

Update: NWS Briefing for Winter Weather

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Bottom Line Up Front:

A second upper-level system will bring us a quick shot of lowland rain and mountain snow.

- Snow:
 - A narrow band of moderate to heavy snow, accompanied by strong wind gusts, will move across the Gila Region this evening, producing brief, hazardous snow squall conditions
 - Snow will change to rain as the band pushes into the lowlands
 - Snowfall 1-3" above 6000' with locally higher amounts at the highest elevations
 - Most precip will fall between 5PM and 8PM for the Gila; 9PM to Midnight for Sacramento Mtns
- Wind:
 - Blustery west winds, gusts 35-45 MPH, highest across mountains and east slope areas
 - Blowing snow and white out conditions in portions of the mountains
- Cold Temperatures:
 - Near Zero Wind Chill Values in the Sacramento Mountains Thursday Night into the weekend
 - Teens and Twenties for Wind Chill Values in the Lowlands

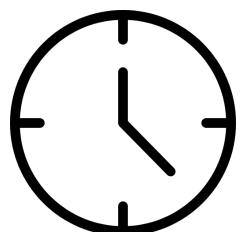


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Mountain Snow Showers Expected



Through 5 AM Friday



Sacramento Mountains in Otero County
Gila/Black Range in Grant County



Additional Accumulations:

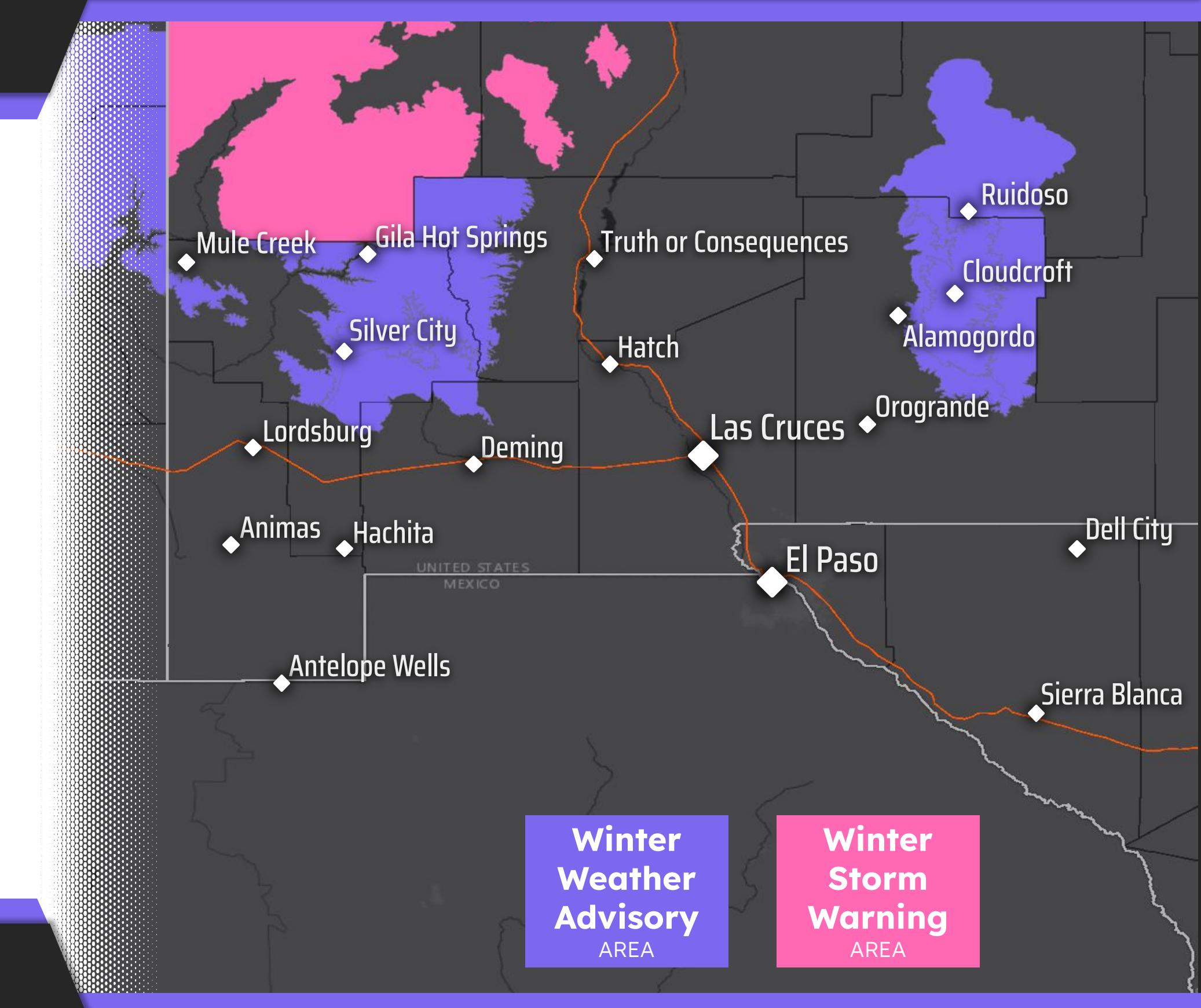
- 1 to 3" for elevations above 6000'
- Less than 1" for 5000-6000'
- Plan on slippery road conditions
- Poor visibility
- Monitor latest forecast and warnings



