



Cold Weather Briefing

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Decision Support Briefing #2 for the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

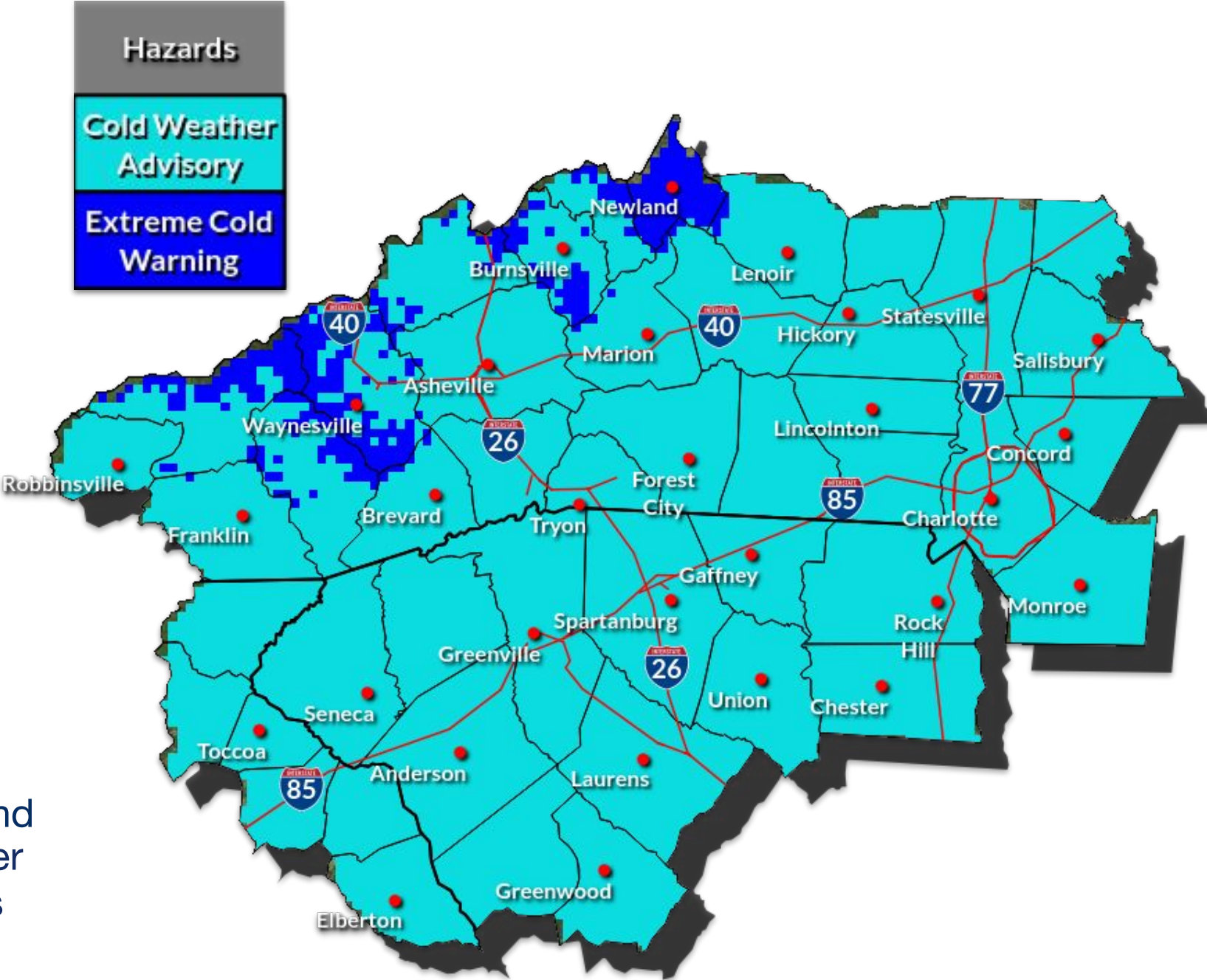


Important Updates

- **Extreme Cold Warning** remains in effect from 6pm this evening through noon Tuesday for Avery County and elevations above 3,500 ft in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, northern Jackson, and Swain counties.
- **Cold Weather Advisory** remains in effect from 6pm this evening through noon Tuesday elsewhere.
- Lingering ice and sleet on any untreated and secondary roads will refreeze tonight leading to hazardous driving conditions this evening into early Tuesday morning.

Key Messages

- **Dangerous wind chills could result in hypothermia and/or frostbite if precautions are not taken.**
- Frigid temperatures linger this week which could extend the threat for hazardous travel and impacts from power outages. An extended period of freezing temperatures could cause ruptured water pipes.



