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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday May 13, 2020

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- **Enhanced risk area for severe thunderstorms (large hail/damaging wind) across SW OK/NW TX.**
- **Isolated strong to severe storms with heavy rain/flash flooding Thursday across OK/NW TX into NW AR.**
- **Heavy rainfall and flash flooding Friday/Saturday across OK/TX.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions today across NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 13, 2020 - May 17, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms	W OK/NW TX	OK/NW TX/NW AR	TX/OK/ NW AR	TX/OK	
	OK/W TX				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			OK/TX	E OK/TX	
Fire Weather	NE NM/Panhandles	NM			
	NM/W TX				
Tropical Weather					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	MS River	MS River	MS River	MS River	MS River
	AR/LA	AR/LA	AR/LA	AR/LA	AR/LA

	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.*

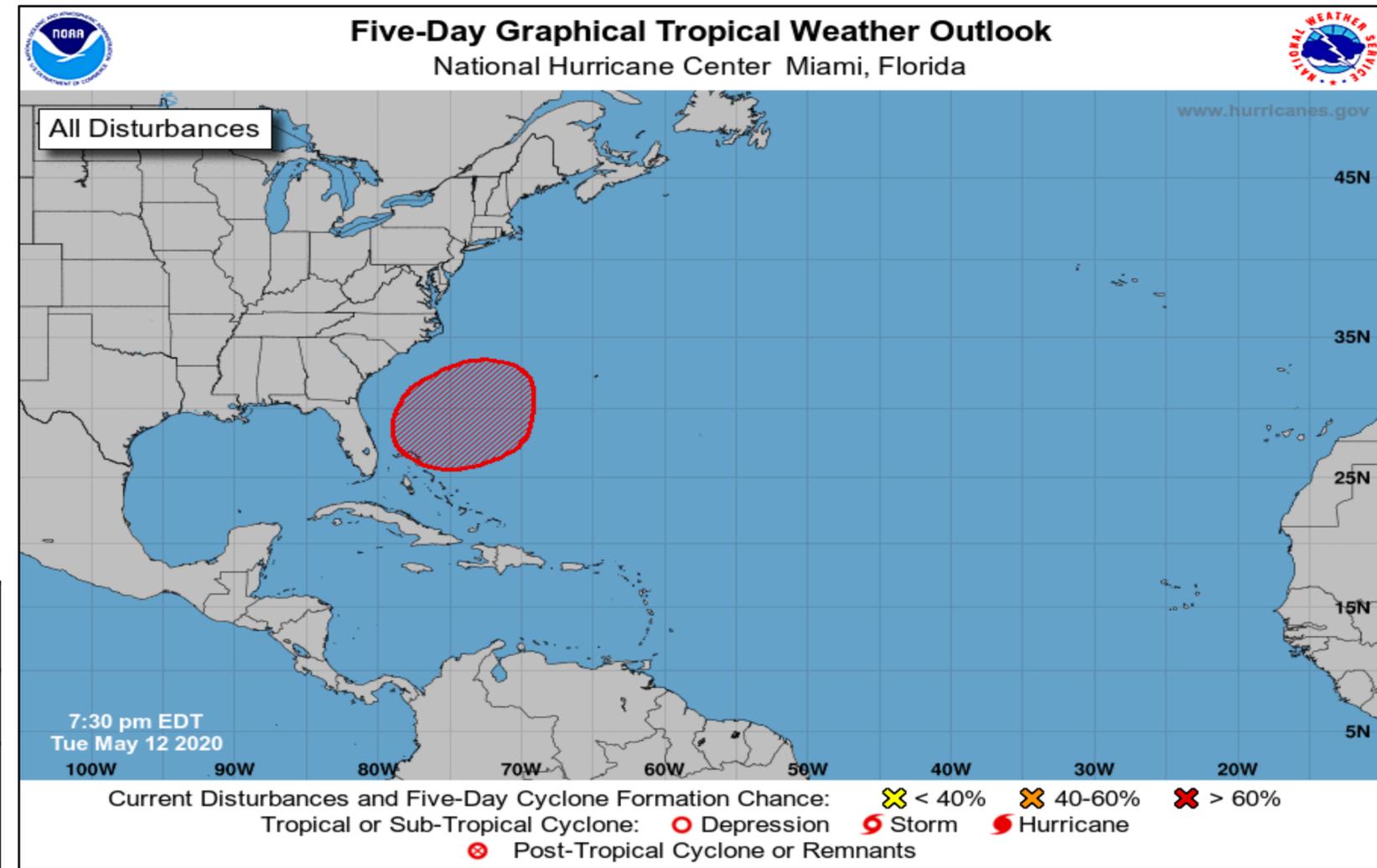


## Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
I	70%	None

## Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
-	None



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



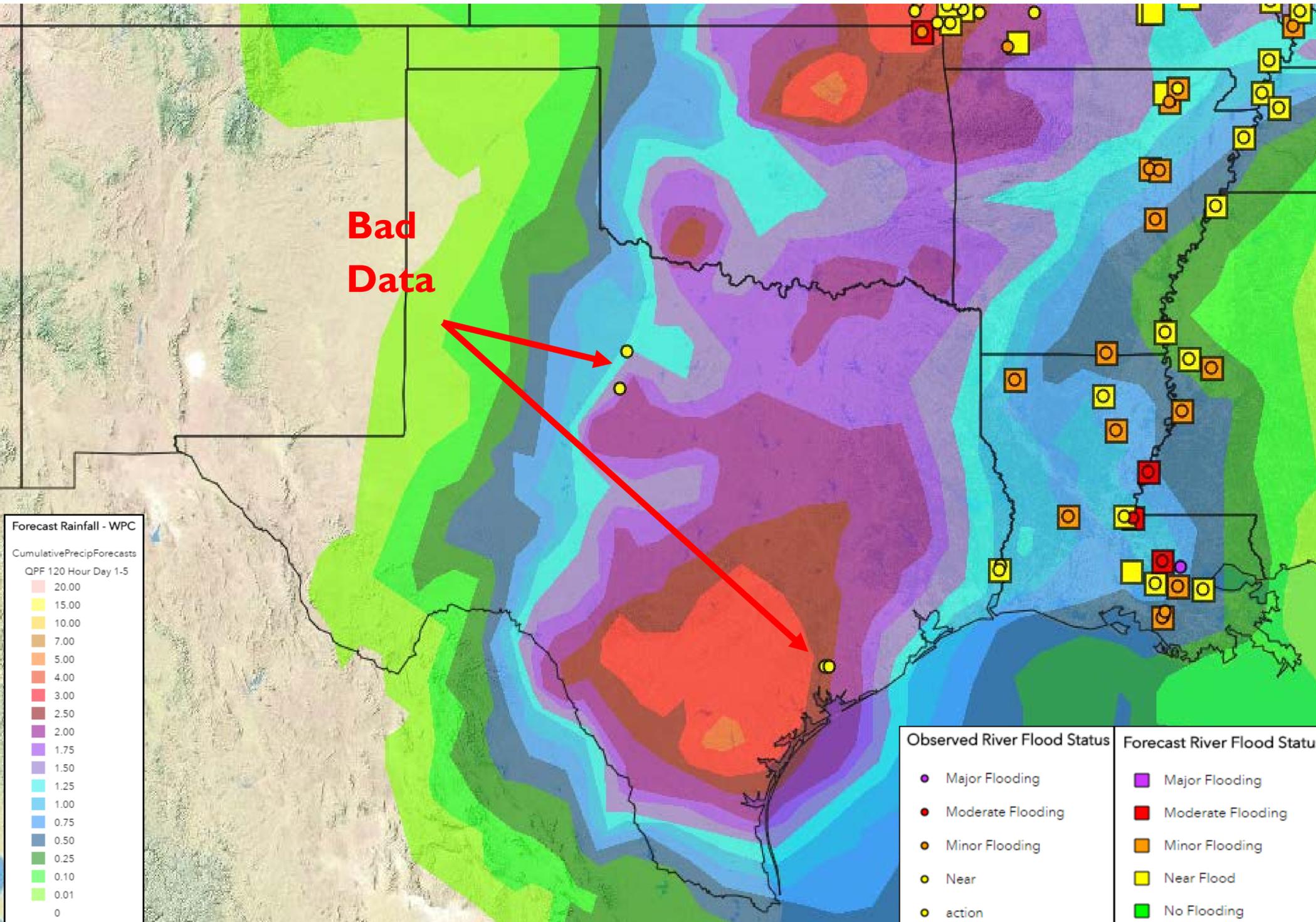
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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

