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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, May 12, 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:**

- **A Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today NE OK; and NC OK Thursday.**
  - **Monitoring OK for severe storms Saturday & Sunday.**

- **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 Wednesday through Sunday.**
  - **Monitoring MN for dry lightning Wednesday.**

- **Heat:**

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





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

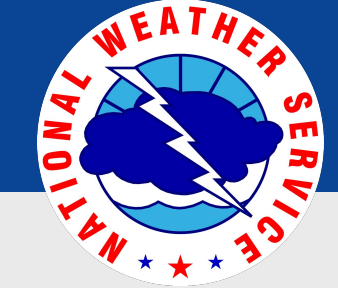
Next 7 days

	Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15	Saturday, May 16	Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18
Severe Storms	NE OK		NC OK		OK	OK	OK,AR,TX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding							OK,AR,TX
Heat	E NM,TX/OK Panhandles	E NM,W TX, W OK	E NM,W TX, W OK	E NM,W TX, W OK	E NM,W TX	E NM,W TX	
Fire Weather		NM,W TX, W OK	E NM,W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	E NM,W TX, W OK	E NM,W TX	E NM,W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	
River Flooding	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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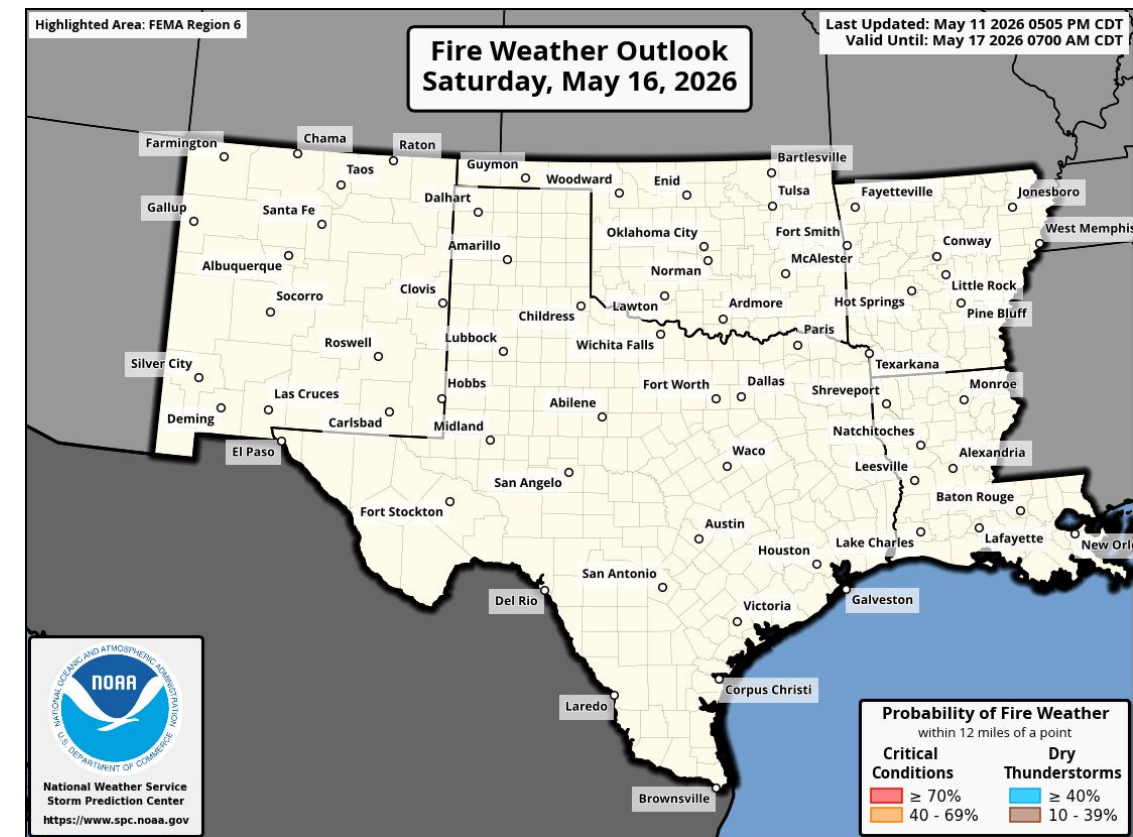
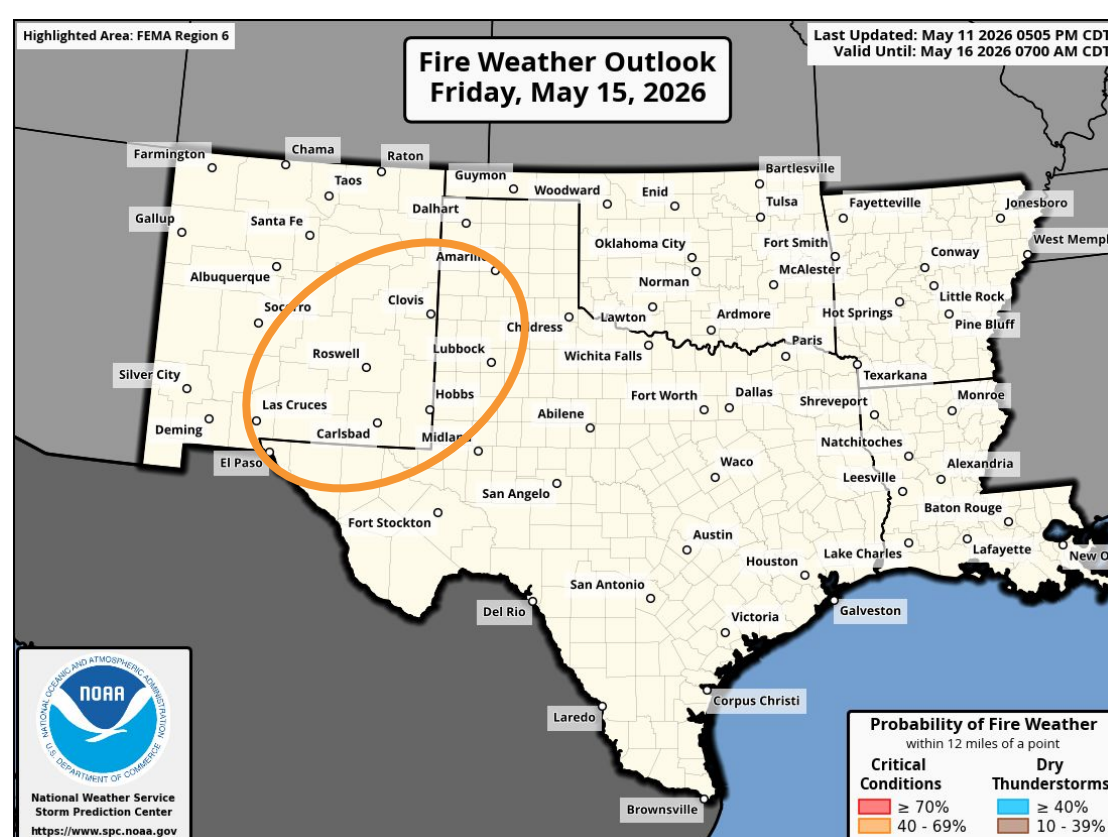
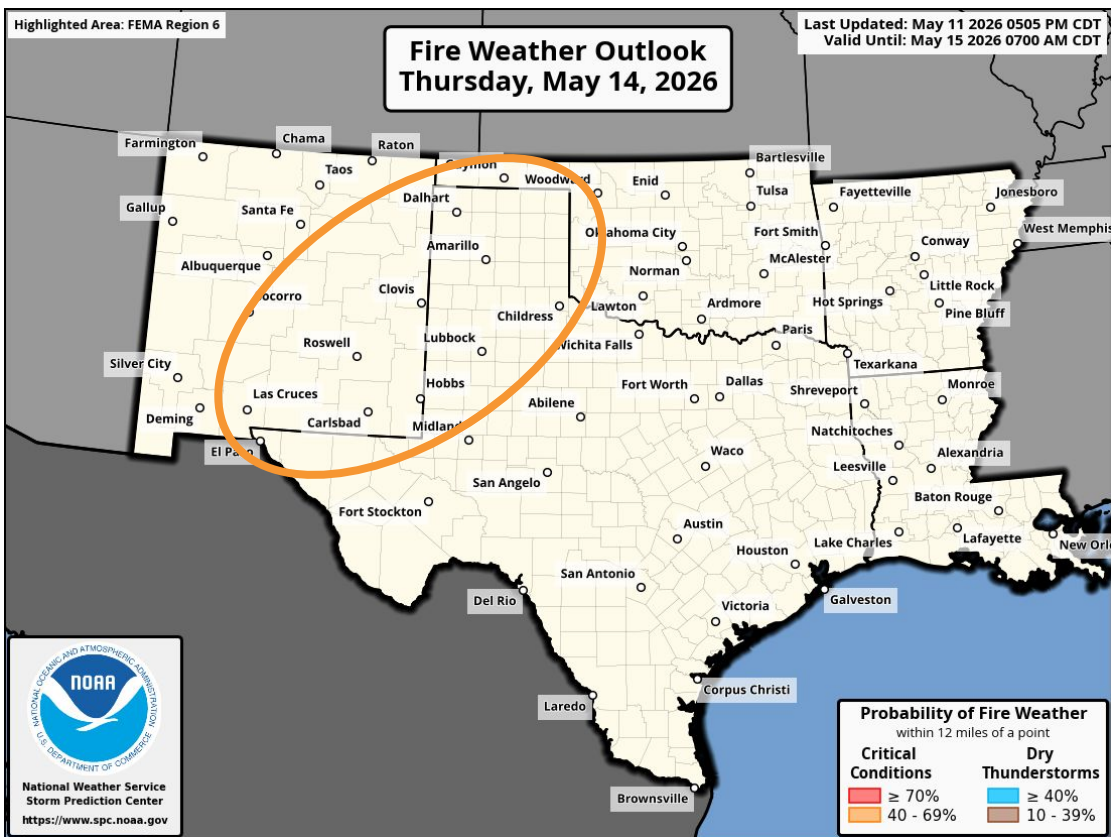
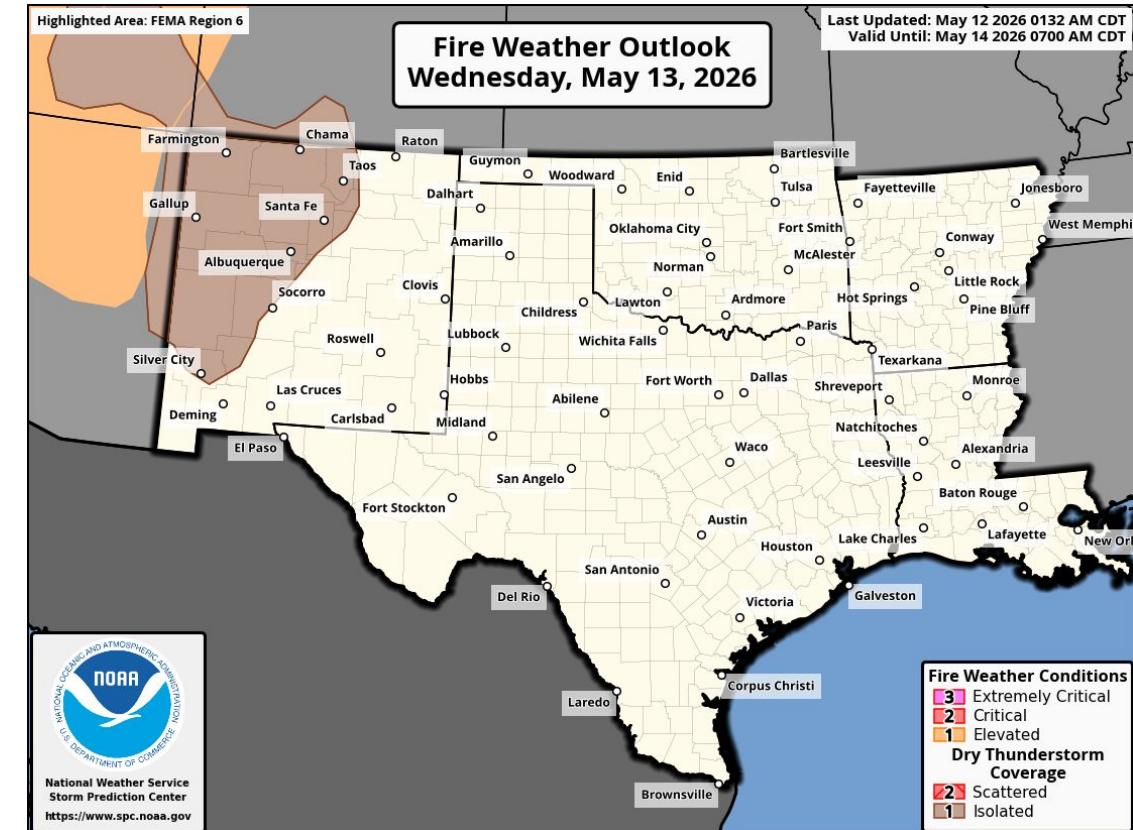
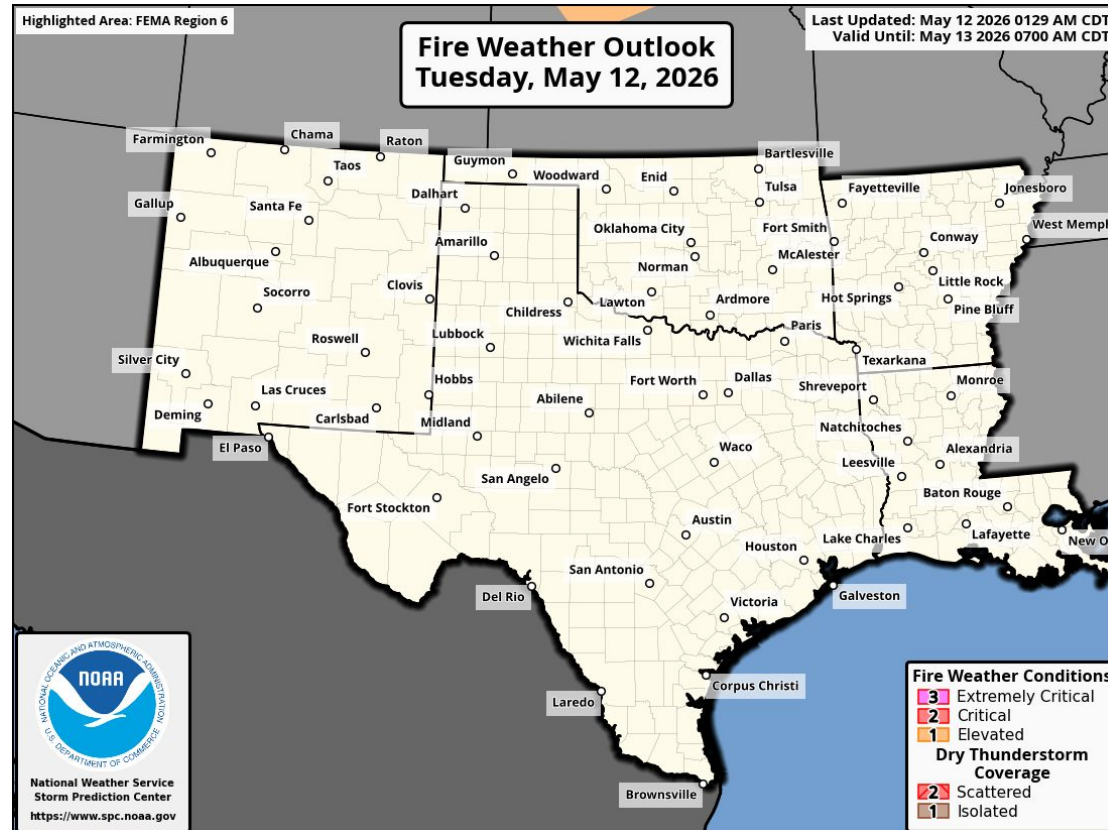
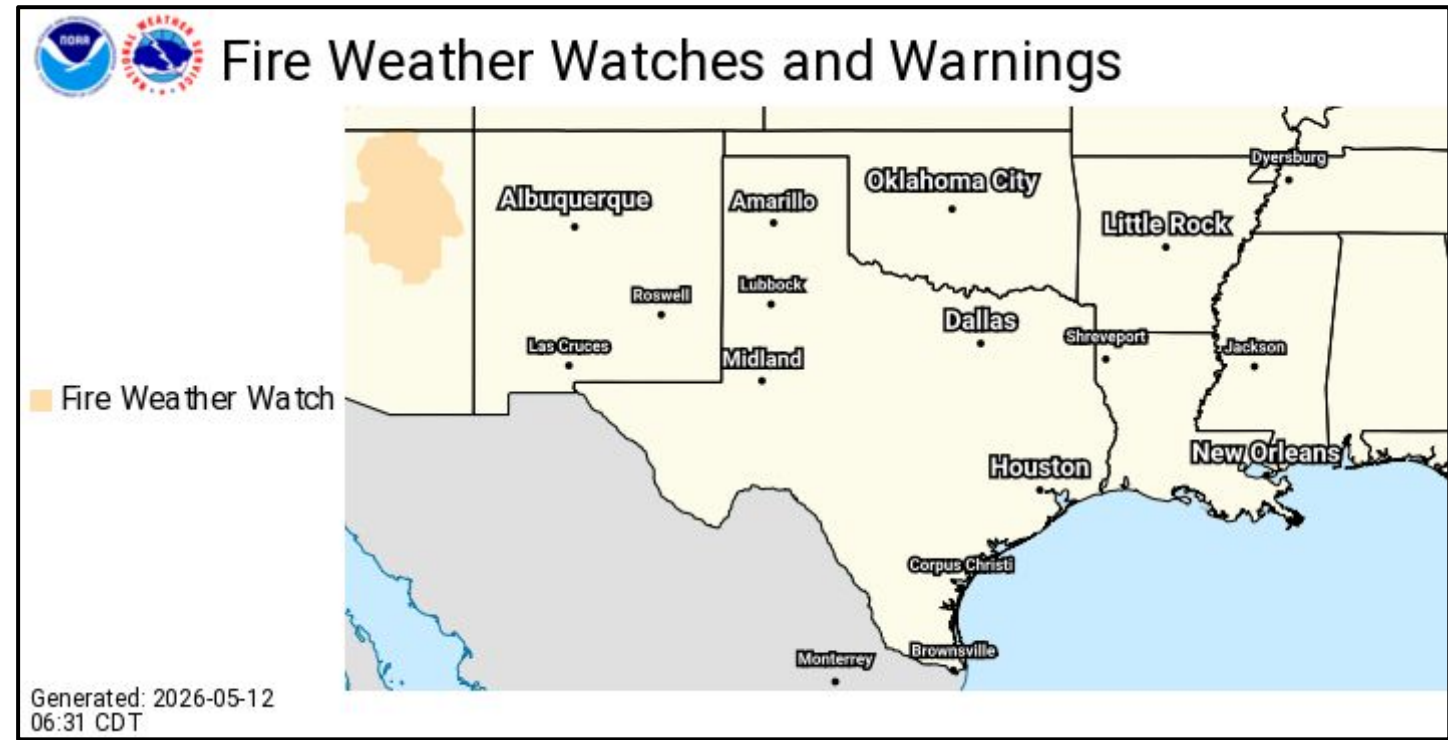
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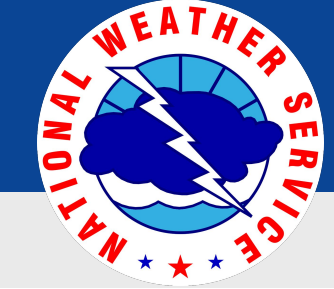