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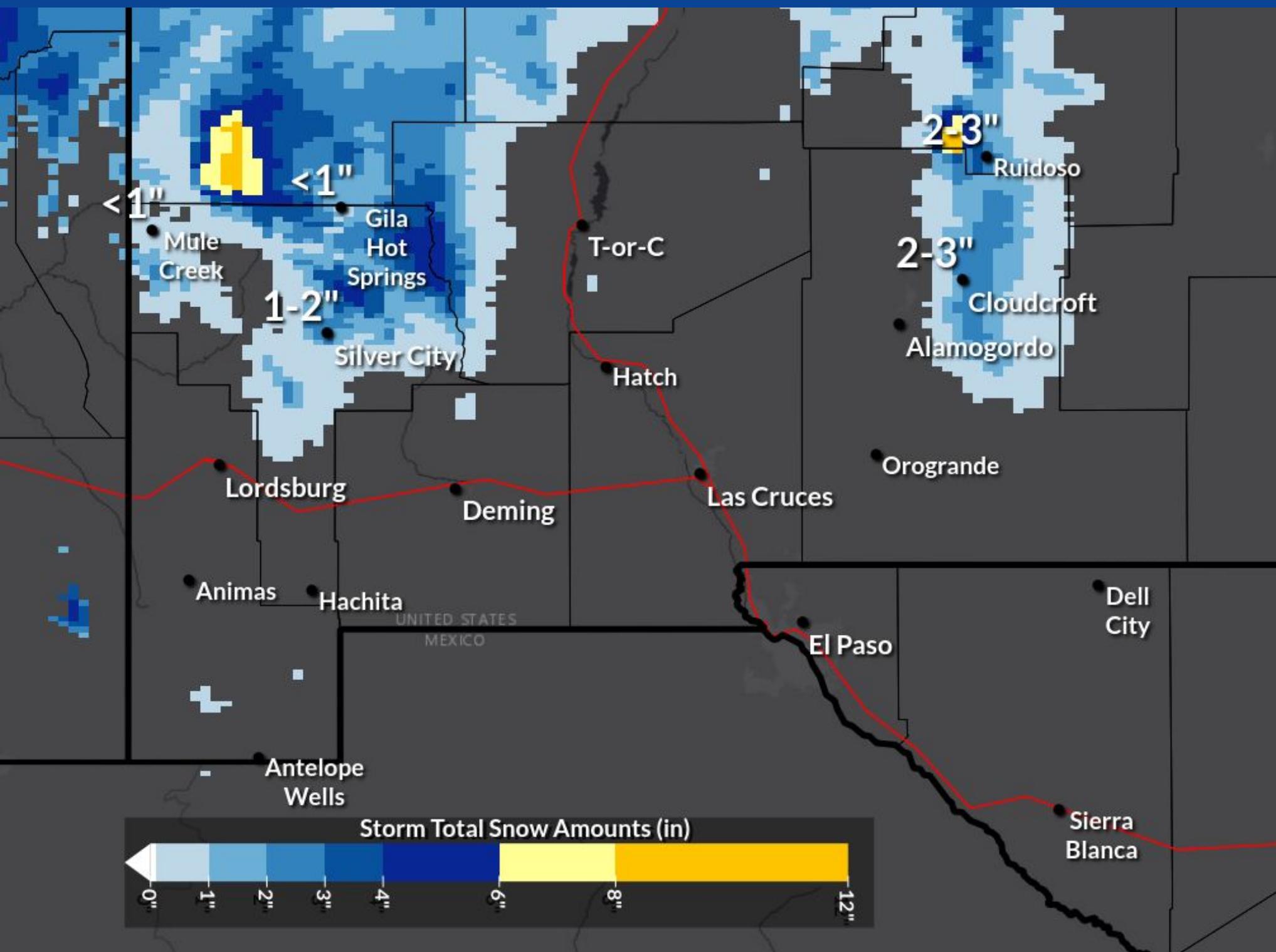


