



Winter Weather Briefing

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Decision Support Briefing #3 for the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

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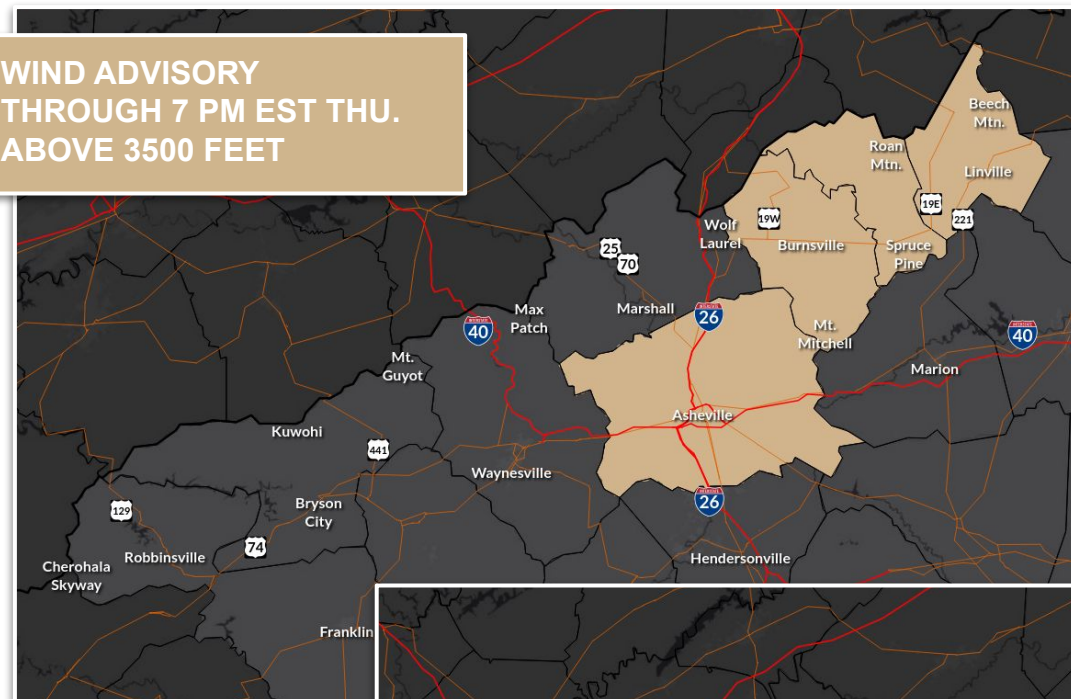
Important Updates

- Winter Weather Advisory no longer in effect for today's snow event in the NC mountains.
- Details on the next two potential precipitation events for the forecast area.

