

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Sunday, December 18, 2016

Weather Forecast :

Today..... Mostly sunny and much colder. Northeast winds 10-15 mph. Mountain highs in the lower 40s, river highs around 50.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy with northeast winds 10-15 mph. Overnight low around 30.

Tomorrow Mostly sunny with northeast winds around 10 mph. Mountain highs in the mid 40s, river highs in the lower 50s. Overnight lows in the lower 30s.

Extended Tue-Sat: Sunny to partly cloudy.
Highs: mid 40s - mid 70s Lows: upper 30s - mid 40s
Sunset tonight: 5:58 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:42 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: **Moderate**

Panther Junction/Foothills: **Moderate**

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	76	26	26	0.00	1.23	13.51
Chisos Basin	5400'	70	35	36	0.00	1.44	25.01
Rio Grande Village	1850'	89	35	35	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	89	37	37	0.00	0.76	10.91
Persimmon Gap	2970'	83	28	28	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	85	38	38	0.00	1.29	12.35

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.79 ft / 607 cfs	5.80 ft / 611 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.05 ft / 460 cfs	4.06 ft / 460 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.64 ft / 434 cfs	5.60 ft / 420 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.76 ft / 541 cfs	3.75 ft / 536 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.81 ft / 794 cfs	5.69 ft / 741 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Overnight backpacking campsites in Boot Canyon, Colima, Toll Mountain, Juniper Canyon # 1 and Southwest Rim # 2 are temporarily closed due to bear activity. The Chisos Mountains are home to a healthy Mexican Black Bear population, and fall rains resulted in abundant pine nut and oak nut production. Bears feed heavily during the fall in order to prepare for their winter denning period and these closures will give them the space and time they need to feed and will help keep our bears healthy and wild. Thank you for your cooperation and support!