

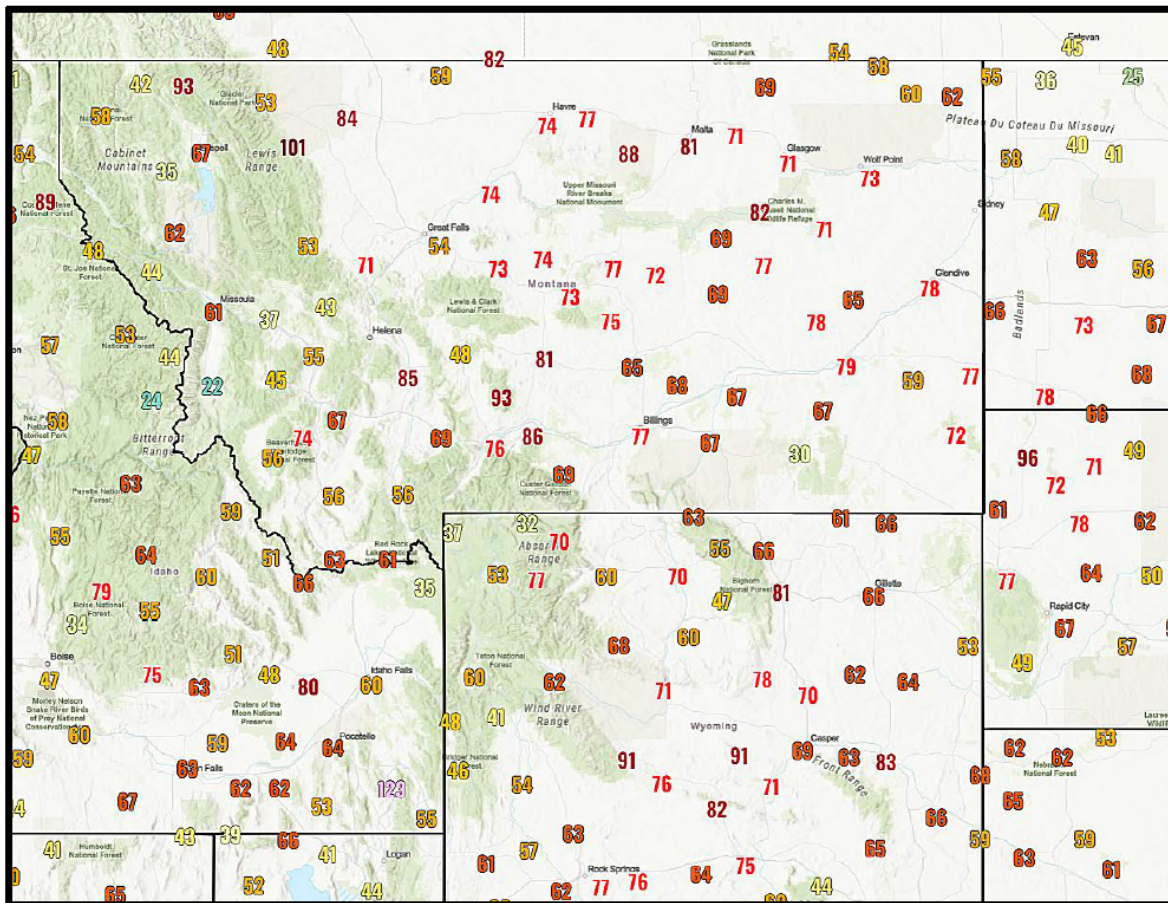
Impressive Windstorm Impacts NW, North-Central U.S.

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Kansas City, December 18 (World Weather Inc.) – *An impressive windstorm impacted portions of North America Wednesday and early Thursday as a deep low pressure center developed very quickly over southern Alberta, Canada and moved to northern Minnesota overnight. The storm produced damaging wind from the U.S. Pacific Northwest through the northern and some central Rocky Mountain locations into the northwestern and west-central Great Plains. Power Outages and damage to both personal property and infrastructure resulted.* The same storm produced blizzard conditions across the southern Canada Prairies into North Dakota creating hazardous travel conditions and stress for livestock.

The greatest wind speeds occurred since midnight today in western and central South Dakota, southwestern North Dakota and a few neighboring areas in Montana and Wyoming when speeds of 73 to 95 mph were noted. However, some of the intense wind began Wednesday with gusts in the Pacific Northwest varying from 45 to 72 mph with a few peak gusts reaching up to 92 mph in north-central Oregon.

