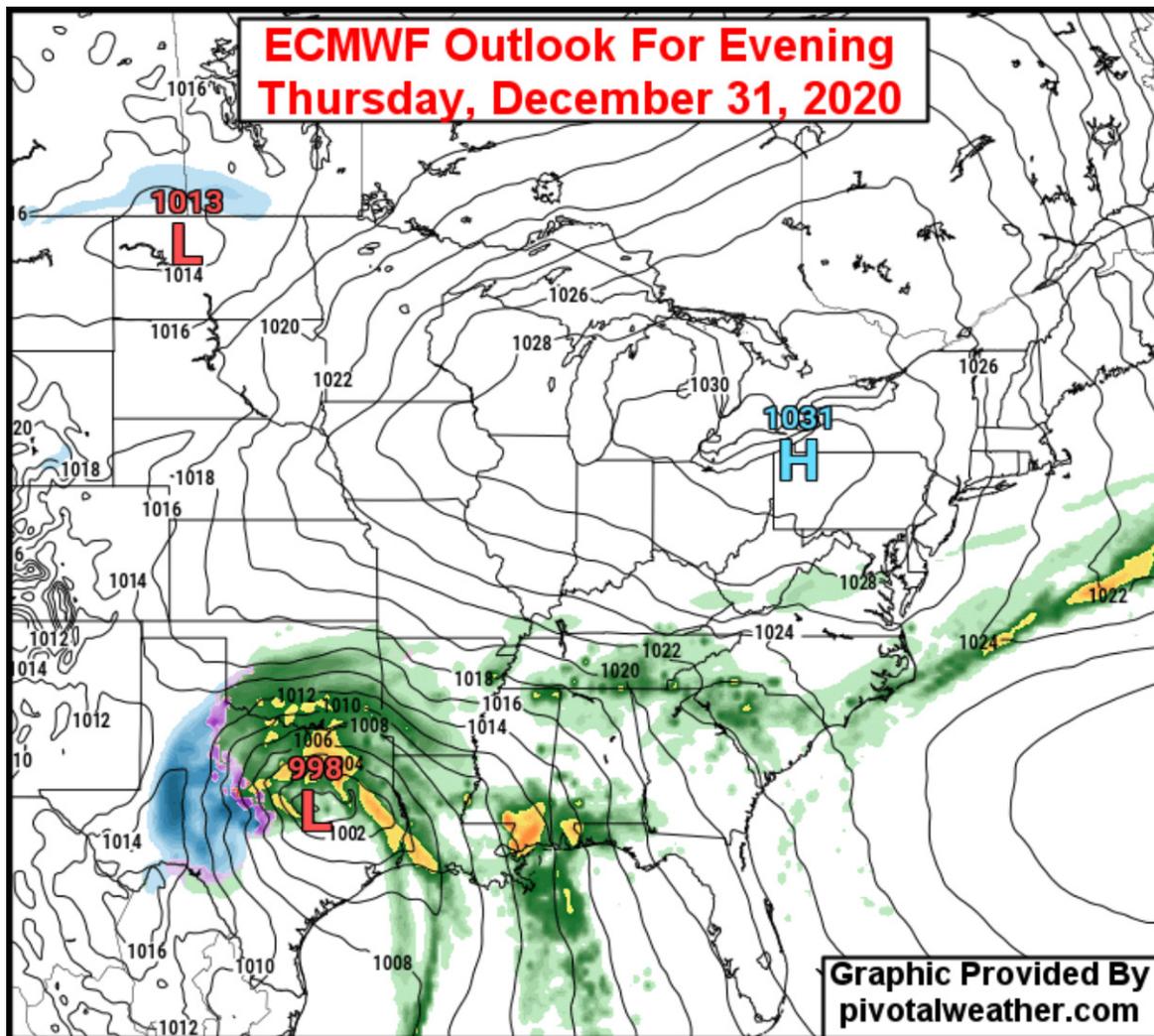


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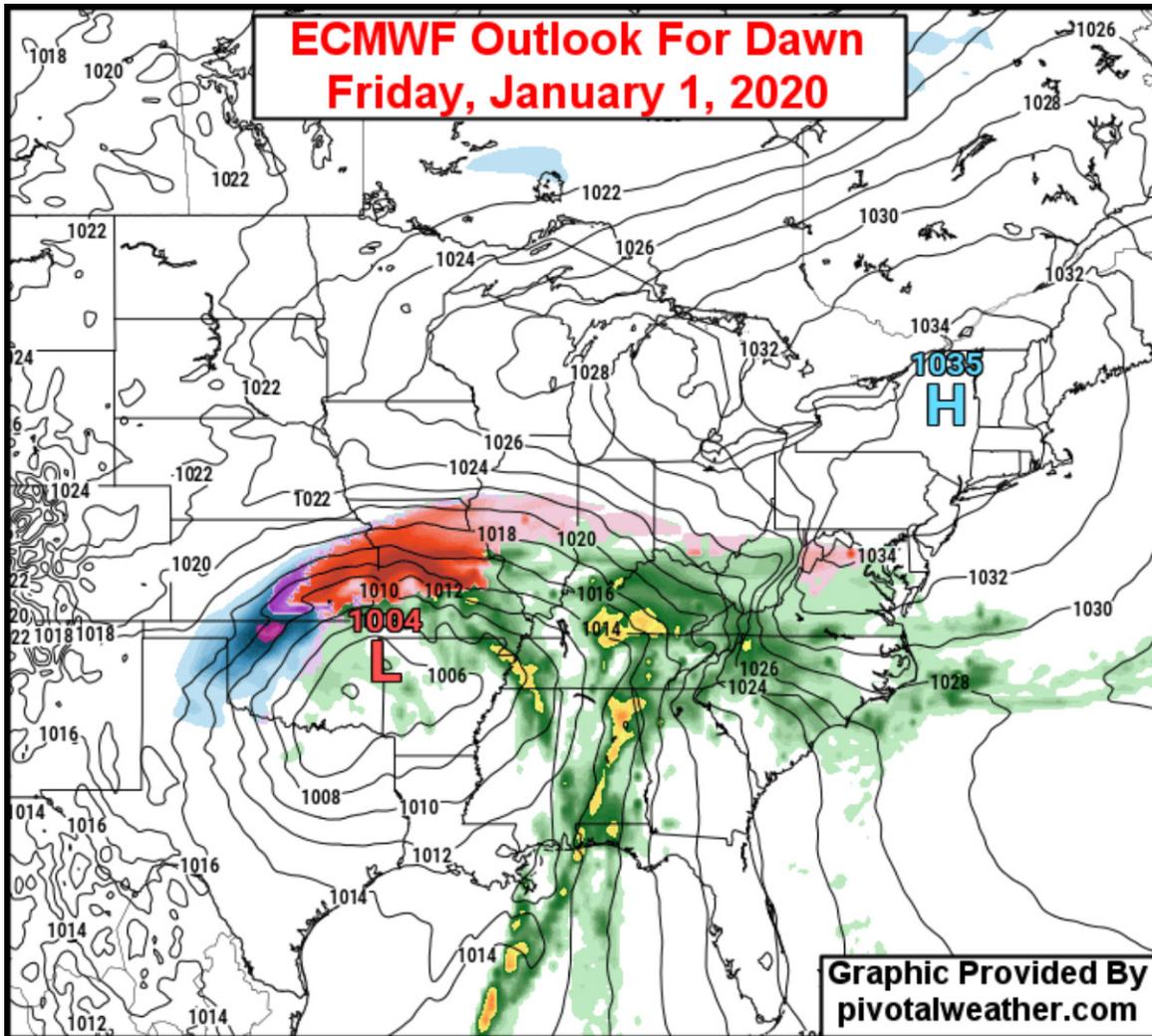
Kansas City, December 30 (World Weather Inc.) – *How fitting would it be to end the year with power outages from northeastern Kansas through northern and central Missouri to northern Ohio and southern Michigan Thursday night into Friday morning. The outages may result from a significant ice storm that is expected to impact these areas. Other travel issues are expected Thursday night and Friday from central Kansas and a few counties in northwestern Oklahoma through southern and eastern Iowa to southern Wisconsin where heavy snow and some freezing rain and sleet will occur.*



The anticipated storm will begin to organize in the southern Plains late this evening and overnight tonight. A mix of winter precipitation types will begin in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday morning in a part of central and southwestern Texas. A strong low pressure center will develop during the morning Thursday and that should intensify the precipitation in Texas during the late afternoon and evening hours Thursday.

