



# Severe Weather Briefing

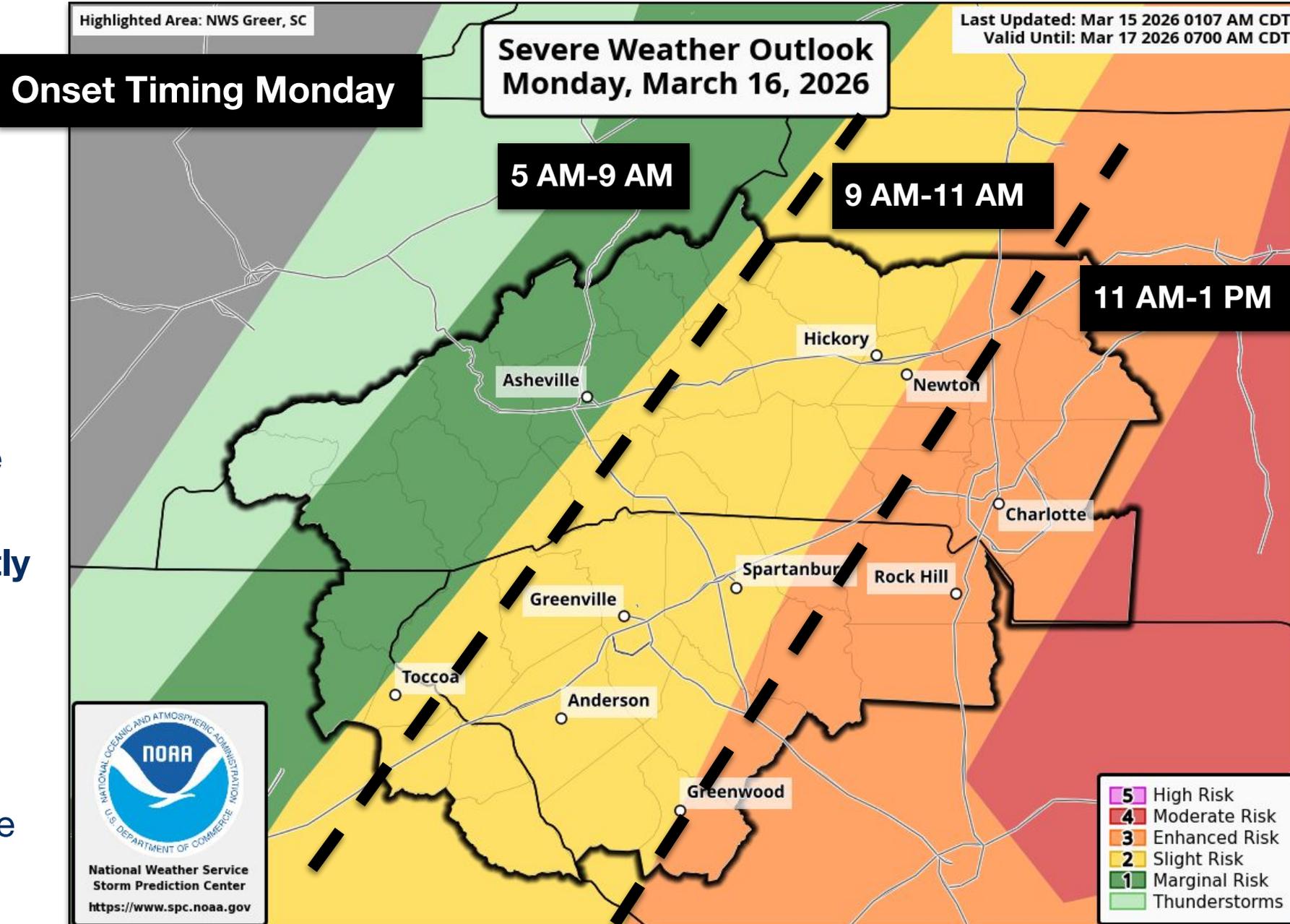
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Decision Support Briefing #4 for the Western Carolinas and Northeast Georgia

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## Important Updates

- Minor changes to onset timing Monday.
- Confidence continues to increase regarding the damaging wind and tornado threat, especially for the areas south of I-85 and along/east of the I-77 corridor.



