



High Wind, Snow, and Cold Weather Briefing

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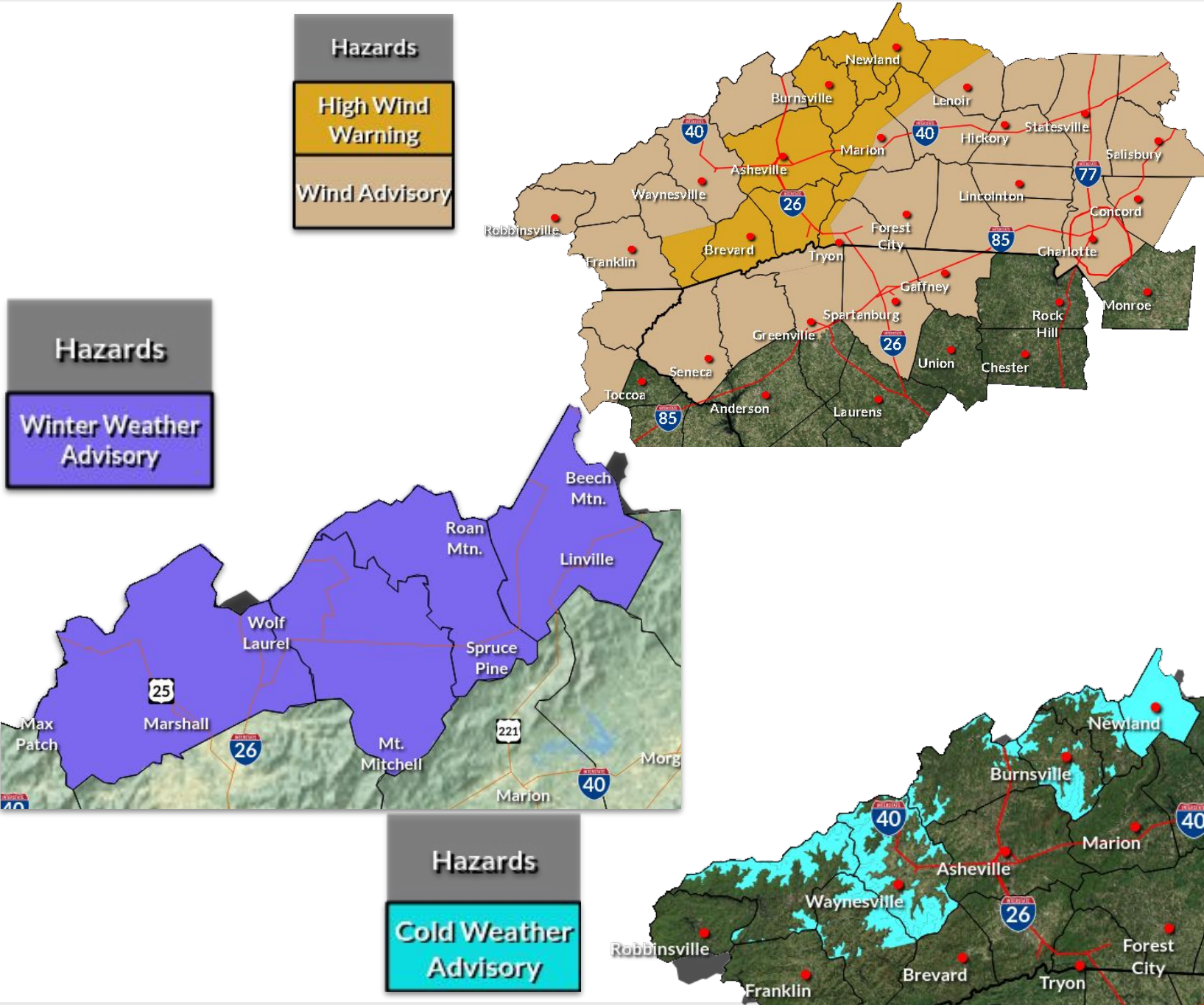
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Important Updates

- Wind Advisory has been extended to all of the North Carolina mountains, foothills and Piedmont zones.
 - ◆ **New:** Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Iredell, Lincoln, Madison, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Swain.
- Wind Advisory is now in effect for the northern Upstate of South Carolina and the Northeast Georgia mountains.
 - ◆ **New:** Cherokee, Greenville Mountains, Central Greenville, Spartanburg, Oconee, Pickens, Rabun, Habersham.

