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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, December 08, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Light wintry precipitation w/ minor travel impacts possible in W TX through this morning. Much colder temperatures across northern FEMA 6 persisting through tonight. Generally minor river flooding continues in S TX and SW LA.

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Key Points

Today - Friday

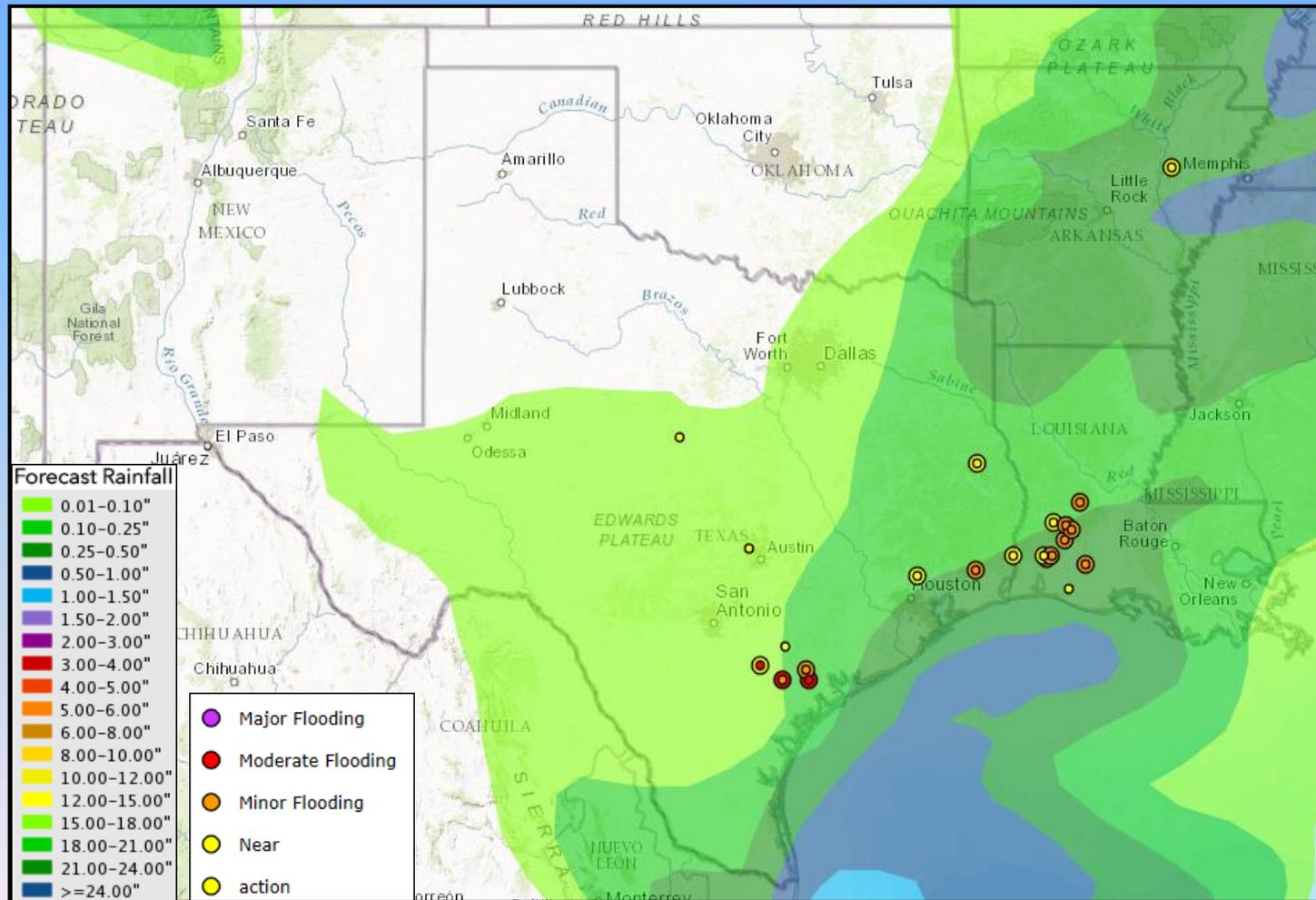
- Light wintry precipitation with minor travel impacts possible in W TX through this morning
- Much colder temperatures across much of FEMA 6
- Generally minor river flooding continues in portions of SW LA and S TX

Saturday - Monday

- No Significant Impacts
- Milder temperatures expected this weekend
- Showers/possible thunderstorms on Sunday over eastern OK/TX into AR and LA (exiting east by Monday) ; Severe weather/flooding not expected

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Generally minor river flooding continues in portions of southwest LA & south TX through Friday. 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.

