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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, May 05, 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:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms today in portions of SE OK, AR, NE TX. Main threats of EF-2+ tornadoes and 2+” hail.
- Slight risk Wednesday in C/ETX, SAR, LA. Main threats of EF-2+ tornadoes and 2+” hail.
- Monitoring next system this weekend across portions of OK, AR, TX, LA.

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for NE AR today and SE LA Thursday.
- Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for ETX, SE AR, N LA Wednesday. High end: 5-7”.

- **Winter Weather:**

- Slick driving above 8000’ in N NM Mts for 2-6” snow tonight into Wed night. Impacts to I-20 and Raton Pass.

- **River Flooding:**

- Cache River at Patterson in AR is in Minor stage through Wednesday. Guadalupe River near Bloomington & Angelina near Lufkin in Minor stage through Wednesday. Pearl River in LA in Minor stage through Friday.





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7	Friday, May 8	Saturday, May 9	Sunday, May 10	Monday, May 11
Severe Storms	SE OK, AR, NE TX	C/ETX, SAR, LA			OK, AR	TX, AR, LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE AR	NE LA	SE LA				
		ETX, SE AR, N LA					
Heat							
Fire Weather							
Winter Weather	N NM Mts (PM)	N NM Mts					
River Flooding	SE/ETX, NE AR, SE LA	SE/ETX, NE AR, SE LA	SE LA	SE 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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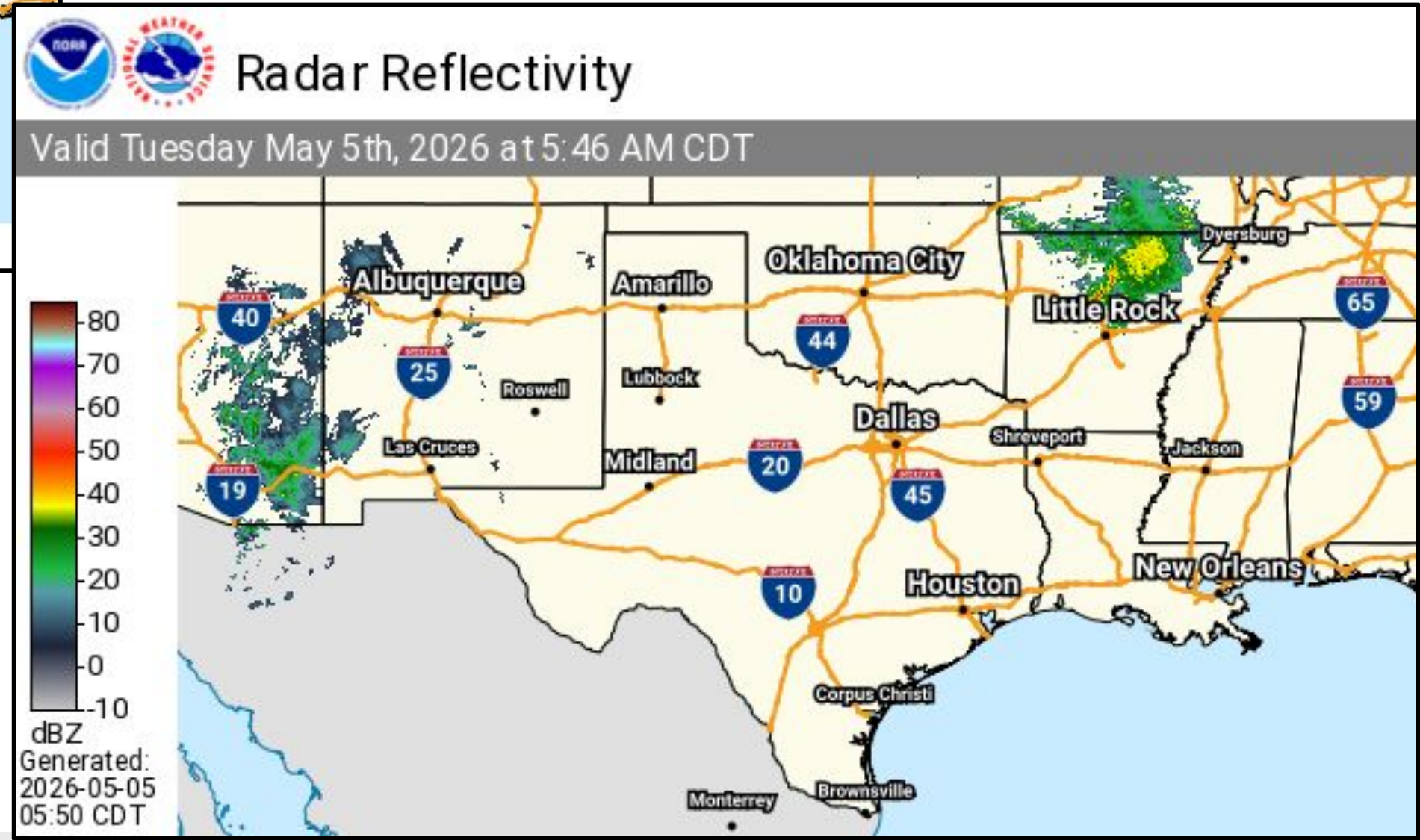
# Current Radar/Hazards



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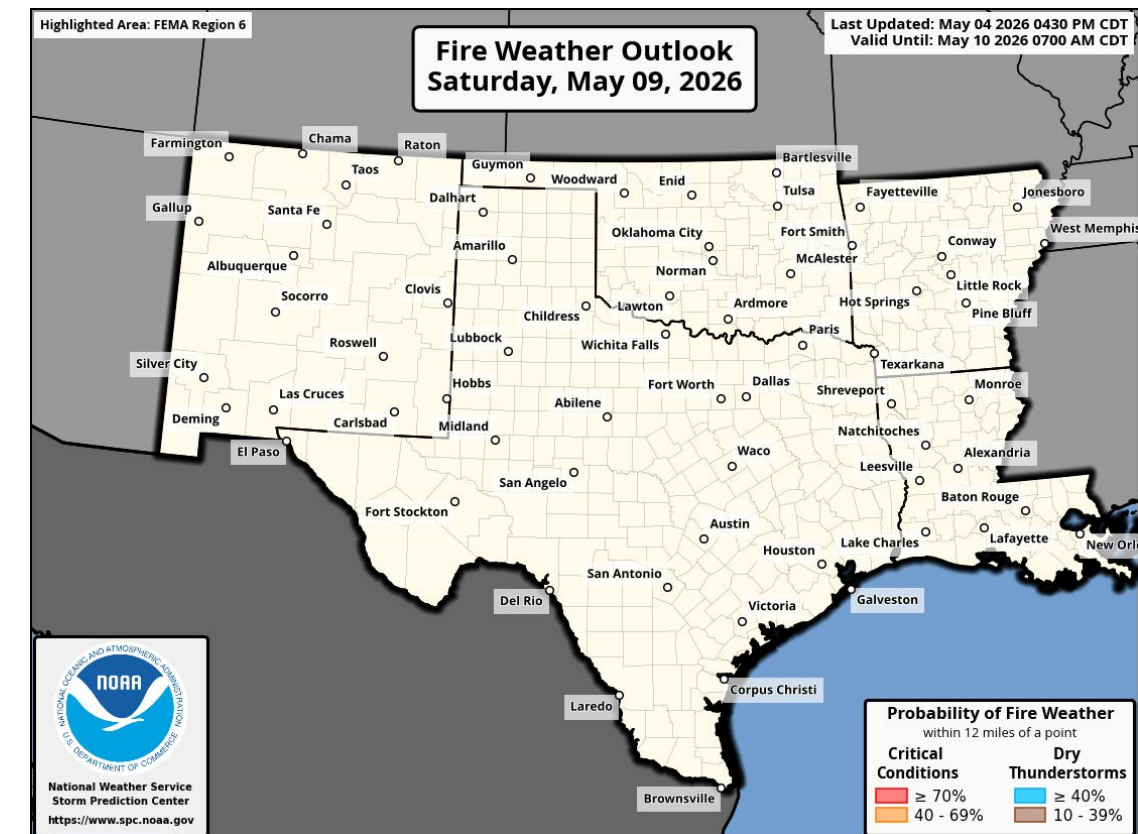
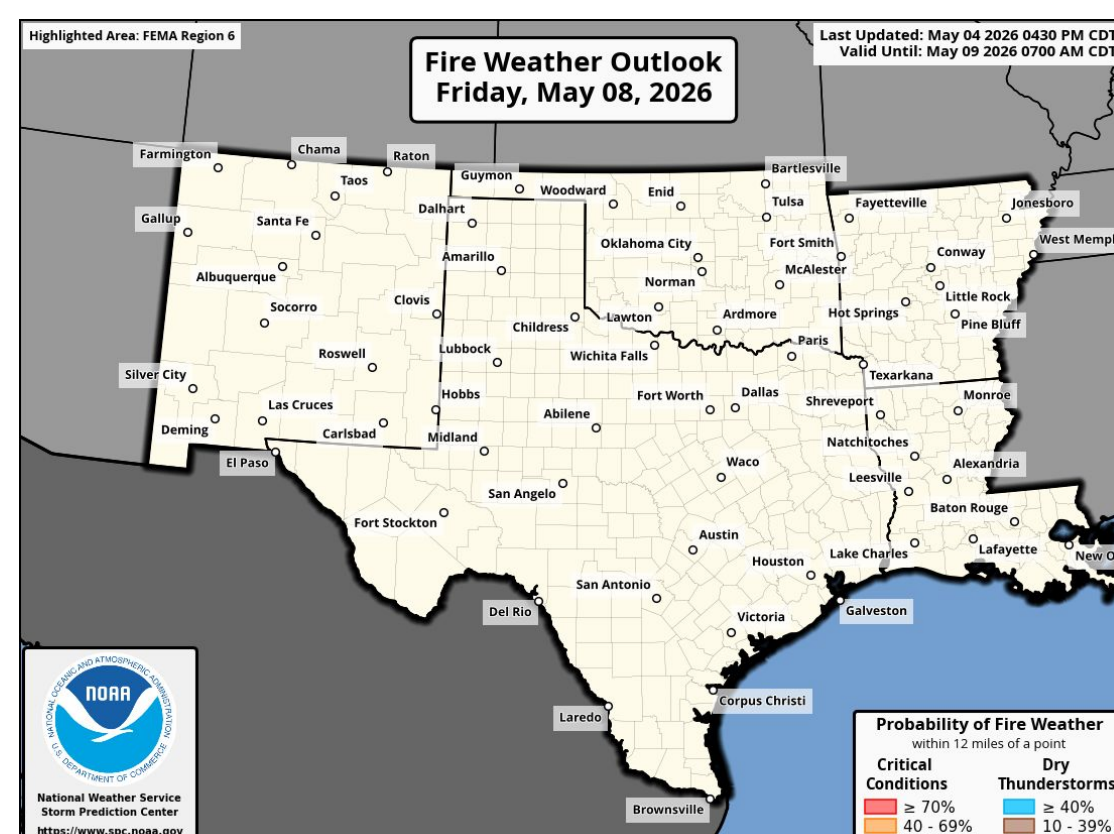
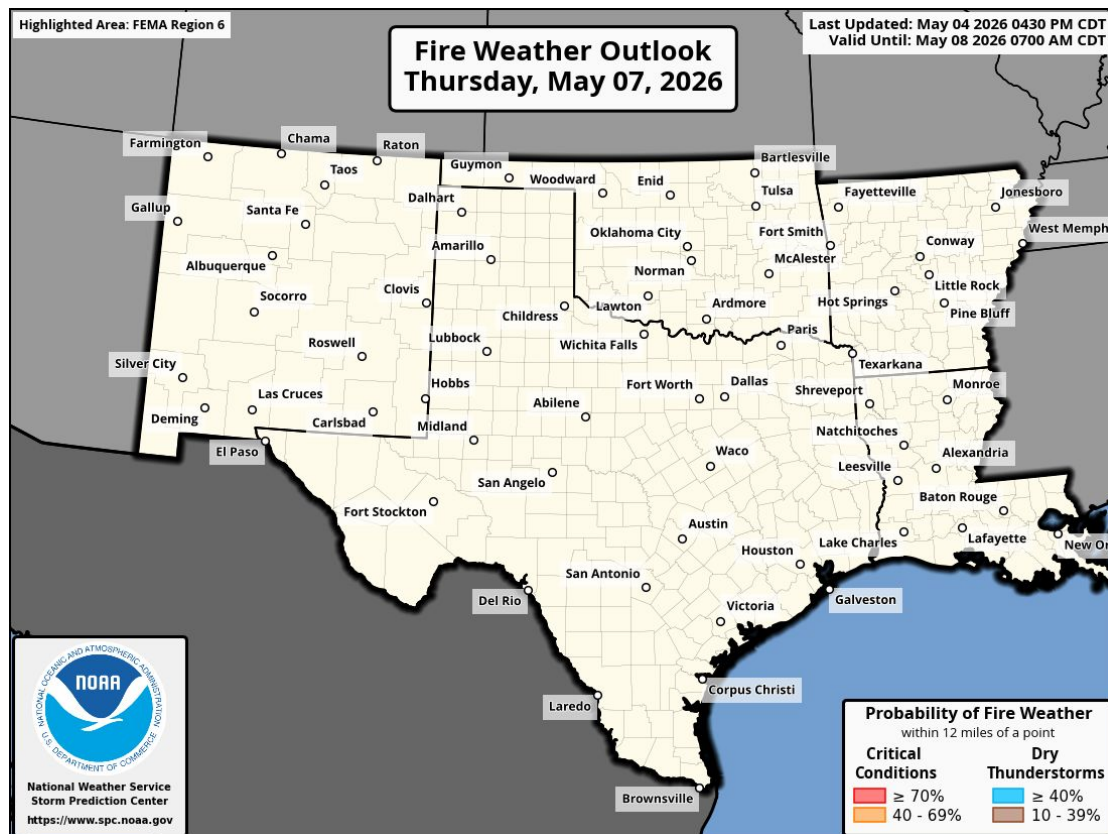
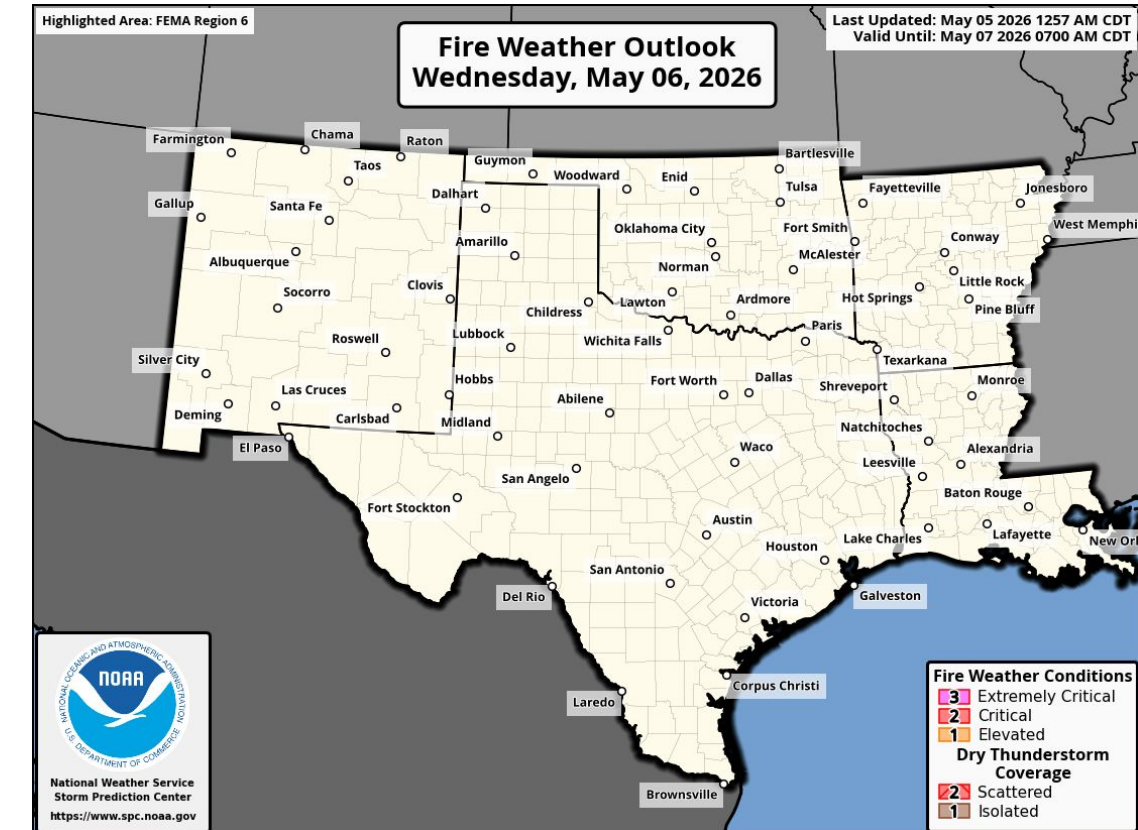
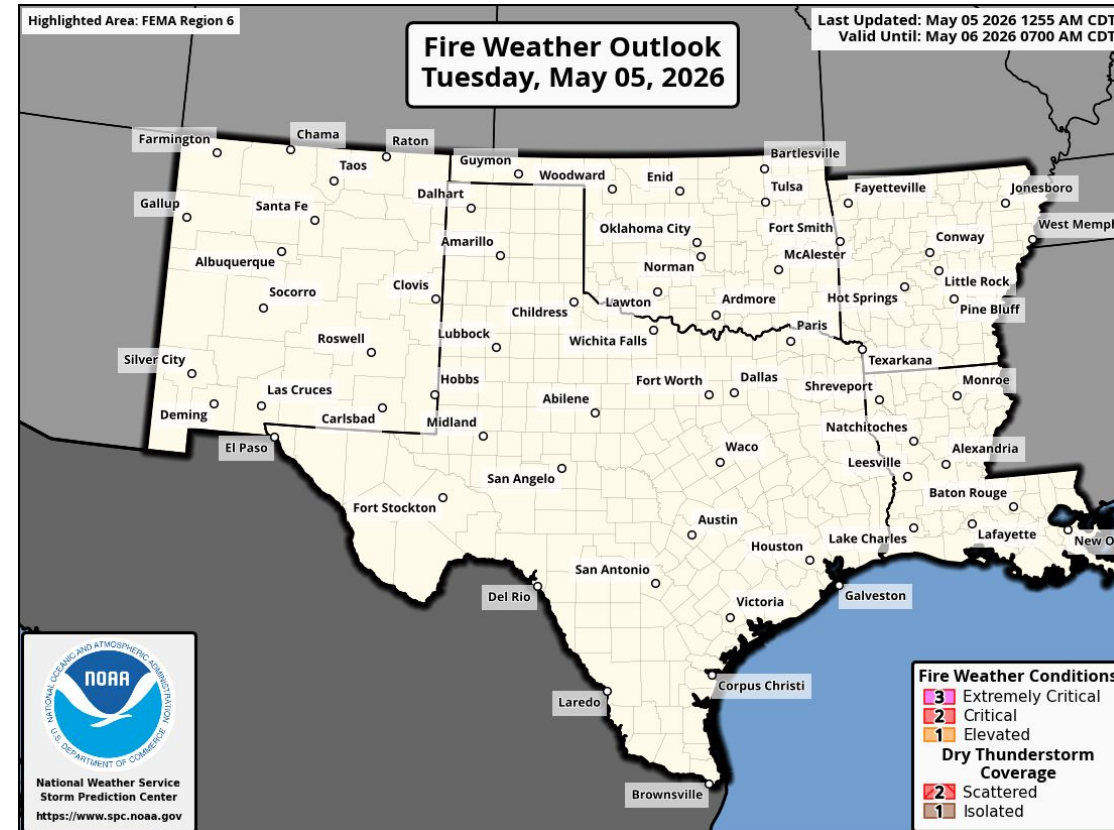
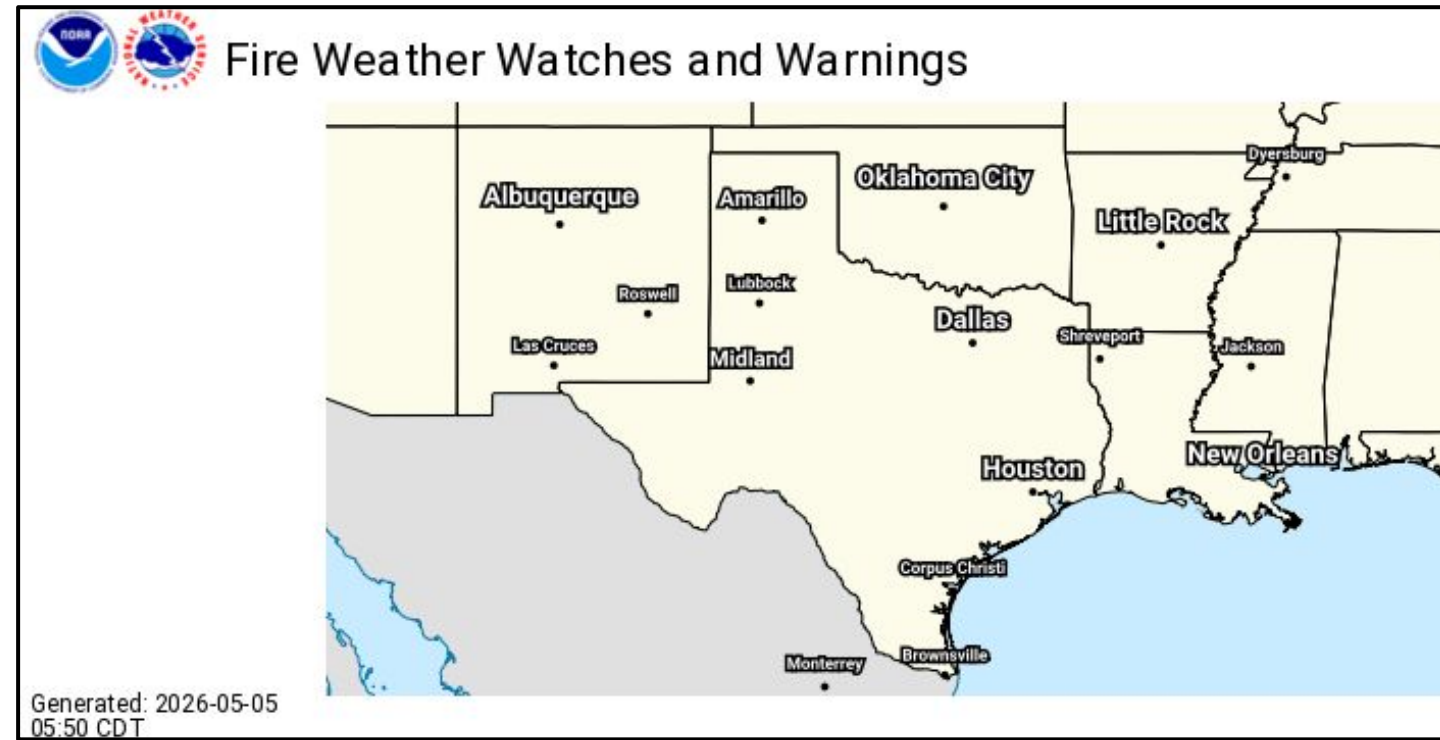
**Freeze Watches in TX/OK Panhandles for Wed night - Thurs morning. Temps as low as 28 degrees.**

