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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, May 11, 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:**

- **A Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today in SE LA; and NE OK tomorrow.**
 - **Monitoring OK/N TX for severe storms this Saturday.**

- **Excessive Rainfall:**

- **A Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for excessive rainfall today in SE TX, S LA.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor to isolated moderate river flooding will continue through late-week in S LA.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to locally critical fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX, W OK Tuesday through Friday.**
 - **Monitoring N MN for dry lightning Wednesday.**

- **Heat:**

- **Above average temperatures in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles could lead to minor to moderate health impacts Tuesday through the end of the week.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Monday, May 11	Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15	Saturday, May 16	Sunday, May 17
Severe Storms	SE LA	NE OK				OK, NTX	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	ETX, S LA						
Heat		E NM, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX	
Fire Weather		TX/OK Panhandles	N/E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX, W OK		
River Flooding	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA	S 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

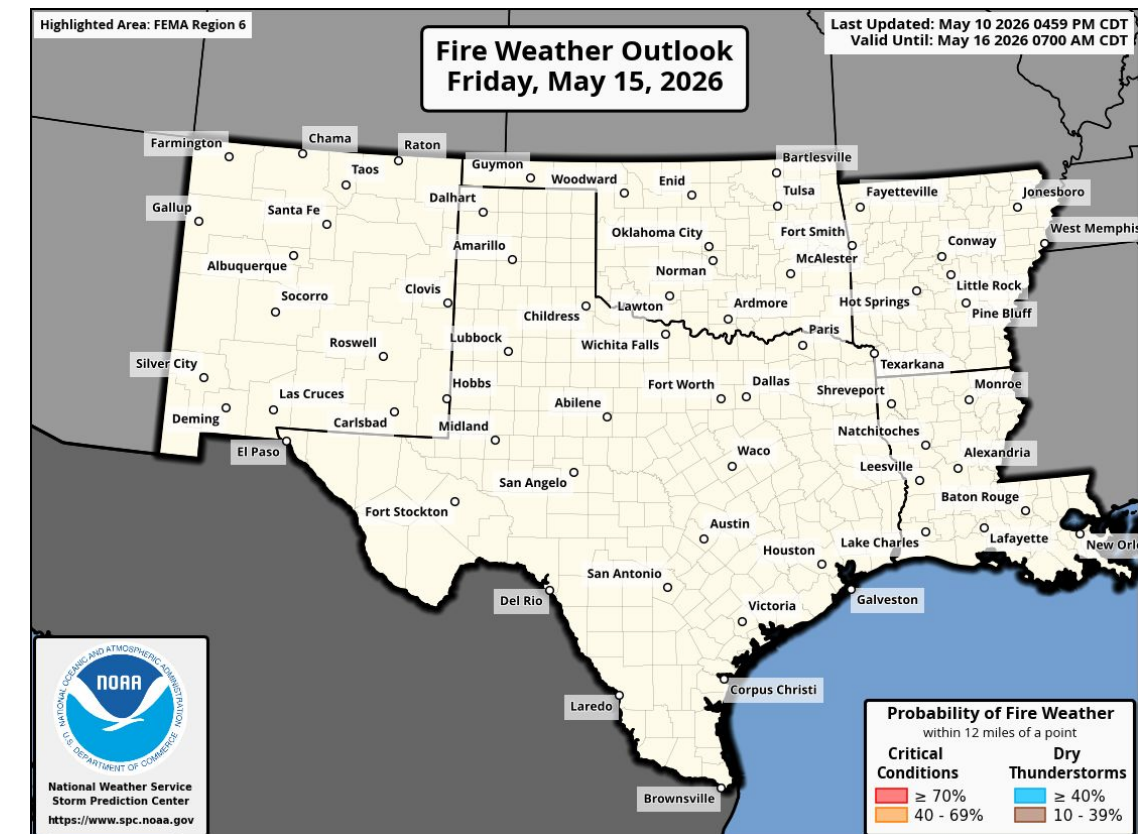
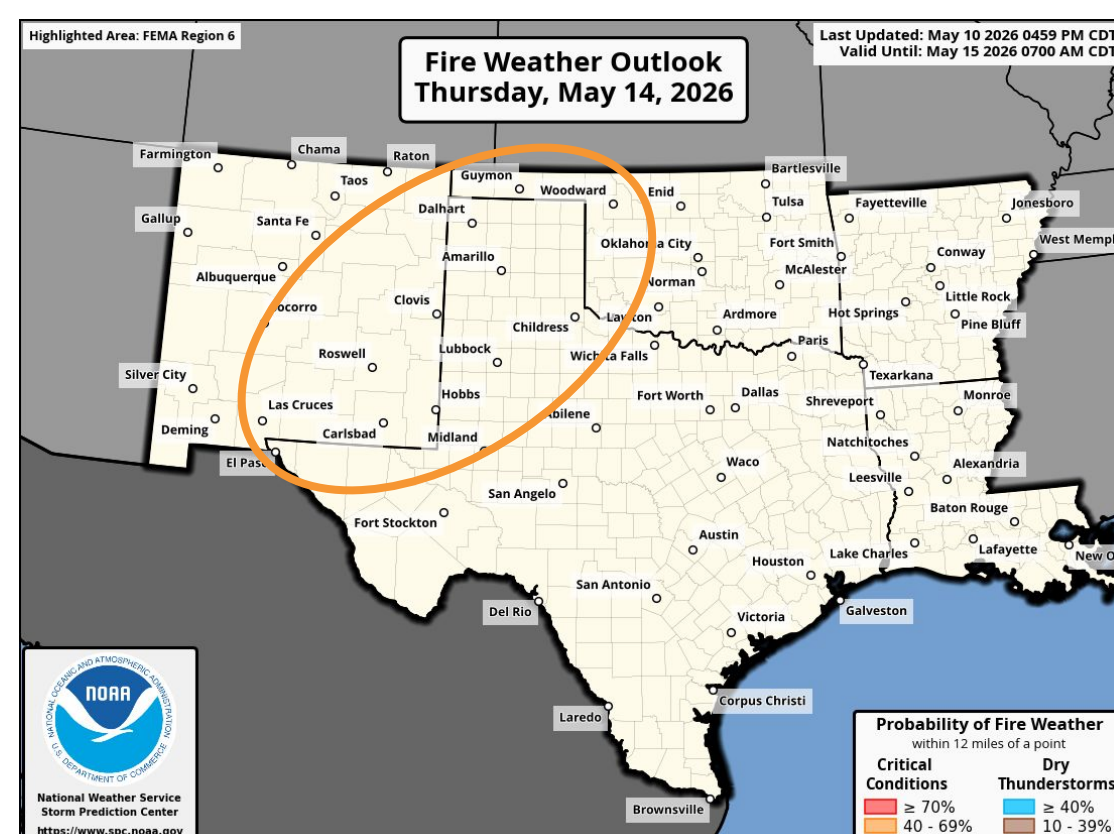
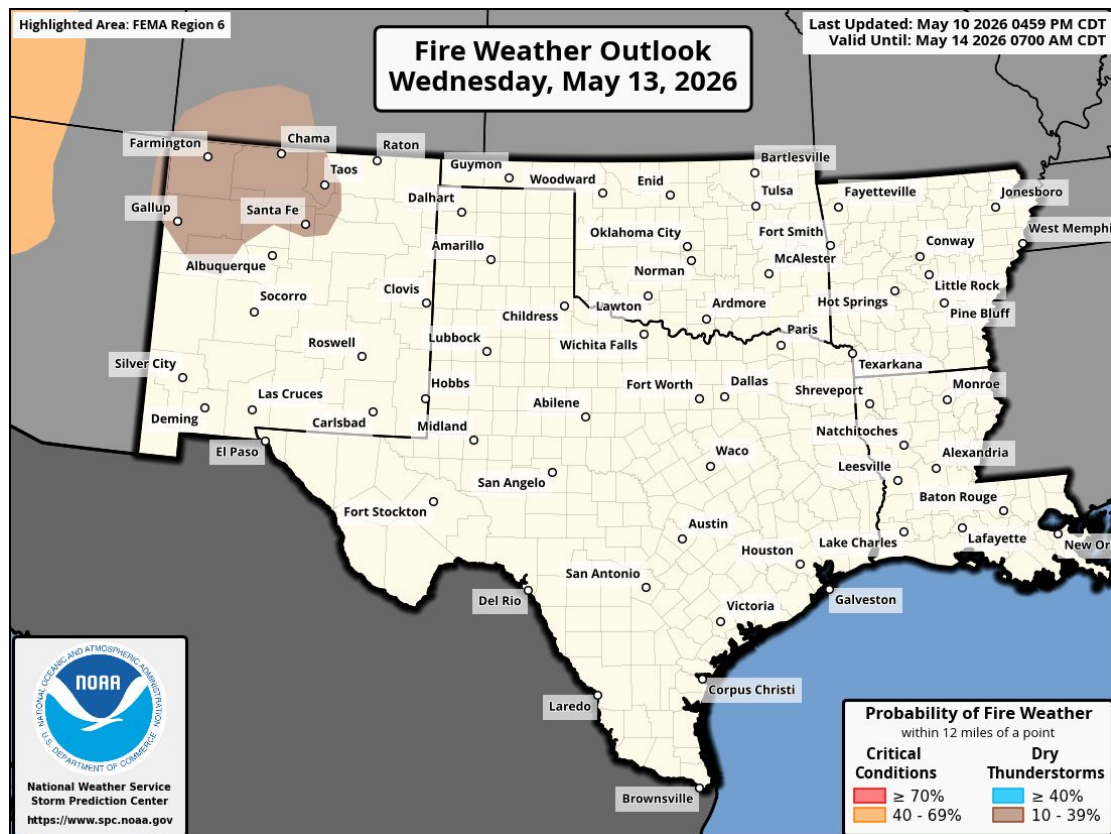
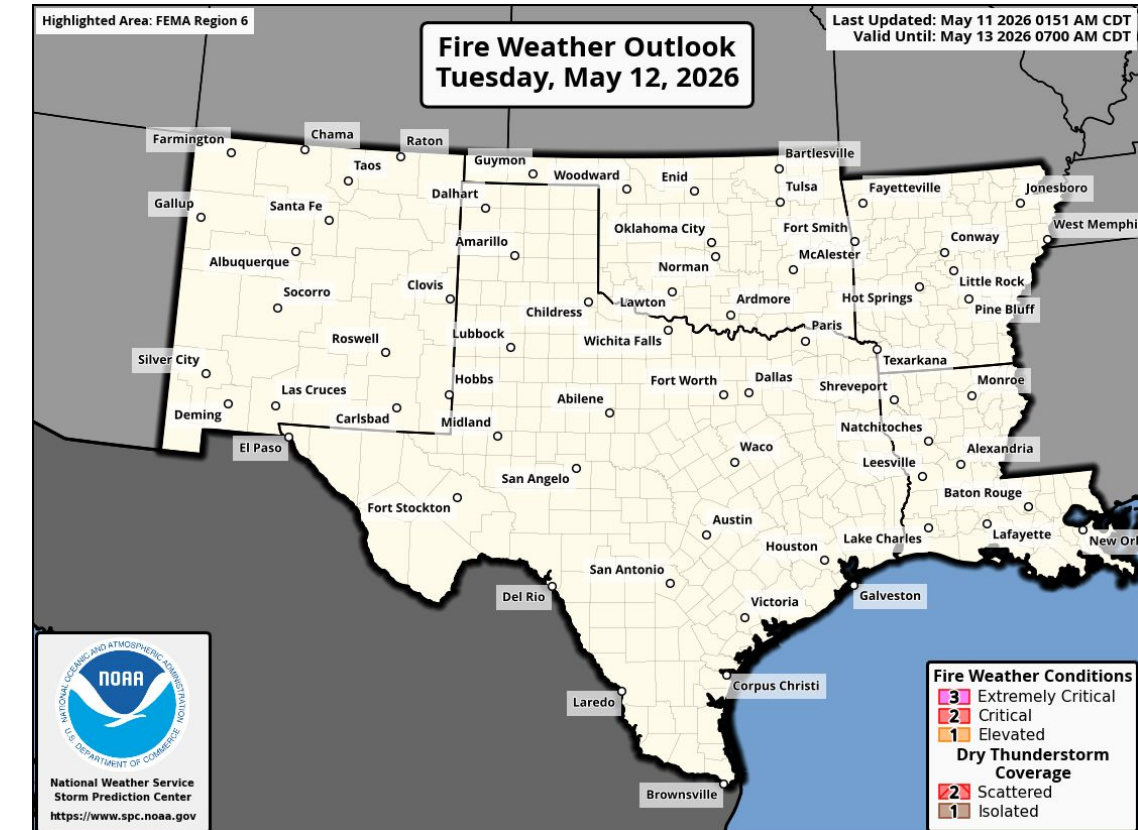
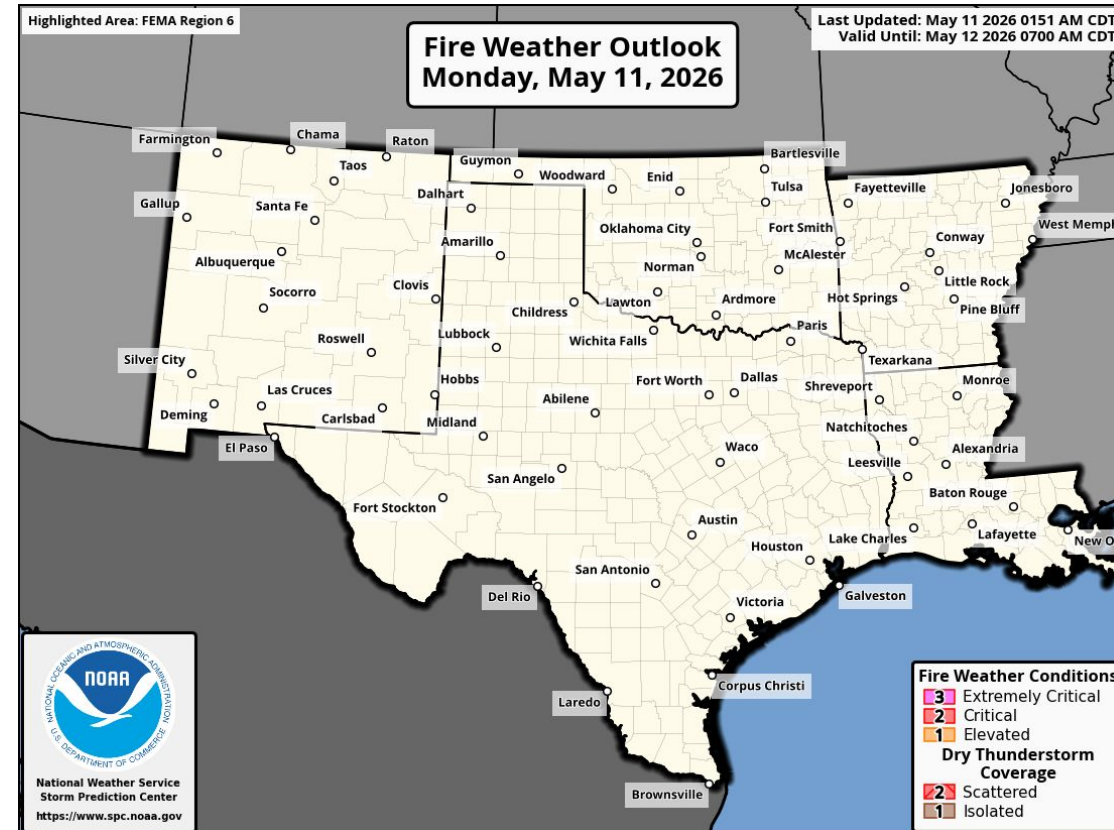
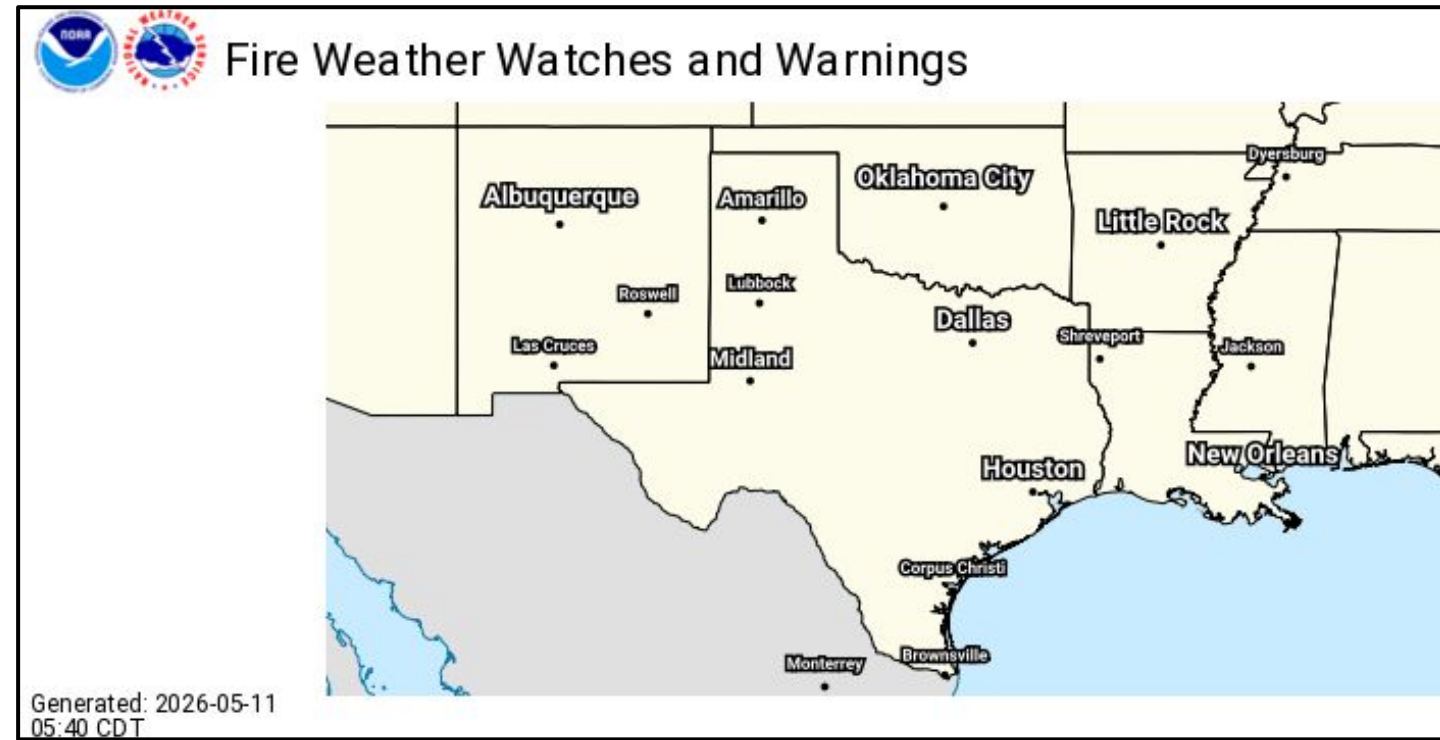


