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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, May 13, 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:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles; TX/OK Panhandles, OK tomorrow; and N OK Friday. Mainly hail threats.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms Saturday-Monday in portions of OK and N TX. Monitoring for heavy rainfall with storms on Monday and Tuesday.

- **River Flooding:**

- Minor to isolated moderate river flooding will continue in S LA. Moderate river flooding expected to end tonight.

- **Fire Weather:**

- Elevated to locally critical fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX, W OK today through Monday.
 - Monitoring MN for dry lightning today; and the TX/OK Panhandles tomorrow.

- **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

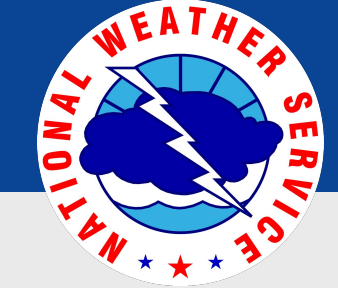
Next 7 days

	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15	Saturday, May 16	Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19
Severe Storms	NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles	TX/OK Panhandles, OK	N OK	N OK	N OK	OK, N TX	OK, AR, TX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding						OK, AR, TX	OK, AR, TX
Heat	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	NM, W TX	E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles	
River Flooding	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



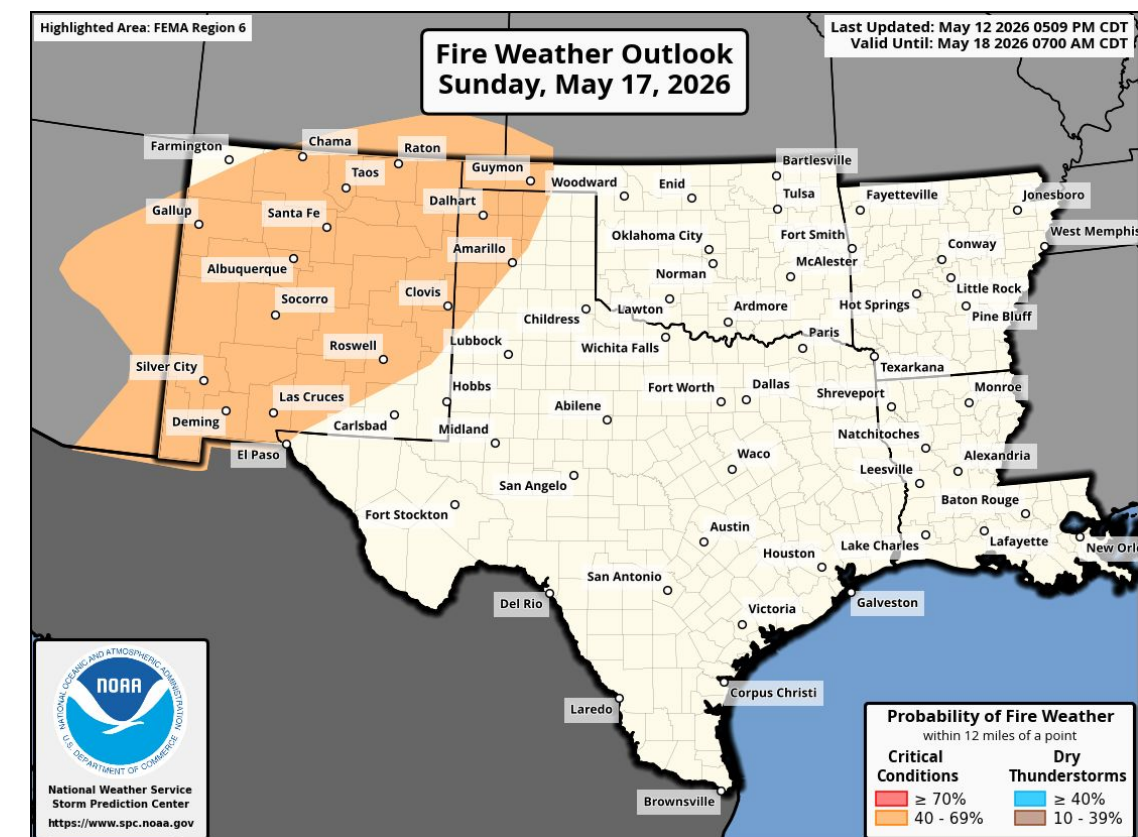
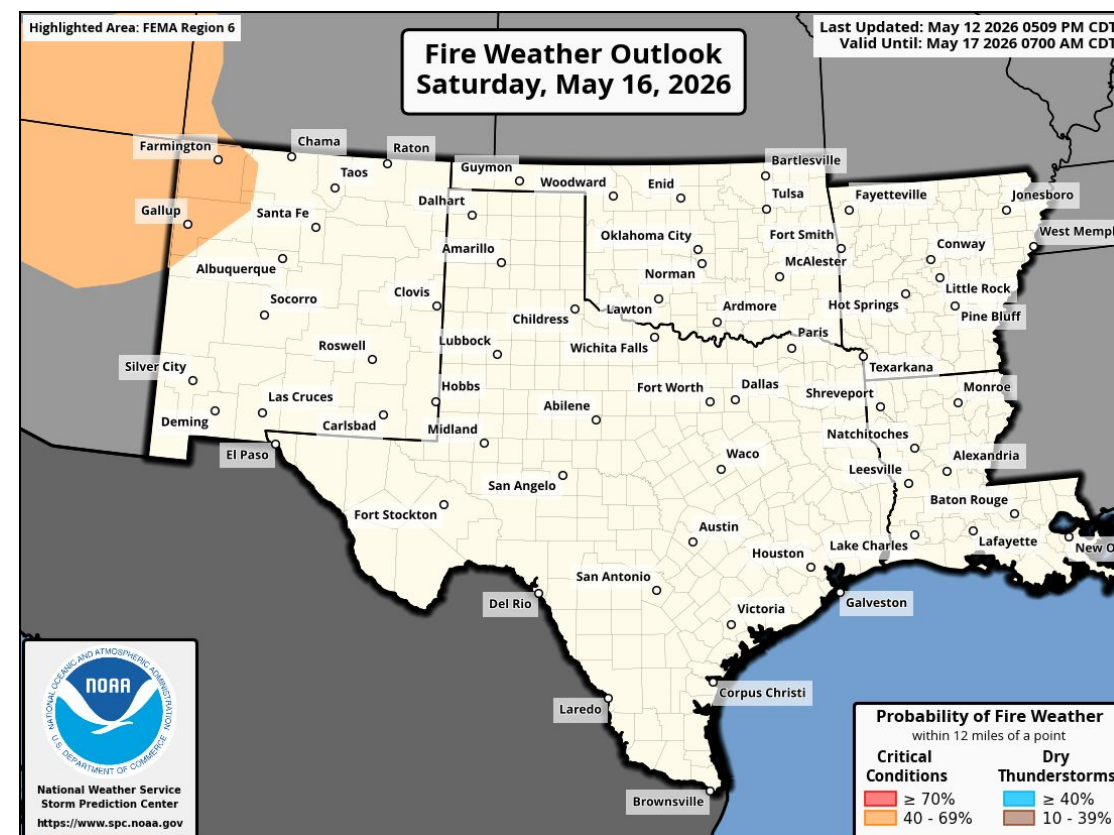
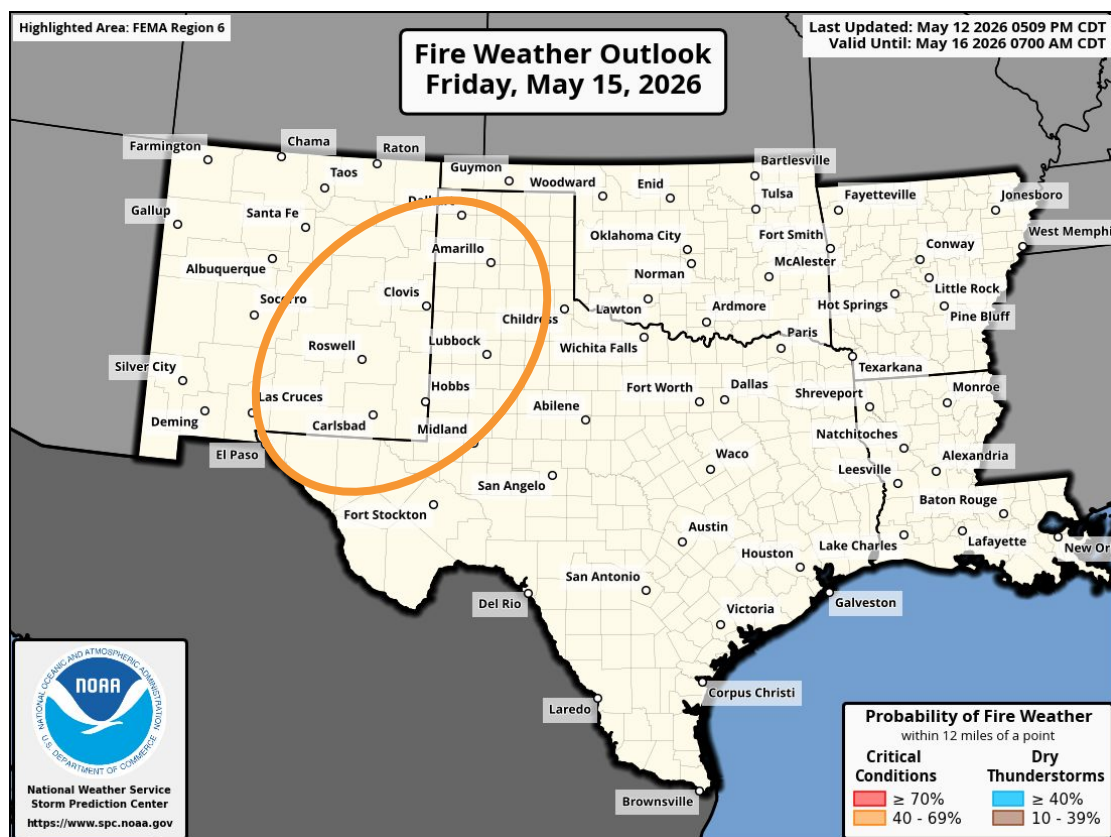
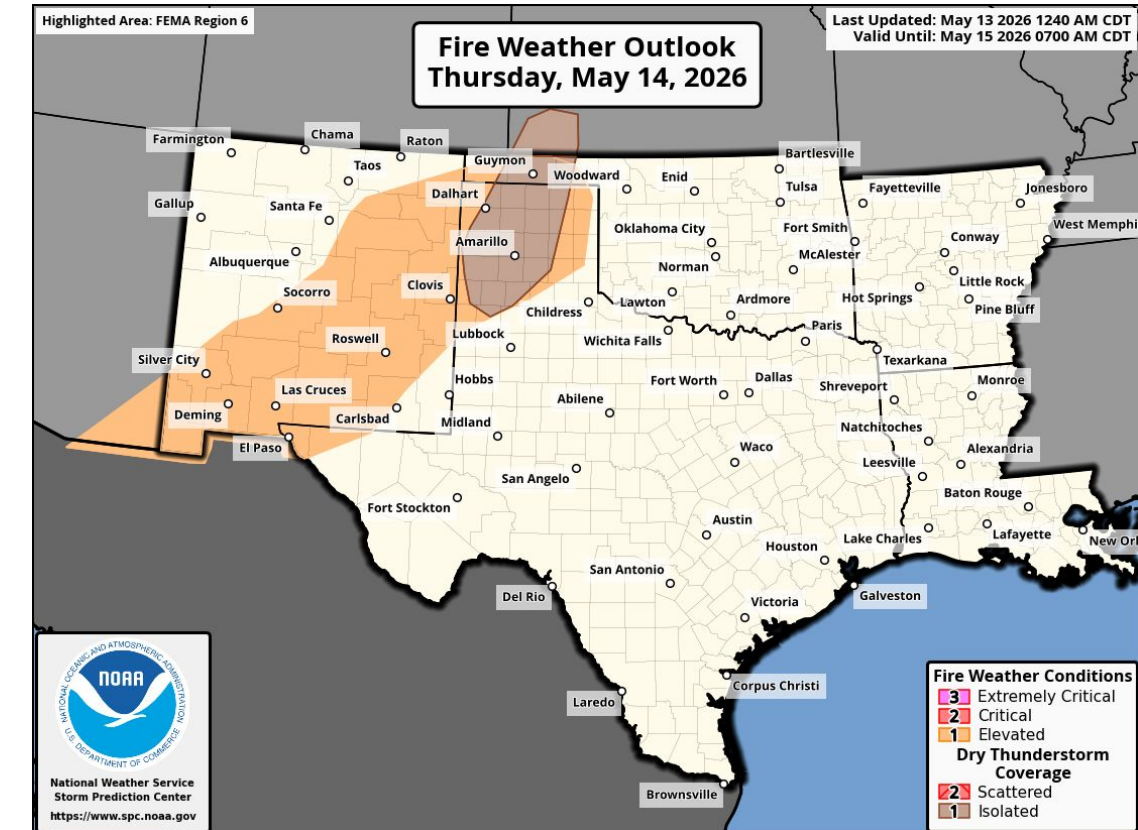
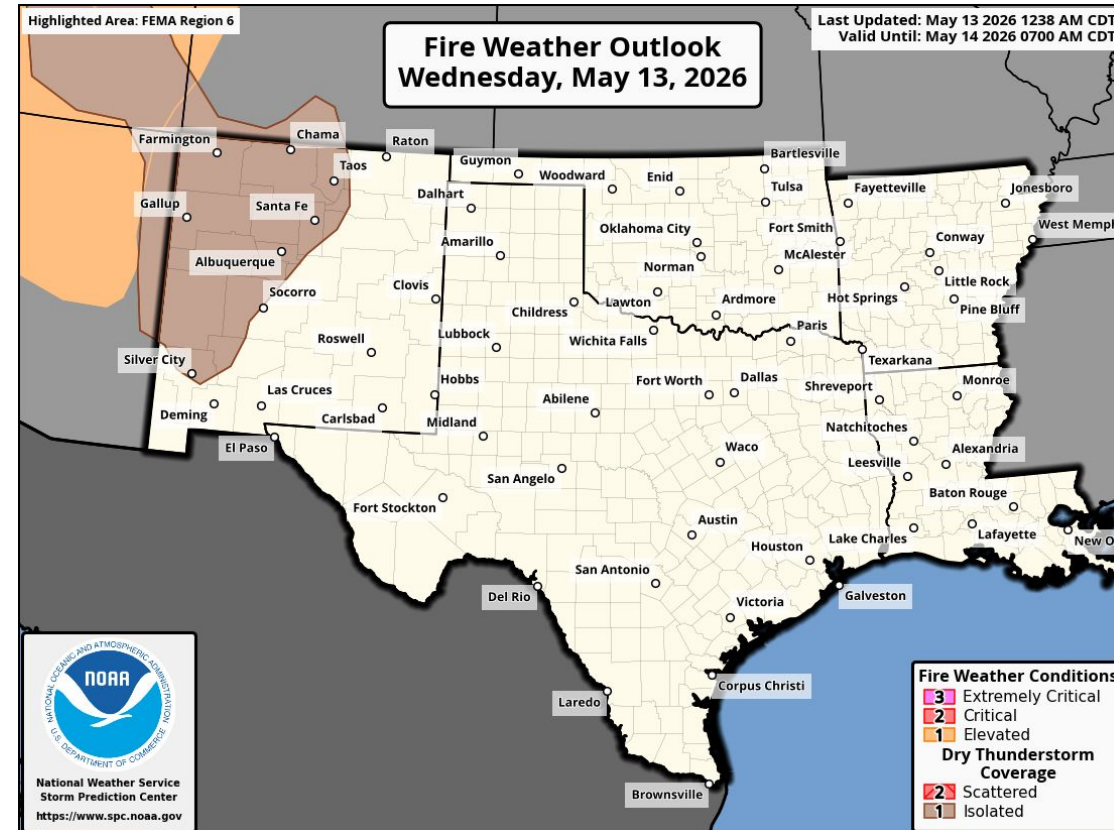
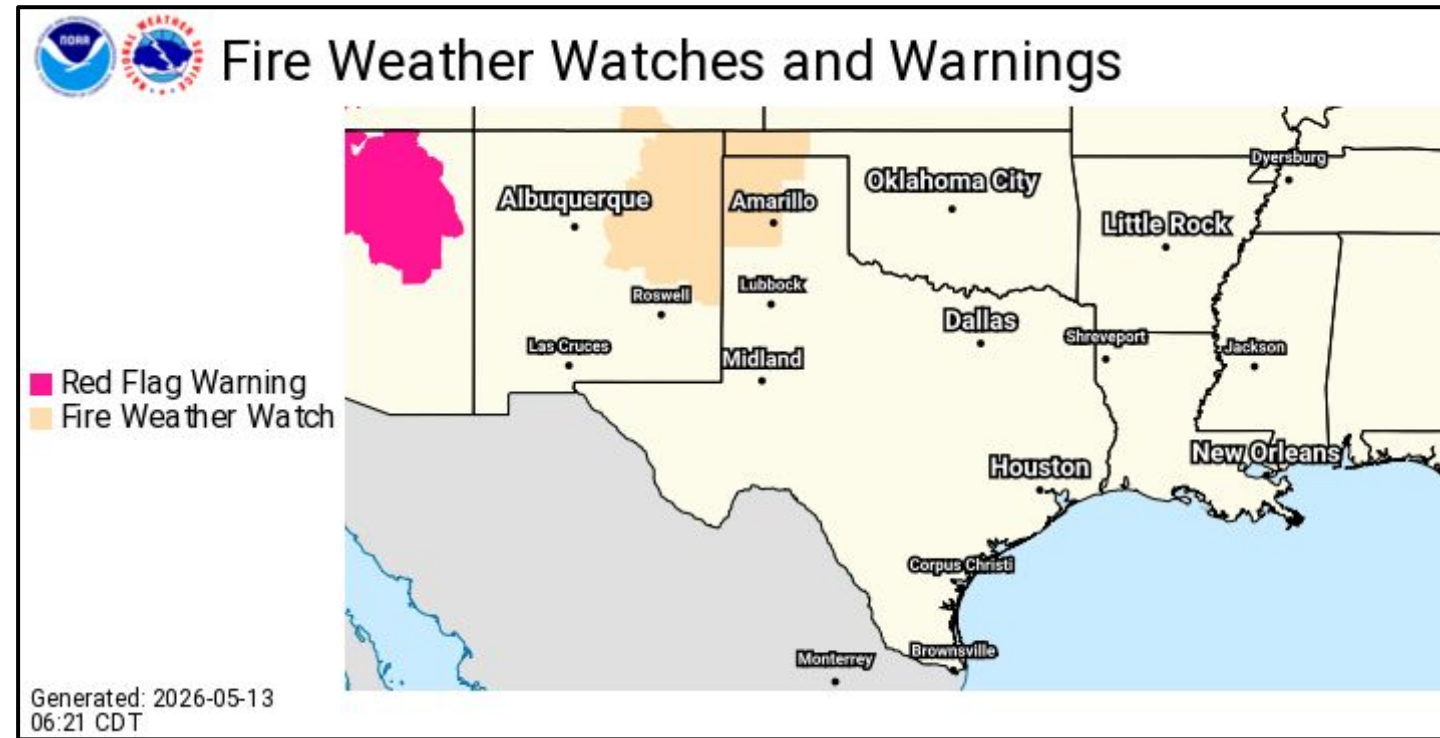
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Fire Weather Watches in effect for tomorrow in NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles.
Timing: 1 PM CDT-9 PM CDT.



