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## *Emergency Management Briefing*

*Impactful Storm Friday into Saturday*



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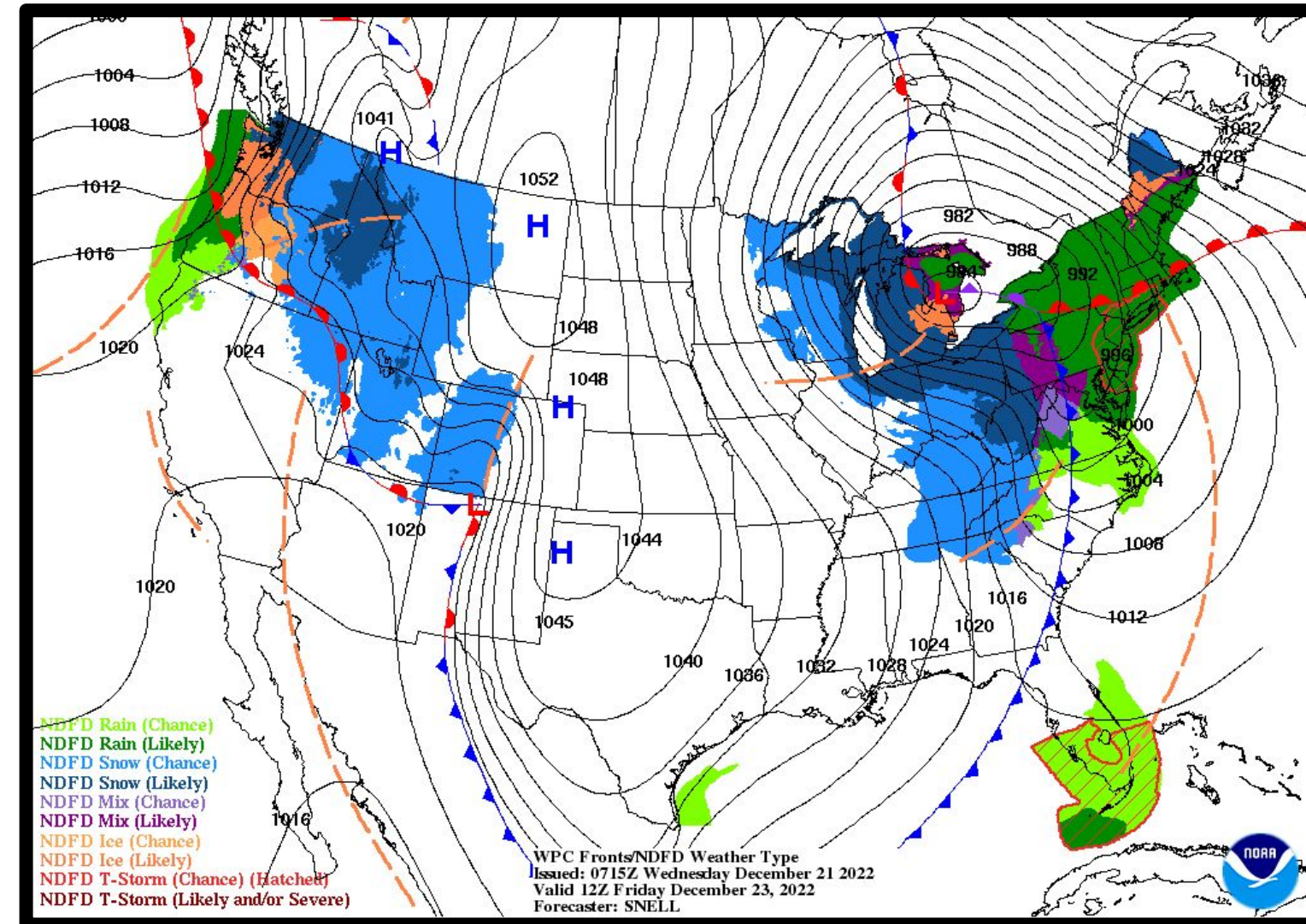




## Key Messages

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  - Damaging winds up to 65 mph. Power outages possible.
  - Locally heavy rainfall 2+ inches
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- Christmas Day - quiet, but colder
- Coastal Flood Watch issued for all coasts
- High Wind Watch issued for eastern Massachusetts
- Hazardous marine conditions

## 7 AM Friday Weather Map







# Coastal Flood Watch

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## Minor to Moderate Coastal Flooding

Do Not Drive Through Flooded Roads

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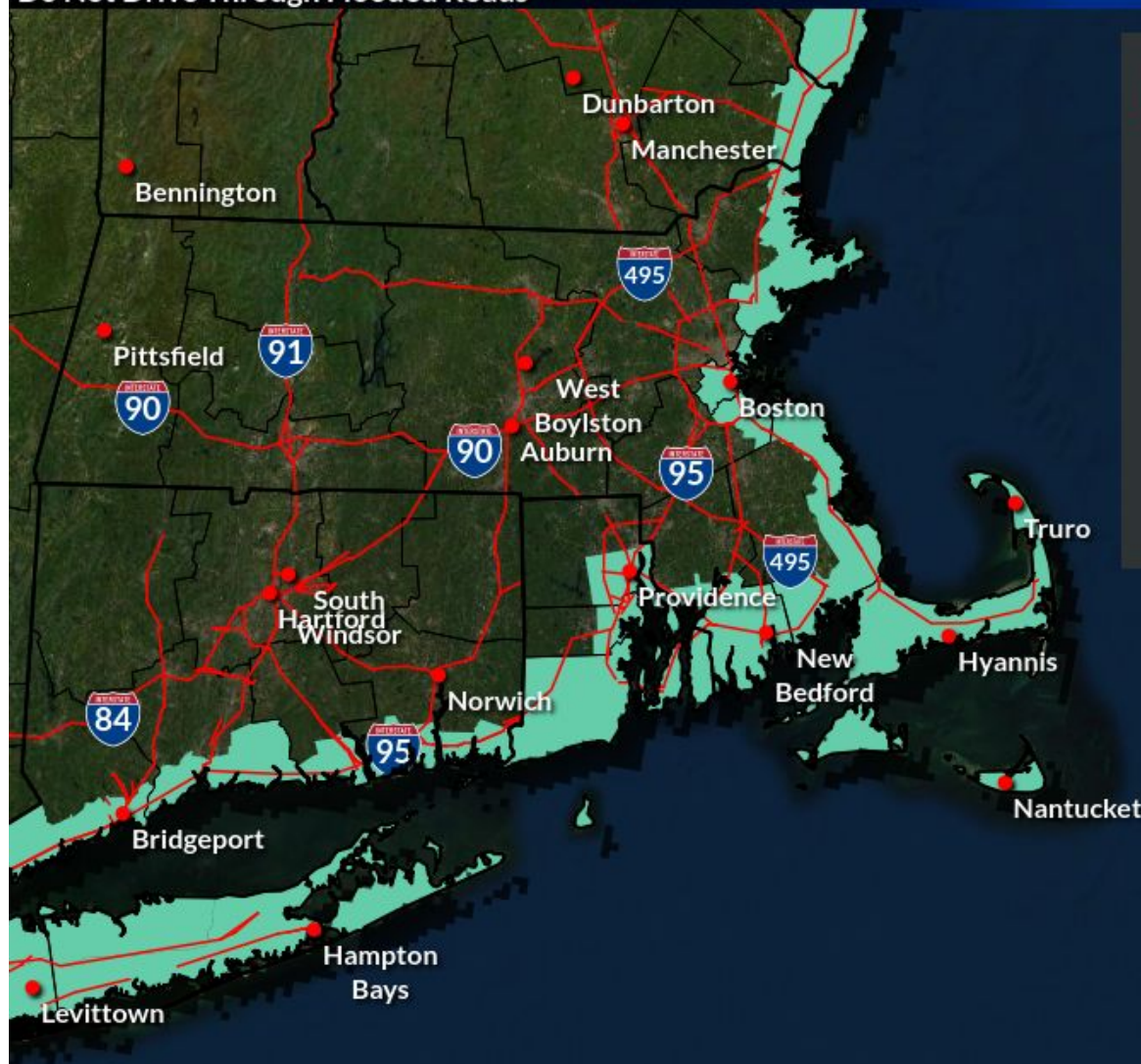
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## Coastal Flood Watch