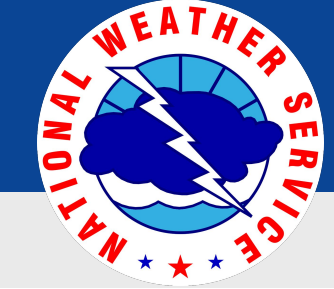
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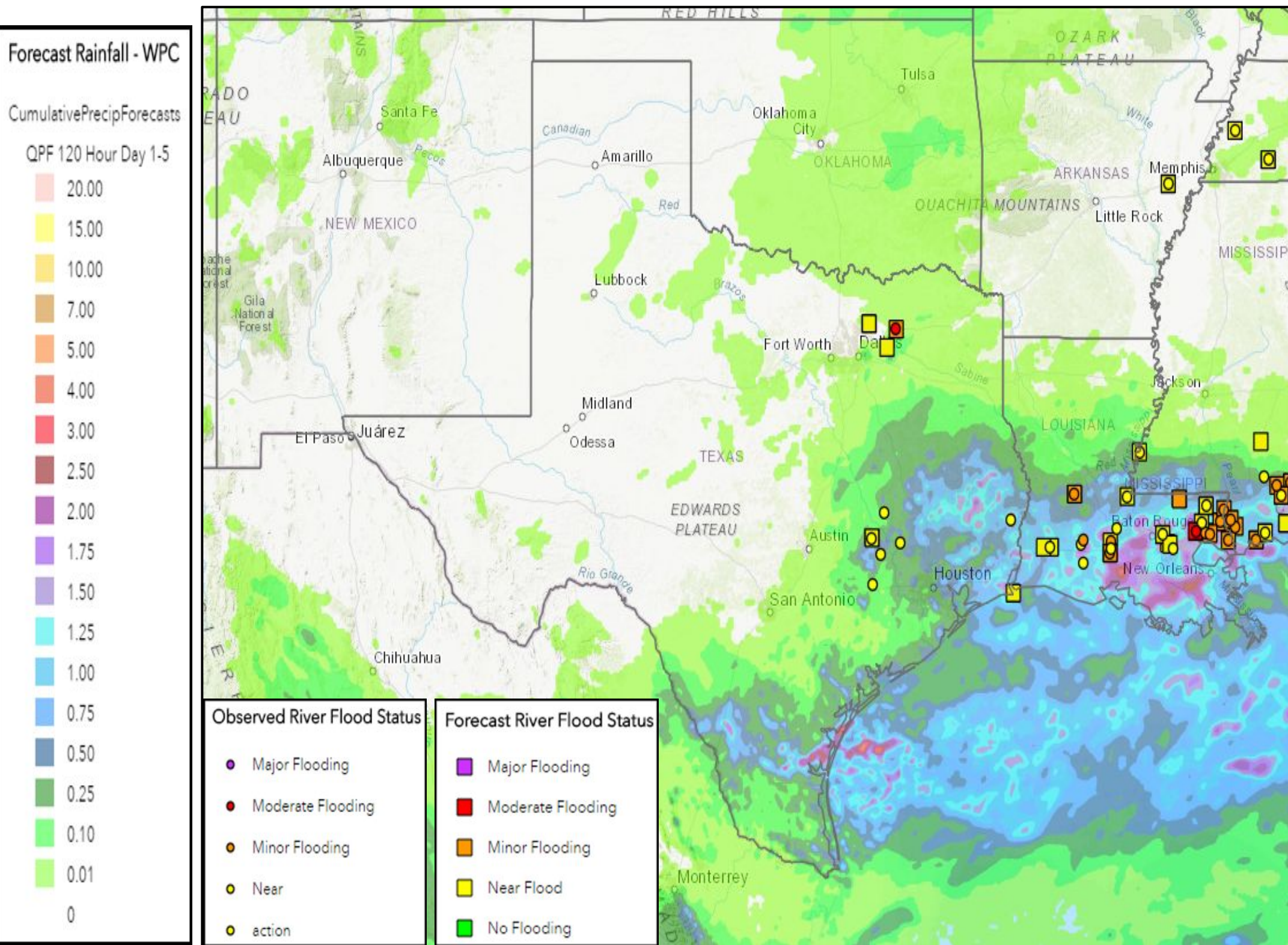
Fire Weather Outlooks





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



Minor to isolated moderate river flooding will continue through late-week in S LA, leading to inundation of secondary roadways, parks, and campgrounds along Bogue Falaya and Tangipahoa River. At forecast levels, water threatens trailers and homes near Robert and Covington.

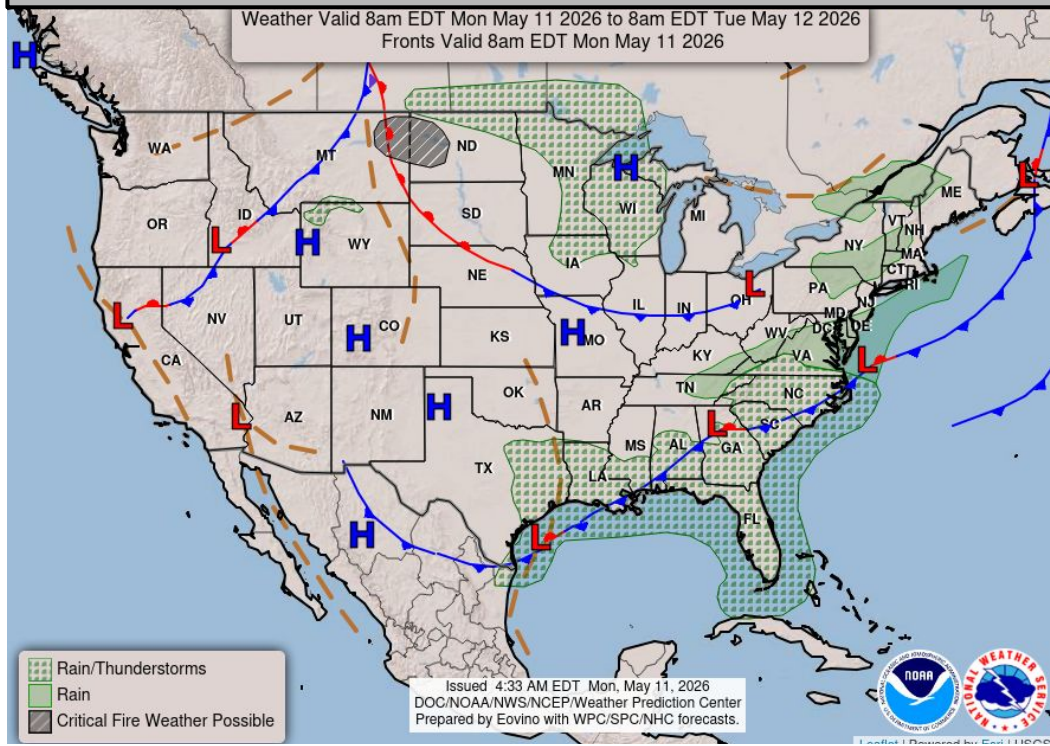
Cowleech Fork Sabine River at Greenville is expected to fall out of Moderate Flood stage by this afternoon.

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.

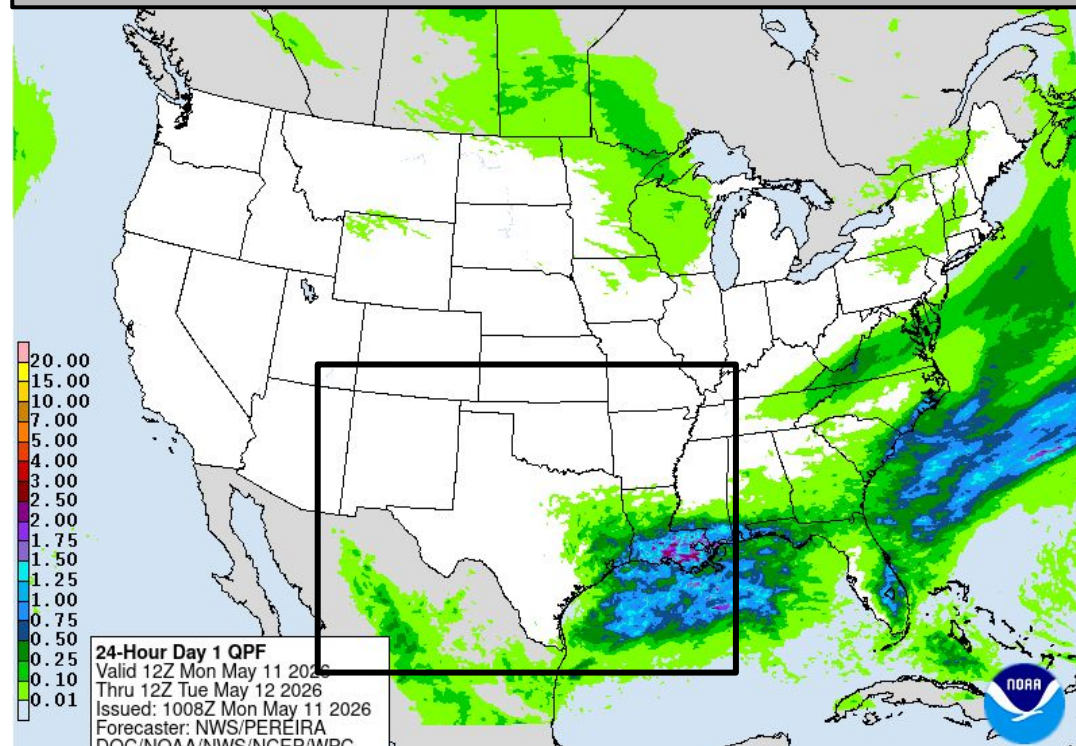


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

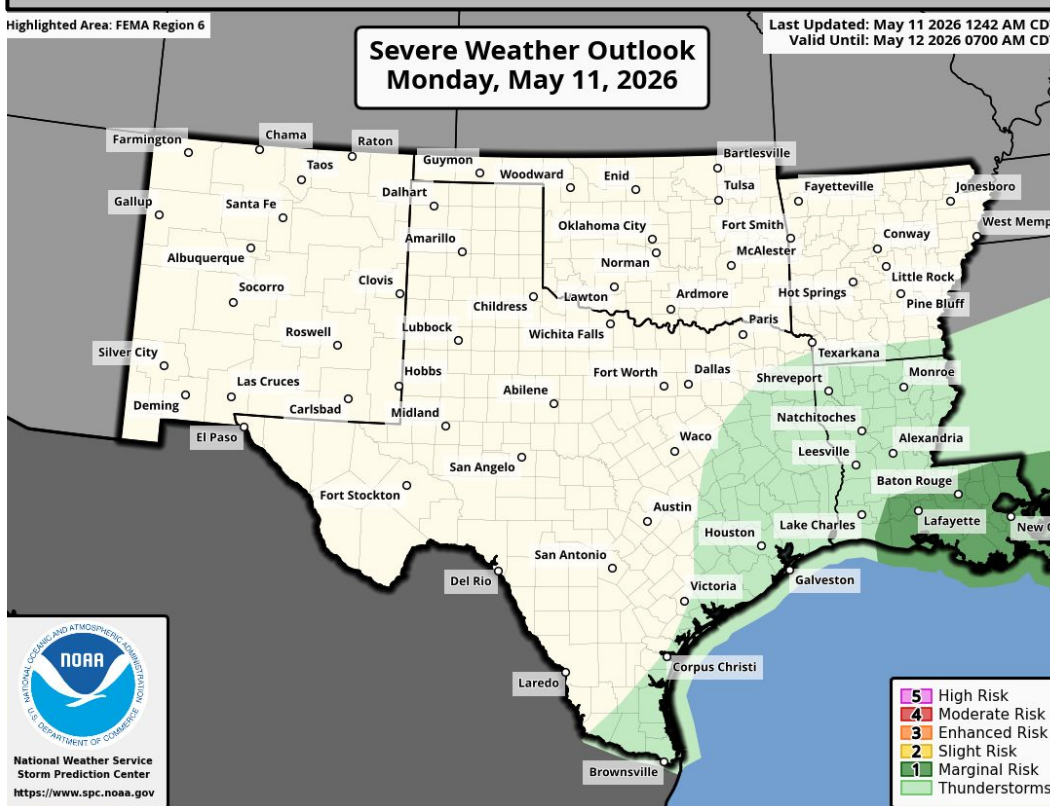


A Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in SE LA.

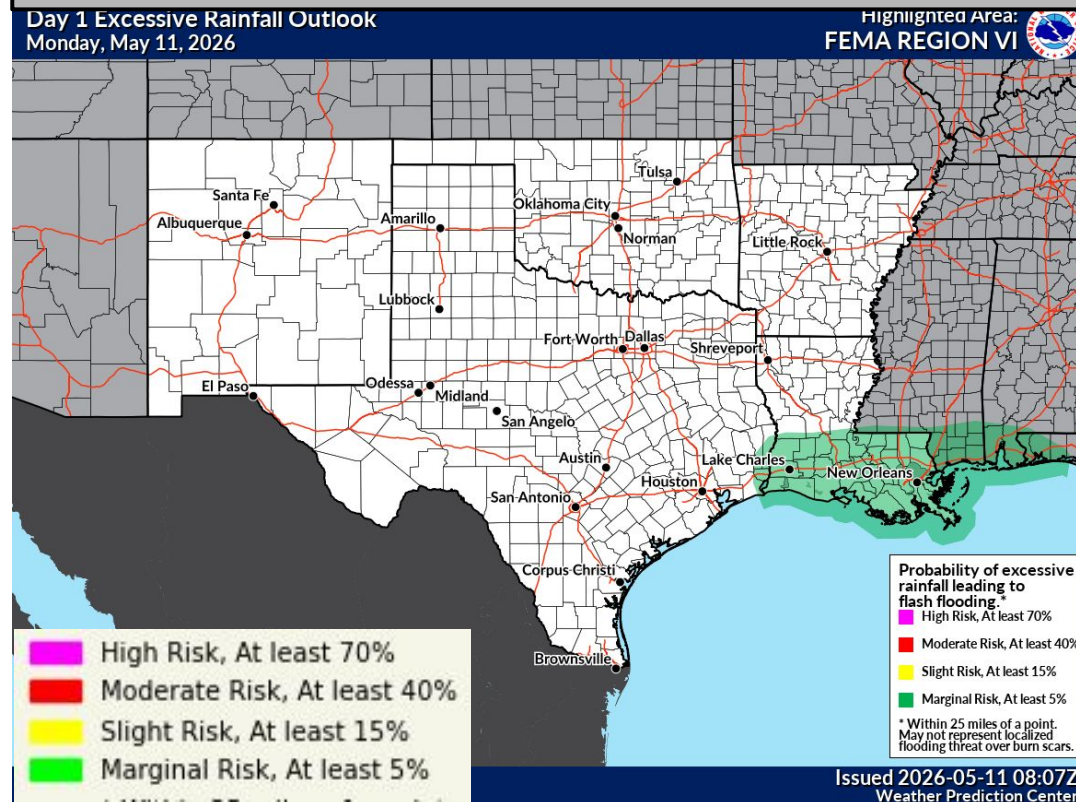
A Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for excessive rainfall in ETX, S LA.

An additional 3-6" of rain in S LA may lead to flash flooding concerns in rain-drenched areas.

