

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Weather Forecast

Today Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Winds will be from the east at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs in the upper 70s, river highs upper 90s.

Tonight Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the southeast at 10-20 mph. Overnight lows 55-66.

Tomorrow Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the east at 10-15 mph, increasing in the evening to 20-25 mph. Mountain highs in the lower 70s, river highs mid 90s. Overnight lows 55-64.

Extended Fri-Tue: Sunny to mostly cloudy.
Highs: lower 70s - upper 90s Lows: mid 50s - mid 60s

Sunset tonight: 7:51 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: No Reading

Panther Junction/Foothills: No Reading

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	89	68	68	0.00	0.81	1.91
Chisos Basin	5400'	81	61	64	0.00	1.10	3.66
Rio Grande Village	1850'	NR	NR	NR	0.00	0.81	2.21
Castolon	2170'	NR	NR	NR	0.00	1.60	3.06
Persimmon Gap	2970'	93	64	68	0.00	1.90	3.22
Lajitas	2340'	98	67	68	0.00	0.84	2.43

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	4.66ft/232 cfs	5.06ft/430 cfs
Lajitas	15.00	NR ft	NRft
Castolon	15.00	4.26ft/372 cfs	4.75ft/530 cfs
Johnson's Ranch	15.50	5.98ft/236 cfs	6.82ft/600 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	5.01ft/679 cfs	5.69ft/1360 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	7.78ft/480 cfs	9.33ft/1189 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Due to continuing drought conditions, all water users are asked to voluntarily conserve water. Backcountry road conditions are as follows: High clearance is required on the Glenn Springs and Old Maverick Rds. High clearance, 4WD is required on River Rd West, Dagger Flats, and Old Ore roads. River Road East, Black Gap, and the Hot Springs roads are closed.