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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, May 06, 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.





Summary

- **Severe Storms:**

- Slight to Enhanced risk (levels 2-3 of 5) today in C/E TX, S AR, 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 to Slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for S AR, N/E LA today. High end: 5-7”.
- Marginal risk Thursday over SE LA, S TX; over S/SE TX, SW LA Friday; and over SE TX, LA Saturday.

- **Heat:**

- Heat index reaches 110-116 degrees in S TX today.

- **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 drops later today. Angelina near Lufkin in Minor stage through Friday. Pearl River in LA in Minor stage through Thursday.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7	Friday, May 8	Saturday, May 9	Sunday, May 10	Monday, May 11	Tuesday, May 12
Severe Storms	NE LA			OK	TX, AR, LA		
	C/ETX, SAR, LA						
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NE LA, SE AR	SE LA, STX	S/SETX, SW LA	SETX, LA			
	SAR, N/E LA						
Heat	STX						
Fire Weather							
Winter Weather	N NM Mts						
River Flooding	ETX, NE AR, SE LA	ETX, SE LA	ETX				

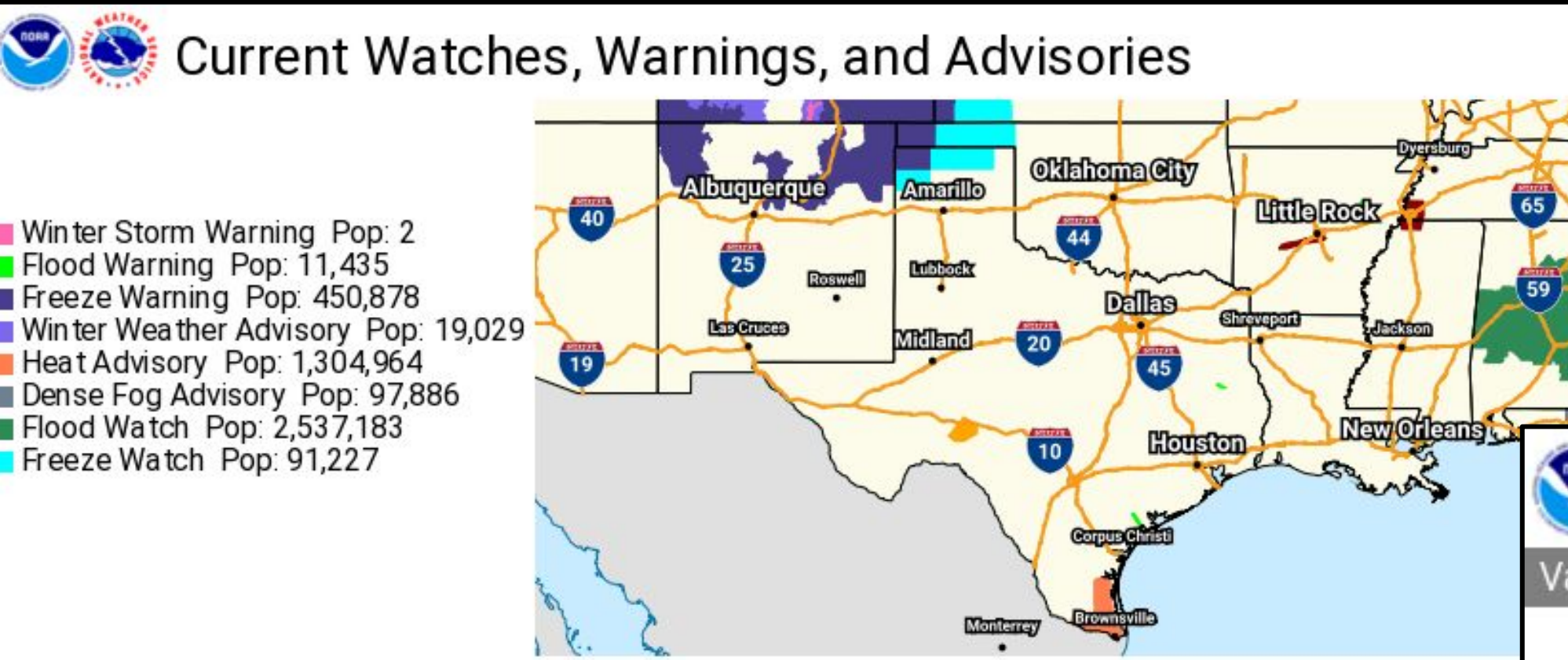
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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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Current Radar/Hazards



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Freeze Watches/Warnings in NM, TX/OK Panhandles for tonight - Thurs morning. Temps as low as 25-28 degrees.

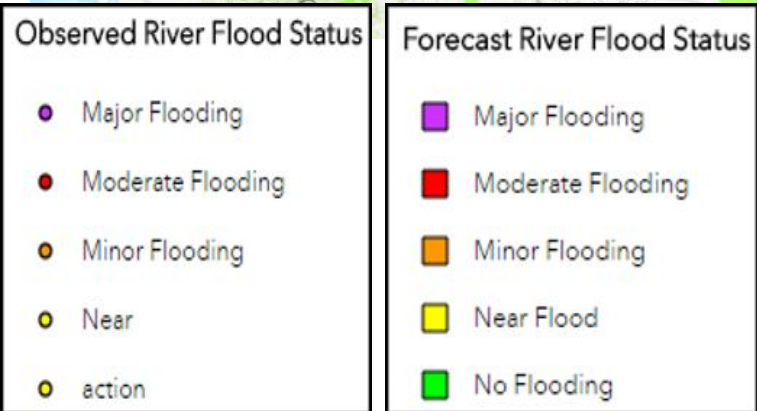
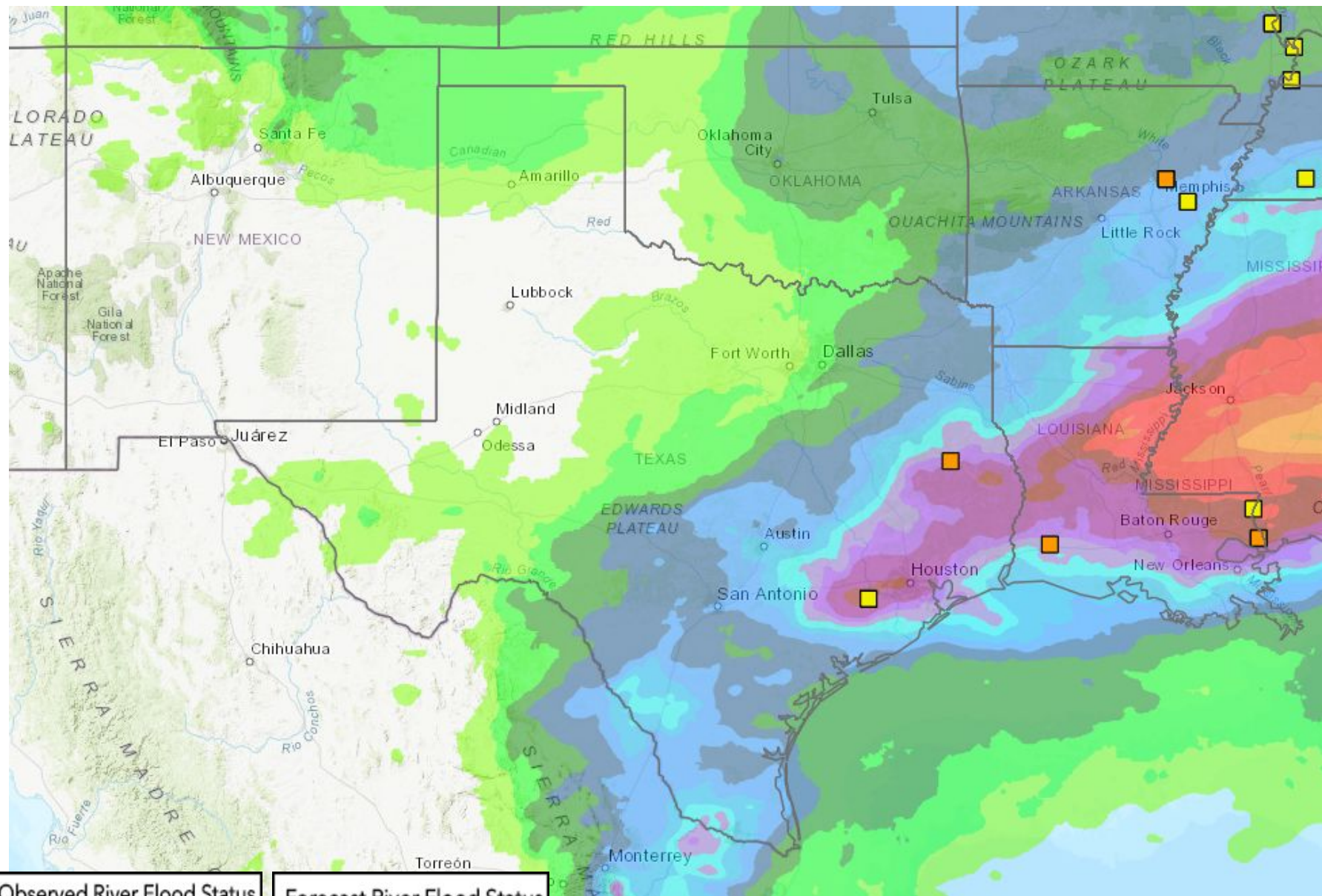
Heat Advisory in S TX today for heat index of 110-116.





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



Minor flood stage anticipated/ongoing in E TX, SE LA, NE AR.

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 today. Impacts to low swampy timberland.

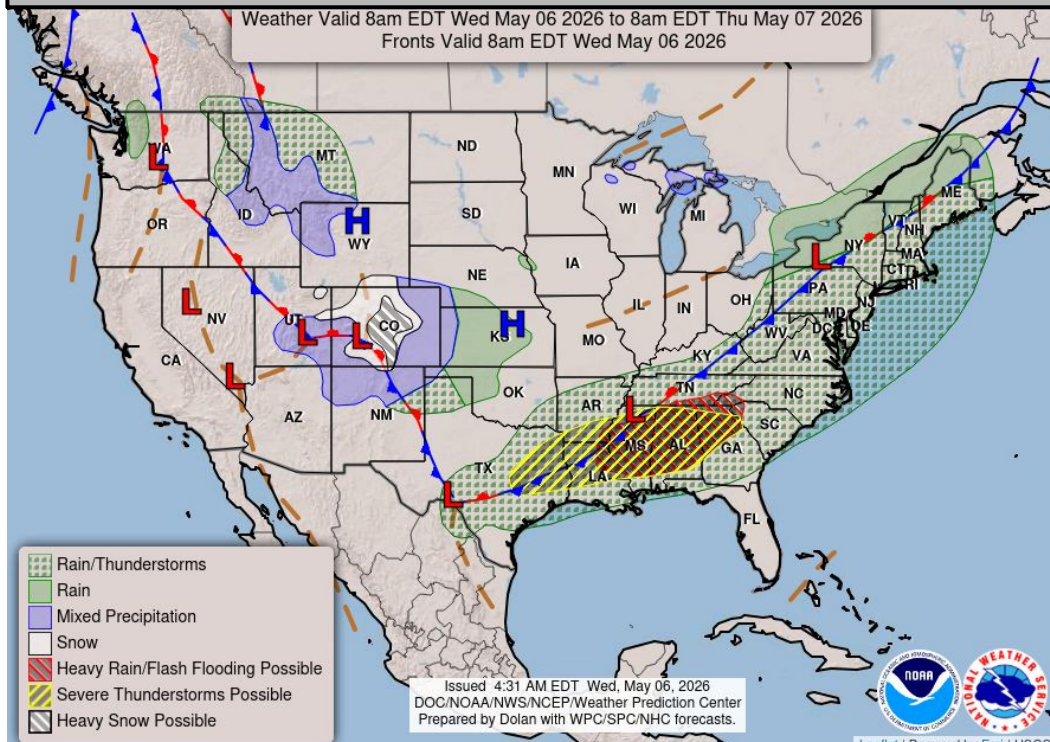
Angelina at Lufkin in E TX will reach Minor flood stage tonight. No impacts.

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.

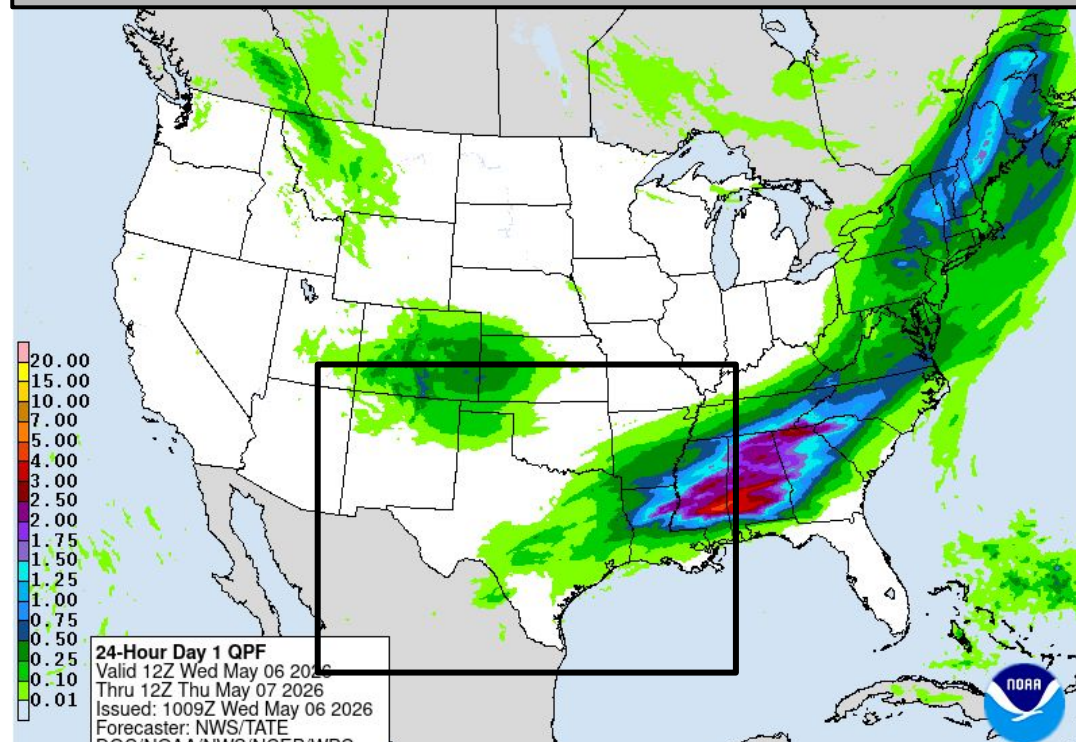


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



Enhanced risk (level 3 of 5) for severe storms in NE LA. Timing: 4pm - 9pm.

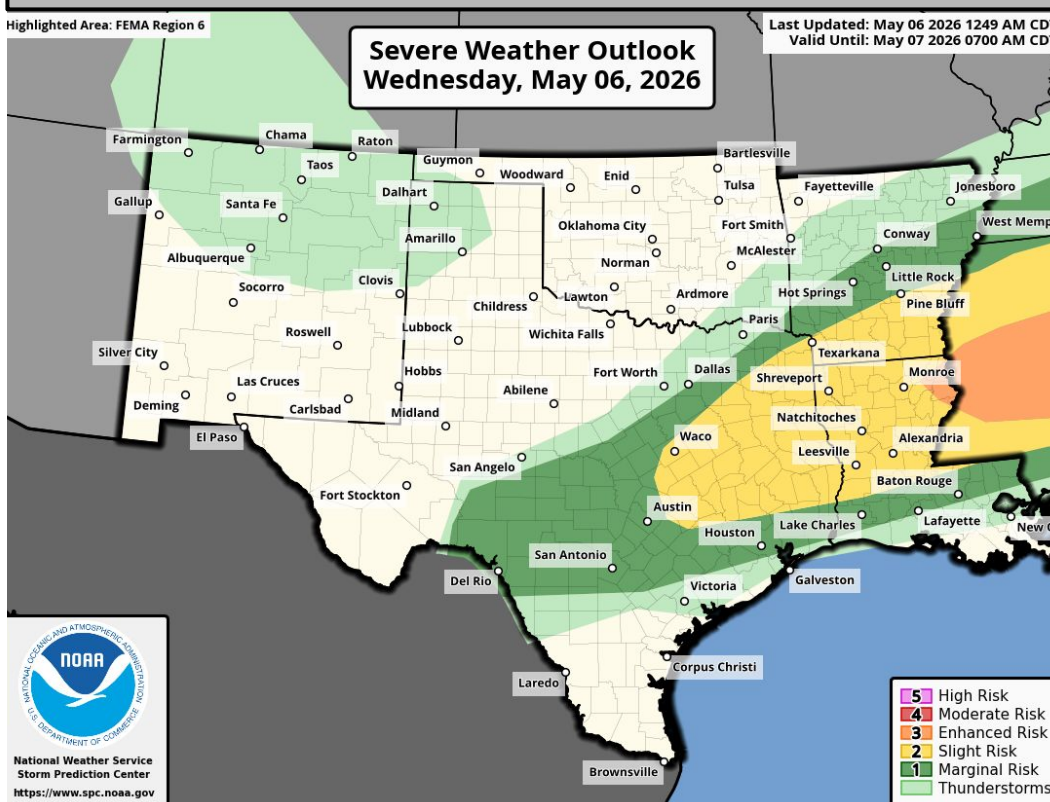
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in C/ETX, SAR, LA. Timing: 1pm - 11pm.

