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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, December 07, 2016

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**Day 1 Weather Hazards:** Generally minor river flooding continues in S TX and SW LA. Much colder temperatures begin to move into northern FEMA 6 today and into tonight

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# Key Points

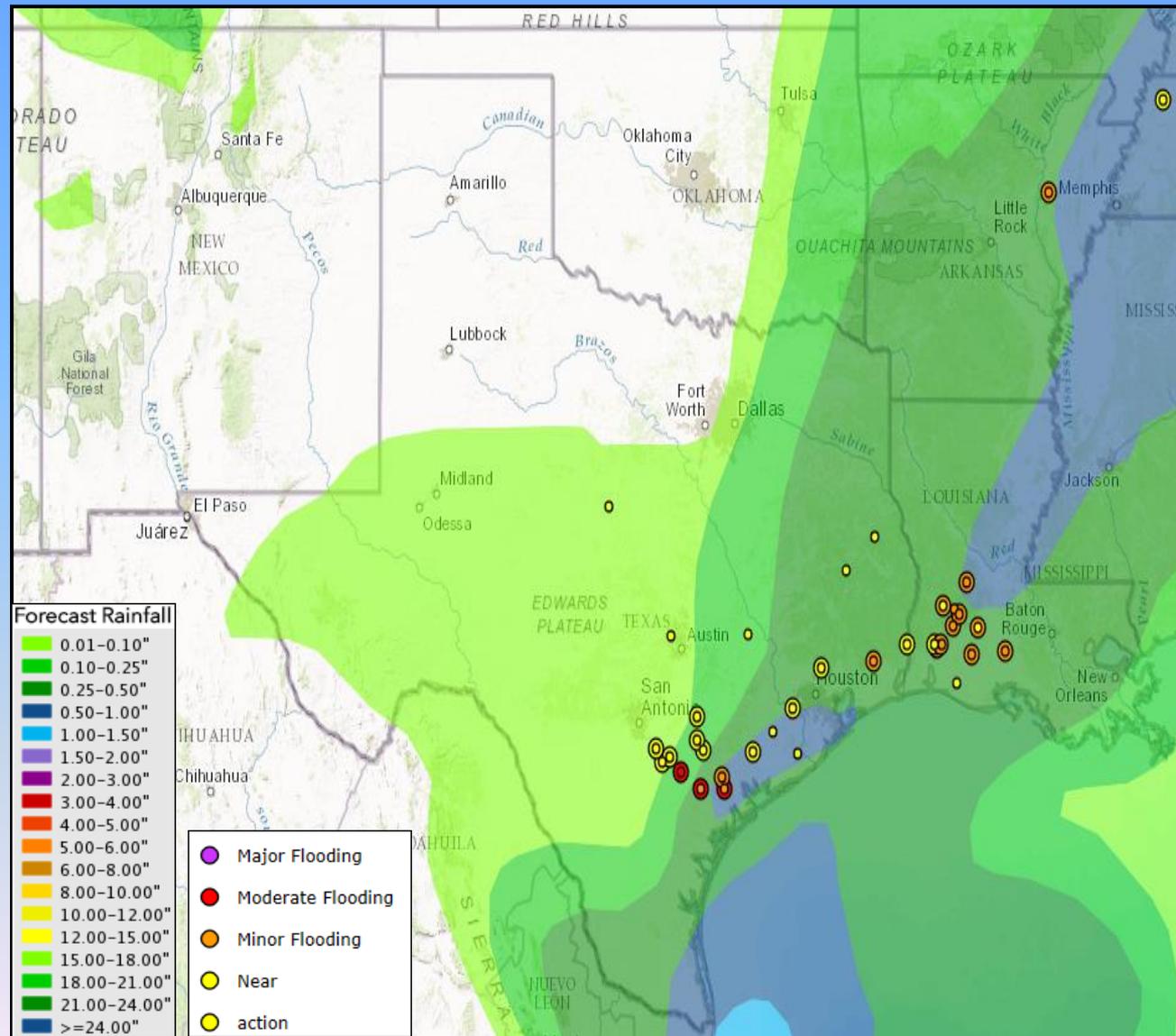
## Today - Friday

- Arctic cold front moves southward through FEMA 6 with much colder temperatures
- Isolated to scattered light wintry weather is possible tonight / early tomorrow morning over northern portions of the Region but little to no accumulation is expected
- Generally minor river flooding across south-central TX and southwest LA

