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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: River Flooding continues across portions of SW and South Central TX.

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Key Points



Today

- No significant weather expected

Thursday – Friday

- Rain increases across western NM with isolated flash flooding possible

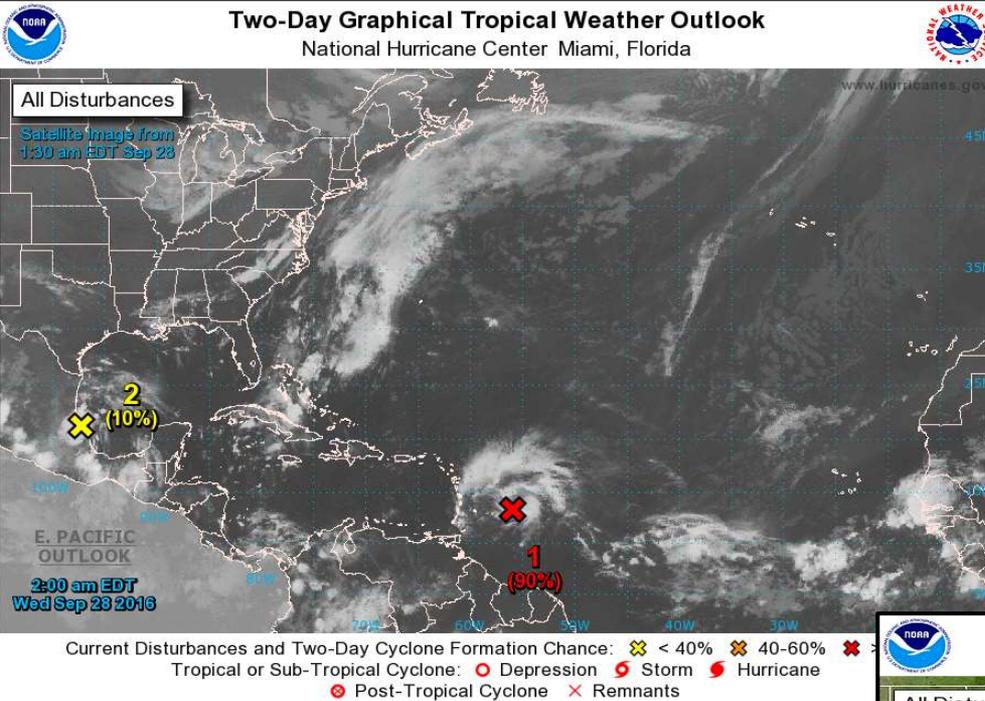
Saturday - Sunday

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Tropical Outlook

- A strong tropical wave is located about 170 miles east of Barbados. This disturbance is producing winds to near tropical storm force, and the associated thunderstorm activity continues to show signs of organization. Conditions are expected to be favorable for development, and a tropical depression is likely to form later today. The system is moving westward at 15 to 20 mph.
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 - Formation chance through 5 days...high...90%

