

National Weather Service

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Special Severe Weather Briefing

NWS Shreveport, LA For Friday, April 4th, 2025





Bottom Line Up Front...

Key Messages

- Multiple rounds of severe weather and heavy rain will impact the Four State Region now through early Sunday morning
- All severe weather hazards are likely through early Sunday morning:
 - Tornadoes: EF2+ tornadoes (111+ mph winds) cannot be ruled out
 - Very large Hail: Golf Ball size or larger
 - Damaging Winds: 60 mph or greater, potential for 74 mph winds or greater
- Heavy rainfall will produce additional rises on area waterways, especially along and north of I-30; Moderate to Major river flooding expected in SE OK and SW AR.





Upcoming Weather Risks

	Friday, Apr 4	Saturday, Apr 5	Sunday, Apr 6	Monday, Apr 7	Tuesday, Apr 8
Severe Weather Wind / Hail / Tornadoes	Greatest risk in SE OK, SW AR, NE TX, portions of extreme NW LA	Greatest risk across all of I LA, much of S AR, and portions of E and Deep E TX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	Greatest risk across SE OK and SW AR	Greatest risk across portions of SW AR			
Lake/River Flooding			ith river basins along and kely to persist into mid-Ap		
Lightning		Greatest risk for b-ground lightning nearly areawide	/		
Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Elevated	Major	Extreme







Severe Thunderstorm Watch In Effect



Through 11 AM CDT This Morning



McCurtain County in Southeast Oklahoma



- → Large hail of quarter sized or larger and isolated very large hail of 2 inches in diameter or greater.
- → Isolated damaging wind gusts to 70 mph.





Flood Watch In Effect



Through Sunday Morning

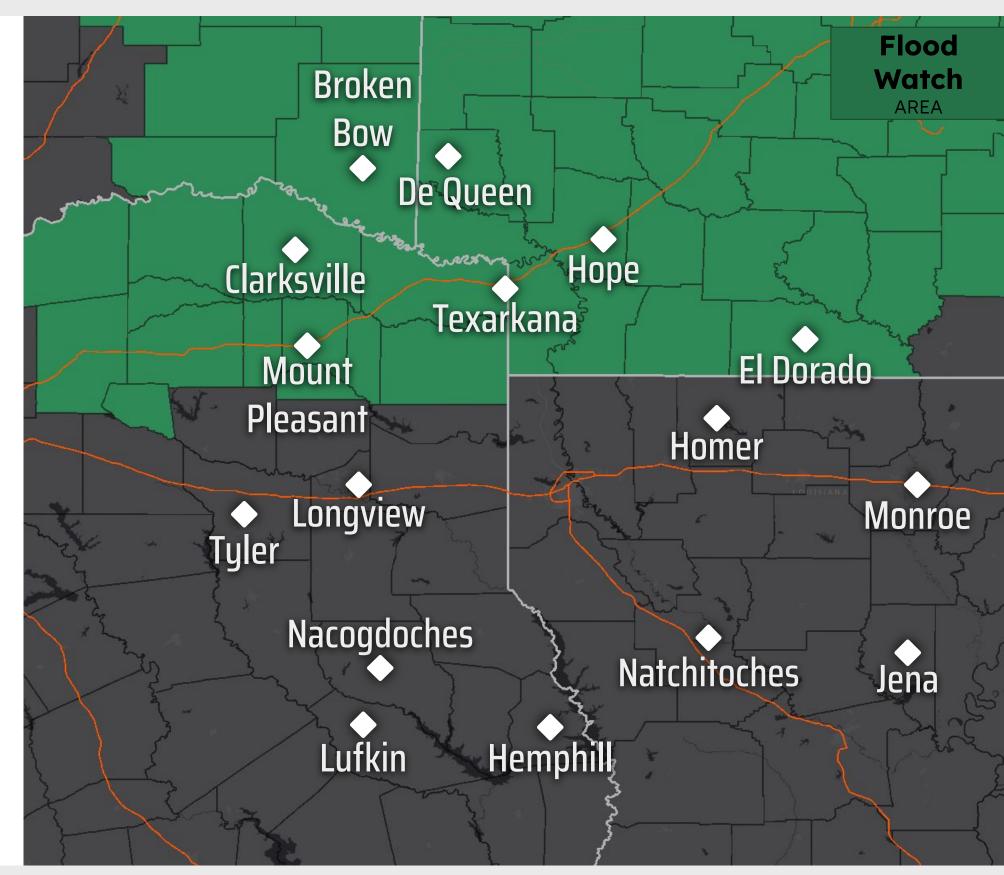


Southeast Oklahoma, Southwest Arkansas, and portions of Northeast Texas

→ Heavy rain may lead to flash flooding of low-lying areas, rivers/creeks, and roads



- → Locations not under the watch may still experience significant river/lake flooding over the next 7 days.
- → Moderate to Major river flooding is already forecast in SE OK and SW AR.





