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(ROLL FILM)

Bad Weather held the mid-west, the East and more in particular Roanoke in its grasp today.

(TAKE FILM)

The weather caused schools to be closed in many places. Meetings were cancelled. Sports events postponed. Car wrecks were caused. People slipped and fell on icy walks and pavements and generally lost temper with the weather.

Dirving conditions in Southwest Virginia are hazerdous and will become more so with sleet and freezing rain. In the Salem 12 county district, all roads are reported open but chains are required. In the Wytheville Highway District: Primary Roads are clear enough to drive without chains except Route 58 White-Top Mountain vicinity. Chains are required on all secondary roads. In the Appomattox District, chains are required on all roads. State Police ask that only emergency travel be undertaken in Highland County where 12 inches of snow has fallen.

There is one blessing to the freezing rain and sleet forecast for tonight. A crust on top of the snow that has fallen will help control drifting and keep the snow off roads that have been already cleared.

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