Tropical Weather Outlook

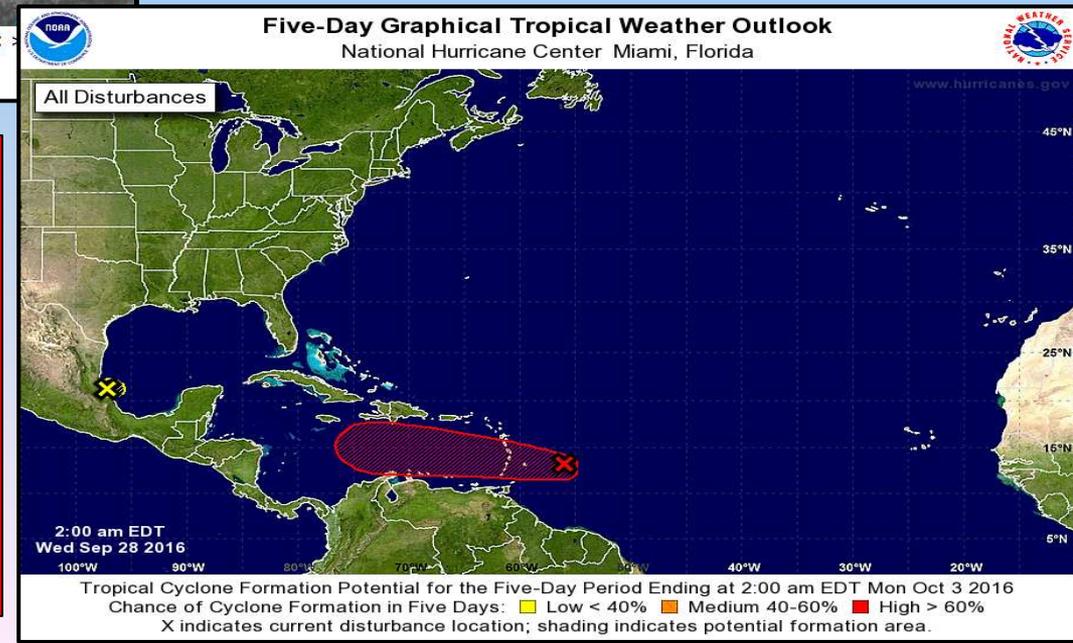


Area in the Gulf discussion.

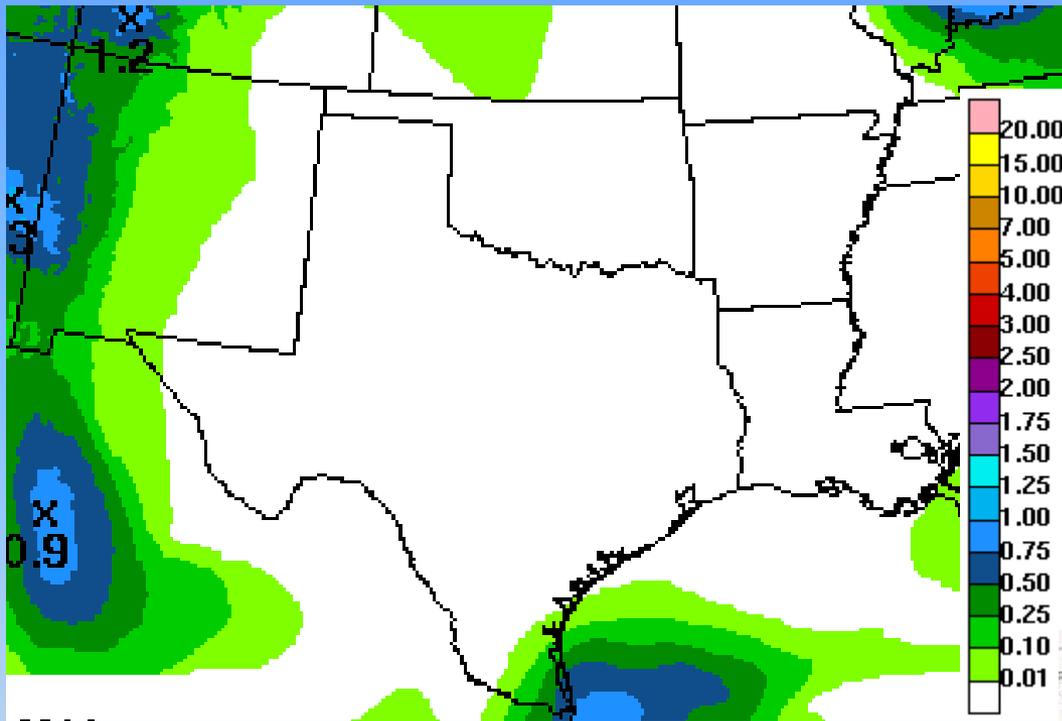
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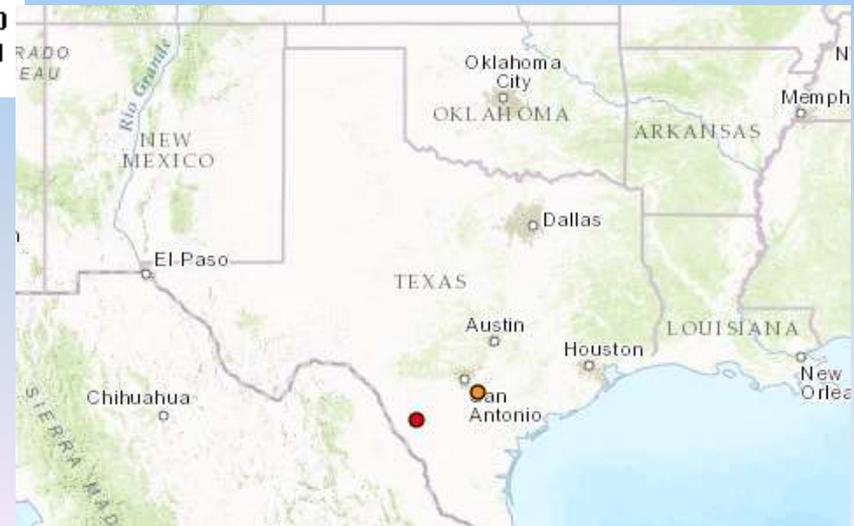
River Flood Status & 5-Day Precipitation Forecast



