

NWS Briefing for Winter Weather

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Situation Overview:

We are forecasting a major winter storm affecting a large swath of the United States this weekend. There has been a trend towards cooler and more wintry weather for our area. Heavy snow is expected over the Sacramento Mountains, with mostly rain in the lowlands today and a mix of rain and snow on Sunday.

- **Snow:**
 - **6-10" Sacramento Mountains, 2-4" Black Range, 1-3" Hudspeth and Otero Counties**
 - Highest risk of lowland wintry mix between **12 AM - Noon Sunday morning**
 - **UPDATE: Cold Weather Advisory now in effect for Sunday and Monday mornings**
- **Ice:**
 - Chance of freezing rain across Hudspeth County Saturday night/Sunday morning. Slick conditions for much of west Texas and southeast New Mexico, including I-10 and US-62/180
- **Temperature:**
 - **Colder early next week. Morning lows 15-25° lowlands, 5-15° mountains**
- **Impacts: Slick/icy roads, especially Saturday night and Sunday. Possible closures of mountain roads.**

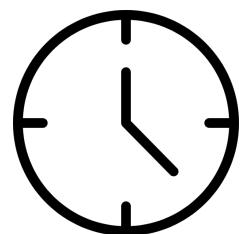


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Wintry mix possible Saturday into Sunday



Saturday Through Sunday Morning



Southern New Mexico and far west Texas east of the Rio Grande



Warning Area: 6-10" of snow, elevations above 9000' could see up to 1 foot of snow

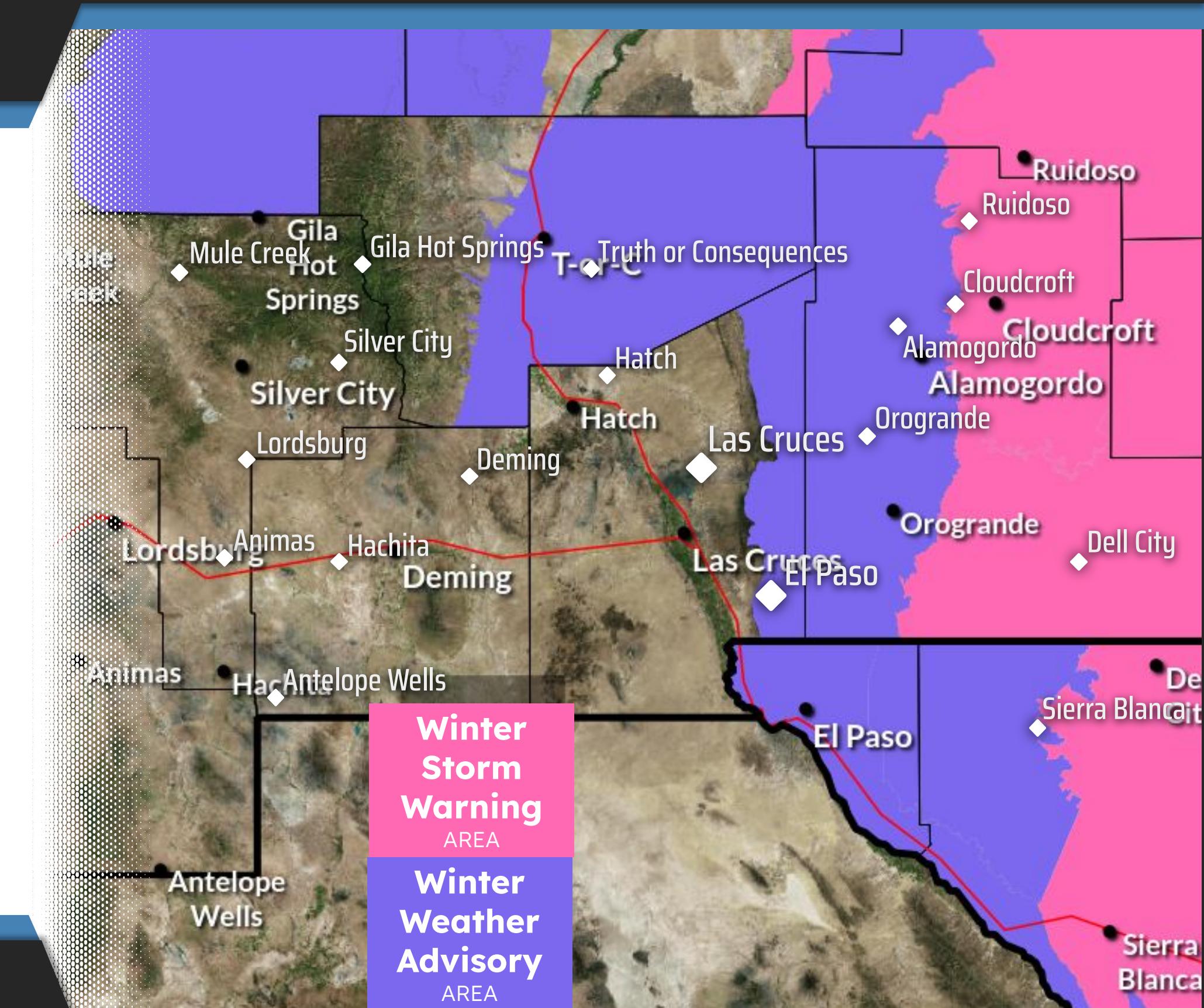
East slopes of the **Sacramentos** could see up to 0.1" of ice