## Saturday - Sunday

- Milder temperatures expected this weekend
- Showers/possible thunderstorms on Sunday over eastern OK/TX into AR and LA
  - Severe weather/flash flooding not expected

# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



**Generally minor river flooding across southwest LA into south-central TX. No major impacts expected**

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

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 7, 2016 - Dec 11, 2016

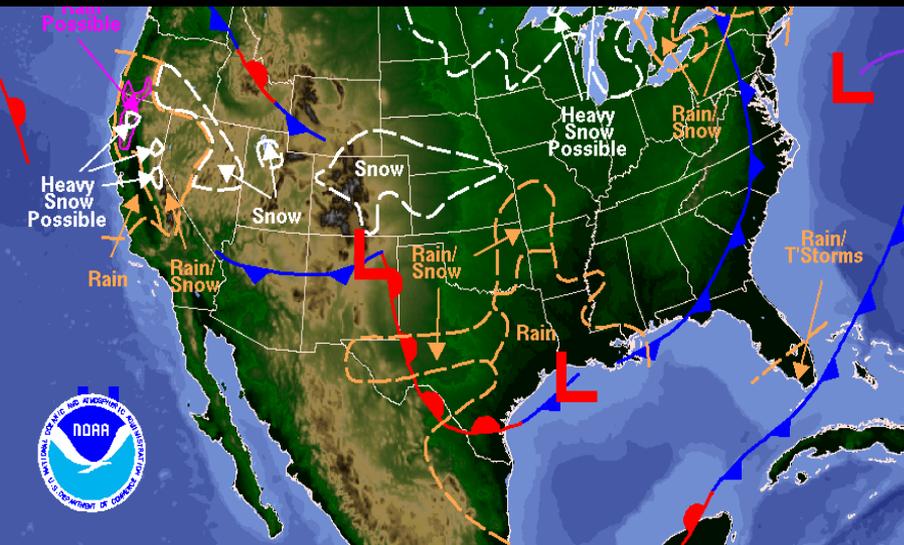
	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather	COLD	COLD	COLD		
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	S TX, SW LA	S TX, SW LA	S TX, SW LA		

-  No Weather Threats Expected
-  Very Common – Happens Often
-  Common – Happens Frequently
-  Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
-  Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
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*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