Severe Weather Outlook

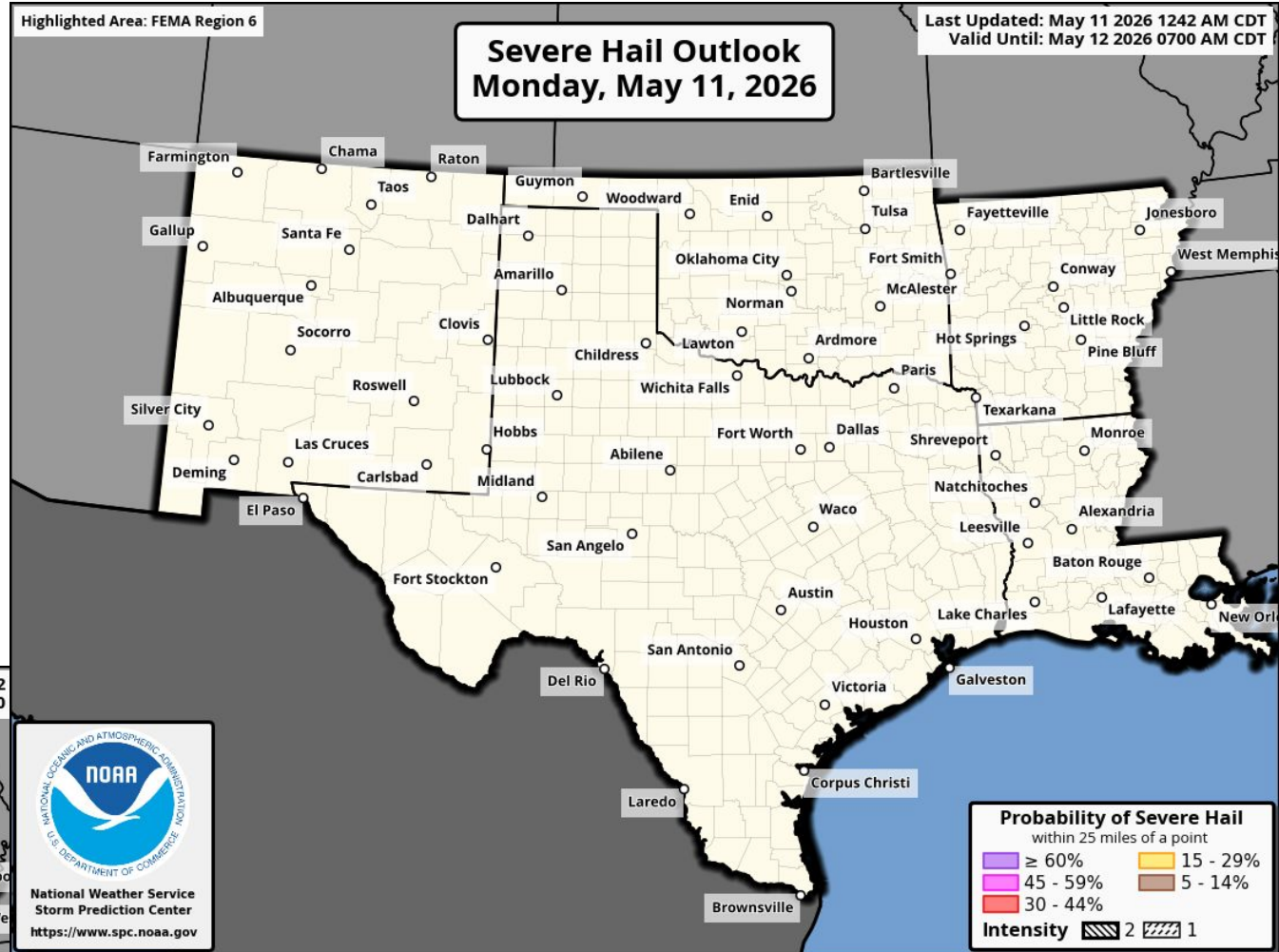
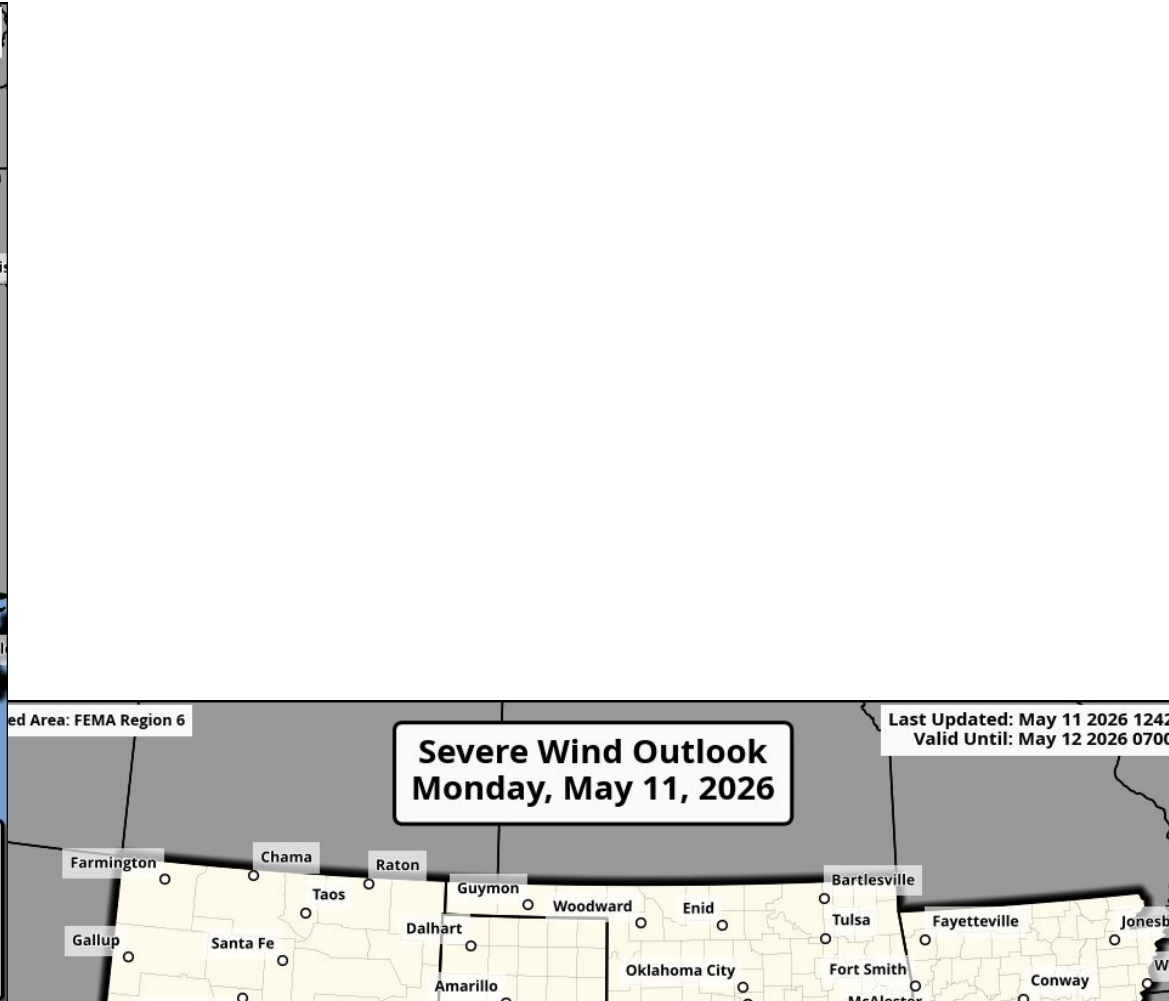
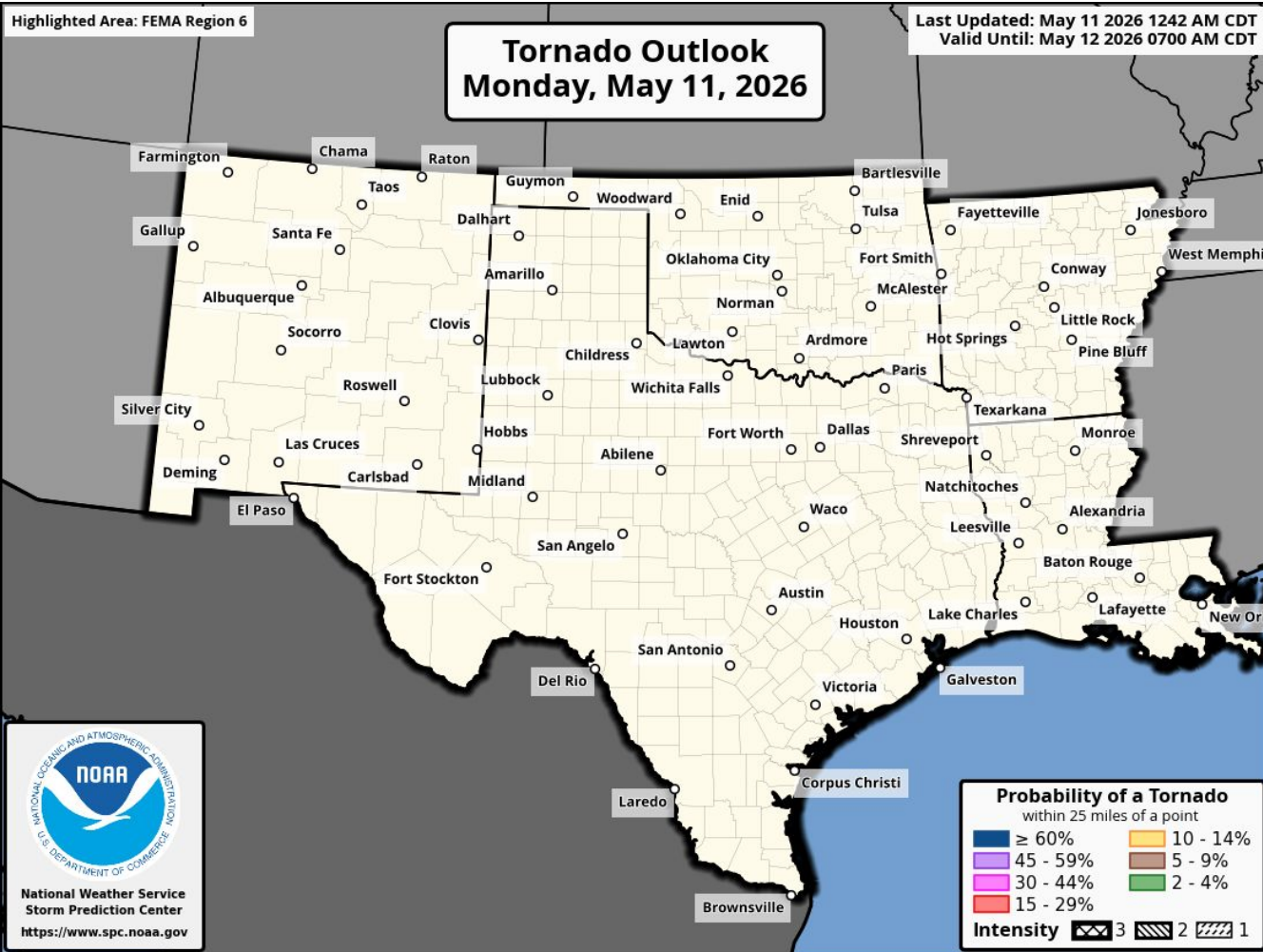


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





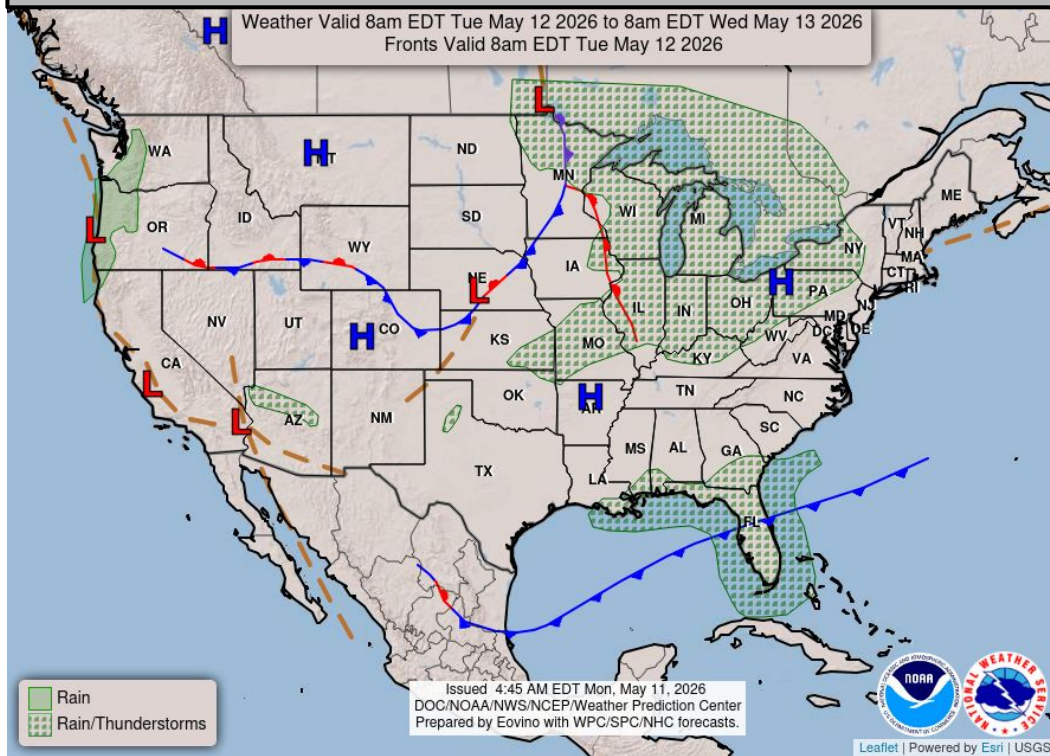
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



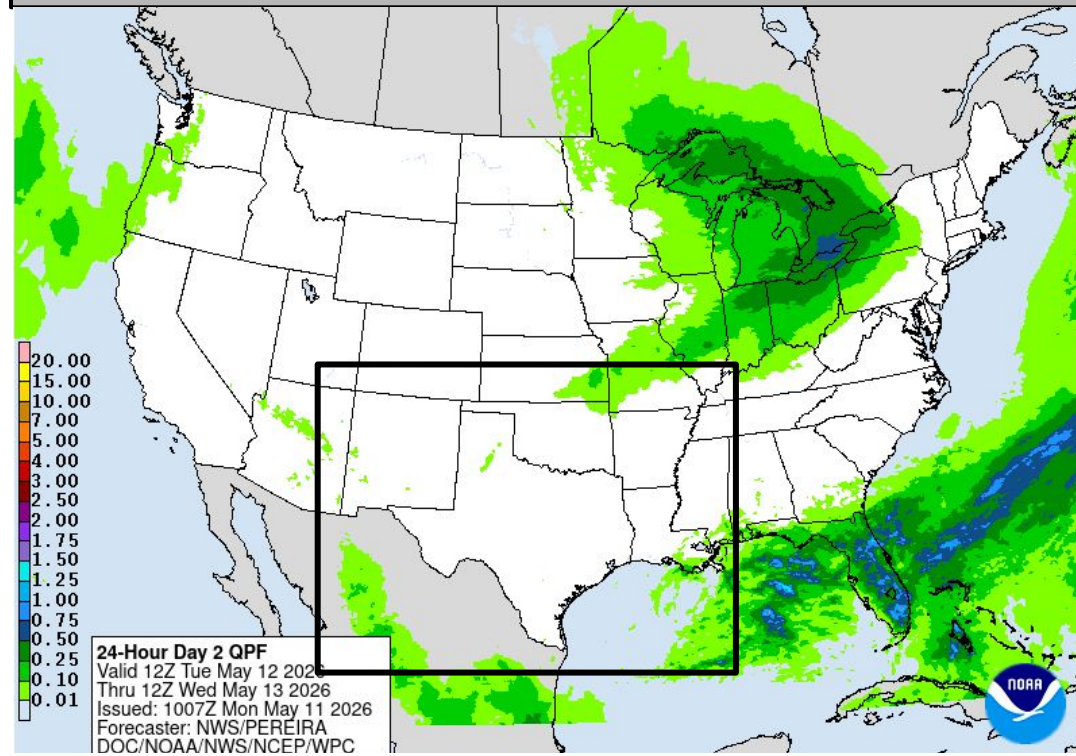


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

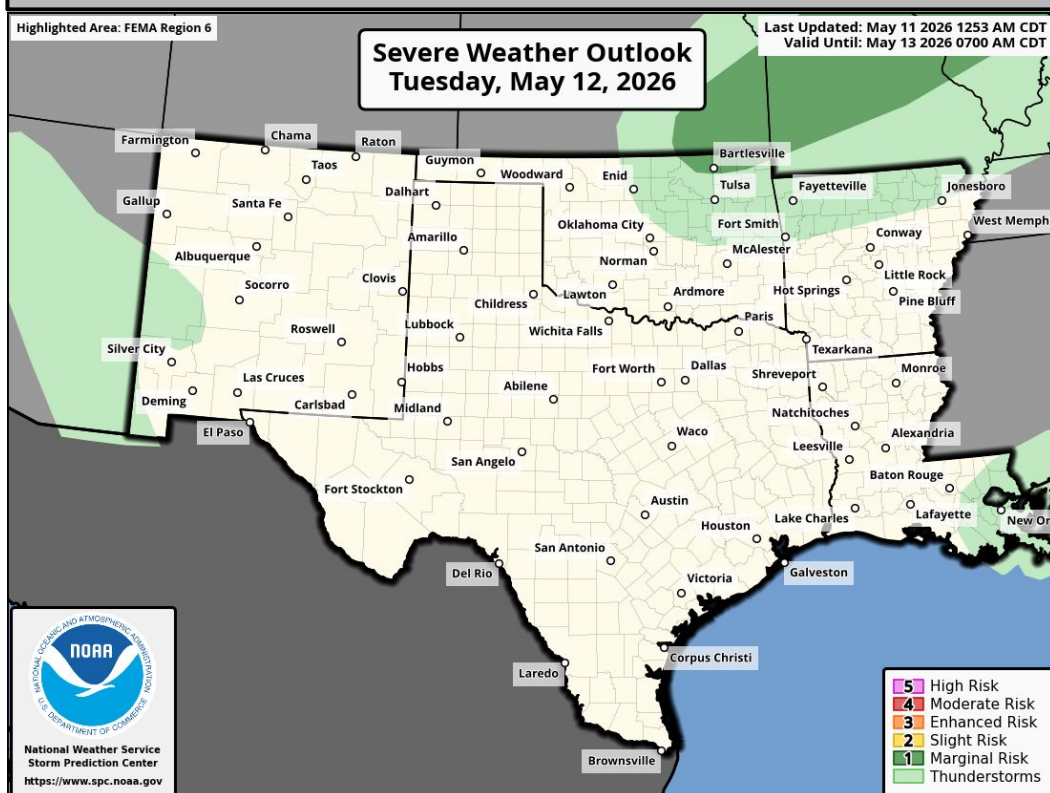


Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE OK.

