

FPAW Spring 2024 <u>Perspectives on Aviation Weather Information and Education Gaps</u> *Barbara Becker – Meteorologist, Southwest Airlines* April 29, 2024

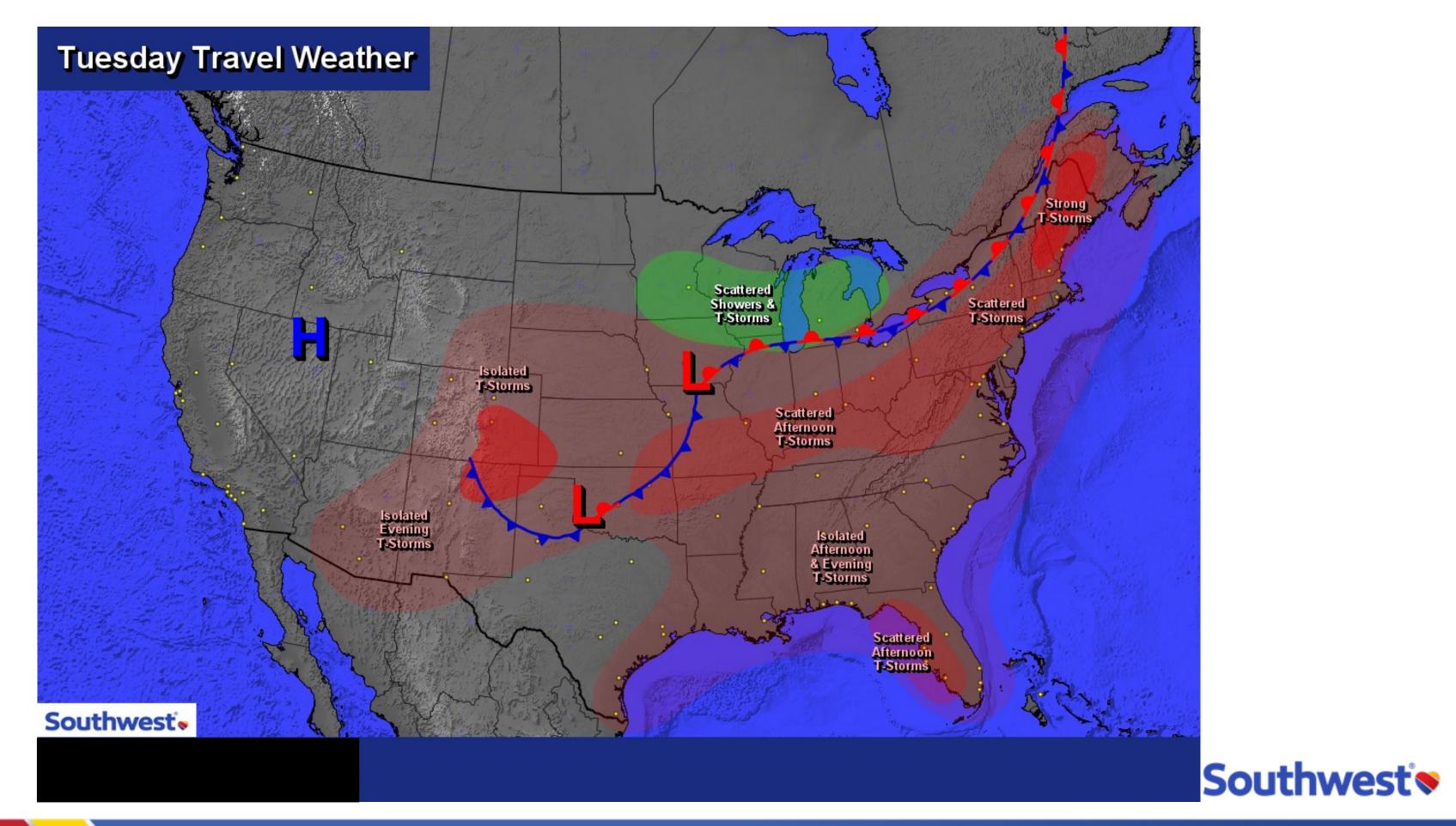
Probability vs Confidence

Probability – How likely is it weather will occur?
–Low probability – station is unlikely to see station impacts
–High probability – station is likely to see station impact

