



High Elevation Snow, Cold and Wind Expected

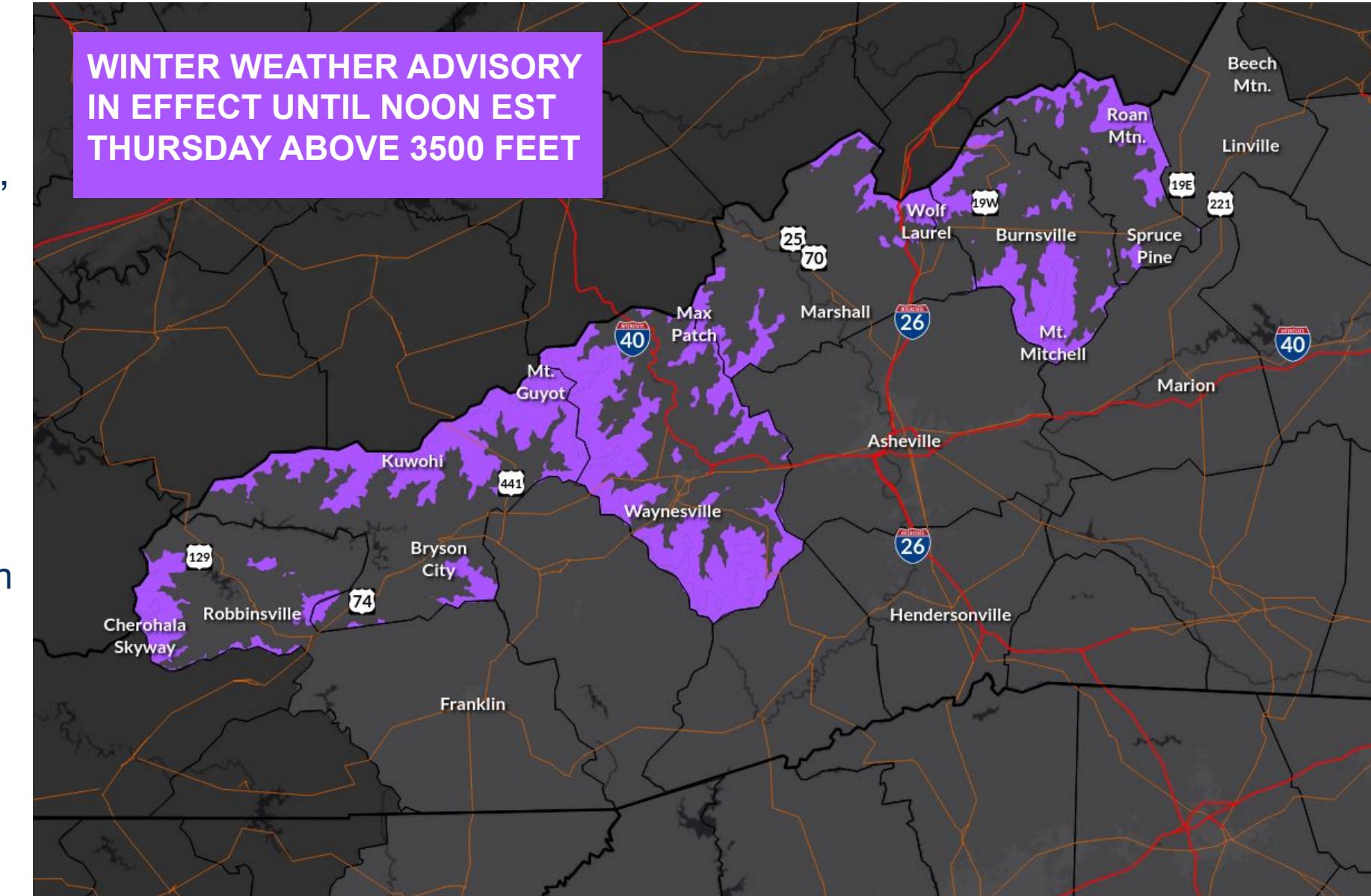
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Decision Support Briefing #2 for the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

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Important Updates

- Winter Weather Advisory for elevations above 3500 ft has been expanded to include Graham, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell Counties counties through noon Thursday.
- A Wind Advisory has been issued from 9 pm this evening to 7 pm Thursday for all of Avery County and elevations above 3500 ft in Yancey, Mitchell and Buncombe Counties.
- A Cold Weather Advisory has been issued from midnight tonight to 7 am Friday for all of Avery County and elevations above 3500 ft in Yancey, Mitchell, Madison, Swain, Haywood, Graham, Macon and Jackson Counties.



