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NEW YORK, N.Y. -- A \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, late-season storm lashed the Northeast with sleet and more than a foot of snow in some places Tuesday. The storm paralyzed much of the East Coast from Washington D.C. to Boston after a \_\_\_\_\_ February had convinced people that the worst of winter was over.

The powerful nor'easter -- that is, a storm that blows from the Northeast -- grounded \_\_\_\_\_ flights. It knocked out power to around 200,000 customers from Virginia northward, closed schools in cities \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and prompted \_\_\_\_\_ warnings to stay off the roads.

As the morning wore on, the storm's path shifted \_\_\_\_\_ and snow switched to sleet in Philadelphia and New York. That prompted forecasters to lift blizzard warnings for the two \_\_\_\_\_ cities and cut their prediction of a foot or more of snow by over half.

But residents farther inland from the coasts got clobbered. Towns along Pennsylvania's northern tier had \_\_\_\_\_ 16 inches of snow before 9 a.m., while a foot fell in the state capital of Harrisburg and nearly 2 feet in the Pocono Mountains.

"The

winters seem to be upside down now. January and February are \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ and then March and April seem to be more \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ than they were in the past," said Bob Clifford, who ventured out on an early morning grocery run for his family in Altamont, near Albany, New York.

His advice: "Just hide inside. Hibernate."