Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Big Sand Wash Reservoir area

Big Sand Wash Reservoir

Utah
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	– Lightning in forecast	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	– Rain up to ~100%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–66°F**, lows **38–50°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

66° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 6 mph
RAIN	~68%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:23 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	S 6–9 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:22 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 3 mph
RAIN	~15%
SUN	7:15 AM / 5:21 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:13 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 **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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights pull bait toward main-ramp cove and related edges, and rainbow trout follow that forage. What's on the menu: fall baitfish and shad where present, with sunfish and crawfish around docks, rocks, and timber.

ALSO BITING

Secondary species and park fishing stay in play around the same access points listed above. Arrive early on sunny days — recreational traffic builds after midmorning even.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Call or check the board for Big Sand State Park boat ramp and State park day-use shoreline before you leave.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Big Sand State Park boat ramp and at State park day-use shoreline, both public access points where you can reach shoreline at first light without blocking the ramps. Fish away from the loading piers and keep courtesy docks clear for trailers.

KAYAK

Launch at Big Sand State Park boat ramp to reach protected water near main-ramp cove, or use State park day-use shoreline to work dam face without fighting the busiest boat traffic. Big Sand State Park boat ramp also puts a kayak into quieter water close to riprap and shade.

BOAT

Launch at Big Sand State Park boat ramp, State park day-use shoreline, or Carry-in bank near the ramp — public ramps that serve the main arms anglers use this week. Idle clear of ski courses and swim beaches, and confirm which ramps sit in the water before you tow.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater & walking baits. Small walking baits. Poppers.

MID

White or chartreuse spinnerbaits. Lipless cranks. Small paddle-tail swimbaits for covering mouths and points when fish are moving with shad or baitfish.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig worms, shaky heads, and jigs in green pumpkin or watermelon around docks, timber, brush, and the first drop. Flip shade lines once the sun is high and the surface bite fades.