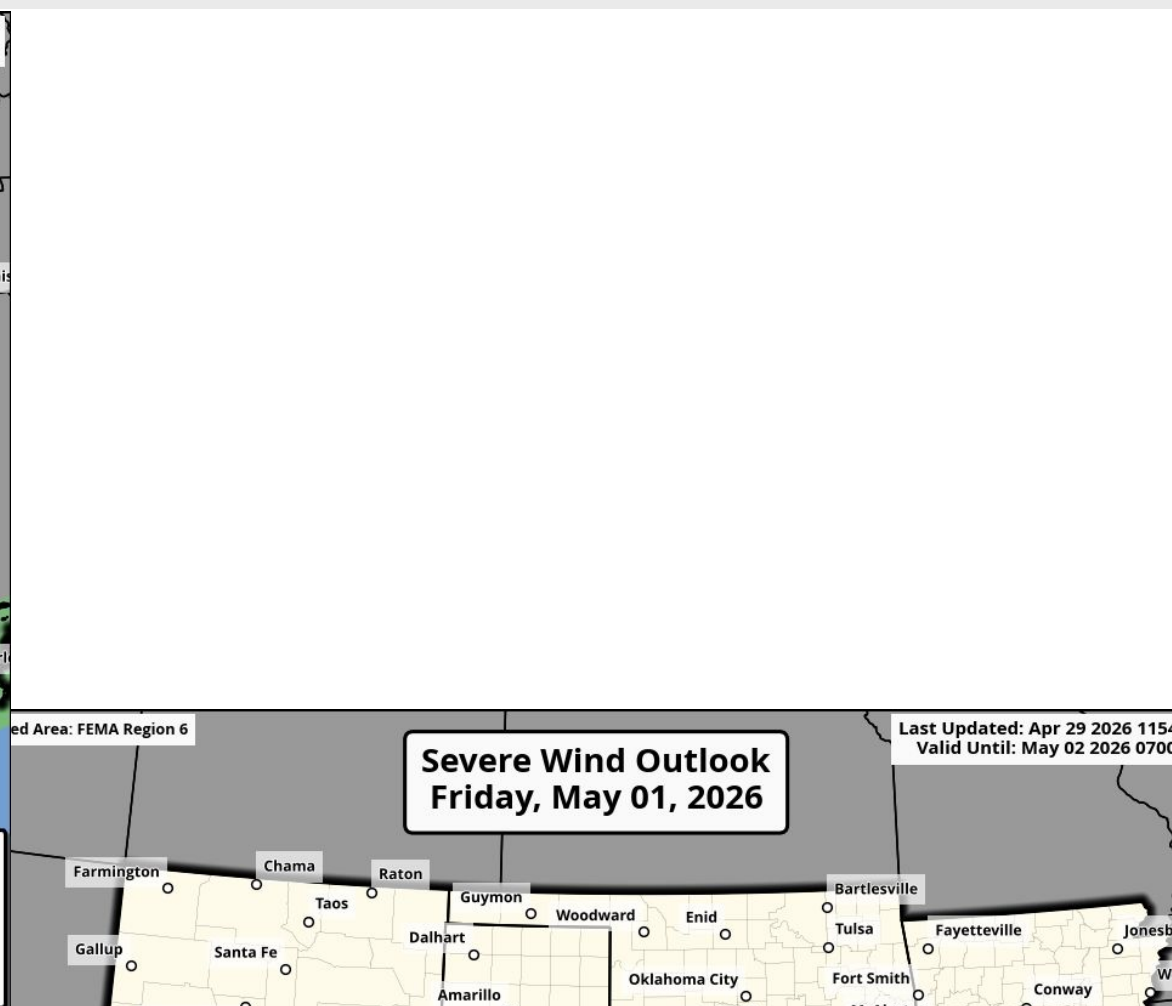
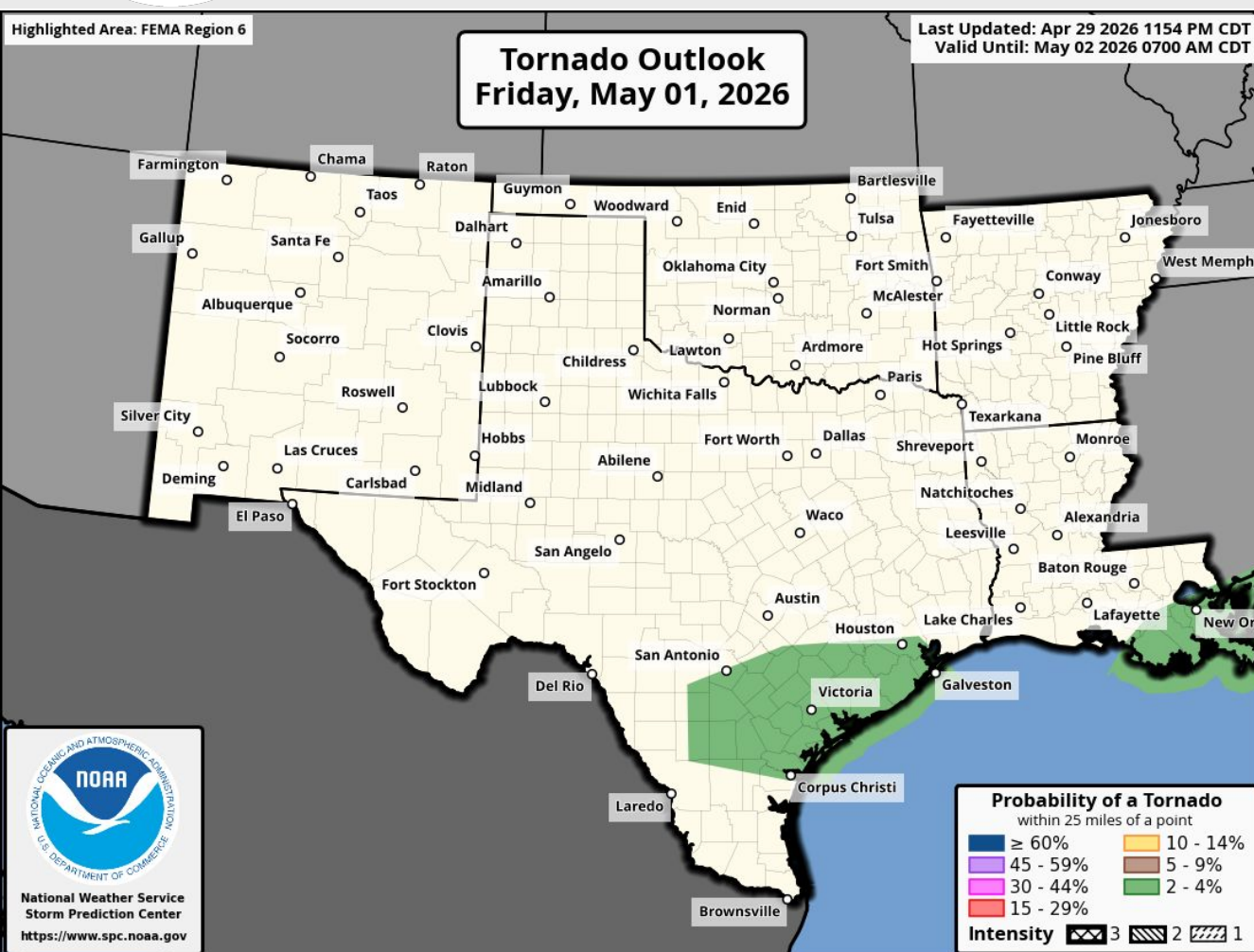
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in S-SE TX, SE LA.

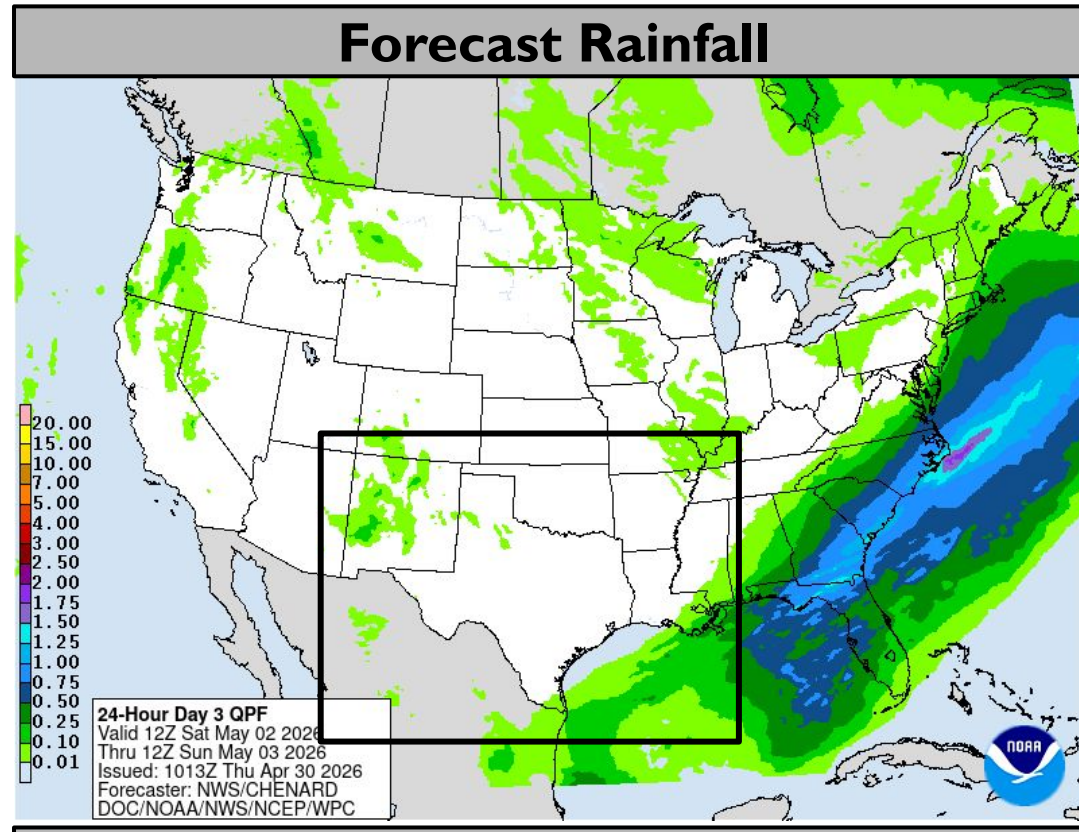
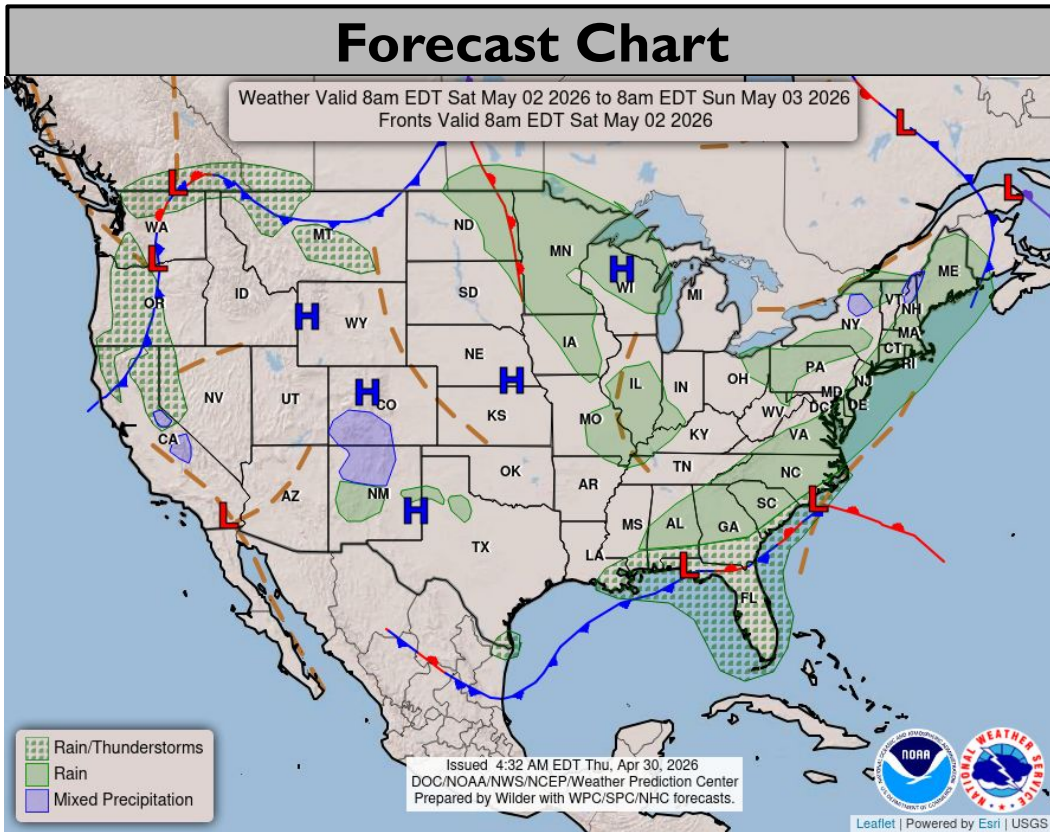


