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**Stoddard County, Missouri** - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Winter Storm Watch for Stoddard County, Missouri.

... WINTER STORM WATCH IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY MORNING THROUGH TUESDAY EVENING...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM WATCH... WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM TUESDAY MORNING THROUGH TUESDAY EVENING.

\* TIMING... FROM LATE MORNING TUESDAY THROUGH TUESDAY EVENING.

\* ACCUMULATIONS... MODERATE TO HEAVY SNOW POSSIBLE FROM THE OZARK FOOTHILLS REGION... NORTHEAST TOWARD PERRYVILLE. AMOUNTS UP TO FOUR INCHES CANNOT BE RULED OUT WITH ISOLATED HIGHER AMOUNTS POSSIBLE. OVER THE REST OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... PRECIPITATION SHOULD TRANSITION TO MORE SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN WITH MODERATE ACCUMULATIONS OF SLEET AND ICE POSSIBLE ESPECIALLY TOWARD HIGHWAY 60... TO THE ARKANSAS STATE LINE.

\* IMPACTS... SIGNIFICANT TRAVEL IMPACTS PROBABLE. ICE ACCUMULATIONS COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON TREES AND POWER LINES.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER STORM WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT SNOW... SLEET... OR ICE ACCUMULATIONS THAT WOULD GREATLY IMPACT TRAVEL. STAY TUNED FOR LATER STATEMENTS. THIS WATCH WILL BE UPGRADED TO A WARNING IF WINTER STORM CONDITIONS BECOME MORE CERTAIN.

## **More Information**

... SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM LOOKING MORE AND MORE LIKELY MIDDAY TUESDAY THROUGH EARLY TUESDAY NIGHT...

..A VIGOROUS FAST MOVING STORM SYSTEM JUST EAST OF BAJA CALIFORNIA WILL RACE TOWARD THE AREA TONIGHT. PRECIPITATION WILL SPREAD RAPIDLY FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ACROSS THE AREA THROUGH THE DAY TUESDAY. THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR

SIGNIFICANT SNOW... SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN NEAR AND NORTH OF THE OHIO RIVER MIDDAY TUESDAY THROUGH TUESDAY EVENING. THE BEST CHANCE OF SNOW WILL BE FROM AROUND MOUNT VERNON ILLINOIS SOUTHWEST TO NEAR GREENVILLE MISSOURI. THERE SHOULD BE A TRANSITION TO MORE SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN FARTHER SOUTH TOWARD THE OHIO RIVER. SIGNIFICANT TRAVEL IMPACTS WILL BE A CONCERN... AS WILL THE CONCERN FOR ICE ON TREES AND POWER LINES. THERE IS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPERATURE FORECAST... AND HOW MUCH SNOW WILL FALL VS. FREEZING RAIN OR SLEET. THAT IS THE REASON FOR A WATCH AT THIS TIME. DETERMINING THE RAIN VS. FREEZING RAIN LINE WILL BE TOUGH AS WELL INTO WEST KENTUCKY... ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE RECENT SNOWFALL AND ITS EFFECT ON TEMPERATURES.

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