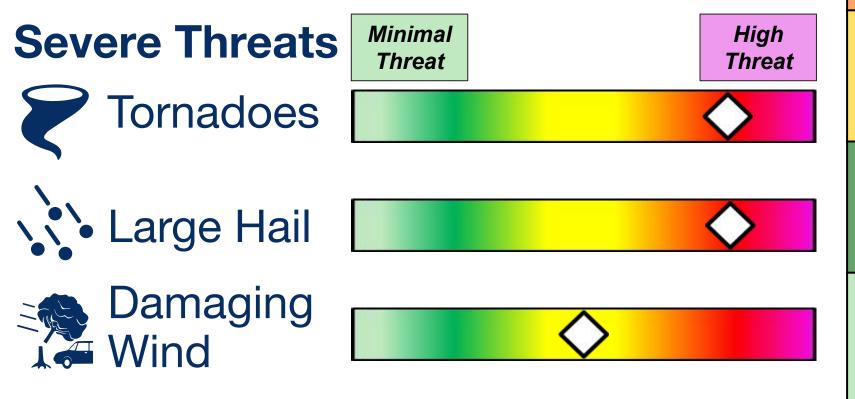
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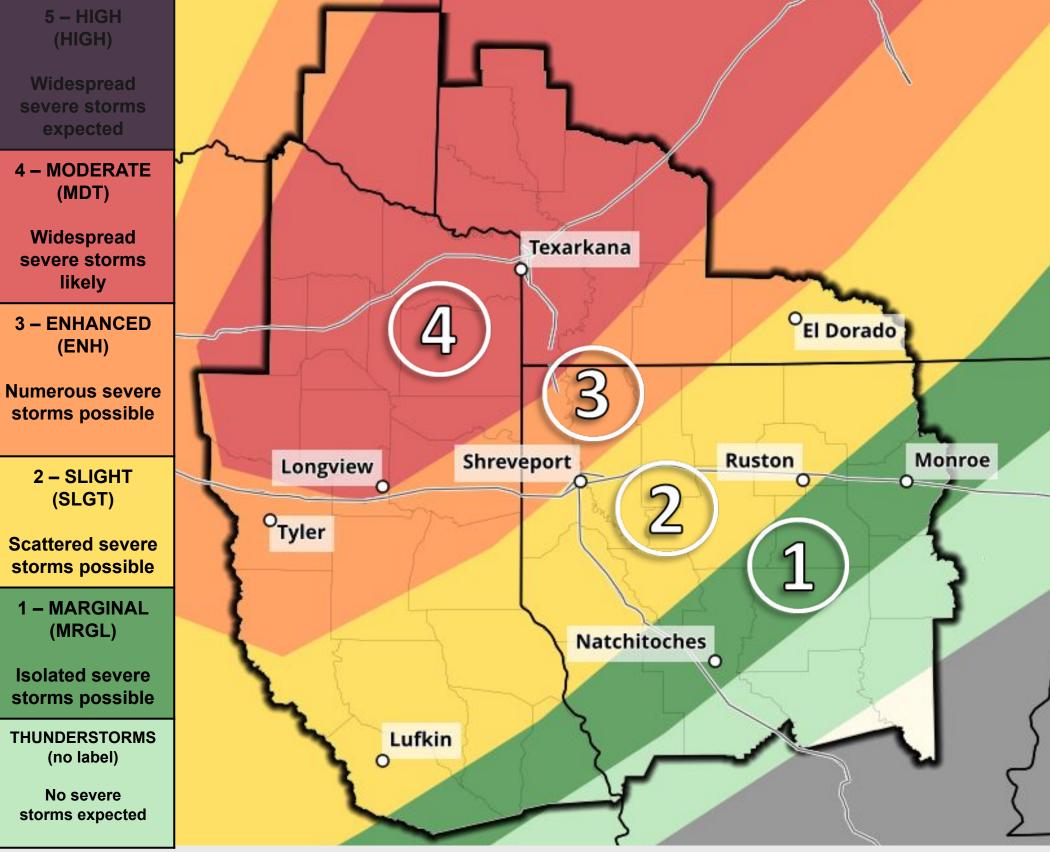
Through 7 AM CDT Saturday

Timing



- Primary severe weather threat will be from early afternoon through late this evening, likely ending by midnight.
- Another round of severe storms likely to develop across SE OK & E TX in the 5 AM - 7 AM timeframe.







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Chances for a Tornado: Today / Tonight

