

Special Weather Briefing Heavy Rain and Flooding September 28-30

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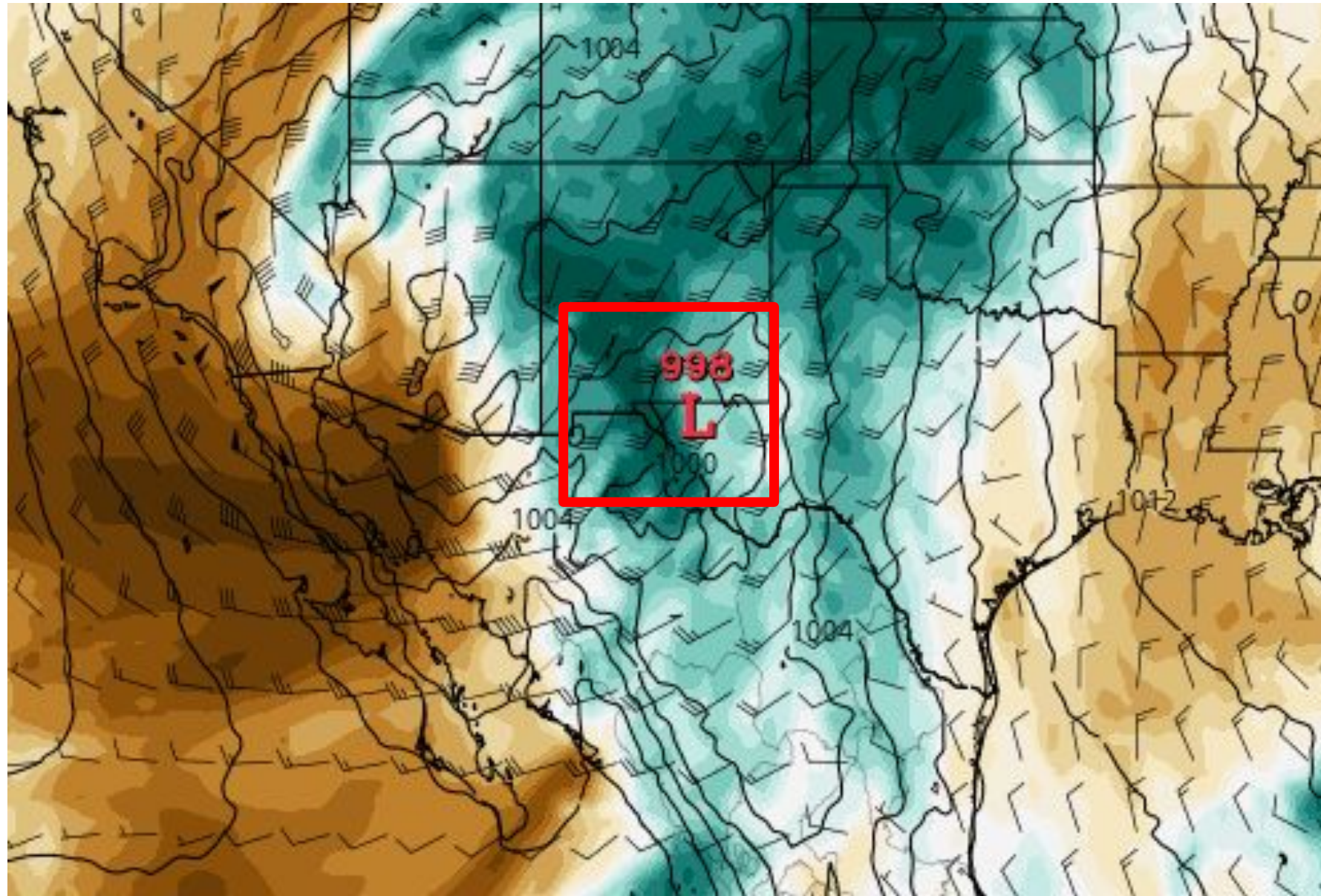


Bottom Line Up Front:

- Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across the region Monday Night-Wednesday morning, leading to a Moderate Risk (Level 3 of 4) of Flash Flooding due to heavy rain and already saturated soils.
- Hazards:
 - Widespread 1-2", localized 3-4" in heaviest storms, producing flash flooding.
 - Breezy conditions, with a few storms capable of small hail and strong wind gusts.
- Area-wide **Flood Watch** in effect from Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning.



Tropical Moisture Surge Monday-Tuesday



Green = higher moisture than normal | Brown = drier conditions than normal

→ Next Round of Heavy Rain

Tropical moisture is forecast to move through southern New Mexico and far west Texas early week in response to an approaching upper level system and the remnants from what is now Hurricane Polo.

→ When

Monday night through early Wednesday

→ Hazards

Heavy rain leading to areas of Flash Flooding

→ Actions

Keep an eye on the forecast for updates

Monitor the weather for watches and warnings



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Flood Watch

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Valid: Noon Monday through 6 am Wednesday