*In effect Friday morning thru early afternoon*

- Minor to Moderate Coastal Flooding Possible
- One to two feet of inundation above ground level possible in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways



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# High Wind Watch

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## Damaging Wind Gusts Friday into Saturday

Damage To Trees, Power Lines, And Property Are Possible

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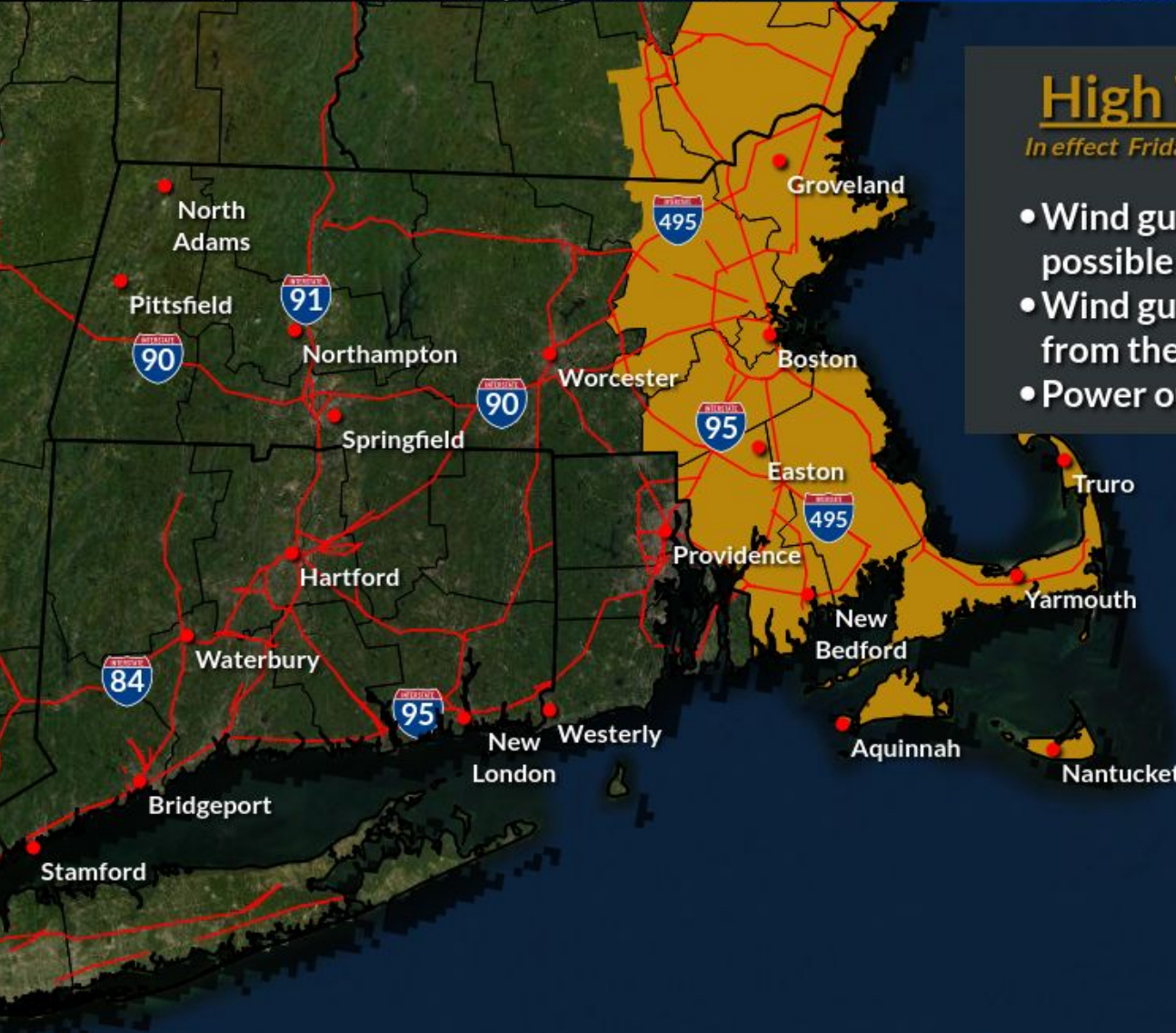
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### High Wind Watch

*In effect Friday through Saturday afternoon*

- Wind gusts up to 65 mph possible along the coast.
- Wind gusts 45 to 55 mph away from the coast.
- Power outages are possible