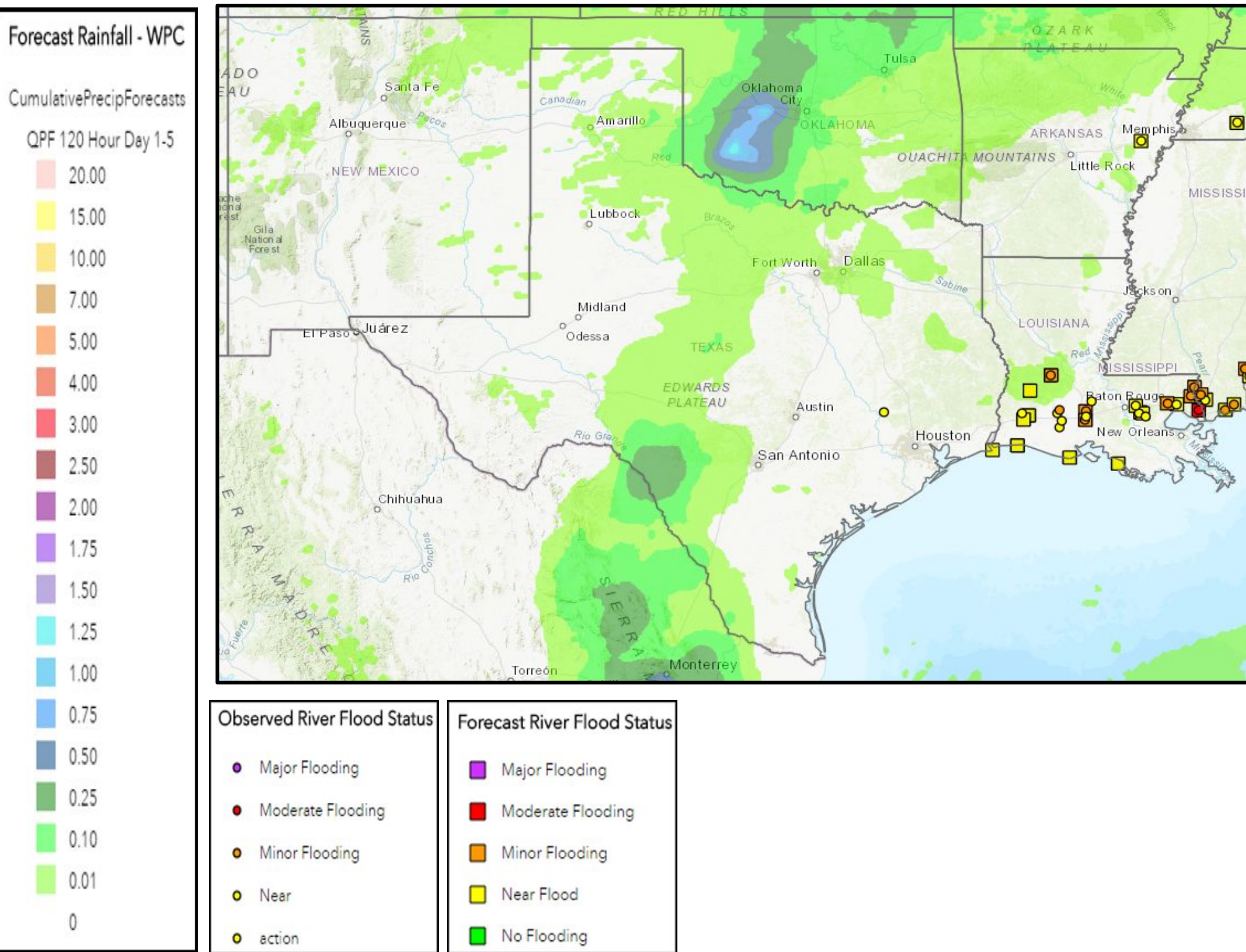
Fire Weather Outlooks





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 river flooding will continue through late-week in S LA, leading to inundation of secondary roadways, parks, and campgrounds.

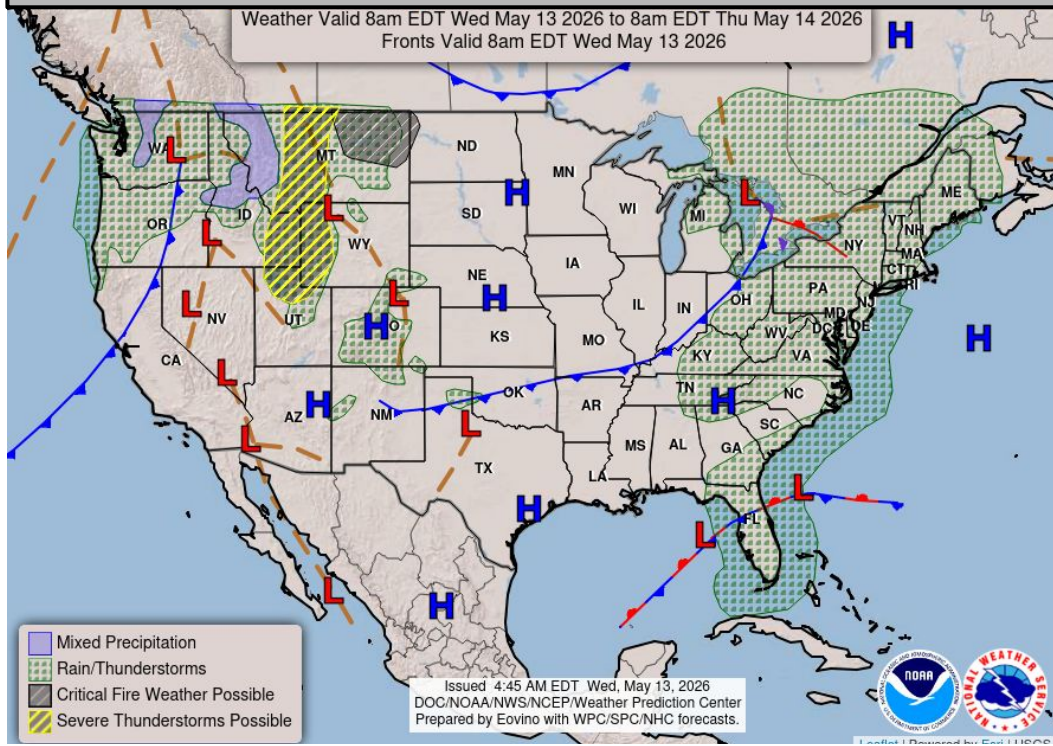
Pearl River is expected to exit Moderate Flood Stage tonight.

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.

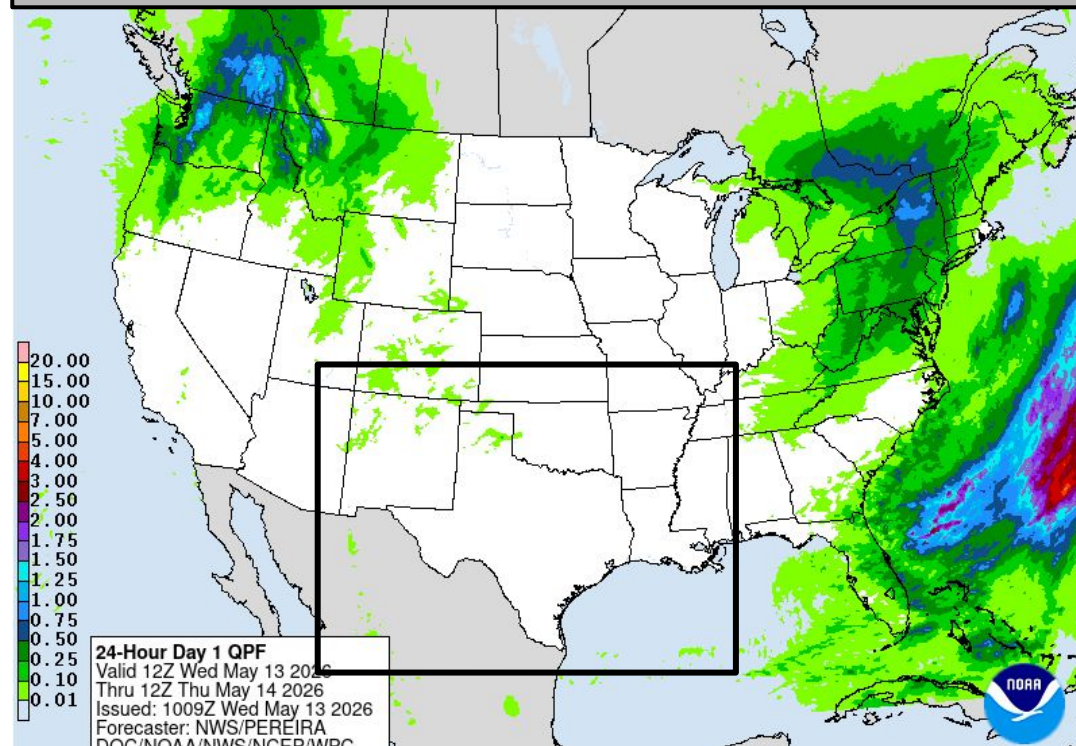


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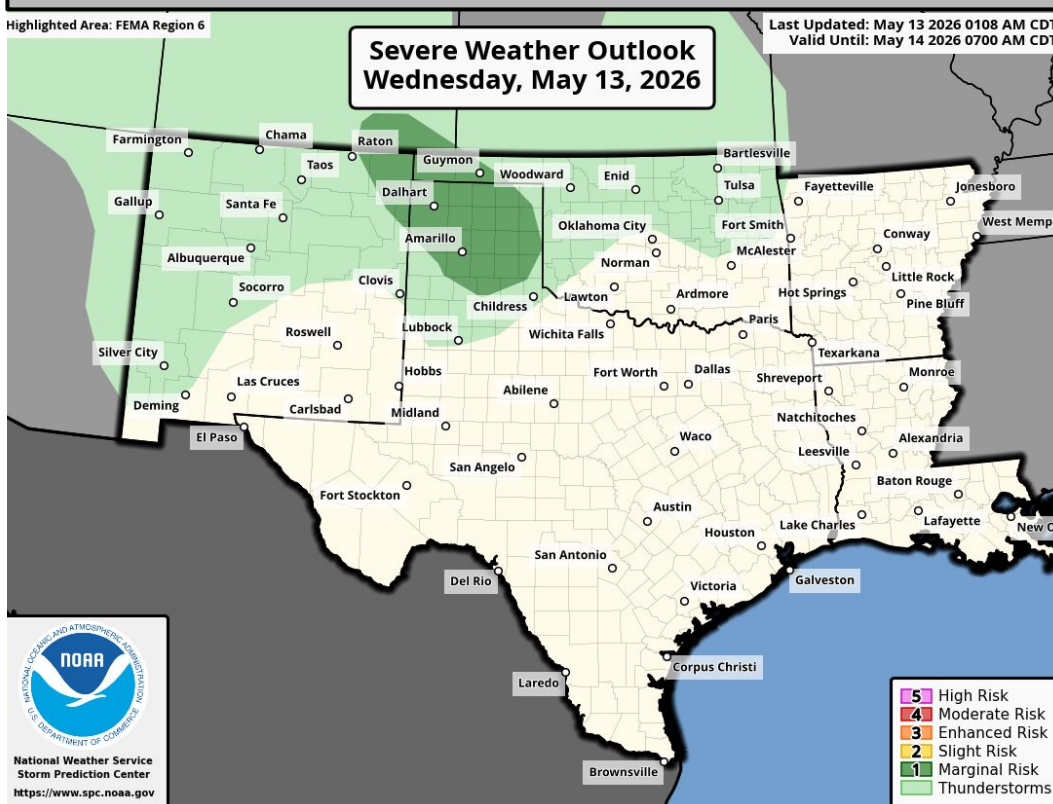
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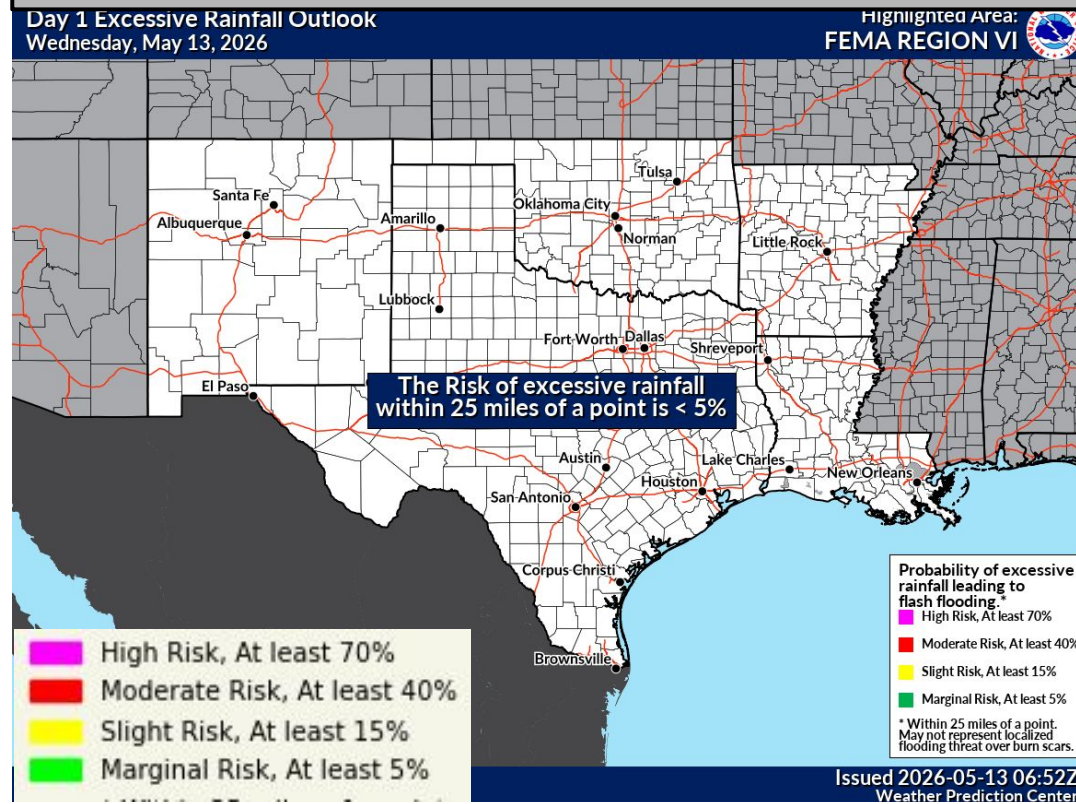
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