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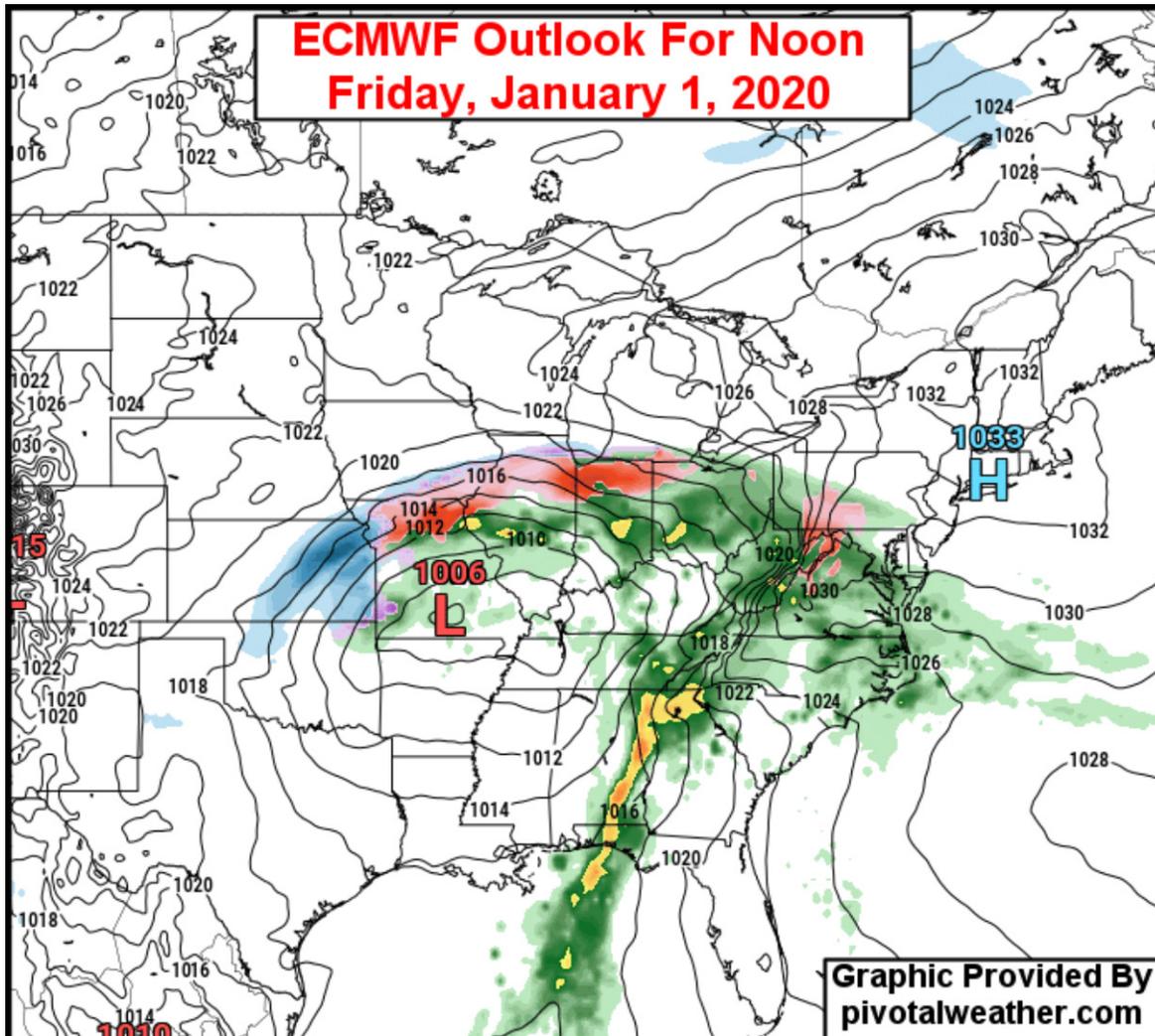
By early Thursday night a band of freezing drizzle and freezing rain will have evolved in southeastern Kansas and southern Missouri while moderate to heavy snowfall evolves in the southeast half of the Texas Panhandle and in the Low Plains and Rolling Plains of West Texas. Moderate rain and some thunderstorms will occur in central and eastern Oklahoma and in western Arkansas at that time.



The freezing rain event is expected to be most significant in the early morning hours Friday through the early afternoon at which time 0.15 to 0.50 inch of ice accumulation will result in interior southeastern and east-central Kansas through central and northern Missouri into a part of central Illinois. By Friday afternoon the freezing rain will be occurring in southern Iowa, northeastern Kansas, northern Missouri and northwestern Illinois. Some of the freezing rain will extend farther to the east Friday afternoon impacting parts of central and northern Indiana, northern Ohio and eventually southern Michigan.

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Ice accumulations outside of eastern Kansas and Missouri will not likely be quite a significant, but enough will still impact a part of central and west-central Illinois and southern Iowa to create some accumulations of 0.15 to 0.30 inch.



