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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, May 04, 2026

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** 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 [www.weather.gov/srh](http://www.weather.gov/srh).





# Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today in OK, NC TX. Hail 2”+ in diameter is the main threat if the cap breaks.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms Tuesday in portions of SE OK, AR, NE TX.**
- **Slight risk Wednesday in E TX, S AR, LA.**
- **Monitoring for severe weather this weekend in the Southern Plains.**

- **Flash Flooding:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for NE AR Tuesday; and E TX, SE AR, N LA Wednesday.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns today in the TX Panhandle, W OK.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Cache River at Patterson in AR is in Minor stage through early Tuesday morning.**
- **Guadalupe River near Bloomington in Minor stage through Wednesday.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7	Friday, May 8	Saturday, May 9	Sunday, May 10
Severe Storms	OK, NCTX	SE OK, AR, NETX	ETX, SAR, LA			Southern Plains	Southern Plains
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		NE AR	ETX, SE AR, N LA	STX			
Heat							
Fire Weather	TX Panhandle, W OK						
Winter Weather							
River Flooding	S/SETX, NE AR, S/E LA	S/SETX, NE AR, S/E LA	S/SE/ETX	ETX	ETX		

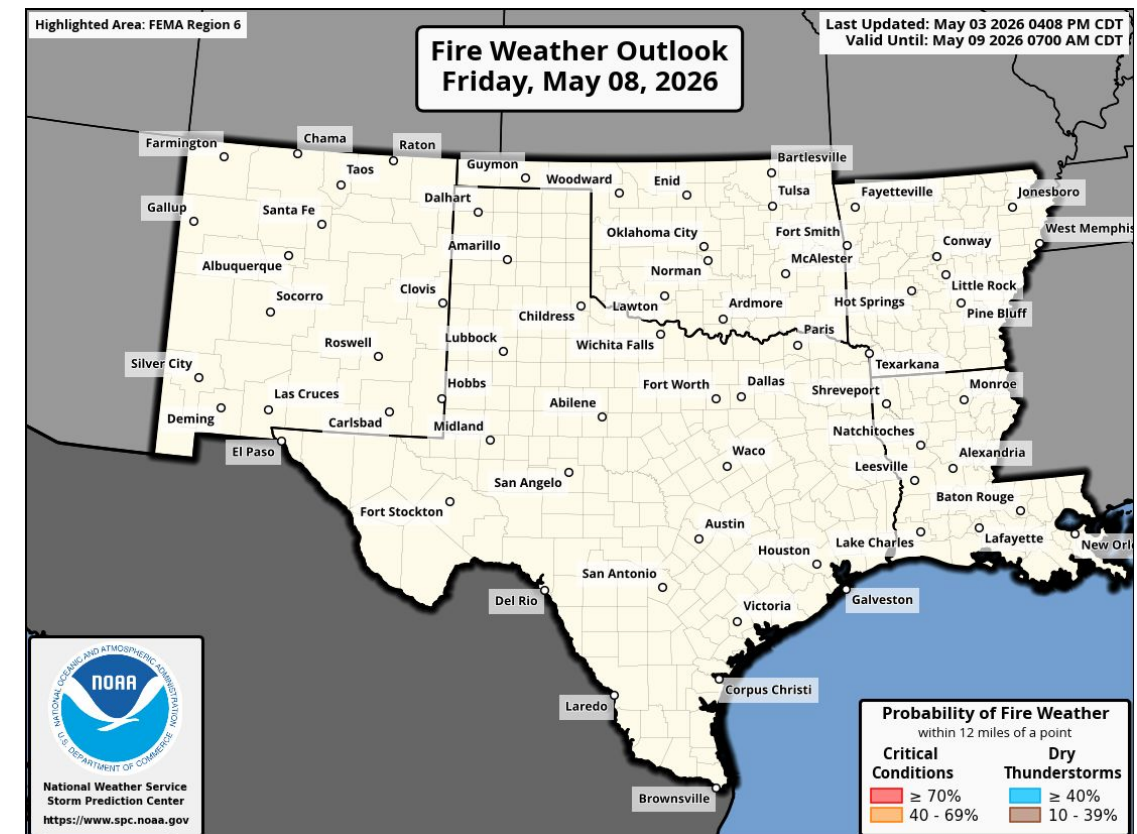
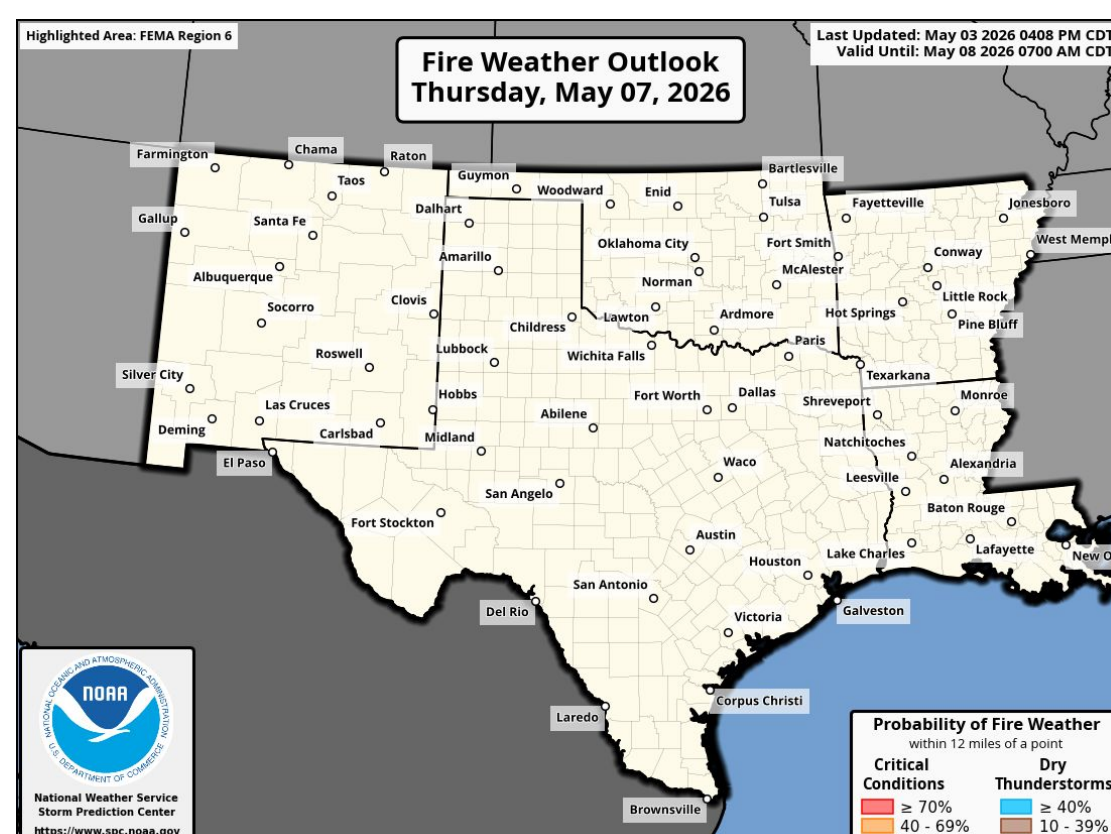
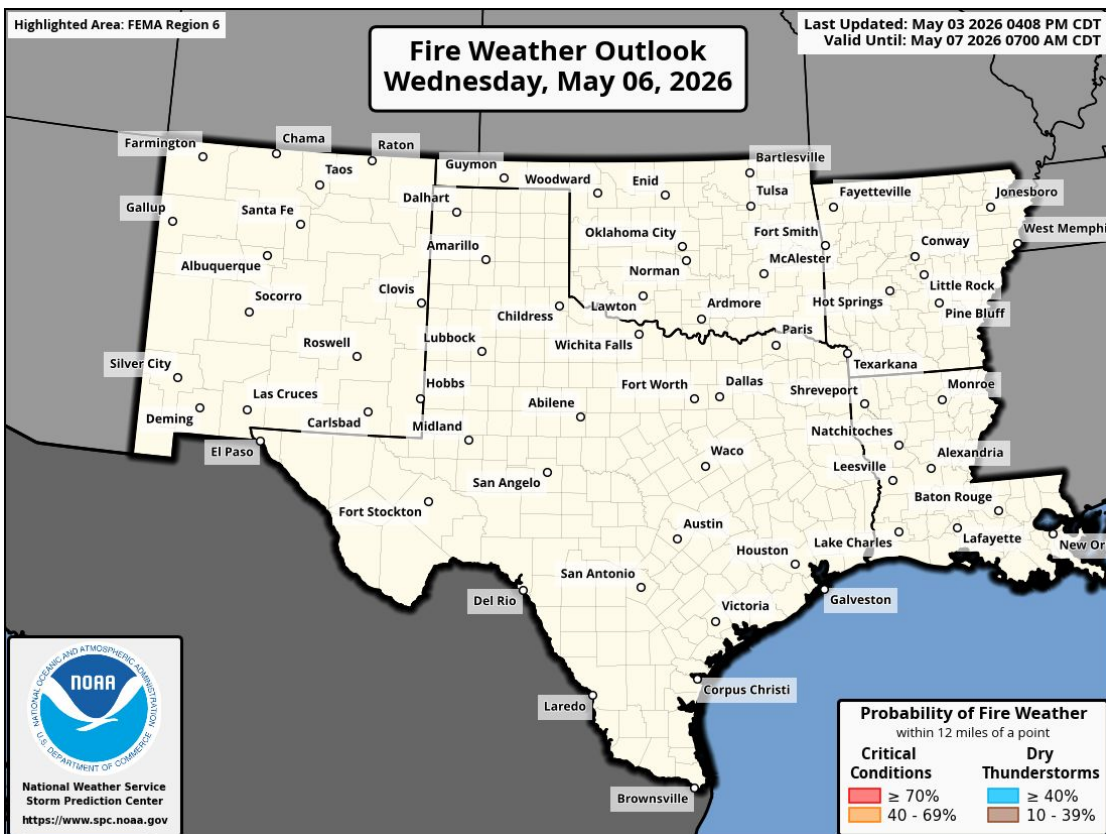
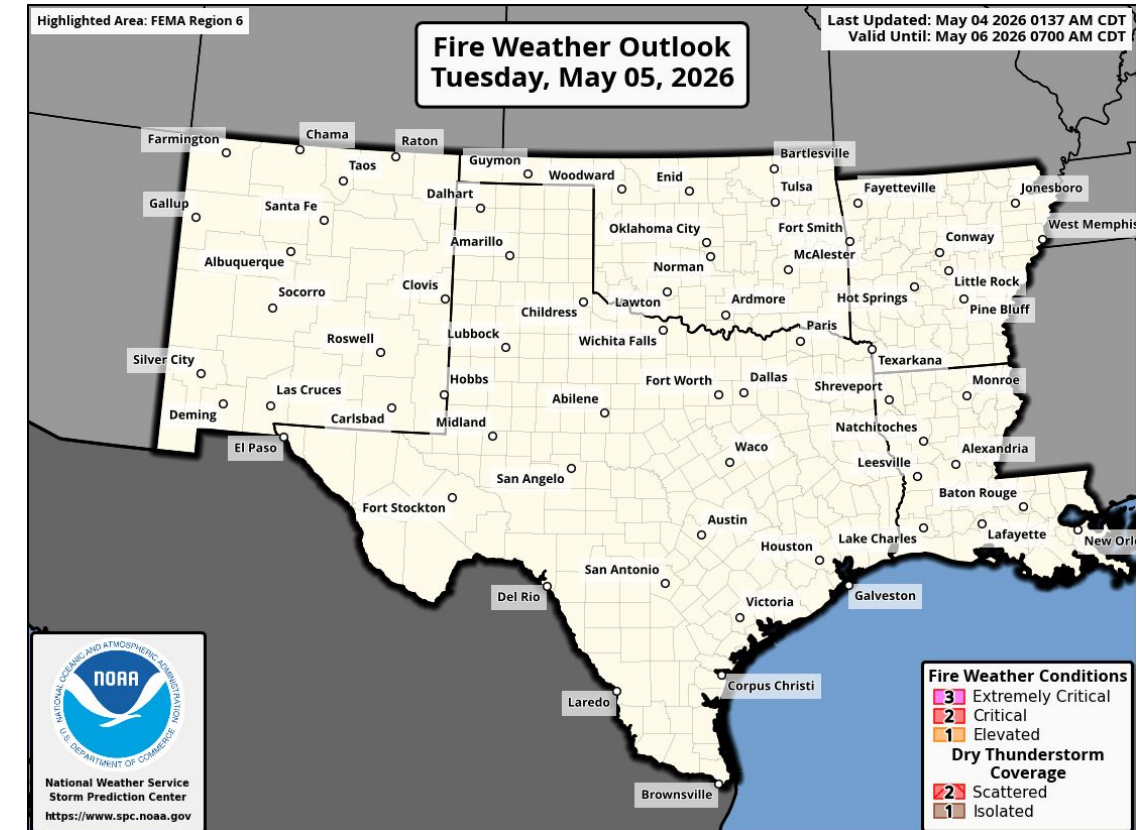
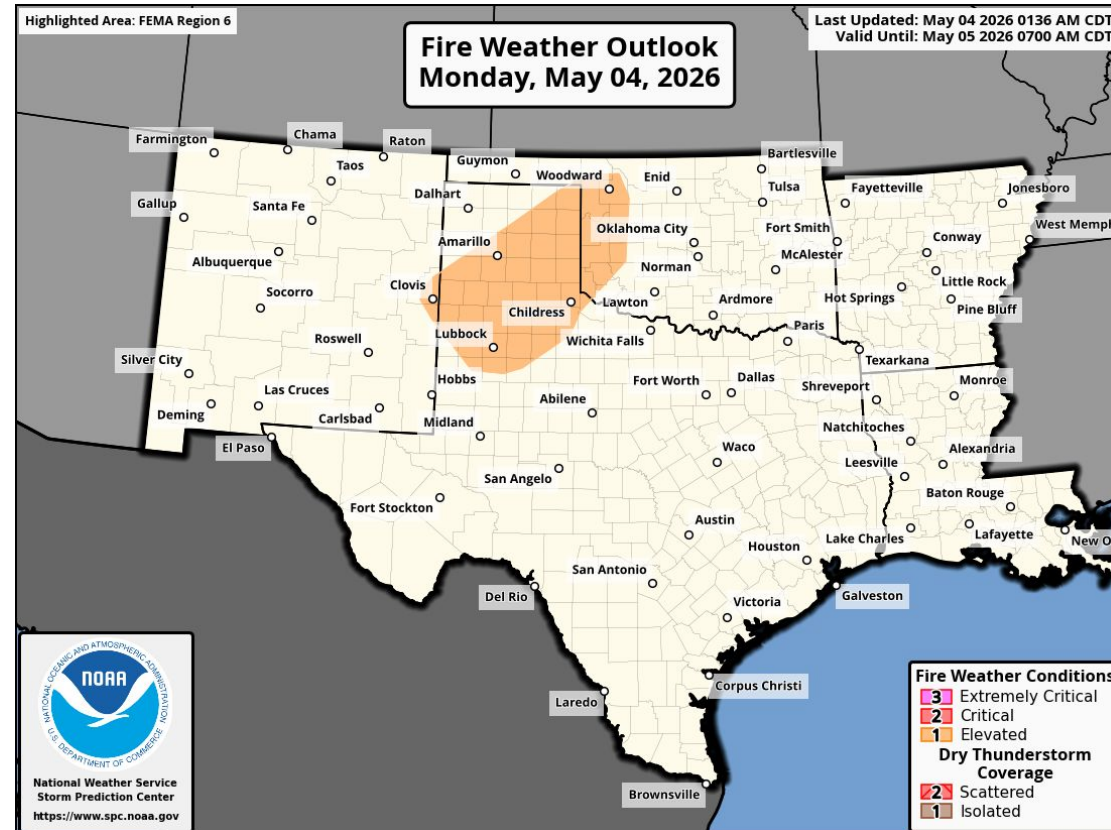
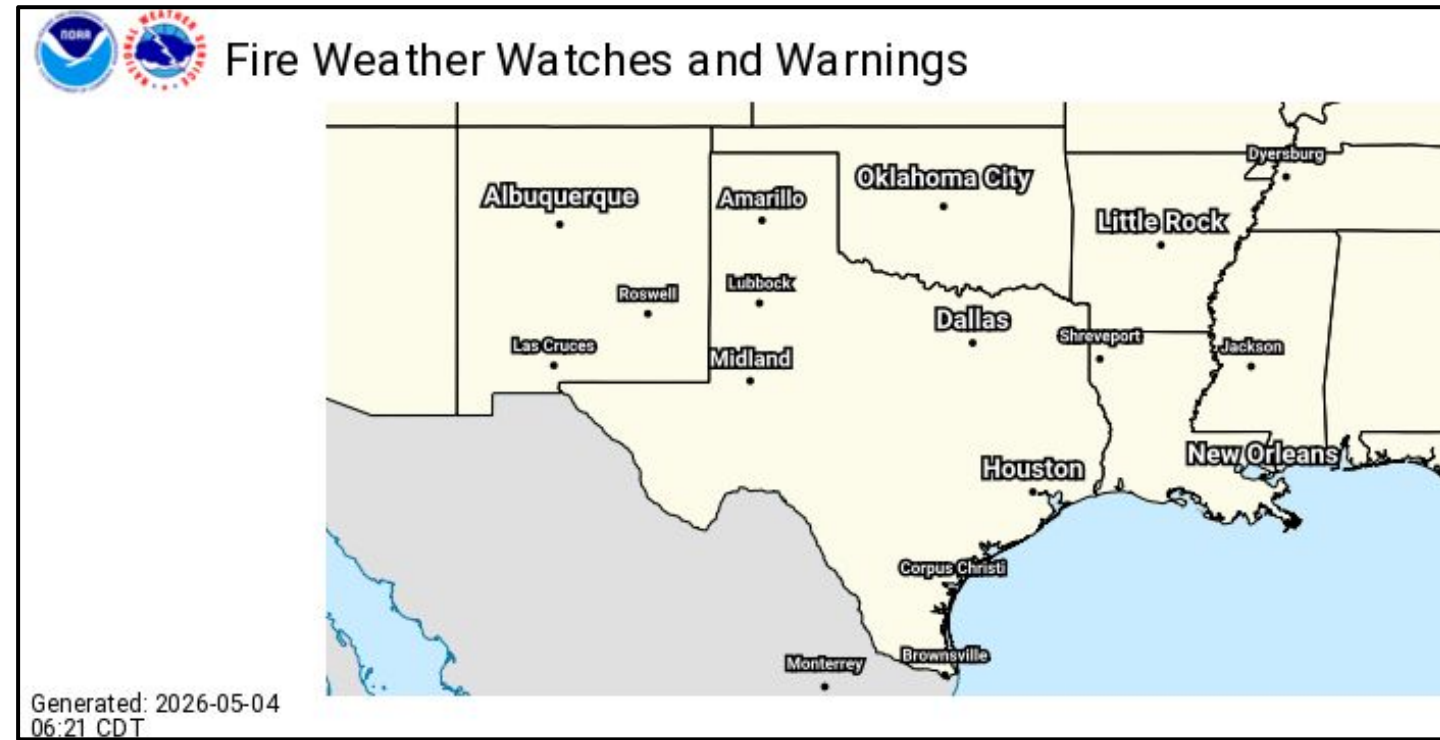
*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*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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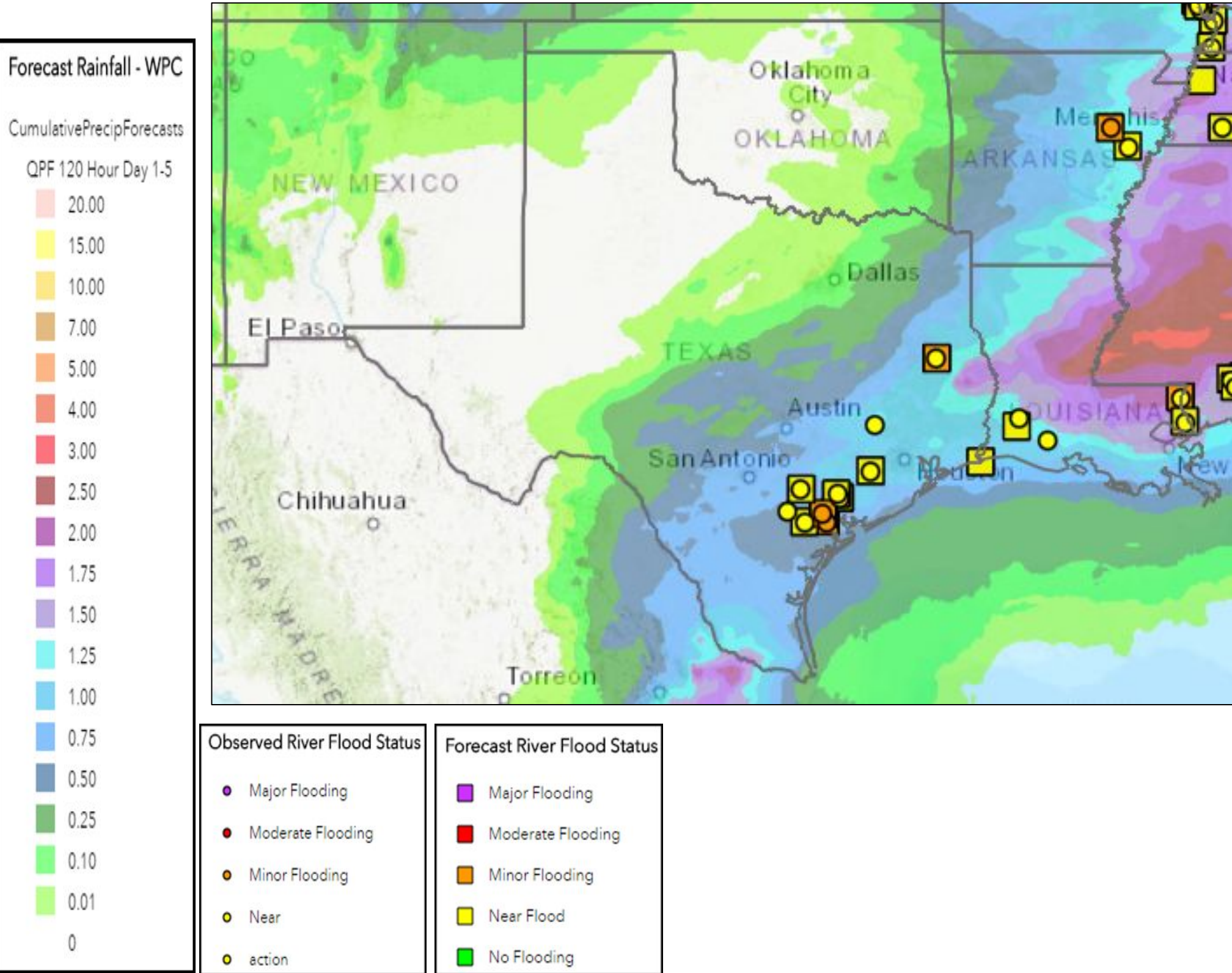
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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*