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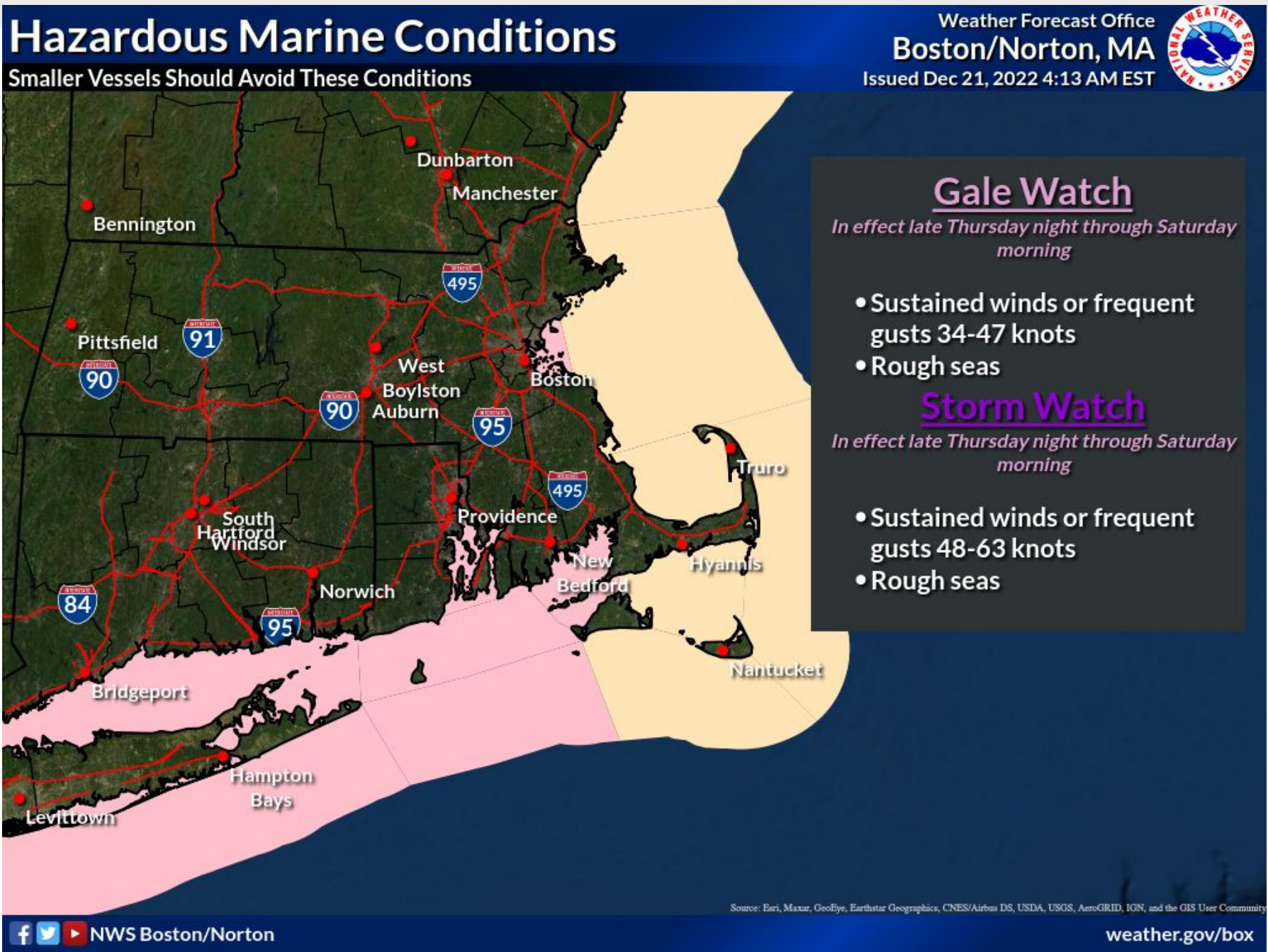
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# Hazardous Marine Conditions

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# Main Points

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
<b>Damaging Wind</b> 	Damaging wind gusts up to 60 mph Power outages possible	45 to 55 mph gusts possible across all of southern New England 65 mph gusts more likely along the coastal areas and high elevations	Winds expected to peak Friday afternoon  40 mph gusts may carry into early Saturday, especially over The Cape/Islands
<b>Coastal Flooding</b> 	Minor to moderate coastal flooding	South and East Coasts	Friday morning: South and East Coasts Friday evening: South Coast
<b>River Flooding</b> 	Heavy rainfall and snowmelt may support minor river flooding	Along the Connecticut River Other small stream flooding possible	Small stream flooding possible Friday Larger rivers cresting Saturday and Sunday
<b>Marine</b> 	Gale to Storm Force Winds High Seas	All of southern New England Coastal Waters	Thursday Night through Saturday







# Peak Wind Gusts Friday Afternoon

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- Winds ramp up to 30 to 40 mph late Thursday into early Friday
- Winds peaking Friday afternoon and evening
- Strong gusts carry into early Saturday morning
- 65 MPH gusts are possible

Maximum Wind Gust Forecast																						
	12/22 Thu				12/23 Fri				12/24 Sat				12/25 Sun				12/26 Mon				12/27 Tue	
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	Maximum
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\*Table values in mph

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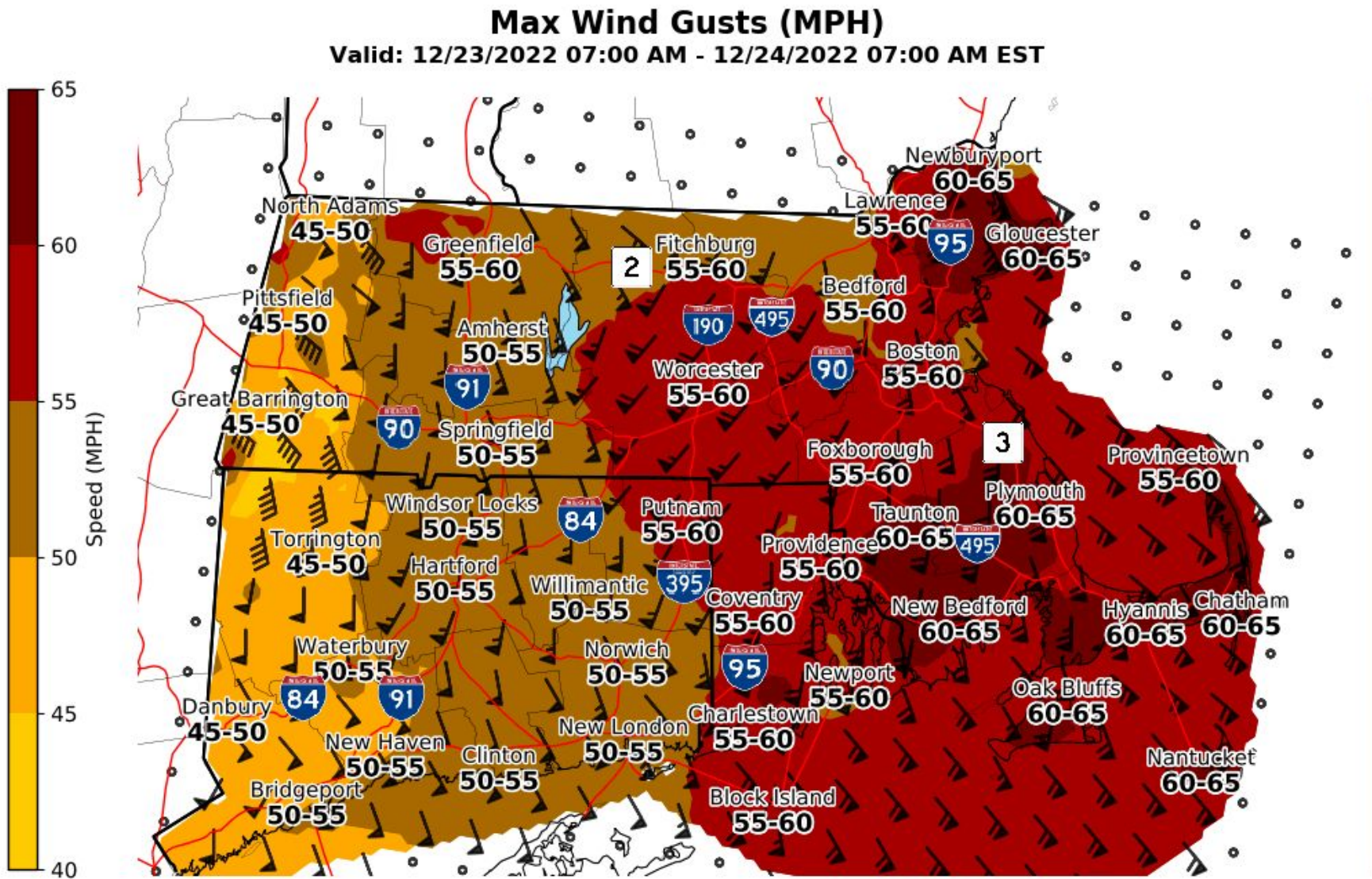