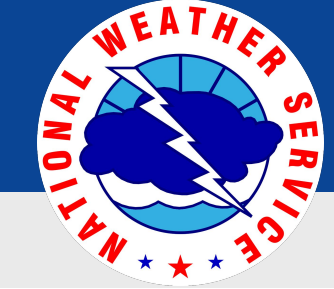
**Wind Advisories in SE NM, W TX today for gusts up to 50 mph. High Wind Warning in the mts for gusts to 70 mph.**





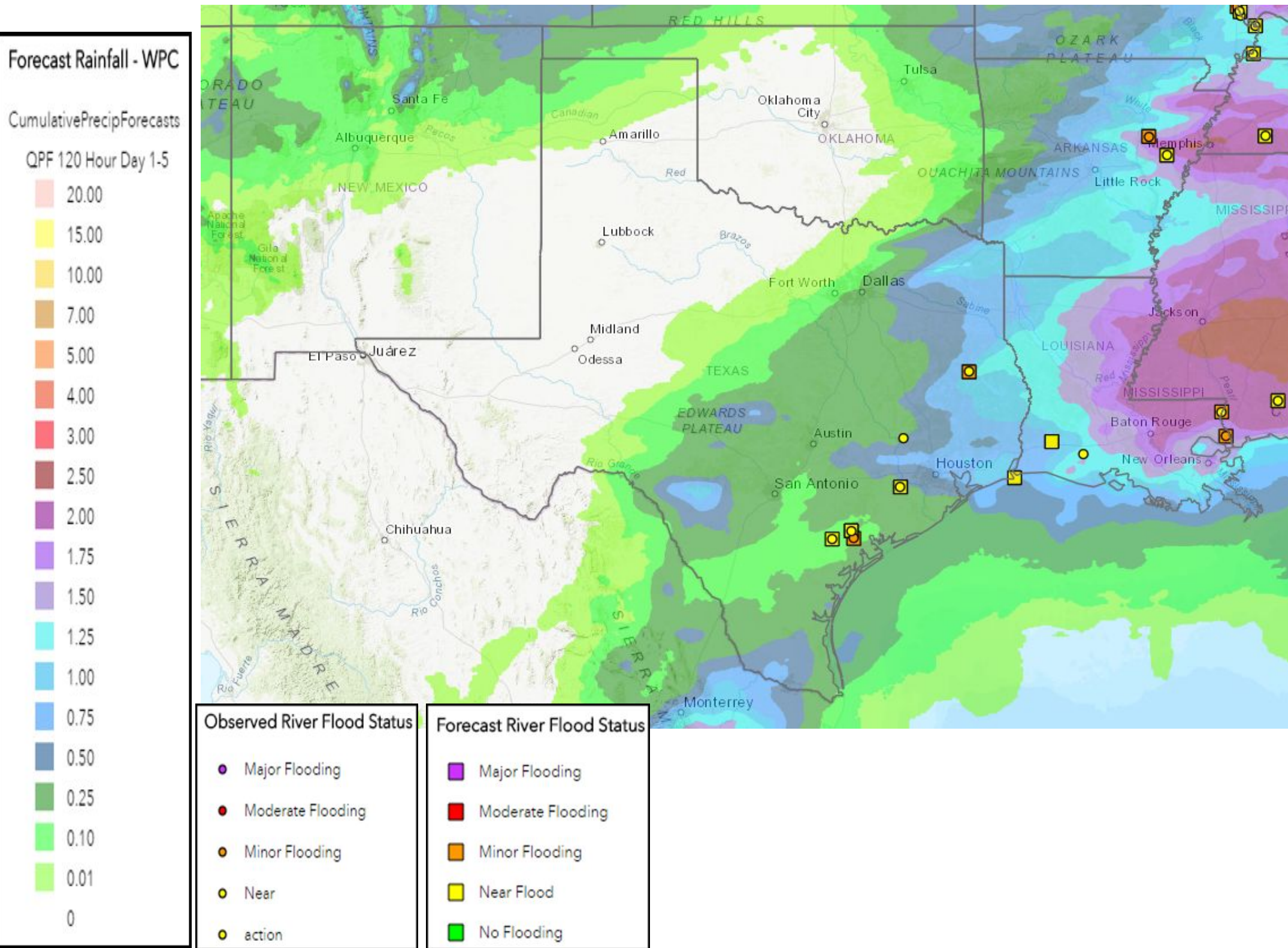
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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 SE/E TX through Thursday.**

**Pearl River in SE LA is in Minor flood stage with about 20 homes threatened along the left bank of the river.**

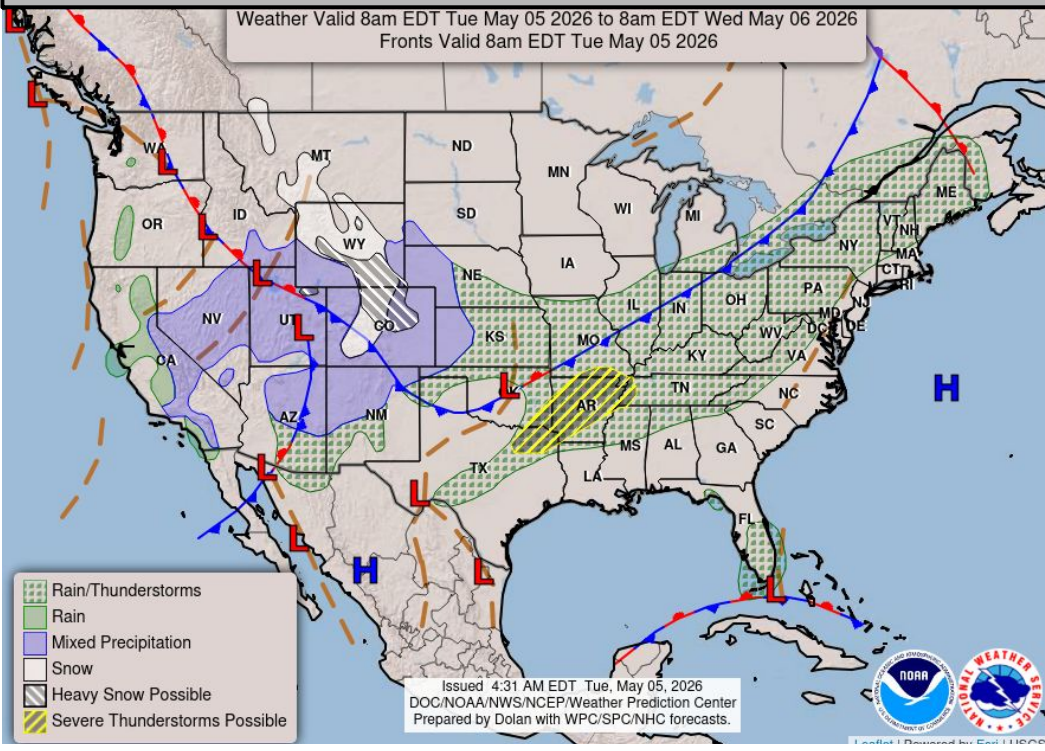
**Cache River at Patterson in AR in Minor flood stage through Wednesday. Impacts to low swampy timberland.**

*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.*

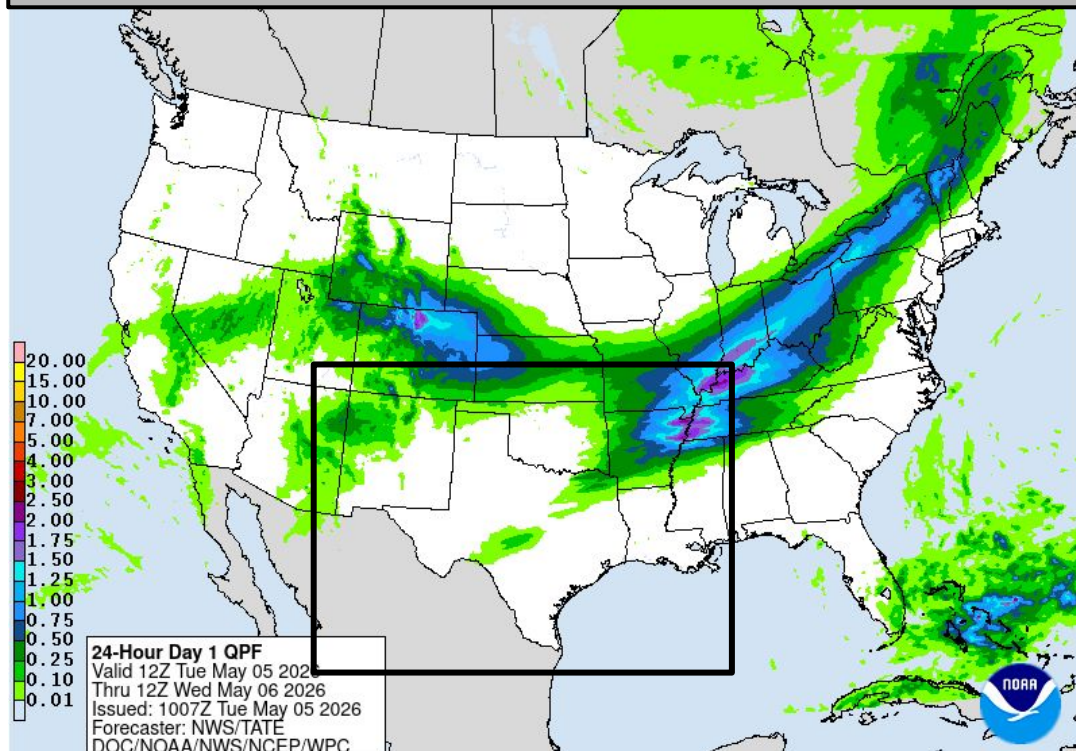


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall

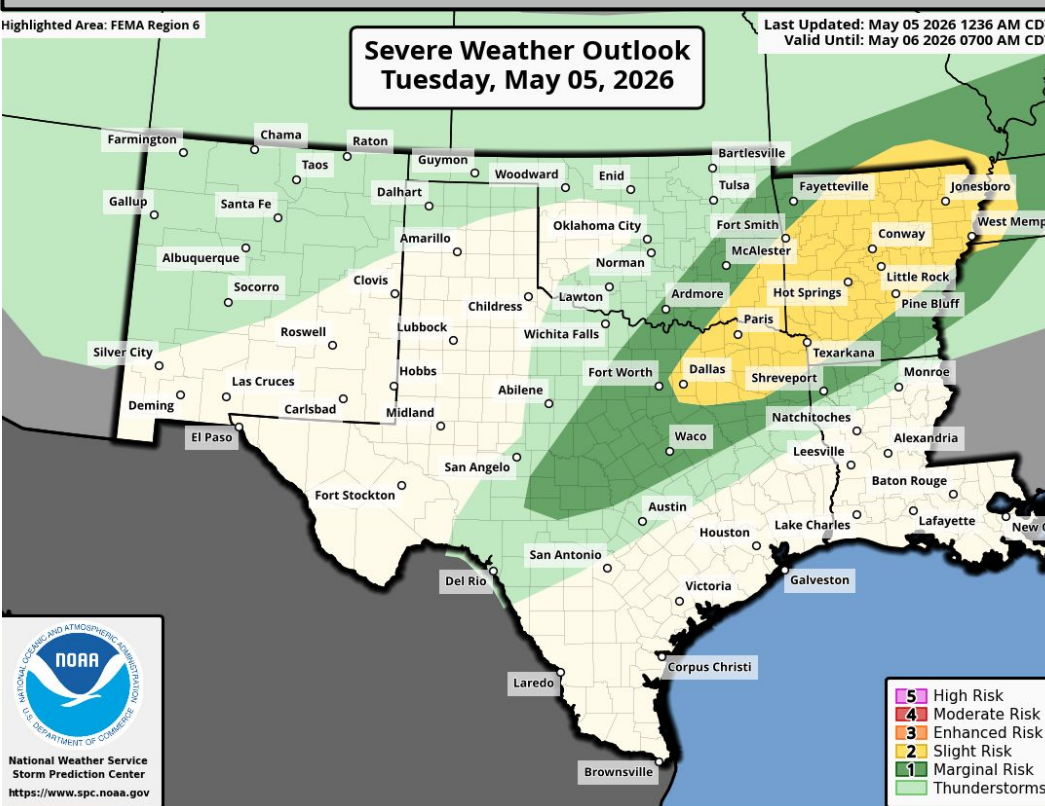


**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in SE OK, AR, NE TX. Timing: 6pm - midnight.**

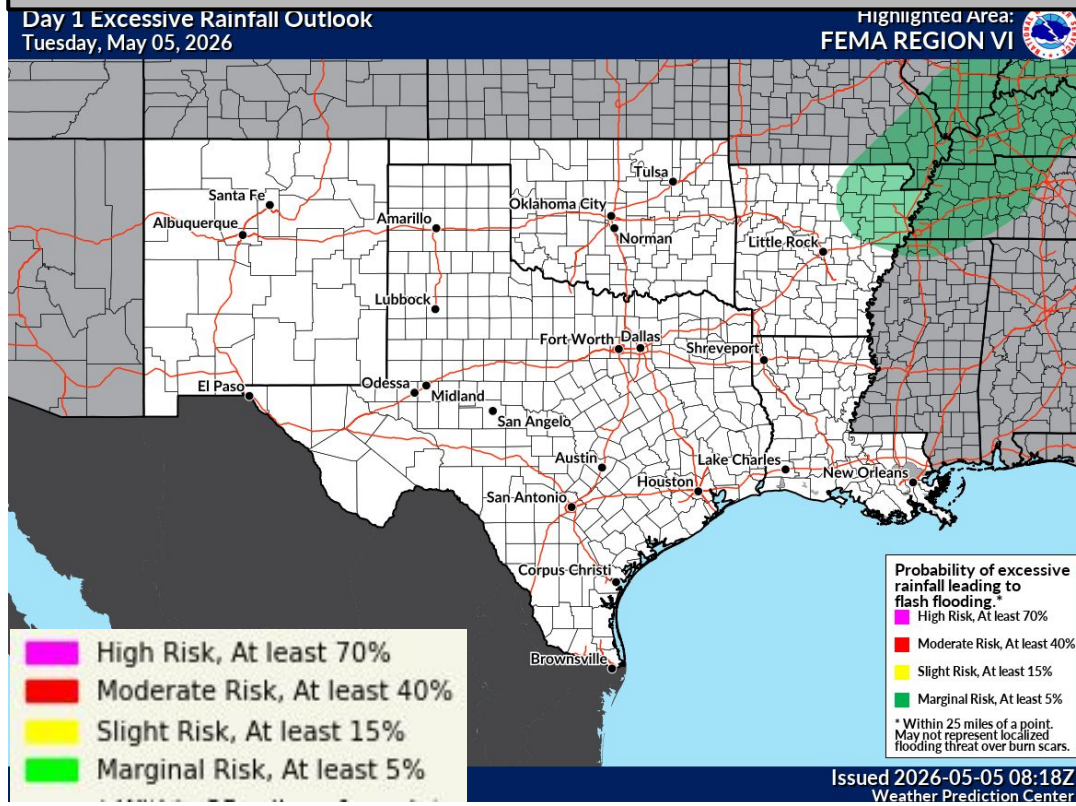
**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in NE AR. High end: 2-5”.**