## Key Messages

- A few strong to severe storms are possible this afternoon and evening but the severe threat will be low compared to Monday.
- **The severe weather threat increases significantly overnight into Monday afternoon** as a cold front tracks across the area. The main hazards are damaging winds and tornadoes, but isolated large hail is also possible.
- Colder temperatures, gusty winds, and northwest flow snow are also expected in association with the cold front Monday into Tuesday.

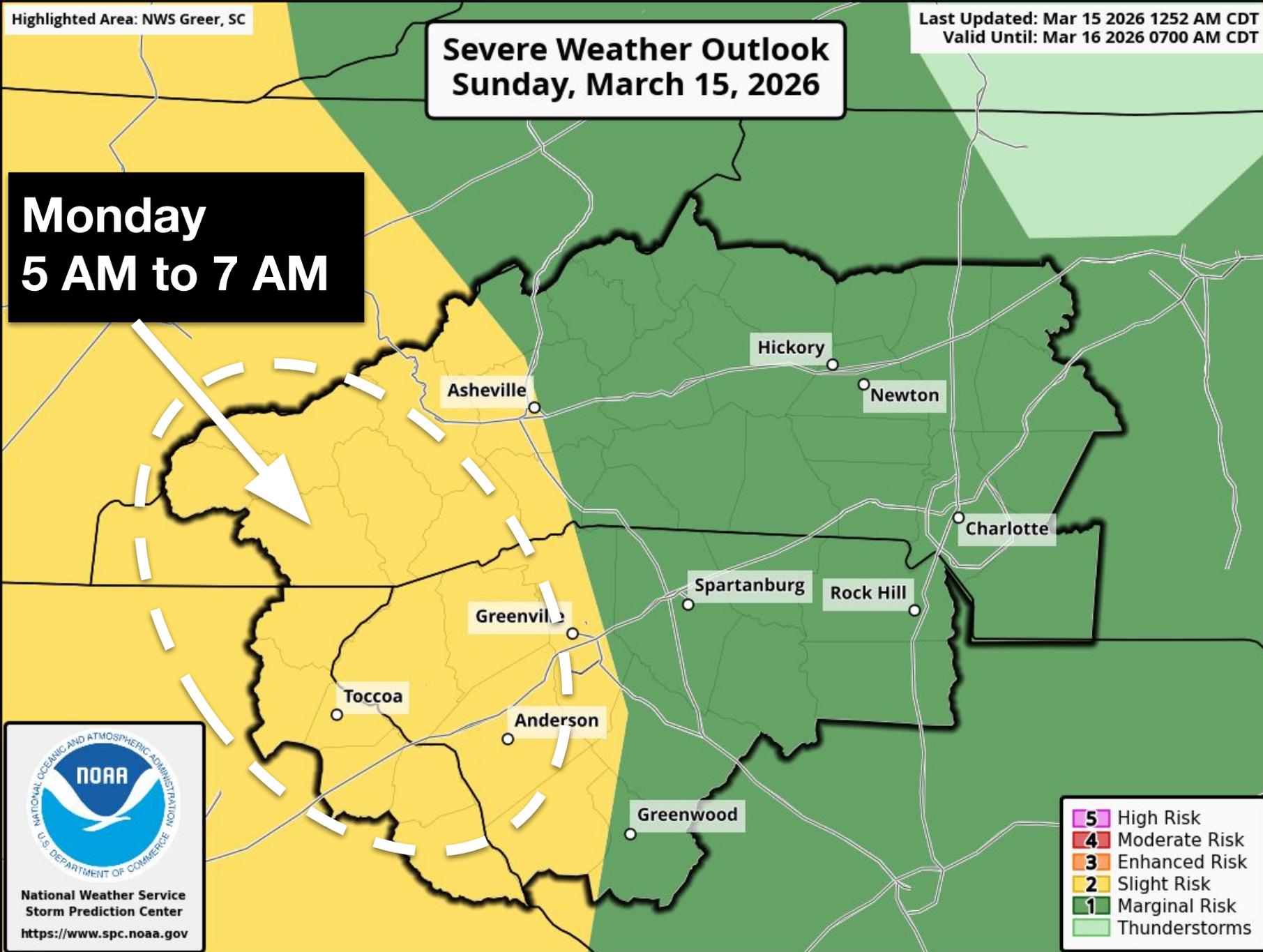




# Severe Weather Outlook Today

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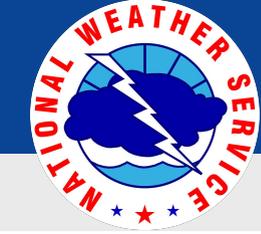
This Afternoon through Daybreak Monday



## Hazard Details

- **First round:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms move in from south to north Sunday afternoon and evening well ahead of the cold front. **The main hazard is damaging winds, but an isolated, brief tornado cannot be entirely ruled out.**
- **Second round:** A line of storms just ahead of the front will push into the southern North Carolina mountains, northeast Georgia, and the northwestern South Carolina Upstate early Monday morning (**area circled in white**). **The main hazards are damaging winds and isolated tornadoes.**





