

# National Predictive Services Forecast

## Southwest

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Tue 22 Oct	Wed 23 Oct	Thu 24 Oct	Fri 25 Oct	Sat 26 Oct	Sun 27 Oct	Mon 28 Oct
SW01 - Northwest AZ							
SW02 - West-Central AZ							
SW03 - Southwest AZ							
SW04 - Four Corners Area							
SW05 - Western Mogollon Rim							
SW06N - Central AZ/Phoenix Metro							
SW06S - Southeast AZ							W
SW07 - Northwest NM Mtns.							
SW08 - White Mtns. & Gila Region							
SW09 - South/Central NM Lowlands							
SW10 - Sangre De Cristo Mountains							
SW11 - Central NM Mtns. & Plains							
SW12 - South-Central Nm Mtns.							
SW13 - Northeast NM/NW TX							
SW14N - Southeast NM/West TX							

### Weather Discussion

#### **Drier & warmer through the forecast period.**

The major fall storm system from the past few days is now well east of the region over IA. Cooler & drier air has arrived in the wake of this storm system across the Southwest area amidst westerly flow aloft this morning.

Very little in the way of significant weather through the forecast period for the region...with the exception of a likely backdoor cold front into the east on FRI. Other than that...expect warm afternoons and cool overnight periods this week with high temperatures about 5-8 degrees above normal east of the divide and about 8-11 degrees above normal further west. Overnight inversions will be noteworthy. Some freezing temperatures can be expected in the elevated terrains this week as well as valley locations dependent on elevation.

Longer term models exhibit the usual differences further out in time...but a breezy/windy period amidst increasingly southwesterly flow appears in the cards early next week with a storm system to impact our region around next WED/THU.

NWS 7-Day Precipitation Forecast (<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/p168i.gif>)

### Fuels/Fire Discussion

Significant fire potential is predominately **LOW** to start this week although locally **MODERATE** especially across southeastern AZ. More widespread **MODERATE** appears likely across the southwestern 1/2 or so of AZ as the week goes on.

**A return to longer than usual burn periods across the southwestern 1/2 or so AZ this week. Short burn period elsewhere overall.**

SWCC Fire Danger Page ([https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/fuels\\_fire-danger/nfdrs\\_charts/Areawide.htm](https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/fuels_fire-danger/nfdrs_charts/Areawide.htm)) (ERC charts and forecast trends)

### Resource Discussion

