

National Weather Service Updates:

It was a very busy Spring/May! – The monthly storm report summary for May was a record, passing Spring 2011 and Spring 2015 by over 100 reports. A contributing function to this is likely more trained spotters and more reporting due to more/better reporting methods from the public vs 10-15 years ago.

National Core Partner Survey – Thanks to those who filled out the national partner survey sent out this past Spring. We just got the results and are looking them over. We had approximately 130 responses. Nearly all responses were positive, and we very much appreciate that, but will be looking through the comments to identify any areas of growth, expansion, and improvement.

Email Validation for Email Briefings – An email was sent from nws.fortworth@noaa.gov on July 10th with the subject: *[ACTION NEEDED] Email Address Validation for NWS UPDATE Emails from NWS Fort Worth*. This is a valid email; not spam. If you have not filled out the Google Form to stay on the email list, please do so soon. If you cannot access the Google Form, let me know and I'll send you the questions.

If your office has a group email address you would rather put on the partner email list instead of individual email lists, let me know that too.

SPC Day 3 Outlook Daytime Update – Beginning on or around Aug 20th, the Storm Prediction Center will be providing an afternoon outlook update to the Day 3 Outlook @ 230 pm CDT/330 pm CST. This won't change our office's operational workflow, but similar to the Day 1 and 2 outlooks, you may notice a slight difference at times between our graphics and the SPC Day 3 Outlook until we've had a chance to update our graphics with the afternoon forecast package.

Cold Weather Products Consolidating - Starting in October, we will be consolidating our Freeze Watch/Warning, Hard Freeze Watch/Warning and Wind Chill Watch/Warning/Advisories into a smaller number of products and also simplifying the headlines. I'll have more information in September and October via email and regional meetings about these product changes, but if you are curious now, please see the following flyer: <https://www.weather.gov/media/hazardsimplification/Cold%201-pager%20for%20SCN%20%283%29.pdf>

NWSChat Changes – Changes to how the WxBot displays in a channel are planned before the end of the year. The changes should reduce the amount of screen real estate each WxBot post takes up in a channel.

If you don't validate your contact information when you receive the email from the national team, or if you don't interact with the system every few months, your account will be locked out. If you can't access NWSChat one day, please reach out to our chat team at nwschatfwd@noaa.gov for help unlocking your account.

Also, there will be a push by our national admin team to change certain accounts to a “single channel user” meaning they can only access one office channel (for example, only access #wfo-fort-worth-tx). Guidance and logistics on how we do this, and for which user accounts, is unknown at this time, and will be figured out later this year. Please don't be too concerned about this change

at this time. To try and explain this a little more, one of the types of accounts we may be looking at for this change may be Amateur Radio net controllers who serve a single jurisdiction and don't need to be in another NWS office's channel. Part of the reasoning for this change is monetary related to our contract with Slack.

Twisters Movie Fun – It was fun seeing the movie as a group with some of our EM partners! If you haven't seen the movie yet, it's worth seeing. If you want to learn a little more about the NWS and NOAA's role in the movie and filming, visit this webpage: <https://www.noaa.gov/twisters-noaa-tornado-science-behind-the-scenes>, or check out the WCM from NWS Norman's X account: @ounwcm (Rick Smith). NWS Norman played a notable role in the planning and preparation for the movie, and Rick appears as an extra in the movie, too!