**Moderate flooding continues in Louisiana on the MS River with impacts primarily to navigation.**

**Minor flooding continues in Louisiana and Arkansas. Impacts primarily to agriculture and secondary roads.**

**Bad Data**



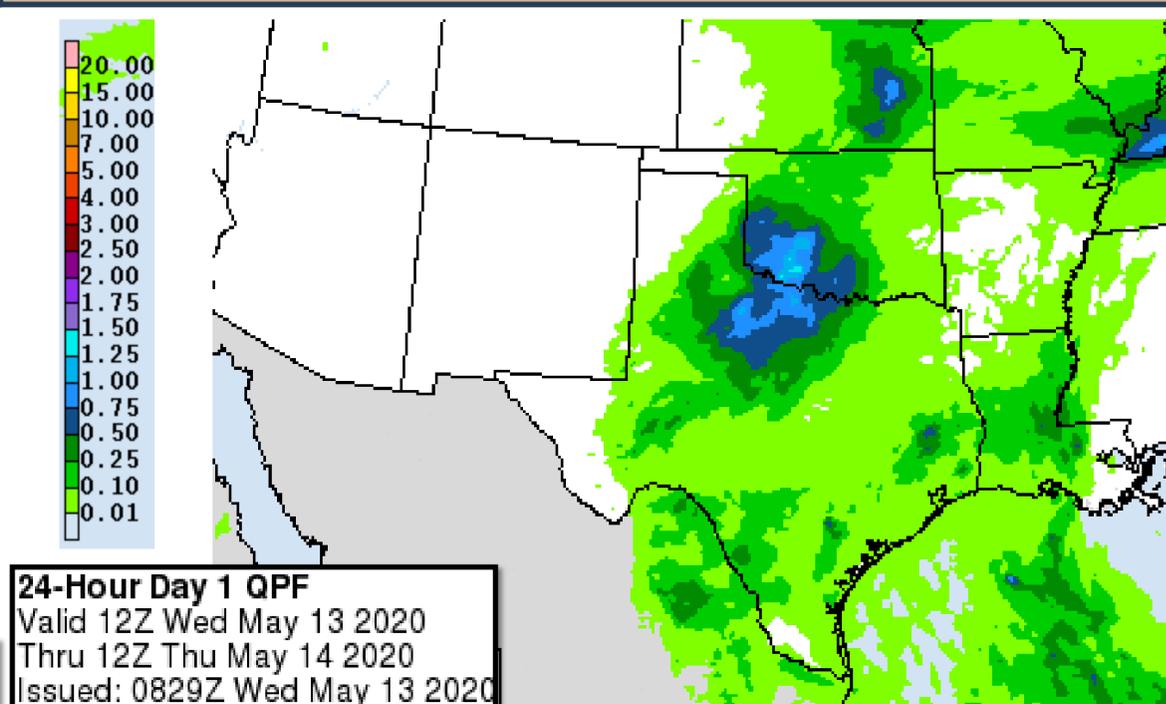
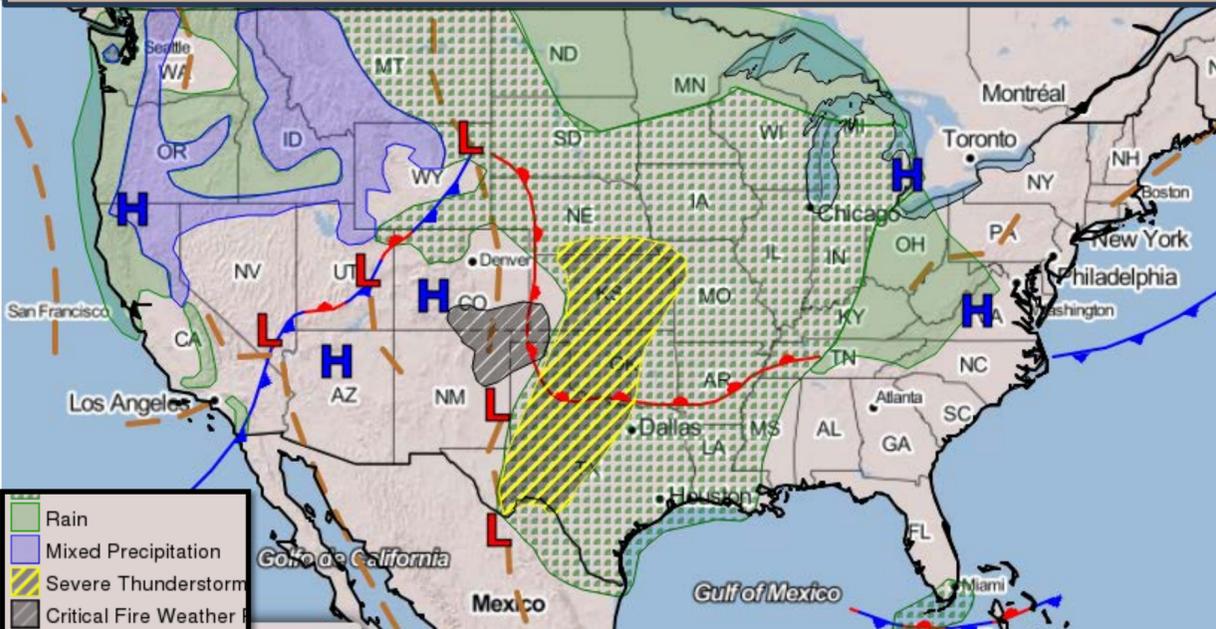
# Today's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall



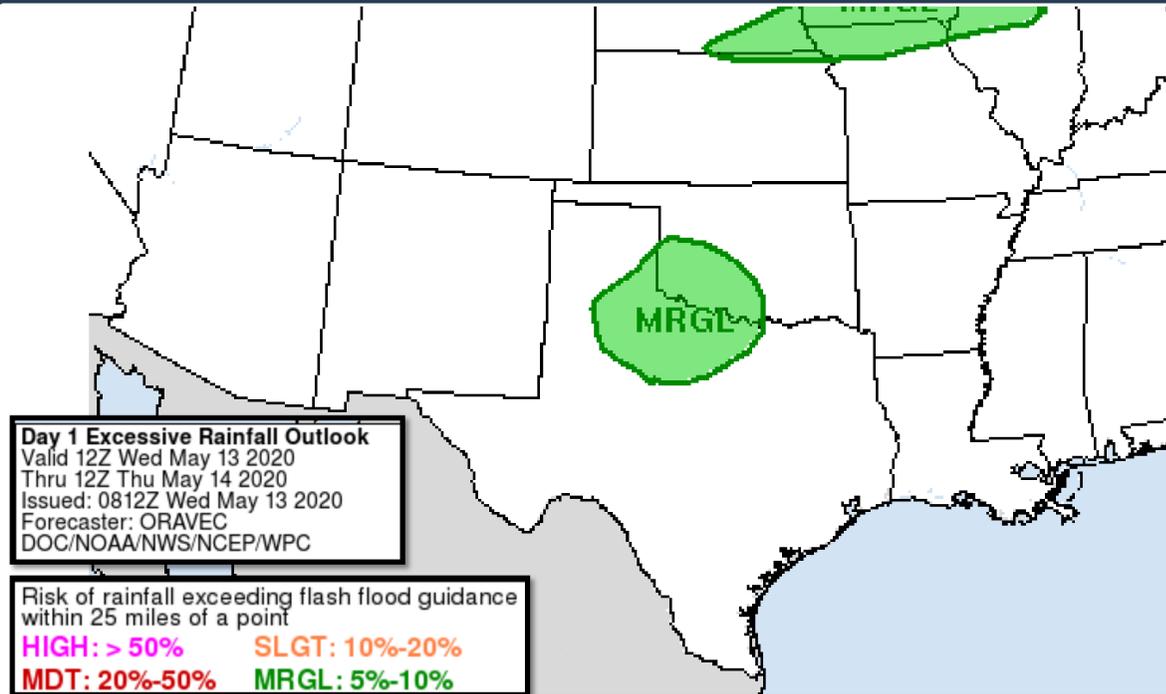
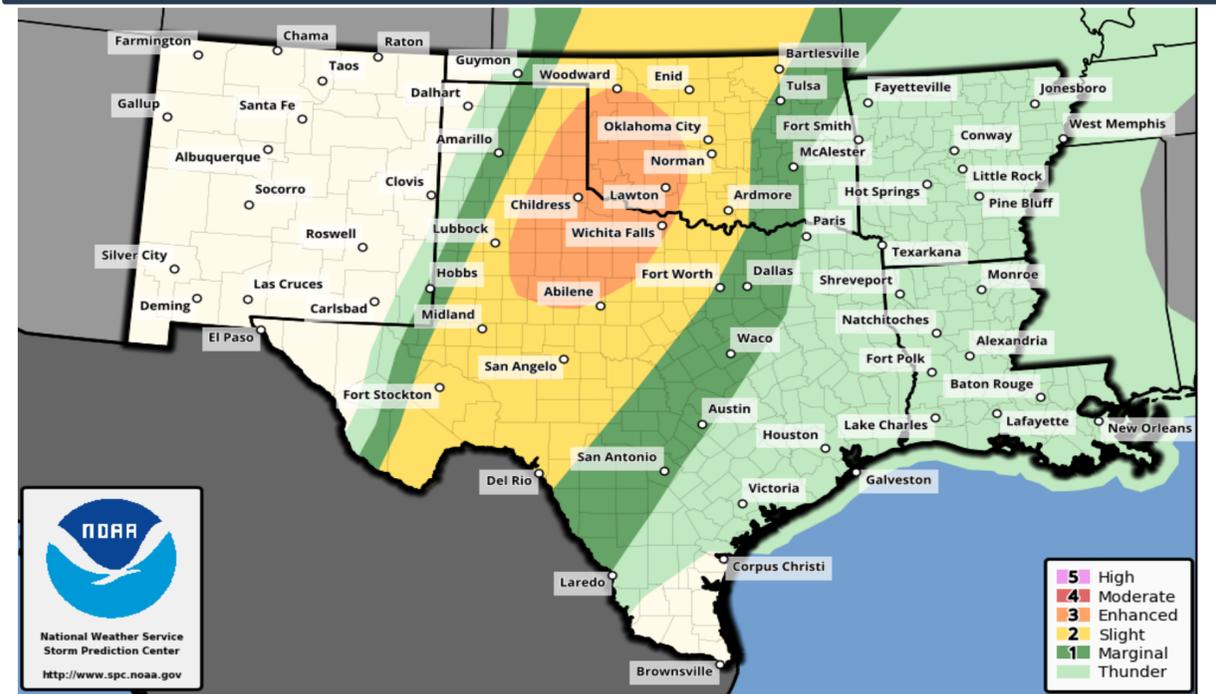
**Severe thunderstorms with very large hail/damaging wind possible across W OK into NW TX.**

