



Severe Thunderstorms Today - Tonight

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Key Messages

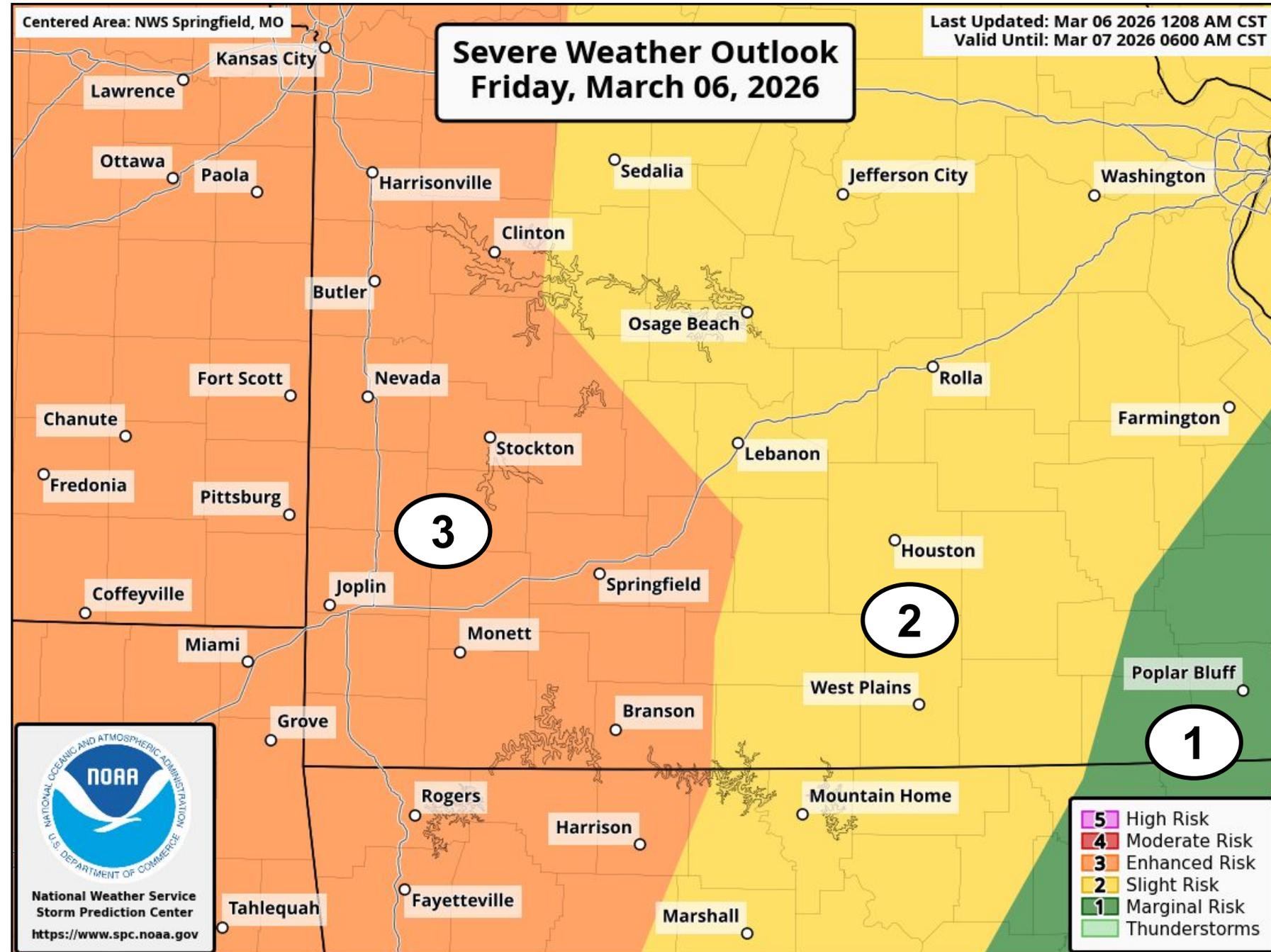
- Slight (2 of 5) to Enhanced (3 of 5) severe risk this afternoon through tonight.
- Two rounds of storms. First round this afternoon and evening west of Highway 65 and late this evening into the overnight hours across the entire area.
- Severe storms will be capable of producing large hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes with both rounds.
- Overnight timing introduces additional danger.

