



Rainfall Diminishing Today, Flooding Still A Threat

October 1, 2026
5:30 AM

Flooding and River Flooding Possible

Key Messages

- Rainfall will end from northwest to southeast today.
- Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches in southeastern Iowa before rain departs this evening.
- The flash flood risk is diminishing but **river and areal flooding is still a threat!**

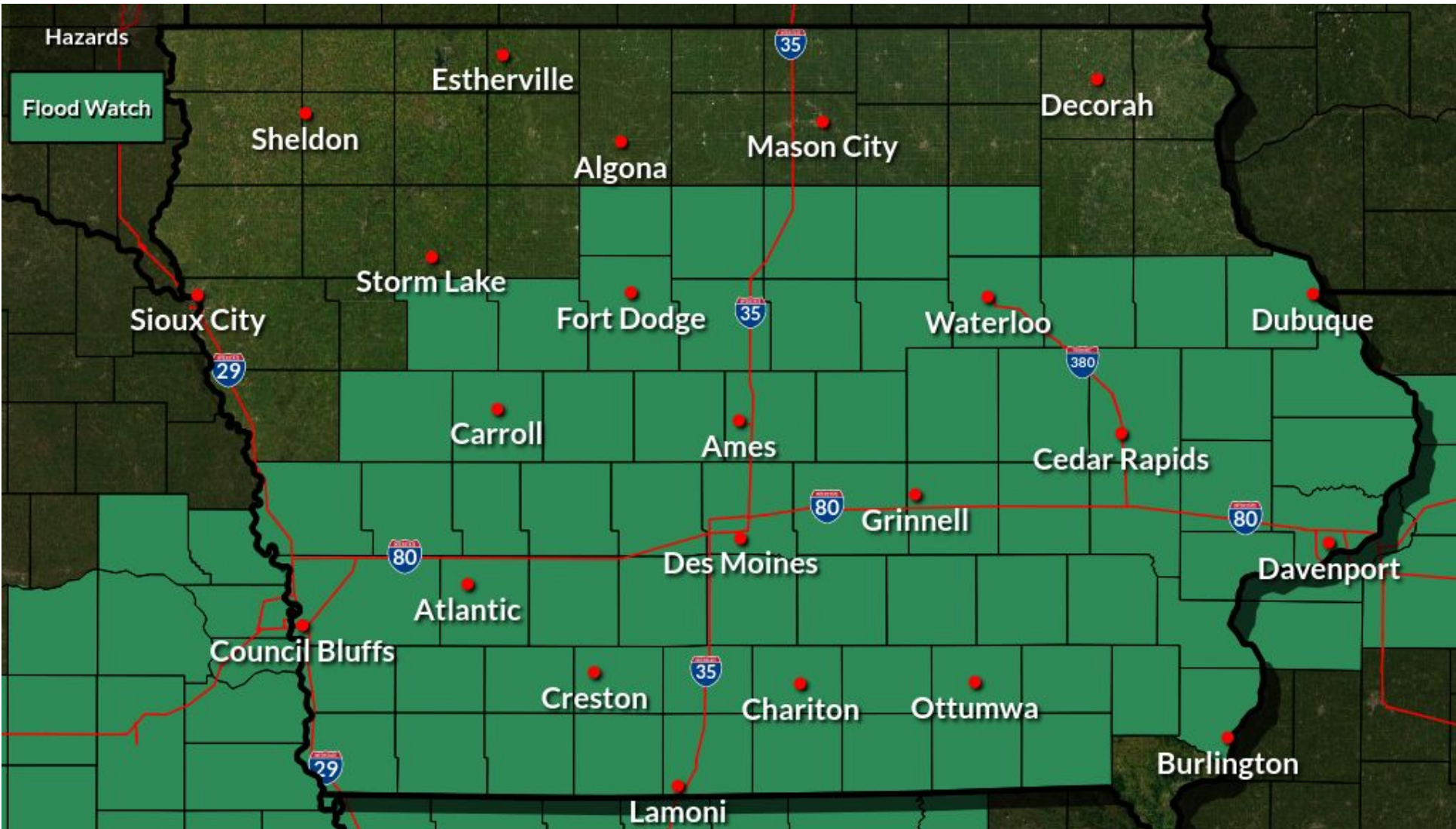
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What Has Changed

- Updated information as rainfall concludes today

Next Scheduled Update

- Last planned issuance



Flood Watch Through 1 AM Friday



Excessive Rain Outlook

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Overview

- Heavy rain is possible today through this evening for southeast Iowa.
- This area could see an additional 1 to 2" of total rainfall.
- Renewed concerns for ponding and rising rivers, especially in areas that have already seen heavy rainfall.
- **Should you encounter flooding, turn around, don't drown!**

HIGHEST LOCAL RISK

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WHAT THIS MEANS:
SCATTERED flash
floods *possible*

