



# Winter Weather Briefing

January 24, 2026  
4:22 AM EST

For Central South Carolina and the Central Savannah River Area of Georgia

## Decision Support Briefing #6

→ As of Sat, Jan 24, 2026 4:22 AM

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### Important Updates

- **Ice Storm Warning** in effect for much of the forecast area.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** in effect for the rest of the area.
- Freezing rain likely leads to ice accumulation everywhere with significant icing expected in the warning.



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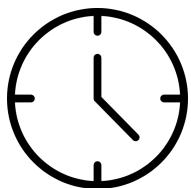
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# Ice Storm Warning

*Latest info at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov)*



# Midlands and Central Savannah River Area



**1 PM Saturday To 1 PM Monday**  
**Highest Impact: Saturday night into Sunday**



# Counties along and north of I-20

## Winter Weather Advisory south of I-20



- Freezing rain leading to ice accumulation greater than a quarter inch in the warning
- Freezing rain around a tenth to two tenths of an inch in the advisory.

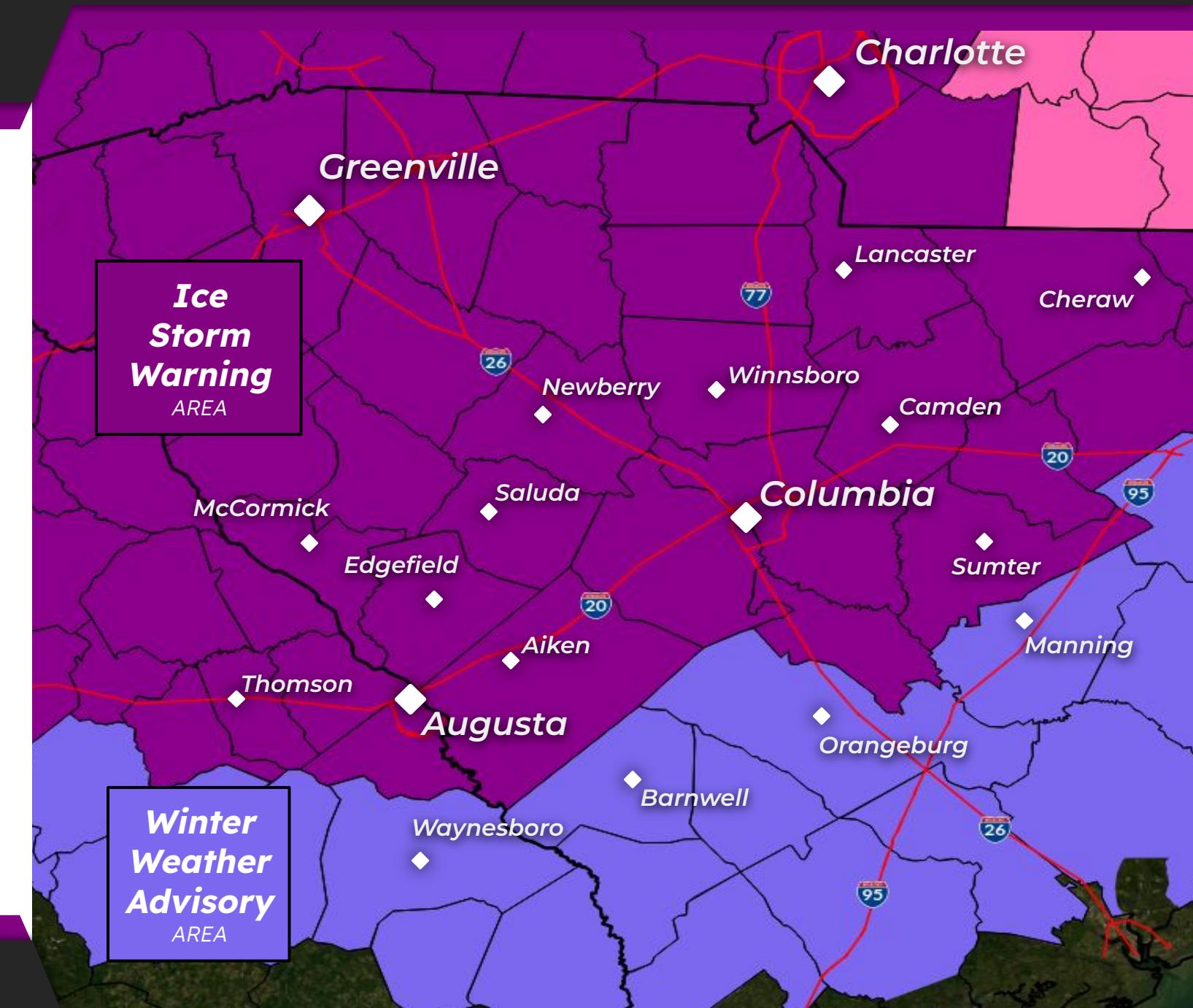
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- Ice will lead to dangerous travel conditions developing Saturday night.
- Tree and power line damage could lead to power outages.



