

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Thursday, December 22, 2016

Weather Forecast :

Today..... Partly cloudy with winds from the northeast at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs mid 50s, river highs mid 60s.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy with winds from the northeast around 10 mph. Overnight lows mid 40s.

Tomorrow Partly cloudy with winds from the southwest at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs mid 60s, river highs upper 70s. Overnight lows upper 40s.

Extended Sat-Wed: Sunny to mostly cloudy.

Highs: upper 50s - mid 80s Lows: mid 40s - low 50s

Sunset tonight: 6:00 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:44 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'	74	47	47	0.00	1.23	13.51
Chisos Basin	5400'	71	55	62	0.00	1.44	25.01
Rio Grande Village	1850'	80	27	55	0.00	0.91	11.73
Castolon	2170'	79	42	52	0.00	0.76	10.91
Persimmon Gap	2970'	79	45	50	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	78	42	50	0.00	1.29	12.35

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.83 ft / 561 cfs	5.87 ft / 635 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.16 ft / 496 cfs	4.11 ft / 478 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.80 ft / 501 cfs	5.80 ft / 505 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.79 ft / 552 cfs	3.77 ft / 547 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.89 ft / 837 cfs	5.90 ft / 830 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!