



High Elevation Snow, Cold and Wind Expected

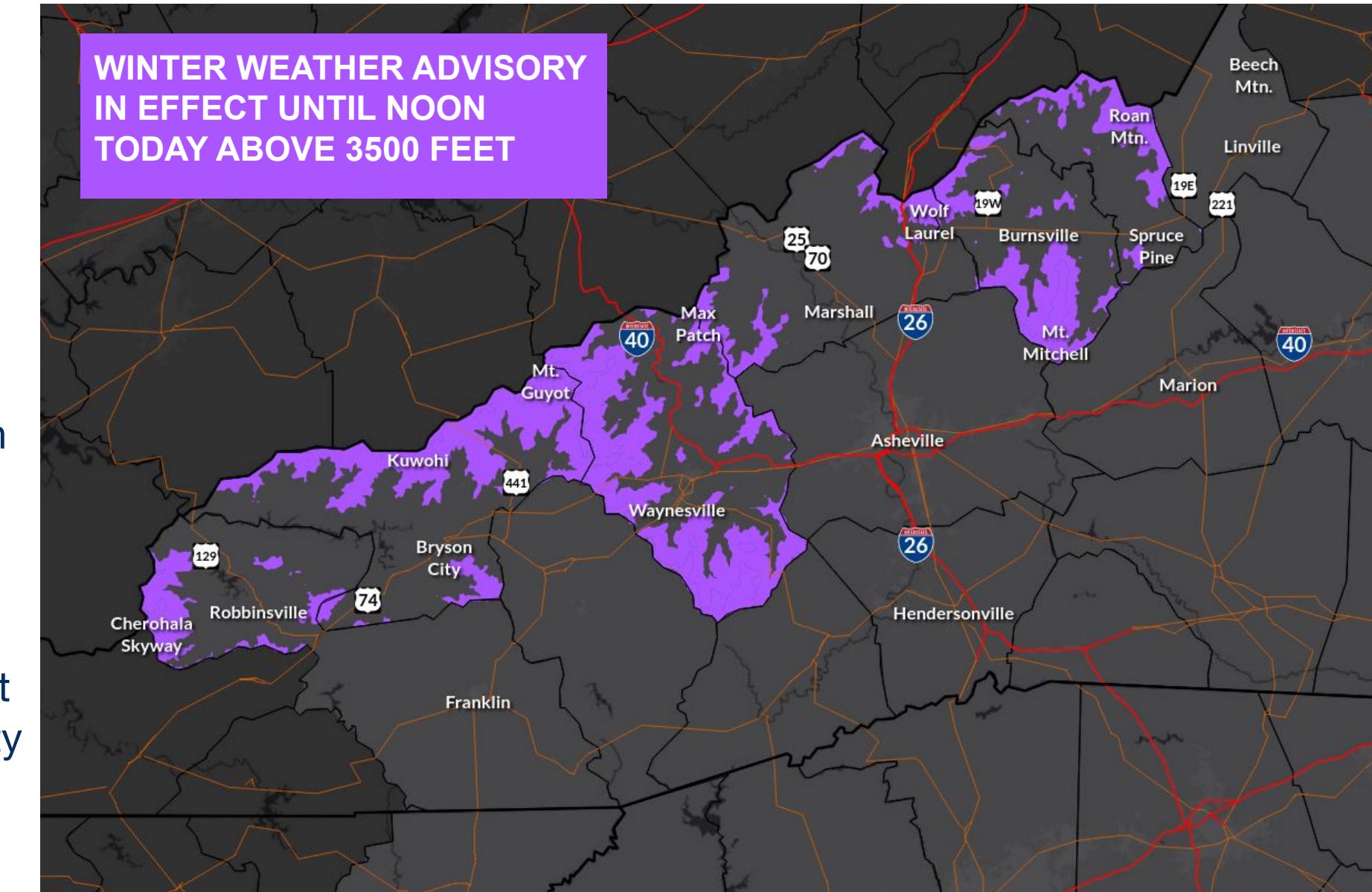
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Decision Support Briefing #2 for the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

