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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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Day 1 Weather Hazards: *Elevated to critical fire weather threat over northern NM*

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Key Points



Today - Wednesday

- Elevated to critical fire weather threat today over northern NM and then over NE NM and the western TX/OK Panhandles on Wednesday
- Cold front moves across the Region Wednesday/Thursday increasing the chance for showers/thunderstorms over the eastern/southern portions of the Region
 - A few severe thunderstorms possible over western AR, southeast OK and northeast TX

Thursday-Saturday

- Front continues to push through FEMA 6 on Thursday with a few thunderstorms possible over the eastern and southern half of the Region
- No significant weather threats Friday or Saturday

Tropical Outlook

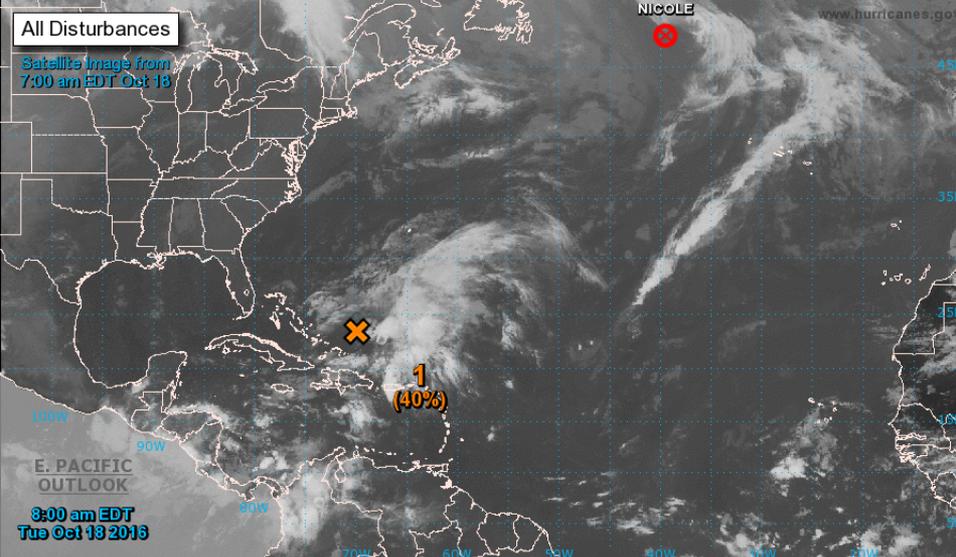
- An area of low pressure near the Bahamas may develop into a tropical cyclone over the next 5 days, but this system is not expected to impact FEMA Region 6
 - Tropical formation chances through 48 hours...40 percent
 - Tropical formation chances through 5 days...70 percent

Tropical Weather Outlook



Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



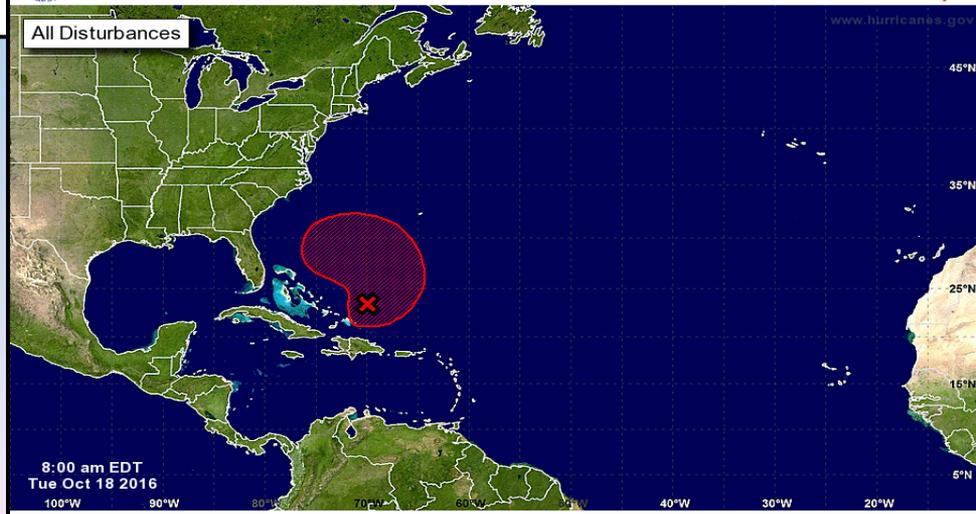
A trough of low pressure is generating showers/thunderstorms over the Bahamas.
No impact to FEMA 6
Formation chances through 48 hours...20 percent.
Formation chances through 5 days...60 percent.

Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone Remnants



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida

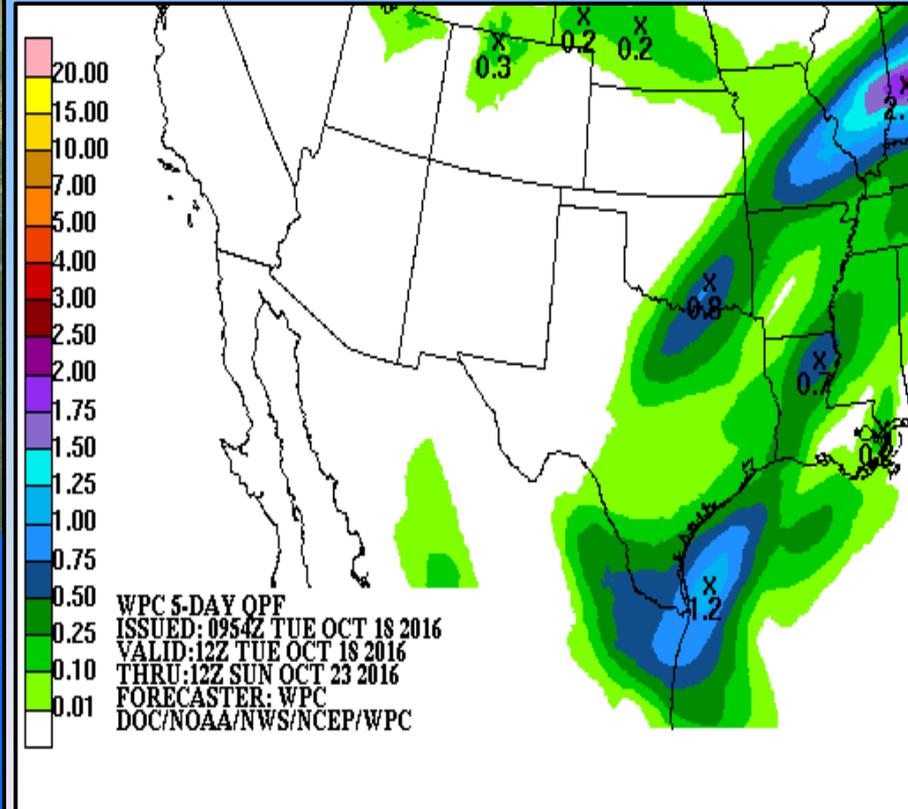
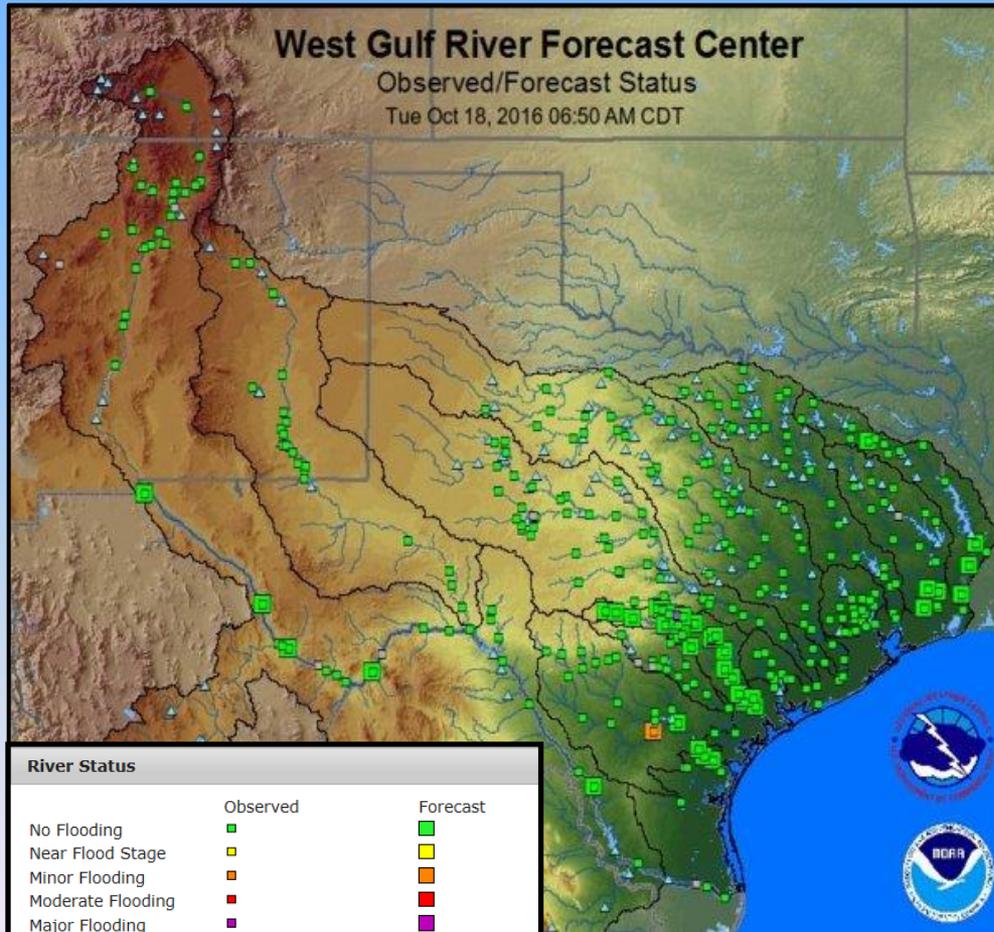


