



Slight Risk of Severe Storms Today, July 4th

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Key Messages

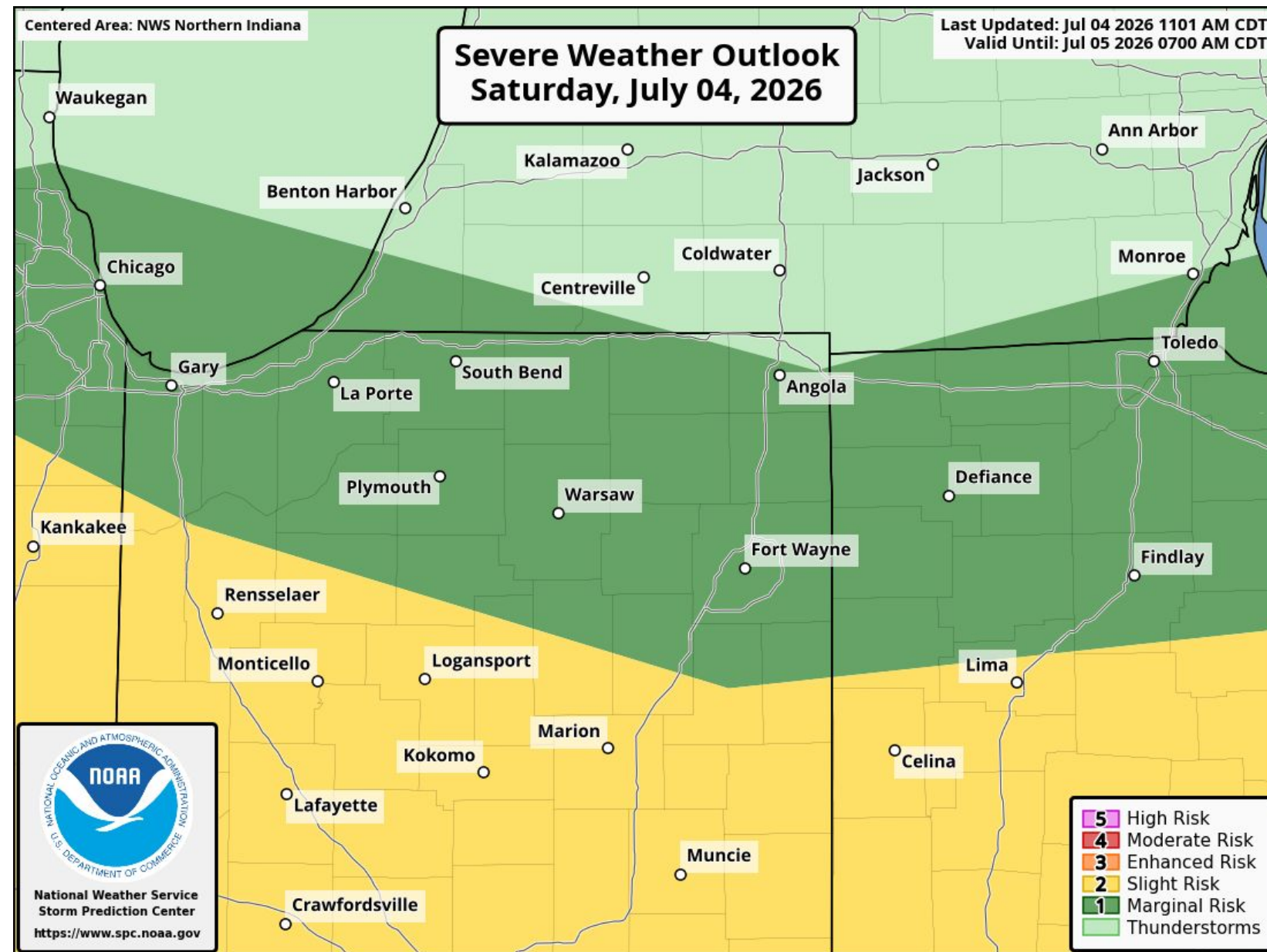
- There is a Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms this afternoon and evening.
- The greatest risk will be from 4pm to 11pm EDT roughly along and south of US-30.
- Damaging wind gusts will be the main threat with severe storms today. Heavy rain and lightning will also be hazards in any storms, even if they are not severe.
- Dangerous heat continues east of I-69 and south of US-24 today, where a Heat Advisory remains in effect. Heat index values over 100° are expected.

NEW Important Updates

- Locations along and south of US 24 have been upgraded into the Slight Risk

Next Scheduled Briefing

- This likely will be the last briefing for this event.