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Important Updates

- A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect for elevations above 3500 ft in Graham, Swain, Haywood, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell counties through noon today.
- A Wind Advisory remains in effect through 7 pm today for all of Avery County and elevations above 3500 ft in Yancey, Mitchell and Buncombe counties.
- A Cold Weather Advisory remains in effect through 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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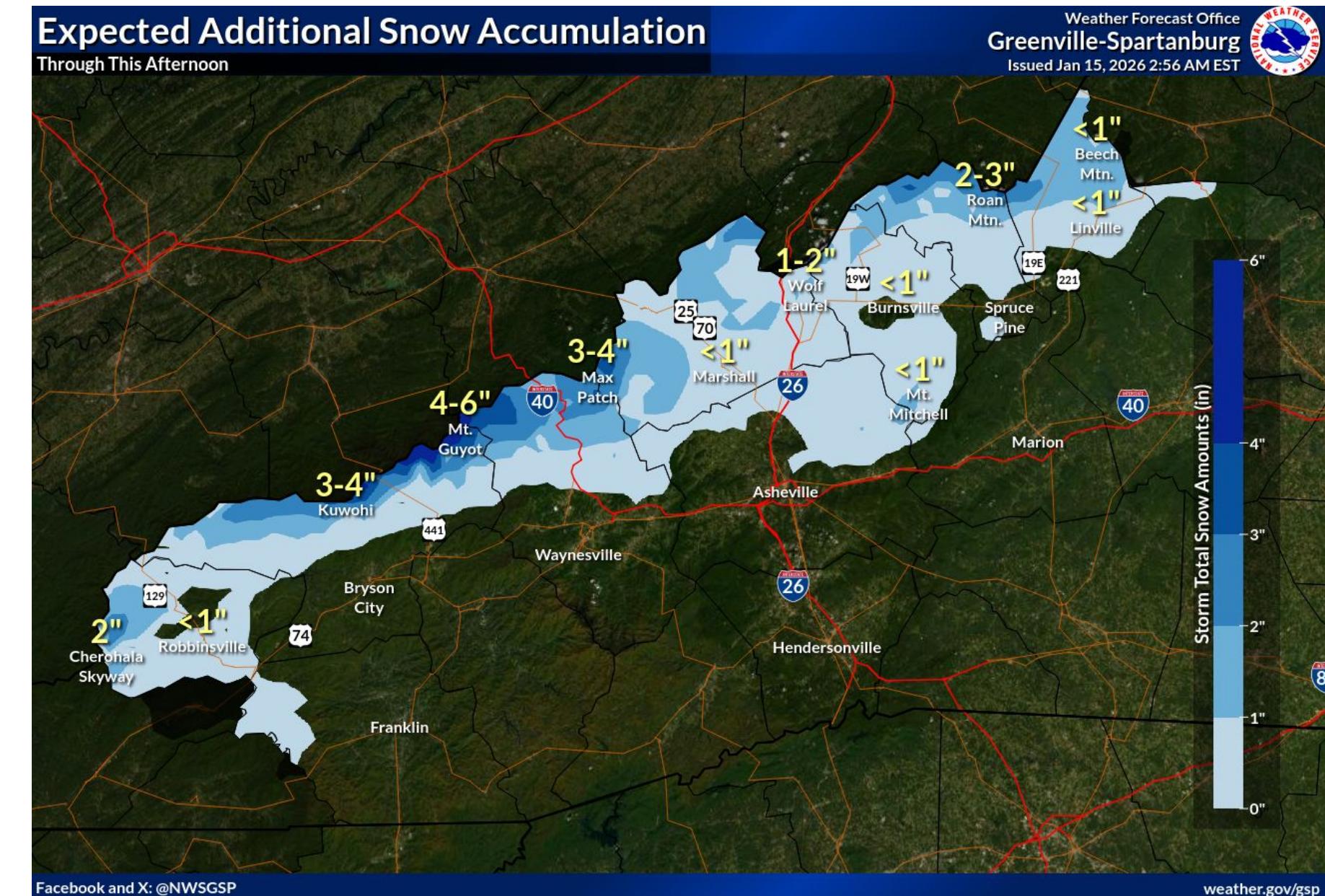


Expected Additional Snow Accumulation

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- Snow will continue across the mountains through at least daybreak, mainly near the TN border starting this afternoon.
- Additional snow amounts will be highly variable. Some of the high mountain peaks near the TN border could get another 3-6 inches before the snow ends.
- The snow will taper off through the morning hours, but occasional flurries could linger into the afternoon.