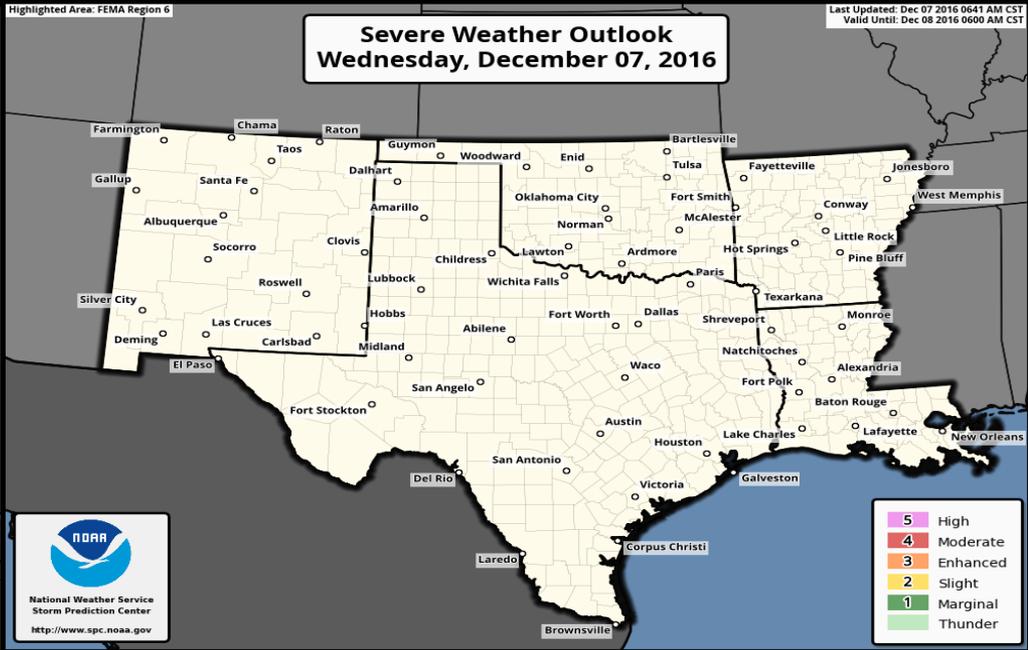
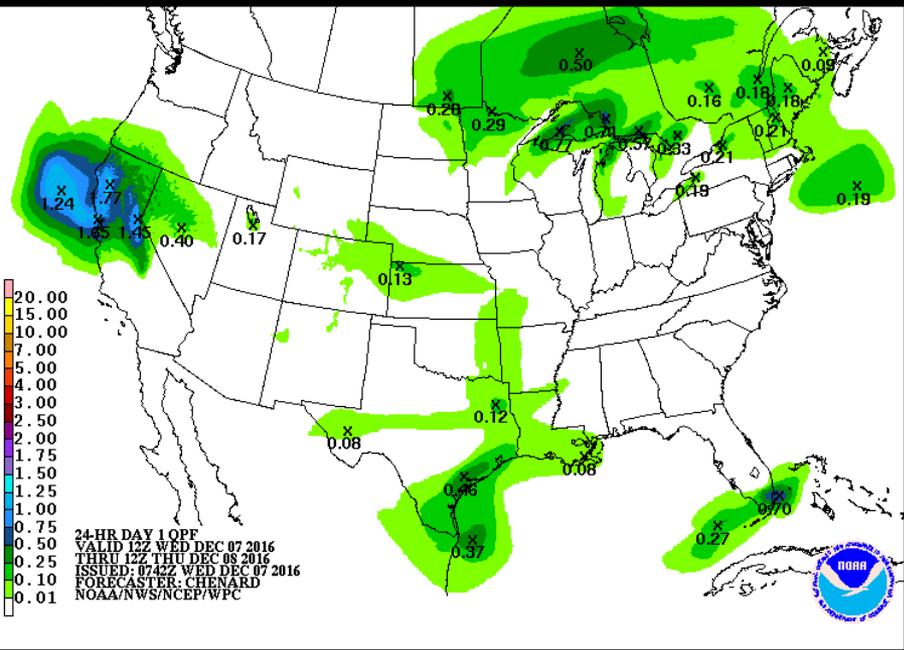
# Today's Weather



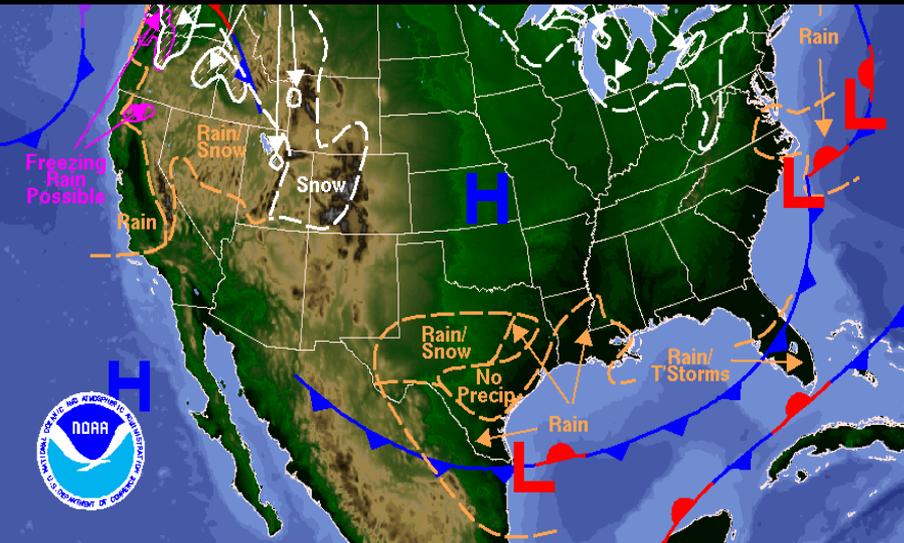
Much colder temperatures for northern portions of the Region by tonight

Generally minor river flooding continues in S TX and SW LA

Weather Forecast for Wed, Dec 07, 2016, issued 4:43 AM EST  
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# Tomorrow's Weather

