



Winter Storm & Bitter Cold This Weekend

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Moderate to Major Impacts Expected

Key Messages

- **Winter Storm Warning**: Accumulating snowfall likely to impact the region this weekend. Total snow accumulations between 7 and 14 inches. Greatest amounts are expected along and south of Interstate 44, and the lowest amounts are expected across central Missouri. Areas near the Missouri and Arkansas border may see sleet mix with snow at times.
- **Cold Weather Advisory**: Dangerous cold will accompany this system, bringing single digit lows and below-zero wind chills. Minimum wind chills around -10 to -20°F each morning.

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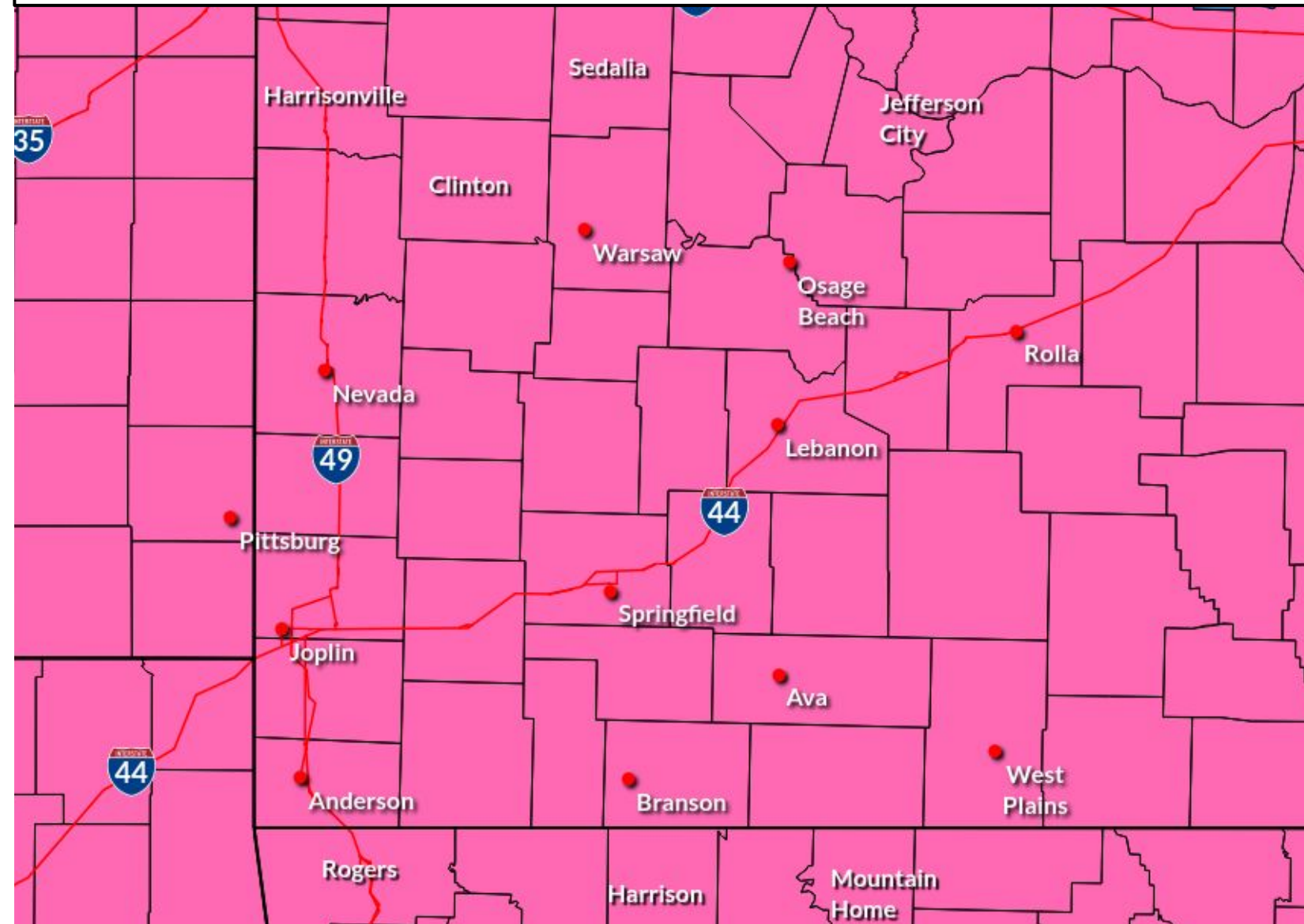
Important Updates

- Winter Storm Warning issued for 6 PM Friday - 6 PM Sunday.
- Cold Weather Advisory extended for entire forecast area from 12 AM Saturday - 12 PM Monday.

Next Scheduled Briefing

- By 5 AM Friday

Winter Storm Warning 6 PM Friday - 6 PM Sunday



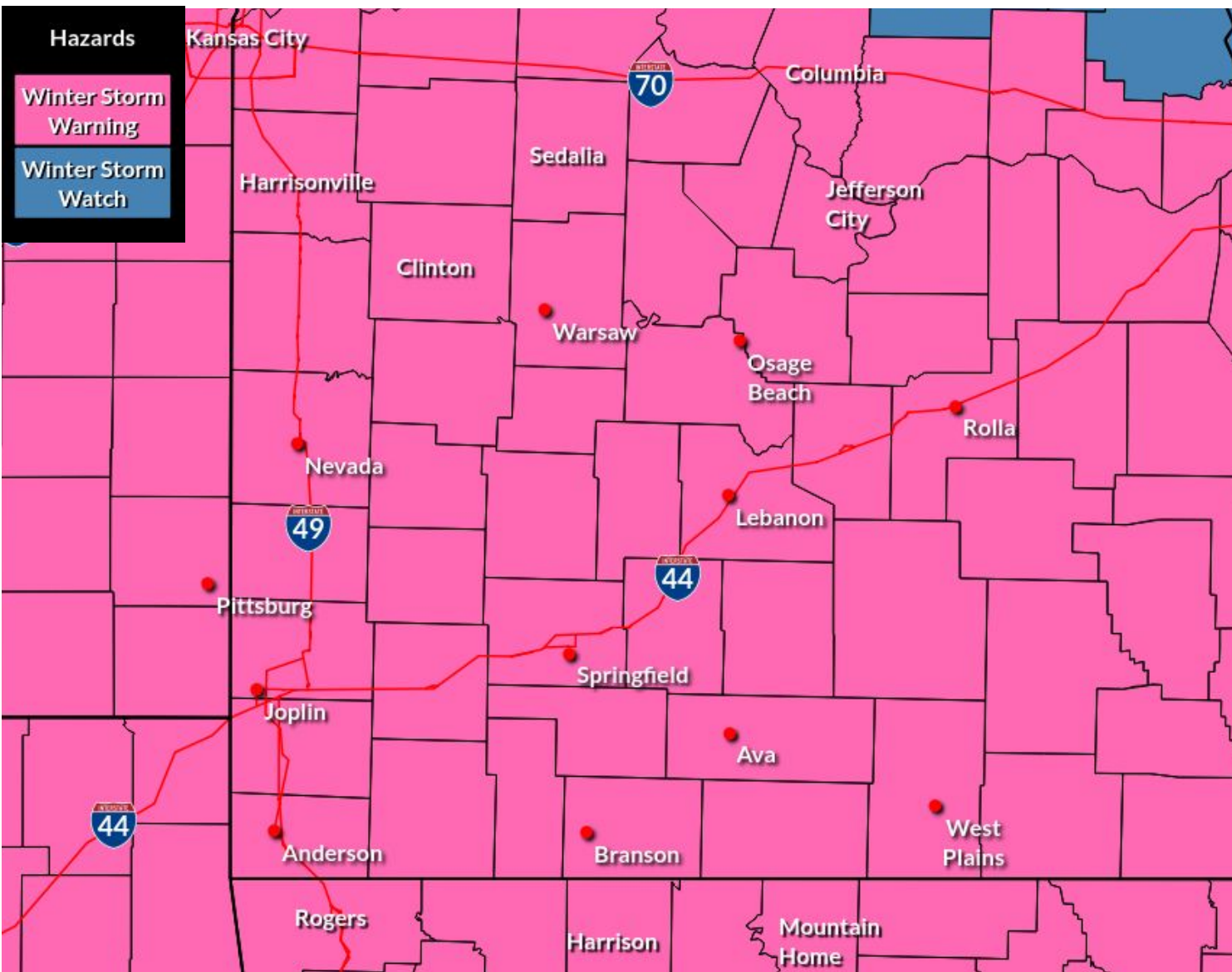
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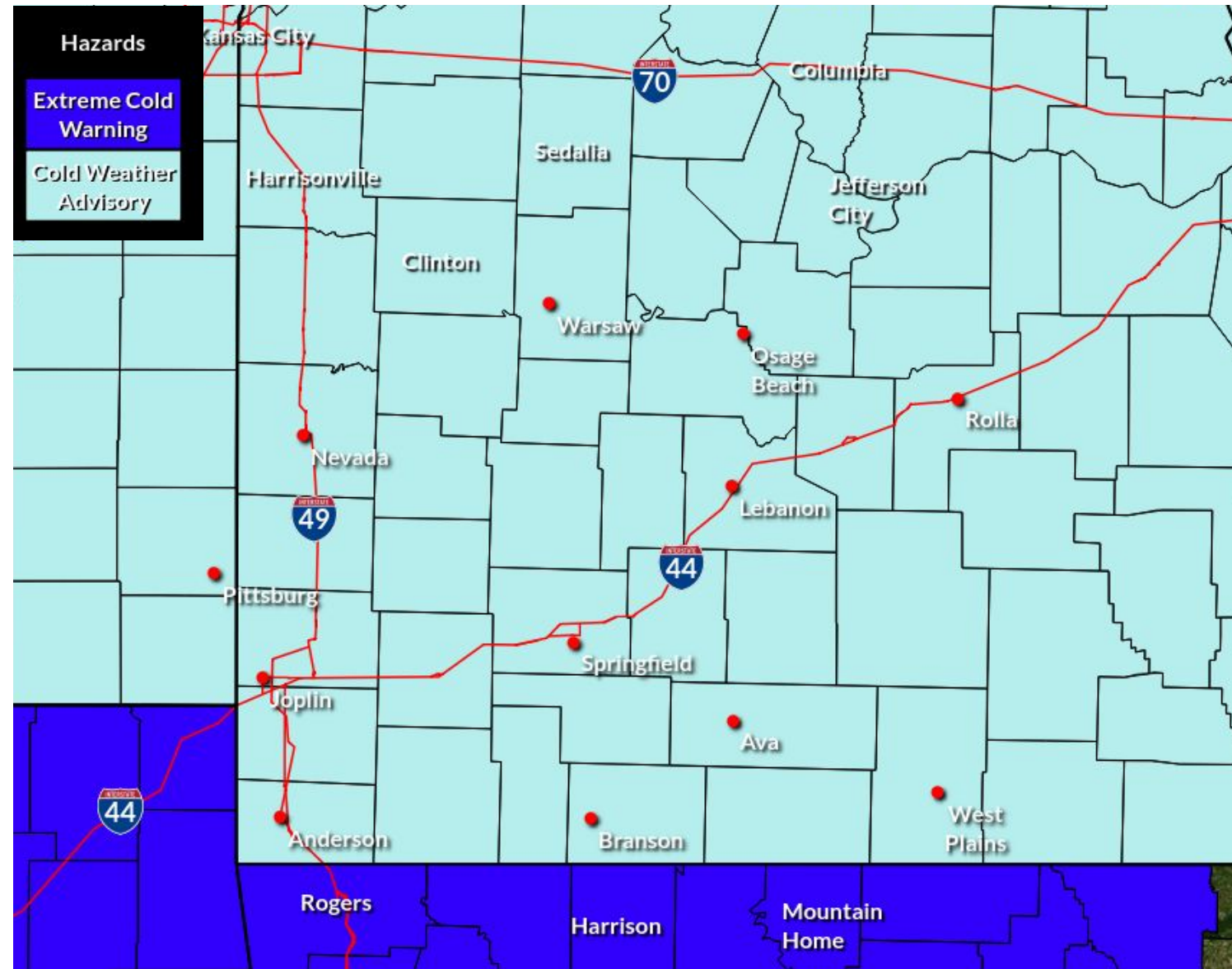


