



# Fire Danger on Today

February 19, 2026  
4:19 AM

Significant to Extreme Fire Danger

## Key Messages

- Widespread **Significant** to **Extreme** fire weather conditions on Thursday.
- The greatest fire danger will be across far southwest MO and southeast KS.
- A **Red Flag Warning** has been issued for the entire forecast area for Thursday.

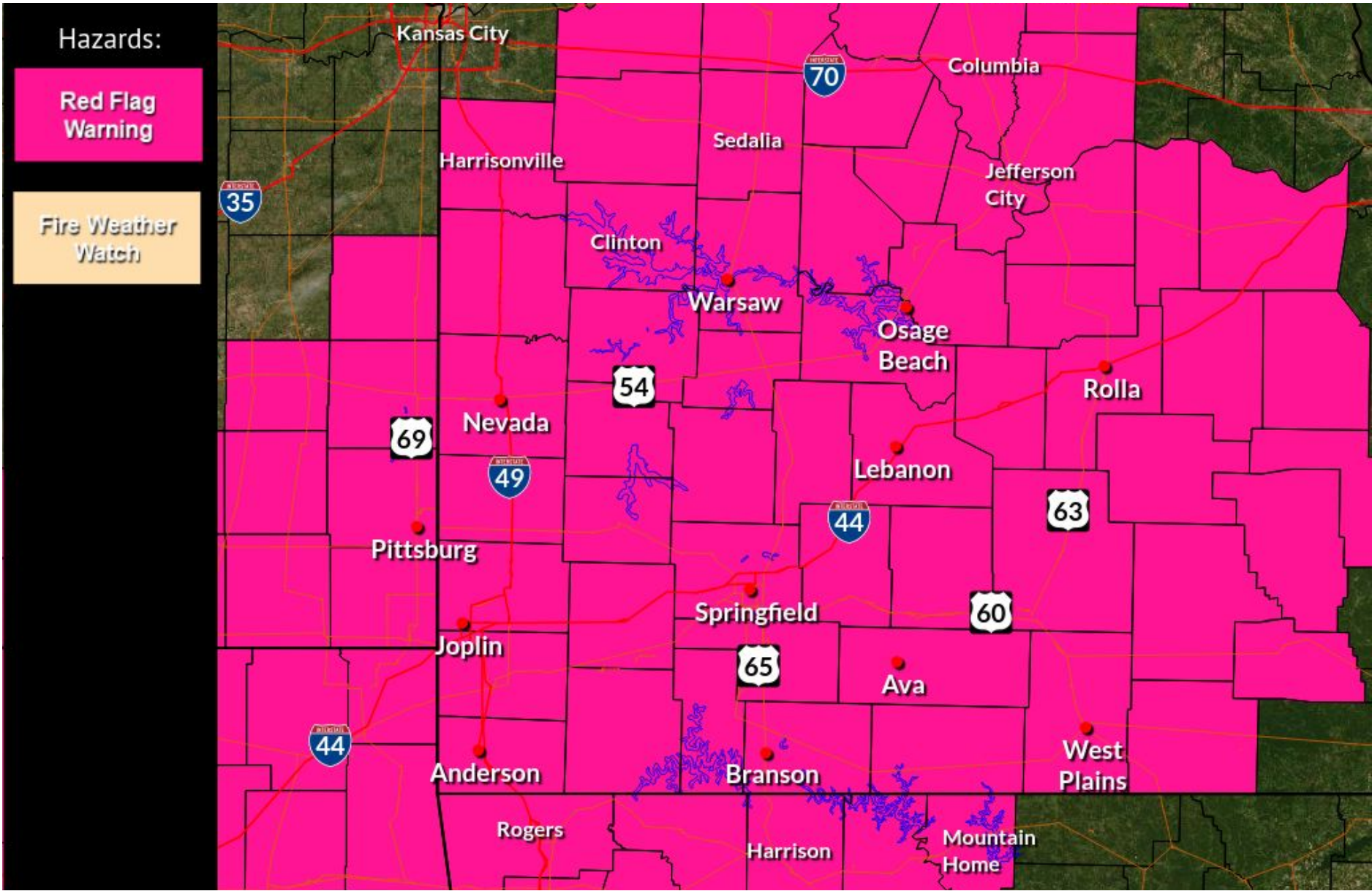
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## Important Updates

- Red Flag Warning has been issued for Thursday areawide, valid 12 PM to 8 PM.

