



Saturday & Sunday - Snowfall

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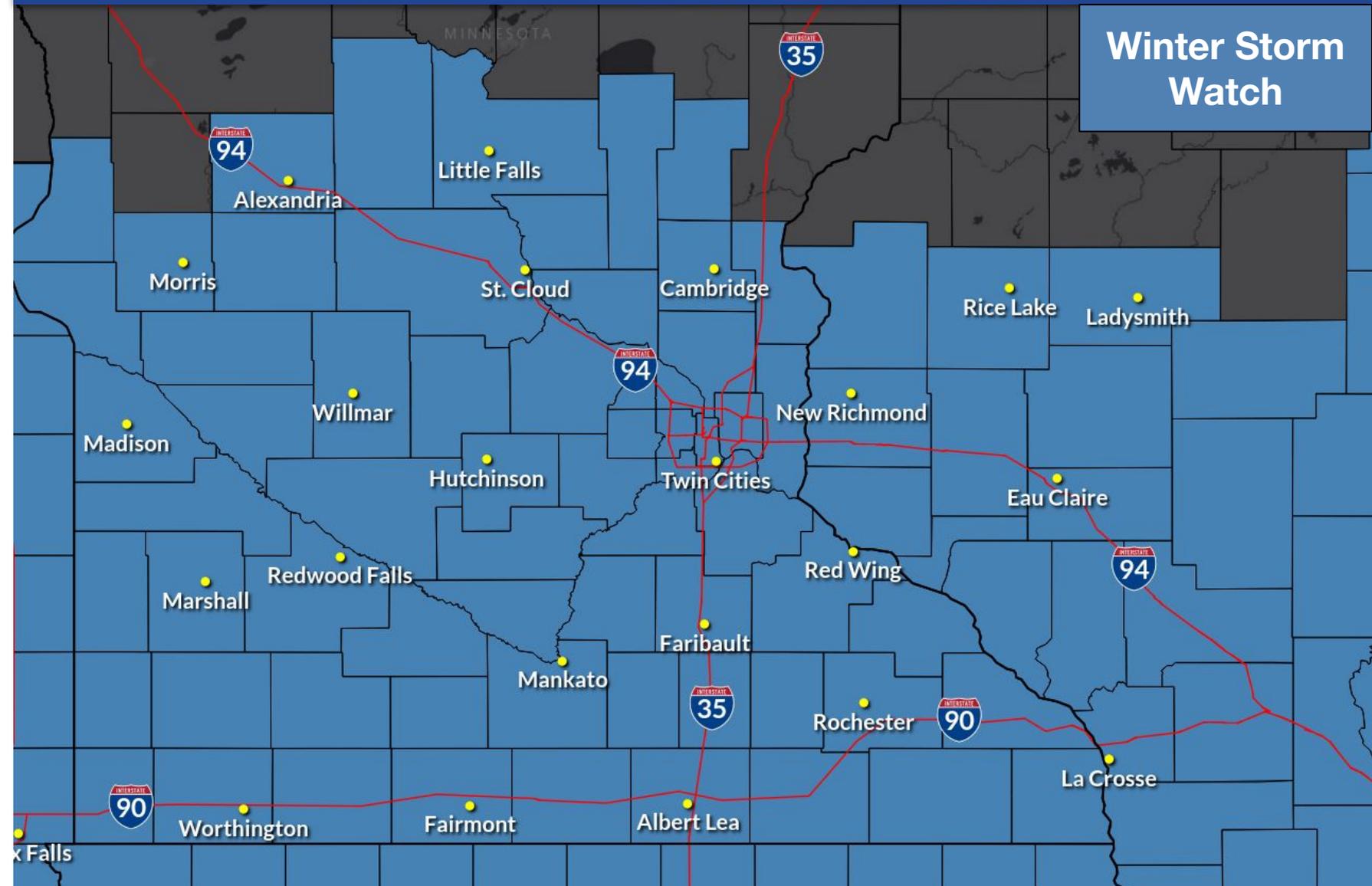
Impactful snow storm likely Saturday night into Sunday

Key Messages

- High-end winter storm expected this weekend.
 - Snowfall amounts of 1 to 2 feet likely within the heaviest band of snow.
 - Widespread amounts of 6+” expected elsewhere.
 - Travel may become nearly impossible by Sunday.
- Gusty winds of 30-40+ MPH develop Sunday morning & persist through Monday morning.
 - Blizzard conditions may develop Sunday across open areas. Major impacts from blowing & drifting snow continue into Monday even after the snow ends.
- Snowfall forecast continues to trend upward.