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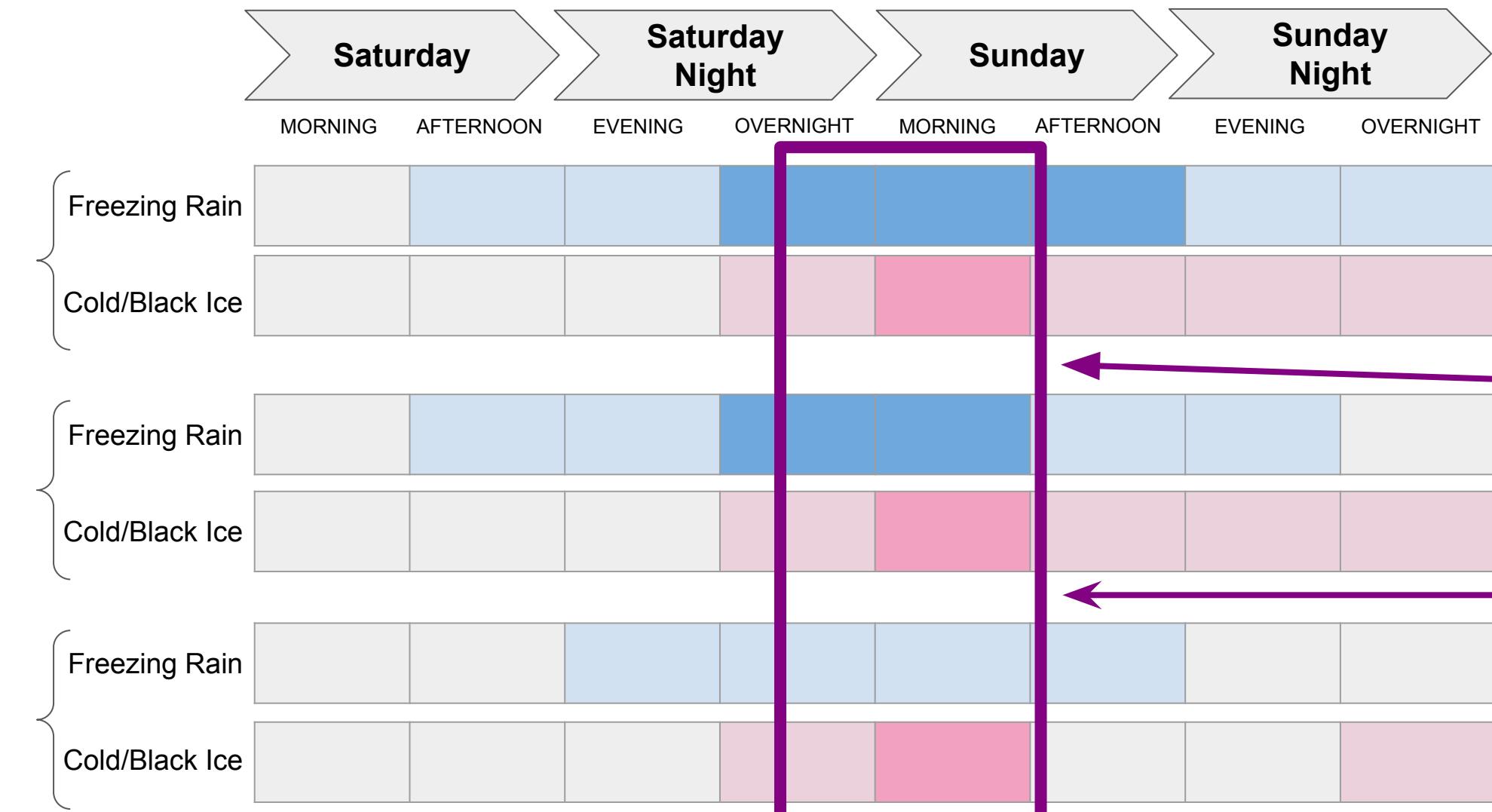
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# Summary of Greatest Impacts

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**Lincolnton, GA to  
Chesterfield, SC**



Travel is expected to be dangerous in this timeframe.

