



Hurricane Isaias Briefing

Decision Support Briefing #5 for the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

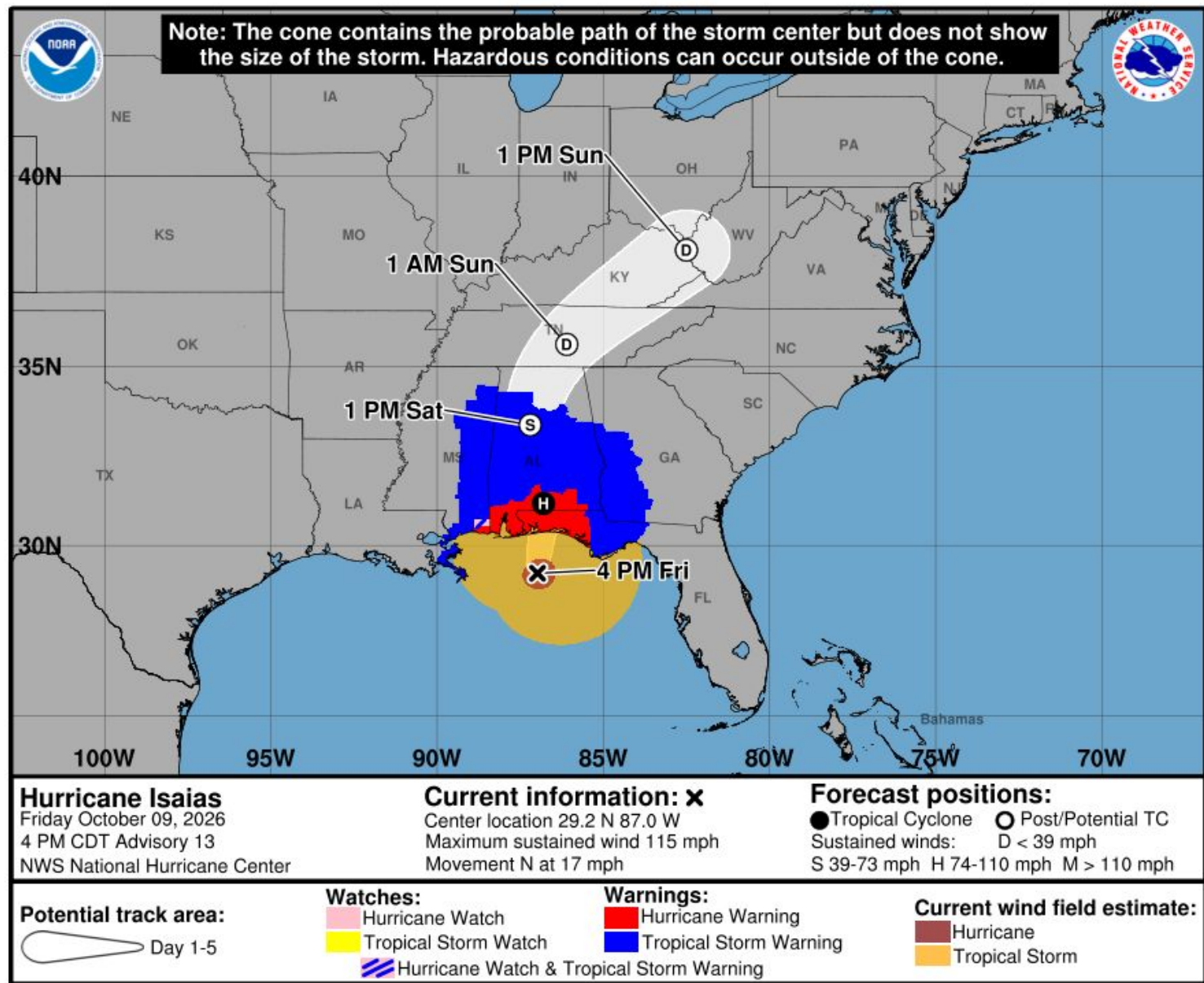
NEW

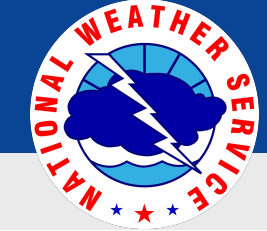
Important Updates

- A Flood Watch has been issued for most of the Blue Ridge mountains, northeast GA, and SC mountains.
- A High Wind Warning/Wind Advisory has been issued for the NC mountains, northeast GA, and western Upstate.
- Rainfall amounts and wind gusts have increased.

Key Messages

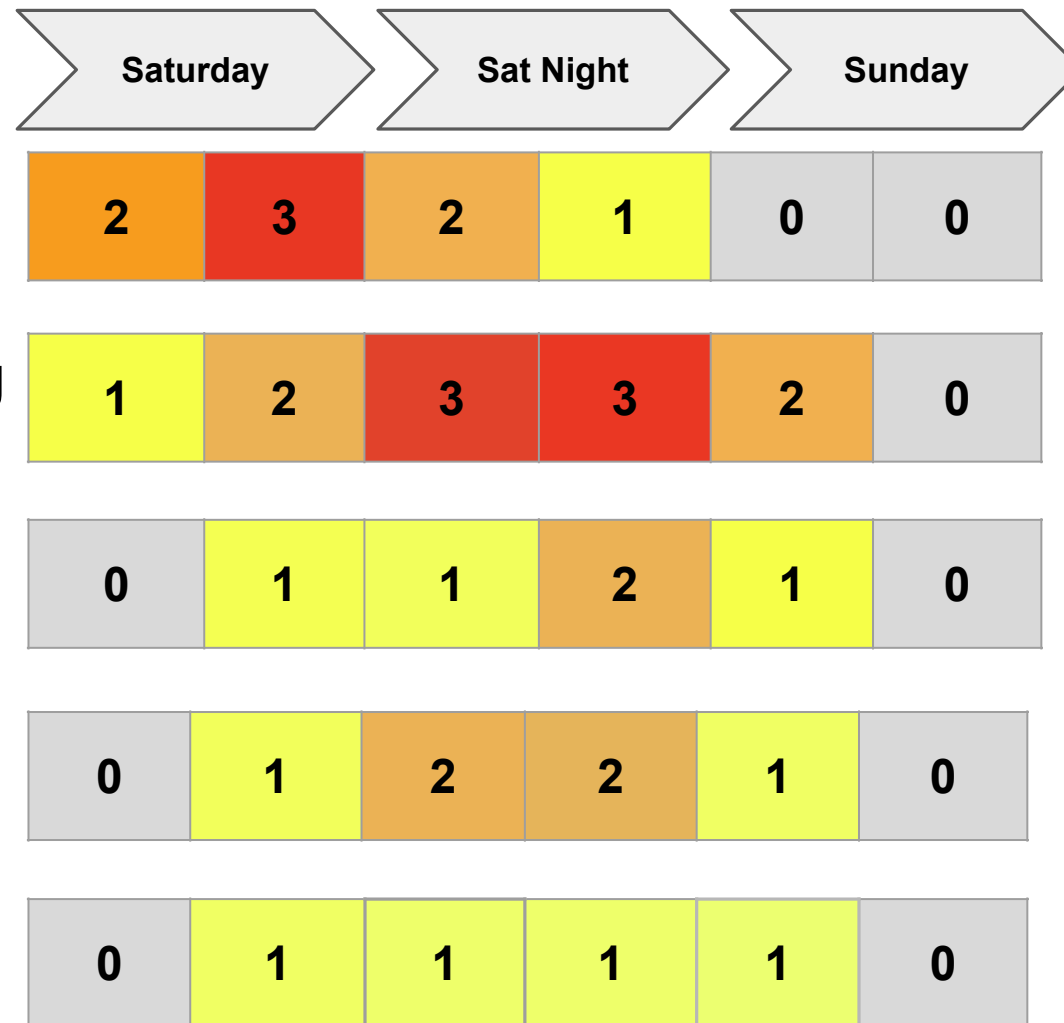
- Tropical Cyclone Isaias is expected to make landfall near Pensacola, FL tonight and move north across the Deep South through Saturday.
- A flash flood threat will develop across the area on Saturday, and continue through Sunday morning or early afternoon.
- Gusty winds and a low-end tornado threat will accompany Isaias as well Saturday into Sunday





Timeline for Greatest Impacts & Key Messages

Hurricane Isaias



Impacts Legend



Key Messages

- Localized to moderate flash flooding likely along and near the **Blue Ridge Escarpment**. Flooding of mainstem rivers is possible but likely limited to Minor flooding at worst.
- Confidence is moderate in isolated landslides and debris flows occurring during the heaviest rainfall between **Saturday evening and Sunday morning**.
- Wind speeds have increased, especially **above 3500'** in the **North Carolina mountains**, with **gusts up to 60 mph**. **Gusts of 45 to 50 mph** are expected in the **Wind Advisory area**.
- Isolated tornadoes are possible, mainly in the Piedmont of the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia.



