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Mississippi River Update

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Key Points:

New Changes!

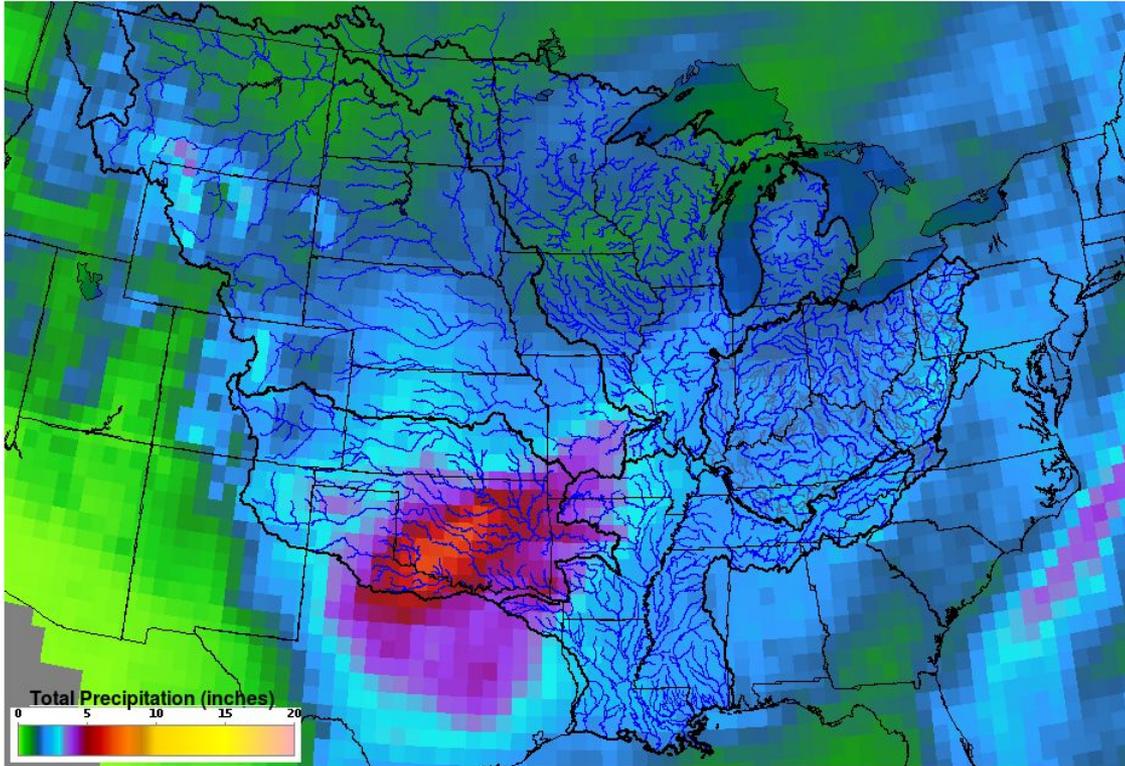
The river is cresting or close to crest from Red River Landing to New Orleans. These are the current levels as of 3pm CDT 4/30/25

- Red River Landing: 59.5 feet and cresting (Moderate)
- Baton Rouge: 42.2 feet and cresting (Major)
- Donaldsonville: 30.9 feet and near crest (Moderate)
- Reserve: 23.7 feet and near crest (Minor)
- New Orleans: 16.7 feet and near crest (Below Flood)
 - Tidal influence will cause the water levels to fluctuate near flood stage!
 - Small chance we can see a reading right around 17 ft (Minor Flood Stage) as the river continues to crest over the next 5 days
- River levels will begin to fall more quickly by the end of next week.



NAEFS 16-day Ensemble Mean Total QPF from 04/30/25 00Z

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The Arkansas and Red River Basins will continue to receive multiple rounds of rain over the next 7 days. There could be 5 to 7 inches of rain. But, this will be spread out and will take several days to reach any portion the Mississippi River. No additional rises are expected.

