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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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***Day 1 Weather Hazards:*** A few strong storms possible over extreme N OK this afternoon/evening; Some isolated areas of heavy rain possible over E AR and LA today.

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# Key Points

## Today and Wednesday

- Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected each day across much of the Region
  - Some heavy rainfall expected over E AR and most of LA today; some isolated areas of flash flooding possible
  - A few strong storms over N OK possible today and tomorrow, with damaging winds being the main threat

## Thursday through Sunday

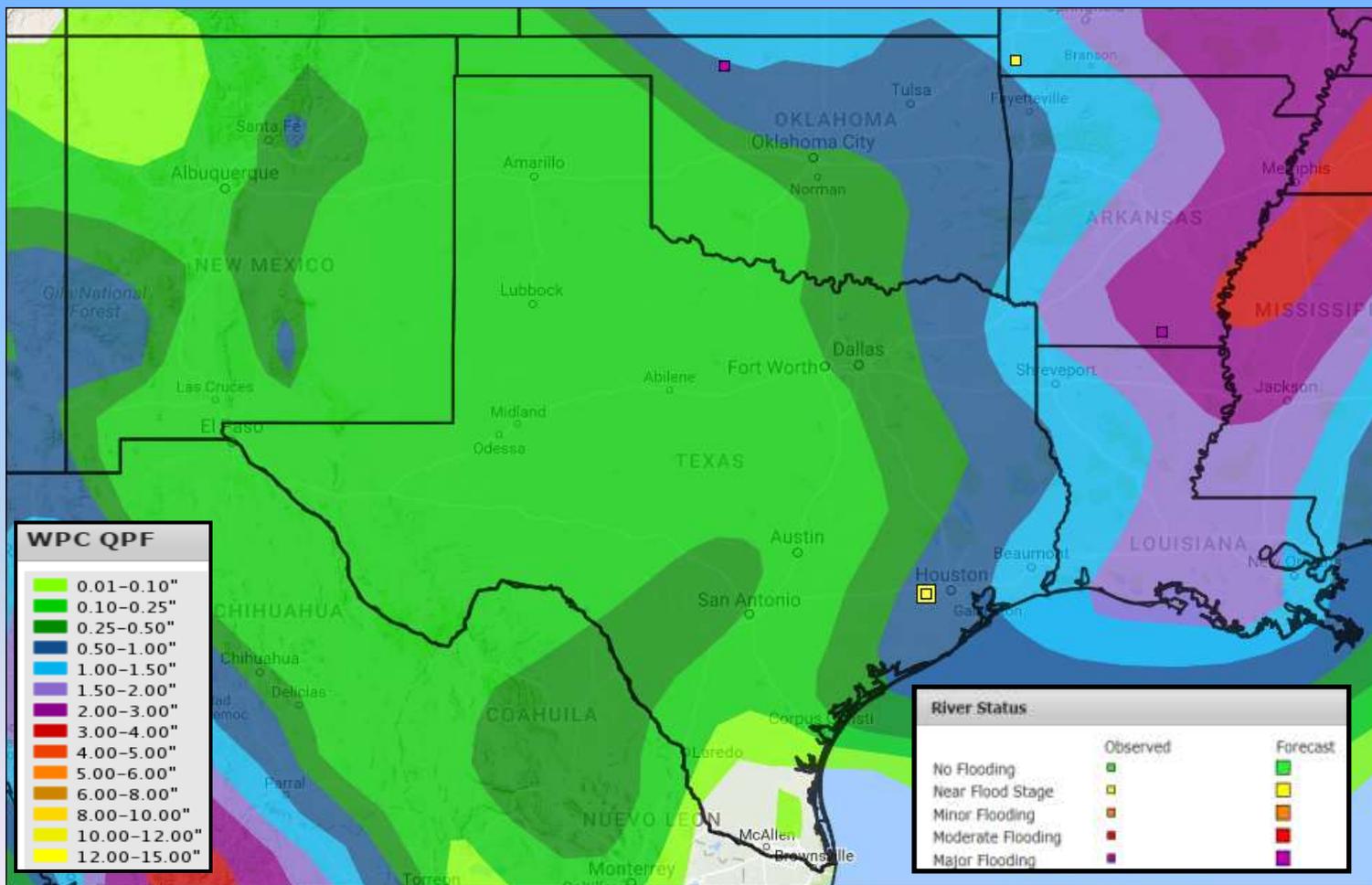
- A few storms over OK into N AR may produce damaging winds on Thursday
- Otherwise...scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue through the weekend, but widespread severe weather and/or flooding is not expected

