

March 14, 2008 Conference Call Notes

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BAMS article: Everyone now has a gmail account and access to the manuscript on Google Docs, and for those who have not yet had a chance to provide input, we've asked for that by early in the week of March 17 if possible. There are few relatively minor things we'll be cleaning up in the text, and a few small additions we're planning to make (won't go into the details here on who agreed to do what). We decided on one of the two figures that Blair submitted to show results of some of his modeling work and the Great lakes connection, and he'll add some text to go along with that. We also decided to add a brief statement about the specific benefits of WFO mesoscale model results and an example from a 4km run showing terrain influences and banding, as well as a general statement on variety of WFO model configurations. Steve K will work on getting this image and the associated write-up. Baker is finishing up the two figures showing all the COOP and CoCoRaHS obs and then snowfall analysis for the Dec 18-20, 2003 event across the region (which we agreed would be the domain of all the WFOs that are involved in the collaboration, as seen in the first figure). David will add something on impacts to local training programs.

We will shoot for having the final draft completed and submitted for initial review at ERH SSD by the end of March. Steve K will review the AMS Author's Guide to make sure we've got the right format for footnotes, references, figures, etc.

Possible NWFS Presence at NWA Meeting: Larry brought up the idea of considering one or more presentations on NWFS by the group at the October NWA meeting in Louisville. It's likely that both GSP and RNK will be sending folks there, and we can easily do something that summarizes our collaboration group (much like the BAMS article), and WFO RNK will probably also do something on observations of the banded nature of events in our CWA. GSP may consider doing something on the modeling work that Blair has lead. If others want to consider presenting other specific aspects of the NWFS issue, perhaps we can ask for a special NWFS session. Decisions on how many specific topics will be submitted should be made soon so we can ask for this session well in advance if necessary. Abstracts are due June 1.

Next call: March 28 would be ideal, but 9am is a bad time for Steve K. Will propose some alternate times dates in an email and choose date based on responses. This next call will primarily help wrap up finishing touches on manuscript before submission to SSD.