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Red River Landing

Cresting



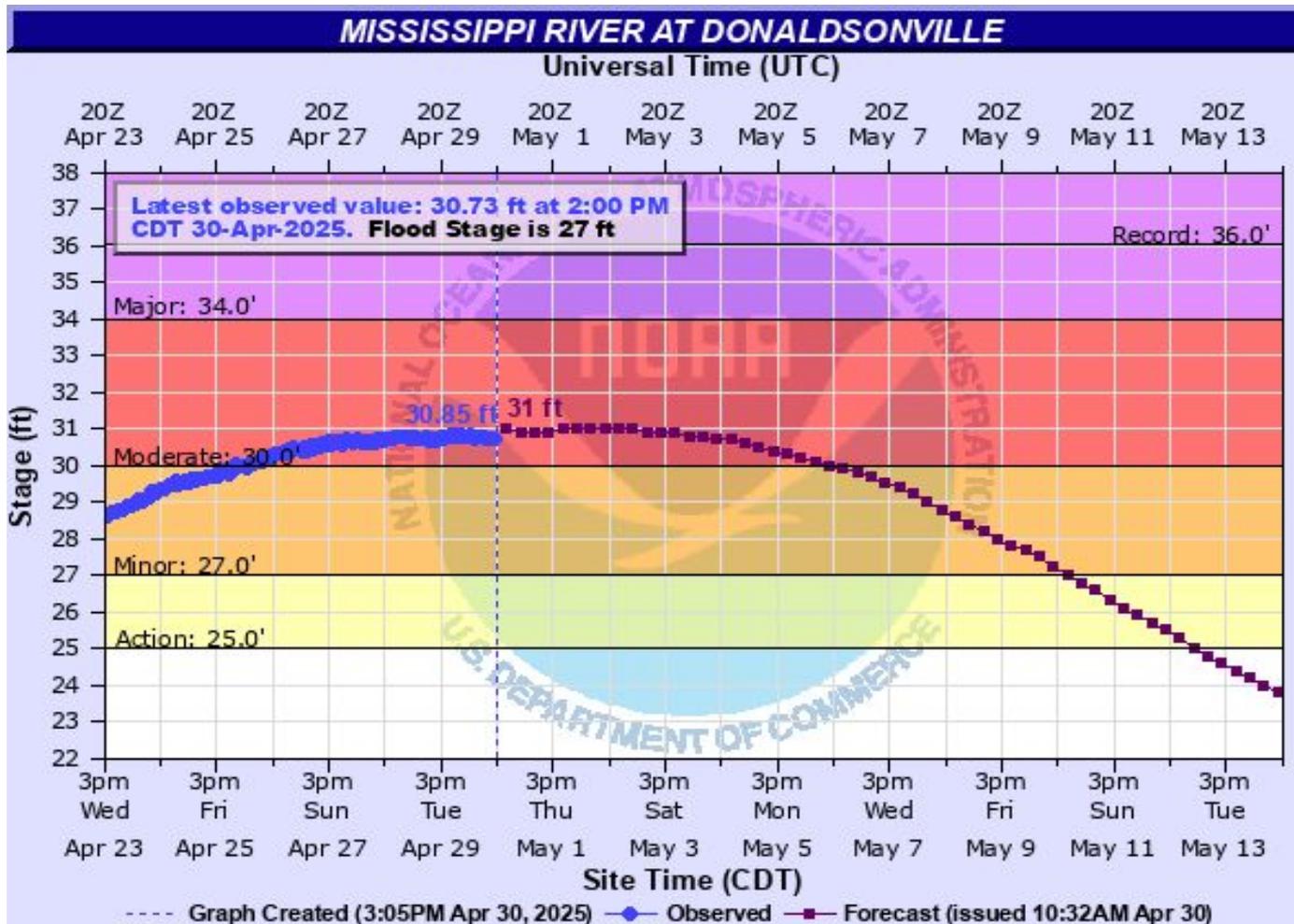
Baton Rouge

Near Crest



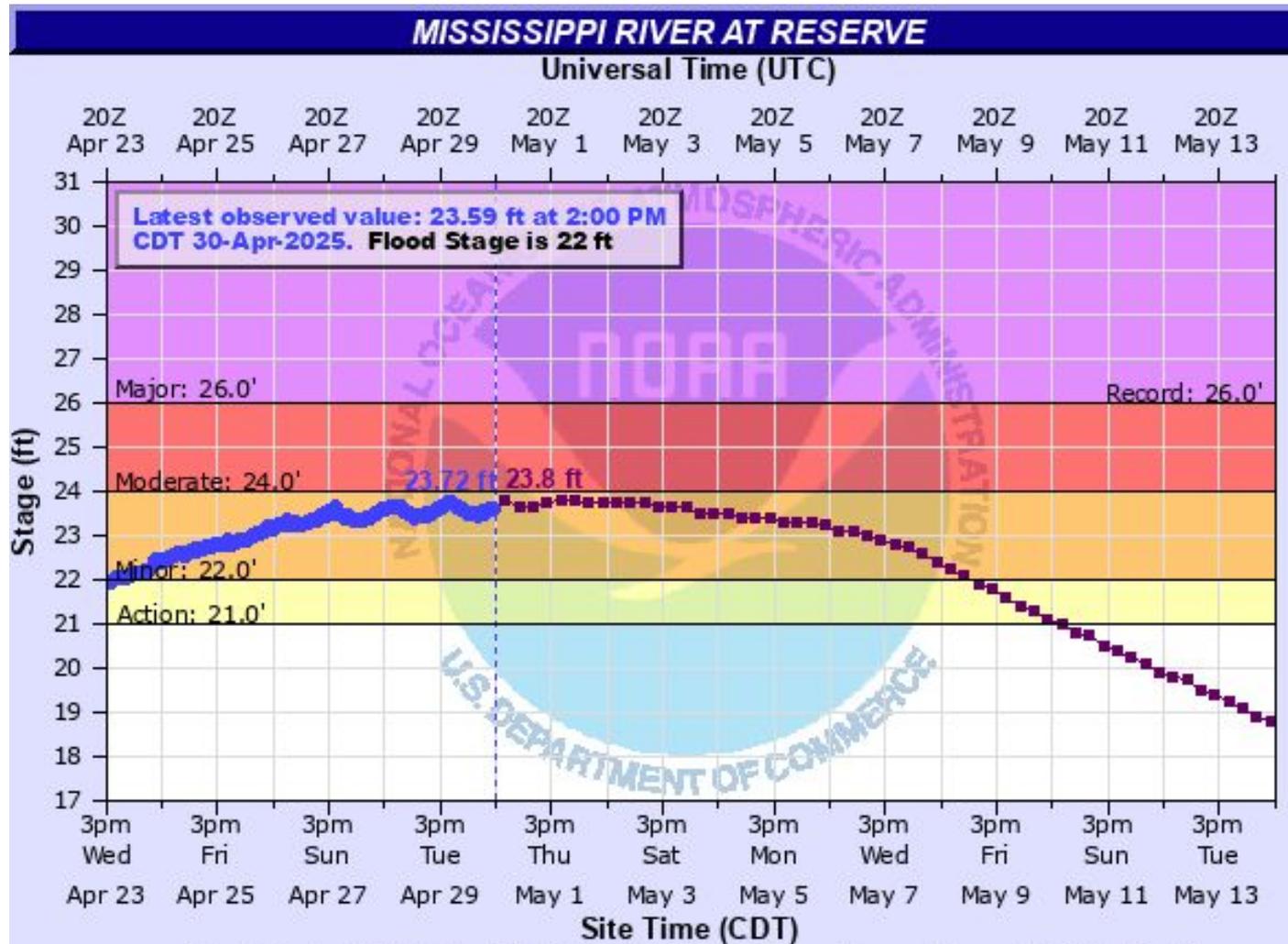
Donaldsonville

Near Crest



Reserve

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New Orleans

Near Crest

The river *may* come close to reaching or reach flood stage briefly during high tide.

