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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, December 12, 2016

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: No significant weather threats

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Key Points

Monday

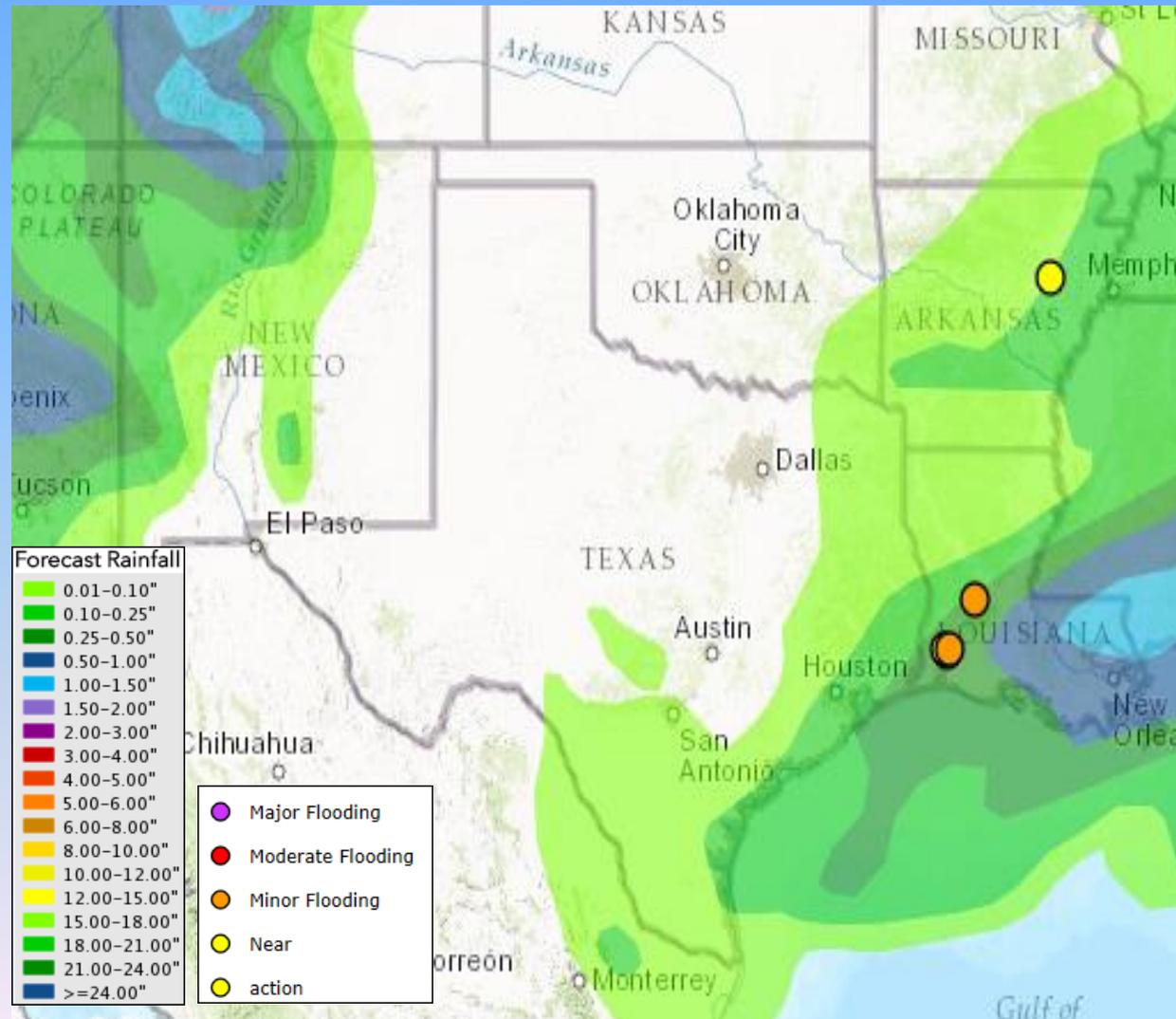
- A few showers possible over the eastern half of the Region...no significant impacts

Tuesday - Friday

- A surge of arctic air will move into FEMA 6 mid-week, but no significant impacts are expected
- Snow develops over northern NM on Friday

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

No significant river 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 12, 2016 - Dec 16, 2016