Key Messages

- Damaging winds expected for locations in the High Wind Warning which may lead to widespread power outages.
- Northwest flow snow is ongoing and will continue through tonight and may lead to hazardous travel, especially across the higher elevations and immediately along the NC/TN border.
- Dangerously cold wind chills develop across a portion of the North Carolina mountains tonight into early Sunday morning.





High Wind Warning and Wind Advisory

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7 PM This Evening through 7 PM Saturday

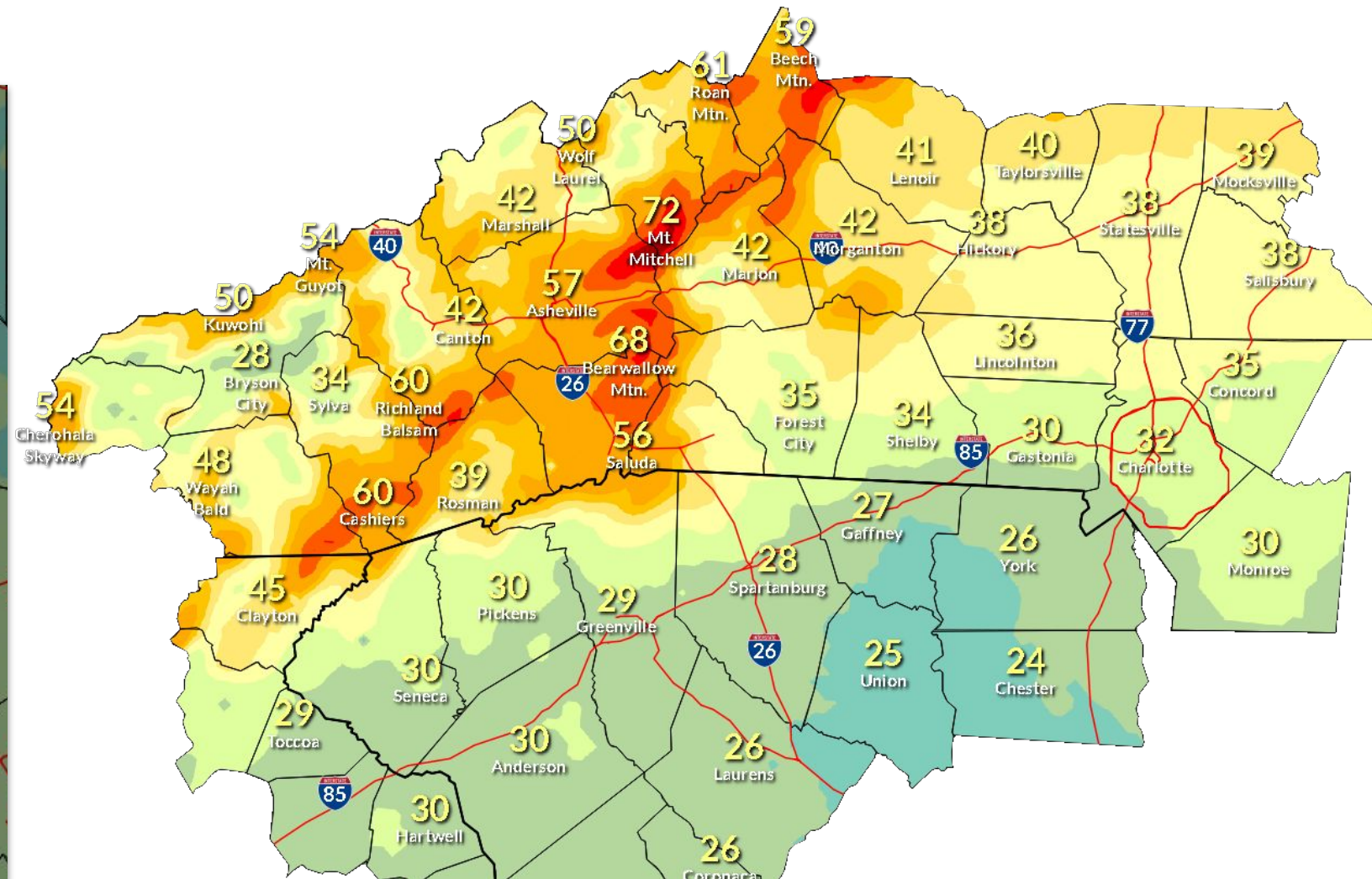
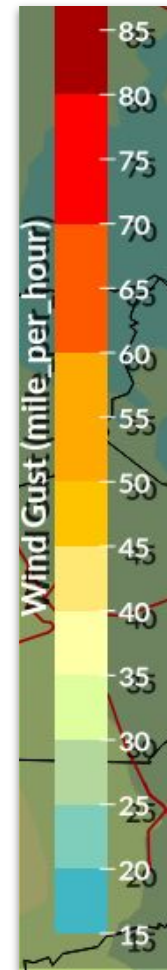
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→ High Wind Warning:

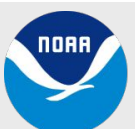
- Northwest winds 20–35 mph, gusts 55–65 mph; up to 75 mph on ridgetops.
- Damaging winds will knock down trees and power lines; widespread power outages expected. Difficult travel, especially for high-profile vehicles.

→ Wind Advisory:

- Northwest winds 15–25 mph, gusts up to 50 mph.
- Gusty winds will blow around unsecured objects. Tree limbs may be blown down, and a few power outages could result.



Peak Wind Gusts





Winter Weather Advisory

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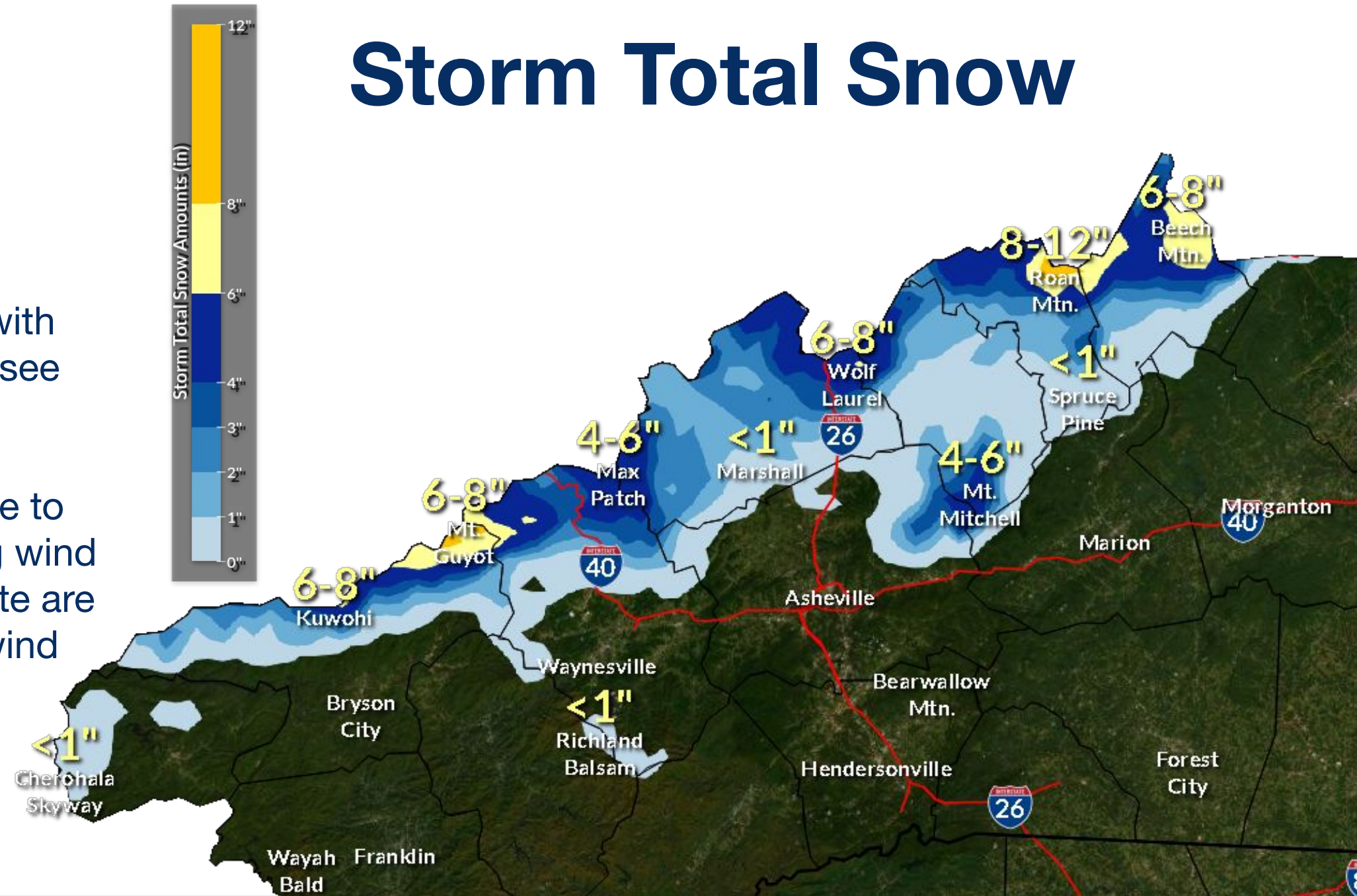
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→ Winter Weather Advisory:

- ◆ Snow expected. Total snow accumulations of 1-4 inches, with isolated areas near the Tennessee border seeing 6-12 inches.

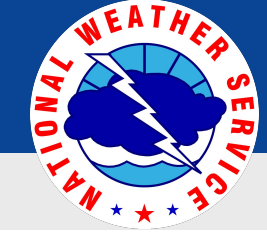
Impassable roads, power outages (due to snow weight on trees/lines and strong wind gusts), and impacted evening commute are possible. Blowing snow from strong wind gusts will sharply reduce visibility.

