

1230 WEATHER BRIEFING NCS SUGGESTIONS

The NWS data used for the 1230 Briefing is in an HTML format. Attempting to print a sheet directly from the website will result in *much unwanted data and the color bars being captured*. The following will allow you to get just what you need for the net.

After noon, log into the following website: <http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/co/co.html>

Click the **HOURLY REPORT** button. The following information, and about two pages more, will be displayed:

COLORADO STATE WEATHER ROUNDUP
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DENVER CO
1100 AM MDT MON MAY 13 2002

NOTE: "FAIR" INDICATES FEW OR NO CLOUDS BELOW 12000 FEET WITH NO SIGNIFICANT WEATHER AND/OR OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISIBILITY.

COZ001>005-013-030-031-131800-
NORTHWEST COLORADO

CITY	SKY/WX	TMP	DP	RH	WIND	PRES	REMARKS
CRAIG	SUNNY	59	25	27	CALM	30.40F	
HAYDEN	MOSUNNY	55	25	30	NE3	30.42F	
MEEKER	SUNNY	61	19	19	VRB5	30.39F	

Locate the Colorado State Weather Roundup for 1200 MDT, if available. This is usually provided by 1220. If the 1200 Roundup is not available in time for you to meet the net deadline, use the 1100AM data.

Place cursor to the left of the 'C' in 'Colorado' and click. Scroll down to the end of the Roundup, usually the report for Springfield, and place the cursor after the last character in that line. Depress and hold the *SHIFT* key and double click to highlight the entire hour's Roundup.

Move cursor to the tool bar and select *EDIT* then select *COPY*.

Click on *WORD* and find the *1230 Briefing worksheet*. *PASTE* the Roundup onto the worksheet. I suggest that you save the first heading then delete *all* the city entries except for the following:

Denver Intl AP, Colorado Springs, Monument Hill, Limon, Pueblo, and La Junta *or* Lamar

Line the information up in columns beneath the heading. Expand these entries so that they can be comfortably read during the net. If you wish, you may add readings from your own weather station as one more bit of data for the mix.

Next, return to the website screen and click *BACK* to return to the original web page

Click the **SPECIAL WEATHER** button. The following, or similar information, will be displayed:

WWUS85 KPUB 131315

SPSPUB

COZ058>081-131500-

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PUEBLO CO

700 AM MDT MON MAY 13 2002

...THE HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL
COLORADO THROUGH 7 AM TOMORROW...

...SPOTTER ACTIVATION IS NOT ANTICIPATED...

NO HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TODAY OR TONIGHT.

Locate the Hazardous Weather Outlook for Pueblo. This is usually provided by 1130. If the 1130 Outlook is not available in time for you to meet the net deadline, use the latest one available.

Place cursor to the left of the 'H' in 'Hazardous' and click. Scroll down to the end of the Outlook and place the cursor after the last character in that line. Depress and hold the *SHIFT* key and double click to highlight the entire Outlook.

Move cursor to the tool bar and select *EDIT* then select *COPY*.

Click on *WORD* and find the *1230 Briefing worksheet*. *PASTE* the Outlook onto the worksheet under the Roundup data.

Again, return to the website screen and click *BACK* to return to the original web page.

Click the **WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES** button. Information similar to the following will be displayed:

WWUS45 KGJT 131639

WSWGJT

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE...TEST

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND JUNCTION CO

1038 AM MDT MON MAY 13 2002

...THIS IS ONLY A TEST...TEST...TEST...

.TEST OVERVIEW SECTION.

FOR THE LATEST WEATHER INFORMATION...CHECK OUT THE GRAND JUNCTION
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEBSITE AT: WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/GJT

COZ004-013-131751-
ELKHEAD AND PARK MOUNTAINS CO-FLATTOPS CO-
1038 AM MDT MON MAY 13 2002

...TEST BZW TEST...

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Locate the WARNINGS for Pueblo or surrounding areas, if any.

Place cursor to the left of the first character and click. Scroll down to the end of the Warning and place the cursor after the last character in that line. Depress and hold the *SHIFT* key and double click to highlight the entire Warning or series of warnings.

Move cursor to the tool bar and select *EDIT* then select *COPY*.

Click on *WORD* and find the *1230 Briefing worksheet*. *PASTE* the Warning onto the worksheet under the Outlook data.

There is nothing sacrosanct about these data. Format it so that it is comfortable for *you* to use. I suggest that the briefing sheet be printed and that check-ins and net time be recorded and the sheet be filed for later reference and for reporting of net statistics to the AEC-Weather Ops. If you can get all the information onto a single sheet by eliminating 'white space' and signature blocks and combining lines by all means do so...*if you will be able to deliver the briefing accurately and completely after the changes are made*. If you have a computer screen near enough to the radio to be used for the briefing net to read from, no copy need be made, however, please record the net time and check-ins for transmission to the AEC-WX Ops.

The above procedure can be used for setting up for a 1530 Briefing.