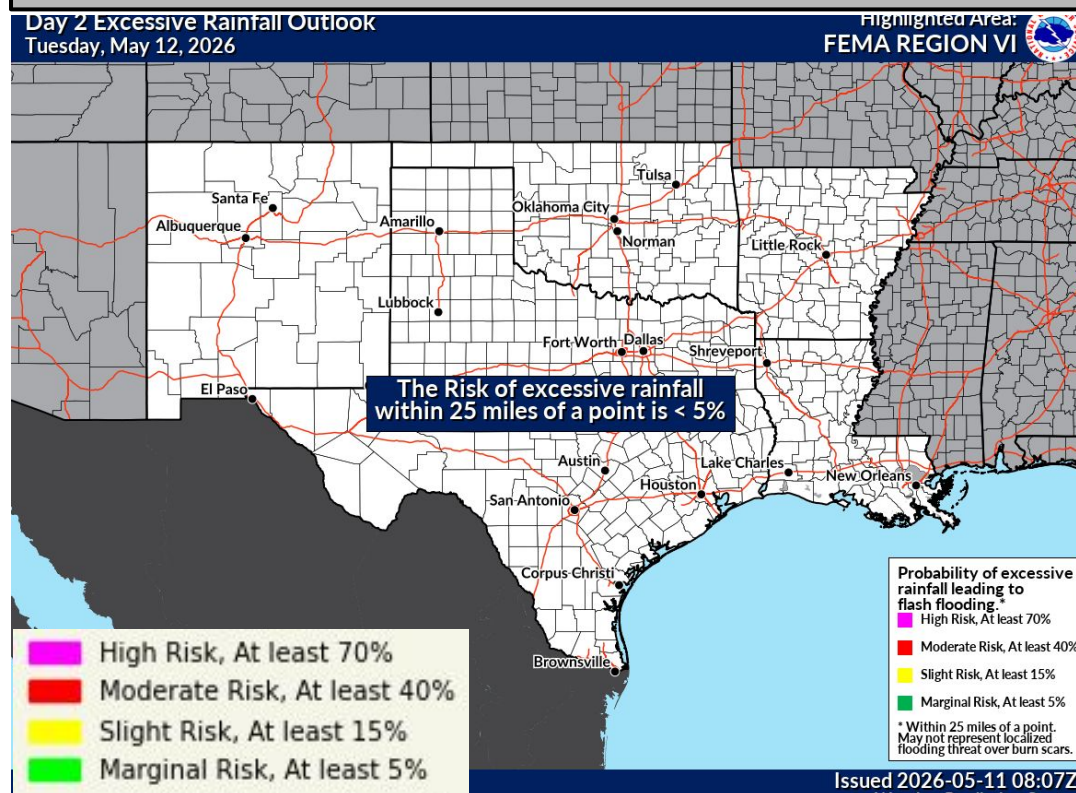
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Severe Weather Outlook

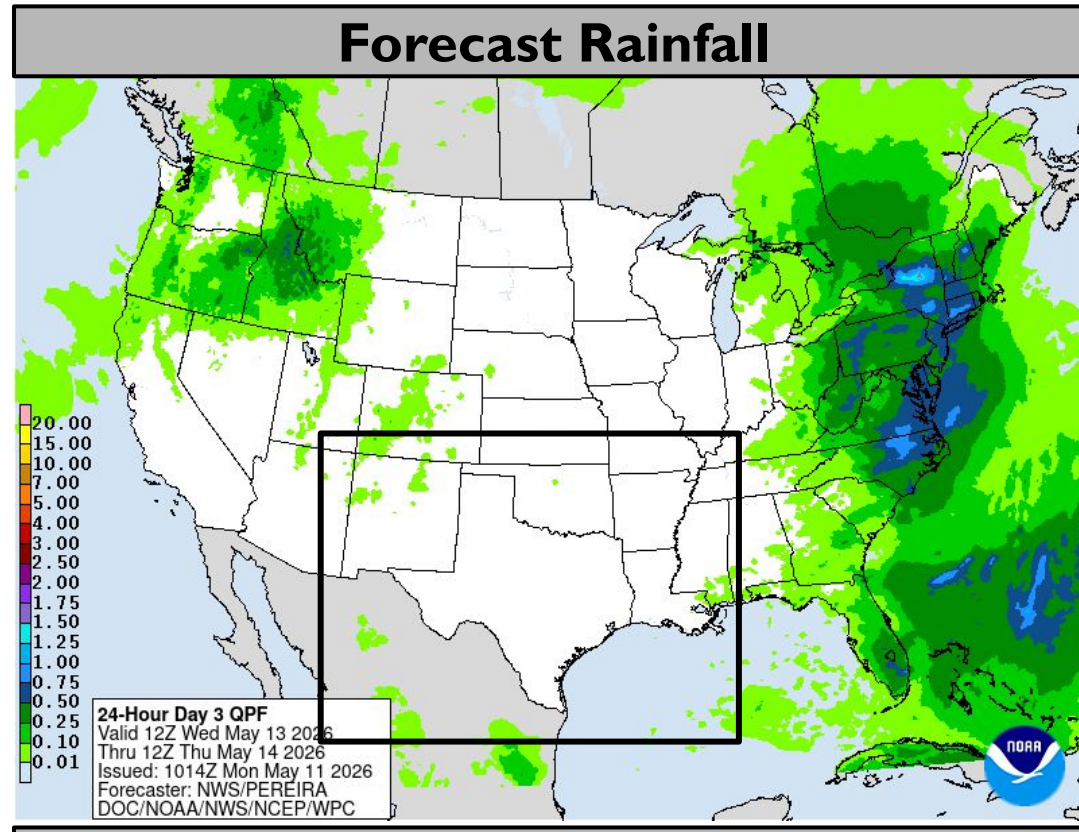
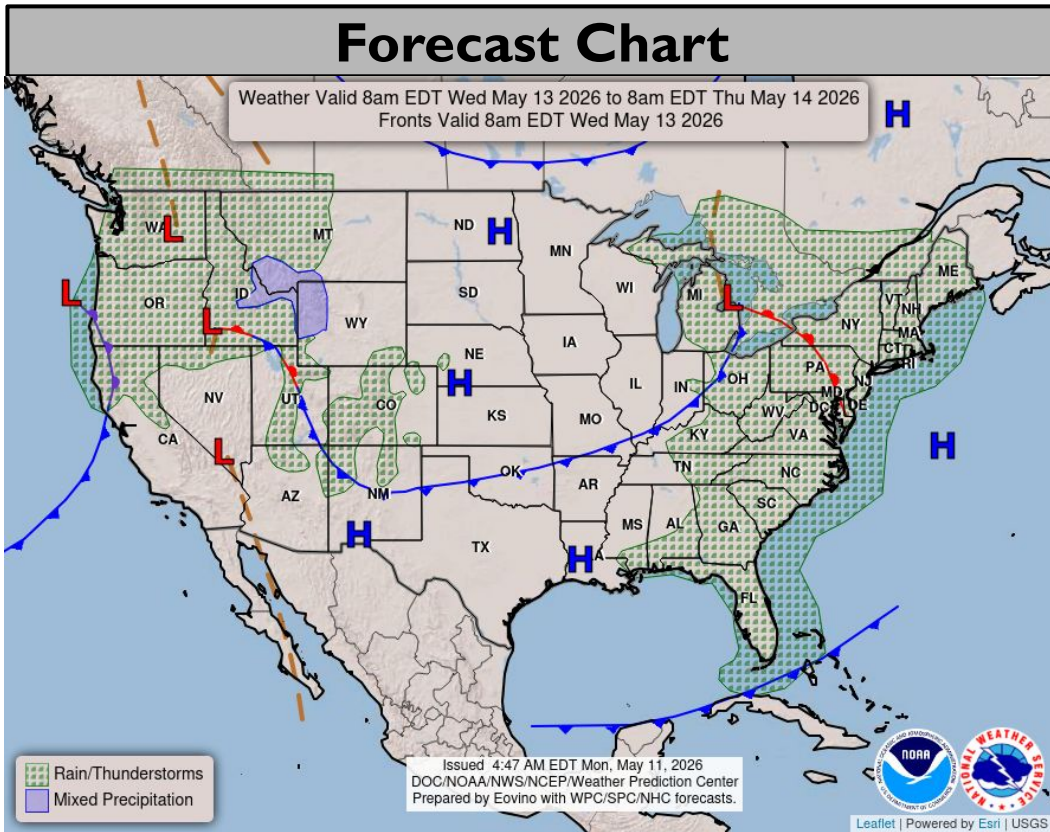


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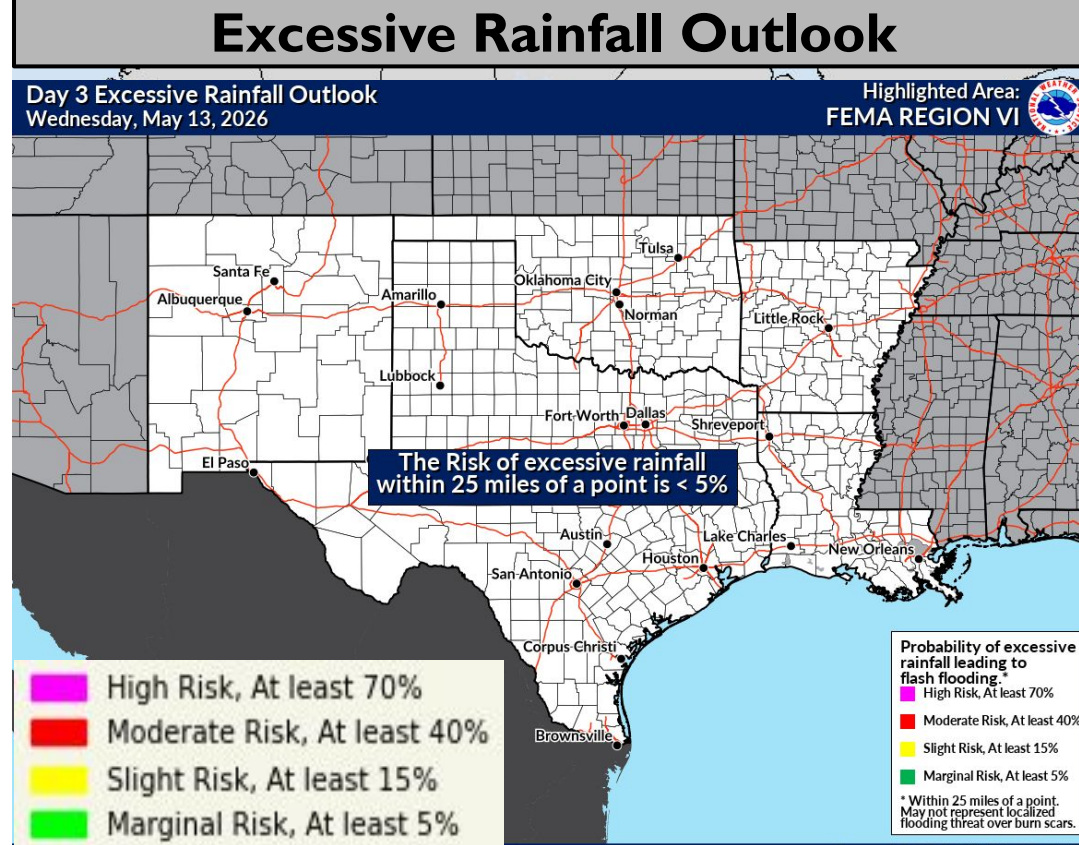
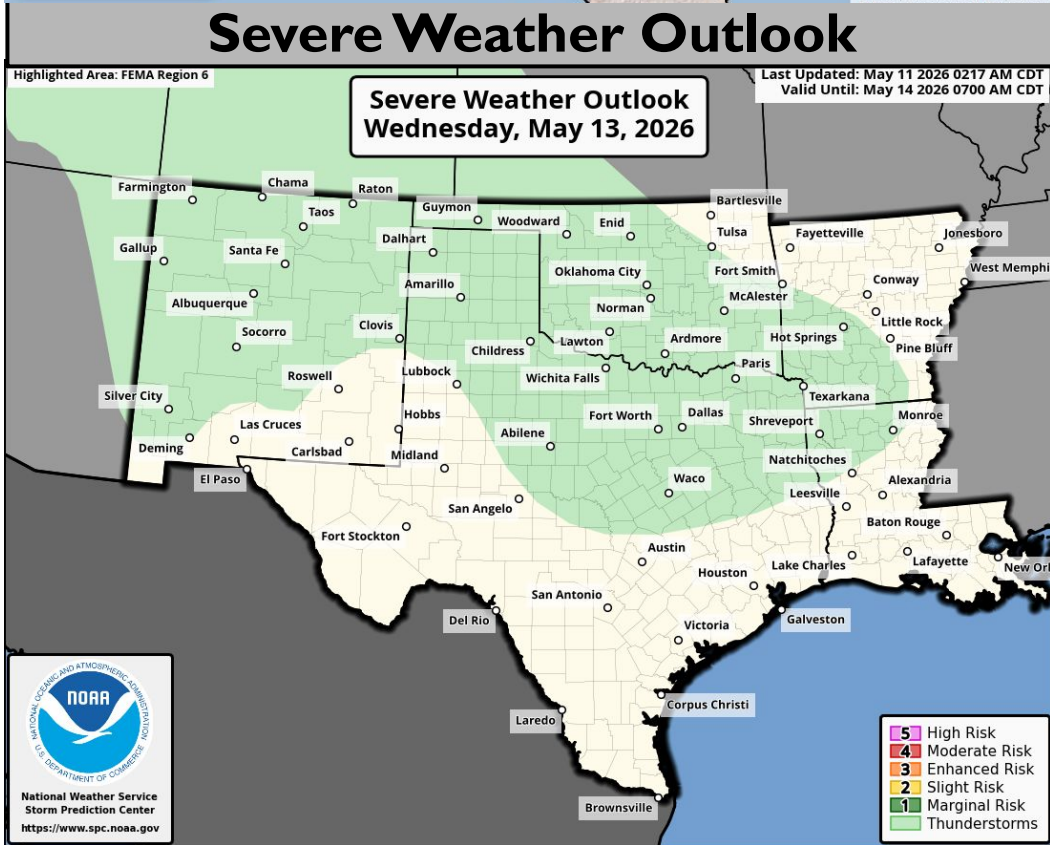


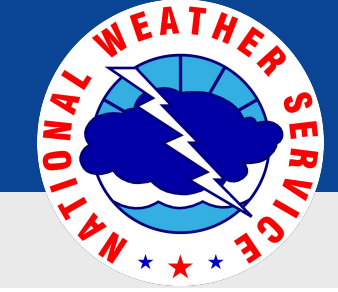
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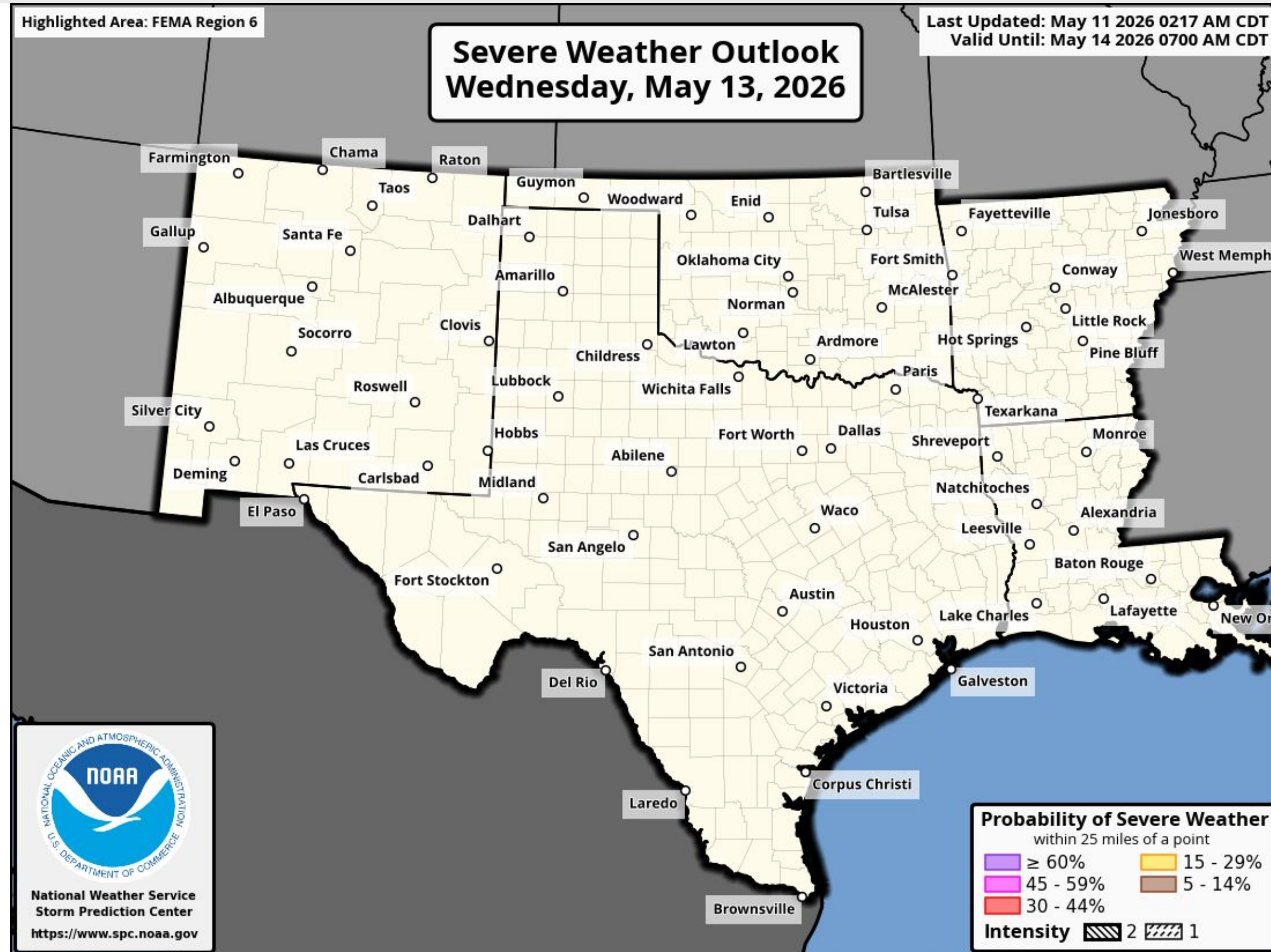
Elevated fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX, W OK. Monitoring N NM for dry thunderstorms that could produce new fires.

