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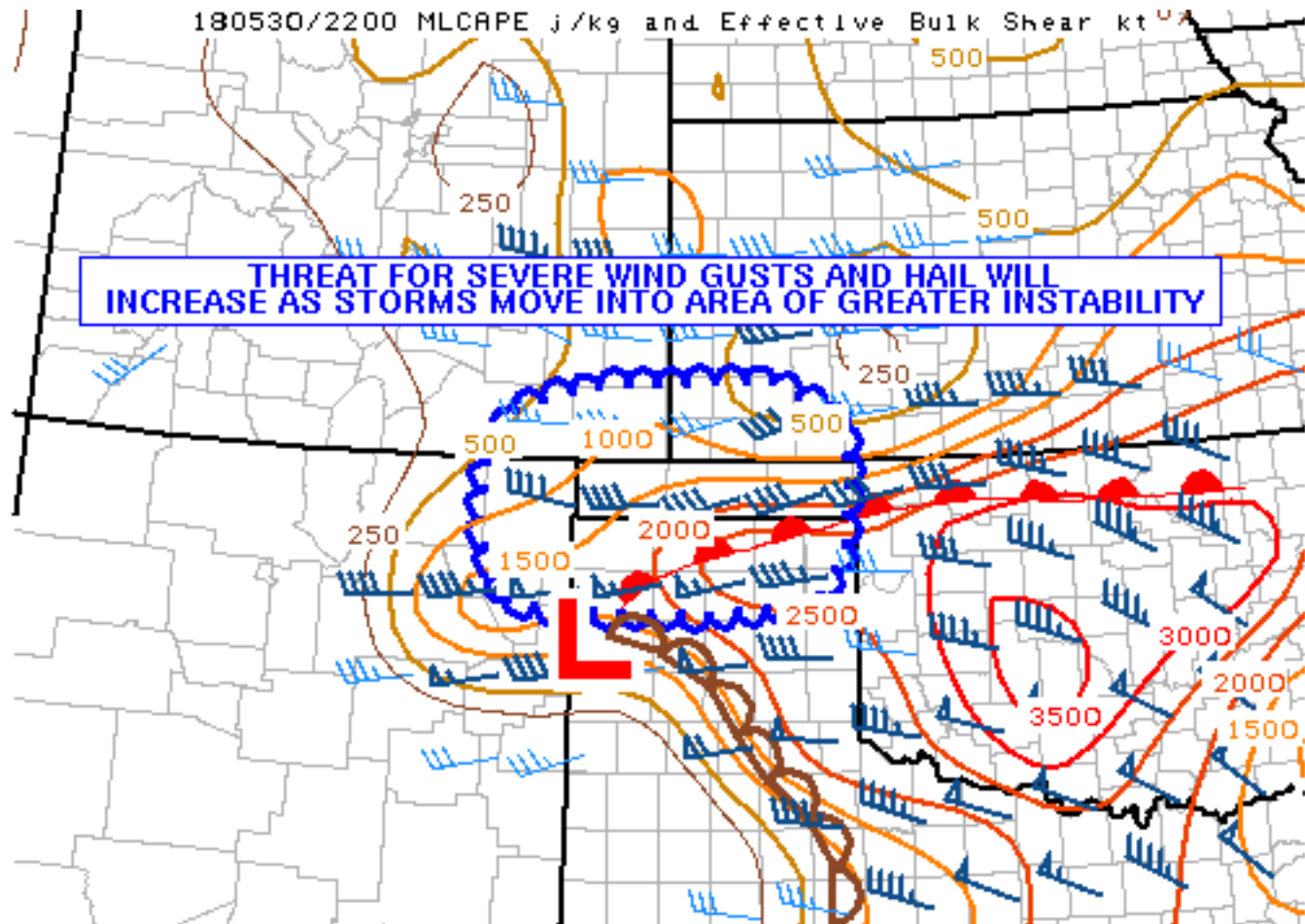
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## Mesoscale Discussion 579

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SPC MCD #0579

Mesoscale Discussion 0579

NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK

0622 PM CDT Wed May 30 2018

Areas affected...Extreme Southeast Colorado...Southwest  
Kansas...Extreme Northeast New Mexico...Oklahoma Panhandle...Texas  
Panhandle

Concerning...Severe Thunderstorm Watch [134](#)...

Valid 302322Z - 310115Z

The severe weather threat for Severe Thunderstorm Watch 134  
continues.

SUMMARY...Storms ongoing in a line from southeast Colorado, far  
western Oklahoma Panhandle, and the along the northern border of New  
Mexico and the Texas Panhandle will move into an area of greater  
surface moisture and instability over the next few hours. Severe  
wind gust and hail threats will increase as this occurs.

DISCUSSION...Current surface analysis show a weak low pressure center in the far western Texas Panhandle with a dryline extending southeastward from DUX to CDS. A warm front is evident in the north Texas Panhandle eastward into northern Oklahoma. Storms have been ongoing in western portions of [WW 134](#). Over the last hour or so, radar trends show that storms have taken on more of a linear mode. As these storms progress east, they will encounter a moist, unstable airmass characterized by mid- to upper-60s dewpoints and surface temperatures into the 90s. MLCAPE values will be anywhere from 2000 to 3500 J/kg. Storm severity is expected to increase in the next few hours. Some uncertainty exists as to the southern extent of this line of storms. Some signs of cumulus development have been evident on visible satellite imagery near DUX. Should further development occur, possible watch extensions in area may be needed along the southern edge of [WW 134](#).

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