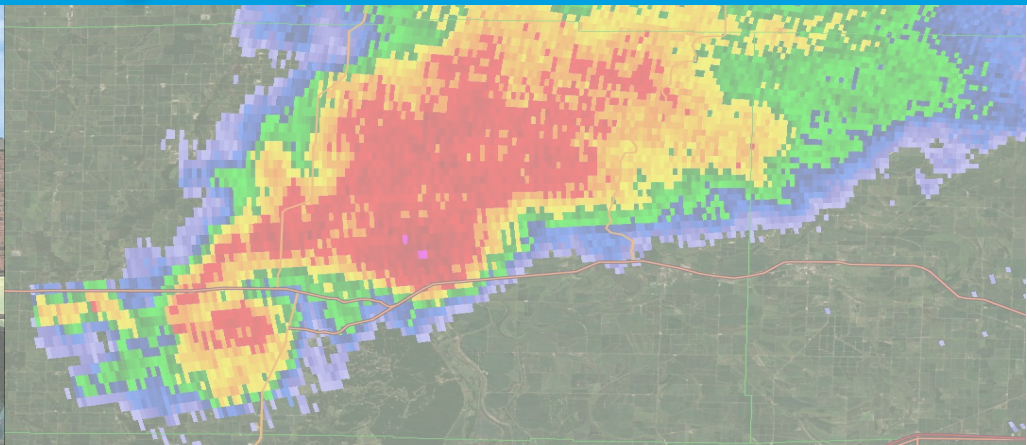


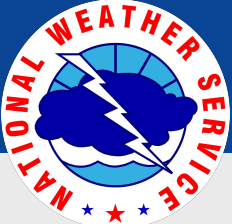


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Emergency Management Briefing
Winter Storm Jan 25-26th
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Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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For Southern New England

Decision Support Briefing:

Key Messages

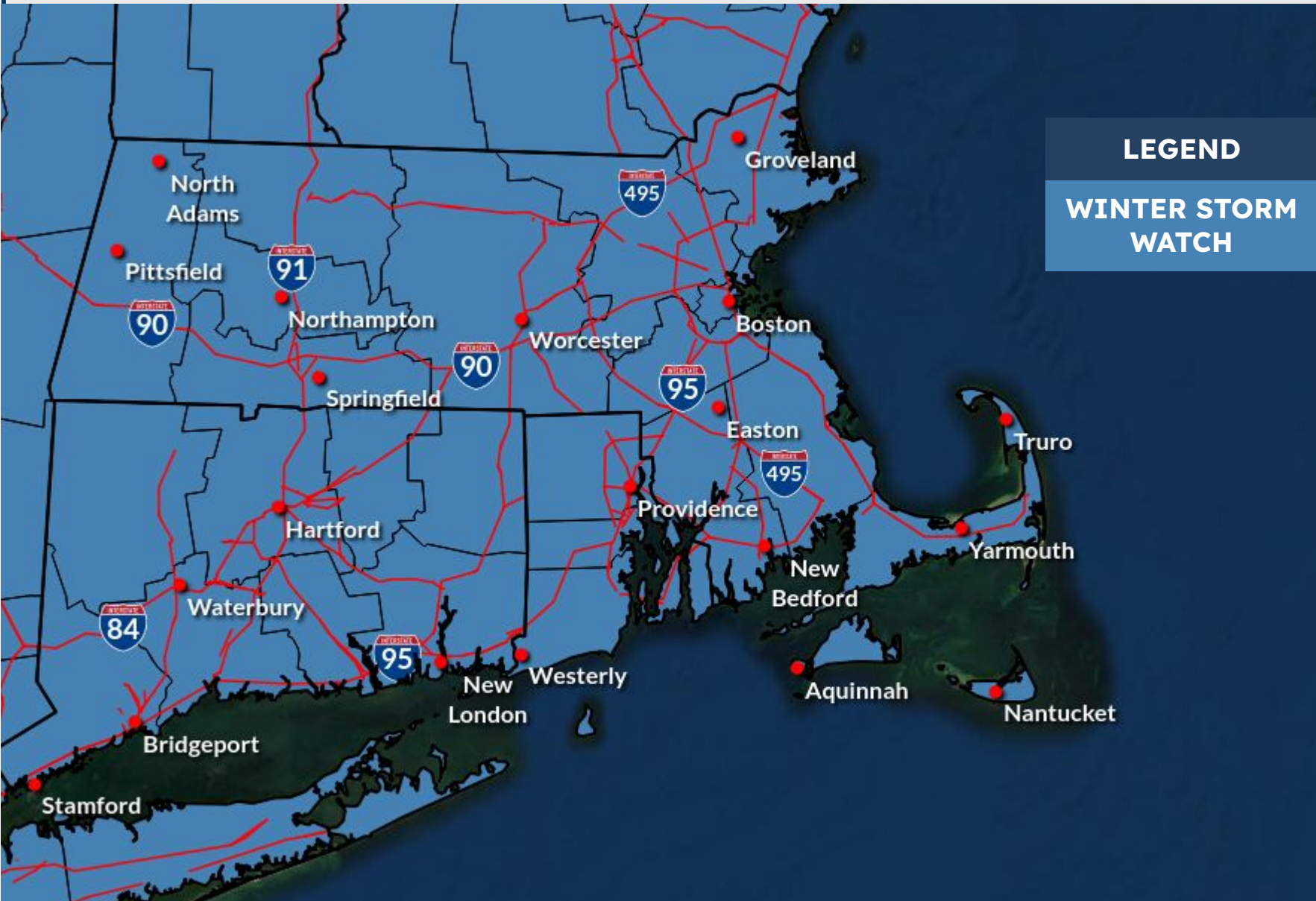
- Cold temperatures/hazardous wind chills Friday night-Saturday.
- Increasing confidence for impactful winter storm Sunday-Monday.
 - Difficult travel, especially Sunday Night-early Monday (early Mon commute).

