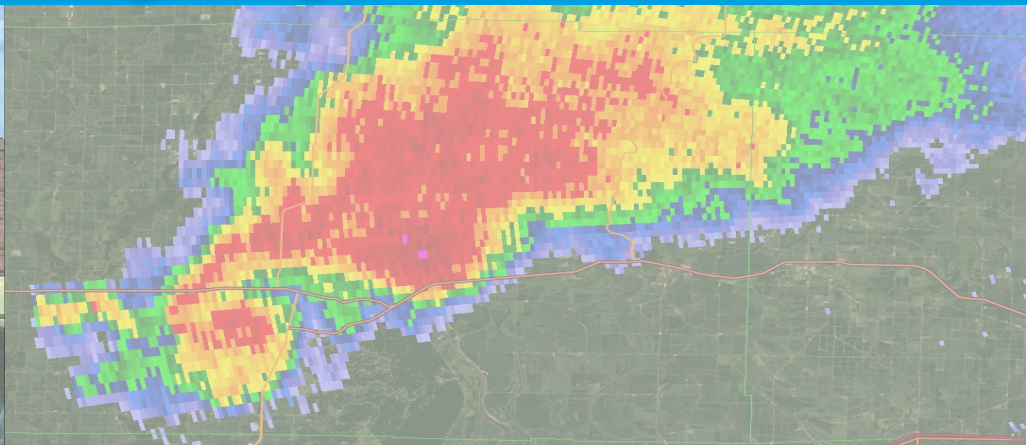




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Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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For Southern New England

Decision Support Briefing:

Key Messages

- Cold temperatures/hazardous wind chills Friday night-Saturday.
- High Impact Winter storm Sunday-Monday.
 - Difficult travel, especially Sunday Night-early Monday (early Mon commute).

INFO

New Information/Updates

- First “most likely snowfall accumulation” map added.
- Biggest question right now is how much any mixed precip on the south shore might bring down snow totals.
- Next Briefing: Friday afternoon 2/23.

Current Headlines



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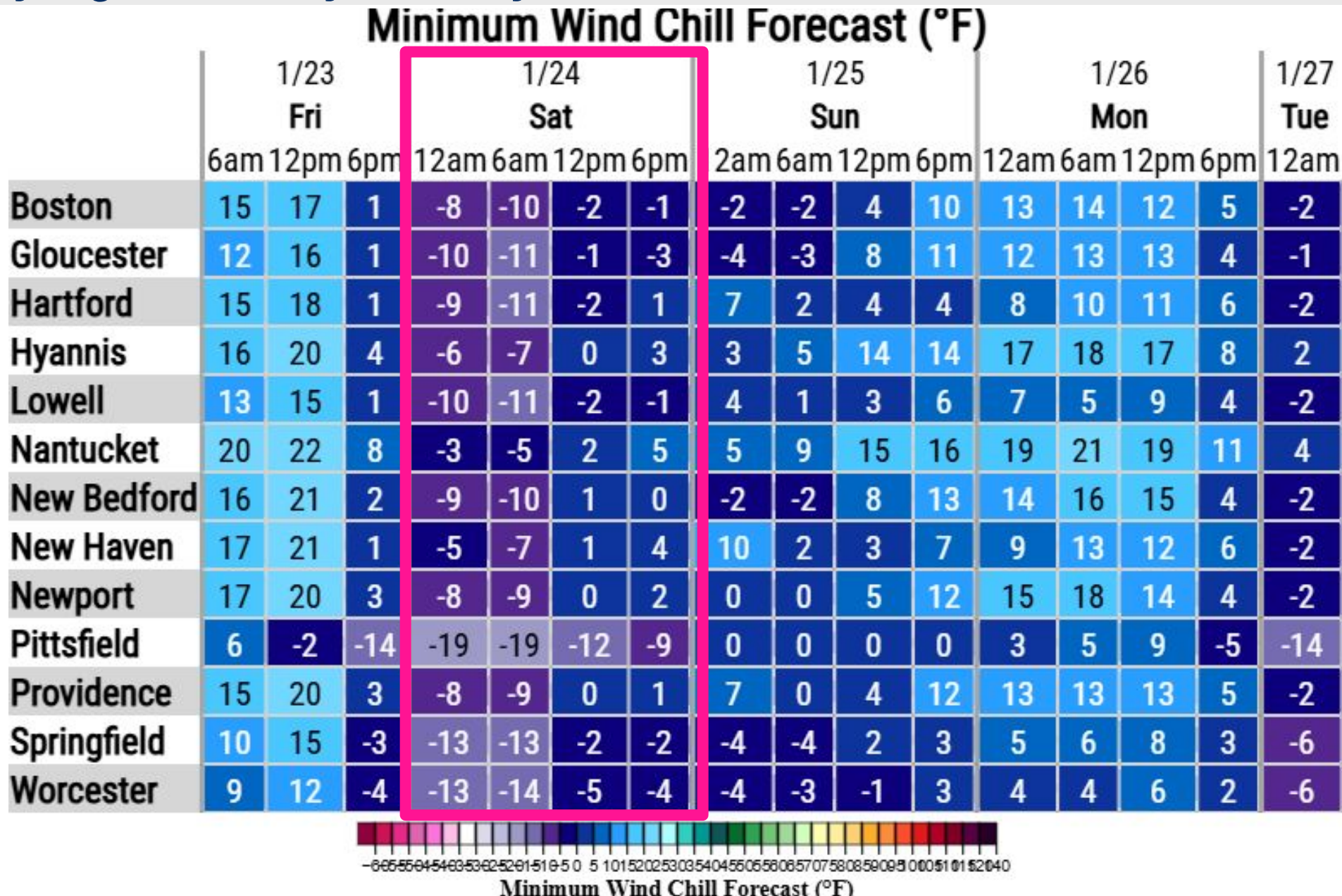
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Hazardous Wind Chills Friday Night into early Saturday

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.

