



Winter Weather Weather Briefing

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

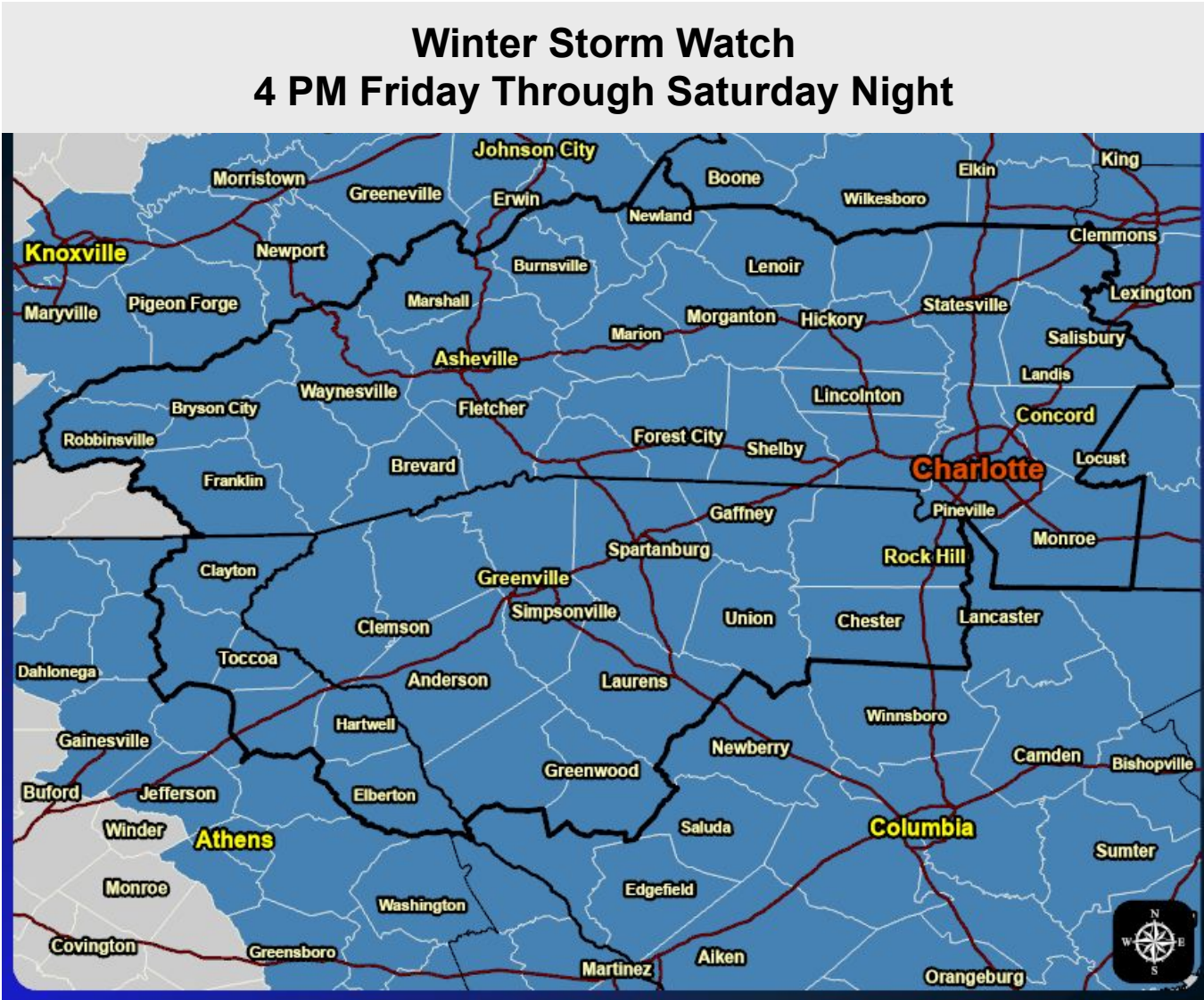
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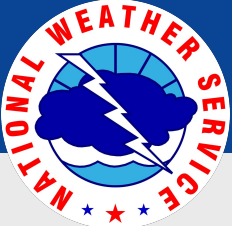
→ As of 4:00 AM Thursday, January 28

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Important Updates

- A Winter Storm Watch is now in effect for our entire area from 4 PM Friday through Saturday night
- This briefing introduces forecast storm total accumulations
- The timing of the snow onset has been moved earlier to Fri afternoon and evening





Expected Storm Total Snowfall

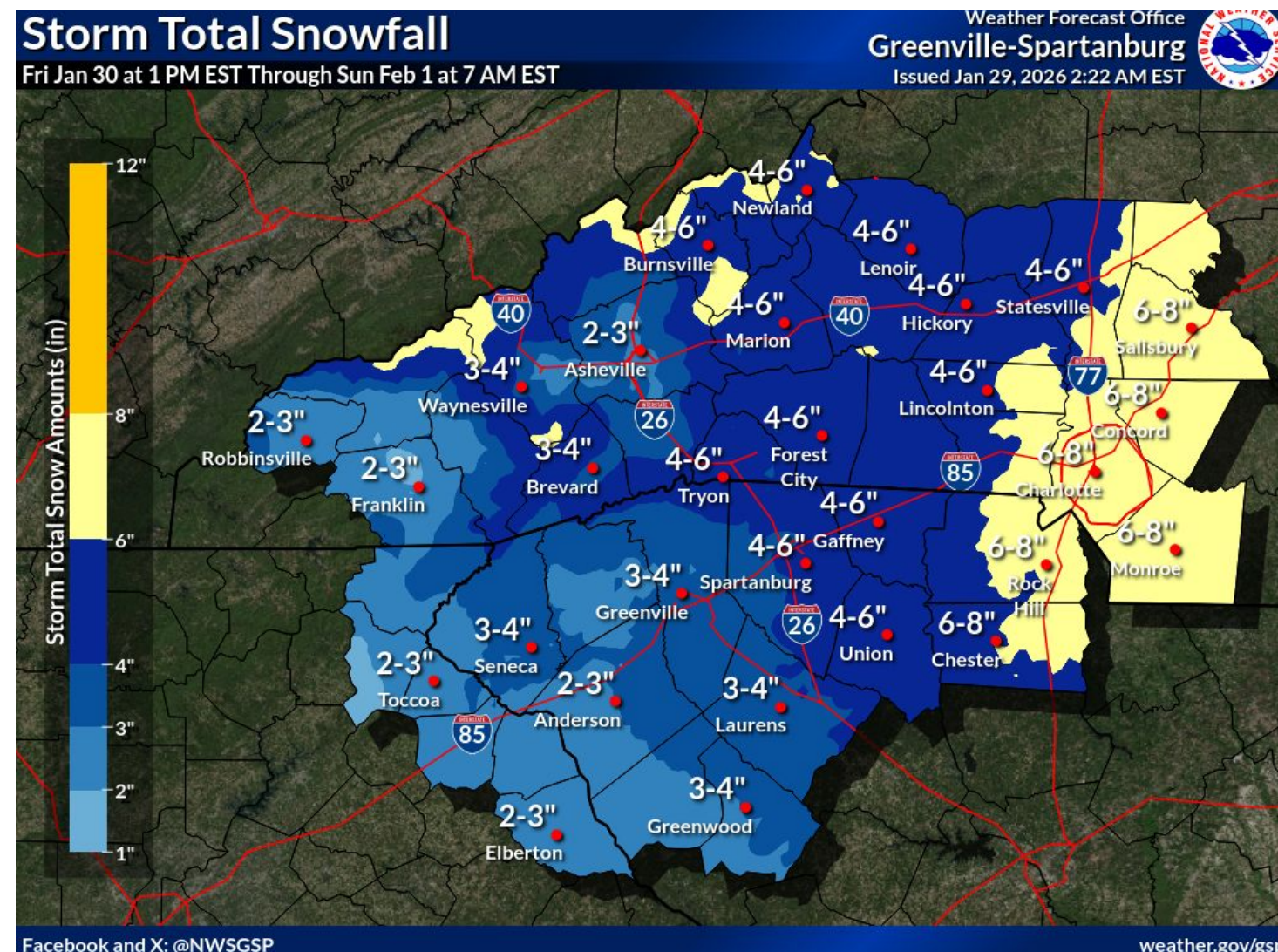
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Friday Afternoon Through Saturday Night