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

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 8, 2016 - Dec 12, 2016

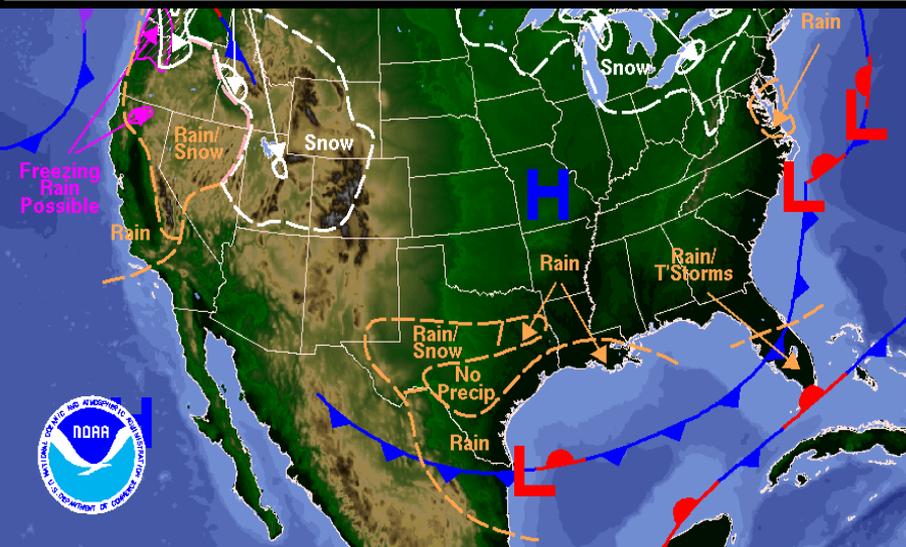
	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather	COLD	COLD			
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	S TX, SW LA	S TX, SW LA			