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities

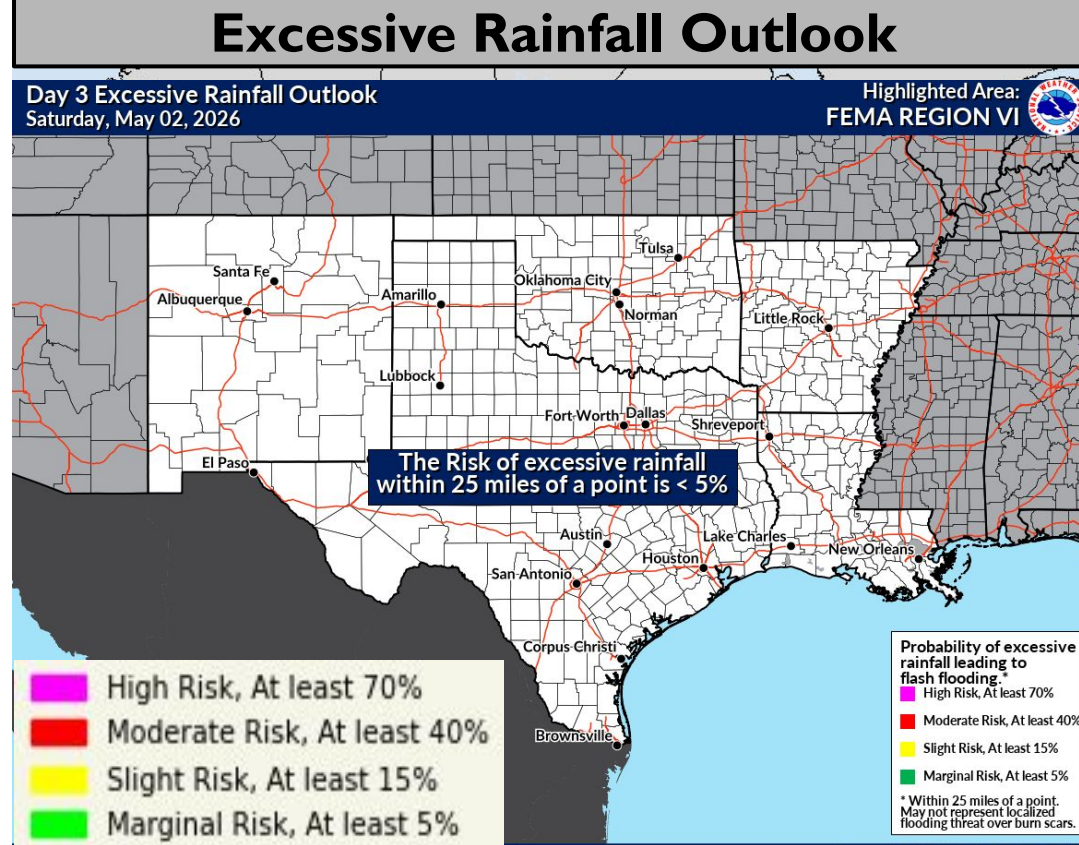
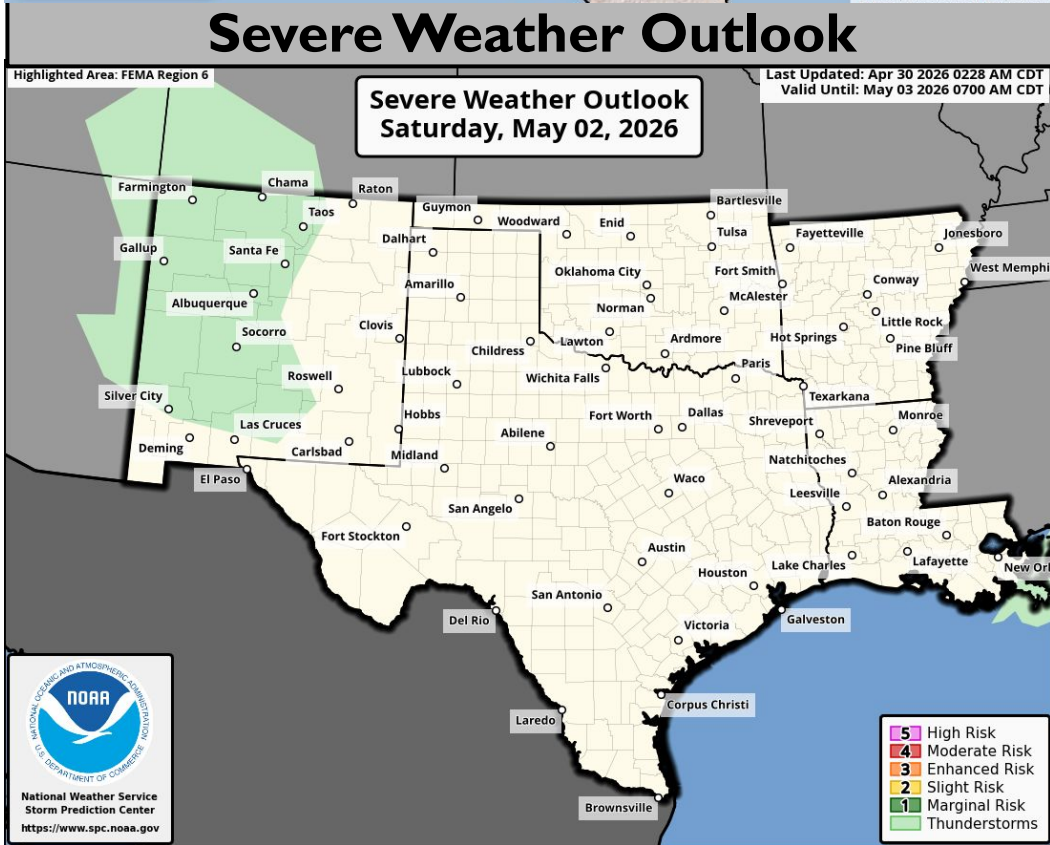




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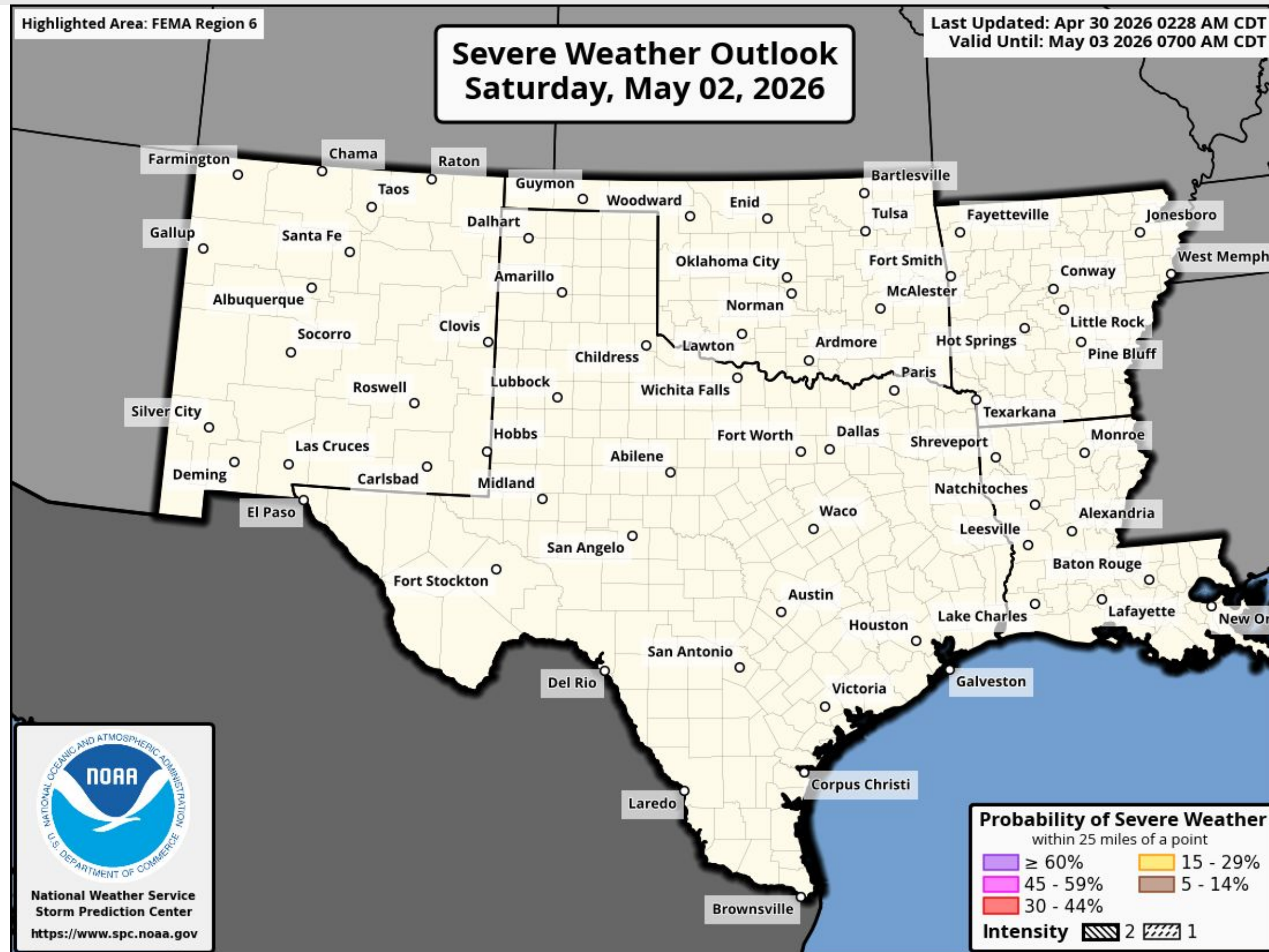


