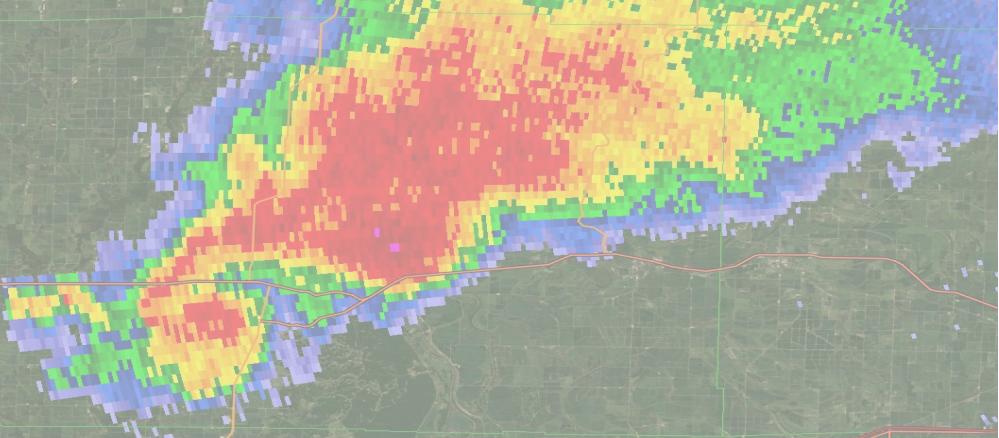




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Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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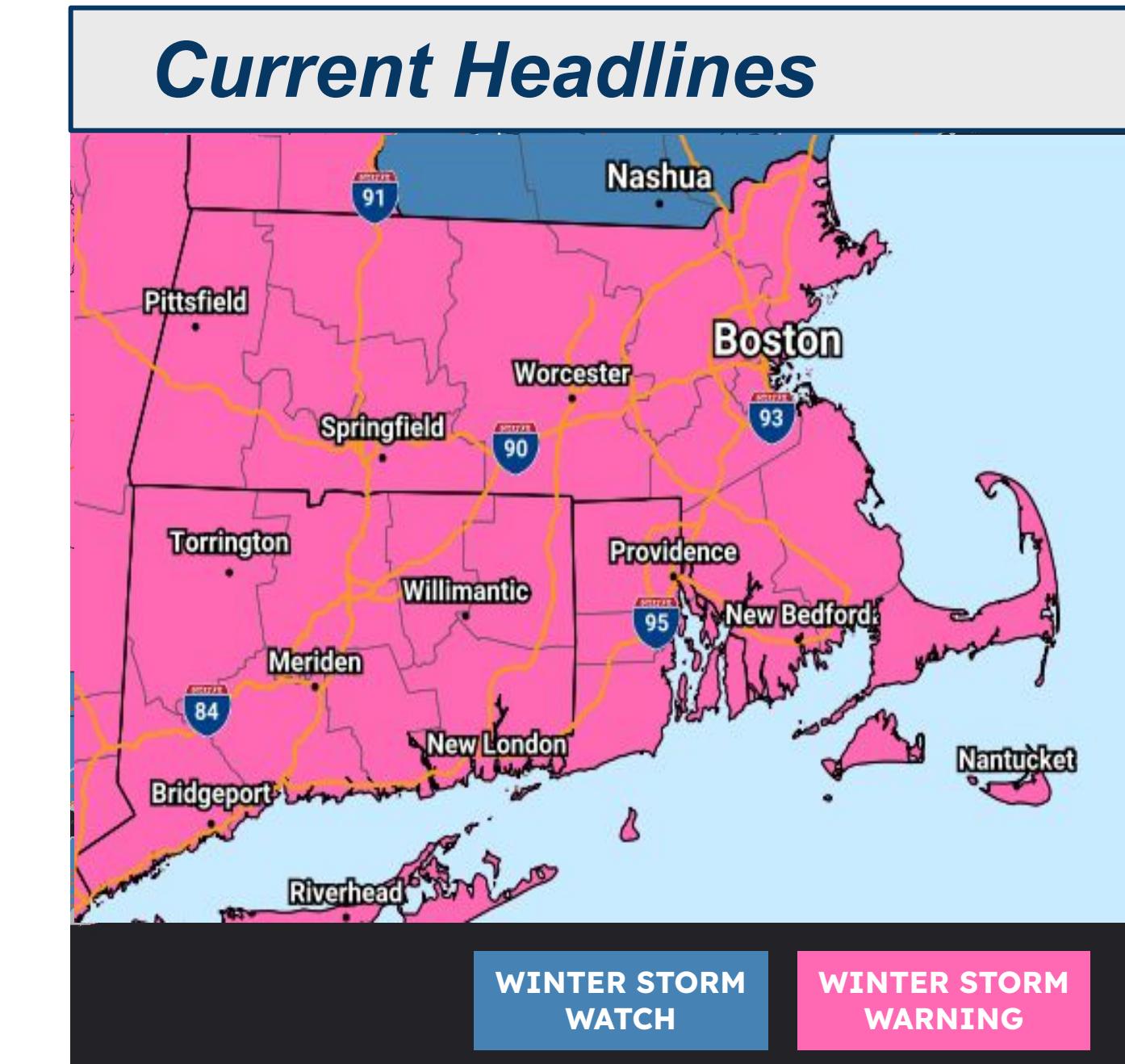
Key Messages

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



New Information/Updates

- Snow totals increased a bit in northern areas. Amounts in the 18-24" region are more likely to be on the lower end of that range.
- Biggest area of uncertainty remains totals along the south coast where mixed precip may bring down snow totals.
- Next Briefing: Saturday Afternoon 2/24.



