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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, May 14, 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 through Saturday in portions of NM, W TX, and N/W OK. Wind and Hail are the main threats.**
- **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms Sunday-Monday in portions of OK, N AR, and N TX. All hazards could occur. Monday currently has the highest potential.**
- **Monitoring for heavy rainfall with storms on Monday and Tuesday in OK, AR, and TX.**

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated to locally critical fire weather conditions across NM, W TX, W OK today through Monday.**
 - **Monitoring TX/OK Panhandles for dry thunderstorms today.**

- **Heat:**

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

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor river flooding will continue in S LA through Sunday night.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15	Saturday, May 16	Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20
Severe Storms	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, OK	W OK	TX Panhandle, W OK	TX Panhandle, W OK	OK, NW AR, NTX	N OK, NW AR	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					OK, AR, TX	OK, AR, TX	
Heat	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX, W OK	E NM, WTX				
Fire Weather	NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	NM, WTX, SW OK	NM, WTX, SW OK	NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandles	NM, WTX, TX/OK Panhandles		
River Flooding	S LA	S LA	S LA	S LA			

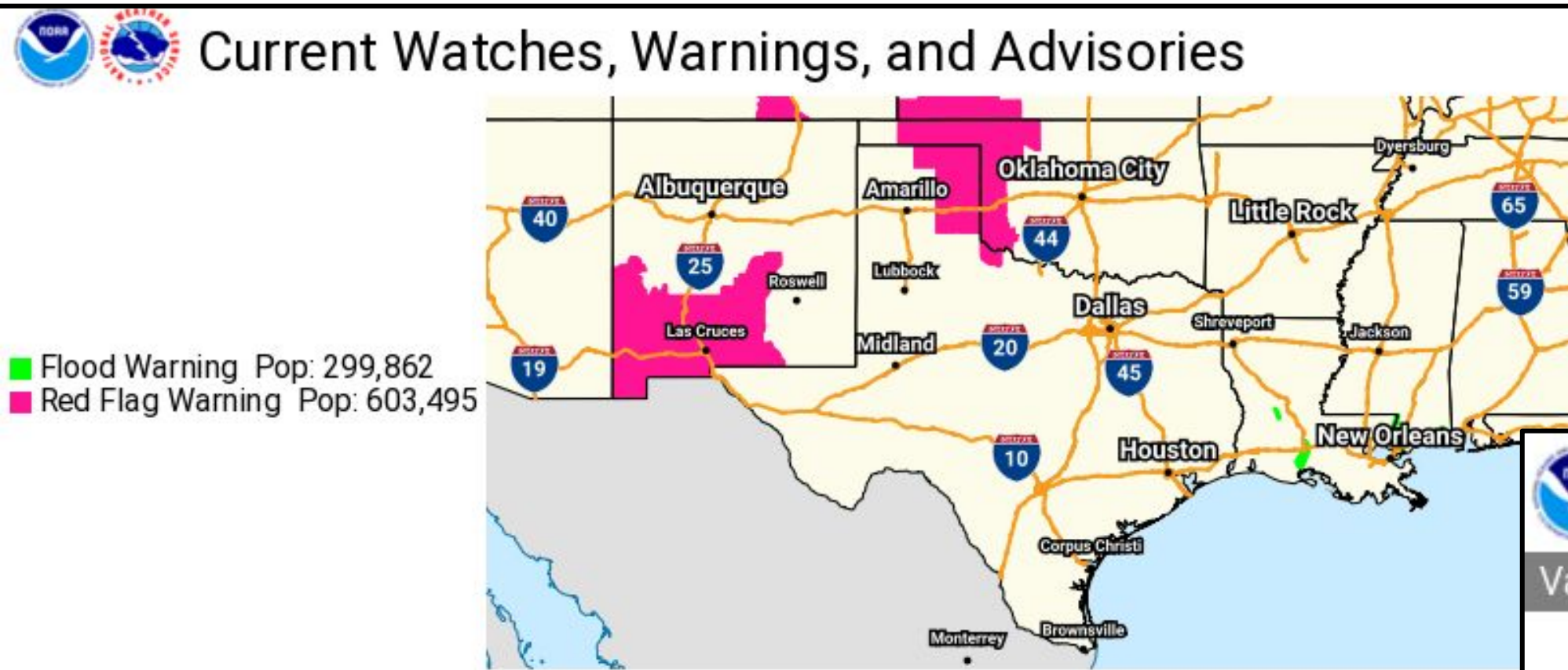
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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



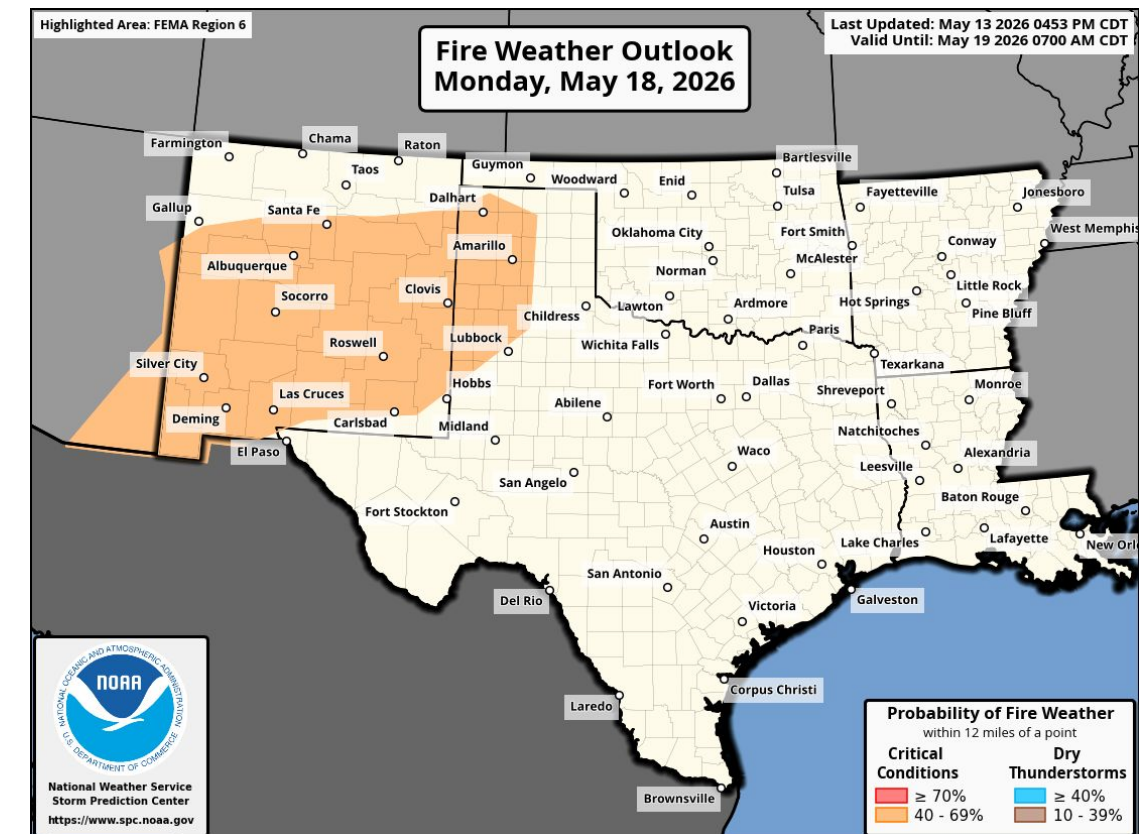
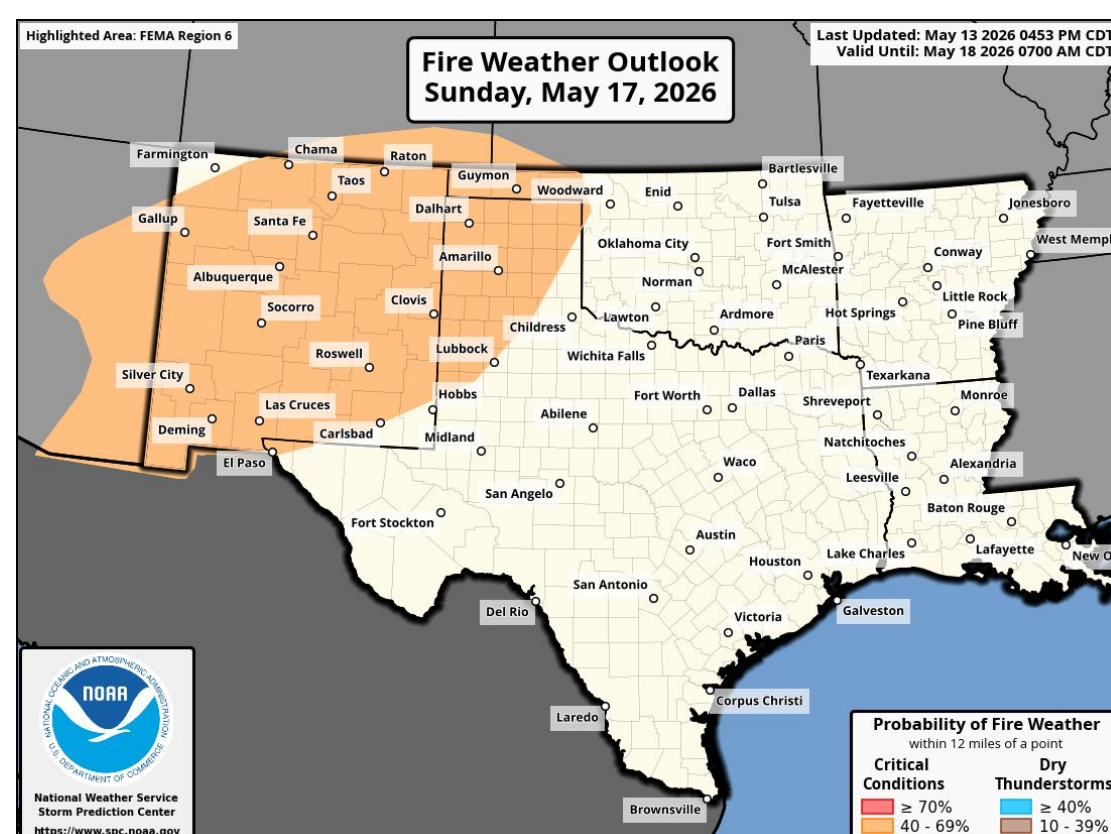
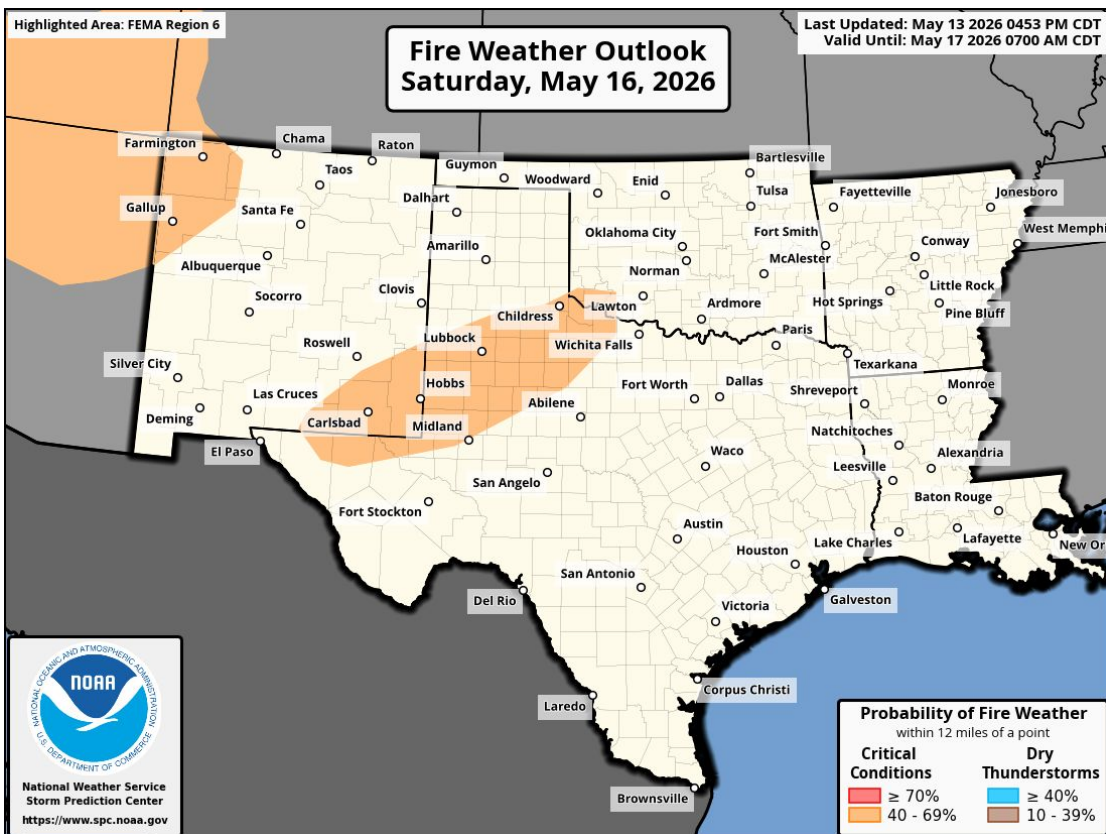
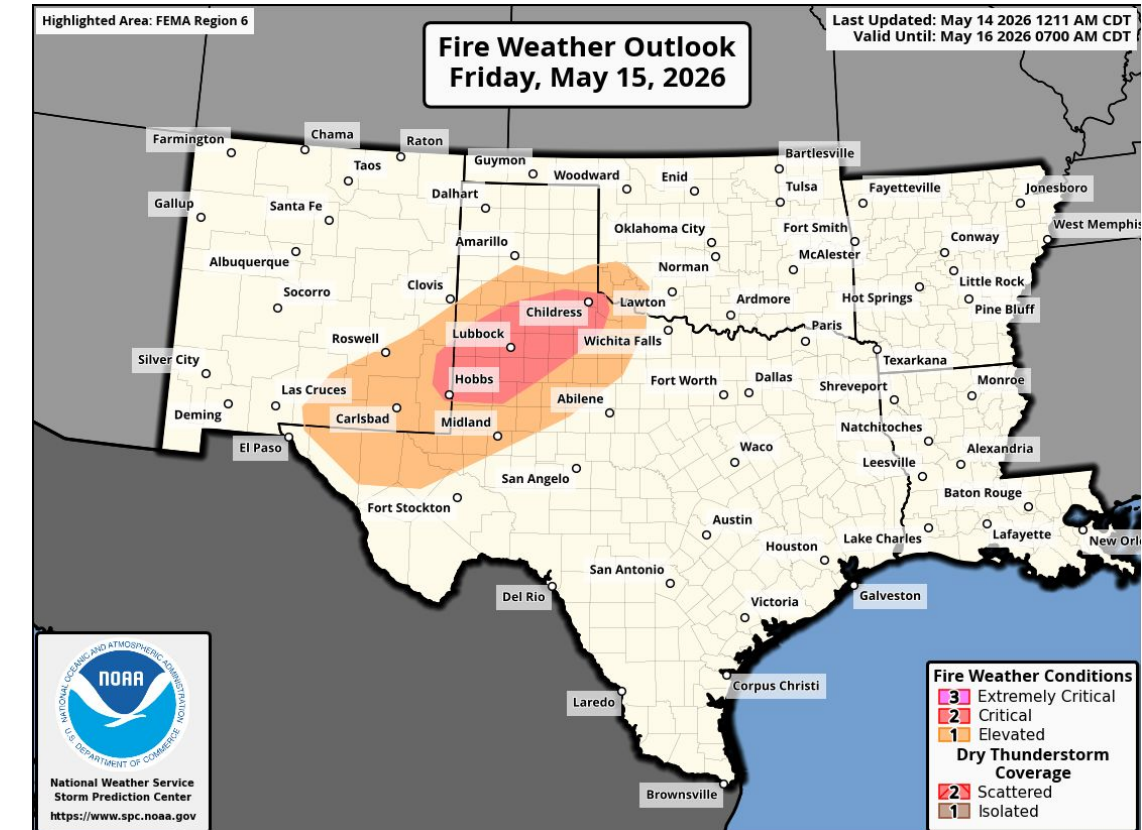
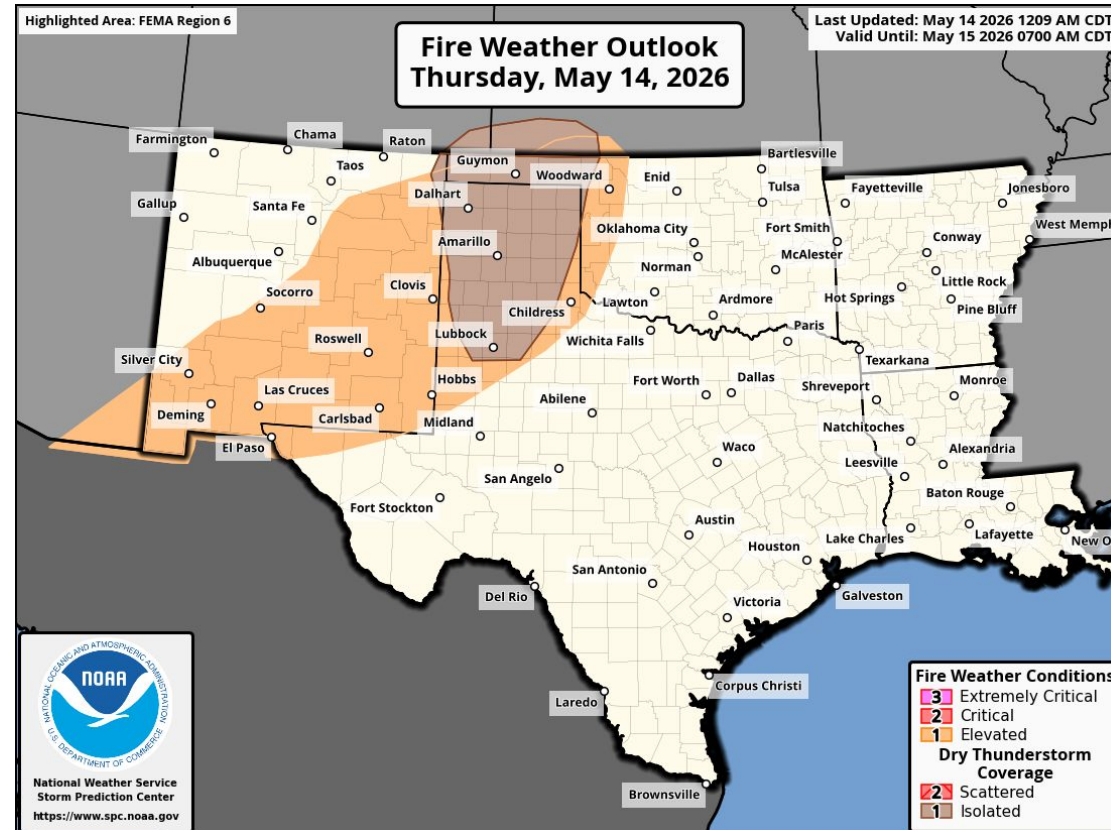
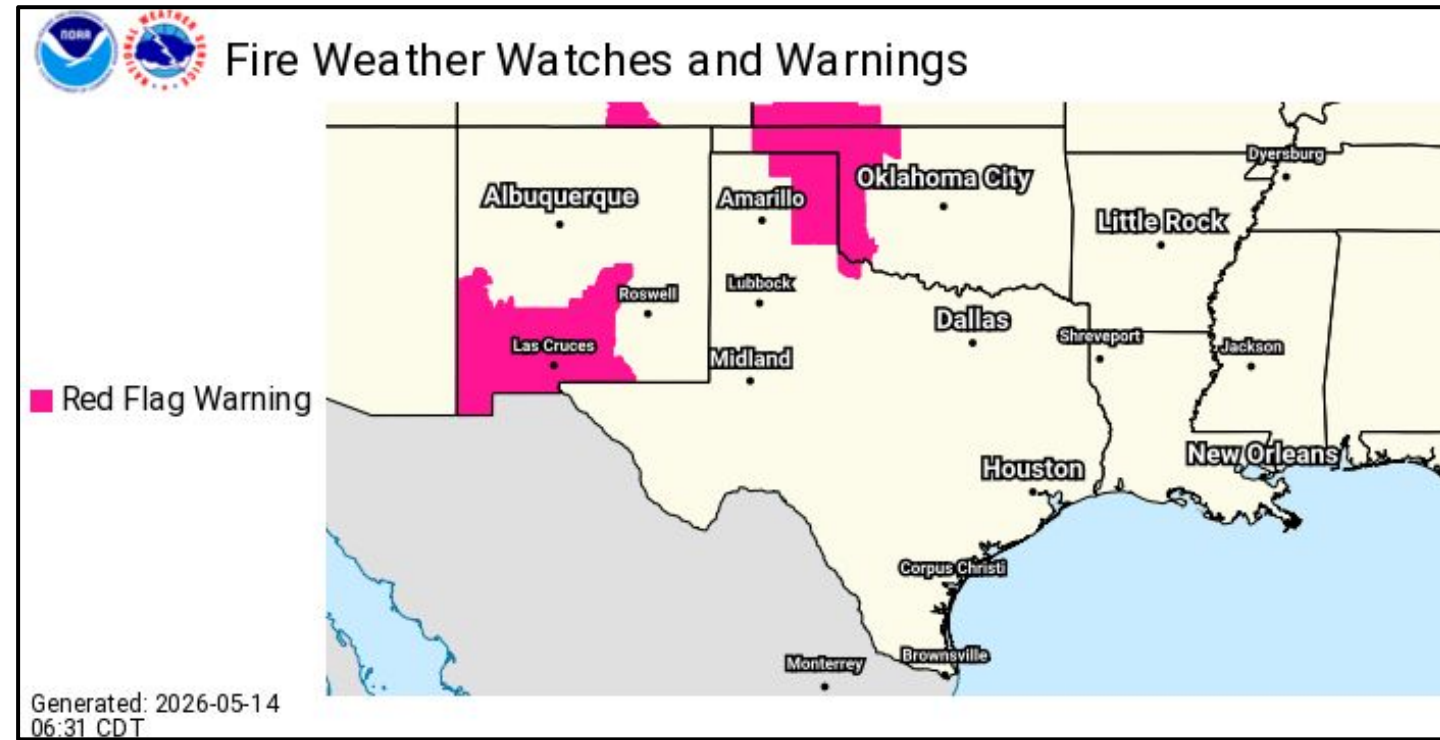
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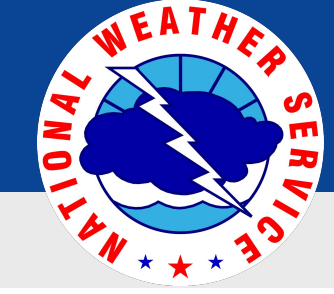