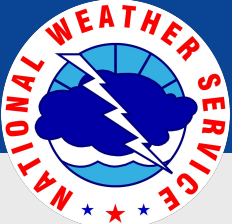
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New Information/Updates

- ➔ Winter Storm Watches issued for southern New England.
- ➔ Next Briefing: Friday 2/23

Current Headlines





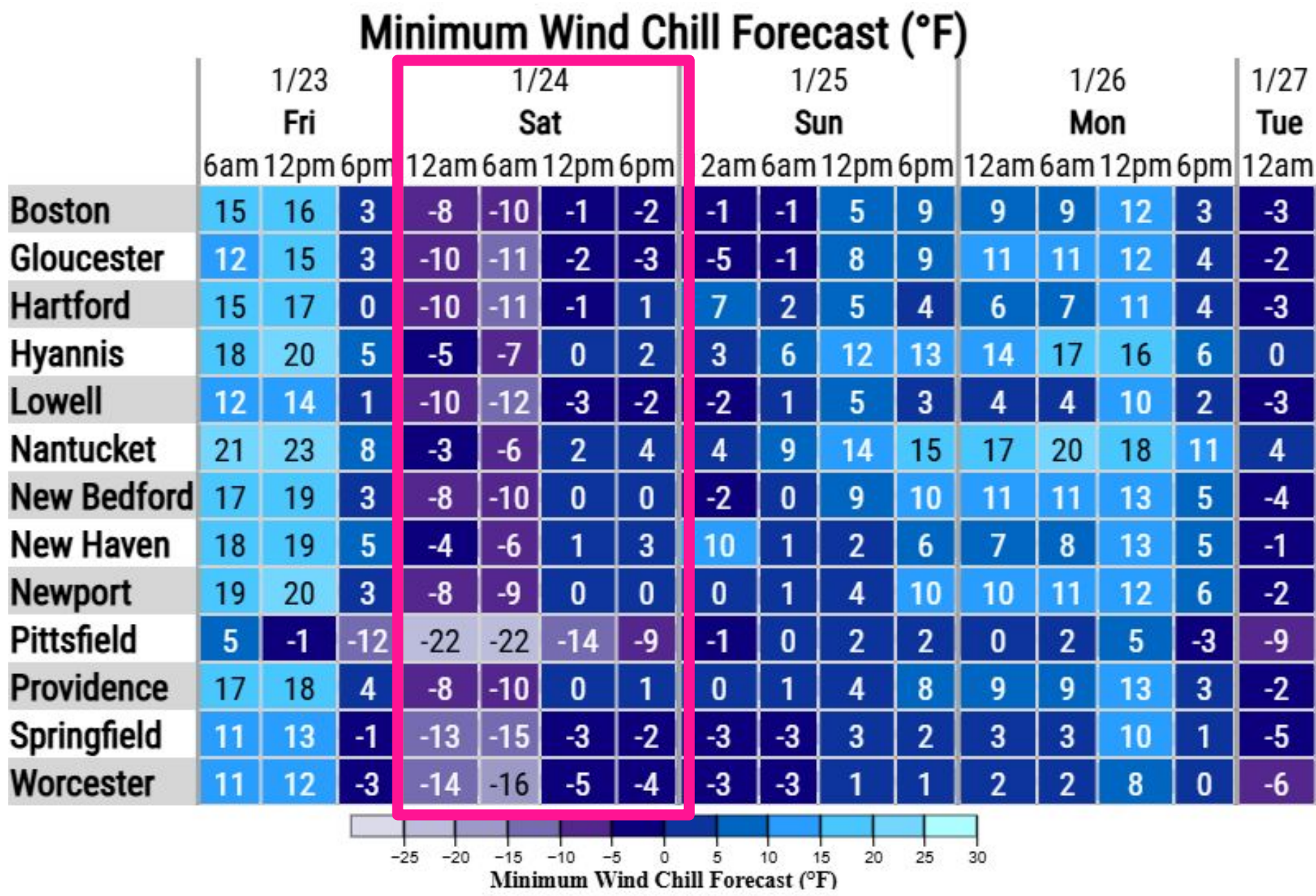
Forecast Minimum Wind Chills

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Hazardous Wind Chills Friday Night into early Saturday

Key Messages

- Combination of well below normal temperatures and gusty winds will bring bitter cold wind chills Fri Night into the weekend.
- Hazardous wind chills, especially for east slope of Berkshires.
- Extreme Cold Warning and Cold Advisories in effect Friday Night-Saturday AM.



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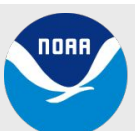
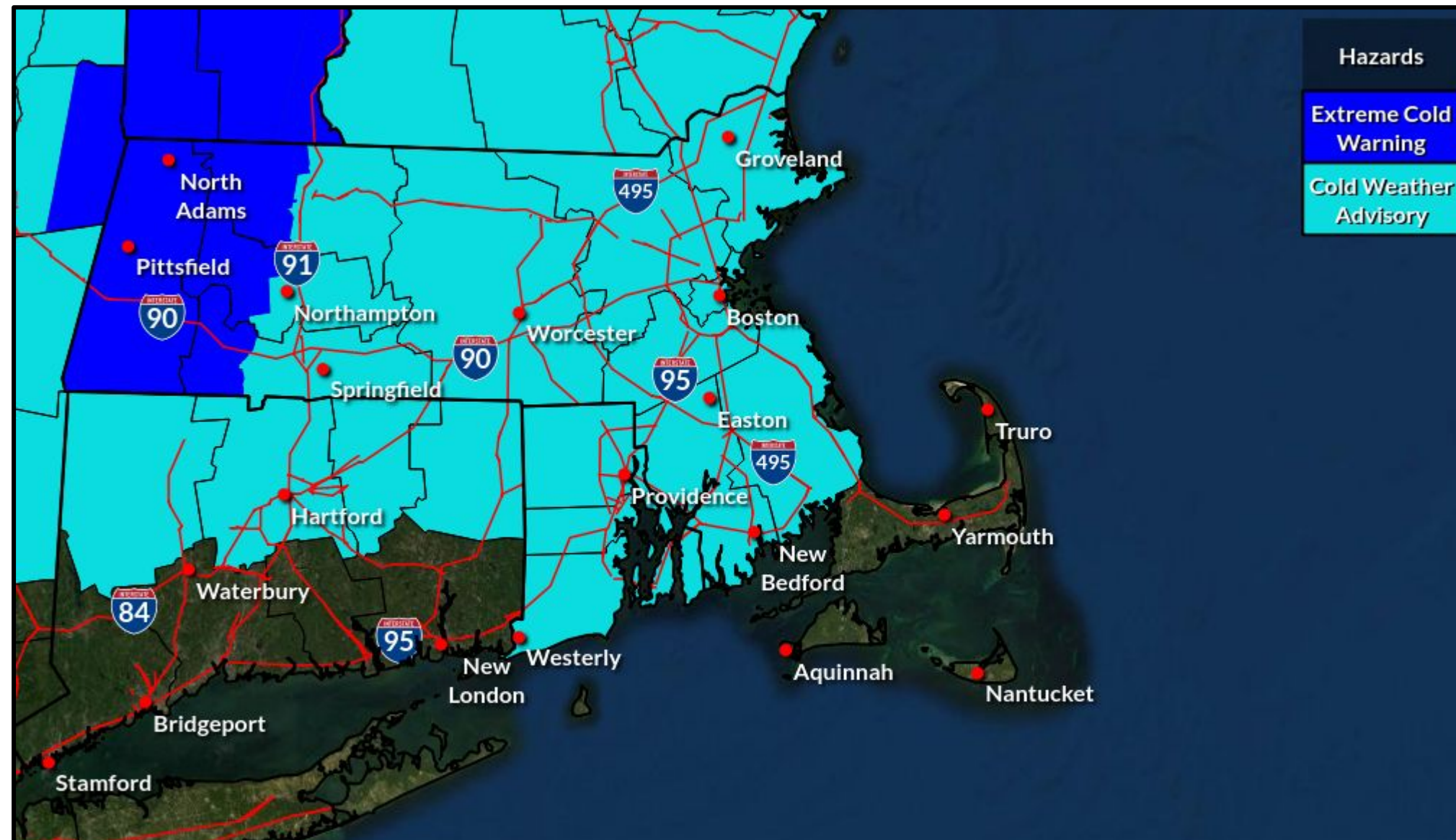


