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WEATHER REPORT

Halloween Night Atmospheric River: Southwest Flood Threat Tonight to Monday, Moderate Risk for the Four Corners and Utah Sunday · Salt and Verde River Flood Warnings · New Orleans-Area Flash Flooding · Florida King Tides and Sunday Rain

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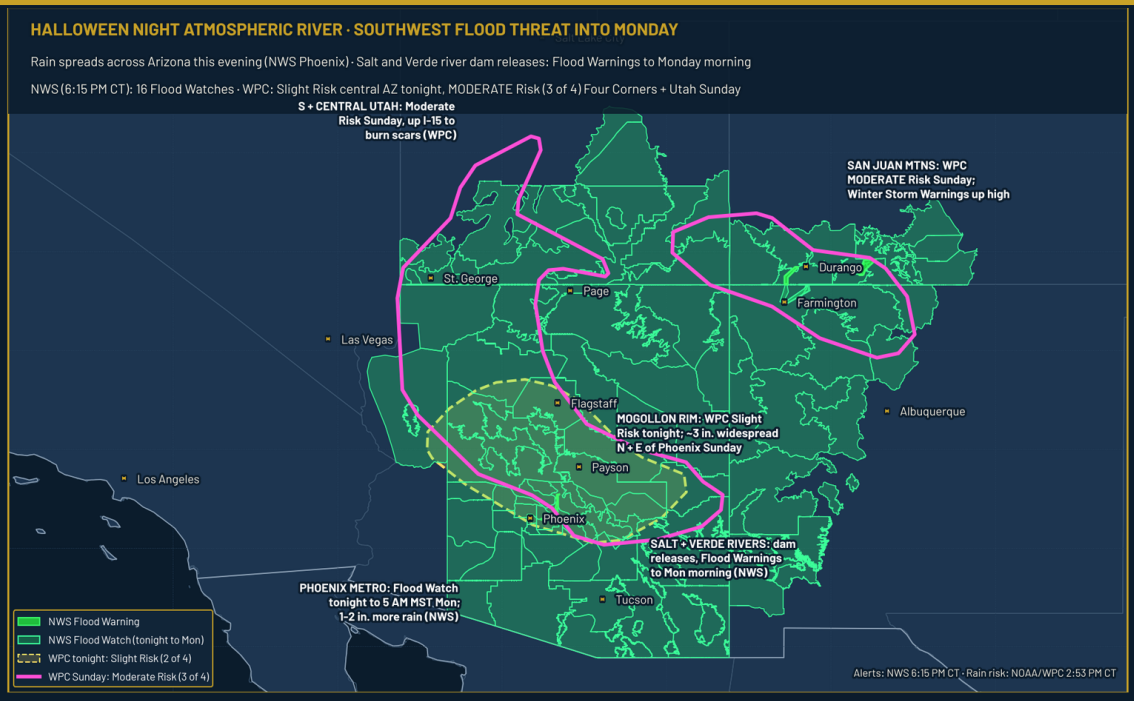
THE BIG RAIN ARRIVES TONIGHT IN THE SOUTHWEST

An atmospheric river is spreading heavy rain into **Arizona** this Halloween evening, one night after flash-flood water rescues in the Phoenix area. NWS has **16 Flood Watches** from Tucson and Phoenix to Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, and NOAA's Weather Prediction Center kept a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4)** of flooding rain for **Sunday** over the Four Corners and much of Utah, with about **3 in.** widespread north and east of Phoenix. Dam releases have the **Salt** and **Verde** rivers under Flood Warnings into Monday morning, and NWS forecasts **major flooding** on the San Juan River at **Pagosa Springs, CO**.

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SOUTHWEST FLOOD THREAT

NWS: 16 Flood Watches · Salt + Verde rivers Flood Warnings to Mon · WPC Moderate Risk Four Corners + Utah Sunday



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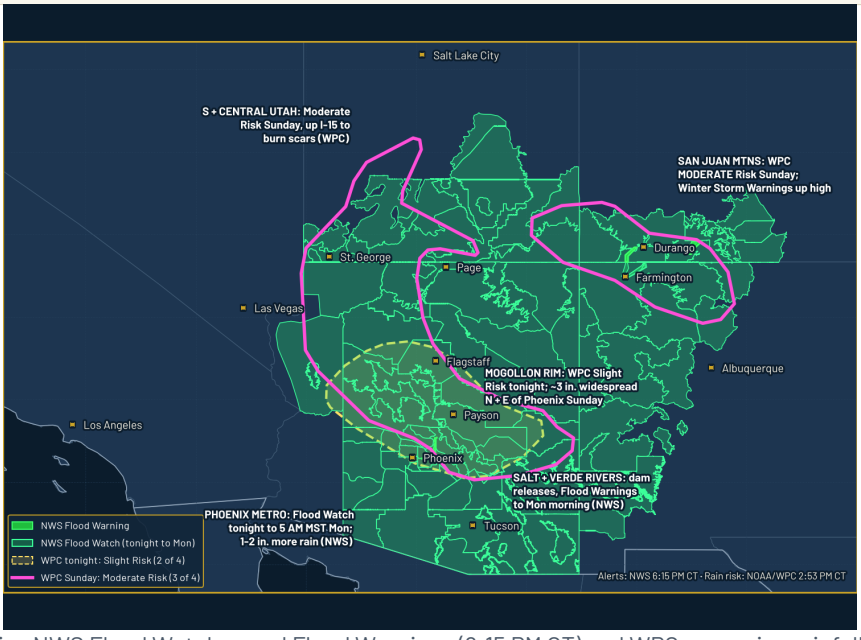