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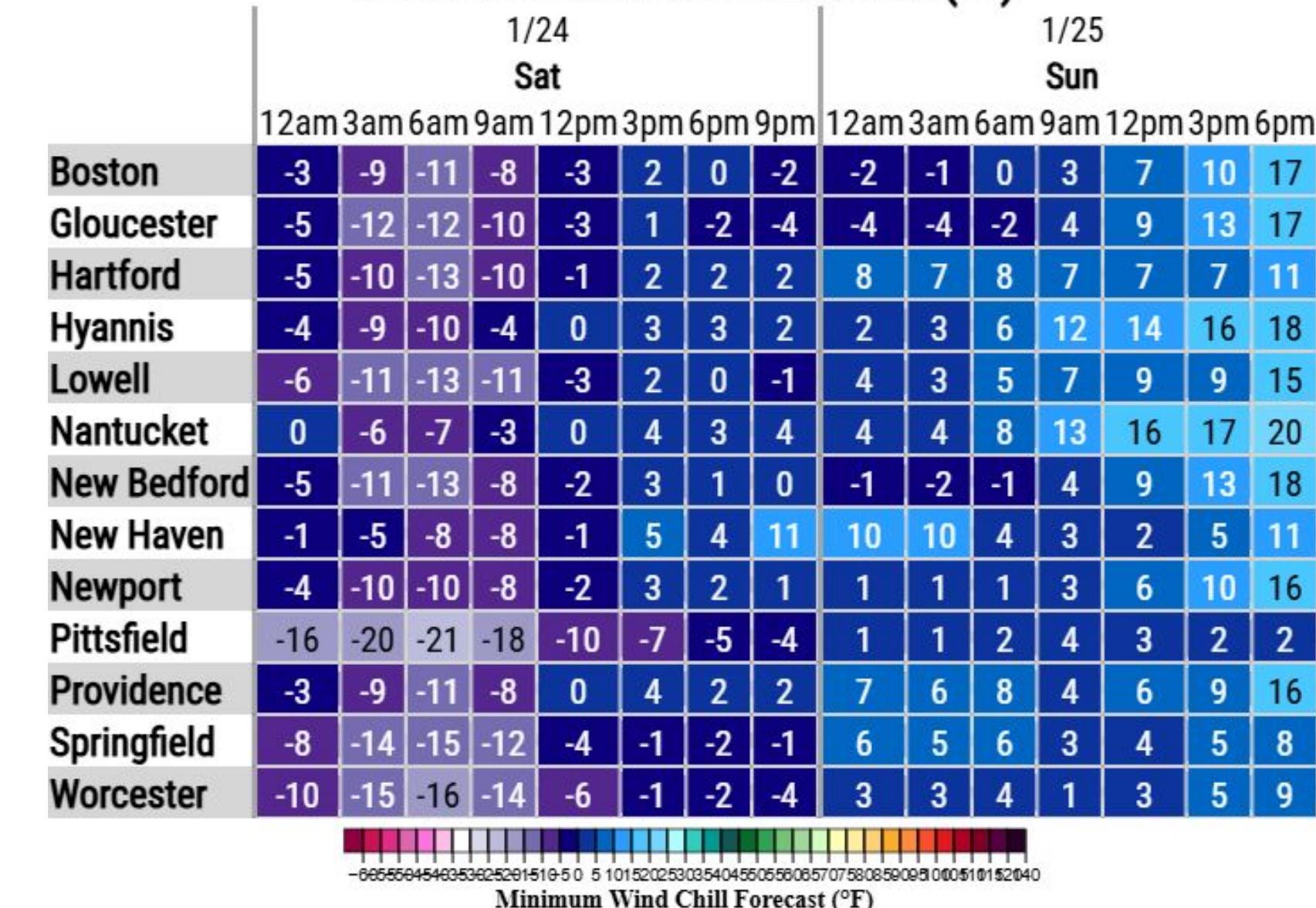
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Hazardous Wind Chills early this morning

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.

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)



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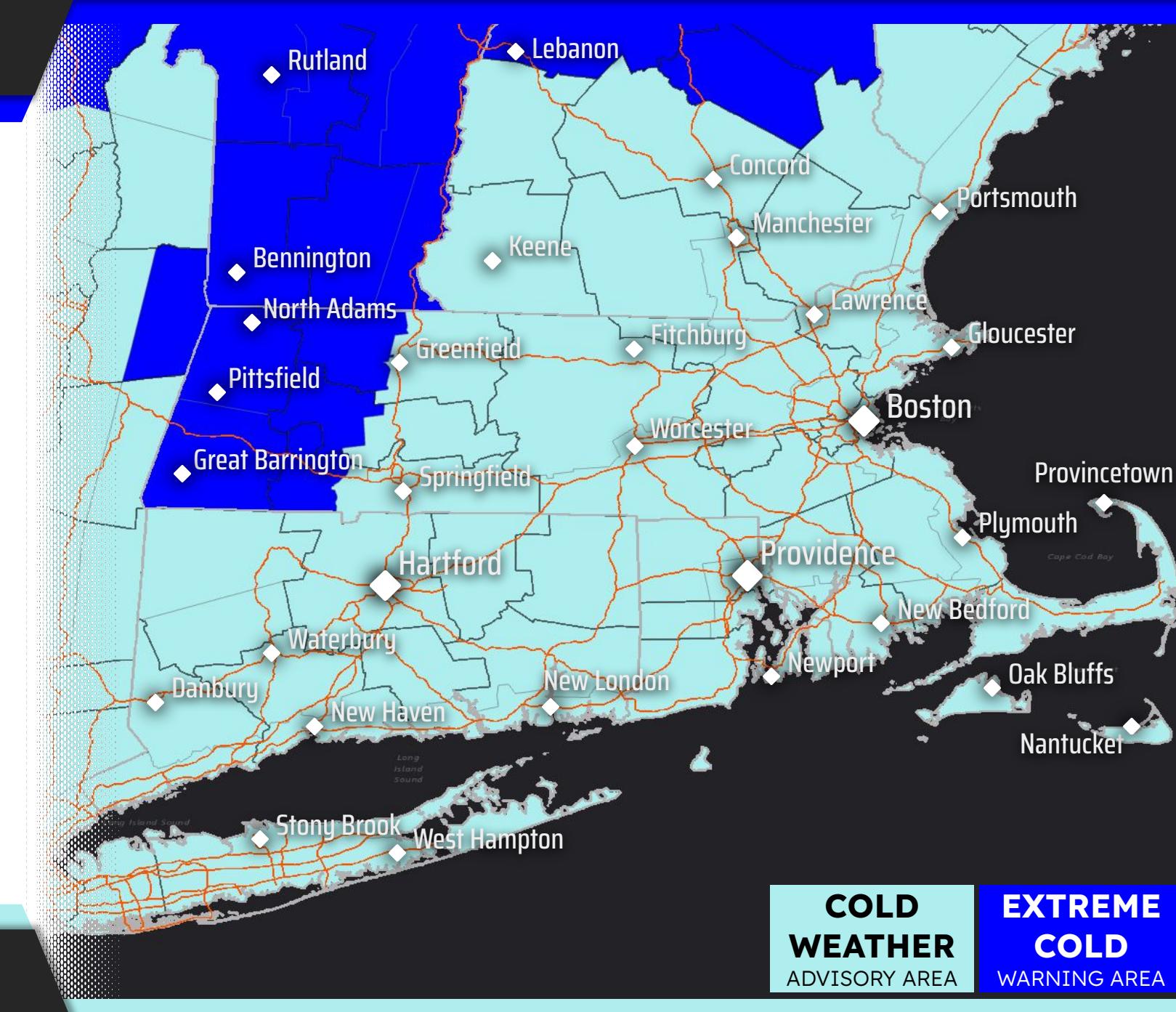
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Extreme Cold Warning | Cold Weather Advisory

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 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.