**Severe storms likely across W TX into OK.**

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## Severe Weather Outlook

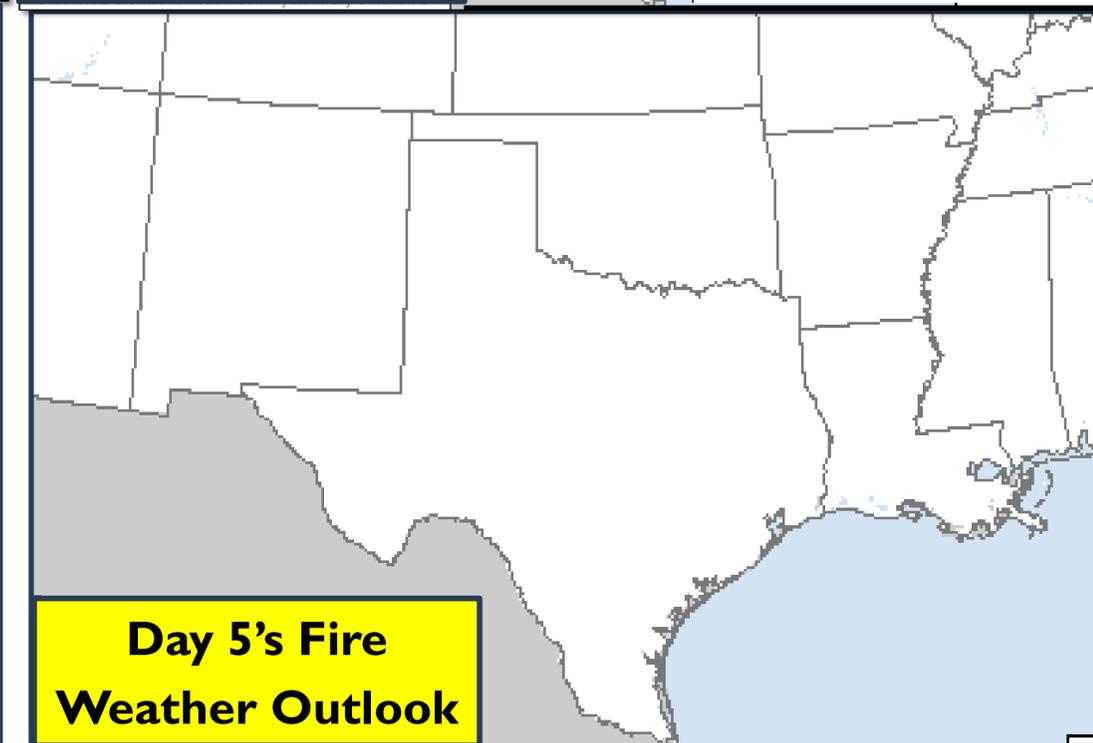
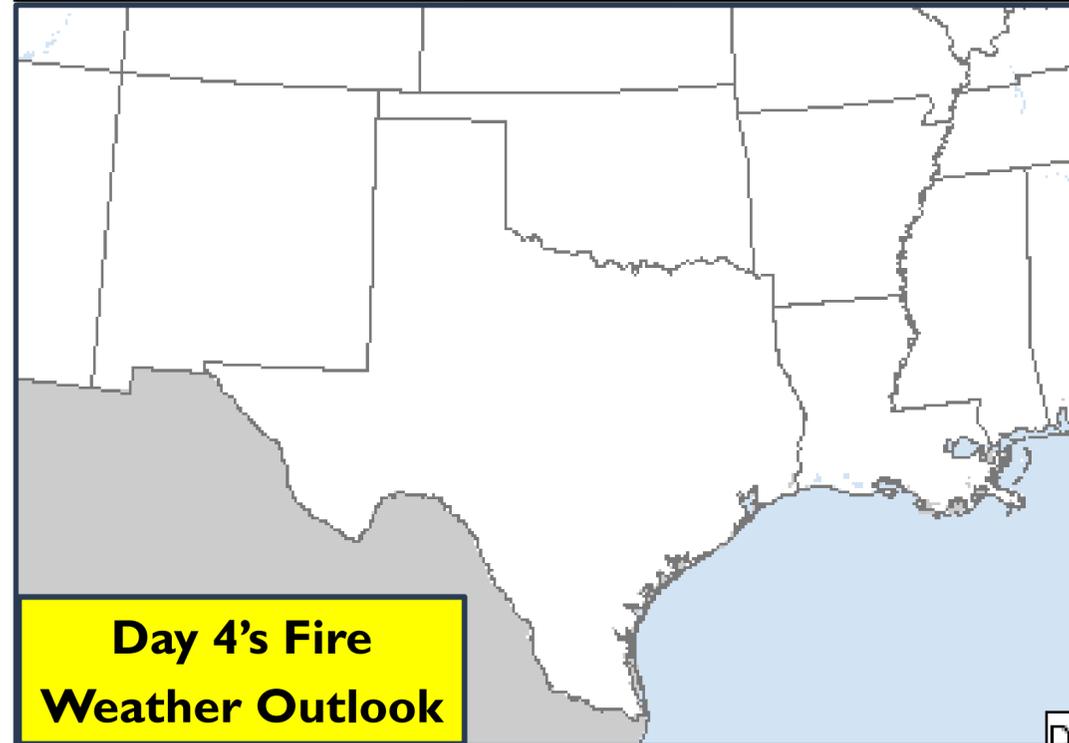
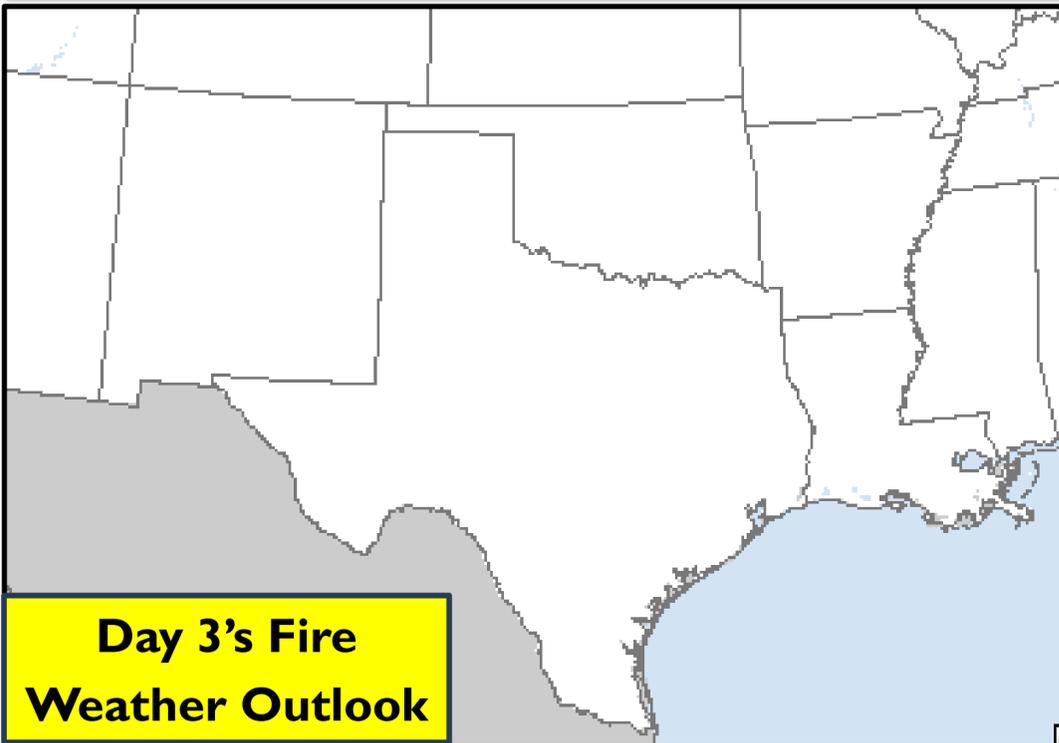
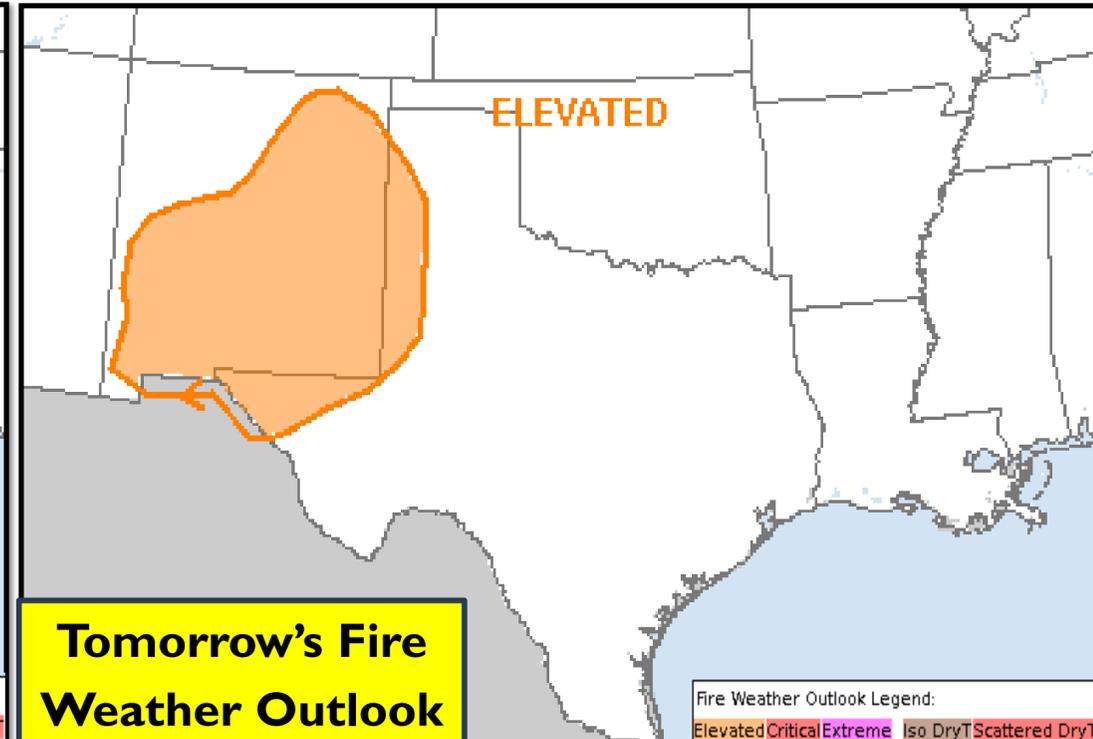
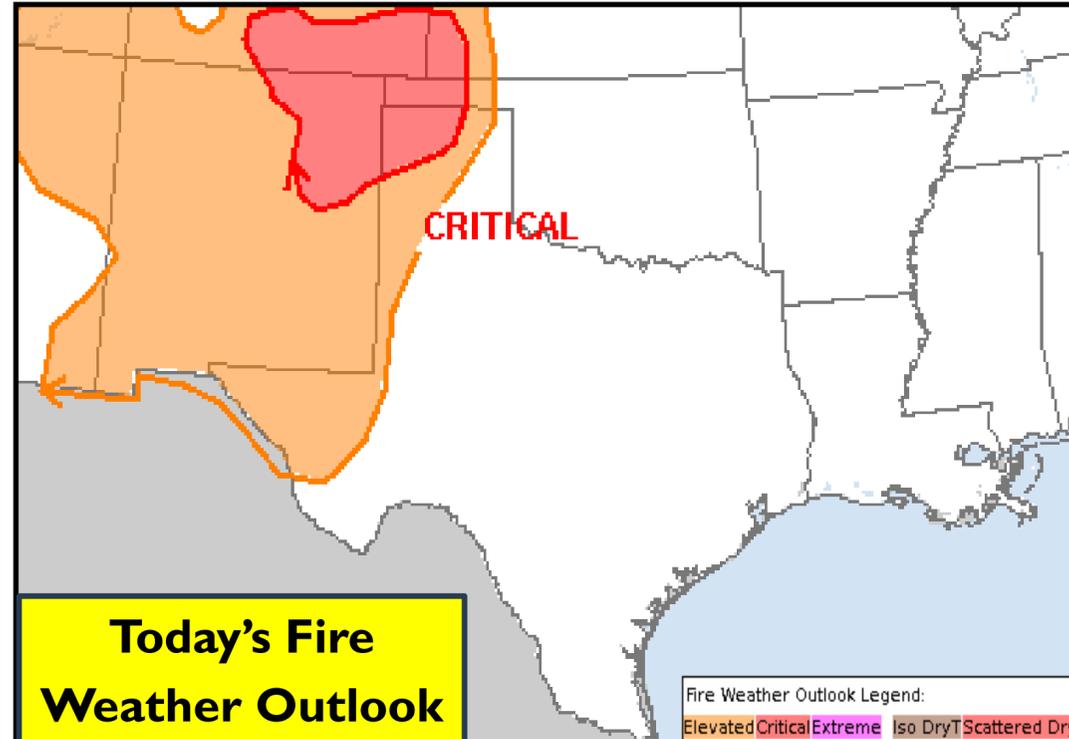
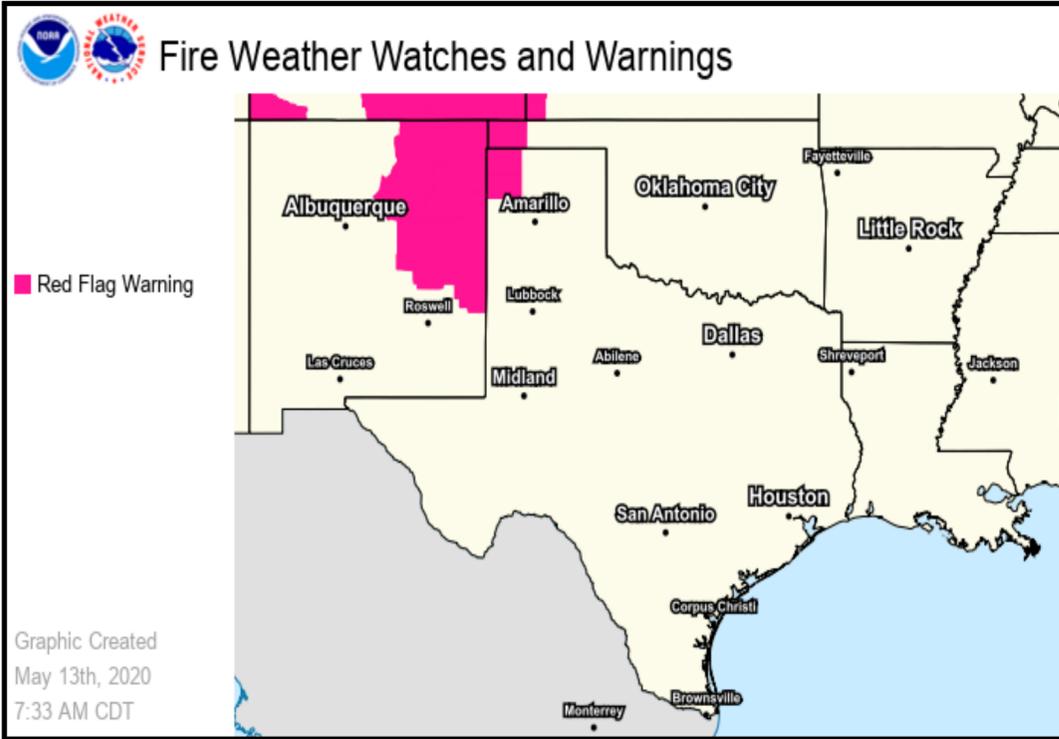
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