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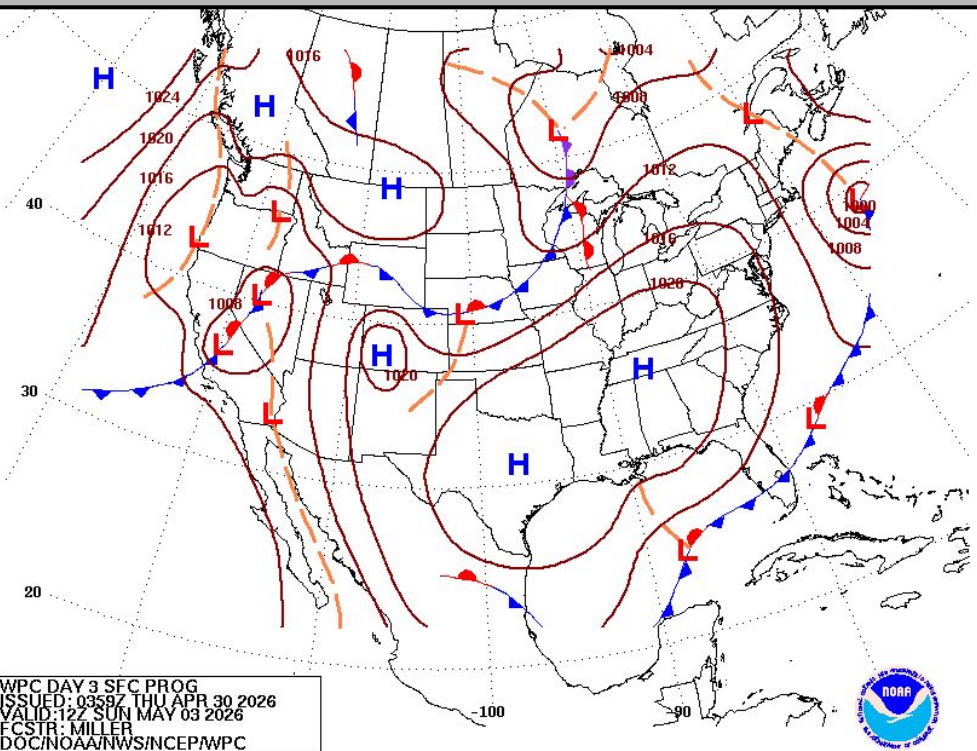
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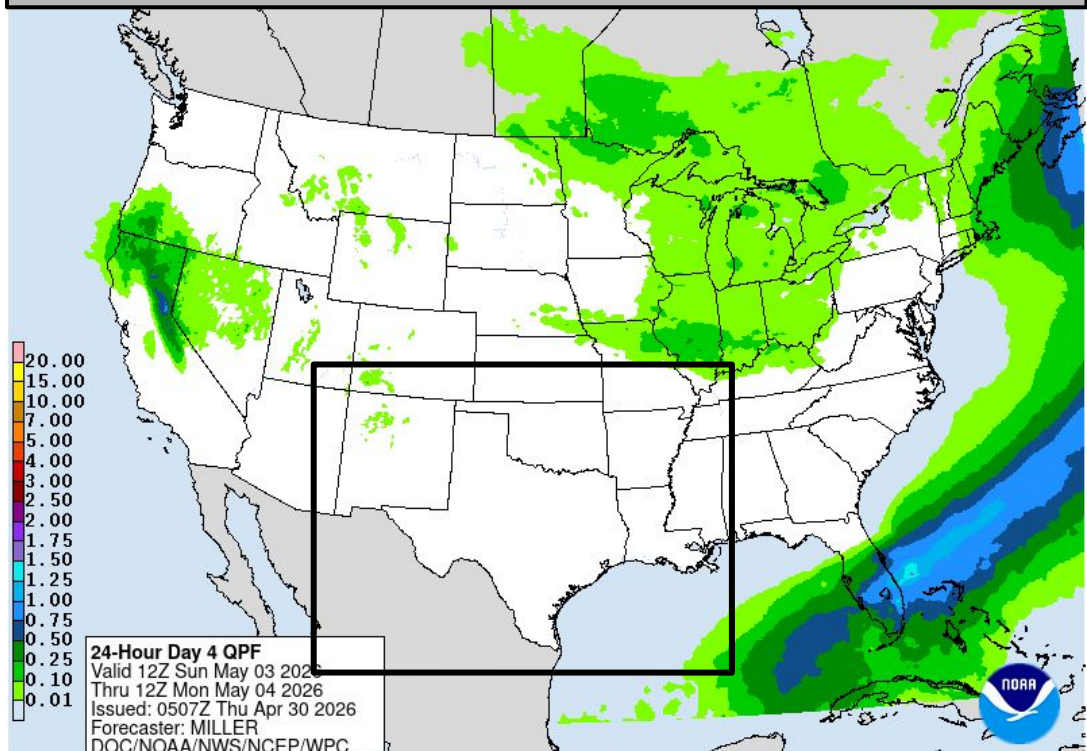
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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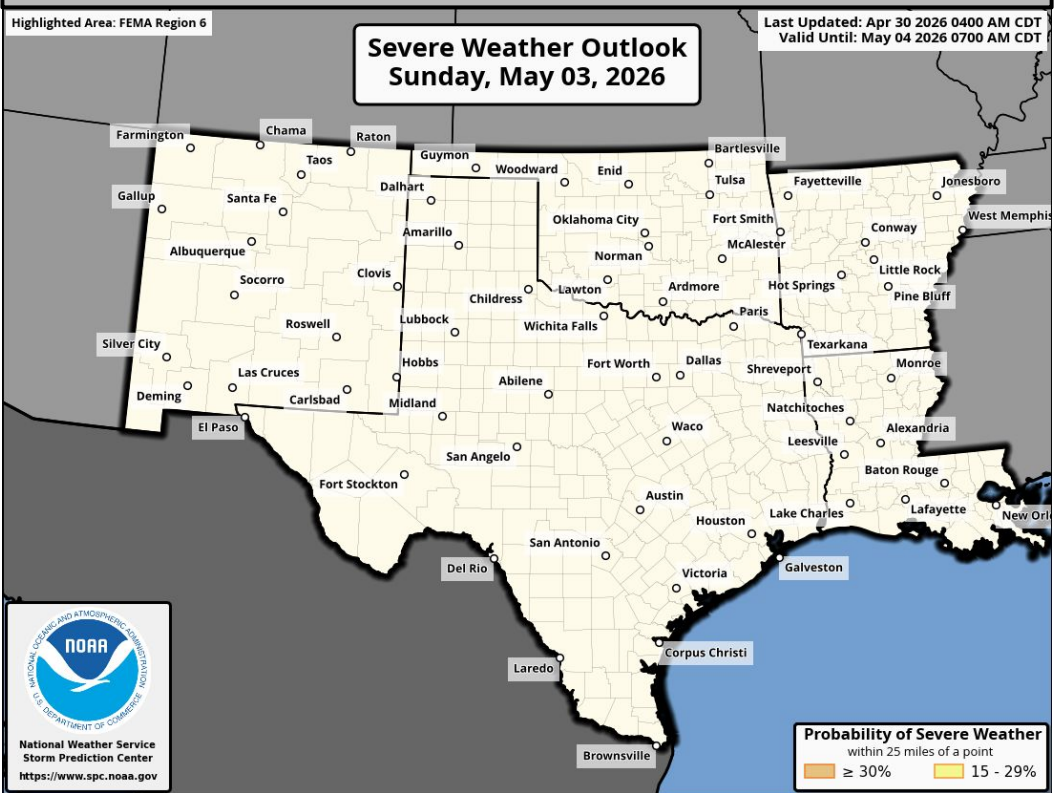
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

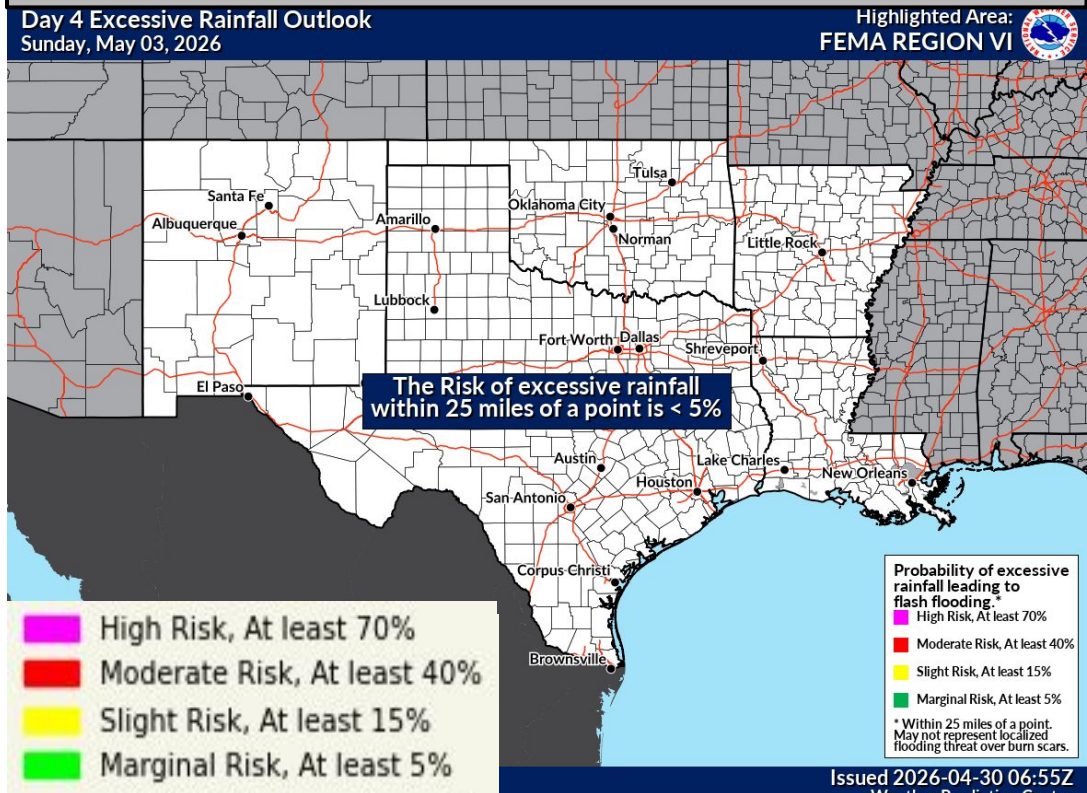


Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, May 03, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 30 2026 0400 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 04 2026 0700 AM CDT