April 4, 2025 10:30 AM

Within 25 Miles of a Point - Through 7 AM CDT Saturday

Timing

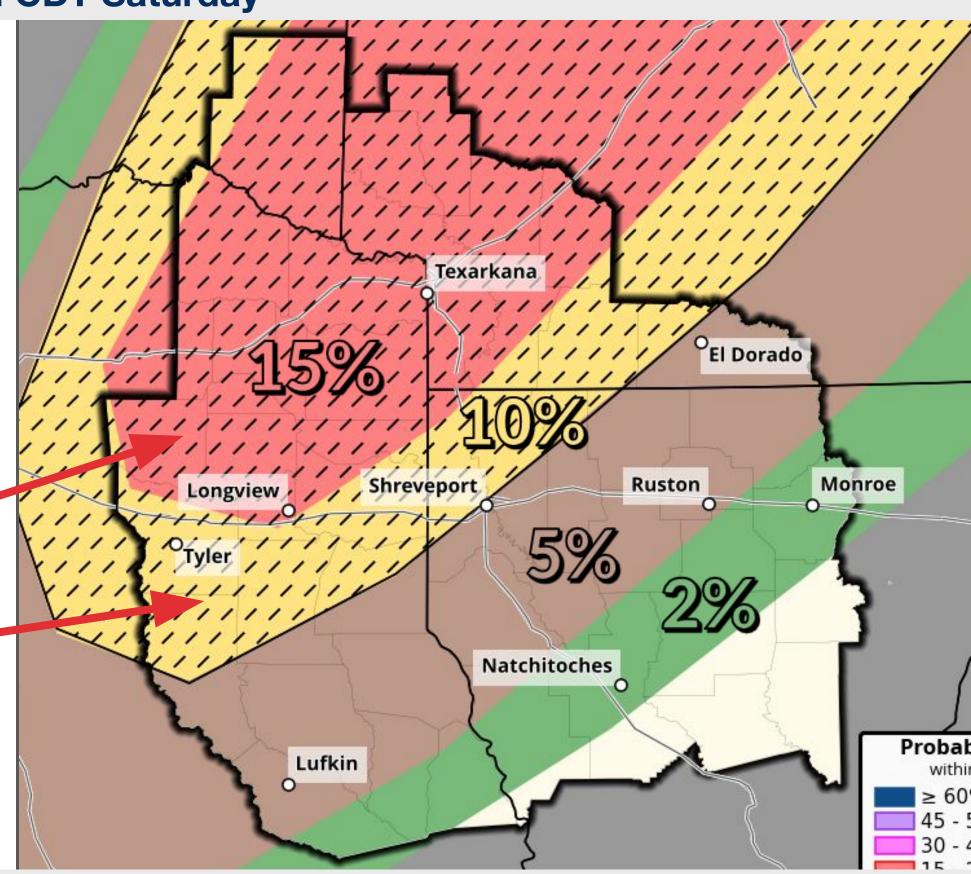


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What To Know



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Chances for Large Hail: Today / Tonight

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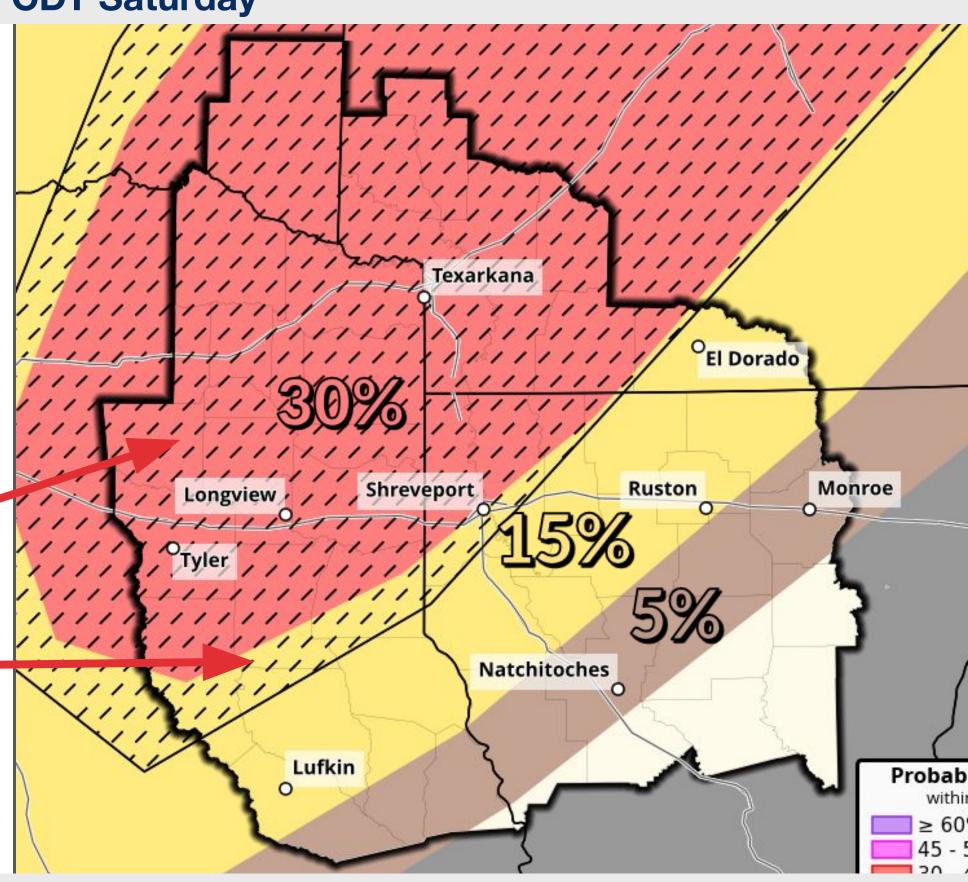
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Chances for Wind of 58+ MPH: Today / Tonight