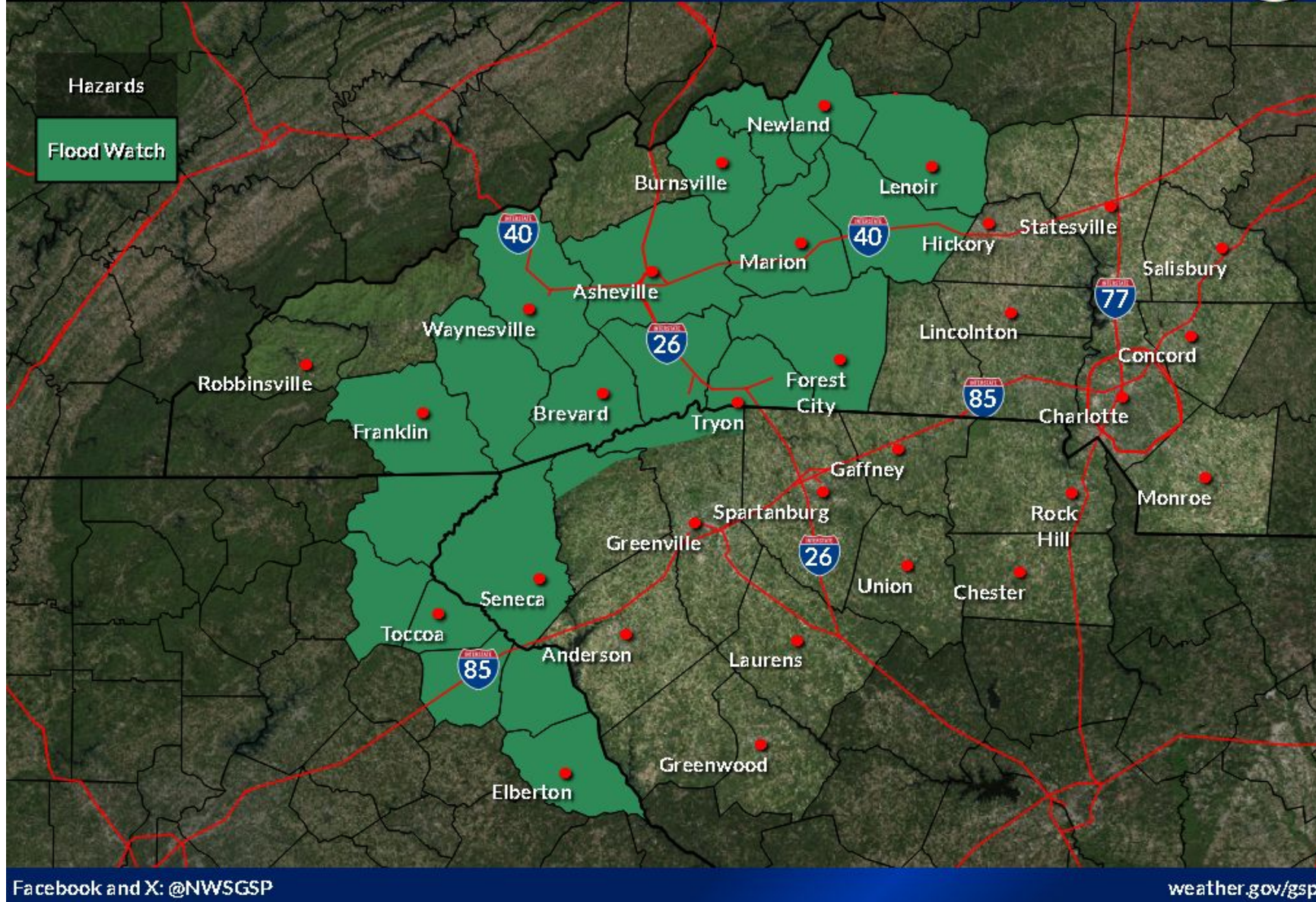
Flood Watch

Hurricane Isaias

Flood Watch

8 AM EDT Saturday, Oct 10 Through 2 PM EDT Sunday, Oct 11

Weather Forecast Office
Greenville-Spartanburg
Issued Oct 09, 2026 2:01 PM EDT

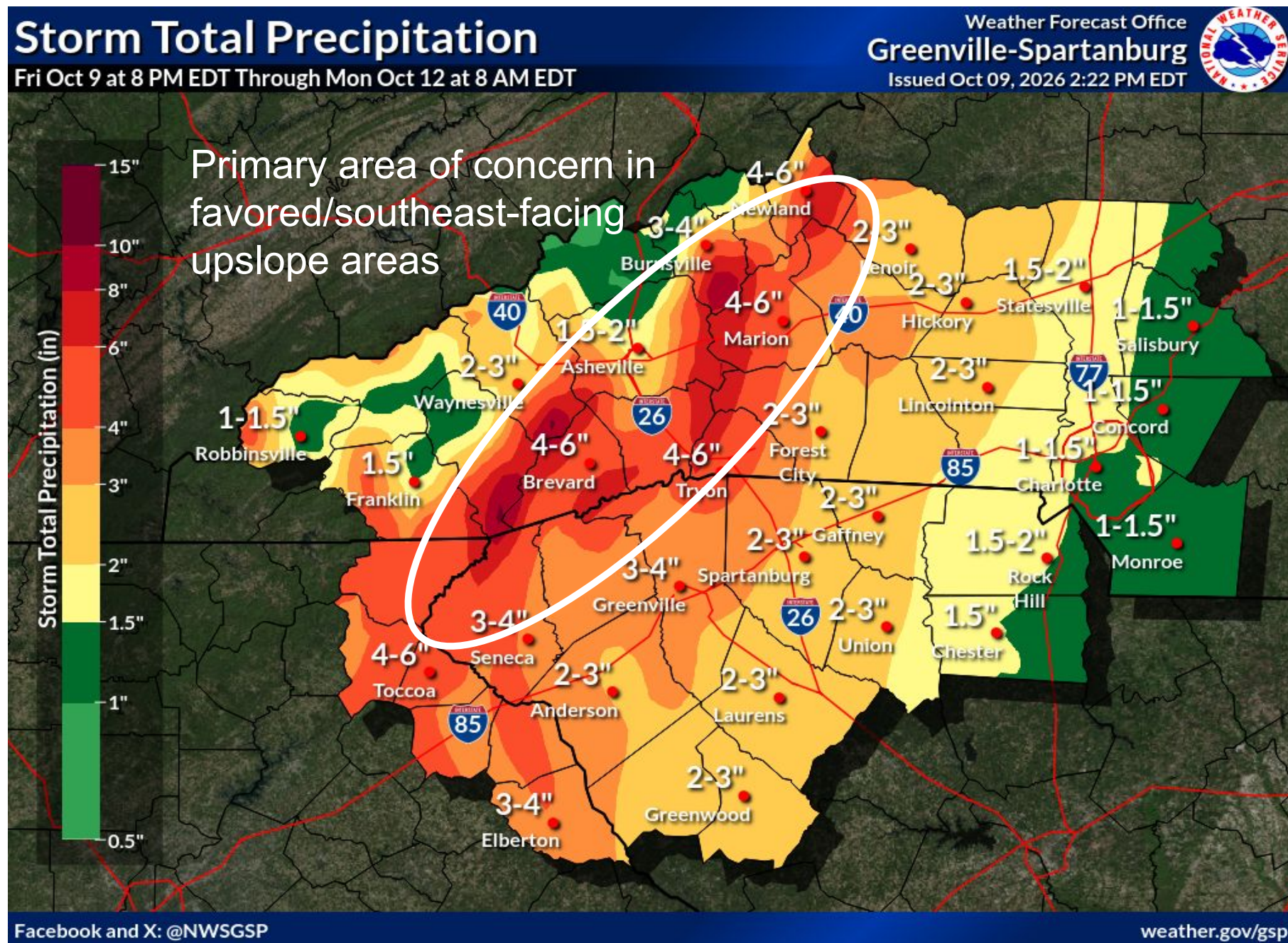


- **Flood Watch in effect from 8 AM Saturday through 2 PM Sunday.**
- Tropical rainfall will be enhanced, and locally excessive, across the high terrain, especially on southerly and easterly exposures along the Blue Ridge Escarpment.
- The coverage of heavy showers will increase throughout Saturday, and as the rain piles up, the flood and landslide threat will increase as Saturday night wears on.



Storm Total Rainfall

Hurricane Isaias

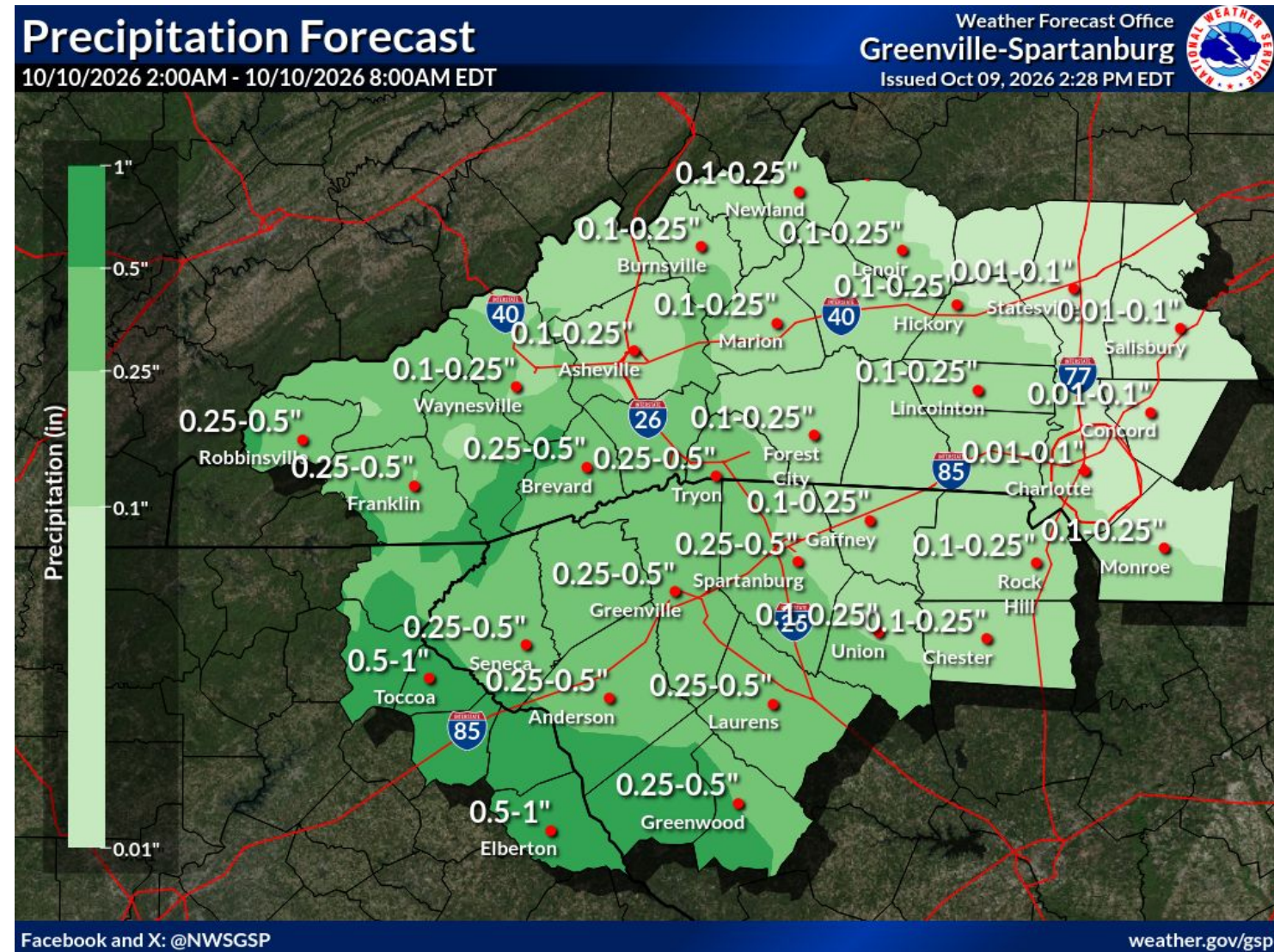


- Rain will develop **Saturday morning** and continue into **Sunday morning**. The peak flooding threat is expected **Saturday afternoon through early Sunday**.
- A large portion of the region will receive **2-4"**, although higher amounts, in excess of 8", is expected on the southeast-facing slopes of the Appalachians.
- **Confidence in this rainfall forecast is moderate**. Based upon this forecast, anywhere from nuisance to moderate flooding is likely along streams and in low-lying areas. Flooding of larger rivers is possible, but likely to be limited to Minor flooding at worst.
- **Isolated landslides** likely near the Blue Ridge - anywhere that rainfall is more than 5" in 24h.



