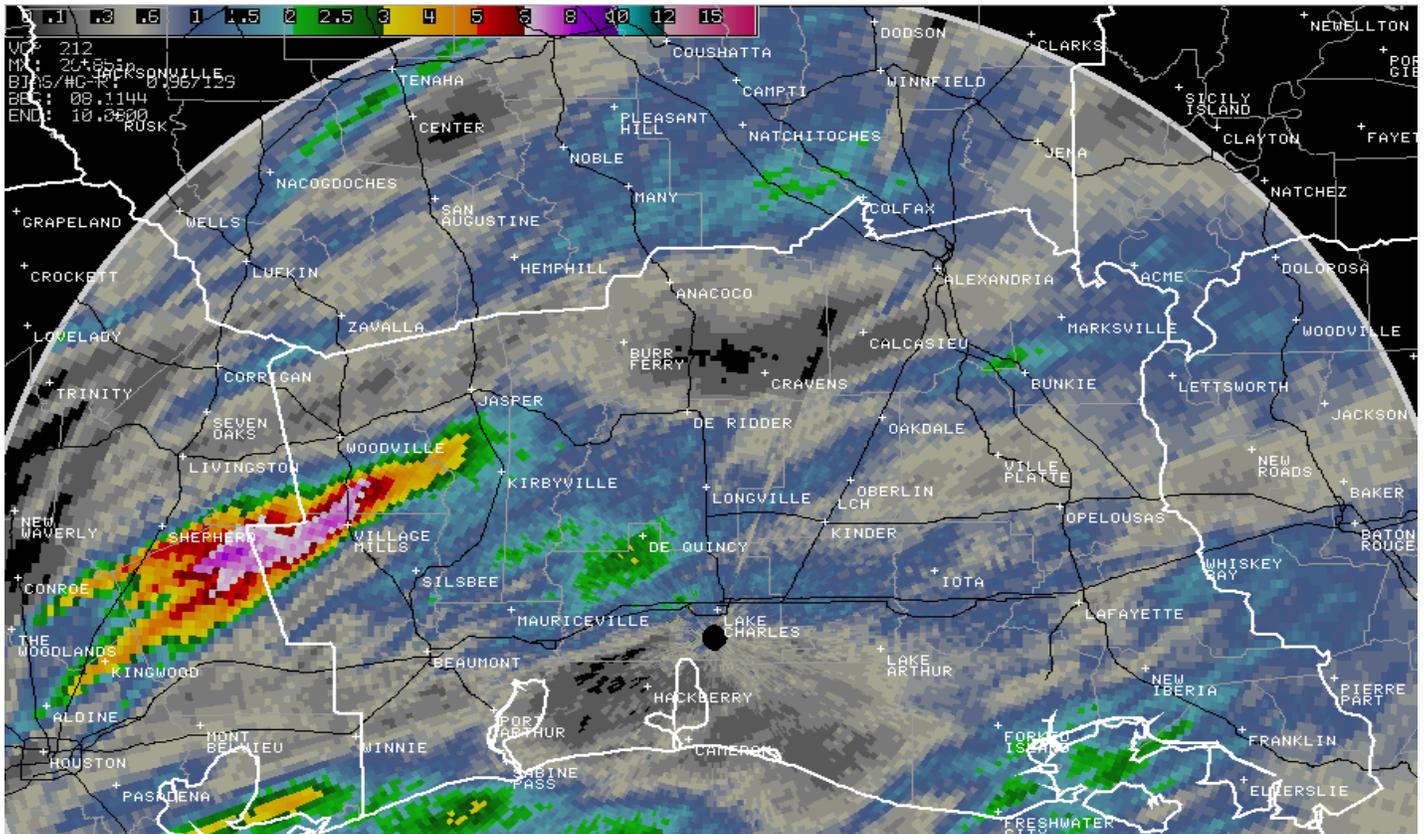


Rain and a Tornado Affect the Area during November 8, 2011

A cold front moved through East Texas and Louisiana during the evening hours of November 8th and morning of the 9th with much needed rainfall occurring ahead of the boundary as thunderstorms moved through. Rainfall totals were highest across portions of Hardin and Tyler Counties where multiple storms passed as noted with the hottest colors in the storm total precipitation graphic below from the KLCH radar.



Some of the higher observed totals...

Southeast Texas...