Monitor the forecast for the latest updates as we continue to refine the forecast.

Winter Storm Watch (Tonight-Mon Morning)





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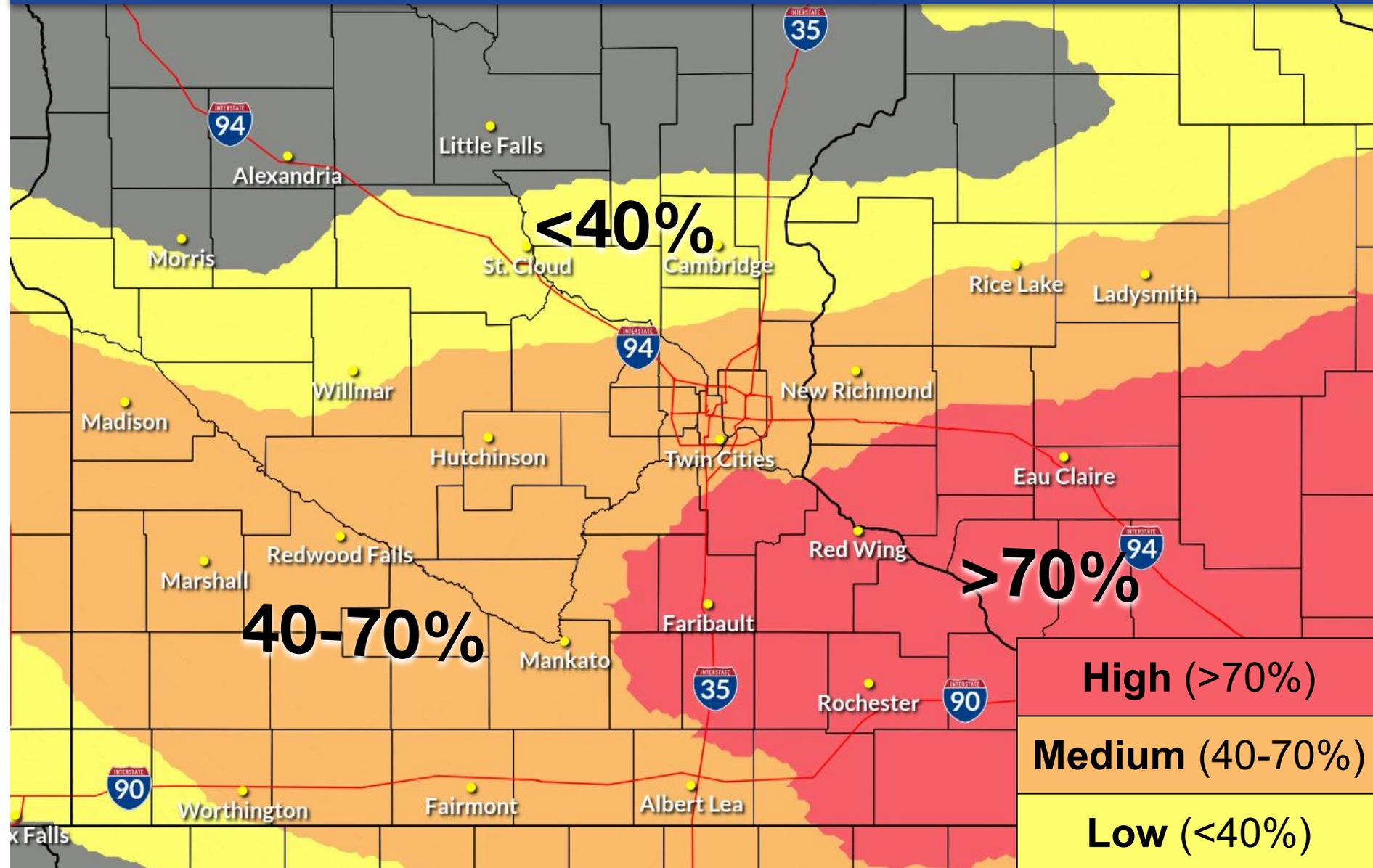
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Key Messages

- At least 6" of snow is expected area-wide with this storm.
- Wind gusts of 30-40 mph develop Sunday morning & continue into Monday afternoon - well after the snowfall ends.
 - Blowing snow will create hazardous travel conditions even where snowfall amounts are lighter with this system.