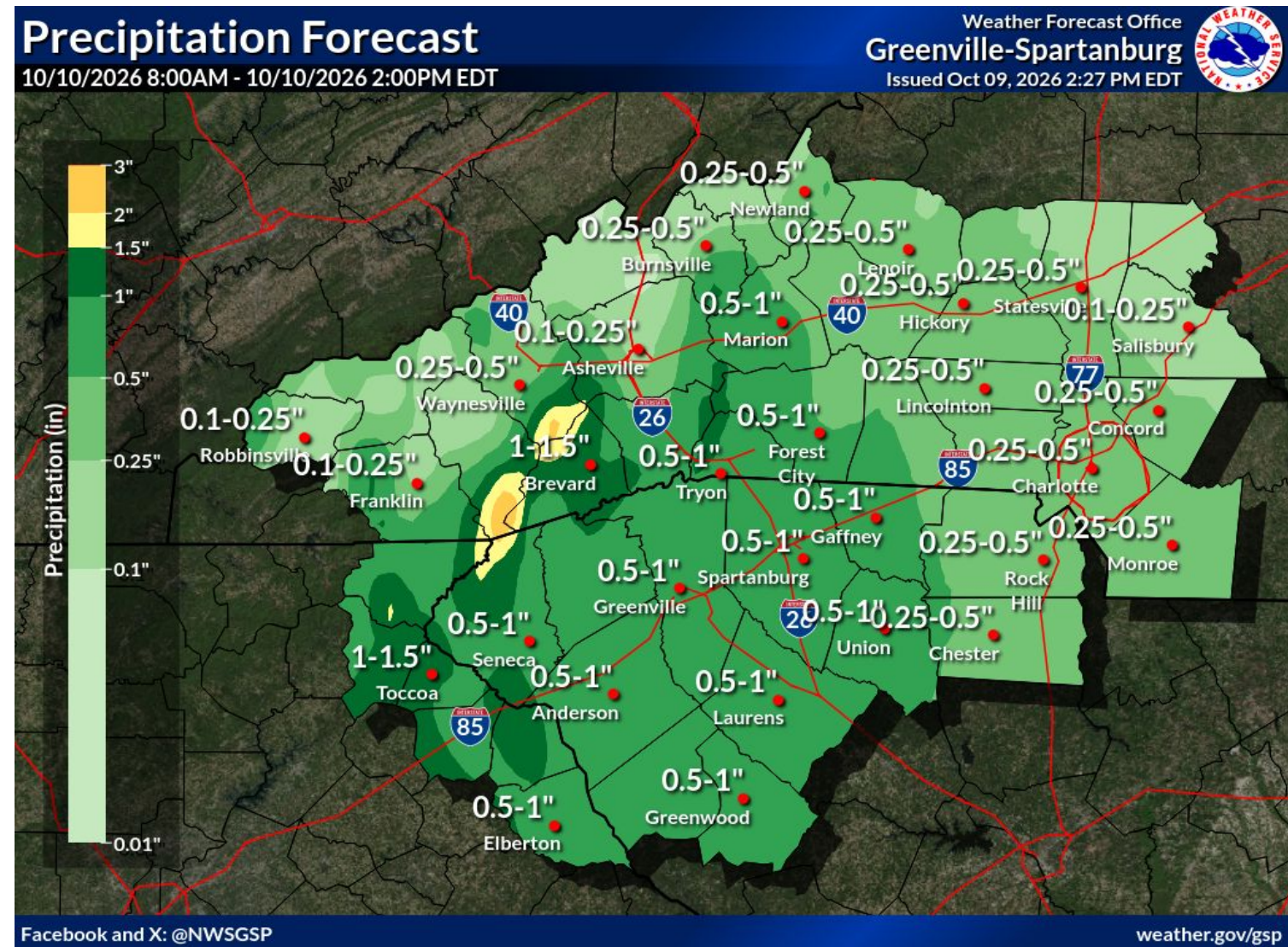
6 Hour Rainfall Totals

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 AM to 8 AM Saturday

Last updated: 10/9/2026 5:30 PM EDT



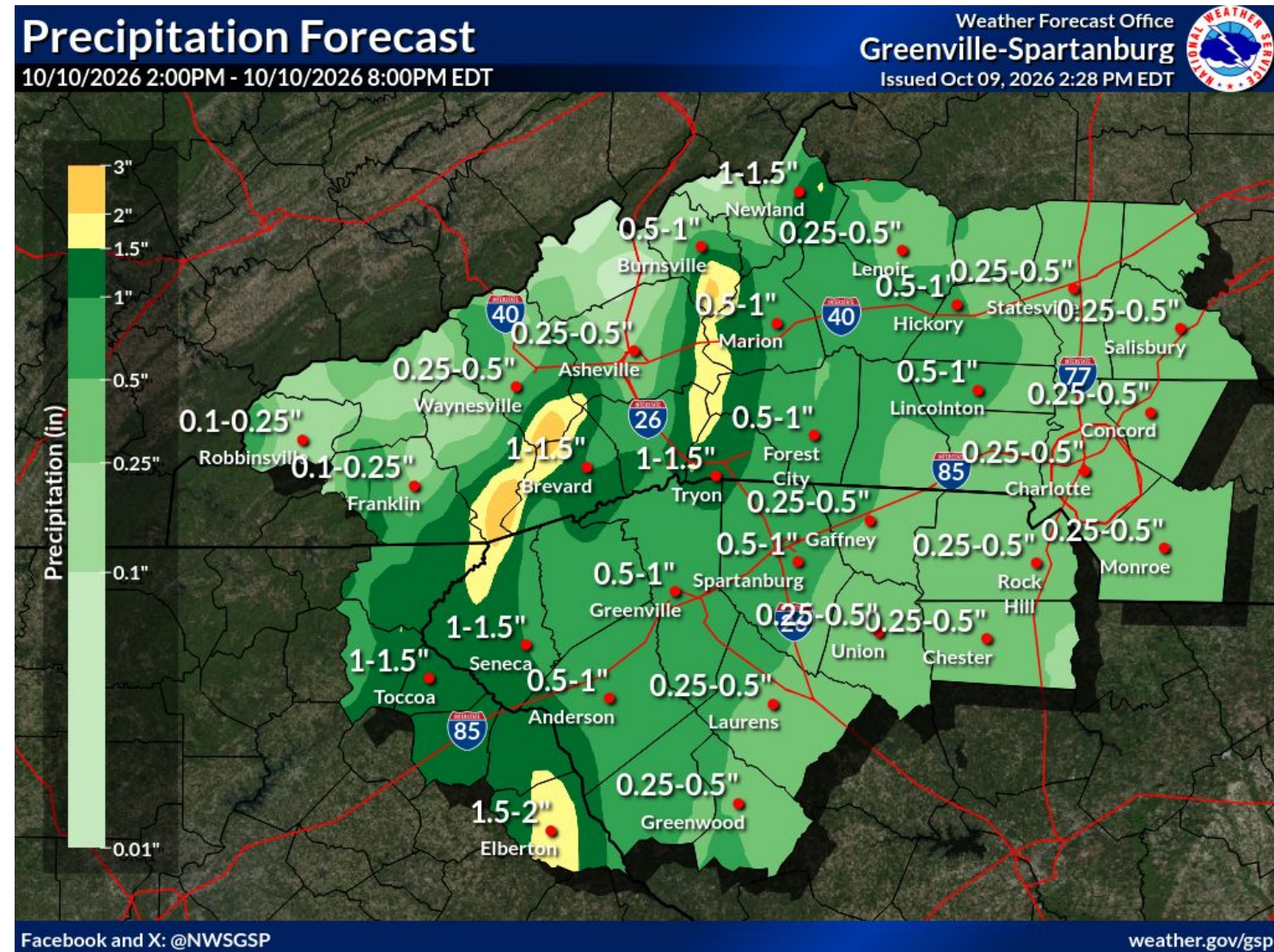
Valid: 8 AM to 2 PM Saturday

National Weather Service - Greenville-Spartanburg, SC



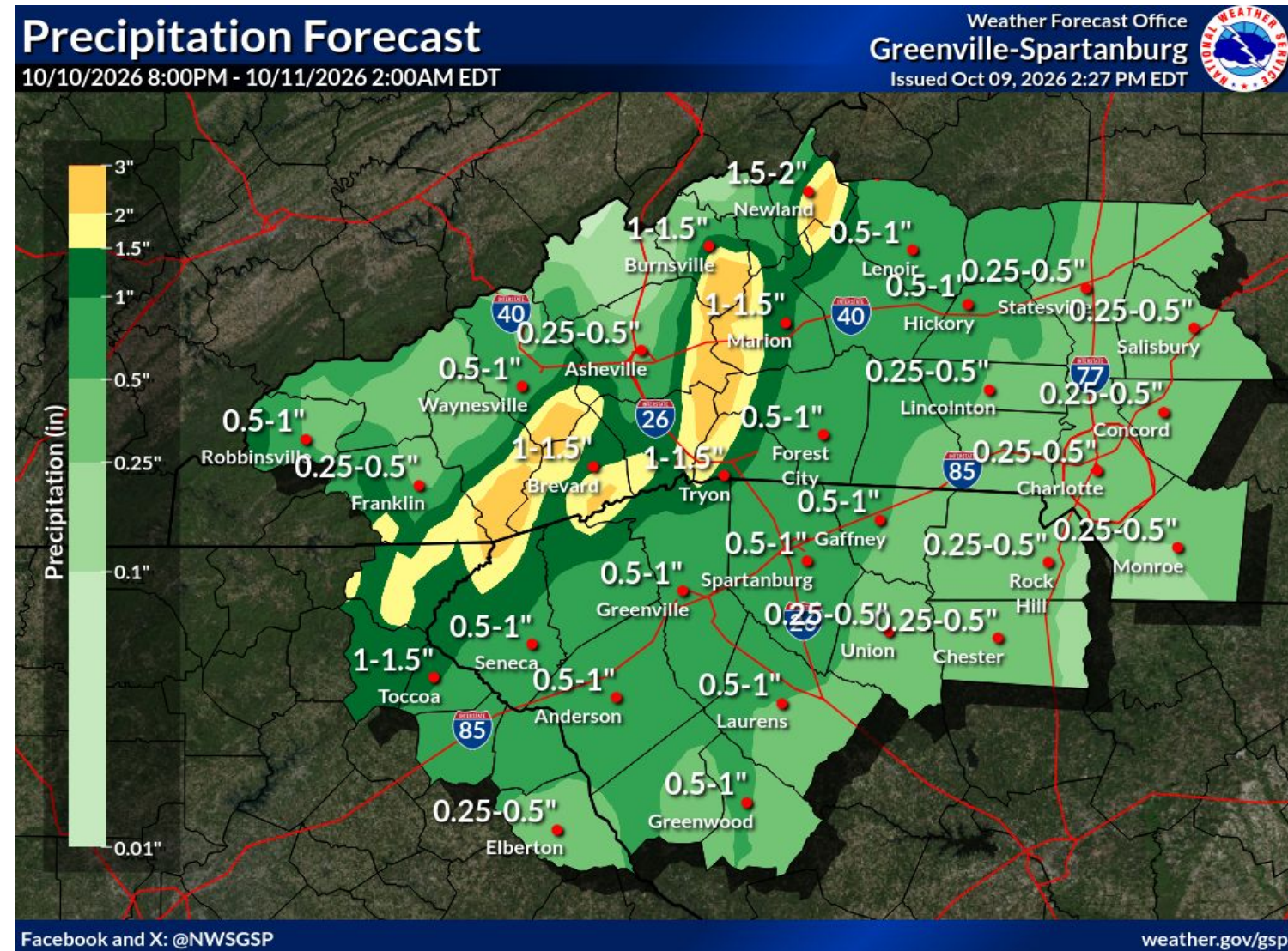
6 Hour Rainfall Totals

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 PM to 8 PM Saturday

Last updated: 10/9/2026 5:30 PM EDT



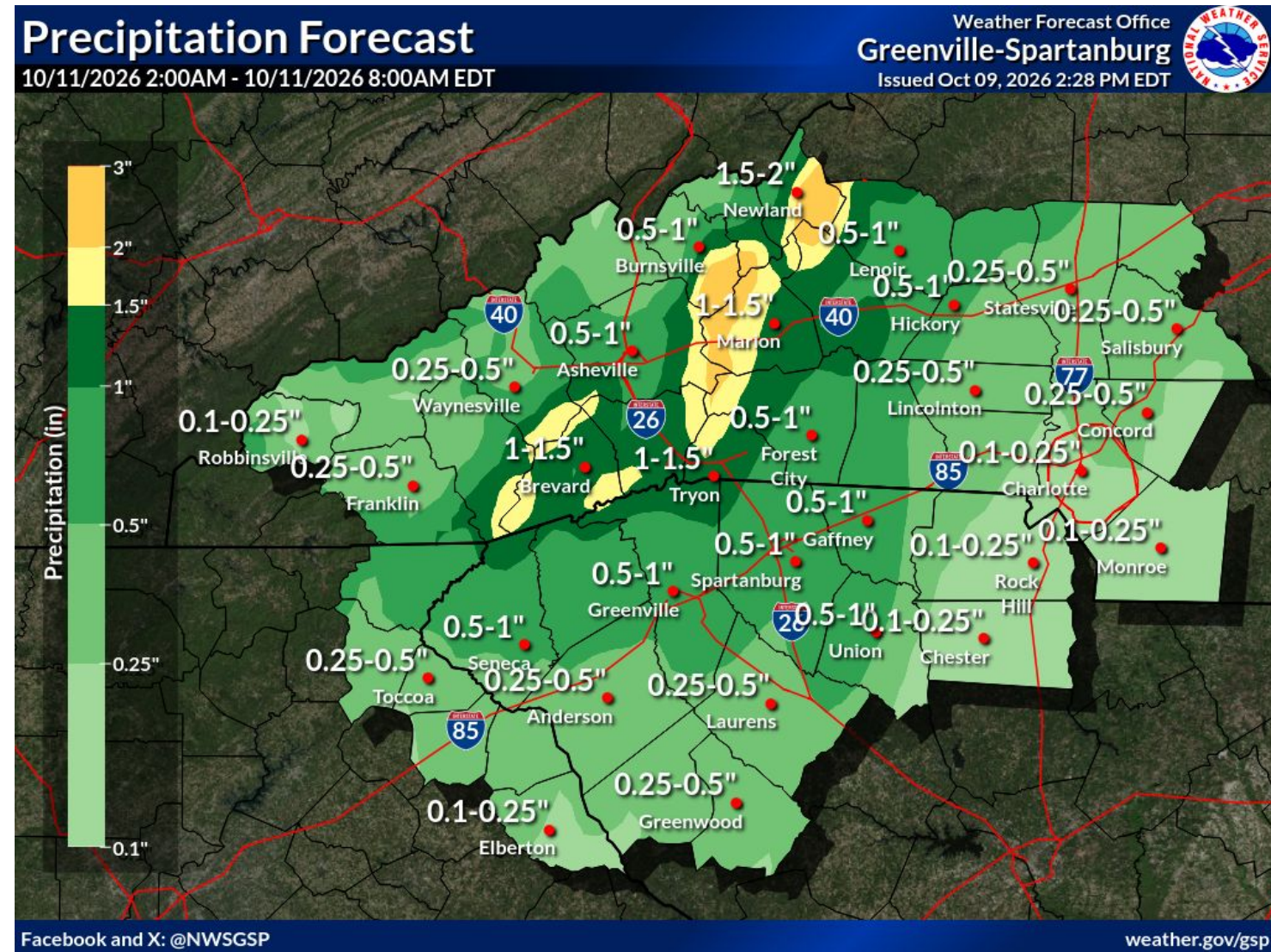
Valid: 8 PM Saturday to 2 AM Sunday

National Weather Service - Greenville-Spartanburg, SC

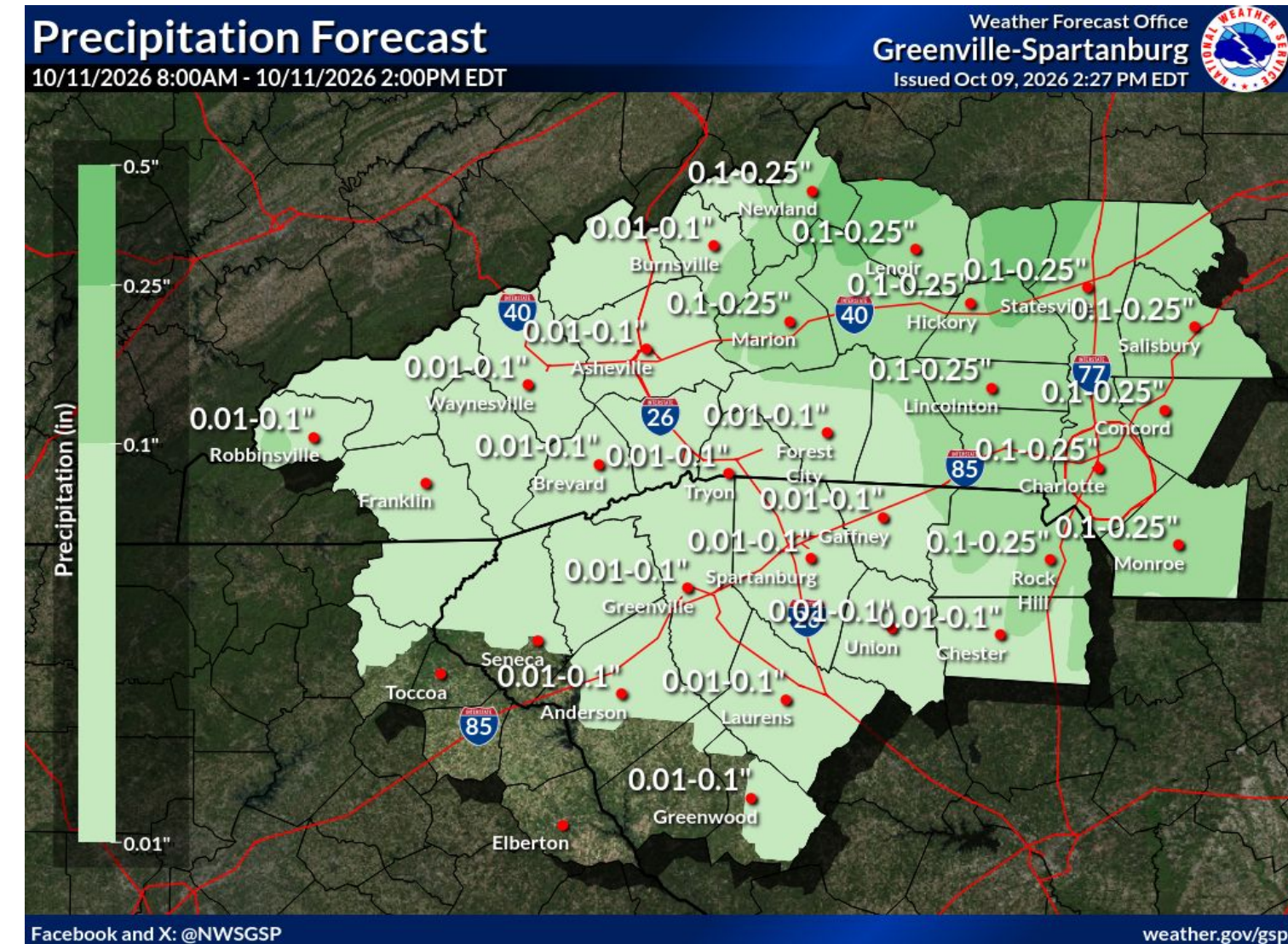


6 Hour Rainfall Totals

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 AM to 8 AM Sunday



Valid: 8 AM to 2 PM Sunday



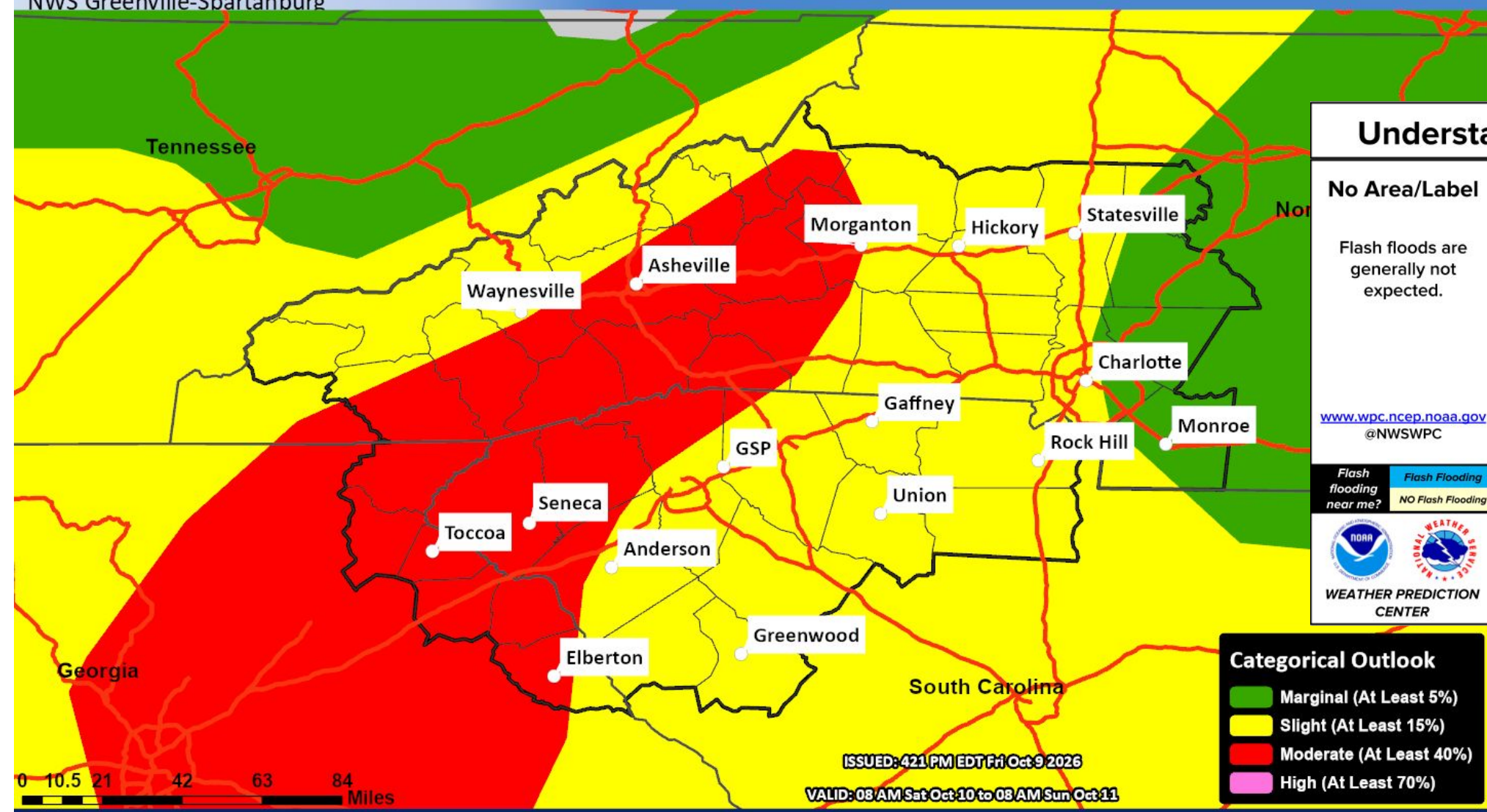
Isaias Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Hurricane Isaias



Excessive Rainfall Outlook for Sat and Sat Night

NWS Greenville-Spartanburg



Understanding WPC Excessive Rainfall Risk Categories

No Area/Label	MARGINAL (MRGL)	SLIGHT (SLGT)	MODERATE (MDT)	HIGH (HIGH)
Flash floods are generally not expected.	Isolated flash floods possible	Scattered flash floods possible	Numerous flash floods likely	Widespread flash floods expected
Flash floods are generally not expected.	Localized and primarily affecting places that can experience rapid runoff with heavy rainfall.	Mainly localized. Most vulnerable are urban areas, roads, small streams and washes. Isolated significant flash floods possible.	Numerous flash flooding events with significant events possible. Many streams may flood, potentially affecting larger rivers.	Severe, widespread flash flooding. Areas that don't normally experience flash flooding, could. Lives and property in greater danger.
www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov @NWSWPC				
Flash flooding near me?	Flash Flooding	Flash Flooding	Flash Flooding	Flash Flooding
NO Flash Flooding				
WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER				

Categorical Outlook

- Marginal (At Least 5%)
- Slight (At Least 15%)
- Moderate (At Least 40%)
- High (At Least 70%)