**N NM mountain snow tonight into Wednesday night brings slick driving conditions above 8000’ with 2-6”. Impacts to I-20 and Raton Pass.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

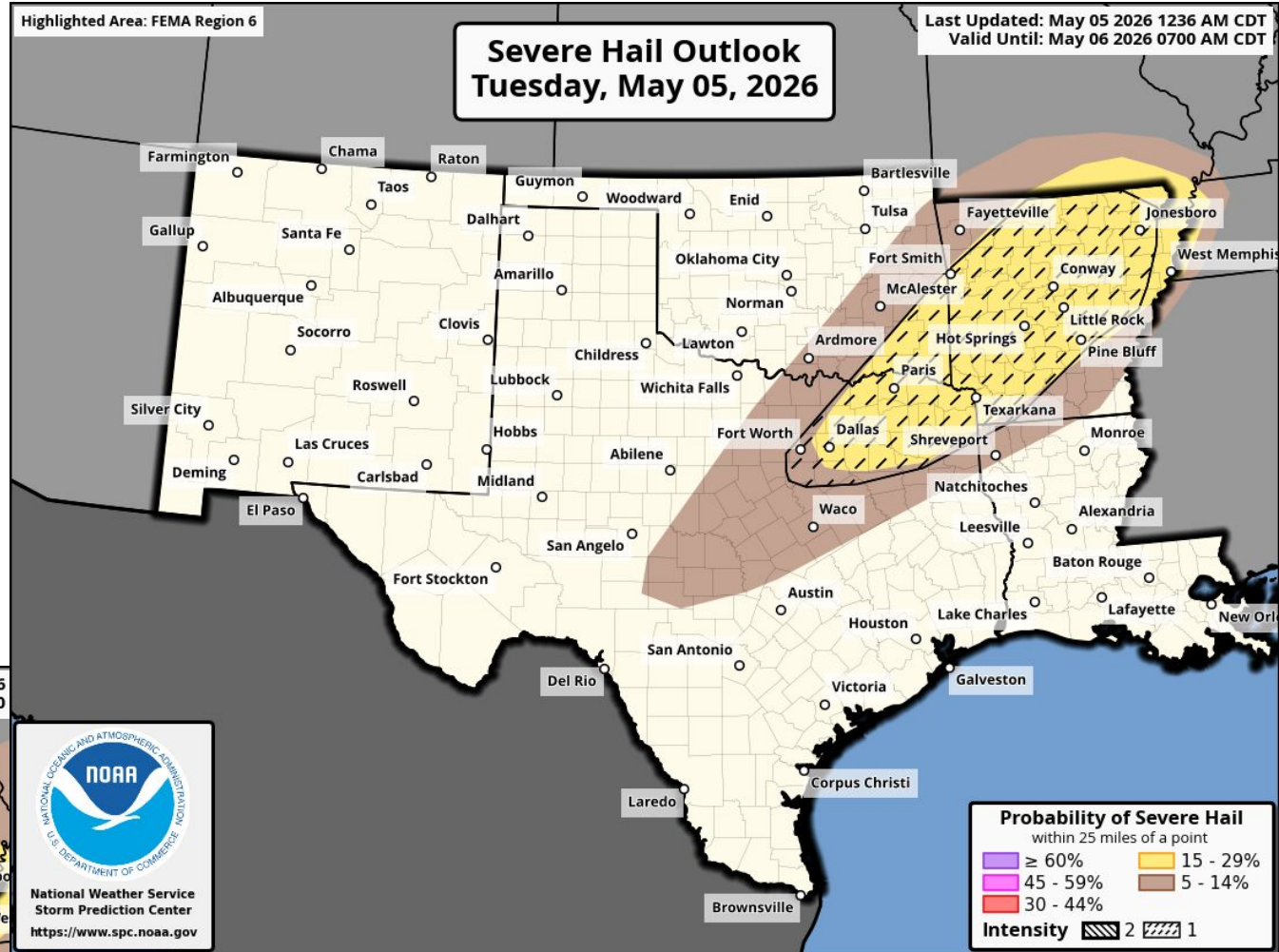
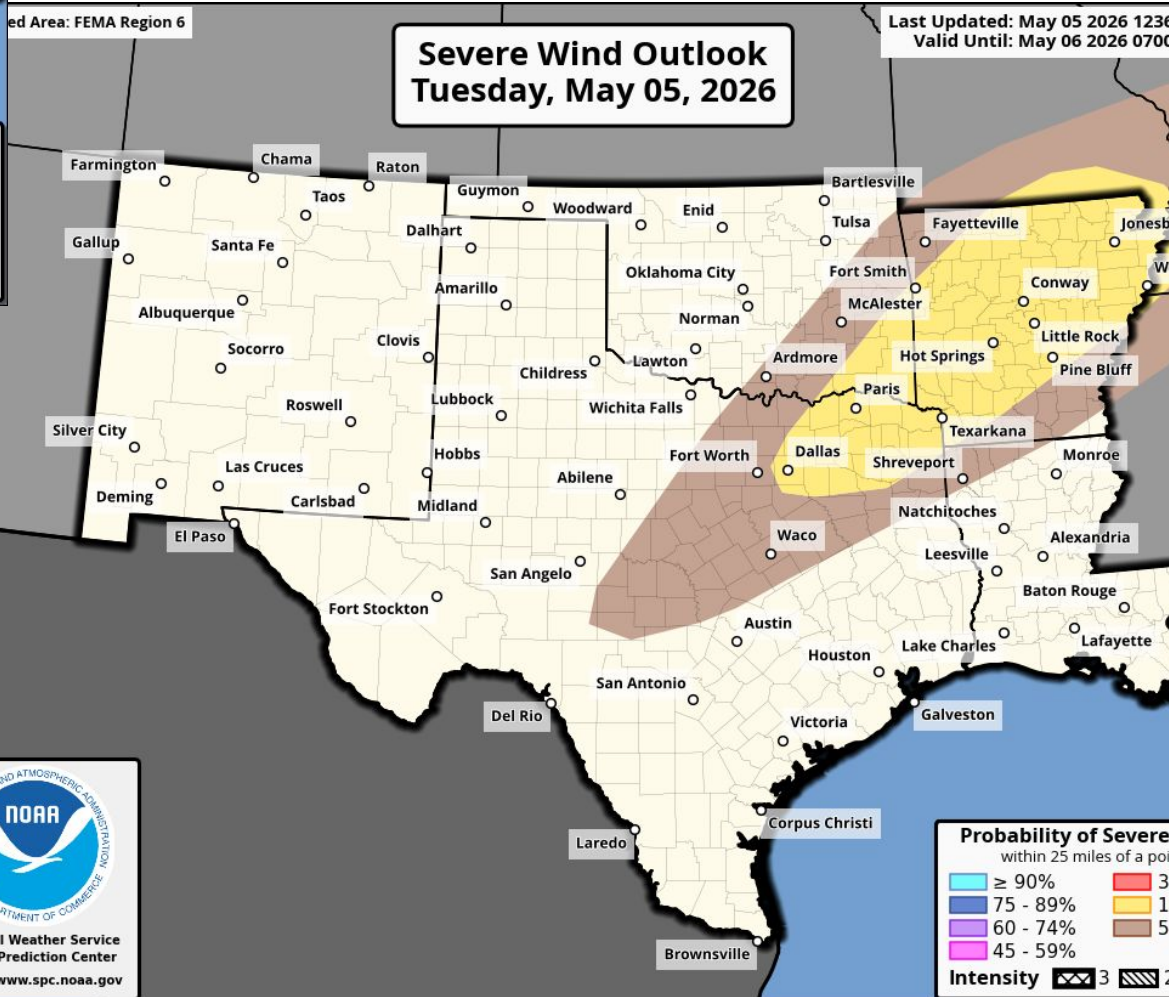
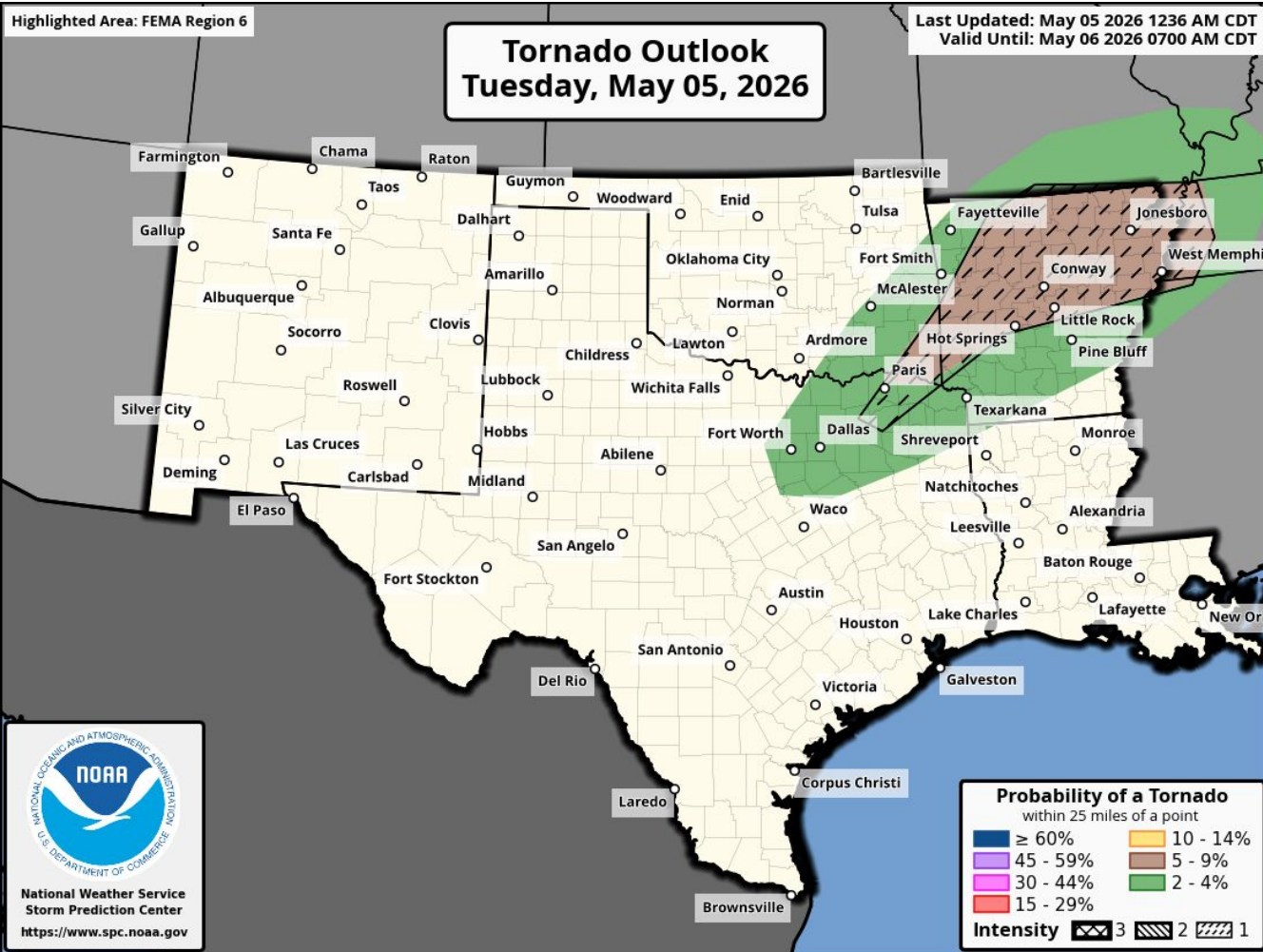


## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





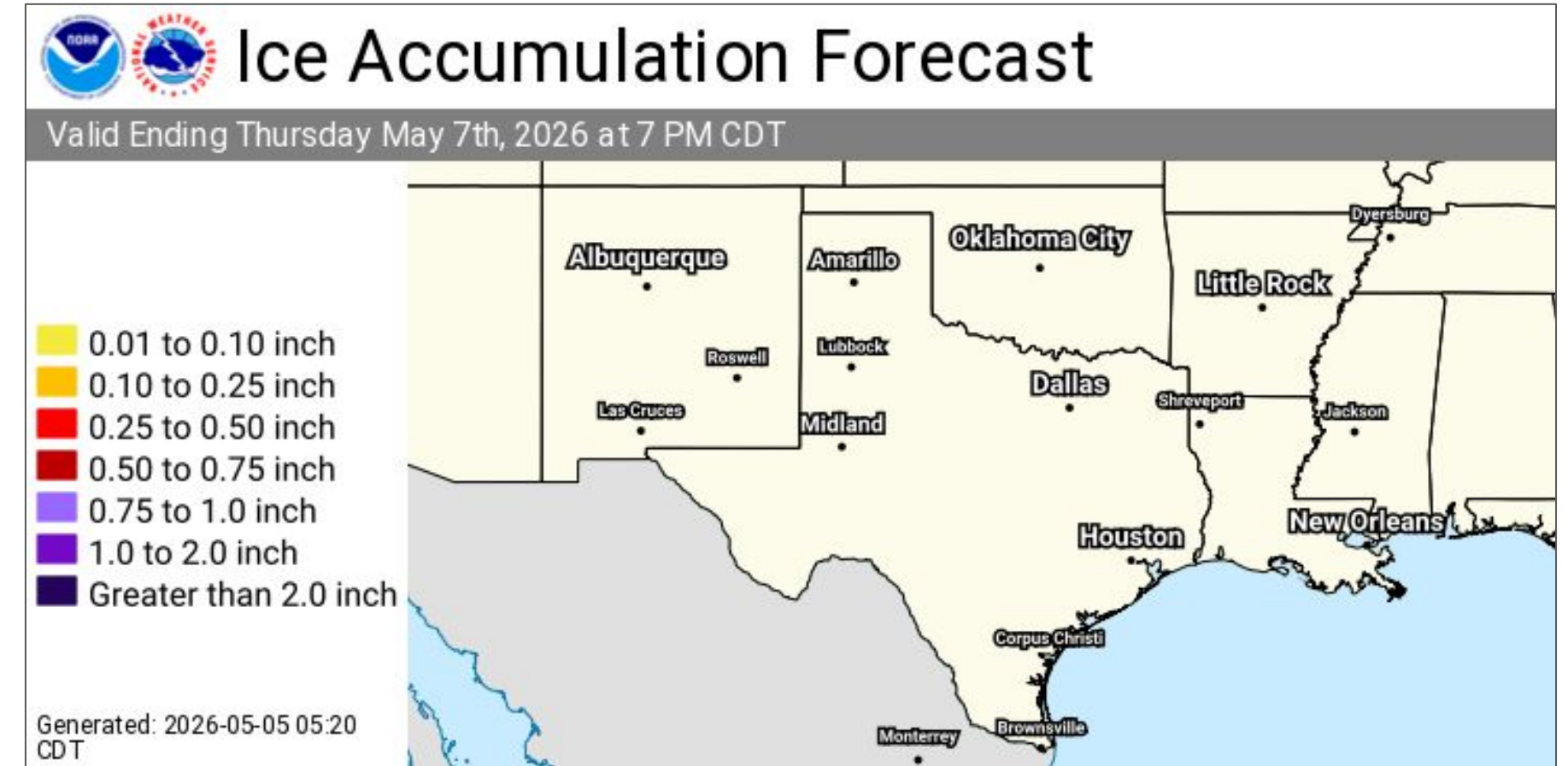
# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Winter Weather

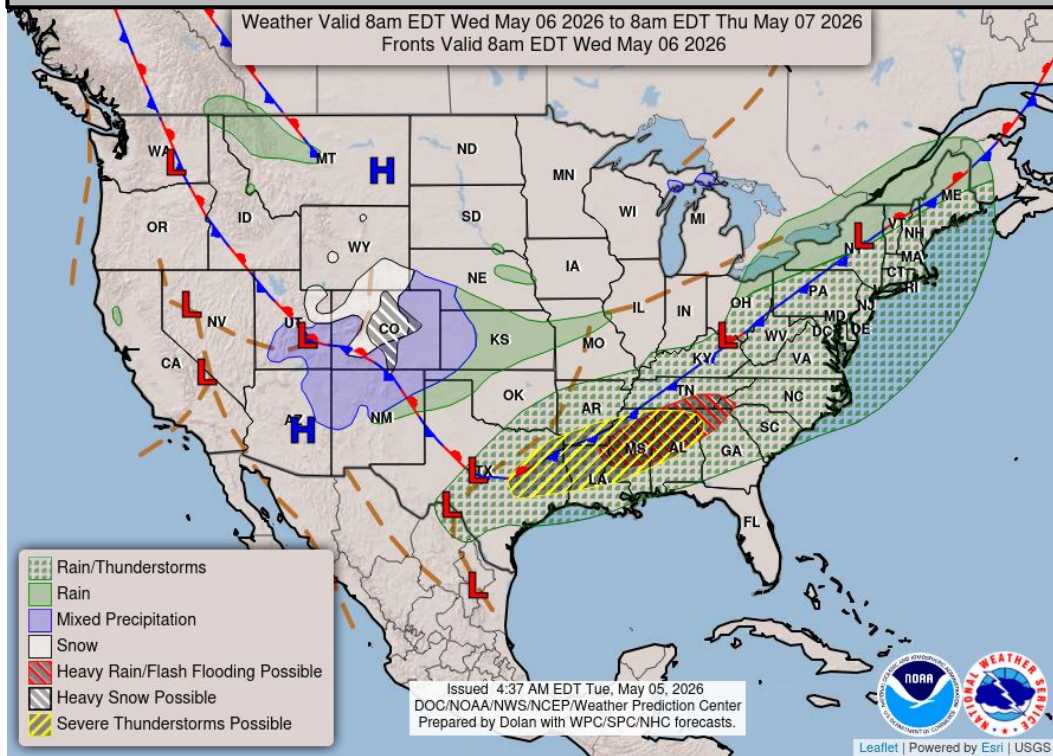
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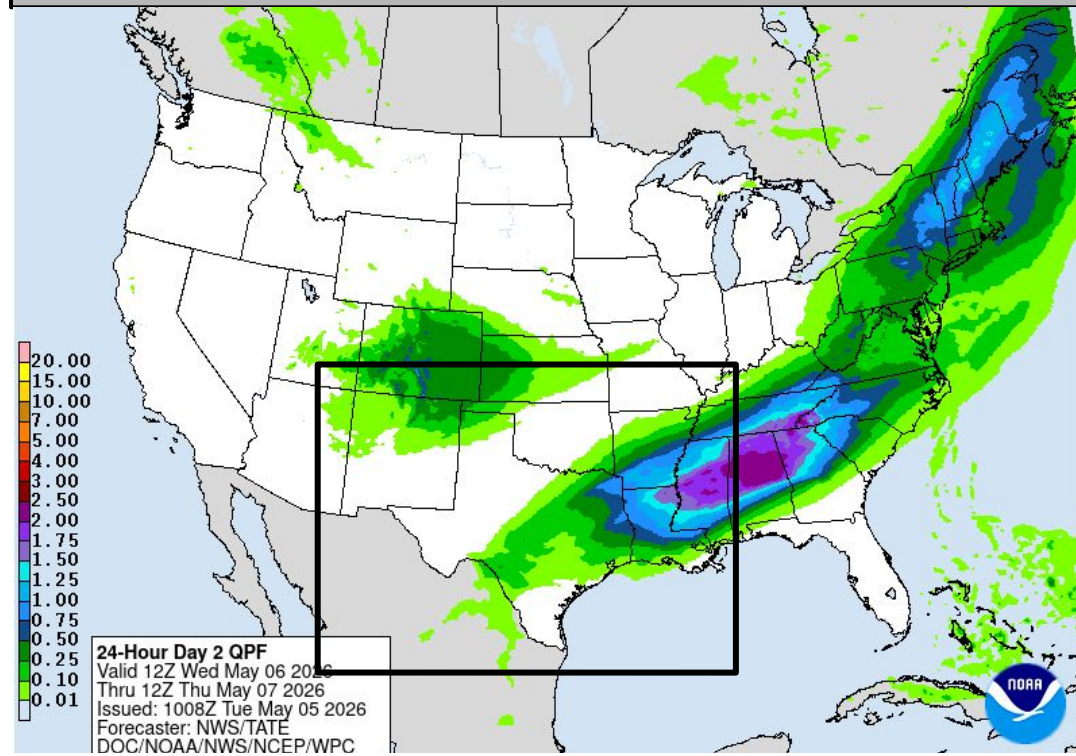