## Next Scheduled Briefing

- Today by 4 PM



Valid 12 PM to 8 PM







# Hotspot Detection Capabilities Today

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## Today's Level:

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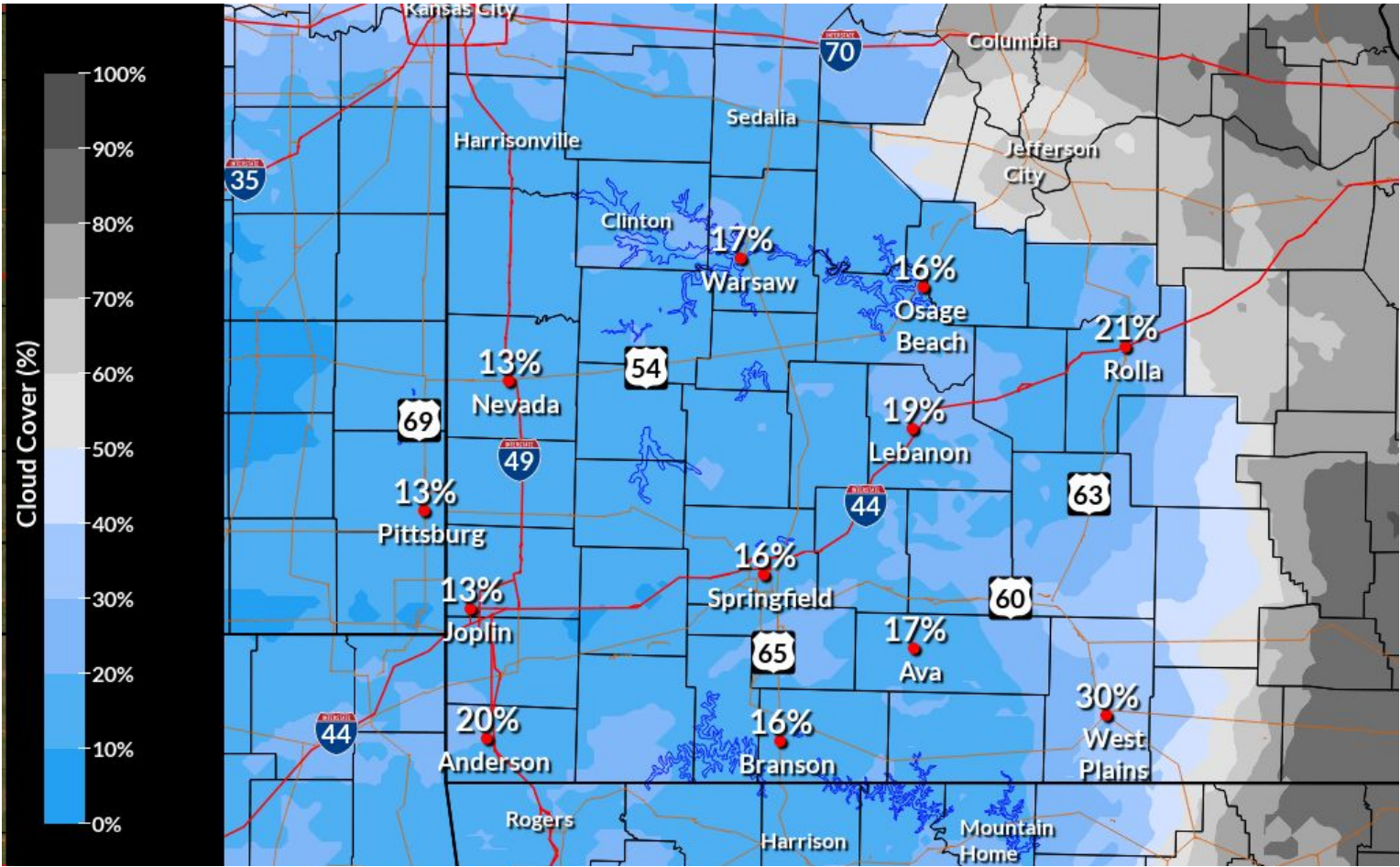
**Level 1:** Clear or mostly clear skies will allow for generally unimpeded hotspot detection today.

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**Level 2:** Partly cloudy skies will intermittently disrupt hotspot detection today.

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**Level 3:** Mostly cloudy or cloudy skies will significantly to totally inhibit hotspot detection today.