Winter Weather Headlines

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Winter Storm Warning
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Cold Weather Advisory
(12 AM Saturday - 12 PM Monday)





Expected Snowfall

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What

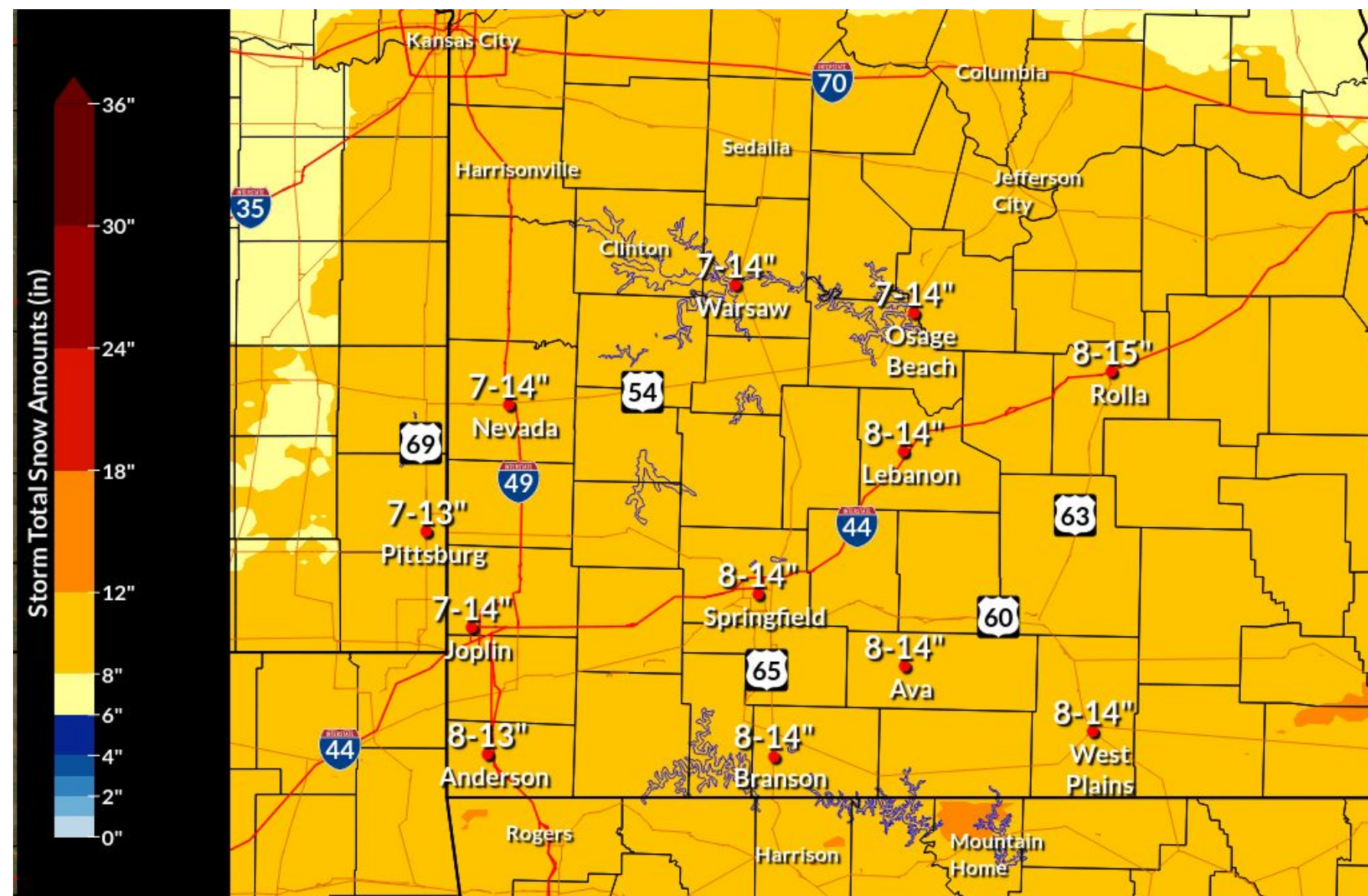
- Two rounds of moderate to heavy snowfall will result in widespread accumulating snow. Total snow accumulations between 7 and 14 inches. **Sleet may mix with snow at times along the Missouri and Arkansas border.**

Where

- Greatest amounts are expected along and south of Interstate 44, and the lowest amounts are expected across central Missouri.

When

- Two rounds between Friday Night through Sunday afternoon.



Expected Snowfall Range (25th to 75th percentile)



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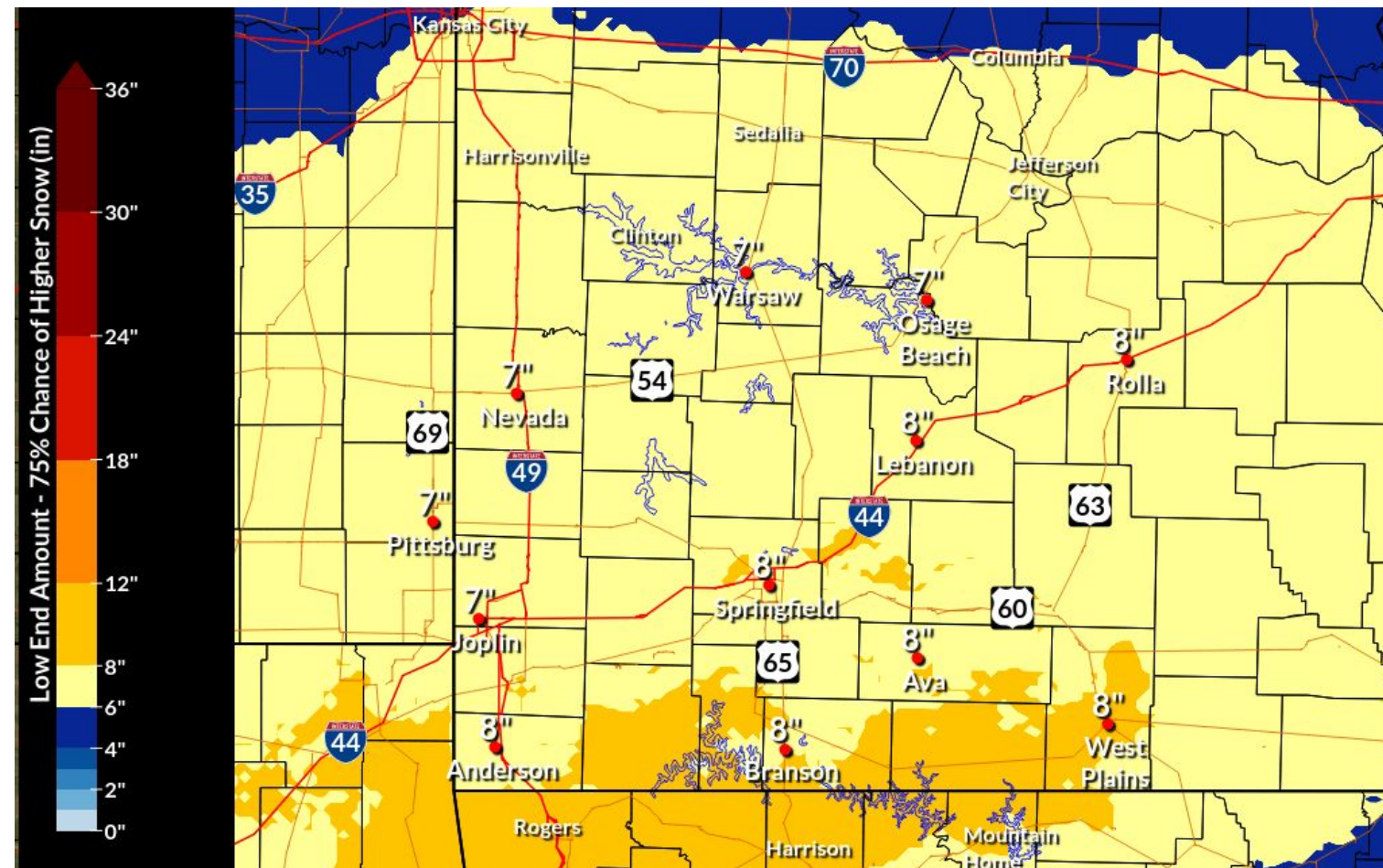
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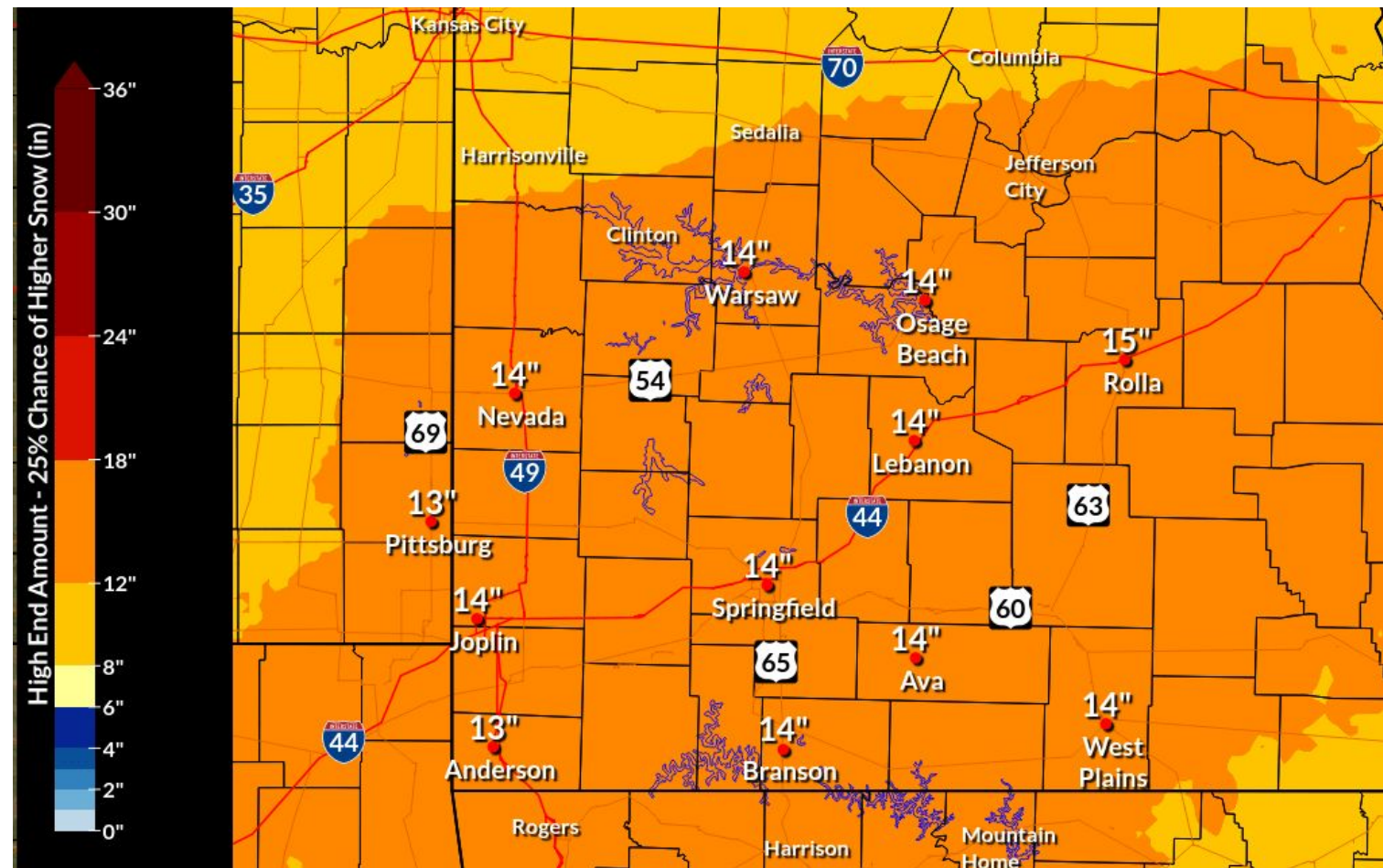
Low End and High End Snowfall Amounts