Key Messages

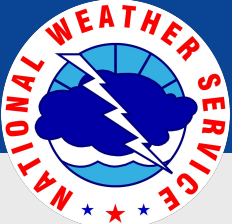
- Snow is expected to begin as early as Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday, tapering off Saturday night.
- Windy and very cold conditions expected during and especially after the event.
- Unusually high snow:liquid ratios of 15:1 or possibly 20:1 will lead to rapid sticking to roads and other surfaces.
- Even light snow will quickly stick to surfaces, creating rapidly deteriorating driving conditions.
- Areas of blowing snow causing significantly reduced visibility will create an additional travel hazard.
- Potential for a narrow band of heavy snowfall to develop somewhere, possibly leading to significant snowfall rates and locally much higher-than-forecast snowfall. The best chance for this will be across the Piedmont.

*Expected Snowfall as of Thursday Morning. Confidence in this forecast is low-to-moderate west of I-26, and moderate to the east. **These values are likely to fluctuate over the next 12-36 hours.***



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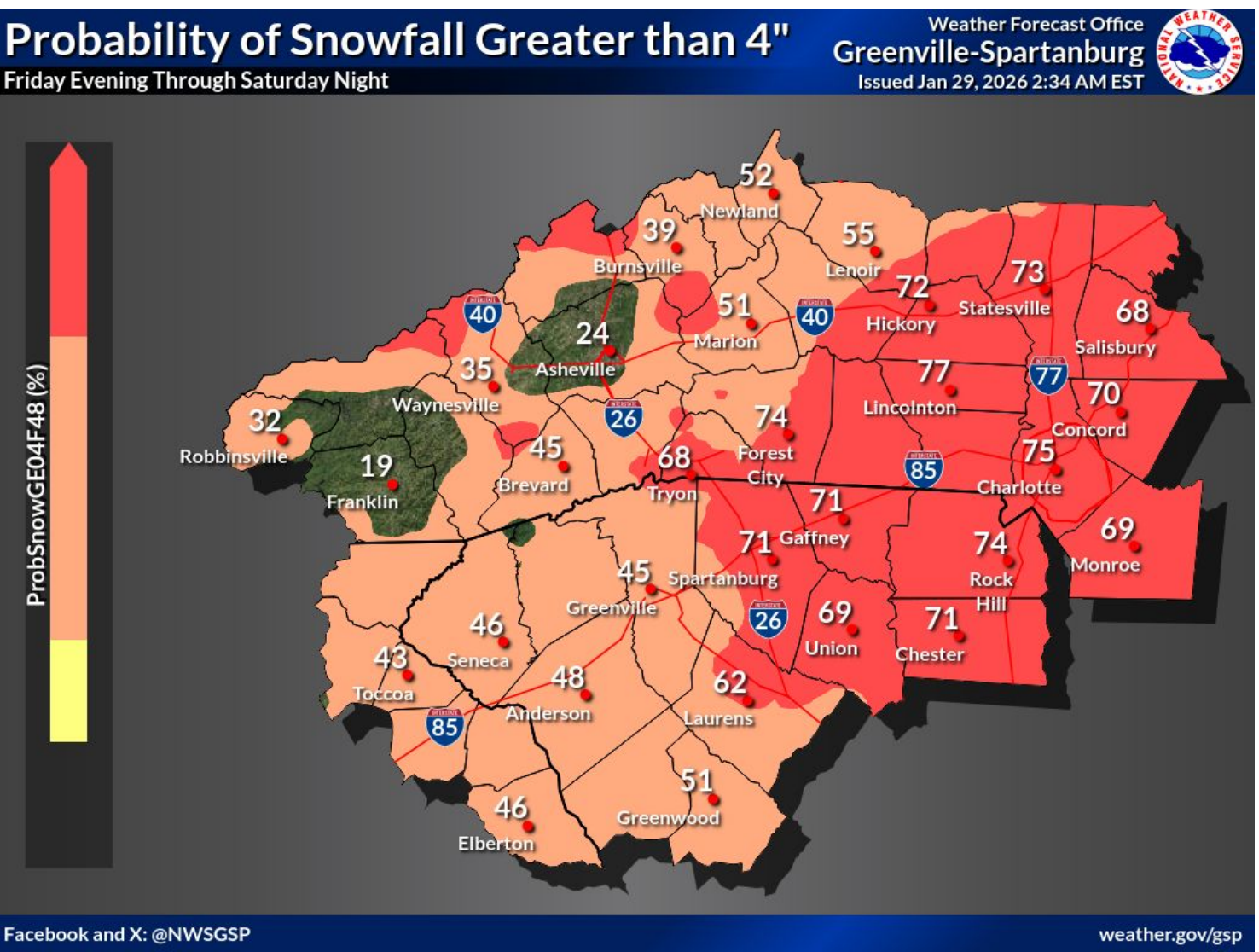
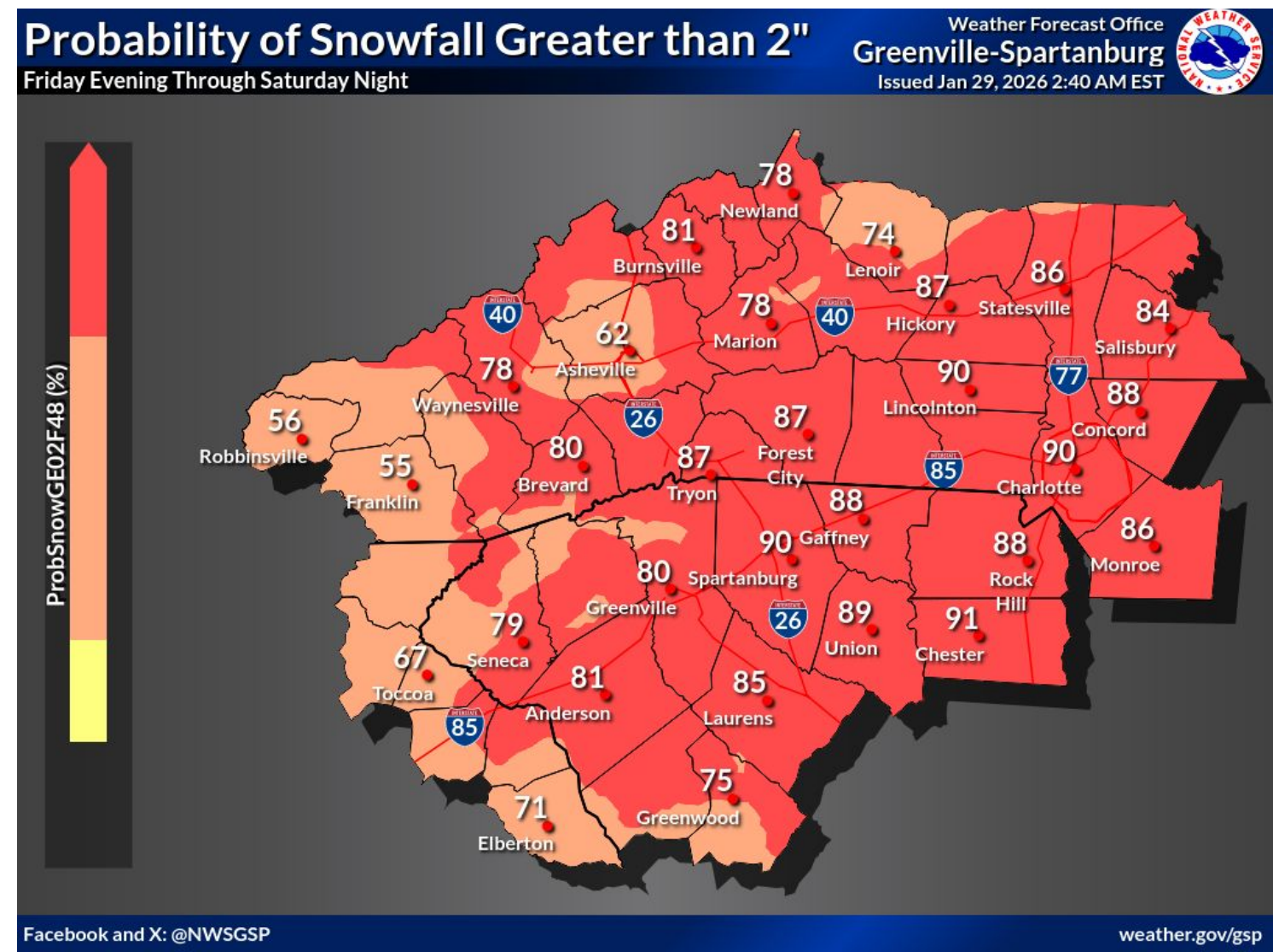
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Confidence in Snowfall Thresholds