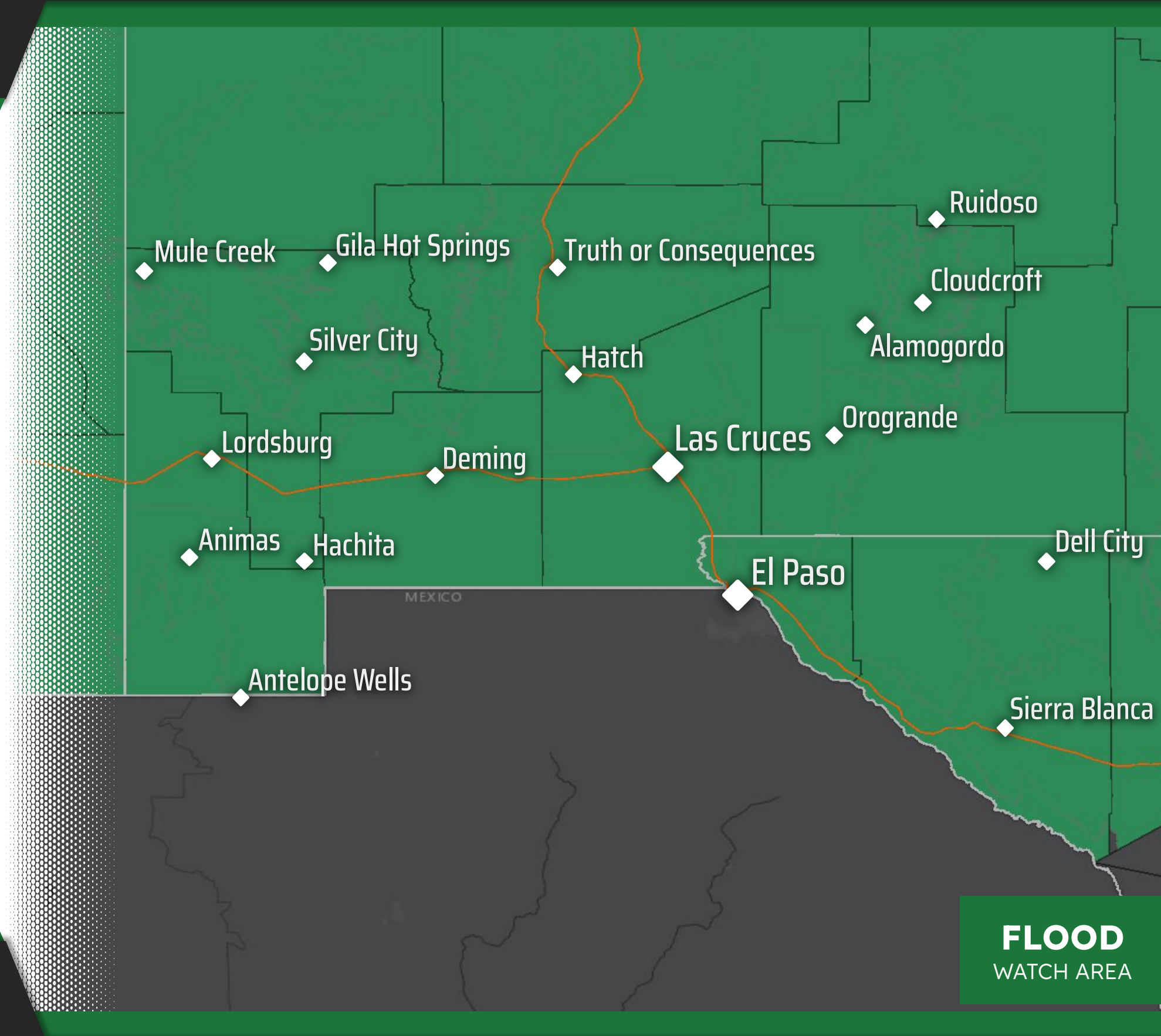
Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas



- Widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms capable of producing high rain rates
- Isolated amounts of 3-4"



- Flooding of rivers, streams, arroyos, and other flood prone areas
- Recent rainfall from last week will increase the flood risk



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WATCH AREA



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- The latest forecast from the National Hurricane Center continues to bring the remnants of Polo into our area by Tuesday night.
- Main Threat: **Heavy rain and flash flooding remain the top priority.**
- Secondary Hazards: Breezy conditions, with a few strong storms capable of hail and isolated strong wind gusts.
- Rainfall Totals: **Widespread 1-2", with localized totals 3-4" (Monday night-early Wednesday).**



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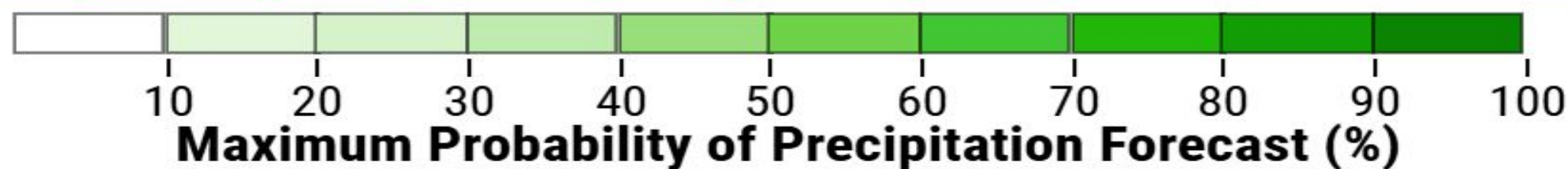
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Rain Chances Monday-Thursday

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Maximum Probability of Precipitation (%) Forecast

