

Flash Flood and Severe Storm Risk into the Weekend

August 14, 2026

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Multiple Rounds of Storms Likely with a Level 2 to 3 Flash Flood Risk

Key Messages

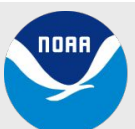
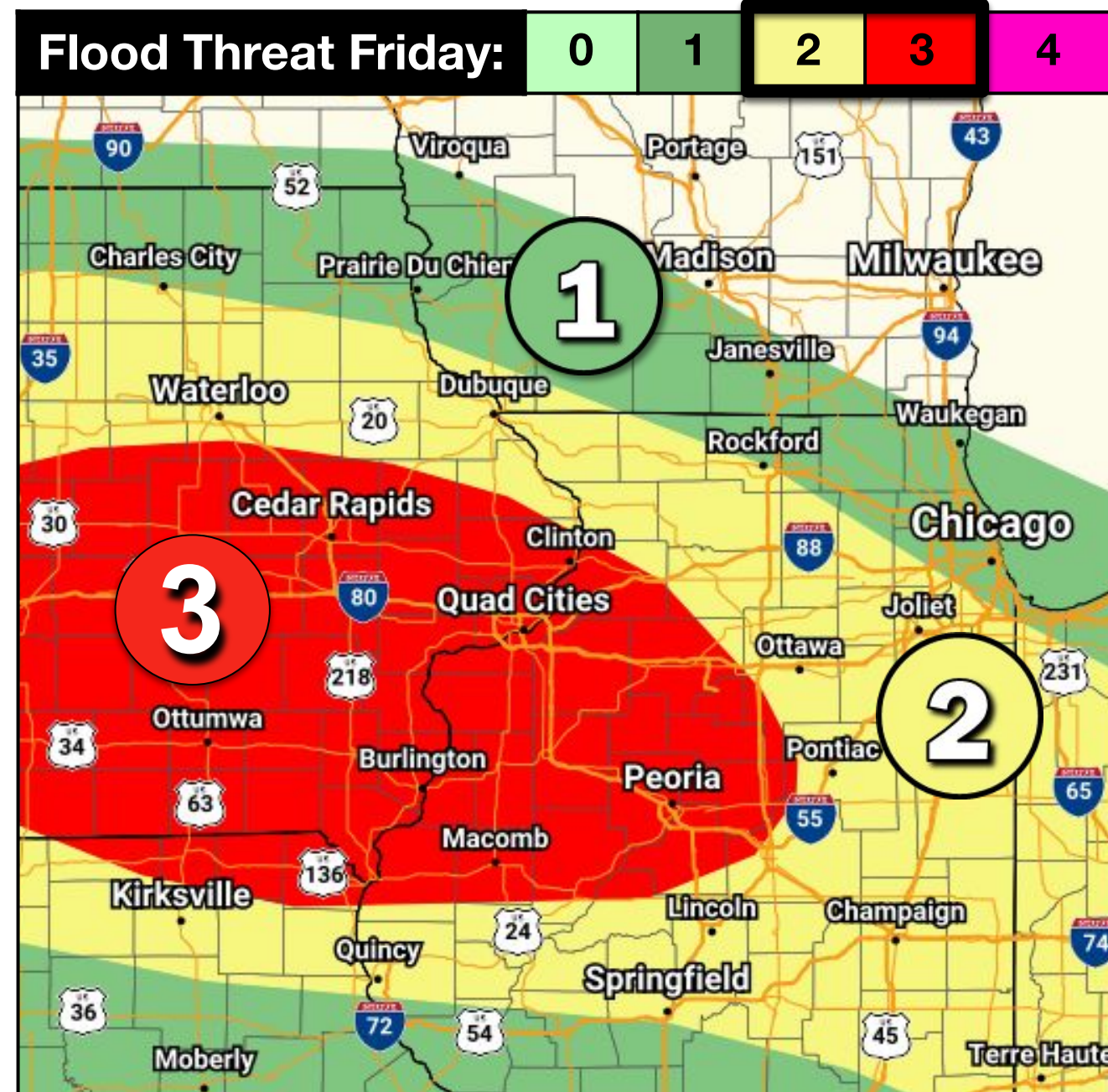
- An active weather pattern continues across the region with additional rounds of storms likely through Saturday. Some severe weather is possible with each round. The primary threats are damaging winds, lightning, and flash flooding.
 - Round 1: Through midday today
 - Round 2: This evening - Tonight
 - Round 3: Saturday evening - Saturday night
- Flash flood risk is elevated, especially in areas that received 2-4 inches of rain already this week. A **Flood Watch** is in effect through Saturday morning for much of the area.