**Heat Advisory today in Palo Duro Canyon from 1-9 PM CDT. Temps 100-105 degrees.**



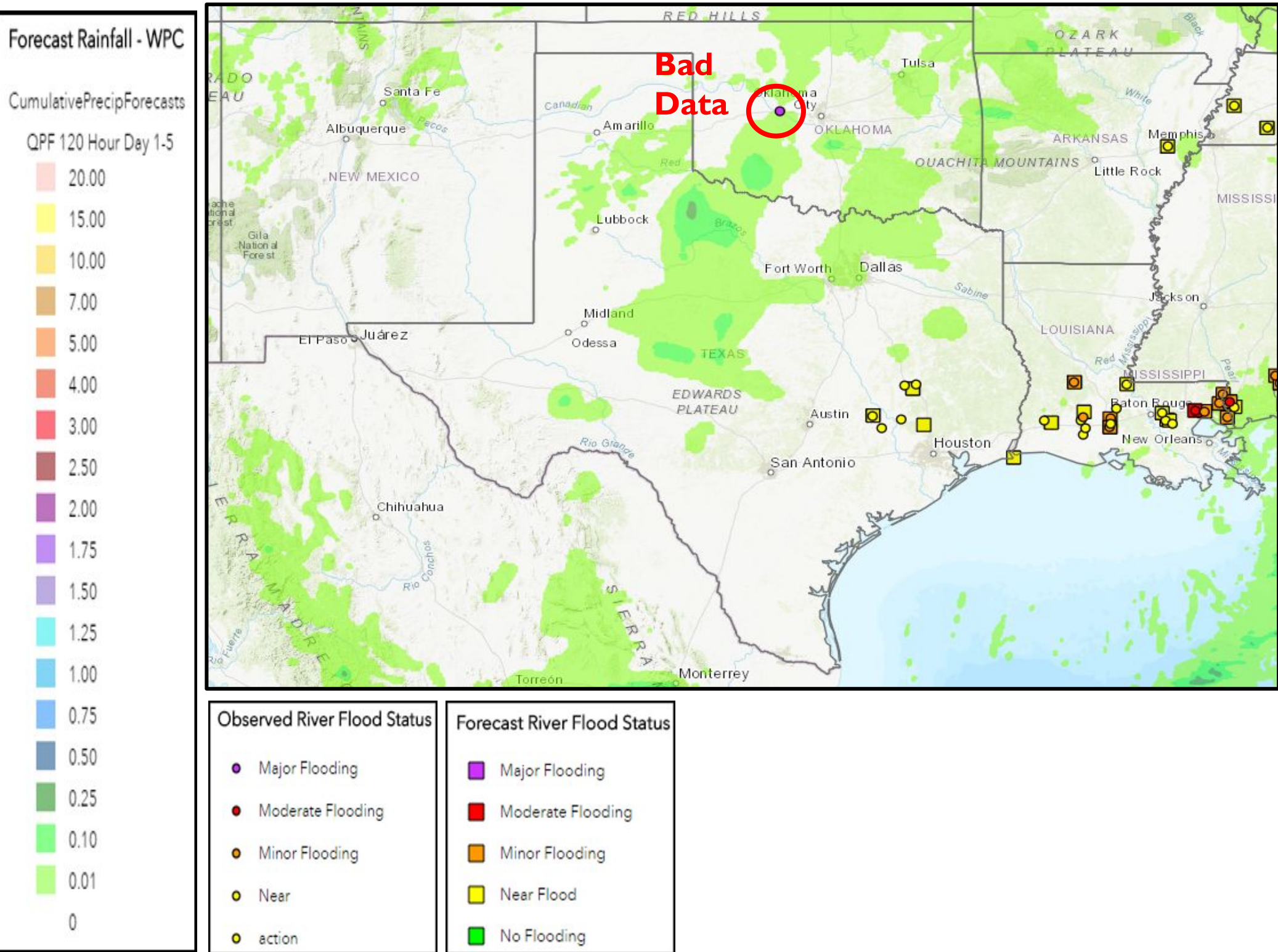
# Fire Weather Outlooks





# 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

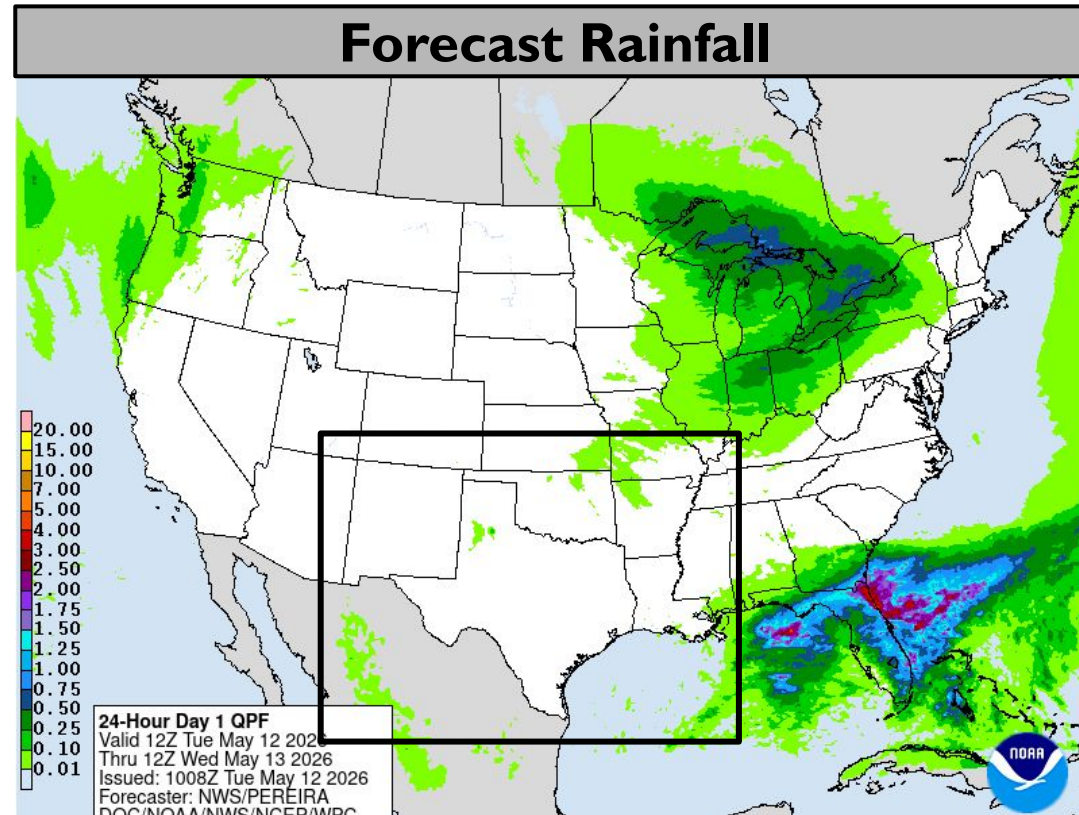
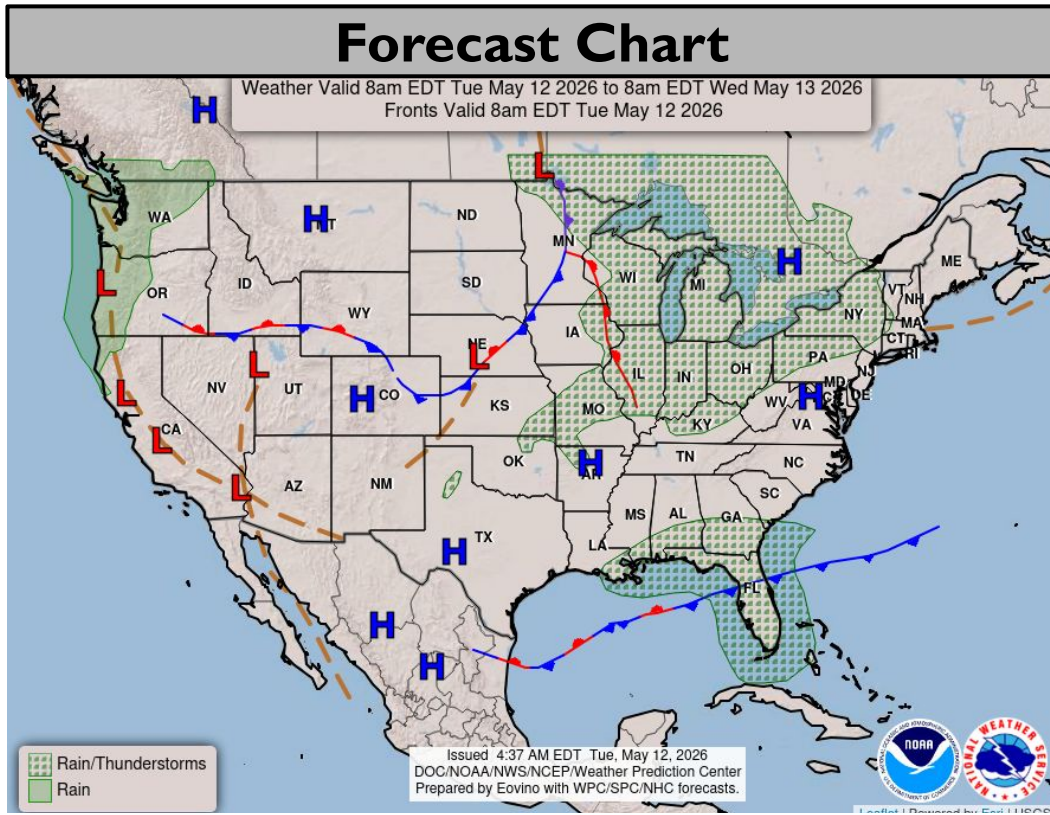


**Minor to isolated moderate river flooding will continue through late-week in S LA, leading to inundation of secondary roadways, parks, and campgrounds along Bogue Falaya and Tangipahoa River. At forecast levels, water threatens trailers and homes near Robert and Covington.**

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.

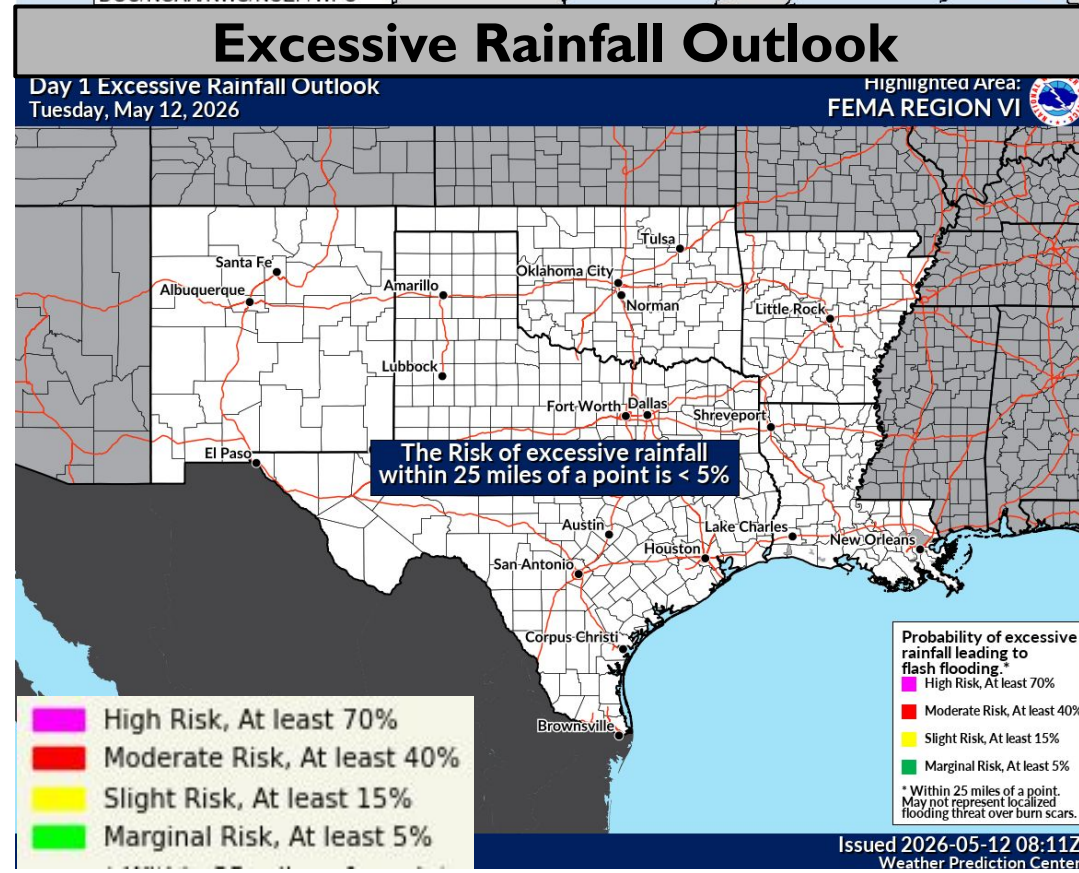
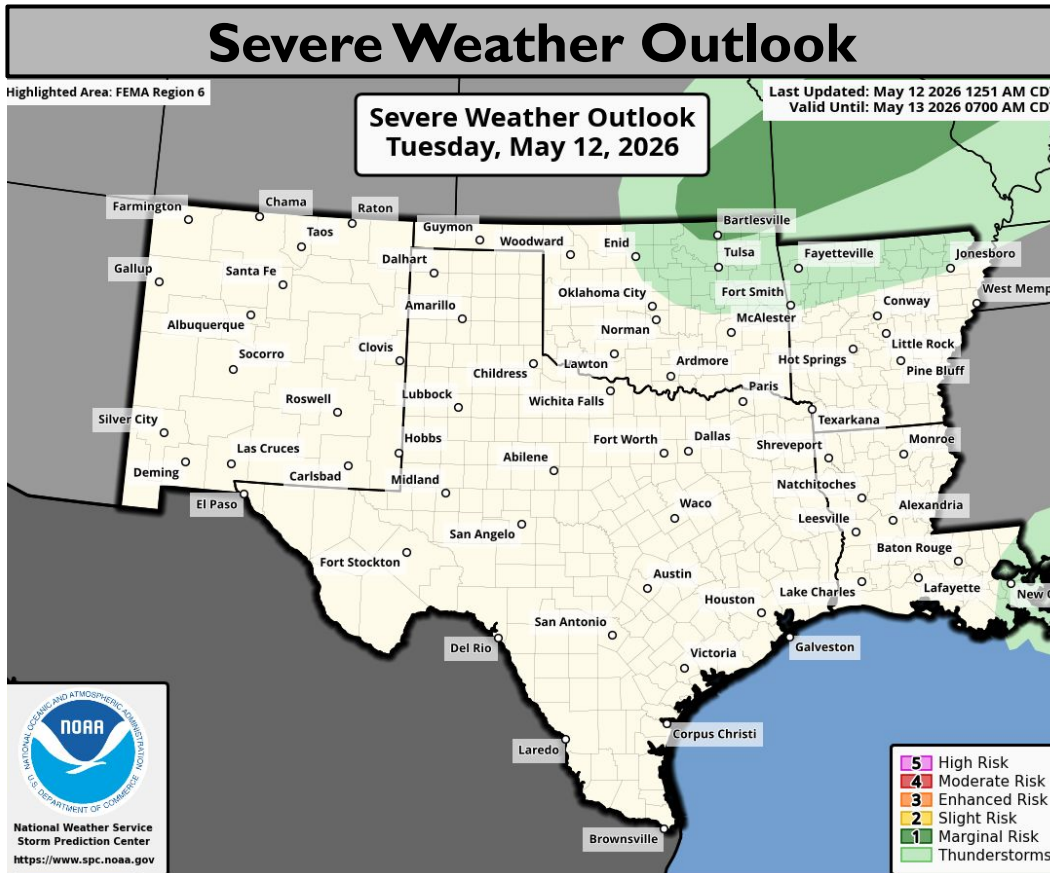


