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Stoddard County, MO - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Special Weather Statement for Wednesday afternoon and evening. Bitter cold and slick road!

Description

...Bitterly cold temperatures expected starting Wednesday Afternoon... ...Slick Roads possible late Wednesday Afternoon and Night...

An Arctic blast of cold air will move into the Quad State region Wednesday afternoon, pushing the entire region below the freezing mark by 7 pm Wednesday. Once the cold air moves in, temperatures are not expected to rise above freezing until early Saturday afternoon.

Gusty north winds will produce very low wind chills Thursday into Friday morning.

Wind chills below zero will be likely over southern Illinois and southeast Missouri, with barely above zero wind chills over west Kentucky and southwest Indiana. Wind Chills will remain in the single digits for parts of the area all day on Thursday and into early Friday morning.

Anyone traveling or working outdoors should bundle up in layers to protect yourself from developing hypothermia and frostbite.

Consideration should also be given to protect pets and livestock left outdoors.

For those with water systems vulnerable to an extended period of sub-freezing temperatures, be sure to keep a trickle of water running through those systems.

A Winter Weather Advisory is currently posted for part of southwest Indiana and the Pennyrile region of west Kentucky late Wednesday afternoon and night, where the best accumulation of wintry precipitation is expected.

However, with temperatures expected to plummet and remain below freezing, any wintry precipitation still left on roadways and sidewalks across the Quad State late Wednesday afternoon and night will freeze.

Travelers should use caution while traveling and be watchful for any slick spots on roadways, especially elevated bridges and overpasses.

Please stay tuned to the National Weather Service in Paducah for the latest forecasts and statements associated with this winter event.

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