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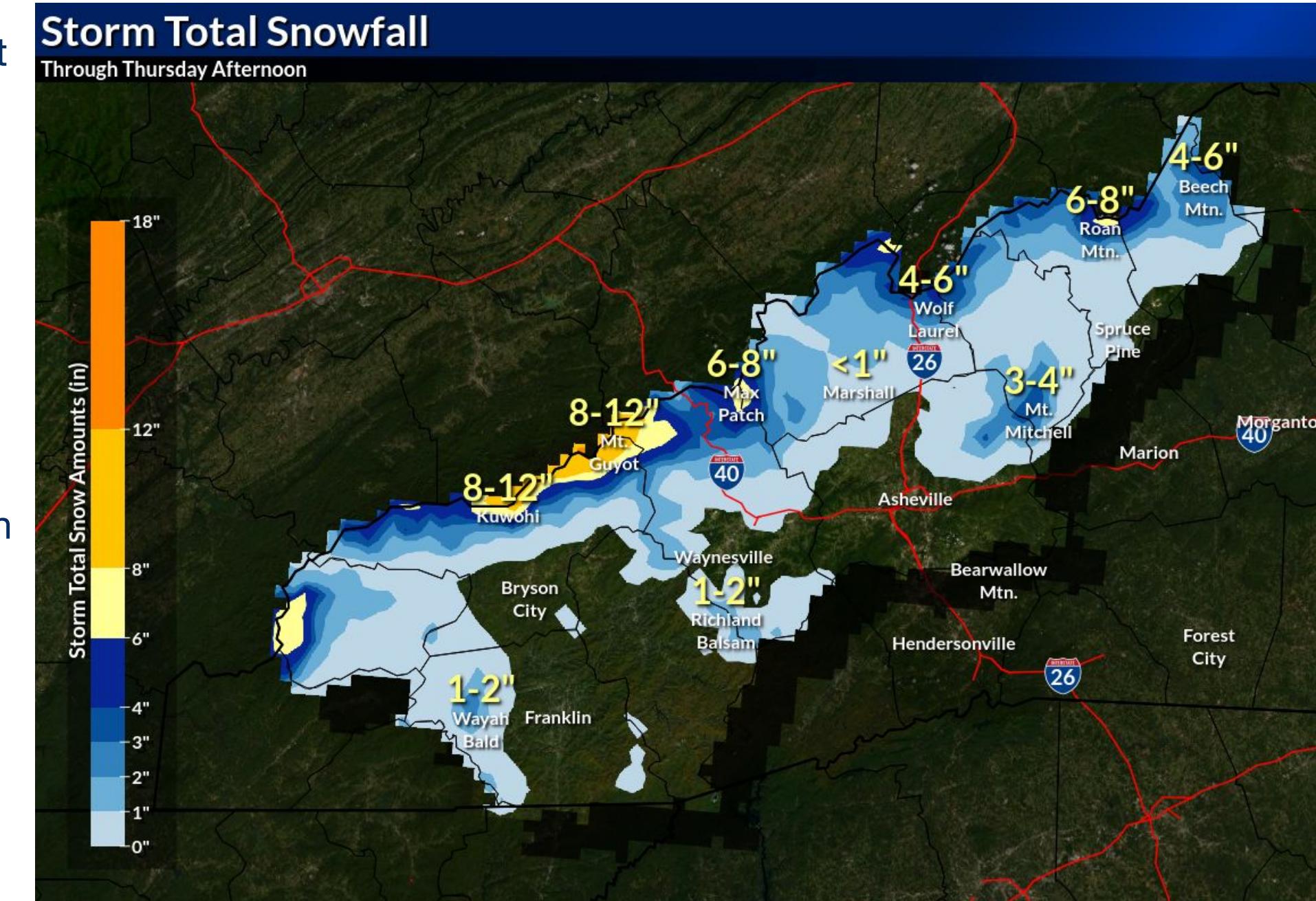


Expected Snow Accumulation

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- Precipitation will fall mostly as snow at elevations above 3500 feet near the TN border starting this afternoon. Peak intensity will be during the early evening hours.
- Snow amounts will be highly variable and generally 2-4 inches over the higher elevations, but some peaks could get upwards of 8-12 inches, especially across the Smokies.
- Precipitation will change over from rain to snow late this evening in valley locations with some light accumulations possible through Thursday morning, but generally an inch or less.
- The snow will taper off through Thursday morning with mainly flurries during the afternoon.