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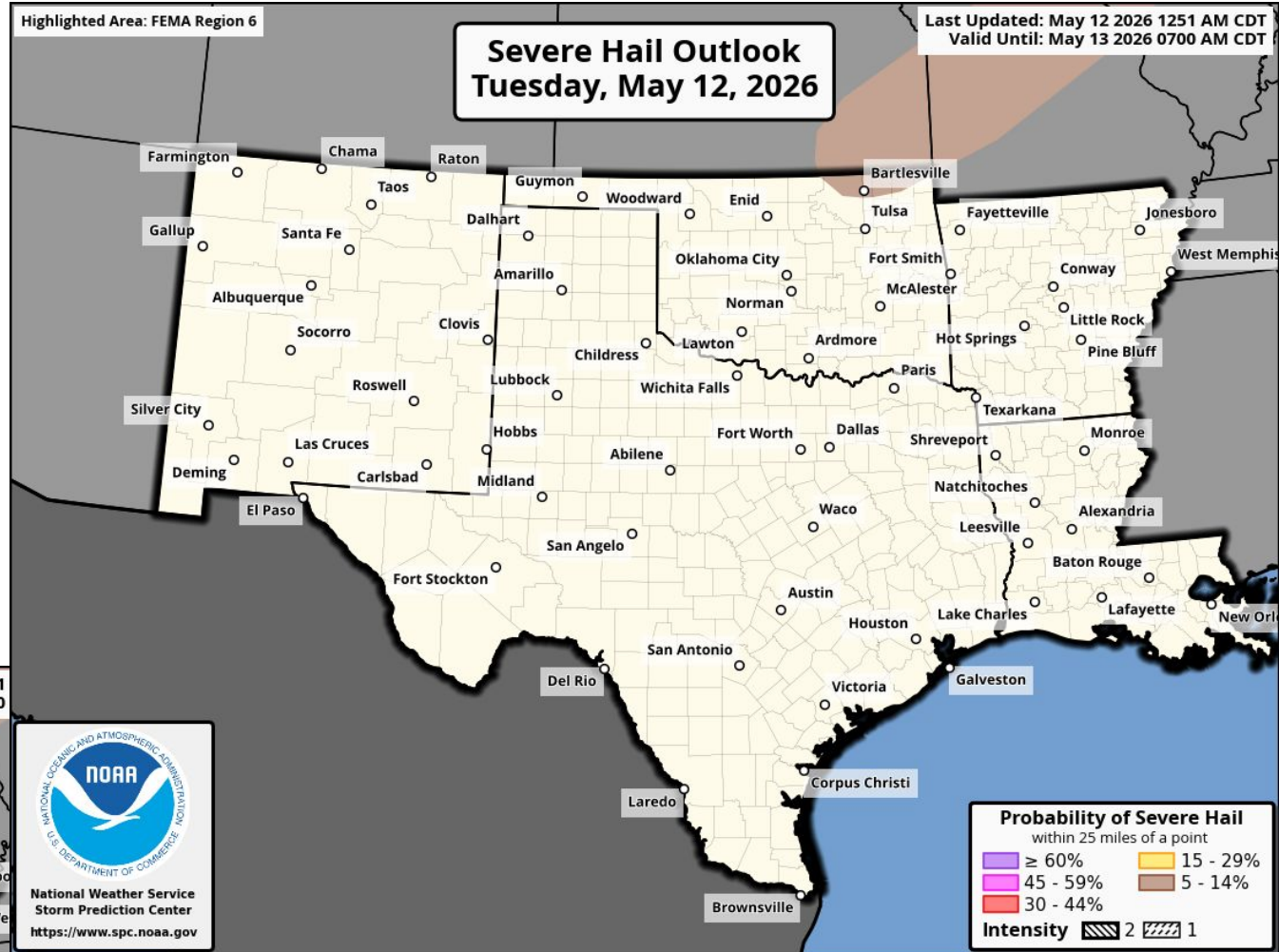
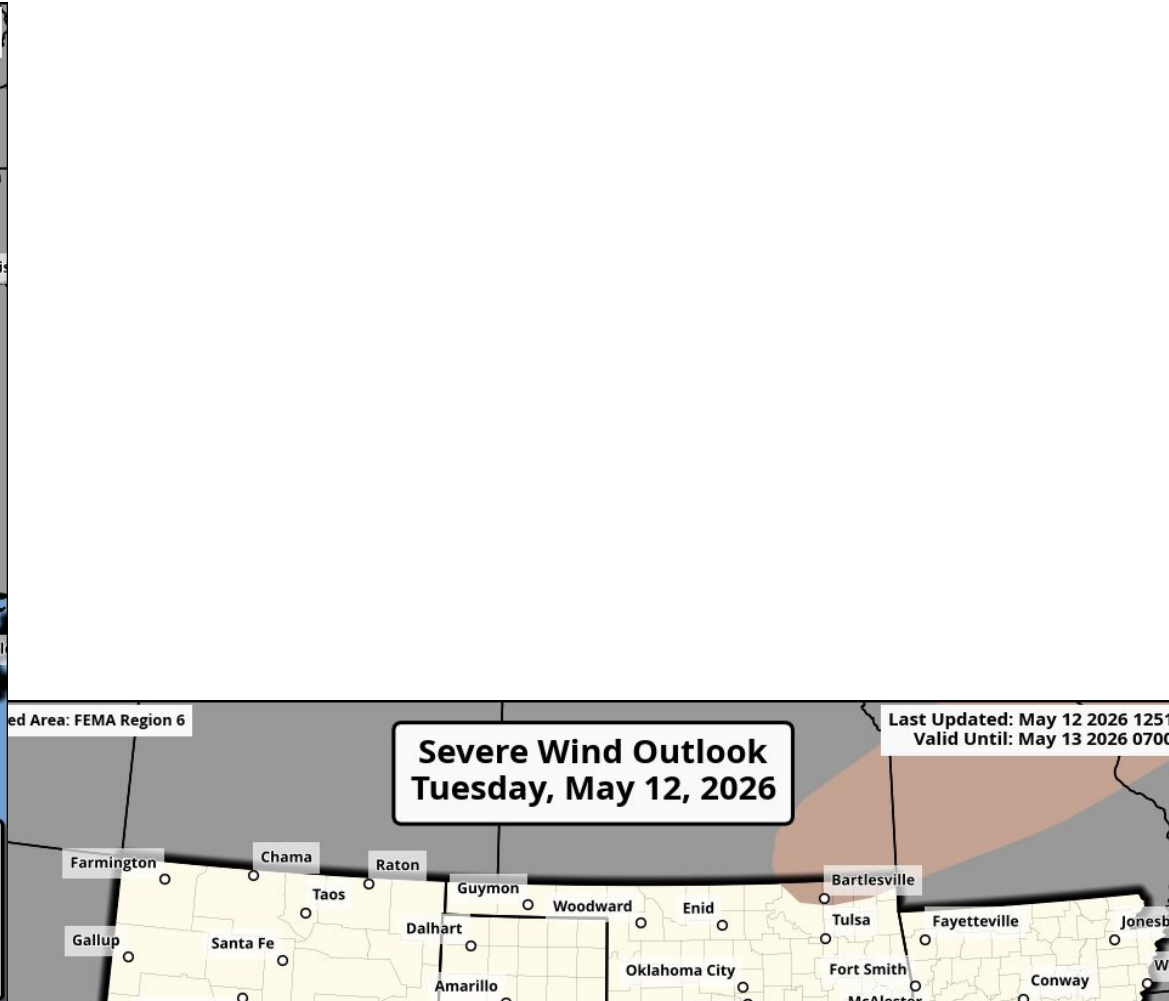
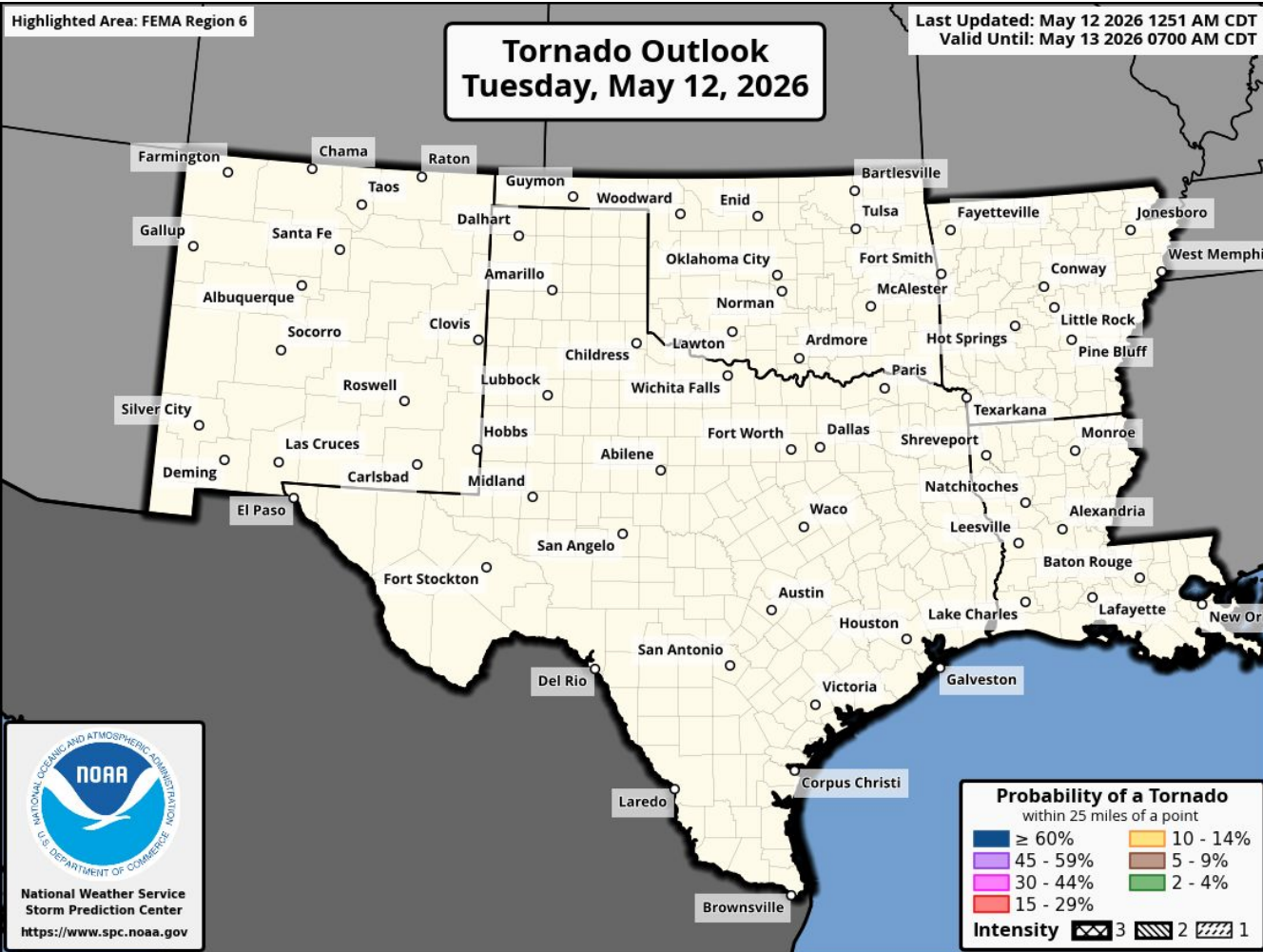
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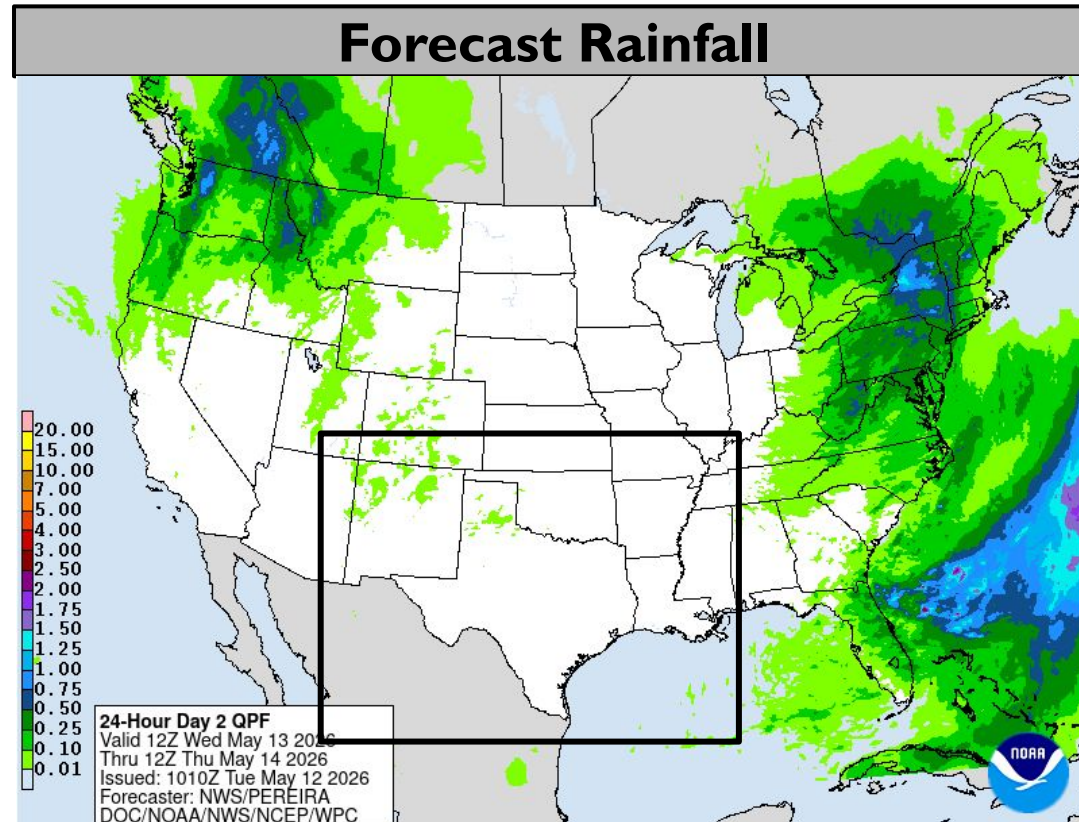
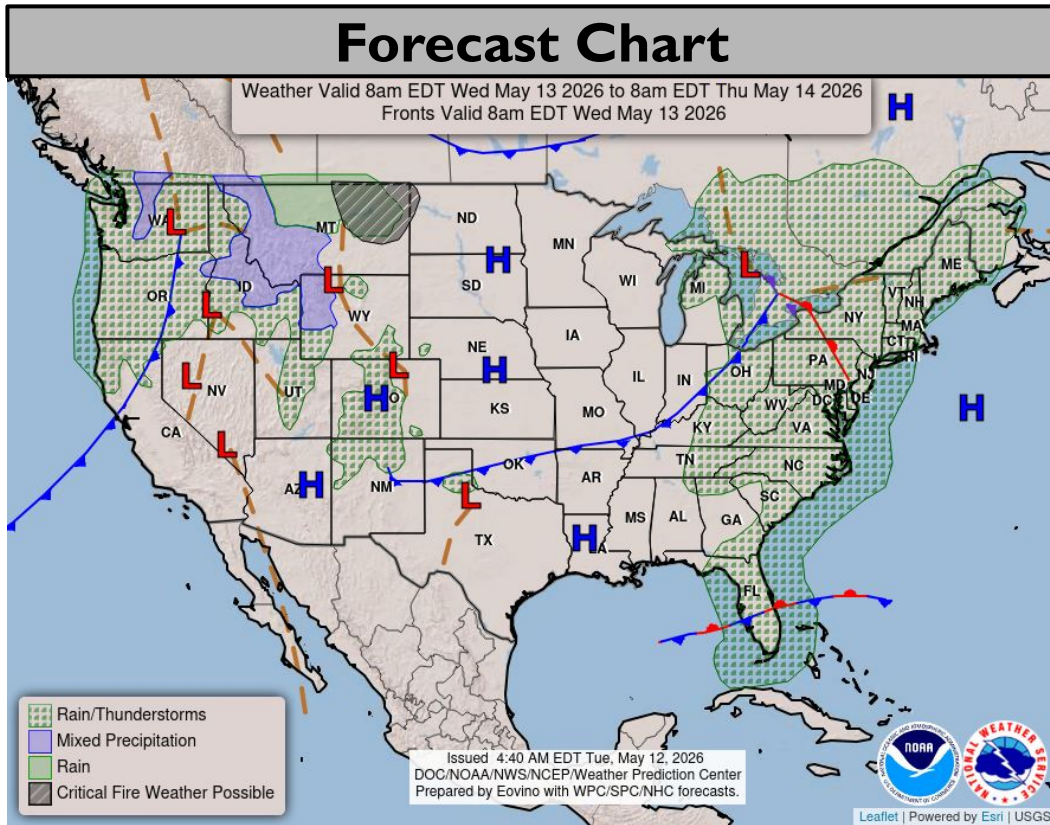


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



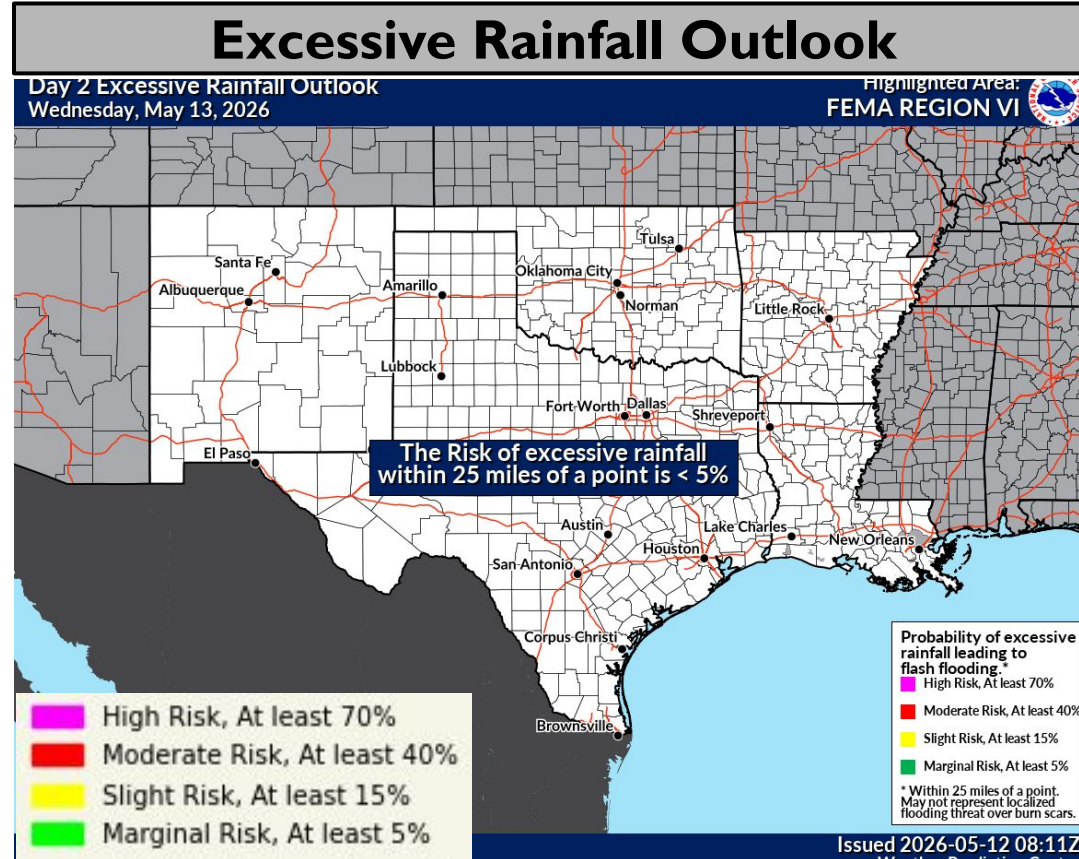
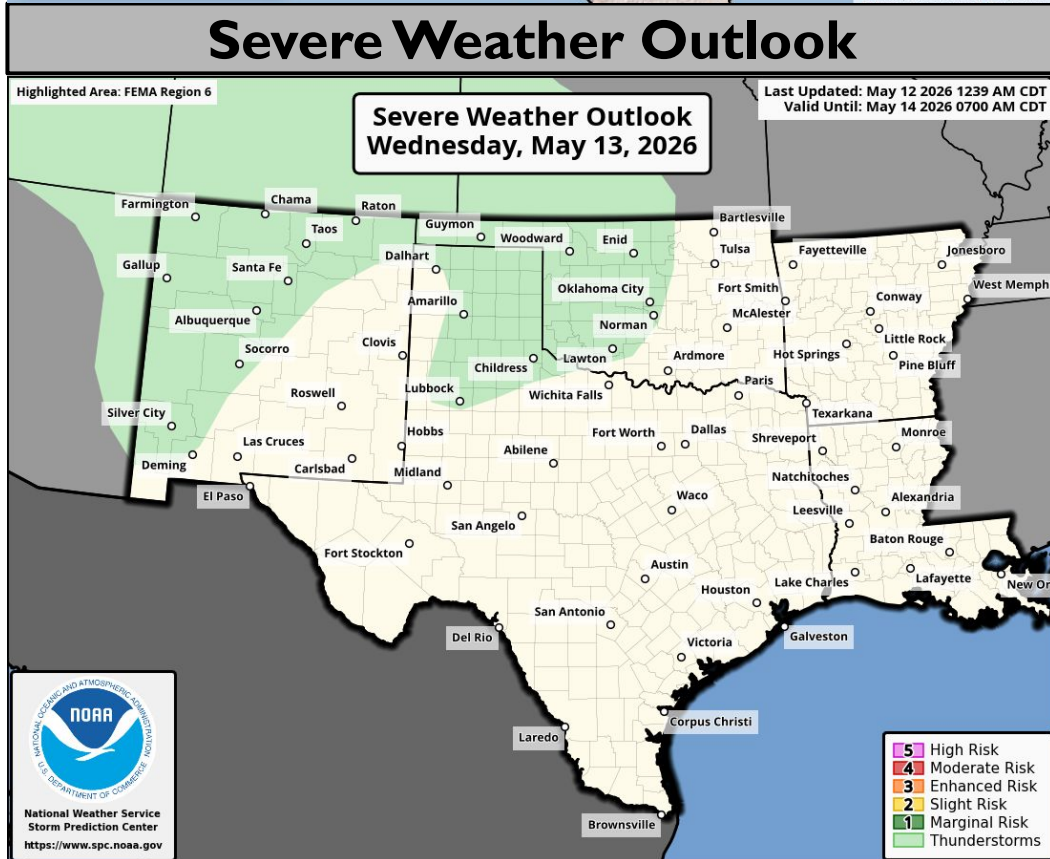