NEW What Has Changed

- Upgrade to a Slight Risk (Level 2 out of 5) for severe weather for much of the area today.

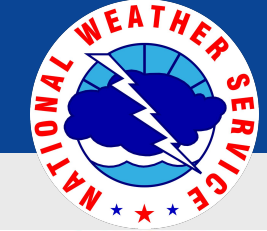
Next Scheduled Update

- By 3 PM Friday



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Severe Storms and Flash Flooding Confidence

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Forecaster Insight

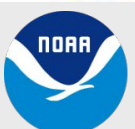
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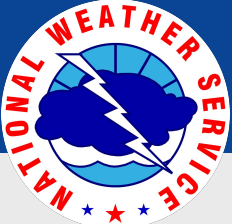


- Humid through the weekend with rounds of storms, especially during the morning and night.
- Chances for severe weather today (Level 2 out of 5 risk) and Saturday (Level 1 out of 5 risk). Damaging wind is the main threat.
- **Elevated flash flood threat** through Saturday morning. High confidence in heavy rainfall rates and 2-4" amounts for a large portion of the area along and north of U.S. Highway 34 along with localized swaths of 4+" amounts.

What Is More Uncertain ?

- How morning storms today and Saturday impact the severe potential later in the day/evening.
- Where the axis of the heaviest rains will fall through Saturday; confidence is currently highest from near U.S. Highway 30 to U.S. Highway 34.





Storms and Heavy Rain Through Tonight

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Excessive Rainfall Risk: **Slight** to **Moderate** (Level 2 to 3 out of 4)

Key Messages

- Numerous storms will persist through this morning, mainly south of U.S. Highway 20, before diminishing in coverage.
- An additional round of storms is expected this evening/tonight mainly along/south of U.S. Highway 30.
- Rain amounts of 1-3" with areas of 3-5+" possible in the moderate risk area

Timing -> **Round 1** through midday
Round 2 this evening/tonight

Primary Hazards



Torrential Rainfall
May flood roads, low-lying areas, fields, and basements, and cause rapid stream/creek rises