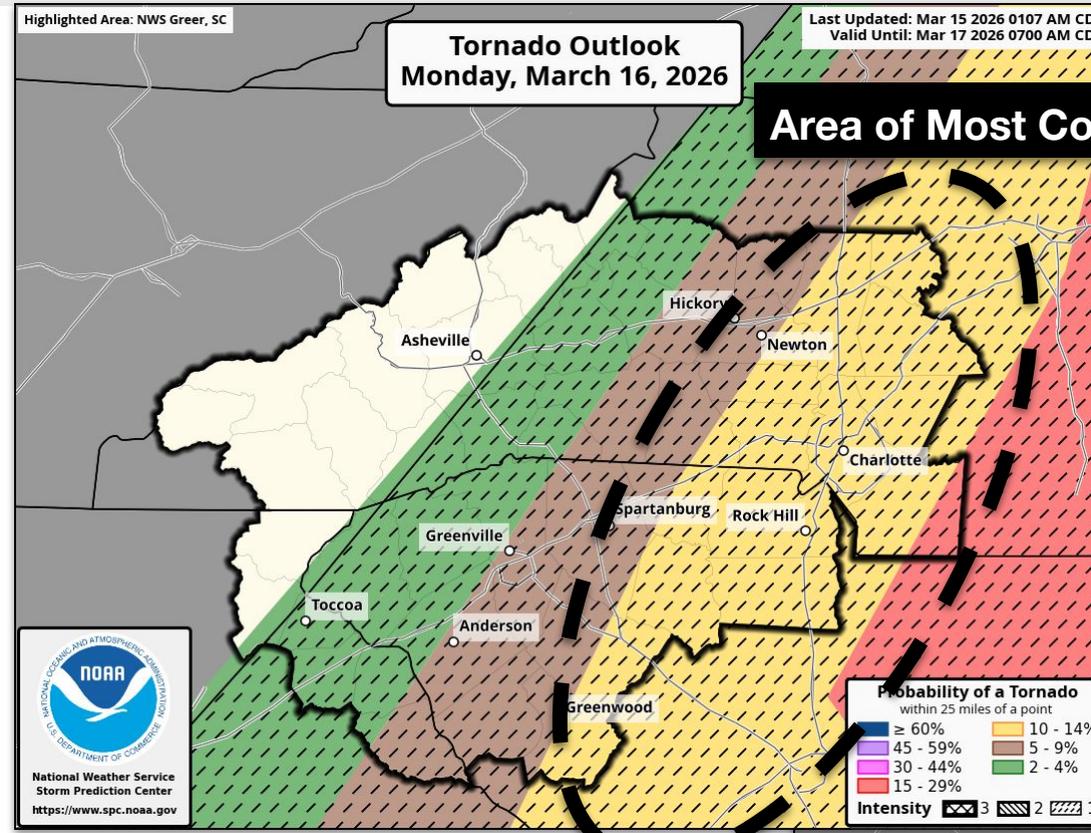
# Tornado & Severe Wind Threat Monday

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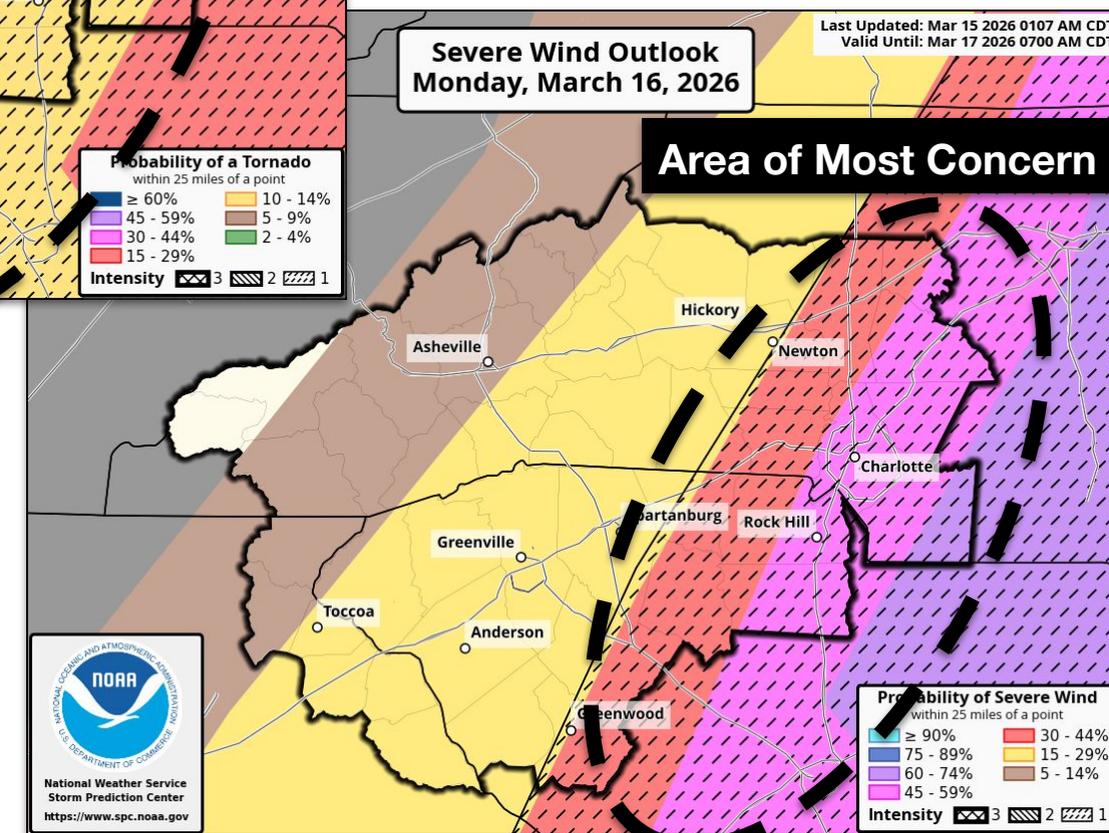
Early morning hours Monday through Monday Afternoon

## Hazard Details

- Ahead of a cold front, a strong line of storms will track across the area early Monday morning into Monday afternoon. **Confidence continues to increase regarding the damaging wind and tornado threat.**
- **The damaging wind & tornado risk will be highest for areas south of I-85 and along/east of the I-77 corridor (circled in black).**
- Large hail may develop, mainly during Monday afternoon, but **confidence is low** as the risk looks higher south and east of the GSP forecast area.



