

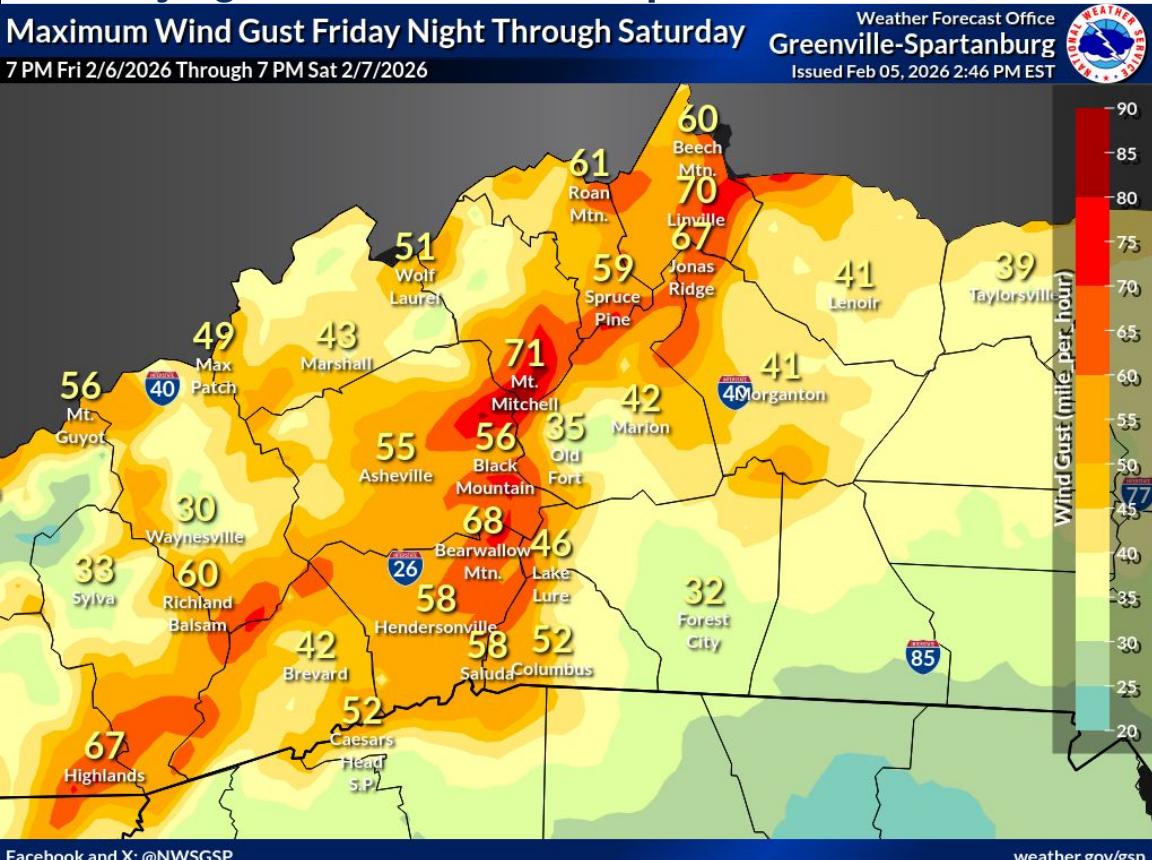
# High Winds & High Elevation Snow Fri and Sat

February 5, 2026  
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## For the North Carolina Mountains and Foothills

### OVERVIEW

- Very strong to possibly damaging wind gusts are possible across portions of the Carolina mountains and foothills late Friday through Saturday.
- Additionally, snow showers are expected to develop across the NC mountain counties bordering Tennessee Friday afternoon into Friday night, with mostly light accumulations expected.



### TIMING

- For the strong-to-damaging wind gusts: Friday evening through Saturday, with the strongest gusts expected from around midnight through Saturday morning.
- For the accumulating snow showers: mainly from mid-afternoon Friday through Friday night.

### HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- Wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph...with gusts of 70 mph or more above 5000 feet elevation...would result in numerous downed trees and power lines in the High Wind Watch area...with at least scattered power outages.
- Falling trees will pose a threat to life and property.
- Where snow is expected, snow and blowing snow will result in periods of very poor visibility, combining with the strong winds to make for very difficult-to-impossible travel conditions.