Key Messages

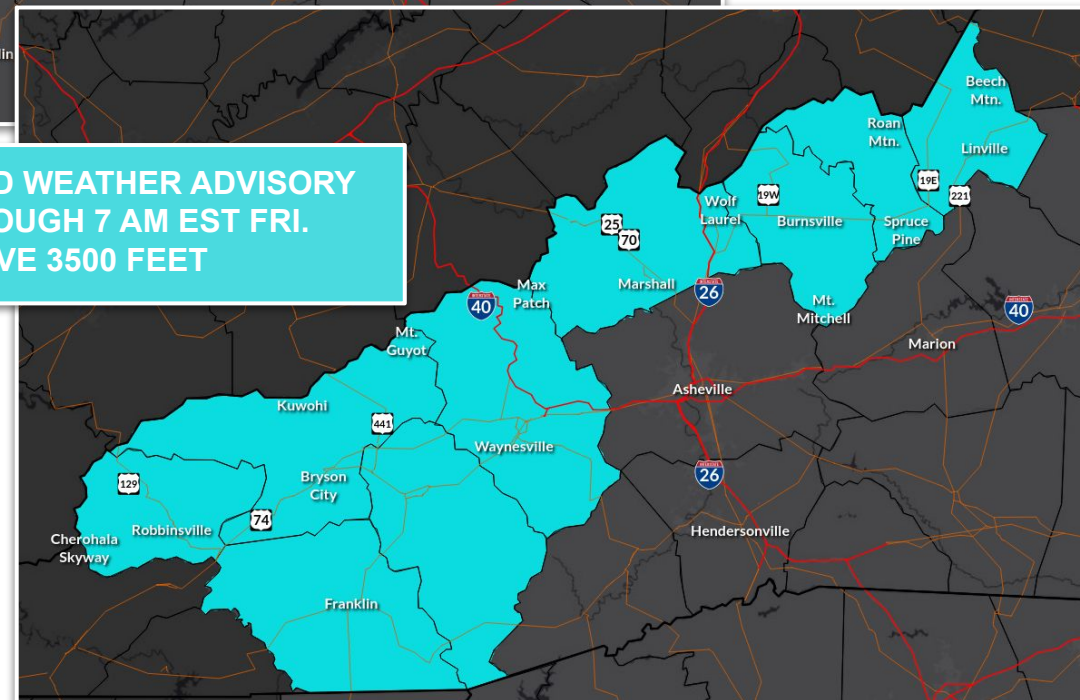
- Windy conditions this afternoon and dangerously cold wind chills in the mountains through tonight.
- Accumulating snow likely to return to the mountains Friday night, with significant accumulations in high elevations southwest of the Pigeon River Valley.
- Chance for light snow Saturday night and Sunday in the Piedmont. Confidence remains low as to occurrence or amounts.