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Probability of Snowfall Exceeding 2" and 4" between Friday Afternoon and Saturday Evening



Not an official forecast: The above images are a numeric representation of our confidence that these thresholds will be reached.
For locations outside the NWS GSP service area (bold black line), consult the local NWS office's briefings or forecasts.



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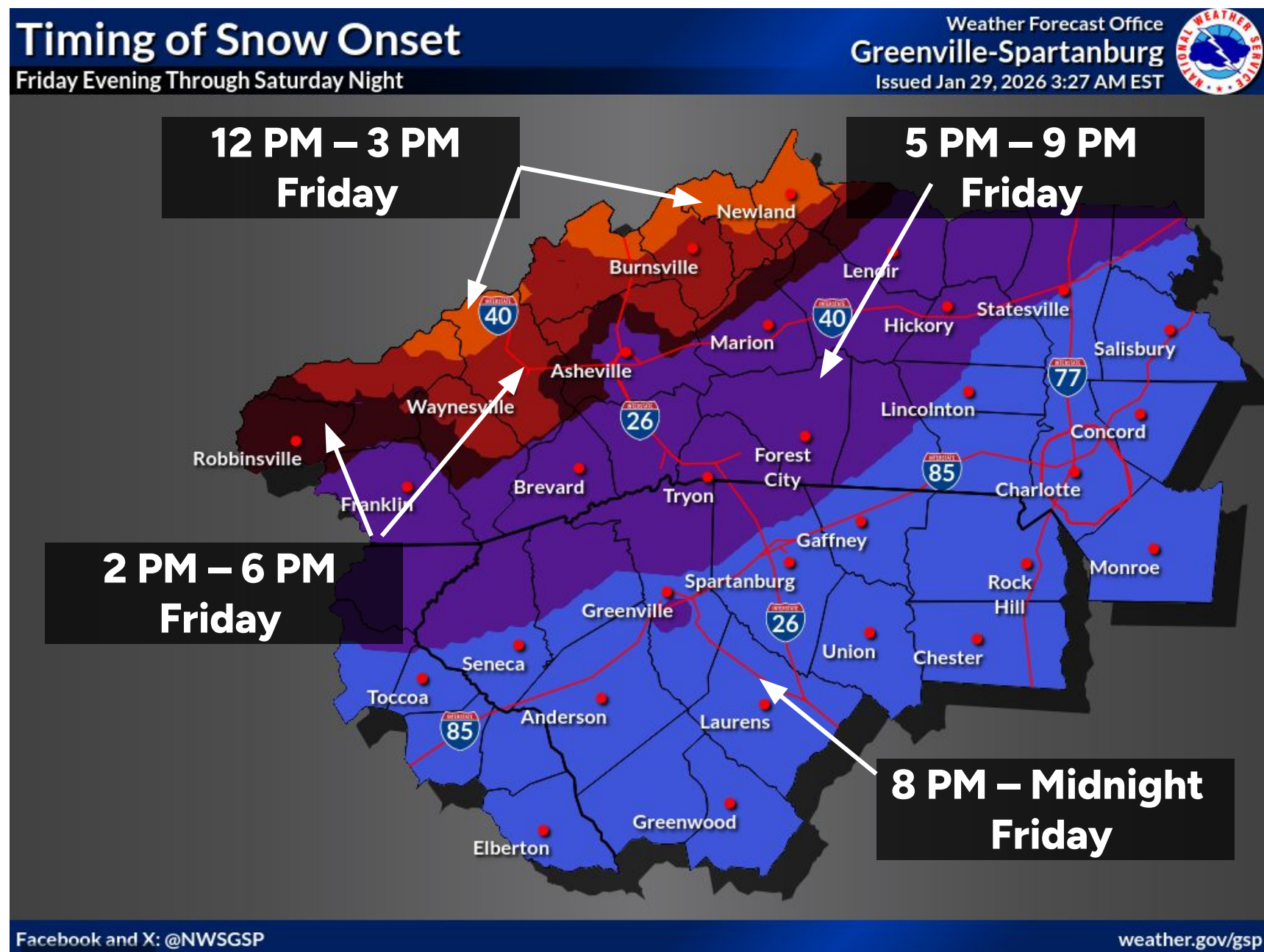
Timing for Accumulating Snow

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The graphic below shows the most likely time window that snow will begin Friday

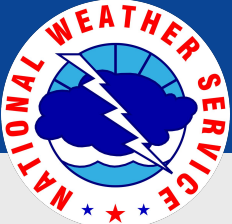
Snowfall Timing Details

- **Onset:** Initially light snow will begin in the North Carolina mountains Friday afternoon, then gradually spread southeast across the rest of the area through Friday evening.
- **Peak:** Intensity of the snow is expected to increase Friday night, with the peak time for accumulating snow expected from late Friday night through the day Saturday. The possibility of heavier snow may continue into Saturday evening, particularly along and east of the I-77 corridor.
- **End:** Snow is expected to conclude on Saturday, progressing from west to east:
 - Mountains: Saturday afternoon
 - Foothills: Saturday evening
 - Piedmont: Saturday night