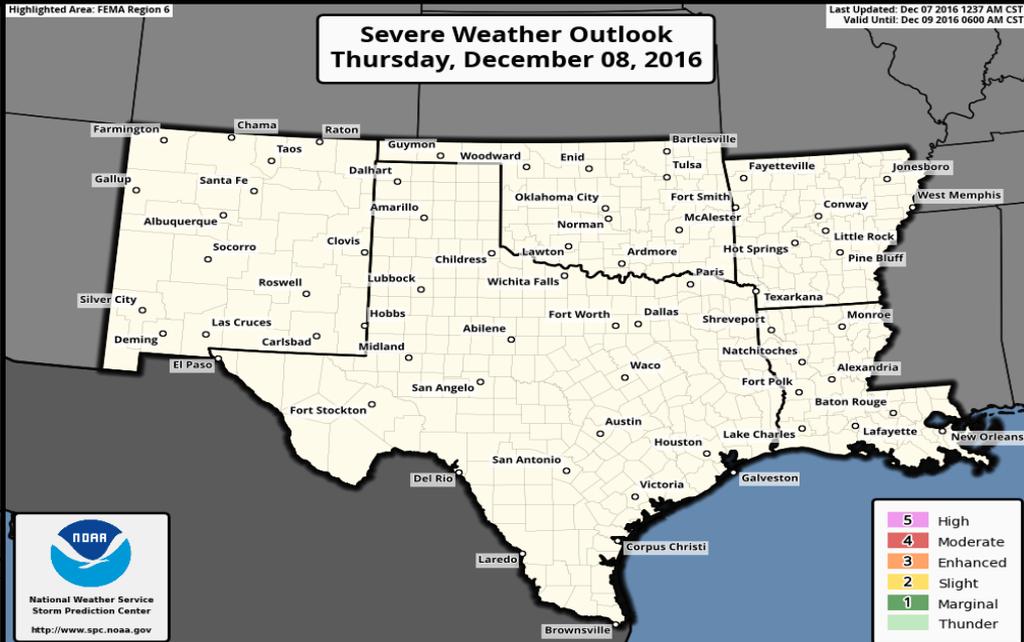
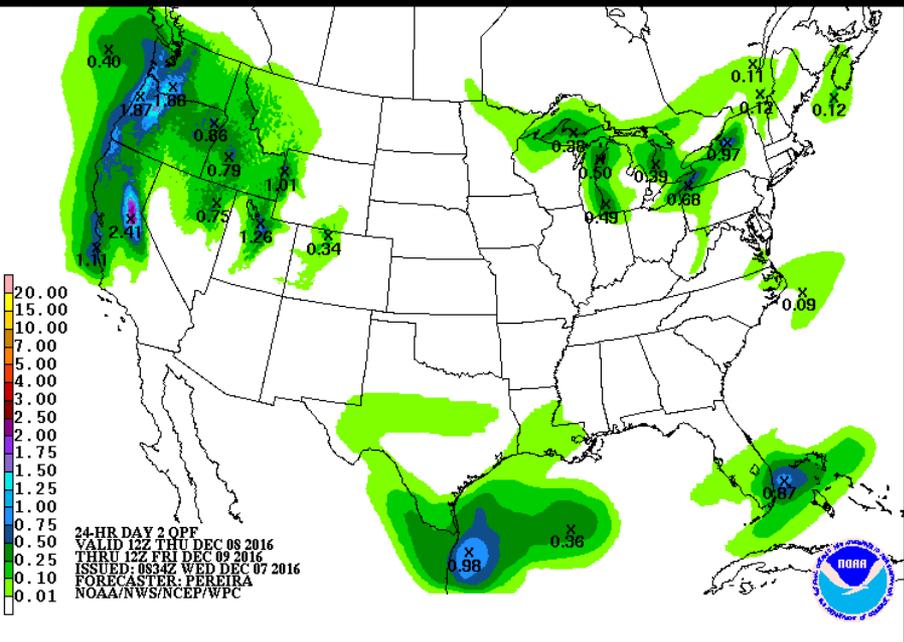


