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The severe threat continues for WW 251.

Greatest near-term tomado threat.

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Mesoscale Discussion 0914 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 0830 PM CDT Thu Jun 10 2021

Areas affected...Western North Dakota

Concerning...Tornado Watch 251...

Valid 110130Z - 110330Z

The severe weather threat for Tornado Watch 251 continues.

SUMMARY...The severe threat continues for WW 251. The greatest near-term tornado risk will likely persist across west-central ND were training embedded supercells may continue. Developing convection across northeast MT may pose a tornado risk, but confidence is somewhat low.

DISCUSSION...Thunderstorms that initially developed across far eastern MT have only gradually moved into west/northwest ND over the past 1-2 hours. This is largely due to meridional flow aloft and weak synoptic forcing (the main cold front remains displaced to the west). This has resulted in a broken line of training convection from near KD50 in northwest ND to near KGDV in eastern MT. Although low-level shear remains very favorable for a tornado threat across northwest ND (as noted by high 0-1 km SRH values in the KMBX VWP), training stratiform and convective precipitation has cooled surface temperatures and reduced low-level lapse rates. This may hinder the potential for surface-based convection and the overall tornado threat to some degree (though severe hail/wind remain possible).

Further south in west-central ND, persistent warm/moist advection into the southern end of the line is supporting embedded supercells that have produced tornadoes over the past 2 hours. 100-200 m2/s2 ESRH (per RAP mesoanalysis) near the surface warm front will continue to support the tornado threat in the near term. Gradual cold pool amalgamation along the line and interactions with convection emerging from the west/southwest out of central MT should limit the tornado potential after 03 UTC.

Developing convection is noted along a surface trough/remnant outflow boundary across northeast MT. Favorable instability and low-level shear along and immediately to the east of the boundary may support a small corridor for a tornado threat, but cooler temperatures closer to the ND border and storm interactions introduce uncertainty for this potential.

..Moore.. 06/11/2021

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