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FEMA Region 6
Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, July 07, 2016
Issued: 0800 CT

National Weather Service

Southern Region Headquarters
Regional Operations Center
Fort Worth, TX

Day 1 Weather Hazards: ***Above normal temperatures/high heat index values across much of the Region.***

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Strong to severe storms across the TX Panhandle and Northwest OK.

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Key Points

Today

- Heat index values of 104 – 110 degrees across much of the Region
- Isolated strong to severe storms possible over the TX Panhandle and NW OK; strong winds and locally heavy rainfall will be the main threats

Friday

- Isolated strong to severe storms possible over N TX Panhandle, N OK and N AR; strong winds and locally heavy rainfall will be the main threats
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Saturday through Monday

- Widespread severe weather not expected, but a few strong storms with heavy rainfall possible
- Heat index values of 104 – 110 degrees across much of the Region

River Flooding

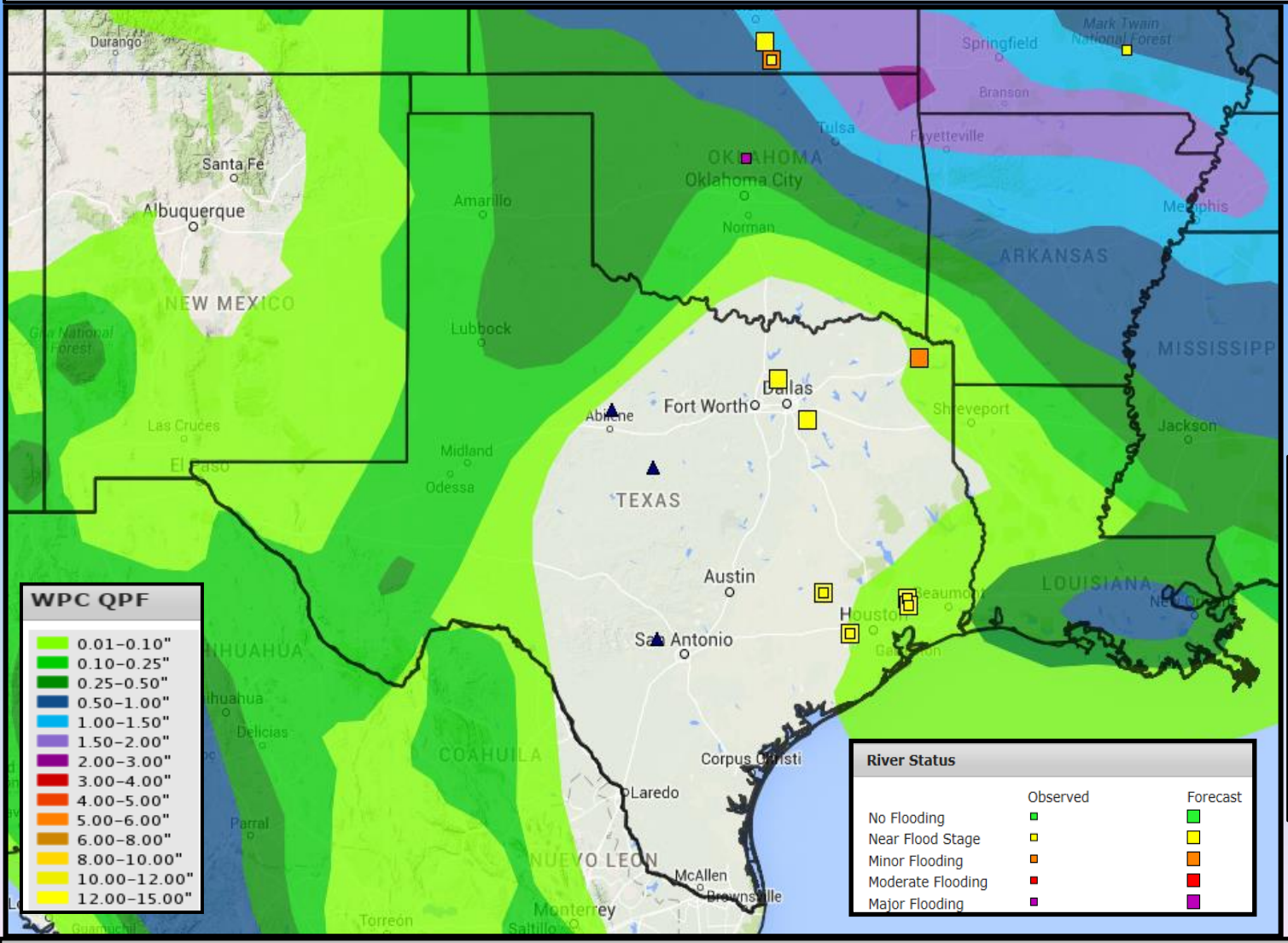
- No significant impacts

Tropical Outlook

- No new tropical development expected for the next five days

River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

Only a few locations in TX and NW LA remain in minor flood stage; no significant impacts



Disclaimer: Although this image shows the next 5 days of expected rainfall, river forecasts only incorporate 1-2 days worth of precipitation.