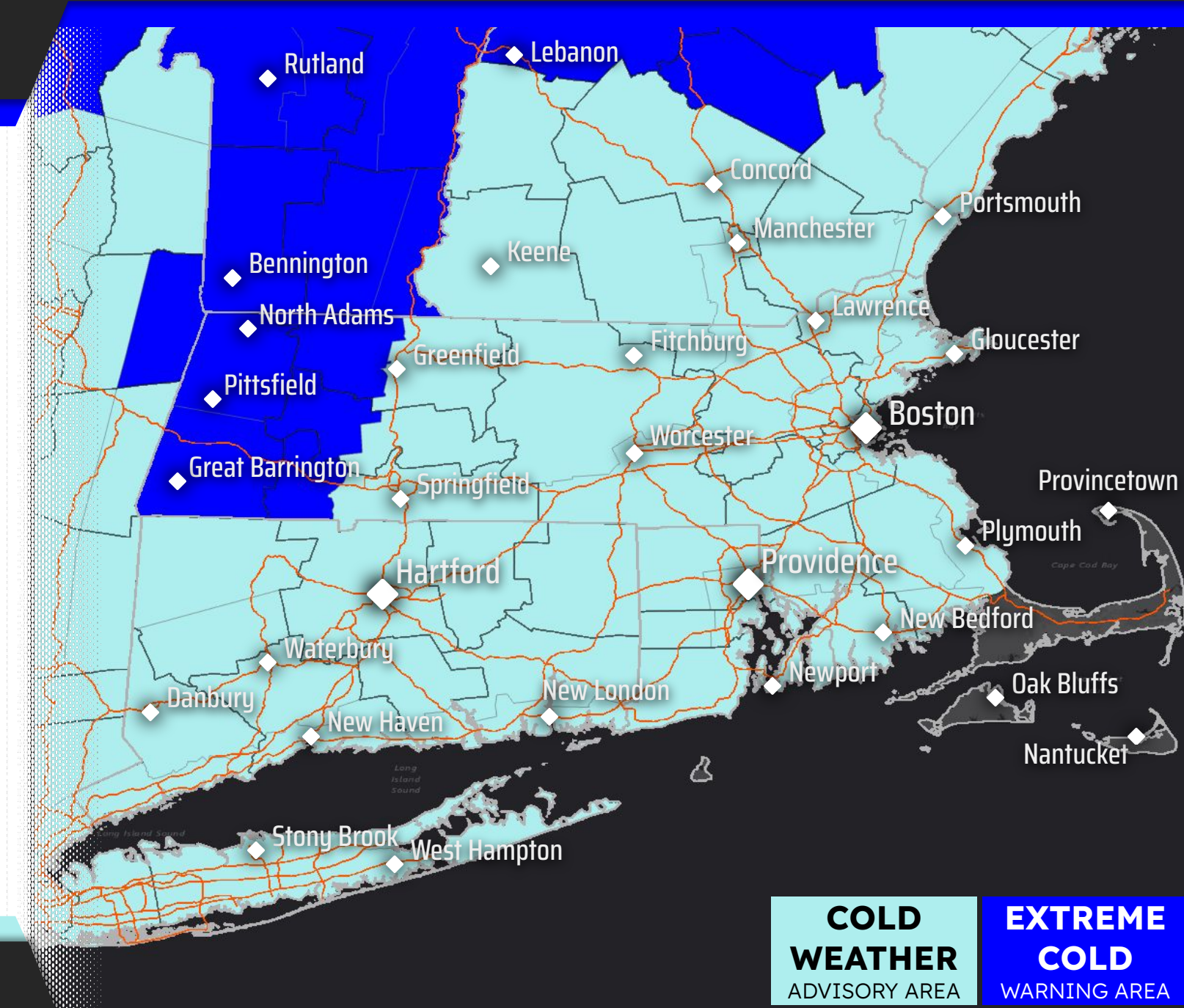


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Extreme Cold Warning | Cold Weather Advisory

Friday Night into 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.



