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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



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**

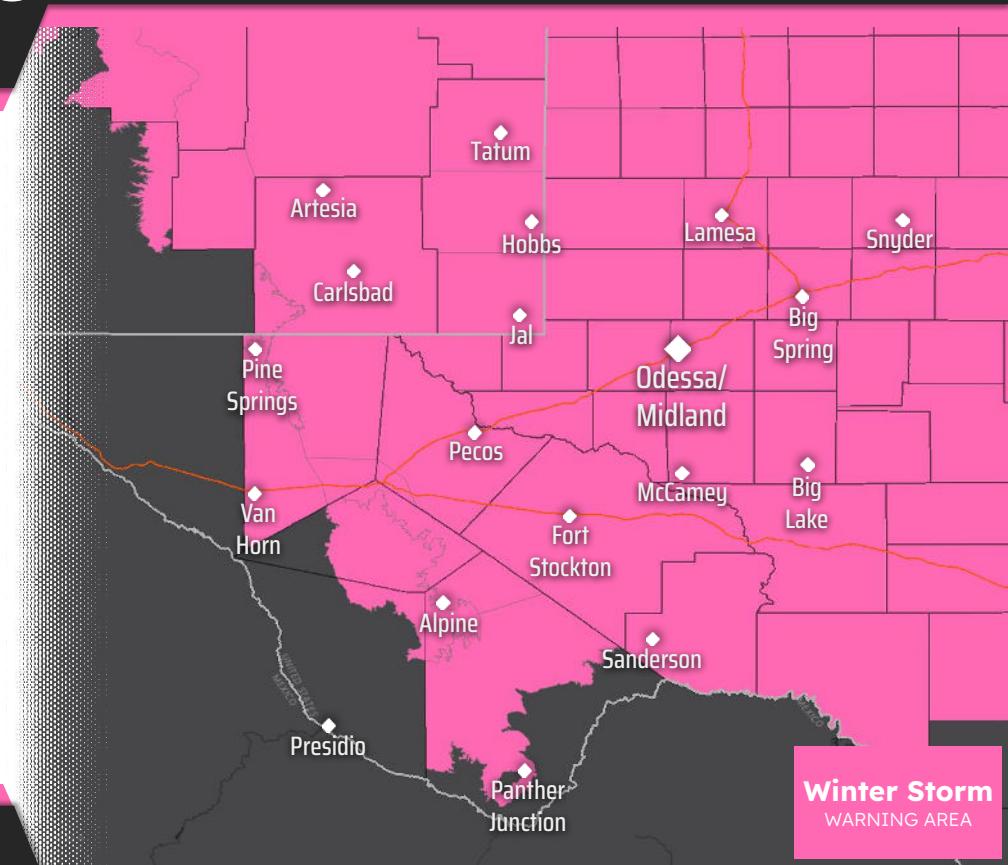
## What to Do:



**Roads may become impassable - travel is discouraged**



**Stay at home if possible**



**Use Caution if Driving**

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WARNING AREA**

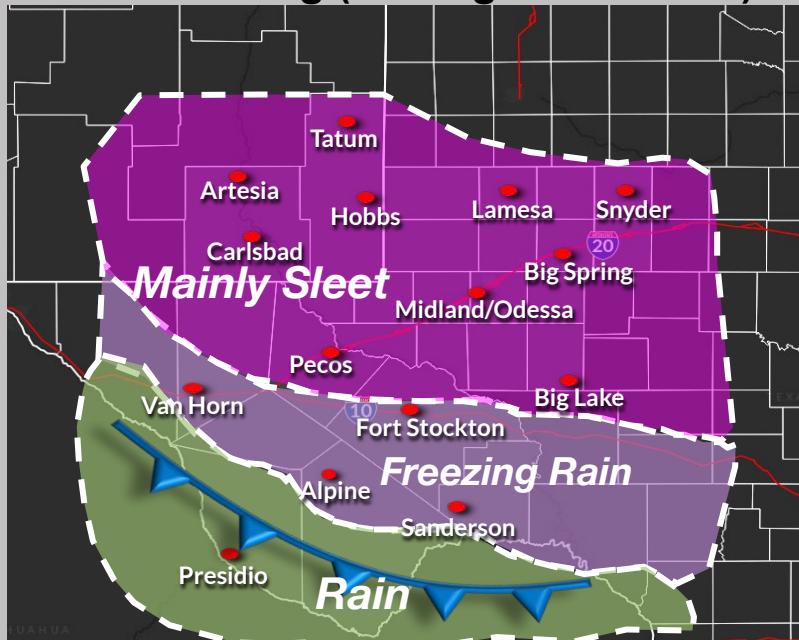
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# What to Expect Today and Tonight