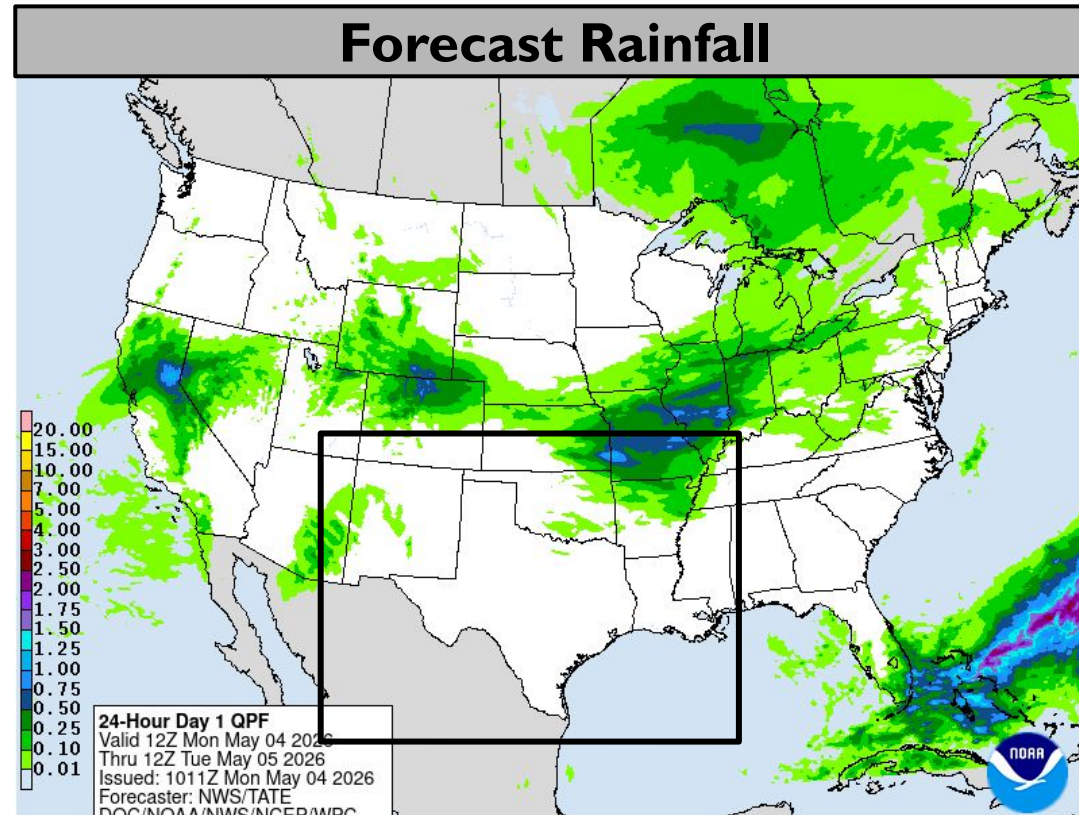
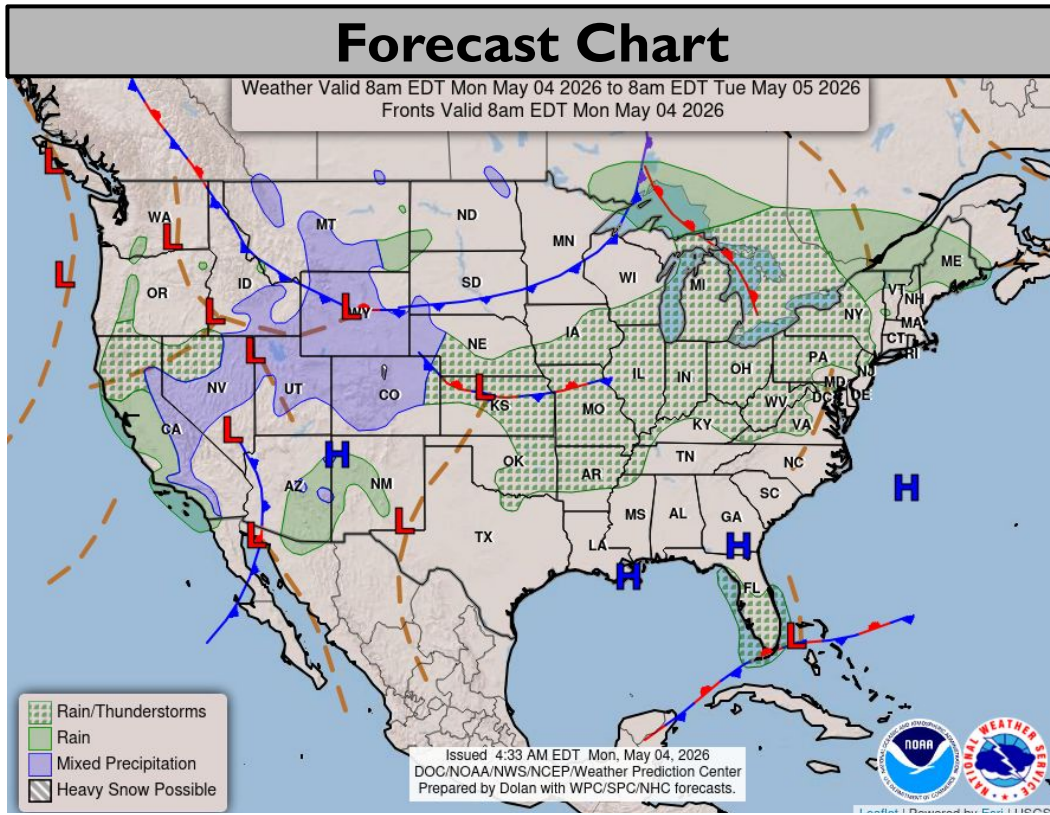
**Heavy rainfall from last Friday in S/SE TX, LA will lead to continued action stage/Minor river flooding in lowland areas in S/SE TX through Wednesday.**

**Cache River at Patterson in AR in Minor flood stage through Tuesday afternoon. 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.*

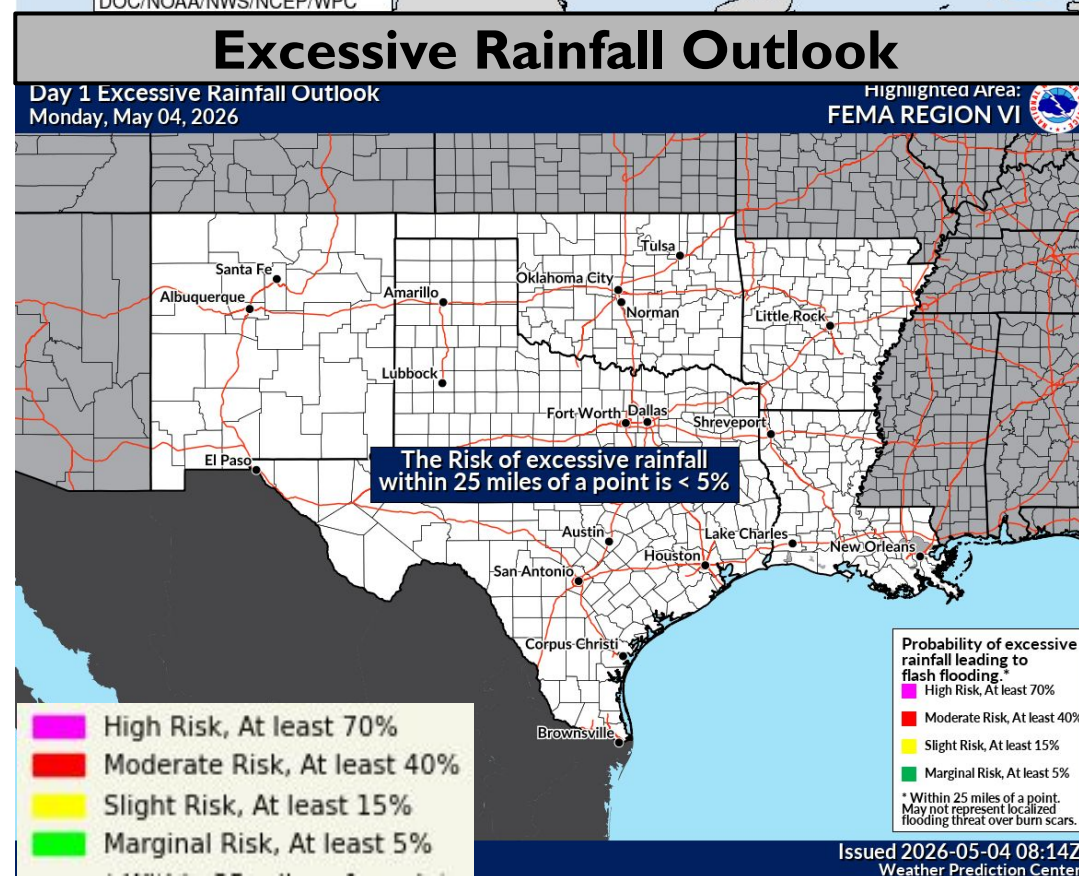
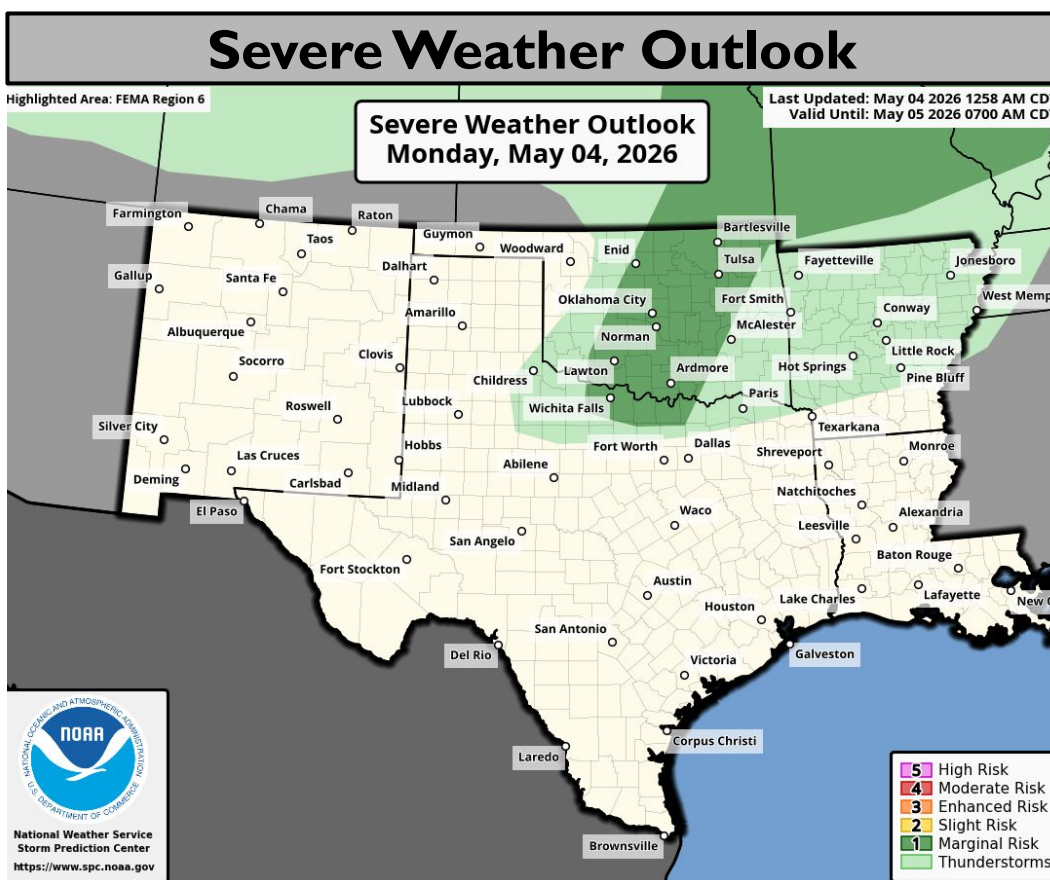


