

# Christmas Weekend Outlook: Heavy Rain and Winter Weather

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# Overview

- **Heavy rain and severe storms expected today and Sunday.**
  - Severe Thunderstorms possible. Heavy rain & flooding issues likely.
- **Snow and/or a rain/snow mixture possible Sunday night into Monday.**
  - Accumulating snow possible in the far west and northwest
  - A good portion of the area will see at least a brief period of snow before the system exits
  - Impacts most likely on bridges and elevated surfaces

# Strong, Complicated System

## High Confidence

- Periods of severe storms expected this afternoon through Sunday
- Environment will support all facets of severe weather: large hail, damaging winds, tornadoes & Flash Flooding
- Colder air will filter in from the north & west Sunday evening into early Monday morning.
- Accumulating snow expected west of a line from Gainesville to Mineral Wells to Comanche

## Lower Confidence

- Exact speed and location of cold front and small scale boundaries
- Where and how unstable the atmosphere will be Sunday
- Speed in which the cold air arrives into North & Central TX
- Eastward extent of any wintry mix
- Potential for “blizzard-like” conditions in the NW counties



Most Likely area of  
Accumulating snow

**Flash Flood Watch from 6 AM Sat – 6 AM Mon**  
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A **Flash Flood Watch** goes into effect starting 6 AM Saturday through 6 AM Monday.

Heavy rain due to showers & storms, combined with the wet fall/early winter will result in the potential for **Flash Flooding & River Flooding**.

*If you have travel plans Saturday into Monday, along and east of I-35, be aware of an enhanced flood risk*

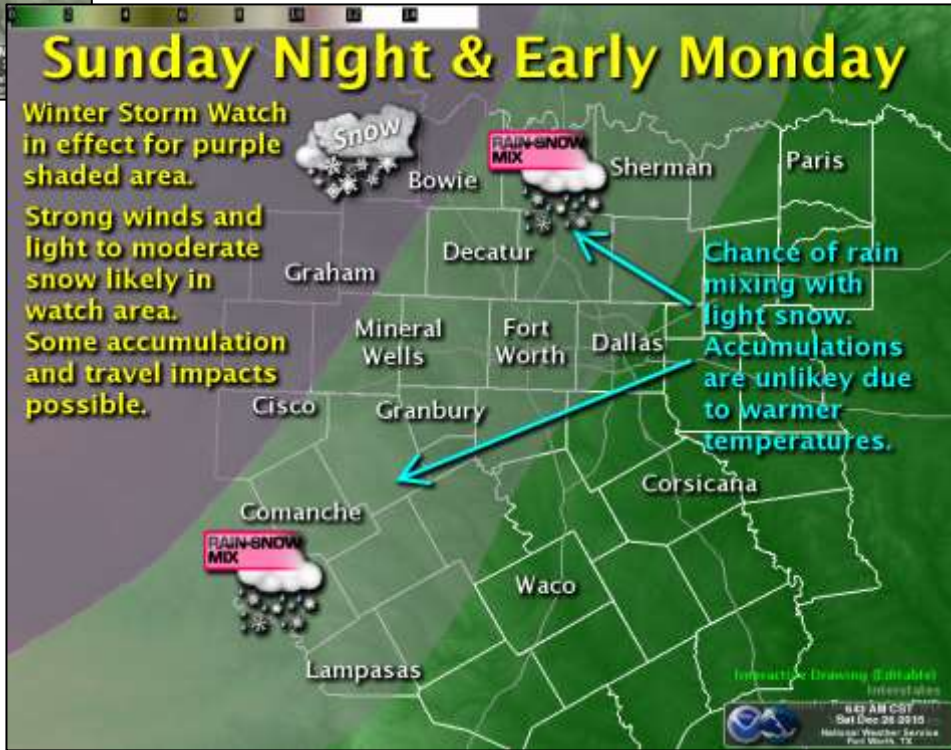


← **Flash Flood Watch**

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**Winter Storm Watch** →  
 6 pm Sunday – Noon Monday



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# Heavy Rain and Flooding Possible: Saturday & Sunday

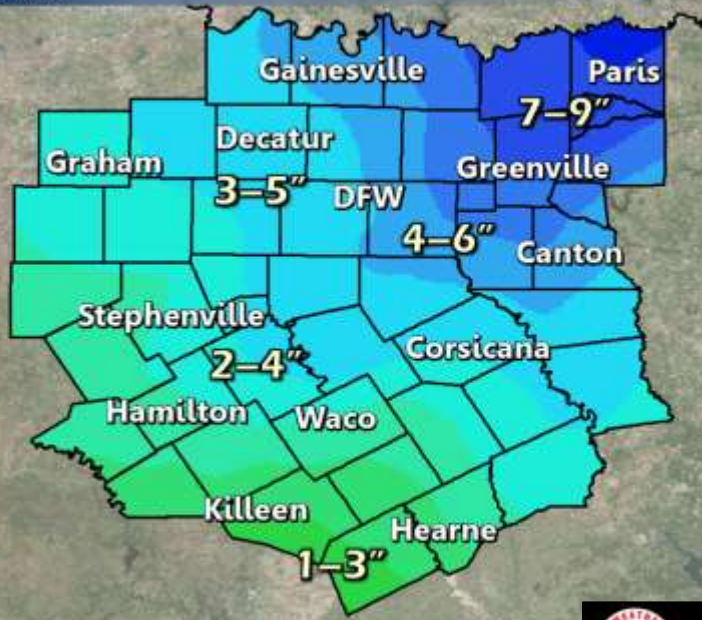
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Rain, including heavy rainfall, remains in the forecast.

Rain will be much more widespread than severe thunderstorms.

Urban and small stream flooding, river flooding, and flash flooding are all possible through Sunday.

Main timeline for heavy rain and/or flooding: Saturday 6 PM to Sunday 6 AM.



← **First Rounds:**

**Strong/severe thunderstorms possible today through Sunday. Heavy rainfall expected.**

**Flooding (Urban, Flash, River) possible Saturday and Sunday.**

## Second Round →

**Snow or a rain/snow mixture possible late Sunday through Monday morning**

**Bridges and elevated surfaces may be impacted Sunday Night through Monday in the Watch area.**

# Winter Weather Potential – Late Sunday / Monday

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Winter Weather Watch already posted for areas in dark blue: Roughly from Eastland to Bowie.

Accumulating snow potential is much higher in areas west of US 281.

Areas of a rain and snow mixture are possible as far south and east as I-35 corridor.

Impacts:

**Watch area:** low visibility due to snow / blowing snow. Slick roads

**Elsewhere:** Slick bridges & Overpasses

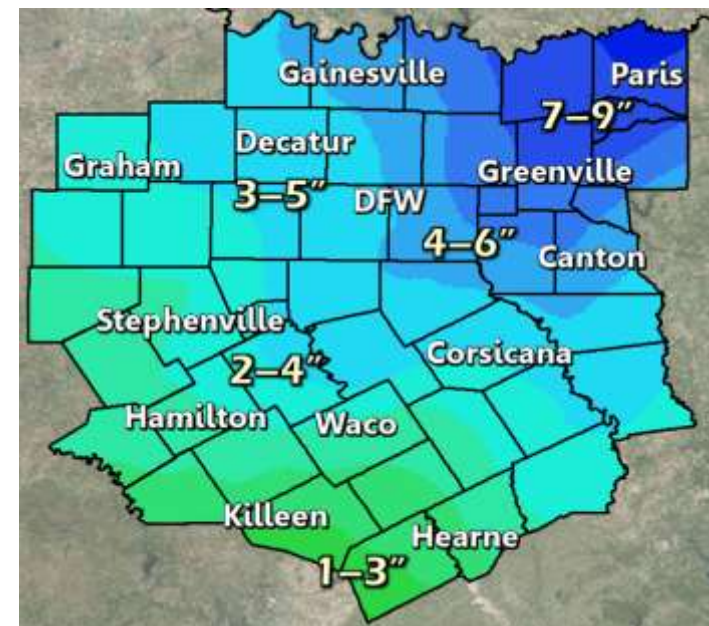




- **What:** Heavy rain and Strong/Severe T-Storms
- **When:** Storms will increase in coverage today through tonight. Severe storms possible through Sunday. **Heavy rain likely today-Sunday.**
- **Impacts:** Urban, Flash Flooding, and River Flooding possible. Hail, Damaging winds and tornadoes possible Saturday / Sunday.
- **Confidence:** High



Area(s) forecast to be Impacted: Saturday - Sunday  
Green: No Impacts. Orange or Red: Major Impacts



Rainfall Forecast (Inches) : Saturday - Monday



# Saturday's Severe Potential



Tornadoes



Large Hail



Damaging Winds



Flash Flooding



	Thunder
1	Marginal
2	Slight
3	Enhanced
4	Moderate
5	High

← Overall Risk for Severe Thunderstorms

# Sunday's Severe Potential



Tornadoes



Large Hail

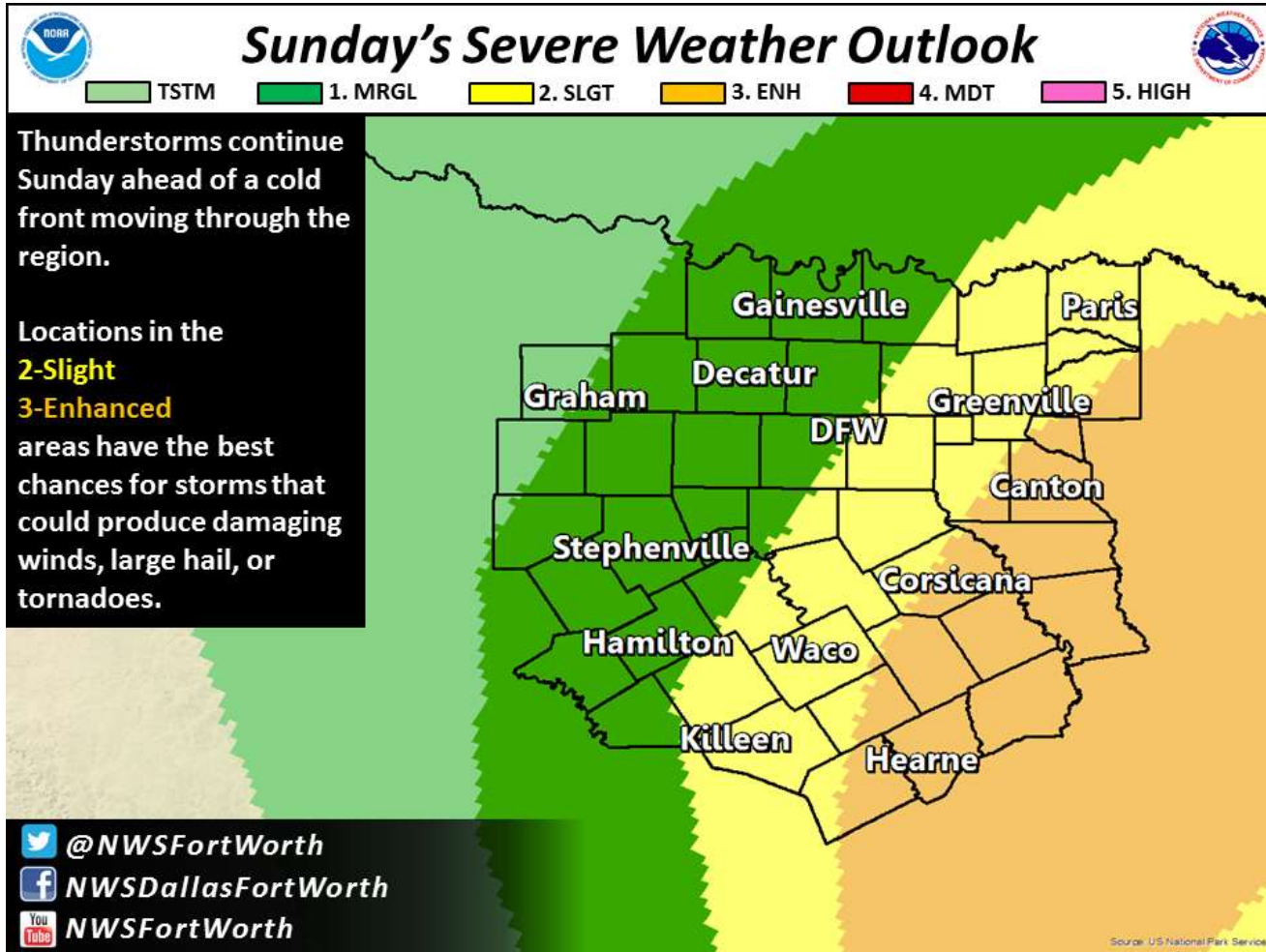


Damaging Winds



Flash Flooding

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Overall Risk for Severe Thunderstorms

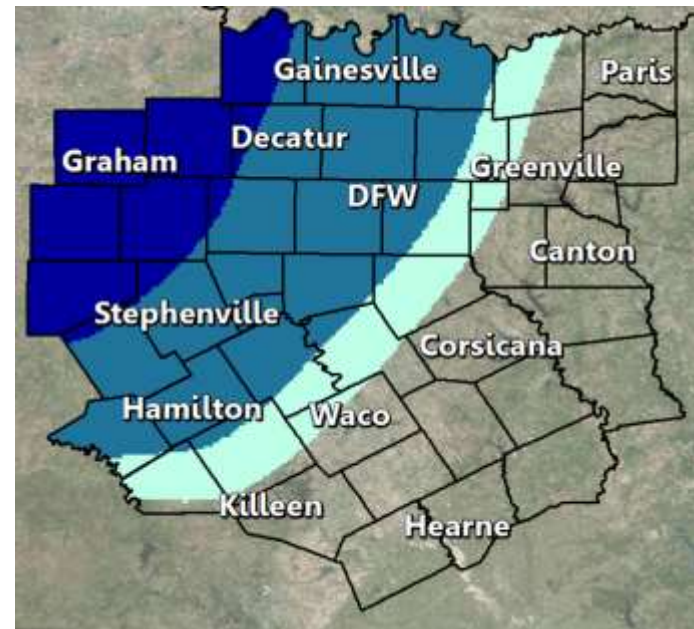




- **What:** Snow or a mixture of rain and snow or freezing drizzle
- **When:** Sunday Night and Monday
- **Impacts:** Slick bridges and overpasses possible late Sunday and early Monday. Possible accumulations on streets where over 2" of snow falls. Possible low visibility due to blowing snow
- **Confidence:** Moderate



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Area which could see snow or rain/snow mix Sunday - Monday



# Confidence & Possible Impacts

## Thunderstorms and Wintry Precipitation



Low Confidence

High Confidence

- No Action
- Minor Actions Possible
- Major Actions Possible
- Extreme Actions Likely



Confidence  
Expected  
Impacts:

Moderate  
High