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart



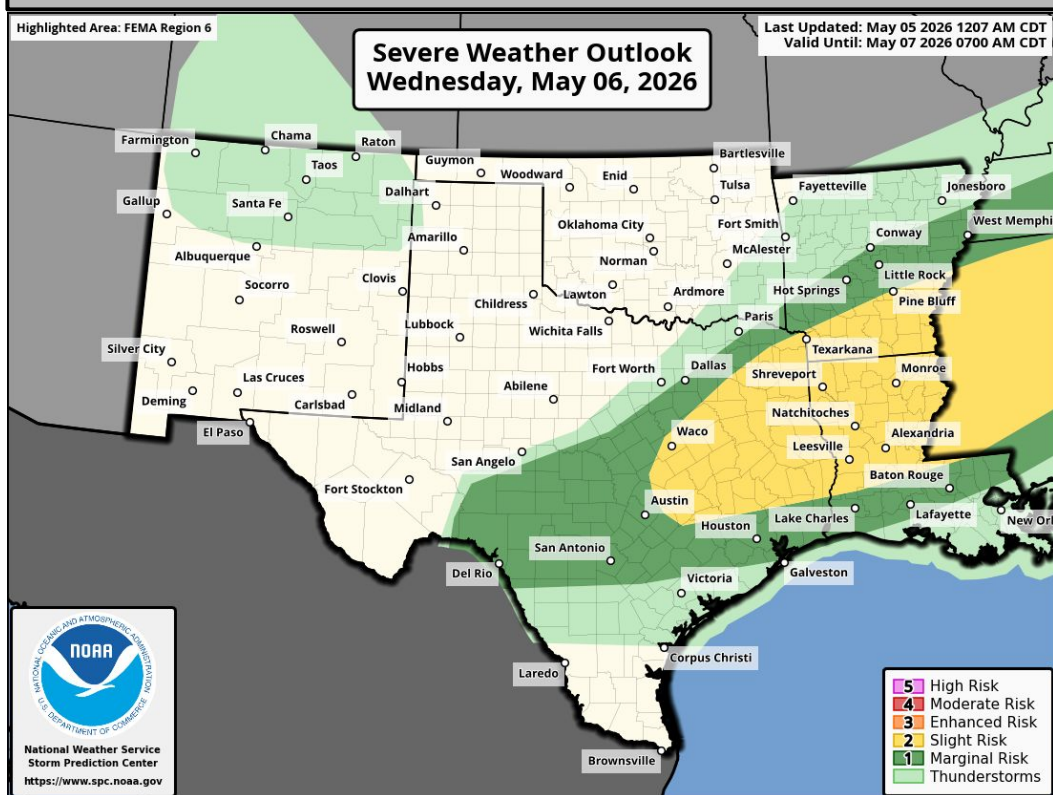
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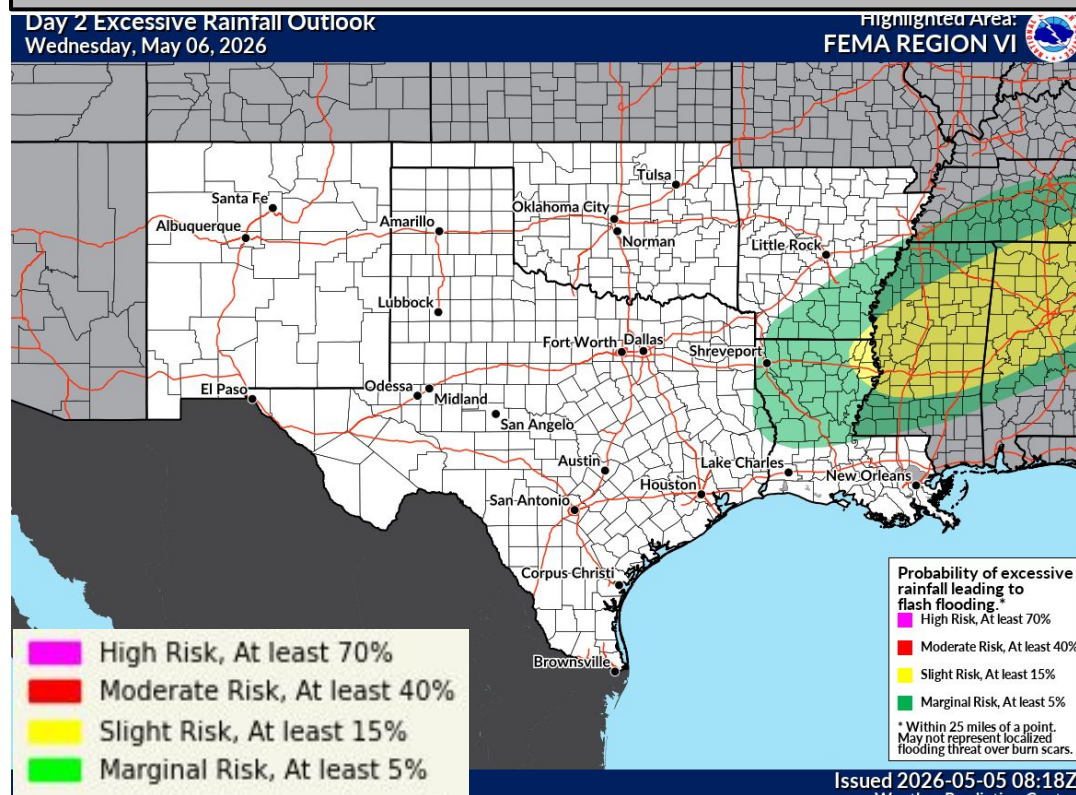
**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in C/ETX, SAR, LA. Timing: 3pm - 2am.**

**Marginal to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding in ETX, SAR, N LA. Widespread: 2-3". High end: 5-7".**

## Severe Weather Outlook



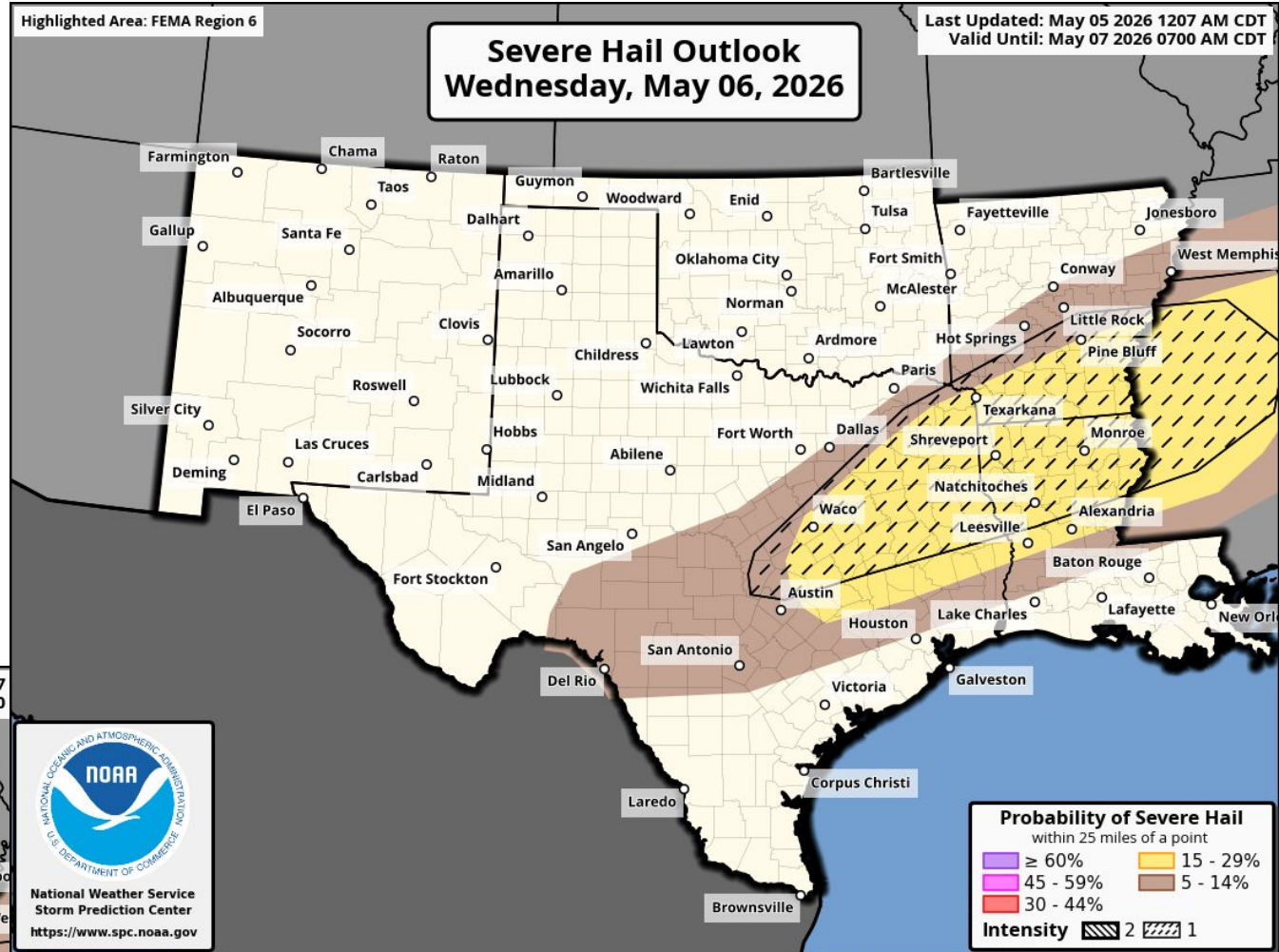
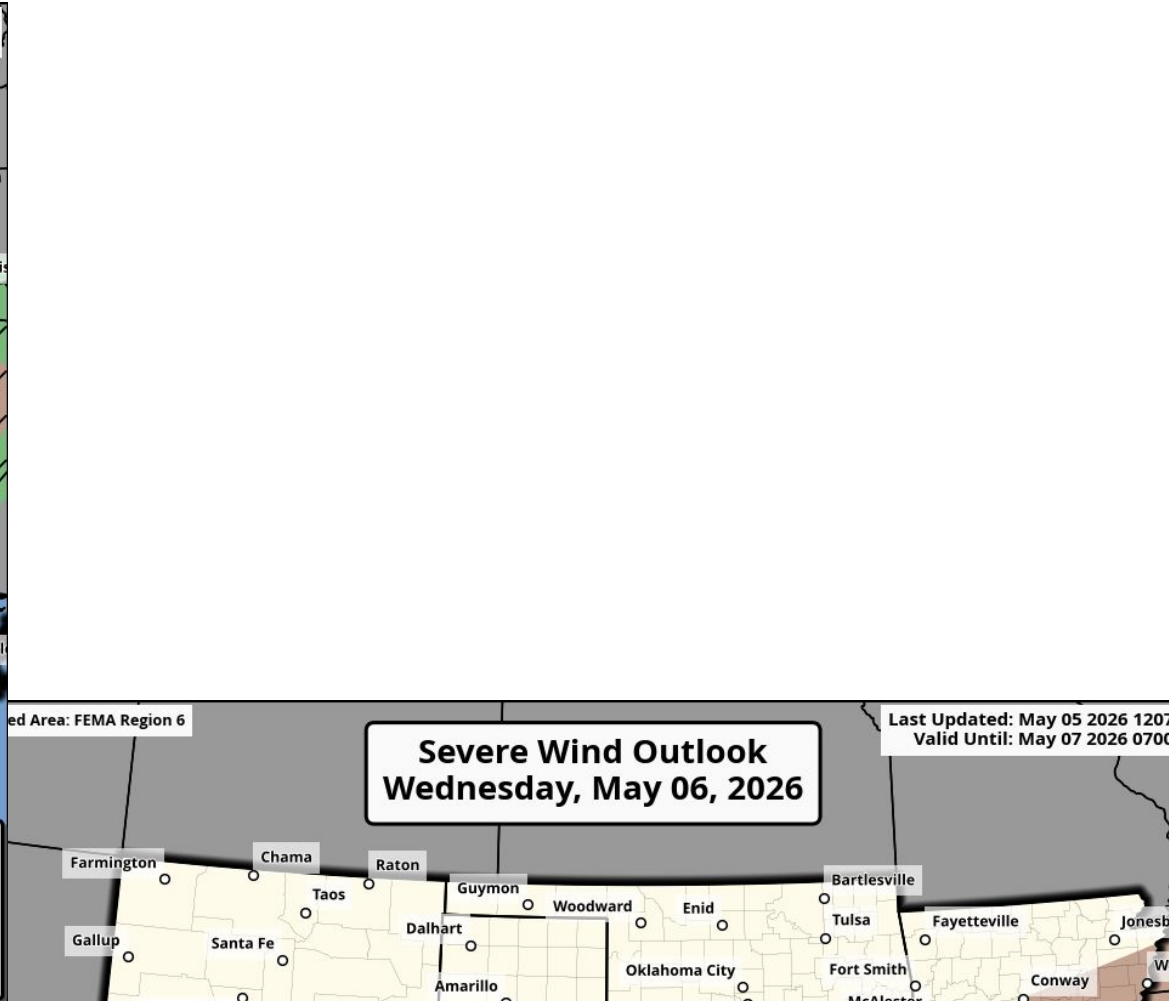
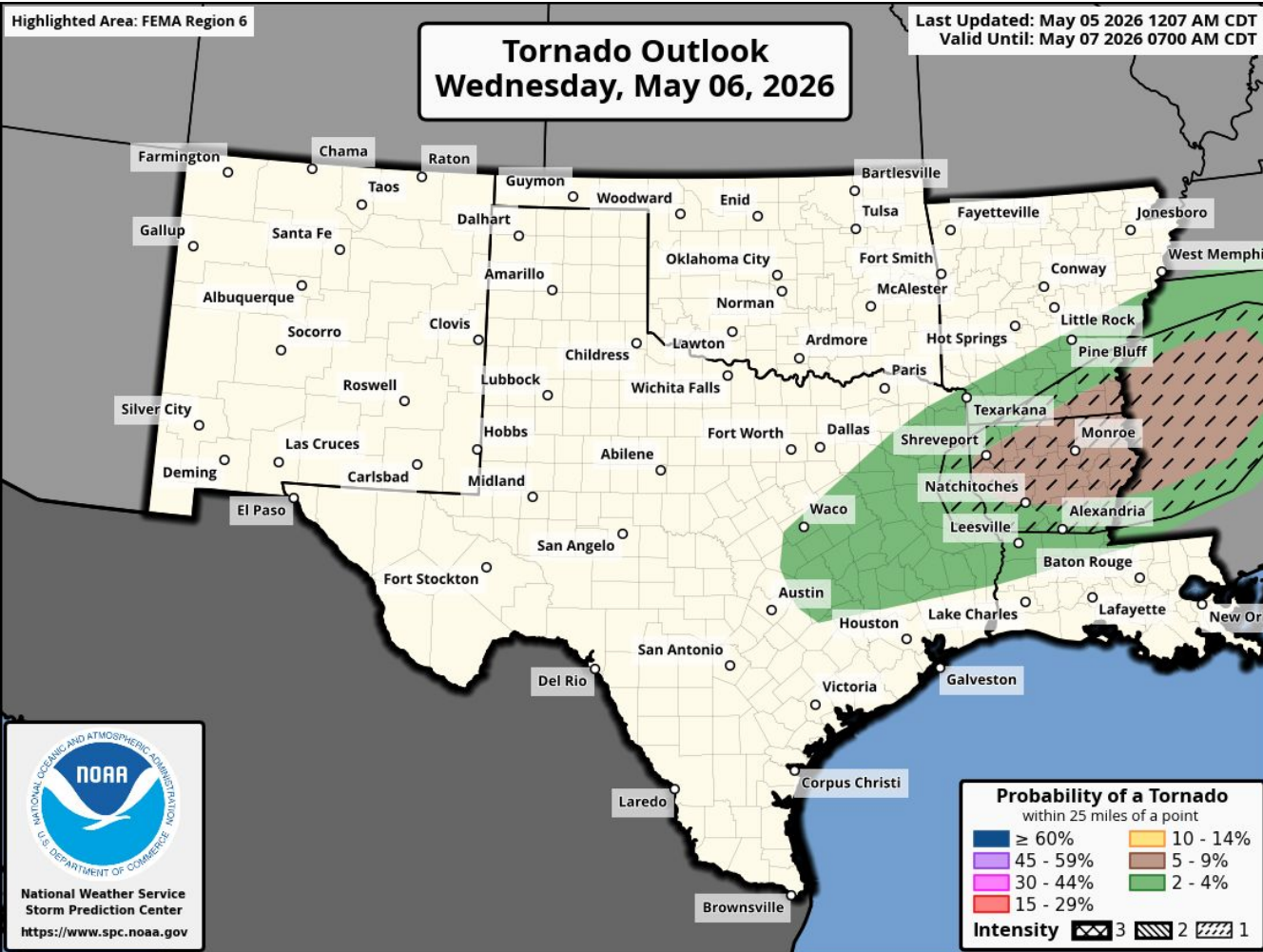
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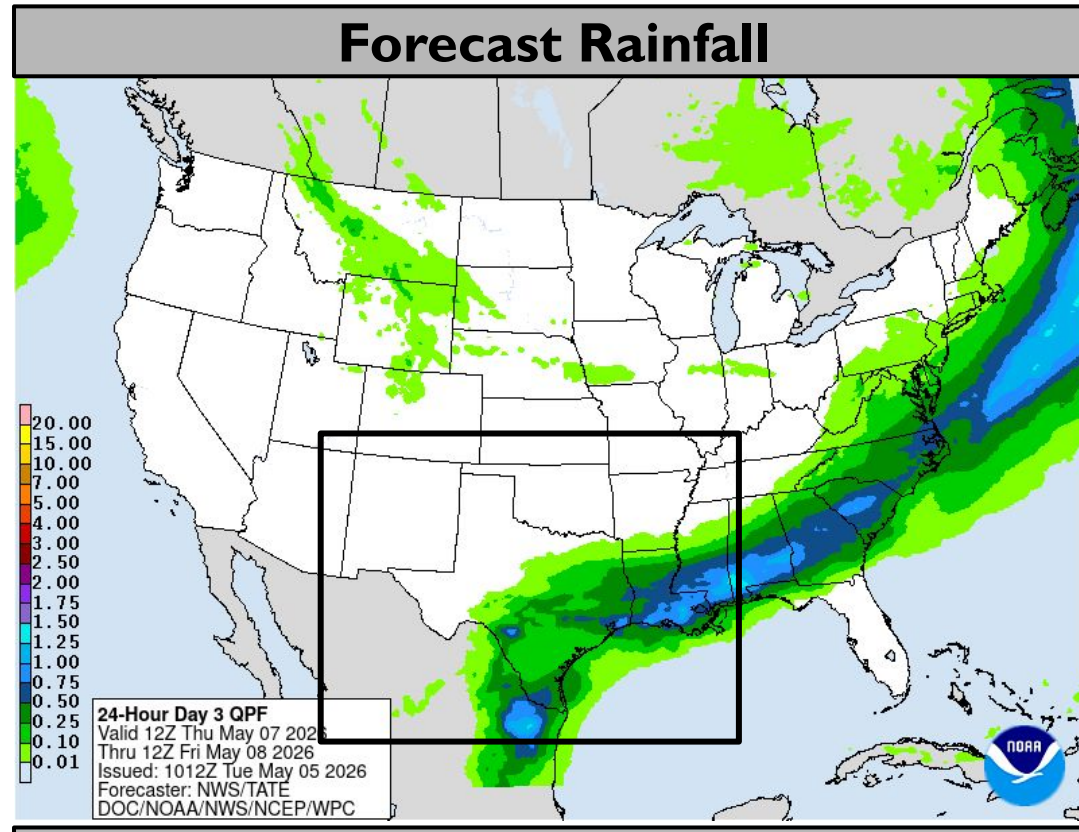
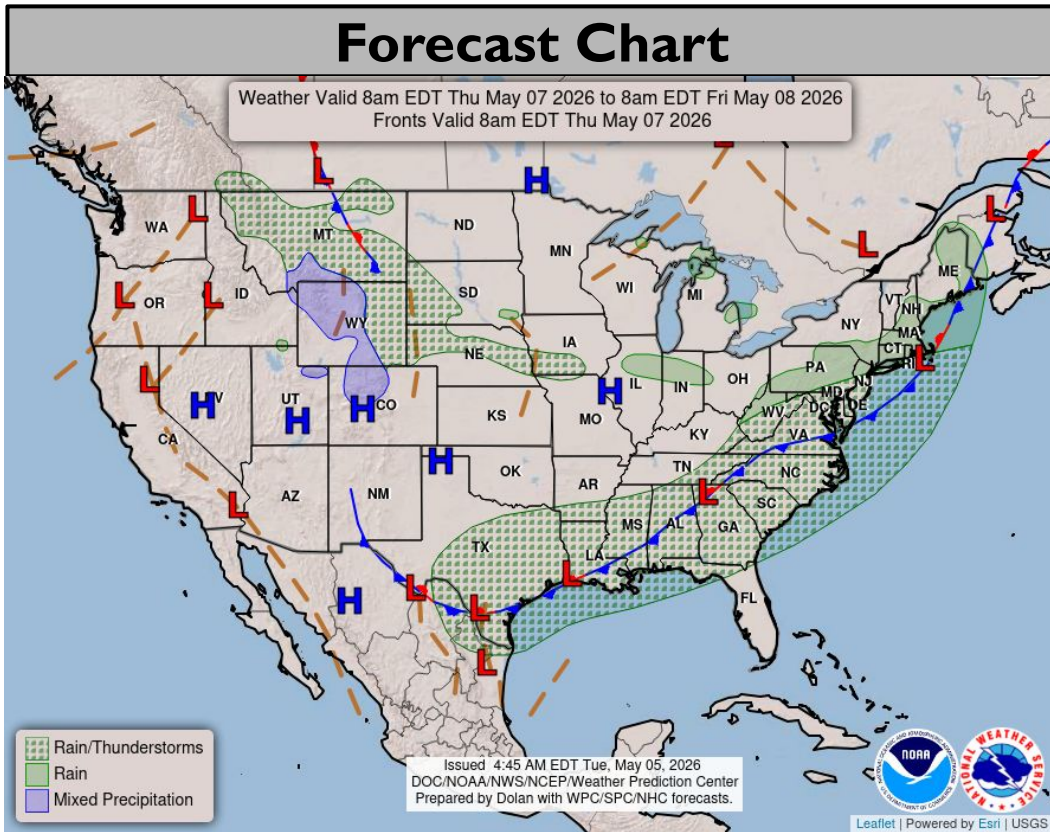


