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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILMINGTON NC

1117 AM EDT MON APR 18 2011

...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR BARKER TEN MILE IN ROBESON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...BARKER TEN MILE IN ROBESON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

DATE...APRIL 16 2011

ESTIMATED TIME...3:47 PM EDT - 3:49 PM EDT

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF1

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...105 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...0.2 MILES

PATH LENGTH...1.6 MILES

BEGINNING LAT/LON...34.6777N / 79.0098W

ENDING LAT/LON...34.6866N / 79.9861W

\* 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 WILMINGTON NC HAS CONFIRMED A TORNADO NEAR BARKER TEN MILE IN ROBESON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 16 2011.

SEVERAL HEADSTONES WERE TURNED OVER IN A CEMETERY WEST OF I-95 ON HIGHWAY 301. SEVERAL LARGE PINE TREES WERE SNAPPED AS WELL AS SEVERAL ORNAMENTAL TREES 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER. ABOUT HALF A DOZEN POWER POLES WERE LEANING OVER AND A FLAG POLE WAS COMPLETELY BENT OVER. NUMEROUS TREES

WERE SNAPPED ALONG I-95. SIGNIFICANT WIND DAMAGE OCCURRED IN BARKER TEN MILE AS SEVERAL DOZEN LARGE HARDWOOD AND PINE TREES UP TO 2 FEET IN DIAMETER

WERE SNAPPED OR UPROOTED. FALLING TREES CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO MANY HOMES IN THE AREA OF ROBIN ROAD AND CASTLE ROAD.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT WEATHER.GOV/ILM.

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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