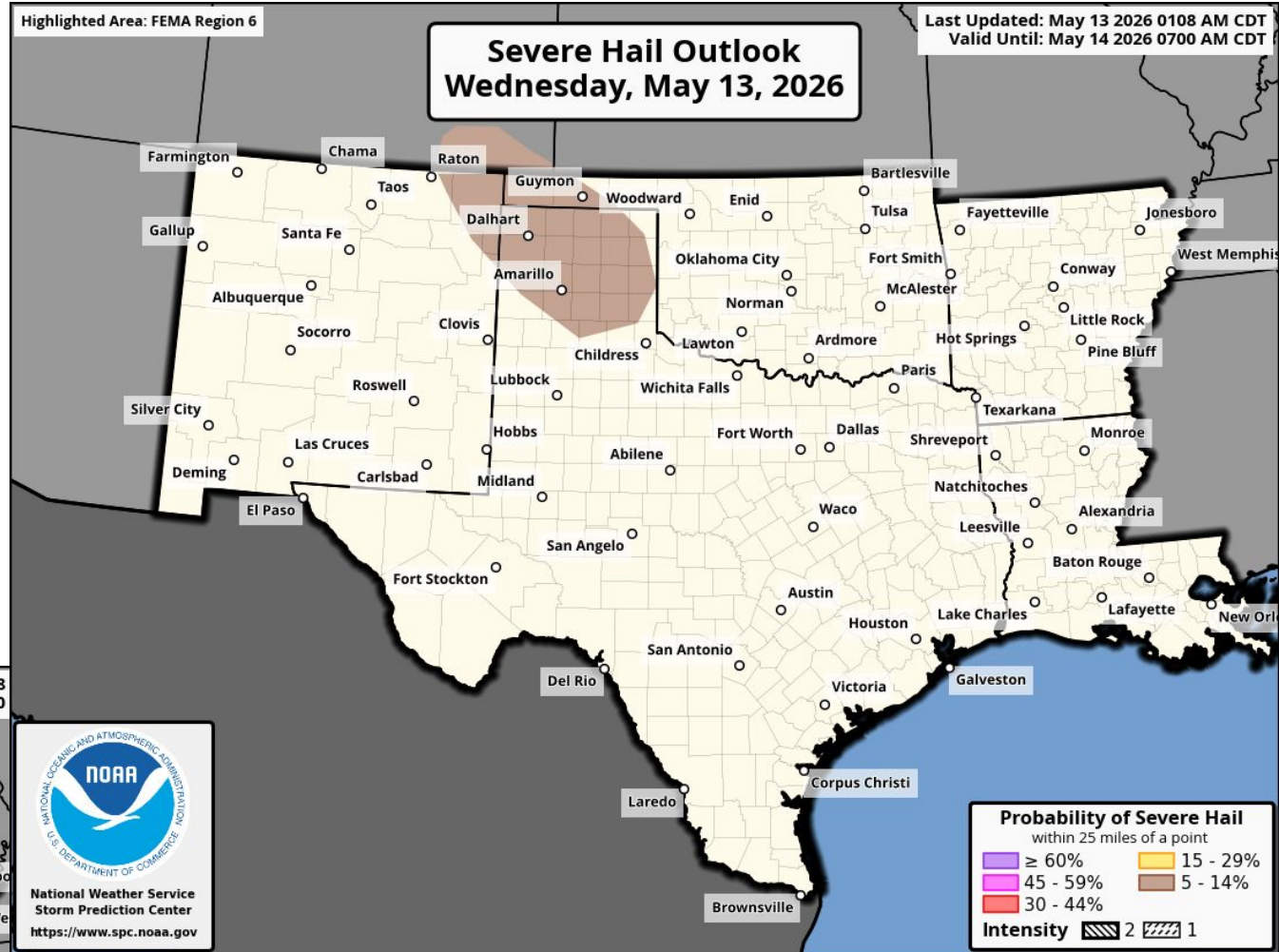
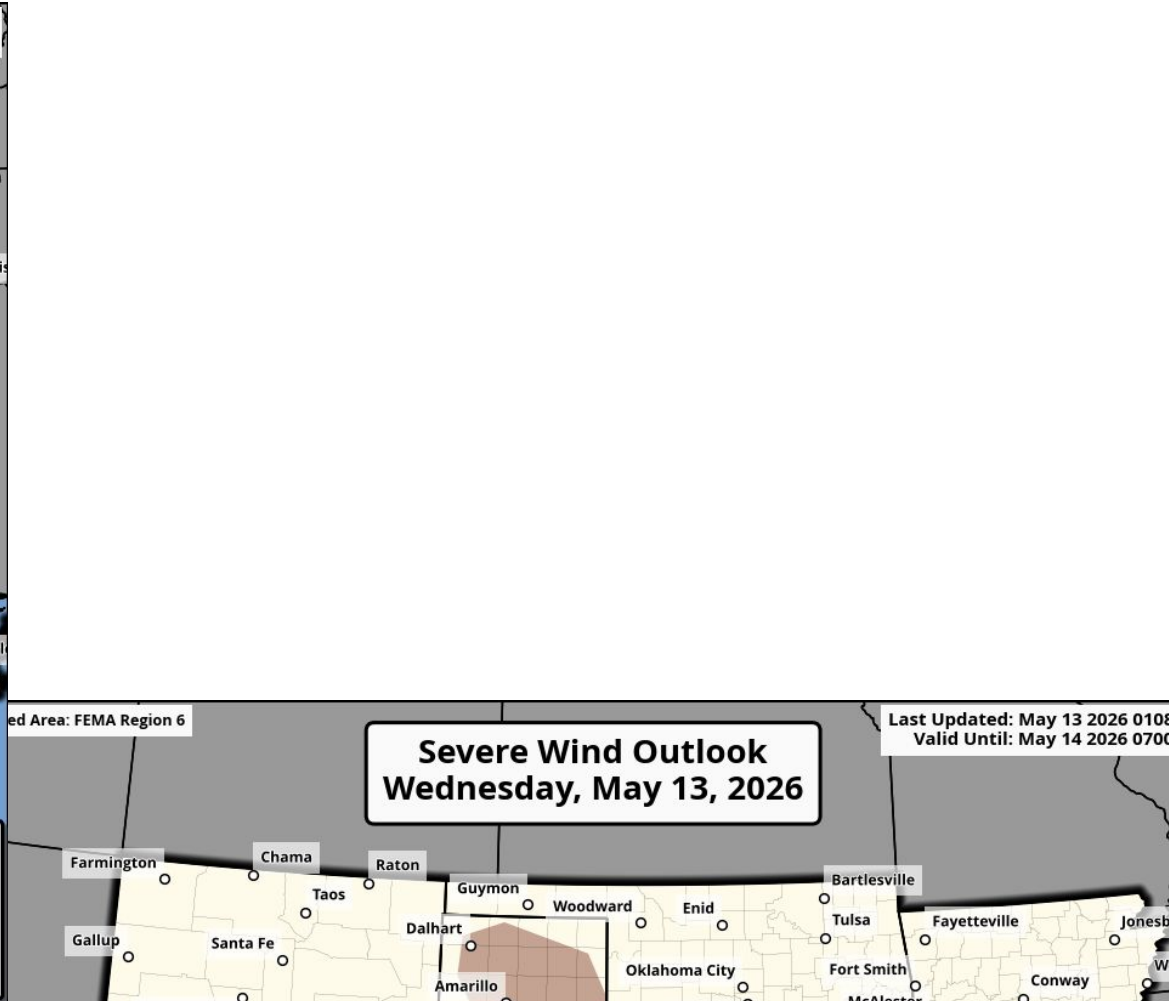
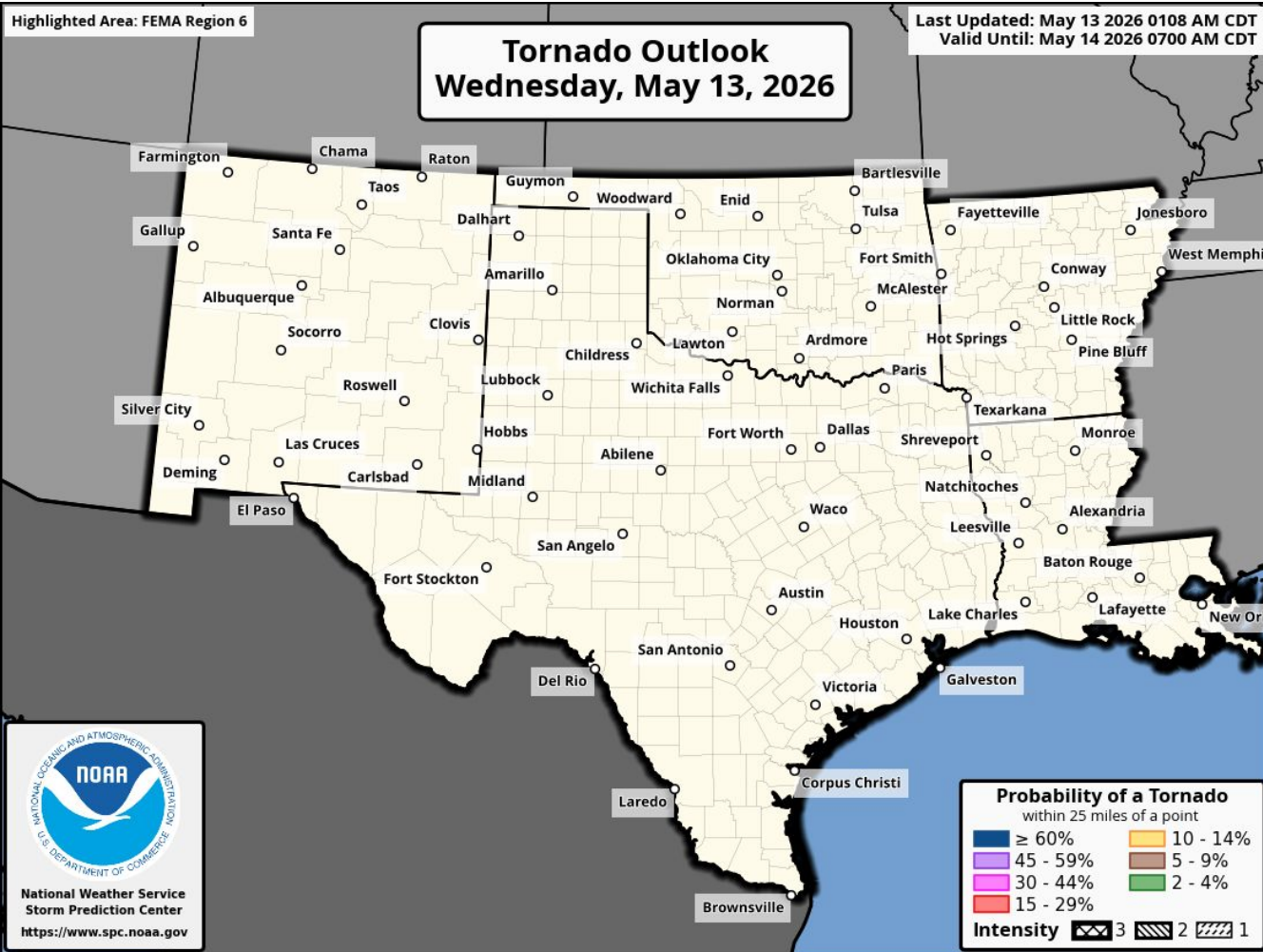
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms today NE NM, TX/OK Panhandles. Large hail and damaging winds are the main threats this afternoon.

Locally elevated fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX, W OK. Monitoring 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.

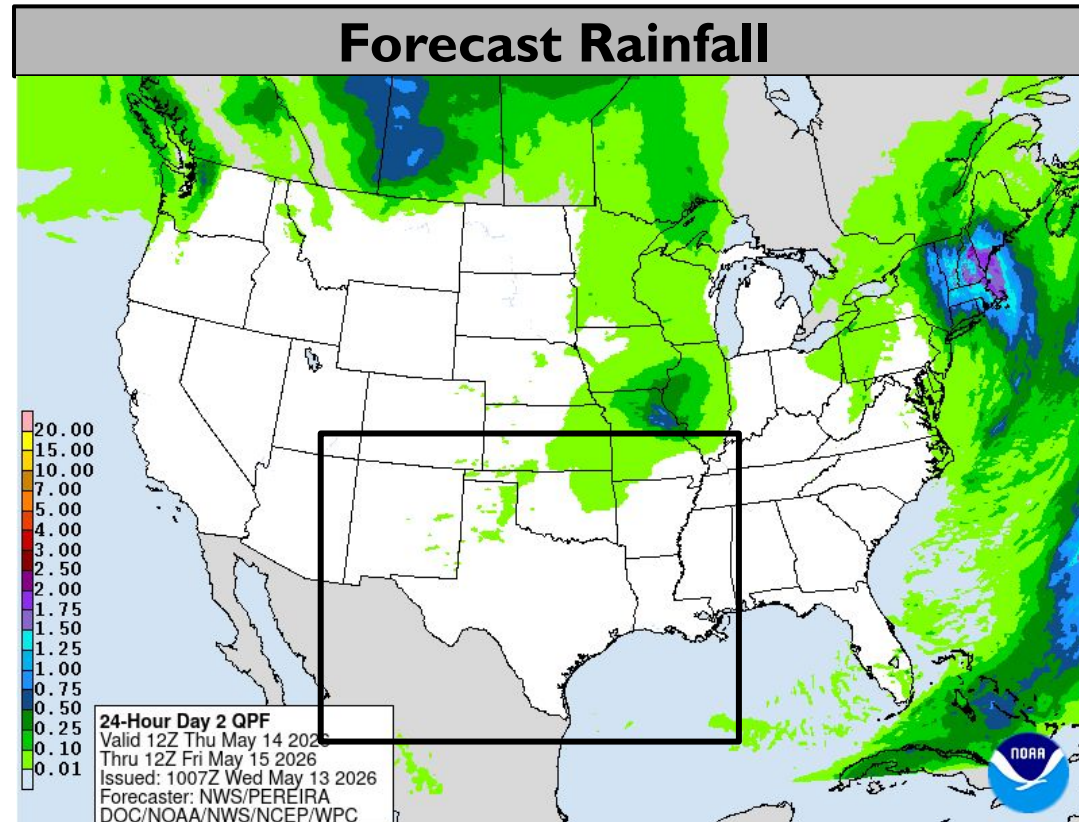
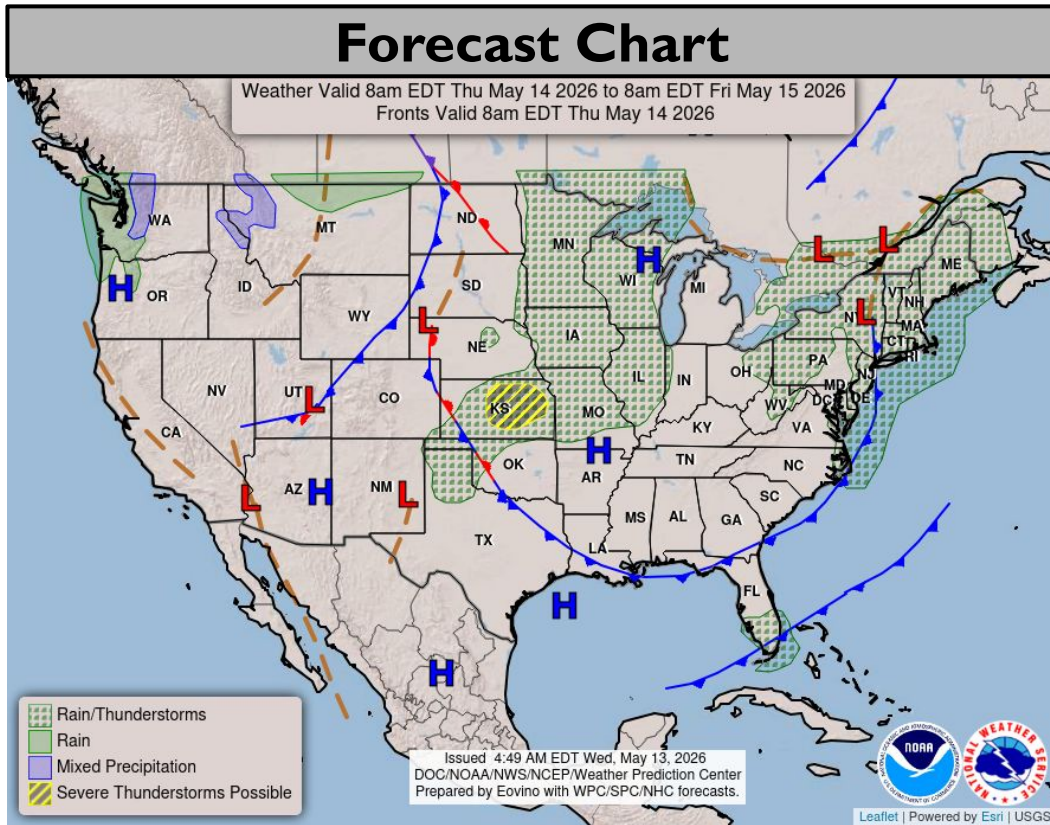


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





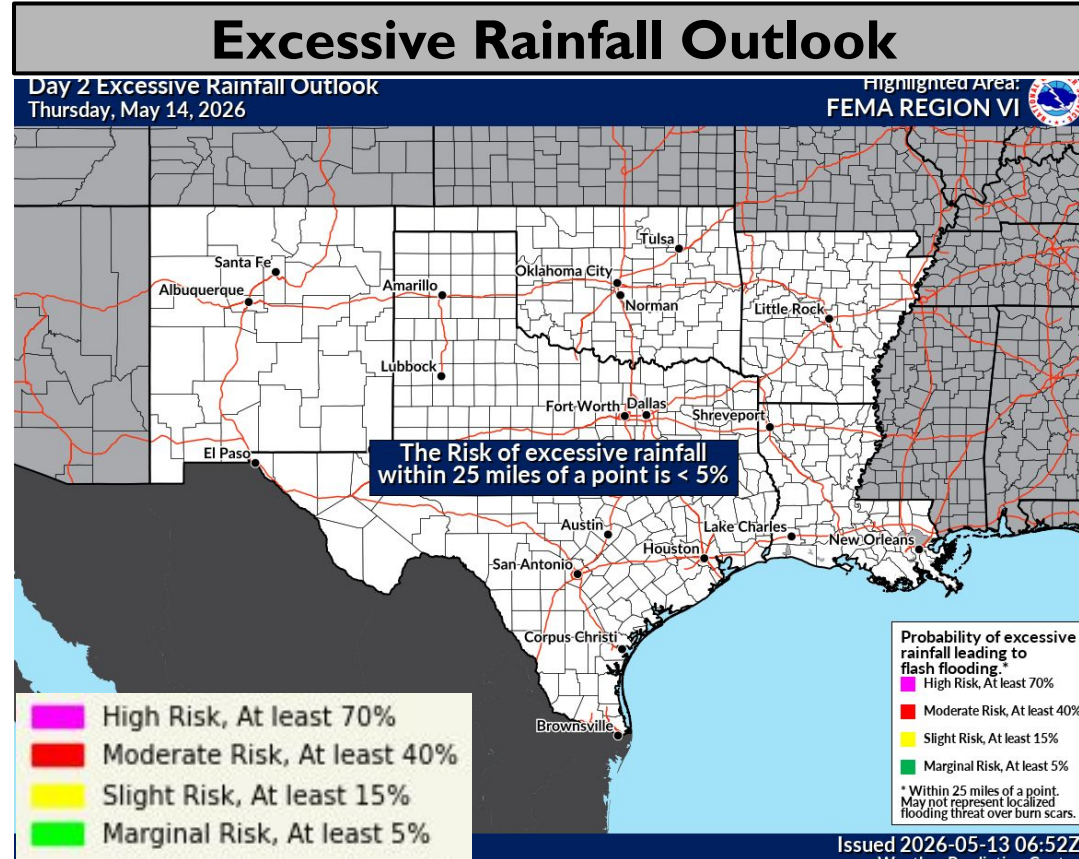
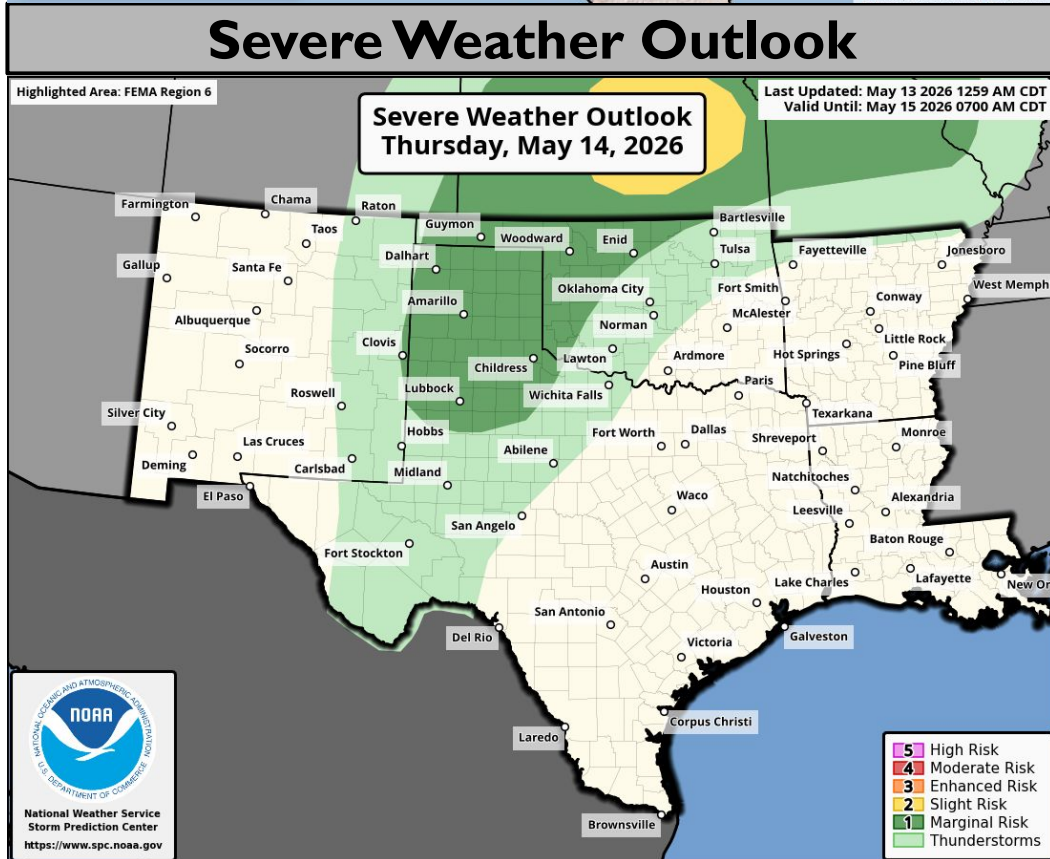
Tomorrow's Weather



Elevated to locally critical fire weather conditions across E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, and W OK. Critical fire weather conditions behind the dryline.