PRIMARY THREATS



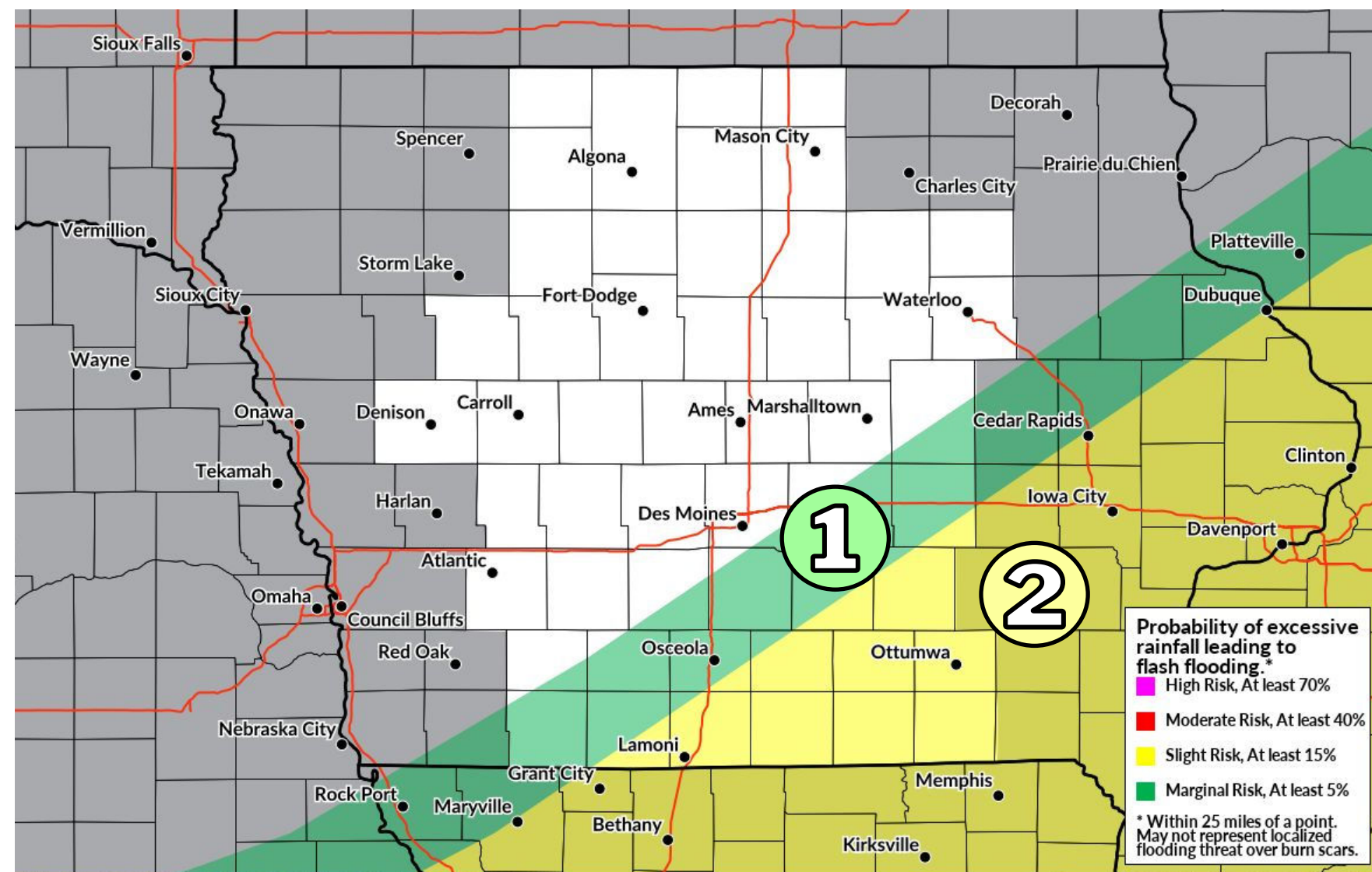
RAINFALL
UP TO 2"



URBAN-STREET
FLOODING



LOCAL RIVER
AND STREAM
RISES



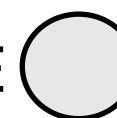
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding.*

- High Risk, At least 70%
- Moderate Risk, At least 40%
- Slight Risk, At least 15%
- Marginal Risk, At least 5%

* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

Excessive Rainfall
Risk:

NONE



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HIGH



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Des Moines, Iowa



Hydrologic Ensemble Forecast System (HEFS)

- Shown during today's briefing; uses 10 days of forecast rain in its forecasts:
weather.gov/desmoines/hefs

NWS Des Moines Hydro Decision Support

- Links to various observed and forecast rainfall, as well as river forecast services:
weather.gov/desmoines/dsshydro

National Water Prediction Service (NWPS)

- Shows current river levels, but uses only 24 hours of forecast rain in its forecasts:
weather.gov/desmoines/water