Probability of Severe Weather
within 25 miles of a point
≥ 30% 15 - 29%

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI
Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Sunday, May 03, 2026

The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

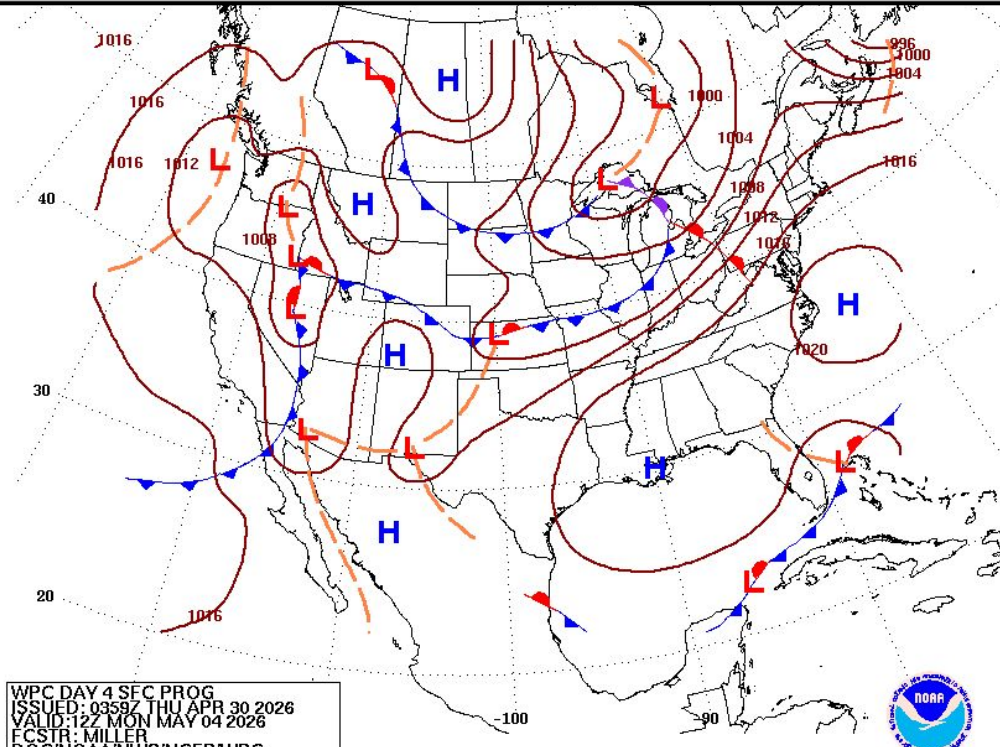
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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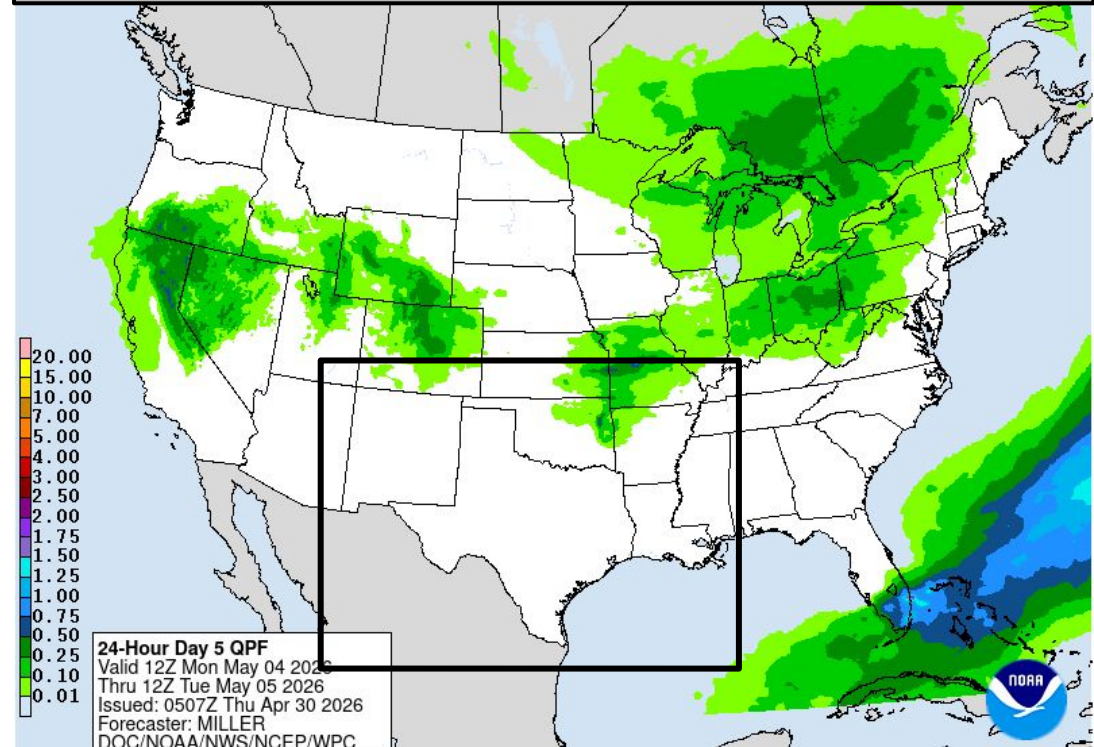


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

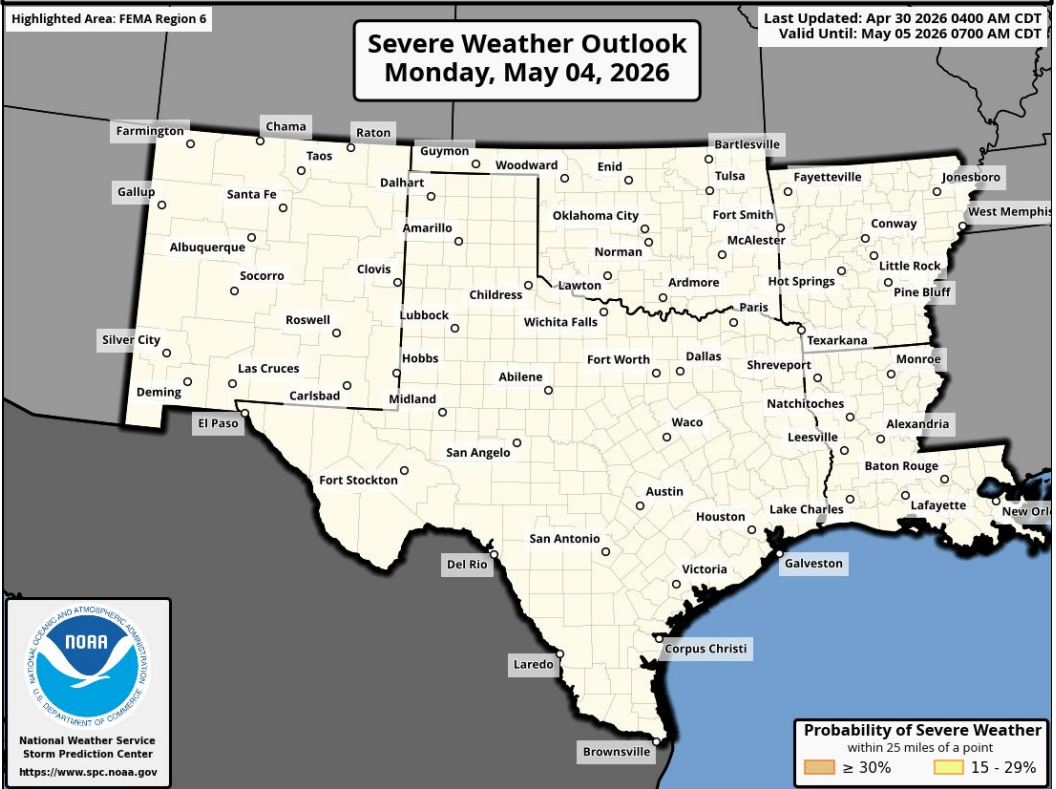


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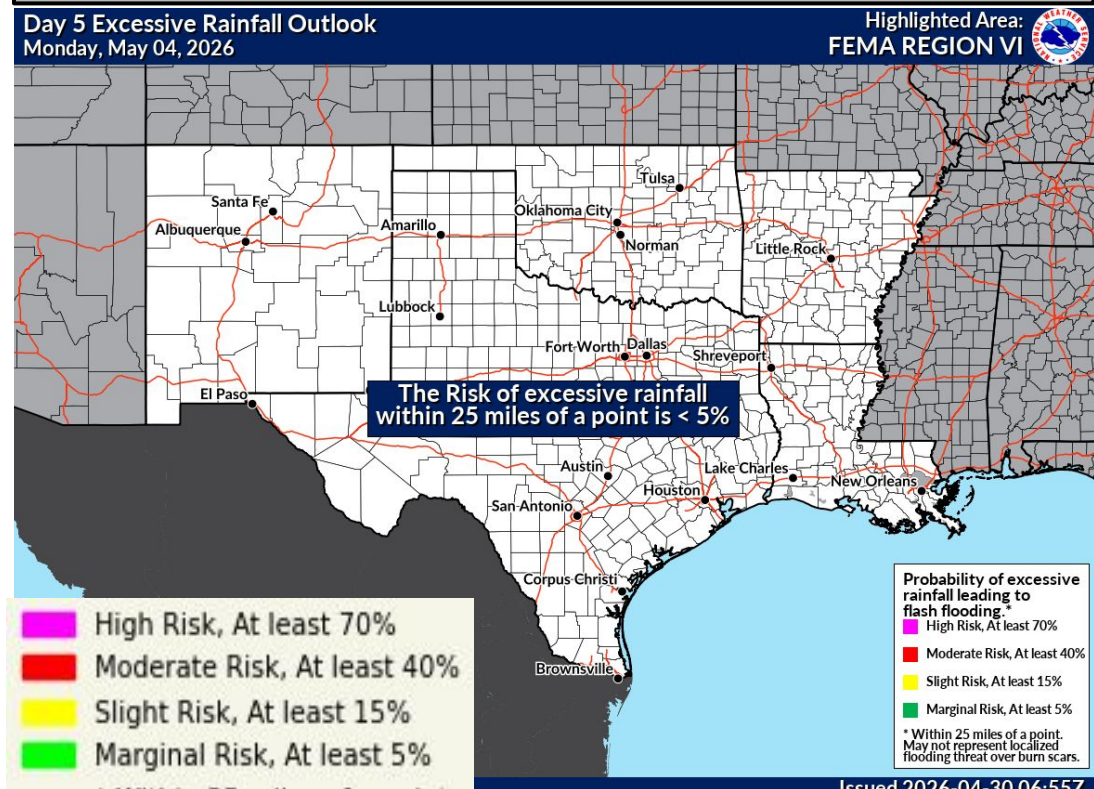