Max Cloud Cover during Red Flag Warning

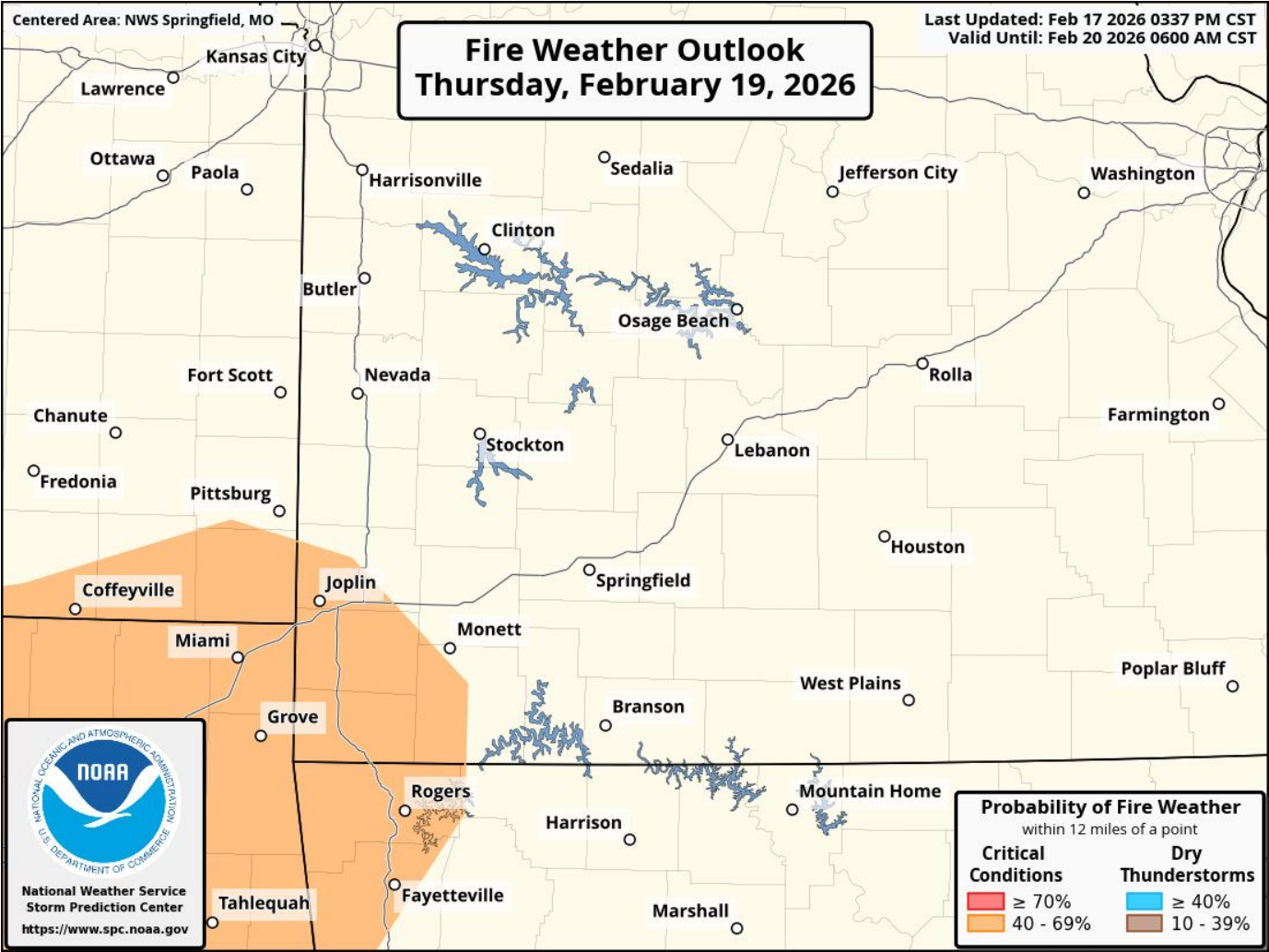
The National Weather Service will alert participating local, state, and federal partners to a potentially satellite-detected wildfire using our internal Hotspot Notification Tool when a Red Flag Warning is in effect across the area. To enroll in this service, please email NWS Springfield at [contact.saf@noaa.gov](mailto:contact.saf@noaa.gov) and include the following information: Your name, position/title, email address, phone number capable of receiving SMS text messages, and county(ies) of responsibility.