## Tropical Outlook

- No new tropical development expected in the next five days

# River Flood Status/5 Day Forecast Rainfall

Rainfall over the eastern portions of the Region will be from accumulated daily rain chances, not all within a short period. Therefore, no significant river flooding is expected.



**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 27, 2016 - Jul 31, 2016

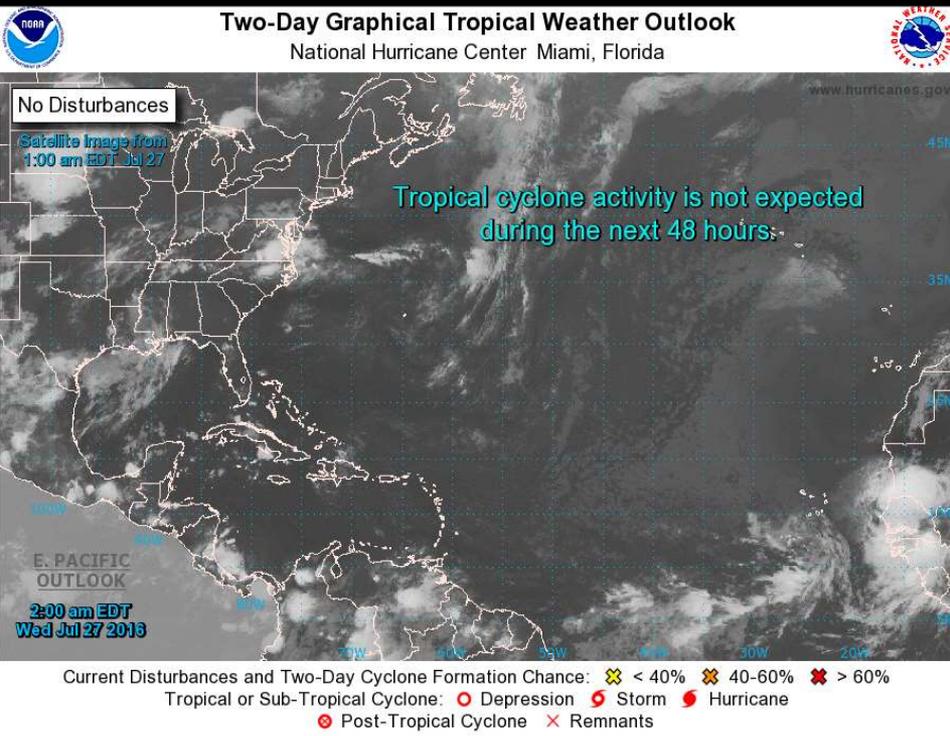
DAY/ THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather	N OK	N OK	OK, N AR		
Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding	E AR, LA				
Fire Weather					
Heat					
River Flooding					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
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	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.*