Weather Forecast for Thu, Dec 08, 2016, issued 4:59 AM EST Wed, Dec 07, 2016  
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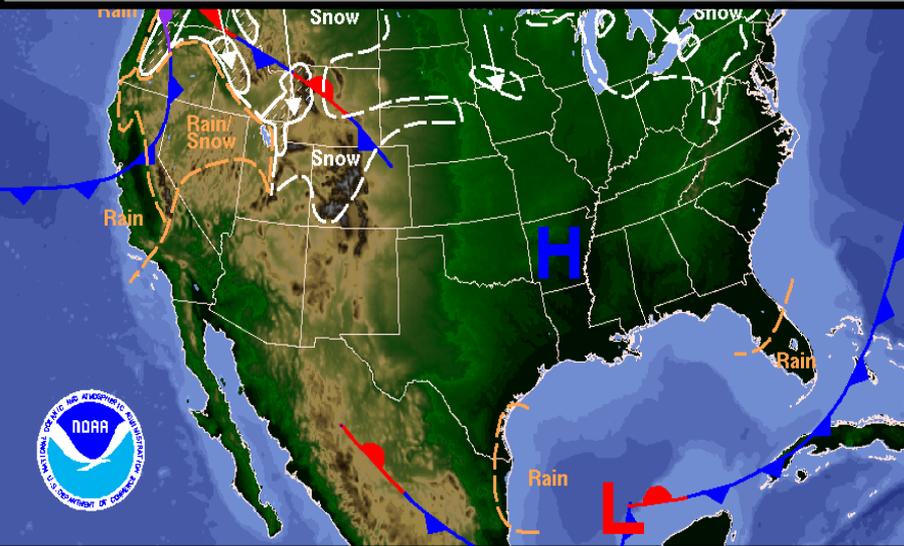
**Much colder temperatures for much of the Region!**

**Isolated to scattered very light snow/freezing drizzle possible over northern portions of the Region in the early morning. Little to no accumulation forecast.**

**Generally minor river flooding lingers in S TX**



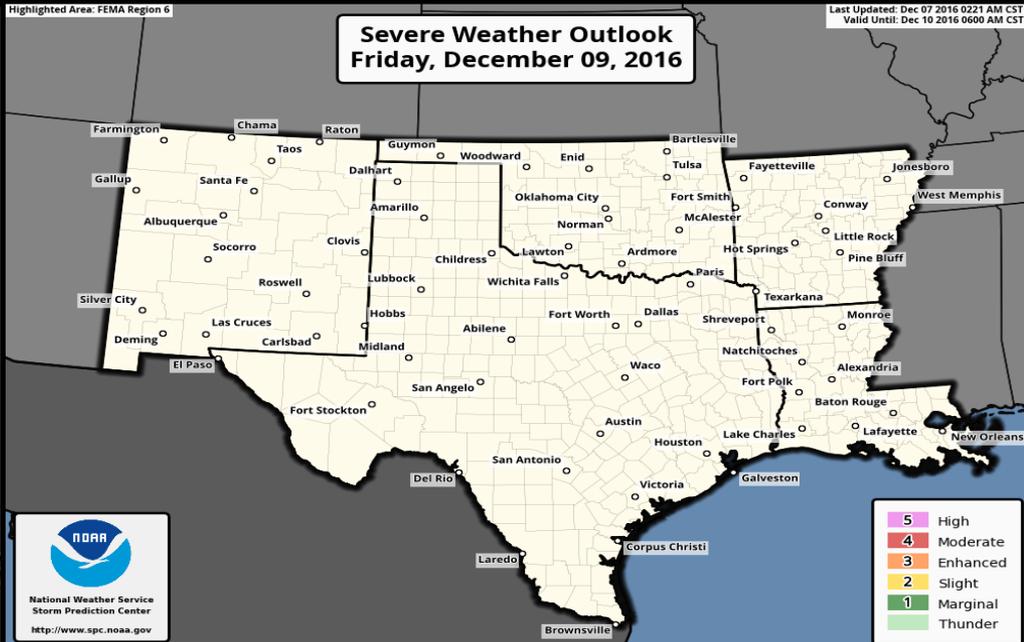
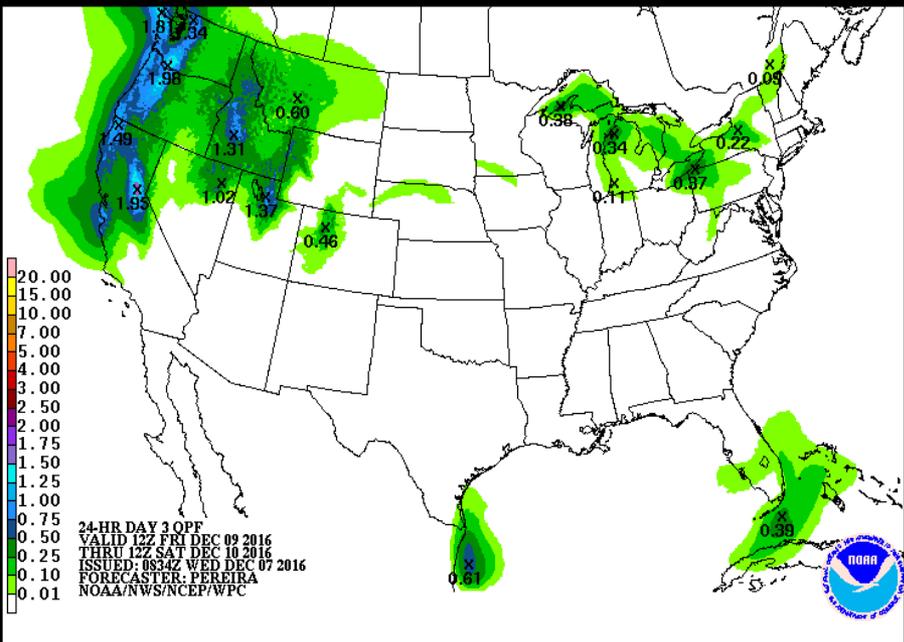
# Friday's Weather