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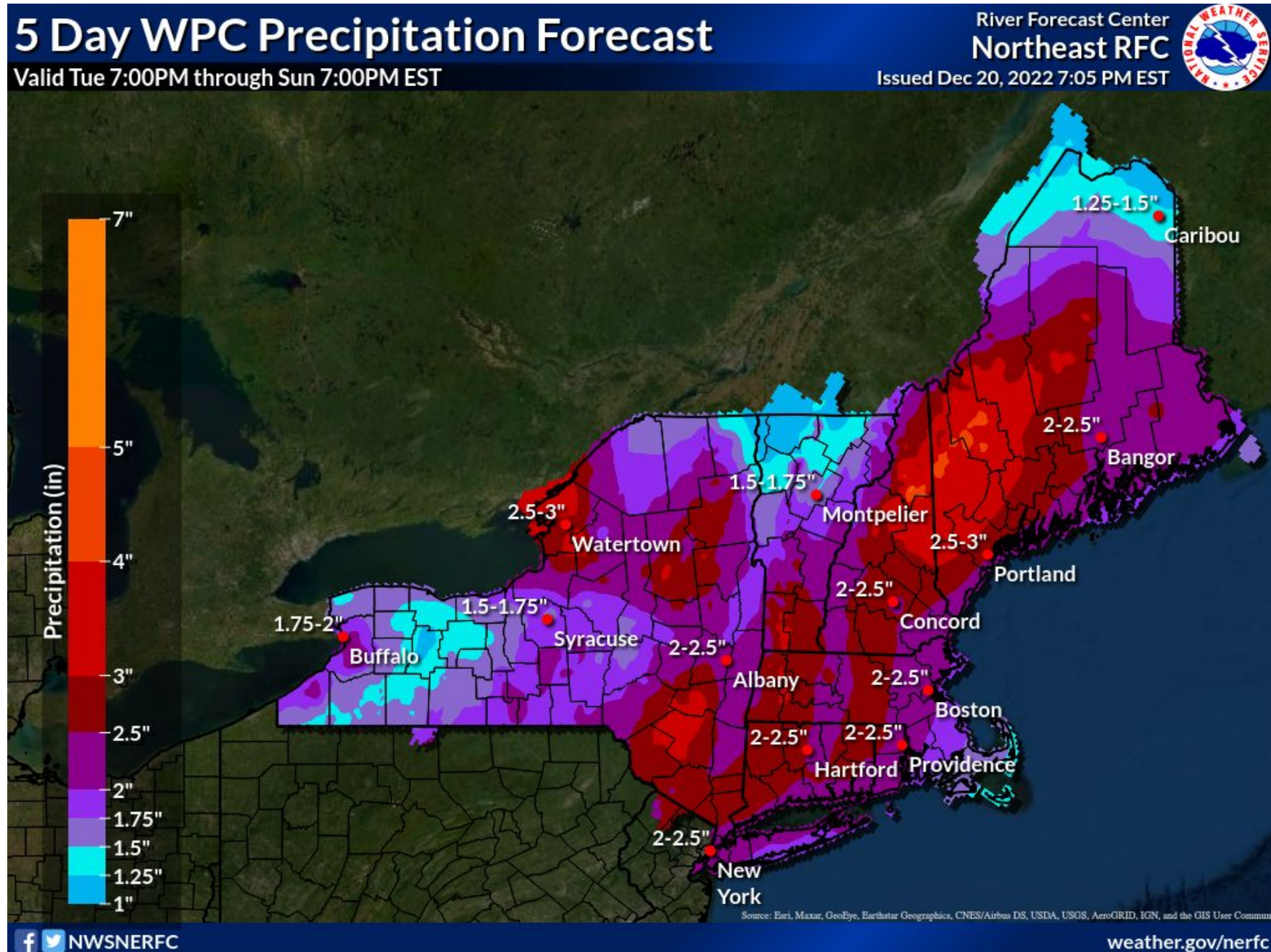
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# 5 Day Precipitation Forecast

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- Precipitation expected to occur between late Thursday and early Saturday
- Primarily as rain for most of southern New England
- Perhaps ending as a bit of snow in the highest terrain (Berkshires)
- Widespread 1.5 to 2.5 inches with locally higher amounts