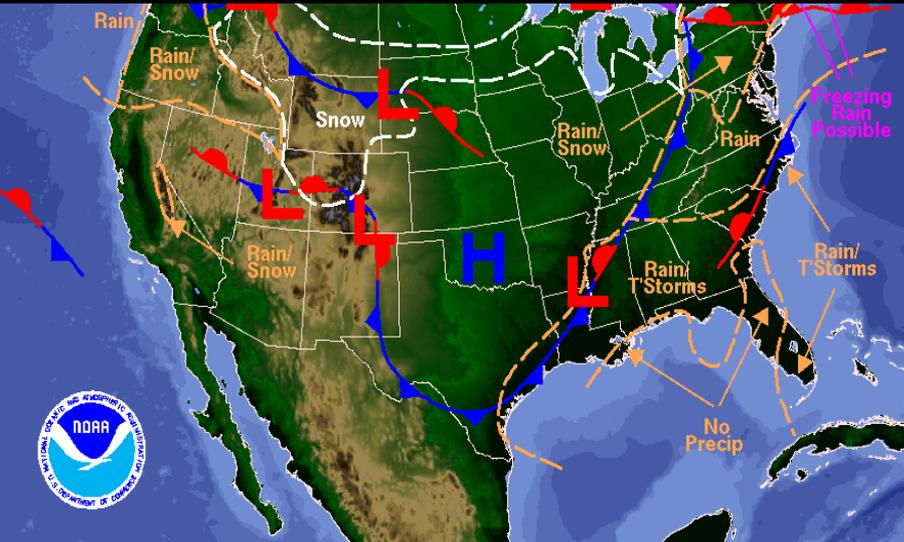
| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Severe Weather | | | | | |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | | | | | |
| Winter Weather | | | | | N NM |
| Fire Weather | | | | | |
| River Flooding | | | | | |

-  No Weather Threats Expected
-  Very Common – Happens Often
-  Common – Happens Frequently
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For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

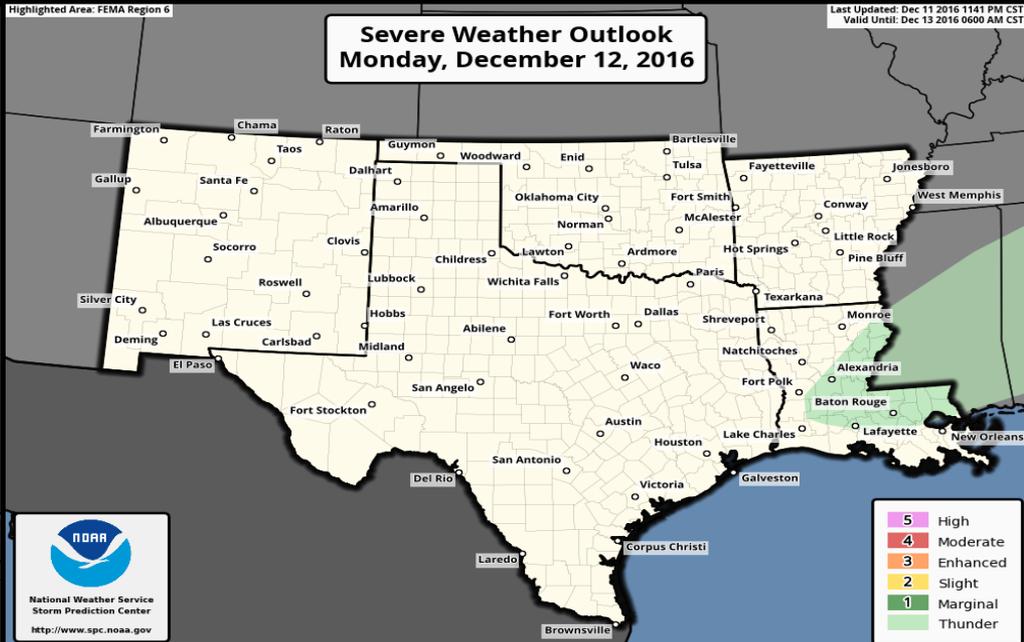
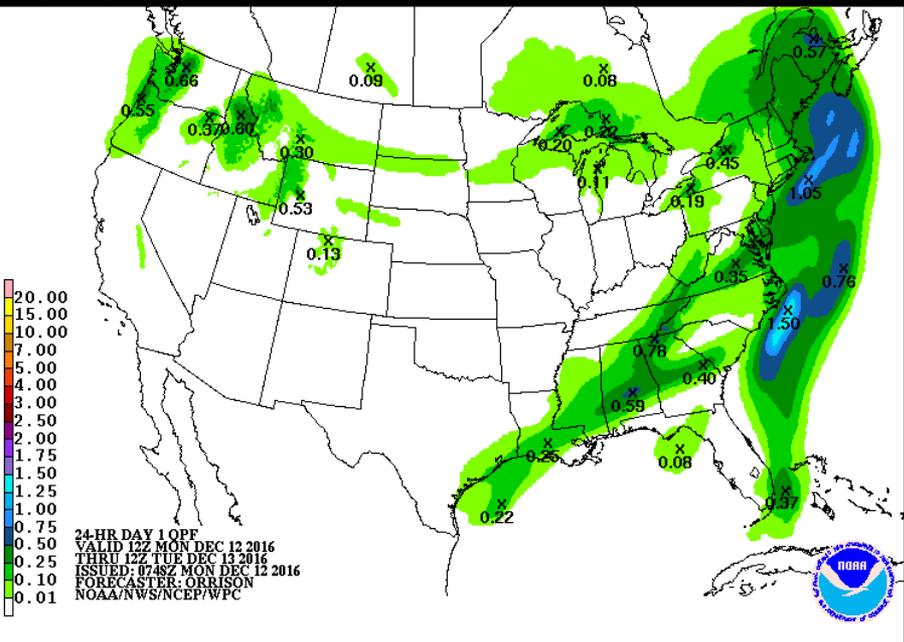