NEW Important Updates

- Included additional and refined hazard/timing details

Next Scheduled Briefing

- This afternoon



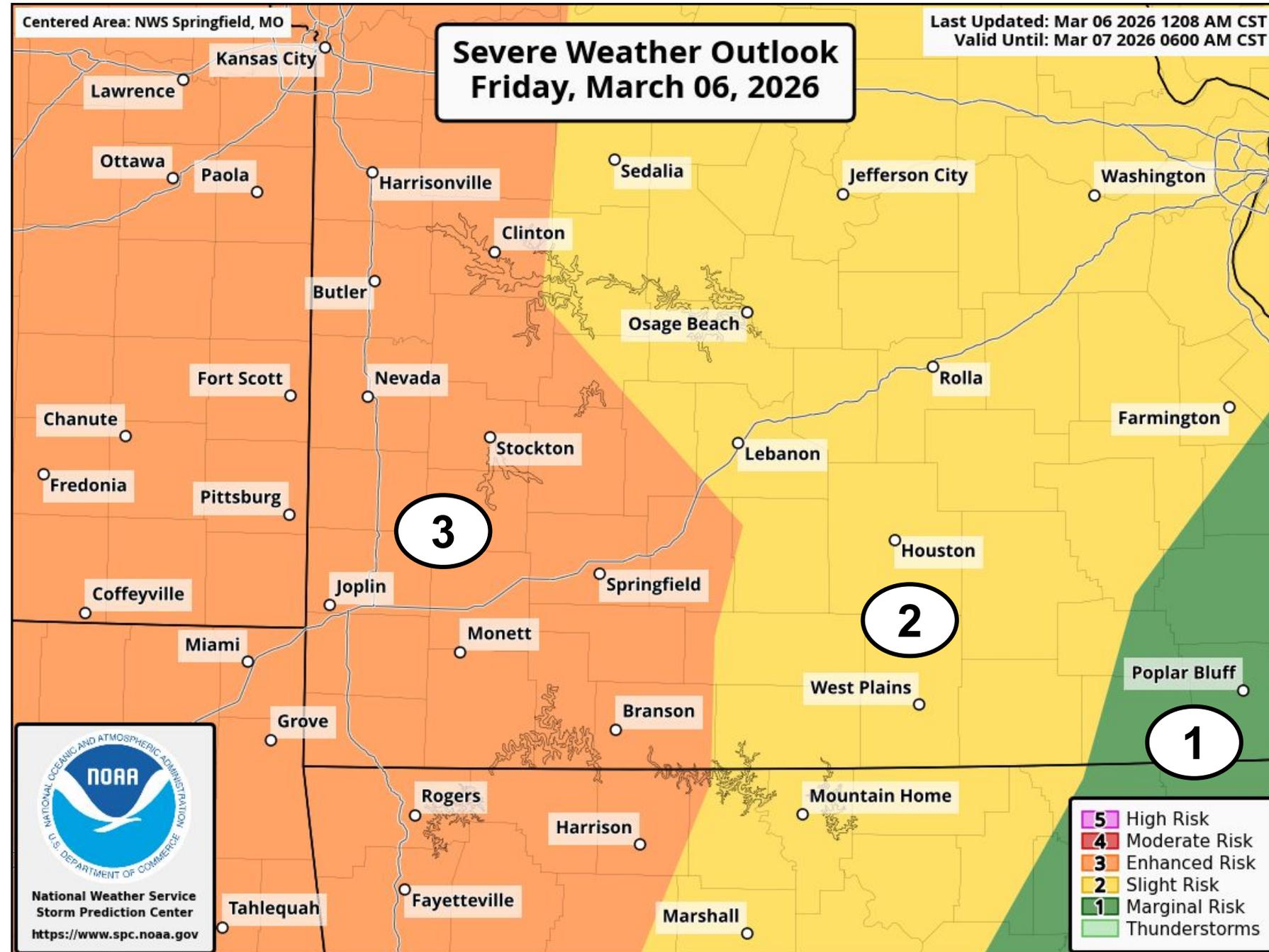


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Key Points

- Severe thunderstorms are expected this afternoon/evening, lasting into early Saturday morning.
- All hazards possible, including large hail up to two inches to tennis ball size, 70 mph damaging wind gusts, and tornadoes.
- Supercells and bowing clusters are expected first, with a line of thunderstorms to come later.
- The greatest large hail and tornado risk will be west of Highway 65 with the initial supercells this afternoon/evening.
- Damaging winds then become the primary risk with the squall line across the entire area late this evening and through tonight. This line will also have a weaker spin-up tornado risk.