See http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1 for the latest on river flooding

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jul 7, 2016 - Jul 11, 2016

DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Weather	NW OK, TX Panhandle	N TX Panhandle, N OK, N AR			
Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather					
Heat	NE NM, TX, OK, LA, AR	TX, OK, LA, AR	TX, OK, LA, AR	TX, OK, LA, AR	TX, OK, LA, AR
River Flooding					

- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

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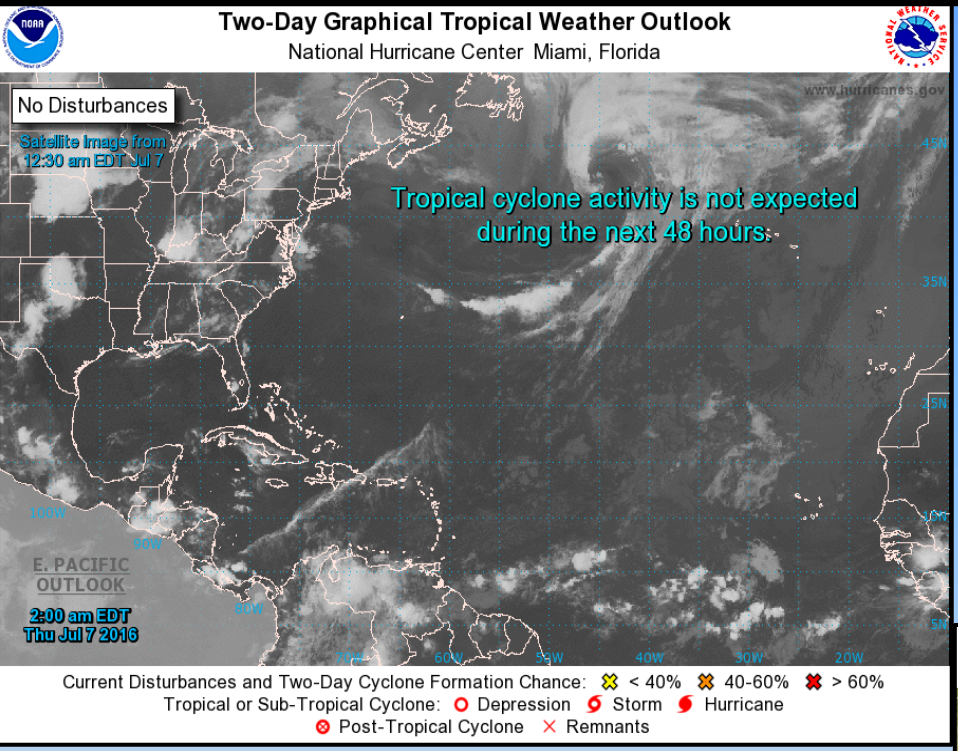
Tropical Weather Outlook



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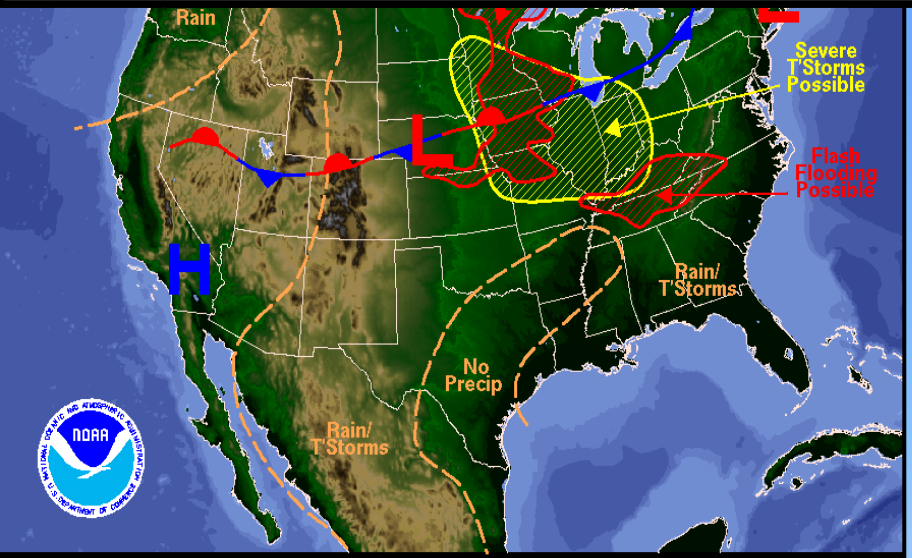
Today's Weather



