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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILMINGTON NC  
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...NWS STORM SURVEY CONFIRMS EF-2 TORNADO IN DILLON COUNTY...

A NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE STORM SURVEY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT AN EF-2 TORNADO OCCURRED IN DILLON COUNTY DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NOVEMBER 15TH. OVER A TOTAL PATH LENGTH OF 1.5 MILES THE TORNADO MADE THREE SIGNIFICANT TOUCHDOWNS. THE FIRST TOUCHDOWN WAS APPROXIMATELY 200 YARDS SOUTH OF DOGWOOD LAKES ROAD AT 1250 AM. LARGE TREES WERE SNAPPED AND A MOBILE HOME ROLLED ABOUT 20 YARDS BEFORE COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATING. IT IS UNKNOWN HOW WELL THE MOBILE HOME WAS ATTACHED TO THE FOUNDATION BUT THIS DAMAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIZE OF THE DAMAGED TREES IS INDICATIVE OF WINDS OF 110-120 MPH...EF-2 ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE. THE PATH WIDTH WAS APPROXIMATELY 40 YARDS. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE MOBILE HOME WAS OCCUPIED BUT NO KNOWN INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

A BRICK HOME WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED ON PEE DEE CHURCH ROAD NEAR ANDRE DRIVE. A NEAR TOTAL ROOF FAILURE AND SOME DAMAGE TO THE EXTERIOR WALLS AGAIN SUPPORTS AN EF-2 RATING WITH WINDS LIKELY IN THE 110 TO 120 MPH RANGE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED TO THE UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS.

SMALLER TREE DAMAGE AND MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WAS NOTED FROM THIS POINT TO THE NORTH-NORTHEAST FOR ONE HALF TO THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE AS THE TORNADO WEAKENED AND/OR SLIGHTLY LIFTED FROM THE GROUND. DAMAGE THEN BECAME MORE SIGNIFICANT ON HIGHWAY 9 EAST NEAR CORNELIUS DRIVE. ANOTHER BRICK HOME SUFFERED TOTAL ROOF FAILURE WITH SOME MINOR FAILURE OF EXTERIOR WALLS. WINDS AGAIN ARE ESTIMATED AT 110 TO 120 MPH. NO INJURIES REPORTED TO THE UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS.

THE TORNADO THEN CONTINUED NORTH-NORTHEAST AT 45 MPH THROUGH A LARGE WOODED AREA...LIKELY WITH WINDS IN THE 85 TO 100 MPH RANGE JUDGING BY TREE DAMAGE. THE TORNADO THEN INTENSIFIED AS IT HIT A HOME ON APPLETON COURT. THE BRICK HOME SUFFERED A TOTAL ROOF FAILURE. THERE WAS SLIGHTLY MORE EXTENSIVE FAILURE OF THE EXTERNAL WALLS SUGGESTING HIGH END EF-2 WINDS WITH SPEEDS OF 120-135 MPH. THE PATH WIDTH WAS ABOUT 30 YARDS. THE THREE OCCUPANTS WERE NOT INJURED. THE TORNADO COMPLETELY DISSIPATED ABOUT 200 YARDS NORTH OF THIS RESIDENCE.

SUMMARY:

TIME/DATE: 1250 TO 1255 AM EST, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2008  
PEAK WIND: 135 MPH  
EF RATING: EF-2  
PATH LENGTH: ABOUT 1.5 MILES  
PATH WIDTH: 30-40 YARDS  
INJURIES/FATALITIES: NONE

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC

1135 AM EST SAT NOV 15 2008

...NWS STORM SURVEY FINDS TORNADO DAMAGE NEAR ST. PAULS NC...

A NWS STORM SURVEY DETERMINED THAT AN EF-0 TORNADO (80 MPH) OCCURRED JUST EAST OF ST. PAULS NC. THE PATH LENGTH WAS APPROXIMATELY 1.1 MILES AND THE MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH WAS 40 YARDS. ESTIMATED DAMAGE AMOUNT UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

SPECIFICALLY THE TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN NEAR MOBILE HOMES JUST NORTHEAST OF LESTER ROAD AROUND 135 AM EST SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH. THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO 1 MOBILE HOME IN THIS LOCATION ALONG WITH SOME TREES DOWN. THE TORNADO TRACKED NORTH NORTHEAST CROSSING HIGHWAY 20 NEAR RALPH`S AUTO REPAIR. ALL OF THE BAY DOORS WERE BLOWN OUT AT THE AUTO REPAIR SHOP. IN ADDITION...THERE WERE 17 STORAGE BUILDINGS ON THE REPAIR SHOP PROPERTY THAT WERE DESTROYED ALONG WITH DAMAGE TO 4 VEHICLES...A TOW TRUCK...AND A TRACTOR TRAILER. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO MOVE NORTH NORTHEAST KNOCKING TREES DOWN ACROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 20...AND CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGE TO ANOTHER MOBILE HOME ALONG BRITT ROAD. THE TORNADO FINALLY DISSIPATED JUST NORTH OF BRITT ROAD.

ELSEWHERE...DILLON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DETERMINED THAT A STRAIGHT LINE WIND DAMAGE EVENT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT AROUND 1255 AM EST. THE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN \$200K-300K...WITH DAMAGE TO SEVERAL MOBILE HOMES BLOWN OVER...NUMEROUS TREES DOWN...AND SEVERE DAMAGE TO 1 ROOF APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES EAST OF DILLON.

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