	9/28 Mon				9/29 Tue				9/30 Wed				10/1 Thu		
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm
Alamogordo	0	10	20	80	90	90	95	85	65	45	40	5	0	0	5
Cloudcroft	0	10	20	80	90	90	95	85	65	45	50	10	0	5	15
Deming	5	20	55	70	90	90	100	60	25	5	0	0	0	0	0
El Paso	0	10	40	80	85	50	90	70	40	10	5	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces	5	20	40	80	85	80	95	70	40	10	5	0	0	0	0
Sierra Blanca	0	10	20	55	65	35	70	70	45	30	15	0	0	0	0
Silver City	10	25	60	75	95	100	95	65	55	25	10	0	0	0	5
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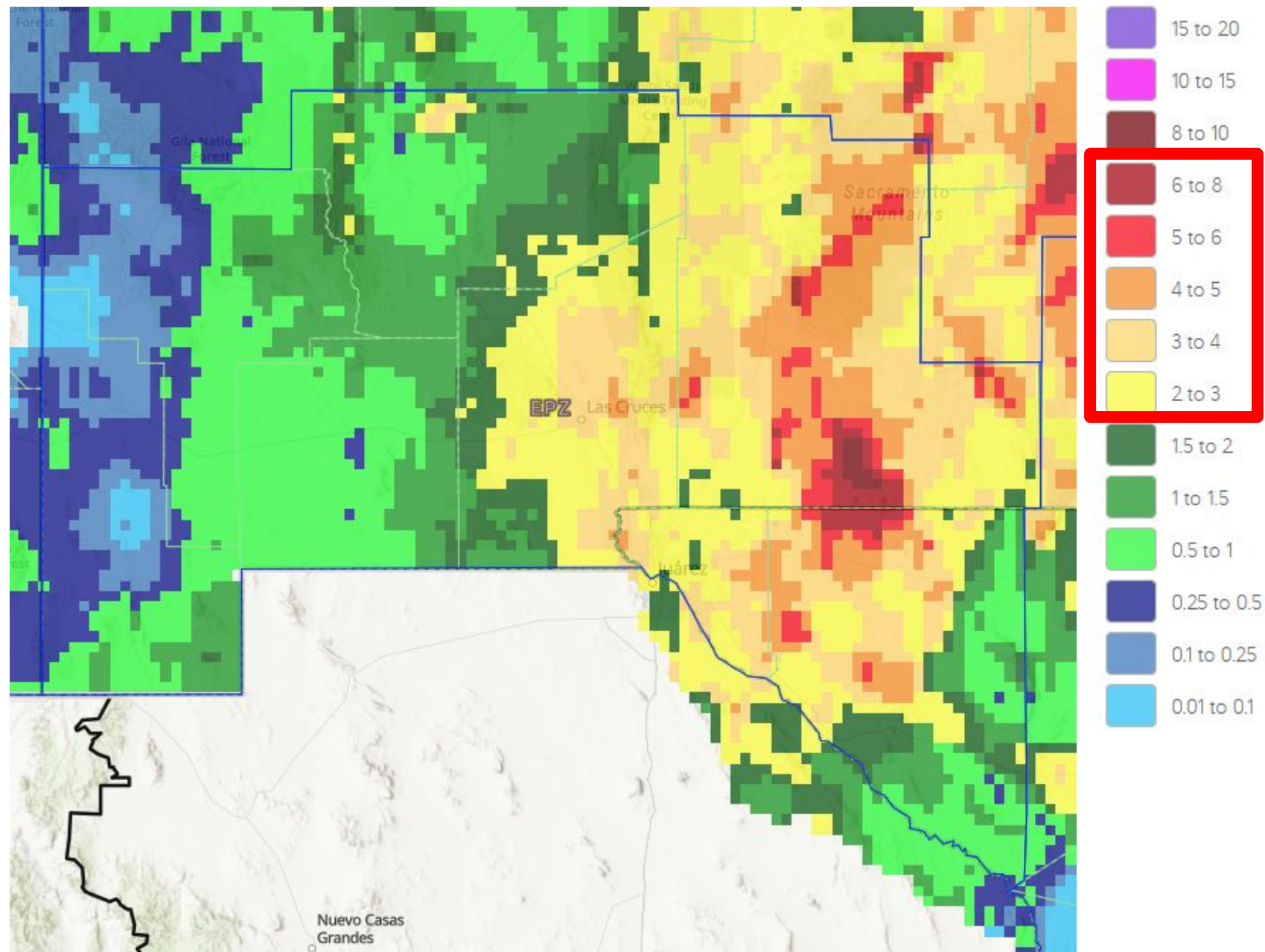


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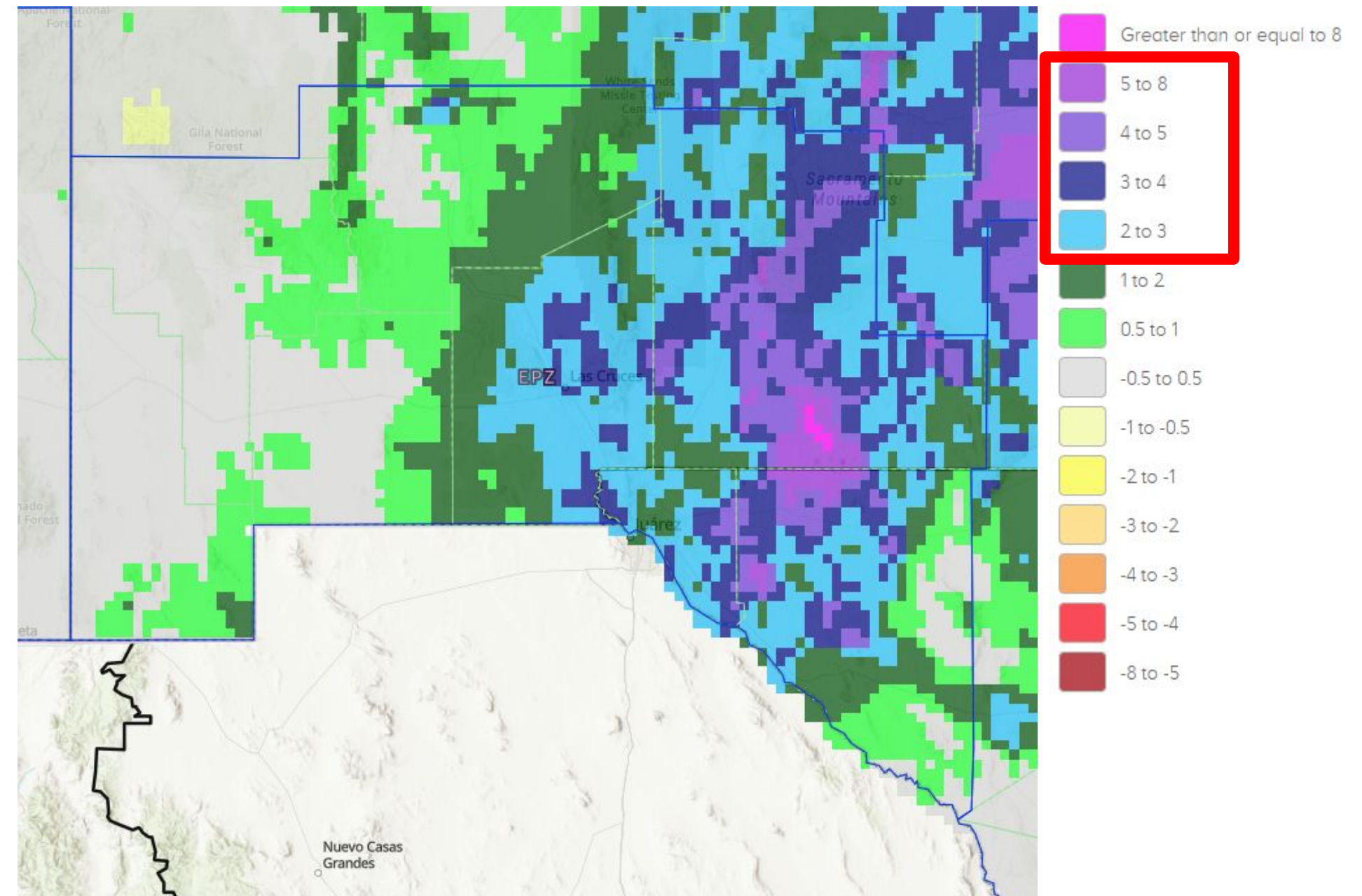
Recent Observed Rainfall vs. Departure from Normal

