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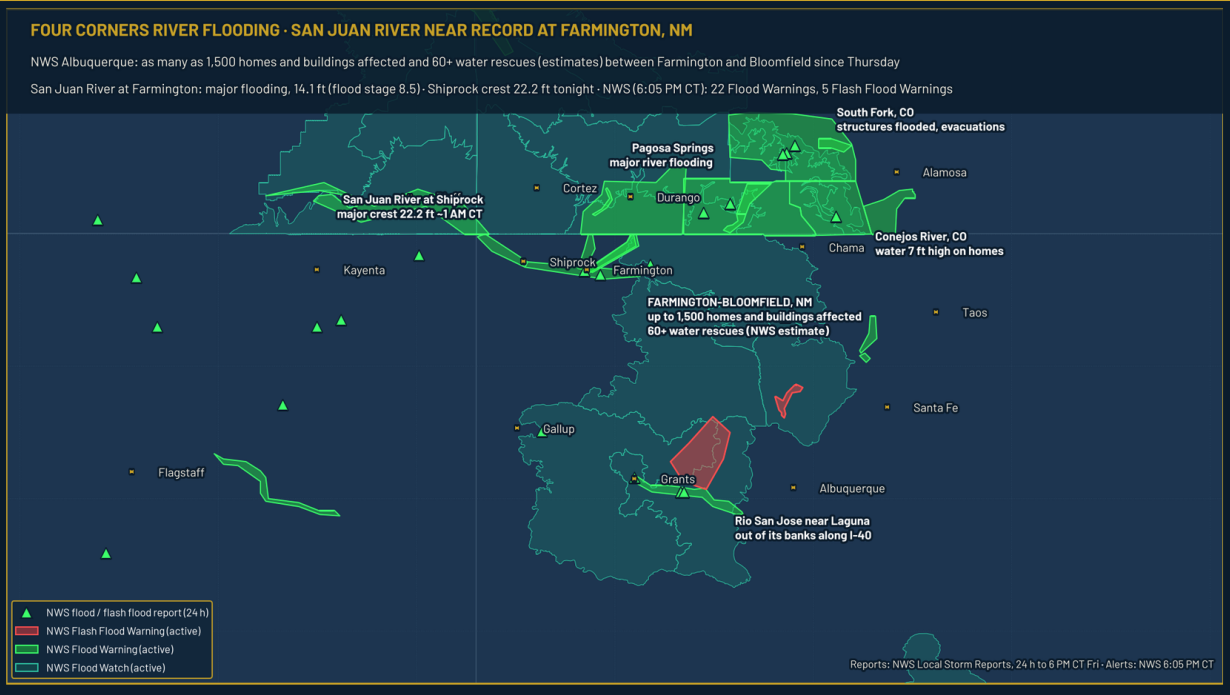
WEATHER REPORT

Four Corners River Flooding: 60+ Water Rescues Near Farmington, New Mexico, San Juan River Near Record · New Mexico Severe Storms Tonight · Hurricane Vance Strengthening

Friday evening, October 23, 2026 · Issued 6:15 PM CT

FOUR CORNERS RIVER FLOODING

An NWS Albuquerque storm report (law enforcement) says **as many as 1,500 homes and buildings** are estimated to be affected by flooding along the **San Juan River**, with **over 60 water rescues** estimated, mainly between **Farmington and Bloomfield, New Mexico**, since Thursday afternoon. The San Juan River at Farmington is in **major flood** (14.1 ft Friday morning; flood stage 8.5 ft), and NWS says it approaches the flood of record. Downstream at **Shiprock**, a major crest of **22.2 ft** is forecast just after midnight.