COLD WEATHER ADVISORY AREA **EXTREME COLD WARNING AREA**



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Most Likely Snowfall & Confidence

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Timing Confidence

LOW **MEDIUM** **HIGH**

- Snow arrives Sun 9 AM - 3 PM.
- Timing of heaviest snow: 3 PM - 1 AM
- Light to moderate snow lingers through much Mon, especially central and eastern MA

Snow Amounts Confidence

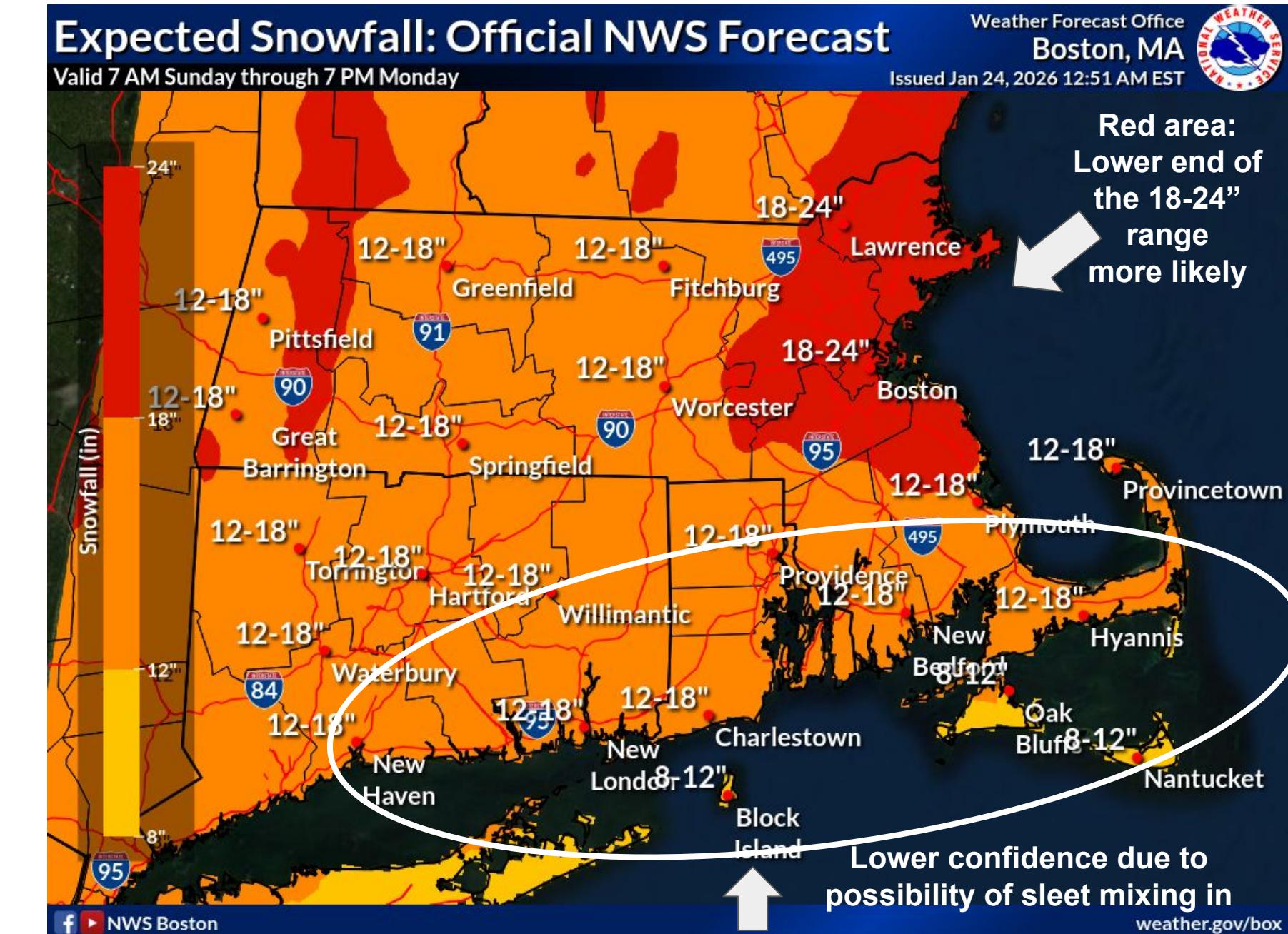
LOW MEDIUM HIGH

- High confidence (80-100%) for a foot or more of snow, especially north of CT/RI border.
- Lower confidence in amounts for RI and SE MA including and Cape and Islands due to potential for snow mixing with or changing to sleet.

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

Travel will be difficult, especially late Sun and Su evening when snowfall accumulation rates will be highest. Travel impacts continue through Mon.



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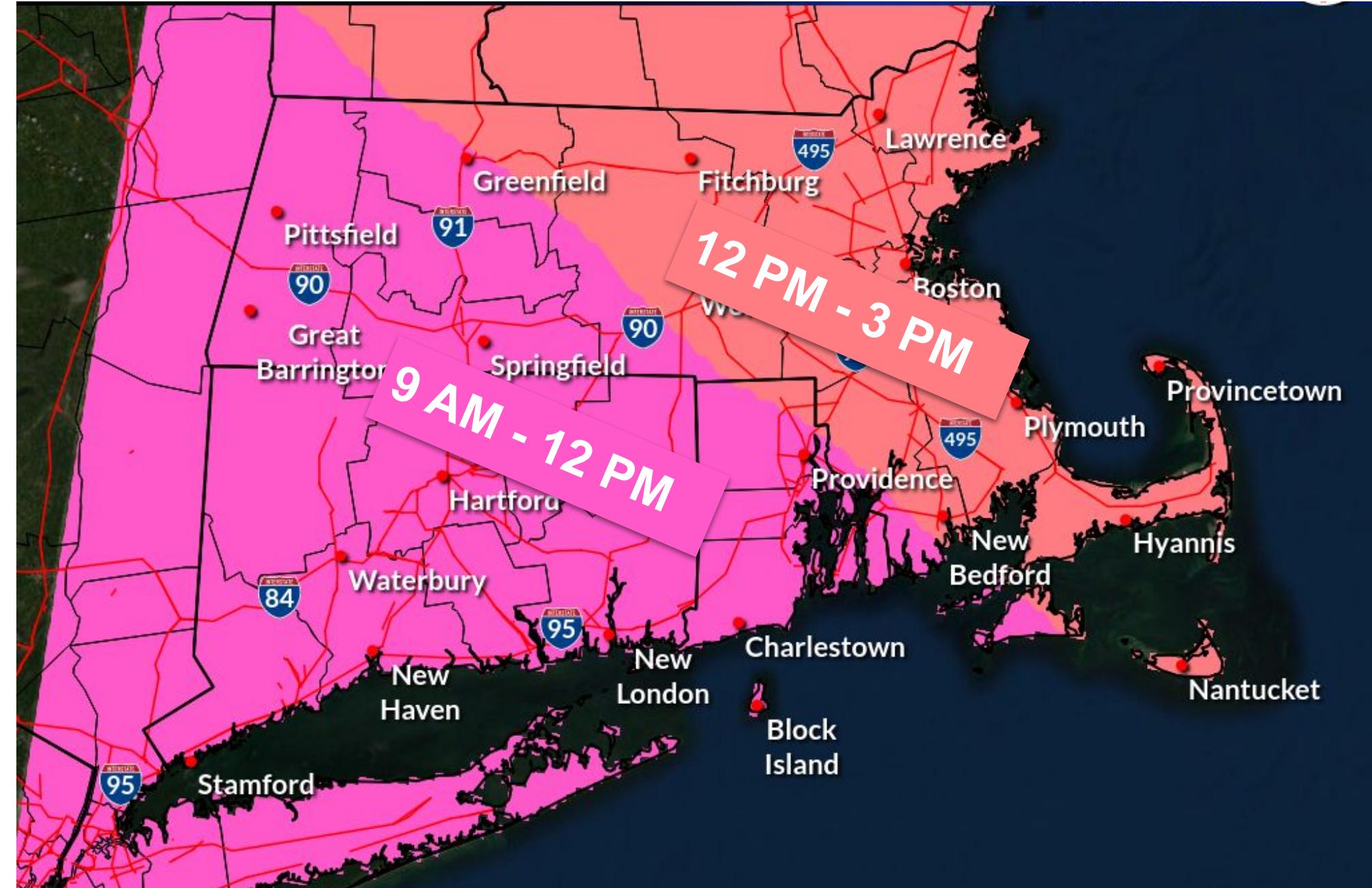
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Snow Onset Time

