

⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 — ELEVATED ⚠️

BLOCKADE DAY 12 | Op Epic Fury Day 56 | LBN CF +3 WEEKS (Trump 23-APR WH, exp ~14-17 MAY) | Trend: RAPIDLY DEVELOPING

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 — PARTIALLY DEGRADED (CONUS)

AA26-097A Day 18 | Shoot-Kill Order Active / Majestic X 4th Tanker Seized 23-APR | Kp Quiet | NWR 19 Affected (OK Enid + KS Ulysses in Enhanced Risk)  
| Full basis: DTR SEC 11

What's Happening This Morning — 24 April 2026

**LEBANON CF EXTENDED +3 WEEKS:** Trump 23-APR at White House meeting (Leiter IL amb / Issa LB amb / Rubio / VP Vance / Huckabee) — meeting moved to WH ~3 hours before scheduled State Dept R2 talks. New effective expiration window ~14-17 MAY. Trump Truth Social: "I look forward in the near future to hosting the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of Lebanon." Trump: Israel must defend itself "carefully" and "surgically" during the CF window. Hezbollah fired rockets at Israeli border villages immediately before the meeting; IDF response strikes on launchers. The 26-APR collapse risk that dominated prior 8 cycles is now MOOT.

**HORMUZ KINETIC ORDER:** Trump 23-APR ordered US Navy to "shoot and kill" any vessels laying mines in the Strait — posture shift from interdiction to active kinetic rules of engagement. Trump Truth Social 23-APR: "We have total control over the Strait of Hormuz. No ship can enter or leave without the approval of the United States Navy. It is Sealed up Tight." M/T MAJESTIC X (4th Iranian-flagged tanker) seized by US forces in Indian Ocean 23-APR, continuing the CENTCOM global maritime enforcement pattern after Touska 19-APR and intervening vessels near India/Malaysia/Sri Lanka. Cumulative CENTCOM interdictions 31+ vessels.

**IRAN NEGOTIATING TRACK FRACTURING:** Iranian chief negotiator Ghalibaf exited the negotiating team after reported IRGC intervention per Keshet 12 — signals IRGC consolidation over Iran's diplomatic track and likely delay to formal proposal submission. Iranian FM Araghchi 22-APR: "blockading Iranian ports is an act of war." EU FM Kaja Kallas 22-APR widened Iran sanctions: "Daily U-turns on Hormuz are reckless. Transit must remain free of charge."

**MARKETS:** Brent \$105.63 Friday morning rally 24-APR (+~\$4 from 23-APR close ~\$101.55); 4th consecutive session gain. WTI \$96.07 (+3% session). OPEC basket \$103.06 (+5.44%). Morgan Stanley cut gold bull-case target \$5,700→\$5,200 as rate-cut hopes recede on energy-driven inflation. Nasdaq 100 futures +0.5% pre-market 24-APR on Intel Q1 beat + \$3B Musk/Intel signal. Panama Canal transit fees up to \$4M per businesses rerouting around Hormuz chokehold per AP 24-APR — quantifiable cost floor for Hormuz disruption. Lufthansa cutting 20,000 flights through October; United Airlines guiding Q2/FY below Street on fuel cost.

**CYBER T-0 TODAY:** CVE-2026-20133 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager FCEB compliance window CLOSES 11:59 PM ET tonight. Non-compliant FCEB agencies enter BOD 22-01 violation state 25-APR. Compounds standing ED 26-03. Other 20-APR KEV CVEs due 04-MAY (T-10): PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE CVSS 10.0, Zimbra CVE-2025-48700 zero-click (CERT-UA: UAC-0233/UAC-0250 Ukrainian mailbox campaign) + two other Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager CVEs. 22-APR KEV: MS Defender BlueHammer T-12 due 06-MAY. AA26-097A Day 18 OT/PLC targeting continues.