River flooding is not expected for the next several days.

- Major Flooding
- Moderate Flooding
- Minor Flooding
- Near Flood Stage

Disclaimer: Even though this image depicts 5 days of expected rainfall, river forecasts only incorporate 1-2 days worth of precipitation.



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

FEMA JFO Baton Rouge, LA

Today



Sunny

Tonight



Clear

Thursday



Sunny

Thursday
Night



Clear

Friday



Sunny

Friday
Night



Clear

Saturday



Sunny

Saturday
Night



Mostly Clear

Sunday



Sunny

High: 87 °F

Low: 64 °F

High: 83 °F

Low: 55 °F

High: 80 °F

Low: 59 °F

High: 83 °F

Low: 59 °F

High: 85 °F

See <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix> for the latest local forecast for Baton Rouge, LA

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Sep 28, 2016 - Oct 2, 2016

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		W NM	W NM		
Tropical					
Heat					
River Flooding	Portions of SW & South Central TX	Portions of SW & South Central TX	Portions of SW TX		

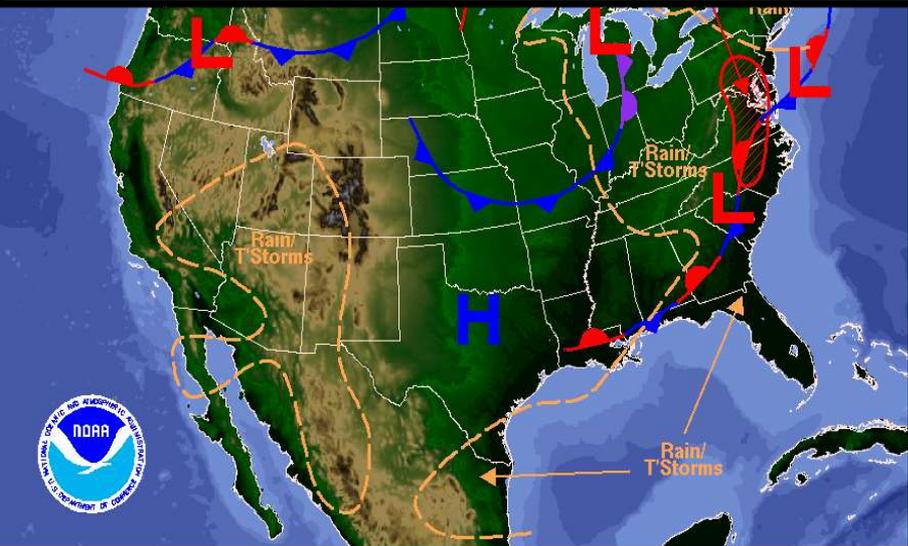
- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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