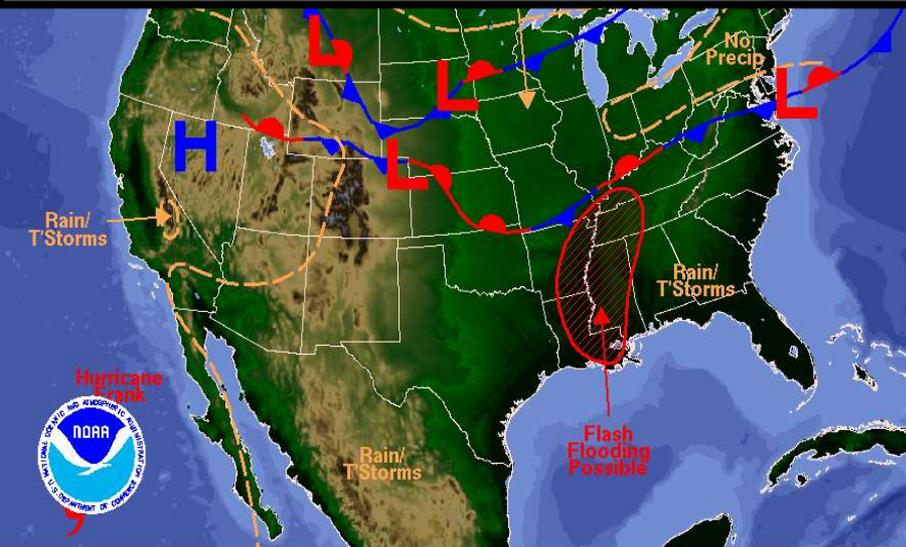
# Tropical Weather Outlook



**No new tropical systems expected to develop over the next five days**



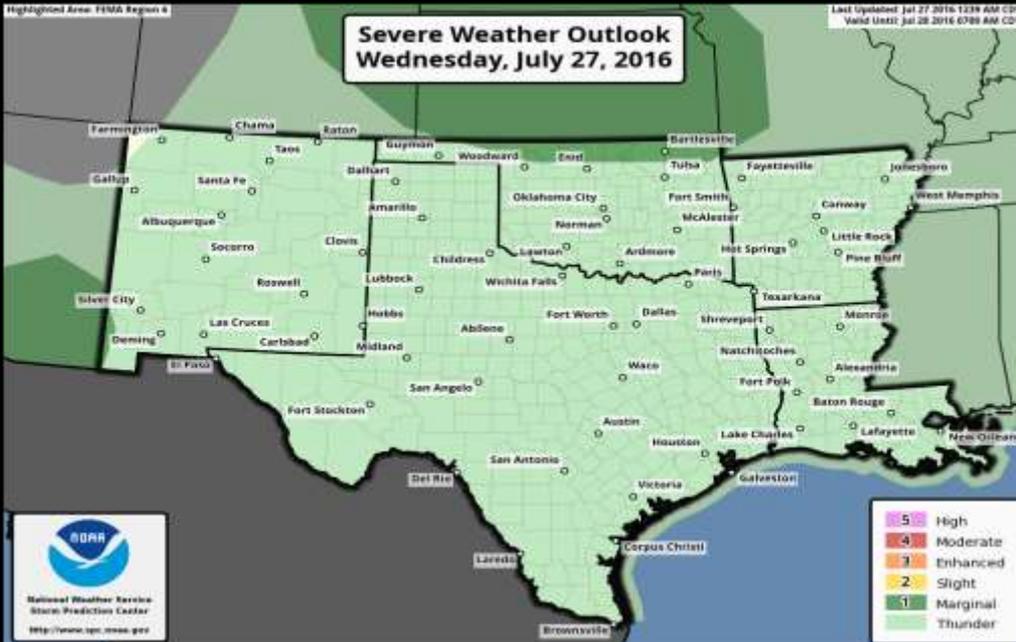
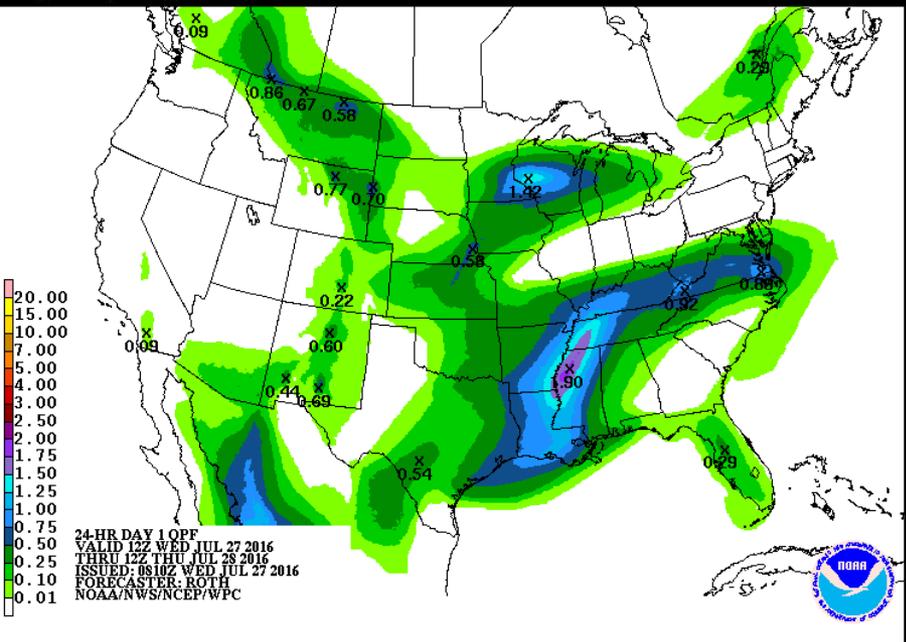
# Today's Weather



