FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Santa Rosa–Sumner area

Santa Rosa–Sumner

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~6%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–62°F**, lows **34–41°F**, rain chance up to **~6%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:34 AM / 4:52 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	6:35 AM / 4:51 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:36 AM / 4:51 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:34 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

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~57°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

Shad and small baitfish, plus crayfish on the rock, make up most of the menu. No forage survey came out for this window, so match shad and craw colors, going darker in stained water.

ALSO BITING

Santa Rosa is known for walleye, and the fresh inflow can push them toward the upper end. A jig and minnow or a slow swimbait at low light covers them.

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 USACE SPA 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
Lake Sumner	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,251.17 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Santa Rosa Lake nr Santa Rosa	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,735.34 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Permit / regs	New Mexico Department of Wildlife — current fishing rules and special-water regulations; Pure-Gas.org station listings (stations only).	
Clarity	Where the stained Pecos water meets clearer lake water, bait collects and bass follow.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

At Santa Rosa, fish from the shoreline below Rocky Point Campground on the northwest side or along Juniper Park's picnic area, focusing on any spot where you can reach stained water meeting clear. A spinnerbait or a dark jig works well on that edge.

KAYAK

Wait out the dawn fog before launching; paddling into fog on open water is dangerous. Once it lifts, both lakes offer light-wind paddling all week.

BOAT

Trailered boats belong at Sumner this week, because Santa Rosa's only boat ramp is posted closed for low water. Launch at Sumner's three-lane Main Boat Ramp by the main campground or the two-lane East Side ramp at Eastside Campground once the fog lifts and you can see clearly; the Alamo ramp is closed.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (black) — stained water at Santa Rosa. Walking bait (bone) — calm dawn at Sumner. Popper — last light on rocky points.

MID

Spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) — color change at Santa Rosa. Lipless crank (red craw) — clear side of the stain. Squarebill (craw) — rocky points at Sumner.

BOTTOM

Dark jig (black/blue) — stained water. Texas-rig craw (green pumpkin) — brush at Sumner. Drop-shot (shad) — first drop midday.