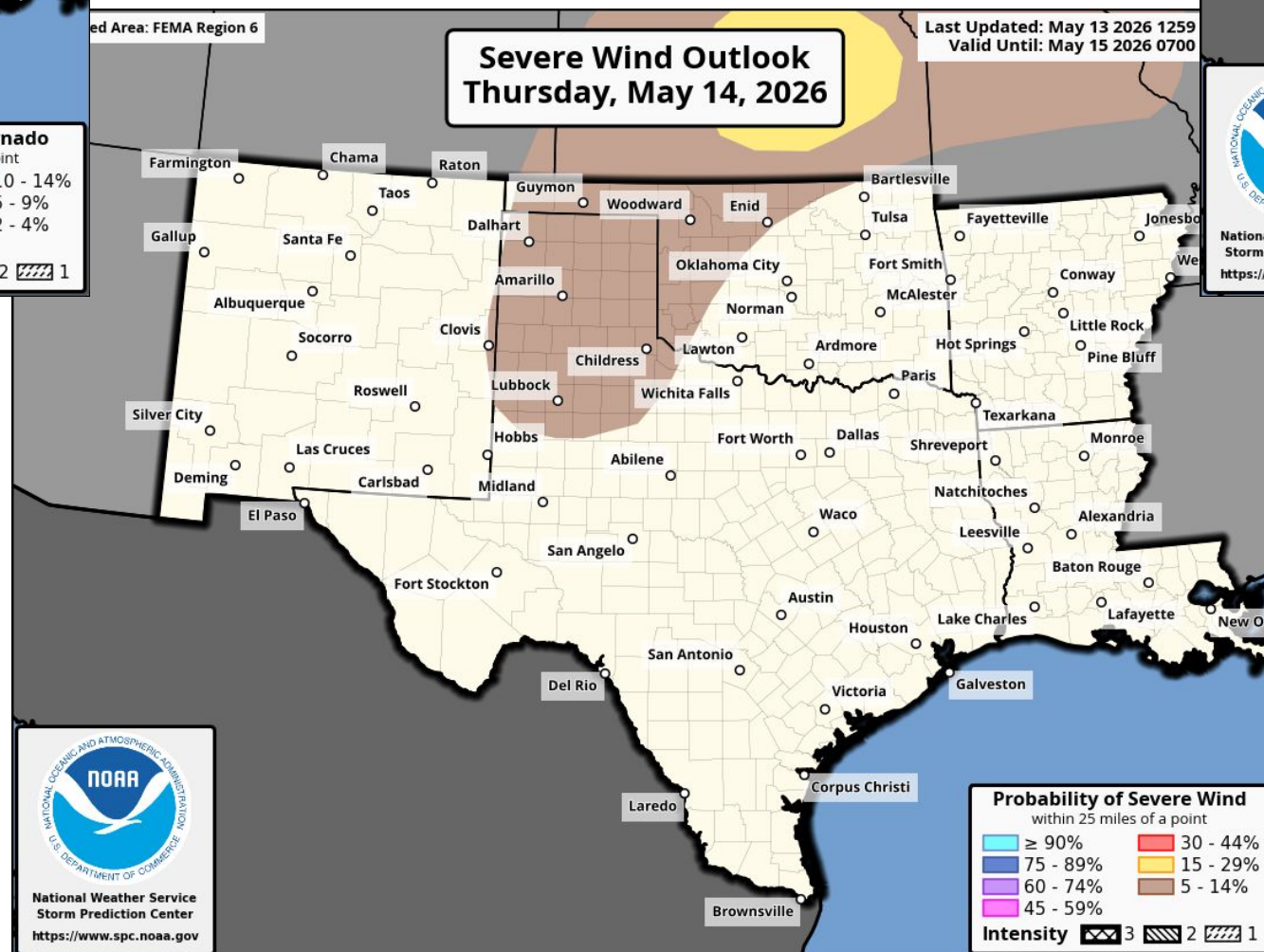
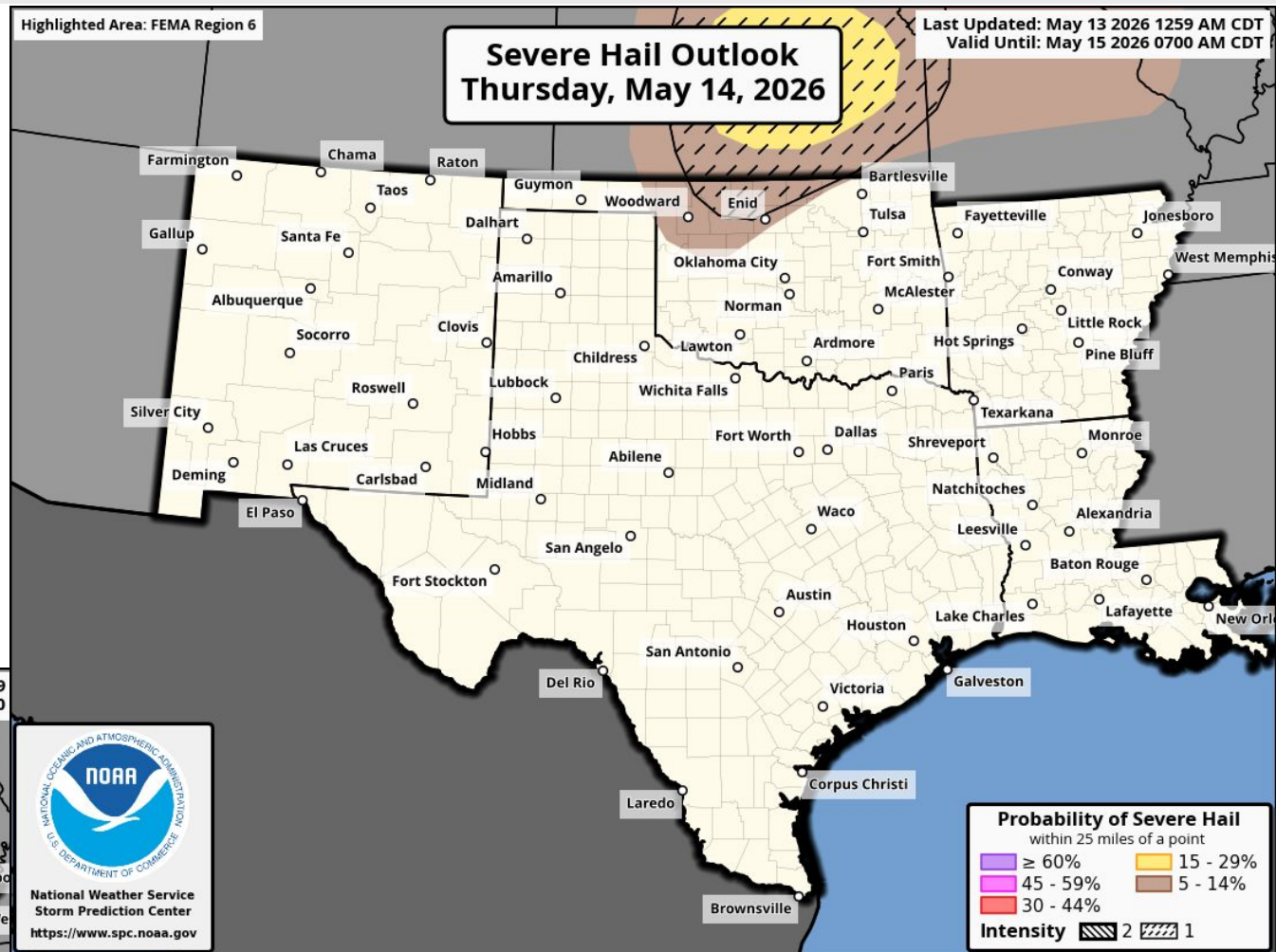
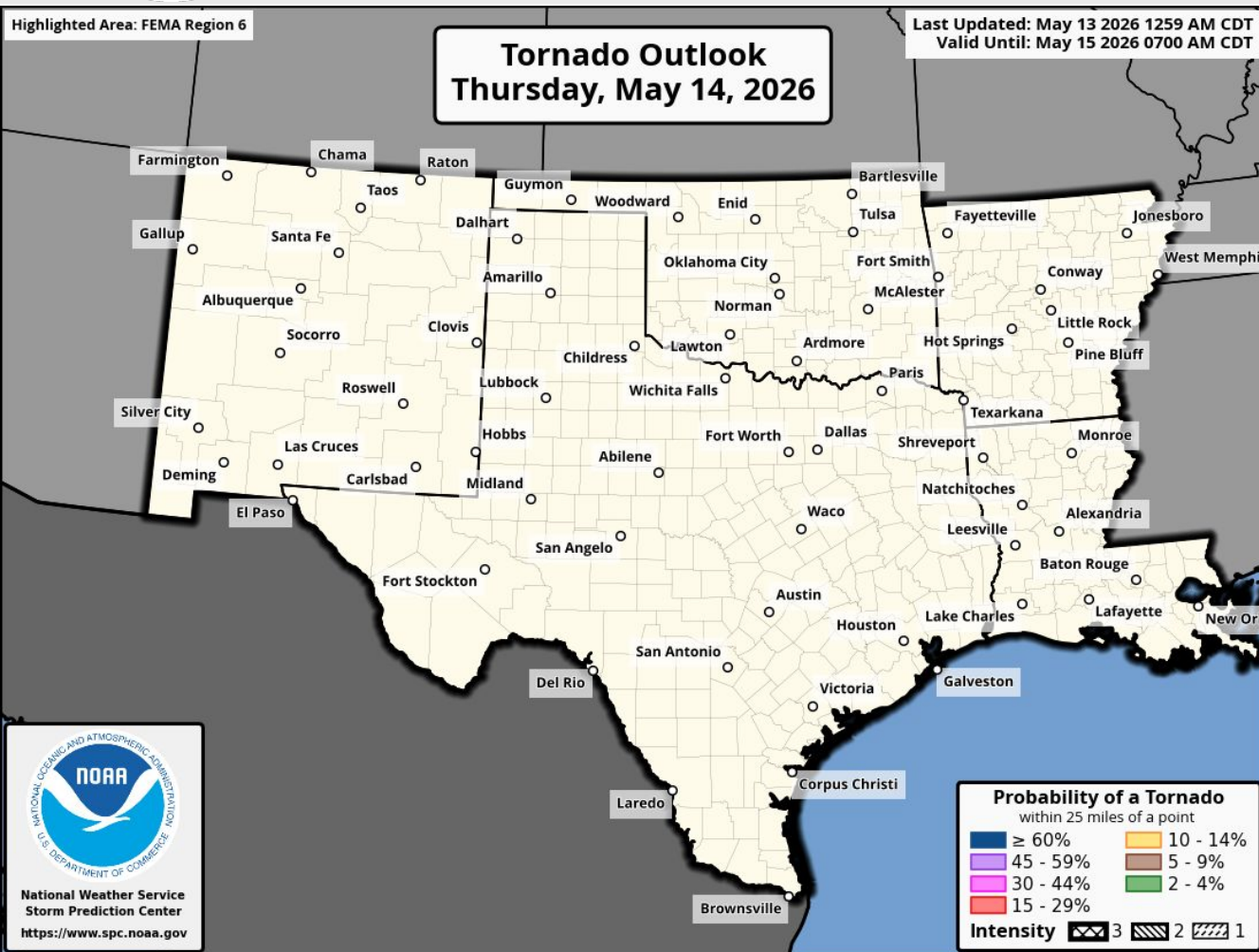
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in TX/OK Panhandles, OK. Hail over 2" in diameter is the main threat. Storms in the panhandles could start new fires.

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



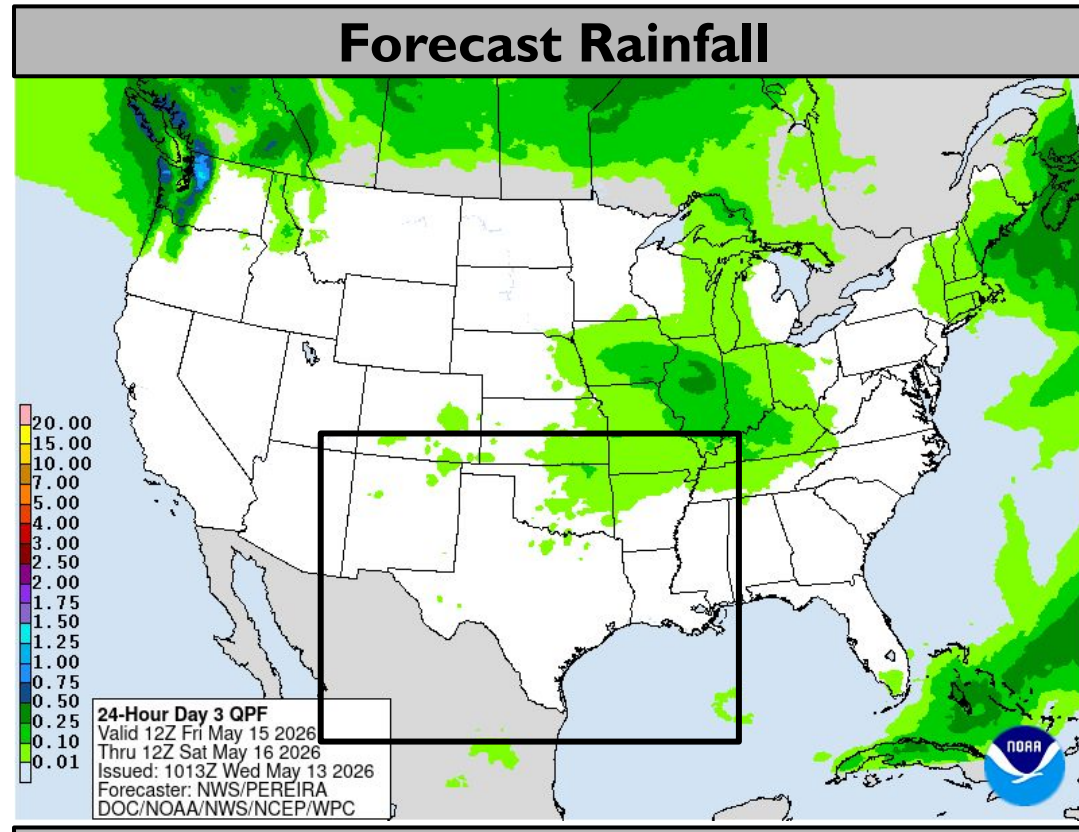
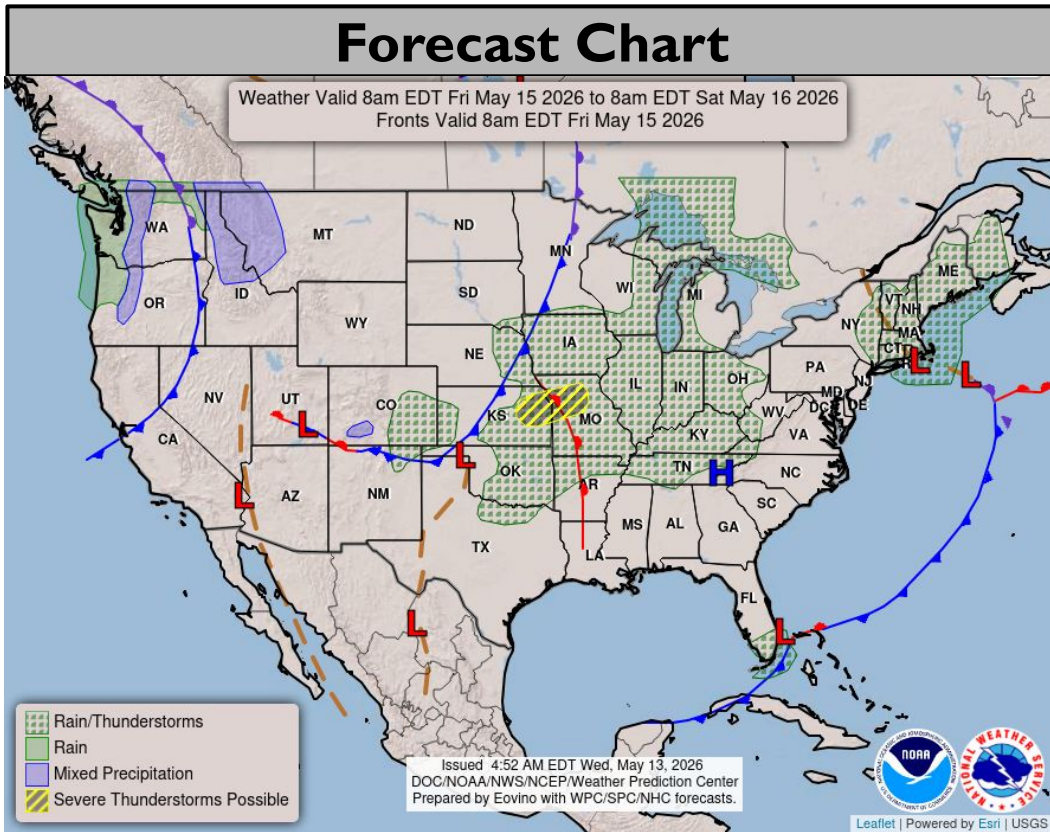