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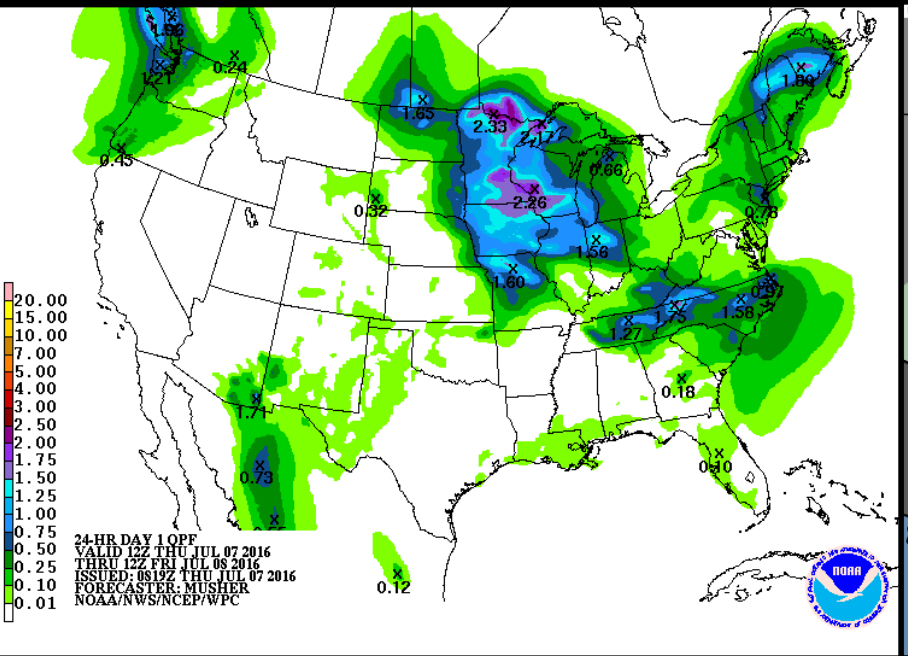

