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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, May 21, 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

- **Flash Flooding:**

- Slight risk (level 2 of 4) today over OK, W AR, N TX, SE TX and SW LA.
- Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Friday over E AR, LA, E-S TX.
- Slight risk Saturday over N/S/E TX, SE OK, S AR and W LA.
 - *Monitoring for potential of moderate risk (level 3 of 4) over S/SE/E TX and W LA.*
- Slight risk Sunday over SE/E TX, LA and S AR.
 - *Monitoring for higher risk over SE/E TX into W LA.*
- Marginal risk (levels 1 of 4) Monday over E/SE TX, AR and LA.
- Additional heavy rainfall will spread across TX next Tuesday and Wednesday.

- **Severe Storms:**

- Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) today in NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles.
- Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Friday over W OK and the TX/OK Panhandles.

- **River Flooding:**

- Minor river flooding will continue in S LA through the week. Monitoring TX/LA for widespread minor to moderate river flooding into the Memorial Day weekend and next week.





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22	Saturday, May 23	Sunday, May 24	Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26	Wednesday, May 27
Severe Storms	NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles-SW TX	W OK, TX/OK Panhandles					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	OK, W AR, N TX, SE TX, SW LA	E AR, LA, E-STX	N/S/ETX, SE OK, S AR, W LA	SE/ETX, LA, S AR	E/SE TX, AR, LA	SW/W TX, LA	TX
Heat							
Fire Weather							
River Flooding	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA	TX, LA

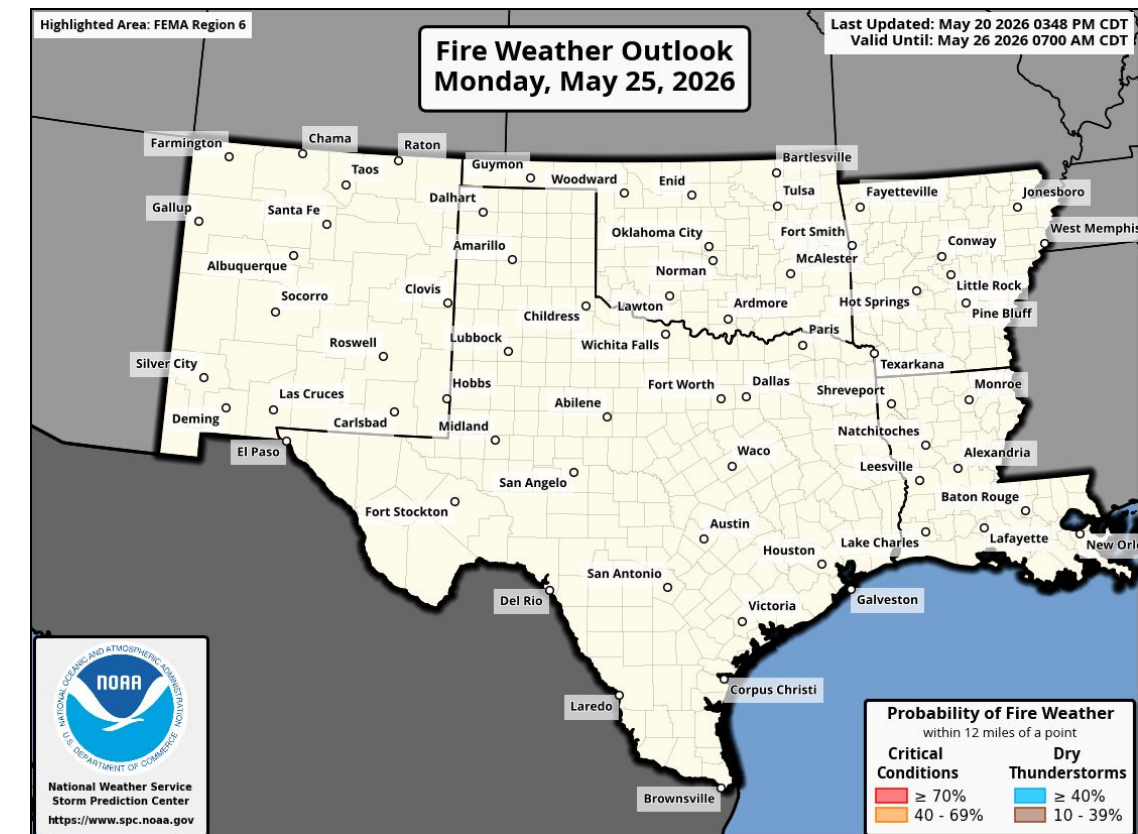
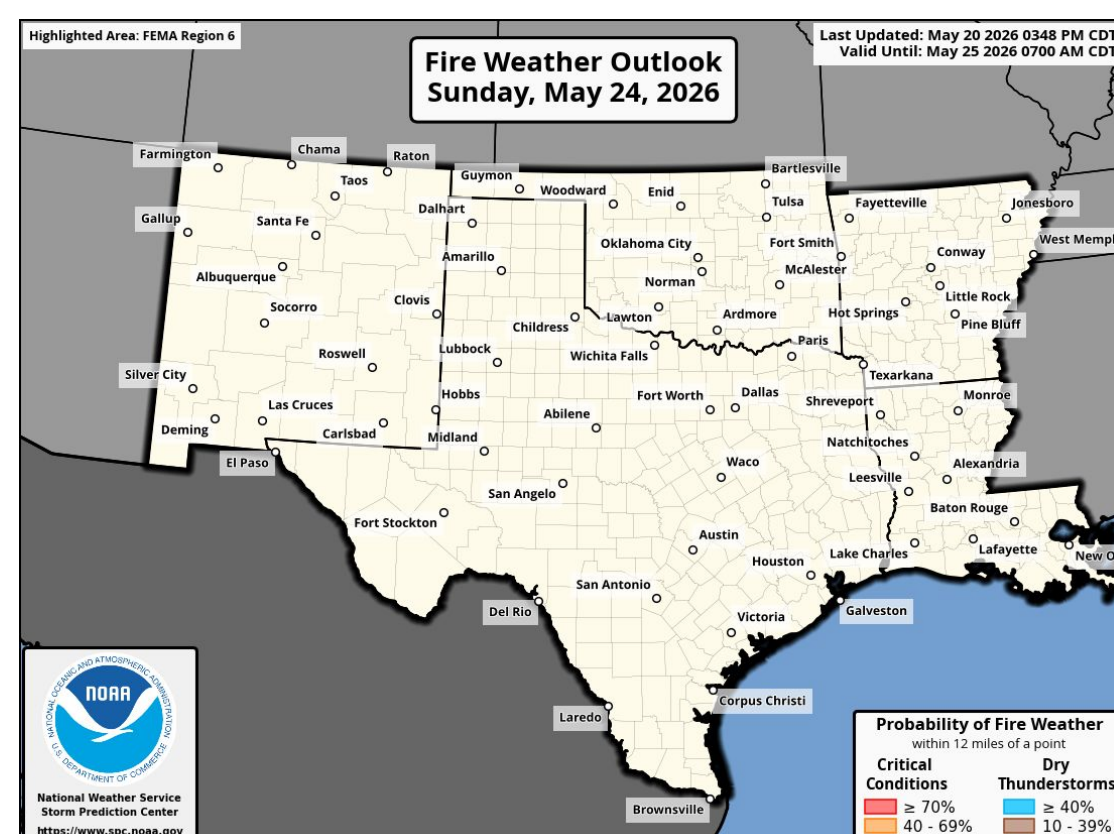
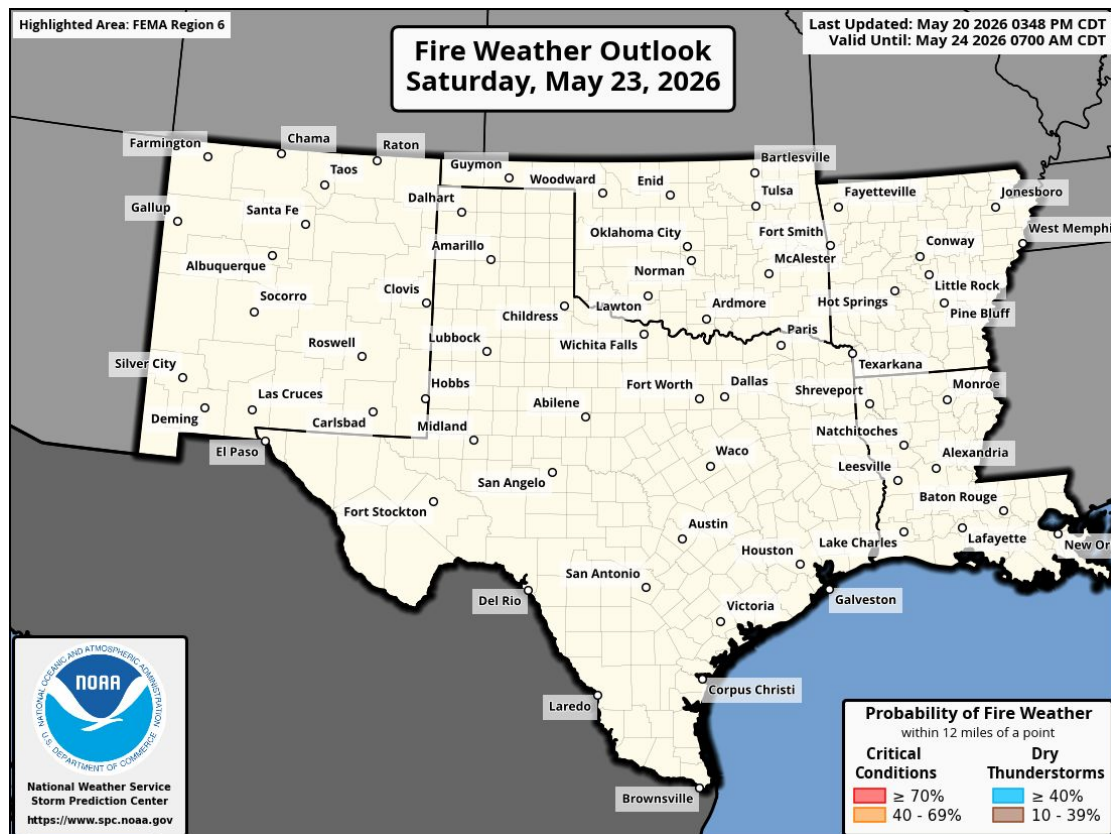
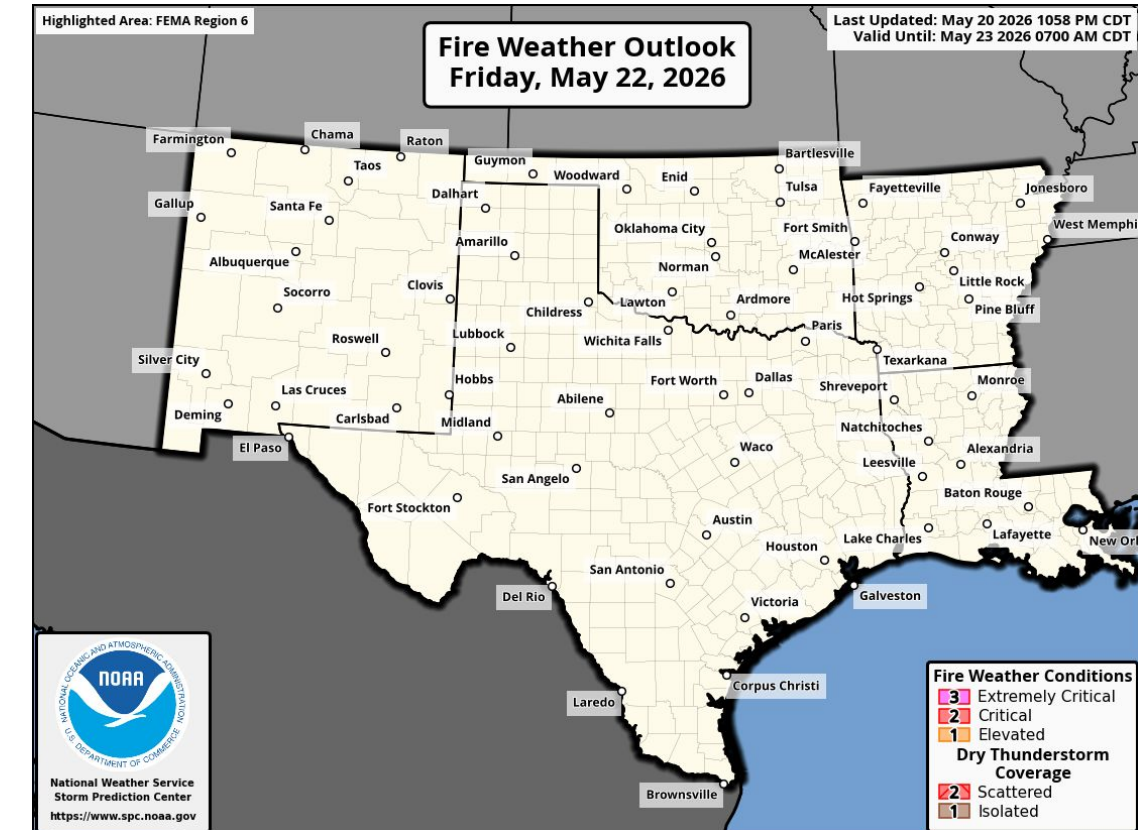
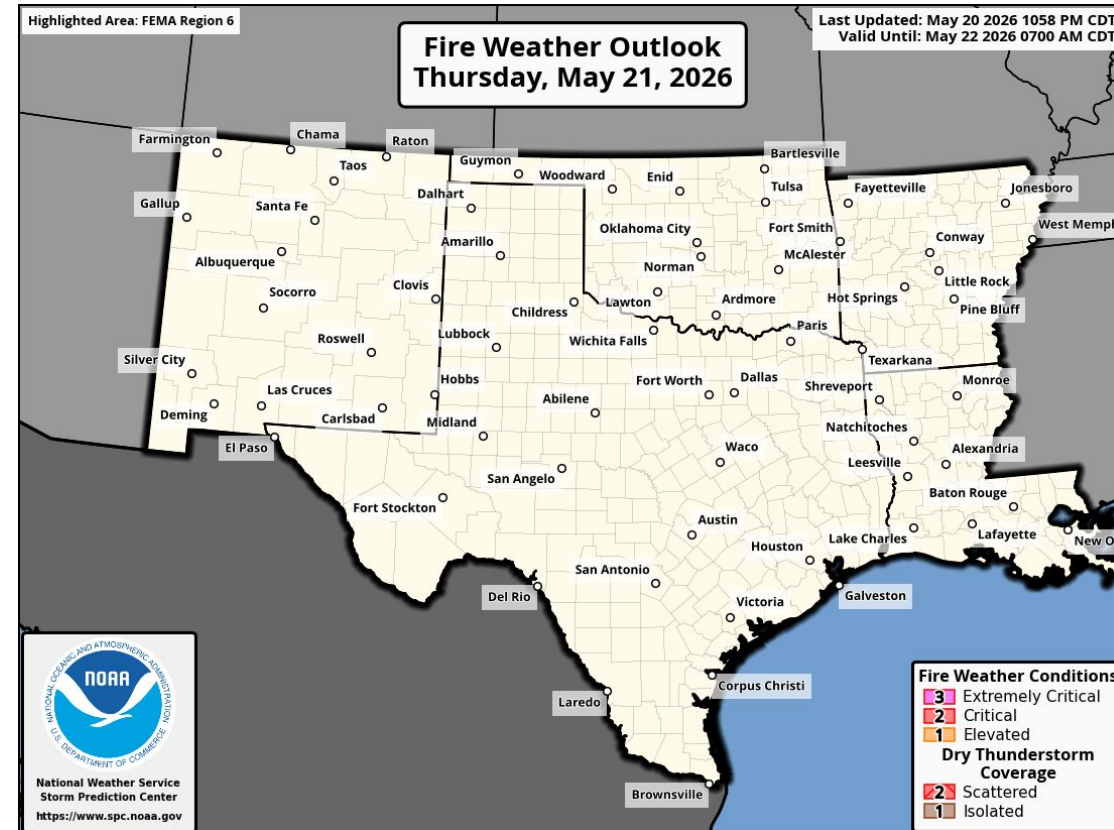
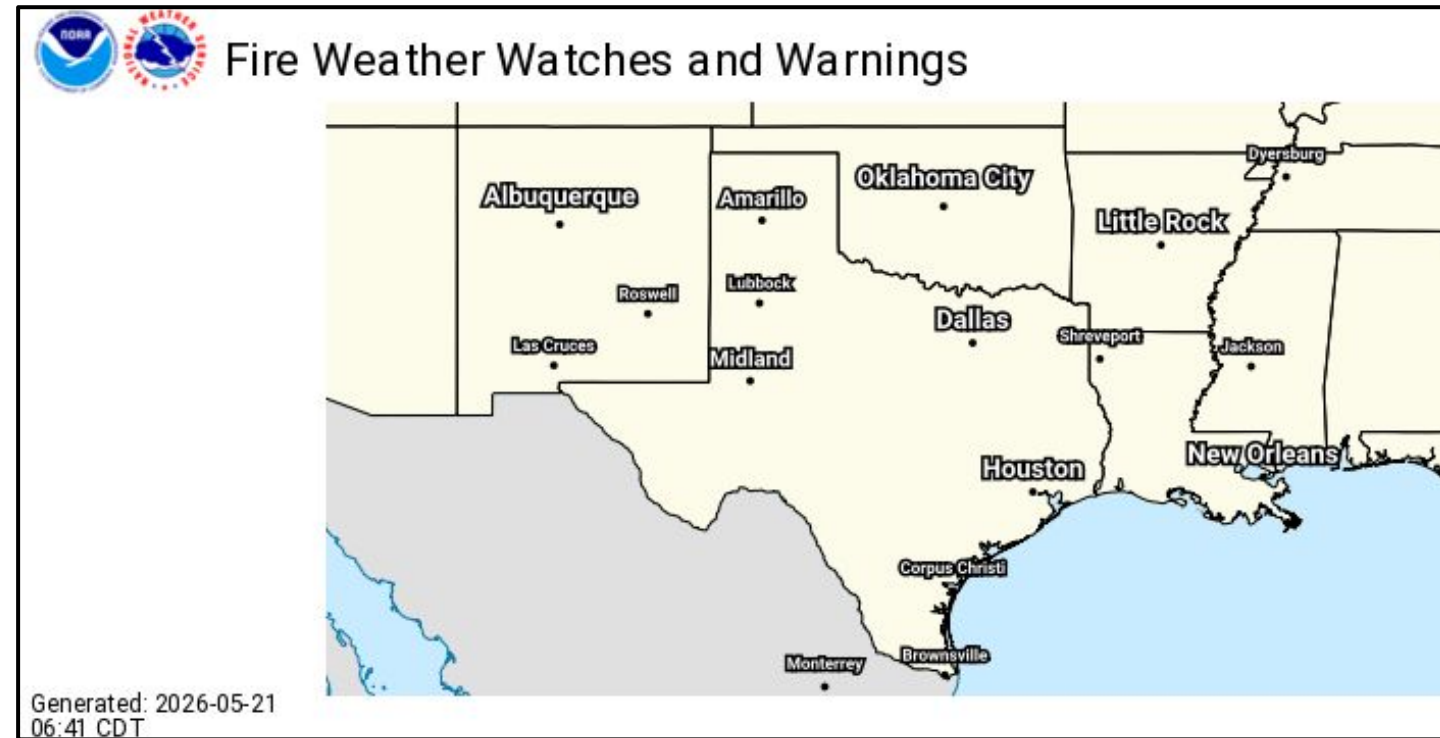
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