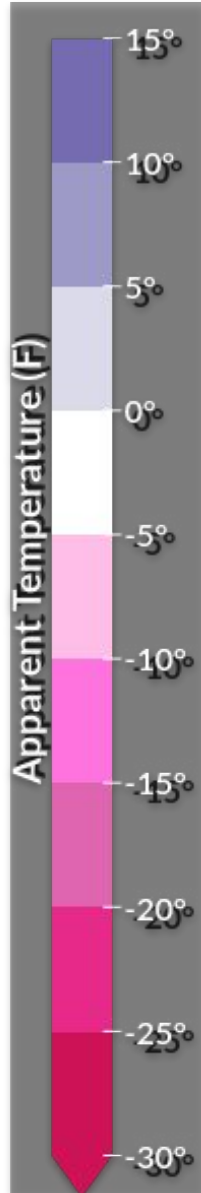


Minimum Wind Chills Tonight into Tuesday Morning

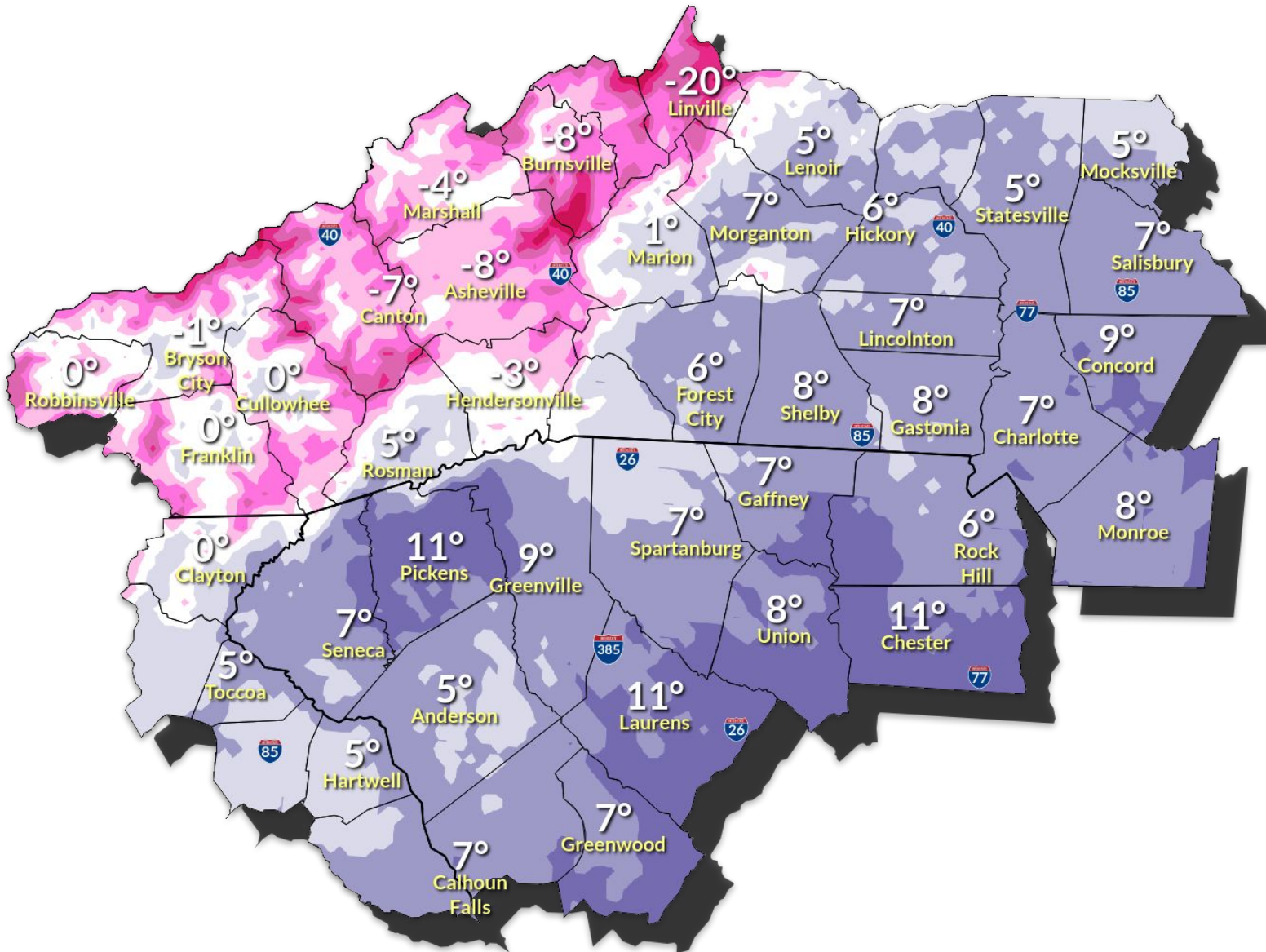
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Key Messages

- Gusty northwest winds will lead to dangerously cold wind chills this evening into Tuesday morning.
- Dangerously cold wind chills from 15 to 20 degrees below zero in Avery County and above 3,500 ft in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, northern Jackson, and Swain counties.
- Dangerously cold wind chills from 5 to 13 degrees below zero below 3,500 feet in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, northern Jackson, and Swain as well as the rest of the North Carolina mountain counties, the South Carolina mountains and Rabun County in northeast Georgia.
- Dangerously cold wind chills as low as 5 to 10 degrees are expected elsewhere.



