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# **January 23 - 26 Winter Weather**

## **Situational Awareness Briefing**

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## Key Points:

- Very cold air will remain in place through the weekend.
- A storm system will continue to bring a wintry mix of freezing rain/sleet/snow to the area through Sunday.
- Dangerously cold wind chills are expected through Monday morning.
- Significant impacts on transportation and utility infrastructure



## Timing/Location:

- After a break in precipitation this morning, another round will develop and move across the region this afternoon/overnight
- Expect a mix of freezing rain and sleet generally along and north of I-10 with predominantly snow across SE New Mexico.
- By tonight into Sunday morning, expect mostly sleet/snow along and north of I-20 with a mix of freezing rain and sleet to the south.



## Forecast Confidence:

- **Medium** confidence with precipitation type & amounts.
- **Medium** confidence on temperatures.
- **Medium** confidence on timing.



# Winter Storm Warning

Use Caution if Driving

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Now - 12 PM Sunday CST



**Southeast New Mexico and  
most of West Texas**



→ Up to 1-3 inches of snow/sleet with up to 6 inches in the Guadalupe Mountains.

→ Up to a 1/4 to 1/2 inch of ice expected

## IMPACTS:



**SLIPPERY -  
HAZARDOUS TRAVEL**



**REDUCED  
VISIBILITIES**



**DIFFICULT DRIVING  
CONDITIONS**

## What to Do:



Roads may become impassable - travel is discouraged



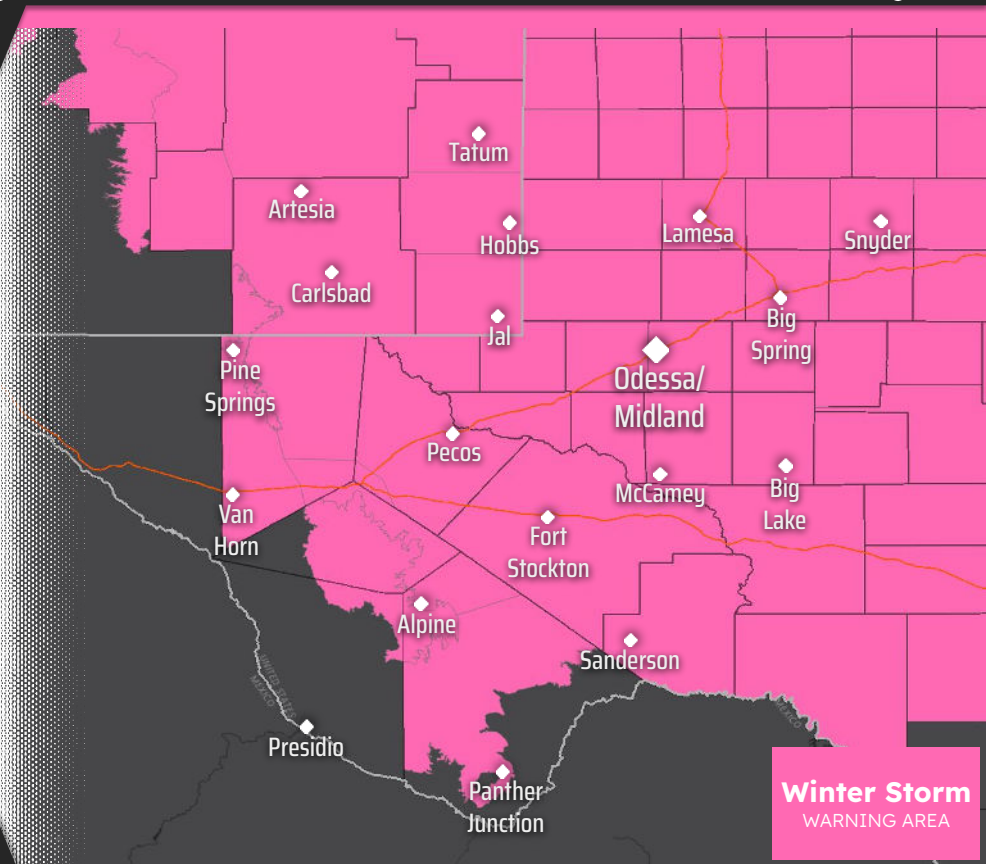
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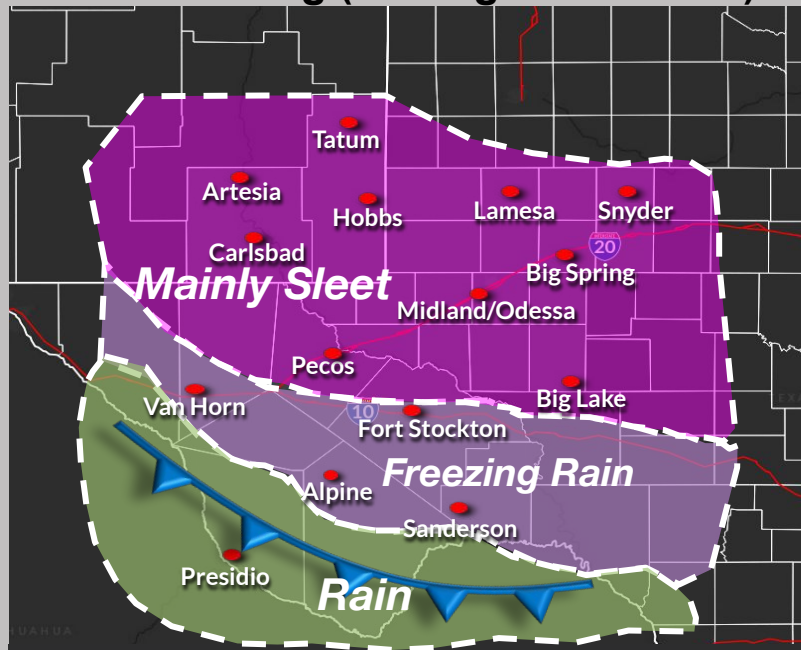