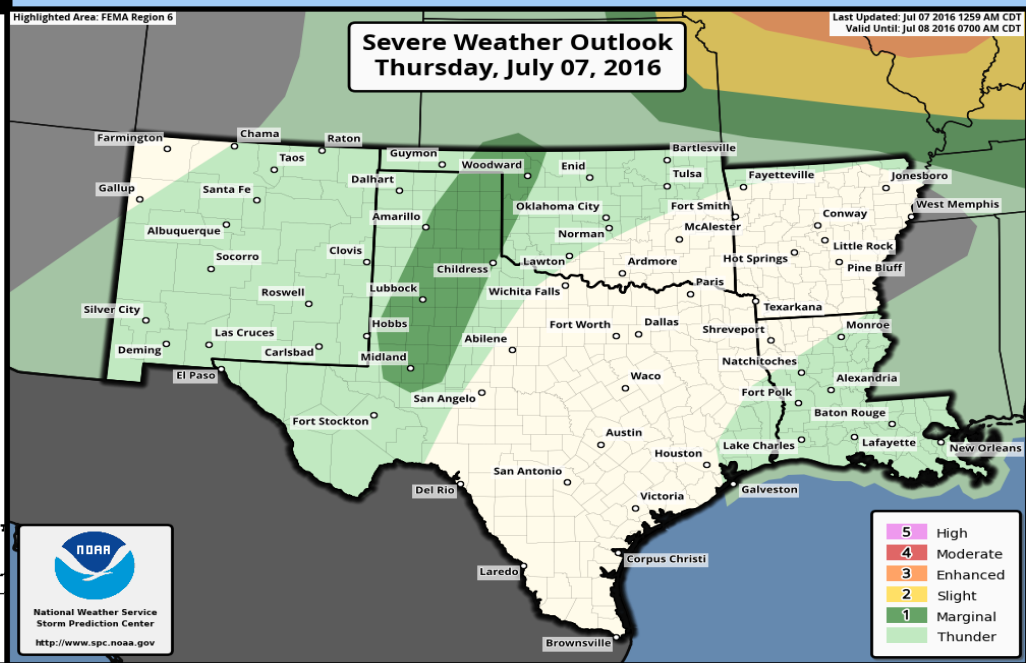

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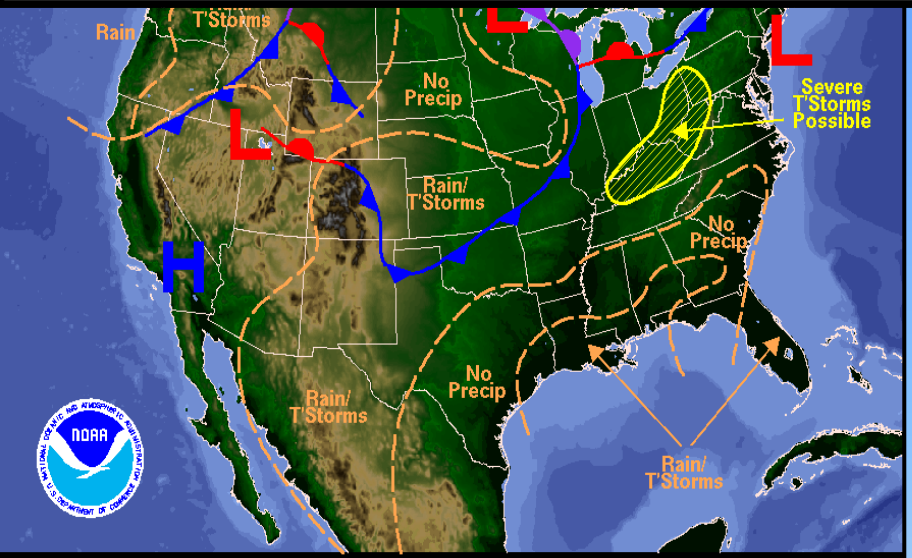

Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 08, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT Thu, Jul 07, 2016
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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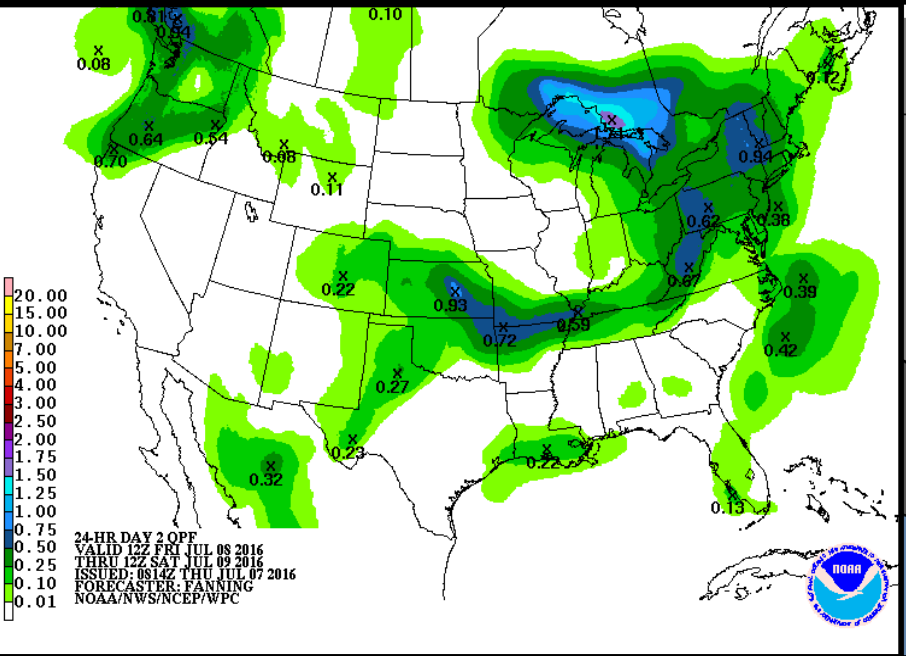

