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Severe Storms and Flood Watches Across the Plains Tonight · New Tropical Storm Trudy Forecast to Become a Major Hurricane · Hurricane Simon Drifts as Mexico Drops Mainland Watches

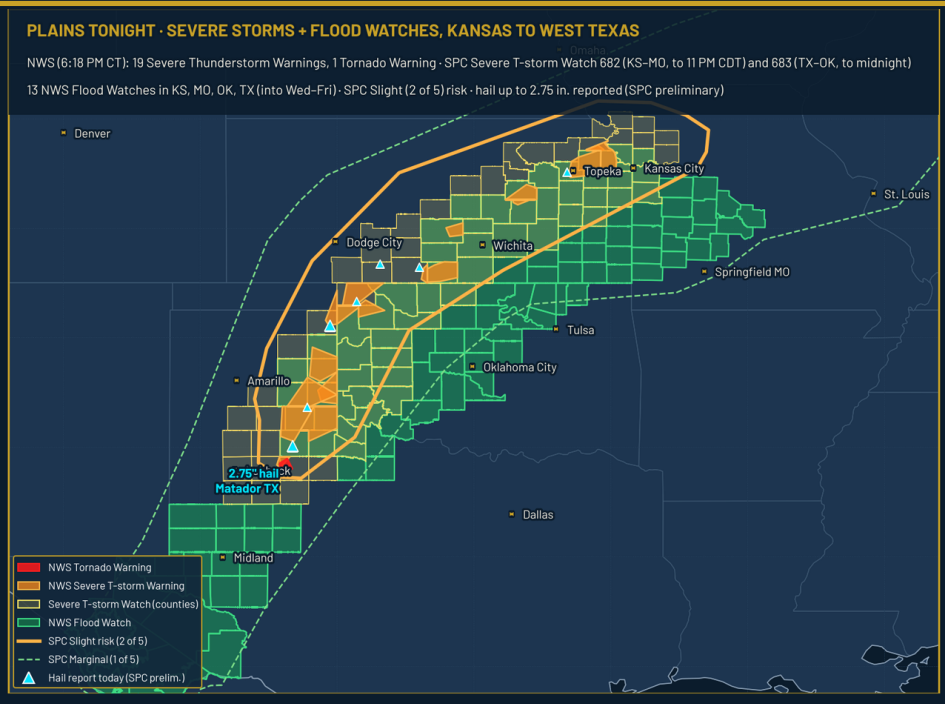
Tuesday evening, October 13, 2026 · Issued 6:30 PM CT

PLAINS: SEVERE STORMS NOW, FLOOD WATCHES INTO THE WEEK

At 6:18 PM CT the National Weather Service had **19 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings** and **1 Tornado Warning** active from the Texas Panhandle to Kansas. SPC Severe Thunderstorm Watches run until **11 PM CDT** (Watch 682, Kansas and Missouri) and **midnight CDT** (Watch 683, West Texas and western Oklahoma). Hail of **2.75 in.** was reported near Matador, Texas (SPC, preliminary).

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PLAINS SEVERE STORMS · FLOOD WATCHES
NWS 6:18 PM CT: 19 Severe T-storm Warnings · 1 Tornado Warning · 13 Flood Watches KS/MO/OK/TX



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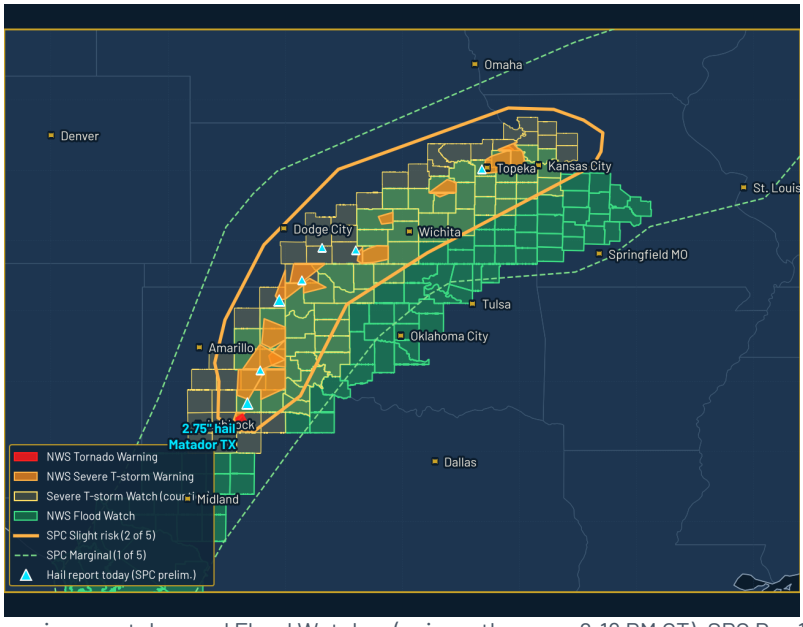
13 NWS Flood Watches cover parts of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, some into Friday; moisture from Hurricane Simon is streaming into West Texas (NWS Midland). In the eastern Pacific, **Tropical Storm Trudy** formed today and NHC forecasts rapid strengthening to a major hurricane by Friday. **Hurricane Simon** holds at 90 mph and barely moves; Mexico dropped its mainland watches and NHC cut Simon's rain forecast.