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### Freezing Rain Impacts

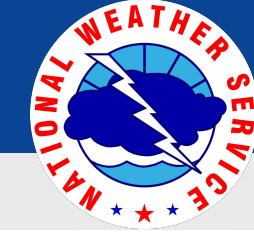


### Cold/Black Ice



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# Ice Accumulation Forecast

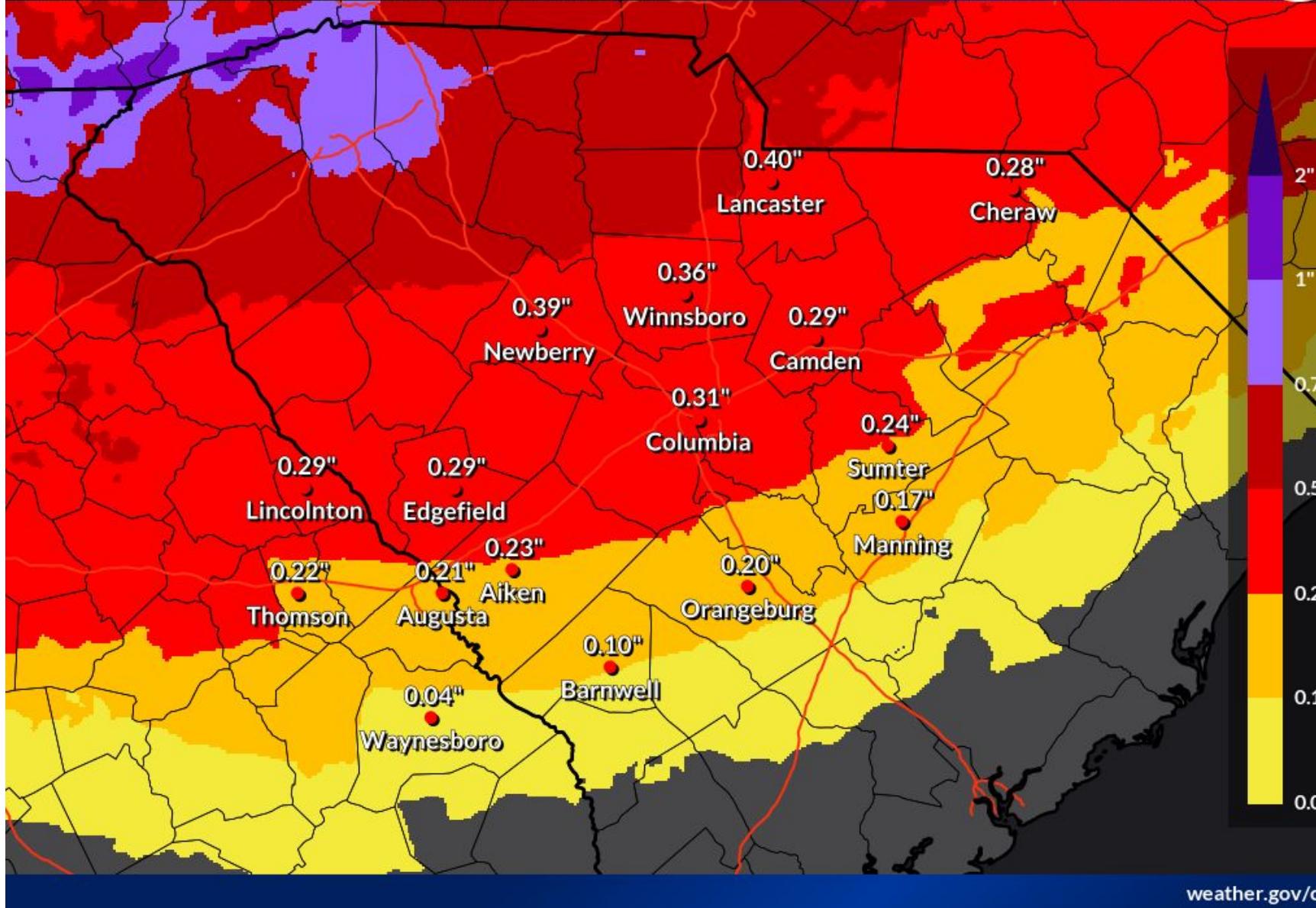
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## Expected Ice: Official NWS Forecast

