



NWSEO Press Kit and Speaking Points Available – Please help maintain the Integrity of the Local Forecast

(October 27, 2016) NWSEO has carefully analyzed the National Weather Service’s plans to restructure with a consolidated forecast and part-time offices. NWSEO’s greatest concerns about this plan are degradation of service to the American public as the expertise of the local forecaster is removed from the forecast. The union maintains that the ownership of the forecast must be at the final point of delivery.

NWSEO has a vision for advancing the NWS in the future that maintains the integrity of the local forecast and the work of NWS employees. We need your help. We are asking you to reach out to your local media and the emergency managers you know to inform them of the impacts of the NWS’s plan. We are asking you to write letters or email members of Congress who represent you. Please use information from the two sets of talking points in your letters to Congress. Individual letters are most effective.

The NWSEO Press Kit, emphasizing the importance of the local forecast, includes a wealth of information on the impacts of the NWS Plans to restructure, is now available at: http://nwseo.org/media_center.php. The press kit includes the following information:

NWSEO's Work to Maintain the Integrity of Local Forecasts

- [NWSEO News Release - National Weather Service Discloses Plans to Move away from Local Forecasts - Move to Part Time Offices](#)
- [NWSEO Speaking Points - Issues with Relying on a Centralized Forecast with National Blended Models](#)
- [NWSEO Speaking Points on the impacts of the NWS plan to restructure](#)
- [NWSEO Vision - Advancing the NWS](#) (This is a draft of the NWSEO Vision. If you have additional input, please email using the Subject: NWSEO Vision to NWSEOstrong@nwseo.org)
- [Which states are likely to lose full time NWS Weather Forecast Offices](#) (This is a graphic created using the information on Slide 16 of the NWS All Hands Webinar for employees on September 28-29. Contact your Senator and Congressional Representative
- [Call or email your State Senator.](#)
[Call or email your Congressional Representatives.](#)

Together we can work to protect the integrity of the local forecast and advance the work of the National Weather Service. NWSEO appreciates your membership support.

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**No one works harder for National Weather Service employees than
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We are NWSEO.