8:00 am EDT Tue Oct 18 2016
 Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the Five-Day Period Ending at 8:00 am EDT Sun Oct 23 2016
 Chance of Cyclone Formation in Five Days: Low < 40% Medium 40-60% High > 60%
 X indicates current disturbance location; shading indicates potential formation area.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

The Nueces River near Tilden is the only river point in Region VI that is currently in flood. It is cresting this morning in minor flood stage and is expected to drop below flood stage today.

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



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

FEMA JFO Baton Rouge, LA



New Orleans/Baton Rouge

Above Normal Temperatures Continue

Today



Early Morning Fog
Inland then Partly
Cloudy with
Isolated Showers

Rain Chance:
10-30%

Highs:
83 to 89

Tonight



Partly Cloudy
with Patchy Fog
Late

Rain Chance:
5-10%

Lows:
67 to 74

Wednesday



Partly Cloudy
with Isolated
Showers

Rain Chance:
10-20%

Highs:
84 to 88

**Wednesday
Night**



Mostly Clear

Rain Chance:
5-10%

Lows:
65 to 73

Thursday



Mostly Cloudy
Scattered showers
and isolated
thunderstorms

Rain Chance:
30% West
10% East

Highs:
84 to 86



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

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 18, 2016 - Oct 22, 2016

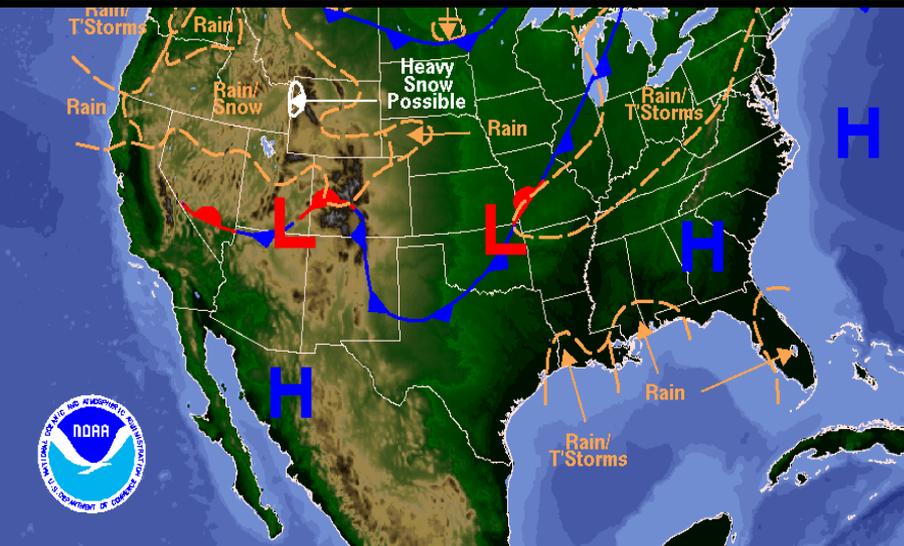
	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Weather		W AR, SE OK, NE TX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Tropical					
Fire Weather	N NM	W TX/OK Panhandles, NE NM			
River Flooding					

- 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.