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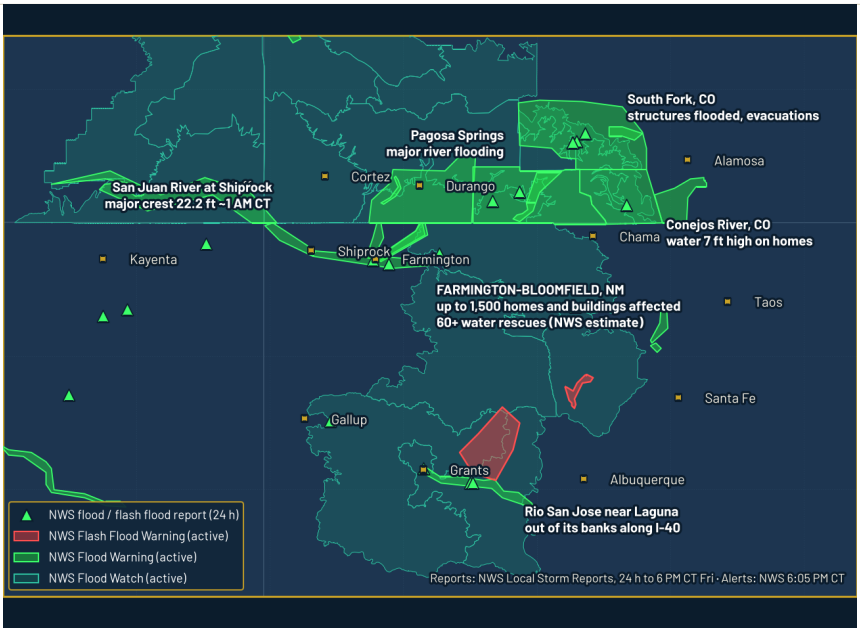


Also tonight: a **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** covers much of **New Mexico** and the El Paso area until 10 PM CT, with hail 2 inches or larger possible (SPC). **Hurricane Vance** is now a 105 mph Category 2 storm, forecast to become a major hurricane tonight, offshore of Mexico. Plus a winter and coastal check and the Top Weather Stories.

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1 · Four Corners river flooding (lead)

Item	Official (NWS storm reports and river warnings; times CT)
Farmington-Bloomfield, NM	Multiple **evacuations** along the San Juan River; **as many as 1,500 homes and buildings** estimated affected; **over 60 water rescues** estimated since Thursday afternoon, mainly between Farmington and Bloomfield (NWS Albuquerque storm report from law enforcement, 11:15 AM CT Fri)
San Juan River, Farmington	**Major flooding.** 14.1 ft at 12 PM CT Fri (flood stage 8.5 ft, bankfull 7.0 ft). NWS: "approaches the flood of record"; the warning compares it with a 12.3-ft crest on Sept. 6, 1909. Forecast to drop below flood stage early Saturday afternoon
San Juan River, Shiprock	16.2 ft at 12 PM CT Fri (flood stage 15.5 ft); **major flooding forecast**, crest **22.2 ft just after midnight** (about 1 AM CT Sat); below flood stage early Sunday (NWS Albuquerque)
Animas River, Farmington	9.8 ft at 1:30 PM CT; crest **11.4 ft late this evening** (flood stage 10.0 ft), above the 11.0-ft crest of May 14, 1941. Near Cedar Hill: crest 11.3 ft, tying the Sept. 6, 1970 crest (NWS)
Southern Colorado	**South Fork:** several structures flooded; evacuations from Wolf Creek Ranch to Fun Valley; the Park Creek bridge washed away; RVs swept from sites at Fun Valley. The South Fork Rio Grande is past its crest and falling (NWS Pueblo). **Conejos River:** water 7 ft high on the side of homes 9 NE of Cumbres Pass (public report). **Archuleta and La Plata counties:** several structures flooded (NWS Grand Junction). San Juan River at Pagosa Springs: major flooding Thursday night
Utah, Arizona, NM	San Juan River crest near Bluff and Mexican Hat, UT, around midnight, with a second, higher crest at Mexican Hat Sunday into Monday; the Dolores River rises through Gateway, CO, overnight (NWS Grand Junction). Rio San Jose out of its banks near Laguna Pueblo along I-40 (NWS Albuquerque)
Alerts now	**22 Flood Warnings**, **5 Flash Flood Warnings** (Sandoval, Cibola, McKinley, Grant, Luna and Sierra counties, NM), **7 Flood Watches** (NW and SC New Mexico, SW Colorado and SE Utah into Sunday; El Paso area Saturday night) as of 6:05 PM CT



Map: HailDataHub from NWS Local Storm Reports (24 h to 6 PM CT Fri) and active NWS alerts (api.weather.gov).

