

NWS Briefing for Upcoming Heavy Rainfall September 15-19

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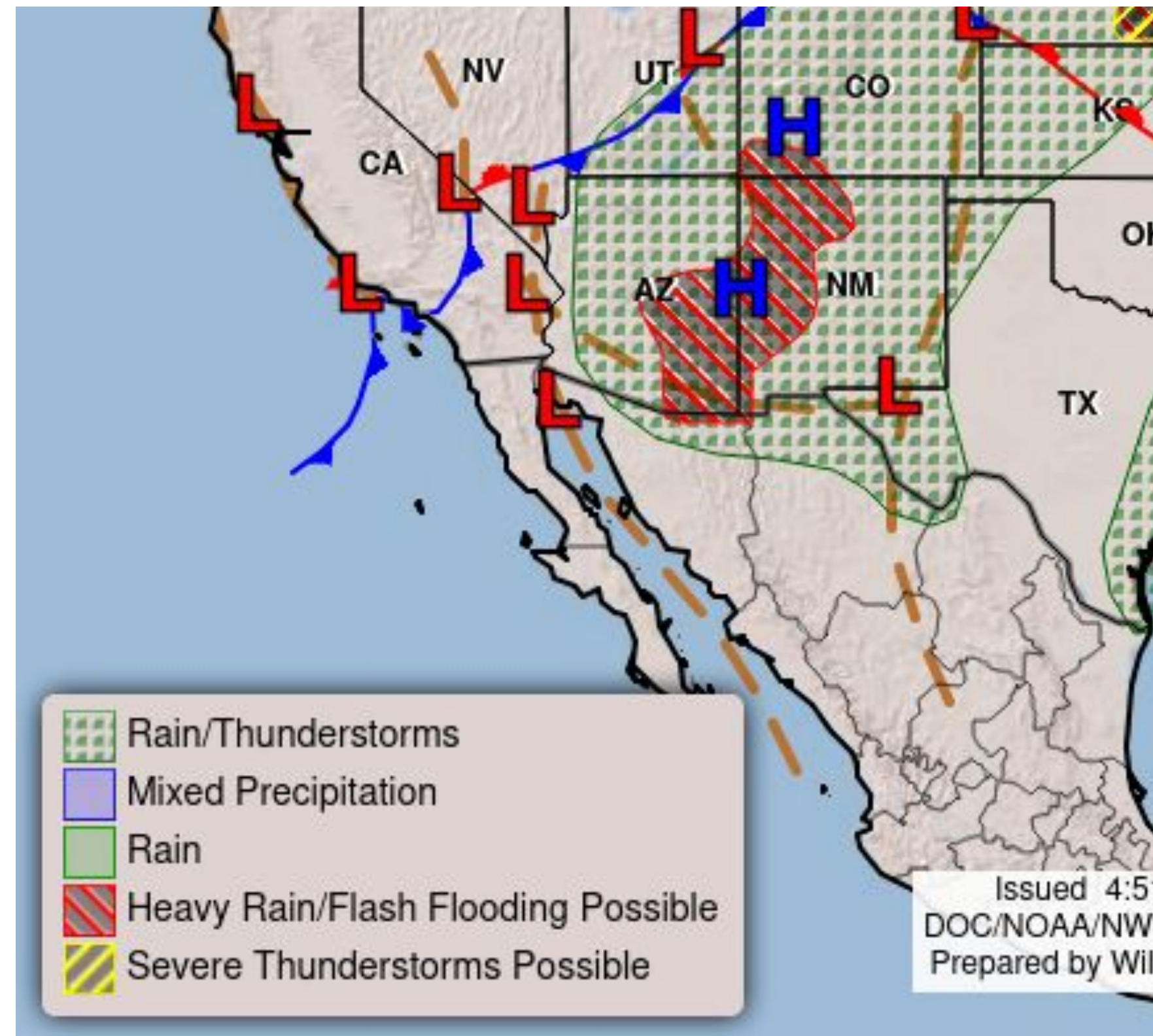
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- Bottom Line Up Front: **Scattered to numerous thunderstorms increasing in coverage for the region every day from September 15th-19th, 2026.**
- Location...Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas.
- Hazards:
 - **Up to 2-3 inches in heaviest storms, producing isolated flash flooding**
 - Damaging winds over 60 mph in isolated stronger storms
- Timing: September 15th-September 19th, 2026
- A **Flood Watch** is in effect for the Gila Region including Silver City, the Black Range, and the Gila Wilderness from 11:00 AM Tuesday through 6:00 AM Wednesday.