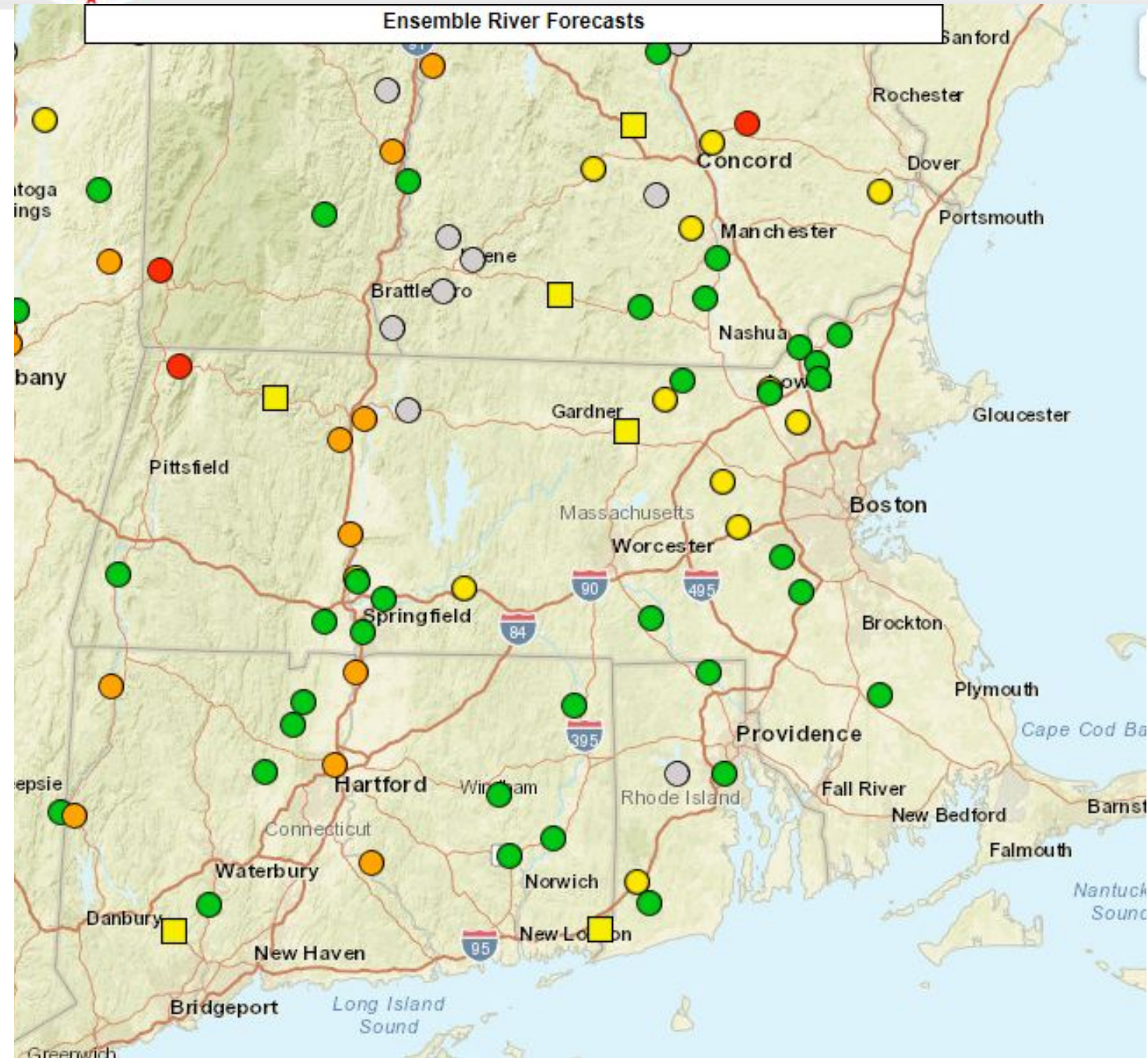






# River Levels Outlook

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- Rain/Snowmelt across northern New England resulting in a potential for minor flooding along the Connecticut River (late Saturday through Monday)

30%	Level	70%
	Action	
	Minor Flood	
	Moderate Flood	
	Major Flood	
= less than 30% chance of reaching Action level		



