



# Heavy Rainfall Through Early Tuesday

May 12, 2025  
5:39 AM

For the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

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## Important Updates

- No changes to the Flood Watch (graphic to the right).
- Storm total rainfall slightly lower.

## Key Messages

- Heavy rainfall continues today and lingers through early Tuesday with the heaviest rates/amounts expected today and tonight. **This event will NOT produce flooding anywhere near the magnitude of Helene.**
- **Locations in the Flood Watch** could see numerous areas of nuisance flooding and scattered areas of minor flooding. **Areas outside the Flood Watch** could see isolated nuisance to minor flooding.
- A few landslides are possible along and near the Blue Ridge Escarpment, mainly on modified slopes.
- A few Isolated, weak tornadoes are possible this afternoon and early evening.

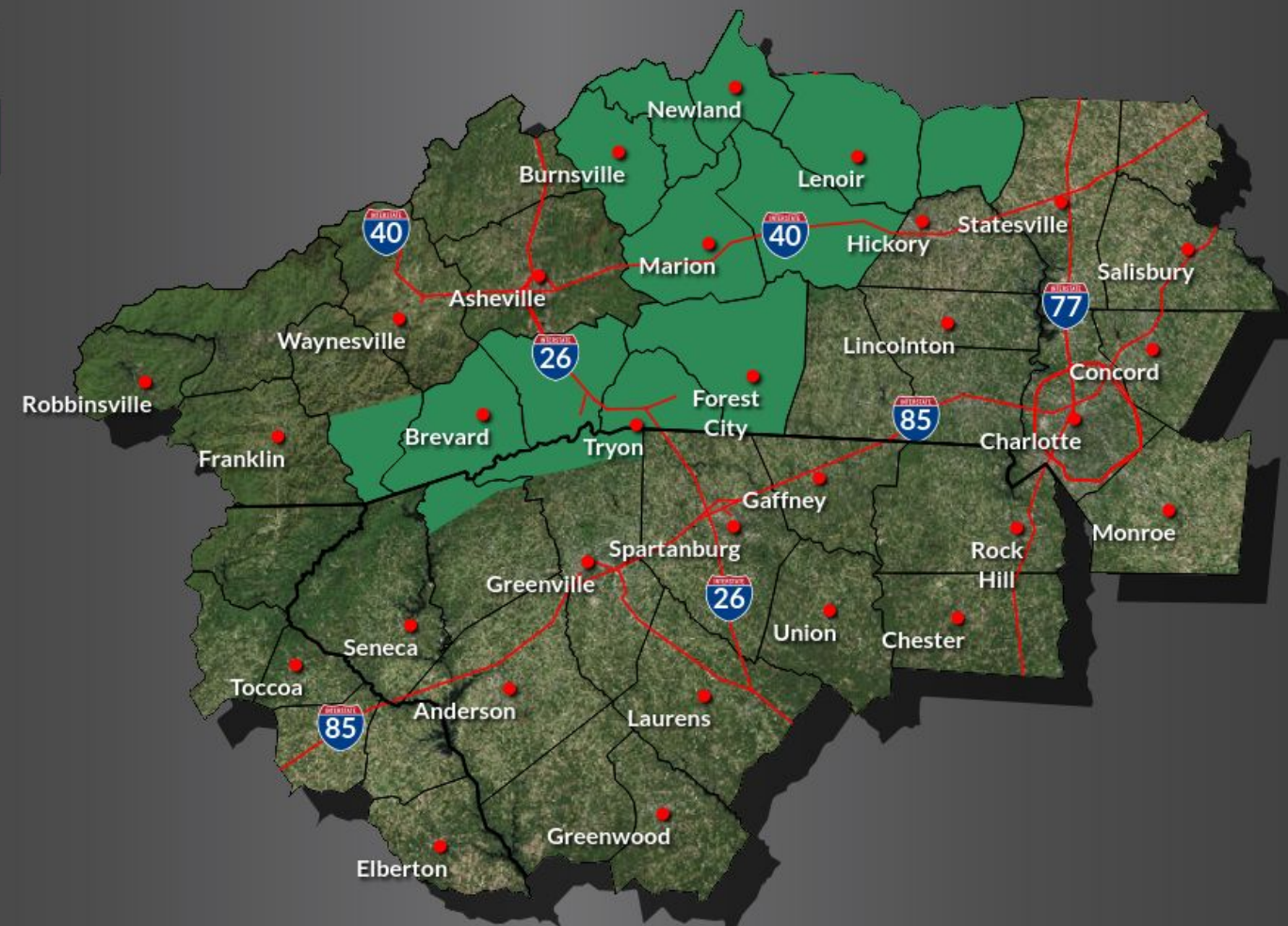