# Tomorrow's Weather



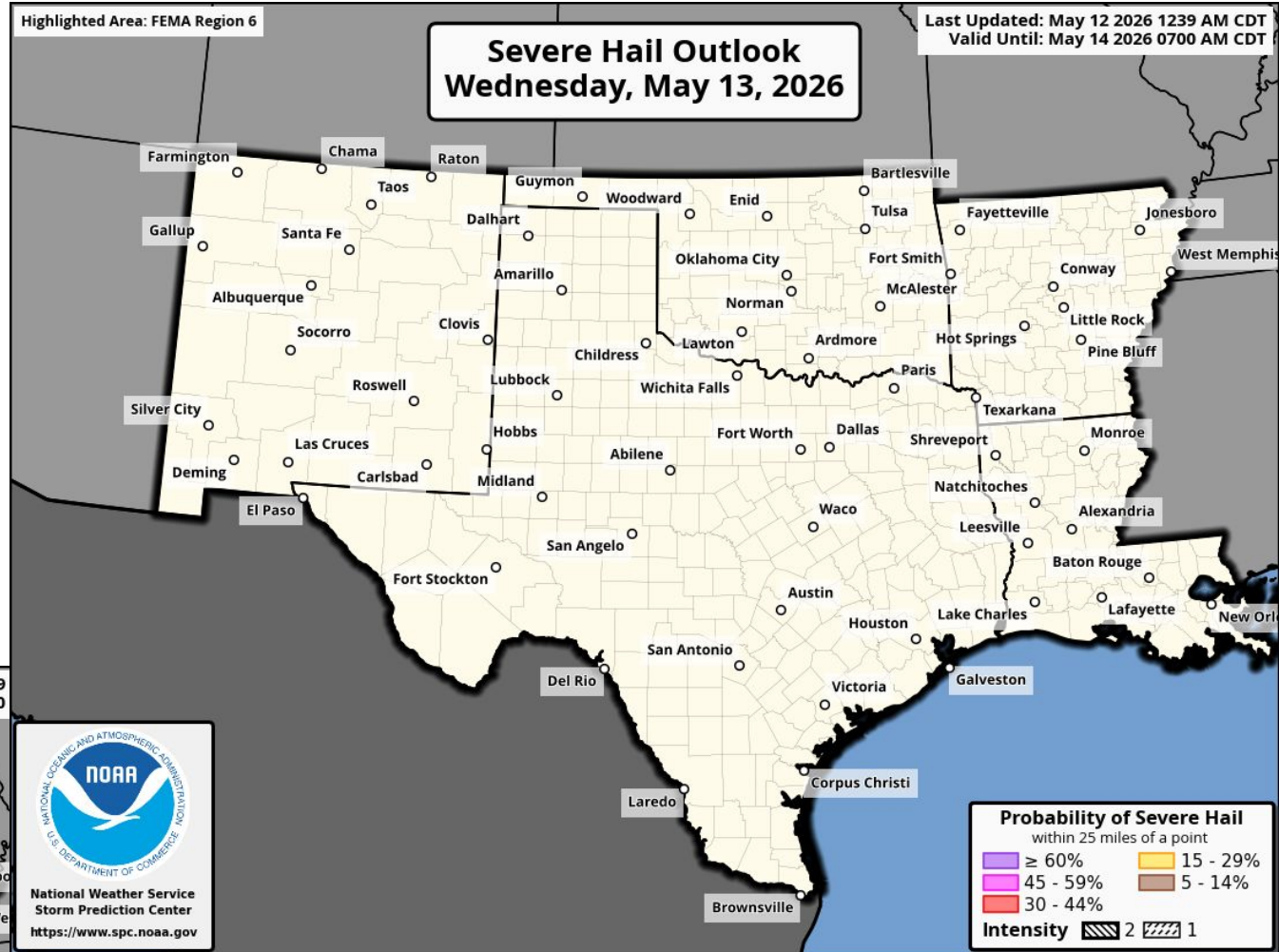
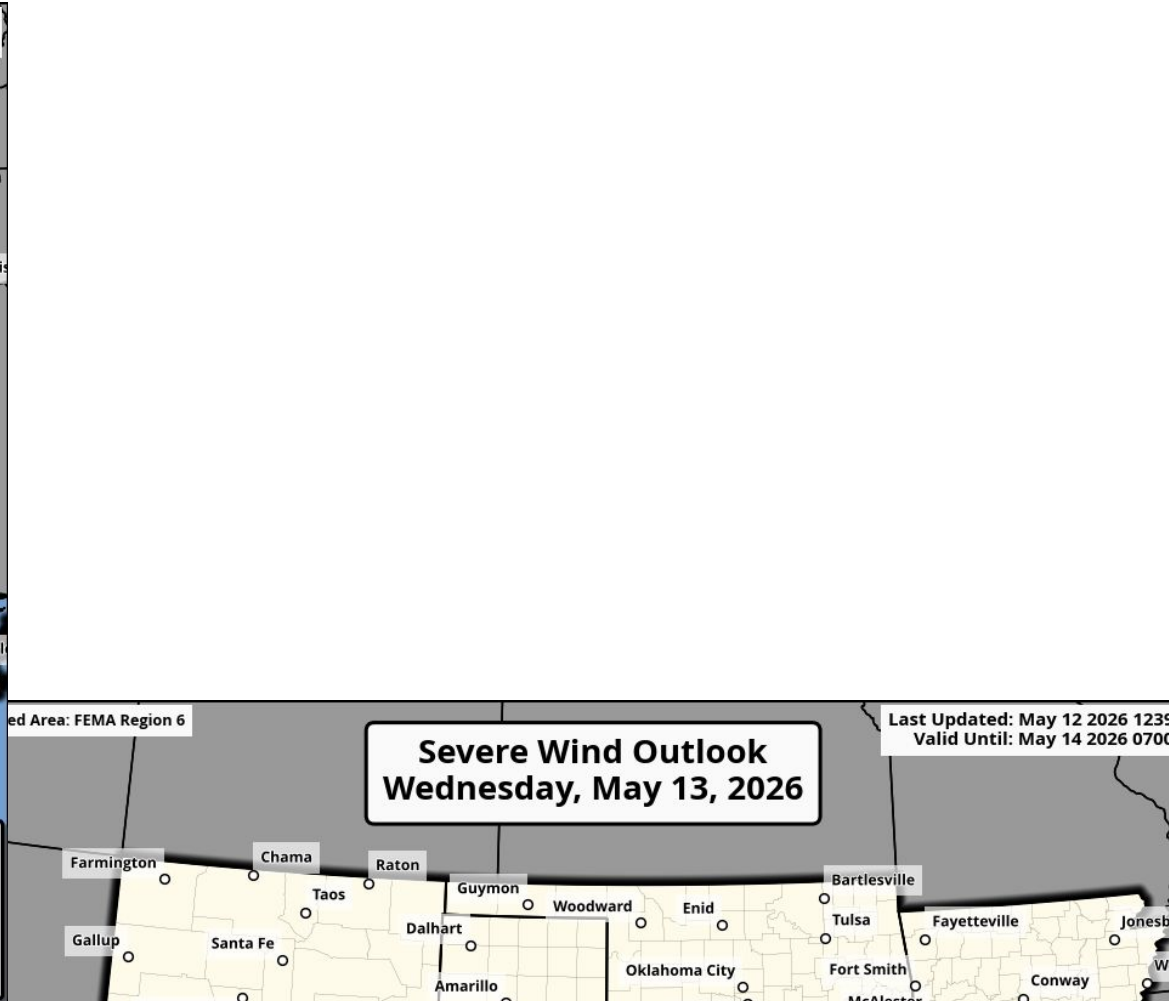
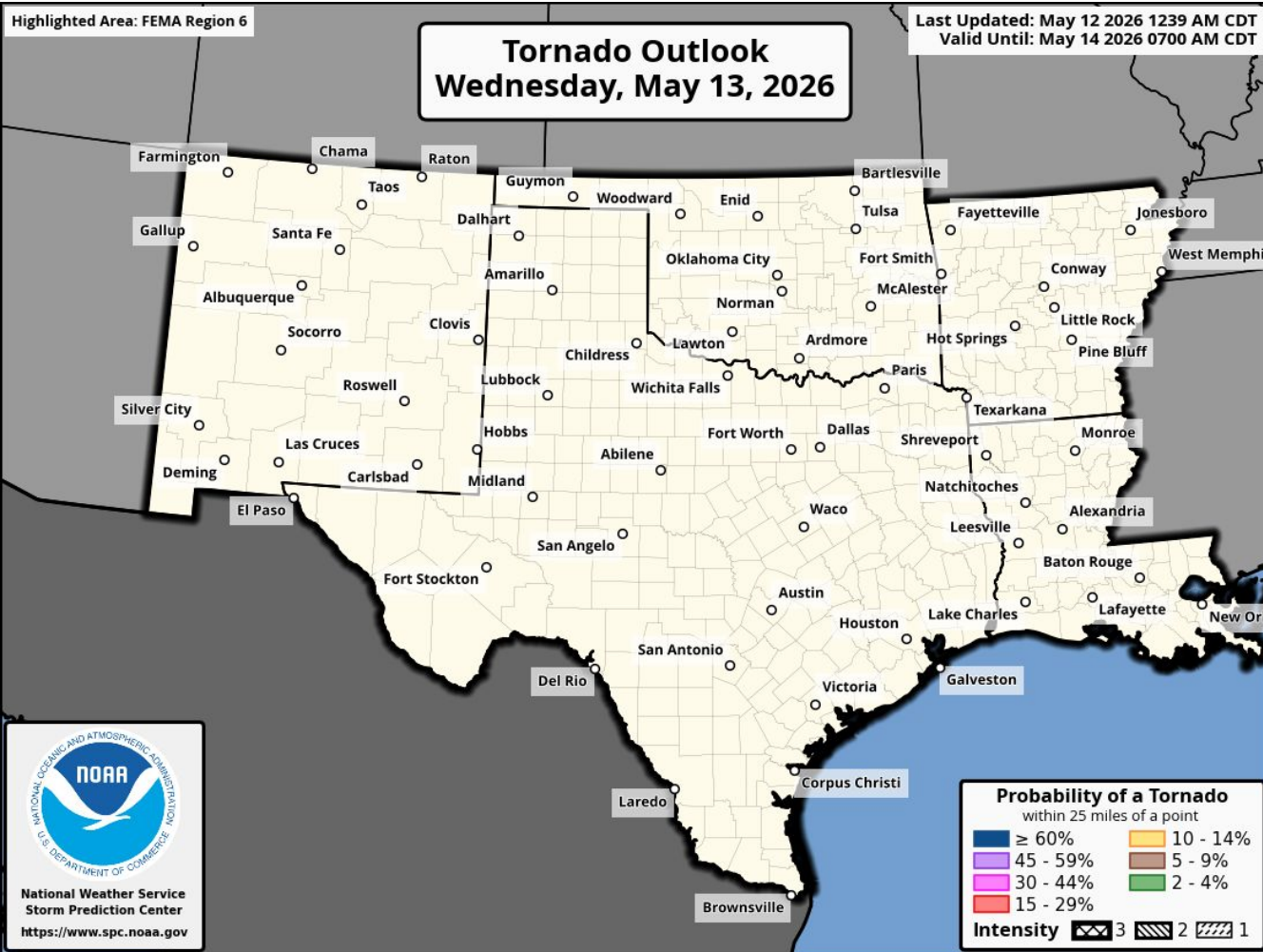
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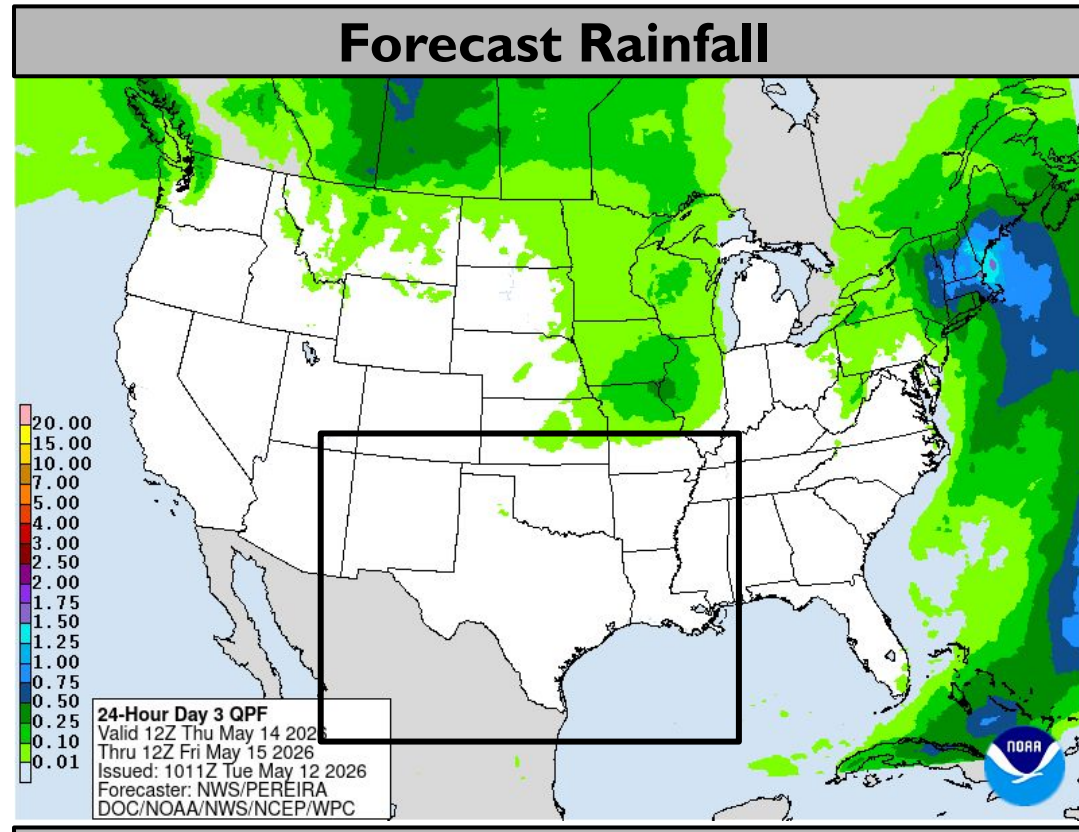
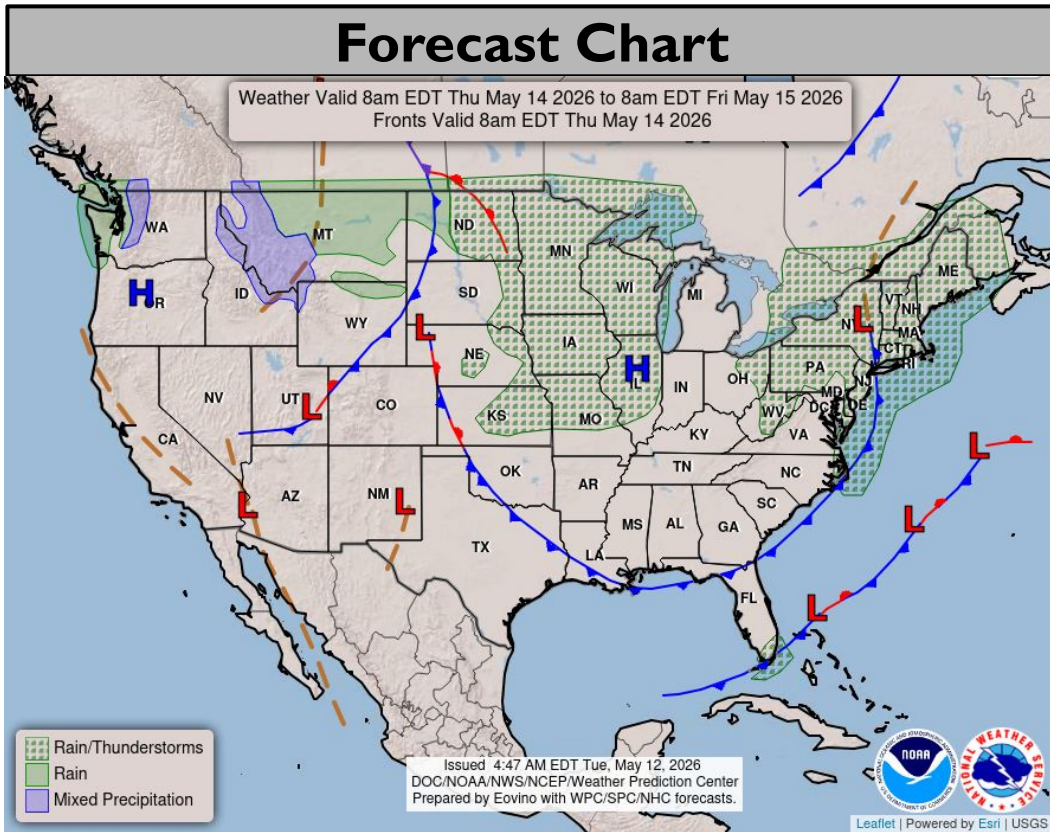