Red Flag Warnings in effect for S NM, TX/OK Panhandles.
Timing: 12 PM CDT-10 PM CDT.



Fire Weather Outlooks





Wind Gust/RH Forecast

Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

Minimum RH Forecast

	5/14 Thu		5/15 Fri				5/16 Sat				5/17 Sun				5/18 Mon				5/14 Thu		5/15 Fri				5/16 Sat				5/17 Sun				5/18 Mon						
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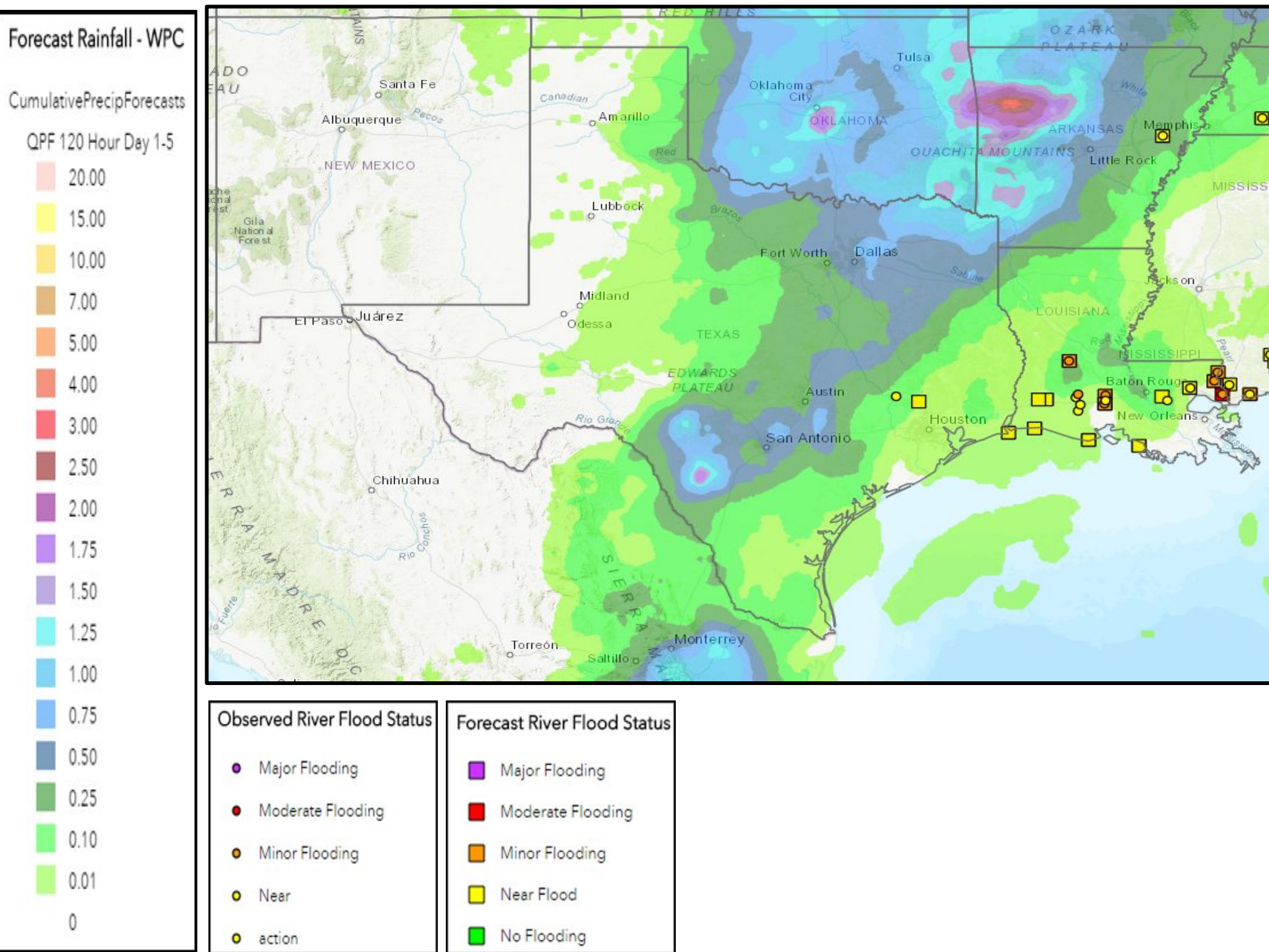
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

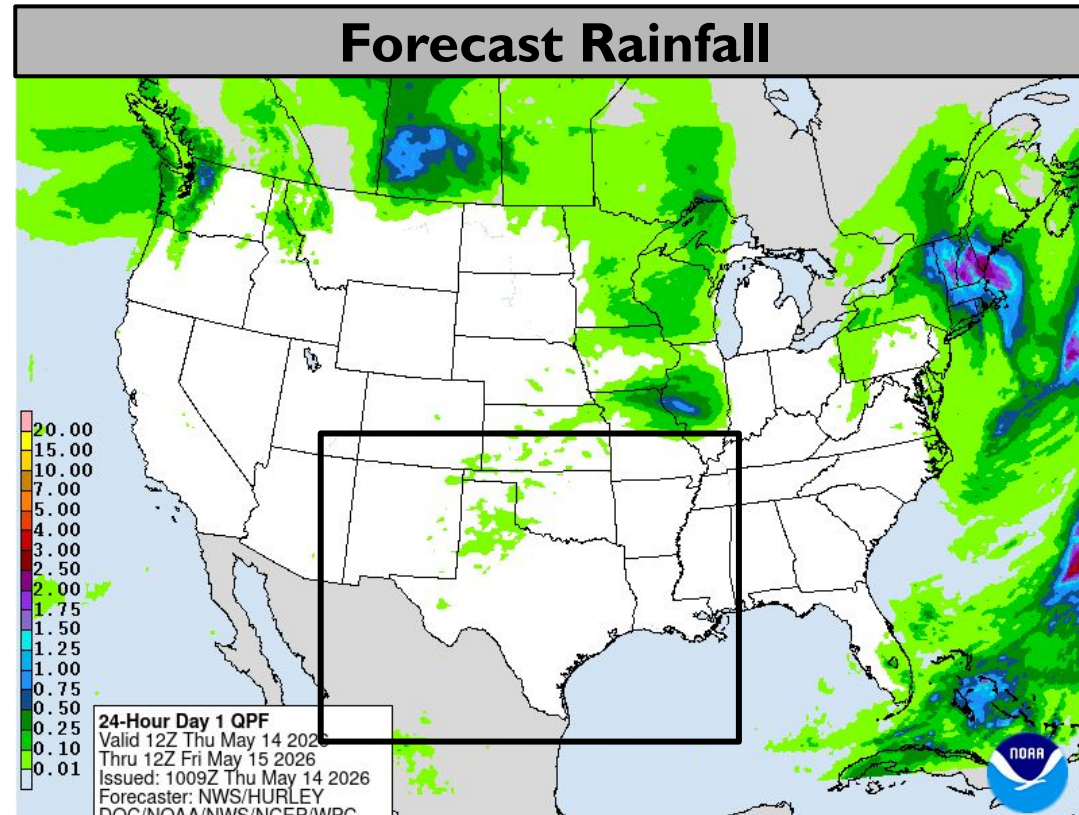
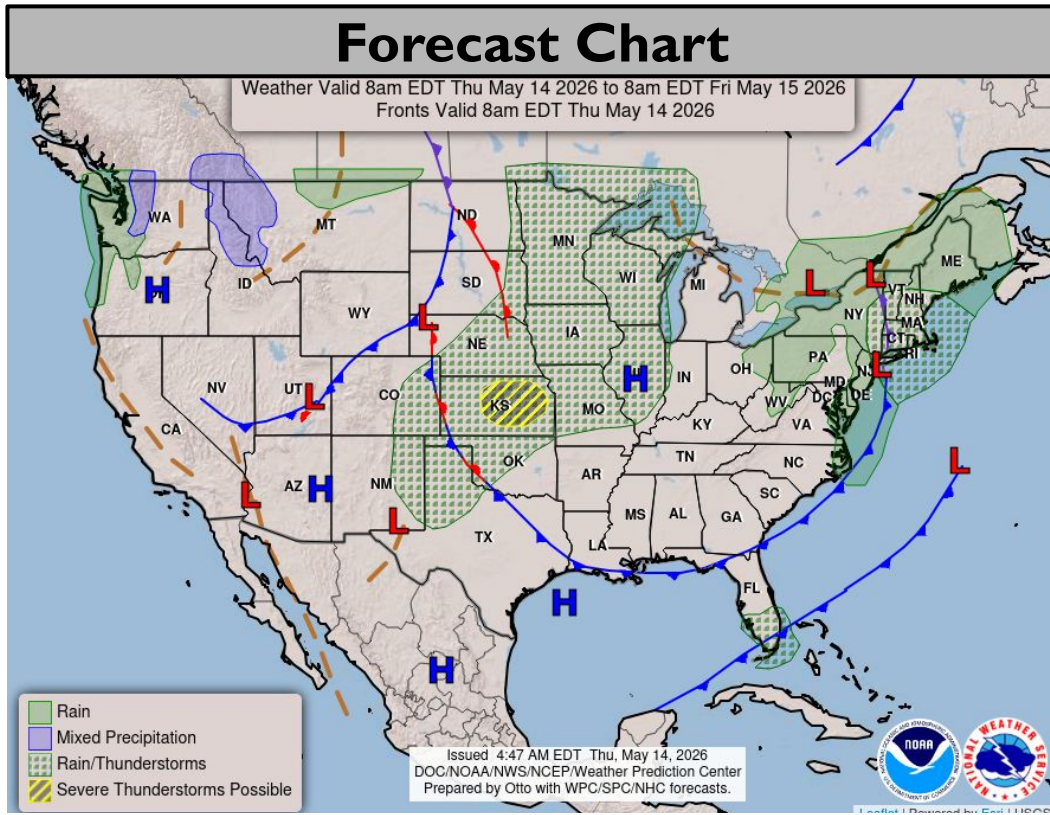


Minor river flooding will continue through Sunday night in S LA, leading to inundation of secondary roadways, parks, and campgrounds.

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.



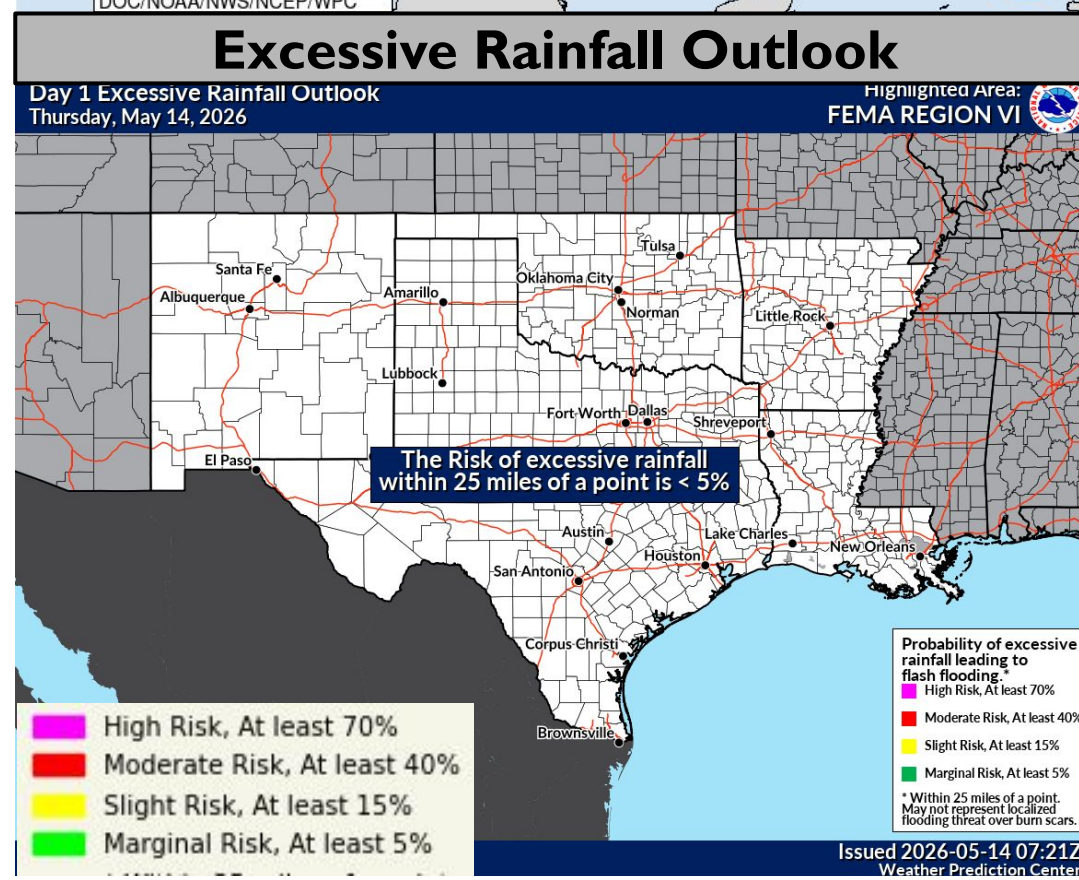
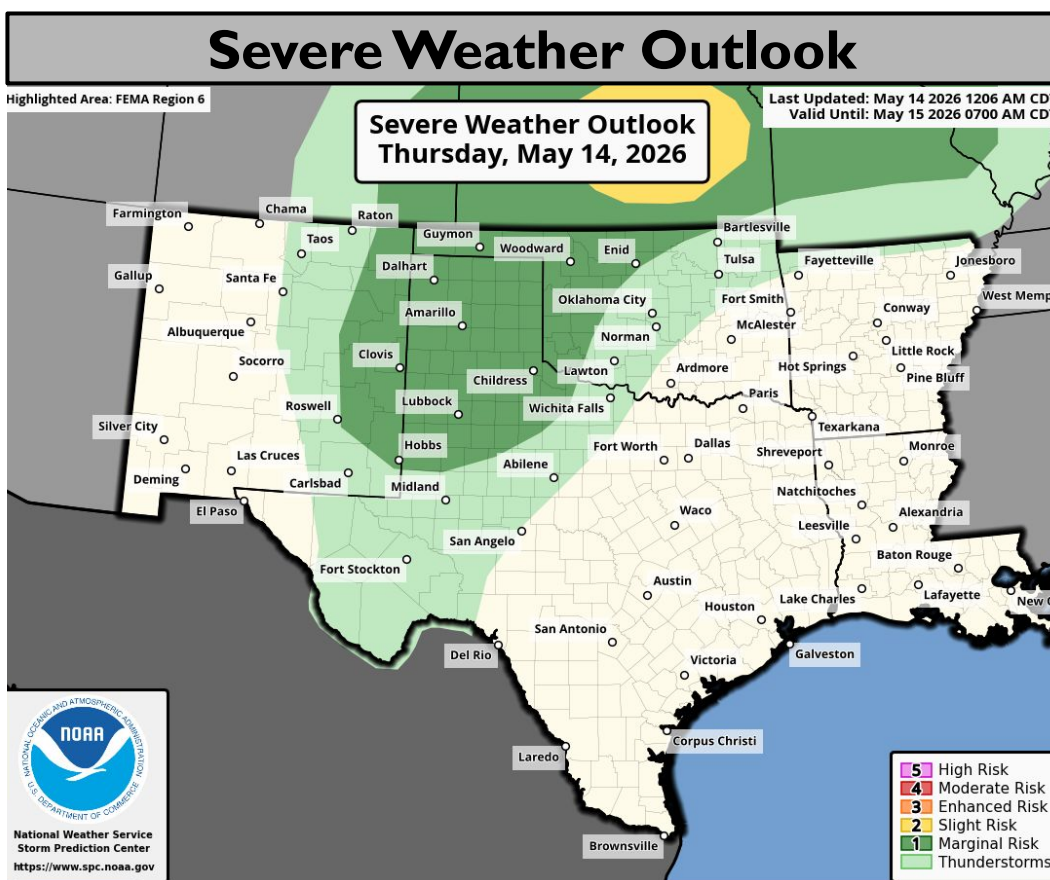
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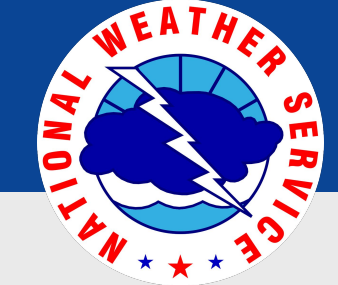


