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October 14 - October 16

**Heavy Rainfall and
Severe Weather**

Situational Awareness Briefing

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Key Points:

- The highest rain chances are across the Big Bend, Lower Trans-Pecos, and the central and eastern Permian Basin of west Texas.
- **Additional rainfall totals of 1–2 inches are expected for these areas.**
- **Isolated locations may still receive 3+ inches.**
- Flash flooding (especially in urban and low-lying areas) is the main concern. A few storms may also produce damaging winds and large hail (an isolated tornado cannot be ruled out this afternoon and evening).
- Excessive runoff from heavy rainfall may trigger rapid water-level rises in local creeks, rivers, and normally dry arroyos.



Timing:

Multiple rounds continuing through Friday:

- ◆ Next Round: This afternoon (generally after 4 PM CDT) -> Thursday morning
- ◆ Round 3: Thursday afternoon -> Friday morning
- ◆ Rain chances clear the area Friday evening as a front pushes southward



Forecast Confidence:

- **Medium** for location of heaviest rainfall
- **Medium** for rainfall amounts
- **Medium** for the severe risk



Rainfall Measured So Far After Round 1

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Crane	1.07 in
Alpine	0.94 in
Marfa	0.89 in
Terlingua	0.82 in
Monahans	0.81 in
Escalera Ranch (Pecos County)	0.81 in
Tarzan	0.76 in
Jal	0.74 in
Coyanosa	0.69 in
Odessa	~0.25-0.75 in
Midland	~0.20-0.50 in
Andrews	0.30 in

Numerous sites in the Permian Basin, Lower Trans-Pecos, Big Bend, and Davis Mts. saw between 0.5-1.0 inches of rain with Round 1 overnight and this morning

Note: These totals are from a select few Mesonets, Airports, and CoCoRaHS sites- higher amounts occurred locally!



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Flood Watch

 Continues through Friday Morning



Presidio Valley and Big Bend northward into the Trans-Pecos and Permian Basin of west Texas



Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches, with isolated amounts 3+ inches possible where storm training occurs

IMPACTS:



URBAN-STREET
FLOODING



HEAVY RAIN



FLASH
FLOODING



What to Do:



Prepare for heavy rain that could produce flooding and flash flooding

Drive carefully as wet roads could lead to hydroplaning

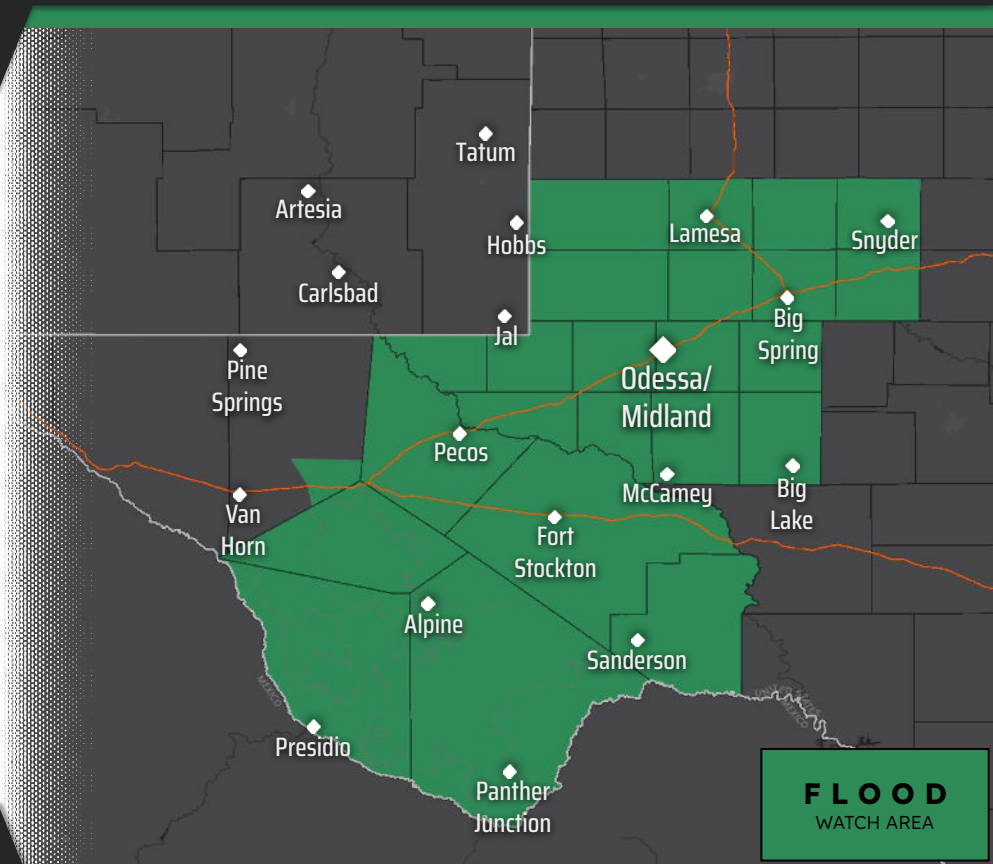


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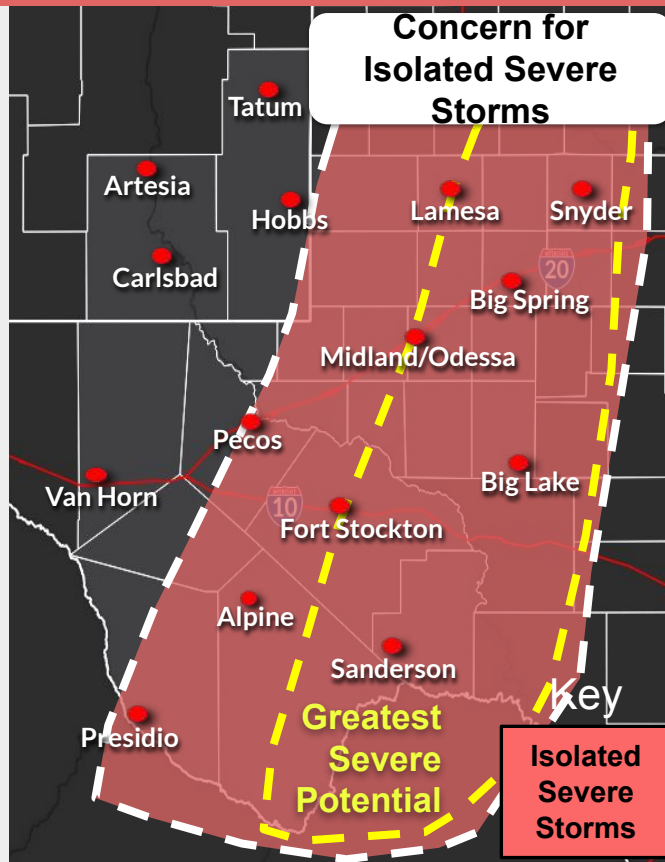
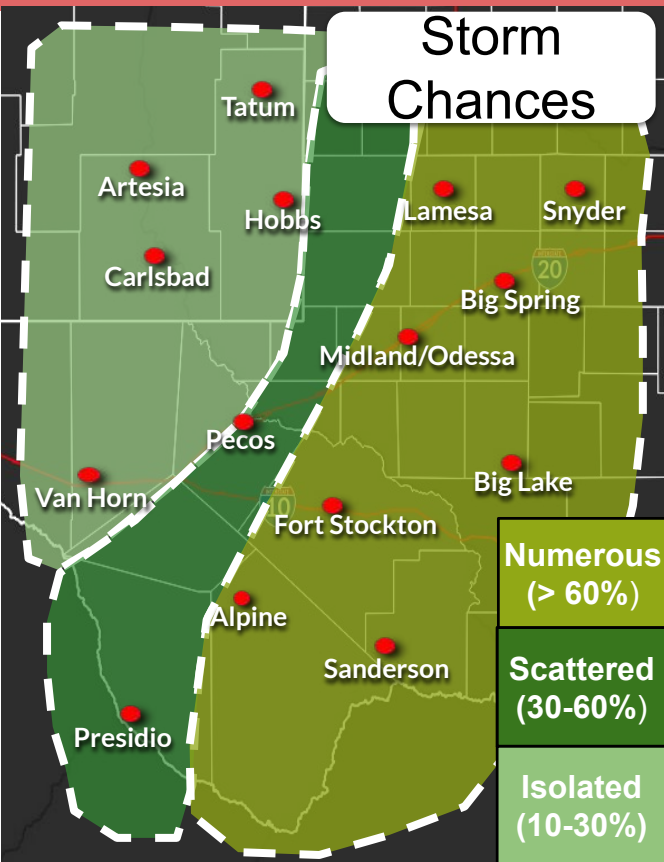
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Heavy Rainfall/Severe Storms This Afternoon