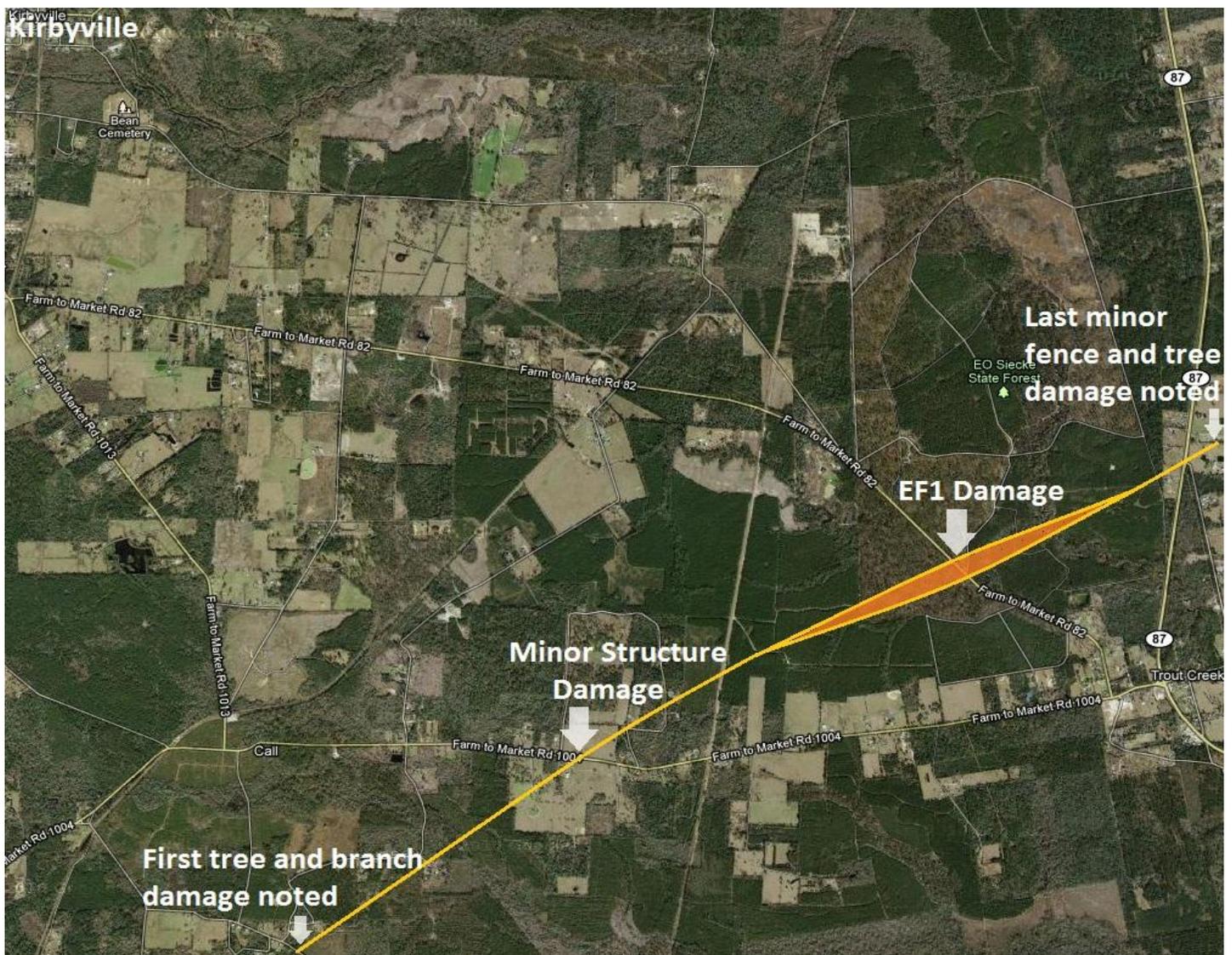
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| Wildwood | 6.75" | Lumberton | 1.2" |
| Orange 9N | 1.4" | Steinhagen Lake | 1.05" |

Louisiana...

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| Leland Bowman Lock | 2.6" | Salt Water Barrier | 1.53" |
| Moss Bluff | 1.96" | Oberlin | 1.47" |

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| Old Town Bay | 1.85" | Jeanerette 5NW | 1.36" |
| Oakdale | 1.7" | Oberlin Fire Tower | 1.32" |
| Bunkie | 1.67" | Kinder | 1.1" |
| Deridder 4SE | 1.53" | Sam Houston Jones SP | 1.1" |

Going into Tuesday severe weather was also a concern. The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, OK had portions of the area highlighted as a slight risk for severe weather a couple of days prior to the 8th with high winds being the highest concern followed by tornadoes and hail. As the cold front moved closer to the region SPC placed the area under a tornado watch that was eventually expanded east and extended until 1AM on the 9th. One tornado was noted in Newton County near Call southeast of Kirbyville. This tornado was classified as an EF1 which is the strongest one to affect the county since November 23, 2004. The last tornado that occurred in Newton County was on April 27, 2009.



The tornado first touched down south of Call shortly before 8PM and traveled approximately 4.35 miles and was roughly 150 yards wide when it crossed highway 82 northwest of Trout Creek. Minor damage was noted to a store and barn on Farm to Market Road 1004 and to a fence along Highway 87 with all other damage done to trees.

The following are pictures of trees along Highway 82 in the Siecke State Forest.

