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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday April 22, 2020

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- **Severe thunderstorms expected across E OK, AR, E TX & LA. All threats are possible including the potential for a few strong tornadoes (EF-2 or stronger) and very large hail (2" or greater).**
 - Risk is greatest centered around the ArkLaTex this afternoon and evening.
- **Storms will be ongoing over SE LA Thursday morning, some may be severe.**
- **Critical fire weather conditions across W TX and S NM today and Thursday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 22, 2020 - Apr 26, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms	SE OK, NETX, SAR, N LA	SE LA	ArkLaTex, SAR		
	AR, ETX, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NETX, N LA, SAR		NE OK, N AR		
	OK, AR, ETX, LA				
Fire Weather	WTX	WTX/S NM			
Tropical Weather					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	MS River	MS River	MS River	MS River	MS River
	AR/LA/ETX	AR/LA/ETX	AR/LA/ETX	AR/LA/ETX	AR/LA/ETX

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

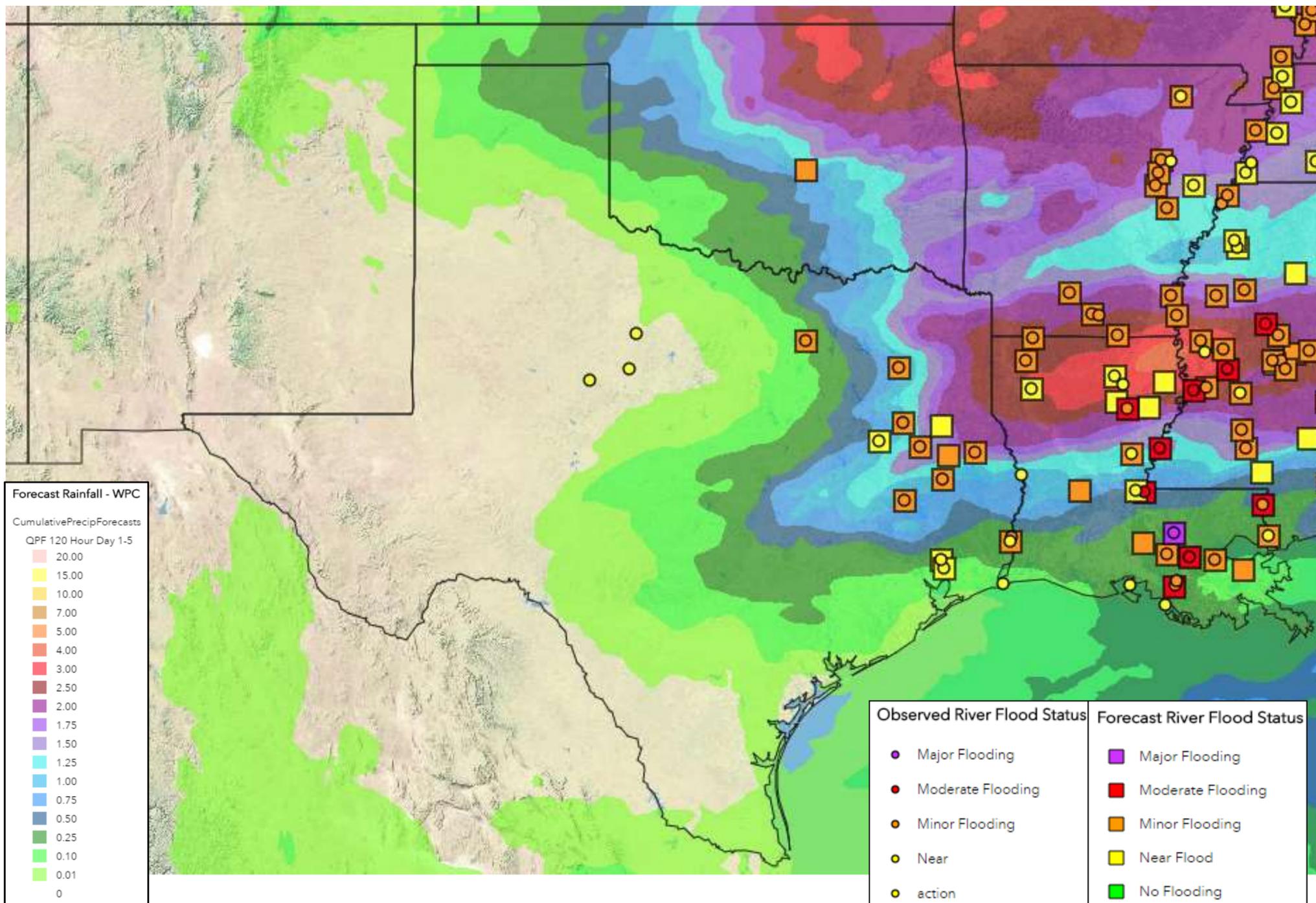
Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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



Moderate flooding continues south of Vicksburg on the MS River. Points will continue to recede, outside of Baton Rouge that will remain at major flood stage through early May.

- **The Bonnet Carré Floodway continues to operate and reduce flow at New Orleans, LA, maintaining 17.0ft (minor) flood stage through next week. Impacts to navigation. A 20 ft project levee protects the city.**

The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA will maintain moderate flood stage through early next week. Some flooding of buildings possible.

Minor flooding continues across E TX, LA and AR with new minor river flooding in these areas possible due to rainfall today.

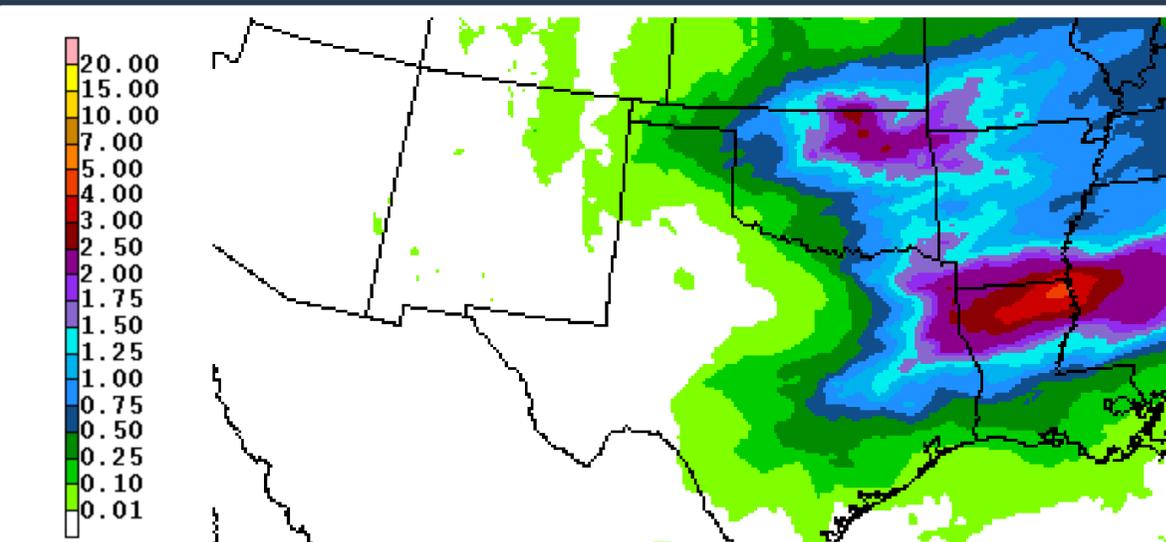
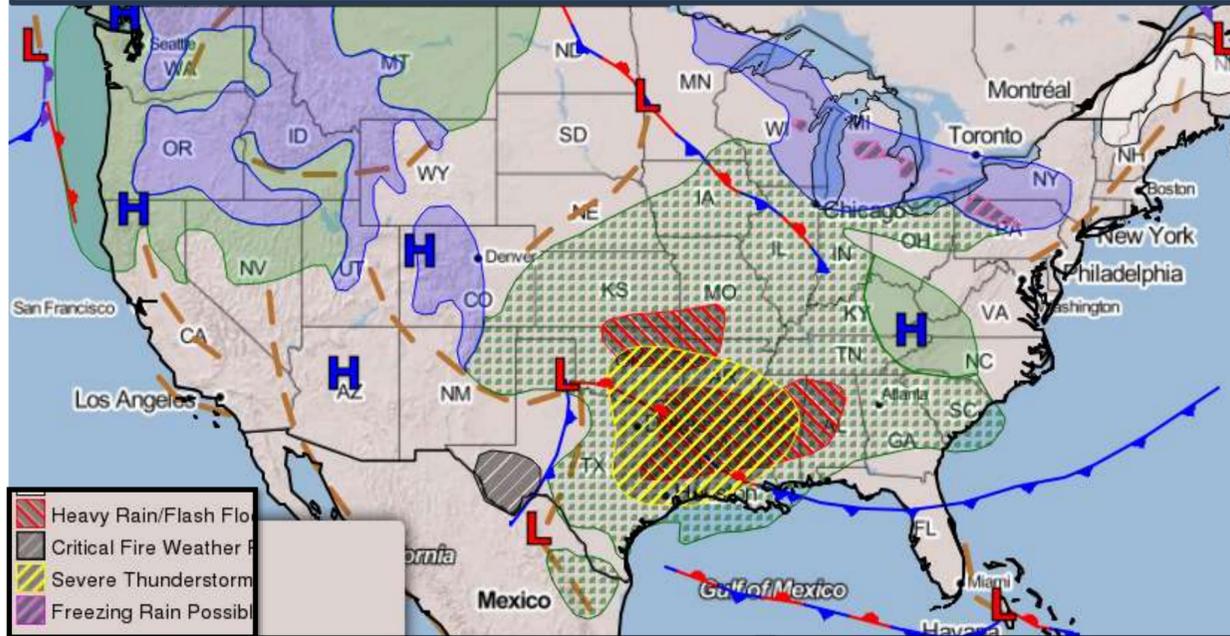
Today's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