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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Fire Weather Outlooks





Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6

Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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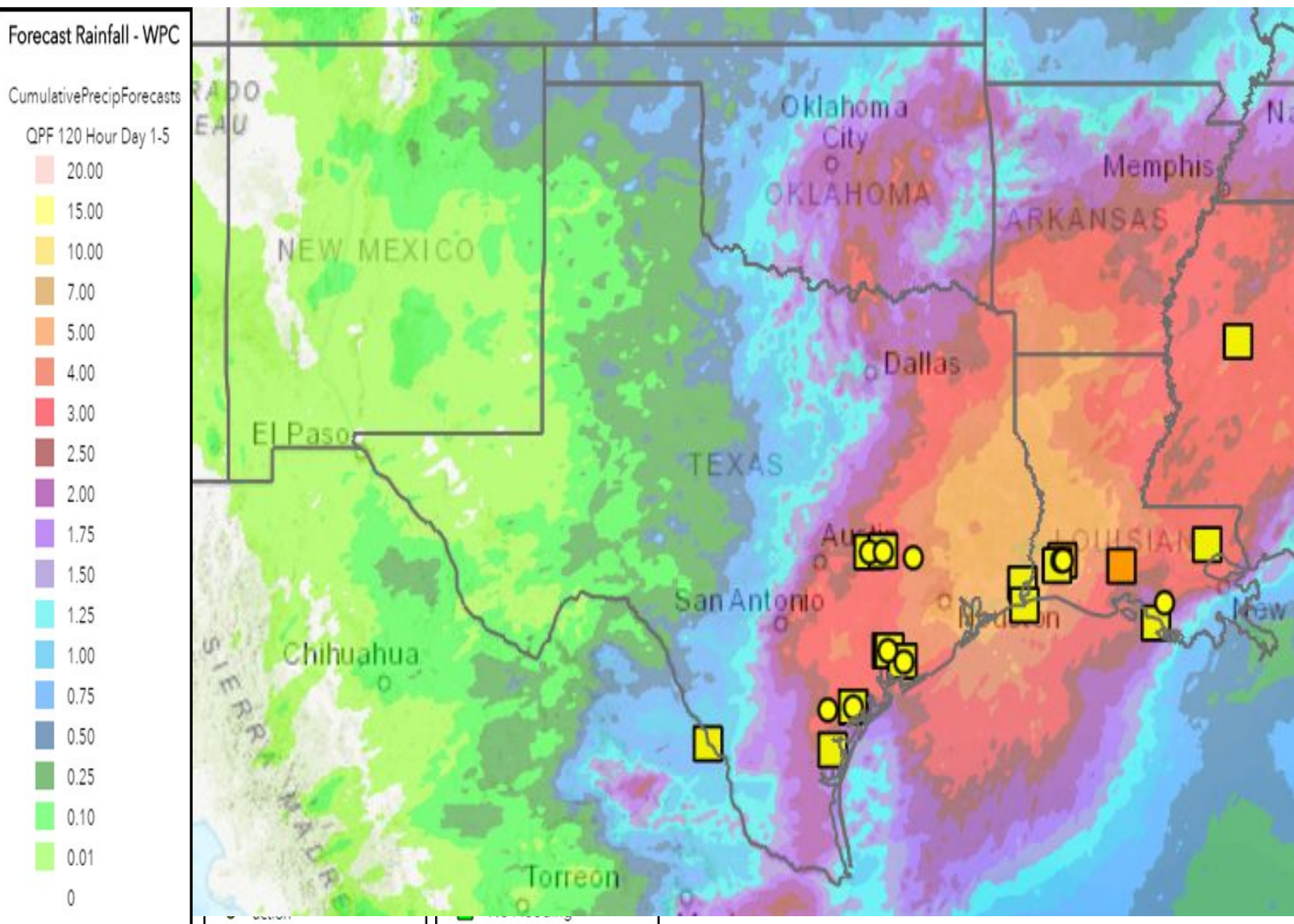
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





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



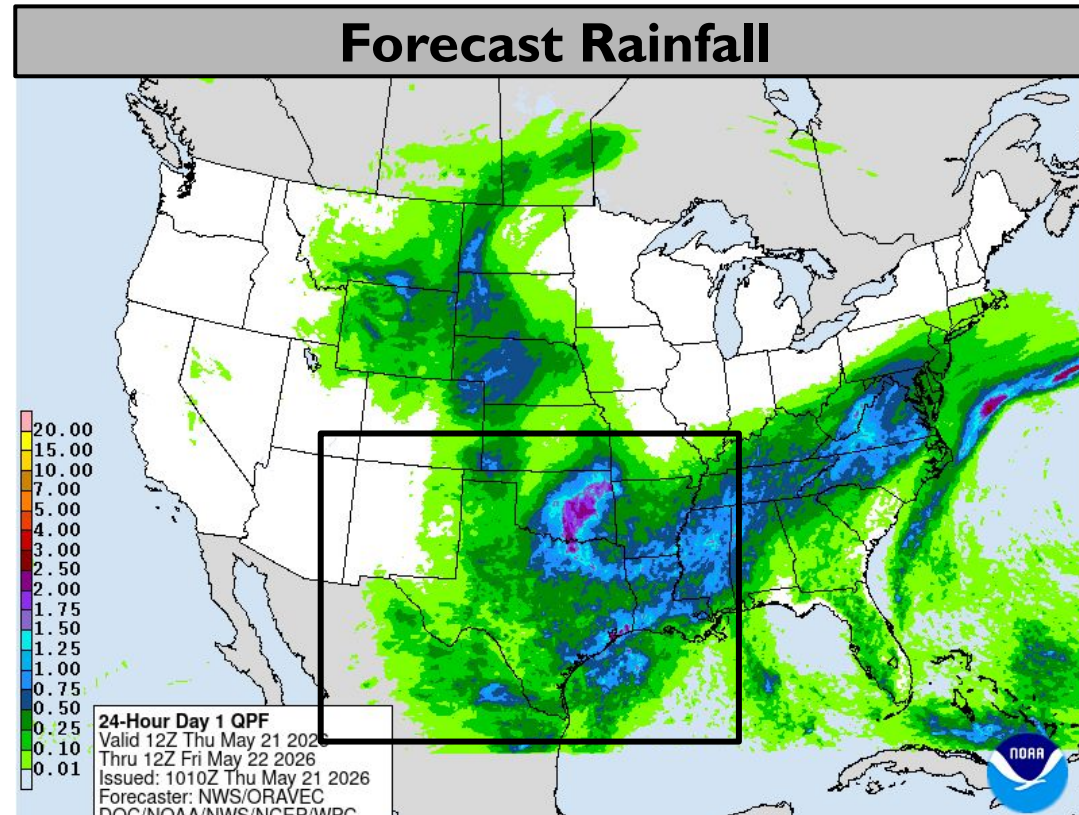
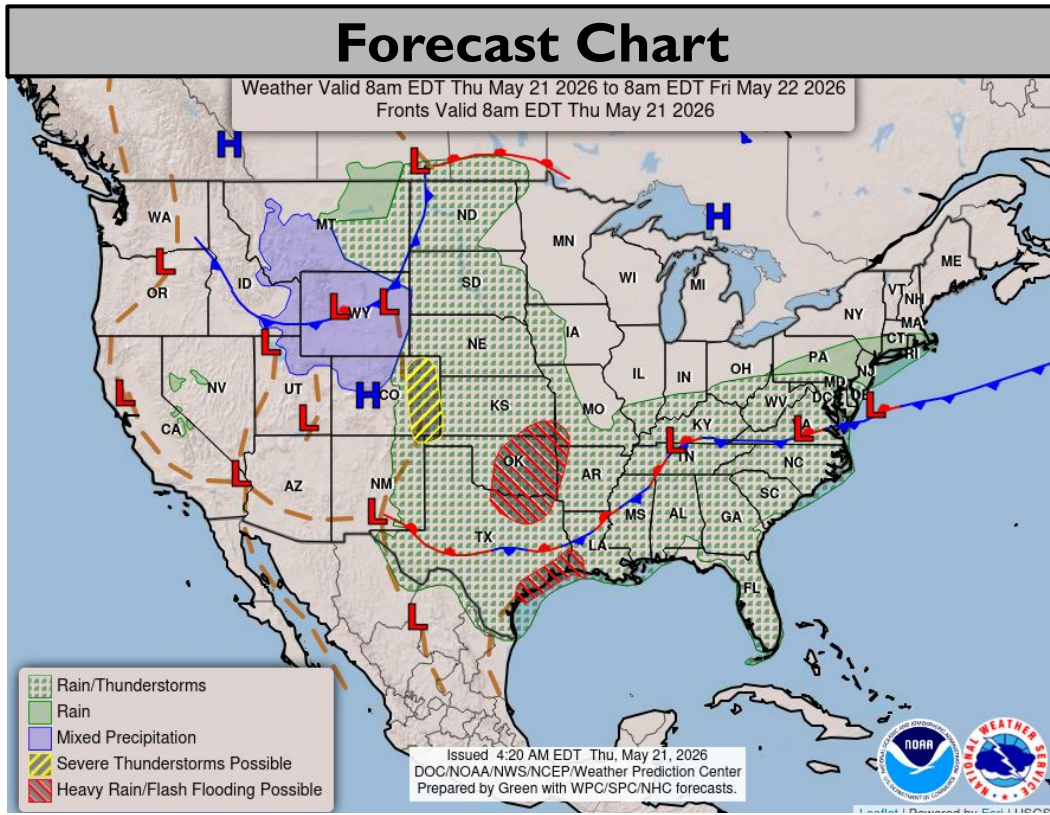
Vermilion River at Lafayette - holding minor stage through the week. Minor flooding of Heymann Park.

Monitoring TX for widespread minor to moderate river flooding over areas of TX and LA into the weekend.

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.

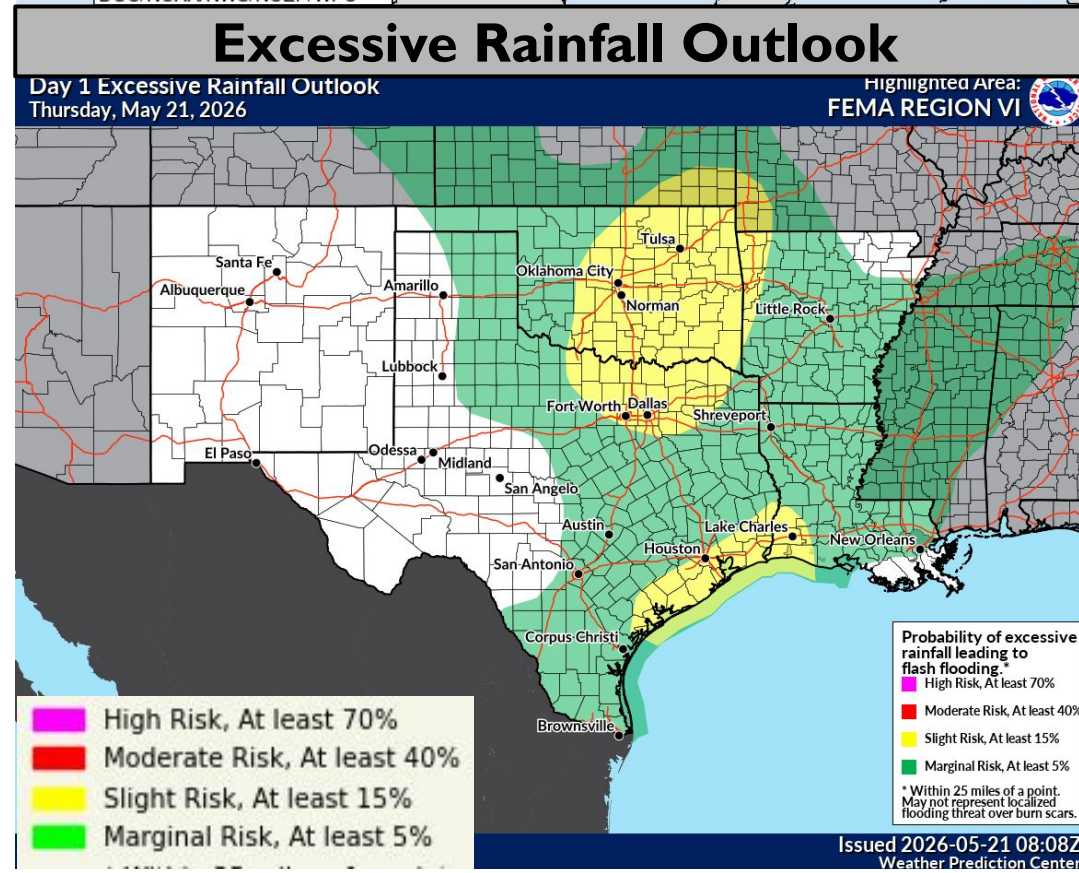
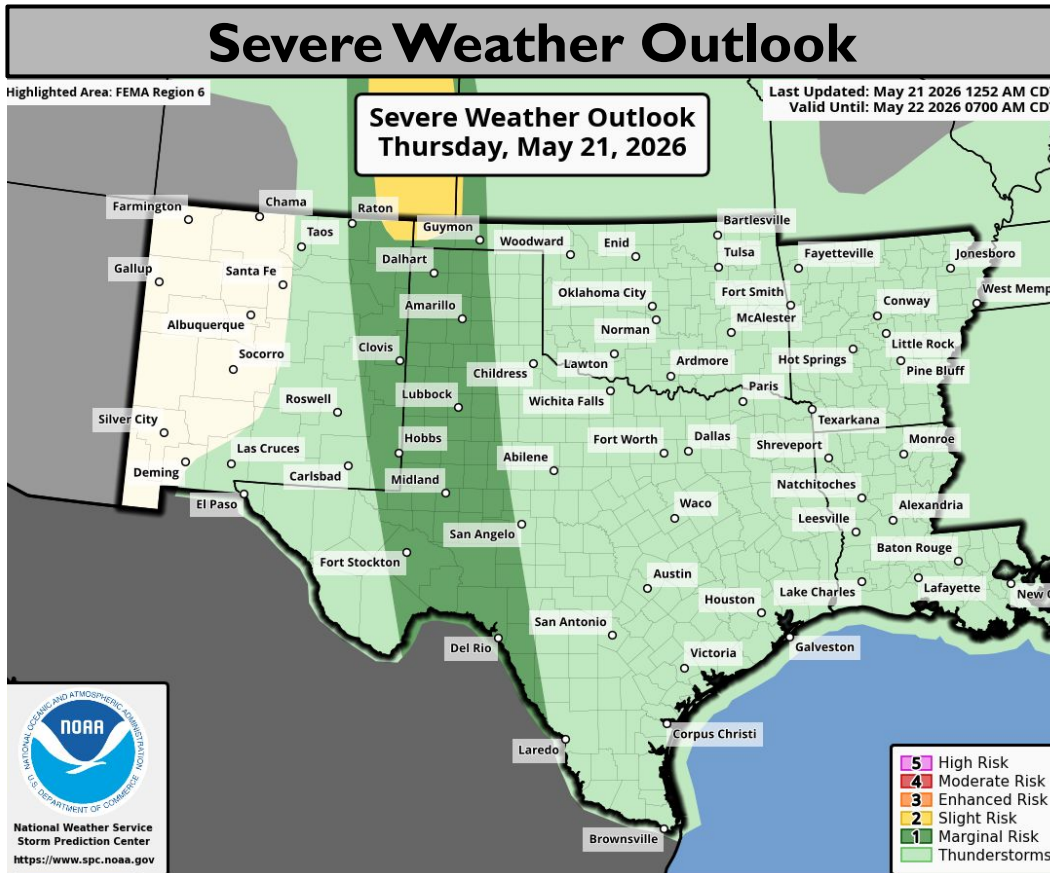


