

Ice Storm Briefing

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Decision Support Briefing #8 for the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

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Important Updates

- **Ice Storm Warning remains in effect for our entire forecast area from 1 PM today to 1 PM Monday.**
- Updated ice and sleet/snow totals, reflecting the trend toward a primarily freezing rain (ice) event.
- Low-end flood risk late Sunday.

Key Messages

- An ice storm will impact the entire area this weekend.
- Frigid temperatures next week could extend **the threat for hazardous travel and impacts from power outages for several days.**



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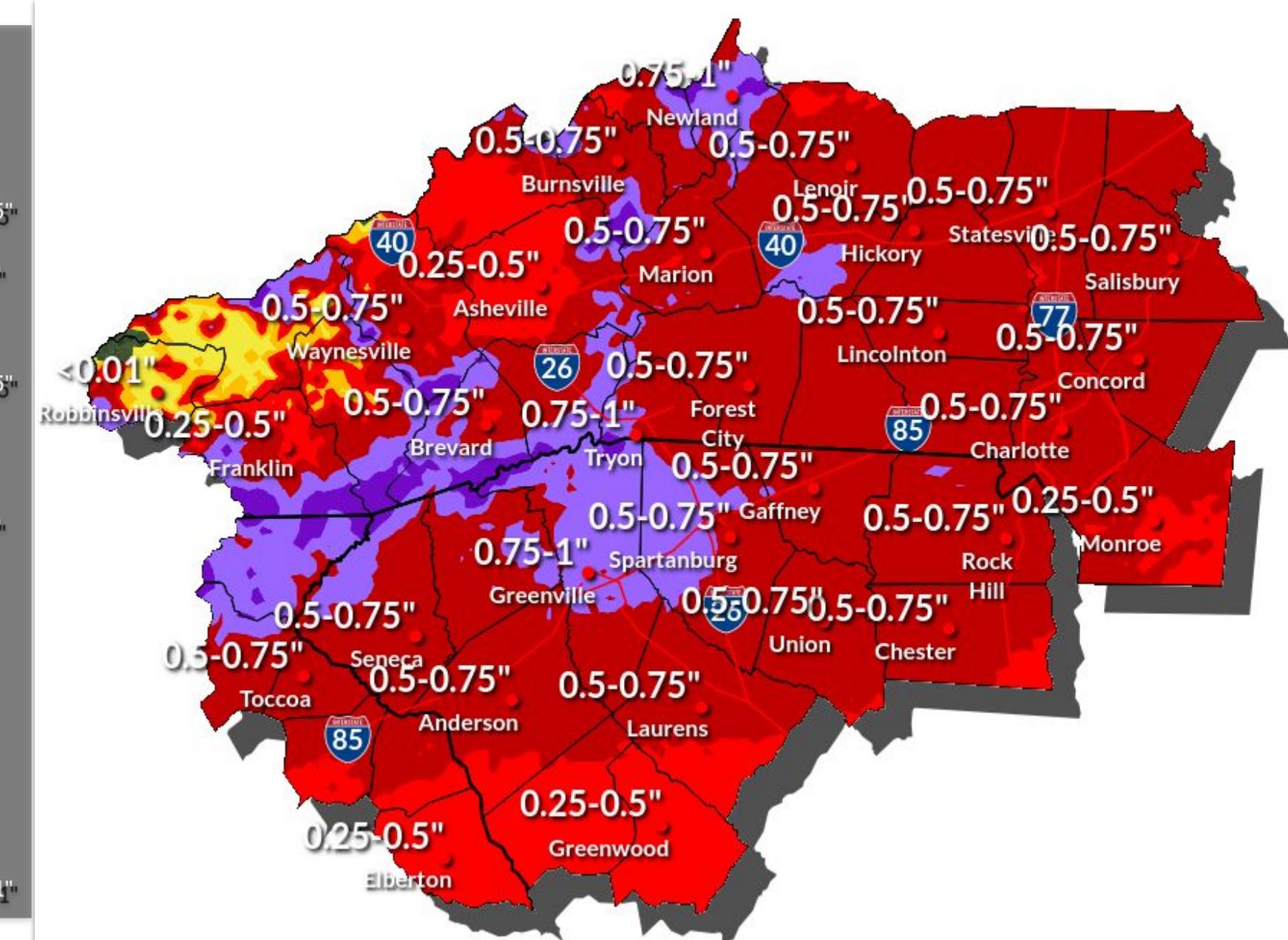
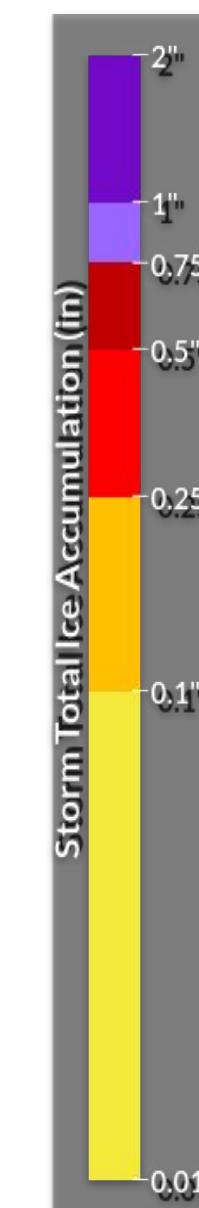
Ice Totals from Freezing Rain