Tomorrow's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





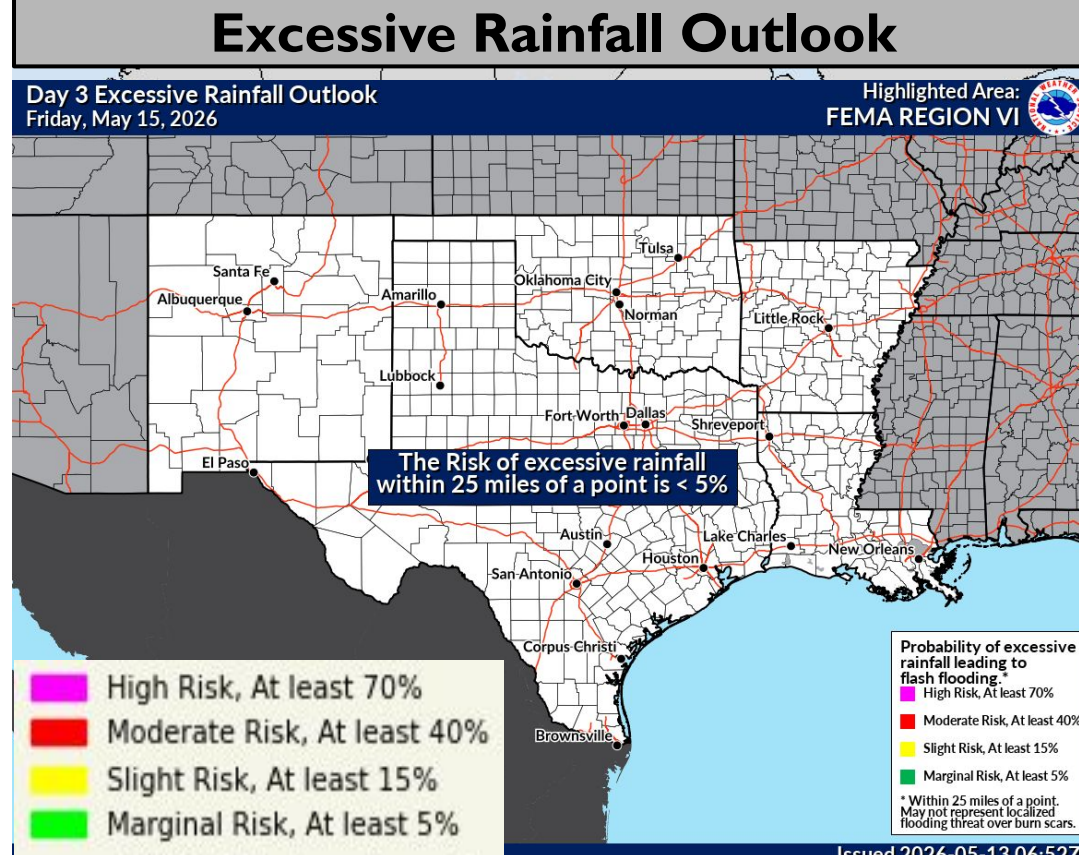
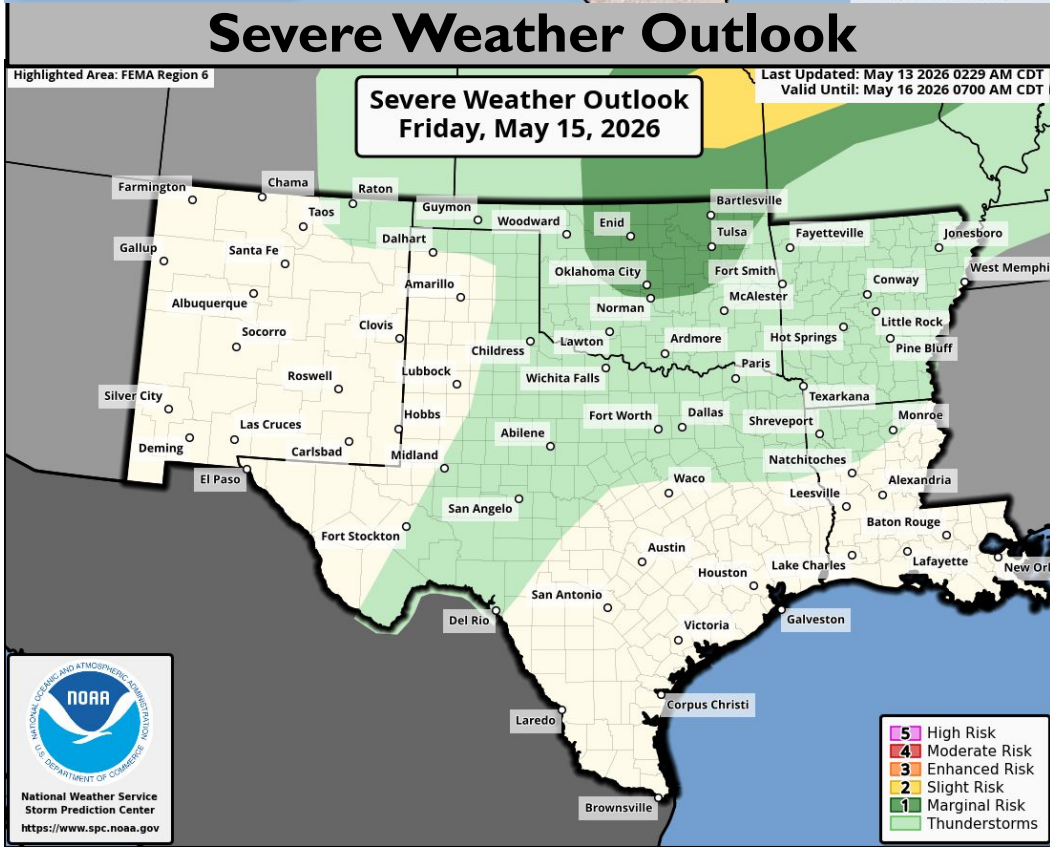
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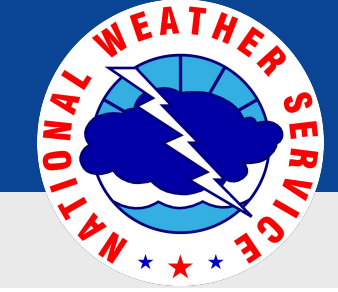


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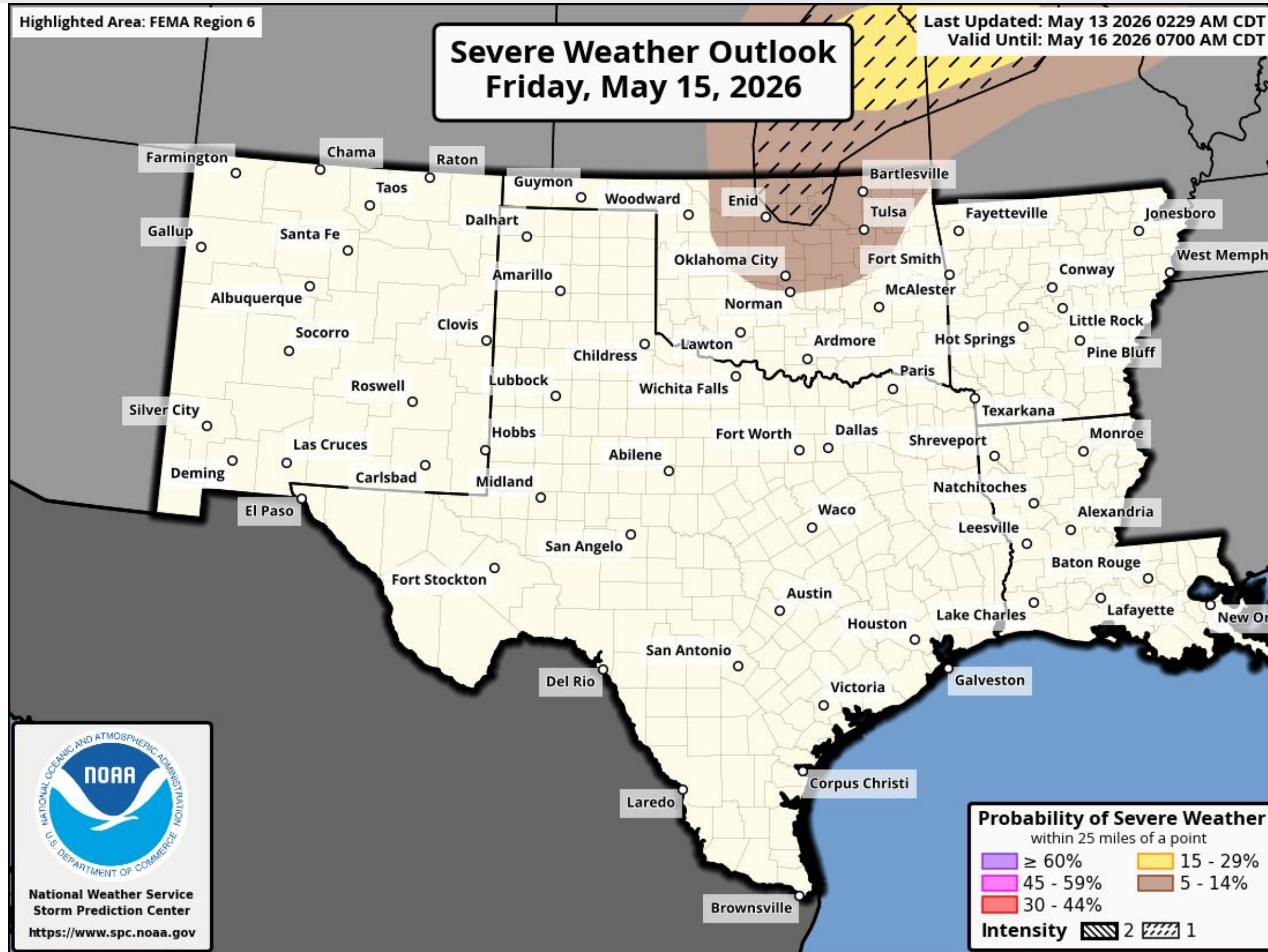
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in OK. Hail is the main threat. 2"+ in diameter is conceivable.

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





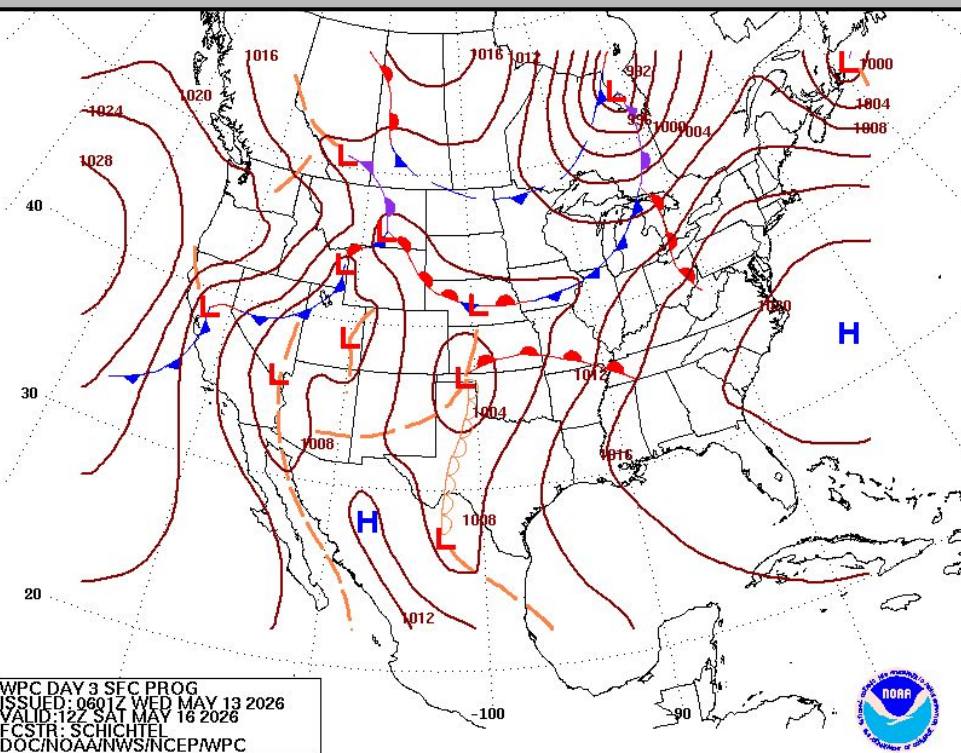
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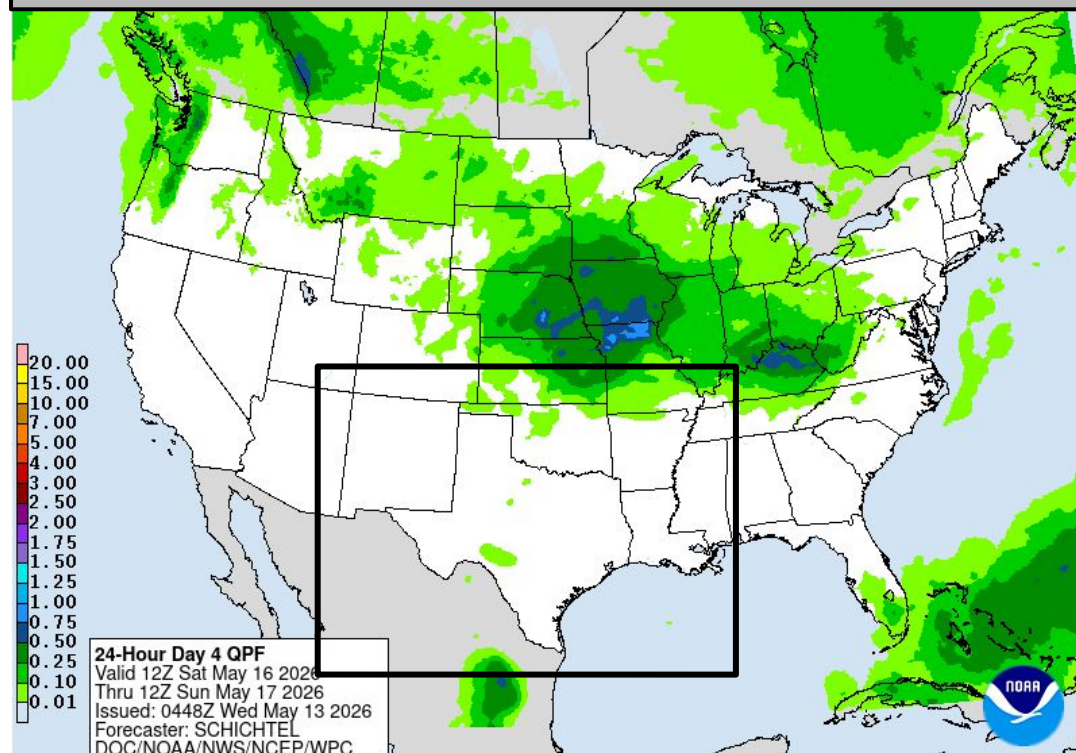


Saturday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

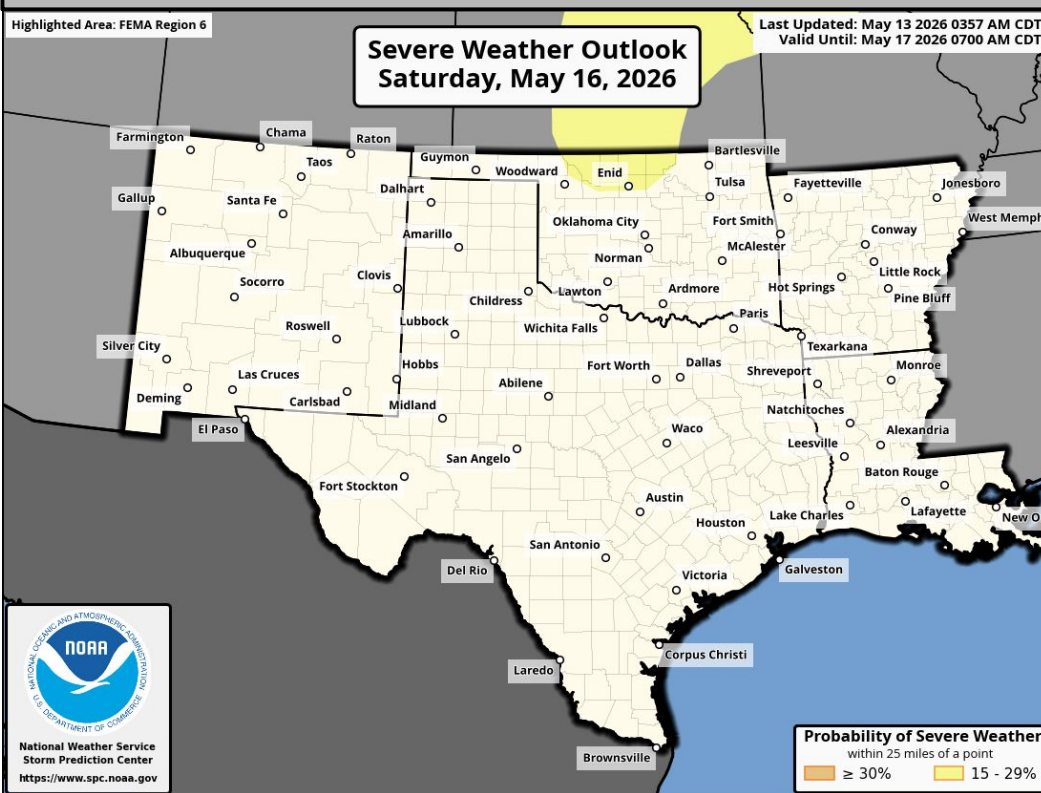


Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in N OK.