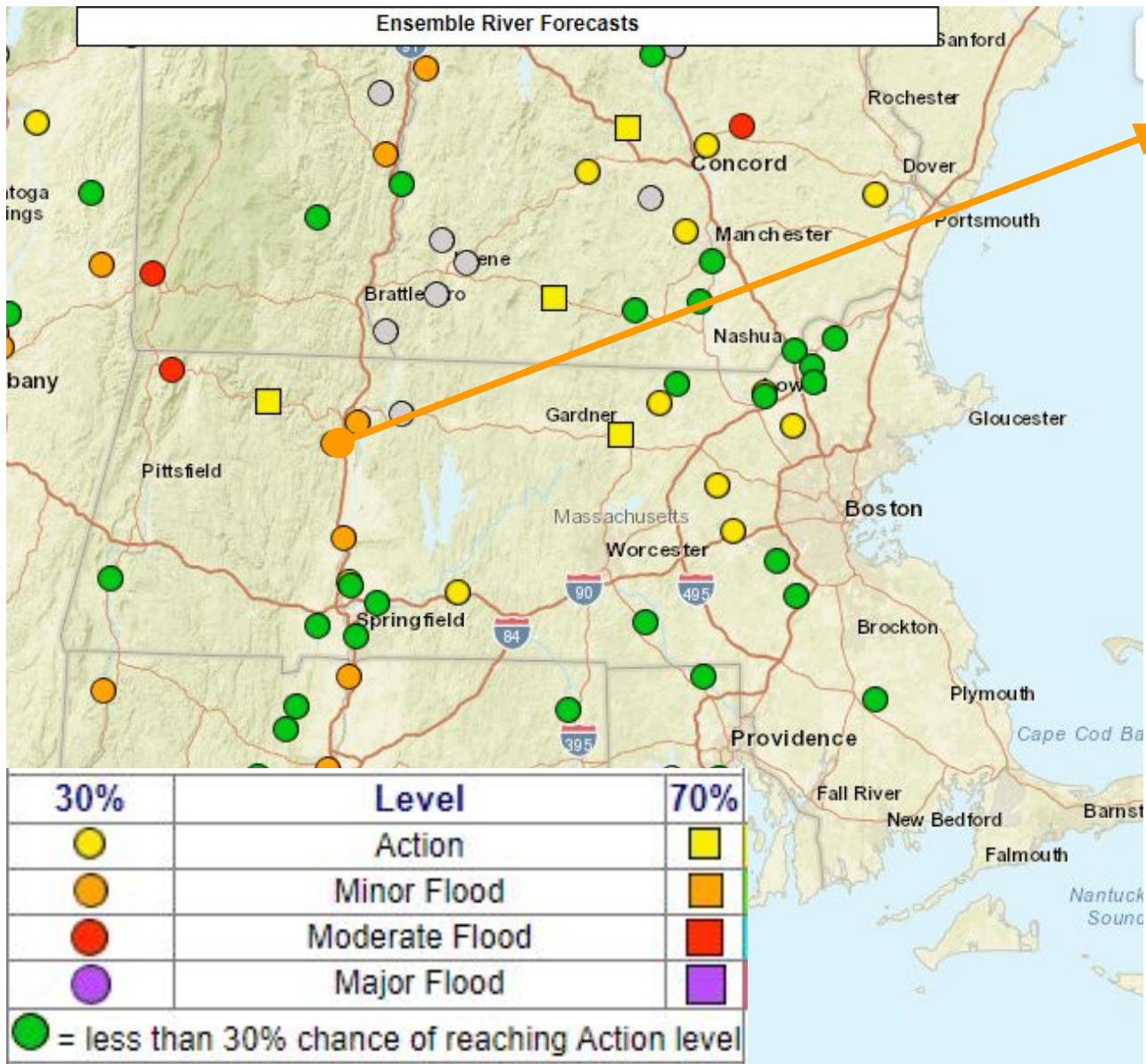




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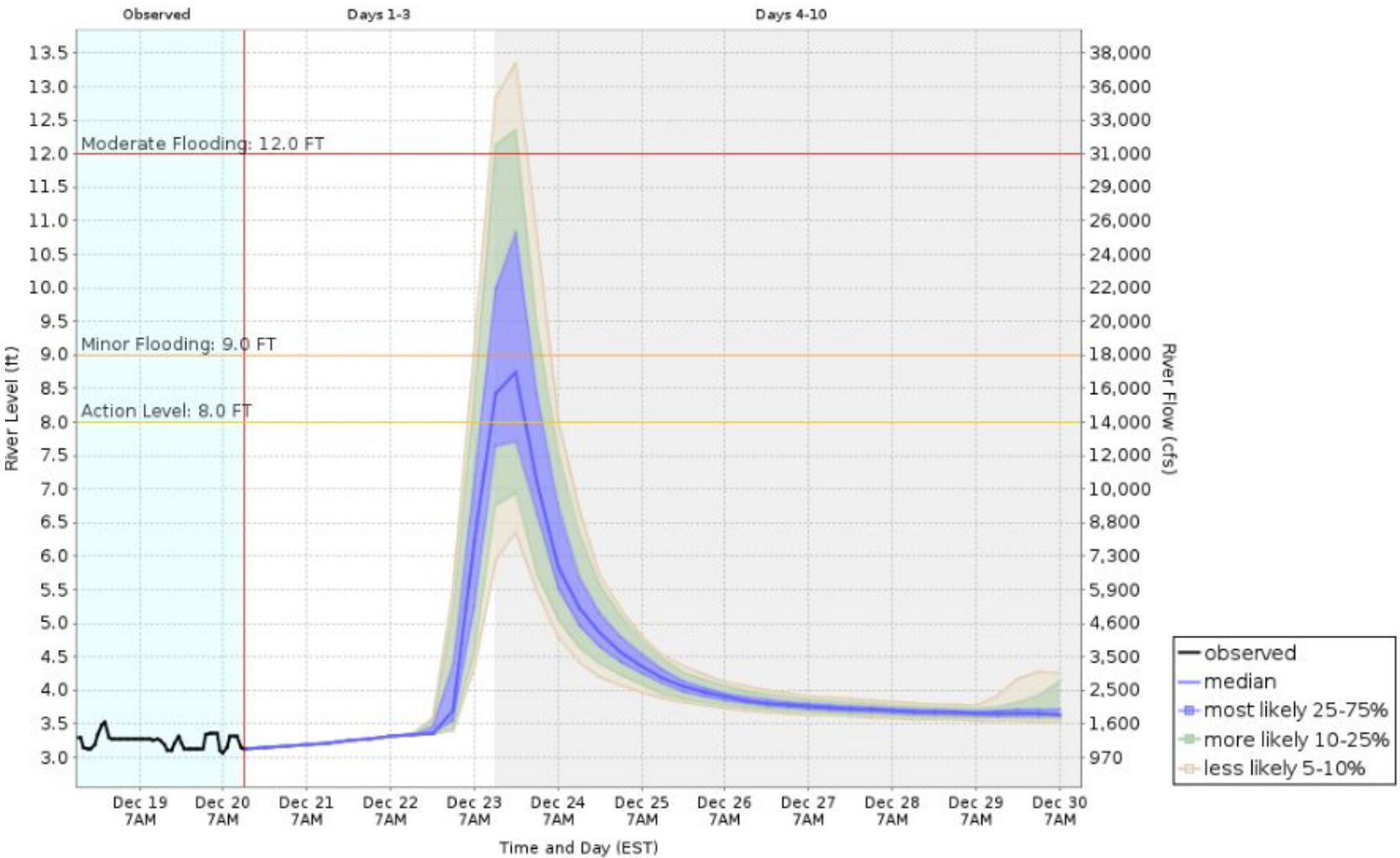
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## Connecticut River at Deerfield



Latest forecast crest is early Sunday morning

Dec 20 - Dec 30, 2022  
Deerfield River at West Deerfield (WDEM3)



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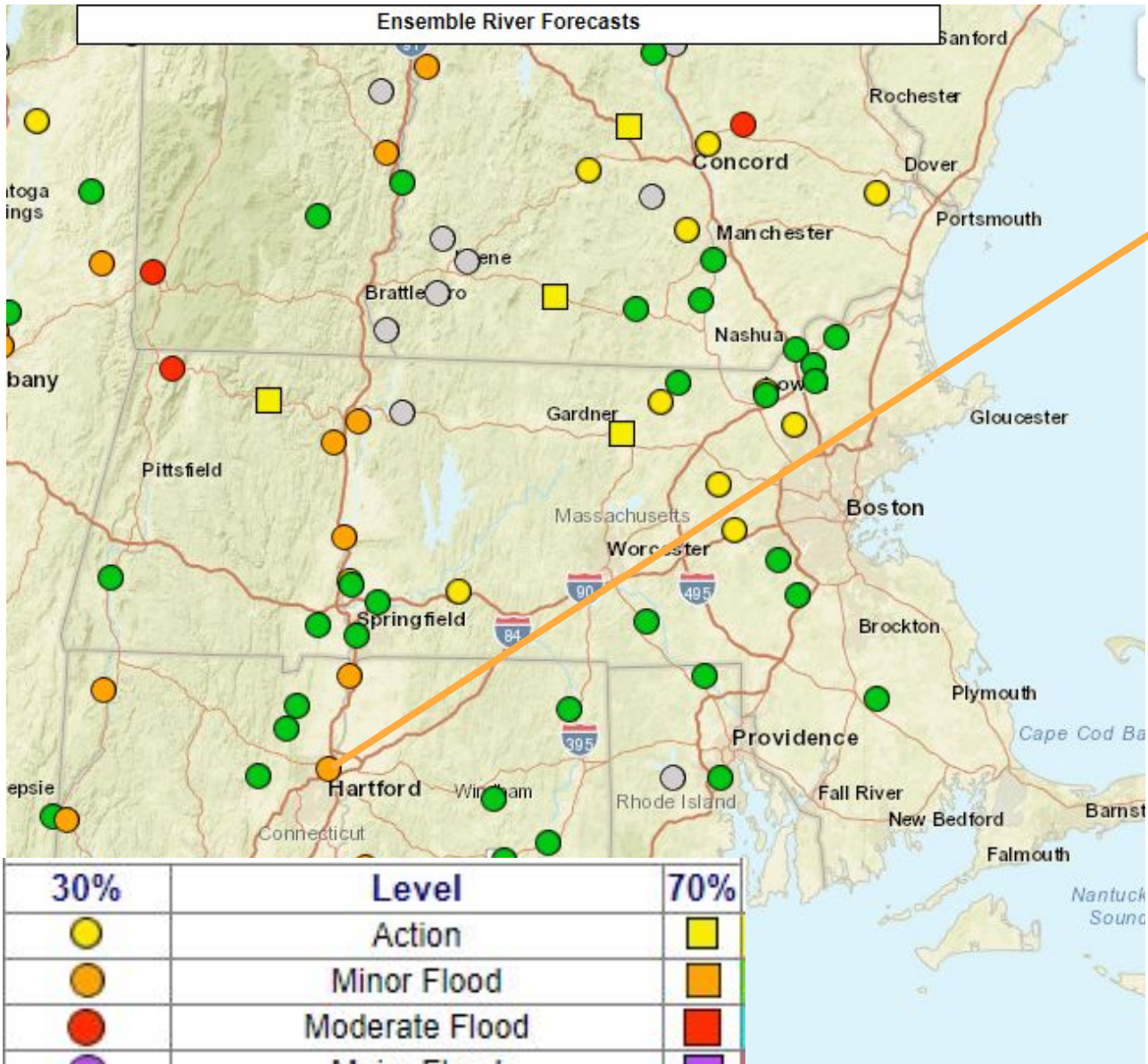




