





NWS Briefing for Winter Weather

Wednesday, January 7

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Bottom Line Up Front:

A pair of upper-level systems will bring us two rounds of lowland rain and mountain snow.

- Snow:
 - **2-6"** Sacramento Mountains, **1-3"** (6000-7500') **3-6"+** (above 7500') Gila
 - Round 1: this afternoon - winding down between midnight and 3AM Thursday
 - Round 2: ~5PM Thursday - Midnight Friday ****Brief but Heavy Snow Squalls****
 - Isolated showers between Round 1 and 2
- Wind:
 - Blustery west winds, gusts 35-50 MPH, highest across mountains and east slope areas
 - Blowing snow and white out conditions in portions of the mountains
- Temperature:
 - **Single-digit Wind Chill Values in the Sacramento Mountains Thursday Night into the weekend**
 - **Teens and Twenties for Wind Chill Values in the Lowlands**
- Impacts: Slick and icy roads over high terrain with poor visibility. Strong crosswinds along N/S highways.

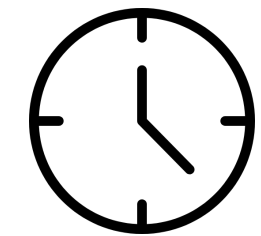


Winter Weather Advisory

Latest info at weather.gov/epz



Tonight through Friday Morning



5 PM Tonight to 8 AM Friday



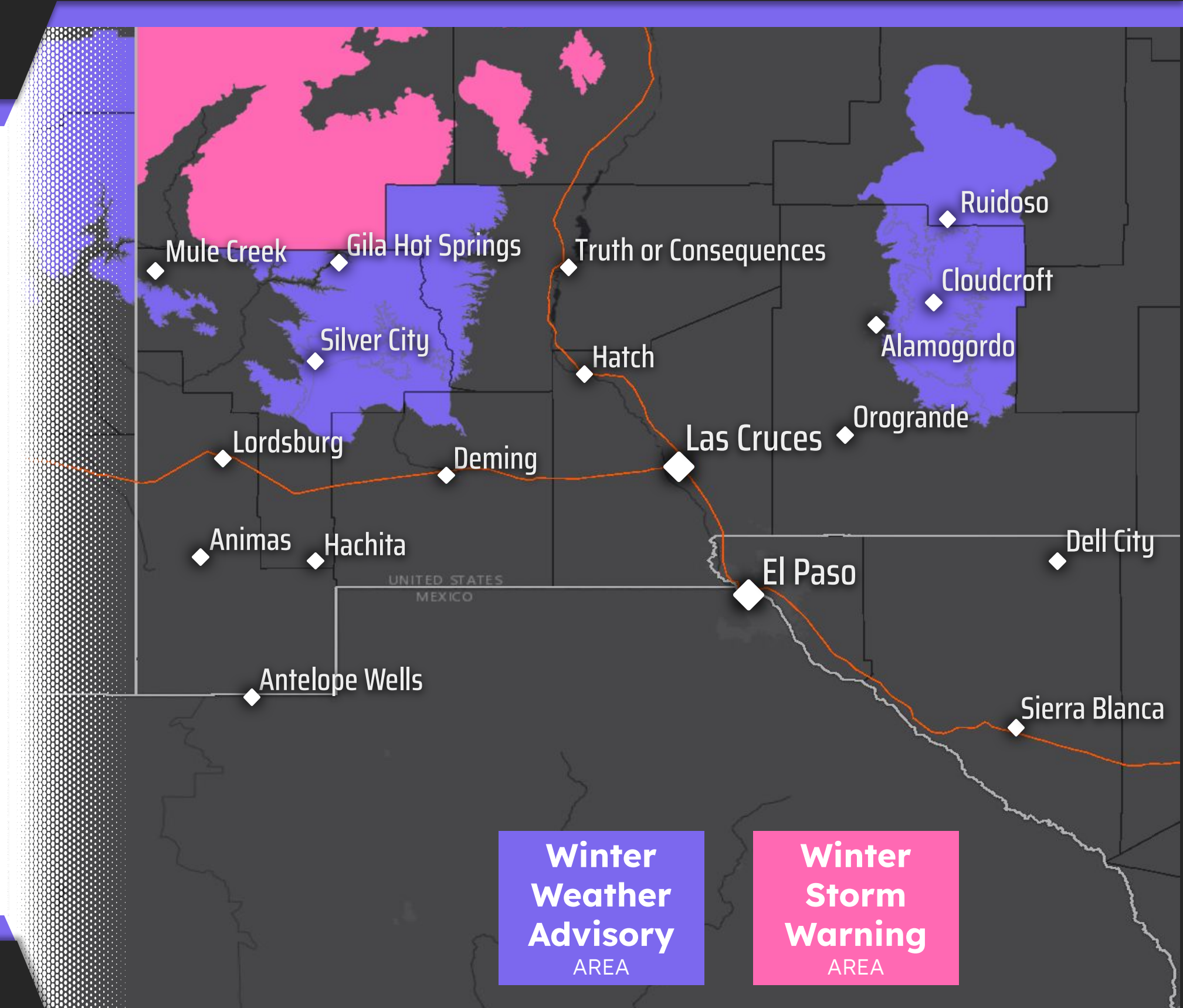
**Sacramento Mountains in Otero County
Gila/Black Range in Grant County**







- **3 to 6" for elevations 7,000'+**
- **1 to 3" for elevations 5,000-7,000'**



- **Plan on slippery road conditions**
- **Monitor latest forecast and warnings**

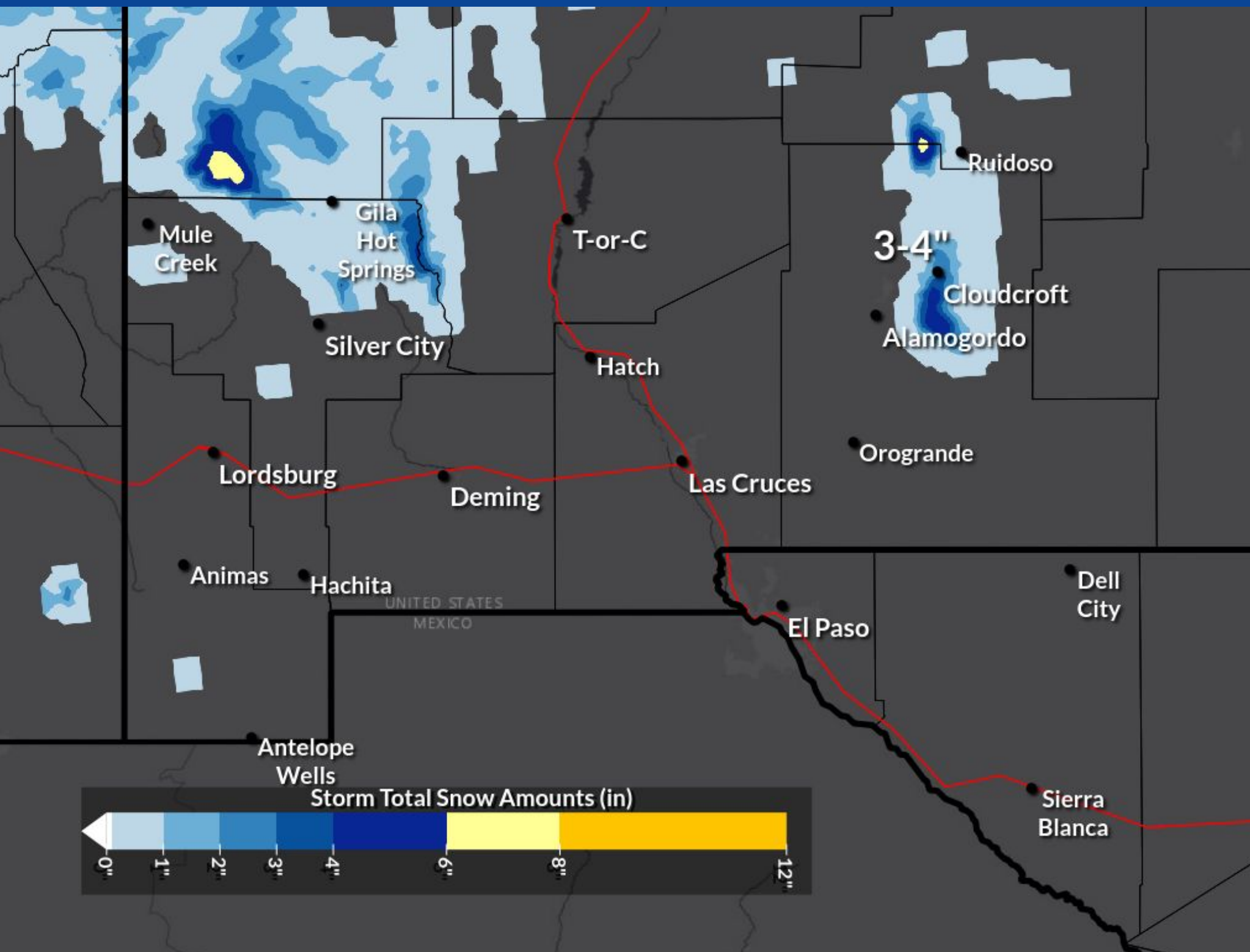


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Round 1 Snowfall Forecast - January 7-8



→ Mountain Snow Beginning Tonight

A Pacific low moves across New Mexico tonight with most precipitation over by morning.

Forecast Snow Totals:

- ◆ Cloudcroft: 2-4"
- ◆ Emory Pass: 2-4"
- ◆ Mescalero: Around 1"
- ◆ Pinos Altos, Lake Roberts: Less than 1"
- ◆ Timberon, Mayhill: Around 1"
- ◆ Silver City: Little to None
- ◆ Confidence: Moderate

→ Actions and Preparedness

- Monitor and [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) for latest forecasts.
- Slick travel for portions of US-70, US-82, NM-15, and NM-152. Plan ahead and use caution when traveling over mountain passes.