Today's Weather



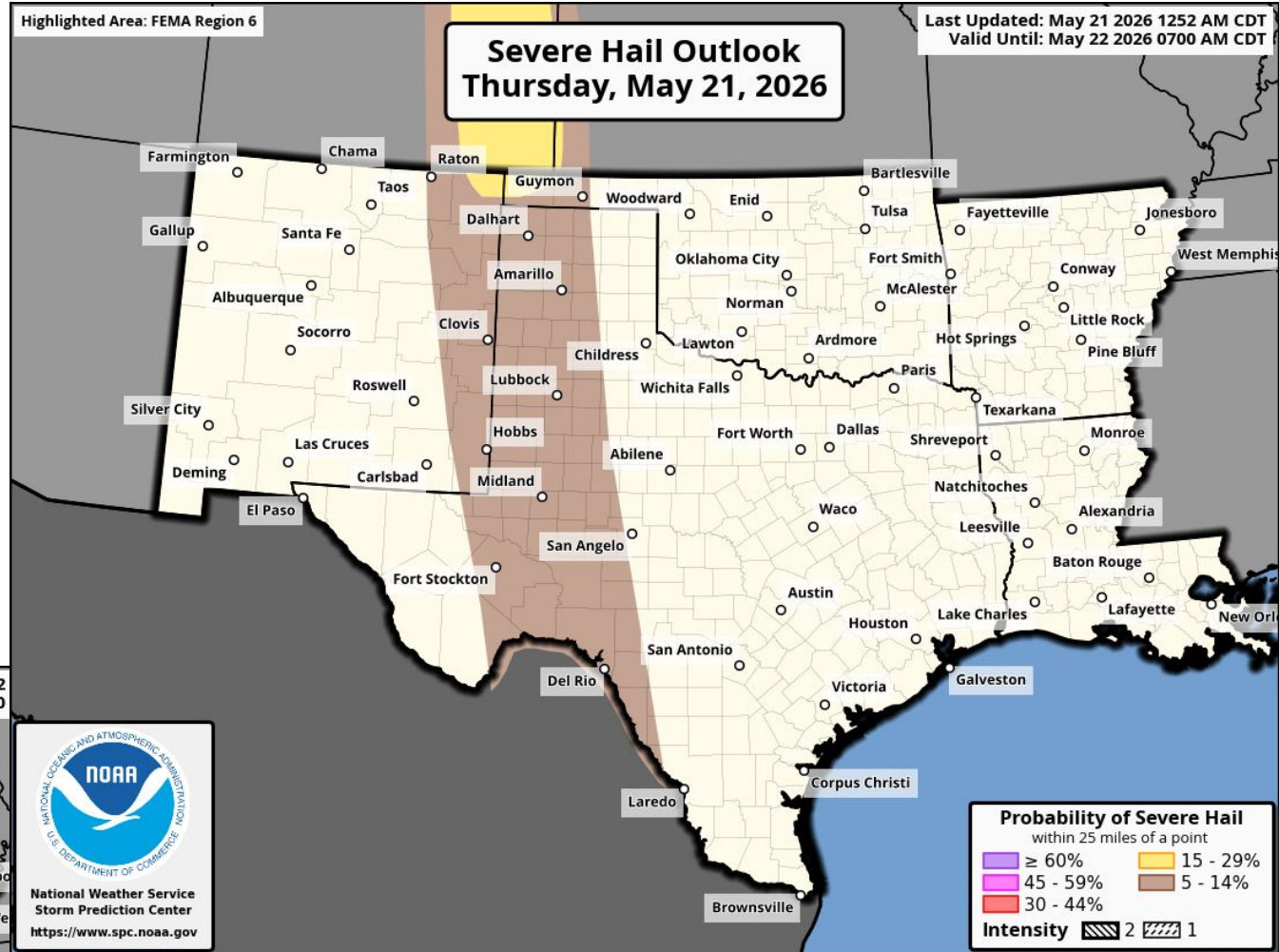
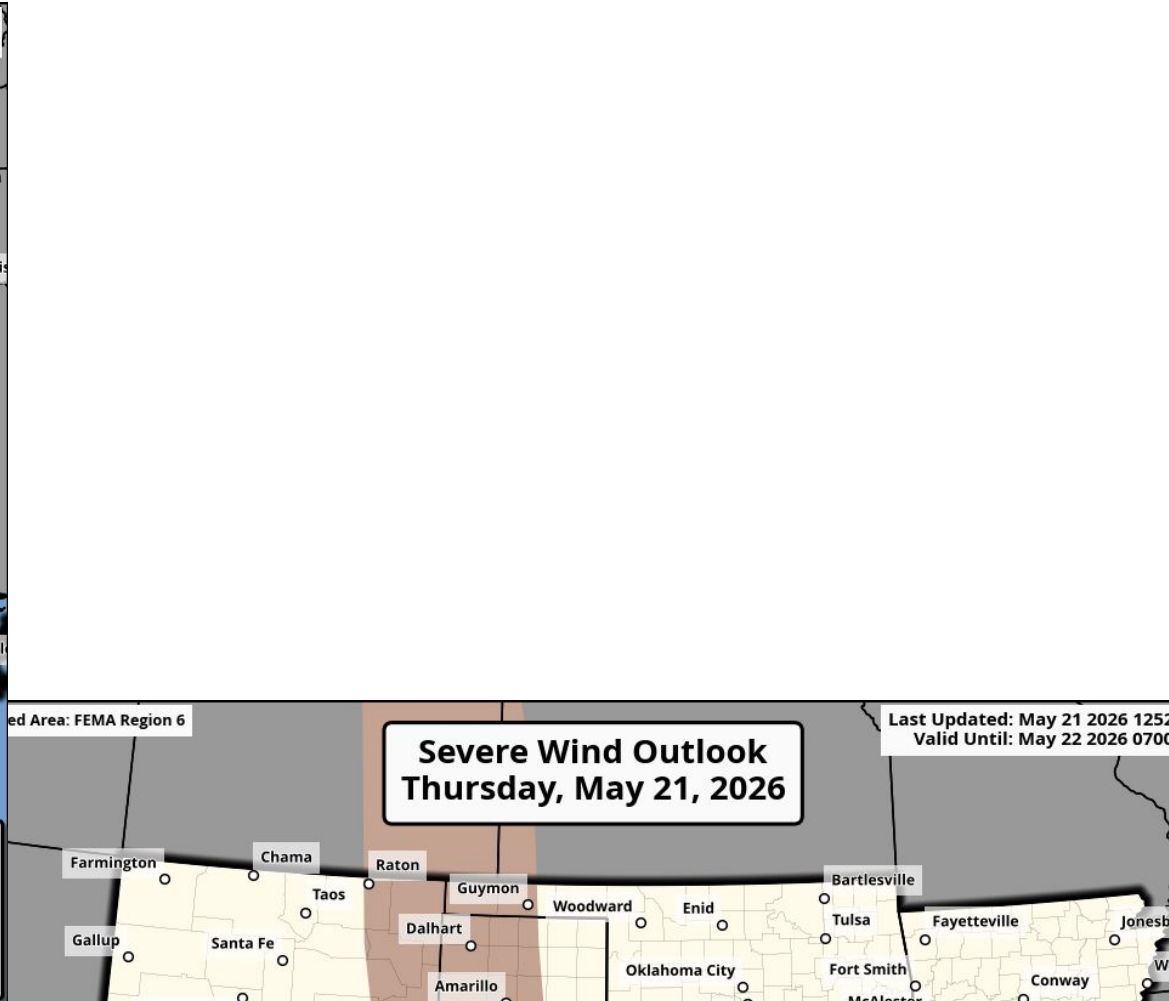
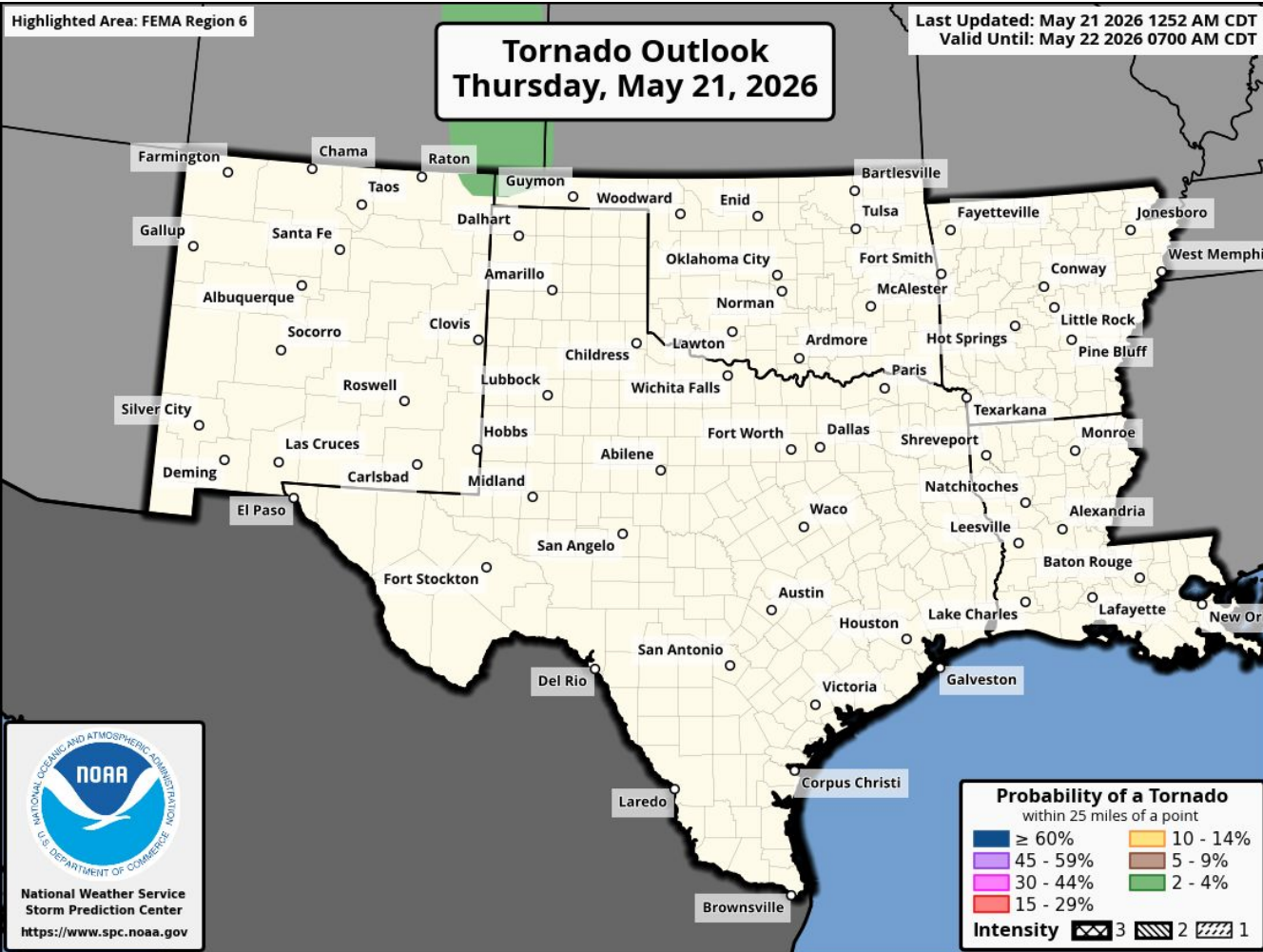
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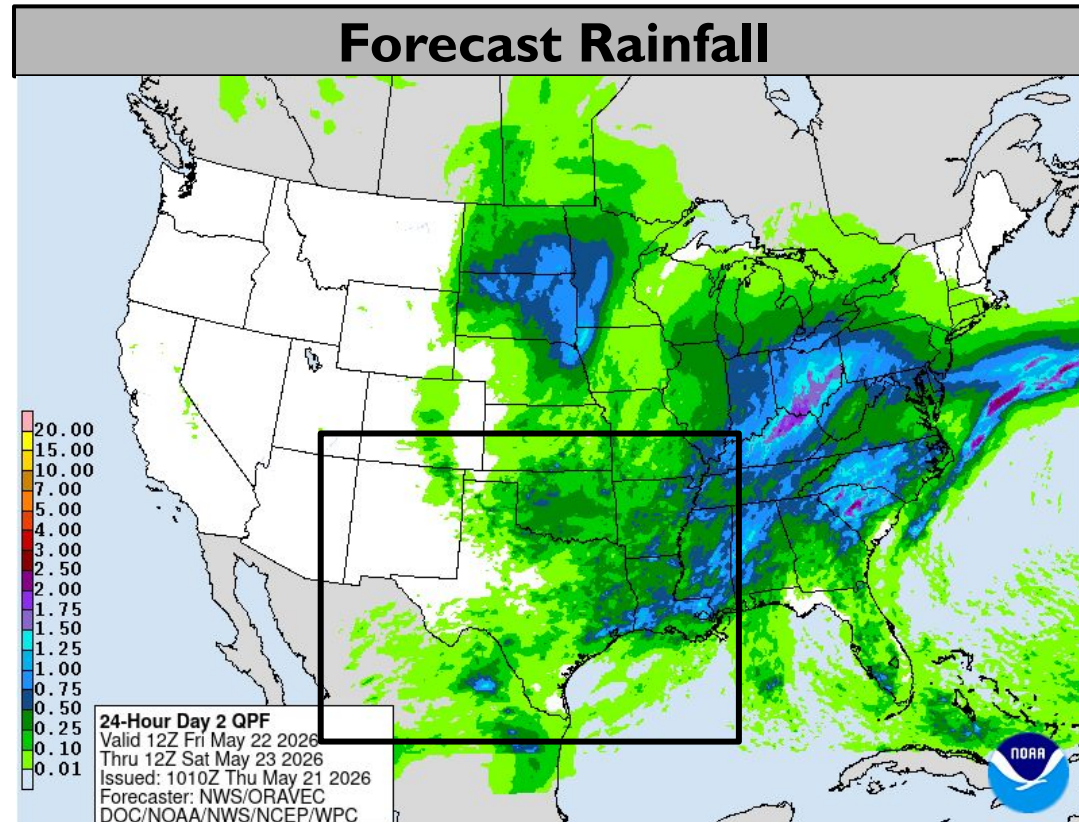
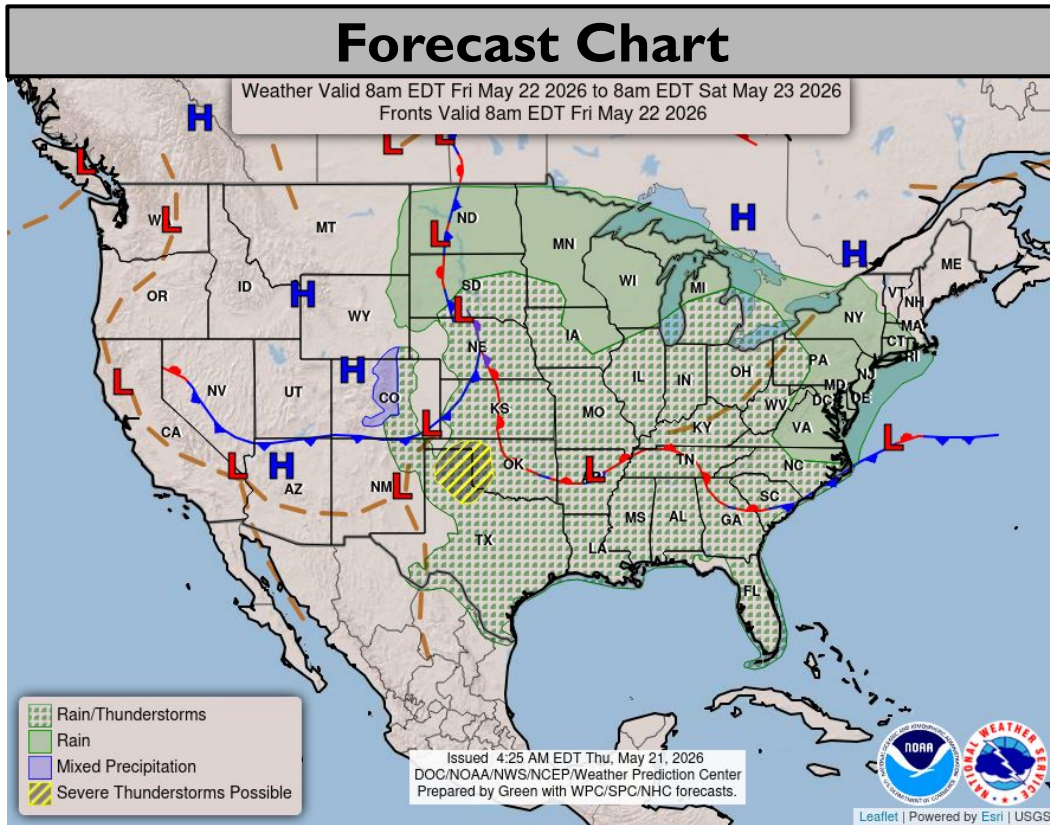


Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



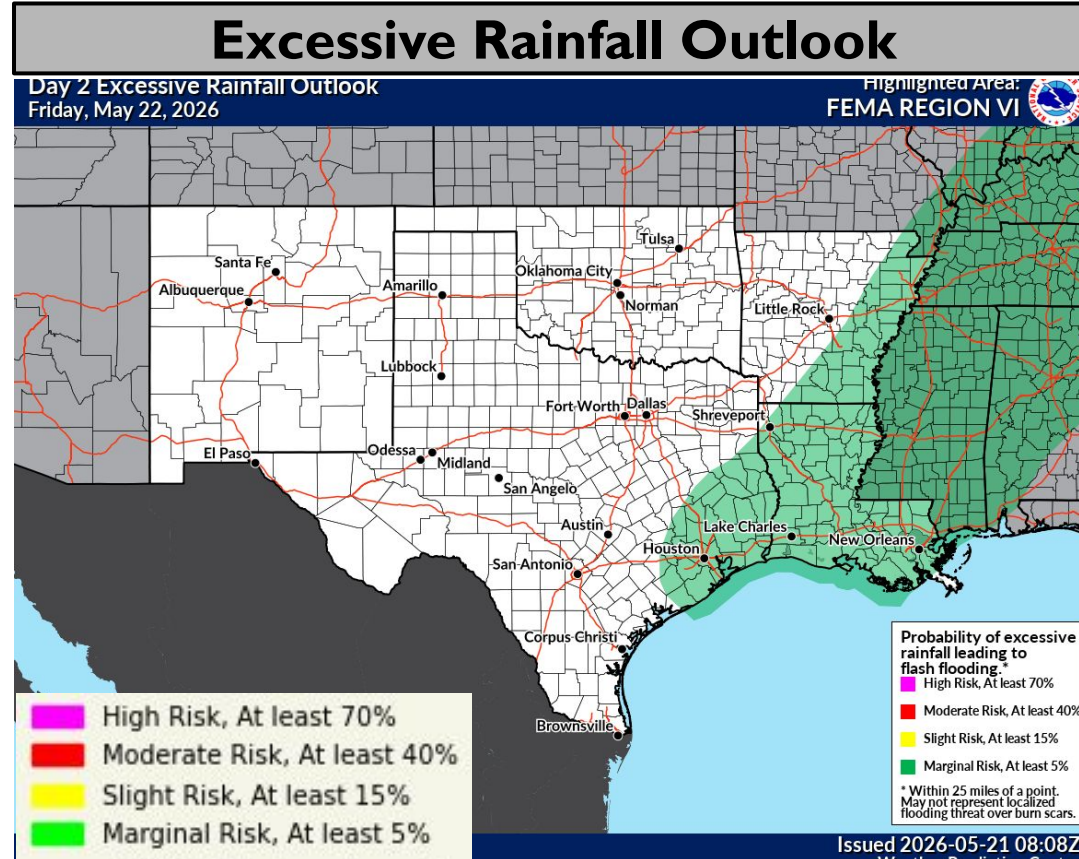
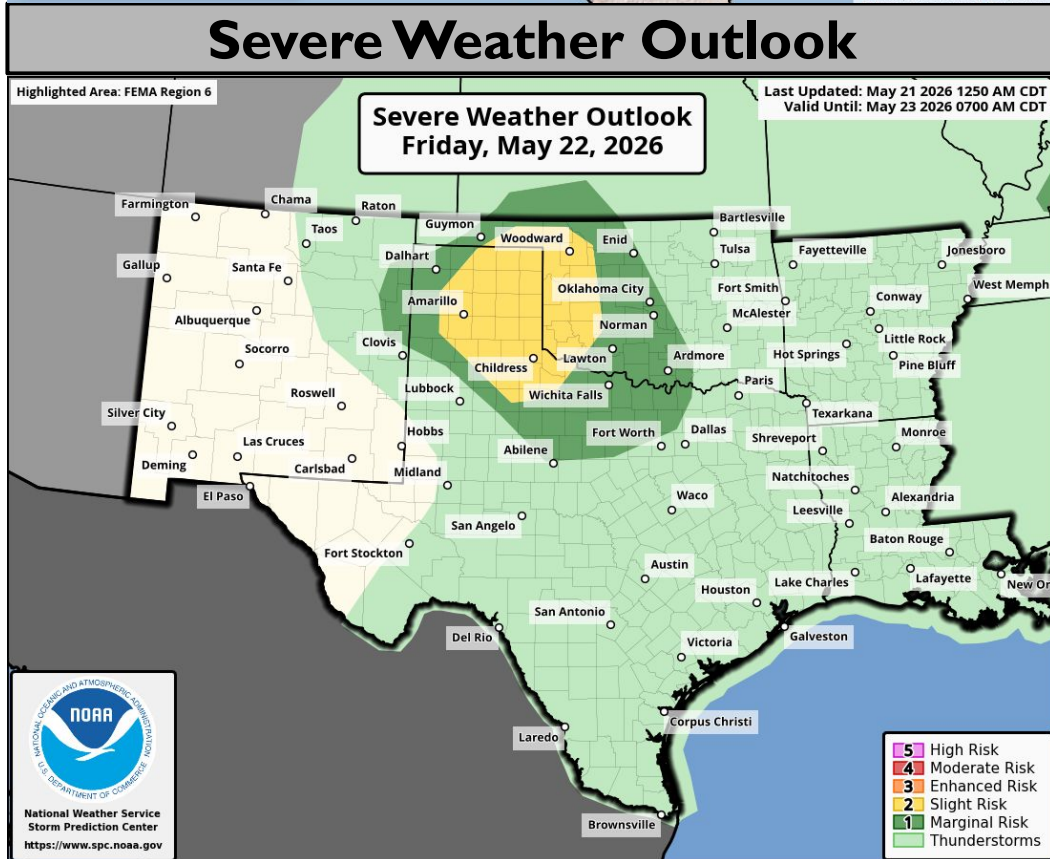


Tomorrow's Weather



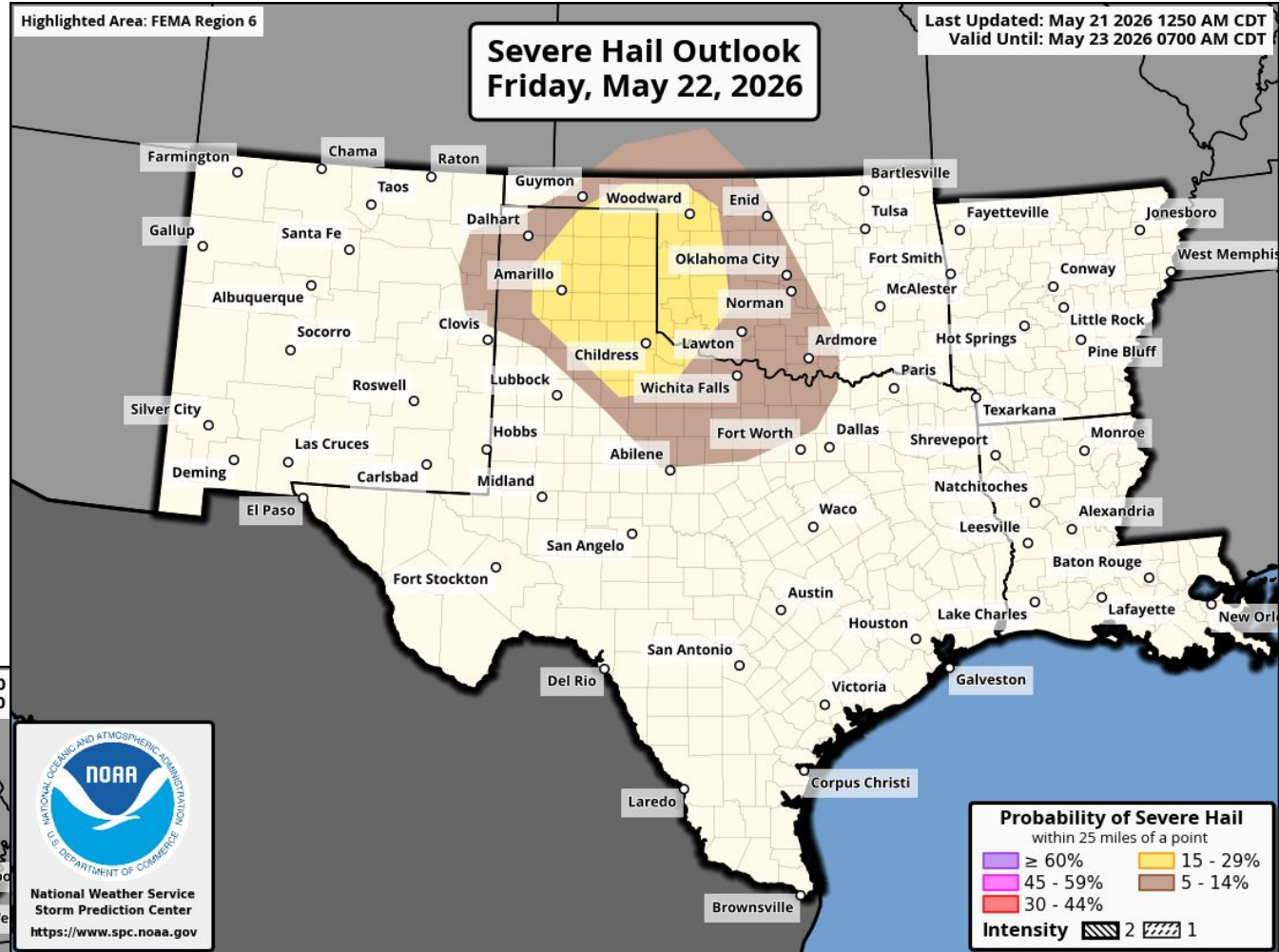
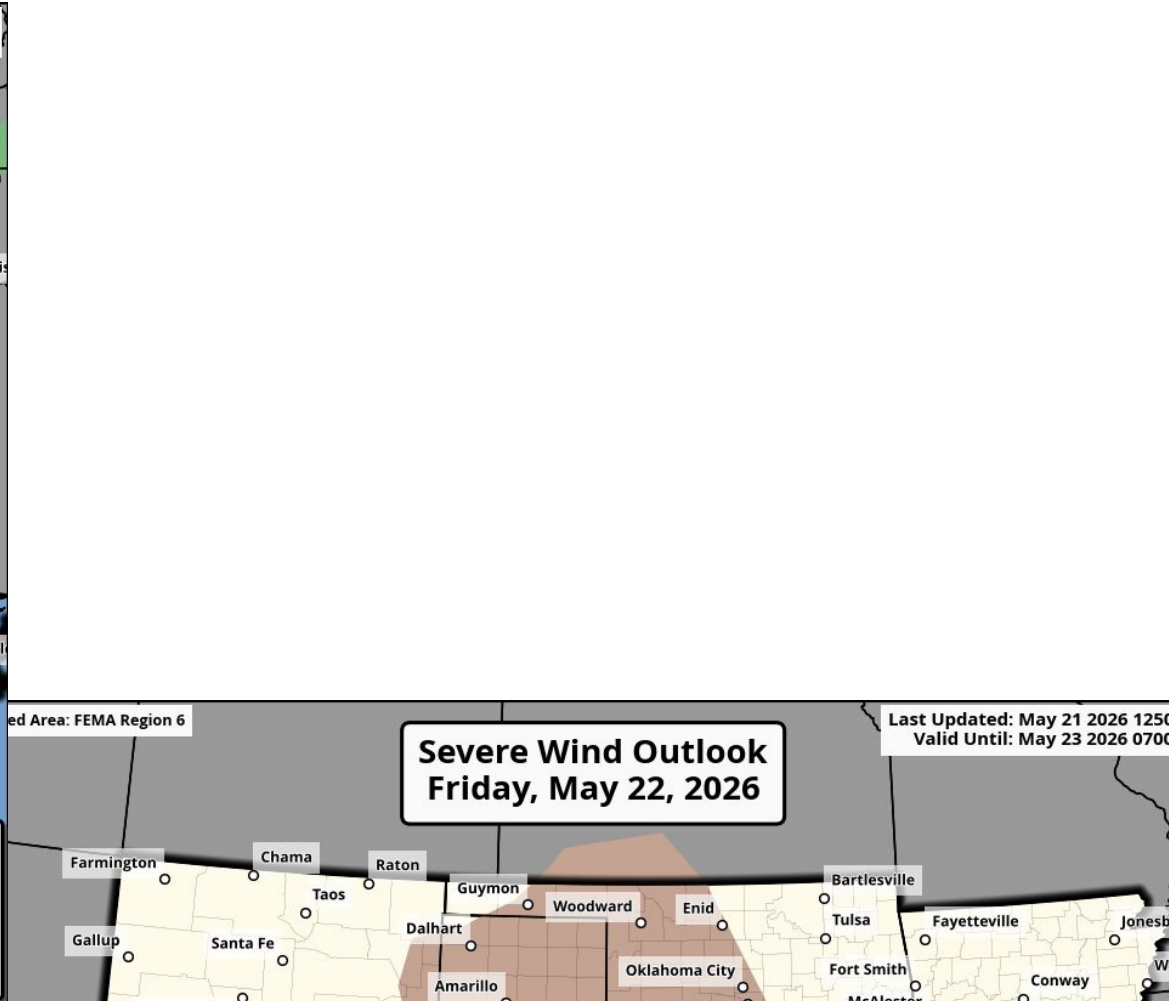
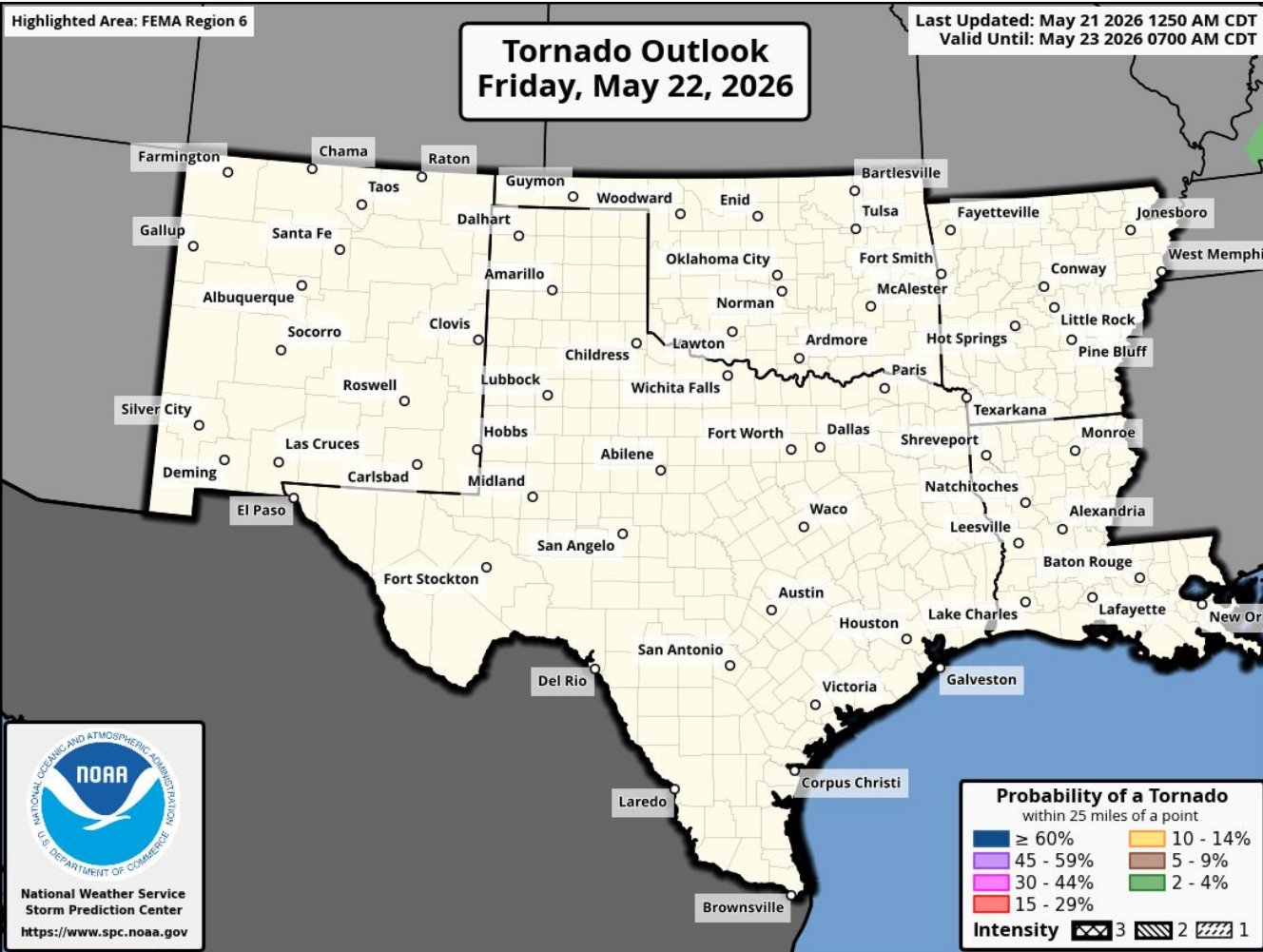
Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms over W OK and the TX/OK Panhandles.

Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in E AR, LA, E-STX



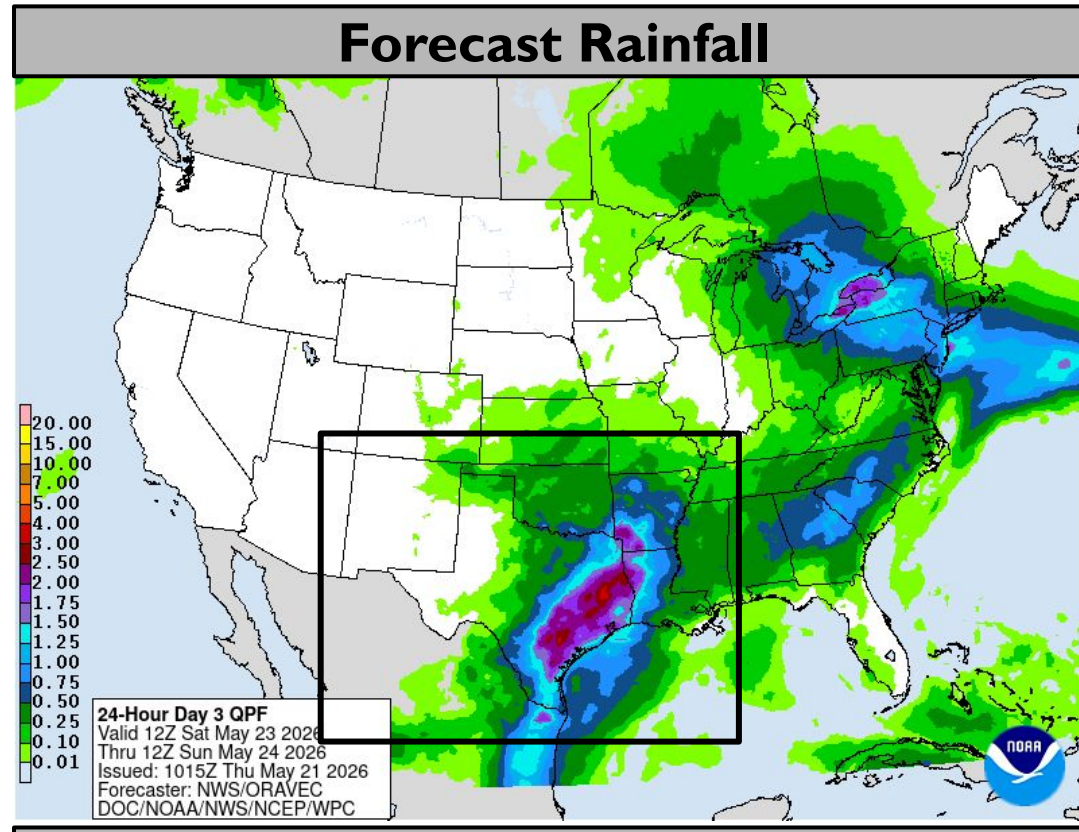
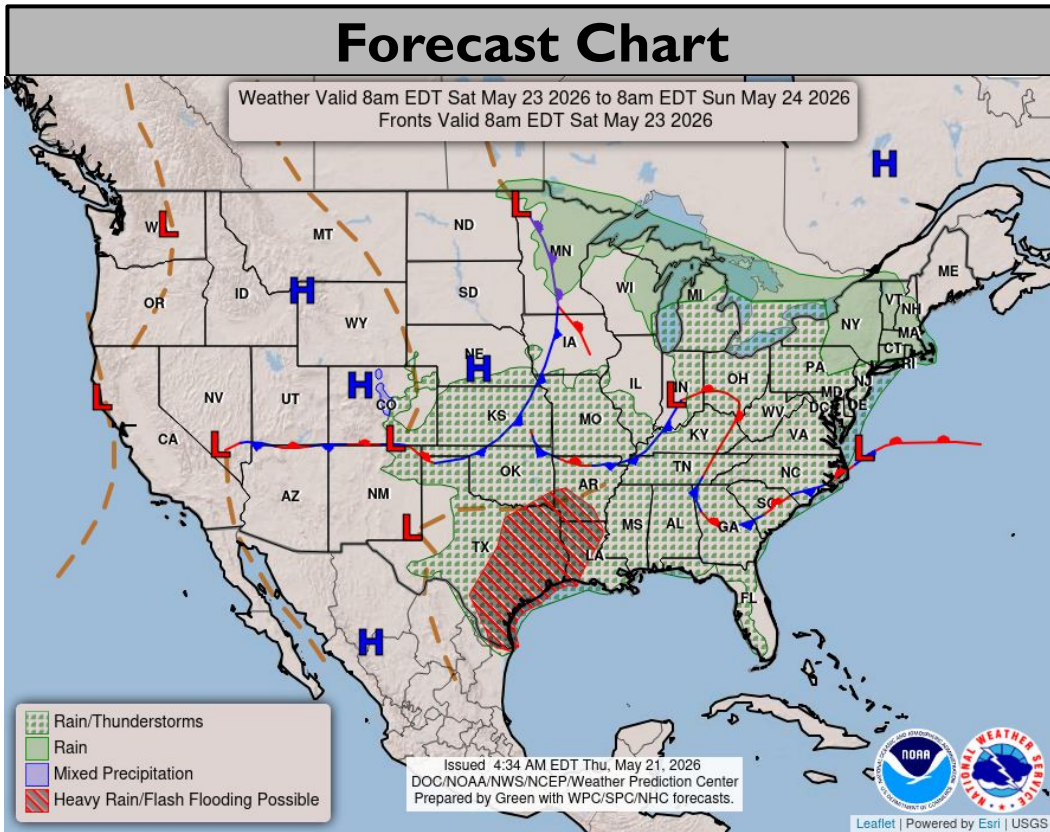


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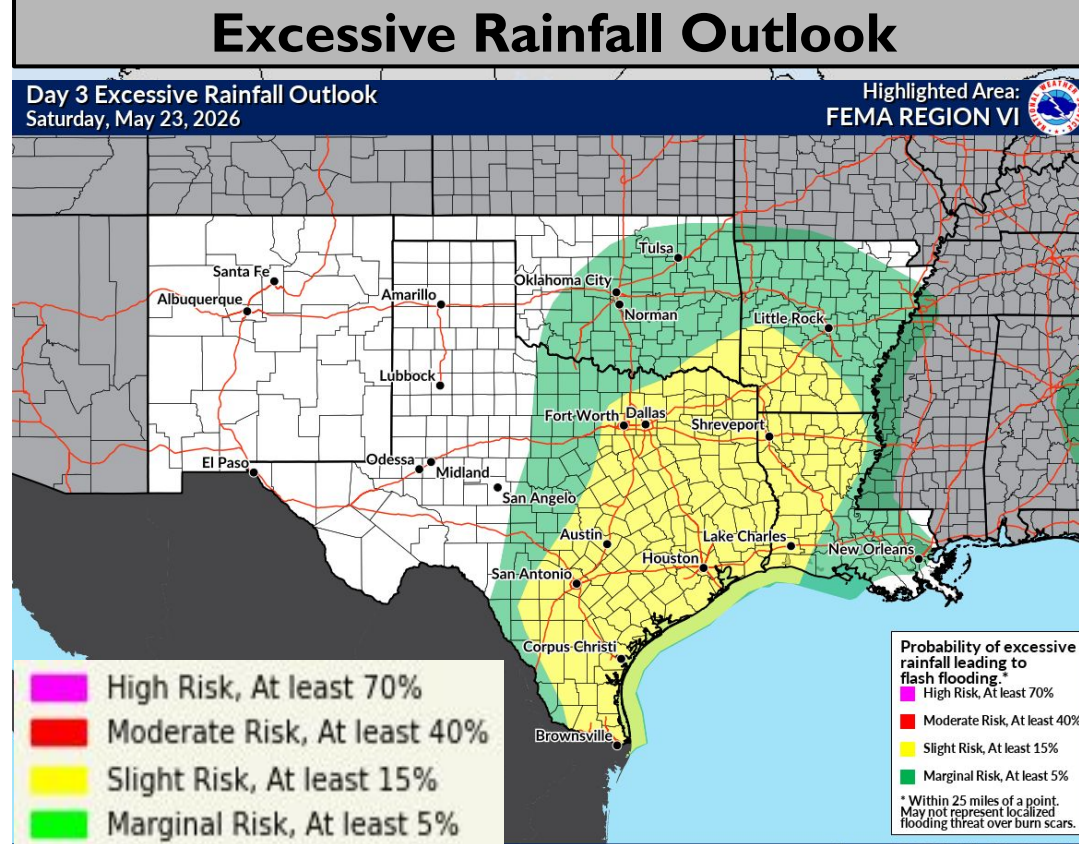
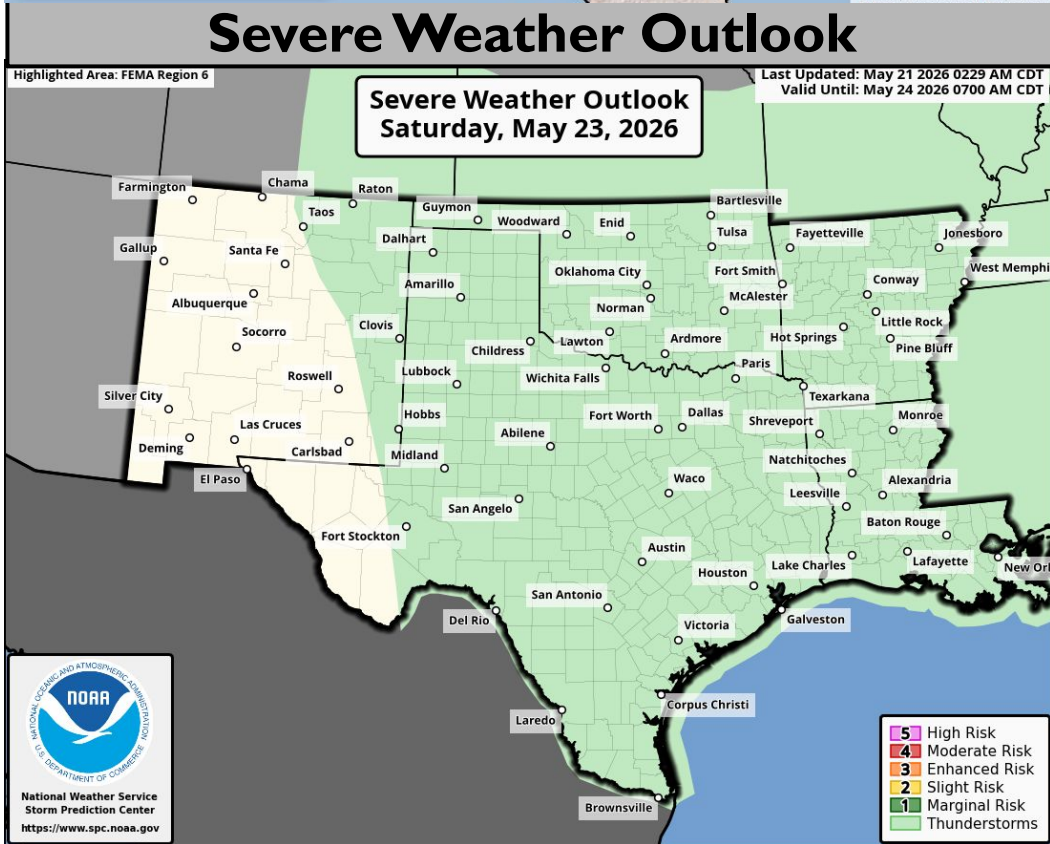




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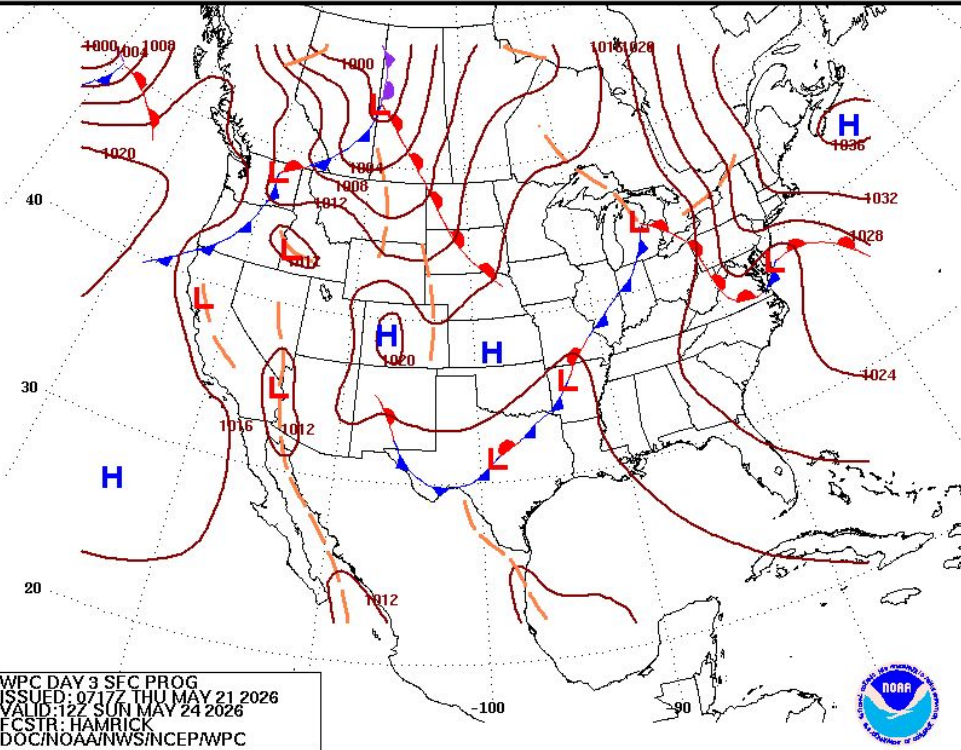
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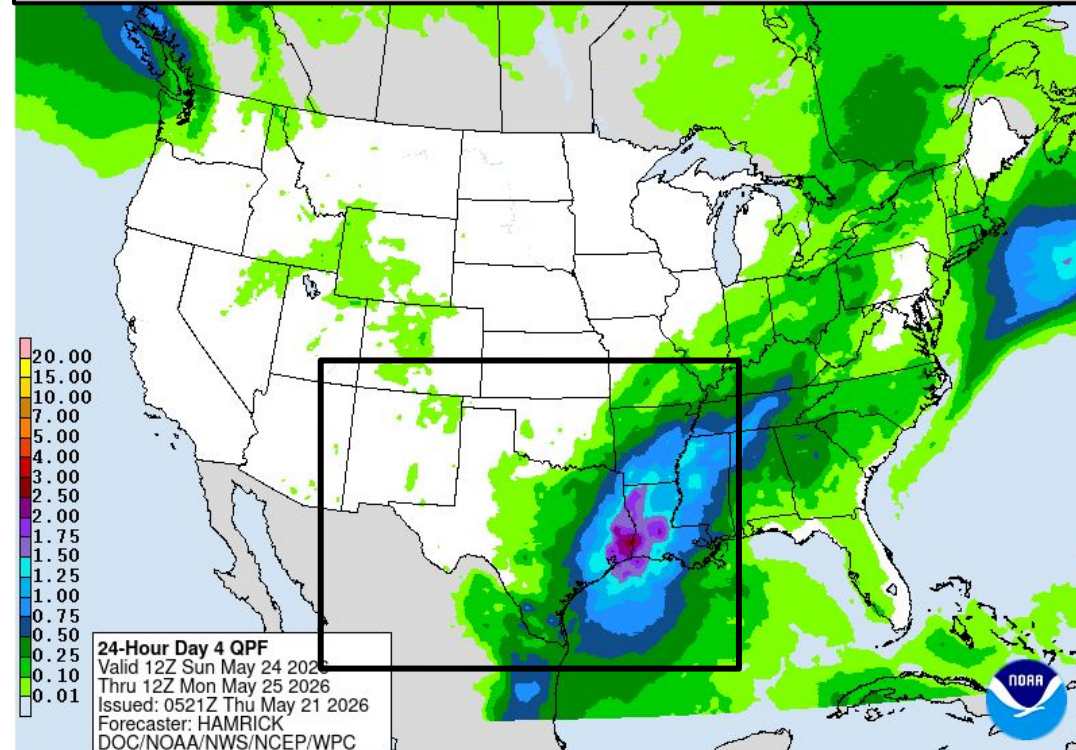


