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## WXM - 54 Programming

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A typical NOAA Weather Radio program will run between three and five minutes, and will be repeated continually. Each segment of the broadcast is routinely updated every one to three hours or more frequently if needed.

The broadcast generally includes:

- \* Regional weather forecasts and observations
- \* The south central Colorado forecast and extended forecast
- \* The Short Term Forecast (a detailed event-driven forecast for the next few hours).
- \* Climate data
- \* Other extra features

Various watches and warnings are broadcast when necessary.

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## Severe Weather Terminology

**Tornado Watch:** Issued when tornadoes are possible. Think about what you would do to keep yourself and those around you safe in the event of a tornado. Watch the sky for approaching storms.

**Tornado Warning:** Issued when a tornado is indicated by radar or has been reported by trained weather spotters. Immediately go to the place of safety you thought of earlier.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Issued when severe thunderstorms are possible. Think about what you would do to keep yourself and those around you safe in the event of severe weather. Watch the sky for approaching storms.

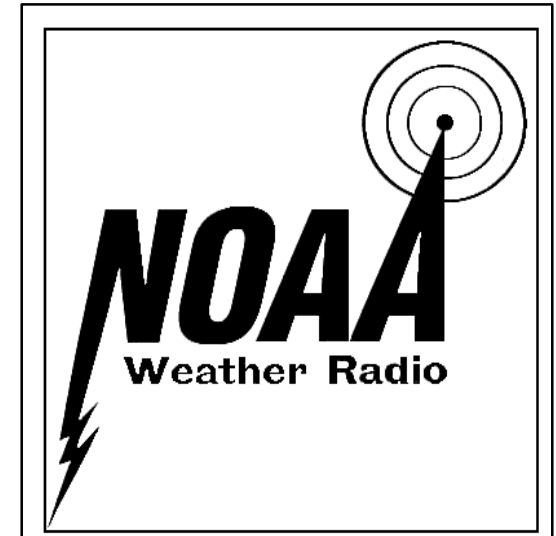
**Note:** A *severe thunderstorm* is one that is bringing, or is expected to bring 3/4 inch diameter (penny-size) or larger hail, or winds of 58 mph and higher.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Issued when a severe thunderstorm is indicated by radar or has been reported by trained weather spotters. Immediately go to the place of safety you thought of earlier.

**Flash Flood Watch:** Issued when flash flooding is possible. Think about what you would do to keep yourself and those around you safe in the event of flooding. Be alert for signs of flash flooding and be ready to go to higher ground at a moments notice.

**Flash Flood Warning:** Issued when flash flooding is imminent. Act quickly and go to higher ground!

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**San Luis  
Valley**

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