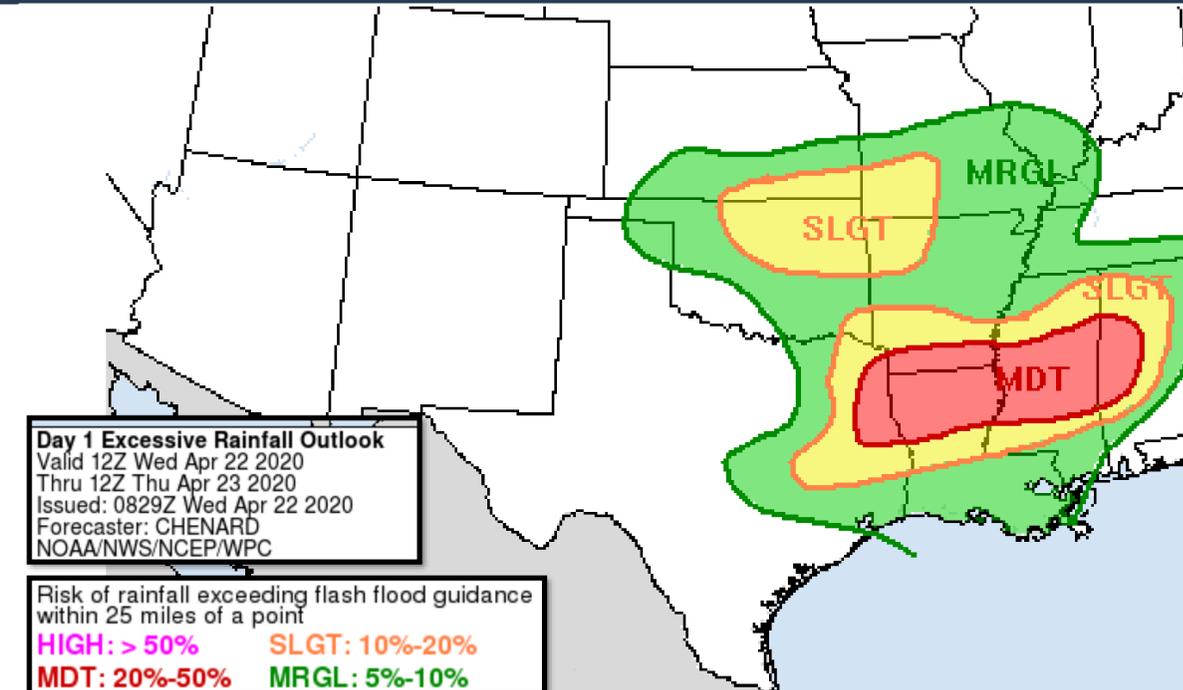
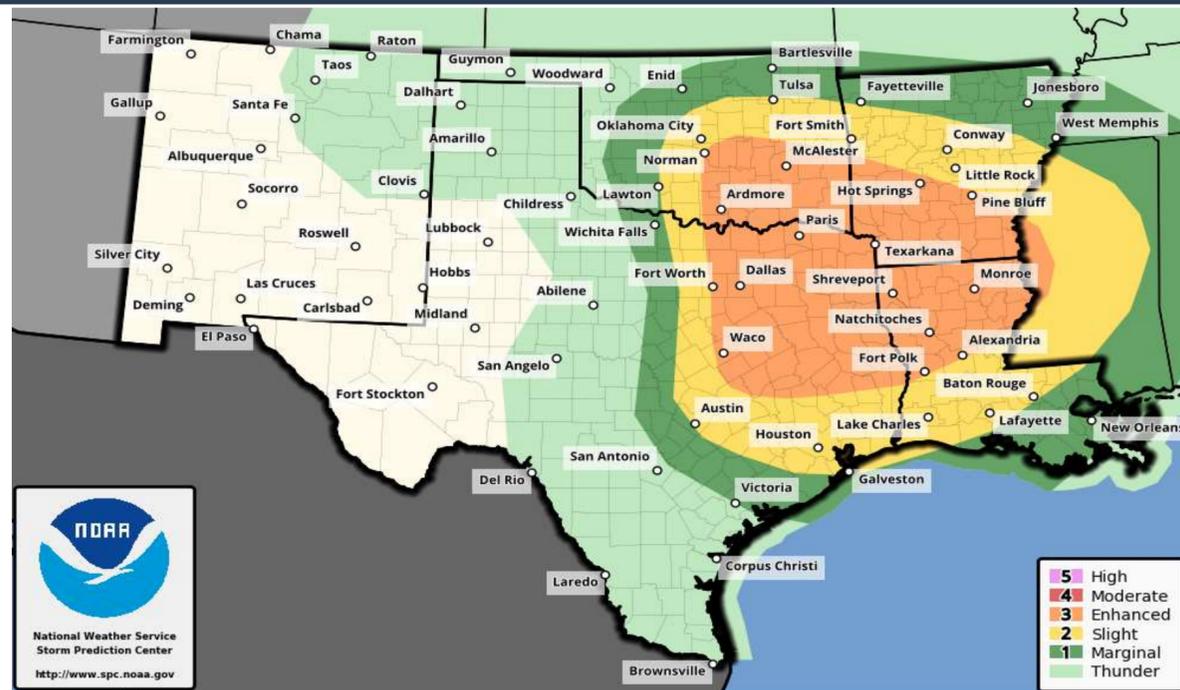
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VALID 12Z WED APR 22 2020
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FORECASTER: CHENARD
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 1 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