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1 PM EST Saturday to 1 PM EST Monday

Key Messages

- **No significant change regarding impacts.** Ice Storm Warning carries the same weight as Winter Storm Warning, but highlights impacts being mainly due to freezing rain causing ice accumulation on trees, power lines, and road surfaces. Any sleet accumulation will only worsen road conditions.
- **Significant ice accumulation on power lines and tree limbs, causing widespread and long-lasting power outages.**
- **Treacherous, likely impassable ice and sleet covered roads lasting into the early next week.**
- **Consider delaying travel until road conditions improve.**



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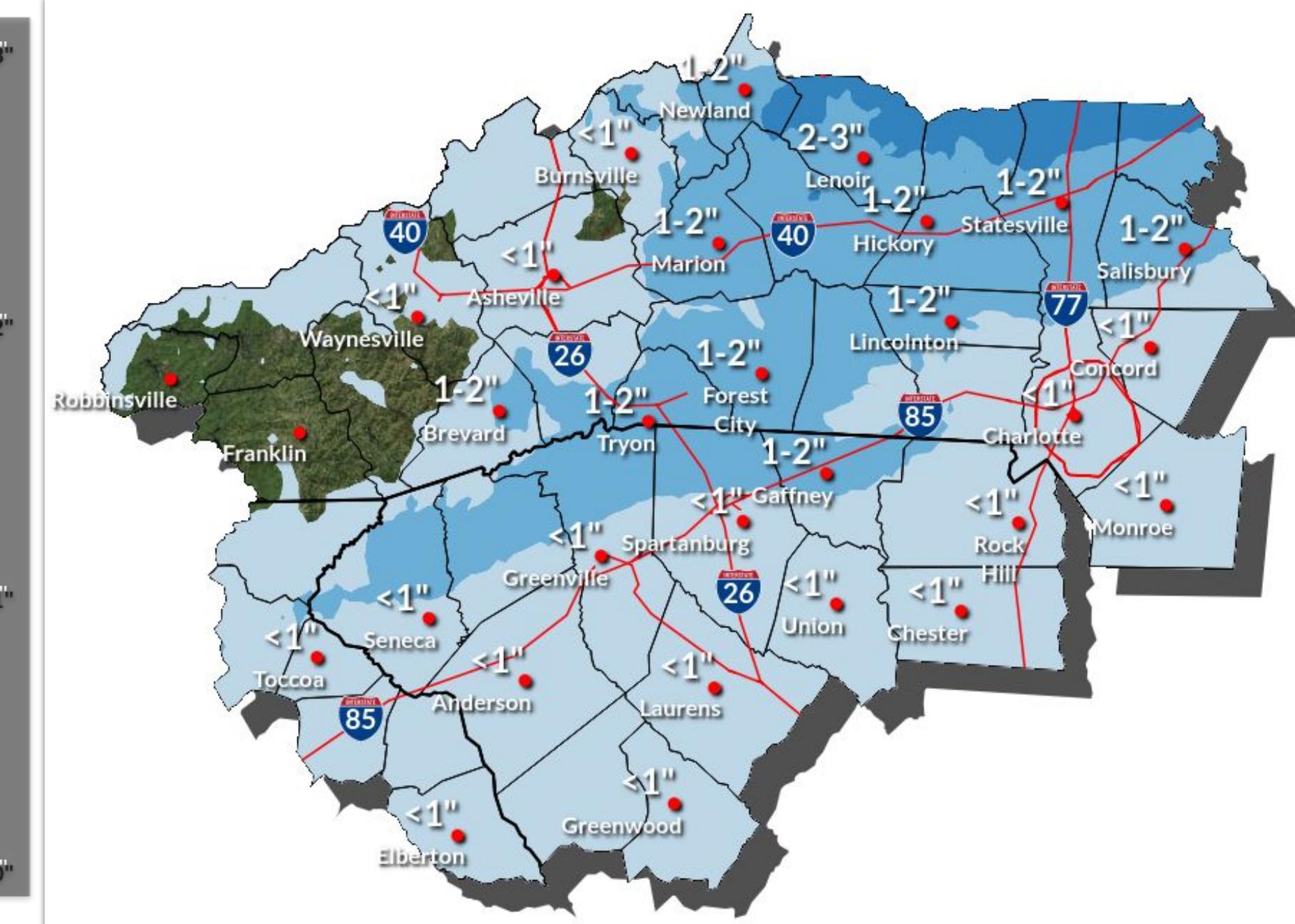
Storm Total Snow/Sleet