## Flood Watch for Flash Flooding

Monday Morning through Tuesday Morning

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# Storm Total Rainfall Through Tuesday

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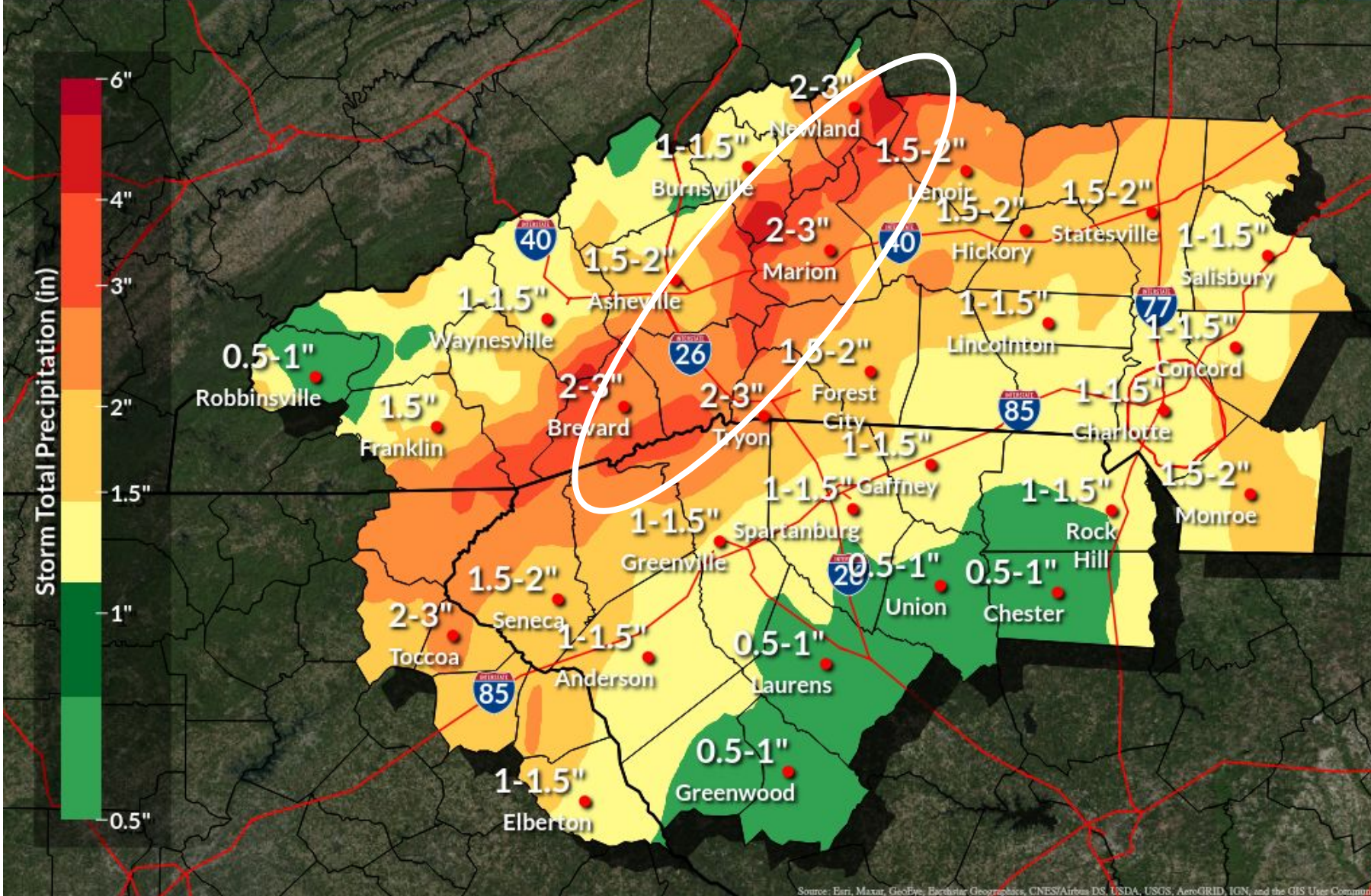
- Additional rainfall of 1 to 2 inches is expected across most of the forecast area with slightly lower amounts for locations along the NC/TN border and across the lower Piedmont of SC.
- Areas circled in white should see the highest rainfall amounts through the event, although locally higher amounts can also be expected outside the circled area.
- **The heaviest rainfall and greatest risk for flash flooding is expected along the Blue Ridge Escarpment and the southern and eastern-facing slopes of the mountains in western North Carolina. Rainfall totals of 2-4 inches with isolated amounts between 4 and 6 inches are possible in these areas.**