### NWS ALERTS

- A High Wind Watch is in effect for portions of the mountains and foothills from 7 PM Friday until 7 PM Saturday (see next page for the Warning map.)
- A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for Avery County, as well as above 3500 feet elevation in Mitchell, Yancey, and Madison Counties from 1 PM Friday until 7 AM Saturday.

### POST-EVENT OUTLOOK

- Very cold temperatures of 10-15 degrees below normal are expected Saturday through Sunday. These temperatures will pose a threat to life and property where power outages occur.

### NEXT BRIEFING

- By 6 AM Friday February 6th



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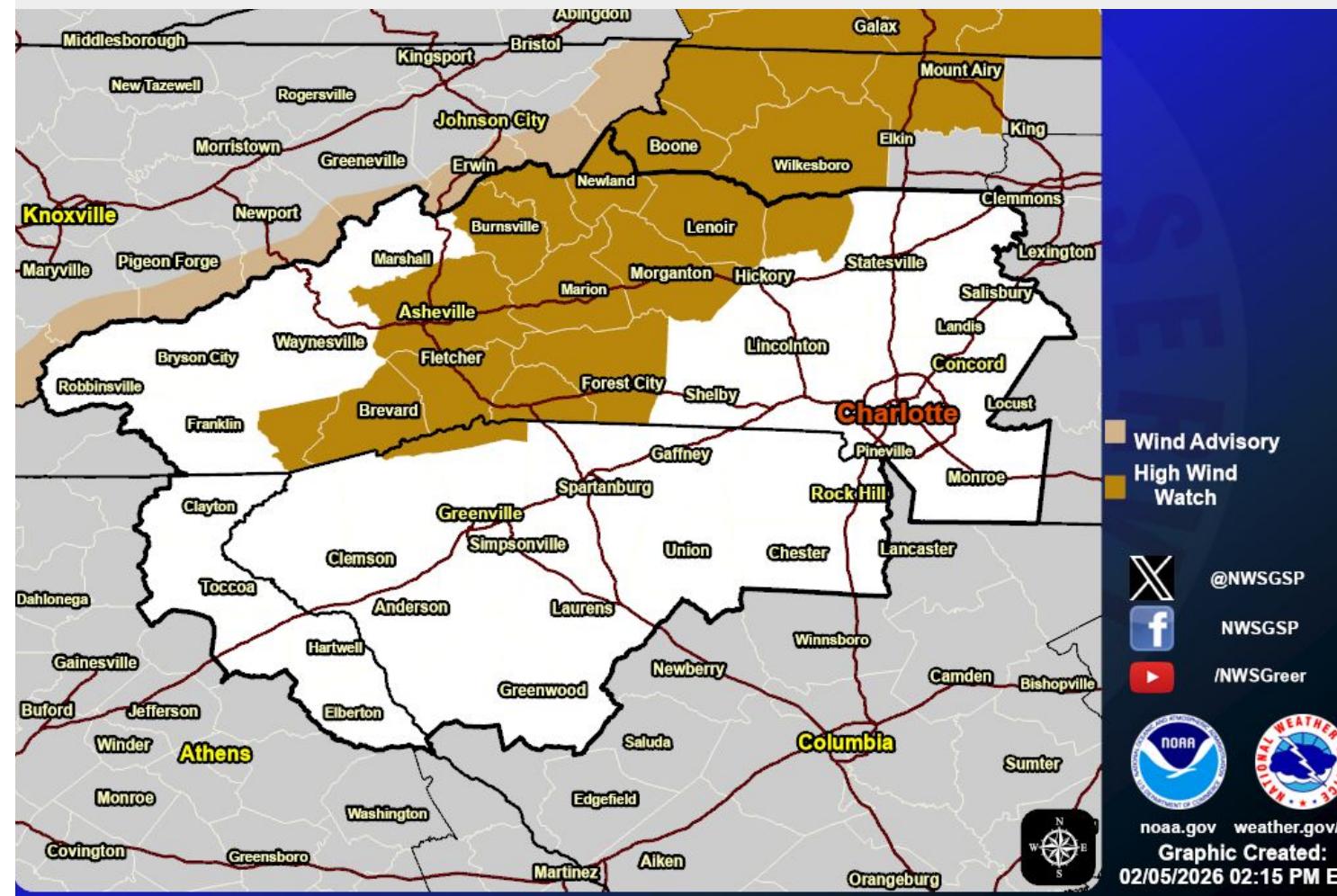