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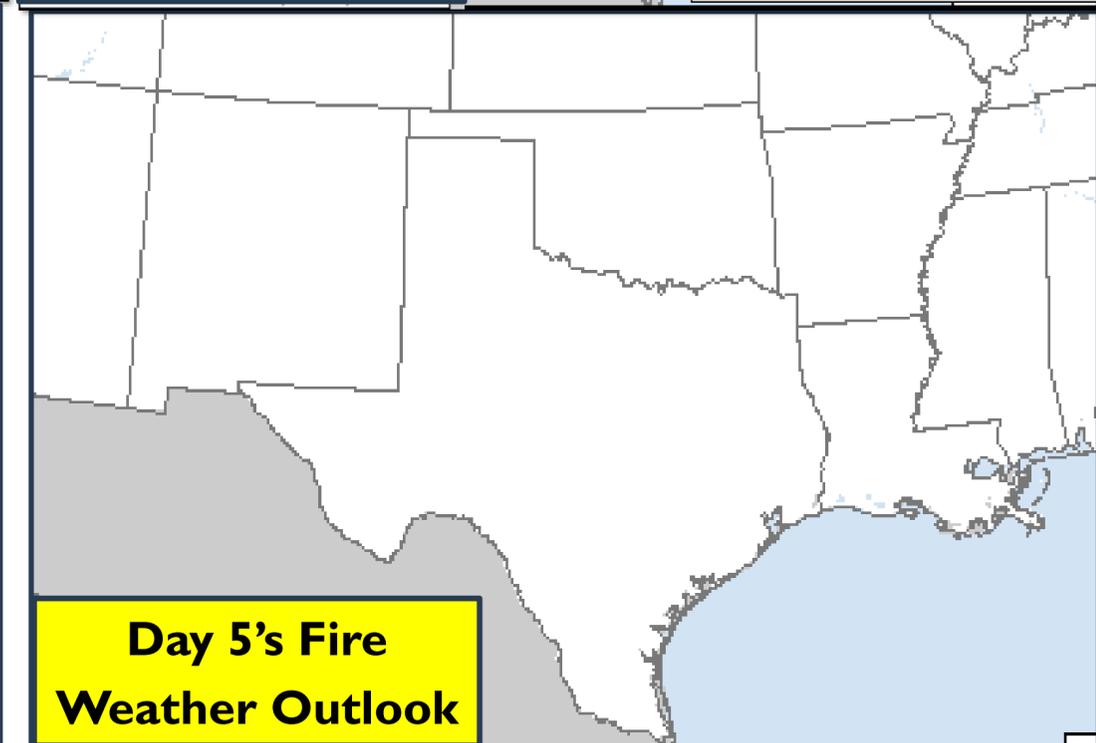
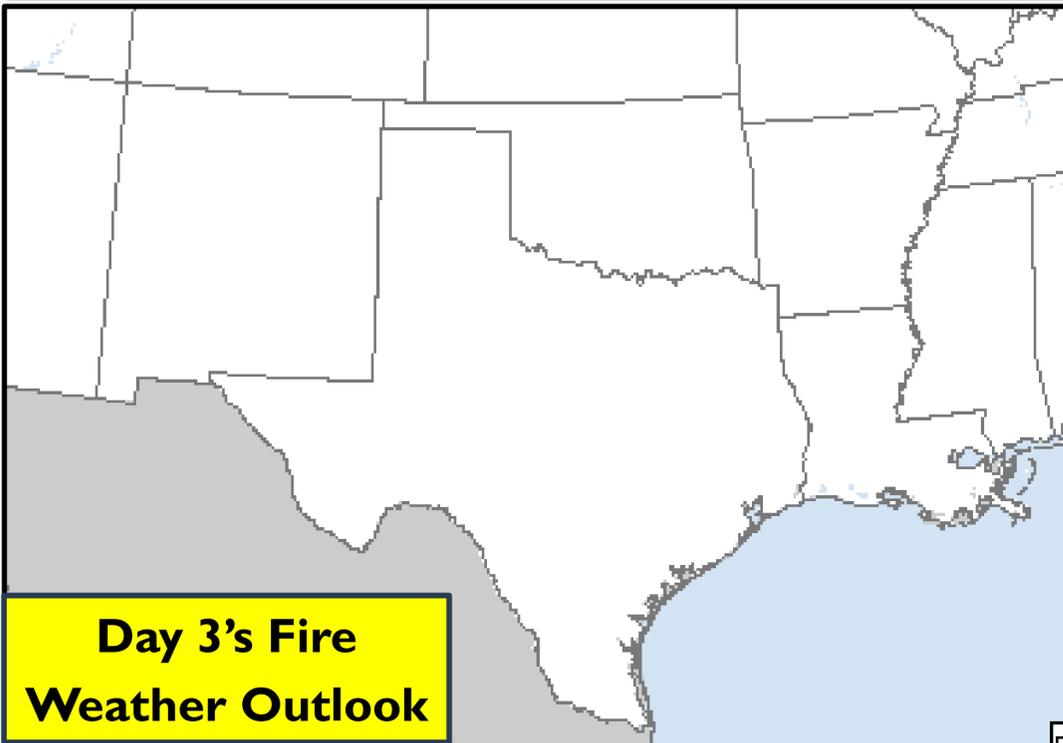
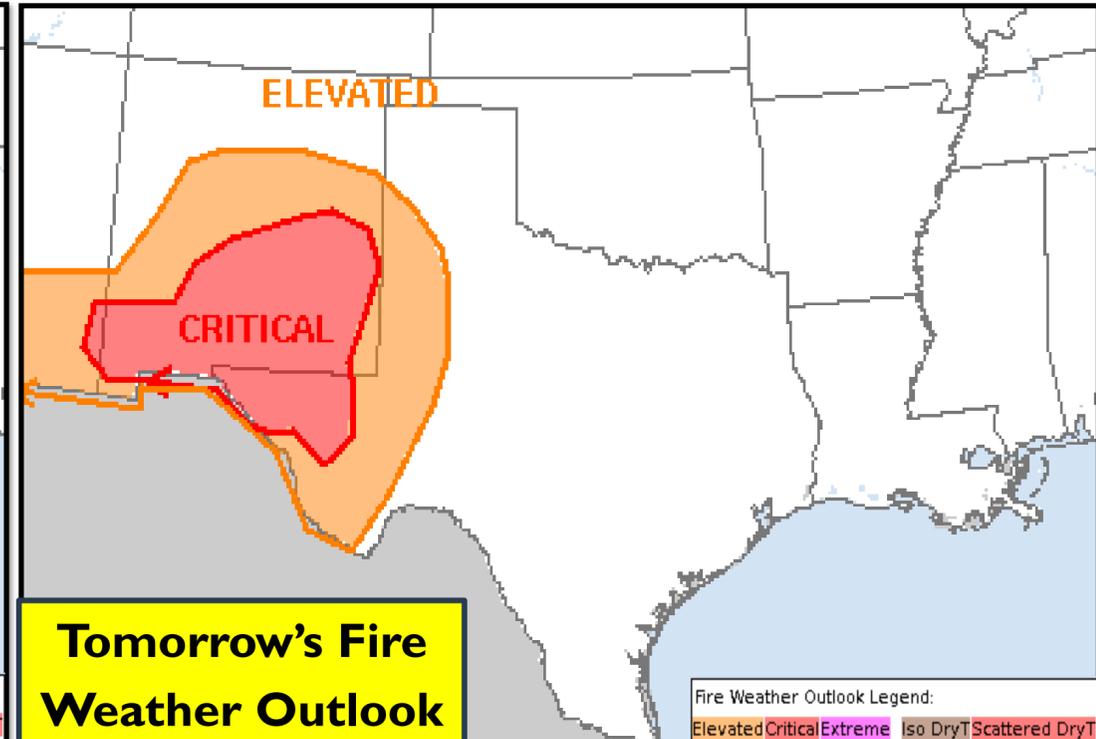
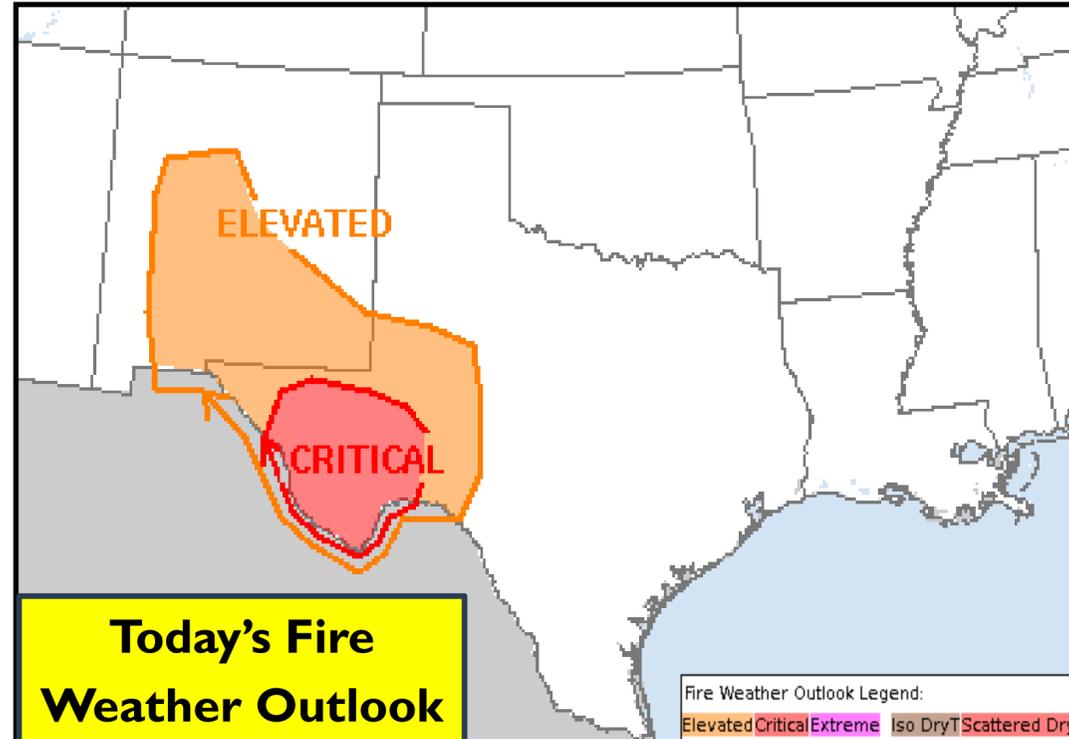
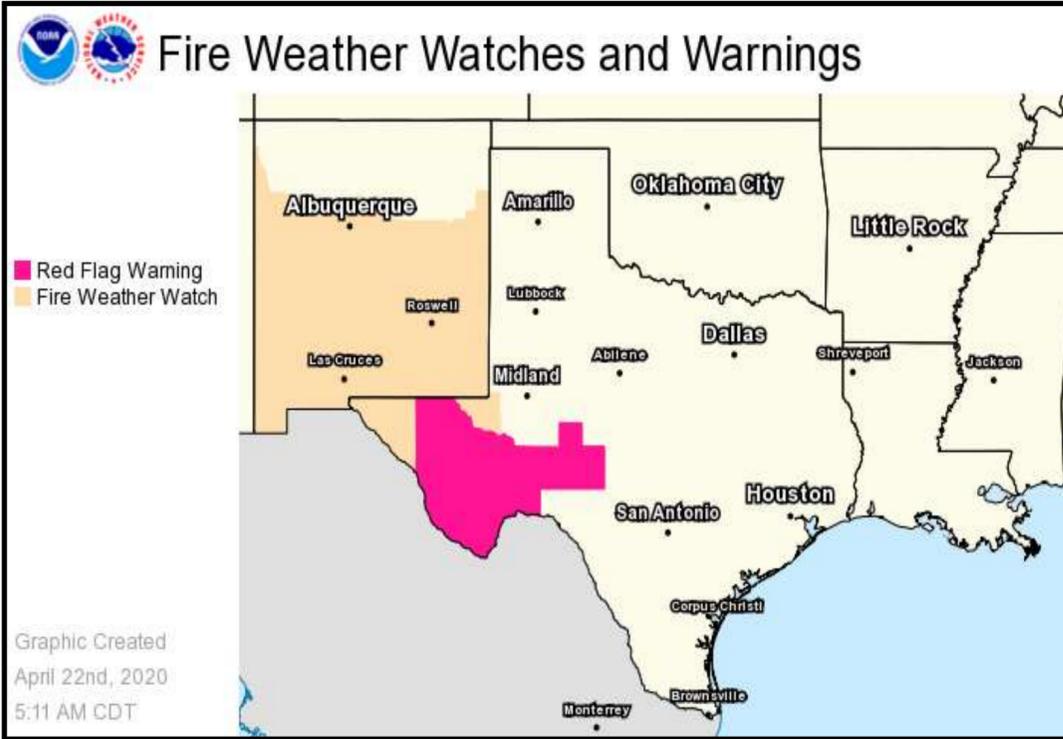
Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point
HIGH: > 50% **SLGT: 10%-20%**
MDT: 20%-50% **MRGL: 5%-10%**

