

A stormy pattern is anticipated for parts of the central and eastern U.S. by the middle of next week into the Week-2 period. The average mid-level circulation pattern forecast for Week-2 calls for a ridge over the north Pacific stretching across western Alaska and the Aleutians while a trough is favored across the western CONUS. A weak ridge is forecast across the eastern U.S. during the period. The surface forecast favors warmer than normal temperatures for the far eastern U.S. and the southwest, with below normal temperatures most likely for parts of the Pacific Northwest, northern Rockies and northern Plains. Above-median precipitation is favored for a narrow region along the Canadian border in the western and central U.S. and also for much of the eastern CONUS. Below-median precipitation is most likely for the southwest quarter of the CONUS. Colder and drier-than average conditions are favored for much of Alaska, primarily across the western areas.

--Jon Gottschalck

HAZARDS for Days 3-14:

- MUCH BELOW NORMAL TEMPERATURES FOR PARTS OF INTERIOR ALASKA, SUN-WED, APRIL 7-10.
- HEAVY PRECIPITATION FOR PARTS OF SOUTHERN COASTAL ALASKA, MON-WED, APRIL 8-10.
- SEVERE WEATHER FOR PARTS OF THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PLAINS, MON, APRIL 8.
- HEAVY RAIN FOR PARTS OF THE CENTRAL GREAT PLAINS AND MIDWEST, SUN-MON, APRIL 7-8.
- HEAVY PRECIPITATION FOR PARTS OF COLORADO AND SOUTHERN WYOMING, MON, APRIL 8.
- HIGH WINDS FOR PARTS OF NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS, MON-TUE, APRIL 8-9.
- HIGH WINDS FOR PARTS OF COASTAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MON-TUE, APRIL 8-9.
- HEAVY SNOW FOR PARTS OF THE HIGH PLAINS, TUE-WED, APRIL 9-10.
- HEAVY RAIN OVER MUCH OF THE LOWER AND MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, TUE-WED, APRIL 9-10.
- HIGH WINDS FOR PARTS OF THE HIGH PLAINS, TUE-WED, APRIL 9-10.
- HEAVY RAIN FOR PARTS OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST AND TENNESSEE VALLEY, THU, APRIL 11.
- HEAVY RAIN EXTENDING FROM THE GULF COAST TO PARTS OF THE SOUTHEAST, FRI, APRIL 12.
- SEVERE DROUGHT FOR PARTS OF THE SOUTHEAST, UPPER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, RIO GRANDE VALLEY, GREAT PLAINS, ROCKIES, SOUTHWEST, GREAT BASIN, AND HAWAII.