Valid 1 AM Sat Jan 24, 2026 through 7 PM Mon Jan 26, 2026

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**Confidence remains high that much of the Midlands and CSRA will see at least some freezing rain late Saturday into Sunday.**

*Highest potential for a significant ice storm continues to be along and north of I-20.*



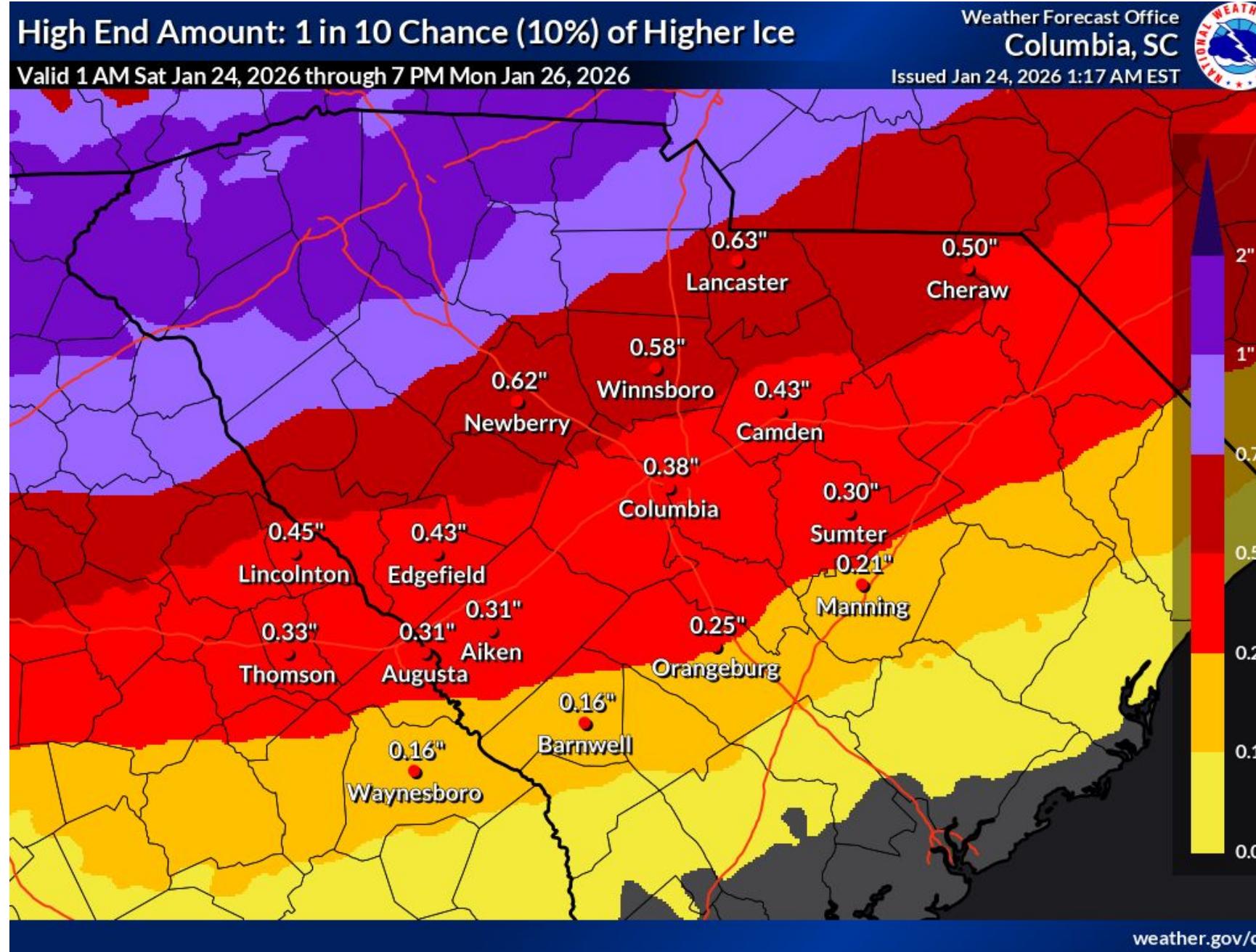
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# Reasonable Worst Case Ice