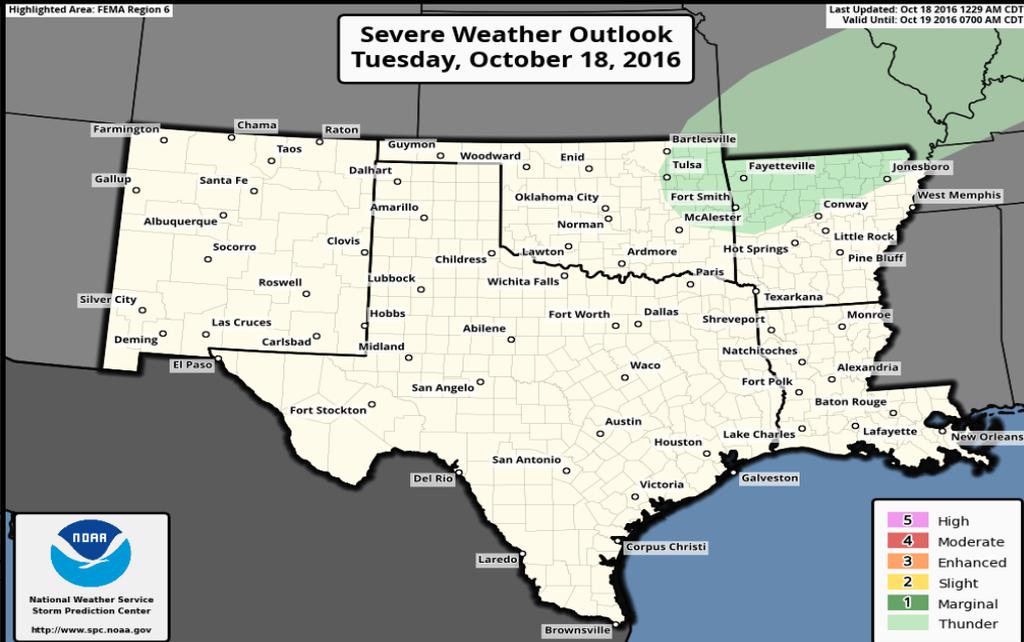
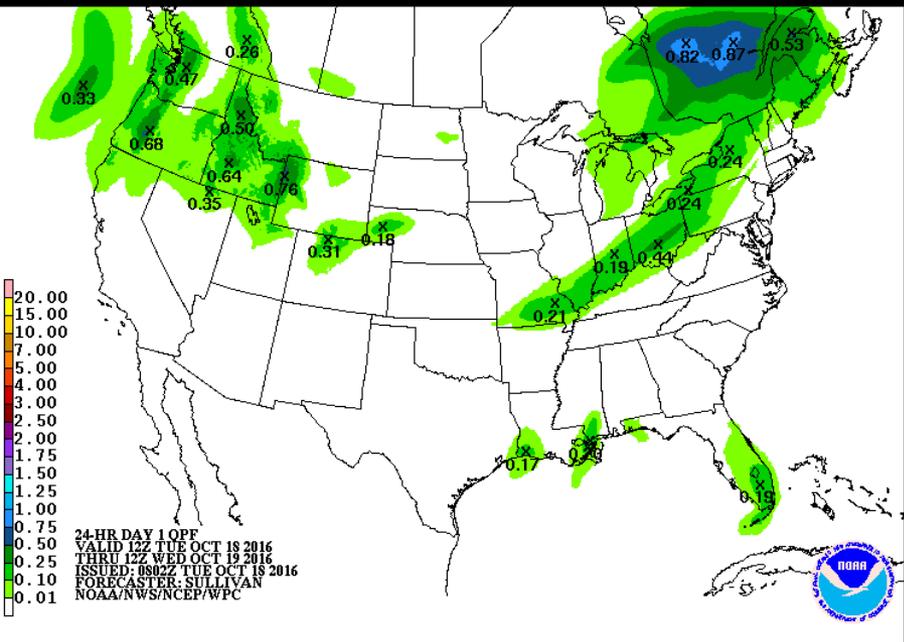