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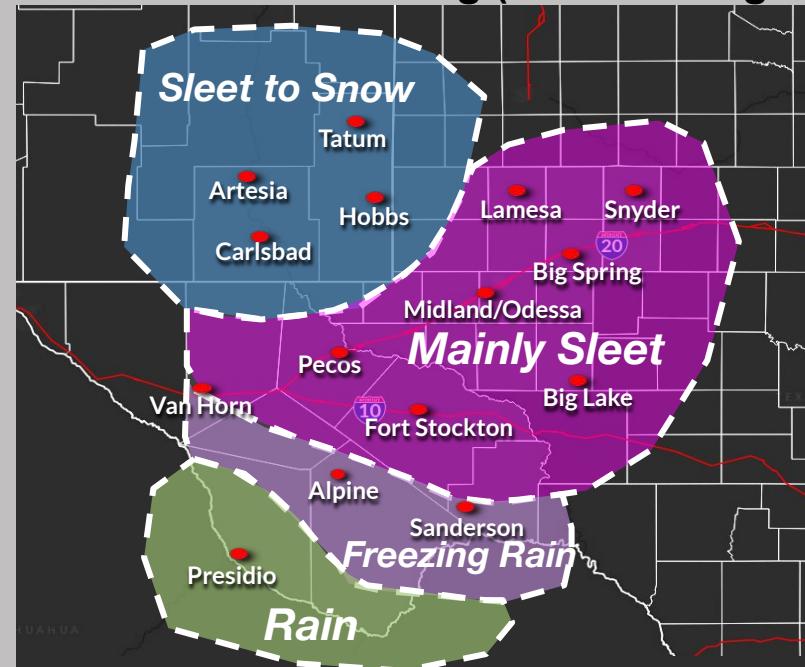
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## This Morning (Through Noon CST)



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

## This Afternoon/Evening (Noon-Midnight)



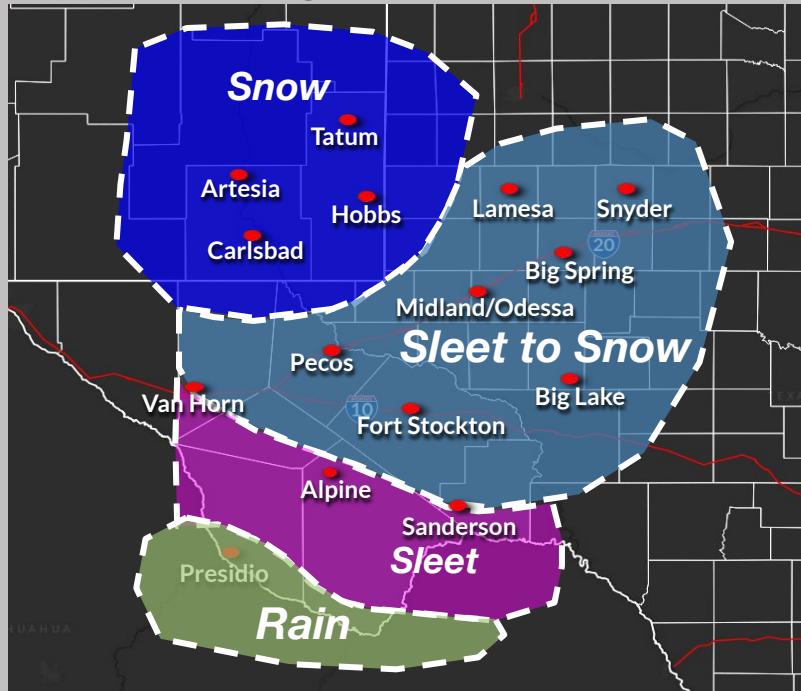
Moderate to heavy bands of precipitation will develop this afternoon and spread east. SE NM will begin to transition more to snow.