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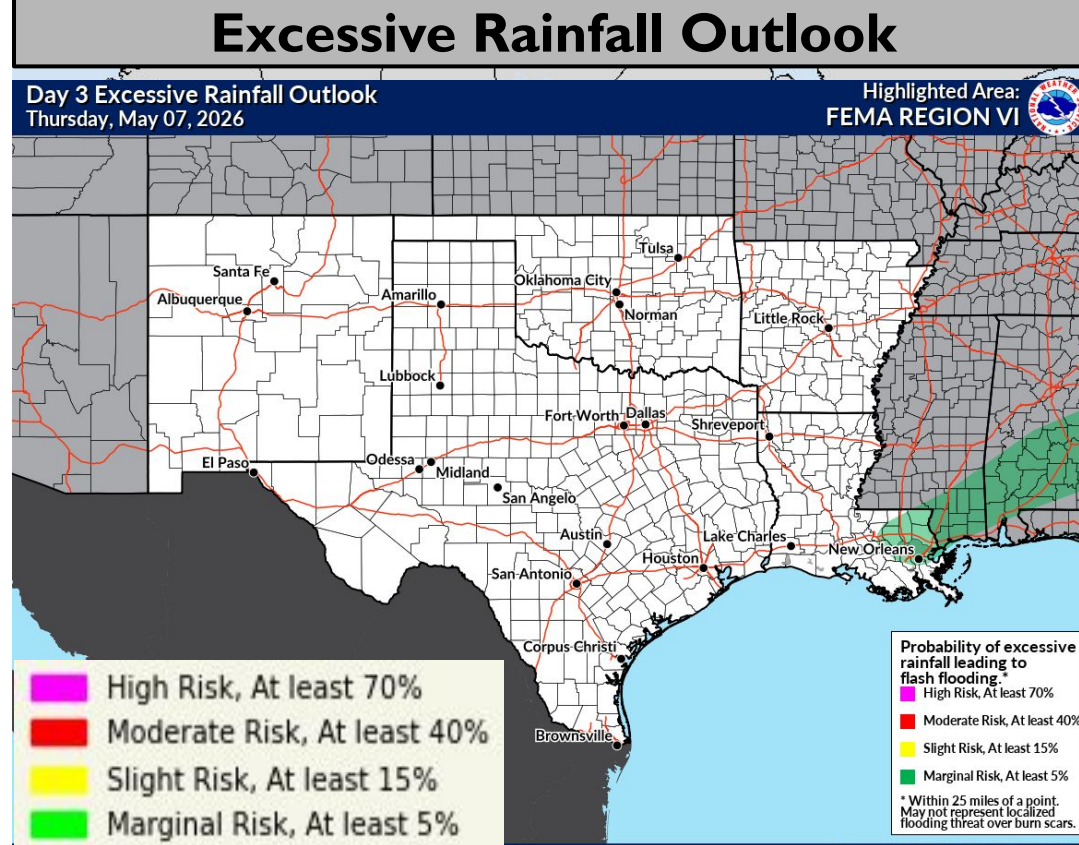
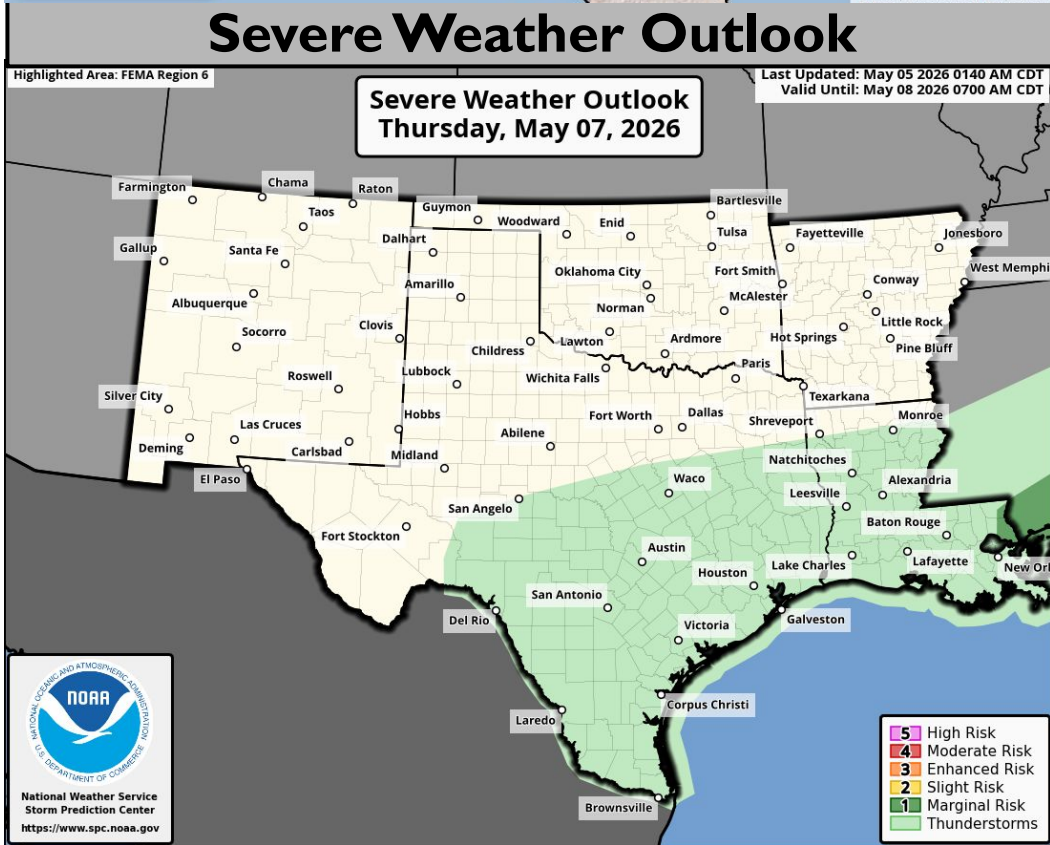


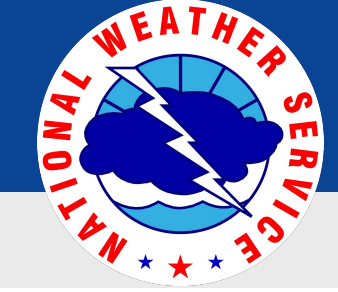


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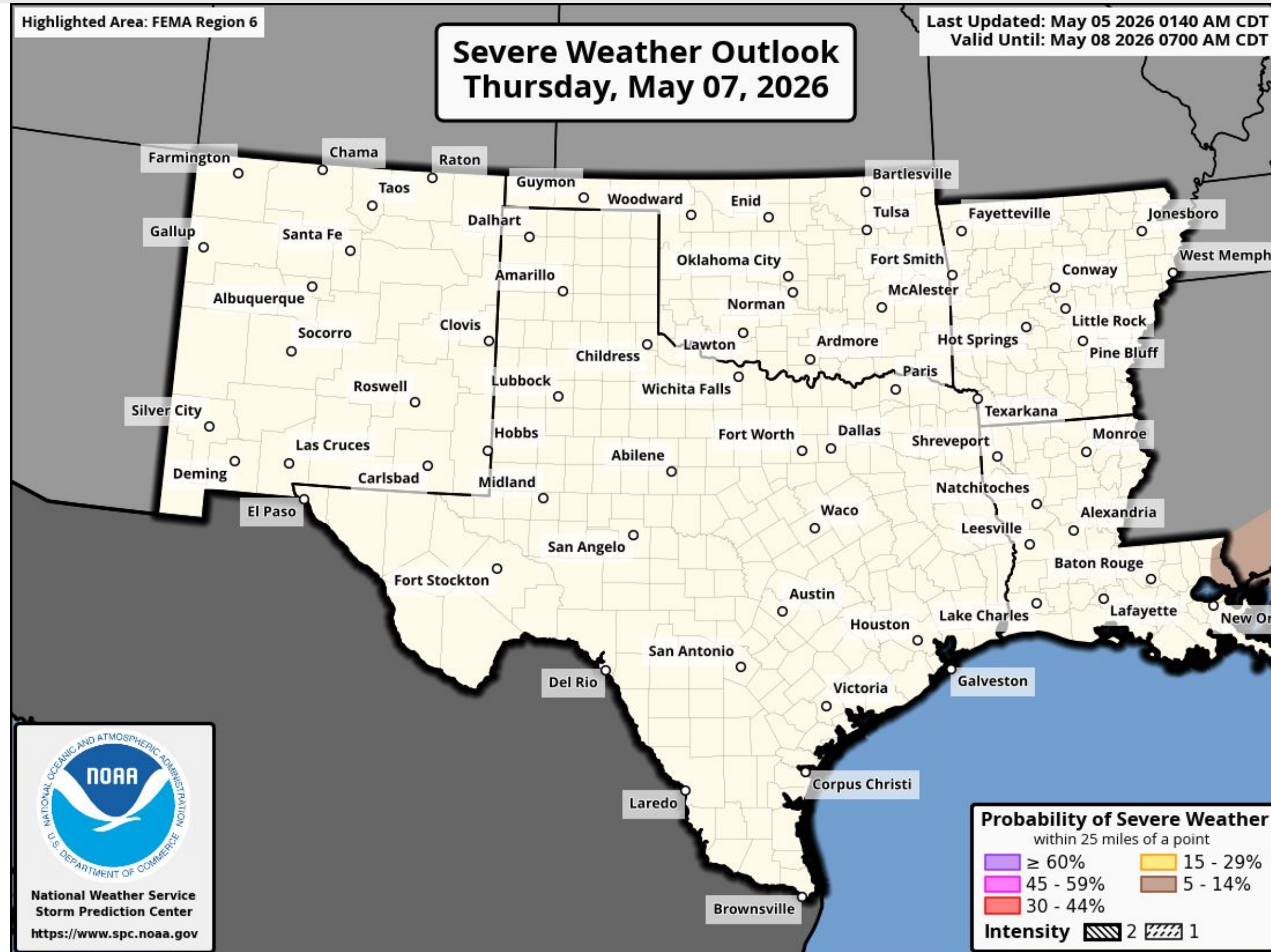


**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA.**





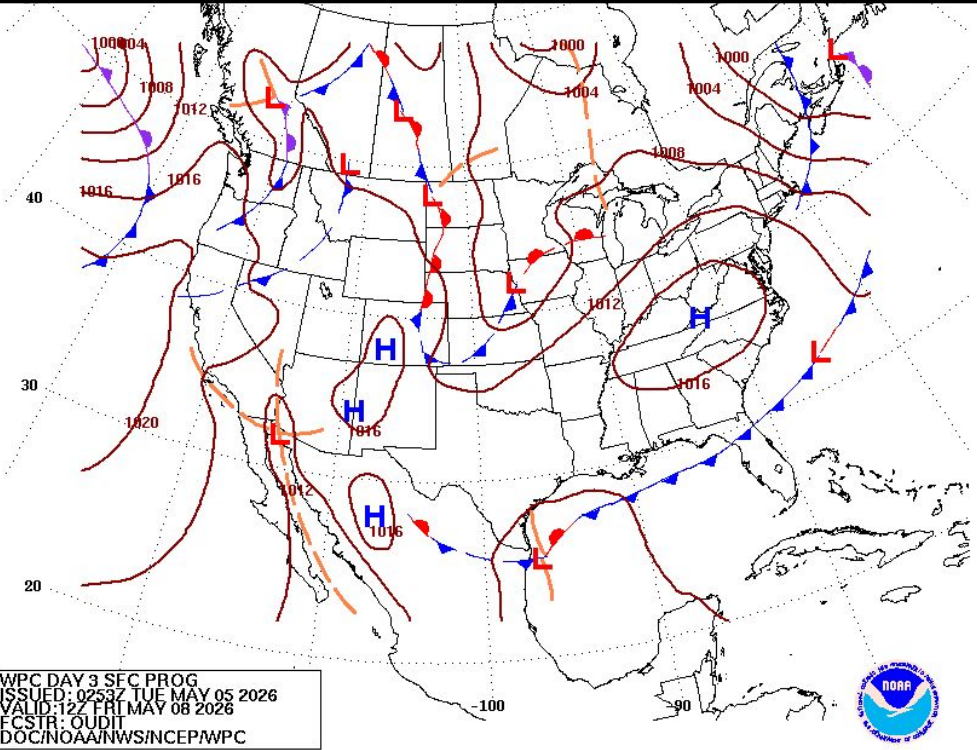
# Thursday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





# Friday's Weather

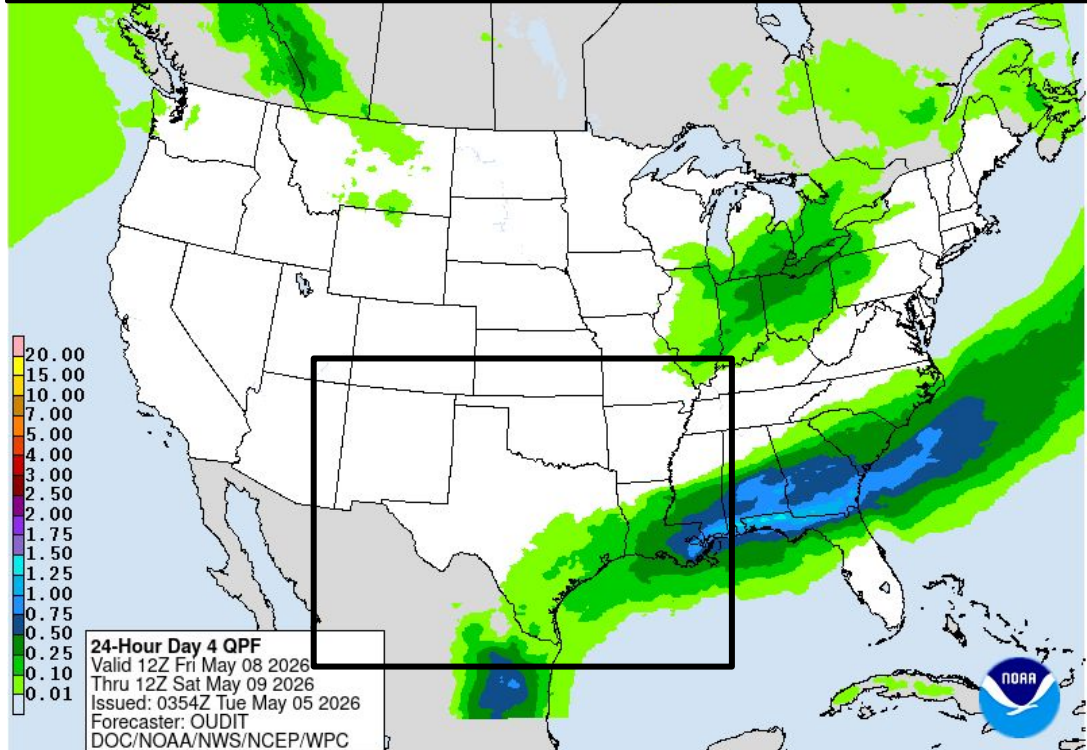
## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 3 SFC PROG  
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## Forecast Rainfall