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# What to Expect Today and Tonight

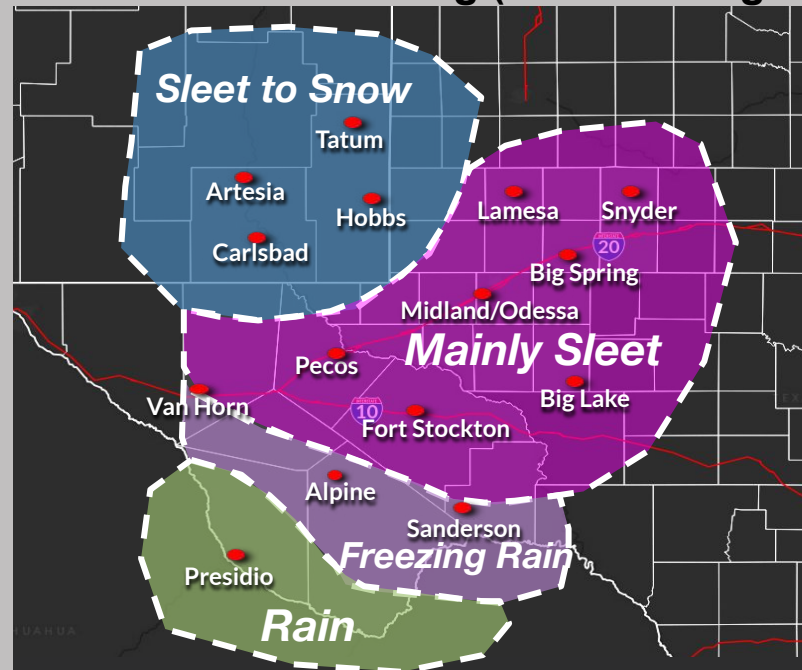
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## This Morning (Through Noon CST)



Expect a lull in precipitation for the most part with only isolated showers.