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Key Messages

- Sleet accumulation contributes to NWS forecast snow accumulation and climate data, so **the totals at right should be interpreted as total snow and sleet**.
- **Over most of the area, these totals are almost entirely due to sleet**, though some snow may mix in early in the event in areas north of I-40 and in high elevations along the TN border.
- Additional light snowfall may occur along the TN border Sunday night but that is insignificant considering the rest of the event.



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Most Likely Start Time of Wintry Mix

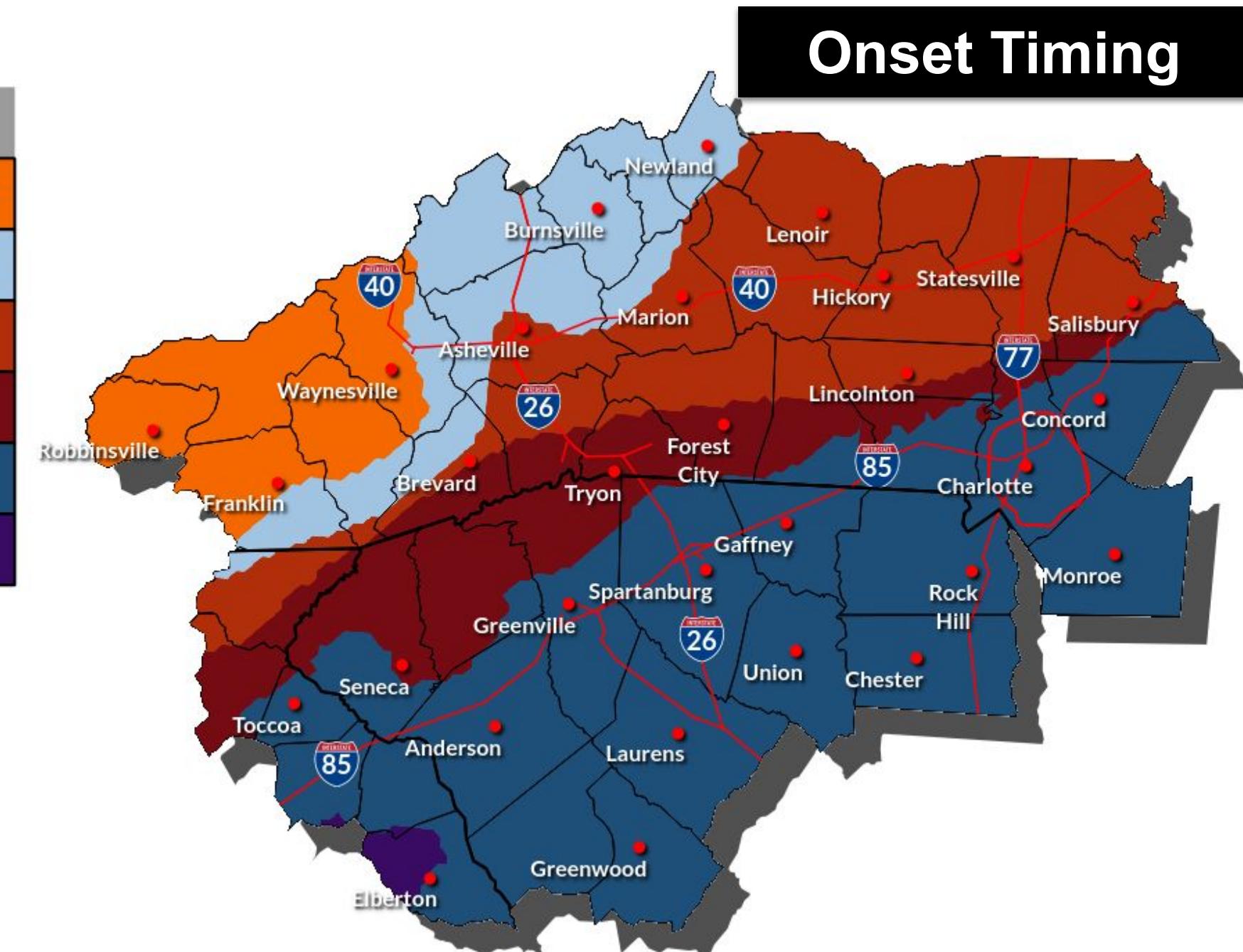
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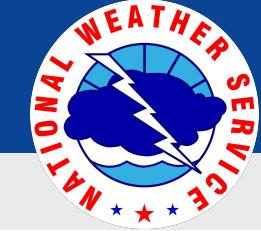
→ Timing is based on when chance of wintry precipitation rises above 50% in our official forecast. For most areas, precipitation will begin as a mix of sleet and freezing rain.