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

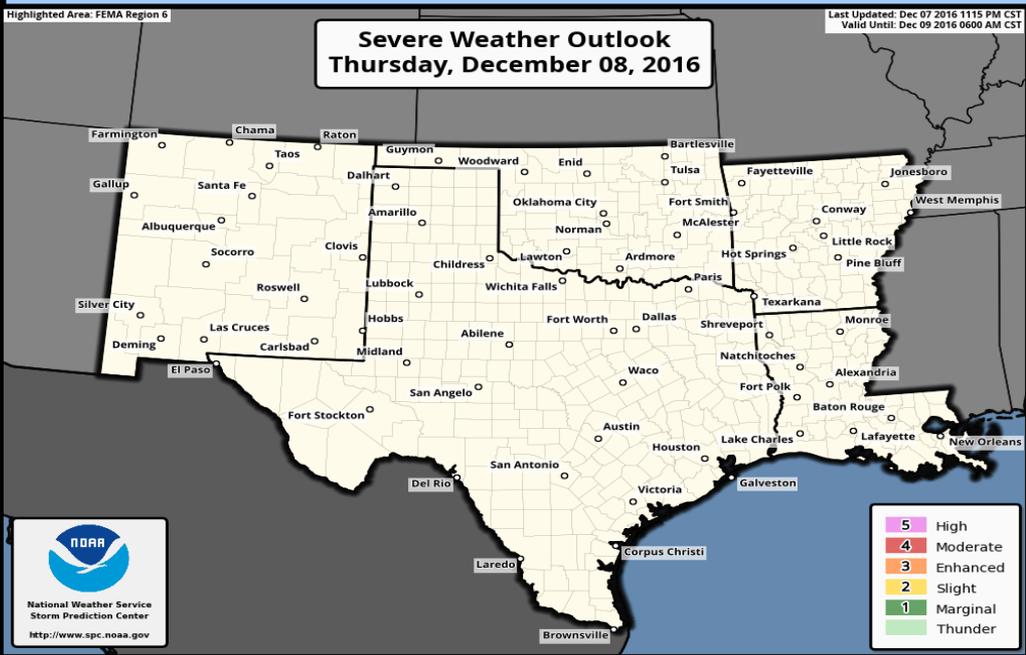
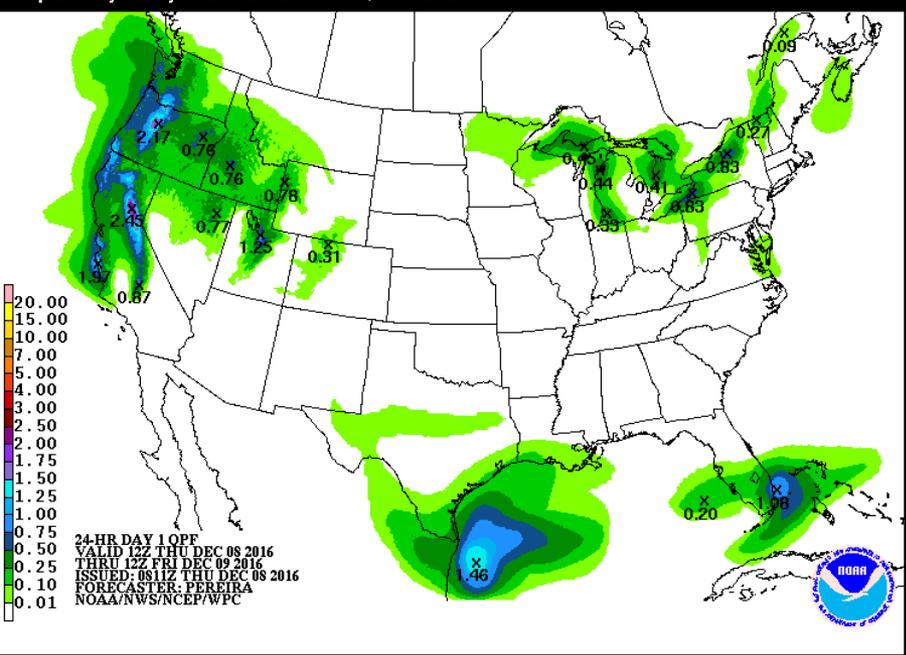


Much colder temperatures for much of the Region!

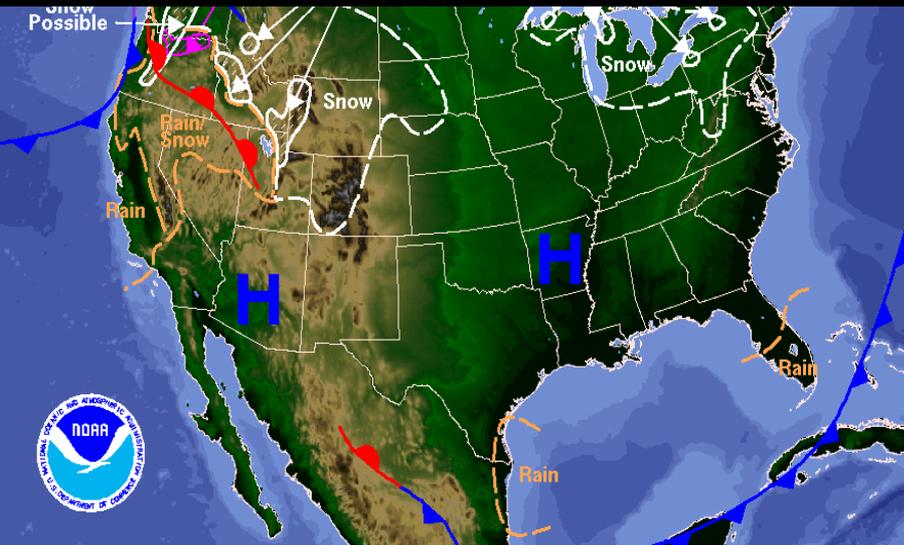
Isolated to scattered very light snow/freezing drizzle in west TX w/ minor travel impacts possible this morning.