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

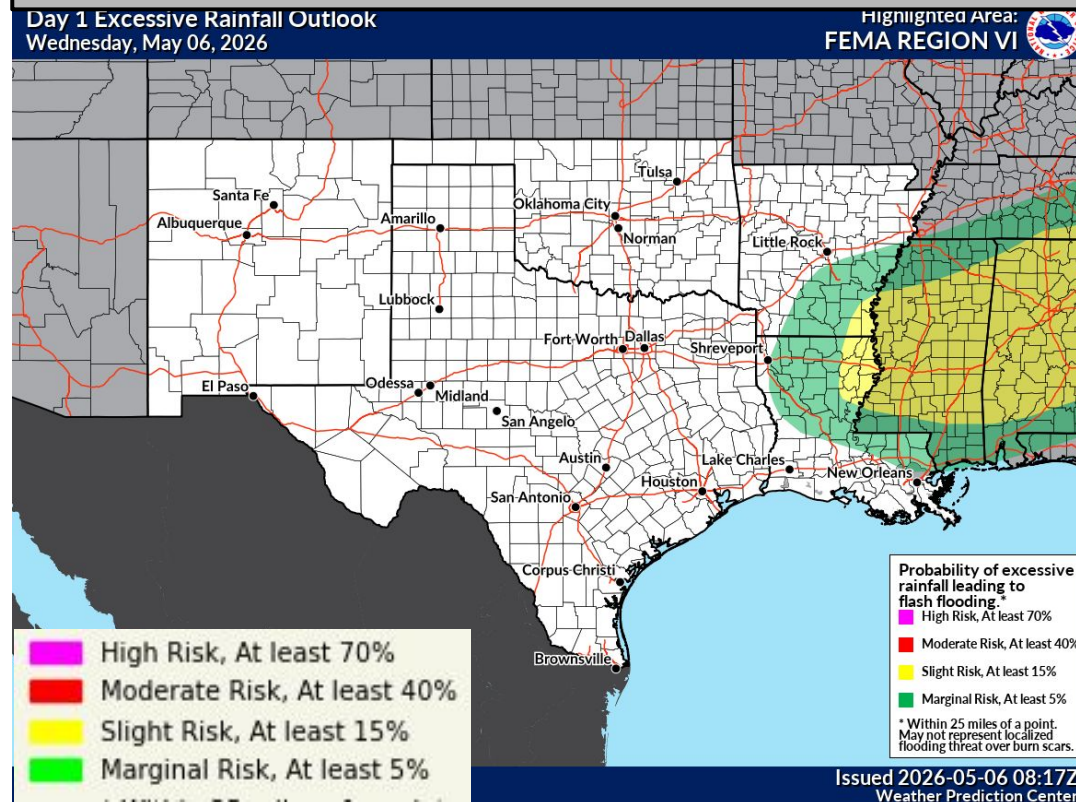
Minor heat impacts in STX with heat index reaching 110-116.

N NM mountain snow through the evening brings slick driving conditions above 8000' with 2-6". Impacts to I-20 and Raton Pass.

Severe Weather Outlook

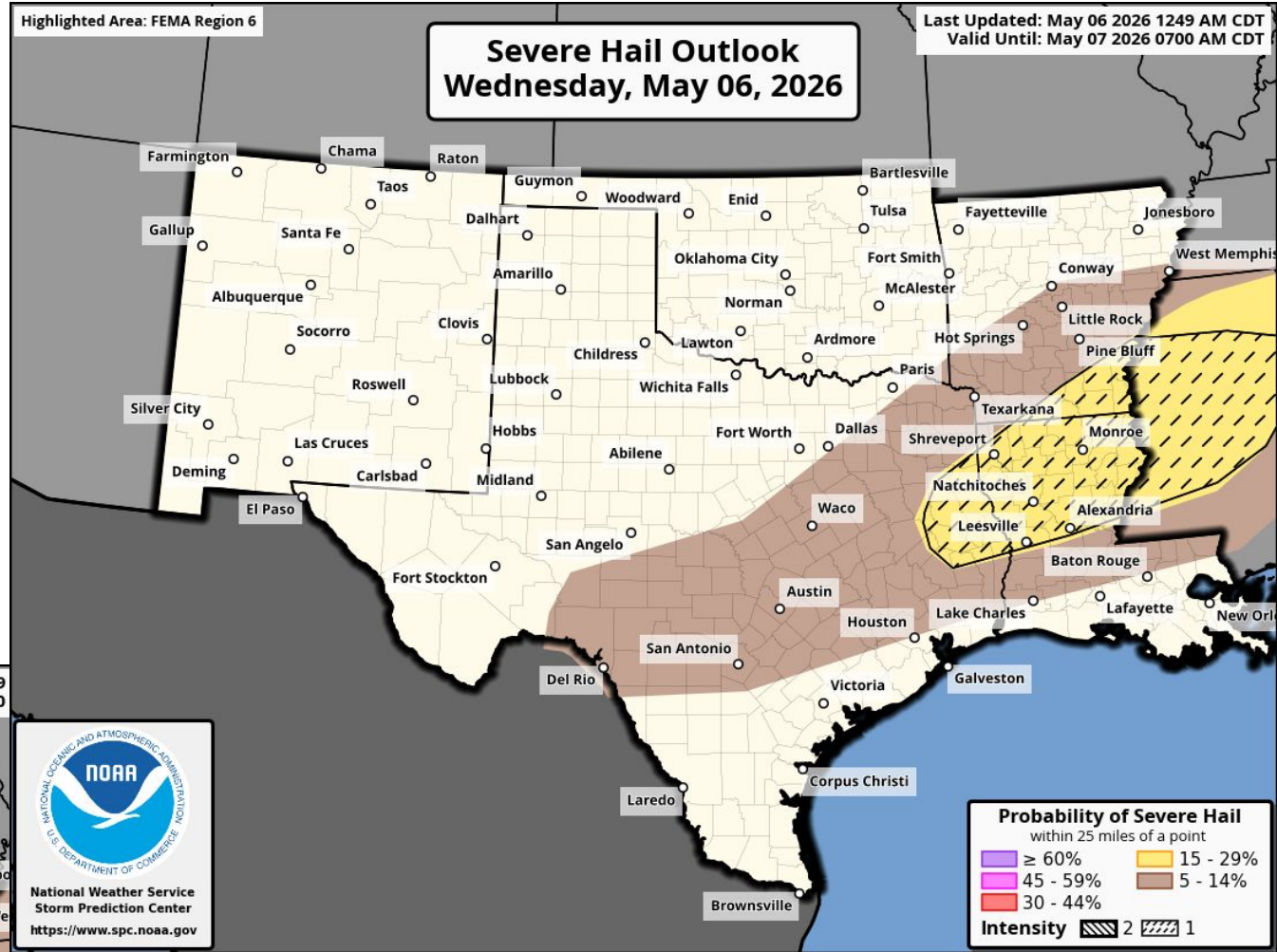
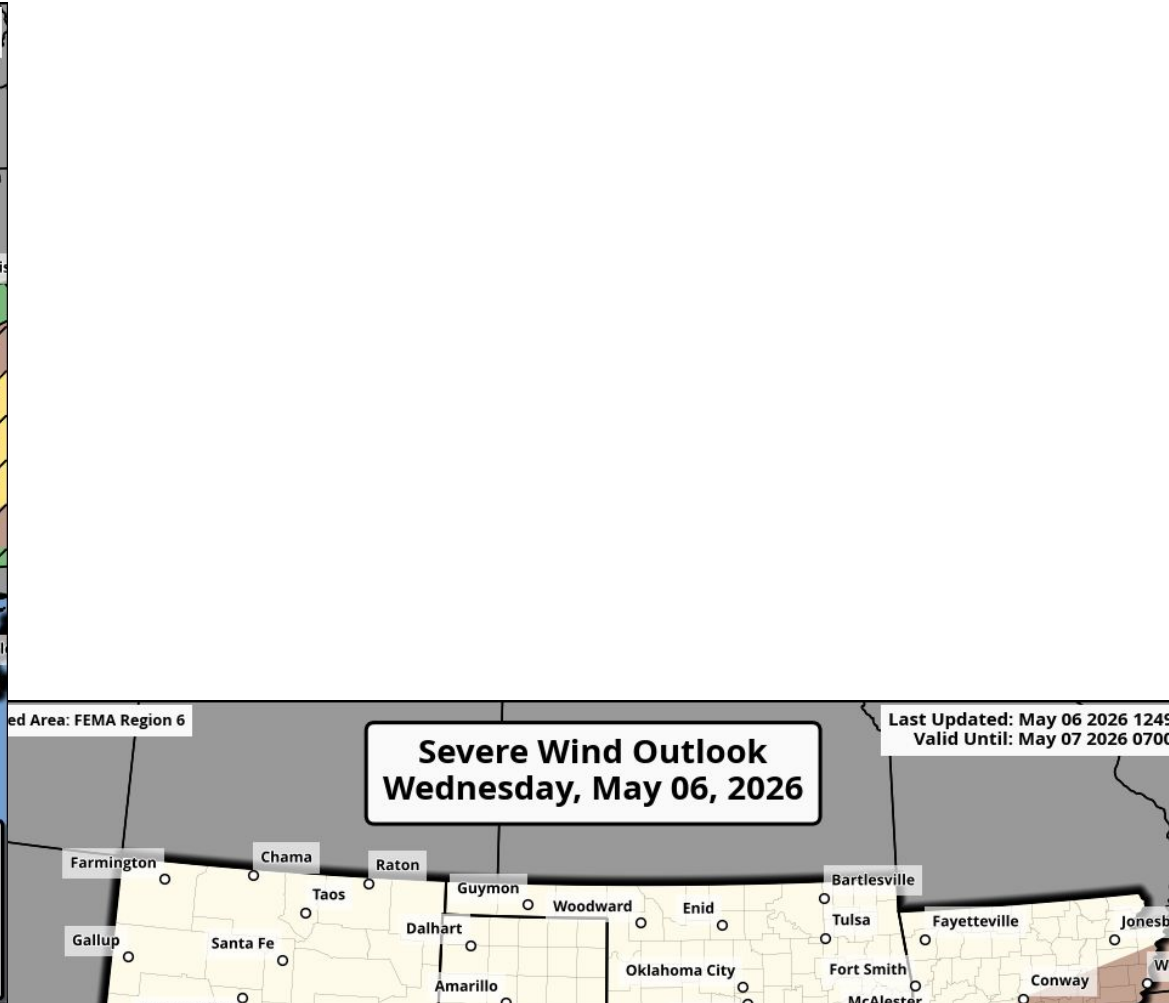
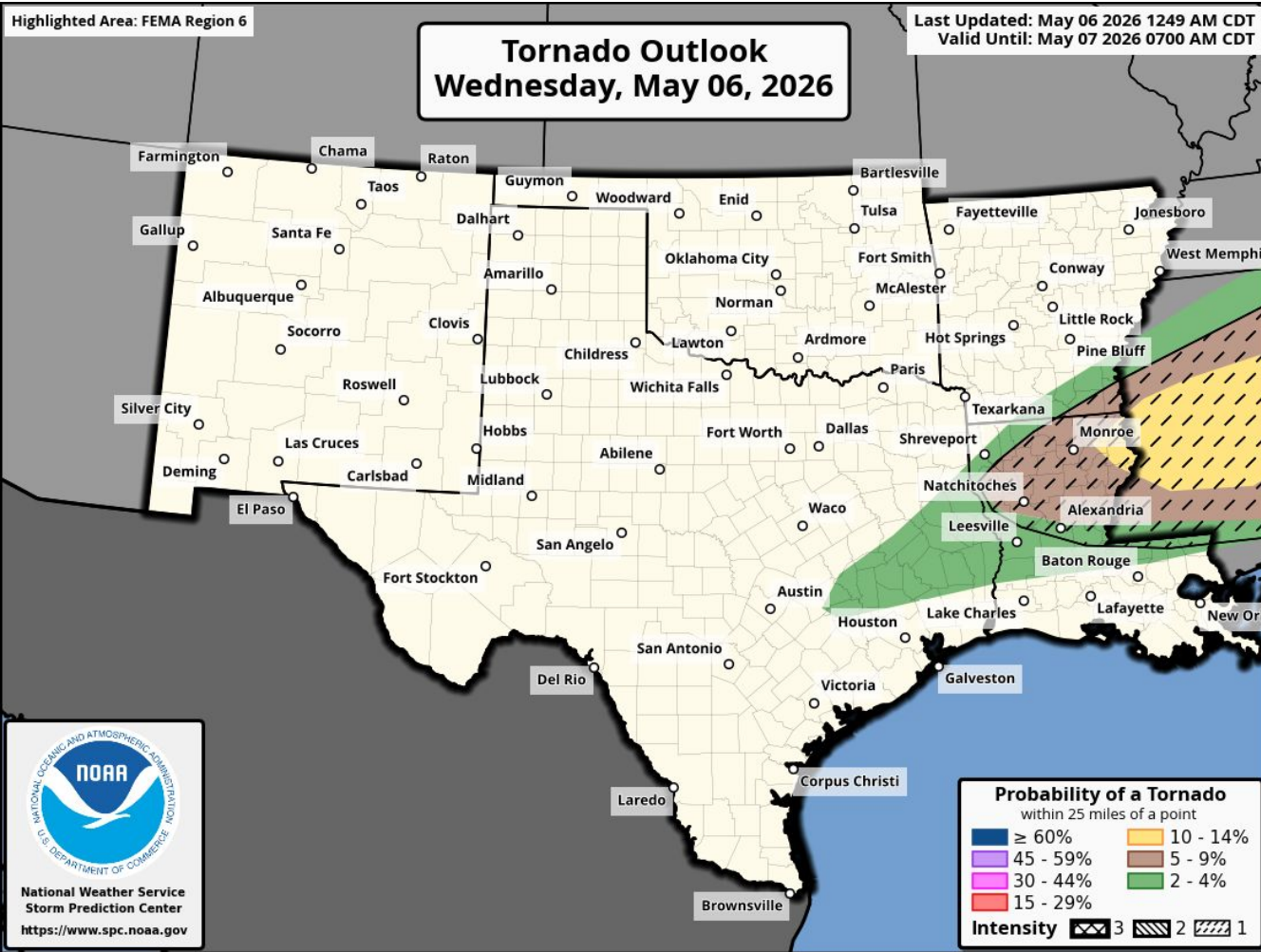


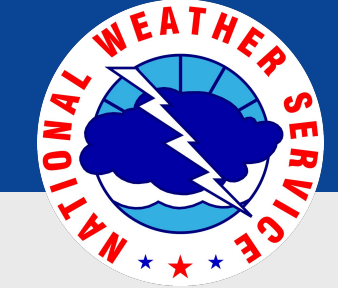
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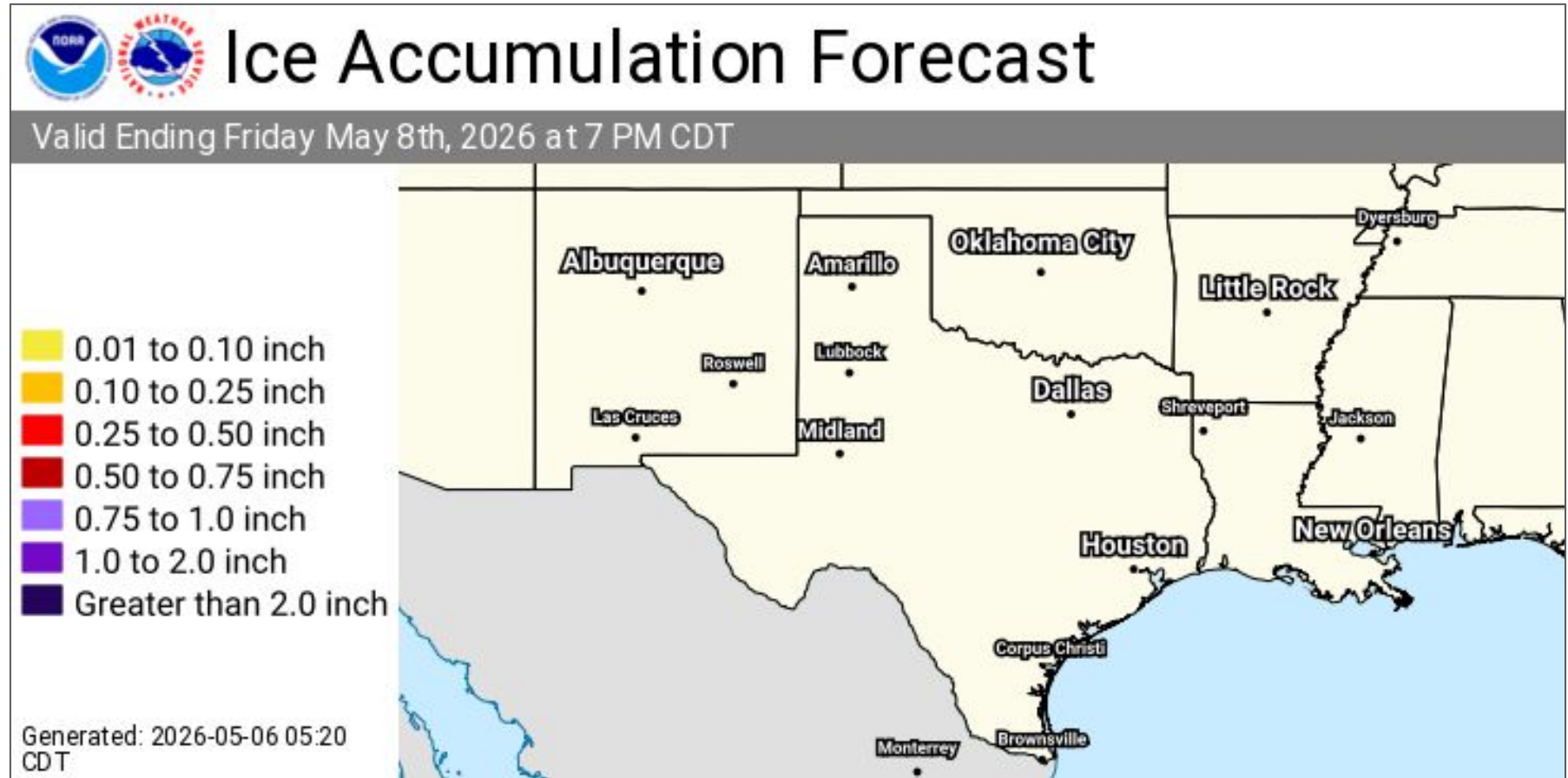
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