WIND ADVISORY
THROUGH 7 PM EST THU.
ABOVE 3500 FEET



*No changes to
these products
since last briefing*

COLD WEATHER ADVISORY
THROUGH 7 AM EST FRI.
ABOVE 3500 FEET

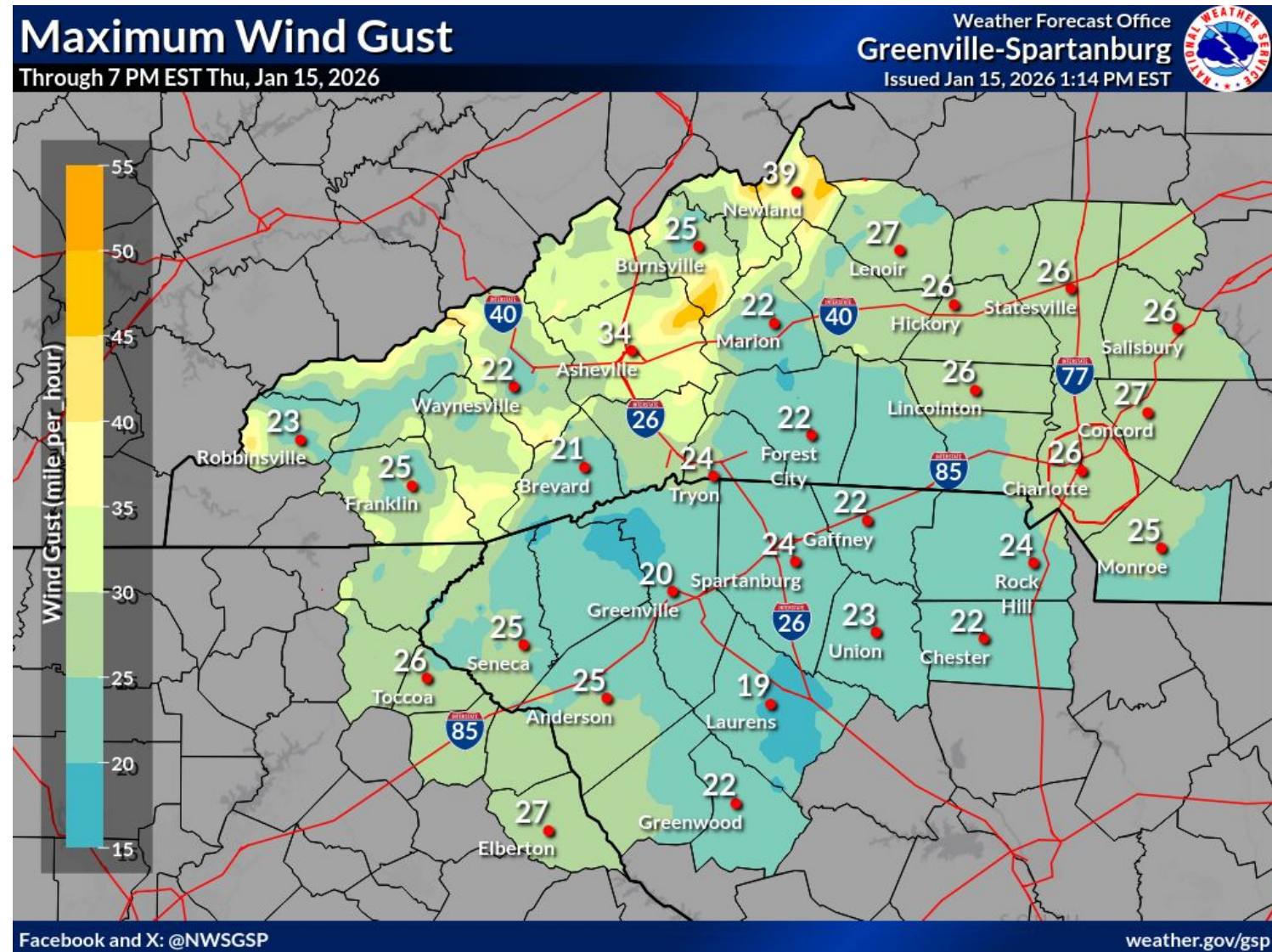




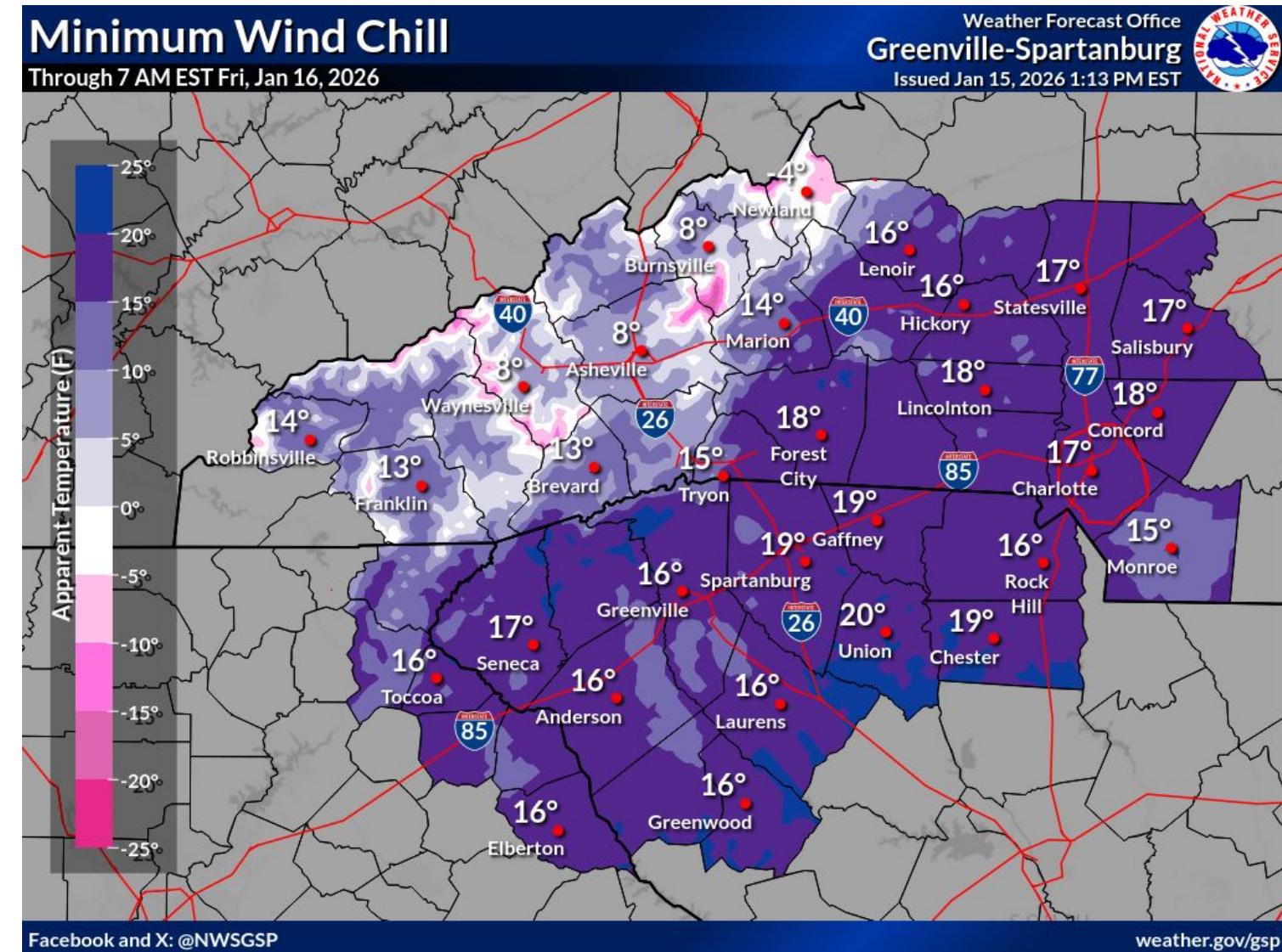
Gusty Winds, Cold Mountain Wind Chills

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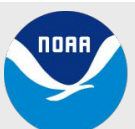
Wind gusts diminish this evening; wind chill remains below -5°F in high elevations tonight



Peak gusts will occur prior to 7 PM Thu, but gusts of 20-30 mph may linger until after midnight in the mountains. Most non-mountain locations will see gusts subside this evening.

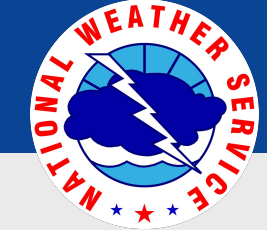


The coldest wind chills look to occur prior to midnight. Winds will diminish by early morning and wind chills will warm, though may remain below -5°F through 7 AM Fri in some spots above 3500 ft.