Minimum Wind Chills Tonight



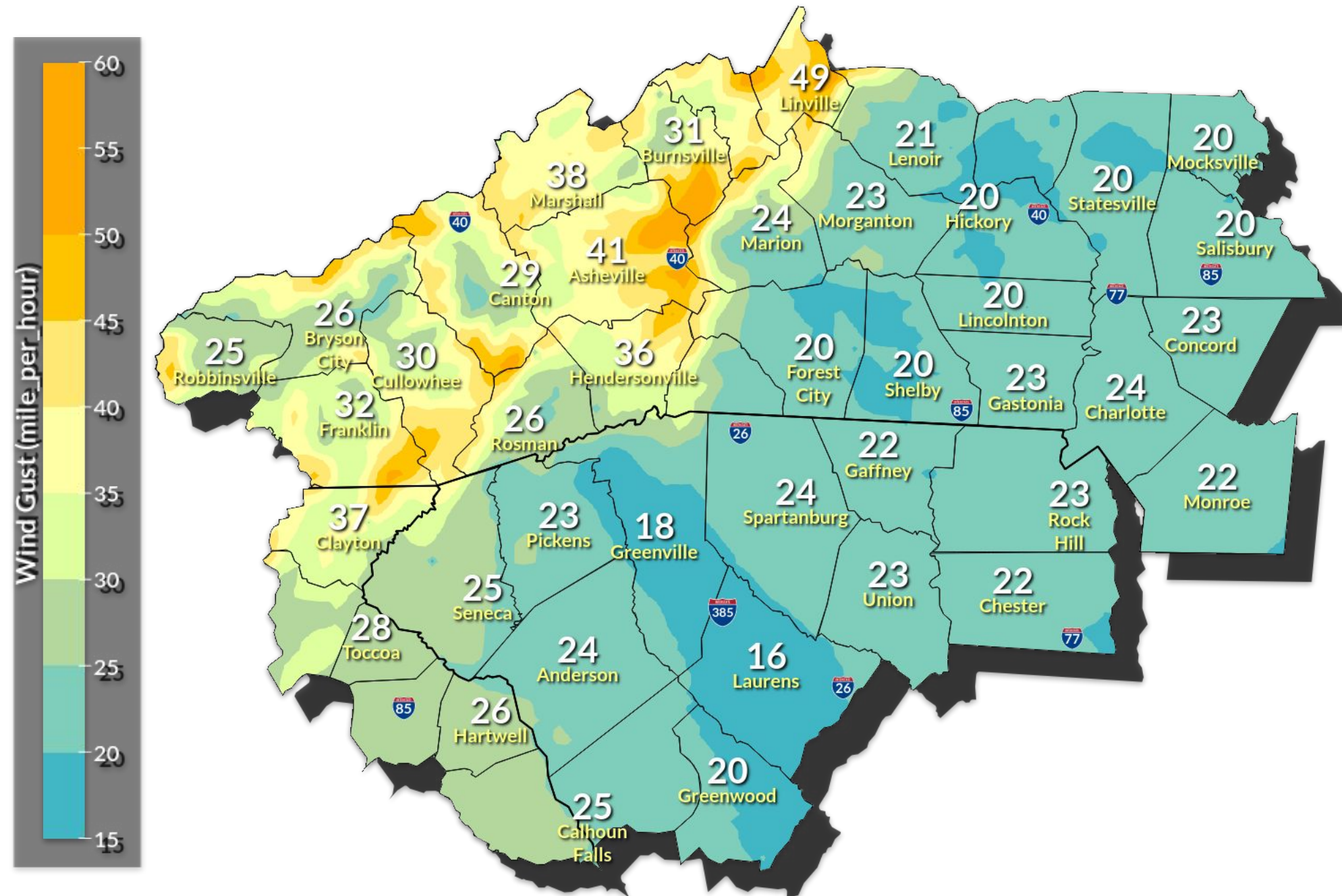


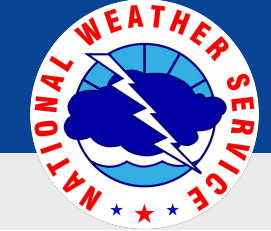
Peak Wind Gusts through Tonight

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Key Messages

- Gusty northwest winds of 35 to 45 mph are likely across the mountains above 3,500 feet through this evening.
- These winds may cause some power outages, especially in any areas that had significant ice accretions from the weekend storm.