Today's Weather

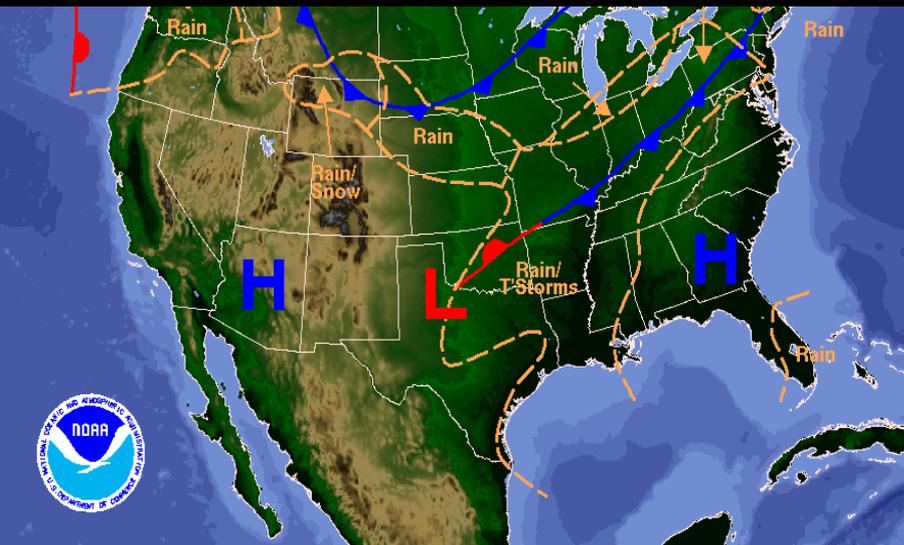


Weather Forecast for Tue, Oct 18, 2016, issued 4:22 AM EDT
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Elevated to critical fire weather threat over northern NM



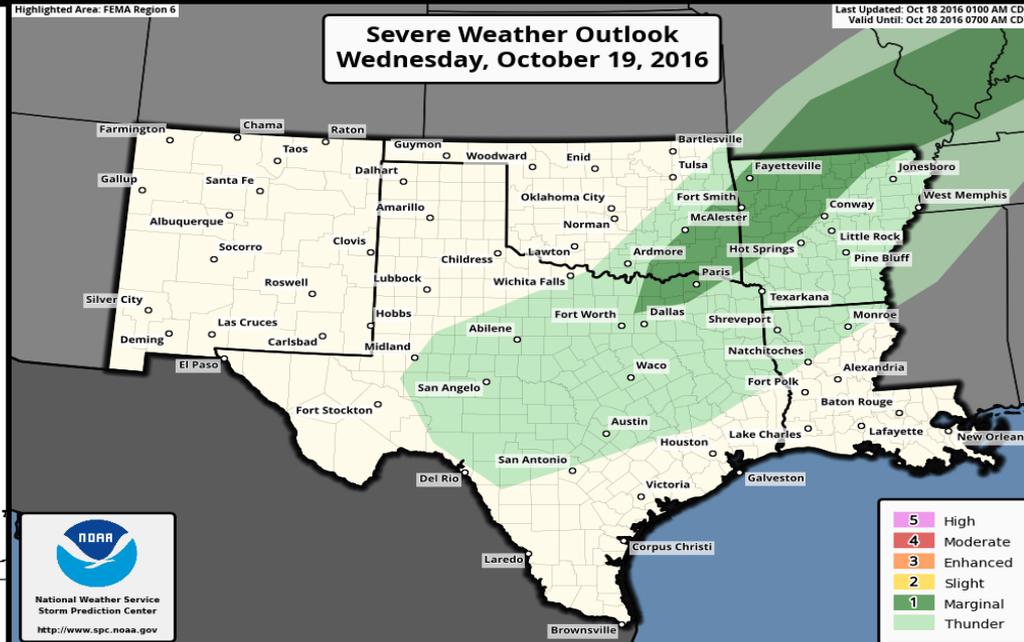
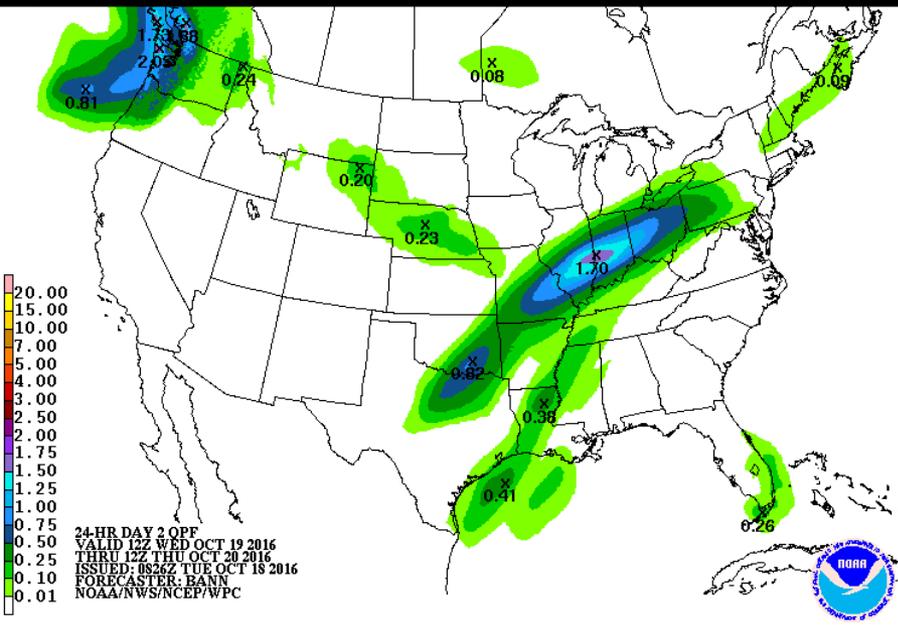
Tomorrow's Weather