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



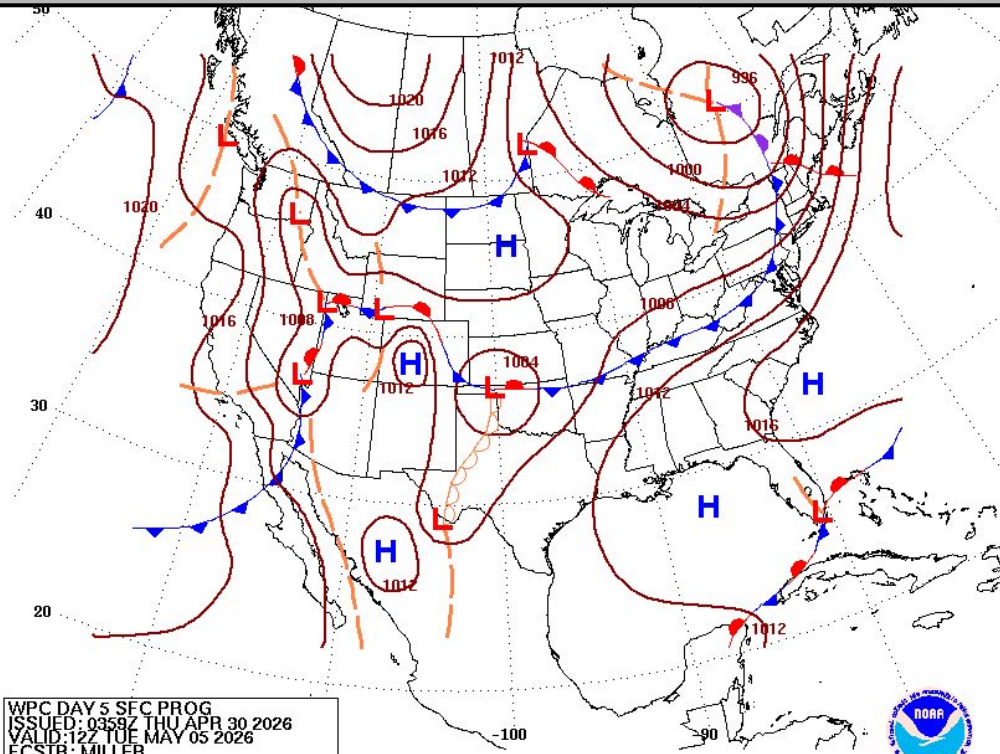
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





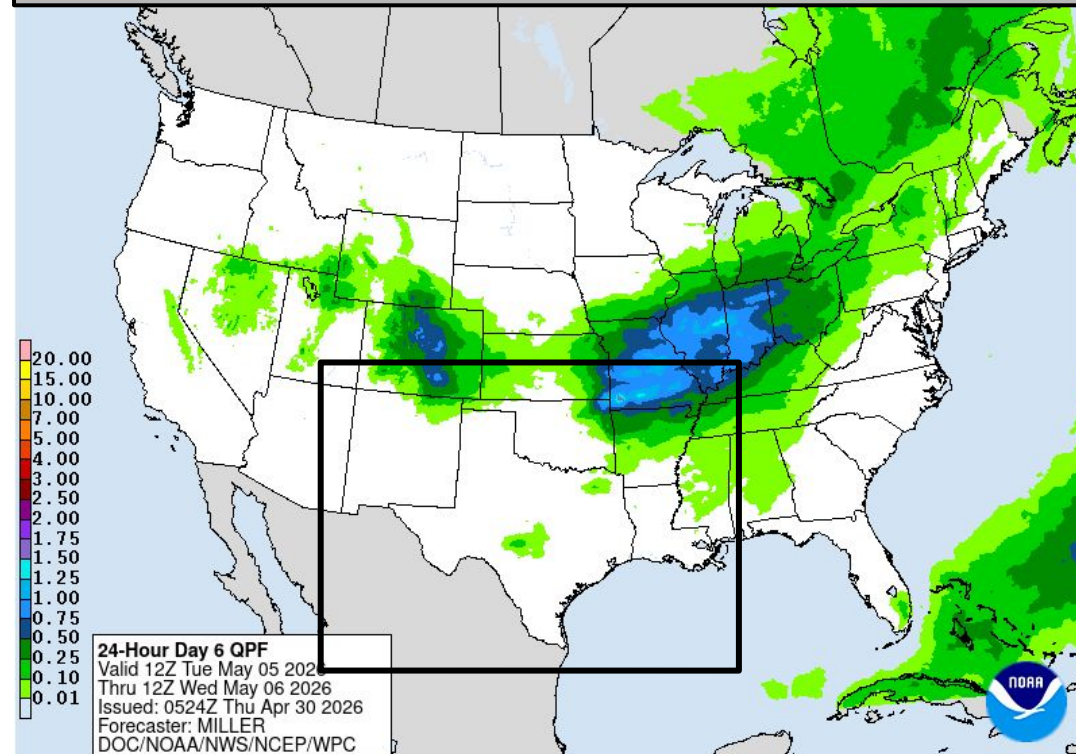
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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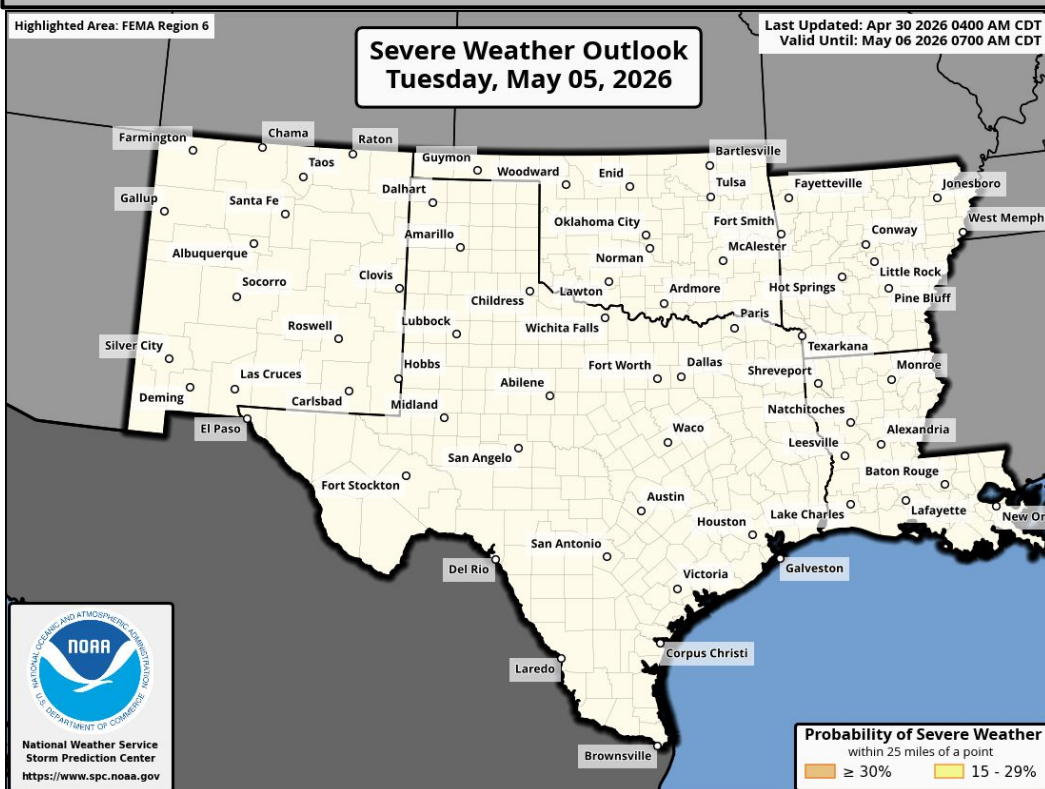
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



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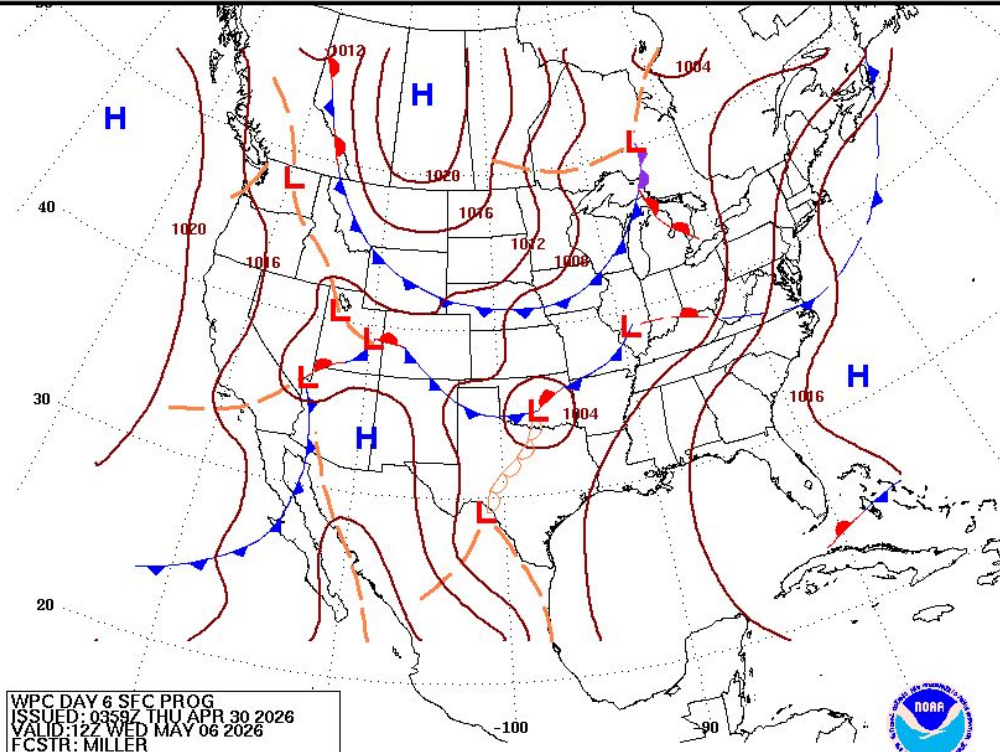