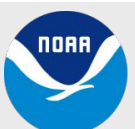
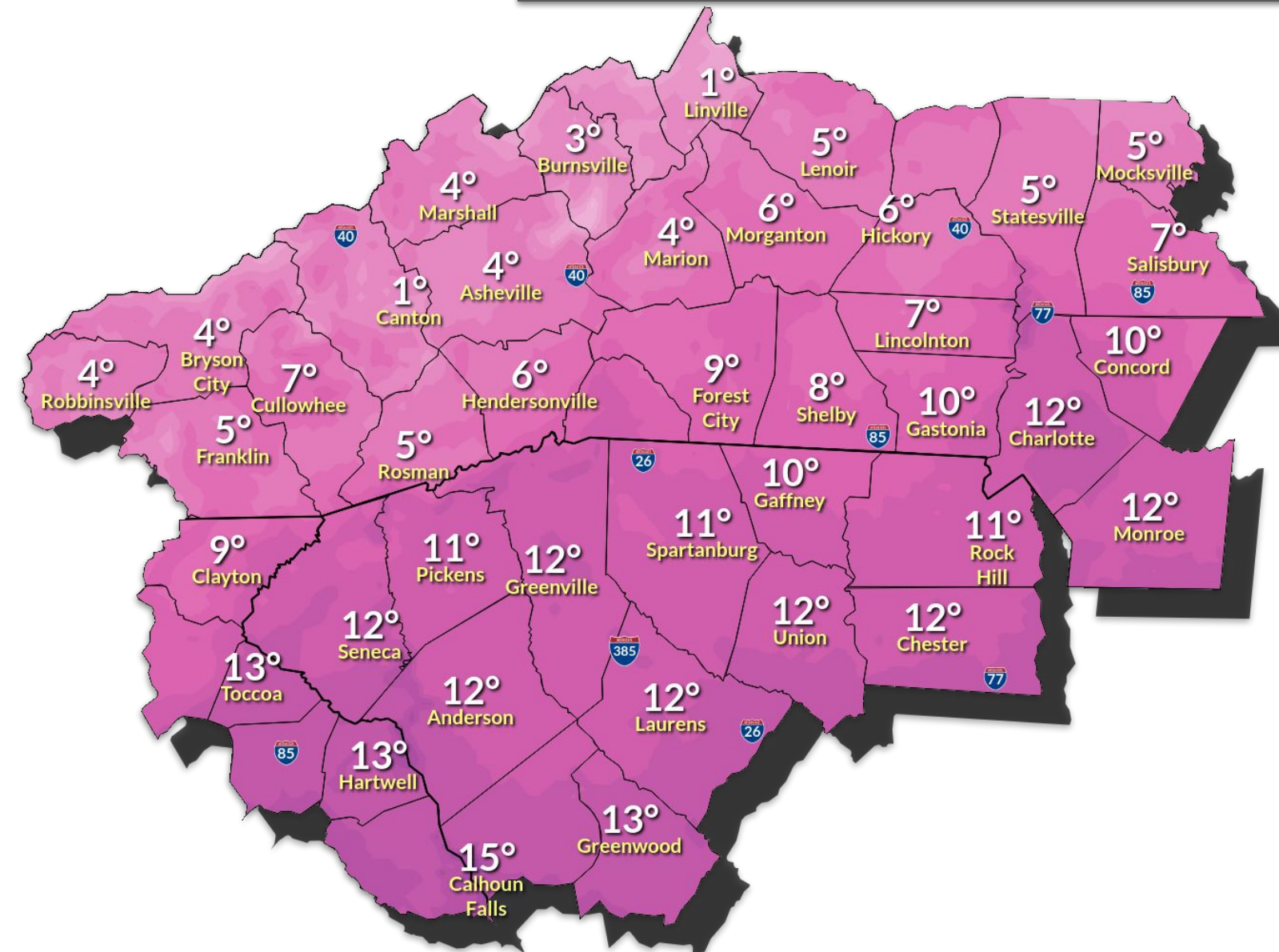
Lows Tonight into Early Monday Morning

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Lows Tonight

Key Message

→ Very cold temperatures are expected tonight with locations across the mountains falling into the single digits and locations east of the mountains ranging from the single digits to mid teens.