Advisory Area: Up to 3" of snow and ice accumulation up to 0.1"



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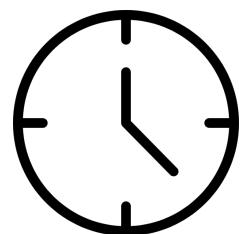
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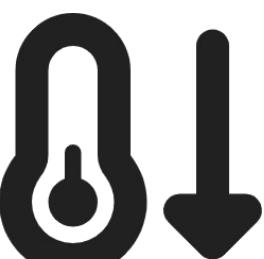
Cold wind chills Sunday and Monday mornings



**Saturday Night Through
Monday Morning**



**Sacramento Mountains, the
lowlands of Otero and
Hudspeth Counties**



- Mountains: Wind chills of -5 to -15°
- Lowlands: Wind chills of 5 to 15°



Protect:

People - Pets - Plants - Pipes



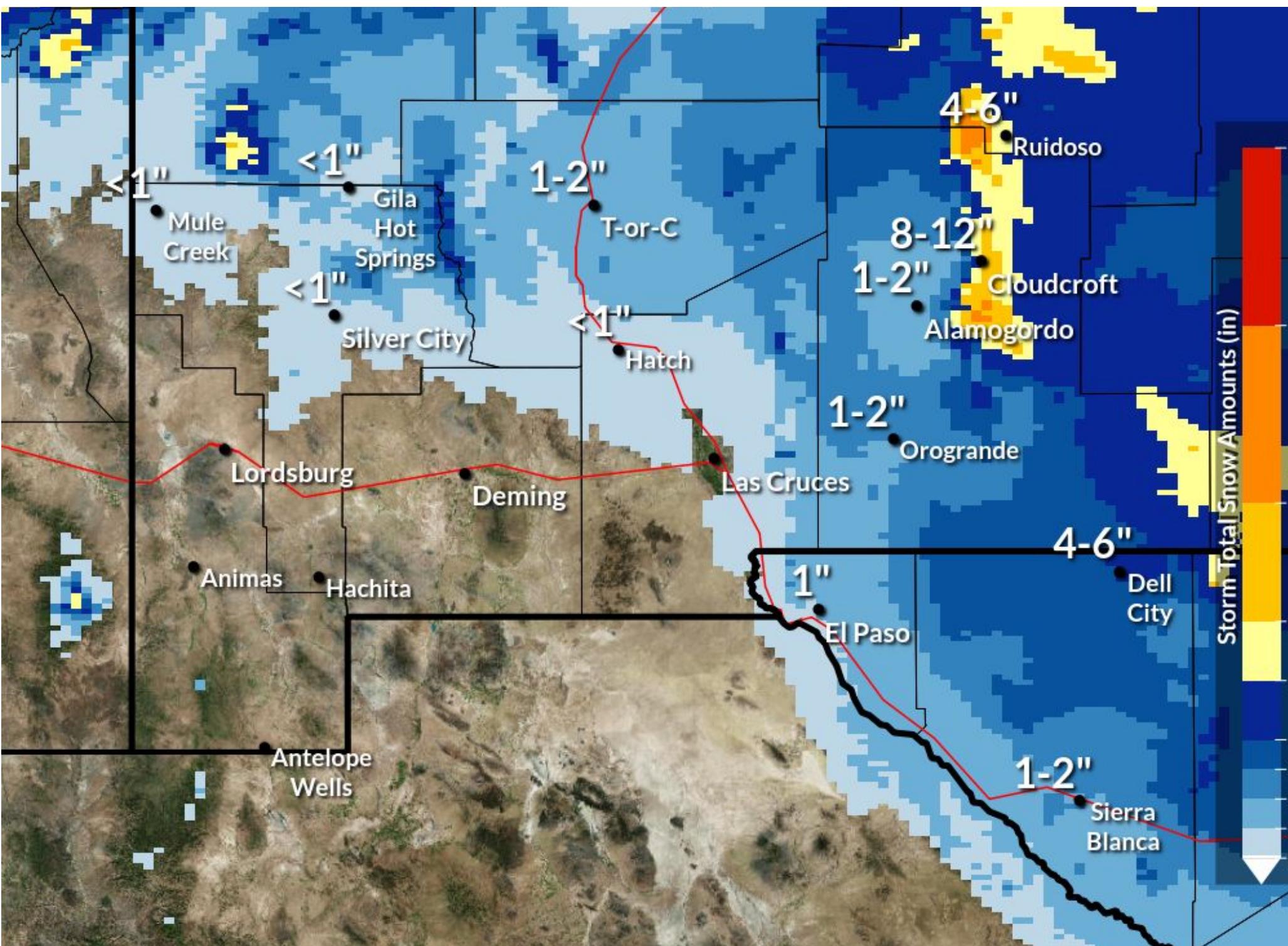
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Snowfall Forecast - Saturday Through Sunday



→ Wintry Conditions This Weekend

Widespread precipitation will continue today and Sunday. With heavy snow in area mountains. Cold air arriving from the east on Saturday night will lead to a changeover to snow in the lowlands Saturday night into Sunday.

