



TX/OK Panhandles Winter Storm

December 19-20, 2011

NWS Amarillo Weather Briefing



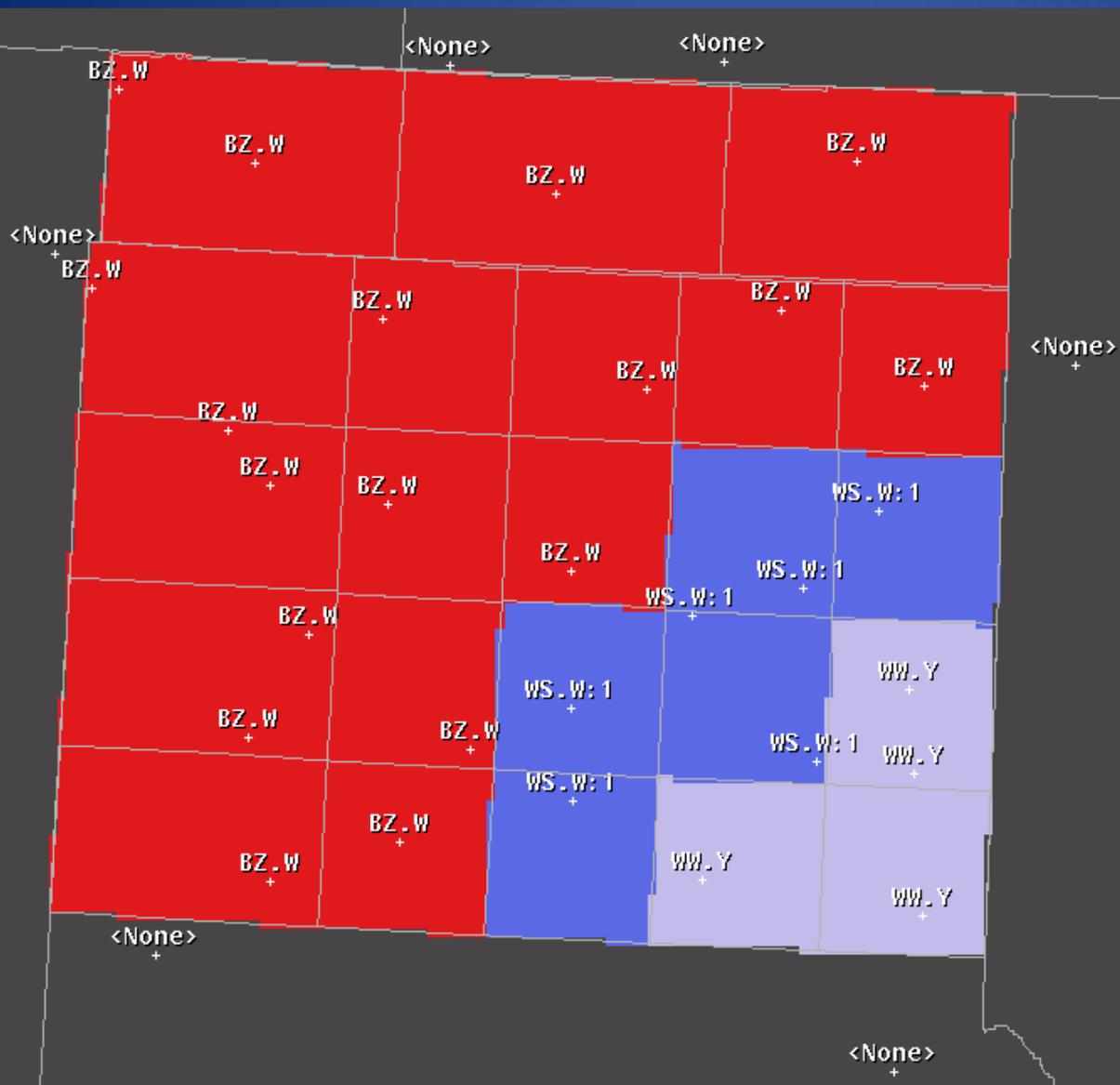
Overview

- High confidence that a significant winter storm will impact most of the Panhandles
 - ***Monday into Tuesday morning***
 - Rain will change to snow on Monday
 - Accumulations, some heavy
 - Blowing and drifting snow