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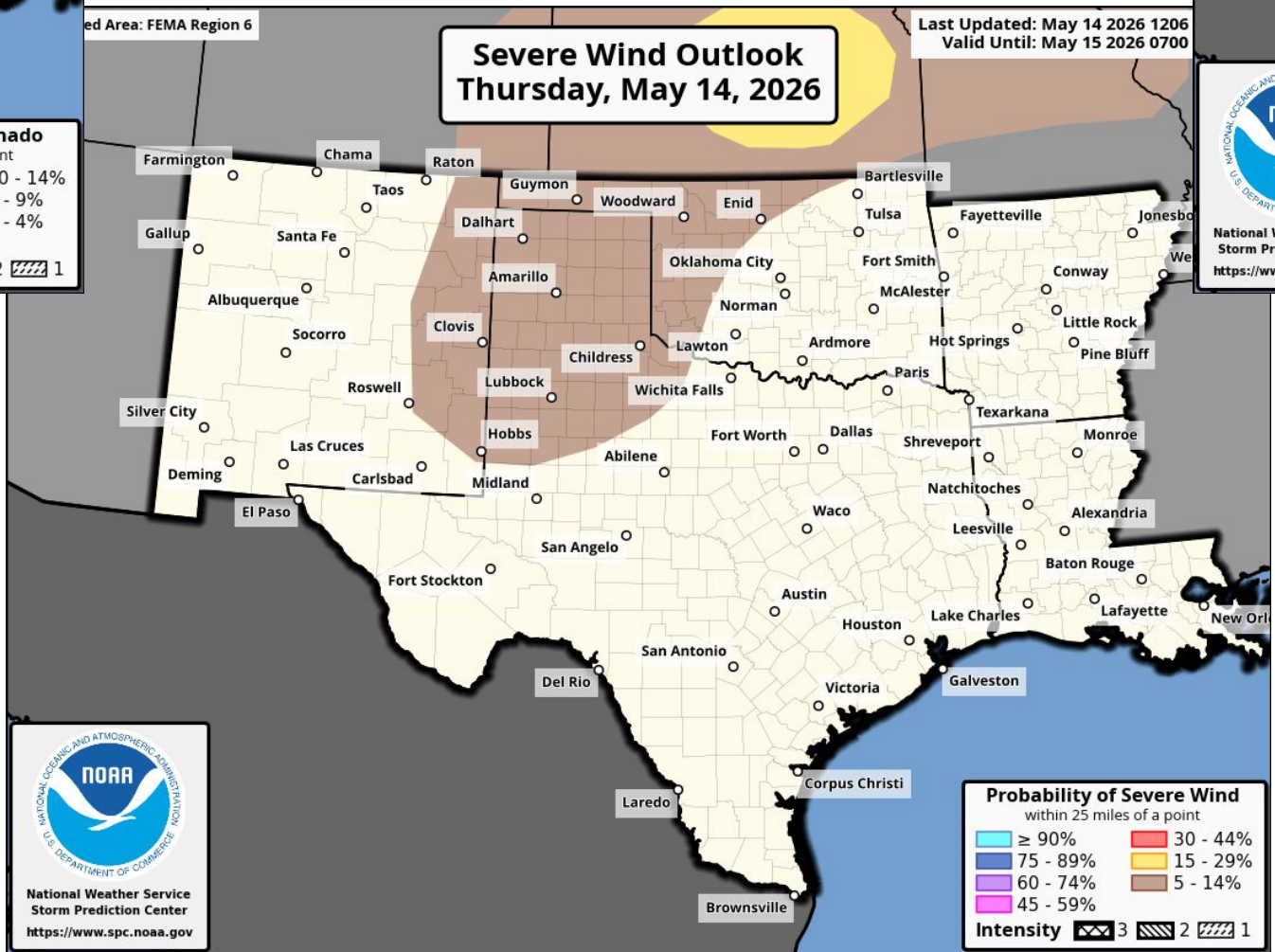
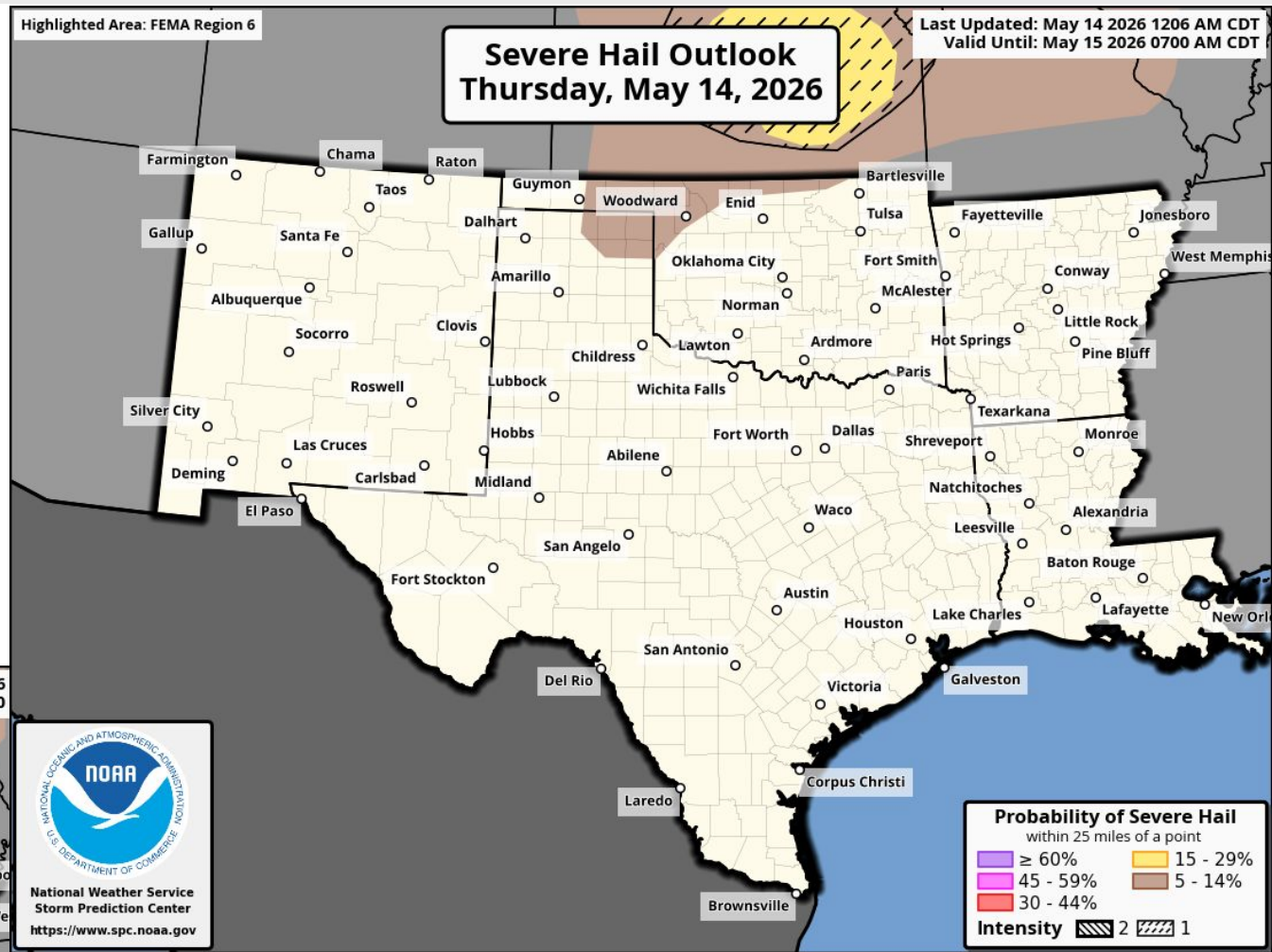
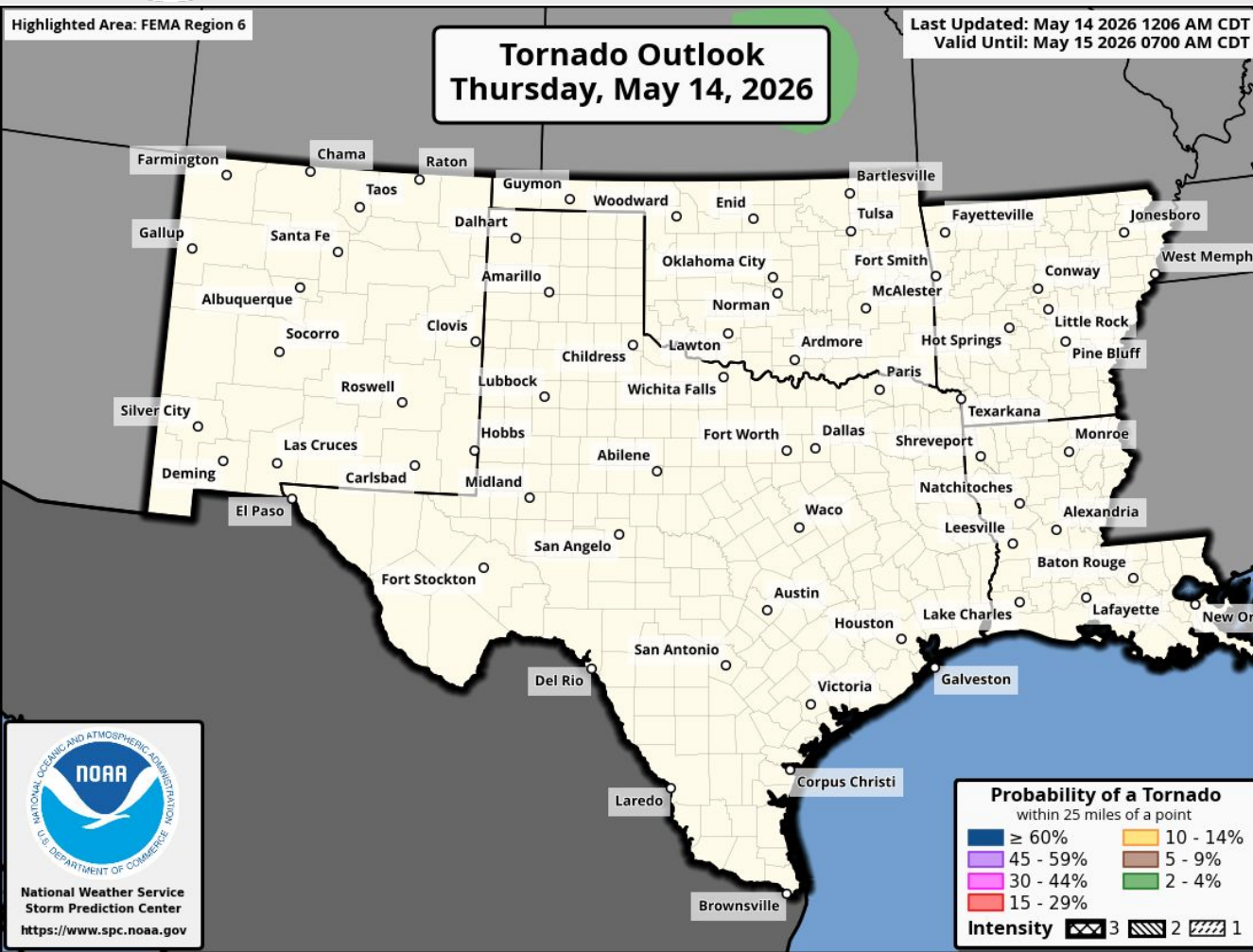
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, OK. Hail over 2" in diameter is the main threat. Storms in the panhandles could start new fires.

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





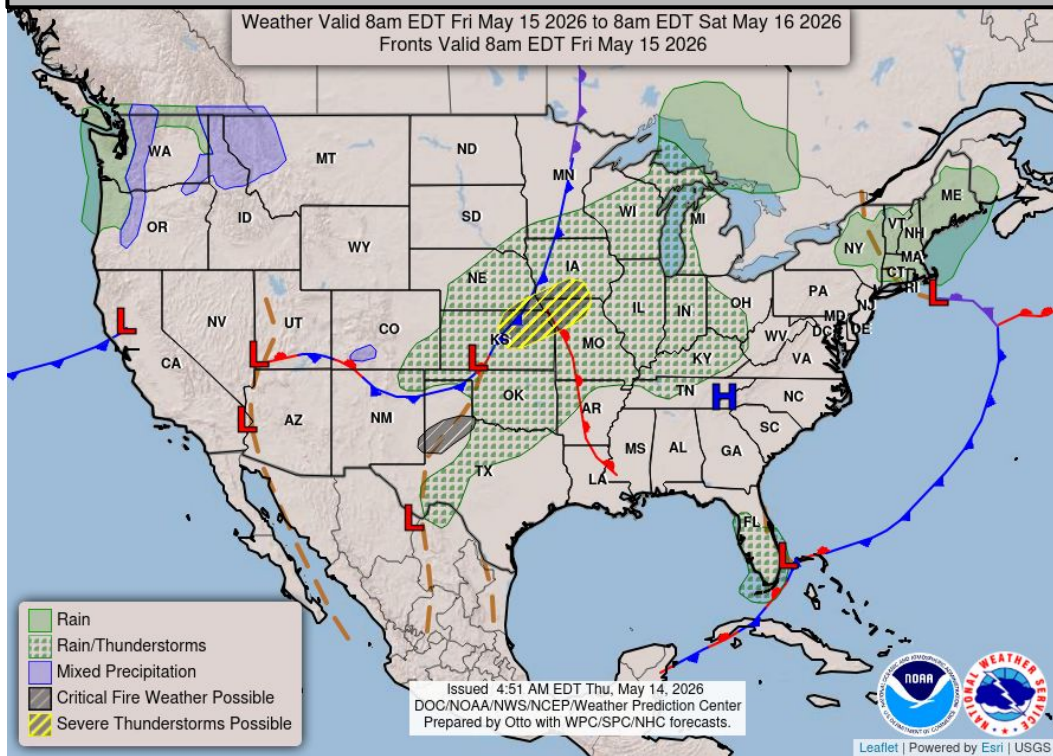
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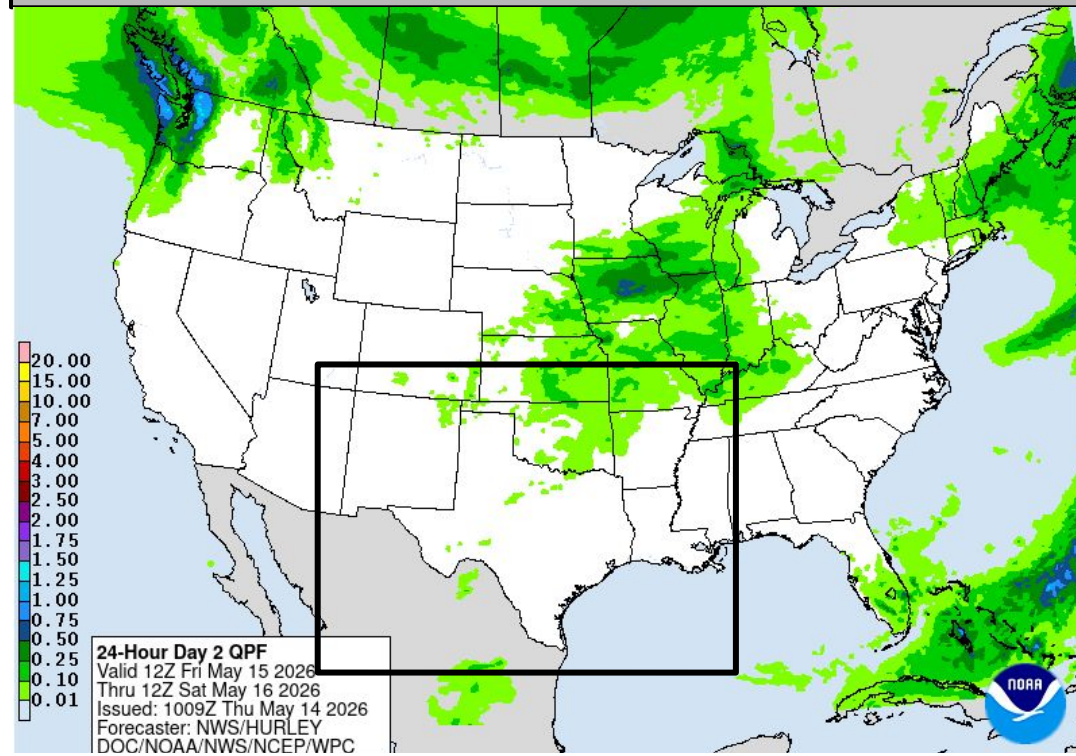


