



# Multiple Hazards for Today thru Wednesday

March 17, 2025  
5:05 AM

## Key Messages

- **Extreme Fire Danger** today and likely again for Tuesday afternoon/evening(*Fire Weather Watch Tuesday*).
- **VERY Strong Northwest Winds** with gusts around 60-65 mph are likely to affect central/south central Kansas late Tuesday night into Wednesday.
- A period of moderate to heavy snow could combine with expected very strong northwest winds and impact parts of central Kansas late Tuesday night into Wednesday morning. This could create very dangerous travel conditions.

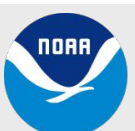
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## What Has Changed

- Red Flag Warning continues for South-Central and Southeastern KS Today, Fire Weather Watch cancelled for parts of central Kansas today with Very High Fire Danger expected in those areas.
- Issued a High Wind Watch for all of central and south central Kansas for late Tuesday night into Wednesday

## Next Scheduled Update

- Later this afternoon



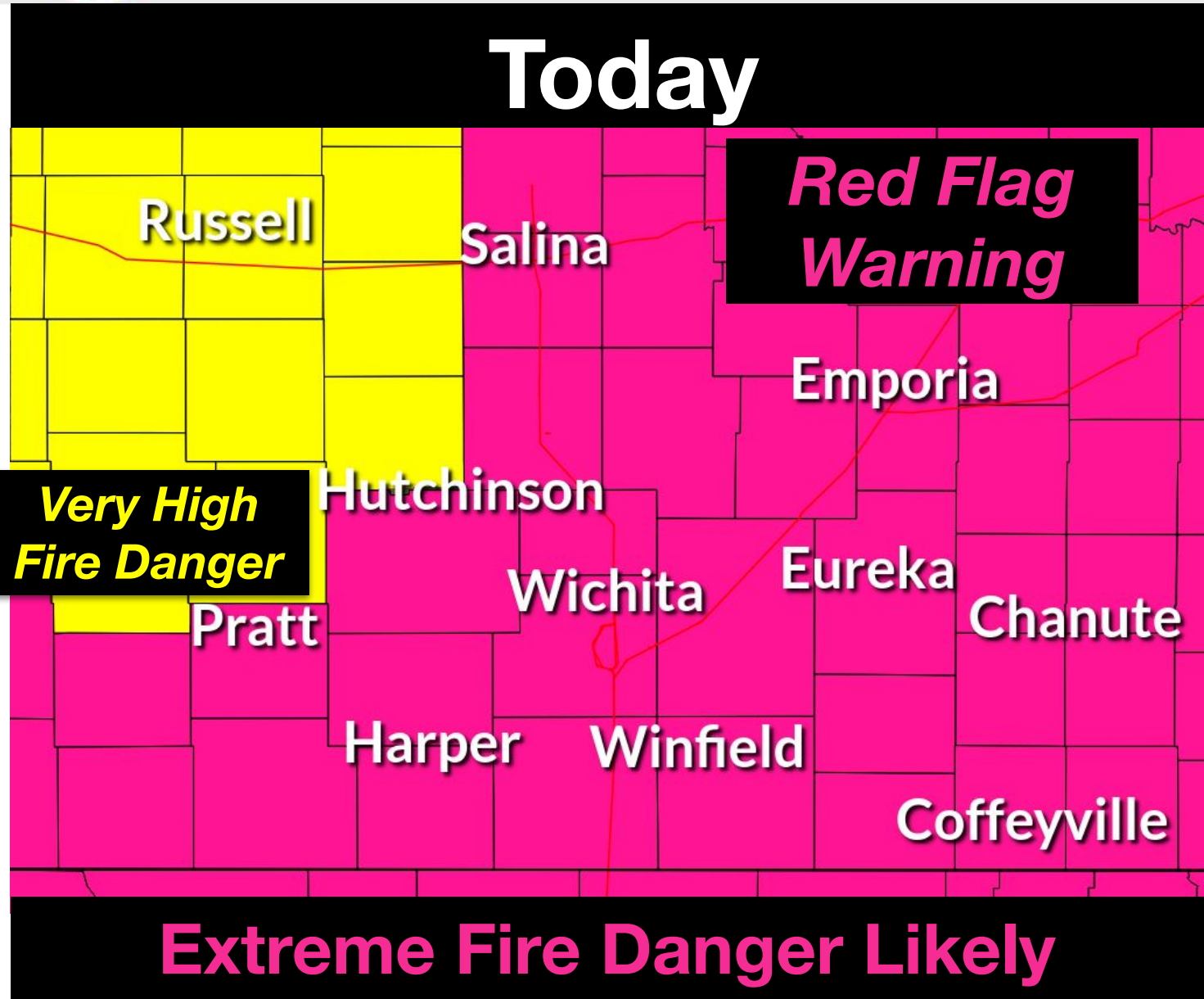
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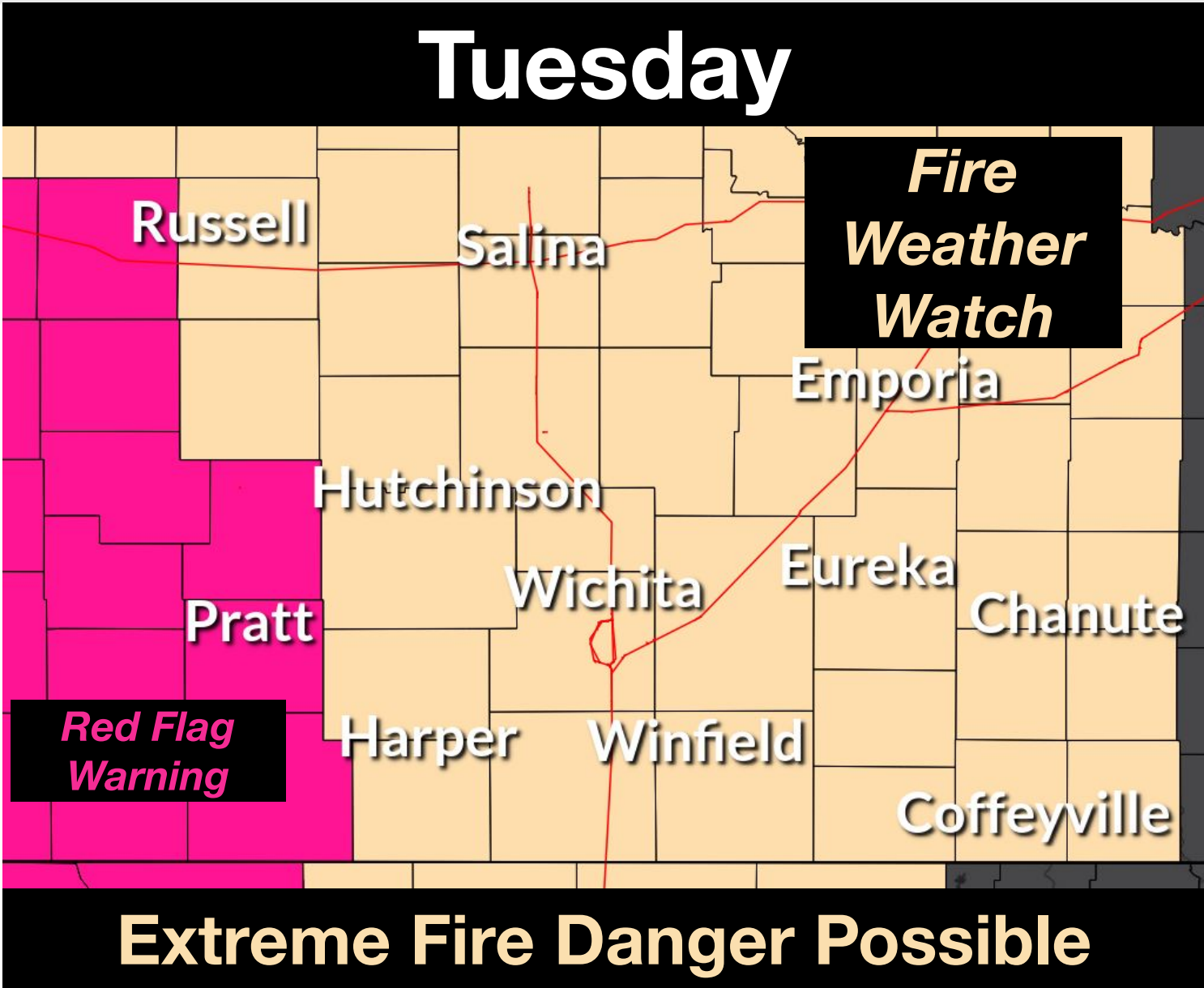


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*Warning means Extreme Fire Danger is expected*



*Watch means Extreme Fire Danger Levels are Possible*

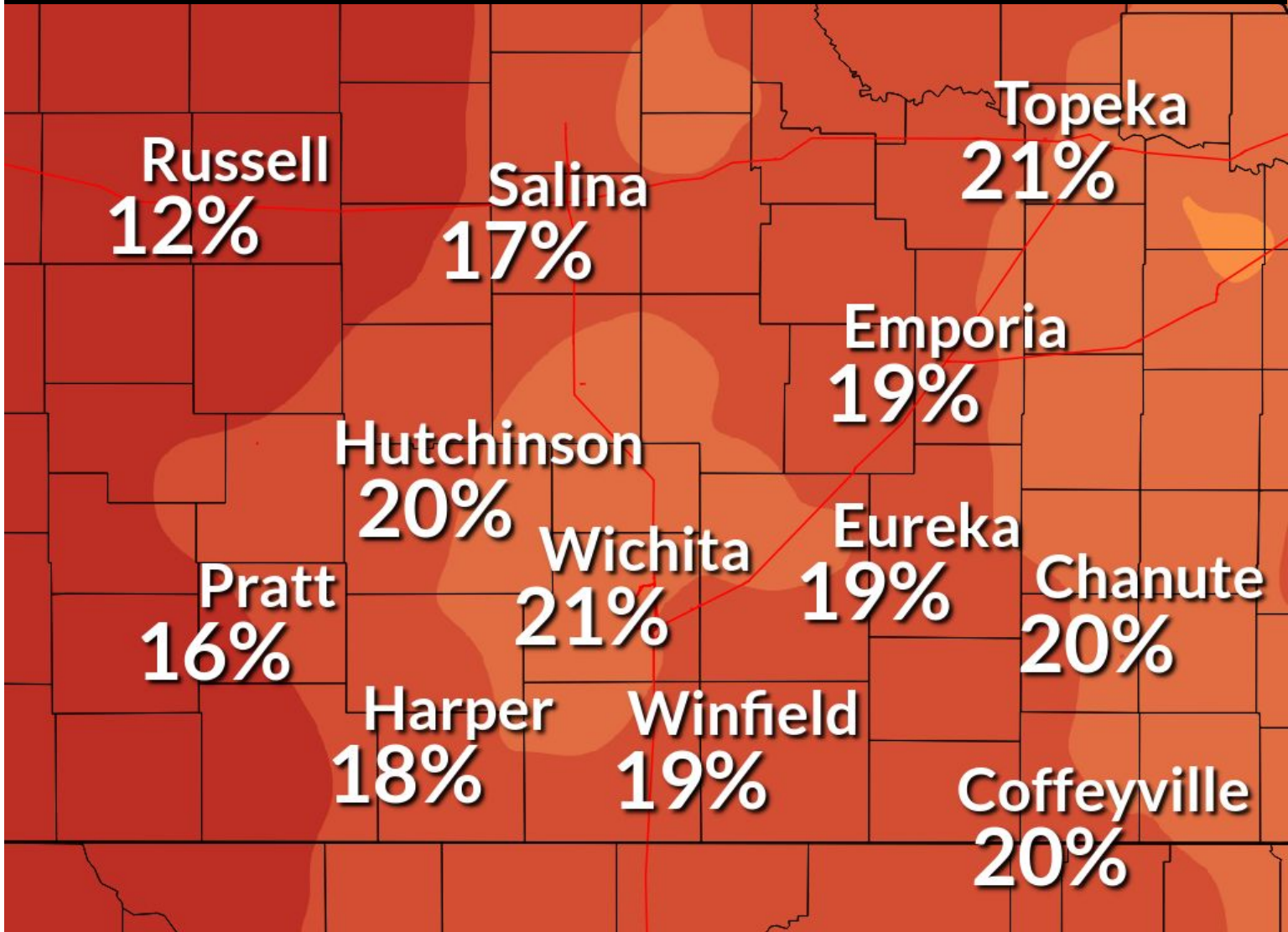




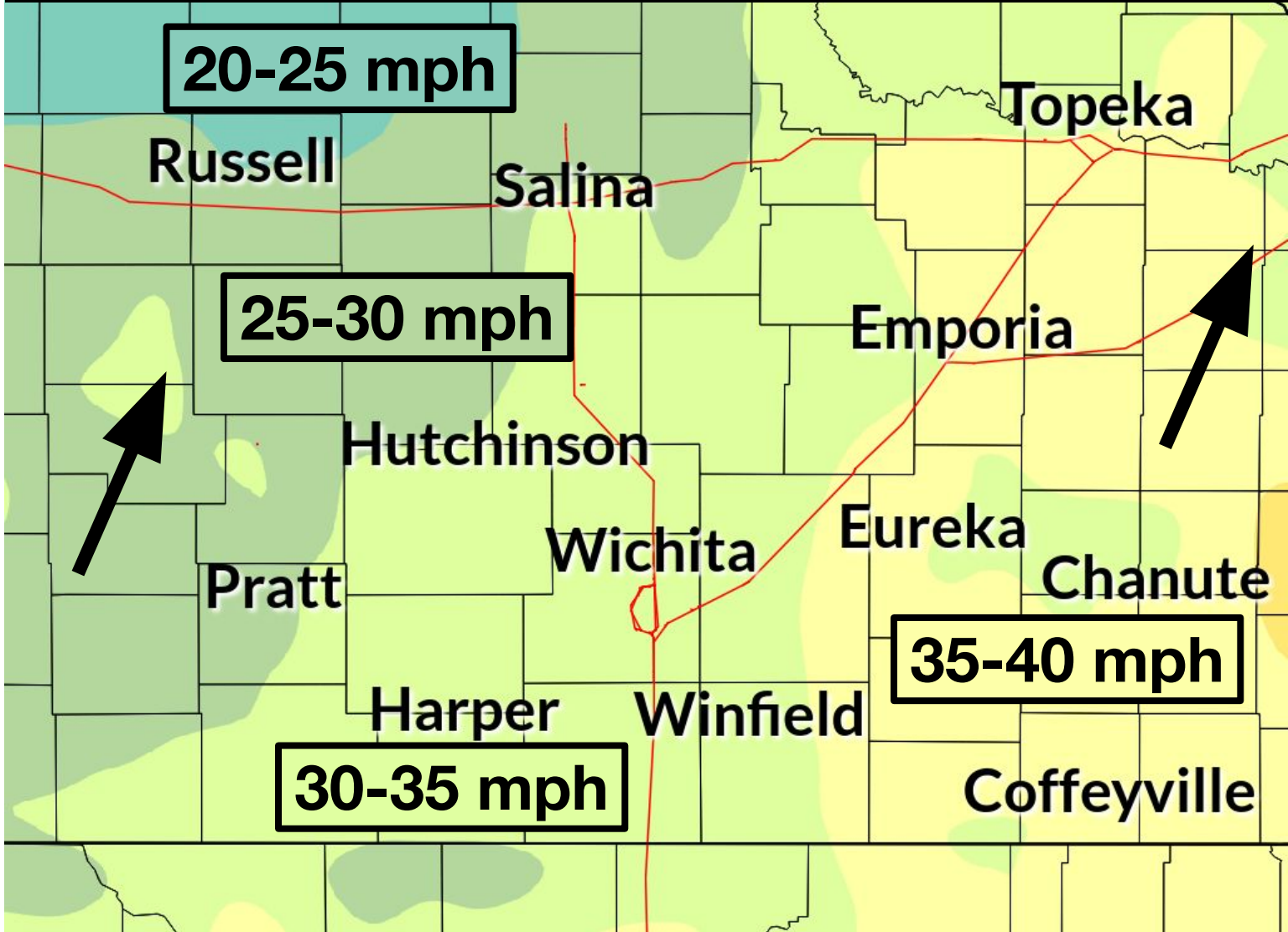
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## Today's Minimum Humidity



## Today's Wind Gusts



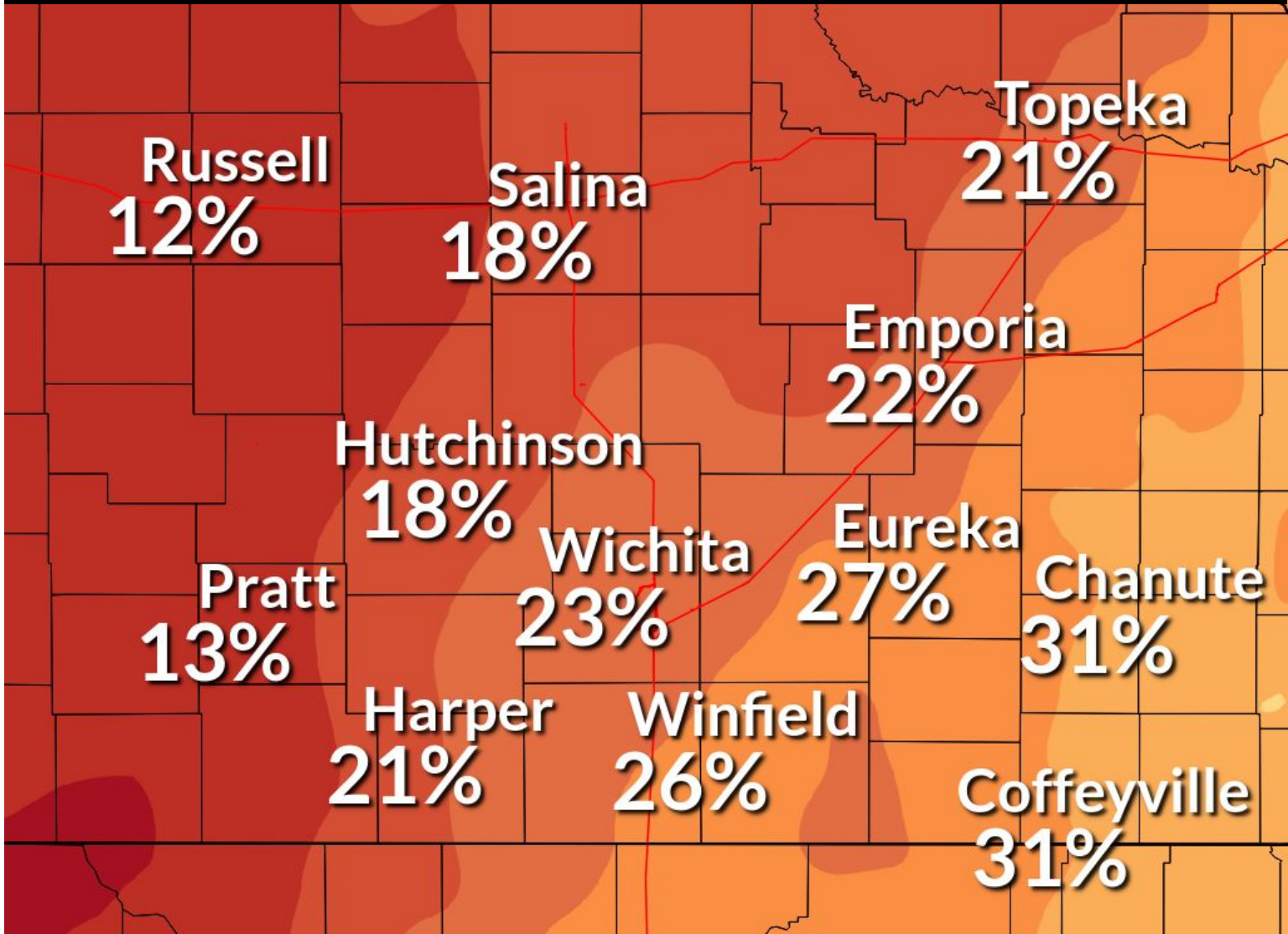




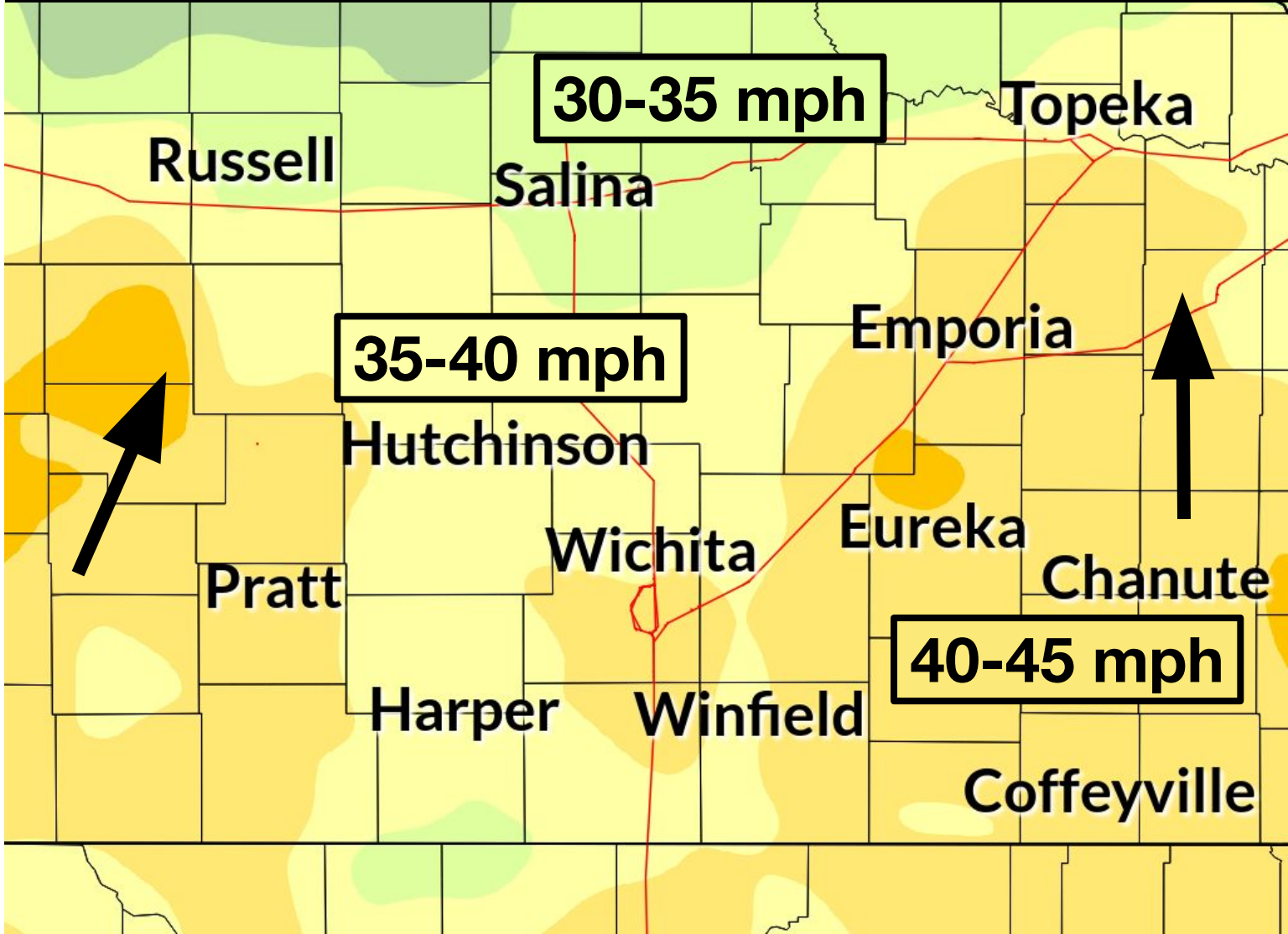
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## Tuesday's Minimum Humidity



## Tuesday's Wind Gusts





# **Winter Storm Watch** Late Tue Night – Wed Morning

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## **WHAT**

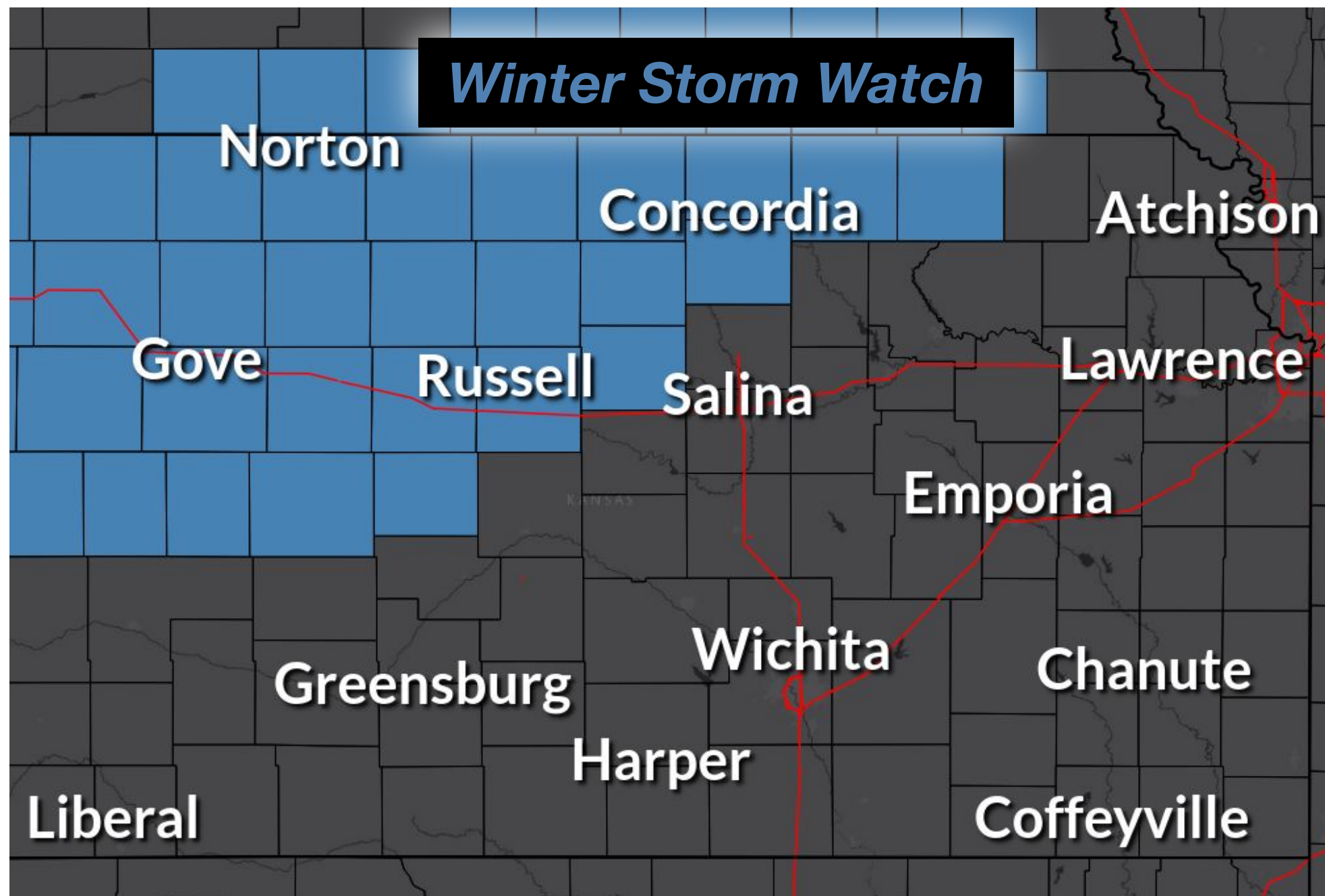
- Accumulating snow possible
- VERY strong northwest wind gusts up to 60 mph likely

## **IMPACTS**

- Blowing/drifting snow, poor visibilities, hazardous travel conditions are possible

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

- High forecast uncertainty
- Stay tuned for later forecasts



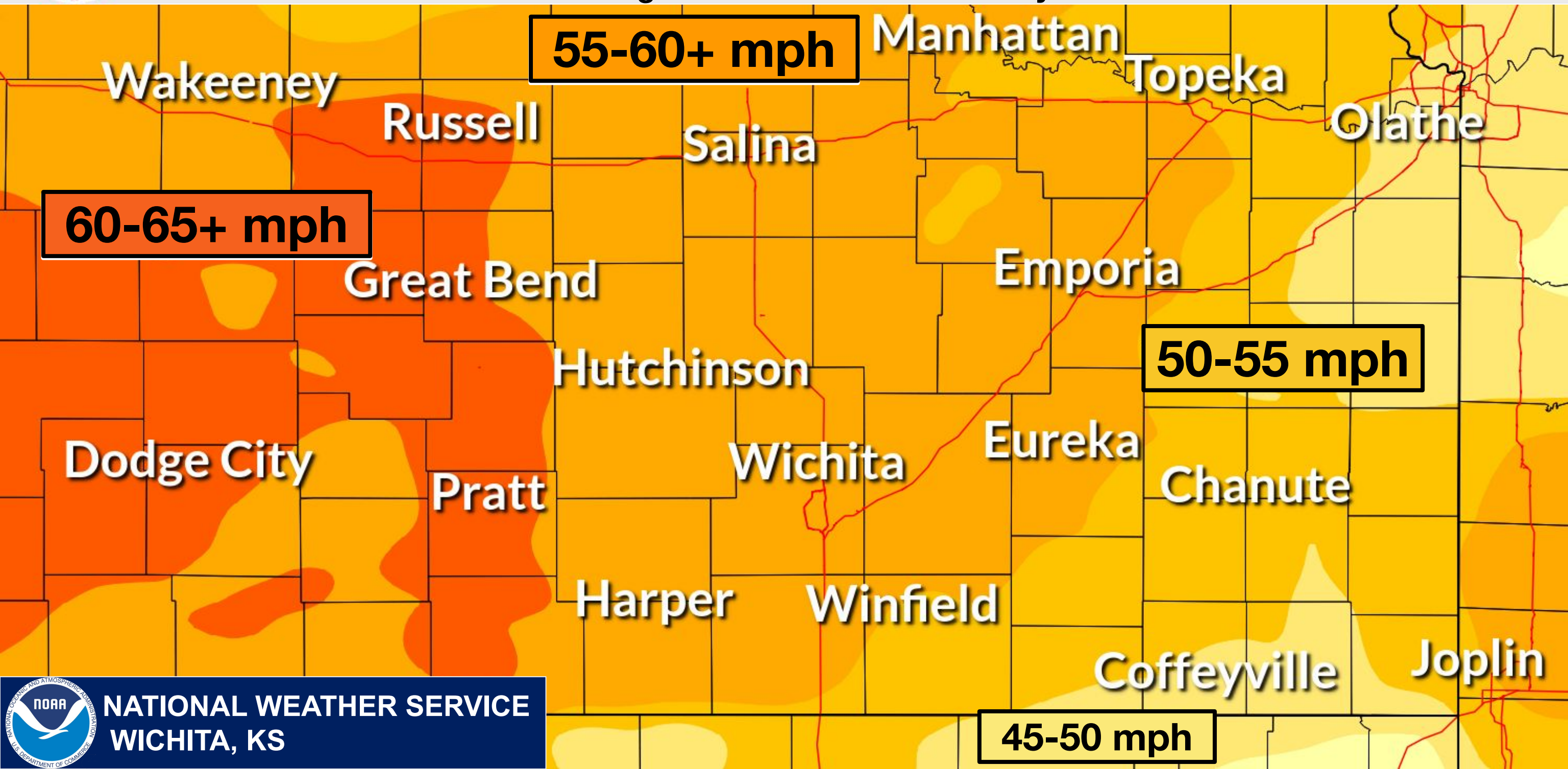




# Very Strong Northwest Winds *Tue Night–Wed*

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Peak Wind Gusts between Midnight and 7PM on Wednesday



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# Forecast confidence for upcoming hazards

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## Fire Weather Hazards

Low	Medium	High
Confidence is HIGH that most of the area will see EXTREME Fire Danger.		
Low	Medium	High
HIGH confidence for timing of EXTREME Fire Danger weather conditions. <b>Today: 11am to 9pm</b> <b>Tuesday: 11am to 10pm</b>		
Low	Medium	High
Confidence is HIGH for any fires that develop will spread rapidly and become very difficult to control due to the very dry conditions and gusty south winds.		

Location

Timing

Magnitude

## Wind/Winter Weather Hazards

Low	Medium	High
Confidence is fairly high that VERY strong northwest winds will affect central/south central Kansas. Medium confidence for parts of central Kansas to be impacted by hazardous winter weather.		
Low	Medium	High
Timing of VERY strong northwest winds and winter weather impacts occurring for late Tuesday night through Wednesday.		
Low	Medium	High
Confidence is fairly high that northwest wind gusts could surpass 60mph, however lots of uncertainty remains with how much snow could fall in central Kansas from this storm system.		





# Red Flag Warning

The NWS issues a Red Flag Warning, in conjunction with land management agencies, to alert people to an ongoing or expected **critical fire weather** pattern.

Critical fire weather conditions are either **occurring now, or will shortly**. Be extremely careful with open flames.

## Take action.

# Fire Weather Watch

A Fire Weather Watch alerts land managers and the public that upcoming weather conditions could result in extensive wildland fire occurrence or extreme fire behavior.

A watch means critical fire weather **conditions are possible** but not imminent or occurring.

## Be prepared.

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# Safety Messaging for Strong Winds and Winter Travel

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Timing is for late Tuesday Night and Wednesday

## HIGH WIND SAFETY & PREPARATION



### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME

Secure loose objects  
Secure doors and windows



### WORKING IN HIGH WINDS

Avoid high wind exposure areas  
Brace yourself if exposed to winds  
Be aware of objects that may move



### DRIVING IN HIGH WINDS

Use two hands on the wheel  
Brace for cross winds  
Watch for flying objects  
Reduce distractions



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## Winter Travel



Road Trip Safety Tips

SHARE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS  
WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY

PACK AN EMERGENCY  
SUPPLY KIT

WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS

GET THE WEATHER FORECAST



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