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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, December 09, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Weather Hazards:** Abnormally cold temperatures prevail across northern majority of FEMA 6 through today. Generally minor river flooding continues in S TX and SW LA.

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# Key Points

## Today

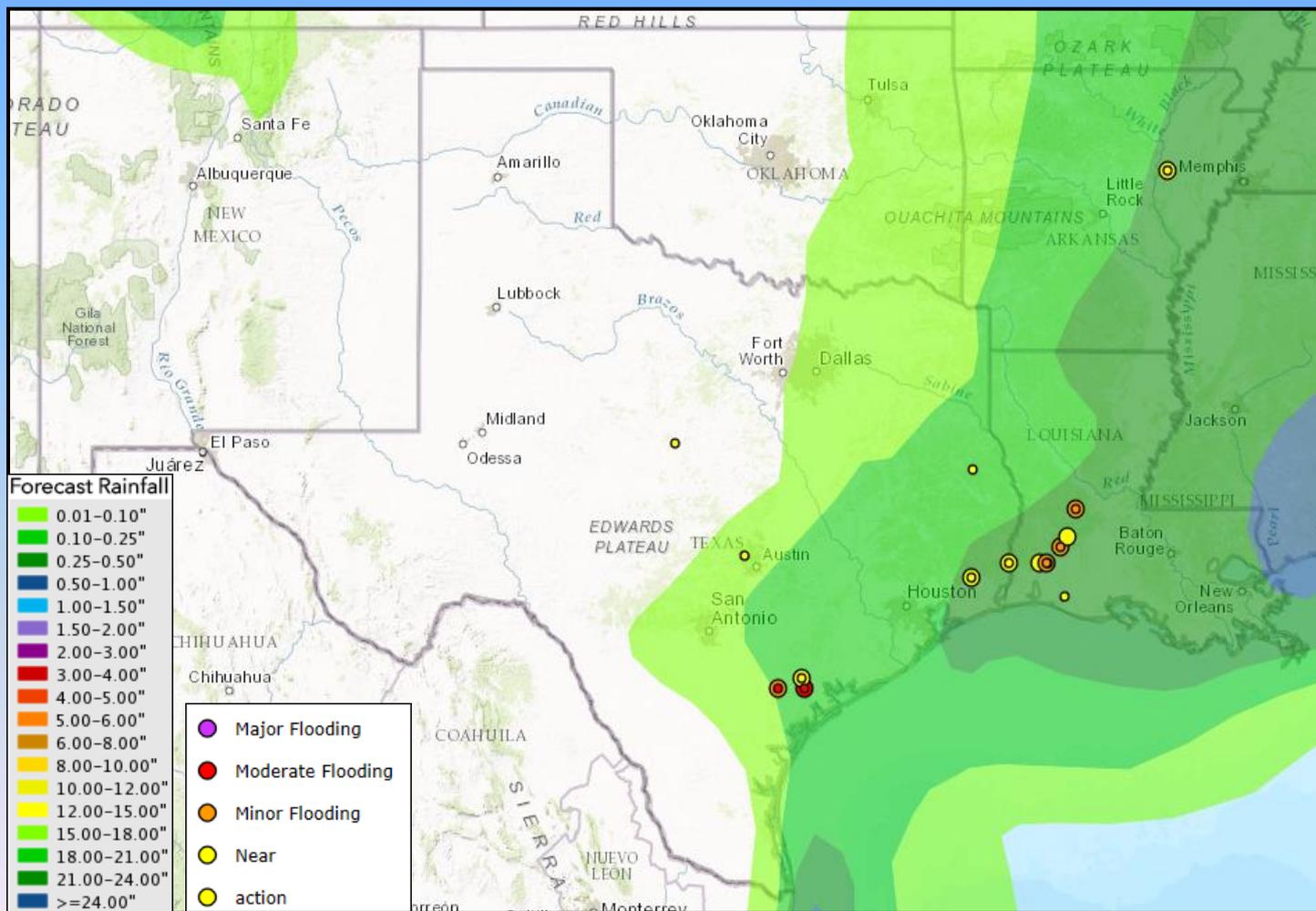
- Arctic air mass & frigid temperatures remain settled across much of FEMA 6 although a warming trend will begin later today
- Generally minor river flooding continues in portions of SW LA and S TX with no significant impacts