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Low End (At least 75% Chance of Occurring)



High End (At least 25% Chance of Occurring)

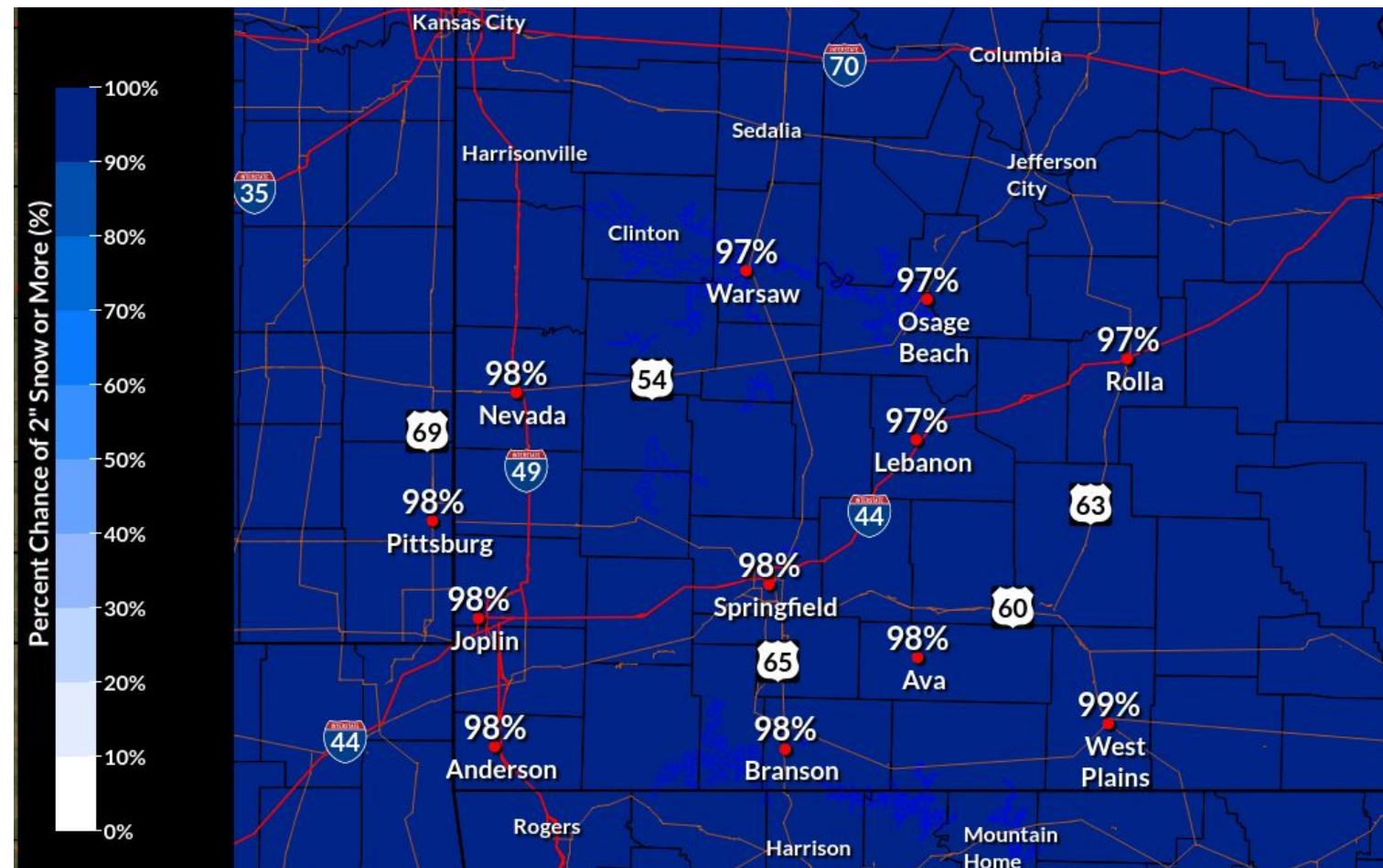




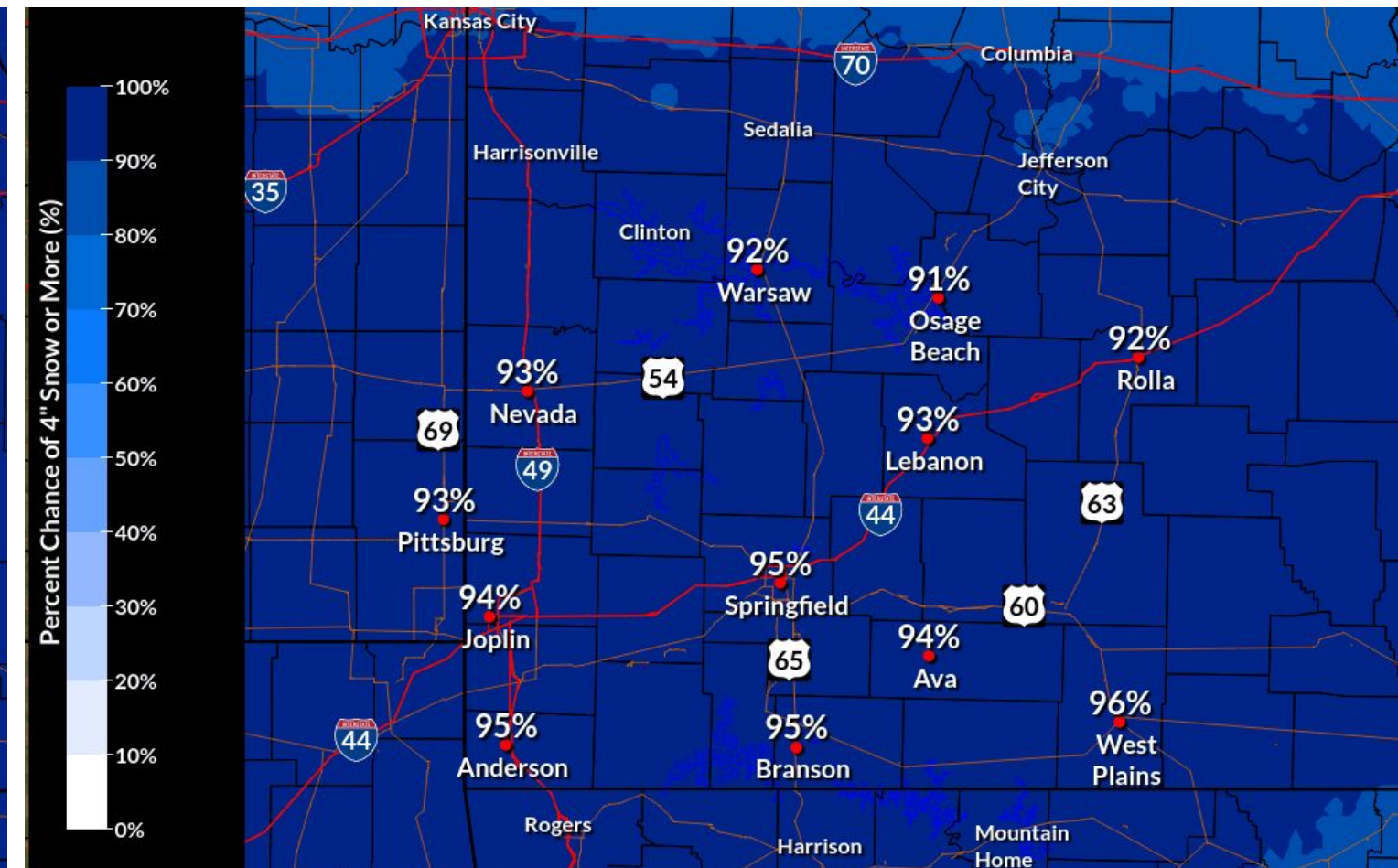
Probabilistic Snowfall

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Probability of > 2.0" of snowfall