Sunday's Weather

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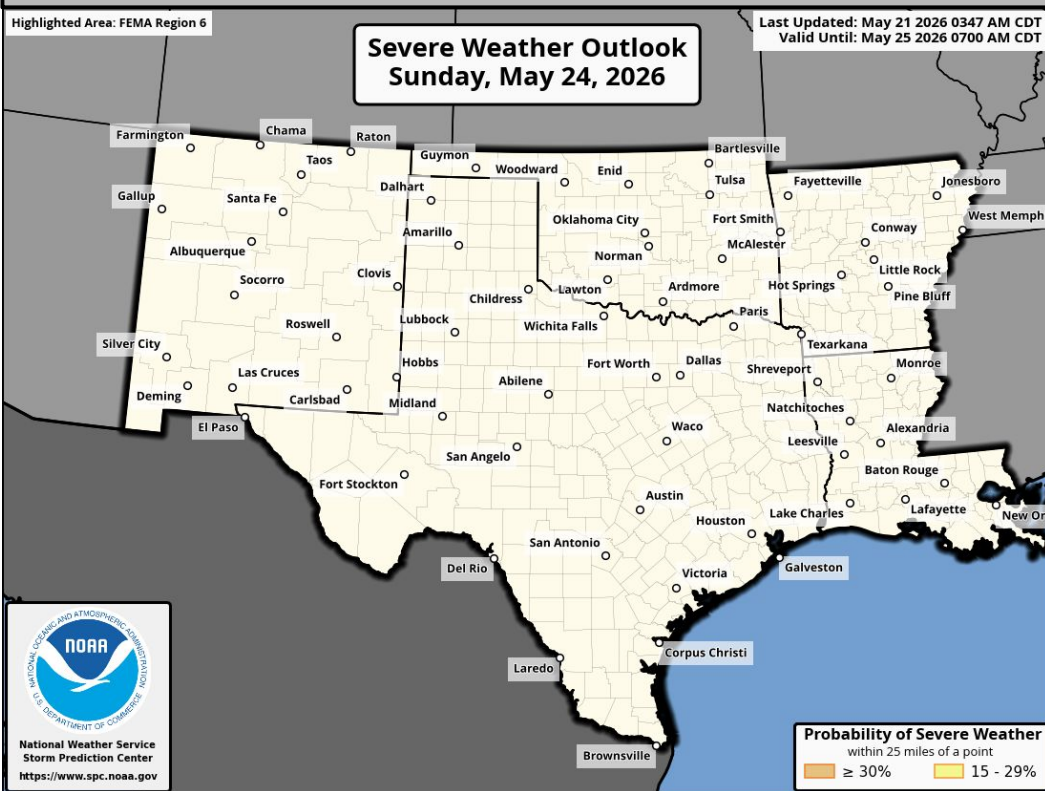


Forecast Rainfall

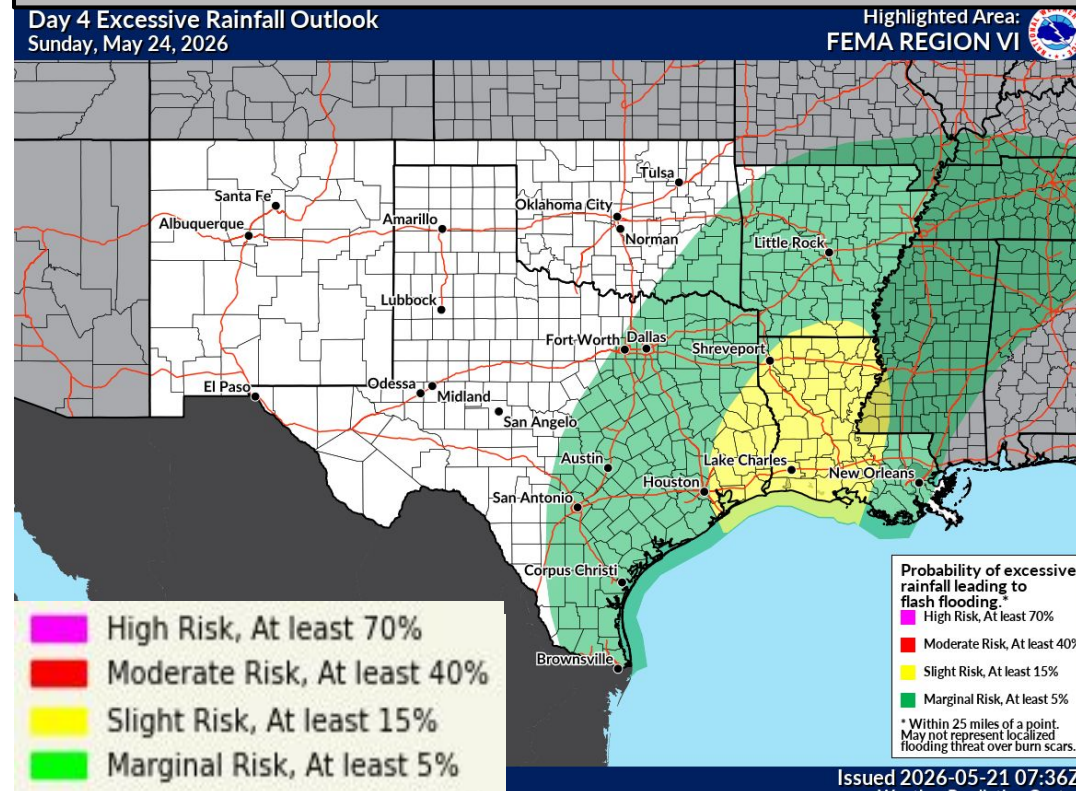


Marginal to slight risk (levels 1-2 of 4) for flash flooding in SE/ETX, LA, SAR. Monitoring for higher risk over E/SE TX and W LA.

Severe Weather Outlook



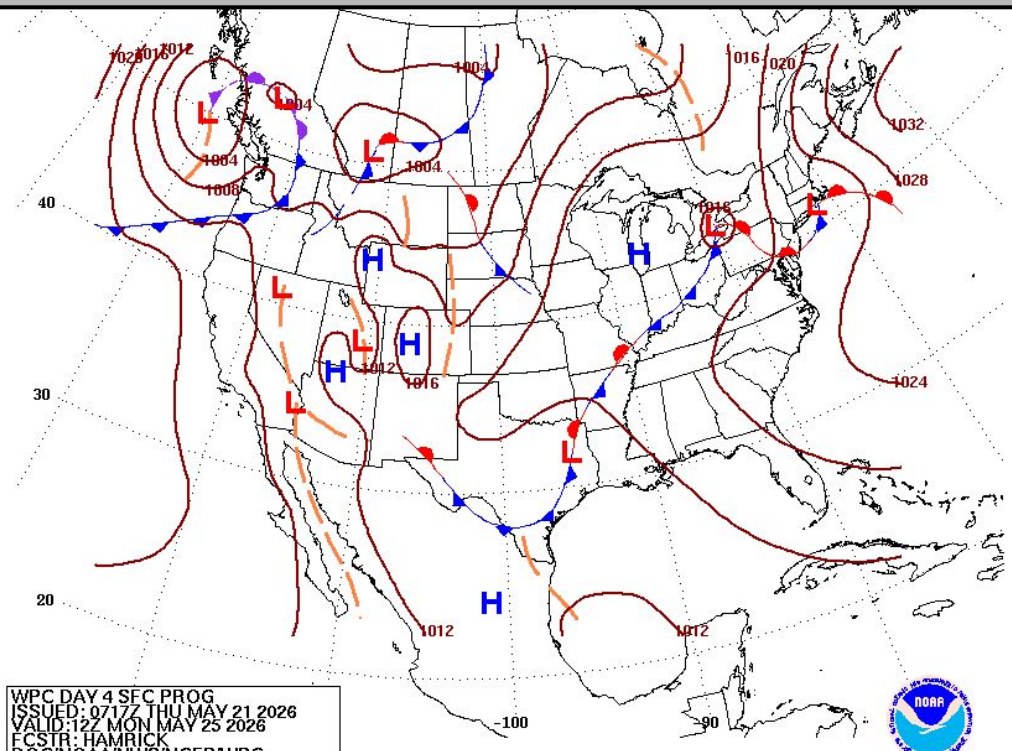
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





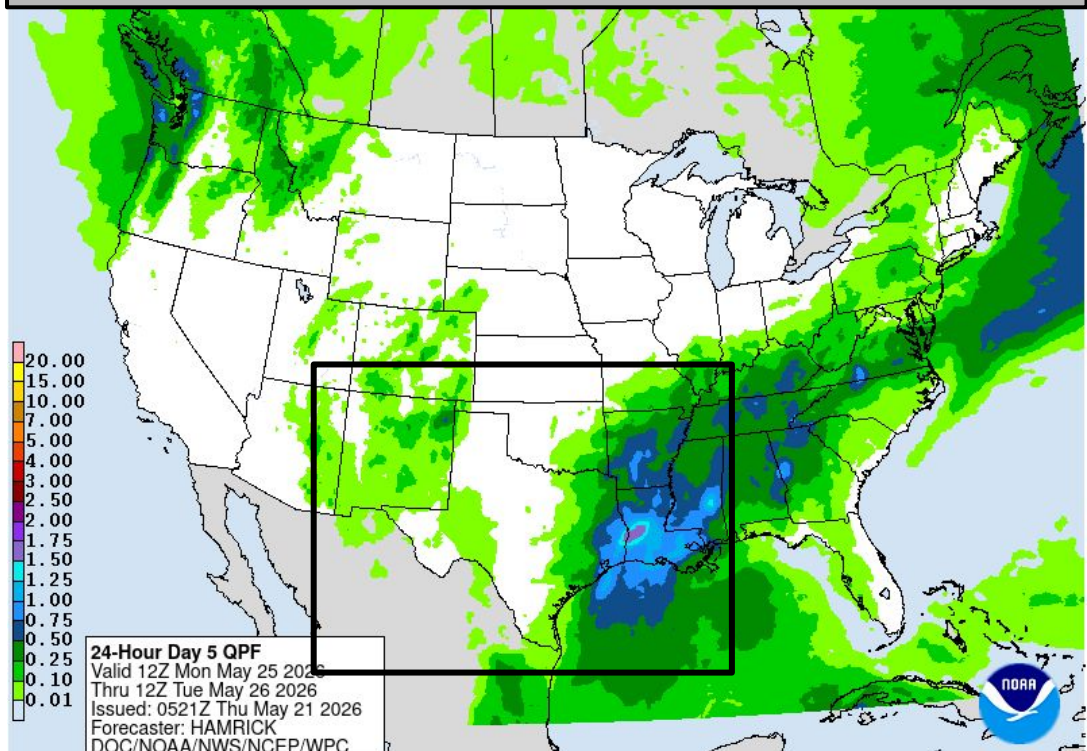
Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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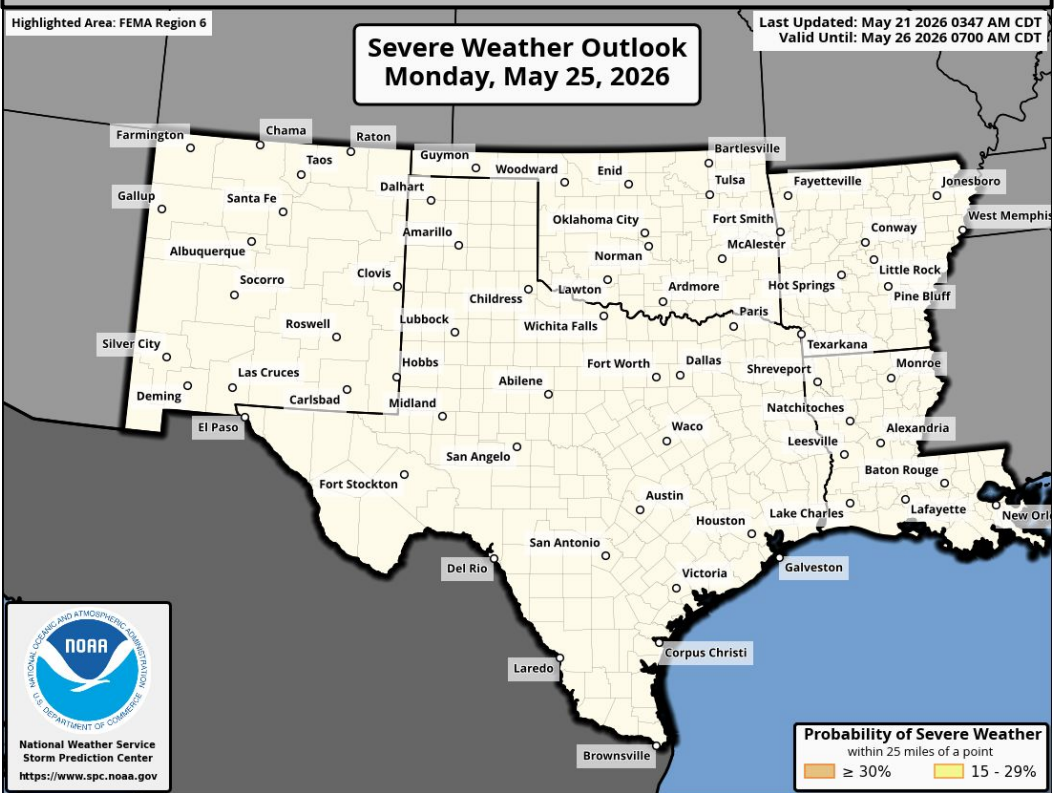
Forecast Rainfall



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

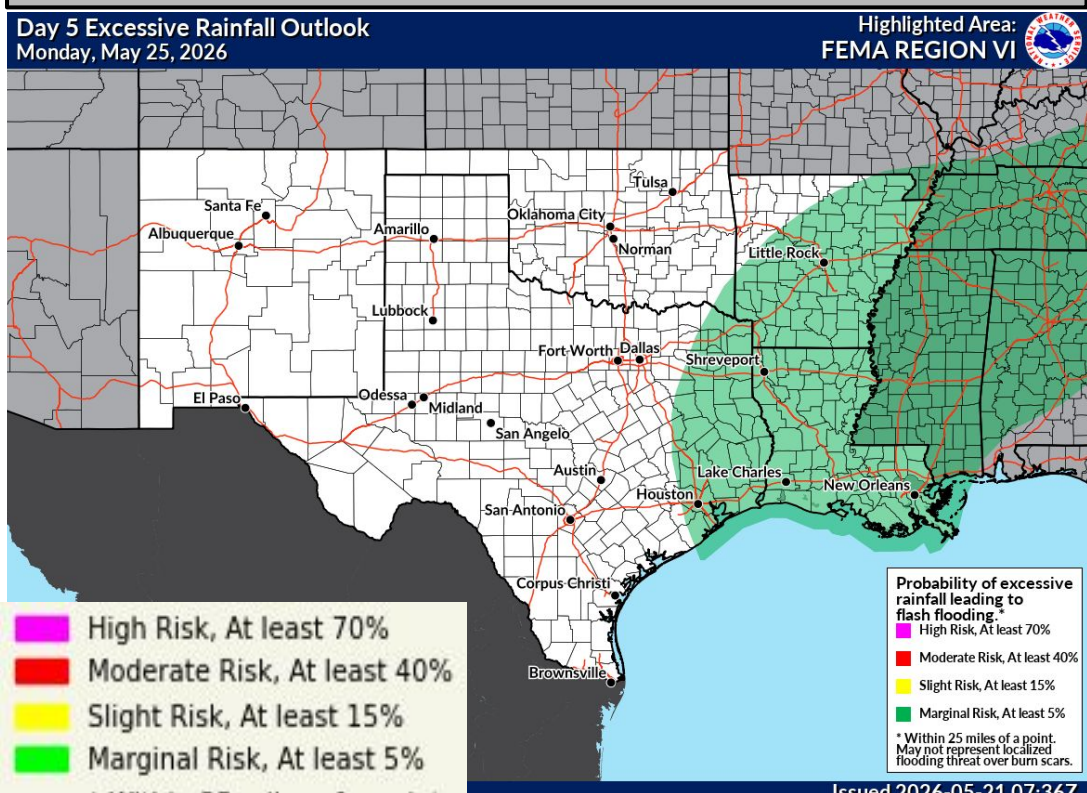
Severe Weather Outlook



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6
Severe Weather Outlook
Monday, May 25, 2026
Last Updated: May 21 2026 0347 AM CDT
Valid Until: May 26 2026 0700 AM CDT

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

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, May 25, 2026

Highlighted Area: FEMA REGION VI

High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

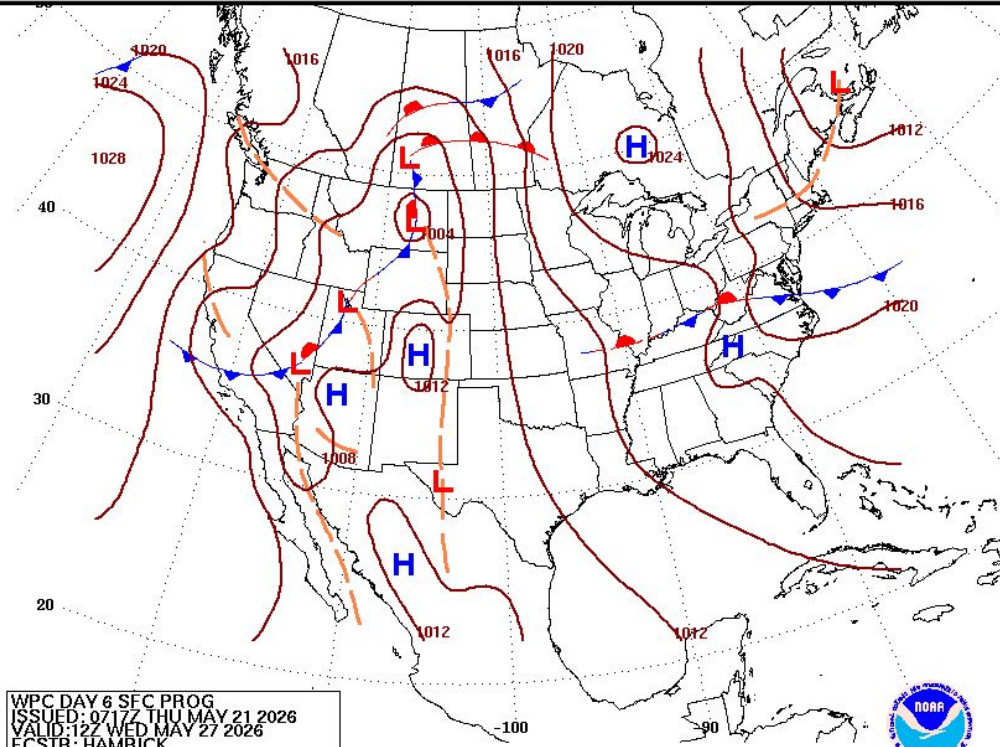
Probability of excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point. May not represent localized flooding threat over burn scars.