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Will Be Refined as we get closer to the storm



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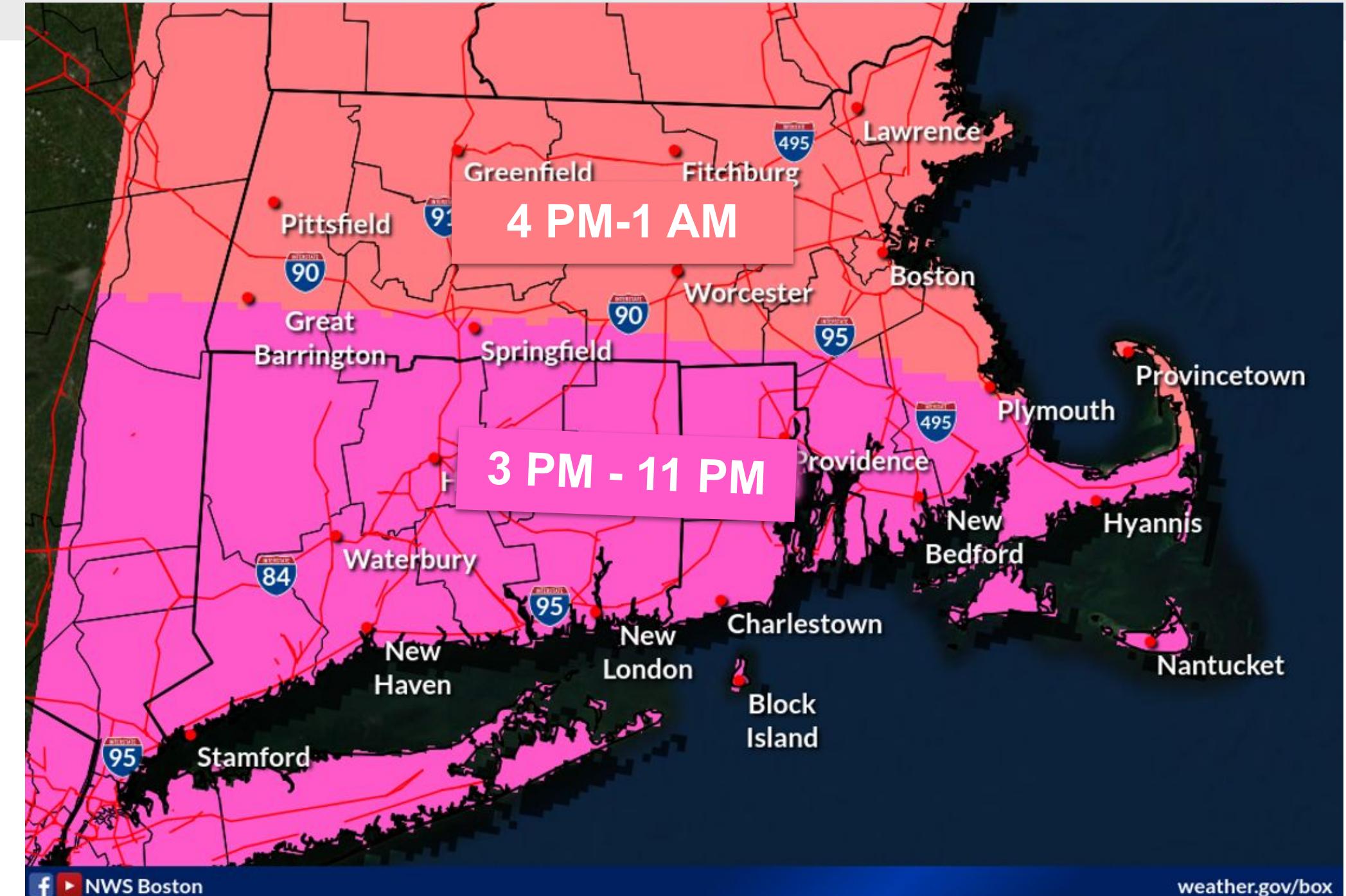
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Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (1-2"/hr)

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Snowfall rates up to 2"/hr will likely occur in a 3 hour window within this time period



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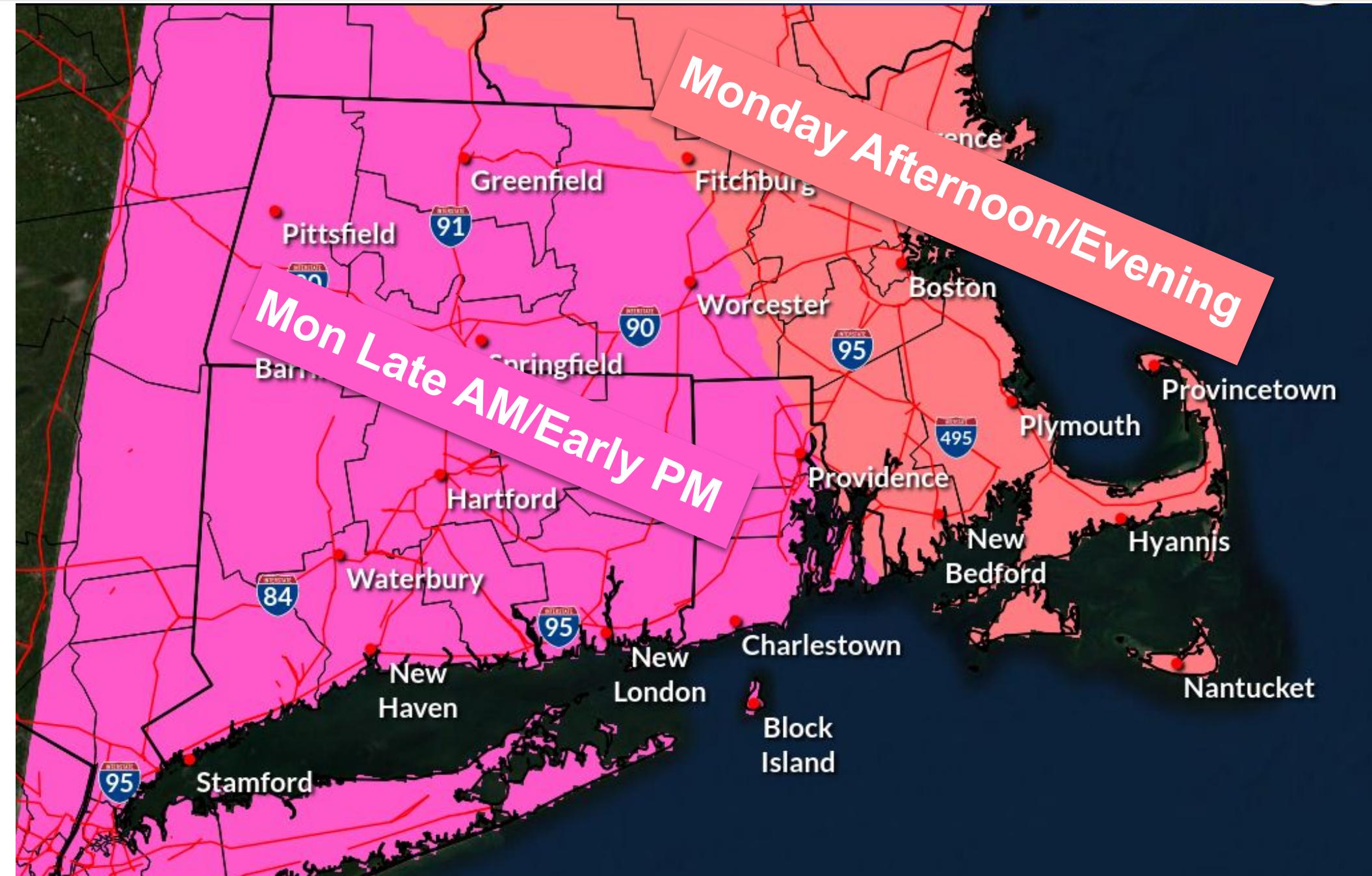
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Snow Ending Time

