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URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HONOLULU HI
937 AM HST TUE DEC 23 2014

...BLIZZARD WARNING FOR THE SUMMITS OF MAUNA KEA AND
MAUNA LOA...

.DEVELOPING LOW PRESSURE ALOFT OVER THE STATE IS
GENERATING
VERY STRONG WINDS ACROSS THE SUMMITS OF THE HIGH
SUMMITS OF THE
BIG ISLAND. THESE WINDS WILL INCREASE THROUGH THE DAY
AND REMAIN
ELEVATED THROUGH WEDNESDAY. THE LOW ALOFT IS ALSO
PRODUCING A
BAND OF DEEP MOISTURE OVER THE EASTERN END OF THE
STATE. SOME SNOW
SHOWERS HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED ON THE SUMMITS...AND AS
MOISTURE
INCREASES TODAY...PERIODS OF HEAVY SNOW ARE

EXPECTED...LEADING TO
DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.

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BIG ISLAND SUMMITS-
937 AM HST TUE DEC 23 2014

...BLIZZARD WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM HST
WEDNESDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN HONOLULU HAS ISSUED A
BLIZZARD
WARNING...WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM HST WEDNESDAY.
THE
BLIZZARD WATCH IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.

* LOCATIONS...MAUNA KEA AND MAUNA LOA ABOVE 11500 FEET.

* HAZARD TYPES...VERY STRONG WINDS AND BITTERLY COLD
WIND CHILLS. HEAVY
SNOW...BLOWING AND DRIFTING SNOW...AND LIGHTNING
STRIKES.

* ACCUMULATIONS...UP TO 12 INCHES THROUGH
WEDNESDAY...WITH HIGHER
DRIFTS.

* TIMING...THROUGH WEDNESDAY.

* IMPACTS...EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS AND POTENTIALLY LIFE-
THREATENING
CONDITIONS FOR ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE OR HIKE TO
THE SUMMITS.

* WINDS...SOUTH INCREASING TO 45 TO 65 MPH WITH GUSTS
OVER 90 MPH.

* TEMPERATURES...UPPER 20S TO LOWER 30S.

* VISIBILITIES...BELOW ONE QUARTER MILE IN HEAVY SNOW
SHOWERS.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A BLIZZARD WARNING MEANS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER
CONDITIONS ARE
EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. FALLING AND BLOWING SNOW WITH
STRONG WINDS
AND POOR VISIBILITIES ARE LIKELY. THIS WILL LEAD TO
WHITEOUT
CONDITIONS...MAKING TRAVEL EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. DO NOT
TRAVEL. IF
YOU MUST TRAVEL...HAVE A WINTER SURVIVAL KIT WITH YOU.
IF YOU GET
STRANDED...STAY WITH YOUR VEHICLE.