## Saturday - Tuesday

- No Significant Impacts
- Milder temperatures expected this weekend into early next week
- Showers on Sunday over eastern OK/TX into AR and LA, w/ lingering showers in LA and SE TX on 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 significant 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 9, 2016 - Dec 13, 2016

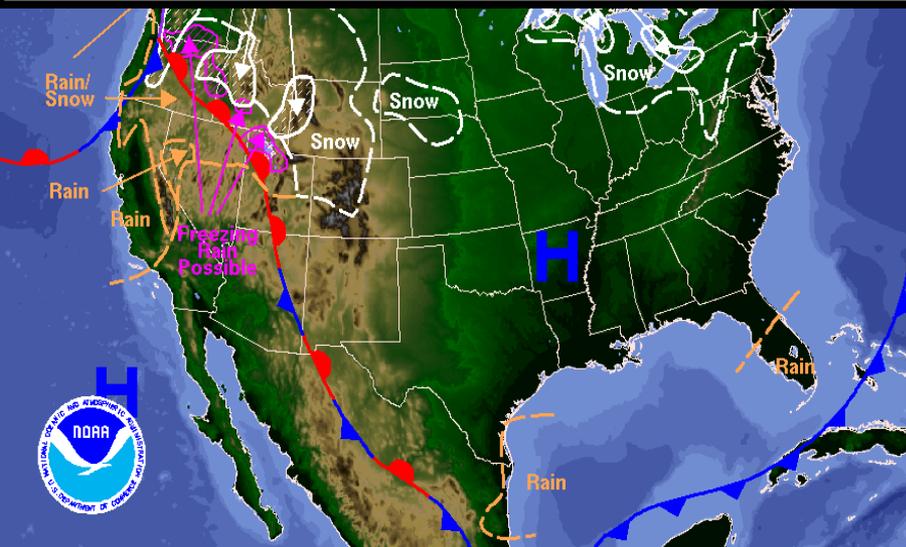
	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather	COLD				
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	S TX, SW LA				

-  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.*



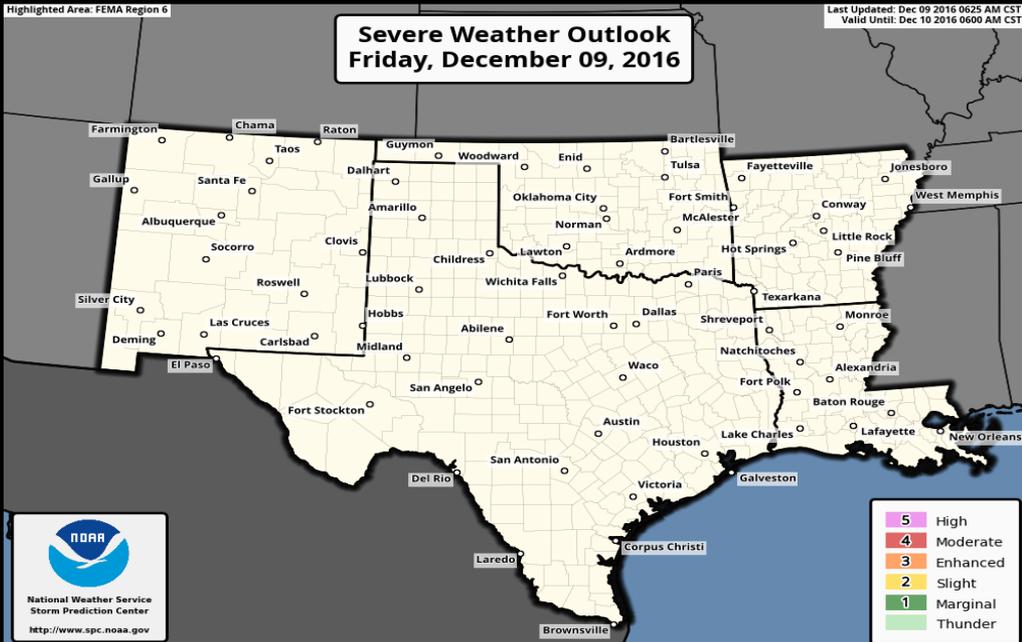
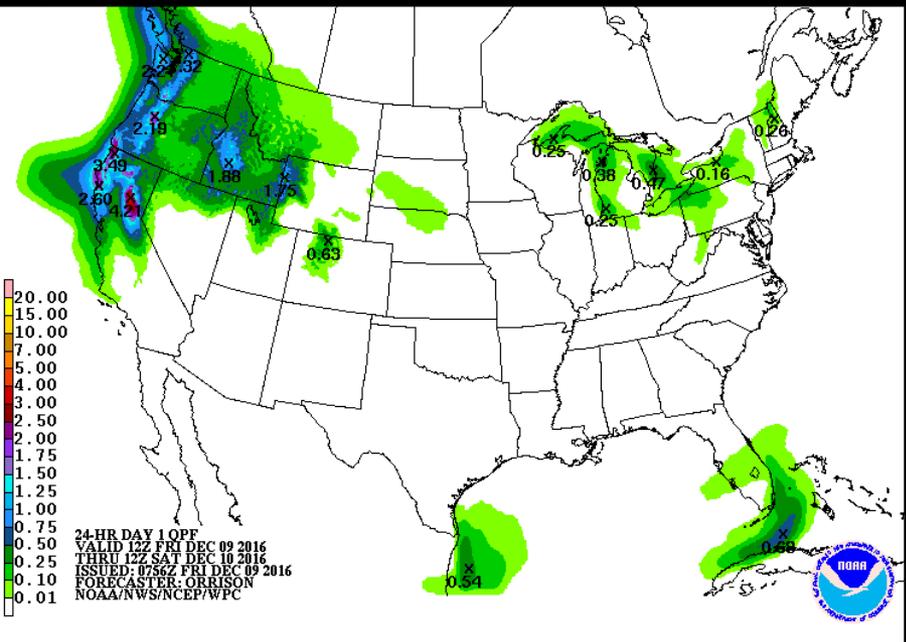
# Today's Weather