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



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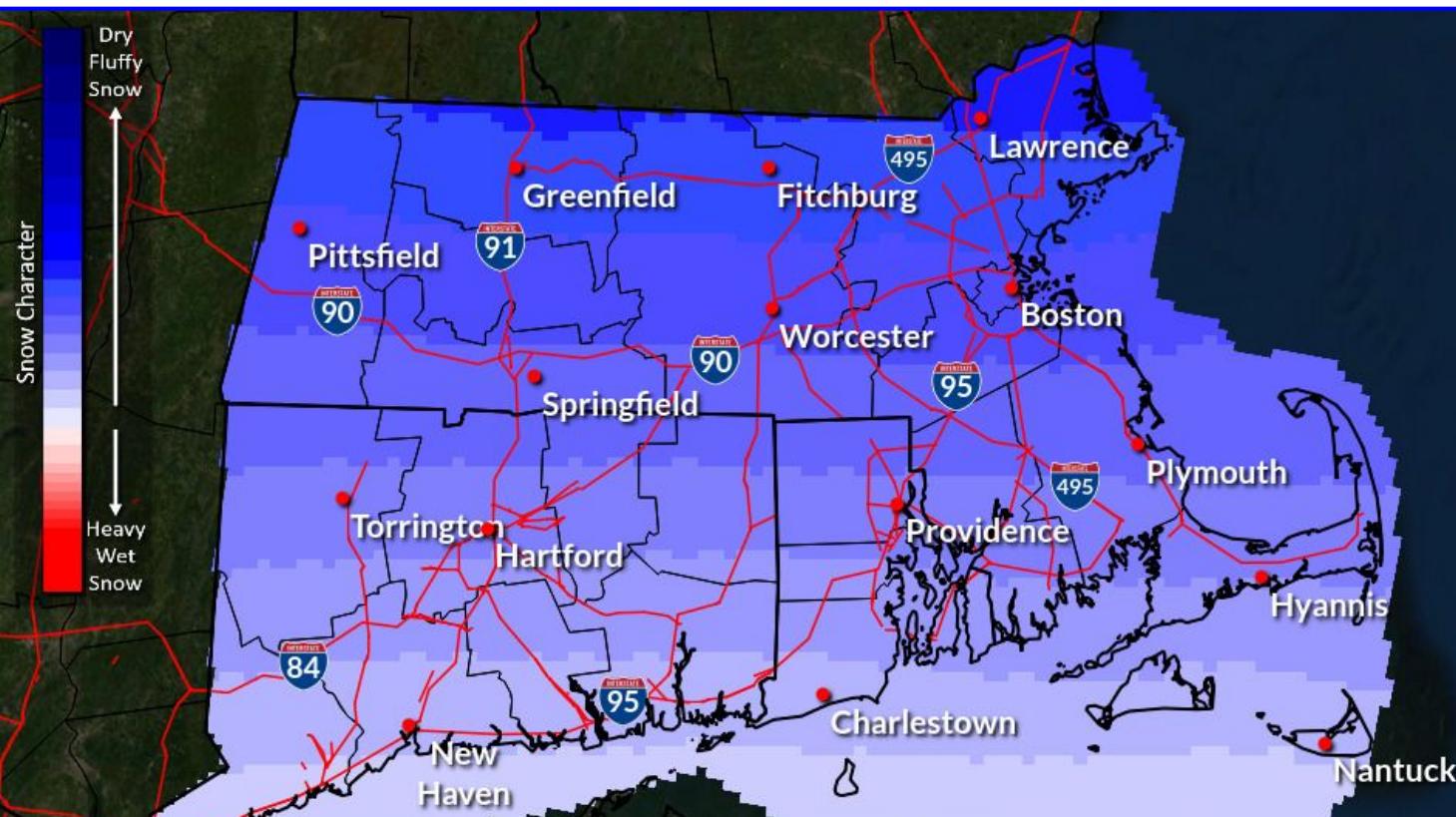
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Snow Character (Wet or Dry)