Winter Weather

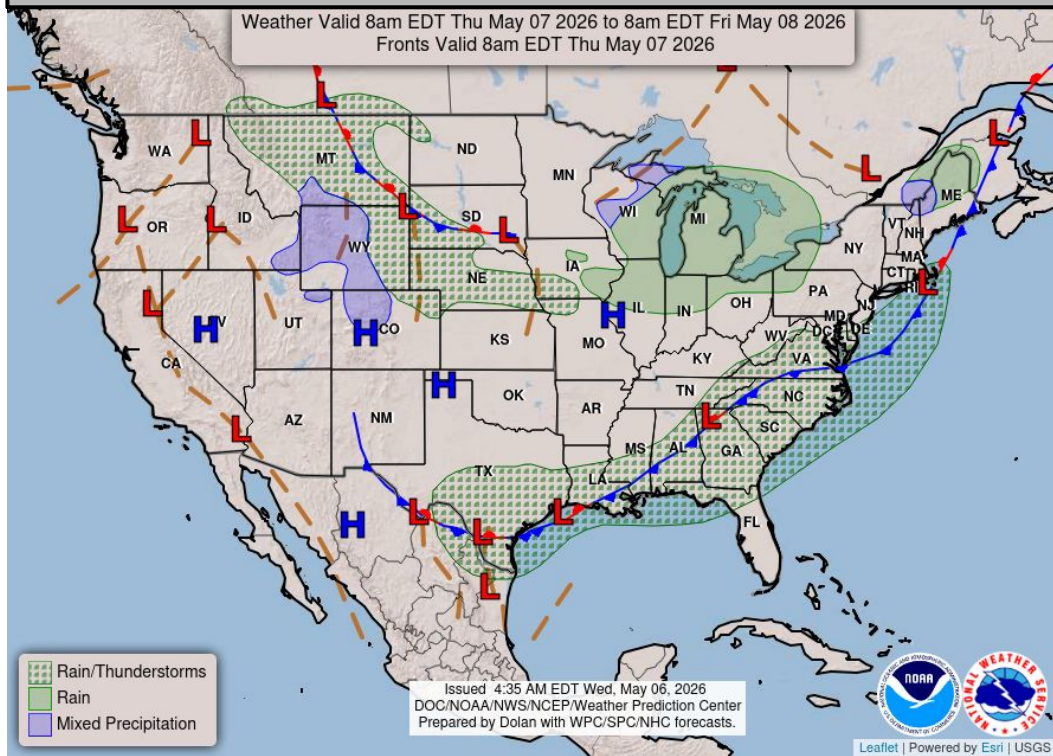
Through the next 3 days



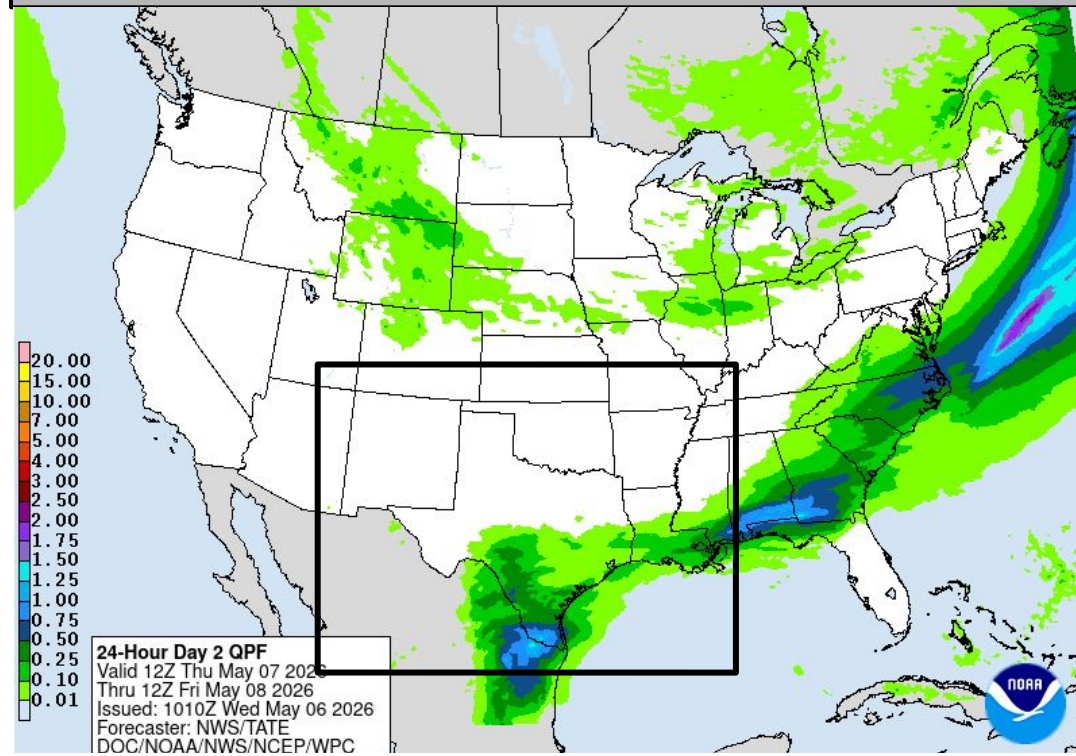


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

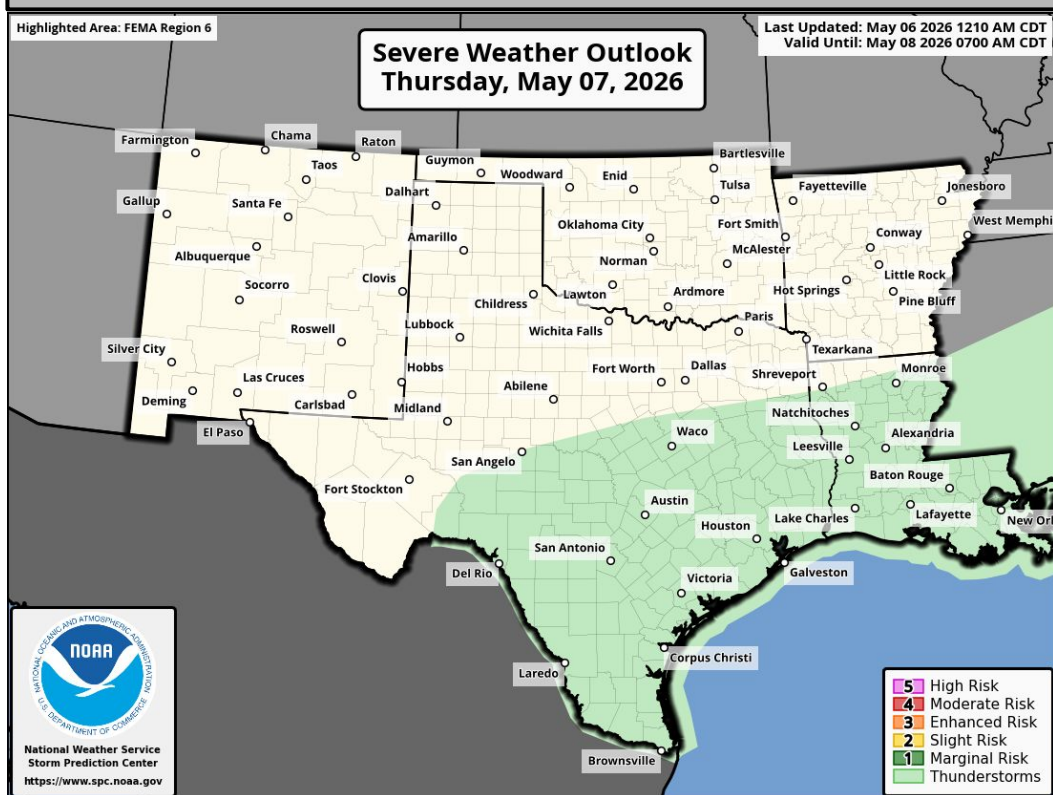


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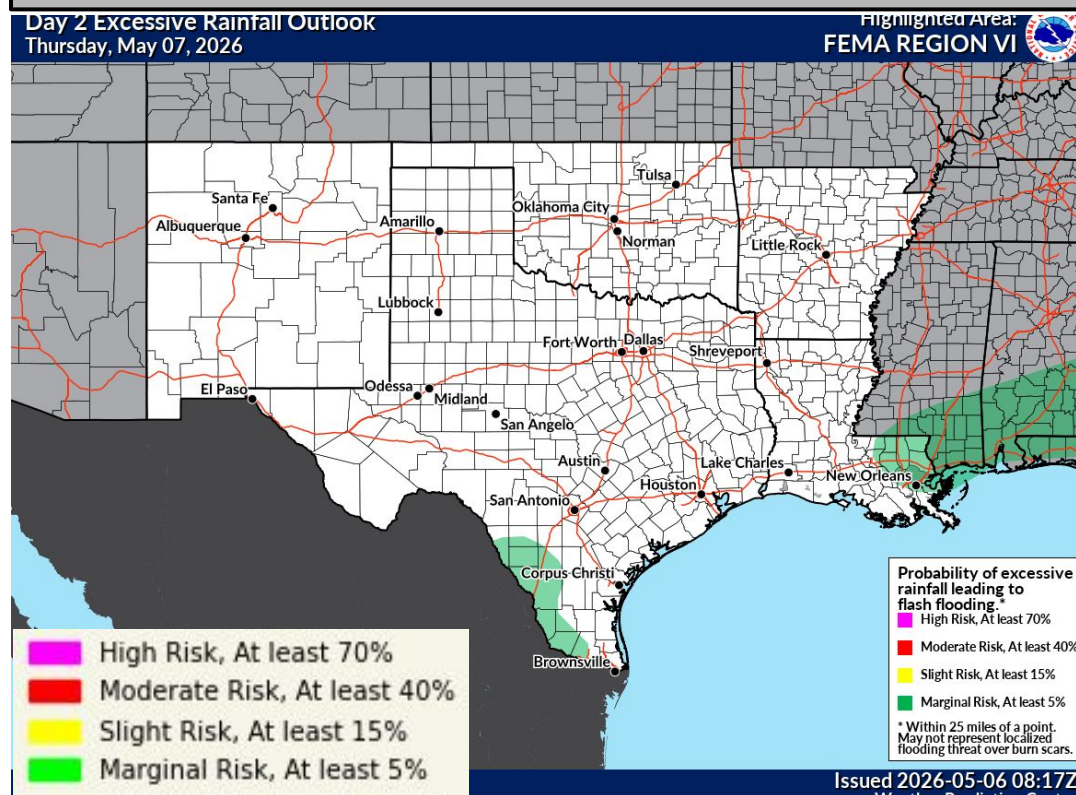


Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE LA & in STX.