6 am Monday – Noon Tuesday

NW



**Blizzard
Warning**

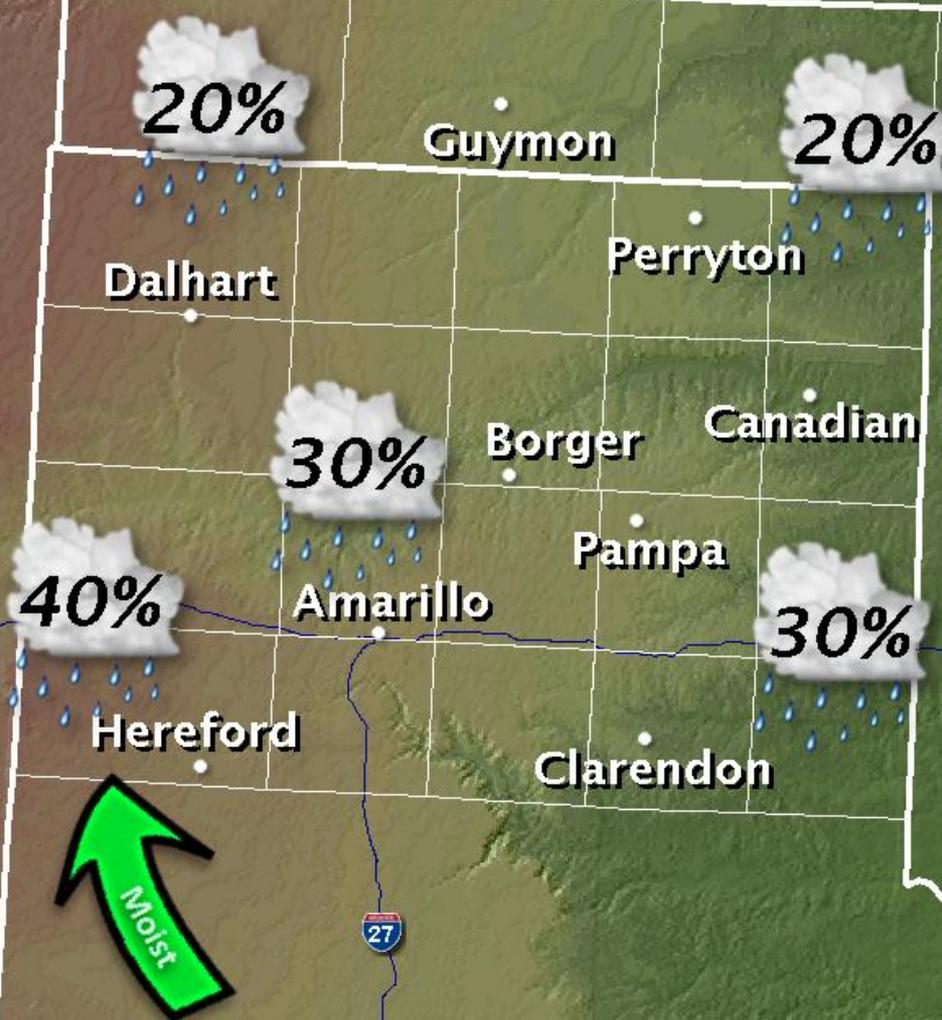
**Winter Storm
Warning**

**Winter Weather
Advisory**

Rain chances will increase & spread north tonight

Rain is expected as surface temps will remain above freezing

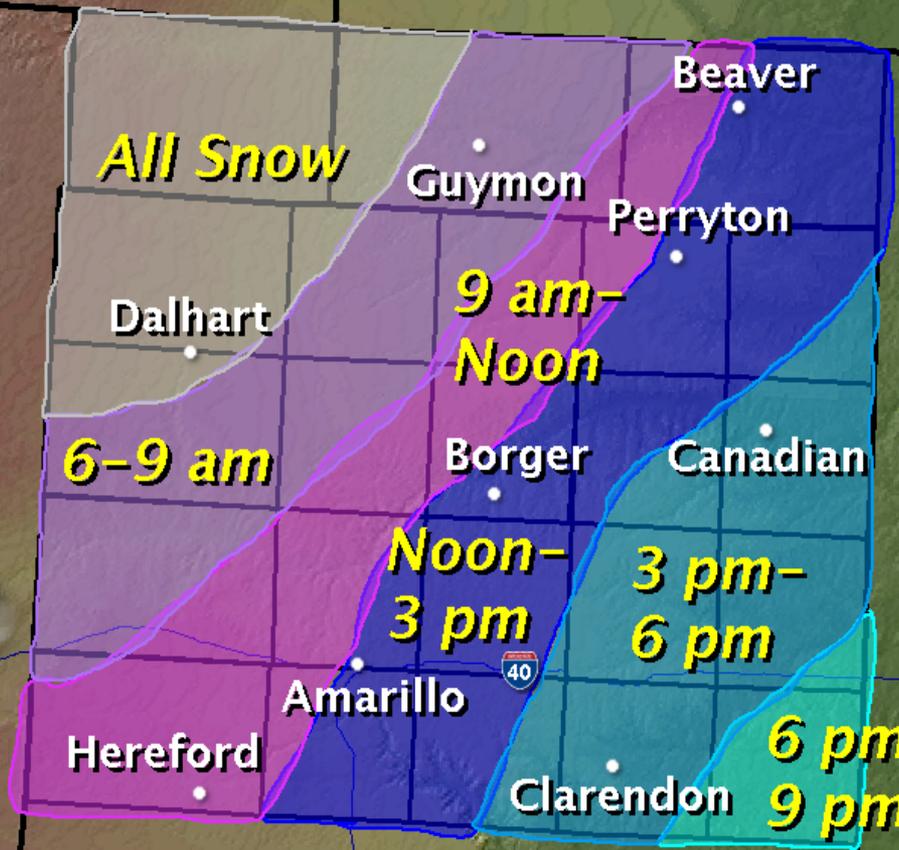
Rainfall amounts <0.10"