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Most Likely Snowfall

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Timing Confidence

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

Snow Amounts Confidence

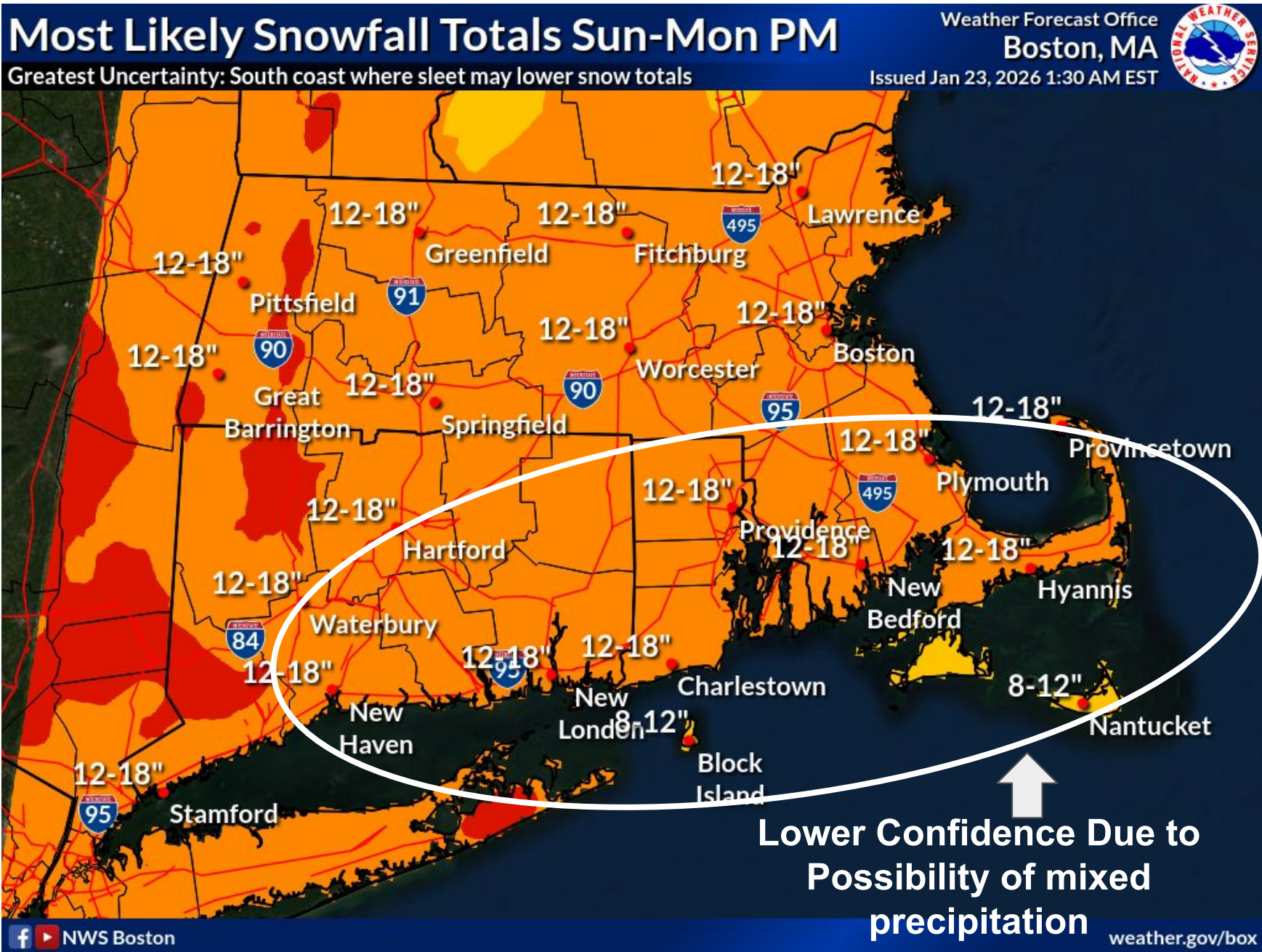
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- Medium confidence (~70-80%) for a foot or more of snow.
- Lower confidence in amounts for south coast and Cape and Islands due to potential for mixed precipitation.

Travel Impacts Confidence

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



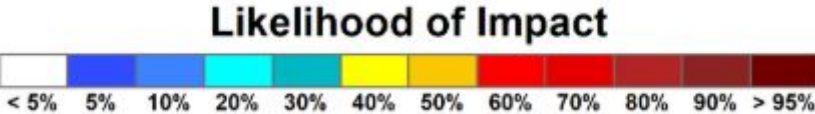
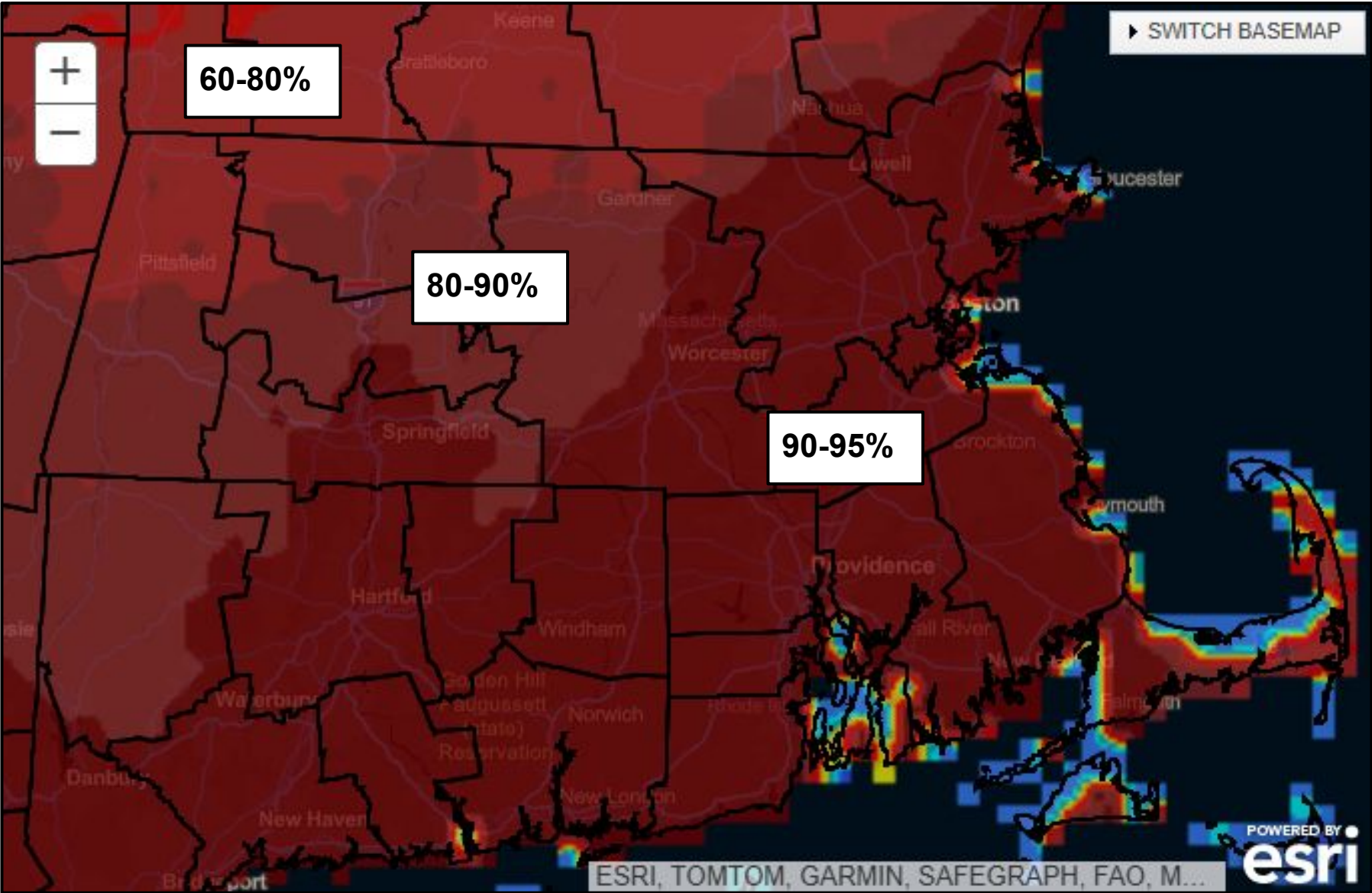