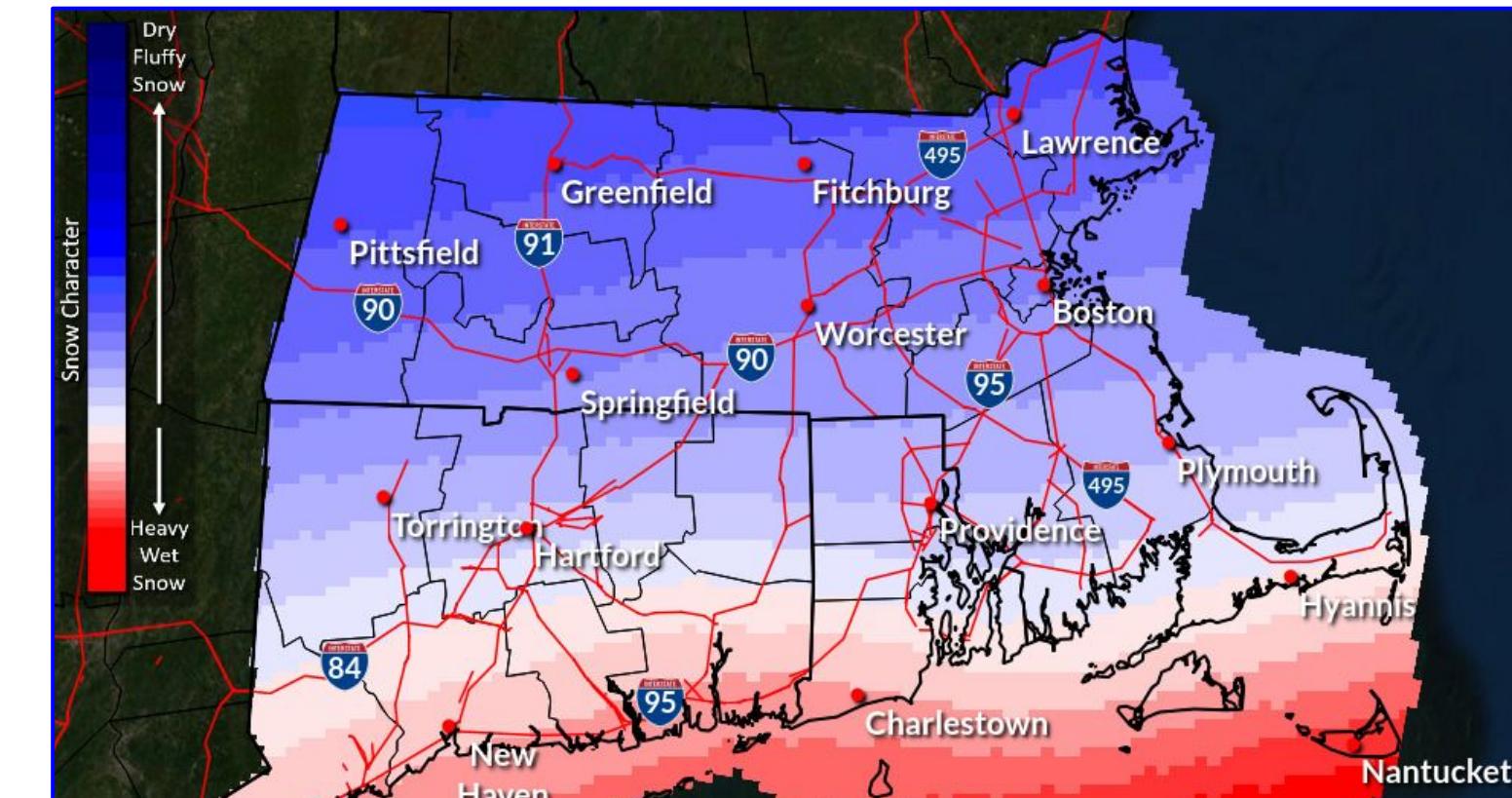
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7 PM Sun through 1 AM Monday



Leaning drier and fluffier - arrival of snow and for main portion of the storm.

1 AM Mon through 7 AM Monday



Becoming more "wet" toward end of the storm, especially south.



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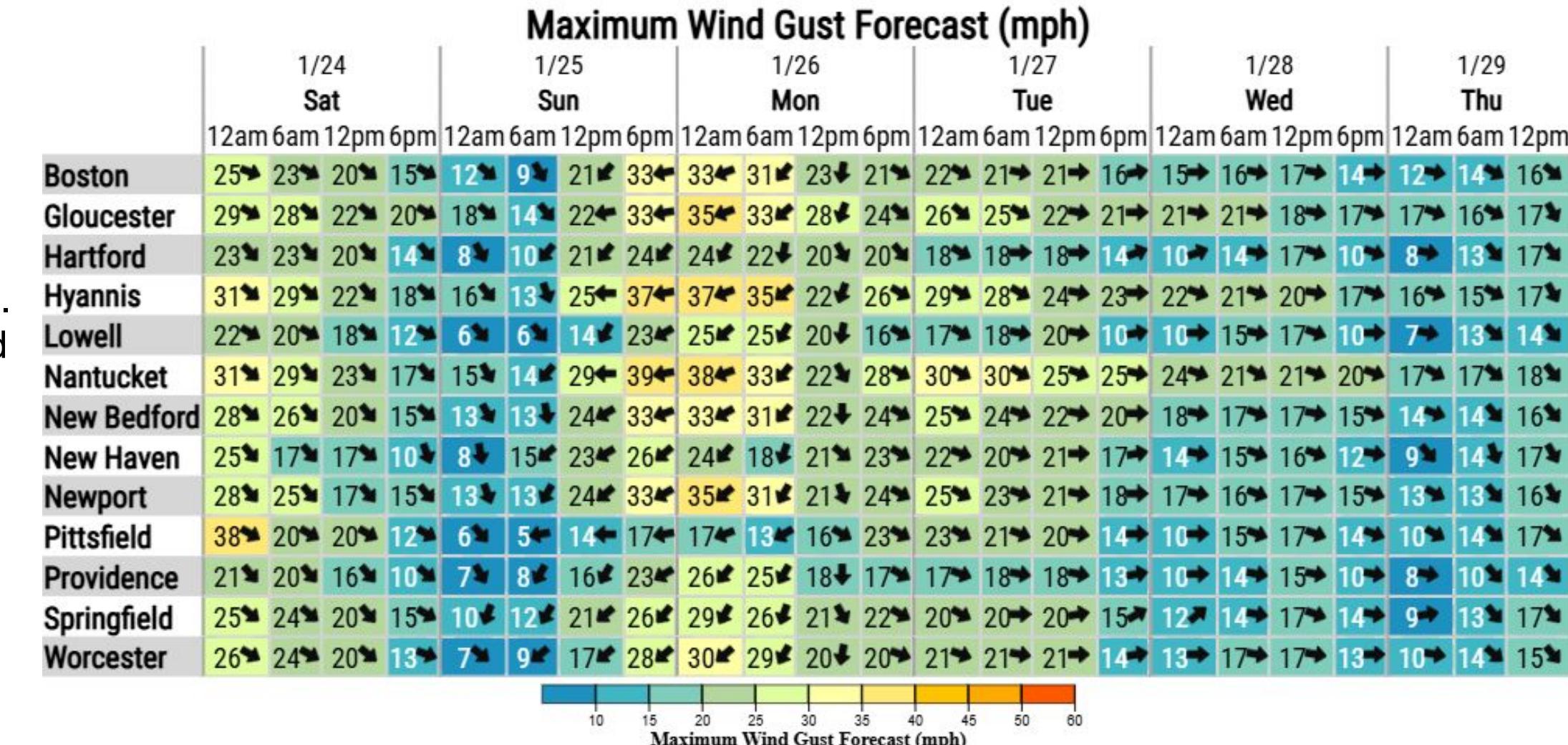


Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

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Key Messages:

- Gusty winds expected Friday night-Saturday with arctic front passage.
- Period of gusty winds possible Sunday night-early Monday AM
 - Brief period of near-blizzard conditions possible near coast.