# Today's Weather



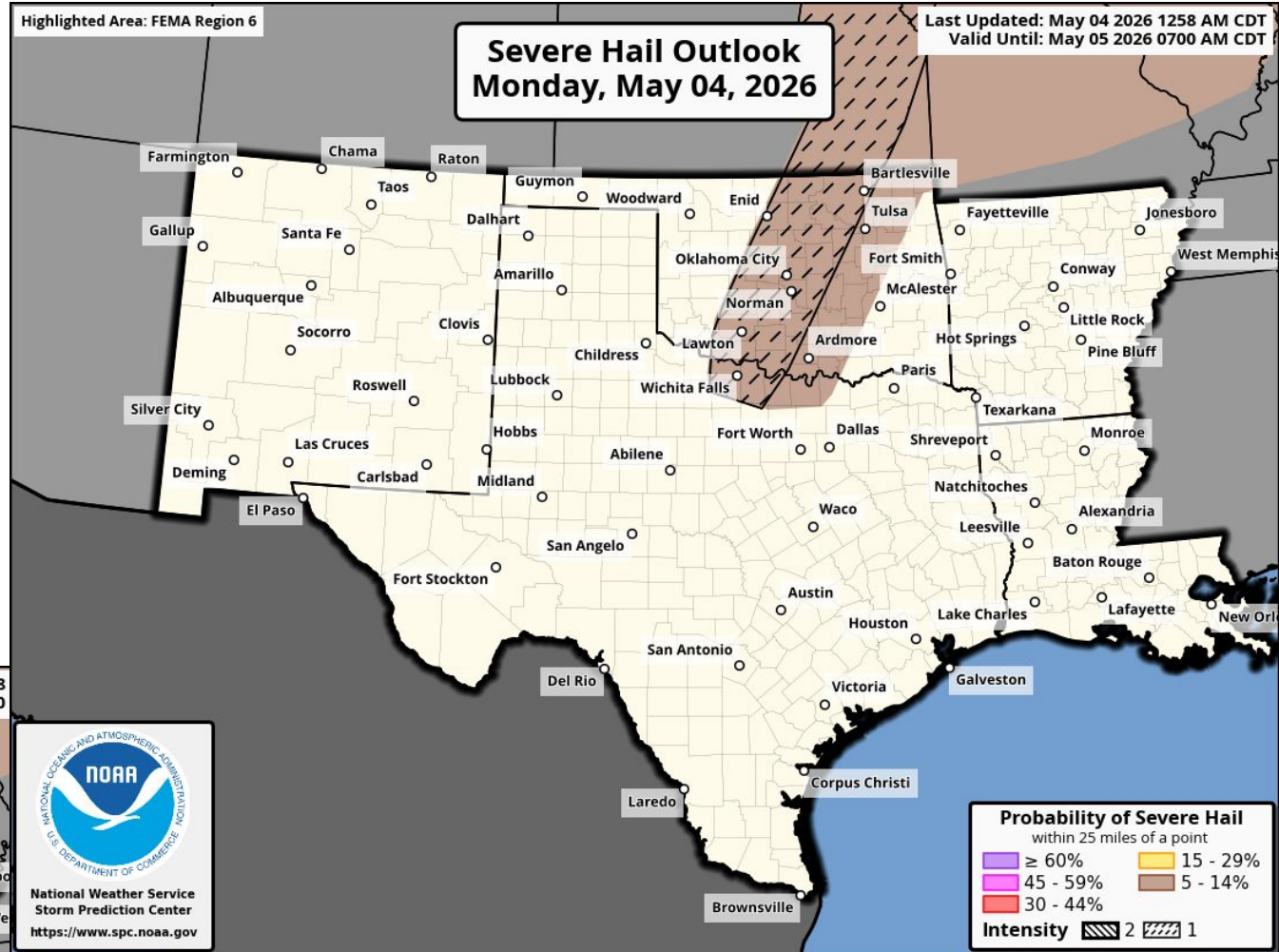
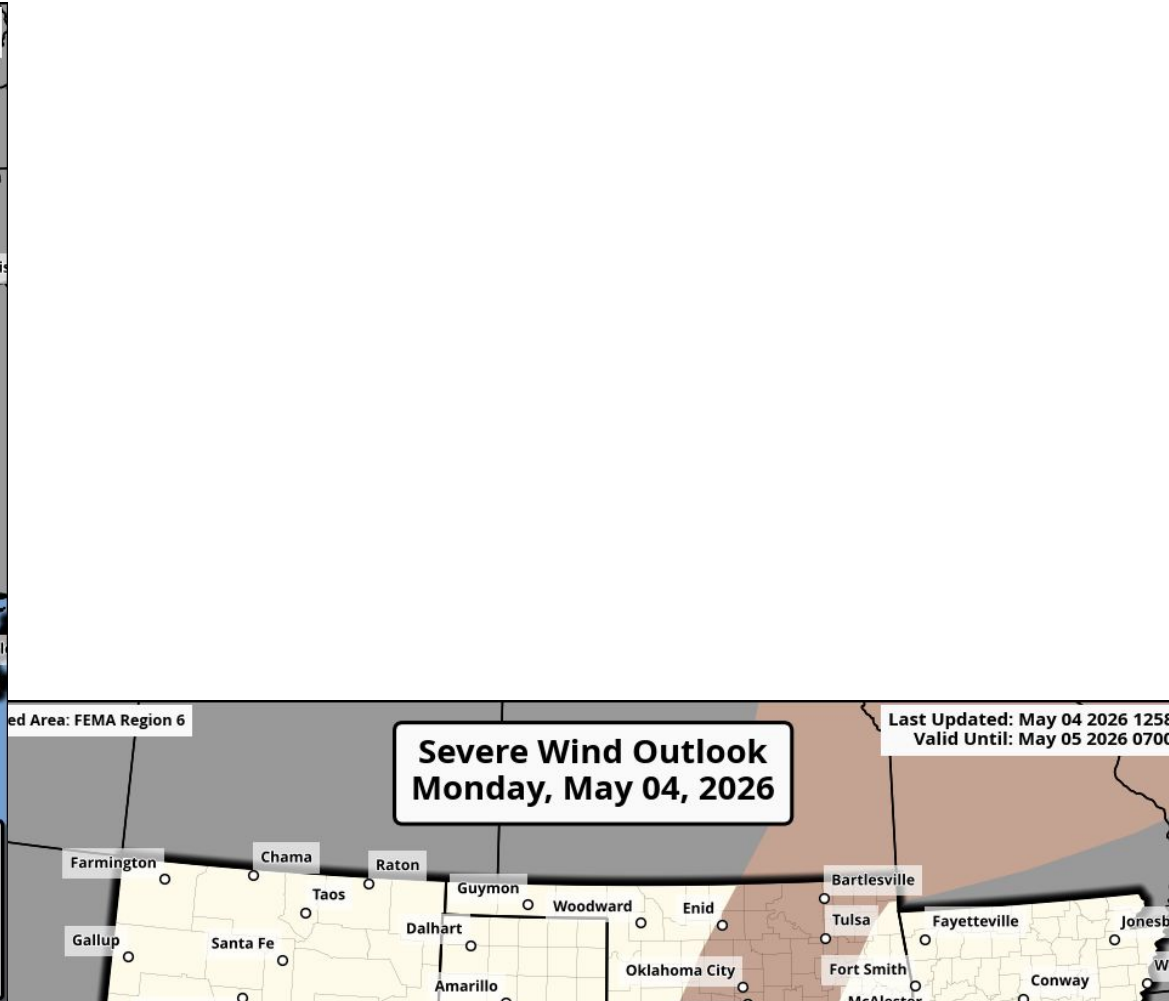
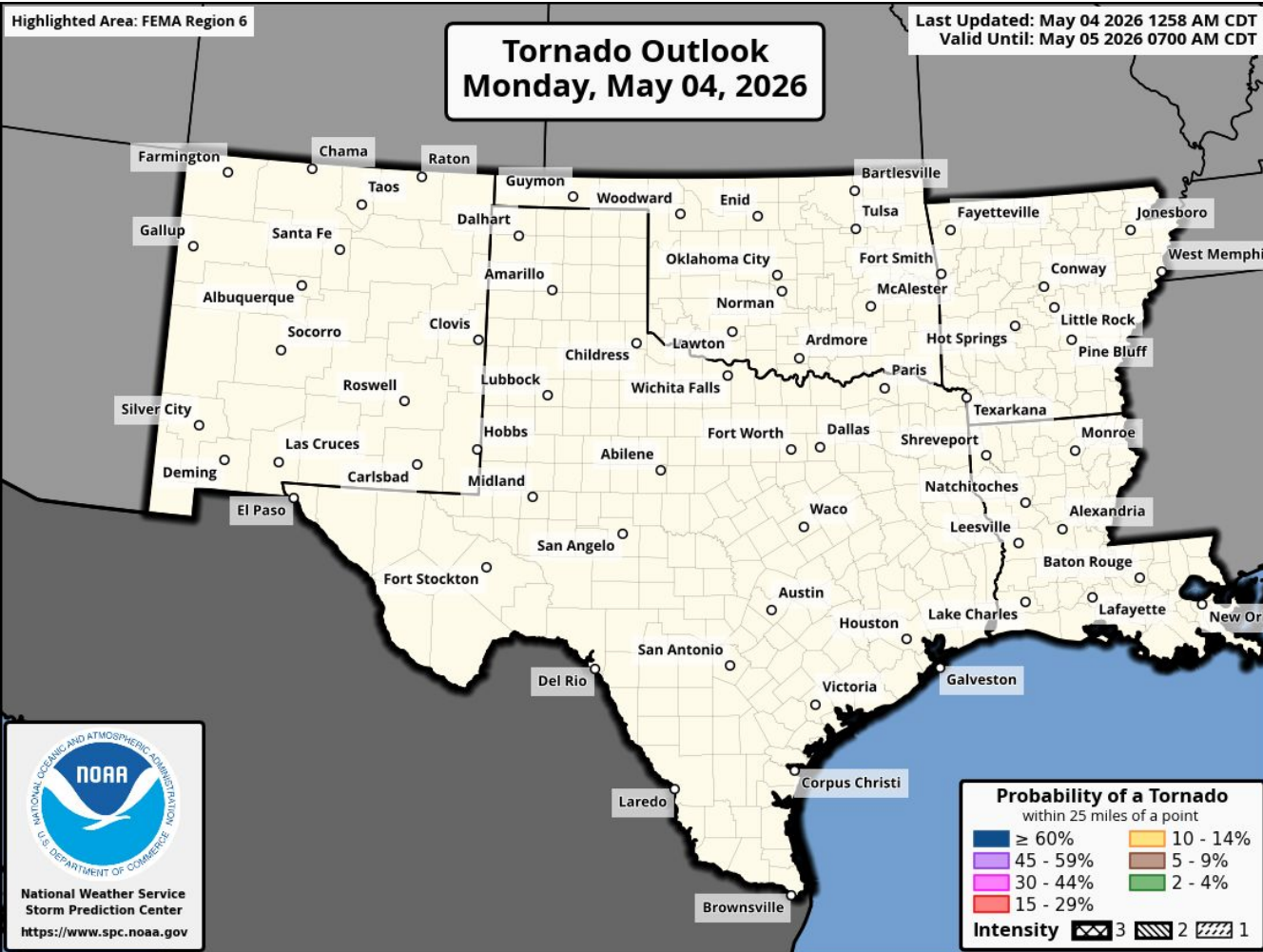
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms this afternoon in OK, NC TX. Hail over 2" in diameter is conceivable if the cap breaks.**

**Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in TX Panhandle, W OK.**





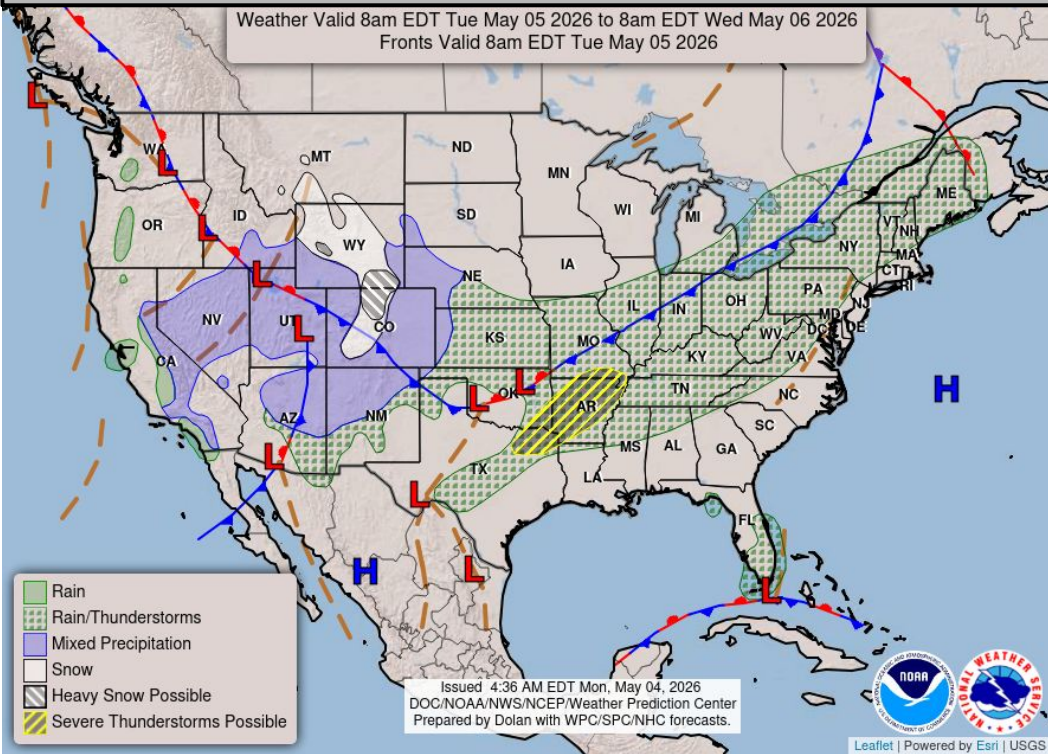
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



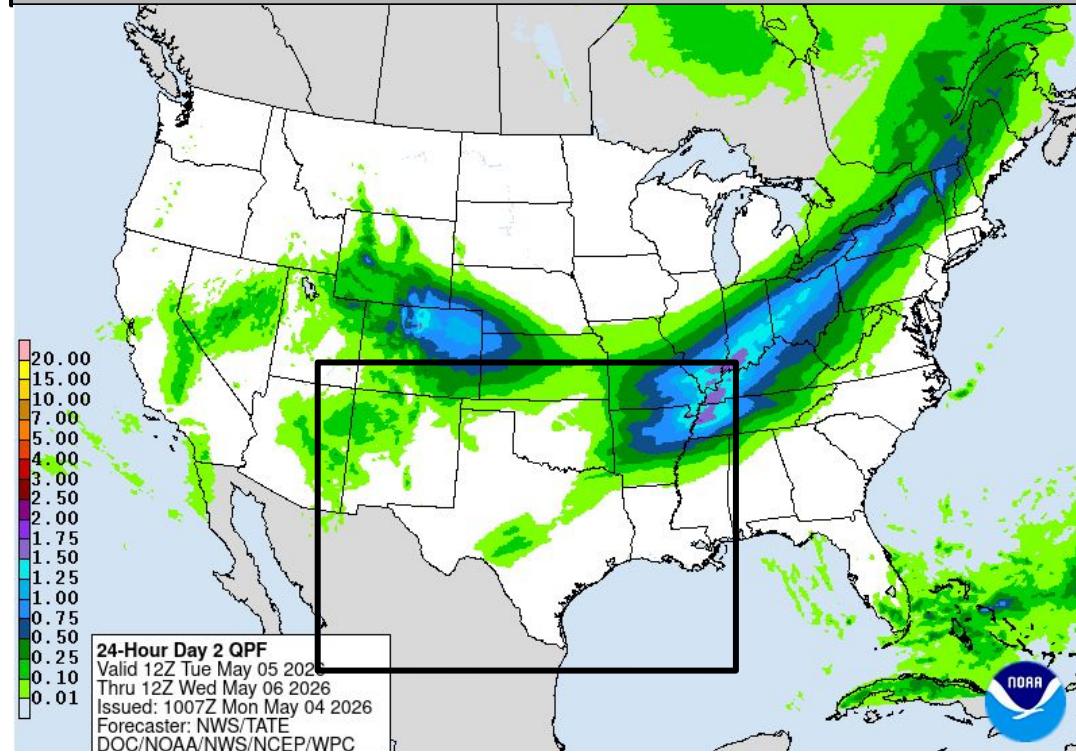


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart



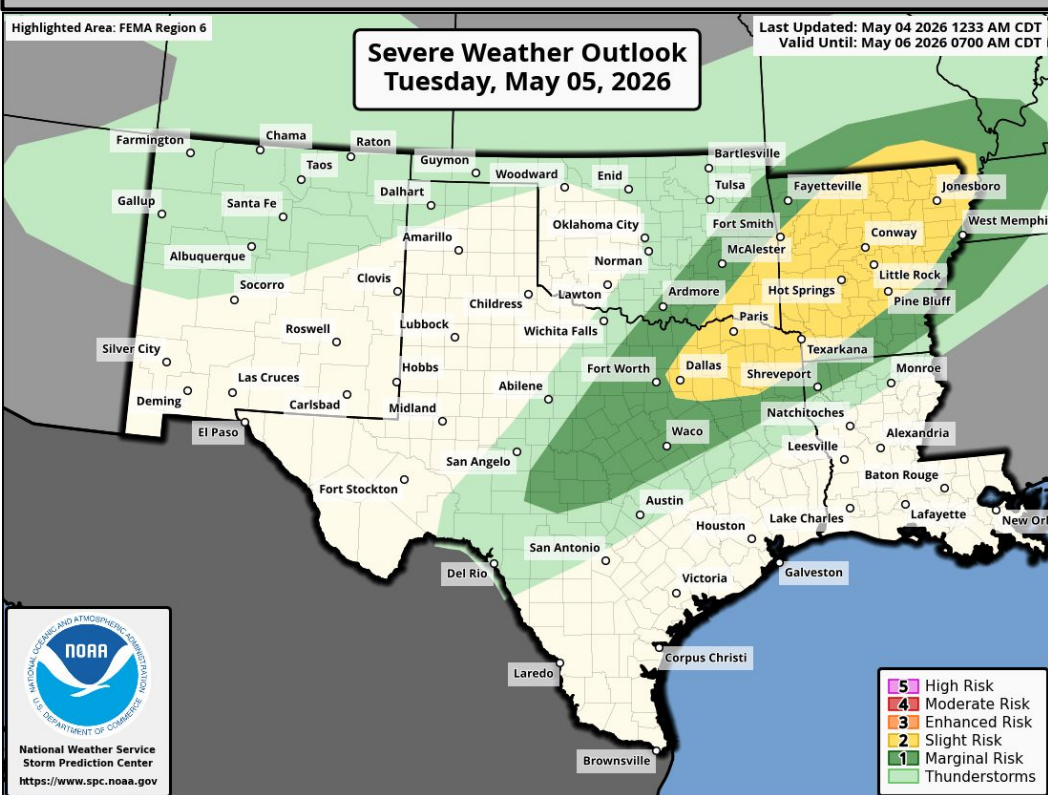
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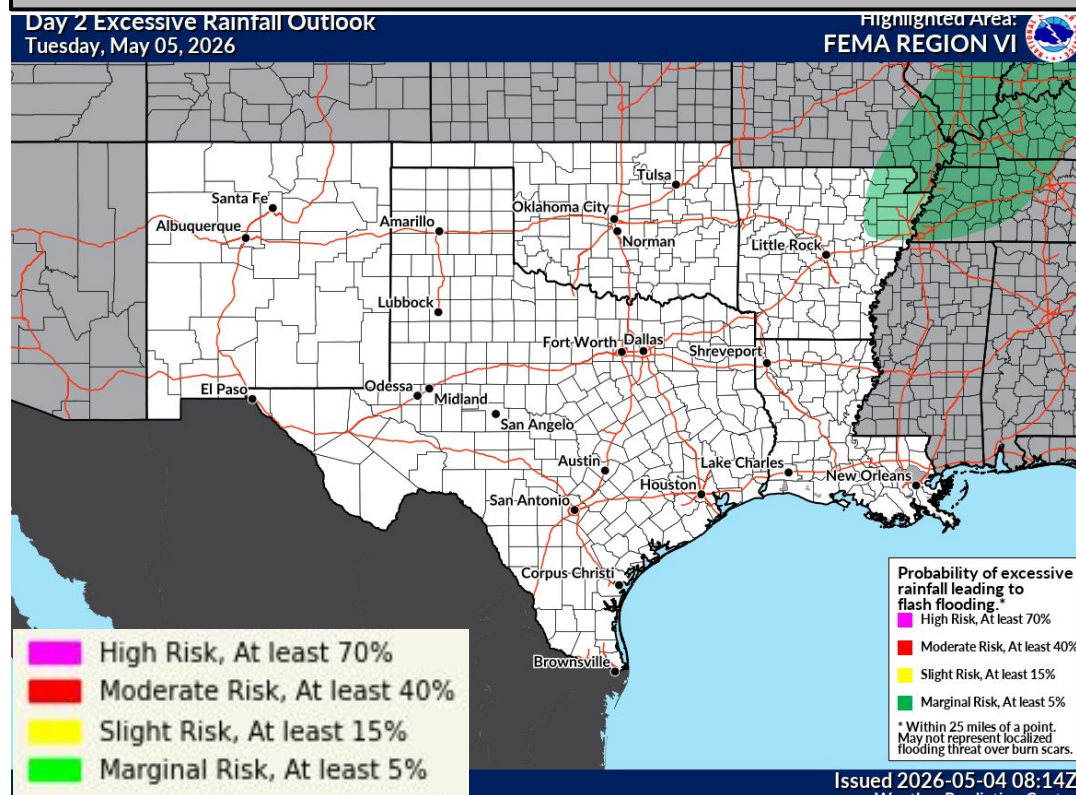
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SE OK, AR, NETX. Hail is the primary threat.**

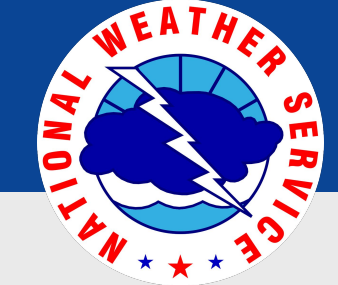
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for heavy rain in NE AR.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