# Fire Weather Outlooks



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# Tomorrow's Weather

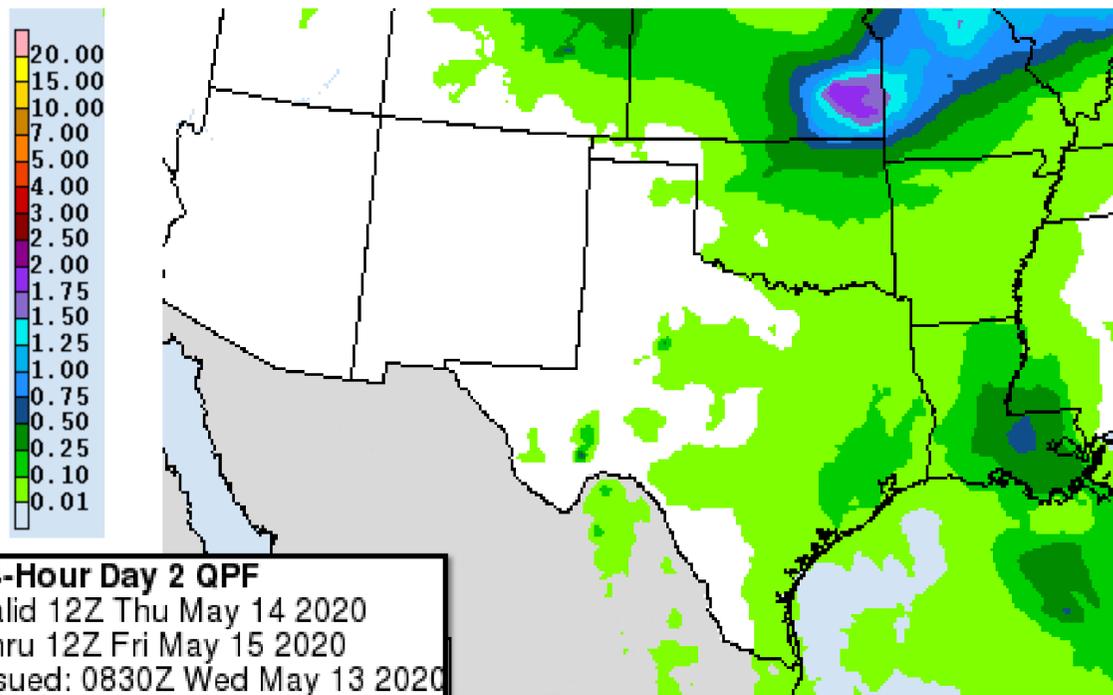
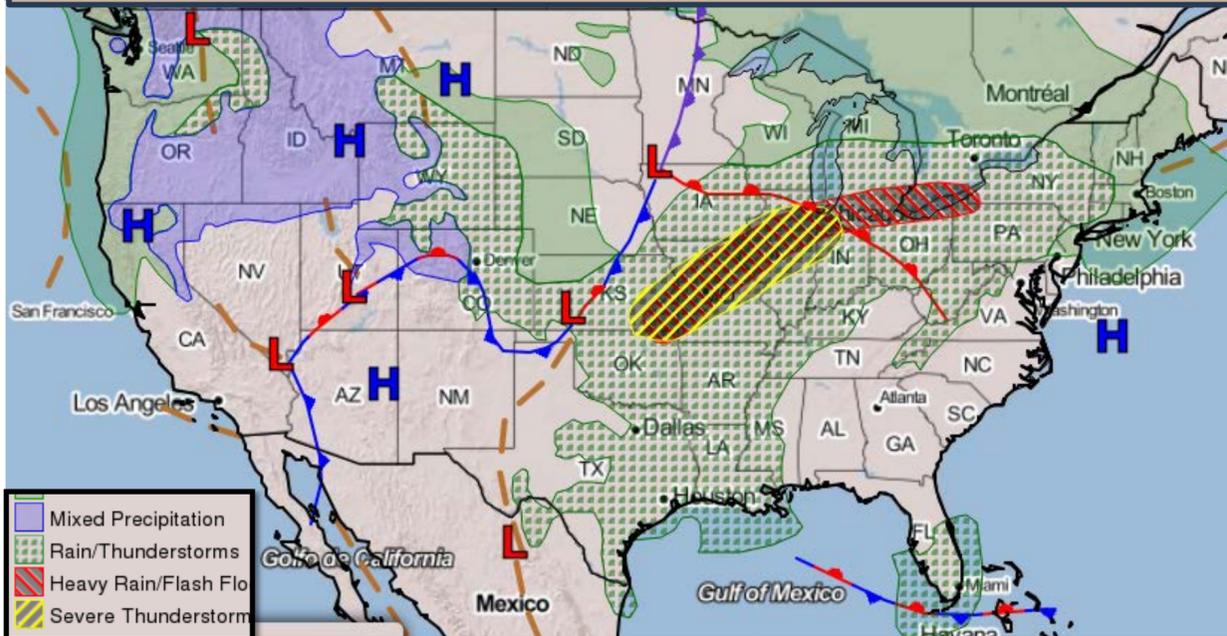


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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