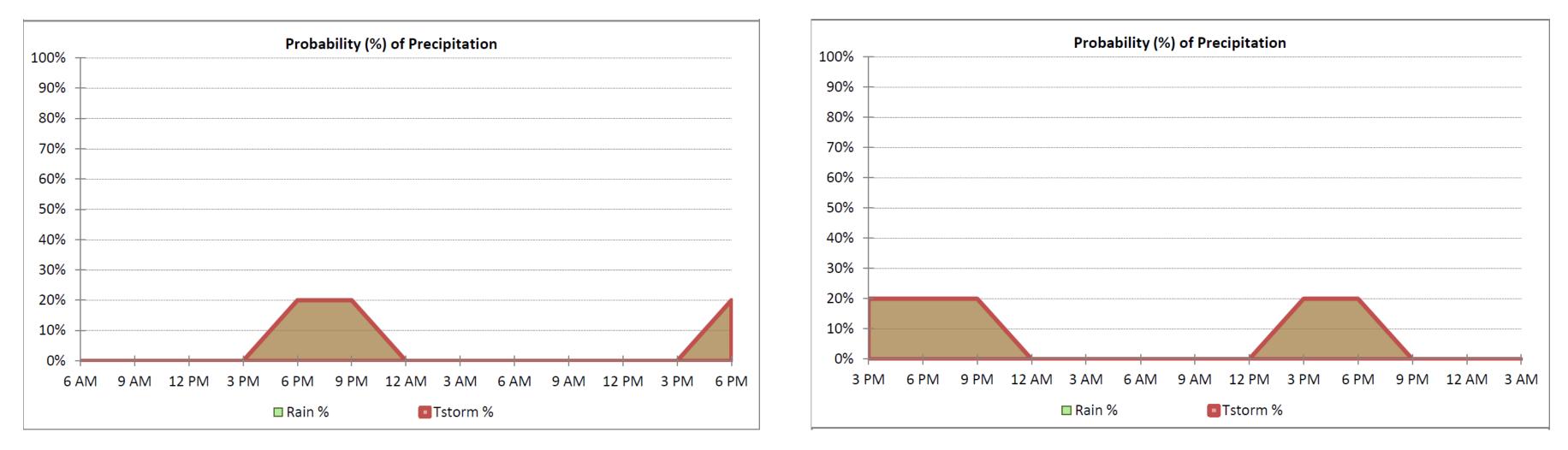
Confidence – How forecast "feels" about weather occurring
 Low confidence – unsure how a forecast will pan out – weather models vary
 High confidence – know how a forecast will pan out – weather models consistent



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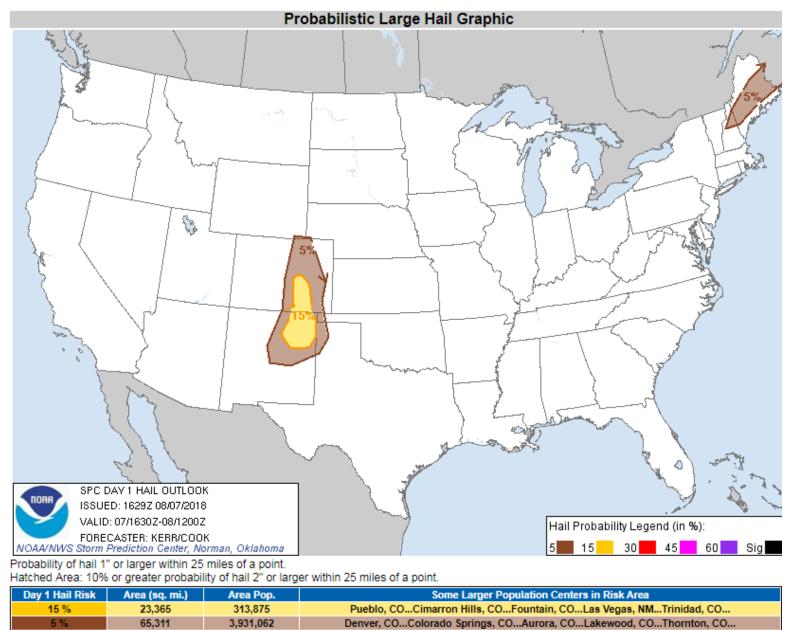
AM Forecast