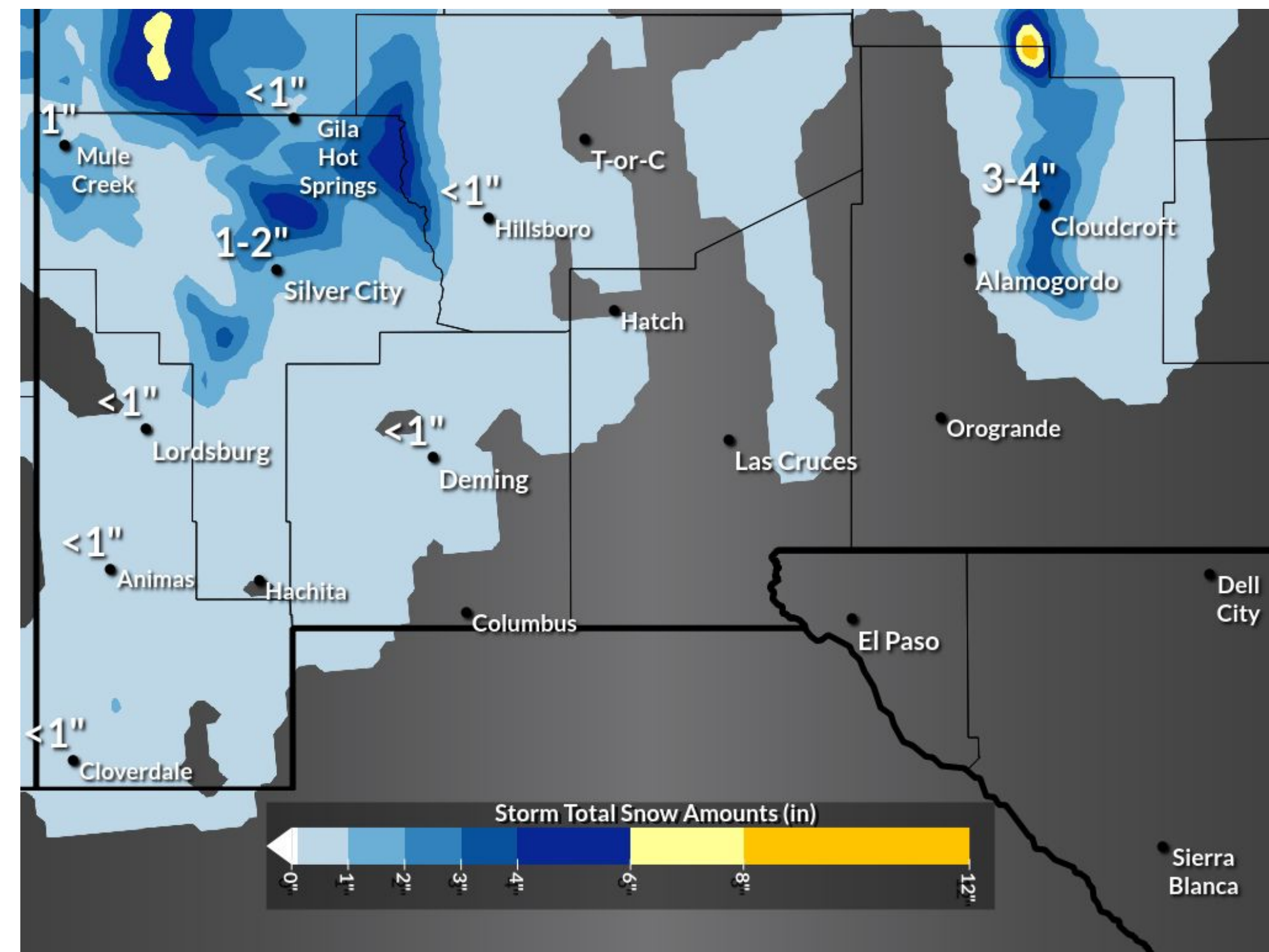


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Round 2 Snowfall Forecast - January 8-9



→ Mountain Snow Thursday Evening

A system will bring a **quick burst of moderate to heavy snow** Thursday evening into the overnight hours.

Forecast Snow Totals:

- ◆ Cloudcroft: 2-4"
- ◆ Emory Pass: 3-4"
- ◆ Mescalero: 1-3"
- ◆ Pinos Altos, Lake Roberts: 1-3"
- ◆ Timberon, Mayhill: 1-2"
- ◆ Silver City: 1-2" (Low Confidence)
- ◆ Lowlands: Rain may mix with snow (west)
- ◆ Confidence: Moderate (except Silver City)

→ Actions and Preparedness

- Monitor [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) for latest forecasts.
- Slick travel for portions of US-70, US-82, NM-15, and NM-152 with poor visibility. Plan ahead and use caution when traveling over mountain passes.

