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A word from meteorologist Jim Woodmencey on Cloud Cover Forecasts:

Down to the last couple of days before E-Day! And models are starting to come together to paint a better picture of reality on Monday.

Out West: Eastern Oregon & Idaho consistently have been the best spots all week long, from the models, as far as the least cloud cover goes. One other thing to consider here is forest fires burning in western Oregon, making skies a bit hazier, perhaps. Westerly flow carries some of that smoke east over Idaho & western Wyoming next two days.

Back East: There are still a few swaths of cloudiness from the Plains to the Southeast U.S. with holes to chase in-between. I am glad I am not trying to find “the spot” in this part of the country. Gonna be a crap shoot if you are anywhere from the cornfields of Nebraska to the coast of South Carolina.

In Wyoming.....Most consistent “hole” in the skies is -- and has been all week on the models --between Riverton & Casper.

The GFS backed way off from the “mostly cloudy” skies they were depicting in yesterday’s model run. Now more in line with the Euro & NEMS.

The NEMS & Euro Models are looking closer today in their bands of clouds in western Wyoming, which will be around early on Monday, maybe 50% cloud cover between 9am & 11am then down to 20% or less after noontime. That’s my best guess right now.

One last thought: Those clouds to the Southeast of Jackson Hole are in the direction the sun will be in the sky at start of Eclipse. Most of these clouds will be higher-level clouds, above most of them will be above at least 12,000-ft. elevation.

Today’s maps below, or view them back on the **Solar Eclipse Weather** page in an expandable version. Descriptions of the cloud cover scale used in each model depiction are listed under the **More+** under each map in the Regional maps section on the web page.

MORE STUFF: I posted a Cross-sectional view of the cloud forecast over Jackson Hole. And I will also some fire maps, showing where the smoke plumes re in Oregon/ Idaho/Montana, soon.