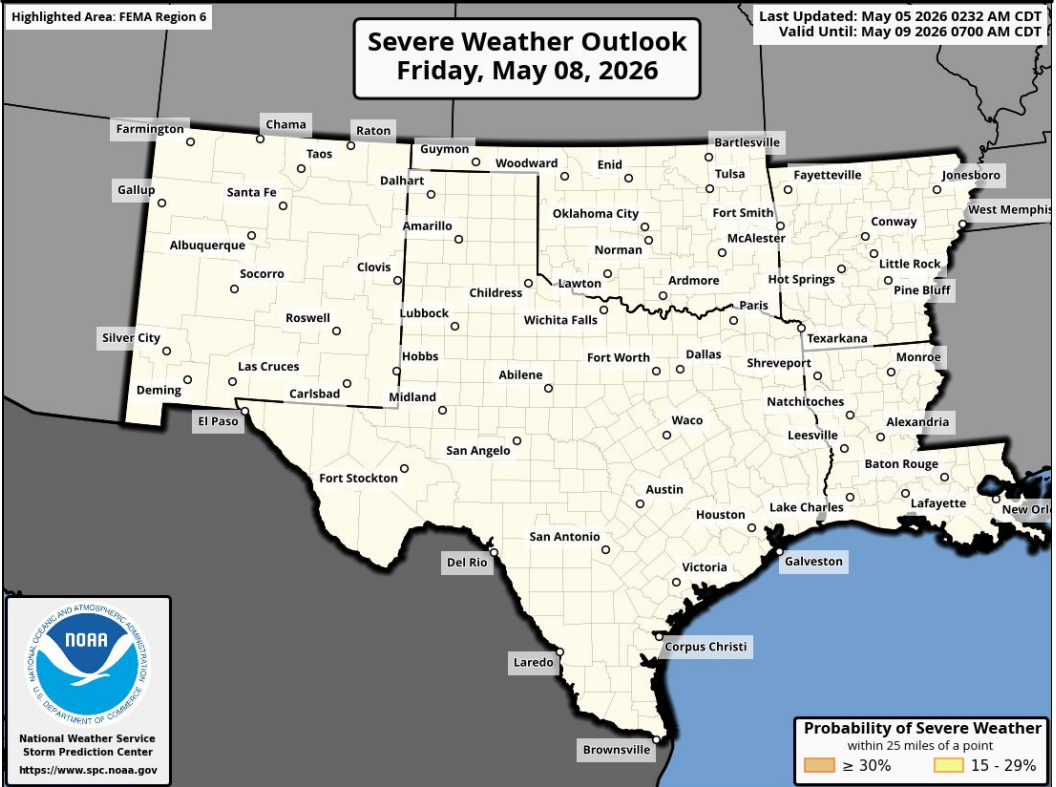


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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



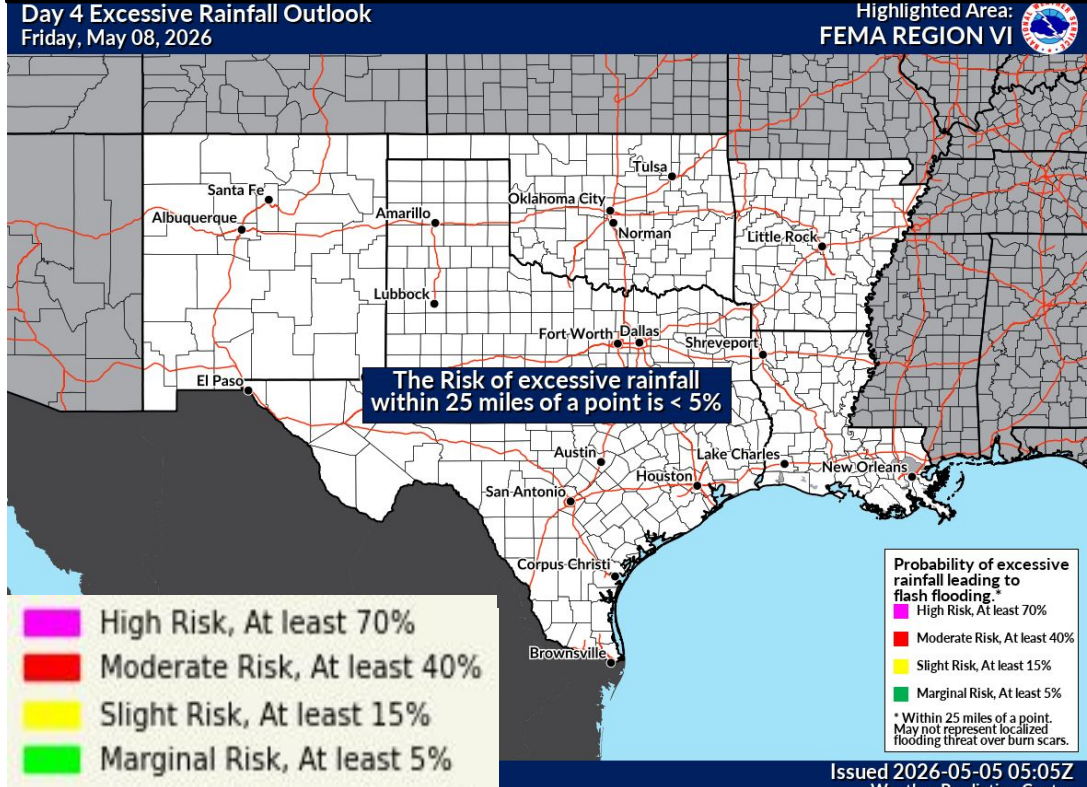
Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, May 08, 2026

Last Updated: May 05 2026 0232 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 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, May 08, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

The Risk of excessive rainfall  
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High Risk, At least 70%  
Moderate Risk, At least 40%  
Slight Risk, At least 15%  
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

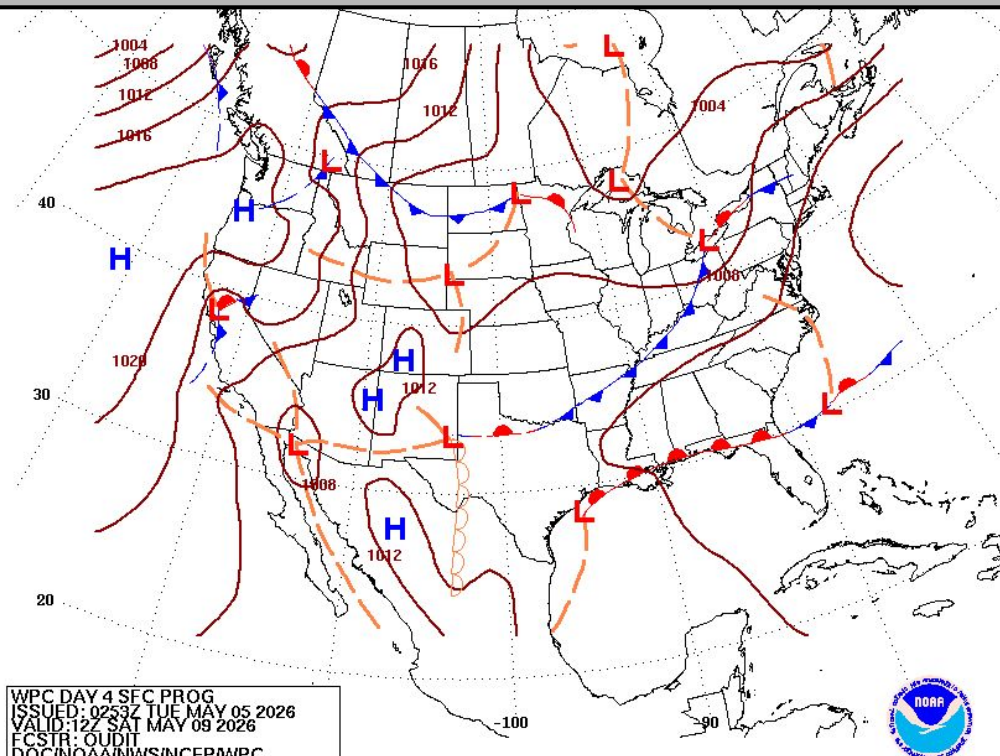
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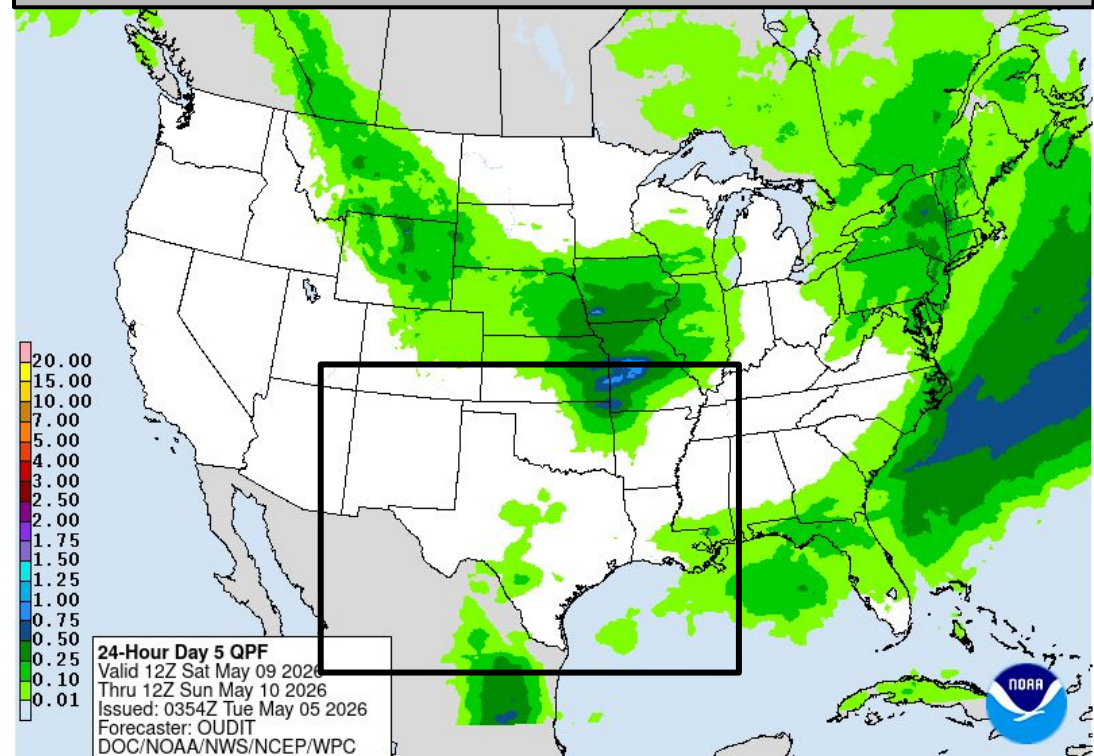
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## Forecast Chart



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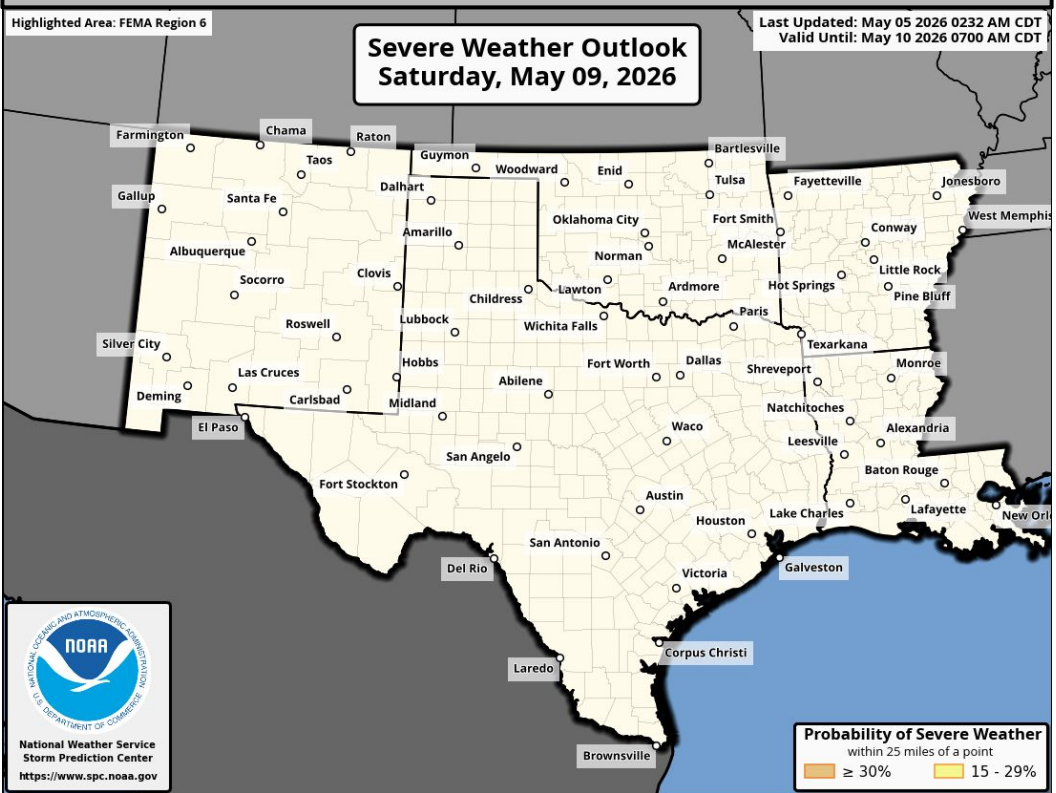
## Forecast Rainfall



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**Monitoring OK, AR for severe storms.**

## Severe Weather Outlook

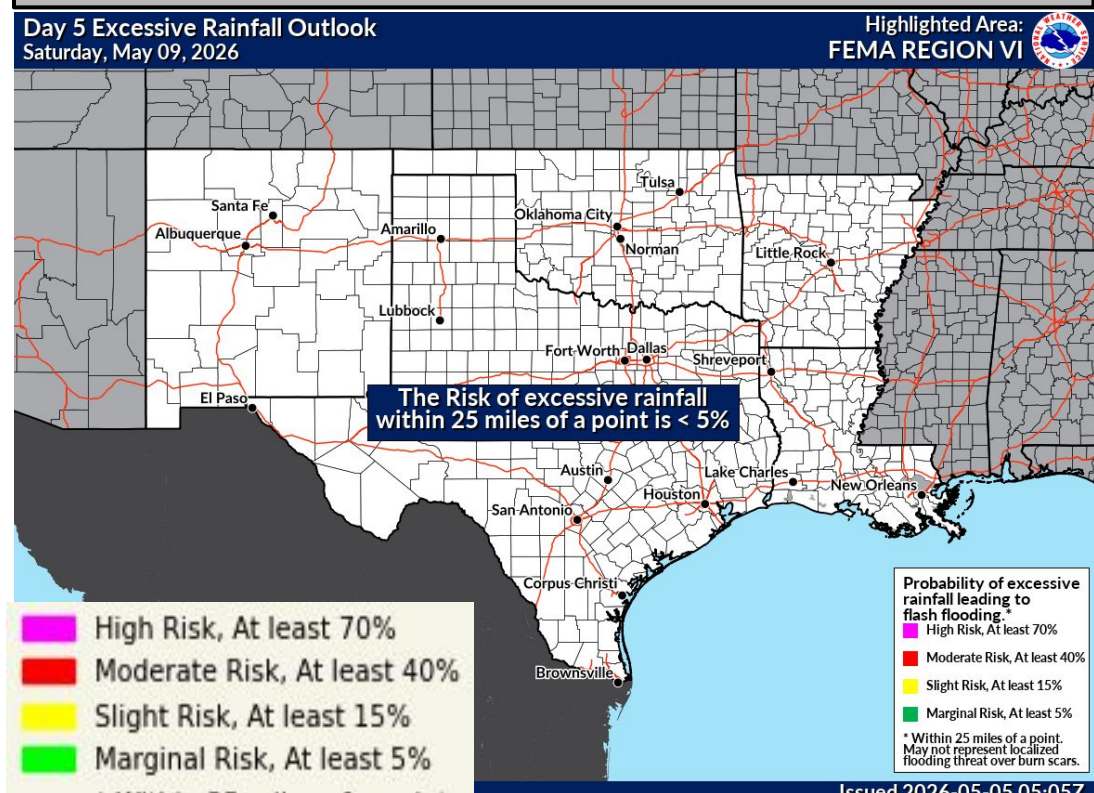


Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, May 09, 2026

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## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Saturday, May 09, 2026

Highlighted Area:  
FEMA REGION VI

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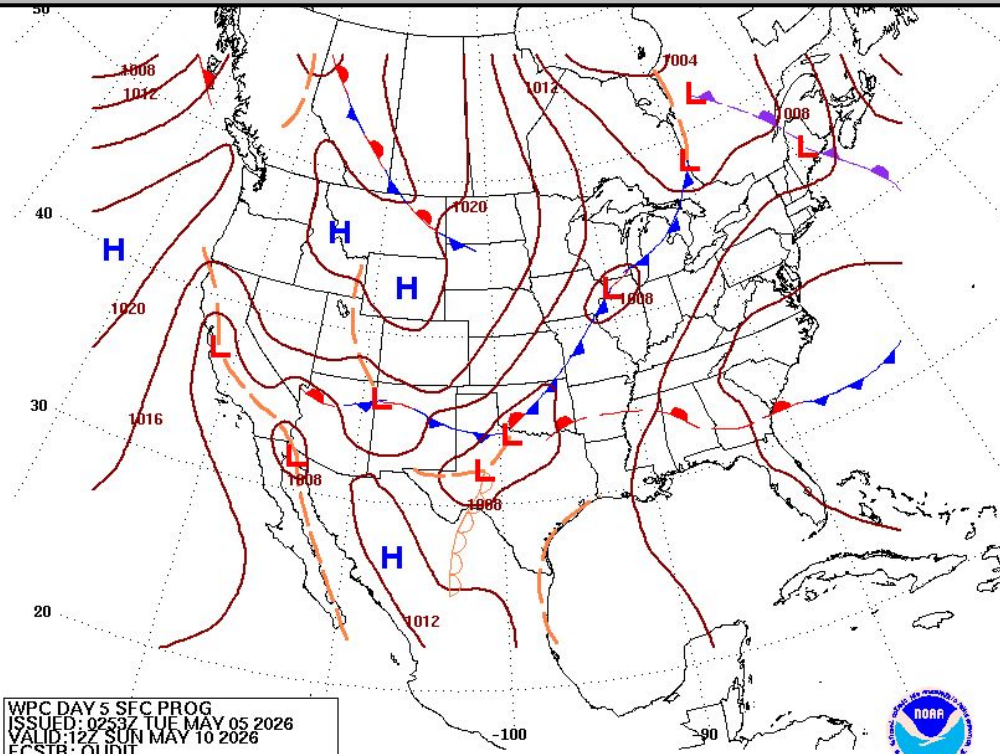
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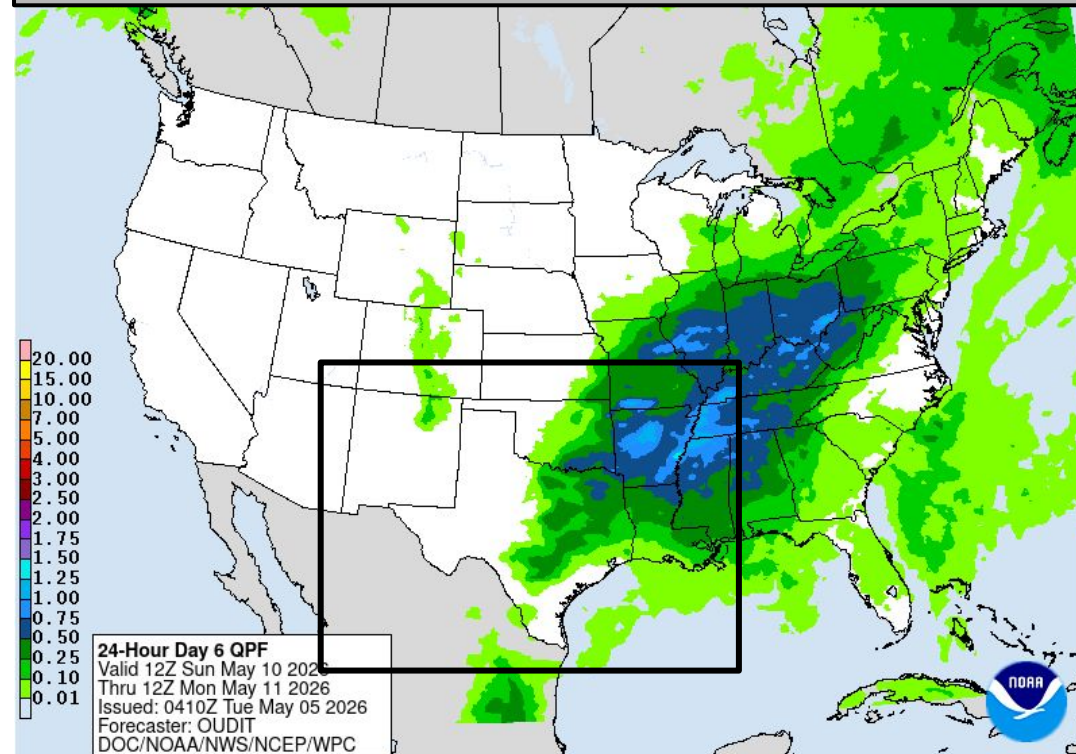