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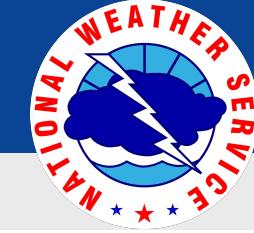


If temperatures stay below freezing for longer on Sunday, then higher ice totals may be realized. This is most likely along a line from Newberry to Lancaster and points northward.



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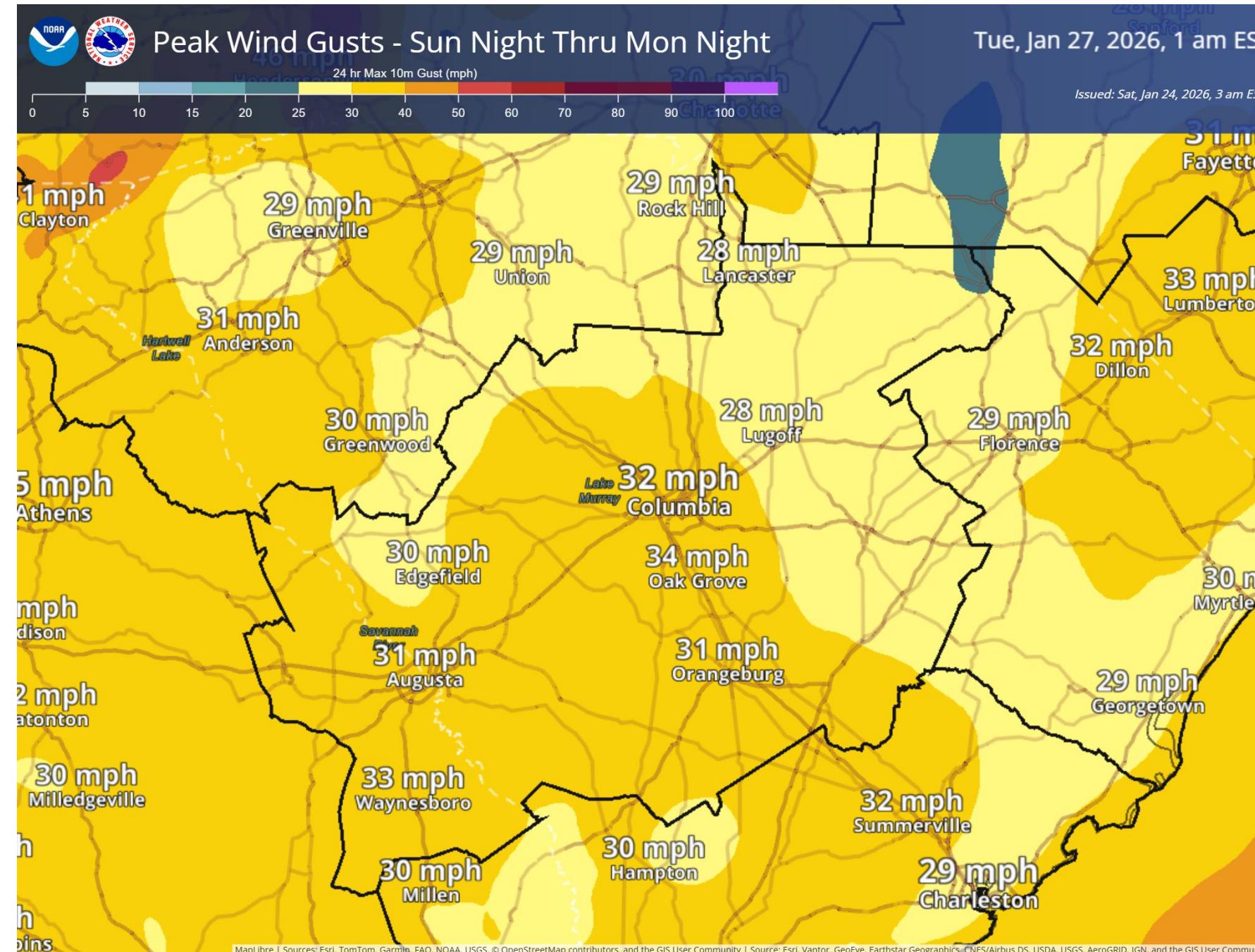
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# Wind Gusts Maximum: Sunday-Monday

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Winds can increase ice accrual and also enhance tree-powerline impacts



Main threat for gusty winds will be on **Monday** when gusty winds 25 to 35 mph are expected as the system exits.