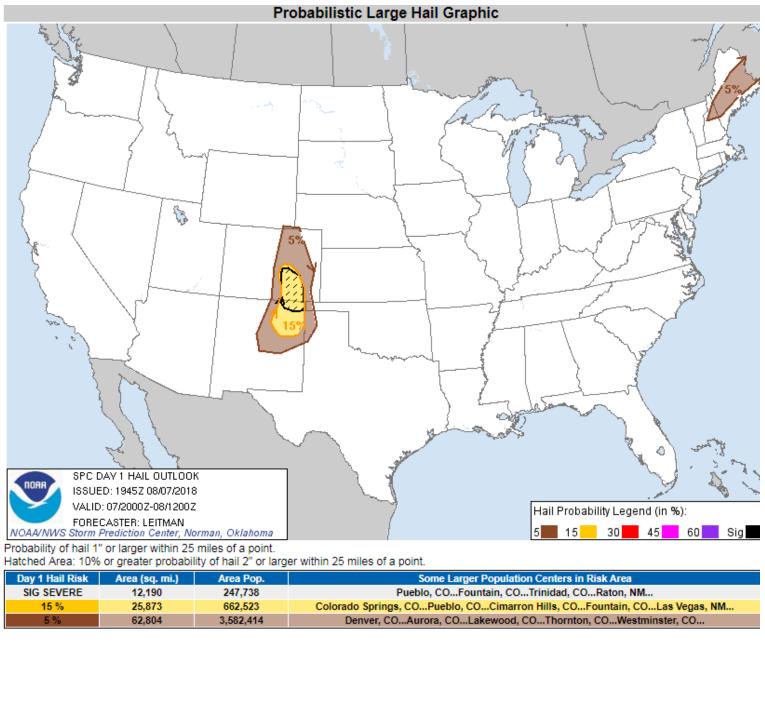
PM Forecast



Hail Probability

Valid 1630Z

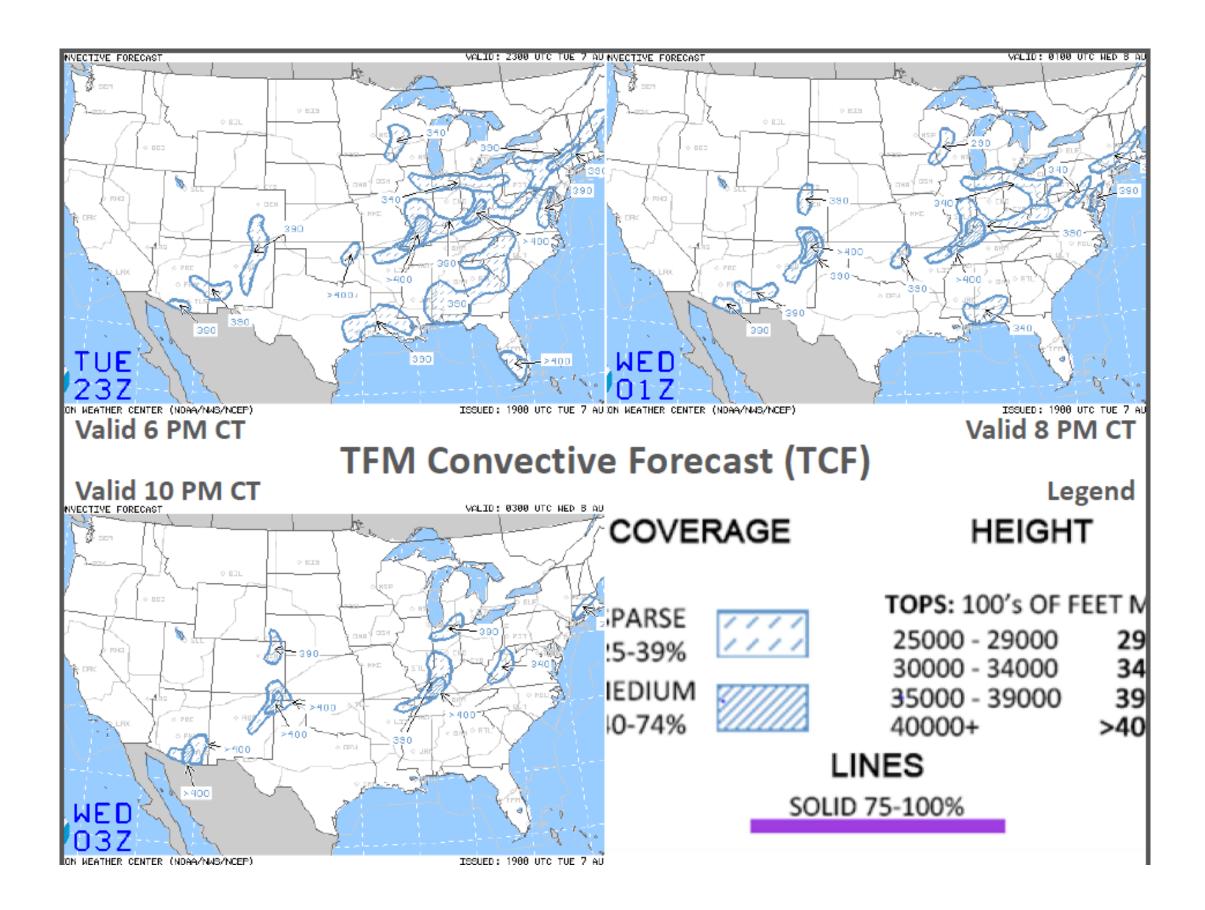




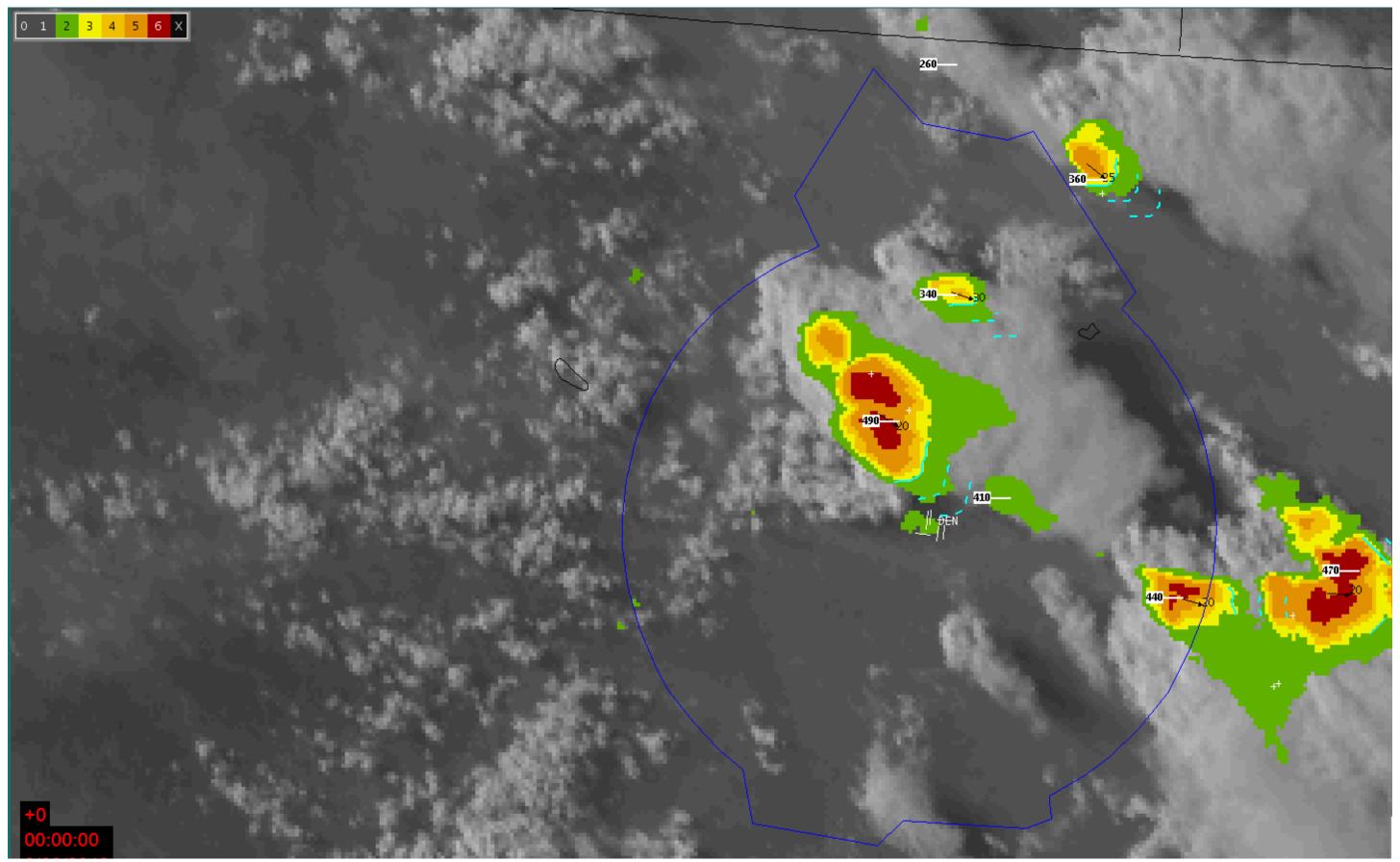
Valid 1945Z

Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area						
12,190	247,738	Pueblo, COFountain, COTrinidad, CORaton, NM						
25,873	662,523	Colorado Springs, COPueblo, COCimarron Hills, COFountain, COLas Vegas, NM						
62,804	3,582,414	Denver, COAurora, COLakewood, COThornton, COWestminster, CO						