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September 18, 2026 - September 25, 2026



9/18-9/25 observed rainfall



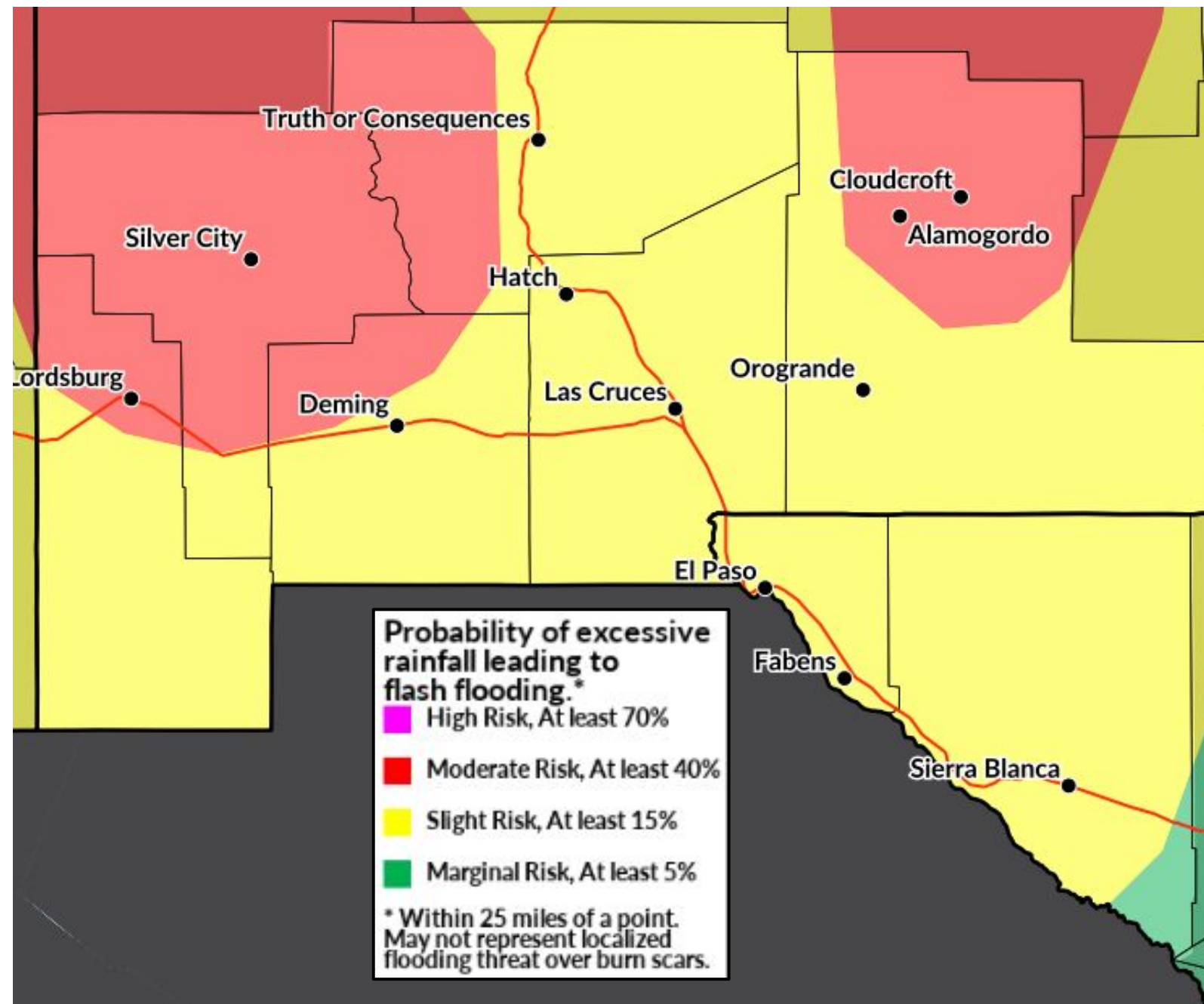
Departure from Normal



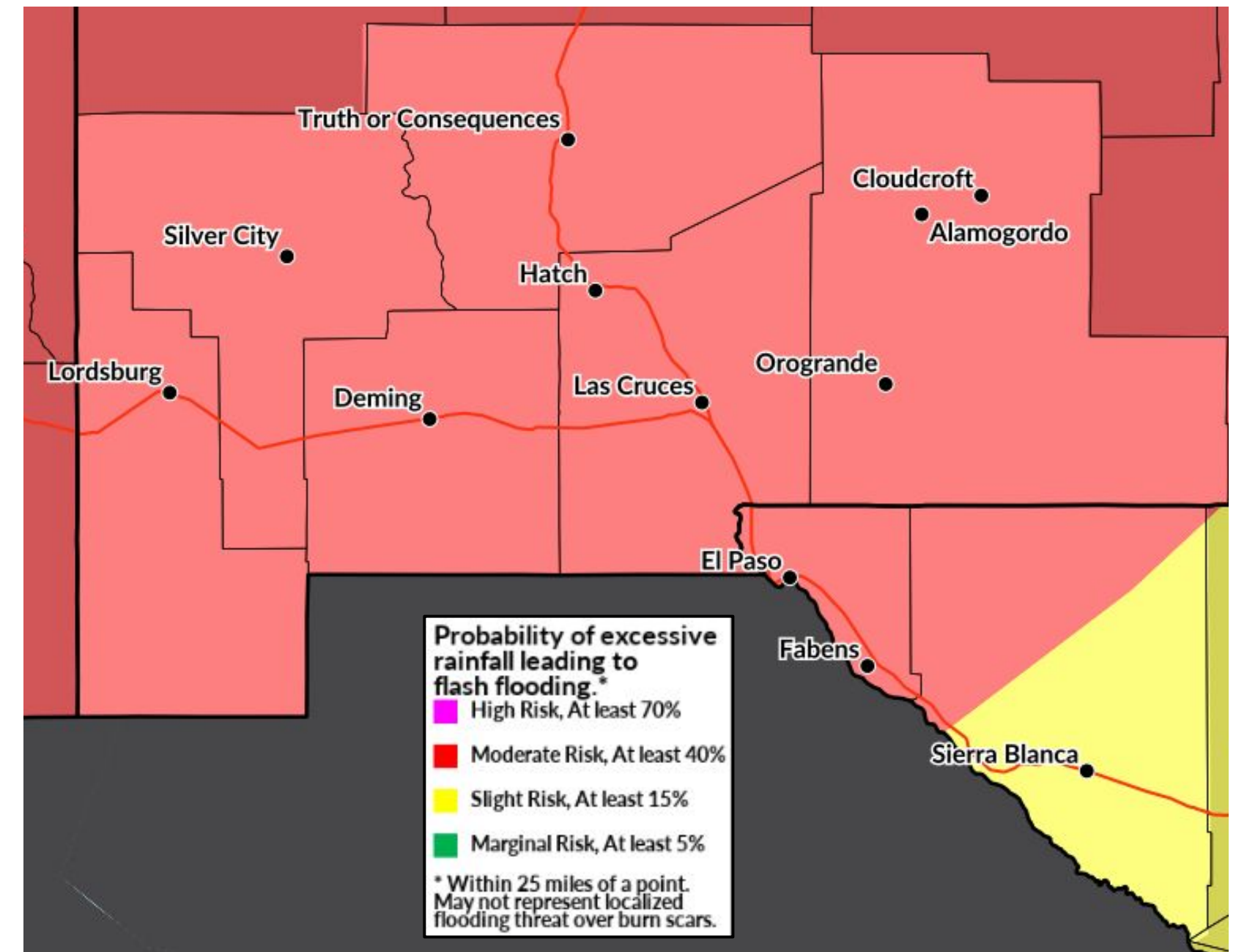
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Excessive Rainfall Outlook