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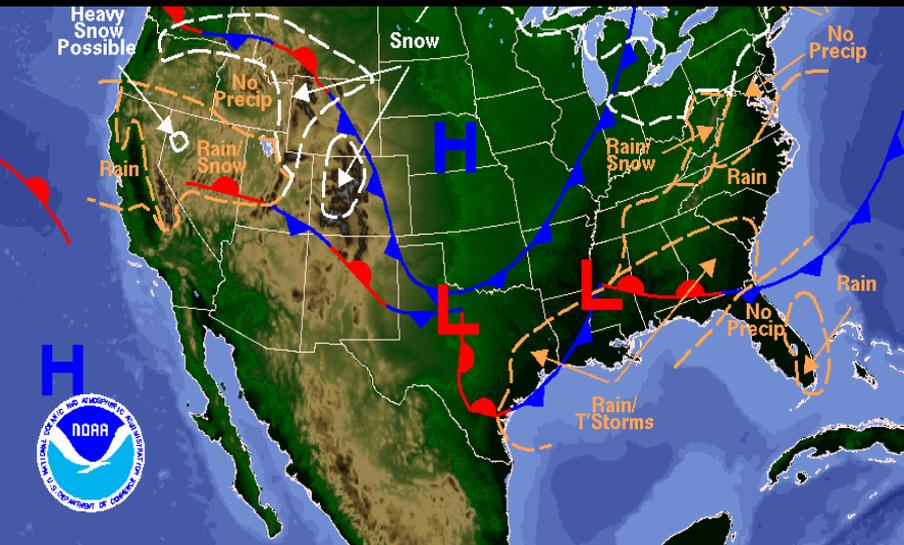


No significant weather impacts

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 Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