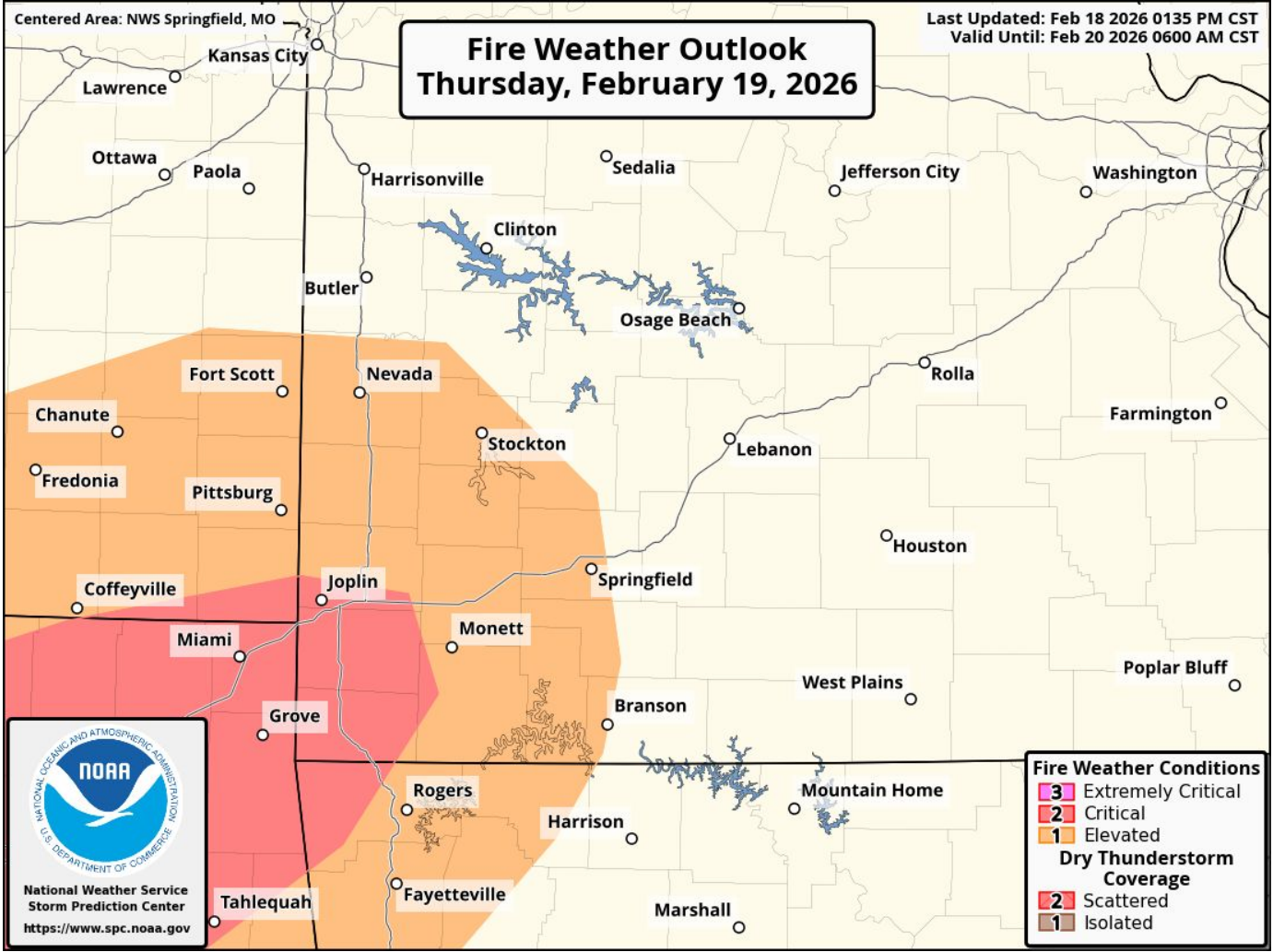
# SPC Fire Weather Outlook on Today

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## Probabilistic Outlook



## Categorical Outlook



The Storm Prediction Center has outlined far southwest MO and southeast KS in an Elevated to Critical fire weather risk for Today. For reference, these Critical risks occur 1-2 times per year on average.