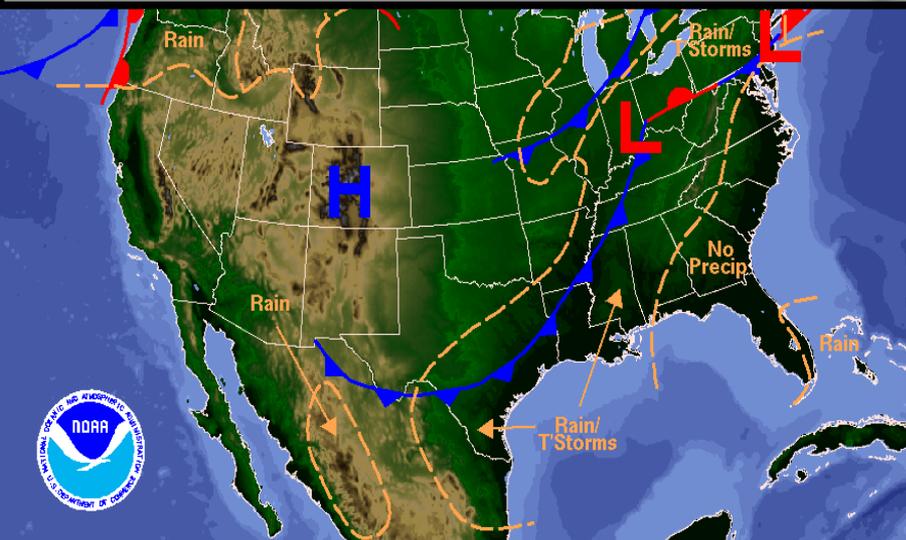
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Elevated to critical fire weather threat over NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles

A cold front will move across FEMA Region 6 Wednesday into Wednesday night. Scattered thunderstorms possible over the eastern half of the Region, a few possibly severe over W AR, SE OK, NE TX

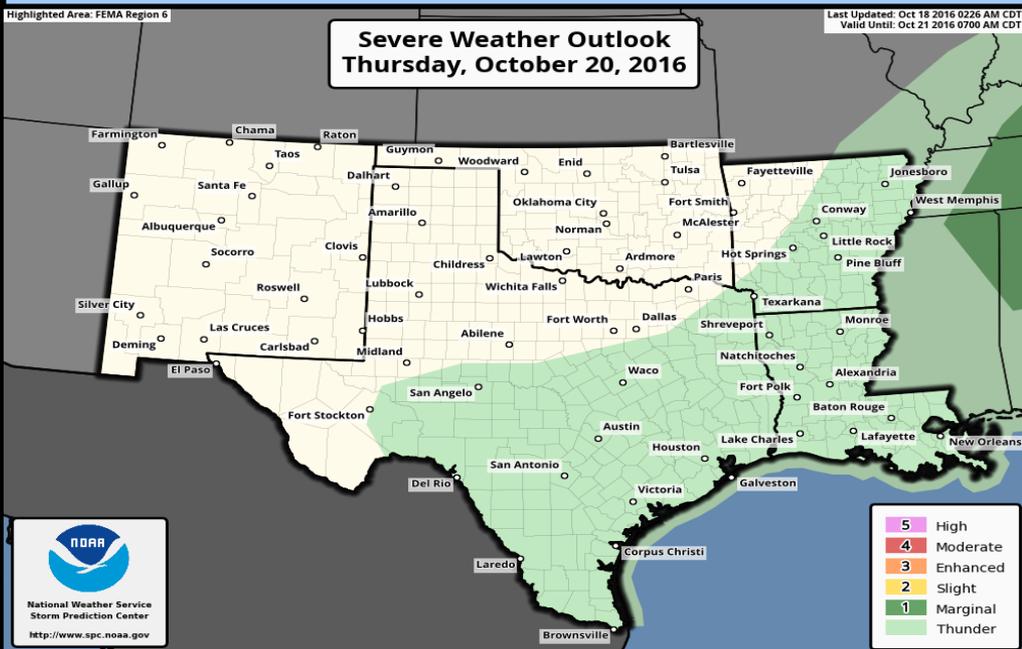
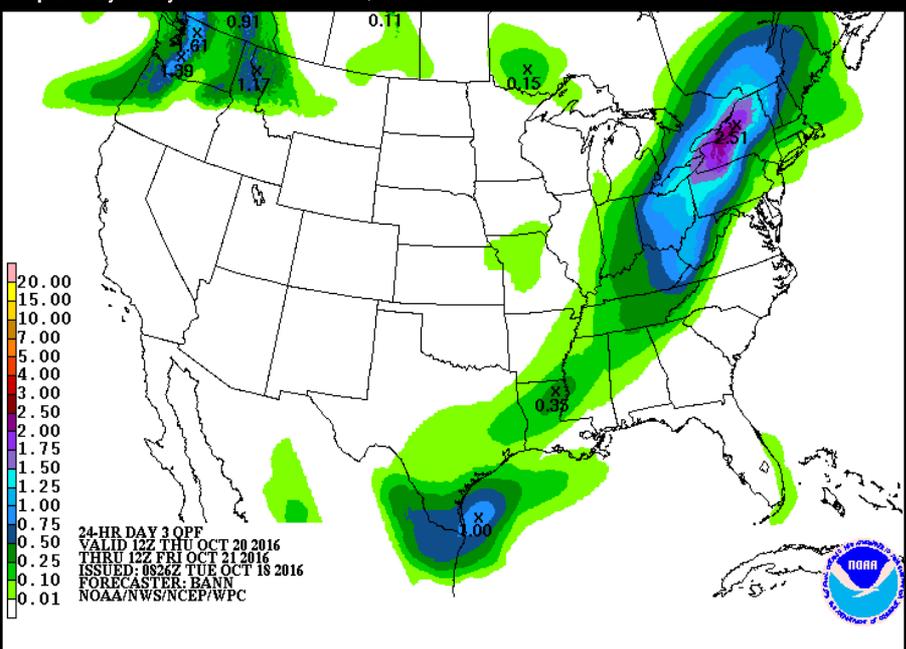