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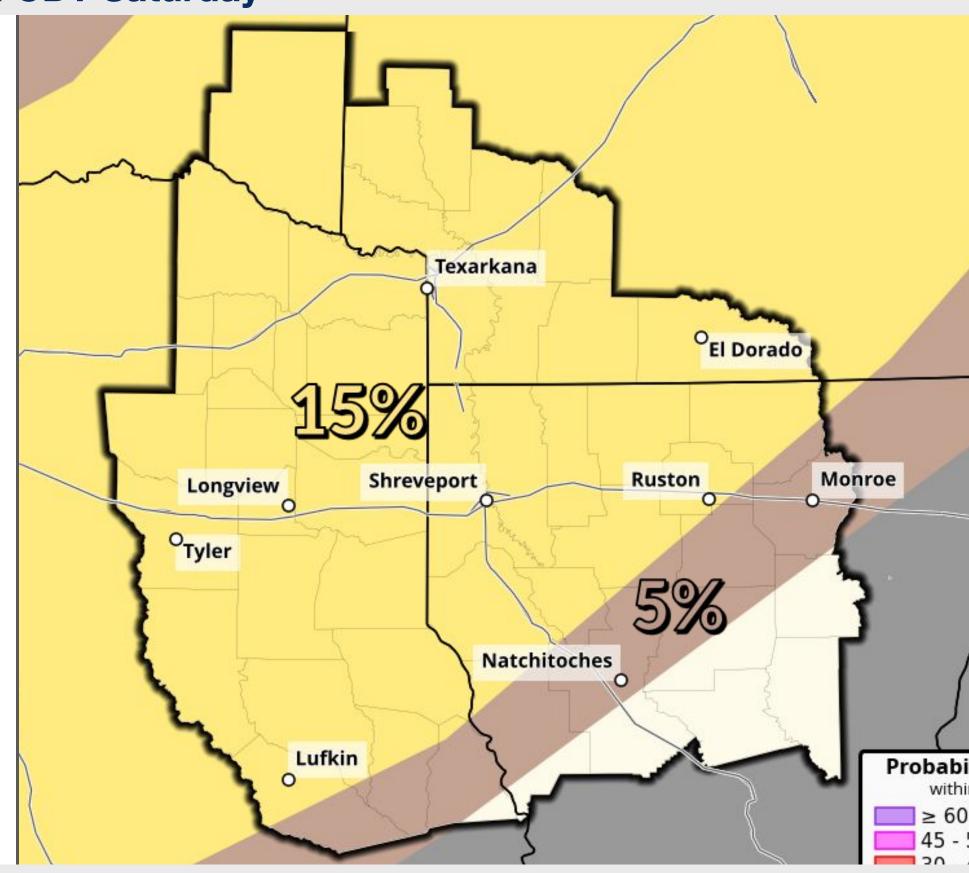
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What To Know

- Wind gusts of 60-70 mph possible with any severe storm.
- Saturated soils will increase the likelihood of trees being uprooted in strong winds.





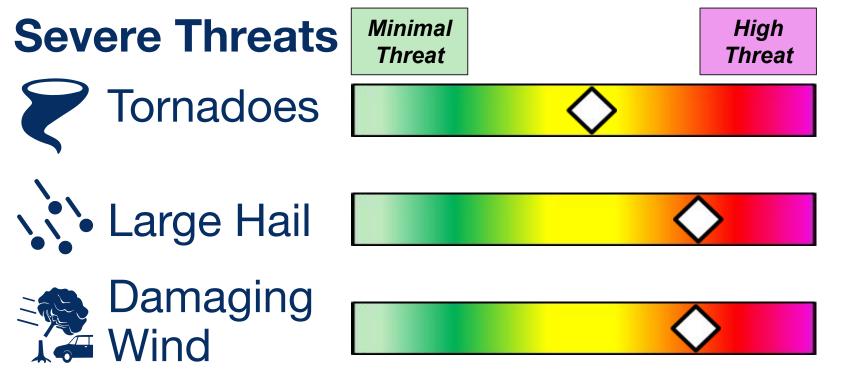
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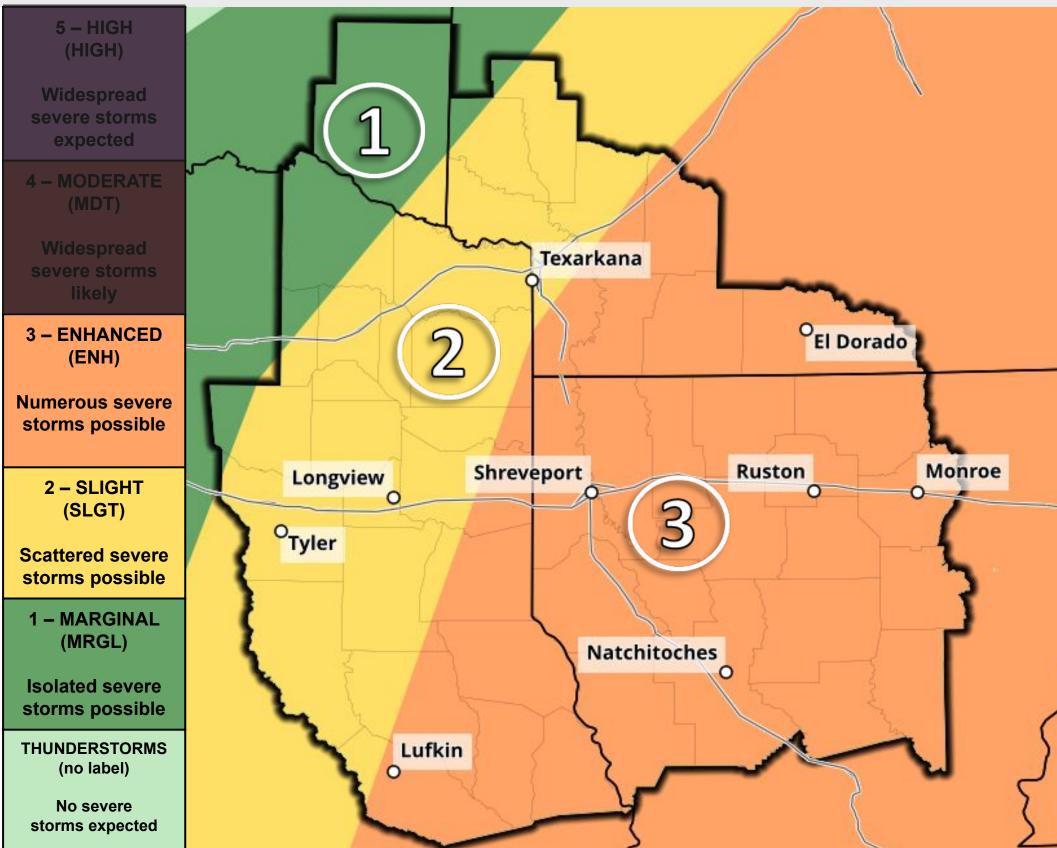
7 AM CDT Saturday through 7 AM CDT Sunday

