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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILMINGTON NC
536 PM EDT MON APR 6 2009

...TORNADO CONFIRMED SOUTHEAST OF CLARKTON NC ON APRIL 6...

LOCATION...5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLARKTON NC
ESTIMATED TIME...1040 TO 1042 AM EDT
BEGINNING LAT/LON...34.4393/-78.5929
ENDING LAT/LON...34.4490/-78.5719
EF-SCALE RATING...EF2
ESTIMATED WIND SPEED...115 MPH
PATH WIDTH...100 YARDS
PATH LENGTH...1.5 MILES
INJURIES...NONE
FATALITIES...NONE

...SUMMARY...

A NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STORM SURVEY CONFIRMED AN EF2 TORNADO WITH WINDS UP TO 115 MPH ABOUT 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLARKTON NC. THE TORNADO INITIALLY TOUCHED DOWN ON FARMERS UNION ROAD ABOUT 0.3 MILE SOUTH OF PORTERVILLE SCHOOL ROAD. SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE OCCURRED TO FOUR HOMES IN THIS AREA...INCLUDING ONE WHICH WAS PUSHED APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET OFF ITS FOUNDATION. A STORAGE TRAILER WEIGHING MORE THAN 8500 LBS WAS BLOWN APPROXIMATELY 40 FT...FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN AND ROTATED 180 DEGREES. A FULL-SIZE PICKUP TRUCK WAS BLOWN 15 FT ACROSS A YARD...AND A 12 X 12 FT STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. DAMAGE IN THIS AREA WAS RATED AS EF2 AS A RESULT OF WIND SPEEDS REACHING 115 MPH. THE WIDTH OF THE DAMAGE PATH IN THIS AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS.

THE TORNADO BRIEFLY WEAKENED AS IT TRACKED TO THE NORTHEAST. NUMEROUS 12-18 INCH DIAMETER TREETOPS WERE SNAPPED...AND A FEW TREES UP TO 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER WERE UPROOTED AS THE TORNADO APPROACHED CHANCEY RD. TWO HOMES ON CHANCEY ROAD SUFFERED EF0 DAMAGE PRIMARILY TO ROOFS AND WINDOWS. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO THE NORTHEAST ACROSS MAINLY WOODS AND FARMLAND WHERE SPOTTY EF0 DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO TREES.

IT STRENGTHENED ONCE AGAIN AS IT CROSSED BAER MILL DRIVE AND CAUSED DAMAGE TO TWO HOMES. THE FRONT PORCH OF ONE HOME WAS DESTROYED AND ALL THE ROOF COVERING MATERIAL ON THE WINDWARD SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE WAS STRIPPED. THE WIND PENETRATED THE SECOND STORY OF THE HOME AND BLEW OUT TWO UPSTAIRS WINDOWS. NUMEROUS LARGE TREES UP TO 2 FT IN DIAMETER WERE SNAPPED OFF OR UPROOTED. ONE WOODEN STORAGE SHED WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. DAMAGE IN THIS AREA WAS RATED AS EF2 WITH WIND SPEED ESTIMATED TO BE 115 MPH. THE WIDTH OF THE DAMAGE PATH WAS APPROXIMATELY 60 YARDS AT THIS LOCATION.

THE TORNADO WEAKENED AS IT MOVED NORTHEAST FROM BAER MILL DRIVE. SPOTTY MINOR TREE DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN BAER MILL DRIVE AND SUSIE BALDWIN ROAD.

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