Chance for 12"+ of Snow (Sat Night - Sunday Morning)



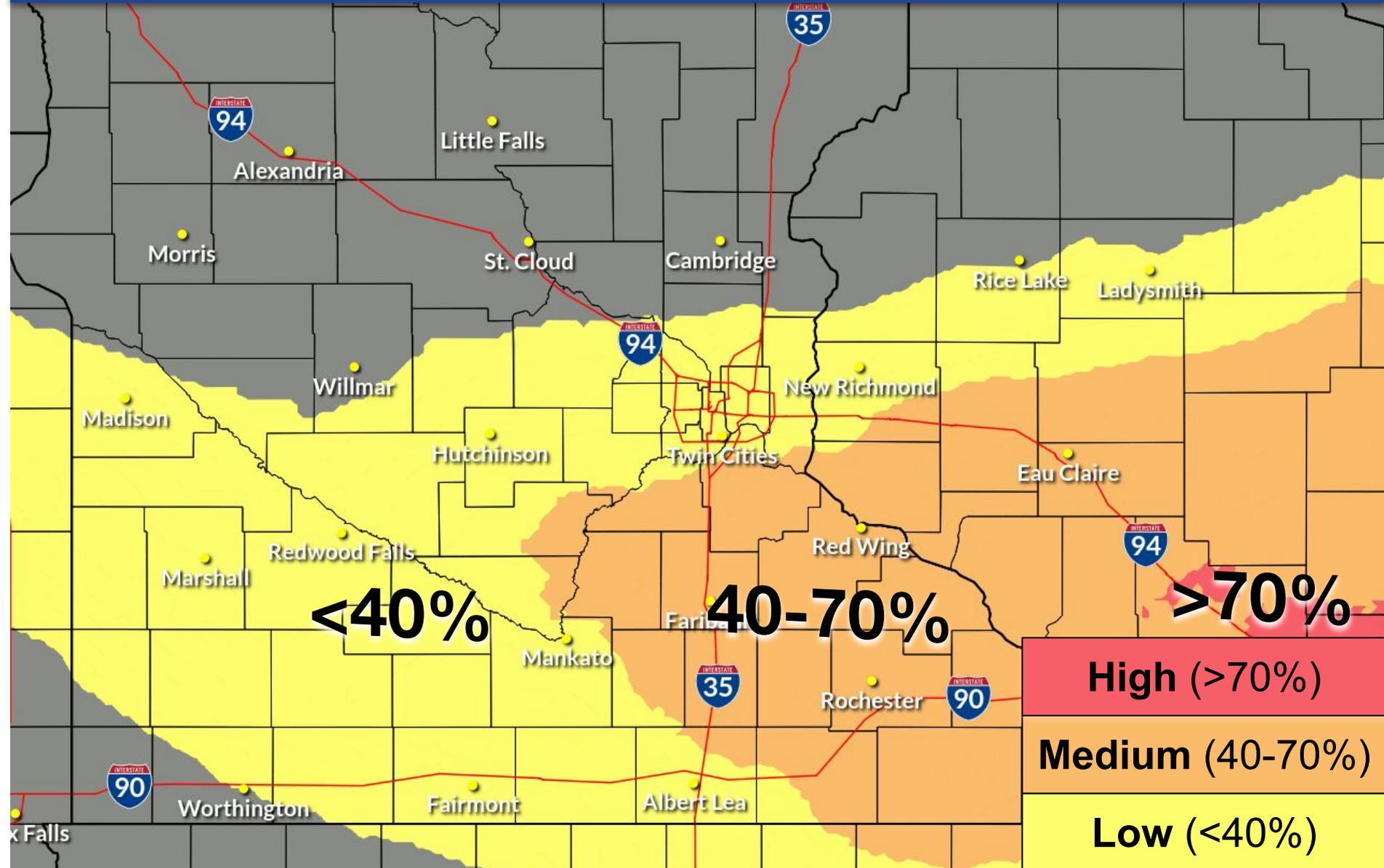


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Chance for 18"+ of Snow (Sat Night - Sunday Morning)



Key Messages

- A band of very heavy snow is expected to develop where snowfall amounts of at least 12-18" are likely.
 - Snowfall rates of 2"/hr are possible within this band during the heaviest snow late Saturday night through Sunday morning.
 - Chances for amounts of 12-18" increase farther east into southeast Minnesota & into western Wisconsin.
- The most likely placement of this band is across southeastern Minnesota & western Wisconsin, although it's still uncertain just how far north or south it could set up.
 - Northern limit: Twin Cities metro.
 - Southern limit: Iowa/Minnesota border.