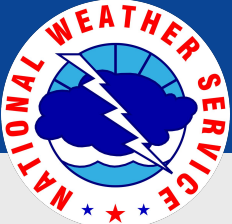
Extreme Cold Headlines

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Friday Night Through Saturday Morning

- **Extreme Cold Warning:** East Slope of Berkshires.
 - Wind chills as low as -25°F
 - May cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.
- **Cold Weather Advisory:** Rest of southern New England (except Cape and Islands).
 - Wind chills as low as -20°F
 - May cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes.





Confidence Levels

Timing

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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- Snow likely arrives Sun AM into early afternoon.
- Timing of heaviest snow: Sun night-early Mon.
- Light to moderate snow likely lingers through much of Mon.

Snow Amounts

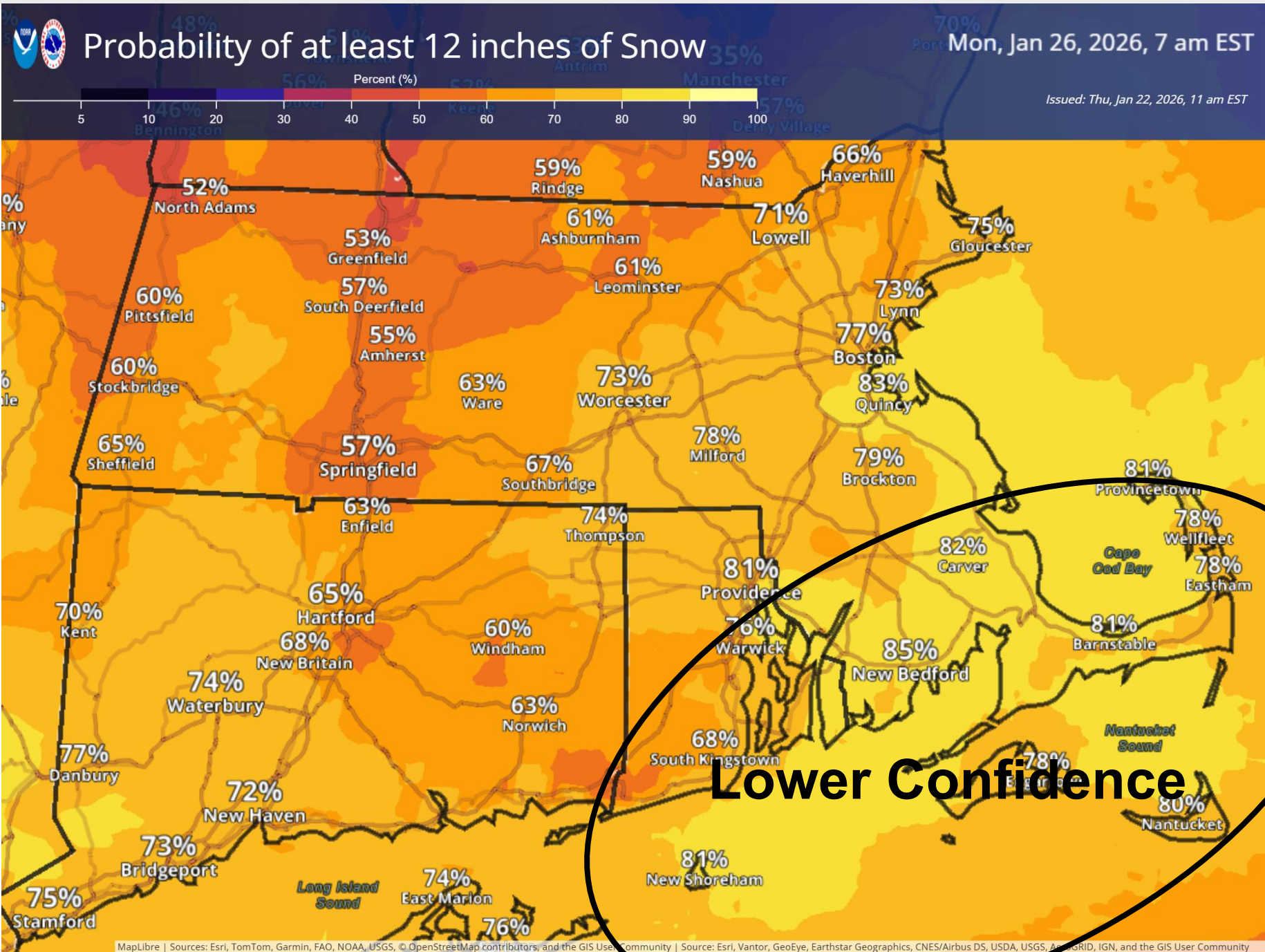
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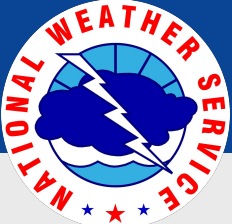
- Medium confidence (~60-70%) for a foot or more of snow.
- Lower confidence in amounts for south coast and Cape and Islands due to potential for mixed precipitation.