Severe Weather Outlook

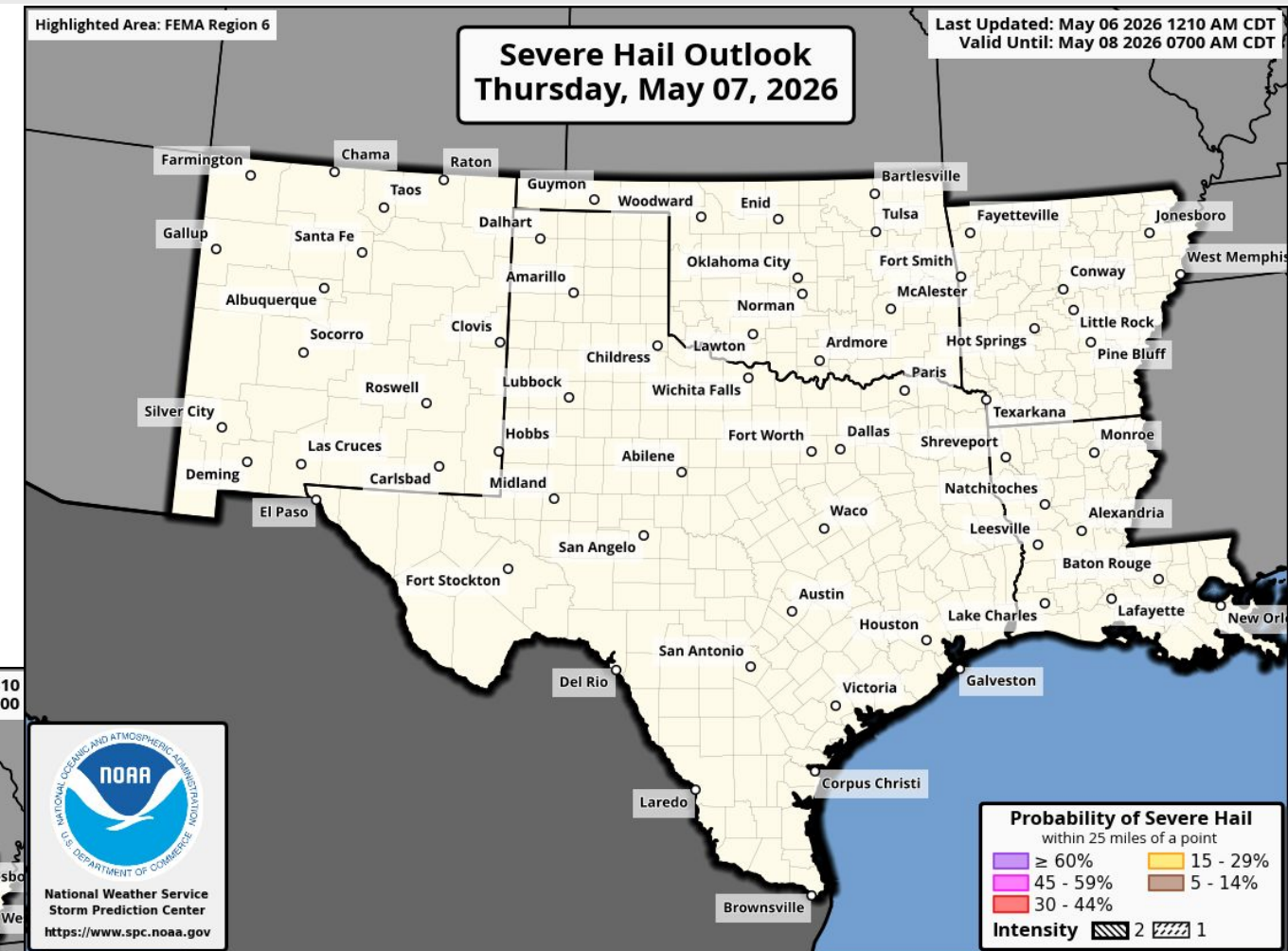
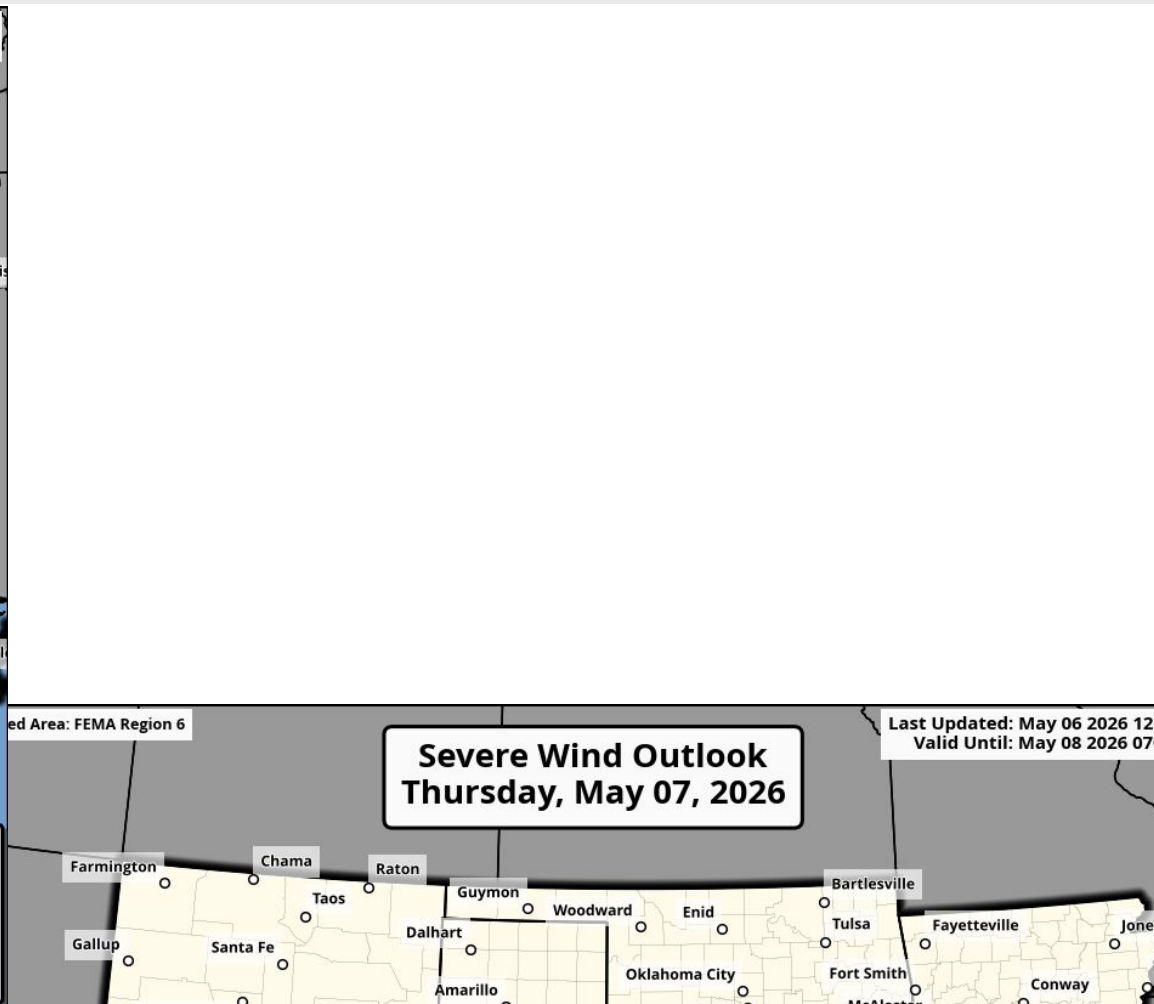
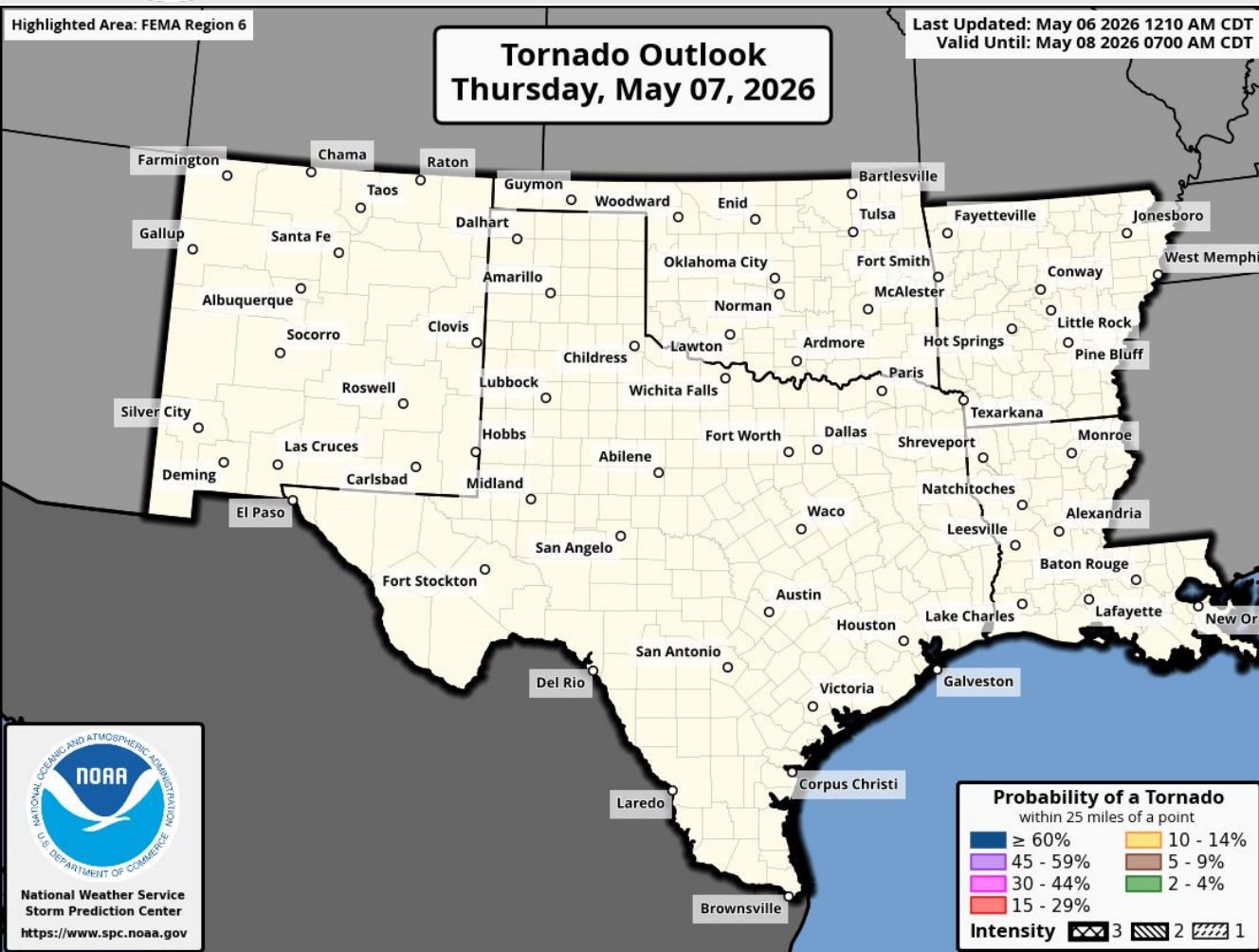


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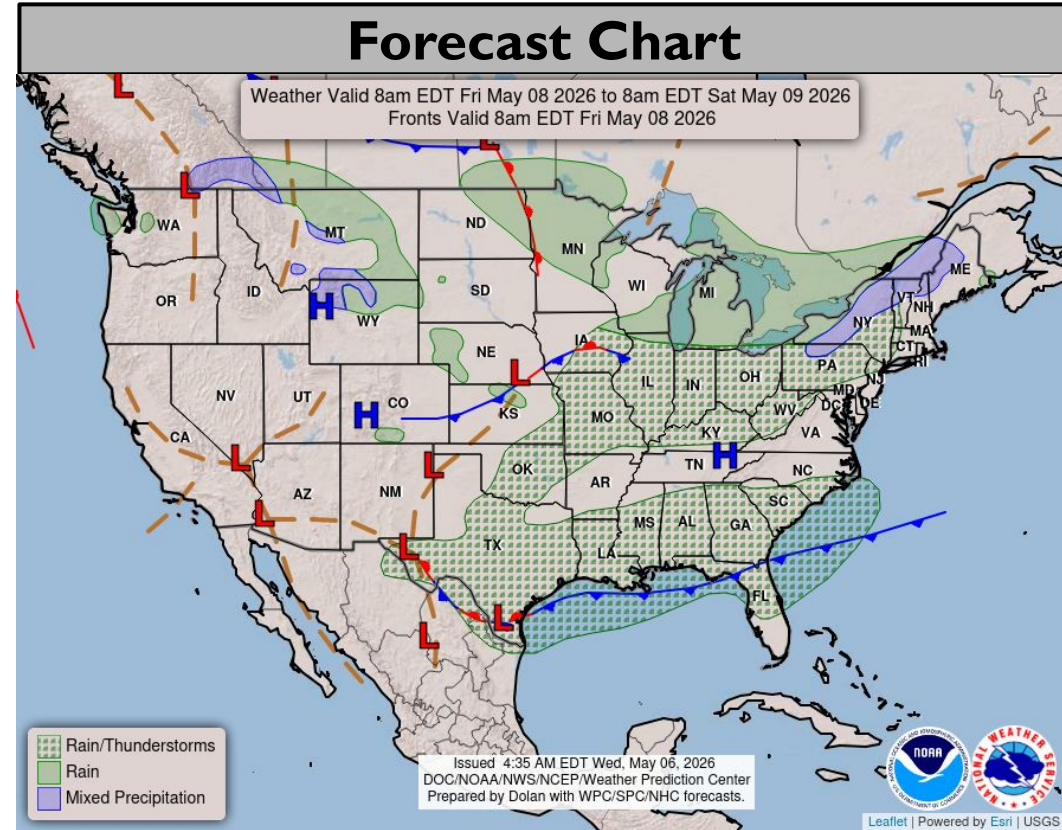
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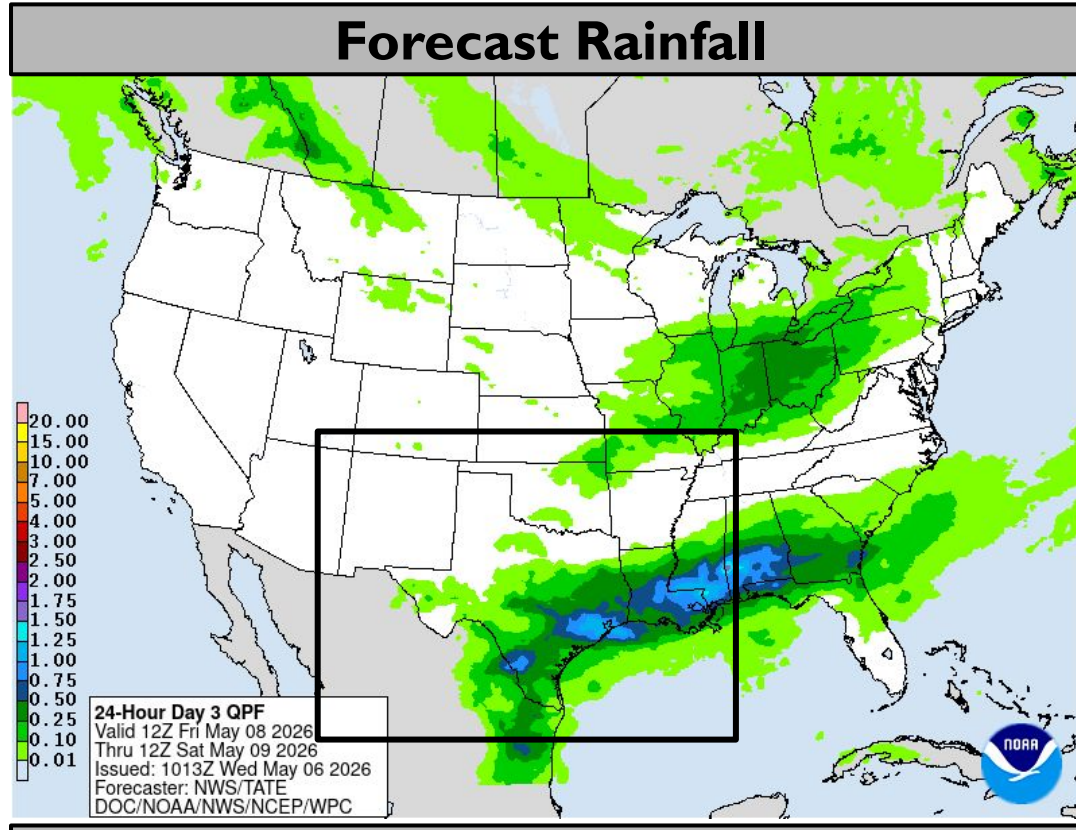


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

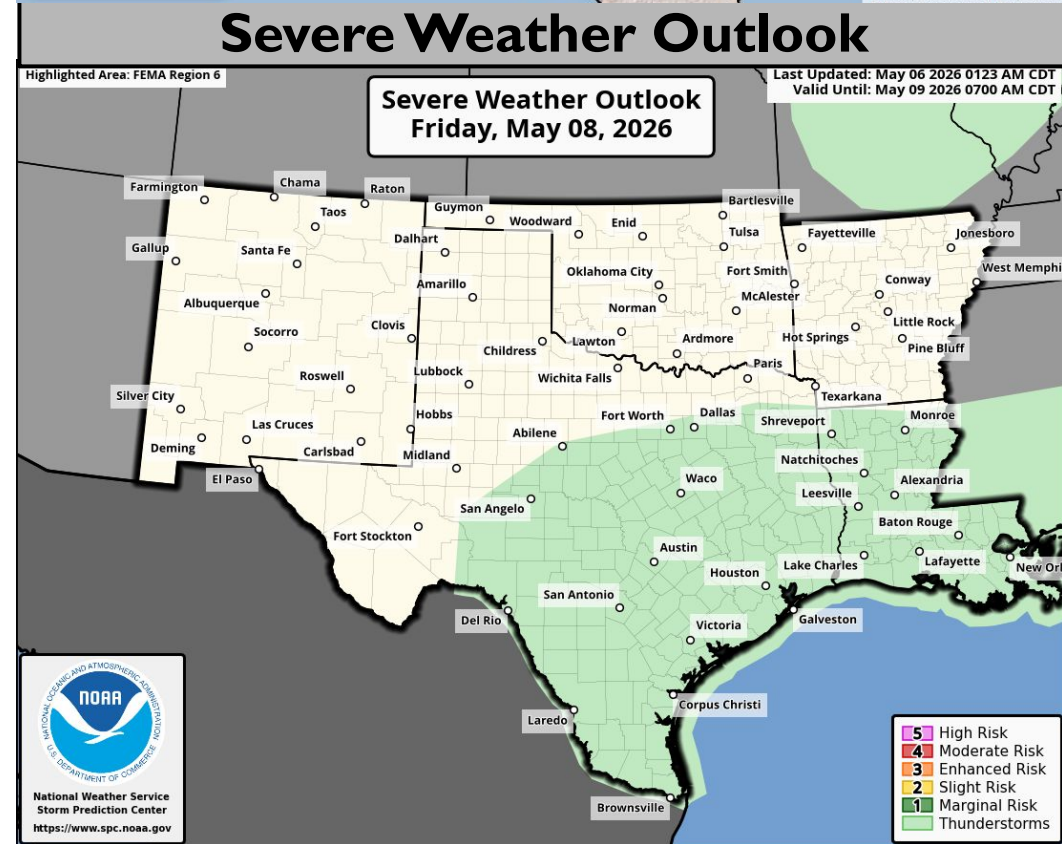


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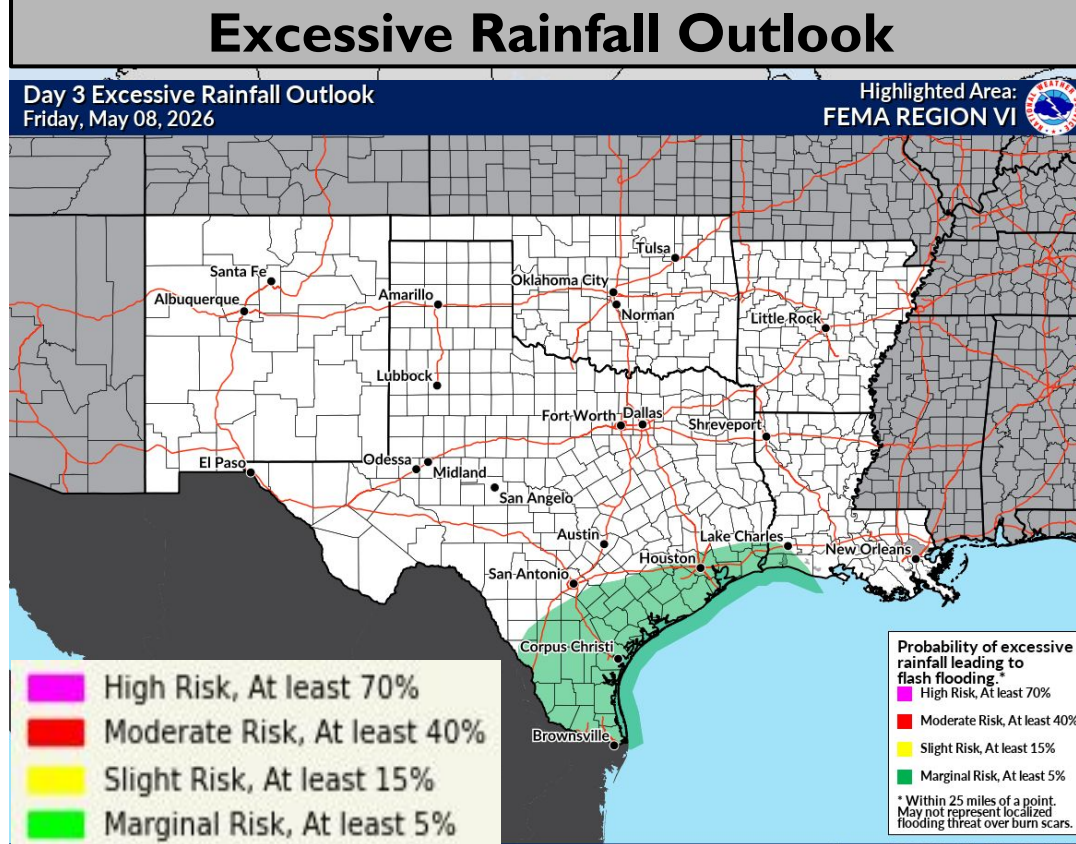