**Continued cold temperatures for much of the Region although slight warming begins**

**Generally minor river flooding lingers in S TX**

Weather Forecast for Fri, Dec 09, 2016, issued 5:02 AM EST Wed, Dec 07, 2016  
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# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



**Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms possible Sunday over eastern OK/TX into AR/LA. Severe weather/flash flooding not expected at this time.**

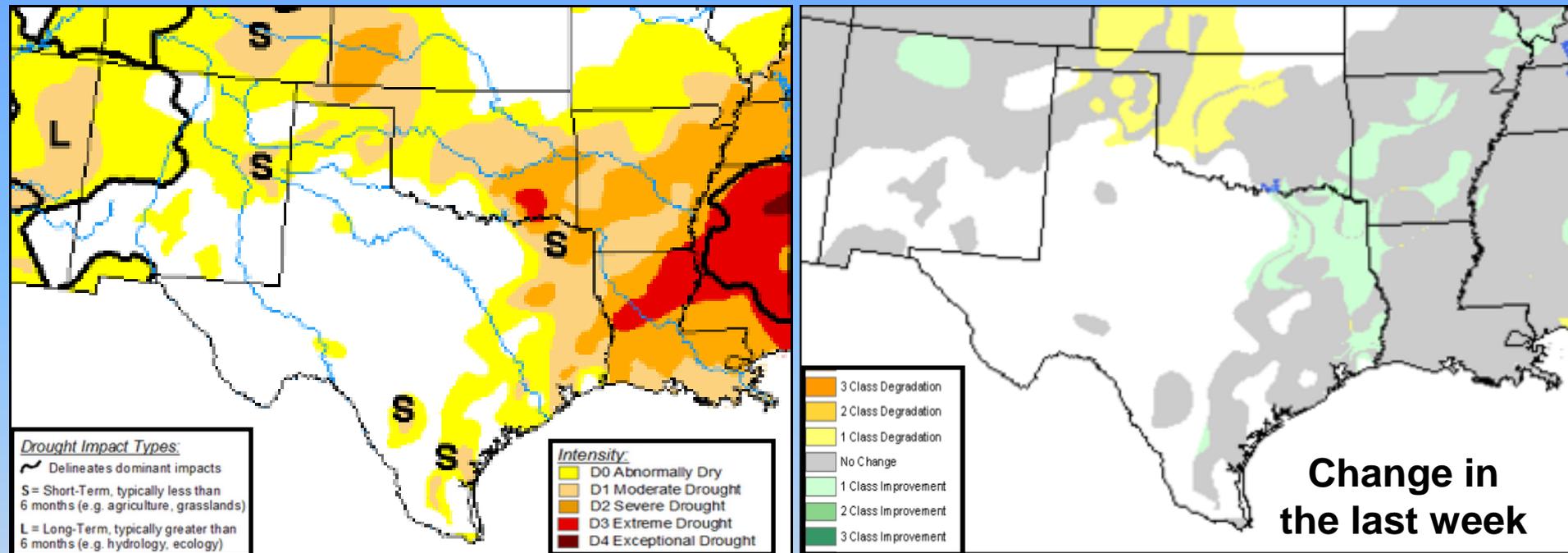
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\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