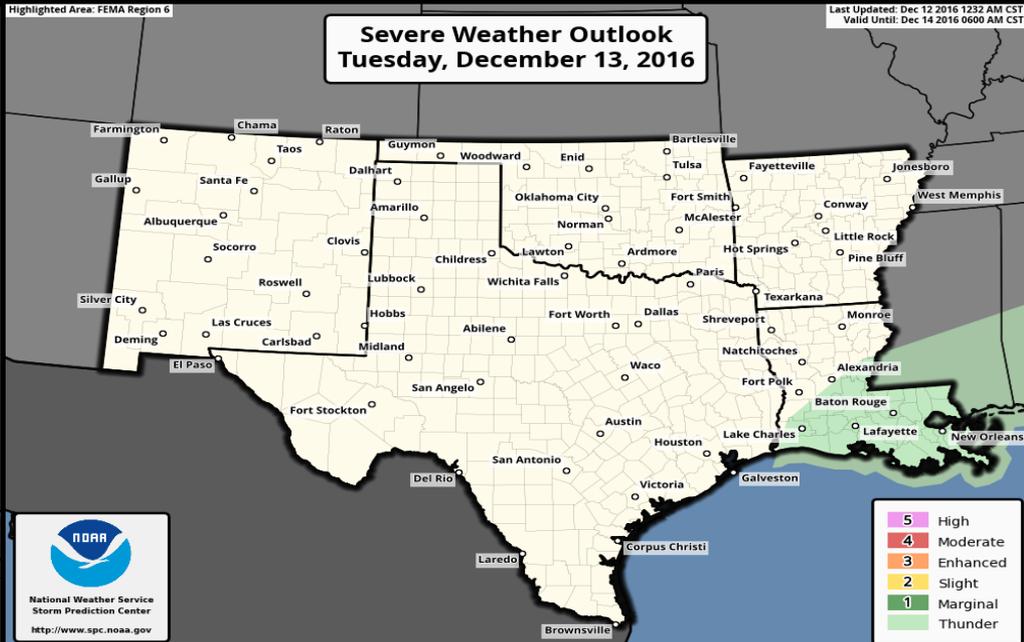
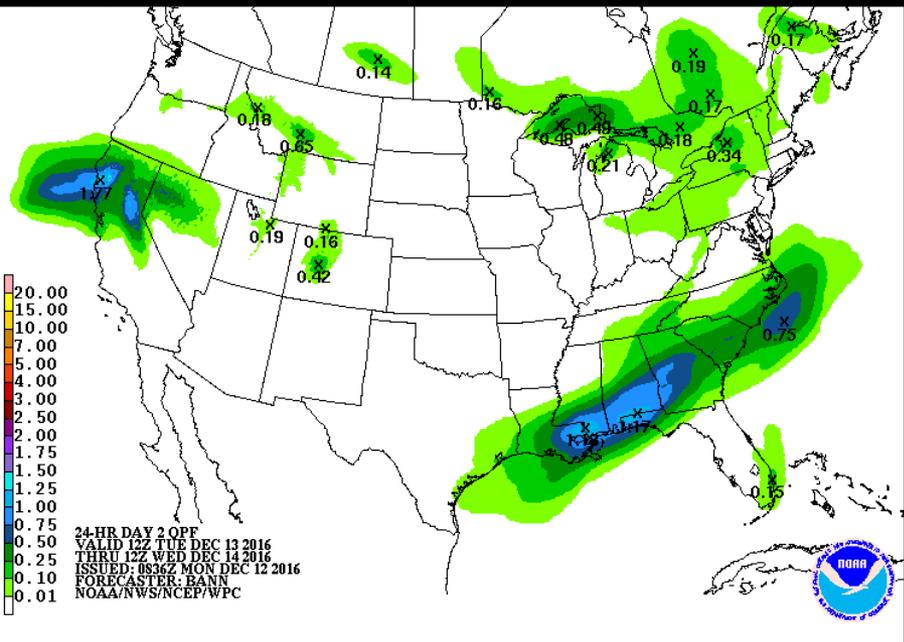


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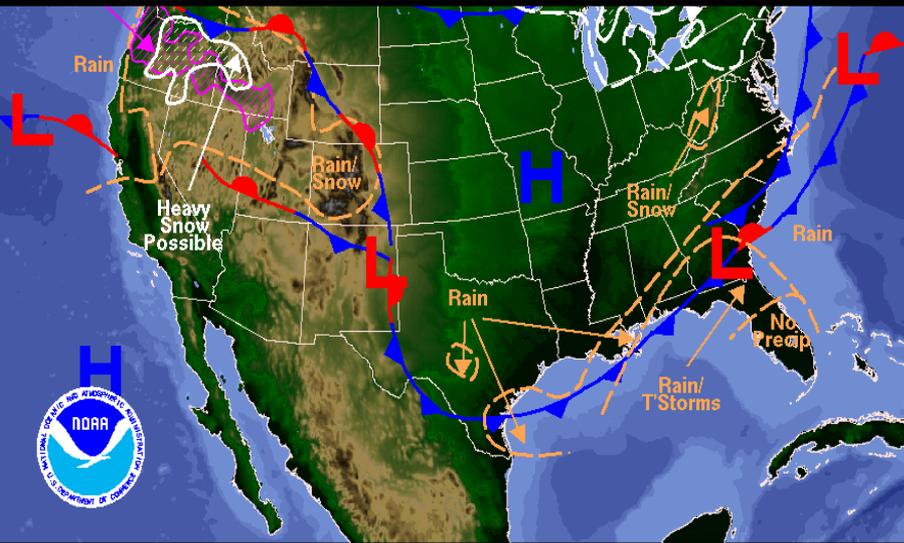


