



PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY RUSKIN FL
407 PM EST SAT JAN 24 2015

...NWS DAMAGE SURVEY FOR 01/24/15 FOR SOUTHERN SARASOTA COUNTY...

...EF-0 TORNADO CONFIRMED IN SOUTHERN SARASOTA COUNTY...

.OVERVIEW...A STRONG THUNDERSTORM ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD FRONT MOVING THROUGH THE AREA PRODUCED A BRIEF TORNADO OVER SOUTHERN SARASOTA COUNTY. THE THUNDERSTORM MOVED ONSHORE FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS ON THE 24TH.

RATING: EF-0
ESTIMATED PEAK WIND: 85 MPH
PATH LENGTH /STATUTE/: 0.97 MILES
PATH WIDTH /MAXIMUM/: 50 YARDS
FATALITIES: 0
INJURIES: 0

START DATE: JANUARY 24, 2015
START TIME: 3:42 AM EST
START LOCATION: IN THE MYAKKA STATE FOREST / SRN SARASOTA CO
START LAT/LON: 26.9890 / -82.2878
END DATE: JANUARY 24, 2015
END TIME: 3:44 AM EST
END LOCATION: IN THE MYAKKA STATE FOREST / SRN SARASOTA CO
END LAT/LON: 26.9964 / -82.2745

SURVEY SUMMARY: DAMAGE CONSISTED MOSTLY OF UPROOTED AND SNAPPED TREES WITHIN THE FOREST. A RANGER STATION WITHIN THE FOREST HAD DAMAGE TO A TRAILER ON THE GROUNDS. THE TRAILER WAS PICKED UP FROM ITS LOCATION AND TOSSED 30-40 YARDS AWAY. THE CONTENTS OF THE TRAILER WERE TOSSED AROUND AND THE TRAILER WAS DESTROYED.

EF SCALE: THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES TORNADOES INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

EF0...WEAK.....65 TO 85 MPH
EF1...WEAK.....86 TO 110 MPH
EF2...STRONG....111 TO 135 MPH
EF3...STRONG....136 TO 165 MPH
EF4...VIOLENT...166 TO 200 MPH
EF5...VIOLENT...>200 MPH

NOTE:
THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT AND PUBLICATION IN NWS STORM DATA.

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This camper was destroyed by the tornado. No one was inside at the time.





Trees in the Myakka State Forest that were snapped.