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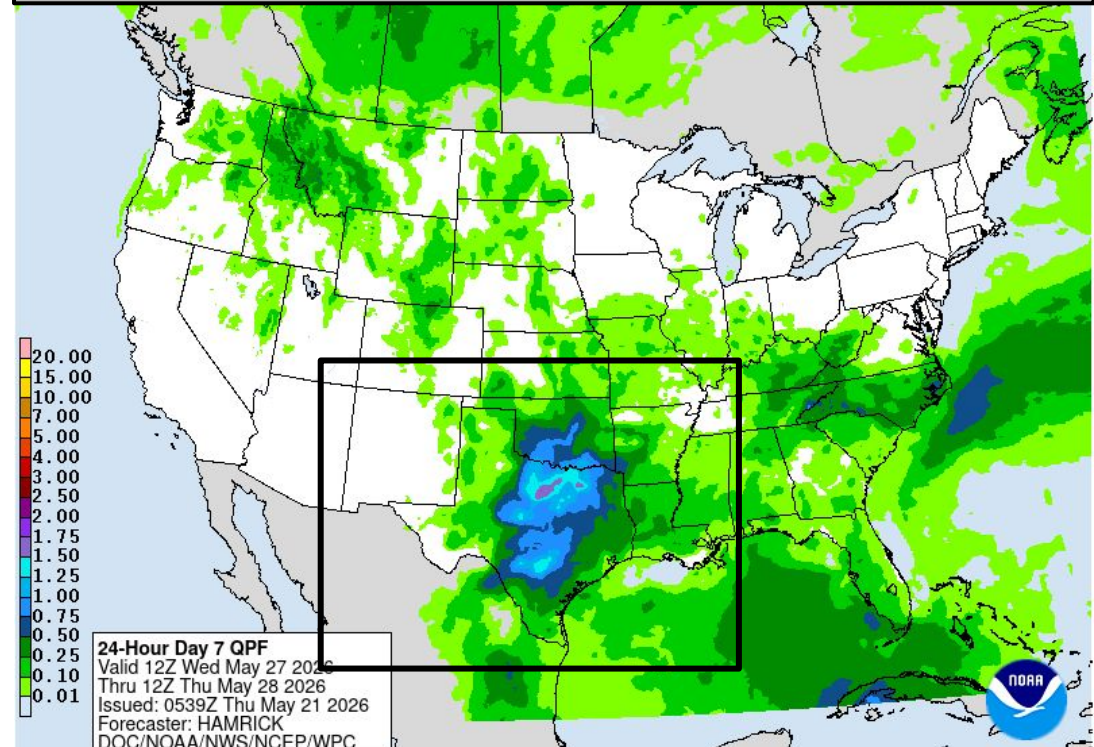
Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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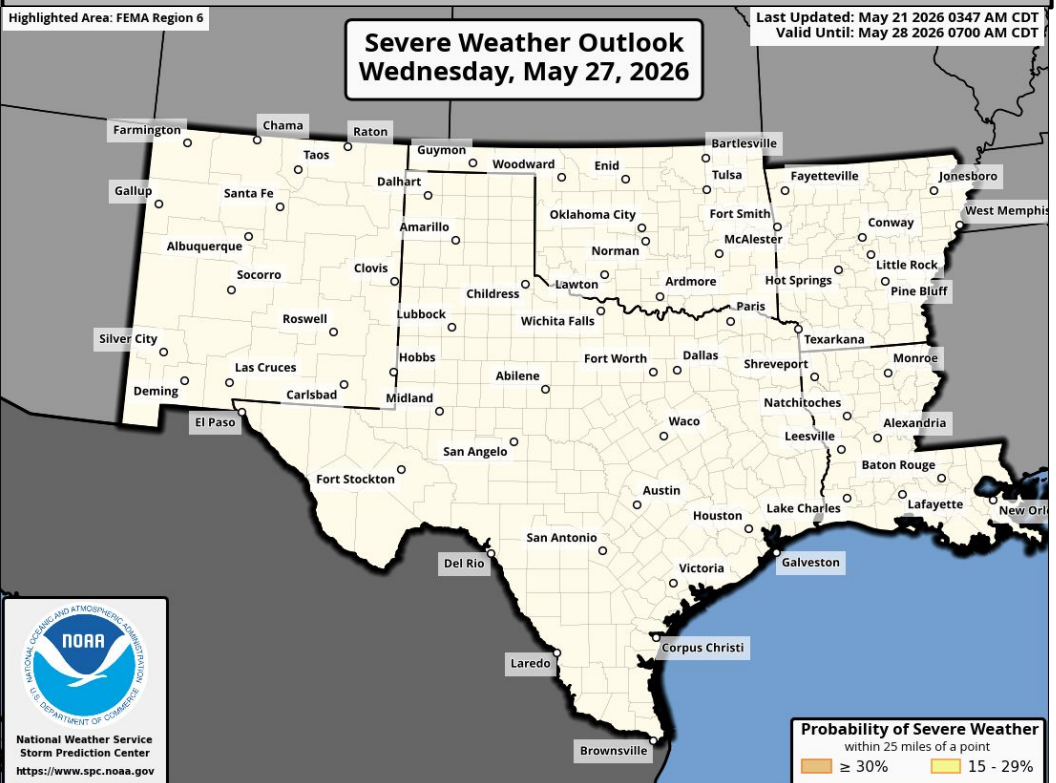
Forecast Rainfall



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Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in TX.

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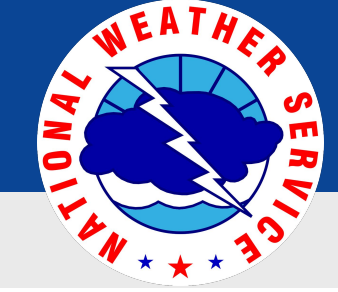


Severe Weather Outlook
Wednesday, May 27, 2026

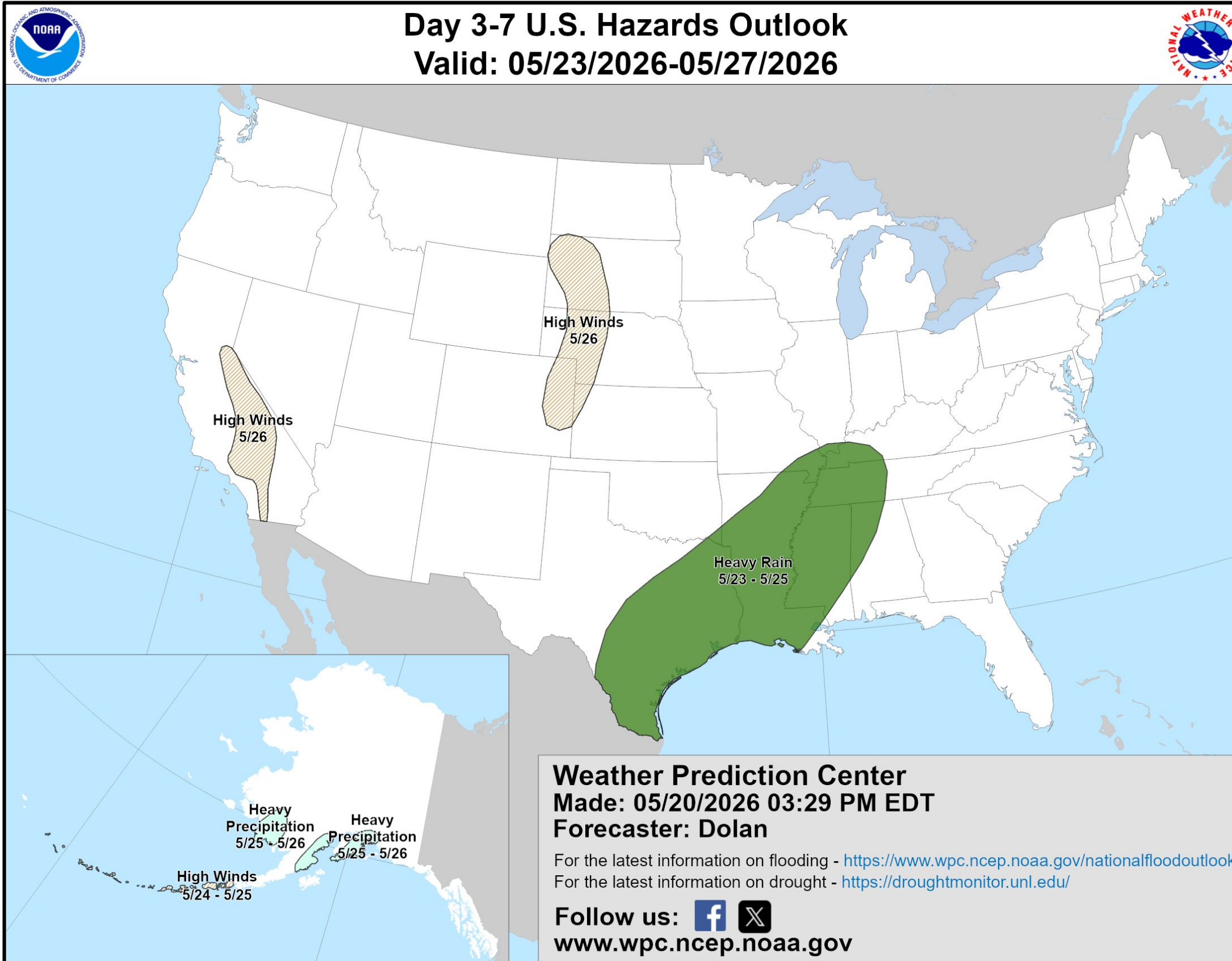
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Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