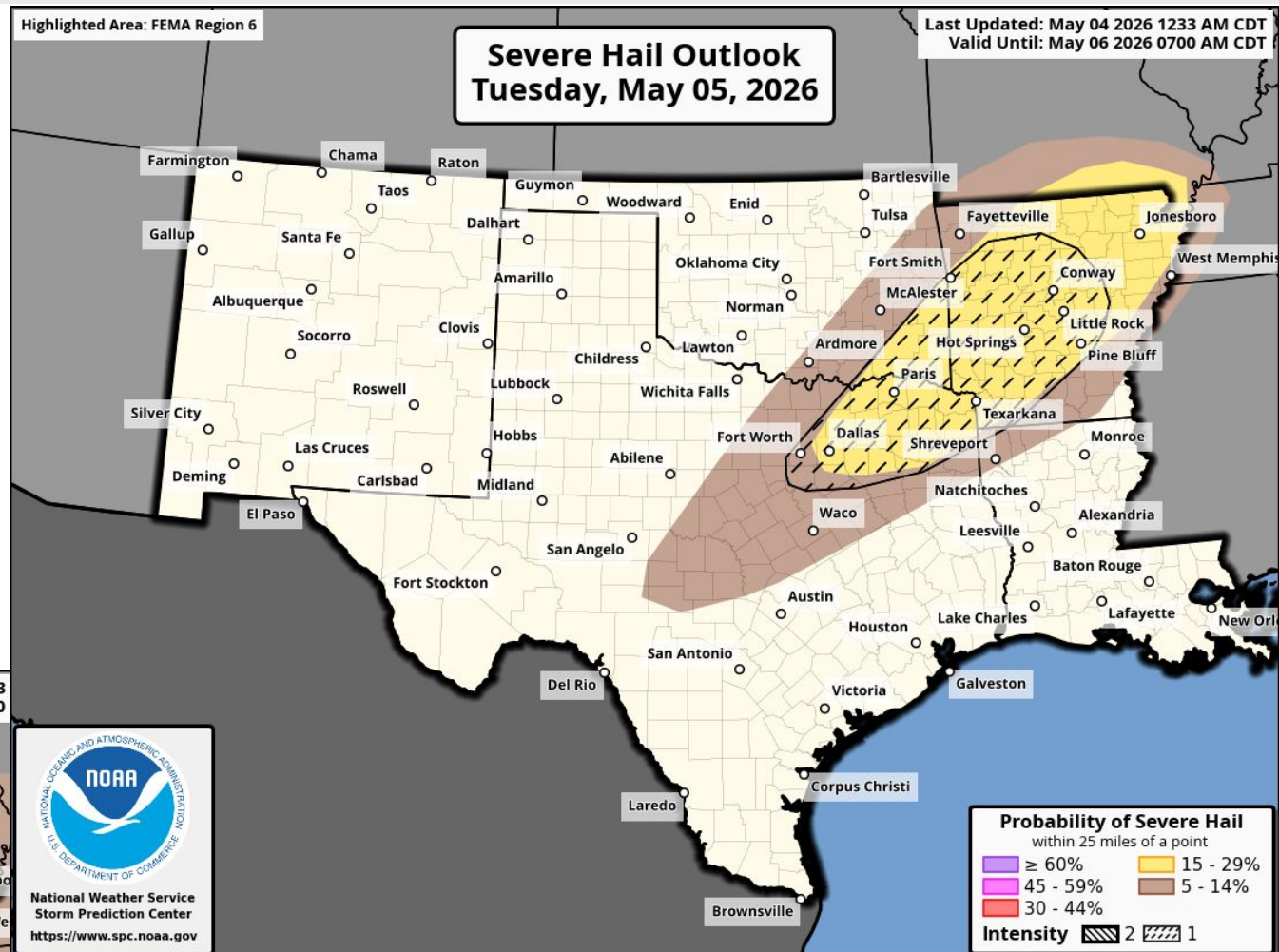
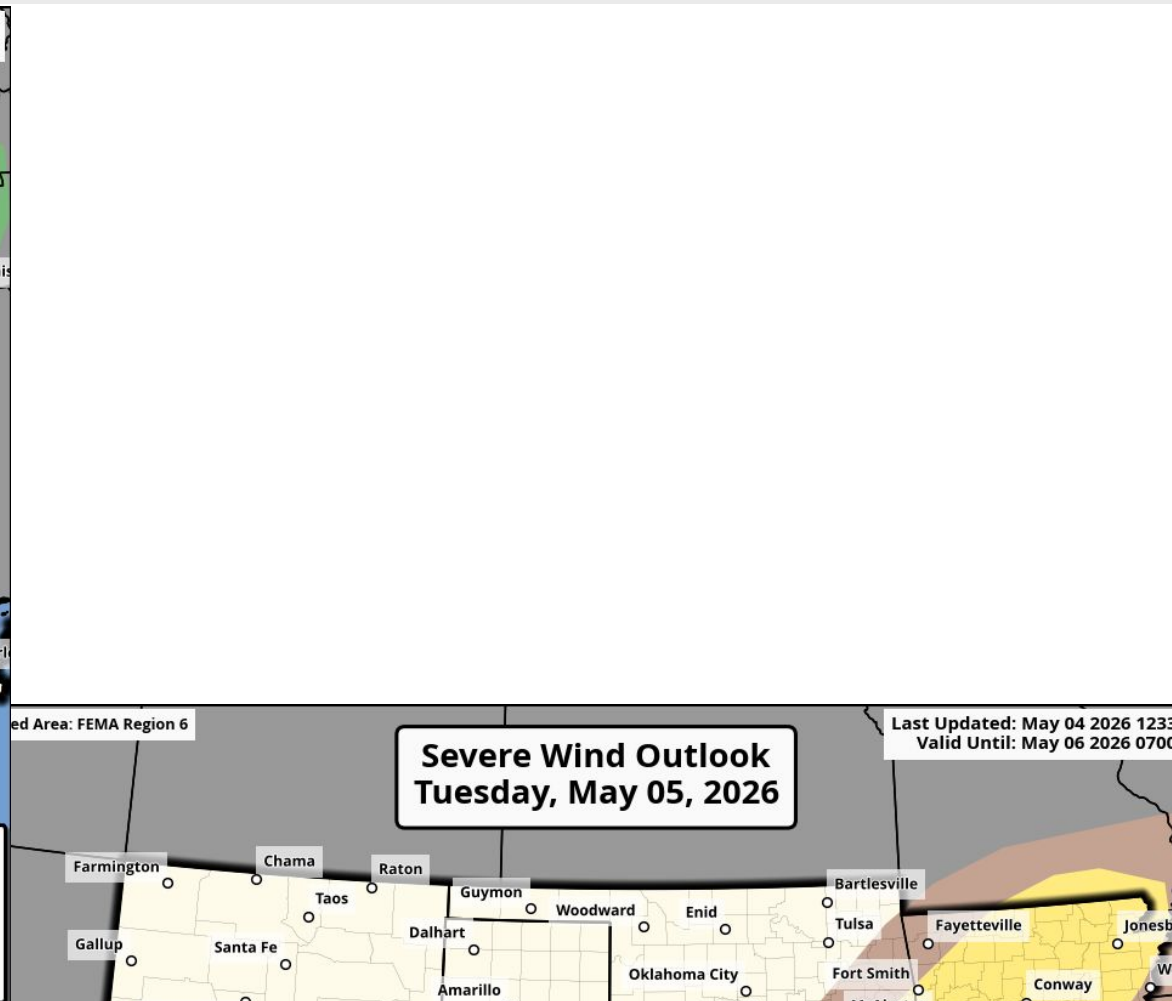
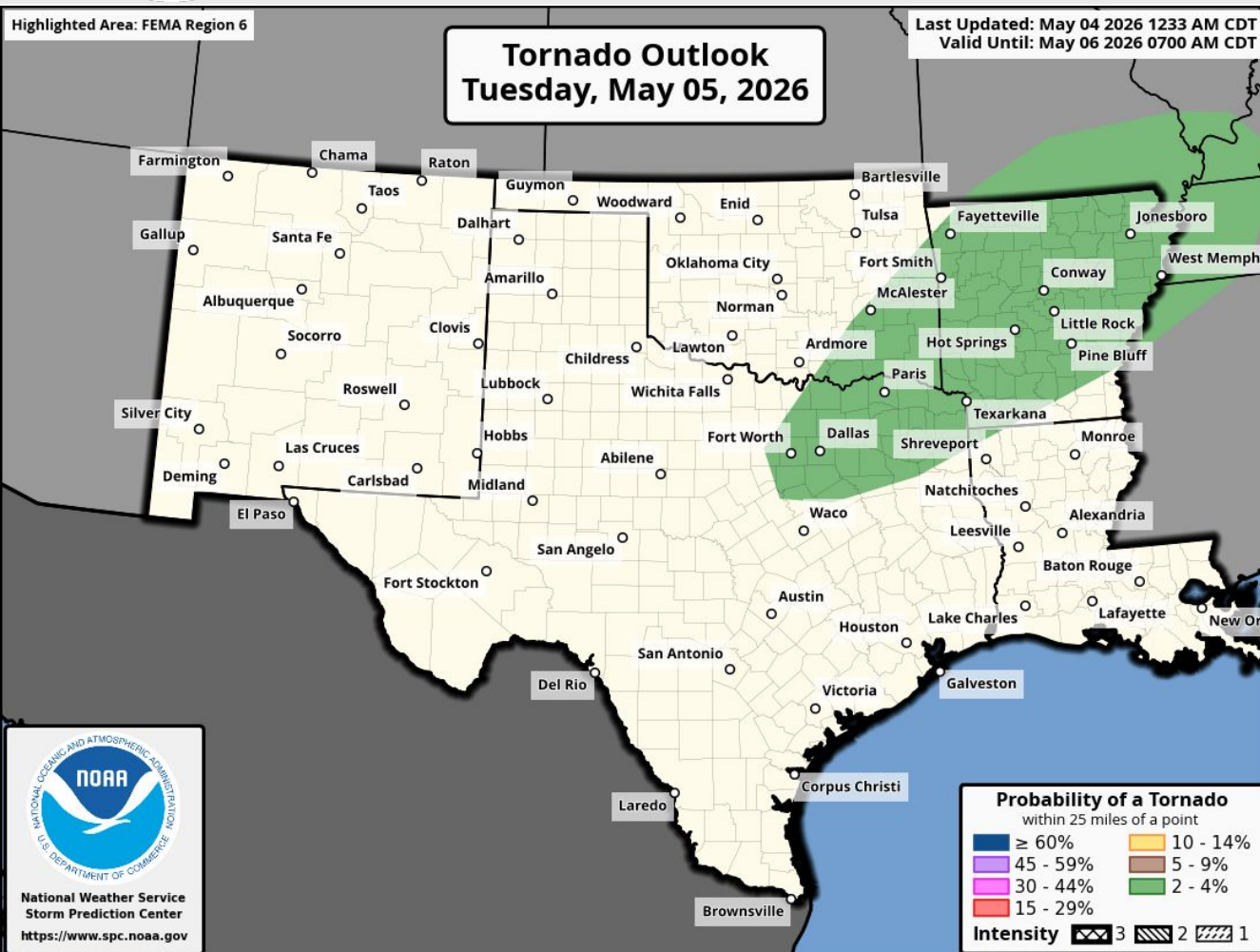


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





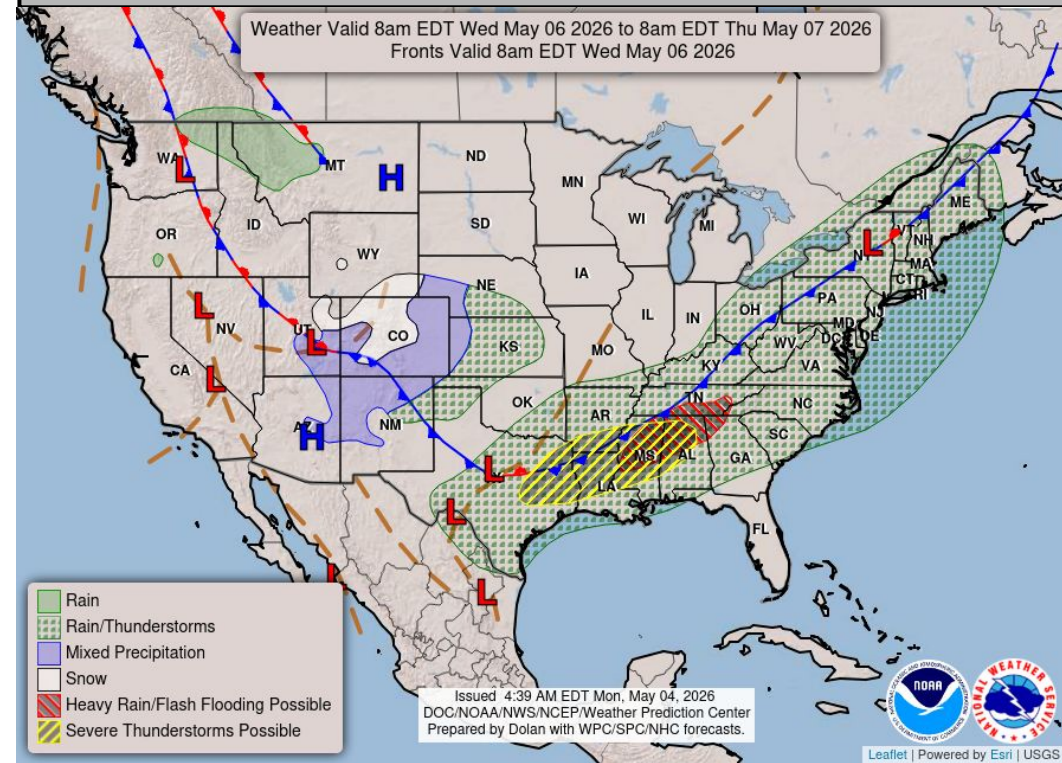
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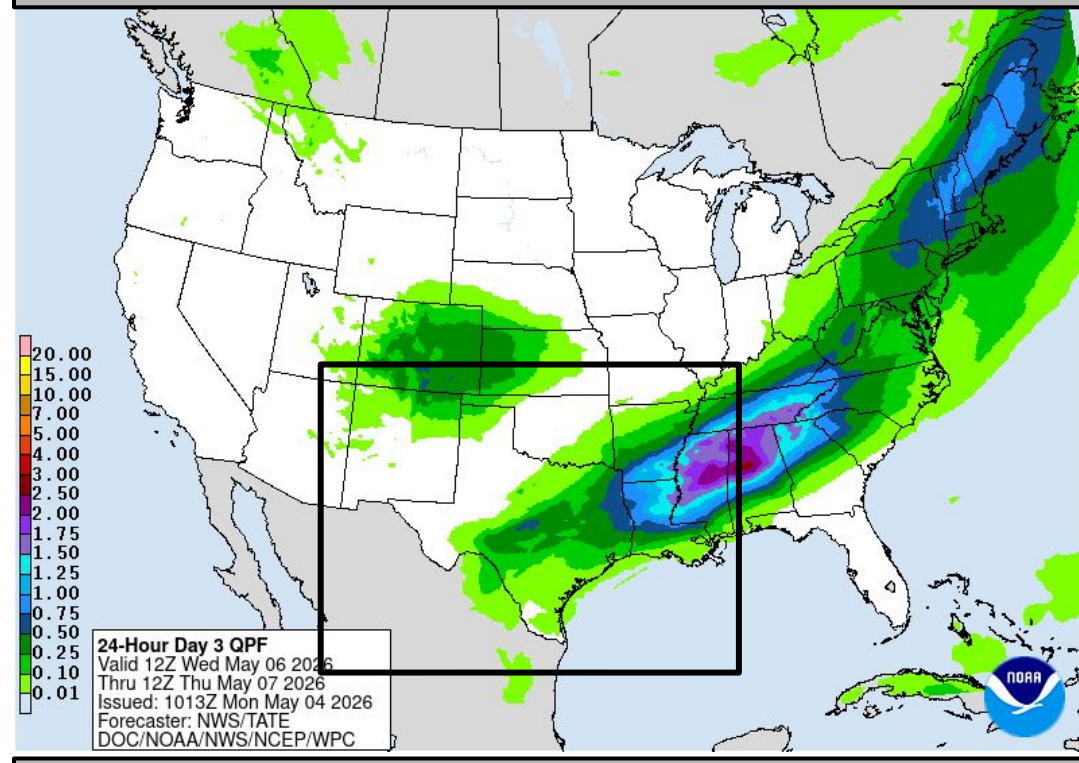


# Wednesday's Weather

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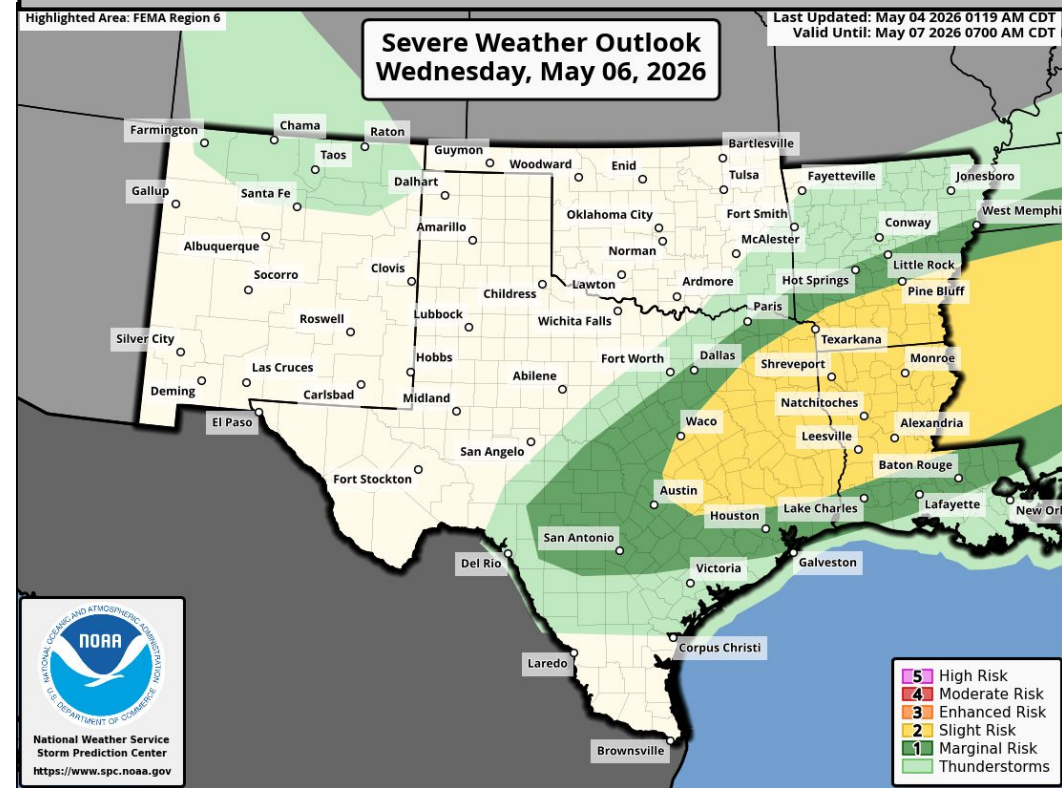
## Forecast Rainfall



