

# Open Discussion

# SPS Discussion Topics

- Time of SPS issuance
  - No standard operating procedure across the state
  - Some offices like to issue it the afternoon/evening before expected fire weather conditions, others prefer to wait until the morning of
  - BOX to our east prefers to issue the day prior
  - We already coordinate which headline(s) with the DEC the day before
  - **So, proposing to issue SPS's the afternoon/evening prior to expected fire weather conditions**
    - Will allow for briefings to be sent the afternoon prior to the expected fire weather conditions as well
- SPS issuance for partial fire weather zones
  - We currently try to issue SPSs for a entire fire weather zone or not at all
  - Fire weather zones are already smaller than the DEC FDRAs
  - Weather conditions don't always follow fire weather zone boundaries
  - How detailed do we need to be
  - More detail may increase the amount of time spent collaborating between the NWS and DEC

# Coordination Discussion Topics

- What worked well last year
  - ALY perspective - overall smooth coordination.
  - 1 call to the DEC to coordinate RFW/SPS.
- What could be improved for 2025
  - ALY perspective - make sure we get all NY offices on the same page before coordinating with the DEC
  - NWS coordination timeline - no dedicated time, but mid to late morning seemed to work well last year
    - Want to make sure we have time to coordinate internally, then with the DEC, and issue any headlines by the end of the day shift
  - External coordination - which is easier, a phone call or email?
  - How long does the NWS wait for a reply before contacting the secondary POC at the DEC?
- When multiple NY WFOs want an SPS/RFW but ALY does not, who makes the call to the DEC?