Flash flooding possible across OK, AR, LA, and ETX with the greatest threat in SAR, N LA into Far NETX.

Fire Weather Outlooks



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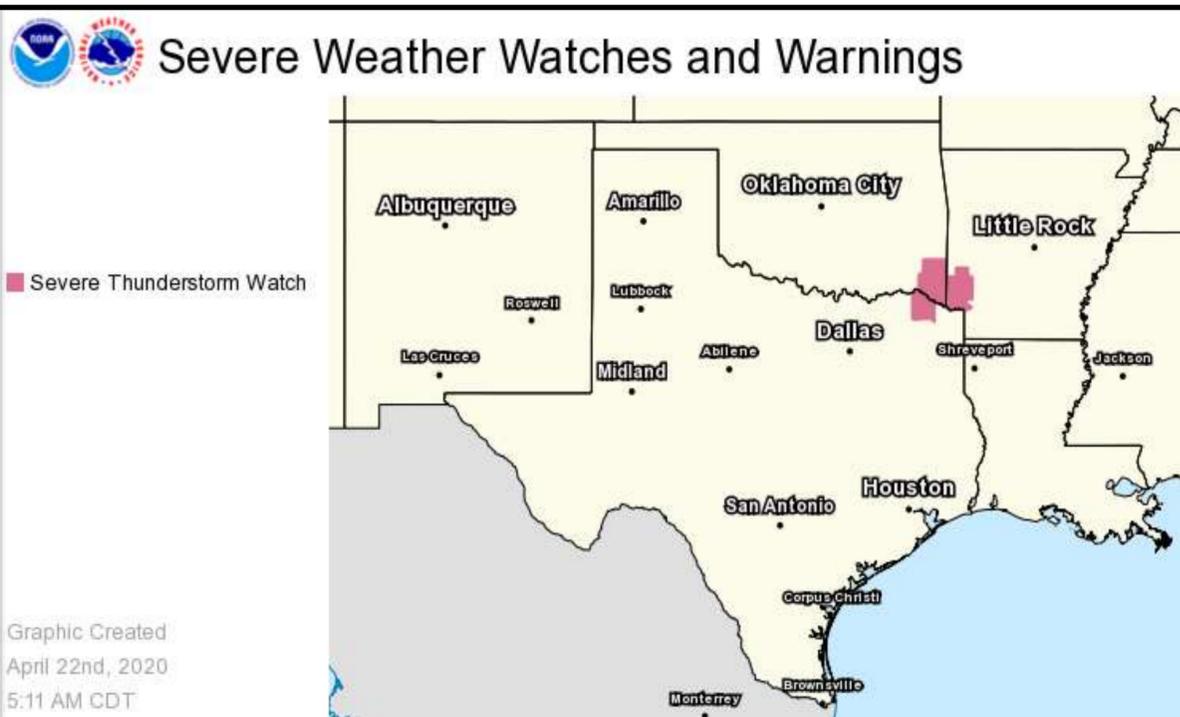


Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

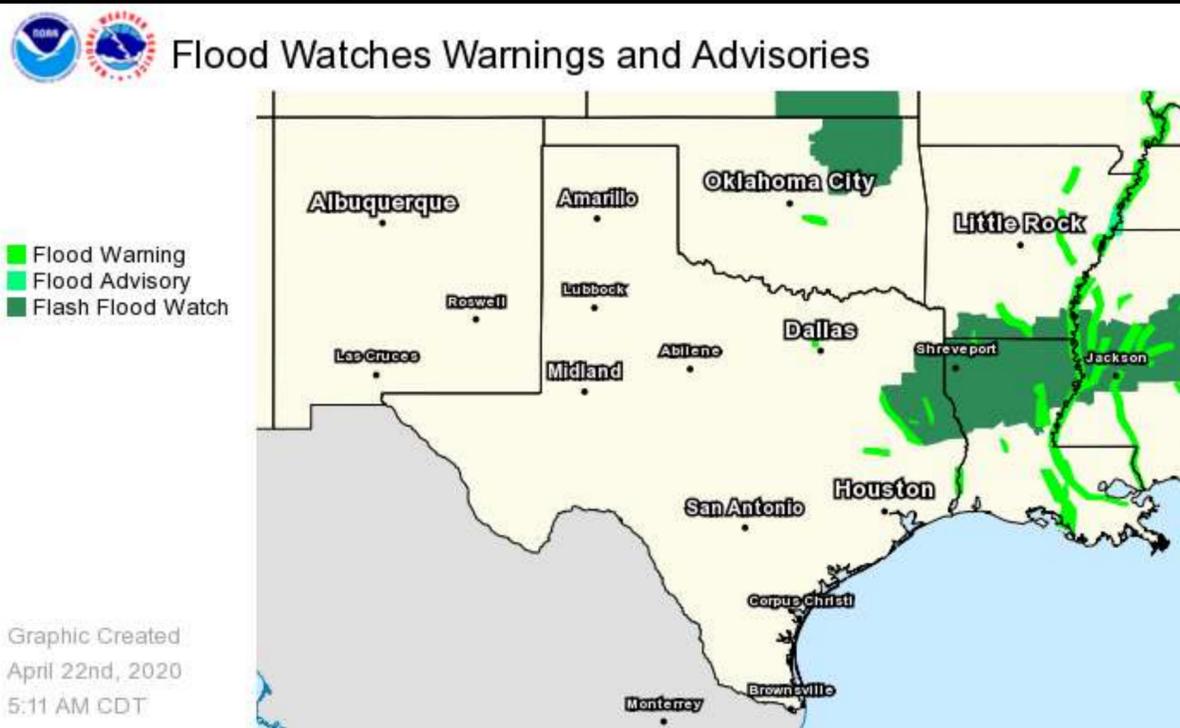


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Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



Flash Flood Watches are in effect over NE OK as well as NETX/N LA/S AR today.



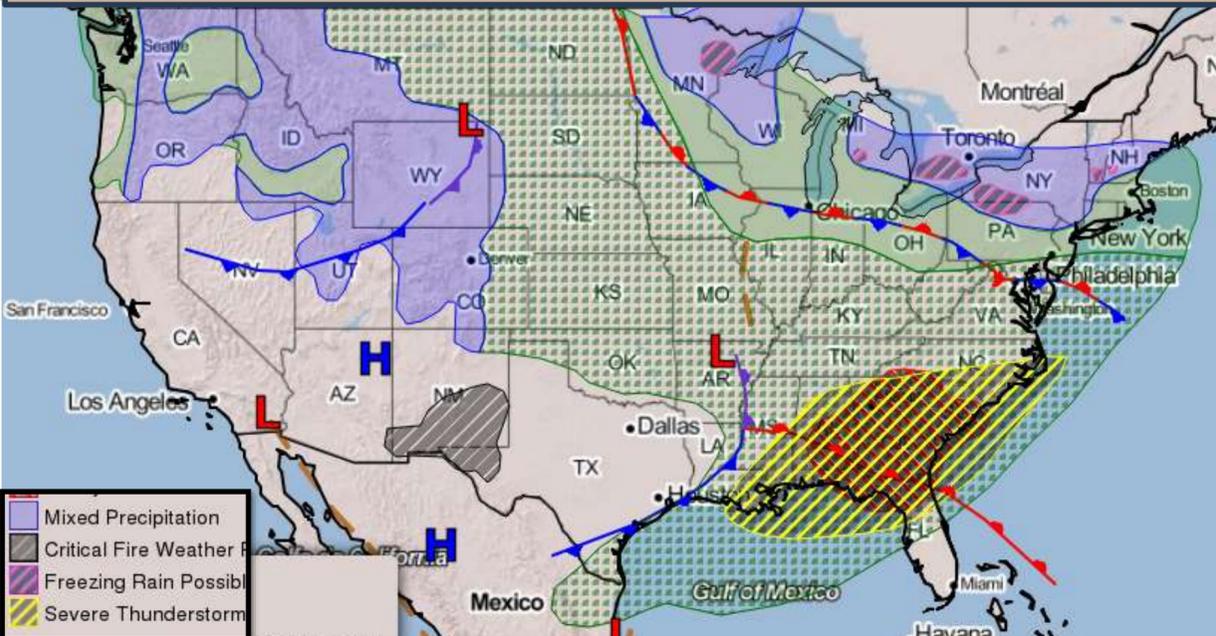
Tomorrow's Weather



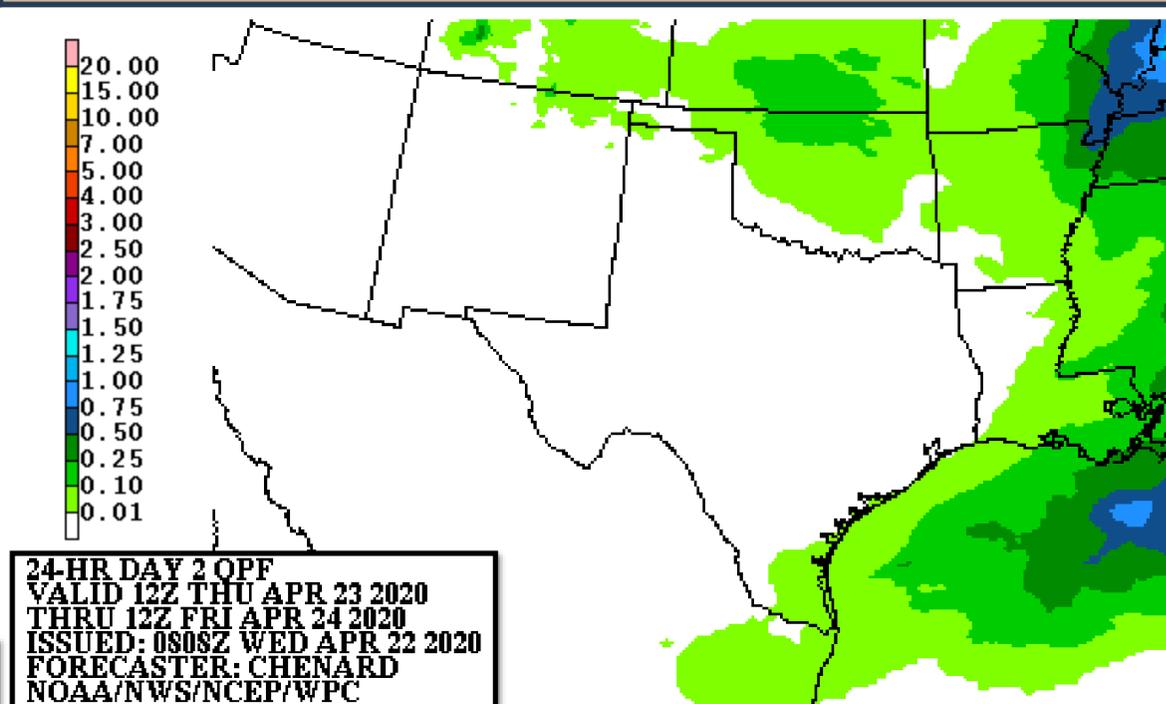
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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