MONDAY 9/28



TUESDAY 9/29



Moderate (Lvl 3/4) Risk of Flash Flooding



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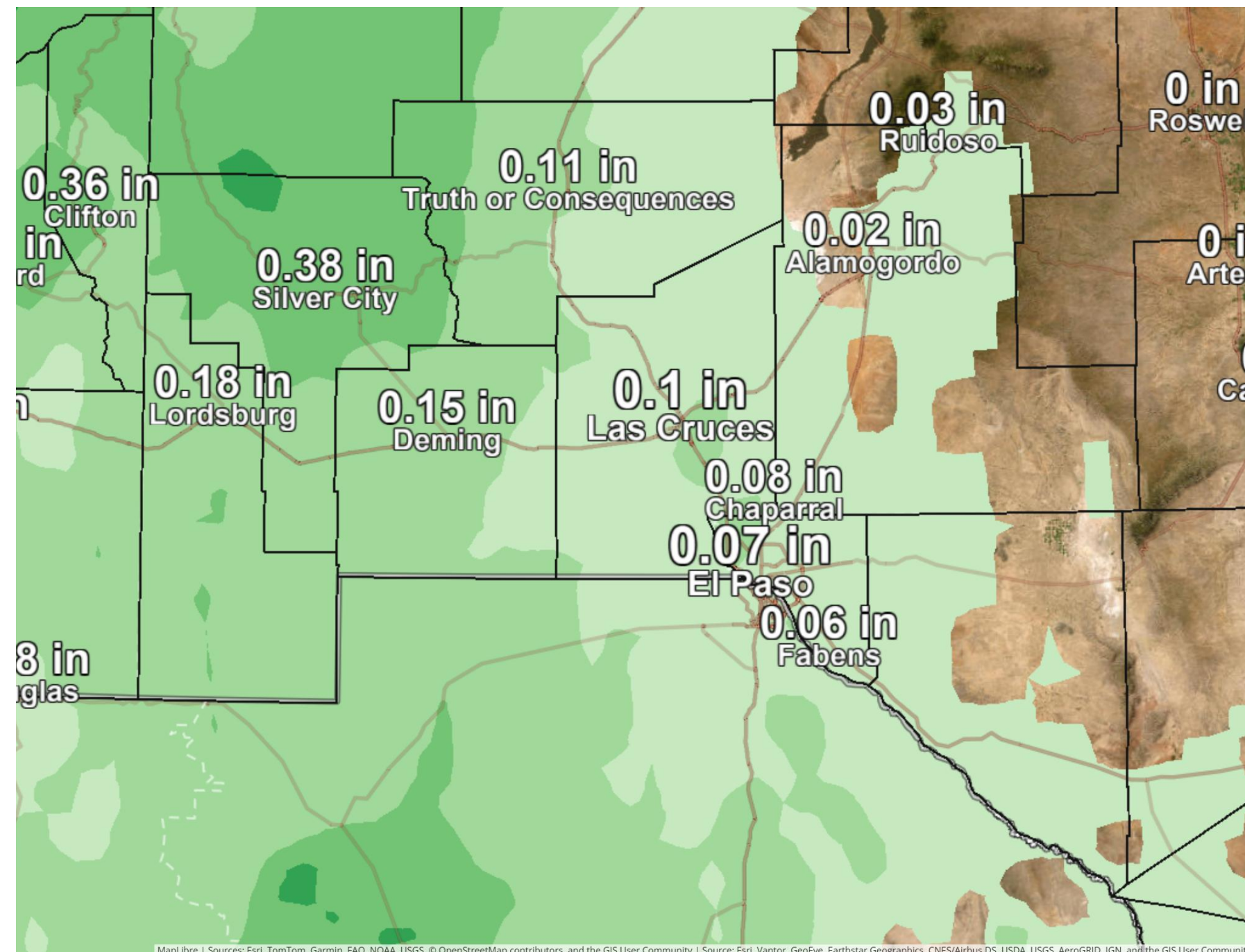
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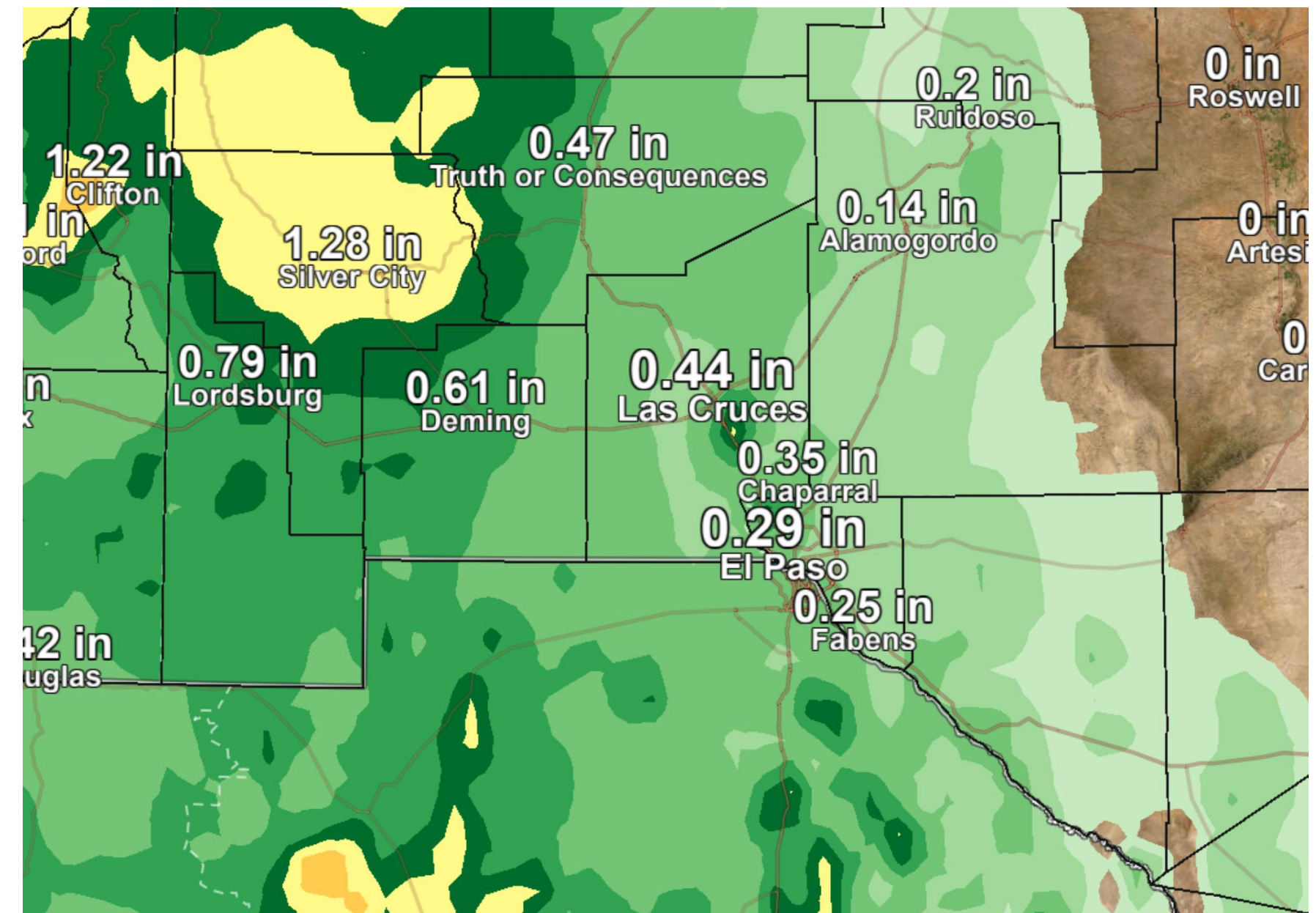
24-hr Rainfall Amounts Sun 6 PM - Mon 6 PM

