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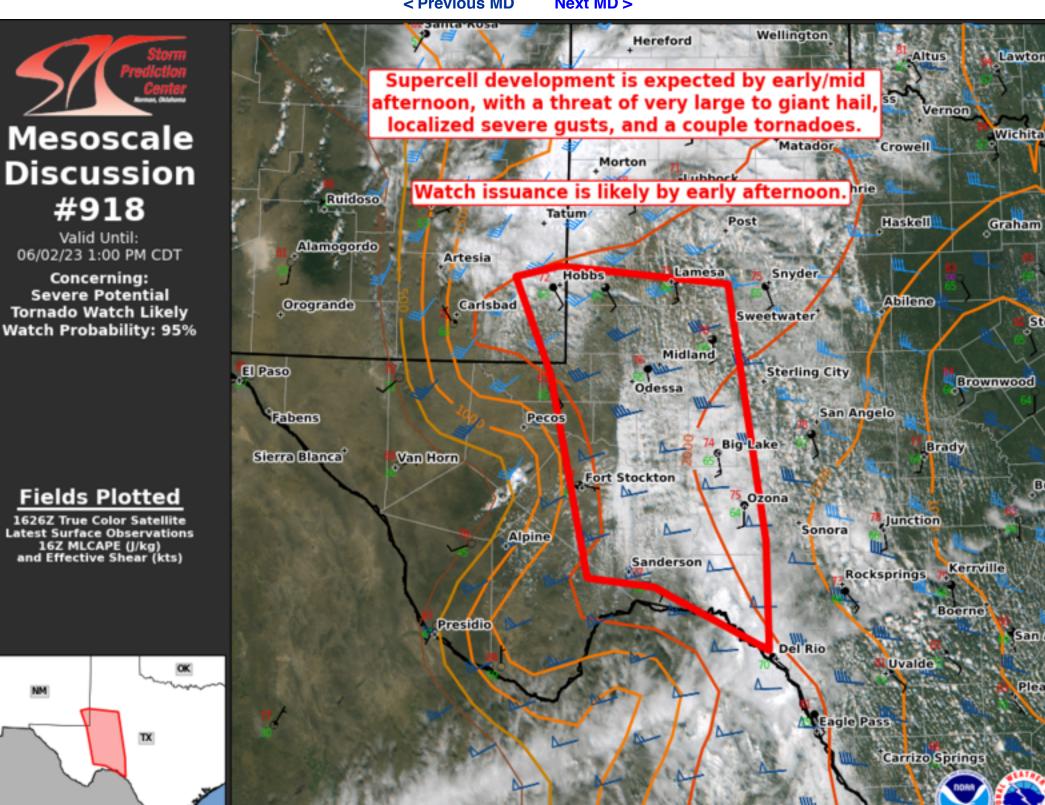
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Mesoscale Discussion 0918 NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK 1135 AM CDT Fri Jun 02 2023

Areas affected... TX Permian Basin and vicinity

Concerning...Severe potential...Tornado Watch likely

Valid 021635Z - 021800Z

Probability of Watch Issuance...95 percent

SUMMARY...Supercell development is expected by early/mid afternoon, with a threat of very large to giant hail (potentially 3-4 inches in diameter), localized severe gusts, and a couple of tornadoes. Tornado Watch issuance is likely by early afternoon.

DISCUSSION...Diurnal heating is underway across the TX Permian Basin region, with some thinning of low/midlevel cloudiness noted over the last hour. Steep midlevel lapse rates and rich low-level moisture are already supporting MLCAPE in excess of 1500-2000 J/kg, with an increase above 3000 J/kg possible this afternoon. Meanwhile, increasing midlevel flow near the base of a shortwave mid/upper-level trough moving across the southern Rockies is supporting effective shear of 40-55 kt across the region. This instability/shear combination will result in a very favorable severe thunderstorm environment, and scattered supercell development is expected by early/mid afternoon as favorable large-scale ascent attendant to the southern Rockies shortwave spreads over the region.

Elongated and relatively straight hodographs will favor splitting supercells, with a primary threat of very large to giant (potentially 3-4 inch in diameter) hail. While low-level flow will likely remain relatively modest, some backing of surface winds may support sufficient enhancement of low-level shear/SRH to support the threat for a couple of tornadoes, especially with any more intense and long-lived supercells. Localized severe gusts will be possible as well.

With supercell development possible within the next 2-3 hours, Tornado Watch issuance is likely by early afternoon.

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