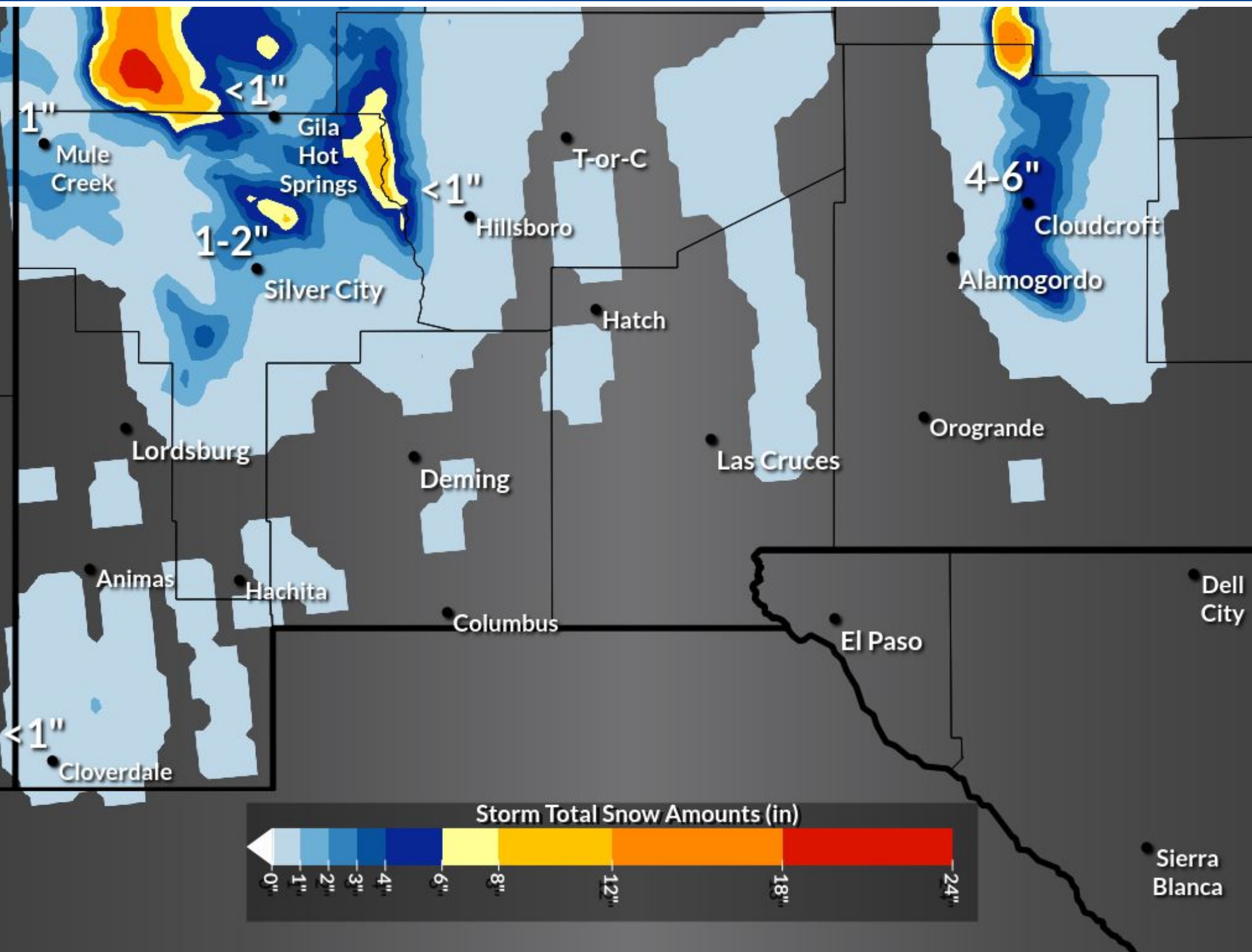


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Snowfall Forecast - January 7-9



Forecast Snow Totals Both Events:

- ◆ Cloudcroft: 4-6"
- ◆ Emory Pass: 3-6"
- ◆ Mescalero: 1-3"
- ◆ Pinos Altos, Lake Roberts: 1-3"
- ◆ Timberon, Mayhill: 1-2"
- ◆ Silver City: 1-2" (Low Confidence)
- ◆ Lowlands: Little to No Accumulation
- ◆ Confidence: Moderate (except Silver City)