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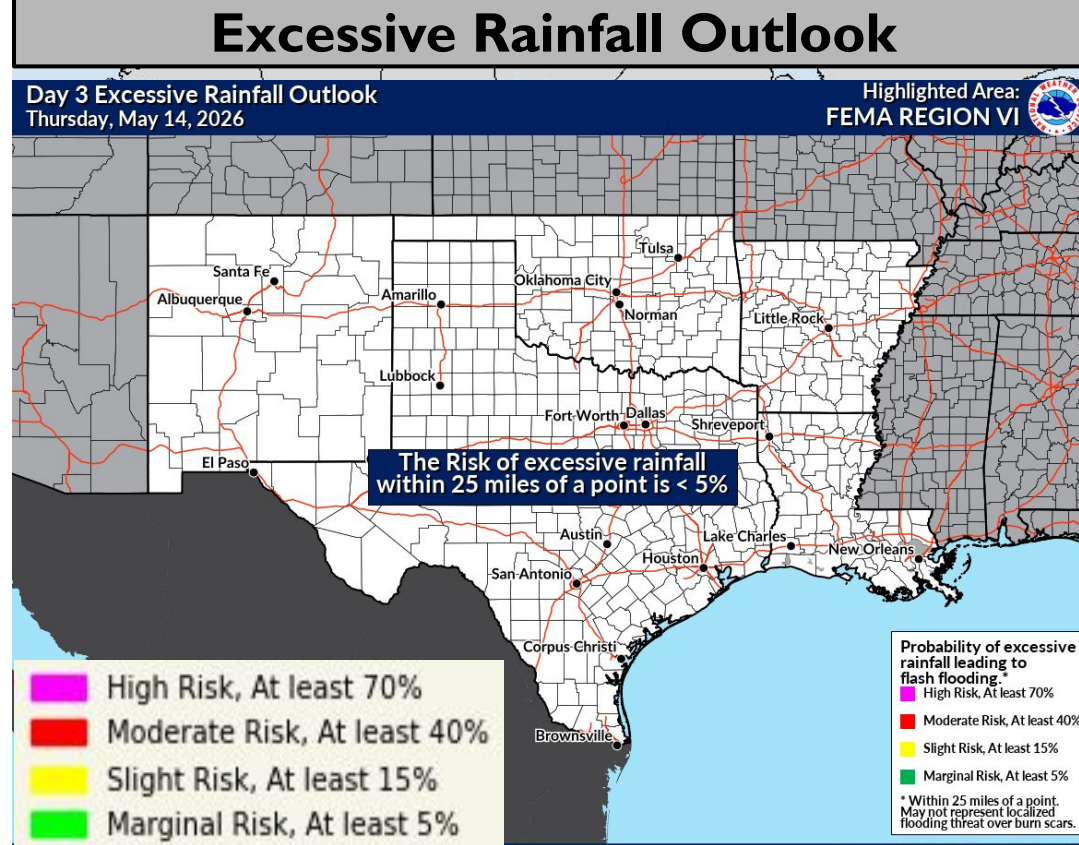
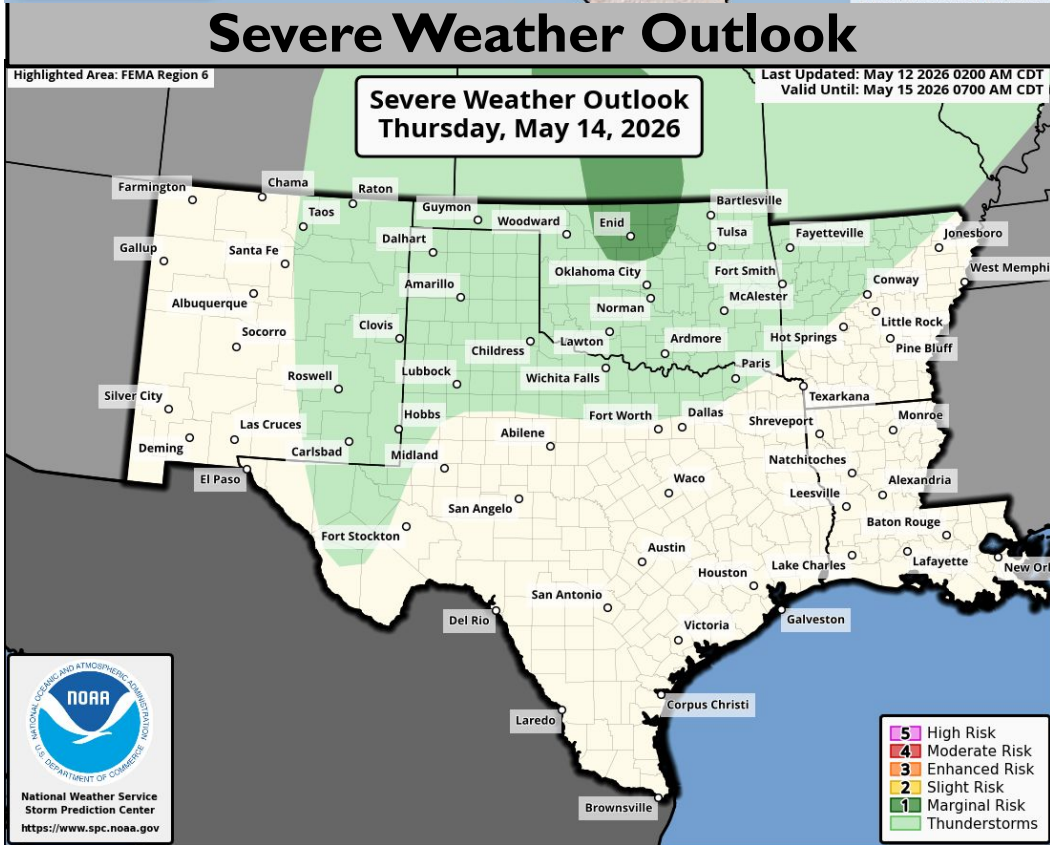
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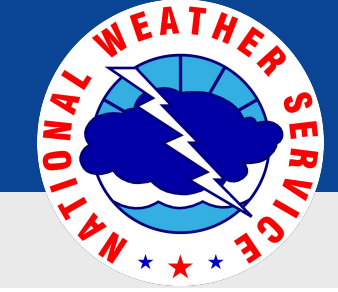


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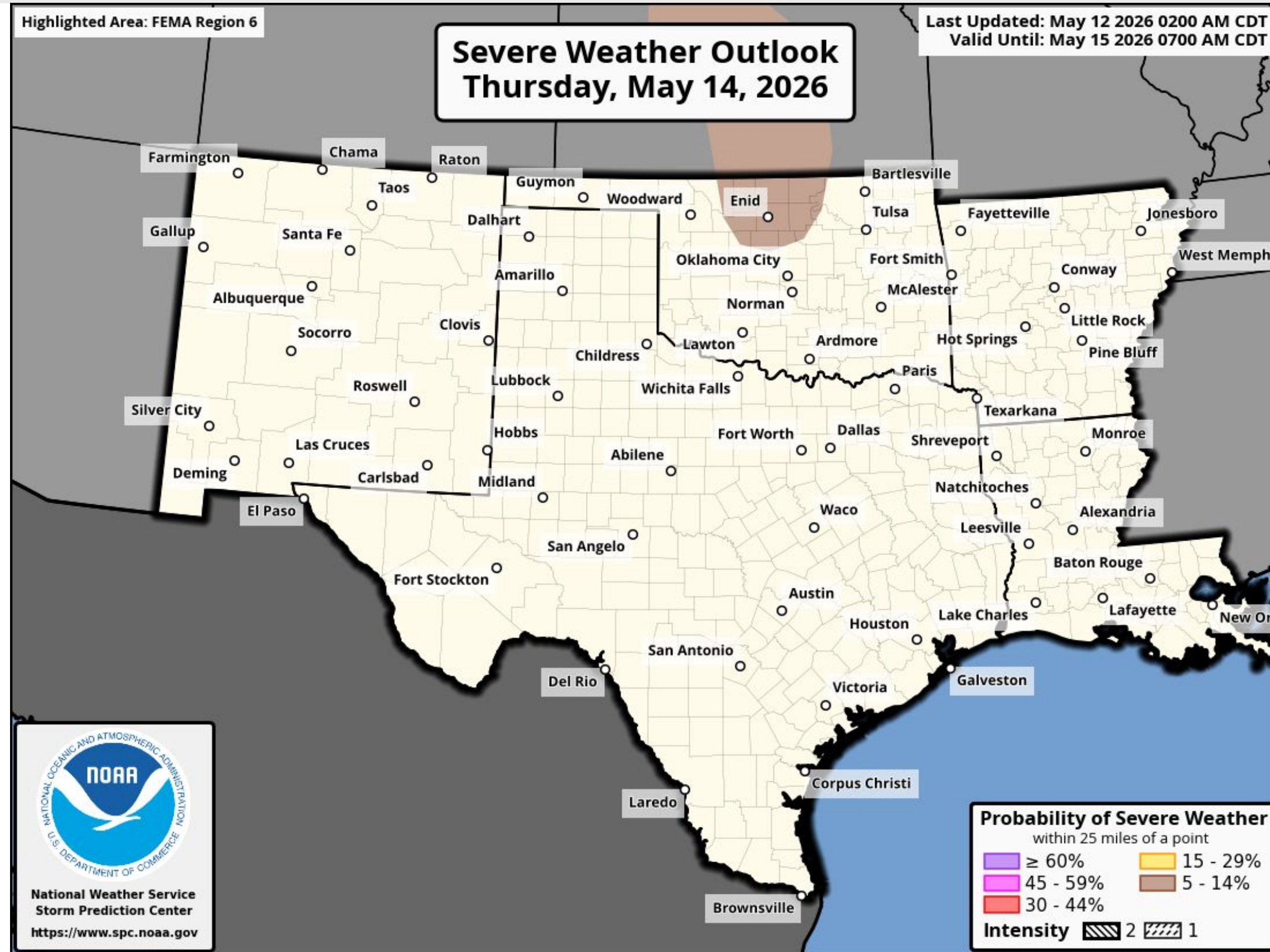
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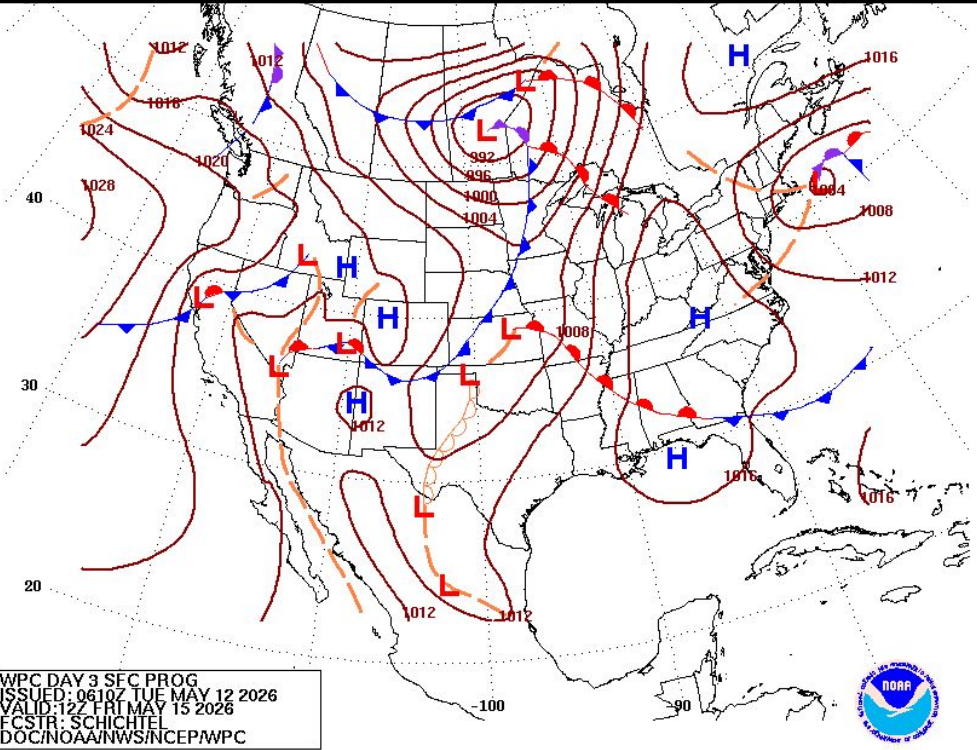
# Thursday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





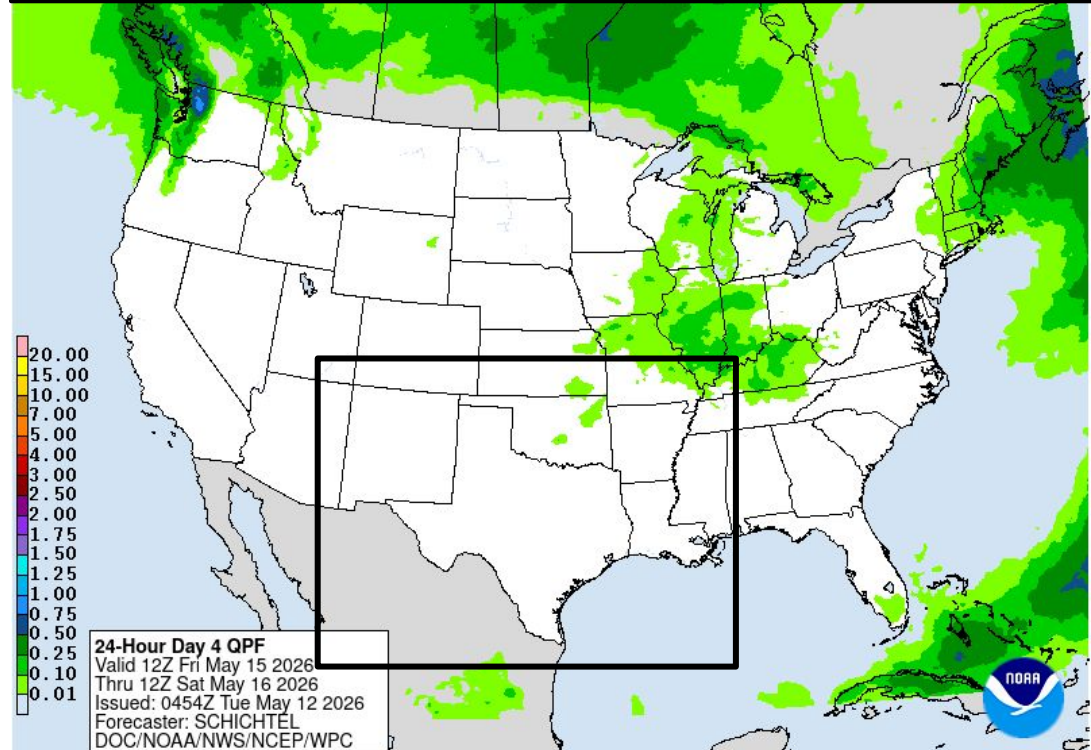
# Friday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 3 SFC PROG  
ISSUED: 0610Z TUE MAY 12 2026  
VALID: 12Z FRI MAY 15 2026  
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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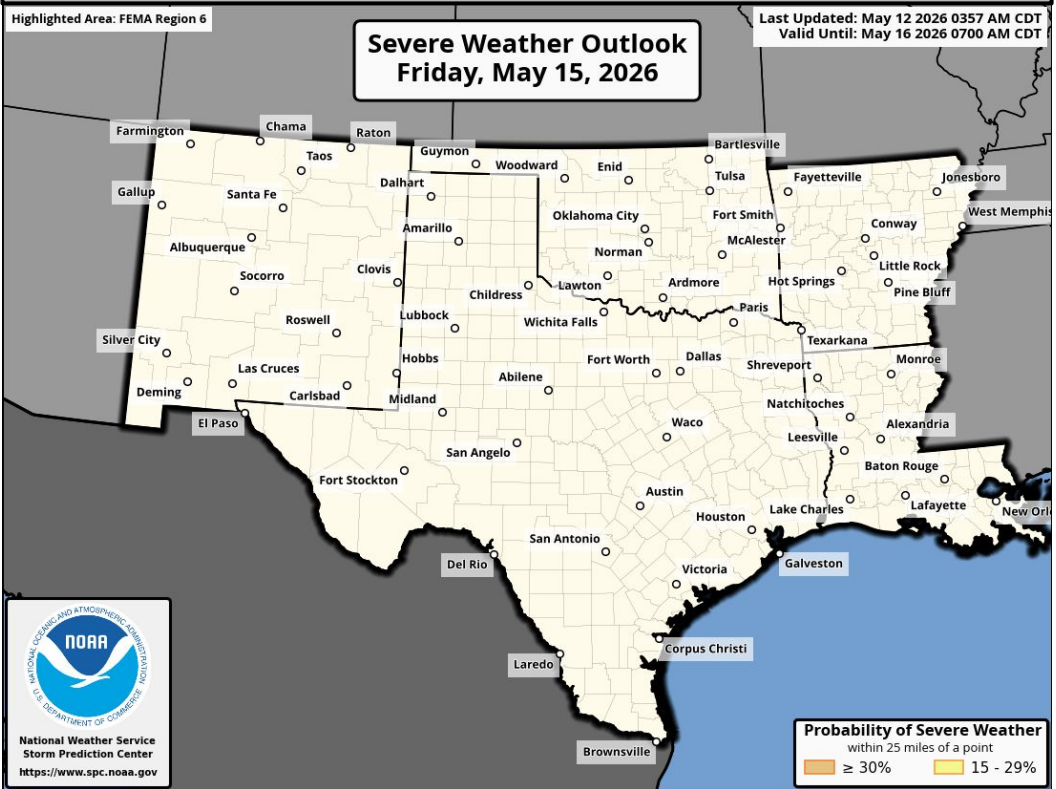