Travel Impacts

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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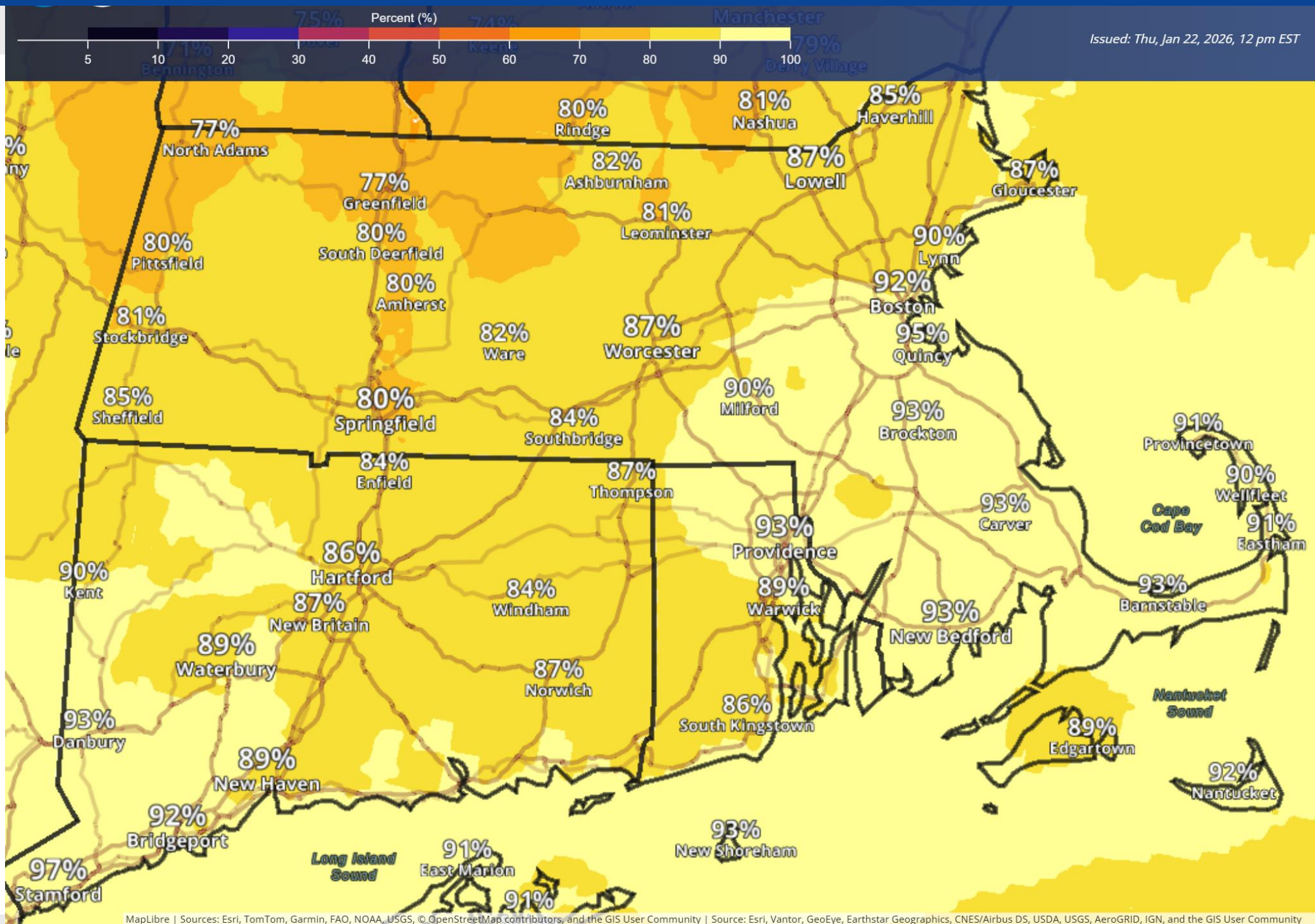
Travel will be difficult, especially Sunday night into Monday morning when snowfall accumulation rates will be highest.





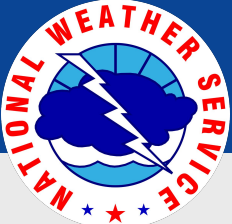
Probability of at least 8 inches of Snow

