

The National Weather Service in Pueblo has joined the world of Twitter.

In this EXPERIMENTAL program, National Weather Service offices will be able to monitor weather "tweets"... BUT will not have a Twitter account, and will not be allowed to "tweet".

A few things to keep in mind...supplementing the announcement in "Top News of the Day"...

1) One advantage of Twitter is that you can send immediate photos of the event to us from your mobile phone, using Twitpic. If you do not know how to use Twitpic, go to that Website...

<http://twitpic.com>

2) If you have a 3rd party application (app) on your SmartPhone with GPS, make sure you have enabled geotagging for your mobile account, your mobile Twitter account, or wxreport app. Report via mobile Twitter in the following format...

#wxreport (your significant report) (Spotter ID (if you are a weather spotter for NWS Pueblo)), For example, #wxreport ping pong ball size hail 700-712 pm - EL112

3) If you have a 3rd party application on a mobile phone and no geotagging, report via mobile Twitter in the following format ...

#wxreport WW (your location) WW (your significant report) (Spotter ID (if you are a weather spotter for NWS Pueblo)).

(Your location can be in any of the six mentioned on the "Top News of the Day" document, BUT I would prefer ADDRESS or LAT LON because of the precision.)

4) If you report from a desktop or laptop, open Twitter, and "tweet" as follows... #wxreport WW (your location) WW (your significant report) (Spotter ID)

5) Please do NOT "tweet" funnel clouds or tornadoes. We want to speak with you on a phone line, provided you are NOT in imminent danger. Weather spotters call in using our weather spotter phone number.

6) Remember...the National Weather Service will not acknowledge that we received your weather "tweet". NWS Pueblo will monitor #wxreport "tweets" via our Situation Awareness Display in our operations area.

7) If you want to "tweet" a non-significant weather report, please do NOT use #wxreport. Use the hashtag #wxob For example, #wxob WW 38.816, -104.865 WW partly cloudy 52 degrees