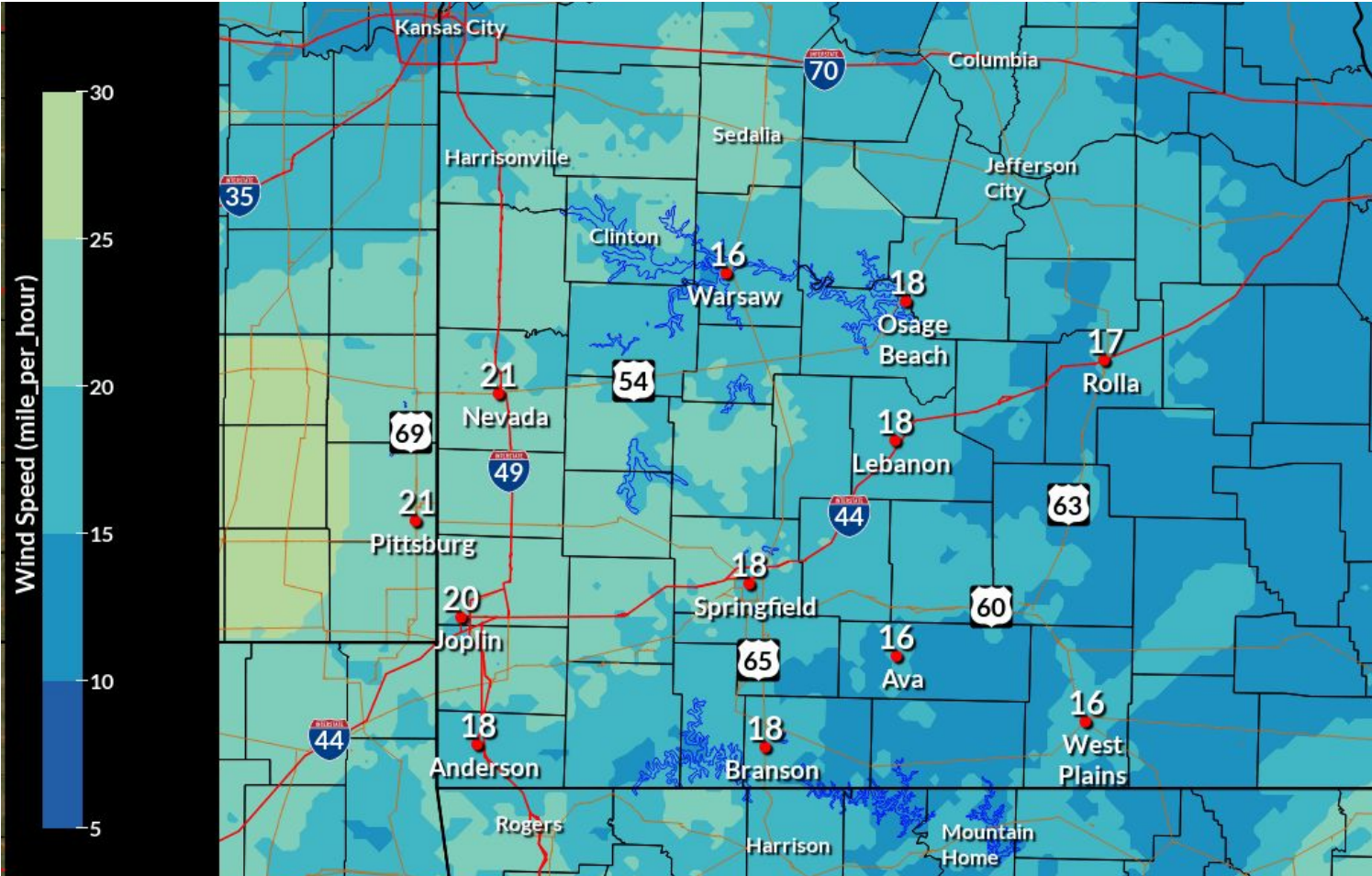




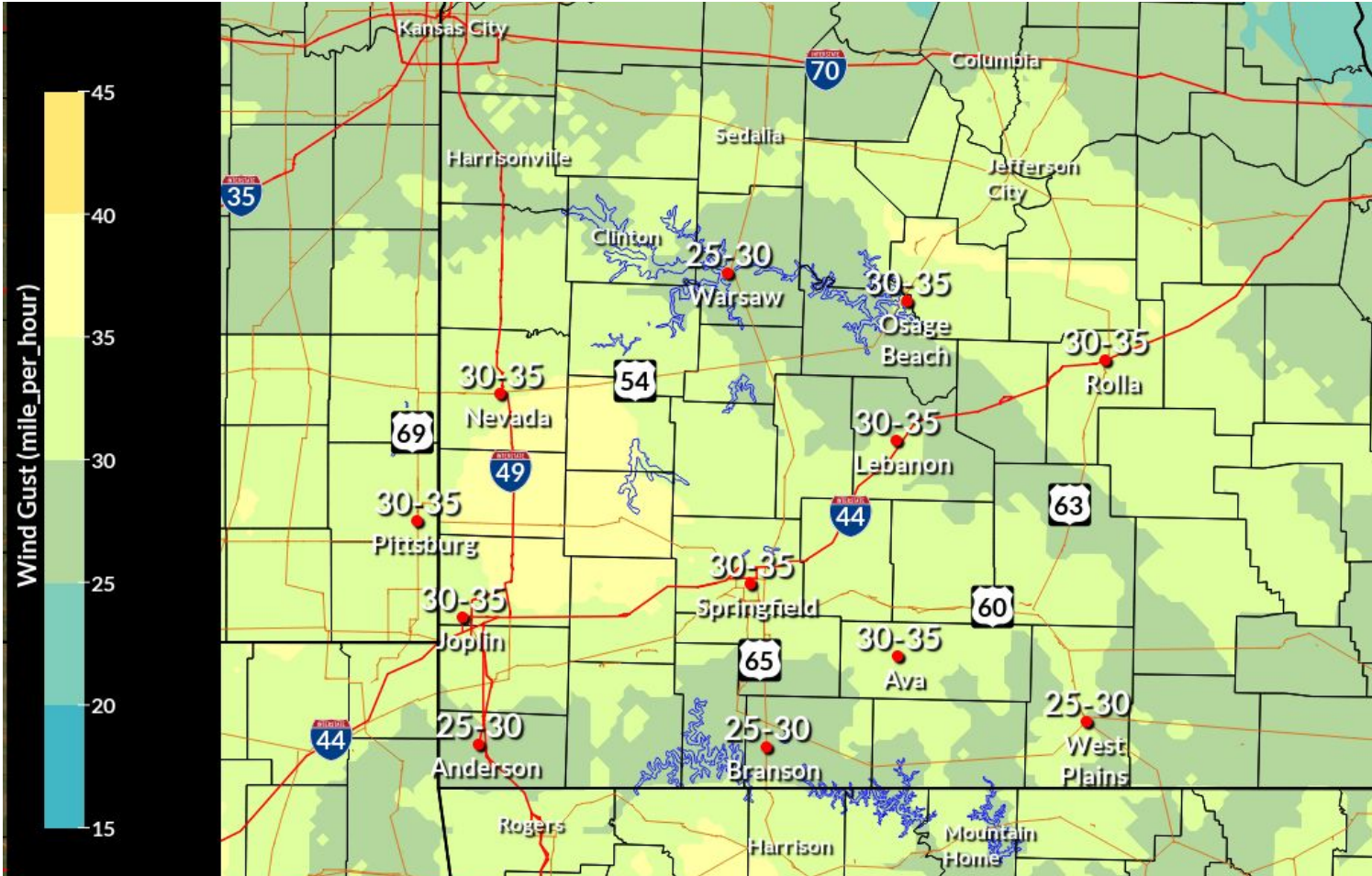
# Winds Today

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Maximum 20ft and Peak Wind Gusts Today