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart



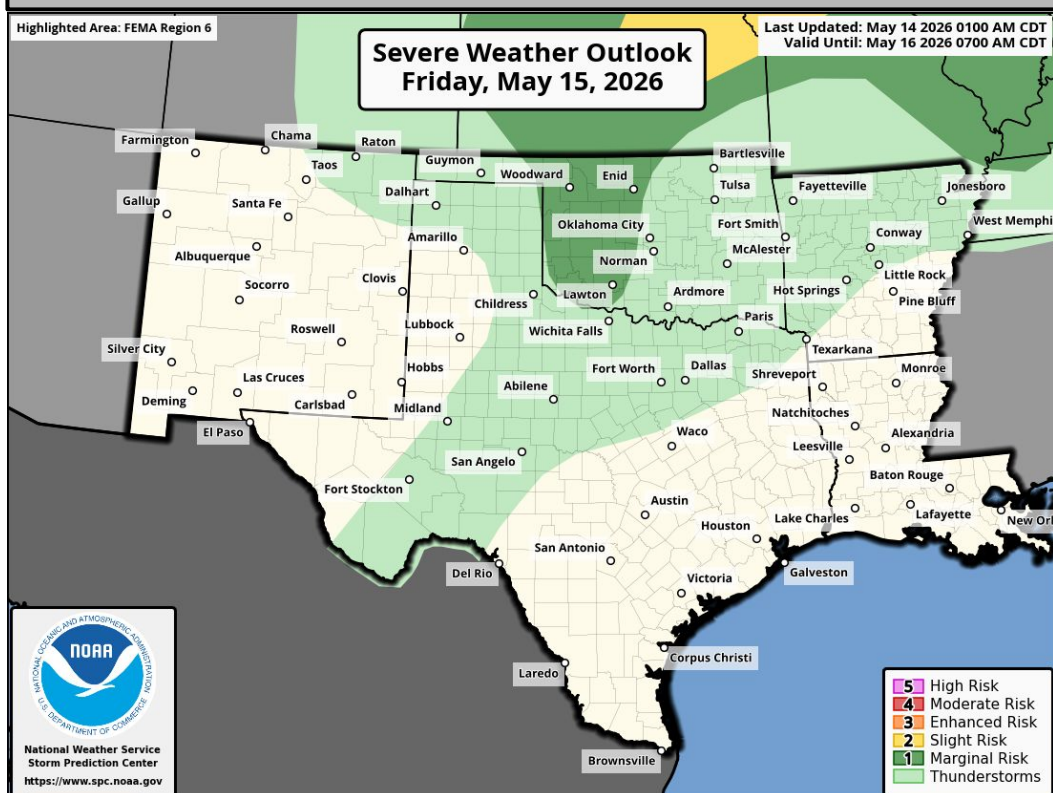
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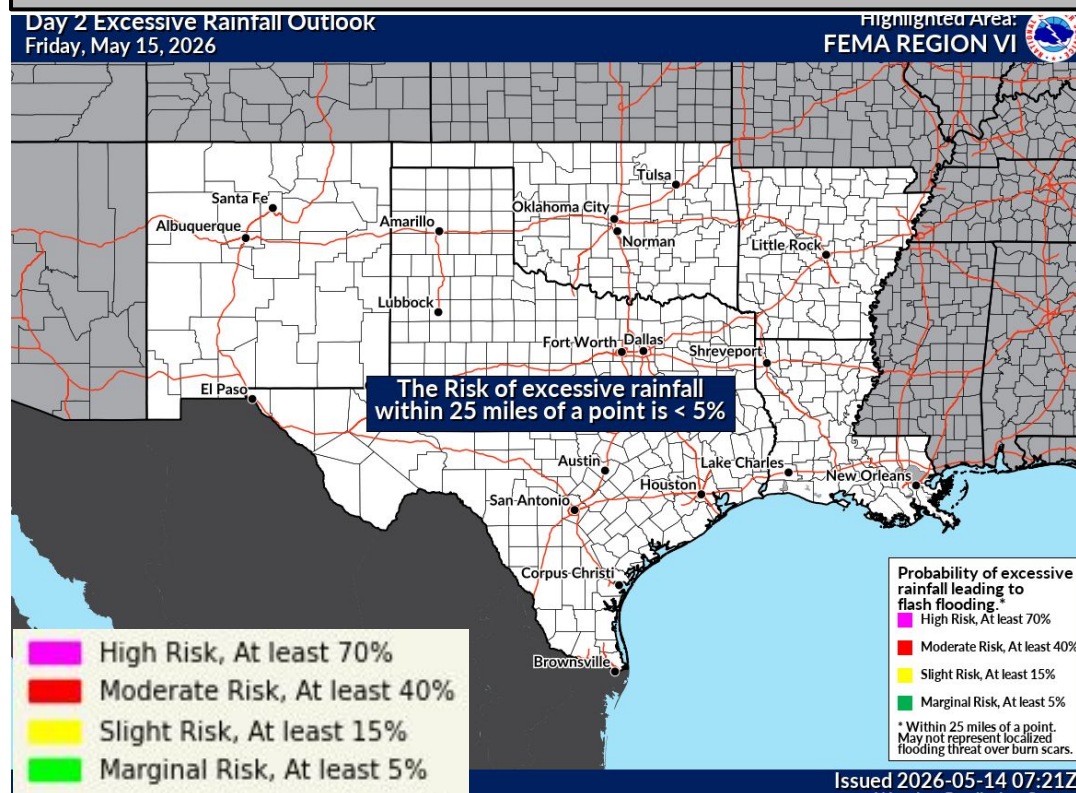
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Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in W OK. Hail is the main threat. 2"+ in diameter is conceivable.

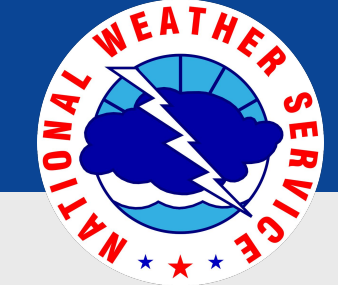
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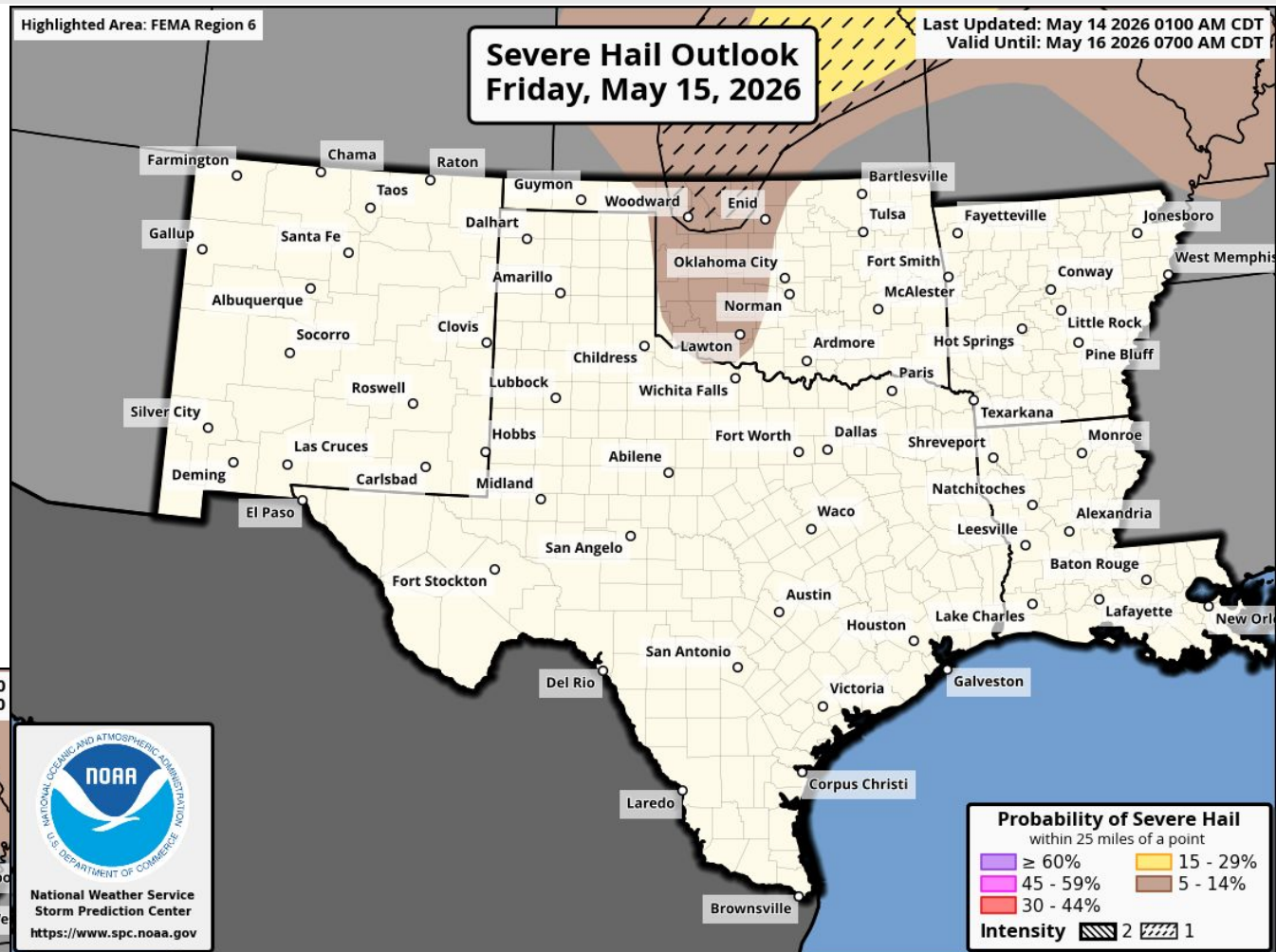
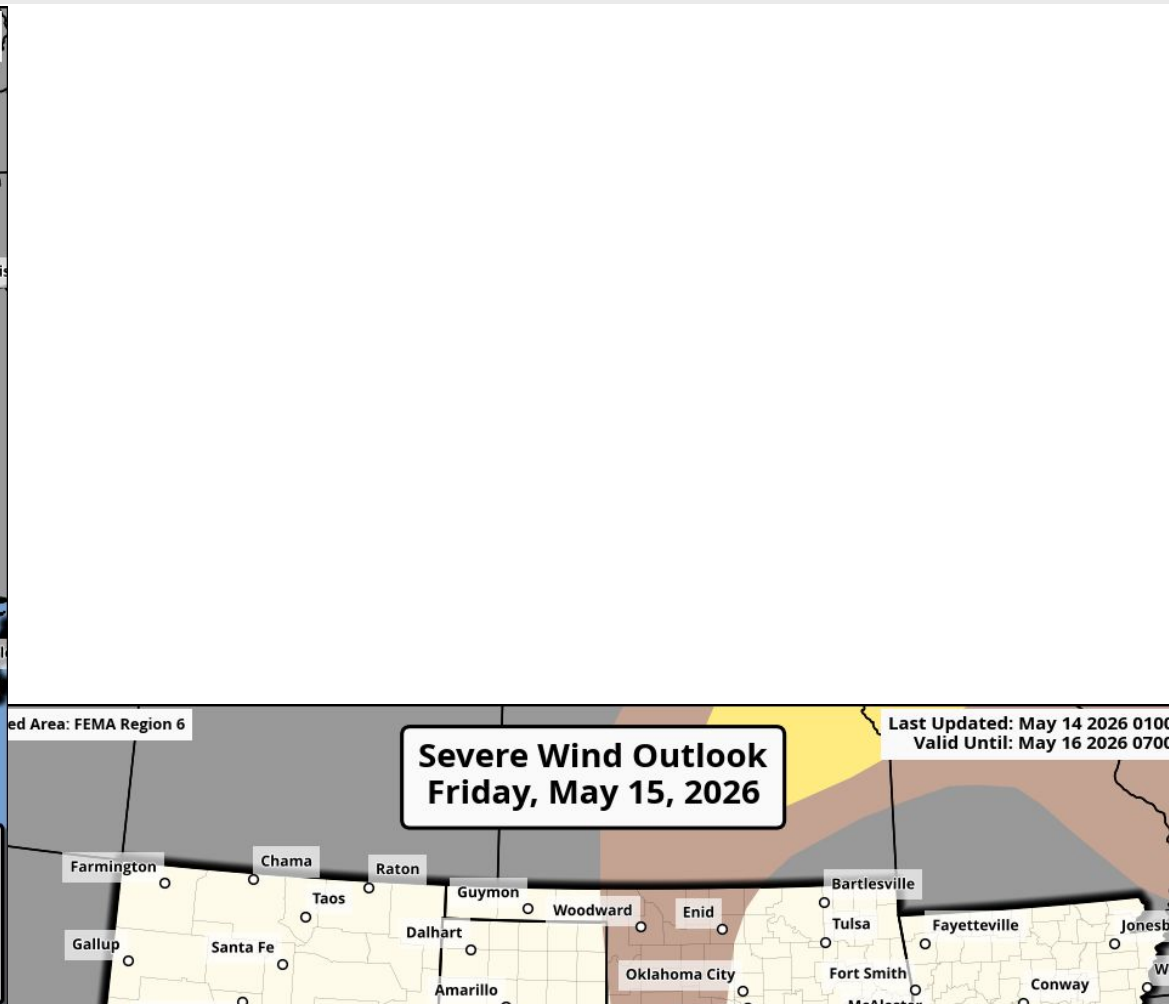
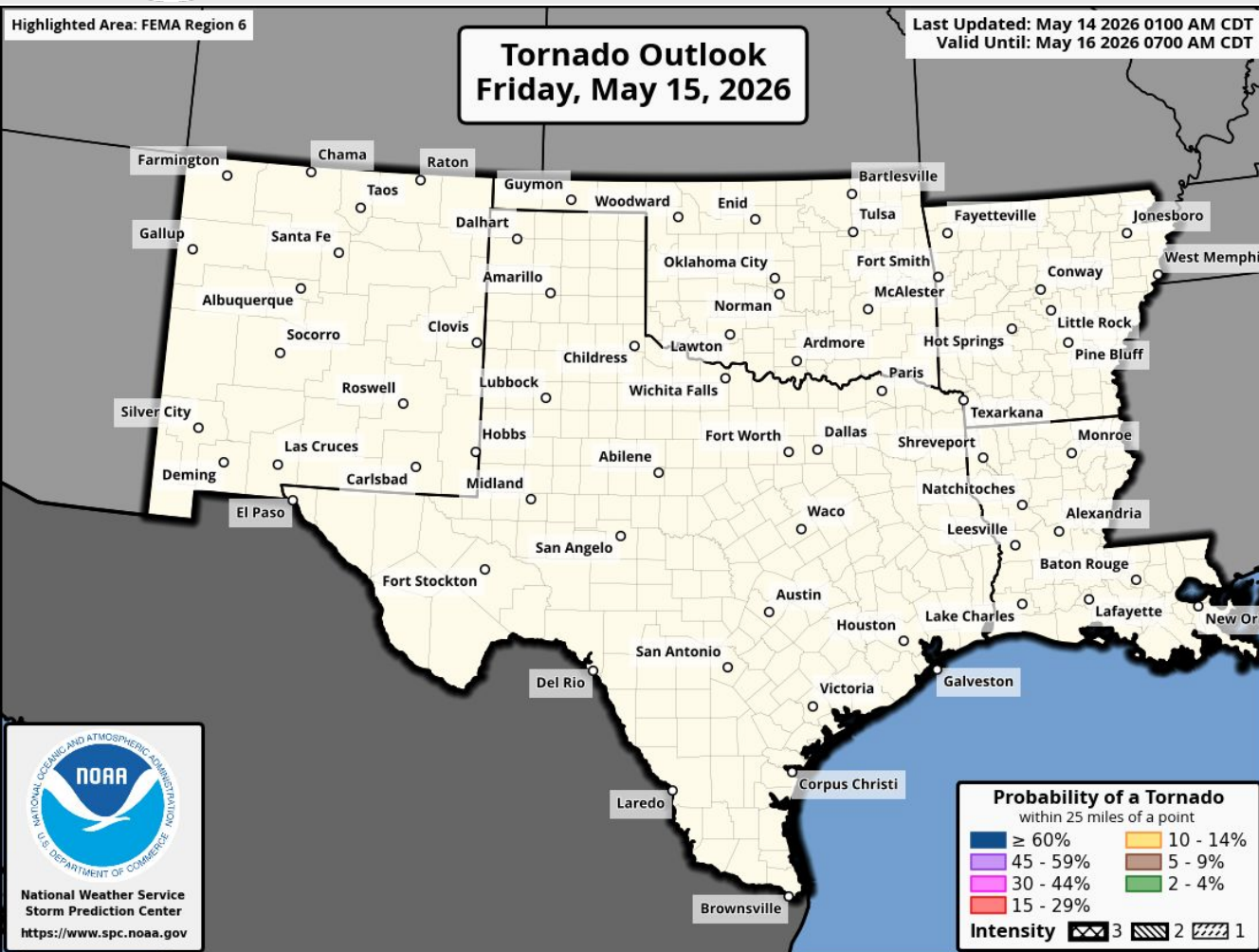
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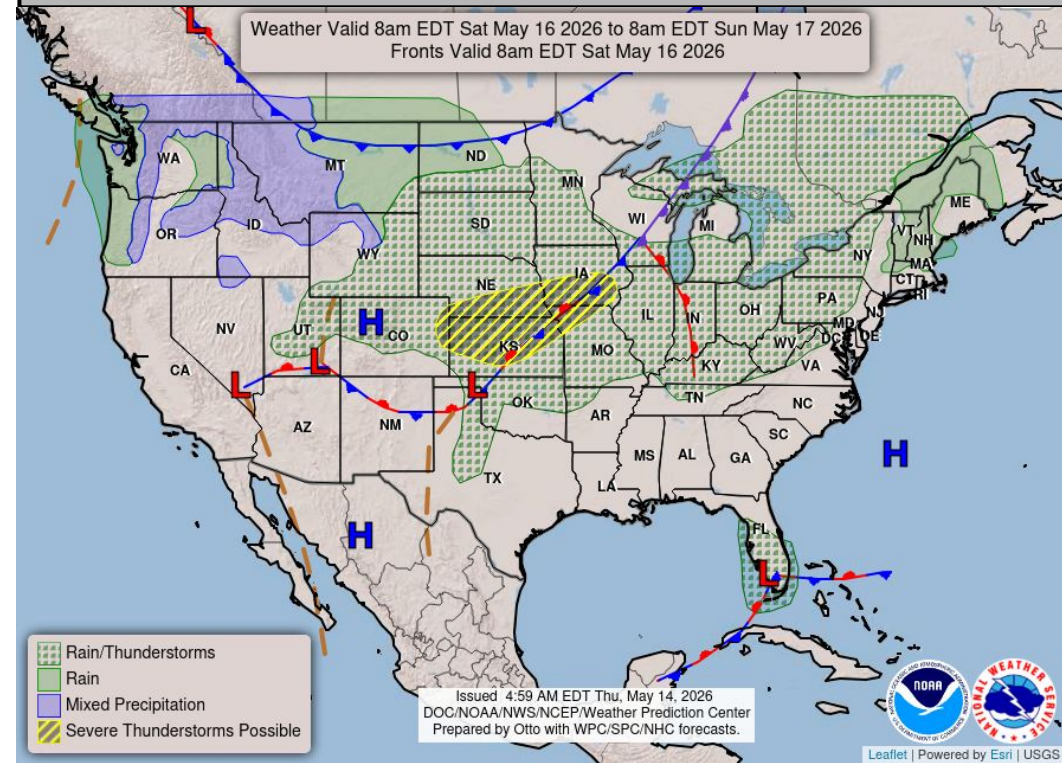
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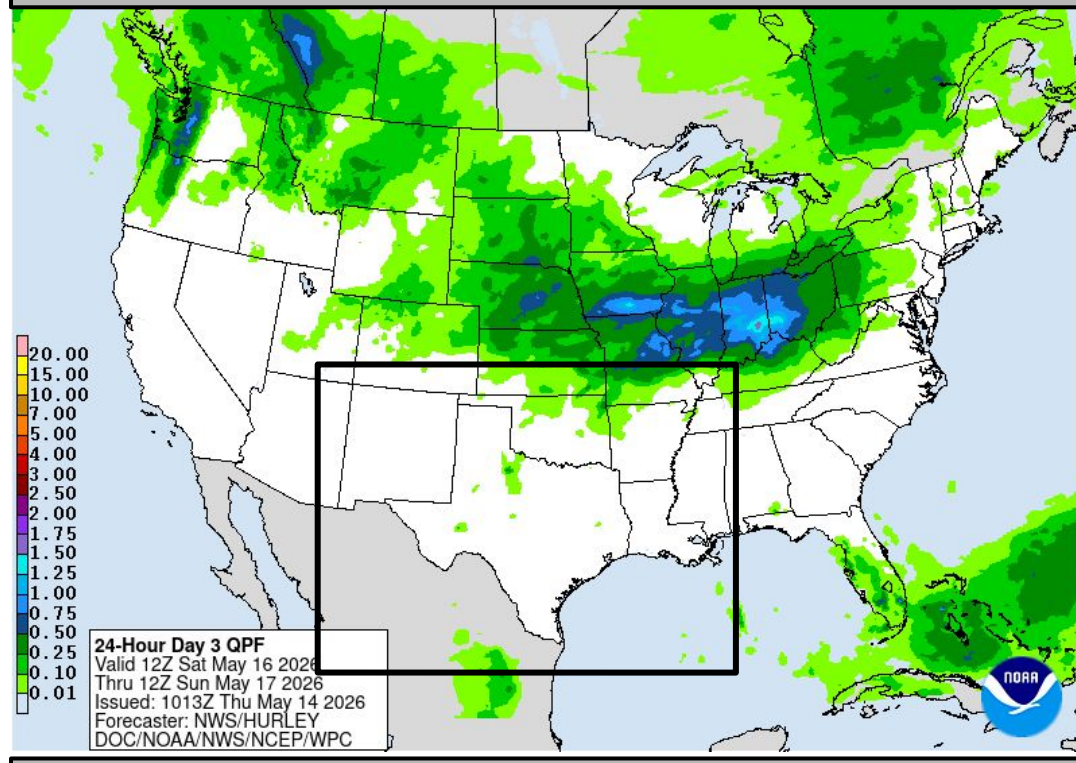