Timing



- Storms will likely begin in the 5
 AM 7 AM timeframe.
- Greatest threat will be over the Enhanced Risk area from Saturday afternoon into very early Sunday morning.







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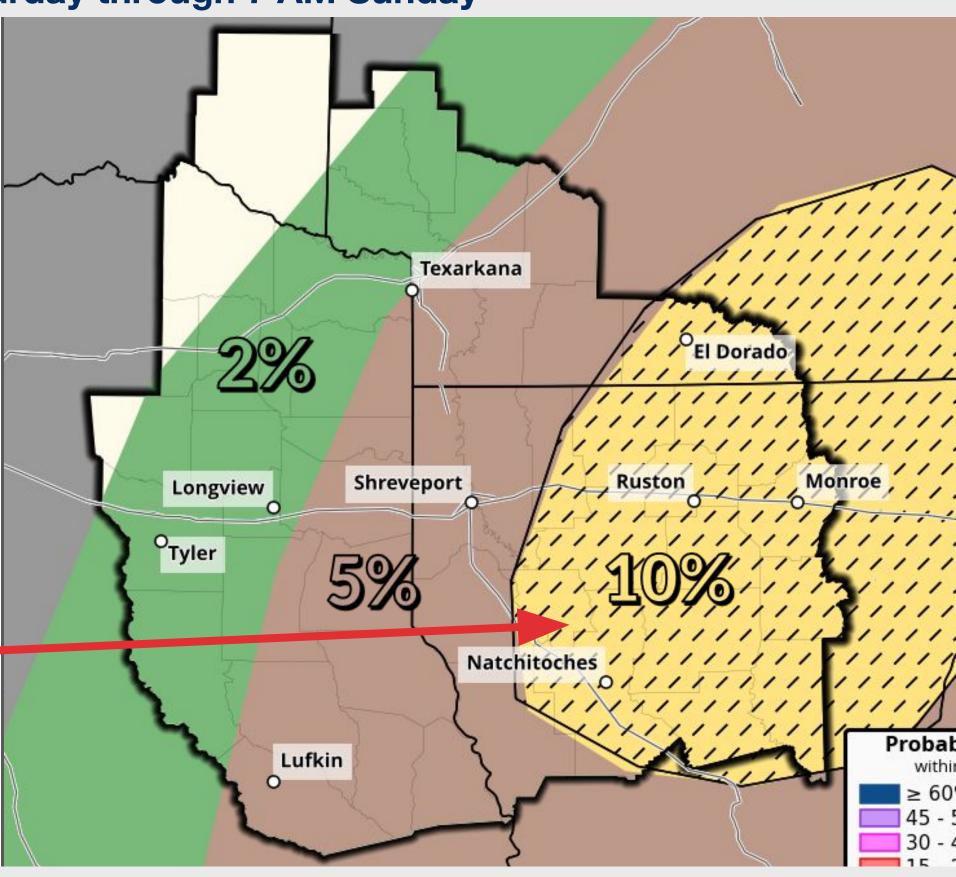