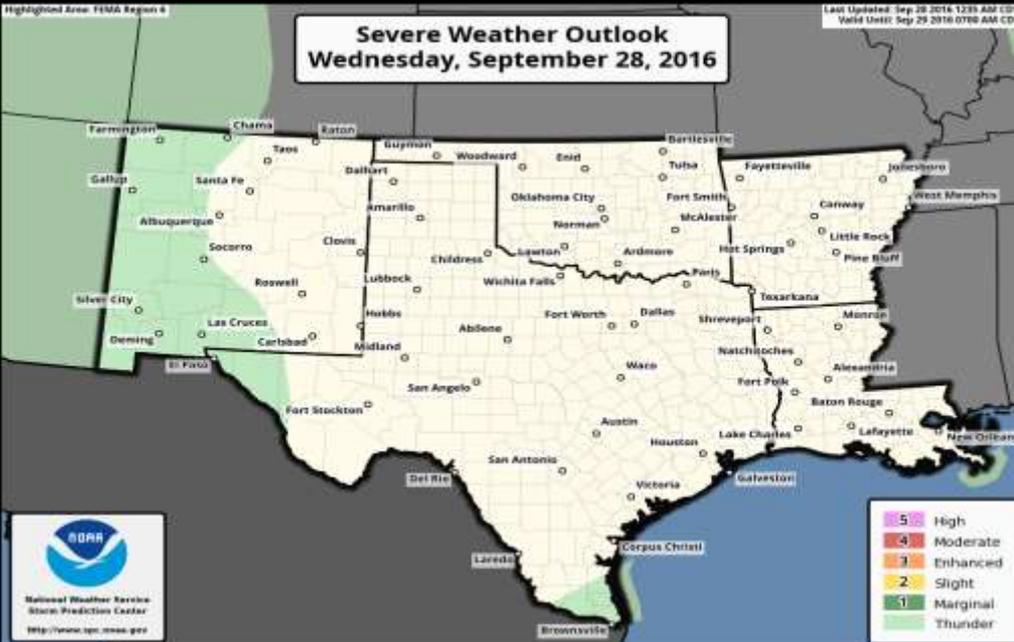
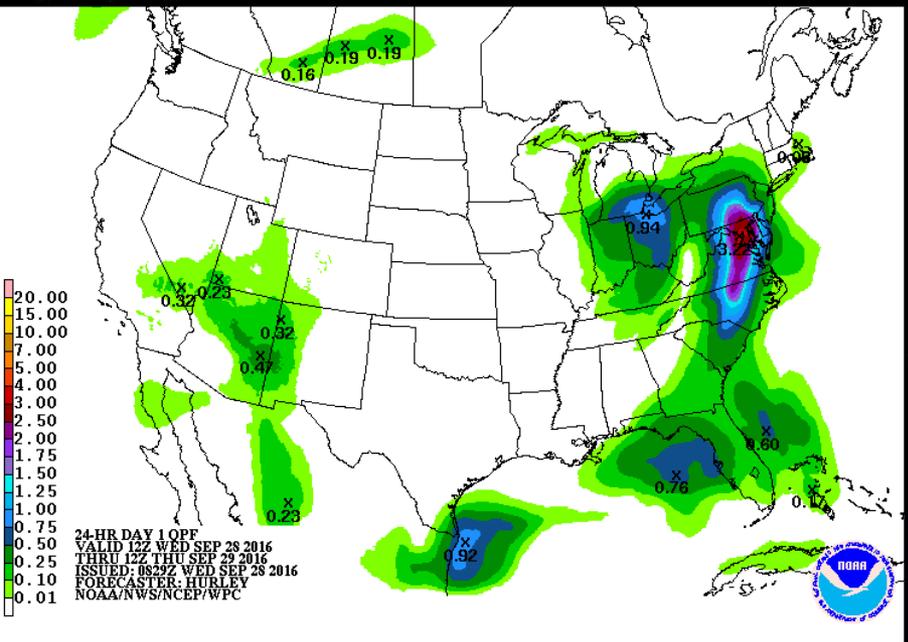