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Most Likely Rainfall



Worse-Case Rainfall (10% Chance of Higher Amounts)



Widespread 0.1-0.3"



Localized amounts to +1"



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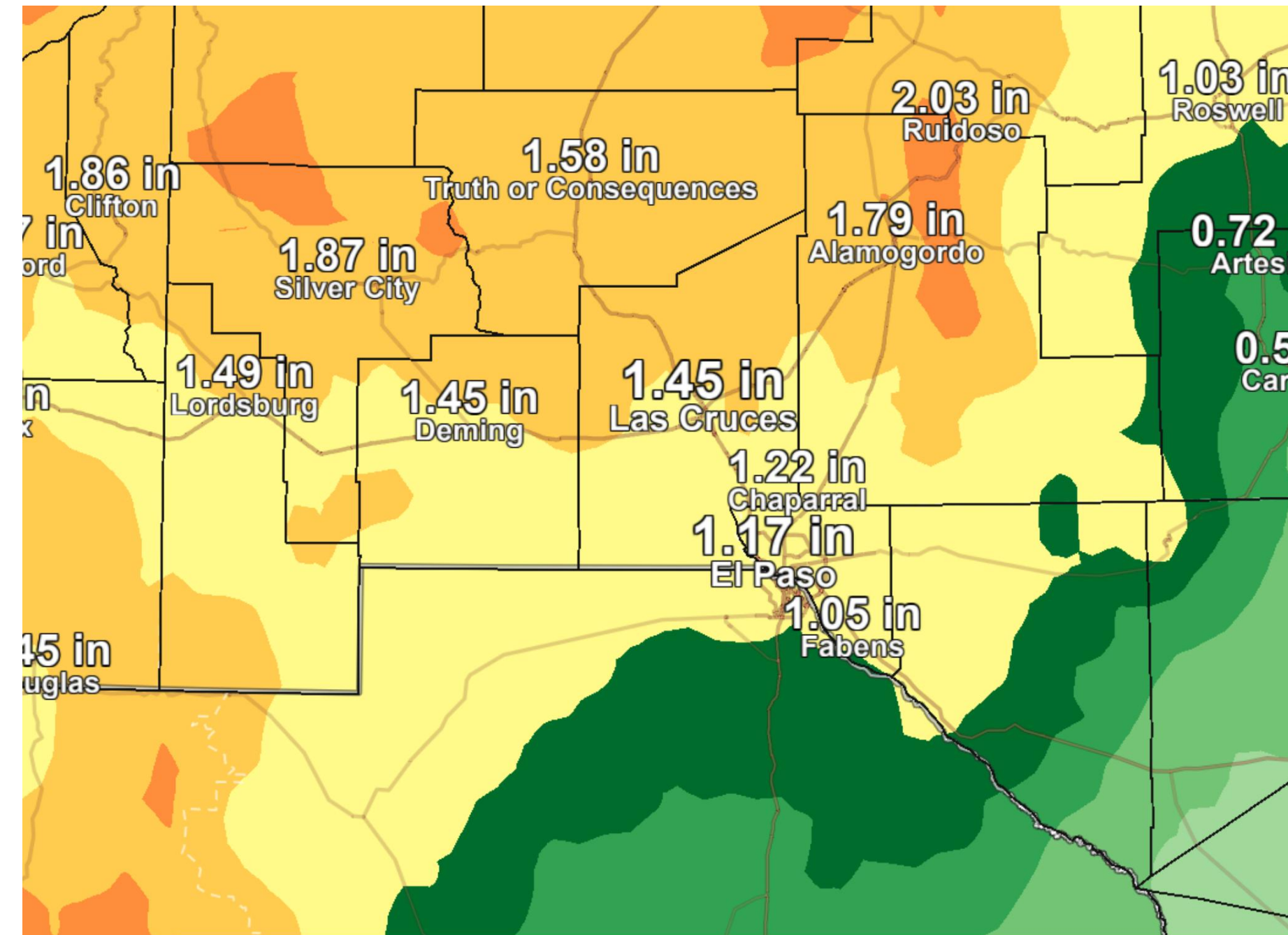