## Storm Total Precipitation

Mon May 12 at 8 AM EDT Through Tue May 13 at 8 PM EDT

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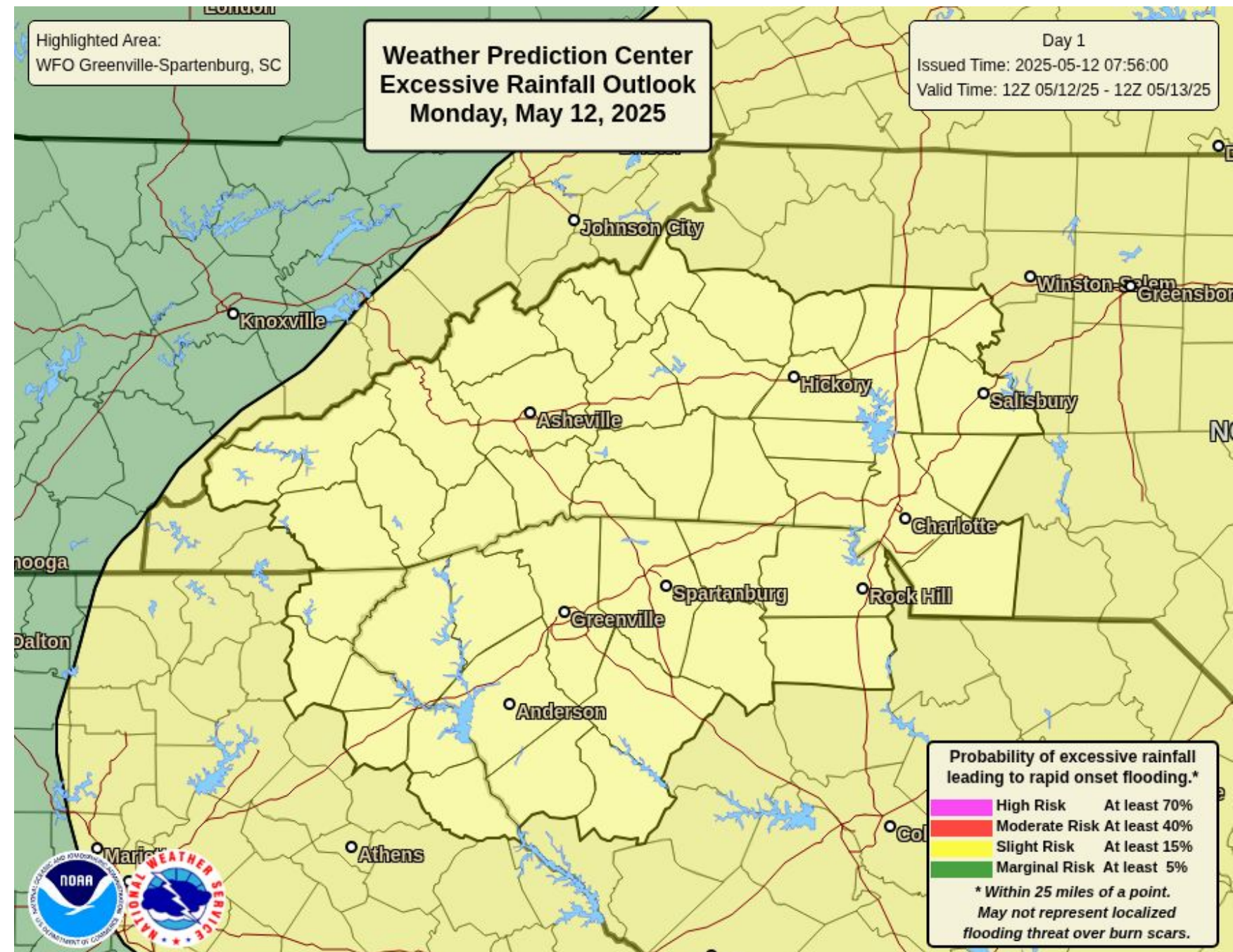
# Excessive Rainfall Threat Through Tonight

