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DISCUSSION...A small, but persistent area of thunderstorms spreading to the west/northwest of Yankton SD may have initiated in response to forcing associated with lower/mid tropospheric warm advection, within a strongly heated and deeply mixed boundary layer. This environment extends in a narrowing pre-cold frontal corridor northeast of the Missouri River into west central Minnesota, and is becoming a focus for increasing convective development as mid-level inhibition weakens in response to daytime heating.

Upper 60s F dew points appear to be contributing to a corridor of moderate CAPE in excess of 2000 J/kg downstream of the evolving cluster, which may maintain thunderstorm development into the 01-03Z time frame. Although stronger mid/upper flow and deep-layer shear are generally confined to the post-frontal regime, the more favorable thermodynamic regime is generally aligned with a 30-35 kt southerly 850 mb jet. This is forecast to strengthen into early evening. As it does, substantive sub-cloud evaporative cooling and downward mixing of momentum may contribute to increasing potential for strong to locally severe surface gusts.

..Kerr/Edwards.. 06/20/2022

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