Forecast Snow Totals:

- ◆ Cladcroft, Sunspot: **6-10"**
- ◆ Mescalero, Timberon, Mayhill: **5-8"**
- ◆ Crow Flats, Dell City: **1-3"**
- ◆ Alamogordo, Truth-or-Consequences: **1-2"**
- ◆ El Paso, Las Cruces: **Trace-2"**

→ Actions and Preparedness

- Monitor local news and weather.gov for latest forecasts and warnings.
- Dangerous travel conditions, especially for portions of US-82, US-70, and US 62/180.



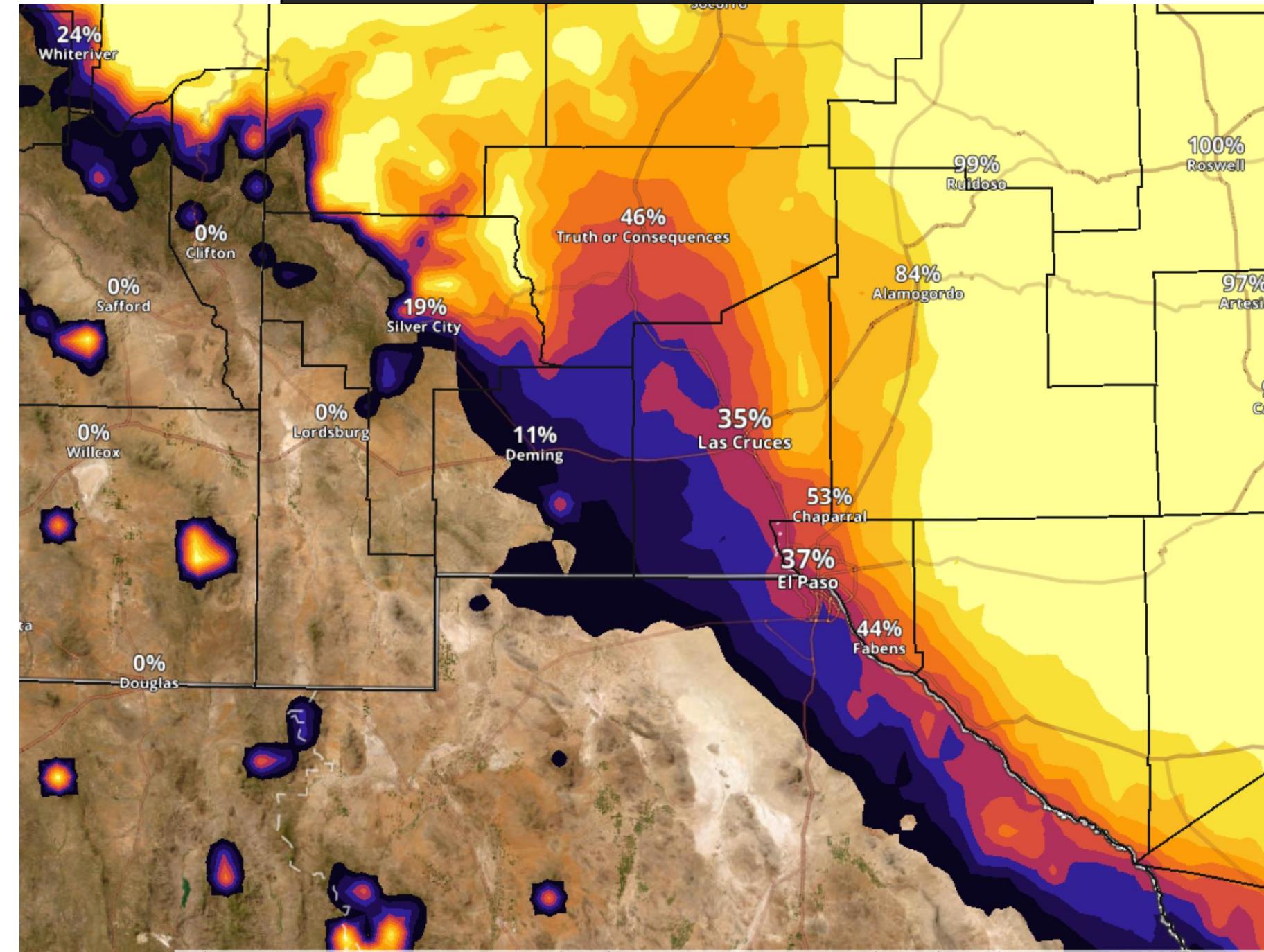
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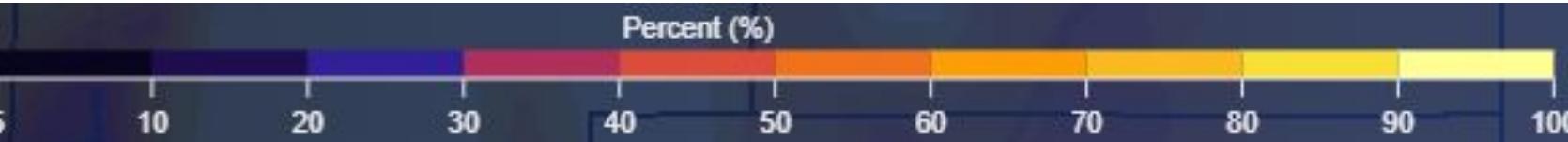
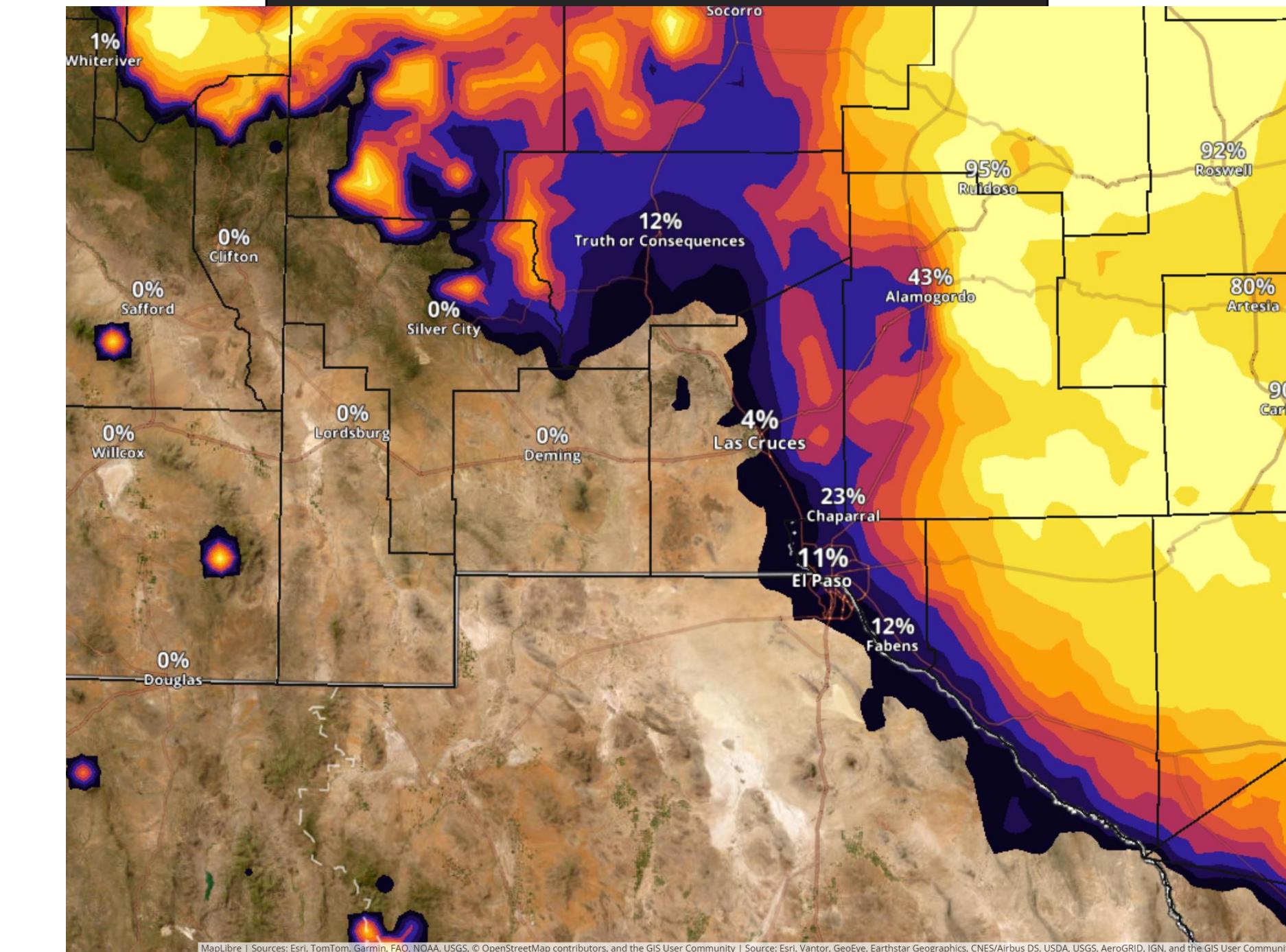
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Upcoming Snow Chances - Friday Through Sunday