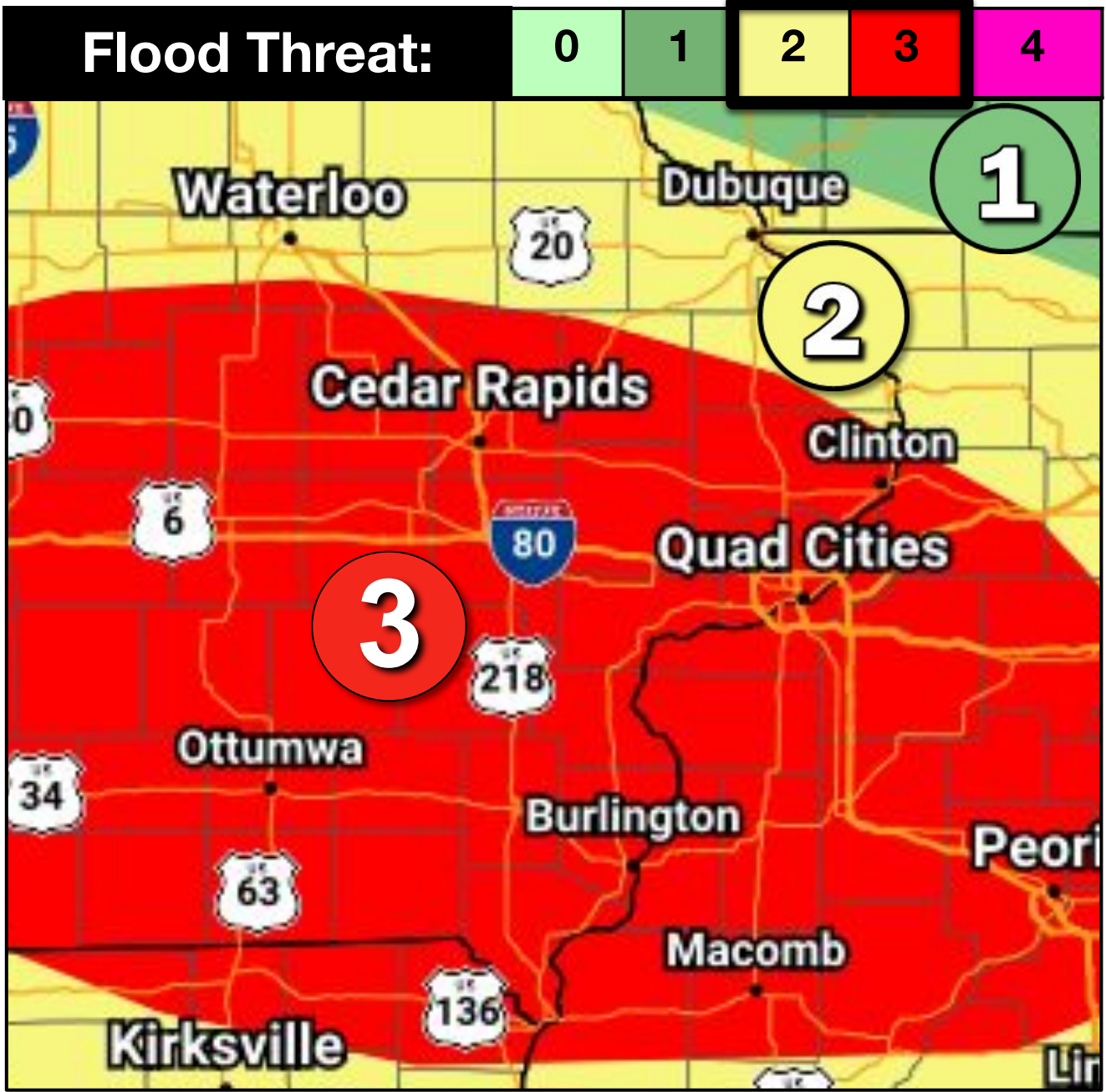


Lightning
Gusty Winds
May down branches



Actions

- Have multiple ways to receive warnings!