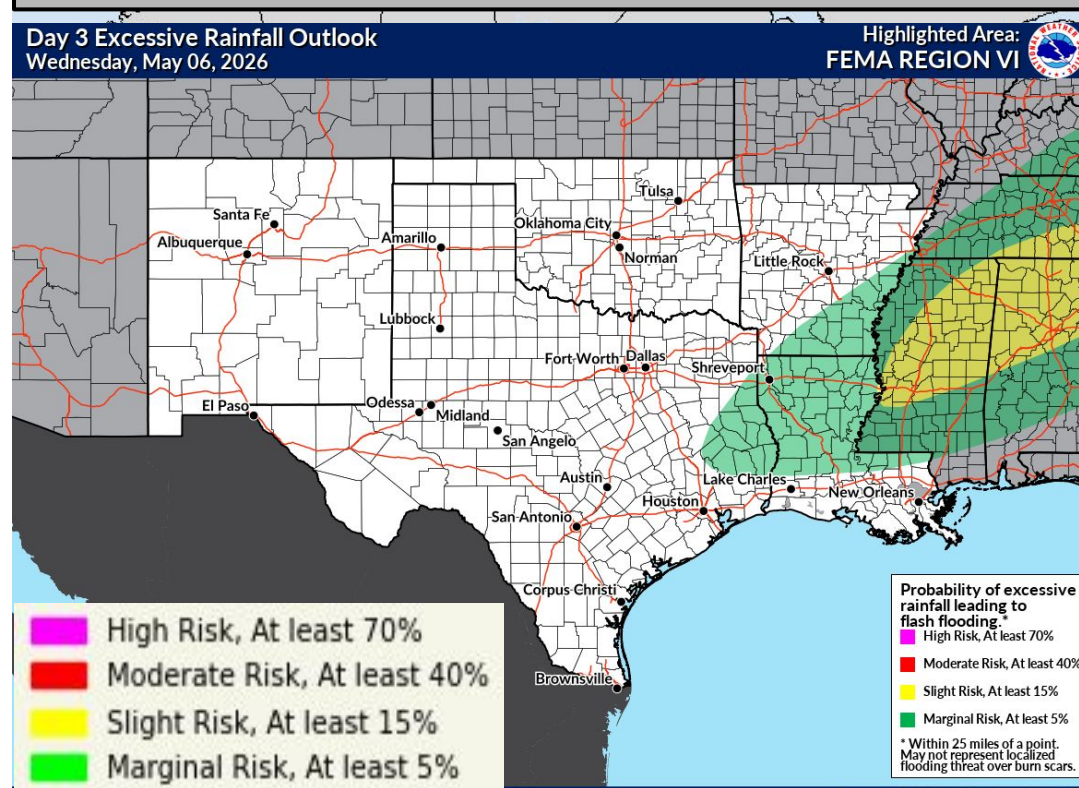
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms Wednesday in E TX, S AR, LA. Hail likely the main threat.**

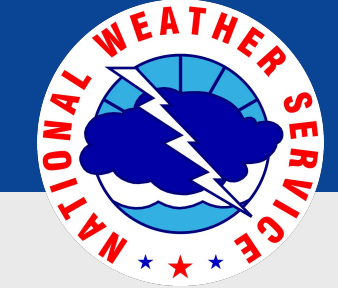
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for E TX, SE AR, N LA for heavy rain.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

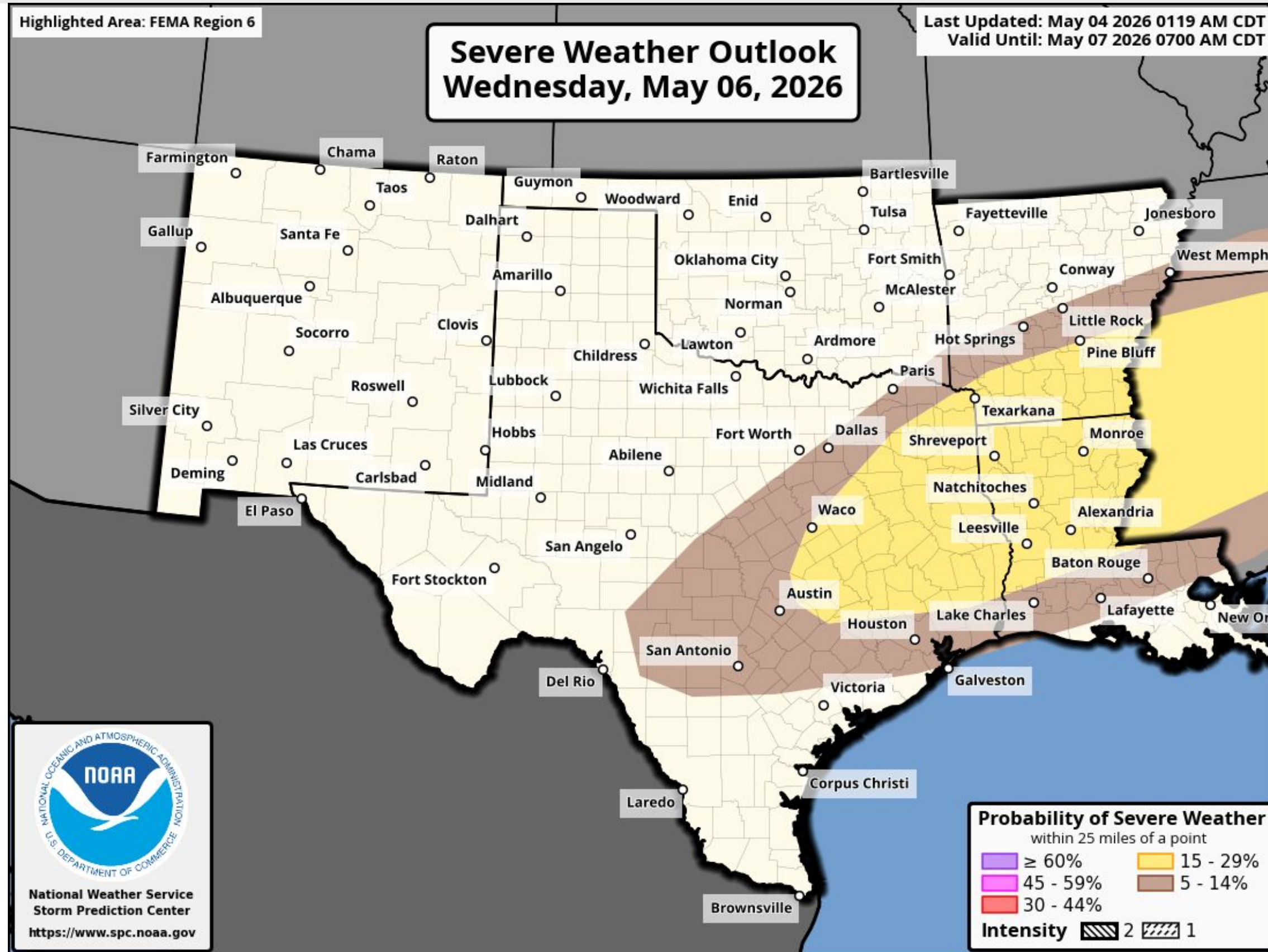


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





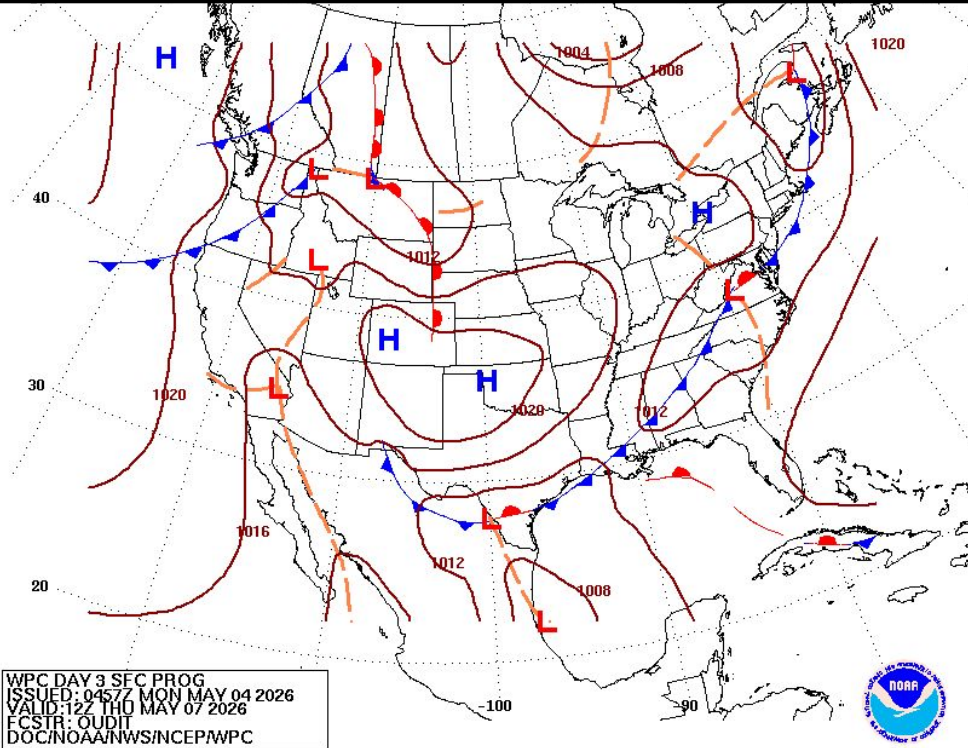
# Wednesday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



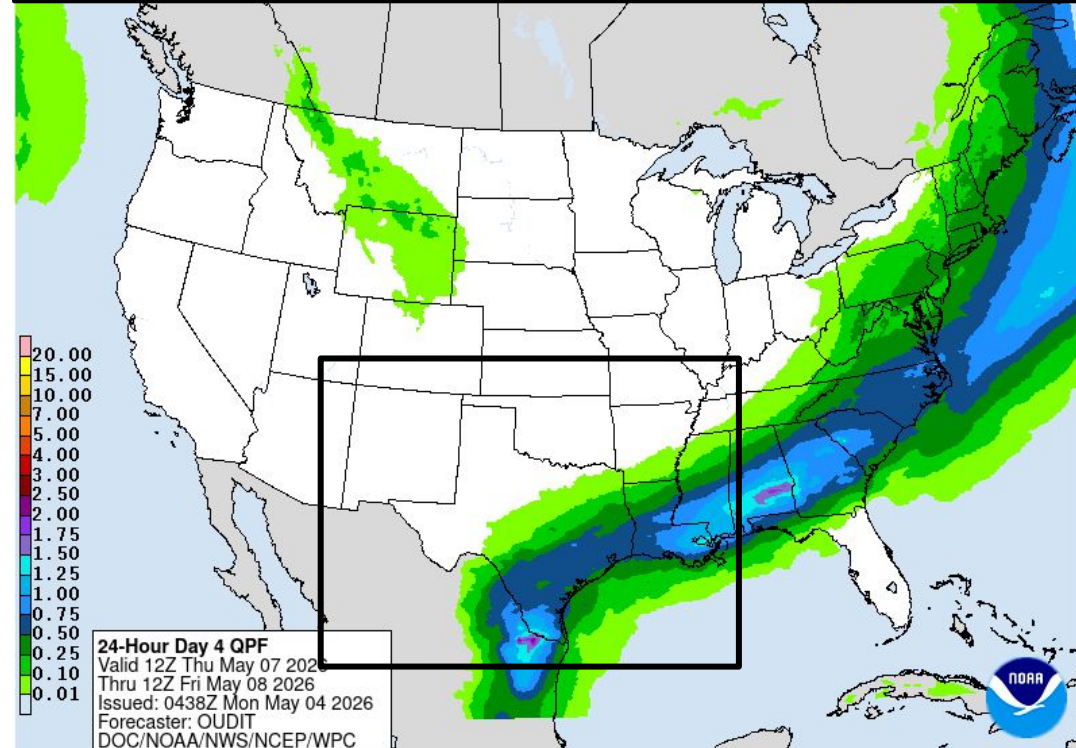


# Thursday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

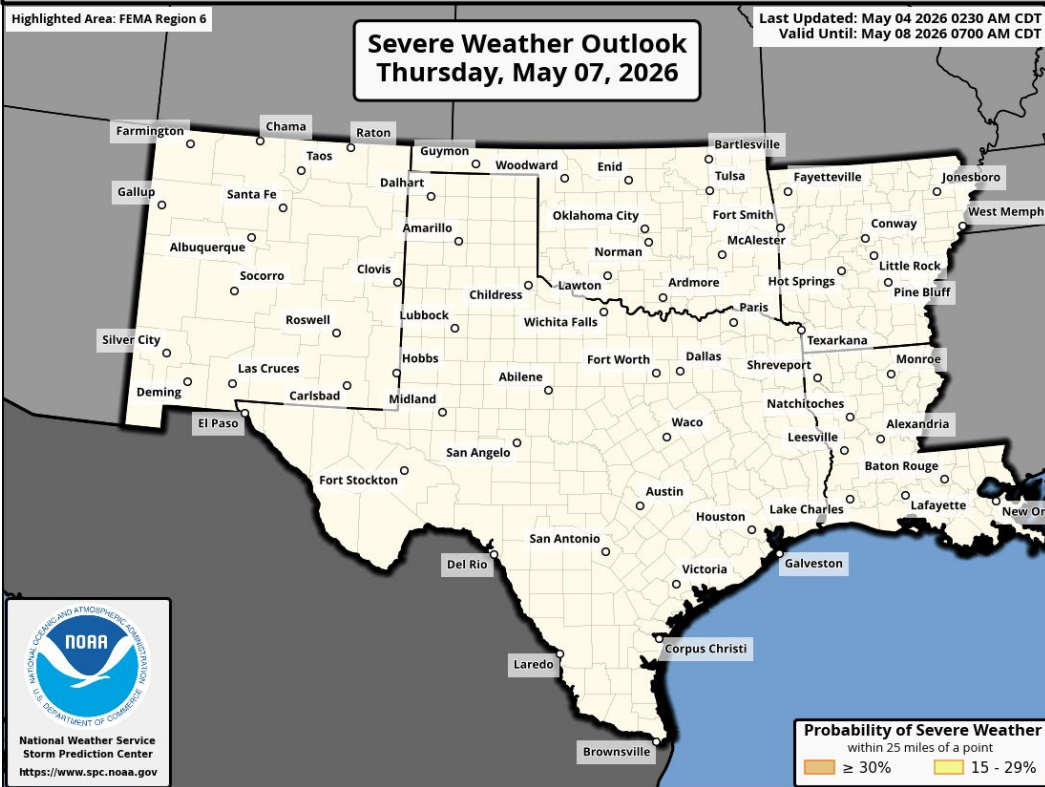


## Forecast Rainfall

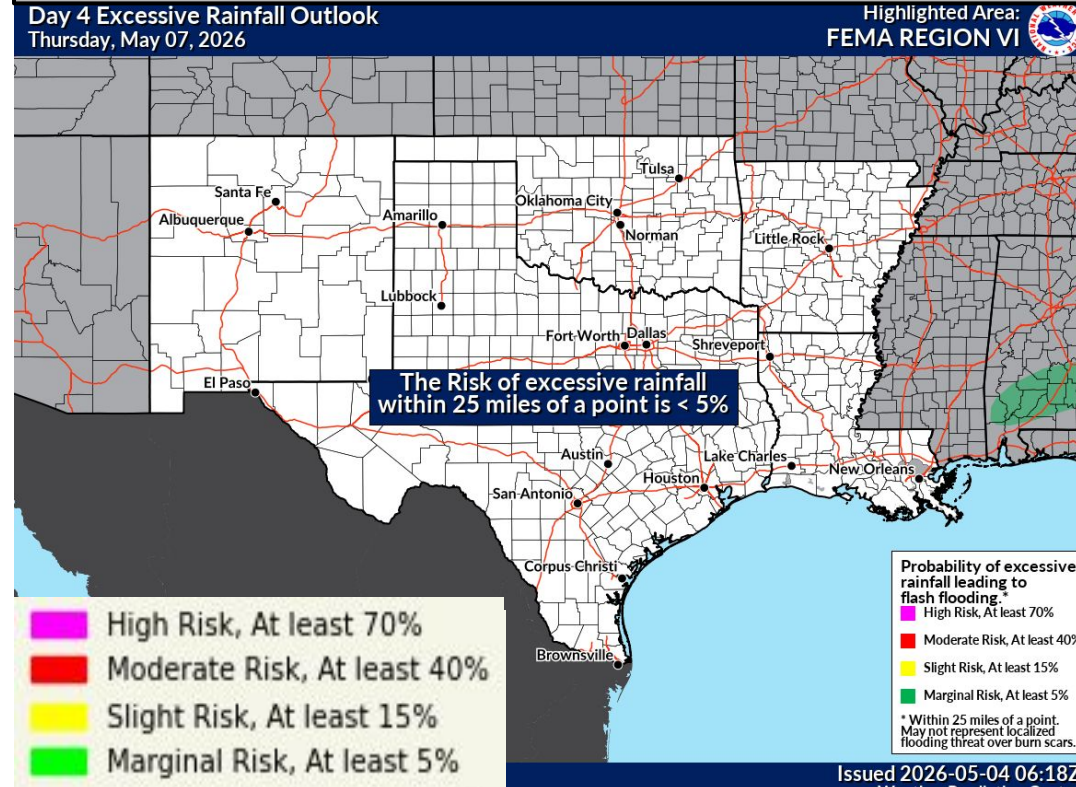


**Monitoring STX for locally heavy rain.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



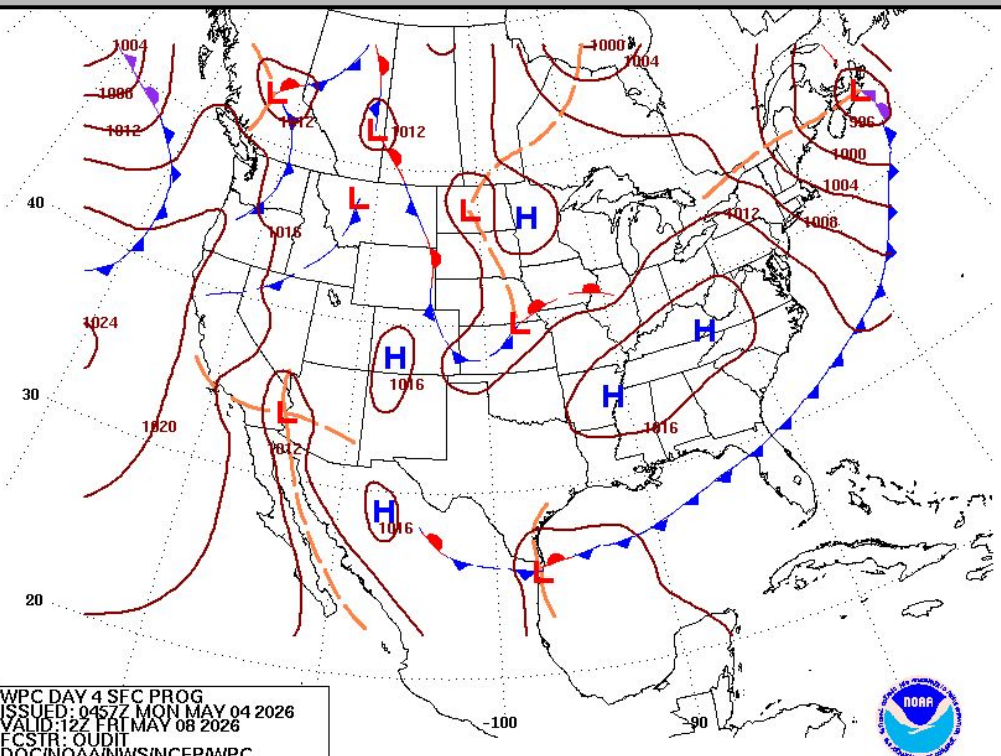
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