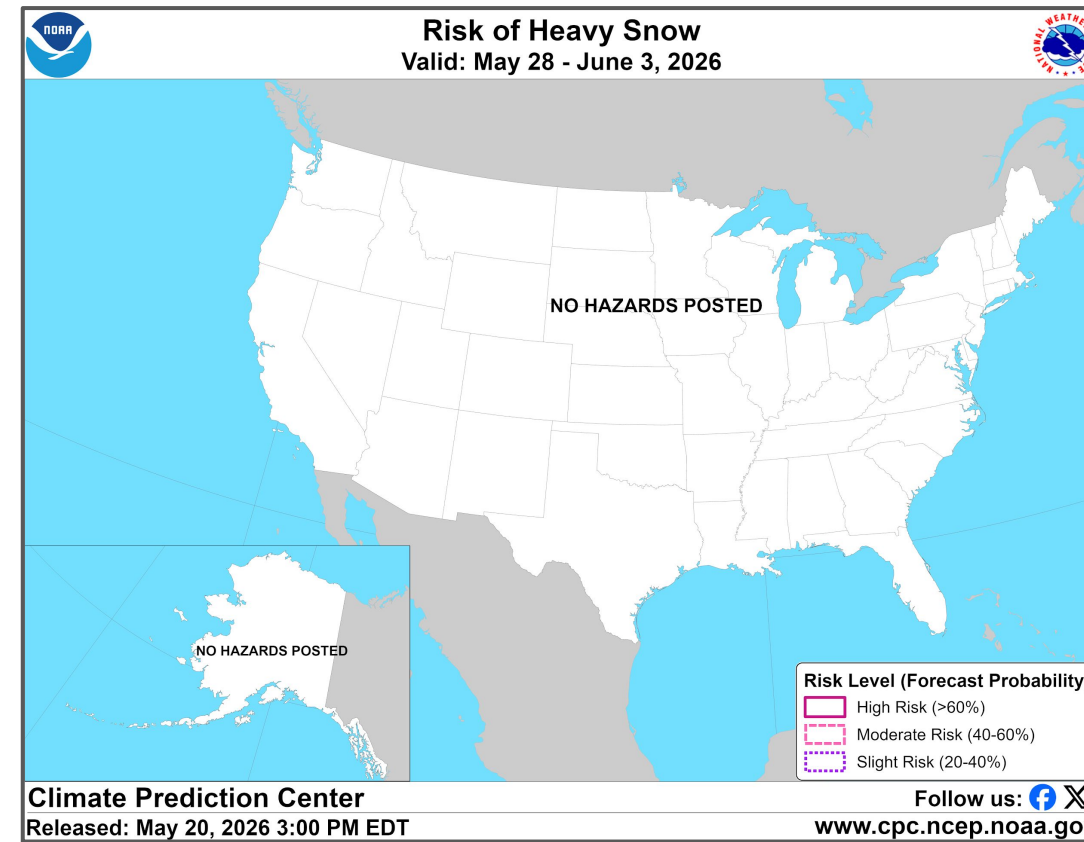
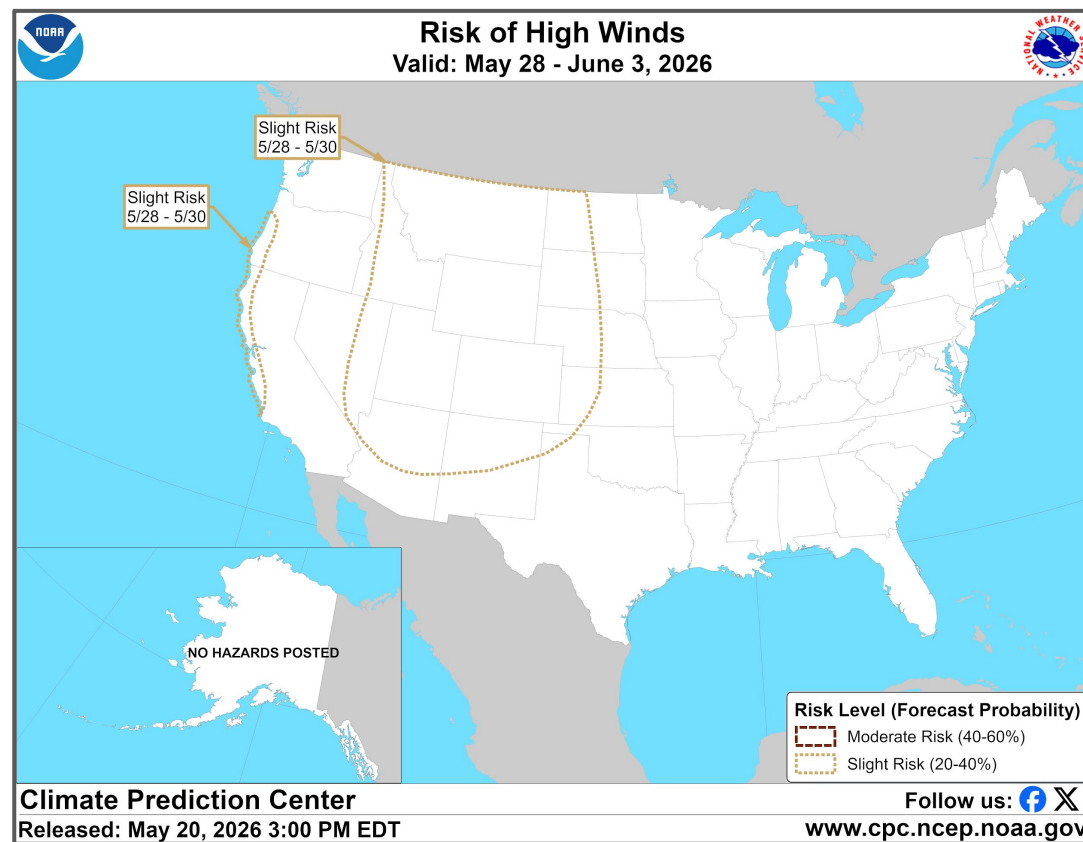
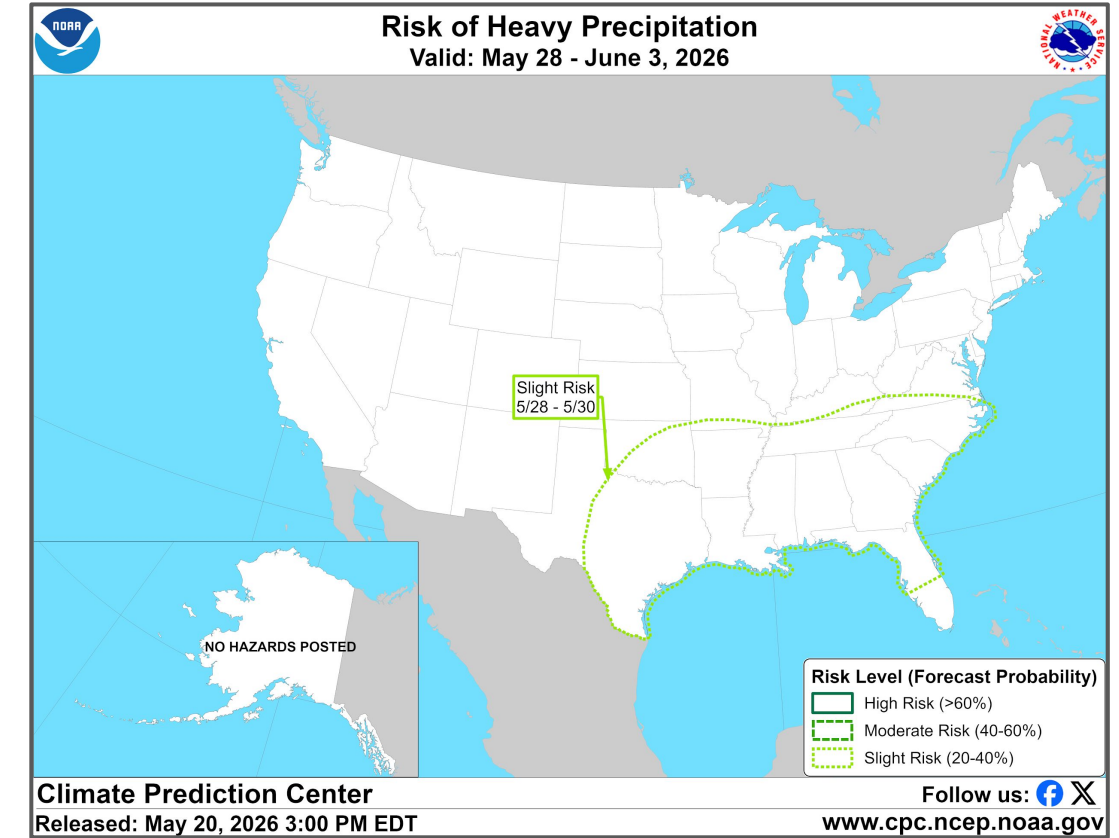
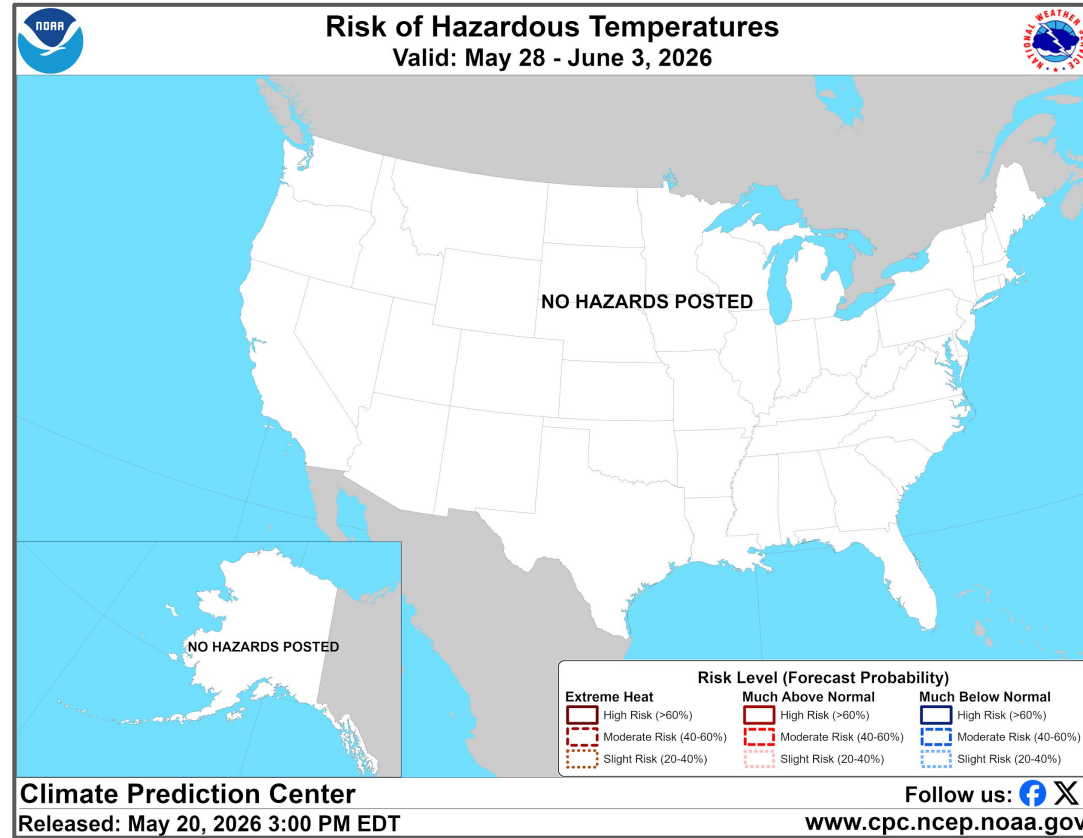
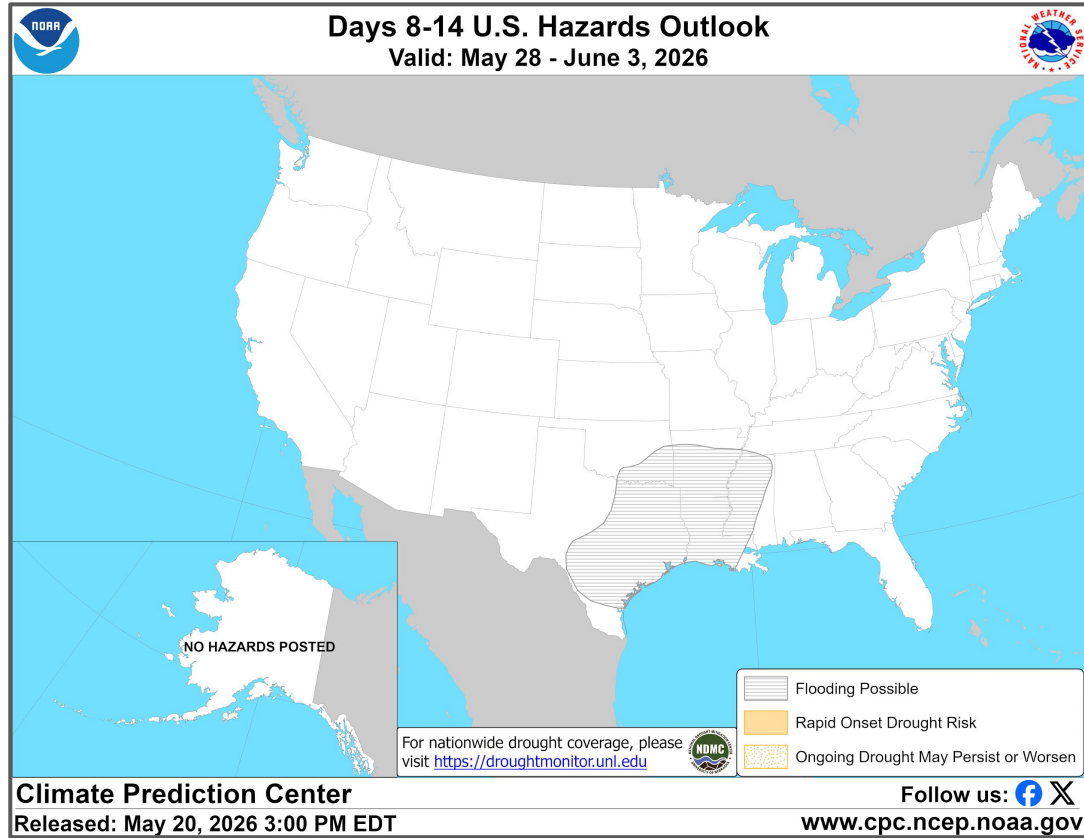


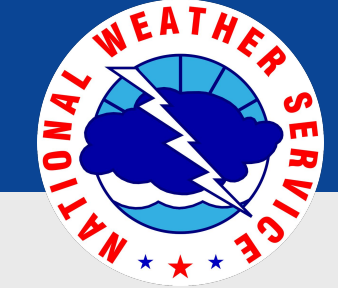
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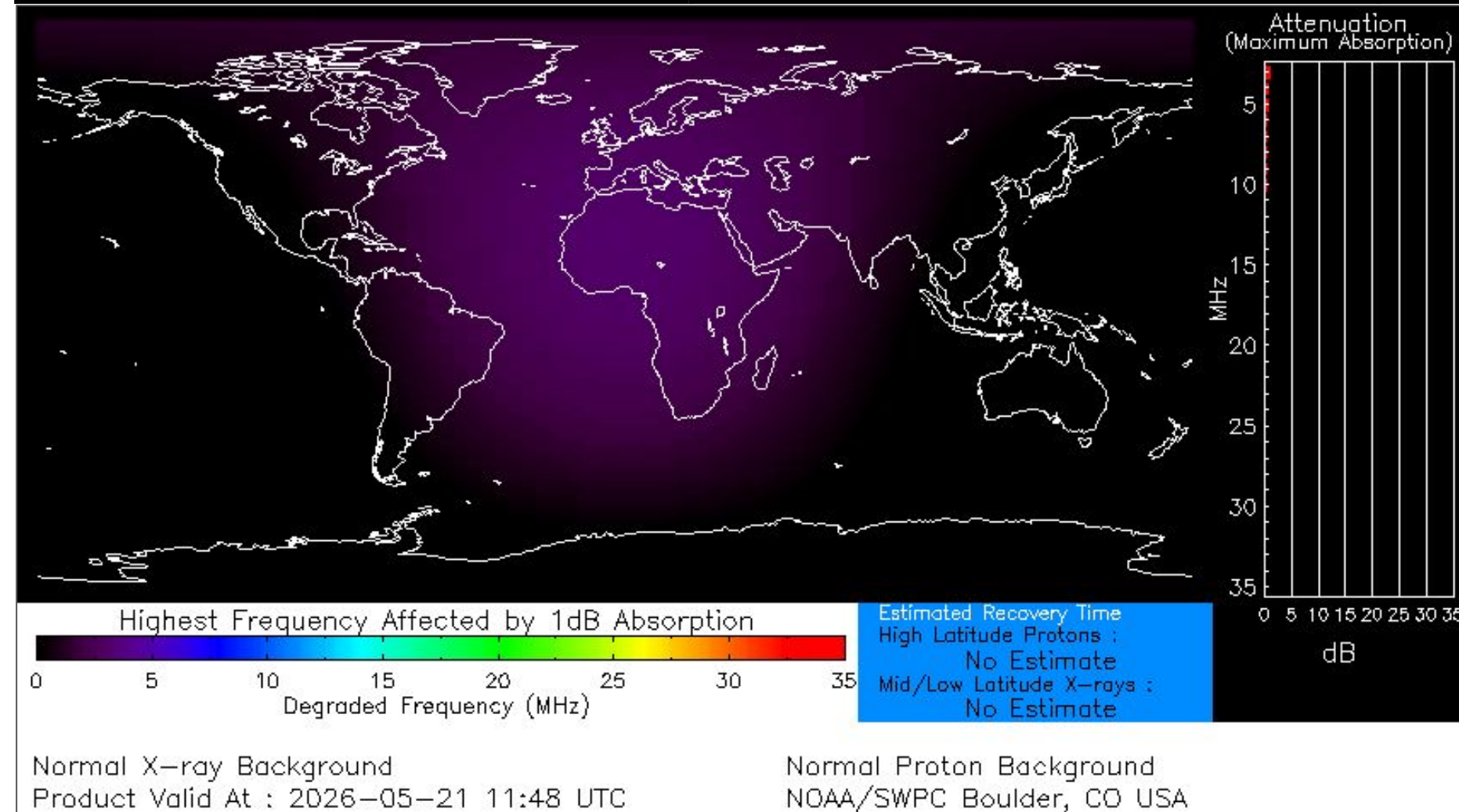
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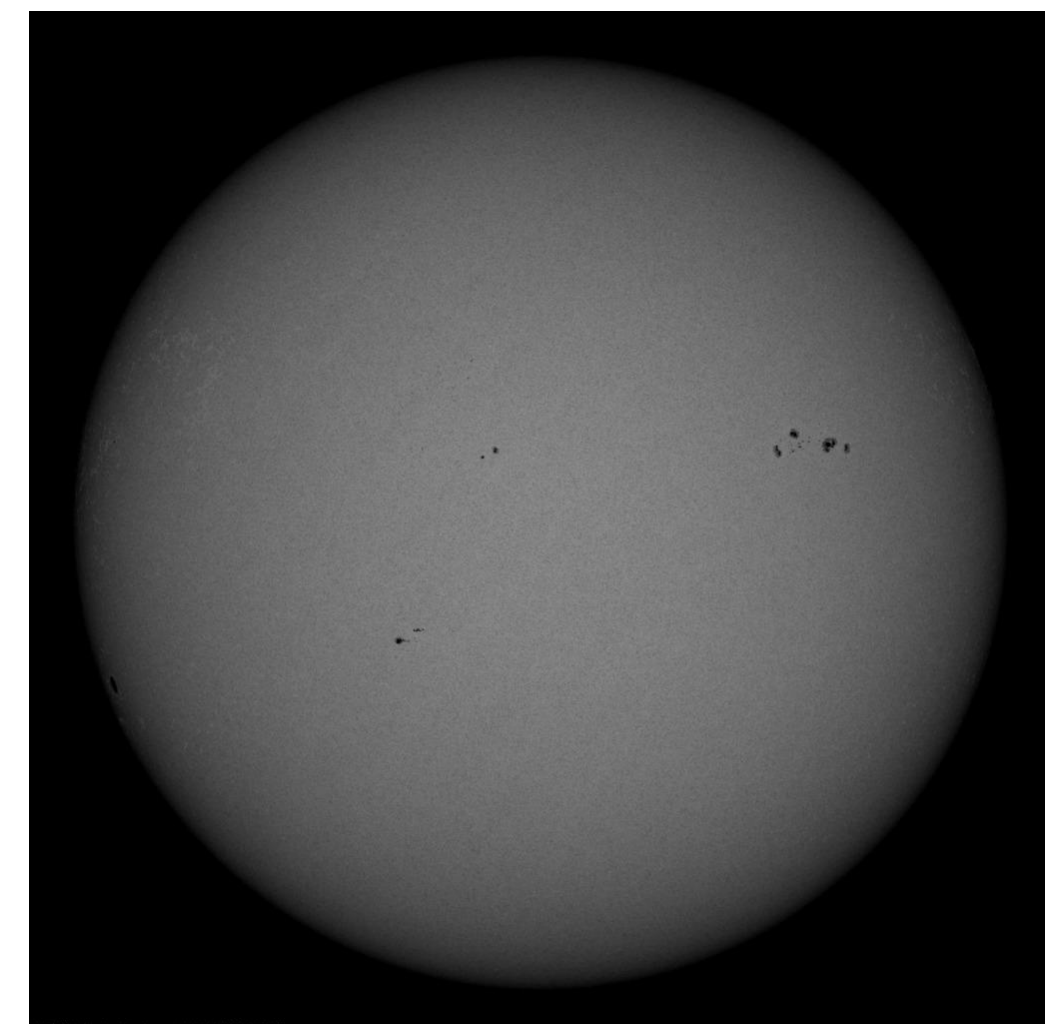
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22	Saturday, May 23
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)	Quiet (Max Kp=2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	25%	25%
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>	<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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