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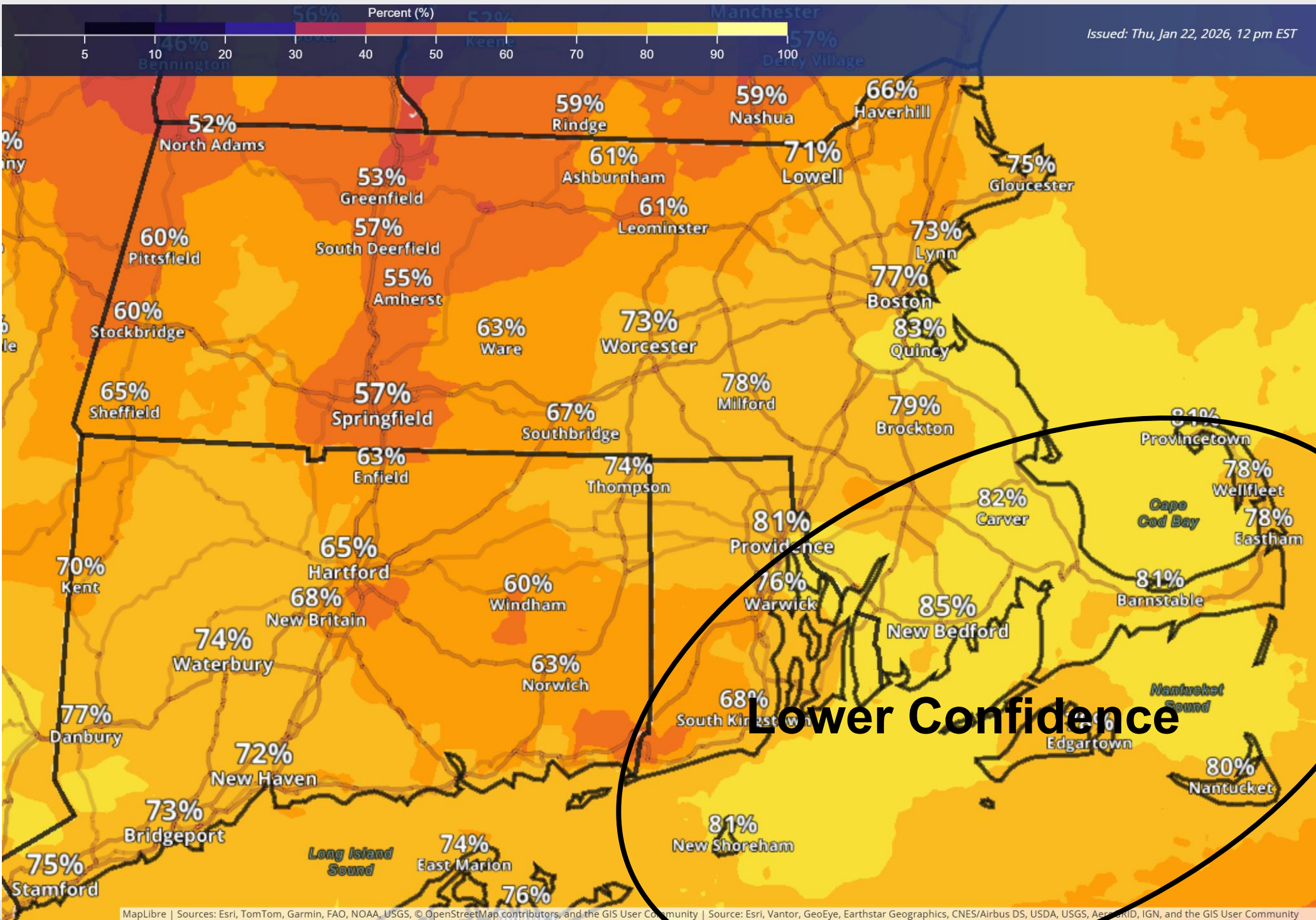
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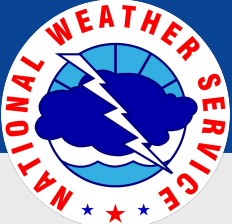
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Probability of at least 12 inches of Snow

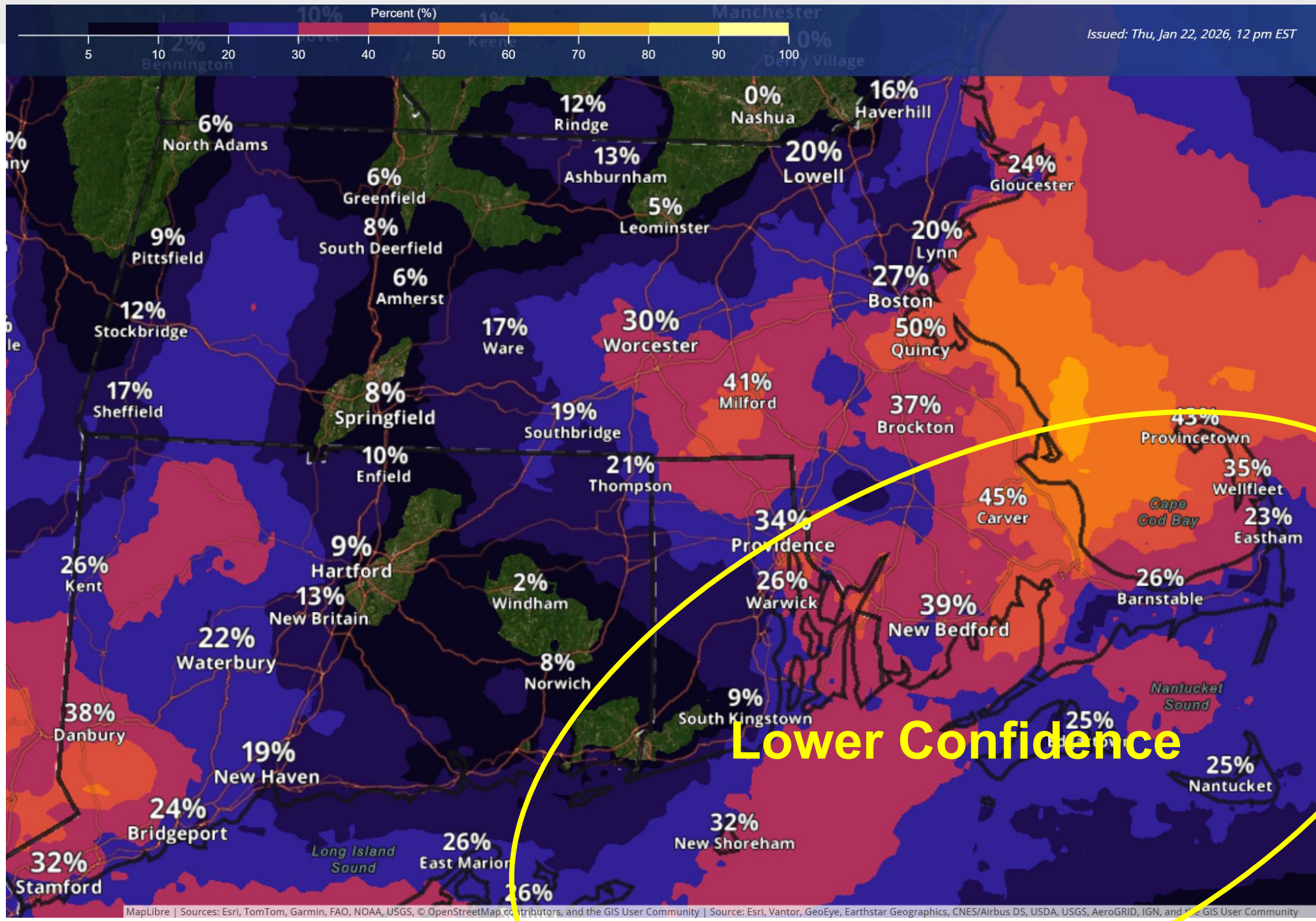
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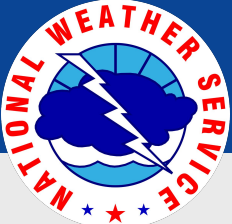




