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Concerning:

**Tornado Watch** 

#178

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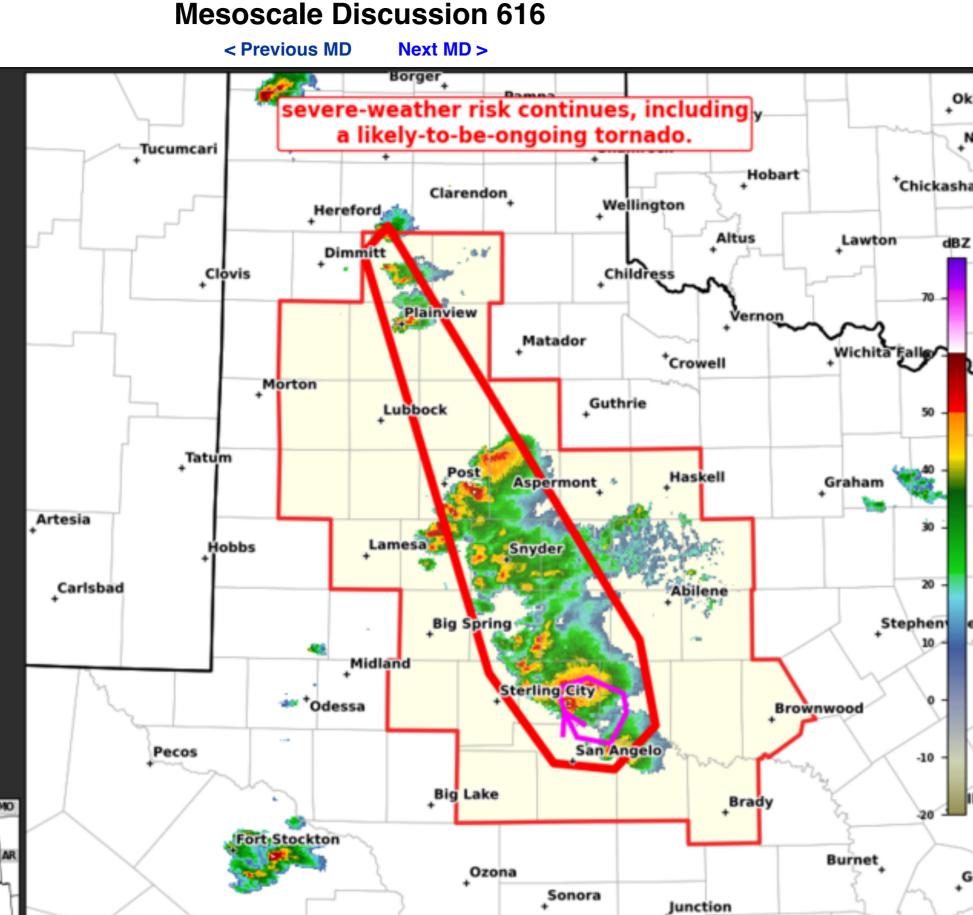
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Areas affected...west-central Texas...from the South Plains to the Concho Valley

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Sanderson

Concerning...Tornado Watch 178...

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The severe weather threat for Tornado Watch 178 continues.

SUMMARY...Severe/isolated tornado risk continues across Tornado Watch 178, including a very intense/strongly rotating supercell moving southeastward across Coke County north of San Angelo.

DISCUSSION...Latest radar loop shows isolated storms extending from north of Lubbock southeastward to near San Angelo. Given the very favorable thermodynamic environment (2500 to 3500 J/kg mixed-layer CAPE per RAP-based objective analysis) across the area, and low-level southeasterlies veering to west-southwesterly at mid levels, risk for very large hail, locally damaging winds, and isolated tornadoes continues.

One storm in particular appears strongly tornadic at this time per radar observations. In addition to an extremely well-defined hook with an eye-like area of lesser reflectivity apparent, the latest storm-relative velocity data from the KSJT WSR-88D shows rotational velocity in excess of 90kt -- coincident with the "reflectivity eye" within the hook, would suggest the possibility of an ongoing significant tornado. While this storm is currently moving southeastward across relatively sparsely populated areas, continued southeastward motion could allow the storm to approach areas near and east of the San Angelo area in the next hour. With that said, a recent turn to a more east-southeastward motion has been observed in the past couple of volume scans.

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