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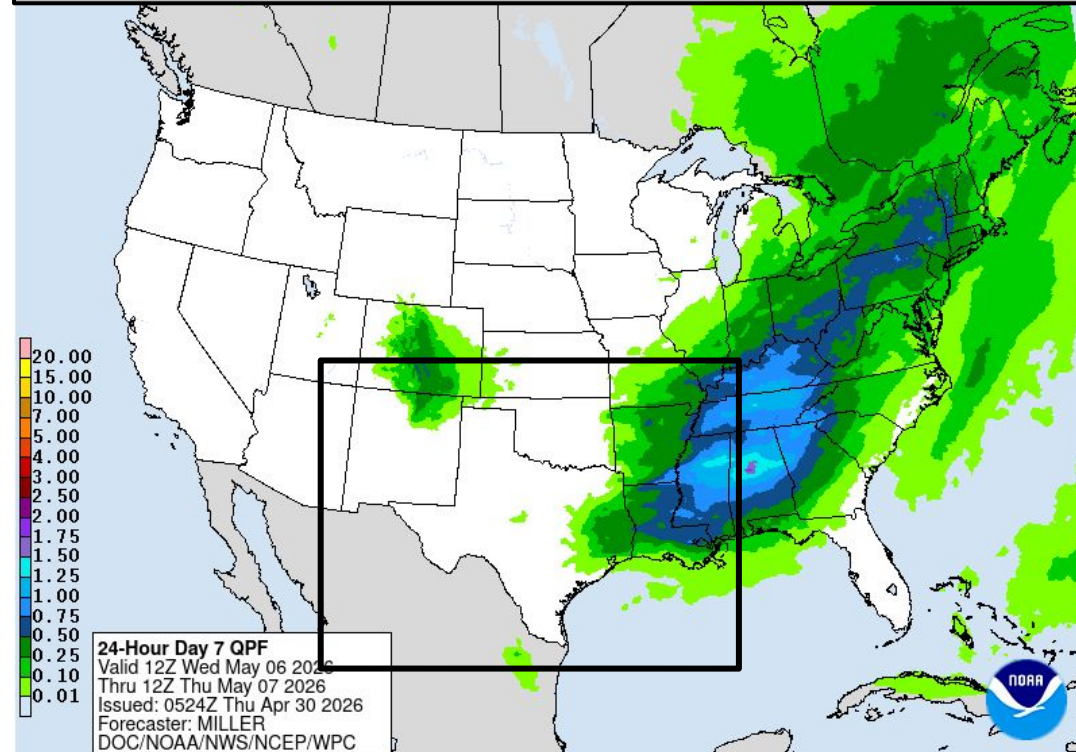
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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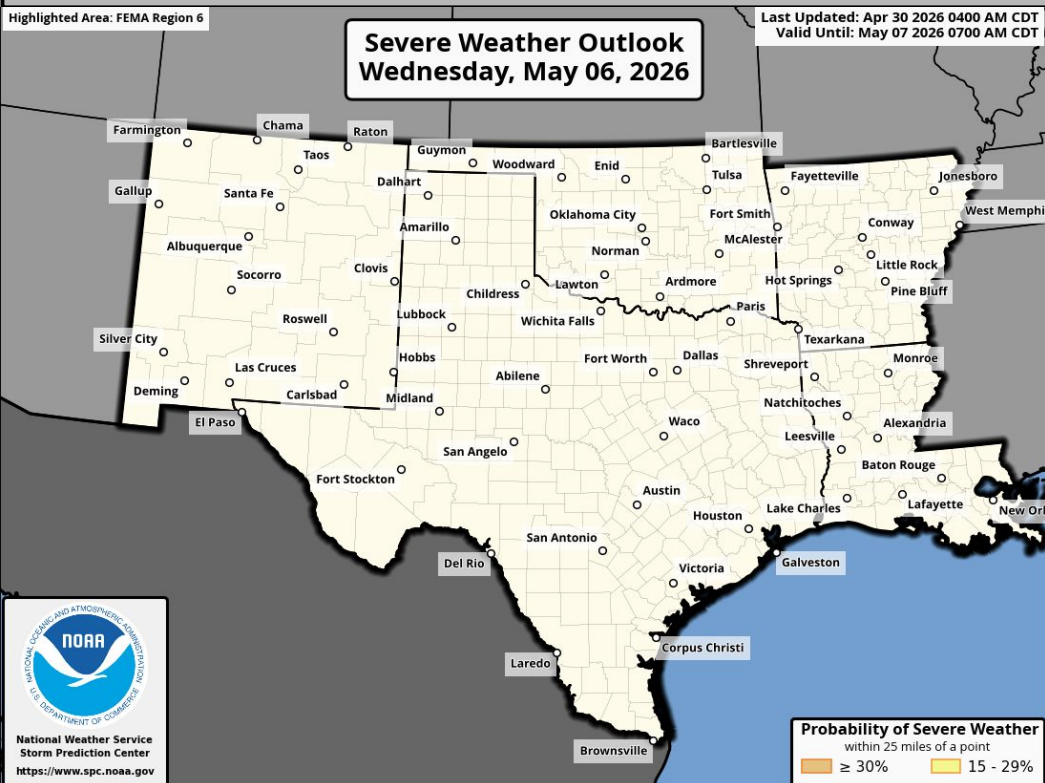
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, May 06, 2026