- Abundant monsoonal moisture is moving into the region, which will help fuel scattered to numerous thunderstorms.
- Thunderstorms will be efficient rain producers, capable of localized flash flooding.
- Temperatures falling to seasonal averages by Thursday.



Flood Watch

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Valid: 11:00 AM Tue. through 6:00 AM Wed.



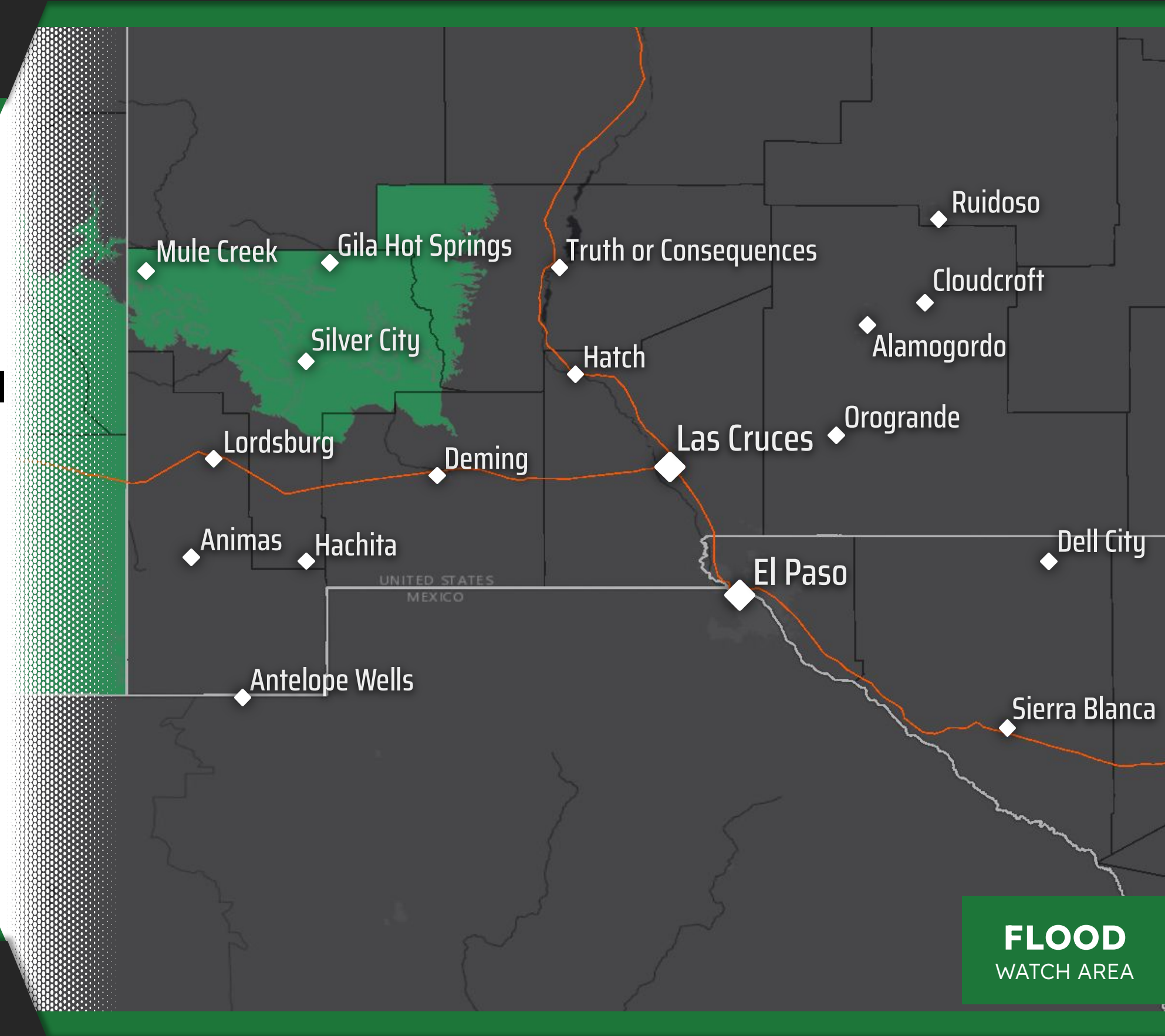
The Gila Region, including Silver City



- Continued moderate-to-heavy rain will add to the rainfall totals we've seen for the last couple of days, increasing the risk for flash flooding Tuesday afternoon