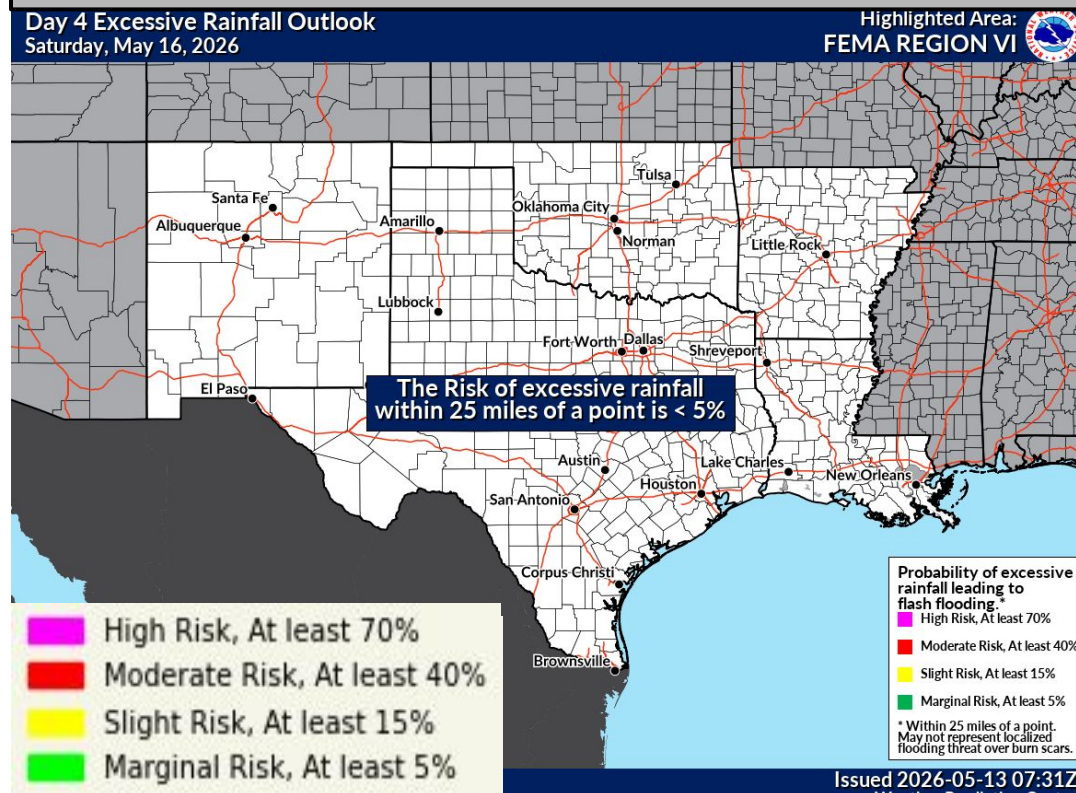
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Elevated fire weather threat in E NM, W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook



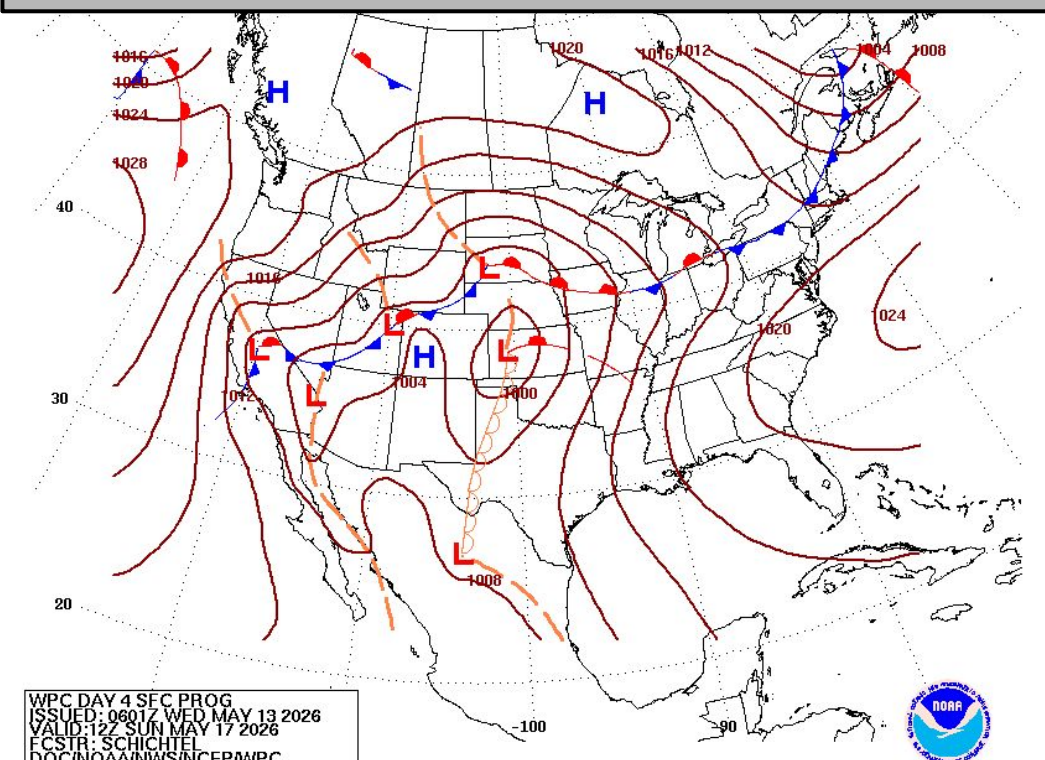
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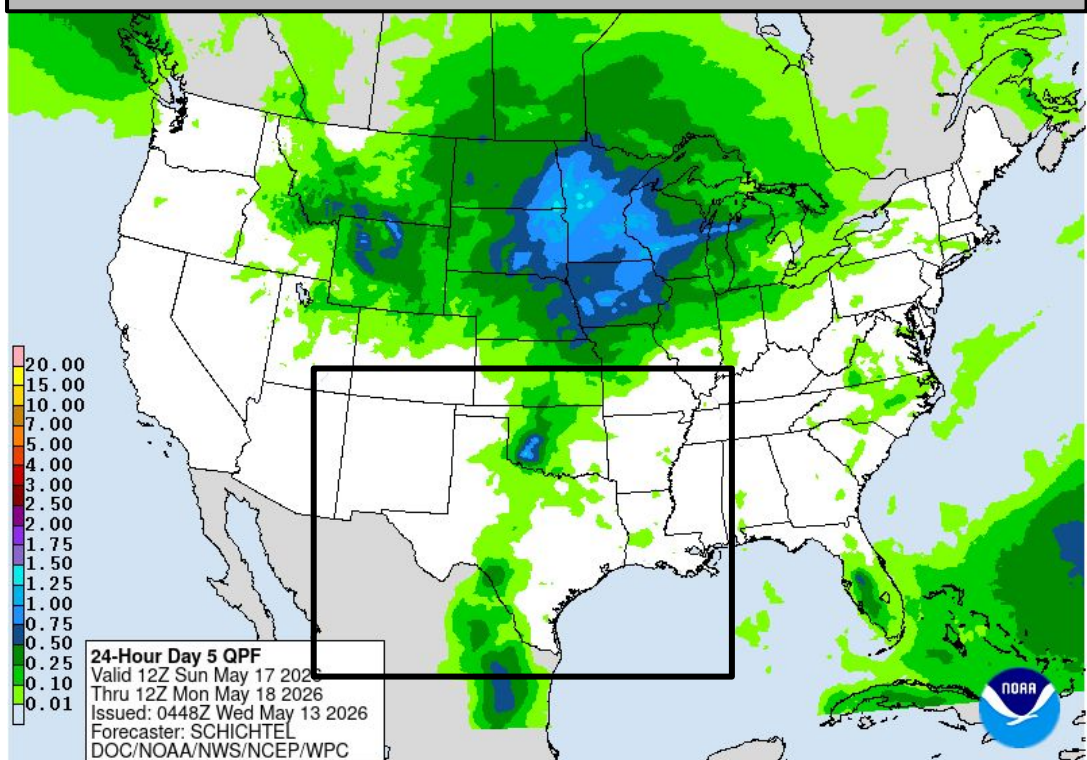
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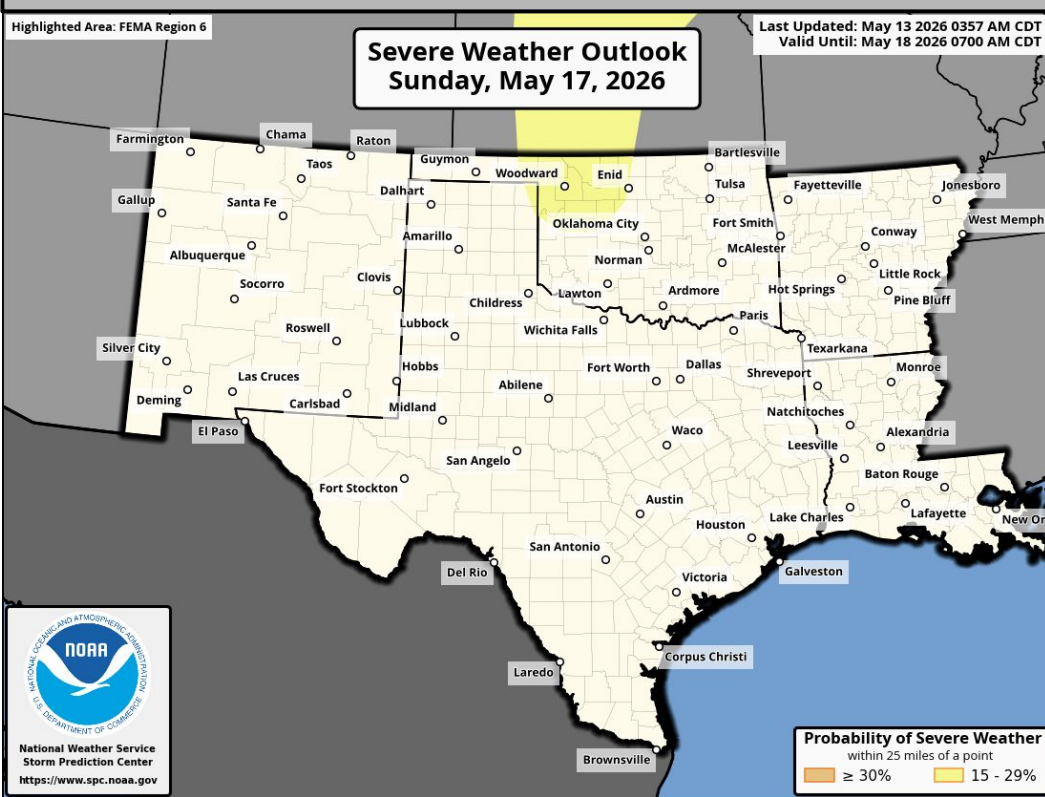
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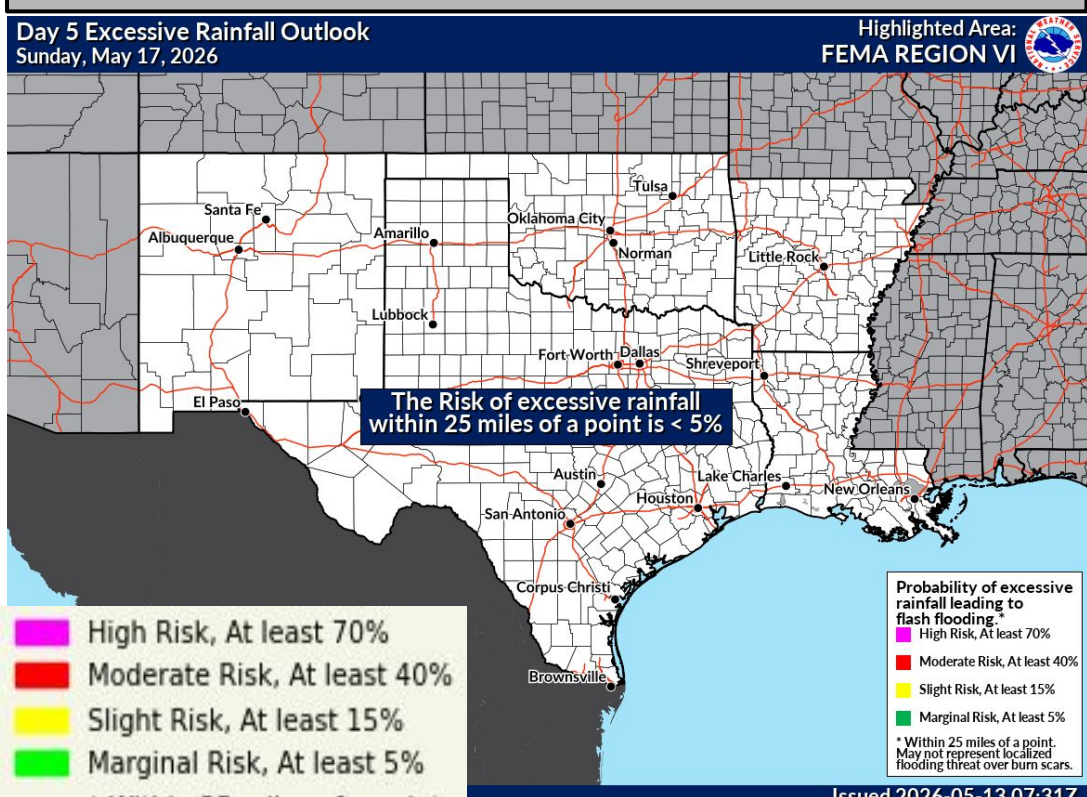


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in N OK. All severe hazards could occur if the cap breaks.

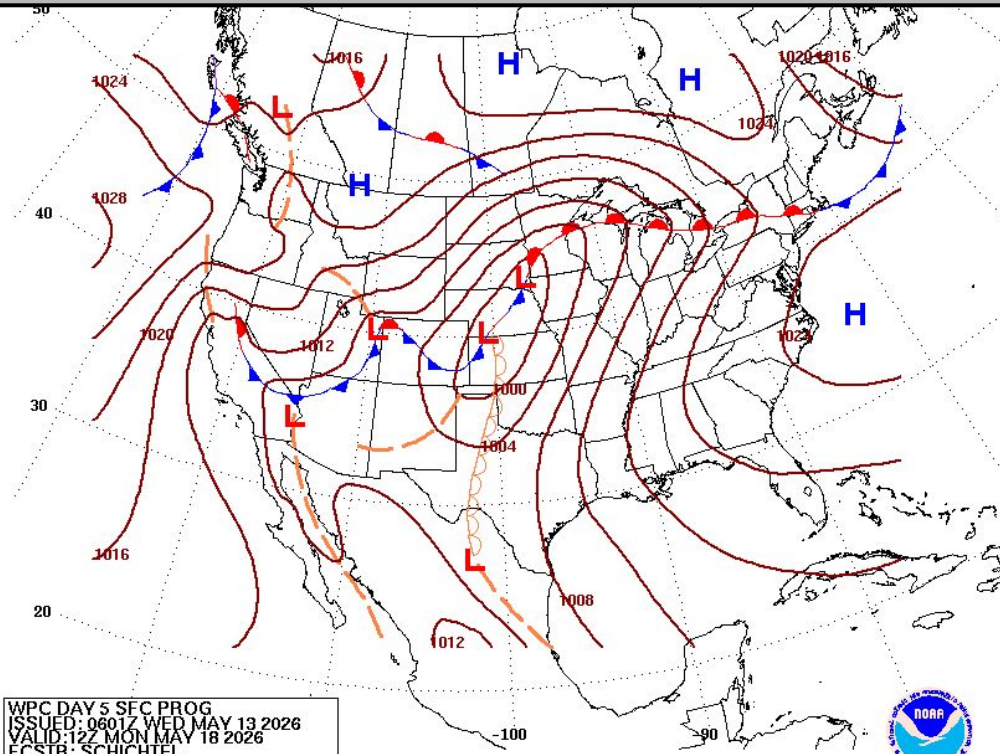
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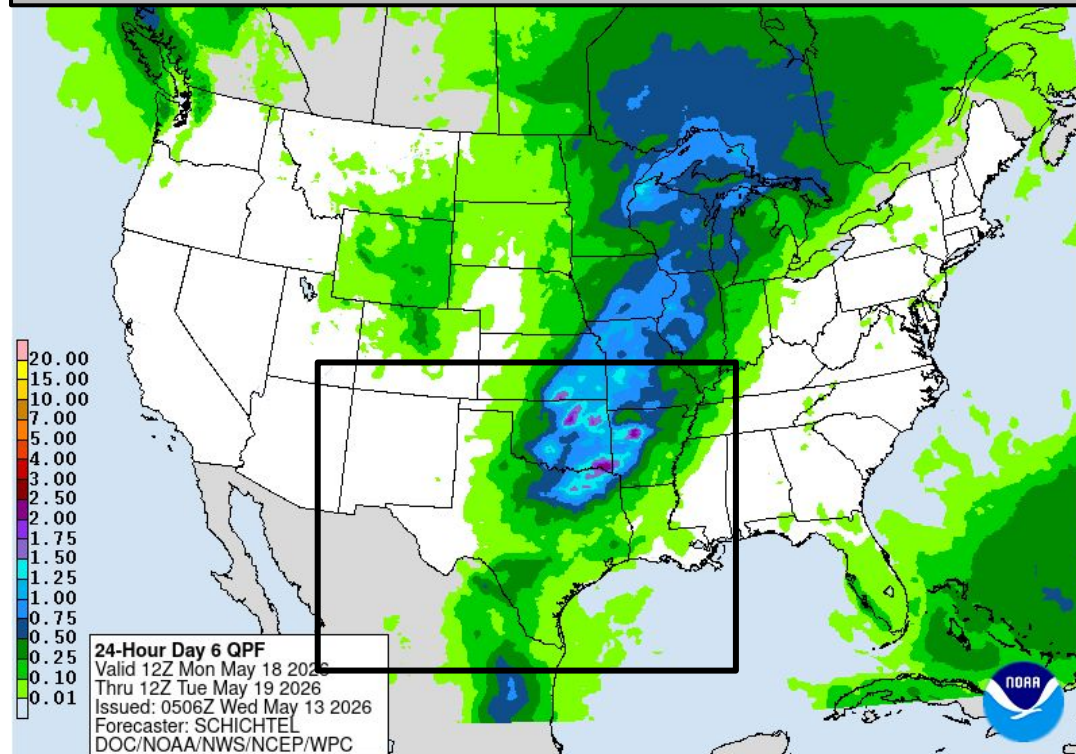