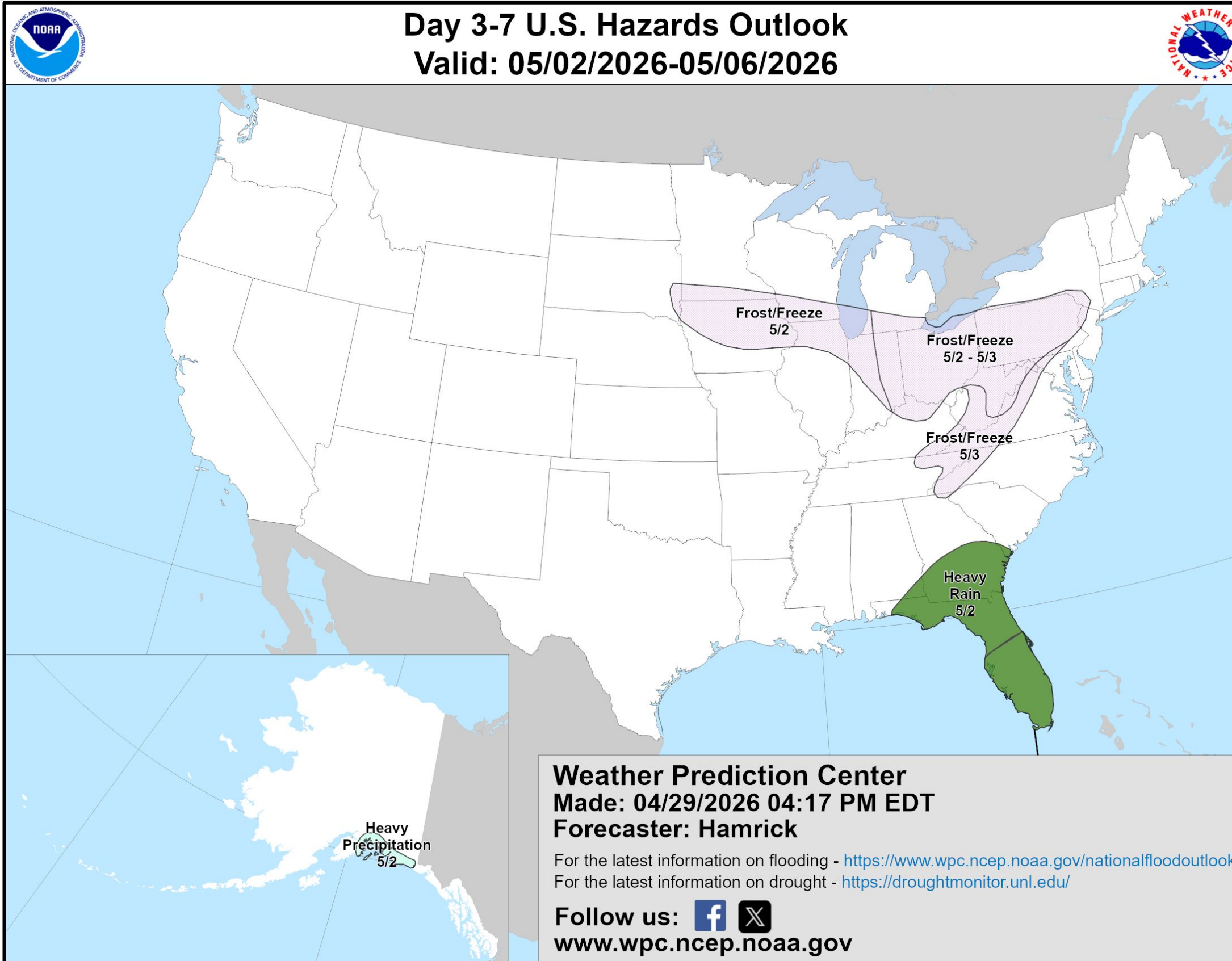
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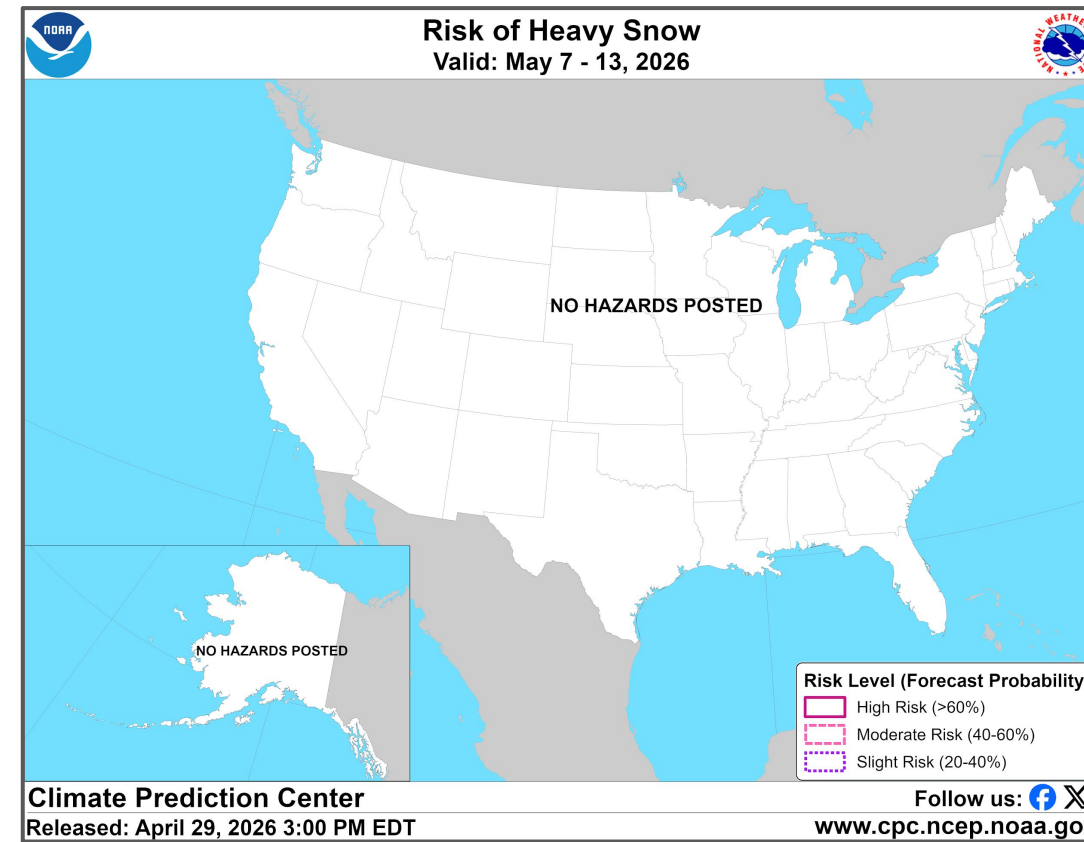
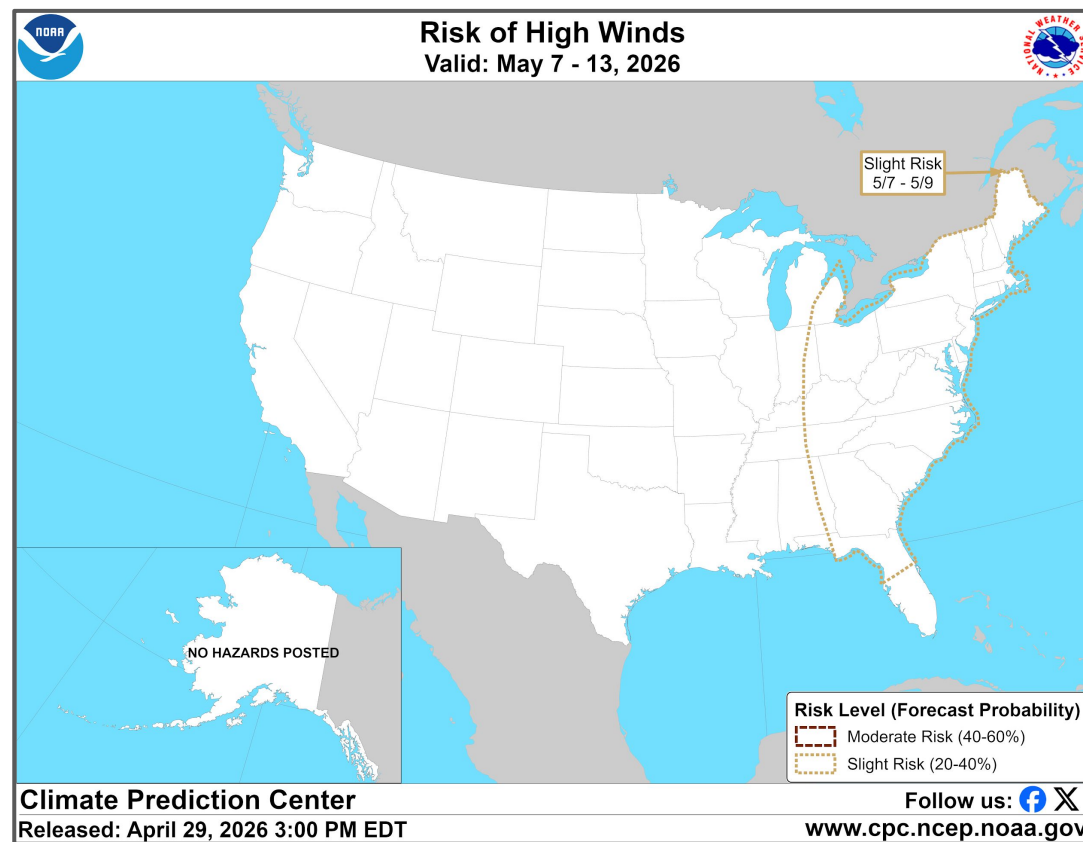
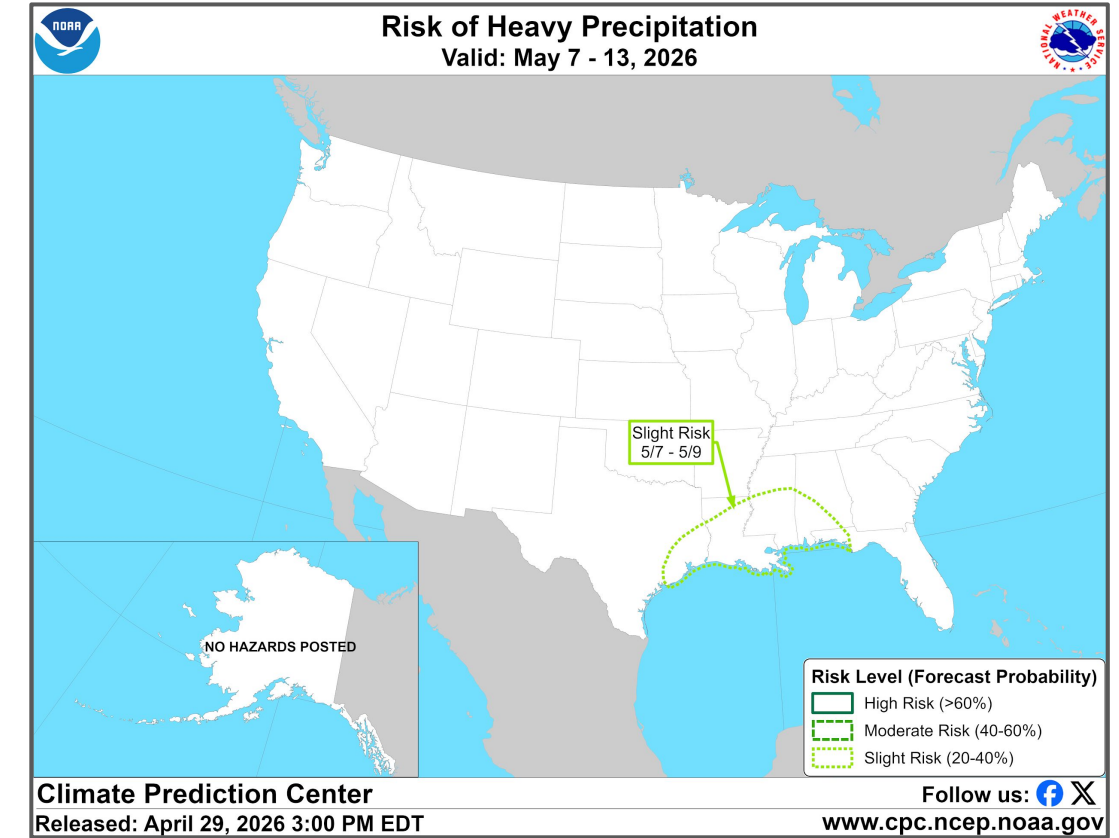
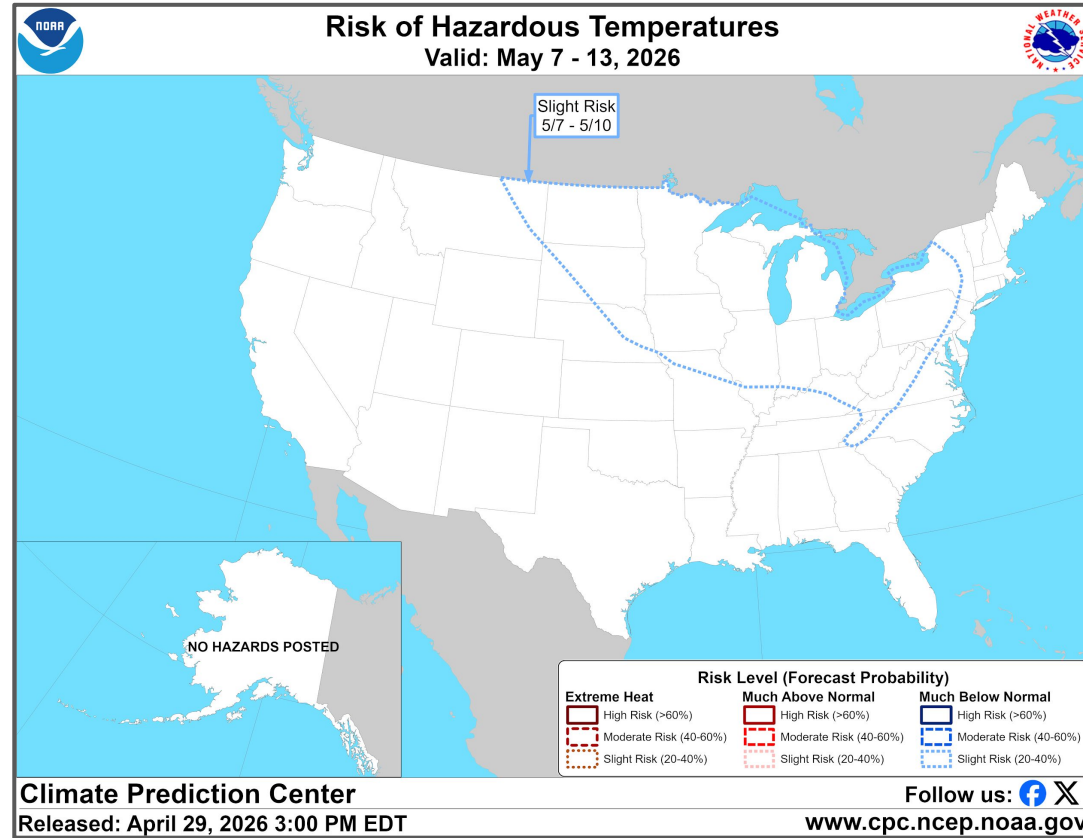
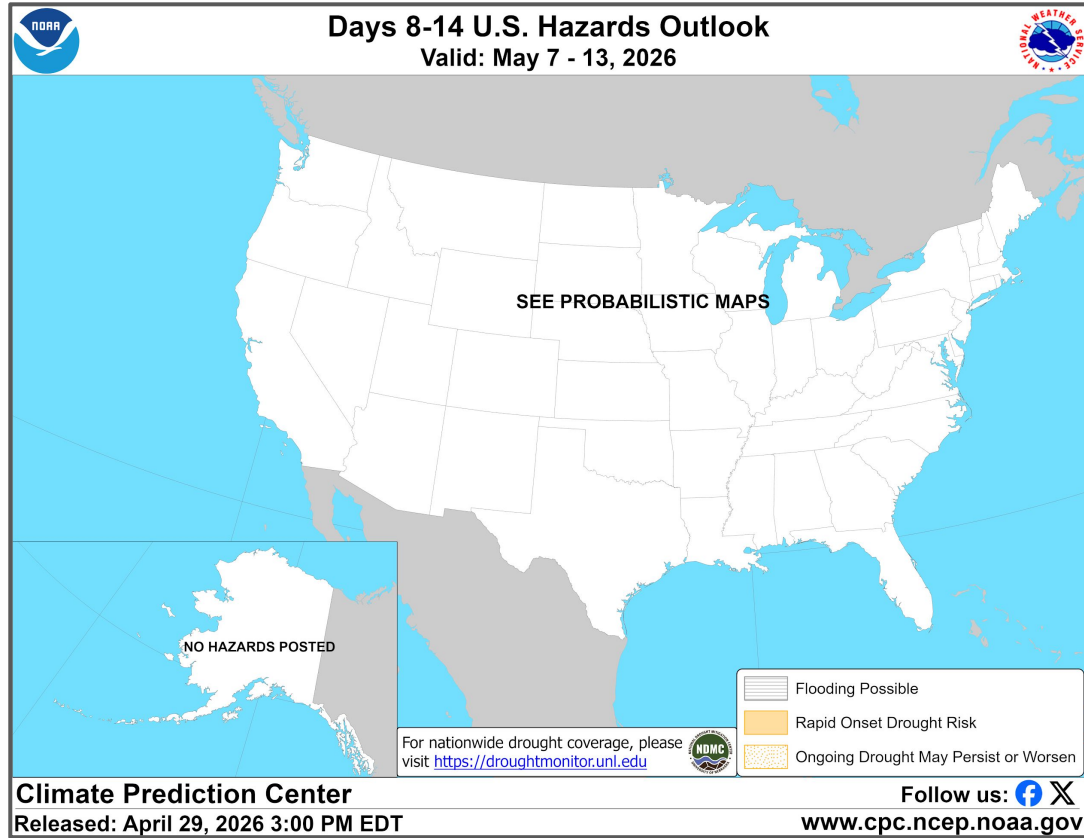