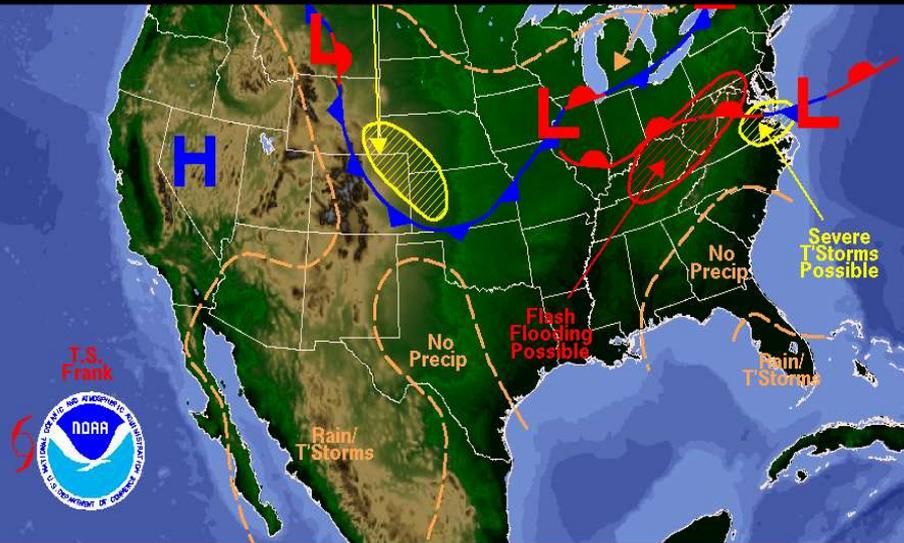
A few strong storms possible over extreme N OK this afternoon/evening; damaging winds are the main threat.

Some isolated areas of heavy rainfall possible over E AR and LA.

Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 27, 2016, issued 4:26 AM EDT  
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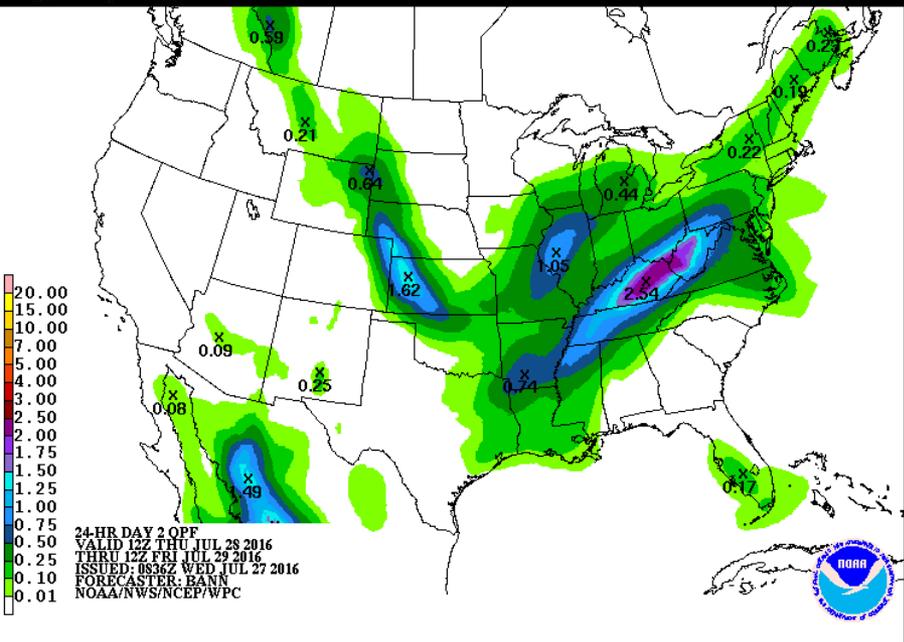


# Tomorrow's Weather

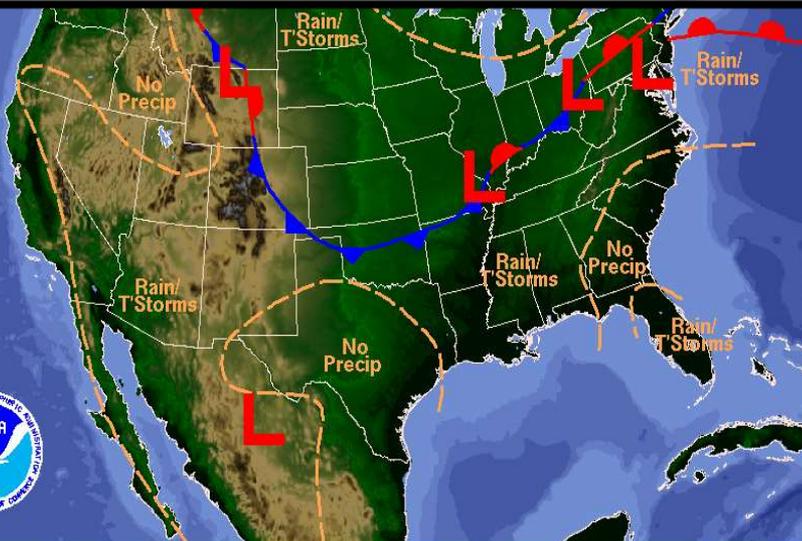


A few strong to severe storms possible over N OK; damaging winds are the main threat.

Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 28, 2016, issued 4:35 AM EDT Wed, Jul 27, 2016  
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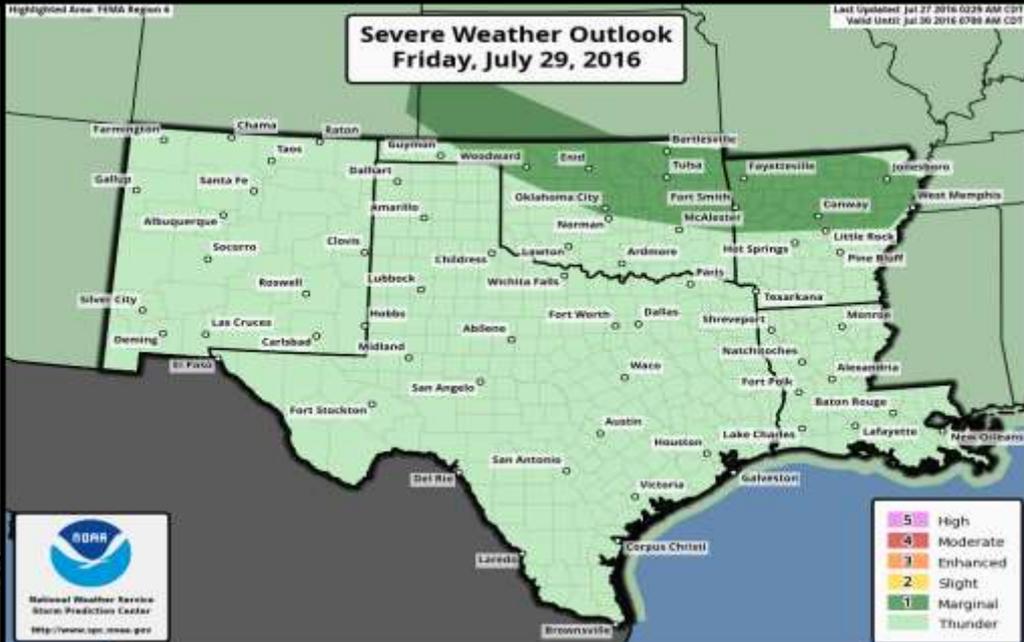
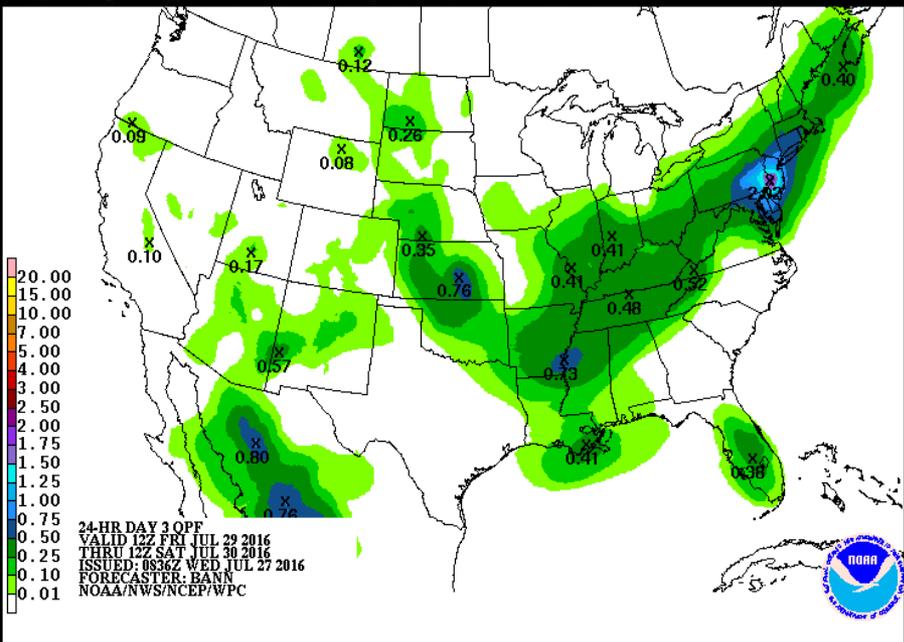


# Friday's Weather



A few strong to severe storms possible over OK and N AR on Friday.

Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 29, 2016, issued 4:38 AM EDT Wed, Jul 27, 2016  
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# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



Scattered showers and storms expected over most of the Region, but widespread flooding and/or severe weather is not expected.