Above average temperatures in E NM, W TX, W OK could lead to minor to moderate health impacts.





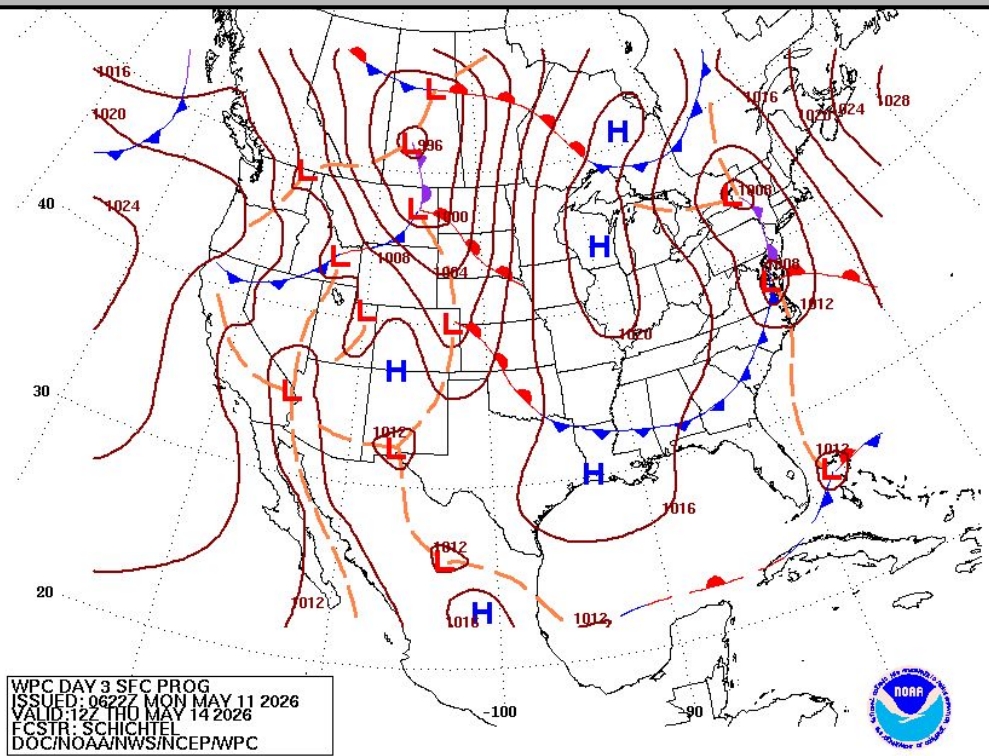
Wednesday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





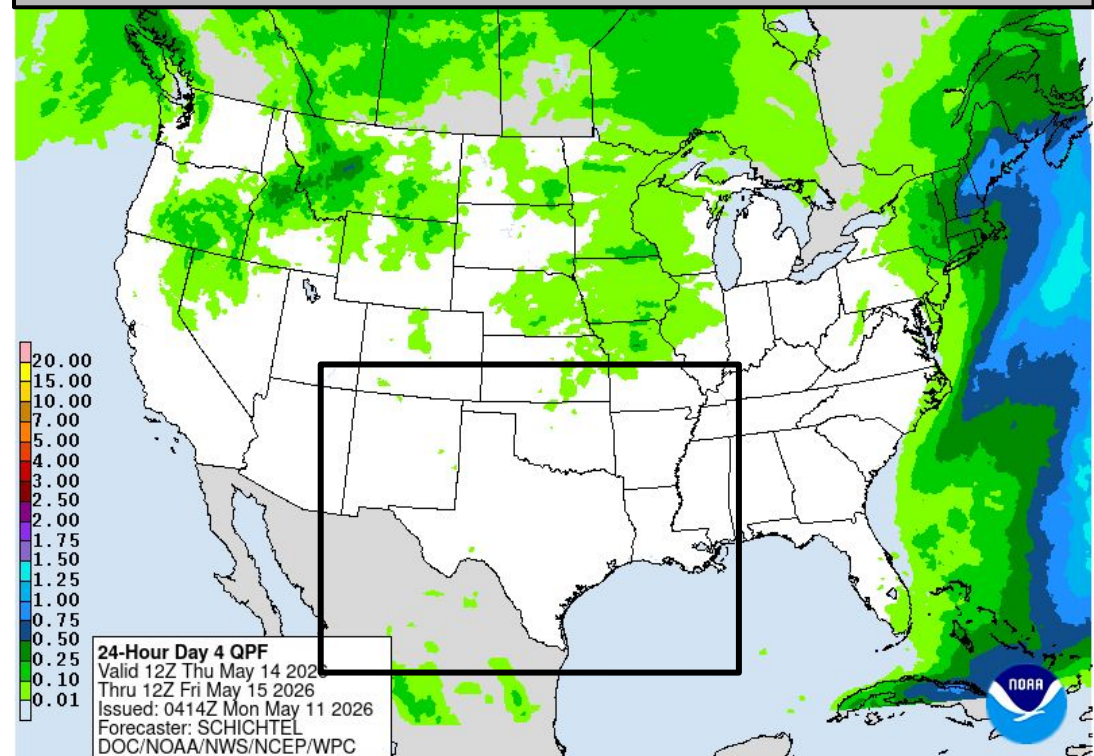
Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 3 SFC PROG
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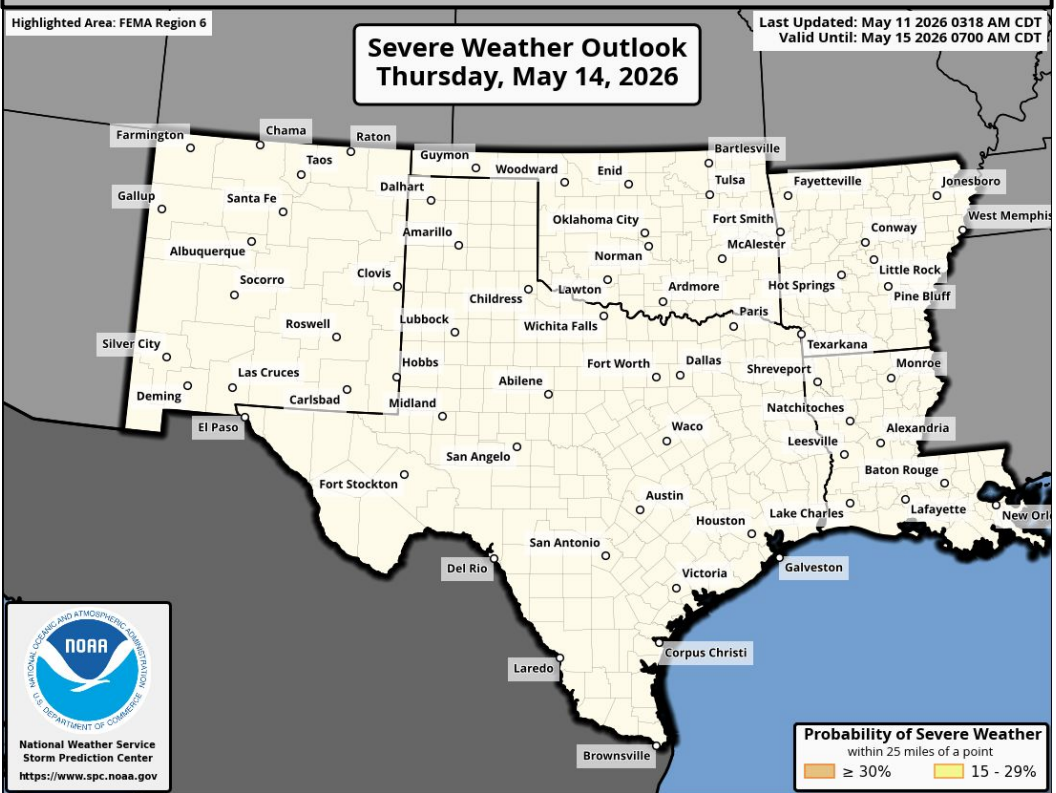


24-Hour Day 4 QPF
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Severe Weather Outlook

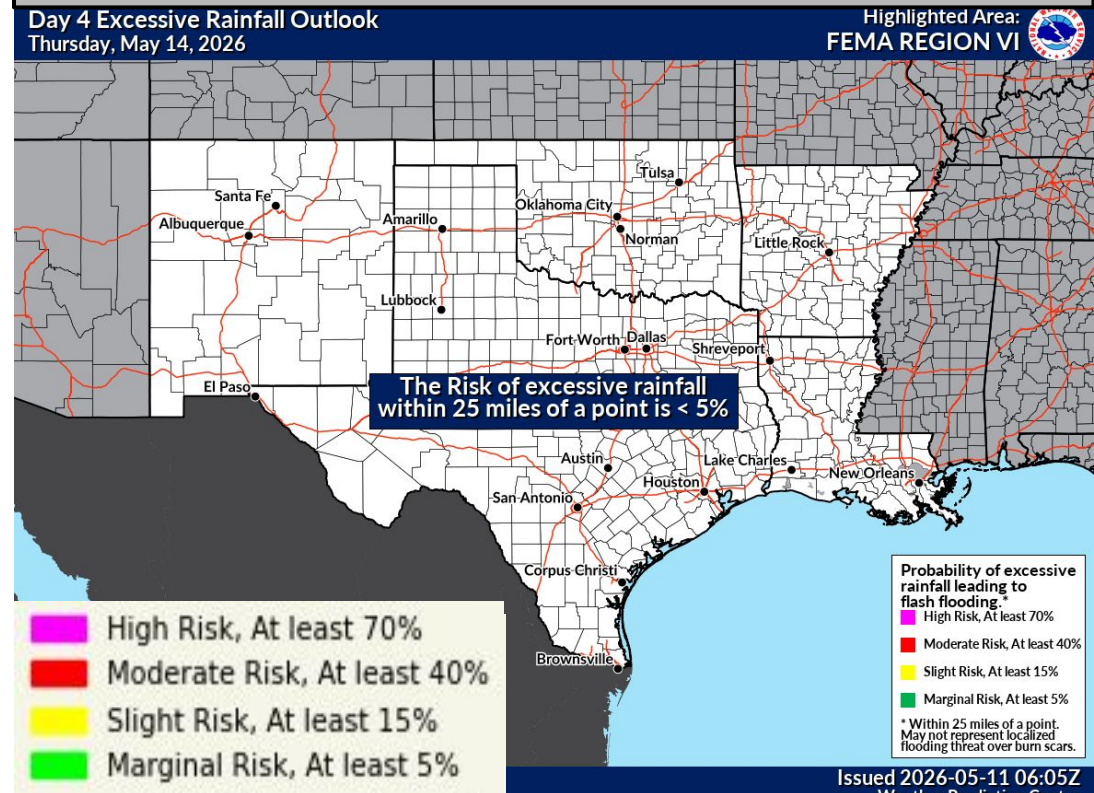


Severe Weather Outlook
Thursday, May 14, 2026

Last Updated: May 11 2026 0318 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 15 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
Thursday, May 14, 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%

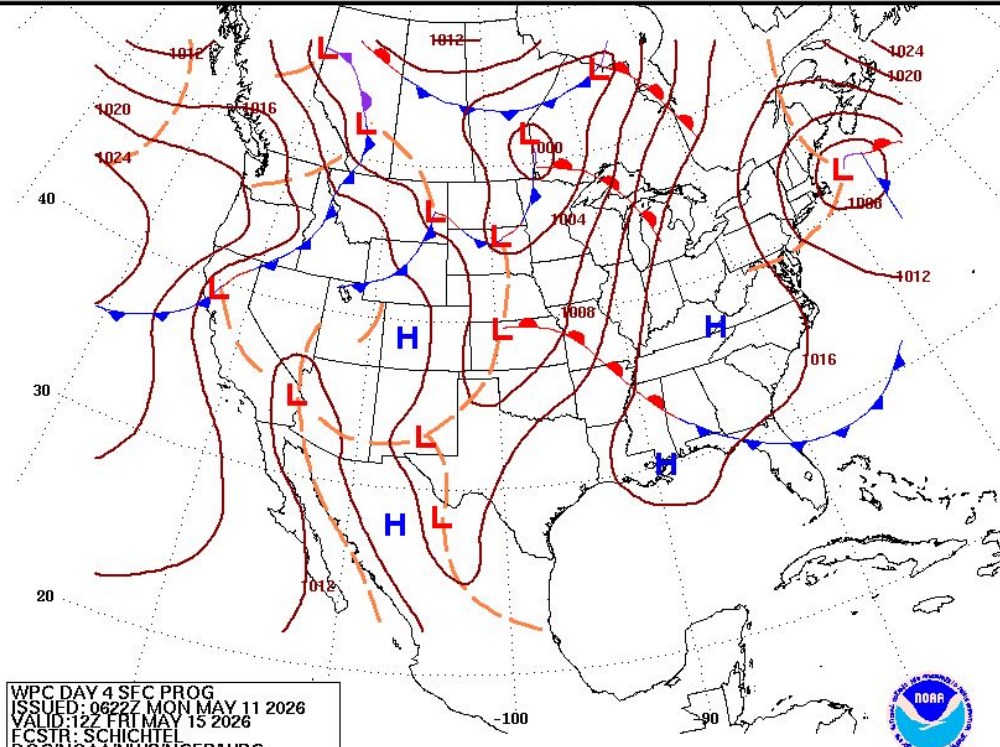
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Weather Prediction Center



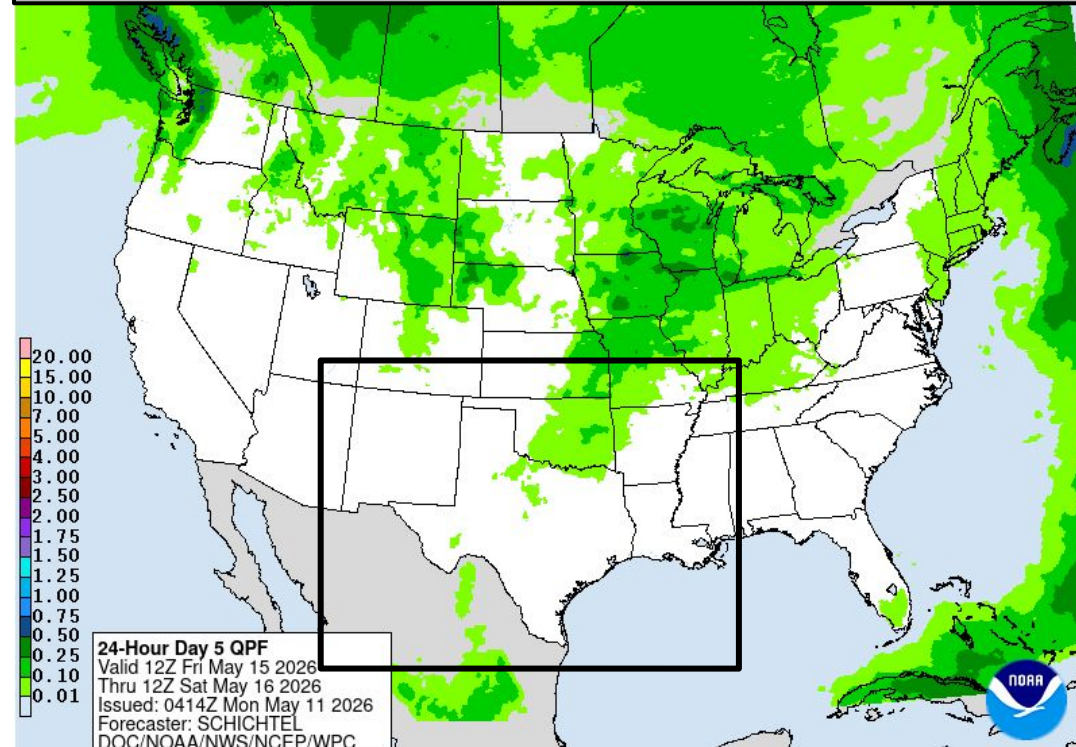
Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 4 SEC PROG
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Forecast Rainfall