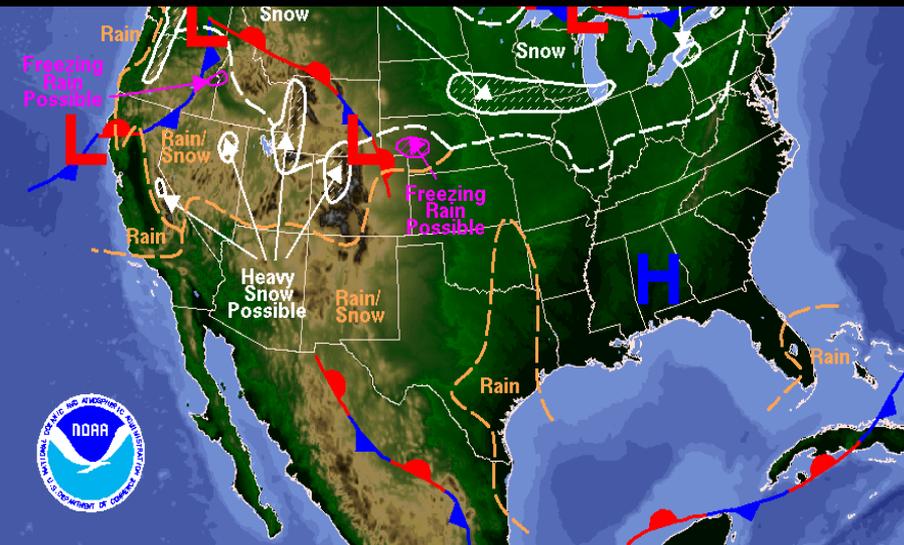
**Abnormally cold temperatures persist for much of the Region!**

