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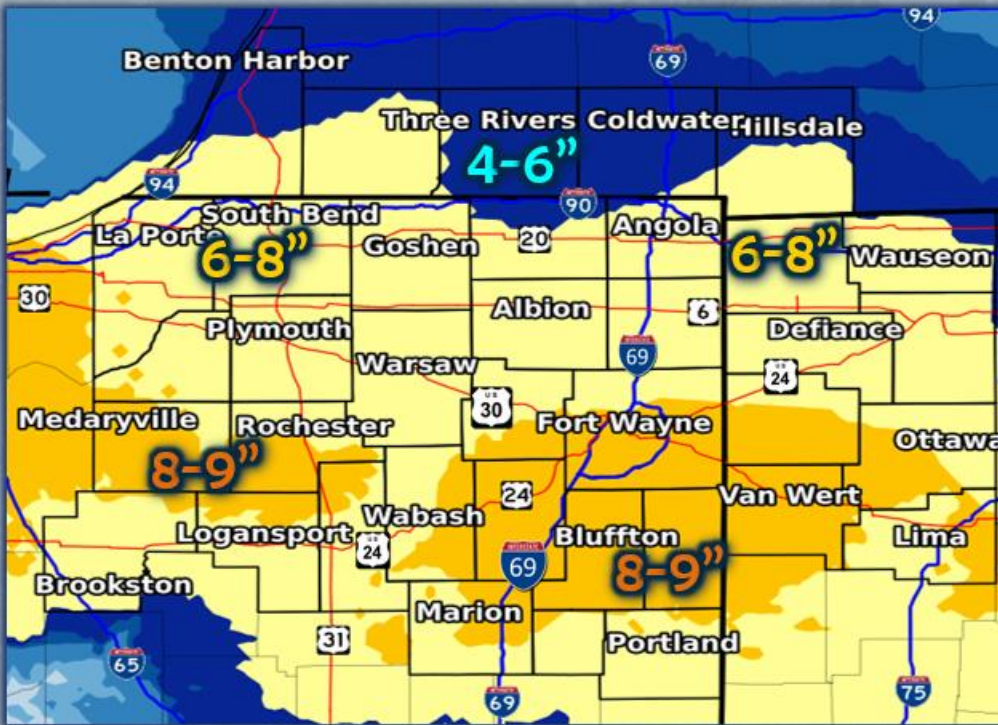


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Winter Storm Briefing

Winter Storm Briefing for Saturday-Sunday (1/30-1/31)



- High threat of 6 inches of snow area-wide
- Some potential for 8+” snow generally along and south of a line from South Bend to Fort Wayne
- South of a line from Portland, IN to Monticello, IN has a chance to see a period of a wintry mix during the event.

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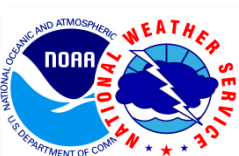


- Medium to high confidence in storm track and specific snow amounts
- Heavy wet snow with the possibility of a wintry mix along a line from Portland to Monticello IN.
- Snowfall amounts will likely change as we get closer to the event.

Important Forecast Changes

Snowfall amounts have been increased and a winter storm watch has been issued.

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Event Timing & Main Threats

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What to Expect



>6" Snow Accumulation



Low Threat

High Threat



>8" Snow Accumulation



Low Threat

High Threat



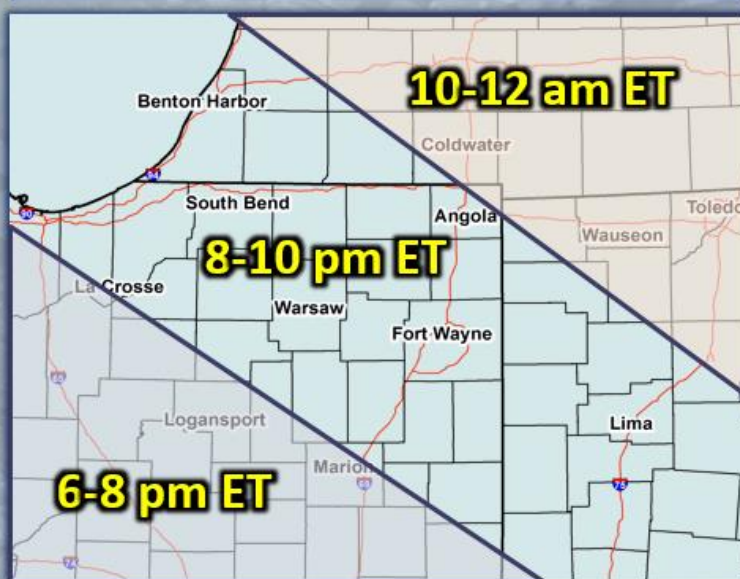
Blowing/Drifting Snow



Low Threat

High Threat

Event Start Times



Snow will move from SW to NE Saturday evening

Confidence in Timing

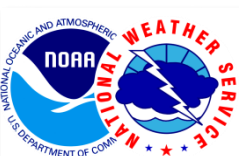
High



Medium

Low

- Approximate start times Saturday night
- Saturday night and Sunday travel impacted, especially Sunday morning
- Heaviest snowfall rates expected Saturday night into Sunday morning



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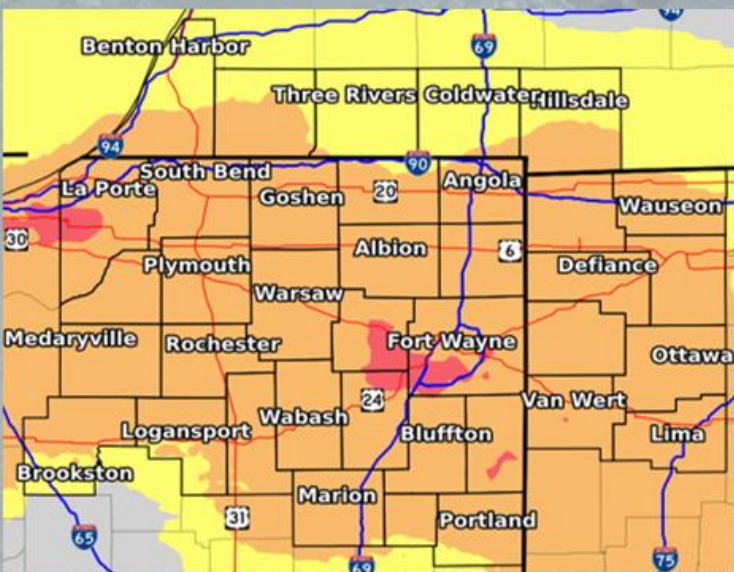


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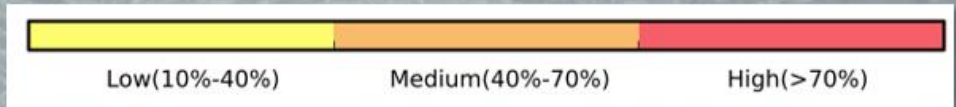
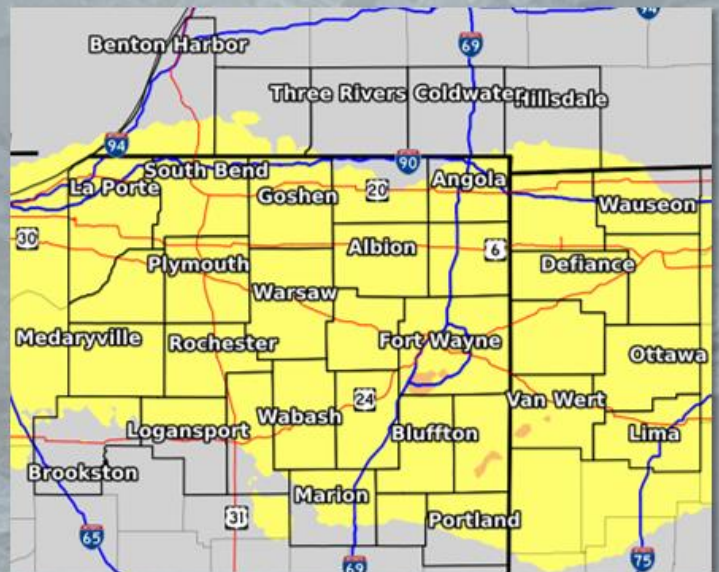
Potential Snowfall Amounts

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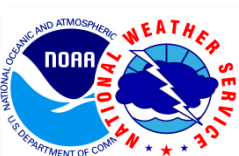
Potential for 6+” Snow



Potential for 8+” Snow



- We have increased confidence in a 6 to 8 inch snowfall event
- The area that could receive these totals has increased since our last forecast



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Event Summary

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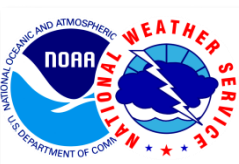
What to Expect

Confidence Event Will Occur **High**



What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 5 to 9 inch snow storm with highest totals south of a line from SBN to FWA • Highest intensity from late Saturday night into Sunday morning
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most likely snow breaks out Saturday evening • Snow lingers during day Sunday and dissipates Sunday night
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All snow north of a line from Portland, IN to Monticello, IN • Some wintry mix may occur south of that line
Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commutes: Sunday travel • Power outage potential: Low, but non-zero. • Heavy, wet snow will be difficult to shovel • All major roads impacted, including:  <p>(Primary and secondary roads throughout the area)</p>

- Gusty winds 20 to 30 mph and heavy wet snow lead to a hazardous event for travel.
- Low visibility will be possible in stronger snow bands



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What can you do?