Timeline

- **Thu afternoon and evening:** water rescues begin between Farmington and Bloomfield (NWS estimate covers Thursday afternoon on); evacuations around Blanco and Archuleta, NM (NWS Albuquerque)
- **Thu 10:59 PM CT:** Park Creek bridge washed away near South Fork, CO; **Fri 3:28 AM CT:** RVs swept from sites at Fun Valley
- **Fri 11:15 AM CT:** NWS Albuquerque storm report: up to 1,500 homes and buildings affected, 60+ water rescues; **11:18 AM CT:** water 7 ft high on homes along the Conejos River, CO

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- **Tonight:** Animas River crest at Farmington late evening; San Juan River major crest at Shiprock just after midnight; Bluff and Mexican Hat, UT, around midnight

Who's in the path

- **Along the rivers:** Farmington, Bloomfield, Aztec, Kirtland, Fruitland and Shiprock, NM (San Juan and Animas); Bluff, Montezuma Creek, Aneth and Mexican Hat, UT; Pagosa Springs, Durango, Bayfield, Ignacio, South Fork, Del Norte and Antonito, CO; Gateway, CO (Dolores)
- **More rain:** NWS Grand Junction expects 0.5 to 1 inch more from storms tonight and Saturday in SW Colorado. WPC Saturday: Slight Risk of flash flooding for parts of New Mexico and Colorado, highest in NE New Mexico and SE Colorado; Sunday: Slight Risk for the central and southern High Plains

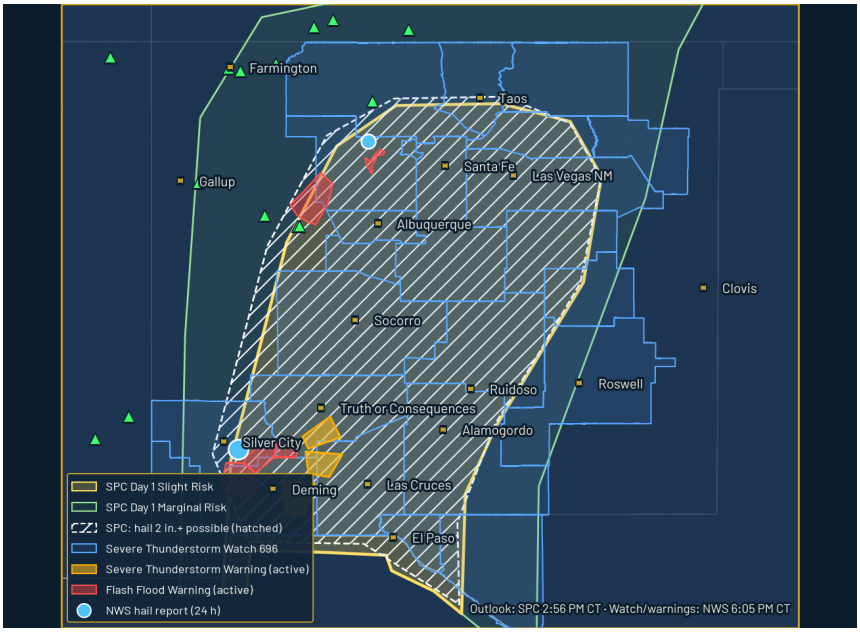
Impacts: flooded homes and businesses, water rescues, washed-out roads and a bridge, debris in rivers. **What changed since our morning report (8:25 AM CT):** the story shifted from flash flooding to **major river flooding**. New today: the Farmington-Bloomfield estimate (up to 1,500 homes and buildings, 60+ rescues), the major Shiprock crest forecast, and homes flooded along the Conejos River. Flood Warnings went from 35 to 22 as small-stream warnings ended, Flash Flood Warnings from 0 to 5 with new storms, and Flood Watches from 4 to 7.