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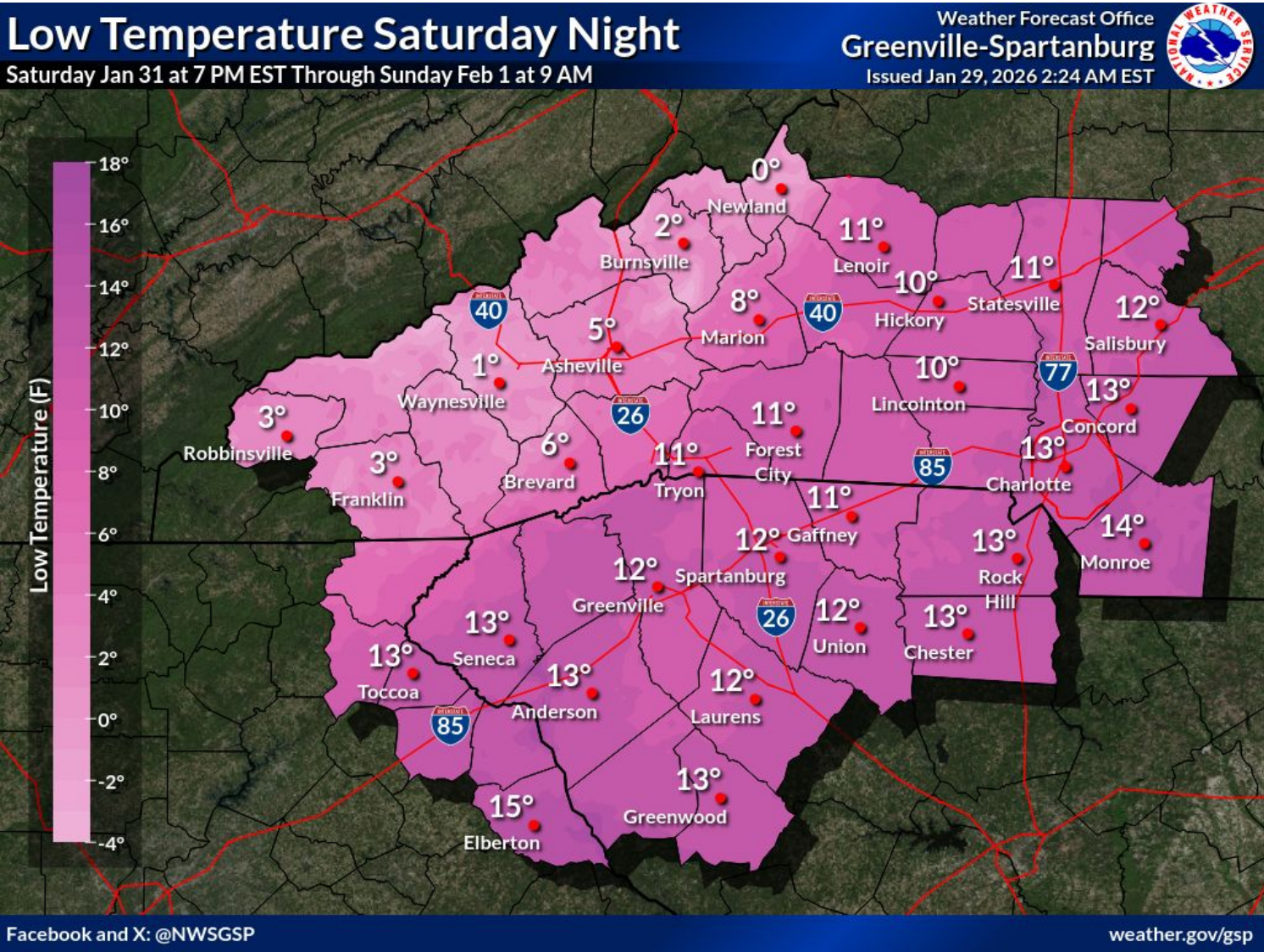
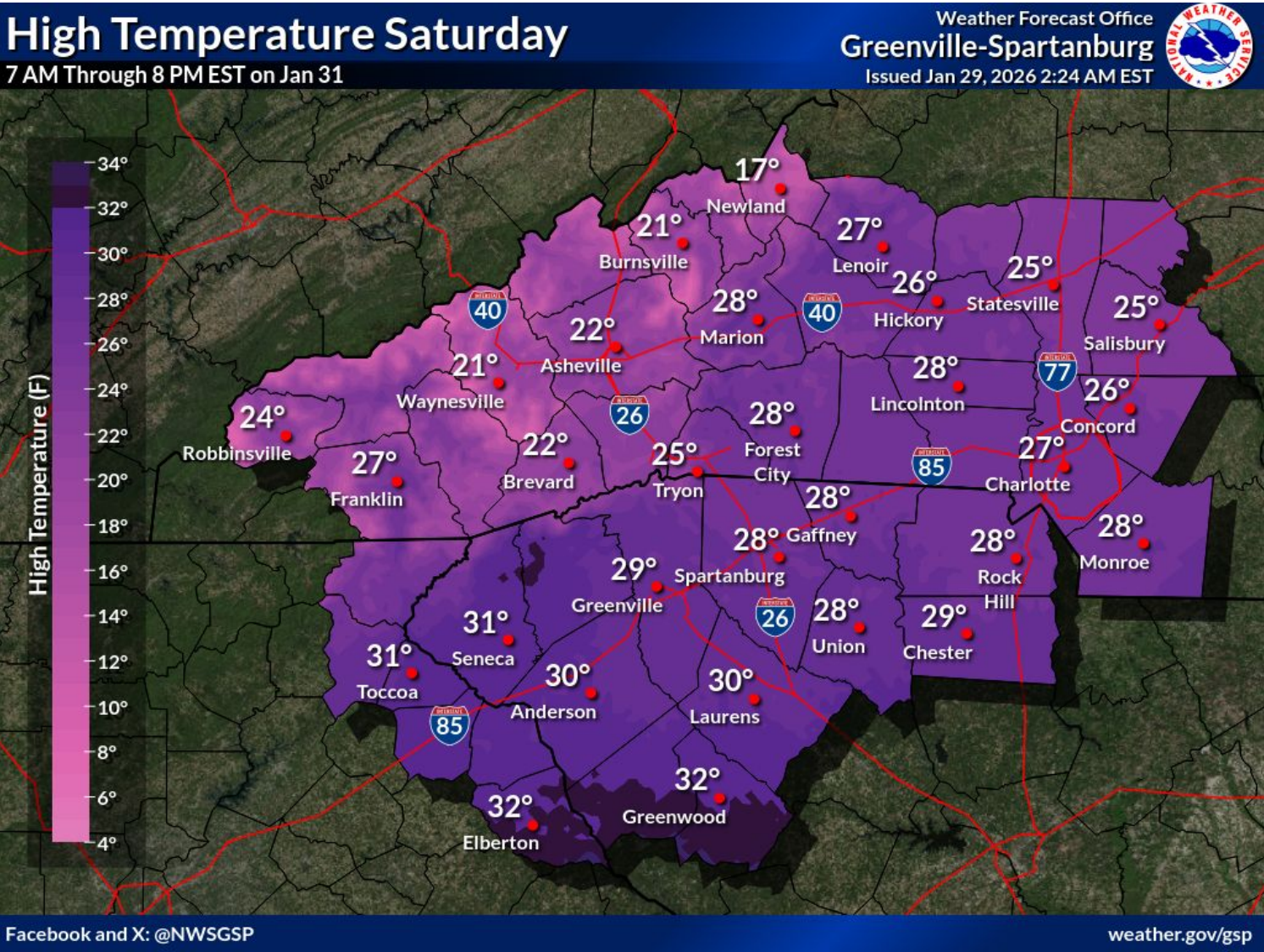
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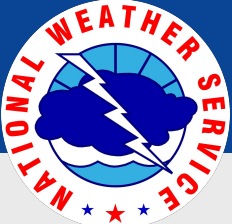
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Dangerously Cold Wind Chills Saturday Night