Probability of > 4.0" of snowfall

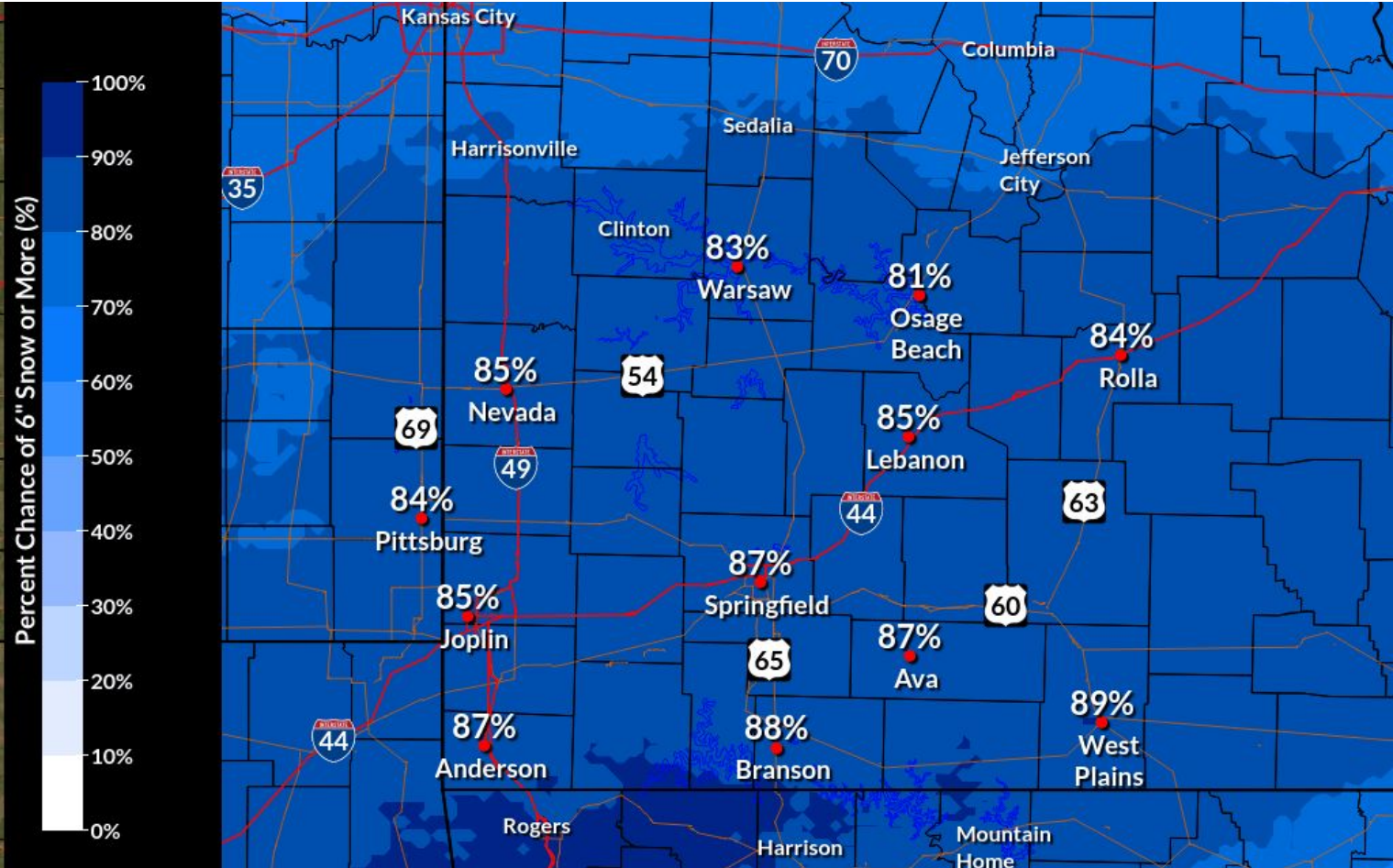




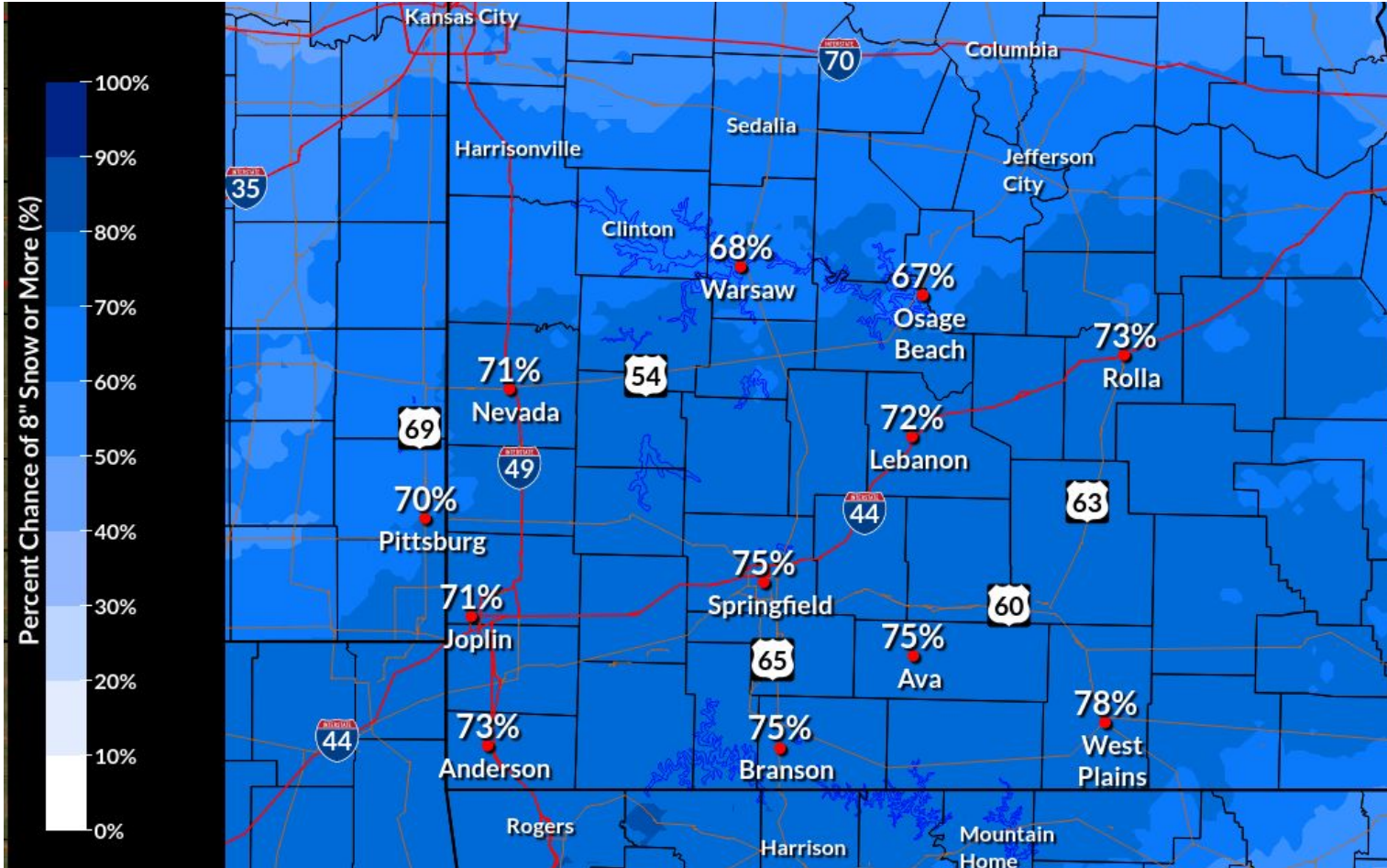
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Probability of > 6.0" of snowfall