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Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist



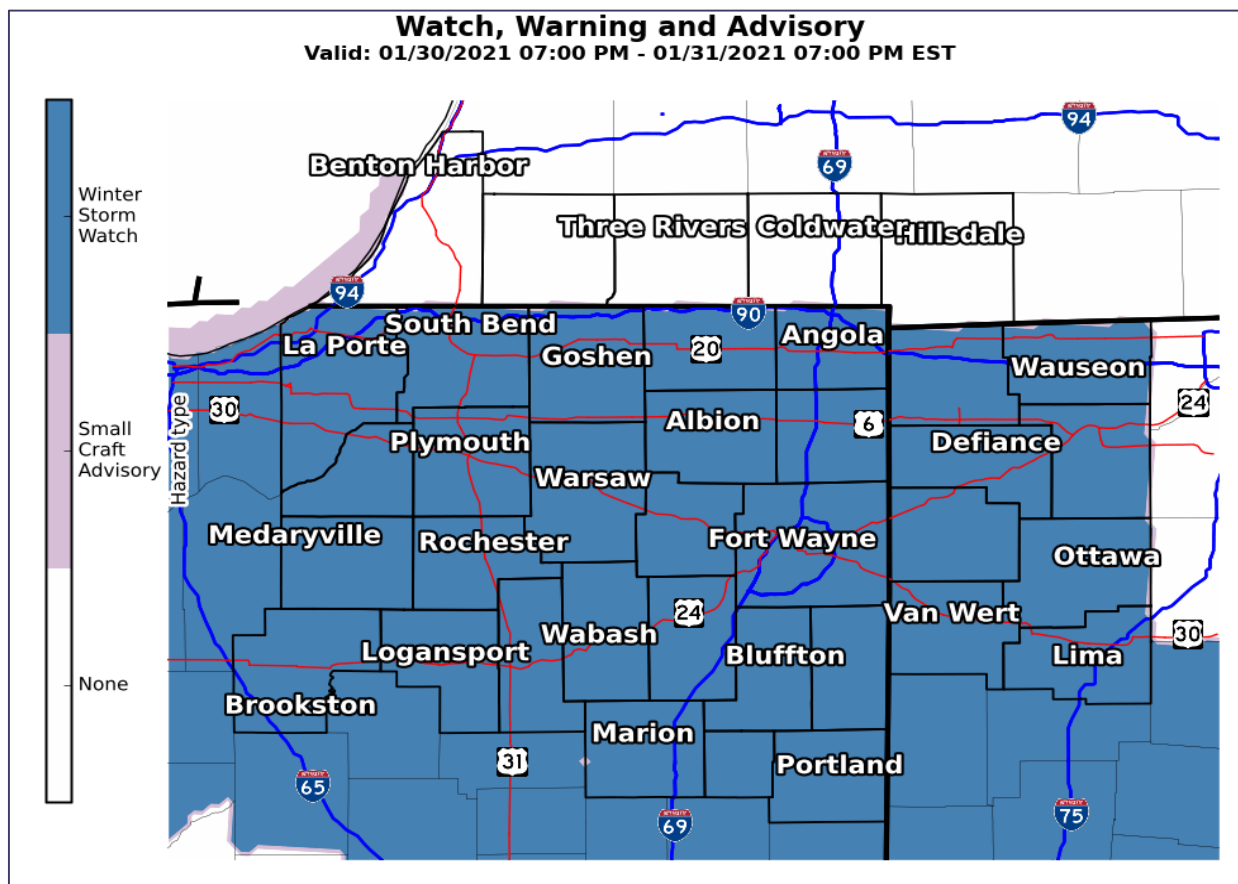
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Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Perishable Food
Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/>  Sand/Kitty Litter
Used for Traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Snow Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water | <input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone & Charger |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Ice Scraper with Brush | <input type="checkbox"/>  Booster Cables | <input type="checkbox"/>  Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects |

- Make sure your car is ready to take on plowable snow. Top off fluids/gas.
- Consider any travel plans you have. Can they be postponed?

- Here are some things you can do to prepare for the incoming storm.



Watches, Warnings & Advisories



Winter Weather Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about winter weather:

- As little as 1/16" of ice can begin to impact roadways and sidewalks.
- As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate. The "wind chill" is a way for meteorologists to communicate what the combination of wind and temperature "feels like" to exposed skin.

Preparedness:

- A **Winter Storm Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for significant winter weather. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Winter Storm Warning** is issued when a combination of heavy snow, blowing snow, and possibly ice mixed with snow is expected to impact the area. *Time to act!*
- A **Winter Weather Advisory** is issued when conditions will cause travel difficulties and other minor impacts. Use caution.

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