**WEATHER:** SPC Enhanced Risk valid through 12Z 24-APR for eastern KS, northern OK, north-central MN — very-large hail (5-7.5 cm / 2-3 in) and tornado environment with hodograph curvature near KS/OK border triple point. Tornado Watch 134 active for eastern NE, western/central IA, NW MO. Day 3 (26-APR Sun) setup is STRONGEST of the 4-day sequence — MLCAPE ~4000 J/kg and 50-kt shear central OK, volatile dryline with discrete supercells. NWR 19 transmitters affected (17 OOS + 2 DEG) across 15 states+territories — CRITICAL: OK Enid WXL48 OOS within Enhanced Risk Day 1 corridor; KS Ulysses WXN81 OOS in SW KS dryline zone.

**AVIATION:** EASA CZIB 2026-03 R6 EXPIRES TODAY 24-APR covering 11 Middle East FIRs. R7 issuance highly likely given continued Hormuz kinetic activity — watch for narrow corridor adjustment given 3-week Lebanon CF. BA, Lufthansa Group, Air France-KLM Dubai suspensions confirmed through 31-MAY.

**BOTTOM LINE FOR TODAY:** Trump's shoot-kill order on Hormuz mine-layers + Majestic X 4th seizure + Ghalibaf exit from Iran negotiating team + LBN CF 3-week extension are all in the same 24-hour window. Kinetic posture hardening simultaneous with diplomatic window widening. Markets priced it: Brent \$105.63 Friday rally. Practitioner posture: PREP-CON 3 sustain; 72-hour window covers (a) Iran formal proposal arrival or delay signals, (b) EASA R7 publication, (c) CYB-011 FCEB deadline closure tonight, (d) SPC Day 2-3 weekend severe sequence peaking 26-APR OK/KS. Fuel: pump lag means Friday \$105 will not reach consumers until early May — fill tanks today. Cyber: patch Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager CVE-2026-20133 or file FCEB extension by 11:59 PM ET tonight. EMCOMM: HF favorable on Kp quiet; verify backup alerting in NWR-gap counties, especially OK Enid + KS Ulysses within Enhanced Risk corridor.

Source: [WH Truth Social](#) / [Reuters](#) / [NBC](#) / [Keshet 12 \(23-24 APR\)](#) | [AP \(Panama Canal \\$4M transit fees, 24-APR\)](#) | [CENTCOM](#) / [NOAA SPC](#) — Full analysis: [Daily Threat Report](#) → [GEO-001](#) / [GEO-CF-LBN](#) / [FIN-001](#) / [CYB-011](#) / [WX-001](#)

