Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Deadwood area

Deadwood

Idaho

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Largemouth · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–6 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~97%	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–45°F**, lows **23–31°F**, rain chance up to **~97%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

45° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Widespread Rain Showers
WIND	SW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~97%
SUN	7:39 AM / 5:14 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

38° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Chance Rain And Snow Showers
WIND	WNW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~70%
SUN	7:40 AM / 5:13 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

39° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Widespread Snow Showers
WIND	SSE 1–6 mph
RAIN	~92%
SUN	7:42 AM / 5:12 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → WNW → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:39 AM MST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: estimated water ~47°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Perch, kokanee-related baitfish, and shore-running forage — match with chrome/white early and green-pumpkin or smoke plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Cutthroat and other trout in deeper, cooler water if you leave the bass banks. Perch on the same weed and rock edges with a small jig.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Deadwood Dam	No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	Bureau of Reclamation
Permit / regs	On Deadwood Reservoir, verify trailer parking and any day-use rules before you leave the lot.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing starts at Cozy Cove public ramp on Deadwood Reservoir, Valley Co. (matches FS/TheDyrt Cozy Cove ~44.291, -115.652). Not Deadwood River put-in below reservoir.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — Cozy Cove public ramp on Deadwood Reservoir, Valley Co. (matches FS/TheDyrt Cozy Cove ~44.291, -115.652). Not Deadwood River put-in below reservoir — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at Cozy Cove public ramp on Deadwood Reservoir, Valley Co. (matches FS/TheDyrt Cozy Cove ~44.291, -115.652). Not Deadwood River put-in below reservoir — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over calm dock pockets at dawn and dusk. Small popper when evening goes slick.

MID

Spinnerbait or small swimbait on rock points. Medium crank along the first break.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot or tube on clear rock. Ned rig when fish get picky under the high sun. Stain/clear: Clear fall Deadwood Reservoir water — downsize and use natural colors once the sun is up.