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A major winter storm will affect much of the central U.S. Sunday and Monday, dumping several inches of snow after laying down a coating of freezing rain and sleet in many areas. The precipitation will come in waves and not all at once. The first wave of winter weather will mainly affect northern and central Missouri, where 4 to 8 inches of snow will fall Sunday. The second wave will have the greatest impact on Southeast Missouri and Stoddard County, likely arriving Sunday evening and overnight, ending midday Monday. Travel is not advised anywhere in the region beginning Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon.

Latest data suggests the atmosphere will be colder aloft, likely preventing a significant build up of ice on trees and power lines from freezing rain in Stoddard County.

Rather, minor amounts of freezing rain will occur first Sunday afternoon and evening, followed by a changeover to several hours of heavy sleet Sunday night, then ending as a few inches of snow Monday morning. The combination of all three of these precipitation types, along with bitter temperatures in the teens and single digits following the storm, will make travel EXTREMELY hazardous for many hours after

the precipitation has ended.

My forecast amounts are below (margin of error +/- 1"):

- DEXTER:** 0.25" freezing rain, 1" sleet, 4" snow
- POPLAR BLUFF:** 0.25" freezing rain, 0.75" sleet, 5" snow
- SIKESTON:** 0.5" freezing rain, 1" sleet, 3" snow
- CAPE GIRARDEAU:** 0.25" freezing rain, 0.5" sleet, 6" snow

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