## AT A GLANCE — WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU TODAY — 24 APRIL 2026

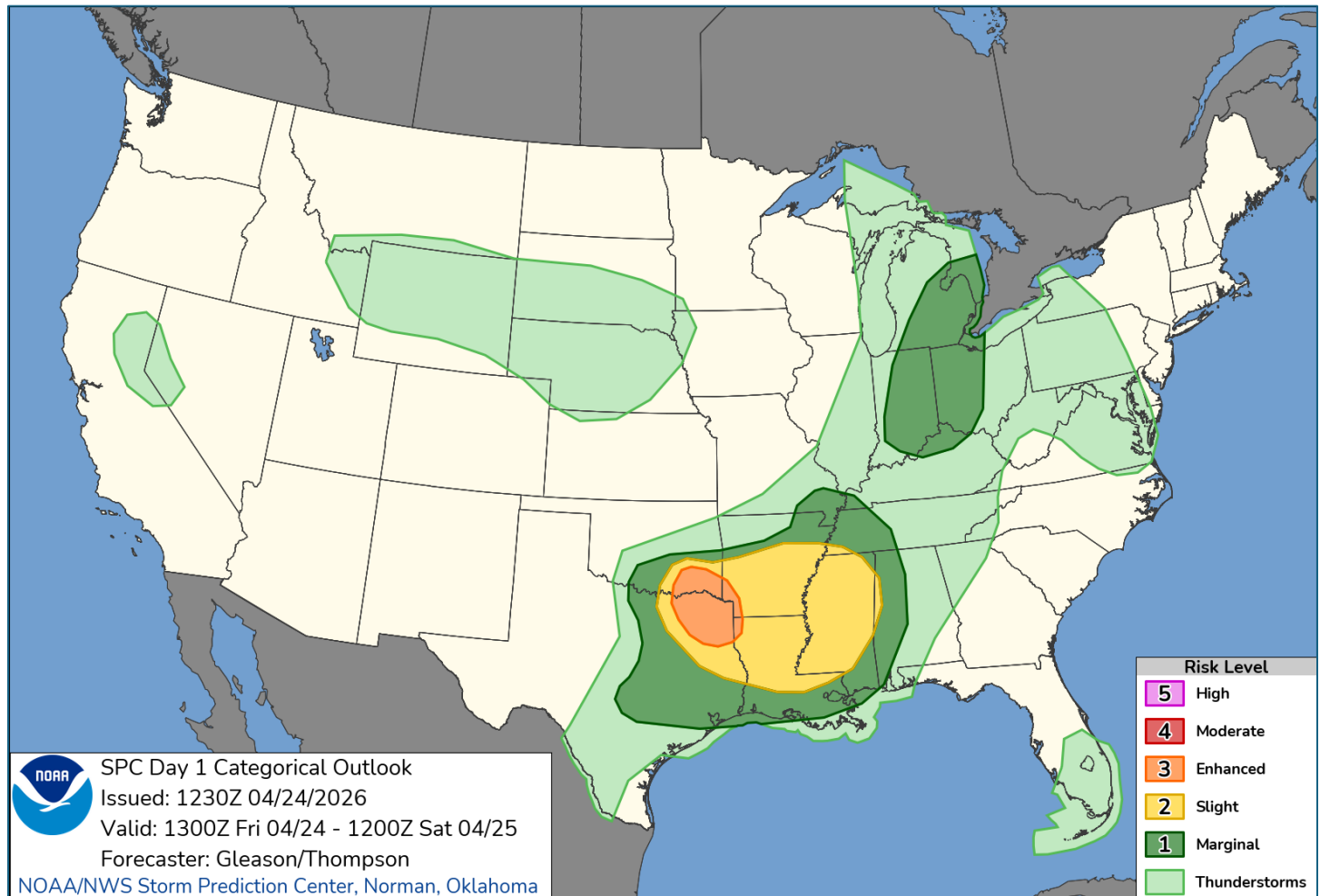
	AREA	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
	<b>Fuel &amp; Energy</b>	Brent \$105.63 Friday rally 24-APR (+~\$4 from 23-APR close ~\$101.55) / WTI \$96.07. AAA national gas ~\$4.04/gal. Brent 4-session gain. Goldman Q3 \$120/bbl upside scenario maintained if Hormuz stays closed. Morgan Stanley cut gold bull-case \$5,700→\$5,200. Lufthansa 20,000 flights cancelled through October. Panama Canal transit fees up to \$4M per AP 24-APR. Pump lag 10-14 days — Friday \$105 rally not yet in retail.	Fill tank TODAY. Kinetic posture hardening + Ghalibaf exit from Iran negotiating team = sustained reversal UP in oil. Diesel operators: lock in at current pricing. Aviation operators: brace for sustained surcharges.
	<b>Groceries &amp; Food</b>	Urea Egypt FOB ~\$700/MT (+78% vs \$400-490 pre-war per CRU Group). US NOLA urea +25% since end-Feb (AFBF). Ammonia +20%. IFPRI: ~30% of globally traded urea disrupted; 50% of sulfur; 25% of ammonia — all sourced from Gulf. China extended fertilizer export restrictions through end of August 2026. 2026 crop year locked.	Build a 2-4 week pantry buffer now. Shelf-stable proteins, canned goods, rice. Current prices are better than Q3-Q4 2026 regardless of diplomatic outcome.
	<b>Shipping &amp; Supply</b>	Blockade Day 12. CENTCOM 31+ cumulative interdictions. MAJESTIC X (4th Iranian-flagged tanker) seized by US forces in Indian Ocean 23-APR. Trump 23-APR shoot-kill order active on Hormuz mine-layers. Panama Canal transit fees up to \$4M per businesses rerouting per AP 24-APR. Lloyd's List baseline: 26 Iranian vessels bypassed US blockade (balance-of-story, enforcement not airtight). ~20,000 seafarers stranded Gulf. Lloyd's peak rates ~5% hull value.	Order 90-day medication fills now. Businesses: audit supply chain for Hormuz and Gulf-dependent inputs. Maritime operators: do NOT transit Hormuz without current UKMTO advisory. Insurance: Lloyd's peak rates at ~5% hull value.
	<b>Air Travel</b>	EASA CZIB 2026-03 R6 EXPIRES TODAY 24-APR. R7 NOT YET PUBLISHED — given unresolved Iran posture (shoot-kill order + Majestic X seizure + IRGC Gulf-oil threat), R7 extension highly likely. 11 FIRs covered. National NOTAMS stacking: France LFFF, Germany EDWW, Italy LIRR. BA, Lufthansa Group, Air France-KLM Dubai suspensions through 31-MAY.	Check airline status before any Middle East travel. Expect surcharges on long-haul routes. Avoid non-essential regional travel until EASA R7 publication (expected by Monday).