- Temperatures will remain in the 20s for most of the area Saturday
- **Even light snow will stick efficiently** at these temperatures





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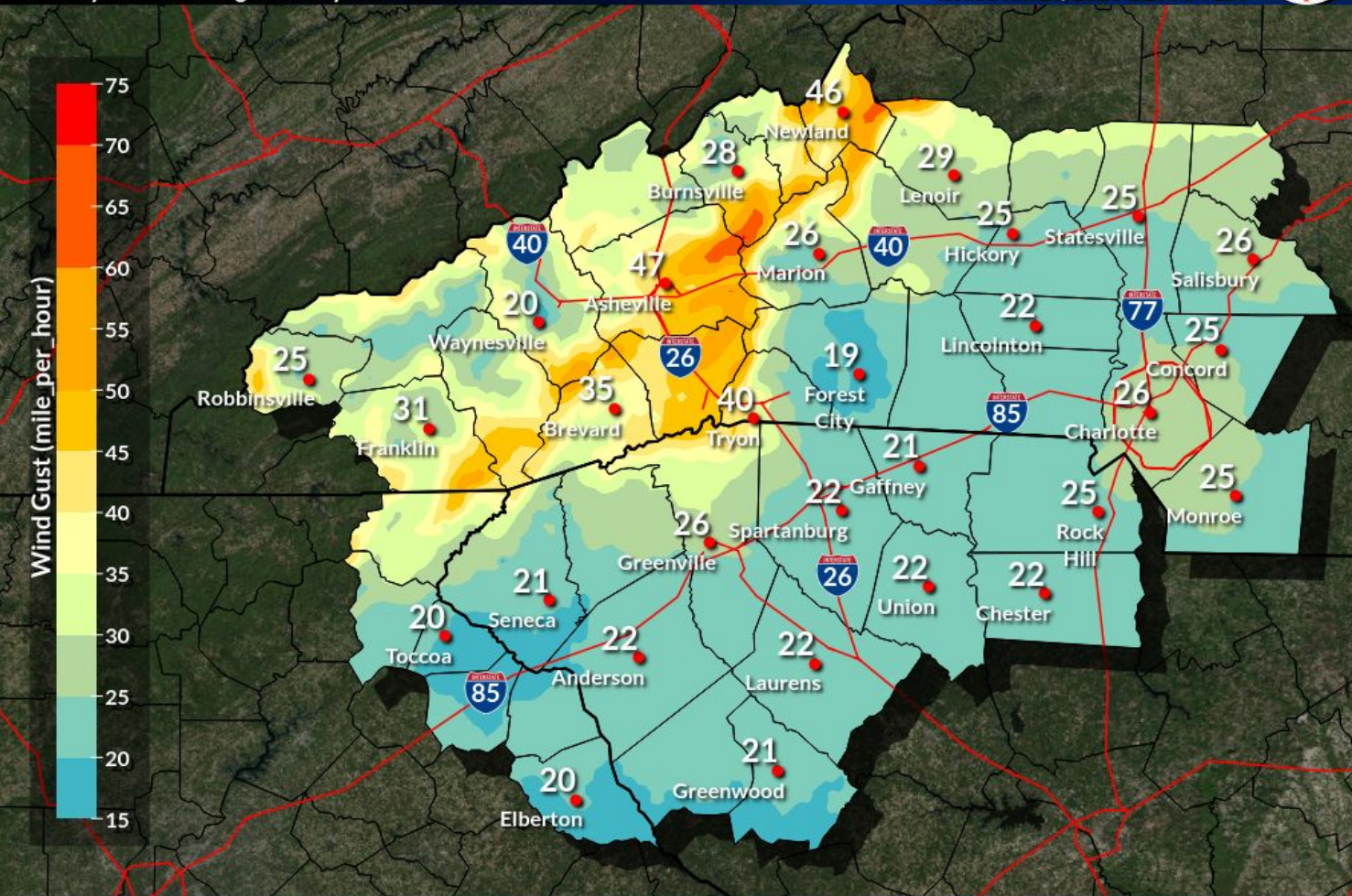
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Peak Wind Gust

Saturday 7 AM Through Sunday 7 AM EST

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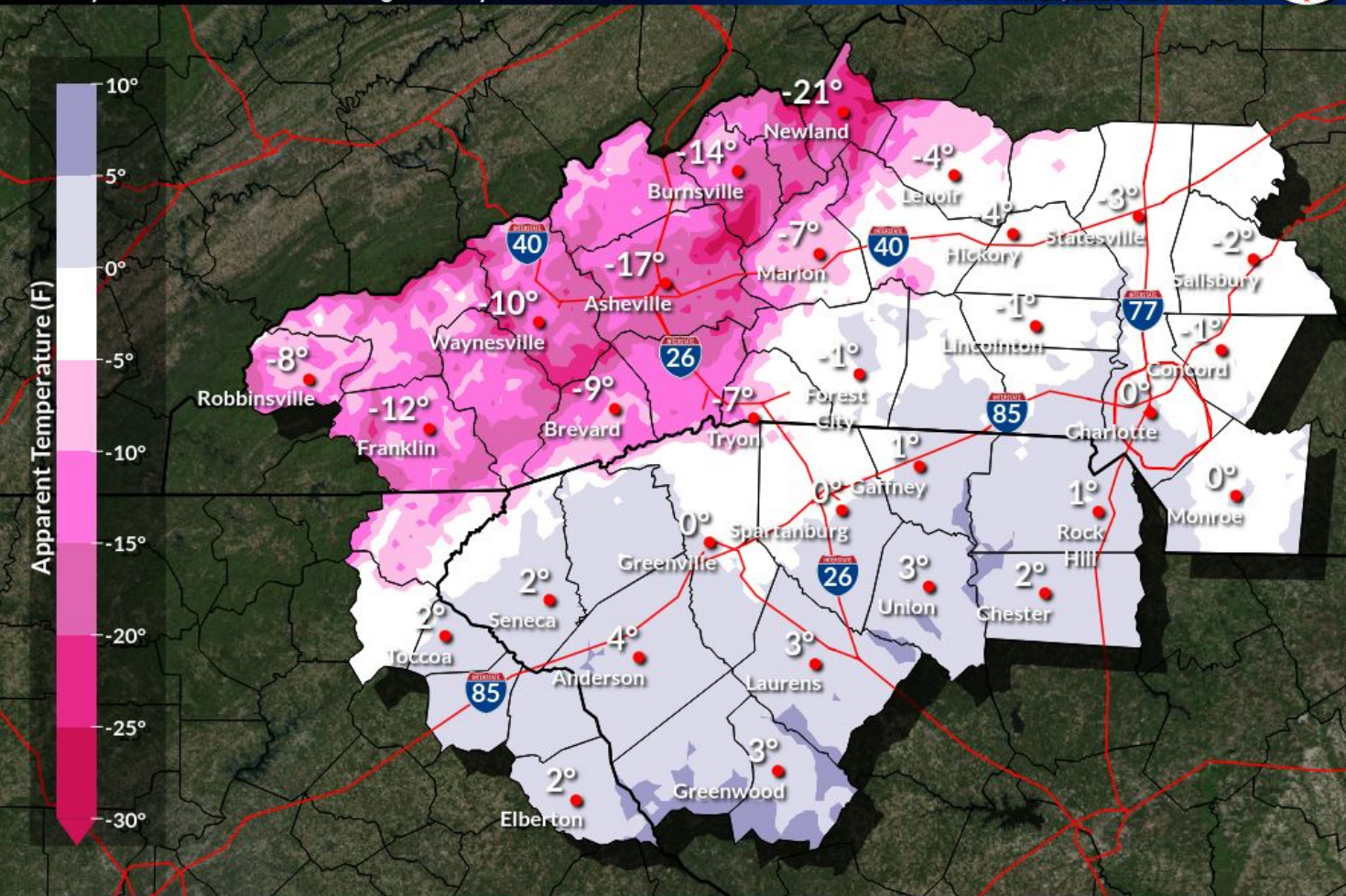
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Minimum Wind Chill Sat/Sat Night

