

...MULTIPLE TORNADOES CONFIRMED ON APRIL 16 2011...

...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR WAYSIDE TO FAYETTEVILLE TO DUNN AND SMITHFIELD IN HOKE... CUMBERLAND...AND HARNETT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...WAYSIDE TO FAYETTEVILLE TO DUNN AND SMITHFIELD IN HOKE...CUMBERLAND... AND HARNETT COUNTIES NORTH CAROLINA

DATE...APRIL 16 2011

ESTIMATED TIME...340 PM EDT THROUGH 425 PM EDT

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF3

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...140 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...ONE MILE

PATH LENGTH...65 MILES ESTIMATED

BEGINNING LAT/LON...35.01N / 79.13W

ENDING LAT/LON...35.46N / 78.40W

\* FATALITIES...3

\* INJURIES...AT LEAST 20

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...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RALEIGH NC HAS CONFIRMED A TORNADO THAT MOVED IN A NEARLY CONTINUOUS PATH FROM NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF WAYSIDE IN HOKE COUNTY...THROUGH THE FAYETTEVILLE AREA...TO DUNN AND SMITHFIELD IN HARNETT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 16 2011.

A TORNADO INITIALLY FORMED NEAR THE WAYSIDE AND JOHNSONS MILL COMMUNITIES IN HOKE COUNTY...WHERE EF0 DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED WITH MOSTLY TREE DAMAGE. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO MOVE NORTHEAST... CROSSING INTO CUMBERLAND COUNTY JUST NORTH OF HIGHWAY 401. EF0 DAMAGE CONTINUED NEAR THE CLIFDALE COMMUNITY...WHERE THE DAMAGE WAS MORE SPORADIC ACROSS BONES CREEK AND STEWARTS CREEK.

STRONG TORNADO DAMAGE THEN OCCURRED IN AND NEAR THE BEAVER CREEK COMMUNITY ALONG REILLY ROAD AND YADKIN ROAD WEST OF FAYETTEVILLE. DAMAGE WAS MOSTLY EF1 AND EF2 HERE... BUT WAS BRIEFLY EF3 DAMAGE (WIND SPEEDS NEAR 140 MPH) TO A BUSINESS AND SOME DWELLINGS NEAR YADKIN ROAD. FOLLOWING THIS...EF0 AND EF1 DAMAGE OCCURRED ACROSS SIMMONS ARMY AIRFIELD...ALONG ANDREWS ROAD AND ACROSS PINE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL NORTH OF FAYETTEVILLE...AS WELL AS THE GOODYEAR PLANT ALONG HIGHWAY 401. THE TORNADO CONTINUED NORTHEAST...THROUGH THE CARLOS AND SLOCOMB COMMUNITIES...WITH MAINLY EF0 TREE DAMAGE. THE TORNADO DAMAGE PATH WAS ABOUT A HALF MILE WIDE.

JUST SOUTH OF THE LINDEN COMMUNITY...A SMALL AREA OF EF2 DAMAGE OCCURRED NEAR MCBRYDE ROAD WHERE SEVERAL HOMES WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED...AND A MOBILE HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. ANOTHER BRIEF BREAK IN THE DAMAGE OCCURRED NEAR THE CAPE FEAR RIVER...THEN DAMAGE BEGAN AGAIN JUST SOUTH OF DUNN. IN DUNN...EF1 DAMAGE WAS COMMON...WITH AREAS OF EF2 DAMAGE (WIND SPEEDS TO 130 MPH) WHERE MOBILE HOMES WERE COMPLETELY WIPED OFF OF THEIR FOUNDATIONS AND TREES WERE DEBARKED. THE TORNADO DAMAGE PATH WAS ABOUT ONE THIRD TO ONE HALF MILE WIDE.

THE TORNADO CONTINUED MOVING NORTHEAST FROM DUNN INTO SOUTHERN JOHNSTON COUNTY WHERE IT MOVED NORTHEAST AND CROSSED HIGHWAY 242 AND HIGHWAY 50 PRODUCING A WIDE SWATH OF DAMAGE ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF BENSON. HUNDREDS OF TREES WERE UPROOTED OR SNAPPED IN HALF...SEVERAL MODULAR HOMES WERE DESTROYED...AND NUMEROUS HOMES WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED. THE TORNADO SUBSEQUENTLY CROSSED INTERSTATE 40 NEAR MILE

MARKER 330 AND CONTINUED MOVING NORTHEAST TO JUST SOUTH OF FOUR OAKS BEFORE CROSSING INTERSTATE 95 NEAR MILE MARKER 90. THE TORNADO LIFTED JUST BEFORE REACHING SMITHFIELD WHERE LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED. THROUGHOUT THIS PART OF THE TRACK THERE WAS A BROAD SWATH OF EF0 DAMAGE WITH EMBEDDED AREAS OF EF1 AND EF2 DAMAGE. AT ITS PEAK...THE TORNADO WAS A HALF MILE TO A MILE WIDE.