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# Very Cold Temperatures Expected Into Next Week

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Refreeze potential remains low on Sunday night. Very cold temperatures look to remain in place this week, with Tuesday morning being the coldest day.

## Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/25 Sun	1/26 Mon	1/27 Tue	1/28 Wed	1/29 Thu	1/30 Fri	Minimum
Aiken	29	17	17	23	19	19	17
Appling	29	16	16	24	20	20	16
Augusta	30	18	18	25	21	21	18
Bamberg	30	18	18	23	20	20	18
Barnwell	31	18	18	23	20	20	18
Bishopville	25	15	15	20	16	16	15
Camden	24	15	15	21	16	16	15
Chesterfield	23	12	12	19	13	13	12
Columbia	26	16	16	23	17	17	16
Edgefield	27	15	15	22	18	18	15
Lancaster	22	9	9	17	13	13	9
Lexington	26	16	16	23	18	18	16
Lincolnton	26	13	13	22	18	18	13
Manning	27	17	17	22	17	17	17
McCormick	26	13	13	21	17	17	13
Newberry	24	12	12	20	16	16	12
Orangeburg	29	18	18	24	20	20	18
Saint Matthews	28	18	18	24	19	19	18
Saluda	24	13	13	20	16	16	13
Sumter	26	17	17	23	18	18	17
Thomson	29	15	15	23	19	19	15
Waynesboro	31	16	16	23	20	20	16
Winnsboro	24	13	13	20	16	16	13

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A Cold Weather Advisory  
may be needed in this  
time period on Tuesday  
morning.

## Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

	1/26 Mon	1/27 Tue	1/28 Wed	Minimum
Aiken	24 28 34 33 24 17	14 11 10 15 27 33 26 22 19 16 16 23	10	
Appling	22 27 33 33 24 19	15 12 11 16 30 36 29 24 21 19 18 25	11	
Augusta	26 29 34 35 26 21	17 14 13 17 29 36 29 24 22 20 20 25	13	
Bamberg	31 37 39 38 30 23	20 20 18 25 31 37 33 24 22 21 23 27	18	
Barnwell	30 35 38 37 29 22	18 16 18 25 32 37 33 24 22 19 18 27	16	
Bishopville	27 34 36 33 24 17	13 11 16 18 29 33 26 21 20 17 17 24	11	
Camden	29 33 36 33 25 20	17 17 16 22 29 33 28 23 23 22 28	16	
Chesterfield	27 31 33 31 22 16	13 11 13 14 26 31 27 22 20 21 20 26	11	
Columbia	27 32 35 34 27 20	17 18 17 17 27 34 28 23 22 21 25 30	17	
Edgefield	24 28 34 33 22 16	12 10 10 15 27 33 25 21 18 15 15 23	10	
Lancaster	25 28 30 29 21 14	10 9 8 12 23 29 24 19 17 16 19 24	8	
Lexington	27 31 34 33 25 19	16 12 11 16 27 33 26 21 21 19 18 25	11	
Lincolnton	20 25 32 30 20 15	11 9 8 14 27 34 25 20 19 16 16 23	8	
Manning	33 39 40 37 28 22	17 17 17 24 31 36 29 25 24 24 23 28	17	
McCormick	21 26 33 31 20 16	11 8 7 14 27 33 24 20 19 16 16 22	7	
Newberry	24 27 30 31 22 16	12 11 11 13 24 30 23 18 18 15 15 21	11	
Orangeburg	31 37 38 37 30 23	18 17 19 19 30 36 29 24 22 21 20 26	17	
Saint Matthews	29 35 37 36 28 22	18 15 19 19 30 35 28 23 22 20 19 25	15	
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