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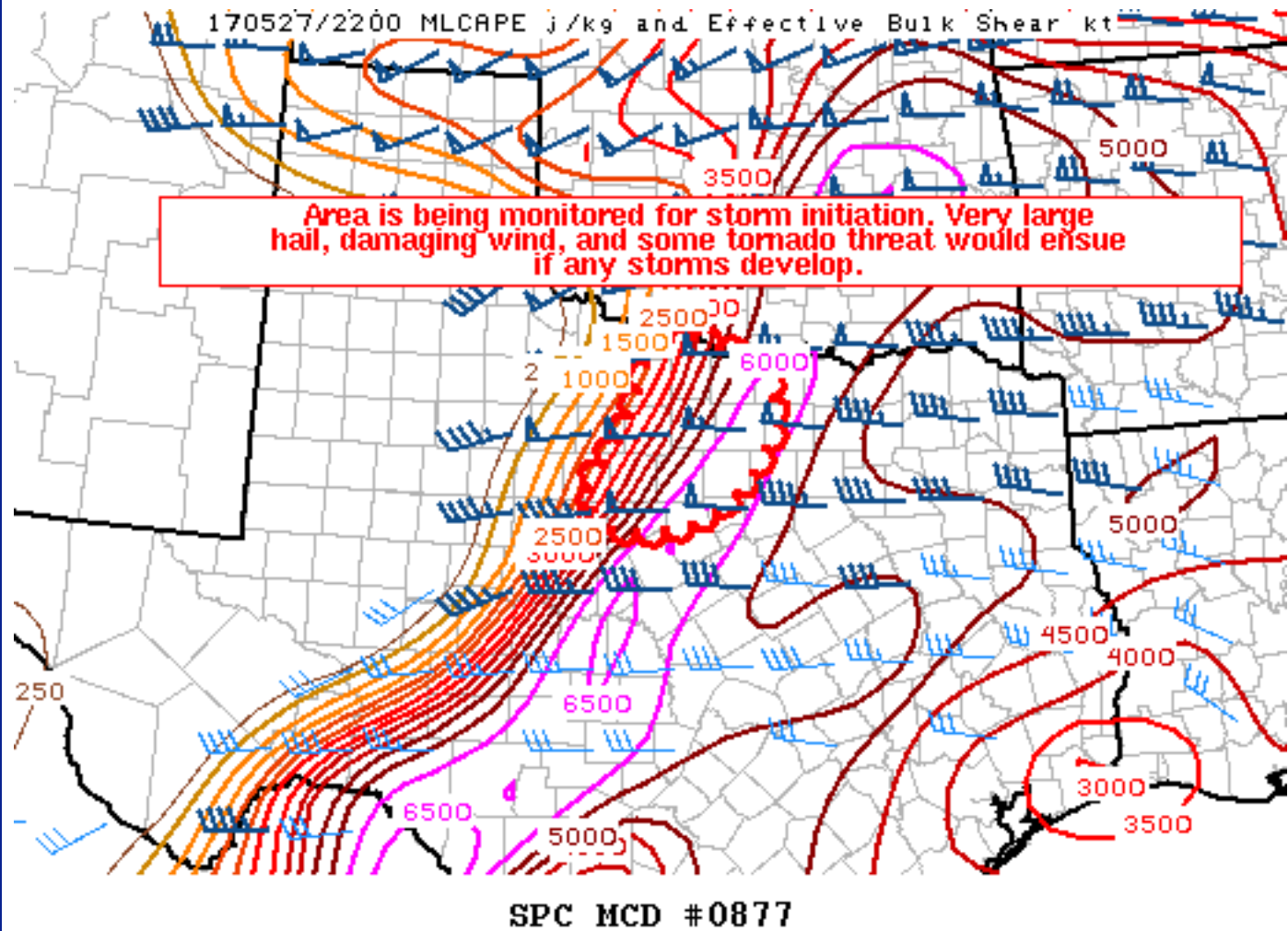
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NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK

0600 PM CDT Sat May 27 2017

Areas affected...Portions of North Texas

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch possible

Valid 272300Z - 280030Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...40 percent

SUMMARY...Portions of north Texas are being monitored for thunderstorm development. A substantial conditional (upon development) severe risk exists and watch issuance is possible.

DISCUSSION...Towering cumulus have recently been noted near the Red River across portions of north TX. While large-scale forcing is weak at best across this area, continued convergence in the vicinity of a diffuse dryline may result in storm development during the next 1-2 hours. Steep midlevel lapse rates atop a very warm and moist

boundary layer are resulting in extreme buoyancy, with MLCAPE likely approaching 6000 J/kg in some areas. With moderately strong southwesterly midlevel flow across the region, effective shear is more than sufficient for supercells, and any storms that develop will have a threat of giant hail and localized, but potentially significant, wind gusts. While low-level flow, as sampled by area VWP's, is not overly strong, some tornado threat would also exist given the extreme CAPE environment and some expected intensification of the low-level jet later this evening.

It is unclear how many storms, if any, will develop in the short term across this area, but watch issuance may become necessary if initiation appears imminent.

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