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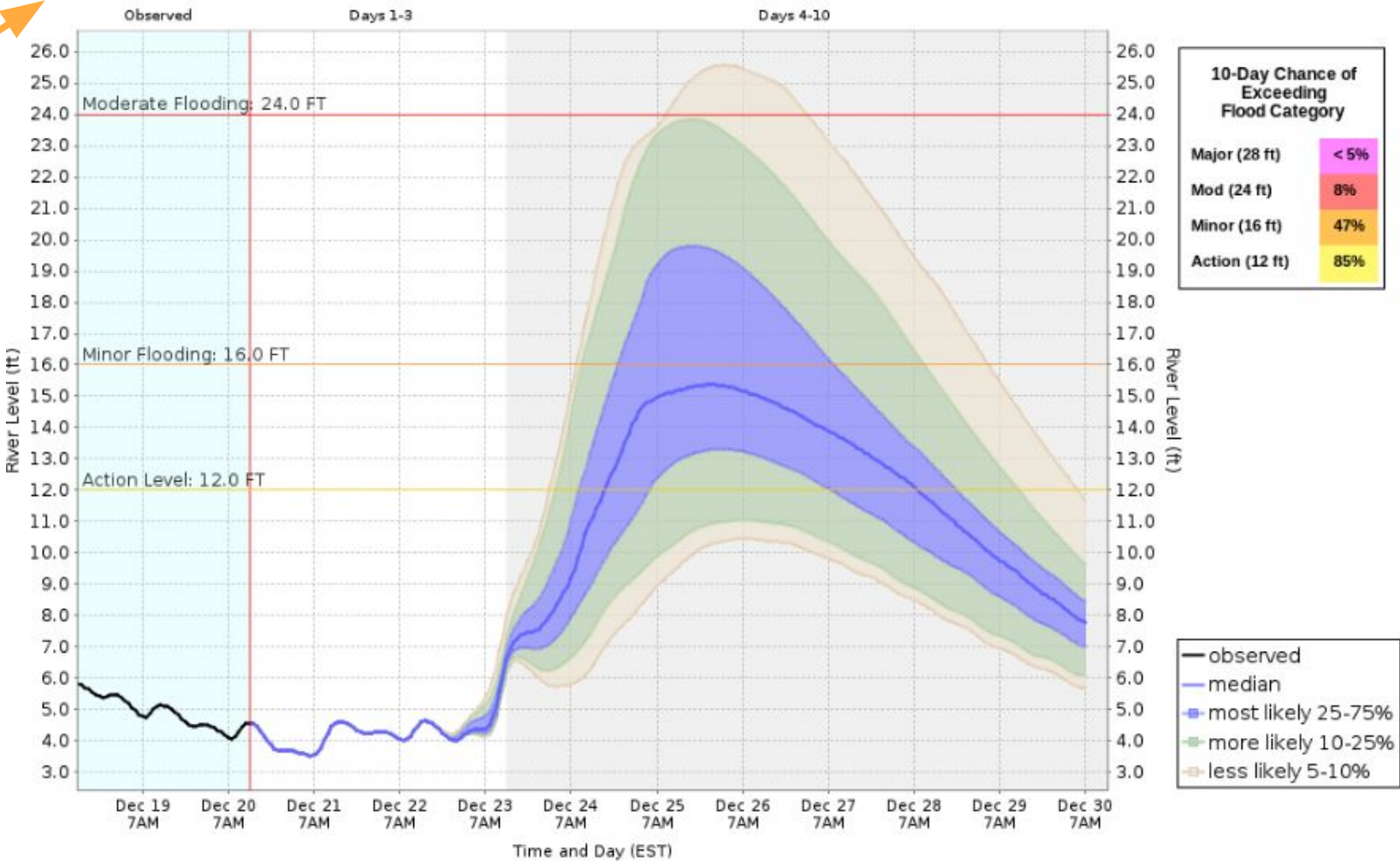
## Connecticut River at Hartford



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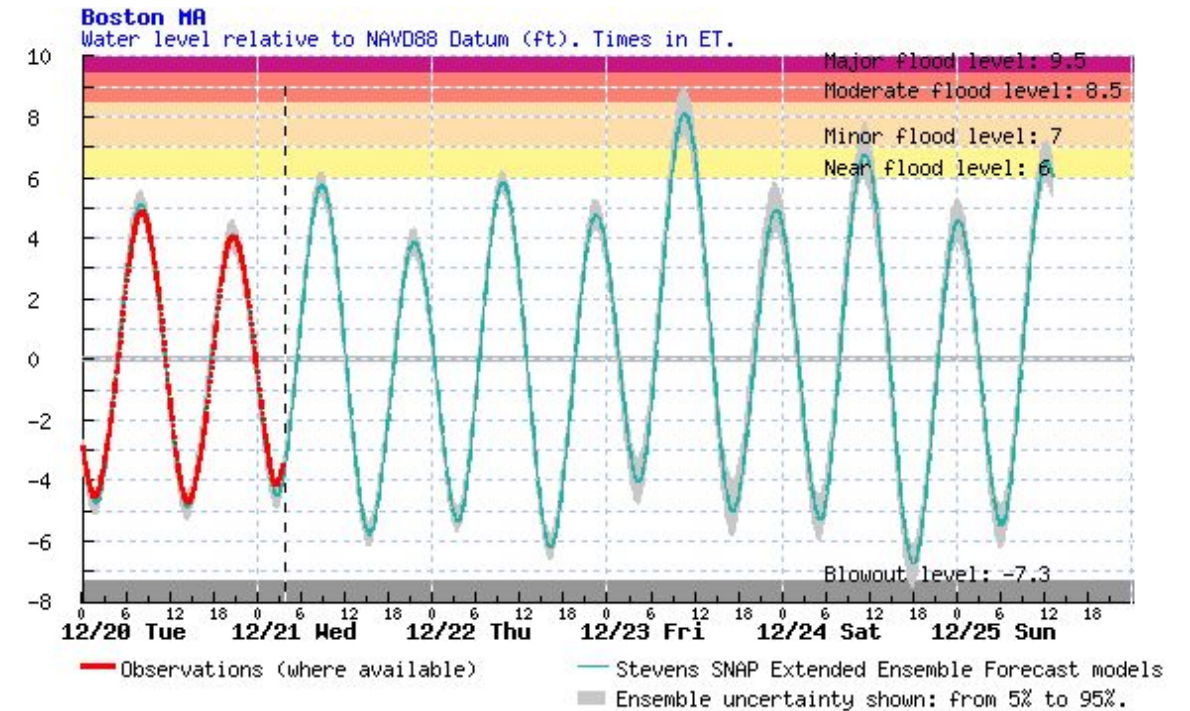
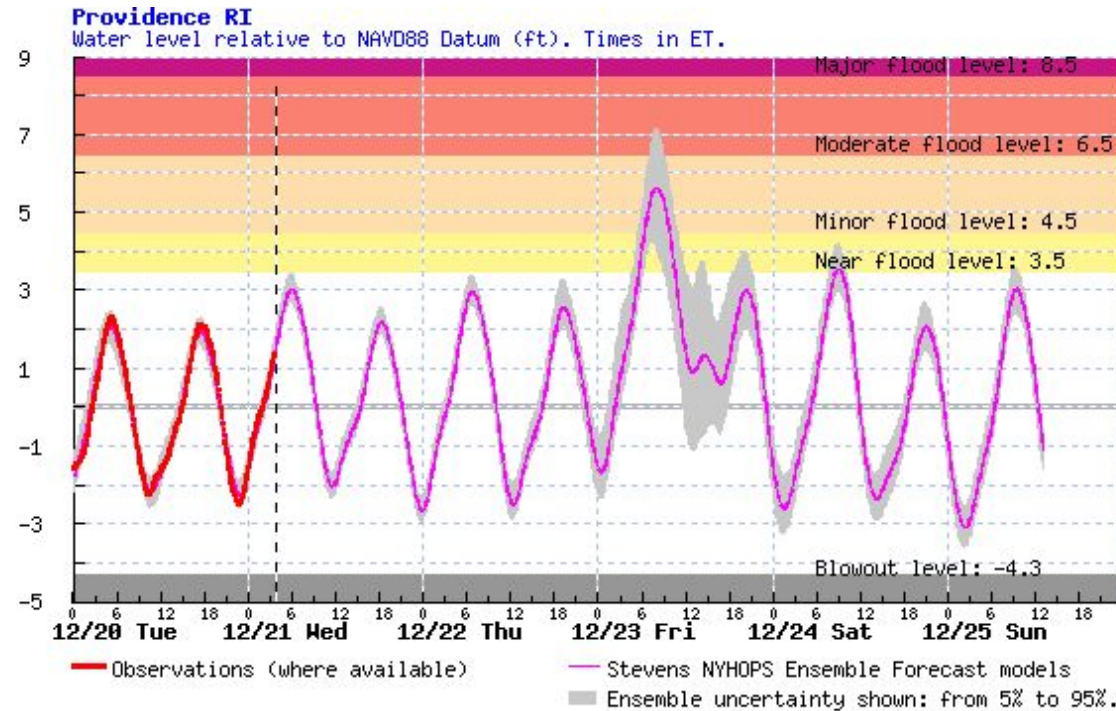
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# Coastal Flooding Potential

