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Public Information Statement  
National Weather Service Charleston SC  
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...NWS DAMAGE SURVEY FOR April 13, 2020 TORNADO EVENT...

.SW Ludowici...

Start Location...3 NNW Doctortown in Long County GA  
End Location...2 WSW Ludowici in Long County GA  
Date...04/13/2020  
Estimated Time...07:37 AM EDT  
Maximum EF-Scale Rating...EF1  
Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...105 mph  
Maximum Path Width...500.0 yards  
Path Length...3.21 miles  
Beginning Lat/Lon...31.6923 / -81.8373  
Ending Lat/Lon...31.6948 / -81.7829  
\* Fatalities...0  
\* Injuries...0

...Summary...

The path of this tornado was originally detected by high resolution satellite imagery over the remote area of the Griffin Ridge Wildlife Management Area (WMA), located just southwest of Ludowici. It was confirmed on the ground using damage pictures sent by staff from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at Griffin Ridge WMA. The tornado began near Hughes River Road, about 5.5 miles southwest of Ludowici and about 3 miles west of Highway 301. The tornado then moved east-northeast over mostly marsh and uninhabited area, crossing over Check Station Road which enters into the Griffin Ridge WMA off of Highway 301. The tornado then ended just east-northeast of Check Station Road, and just west of Highway 301. The impact of this tornado was snapping and uprooting of many trees along and near the path.

EF Scale: The Enhanced Fujita Scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

EF0...Weak.....65 to 85 mph  
EF1...Weak.....86 to 110 mph  
EF2...Strong....111 to 135 mph  
EF3...Strong....136 to 165 mph  
EF4...Violent...166 to 200 mph  
EF5...Violent...>200 mph

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

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