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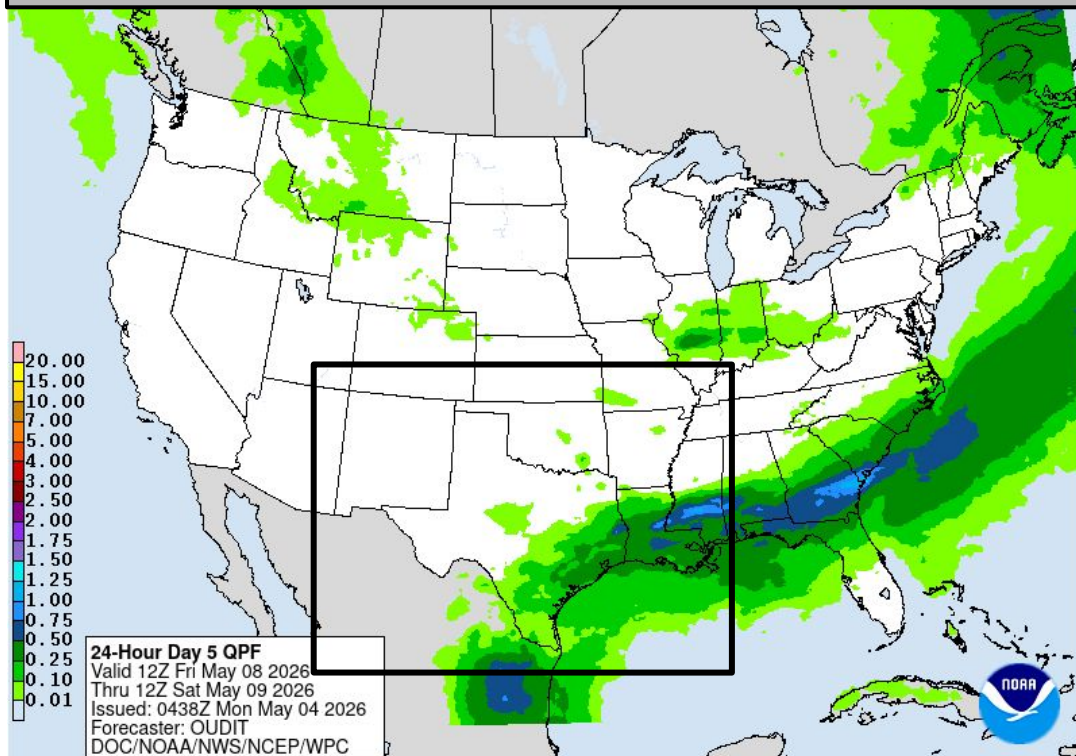
## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG  
ISSUED: 0457Z MON MAY 04 2026  
VALID: 12Z FRI MAY 08 2026  
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## Forecast Rainfall

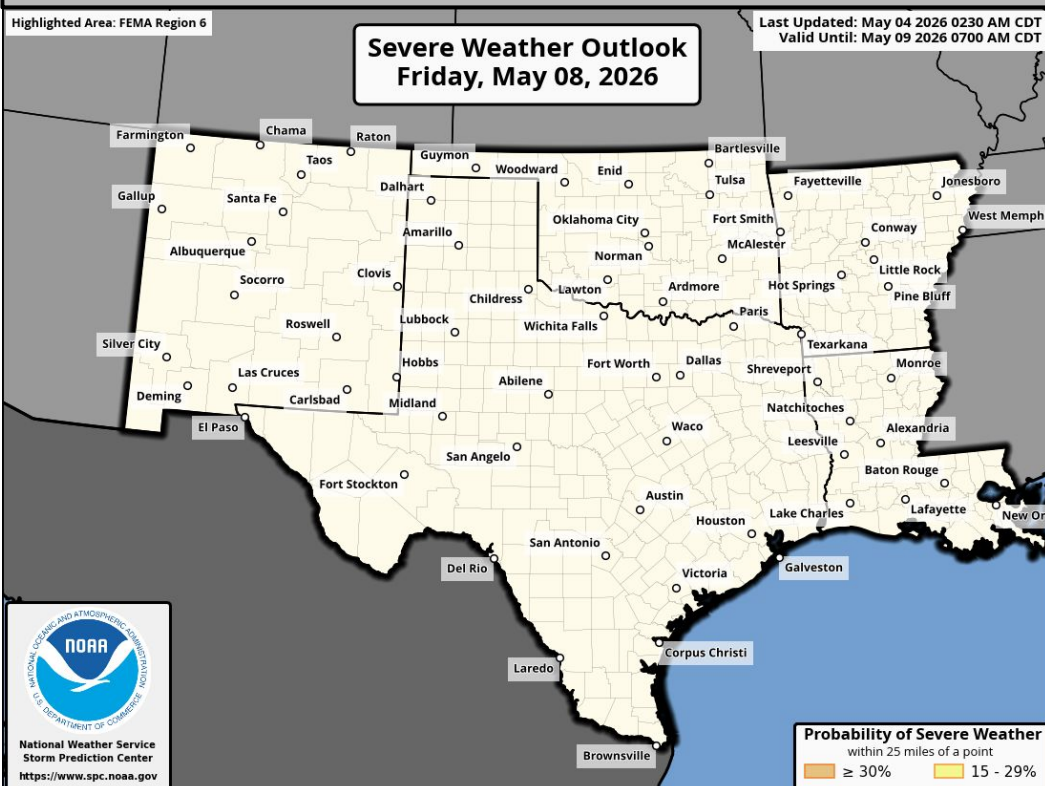


24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



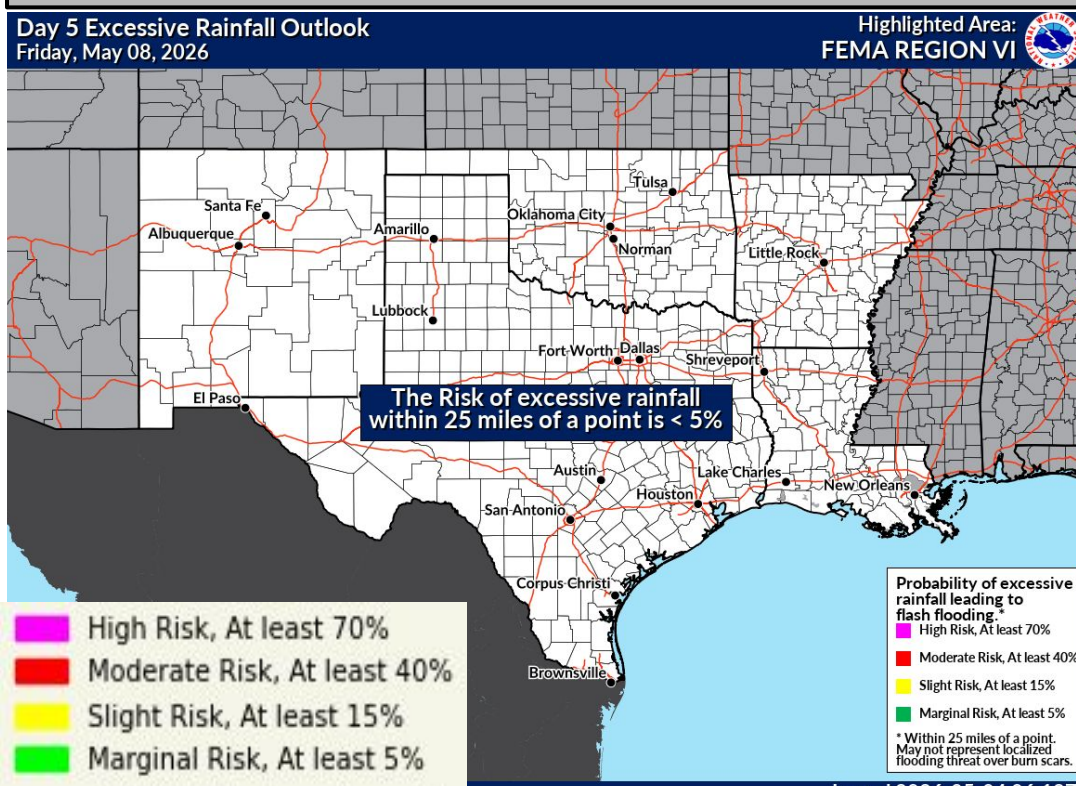
Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, May 08, 2026

Last Updated: May 04 2026 0230 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 09 2026 0700 AM CDT



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

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, May 08, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

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%

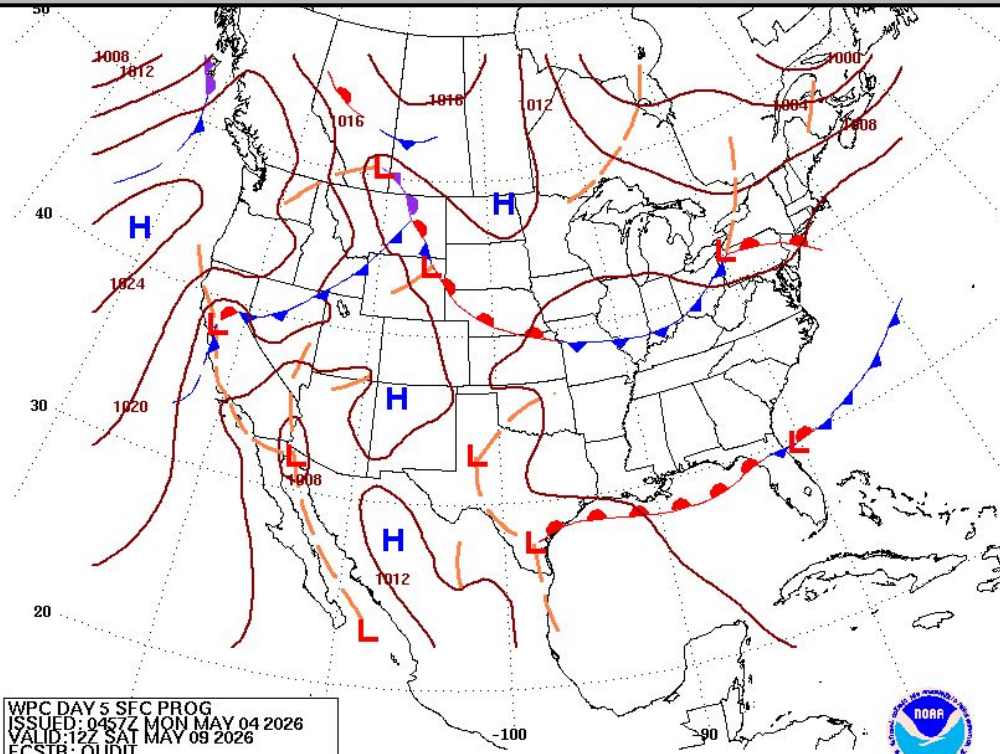
Probability of excessive  
rainfall leading to  
flash flooding:  
High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%  
\* Within 25 miles of a point.  
May not represent localized  
flooding threat over burn scars.

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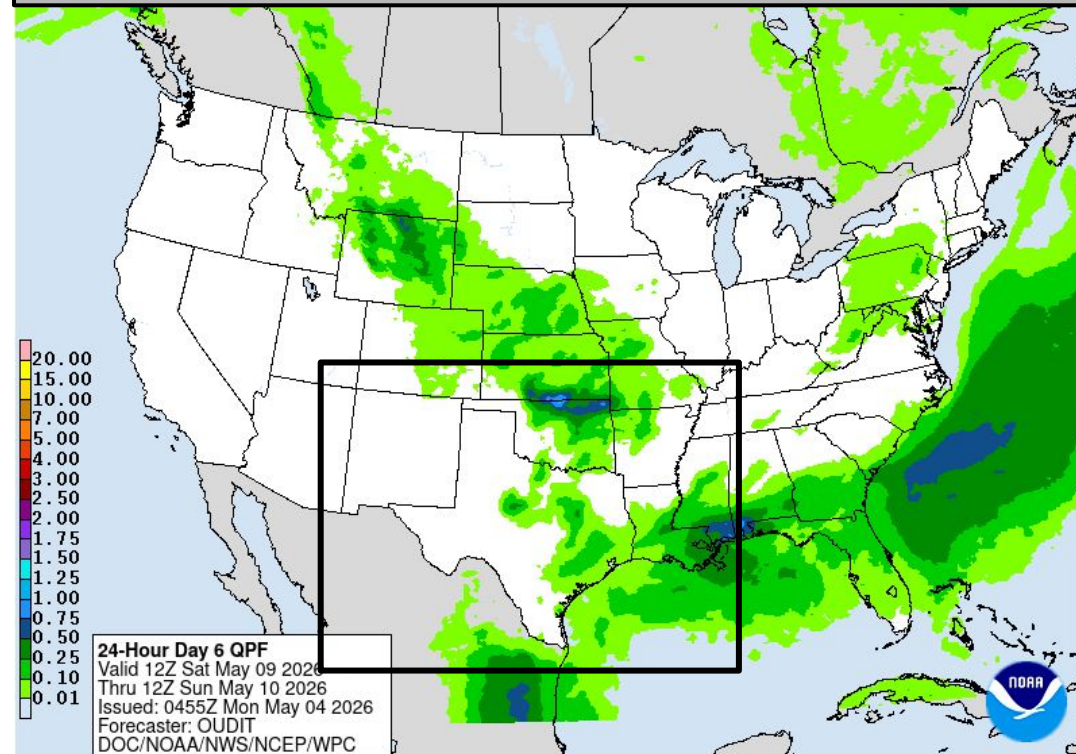
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### Forecast Chart



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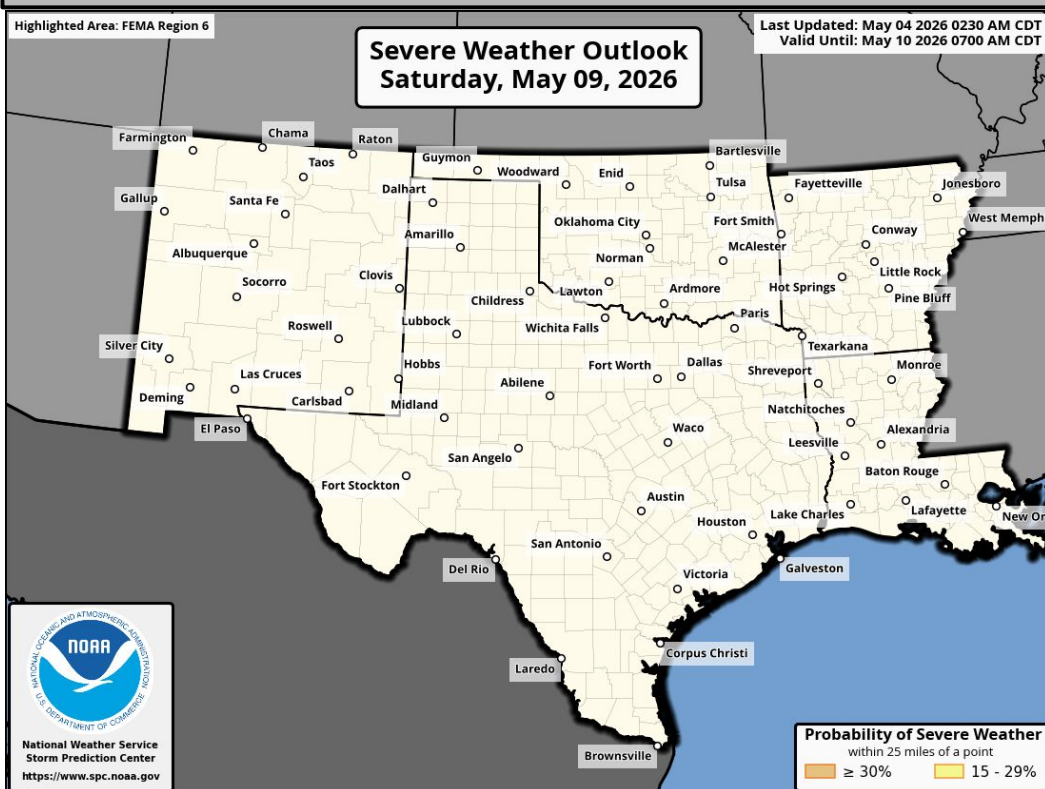
### Forecast Rainfall



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**Monitoring the Southern Plains  
for strong/severe storms.**

### Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, May 09, 2026

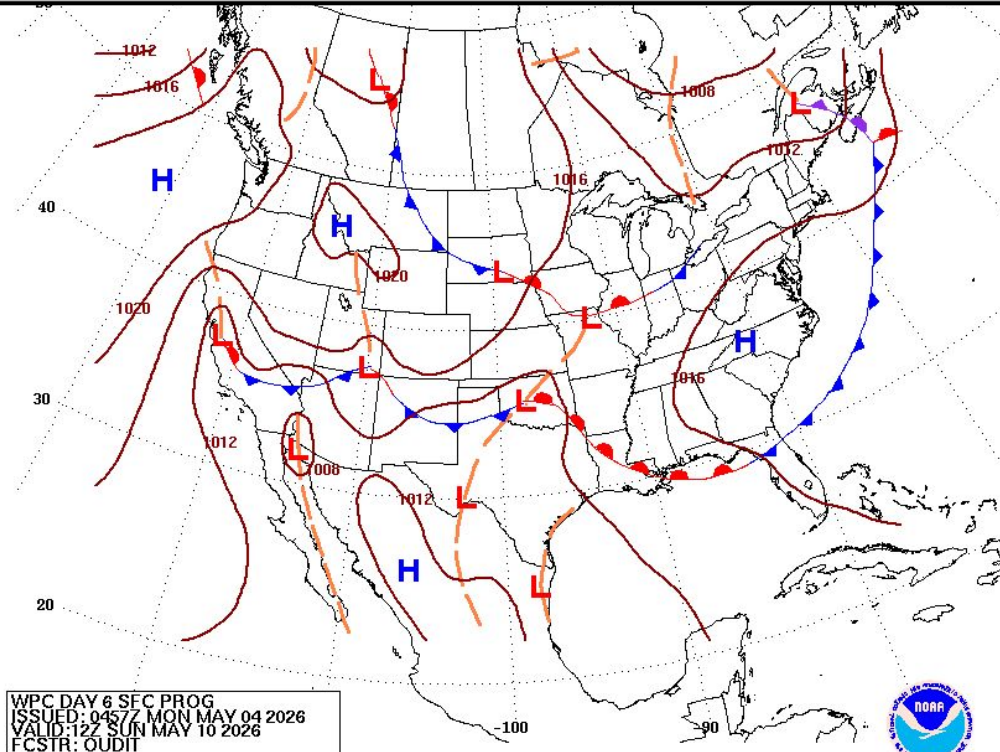
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks  
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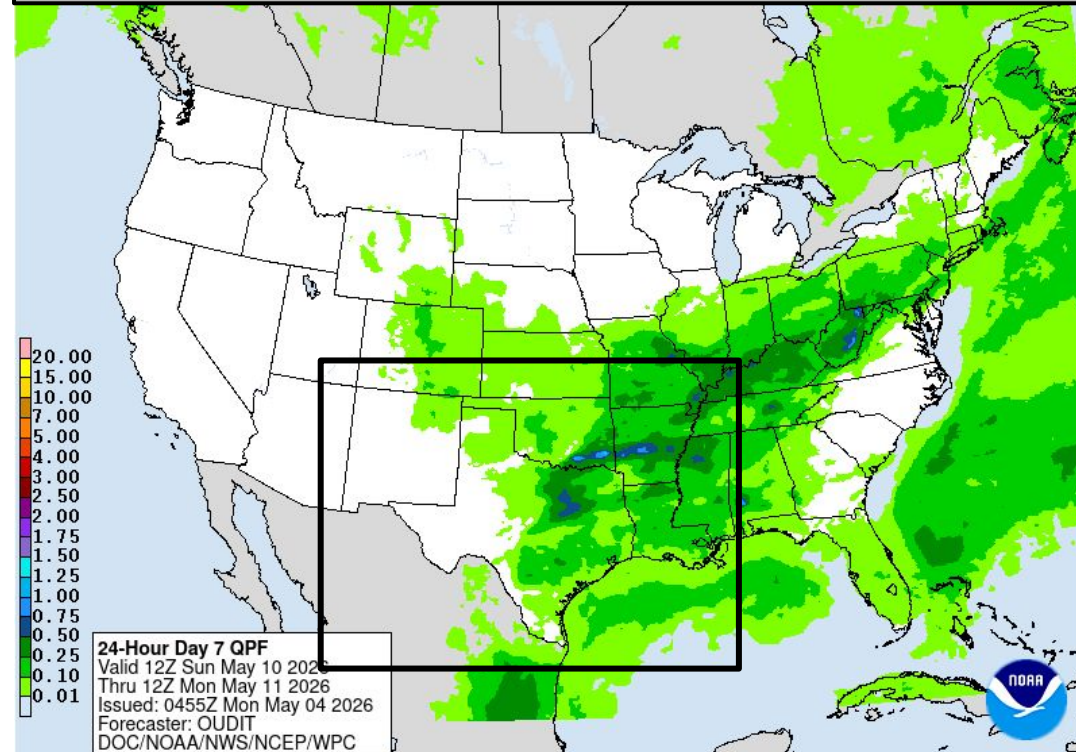
# Sunday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