Probability of Moderate Winter Storm Impacts

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Potential Winter Storm Impacts
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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.

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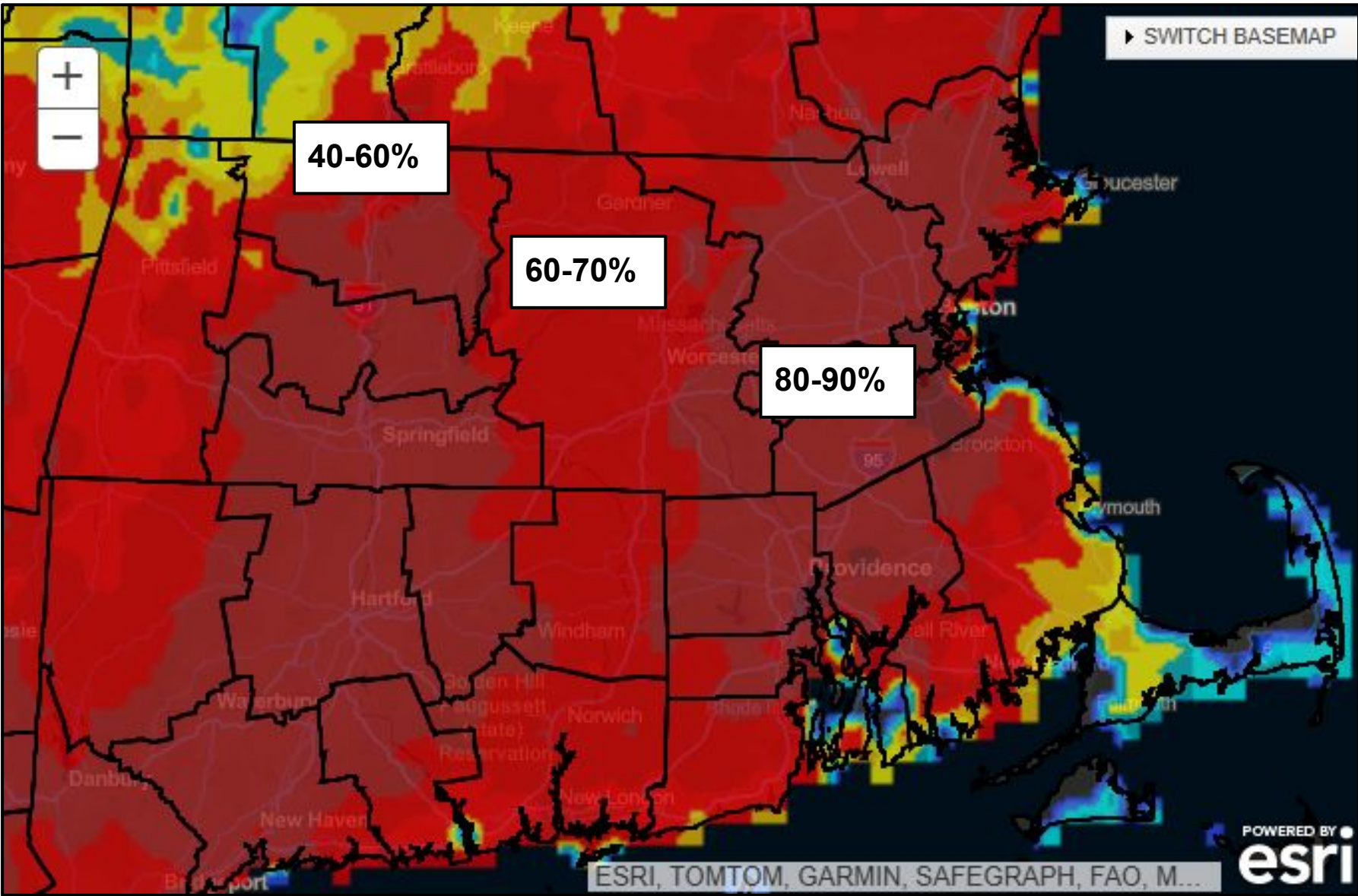