Probability of at least 18 inches of Snow

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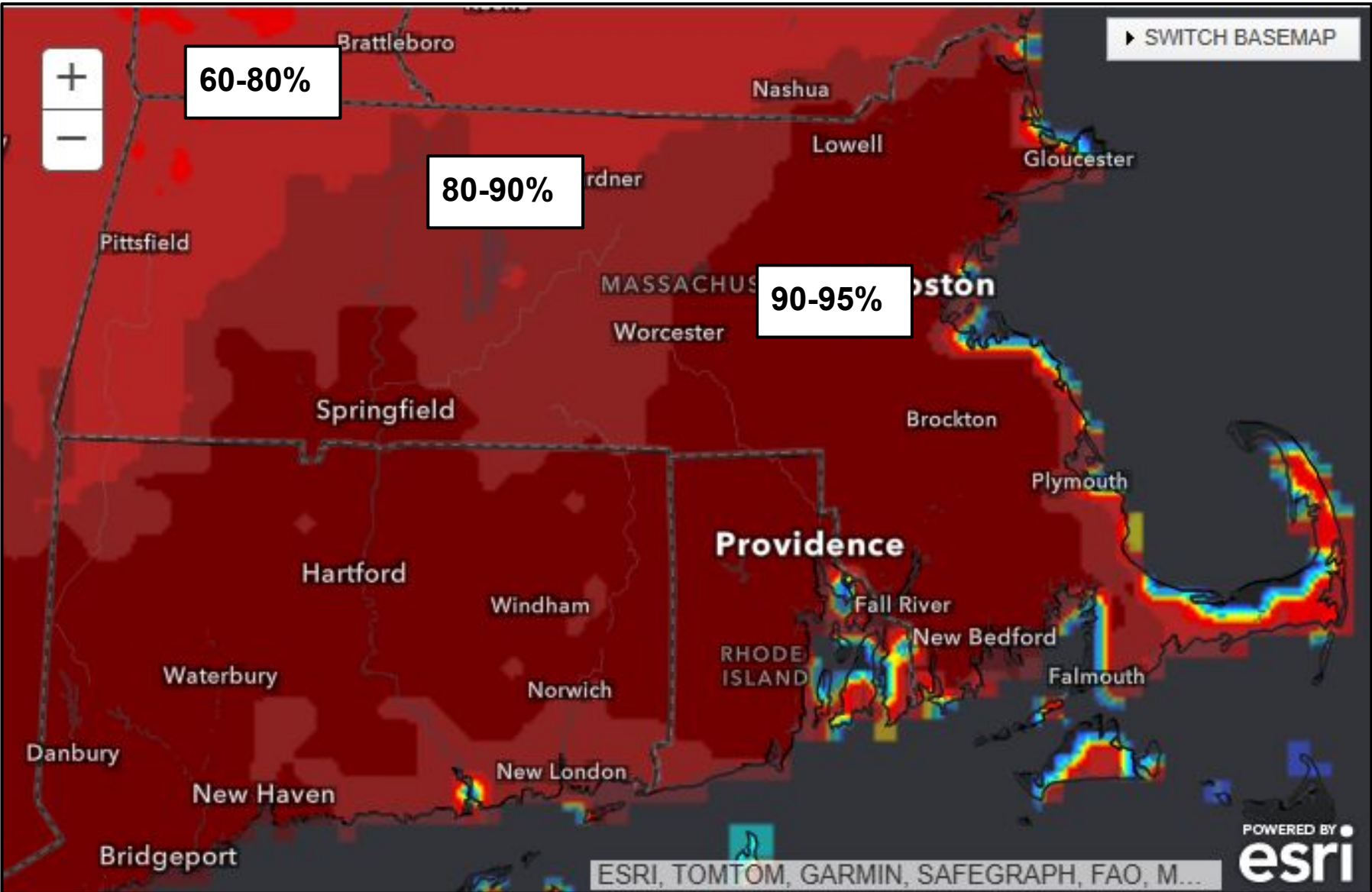


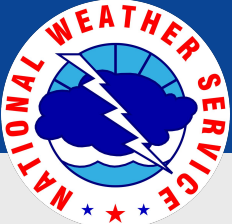
Probability of Moderate Winter Storm Impacts

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Potential Winter Storm Impacts
Winter Weather Area Expect Winter Weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.
Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.
Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. • Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. • Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. • Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. • Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. • Life-saving actions may be needed.