- Flooding of rivers, creeks, streams and other low-lying flood prone areas
- Low-water crossings may flood



FLOOD
WATCH AREA



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Highest Local Risk

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WHAT THIS MEANS:

Heavy Rain with at least
a 15% Chance for
Flash Flooding

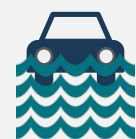
TIMING

TUES-TUES NIGHT
11 AM to 6 AM

THREATS



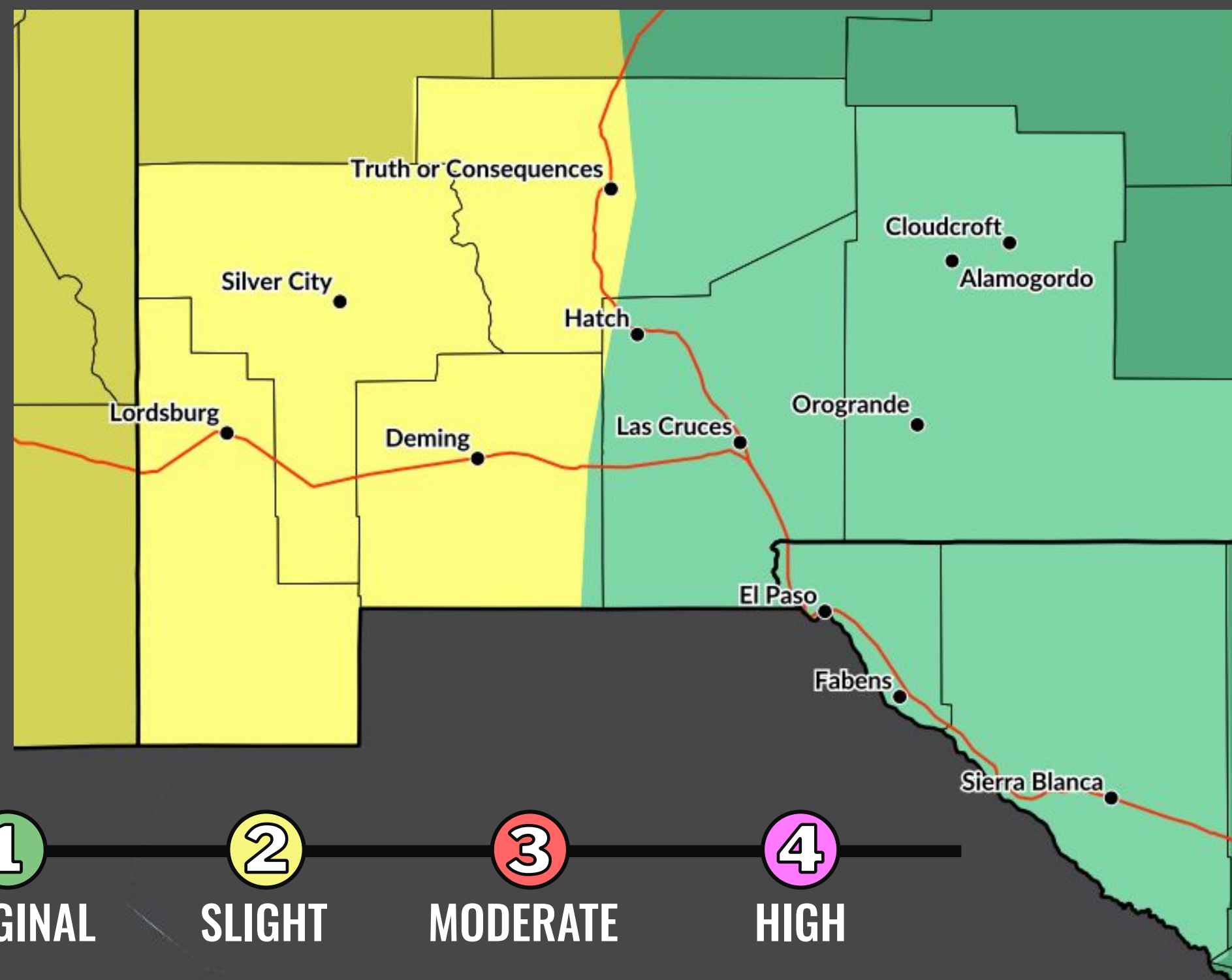
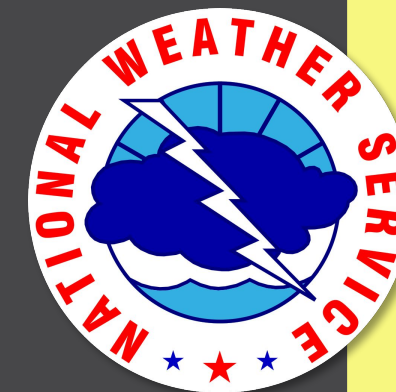
HEAVY
RAIN