	<b>Cyber</b>	CYB-011 T-0 TODAY: CVE-2026-20133 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager FCEB compliance window CLOSES 11:59 PM ET tonight. Non-compliant FCEB agencies enter BOD 22-01 violation state 25-APR. Other 20-APR KEV CVEs T-10 due 04-MAY: PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE CVSS 10.0, plus Zimbra CVE-2025-48700 zero-click (CERT-UA: UAC-0233/UAC-0250 active exploitation). 22-APR KEV: MS Defender BlueHammer T-12 due 06-MAY. Other active: Fortinet OVERDUE Day 8; SharePoint T-4; ActiveMQ T-6. AA26-097A Day 18 Iranian APT (OT/PLC targeting).	Patch Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager TODAY or file FCEB extension by 11:59 PM ET. Patch Fortinet immediately (already overdue). Patch SharePoint by 28-APR; ActiveMQ by 30-APR; MS Defender by 06-MAY. Disconnect internet-exposed PLCs/SCADA. Trump shoot-kill order + Majestic X seizure elevate Iranian APT cost-benefit for CI targeting.
	<b>Communications</b>	COMCON 4. Space weather QUIET 24-APR (Kp quiet; 25-APR moderately active); HF favorable for emergency comms. NWR: 19 affected (17 OUT OF SERVICE + 2 DEGRADED) across 15 states+territories per live 24-APR data. CRITICAL: OK Enid (WXL48 / Norman WFO) OOS within SPC Enhanced Risk Day 1 corridor; KS Ulysses (WXN81 / Dodge City WFO) OOS in SW KS dryline zone. NM triple-gap (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) + TN dual-gap (Lawrenceburg/Shelbyville) + OR dual persist.	40m/60m primary HF for EMCOMM on Kp quiet; 20m good. Verify alternate alerting for served agencies in NWR-gap counties — especially OK Garfield/Major/Grant/Kingfisher (Enid OOS) and KS Grant/Haskell/Stevens/Seward (Ulysses OOS) during active Enhanced Risk event. Have VHF/UHF backup ready.
	<b>Weather</b>	SPC Enhanced Risk KS/OK through 12Z 24-APR (very-large hail + tornado environment). Tornado Watch 134 active NE/IA/MO. Day 2 (25-APR Sat) convection Southern Plains MLCAPE 2000-3000 J/kg. Day 3 (26-APR Sun) MLCAPE ~4000 J/kg + 50-kt shear central OK — STRONGEST setup of 4-day sequence. Fire-weather posture continuing in continental airmass. NWR gaps overlap severe footprint at OK Enid + KS Ulysses.	Plains residents 24-26 APR (esp. OK/KS weekend): have safe-room plan, charge devices, verify WEA. Wildland-urban interface: clear defensible space. NWR-gap counties: confirm WEA + FEMA App + broadcast EAS as alerting pathway. Monitor NWS local forecasts.
	<b>Iran War Status</b>	BLOCKADE DAY 12. Op Epic Fury Day 56. LEBANON CF EXTENDED +3 WEEKS by Trump 23-APR at WH meeting (new exp ~14-17 MAY). HORMUZ KINETIC POSTURE ESCALATED: Trump 23-APR ordered US Navy to shoot-kill any mine-laying vessels. MAJESTIC X 4th Iranian-flagged tanker seized in Indian Ocean 23-APR. Iranian chief negotiator Ghalibaf exited negotiating team after reported IRGC intervention per Keshet 12. EU FM Kallas 22-APR widened Iran sanctions. CENTCOM 31+ cumulative interdictions. Brent \$105.63 Friday rally 24-APR. FT 14-APR baseline: PRC Earth Eye Co satellite ISR for Iran ahead of 14-MAR Prince Sultan AB strike that damaged 5 US aircraft.	Monitor for Iranian formal proposal arrival or withdrawal signal; Ghalibaf replacement identity; any kinetic incident with multi-stream corroboration; additional CENTCOM/INDOPACOM tanker interdictions; Houthi Red Sea activation; IRGC Aerospace Force Gulf-state oil-threat follow-on; Netanyahu-Aoun trilateral scheduling inside 3-week LBN CF window. For deeper analysis see the full Daily Threat Report.