Maximum 20 Ft winds



Peak Wind Gusts



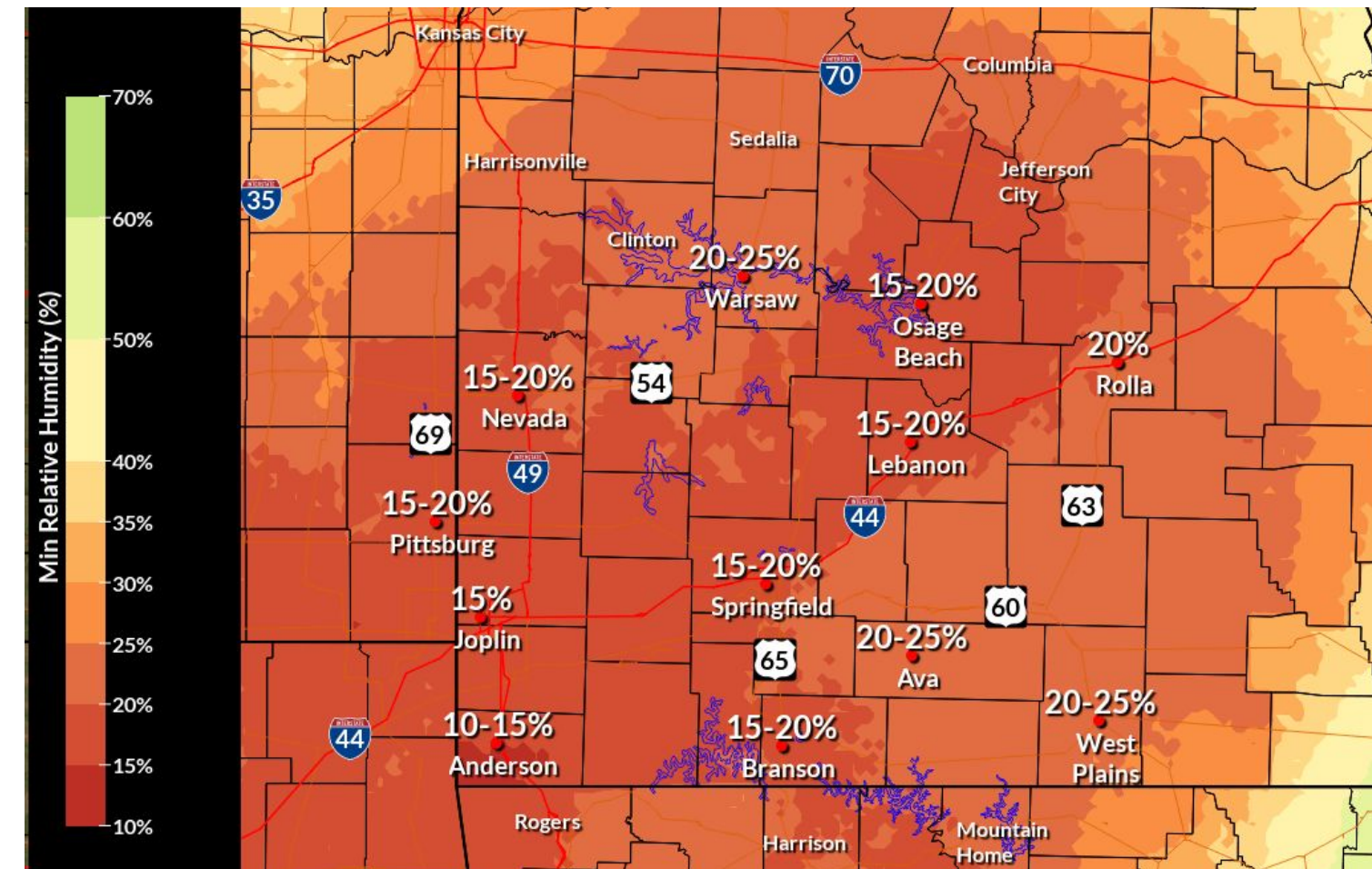




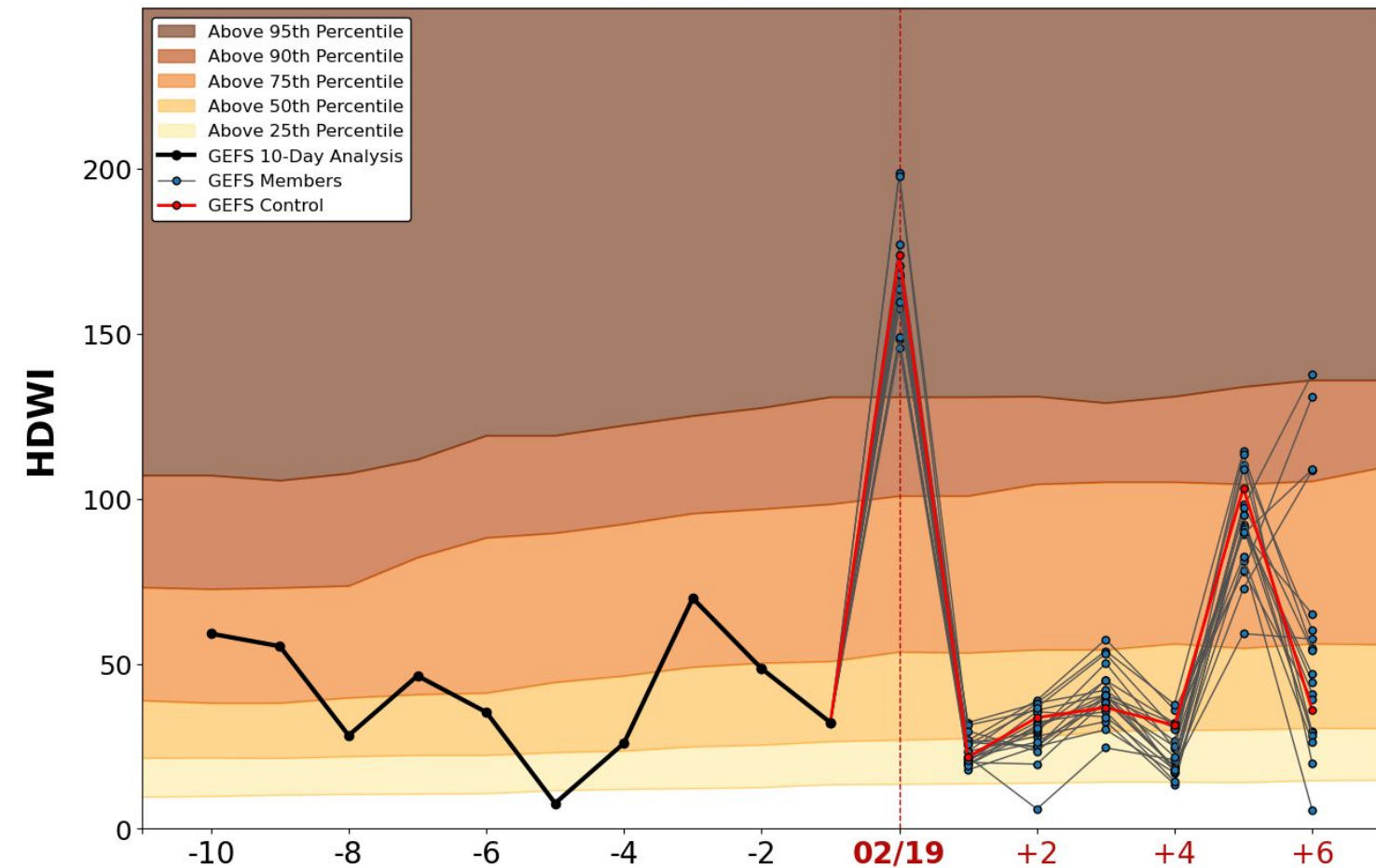
# Minimum Relative Humidity

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Today



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Today's - Hot, Dry, and Windy Index (HDWI)



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### Maximum Temperature (°F) & RH (%) Forecast



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# Additional Resources

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## For Additional Information

- [NWS Springfield Webpage](#)
- [IDSS Point Forecasts](#)
- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
- [Fire Weather Dashboard](#)
- [NWS Springfield Fire Page](#)
- [NWS Spot Forecast Page](#)

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## WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING?

A warning issued when **critical fire weather conditions** are happening or about to happen.

It does not necessarily mean there is a fire, but that conditions will be very dry and windy. If a fire is present, it can become extreme!

**Avoid activities that could spark a wildfire!**



### Take Action!

- ✓ Make your wildfire plan, with at least 2 evacuation routes
- ✓ Maintain your go kit
- ✓ Follow fire prevention tips and regulations
- ✓ Listen to local officials for updates and evacuation orders

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## ¿Qué es un Aviso de Bandera Roja?

Un Aviso es emitido cuando están ocurriendo o se espera que ocurran condiciones del tiempo críticas para incendios.

No necesariamente indica que hay un fuego, sino que las condiciones estarán muy secas y ventosas. De ocurrir un fuego, ¡se puede tornar extremo!

**¡Evite actividades que puedan causar incendios forestales!**



### ¡Tome Acción!

- ✓ Desarrolle un plan para incendios forestales, que incluya al menos 2 rutas de evacuación.
- ✓ Mantenga un kit de emergencias listo.
- ✓ Siga los consejos y regulaciones para la prevención de incendios.
- ✓ Preste atención a los oficiales locales para las actualizaciones y órdenes de evacuación.

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