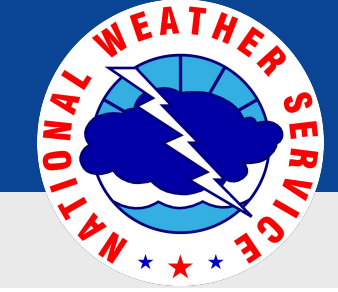
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Severe Weather Outlook

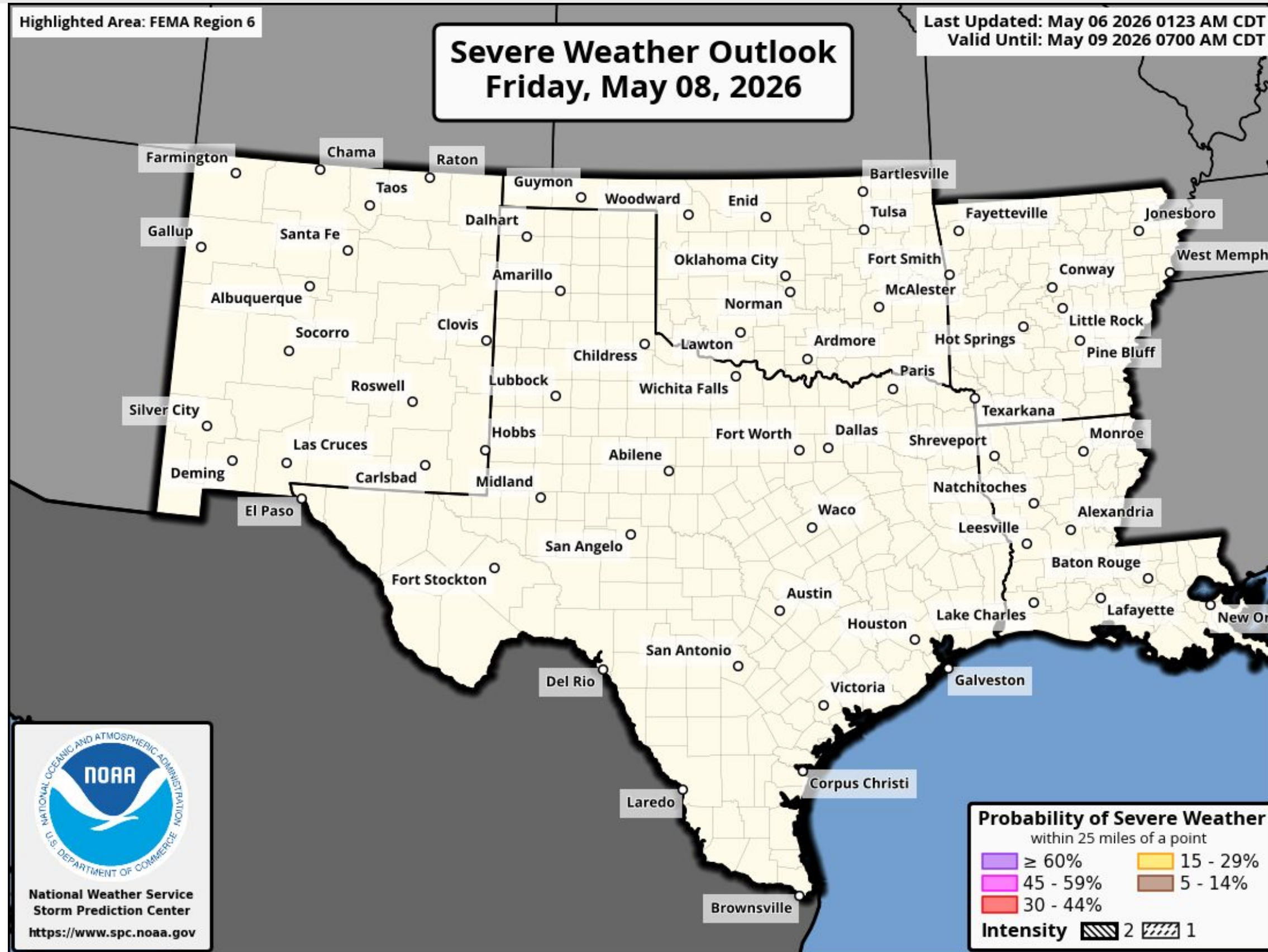


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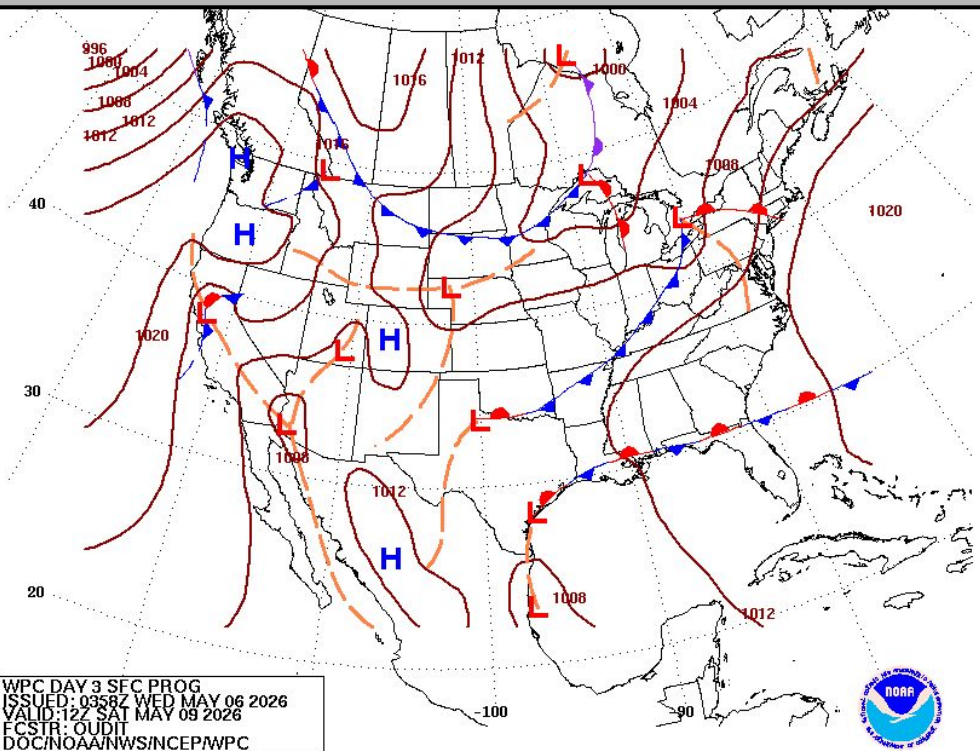
Friday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level



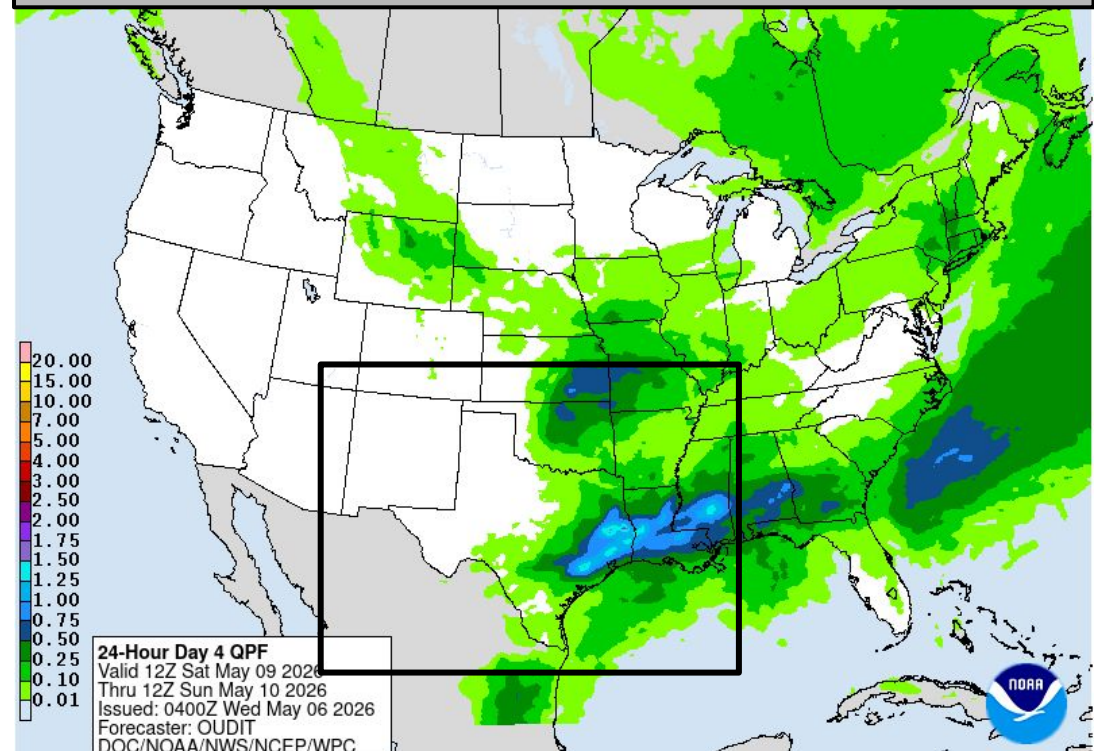


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



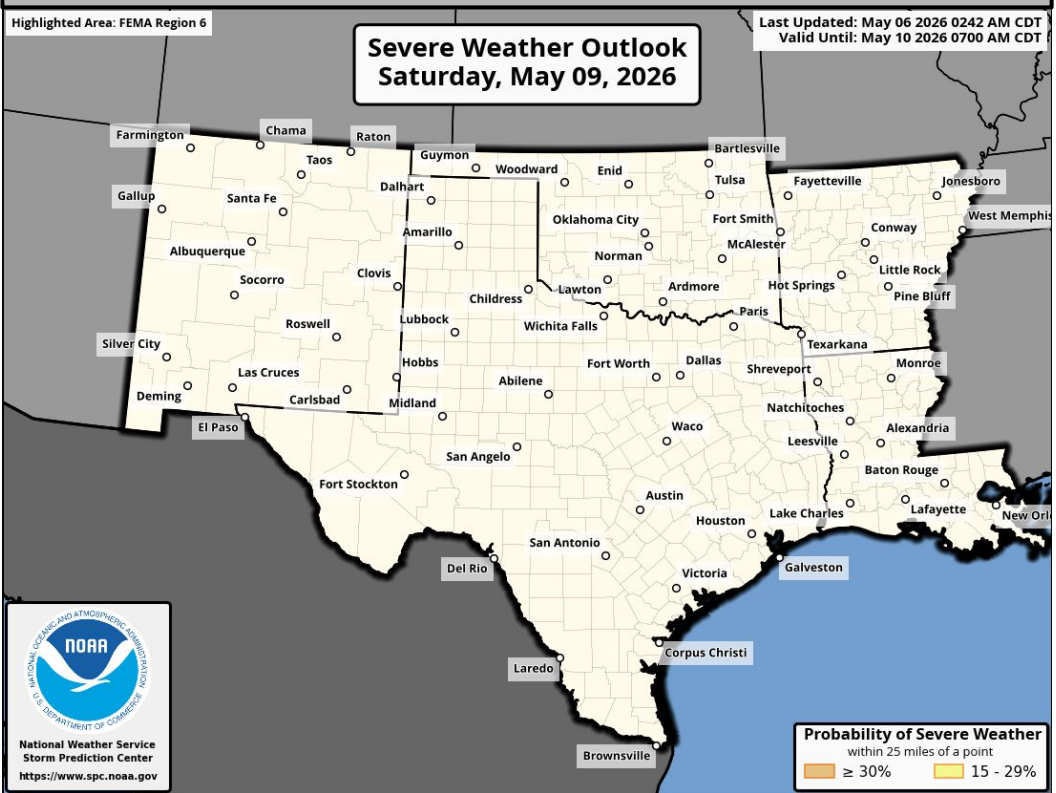
Forecast Rainfall



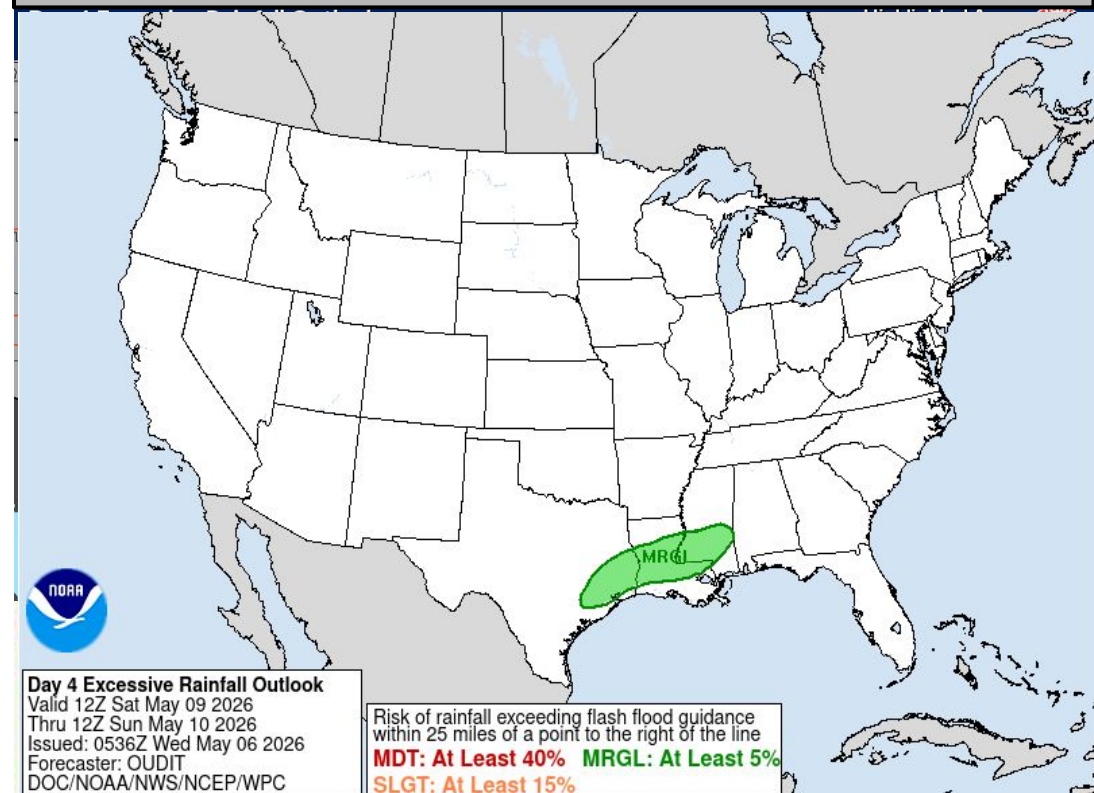
Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in SE TX, LA.

Monitoring OK for severe storms.

