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Cold, wet and windy conditions expected in the Cape, while warmer temperatures welcomed in the eastern parts of South Africa

While temperatures start to increase in the eastern parts of the country, cold, wet and windy conditions are expected in the western parts from Saturday. Rain and showers will set in along the Western Cape south and south-west coasts from Saturday evening, spreading eastwards towards Port Elizabeth on Sunday (Fig. 1). This rain will result in possible flooding of roads and susceptible settlements on Sunday, which could lead to disruption of traffic on major roads, especially with higher volumes of traffic expected as families head home after the school holidays. There is also a possibility of mudslides and rockfalls in places.

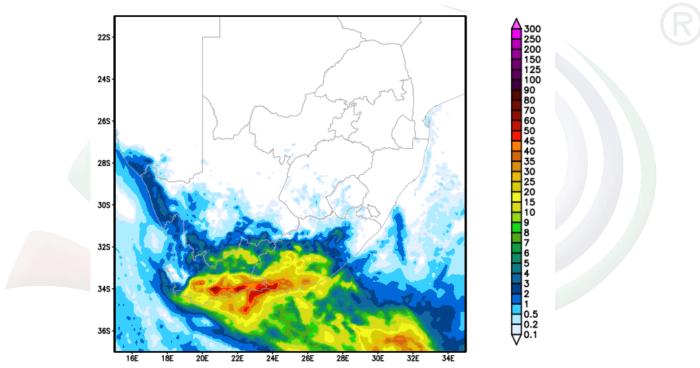


Figure 1: ECMWF model output showing total accumulating rainfall expected on Sunday 29 September 2019.

Strong and gusty winds over most parts of the Western Cape are expected to cause localised problems for high-sided vehicles on Sunday, especially on prone routes (the N1, Huguenot Tunnel as well as passes along the N2, for example).

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