Chance of Snow >1 Inch



Chance of Snow >3 Inches



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Snowfall Probabilities

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Location	Low End Amount	Expected Amount	High End Amount	Chance of Seeing More Than							
				0.1"	1"	2"	4"	6"	8"	12"	18"
Las Cruces, NM	0"	0"	1"	60%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Alamogordo, NM	1"	1"	4"	99%	86%	58%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Animas, NM	0"	0"	0"	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cliff, NM	0"	0"	T	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cloudcroft, NM	5"	8"	19"	100%	100%	100%	99%	89%	71%	33%	13%
Cloverdale, NM	0"	0"	0"	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dell City, TX	2"	4"	7"	100%	99%	92%	66%	32%	9%	0%	0%
Deming, NM	0"	0"	T	19%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
El Paso, TX	0"	1"	1"	54%	18%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gila Hot Springs, NM	0"	0.5"	2"	81%	52%	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hillsboro, NM	0"	1"	1"	76%	26%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lordsburg, NM	0"	0"	0"	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sierra Blanca, TX	0.5"	1"	4"	99%	83%	54%	19%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Silver City, NM	0"	0.5"	1"	74%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
T-or-C, NM	0"	1"	2"	85%	36%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



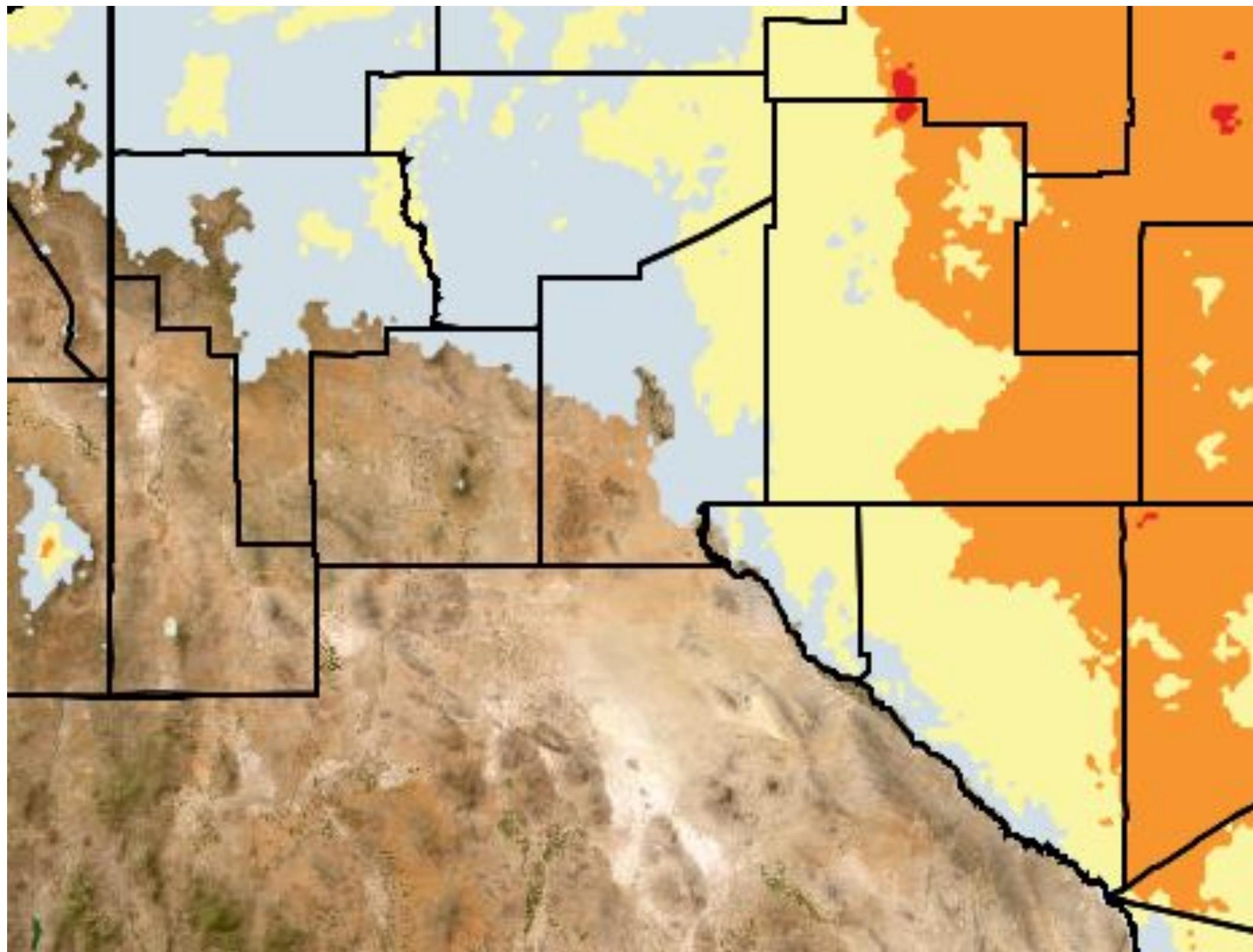
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Winter Storm Severity Index

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Potential Winter Storm Impacts

Winter Weather Area

Expect Winter Weather.

- Winter driving conditions. **Drive carefully.**

Minor Impacts

Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.

- Winter driving conditions. **Use caution while driving.**

Moderate Impacts

Expect disruptions to daily life.

- Hazardous driving conditions. **Use extra caution while driving.**
- Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.

Major Impacts

Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.

- Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. **Avoid travel if possible.**
- Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.



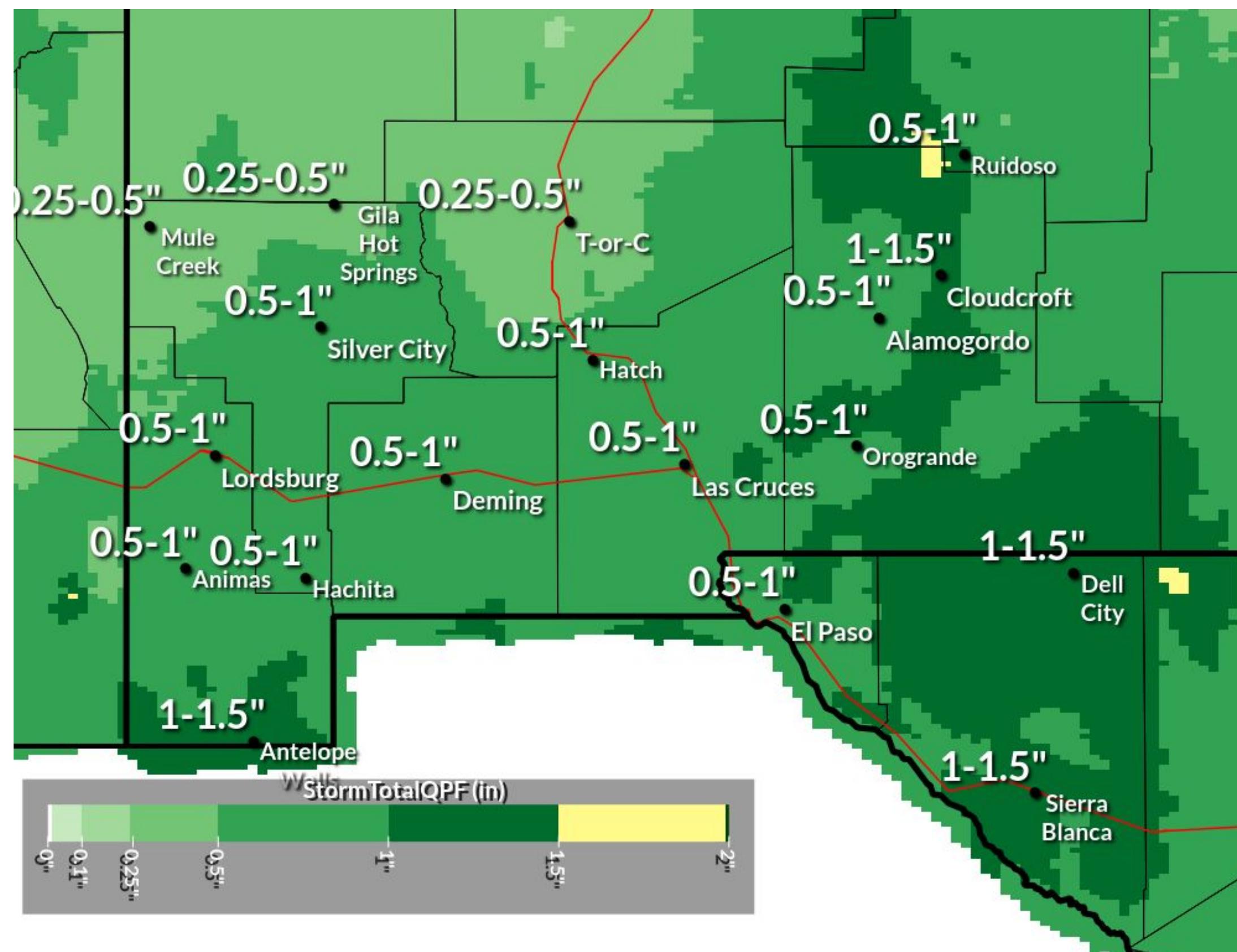
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Rainfall/Liquid Equivalent Forecast

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Probability of Precipitation Forecast

	1/24	Sat	1/25	Sun	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
Alamogordo	95	55	85	75	95	75	20	0									
Cloudcroft	95	60	80	75	95	80	20	5									
Dell City	55	25	95	85	90	75	20	0									
Deming	50	25	65	50	60	60	15	0									
El Paso	70	55	95	65	90	85	20	0									
Las Cruces	85	50	80	70	75	75	15	0									
Lordsburg	55	30	65	70	65	40	5	0									
Sierra Blanca	50	35	80	80	75	90	40	5									
Silver City	55	55	65	45	70	50	10	0									
T or C	25	10	60	60	45	55	10	0									