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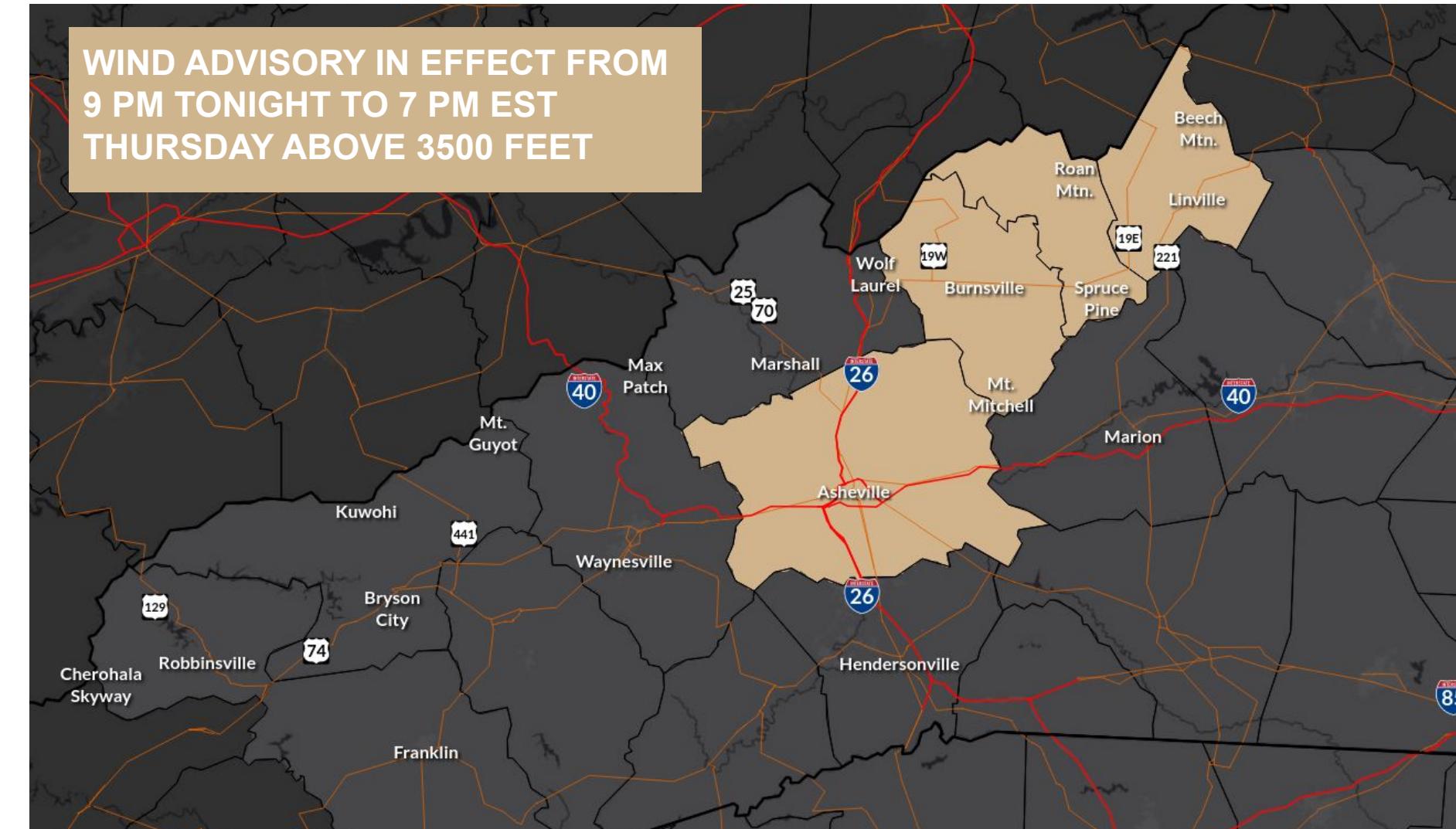


Gusty Winds Expected

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- Wind gusts will increase this evening through Thursday evening and a Wind Advisory has been issued from 9 pm tonight through 7 pm Thursday.
- Winds are expected to be 20-30 mph with gusts of 50-60 mph possible, especially across higher elevations.
- A few power outages will be possible from downed limbs and trees.