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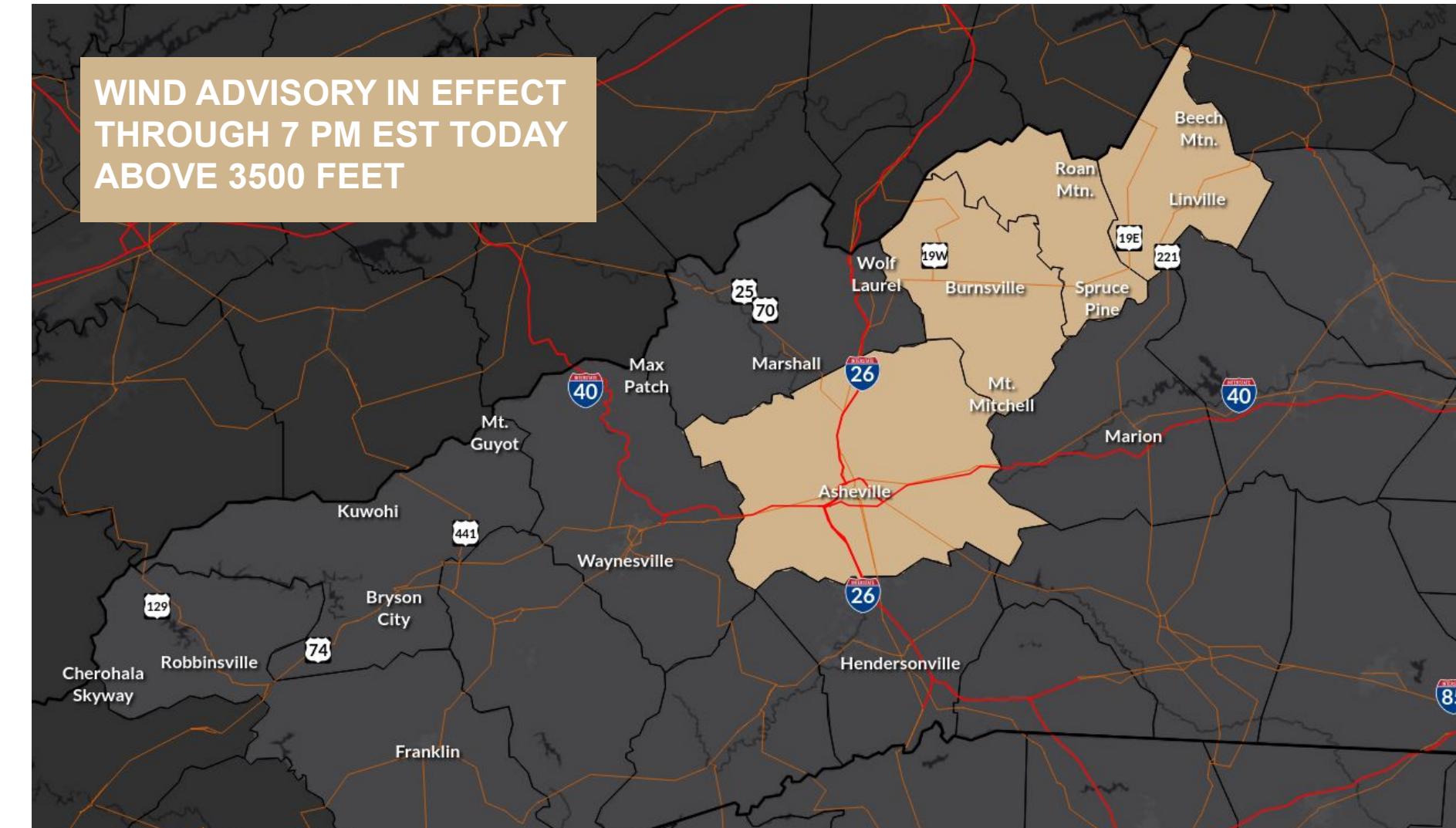


Gusty Winds Expected

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- A Wind Advisory remains in effect for the high elevations of Buncombe, Yancey, and Mitchell counties, and all of Avery County through 7 pm.
- Winds are expected to be 20-30 mph with gusts of 45-55 mph possible, especially across higher elevations.
- A few power outages will be possible from downed limbs and trees.



