



Severe Weather Threat Today and Friday

April 2, 2026

4:24 AM

Numerous Severe Storms Possible; A Few Significant

Key Messages

- Multiple rounds of storms are expected through Friday.
- The main severe risk will be during the afternoon/evening today and Friday evening, with damaging wind and tornadoes the primary threats.
- Storms will be moving **VERY FAST** (>60 mph) leading to less time to react.
- Strong south winds gusting over 40 mph are likely today, mainly south of Highway 30.

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What Has Changed

- Minimal changes to the Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) for today and Friday

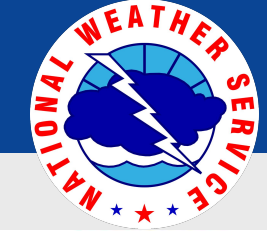
Next Scheduled Update

- By 5 P.M. Thursday



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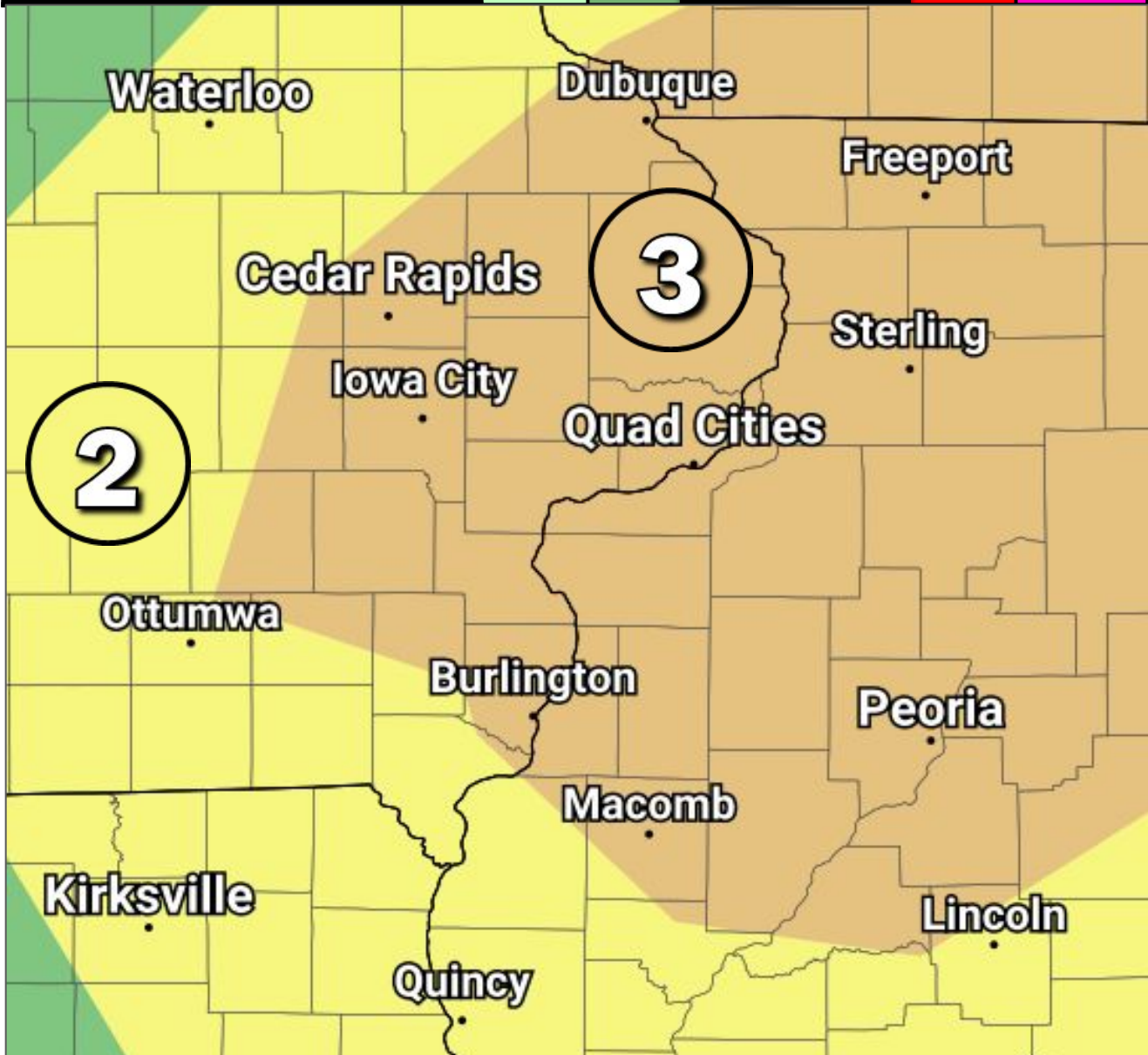
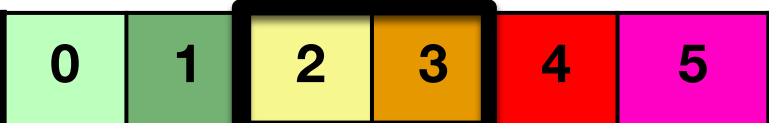