# What to Expect Sunday

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## Through Mid Afternoon



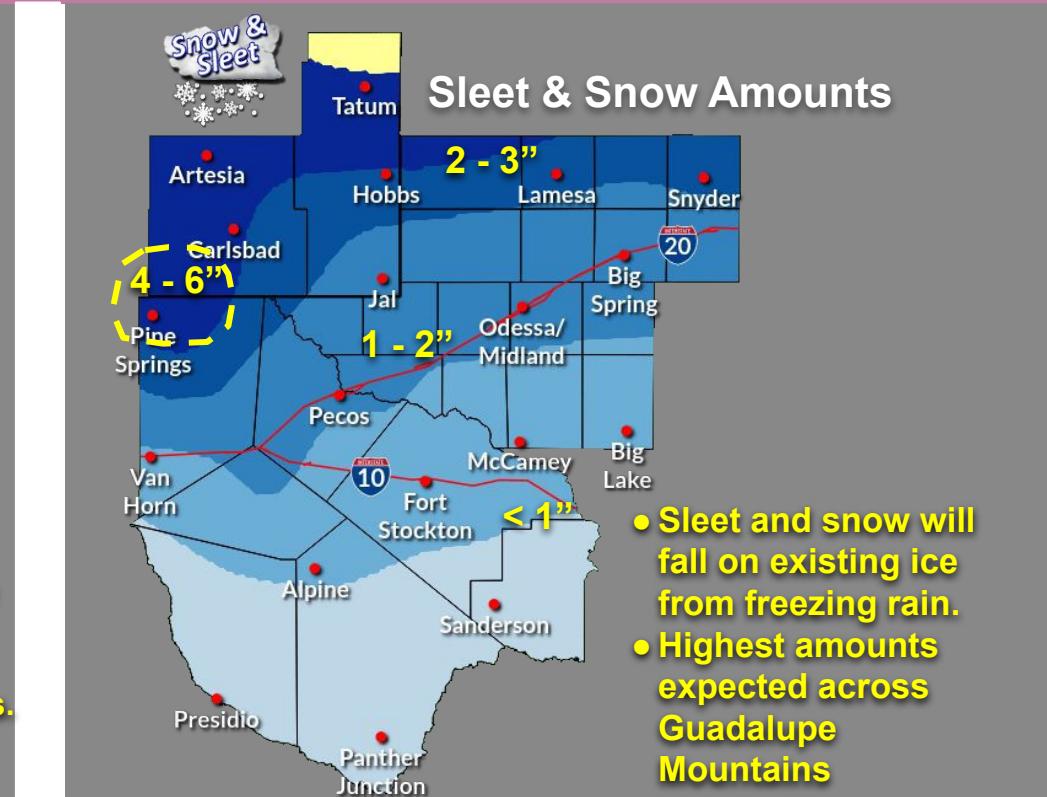
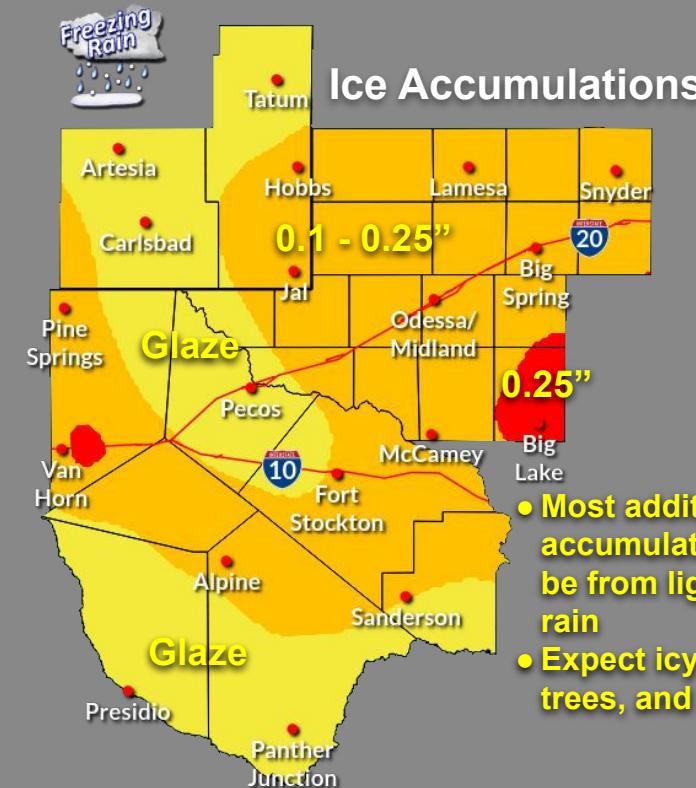
Precipitation will continue to transition mostly to snow as the main storm system moves across. Precipitation is expected to end by mid afternoon.