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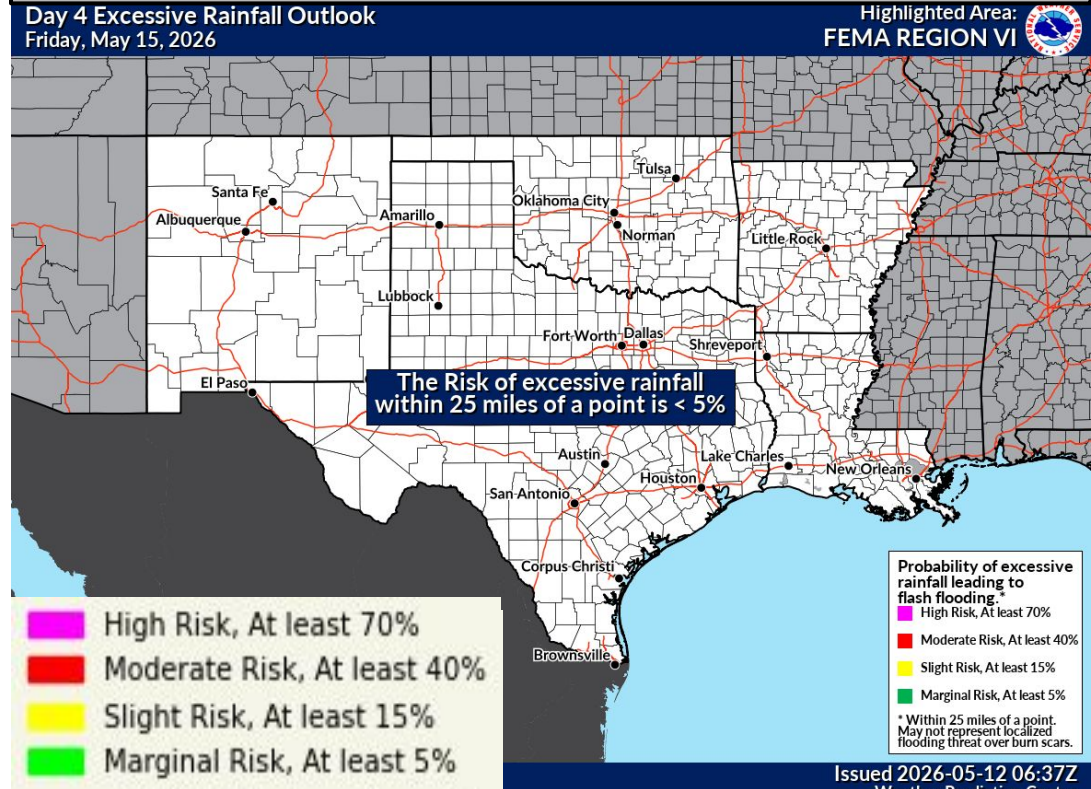
## Severe Weather Outlook



Severe Weather Outlook  
Friday, May 15, 2026

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

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 4 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Friday, May 15, 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:  
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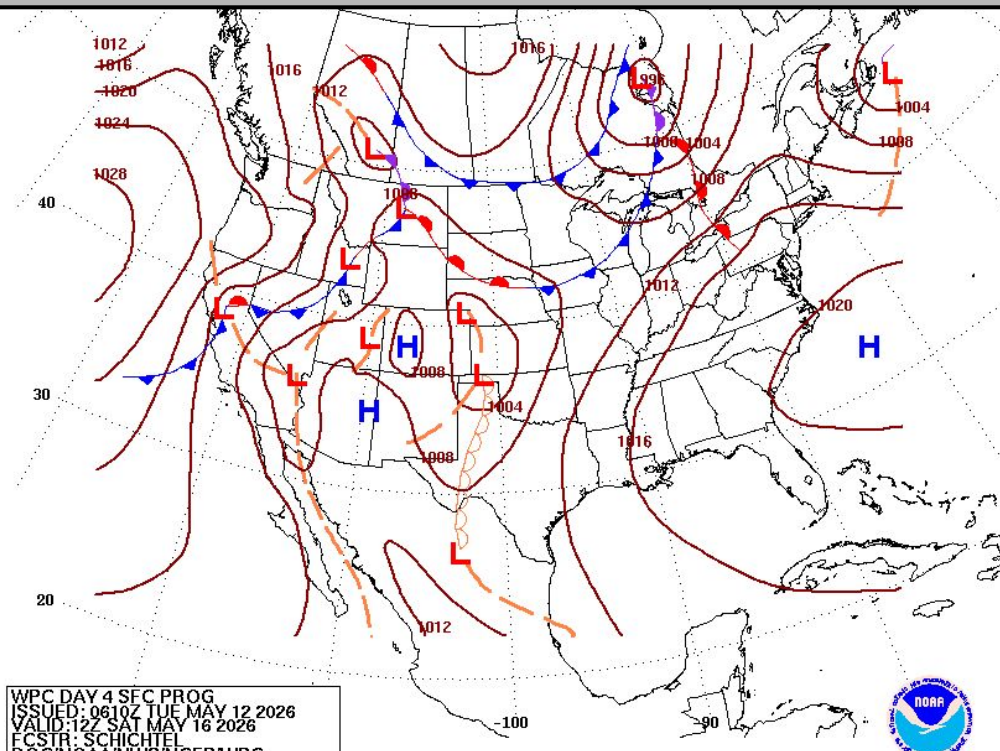
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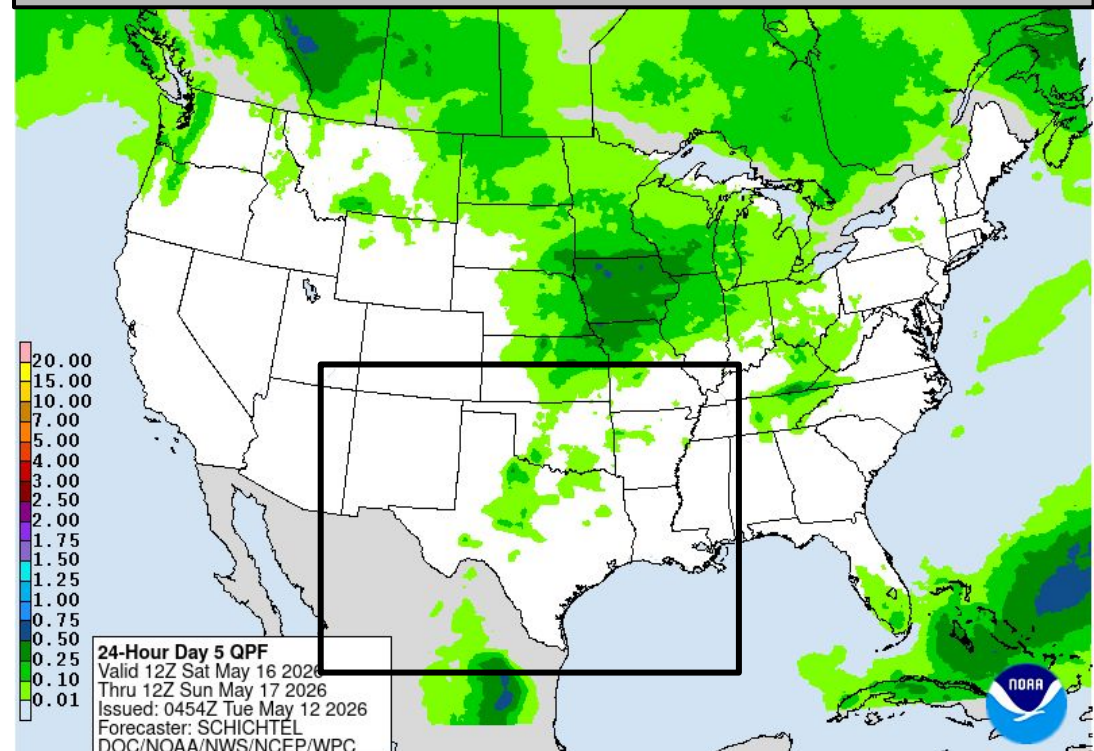
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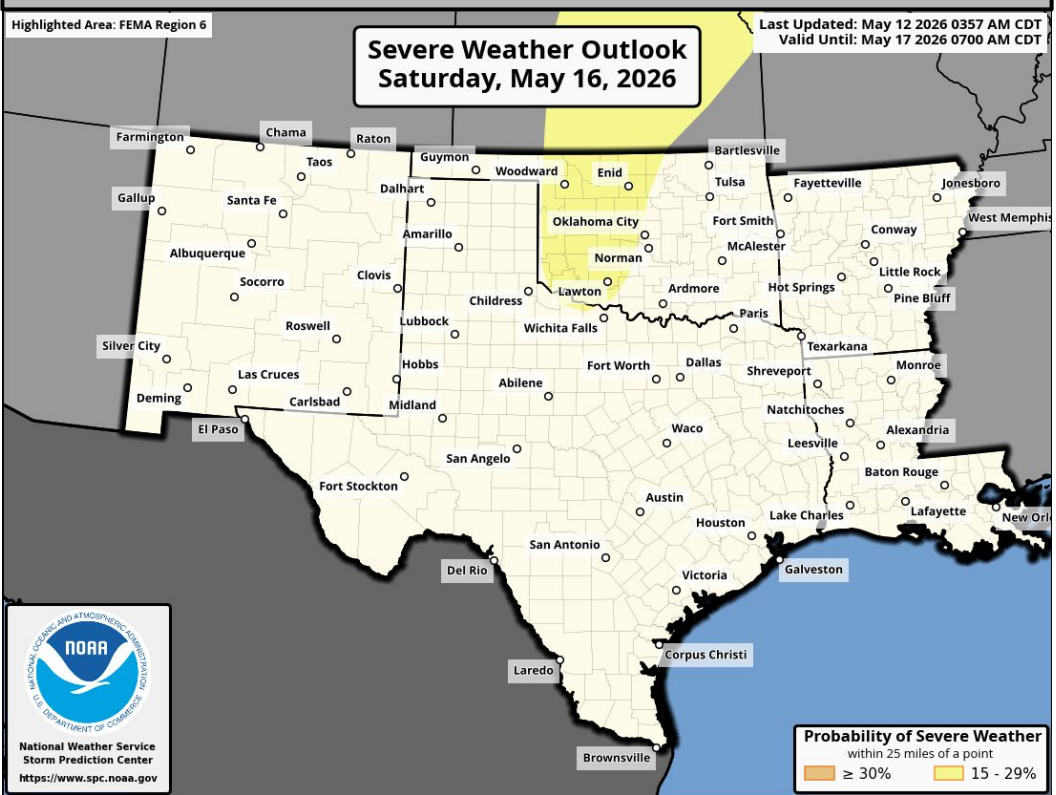
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24-Hour Day 5 QPF  
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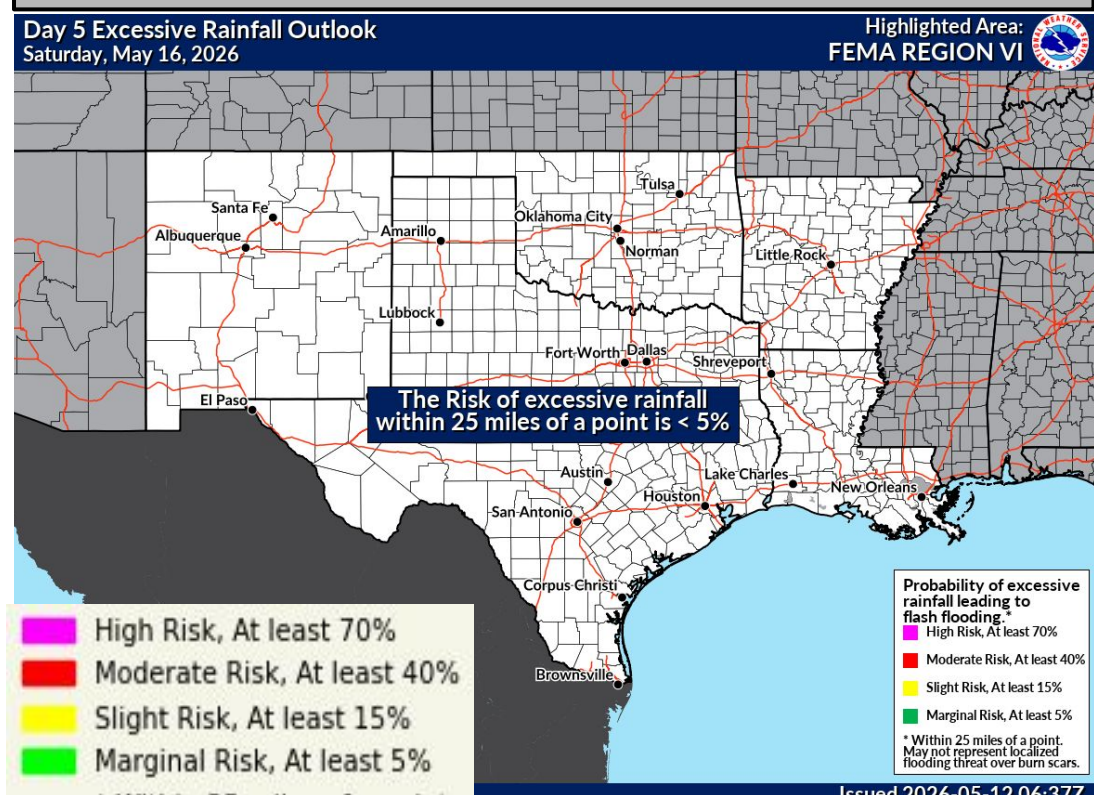


Severe Weather Outlook  
Saturday, May 16, 2026

Last Updated: May 12 2026 0357 AM CDT  
Valid Until: May 17 2026 0700 AM CDT

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### Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook  
Saturday, May 16, 2026

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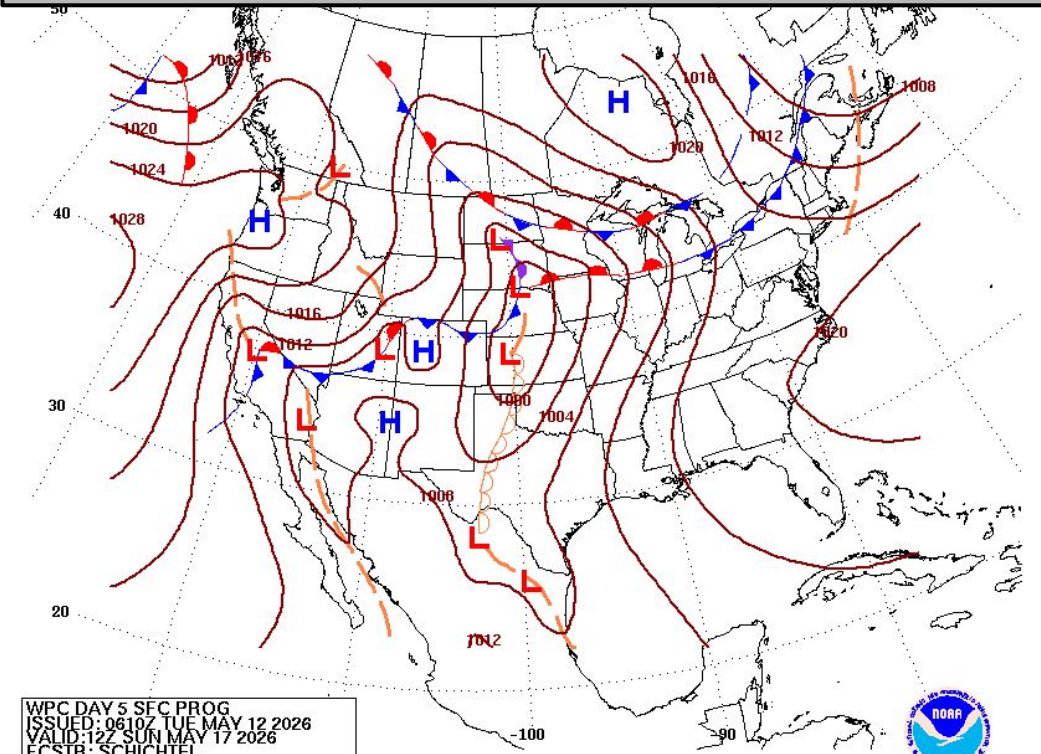
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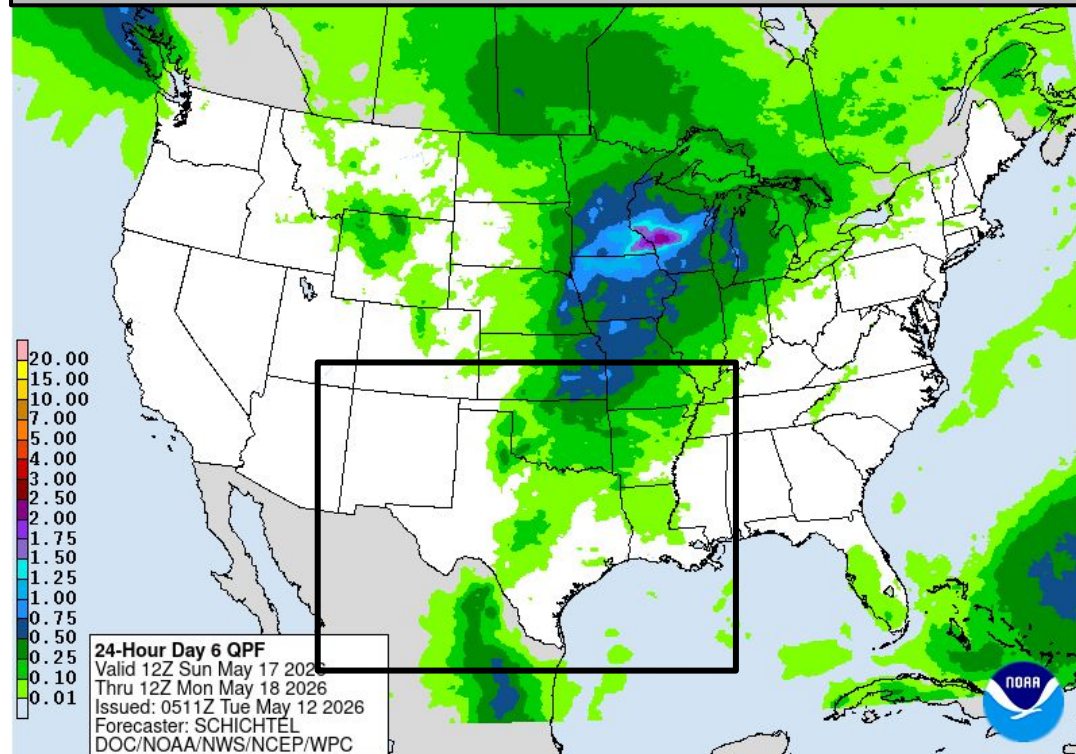