# Sunday's Weather

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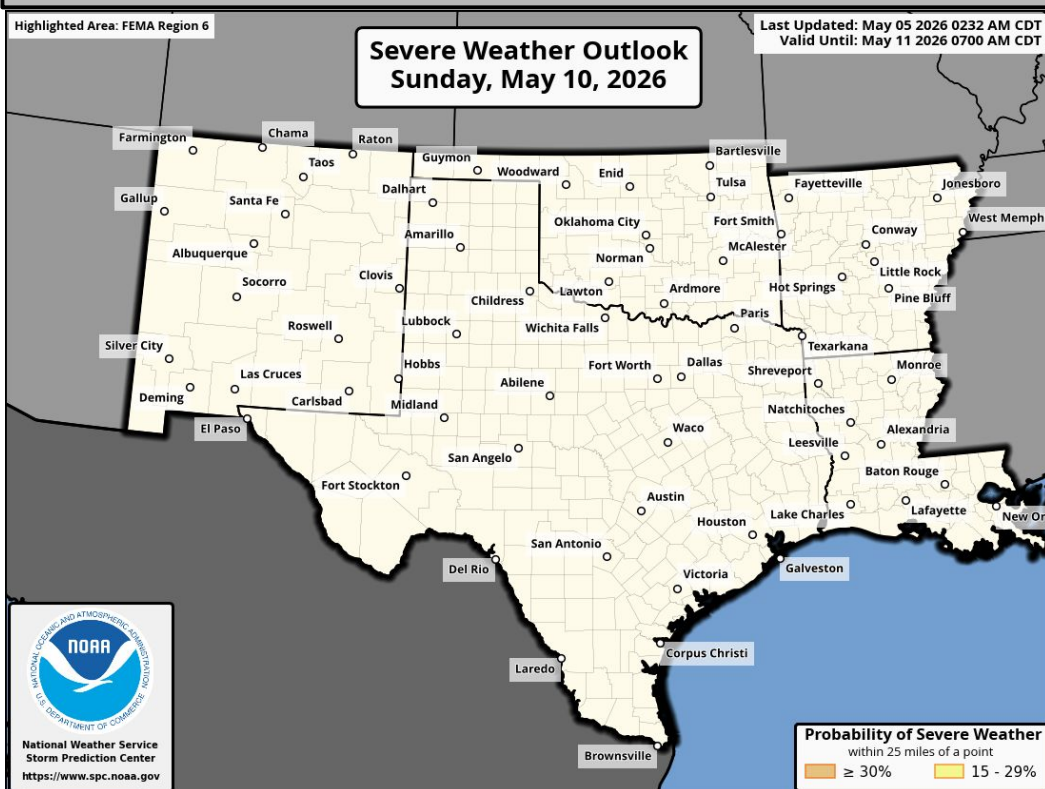


### Forecast Rainfall



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### Severe Weather Outlook

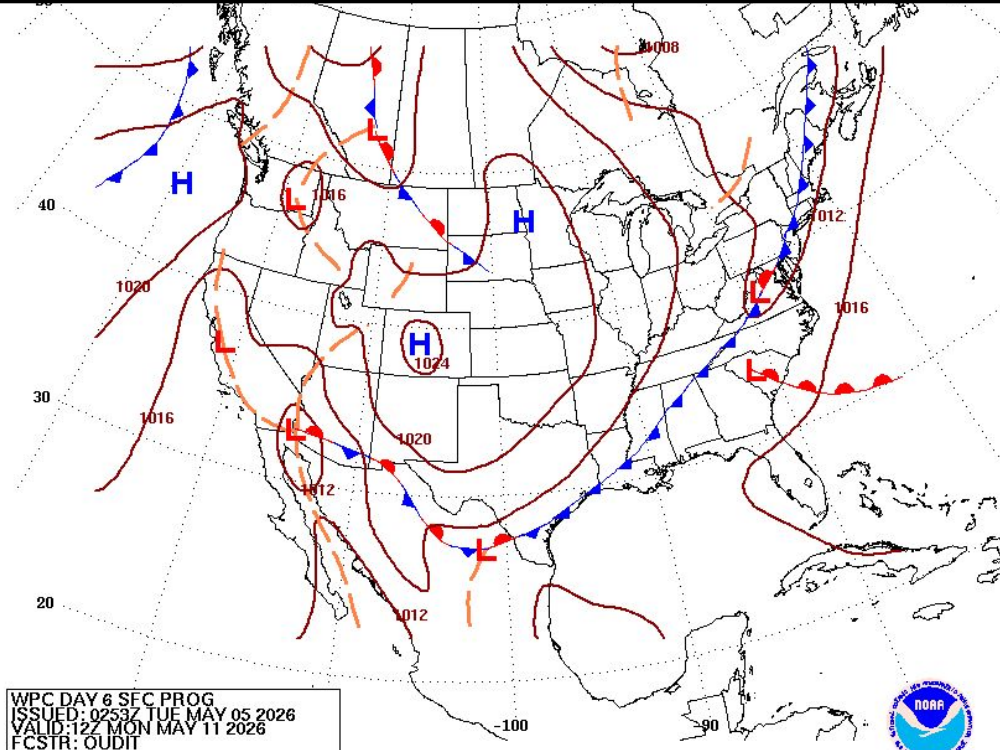


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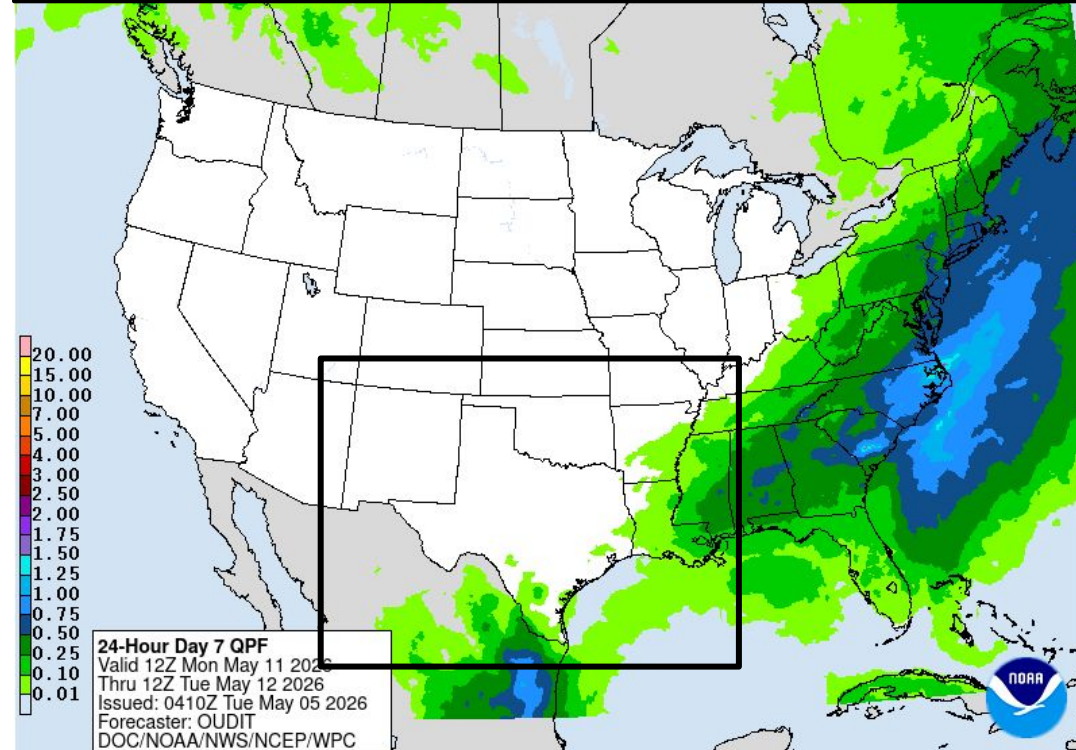
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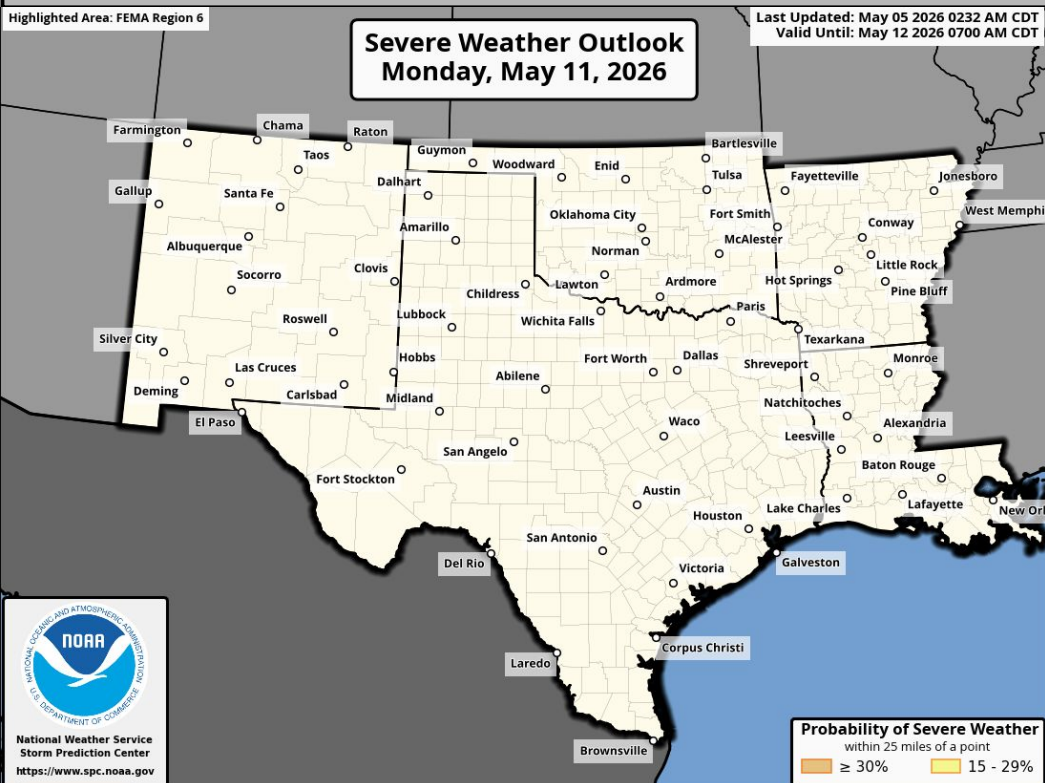
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**No significant weather expected.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



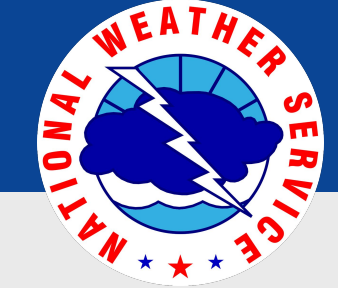
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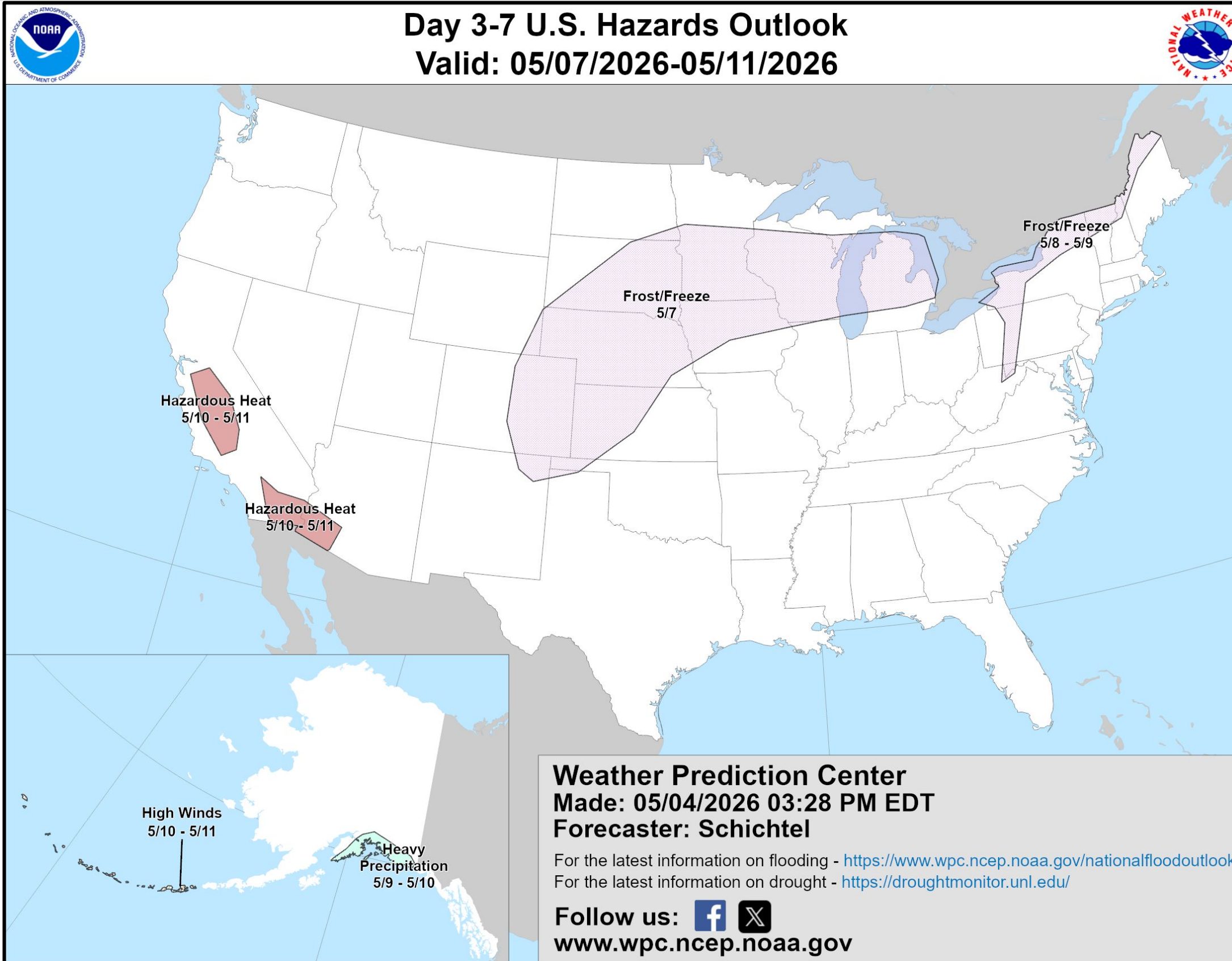