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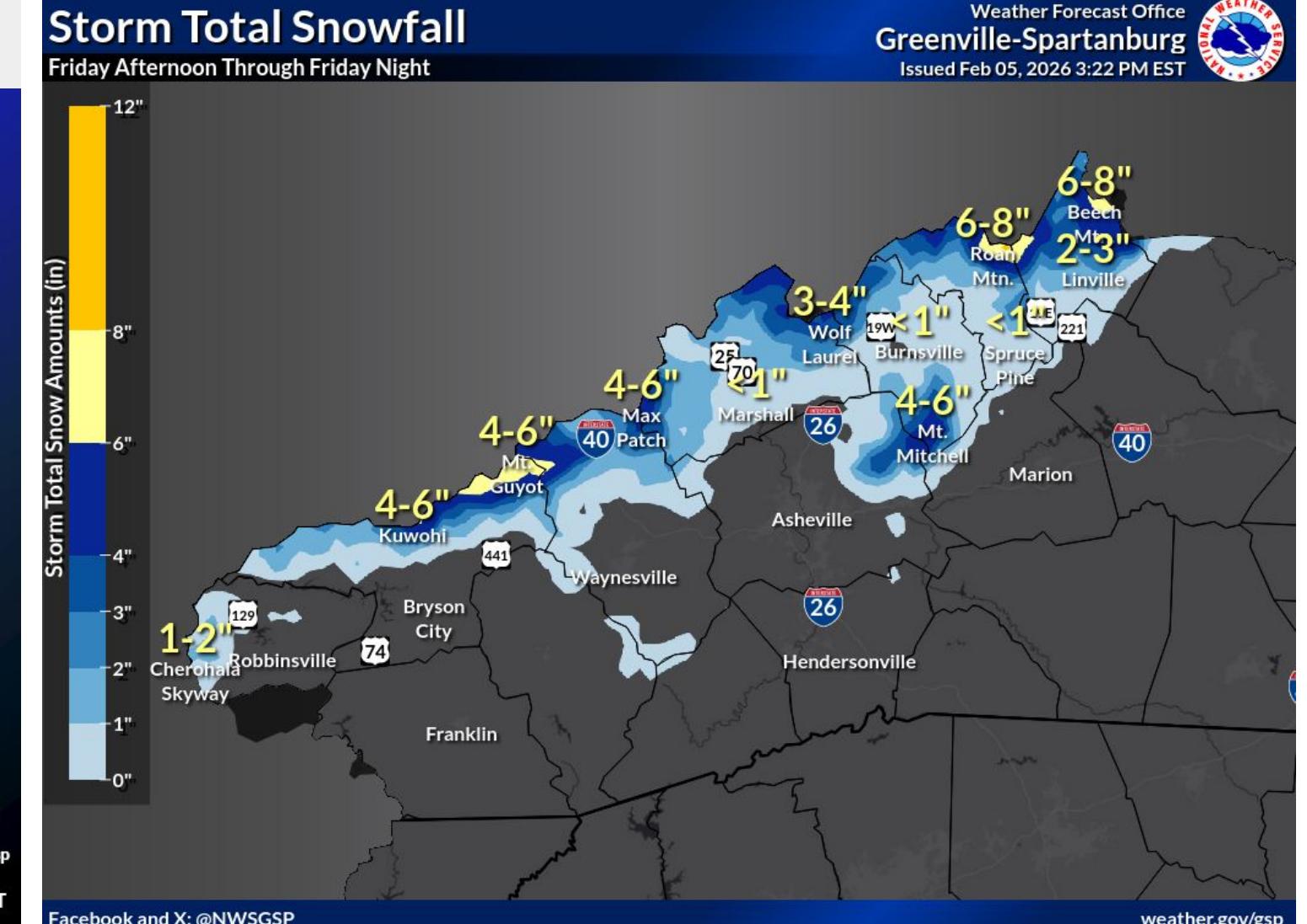
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## High Wind Watch from 7 PM Fri Until 7 PM Sat



## Storm Total Snowfall

Friday Afternoon Through Friday Night



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