Saturday Jan 31 at 7 AM EST Through Sunday Feb 1 at 7 AM

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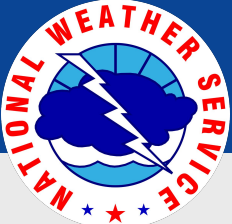
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- Expect areas of **blowing snow with reduced visibilities** adding to hazardous driving conditions on Fri night through Sat night
- **Life-threatening cold** Saturday night. Extreme Cold Warnings are likely to be issued for at least part of the area



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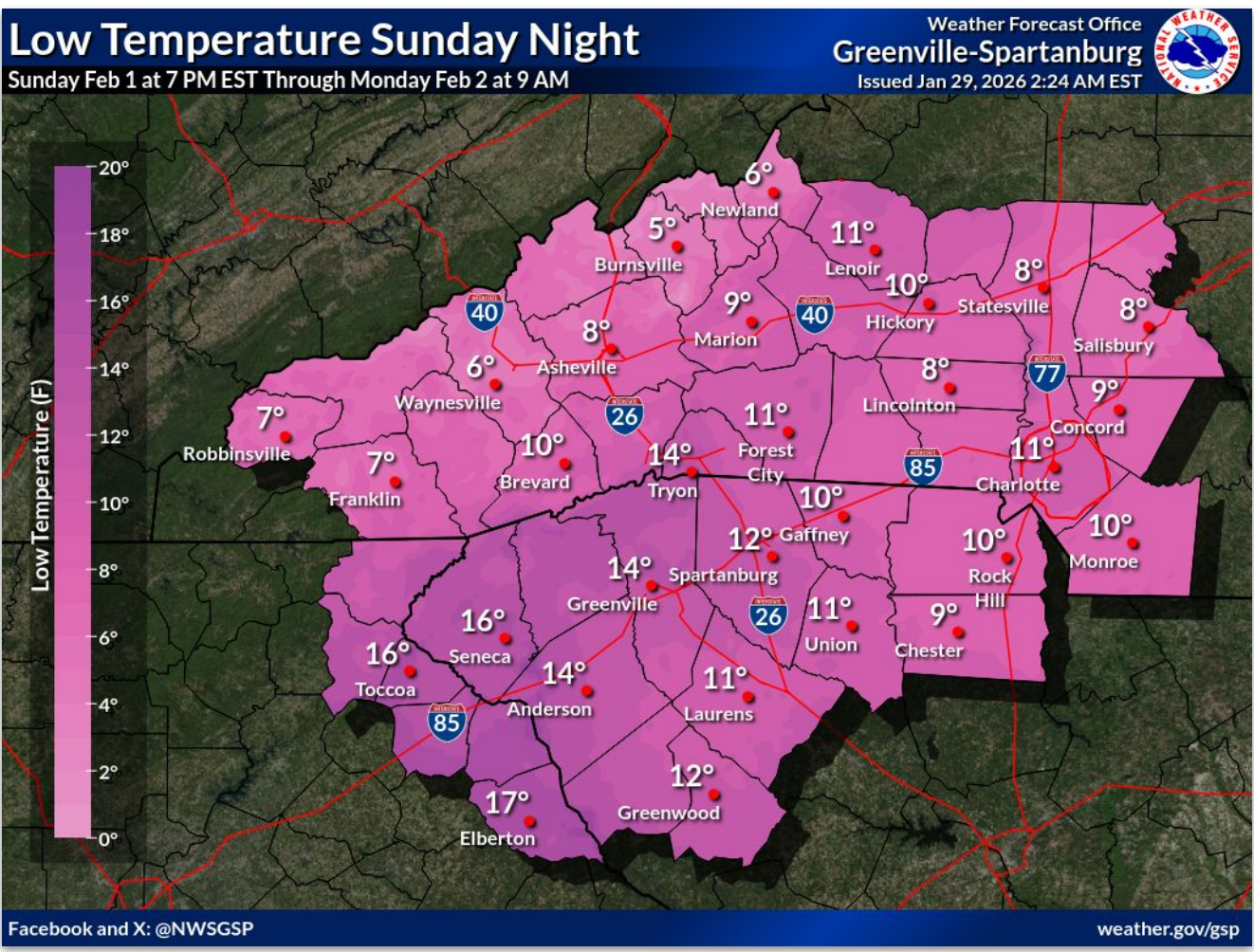
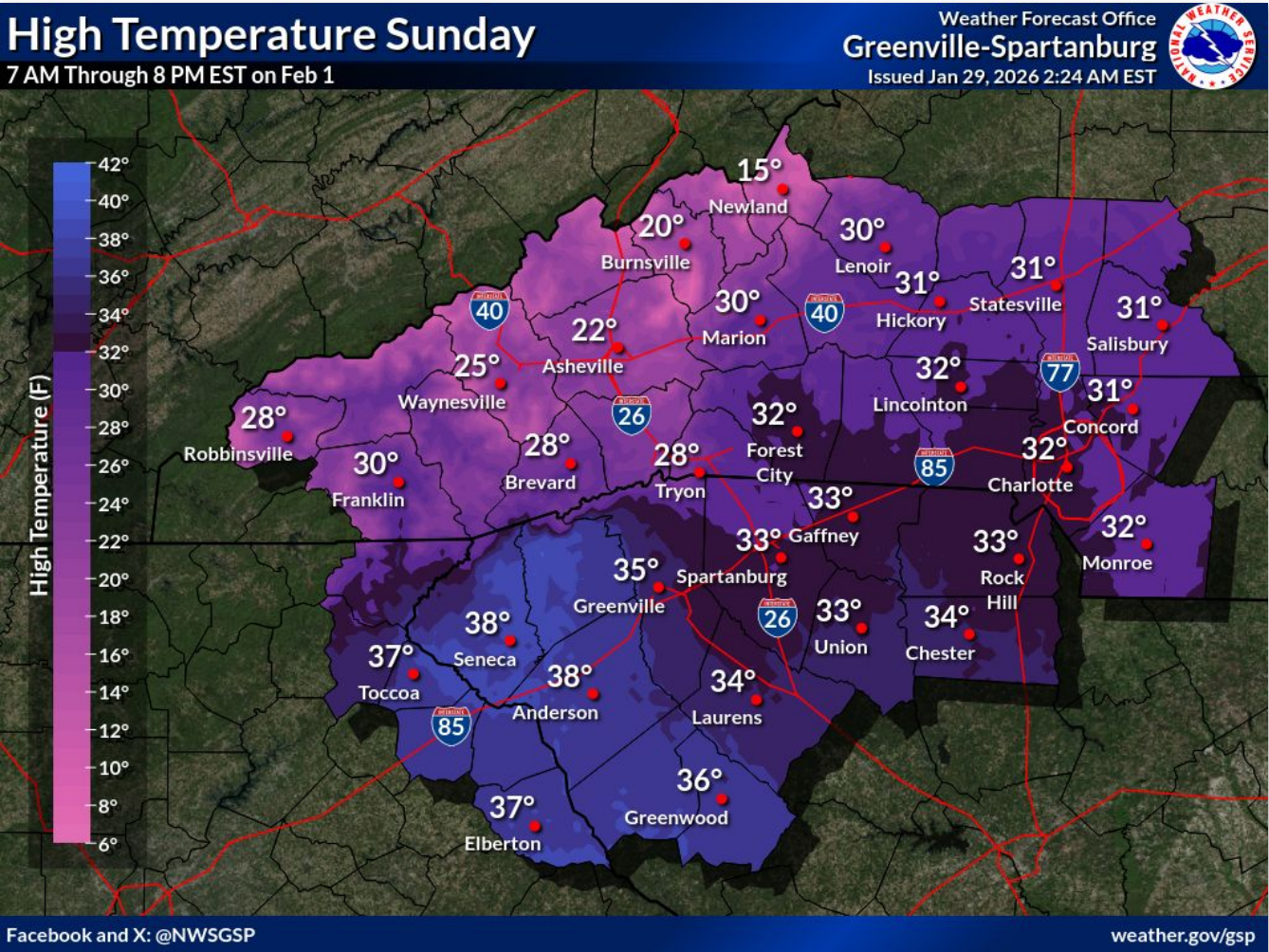
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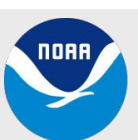
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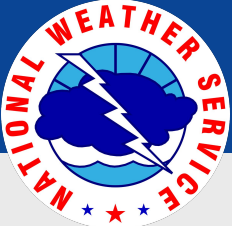
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Impacts from Snowfall Linger Into Sunday