24 HR Forecast Valid 3 PM Sunday - 3 PM EST Monday



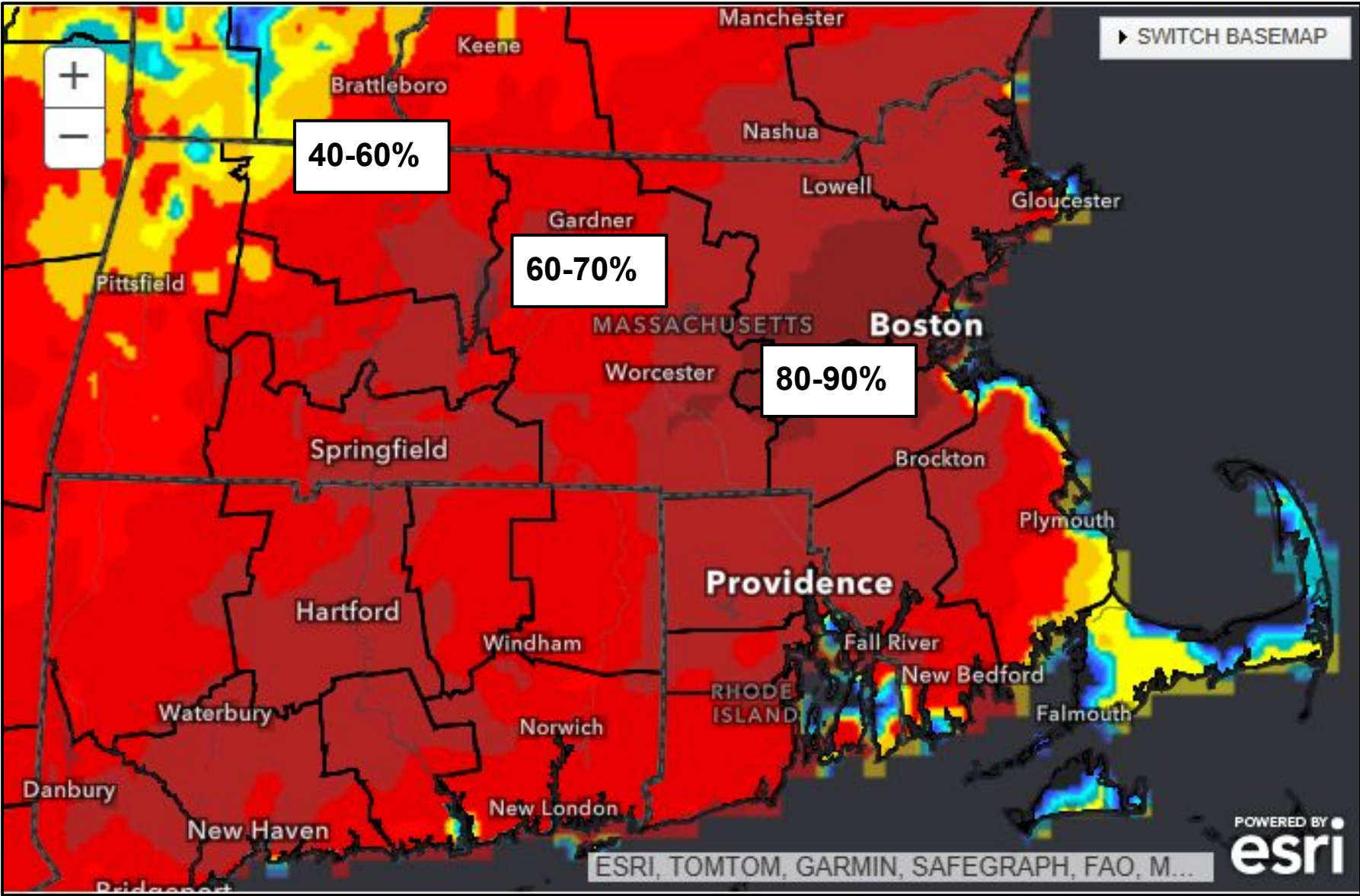


Probability of Major Winter Storm Impacts

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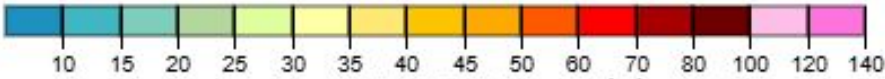




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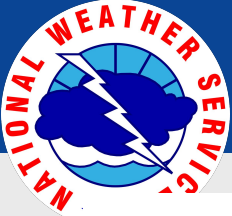
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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (kt)																					
	1/23 Fri				1/24 Sat				1/25 Sun				1/26 Mon				1/27 Tue				
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Gloucester	17➡	20➡	24➡	27➡	25➡	24➡	19➡	17➡	15➡	12⬇	16➡	21⬅	22➡	21➡	20⬇	21⬇	21➡	20➡	18➡	19➡	27
Hartford	11➡	18➡	24➡	21➡	20➡	20➡	17➡	12➡	7⬇	11➡	16➡	16➡	14➡	16⬇	18➡	16➡	14➡	16➡	17➡	12➡	24
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Wind Chill Forecast after the Storm

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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

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Gloucester	8	4	3	-1	-2	2	8	10	7	4	3	1	0	5	13	15	10	7	6	3	1	5	10	10	6	
Hartford	8	6	3	-2	-3	1	8	9	4	2	2	-1	-2	4	12	13	8	8	4	-1	-4	2	9	7	3	
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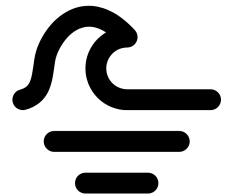
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Gale Warning

Friday Afternoon through Saturday Morning



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



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- Potential for up **WIND** to 15 FT for east • Up to 40 kts outer waters