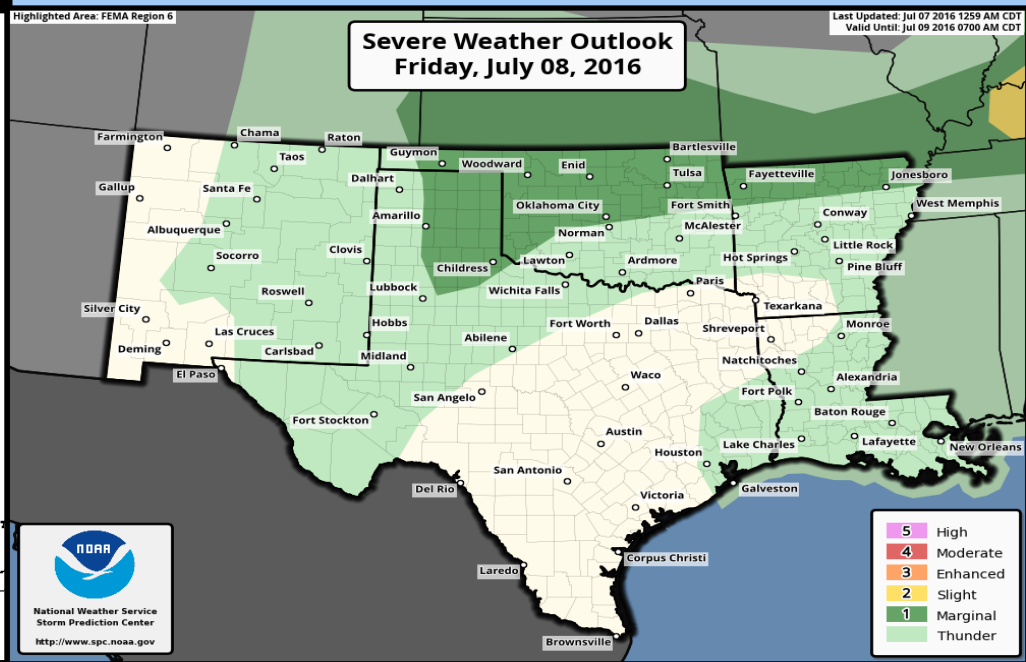

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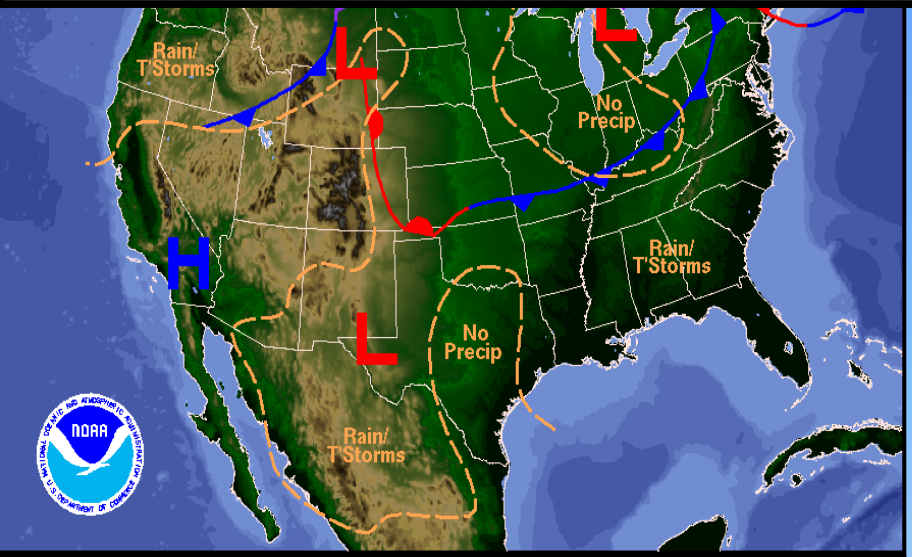

