



# Severe Weather Briefing

March 15, 2026  
4:00 PM EDT

For Central South Carolina and the Central Savannah River Area of Georgia

## Decision Support Briefing #3

→ As of Sun, Mar 15, 2026 4:00 PM

### **NEW** Important Updates

- Conditional threat for strong to severe storms continues into this evening.
- Widespread, significant severe weather is expected on Monday.
- Northeastern portions of the forecast area are in a **Moderate Risk** (Level 4/5) for severe weather, with almost everywhere else being in an **Enhanced Risk** (Level 3/5).



\*Understanding SPC's new 3 tiered hatched system\*:  
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/2Eam8jrQg54>



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# Key Messages

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- A conditional threat for strong to severe storms exists through about 8 PM today.
  - Hail, damaging winds, and isolated tornadoes are possible if thunderstorms are able to get established.
- Potentially **significant severe** threat continues for Monday.
  - Damaging (60 mph) to potentially destructive (75+ mph) wind gusts are expected, with tornadoes possible as well.
  - Some strong tornadoes (EF2+) are possible.
  - The entire area is at risk but the best chance for the strongest storms remains along and east of a line from Lancaster to Aiken to Augusta.





# Today's Severe Weather Outlook

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## Timing



The best chance for a strong to severe storm today is through about 8 PM.

## Actions



Be weather aware and ready to act.

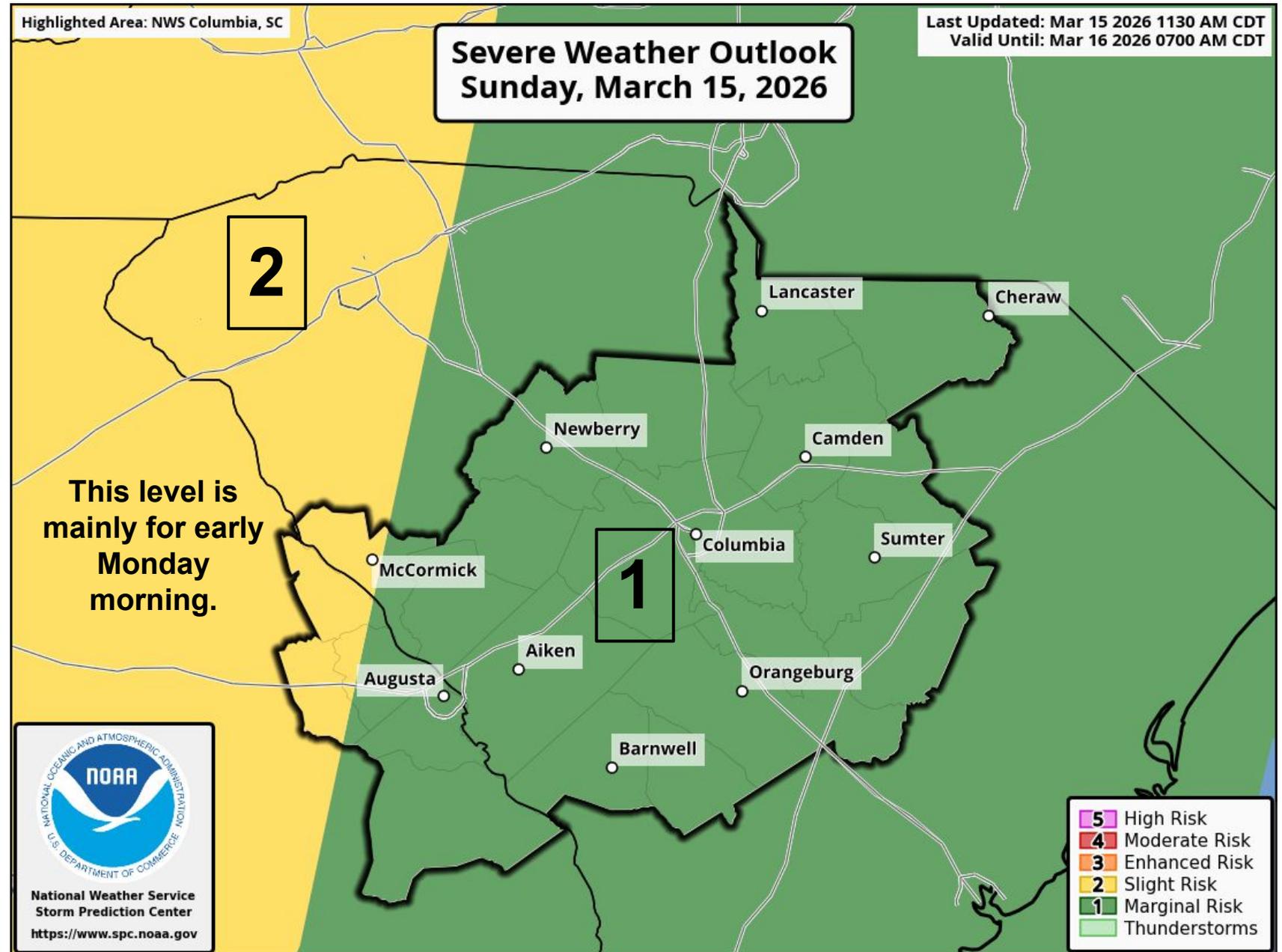
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## Isolated Severe Threat

**Isolated Tornadoes**

**Large Hail**  
1" or larger

**Damaging Wind**  
Storms may produce wind gusts to 60 mph





# Main Points

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*For Monday's Severe Event*

Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
<b>Wind</b> 	<p>Numerous to widespread tree damage is likely. Power outages are possible. Mobile homes will be vulnerable to wind gusts this strong.</p>	<p>Midlands and CSRA</p>	<p>10-11 AM through 4-5 PM Monday.</p>
<b>Tornadoes</b> 	<p>Multiple tornadoes are anticipated on Monday, with strong tornadoes (EF2+) possible across the area.</p>	<p>Midlands and CSRA</p>	<p>10-11 AM through 4-5 PM Monday.</p>
<b>Hail</b> 	<p>Hail is possible with the strongest cells, with minor damage to cars and roofs the primary impact.</p>	<p>Midlands and CSRA</p>	<p>10-11 AM through 4-5 PM Monday.</p>





# Monday's Severe Weather Outlook

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## Timing



10-11 AM through 4-5 PM

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## Severe Threats



### Multiple Tornadoes

A few strong (EF2+) tornadoes are possible.



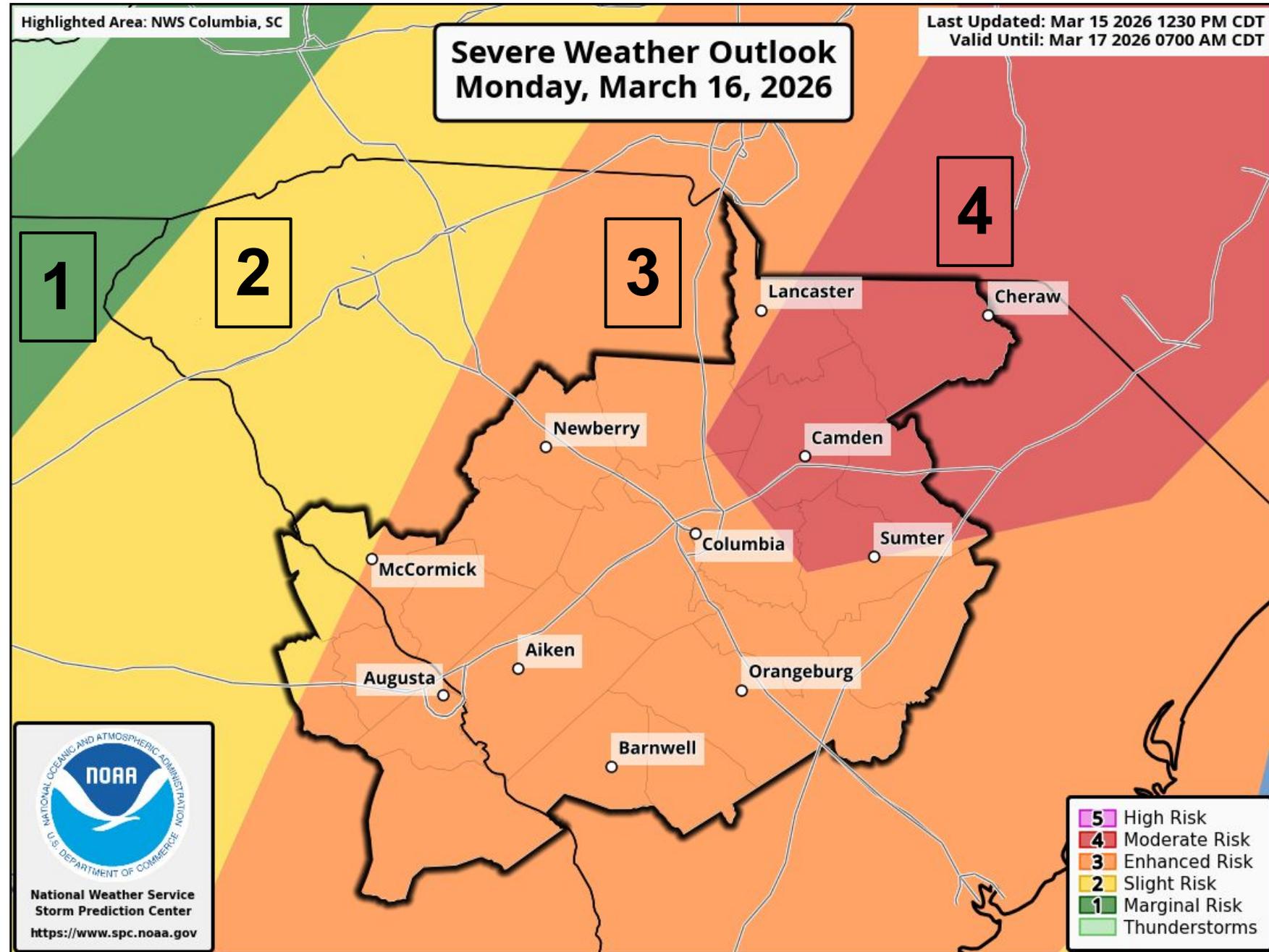
### Large Hail

A few instances of 1" hail possible.



### Damaging to Destructive Winds

Widespread wind damage is expected, with gusts up to 75 mph possible as the line pushes through.

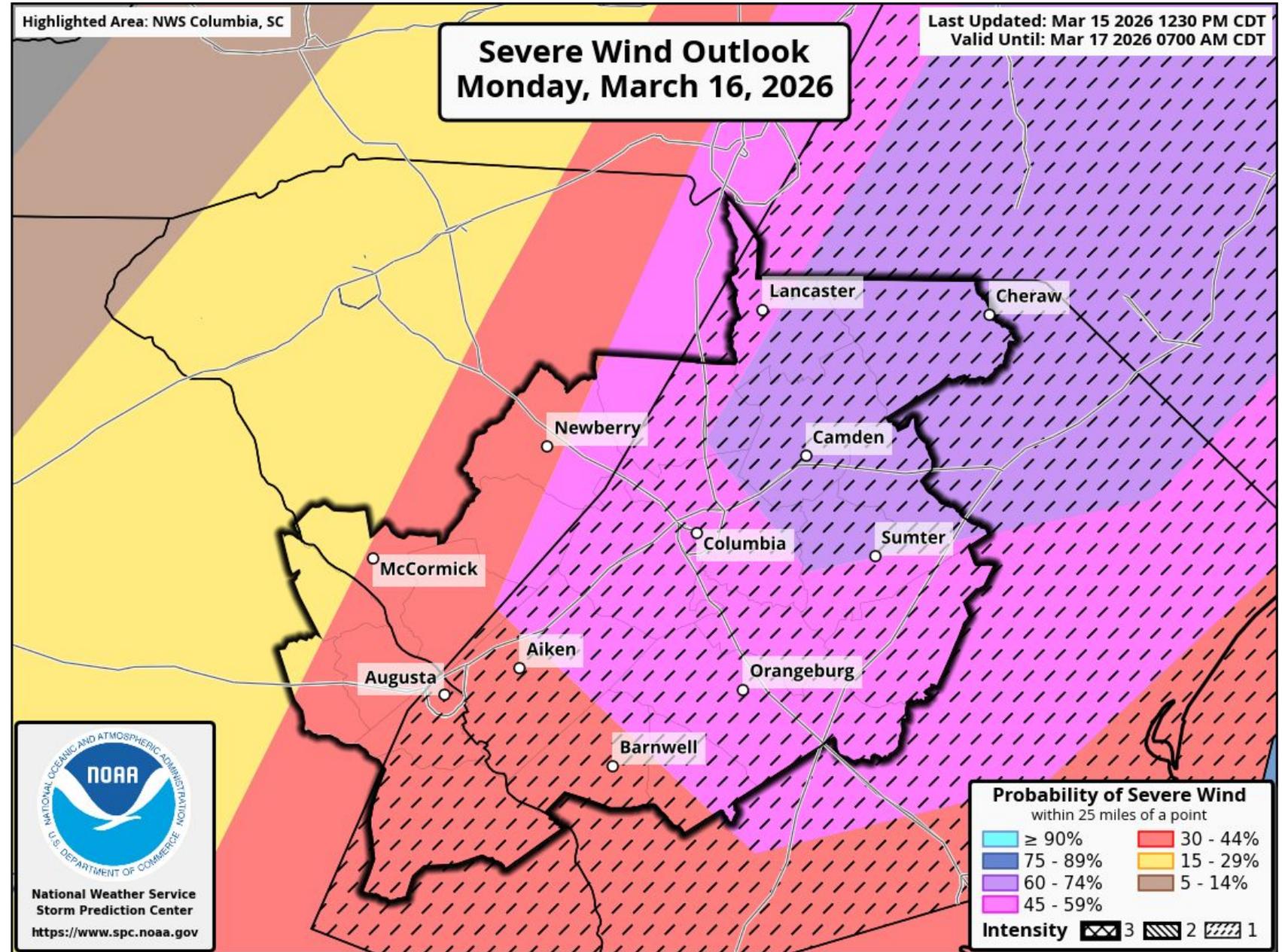




# Monday's Severe Wind Outlook

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- SPC continues **Enhanced Risk** probabilities across the majority of the area.
- **Moderate Risk** wind probabilities continue to the Pee Dee Region.
- Widespread damaging winds most likely in the hatched area.

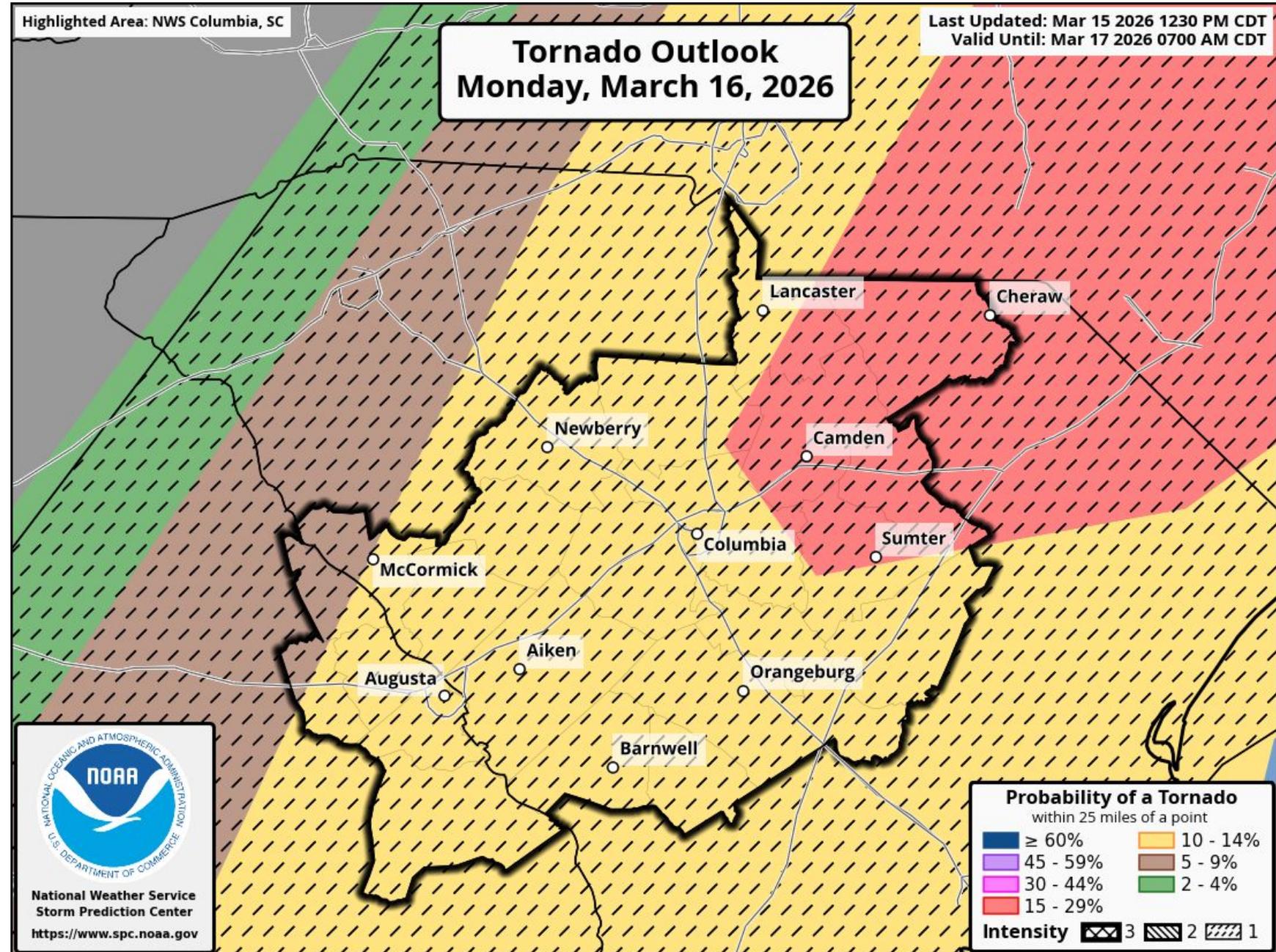




# Monday's Tornado Outlook

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- SPC keeps 10%-15% tornado probabilities to most of the area with higher probabilities in the PeeDee.
- Multiple tornadoes are anticipated, with some strong tornadoes (EF2+) possible.

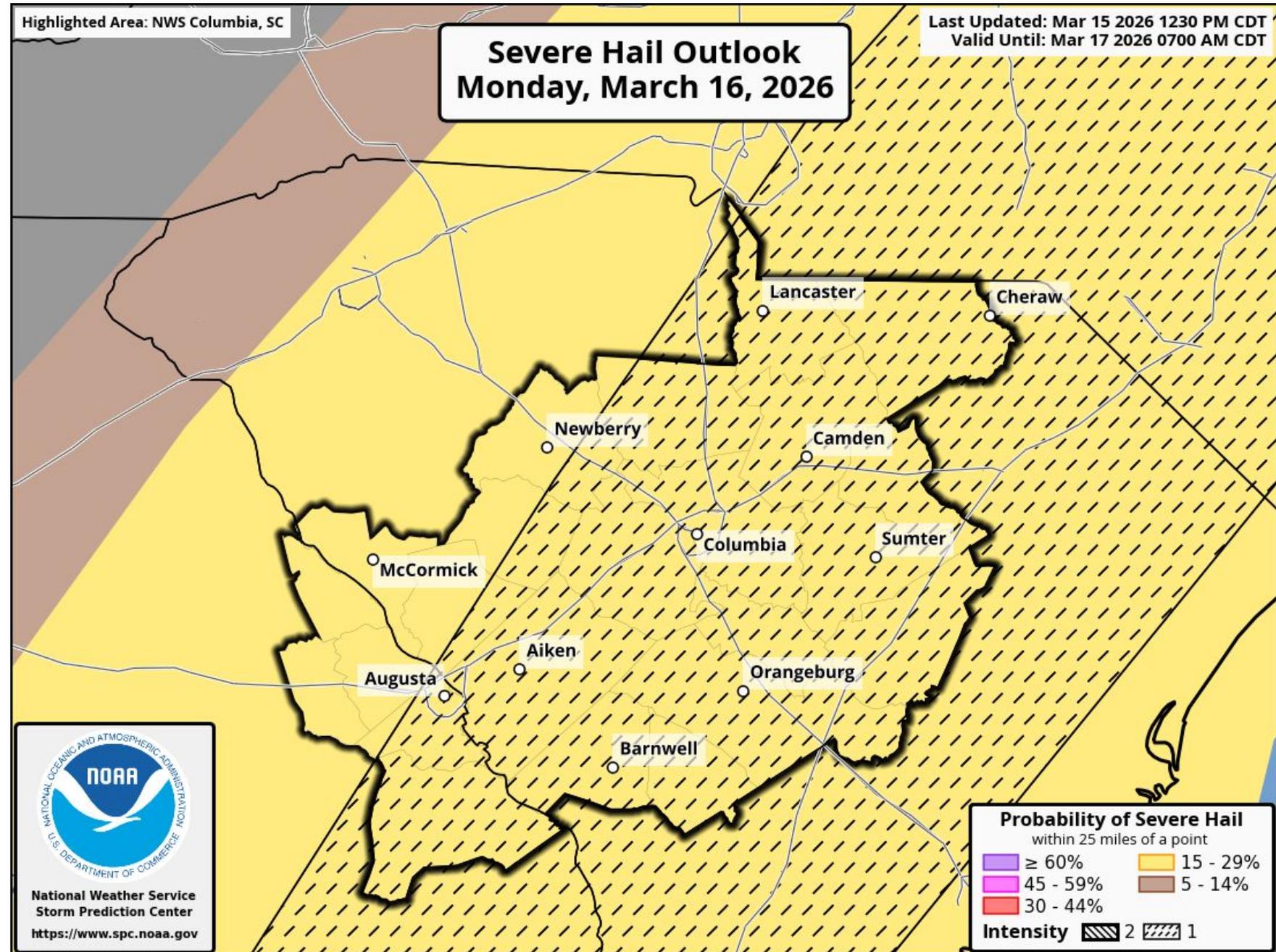




# Monday's Severe Hail Outlook

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- Severe hail is possible in the strongest thunderstorms, with highest threat in hatched area.

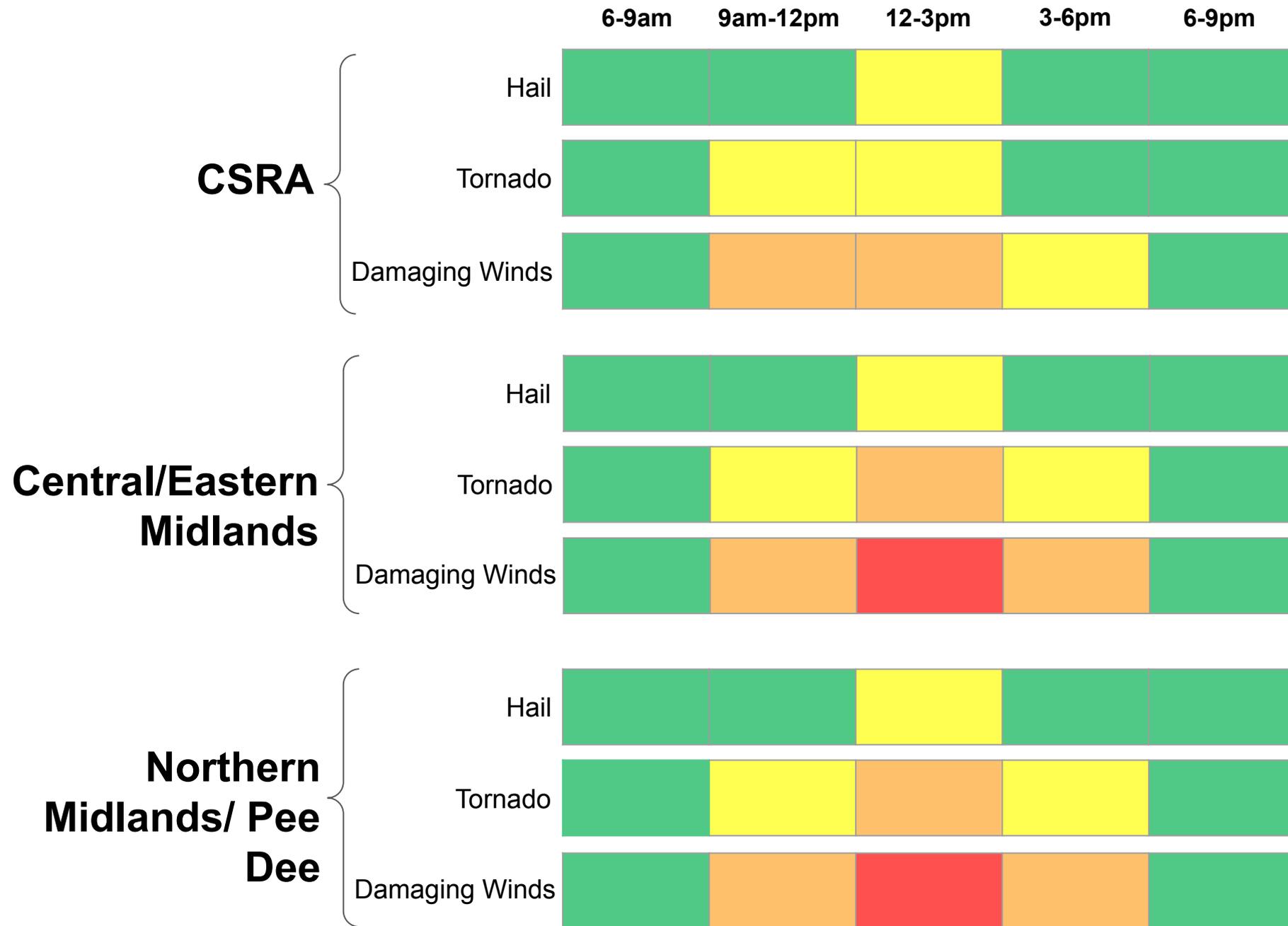




# Summary of Greatest Impacts

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## Monday Severe Weather Timeline



The main window for severe hazards is expected to be from 10-11 AM through 4-5 PM.

While the greatest probability for widespread damaging winds is toward the Pee Dee and northern Midlands, **damaging winds and strong tornadoes are possible across the whole CWA.**

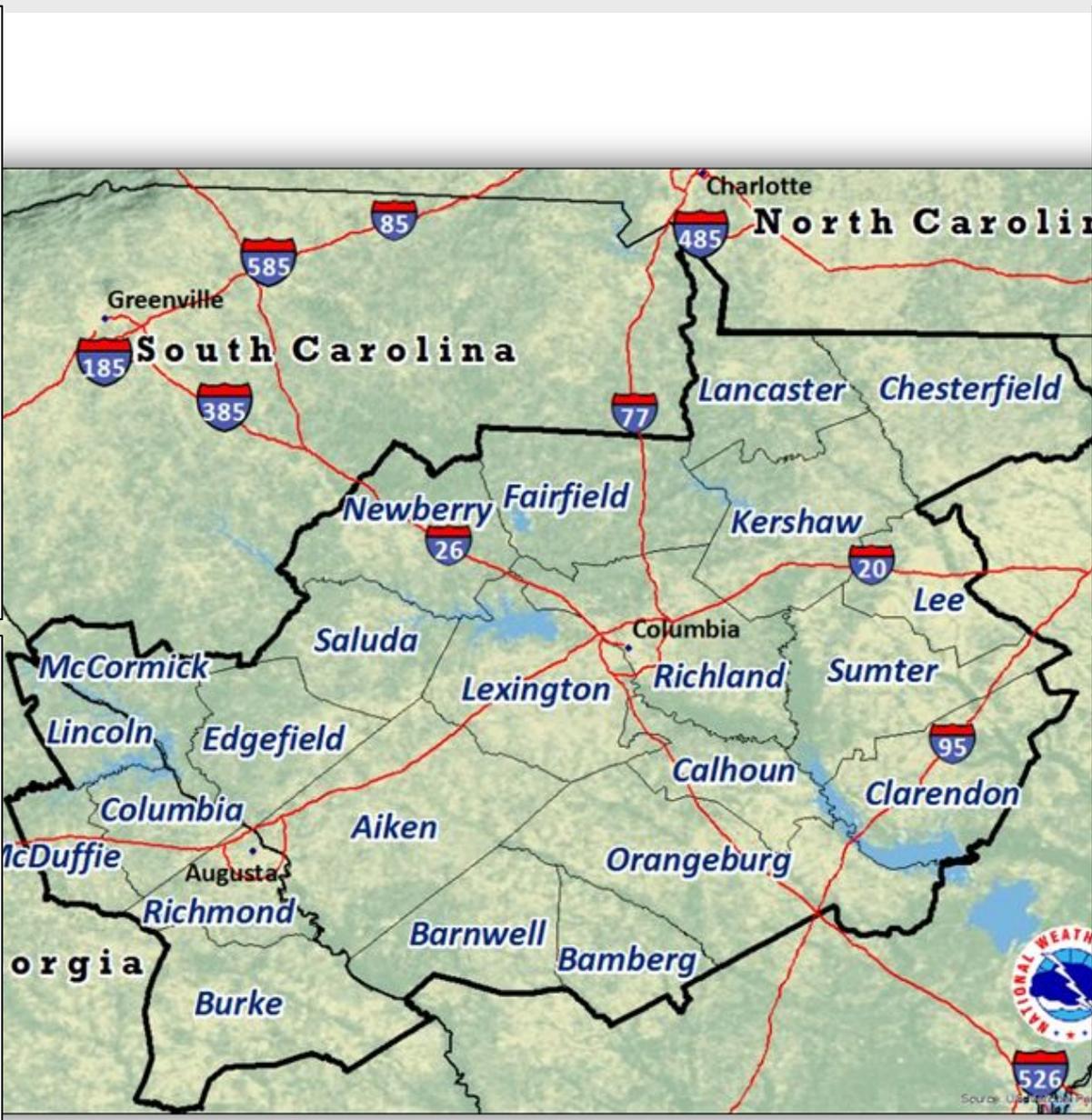
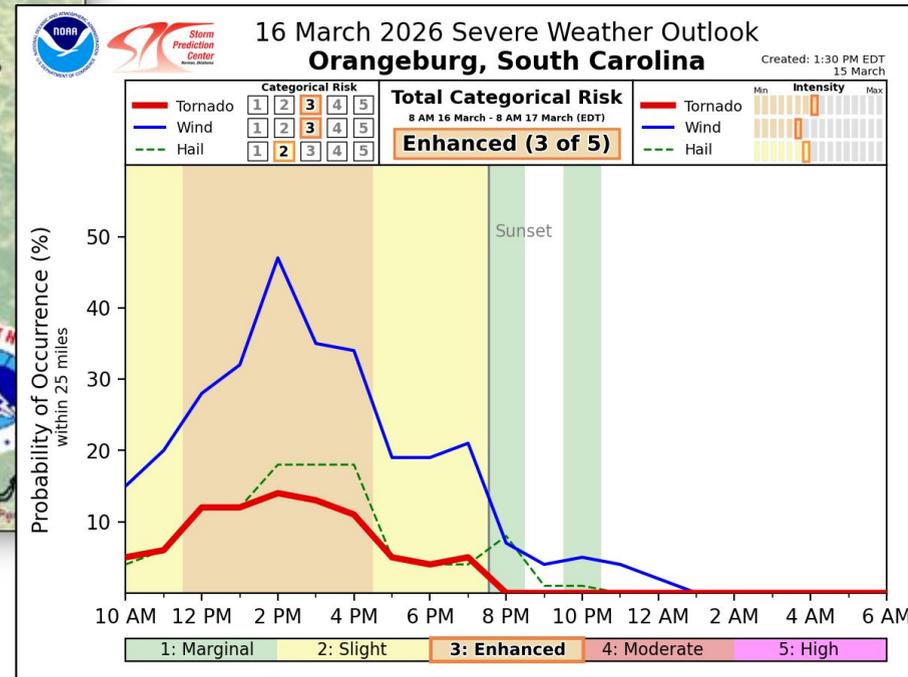
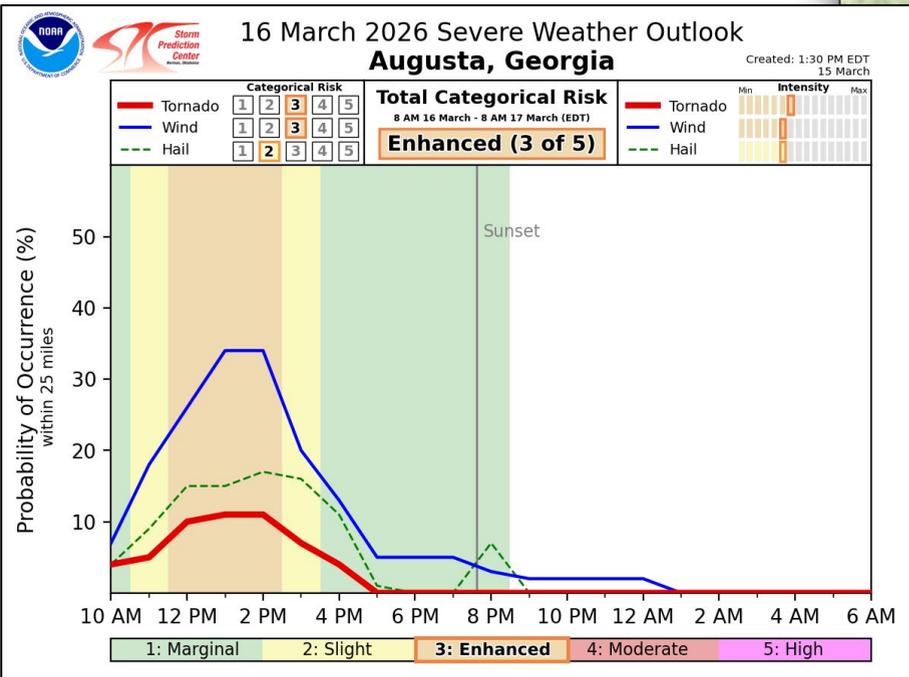
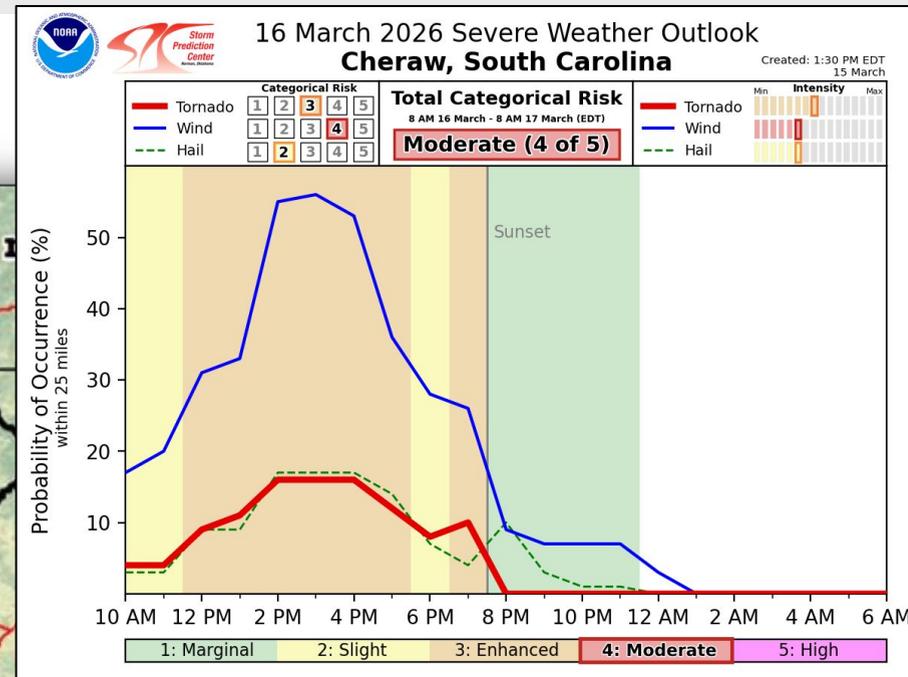
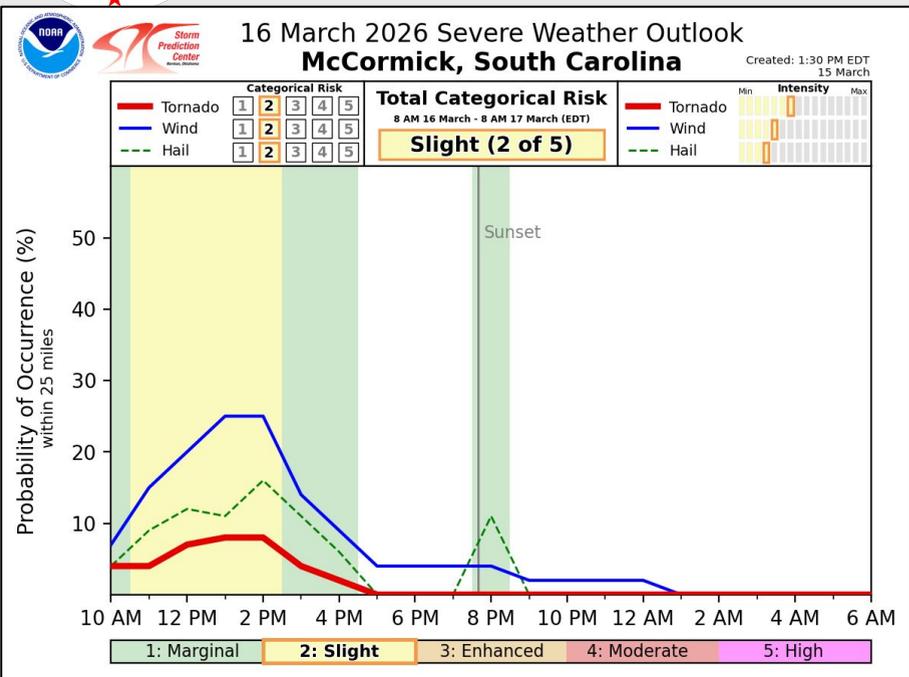
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# Threat Timing of Select Cities

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# Contact Information

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→ <https://www.weather.gov/media/cae/DSSBuilder/LatestBriefing.pdf>



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