**Isolated strong to severe storms with heavy rain/flash flooding across OK into NW TX and NW AR.**

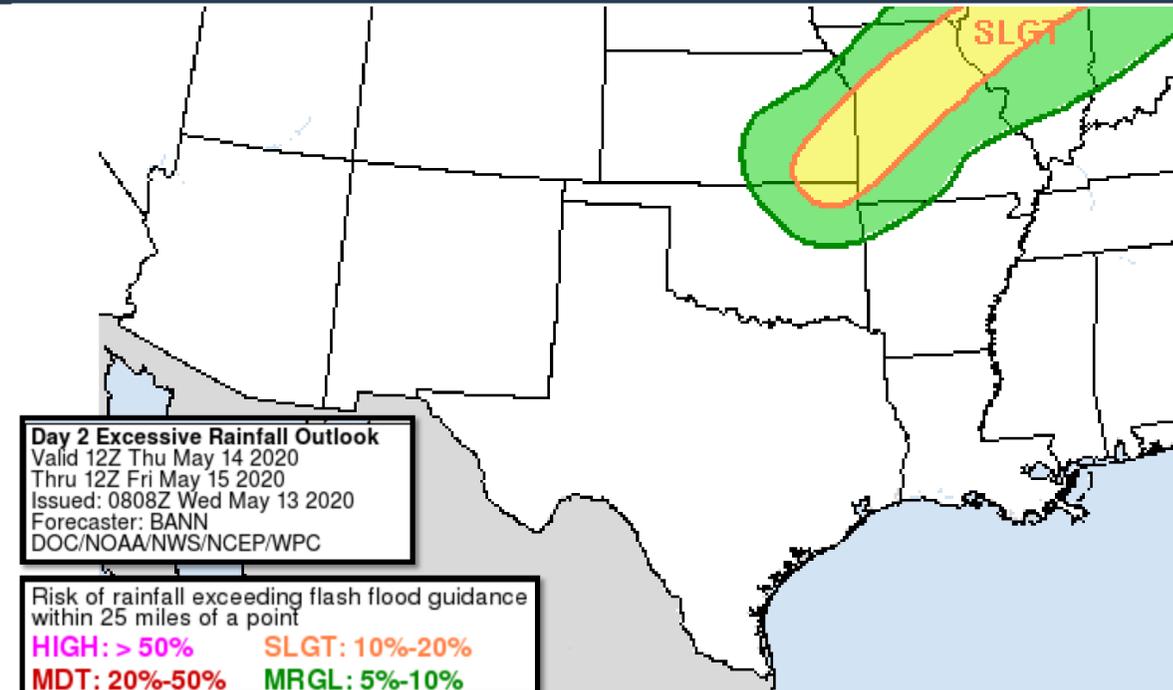
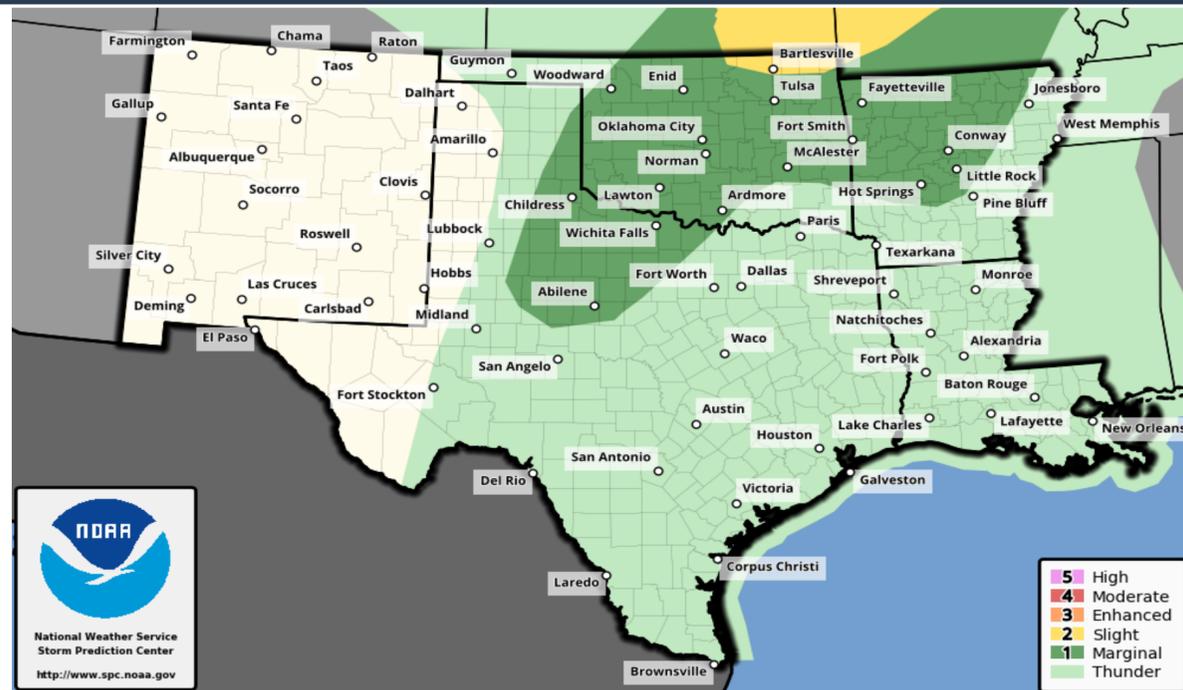


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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



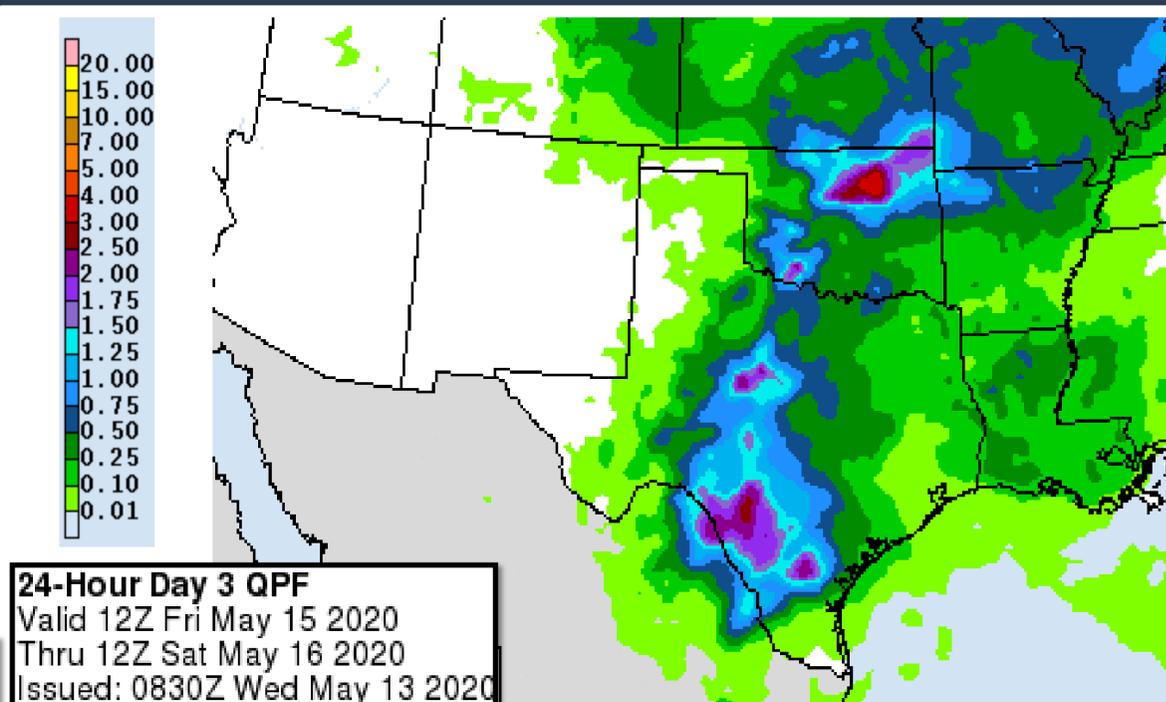
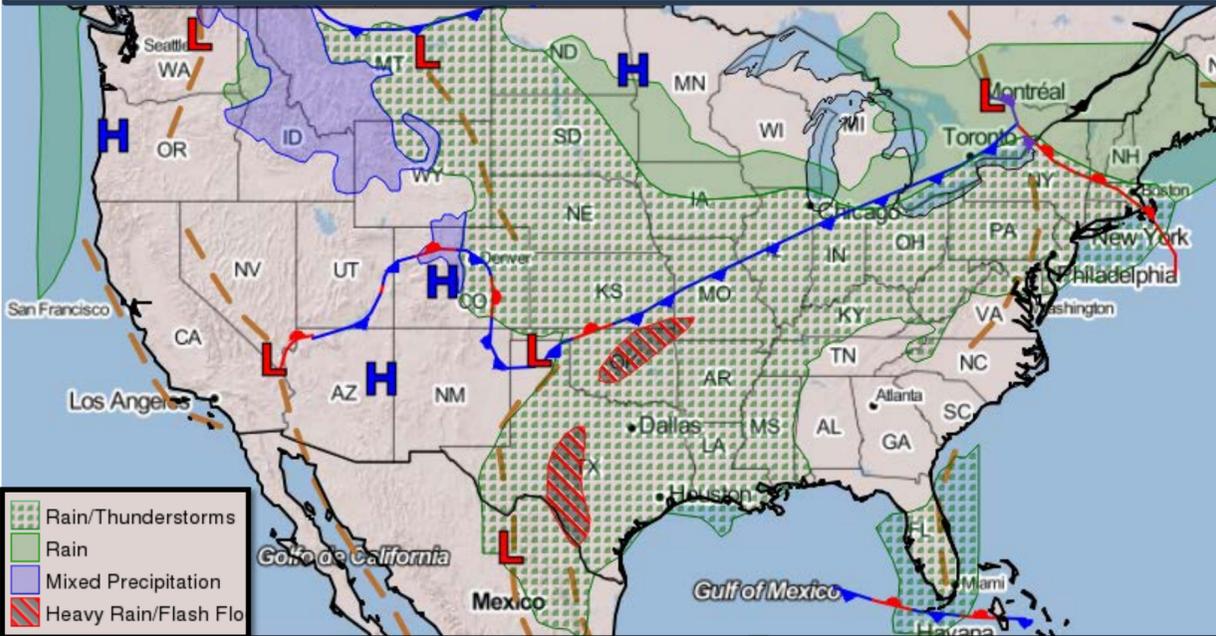
# Friday's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall



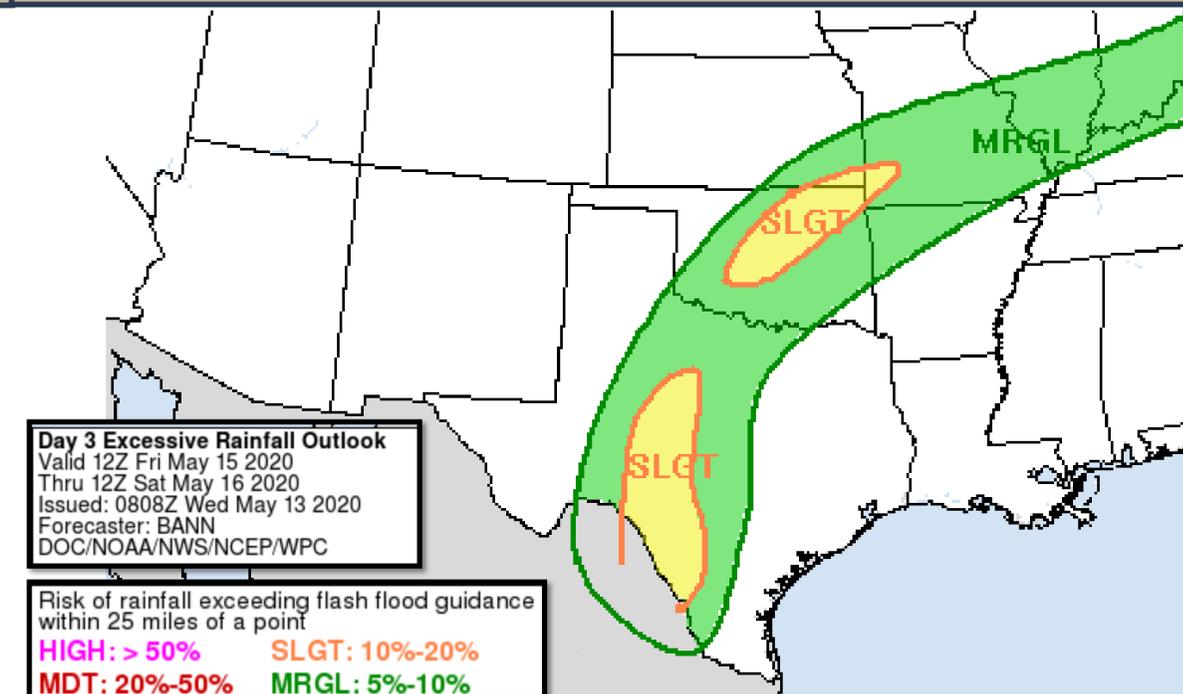
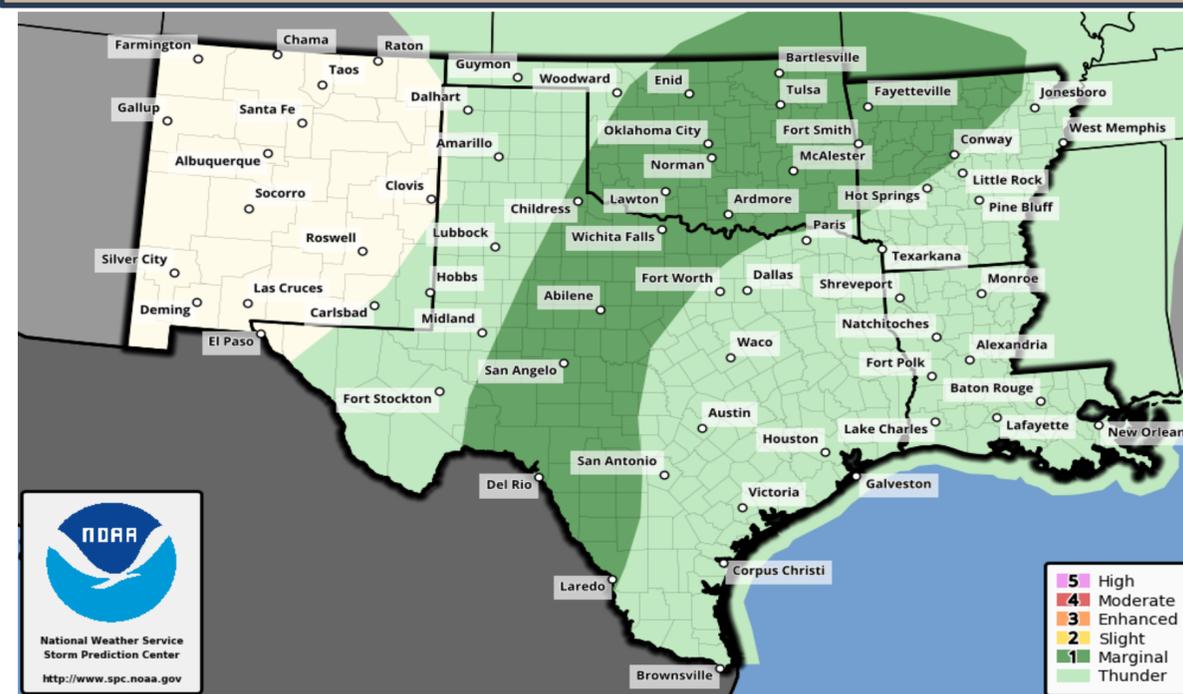
**Heavy rainfall and flash flooding across parts of TX.**

**Isolated strong/severe thunderstorms across OK/TX into NW AR.**

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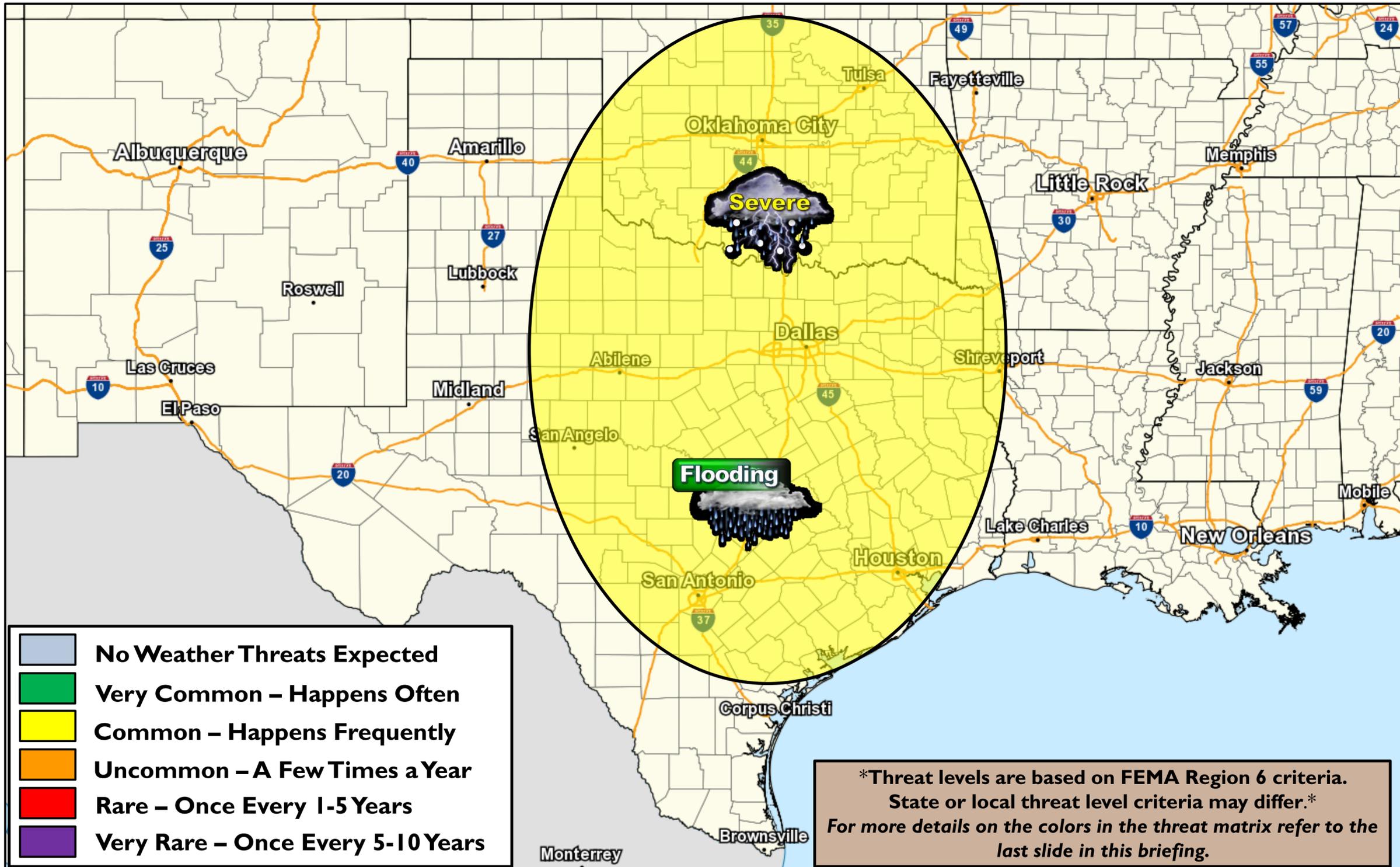
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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Severe storms and/or heavy rain/flash flooding into Saturday for OK/TX.