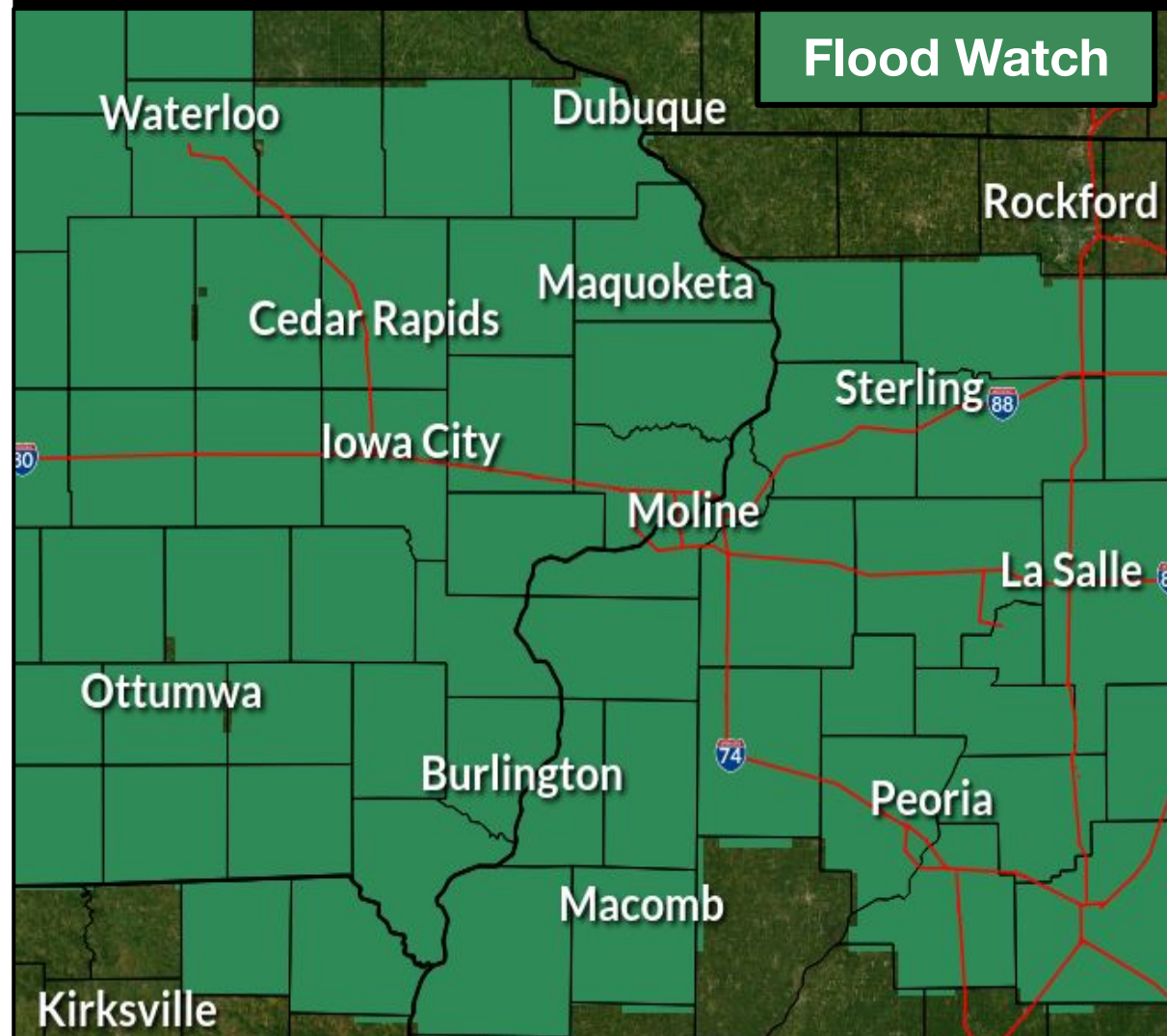
Flash Flood Potential Through Saturday

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Highest rainfall amounts are expected this morning and again tonight