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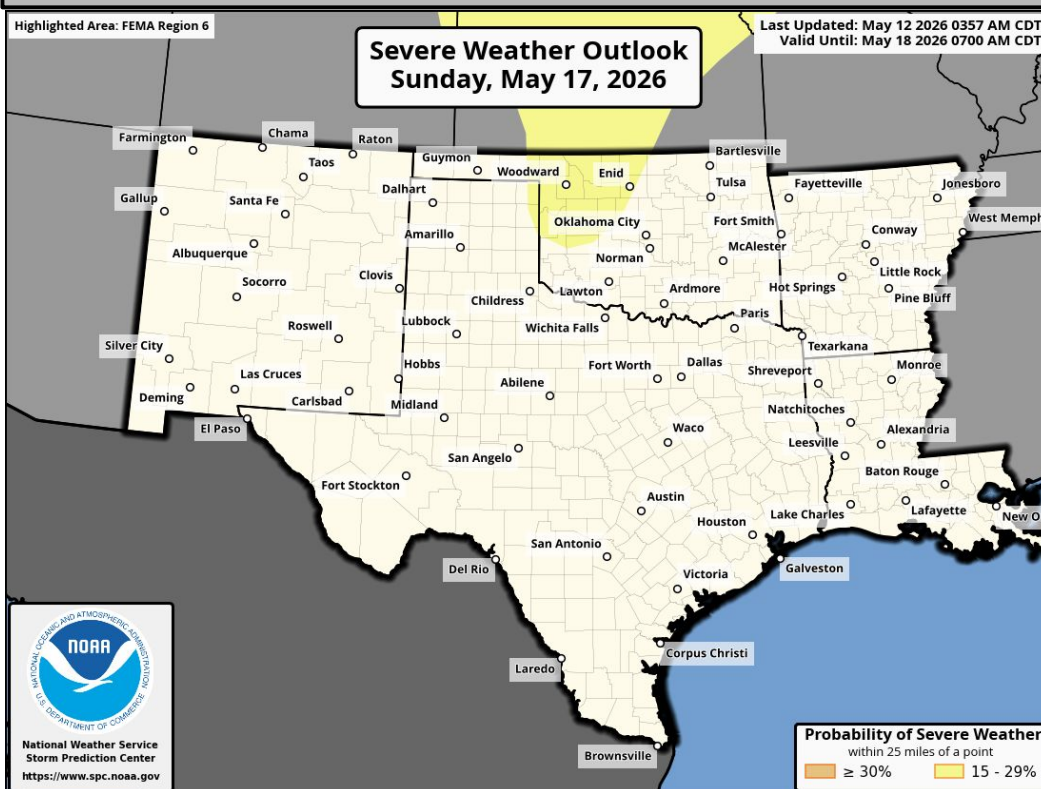
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### Forecast Rainfall



### Severe Weather Outlook



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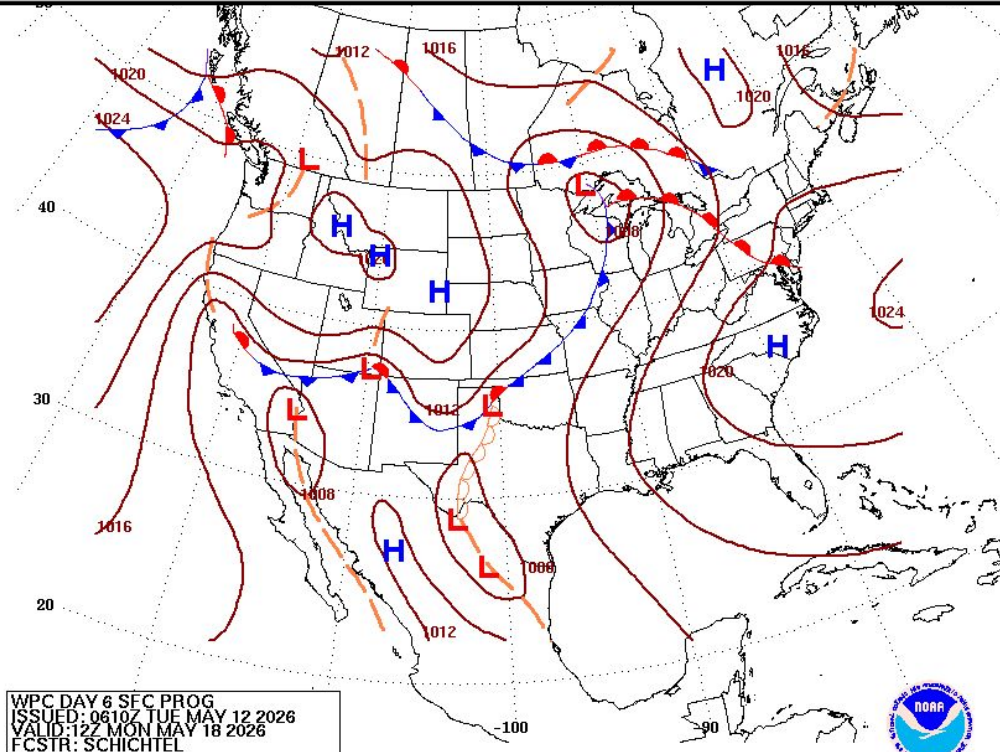
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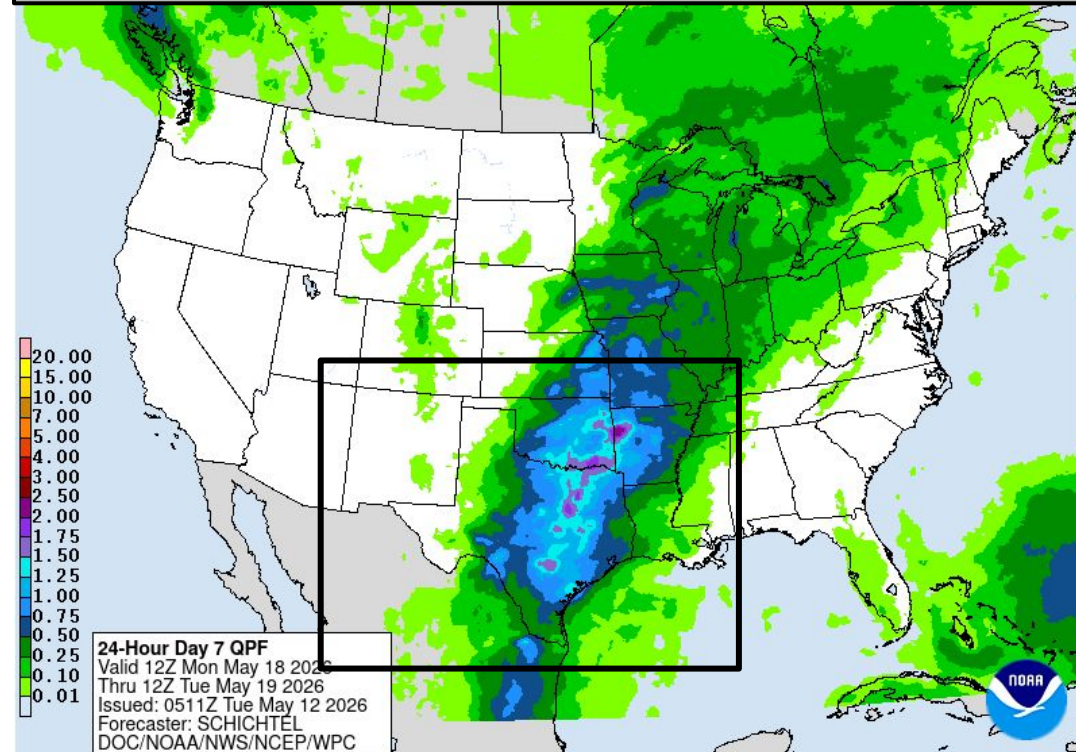


# Monday's Weather

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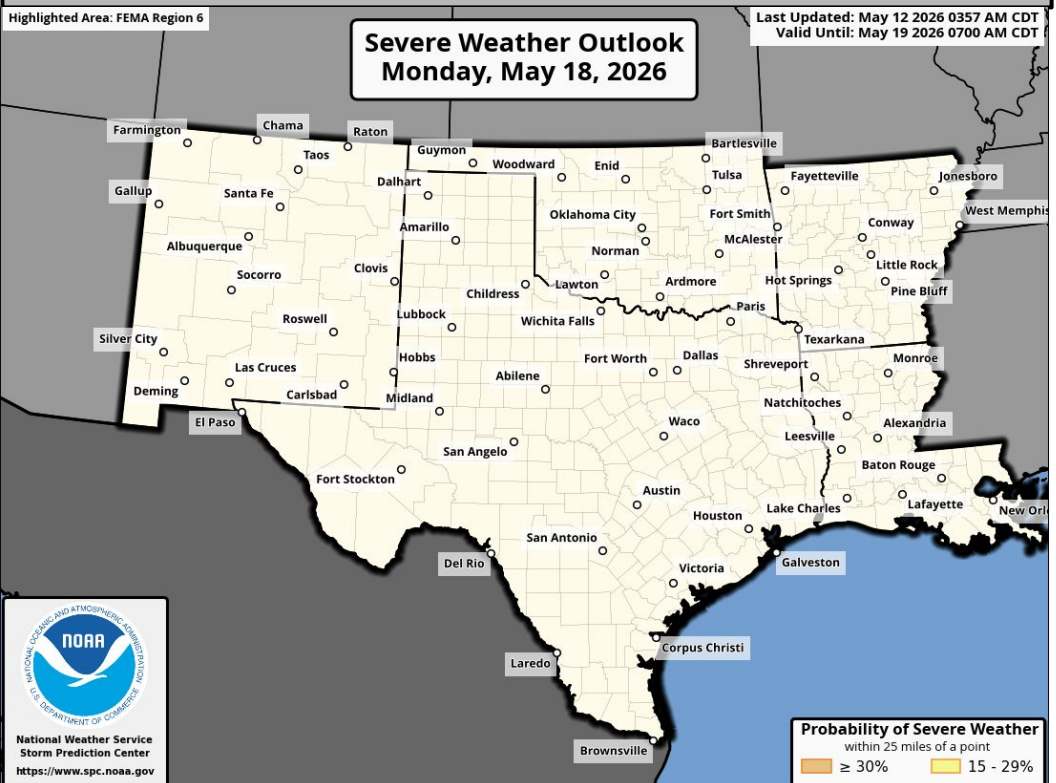