# Additional Winter Accumulations Forecast

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Most Likely Ice and Snow Amounts through Mid-Day Sunday



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# Hazardous Cold

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West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico



Tonight - Monday Morning

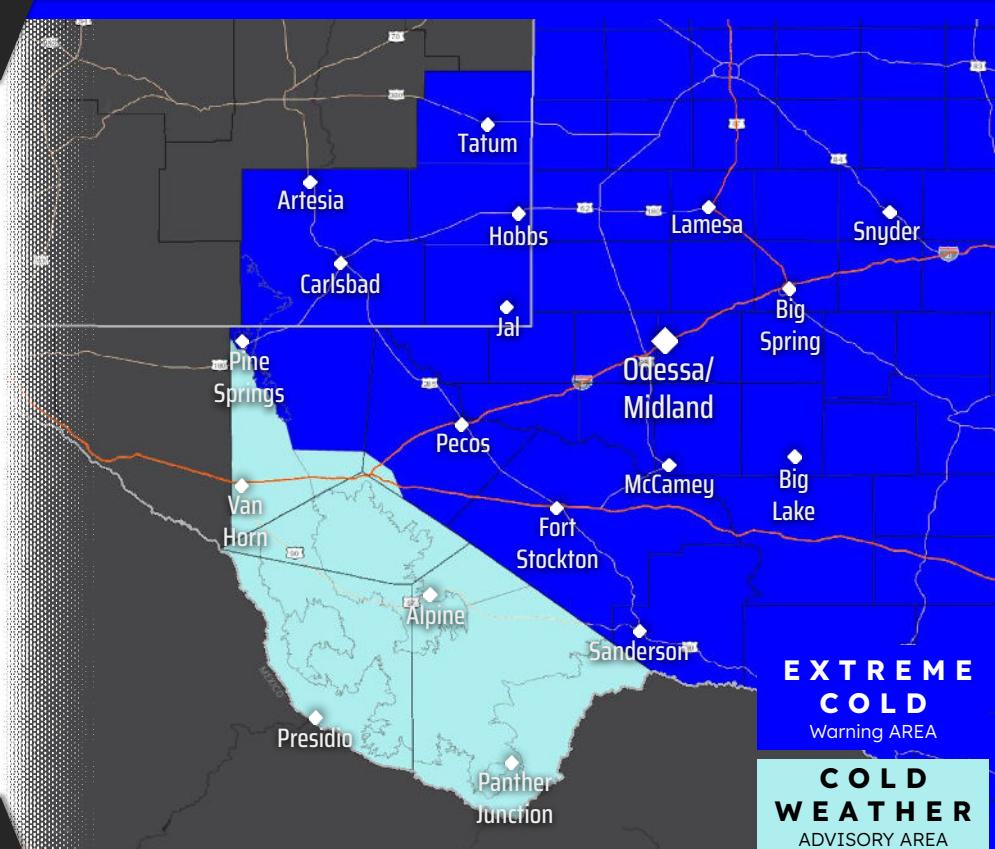


- **Extreme Cold Warning: Wind chills as low as 4° below**
- **Cold Weather Advisory: Wind chills as low as 7-12° above**