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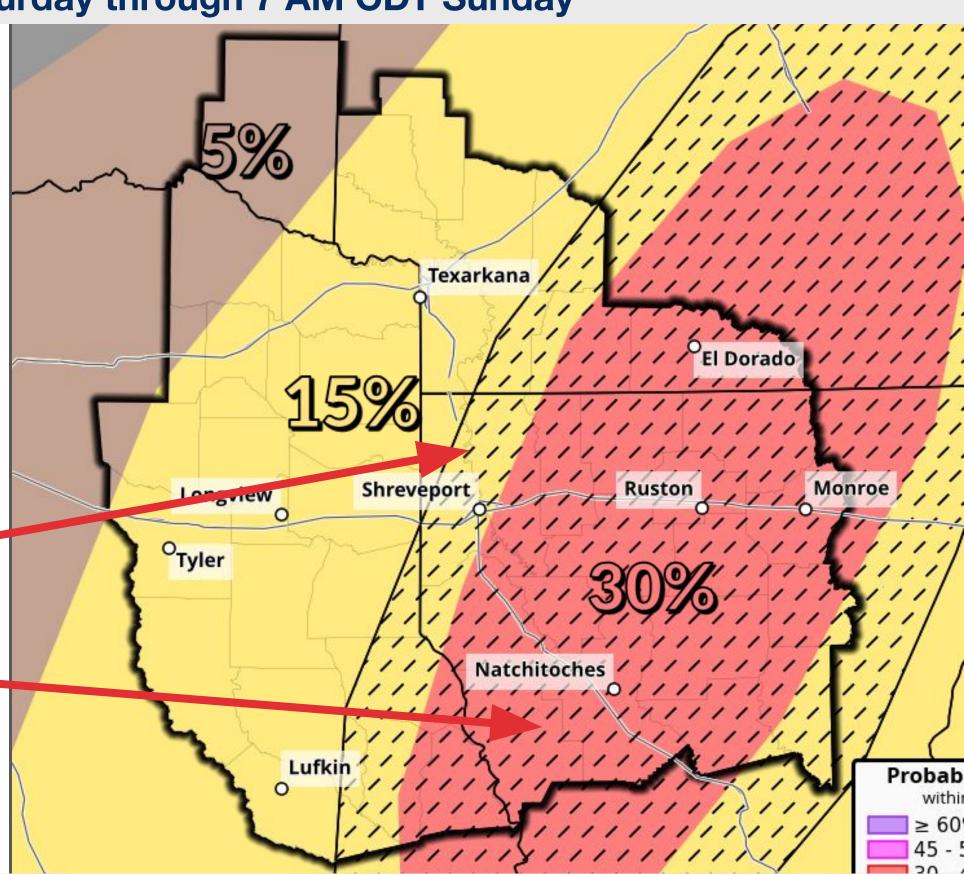
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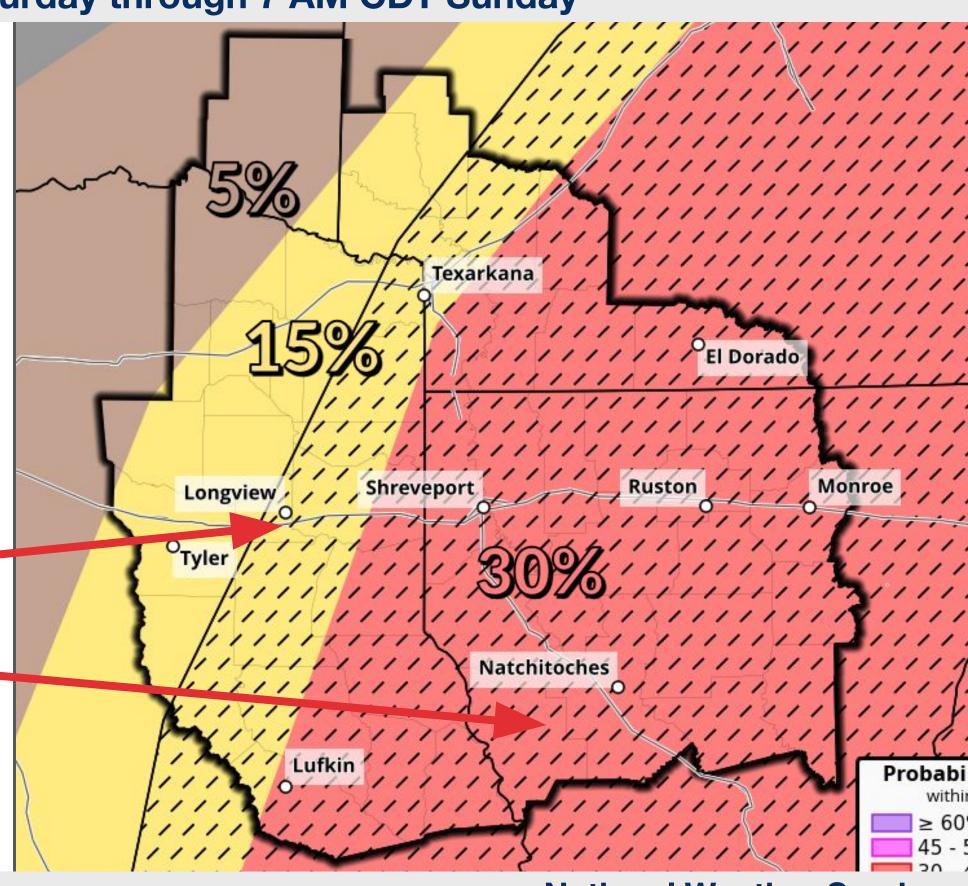