No significant weather impacts

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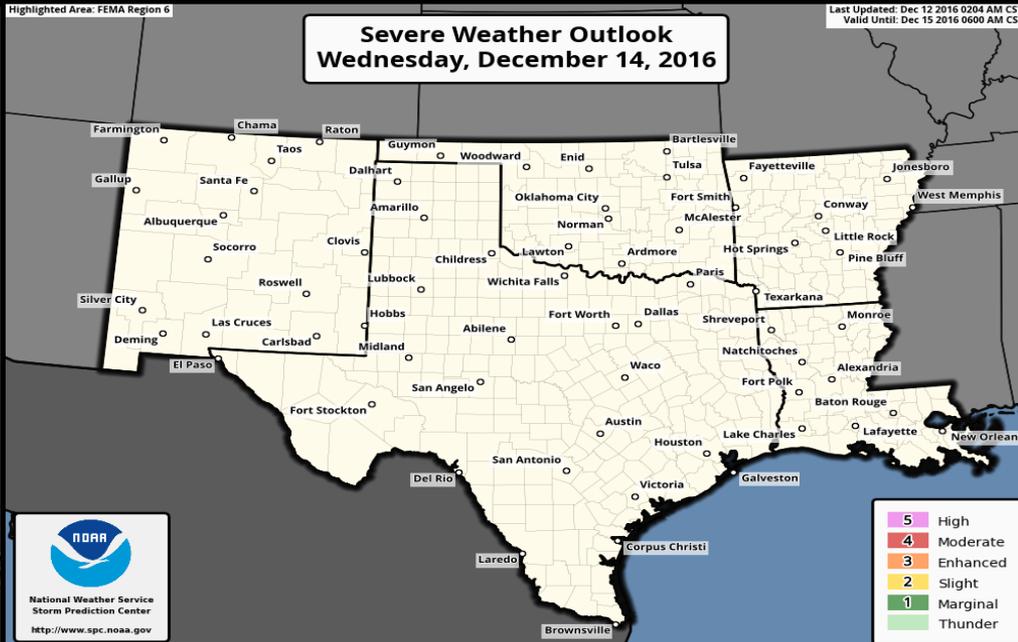
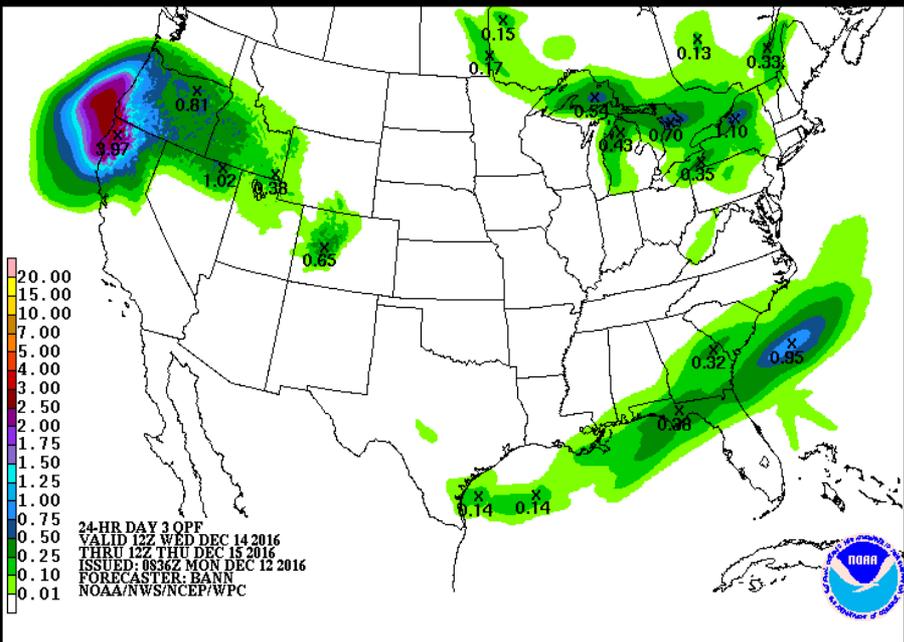