Start Time
10 AM Sat
12 PM Sat
2 PM Sat
4 PM Sat
6 PM Sat
8 PM Sat



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Most Likely End Time of Wintry Mix

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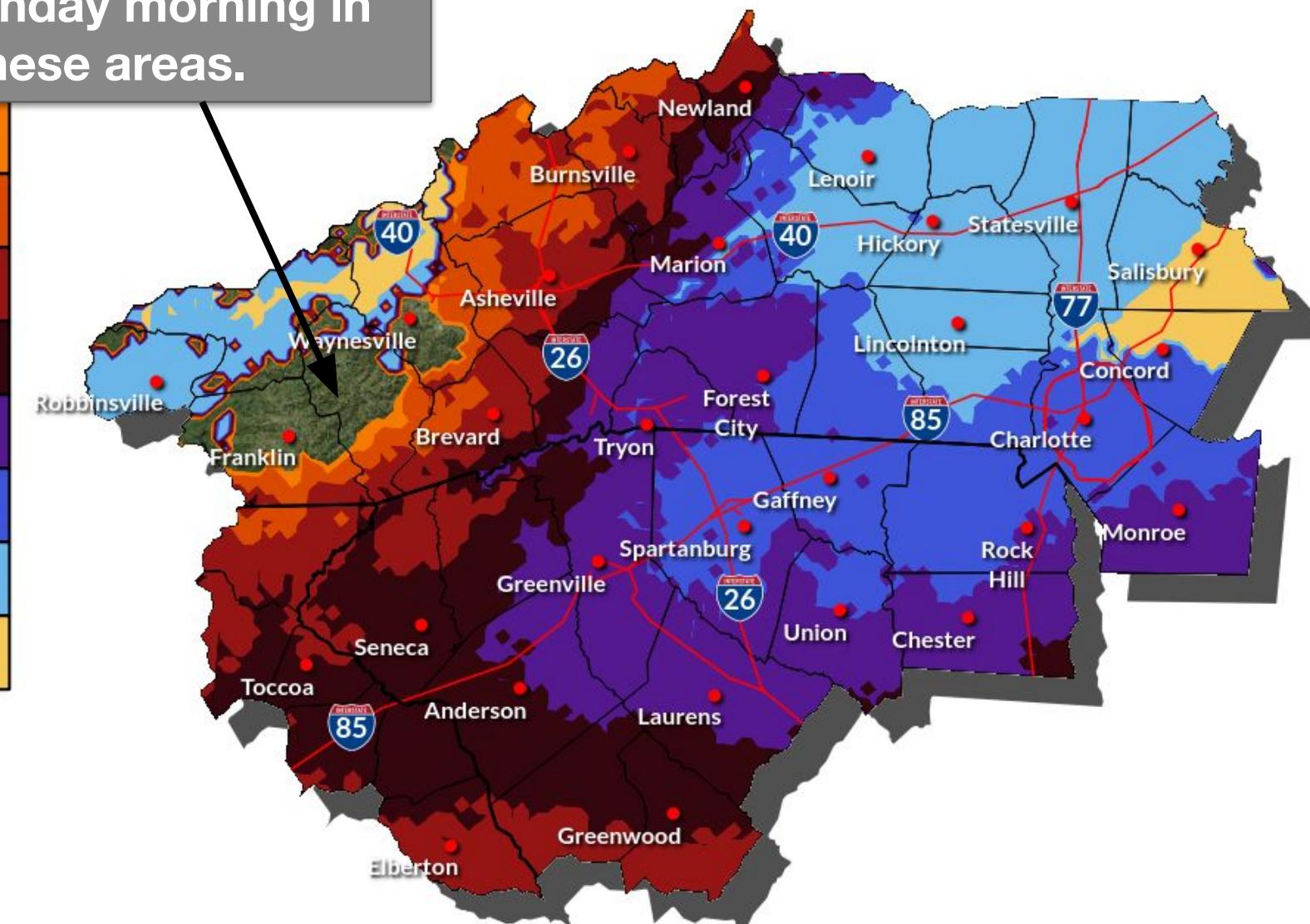
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- End timing (at right) is based on when chance of wintry precipitation drops below 50% in our official forecast.
- **The main period of precip could end earlier or later depending on where the system tracks over the next few days.**
- *Temperatures appear likely to warm enough for wintry precip to change over to rain in portions of the mountains and upper Savannah River Valley during the day Sunday. Near the Tennessee border, light snow may redevelop Sun night.

*Precipitation changes to rain Sunday morning in these areas.