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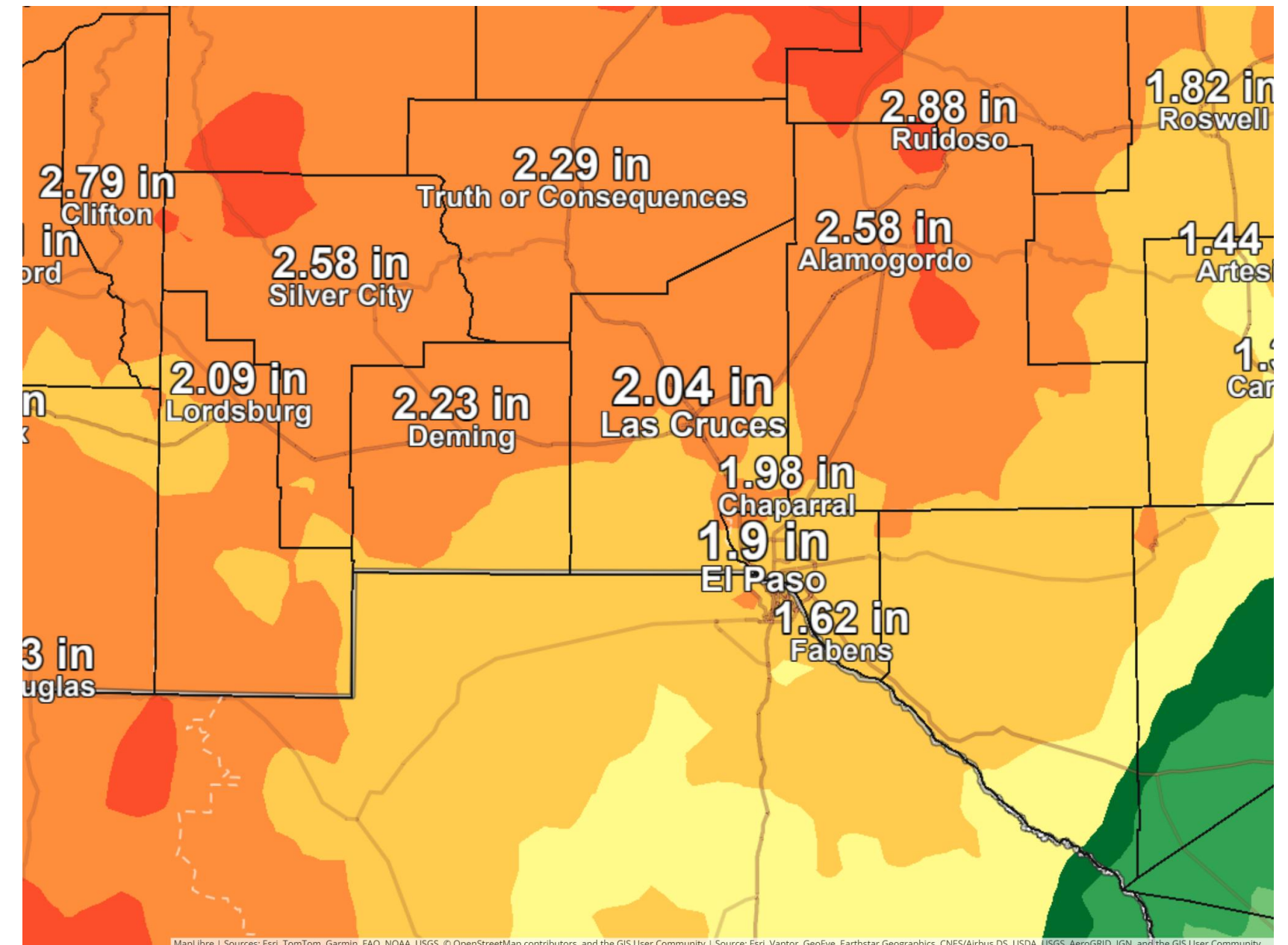
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Most Likely Rainfall



Worse-Case Rainfall (10% Chance of Higher Amounts)



Widespread 1-2"



Localized amounts to 2.5"