→ Actions and Preparedness

- Monitor local news and [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) for latest forecasts
- Slick travel 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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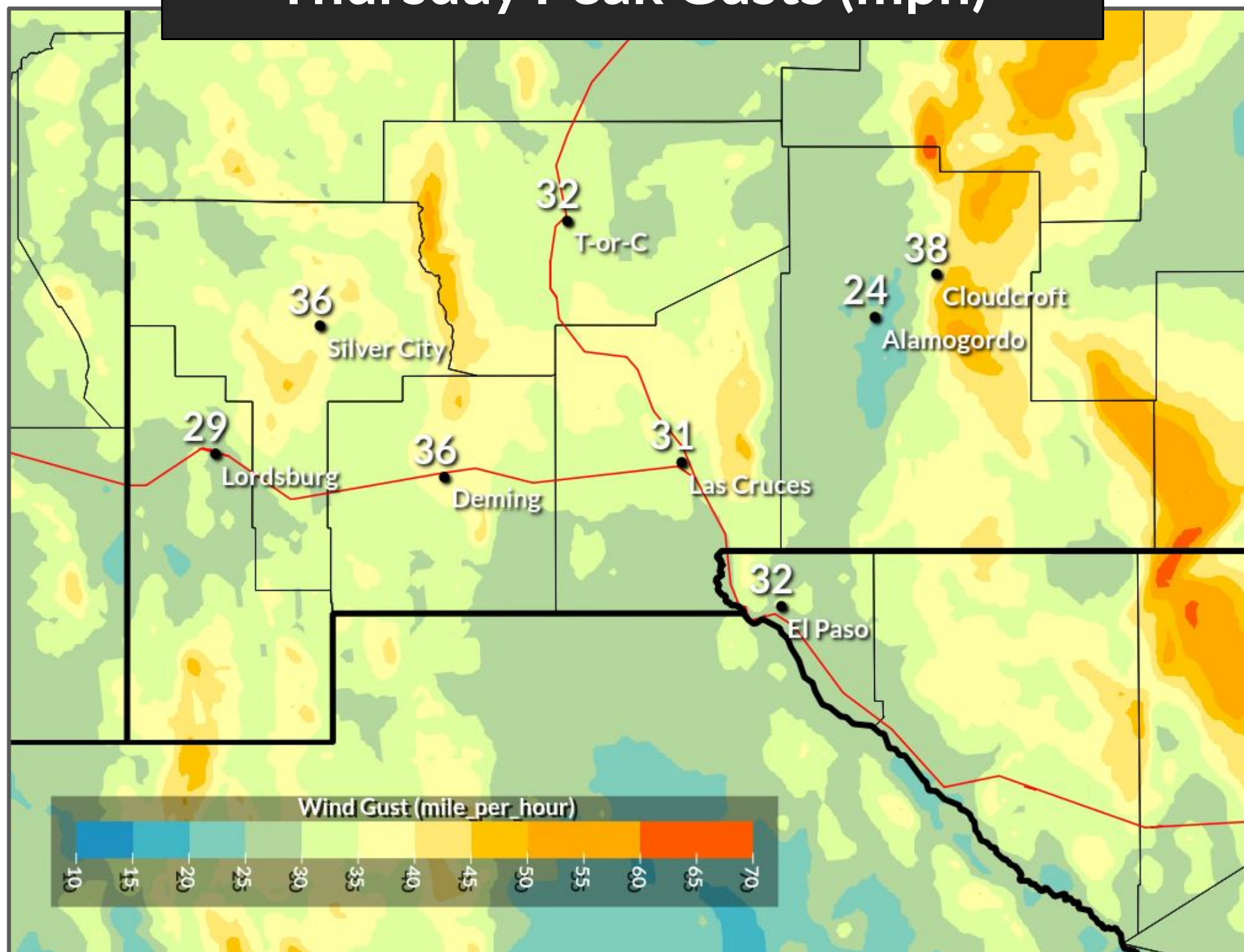


Blustery Winds Ahead

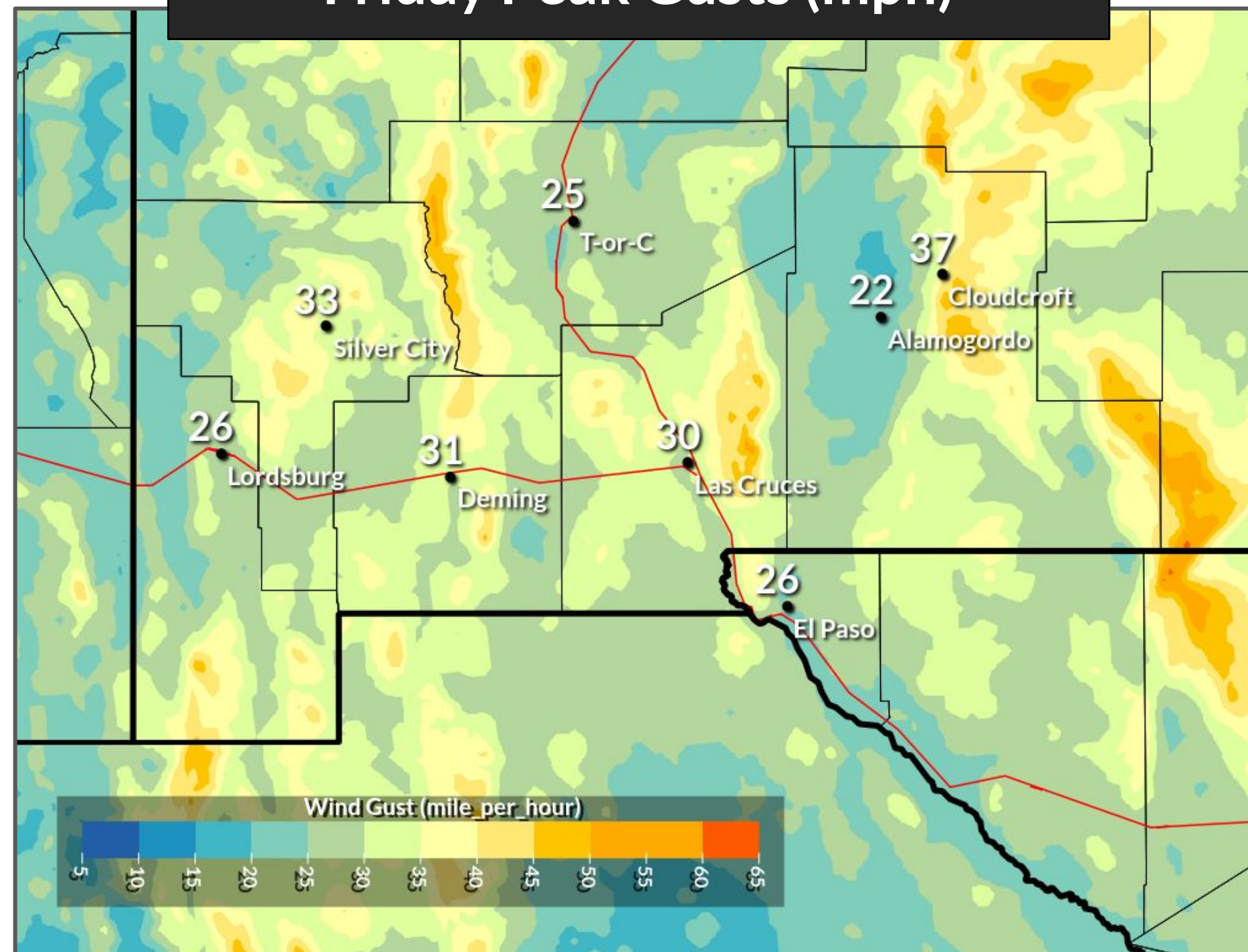
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Thursday Peak Gusts (mph)