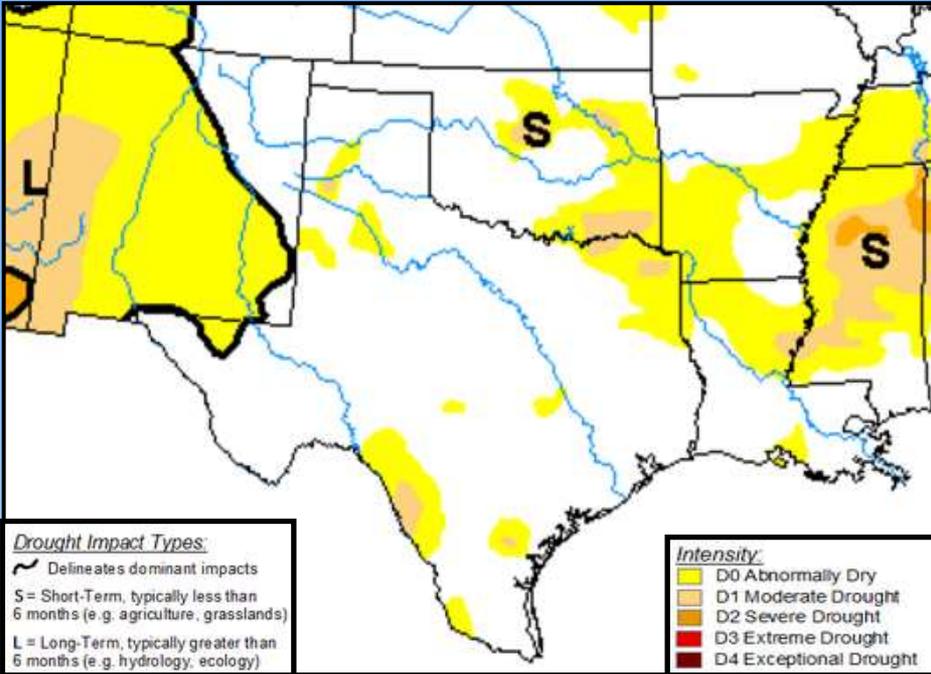
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\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



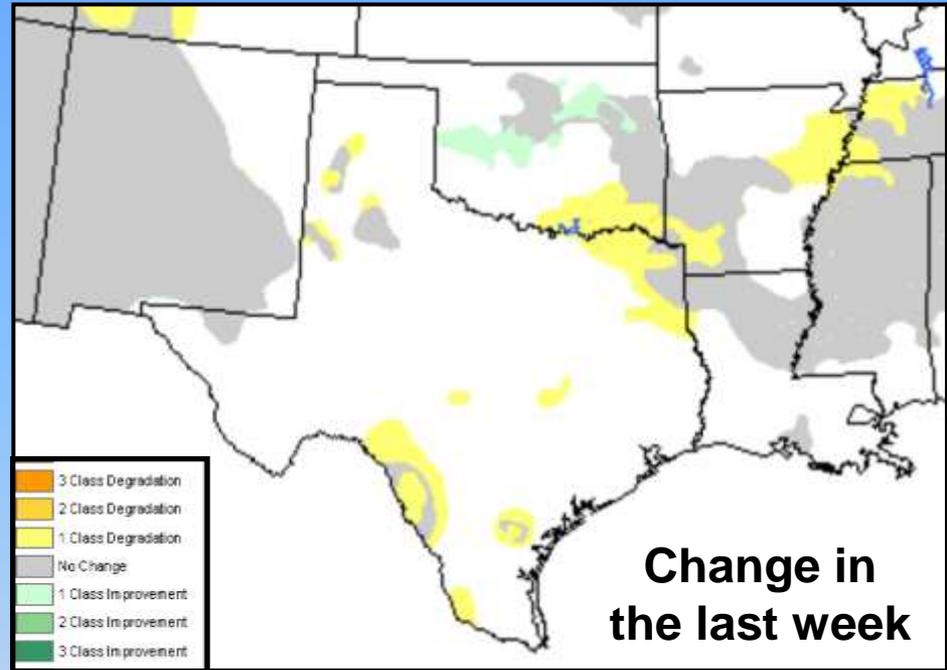
# Drought Monitor Released July 21, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday July 19 2016



**Drought Impact Types:**  
 ~ Delineates dominant impacts  
 S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
 L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**  
 Yellow: D0 Abnormally Dry  
 Orange: D1 Moderate Drought  
 Red-Orange: D2 Severe Drought  
 Red: D3 Extreme Drought  
 Dark Red: D4 Exceptional Drought



**Change in the last week:**  
 Orange: 3 Class Degradation  
 Yellow-Orange: 2 Class Degradation  
 Yellow: 1 Class Degradation  
 Grey: No Change  
 Light Green: 1 Class Improvement  
 Green: 2 Class Improvement  
 Dark Green: 3 Class Improvement