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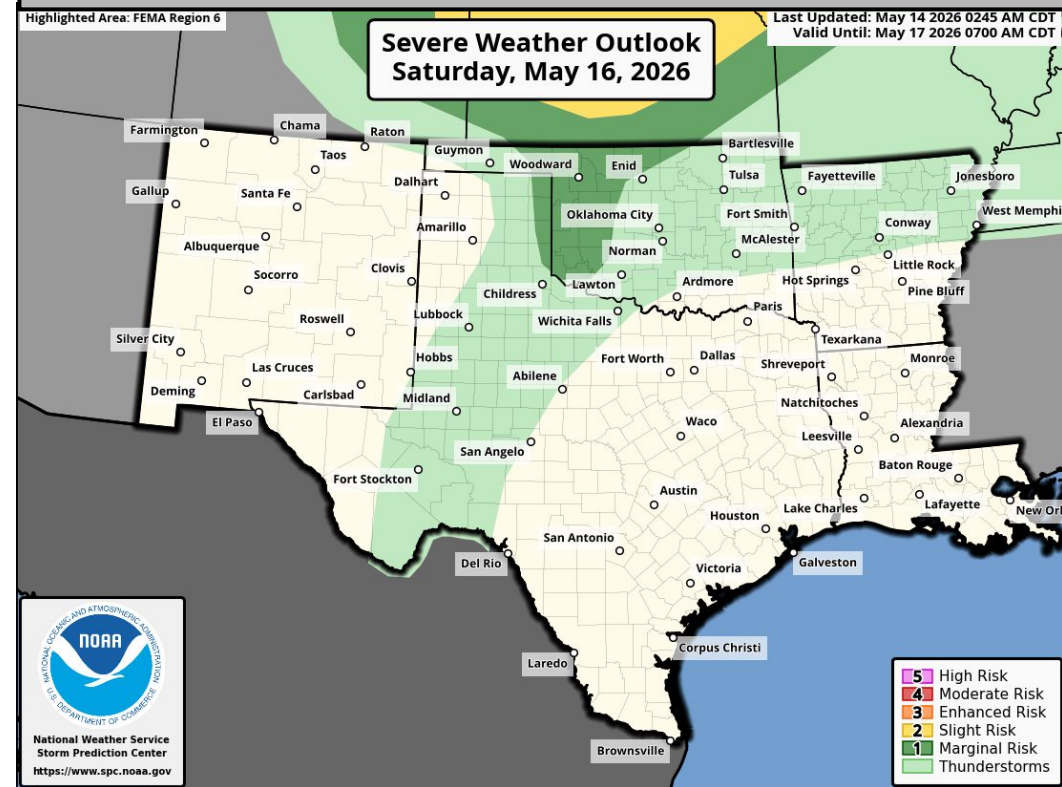
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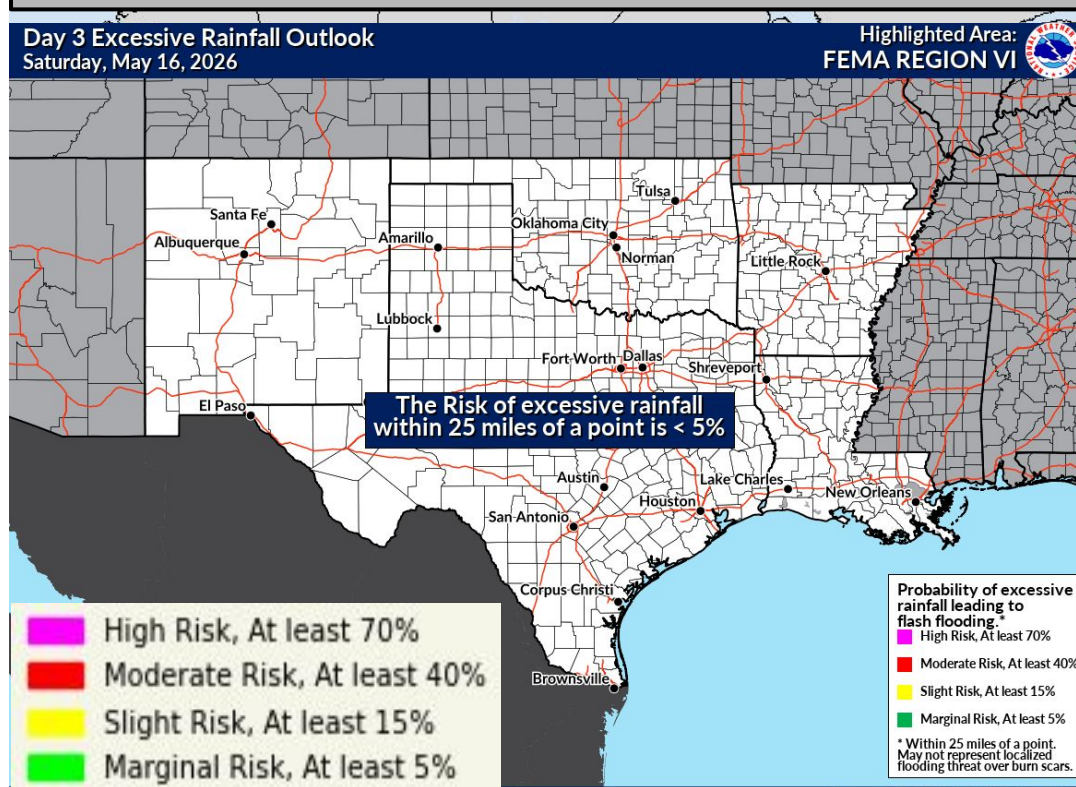
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Severe Weather Outlook



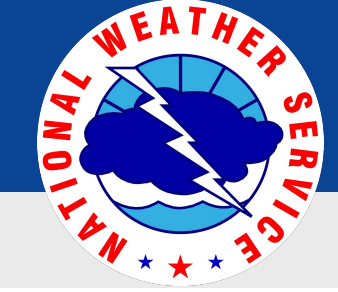
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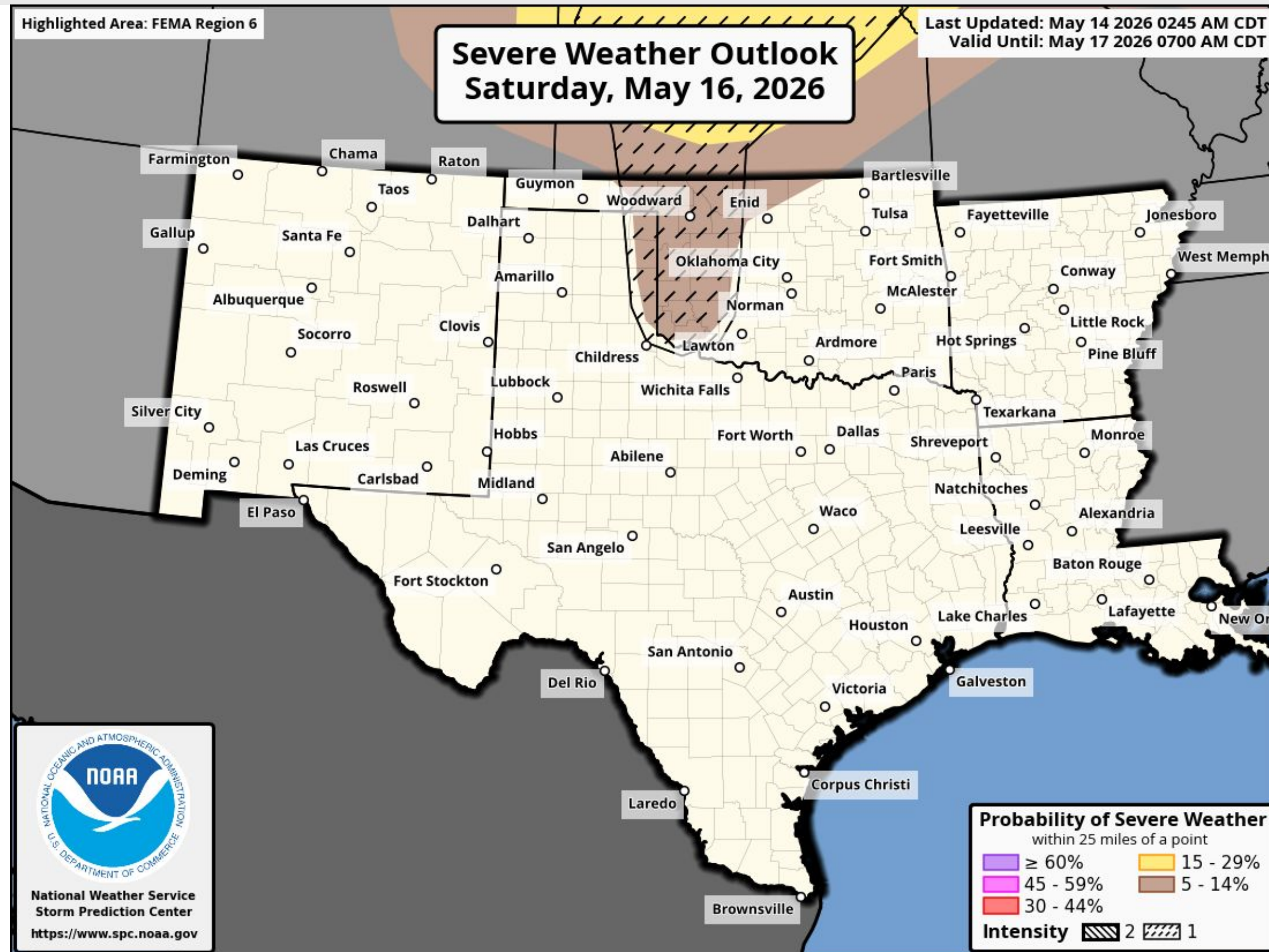
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Elevated fire weather threat in NM, W TX, SW OK.



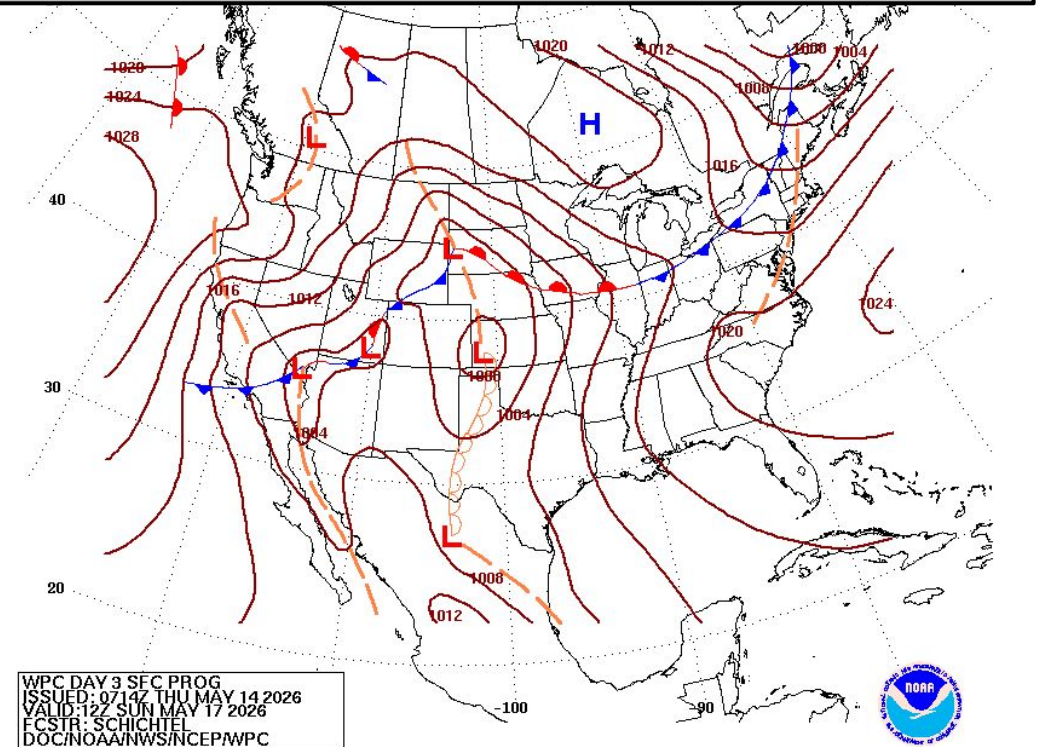
Saturday's Severe Weather Probabilities/CIG Level





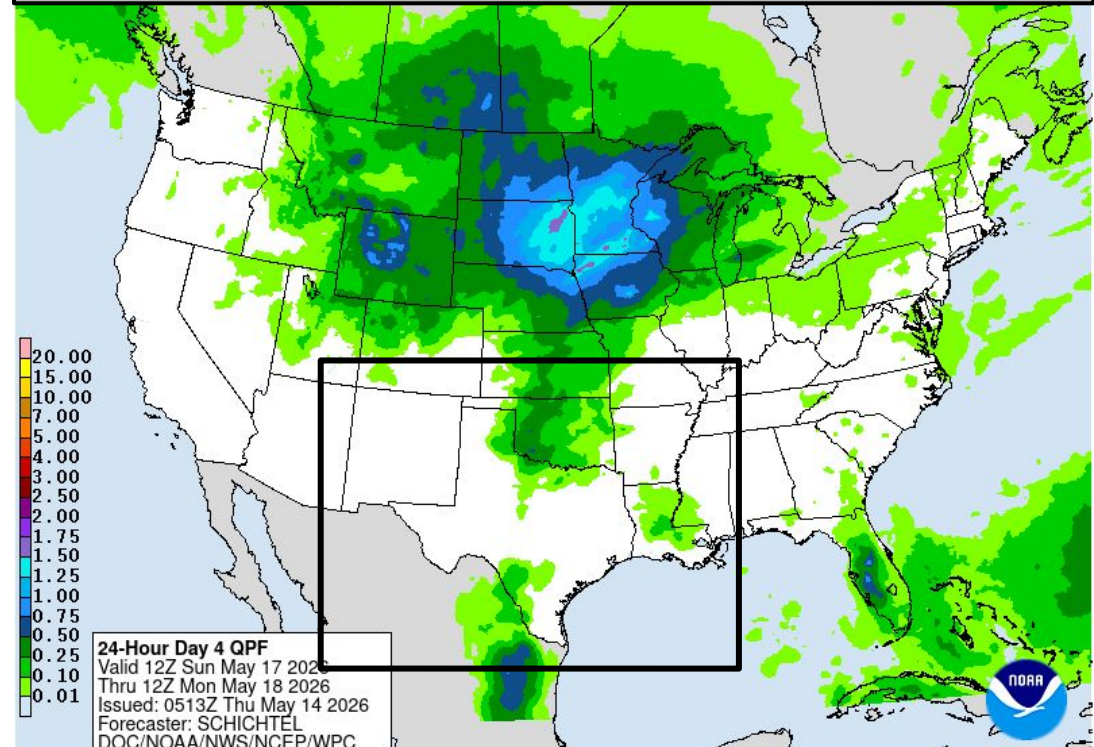
Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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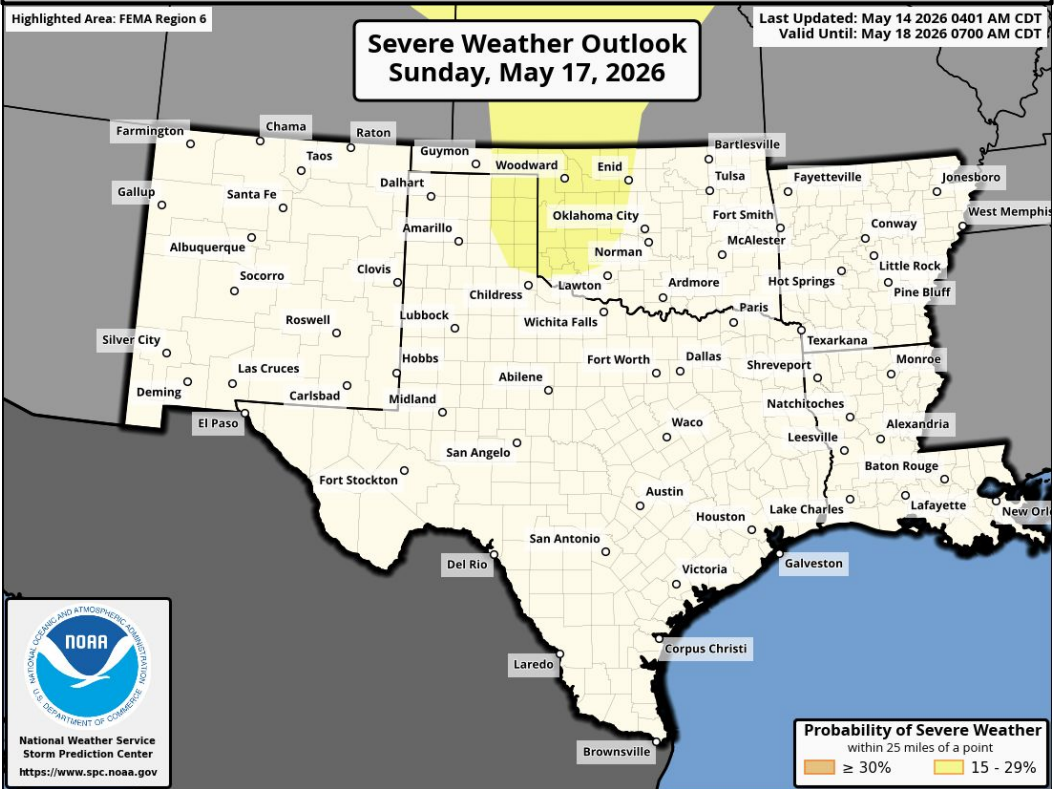


24-Hour Day 4 QPF
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Thru 12Z Mon May 18 2026
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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in TX Panhandle, W OK. All severe hazards could occur if the cap breaks.

Elevated to locally critical fire weather threat in NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles.

Severe Weather Outlook

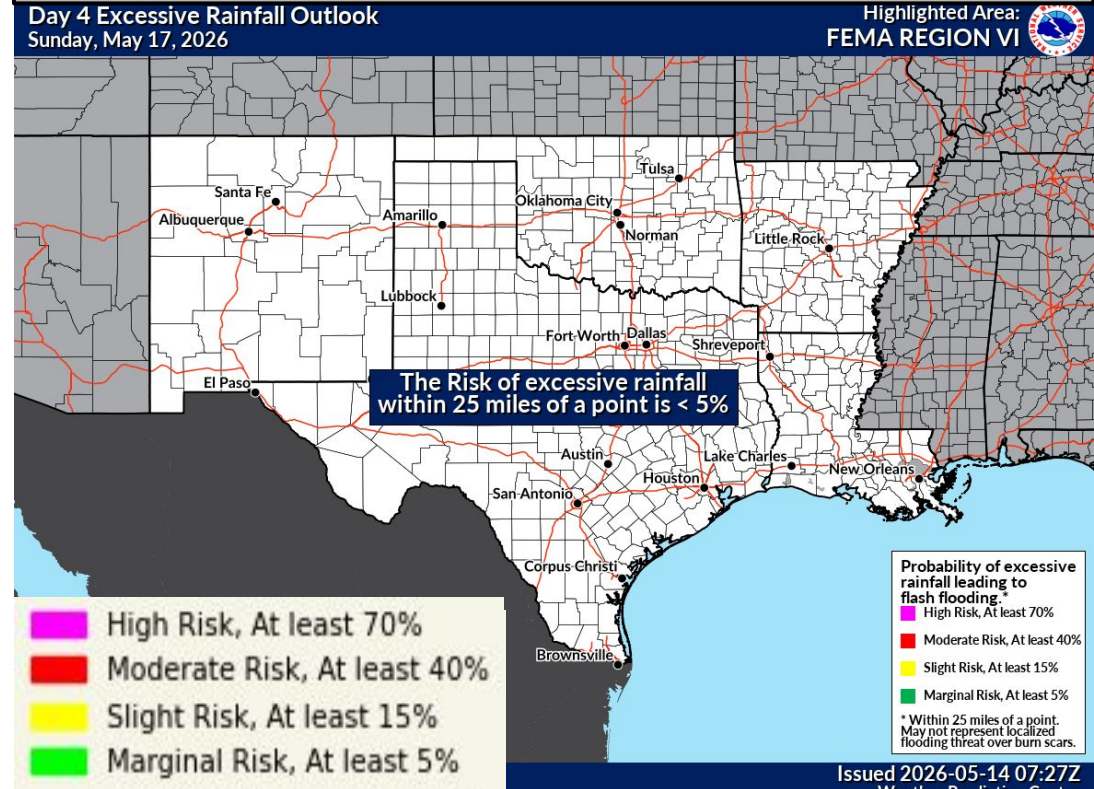


Severe Weather Outlook
Sunday, May 17, 2026

Last Updated: May 14 2026 0401 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 18 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
Sunday, May 17, 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%

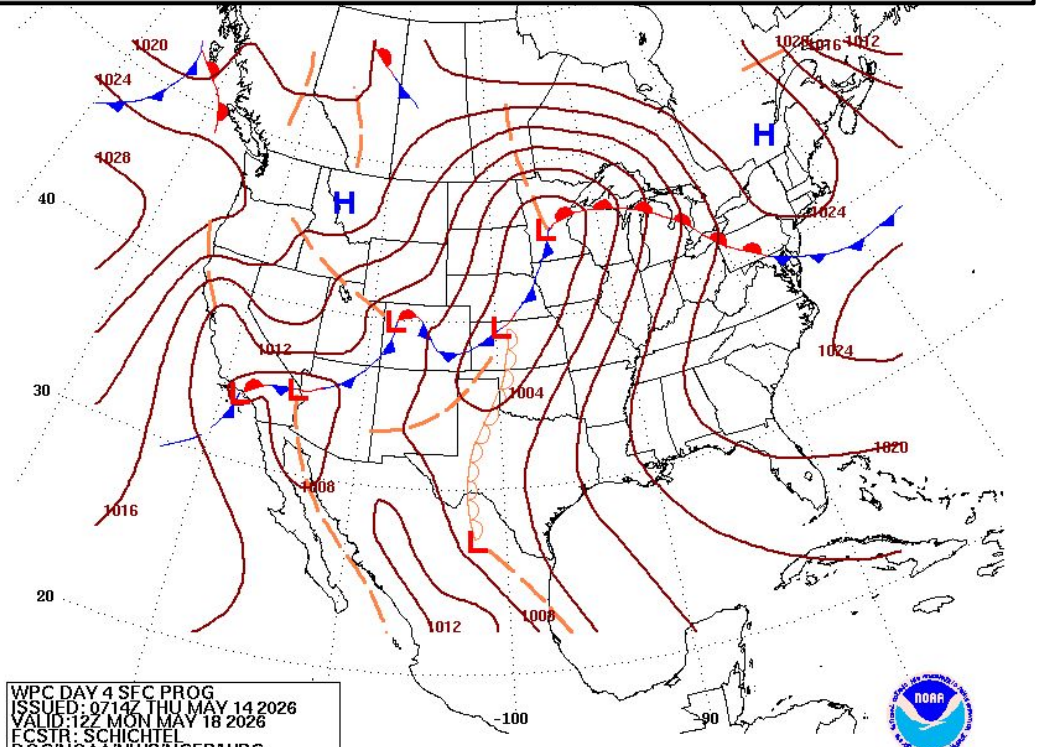
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
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Moderate Risk, At least 40%
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* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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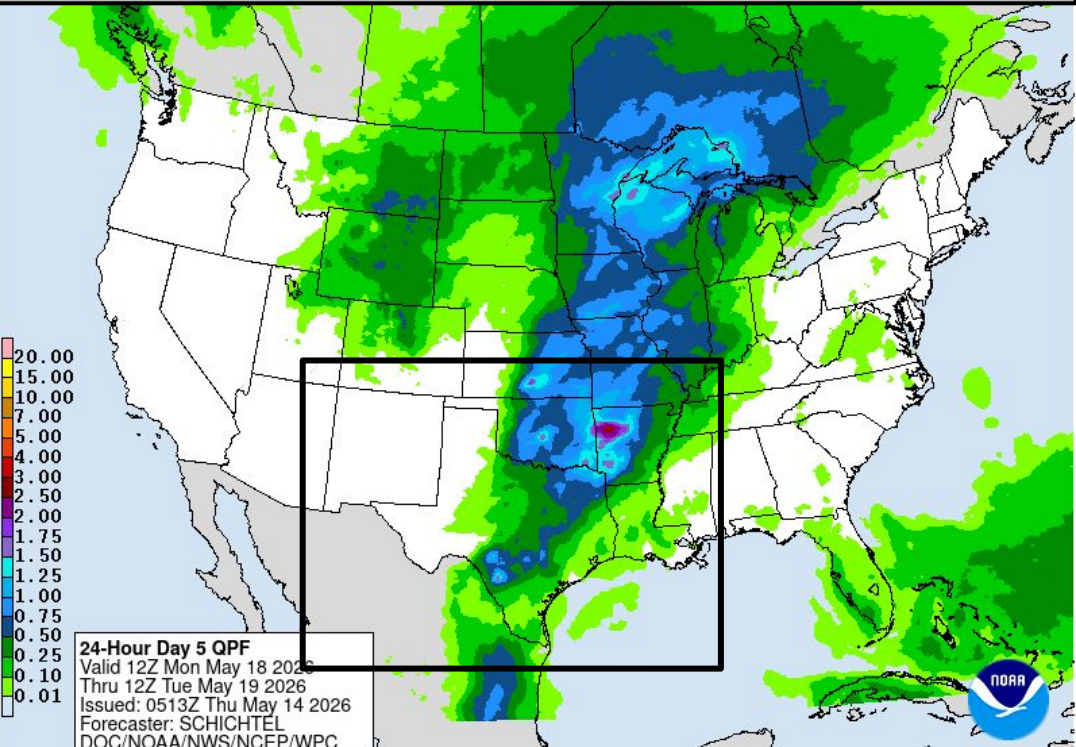
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



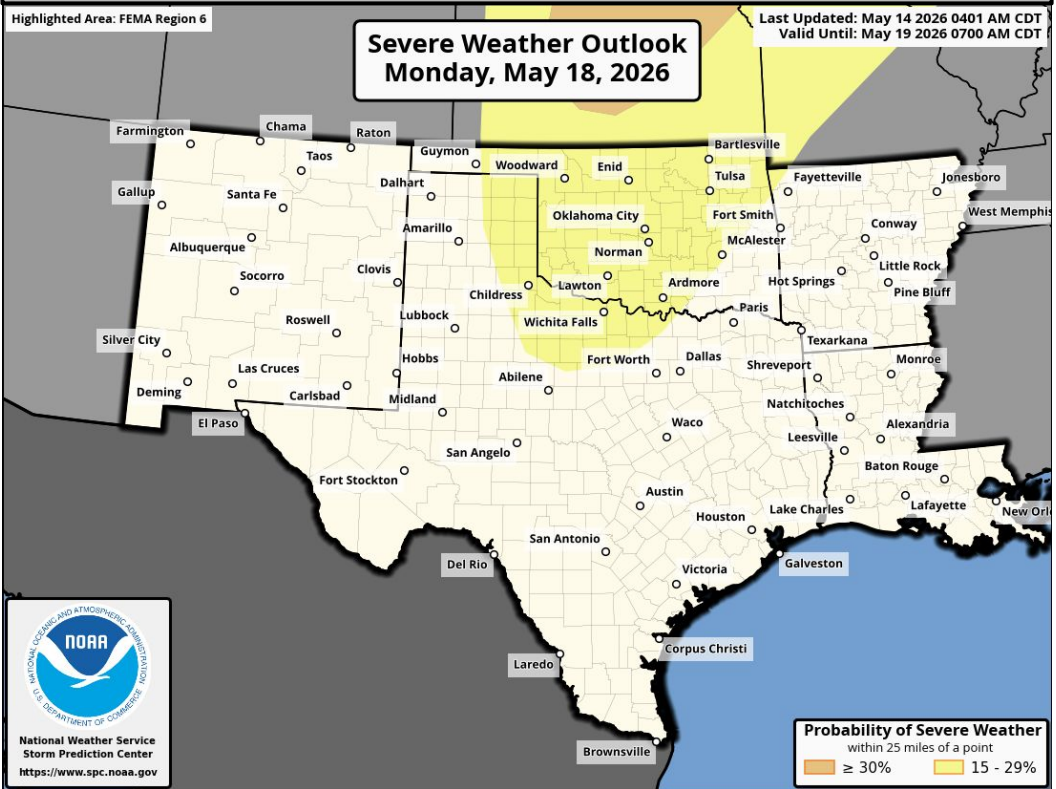
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Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 5 QPF
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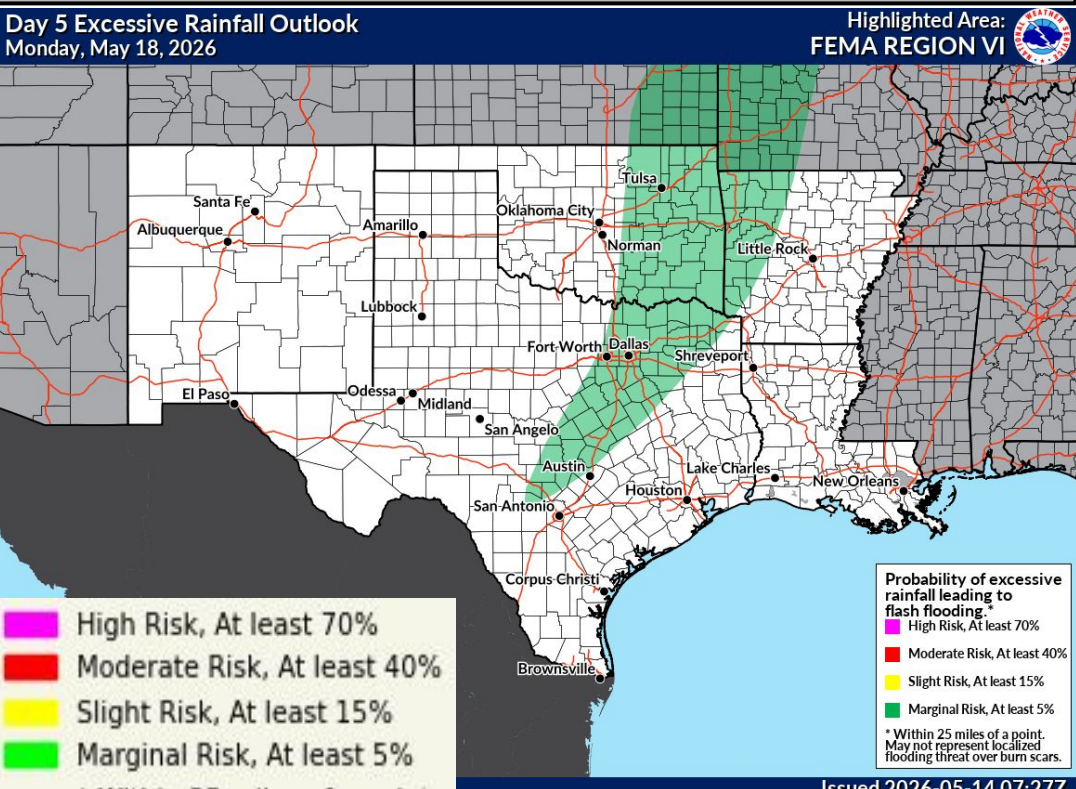


Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, May 18, 2026

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Valid Until: May 19 2026 0700 AM CDT



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, May 18, 2026

Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI

Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
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Marginal Risk, At least 5%
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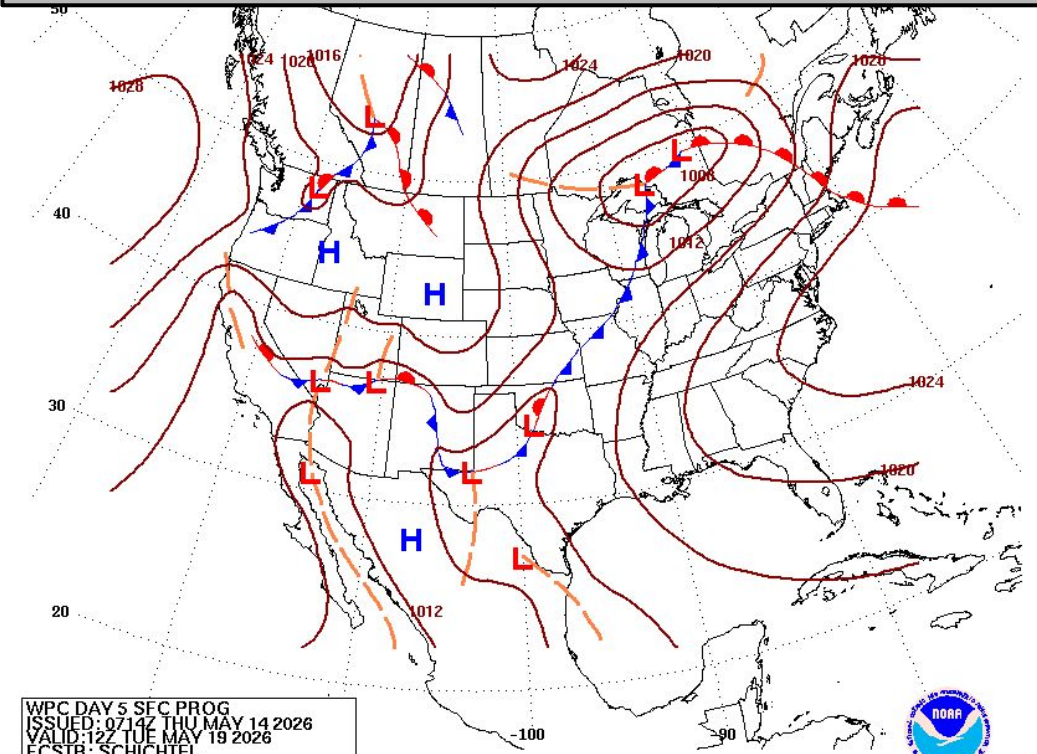
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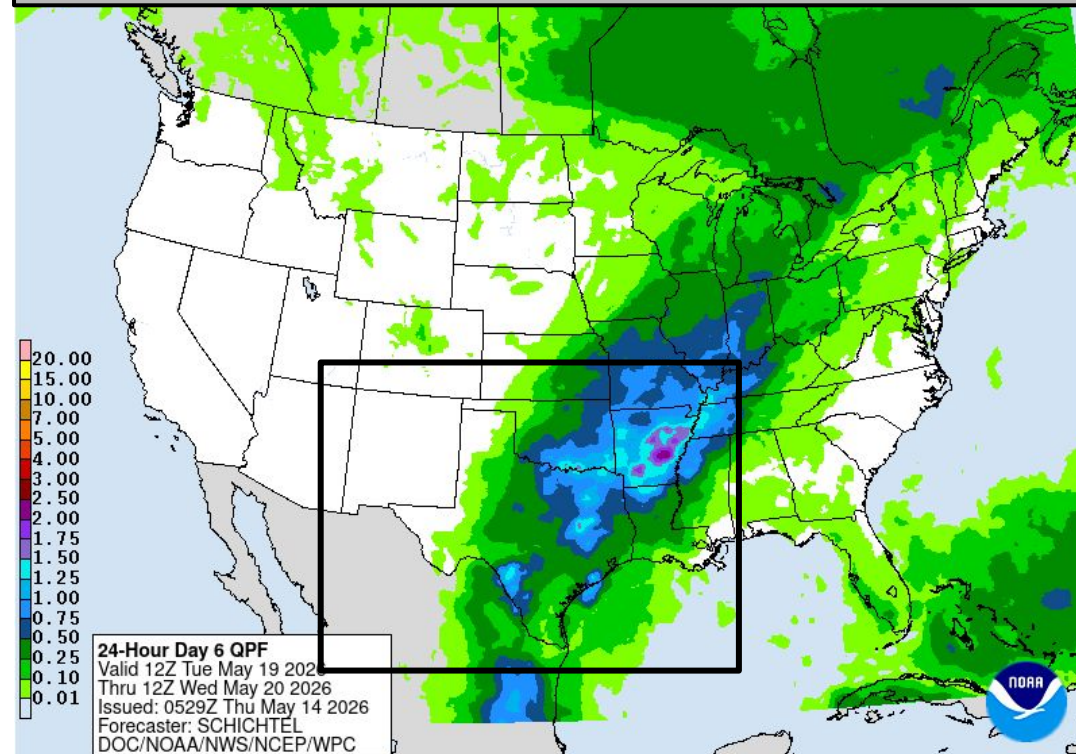
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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Forecast Rainfall

