



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



October 2002

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

MDZ002

Allegany

29	0700EST				0	0	250K		Ice Storm
30	2359EST								

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WEST VIRGINIA, East

WVZ048-050-055

Grant - Hampshire - Hardy

29	0700EST				0	0			Winter Weather
30	2359EST								

WVZ049

Mineral

29	0700EST				0	0	200K		Ice Storm
30	2359EST								



Ice covered trees blocked the access road to the Pinnacle Mountain communications tower. (Courtesy of Dennis McGann, Mineral County Office of Emergency Services)

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were in and around Elk Garden and Hartmanville. A communications tower on Pinnacle Mountain (elevation 3000 feet) which included transmitters for radio, TV, and emergency communications was damaged by thick ice. Repair crews had to cut their way up to the transmitter with chainsaws after the access road was blocked by numerous downed trees (see picture). In addition, four school buses dropping off students in the Pinnacle area were stranded for several hours on the afternoon of the 19th until road crews and local citizens with chain saws were able to clear fallen trees from the roadway. In Hardy County, the NOAA Weather Radio transmitter on a mountain near Moorefield was knocked off the air after power lines were downed by the ice.