NOAA/NWS Binghamton, NY
Wreck-It Exercise
Monday 10/5/2015 Briefing

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FOR CENTRAL NY

This area includes but is not limited to cities such as Syracuse, Utica, Ithaca, Elmira, Binghamton, and Oneonta.

FOR NORTHEAST PA

This area includes but is not limited to cities such as Towanda, Montrose, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre.

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Executive Summary

- **A major winter storm will track from Ohio across Pennsylvania Today through Tuesday night.**
- **A stationary front which divides colder air to the north from warmer air to the south will remain near the NY-PA border as the low tracks across PA.**
- **Freezing rain will develop this evening across all of central NY and far northern PA with mainly rain in the rest of northeast PA.**
  - **Patchy freezing rain possible for a few hours in the Poconos at the onset.**
  - **By midnight, all rain is expected in northeast PA.**
- **Heaviest icing is expected in the upper Finger lakes Region to Syracuse/Utica and Rome.**
  - **1 to 2 inches of ice expected in these areas.**
- **Less ice south to the south .**
  - **½ to 1 inch of ice expected in the southern Tier of NY/ southern Finger Lakes.**
  - **Little or no ice in northeast PA.**
- **High winds expected Wednesday with gusts to 45 mph possible area-wide.**
- **Temperatures will fall to the low to mid 20s Wednesday area-wide.**

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Impacts

- Power outages will become widespread especially in north central NY.
  - Roads will not only become icy but will become blocked by downed trees and power lines making travel impossible.
- Less impacts farther south, with only some travel impacts possible into the Poconos.
- Strong winds and cold temperatures will lead to additional power outages and many people without heat especially in central NY.
  - Increase incidences of CO poisoning possible.
  - More home fires possible.

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Impact Severity

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Onset of Freezing Rain / Rain

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Ice Forecast This Evening - Tuesday Night

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Temperatures

- Will fall to the upper 20s to lower 30s in central NY and far northern PA this evening and be steady or slowly falling through Tuesday.
- In the rest of northeast PA temperatures will remain in the 30s to lower 40s through Tuesday.
- Temperatures will fall area-wide to record lows in the lower to mid 20s Wednesday.

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Winds

- Easterly winds will remain below 10 mph until Tuesday night.
- Tuesday night and Wednesday winds will shift to the northwest and increase to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph.
- Strongest winds will be Wednesday.

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Forecast Uncertainty

- Ice amounts are based on the current forecast track of the low pressure center
- A more northerly track:
  - Would place central New York and northeast PA in the region of warmer air
    - Less ice would accumulate in central NY; more precipitation would fall as rain.
    - All rain would fall in northeast PA.
- A more southerly track:
  - Would mean snow and much less ice in central NY.
  - Major ice storm threat would shift south into northeast PA.

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