**Onset Timing Monday**  
Mountains: 5 AM-9 AM  
East of Mountains: 9 AM-1 PM





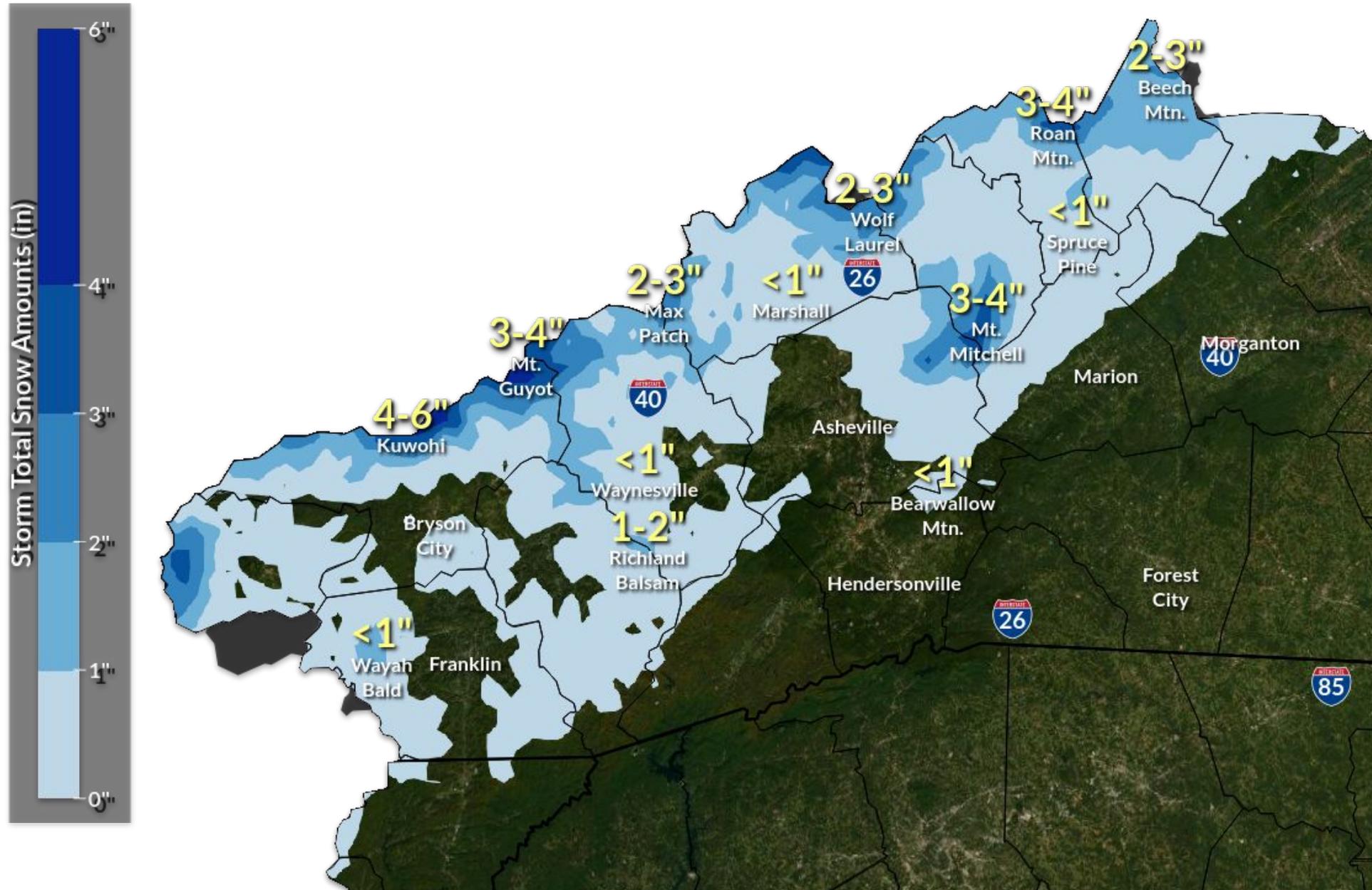
# Post-Event: Northwest Flow Snow

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Monday Afternoon into Monday Night

## Hazard Details

- Temperatures will drop below freezing behind the front across the North Carolina mountains Monday afternoon into Monday evening, allowing for a brief period of northwest flow snow.
- **Light snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are possible, mainly across the higher elevations. Locally higher amounts from 3 to 6 inches are possible in the Smokies.**
- Snow will linger through Monday night before tapering off around daybreak Tuesday.