Generally minor river flooding continues in portions of S TX and SW LA

Weather Forecast for Thu, Dec 08, 2016, issued 4:40 AM EST
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



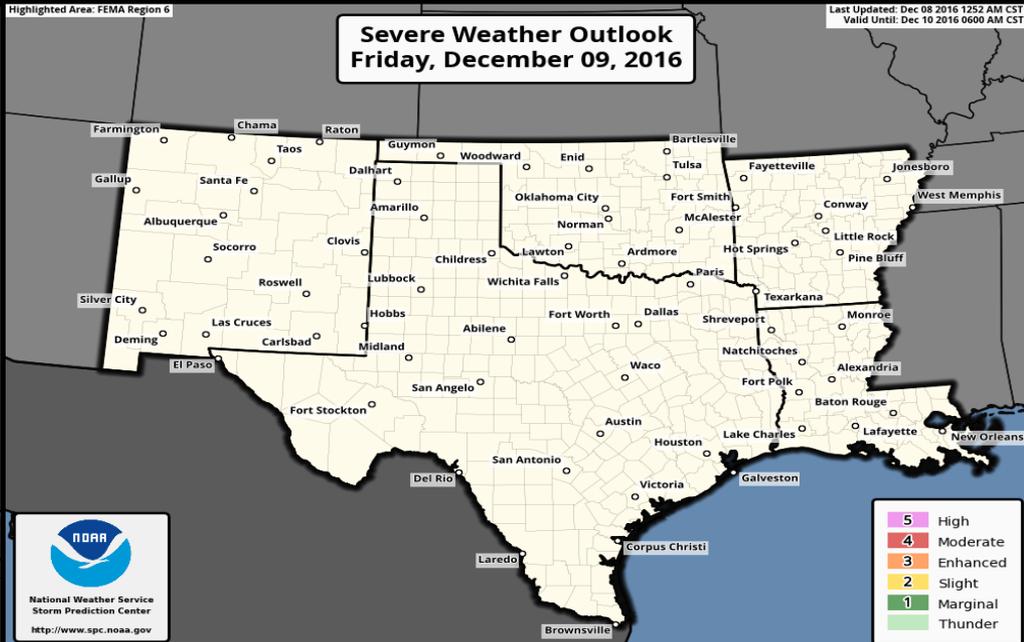
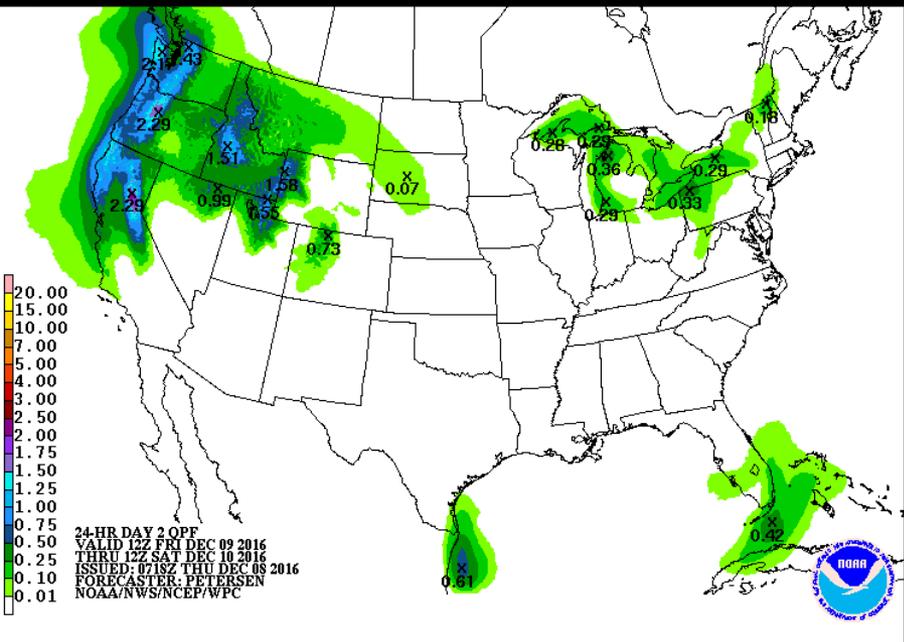
Tomorrow's Weather