Wednesday's Weather



No significant impacts

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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



Snow develops over northern NM on Friday

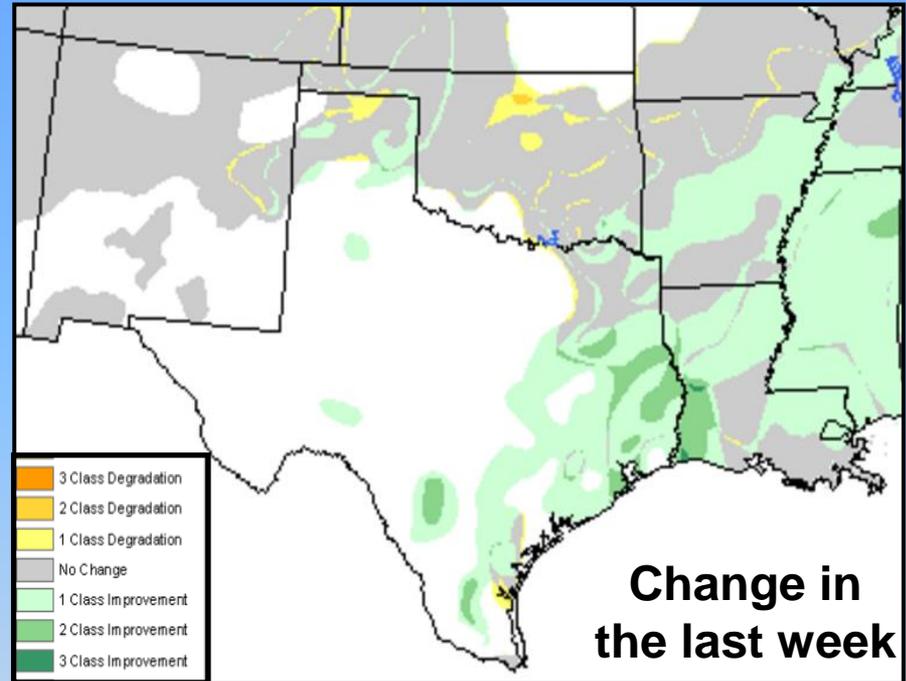
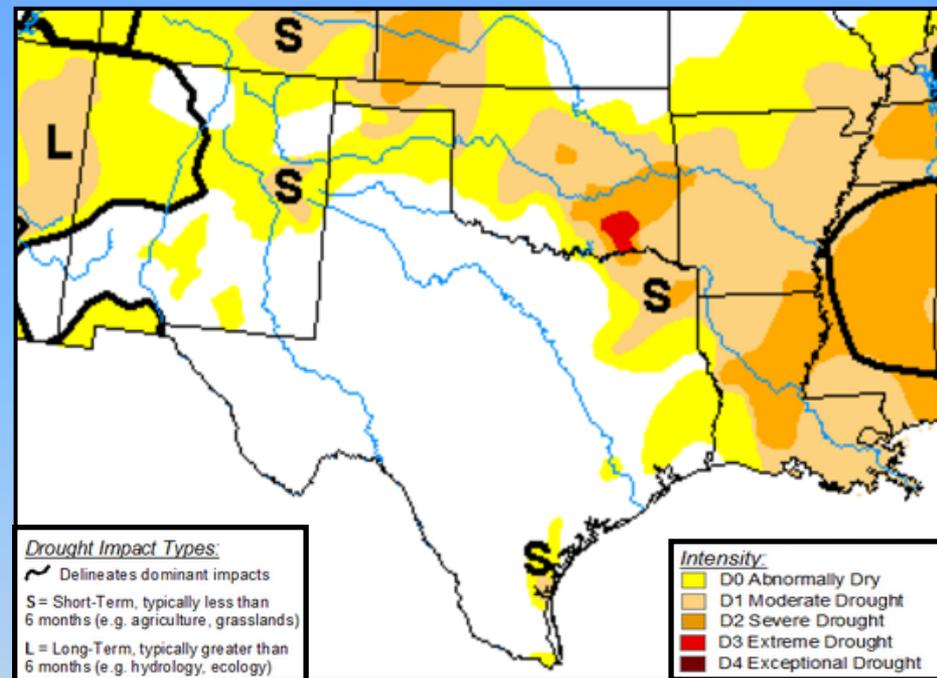
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*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