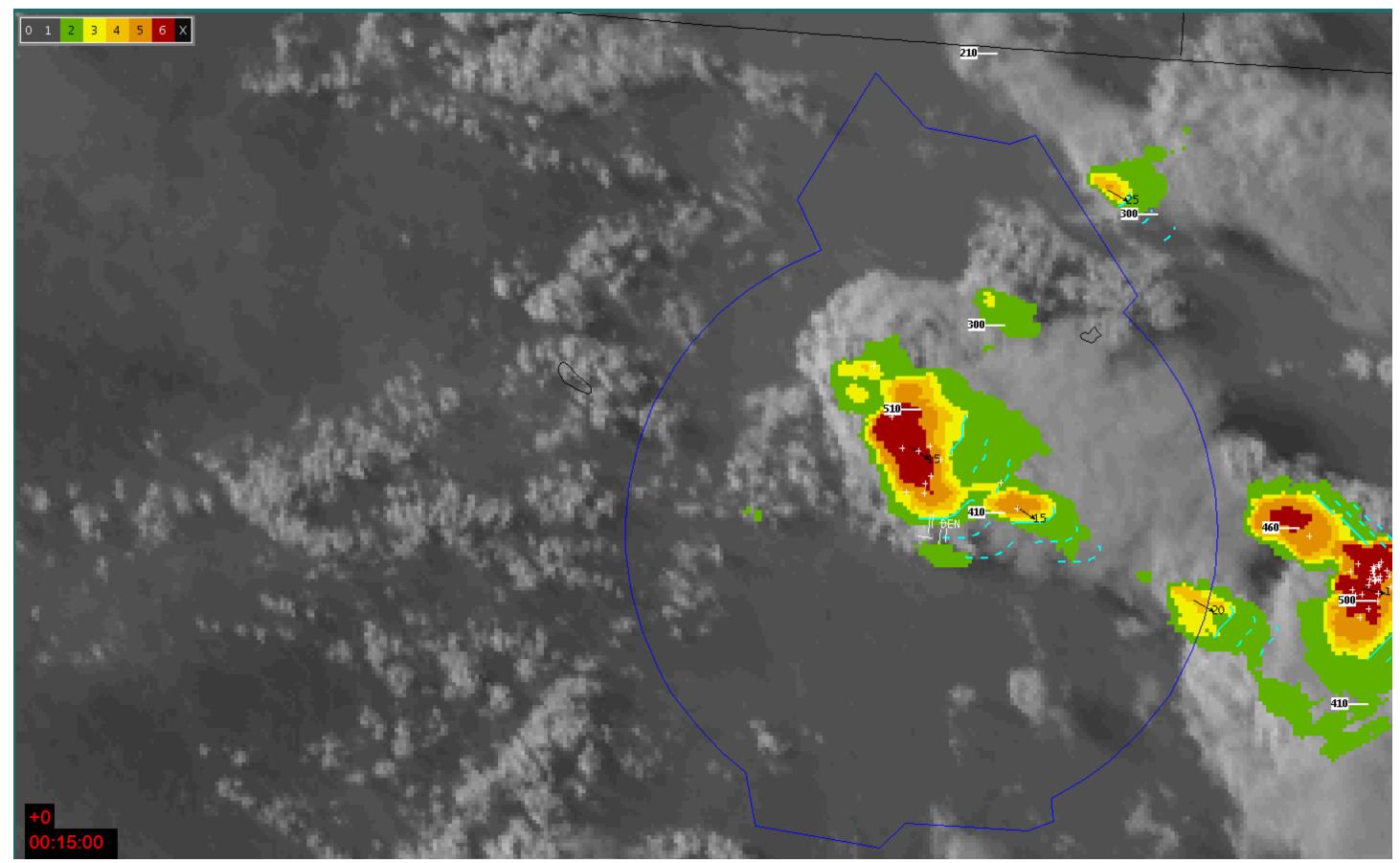




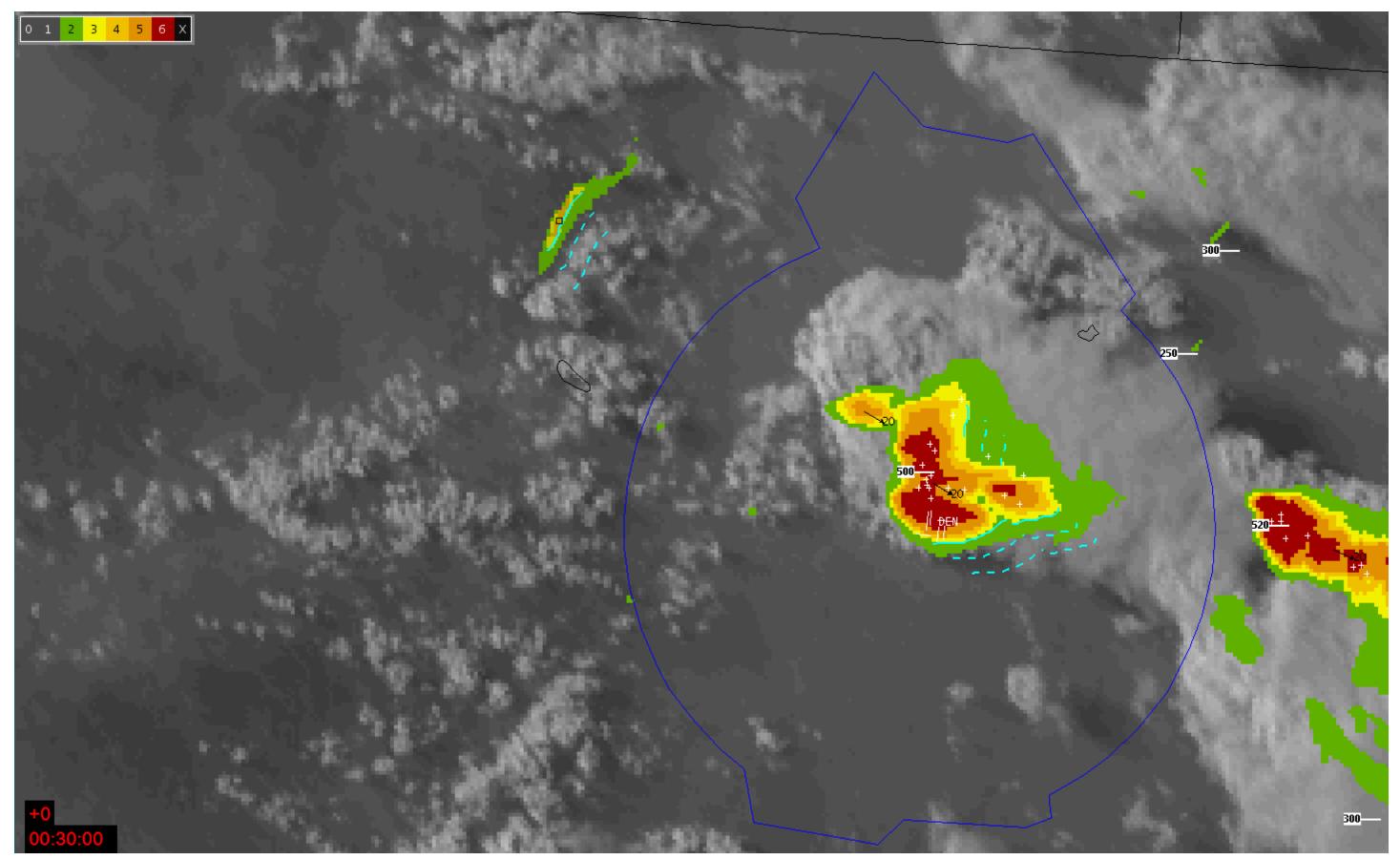




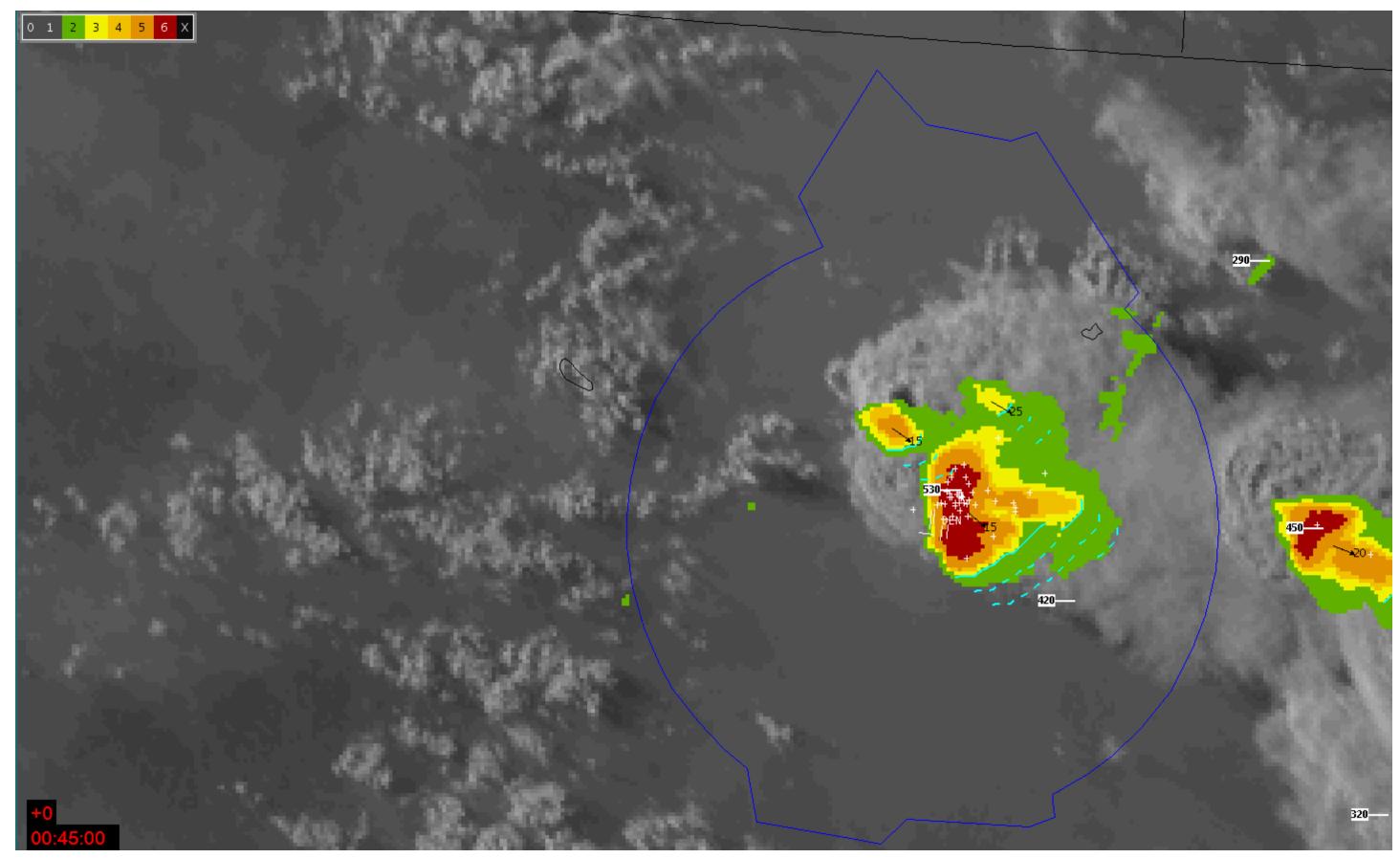




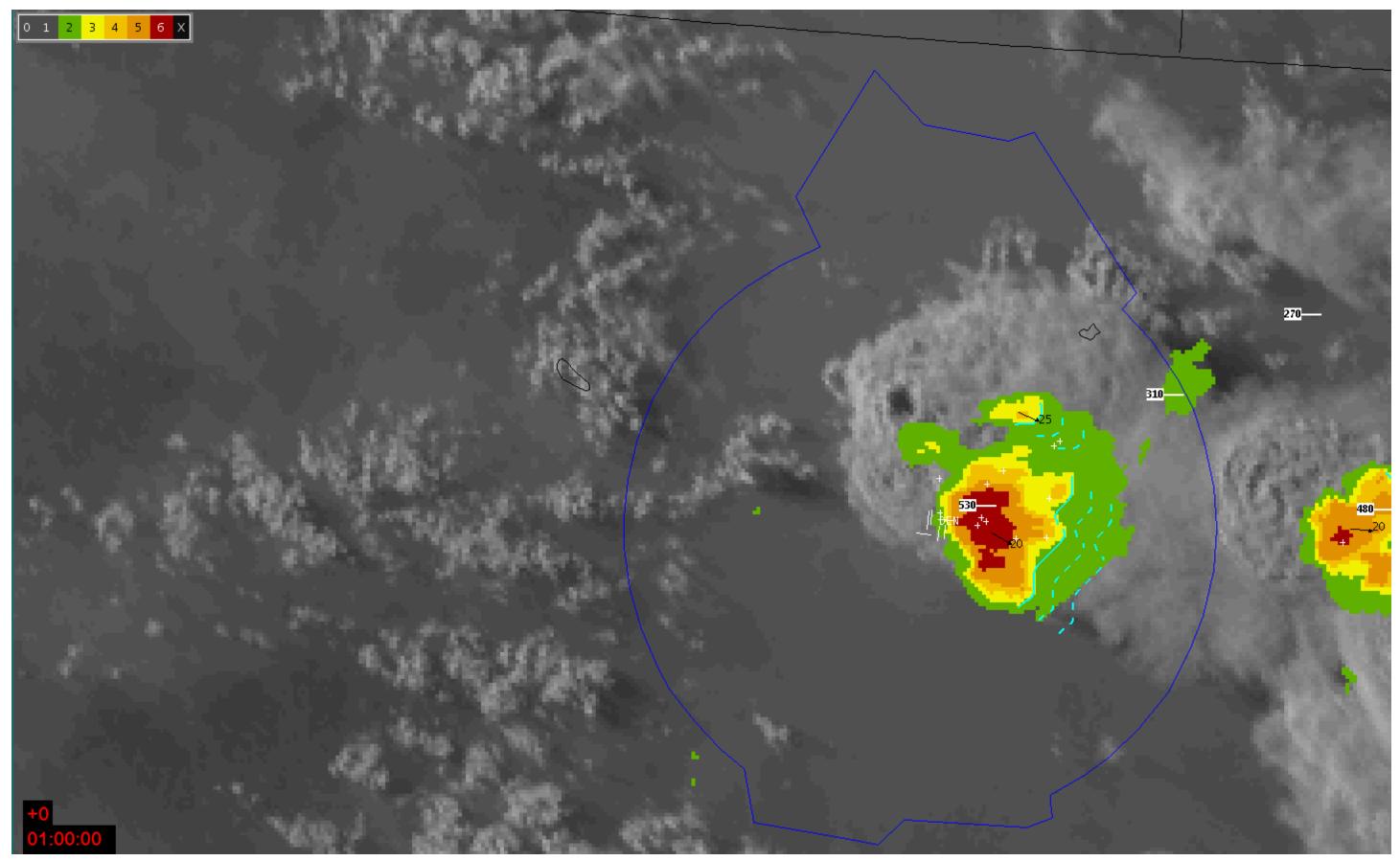




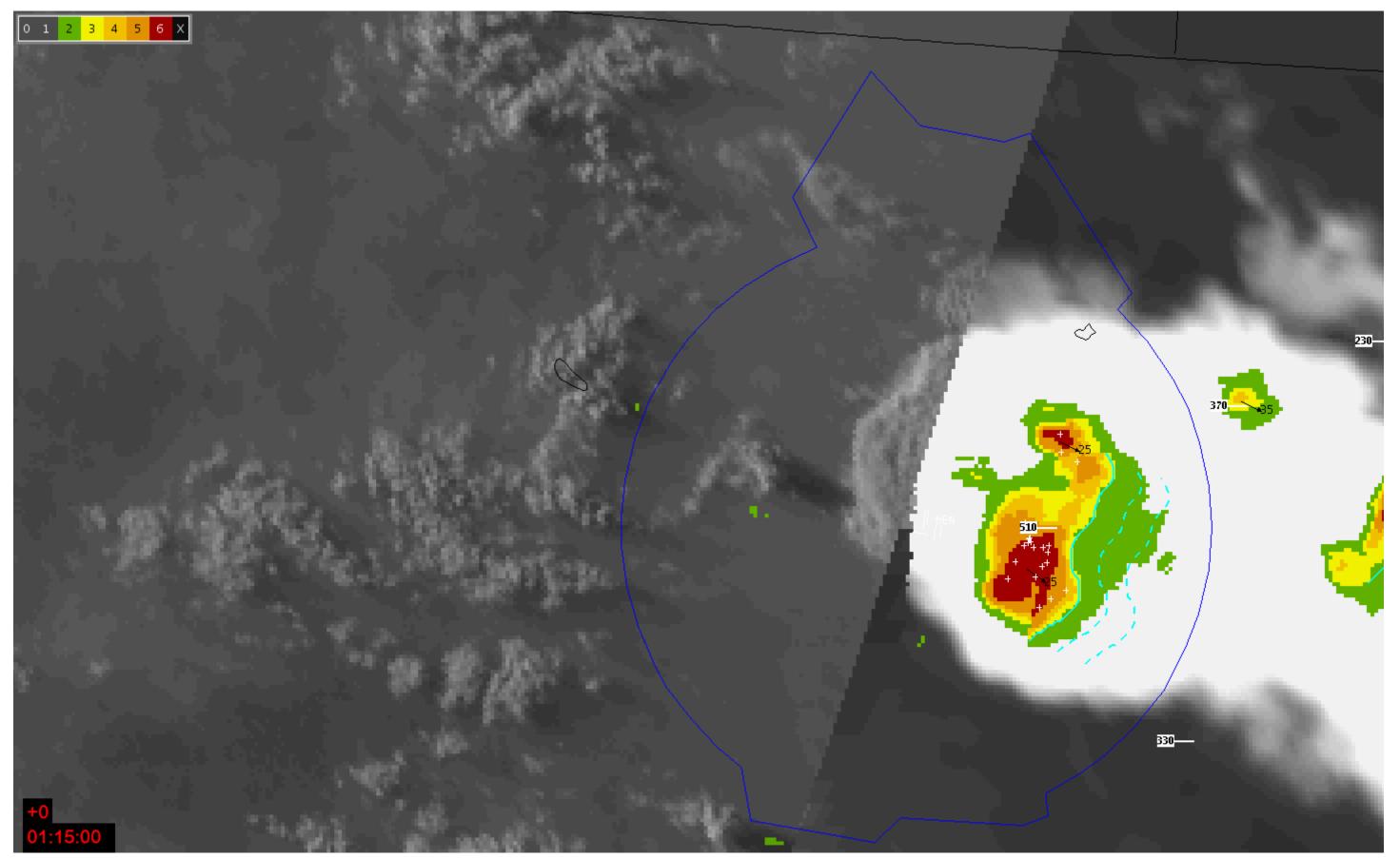














Results

System A14 >80%	70.5% Diversions												
International A14 >80%	84.1%	1									Sched	Act	Mins
System A15-17 (Just late)	2.1%	Flight	Orig	Dest	Divert	A/C1	A/C 2	Reason		TOG	Arrival	Arrival	Late
	51.3%	1364 2305	PHX HOU	DEN	SLC	N424WN N8640D		THUNDERSTORMS		51	00:15	03:28	193 160
A0 (Inbound Arrival)		1898	SNA	DEN	ABQ	N558WN		THUNDERSTORMS		46 38	00:45	02:57	132