Flash
Flooding

Scattered Flash Flooding Tuesday

Monday, September 14, 2026



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MARGINAL

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SLIGHT

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MODERATE

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HIGH

Excessive Rainfall Risk

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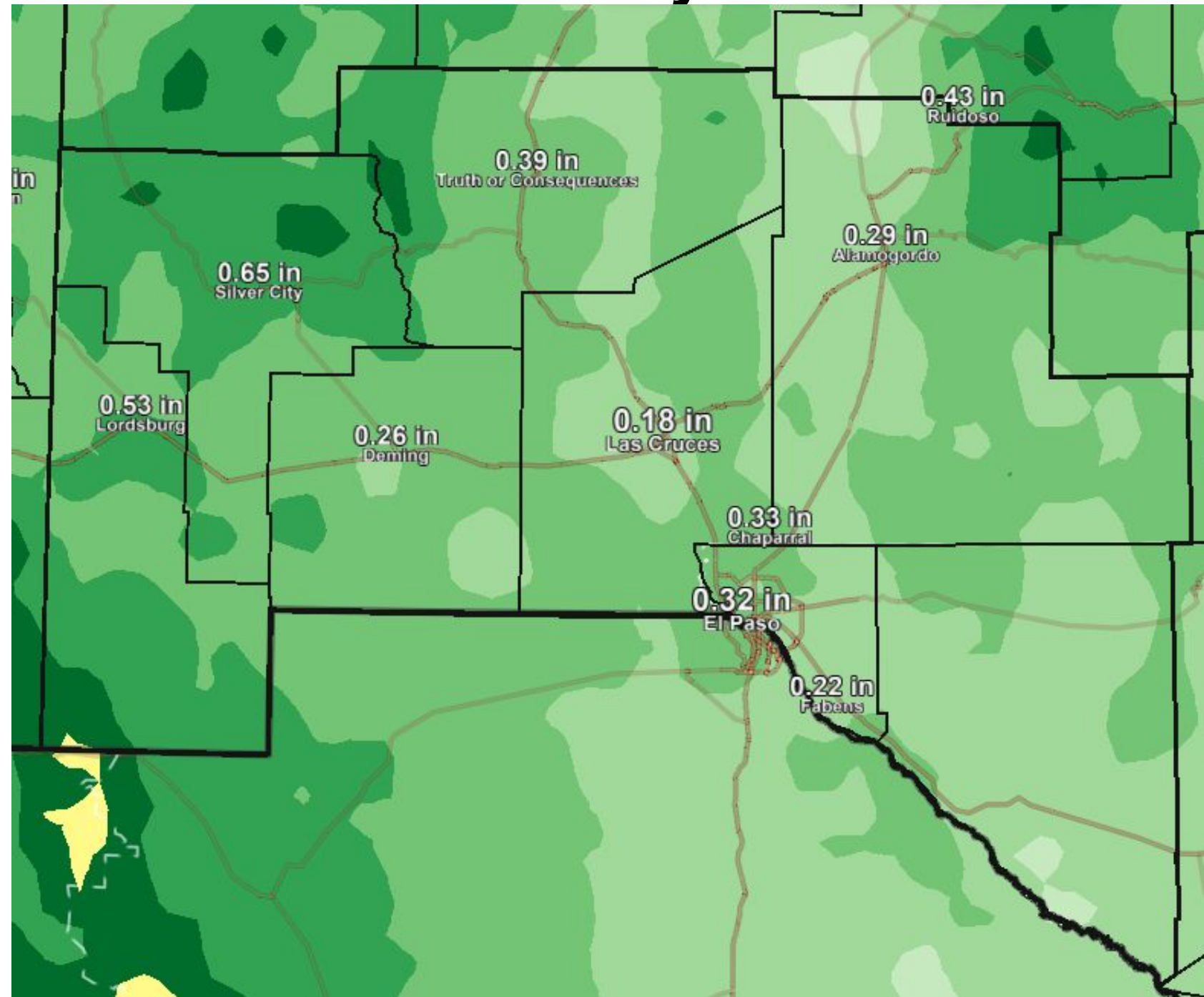
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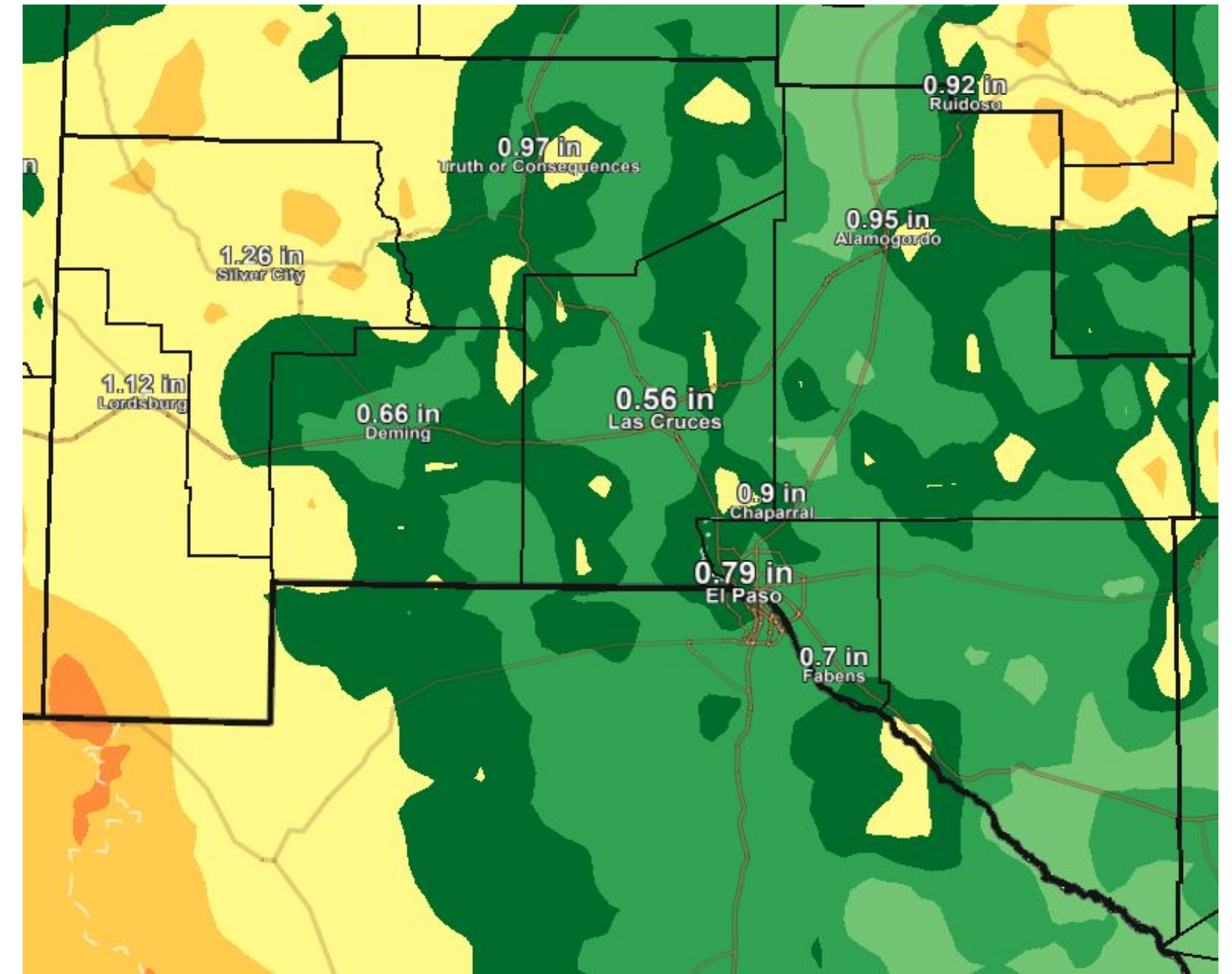
Rainfall Potential for Tuesday

