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Public Information Statement...Corrected
National Weather Service Charleston SC
454 PM EDT WED MAY 18 2016

Corrected begin/end Lat/Lon

...Tornado Confirmed Near Bloomingdale Georgia...

Location...Bloomingdale, GA (Chatham County)

Date...05/17/2016

Estimated Time...409 PM EDT

Maximum EF-Scale Rating...EF-1

Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...90-95 mph

Maximum Path Width...100 yards

Path Length...1 mile

Beginning Lat/Lon...32.1413N / 81.32118W

Ending Lat/Lon...32.1393N / 81.3084W

* Fatalities...0

* Injuries...0

* The information in this statement is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event(s) and publication in NWS Storm Data.

...Summary...

The National Weather Service in Charleston SC has confirmed an EF-1 tornado near Bloomingdale, Georgia on May 17, 2016.

A weak tornado with EF-0 intensity touched down near a mobile home on Pop Shearouse Road. Most of the roof of the mobile home was blown off and some tree damage occurred. As the tornado progressed eastward, it intensified and snapped trees along Stagecoach Road. Roof fascia was also ripped off of a home. The degree of tree damage in this area was consistent with an EF-1 tornado with maximum winds estimated to be 90-95 mph. The tornado continued eastward to Cheyenne Road where the damage pattern became more sporadic. Here, trees were uprooted and damage to the roof of an RV and outbuilding occurred. The tornado continued to produce isolated tree damage as it moved eastward before dissipating near Jimmy DeLoach Parkway.

The tornado touched down around 409 pm and lifted around 413 pm. It was on the ground for 1 mile and had a maximum damage width of 100 yards.

This information can also be found on our website at weather.gov/chs.

For reference...the Enhanced Fujita Scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

EF0...wind speeds 65 to 85 mph.

EF1...wind speeds 86 to 110 mph.

EF2...wind speeds 111 to 135 mph.

EF3...wind speeds 136 to 165 mph.

EF4...wind speeds 166 to 200 mph.

EF5...wind speeds greater than 200 mph.

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