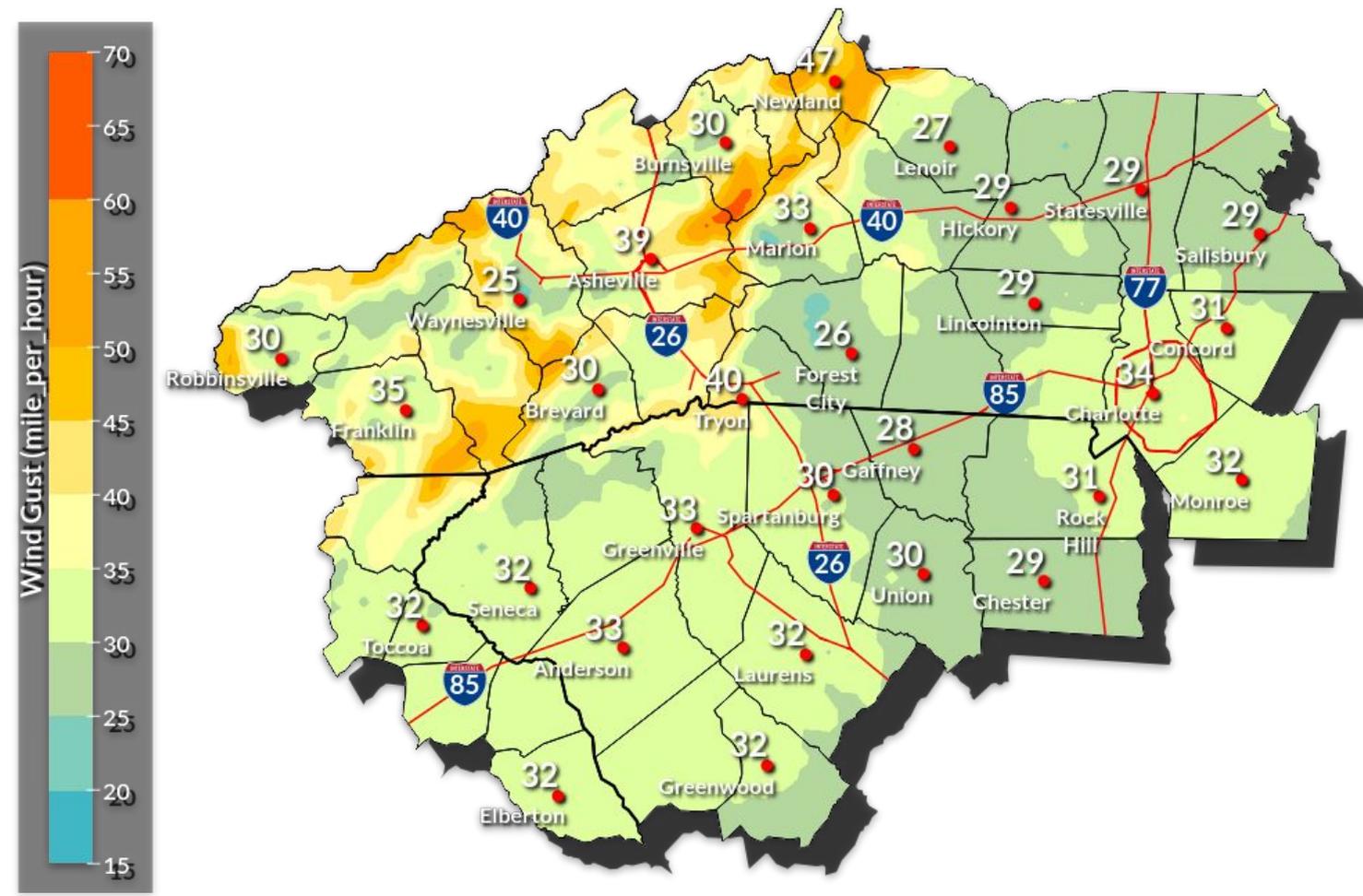
# Post-Event: Gusty Winds & Cold

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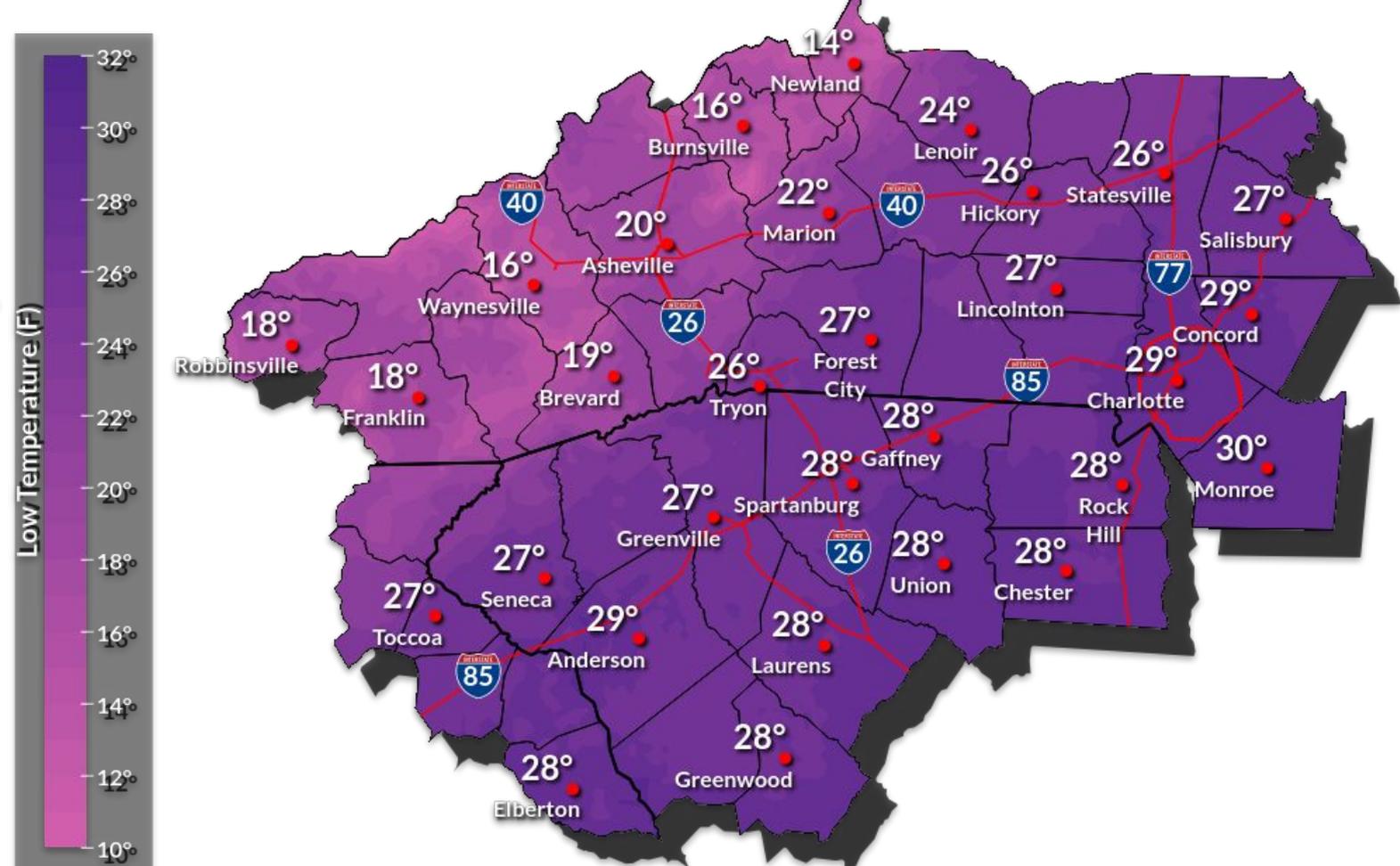
## Monday into Monday night

Gusty area-wide Monday into Monday night, with wind gusts from 45 to 50 mph possible across the higher elevations of the North Carolina mountains.

Cold air returns Monday night into Wednesday night, with temperatures falling near to below freezing each night.



**Peak Gusts Monday into Monday Night**



**Low Temperatures Monday Night**



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