Severe Storms Today

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Numerous Severe Storms Possible This Afternoon and Evening

Severe Threat:



Key Messages

- Storm Timing: **2 PM to 8 PM CDT**
- Storms are expected to develop during the afternoon and move quickly across the area. All hazards are possible.



Potential Hazards



Damaging Winds
Possible 70+ MPH

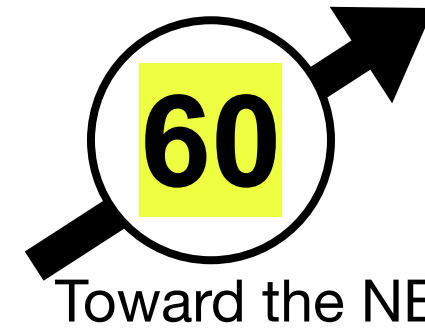


Tornadoes



Half Dollar Size Hail

Storm Motion (MPH)



Actions

- Have multiple ways to receive warnings!
- When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!



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Be Weather Aware!



Tornadoes

A few strong possible



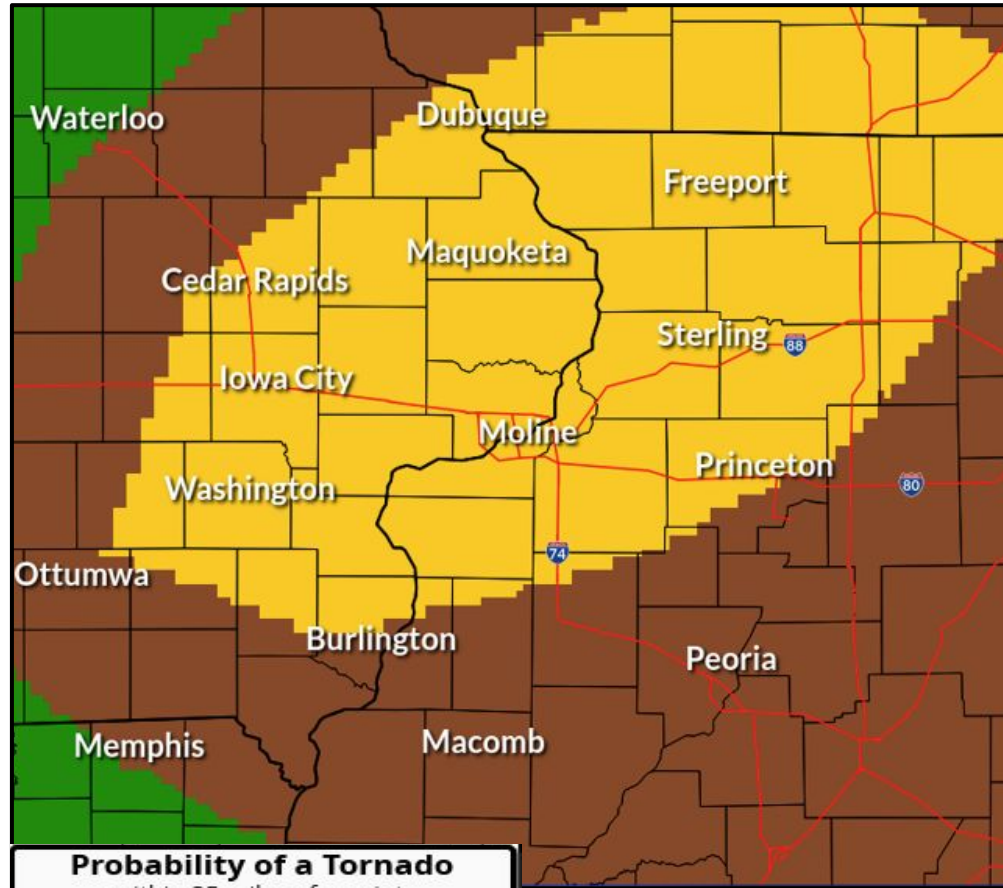
Damaging Hail

Capable of denting cars



Damaging Winds

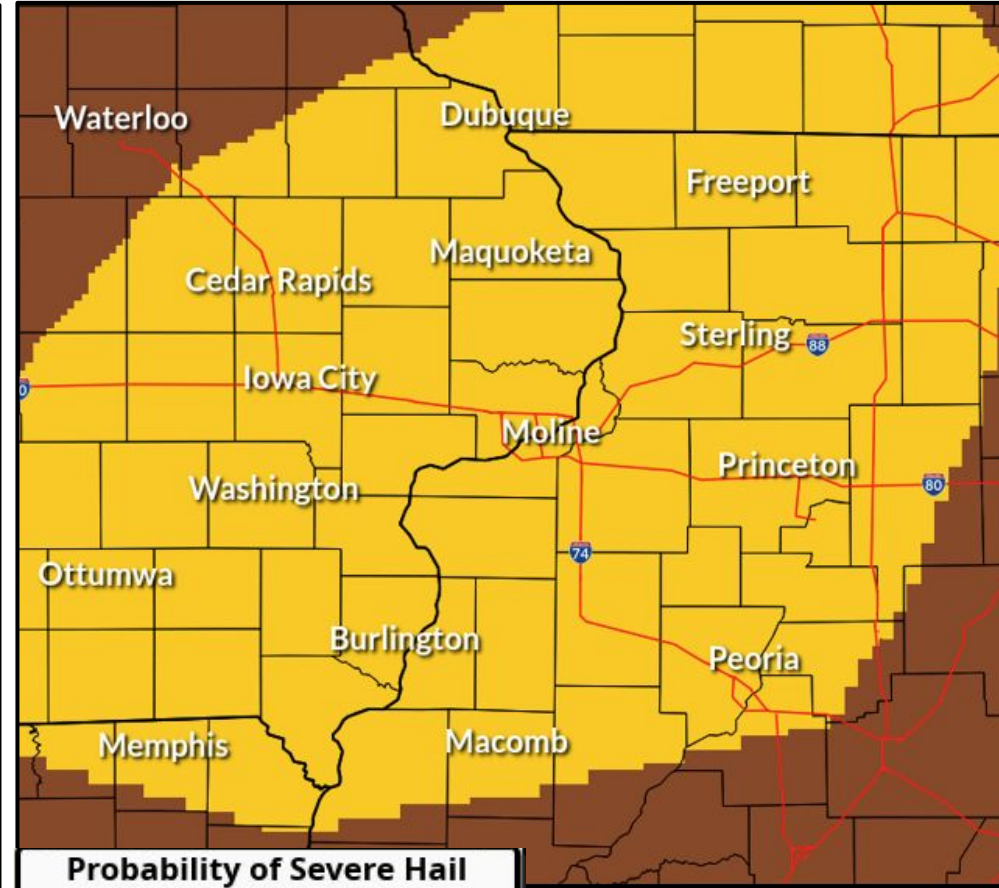
Capable of downing small trees



Probability of a Tornado
within 25 miles of a point

Blue	≥ 60%	Yellow	10 - 14%
Purple	45 - 59%	Brown	5 - 9%
Pink	30 - 44%	Green	2 - 4%
Red	15 - 29%		