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1 · Plains severe storms and Flood Watches (lead)

Safety first: Storms in Kansas, Oklahoma and West Texas can drop hail bigger than golf balls. Get the car under cover and never drive into a flooded road.

Item	Official (NWS / SPC, alerts as of 6:18 PM CT)
Warnings now	**19 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings** (NWS Lubbock, Amarillo, Norman, Dodge City, Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City; also eastern Iowa) and **1 Tornado Warning** (NWS Lubbock). Warnings change by the minute; check weather.gov for your county
SPC Watch 682	Severe Thunderstorm Watch, southern into eastern **Kansas** and west-central into northwest **Missouri** (Wichita, Hutchinson, Salina, Topeka, Kansas City), 4 PM to **11 PM CDT**. Hail to 2.5 in., gusts to 80 mph, a tornado or two possible
SPC Watch 683	Severe Thunderstorm Watch, eastern **Texas Panhandle** into northwest **Texas** and western **Oklahoma** (Lubbock area to Woodward and Alva), 4:50 PM to **midnight CDT**. Hail to 2.5 in., gusts to 75 mph, a tornado or two possible
SPC Day 1 outlook	**Slight (2 of 5)** from parts of northwest Missouri and Kansas into the southern High Plains: large hail, severe gusts and possibly a tornado into tonight; Marginal expanded into northeast Oklahoma, southeast Kansas and southwest Missouri (SPC, 2:50 PM CDT)
Hail reports today	SPC preliminary: **2.75 in.** 1 NE Matador, TX; **2.00 in.** 8 E Lipscomb, TX; **1.75 in.** 1 S Matador, TX and 7 SSE Silver Lake, KS; 1.25 in. 1 N Wilmore, KS; 1.00 in. at Memphis, TX, near Fort Supply, OK and in Barber Co., KS. Top gust 63 mph near McAdoo, TX (Texas Tech mesonet). No tornado reports as of 6:18 PM CT
Flood Watches	**13 NWS Flood Watches**: Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City/Pleasant Hill (KS and west-central MO, including the Kansas City metro), Springfield MO, Tulsa and Norman OK, Amarillo, Lubbock and Midland/Odessa TX. Ends range from 10 AM Wednesday (Topeka/Kansas City) to Friday morning (Midland/Odessa)
Simon link	NWS Midland: "Moisture from Hurricane Simon will stream over West Texas the next several days," with flash flooding likely in urban areas and low-water crossings (Flood Watch 7 PM CDT tonight through Friday morning)



Map: HailDataHub from NWS warnings, watches and Flood Watches (api.weather.gov, 6:18 PM CT), SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook (2:50 PM CDT) and SPC preliminary hail reports. Reports are preliminary and may change.

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2 · NEW: Tropical Storm Trudy · forecast major hurricane

Safety first: Trudy is new and still small, but NHC expects it to grow fast, from 40 mph today to a major hurricane by Friday, and it could be close to Mexico's coast this weekend.

Item	Official (NHC, 3 PM CST / 4 PM CT Tue Oct 13 · Adv 2)
Trudy now	**40 mph tropical storm** · **1005 mb** · 10.6N 96.4W · about 490 mi SSE of Acapulco and 780 mi SE of Manzanillo, Mexico · moving **NW at 8 mph**
Size	Tropical-storm-force winds reach **45 mi** from the center
Forecast strength	**Rapid intensification** forecast: hurricane by **Wednesday night**, **major hurricane by Friday** (NHC Discussion 2: 80 kt of strengthening in 72 h; intensity confidence above average)
Watches/warnings	**None yet.** Interests in southwestern and west-central Mexico should monitor Trudy
Hazards	Swells reach the coast of southern Mexico **late this week**, with life-threatening surf and rip currents. NHC key message: increasing risk of wind, rain and storm-surge impacts late week into the weekend; too soon for exact location

Trudy forecast path (NHC Advisory 2, times CT)

When (CT)	Forecast position	Wind	Status
Wed Oct 14 · 1 PM	12.0N 99.0W, south of Acapulco	70 mph	Tropical storm
Thu Oct 15 · 1 AM	12.7N 100.1W	85 mph	Category 1
Fri Oct 16 · 1 AM	14.3N 101.2W	120 mph	Category 3 (major)
Fri Oct 16 · 1 PM	15.3N 101.6W	130 mph	Category 4
Sat Oct 17 · 1 PM	17.1N 103.3W, off southwestern Mexico	130 mph	Category 4
Sun Oct 18 · 1 PM	19.1N 105.2W, near west-central Mexico	115 mph	Category 3

NHC: track confidence is low from day 3 to 5, partly because of Simon; Trudy "could potentially be very close to the coast of Mexico as a hurricane over the weekend" (Discussion 2, 3 PM CST). Next full advisory 9 PM CST.