Potential Hazards:



Flash Flooding



HAIL UP TO THE SIZE OF GOLFBALLS



DAMAGING WIND GUSTS

Timing:
This Afternoon
through Thursday
Morning

Actions to Take:



Have multiple
ways to
receive
warnings!



Turn around,
don't drown!



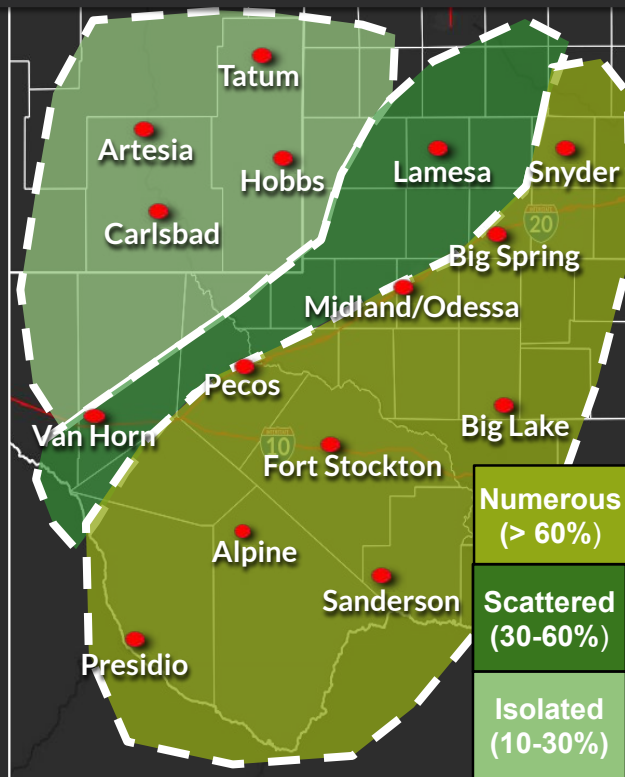
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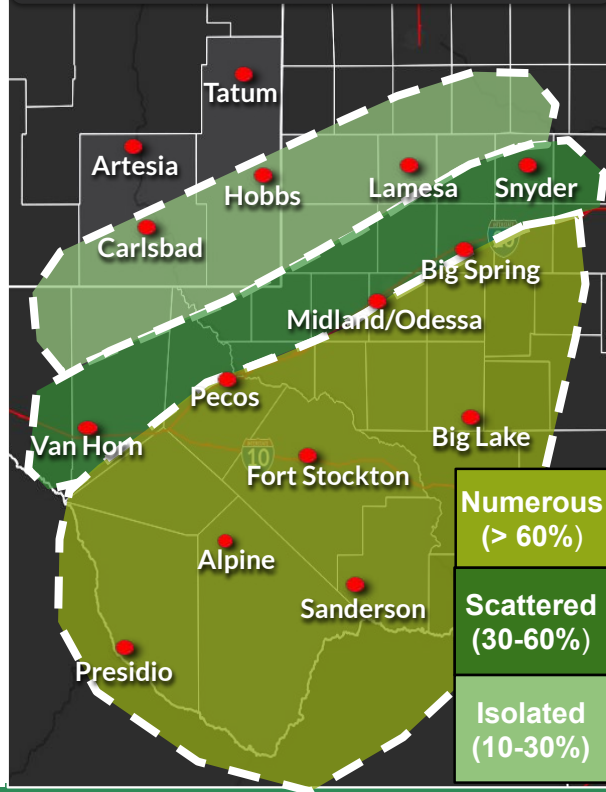
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Thursday Afternoon