Severe Weather Outlook



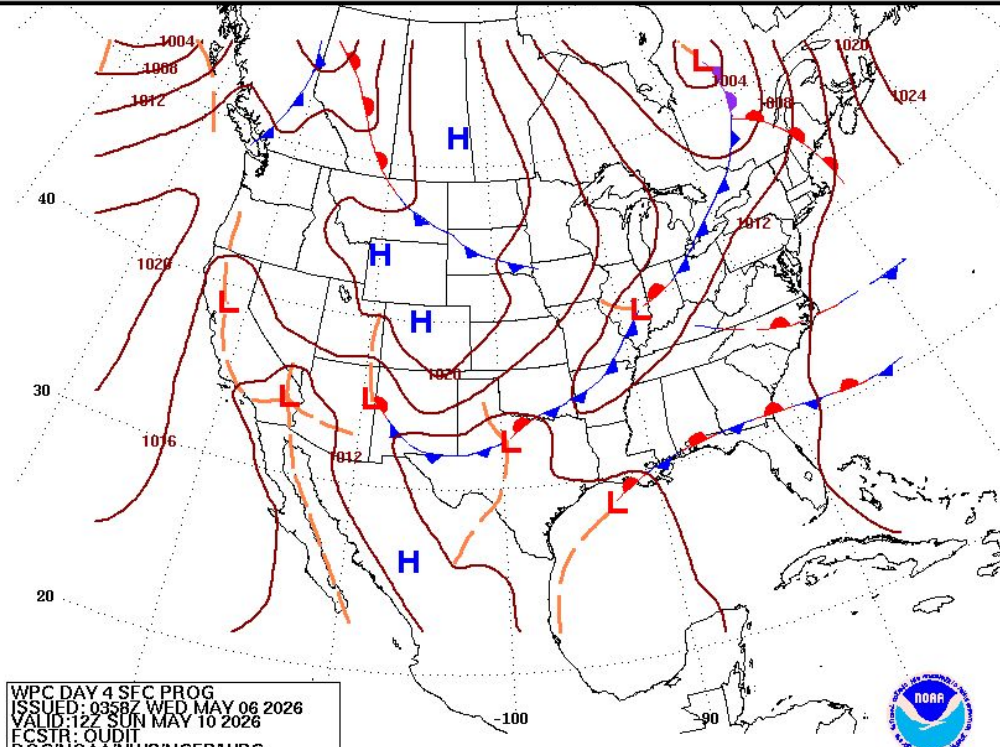
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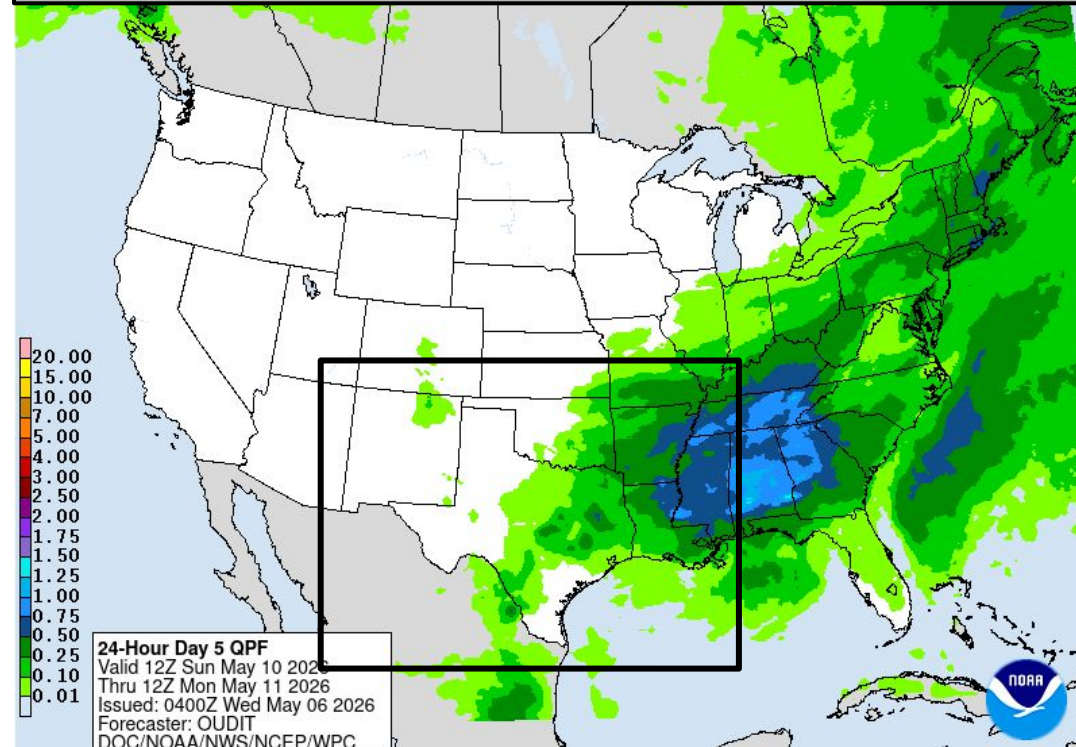
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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VALID: 12Z SUN MAY 10 2026
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

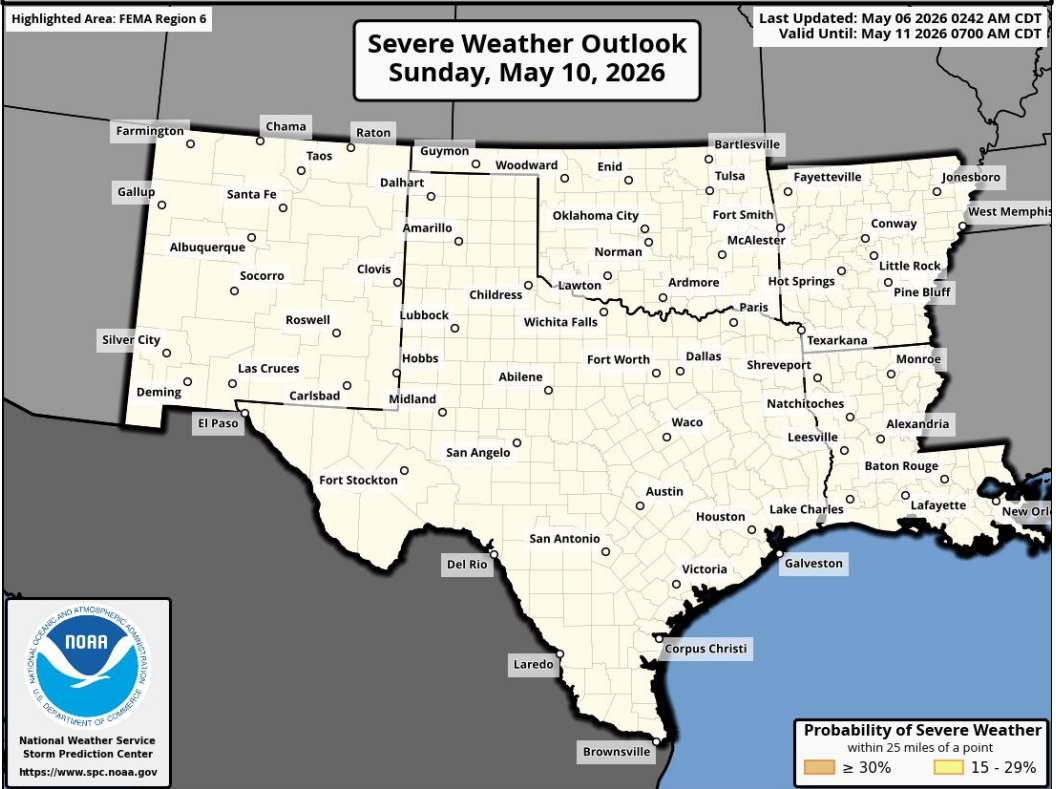
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
Valid 12Z Sun May 10 2026
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Monitoring TX, AR, LA for severe storms.

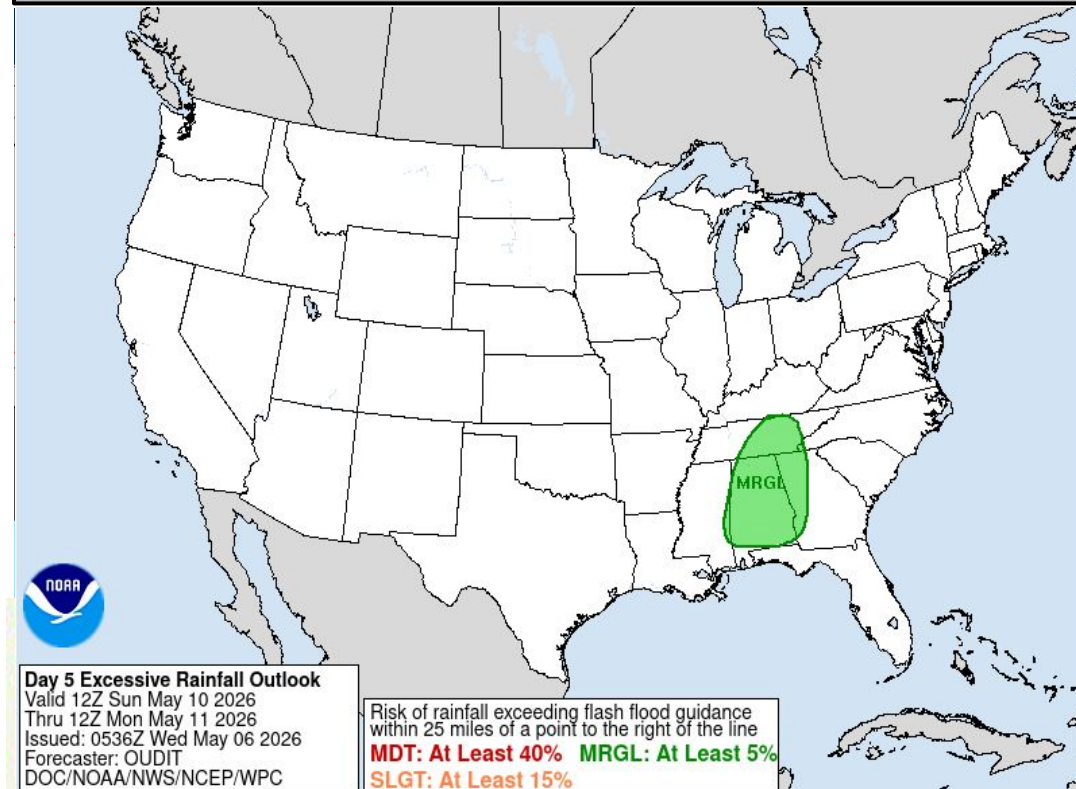
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, May 10, 2026
Last Updated: May 06 2026 0242 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 11 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



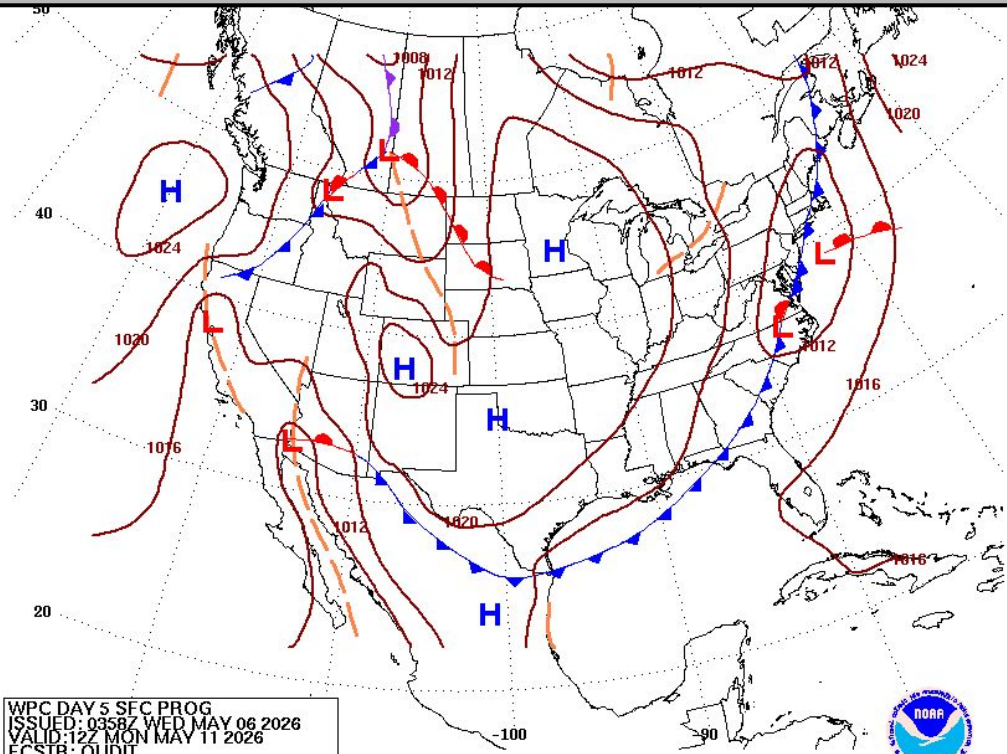
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Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance
within 25 miles of a point to the right of the line
MDT: At Least 40% MRGL: At Least 5%
SLGT: At Least 15%



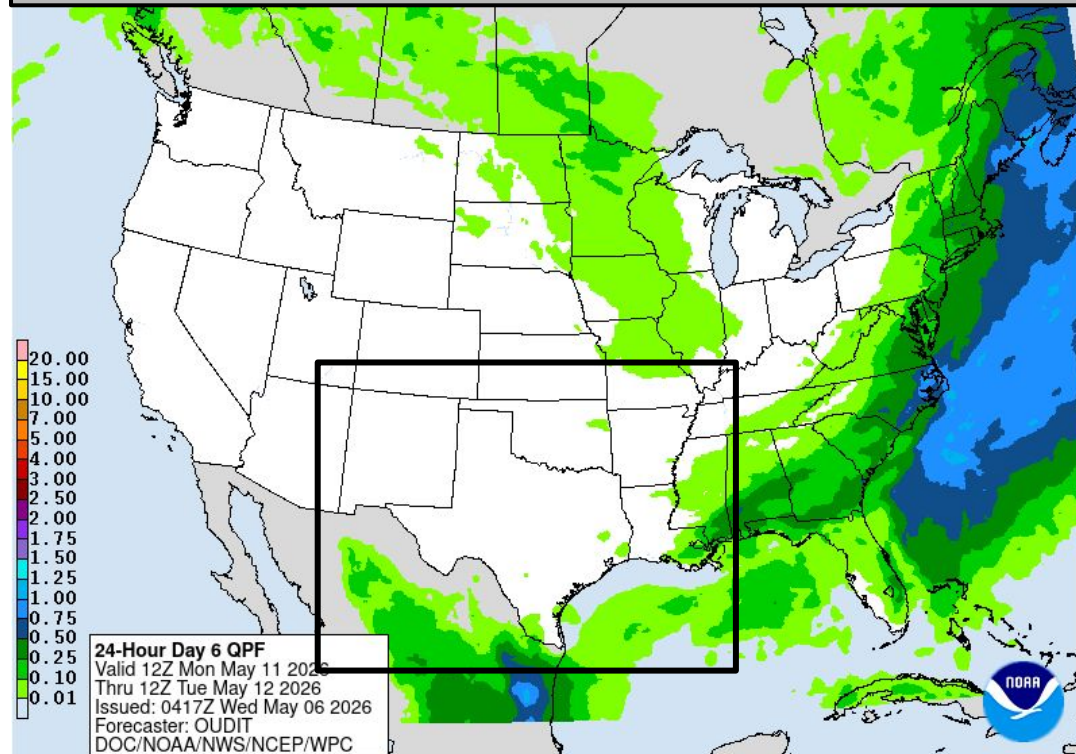
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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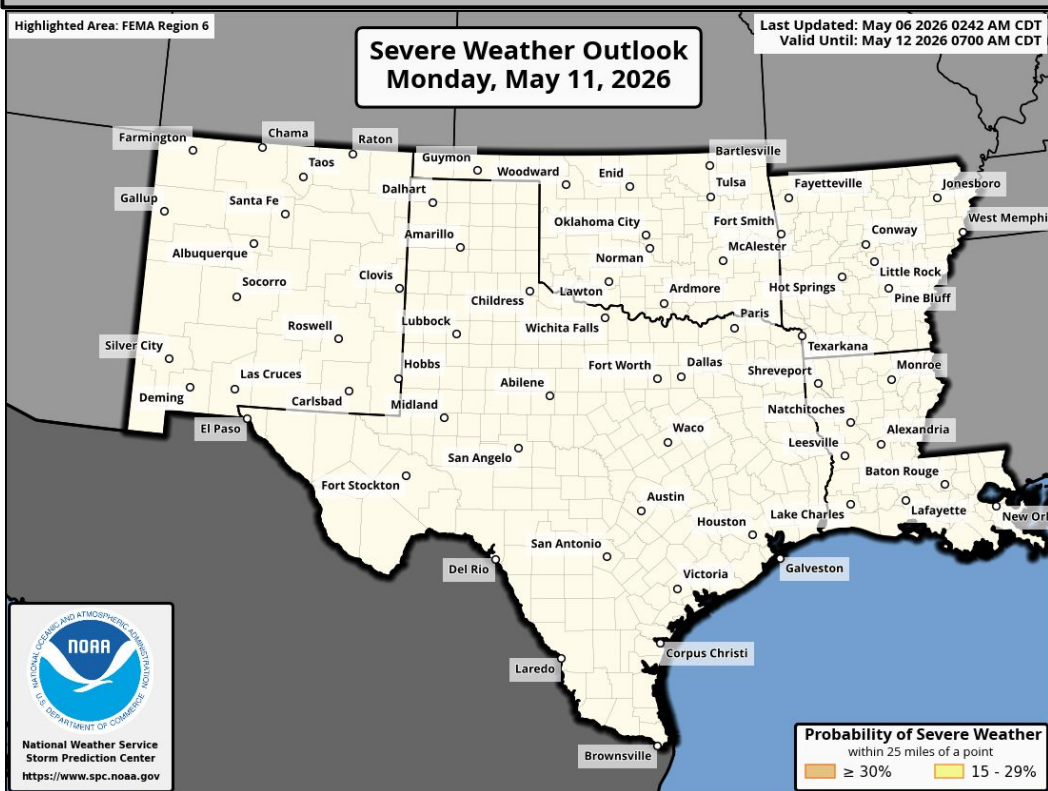
Forecast Rainfall