- Despite sunny skies, temperatures will struggle to rise above freezing on Sunday, especially in locations with heavier snowpack.
- Snow melt will be minimal on Sunday and impacts to travel will linger into the early part of the work week.

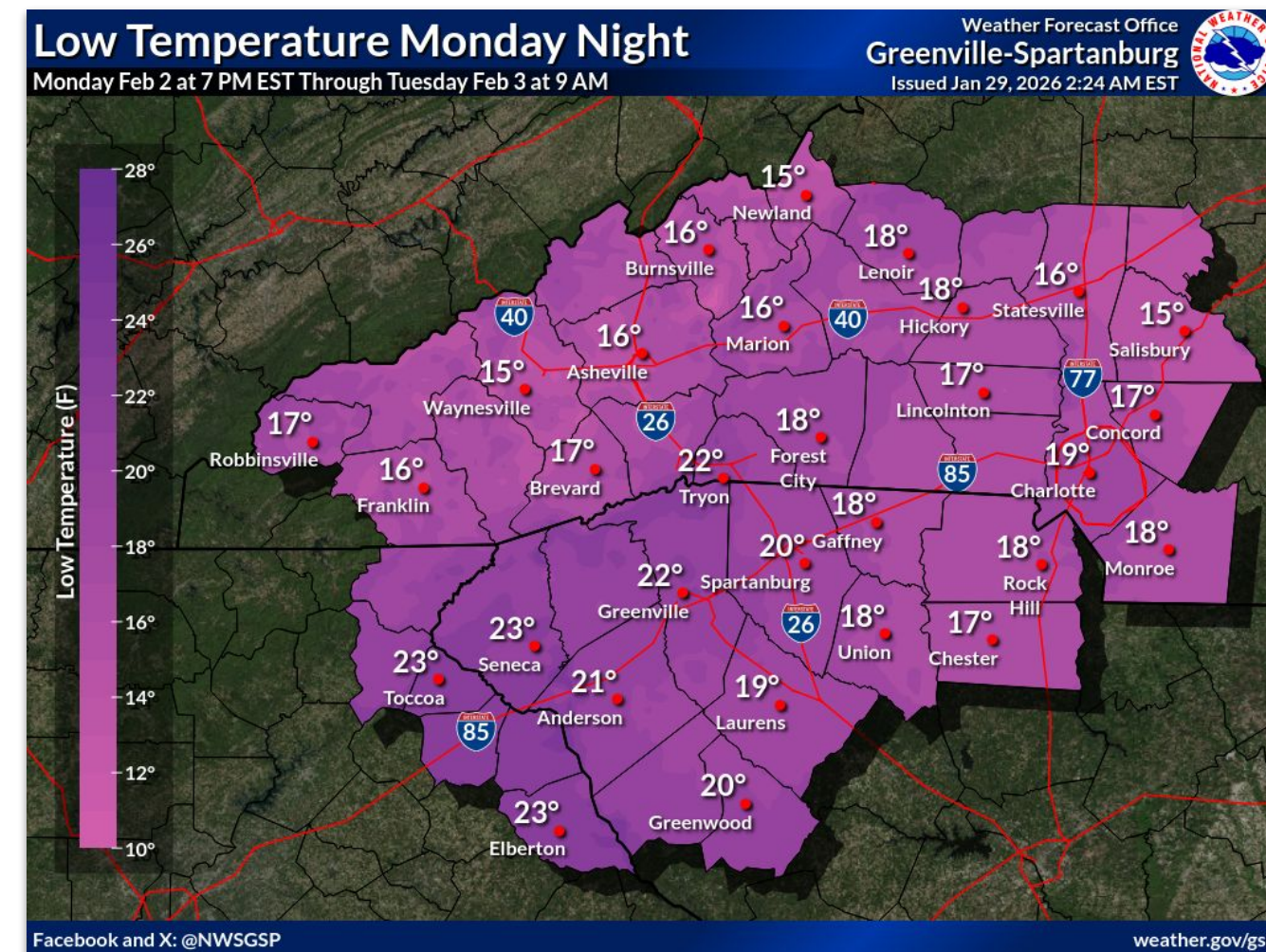
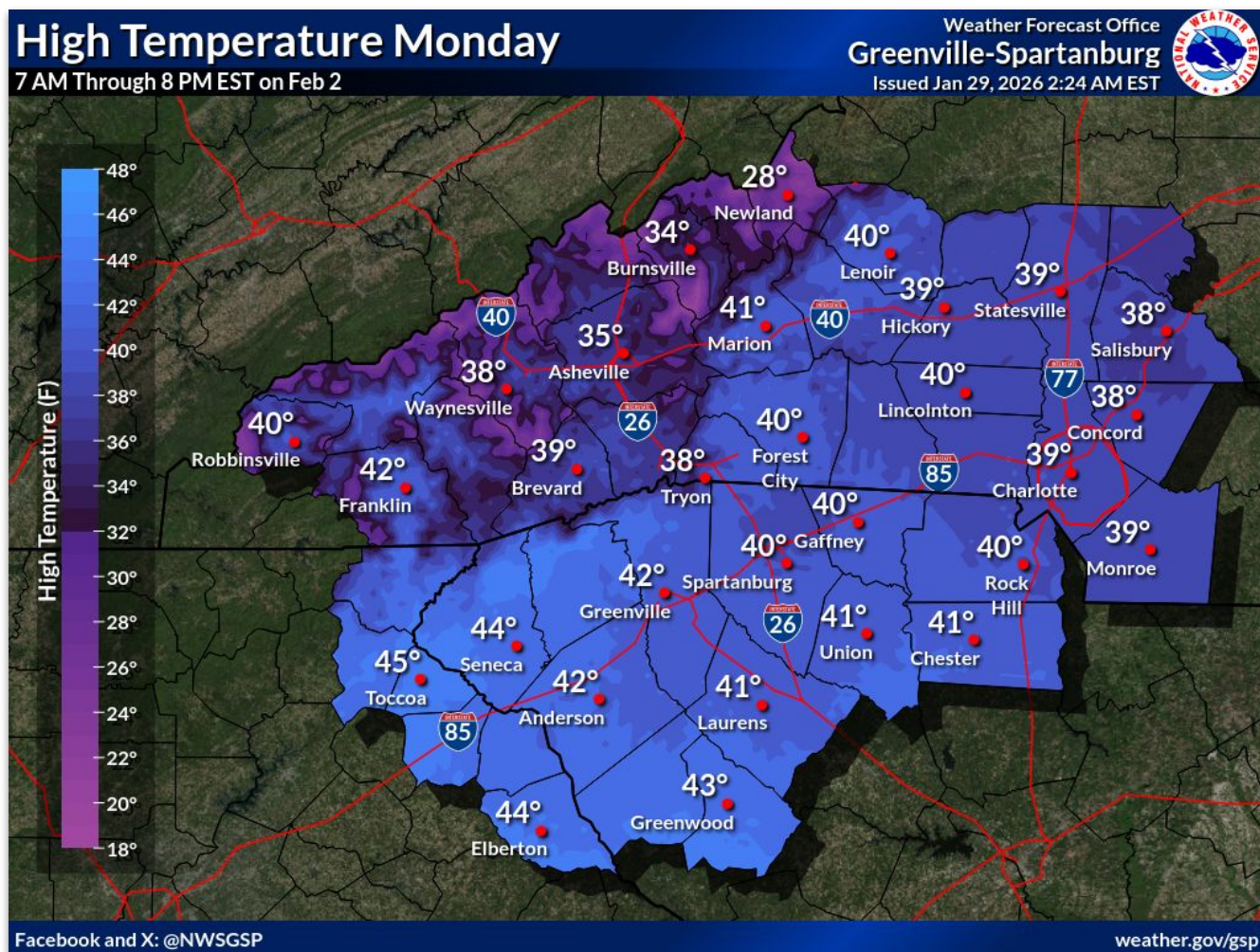