Sun - Mon End Timing



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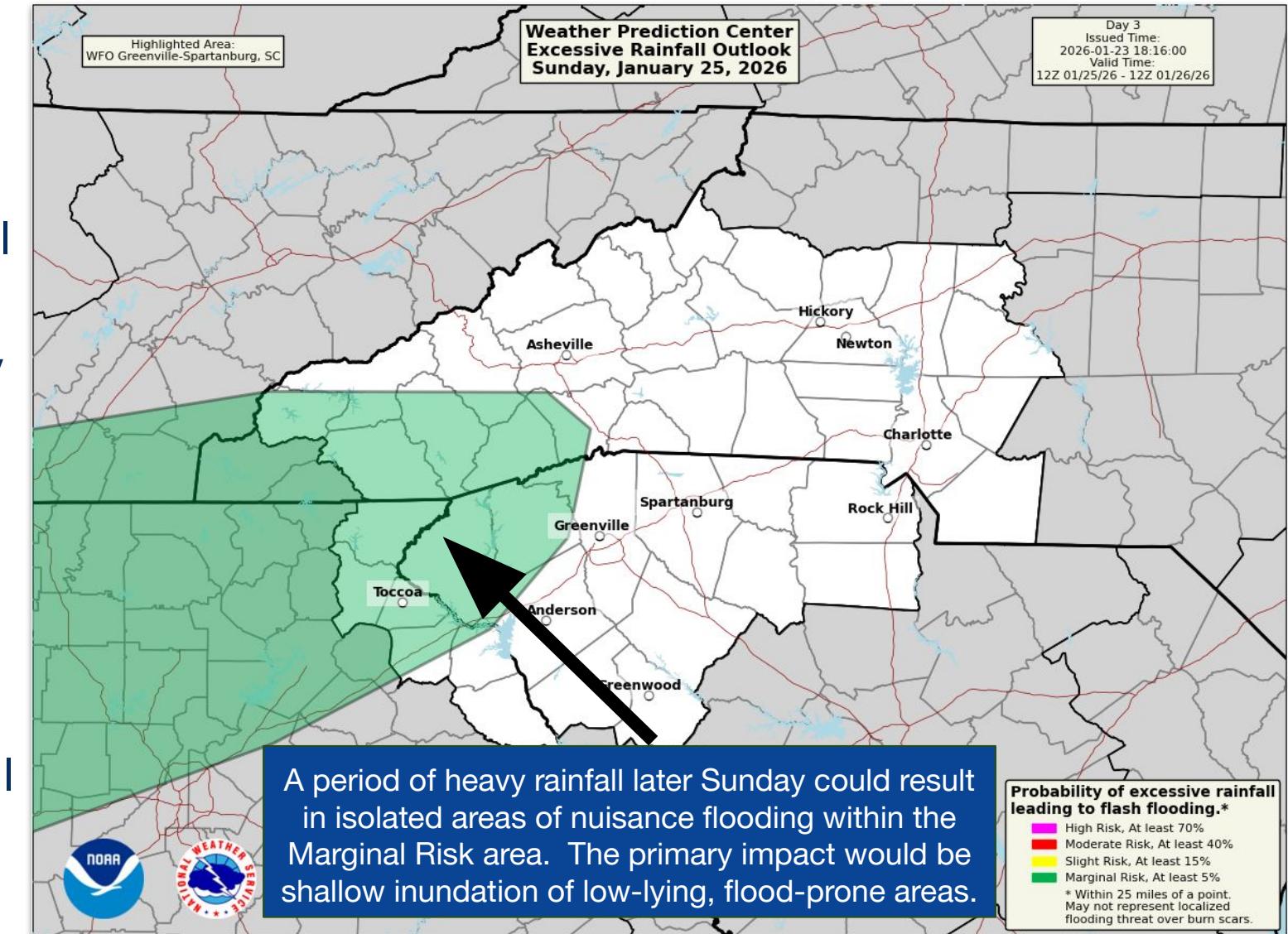
Isolated Flood Risk

Sunday Afternoon into Sunday Night

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Key Messages

- A brief period of moderate to heavy rainfall is possible from Sunday afternoon through Sunday evening primarily across the SW NC mountains, NE GA, and extreme NW SC (area highlighted in **green**). This rainfall would occur in addition to any prior wintry precipitation.
- **Heavy rainfall on top of sleet/ice accumulations may result in excessive runoff and isolated areas of nuisance flooding, primarily for smaller streams and drainages.**
- In areas with more significant sleet/ice accumulations, rainfall may cause ice to block small culverts, causing water to back up onto adjacent low-lying areas.
- There remains quite a bit of uncertainty regarding rainfall amounts. However, larger streams, including the upper French Broad, Little Tennessee, and Tallulah rivers, could approach bankfull Sunday night into Monday morning.



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Post-Event Outlook

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- Although precipitation will end Monday for most locations, dangerously cold wind chills will develop Monday night into Tuesday morning, which could result in hypothermia or frostbite for those exposed to the elements.