Probability of > 8.0" of snowfall



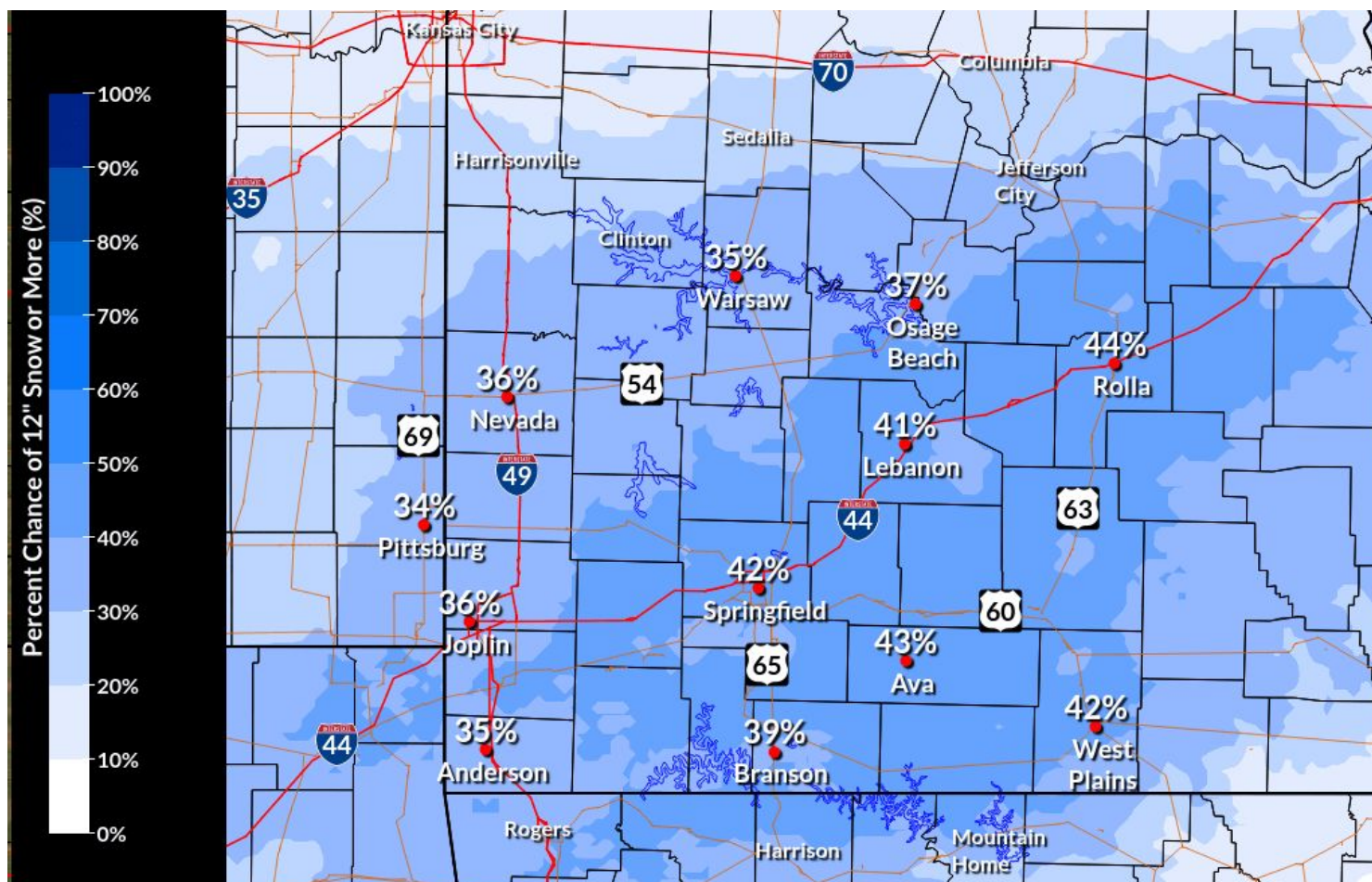


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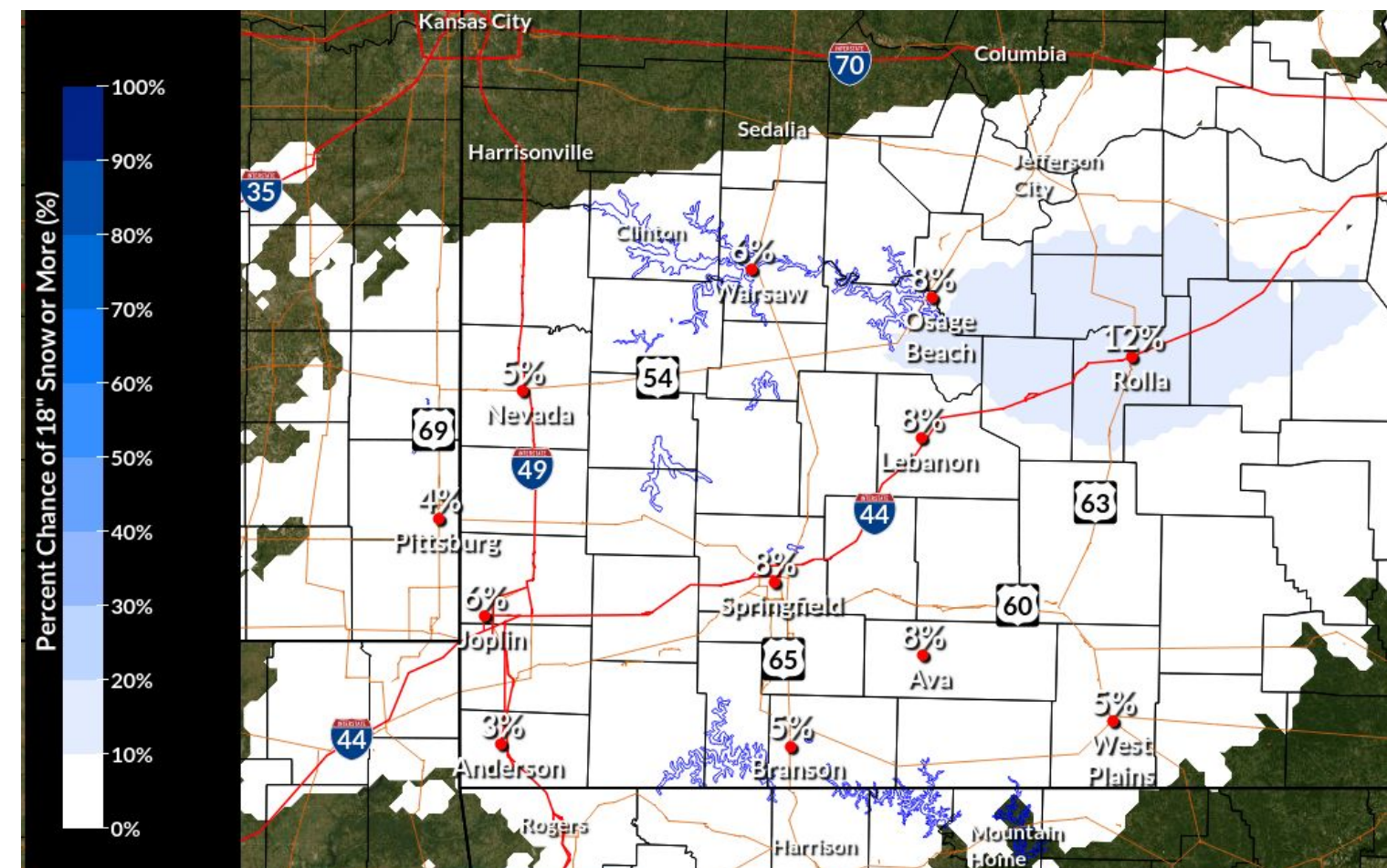
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Probability of > 12.0" of snowfall



Probability of > 18.0" of snowfall





Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)

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Key Points

- Moderate to major impacts expected through this weekend.
- The greatest impacts are expected across southern Missouri, where the highest amounts are forecast.
- The timing of the greatest impacts is expected Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon.

Moderate Impacts

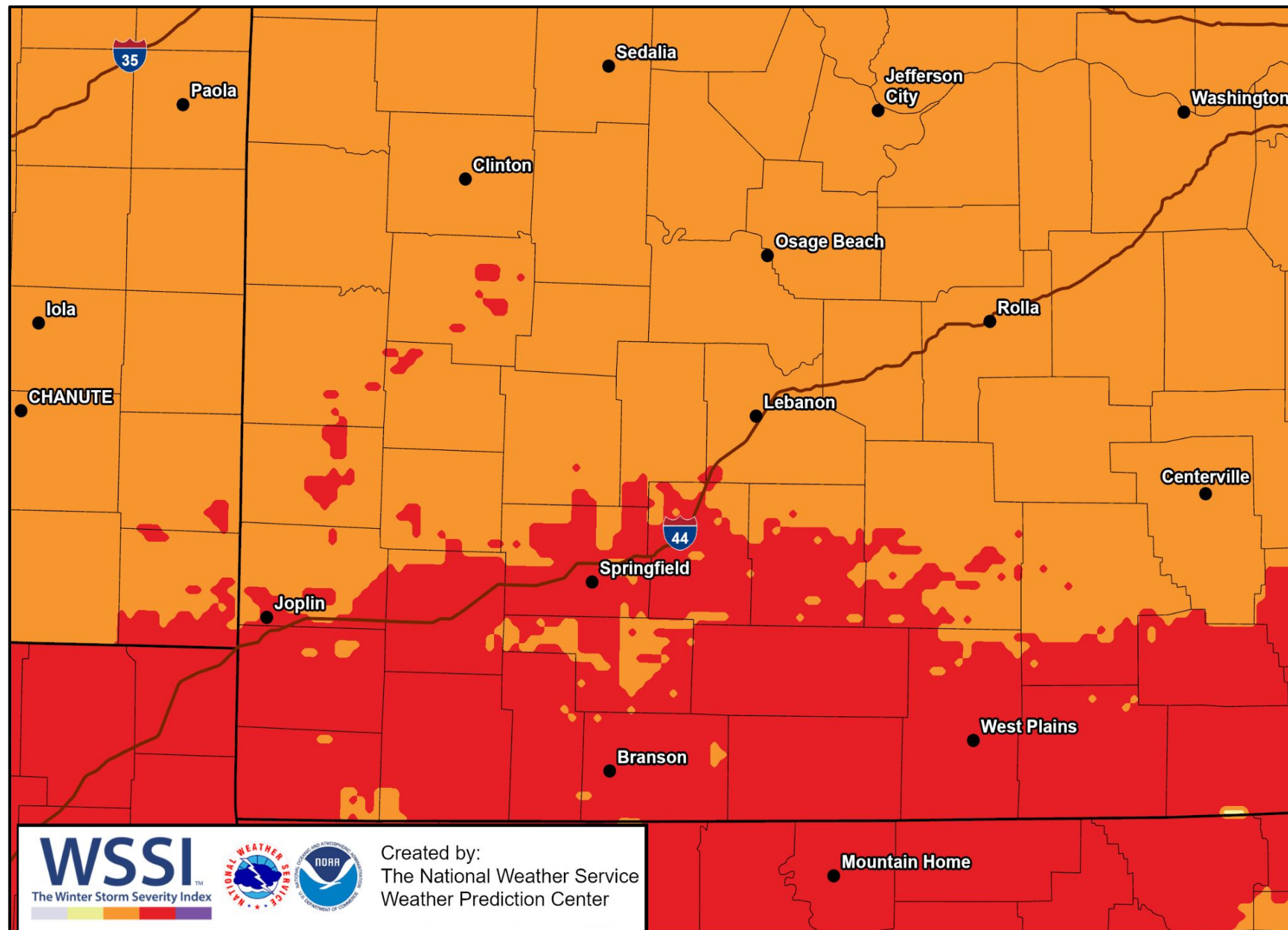
Expect disruptions to daily life.

- 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.