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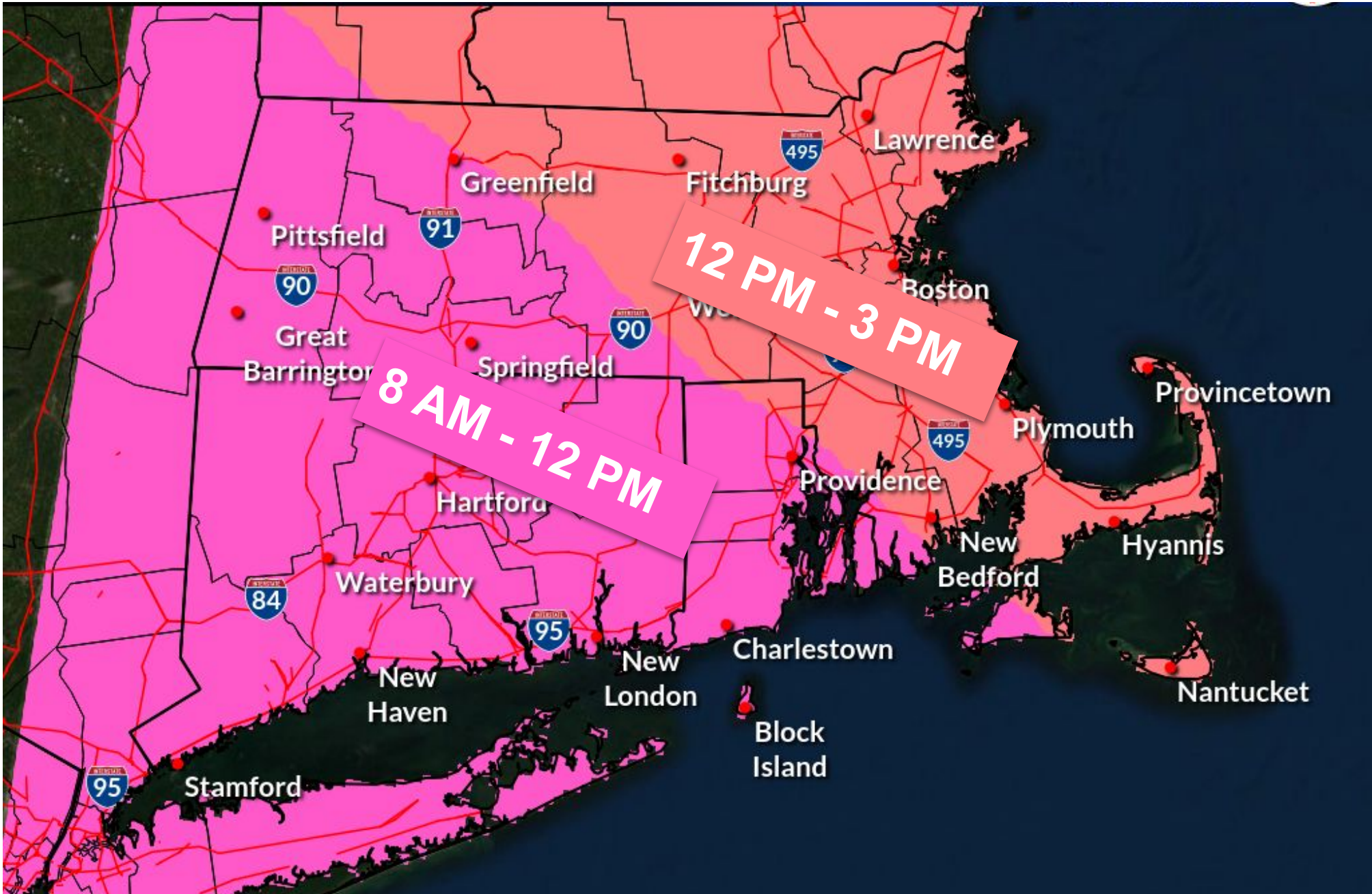




Snow Onset Time

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Will Be Refined as we get closer to the storm