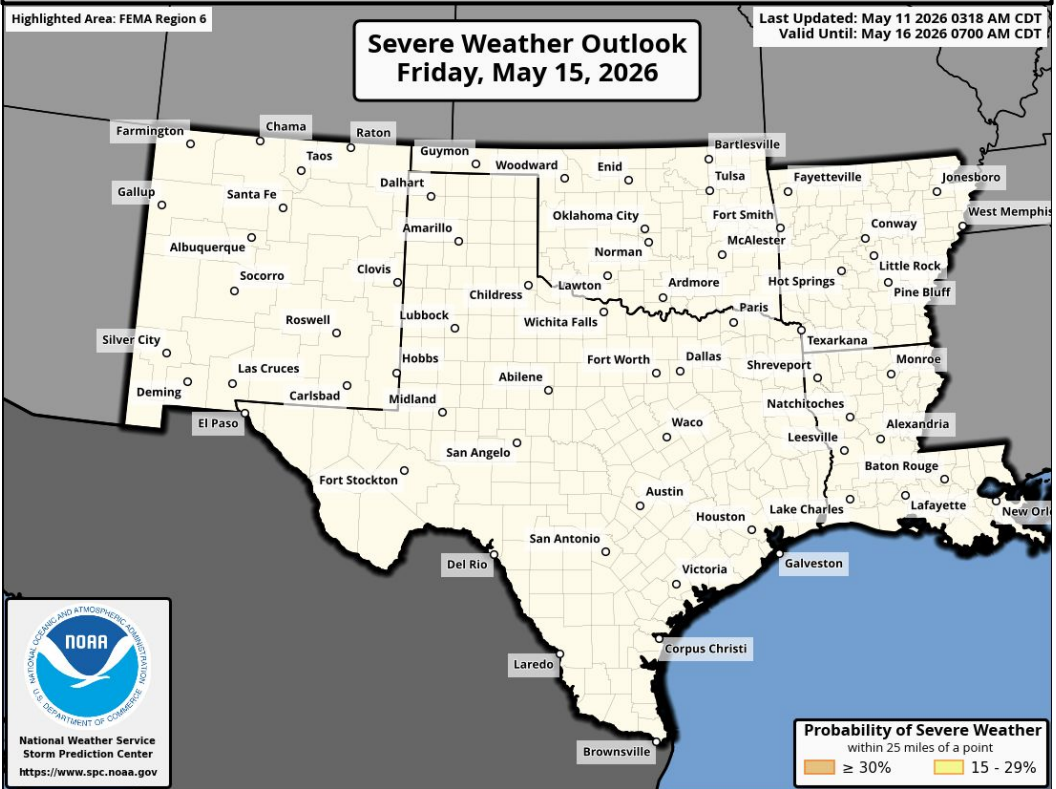


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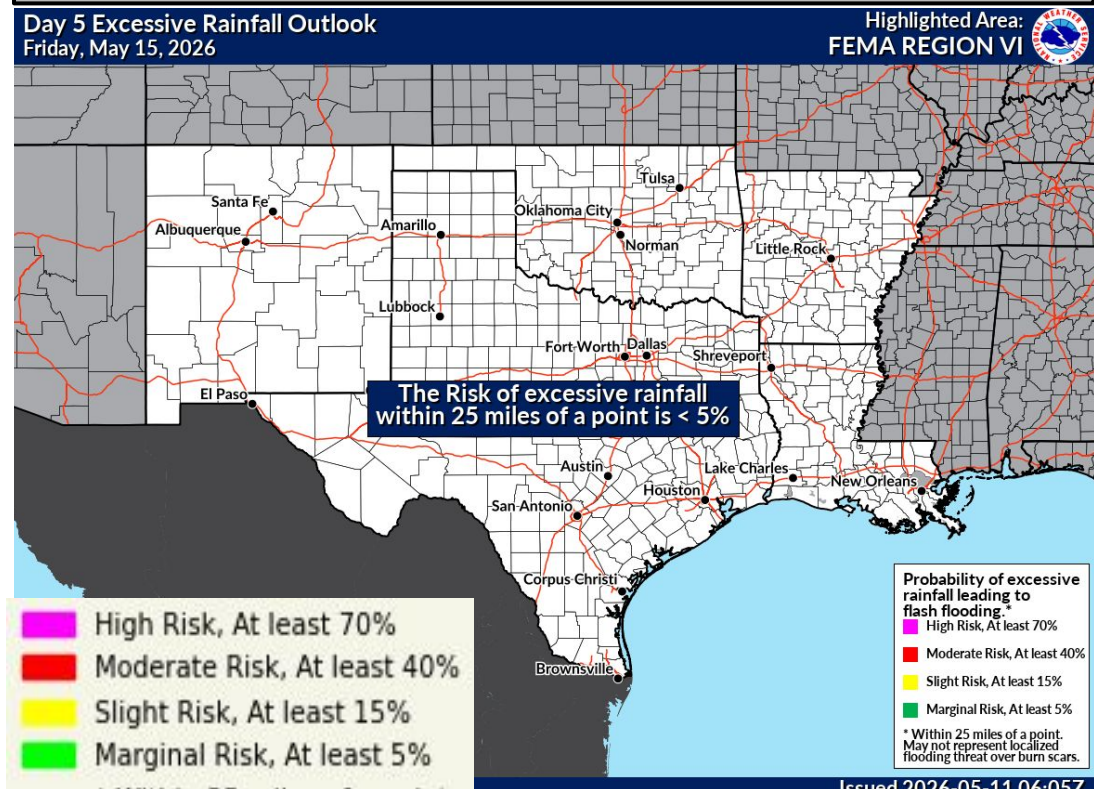


Severe Weather Outlook
Friday, May 15, 2026

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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Friday, May 15, 2026

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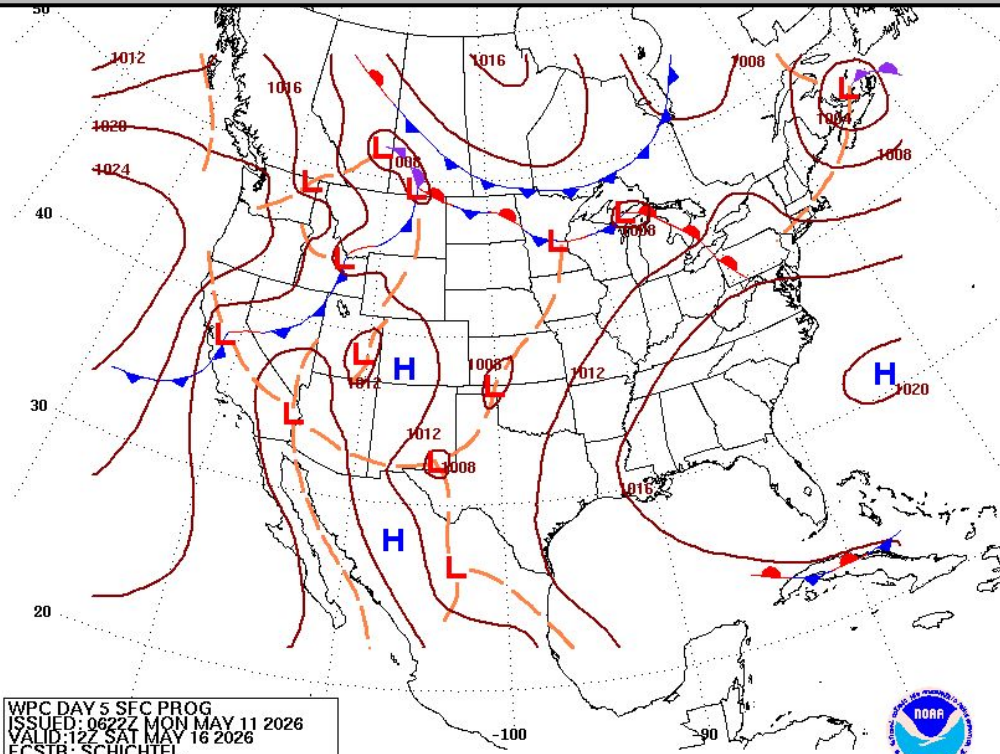
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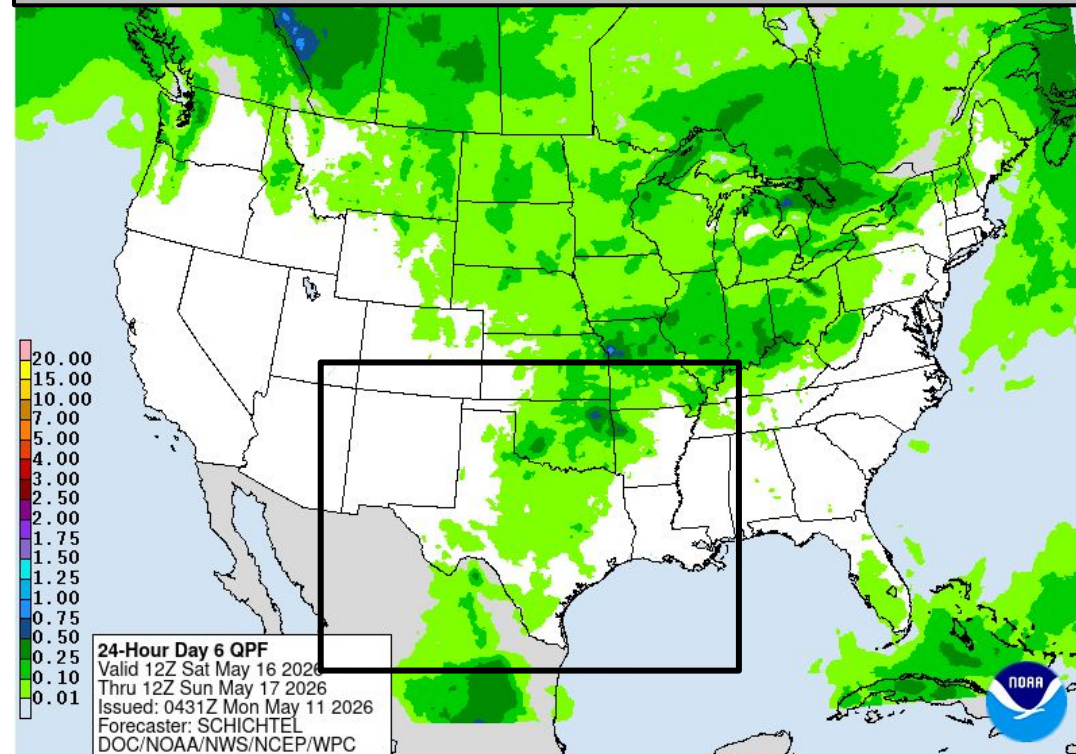


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



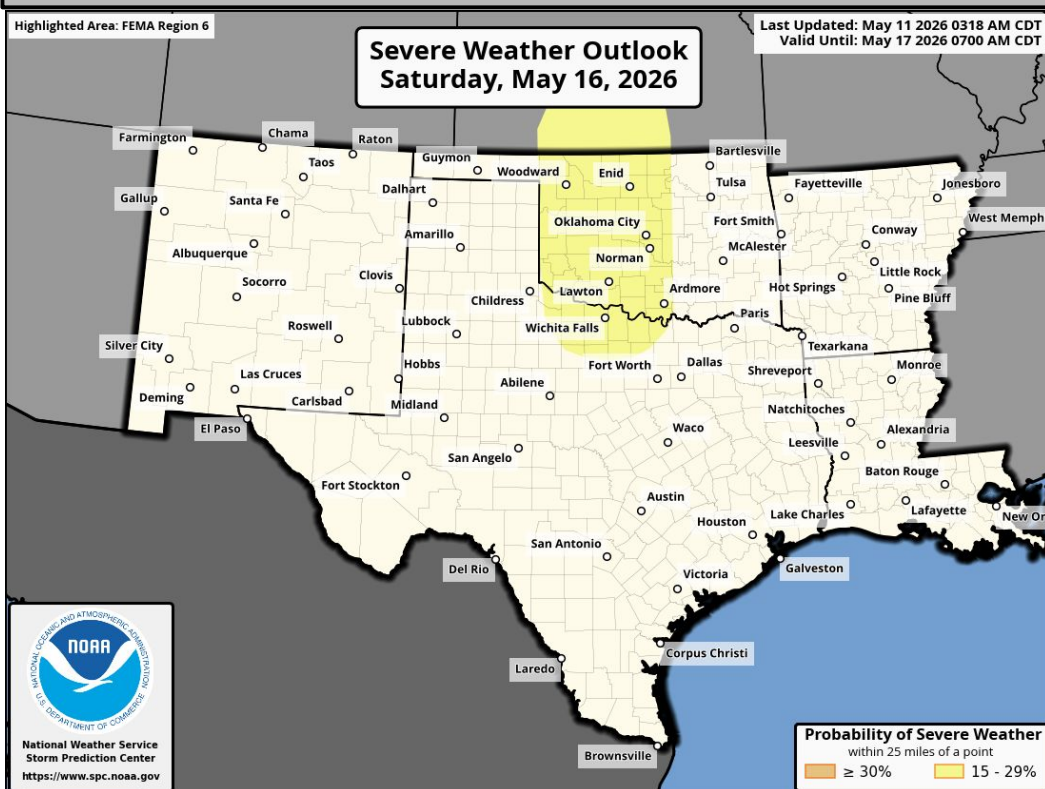
Forecast Rainfall



Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, NTX.

Above average temperatures in E NM, W TX could lead to minor to moderate health impacts.

Severe Weather Outlook

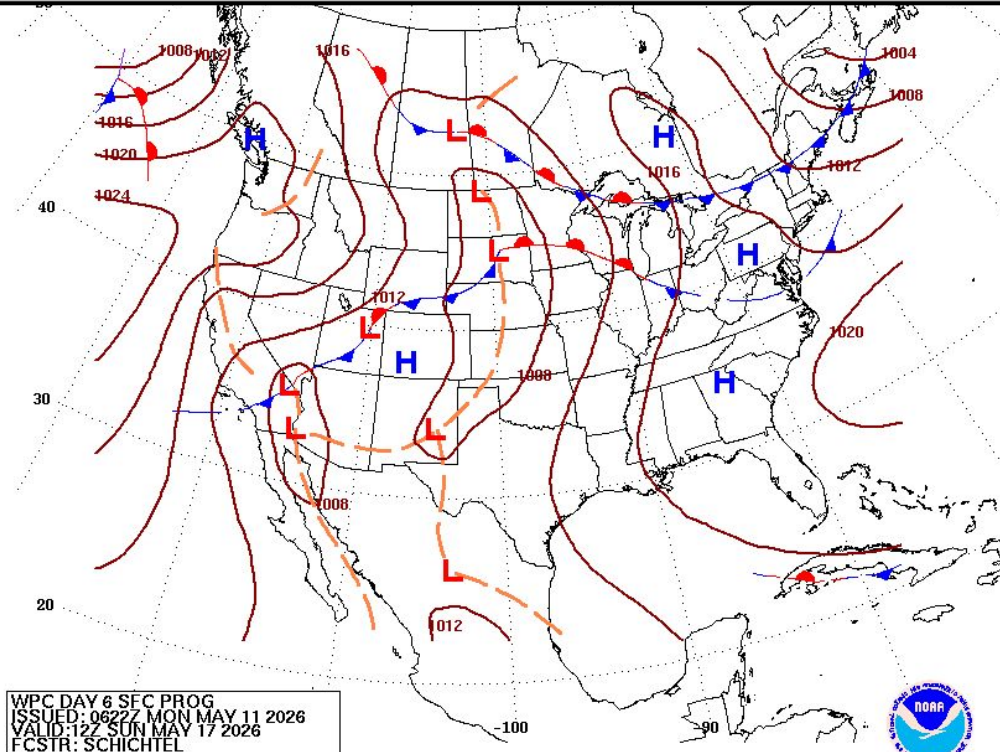


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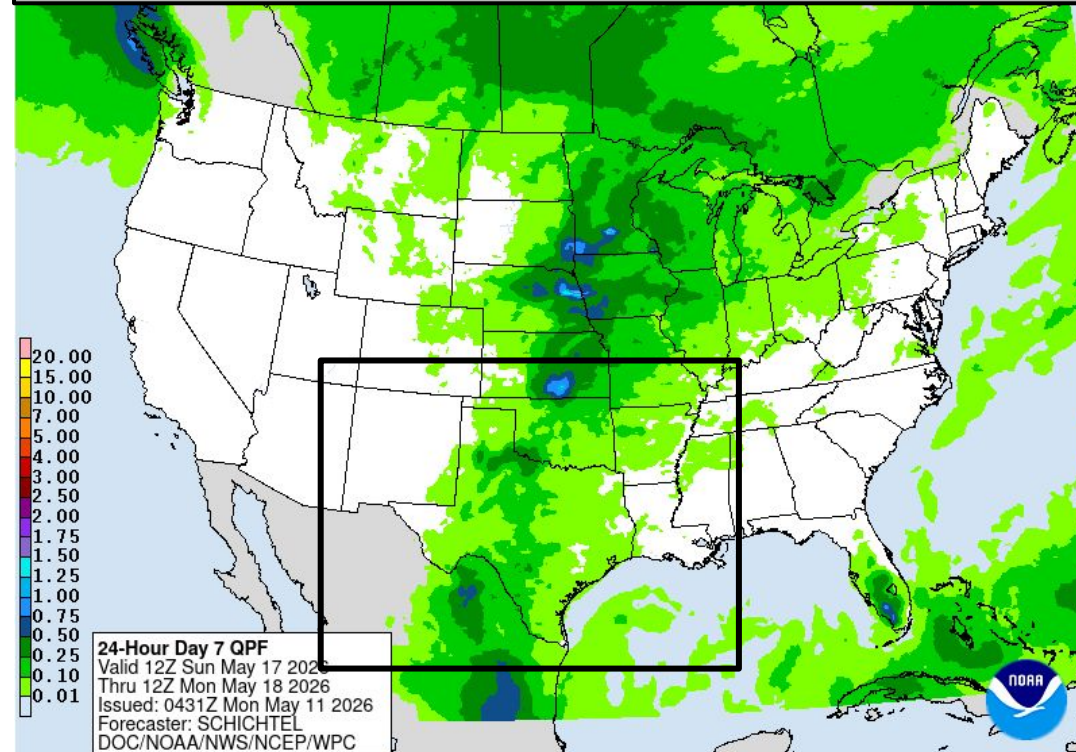