## This Afternoon/Evening (Noon-Midnight)



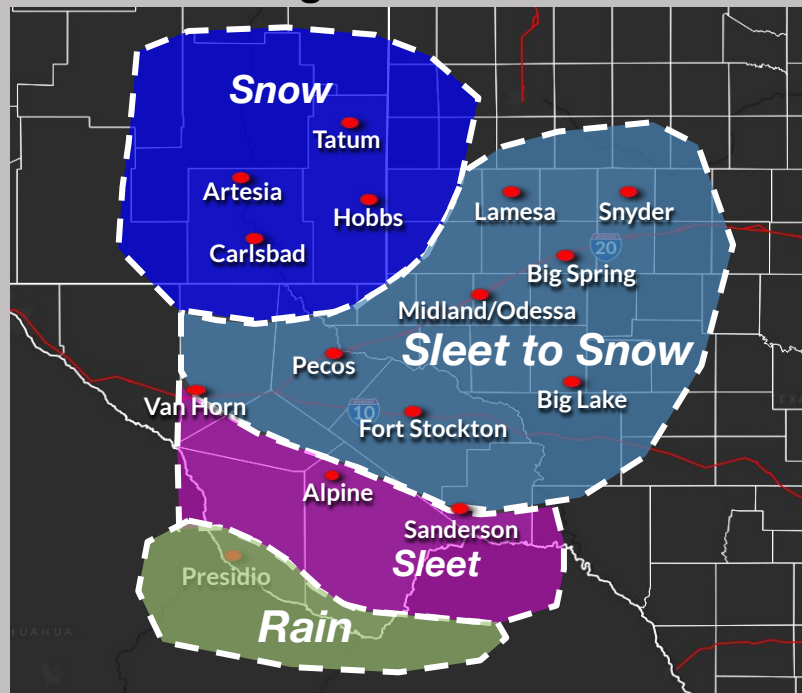
Moderate to heavy bands of precipitation will develop this afternoon and spread east. SE NM will begin to transition more to snow.



# What to Expect Sunday

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## Through Mid Afternoon



Precipitation will continue to transition mostly to snow as the main storm system moves across. Precipitation is expected to end by mid afternoon.



# Additional Winter Accumulations Forecast

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## Most Likely Ice and Snow Amounts through Mid-Day Sunday



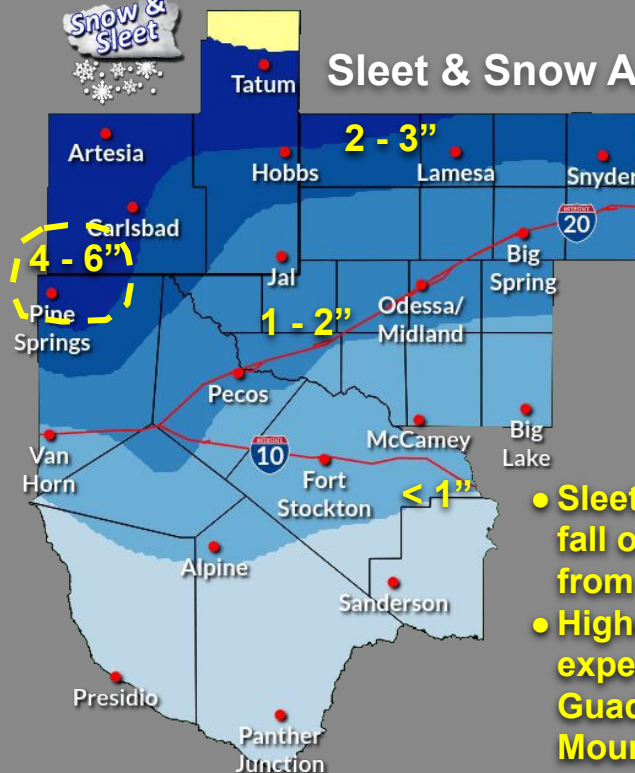
### Ice Accumulations



- Most additional accumulating ice will be from light freezing rain
- Expect icy roads, trees, and power lines.



### Sleet & Snow Amounts



- Sleet and snow will fall on existing ice from freezing rain.
- Highest amounts expected across Guadalupe Mountains



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# Hazardous Cold

West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico

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**Tonight - Monday Morning**



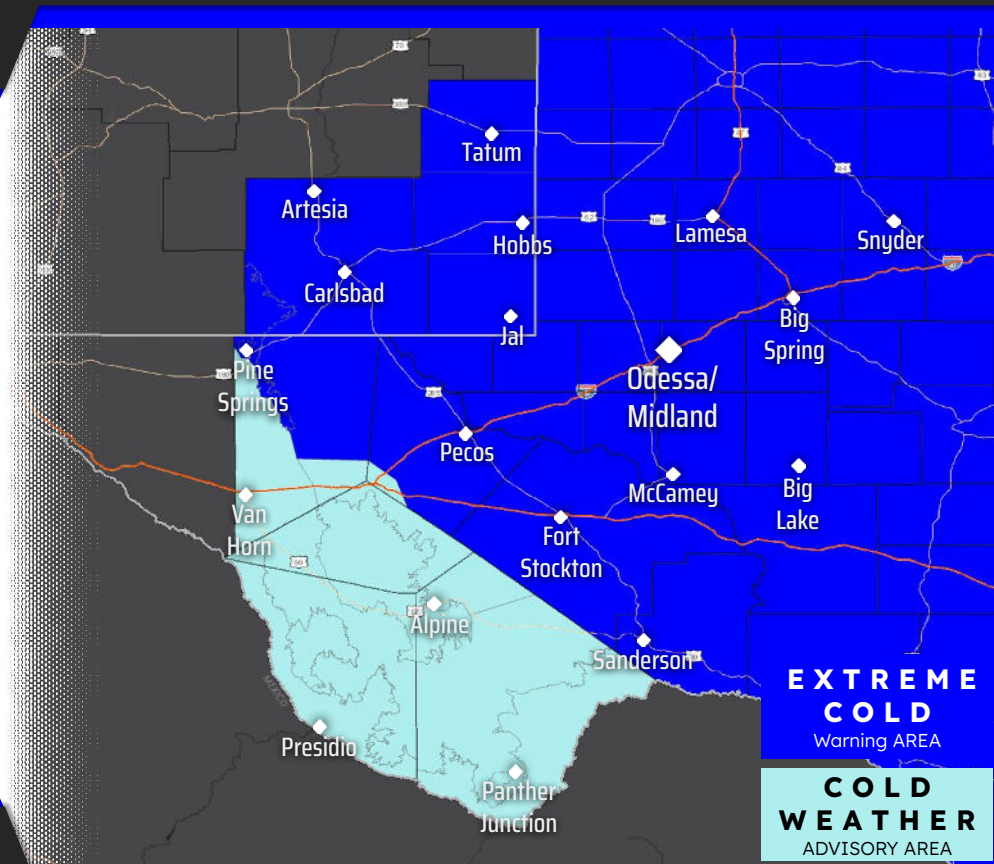
→ **Extreme Cold Warning:** Wind chills as low as 4° below

→ **Cold Weather Advisory:** Wind chills as low as 7-12° above

**Protect:**



*People - Pets - Plants - Pipes*



**EXTREME  
COLD**  
Warning AREA

**COLD  
WEATHER**  
ADVISORY AREA



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# Very Cold Morning

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## Observed Low Temperatures (as of 7am)

<b>Midland Intl Airport</b>	15
<b>Odessa</b>	15
<b>Big Spring</b>	13
<b>Seminole</b>	14
<b>Snyder</b>	9
<b>Artesia, NM</b>	25
<b>Carlsbad Caverns</b>	24
<b>Pecos</b>	23
<b>Tatum</b>	11
<b>Lamesa</b>	10
<b>Marfa</b>	27
<b>Alpine</b>	28
<b>Van Horn</b>	30