## WEATHER — 24 APRIL 2026

REGION	ACTIVE HAZARD	WHAT IT MEANS	YOUR ACTION
Eastern KS / Northern OK / N-Central MN	<b>⚠️ ENHANCED Risk 24-APR</b>	SPC Day 1 Enhanced Risk valid through 12Z 24-APR: very-large hail 5-7.5 cm and tornado environment with hodograph curvature near KS/OK border triple point.	Charge devices; verify WEA. Safe-room plan active. Monitor NWS local offices. Tornado Watch 134 active in downwind corridor.
Eastern NE / W-Central IA / NW MO	<b>⚠️ Tornado Watch 134 active</b>	Tornado Watch 134 issued 12:00 CDT 23-APR. Discrete supercells possible through evening.	Plains residents in corridor: safe-room plan active; storm spotters report to LSR channels.

REGION	ACTIVE HAZARD	WHAT IT MEANS	YOUR ACTION
Southern Plains (25-APR Sat)	⚠️ <b>Day 2 Convection</b>	Convection along lifting warm front Southern Plains; MUCAPE 2000-3000 J/kg; bowing segments into OK overnight.	Plan ahead for 25-APR convective cycle. Pre-position emergency equipment.
Central OK (26-APR Sun)	⚠️ <b>Day 3 STRONGEST</b>	MLCAPE ~4000 J/kg + 50-kt vertical shear central OK — strongest setup of 4-day sequence, volatile dryline with discrete supercells.	Day 3 peak 26-APR: review safe-room plans; brief served agencies. Tornado watch issuance highly likely.
Space Weather All CONUS	☑️ <b>QUIET 24-26 APR</b>	SWPC 24-APR: Kp quiet today; 25-APR moderately active; no G/R/S alerts. HF favorable for emergency comms.	40m/60m reliable primary EMCOMM; 20m normalized. Power grid GIC watch cleared. LEO satellite operators: drag normalized.

Source: [NOAA WPC Day 3 Excessive Rain Outlook](#) | [NOAA SPC Current Outlooks](#) | [NOAA SWPC](#) — Full analysis: [DTR](#) → [SEC 7 / WX-001 / SWX-001](#)



