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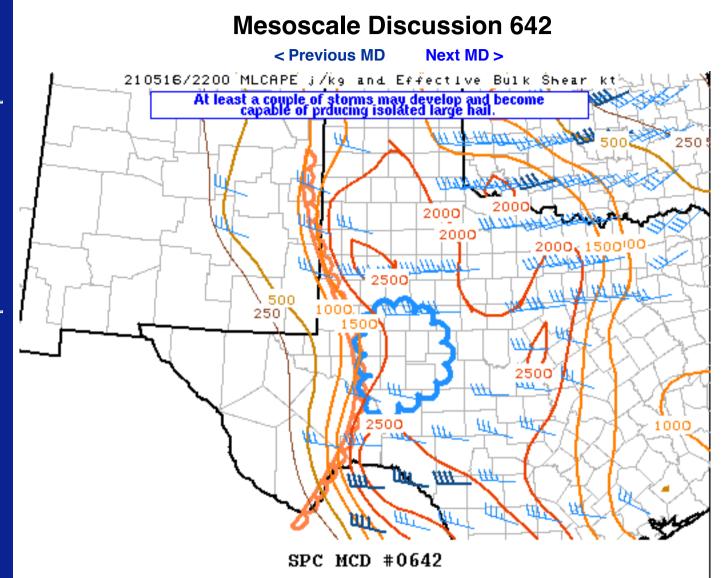
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Mesoscale Discussion 0642 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 0552 PM CDT Sun May 16 2021

Areas affected...southwest Texas

Concerning...Severe potential...Watch possible

Valid 162252Z - 162345Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...40 percent

SUMMARY...Isolated storms may intensify over a portion of southwest TX and become capable of producing mainly large hail. It remains uncertain whether storm coverage and duration will be sufficient to warrant a WW, but short term trends are being monitored.

DISCUSSION...Early this evening deep convective initiation is occurring along the dryline across southwest TX just southeast of the Midland area. The atmosphere in this region is moderately to strongly unstable with up to 2500 J/kg MLCAPE and 7.5 C/km mid-level lapse rates. Effective bulk shear from 30-35 kt may undergo a slight increase this evening. Overall environment appears sufficient for a couple of supercells. However, given what appears to be a somewhat subsident regime aloft, there is some uncertainty regarding how long storms will last, especially with increasing convective inhibition associated with the onset of nocturnal cooling after 01Z. Nevertheless, at least a storm or two storm might intensify and become capable of producing large hail through about 02Z.

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