Facebook.com/NWSGSP

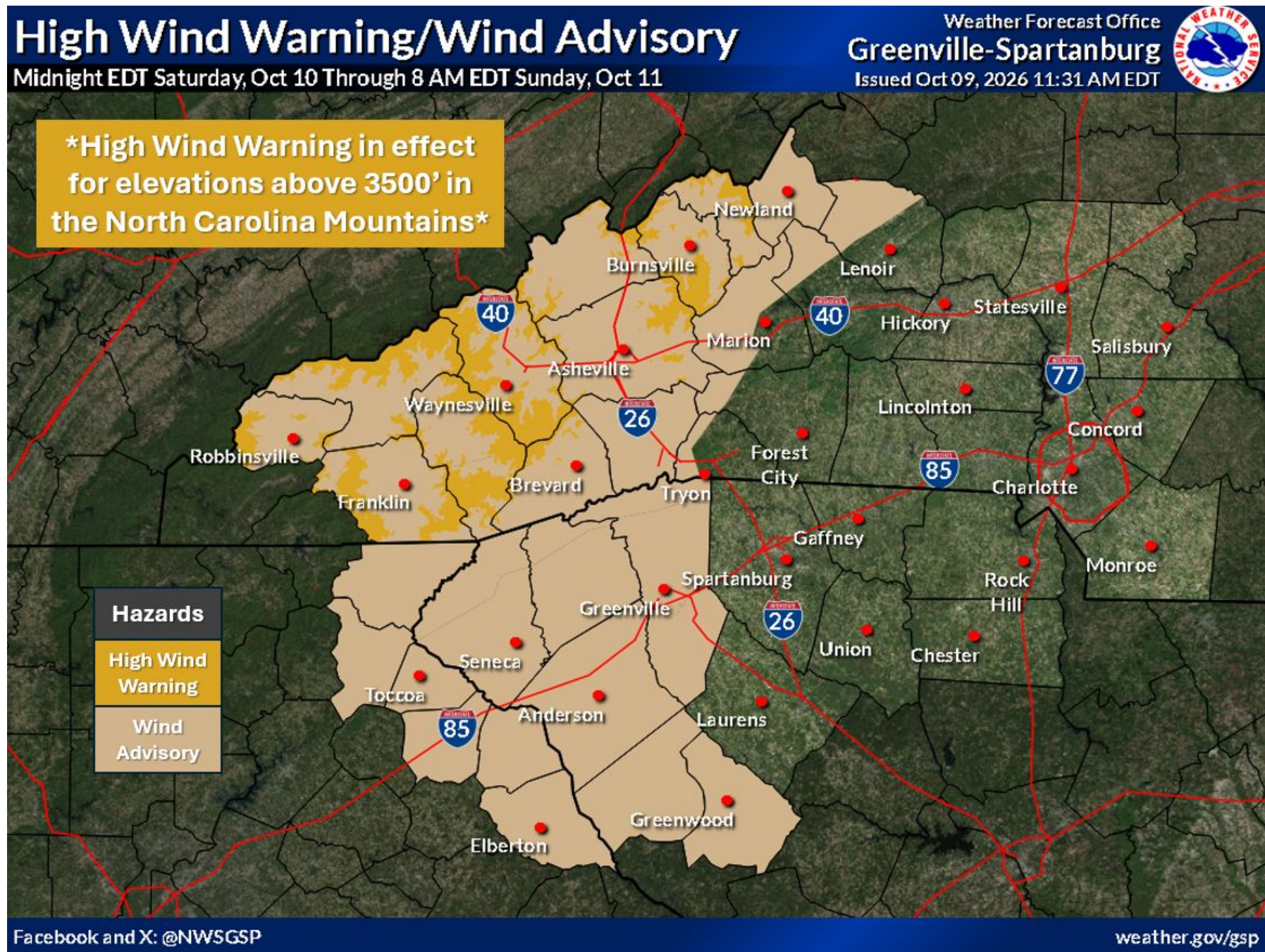
@NWSGSP

www.weather.gov/GSP



High Wind Warning & Wind Advisory

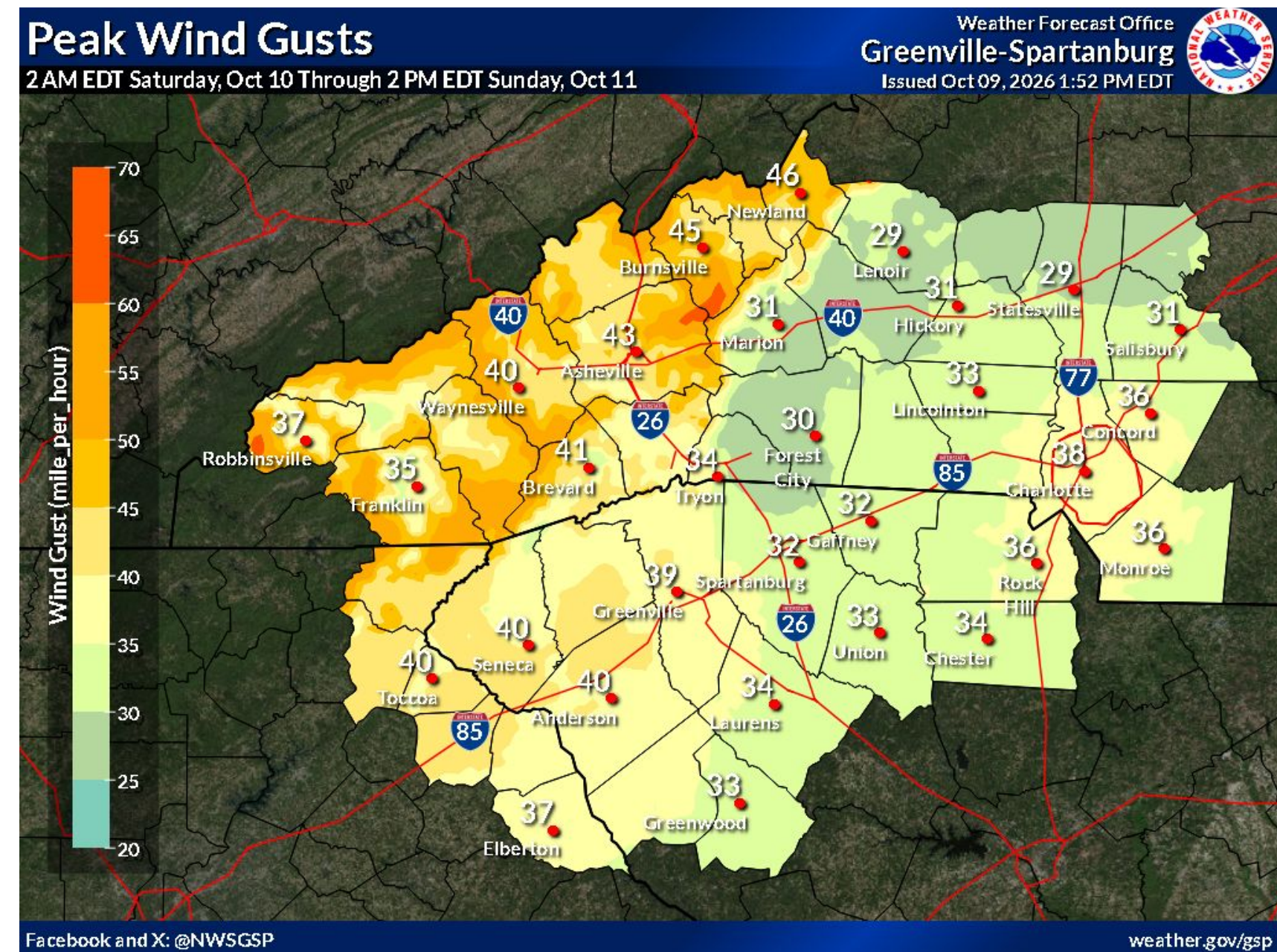
Hurricane Isaias





Max Wind Gusts

Hurricane Isaias

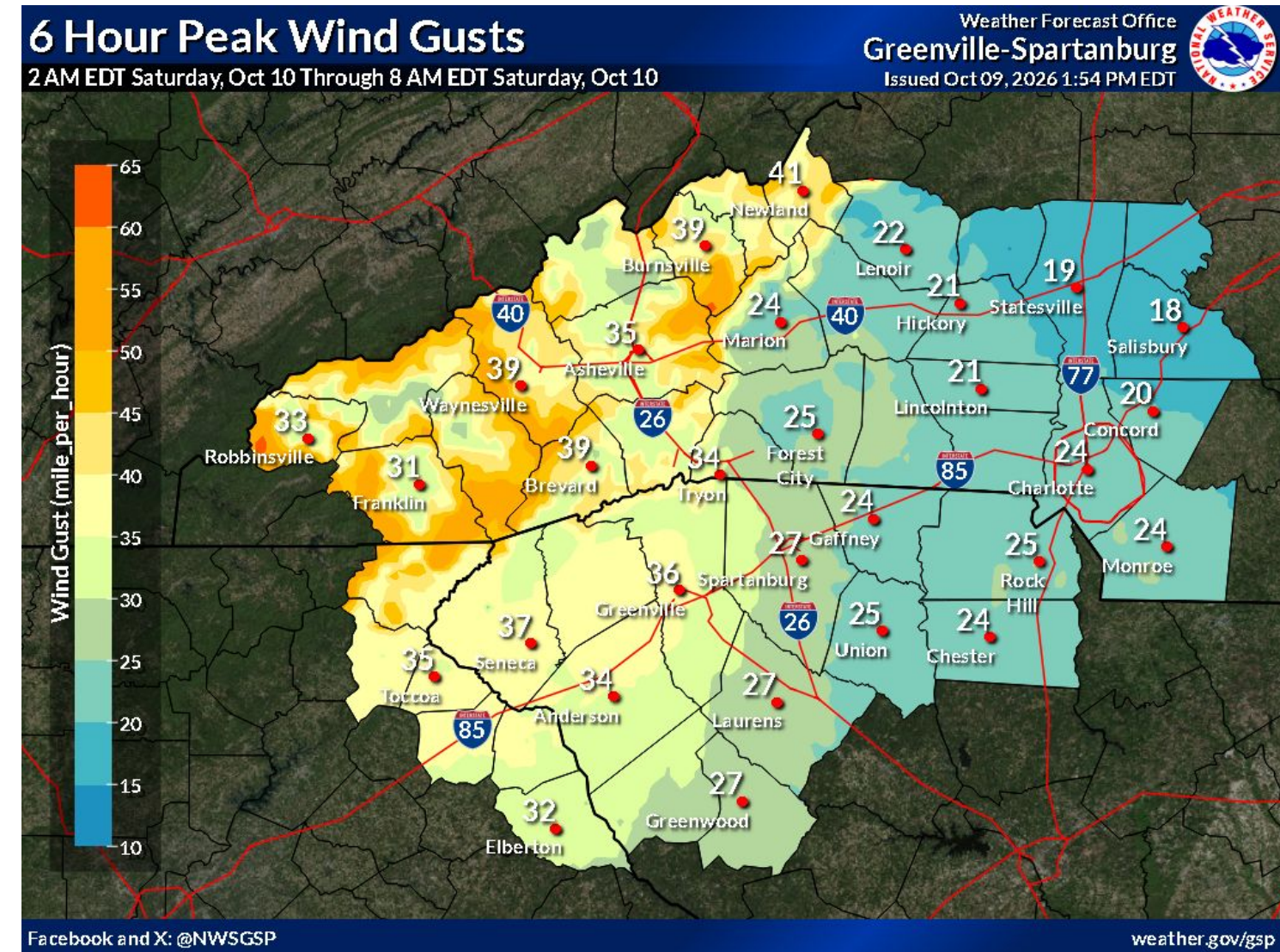


- Gusty winds are expected to pick up **Saturday morning** and linger into **Sunday morning**.
- Widespread **sustained winds of 10-20 mph**, with **gusts of 25-35 mph** likely across areas outside of the **Wind Advisory**.
- **Sustained winds of 10-20 mph**, with gusts up to **40-50 mph** in the **Wind Advisory** area.
- **Elevations above 3500'** are likely to receive **sustained winds of 15-25 mph**, with **gusts of 50-60 mph**, which could lead to **numerous power outages**.

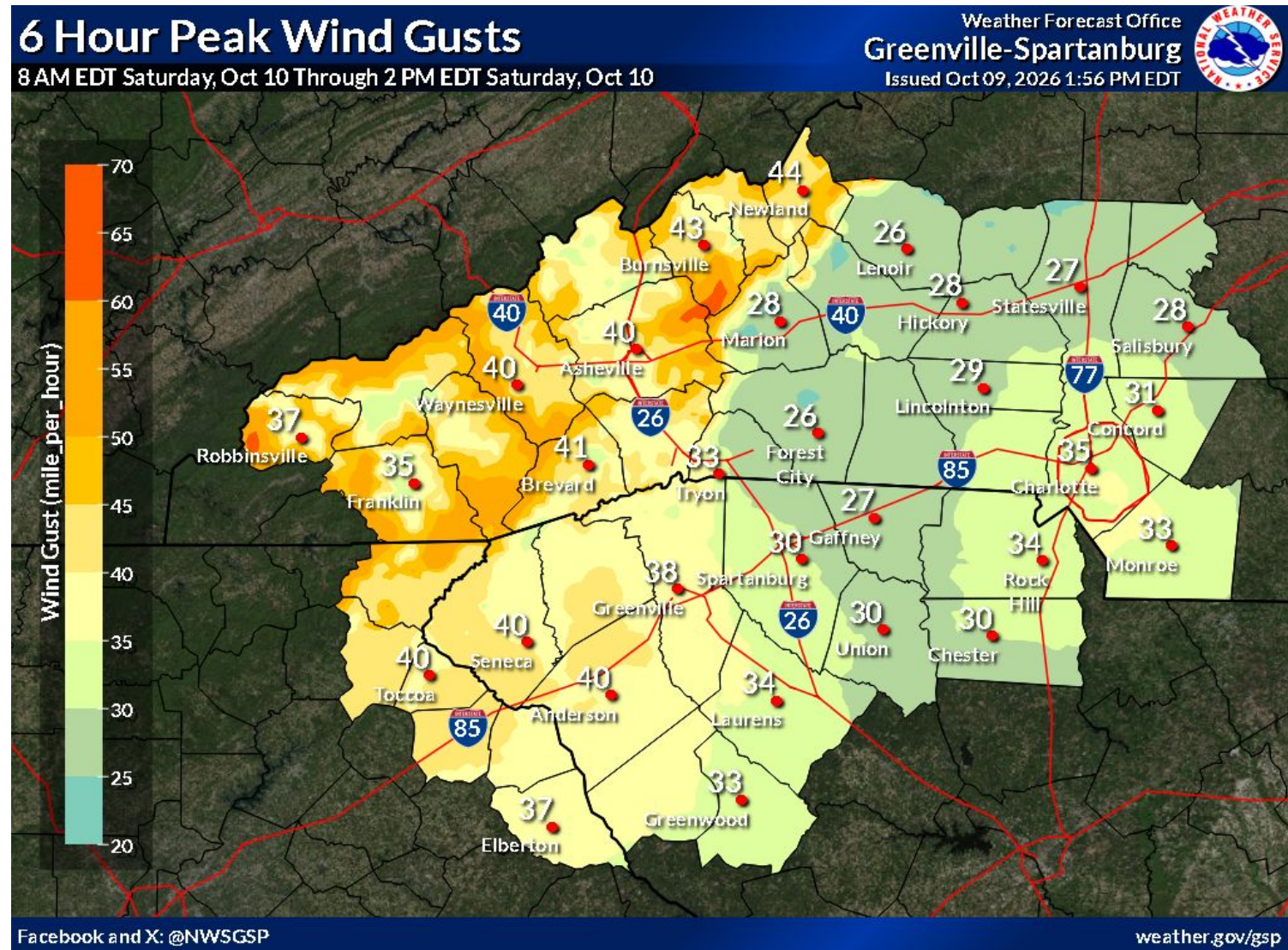


Max Wind Gusts

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 AM to 8 AM Saturday

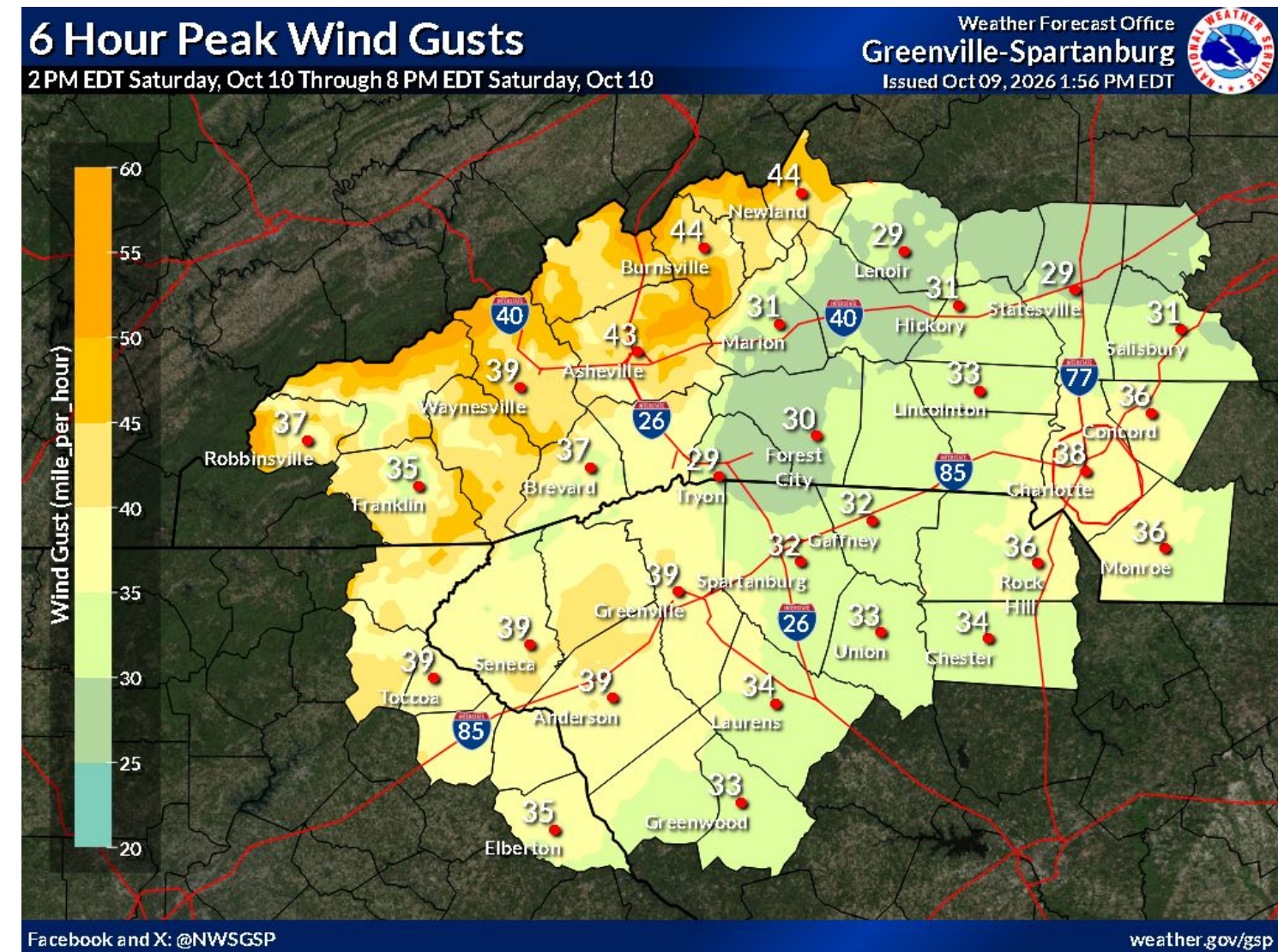


Valid: 8 AM to 2 PM Saturday

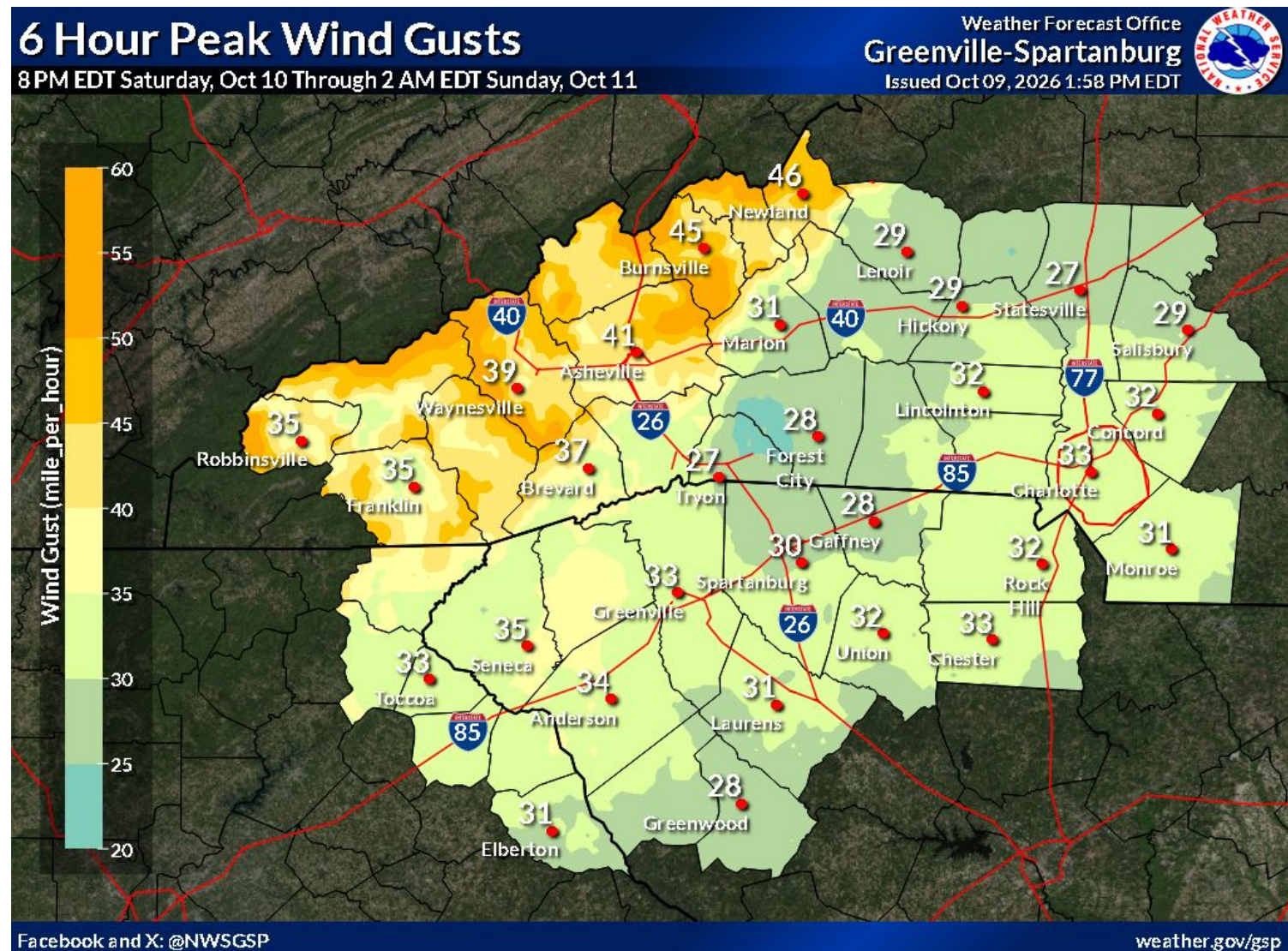


Max Wind Gusts

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 PM to 8 PM Saturday

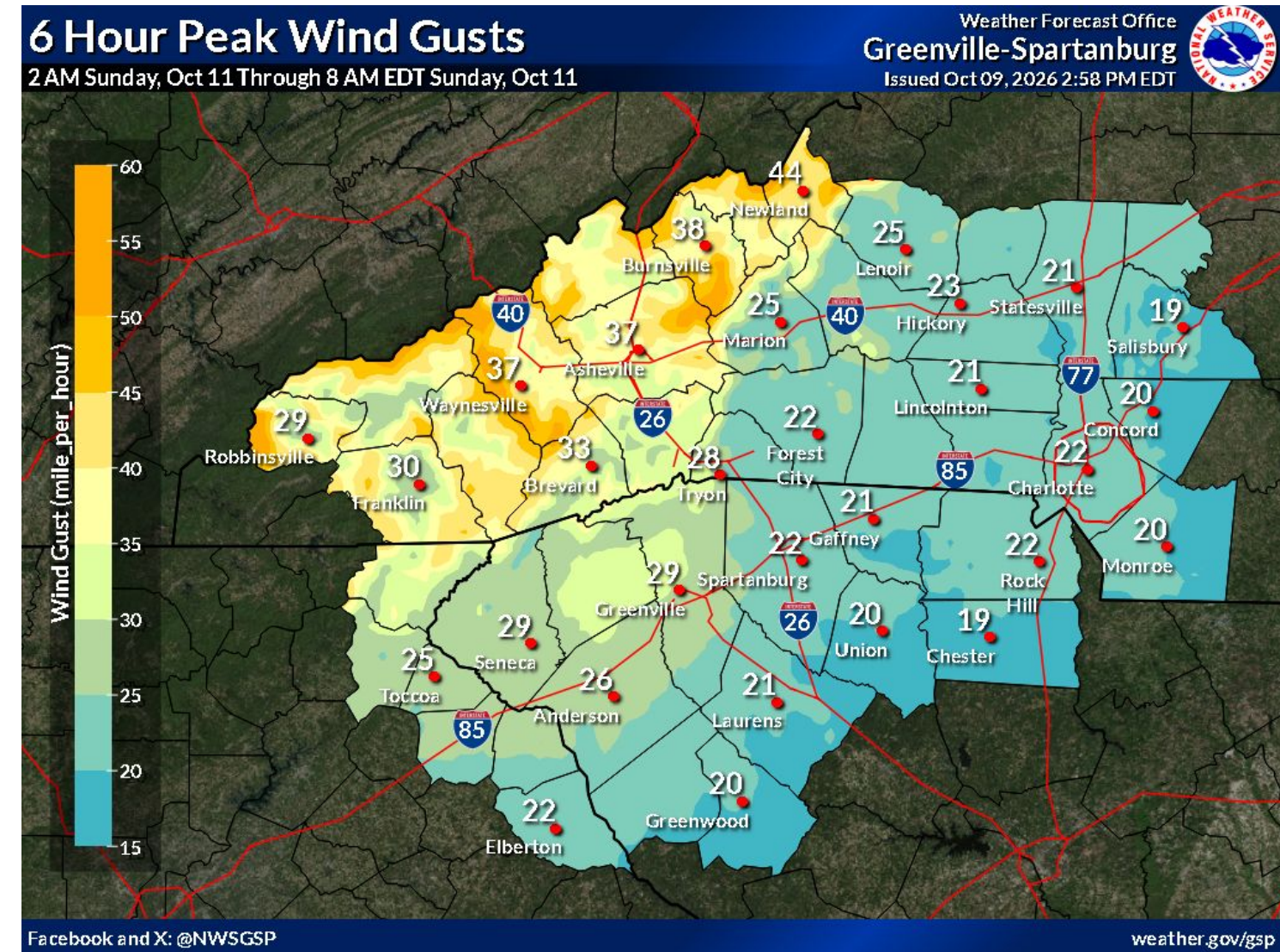


Valid: 8 PM Saturday to 2 AM Sunday

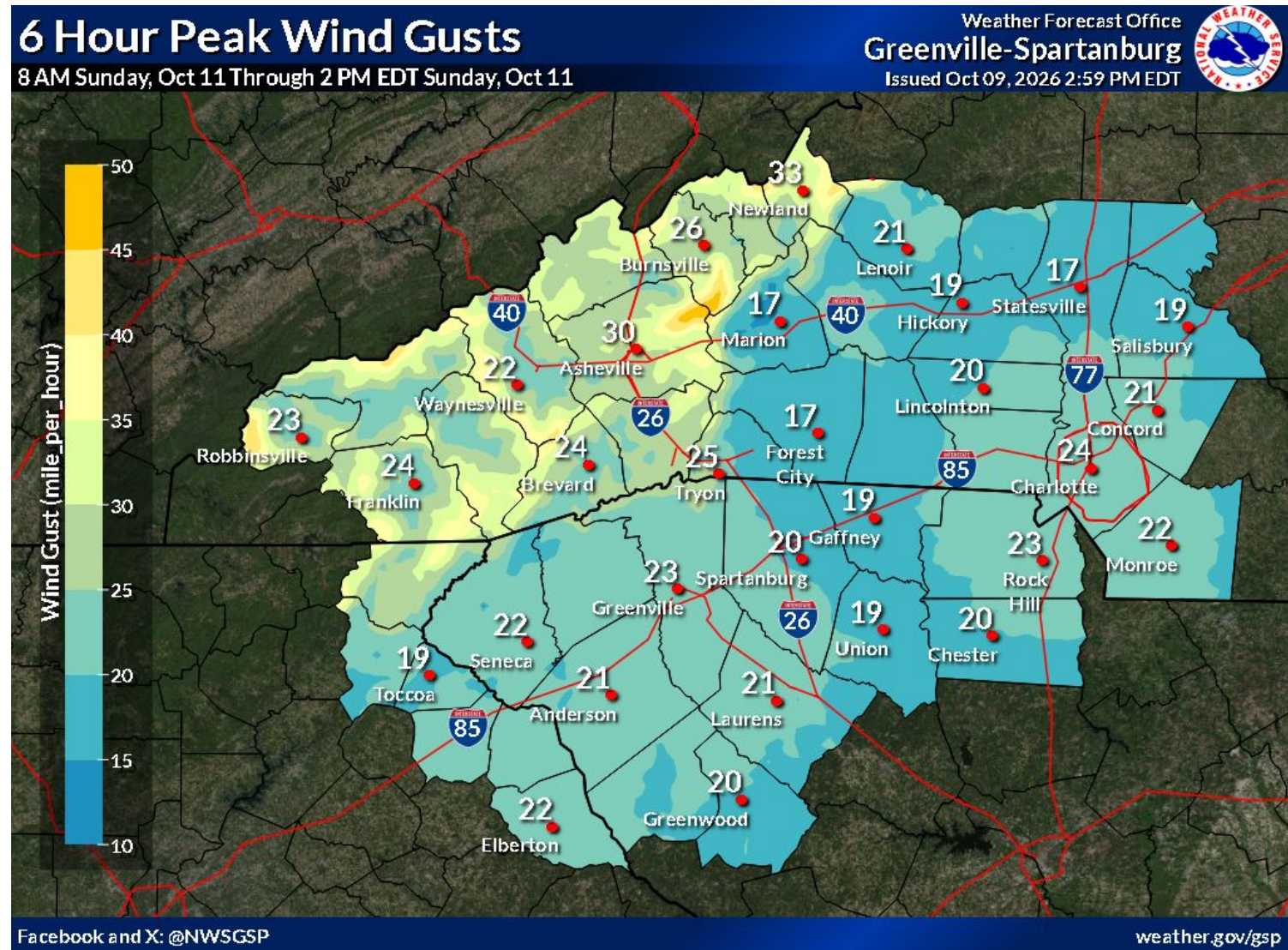


Max Wind Gusts

Hurricane Isaias



Valid: 2 AM to 8 AM Sunday