Flood Watch through Saturday Morning

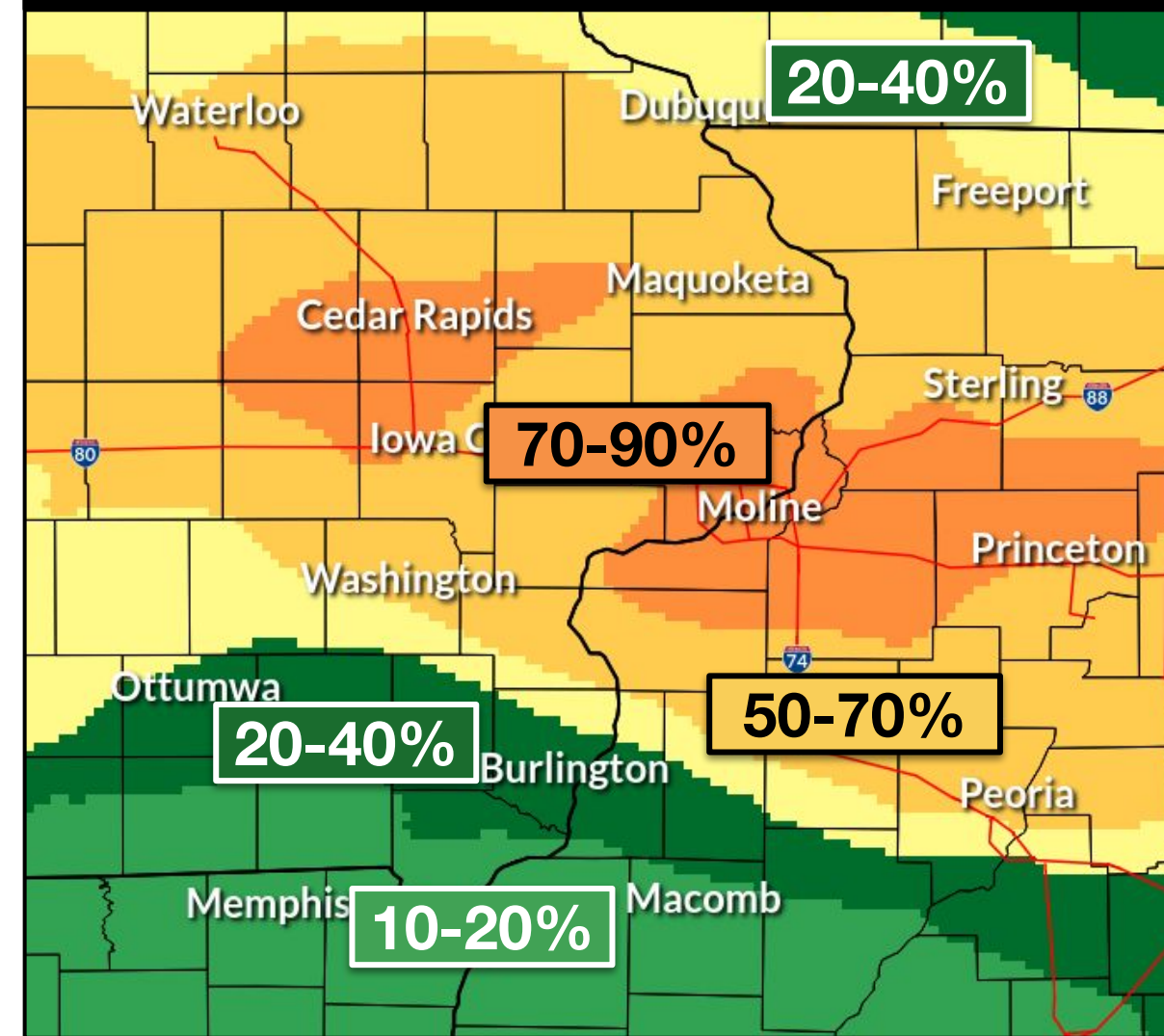
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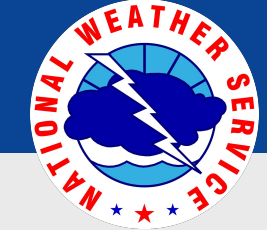