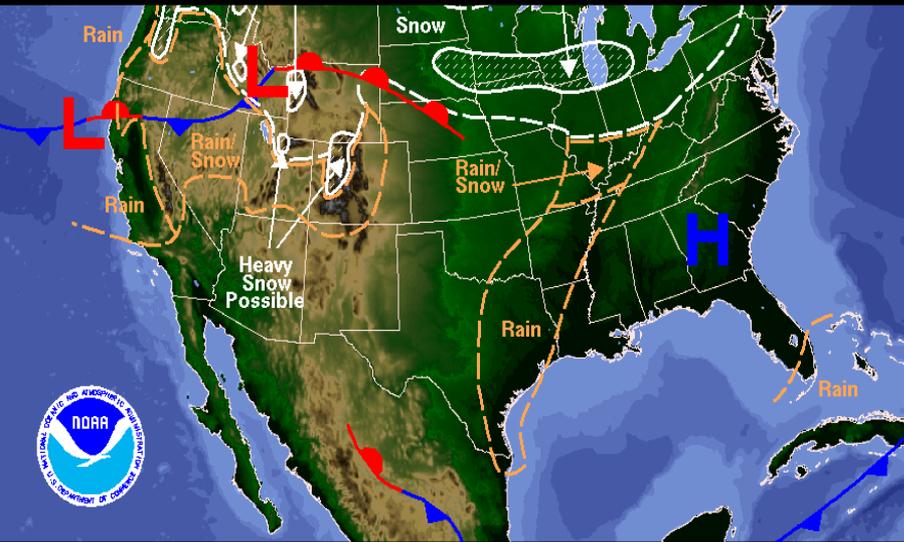
Weather Forecast for Fri, Dec 09, 2016, issued 4:56 AM EST Thu, Dec 08, 2016
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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Cold temperatures persist for much of the Region!