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% |

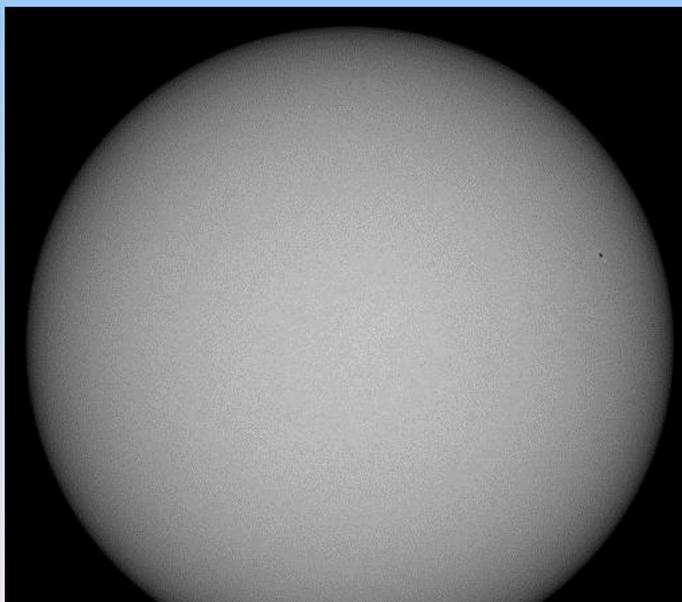
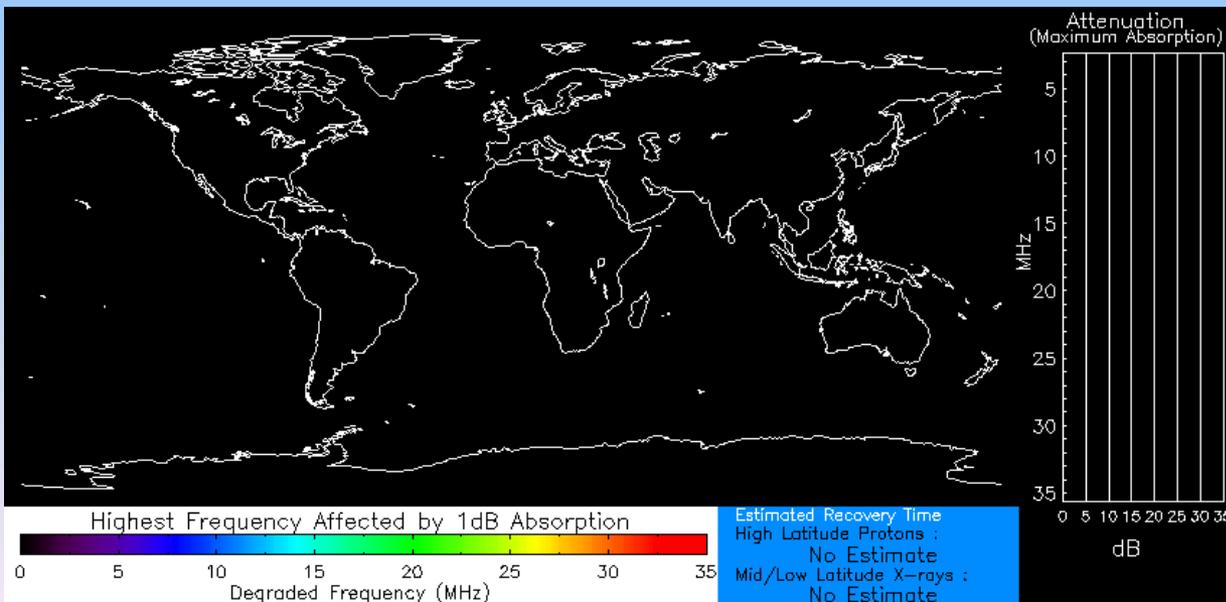
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3) | Quiet (Max Kp = 2) | 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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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 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"> 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 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"> 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 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"> 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 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"> 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 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"> 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 |