*Table values in %

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Precipitation Type Timing

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	1/24				1/25				
	Sat	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Alamogordo		雨	雨	雨	雨	雨	雪	雪	
Cloudcroft		雪	雪	雪	雪	雪	雪	雪	
Dell City		雨	雨	雪	雪	雪	雪	雪	
Deming		雨	雨	雨	雨	雨	雪		
El Paso		雨	雨	雨	雨	雨	雪	雨	
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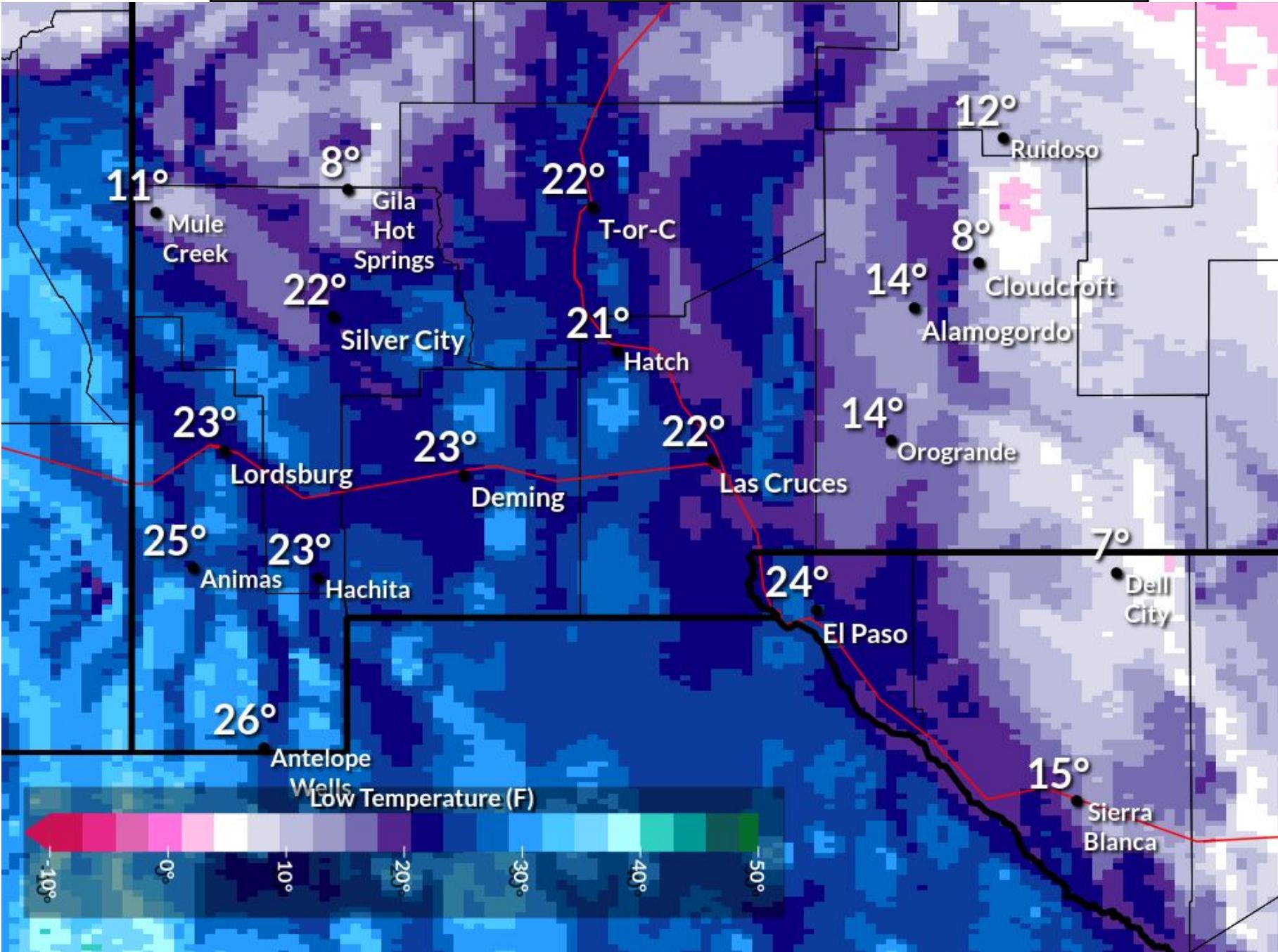
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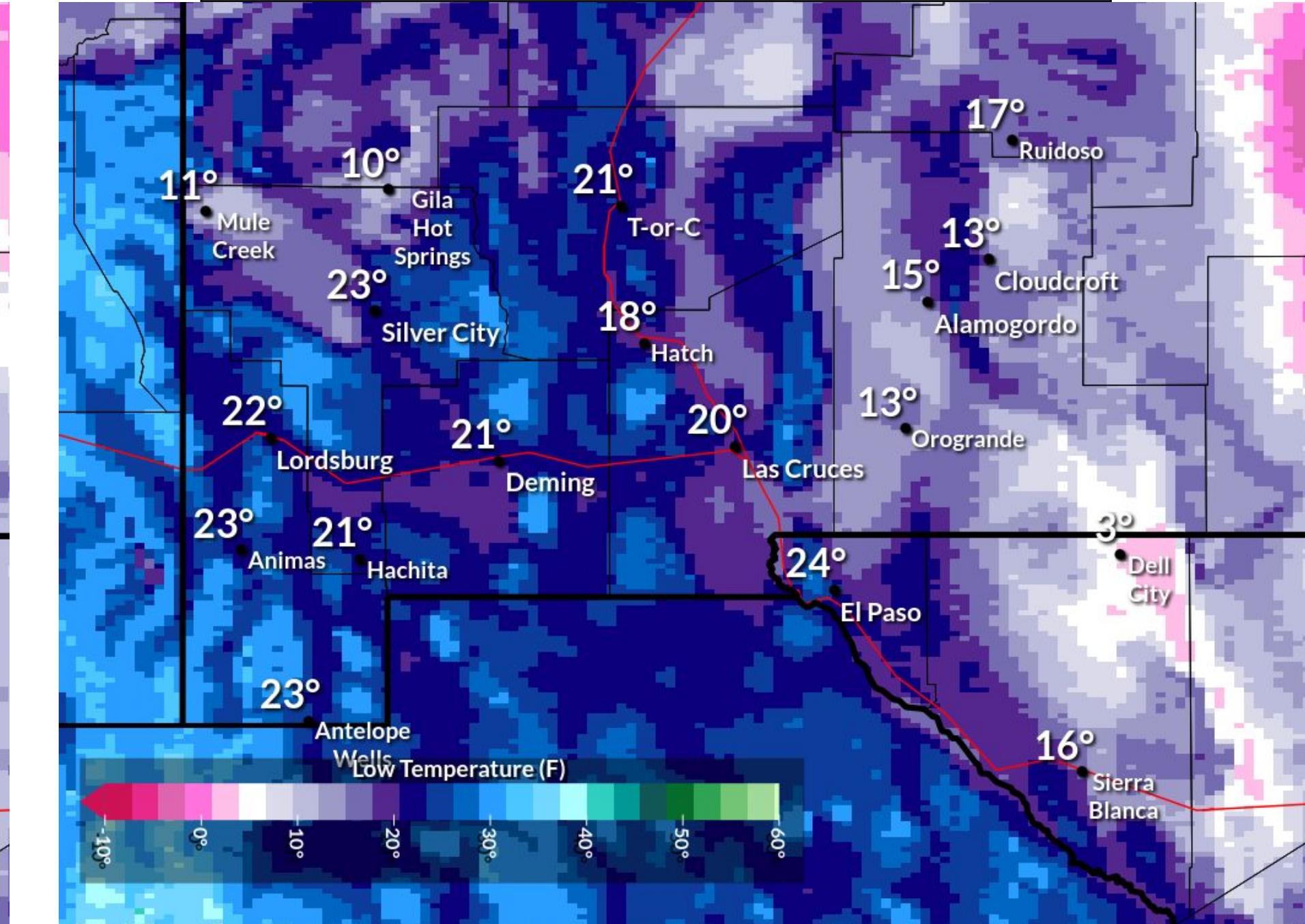
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Colder Early Next Week