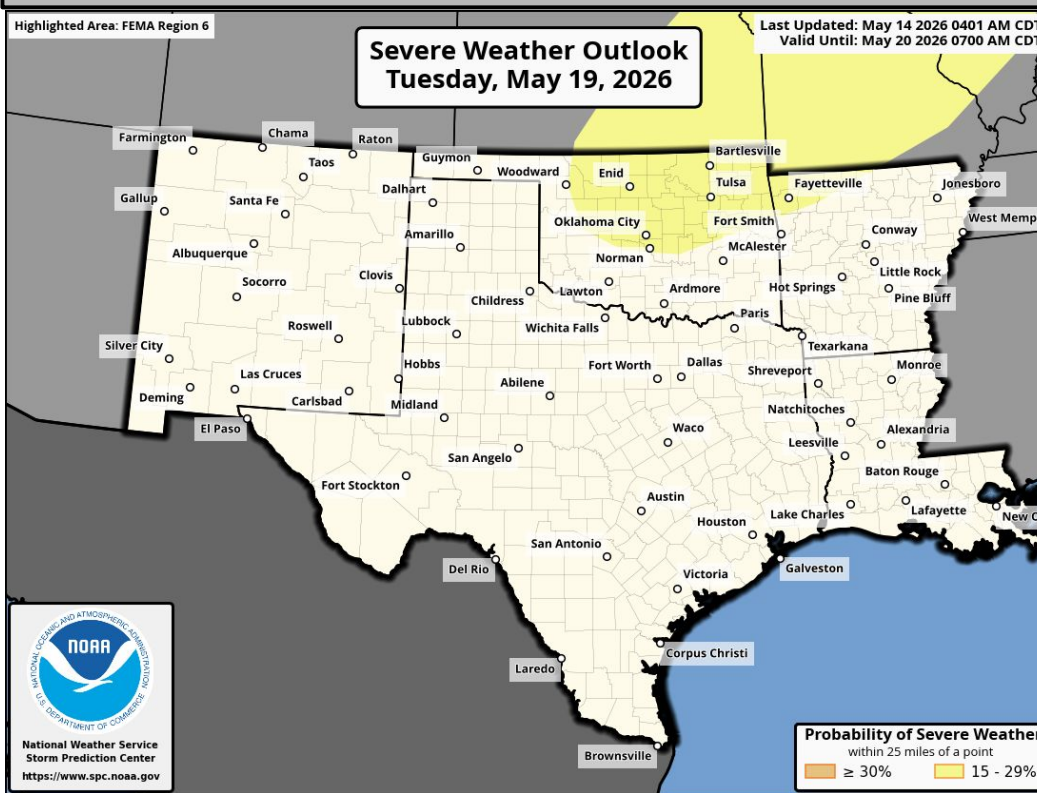


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Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in N OK, NW AR.

Monitoring OK, AR, and TX for heavy rain.

Severe Weather Outlook



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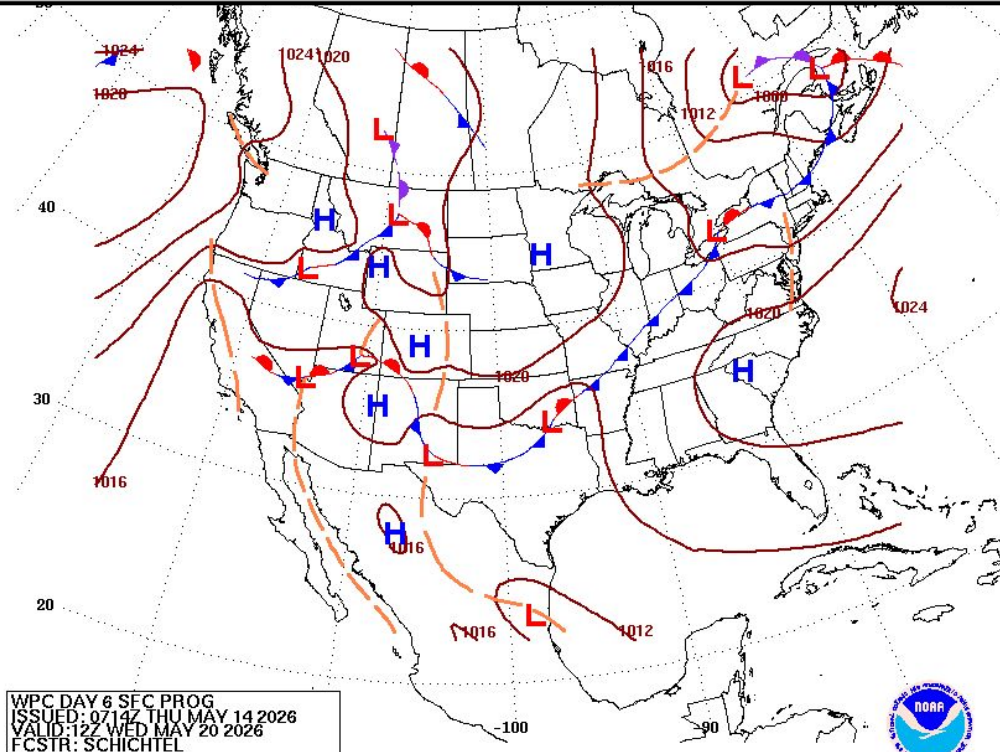
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Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5



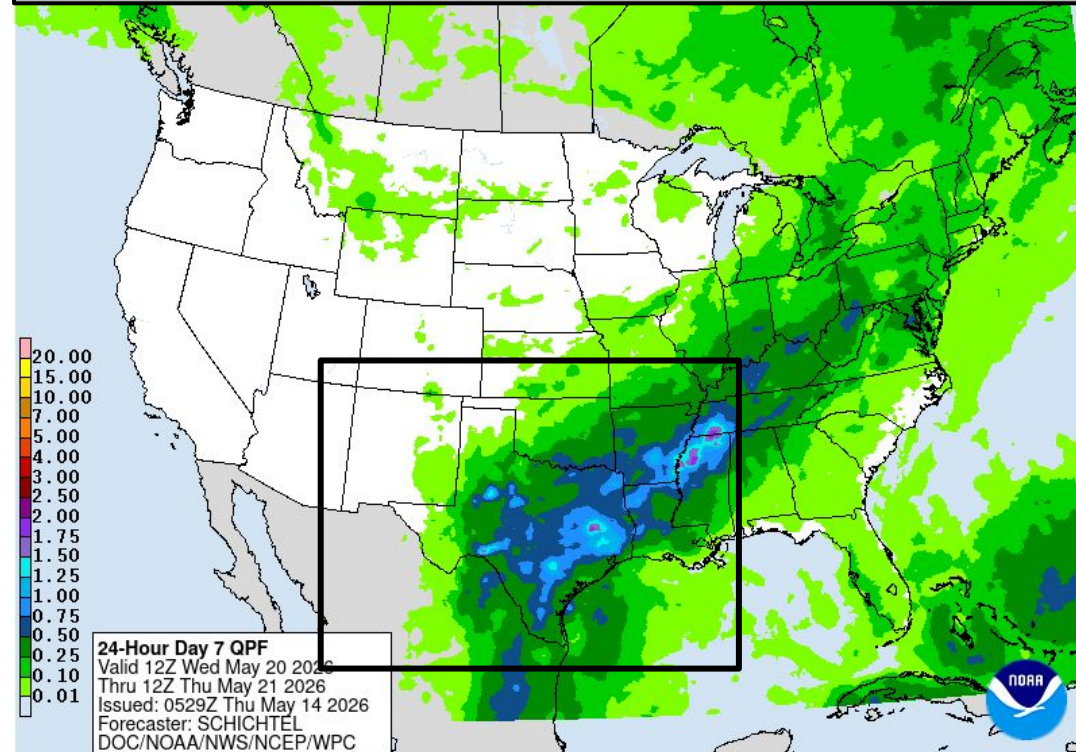
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



WPC DAY 6 SFC PROG
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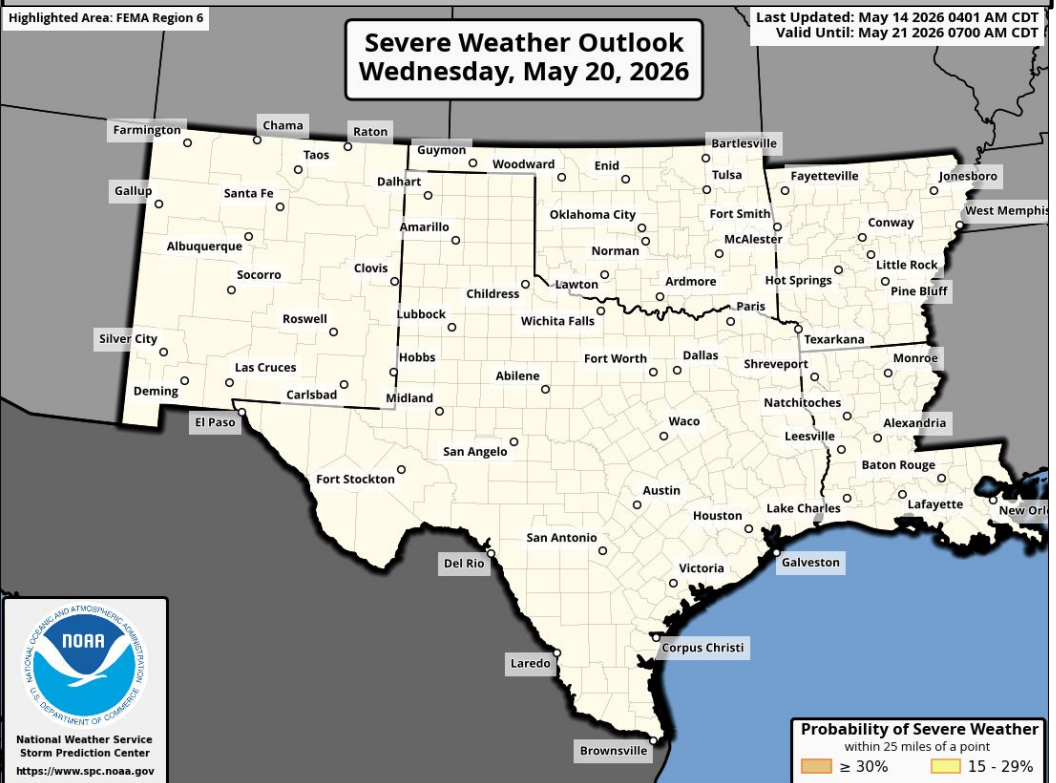
Forecast Rainfall



24-Hour Day 7 QPF
Valid 12Z Wed May 20 2026
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DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No significant weather expected.