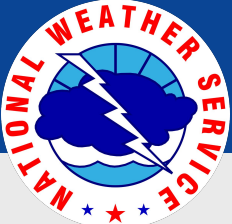
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Impacts from Snowfall Will Linger Into the New Work Week



- Temperatures begin to moderate Monday, but very cold temperatures will result in refreezing of slush and meltwater Monday night.
- **Much of the area will be continuously at or below freezing from Friday evening until Monday afternoon.**



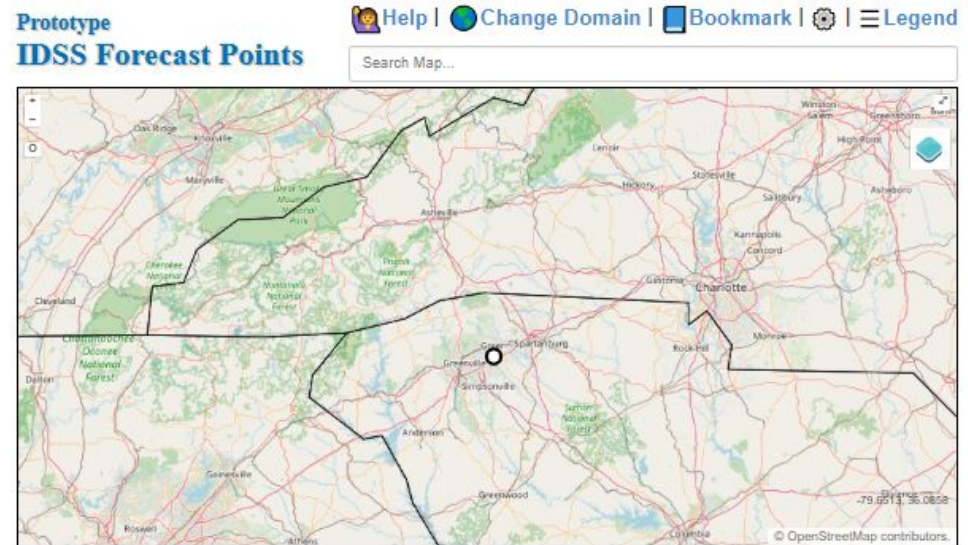
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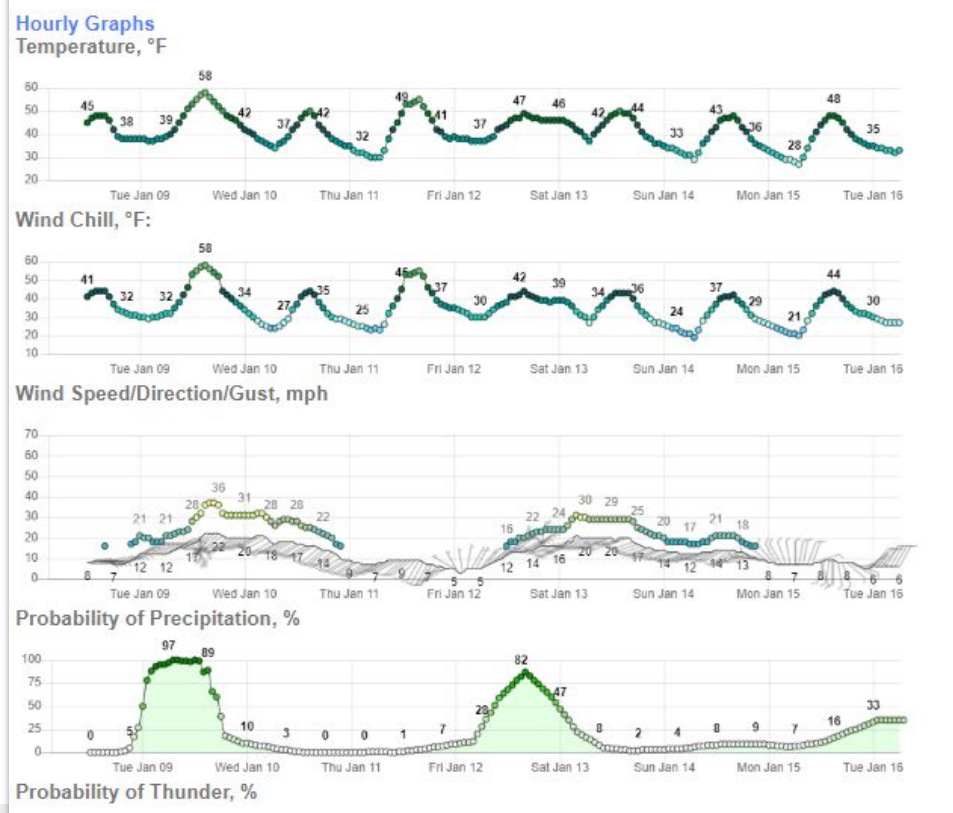
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Wind Advisory from 1000 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 1000 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024
Flood Watch from 1200 am EST Tue. 1/9/2024 to 700 pm EST Tue. 1/9/2024
Table updated: 957 am EST Mon. 1/8/2024 (Last Update: 103 minutes ago)
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4 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	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	0.00	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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