MANY THANKS TO HOKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT...THE PUPPY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT... CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND FAYETTEVILLE FIRE...LAW ENFORCEMENT...AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICIALS...ROBERT BEATY OF SIMMONS ARMY AIRFIELD... AND HARNETT COUNTY AND DUNN FIRE...LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICIALS.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT WEATHER.GOV/RAH.

FOR REFERENCE...THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES TORNADOES INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

EF0...WIND SPEEDS 65 TO 85 MPH.  
EF1...WIND SPEEDS 86 TO 110 MPH.  
EF2...WIND SPEEDS 111 TO 135 MPH.  
EF3...WIND SPEEDS 136 TO 165 MPH.  
EF4...WIND SPEEDS 166 TO 200 MPH.  
EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.

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...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR MICRO IN JOHNSTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...MICRO IN JOHNSTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

DATE...APRIL 16 2011

ESTIMATED TIME...454 PM EDT

MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF1

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...90 MPH

MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...100 YARDS

PATH LENGTH...3 MILES

BEGINNING LAT/LON...35.57N / 78.21W

ENDING LAT/LON...35.59N / 78.15W

\* FATALITIES...0

\* INJURIES...NONE KNOWN

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RALEIGH NC HAS CONFIRMED A TORNADO NEAR MICRO IN NORTHERN JOHNSTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 16 2011.

AFTER THE PREVIOUS TORNADO LIFTED...THE SAME SUPERCELL THUNDERSTORM PRODUCED ANOTHER TORNADO IN MICRO...IN VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 301 AT ROUGHLY 454 PM EDT. THE TORNADO MOVED NORTHEAST ALONG OR NEAR HIGHWAY 301 AND WAS ON THE GROUND FOR ROUGHLY 3 MILES...WITH A MAXIMUM WIDTH OF 100 YARDS. THE TORNADO LIFTED AT ROUGHLY 500 PM EDT JUST SOUTHWEST OF KENLY. NUMEROUS TREES WERE SNAPPED IN HALF OR UPROOTED RESULTING IN DOWNED POWERLINES AND DAMAGE TO HOMES AND BUSINESSES. PEAK WINDS WERE ESTIMATED AT 90 MPH OR EF1 ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE.

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EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.

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...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR WILSON AND LUCAMA IN WILSON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

LOCATION...WILSON AND LUCAMA IN WILSON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA  
DATE...APRIL 16 2011  
ESTIMATED TIME...512 PM THROUGH 519 PM  
MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF2  
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...120 MPH  
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...100 YARDS  
PATH LENGTH...5 MILES  
BEGINNING LAT/LON...35.70N / 77.99W  
ENDING LAT/LON...35.73N / 77.94W  
\* FATALITIES...0  
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AT ROUGHLY 512 PM EDT THE SAME SUPERCELL SPAWNED ANOTHER TORNADO SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY OF WILSON...JUST NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LUCAMA WHERE SEVERAL HOMES WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED AND NUMEROUS LARGE PINE TREES WERE SNAPPED IN HALF OR UPROOTED. SEVERAL VEHICLES WERE BLOWN OVER AND ROLLED AS MUCH AS 100 FEET. WINDS IN THIS LOCATION WERE ESTIMATED AT 120 MPH...OR EF2 ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE. THE TORNADO CONTINUED MOVING NORTHEAST AND CROSSED HIGHWAY 42 ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF WILSON WHERE 25 HOMES AND A DOZEN BUSINESSES WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED...IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS DOWNED TREES AND POWERLINES. SEVERAL AIR CONDITIONING UNITS WERE BLOWN OFF THE TOP OF BUSINESSES ONTO THE STREET...AND DOZENS OF VEHICLES AT A CAR DEALERSHIP WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED BY WIND BLOWN DEBRIS. AT THIS POINT...PEAK WINDS WERE ALSO ESTIMATED AT 120 MPH...OR EF2. THE TORNADO CONTINUED MOVING NORTHEAST TO HIGHWAY 264 ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF WILSON WHERE A FAMILY MEDICAL SUPPLY BUILDING AND THE PARKWOOD VILLAGE APARTMENTS RECEIVED MINOR ROOF DAMAGE AND BROKEN WINDOWS FROM WIND BLOWN DEBRIS. WINDS IN THIS AREA WERE ESTIMATED AT 80 MPH...OR EF0 INTENSITY. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO WEAKEN AND LIFTED NEAR HIGHWAY 58 ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF WILSON AT ROUGHLY 519 PM EDT. THE LENGTH OF THE TORNADO TRACK WAS ESTIMATED AT 5 MILES...WITH A MAXIMUM WIDTH OF 100 YARDS.

MANY THANKS TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS IN EDGEcombe... WILSON... AND JOHNSTON COUNTY FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

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