2 · New Mexico severe storms tonight

Item	Official (SPC, NWS)
Outlook	**SPC Day 1 (2:56 PM CT): Slight Risk** (level 2 of 5) for central New Mexico and far West Texas. Supercells with **large to very large hail** (hatched area for 2-inch hail, expanded east into central and eastern New Mexico), damaging gusts and an isolated tornado; the threat peaks late afternoon and fades early tonight. Next SPC update by 8 PM CT
Watch	**Severe Thunderstorm Watch 696** until **10 PM CT** (9 PM MDT): 17 central and northern New Mexico counties incl. Bernalillo (Albuquerque), Santa Fe, Sandoval, Valencia, Socorro, Taos and Chaves; and Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero and Sierra counties, NM, plus El Paso and Hudspeth counties, TX
Discussions	SPC Mesoscale Discussion 2405 (5:32 PM CT): scattered storms in northern New Mexico should keep producing hail over 1 inch this evening. MD 2406 (5:34 PM CT): large hail, severe wind and perhaps a brief tornado in southern New Mexico and far West Texas
Warnings now	3 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings (Dona Ana, Luna and Sierra counties, NWS El Paso) and 5 Flash Flood Warnings in New Mexico as of 6:05 PM CT
Hail today	NWS storm reports so far: 0.88 in. 5 N of Fenton Lake State Park, NM (co-op observer, 4:40 PM CT). In South Florida, storms dropped **1.00-in. hail** in Lake Park, near Riviera Beach (5:18 PM CT), and nickel-size hail on Singer Island; Palm Beach County Emergency Management reported street flooding in Lake Worth Beach (NWS Miami)

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Map: HailDataHub from the SPC Day 1 outlook (2:56 PM CT), Severe Thunderstorm Watch 696, active NWS warnings and NWS storm reports.

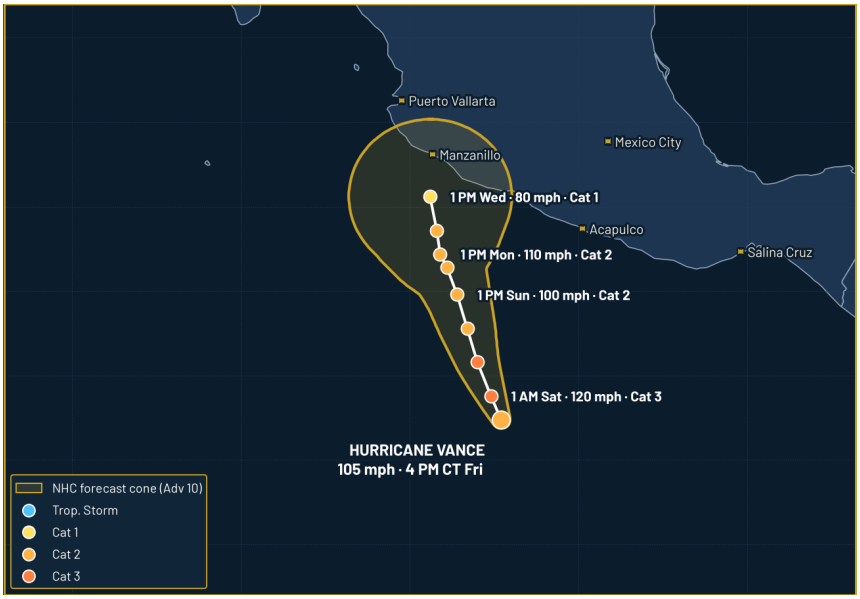
Who's in the path tonight: Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Espanola, Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Las Cruces, Deming, El Paso, Alamogordo and Ruidoso. **Impacts:** hail big enough to dent cars, crack windshields and damage roofs and siding; gusty outflow winds; flash flooding on burn scars and in already-soaked areas. **What changed since this morning:** SPC expanded the hatched large-hail area east into central and eastern New Mexico (2:56 PM CT), and Watch 696 was issued at 1:55 PM CT.

3 · Tropics: Hurricane Vance now Category 2

System	Official
Hurricane Vance (E. Pacific)	**NHC Advisory 10 (4 PM CT): 105 mph** (Category 2), 971 mb, about 425 mi SSW of Acapulco, 555 mi SSE of Manzanillo, moving NW at 5 mph. Hurricane-force winds extend 35 miles, tropical-storm-force 205 miles. **Steady to rapid strengthening** tonight: forecast to become a **major hurricane**, peaking near 120 mph early Saturday, then slow weakening from Saturday night while drifting north-northwest; NHC's 5-day cone reaches the coast of southwestern Mexico by about Wednesday. No coastal watches or warnings; swells bring life-threatening surf and rip currents to southern and southwestern Mexico this weekend into next week. Next advisory 10 PM CT
Atlantic	No tropical cyclone formation expected during the next 7 days (NHC, 7 PM CT)
Central Pacific	A low may form near the Date Line, several hundred miles west of Johnston Atoll, late this weekend or early next week: near 0% in 48 hours, 20% in 7 days (NHC/CPHC)
Typhoon Champi (W. Pacific)	**JTWC Warning 038 (4 PM CT):** 95 kt (about **110 mph**), gusts about 130 mph, northeast of Taiwan and nearly stationary; forecast to weaken to about 85 mph by early Saturday. No U.S. land threat
Tropical Depression 30W	JTWC began warnings on a 35 mph tropical depression about 160 nautical miles northwest of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands

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Map: HailDataHub from the NHC Advisory 10 forecast cone for Vance (4 PM CT).

