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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## NWS ISSUES WINTER STORM WARNING FOR PARTS OF NORTHERN NH

Concord, NH - – New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management reminds residents and visitors of New Hampshire to be prepared as a winter storm will impact parts of the state Wednesday night into Thursday afternoon and evening.

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine has issued a Winter Storm Warning for all of Coos and parts of Carroll and Grafton Counties from 11:00 P.M. this evening until 7:00 P.M. tomorrow. Heavy, wet snow and wind gusts up to 35MPH are expected in Coos, Northern Carroll and Northern Grafton counties with total accumulations of 5 to 10 inches. Southern Carroll County will see 4 to 7 inches of total accumulation.

The NWS has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for parts of Grafton and Belknap Counties from 11:00 P.M. this evening until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. Wet snow is expected, with total accumulations of 3 to 6 inches and winds gusting as high as 35 MPH.

Southern New Hampshire can expect periods of heavy rain from 5:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, with some street flooding possible. Significant river flooding is not expected.

The NWS has also issued a Wind Advisory for Coastal Rockingham County from 5:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Thursday. East winds of 25 to 35 MPH with gusts up to 55 MPH are expected.

"Heavy, wet snow will cause hazardous travel conditions in the warning areas until Thursday evening," NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper said. "Scattered power outages are possible in northern New Hampshire. Take time today to prepare your family for disasters."

Report power outages to your utility provider:

Eversource	1-800-662-7764
Liberty Utilities	1-855-349-9455
NH Electric Co-Op	
Unitil	

If you see downed power lines, stay away and call 9-1-1.Customers without power should continue to call their service providers at least once daily until power is restored.

Director Harper provides these additional reminders:

- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Do not crowd the plows or emergency crews.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to icy conditions.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

Take time now to prepare. Director Harper encourages everyone to plan ahead for disasters. The core steps toward preparedness are (1) make an emergency kit, (2) have a family emergency plan, and (3) stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts. Download templates and instructions for each of these preparedness steps online at ReadyNH.gov.

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