Protect:

People - Pets - Plants - Pipes



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# Very Cold Morning

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## Observed Low Temperatures (as of 7am)

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



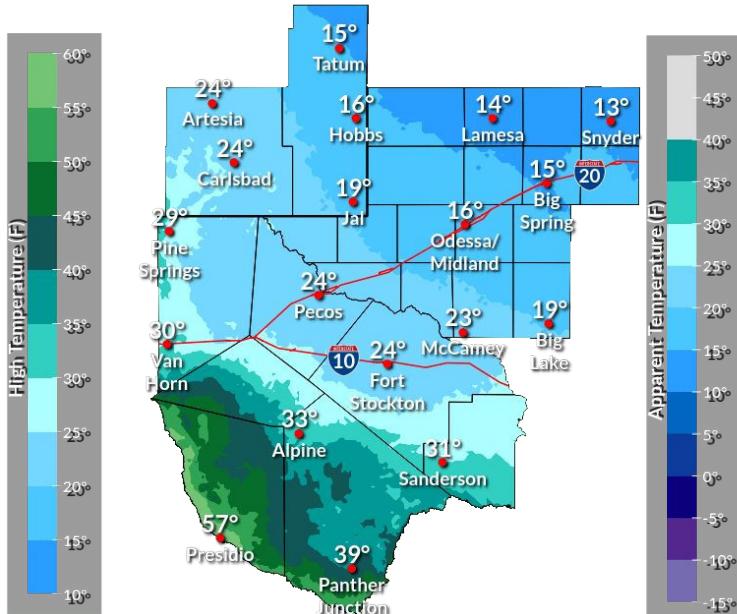
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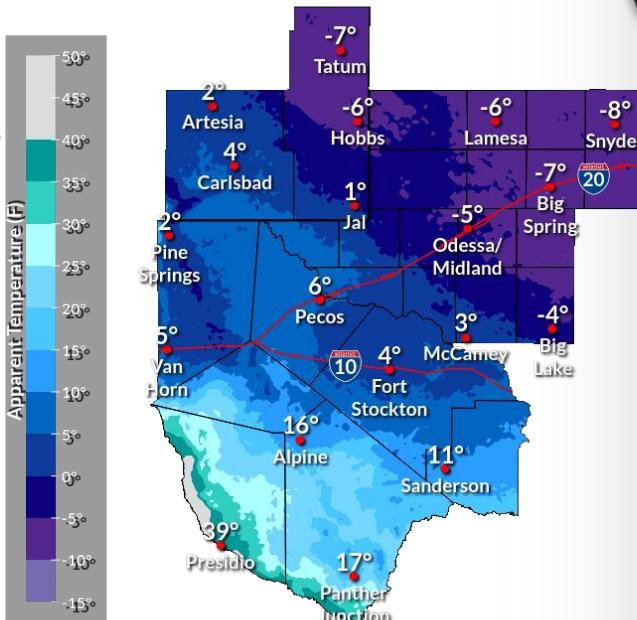
# Afternoon Temps and Wind Chills