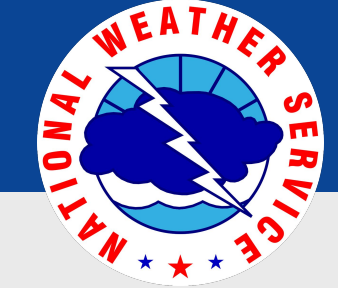
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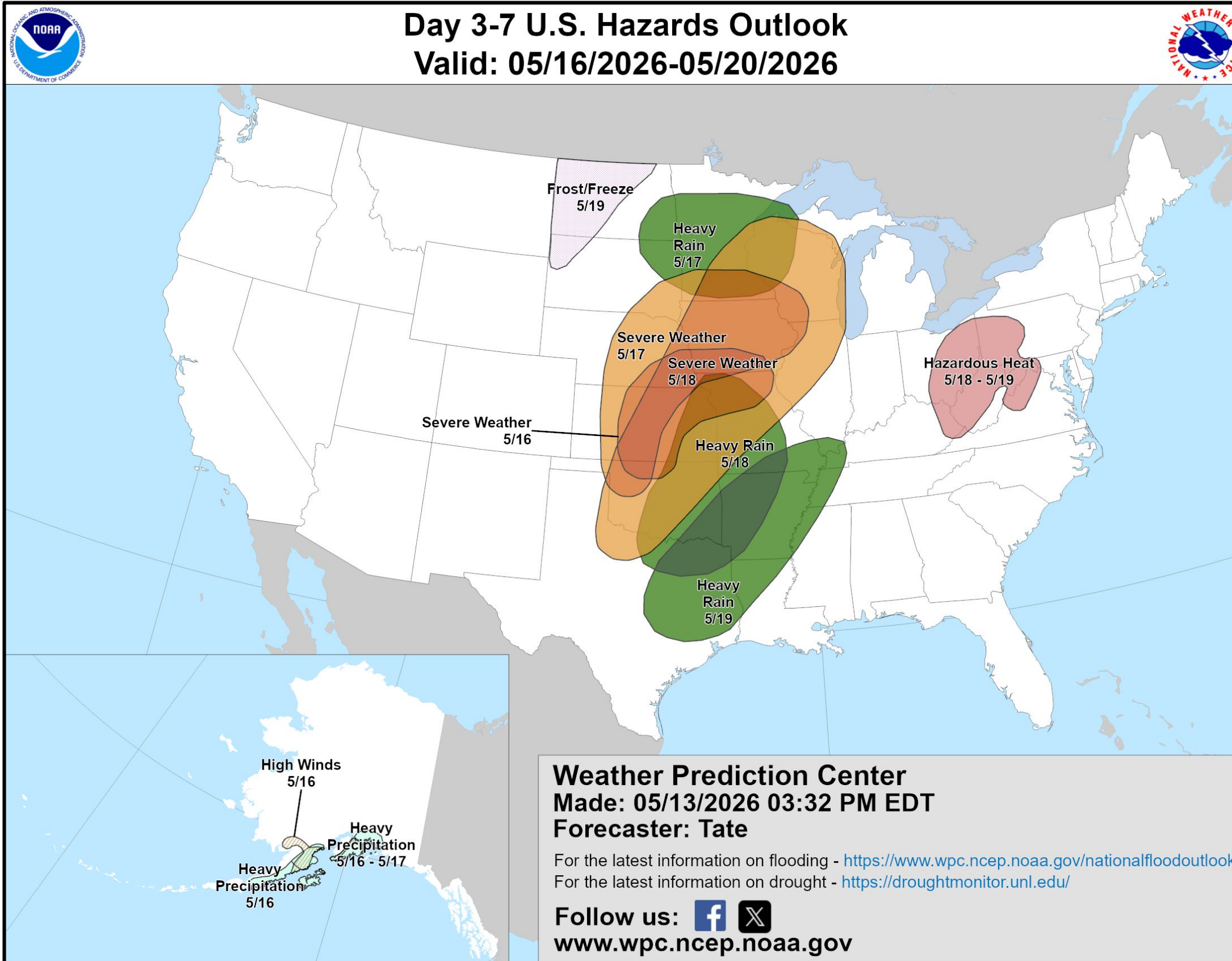
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**Excessive Rainfall Outlooks
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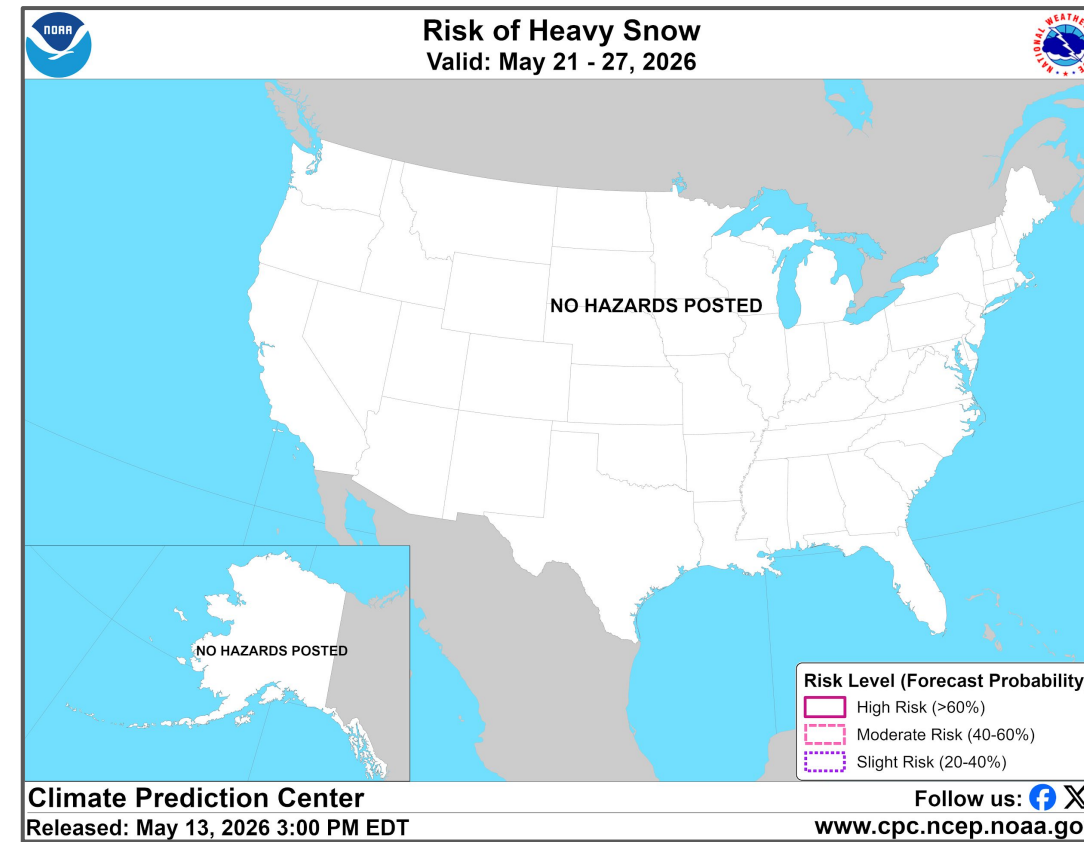
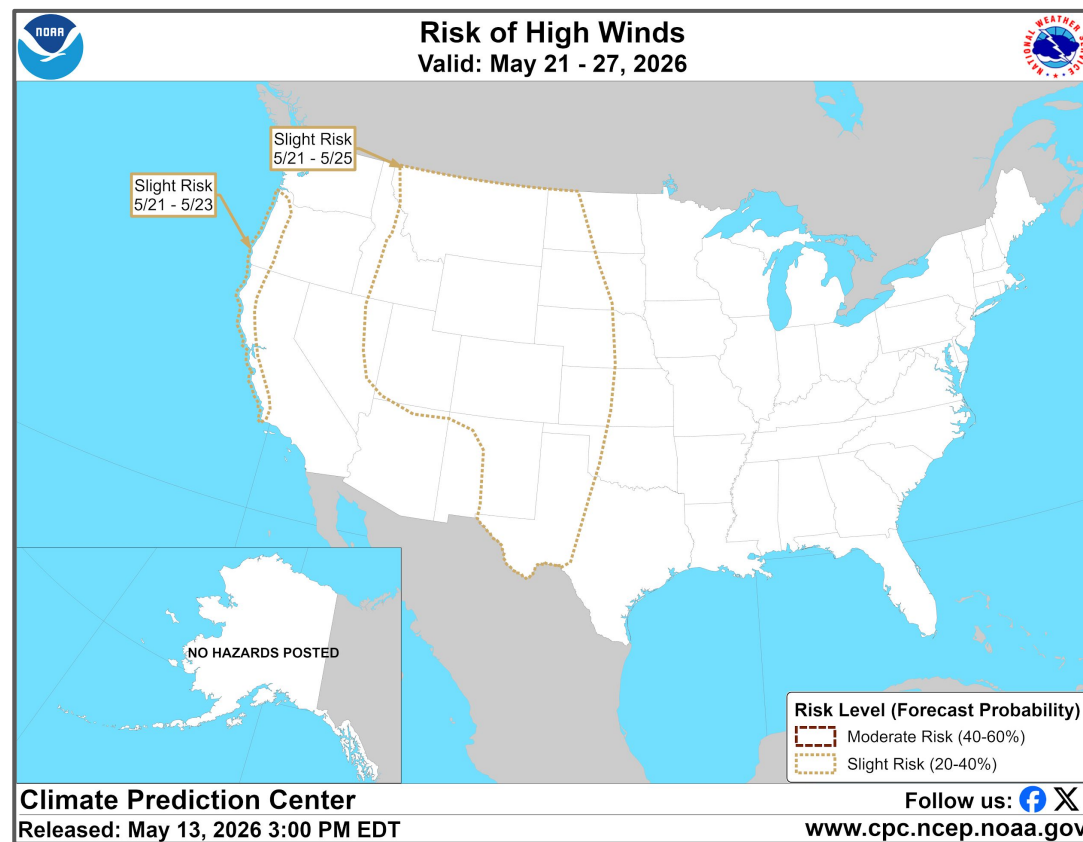
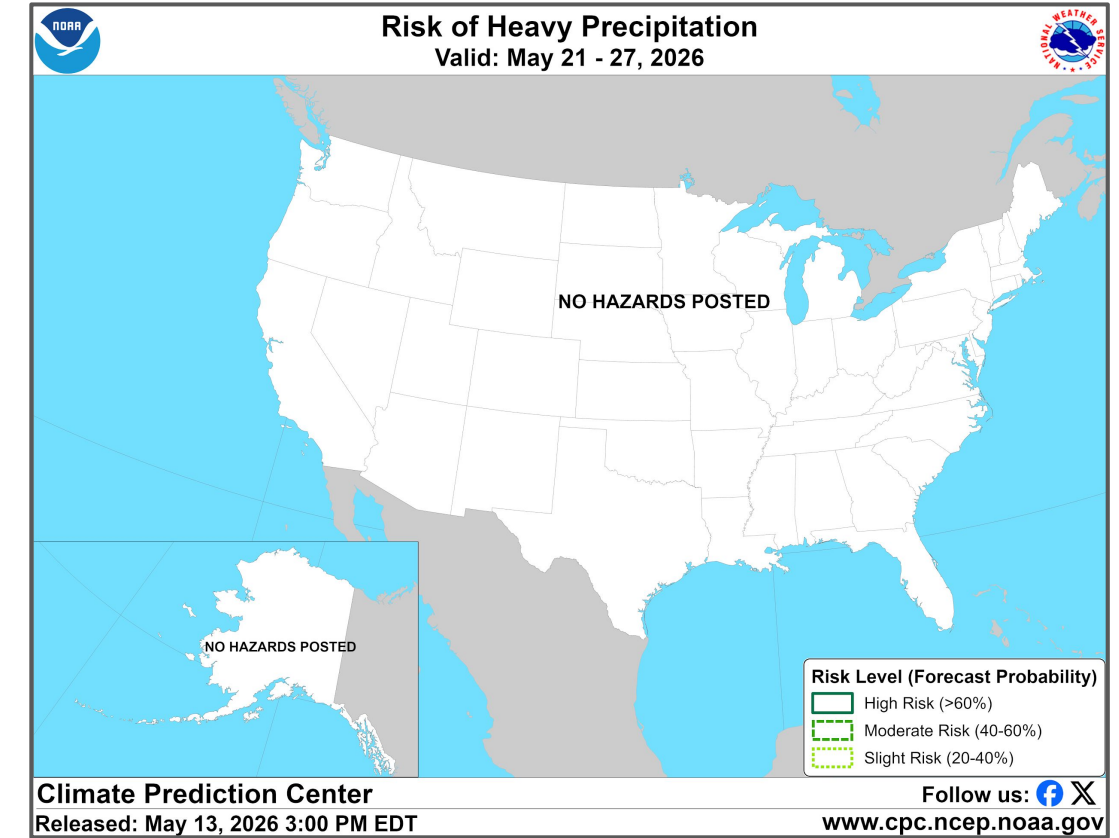
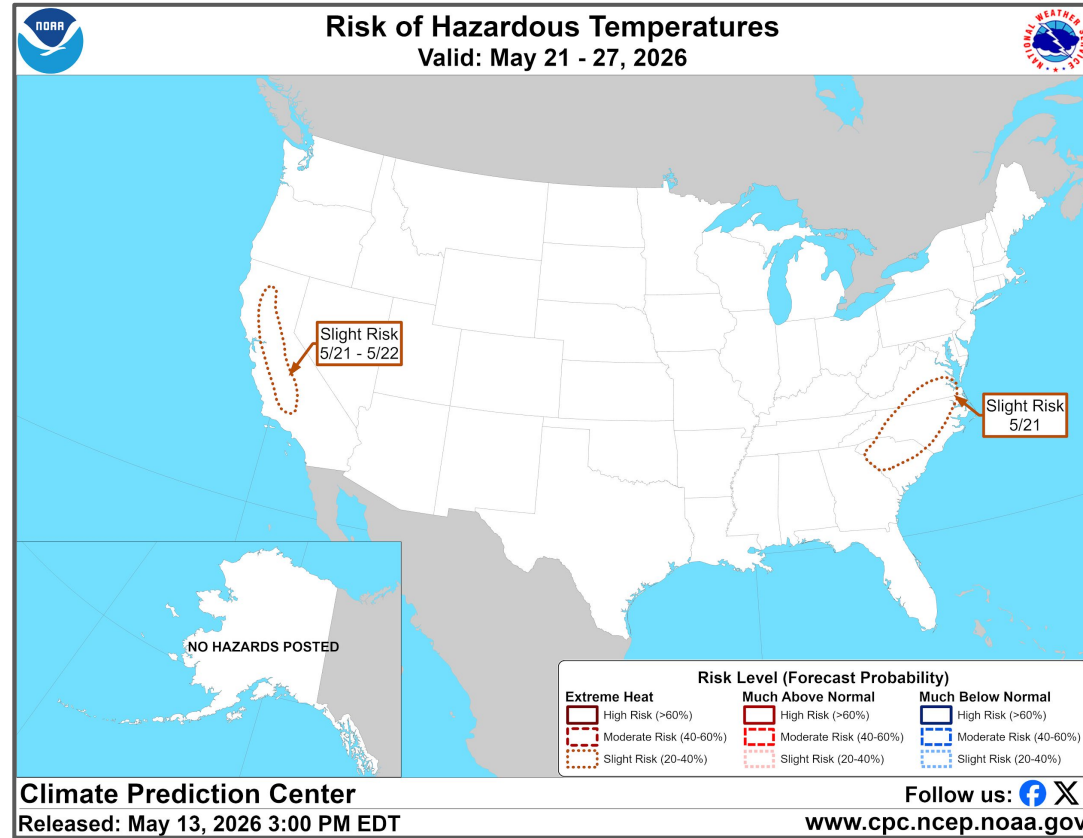
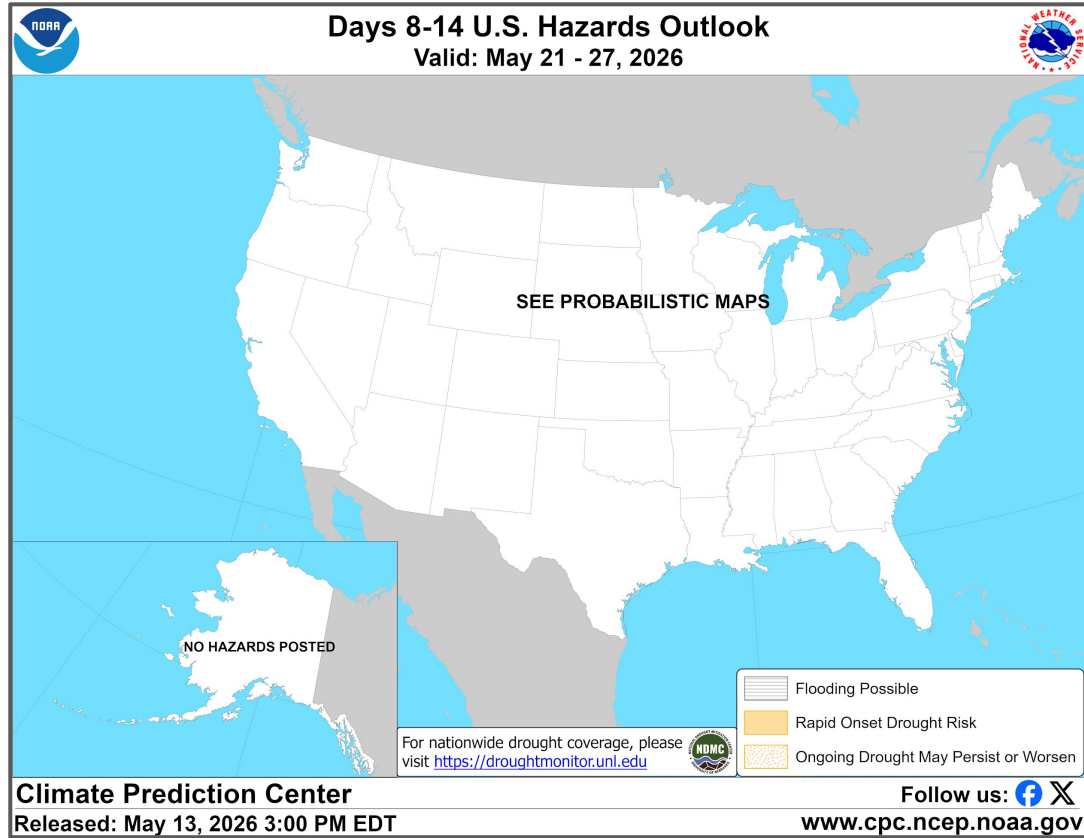


“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





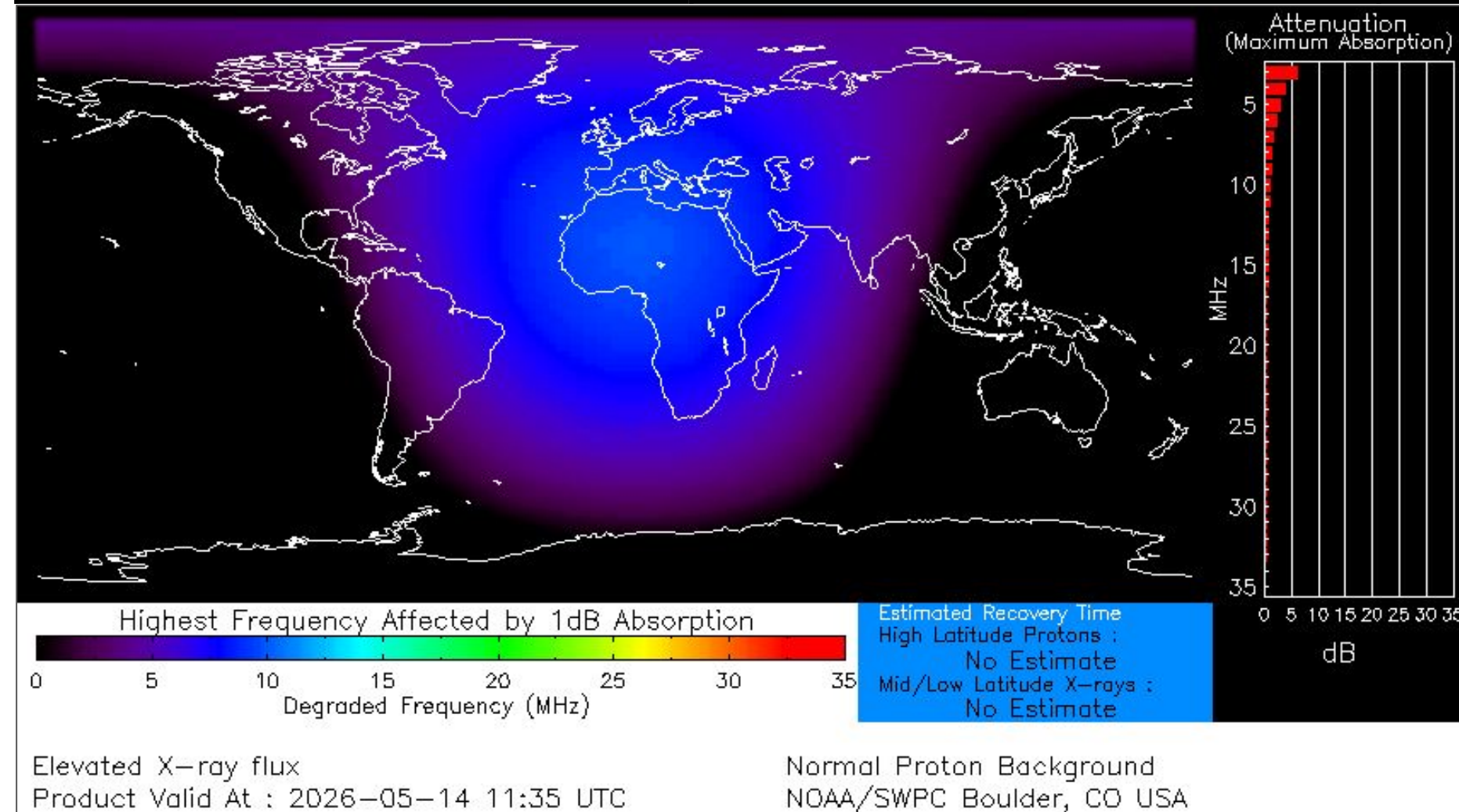
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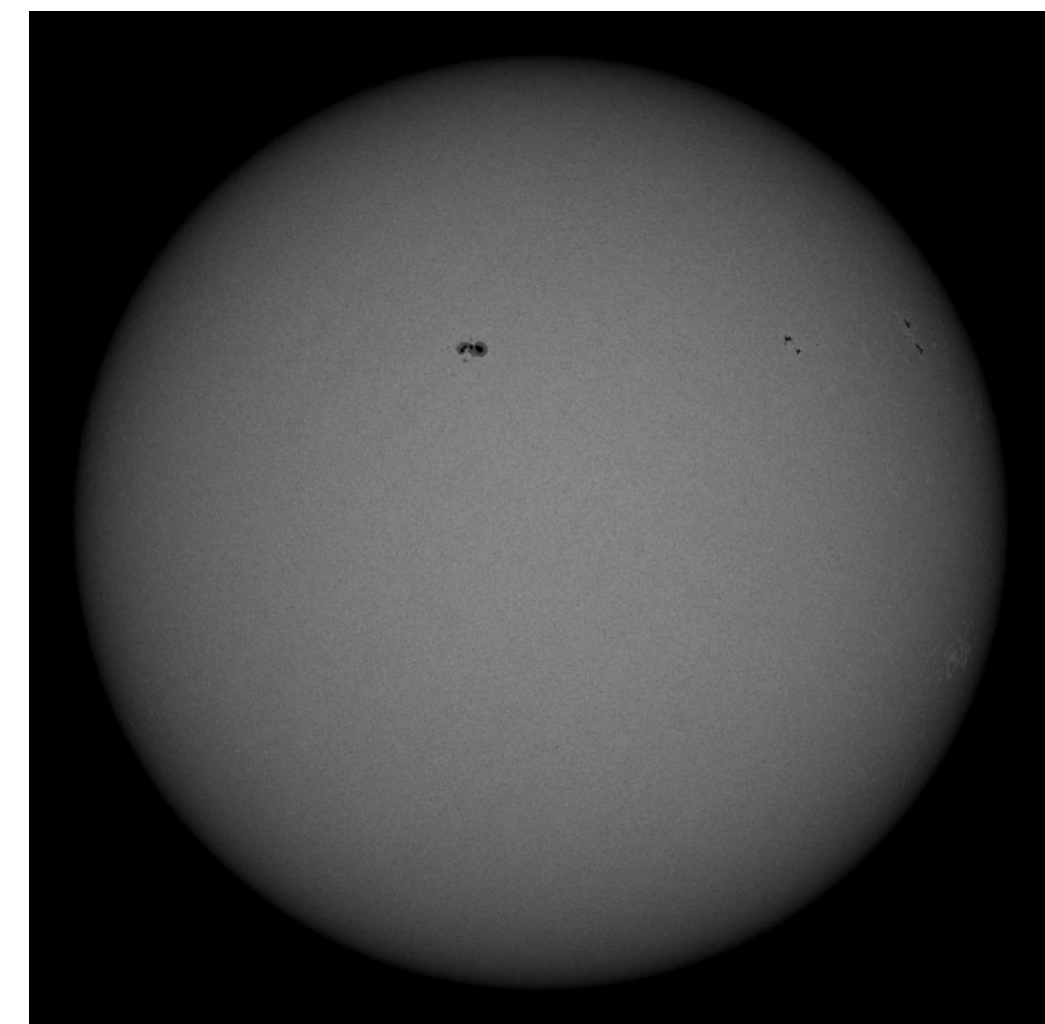
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, May 14	Friday, May 15	Saturday, May 16
Geomagnetic Storms	Moderate - G2 Storm (Max Kp=6)	Minor - G1 Storm (Max Kp=5)	Active (Max Kp=4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	40%	40%	40%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	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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