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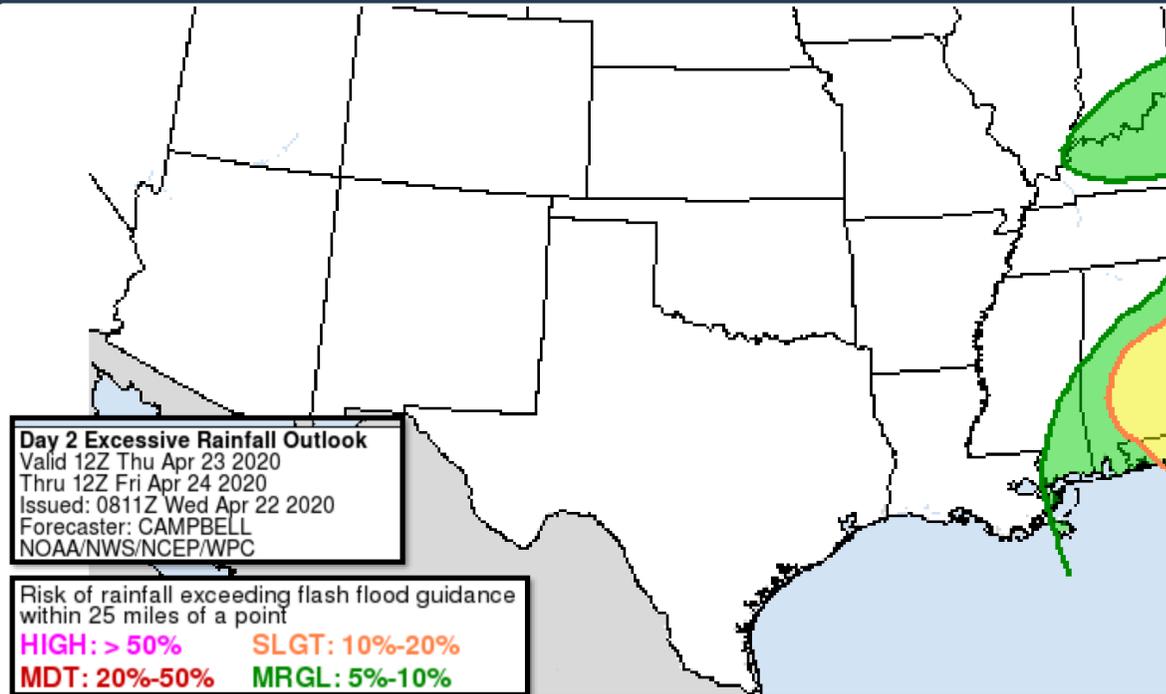


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Severe thunderstorms remain possible over SE LA Thursday morning and should be moving out of Region 6 by early afternoon.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 2 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
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Thru 12Z Fri Apr 24 2020
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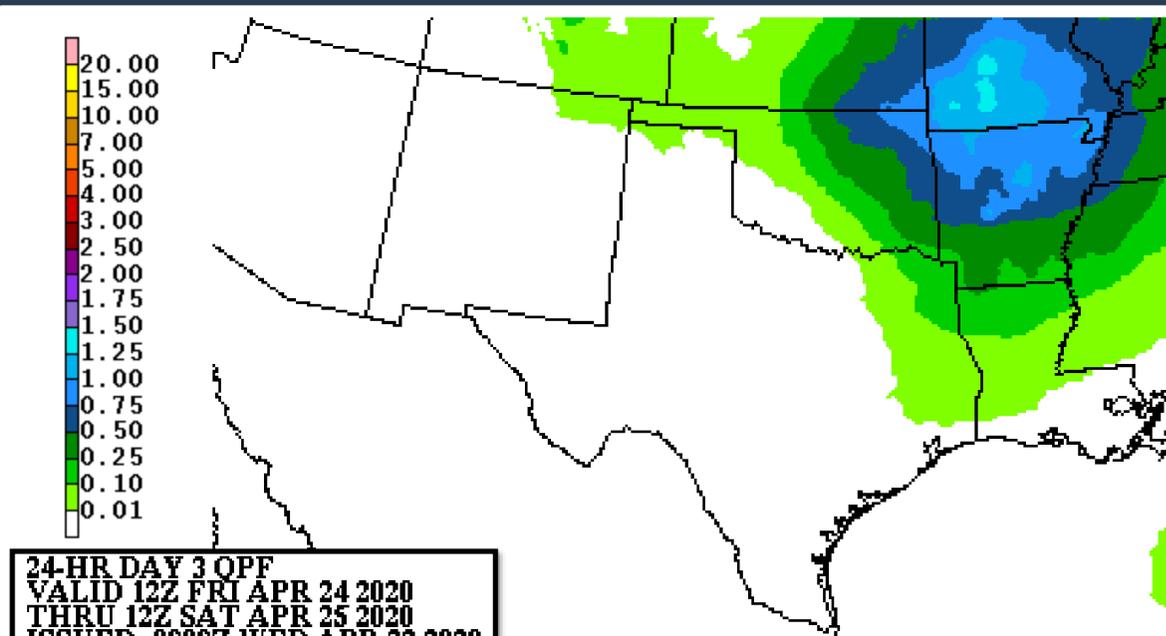
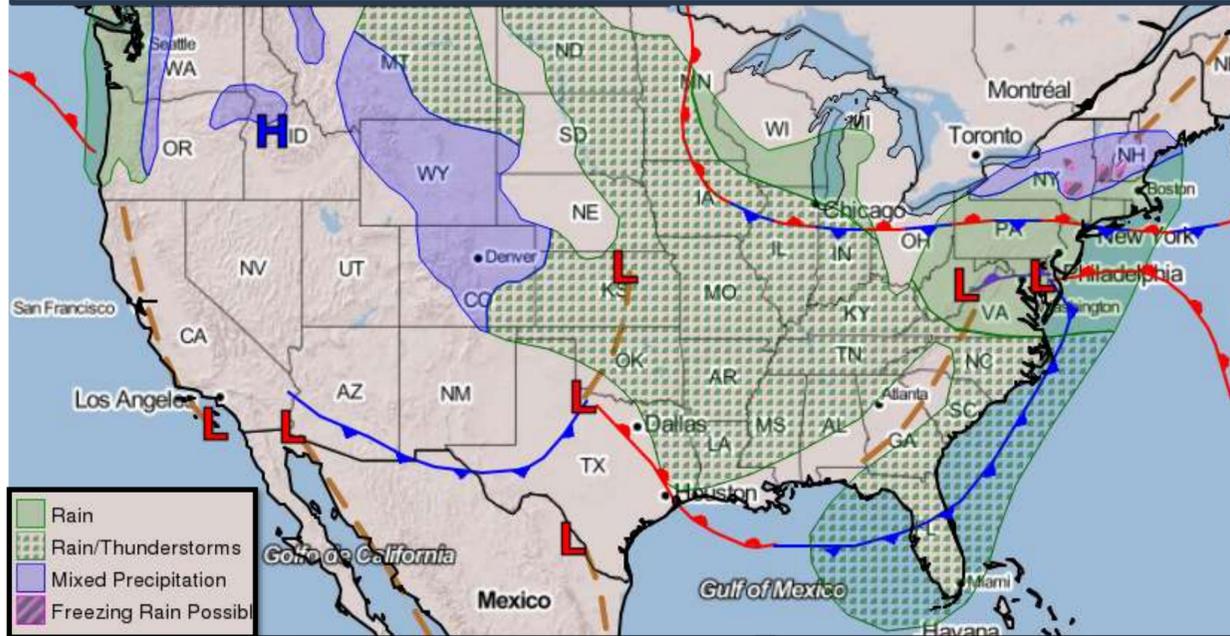
Friday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