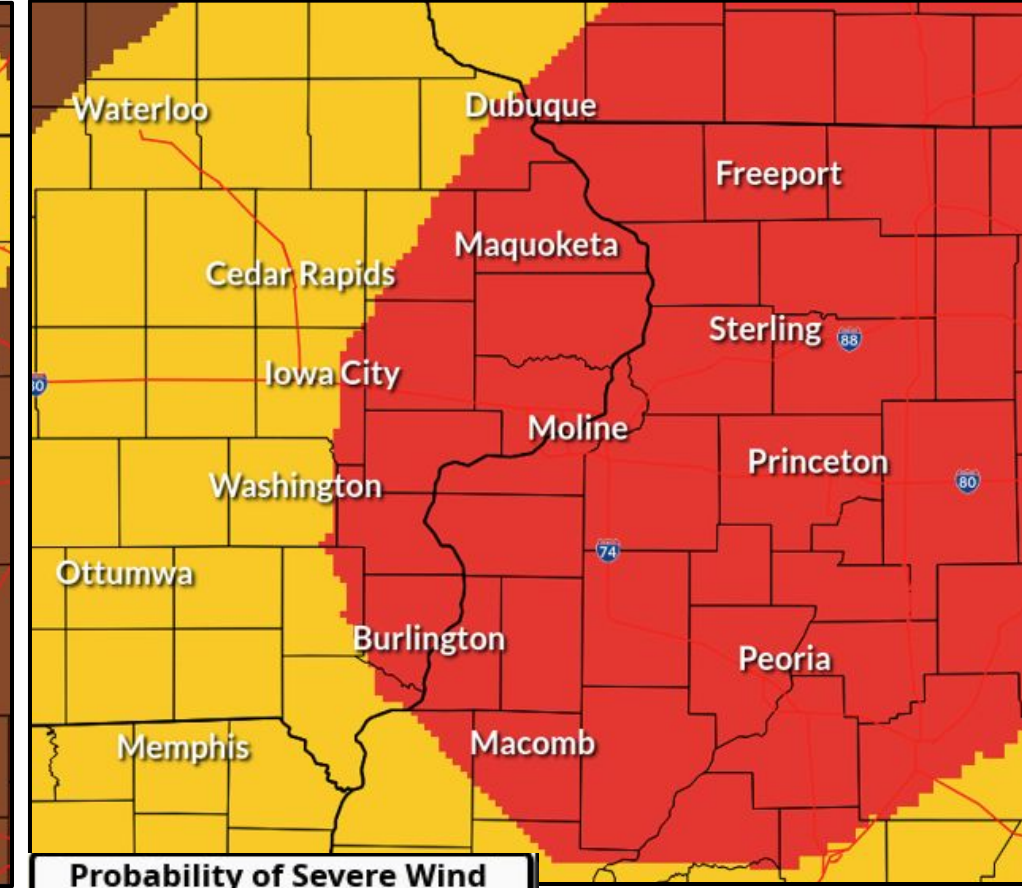
Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of a significant tornado (EF2 - EF5)



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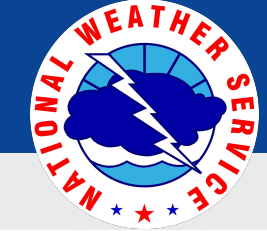
Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of significant hail (≥ 2" diameter)



Probability of Severe Wind
within 25 miles of a point

Purple	≥ 60%	Yellow	15 - 29%
Pink	45 - 59%	Brown	5 - 14%
Red	30 - 44%		

Hatched Area: ≥ 10% probability of significant wind gusts (≥ 74 mph)



Severe Storms Likely Friday

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Increasing Confidence in Severe Storms Occurring in the Evening



What We Know

- Another system on Friday will bring another round of storms and a chance of severe storms. All hazards are possible.