**Change in the last week**

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%

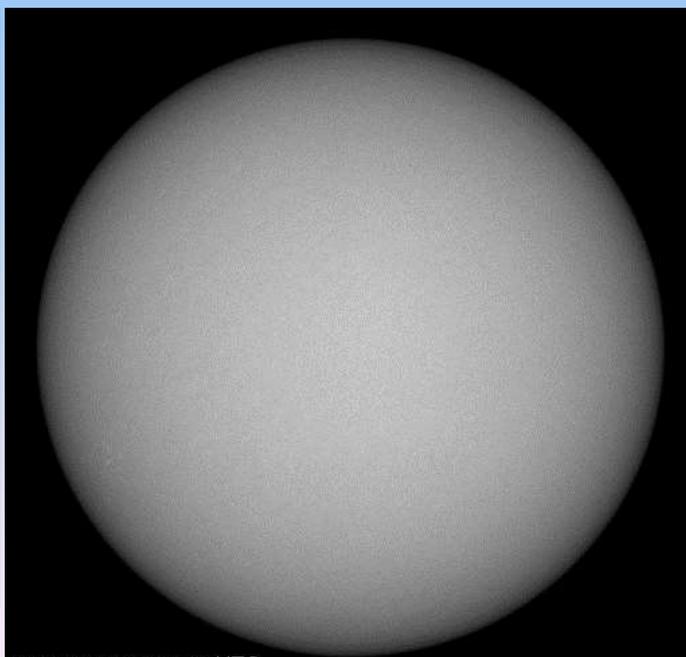
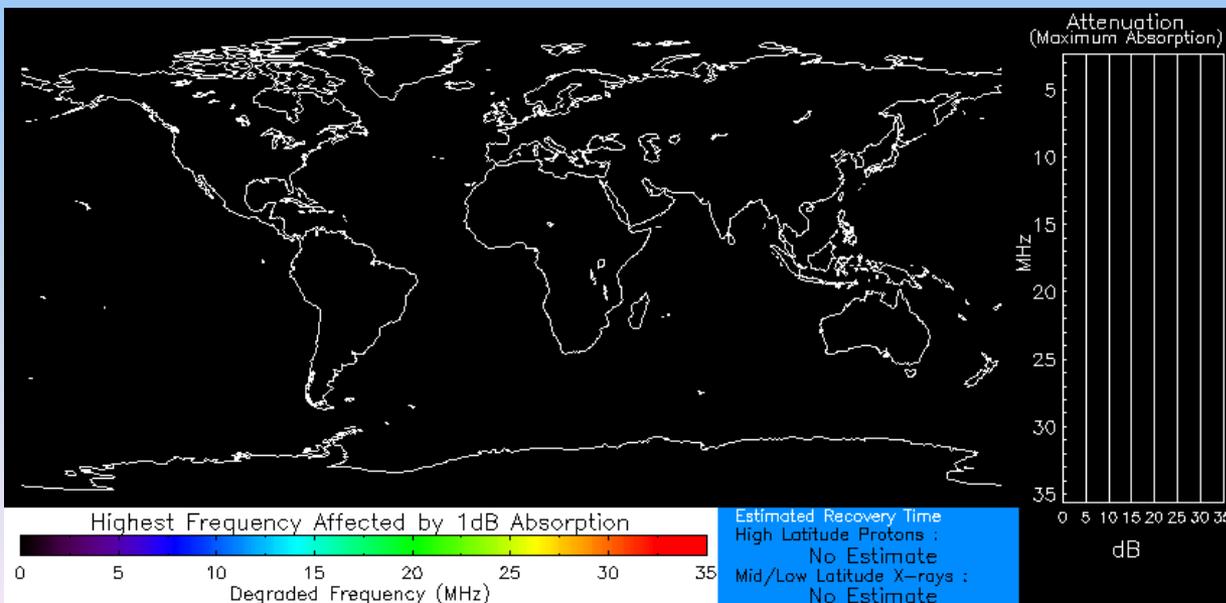
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



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