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- Minor to moderate flooding Friday morning
- Another round of minor to moderate flooding Friday evening along south coast but more uncertainty with timing of peak surge
- Significant beach erosion along S/SE facing coastline

- Peak surge:
  - 1 to 3 feet Friday morning (both coasts)
  - 2 to 4 feet Friday evening (south coast)
    - Especially Narragansett Bay







# Coastal Flooding Definitions

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## Minor Coastal Flooding

- Flooding up to 1 foot deep
- Flooding affects the most vulnerable shore roads and/or basements.
- Majority of roads remain passable with only isolated closures due to nuisance flooding.
- There is no significant threat to life and any impact on property is minimal.



## Moderate Coastal Flooding

- Flooding 1 to 3 feet deep
- Widespread flooding of vulnerable shore roads and/or basements.
- Numerous road closures are needed.
- Risk to life for those who place themselves in unnecessary danger.
- Some damage of vulnerable structures such as docks or house decks/porches near the high tide line due to waves.







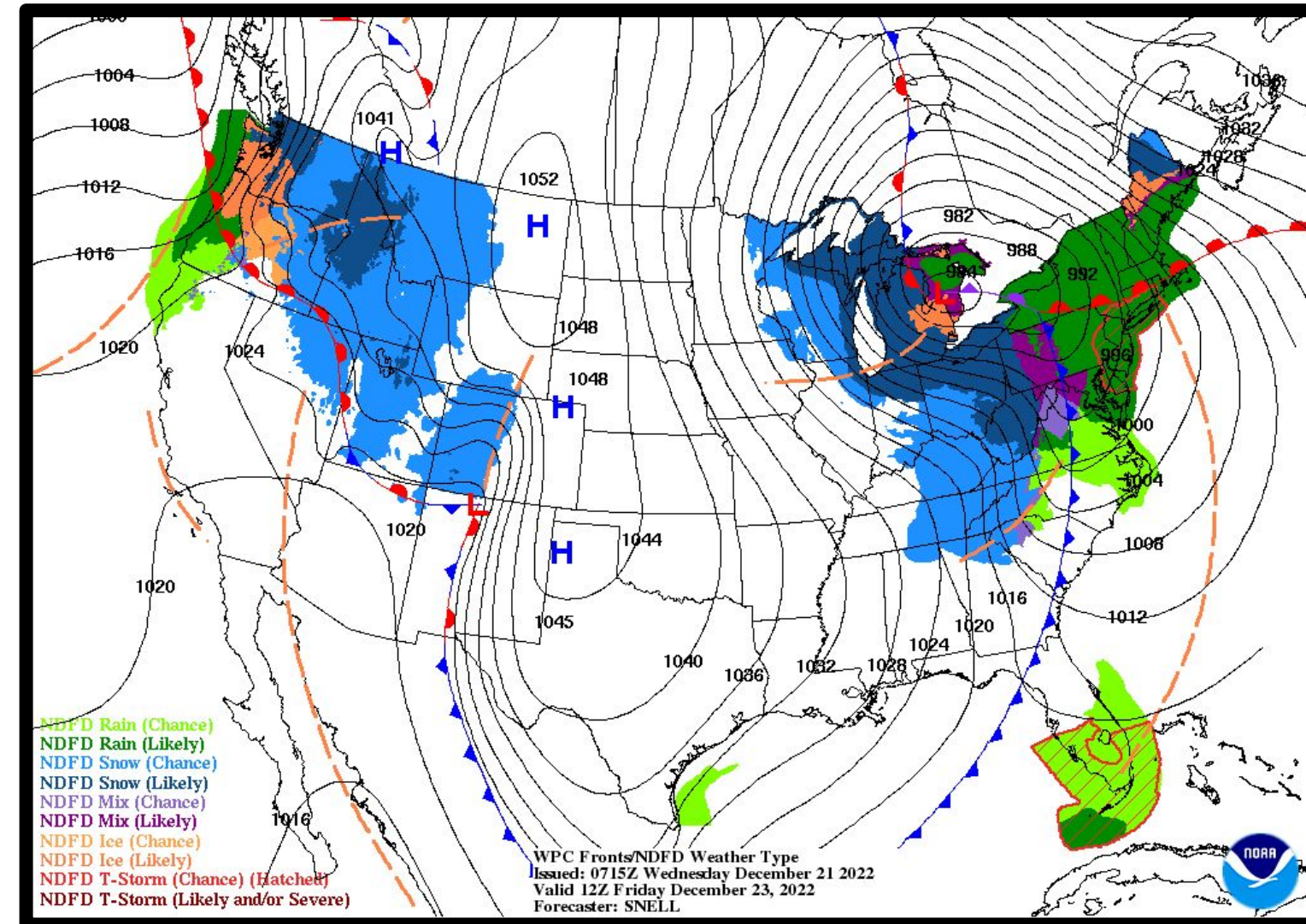
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