

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC
602 PM EDT SAT APR 11 2009

...TORNADO CONFIRMED IN ALLENDALE COUNTY...

LOCATION...NEAR MARTIN SOUTH CAROLINA
ESTIMATED TIME...1226 AM TO 1228 AM
EF-SCALE RATING...EF-1
ESTIMATED WIND SPEED...100 MPH
PATH WIDTH...300 YARDS PATH
LENGTH...1.2 MILES

THE FIRST TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN 2.1 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF MARTIN AT 1226 AM SATURDAY MORNING. THE TORNADO TRAVELED APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILES BEFORE LIFTING 1.8 MILES NORTH-NORTHEAST OF MARTIN AT APPROXIMATELY 1228 AM. THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT TREE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE PATH OF THE TORNADO...BUT NO STRUCTURES WERE DAMAGED. FORTUNATELY THE TORNADO DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INJURIES OR FATALITIES. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DAMAGE SURVEY TEAM DETERMINED THE STRENGTH OF THE TORNADO TO BE AN EF1 ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE...WITH WINDS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 100 MPH.

...TORNADO CONFIRMED IN ALLENDALE COUNTY...

LOCATION...NEAR MARTIN SOUTH CAROLINA
ESTIMATED TIME...1230 AM TO 1239 AM.
EF-SCALE RATING...EF-2
ESTIMATED WIND SPEED...120 TO 130 MPH
PATH WIDTH...500 YARDS
LENGTH...5.6 MILES

THE SECOND TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN ALONG ROBERTS ROAD...3.5 MILES NORTHEAST OF MARTIN SOUTH CAROLINA AT 1230 AM SATURDAY MORNING...AND TRAVELED 5.6 MILES BEFORE LIFTING. INITIALLY THE TORNADO UPROOTED OR SNAPPED NUMEROUS TREES...WITH ONE TREE FALLING ON A MOBILE HOME AND DAMAGING THE ROOF OF THE STRUCTURE. THE UNDER-SKIRTING OF THE MOBILE HOME WAS PEELED BACK BY THE WINDS AND A COUPLE OF WINDOWS WERE BLOWN OUT. ADDITIONALLY...SEVERAL CARS SUSTAINED DAMAGE BY FALLING TREES OUTSIDE OF THE MOBILE HOME. ANOTHER COUPLE HOMES ALONG ROBERTS ROAD RECEIVED MINOR ROOF DAMAGE...AND A COUPLE CARPORTS WERE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED AS WELL. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO NEARLY PARALLEL MILLER CREEK ROAD...DOWNING NUMEROUS TREES AND POWER LINES. THE MAXIMUM WIDTH OF THE TORNADO WAS APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF CAMP JACKSON ROAD AND MILLER CREEK ROAD. THE TORNADO LIFTED 2.3 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF KLINE SOUTH CAROLINA...JUST PAST THE INTERSECTION OF APPLETON ROAD AND BAMBERG HIGHWAY /US HIGHWAY 278/ AT 1239 AM...BUT NOT BEFORE DAMAGING THE ROOF AND CINDER-BLOCK WALLS OF A HOME...DOWNING NUMEROUS TREES...AND COMPLETELY DESTROYING THE HISTORIC CAVE METHODIST CHURCH. THE CHURCH WAS WIPED COMPLETELY OFF ITS FOUNDATION...AND SEVERAL GRAVE STONES SURROUNDING THE CHURCH WERE OVERTURNED OR KNOCKED DOWN. AN 18 WHEEL TRUCK WAS OVERTURNED A COUPLE HUNDRED FEET FROM CAVE METHODIST CHURCH...WITH A TREE FALLING ON IT AND CAUSING FURTHER DAMAGE. IN TOTAL...4 HOMES...1 MOBILE HOME...1 CHURCH...AND 5 VEHICLES RECEIVED DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THIS TORNADO. IN ADDITION...HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF

TIMBER WAS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. FORTUNATELY THE TORNADO DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INJURIES OR FATALITIES. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DAMAGE SURVEY TEAM DETERMINED THE STRENGTH OF THE TORNADO TO BE AN EF2 ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE...WITH WINDS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 120 AND 130 MPH.

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