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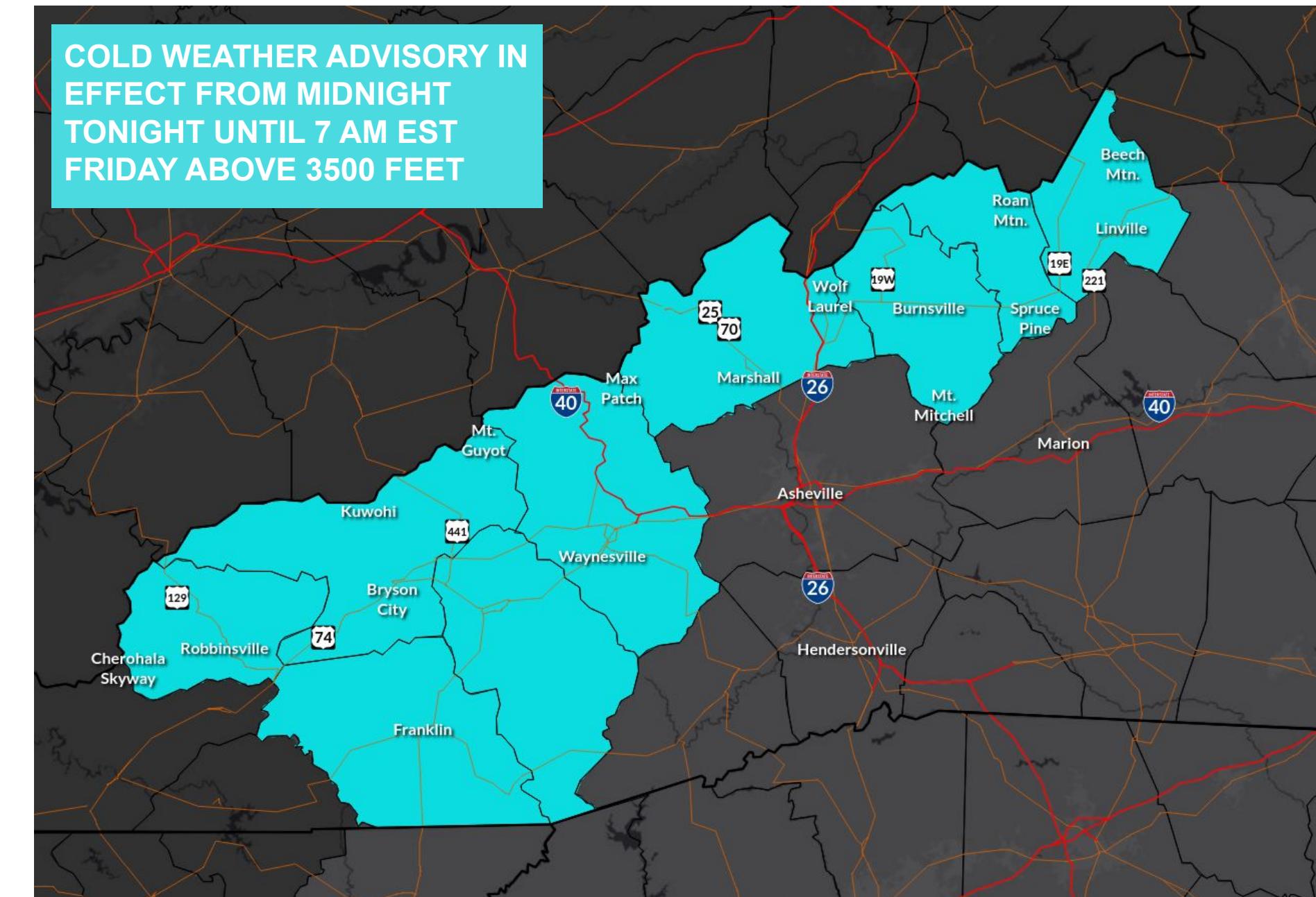


Cold Temperatures Expected

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- A Cold Weather Advisory has been issued from midnight tonight until 7 am Friday above 3500 ft.
- Cold air arrives this evening behind the arctic front with temperatures falling into the teens to single digits tonight. Temperatures will remain below freezing through the day Thursday with low teens to single digits again Thursday night.
- Cold temperatures combined with gusty winds will result in dangerous wind chill values of -5° to -15° F.
- Hypothermia or frostbite will be possible with prolonged exposure.



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