# Drought Monitor Released December 1, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday November 29, 2016



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	2.80%	3.48%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.08%	1.09%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.49%	1.64%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	20.79%	20.79%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

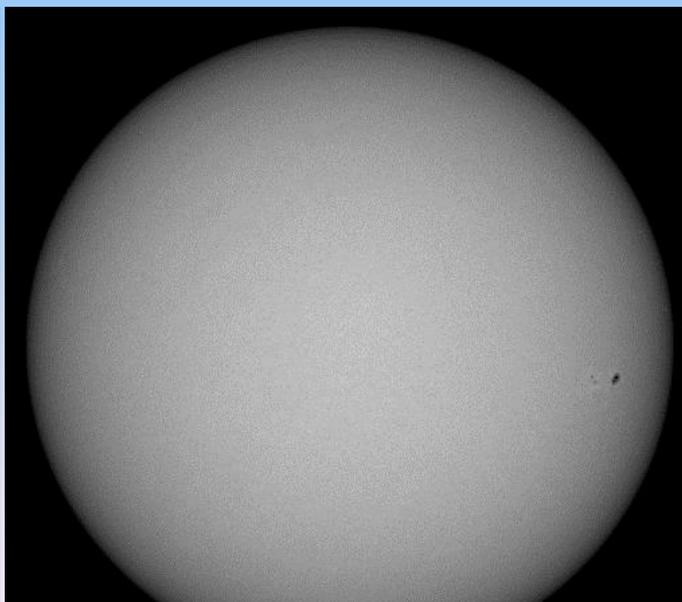
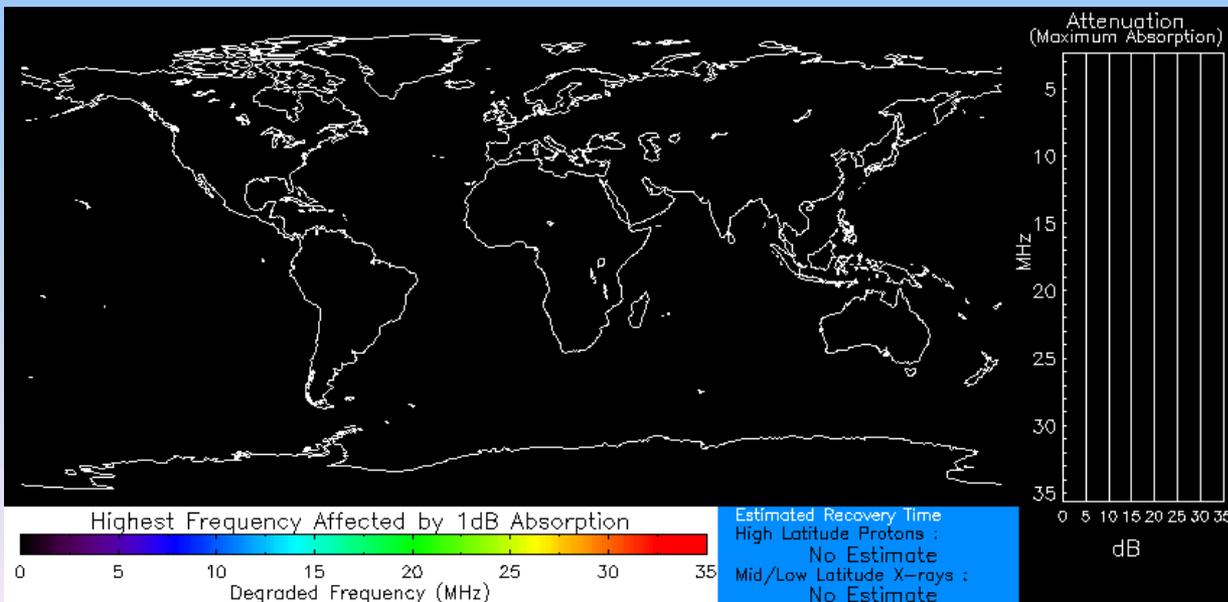
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	5%	5%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p>	<p>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</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 <u>seabreeze</u> 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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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 Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p>	<p>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</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>