*The ice storm will bring down many tree limbs and some powerlines resulting in transportation issues and power outages. The most widespread power outages will be in Missouri and eastern Kansas. Outages farther to the north and east into Iowa northern Illinois, northern Indiana and northern Ohio as well as southern Michigan will not likely be as significant, but there could be some issues in those areas as well.*

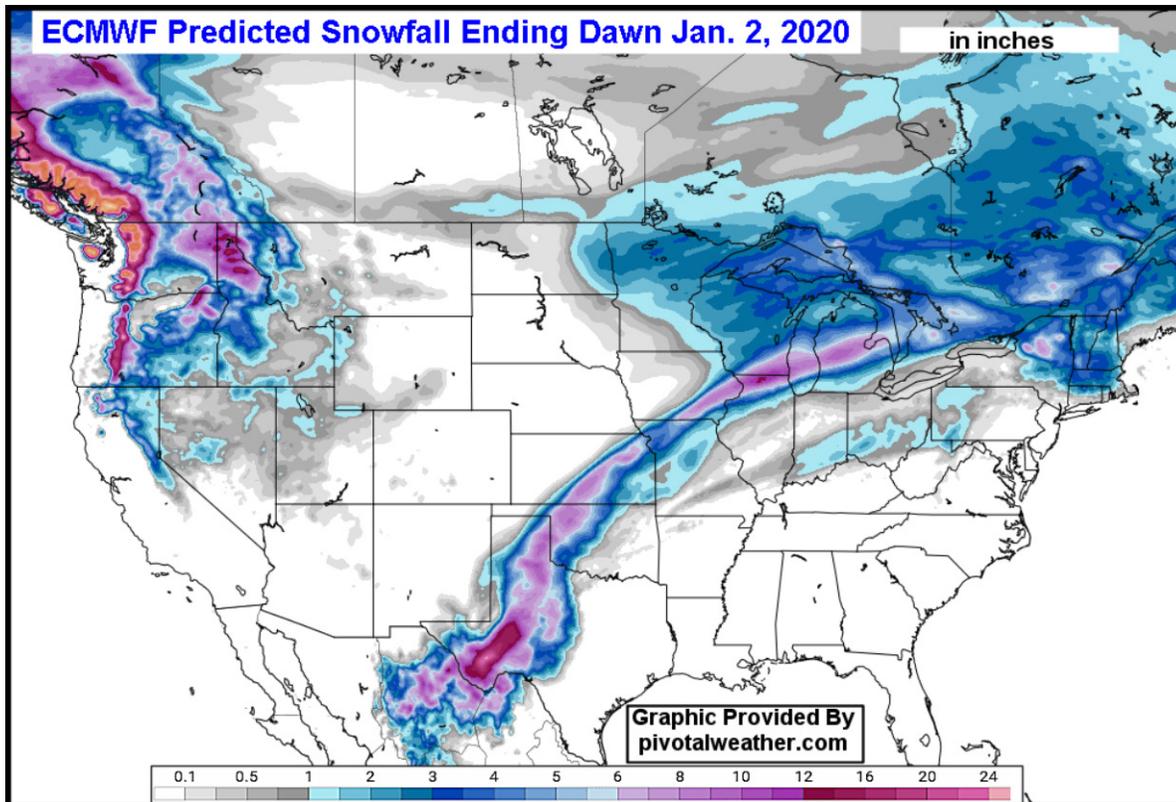
The Texas storm center will move to southern Missouri by noon time Friday and to southern Indiana Friday evening. The storm will continue to march east northeasterly Friday night and end up over southern New York and southern New England during the day Saturday. The storm will lose some of its intensity as it travels to the east, but it will still produce a wintry mix of precipitation along its path.

Snow accumulations on the back side of this storm will vary from 2 to 6 inches in eastern parts of West Texas, northwestern Oklahoma and from south-central Kansas to southeastern Iowa, southern Wisconsin far northern Illinois and central parts of Lower

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Michigan. There will be a number of areas that will get 6 to 10 inches of snow, but that will occur in a relatively narrow band.

Significant rain and some thunderstorm activity will occur to the south of the freezing rain and snow. Moisture totals for the storm will range from 1.00 to 3.00 inches from the heart of Texas to southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and western Tennessee with locally greater amounts in northeastern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma into a few Arkansas locations. Moisture totals farther to the north will vary from 0.60 to 1.50 inches including areas from southeastern Kansas through the heart of Missouri to southern Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.



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