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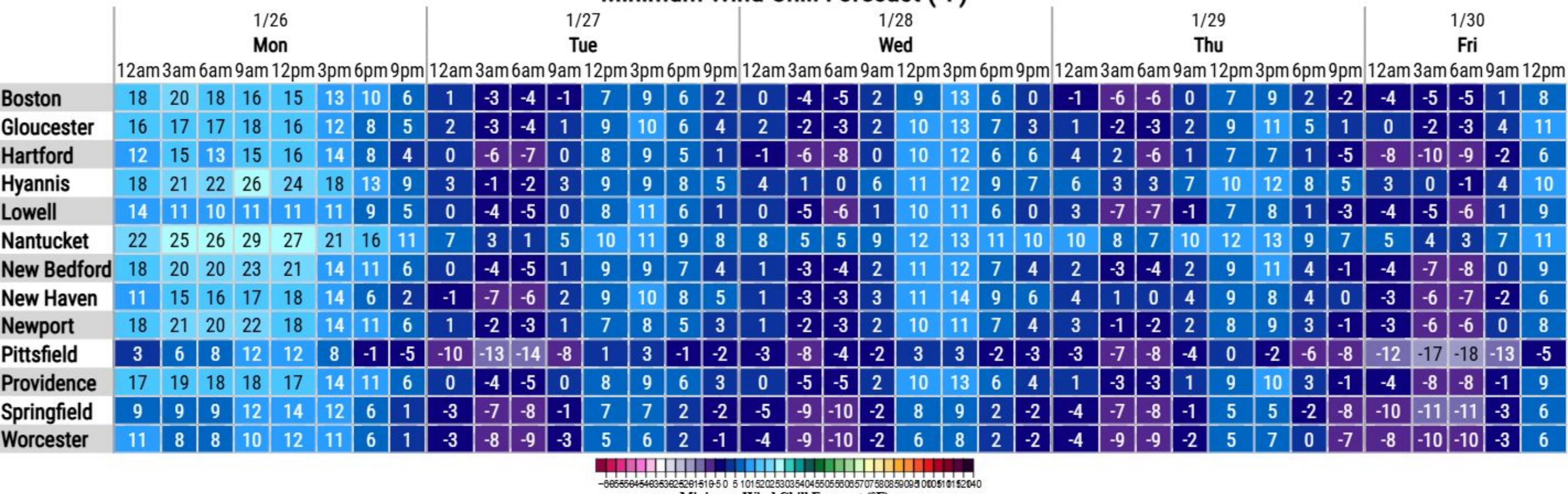
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Wind Chill Forecast after the Storm

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)



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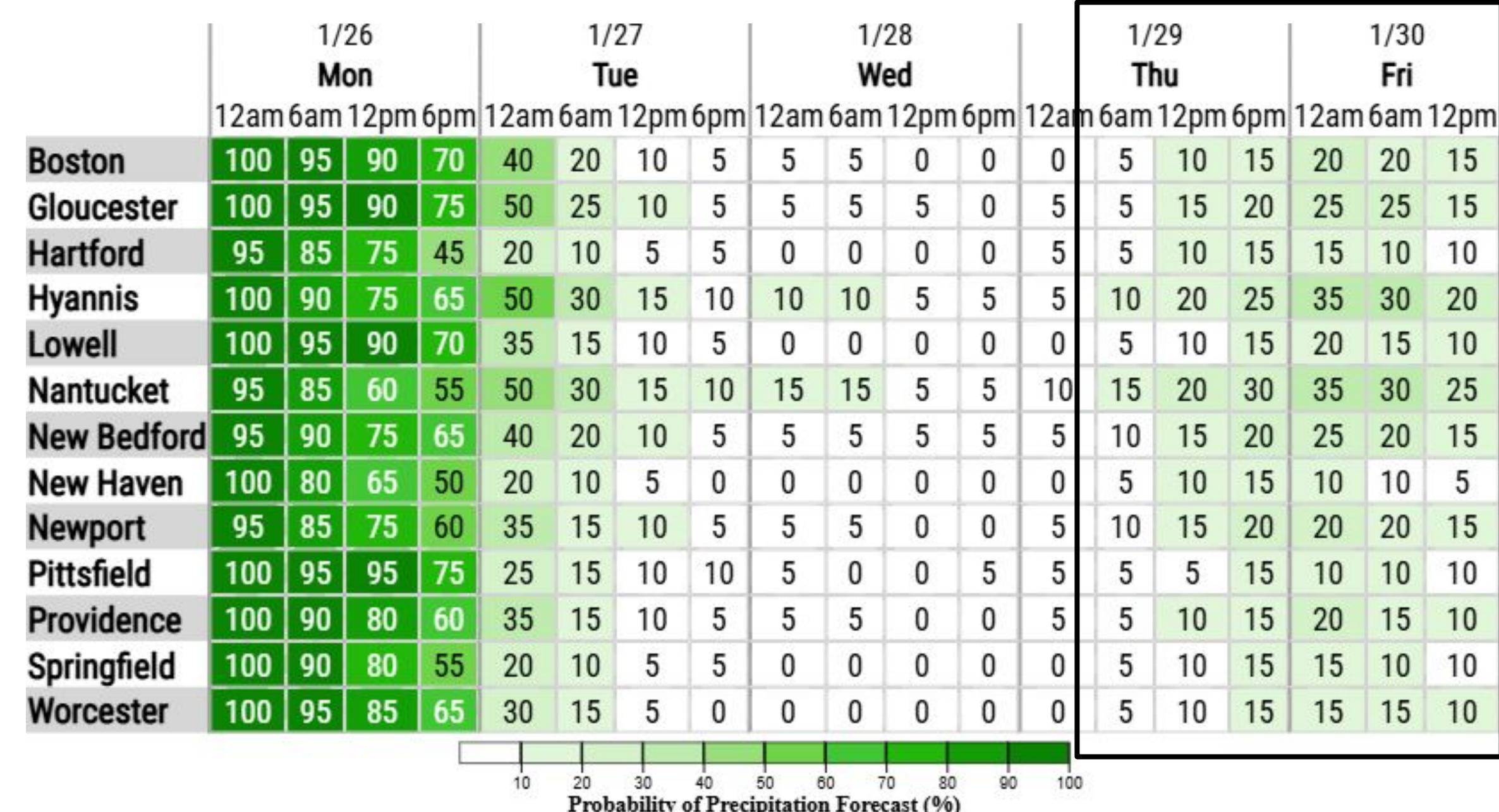
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Precipitation Chances

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Low chances for precipitation late-week, otherwise mainly dry this week after the storm.



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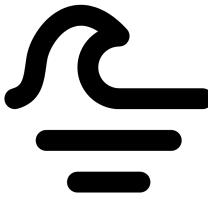
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Gale Warning