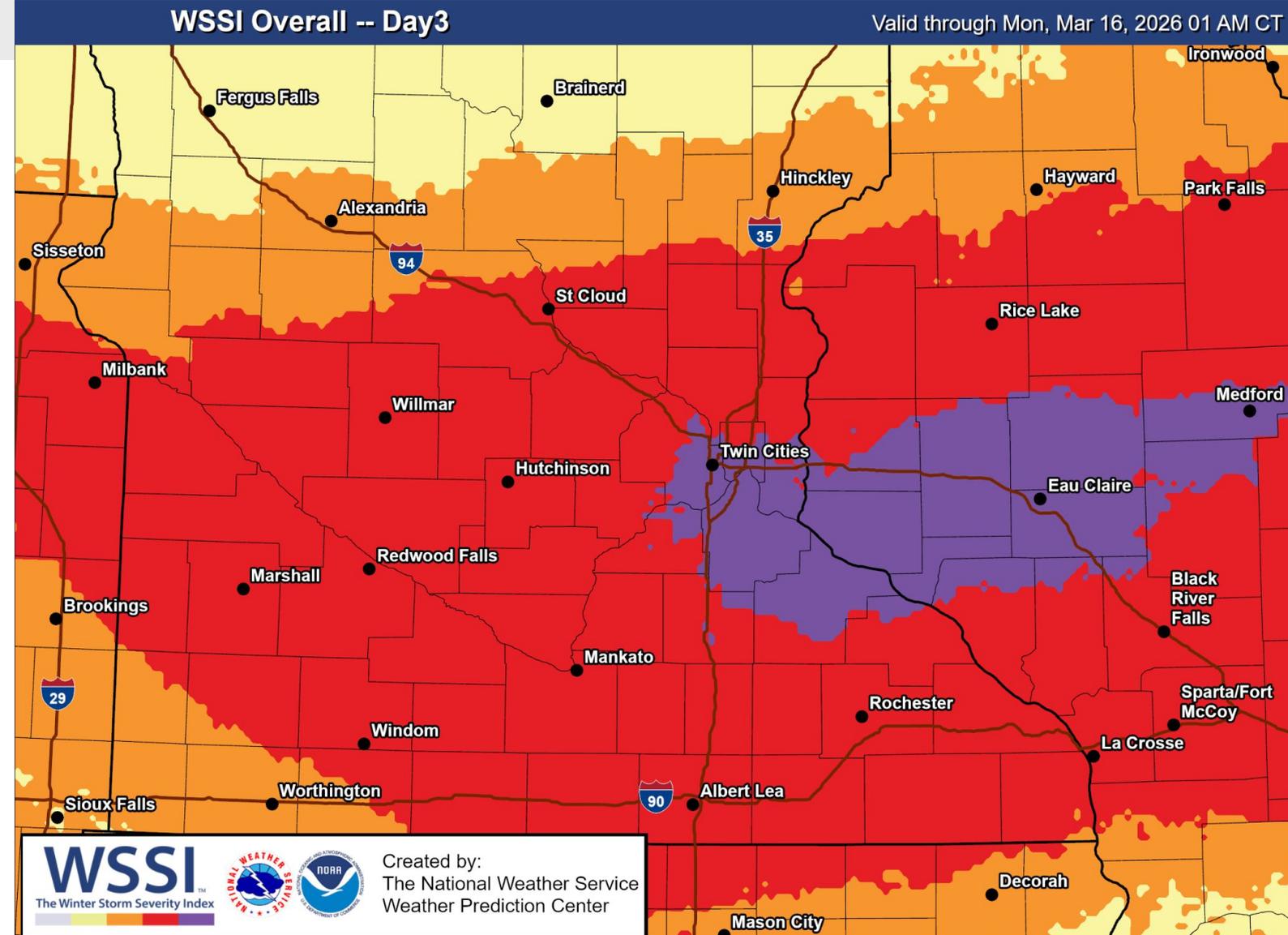
Winter Storm Severity Index

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Major to Extreme Impacts Expected