Also tonight: **flash flooding** on Halloween night in the **New Orleans area**, where radar showed 2 to 4 in. of rain over Metairie; a **Flash Flood Warning on Kauai**; **king tides** and a soggy Sunday and Monday for **Florida's east coast**; mountain snow from the Sierra to the San Juans; a big Plains storm Monday; the tropics; and the Top Weather Stories. Clocks fall back at 2 AM Sunday.

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1 · Southwest atmospheric river: tonight to Monday (lead)

Item	Official (times CT unless noted; local Arizona time MST in brackets)
Tonight (Halloween)	NWS Phoenix: after a daytime lull, a shield of rain fills in and pushes northeast this evening, reaching much of the area by about **8 to 10 PM CT [7 to 9 PM]**; NWS advised wrapping up trick-or-treating early. Moisture is forecast to run above the climatological maximum for this time of year. WPC keeps a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** of flooding rain for central Arizona and the Mogollon Rim through early Sunday, with a Marginal Risk across much of Nevada, the Sierra foothills, southern California mountains and the slot canyons of southern Utah
Sunday	**WPC Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4)** kept in its 2:53 PM CT update, in two areas: the **San Juan Mountains** of SW Colorado, and from the Mogollon Rim north through **southern and central Utah**, up I-15 to the large burn scars near the I-15/I-70 junction; Slight Risk to the **Salt Lake City** metro. Moisture 4 to 6 standard deviations above normal; **widespread 3 in. totals north and east of Phoenix**, locally more, and a higher-end Moderate Risk may be needed (WPC). NWS Phoenix: another **1 to 2 in.** for the Phoenix metro on already moist soil. WPC: 2 to 4 in. on upslope terrain, with numerous instances of flash flooding possible
Flood Watches	NWS Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff: **tonight [11 PM] to 6 AM CT Monday [5 AM]**, covering the Phoenix and Tucson metros, Globe, the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, the Prescott area and the Navajo Nation; NWS Las Vegas: Mohave County, Lake Havasu, Lake Mead and Lincoln County, NV, tonight to Monday morning; NWS Salt Lake City: Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Lake Powell and Castle Country all day Sunday; NWS Grand Junction and Albuquerque: SE Utah, SW Colorado and western New Mexico Sunday to midday Monday; NWS El Paso: the Gila region and Silver City, NM, Sunday; NWS Pueblo: the eastern San Juans Sunday to Monday and the San Luis Valley Sunday evening to Wednesday morning. Nationwide: **16 Flood Watches** (6:15 PM CT)
Rivers	**Salt River:** NWS Phoenix Flood Warning for an upstream floodgate release at Granite Reef Dam, with flooding along the Salt River to the Tempe Marketplace area and low-water crossings under water, to **8:45 AM CT Monday [7:45 AM]**. **Verde River:** Flood Warning for releases from Bartlett Dam, flooding near Rio Verde and Fort McDowell, to 9 AM CT Monday. **San Juan River at Pagosa Springs, CO:** NWS Grand Junction forecasts **major flooding**, a crest near **17.0 ft** early Monday (flood stage 10.5 ft), approaching the flood of record; La Plata River at Hesperus, minor flooding Sunday evening. NWS Albuquerque Flood Advisories on the Animas and San Juan rivers in San Juan County, NM, into Tuesday



Map: HailDataHub from active NWS Flood Watches and Flood Warnings (6:15 PM CT) and WPC excessive rainfall outlooks (tonight, Sunday; issued 2:53 PM CT).

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Timeline (CT): this evening: rain spreads over Arizona and southern California · **overnight:** Arizona watches begin; clocks fall back at 2 AM · **Sunday:** heaviest rain, Moderate Risk Four Corners and Utah; Utah watches through Sunday night; rivers rise Sunday afternoon and evening · **early Monday:** Pagosa Springs crest forecast; Arizona watches end; the storm moves into the Plains.