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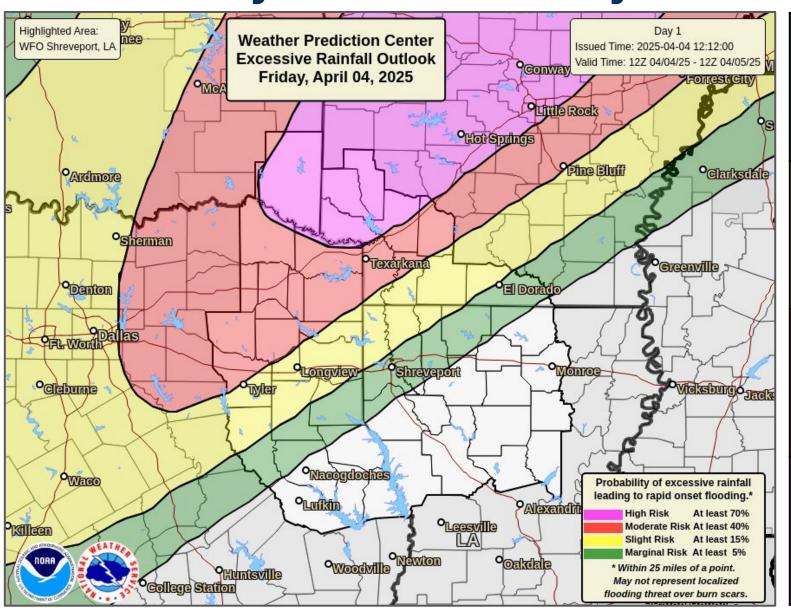


Flash Flood Risk

Today through Sunday Morning

- Areas outlined in PINK have the greatest potential for flash flooding.
- An additional 4-7 inches of rainfall possible north of I-30. Higher amounts of 8-10 inches possible in Southeast Oklahoma and Southwest Arkansas.

Today - 7 AM Saturday



1 – MARGINAL (MRGL)

At least 5% probability of flash flooding within 25 miles of a point.

2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)

At least 15% probability of flash flooding within 25 miles of a point.

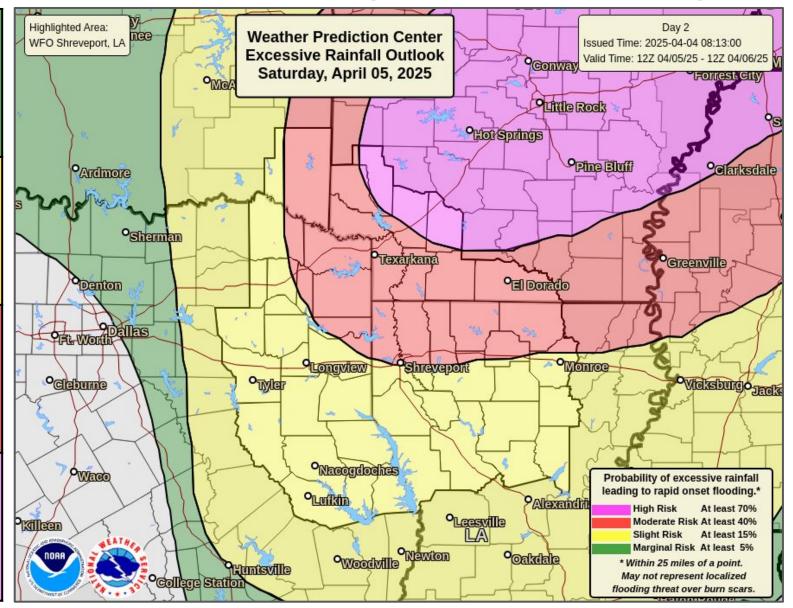
3 – MODERATE (MDT)

At least 40% probability of flash flooding within 25 miles of

4 – HIGH (HIGH)

At least 70% probability of flash flooding within 25 miles of a point.

7 AM Saturday - 7 AM Sunday





Potential ADDITIONAL Rainfall Amounts

Most Likely Outcome (Official Forecast)