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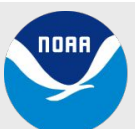
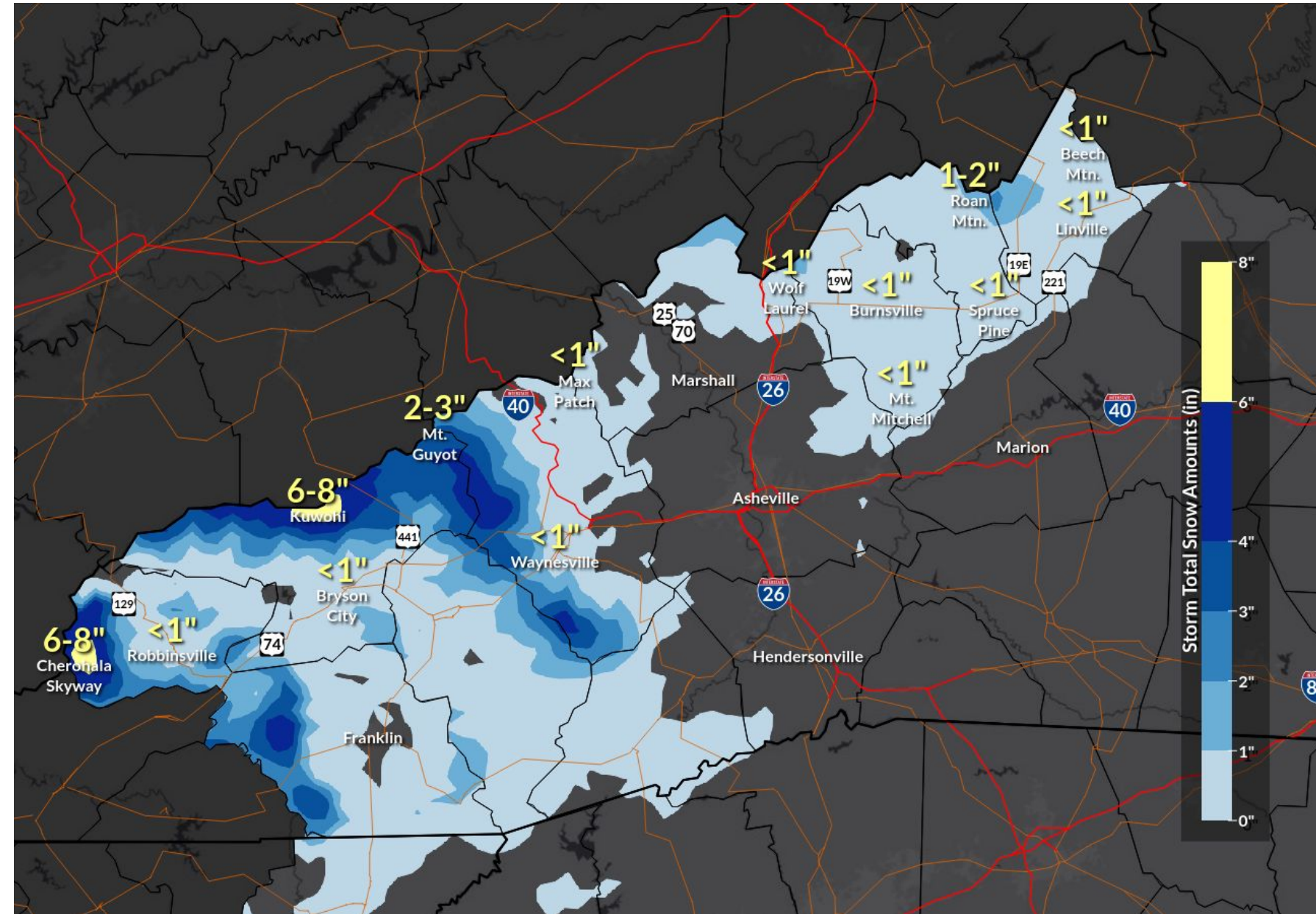
Fri. Night - Sat. Mountain Snow

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Storm total snowfall depicted below for the period 7 PM Fri to 1 PM Sat

Hazard Details

- A fast-moving weather disturbance will bring another snow event to the NC mountains Friday night.
- Precipitation is expected to begin 7 PM Friday to 1 AM Saturday in the mountains southwest of the Pigeon River, and between midnight and 4 AM elsewhere in the mountains. Snow most likely will end by around 7 AM.
- Rain may mix with snow in the valleys. Accumulations again will be highly elevation dependent, and significant accumulations most likely will be above 3500 feet, and largely in areas with little to no population.





