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Winter has arrived, although it's not the typical weather pattern that we've seen over the last few years. With this being one of the coolest summers on record, it may lead to a somewhat unique winter for those that haven't seen much of a winter in the recent past. These areas will be prone to more snow than just colder temperatures. As I said last month we'll see most of the storm systems entering the US farther south along the west coast allowing the storm system to dive toward the Four Corners region and move through the lower Ohio Valley before working its way up the east coast. This could spell more snow for the New York Metro area. The Midwest will see less snow than in the most recent winters.

Northeast

Early December should bring the first possibility of measureable snow with temperatures falling to the seasonable norms by December 5th. Sunshine will follow before more unsettled weather returns by mid month with a threat for a rain and snow mix. As we head toward Christmas sunshine should allow the temperatures to moderate slightly before another winter storm threatens the region for New Year's Eve.

Pacific Northwest

December sees near normal temperatures with limited sunshine before the possibility of a major winter storm targets the region by mid-month. Following the winter storm, temperatures warm slightly with rain returning to round out the month. The second half of the month appears as though it will be soggy with little chance for a White Christmas.

Intermountain Region

A broad area of low pressure will help keep the region in an unsettled pattern. The majority of the region will see some sunshine early before giving way to a storm by mid month. The Boise/Spokane region should see snow, while other parts of the Intermountain Region will see milder temperatures along with more rain than snow during the period. Some of the area may see a White Christmas with temperatures cooling for the end of the month.

Rockies

After October snows, December appears to be showing signs of a mild month. Unseasonably cold temperatures early give way to mild temperatures with a rain/snow mix by mid month before sunshine returns keeping the temperatures slightly above normal. The region north of Denver, heading towards Billings MT, may see some snow showers by month's end.

Great Plains

We start the month with some sunshine before the jet stream dives south allowing cold Canadian air to spill into the Plains. With cold air at the surface and warm air aloft, this sets the stage for a freezing rain event for mid month. Any precipitation at month's end should remain liquid due the mild temperatures.

Ohio Valley

You may see your first taste of winter as an area of low pressure moves toward the Ohio valley from the Panhandle Region bringing the threat of some winter weather to the region. Following this system, temperatures show signs of warming allowing any additional precipitation to mix with, if not change entirely, to rain. The warmer temperatures will remain throughout the end of the month.

Great Lakes and Midwest

December starts with an area of low pressure and unsettled conditions. Temperatures remain above normal ahead of this storm system. Most of the precipitation associated with this storm system will remain as rain, although some areas may see the rain with snow. Thanks to the El Nino weather pattern most of the month the temperatures will remain above normal before cooling for Christmas week adding the threat for snow.

Pan Handle and Northern Texas

An early winter storm brings some snow to the Panhandle to start December. As this storm system moves east it encounters warmer air and loses some strength. Any snow with this system will turn to rain as it moves through Oklahoma. Mild temperatures follow this storm and remain in place through mid month. Look for another area of disturbed weather to develop after the mid-month. With this storm system you'll see more rain than snow. December ends on a positive note with sunshine and seasonable temperatures.

Appalachians

Colder than normal temperatures have been ushered in to start the month of December. Light rain, perhaps mixed with some light snow, is possible in the higher elevations. The cold air should remain in place through mid month before a slight warming trend works into the area with some rain. Some of the area may see a white Christmas especially in some of the higher elevations. New Year's Eve sees the milder temperatures returning with some rain.

Mid Atlantic

Warm air remains in place with locally heavy rain for the first week of December. Although the weather patterns will remain unsettled for most of December the above normal temperatures will keep the majority of the precipitation as rain. You may see a heavy rain event heading toward Christmas week. The temperatures will cool slightly after Christmas with a slight chance for a snow shower heading into New Year's Eve.

Alaska

December starts with well below normal temperatures and snow squalls likely. While the lower 48 will see a reprieve from winter in most areas you'll see just the opposite. Snow will continue to fly with the heaviest being in the Panhandle through the 10th. Temperatures will moderate slightly closer to Christmas, but will remain below normal with more snow showers than heavy snow.