Friday Afternoon through Saturday Morning



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



SEAS

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

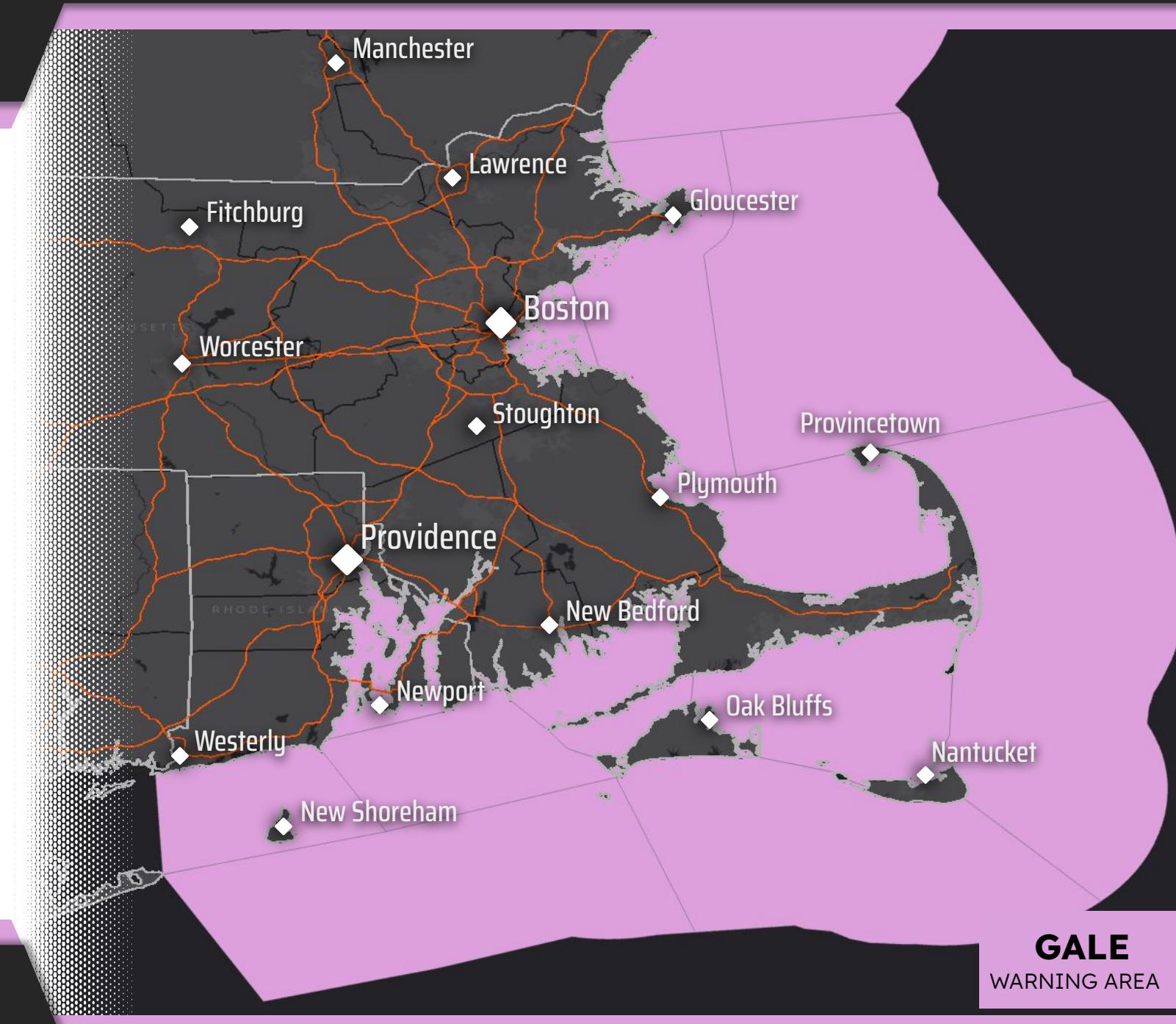


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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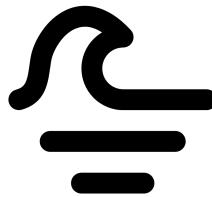
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Heavy Freezing Spray Warning & Advisory

Friday Night through Saturday



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



- Moderate -heavy freezing spray expected

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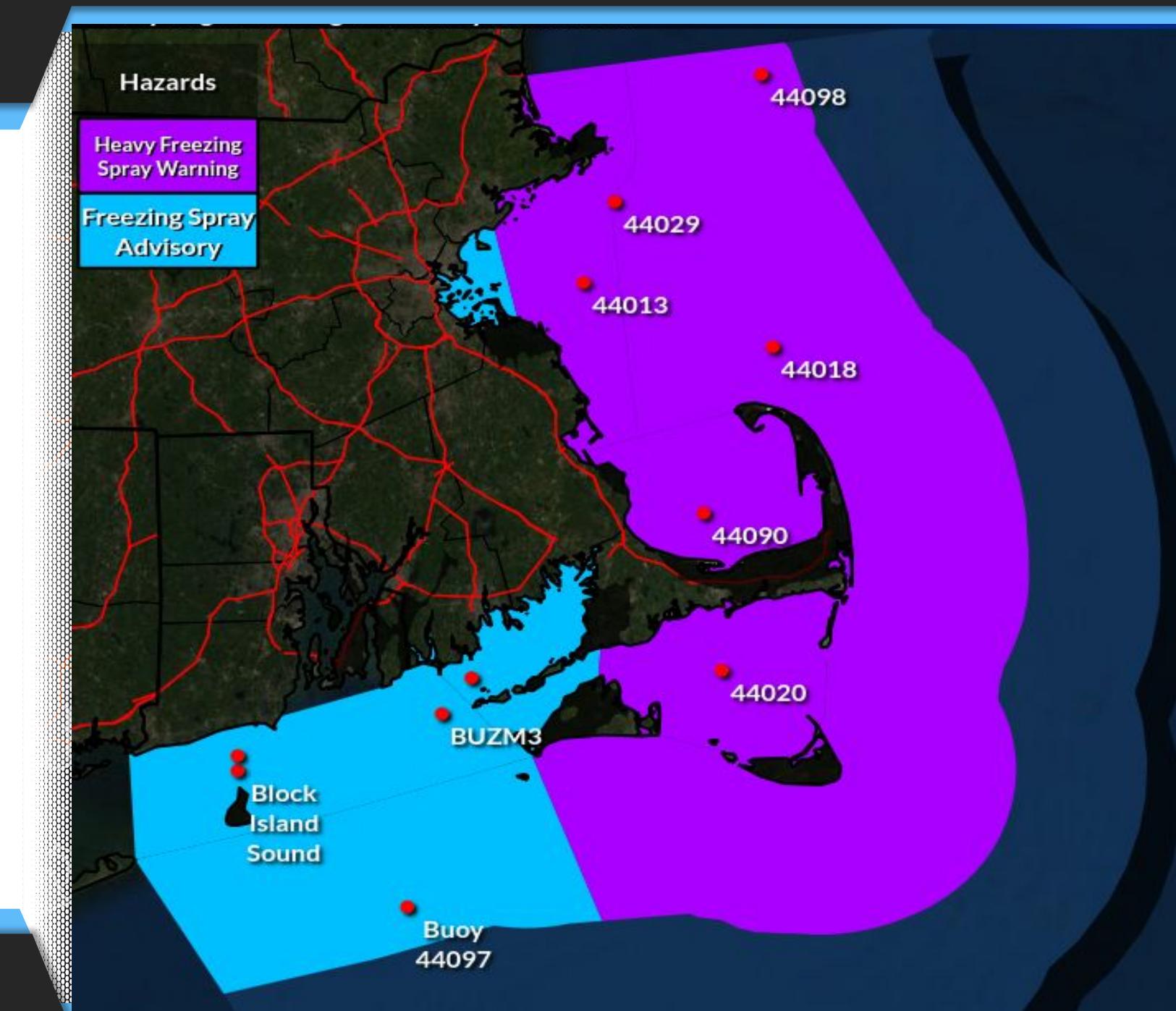
- Rough seas

WIND

- Up to 40 KT



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



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