



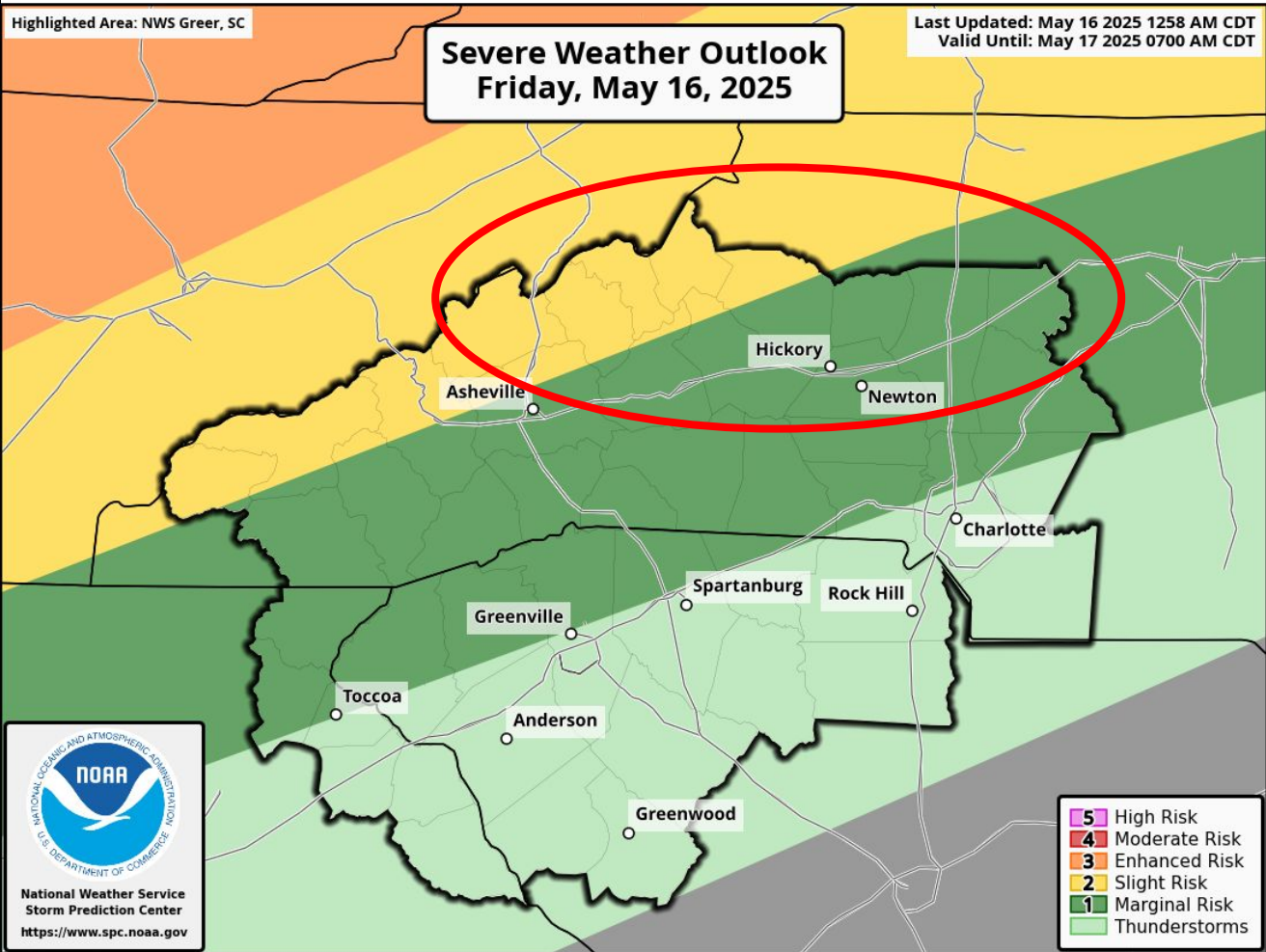
Severe Weather Possible Friday into Saturday Morning

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For the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

OVERVIEW

- Strong to severe storms are possible this afternoon and evening, mainly across northern North Carolina (area circled in red on image below).
- A line of strong to severe storms are possible overnight into early Saturday morning, mainly across the North Carolina mountains.



TIMING

- Strong to severe storms may develop this afternoon and early evening (12pm to 6pm) mainly across western North Carolina, mainly along/north of I-40 (area circled in red on the graphic to the left).
- A line of storms will track over the forecast area overnight into Saturday morning. Strong to severe storms are most likely across the North Carolina mountains from 2am-6am. The line will gradually weaken as it pushes east so severe weather chances should be much lower east of the North Carolina mountains Saturday morning (see slide 2 for day 2 outlook). Timing for storms east of the mountains is 6am-10am. Confidence on the timing is medium at this time.

HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- Storms that become severe Friday afternoon and early evening will be capable of producing unusually large hail (golf ball-sized or larger) and damaging winds across northern North Carolina.
- Storms that become severe overnight will be capable of producing damaging wind gusts across the North Carolina mountains. Short lived instances large hail and heavy rain are also possible. A brief, isolated tornado cannot be entirely ruled out across the North Carolina mountains.