Thursday's Weather



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 20, 2016, issued 4:40 AM EDT Tue, Oct 18, 2016
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Scattered thunderstorm chances continue into Thursday for the eastern and southern half of the Region, but severe weather is not expected.



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



No Weather Threats Expected

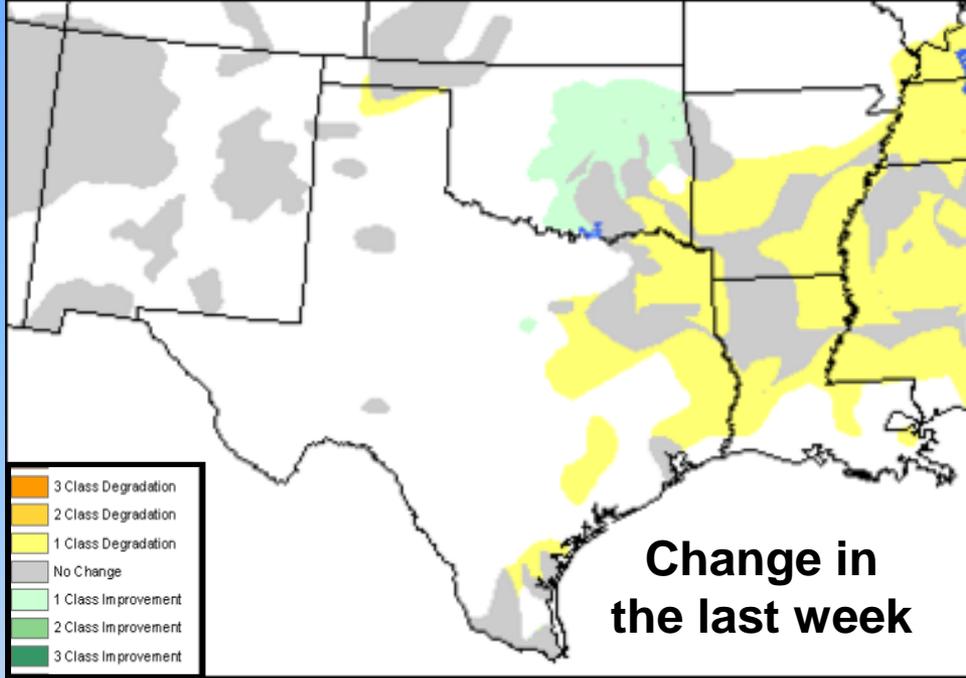
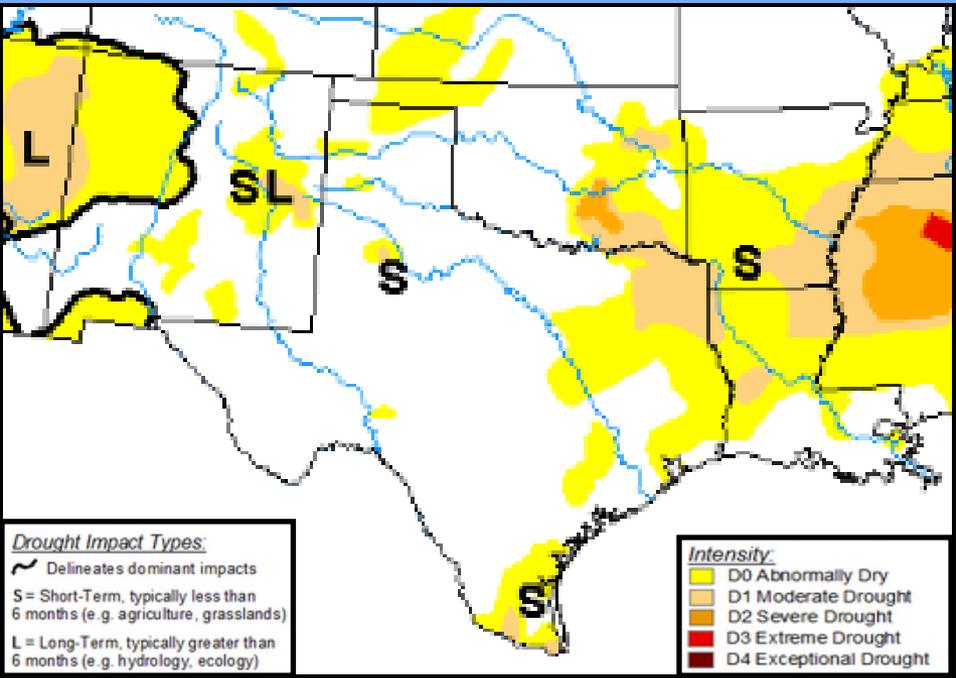
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*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released October 13, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday October 11, 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:
 Yellow: 3 Class Degradation
 Orange: 2 Class Degradation
 Red-Orange: 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%	3.43%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	13.89%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.70%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.56%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

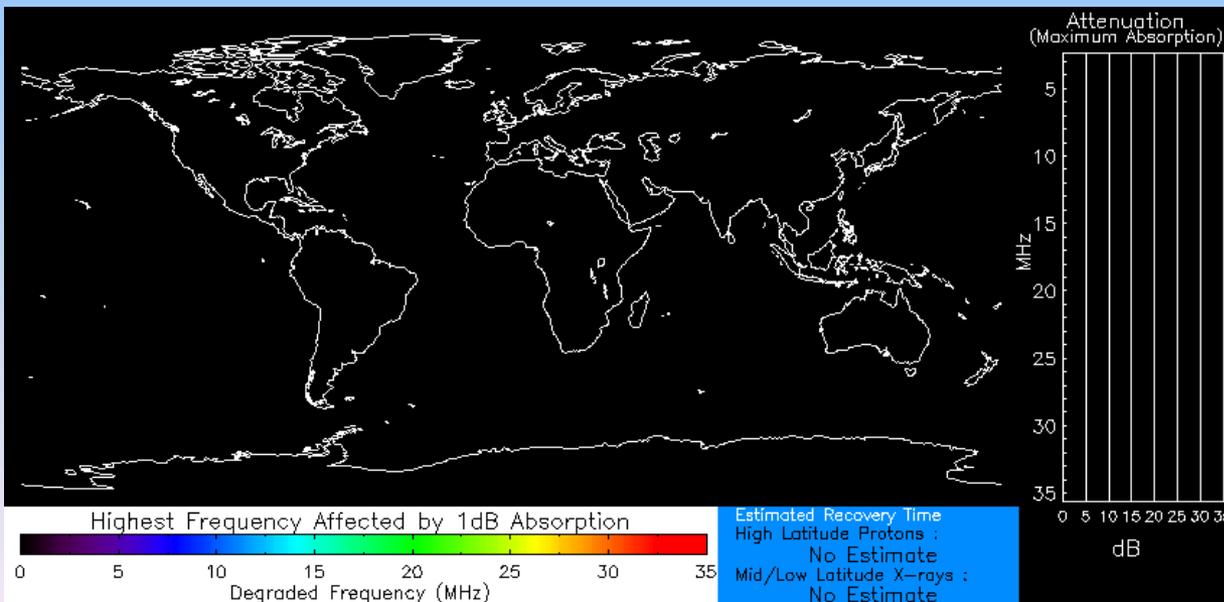
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
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>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