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Additional Snowfall Forecast - January 8, 2026



→ **Additional Mountain Snow This Evening**
A second system will bring a **quick burst of moderate to heavy snow this evening**. The bulk of the snow will fall between 5PM and 8PM for the Gila, and 9PM and Midnight for the Sacramento Mountains. Snow levels will rapidly drop from 6000 to 5000'.

Additional Forecast Snow Totals:

- ◆ Cladcroft: 1-3" (30% chance for less than 1")
- ◆ Emory Pass: 3-6"
- ◆ Mescalero: 1-3"
- ◆ Pinos Altos, Lake Roberts: 1-3"
- ◆ Timberon, Mayhill: Around 1"
- ◆ Silver City: 1-2"

→ **Actions and Preparedness**

- Monitor local news and weather.gov for latest forecasts
- Slick travel with poor visibility for portions of US-70, US-82, NM-15, and NM-152. Plan ahead and use caution when traveling over mountain passes.



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Weekend Wind Chill Temperatures

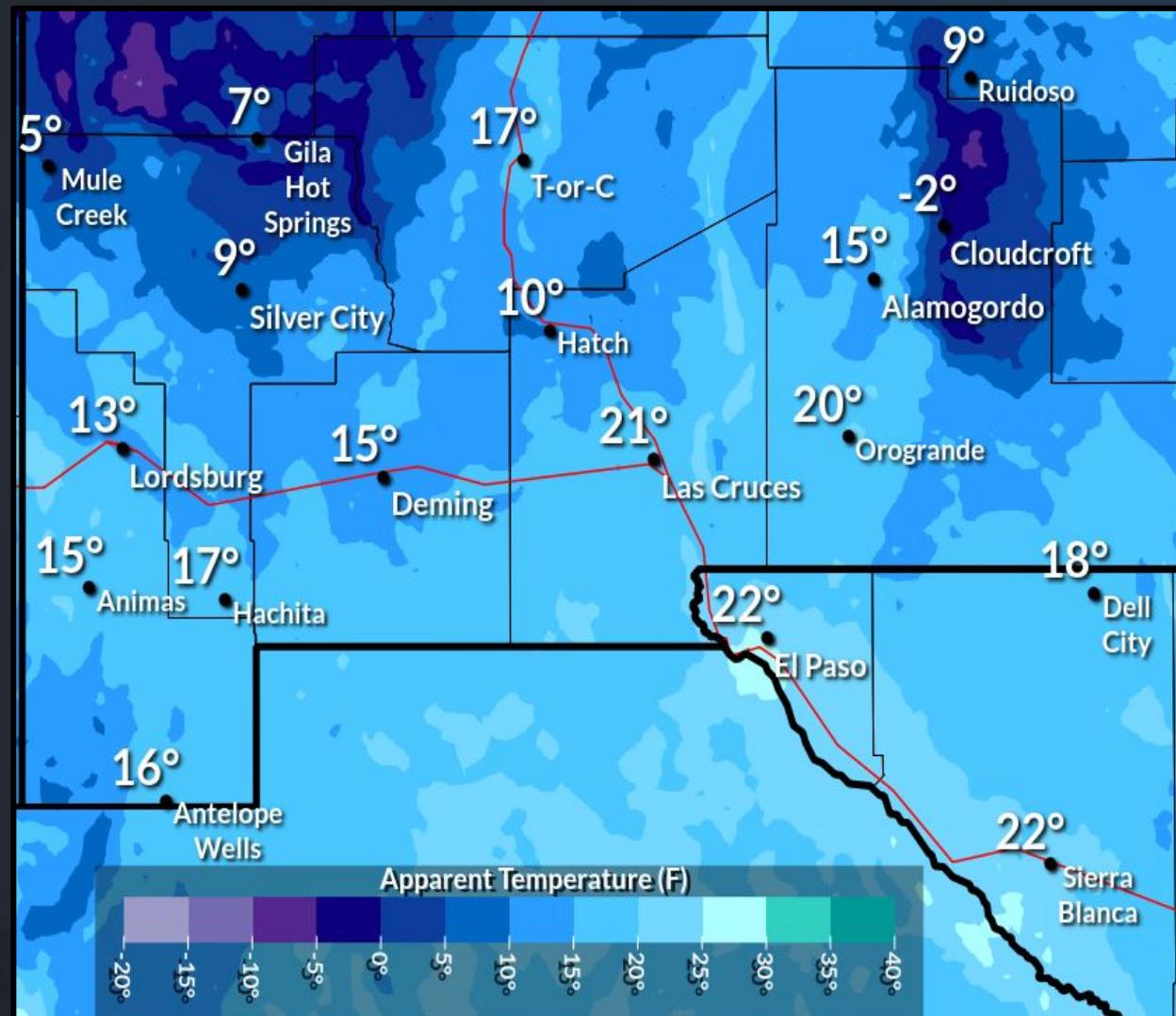
Bitterly cold wind chill temperatures this weekend