Key Messages

- Dangerous to impossible travel conditions are expected beginning Saturday night as snow intensifies across the area.
- Avoid traveling if possible Saturday night through Sunday.
 - Travel impacts may linger into Monday morning commute.
- Travel impacts could continue into Monday, depending on how long it takes to clear snow.
 - Temperatures will remain below freezing after snow ends.



Potential Winter Storm Impacts Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI) Issued: Fri, Mar 13, 2026 03 AM CT

<p>Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully. 	<p>Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving. 	<p>Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. 	<p>Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible.</p> <p>Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p>	<p>Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised.</p> <p>Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p> <p>Life-saving actions may be needed.</p>
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Saturday & Sunday - Snow Timing

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Predominantly snow, heaviest Saturday night into Sunday

Weather Forecast

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	3/14 Sat								3/15 Sun								3/16 Mon		
	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am
Madison	☃ 20%	☃ 50%	☃ 40%	☃ 30%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 30%	☃ 30%	☃ 5%	☃ 5%		
Marshall	☃ 40%	☃ 55%	☃ 35%	☃ 35%	☃ 55%	☃ 55%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 50%	☃ 50%	☃ 15%	☃ 15%	☃ 0%	☃ 0%
Alexandria					☃ 40%	☃ 40%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 20%	☃ 20%	☃ 5%			
Redwood Falls	☃ 20%	☃ 45%	☃ 35%	☃ 25%	☃ 50%	☃ 50%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 55%	☃ 55%	☃ 20%	☃ 20%	☃ 5%	
Willmar		☃ 25%	☃ 20%	☃ 20%	☃ 50%	☃ 50%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 80%	☃ 80%	☃ 45%	☃ 45%	☃ 10%	☃ 10%		
Fairmont	☃ 45%	☃ 65%	☃ 50%	☃ 30%	☃ 30%	☃ 30%	☃ 70%	☃ 70%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 35%	☃ 35%	☃ 10%	☃ 10%
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Little Falls					☃ 25%	☃ 25%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 80%	☃ 80%	☃ 80%	☃ 65%	☃ 65%	☃ 30%	☃ 30%				
Saint Cloud					☃ 35%	☃ 35%	☃ 70%	☃ 70%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 45%	☃ 45%	☃ 15%	☃ 15%		
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Twin Cities			☃ 15%	☃ 15%	☃ 35%	☃ 35%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 70%	☃ 70%	☃ 35%	☃ 35%	☃ 15%	☃ 15%
Saint Croix Falls					☃ 25%	☃ 25%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 70%	☃ 70%	☃ 40%	☃ 40%	☃ 20%	☃ 20%
Red Wing			☃ 15%	☃ 15%	☃ 30%	☃ 30%	☃ 75%	☃ 75%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 55%	☃ 55%	☃ 25%	☃ 25%
Eau Claire					☃ 25%	☃ 25%	☃ 70%	☃ 70%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 95%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 40%	☃ 40%
Ladysmith					☃ 15%	☃ 15%	☃ 50%	☃ 50%	☃ 80%	☃ 80%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 90%	☃ 85%	☃ 85%	☃ 60%	☃ 60%	☃ 40%	☃ 40%



- Rain/Snow Mix +

- Snow +

**Stay home and
off the roads
if possible!**



Travel During **Blizzards** *Is Dangerous*

! But if you absolutely must travel...

- ✓ **Communicate your route and arrival time**
- ✓ **Check road and weather conditions**
- ✓ **Keep your car fueled or charged**
- ✓ **Prepare your vehicle**
 - ✓ **Fill all fluids and check lights, wipers, and heater**
 - ✓ **Keep your emergency supply kit in the vehicle**

Stranded in a 
SNOW STORM?

Stay in Your Vehicle!

**Don't risk your
life: stay inside,
stay visible, and
stay warm until
help arrives.**



**Practice carbon
monoxide safety
(keep your tailpipe clear)**



**Conserve vehicle
and phone batteries**



Signal for help



[weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)