Key Messages

- Saturated ground from recent rain and rainfall rates of 1-2"/hr from repeated rounds of storms will result in an elevated flash flooding threat.
- Rainfall totals between 2-4 inches are likely between Highway 34 and Highway 20 with isolated areas of 4-6+ inches.
- River levels are expected to rise; a few of which could reach minor to moderate flood stages.

Probability for 3+ inches of Rain





Severe Storms Possible Mainly This Evening

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Threat Level: Marginal to Slight (Level 1 to 2 out of 5)

Key Messages

- Widespread storms this AM, especially along/south of Hwy 30, will taper off to a chance for storms (20-30% coverage) this afternoon with a low risk for an isolated severe storm.
- Another round of storms is anticipated this evening/tonight (50-80%). These storms could evolve into a line bringing a risk for damaging winds, embedded tornadoes and localized flash flooding.

Main Severe Weather Timing -> 8 PM Tonight - 1 AM SAT

Potential Severe Hazards



DAMAGING WINDS
60-70+ MPH



**EMBEDDED
TORNADOES**



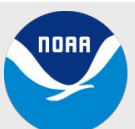
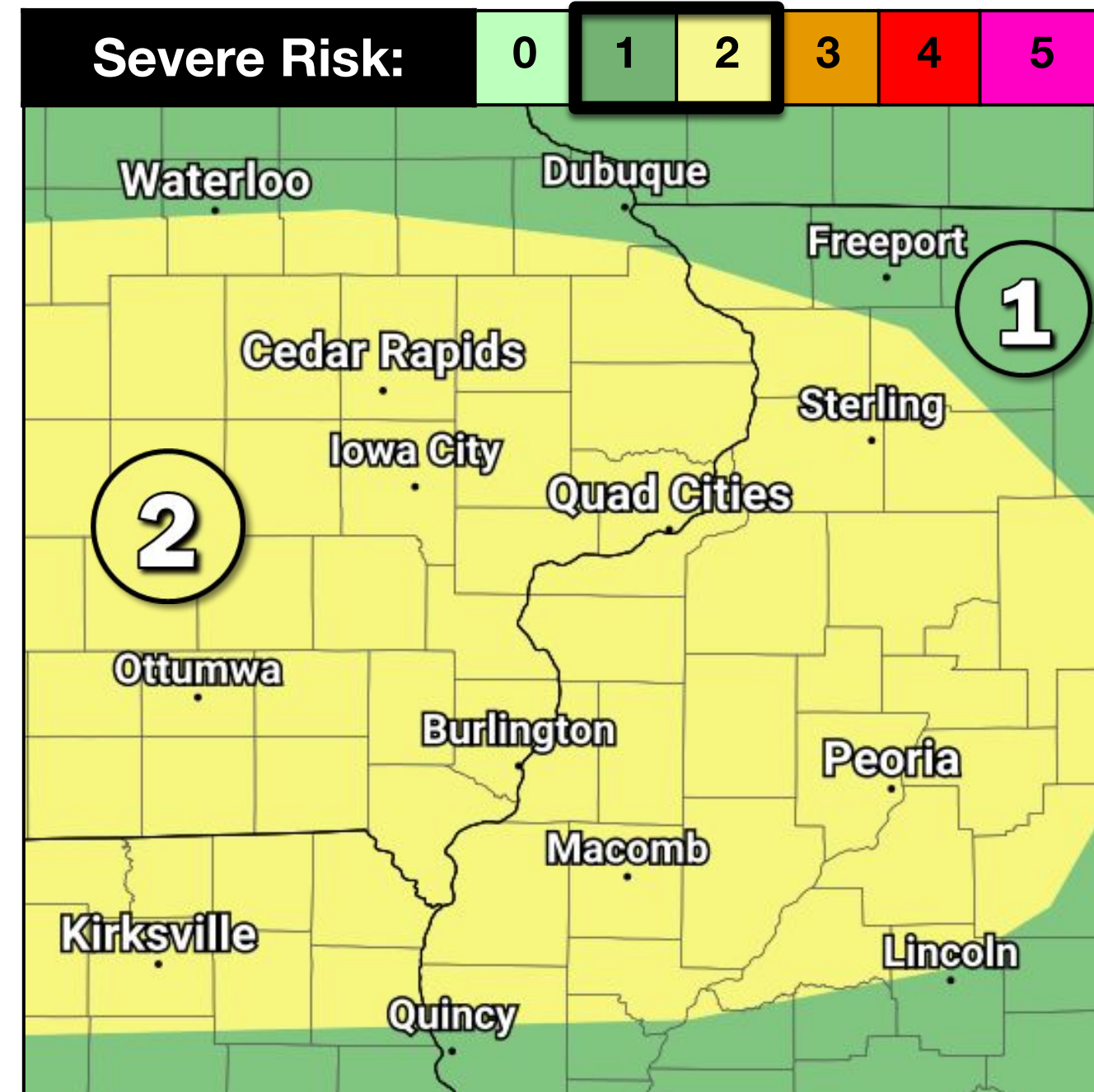
**LOCALIZED
FLASH FLOODING**



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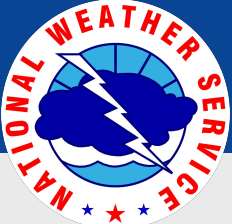
Actions

- Have multiple ways to receive warnings!
- When thunder roars, go indoors!



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Saturday's (8/15) Severe Weather Outlook

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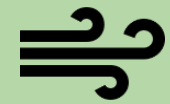
Threat Level: Marginal (Level 1 out of 5)

Key Messages

→ Another round of showers and storms is likely (50-70%) late Saturday afternoon through Saturday night. The primary threat will be heavy rain and localized flash flooding, but there may also be a threat for isolated damaging winds.