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## Key Messages

- Nuisance to Minor flooding is becoming increasingly likely across the headwaters of the Catawba River, including the North Fork Catawba River, Johns River, and Wilson Creek. Similar flooding is also possible in the N Toe River watershed.
- Nuisance to Minor flooding is possible on mainstem rivers including the French Broad, Broad, and South Yadkin Rivers. Nuisance flooding is likely with Minor flooding possible on the South Fork Catawba River. High flows into the Catawba River system are likely.



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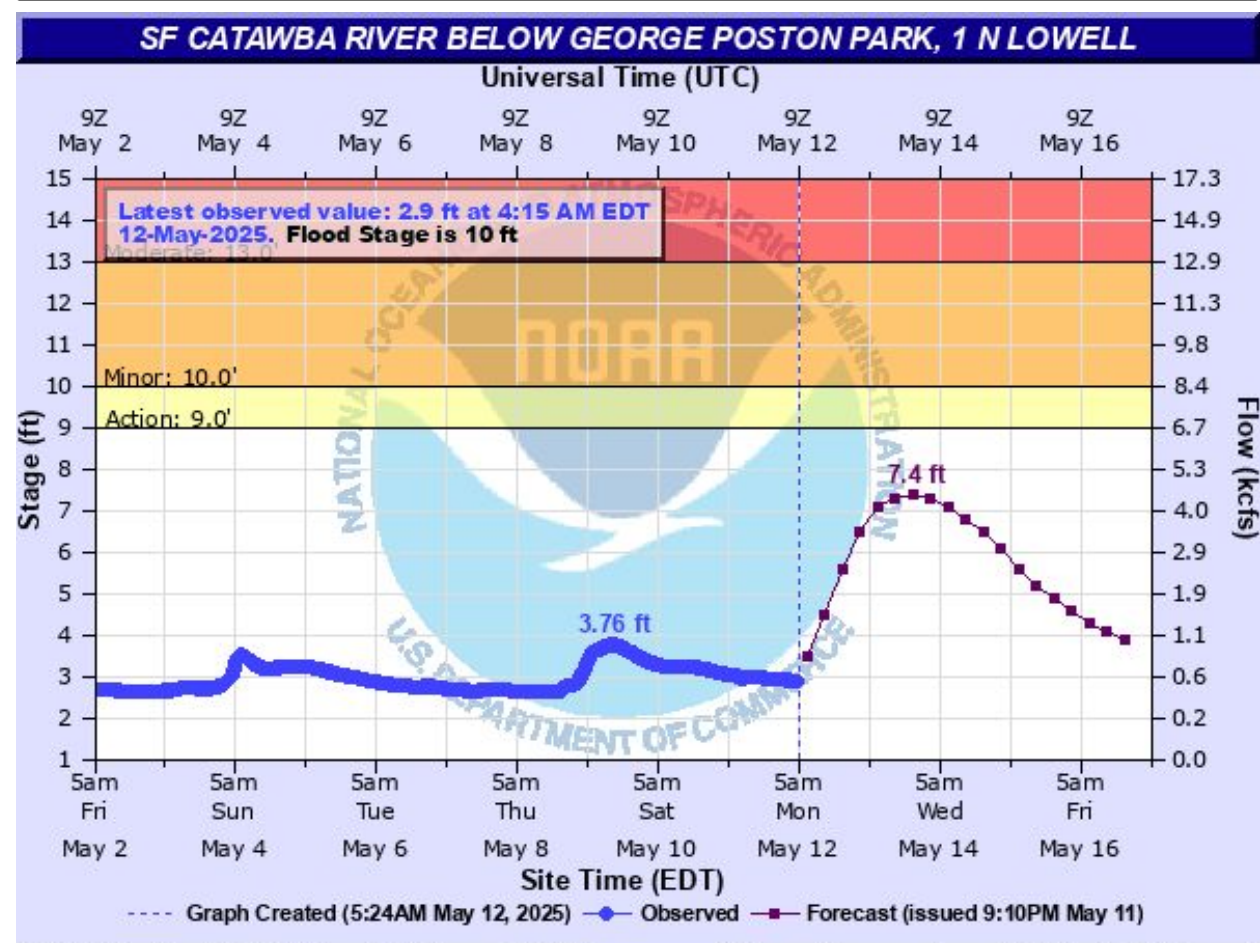