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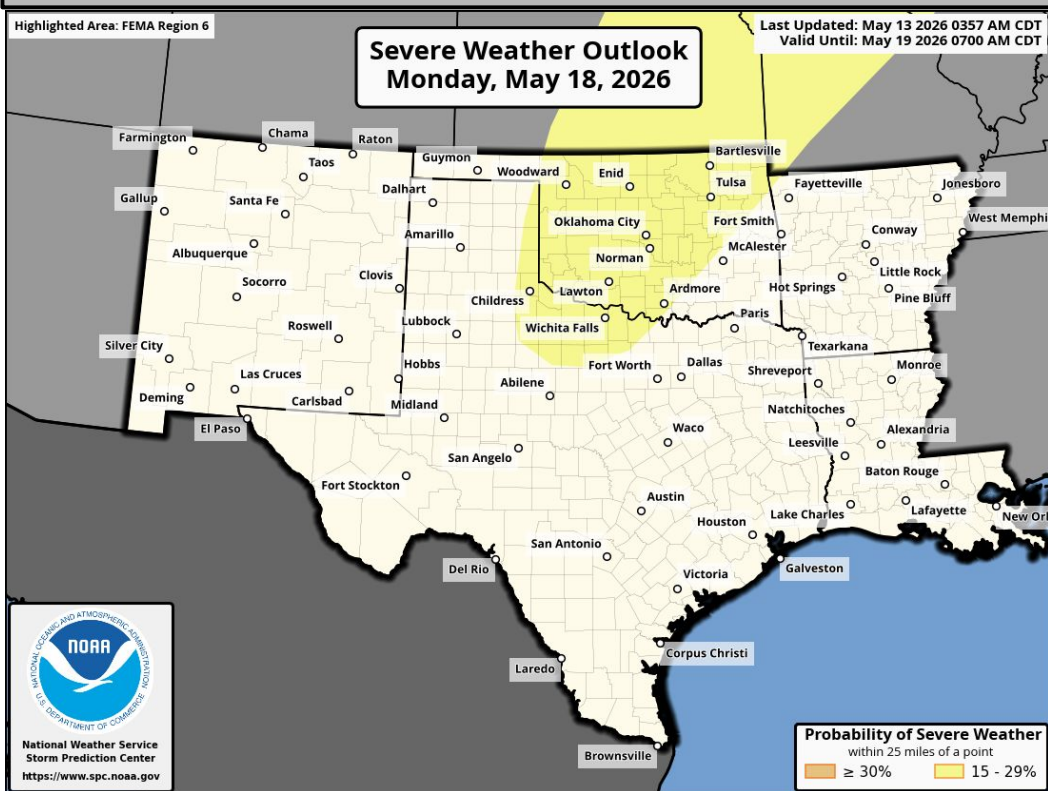
Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, N TX. All severe hazards could occur.

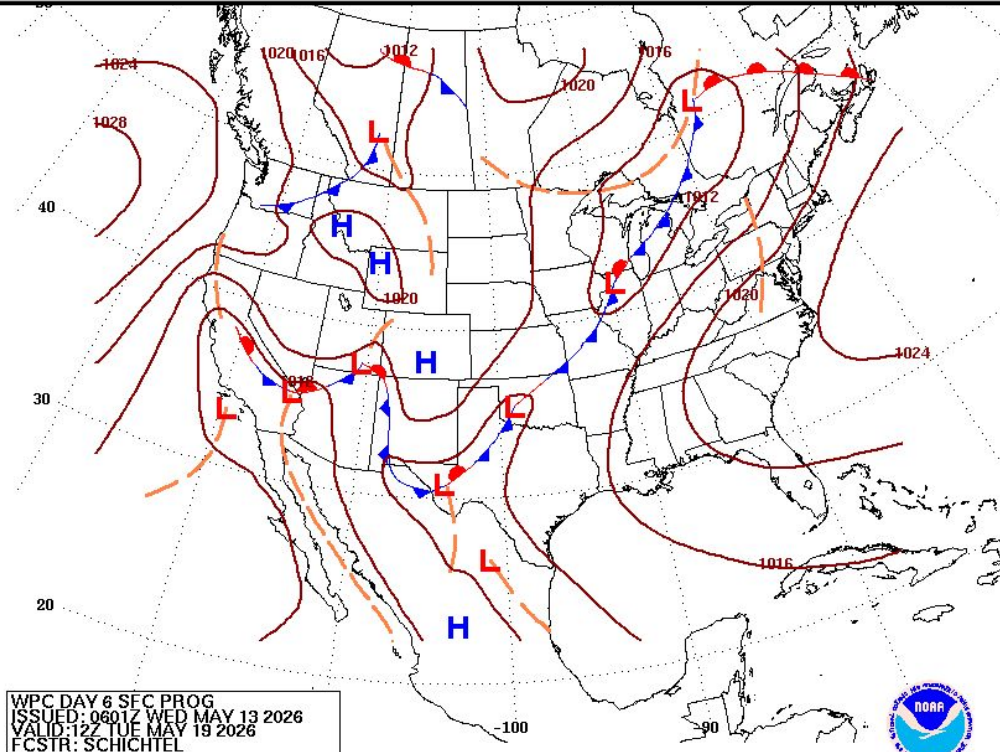
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Monitoring OK, AR, N TX for heavy rain.

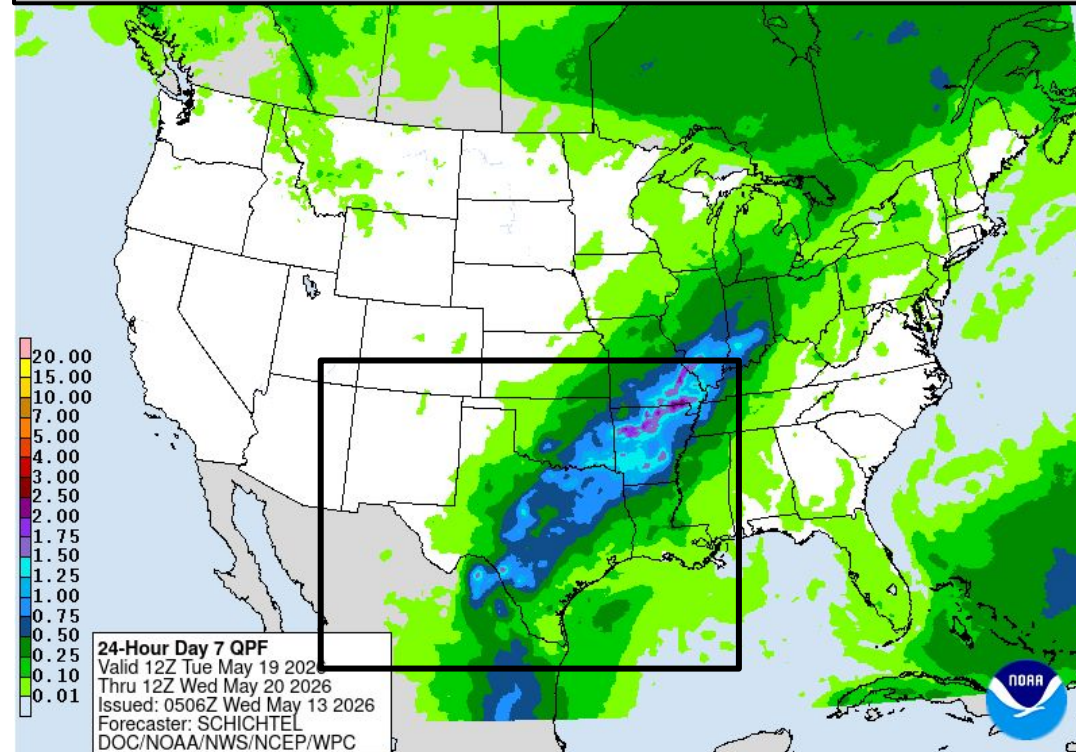


Tuesday's Weather

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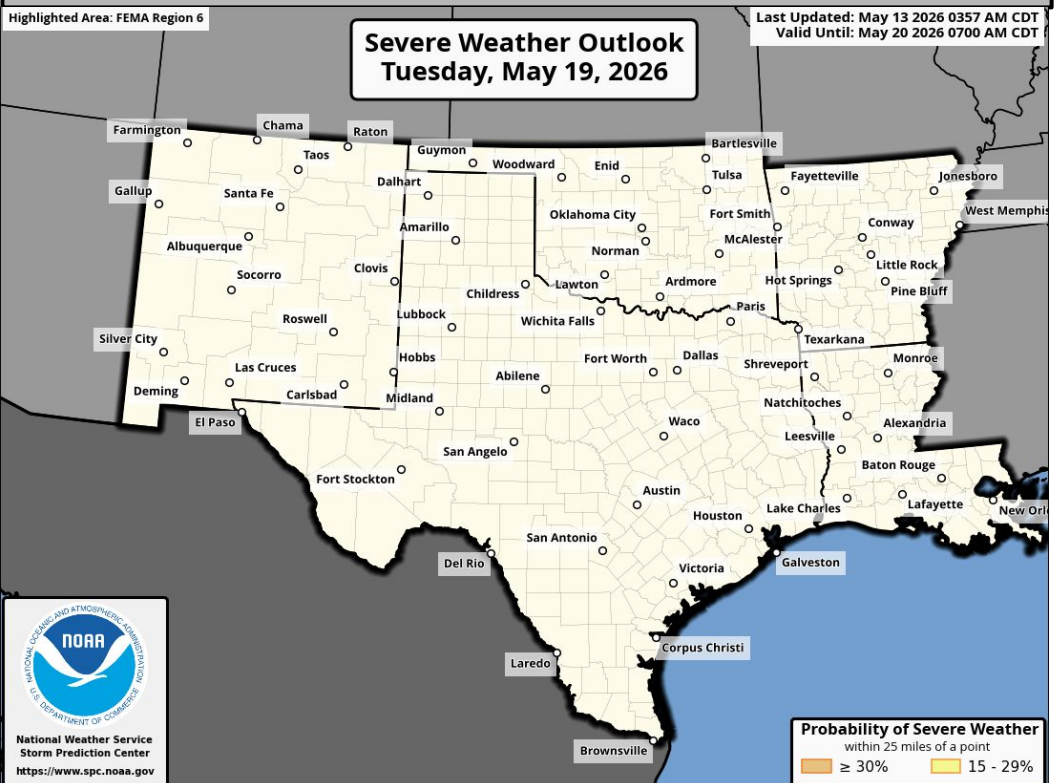


Forecast Rainfall



Monitoring OK, AR, TX for severe thunderstorms and heavy rainfall.