What changed since this morning: Vance strengthened from 85 to 105 mph (Category 1 to 2), and NHC's forecast peak rose from about 115 to 120 mph. Champi eased from about 120 to 110 mph and stalled northeast of Taiwan. Tropical Depression 30W formed near the Marshall Islands.

4 · Winter and coastal check

- **Western Alaska:** 6 Blizzard Warnings tonight into Saturday (NWS Fairbanks) for the Seward Peninsula, Shishmaref and the Bering Strait coast, Norton Sound, Kivalina and the lower Kobuk Valley, and the western Arctic coast; 3 Winter Storm Warnings for the Kobuk and Noatak valleys and the Brooks Range into Sunday and Monday; a Coastal Flood Warning for the Yukon Delta coast; High Wind Warnings on the Kuskokwim and Yukon deltas
- **Montana:** Winter Weather Advisories tonight for Great Falls (Cascade County below 5,000 ft, up to 2 more inches, until 10 PM CT), Judith Basin, Fergus County and several mountain ranges (NWS Great Falls, Billings, Missoula). An 89 mph gust was measured 10 E of Whitlash, MT, at 2:15 PM CT (NWS Great Falls); High Wind Warnings also in Wyoming
- **Illinois and the Midwest:** no winter, flood or wind alerts in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri or Wisconsin as of 6:05 PM CT
- **Southern California coast:** NWS San Diego issued a **Coastal Flood Warning** for the **San Diego and Orange County coasts** from 7 AM CT Sunday to 3 PM CT Thursday: significant coastal flooding at morning high tides running 1 to 1.7 ft above predicted
- **Florida and Southeast coast: Coastal Flood Warning** for the **Upper Keys** (major saltwater flooding at high tides through 4 AM CT Saturday, NWS Key West); Coastal Flood Watches for NE Florida and SE Georgia from Saturday to Monday evening (NWS Jacksonville) and from the Space Coast to Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade, Sunday to Monday (NWS Melbourne, NWS Miami); Charleston, SC advisory this evening. 31 Coastal Flood Advisories nationwide

5 · Top Weather Stories (verified)

1) Four Corners river flooding: up to 1,500 homes and buildings affected and 60+ water rescues estimated near Farmington, New Mexico; the San Juan River is near its flood of record and cresting downstream tonight (NWS).

2) New Mexico storms tonight: Severe Thunderstorm Watch 696 until 10 PM CT for much of New Mexico and the El Paso area, with 2-inch hail possible (SPC).

3) Hurricane Vance: 105 mph and forecast to become a major hurricane tonight, offshore of Mexico; dangerous surf for southern and southwestern Mexico this weekend (NHC).

4) Typhoon Champi near Taiwan: about 110 mph and nearly stationary northeast of Taiwan, weakening (JTWC).

5) UK storms: Storm Austen brought a 76 mph gust at St Mary's Airport on the Isles of Scilly early Friday; Storm Boelo follows with an Amber wind warning for mainland Scotland, parts of Northern Ireland and the far north of England, 9 PM Saturday to 9 PM Sunday BST (3 PM CT Sat to 3 PM CT Sun), gusts 60 to 70 mph and up to 80 mph on exposed coasts (Met Office).

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6 · What customers should do

- **San Juan, Animas and Rio Grande valleys:** follow evacuation orders from local officials; never drive or walk into floodwater; stay away from riverbanks, which can collapse; wait for officials before going back home
- **New Mexico and El Paso tonight:** park cars in a garage or covered lot now; if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued, go inside, away from windows
- **Florida Keys and the Southern California coast:** move vehicles to higher ground before high tide; avoid driving through saltwater
- **After flood, hail or wind damage:** photograph homes and vehicles from several angles before cleanup, note the date and time, keep receipts, make only temporary repairs, then call your insurer. Flood damage to homes is usually covered by flood insurance, not standard homeowners policies; check your policy

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