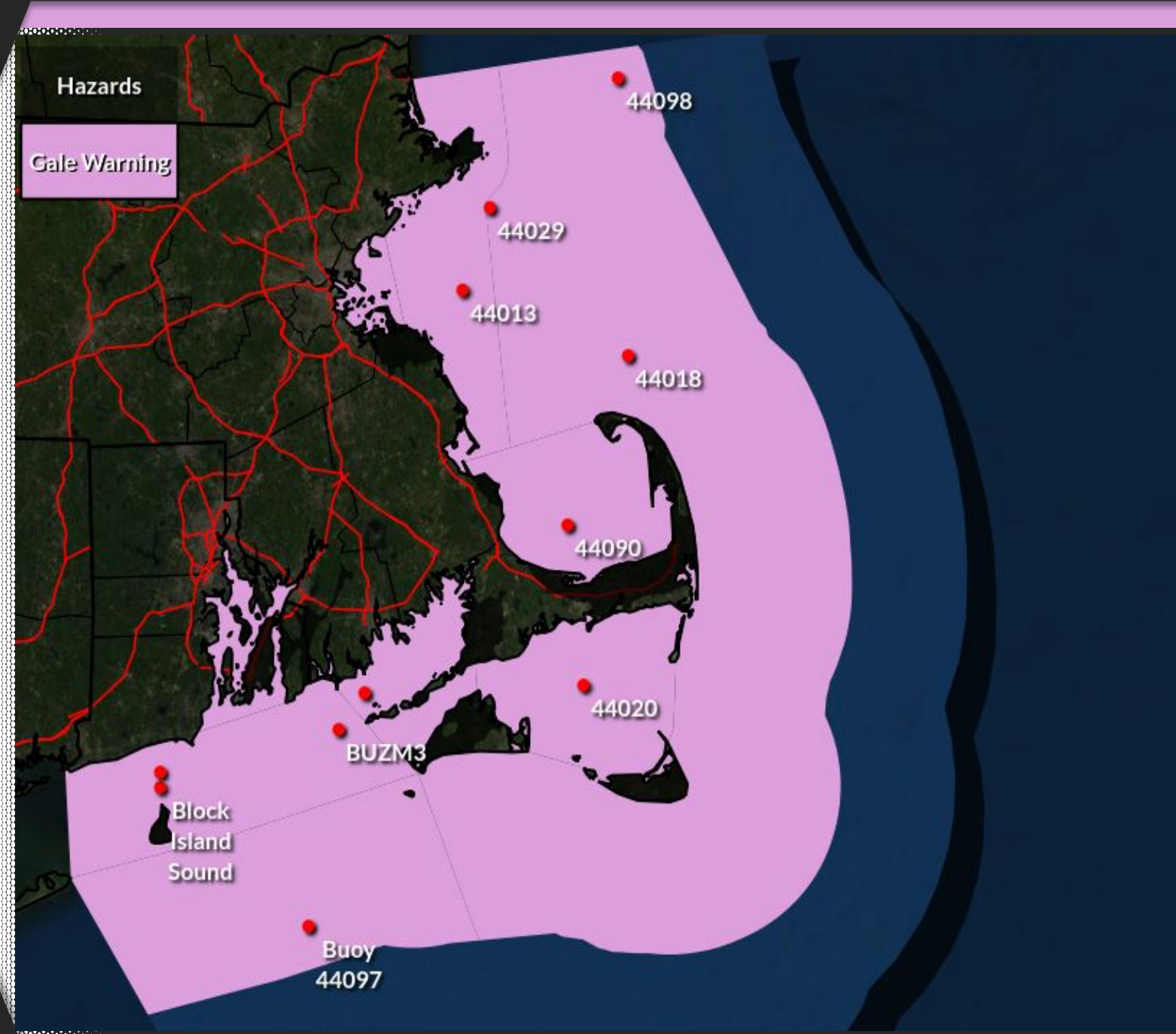


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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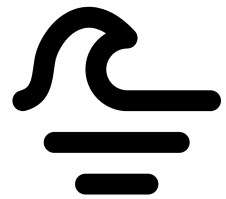
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Heavy Freezing Spray Warning & Advisory

Friday Night through Saturday



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



- Moderate -heavy freezing spray expected

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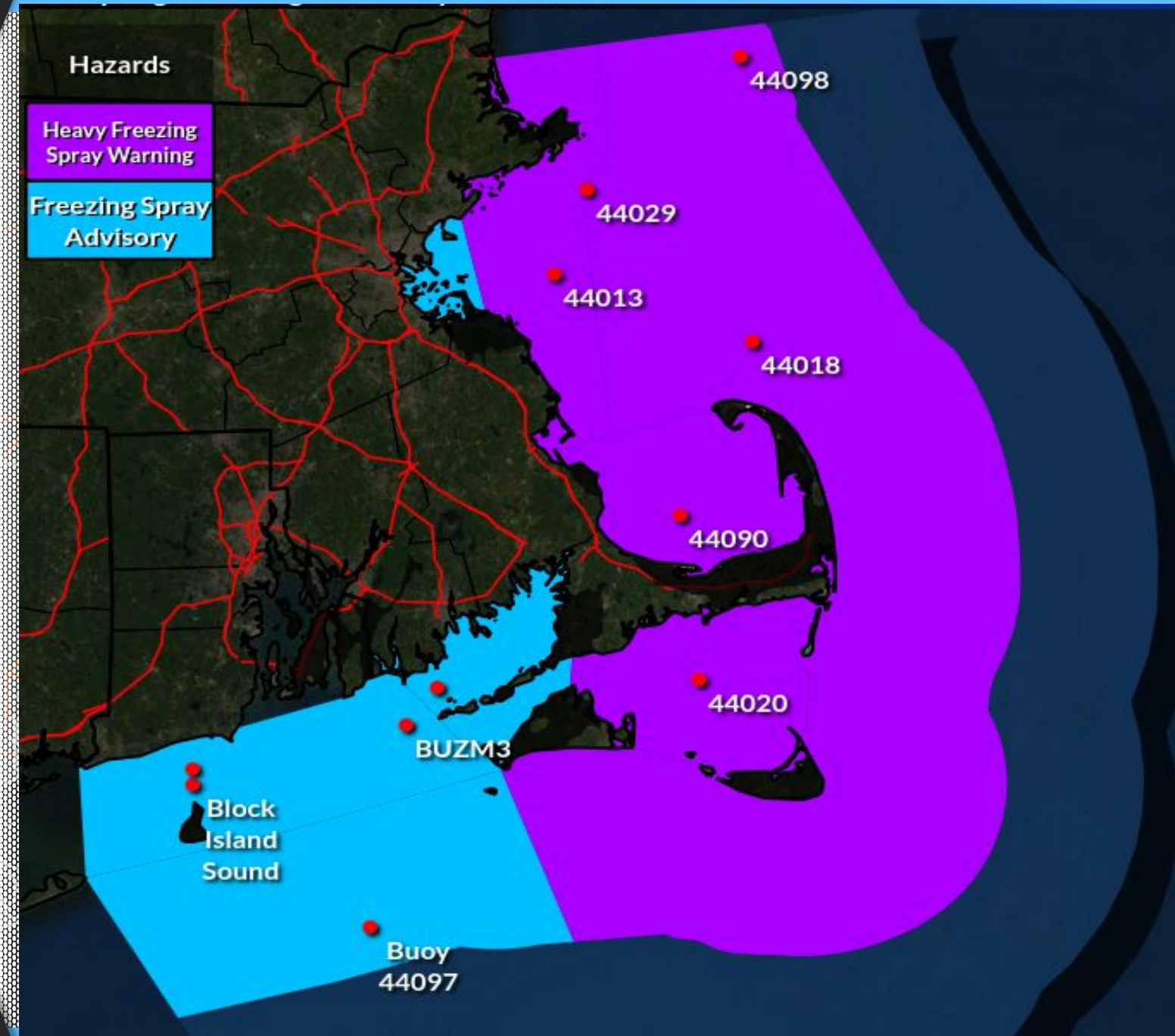
- Rough seas

WIND

- Up to 40 KT



- Rapid ice accretion on decks and superstructures may result in a catastrophic loss of stability.



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