

Weather to take autumnal turn by end of week

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ANDERSON — This week started in the low 90s, but Thursday's forecast suggests sweater weather 10 days before fall officially begins. Lows will drop to the mid-50s on Friday.

By mid week, there's a slim chance of rain in the Blue Ridge Mountains, but Friday will bring a 30 percent chance of isolated showers to Anderson County. The area will receive a quarter inch at most, said Scott Crentz, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

"The main thing is it's going to increase cloudiness, and the cloudiness is going to hang out through the weekend," he said.

Land in Anderson County and the rest of the Upstate is in a moderate second-level drought and craves rain. Since Sept. 4 Lake Jocassee has lost 2 feet of water, down to 82 feet. Hartwell Lake actually gained a fifth of an inch and stood at 653.72 feet on Monday. Lake Keowee remained at 95 feet.

Gray skies mean fall-like temperatures Friday through Sunday. A weak cold front from Canada will move in Friday night, dropping the low to 56 degrees.

"It's going to be noticeably cooler this weekend," Crentz said.

Tuesday's high will be 90 degrees, and the day will be cloudy with a low of 63 degrees. Wednesday will be sunny with a high of 90 and a low of 63, and Thursday's high will be 87 with a low of 62.

"Fall is on its way that's all there is to it," Crentz said.