- Snow and ice are likely to linger through early next week due to cold temperatures.
- Recovery, in terms of repairing any power outages or clearing roads, could be slower than usual.



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Wind Advisory from 1000 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 1000 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024
Flood Watch from 1200 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 700 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024

Table updated: 957 am EST Mon. 1/8/2024 (Last Update: 103 minutes ago)

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GSP Forecast Discussion
4 miles S of Greer, SC

	Mon Jan 8	Tue Jan 9	Wed Jan 10	Thu Jan 11	Fri Jan 12	Sat Jan 13	Sun Jan 14
Max Temp, °F	49	59	50	55	50	50	48
Min Temp, °F	38	37	34	30	37	36	29
Min Wind Chill, °F	31	29	24	23	30	27	19
Max Wind, mph	10	22	21	9	16	21	14
Min Wind, mph	7	12	9	5	3	14	9
Max Wind Gust, mph	18	37	32	14	24	31	21
Max Prob. of Precip., %	27	100	9	9	87	41	9
Max Prob. of Thunder, %	0	13	0	0	18	7	1
Max Dew Point, °F	30	54	35	35	43	42	24
Min Dew Point, °F	28	33	28	28	32	25	22
Max RH, %	74	100	82	94	91	90	73
Min RH, %	46	81	48	46	73	43	38
Max Cloud Cover, %	95	99	50	35	87	49	38
Min Cloud Cover, %	30	55	12	7	48	22	19