Friday Peak Gusts (mph)



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Temperatures and Wind Chills

Temperature Forecast (°F)

		1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	Maximum
		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	
Alamogordo	High: 51 Low: 39	51 39	44 31	46 25	51 25	53 31	56 31	58 33	58
Cloudcroft	High: 34 Low: 24	34 24	24 16	29 12	33 15	36 20	38 22	39 24	39
Deming	High: 53 Low: 37	53 37	49 30	48 22	52 23	54 28	58 27	60 29	60
El Paso	High: 58 Low: 45	58 45	54 39	50 31	55 29	56 35	59 35	59 35	59
Las Cruces	High: 57 Low: 41	57 41	51 34	50 27	54 24	56 29	59 29	61 31	61
Lordsburg	High: 50 Low: 36	50 36	45 30	46 26	50 24	54 30	56 27	59 28	59
Sierra Blanca, TX	High: 54 Low: 42	54 42	49 35	46 29	50 25	53 31	56 31	55 32	56
Silver City	High: 40 Low: 30	40 30	36 24	42 22	46 19	49 28	53 27	56 30	56
T or C	High: 56 Low: 37	56 37	49 31	48 24	52 21	55 27	58 28	59 29	59

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Temperature Forecast (°F)

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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

	1/8 Thu				1/9 Fri				1/10 Sat				1/11 Sun				Minimum
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
Alamogordo	36	31	42	32	24	21	34	25	22	21	41	32	25	25	48	34	21
Cloudcroft	16	13	15	7	2	-1	8	4	3	1	20	10	6	6	24	13	-1
Deming	28	28	43	27	23	21	38	21	14	13	38	23	13	13	44	27	13
El Paso	40	38	54	36	31	30	42	33	26	25	41	33	23	22	45	38	22
Las Cruces	37	35	52	33	27	25	42	27	24	23	41	30	21	20	46	35	20
Lordsburg	32	29	38	27	22	19	34	24	20	18	38	20	12	11	40	26	11
Sierra Blanca, TX	37	34	52	37	24	24	39	26	24	23	40	28	21	19	43	32	19
Silver City	25	22	21	17	14	12	25	12	13	13	32	14	7	8	35	21	7
T or C	34	30	40	30	24	21	40	22	16	15	38	23	14	12	45	34	12

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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

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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



Consume hot foods and warm drinks, but avoid caffeine and alcohol



Limit or avoid time outdoors



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.

DID YOU
KNOW?



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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