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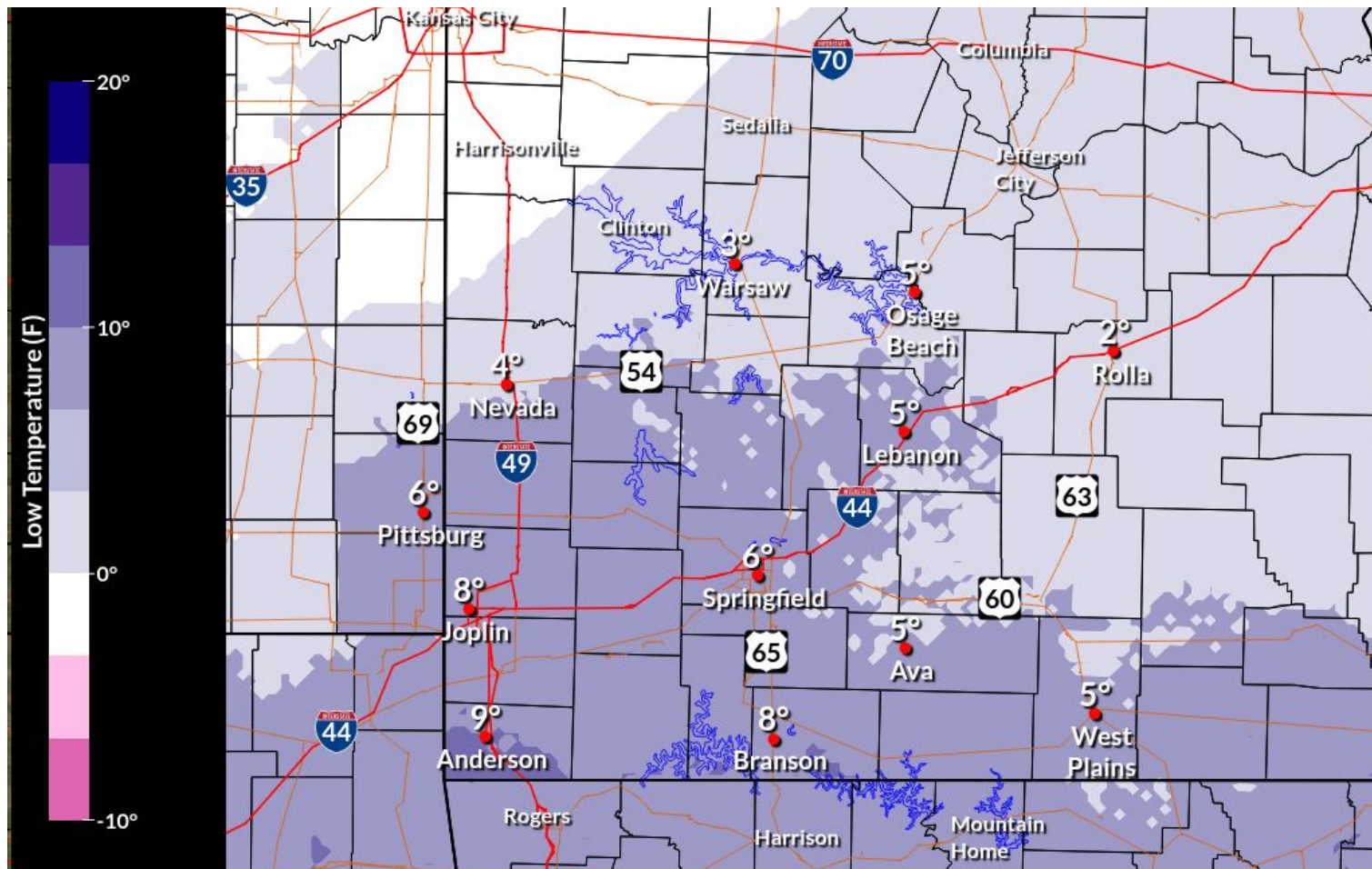
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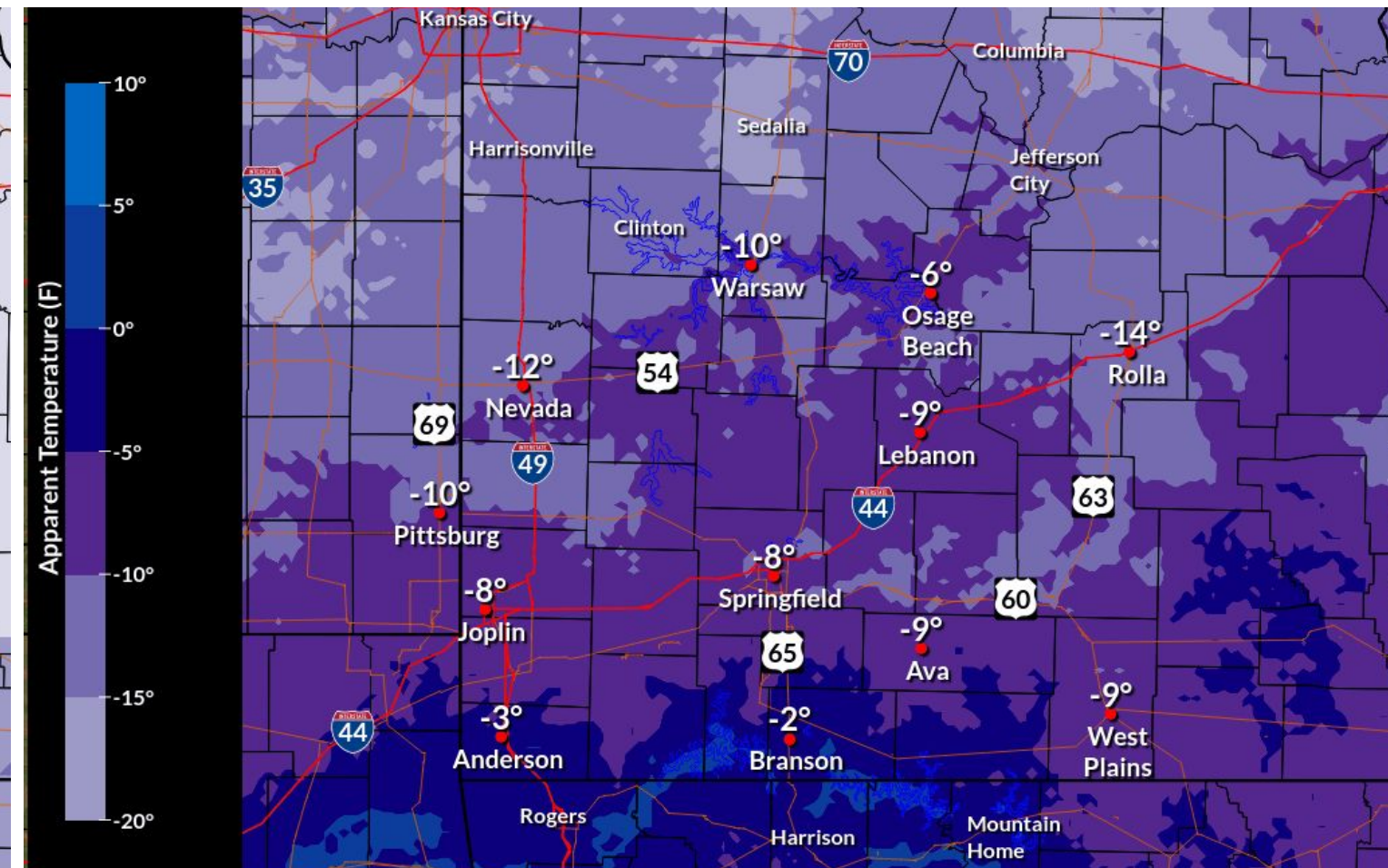
Forecast Low Temps & Wind Chills

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Friday Night



Low Temperatures Friday Night



Minimum Wind Chill Friday Night



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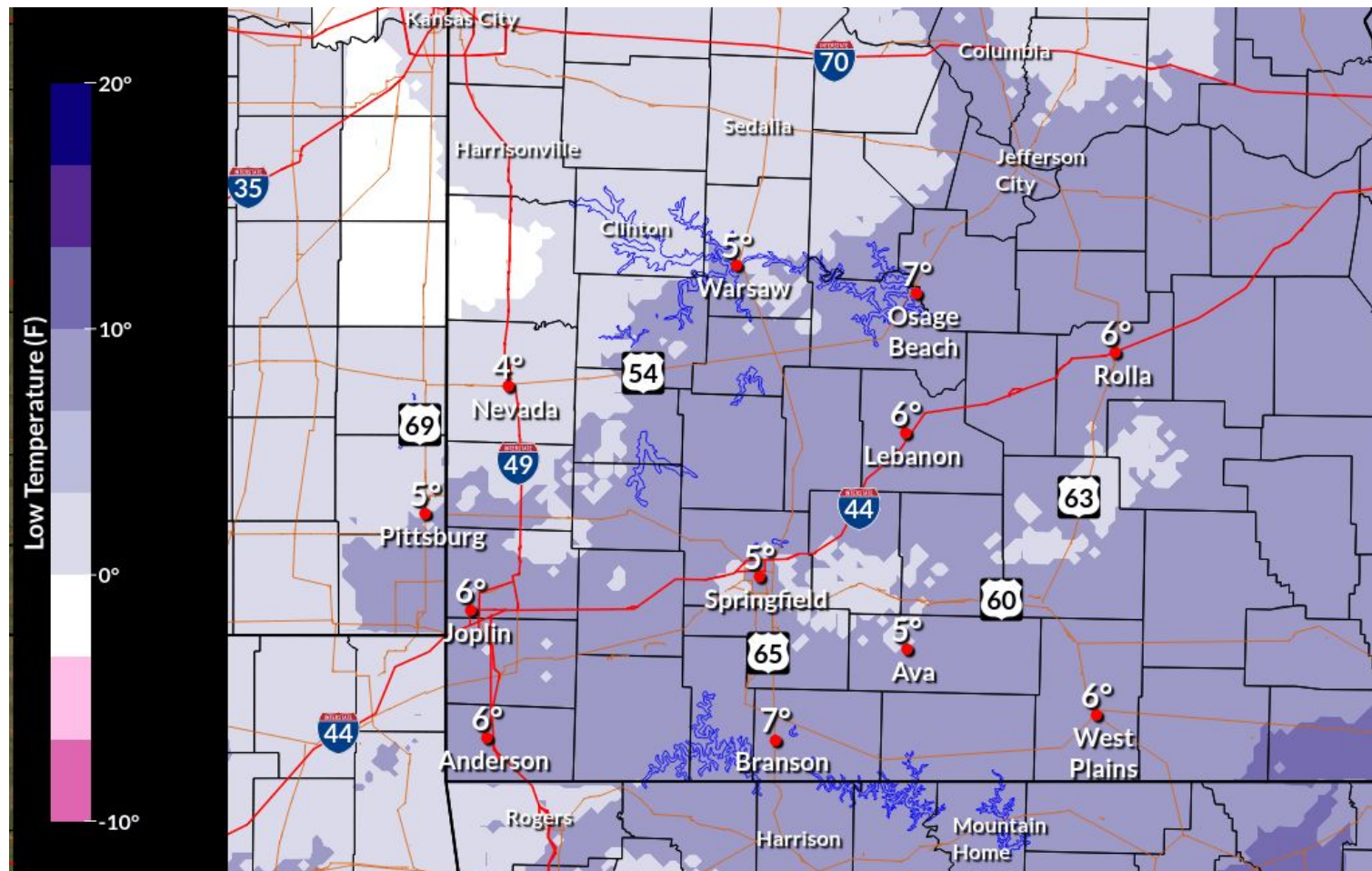
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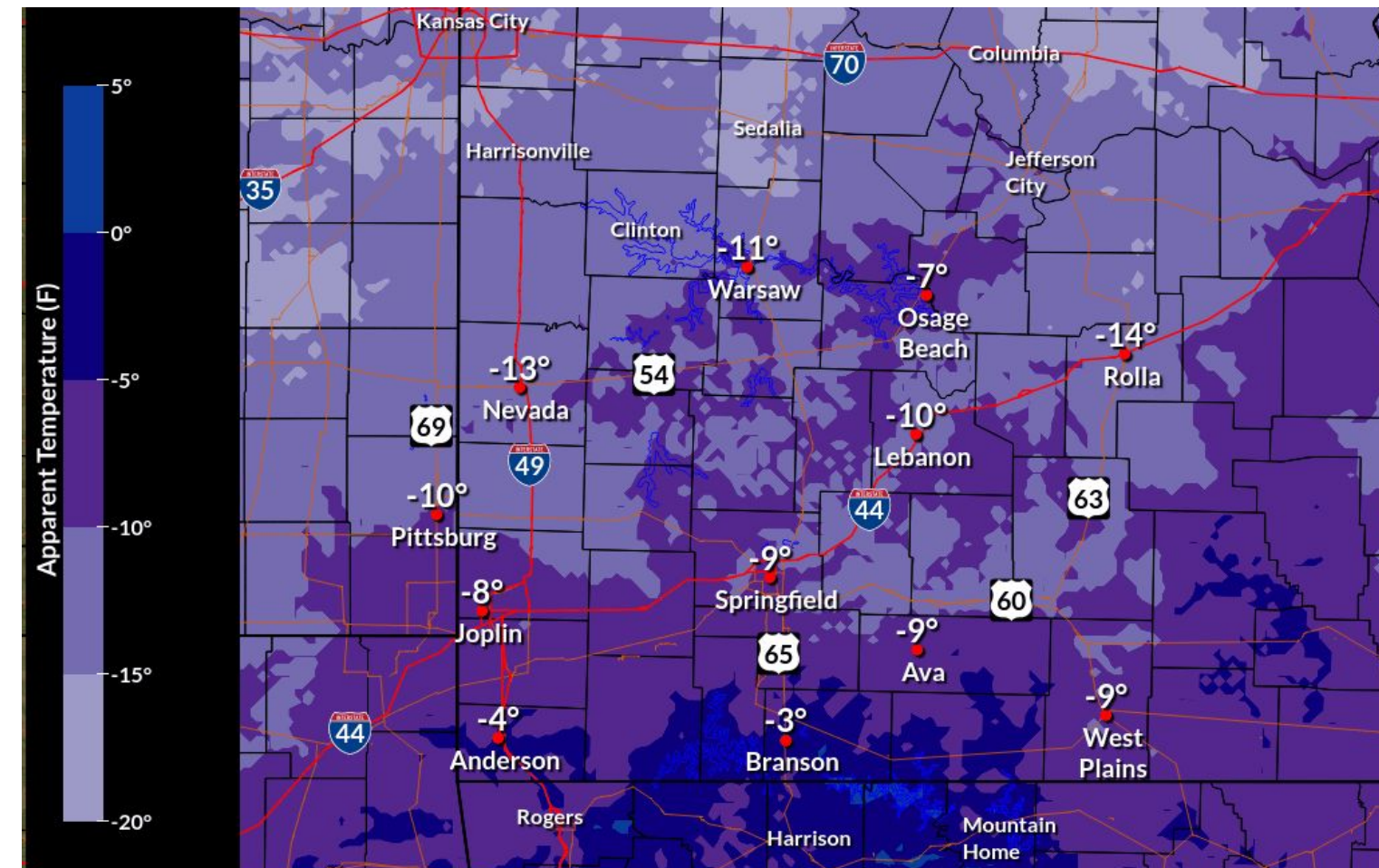
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Saturday Night



