



Key Messages for North Central U.S. Winter Storm

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Heavy snow & icing continues for the Northern Plains and Upper Midwest through Saturday

- **Late-Season Winter Storm**

Impactful winter weather continues from the Northern Plains through the Upper Midwest and western Great Lakes through Saturday. Heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain are expected.

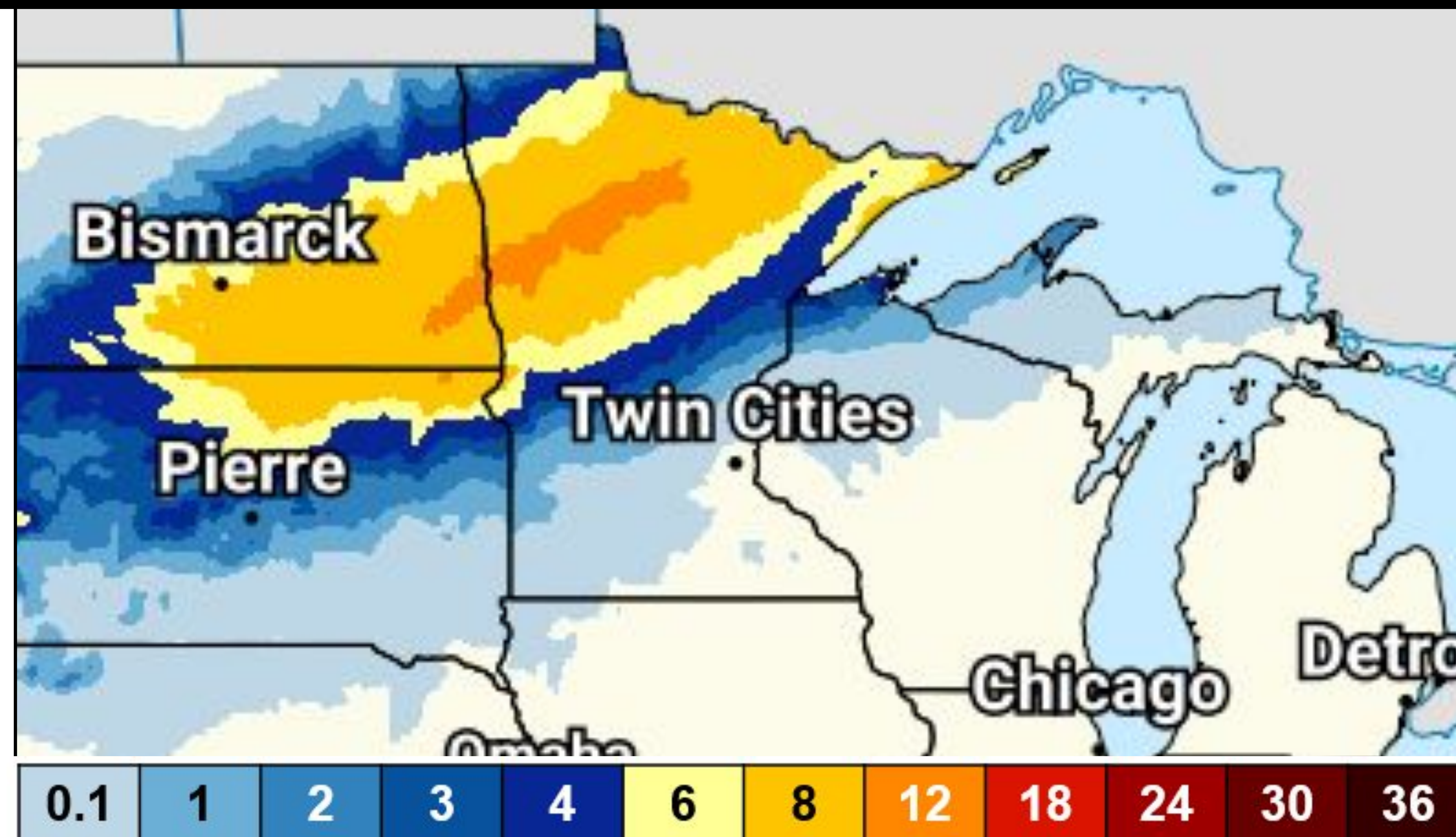
- **Heavy Snowfall**

Snow will expand from the Dakotas into Minnesota this evening, becoming heavy overnight and continuing through Saturday. As snow bands lift northeast, snowfall rates will likely (70-90% chance) reach 1-2 inches per hour, leading to widespread snowfall of more than 8 inches. In some areas, snowfall may exceed 12 inches (30-50% chance). These heavy snow rates combined with gusty winds will result in snow-covered roads, blowing and drifting snow, and reduced visibility, leading to dangerous travel.

- **Significant Icing**

Freezing rain will create hazardous travel conditions across eastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin, and northern Michigan. The greatest ice accumulations are expected in northern Wisconsin and Michigan where 0.25 to 0.5 inches is expected. This ice will compound impacts from the first storm, increasing the risk of tree damage and power outages.

Forecast Snow/Sleet (inches) through 7AM Sun



Forecast Ice Accumulation (inches) through 7AM Sun

