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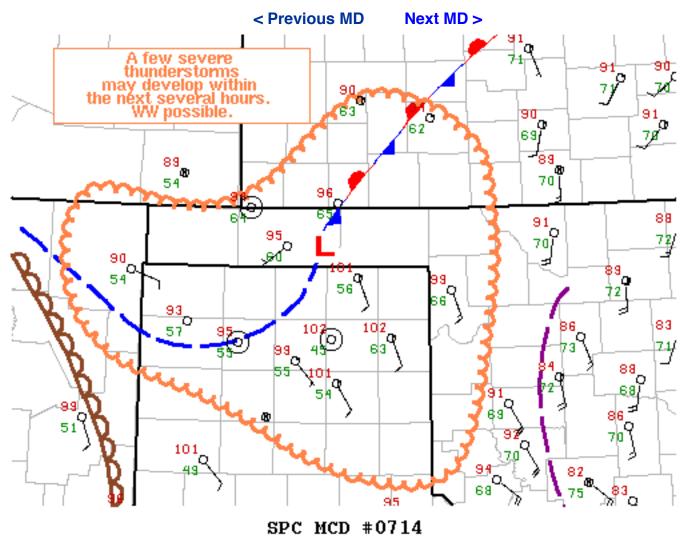
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Mesoscale Discussion 0714 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 0317 PM CDT Tue Jun 12 2018

Areas affected...Southwest KS...OK/TX Panhandles...Far Northeast NM

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch possible

Valid 122017Z - 122215Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...40 percent

SUMMARY...A few severe thunderstorms may develop within the next several hours. Trends are being monitored for a possible watch.

DISCUSSION...Recent surface analysis places a low just east of GUY in the OK Panhandle. A stationary front extends northeastward from this low into northeast KS while a diffuse trough extends southwestward/westward back to another low near the Raton Mesa. Surface convergence is increasing east of this low (and attendant surface boundaries) across the northeast TX Panhandle and eastern OK



Panhandle. This convergence is occurring amidst strong daytime heating and boundary-layer mixing, with surface temperatures across the region currently in the upper 90s/low 100s. Steep mid-level lapse rates atop these warm and moist conditions is resulting in strong instability (i.e. MLCAPE over 2500 J/kg). Modest instability extends back west to the Raton Mesa, where storms are developing across the higher terrain.

According to mesoanalysis and modified RAP soundings, heating and mixing has eroded any convective inhibition, evidenced by the increasingly agitated cumulus field across the area. Continued attempts at convective initiation are expected to eventually result in the development of a few thunderstorms, primarily across the eastern TX/OK Panhandles. Isolated large hail and/or strong downburst winds are the primary severe threat.

Uncertainty regarding severe storm coverage given modest deep-layer shear currently precludes higher watch probabilities but convective trends will be monitored closely.

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