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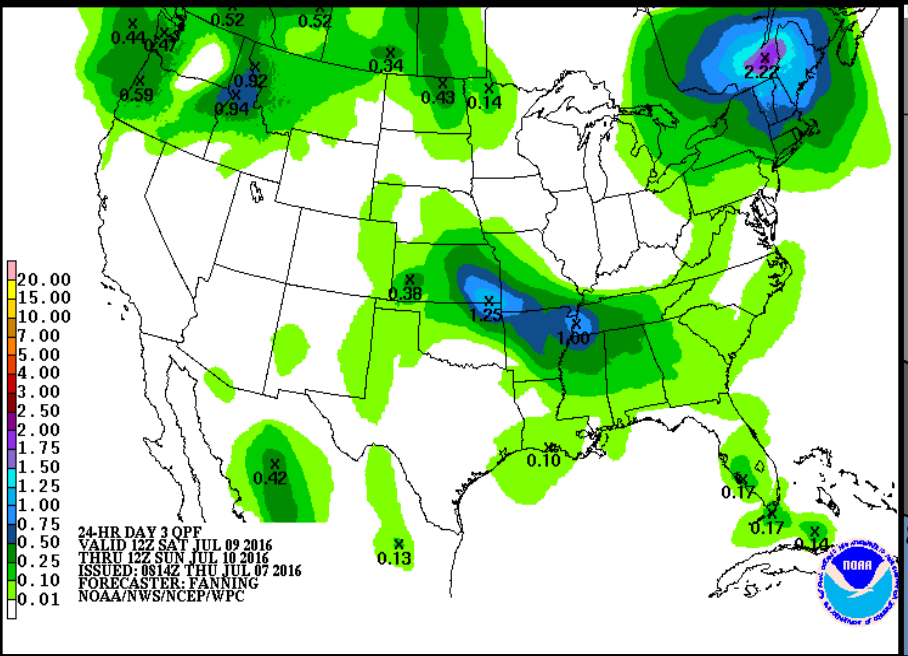
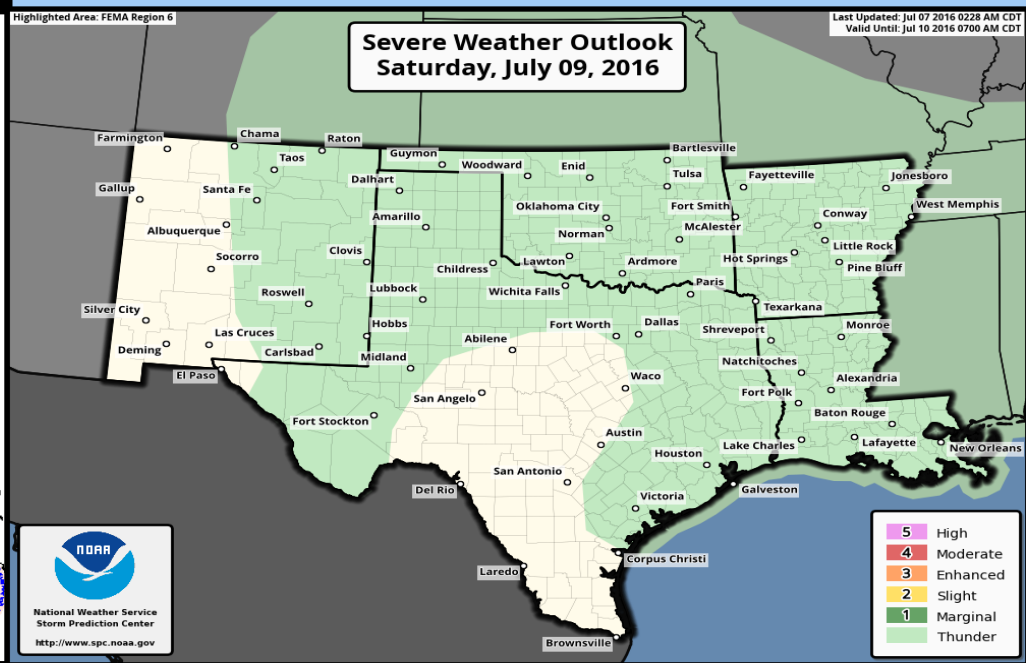
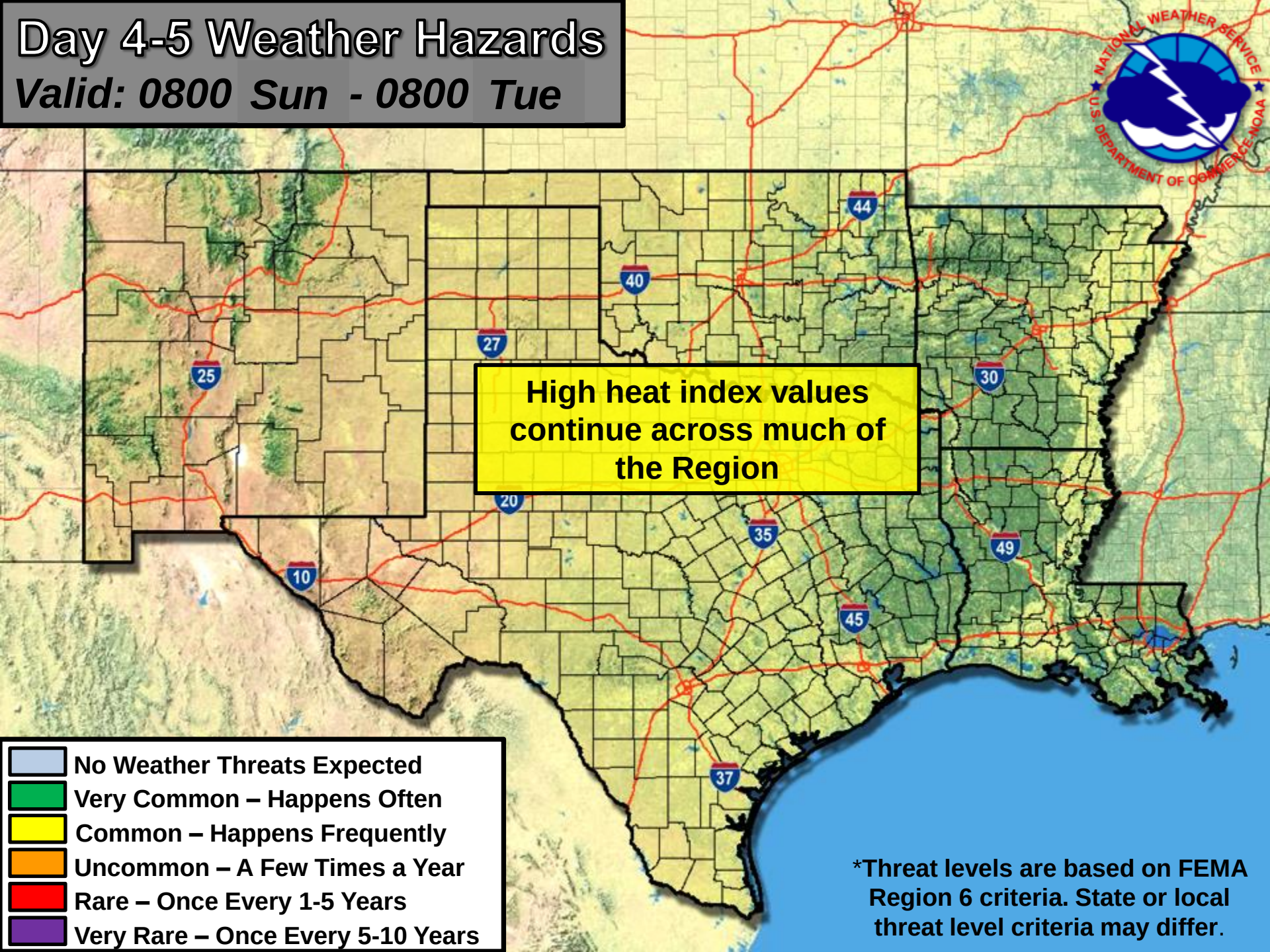