Timing



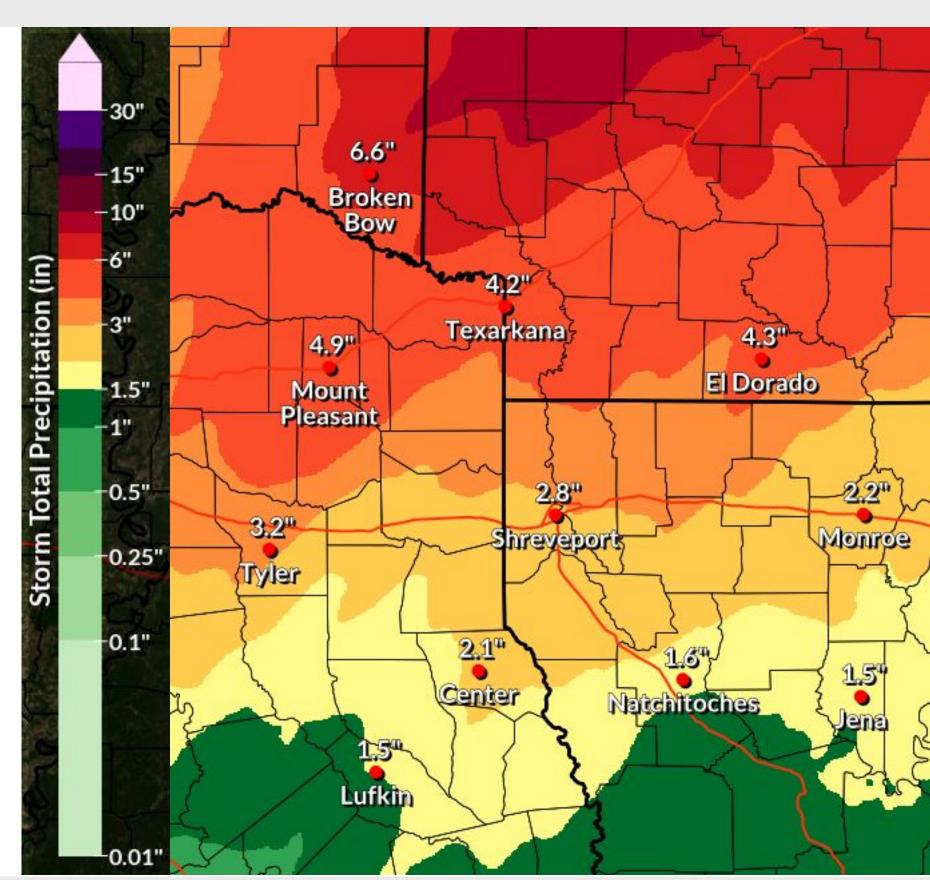
Today through Monday Morning



Impacts



- Highest rainfall amounts should be across Southeast Oklahoma, Southwest Arkansas, and extreme Northeast Texas.
- Much of McCurtain County has already received 2 to 6 inches of rain since Wednesday
- Moderate to Major river flooding is expected in SE OK and SW AR.





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Reasonable Worst Case

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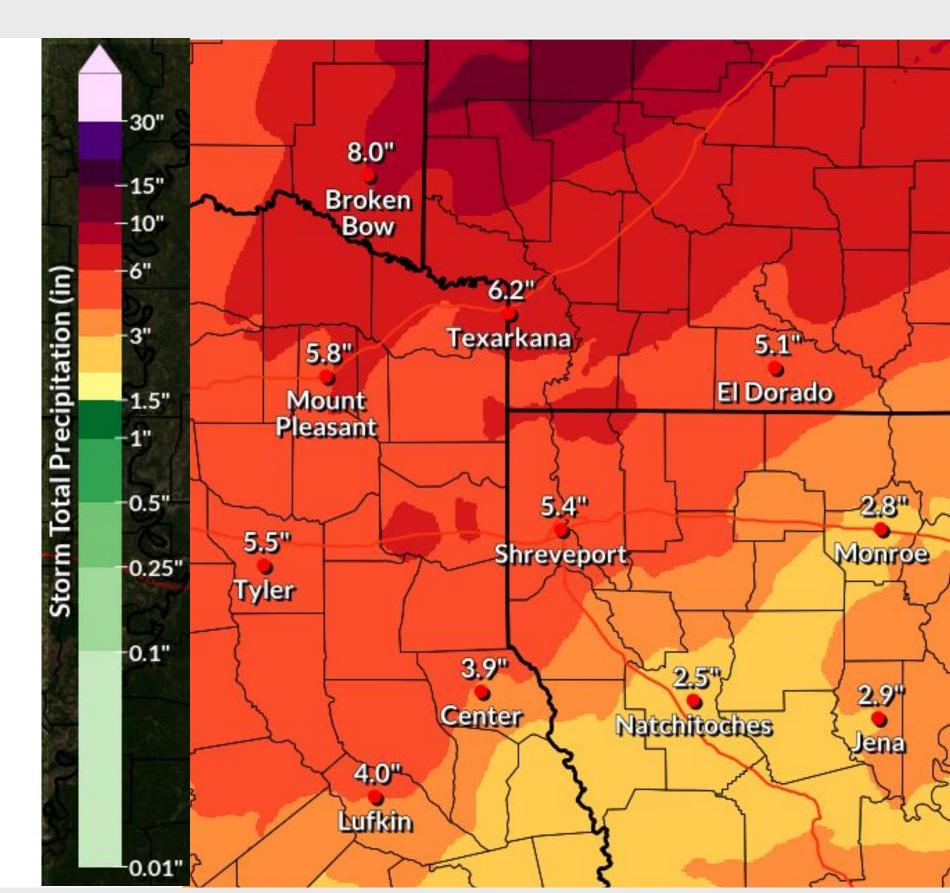


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Forecast Details



- 1 in 10 (10%) chance of rainfall totals **higher** than these amounts.
- Greatest forecast confidence in heavy rain amounts are along and north of I-30 in Southeast Oklahoma, Southwest Arkansas, and Northeast Texas.
- Localized totals may be higher in a few locations.





Current Lake and River Flooding

Action Stage Minor Flood Moderate Flood Major Flood

- Into the weekend, additional rainfall across SE Oklahoma and S Arkansas watersheds will produce impactful flooding. Some rivers/lakes will rise into Moderate and Major Flood Stages.
- Impacts include (and are not limited to) creeks and streams rising out of their banks, producing flooding of low-lying areas.

Waterways of Concern	Current Stages	Forecast Stages	
Little River		At Horatio, AR	
Little River		At Idabel, OK	
Glover River		At Glover, OK	
Sulphur River		Near Talco, TX	
Red River		Near Dekalb, TX	
Angelina River	Near Lufkin and Chireno, TX	continues	
Sabine River		At Kilgore, near Mineola, TX	
Neches River		Near Diboll, Near Neches	
Wallace Lake	Uncertainty remains with Wallace Lake, Cross		
Caddo Lake	Lake, Caddo Lake, Bayou Bodcau due to uncertainty of where the heaviest rain will fall.		
Cross Lake	All lakes will rise next week.		

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Next Scheduled Briefing

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