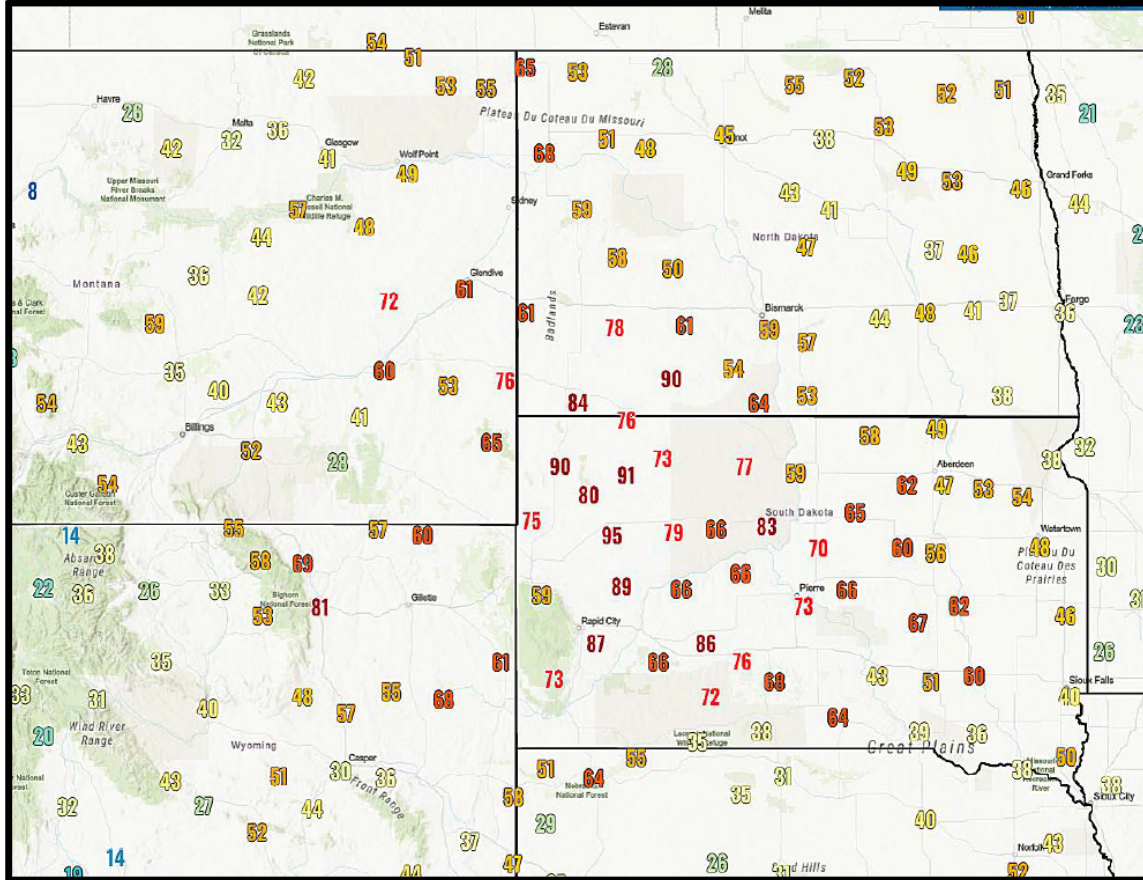
Peak Wind Gusts in MPH for Wednesday, December 17, 2025



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Most of Montana and the western most Dakotas as well as Wyoming were also impacted by wind speeds varying from 70 to more than 90 mph during the day Wednesday while portions of Idaho's upper Snake River Basin reported speeds for 60-80 mph. Windy conditions also impacted the Great Basin and the west-central U.S. Plains Wednesday and overnight. The strongest wind gust occurred along the front range of mountains in northwestern Montana where Deep Creek reported a gust of 101 mph.

Peak Wind Gusts in MPH Between Midnight & 0500 CST Thursday, December 18, 2025



The same storm produced blizzard conditions across southern Canada's Prairies into North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota Wednesday and overnight. Official snow totals have not been received yet; though amounts were expected to vary from 3 to 10 inches with some greater amounts. World Weather, Inc. was looking for some snow drifts in southern Canada as great as 3 feet, although that has not yet been confirmed.

The storm continues to rage on this morning impacting areas from southern Manitoba and eastern North Dakota into western Ontario and northern Minnesota. Wind speeds in these areas will be sustained at 20 to 40 mph with higher gusts while moderate to heavy snow falls. New snowfall of 2 to 6 inches will occur from Manitoba into northeastern North Dakota and northern Minnesota while 6 to 12 and locally more inches occur in Quebec to the north of the Great Lakes.

In the meantime, *wind speeds through much of the day today will vary from 40 to 70 mph from western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming into Nebraska and northwestern Kansas as well as northeastern Colorado.* Some of the wind will decrease

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this afternoon as it shifts into the western Midwest where speeds of 35 to 60 mph are possible. A further diminishing trend in the wind will occur this evening and overnight tonight.

Additional damage to some property is expected this morning in the central and northern Plains, but conditions will be less threatening this afternoon and tonight. Blizzard conditions in the upper U.S. Midwest and northeastern Plains should abate during the afternoon as the precipitation ends, but windy conditions will linger into the night.

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