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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Special Weather Alert.

...Small hail possible with isolated thunderstorms in southeast Missouri and extreme southwest Kentucky this afternoon...

A southward moving upper level disturbance will continue spur the development of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms this afternoon over parts of southeast Missouri and extreme southwest Kentucky this afternoon.

Given the very cold air aloft associated with this weather disturbance, some of the stronger rain showers and isolated thunderstorms may produce brief, but small, hail at times.

A public report of one quarter to one half inch hail was noted near Ellsinore, along Highway F.

As the sun gradually sets this afternoon and into the early evening, the coverage and intensity of the showers and isolated thunderstorms should diminish quickly.

Most of the rain activity should completely dissipate by the middle of the evening across the area.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT UNTIL 7PM CDT WED ...SMALL HAIL POSSIBLE WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND EXTREME SOUTHWEST KENTUCKY THIS AFTERNOON... A SOUTHWARD MOVING UPPER LEVEL DISTURBANCE WILL CONTINUE SPUR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCATTERED SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS THIS AFTERNOON OVER PARTS OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND EXTREME SOUTHWEST KENTUCKY THIS AFTERNOON. GIVEN THE VERY COLD AIR ALOFT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WEATHER DISTURBANCE, SOME OF THE STRONGER RAIN SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS MAY PRODUCE BRIEF, BUT SMALL, HAIL AT TIMES. AT 302 PM CDT, A PUBLIC REPORT OF ONE QUARTER TO ONE HALF INCH HAIL WAS NOTED NEAR ELLSINORE, ALONG HIGHWAY F. AS THE SUN GRADUALLY SETS THIS AFTERNOON AND INTO THE EARLY EVENING, THE COVERAGE AND INTENSITY OF THE SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS SHOULD DIMINISH QUICKLY. MOST OF THE RAIN ACTIVITY SHOULD COMPLETELY DISSIPATE BY THE MIDDLE OF THE EVENING ACROSS THE AREA.

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