

LALs (L)ightning (A)ctivity (L)evels numbered 1 through 6

LAL 1 - No thunderstorms.

LAL 2 - Isolated thunderstorms. Light rain will occasionally reach the ground. Lightning is very infrequent, 1 to 5 cloud to ground strikes in a 5 minute period.

LAL 3 - Widely scattered thunderstorms. Light to moderate rain will reach the ground. Lightning is infrequent, 6 to 10 cloud to ground strikes in a 5 minute period.

LAL 4 - Scattered thunderstorms. Moderate rain is commonly produced. Lightning is frequent, 11 to 15 cloud to ground strikes in a 5 minute period.

LAL 5 - Numerous thunderstorms. Rainfall is moderate to heavy. Lightning is frequent and intense, greater than 15 cloud to ground strikes in a 5 minute period.

LAL 6 - Dry lightning (same as LAL 3 but without the rain). This type of lightning has the potential for extreme fire activity and is normally highlighted in fire weather forecasts with Red Flag Warning.