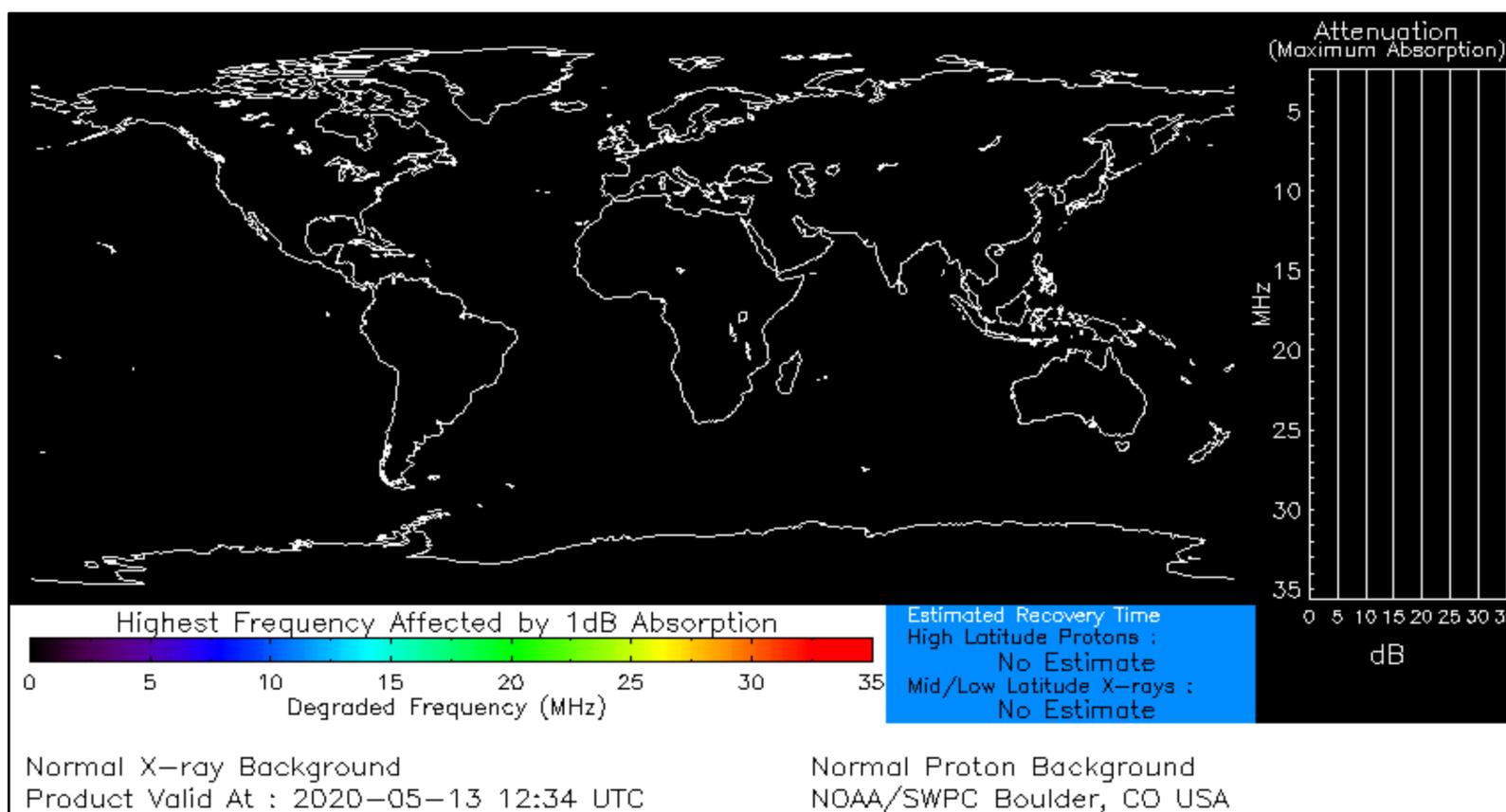


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



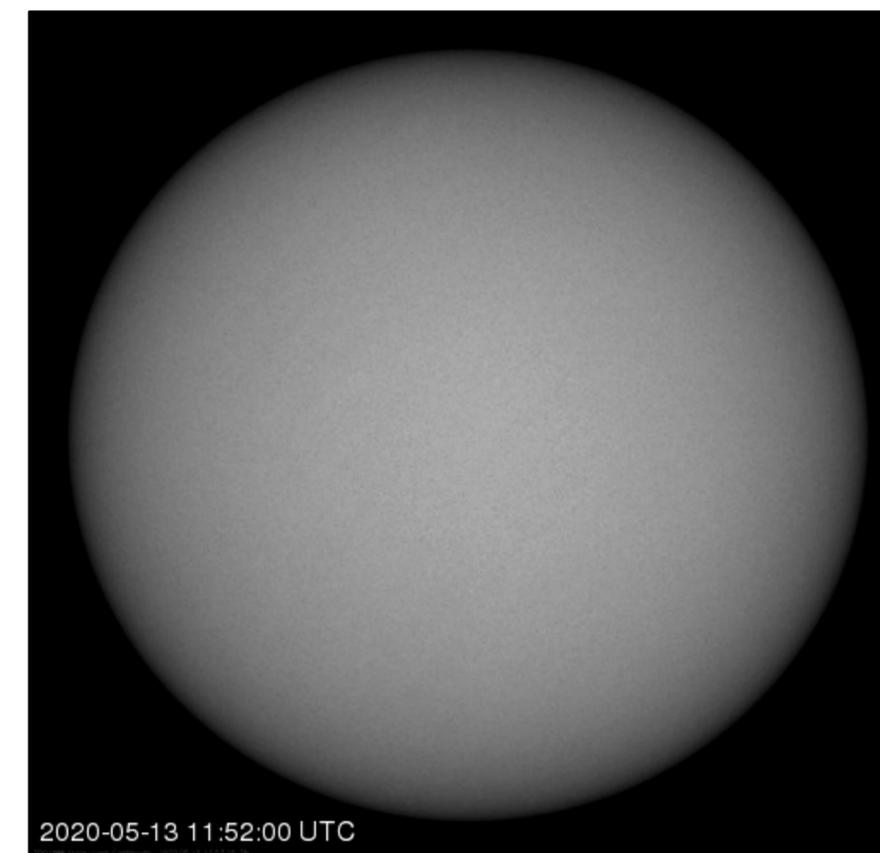
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



[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;"><b>Very Common</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 <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</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>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</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>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</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>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</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>

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