

January 25, 2026

National Weather Service - New Orleans/Baton Rouge

State Winter & Cold Weather Briefing

10:00 AM

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Prepared by:
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Key Messages

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Sun Morning thru Sun Evening: Wintry impacts

Sun thru Tue: Extreme cold prolongs hazards

Ice & Cold Weather Overview:

- Significant impacts from ice caused by freezing rain likely across northern and central LA
- Hard freezes/wind chills: statewide Sun–Tue mornings

Impacts

- Roads/Bridges: Hazardous to locally impossible travel Sun Morning–Evening; black ice/bridge glazing a concern.
- Infrastructure/Power: Tree damage & outages likely to continue across northern and central LA.
- Duration: Prolonged sub freezing temps in the north may extend travel & infrastructure issues into early next week

Confidence & Unknowns

- High confidence: Arrival of very cold air, hard freezes, and dangerous wind chills.



Weather Hazard Overview

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Through the middle of next week.

	Sunday, Jan 25	Monday, Jan 26	Tuesday, Jan 27	Wednesday, Jan 28
Cold	EXTREMELY COLD. Lows in the teens north of the I-10/12 corridor to single digits near and north of the I-20 corridor on Monday & Tuesday mornings.			
Wind Chill	DANGEROUS WIND CHILLS. Teens along and south of I-10/12. Single digits to near zero north of the I-10/12 corridor primarily in the morning hours, especially on Monday.			
Freezing Rain	ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT ICE ACCUMULATIONS (>0.25") from freezing rain and sleet likely along and north of a line from Natchez to DeRidder	Ice accumulations could be slow to thaw leading to prolonged travel impacts.	Heavier ice/sleet accumulation areas in North LA will struggle to thaw	Any remaining ice/sleet accumulation melts
Strong to Severe Storms	A few strong to locally severe storms along coastal southern or southeastern Louisiana.			

Risk Levels

Little to None

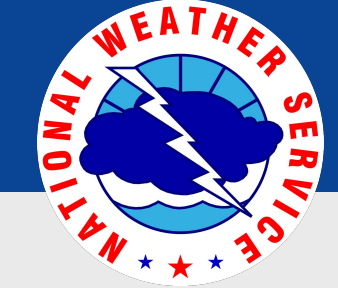
Minor

Moderate

Major

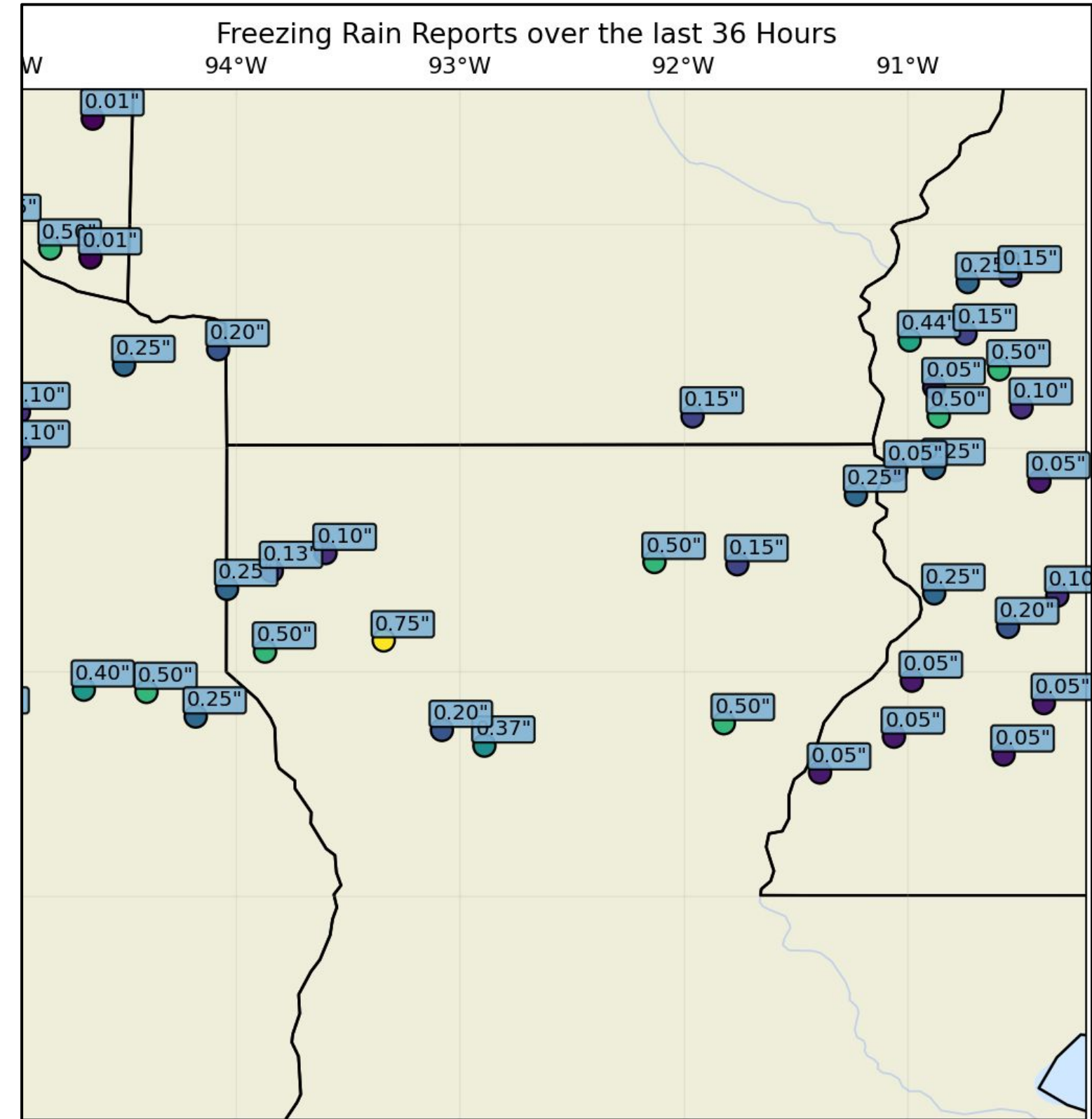
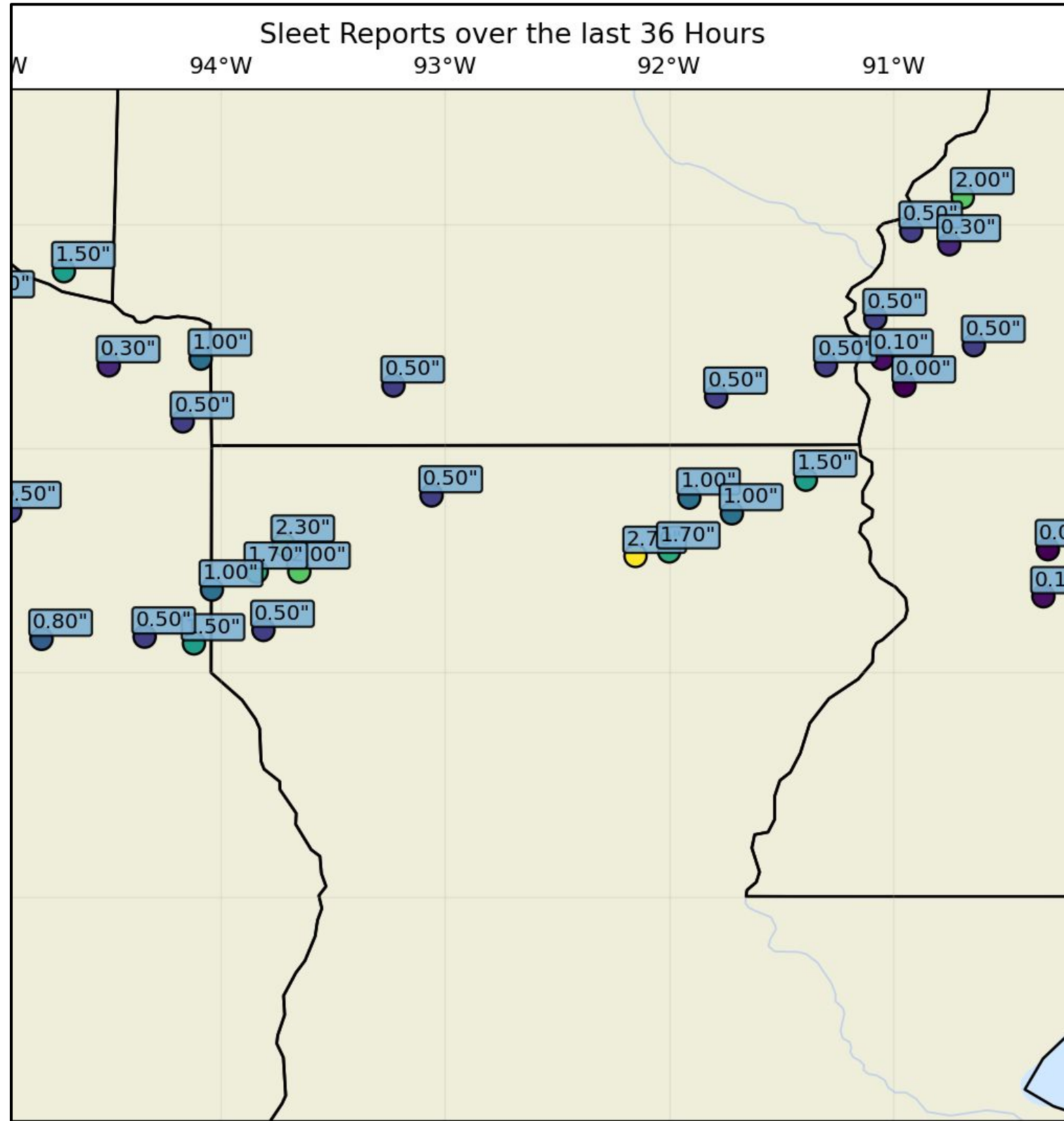
Extreme





Reports as of This Morning

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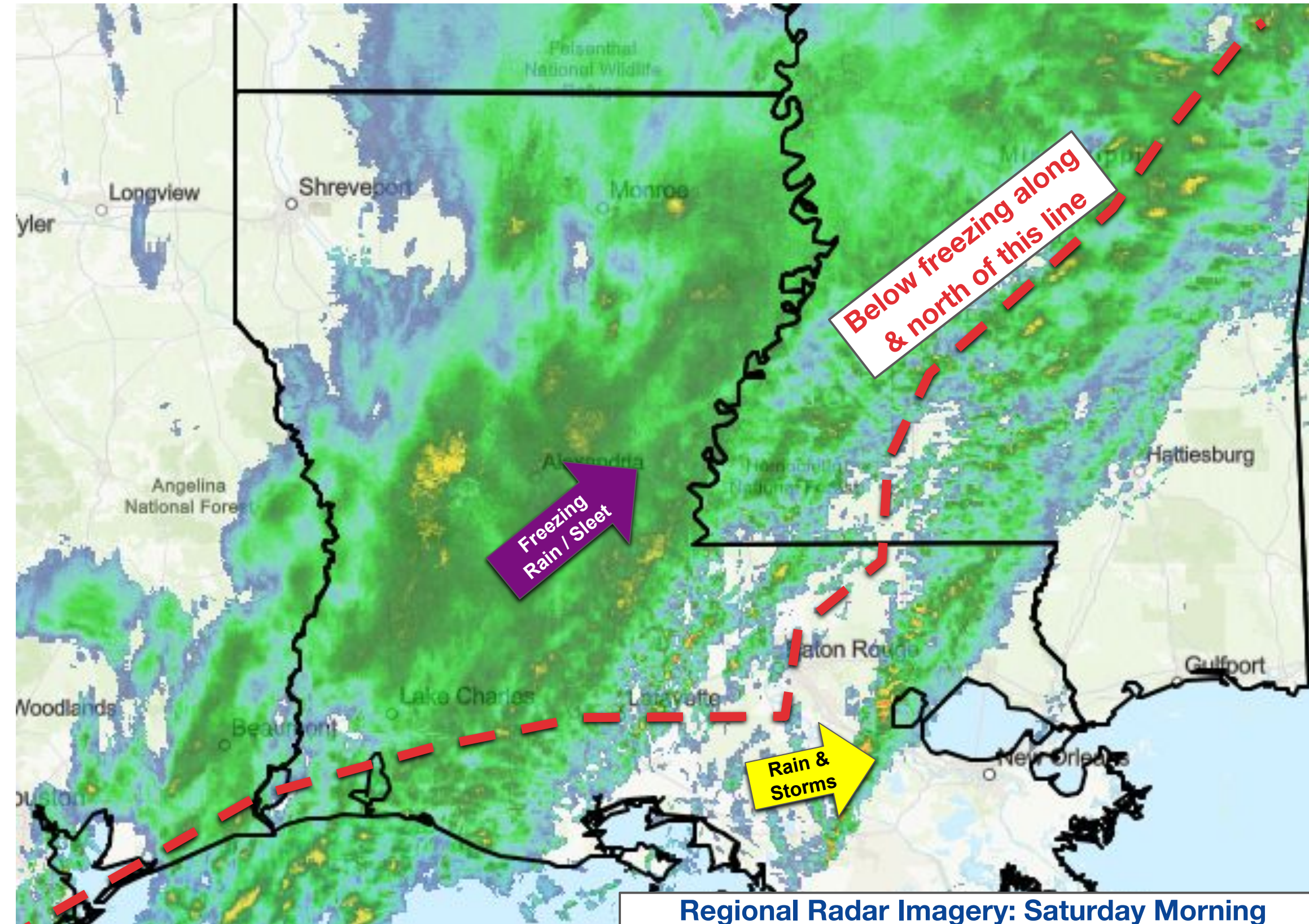




Conditions this Morning

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Hazardous, icy conditions to begin across northern LA today



Regional Radar Imagery: Saturday Morning

- **2nd Round of Rain:** Moderate showers overspreading majority of LA
- **Along and north of I-10 west of Baton Rouge:** With surface temps already below freezing, icy conditions & sleet will continue. **Conditions will remain dangerous today.**
- **Freezing line stalling out:** The freeze line may nudge southward, but should mostly stay put until the precipitation moves out.

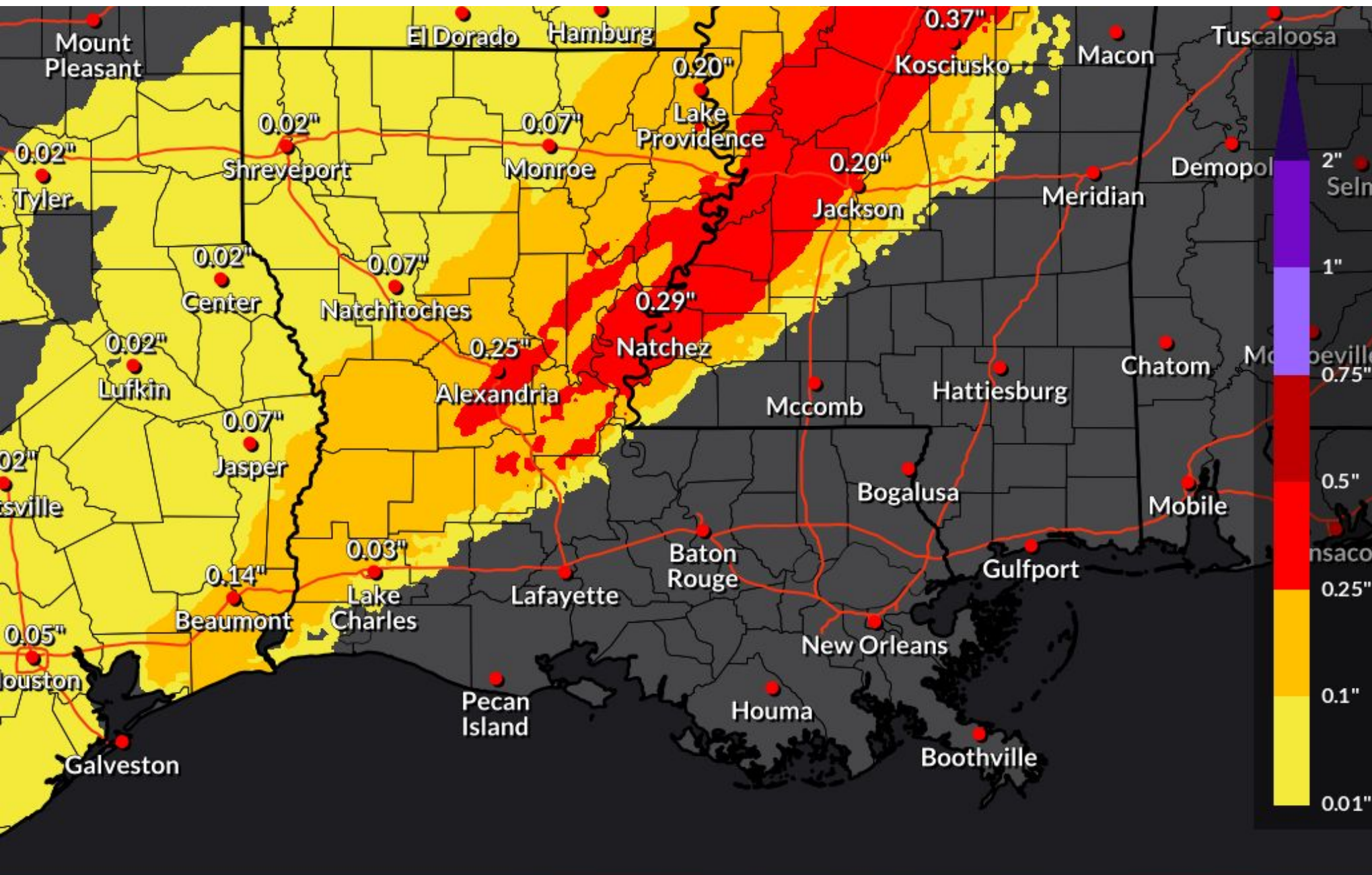




Additional Most Likely Ice Accumulations

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Forecast valid Now through 6PM Sunday.



- Additional ice accumulations of 0.1 to 0.25 inch across central and northeast LA
- A glazing of ice upwards of 0.1 to 0.25 inches could extend as far south as Lake Charles.
- Precipitation looks to move out of the state shortly after 12pm.

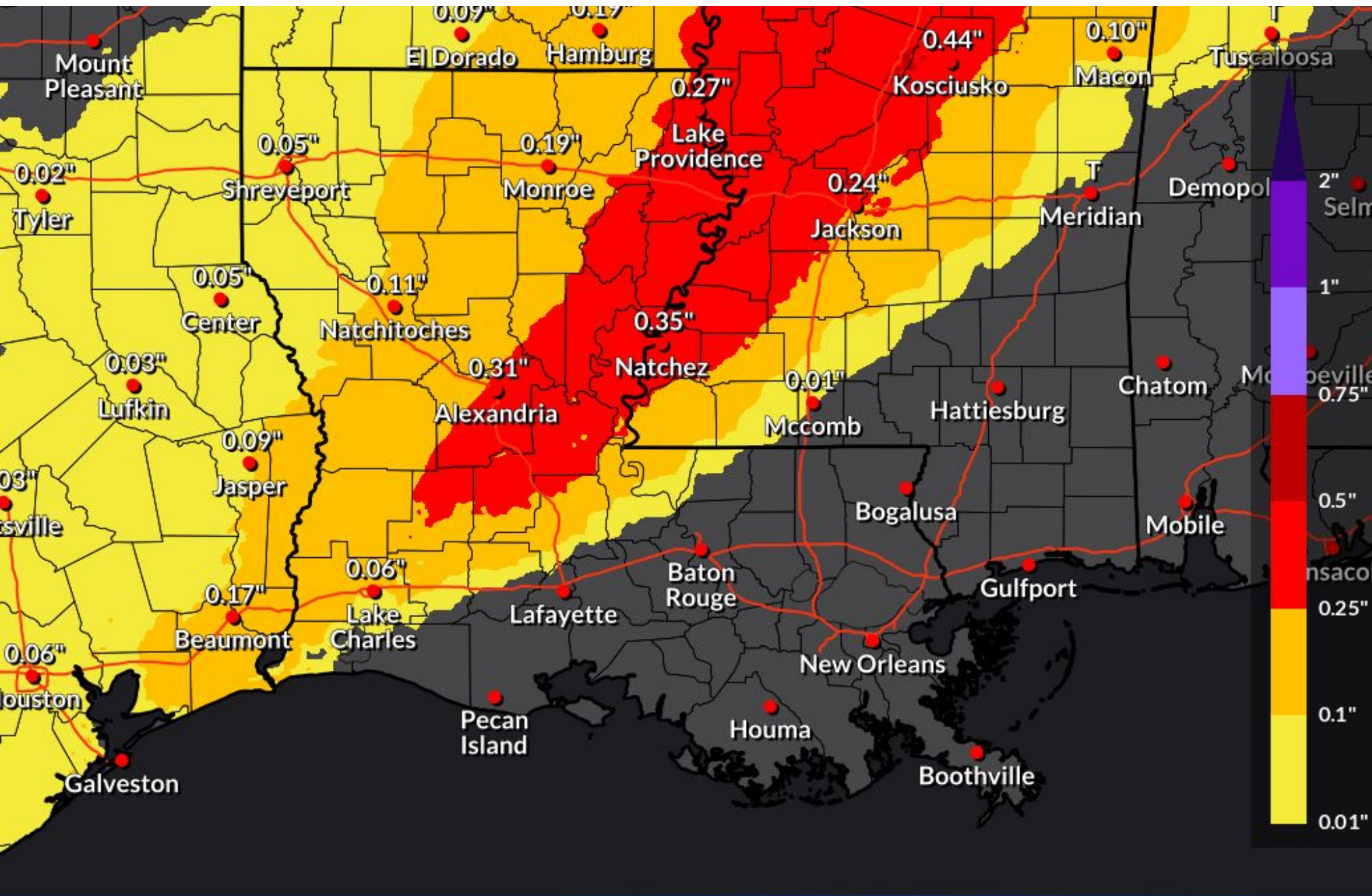




Additional Most Dangerous Ice Accumulations

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- Isolated additional areas up to 0.5 inch of ice across central and northeast LA.
- A glazing of ice upwards of 0.1 to 0.25 inches could extend as far south as Lafayette.
- Precipitation looks to move out of the state shortly after 12pm.

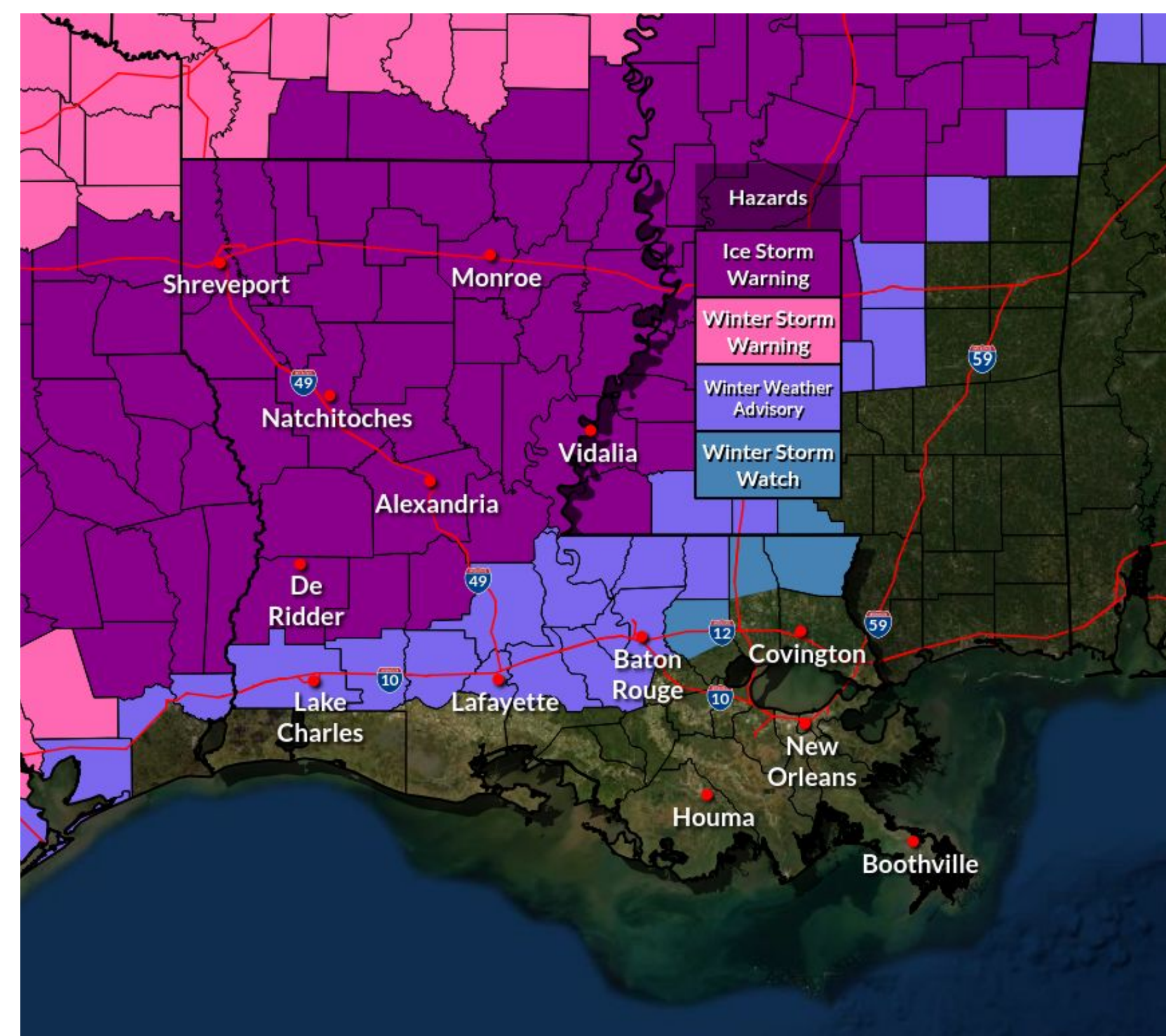




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Northern Louisiana:

- **Ice Storm Warning:** North and Central LA: Total ice accumulations of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ " , with isolated totals near one inch.
 - Continued impact to roadways and infrastructure expected.

I-10 Corridor Baton Rouge & Westward:

- **Winter Weather Advisory:** Mixed wintry precipitation. Ice accumulations up to 0.10" possible.

Southeast Louisiana:

- **Winter Storm Watch:** Total ice accumulation between a light glaze and locally higher amounts up to one tenth inch possible.

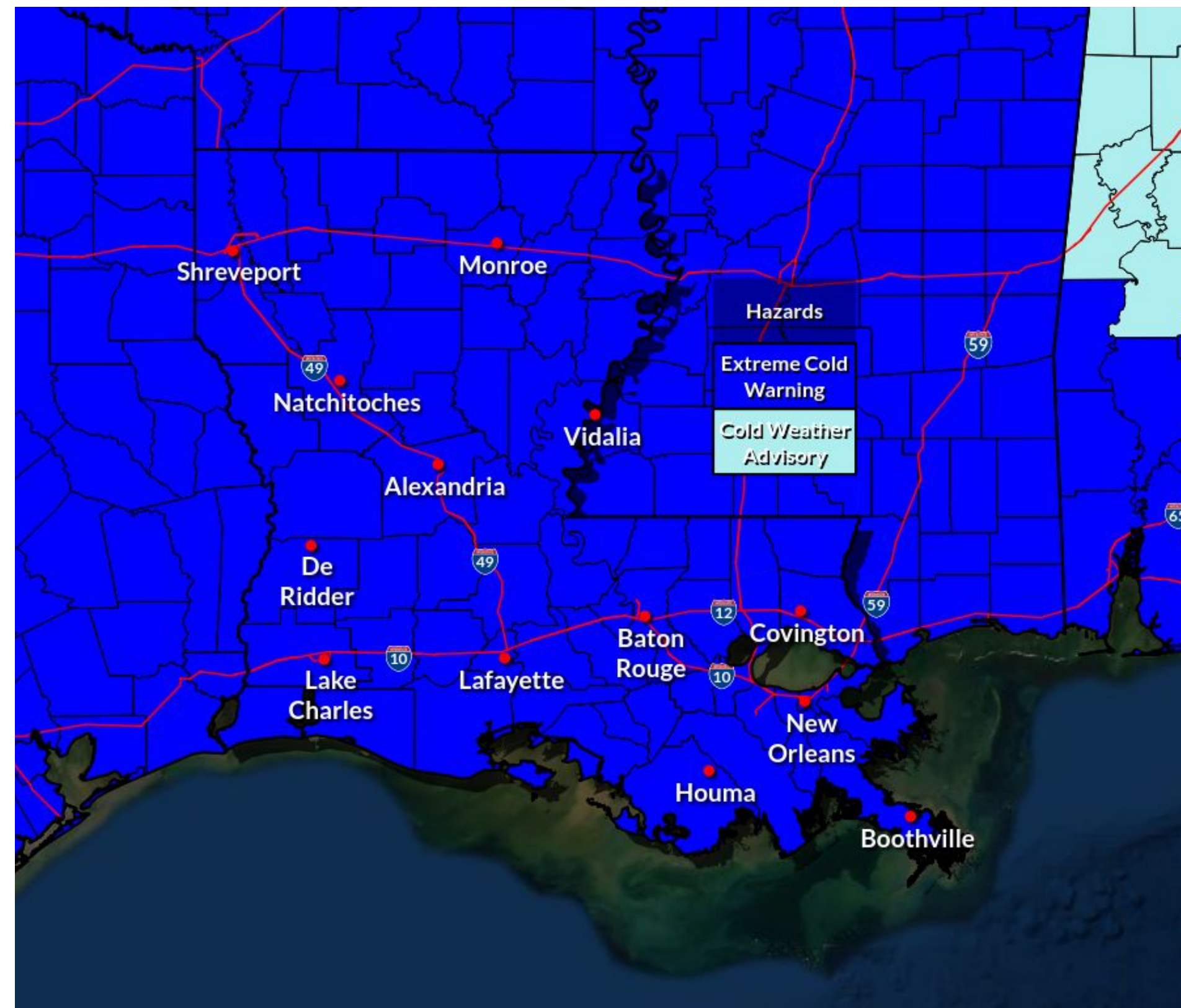




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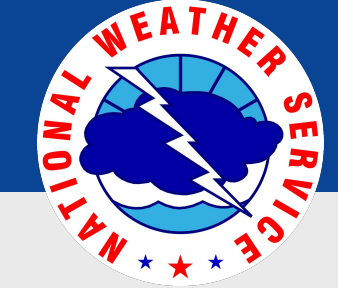


All of Louisiana:

- **Extreme Cold Warning:**

- Dangerously cold temperatures as low as 0 degrees possible across northern and central LA, wind chills as low as 15-25 for southern LA Monday and Tuesday morning
- **Impacts:** Frostbite and hypothermia will occur if unprotected skin is exposed to these temperatures. An extended period of freezing temperatures could cause ruptured water pipes.

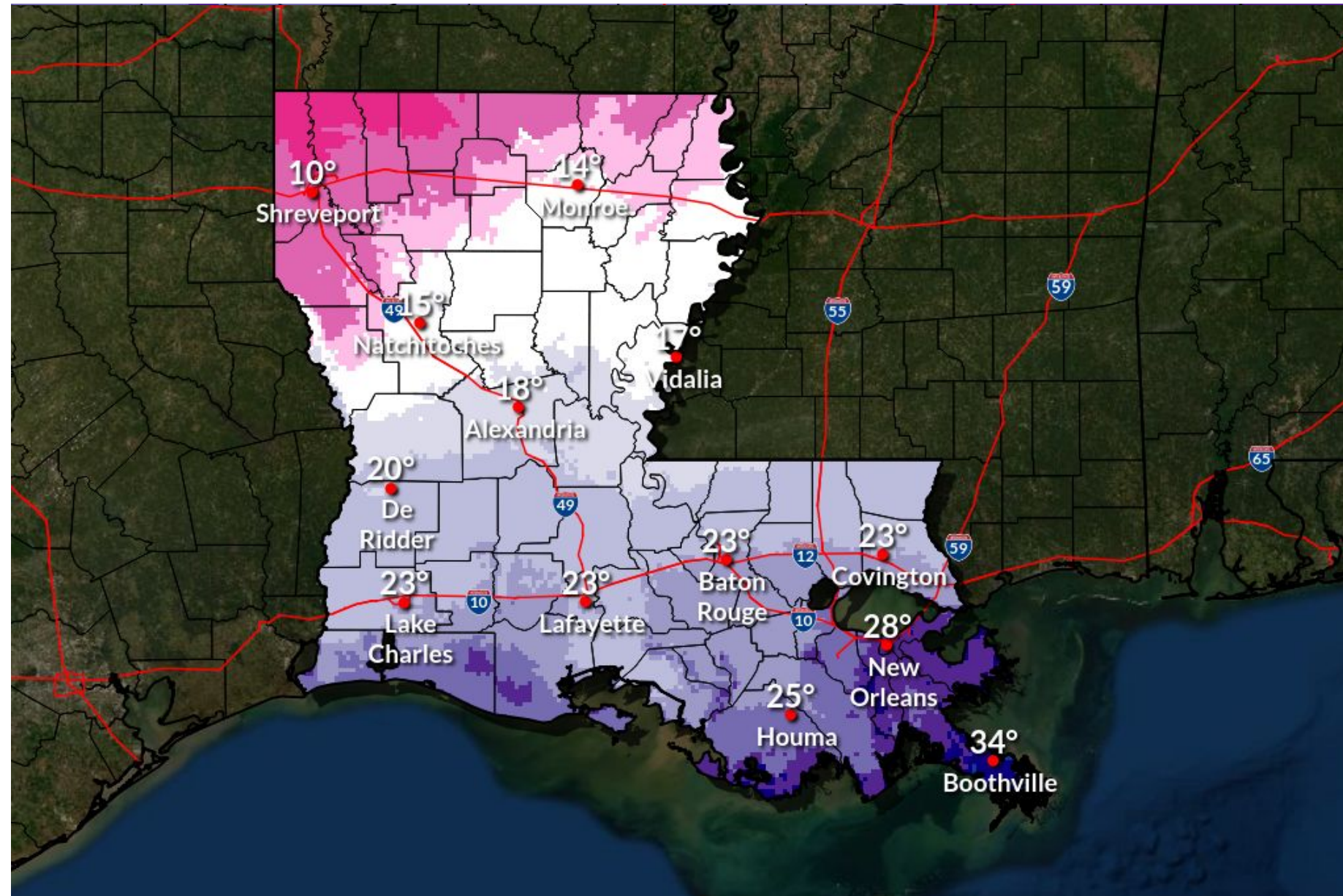




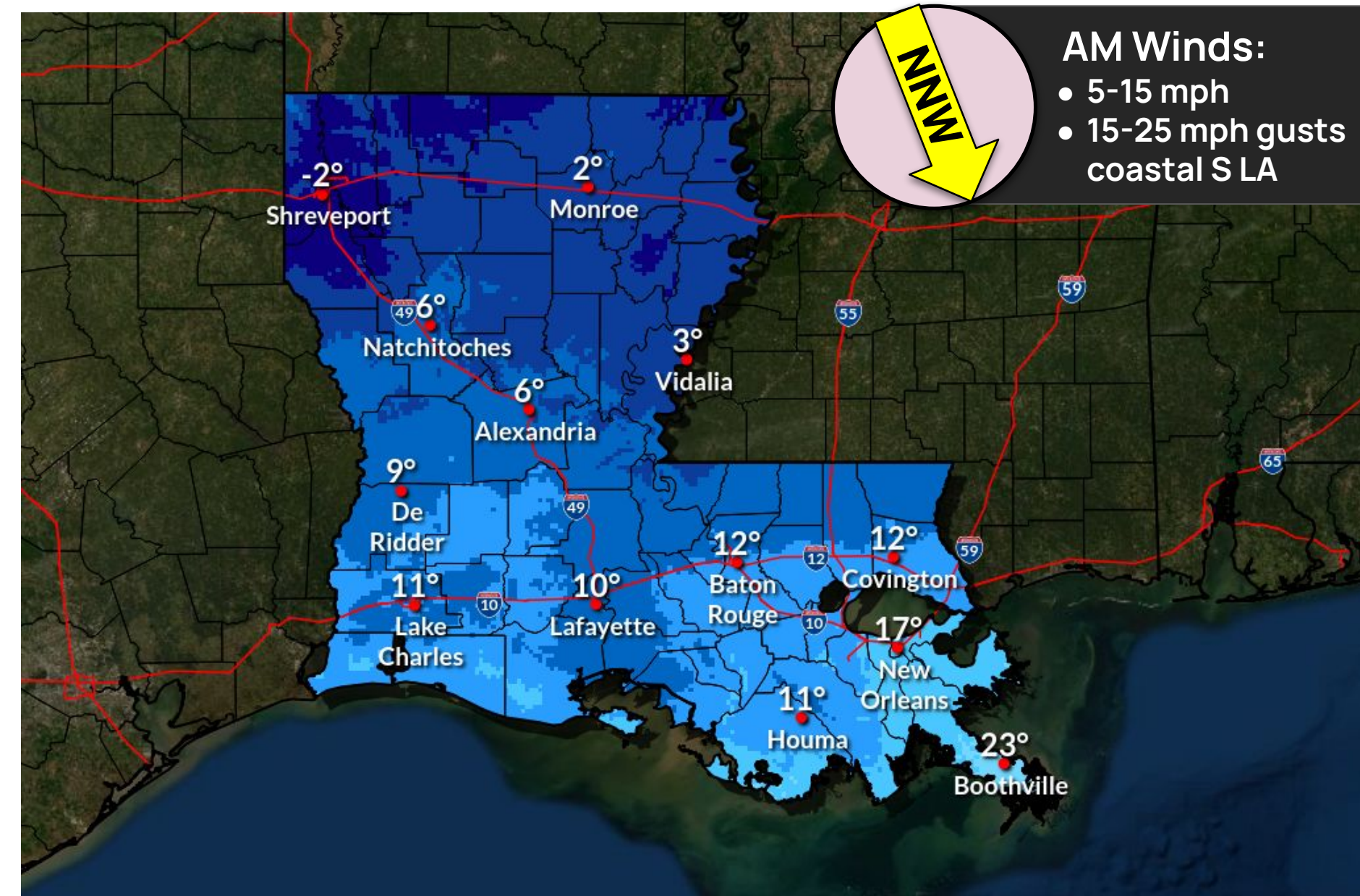
Monday Morning Lows & Wind Chills

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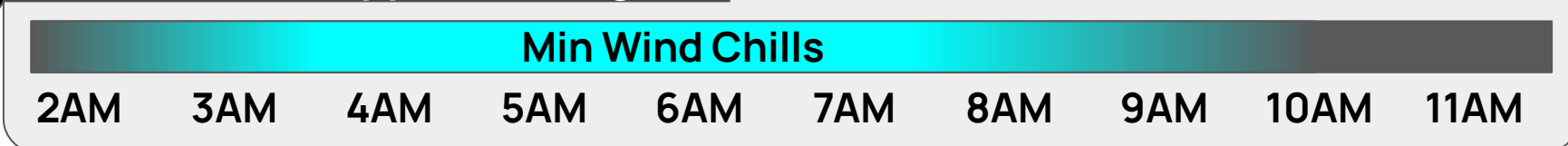
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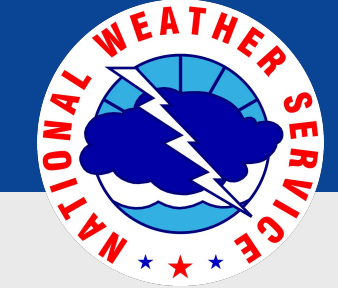


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Min Wind Chill Approx Timing

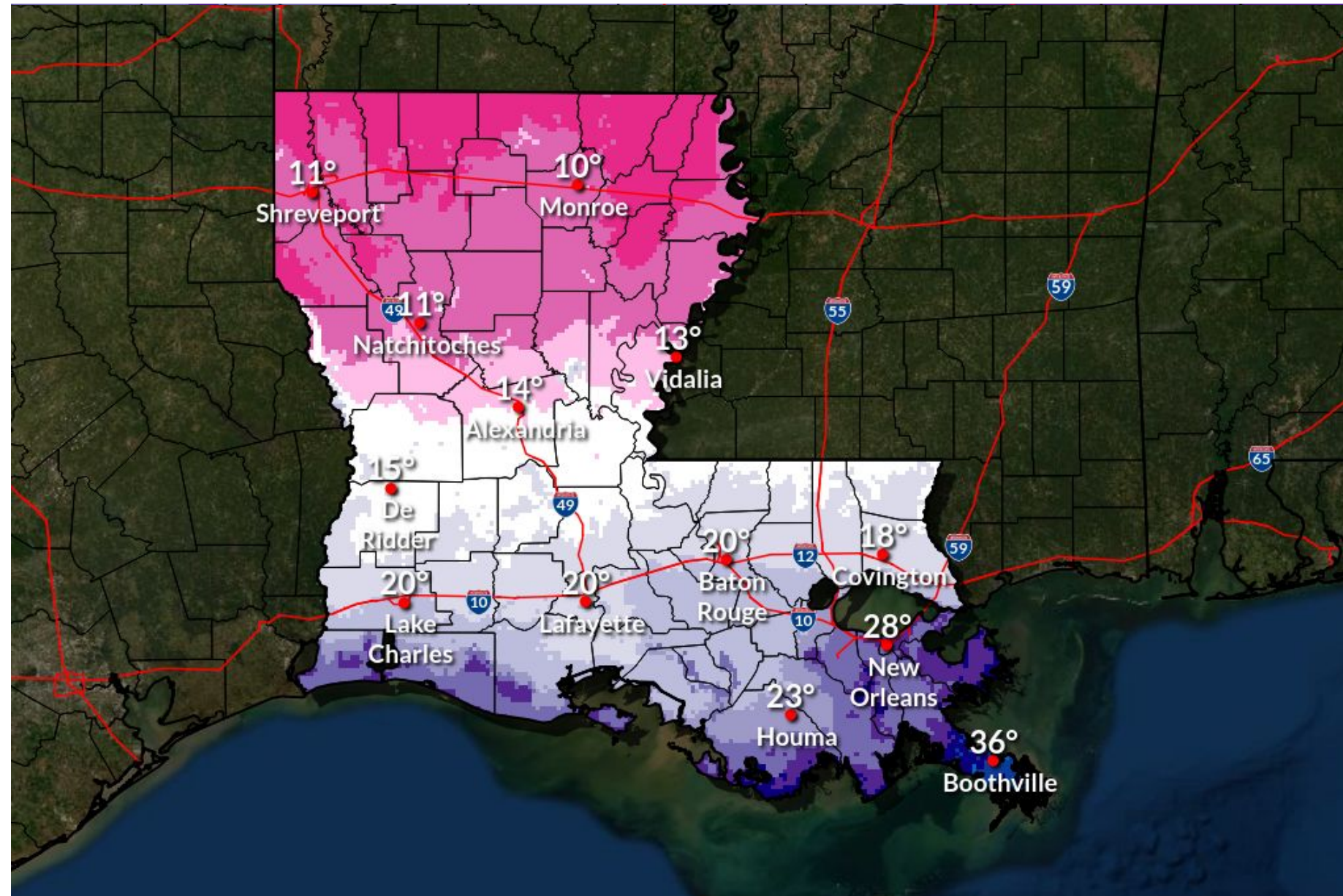




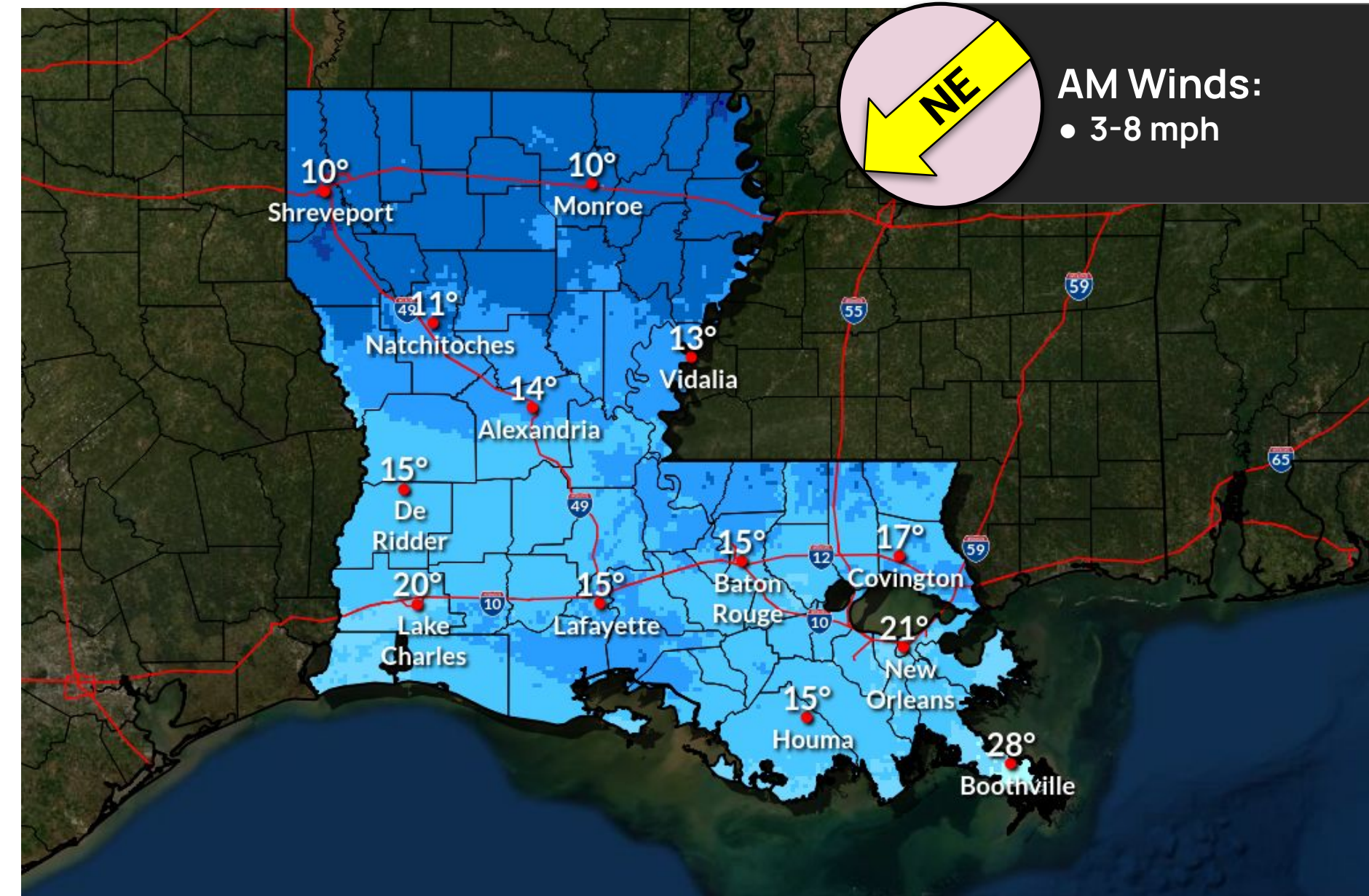
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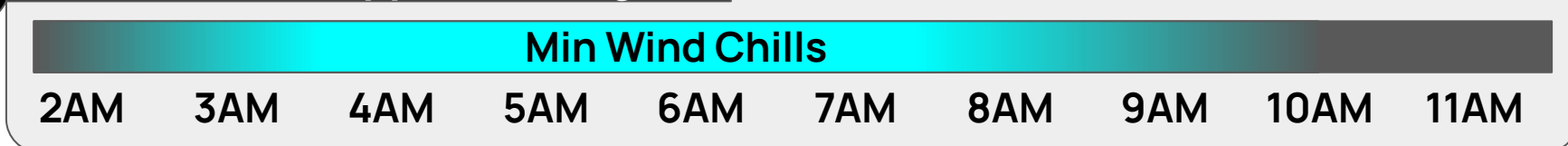
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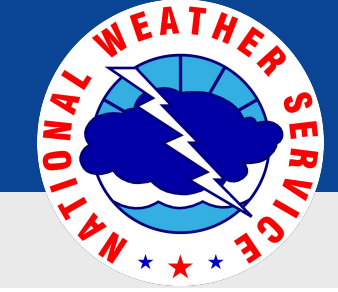


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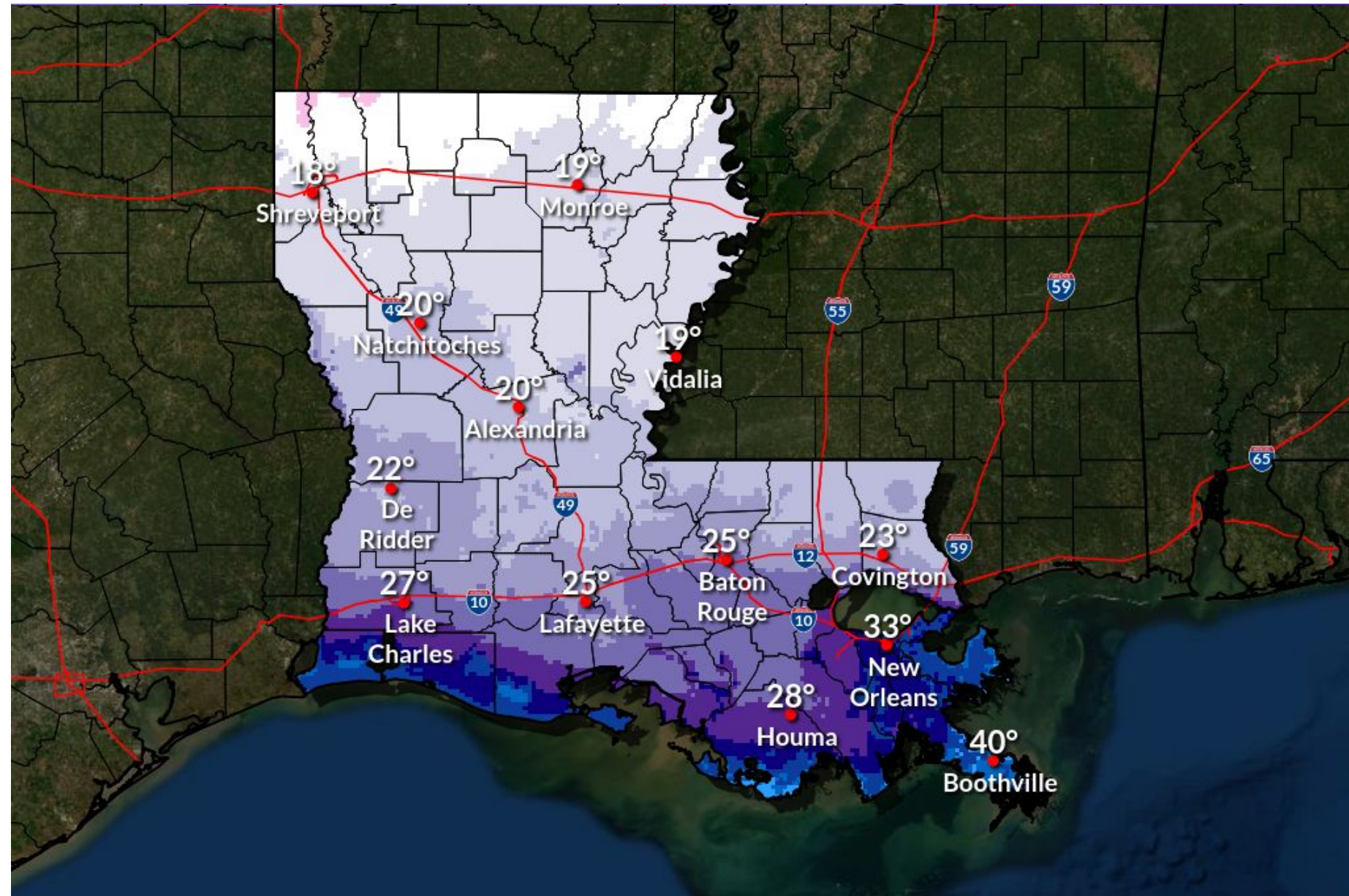
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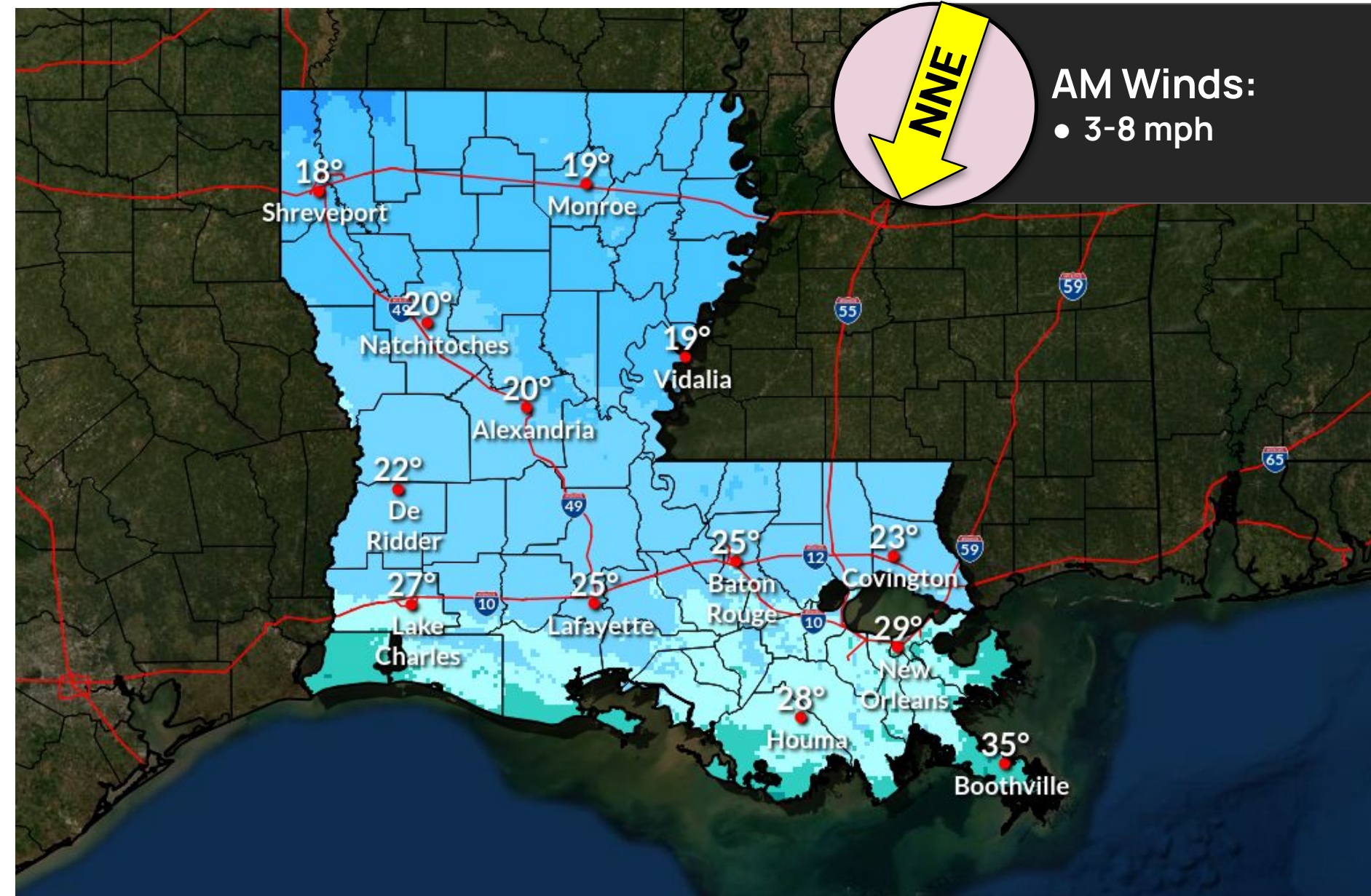


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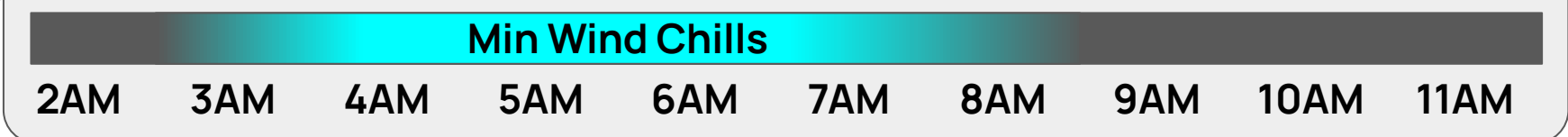
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