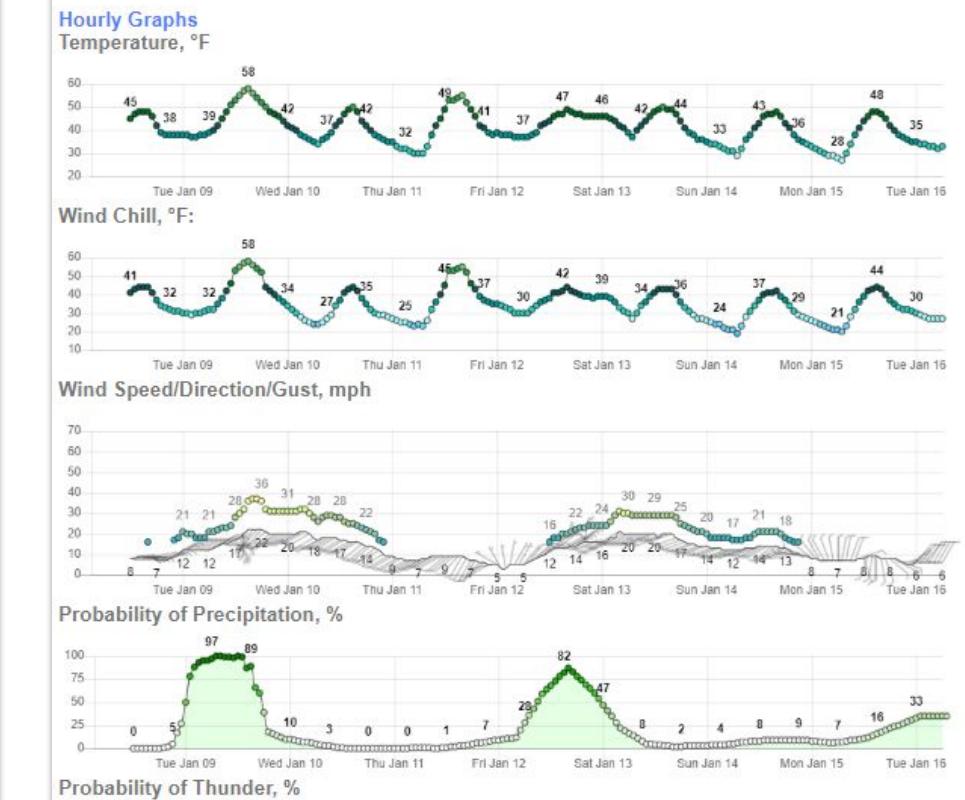
Outlooks

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Severe Thunderstorm	Not Expected	Marginal	Not Expected
Excessive Rainfall	Marginal	Slight	Not Expected

Day of week: Monday 1/8 Tuesday 1/9

Time:	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	1AM	2AM	3AM
Weather:																	
Temperature (°F):	43	45	47	48	48	48	46	42	39	38	38	38	38	38	38	37	37
Wind Chill, °F:	38	41	43	44	44	44	41	37	34	33	32	31	31	30	30	29	30
Wind Speed (mph):	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	8	9	10	12	12	12	12
Wind Gust (mph):	13	13	14	14	15	16	15	13	13	14	15	17	18	21	20	20	18
Wind Direction (°):	60	80	90	90	90	90	80	70	70	70	70	60	60	60	60	60	60
Wind Direction:																	
Prob. of Precip. (%):	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	17	27	50	78	88	93
Prob. of Thunder (%):	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Precip. Amount (in.):	0.00													0.04			0.44
Snow (in.):	0.0													0.0			0.0
Ice (in.):	0.00													0.00			0
Dew Point (°F):	29	29	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	30	30	32	33	34
RH (%):	57	53	48	46	46	46	52	59	65	69	71	71	74	78	81	87	92
Sky Cover (%):	37	43	49	37	34	30	47	49	60	72	87	94	95	96	97	97	98

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