**Generally minor river flooding lingers in portions of S TX and SW LA with no significant impacts.**

Weather Forecast for Fri, Dec 09, 2016, issued 4:42 AM EST  
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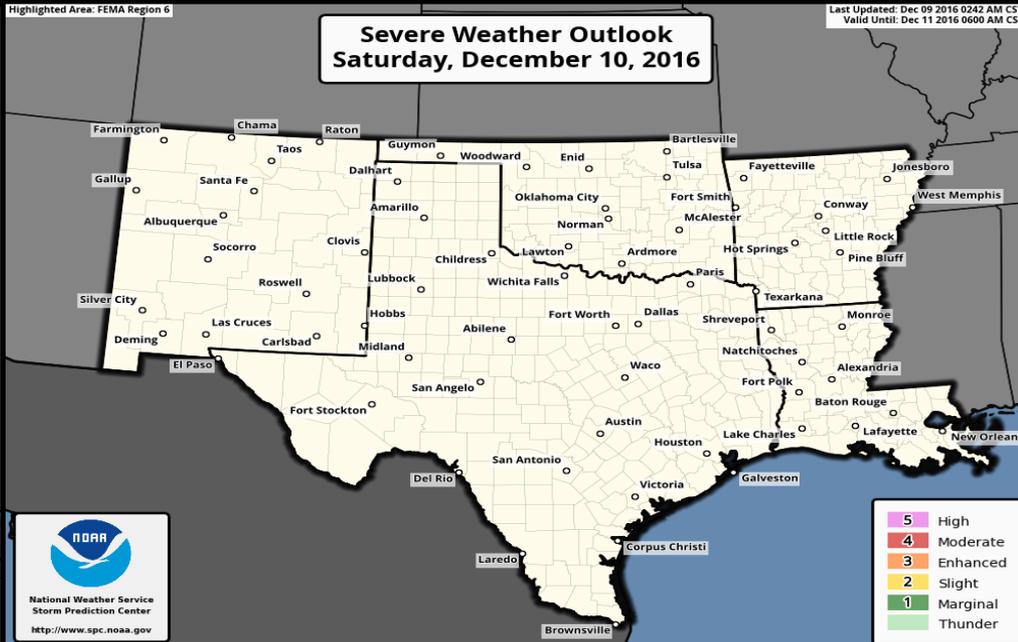
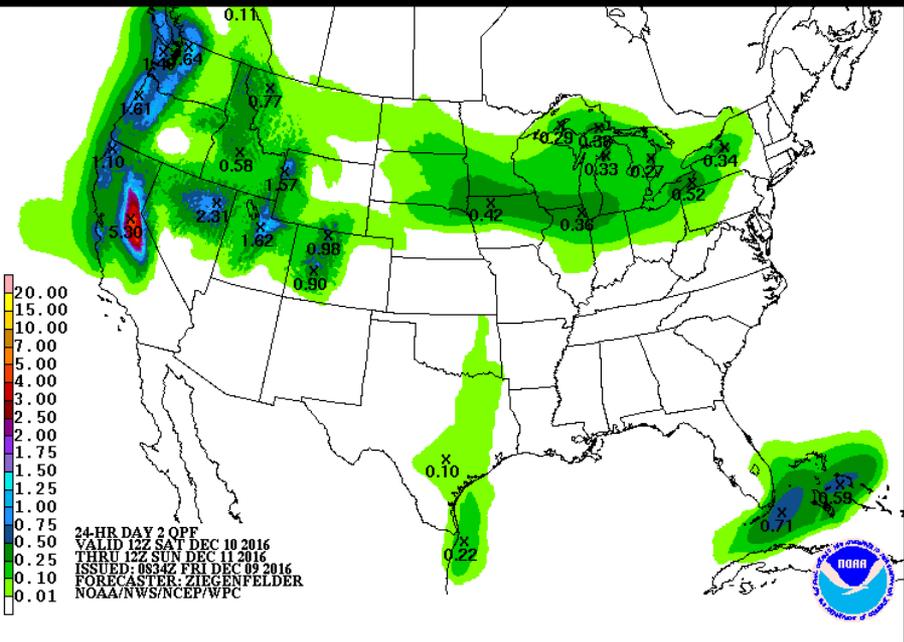


