FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for South Fork area

South Fork

Nevada

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

3/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~86%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–56°F**, lows **17–26°F**, rain chance up to **~86%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	26°F
SKY	Scattered Rain Showers
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~86%
SUN	6:30 AM / 4:24 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

42° F high

LOW	17°F
SKY	Snow Showers
WIND	W 5–10 mph
RAIN	~75%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:23 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

42° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Isolated Snow Showers
WIND	SSE 10 mph
RAIN	~83%
SUN	6:33 AM / 4:22 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: S → W → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:30 AM PST) → ~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

FALL TRANSITION **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~49°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

Small natural and flash profiles fit clear water.

ALSO BITING

Bow / cutt where stocked. Same dawn window.

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 the operator 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
South Fork Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 5,228.52 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Match small profiles and keep presentations clean in clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

South Fork SRA public shoreline and accessible creek-arm banks are the Elko-side trout walk-ins this week. Dawn-spoon along SRA creek-arm rock, then rotate to the next legal park bank as light spreads. Clear high-desert water wants small profiles once the sun is high.

KAYAK

Launch at South Fork SRA and fish the creek arms before open-reservoir crossings. Trout stack in arms at first light on calm days — keep casts quiet and presentations small. PFD on in cold water, drift sock ready for any canyon breeze, and soft soles if you beach along SRA banks.

BOAT

Idle out of South Fork SRA at dawn, graph creek-arm mouths and near-park points for trout, then keep hops short rather than long main-lake runs. Clear sunny water gets technical by midmorning — downsize leaders and slow down.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small spoons at dawn. Inline spinners. Dry flies on calm mornings.

MID

Nymphs under an indicator. Small soft plastics. Light spoons.

BOTTOM

Heavier spoons midday. Egg patterns near inflow. Slow bottom retrieves.