Storm Total Snow



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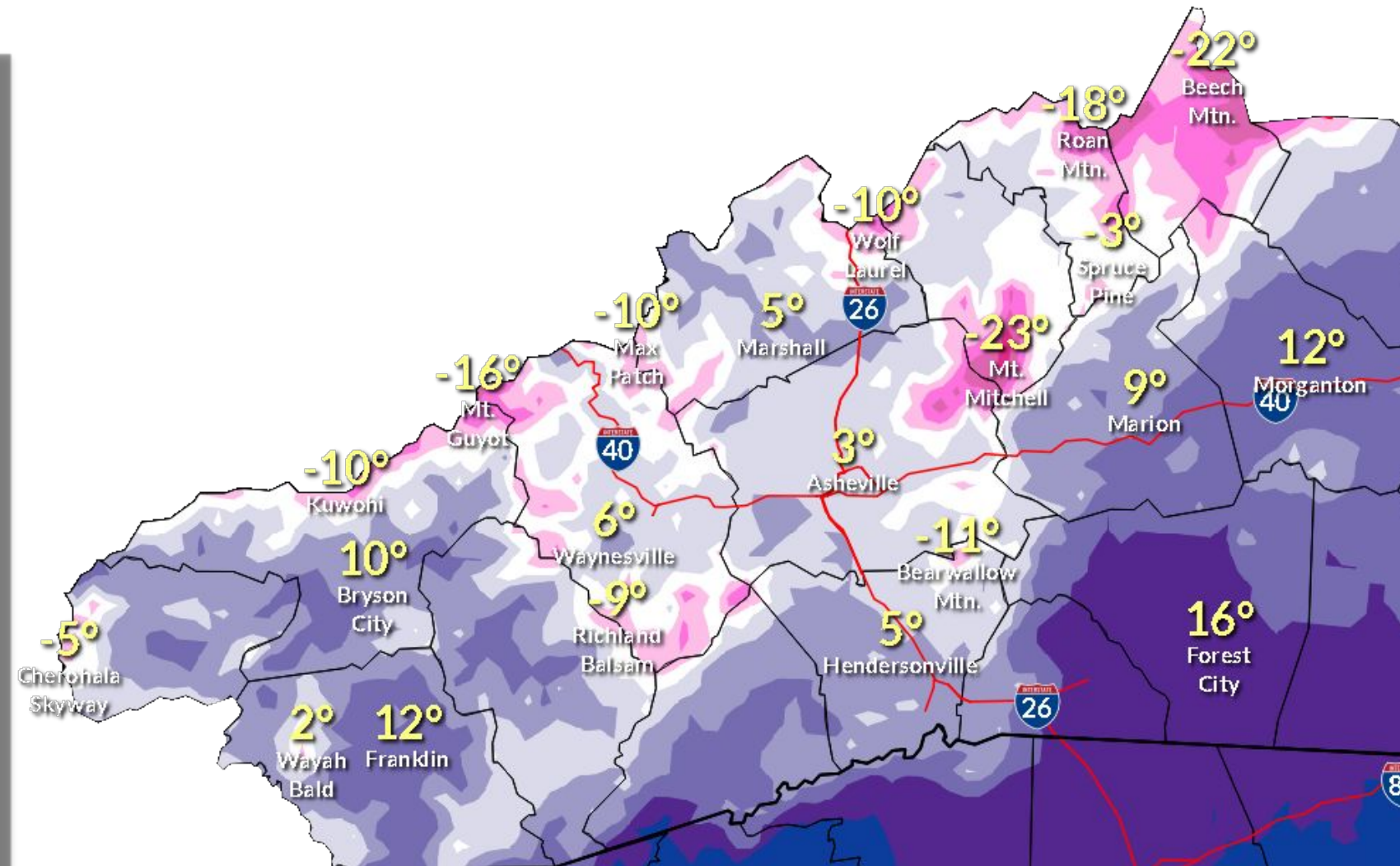
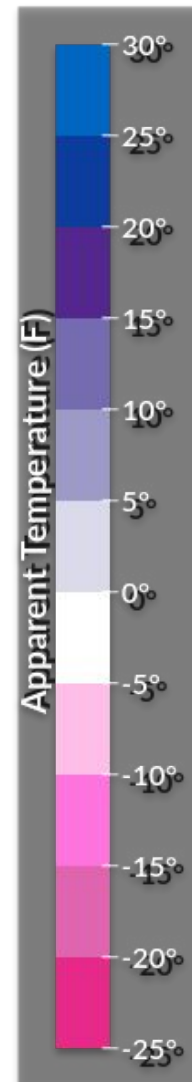
1 AM Saturday through 7 AM Sunday

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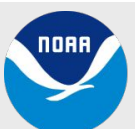
→ For the Cold Weather Advisory:

- ◆ For Avery County and above 3,500 feet in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, Swain, and northern Jackson.
- ◆ Very cold wind chills as low as 10 to 15 below zero expected, and possibly lower on the highest ridgetops.

These dangerously cold wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken.



Minimum Wind Chills



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