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart

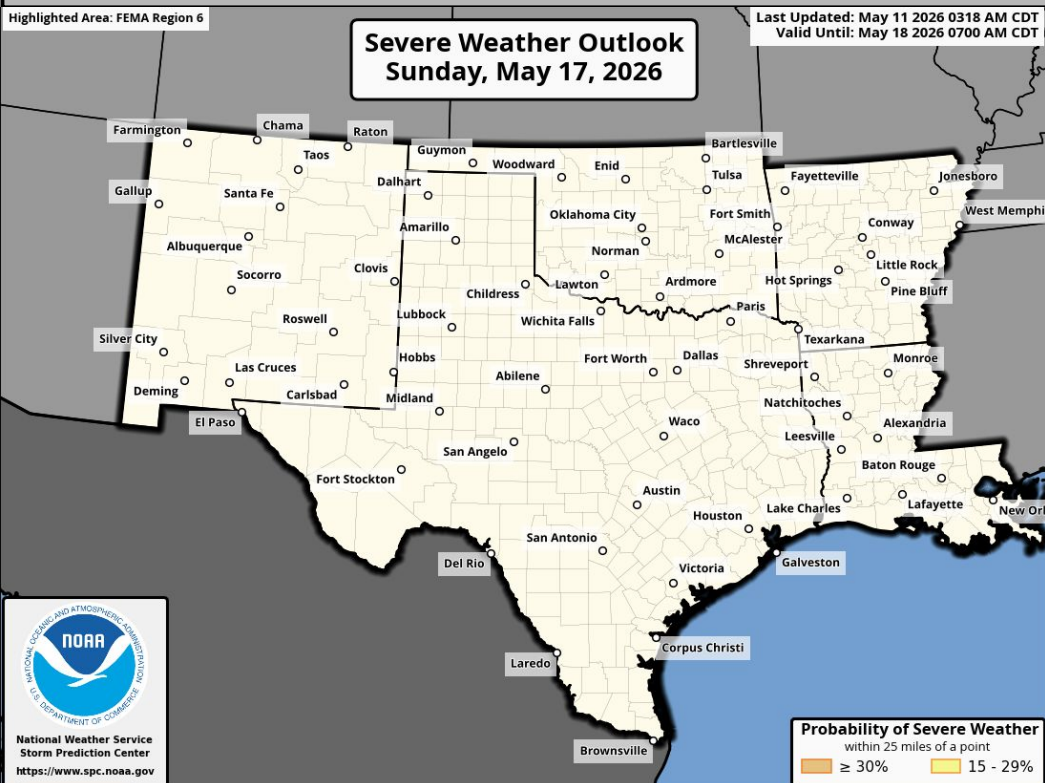


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

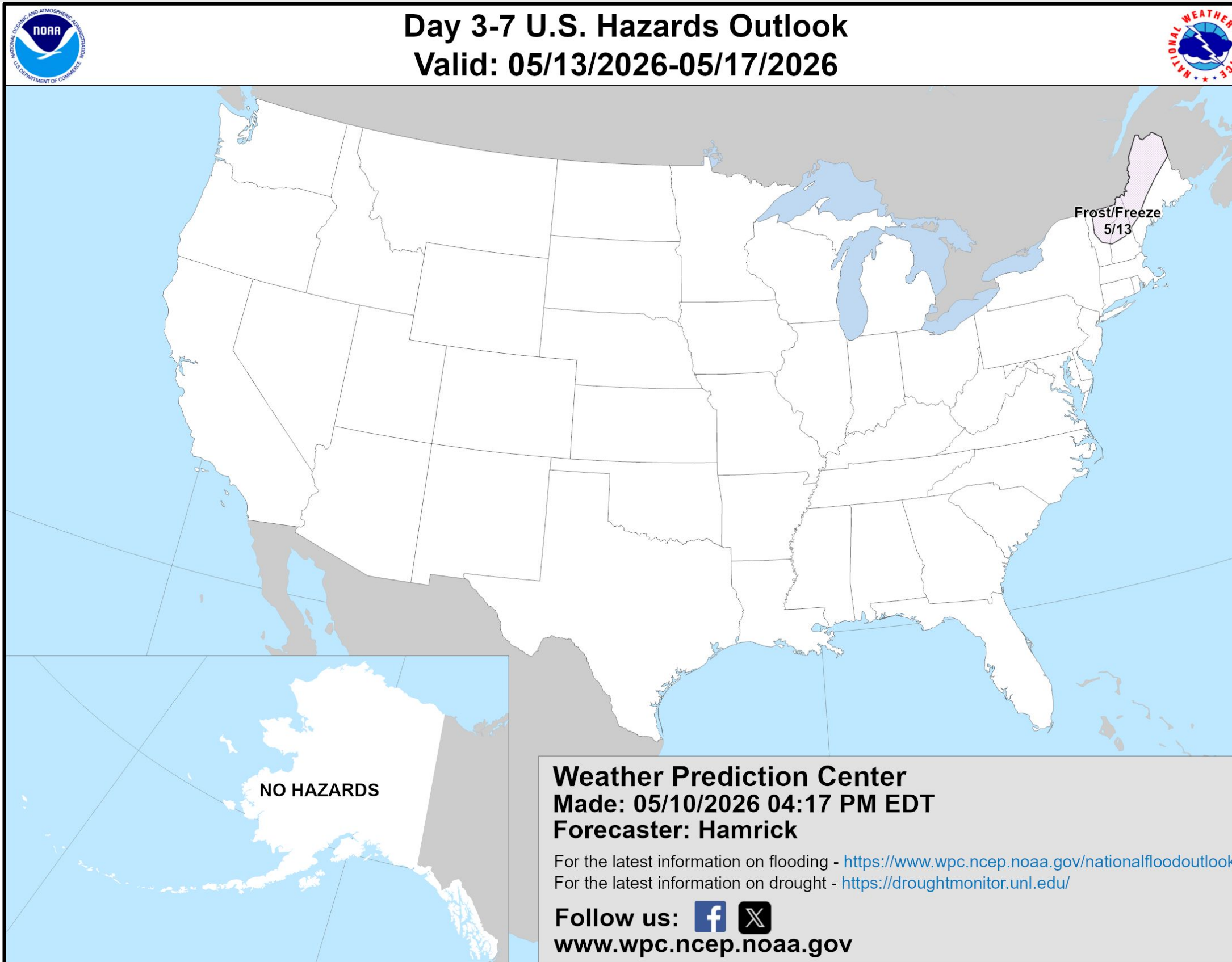


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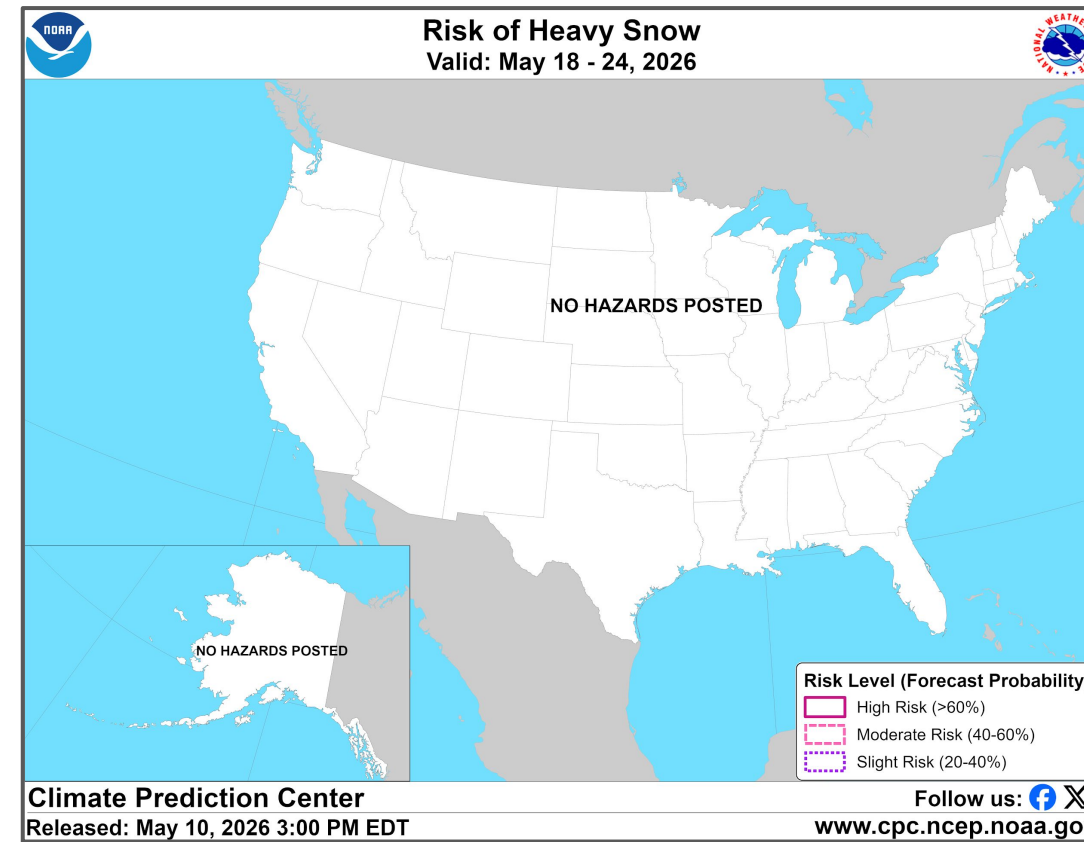
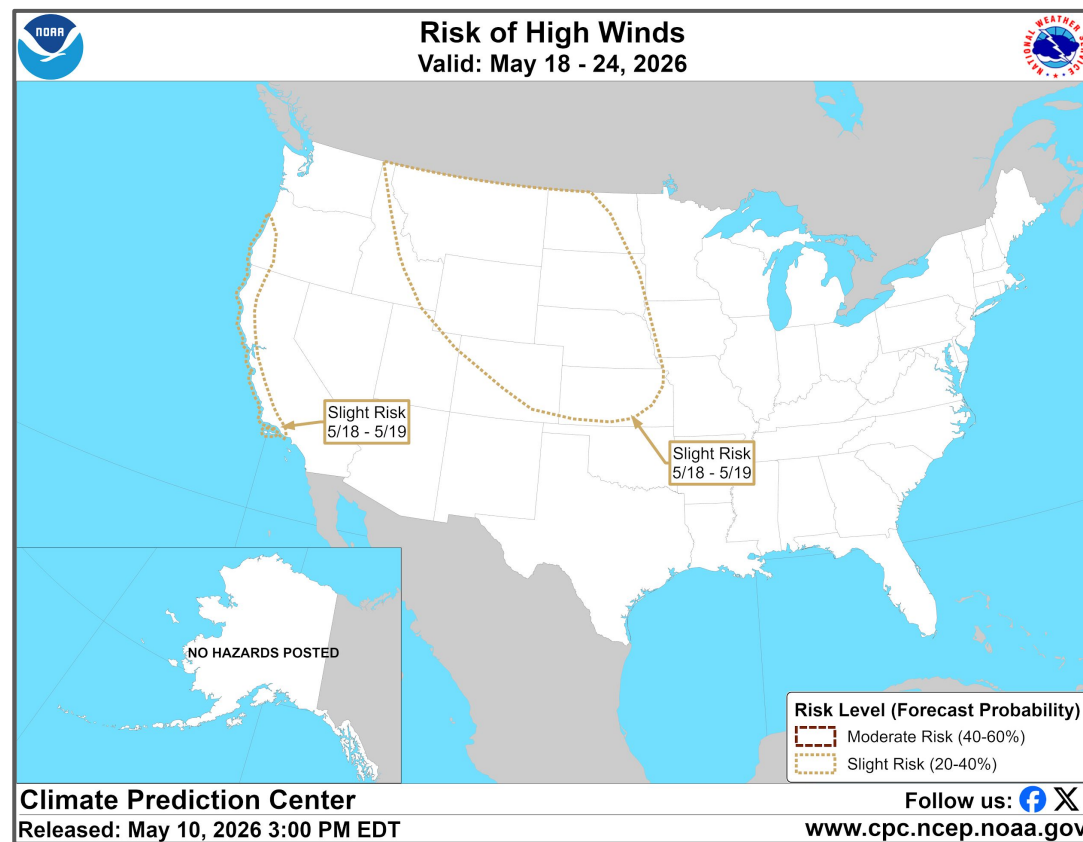
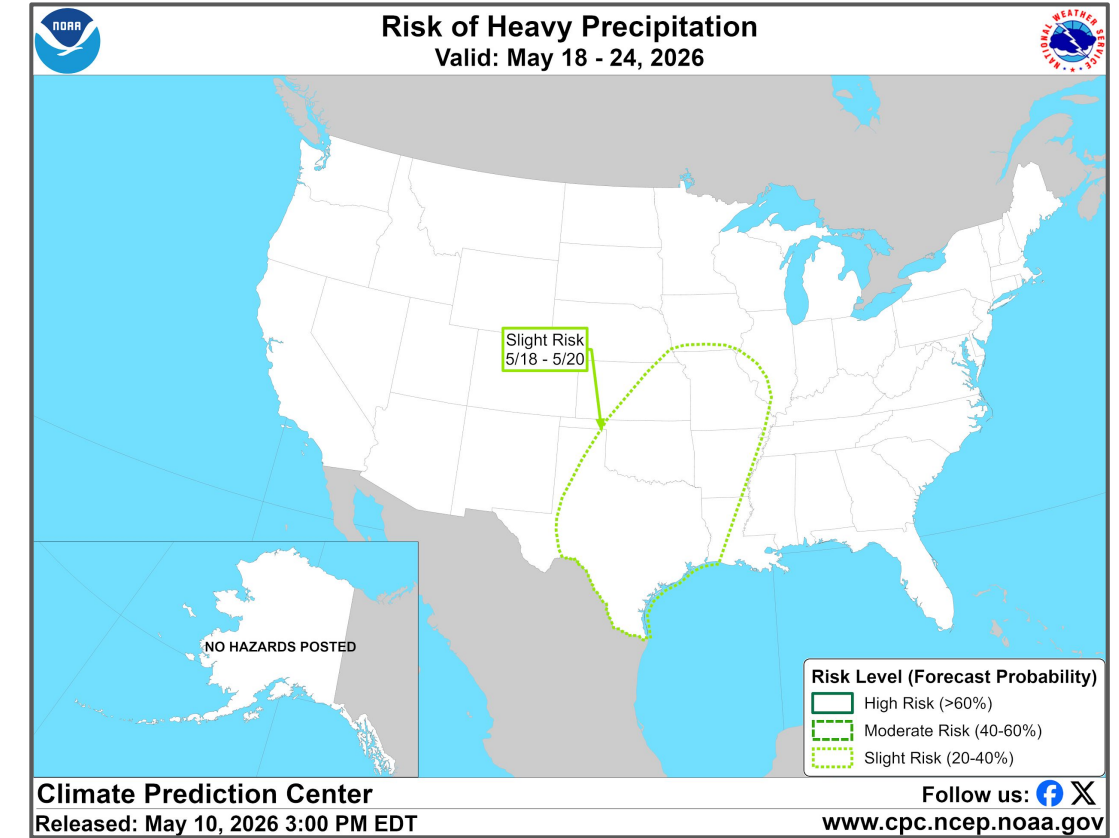
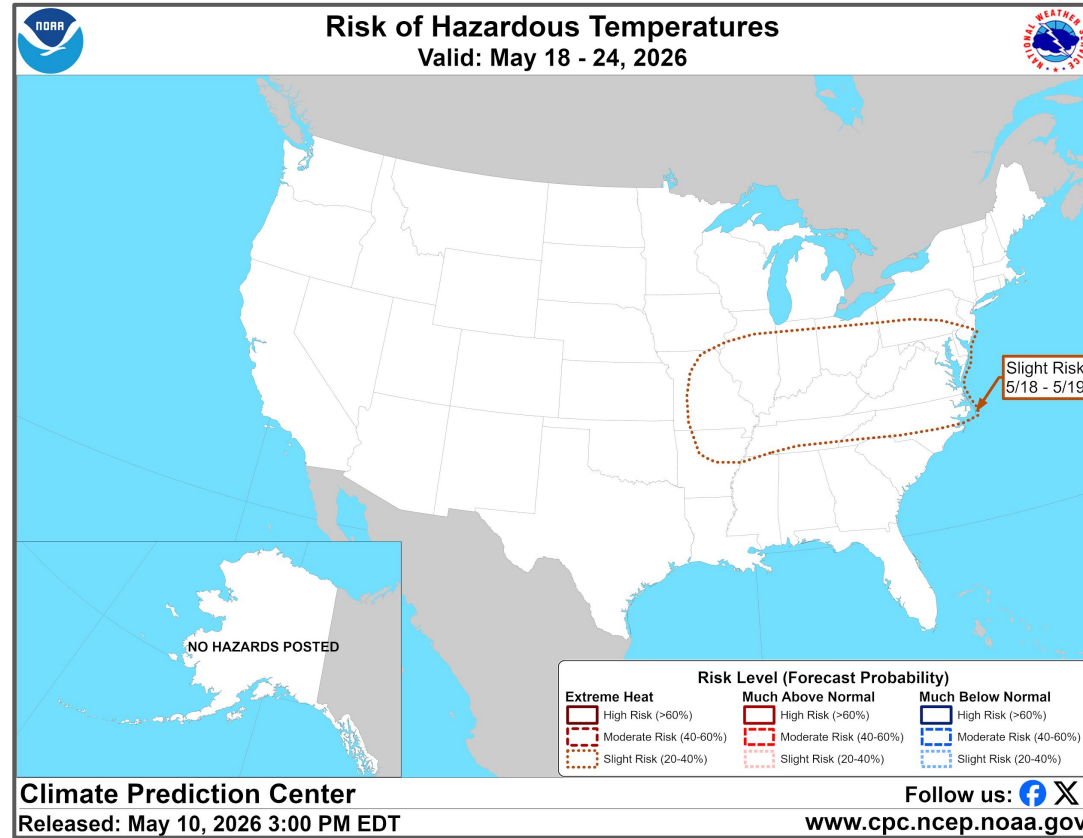
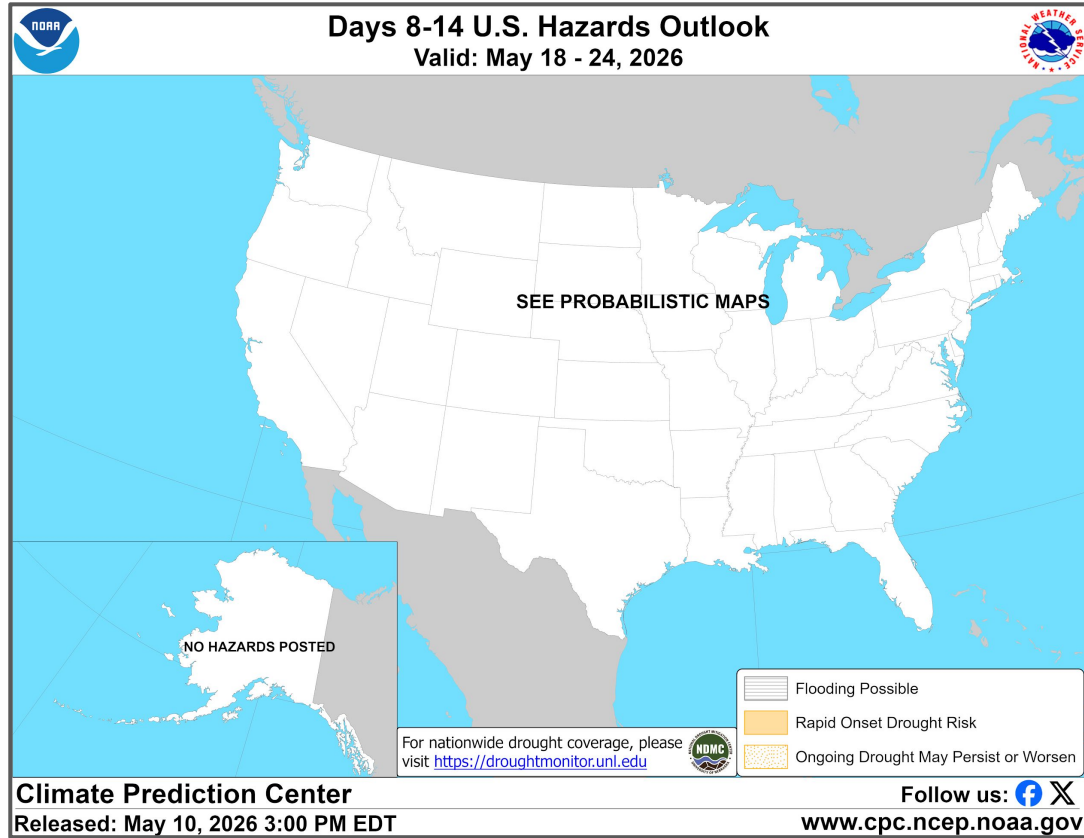