Map: HailDataHub from NHC GIS (Simon Adv 26 and Trudy Adv 2 cones and forecast points, best tracks). Times in CT.

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3 · Hurricane Simon · Category 1 · mainland watches dropped

Safety first: For mainland Mexico, the watches are gone and the rain forecast dropped from up to 15 inches this morning to 1 to 3 inches. Simon is still a hurricane, though, and it's barely moving.

Item	Official (NHC, 2 PM MST / 4 PM CT Tue Oct 13 · Adv 26)
Simon now	**90 mph, Category 1** · **977 mb** · 20.2N 107.5W · about 115 mi W of Cabo Corrientes and 115 mi SW of Las Islas Marías, Mexico · moving **W at 2 mph**
Size	Very small: hurricane-force winds reach only **10 mi** from the center; tropical-storm-force winds **35 mi** (down from 45 mi this morning)
What changed	**Mexico discontinued the Hurricane Watch and Tropical Storm Watch for mainland Mexico.** The only watch left is a **Hurricane Watch for Las Islas Marías** (hurricane conditions possible Wednesday or Thursday)
Rain	**1 to 2 in., isolated 3 in.** over parts of Baja California Sur, Nayarit and Sinaloa by Friday (this morning NHC said 5 to 10 in., isolated 15 in.)
Forecast	Very slow motion for a couple of days, then a turn north or north-northwest late this week; slight strengthening possible over the next day; remains a hurricane through Thursday, then gradual weakening. Interests in west-central Mexico and Baja California Sur should keep monitoring; new watches are possible
Surf	Swells cause life-threatening surf and rip currents along southwestern and west-central Mexico for the next few days

Simon forecast path (NHC Advisory 26, times CT)

When (CT)	Forecast position	Wind	Status
Wed Oct 14 · 1 PM	19.8N 108.1W, nearly stationary	105 mph	Category 2
Thu Oct 15 · 1 PM	19.8N 107.6W	100 mph	Category 2
Fri Oct 16 · 1 PM	22.6N 108.8W, turning north	70 mph	Tropical storm
Sat Oct 17 · 1 PM	24.4N 110.2W, near Baja California Sur	50 mph	Tropical storm
Sun Oct 18 · 1 PM	28.8N 111.1W	35 mph	Post-tropical / inland

Simon timeline (NHC, Central Time)

When (CT)	Product	Status	Wind
Sat Oct 10 · 7 PM	Best track peak	Category 4, 930 mb	155 mph
Mon Oct 12 · 7 AM	Advisory 20A	Category 3, 958 mb	115 mph
Tue Oct 13 · 7 AM	Advisory 24A	Category 1, 977 mb; mainland Hurricane Watch and TS Watch in effect	90 mph
Tue Oct 13 · 4 PM	**Advisory 26**	**Category 1, 977 mb; mainland watches discontinued**	**90 mph**

Next: Intermediate 26A at 5 PM MST / 6 PM CT; Adv 27 at 8 PM MST / 9 PM CT (NHC). Atlantic and central Pacific: no tropical cyclones (NHC Tropical Weather Outlooks).

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4 · Top Weather Stories (verified)

1) Severe storms across the Plains tonight: SPC Severe Thunderstorm Watches 682 (Kansas and Missouri, to 11 PM CDT) and 683 (Texas and Oklahoma, to midnight); 19 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings and 1 Tornado Warning active at 6:18 PM CT; 2.75-in. hail near Matador, TX (NWS, SPC preliminary).

2) Flood Watches from Kansas City to Midland: 13 NWS Flood Watches in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas; Simon's moisture feeds West Texas rain through Friday morning (NWS Midland).

3) Tropical Storm Trudy forms: 40 mph, forecast to become a hurricane Wednesday night and a major hurricane by Friday off southwestern Mexico (NHC Adv 2).

4) Simon's mainland watches dropped: still a 90 mph Category 1, nearly stationary; rain forecast cut to 1 to 3 in. (NHC Adv 26).

Mountain snow and cold

- **10 Winter Weather Advisories** in the high mountains of Colorado (Grand Junction, Pueblo, Denver offices), Wyoming (Cheyenne, Riverton), Utah (Salt Lake City) and Nevada (Elko). No Winter Storm, Blizzard or Ice Storm Warnings anywhere in the U.S., and none in Illinois or the Midwest (NWS).

5 · What customers should do

- **Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and West Texas tonight:** move vehicles into a garage or under cover now; hail up to 2.5 in. is possible (SPC). If a Tornado Warning is issued for you, go to an interior room on the lowest floor
- **Flood Watch areas:** never drive into water over the road (Turn Around, Don't Drown), especially at night and at low-water crossings
- **After hail:** photograph your roof, siding, windows and vehicles from several angles before cleanup, note the date and time, keep receipts, make temporary repairs only, then call your insurer. Flood damage usually needs flood insurance
- **Travel to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán, Los Cabos, Acapulco or Zihuatanejo this week:** check with airlines and hotels, follow Mexico's civil protection guidance and stay out of rough surf
- **Mountain travel (CO, WY, UT):** winter driving on high passes; carry chains, water and warm layers

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