Today's Weather

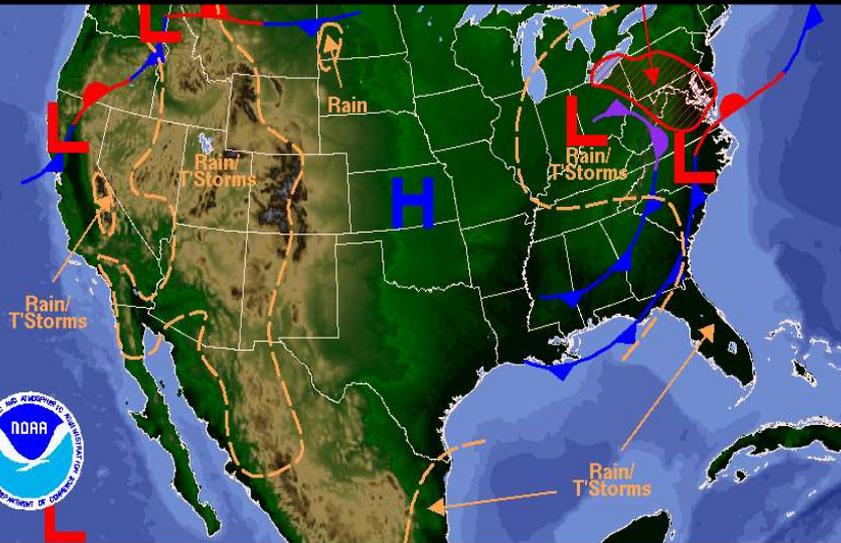
No significant weather expected



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 28, 2016, issued 4:46 AM EDT
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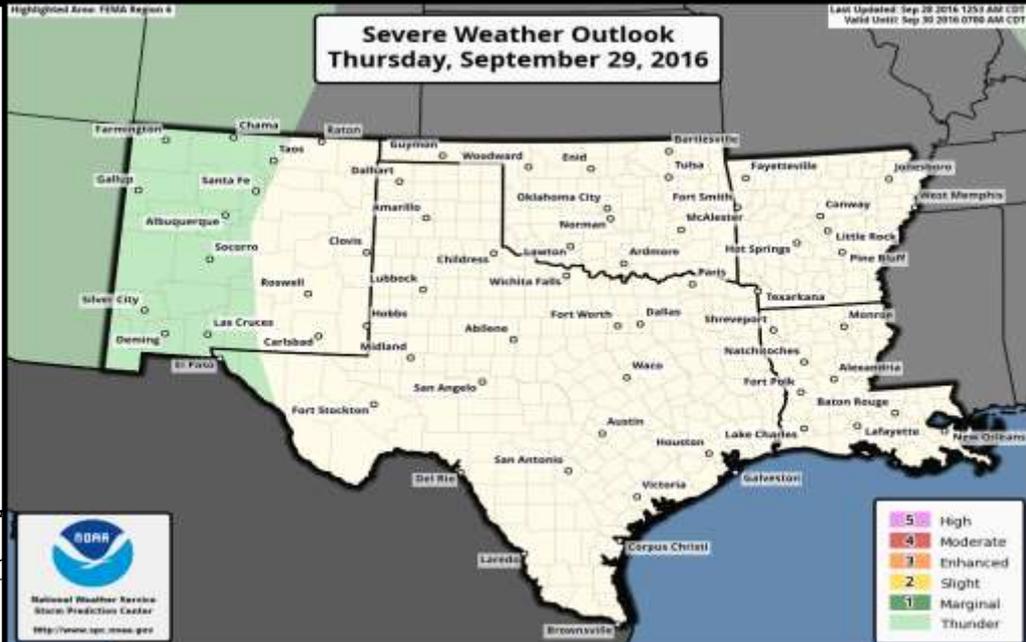
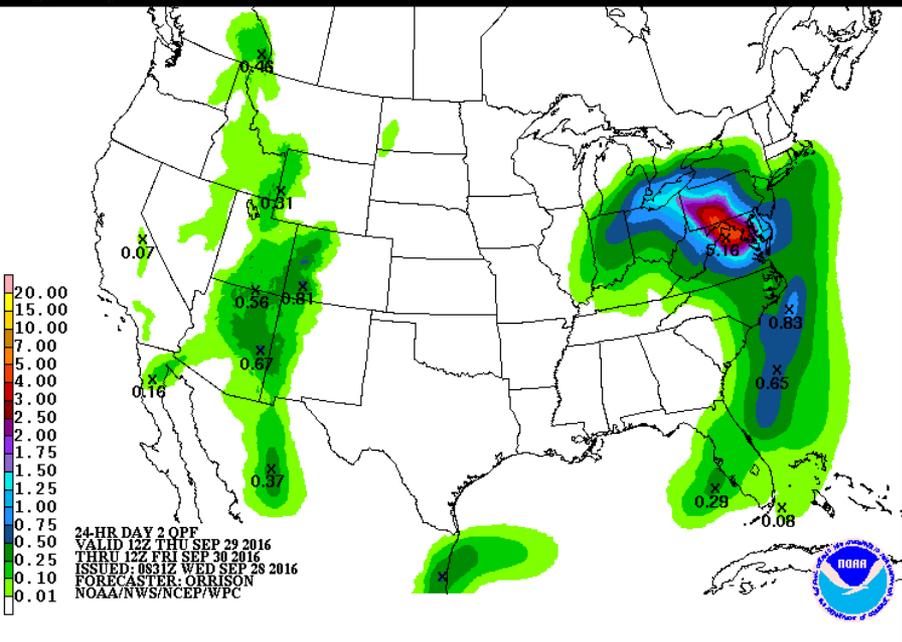


Tomorrow's Weather

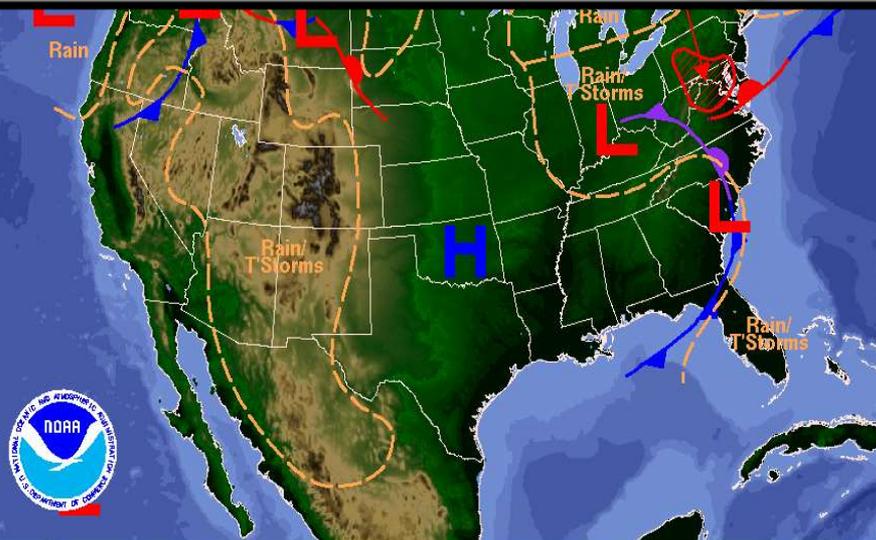


Rain chances increase over W NM; isolated flash flooding possible.

Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 29, 2016, issued 4:50 AM EDT Wed, Sep 28, 2016
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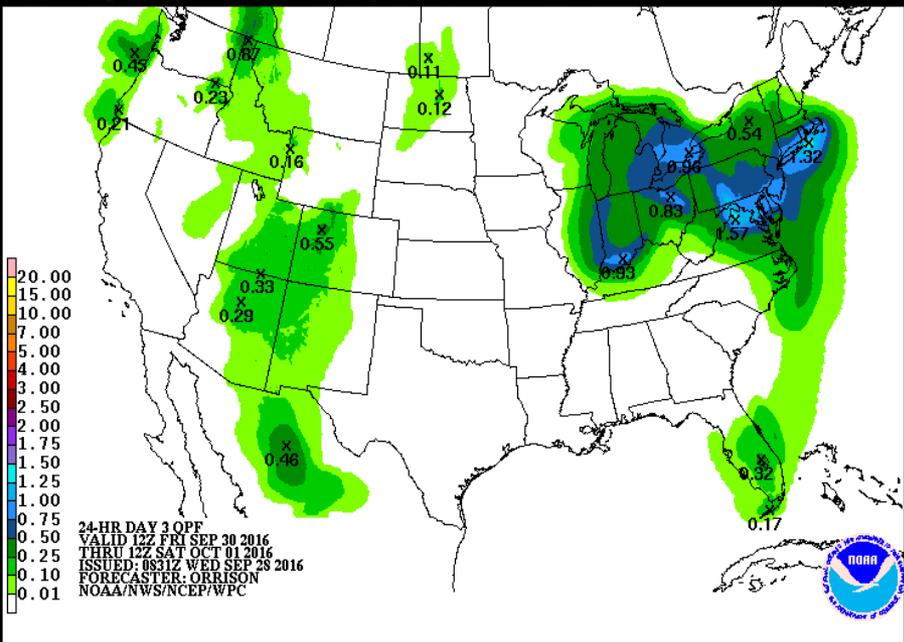


Friday's Weather



Rain chances continue over W NM; isolated flash flooding possible.

Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 30, 2016, issued 4:52 AM EDT Wed, Sep 28, 2016
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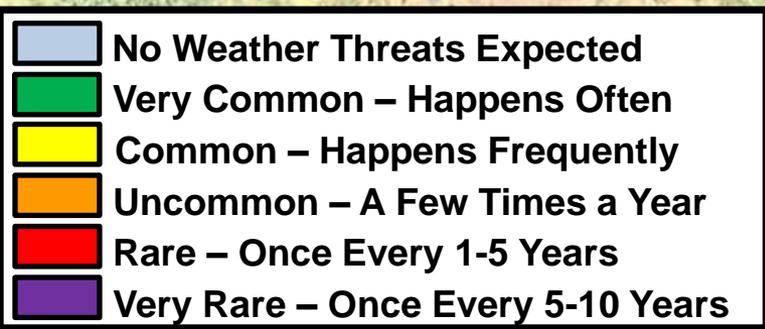


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



No significant weather expected

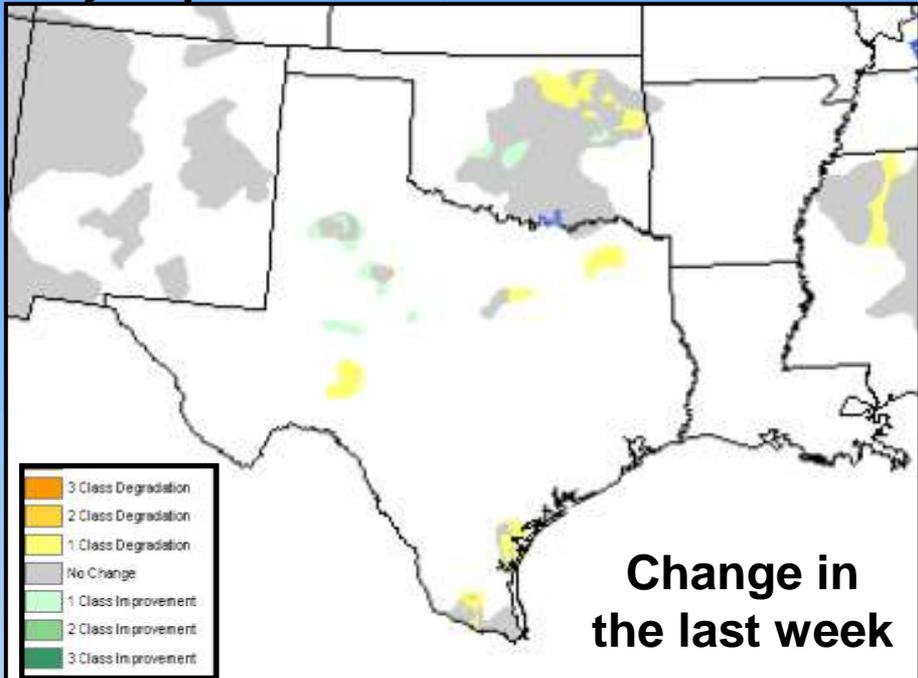
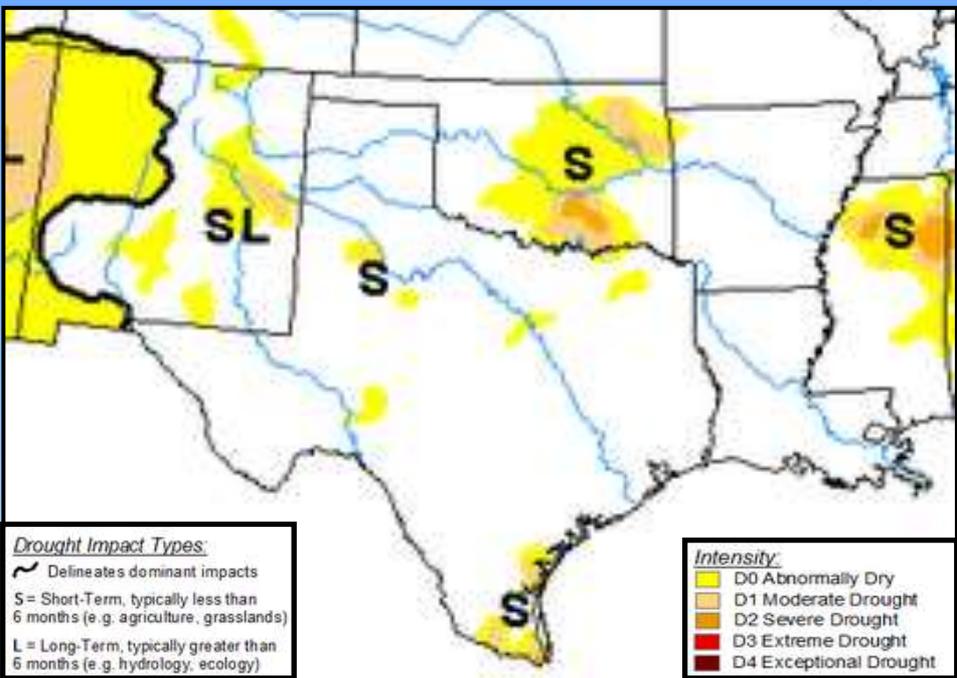


