State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning and Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain lifted the statewide burn ban as of 11 November 2011. Jefferson Davis Parish (expires 14 December 2011) has a parish wide declaration of a state of emergency due to the extreme drought situation.

National Weather Service Drought Assessment Graphic:


2. LOUISIANA WEATHER:

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA: Today will have showers with the possibility of thunderstorms increasing to 40 percent at night. Tuesday has a 30 to 40 percent chance of showers throughout the day. Wednesday has a 20 percent chance of showers during the day improving to mostly clear at night. Thursday and Friday will be mostly sunny during the day and partly cloudy at night.

Temperatures: Today: 64/45, Tuesday: 52/39, Wednesday: 53/32, Thursday: 54/33, Friday: 60/32

HAZARDOUS WEATHER: Numerous to widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms will increase from west to east across the area today as a cold front moves slowly east. No severe weather is expected although a few showers could produce locally heavy rainfall at times. Area rainfall totals of 1/2 to 1 inch will be possible with isolated amounts of 2 to 3 inches mainly north of a Silsbee to Opelousas line, with amounts of 1/2 inch or less south of this line.

A chance for light rain will continue through Tuesday, gradually ending over eastern portions of the area Wednesday morning. Dry weather and below normal temperatures are expected through the end of the week. A light freeze will be possible for locations...