Low Temperatures Saturday Night



Minimum Wind Chill Saturday Night

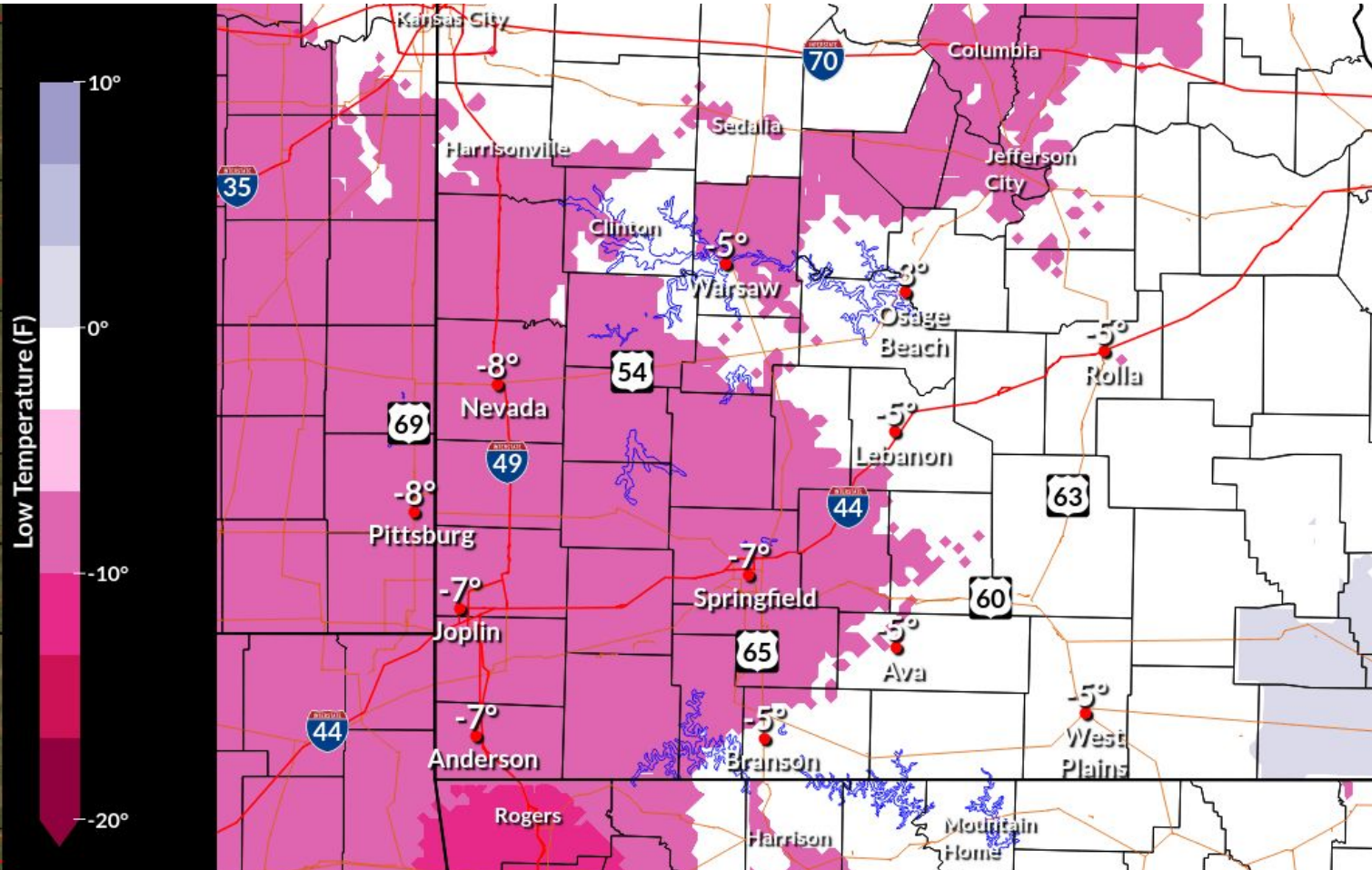




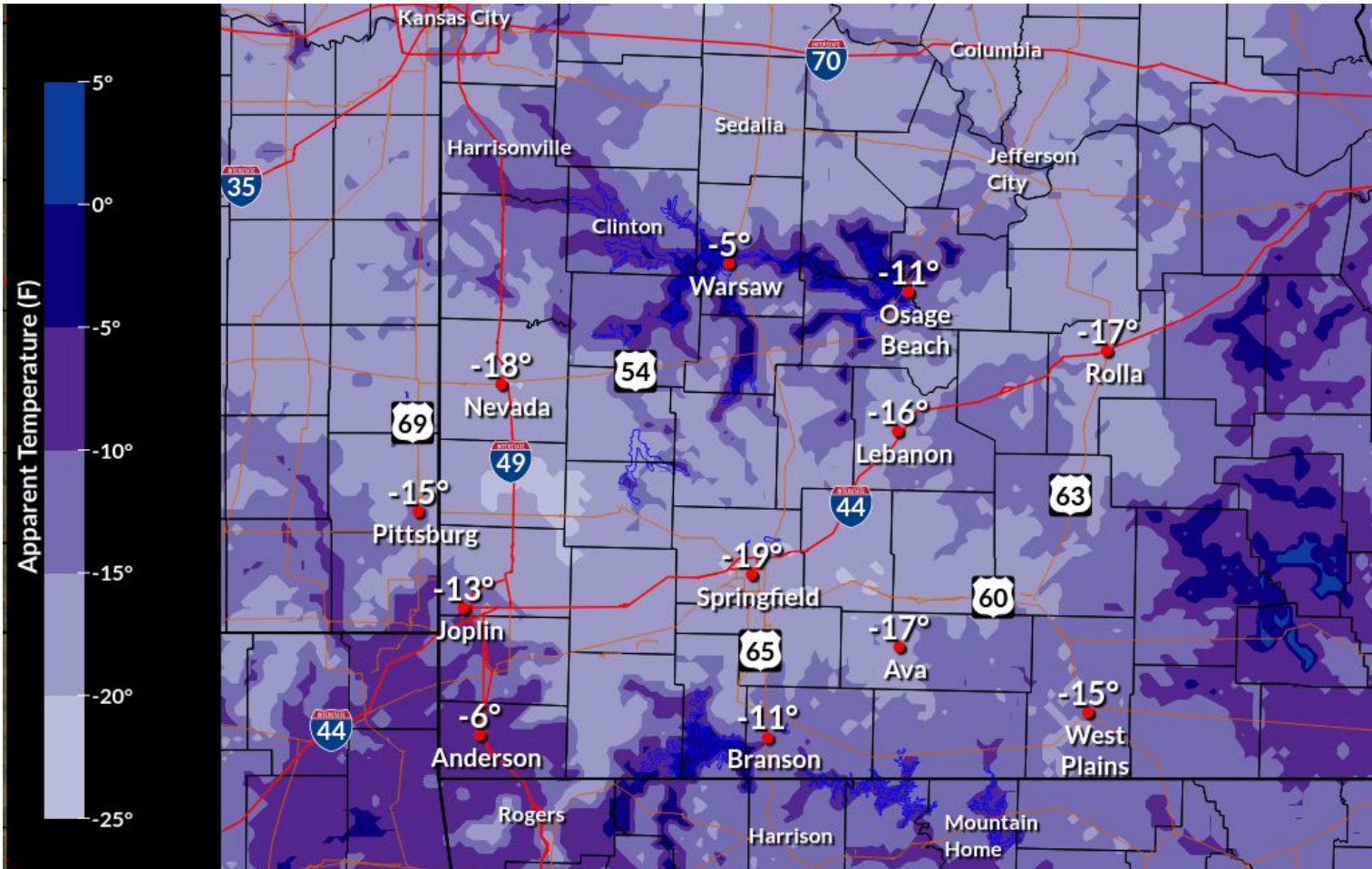
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Sunday Night



