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		Midland, Texas
		REPORT FOR:
		MONTH YEAR
		September 1998
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When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts, and hydrologic products issued (NWS Instruction 10-924)

## [ X ] No flood stages were reached in this HSA for the month above.

No river flooding occurred in southwest Texas or in Eddy and Lea counties of New Mexico during the month of September.

September was another very dry month across the HSA. Nearly all locations reported rainfall totals well below normal. A few sites in the Big Bend and in the Guadalupe Mountains reported near normal totals. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.00 inches at several locations to 2.27 inches at the Big Bend Ranch.

The Midland International Airport reported 0.08 inches of precipitation for the month, which is 2.54 inches below normal. For the year, Midland has recorded its driest January through September on record. during this period, only 3.13 inches fell. This surpasses the old record of 3.16 inches, set in 1953. Normal rainfall through September is 11.97 inches.

With recent and long-term precipitation totals below normal, reservoir levels across the region and in northern Mexico remain well below conservation levels and the flood threat remains low.

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