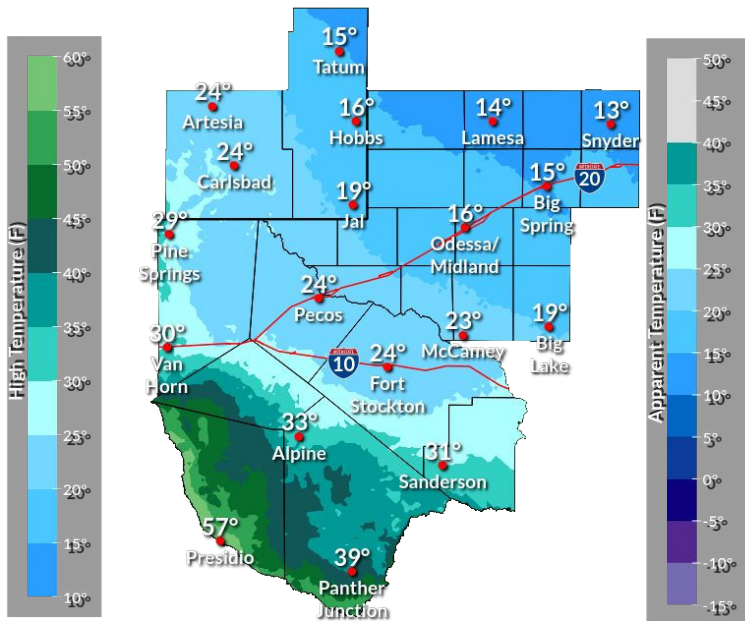
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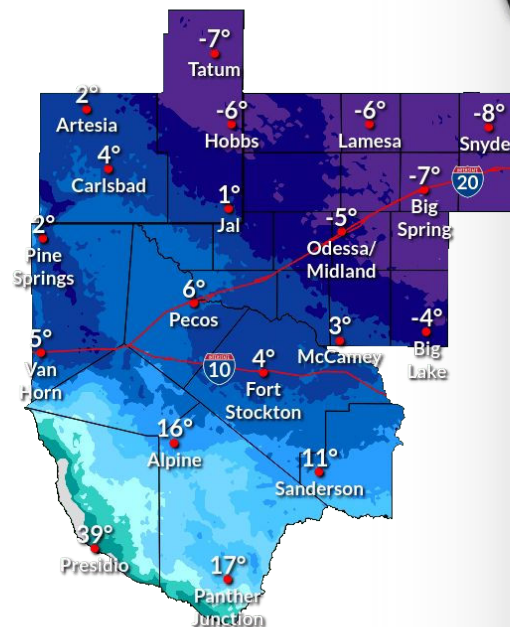


# Afternoon Temps and Wind Chills

## Today PM Temps



## Today PM Wind Chill



## Key Points

- Temperatures do not recover much and stay below freezing for most as waves of precipitation occur through the day.
- Wind chills remain dangerously cold in the Permian Basin, with many values in the single digits to near zero in some spots.



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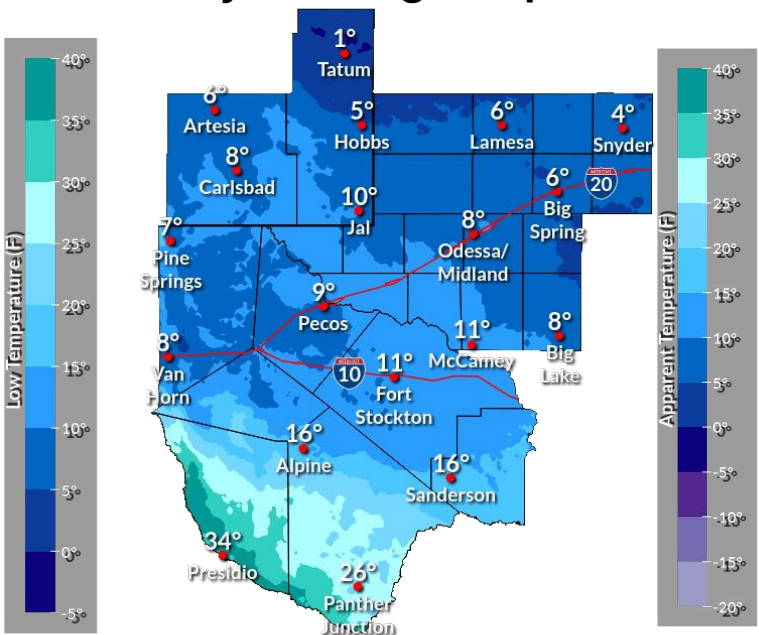
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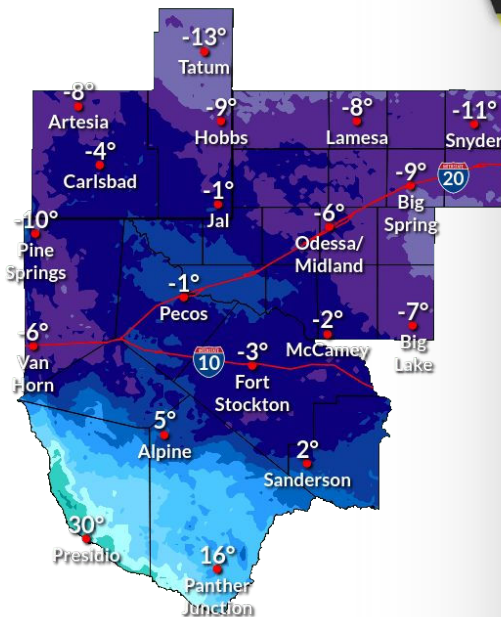
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# Sunday Morning Temps and Wind Chills