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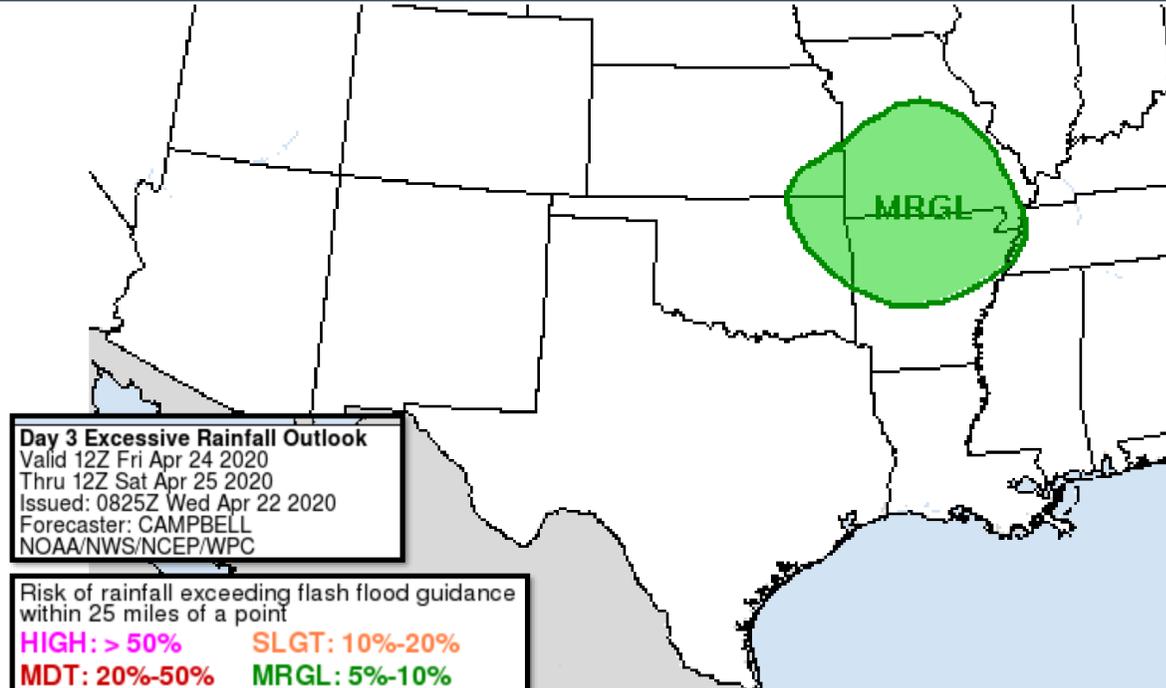
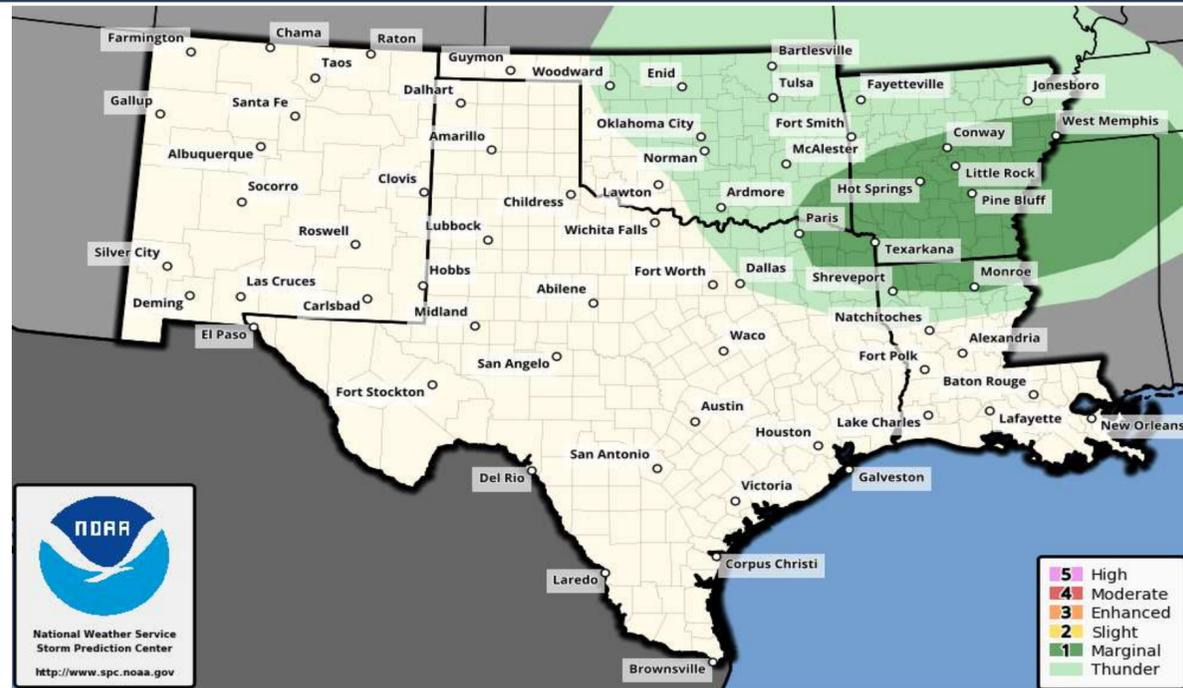
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Strong to severe storms are possible Friday afternoon over the ArkLaTex into much of S AR, with large hail being the main threat.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over NE OK and N AR.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