# Mainstem Forecast Hydrograph

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## South Fork Catawba River

**Reasonable Worst Case: Near Minor Flood Stage (10')**



**Reasonable Worst Case:** Less than 10% of all model forecast scenarios produce a crest in this flood category or higher.

**Click on hydrograph** for larger version/latest forecast/impacts.

River forecasts are based on **48 hours** of forecasted rainfall. River forecasts are very sensitive to changes in the rainfall intensity, timing, and totals. [Click here](#) for a map showing available forecast locations.

### Flood Category Definitions

- Action/Advisory:** Nuisance flooding of low-lying areas adjacent to streams including farmland and greenways. Isolated, shallow flooding of secondary roadways.
- Minor:** Common, deeper inundation of low-lying areas and secondary roads. Shallow flooding of outbuildings and crawl spaces possible.
- Moderate:** Unusual, damaging flooding impacting many roadways, outbuildings, crawlspaces, and basements. Shallow first-floor flooding possible.
- Major:** Extremely rare, catastrophic flooding capable of destroying first-floor elevations. Devastating impact to travel likely with significant road closures.





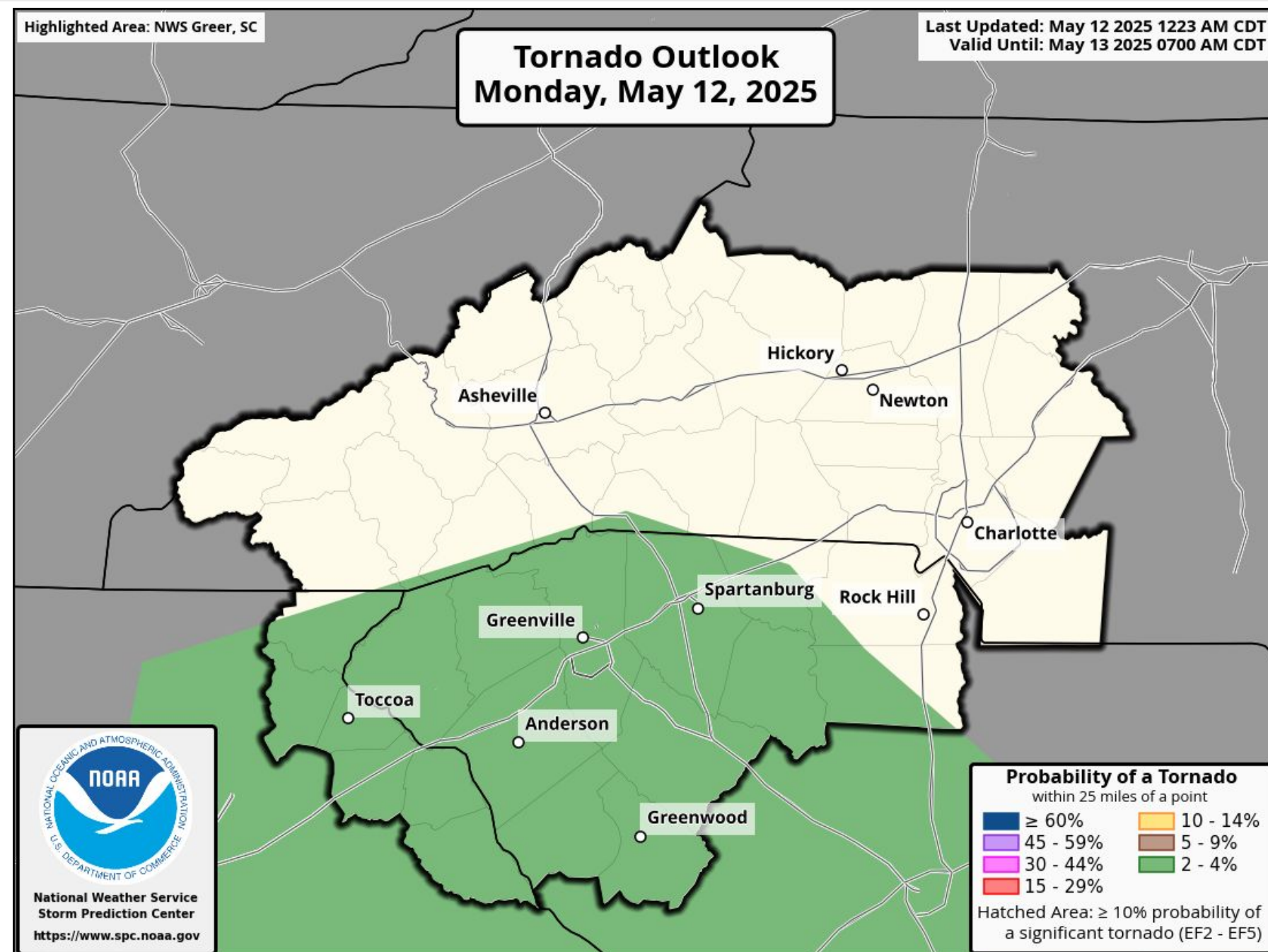
# Tornado Threat Today and This Evening

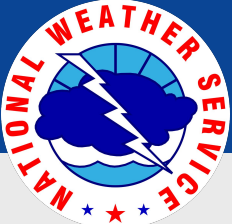
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## Key Messages

- The tornado threat was limited to Upstate South Carolina and northeast Georgia (as seen in the image to the right).
- A few isolated, weak, brief tornadoes are possible this afternoon and evening for areas shaded in green.
- **Confidence on the tornado threat is lower along/north of I-85 as this will be highly dependent on how far north unstable air develops.**





# Summary of Greatest Impacts

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	Mon, May 12 6 AM	Mon, May 12 12 PM	Mon, May 12 8 PM	Tues, May 12 8 AM	Tues, May 12 12 PM
Heavy Rain & Flooding (All areas)					
Tornadoes (NE GA/SC Upstate)					

This outlook depicts timing and magnitude of potential impacts from tornadoes and excessive rainfall which could lead to flash flooding and/or flooding on streams and rivers.

Potential aggravating factors such as time of day, pre-existing conditions, and holiday periods are also taken into consideration.

Risk Levels

None

Limited

Elevated

Significant

Extreme







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