## Sunday Morning Temps



## Sunday AM Wind Chill



## Key Points

- Extreme cold will settle in Sunday morning as much of the area will be covered in a mix of ice and snow.
- Any melting that occurs during the day will refreeze during the night.
- Wind chills remain at dangerous levels. Be sure to bring in pets and protect pipes!



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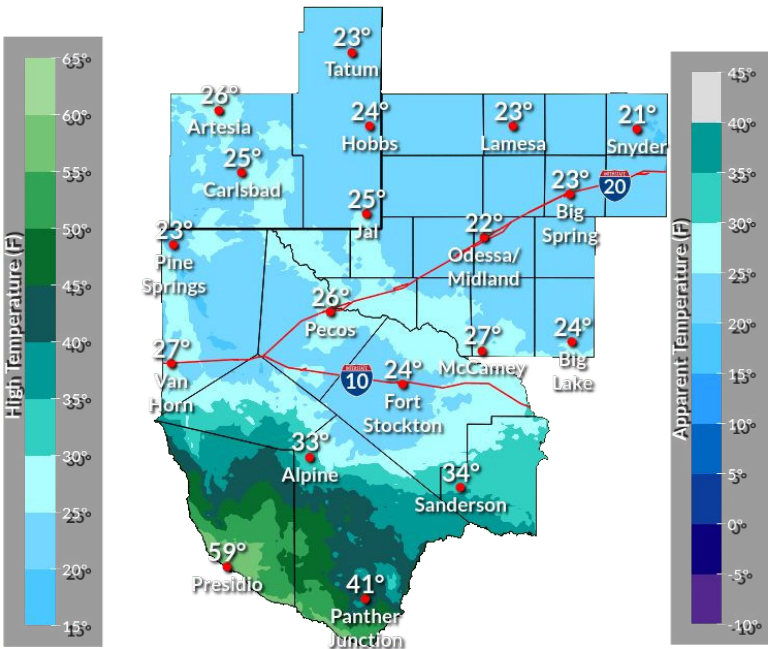
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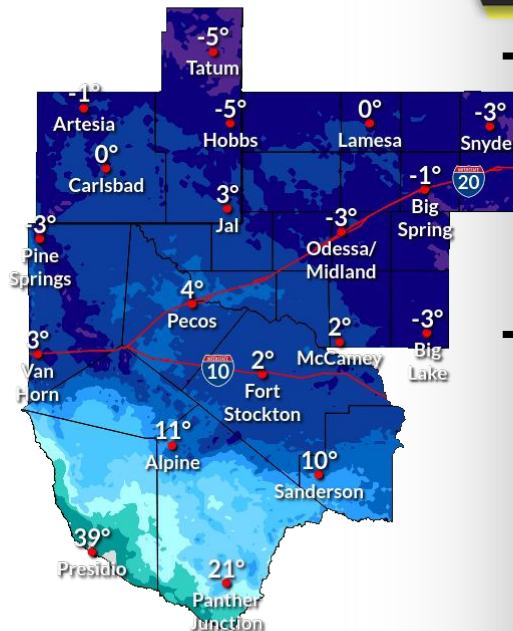
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# Sunday Afternoon Temps and Wind Chills

## Sunday PM Temps



## Sunday PM Wind Chill



## Key Points

- Very cold temperatures continue Sunday afternoon with many locations remaining below freezing once again.
- Wind chills will remain in the single digits to below zero for many locations Sunday afternoon.