Low Temperatures Sunday Night



Minimum Wind Chill Sunday Night





Preliminary Timing of Snowfall

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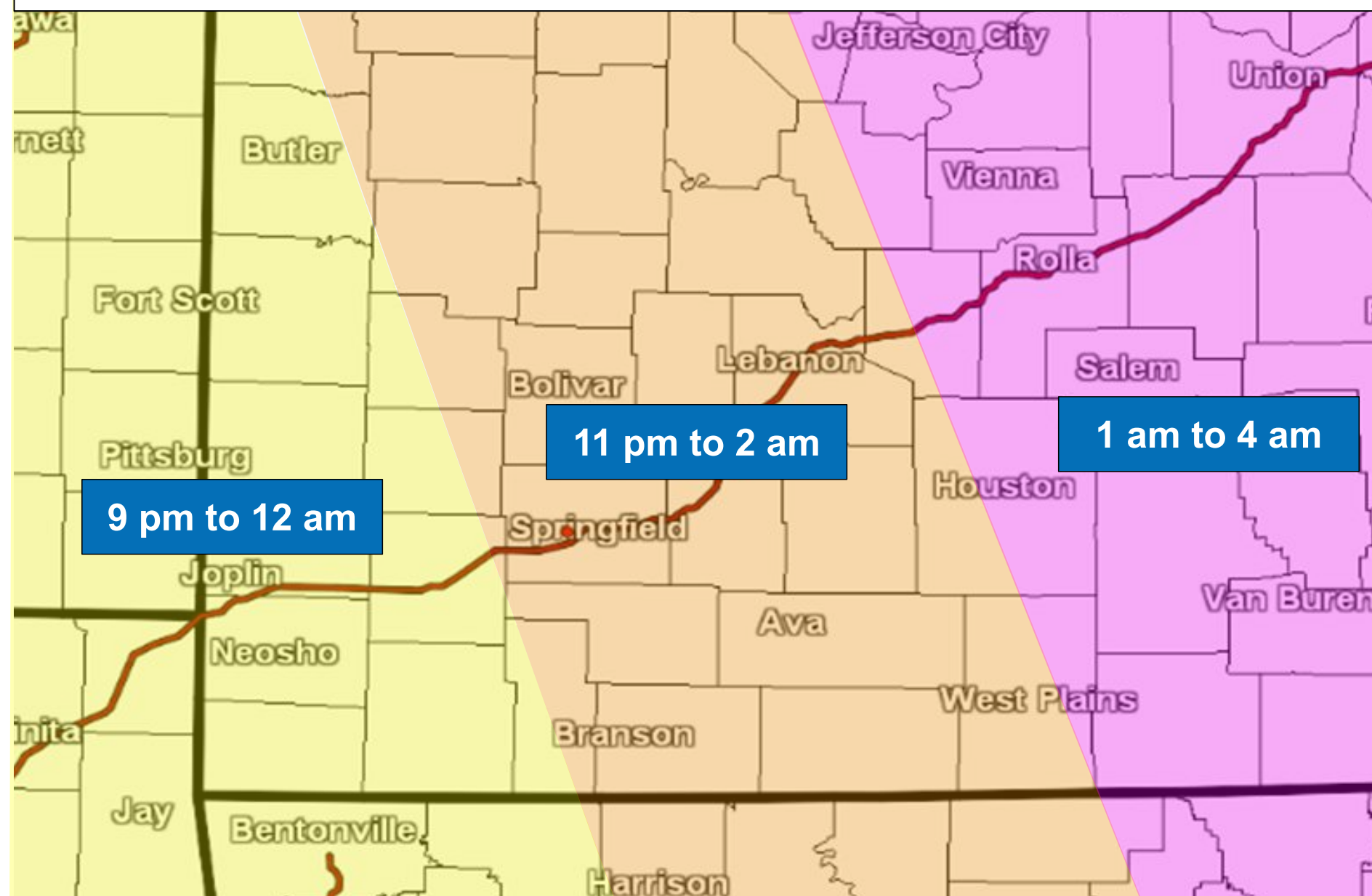
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Times are subject to change as we near event

Key Points

- Accumulating snowfall comes in two rounds.
- **First round:** Onset of snowfall will occur late Friday night into early Saturday morning. Periods of moderate to heavy snowfall.
- A lull in between the rounds on Saturday afternoon and evening, with light snowfall continuing.
- **Second round:** Additional round of moderate to heavy snowfall Saturday night into Sunday morning.
- Snow comes to end from west to east late Sunday morning into the afternoon.

Onset Timing of First Round - Friday Night into Saturday Morning





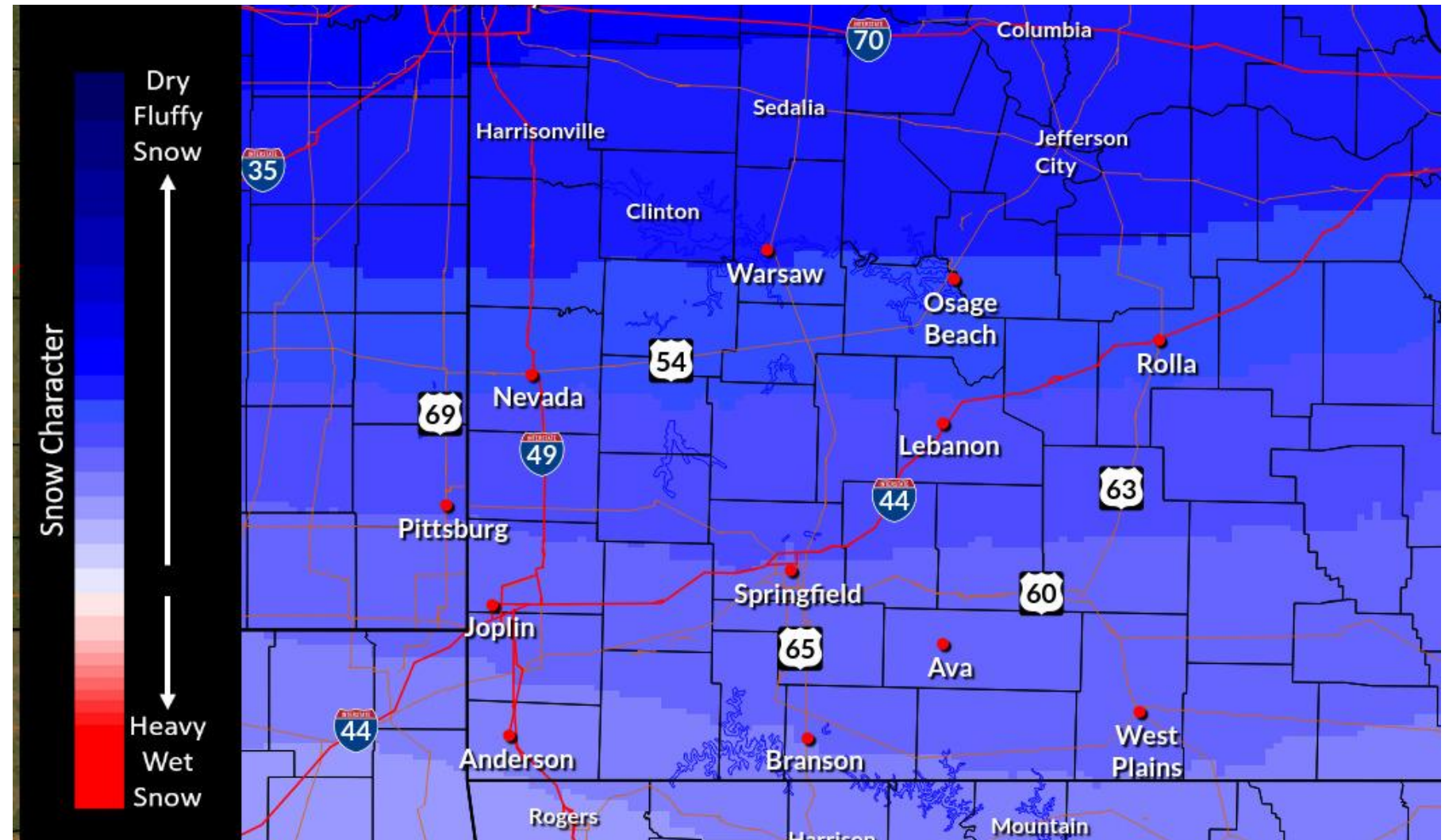
Snow Character & Longevity

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How the Snow Will Feel and Act Due to its Moisture Content

Key Points

- Snow character will be slightly on the drier side of what we normally see around the Ozarks this time of year.
- Areas that see brief sleet mixed in will initially have a slightly wetter snow, but precip will quickly become a drier, fluffier snow as cold air further infiltrates the area.
- The longevity of the cold after the snow will cause the snow to become more compact with time, making it harder to remove the longer it sits after initially falling.
- The persistence of temperatures below freezing through at least Tuesday will keep snow around for several days, rather than immediately melting.



Snow Character



Confidence Levels

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Location



Timing



Amounts



Travel Impacts



Confidence Details

- Increasing confidence in higher amounts as two rounds of accumulating snowfall are expected.
- The highest amounts are currently expected to be focused across extreme southeast KS into southern MO.
- High confidence that dangerous cold weather accompanies this system. Potential for the introduction of an Extreme Cold Warning on Sunday night.

Remaining Unknowns

- Magnitude of upper-end snowfall amounts due to uncertainty in the exact track.
- Snowfall amounts will likely vary from south to north and depending on the exact track of the system.
- Exact (hourly) onset timing will also vary across the forecast area. Hi-resolution models will have a better handle on this over the next 24 to 48 hours.





Prepare for Cold and Potential Snow

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For Additional Information

- [NWS Springfield Webpage](#)
- [NWS Springfield Probabilistic Snowfall](#)
- [NWS Cold-Related Products and Criteria](#)
- [IDSS Point Forecasts](#)
- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
- [MODOT Travel Map](#)
- [KDOT Travel Map](#)
- [Missouri Warming Shelters](#)
- [Winter Weather Safety](#)
- [Winter Weather Reference Sheet](#)

Winter Storm Planning Timeline

A few days out	The day before	During & After
<i>If the forecast calls for winter weather, start preparing now.</i>	<i>Forecast accuracy continues to improve, so keep checking the latest.</i>	<i>Remain vigilant and stay informed. Drive only if necessary.</i>
 Have emergency supplies for your home & car	 Adjust plans	 Check on neighbors and family
 Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors	 Have multiple ways to receive Warnings	 Properly ventilate emergency heat sources
 Replenish fuel for your car and heating sources	 Bring pets indoors and ensure they have water	 Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home
		 Take it easy when shoveling

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