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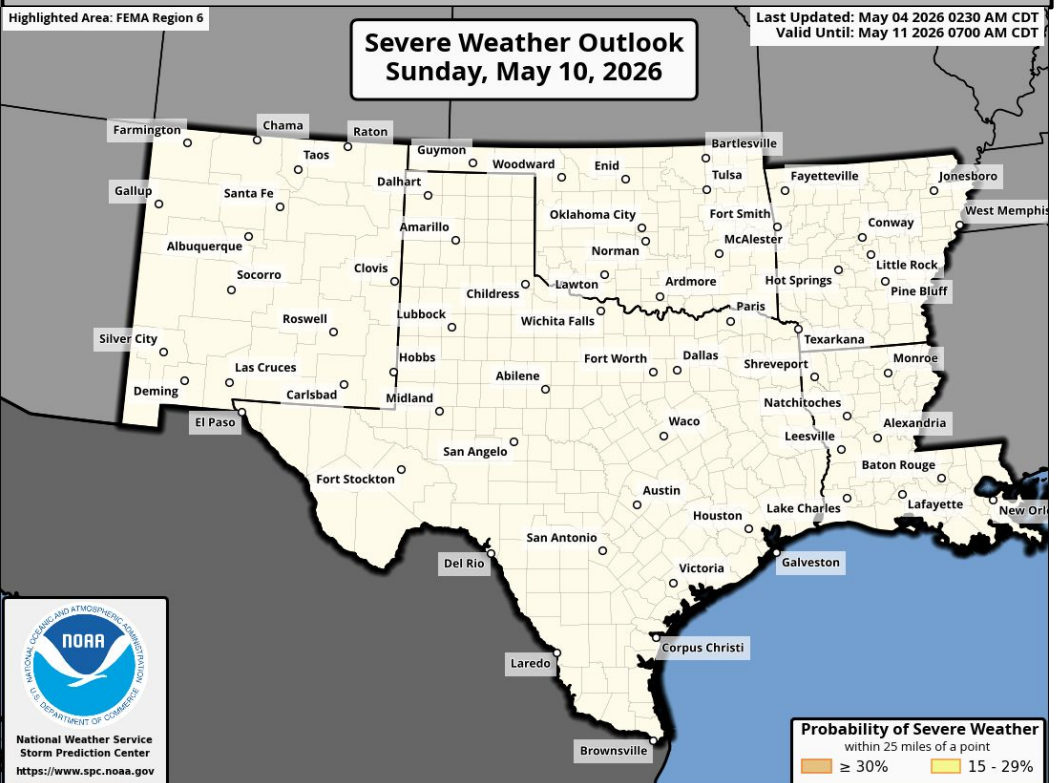
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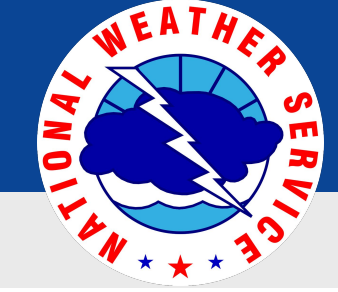
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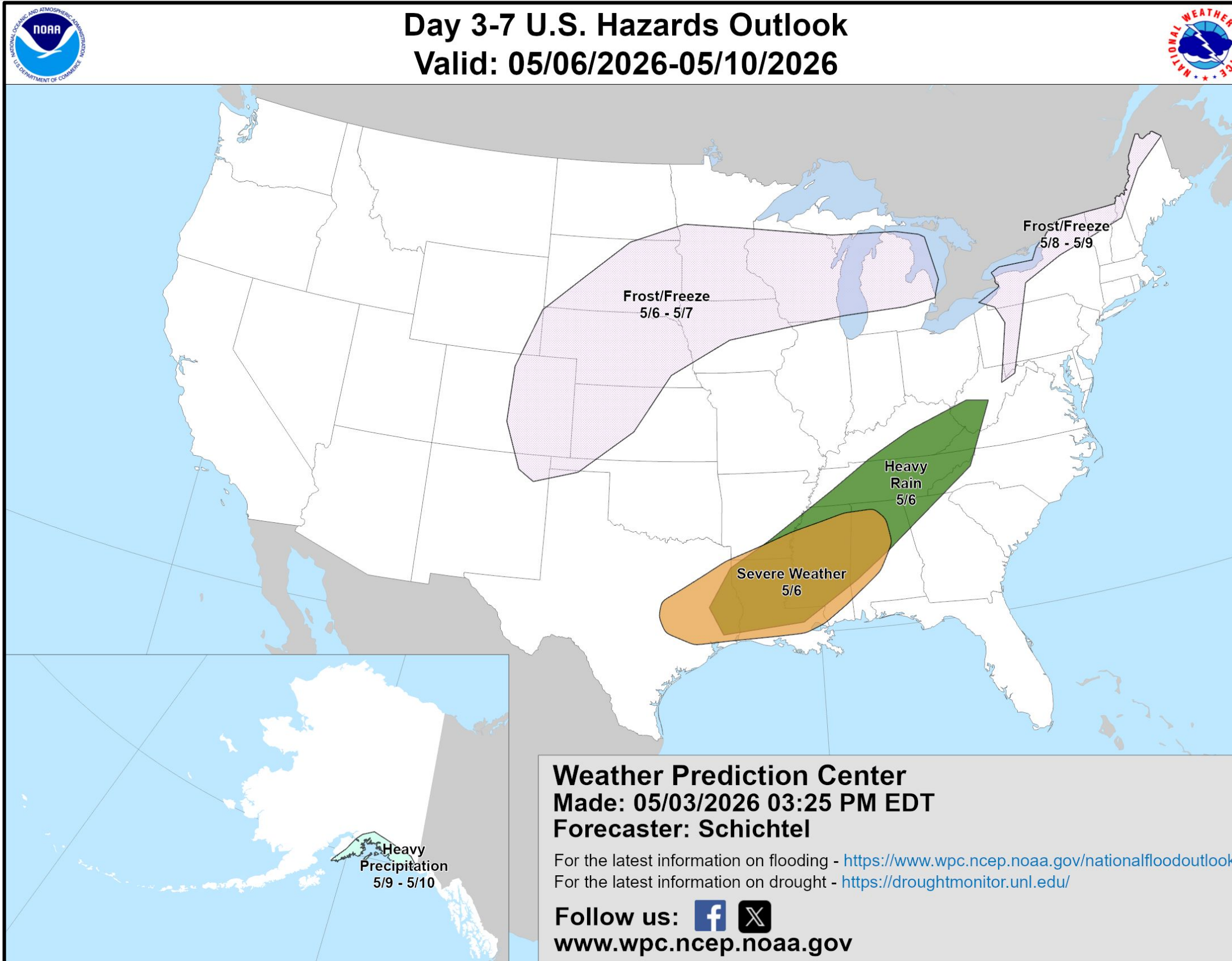
## Severe Weather Outlook



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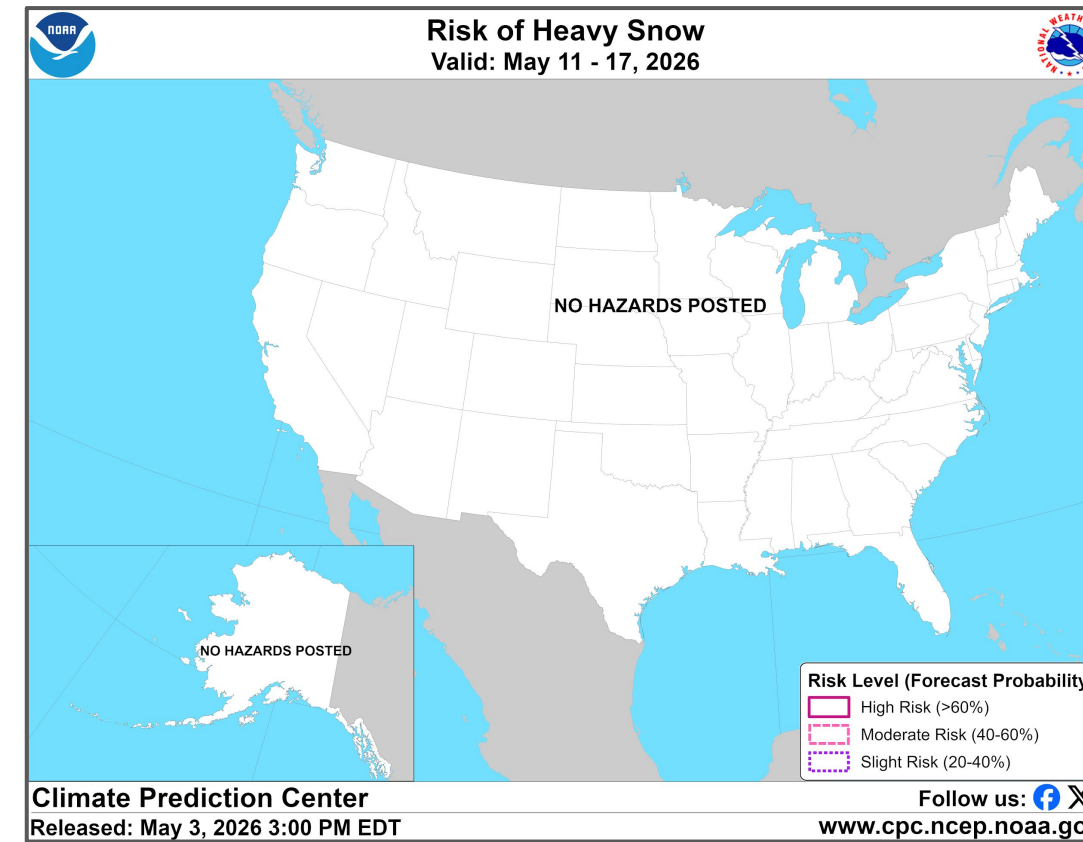
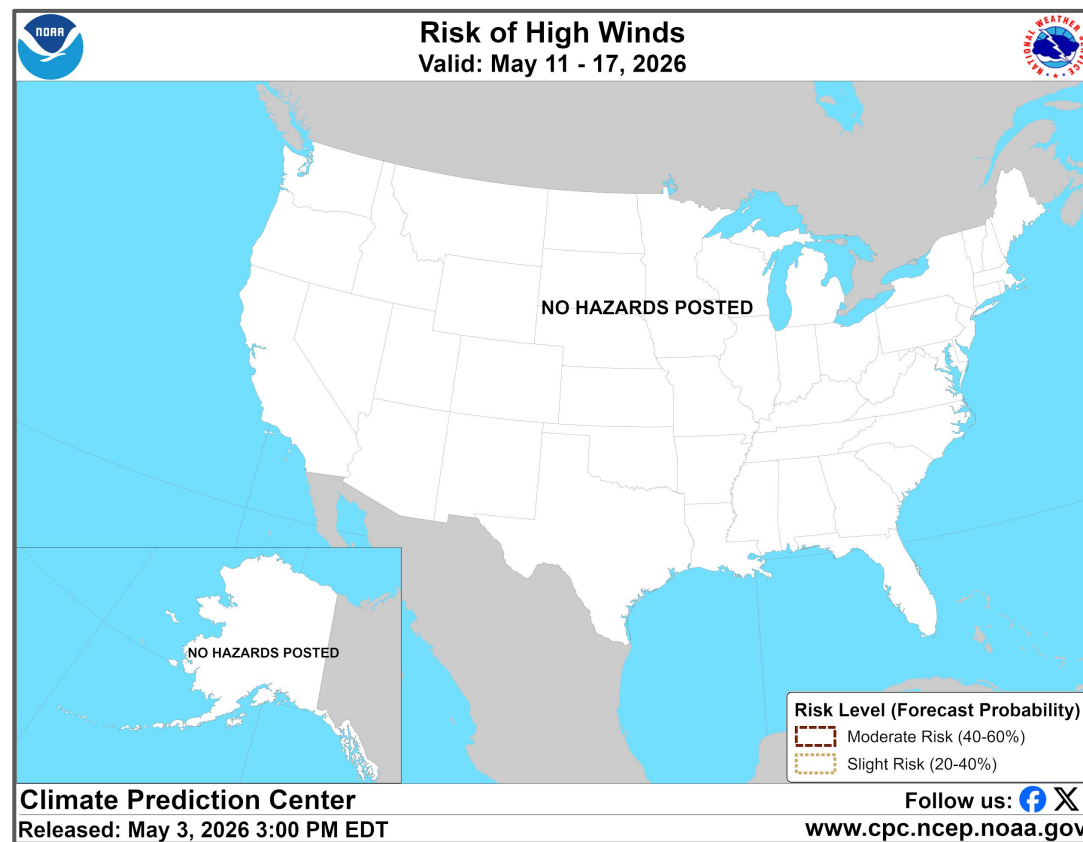
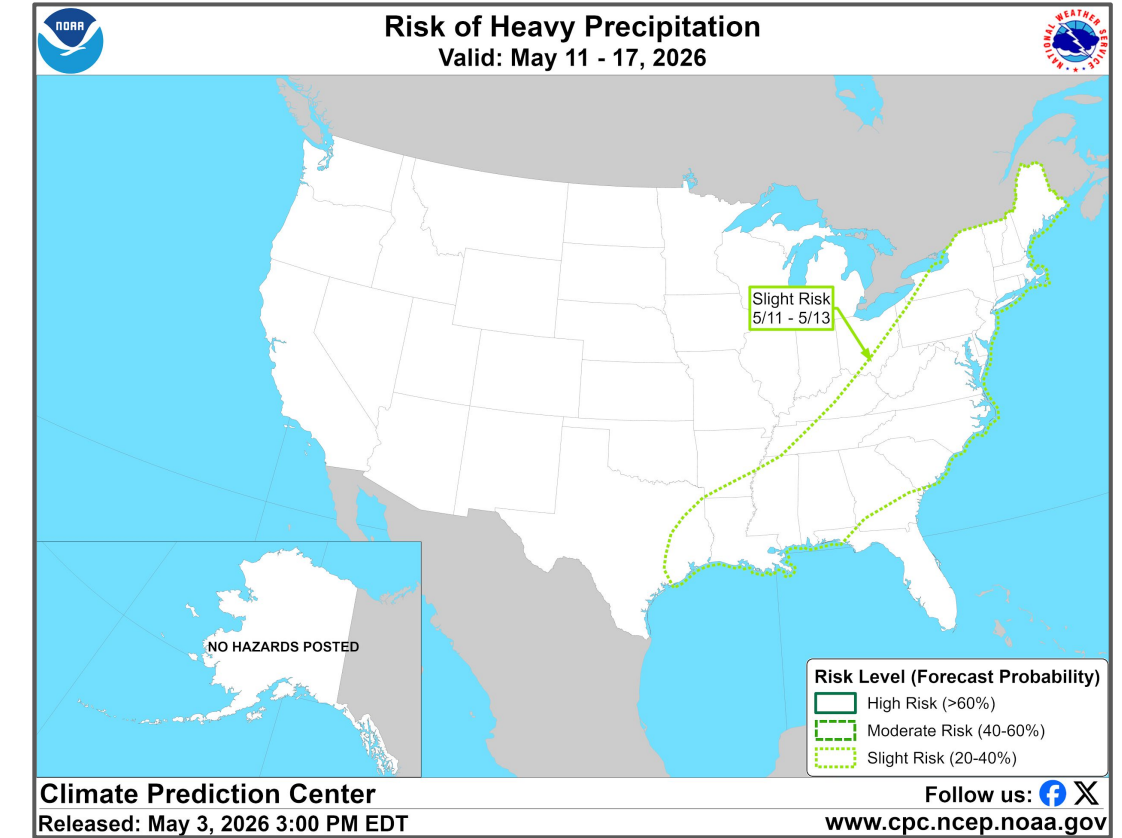
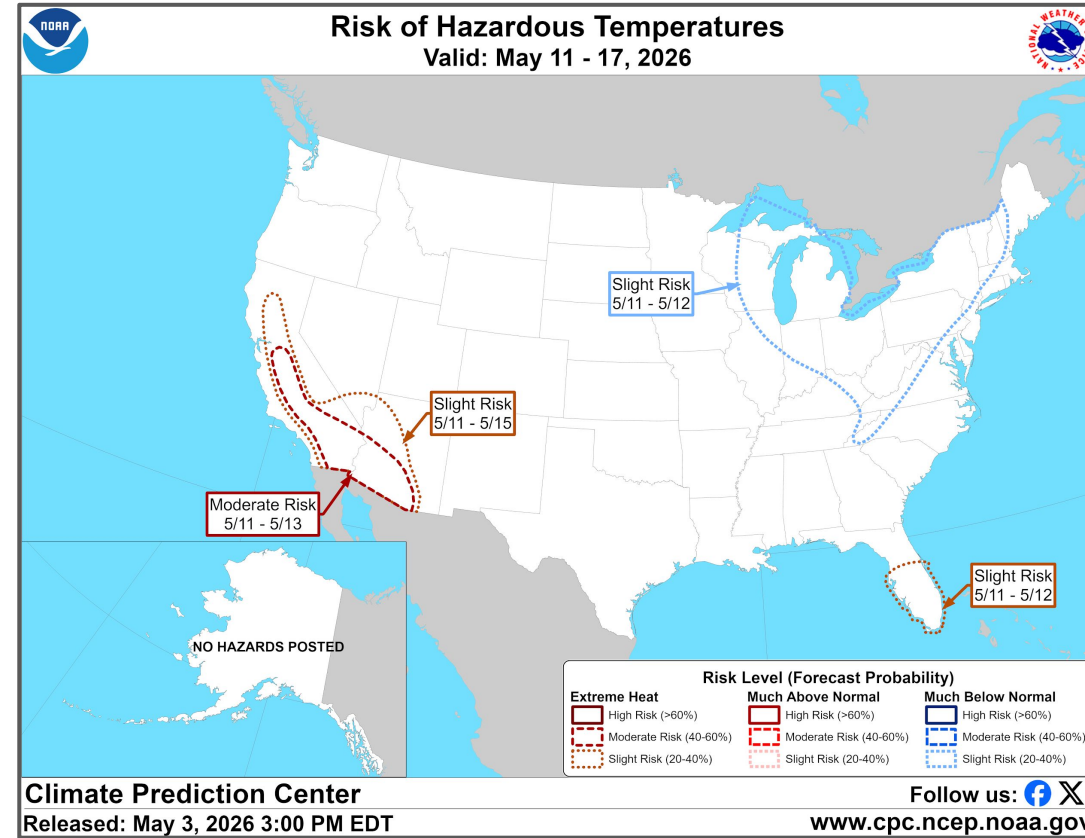
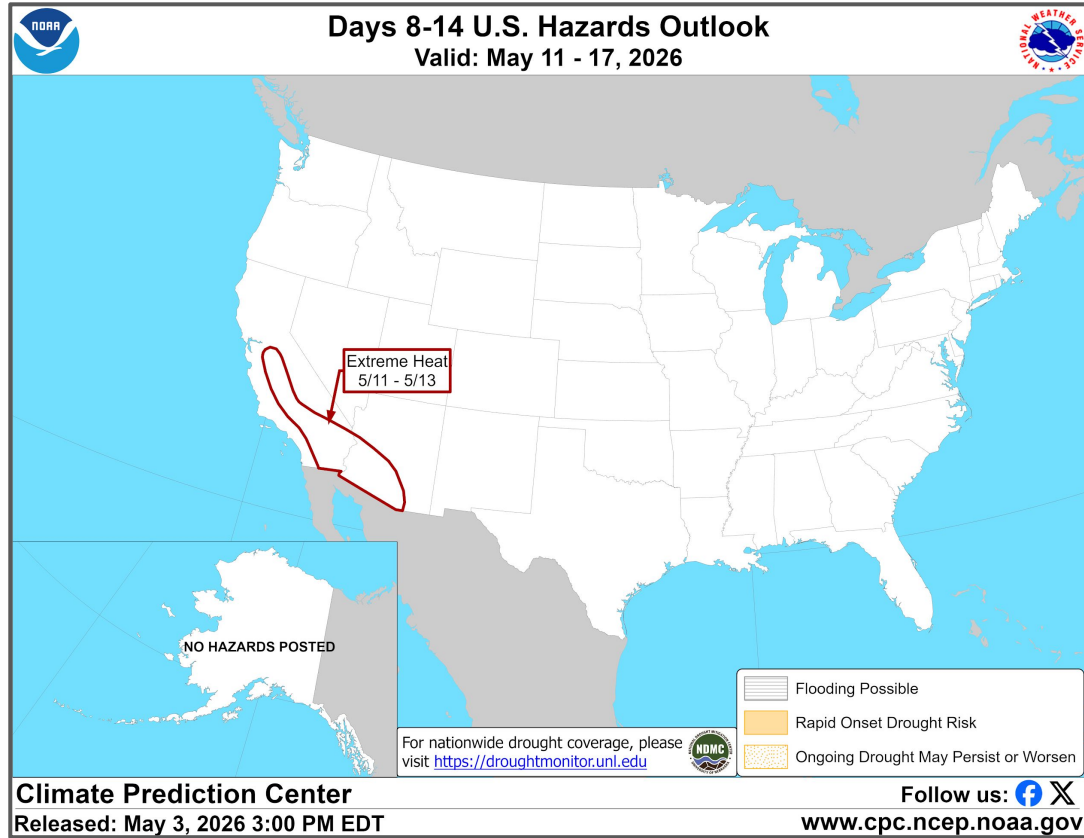


