



Threat increasing for rapid temperature drop, wind, cold, and snow beginning Sunday

KEY POINTS

- Warm temperatures Saturday (40s-50s)
- Arctic front either Sunday or Monday
- Rapid temperature drop with snow and wind expected with the arctic
- Cold temperatures expected Tuesday and Wednesday
- Impacts to newborn livestock

WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence.

	Sat 2/19	Sun 2/20	Mon 2/21	Tue 2/22
Lincoln County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold	Cold
Flathead County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold	Cold
Lake County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Sanders County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold	Cold
Missoula County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Ravalli County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Mineral County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Granite County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Powell County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Deer lodge County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold
Silver Bow County	Warm	Wind Snow	Wind Cold Snow	Cold

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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DETAILS

- **Northwest Montana**

- First to be impacted by gusty winds, snow and rapidly dropping temperatures with impacts as early as Sunday
 - 80% probability of arctic arrival by Sunday evening (Eureka-Kalispell)
 - 60% probability of arctic arrival by Sunday evening (Libby)
- Gusty, potentially damaging winds with arctic front
 - High confidence in gusty east winds 30-40 mph Glacier Region through Flathead Valley
 - Low confidence for damaging winds

- **West-central Montana/southwest Montana**

- Gusty winds, snow and rapidly dropping temperatures as early as late Sunday
 - 60% probability of arctic arrival during Sunday night (Helmville-Butte-Missoula)
 - High confidence in gusty east winds 30-40 mph along the Divide-Helmville-Missoula Valley

- **Probability of below zero temperatures**

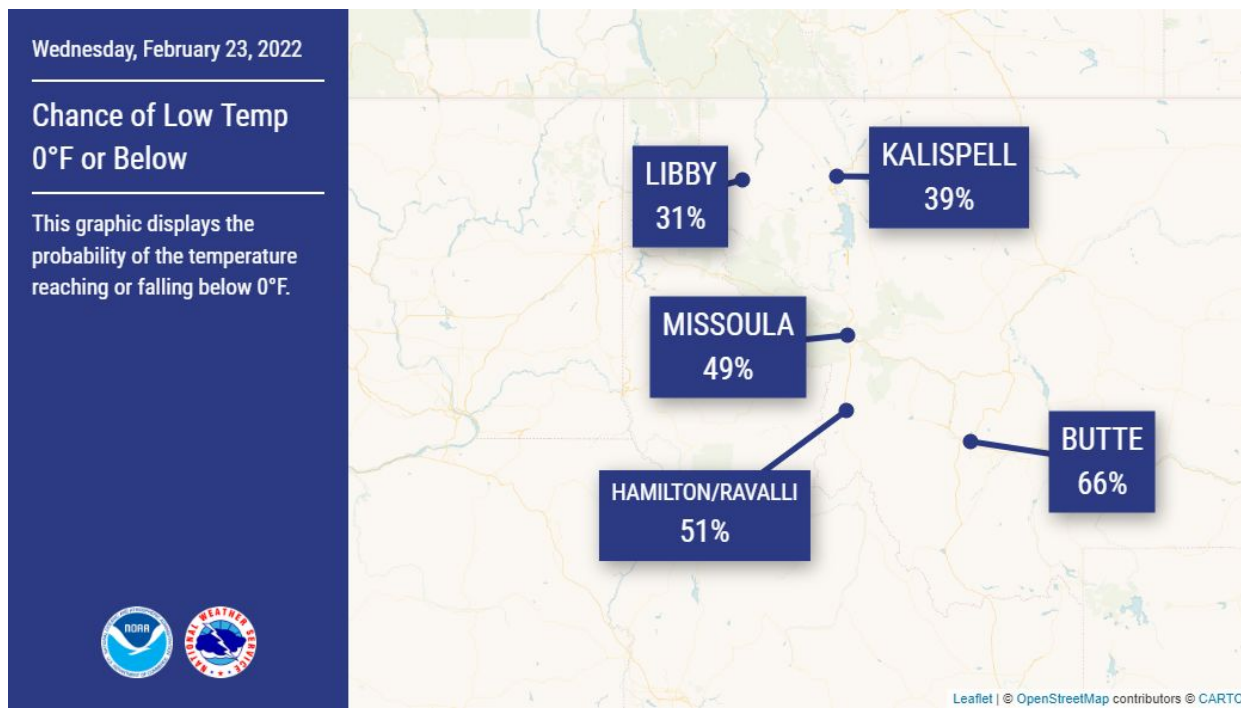
- Highway 93 corridor (Flathead Valley through Missoula/Bitterroot Valley)
 - 40% probability <0 Tuesday morning
 - 50% probability <0 Wednesday morning
- East of Highway 93 (Seeley Lake, Ovando, Deerlodge, Butte)
 - 90% probability <0 Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
 - 30% probability <-20 Wednesday morning

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GRAPHICS



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