Rain will change to snow from northwest to southeast Monday

North Winds
25-35 mph
with gusts
to 50 mph

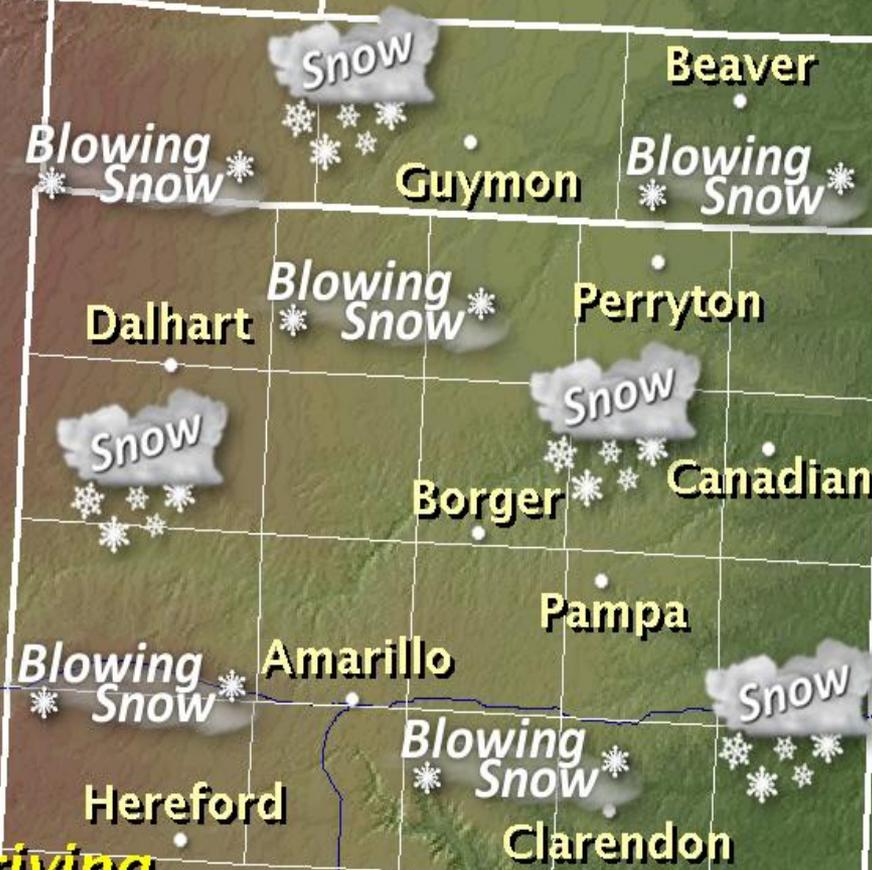
 **Drifting & Blowing Snow**



Times depict
changeover
from rain
to snow

Heavy snow expected Monday night into Tuesday morning

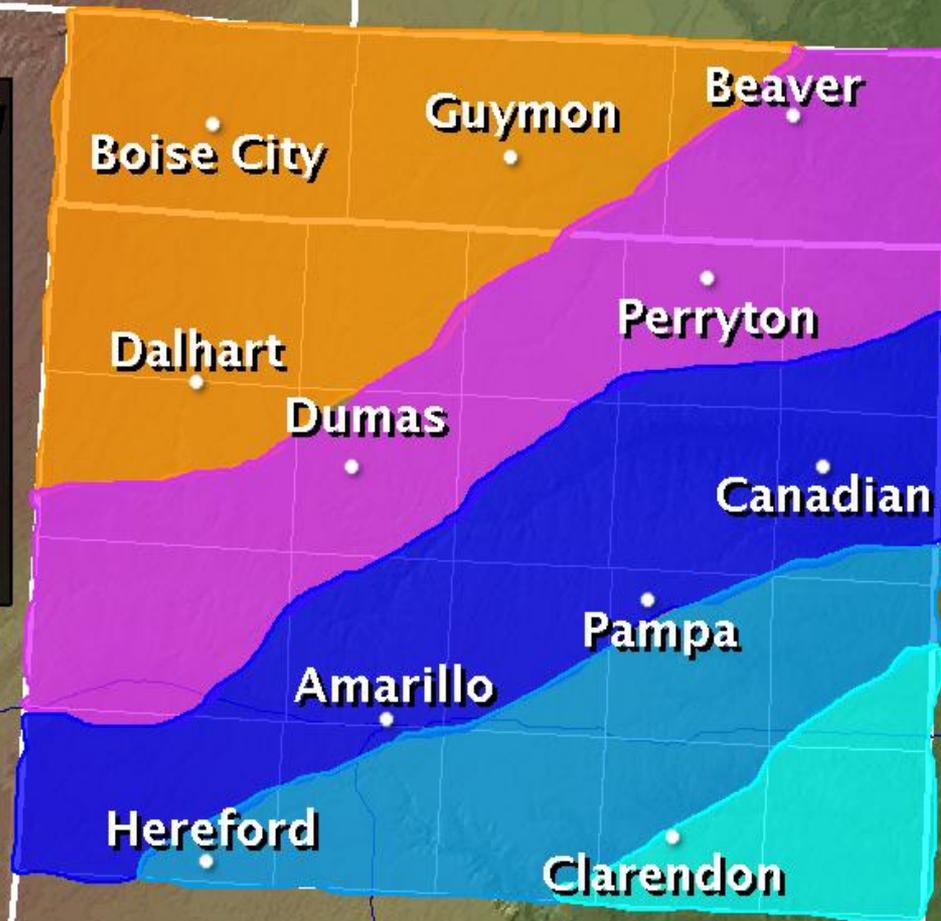
- All snow expected by Monday night, ending by late Tuesday AM
- Several inches of snow over most of the area
- Blowing & drifting snow
- Wind chills 0 to 15



! Very hazardous driving conditions expected

Snowfall Accumulations

Monday-Tuesday AM





Confidence Levels

- **Chance of precipitation – High**
 - Best chance Monday into Monday night
- **Precipitation Type – High**
 - Rain changing to all snow
- **Snow Amounts – Medium**
 - Due to actual track of storm system
- **Strong Winds – High**
 - Blowing and drifting snow with whiteout conditions in many locations



Impacts

- Accumulating snow expected across the Panhandles Monday through Tuesday AM
- Very dangerous travel conditions as roads become snow-packed
- Monday evening commute and Tuesday morning commute will be heavily impacted
 - Blowing and drifting snow with significantly reduced visibilities



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