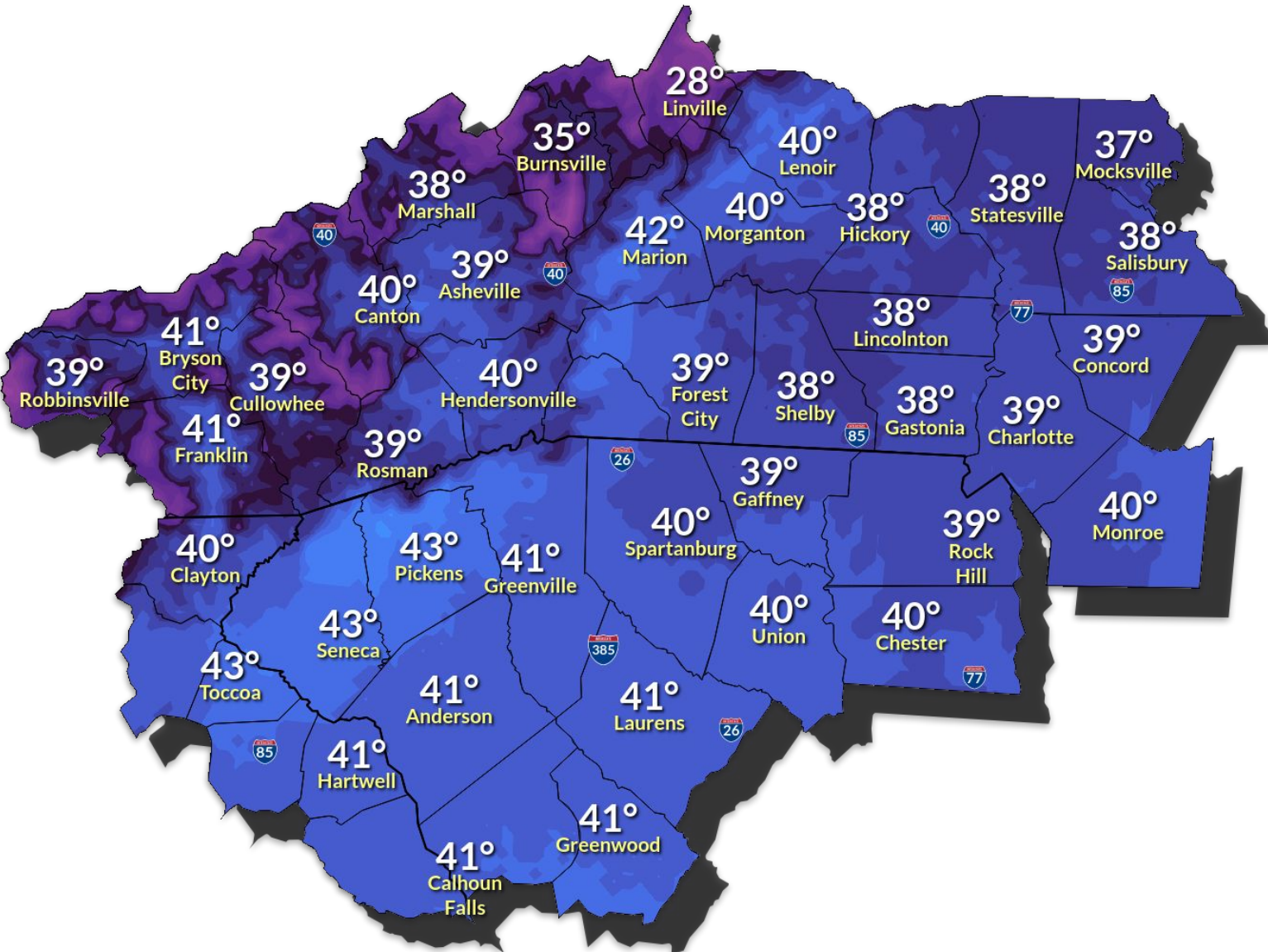




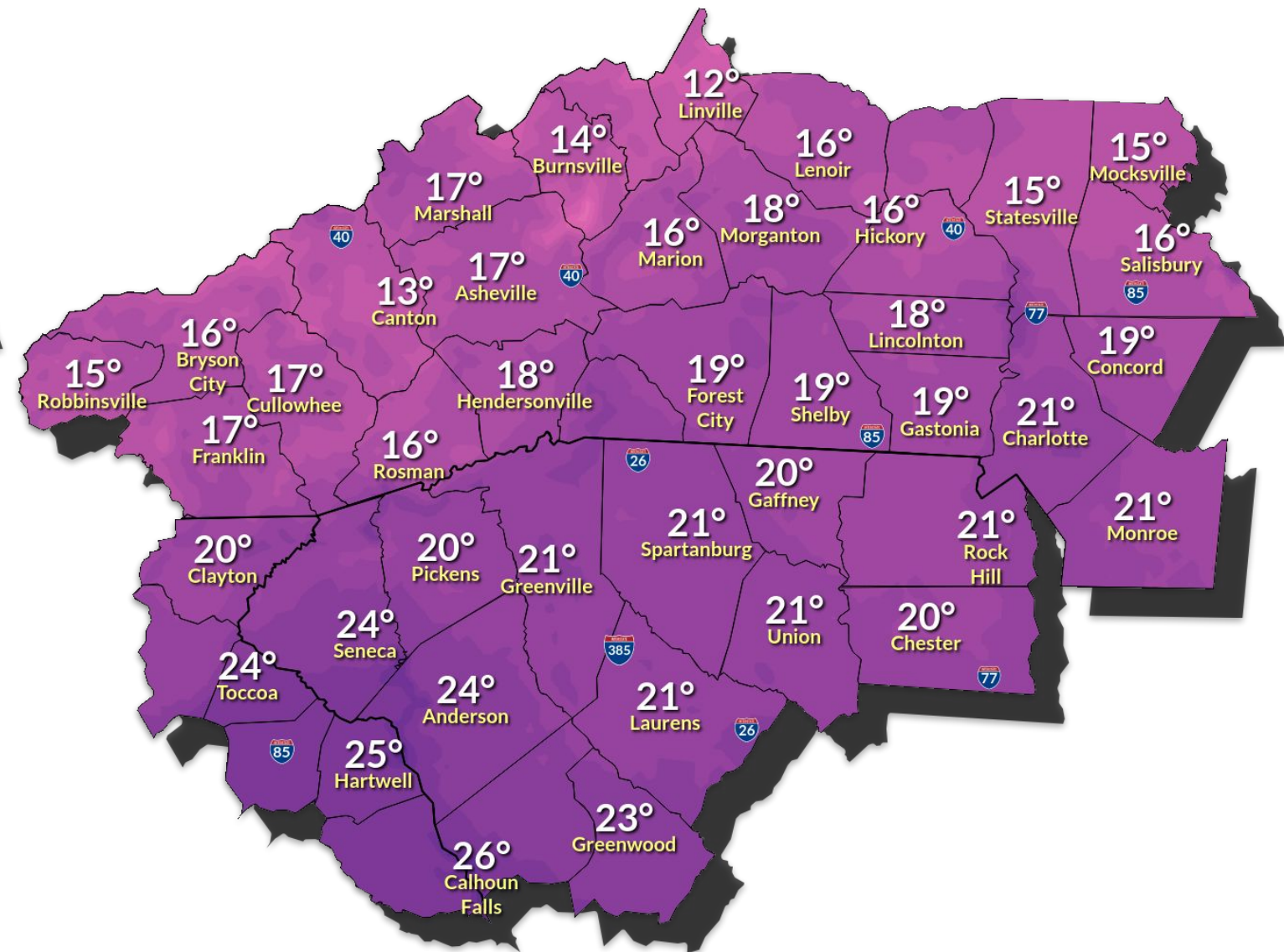
Temperatures Tuesday

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Highs Tuesday



Lows Tuesday Night

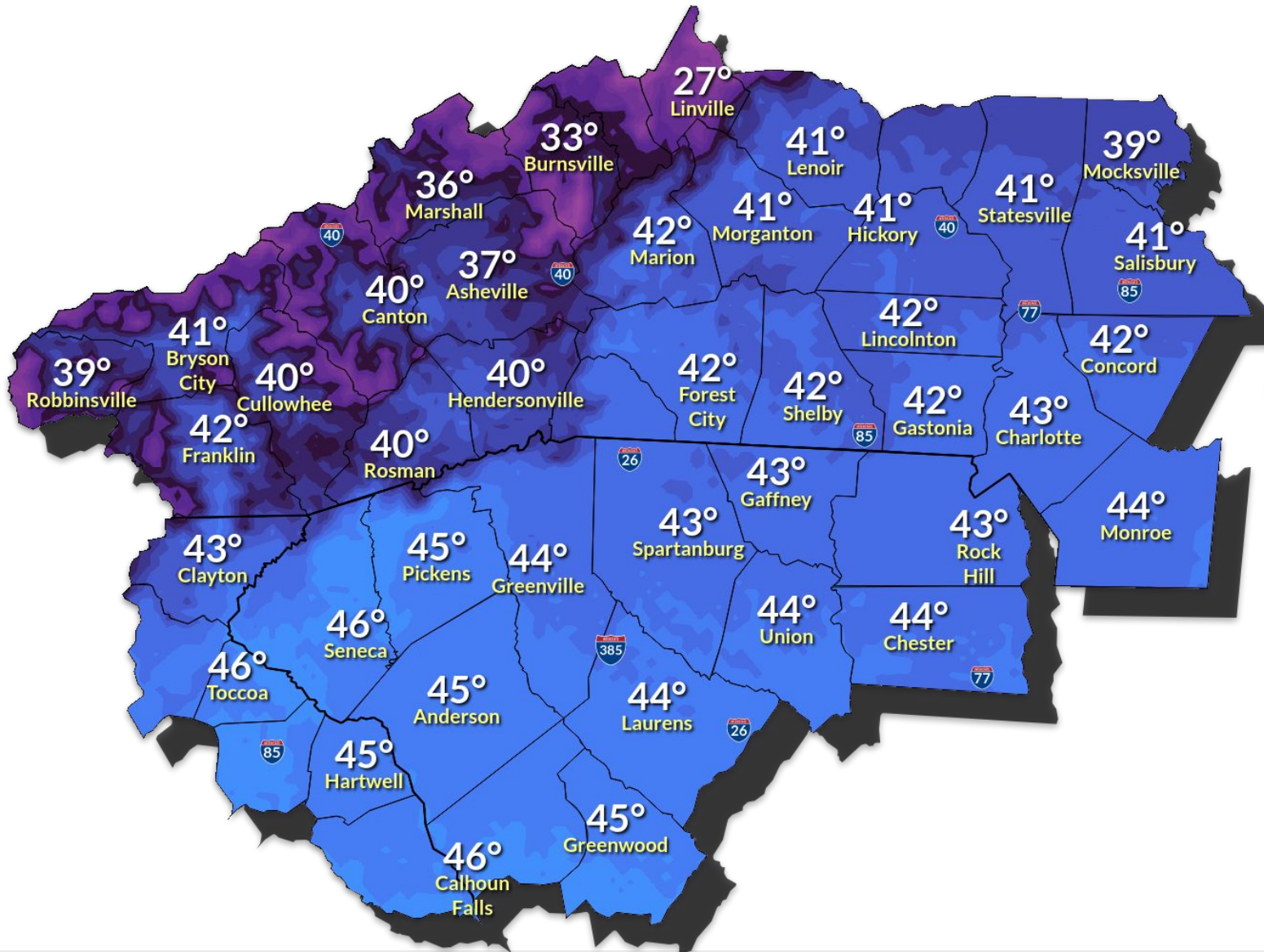




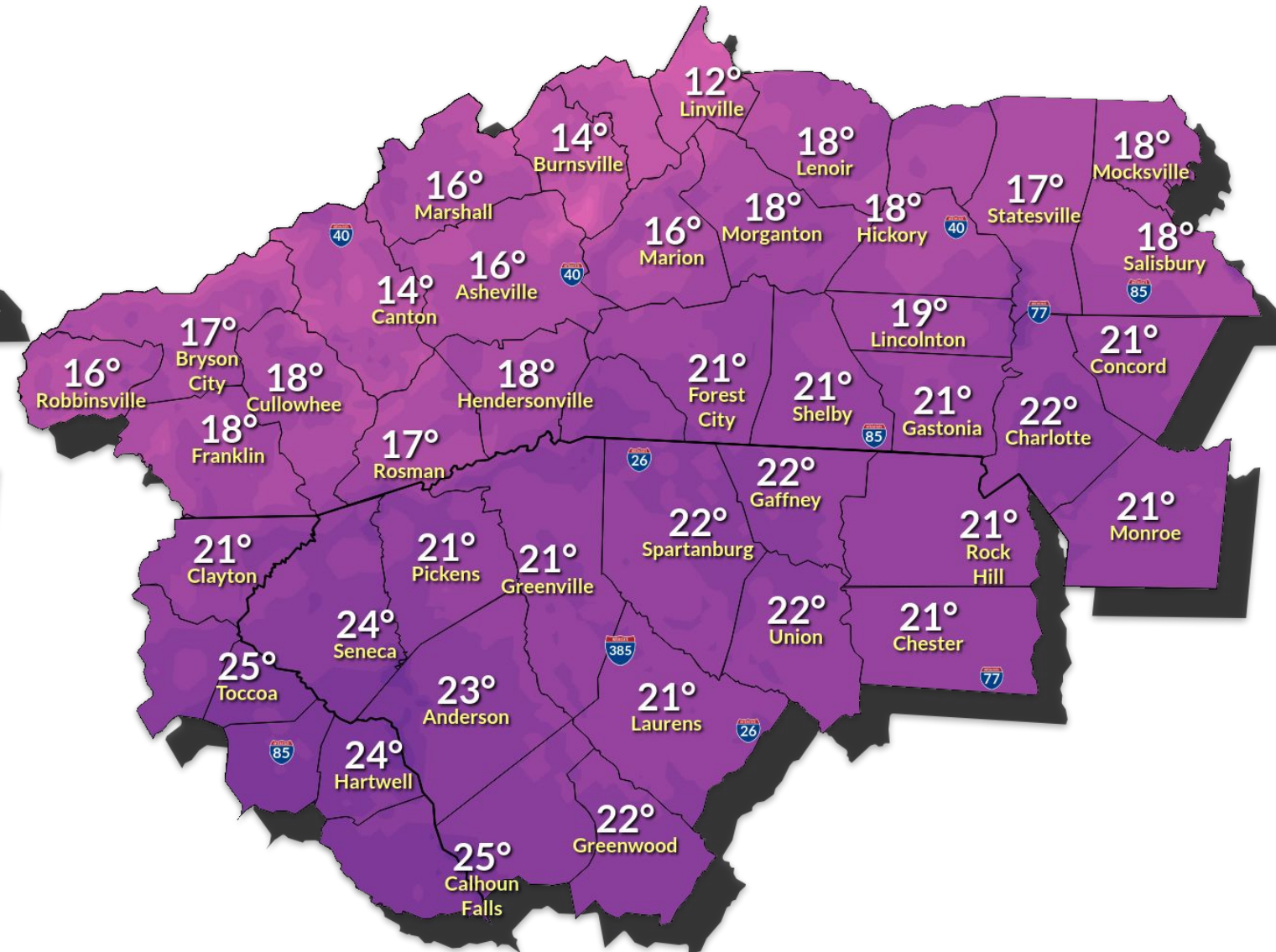
Temperatures Wednesday

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Highs Wednesday



Lows Wednesday Night





