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## Special Winter Weather Statement for Stoddard County

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**Dexter, Missouri** – Well not really sure if Punxsutawney Phil had it right this year or not for Southeast Missouri as we are expecting some of that pretty white stuff to fall from the skies on Wednesday night, Thursday morning.

The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Special Weather Statement for Stoddard County, Missouri.

A powerful weather system will move from southern California through the desert southwest and onward to the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles by late Wednesday.

It will bring a light wintry mix to the quad state region beginning late tonight and through the midday hours on Thursday.

A mix of snow and sleet will be likely over Southeast Missouri after midnight with minor accumulations possible west of the Mississippi before daybreak Thursday.

At this time, the best accumulations of snow and sleet will be over Southeast Missouri ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

A Winter Weather Advisory has already been posted for Carter, Ripley, Wayne and Butler Counties between 3 a.m. and noon on Thursday.

By late morning on Thursday temperatures will continue to warm from south to north, changing the wintry mix to pure rain.

For those planning travel north and west early Thursday morning, please allow a little extra time to reach your destination. Some untreated roadways may be slick due to the sleet. Conditions should improve by Thursday afternoon.

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