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No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



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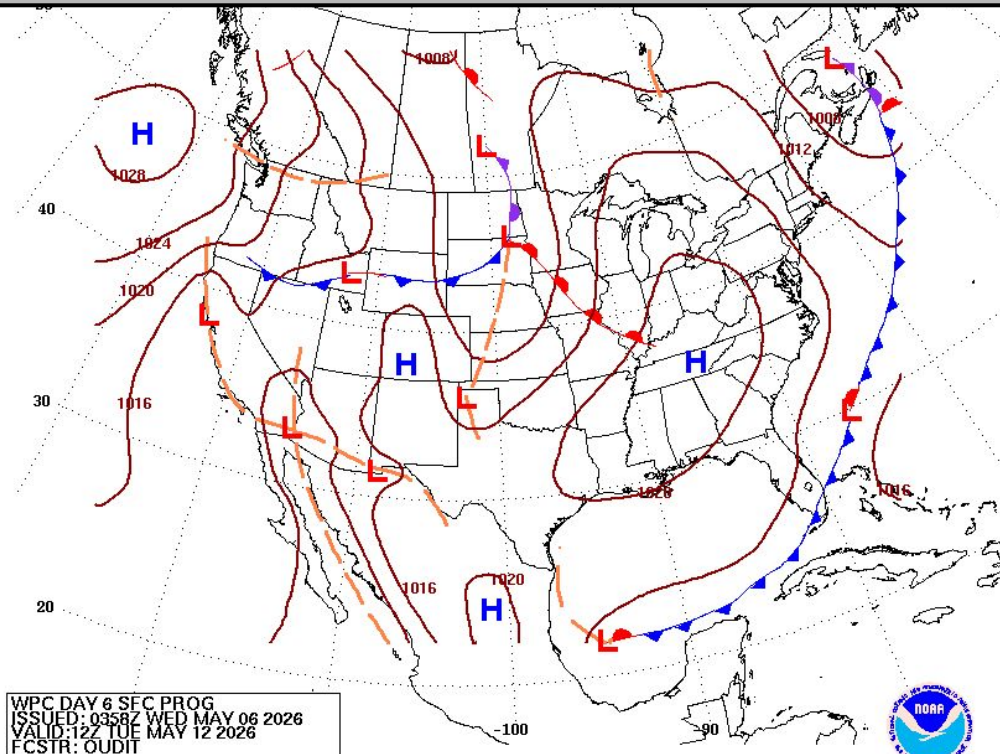
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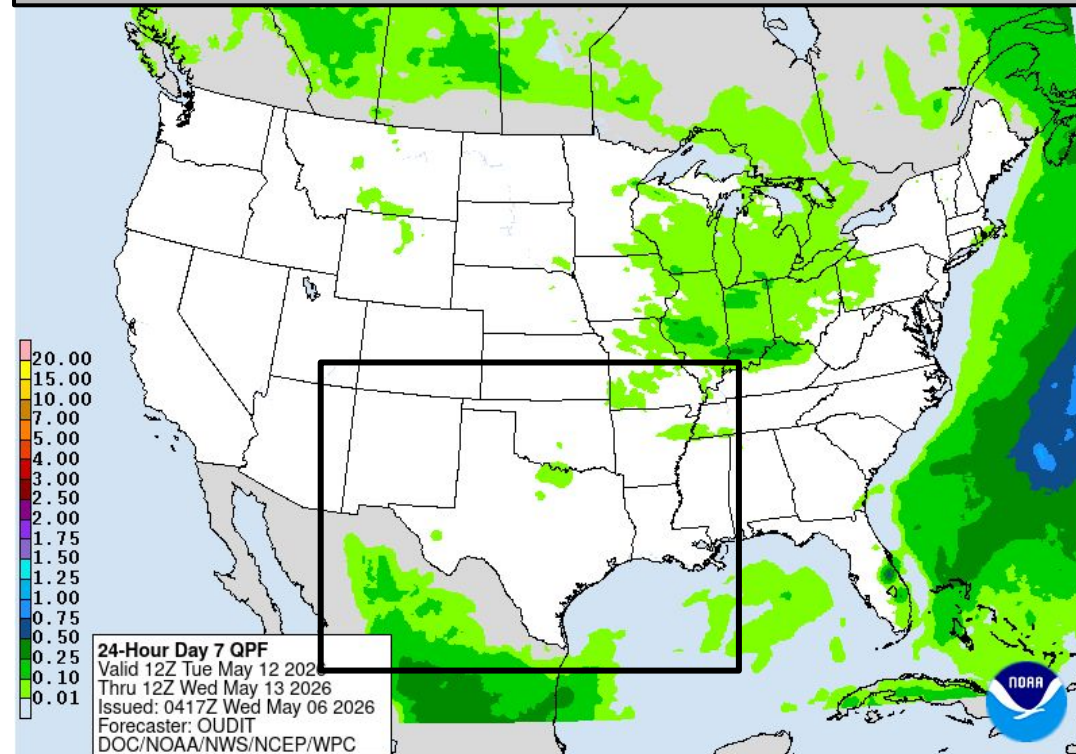


Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

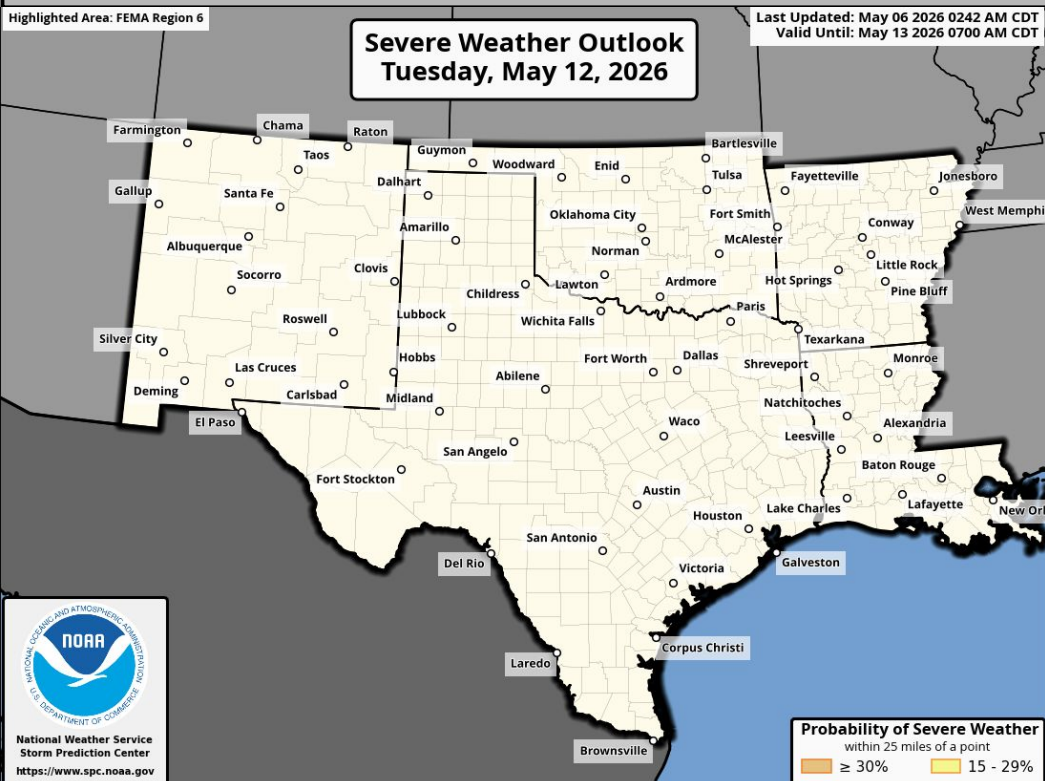


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

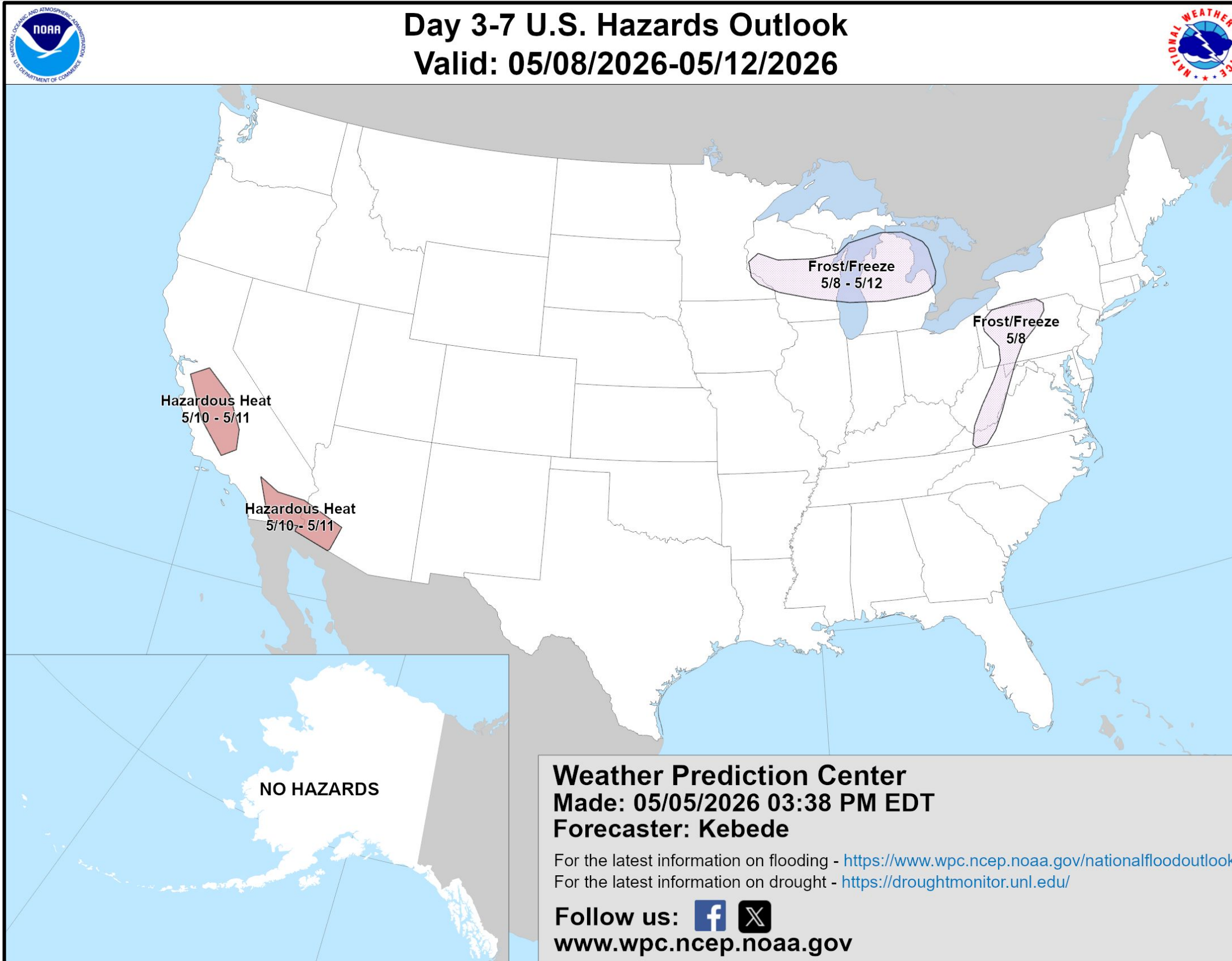
Severe Weather Outlook



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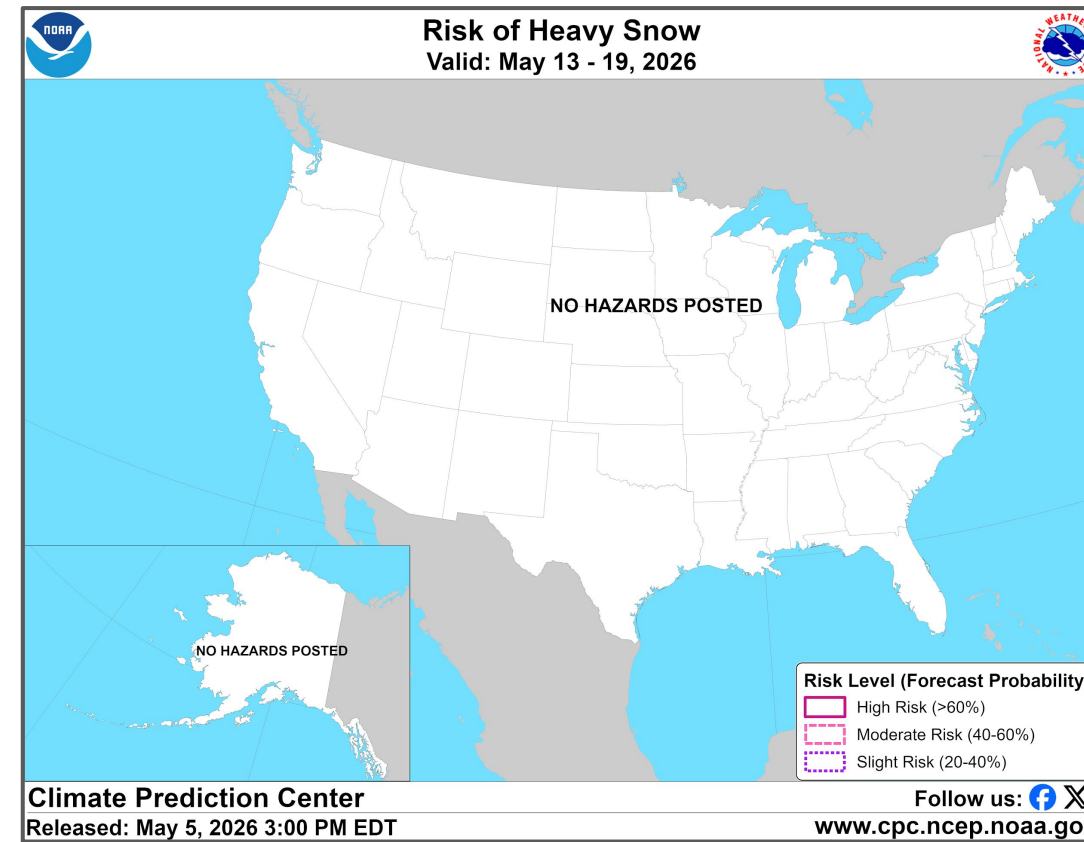
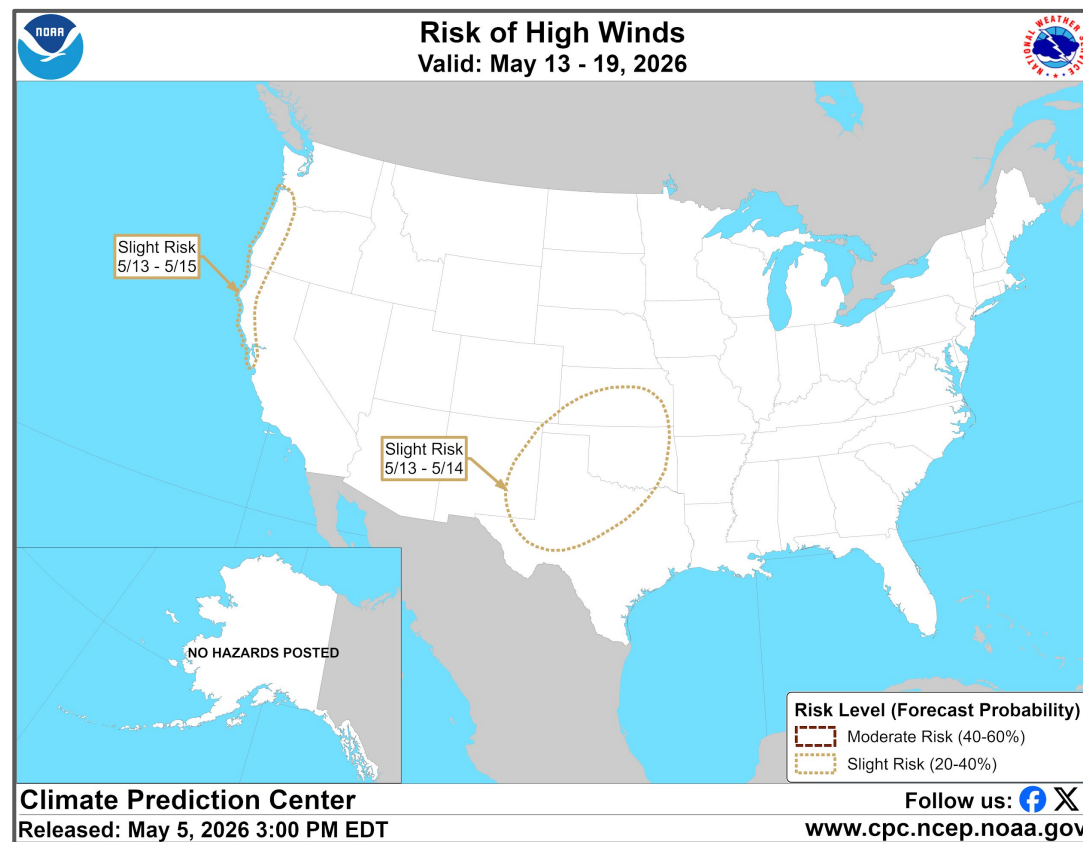
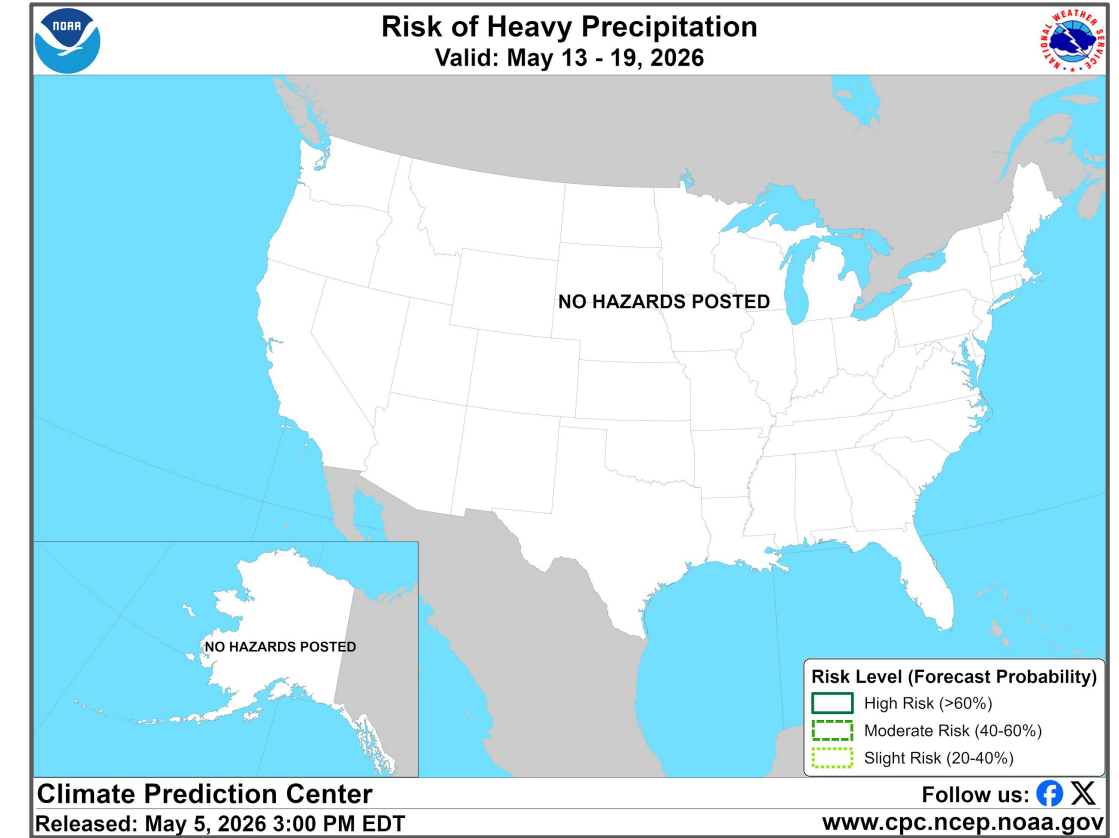
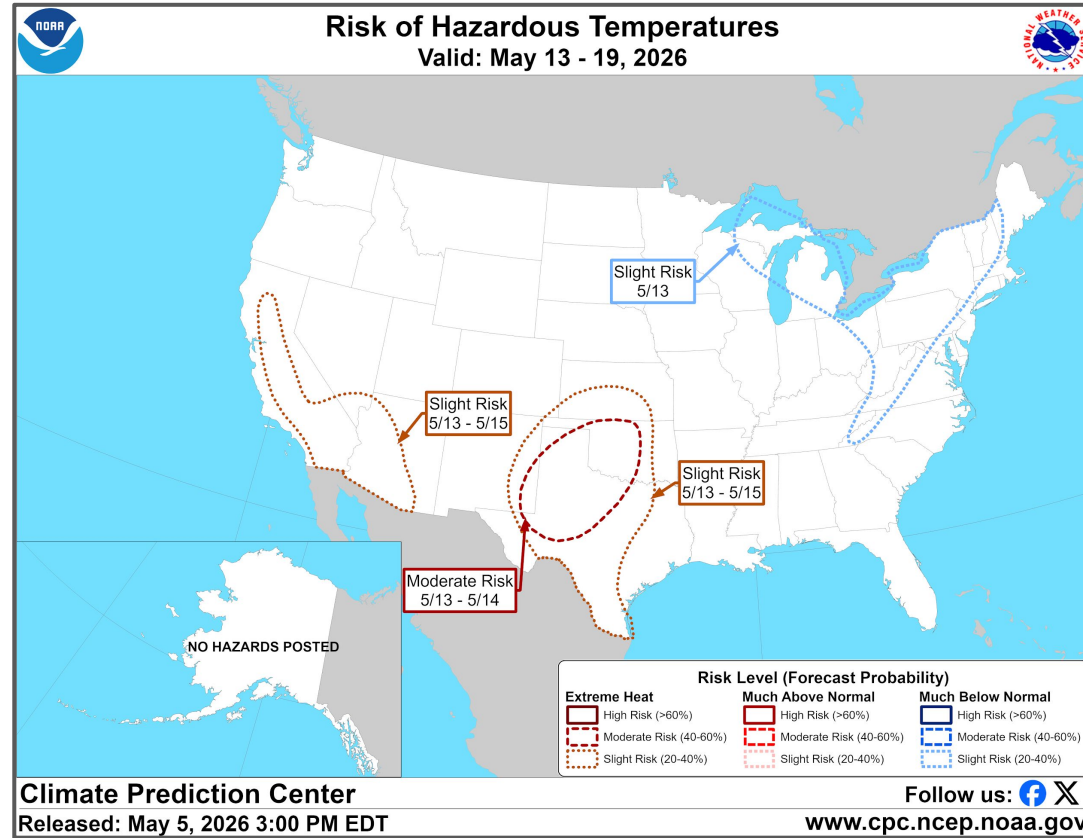
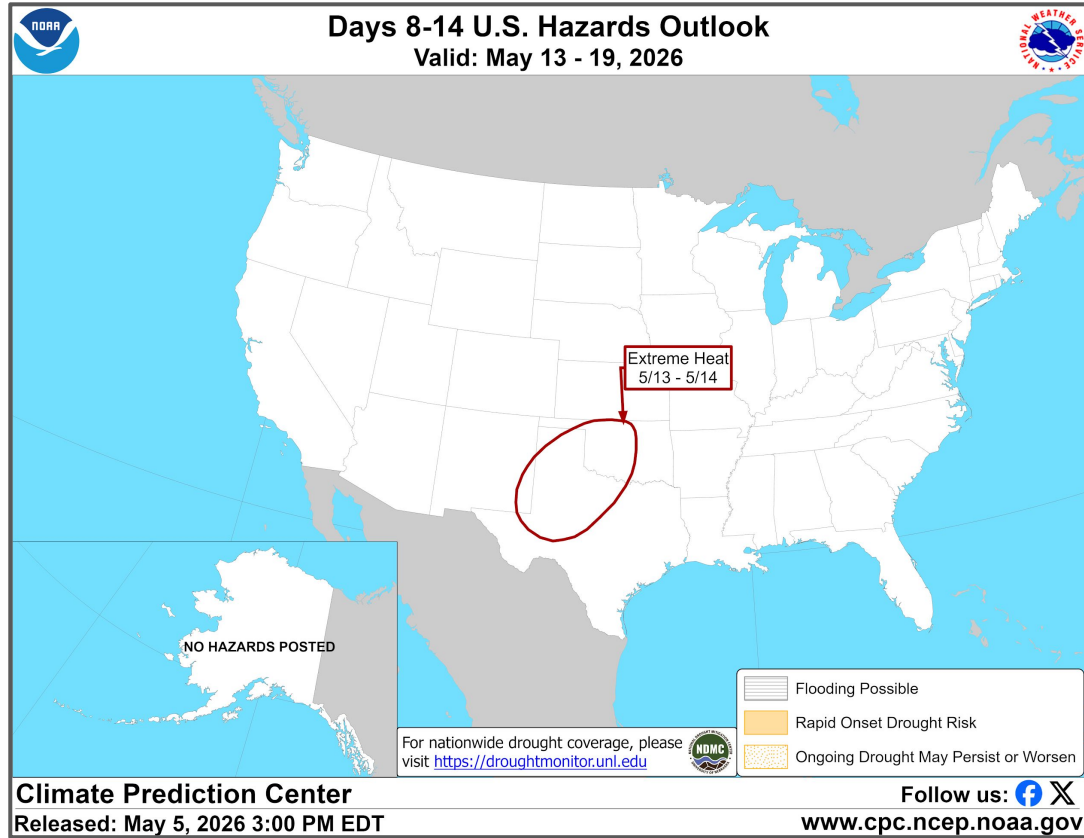


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





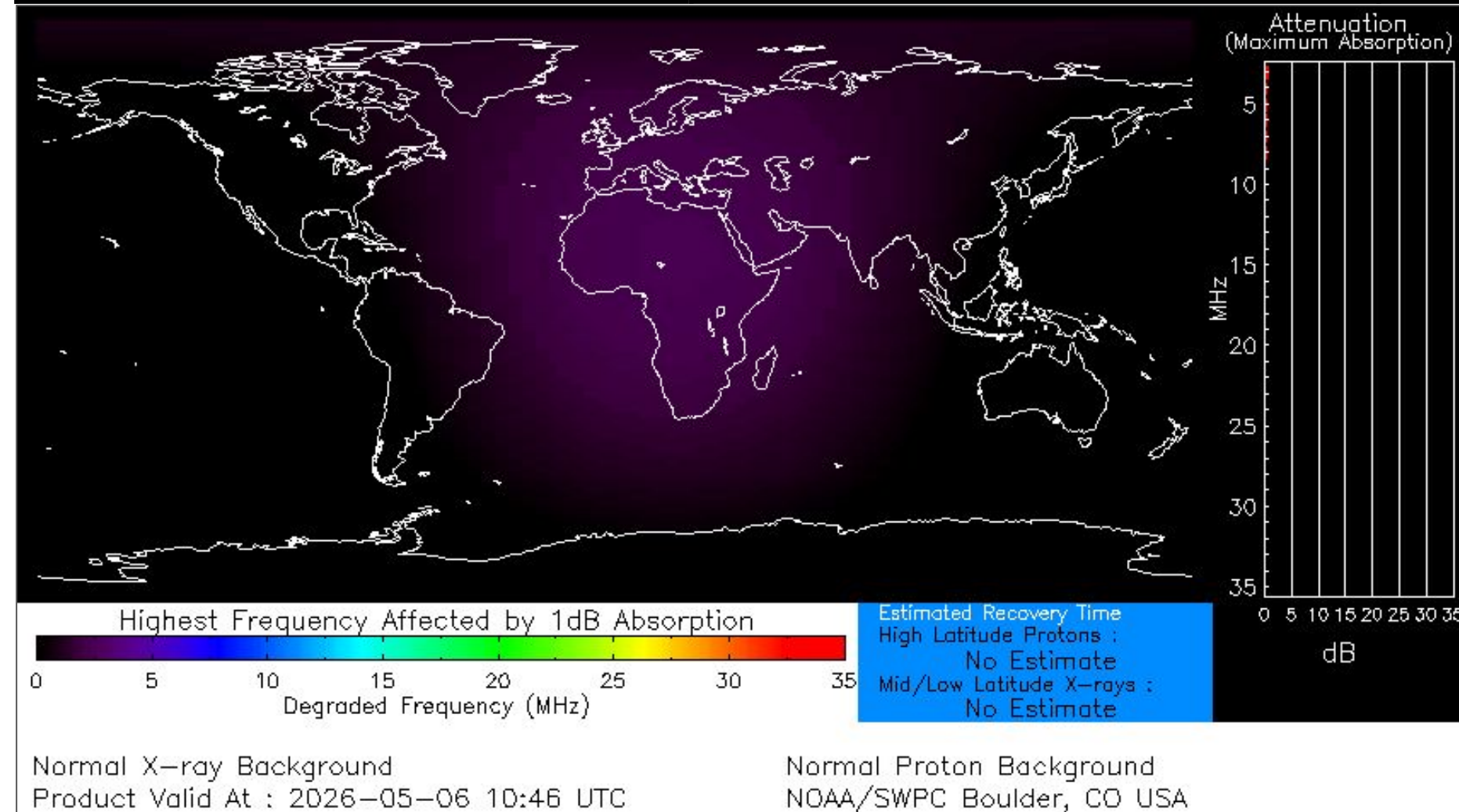
“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook





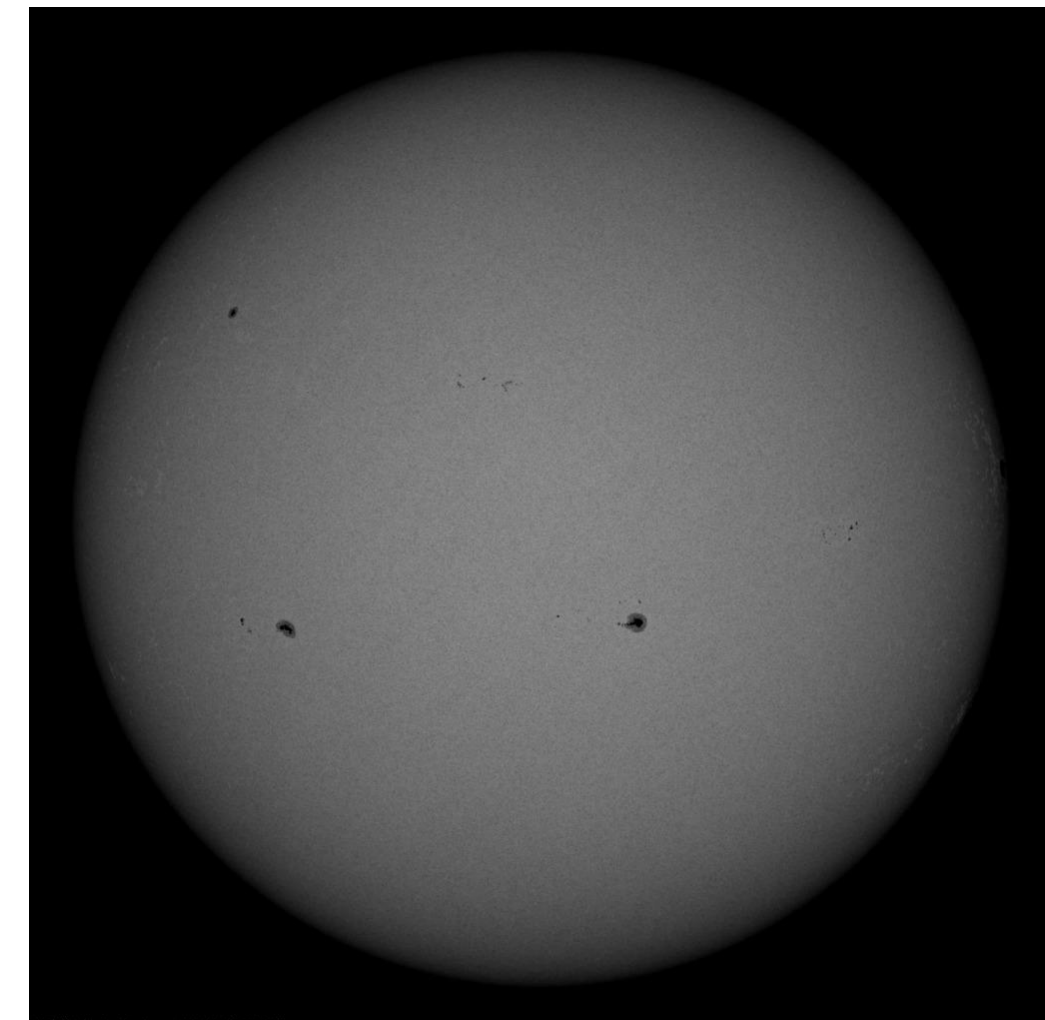
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7	Friday, May 8
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Active (Max Kp=4)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	35%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	5%



[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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