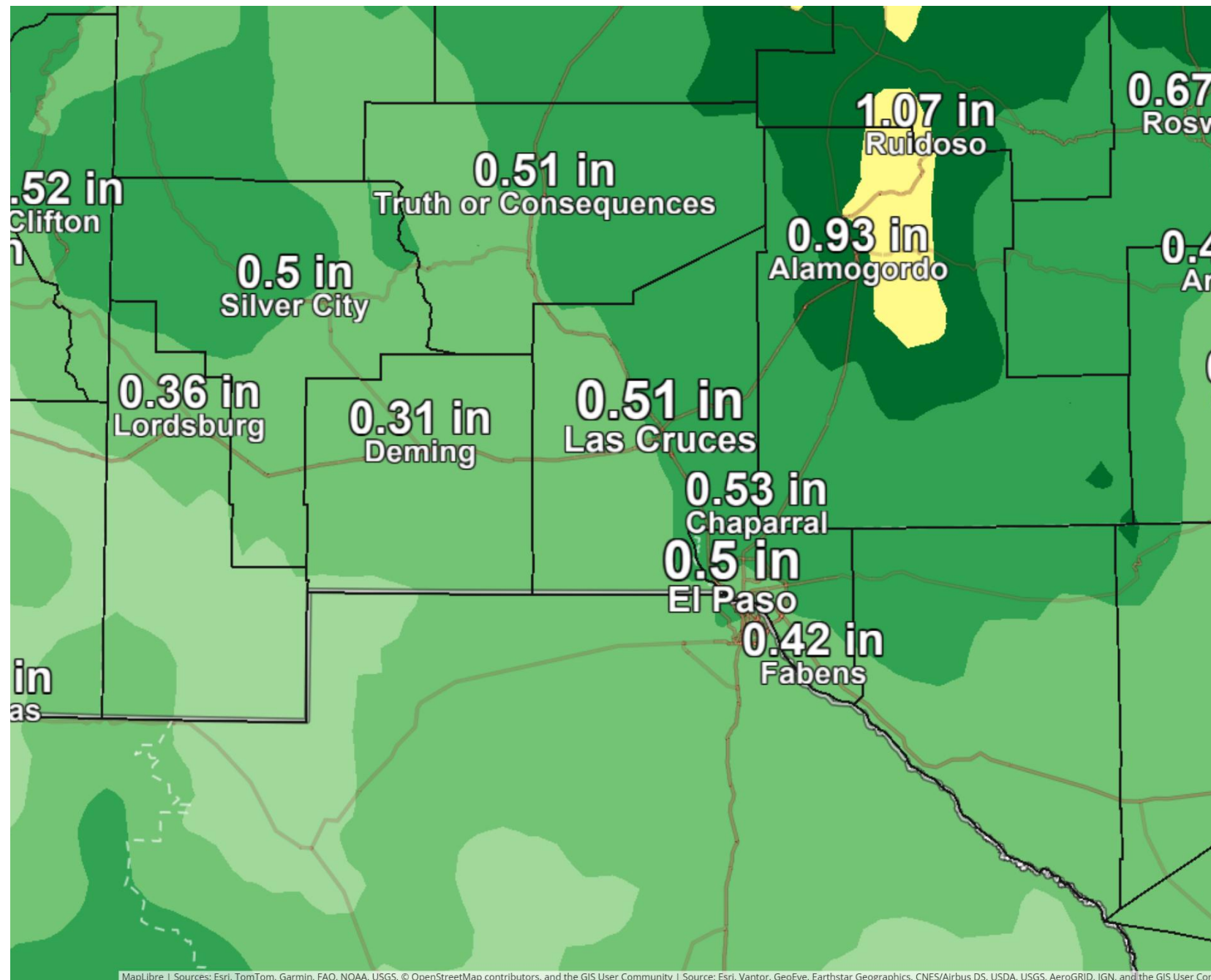


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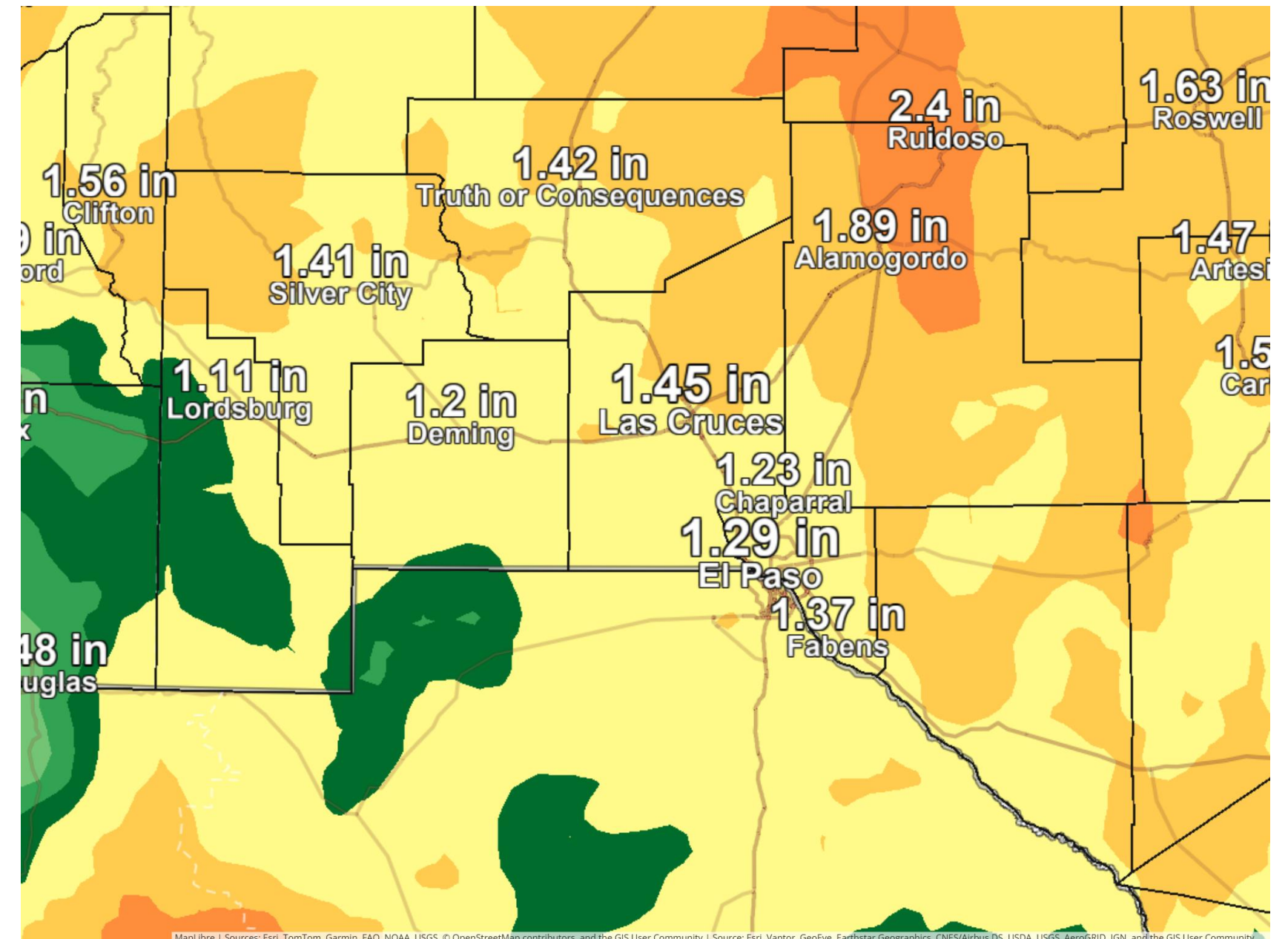


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Most Likely Rainfall



Worse-Case Rainfall (10% Chance of Higher Amounts)



Widespread 0.5-1"



Localized amounts to 2.5"

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