NWS ALERTS

- None.

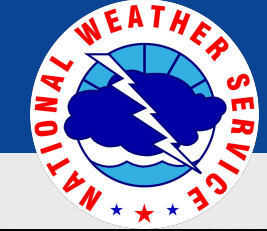
FORECAST CHALLENGES

- Storms may miss us just to the north this afternoon and early evening, limiting the severe threat.
- How quickly storms weaken as they push across the southern Appalachians will determine how far east the severe threat will extend Saturday morning.

NEXT BRIEFING

- By 6 PM EDT, Friday, May 16th, 2025

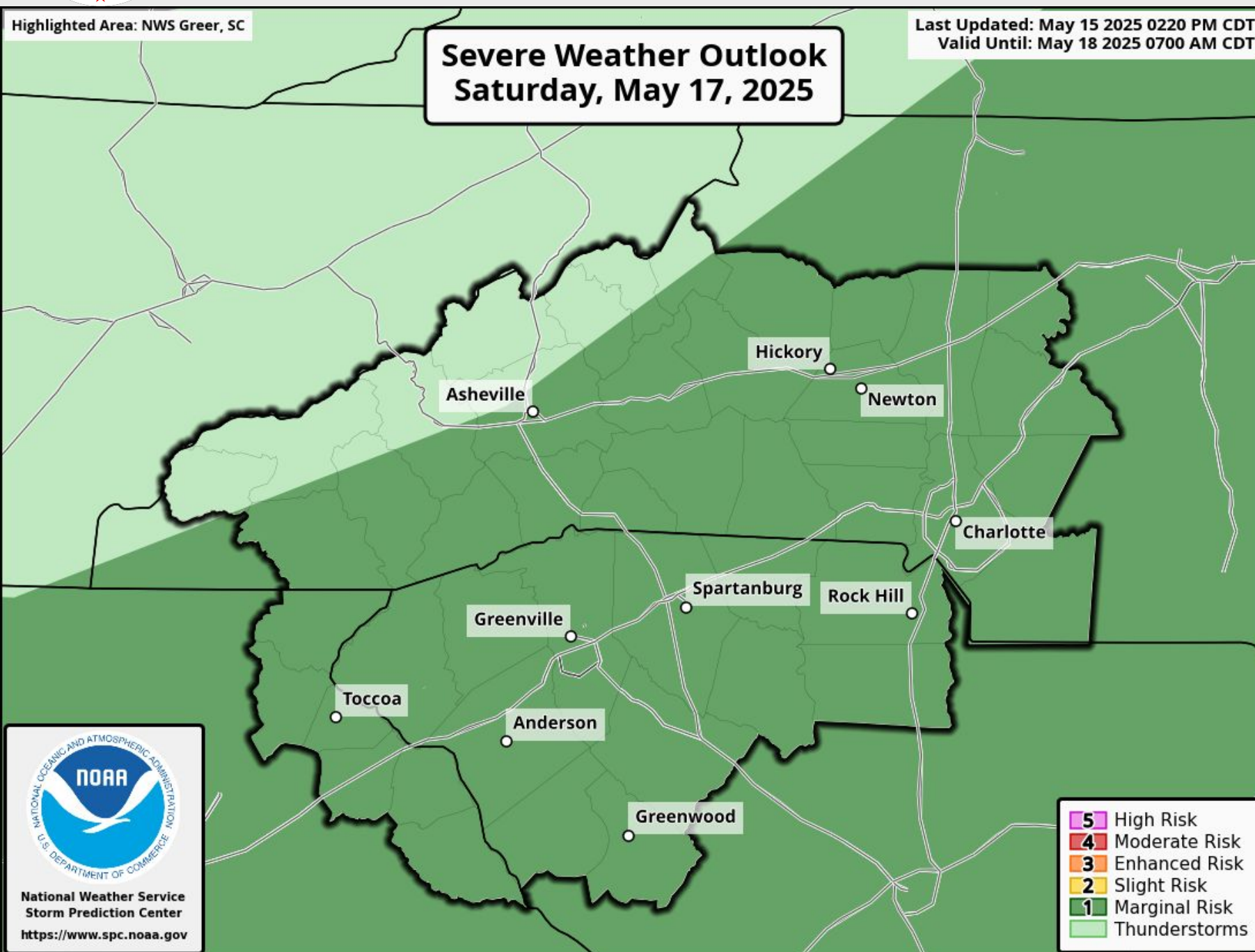




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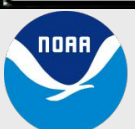
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Key Messages

- Severe weather is possible Saturday morning (6am-10am) east of the North Carolina mountains. However, severe chances continue to look unlikely as the line of storms is expected to weaken quickly as pushes east of the mountains.
- If severe storms to develop east of the North Carolina mountains they will be isolated and brief.
- Drier and quieter conditions return gradually from west to east Saturday morning into early Saturday afternoon.



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