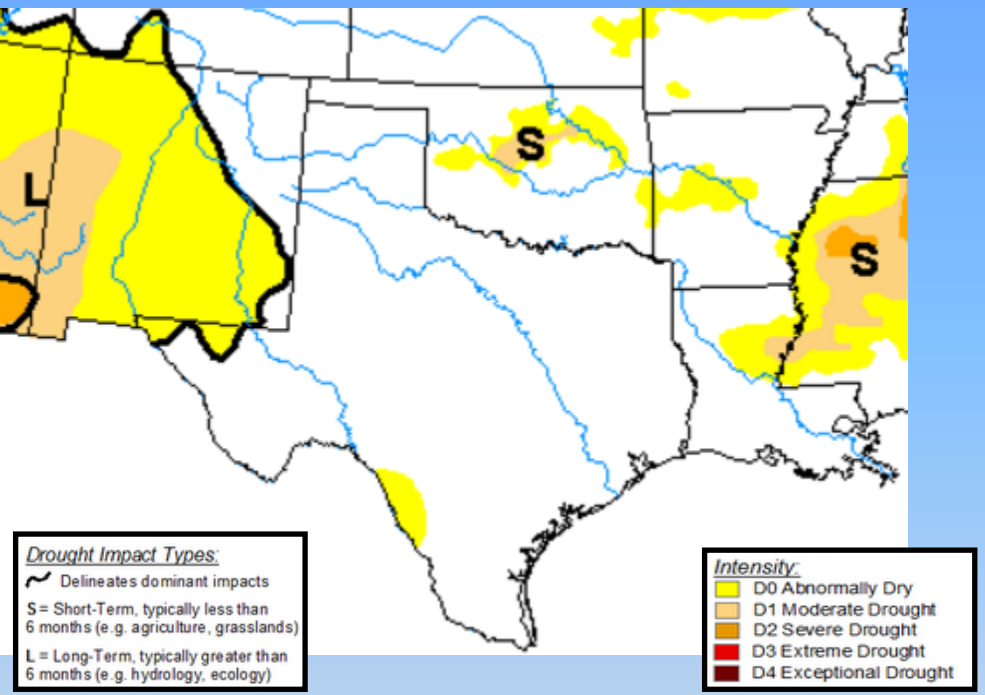
Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

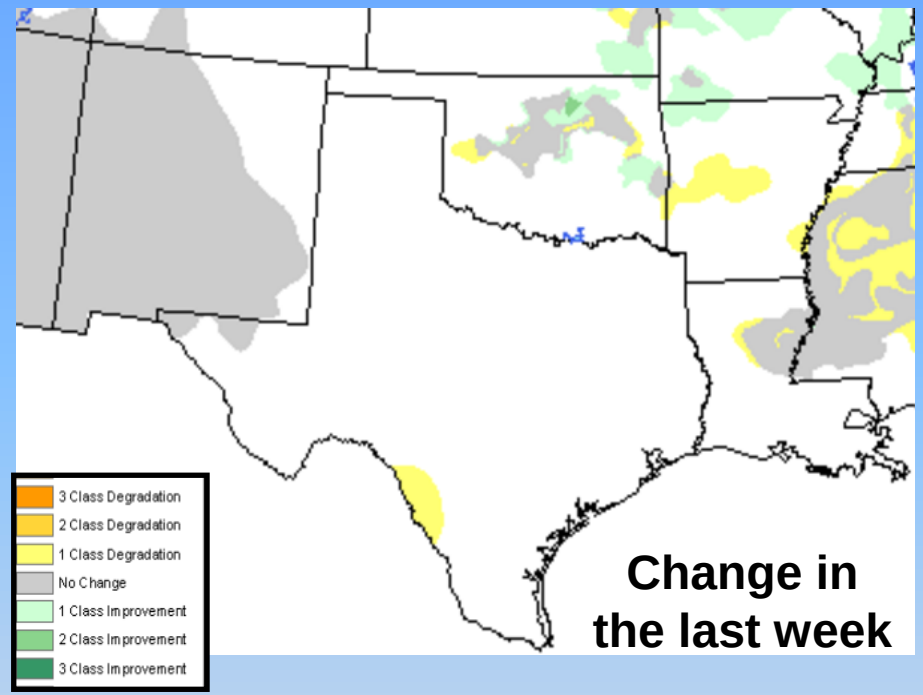
Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



Drought Monitor Released July 7, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday July 5, 2016





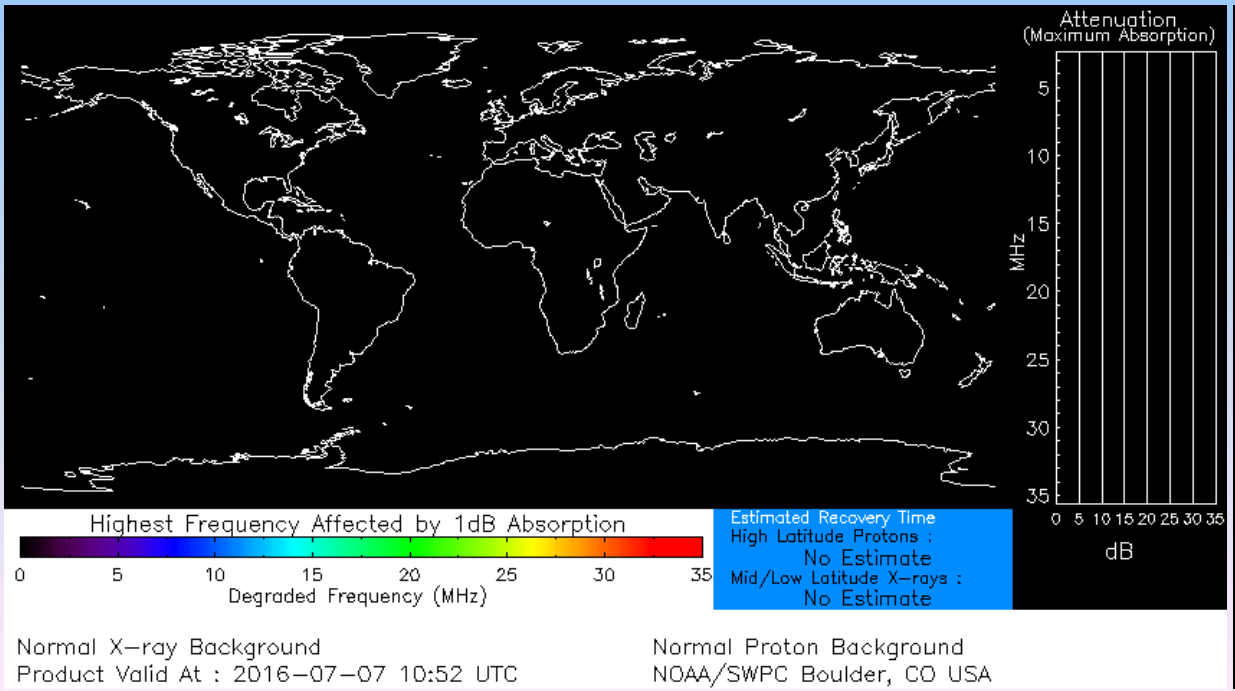
Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

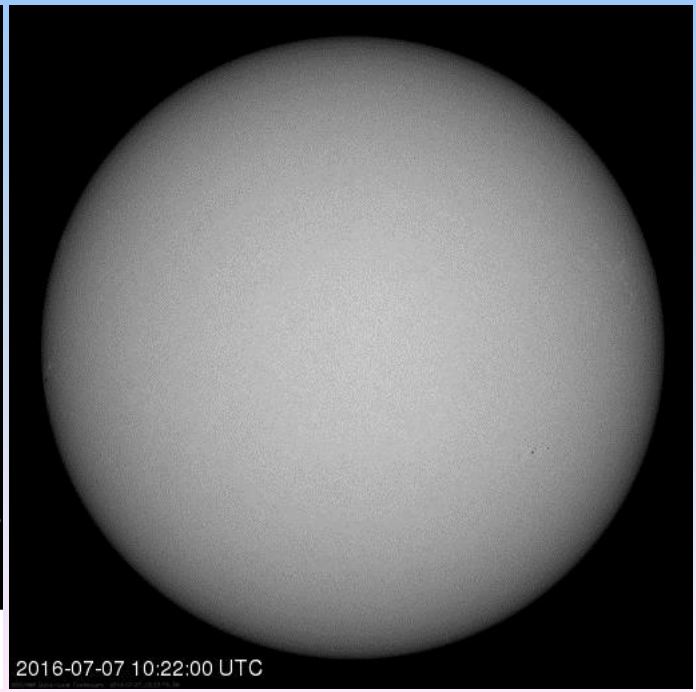
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales]

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text]





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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	**Definition**	**Criteria**	**Example(s)**
Green	**Very Common** Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	• Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees • Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX
Yellow	**Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently** Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	• 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible • Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	**Uncommon – A Few Times a Year** Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	• A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely • Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail • Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	**Rare – Once every 1-5 Years** Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	• A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days • Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail • Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	**Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years** Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	• A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow • Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms