

Thursday January 23, 2020

6:00 PM Temperature: 34

ACTION ALERT

Light snow mixes with rain after 11pm-1am and may turn to mostly rain south around the loop and I88 southward. The US models suggest warmer air will spread into the area tonight which may cause this changeover to a rain/snow mix. Near the I90 corridor northward the potential for over an inch is greater and may see some areas get up to 1.5" inches. As Friday morning arrives and we see daylight, ground temperatures will rise and the precipitation activity should not accumulate much on the pavement after 9-9:30am very similar to today. After sunset on Friday this is where we can turn back to accumulating snow. The models still differ on what the precipitation will be and when it may change over but nevertheless there will be moisture into Saturday morning. Once model has all rain, one has 1-3" and the other is showing 2-4". We will fine tune that one in tomorrow afternoons Action Alert. Crews will be dispatched again this evening to perform salting services as the snow begins to stick and we'll monitor certain regions and trigger plowing services if necessary.

ALERT OVERVIEW					
START TIME:	Current	ENDING TIME:	PM Saturday	TOTAL	1"-1.5" Rockford to Lake County North Up to 1" tonight mainly north of I88
DURATION OF PRECIP:	50 Hrs	INTENSITY:	Light Snow Mixes with rain		
COMMENTS:	*Southeast 6-16 to East 11pm 4-12 mph				

POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

Rapid snow accum (1"+ per hr)		Night/AM widespread refreeze	
Blowing / drifting of snow		Night/AM patchy refreeze	
Very low visibility at times		Accum. During rush hour	
Long storm duration (+12 hrs)		Quick untreated pavement accum	
Down trees/limbs/power lines		Temps during event below 20°	
Patchy ice accumulation		Long duration (+24h) below 32°	
Severe widespread ice accum		Rapid temperature drop	
Sleet accumulation		Repeated Dustings Possible	

SNOW CONFIDENCE:

1-3 Inches	0%
3-5 Inches	0%
5-9 Inches	0%
9-12 Inches	0%