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## 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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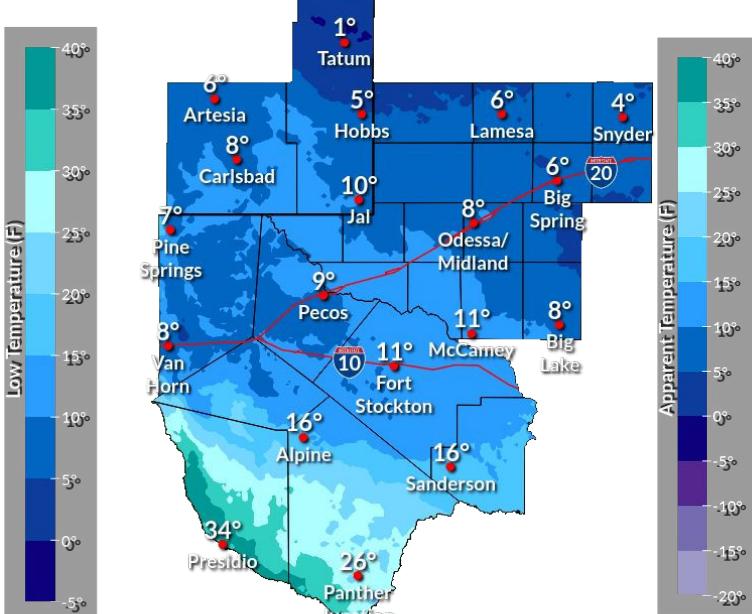
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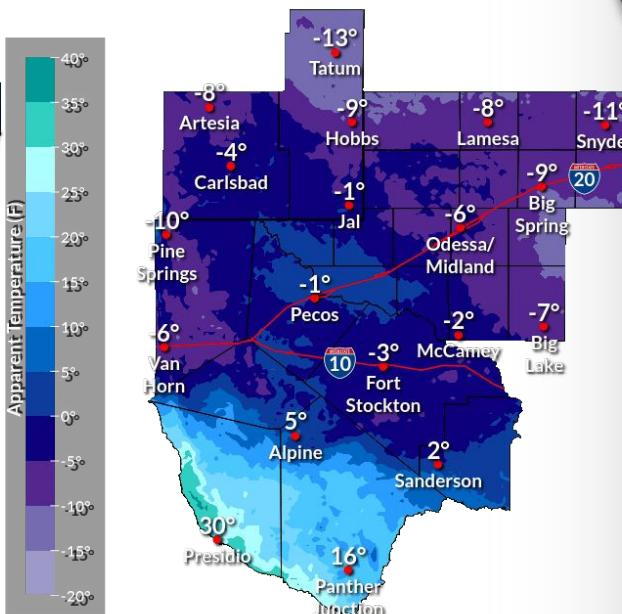
# Sunday Morning Temps and Wind Chills

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## 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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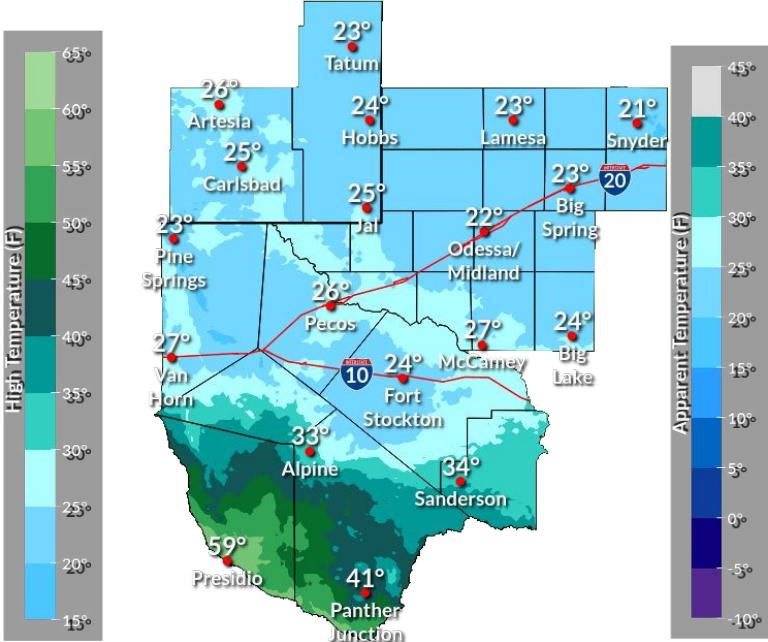
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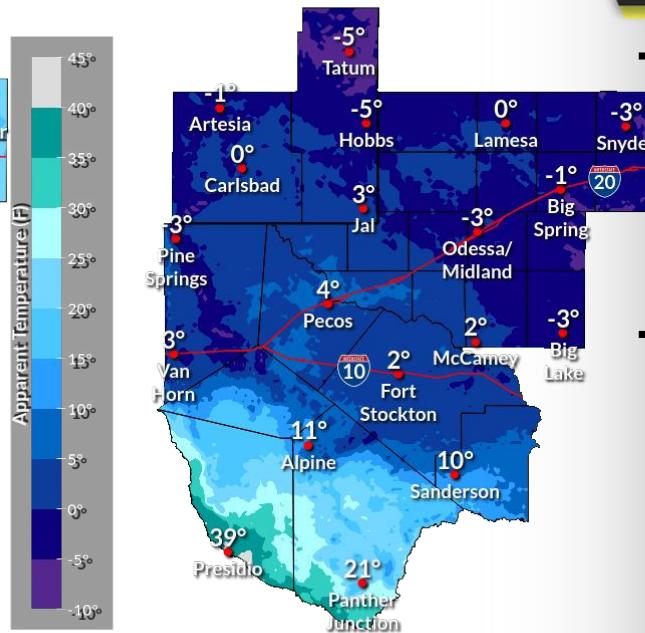
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# Sunday Afternoon Temps and Wind Chills