Monday Morning Temperatures



Tuesday Morning Temperatures



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7 Day Outlook - Risk Matrix

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	Sat - Jan 24	Sun - Jan 25	Mon - Jan 26	Tue - Jan 27	Wed - Jan 28	Thu - Jan 29	Fri - Jan 30
El Paso	Light Rain	Snow/Ice (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)			Light Rain
Hudspeth	Snow/Ice (M)	Snow/Ice (M) Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)		Light Rain
Doña Ana	Light Rain	Rain / Snow Mix	Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)		Light Rain
Luna	Light Rain	Rain / Snow Mix	Cold (L)	Cold (L)			Light Rain
Otero Lowlands	Snow/Ice (M)	Snow/Ice (M) Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)		Light Rain
Otero Mtns	Snow/Ice (H)	Snow/Ice (M) Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)			Light Snow
Sierra	Rain / Snow Mix	Snow/Ice (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)	Cold (L)		Light Rain
Gila/Black Range	Snow/Ice (L)	Snow/Ice (L)	Cold (L)				Light Snow
Hidalgo & S. Grant	Light Rain	Light Rain	Cold (L)	Cold (L)			Light Rain



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**

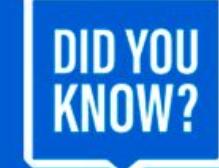
Everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme cold, but these groups are more vulnerable than most. Age and certain conditions make the body less able to regulate temperature.

- 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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