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Mesoscale Discussion 1036 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 0154 PM CDT Sun Jun 28 2020

Areas affected...parts of central North Dakota

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch likely

Valid 281854Z - 282100Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...80 percent

SUMMARY...Storms will form within the surface trough/front between 21 and 23Z, with large hail and maybe a couple tornadoes.

DISCUSSION...Strong instability continues to develop over the Dakotas with over 3000 J/kg MLCAPE. A north-south oriented surface trough/front extends across west-central ND, with increasing vertical vorticity and convergence.

Visible imagery confirms ample moisture is in place with substantial CU fields developing. As the cap is completely eroded over the next few hours, subtle lift will cause storms to form from north to south within the surface trough/front. Lapse rates are steep, and will favor rapid development. While SRH is not particularly high, substantial low-level stretching and slow storm motions within the enhanced vertical vorticity zone may allow a broken line of storms to produce tornadoes prior to merging. In addition, large hail is possible with the initial strong cores.

..Jewell/Thompson.. 06/28/2020

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