Main Severe Weather Timing -> **6 PM - 11 PM**

Potential Severe Hazards



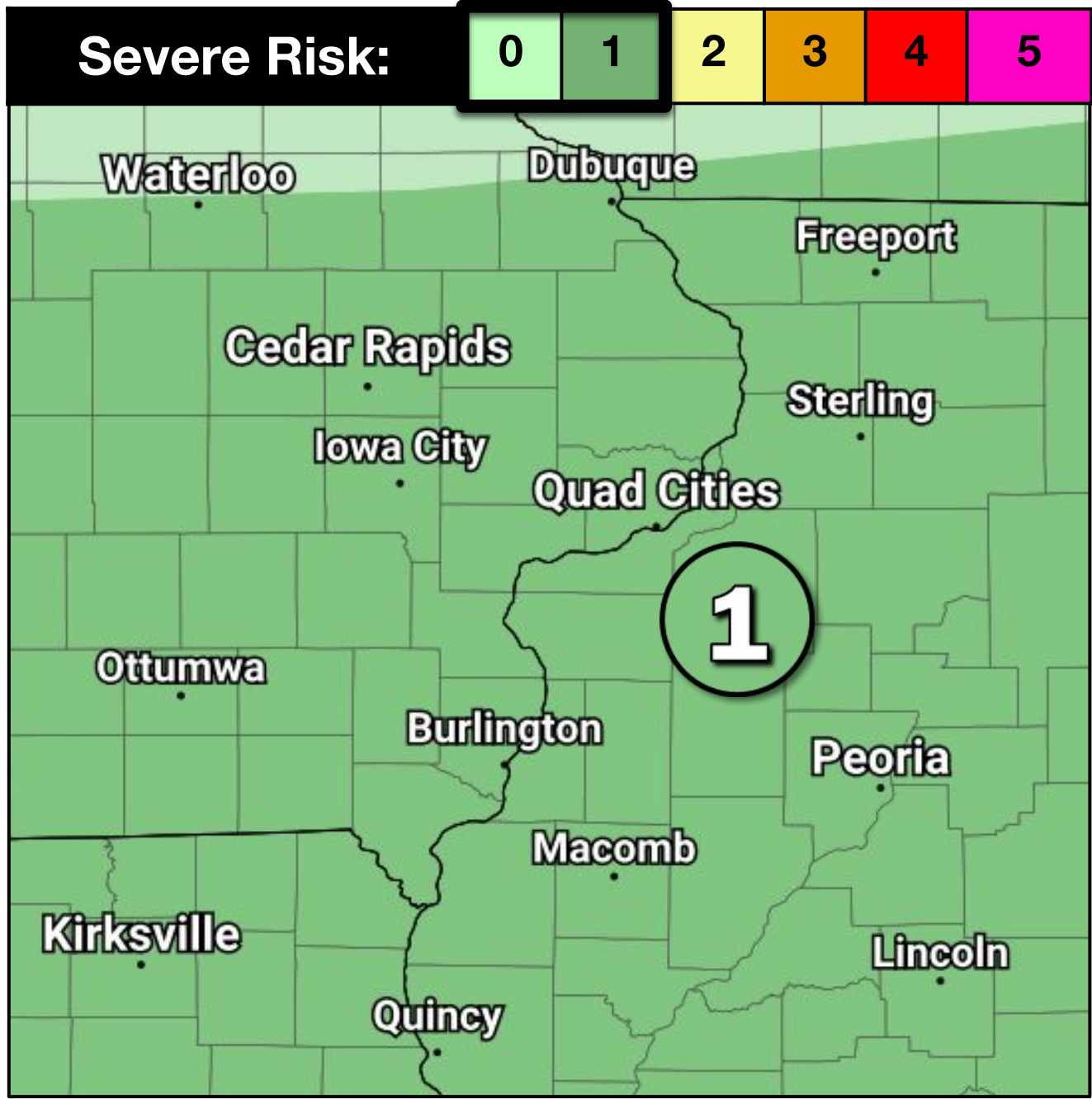
ISOLATED
DAMAGING WINDS



LOCALIZED
FLASH FLOODING

Actions

- Stay tuned for updates!
- Have multiple ways to receive warnings!



Heavy Rainfall Driving Tips

STAY ALERT! STAY SAFE!



1. SLOW DOWN

Reduce your speed and allow extra travel time.



2. INCREASE DISTANCE

Increase space between you and other vehicles.



3. TURN HEADLIGHTS ON

Even in daytime, turn on low-beam headlights.



4. AVOID CRUISE CONTROL

Reduce your speed.



5. WATCH FOR HYDROPLANING

If hydroplaning, don't break! Gently steer your vehicle where you want to move until you slow down.



6. AVOID FLOODED ROADS

Turn around, don't drown!



Flash Flood and Lightning Reminders

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Remember, Turn Around, Don't Drown!

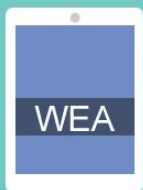
6 WAYS to receive a warning



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



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3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.



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1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND

Get out of the areas subject to Flooding

2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER

Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.

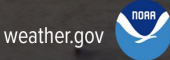
3 STAY INFORMED

Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.



**YOU DON'T KNOW HOW DEEP
THE WATER IS.**

Turn Around, Don't Drown.®



**When Thunder Roars,
Go Indoors!**

STOP all outdoor activities

Seek shelter in a building or metal hard-topped vehicle

Wait 30 minutes after you last hear thunder to resume activities



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Severe Weather Safety
Flooding Safety



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