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# Sage Winds

National Weather Service - Boise, Idaho

[www.weather.gov/boise](http://www.weather.gov/boise)

## And The River Rises...

Minor flooding continues on the Boise River today, May 2nd. Releases from Lucky Peak reservoir, in response to recent rainfall and snowmelt, now have the Boise River running at approximately 8000 cubic-feet per second (CFS) through Boise. This is above the designated Glenwood Bridge flood flow of 7000 CFS.

At the current flow, large sections of the Greenbelt have become submerged, along with portions of Eagle Island and low-lying areas of Caldwell. Minor erosion of river banks is also expected, along with increased debris flow near bridges and other over-passes.

Some questions remain as to the duration of this flooding. The most recent forecast is

for waters to remain above flood flow values for several more days. Temperatures and incoming precipitation amounts will play a critical role over the next week.

For more information on the ongoing flooding, refer to the [NWS' Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#) website.

Floodwaters covering the Greenbelt at Eagle Road. Image courtesy of Katherine Jones & the Idaho Statesman.



IT'S  
**SEVERE WEATHER  
AWARENESS  
WEEK  
IN THE  
PACIFIC  
NORTHWEST!**

This is the time to learn more about severe weather, develop severe weather preparedness plans, and test vital communications.

For detailed information about Severe Weather Awareness, and how to prepare for severe weather, click here:

[PNW Severe Weather Awareness Website](#)

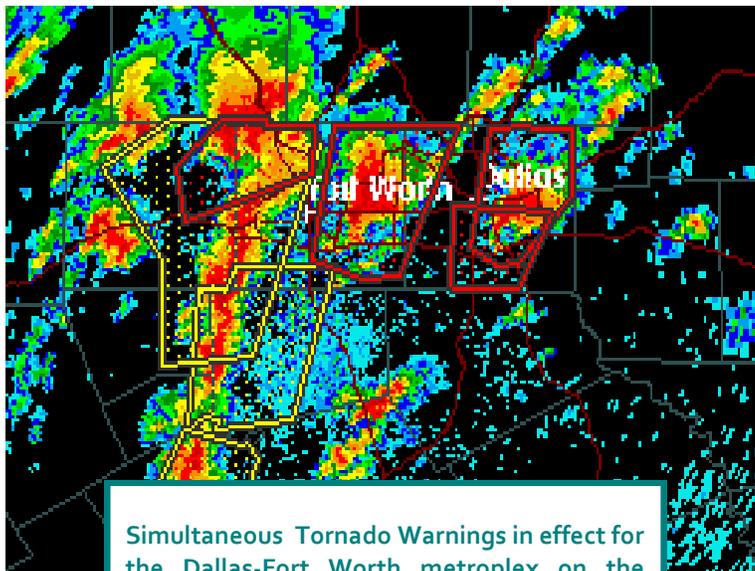
## Dallas/Fort Worth Tornadoes

April 3rd, 2012 proved to be a busy day at the NWS' Dallas-Fort Worth Weather Forecast Office (WFO). The WFO, located in Fort Worth, Texas, issued a whopping 55 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings and 18 Tornado Warnings between 7:32 am and 8:13 pm CDT. NWS storm surveys have since confirmed 17 tornadoes, ranging from EF0 to EF3. At one point, multiple Tornado Warnings were in effect for the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex; home to over six million people. Live video feeds of tornadoes and their effects were widely available on the internet. In southern Dallas County, one amateur videographer even caught a tornado tossing semi-trailers into the air.

Effects were felt at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), where over 400 departures were reportedly cancelled and more than three dozen incoming flights were diverted to

alternate airports. DFW also reported hail damage to over a hundred airplanes.

The Fort Worth WFO has an extensive summary of this event on their website. It can be viewed here: [DFW Severe Weather Event Summary](#).



Simultaneous Tornado Warnings in effect for the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex on the evening of April 3, 2012.

## What's This 'Storm Prediction Center' You Speak Of?

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center (SPC), located in Norman, Oklahoma, is one of nine National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Its mission is to provide timely and accurate forecasts of areas (within the contiguous U.S.) threatened by severe weather.

Days in advance, SPC will narrow down regions most likely to experience severe weather and highlight them in a product called a 'Convective Outlook'. On the day of a potential severe weather outbreak, SPC will pinpoint smaller areas within these regions that meet criteria (expected frequency, density, and severity of storms) for the issuance of a

'Tornado Watch' or 'Severe Thunderstorm Watch'. SPC will then coordinate with affected forecast offices to determine specific boundaries (county lines) of the Watch. Though heavily coordinated, the final Watch product is issued by the local forecast office. Issuance of specific Severe Thunderstorm Warnings or Tornado Warnings, on the other hand, are the sole responsibility of the local forecast office. For more information on the Storm Prediction Center, and the around-the-clock efforts of its forecasters, click on the links below:

[NWS' Storm Prediction Center](#)

[SPC on Facebook](#)

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# Upcoming Spotter Talks

## JEROME

[May 3rd, 7 pm, City Council Chambers](#)

## TWIN FALLS

[May 10th, 7 pm, County Courthouse](#)



# Weather In The News

["Tornado Scientists Surprised to Find 'Ribbon' in Thunderstorm Data" - Washington Post](#)

["NOAA Near-Term Weather Forecasts Get Powerful Boost From New Forecast Model" - NOAA NWS](#)

["Wildfire Nears to Within Half-Mile of Texas Resort Community" - MSNBC](#)

# May Outlook

## Temperature Outlook

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## Precipitation Outlook

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