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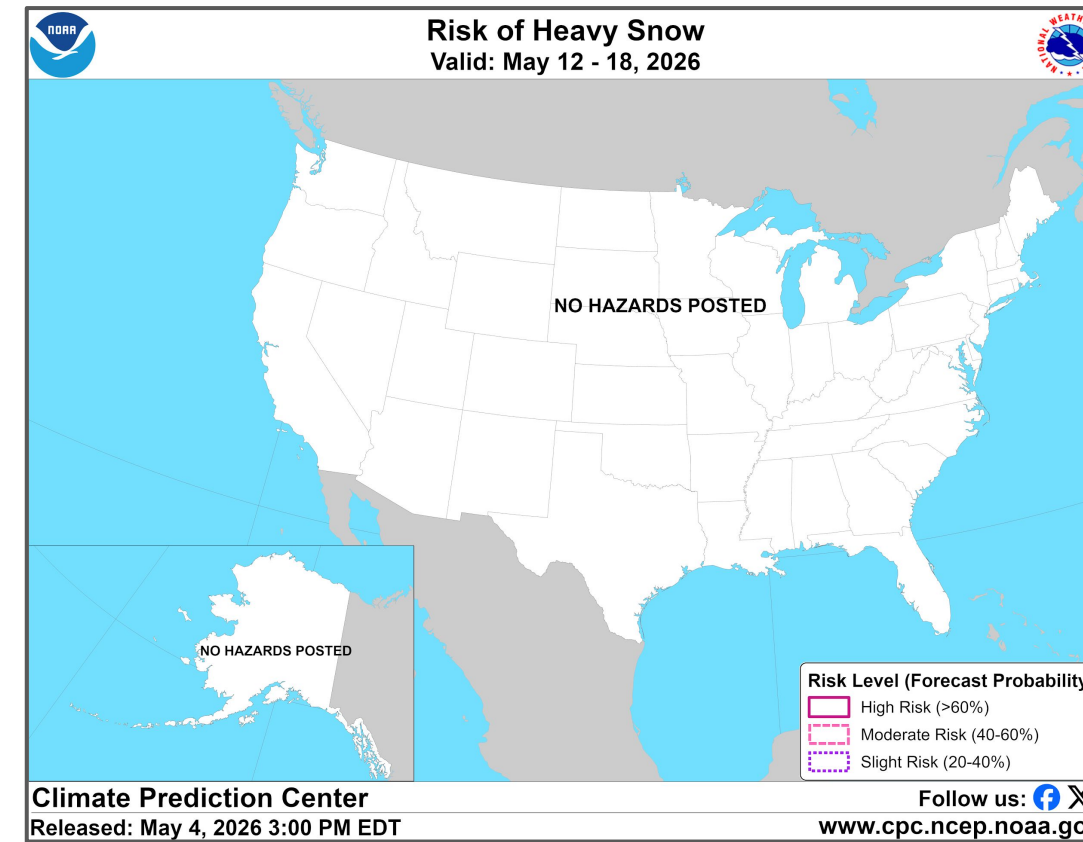
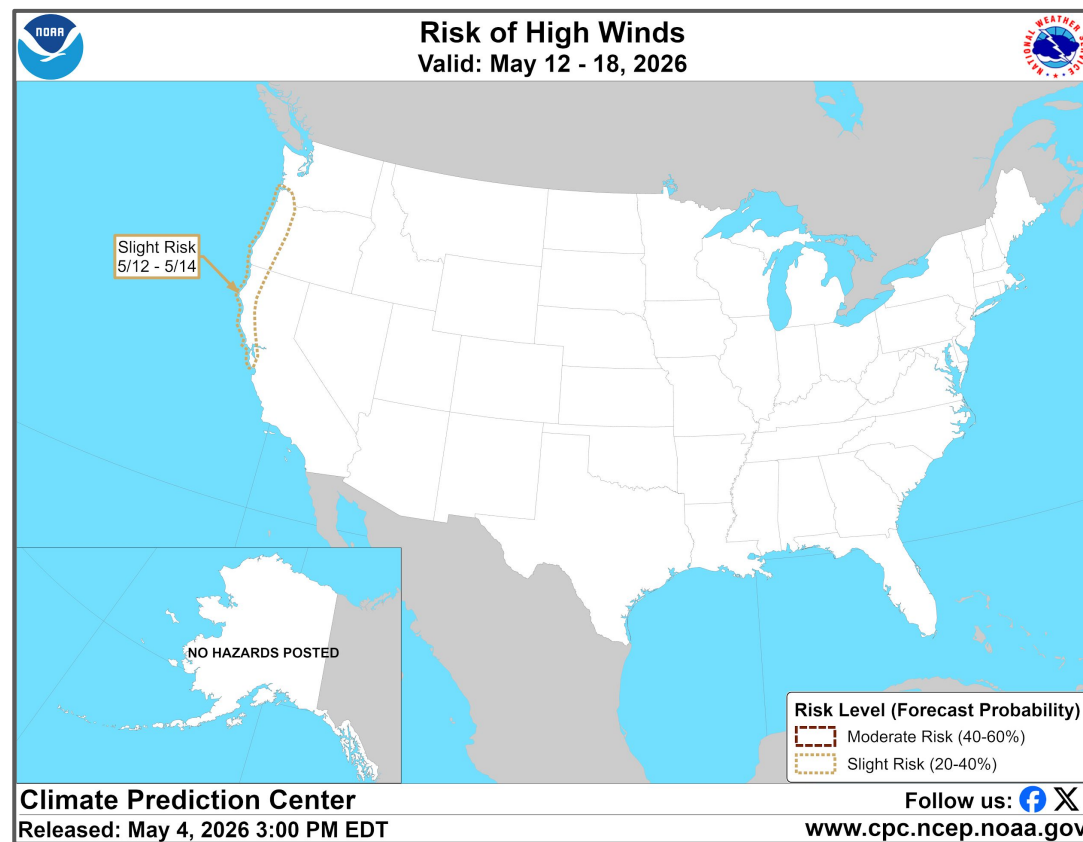
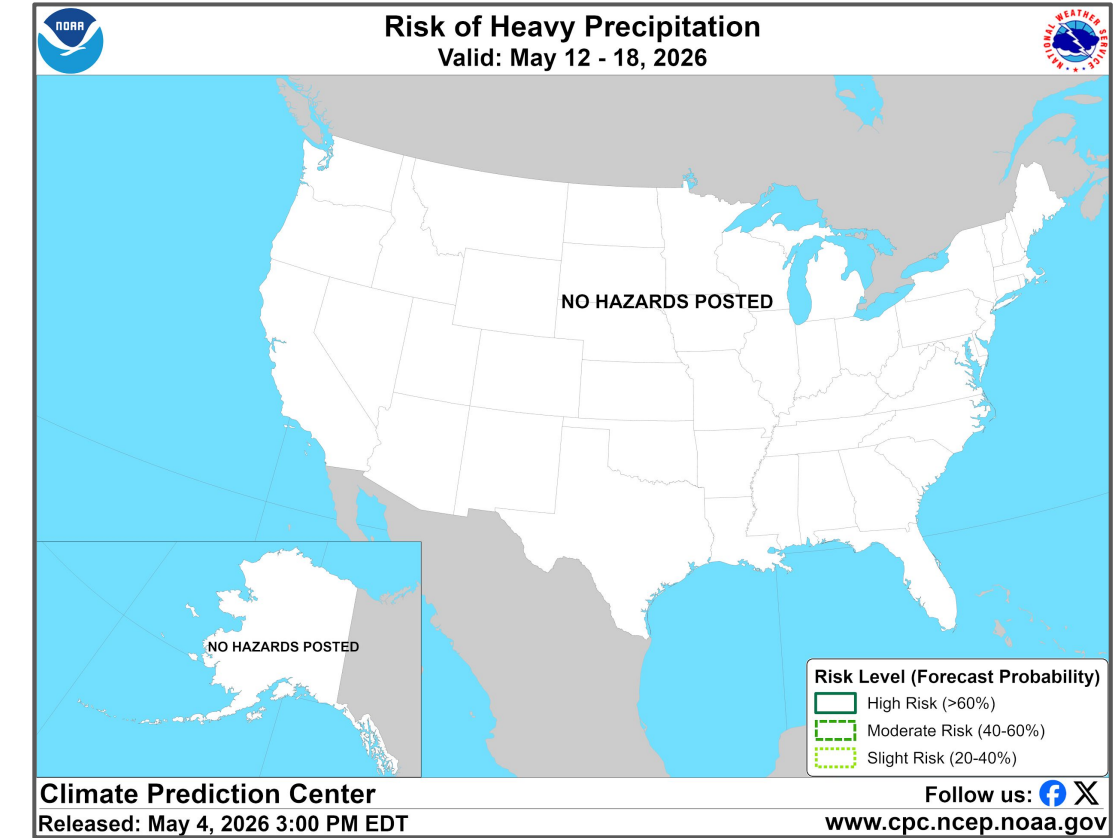
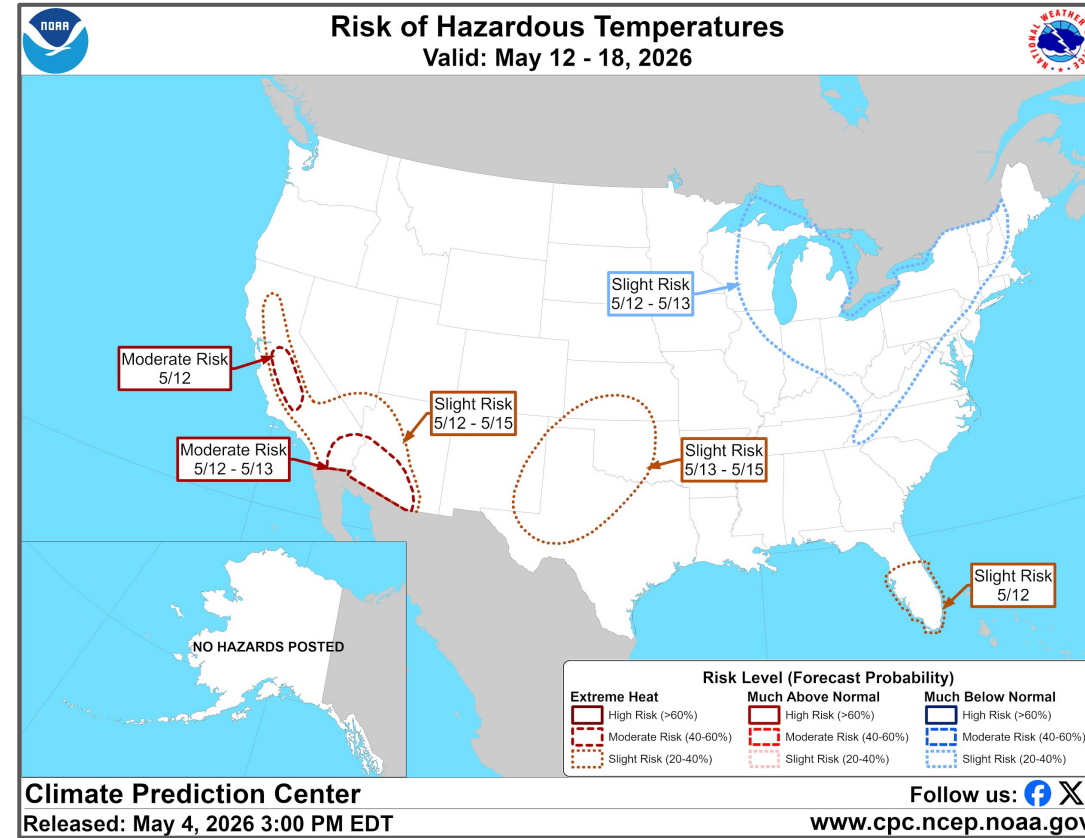
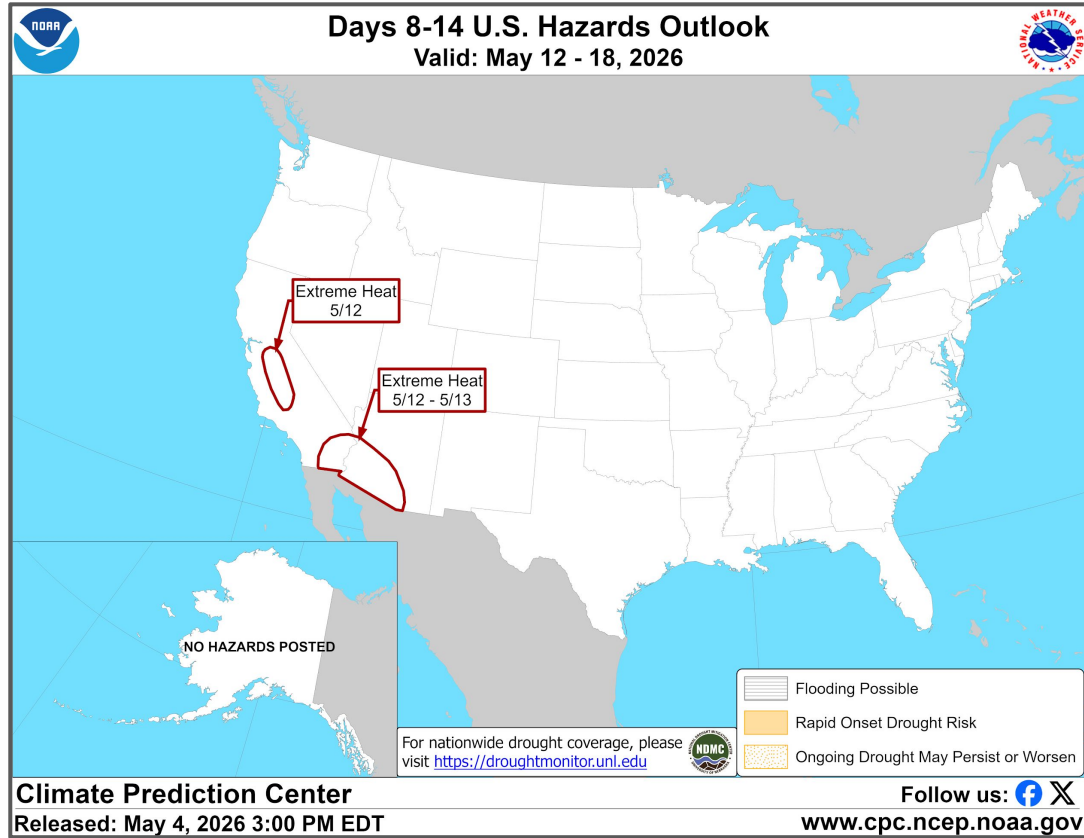


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





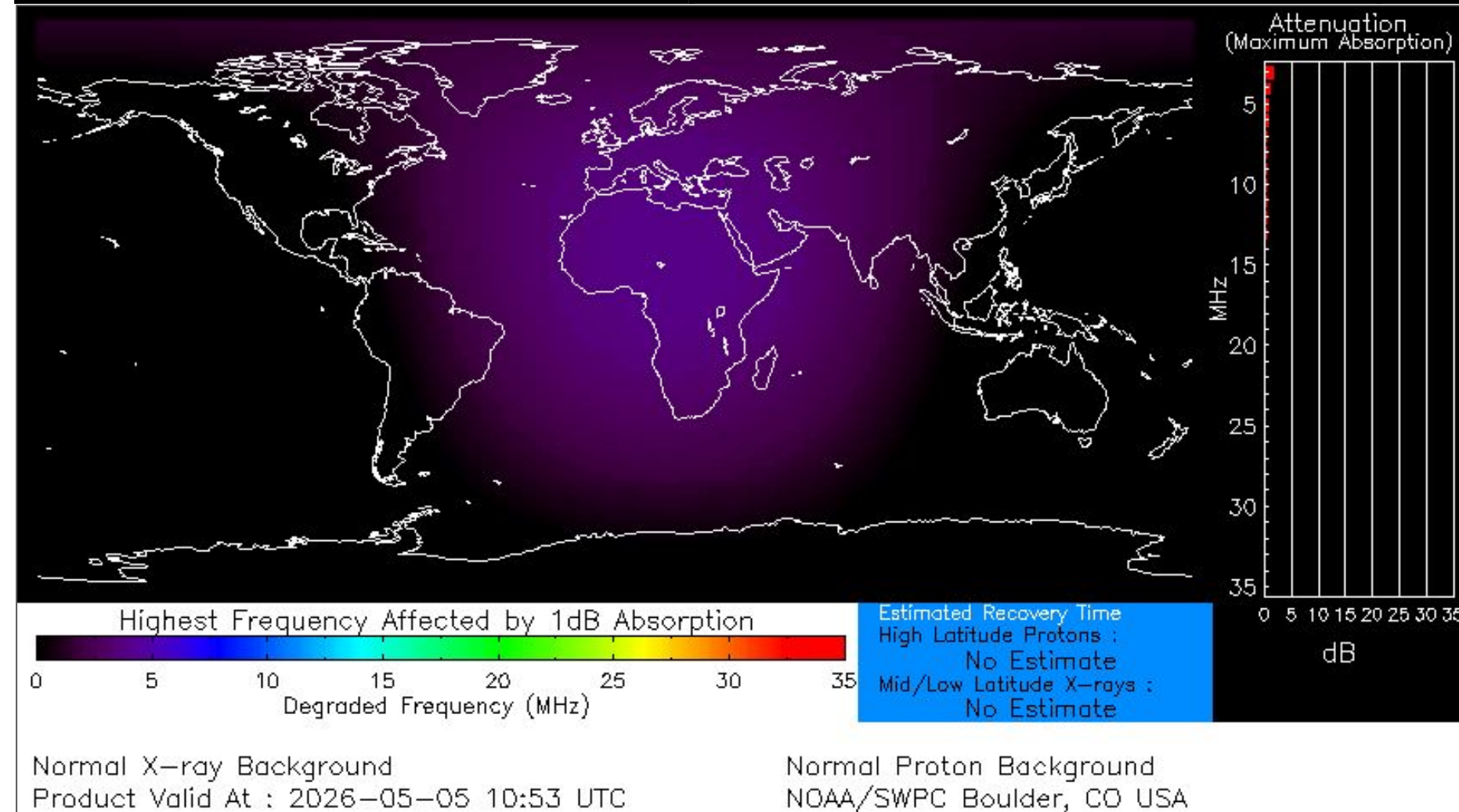
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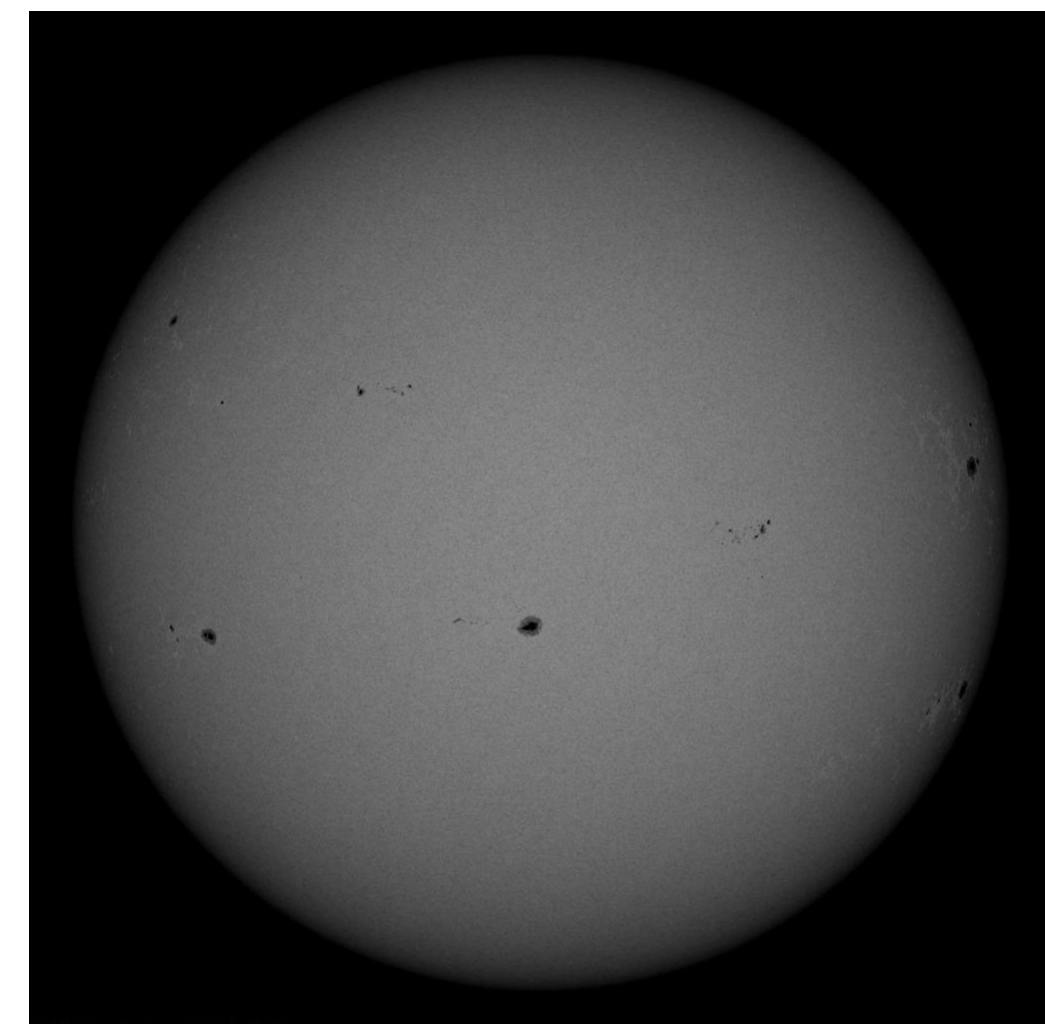
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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>	<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"> <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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