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Good Evening,

Since this morning, snowfall totals have increased slightly and a Winter Storm Watch has been issued for Western NC into portions of the NW Piedmont from Thursday evening through Friday evening. Accumulating snowfall may create hazardous road conditions Thursday night into Friday and again Friday night into Saturday as temperatures drop below freezing once more.

The track of the low pressure system, how far it remains to our south, and the amount of cold air that can move into the area will ultimately determine where the snow/rain line occurs in the Piedmont and how much snow accumulation is possible.

Western NC

- Snow is expected to begin to accumulate late evening Thursday in the SW, progressing north and east with most of the mountains receiving snow by late Thursday. Snowfall will peak Friday morning and gradually end from the west Friday night.
    - There is potential for periods of heavy snow where quick accumulations are likely within the mountains as the system moves across the region.
- Total snow accumulations of 3-4” is possible for much of the mountains with 6” or more possible at higher elevations and in the NW. As much as 2” of snow is possible along the I-40 corridor.
    - Confidence is increasing for a brief period of sleet or freezing rain, mainly along

the Blue Ridge. Any accumulations of sleet or ice are expected to be minor with very light icing (<0.10”) expected.

- While no significant wind impacts are expected, breezy conditions are forecast along the ridgetops that could create blowing snow at times.
- Winter Storm Warnings and/or Winter Weather Advisories will likely be issued overnight tonight.

Central NC

- Precipitation will begin as rain with snow mixing in by early Friday morning for areas near the Triad region.
    - 1-2” with isolated totals of 3” of snowfall is possible within the Winter Storm Watch area Thursday night through Friday, largely along and north of the I-85 corridor.
    - It is possible that now could reach as far east as the I-95 corridor but accumulations are expected to remain low.
- Where snow does accumulate, given the heavy and wet nature of the snow, downed trees and subsequent power outages will be possible.

Eastern NC

- Mostly rain is expected for Eastern NC late Thursday through Saturday morning. There is potential for snow to mix with rain for a few hours as precipitation tapers off Friday night and into Saturday morning, largely for inland regions.
    - Most areas will not see accumulating snow but a light dusting is possible across northern portions of the east.
- Rainfall totals 0.5-1” are expected in the east, but totals up to 1.25” will be possible along the immediate Coast.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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