# Tomorrow's Weather

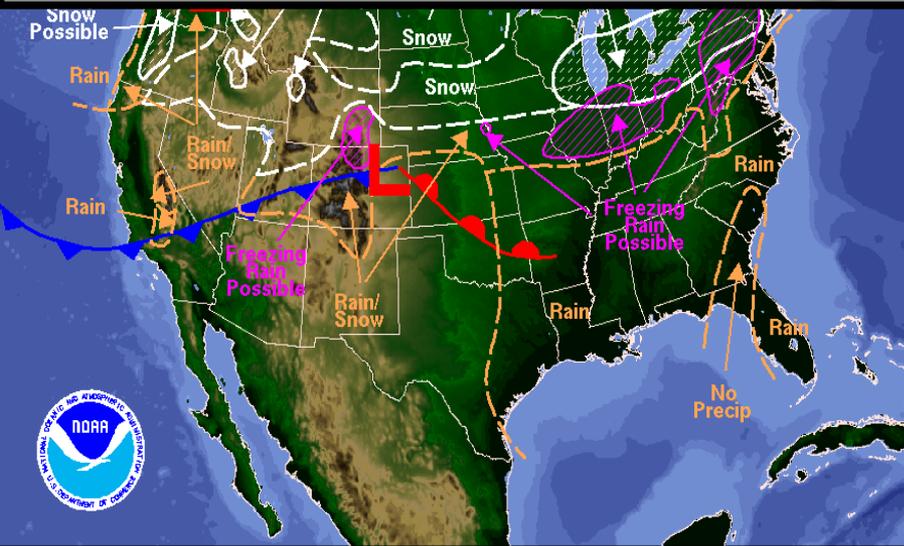


Weather Forecast for Sat, Dec 10, 2016, issued 4:57 AM EST Fri, Dec 09, 2016  
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Temperatures begin to warm; no significant impacts are expected.

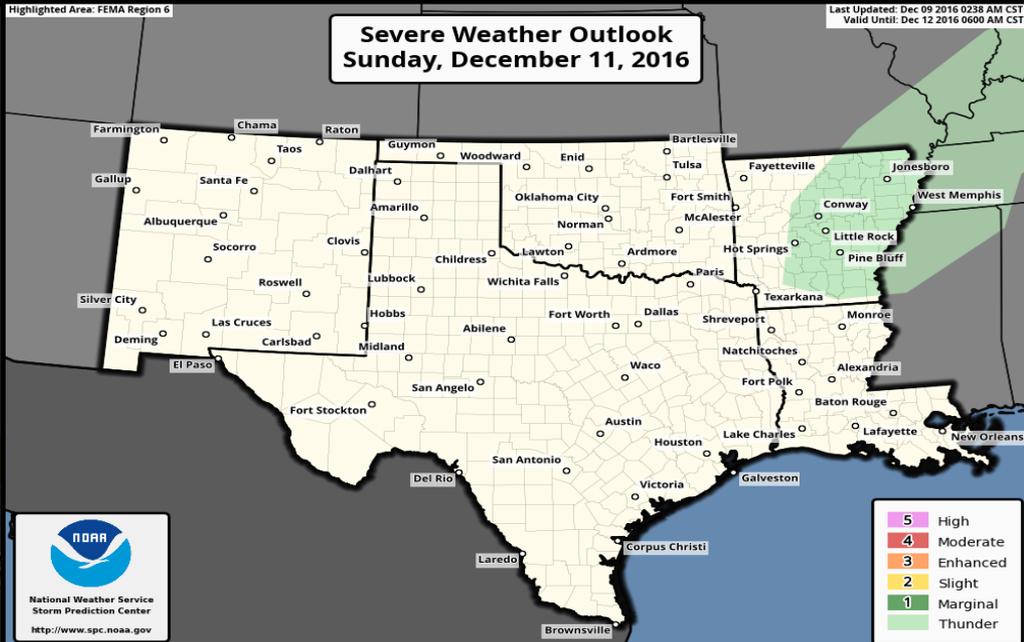
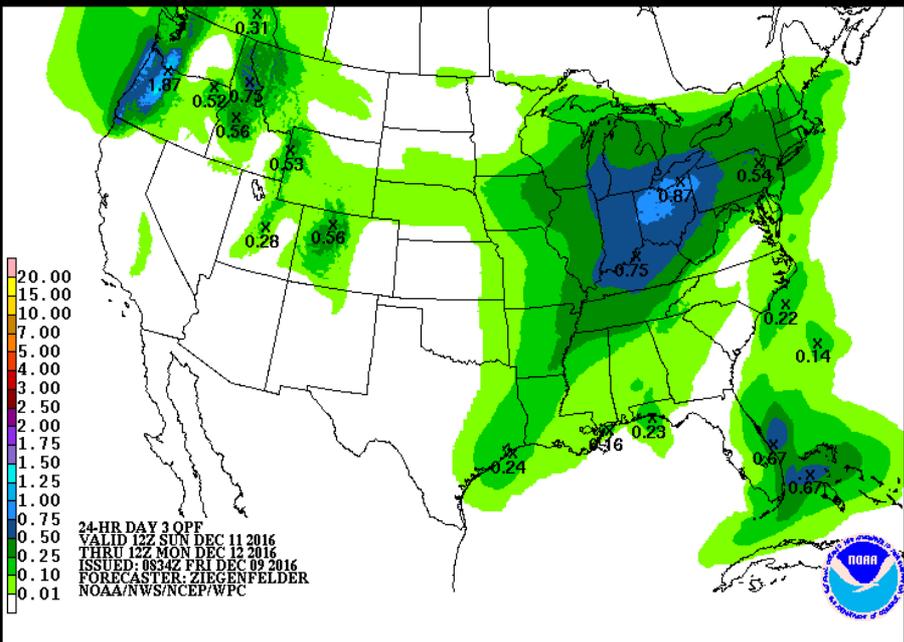