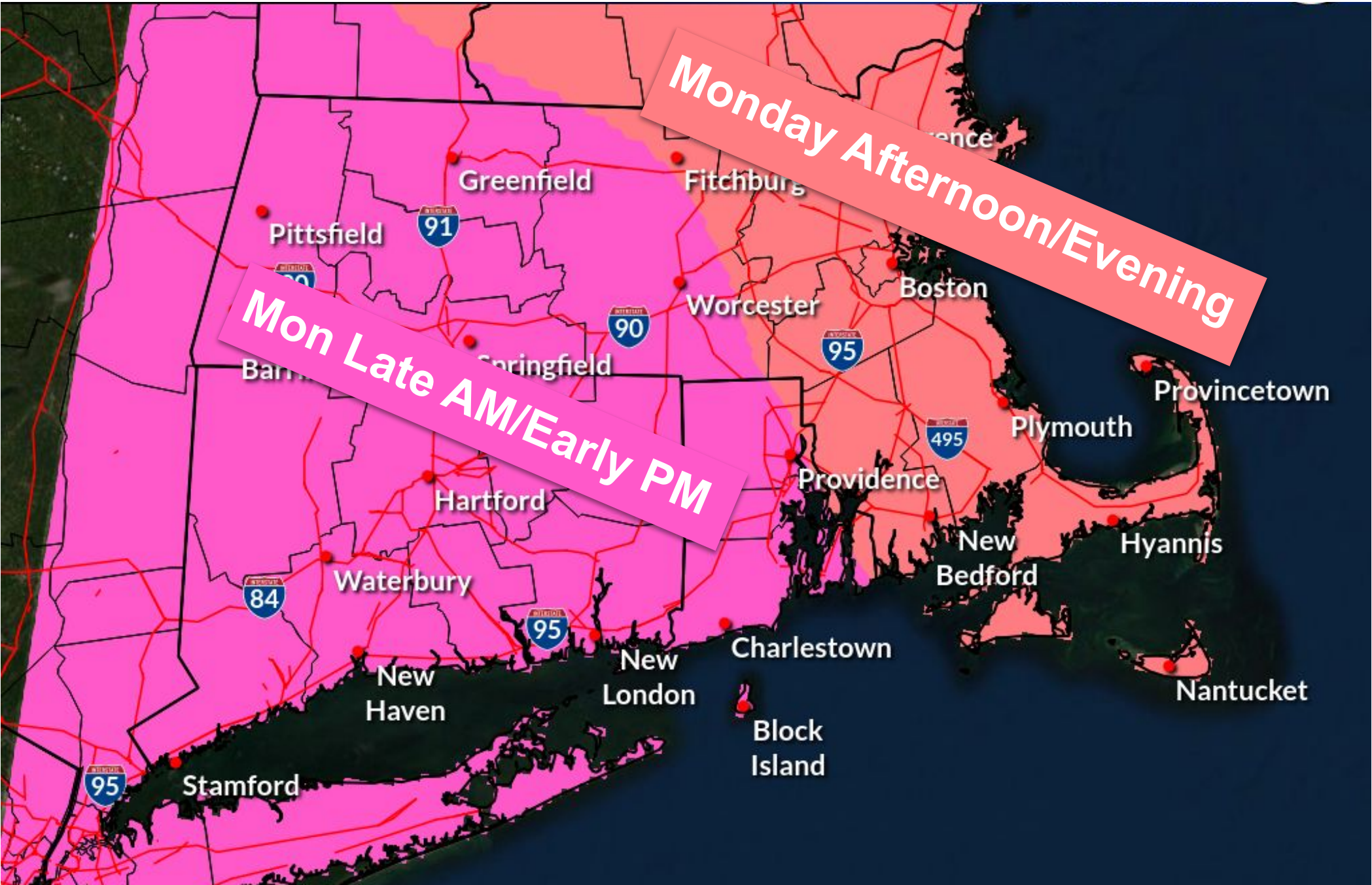




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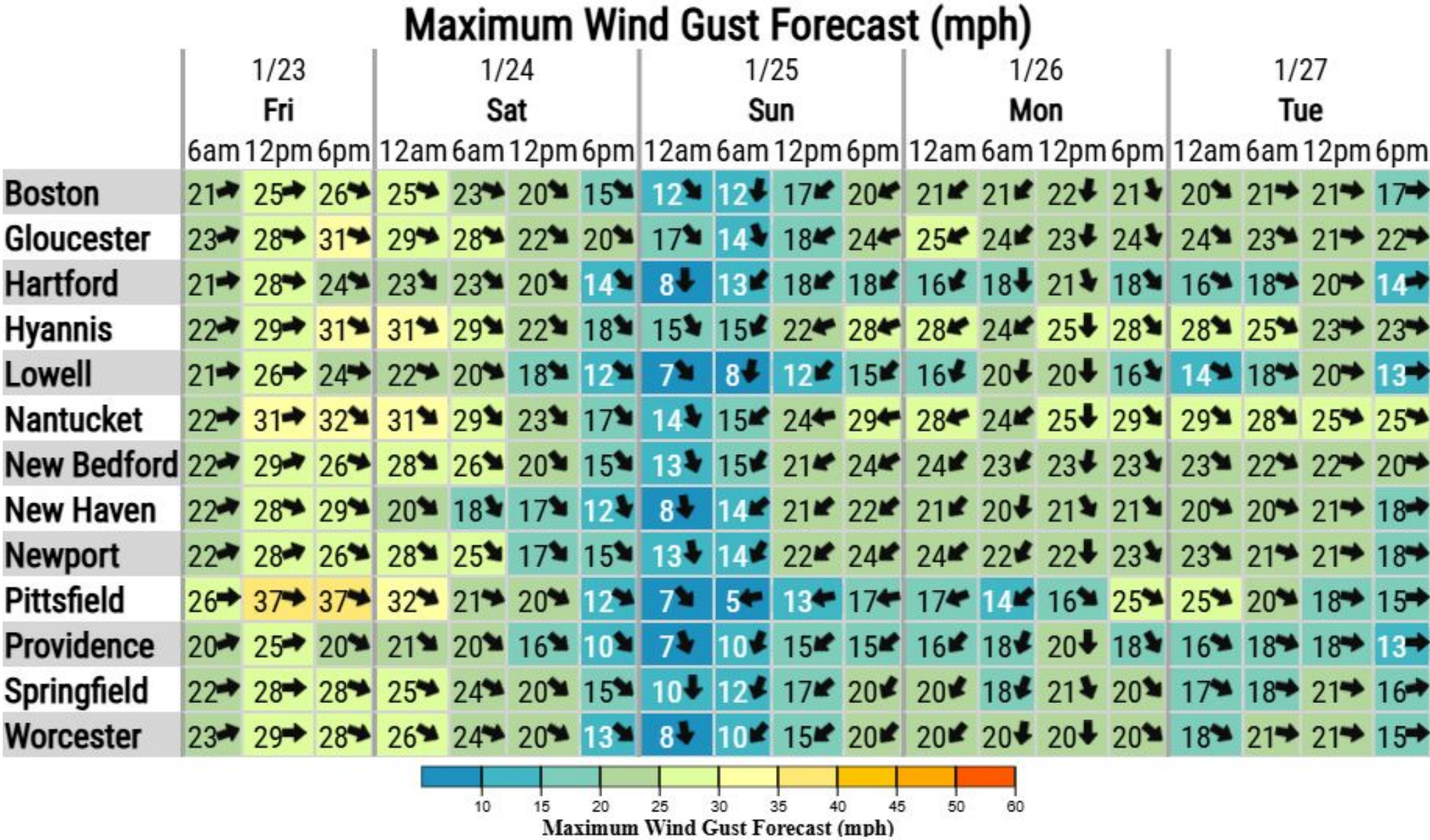
Snow becomes much lighter as it tapers off through the day on Monday





Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

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Wind Chill Forecast after the Storm

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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)																									
	1/26 Mon		1/27 Tue								1/28 Wed								1/29 Thu						
	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm
Boston	8	5	2	-2	-3	1	8	10	5	2	3	0	-1	4	12	14	9	6	3	1	-1	3	9	9	5
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
Hyannis	13	8	5	2	0	3	8	10	7	5	5	3	2	8	14	15	12	11	8	6	5	9	12	11	7
Lowell	6	4	3	-2	-3	0	7	10	4	3	2	-1	-2	5	12	14	9	6	3	-2	-4	2	9	8	5
Nantucket	15	11	7	4	4	6	10	13	10	9	8	7	7	10	14	16	15	14	12	9	8	11	14	12	9
New Bedford	9	4	1	-2	-3	1	8	10	6	4	3	-1	-2	5	13	16	10	8	7	3	1	5	11	9	4
New Haven	7	6	2	-2	-2	2	8	11	9	6	4	0	-1	5	12	16	16	15	12	3	3	6	10	11	8
Newport	9	4	2	-2	-2	1	7	8	5	5	3	0	-1	5	13	13	11	8	6	2	1	4	9	8	4
Pittsfield	2	-5	-10	-14	-14	-6	1	5	2	-2	-2	1	-3	0	5	5	-2	-3	1	-2	-6	-4	2	0	-3
Providence	9	5	3	-2	-3	1	8	9	6	3	2	-1	-1	5	13	14	11	9	6	1	-1	3	9	8	5
Springfield	5	3	0	-6	-8	-2	6	7	3	1	-3	-8	-9	2	11	11	5	3	0	-3	-5	-1	7	5	1
Worcester	3	2	-1	-6	-7	-3	5	6	3	0	-2	-5	-6	1	9	11	5	2	0	-3	-4	-1	5	4	-1



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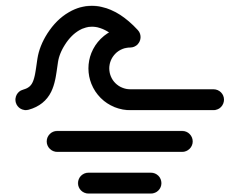