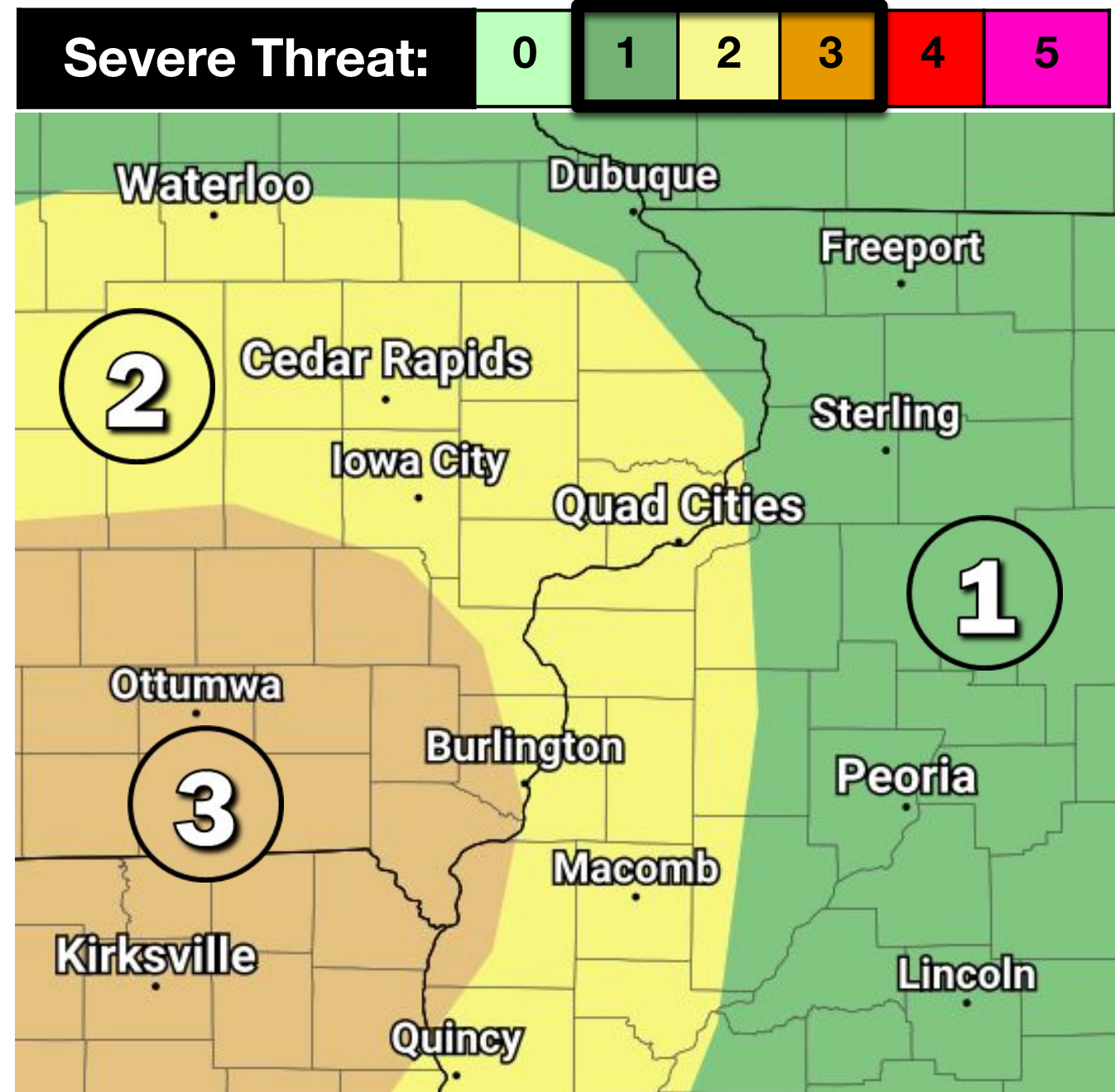
What's Still Uncertain

- The exact position and track of the low and its associated fronts.
 - This will impact severe timing.
- Precipitation amounts and convective coverage.



What To Do

- ✓ Stay up to date on the forecast!







Beneficial Rainfall Through Saturday

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- An active pattern will bring an additional 1 to 3 inches of rain to the Midwest by Saturday.
- There is a low (5%) risk of flash flooding for urban areas, if high rainfall rates occur.

