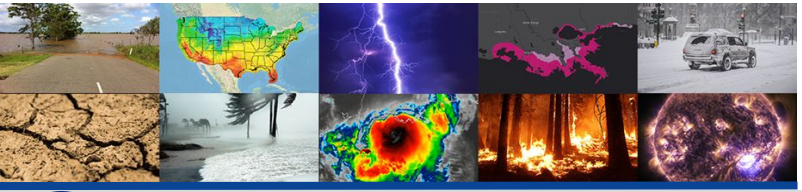
National Weather Service Burlington Weather Forecast Office

Snow and Ice Storm Review

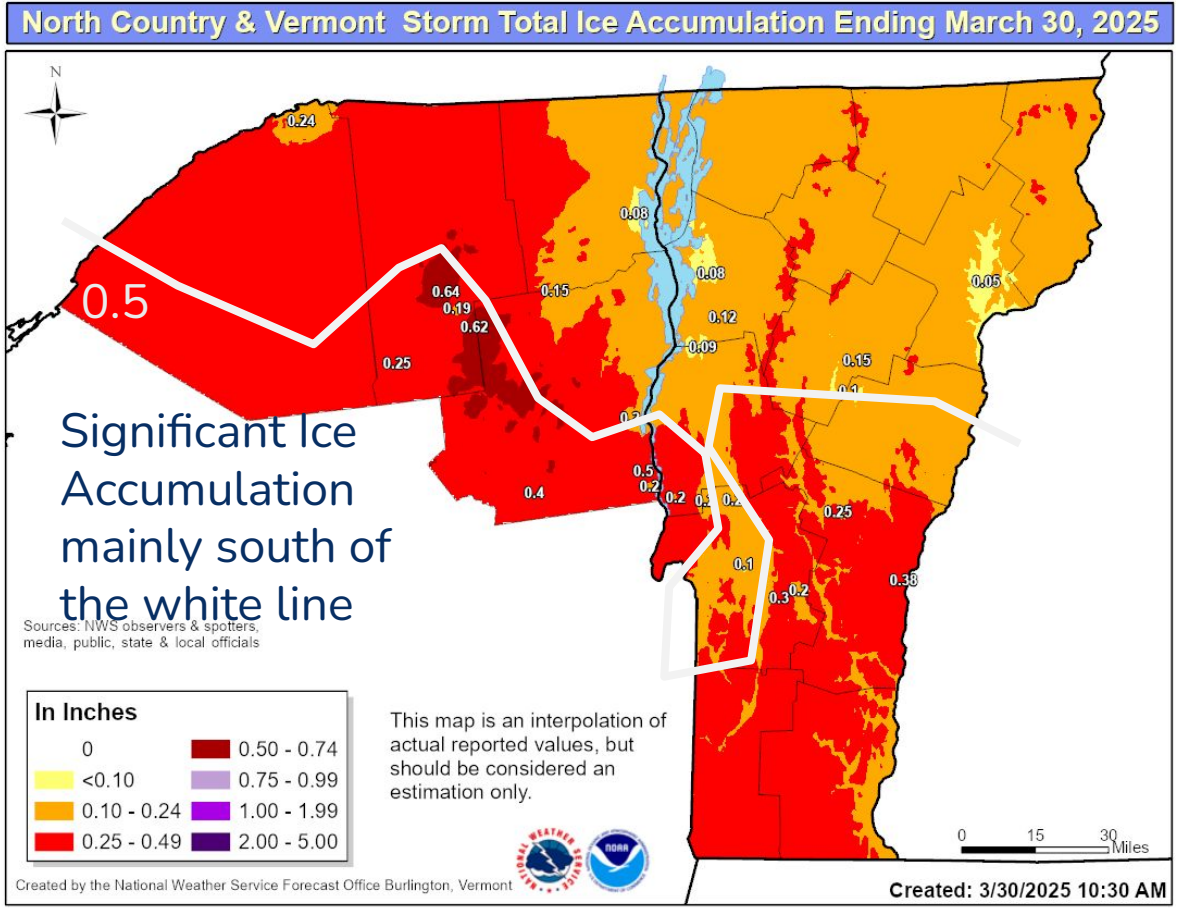
March 29-30 2025



Outline

- What happened?
  - Meteorological review
  - Impacts
- How unique?

Swath of Significant Ice Accretion on Tree Limbs and Powerlines



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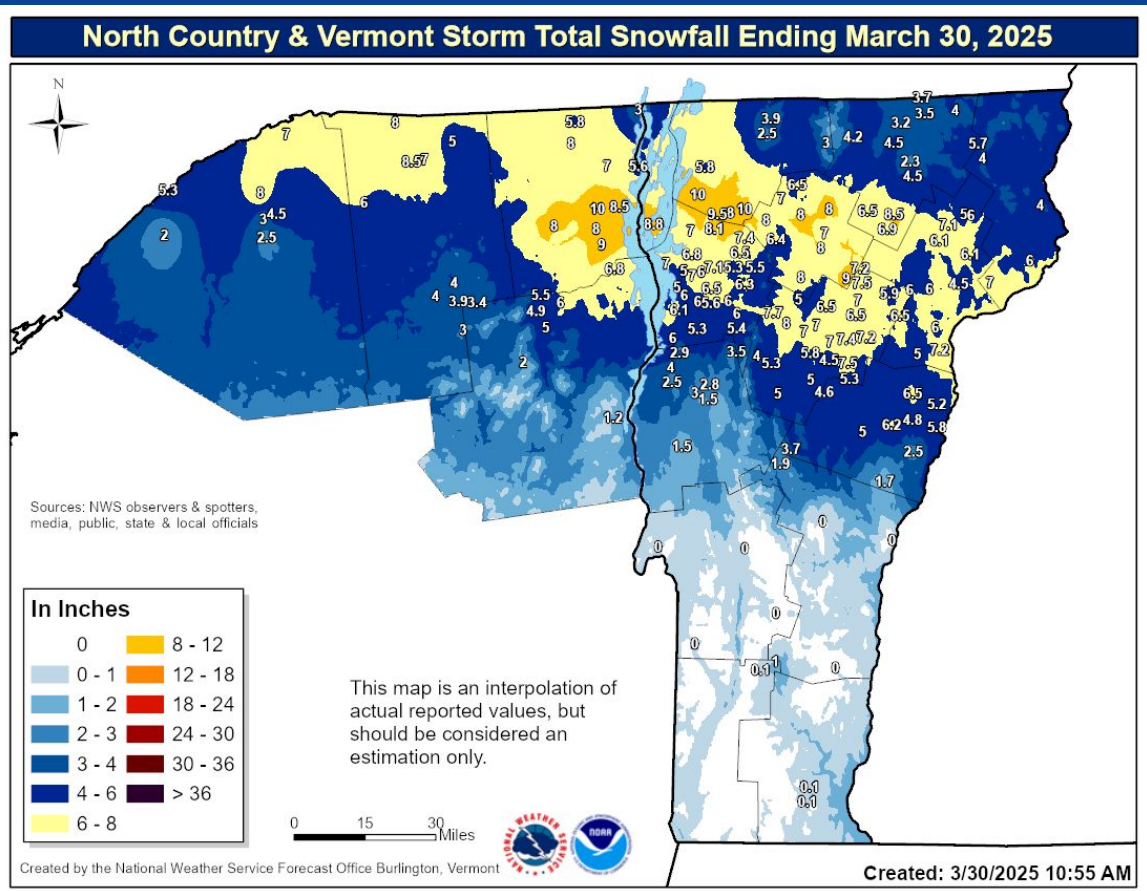
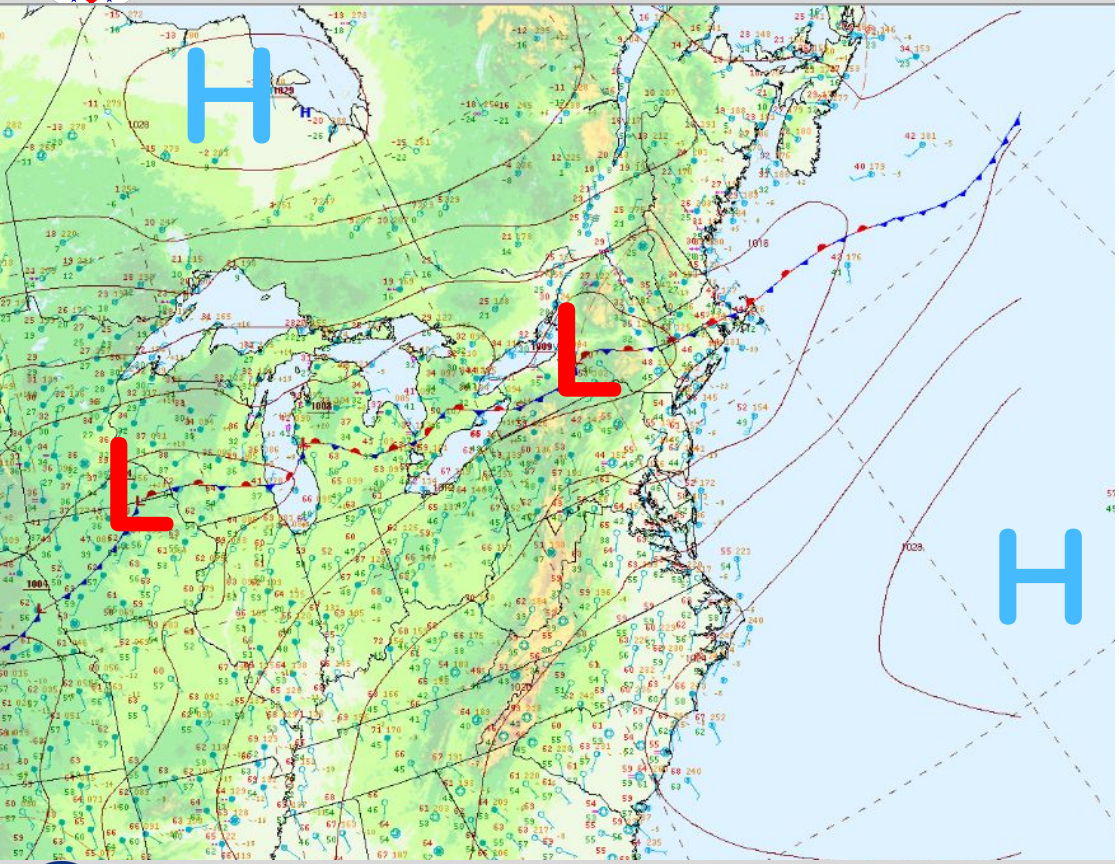


How did we get an ice storm in late March?

Large Scale Weather Pattern as the storm began



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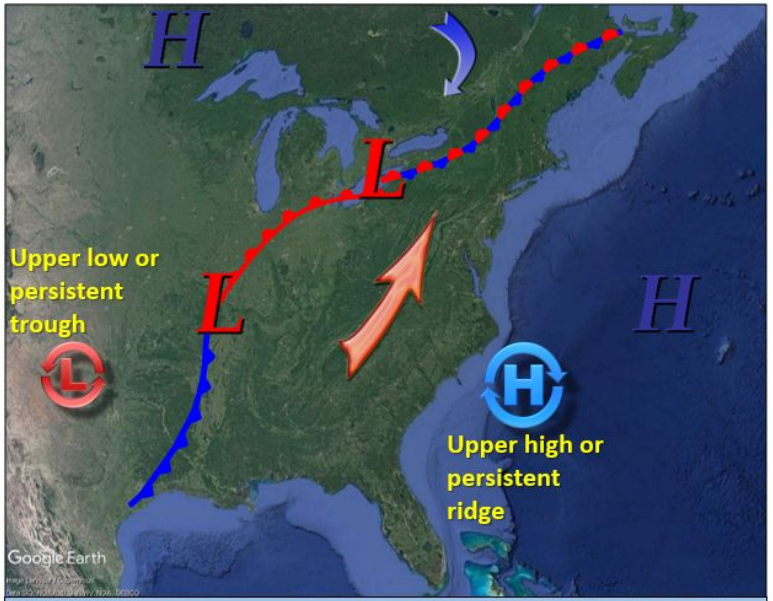

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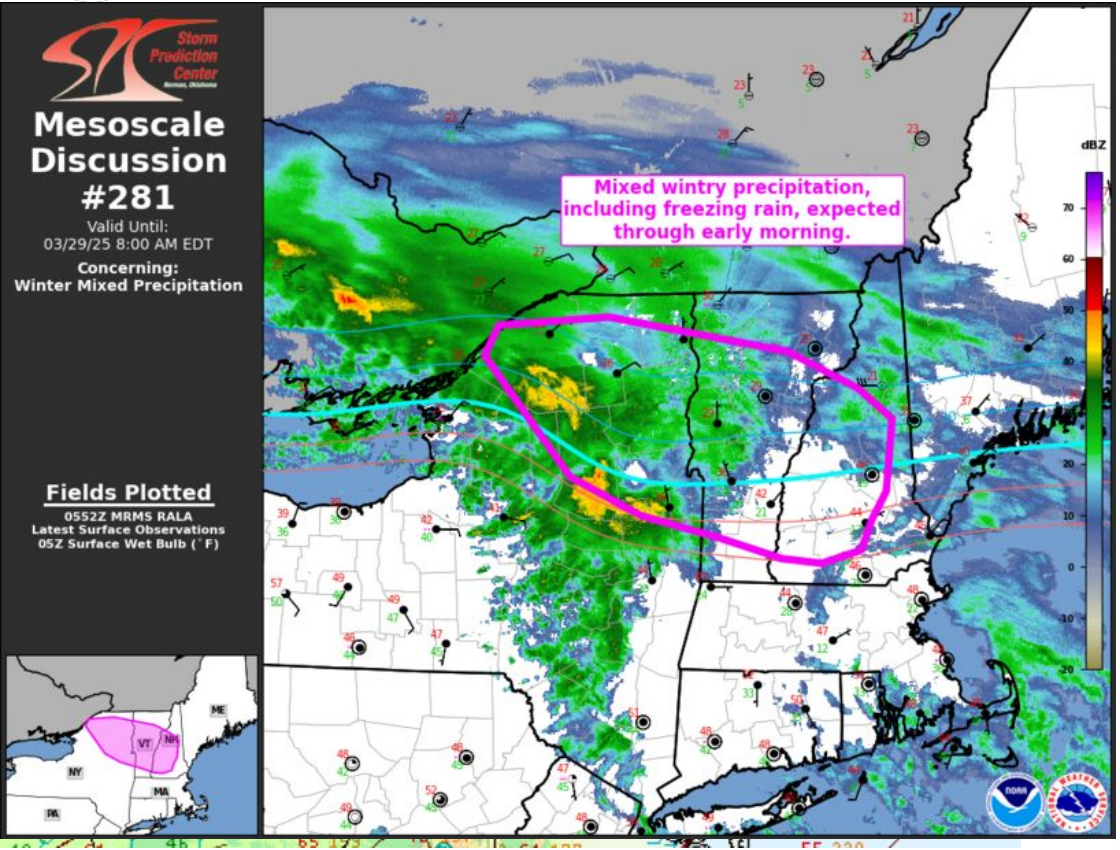

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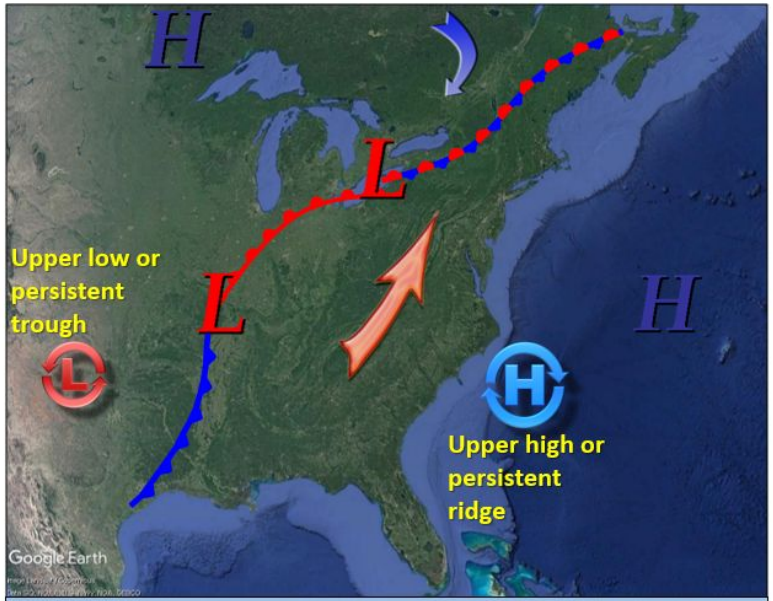

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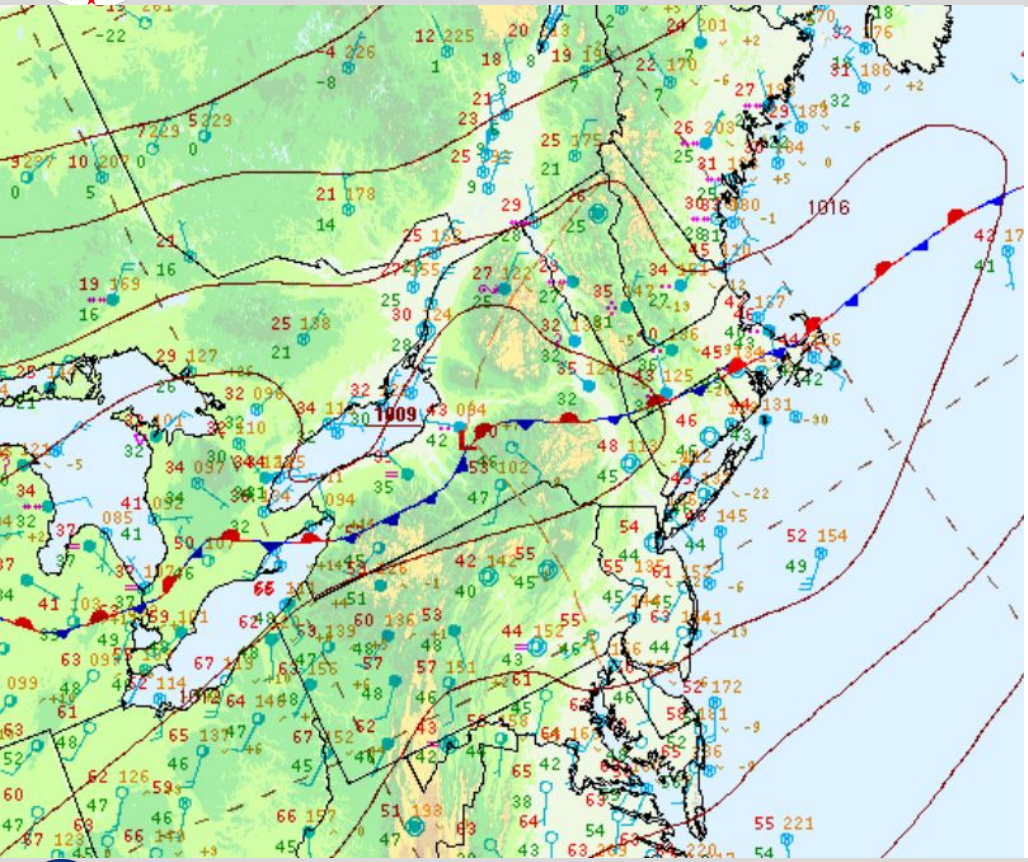

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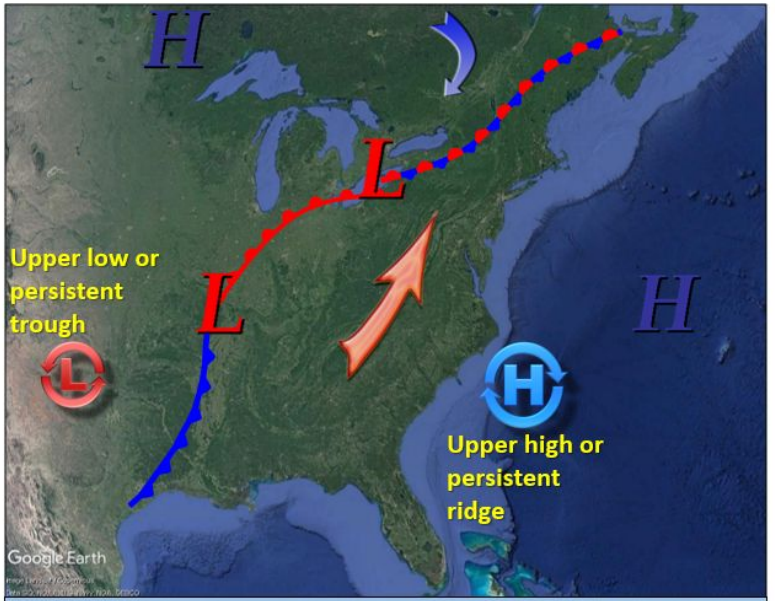

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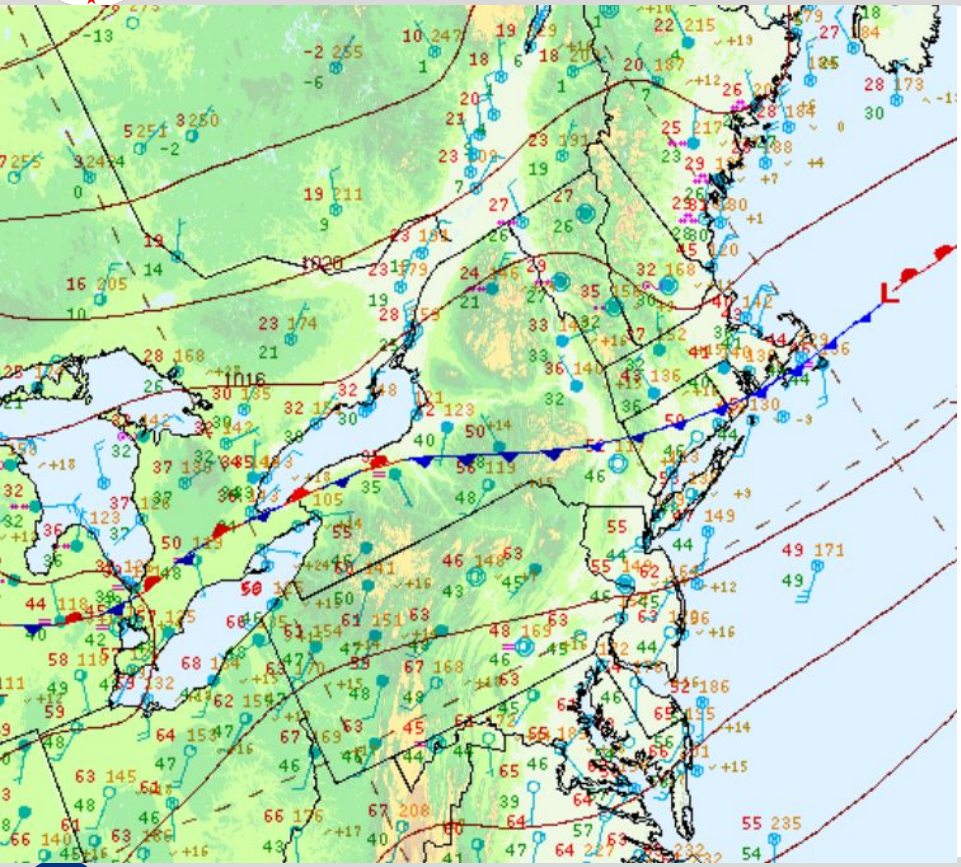

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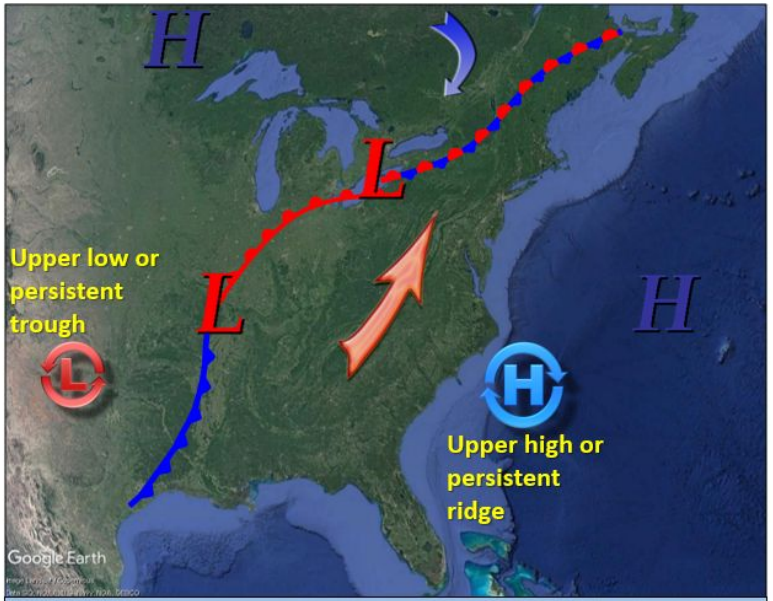

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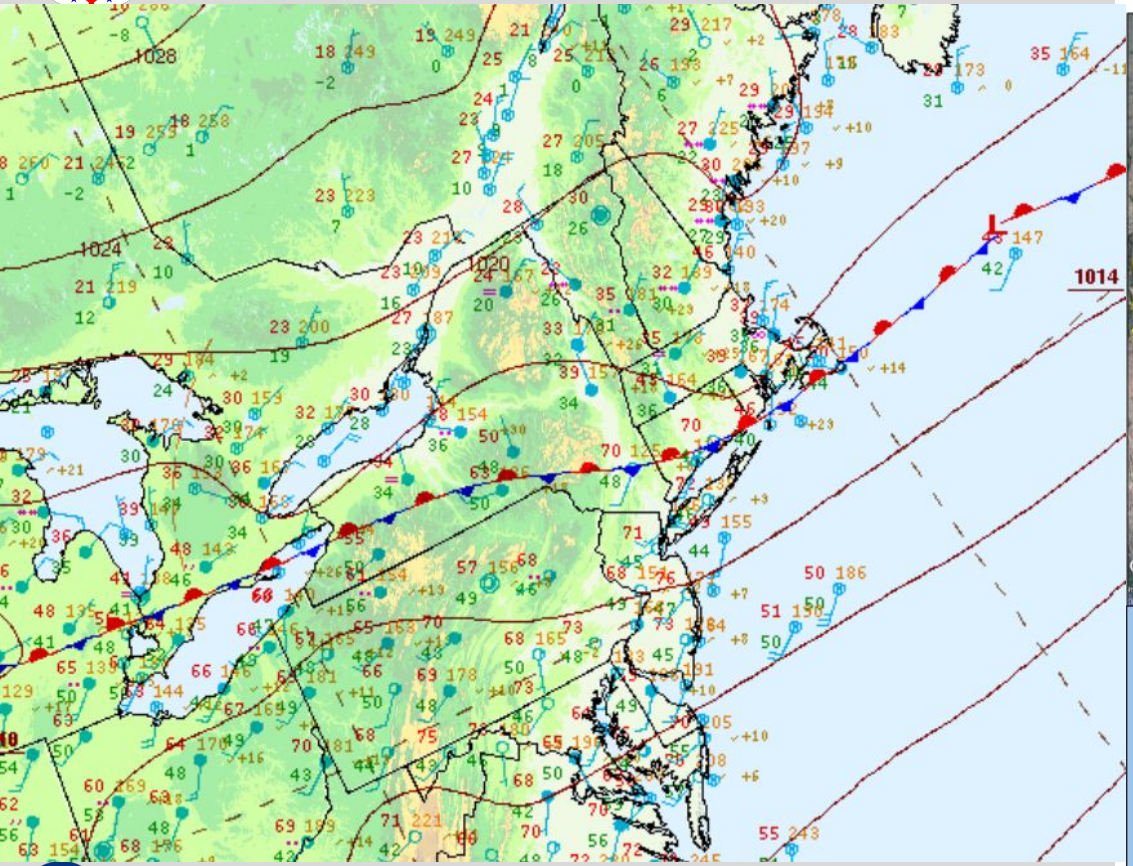

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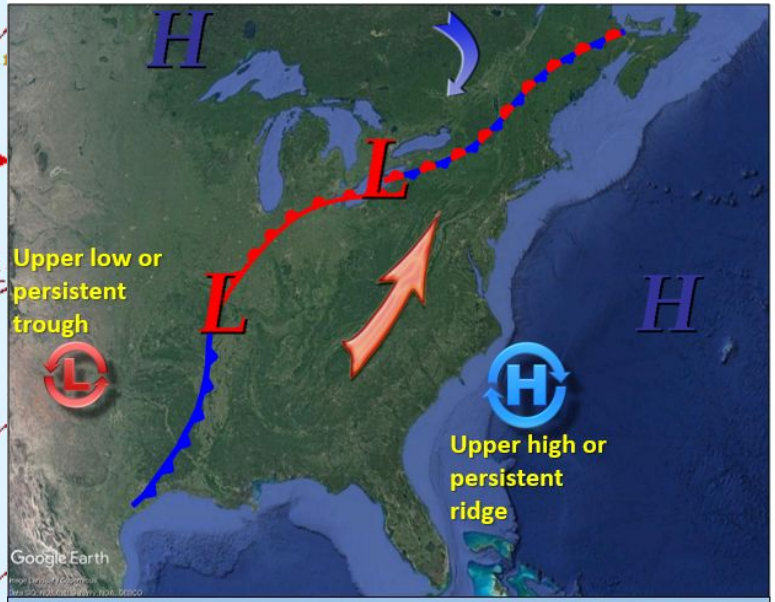

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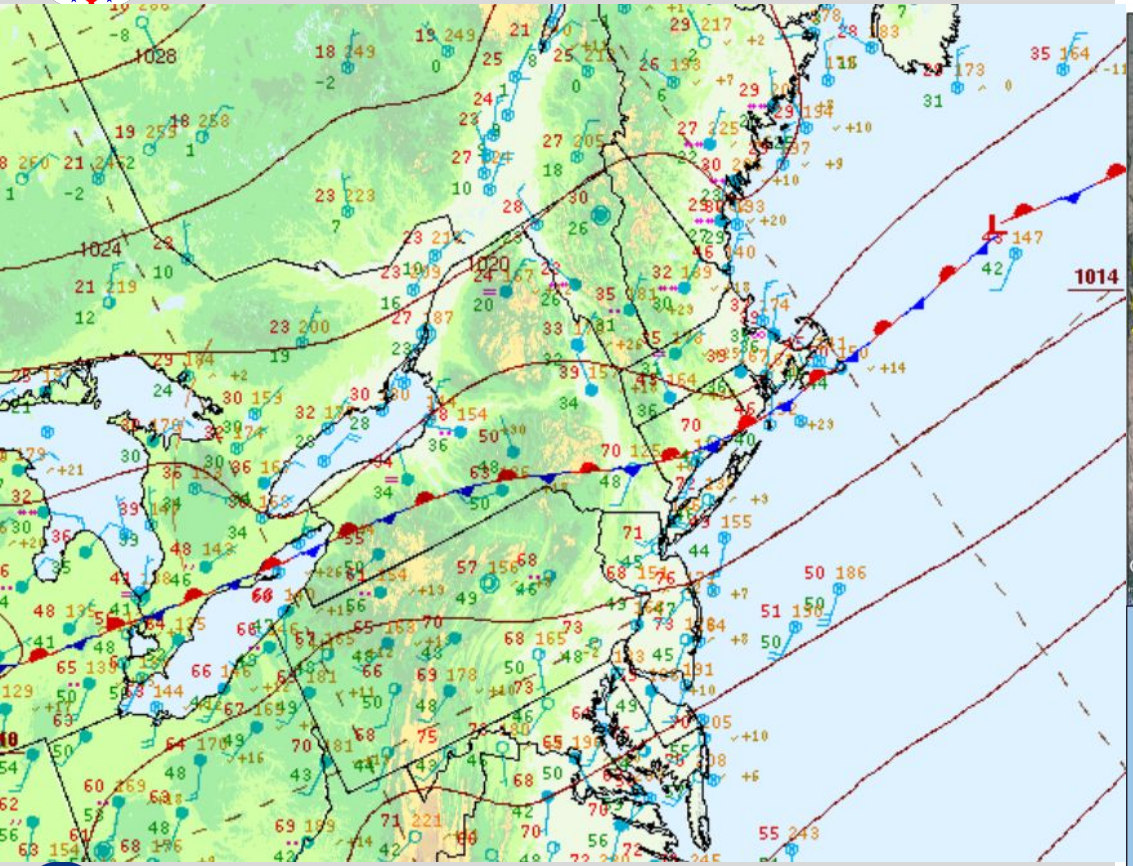

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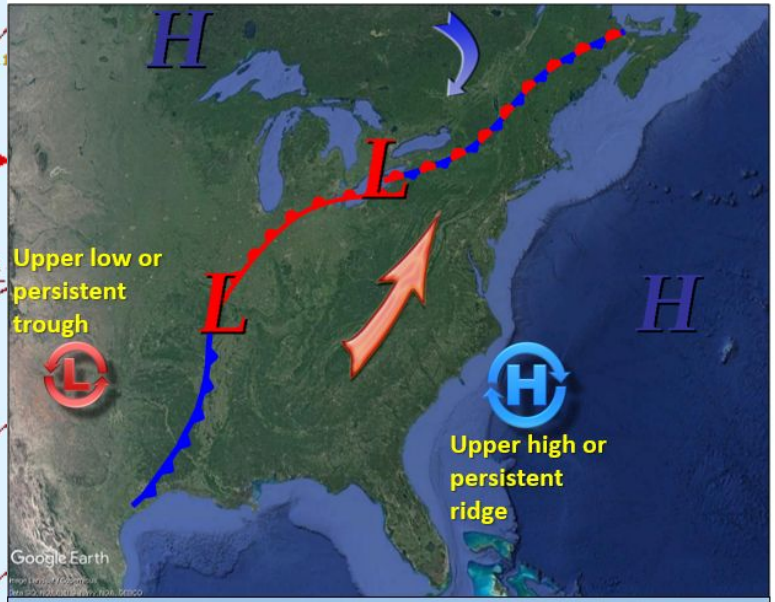

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Radar estimated **radial ice** amounts through 11 AM Saturday

1/4 to 1/2 inch FLAT (0.1 to 0.2 inch Radial)	Hazardous, icy road conditions and some weighted tree limbs. Isolated power outages possible near 1/2" FLAT.
1/2 to 1 inch FLAT (0.2 to 0.4 inch Radial)	Dangerous road conditions, hanging limbs. Isolated (1/2" FLAT) to Numerous power outages (1" FLAT) possible.
1 to 2 inches FLAT (0.4 to 0.8 inch Radial)	Numerous (1" FLAT) to Widespread (2" FLAT) power outages likely, possibly lasting a few days. Downed tree limbs/branches and utility lines possibly causing structural or vehicle damage. Very Dangerous road conditions.

Anything in the darker red can signal significant impacts

Northern New York observations through midday Saturday

Some other towns with significant ice:

Moriah
Saranac Lake
Tupper Lake
Hammond

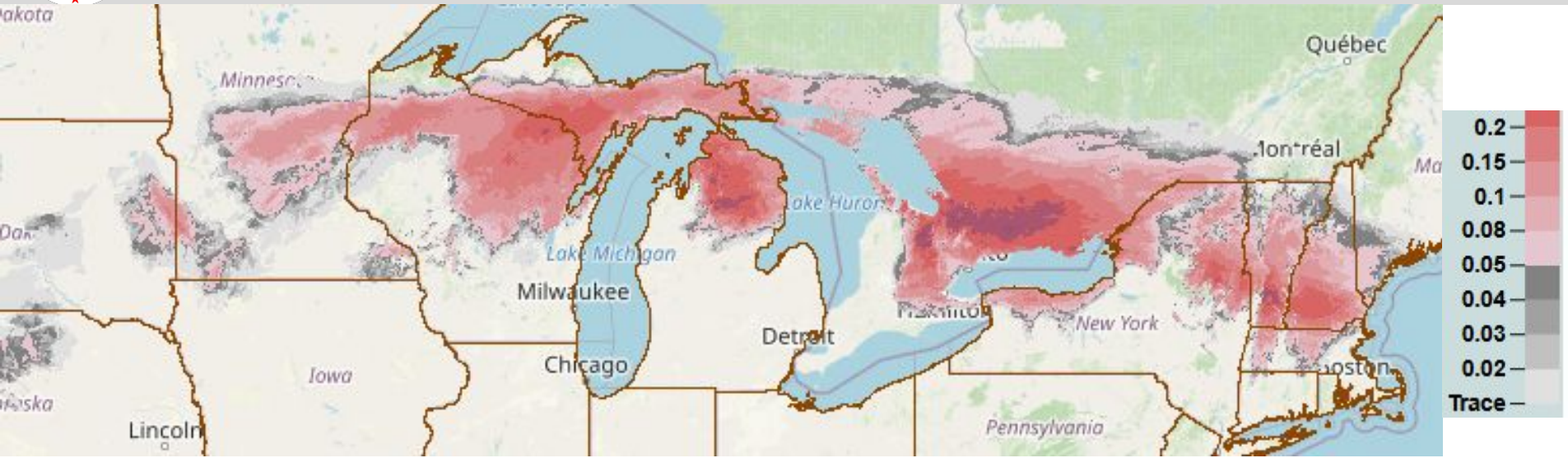
Vermont observations through midday Saturday

Fair Haven

Some other towns with significant ice:

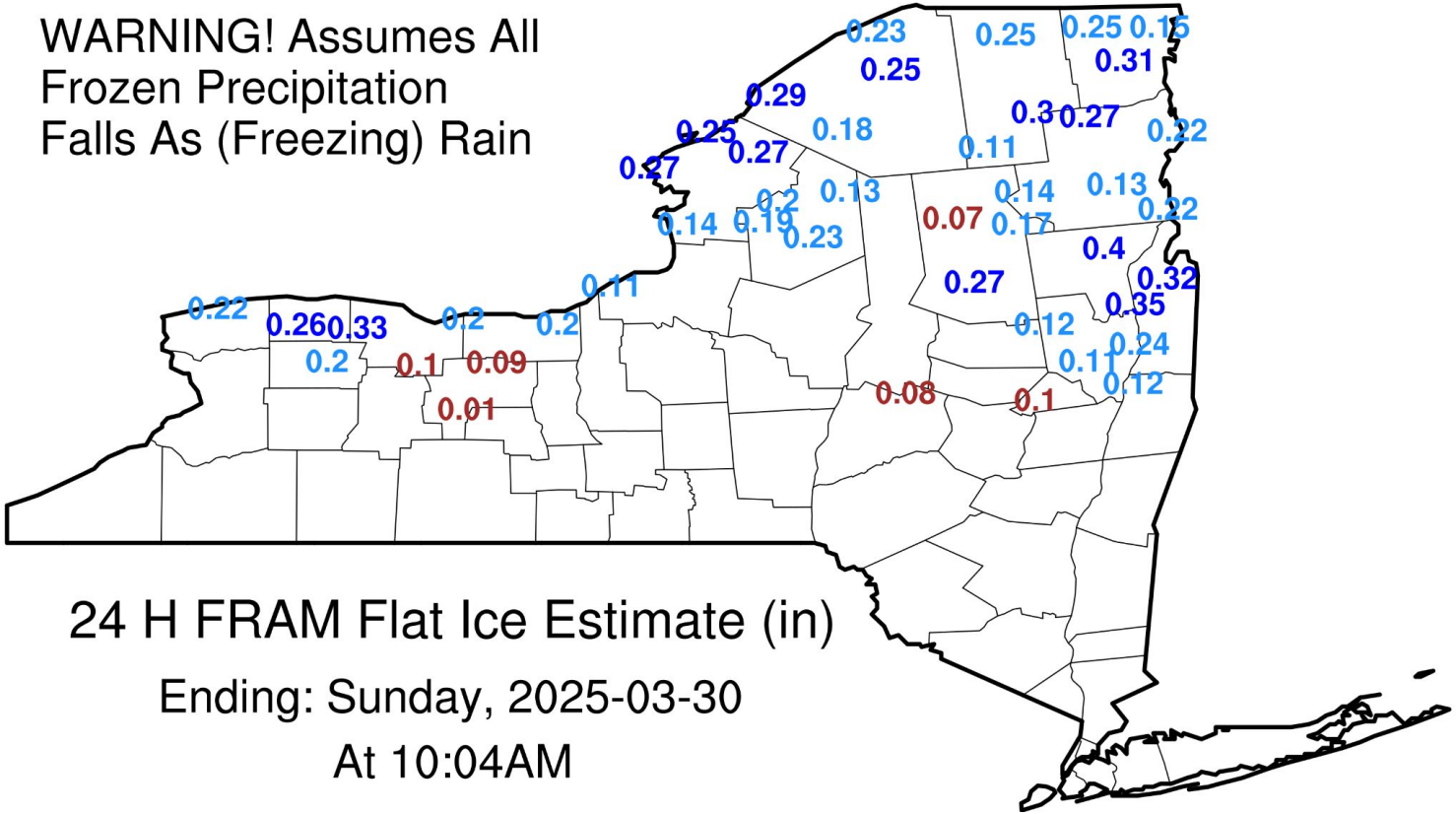
Barnard
Orwell
Rochester
Sudbury

Radar estimated ice amounts midday Saturday through Sunday

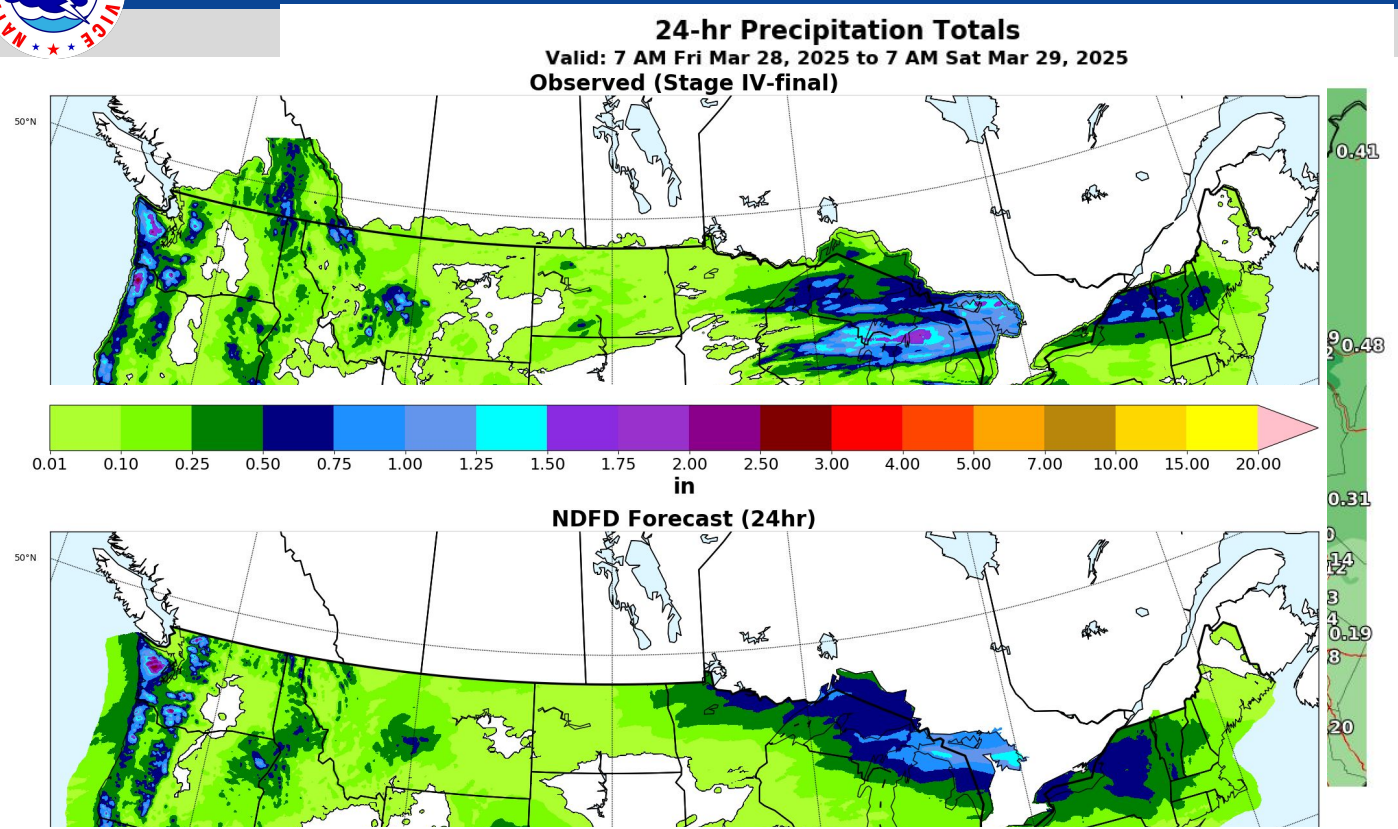


Radar and gauge estimated ice amounts in northern New York - Part 2

(Saturday daytime through Sunday morning)

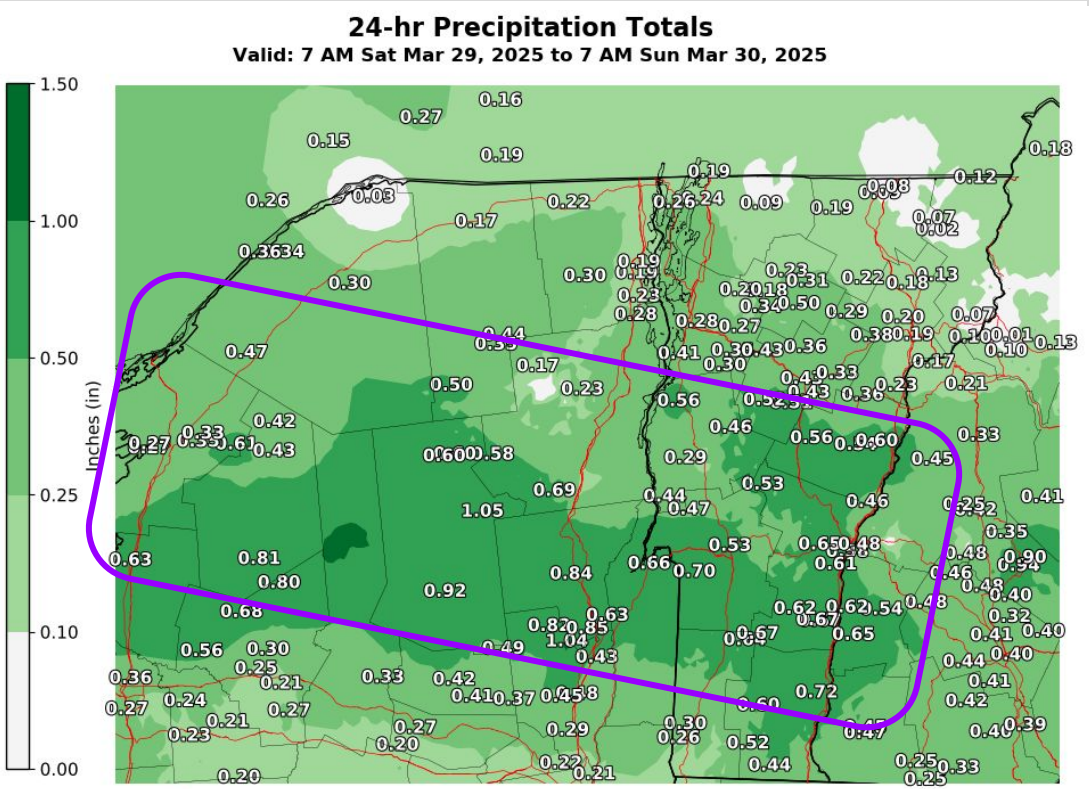


Precipitation Map - Day 1



Swath of 0.5 - 1” of precipitation

Precipitation Map - Day 2



Another swath of 0.5 - 0.75” of precipitation in some of the same areas that saw heaviest precipitation in the first part of the event

Forecast hazards (Snow & Ice)

Initial Hazard Issuance - Thursday Afternoon

Winter Watches & Warnings

March 27, 2025
4:26 PM

- **Winter Weather Advisory** for northern New York into central and northern Vermont from 8 PM Friday until 2 PM Sunday.

Initial Snowfall Forecast - Thursday Afternoon

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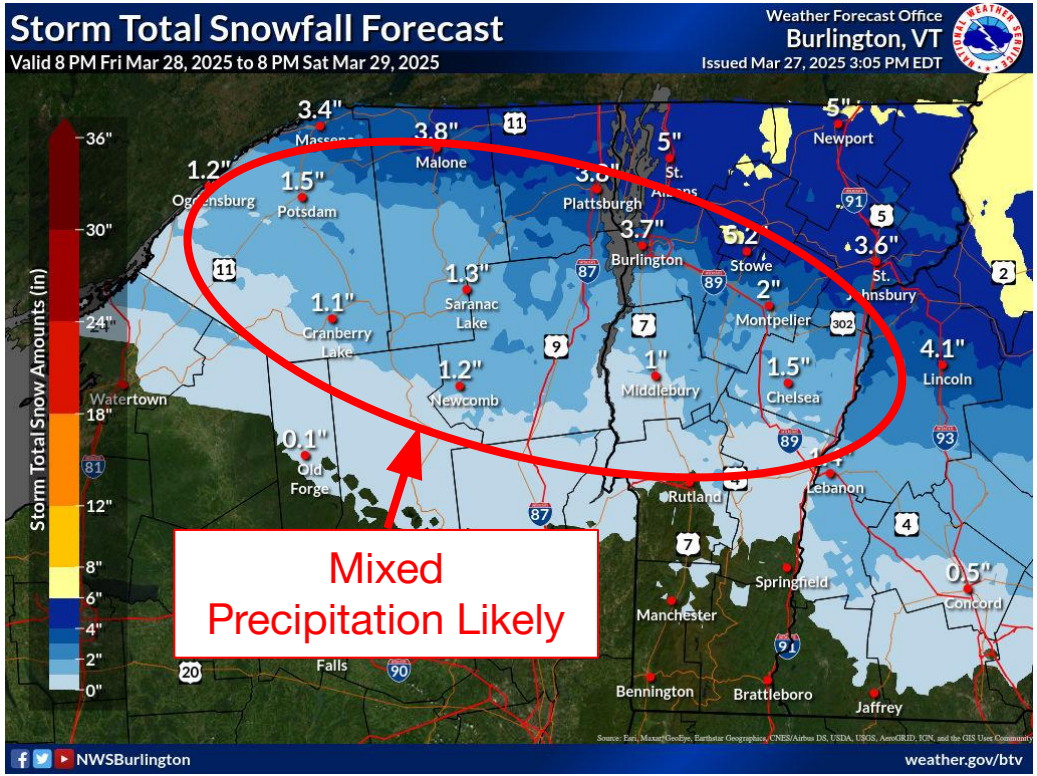

- 3 to 7 inches of snow is expected in a swath of northern New York and Vermont, with lesser amounts south where a wintry mix and rain will fall
- Placement of the narrow band of higher snowfall is somewhat uncertain

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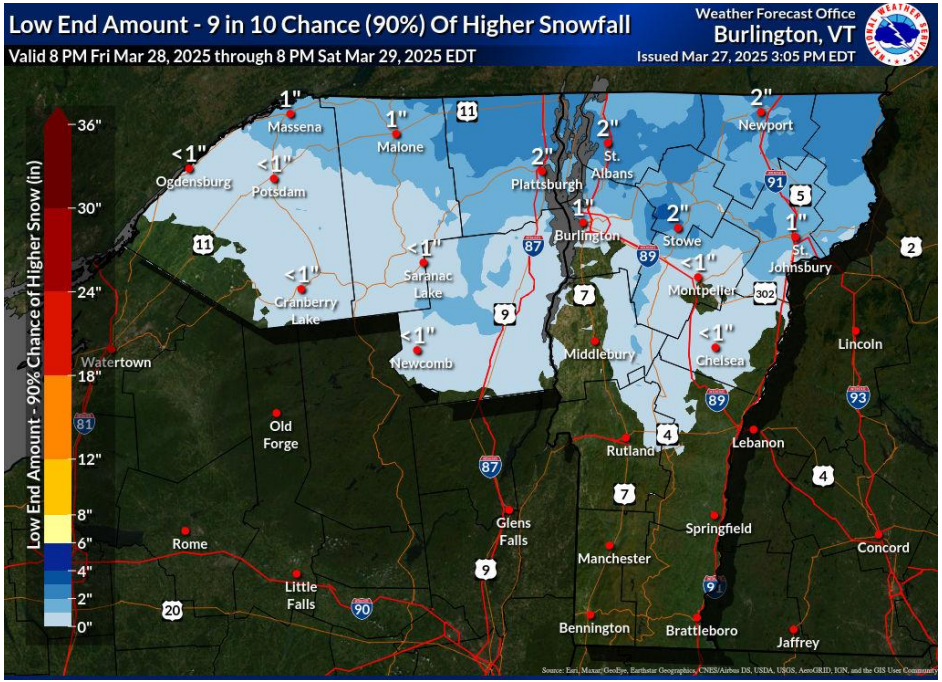
Range of possible snowfall amounts



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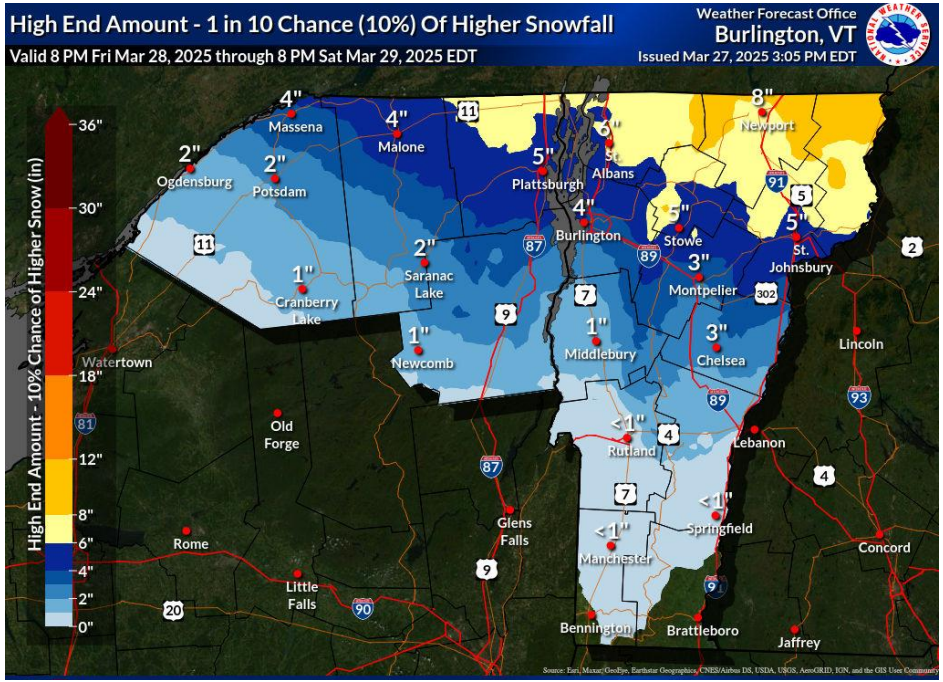

Reasonable high end snowfall (Less ice and rain)

Flat Ice - through Sunday Morning

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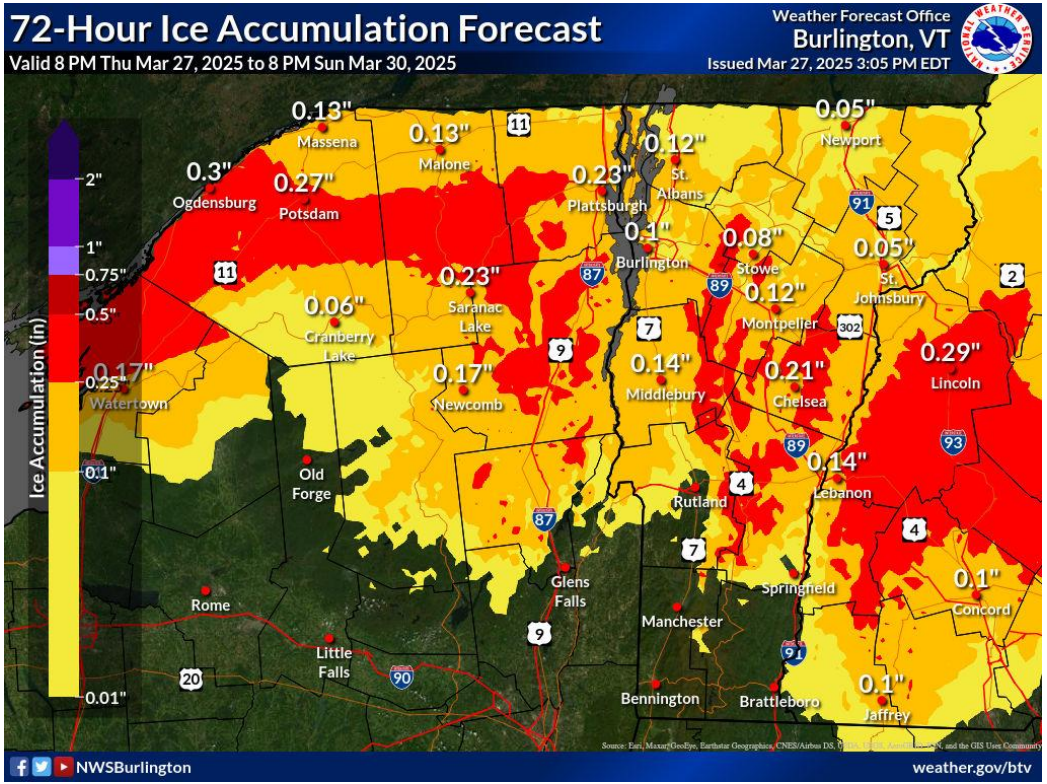

- Widespread ice accumulation will occur Friday night into Saturday
  - Heaviest ice potential across portions of the Adirondacks eastward into central Vermont
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  - Slippery travel and isolated power outages may occur

Storm Total Ice - Probabilities

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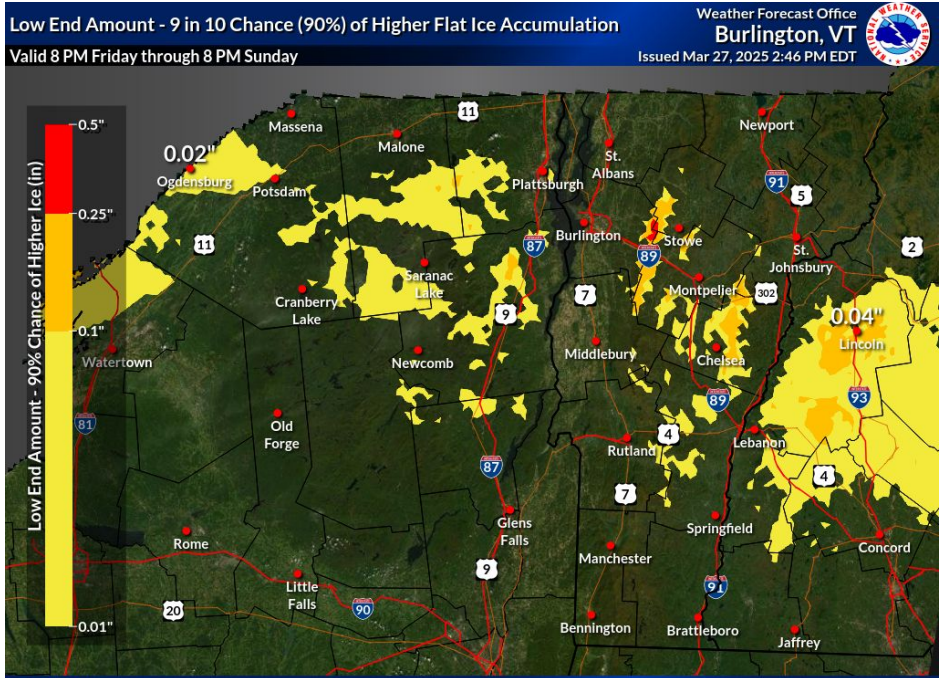
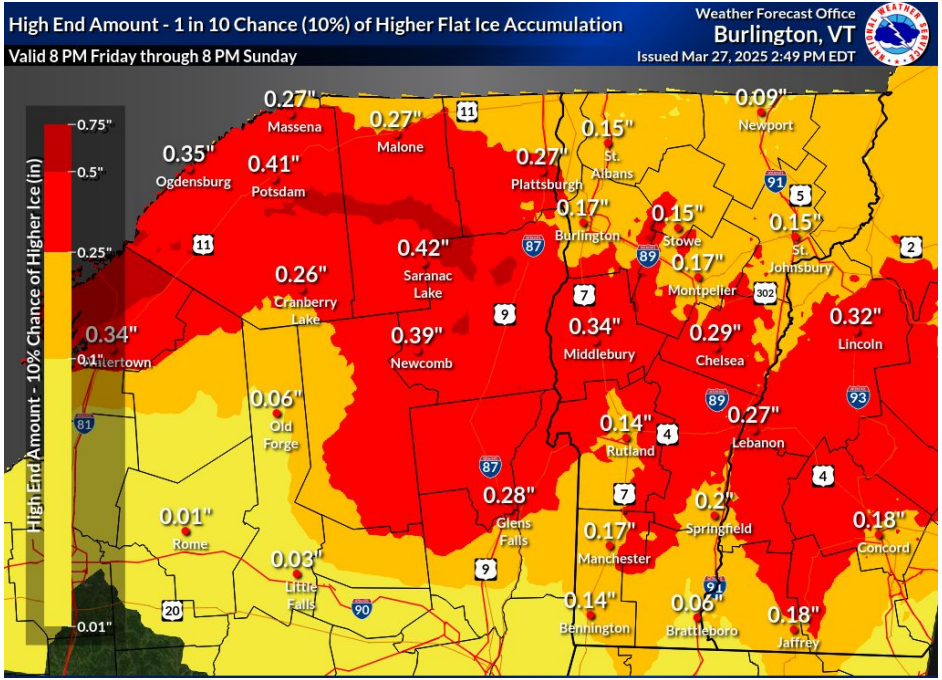


Reasonable low end ice (More Sleet/Rain)



Reasonable high end ice (More Freezing Rain)

Flat Ice - through Sunday Morning

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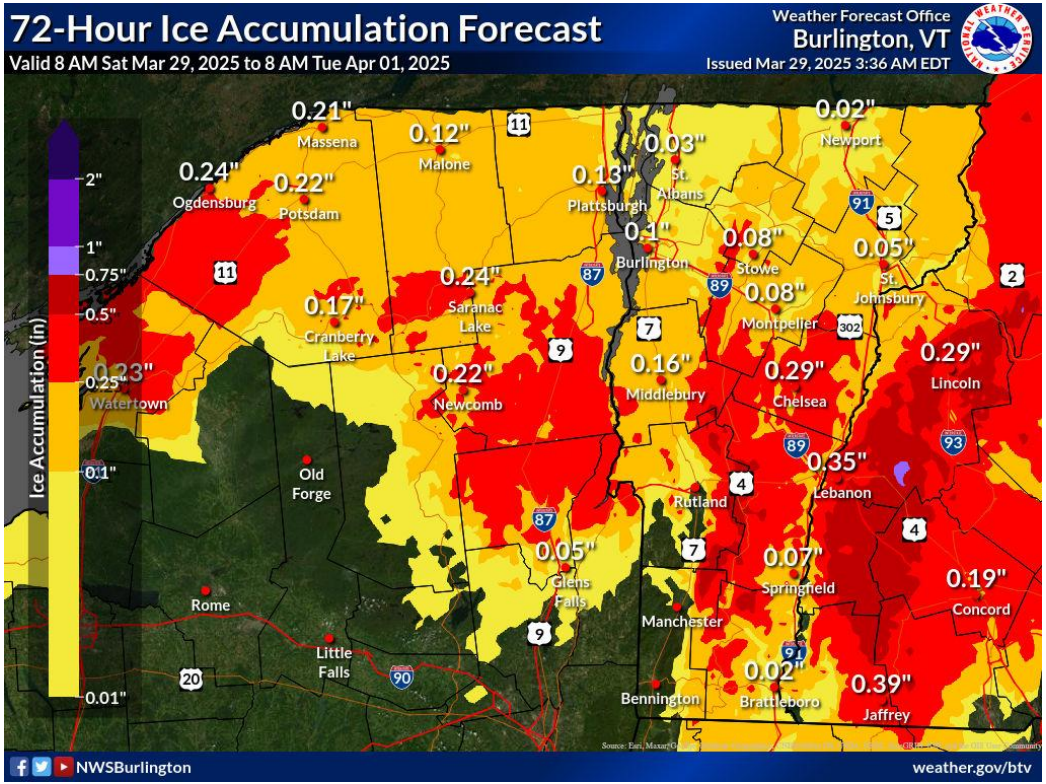

- Widespread ice accumulation will occur today into Sunday.
  - Heaviest ice potential across portions of the Adirondacks eastward into central Vermont.

- Ice accumulations of a tenth to three tenths are possible, with some locally higher amounts up to half an inch possible.
  - Slippery travel and isolated to scattered power outages may occur.

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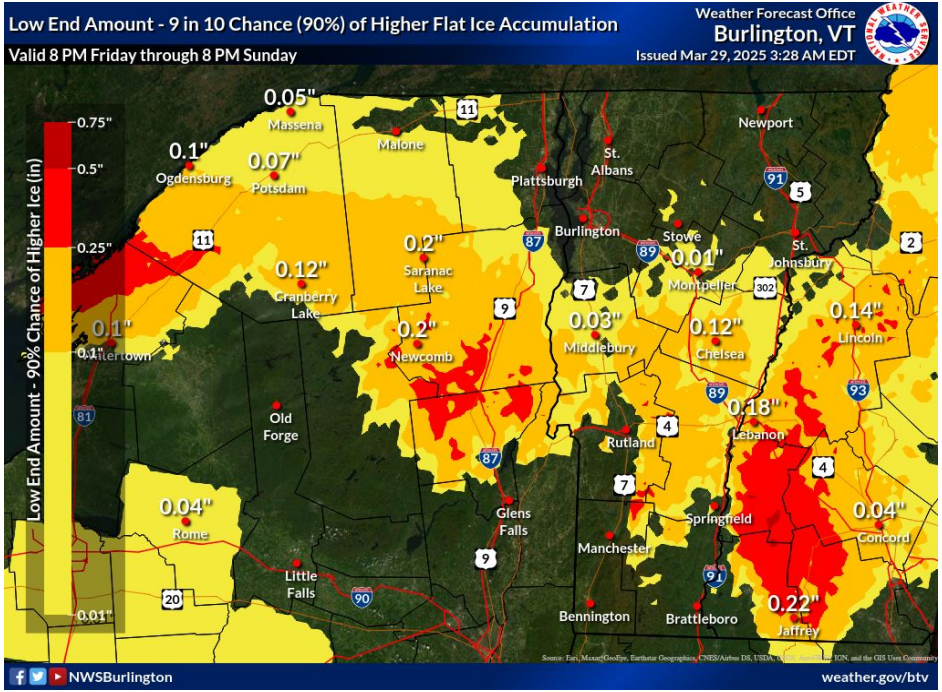

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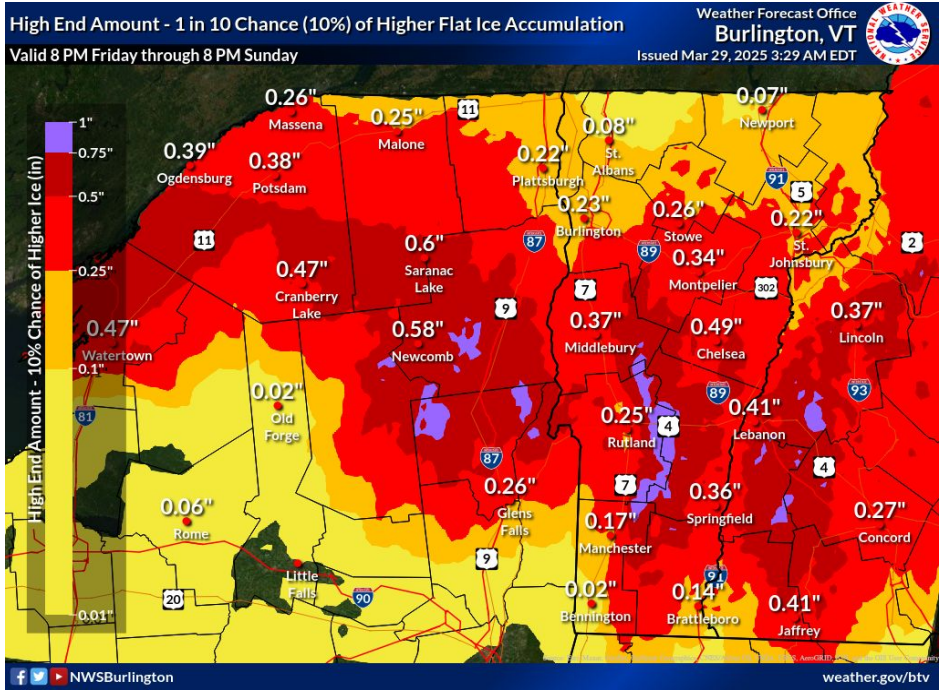

Reasonable high end ice (More Freezing Rain)

Winter Watches & Warnings

March 30, 2025
4:00 AM

- **Ice Storm Warnings** remain in effect for portions of northern New York and Vermont until 8 PM this evening.
  - **Ice Storm Warnings** for Bennington and western Windham in effect until 11 AM this morning.
- **Winter Storm Warnings** in effect for eastern Chittenden, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington, and Caledonia Counties in Vermont and western Clinton County of New York until 8 PM this evening.
- **Winter Weather Advisories** in effect for the remainder of northern New York and Vermont until 8 PM this evening.
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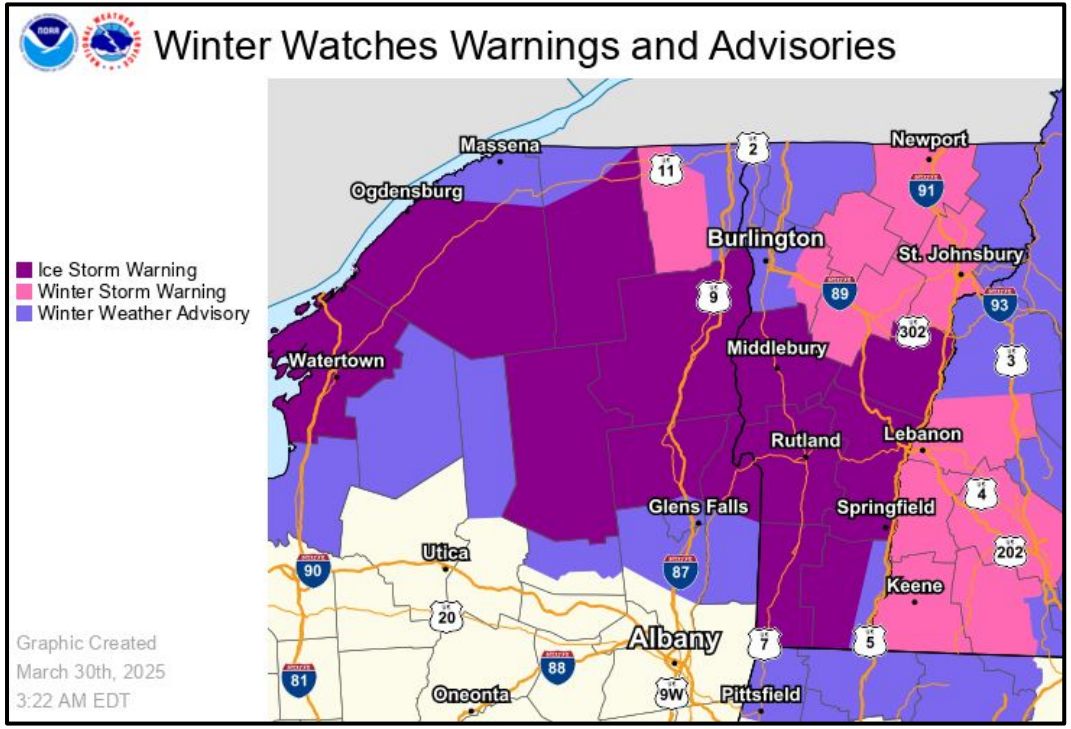
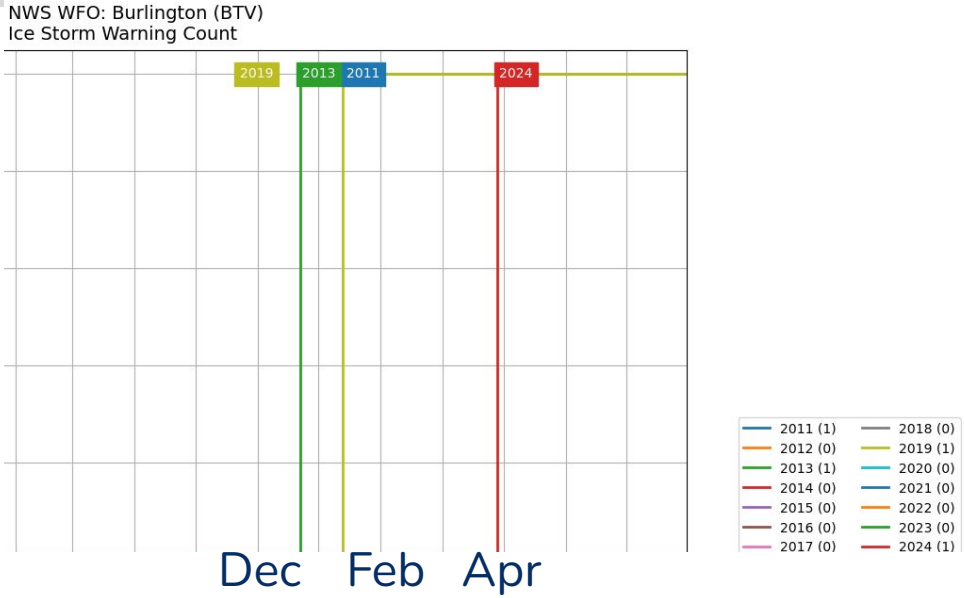


Summary

Ice Storms in Recent History

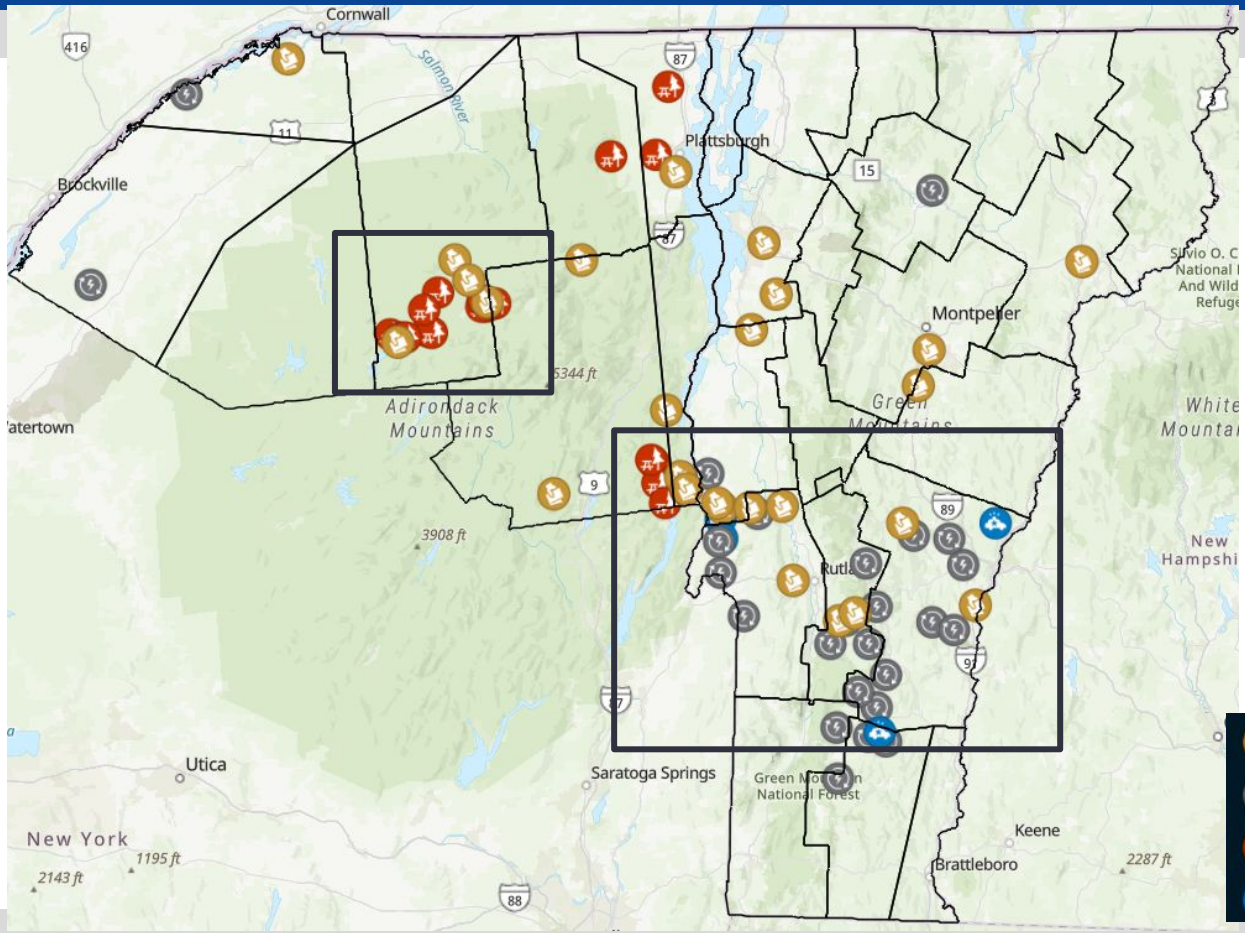


- ✓ An **Ice Storm Warning** is in effect from 7 PM Saturday until 1PM Sunday across portions of northern New York and northwestern Vermont.
- ✓ A **Winter Weather Advisory** is in effect from 7 PM Saturday until 1PM Sunday across portions of the northern Adirondacks in New York and northern Vermont, including the Champlain Valley.

These were our first Ice Storm Warnings issued since January 10th, 2020

- That event affected mainly northernmost portions of New York and northwestern Vermont

Probable Impacts due to Ice Accumulation during the Event

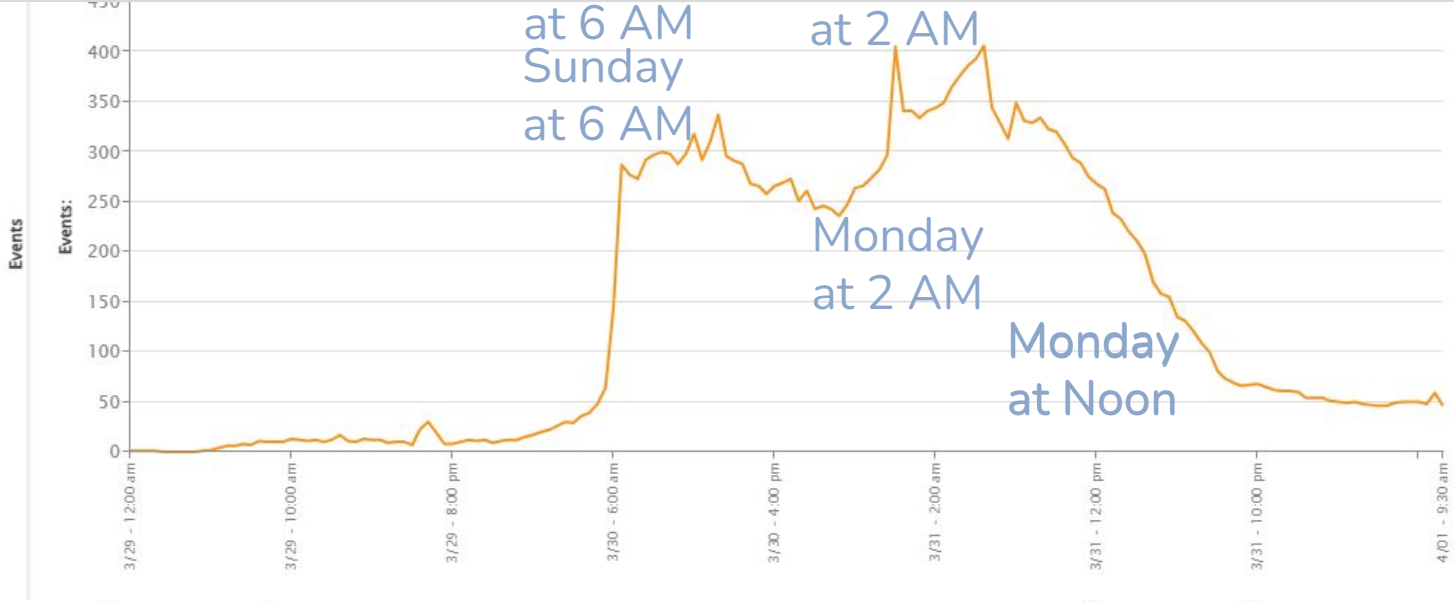


Power Outages over Time in Vermont

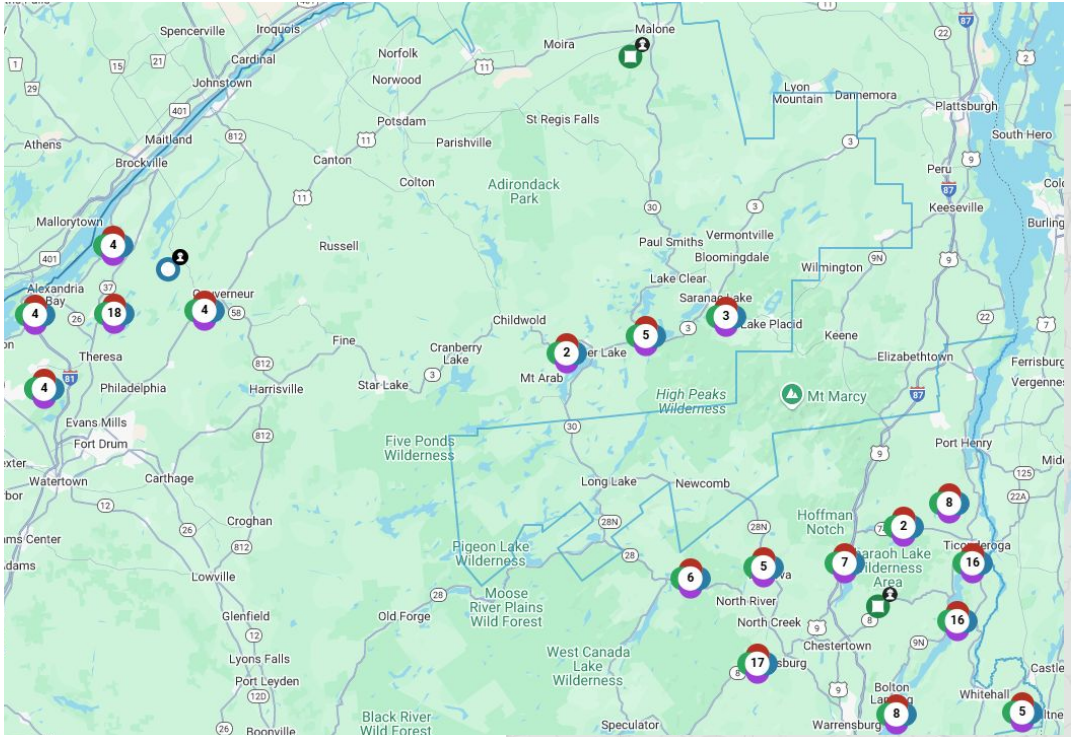
Events: All Utilities

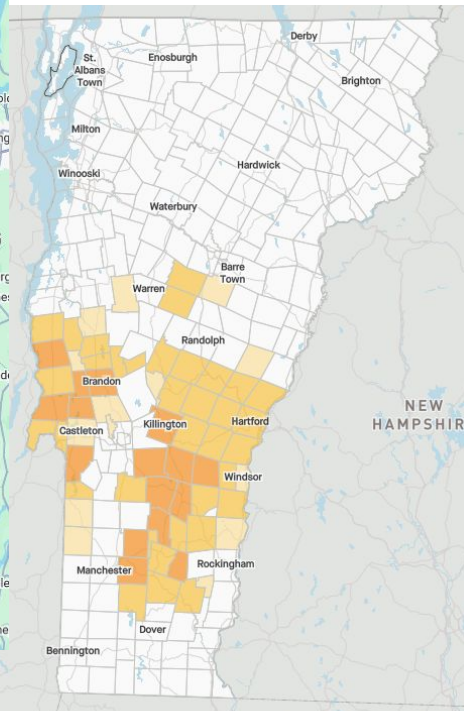
From: 3/29 - 12:00 am to: 4/01 - 9:30 am

Utility	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin	Grand Isle	Lamoille	Orange	Orleans	Rutland	Washington	Windham	Windsor	Total
Total	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	48	28	48	28	361	550



Distribution of Outages over northern New York and Vermont - snapshot





Thanks for your attendance!

OUTAGES

'S POWER OUTAGE RESOURCE

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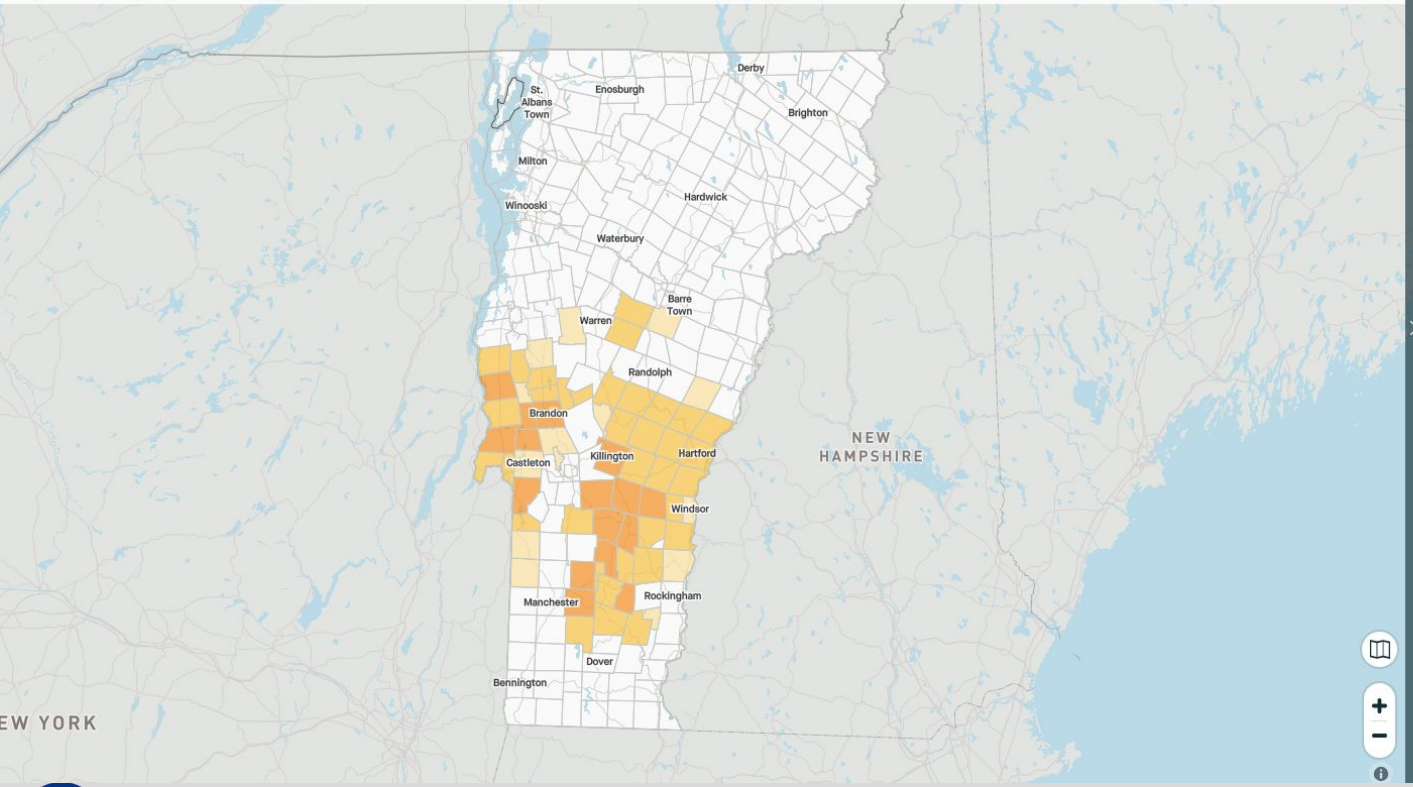

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Benson	588
Poultney	480
Mount Holly	452
Hubbardton	446
Killington	441
Peru	408
Shoreham	401
Weston	375
Windham	368
Shrewsbury	353
Sudbury	323
Ludlow	304
Reading	289
Winhall	282
Woodstock	248

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