Have multiple ways to receive warnings.

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Saturday Morning Wind Chill Temperatures



Protect:    
People - Pets - Plants - Pipes

Impacts

Bitterly cold wind chill temperatures could lead to frostbite on exposed

Timing



Coldest wind chill temperatures will be Saturday morning

Wind Chill Values

- -5 to 15 degrees over the Gila/Sacs Mtns
- 10 to 25 degrees over the desert lowlands



	1/9		1/10		1/11		Minimum
	Fri	Sat	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
Alamogordo	28	25	39	28	16	17	41
Cloudcroft	3	4	10	6	1	2	22
Deming	23	21	40	25	12	12	36
El Paso	34	32	43	35	24	24	41
Las Cruces	29	27	42	29	22	27	42
Lordsburg	25	24	34	28	16	14	36
Sierra Blanca, TX	32	28	43	27	19	20	37
Silver City	17	15	27	14	5	6	33
T or C	25	24	40	20	7	8	35

*Table values in °F

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***Values are minimums over the period beginning at the time shown.



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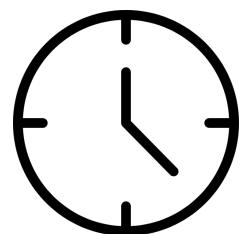
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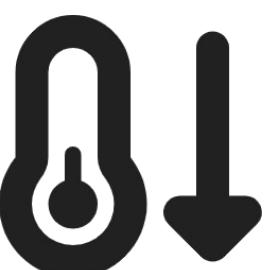
Bitterly Cold Wind Chills Friday and Saturday Morning



3 AM Friday to 10 AM Saturday



Gila and Sacramento Mountains



- Lows: 15 to 25° Fri.; 5 to 15° Sat.
- Wind Chills: -5 to 5° both mornings

Protect:

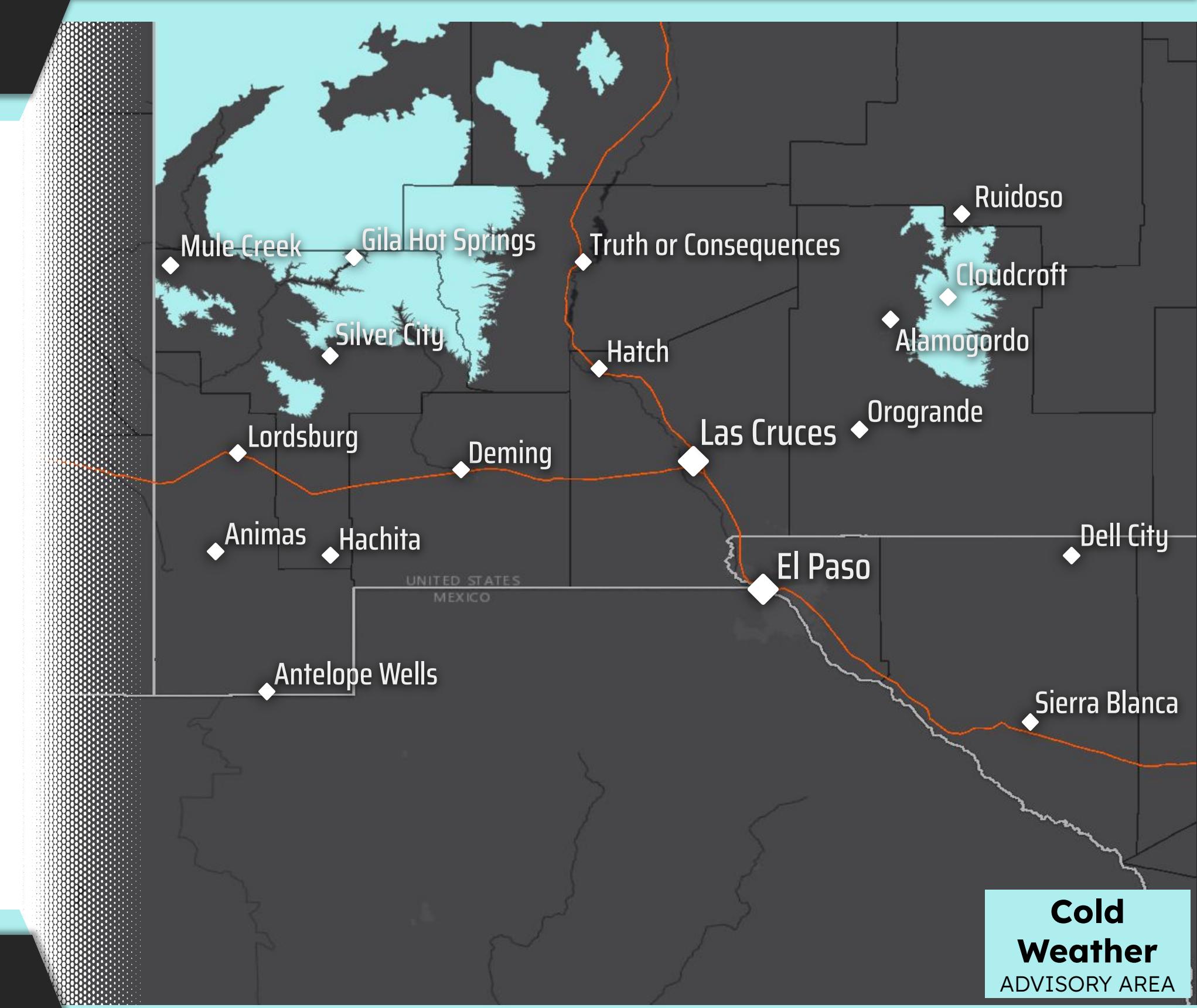


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Blizzard Warning

Severe winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring -- including whiteout conditions.

Do not travel.

take action.

Winter Storm Warning

Dangerous winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring. **Considerable travel problems** are expected.

take action.

Winter Weather Advisory

Potentially dangerous winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring. **Travel difficulties** are expected.

be aware.



Cold Impacts: Vulnerable Populations

NEWBORNS **ELDERLY** **CHRONIC ILLNESS** **OUTDOOR WORKERS** **UNHOUSED**

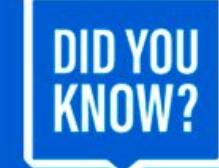
Everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme cold, but these groups are more vulnerable than most. Age and certain conditions make the body less able to regulate temperature.

- Dress in loose layers and cover all exposed skin**
- Limit or avoid time outdoors**
- Consume hot foods and warm drinks, but avoid caffeine and alcohol**
- Check on family, friends and neighbors**

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ICE & SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW

Each year in the U.S., there are over
1,000 deaths and **100,000 injuries** due to
vehicle crashes during winter weather.



Clean off your vehicle before driving.

Flying snow from cars causes accidents.



Keep it slow, and don't use cruise control.

Roads can be slick even if they just look wet.



Leave extra distance between vehicles.

Stay especially far from snow plows.



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