Who's in the path: Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, Tucson, Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott, Payson, Globe and the Grand Canyon; Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City and Kingman; St. George, Cedar City, Richfield and Salt Lake City; Farmington, Gallup, Silver City, Durango, Cortez and Pagosa Springs.

What changed since this morning: Flood Watches 12 to 16 (new watches for the El Paso office's Gila region, Lincoln County, NV, and more of New Mexico); Flood Warnings 3 to 5: the Salt River warning was renewed into Monday as dam releases continue, the Verde River (Bartlett Dam) warning is new, and NWS Grand Junction issued river warnings for Pagosa Springs (major) and Hesperus; WPC kept Sunday's Moderate Risk with only minor changes. Las Vegas was wrapped up this morning and is dropped.

2 · Halloween night: New Orleans-area flash flooding, Kauai, and the rest of the country

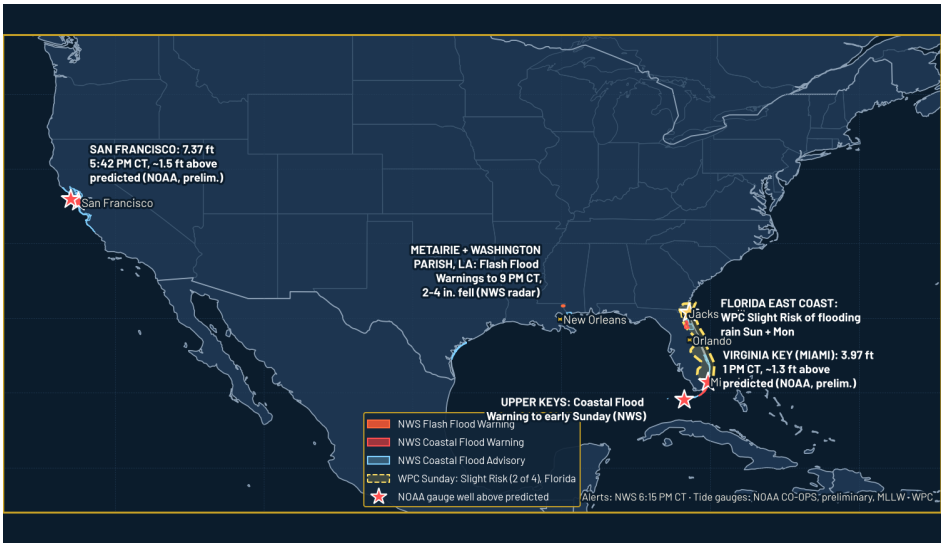
- **New Orleans area:** NWS New Orleans issued a **Flash Flood Warning for north-central Jefferson Parish, including Metairie**, at 5:57 PM CT, where radar showed **2 to 4 in.** of rain had fallen from thunderstorms, and another for **east-central Washington Parish** at 6:05 PM CT, with 2 to 3 in. fallen; both run to **9 PM CT**. A Flood Advisory covered Metairie, Harahan, River Ridge, Westwego and western Orleans Parish until 7 PM CT. Minor coastal flooding is also expected at high tide overnight on the southeast Louisiana and Mississippi coast (Coastal Flood Advisory, midnight to 9 AM CT Sunday)
- **Kauai, Hawaii:** NWS Honolulu issued a Flash Flood Warning for the whole island from 4:45 to 7:45 PM CT [11:45 AM to 2:45 PM HST], with rain falling at **1 to 3 in. per hour** and a rapid rise on the Hanalei River gauge upstream of Hanalei Town
- **Everyone else:** WPC: high pressure keeps much of the **eastern U.S. dry**, colder than normal in New England and milder to the south; showers and storms move from the central Plains toward the Gulf Coast. SPC (20Z update): **no organized severe thunderstorms** forecast through tonight. Nationwide: 3 Flash Flood Warnings (6:15 PM CT). **Clocks fall back** one hour at **2 AM Sunday** (NIST)

3 · Florida: king tides and a soggy Sunday and Monday

Area	Official (NWS alerts, NOAA tide gauges, preliminary MLLW; times CT)
Gauges today	NOAA: **Virginia Key (Miami) 3.97 ft** at 1 PM CT, about 1.3 ft above the predicted 2.68 ft; **Key West 2.56 ft** at 3:06 PM CT, about 1.2 ft above predicted. West Coast: **San Francisco 7.37 ft** at 5:42 PM CT and Point Reyes 7.35 ft at 5:12 PM CT, both about 1.5 ft above predicted
Keys and Florida	NWS Key West (renewed 3:01 PM CT): **Coastal Flood Warning for the Upper Keys** until early Sunday (4 AM CT); advisories for the Middle and Lower Keys. NWS Jacksonville: **Coastal Flood Warning for eastern Putnam County** (St. Johns River) to midnight CT Sunday night; advisories for Duval, Clay, St. Johns and Flagler. NWS Miami and Melbourne: advisories Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Martin to 6 PM CT Sunday. **High Surf Advisories** from Flagler to Broward into Sunday or Monday. **St. Johns River near Astor:** moderate flooding, with additional rises possible from forecast rain (NWS Melbourne)
Rain Sunday and Monday	WPC: **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** of flooding rain on Florida's east coast, now expanded north through the **Jacksonville** metro, Sunday, and along the entire **I-95 corridor** Monday, as a tropical wave crosses the peninsula onto soils saturated by days of rain; urban and low-lying areas from Jacksonville to Miami most at risk; the rain ends late Monday afternoon
Elsewhere	NWS San Francisco: advisories for the Bay shoreline, San Francisco, North Bay valleys and Monterey Bay to 8 PM CT Sunday. Texas barrier islands to 6 AM CT Sunday (NWS Corpus Christi)