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





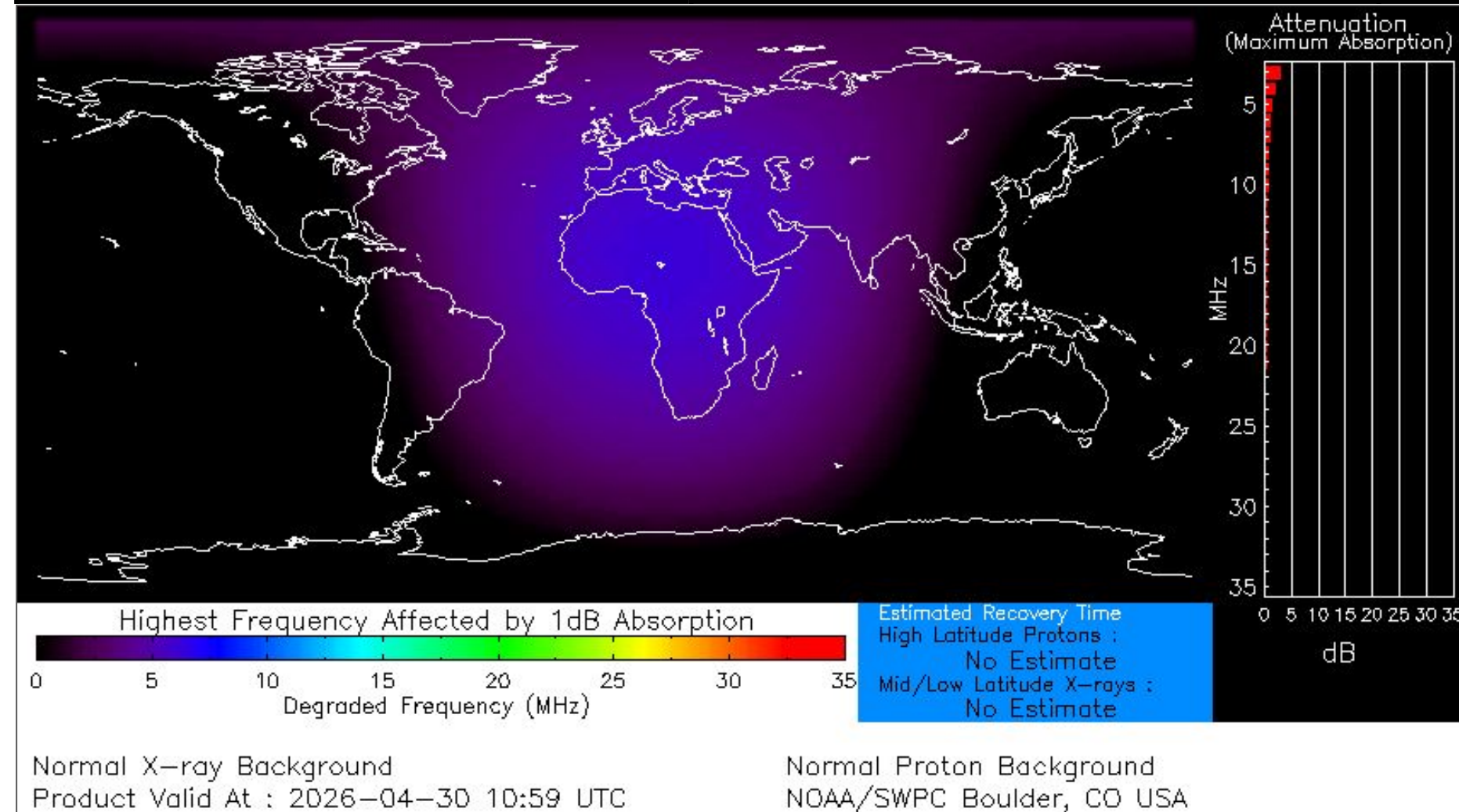
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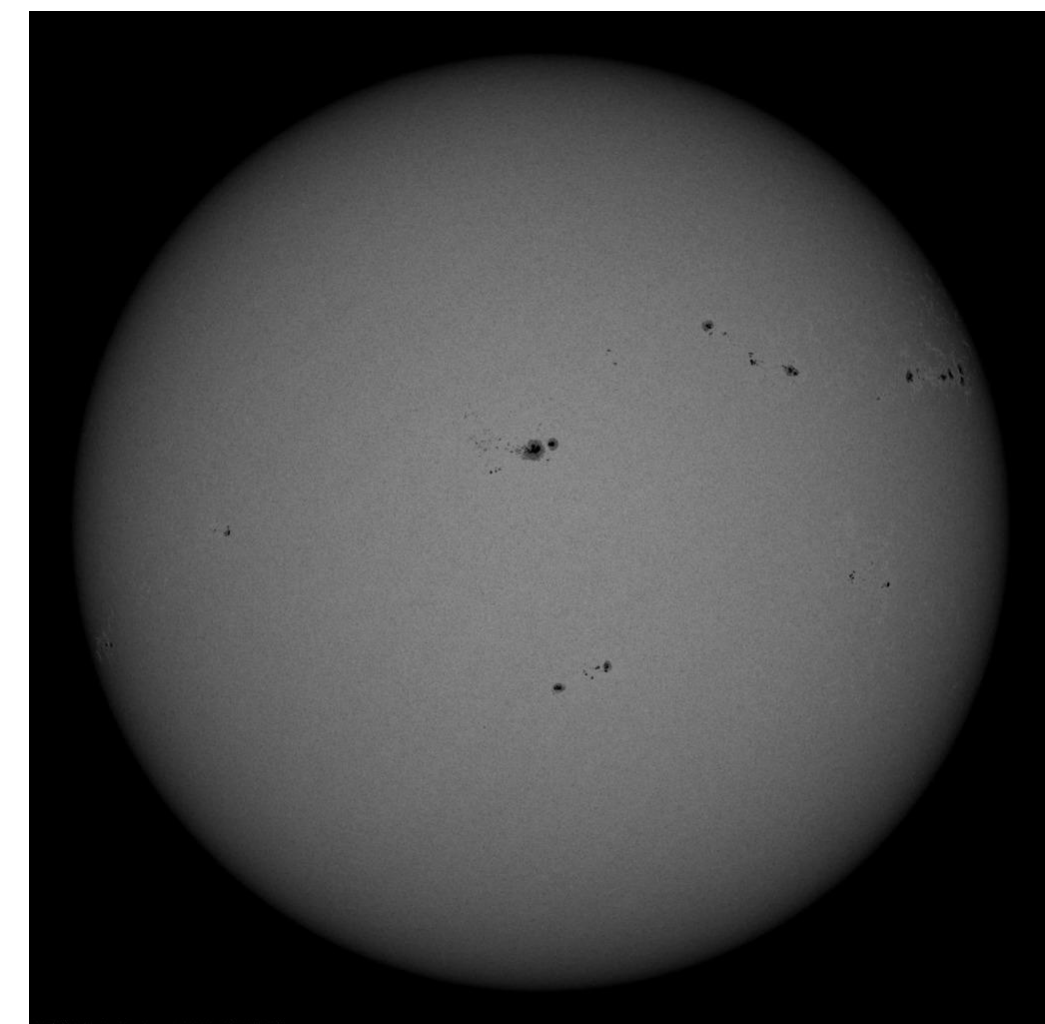
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, Apr 30	Friday, May 1	Saturday, May 2
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	15%	15%	15%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	70%	70%	70%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	20%	20%	20%



[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	<p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Major</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



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