Hazard Probabilities Today - Tonight

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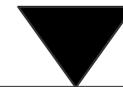
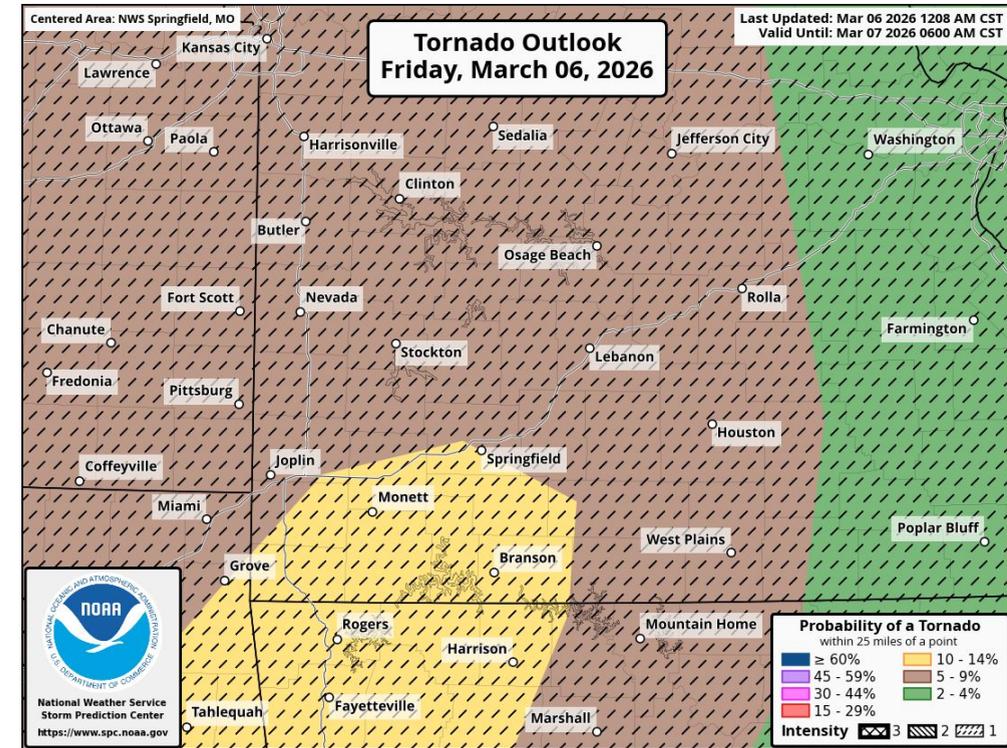
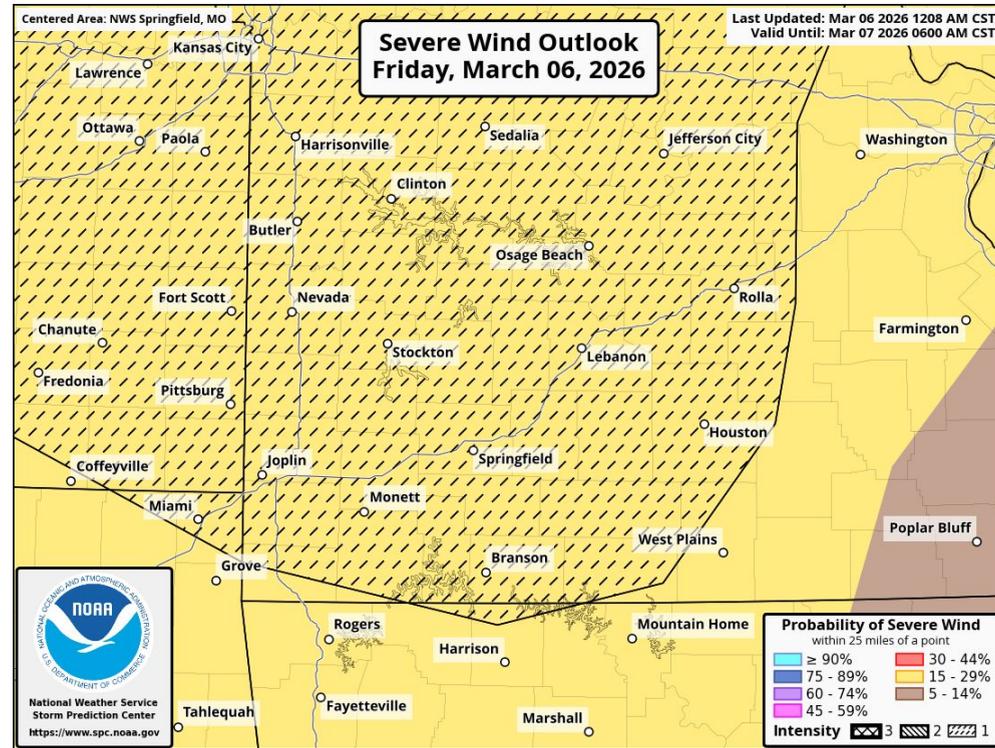
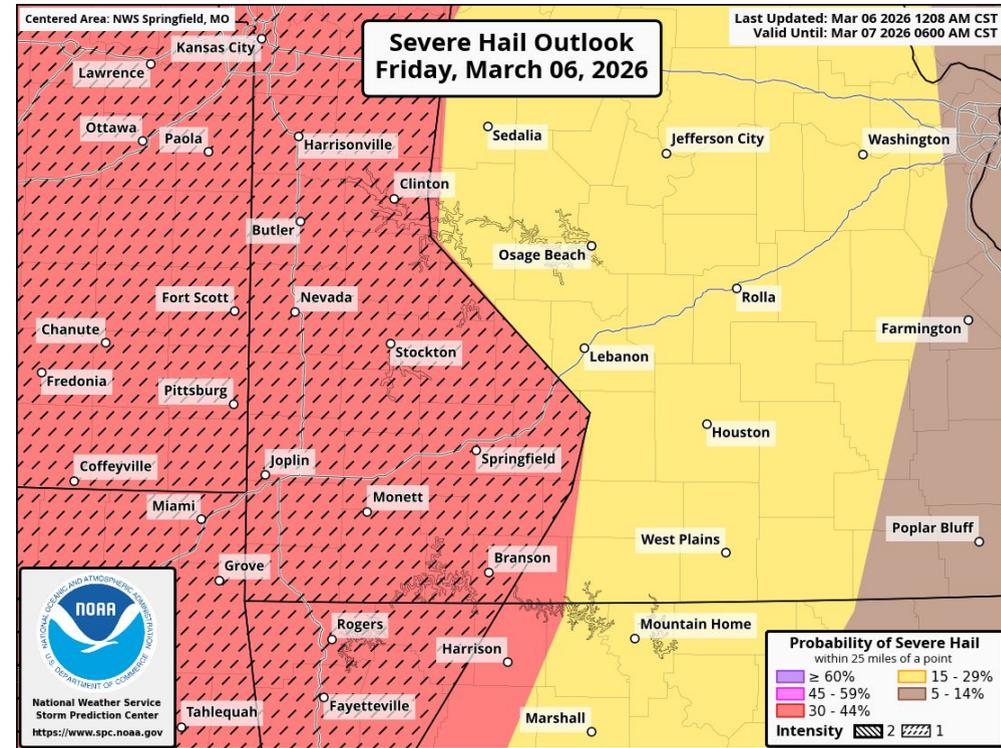
Hail Probability