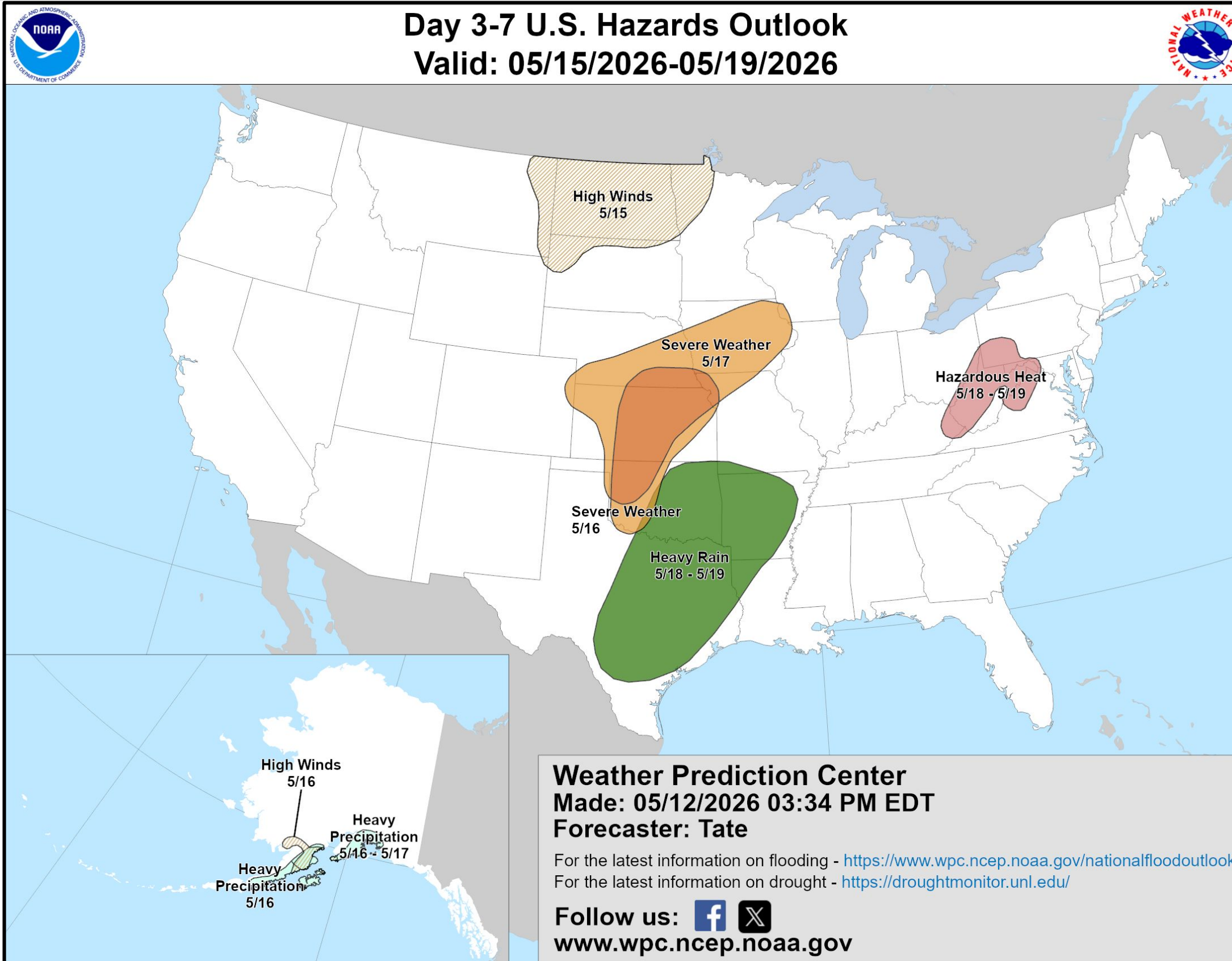
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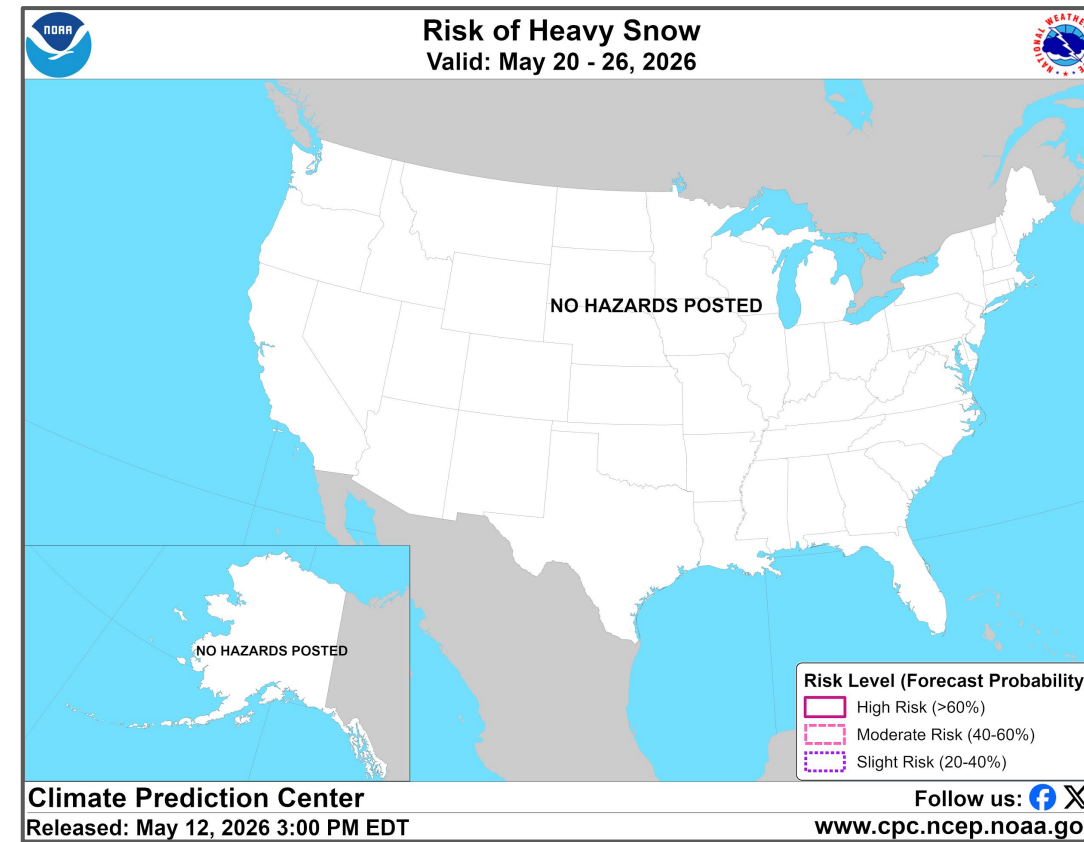
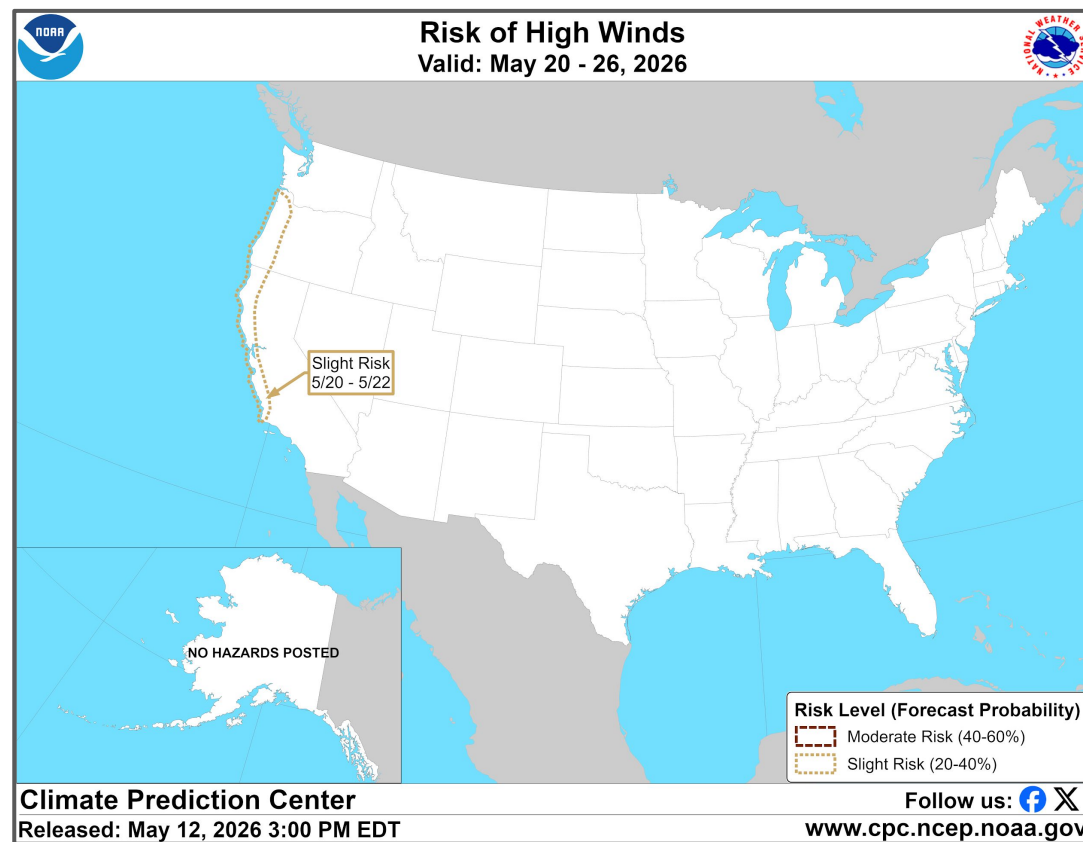
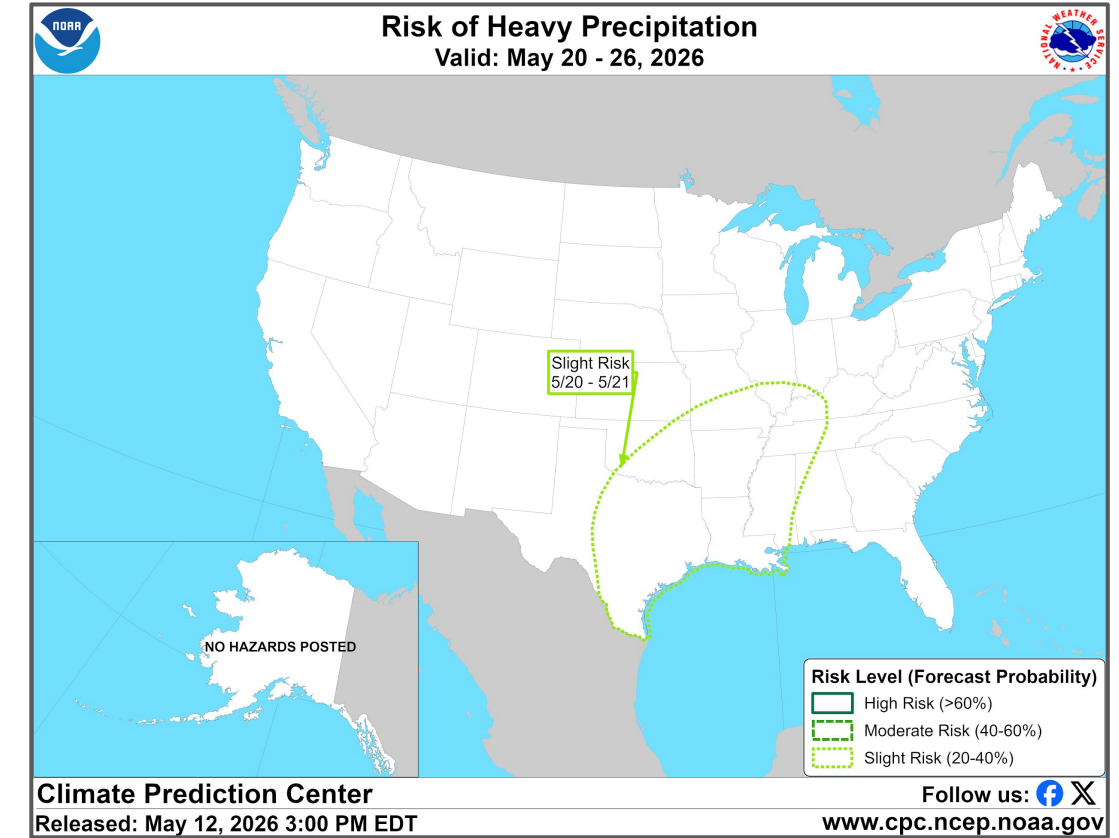
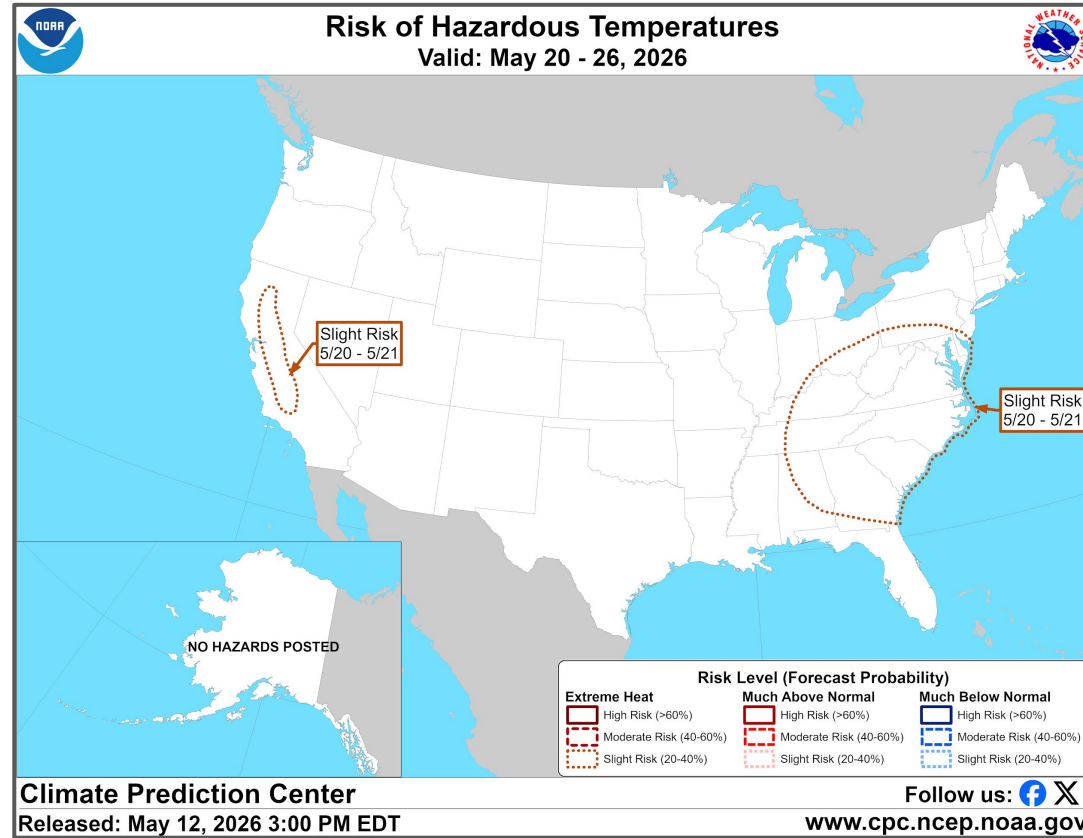
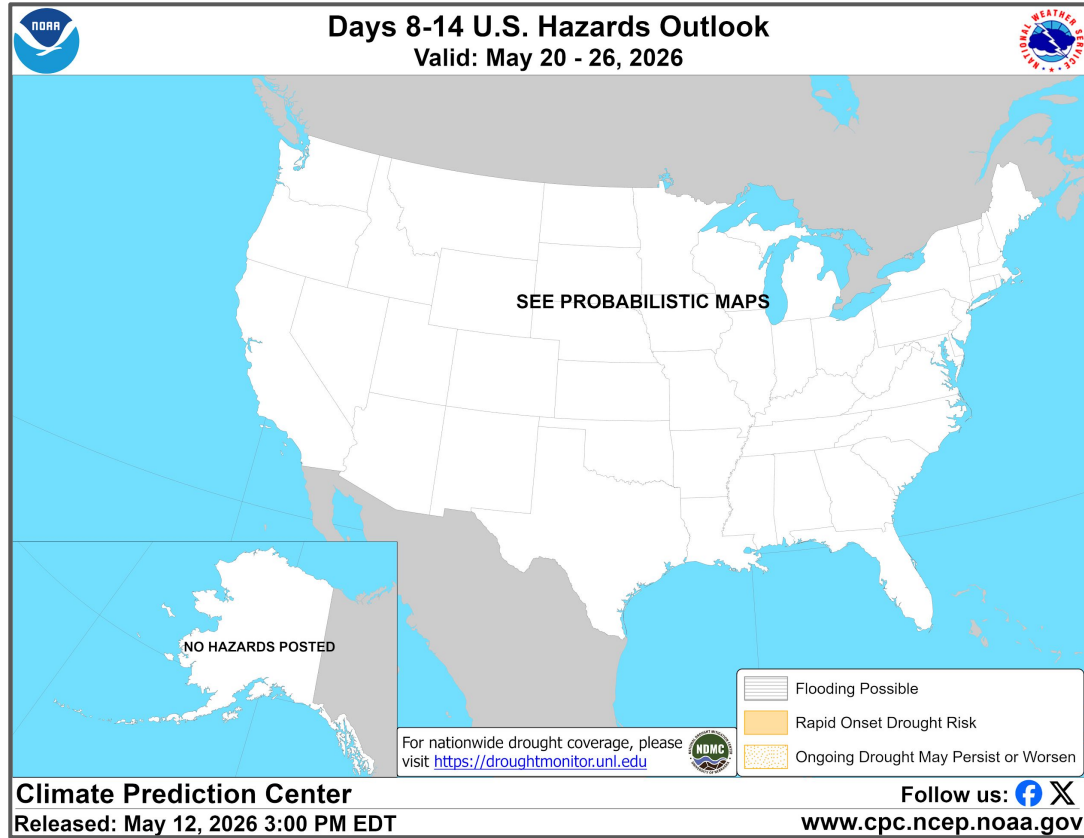


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





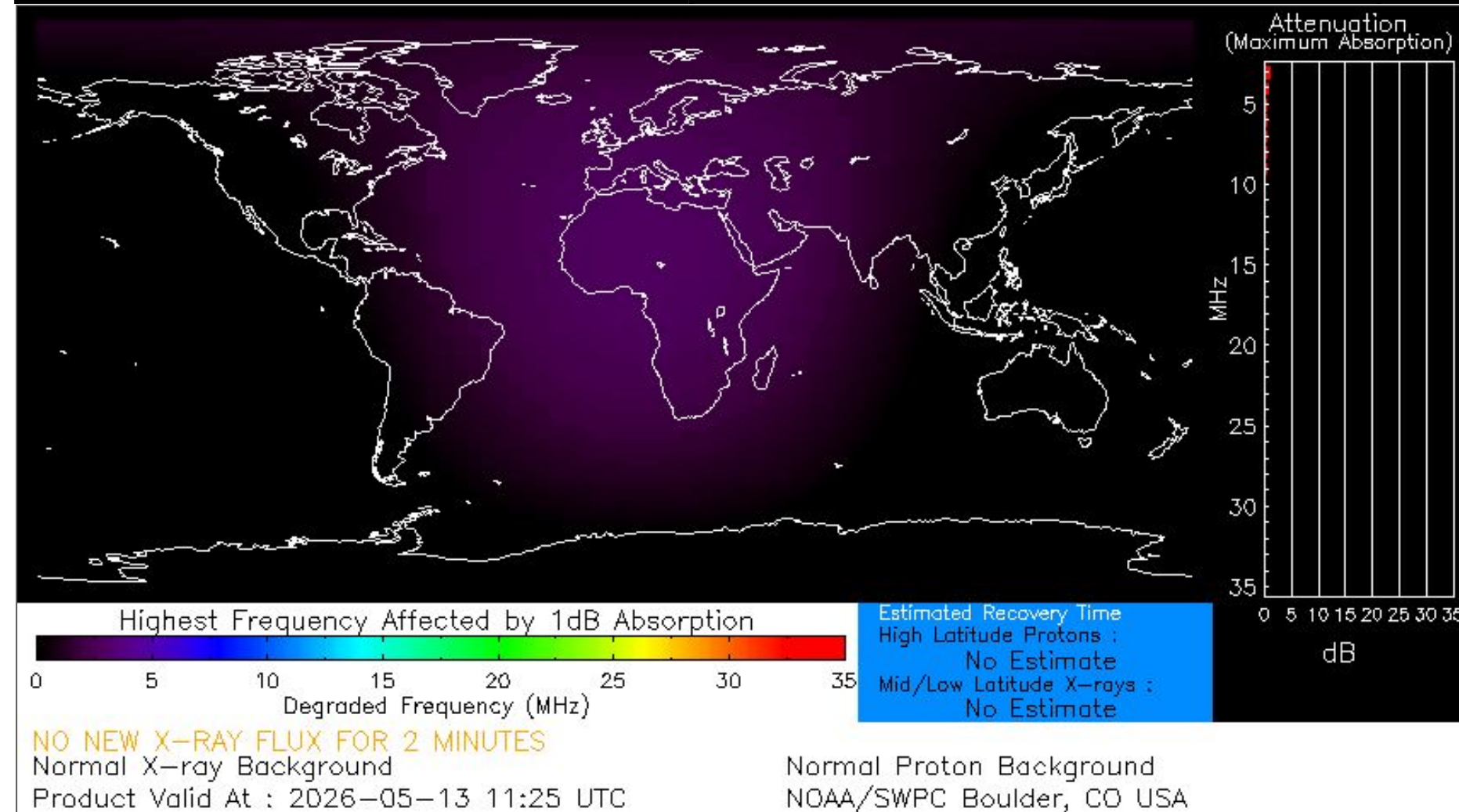
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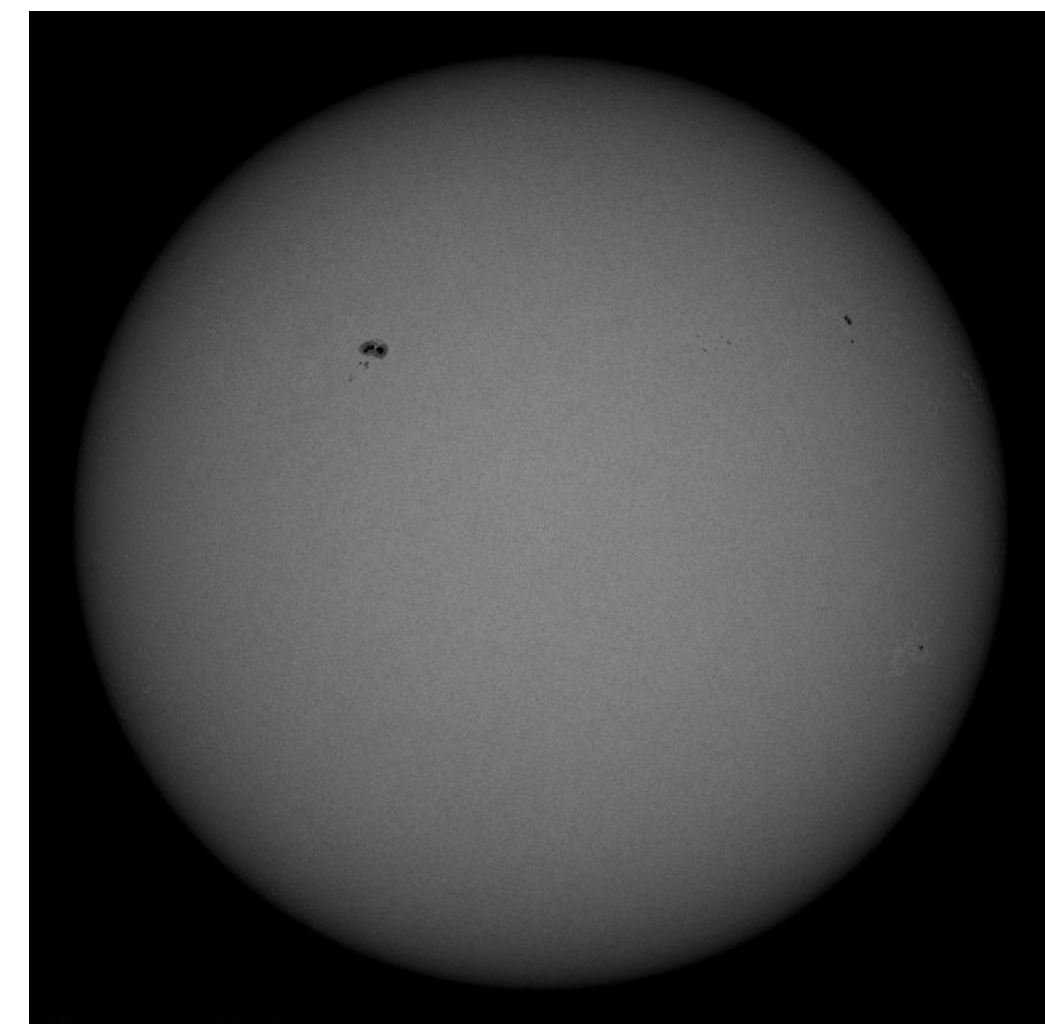
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Wednesday, May 13	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp=4)	Minor - G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	10%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	10%	5%	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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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>	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"> 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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