



NWS Science and Technology Plenary Meeting

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What Are We Talking About?



- Taking advantage of an opportunity to define the weather service science vision over the next 15-20 years.....
- With key goals to drive science and technology capabilities, research and infusion thrusts...
- That will inform and enable future operations...
- With an achievable path to tangible results



Why an S&T Roadmap



- Provide a pathway to realize NWS's vision for the future
- Lead planning and infusion of cutting-edge science and technology
- Influence research priorities and improve the transition of research to operations
- Guide programming priorities to achieve NWS performance goals
- Establish foundation for annual planning, programming and budget formation



Foot stompers



- Stretch goals for Next Generation Weather Service
 - Tied to societal impacts—lives saved, property protected, economic benefits
 - Drive enabling capability and service plan needs
- Think outside the box; inform operational possibilities
- Know and Incorporate:
 - NOAA and NWS Strategic Plan Themes
 - Existing program plans, studies
- Consider existing and emerging operational requirements—OSIP, CORL, etc



NWS Strategic Themes (Draft)



- Focusing on Decision Support
- Delivering Customer-Centric Information
- Integrating and Improving Models of the Earth System
- Moving to "Warn on Forecast"
 Paradigm
- Estimating and Communicating Uncertainty



Science and Technology Themes



- Warn on forecast for high impact events
- Next generation 4-D Forecast System
- Integrated observing and analysis system
- Customer-centric information architectures
- Dynamic training capabilities
- Tomorrow's dissemination/communication/ outreach capabilities
- Incorporate social sciences in communications strategies



2025 Stretch Goals



- Each service area will develop some stretch goals
- Some notional ticklers:
 - 60 minute lead time severe thunderstorm warnings
 - 60 minute lead time tornado
 - 30 minute lead time initiation of convection (economic air traffic, boating lives/property)
 - 1-4 day lead time for solar storms (protect lives/property)
 - 3-day tropical cyclone warning
 - Six hour lead time flash floods
 - Low ceiling/visibility