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Most Likely Rainfall



High-End Rainfall (10% chance of higher amounts)



Widespread 0.3-0.7"



Localized amounts of 1-3"



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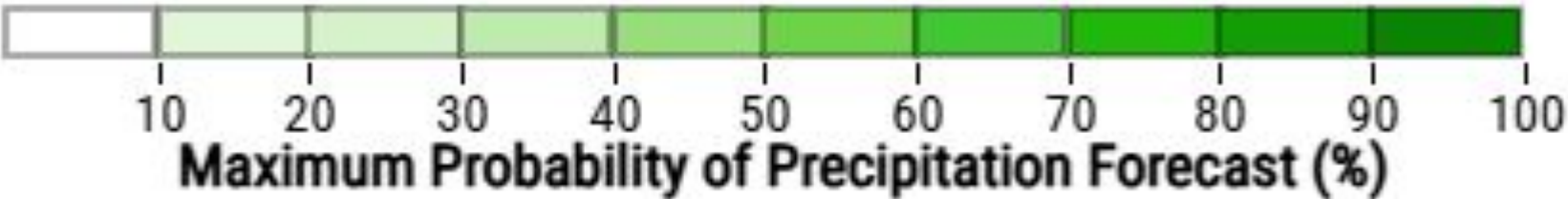


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Rain Chances through Saturday

Maximum Probability of Precipitation (%) Forecast

	9/15 Tue			9/16 Wed				9/17 Thu				9/18 Fri				9/19 Sat		
	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm
Alamogordo	10	25	45	55	20	65	70	65	35	65	40	45	40	60	55	50	35	50
Cloudcroft	15	50	45	60	45	80	70	70	55	75	50	45	55	75	60	55	35	60
Deming	5	20	60	60	30	50	90	70	15	45	70	50	25	40	55	30	5	20
El Paso	5	10	70	55	5	40	75	45	5	40	45	50	15	30	55	35	15	25
Las Cruces	5	20	60	65	20	45	80	65	15	45	55	60	15	40	55	45	20	25
Sierra Blanca	0	25	55	35	0	35	35	25	0	25	20	20	5	40	50	45	20	45
Silver City	10	60	50	75	50	85	90	80	40	75	75	50	30	65	50	25	5	25
T or C	5	45	40	60	30	65	85	90	35	70	75	65	25	50	60	25	5	35



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