Friday Morning



Key Points

- Greatest rain coverage across west Texas.
- Repeated heavy rainfall across these areas will increase the flash flood threat especially for low-lying, poor drainage, and urban areas.
- Showers/storms are expected to diminish throughout Friday across the region with some lingering showers possible across the mountainous regions.

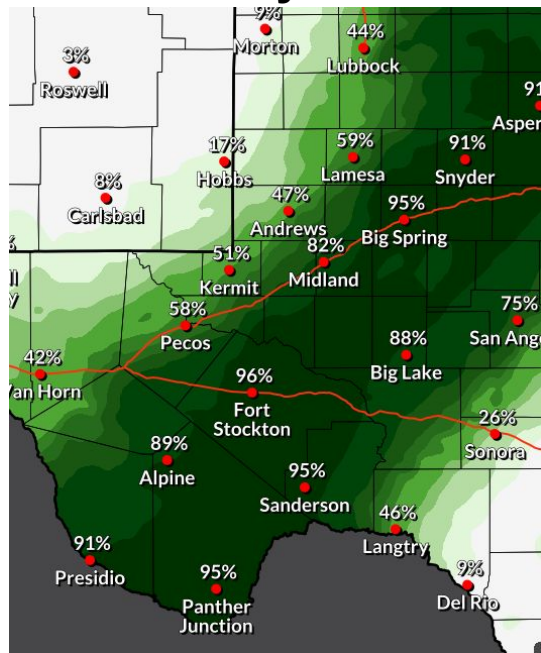


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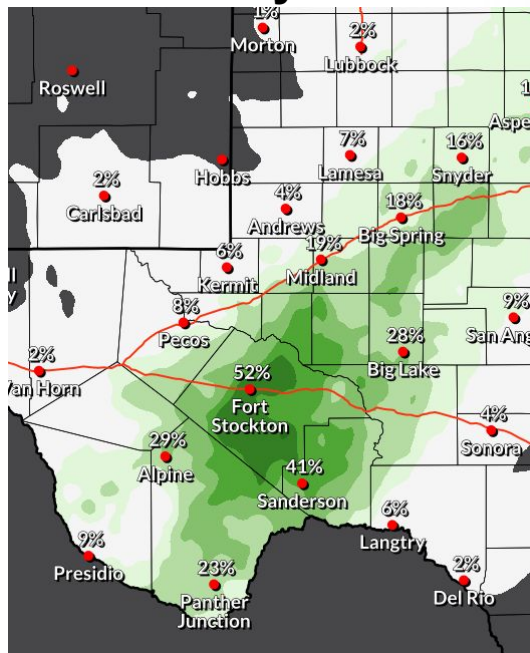
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Probability of Exceedance Through Friday

Probability > 1 Inch



Probability > 3 Inch



Key Points

- Locations along and roughly to the south of I-20 have the best chance of seeing additional rainfall totals between 1-2 inches (with isolated amounts greater than 3 inches).
- Highest rainfall amounts will largely depend on where storm training occurs.
- By late Thursday night/Friday morning, rain chances become more concentrated across the Big Bend, Presidio Valley, Lower Trans-Pecos, and Davis Mountains as a cold front pushes southward. Chances diminish Friday evening.



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