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





“Day 8-14” Hazards Outlook

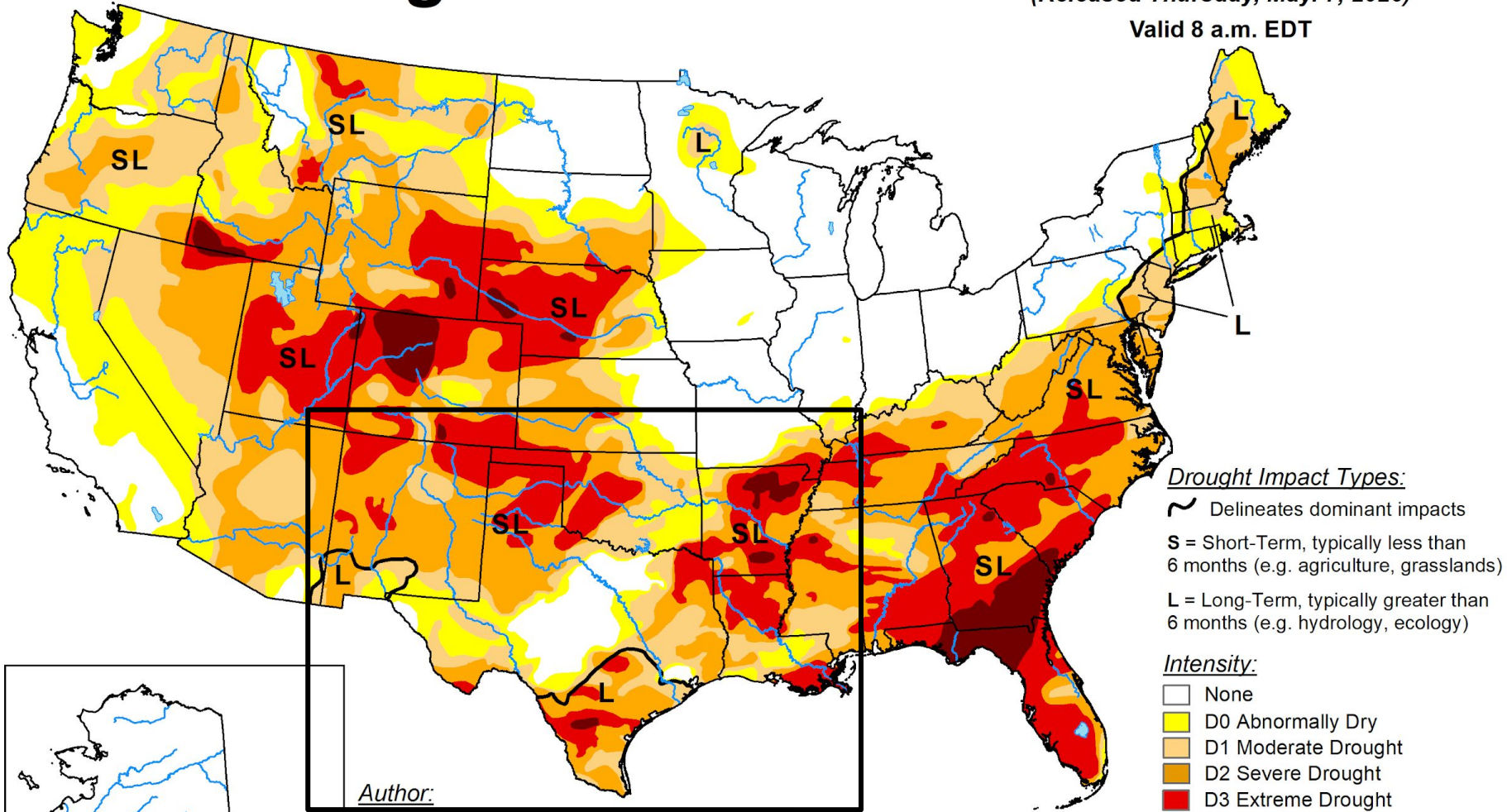




Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor

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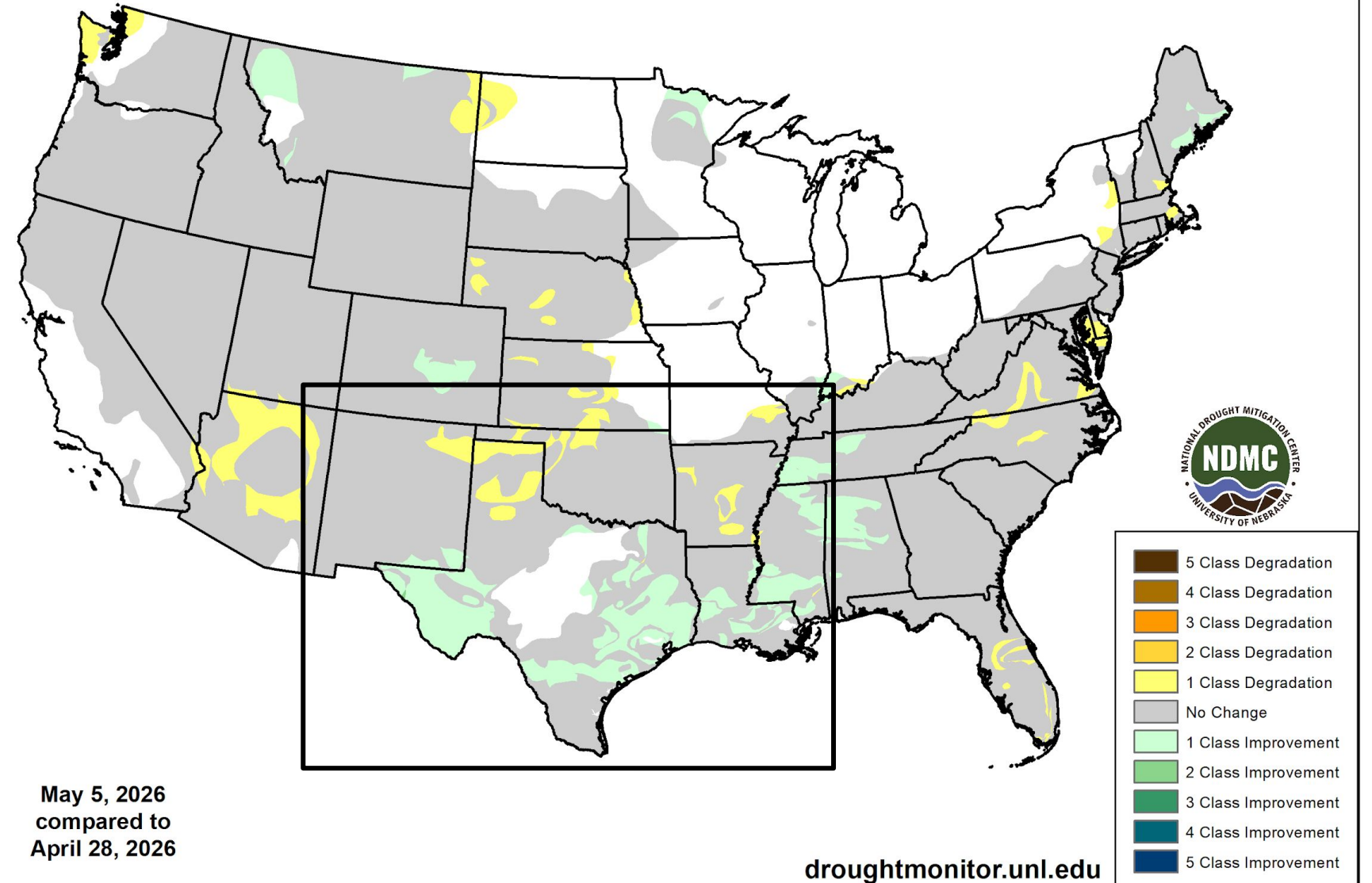
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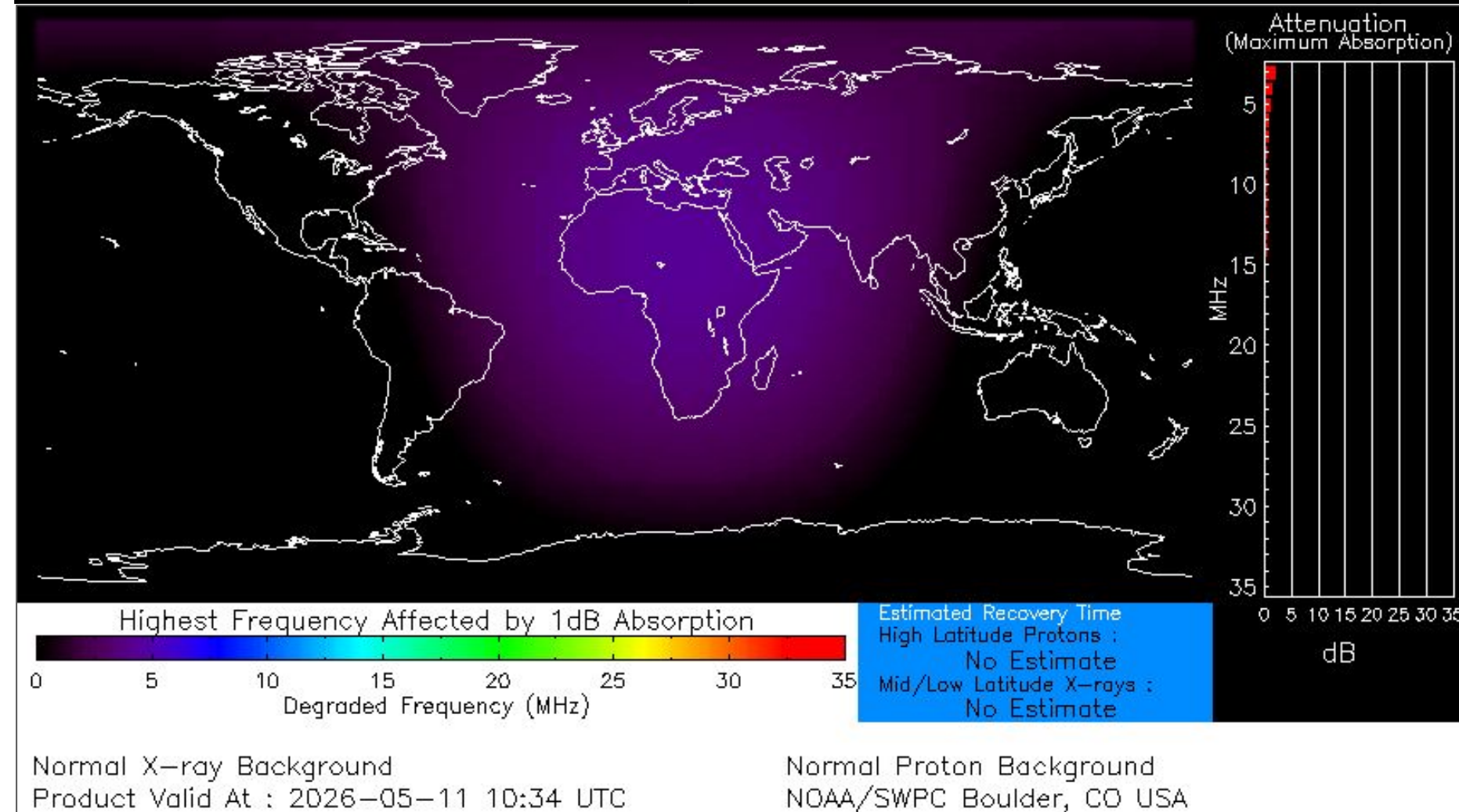
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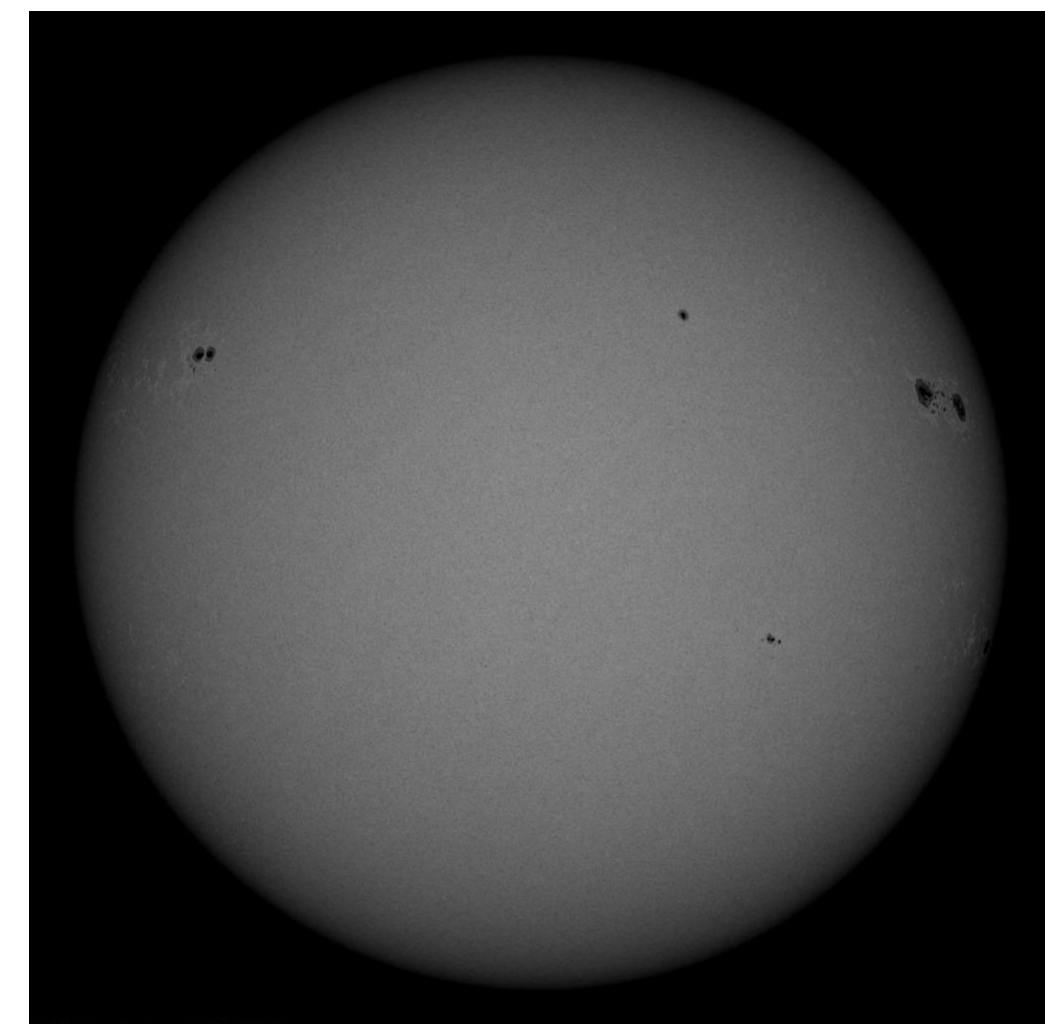
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Monday, May 11	Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)	Unsettled (Max Kp=3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	45%	45%	45%
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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