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Map: HailDataHub from active NWS Flash Flood and coastal flood alerts (6:15 PM CT), NOAA tide gauges (preliminary) and the WPC Sunday excessive rainfall outlook. **What changed since this morning:** Coastal Flood Warnings 2 to 2, Advisories 12 to 10, High Surf Advisories 6 to 5; the Upper Keys and Putnam County warnings were renewed; WPC expanded Sunday's Florida Slight Risk north through Jacksonville.

4 · Mountain snow, Monday's Plains storm, and the tropics

- **Winter Storm Warnings (4):** Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range, NV, now through Sunday evening, **12 to 16 in.** above 7,500 ft (NWS Elko); northwest and southwest **San Juan Mountains**, CO, 7 AM CT Sunday to 1 PM CT Monday, **12 to 18 in.** above 10,000 ft, gusts to 45 mph (NWS Grand Junction), plus the eastern San Juans above 10,000 ft (NWS Pueblo); Skagway, AK, into Sunday (NWS Juneau)
- **Winter Weather Advisories (9):** Lake Tahoe, Mono County and the Sierra above 5,000 ft (I-80, US-50) and the high country of Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon to Sunday morning; WPC: over a foot of snow possible on Sierra peaks. Also the Sun Valley region, ID, the Wasatch south of I-80 and western Uintas, UT, the central Colorado mountains, and the Wind River Mountains, WY, Sunday into Monday
- **Monday:** WPC: the Southwest storm spins up into a strong, deep low over the central High Plains early Monday, with widespread gusty winds across the Plains, showers and storms that could turn **severe** in the central and southern Plains later Monday, heavy snow possible in the central Rockies, and **2 to 4 in.** of steady rain from eastern South Dakota into central Minnesota (Marginal Risk across Minnesota, Wisconsin and the U.P.)
- **Tropics:** no active NHC storms. Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf: no tropical formation expected in 7 days (NHC, 1 PM CT). A broad low may form well southeast of Hawaii early next week: **40% chance** of development in 7 days (NHC, CPHC, Saturday evening outlooks)

5 · Top Weather Stories (verified)

1) Southwest atmospheric river arrives: heavy rain spreads over Arizona on Halloween night; Moderate Risk of flooding rain Sunday for the Four Corners and Utah; Flood Watches from Tucson to Salt Lake City and the San Juans (WPC, NWS).

2) Phoenix-area rivers: dam releases keep the Salt River below Granite Reef Dam and the Verde River near Fort McDowell under Flood Warnings into Monday morning, a day after Friday night's water rescues (NWS Phoenix).

3) New Orleans-area flash flooding: Flash Flood Warnings for Metairie and Washington Parish on Halloween evening after 2 to 4 in. of rain (NWS New Orleans).

4) Pagosa Springs flood forecast: the San Juan River is forecast to reach major flood stage early Monday, near the flood of record (NWS Grand Junction).

5) Florida king tides and rain: Upper Keys coastal flood warning into Sunday, then a Slight Risk of flooding rain on the east coast Sunday and Monday (NWS, WPC). Also: clocks fall back at 2 AM Sunday.

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6 · What customers should do

- **Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and SW Colorado:** wrap up Halloween plans early; never drive into flooded washes, low-water crossings or the Salt and Verde river crossings; skip slot canyons and canyon hikes Sunday; park away from washes; keep phone alerts on tonight through Monday
- **Pagosa Springs and the San Juan River:** follow NWS Grand Junction and local emergency managers; move vehicles and valuables away from the river before Sunday afternoon
- **New Orleans area:** keep trick-or-treaters away from flooded streets and storm drains; do not drive through standing water
- **Florida Keys and the Florida east coast:** move cars to higher ground before high tide; never drive through saltwater, which damages brakes, wiring and electronics; heavy rain adds to street flooding Sunday and Monday
- **After hail, wind or flood damage:** photograph roofs, siding, windows and vehicles from several angles, note the date and time, keep receipts, make only temporary repairs, then call your insurer

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