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Winter Weather Statement

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Submitted by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

Southeast Missouri - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Winter Weather Statement. A QUICK SHOT OF SNOWFALL EXPECTED TONIGHT AND VERY EARLY TUESDAY OVER PART OF THE QUAD STATE REGION... A FAST MOVING WEATHER SYSTEM WILL MOVE ACROSS PARTS OF THE QUAD STATE REGION TONIGHT AND VERY EARLY TUESDAY. THIS WILL BRING A SMALL ACCUMULATION OF ADDITIONAL SNOW MAINLY TO NORTHERN PARTS OF THE AREA.

MEASURABLE SNOW IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP AND MOVE ACROSS THE OZARK FOOTHILLS IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... TOWARD THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR PERRYVILLE MISSOURI... BY MID EVENING. THIS SNOW IS EXPECTED TO THEN SPREAD EASTWARD ACROSS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND INTO SOUTHWEST INDIANA BY MIDNIGHT. THE SNOW WILL CONTINUE WORKING ITS WAY INTO NORTHWEST KENTUCKY AND THE REMAINDER OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA THROUGH SUNRISE ON TUESDAY.

THE HIGHEST SNOWFALL AMOUNTS SHOULD BE BETWEEN AN INCH AND AN INCH AND A HALF... AND THAT SHOULD OCCUR ROUGHLY ALONG AND NORTH OF A BENTON ILLINOIS... TO MOUNT CARMEL ILLINOIS... TO SANTA CLAUS INDIANA LINE. AMOUNTS APPROACHING AN INCH MAY BE POSSIBLE AS FAR SOUTH AS AN AVA ILLINOIS... TO CARMI ILLINOIS... TO CHRISNEY INDIANA LINE... WHILE LESSER AMOUNT TO JUST A LIGHT COATING ARE EXPECTED TOWARD THE SOUTHERN EXTENT OF THE BAND... FROM NEAR DONIPHAN MISSOURI... TOWARD VIENNA ILLINOIS... AND GREENVILLE KENTUCKY.

THE FORECASTED SNOW AMOUNTS SHOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON AREA TRAVEL... SAVE FOR REDUCED VISIBILITIES LESS THAN A MILE IN HEAVIER SNOW BANDS. THE GREATEST CHANCE OF SEEING A REDUCTION OF VISIBILITIES DUE TO SNOW WILL BE ALONG THE INTERSTATE 64 CORRIDOR IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND SOUTHWEST INDIANA.

THIS SNOW WILL COMPLETELY EXIT THE REGION BY OR BEFORE 10 AM CST ON TUESDAY.

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Southeast Missouri - WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL 3 AM CST MONDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR FREEZING DRIZZLE WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 3 AM CST MONDAY.

* TIMING: FREEZING DRIZZLE COMBINED WITH FREEZING FOG ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE SLICK SPOTS ON AREA ROADWAYS THIS EVENING INTO THE EARLY OVERNIGHT HOURS. AT THE TIME OF THIS ISSUANCE TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW FREEZING ARE BEING REPORTED GENERALLY NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM FULTON TO PADUCAH TO MADISONVILLE KENTUCKY. HOWEVER... AS THE EVENING PROGRESSES THE FREEZING LINE IS EXPECTED TO MIGRATE SOUTH AND EAST TO THE SOUTHERN PENNYRILE REGION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY.

* MAIN IMPACT: THE MAIN IMPACT WILL BE SLICK SPOTS ON AREA ROADWAYS AND ELEVATED SURFACES SUCH AS BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES THAT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DETECT.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY MEANS THAT PERIODS OF FREEZING DRIZZLE WILL CAUSE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. BE PREPARED FOR SLIPPERY ROADS AND LIMITED VISIBILITIES... AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING.

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Southeast Missouri - WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL 5 PM CST THIS AFTERNOON...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR VERY LIGHT FREEZING RAIN OR DRIZZLE... WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 5 PM CST THIS AFTERNOON.

* PRECIPITATION MAY BEGIN AS A VERY LIGHT WINTRY MIX OVER SOUTHWEST PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. PRECIPITATION SHOULD CHANGE OVER TO MAINLY FREEZING DRIZZLE BY MID MORNING RAIN THOUGH. OVER WESTERN KENTUCKY... FREEZING DRIZZLE WILL BE POSSIBLE MUCH OF THE DAY.

* AS TEMPERATURES REMAIN BELOW FREEZING... FREEZING DRIZZLE WILL PUT A LIGHT COATING OF ICE ON MOST ALL UNTREATED SURFACES. EVEN THOUGH THE ACCUMULATIONS AMOUNTS ARE VERY LIGHT IT ONLY TAKES A TRACE OF ICE TO CREATE HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY MEANS THAT PERIODS OF SNOW... SLEET... OR FREEZING RAIN WILL CAUSE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. BE PREPARED FOR SLIPPERY ROADS AND LIMITED VISIBILITIES... AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING.

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Activation of State Emergency Operations Center

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Activation of State Emergency Operations Center

Submitted by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

Jefferson City, Missouri - Gov. Jay Nixon today activated the State Emergency Operations Center for 24-hour a day operations in response to a winter storm system that threatens to bring freezing rain, sleet, snow and ice to much of Missouri. The Governor and state emergency officials have been tracking the weather system's approach this week and continue to be in close contact with the National Weather Service and local emergency management agencies to monitor conditions.

"This storm system could create hazardous conditions and potentially lead to power outages," Gov. Nixon said. "The latest forecasts call for ice to accumulate in some areas before turning to sleet and snow, particularly in southeast Missouri. As we know from past winter storms, the best way to ensure safety is to plan ahead and avoid travel if possible. This also allows road crews to clear roads faster and speeds the response of emergency crews."

In addition to the State Emergency Management Agency operating SEOC around the clock, other state agencies have mobilized to respond. The Missouri State Highway Patrol has extended shifts in areas expected to be affected, and all available four-wheel drive vehicles have been prepared to respond, among other preparations. The Missouri Department of Transportation continues to treat roads for snow and ice and has shifted staff to areas expected to be most impacted. Other state agencies are working with their local partners.

The Governor cautions Missourians who see downed power lines to report them immediately to their electric utility; to stay away from the downed lines; and to warn others to do so as well.

The forecast also calls for frigid temperatures and the potential for another storm system over the weekend. Gov. Nixon encourages Missourians to take steps to protect themselves and their families, including:

Listen to radio, television, or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information, or visit the state's Web site, MO.gov, for comprehensive emergency information.

If you must drive, check MO.gov for road conditions before departing. Dial the Missouri State Highway Patrol's emergency line -- *55 from a cellular phone - if you encounter an accident while driving.

Check on the elderly and neighbors who may be in need of additional assistance. For information about emergency services and resources, visit MO.gov.

Missourians who need disaster information, shelter information, and referrals are urged to call 211. The 211 service is now available for most areas of Missouri. In areas where the 211 service is not operational, citizens may call 800-427-4626.

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Winter Storm WARNING in Effect Beginning Thursday

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Winter Storm WARNING in Effect Beginning Thursday

Submitted by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

Stoddard County, Missouri - Issued by the National Weather Service in Paducah,

Kentucky - WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 3 PM THURSDAY TO 6 PM CST FRIDAY...

A WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 3 PM THURSDAY TO 6 PM CST FRIDAY.

* TIMING... FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET WILL OVERSPREAD THE AREA THURSDAY AFTERNOON... WITH THE PRECIPITATION TRANSITIONING TO SLEET AND SNOW QUICKLY THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE WINDING DOWN FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

* AMOUNTS... 5 TO 7 INCHES OF SLEET AND SNOW ARE EXPECTED... WITH SOME VERY MINOR ICING POSSIBLE BENEATH IT.

* MAIN IMPACTS... TREACHEROUS DRIVING CONDITIONS ARE LIKELY FROM THURSDAY AFTERNOON THROUGH FRIDAY. IN ADDITION... SOME ISOLATED POWER OUTAGES CANNOT BE RULED OUT... WHERE FREEZING RAIN IS MOST PREVALENT... MAINLY ACROSS THE SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW... SLEET... AND ICE ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. THIS WILL MAKE TRAVEL VERY HAZARDOUS OR IMPOSSIBLE. IF YOU MUST TRAVEL... KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT... FOOD... AND WATER IN YOUR VEHICLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

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