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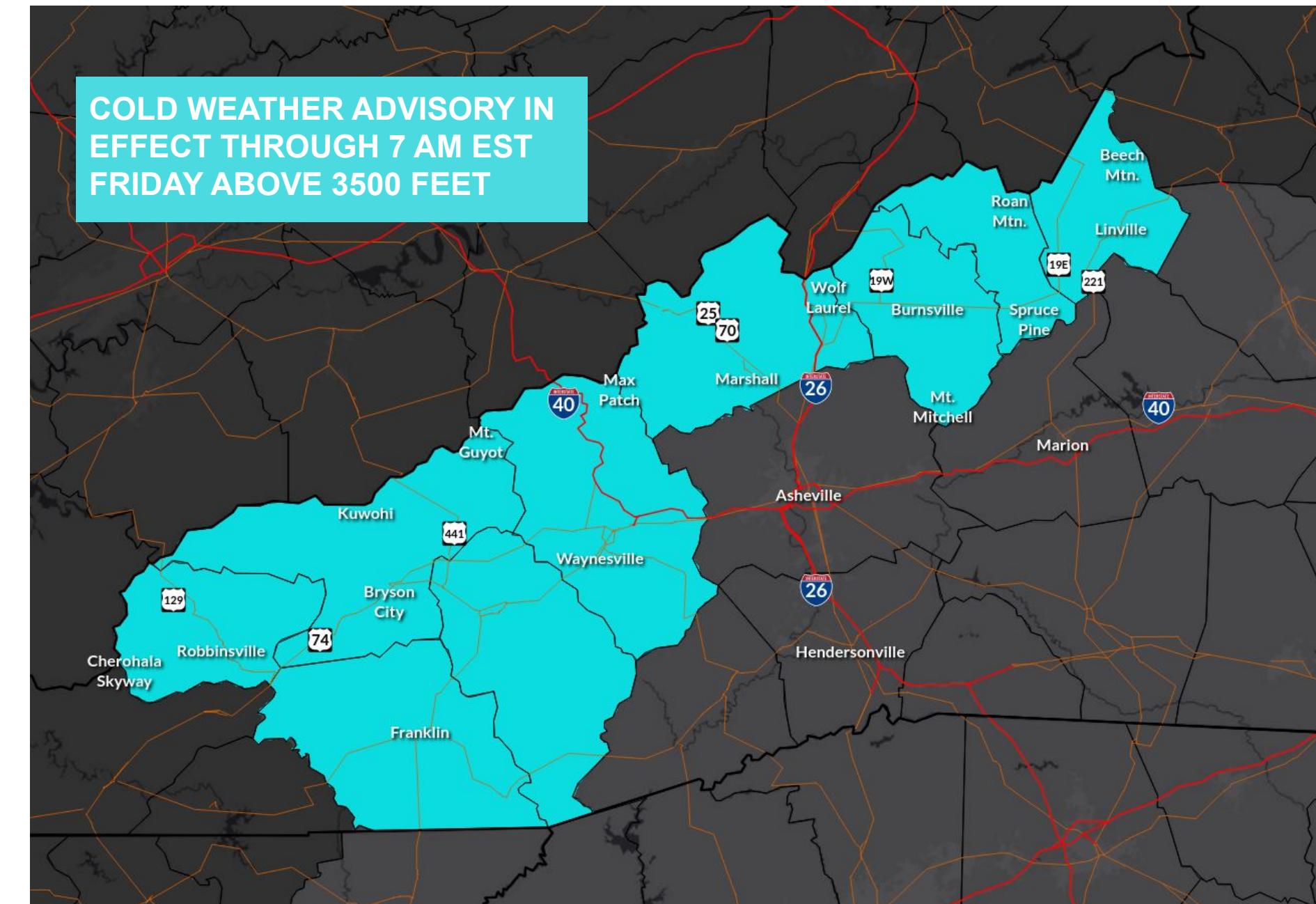


Cold Temperatures Expected

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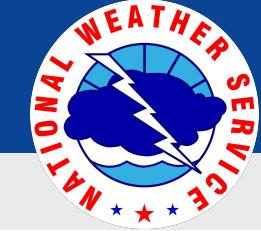
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- A Cold Weather Advisory remains in effect until 7 am Friday at elevations above 3500 ft.
- Temperatures are expected to fall into the teens to single digits early this morning and will remain below freezing through the day. Lows tonight will be in the lower teens to single digits again early Friday morning.
- 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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