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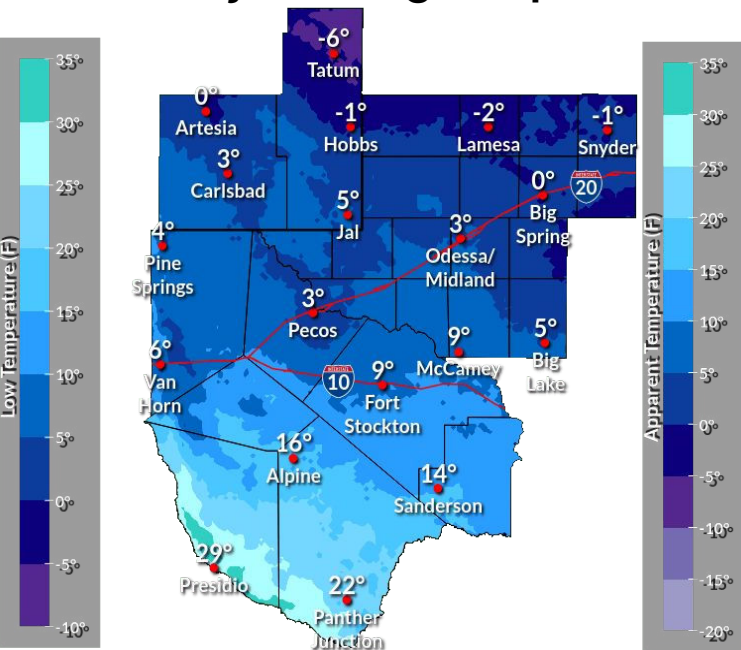
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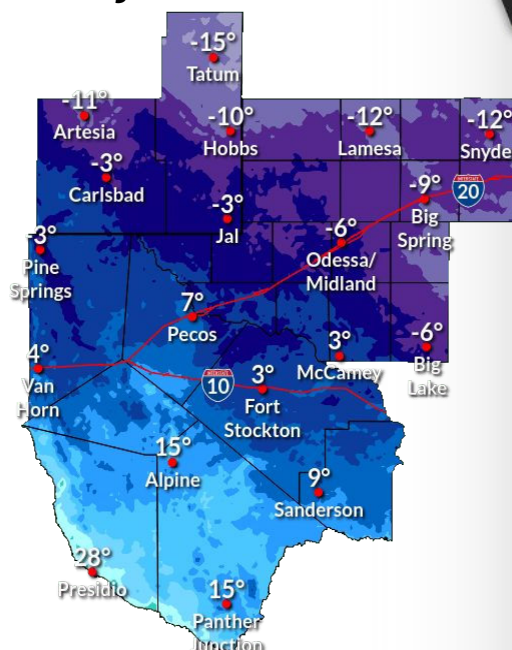
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# Monday Morning Temps and Wind Chills

## Monday Morning Temps



## Monday AM Wind Chill



## Key Points

- Very cold temperatures Monday morning, with low temperatures ranging from the single digits to teens for most.
- Once again, any melting that occurs during the day will refreeze during the night.
- Dangerously low and lowest wind chills of the cold snap expected for many Monday morning.
- Temperatures are expected to warm to at or just above freezing Monday afternoon.



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# Ice Accumulation Impacts

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**0.10"**

(Trace / Glaze)



Light glaze on  
roadways & sidewalk  
  
Slick bridges  
  
Coated windshields

**0.25"**

(Disruptive)



Isolated power  
outages  
  
Tree limbs/power  
lines sag

**0.50"**

(Dangerous)



Widespread power  
outages  
  
Moderate damage  
to trees/power lines

**1"+**

(Devastating)



Very destructive  
  
Long power  
outages  
  
Significant tree  
damage



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# Frostbite & Hypothermia: Know Your Actions



If someone might have frostbite or hypothermia,  
**seek medical attention immediately!**



**Get to a  
warm area**



**Remove  
wet clothing**



**Warm up with  
dry layers**  
of blankets  
or clothing



Place skin affected  
by **frostbite** in  
**warm water**  
(NOT hot)



**Frostbite Caution:** Do not use fireplaces or  
artificial heat sources for warming. Do not  
rub or put pressure on areas with frostbite.



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