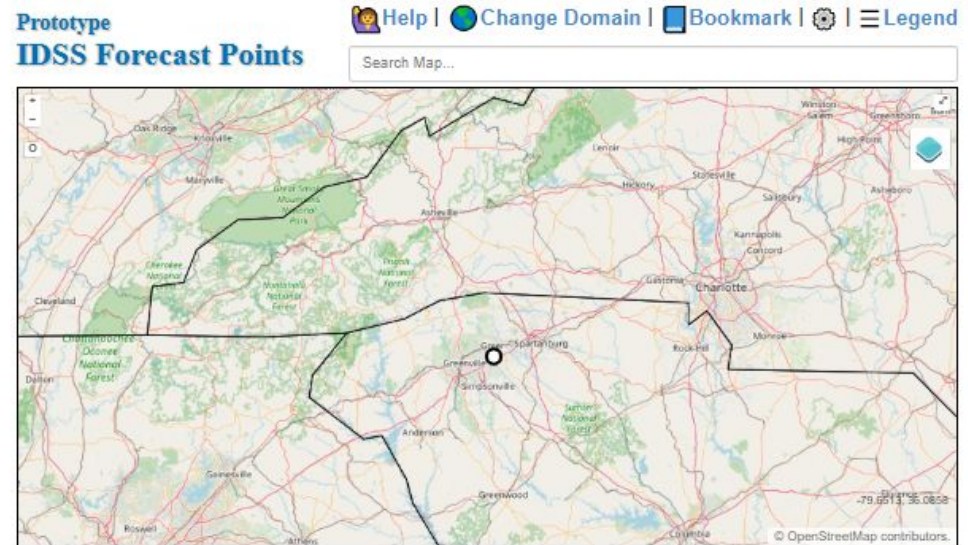
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For Point-Specific Forecasts

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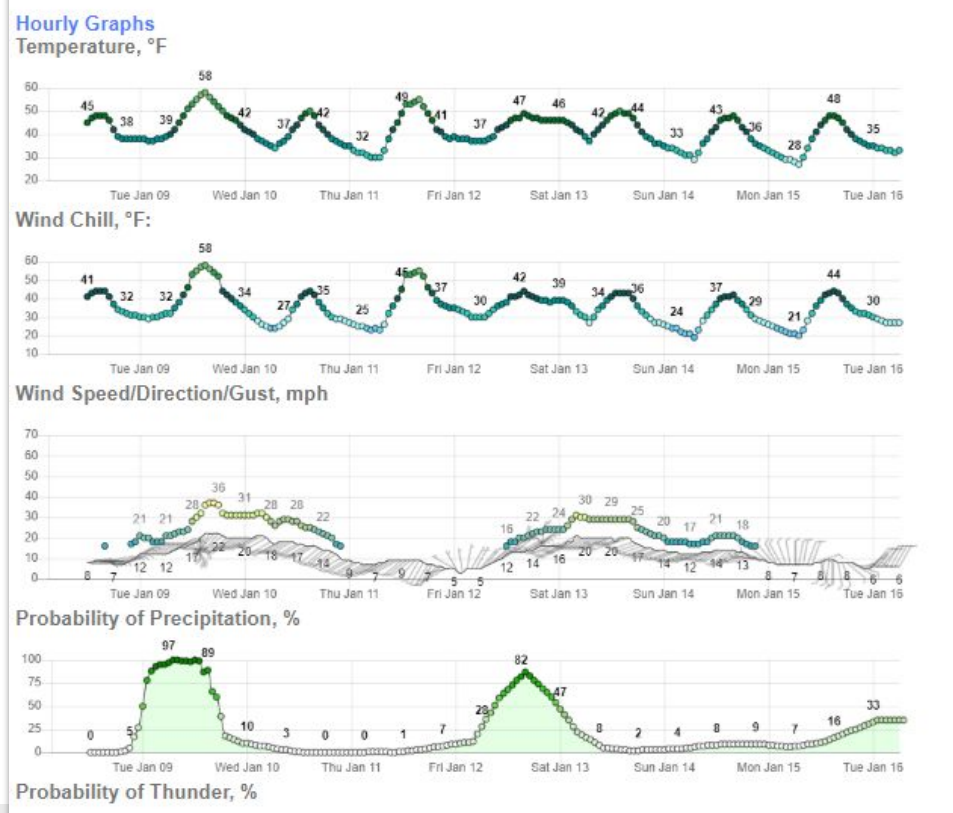
- To get point-specific hourly forecast information, check out our IDSS Forecast Points page
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Wind Advisory from 1000 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 1000 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024
Flood Watch from 1200 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 700 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024
Table updated: 957 am EST Mon. 1/8/2024 (Last Update: 103 minutes ago)
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4 miles S of Greer, SC

Weekly Summary							
	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	7	8	9	10	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Snow (in.):	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ice (in.):	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dew Point (°F):	29	29	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	30	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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