# Sunday's Weather



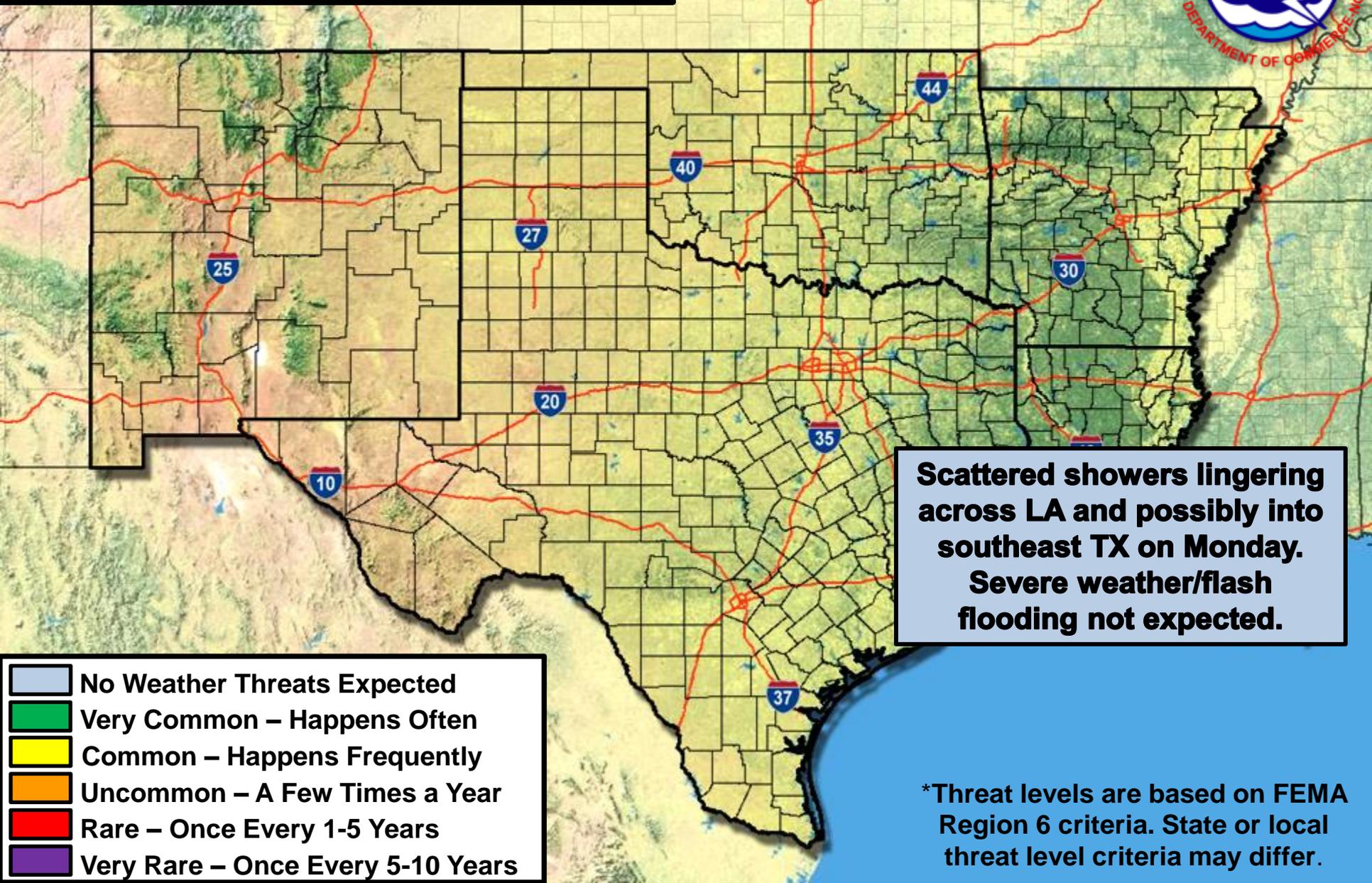
Showers in E TX/OK into AR & LA; Severe weather/flooding not expected.