## WILDFIRE — 24 APRIL 2026

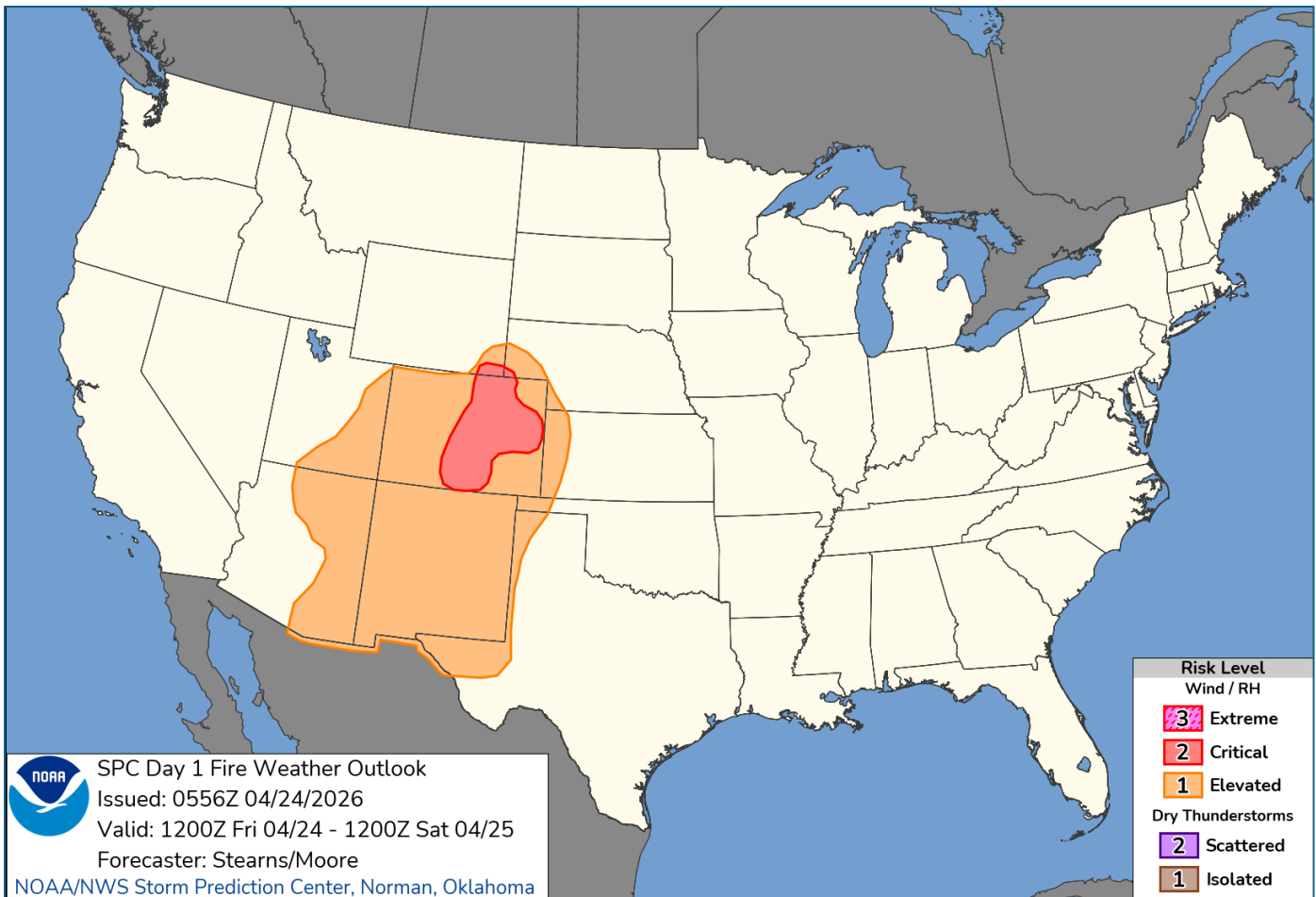
**NIFC National Preparedness Level 2** (as of 20-MAR baseline, reassessed Fridays); 24 large fires being suppressed nationally, ~80,857 acres burned on large fires, 1,500 personnel assigned.

