



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
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NORTH DAKOTA, Central and West

NDZ003>005-011>013-019-021>023-025 **Renville - Bottineau - Rolette - Ward - Mchenry - Pierce - Mercer - Mclean - Sheridan - Wells - Foster**

01	1509CST								
02	0400CST			0	0				Winter Storm

A second in a series of low pressure systems moved out of Montana and brought an area of heavy snow across northern third of North Dakota overnight of the 1st of April and lasted through the day on the 2nd. Snowfall amounts ranged between 5 to 7 inches across the northern areas of the region. Gusty winds to 30 mph produced low visibilities and dangerous driving conditions. The system moved southeast Tuesday night to be followed by another winter storm system in the west.

NDZ001>005-010>013-017-021>023-025 **Divide - Burke - Renville - Bottineau - Rolette - Mountrail - Ward - Mchenry - Pierce - Mckenzie - Mclean - Sheridan - Wells - Foster**

02	1524CST								
03	2007CST			3	6				Winter Storm

A third in a series of low pressure systems over Wyoming and western South Dakota moved east...southeast and intensified over the Northern Plains during the day reaching southern Minnesota and northern Iowa on Thursday, April 3rd. A stationary surface frontal boundary extended from northeastern Montana through central North Dakota into the area of low pressure. This promoted overrunning snow across North Dakota with areas of heavy snow across northern North Dakota. The snowfall combined with easterly winds to 25 mph created areas of blowing and drifting snow and dangerous driving conditions. Snowfall across northern North Dakota ranged 6 to 10 inches with isolated reports of 14.5 inches. Numerous accidents were contributed icy and snow covered roads resulting in 6 serious injuries and 3 deaths across northern North Dakota.
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Burleigh County
20 SE Bismarck

09	1414CST								
13	1900CST			0	1				Wildfire

Emmons County
30 NW Linton

09	1414CST								
13	1900CST			0	0				Wildfire

A large wildfire erupted along the Burleigh and Emmons county line, along the Missouri river, better know as the McLean Bottoms. The fire was started by an abandon campfire. The fire was aggravated by afternoon temperatures around 90 degrees, relative humidities around 10 percent and gusty southerly winds of 25 to 35 mph. The fire burned in excess of 5000 acres before being contained on the evening of April 13th. A firefighter was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. Highway 1804 was closed for several hours due to the fire and smoke and the evacuation of recreation enthusiasts from the boat landing and rifle range were ordered by the by the Incident Commande.



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Stutsman County

2 S Windsor	09 13	1414CST 1900CST			0	0			Wildfire
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Stutsman county firefighters spent the week of April 9th through the 13th battling two dozen wildfires across the county burning over 9000 acres. Fires flared up near Cleveland, Medina and Windsor in Stutsman county.

Burleigh County

10 SE Bismarck	26	2145CST 2152CST			0	0			Hail(1.25)
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