

Winter Weather Advisory in Effect Thursday Evening

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The National Weather Service in Blacksburg, Va. has issued a Winter Weather Advisory from 6 p.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. Friday for Ashe and Watauga counties, as well as Smyth and Grayson counties

in Virginia. There is a possibility of 2 to 4 inches of snow on the western slopes, but areas east of Boone and West Jefferson can expect an inch or less of accumulation.

According to the NWS, mainly the western slopes will be affected by snow, blowing snow, and bitter wind chills overnight Thursday. The weather event will start as rain on Thursday and will change to snow early in the evening, lasting until about dawn on Friday. Temperatures will drop from near freezing to into the teens by Friday morning.

Drivers in the High Country can anticipate slick roads from snow and blowing snow. Travel may be difficult and drivers should be prepared for hazardous conditions and limited visibilities.

Winds may gust up to 55 mph and may cause scattered power outages. Bitter wind chills can be dangerous to exposed skin. Wind chill readings could drop below zero by Friday morning, and even as low as 10 below at higher elevations.

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The NWS encourages the public to report snowfall amounts, ice accumulation and wind damage by emailing rnk.skywarn@noaa.gov or by calling 1 (866) 215-4324.

Businesses and other organizations in the High Country can report their closings, cancellations and delays to GoBlueRidge.net by visiting the [Closings page](#) .