

Severe Weather Impacts Big Spring and Sanderson

While this year has seen an extended period of dry weather over much of West Texas, severe weather did impact portions of the area earlier this week. The National Weather Service in Midland conducted a survey of the southern portions of the city of Big Spring, which experienced large hail Wednesday evening May 16th between 5:45 pm and 6 pm CDT.

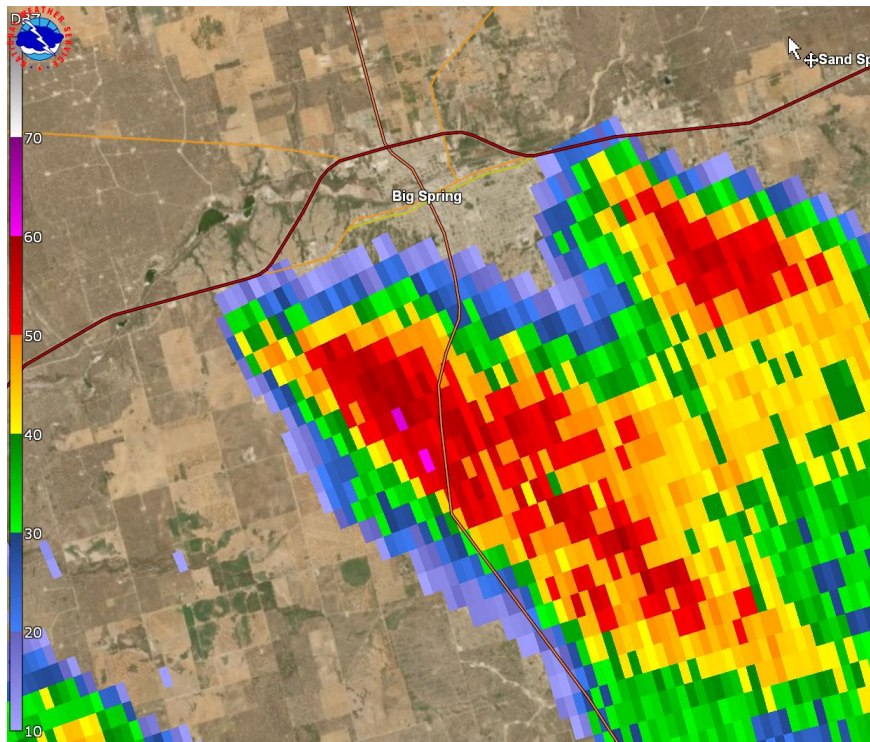
While the majority of the city did not receive any hail, golf ball to baseball sized hail was reported across southern portions of the city in the Silver Hills area near Comanche Trail Park. The damage survey also found that golf ball to just smaller than tennis ball size hail fell in Warren Street and Grace Street off of Wasson Road. Hail in this area began around 5:45 pm CDT and concluded at 5:57 pm CDT. With the lack of wind with the hail, no broken windows on homes were seen during the survey, although it is certainly possible that there were isolated examples within the general hail area noted below. Some vehicles did experience cracked windshields and smaller dents due to hail.



The following images were provided courtesy of Bullet Burchett, a resident of Big Spring:



The following radar image from 5:49 pm CDT shows the severe thunderstorm as it was moving through the southern portions of Big Spring with the most intense returns noted west of Highway 87.



The city of Sanderson also experienced severe weather early Thursday evening May 17th. Severe thunderstorms developed over southern central portions of Pecos County and moved southeastward. The storms intensified and produced up to golf ball size hail as they moved into Sanderson. It is likely the storm produced even larger hail over open areas near the Pecos and Terrell County line. The Terrell County Sheriff's Department reported a few broken windows and several tree branches broken throughout Sanderson.

The following radar image is from 609 PM CDT when the storm was passing over Sanderson.

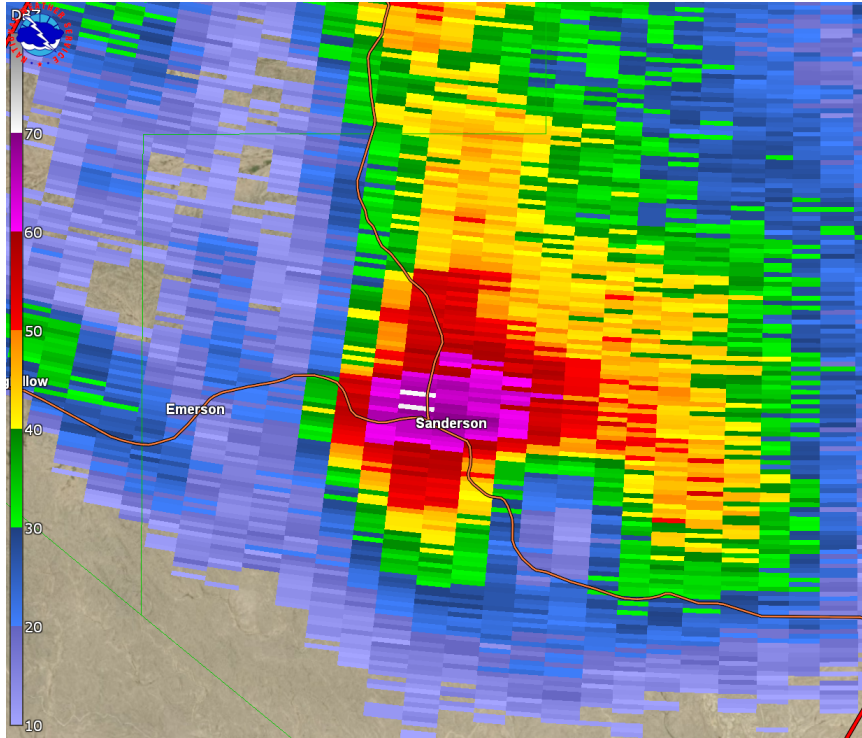


Image was provided by Amanda Tate:

