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Winter Weather Briefing



Situation Overview

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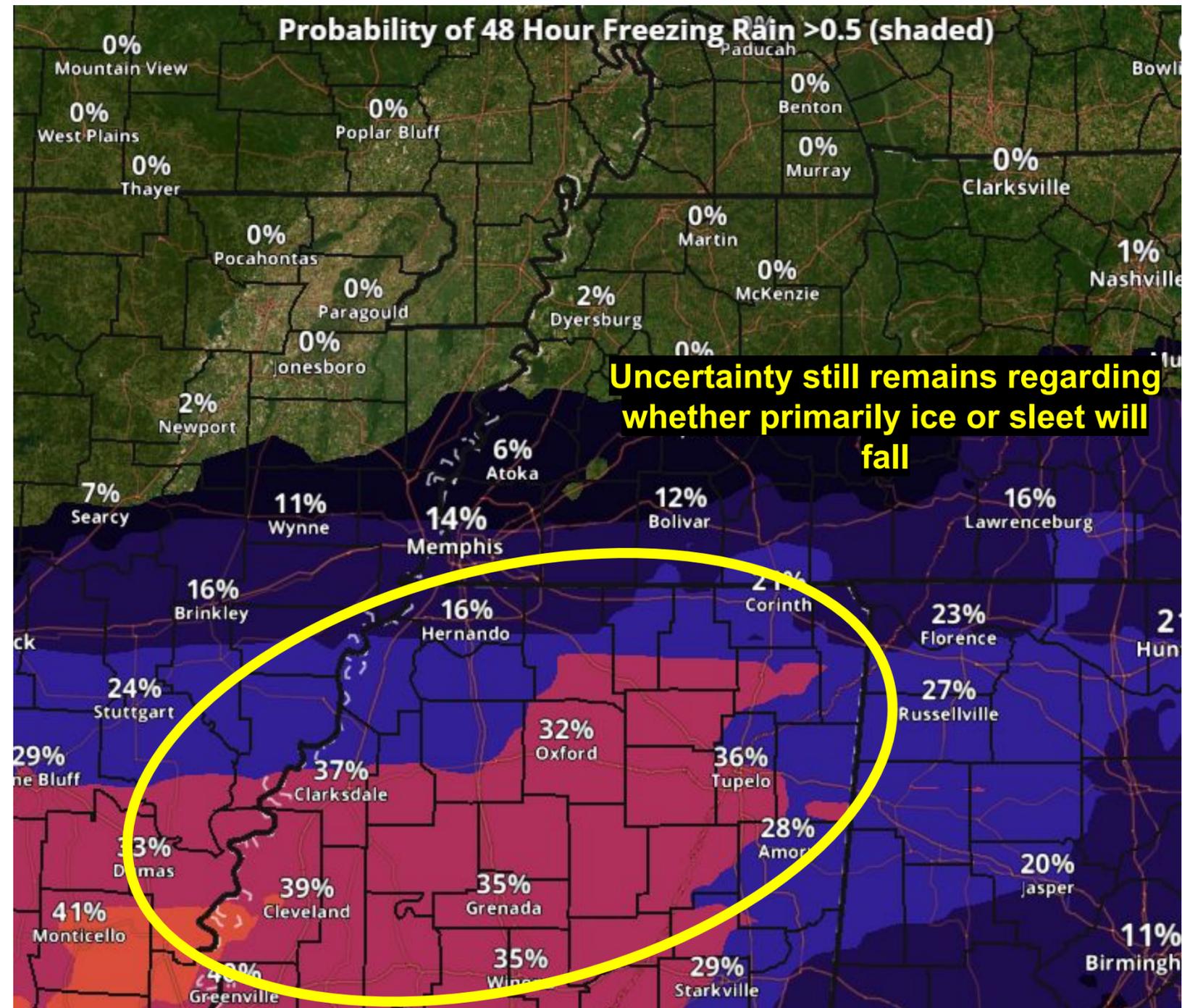
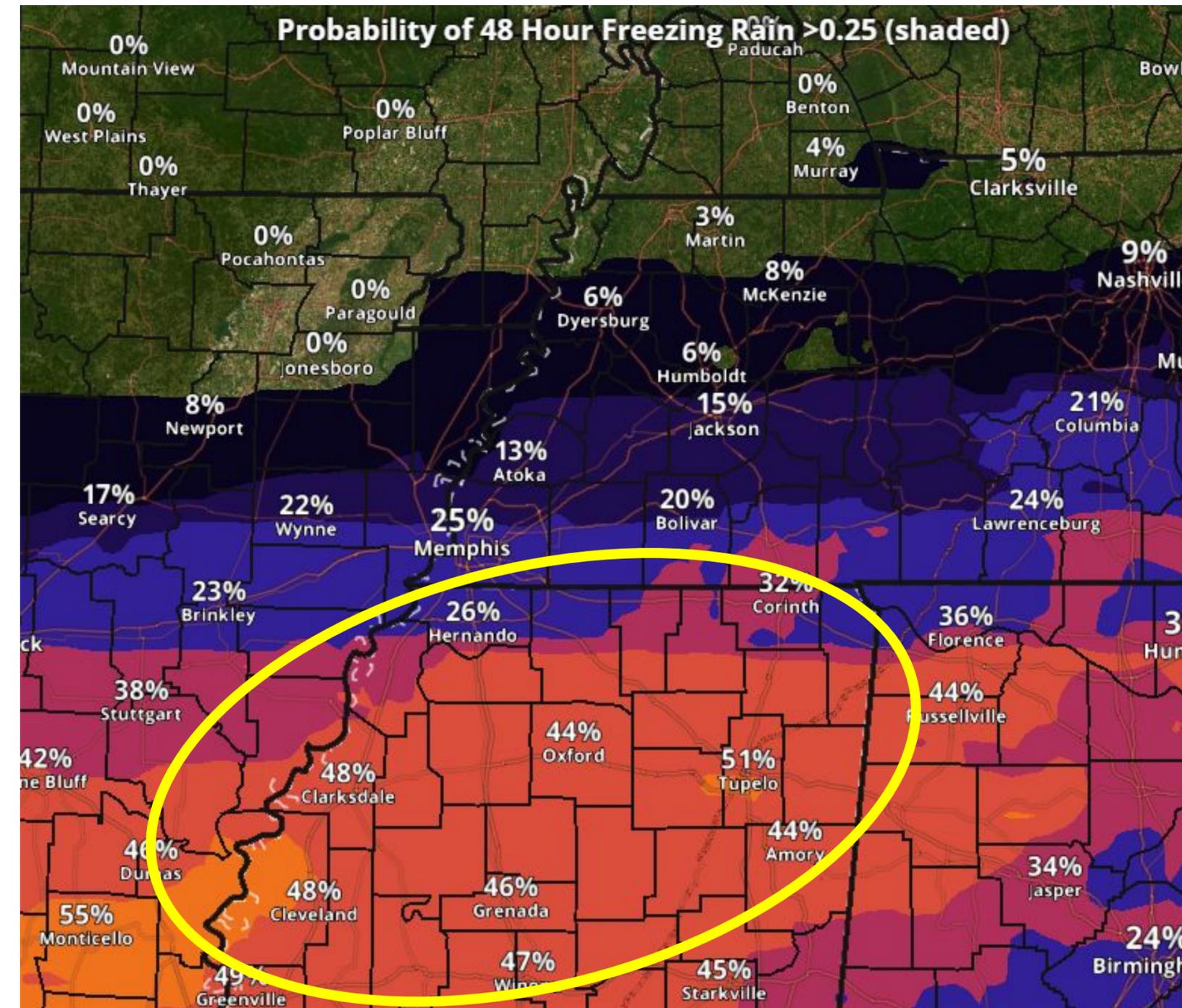
- **Bottom Line Up Front:** A potentially impactful winter storm is likely to affect the Mid-South this weekend with ice, sleet, and snow expected.
- Disruptions to travel and infrastructure are expected.
- Prolonged period of sub-freezing temperatures and dangerously cold wind chills will exist from Friday afternoon through the middle of next week.



Probability of at least 0.25" or 0.50" of Ice

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Through Noon Sunday

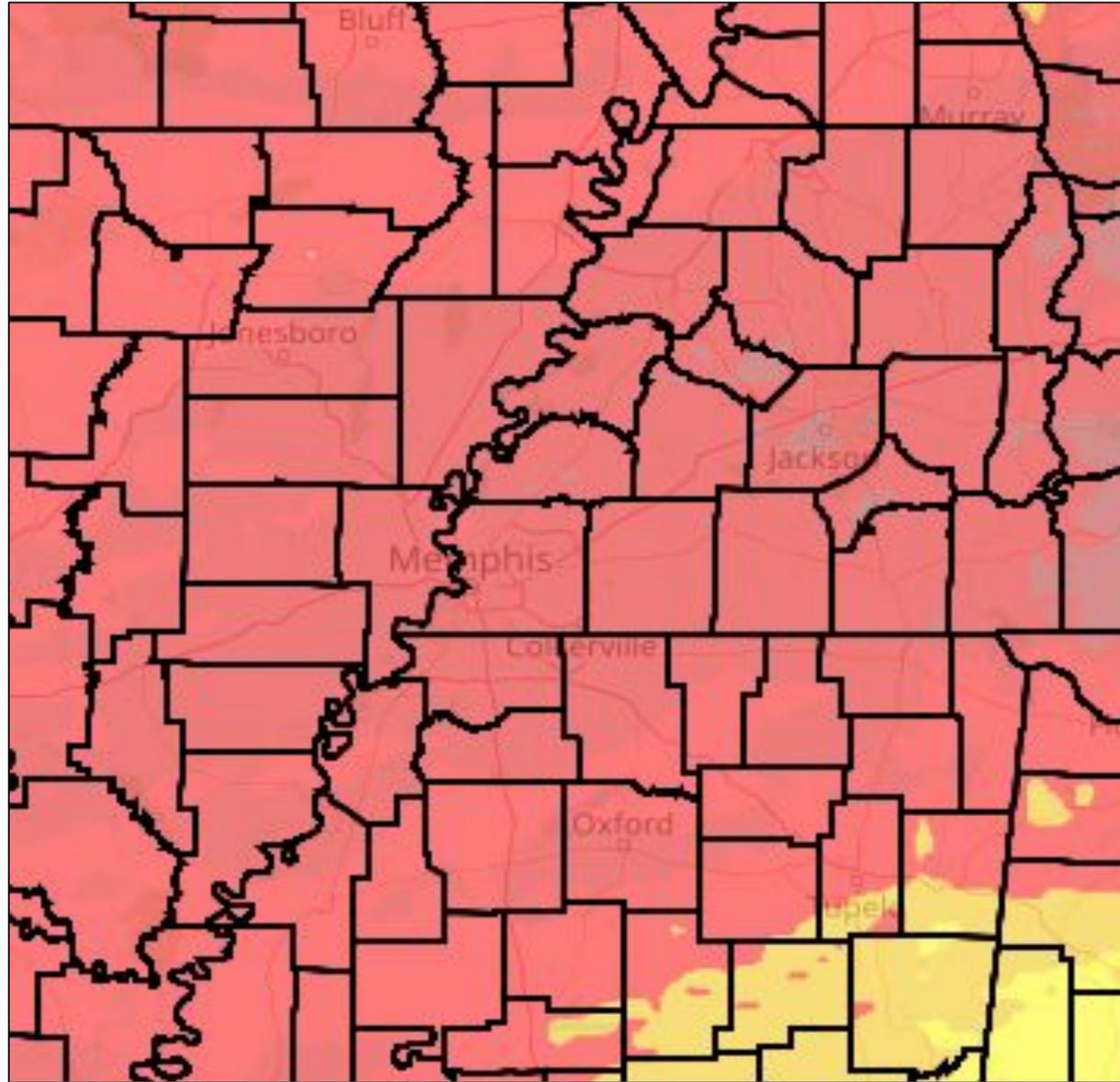




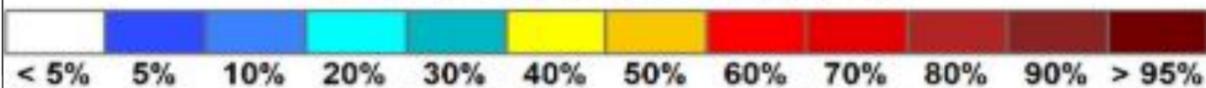
Probabilistic Winter Storm Severity Index

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Overall Moderate Impacts from Winter Weather



Likelihood of Impact



TIMING OF IMPACTS



Friday Afternoon through Sunday Afternoon

POTENTIAL IMPACTS



Heavy accumulating snow and/or ice on the roads will create hazardous travel conditions

Sub-freezing temperatures will likely damage pipes and cause frostbite/hypothermia

WHAT TO DO



Use extra caution while driving if you must

Continue to monitor forecast for travel adjustments if necessary



Snow/Ice Friday Night through Sunday Morning

Most Likely Scenario



What We Know

- An impactful winter storm is forecast to bring wintry precipitation starting Friday evening



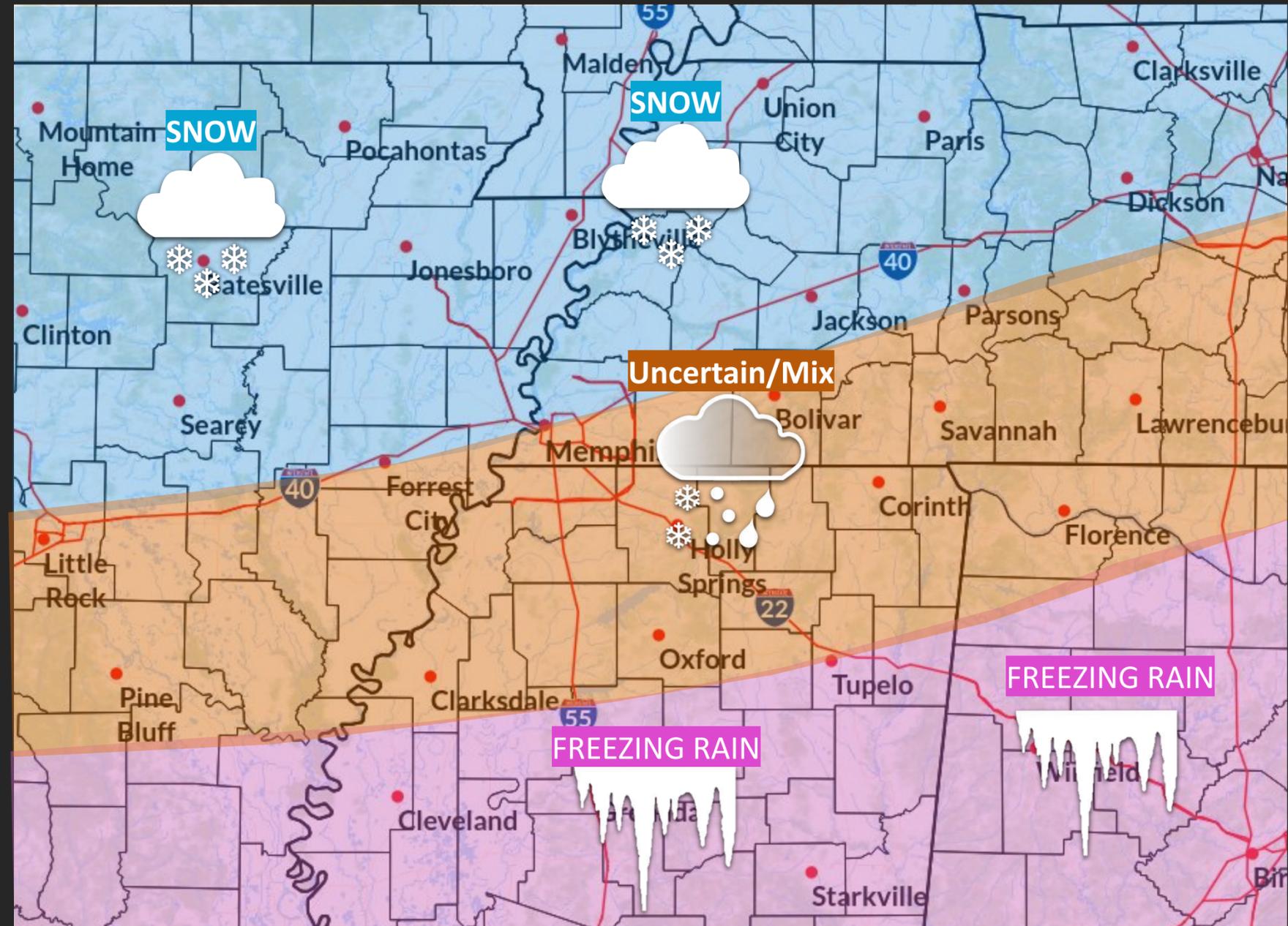
What We Don't Know

- Where the transition from snow to freezing rain will occur
- Exactly how much snow/ice/sleet accumulation can be expected



What You Can Do Now

- Prepare for hazardous travel conditions as early as Friday and continue to monitor the latest forecast





Forecast Minimum Wind Chills

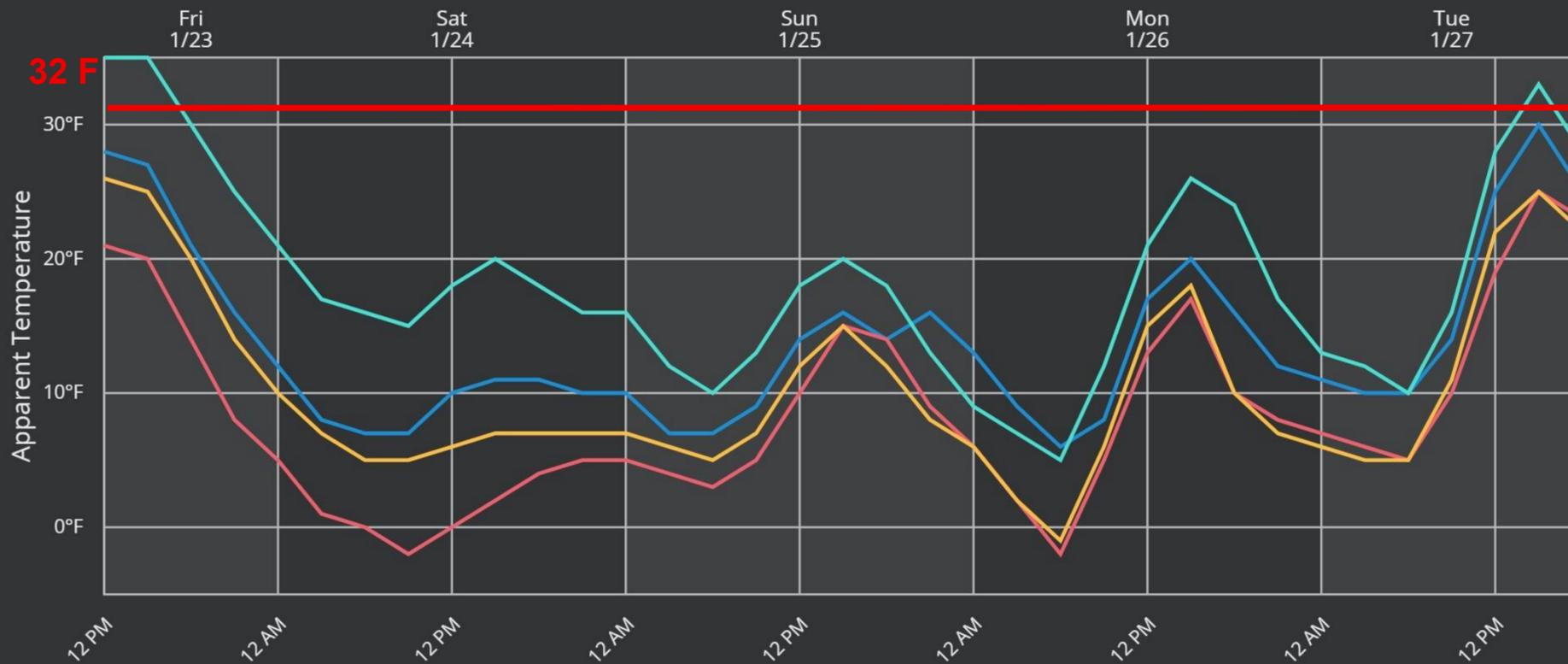
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Friday Afternoon through Tuesday Evening

Apparent Temperatures

Friday Afternoon, Jan 23 - Tuesday Evening, Jan 27

— Jackson — Jonesboro — Memphis — Tupelo



- Strong high pressure north of the region will bring arctic air starting Friday
- Temperatures will quickly fall below freezing and will remain there for several days
- Wind chills are expected to drop into the single digits in most locations Friday evening through Sunday morning

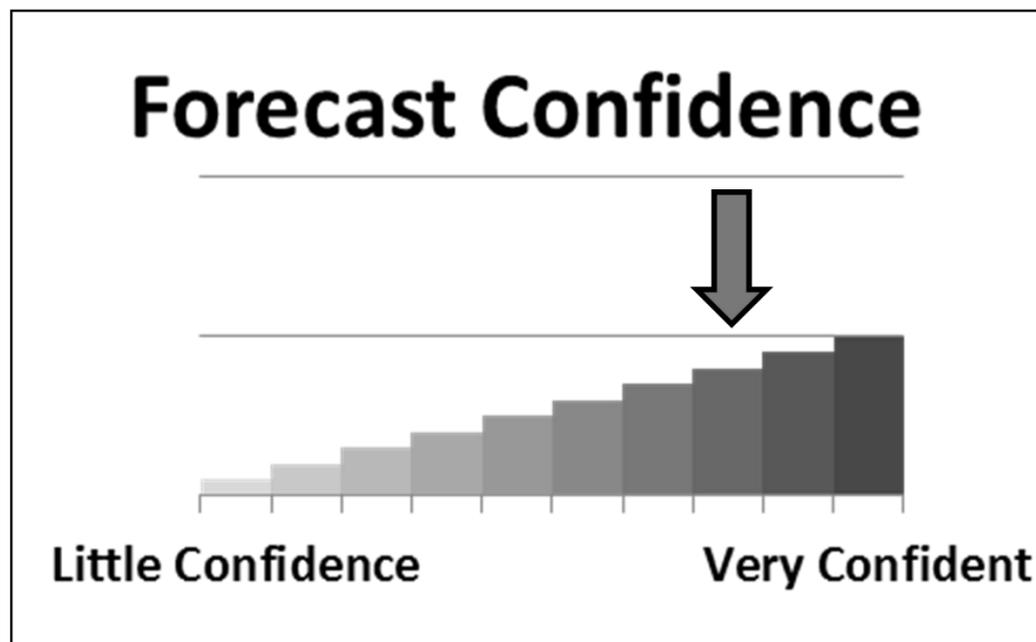
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Key Takeaways

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- Confidence continues to increase that the Mid-South will be impacted by a winter storm starting Friday
- Expect closures and impacts to infrastructure
- Bitter cold will accompany this system and will likely impede recovery efforts through Monday



High (4/5) confidence for accumulating snow/ice impacts

Medium (3/5) confidence in exact precipitation types and accumulation amounts

High (5/5) confidence for bitter cold wind chills



Frostbite & Hypothermia: Know Your Actions

+ If someone might have frostbite or hypothermia, **seek medical attention immediately!**

↑ Get to a warm area

👕 Remove wet clothing

🧣 Warm up with dry layers of blankets or clothing

🚰 Place skin affected by frostbite in warm water (NOT hot)

⚠️ Frostbite Caution: Do not use fireplaces or artificial heat sources for warming. Do not rub or put pressure on areas with frostbite.

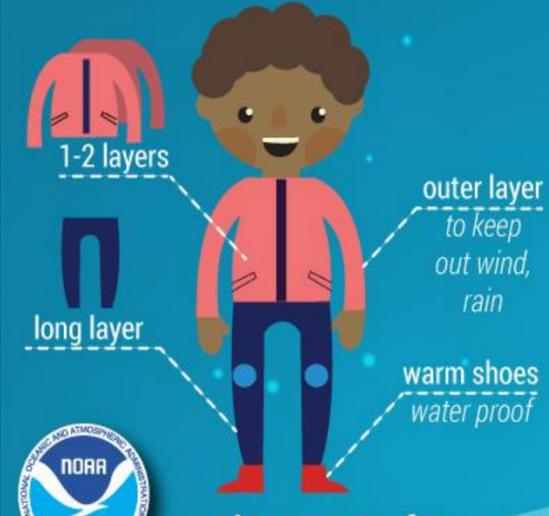


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DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

🧊 adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY



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COLD



EXTREME COLD



Congelación e Hipotermia Conozca Sus Acciones

+ Si alguien podría estar experimentando congelación o hipotermia, **¡busque atención médica de inmediato!**

↑ Diríjase a un área cálida.

👕 Remueva la ropa mojada.

🧣 Calientese con capas secas de cobijas o ropa.

🚰 Coloque la piel afectada por la congelación en agua cálida (NO caliente).

⚠️ Precaución de Congelación: No utilice chimeneas o fuentes de calor artificiales para calentarse. No frote o ponga presión sobre las áreas congeladas.



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VISTIÉNDOSE PARA EL FRÍO

🧊 añadir capas le ayudará a mantenerse caliente a medida que la temperatura baja

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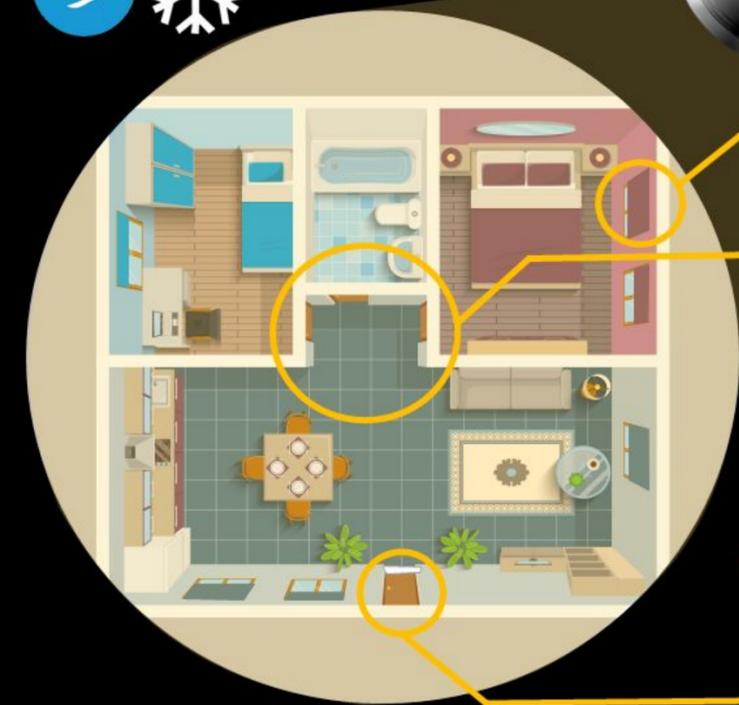


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Staying **warm** when the power is out



Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.

Close off rooms to avoid wasting heat.

Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.

Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.

Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.



After the Winter Storm: **POWER OUTAGE**



Be careful with heat sources

Candles and space heaters are a fire risk. Also stay warm by bundling up and keeping doors closed, placing towels in cracks.



Practice portable generator safety

Use outdoors, at least 20 feet away from doors/windows/garages to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Follow instructions on proper use.



Check on neighbors

Once your family is safe, check on your neighbors and the vulnerable to make sure they are OK.



Winter Travel

Road Trip Safety Tips



PACK AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR VEHICLE

- MOBILE PHONE, CHARGER, BATTERIES
- BLANKETS/SLEEPING BAGS
- FLASHLIGHT WITH EXTRA BATTERIES
- FIRSTAID KIT
- HIGH-CALORIE, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
- EXTRA CLOTHING TO KEEP DRY

- SAND OR CAT LITTER FOR TRACTION
- PORTABLE SHOVEL
- WINDSHIELD SCRAPER AND BRUSH
- TOOL KIT WITH A KNIFE
- BATTERY BOOSTER CABLES
- WATER CONTAINER



Después de la Tormenta: **CORTES DE ENERGÍA**



Tenga cuidado con las fuentes de calor

Las velas y los calefactores portátiles son un riesgo de incendio. También manténgase caliente abrigándose y manteniendo las puertas cerradas, y colocando toallas en las grietas.



Practique seguridad del generador portátil

Úselo al aire libre, al menos a 20 pies de distancia de puertas/ventanas/garajes para evitar el envenenamiento por monóxido de carbono. Siga las instrucciones sobre el uso adecuado.



Verifique a los vecinos

Una vez que su familia esté segura, verifique a sus vecinos y asegúrese de que estén bien.





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