## Forecast Rainfall



**Monitoring OK, AR, TX for severe storms and heavy rainfall.**

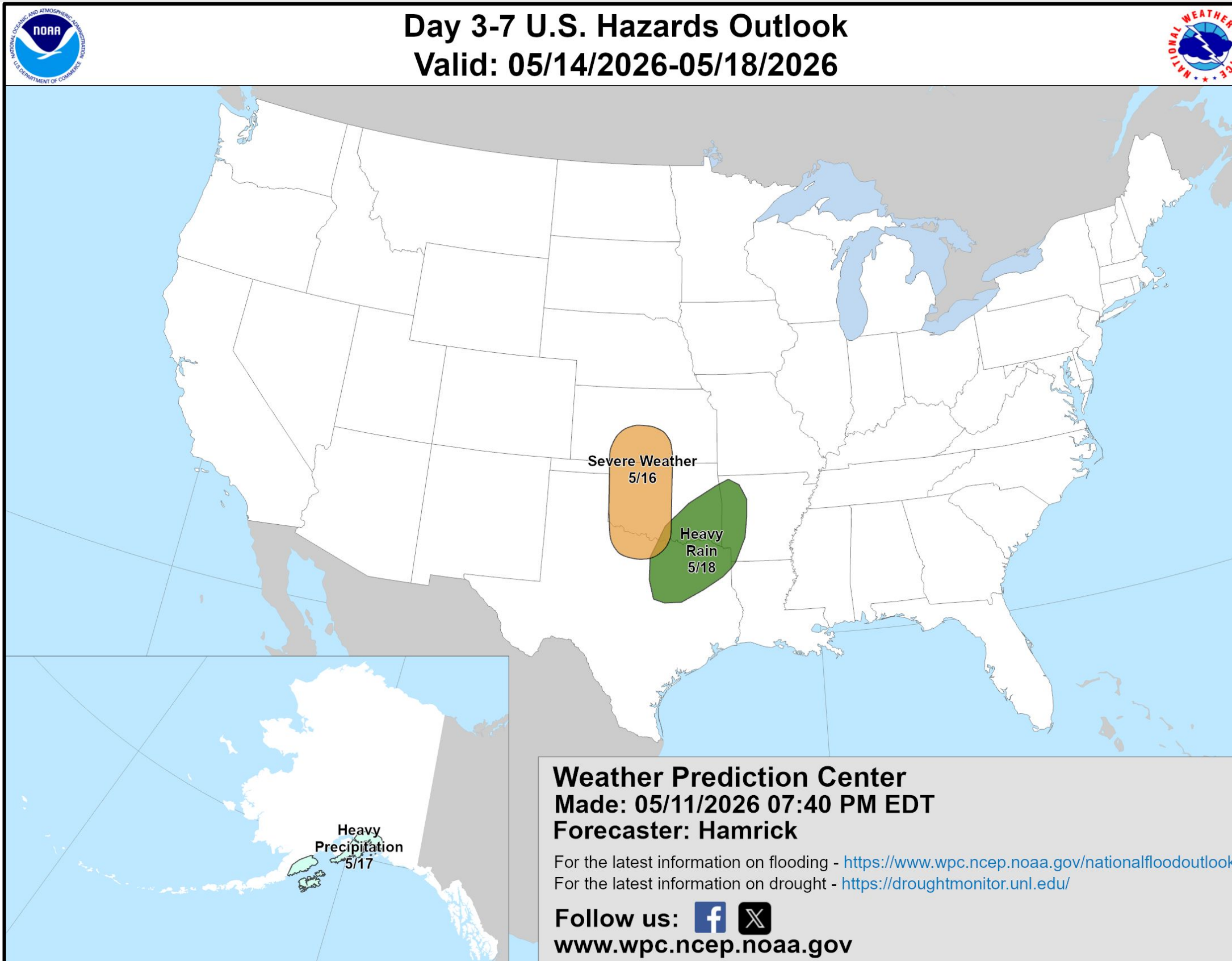
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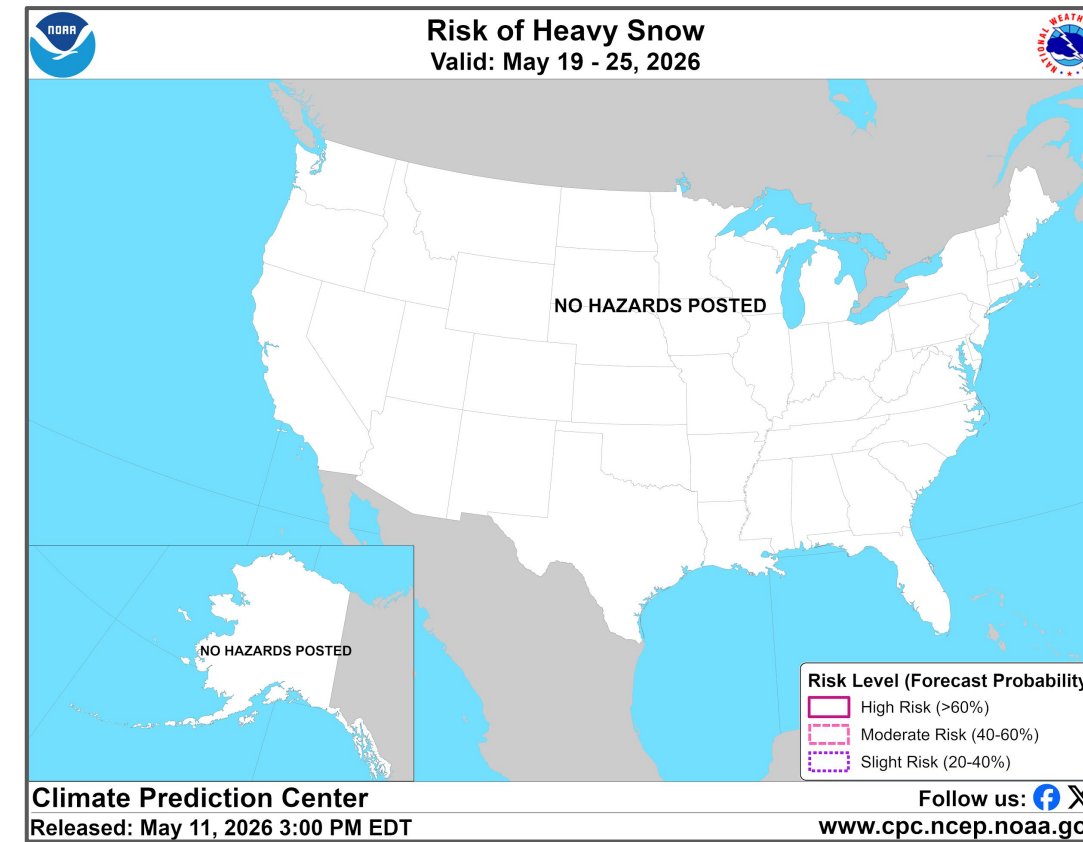
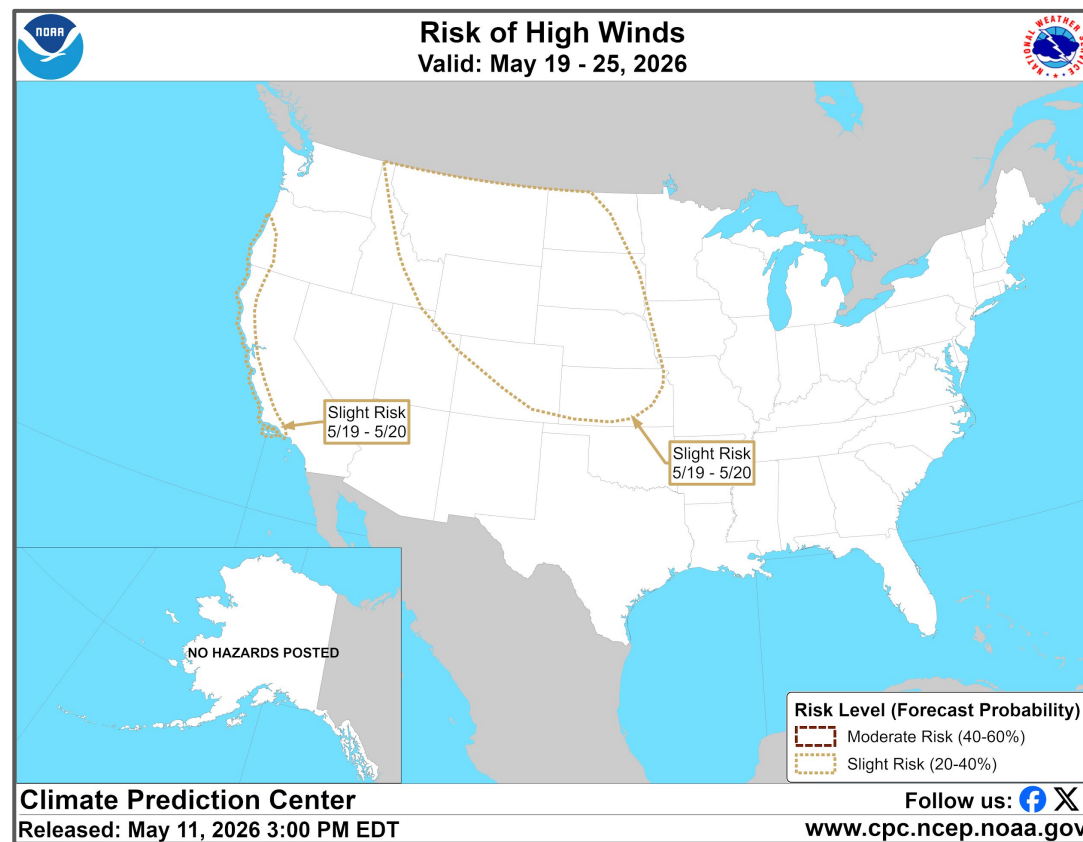
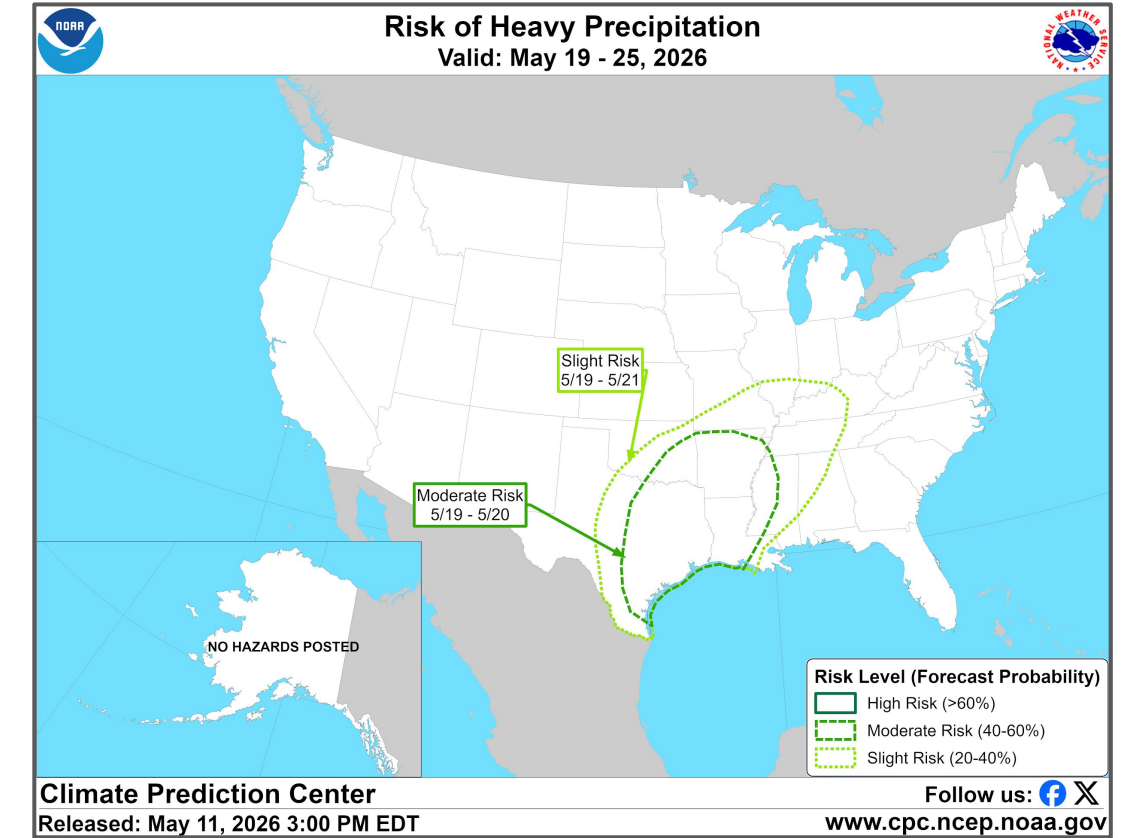
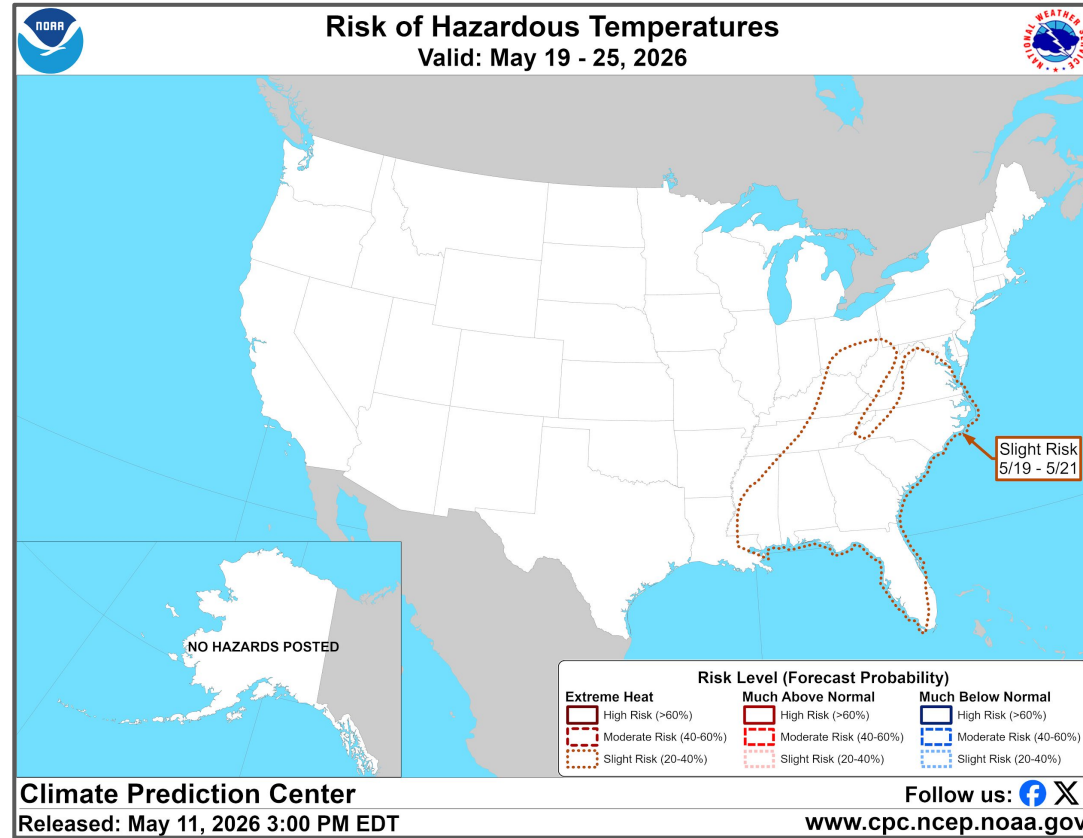
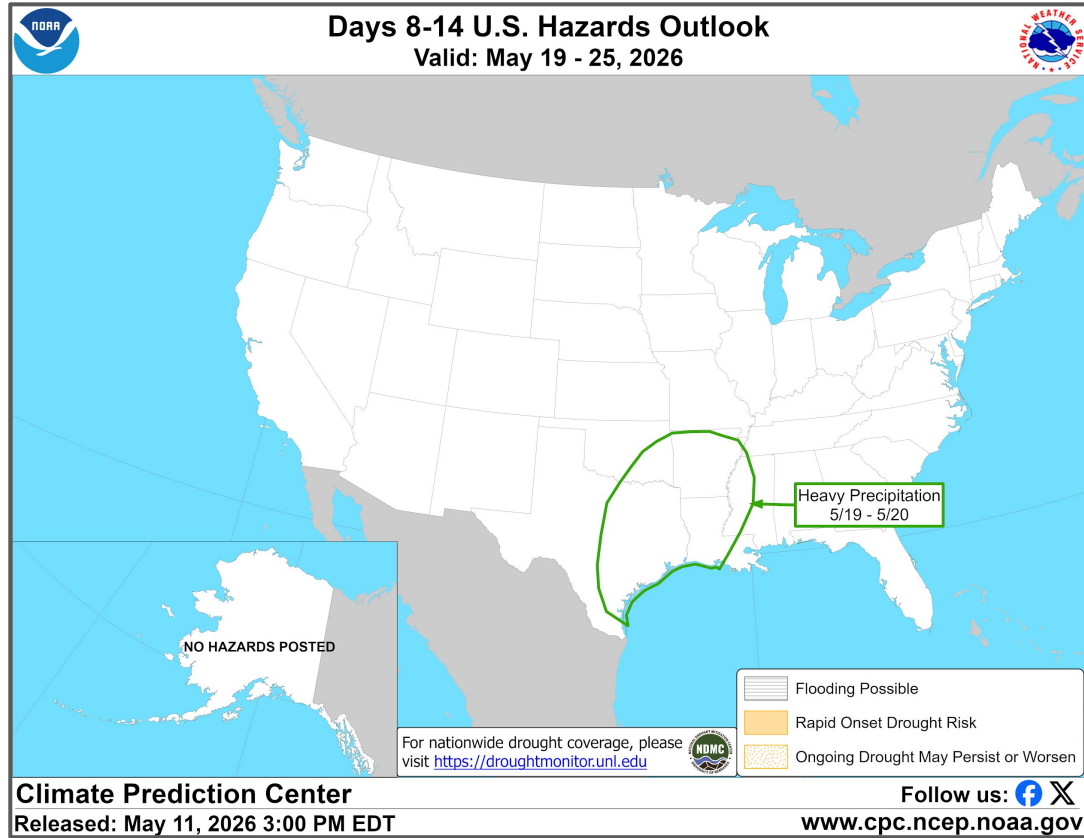


# “Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





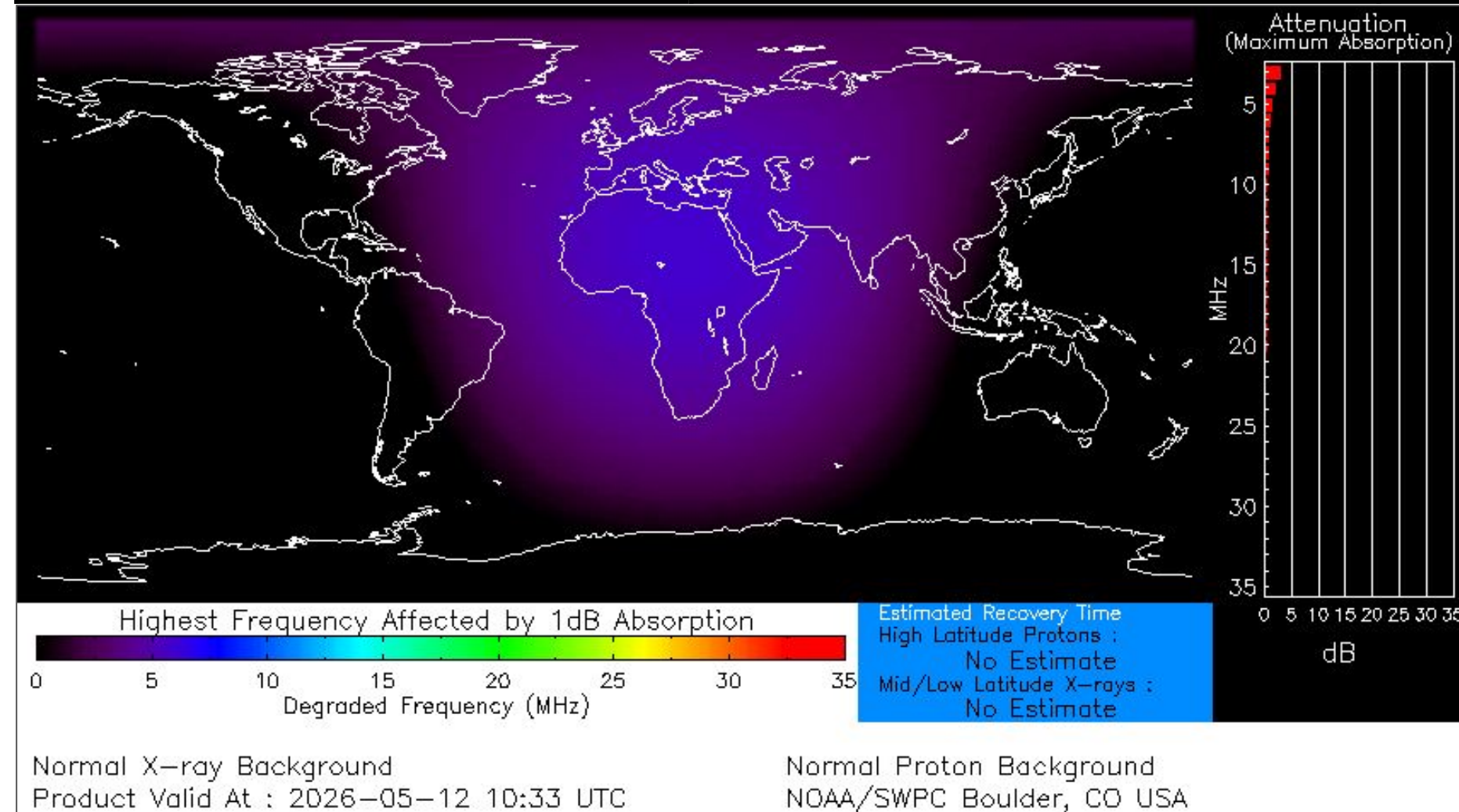
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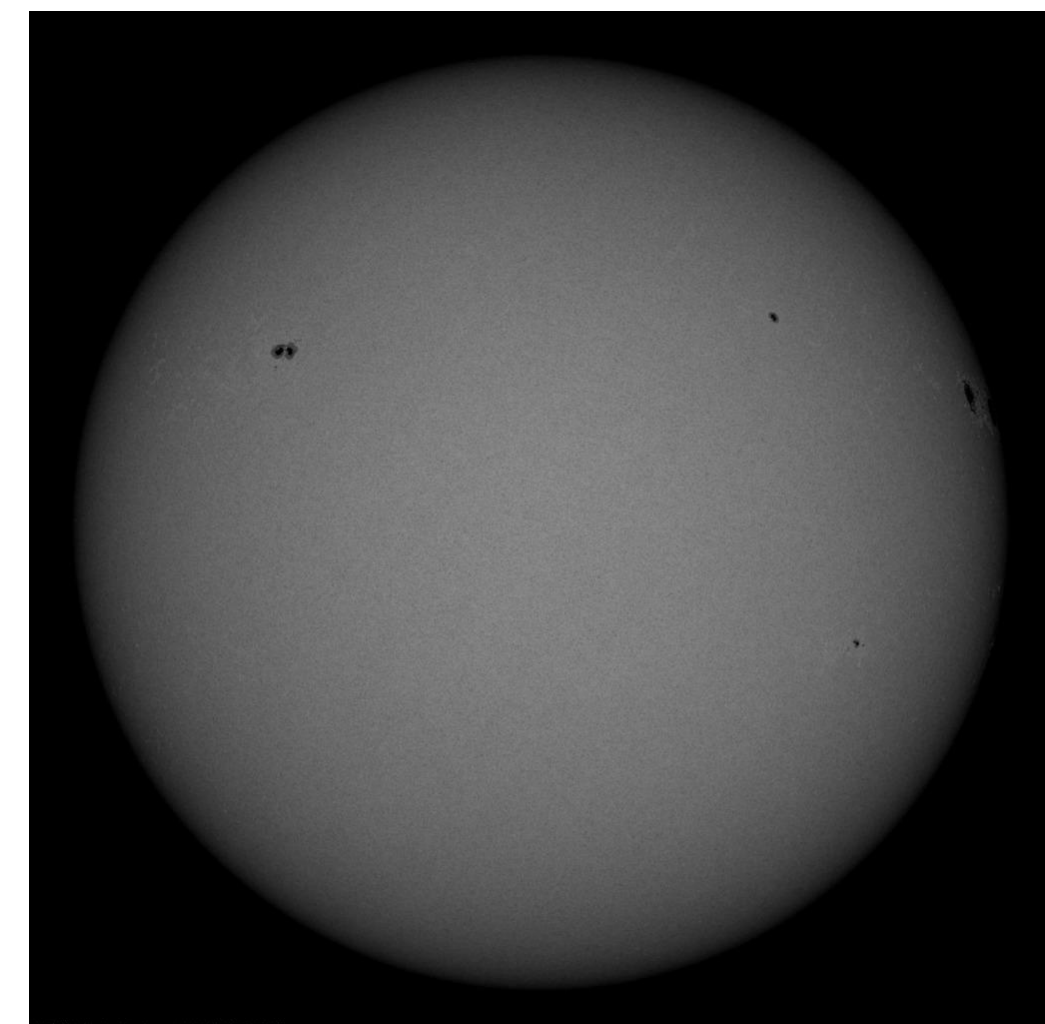
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Tuesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Active (Max Kp=4)</b>	<b>Unsettled (Max Kp=3)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>10%</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>

**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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