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





# “Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

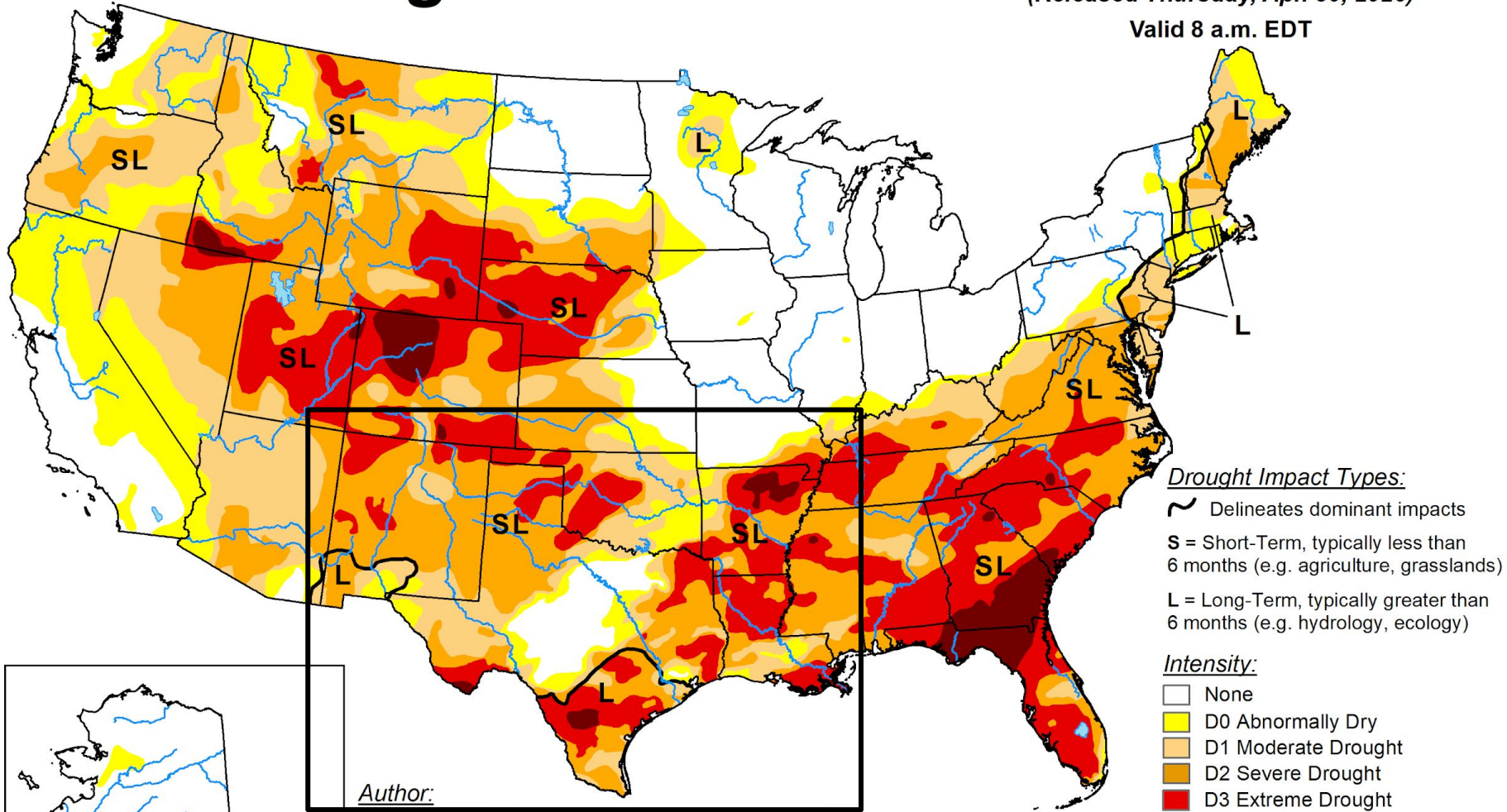




# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

April 28, 2026  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 30, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



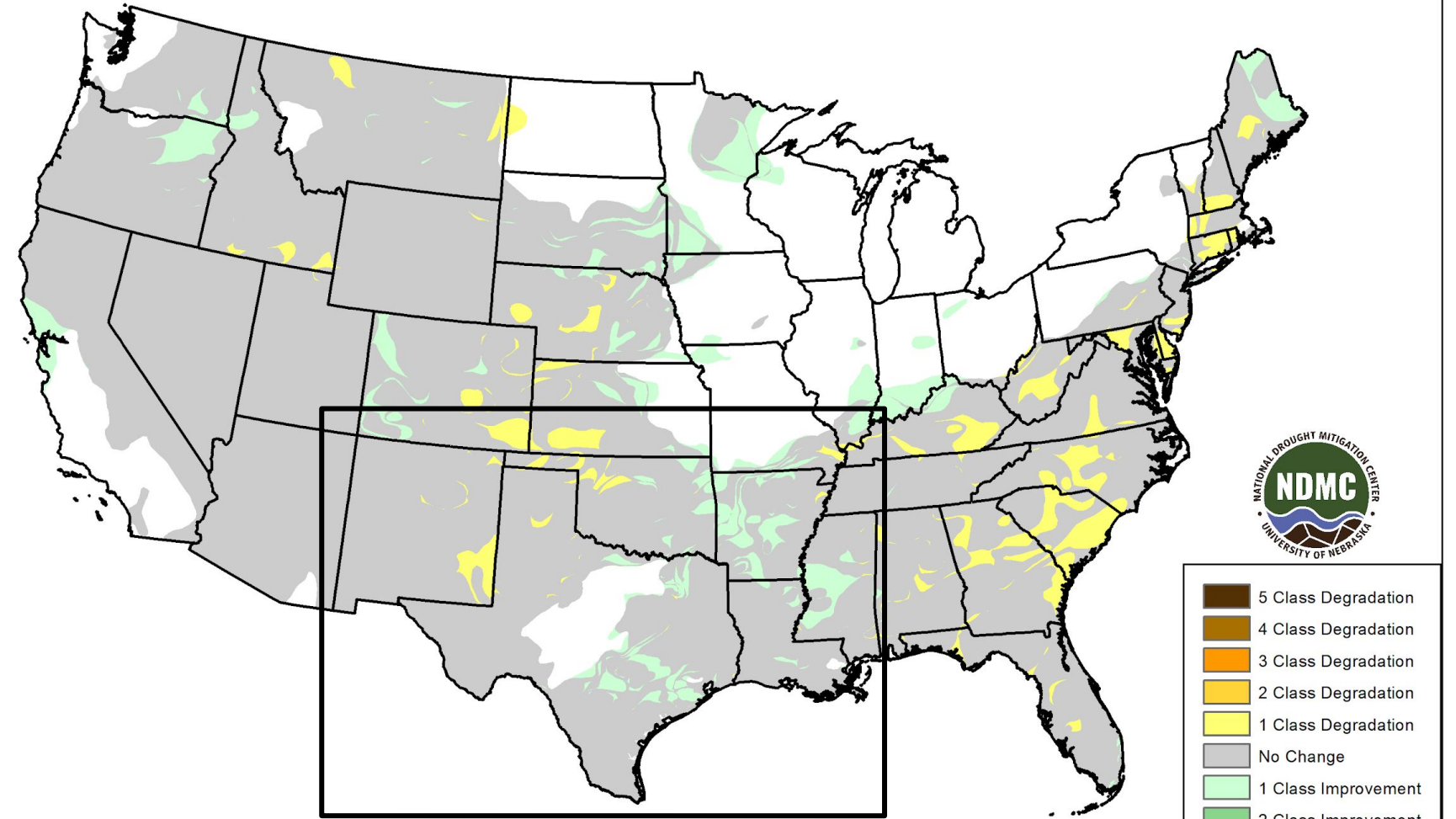
Author:  
Brad Rippey  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



April 28, 2026  
compared to  
April 21, 2026

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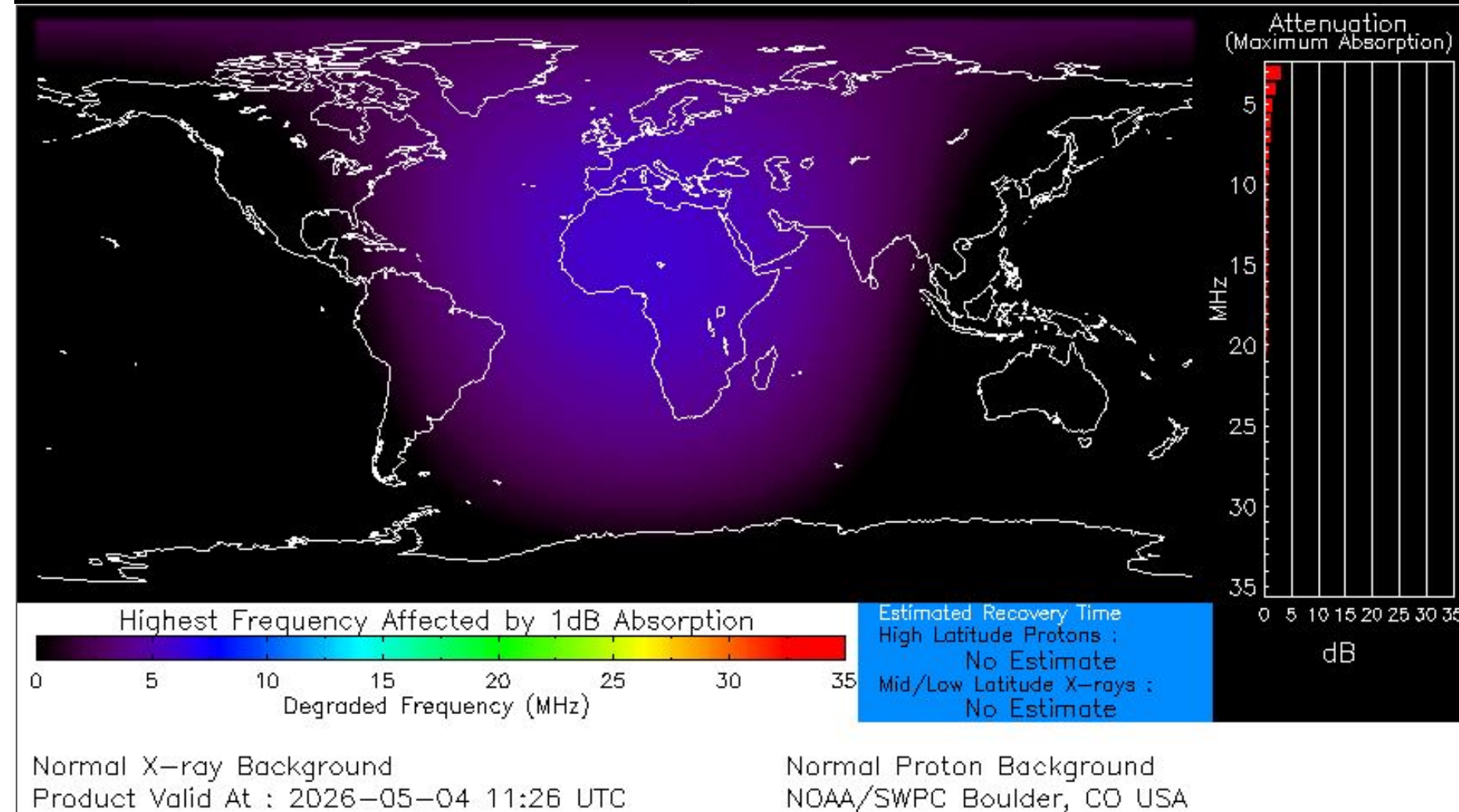
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U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service  
Southern Region



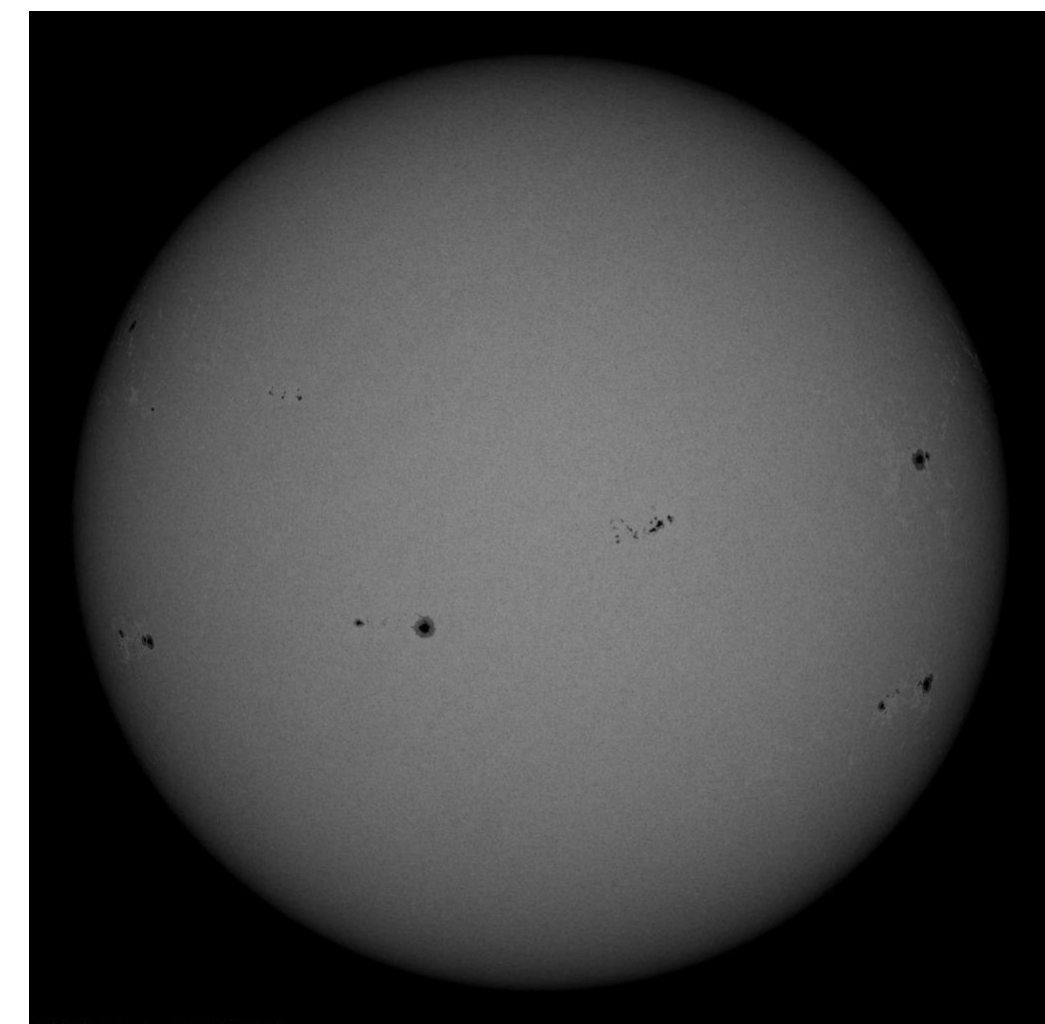
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp=2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>



[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;"><b>Little to None</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</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	<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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minor</b></p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</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	<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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderate</b></p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</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	<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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Major</b></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>	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extreme</b></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>	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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