**Southern Area is the busiest in the nation:** 94 new fires reported 23-APR, 20 large fires still uncontained. Active, at times extreme fire behavior in Georgia and Florida; fires pushing through dry grasses and timber with threats to homes, roads, and infrastructure. **NAMED INCIDENT — HWY 82 (GA Forestry Commission):** near Atkinson, GA; extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, long-range spotting, group torching; numerous structures and railroad infrastructure threatened; **evacuations and road closures in effect.**

**High Plains fire-weather concurrent risk:** elevated to critical conditions developing across the Southwest into central/southern High Plains (NE NM / SE CO / SW KS / OK+TX panhandles) with west-to-southwesterly winds 15-30 mph gusting 30-50 mph; strongest winds NE New Mexico into Texas Panhandle. Dry continental airmass inside the 24-26 APR severe-weather sequence footprint creates compound fire-ignition-plus-severe-outbreak risk.

**YTD 2026:** 22,503 fires / 1,793,550 acres burned — already above the 10-year average for this point in the year.

**Action:** Southern Area residents near named incidents — monitor local emergency notifications; verify evacuation route; have go-bag ready. High Plains Red Flag jurisdictions — burn restrictions; clear defensible space; do NOT burn outdoors regardless of local ordinance. Report ignitions immediately. Map: SPC Fire Weather Outlook attached.



Source: [NIFC National Fire News \(23-APR\)](#) | [NICC IMSR 24-APR](#) | [SPC Fire Weather Outlooks](#) — Full analysis: [DTR](#) → [SEC 7.1](#) — [Wildfire & Fire Weather](#)

## What to Watch Today — 24 April 2026

- Iran formal proposal arrival / Ghalibaf replacement:** Iran chief negotiator Ghalibaf exited negotiating team after reported IRGC intervention per Keshet 12 (single-stream, HIGH on fact, LOW on motive). Watch for: formal proposal submission or withdrawal signal from Tehran; Ghalibaf replacement identity; Iran delegation composition changes; any IRGC Aerospace Force follow-on statements on Gulf-state energy; LBN 3-week window spillover into Iran track.
- Additional CENTCOM/INDOPACOM tanker interdictions:** Majestic X 4th Iranian-flagged tanker seized 23-APR in Indian Ocean continues the global enforcement pattern. Watch for: any 5th seizure beyond Majestic X; whether US/Israeli-flagged tonnage targeted (would force WH framing shift); CENTCOM cumulative count; GCC host-state public response; OFAC follow-on designations.
- LBN CF 3-week window dynamics:** Trump extended Israel-Lebanon CF +3 weeks at 23-APR WH meeting; new expiration window ~14-17 MAY. Watch for: Netanyahu/Aoun trilateral meeting scheduling signals; Israeli kinetic tempo inside 3-week window; IDF operations inside Yellow Line; additional UNIFIL casualties; Hezbollah rocket cadence.
- EASA CZIB R7 publication:** EASA CZIB 2026-03 R6 expires today 24-APR. R7 issuance highly likely given continued Hormuz kinetic activity. Watch for: R7 publication content — any corridor adjustment given 3-week LBN CF; any FIR addition or removal; altitude-restriction changes.
- CYB-011 FCEB compliance T-0 tonight:** CVE-2026-20133 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager FCEB compliance window CLOSES 11:59 PM ET tonight. Watch for: CISA supplemental directive or extension guidance; Cisco PSIRT exploitation confirmation; post-deadline compliance reporting (late reporters); named-victim disclosure. AA26-097A Day 18 any new incidents.
- Weekend severe-weather sequence 25-26 APR:** Day 2 MUCAPE 2000-3000 J/kg Southern Plains; Day 3 MLCAPE ~4000 J/kg + 50-kt shear central OK — strongest setup of sequence. NWR gaps at OK Enid + KS Ulysses remain inside Enhanced Risk footprint. Watch for: SPC upgrade to MODERATE/HIGH; tornado watch issuance inside NWR gap counties; named ignition inside CRITICAL fire-wx footprint.

Source: [WH Truth Social / Reuters / Keshet 12 / AP \(24-APR\)](#) | [CISA KEV](#) | [NOAA SPC](#) — Full analysis: [DTR](#) → [SEC 8 / 72-Hour Outlook](#)

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