Wind Probability



Tornado Probability



Pennies	Quarters	Golf Balls	Baseballs
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< 60 mph	60-70 mph	70-80 mph	>80 mph
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Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
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Storm Timing Windows

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Round 1: Semi-Discrete

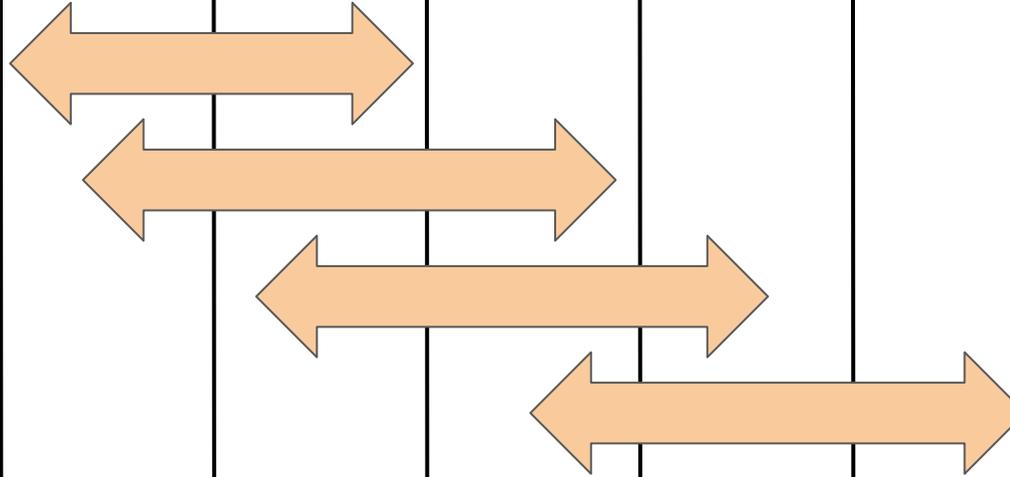
Along and west of I-49 Corridor

I-49 Corridor - Hwy 65 Corridor

Hwy 65 Corridor - Hwy 63 Corridor

Along and east of Hwy 63

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Quarter Golf Balls Baseball



60-70 mph 70-80 mph >80 mph



Low Medium High



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Round 2: Squall Line

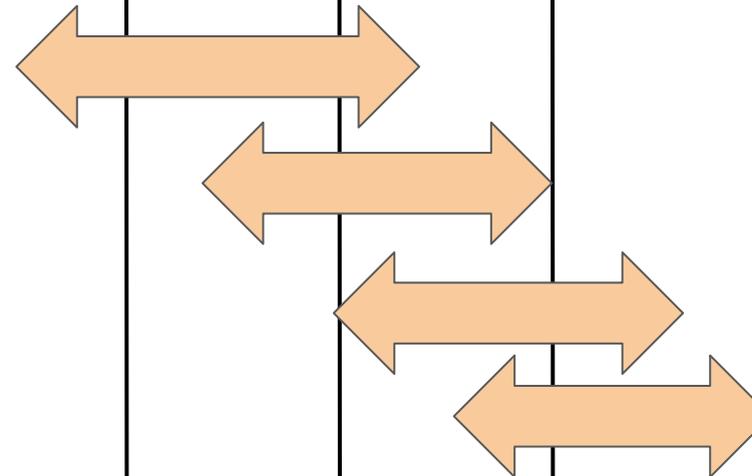
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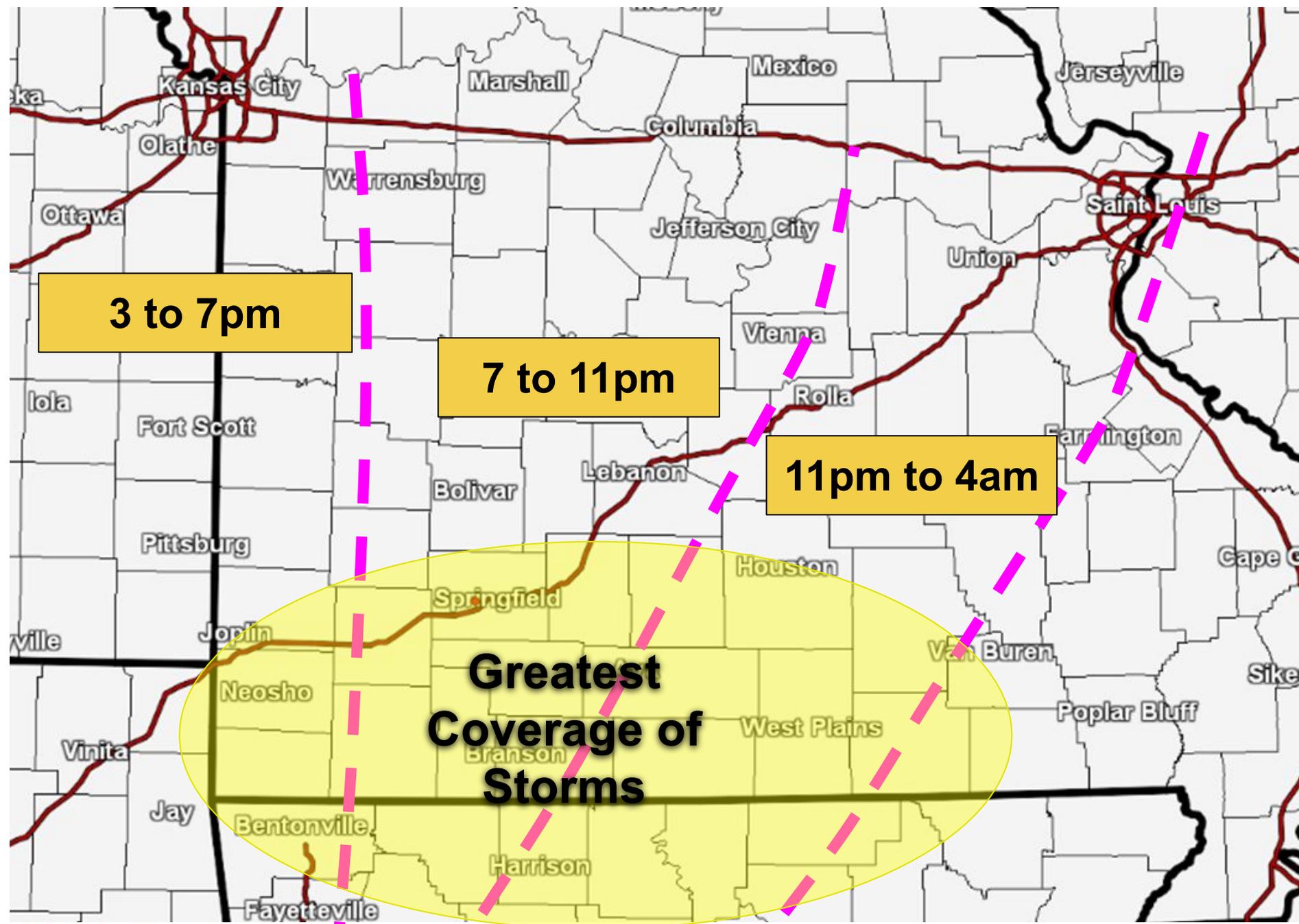
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Round 1 Storm Timing & Locations

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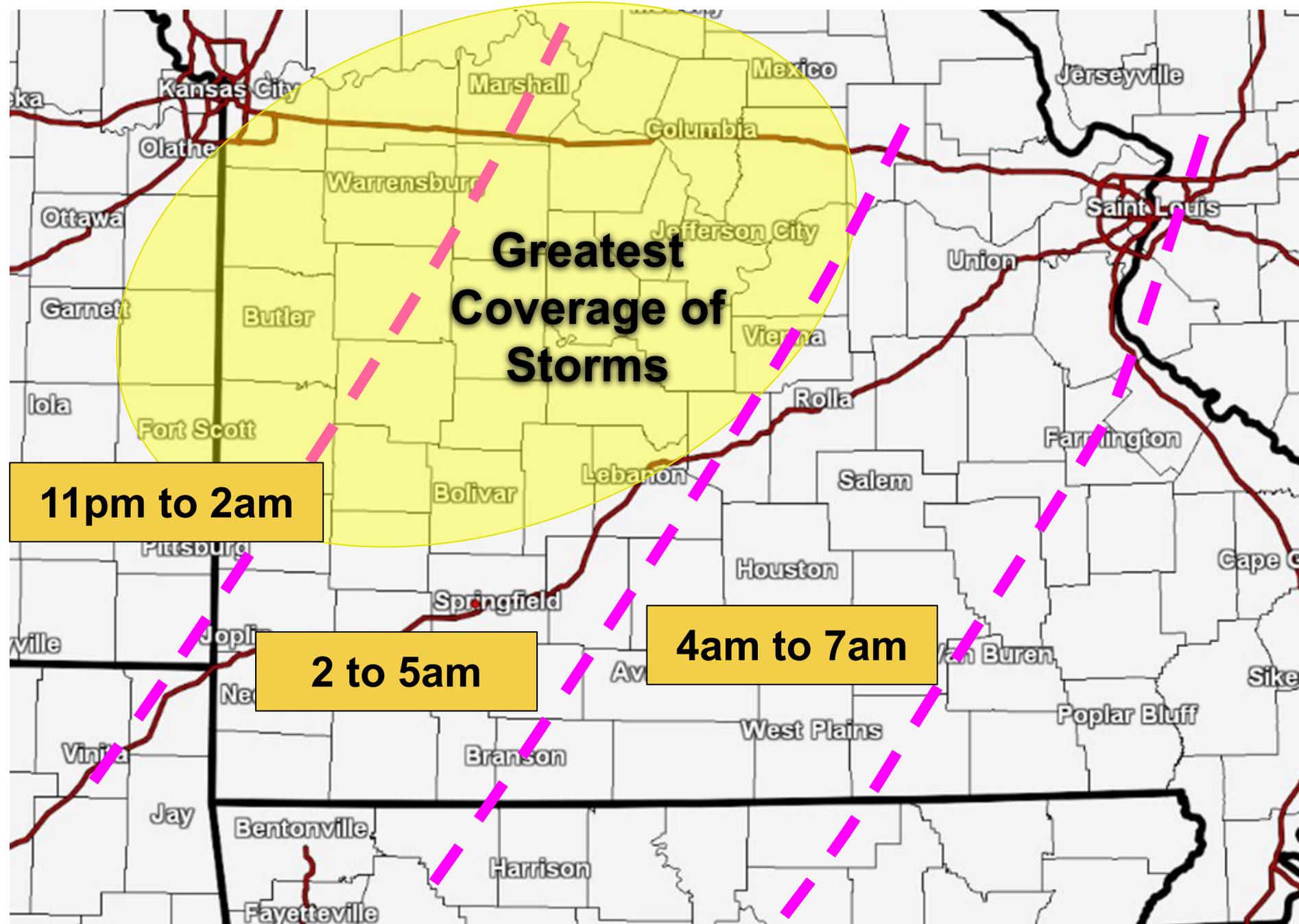
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Round 2 Storm Timing & Locations

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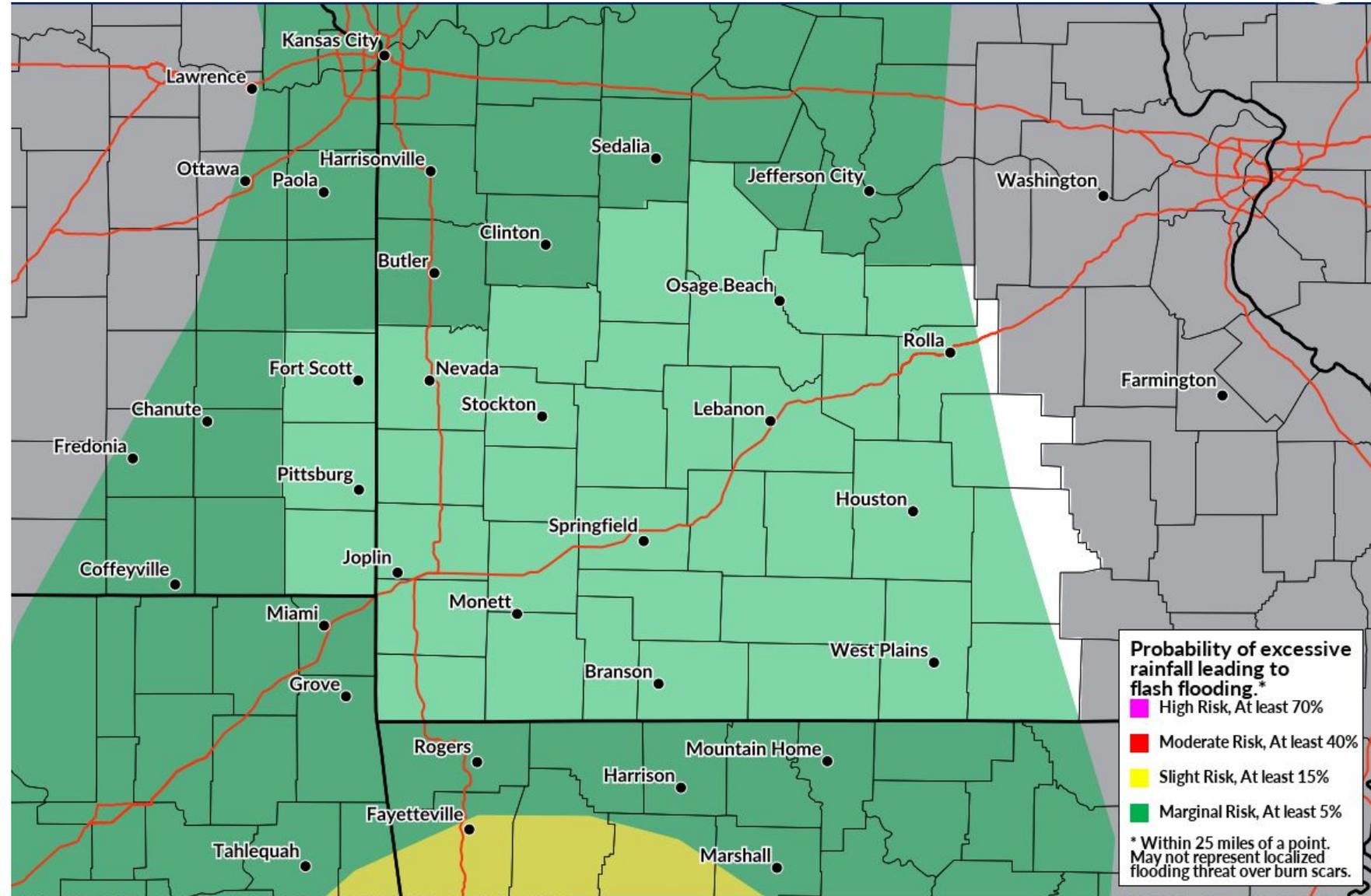
Excessive Rainfall Outlook Today - Tonight

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Excessive Rainfall Outlook for Today - Tonight

Key Points

- 1-4 inches of rain fell across the area on Wednesday.
- Soils have become saturated, with flooding reported earlier this week.
- We are seeing responses to the rainfall across area riverways in several basins, indicating that additional rainfall could cause further flooding concerns.
- Stronger storms today/tonight may have rain rates up to 1-2 in/hr, which could lead to localized flooding despite widespread totals forecast at 0.5-1" with localized amounts up to 1-2".



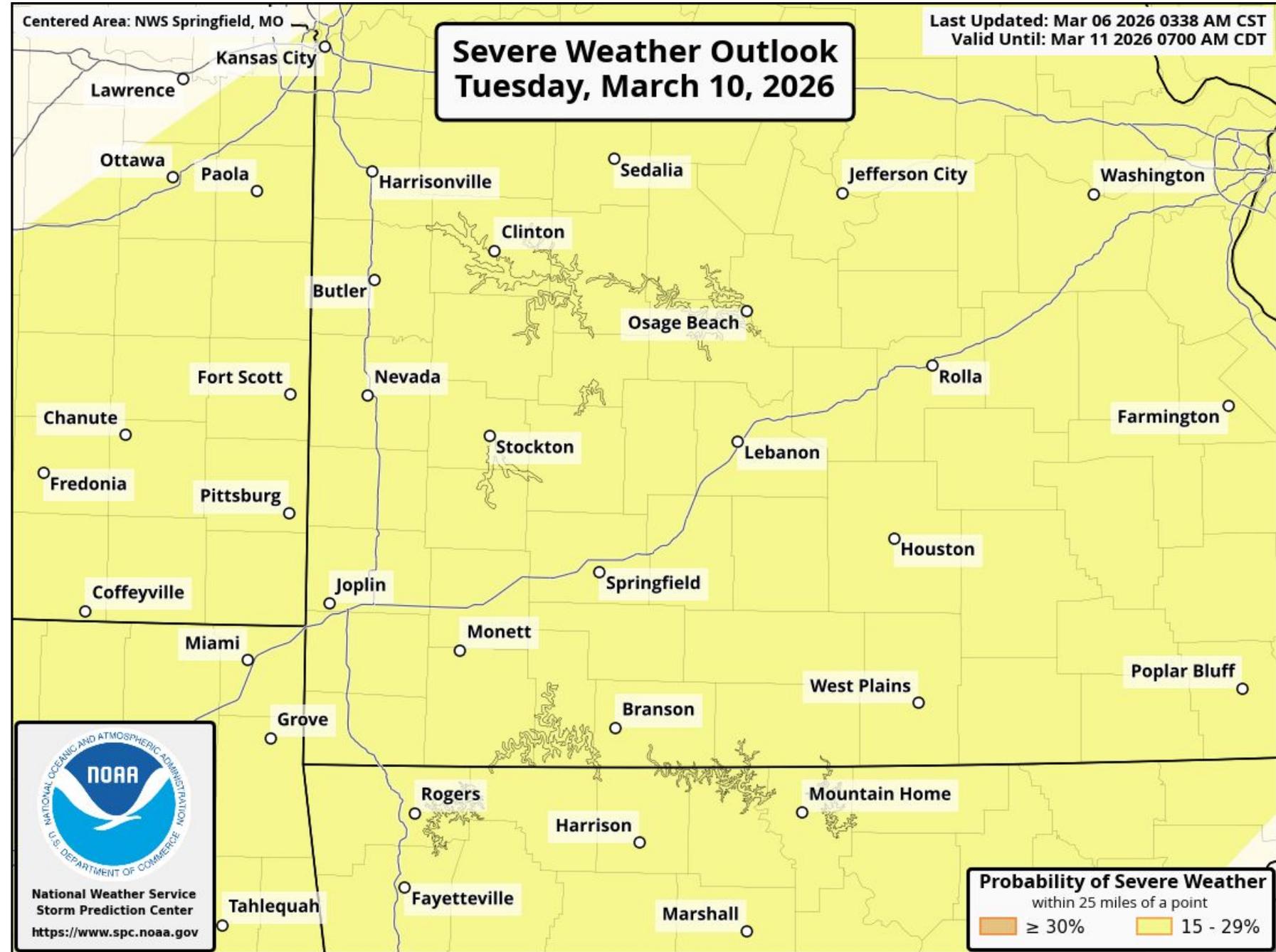


Severe Potential Next Week

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Key Points

- Active weather continues into next week as well.
- Details in timing, location, storm mode, hazards, or impacts are minimal at this time.
- Stay weather aware and keep checking the forecast for further clarity in details as they become available.





Location



Timing



Impacts



Hazard Intensity



Confidence Details

- Medium-high confidence that most locations will see thunderstorms with multiple rounds potentially becoming widespread lines of storms.
- Exact timing of maximum intensity of each round is still in flux based on the environment in place.

Alternate Scenarios

- The strength/coverage of the first round may influence the strength/coverage of the second round. If the first round has intense storms that congeal into clusters or a line, the second round may be weaker.
- Vice versa, if the first round is weak or low in coverage, the second round may be stronger.



For Additional Information

- [NWS Springfield Webpage](#)
- [IDSS Point Forecasts](#)
- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
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