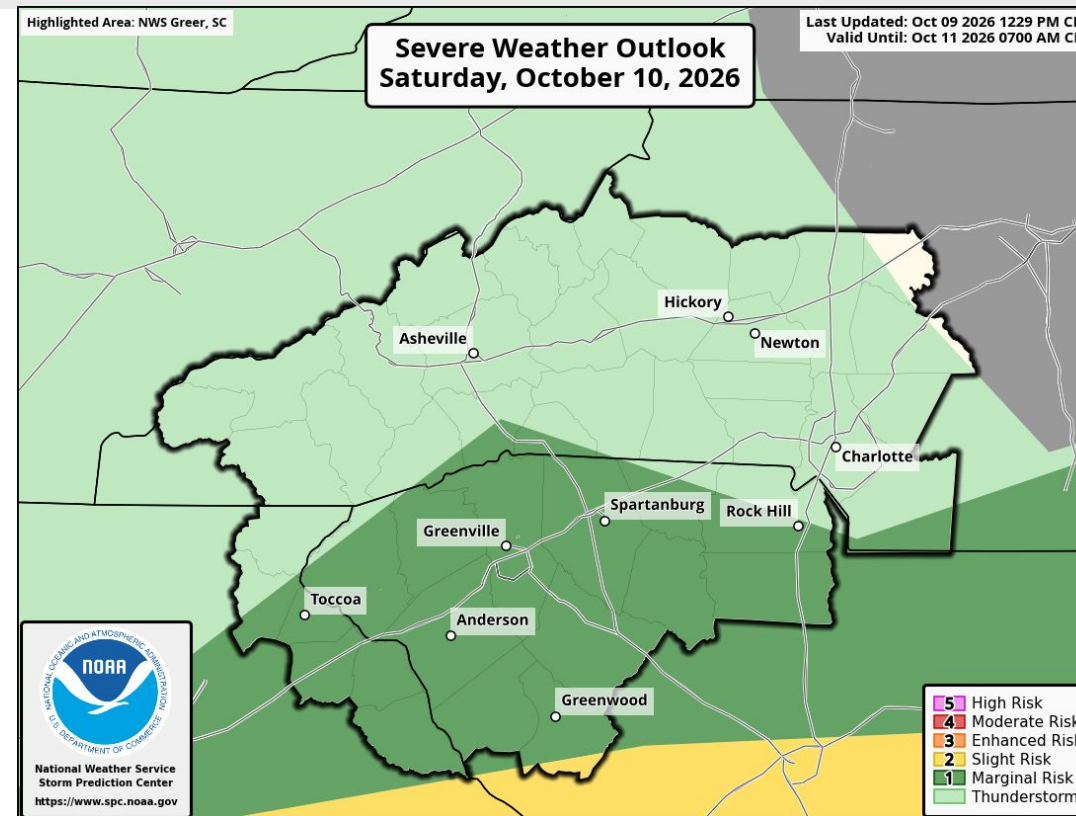
Valid: 8 AM to 2 PM Sunday



Tornado Threat

Hurricane Isaias

- The tornado threat increases **Saturday afternoon into Sunday morning**, mainly along and south of the I-85 corridor.
- **Confidence is low**, but can't rule out a **weak, brief tornado** in the **dark green and yellow highlighted areas**.
- The tornado threat extends into the **I-77 corridor Sunday morning**, but **confidence is low**.



**Saturday
Afternoon**

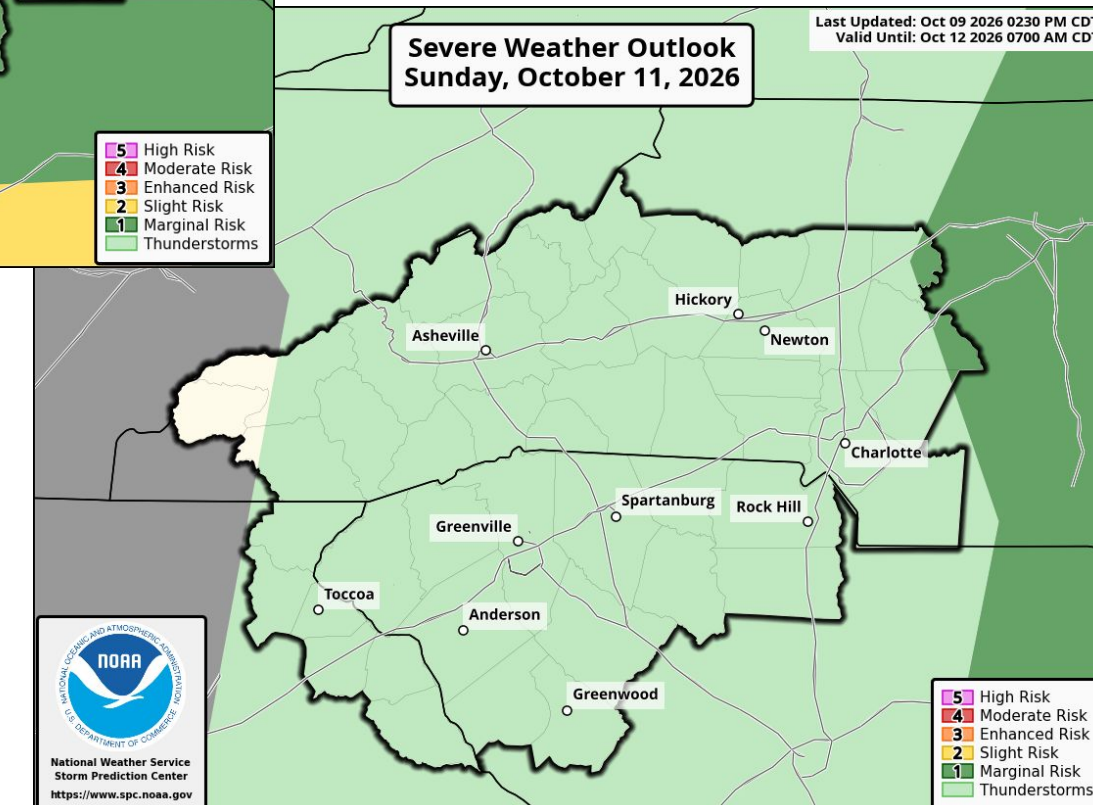
-

**Saturday
Night**

**Sunday
morning**

-

**Sunday
Afternoon**





Contact and Next Briefing Information

For the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

Briefing Webpage

→ weather.gov/gsp/brief

Next Briefing

→ By 6:00 AM EDT Saturday, October 10, 2026

Disclaimer

→ Information contained in this briefing is time-sensitive
→ **Do Not Use After: 4:00 AM EDT Oct 10 2026**

Contact Information

Web

→ weather.gov/gsp

Phone

→ 864-848-3859

Email

→ nws.er.gsp.met@noaa.gov

Facebook

→ <https://facebook.com/NWSGSP/>

X

→ <https://x.com/NWSGSP>