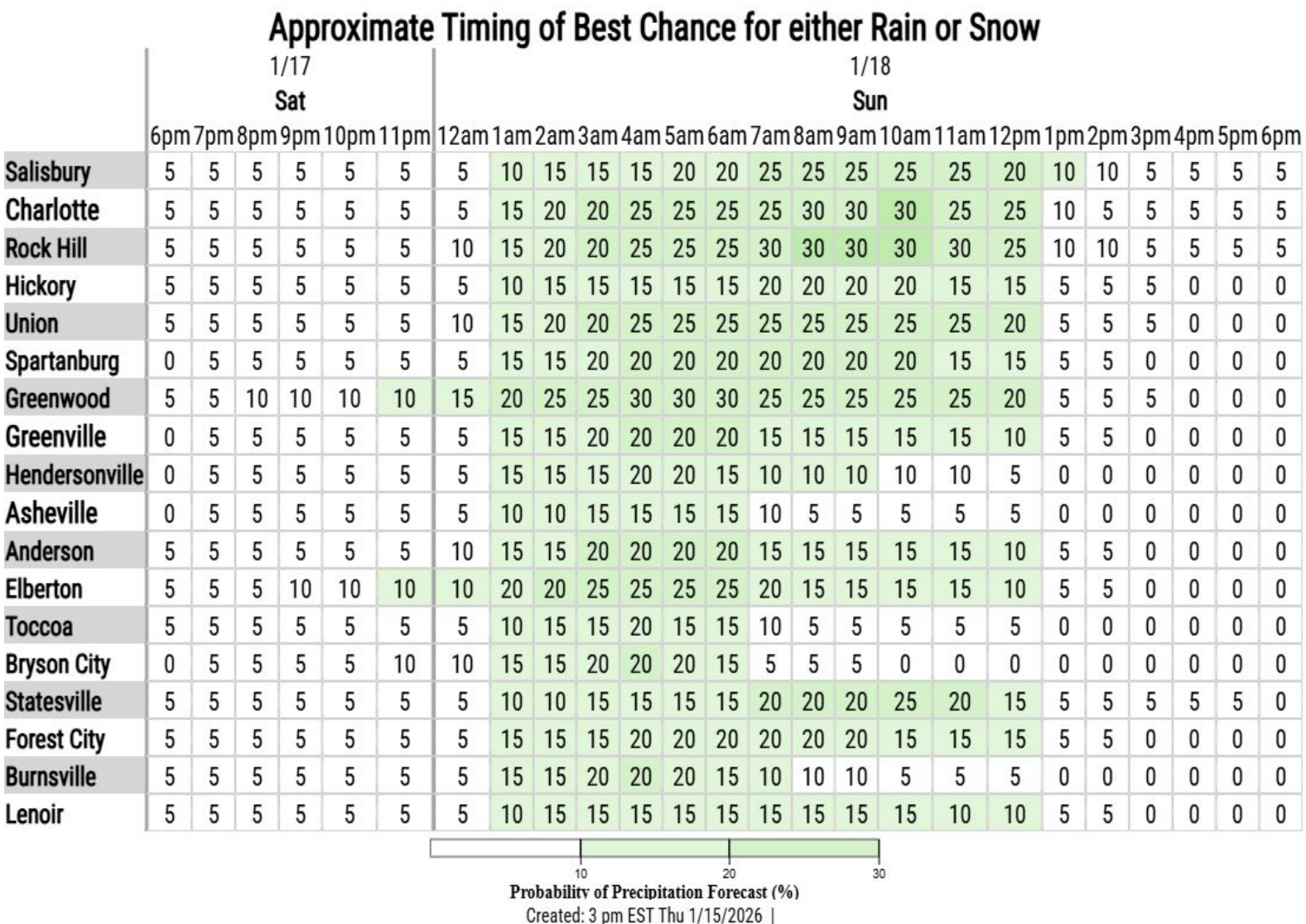
Potential Sat - Sun Precip Event

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Possibly affecting both the mountains and NC/SC/GA Piedmont

Forecast Challenges

- Confidence *has increased* that precipitation will occur between the mountains and coast Saturday night and Sunday. **However**, confidence remains low how far west this precipitation will develop.
- For the precipitation to fall as snow, cold air will have to overlap with moisture, and **confidence remains low** whether that overlap will occur. Thus, we are currently forecasting only a 20 to 30% chance of any snow.
- Based on our current analysis, the most likely scenarios for the Piedmont are either for *no precipitation* or *very light snowfall less than 1 inch*. See next slide.