Weather Forecast for Sun, Dec 11, 2016, issued 5:00 AM EST Fri, Dec 09, 2016  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Wed



**Scattered showers lingering across LA and possibly into southeast TX on Monday. Severe weather/flash flooding not expected.**

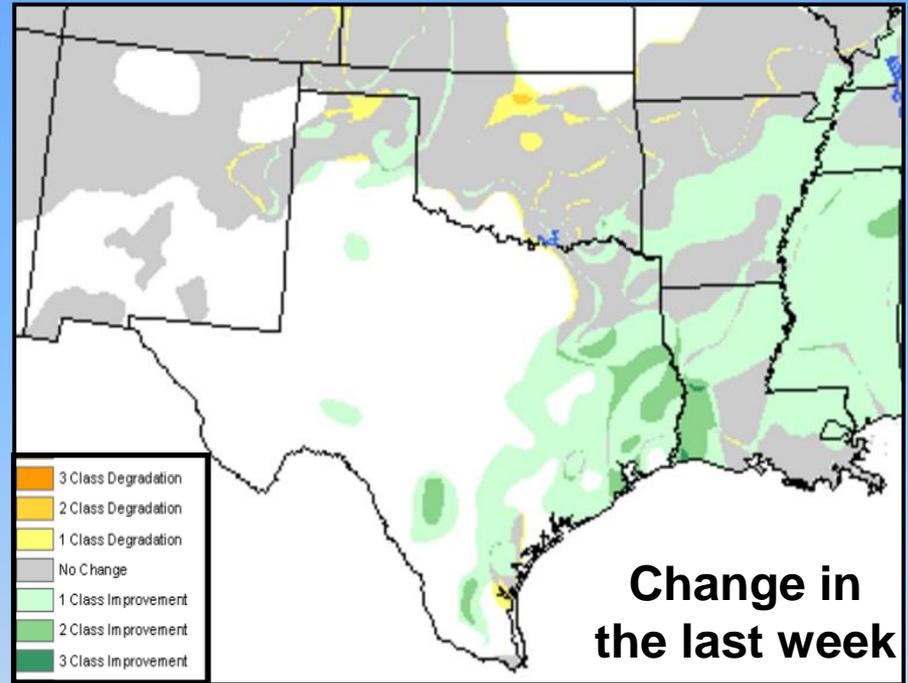
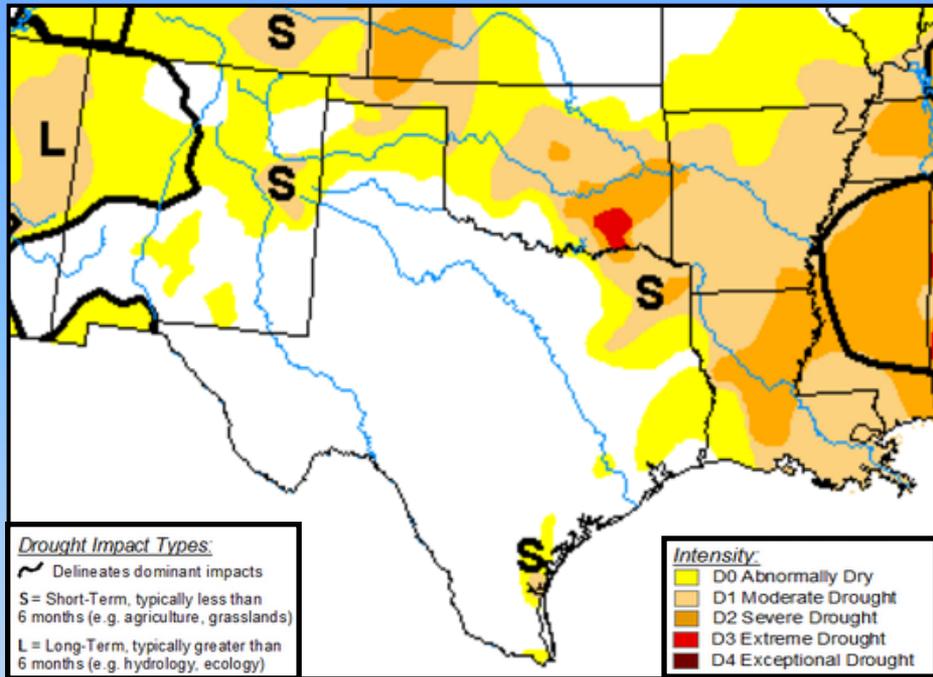
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- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