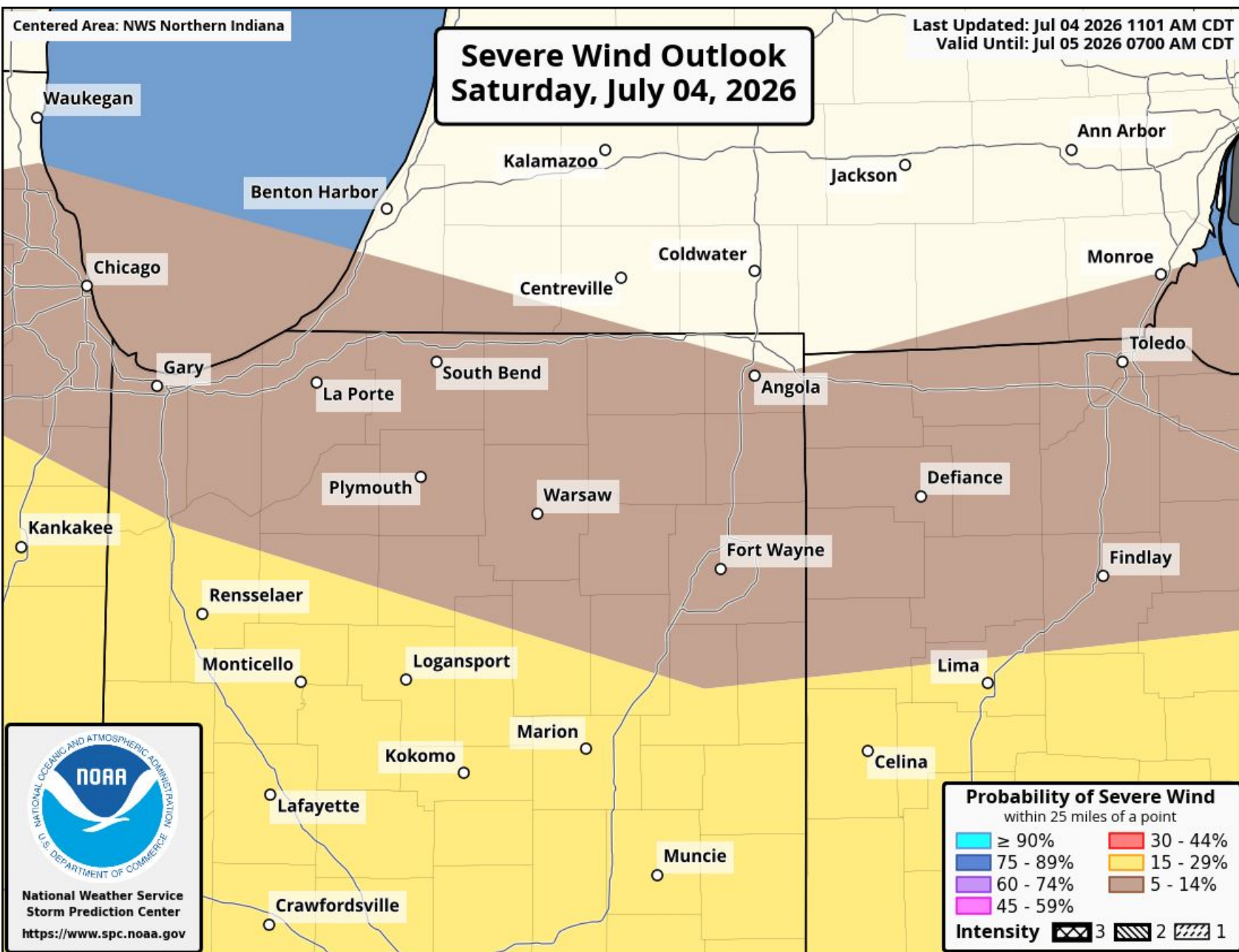




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Damaging winds, heavy rain, and frequent lightning are all possible hazards



Timing



This afternoon and evening, mainly 4-11 PM EDT

Confidence

- Locations along and south of US 24 in Indiana and Ohio have been upgraded to a Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe weather today.
- Scattered strong to severe storms are expected to develop this afternoon and evening, with damaging winds as the main threat.
- Heavy rain and lightning will be threats in any storms, even if they are sub-severe.

Possible Hazards



Scattered Damaging Wind Gusts



Locally heavy downpours



Frequent Lightning



Hazardous Heat and Humidity Continues

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Afternoon heat indices in the lower 90s to around 100

Forecast Details

- A Heat Advisory is in effect for highlighted counties in the below image, through 8 PM EDT tonight.
- Heat and humidity slowly subsides through the remainder of the holiday weekend.
- Continue to drink plenty of water, spend time in A/C or shade, and never leave people or pets alone in a closed car.



Maximum Heat Index (°F) Forecast

	7/4 Sat									7/5 Sun			
	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am	1am	2am	3am
Angola	91	89	89	88	86	85	78	75	75	74	73	73	71
Benton Harbor	82	82	82	77	77	76	74	72	72	72	72	72	70
Bryan	94	93	91	90	88	86	83	77	76	75	74	73	71
Defiance	97	95	94	90	89	86	85	78	78	76	75	74	73
Elkhart	90	89	89	88	86	83	78	75	75	74	74	73	72
Fort Wayne	95	93	92	90	88	85	84	77	76	75	74	74	72
Goshen	89	89	89	86	86	83	78	75	74	73	72	72	71
Hillsdale	92	90	90	88	87	84	78	75	74	73	72	71	70
La Porte	87	86	84	78	78	76	75	73	72	71	71	71	69
Lima	97	95	94	89	88	85	85	78	77	75	74	73	72
Logansport	95	93	92	89	87	83	78	76	74	73	73	72	71
Marion	96	93	92	88	86	84	84	77	75	74	73	72	71
Michigan City	76	77	76	75	74	73	74	74	73	73	72	72	71
Portland	95	93	91	87	86	84	79	77	75	74	73	73	72
South Bend	88	88	88	85	83	78	77	74	73	73	72	72	71
Three Rivers	89	89	88	86	85	79	77	74	74	73	73	73	71
Warsaw	91	91	89	88	85	83	78	75	74	73	72	72	71
Wauseon	94	93	91	87	87	84	78	76	76	75	74	73	71
Winamac	91	91	90	87	85	79	77	75	74	73	73	72	71

SLIGHT RISK

Scattered severe storms possible.

Short-lived and not widespread -- isolated intense storms possible.

Plan ahead if you have outdoor plans and have a way to get NWS warnings.

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