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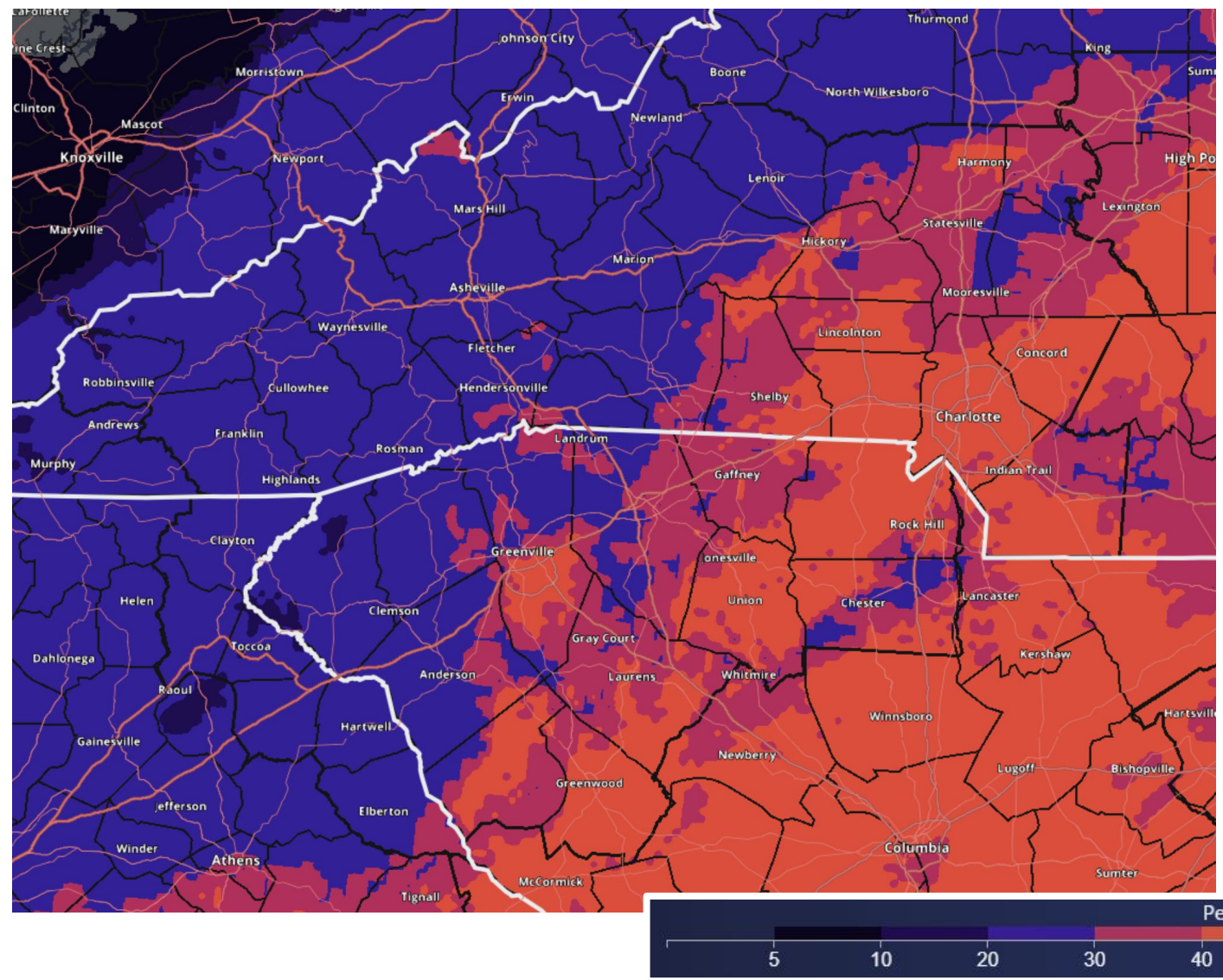