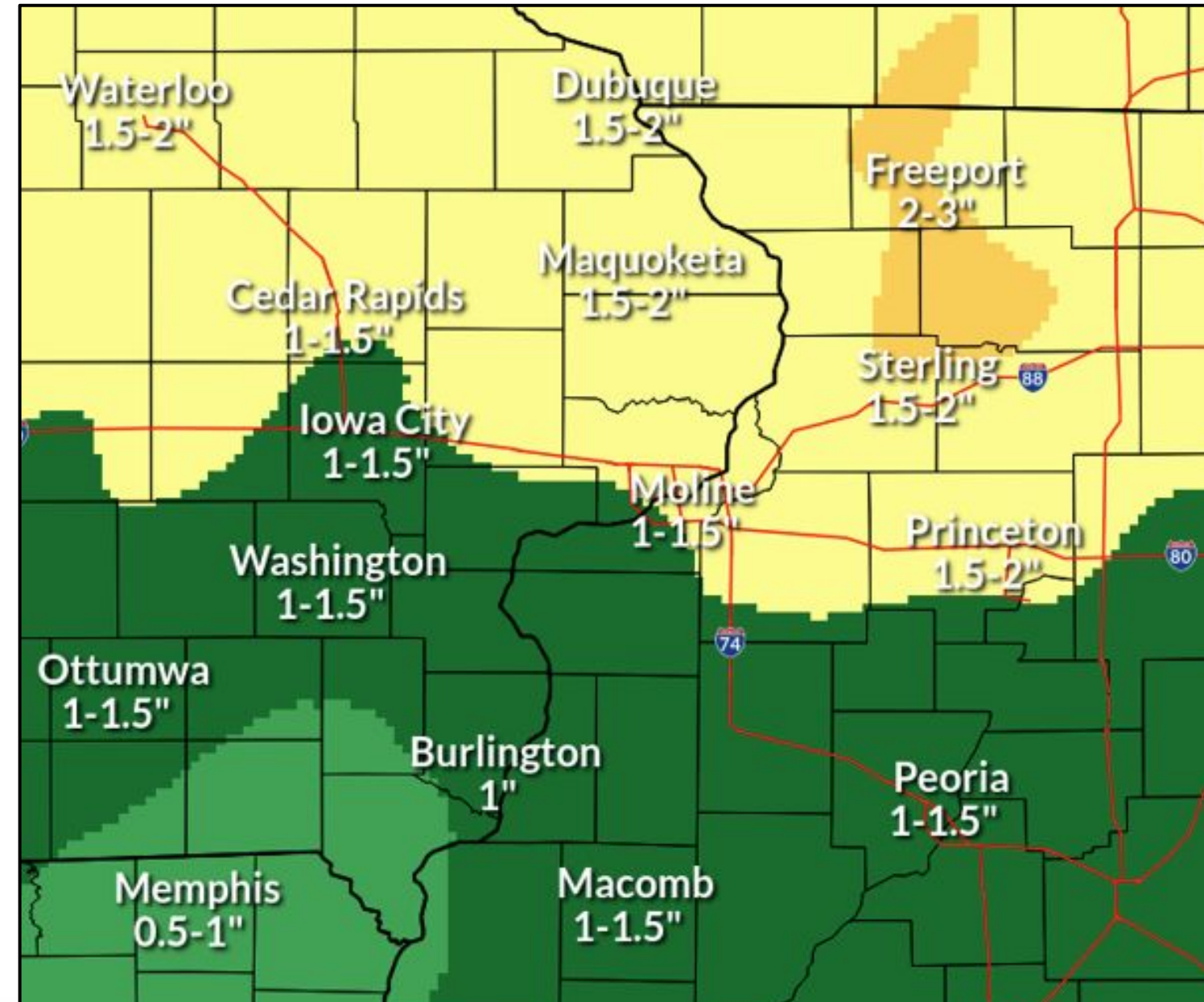
Threats

-  **Heavy Downpours**
May flood roads, low-lying areas, fields, and cause rapid stream/creek rises
-  **Rising River Levels**

Actions

- Those with interests along rivers should keep a close eye on NWS river forecasts.

Additional Rainfall Totals Through Saturday



Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

Thunderstorms (no label)

No severe storms expected

Lightning/flooding threats exist with all storms



3 Enhanced (ENH)

Numerous severe storms possible

More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense

Marginal (MRGL) **1**

Isolated severe storms possible

Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity



4 Moderate (MDT)

Widespread severe storms likely

Long-lived, widespread and intense

Slight (SLGT) **2**

Scattered severe storms possible

Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms



5 High (HIGH)

Widespread severe storms expected

Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense



NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts of at least 58 mph, and/or hail of at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.



Severe Weather Reminders

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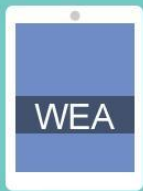
6 WAYS to receive a warning



NOAA Weather Radio



Local TV and Radio



Wireless Emergency Alerts
& Weather Apps



Outdoor Sirens



Internet Sites

mobile.weather.gov



From Your Friends,
Family and Coworkers



weather.gov

Thunderstorms can escalate quickly.

Clear skies can quickly turn dark and ominous, whether due to pop-up thunderstorms or squall lines. Be prepared!



Set up a way to get weather warnings on your phone



When alerted to a storm, get inside a sturdy building immediately



Stay away from windows once indoors



If a building isn't nearby, get inside a vehicle



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