## 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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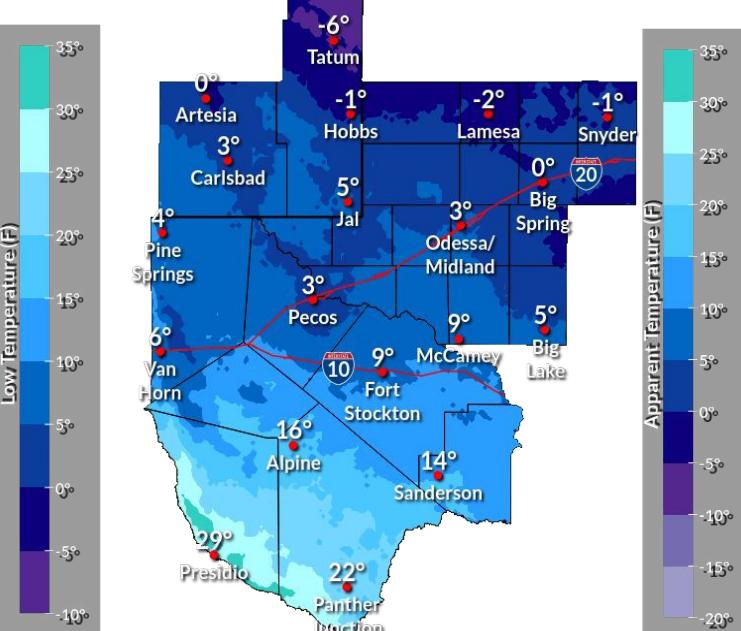
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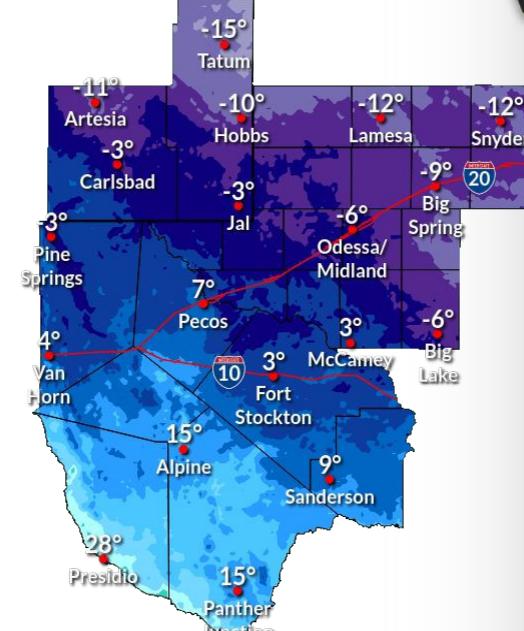
# Monday Morning Temps and Wind Chills

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## 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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(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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