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released September 22, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday September 20, 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%	0.69%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.72%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.61%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.62%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

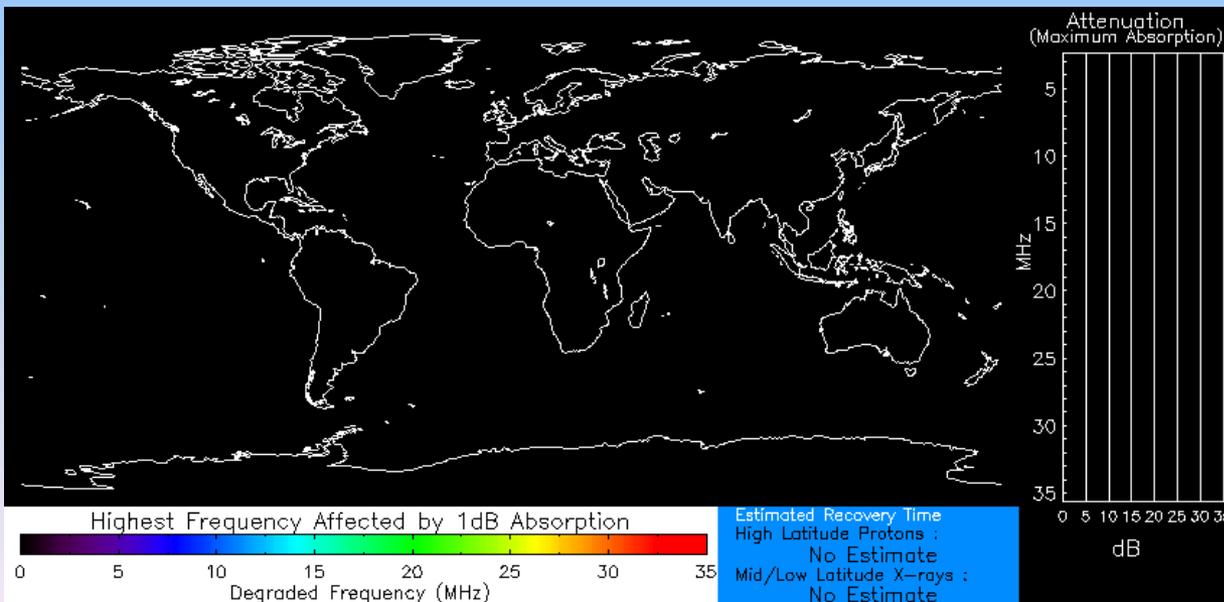
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor to Moderate (Max Kp = 6)	Minor to Moderate (Max Kp = 6)	Active to Minor (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	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>Very Common</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"> 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	<p>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</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"> 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	<p>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</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"> 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	<p>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</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"> 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	<p>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</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"> 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