\*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%

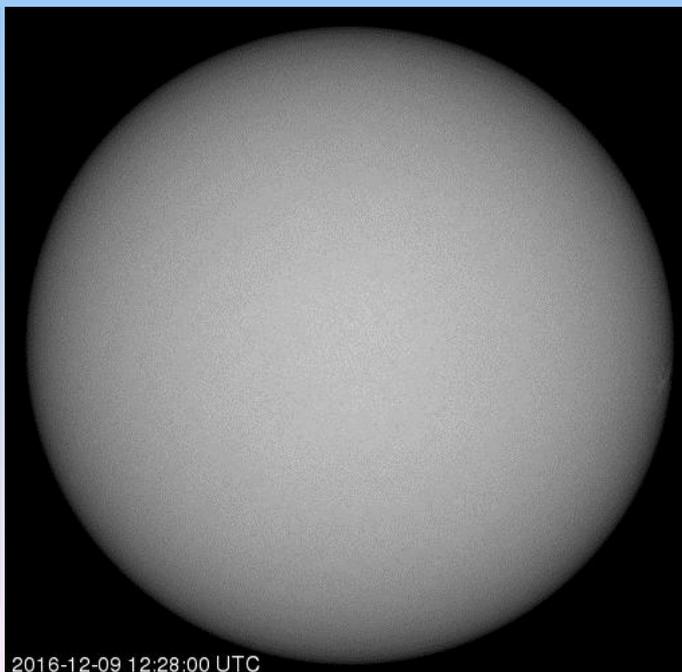
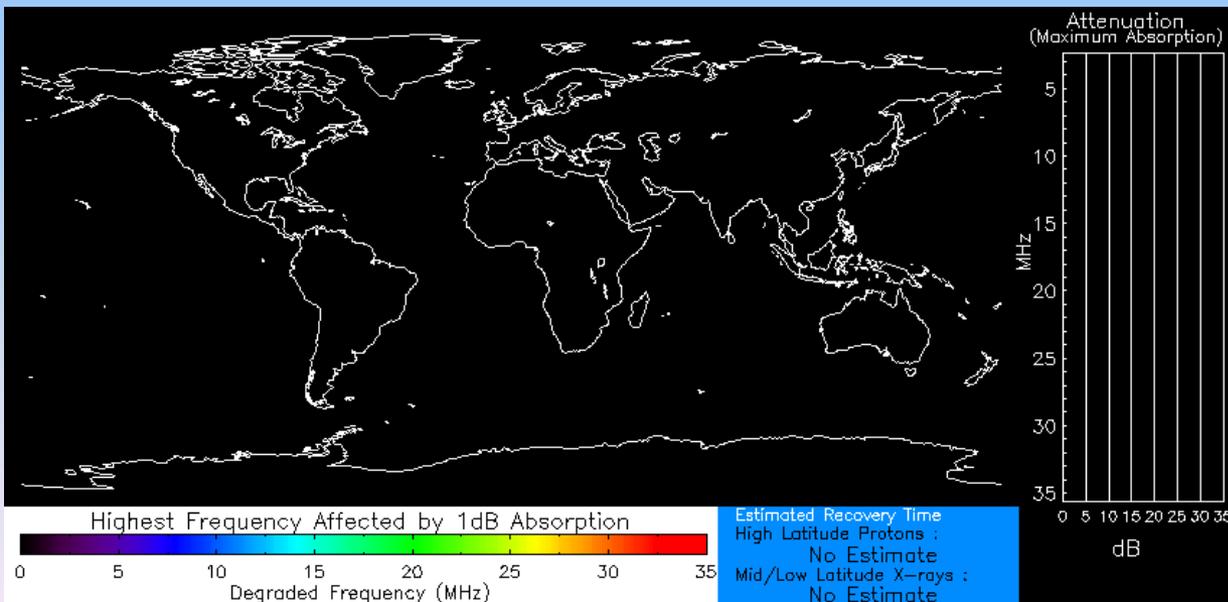
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	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</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 <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</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>