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This is a voluntary survey.

This survey is intended to evaluate the use of National Weather Service threat tags and impact statements by emergency managers and media broadcasters. Threat tags and impact statements are issued by the National Weather Service during tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings.

Circle the number that indicates your degree of satisfaction.

Not at all satisfied	Not satisfied	No opinion	Satisfied	Extremely satisfied	Not applicable
1	2	3	4	5	N/A

1. The ability of threat tags and impact statements to convey needed information about thunderstorm and tornado impacts 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

2. The addition of the words "CONSIDERABLE" and "CATASTROPHIC" to convey increased severity of impacts during a tornado warning 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

During a tornado warning, threat tags may be issued. Read through the list of threat tags and associated impact statements.

<i>Threat Tag</i>	<i>Impact Statement</i>
Base threat tag	MOBILE HOMES WILL BE HEAVILY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO ROOFS...WINDOWS AND VEHICLES WILL OCCUR. FLYING DEBRIS WILL BE DEADLY TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS. EXTENSIVE TREE DAMAGE IS LIKELY.
Considerable damage threat tag	YOU ARE IN A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION. MOBILE HOMES WILL BE DESTROYED. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO HOMES...BUSINESSES AND VEHICLES IS LIKELY AND COMPLETE DESTRUCTION POSSIBLE. FLYING DEBRIS WILL BE DEADLY TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS. EXPECT TREES TO BE UPROOTED OR SNAPPED.
Catastrophic damage threat tag	YOU COULD BE KILLED IF NOT UNDERGROUND OR IN A TORNADO SHELTER. COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF NEIGHBORHOODS...BUSINESSES AND VEHICLES WILL OCCUR. FLYING DEBRIS WILL BE DEADLY TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS.

3. Ability of impact statement to convey timing (when the storm will hit my area)

- When base threat tag is issued 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- When considerable damage threat tag is issued 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- When catastrophic damage threat tag is issued 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

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10. Impact statements for wind properly communicate the damage threat.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Read through the list of hail sizes and associated impact statements.

<i>Winds</i>	<i>Impact Statement</i>
Hail up half dollar/walnut size (1.25 inches)	DAMAGE TO VEHICLES IS EXPECTED.
Hail ping pong ball size (1.50 inches) to tennis ball size (2.50 inches)	PEOPLE AND ANIMALS OUTDOORS WILL BE INJURED. EXPECT DAMAGE TO ROOFS...SIDING...WINDOWS AND VEHICLES.
Hail baseball size (2.75 inches) and larger	PEOPLE AND ANIMALS OUTDOORS WILL BE SEVERELY INJURED. EXPECTED SHATTERED WINDOWS...EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ROOFS...SIDING AND VEHICLES.

11. Impact statements for hail properly communicate the damage threat.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

12. Regardless of current or past practices, what kind of impact information would be most useful to your operations to receive from the NWS?

13. What is your primary job classification?

Emergency Manger Media Broadcaster Other: _____

14. How long have you been in your current position?

Less than a year 1-5 year 6-10 year 11-20 years 20+ years

15. What is your primary National Weather Service Office? _____

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