Generally minor river flooding lingers in portions of S TX and SW LA

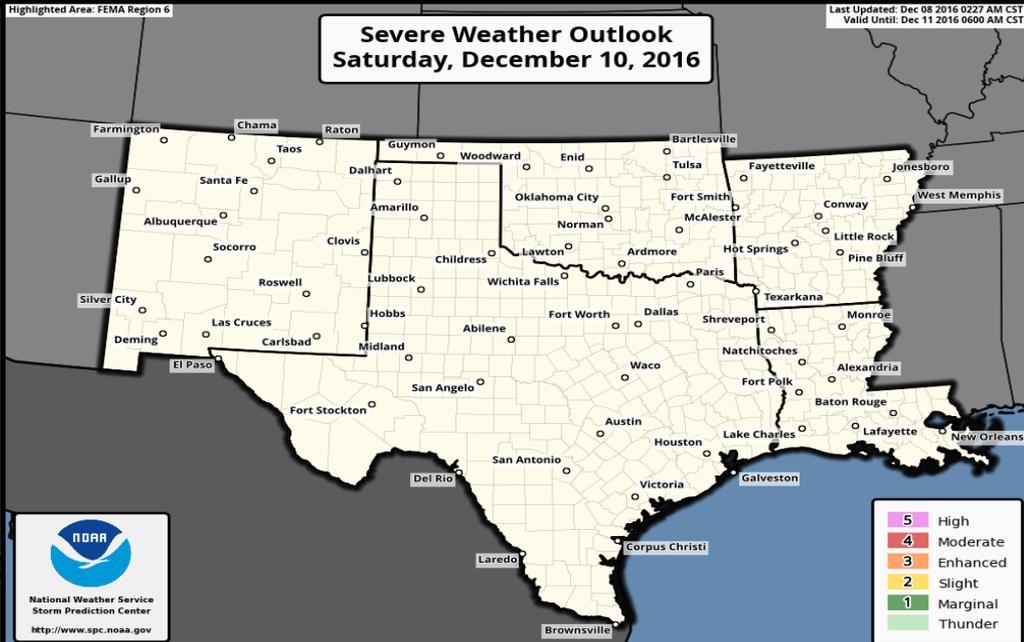
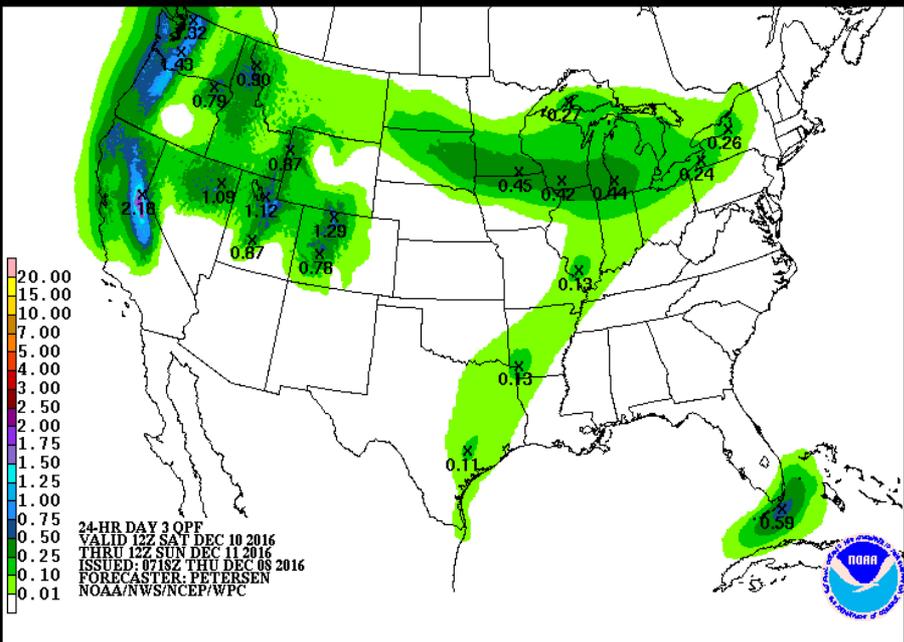


Saturday's Weather



Temperatures begin to warm; no significant impacts are expected.

Weather Forecast for Sat, Dec 10, 2016, issued 4:59 AM EST Thu, Dec 08, 2016
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



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

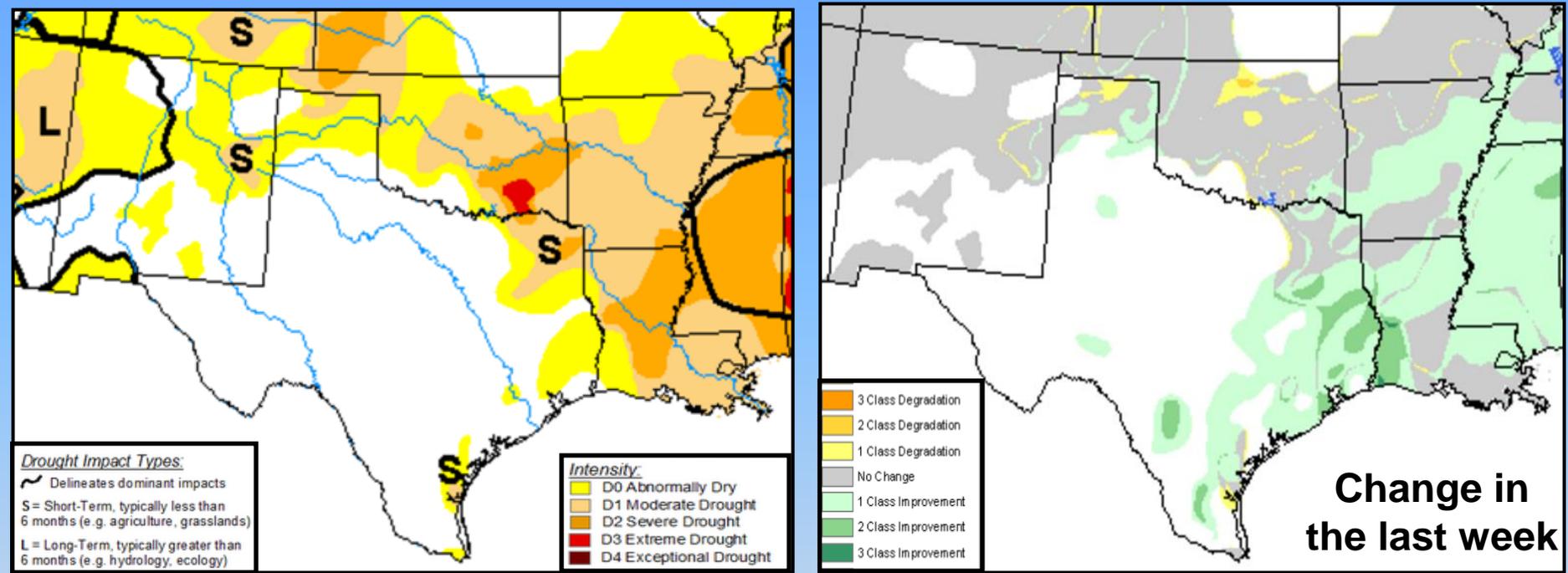
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*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released December 8, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday December 6, 2016