Snow Amount Exceedance Thresholds

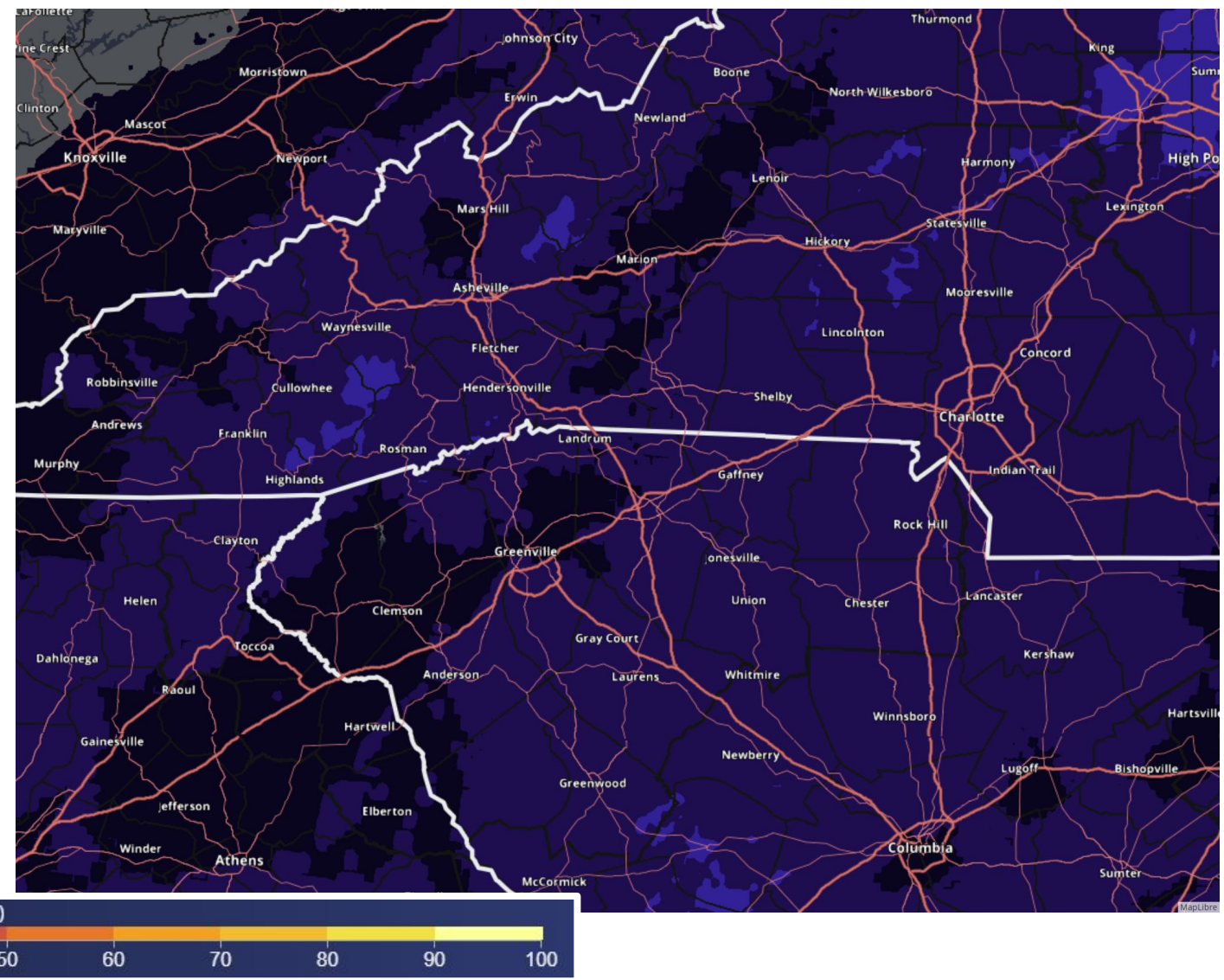
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Over the 24 hour period between 7 PM Sat and 7 PM Sun (EST) -- chances low for even 1" accumulation

Likelihood of 0.1" snowfall



Likelihood of 1" snowfall (Winter Wx Advisory Criteria)



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