

# Preliminary Assessment of Rowan County Storm Damage Indicates EF1 Tornado

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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG SC  
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...NWS METEOROLOGISTS ARE CURRENTLY SURVEYING STORM DAMAGE NEAR SALISBURY IN ROWAN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG SC IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A STORM SURVEY FOR THE AREA NEAR SALISBURY IN ROWAN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA. THE SURVEY IS IN RELATION TO THE SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS THAT MOVED THROUGH THE AREA ON APRIL 16 2011.

A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE INDICATES THAT AN EF1 TORNADO ON THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE...WITH MAXIMUM WINDS OF 105 MPH...AFFECTED THE AREA FROM 5 MILES NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SALISBURY...NEAR HIGHWAY 601...TO POINT ROAD IN SOUTHEAST DAVIE COUNTY. THE TORNADO TRACK LENGTH WAS 3.5 MILES LONG WITH AN AVERAGE WIDTH OF 100 YARDS. DAMAGE WAS INTERMITTENT ALONG THE PATH.

A FINAL ASSESSMENT FROM THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED LATE THIS EVENING...OR EARLY MONDAY MORNING...AND TRANSMITTED AS A PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT. IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE...WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT WEATHER.GOV/GSP.