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

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	2.68%	2.80%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.03%	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.49%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	20.79%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

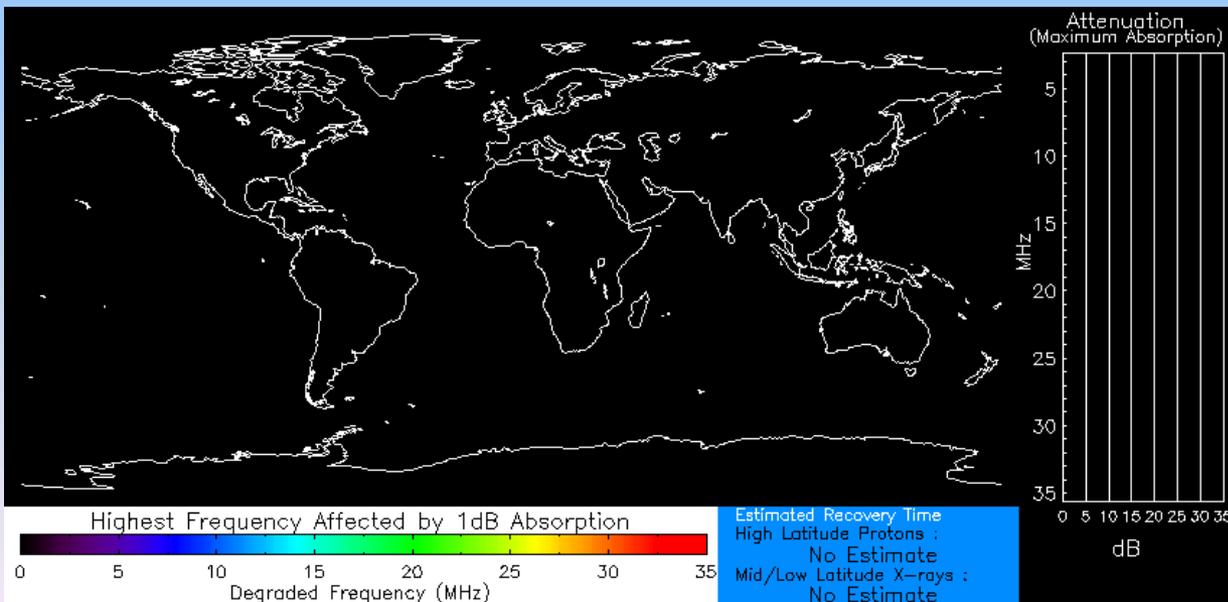
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
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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The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



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 <u>seabreeze</u> 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