D0 (Outgate) >50%	47.8%	2260	SAN	DEN	SLC	N206WN		THUNDERSTORMS		38	00:50	03:14	144
Originators (EMO) >88%	81.9%	1289	ONT	DEN	SLC	N229WN		THUNDERSTORMS		38	00:50	03:18	148
Turn Compliance >66%	57.6%	934	SEA	DEN	SLC	N786SW		THUNDERSTORMS	10 Diversions	100	00:55	05:03	248
Completion Factor >98.5%	96.9%	6655	PDX	DEN	SLC	N296WN		THUNDERSTORMS		42	01:00	03:22	142
Cancelled Count	119	1428	MDW BNA	DEN	MCI ICT	N8606C N8540V		THUNDERSTORMS		33 67	01:15 01:20	03:31 03:44	136
Load Factor	82.2%	2138	SFO	DEN	LAS	N942WN		THUNDERSTORMS		47	01:35	03:52	137
		1485	EWR	PHX	LAS	N8631A		THUNDERSTORMS		62	02:40	07:46	306
Block Time Hit Rate	73.4%	452	MCI	PHX	LAS	N446WN		THUNDERSTORMS		76	02:55	08:06	311
Flight Count	3,876	439	BWI	PHX	LAS	N498WN		THUNDERSTORMS		54	03:10	07:37	267
SWORD Counts	4	1540	SLC	PHX	ONT	N236WN		THUNDERSTORMS		79	05:05	08:25	200
Avg Daily UAD (Hours) < 229	289	1389	LAX	PHX	ONT	N8574Z		THUNDERSTORMS		59	05:20	08:13	173
Air Returns	2	2088	SFO	PHX PHX	LAS	N8532S N912WN		THUNDERSTORMS		43	05:25	07:19 08:05	114
		851	MDW	PHX	ABQ	N8659D		THUNDERSTORMS		52	05:50	08:05	135
Overflies		222	BNA	BWI	RDU	N7709A		THUNDERSTORMS		48	19:45	21:46	121
Diversions	25	1773	MSY	DCA	BWI	N449WN		THUNDERSTORMS		125	19:50	22:25	155
Gate Returns >60 Mins	18	276	OMA	DCA	PIT	N443WN		THUNDERSTORMS		122	20:00	22:36	156
Customer Holds	67	1695	DEN	LGA	ALB	N271LV		THUNDERSTORMS		226	20:15	01:28	313
Holds >10 Min(wo FIM) <25%	46%	1237 2331	TPA PHL	LGA DEN	IAD OMA	N8529Z N8323C		THUNDERSTORMS		209 55	21:05 23:25	01:46 03:43	281 258
Overnight Passengers <100	22	427	STL.	BDL	ALB	N707SA		THUNDERSTORMS		113	23:50	03:30	220
Domestic (DOT) MBR <2.89													
Taxi IN (>45 Minutes)	7												
Taxi OUT (>120)	1												



Summary - Misconceptions

- Scattered vs isolated storm coverage
- Isolated doesn't mean low probability
- Low probability doesn't mean minimal impacts