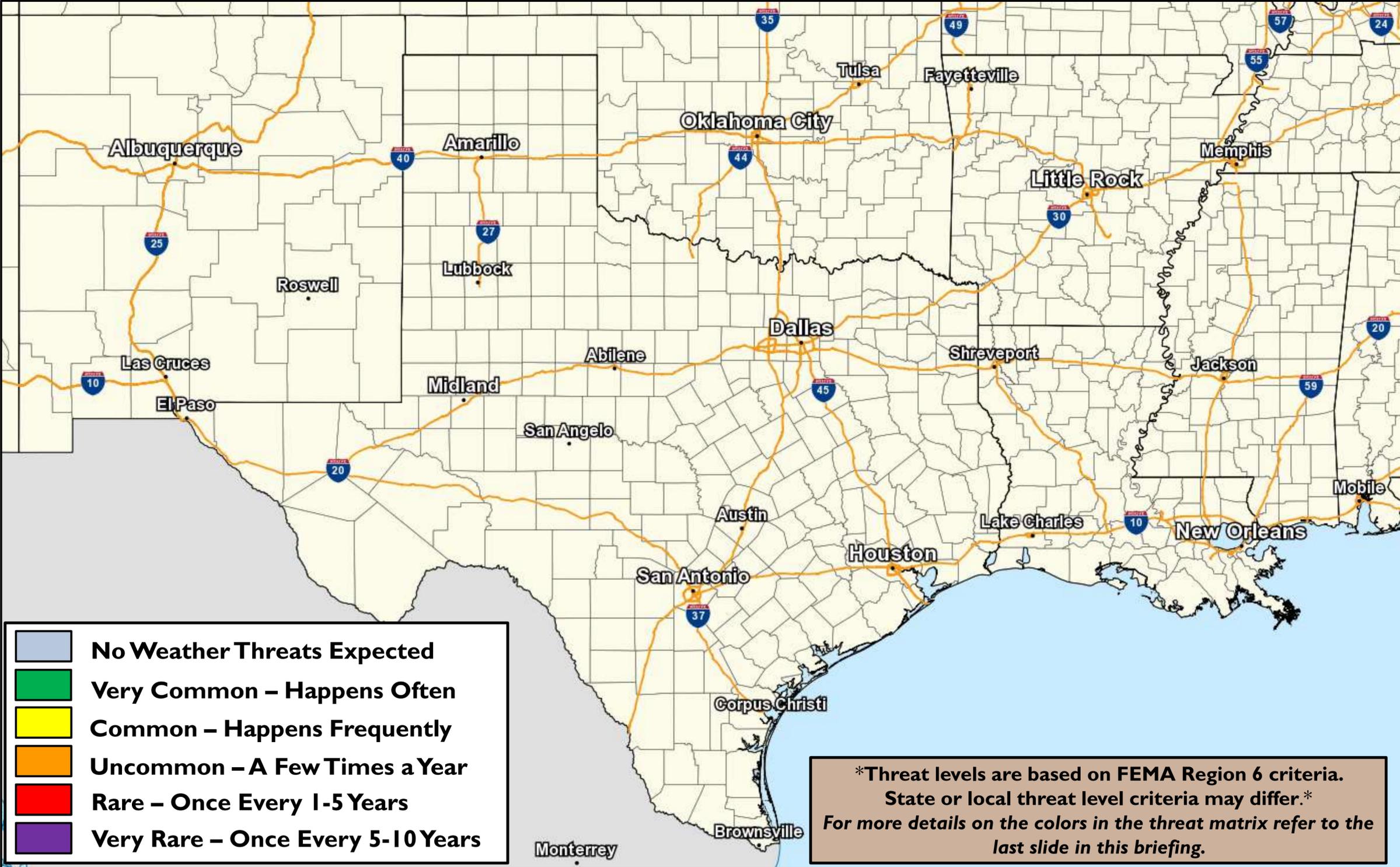
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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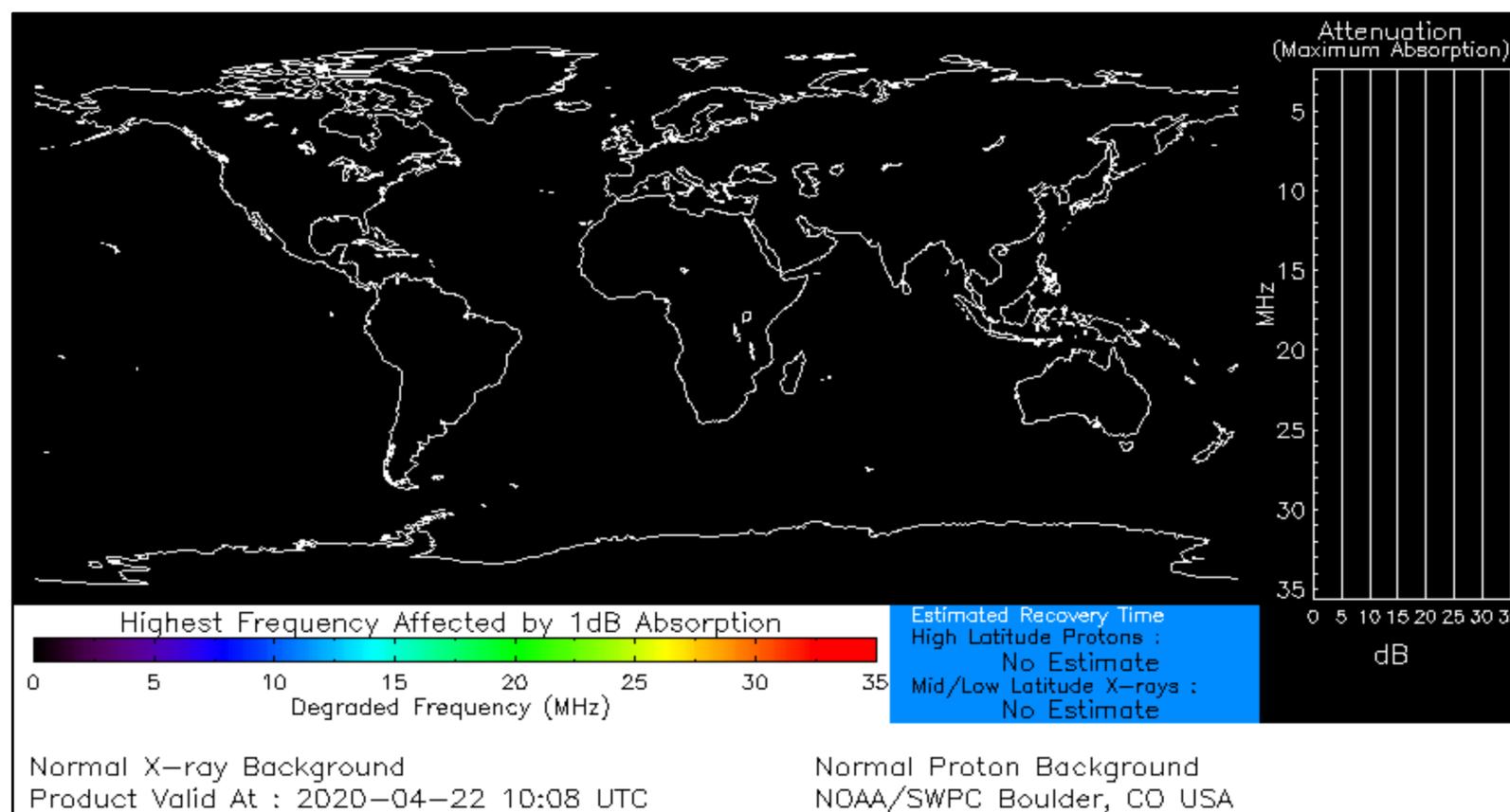


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



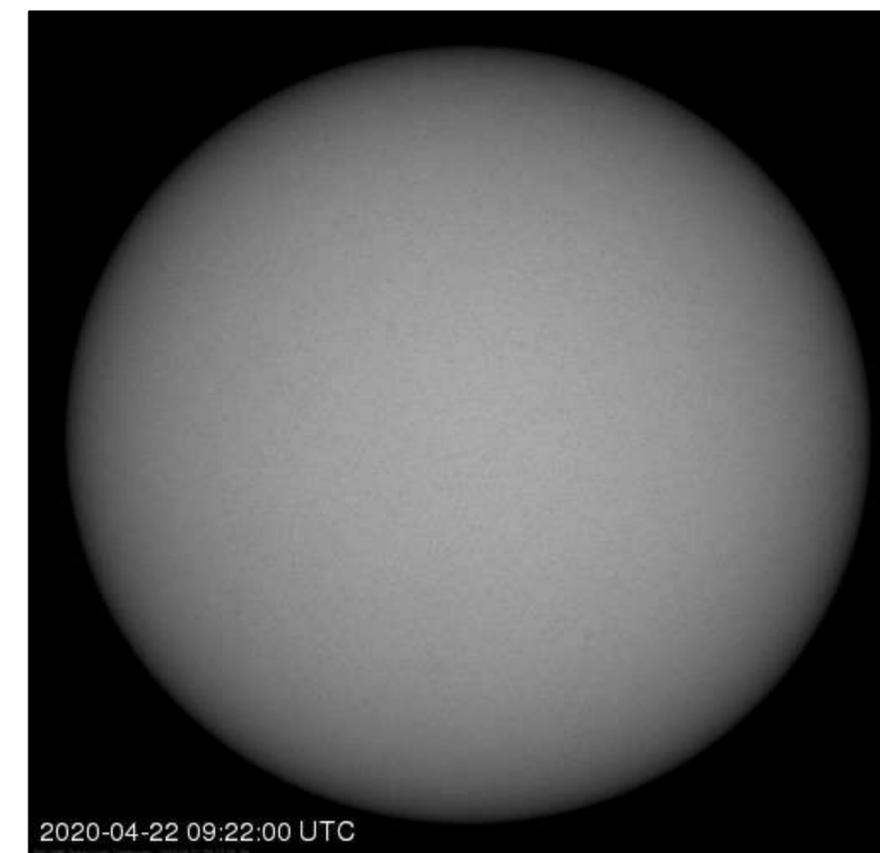
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<p style="text-align: center;">Very Common</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 <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;">Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</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;">Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</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;">Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</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;">Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</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.