Gale Warning

Friday Afternoon through Saturday Morning



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



SEAS

- Potential for up to 15 FT for east

WIND

- Up to 40 kts outer waters

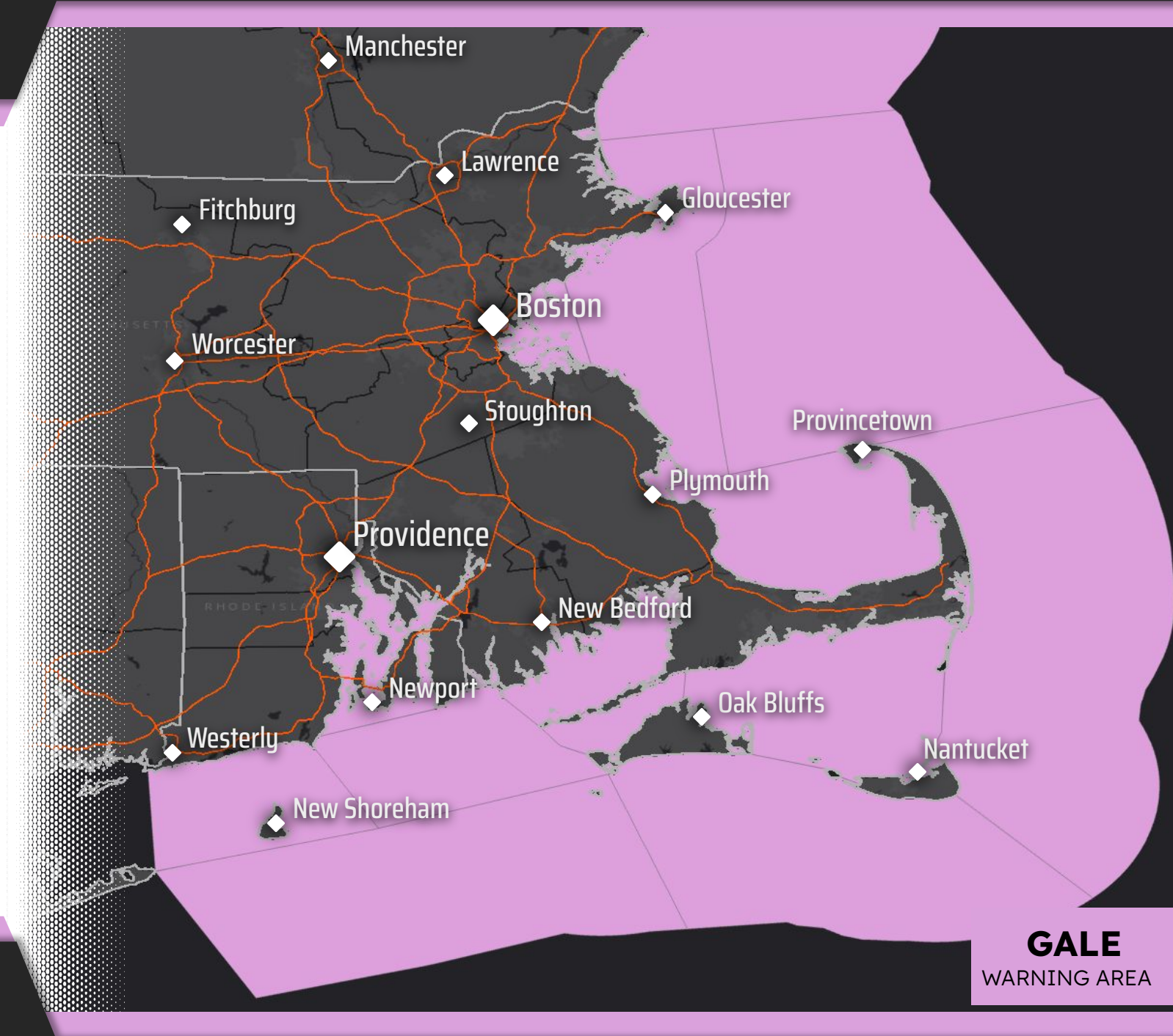


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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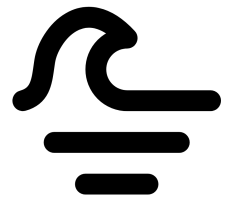
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Heavy Freezing Spray Warning & Advisory

Friday Night through Saturday



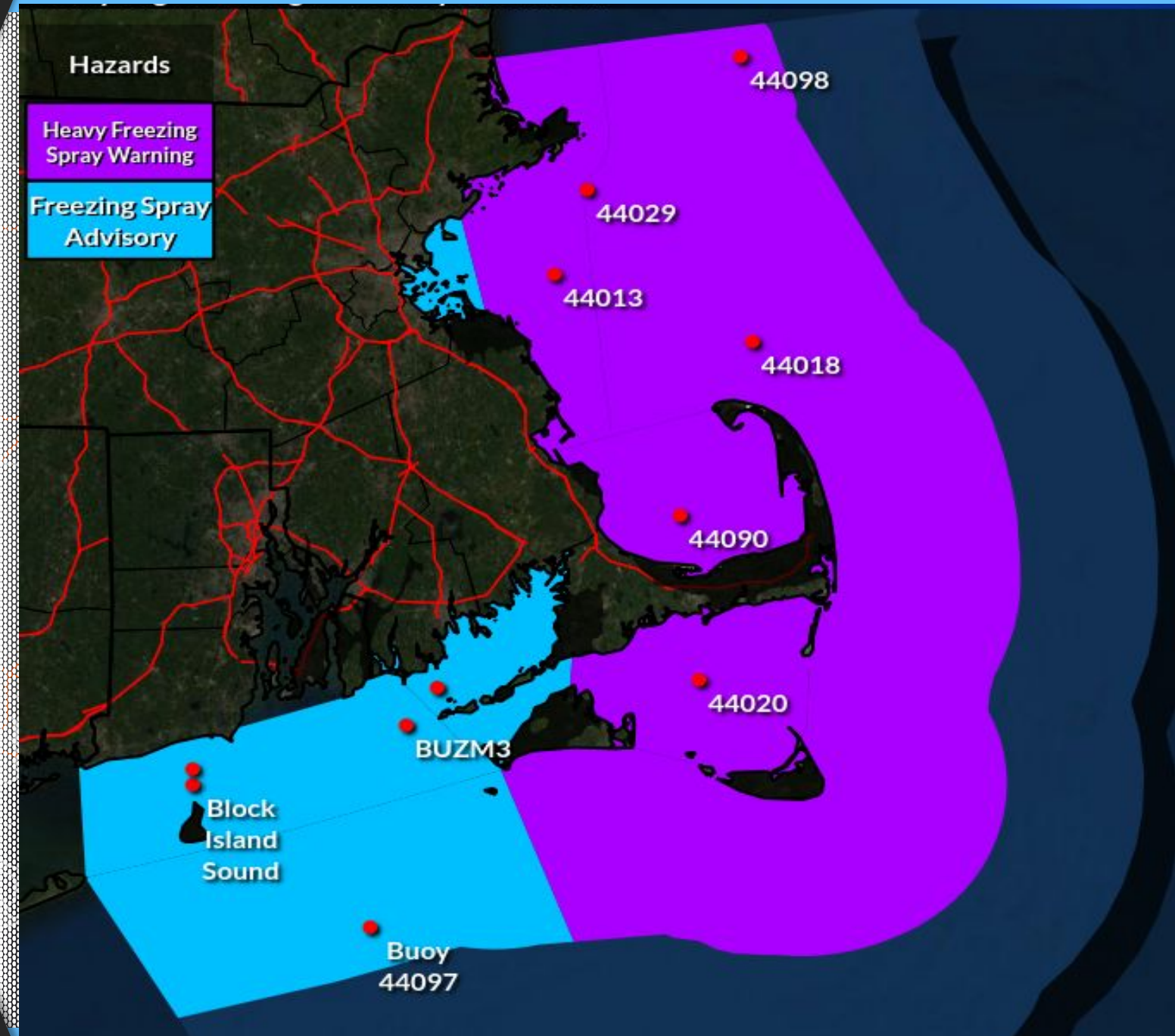
- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



- Moderate -heavy freezing spray expected
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|--|---|
| SEAS | WIND |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rough seas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 40 KT |



- Rapid ice accretion on decks and superstructures may result in a catastrophic loss of stability.
 - Freezing Spray Advisory: Ice accretion rates of 0.3" - 0.8" per hr.
 - Freezing Spray Warning: Ice accretion rates of 0.8" - 1.6" per hr.



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