nowcasting section
Posted by jviehe - 2010/05/10 20:55

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Im confused as to the purpose of the nowcasting threads. Most of the threads seem like 99% copy and pasting of watches and warnings, with little discussion.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by gasorg - 2010/05/11 11:46

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That pretty much is the purpose of the threads. Not everyone on TVN knows where to find that information online for themselves, and it could conceivably save a life.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by jviehe - 2010/05/11 11:52

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Wouldnt a link to the NWS take care of that? Maybe we should have a special section where all the warnings are archived, and then the nowcasting can be a discussion thread. I just feel like any comments get lost in the all caps warning posts. Its literally pages upon pages of just warnings posts.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by gasorg - 2010/05/11 12:04

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No, because the NWS isn't the place to go look for the watches and mesoscale discussions. As I said, not everyone knows where to find the information online.

As a practical matter, the Nowcasting thread is becoming a place where old warnings are archived, since as far as I know neither the NWS nor NOAA makes such a service available online.

Anyone's comments will get lost in any active thread, especially on a busy day like yesterday. Try responding to someone's comment in live chat under such circumstances. By the time you get done typing, the comment you were responding to has scrolled off the screen, and no one knows what you're talking about.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by jviehe - 2010/05/12 21:53

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All the more reason not to post warnings in a nowcasting discussion.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by SkyEyeJo - 2010/05/12 22:09

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Hey. Discuss away. Nobody's stopping you.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by gasorg - 2010/05/12 22:13

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Take a look at some of the old Nowcasting threads. You'll notice that the precedent of posting watches, warnings, etc. in the Nowcasting thread goes right back to the time the new site went online over a year ago. Also notice that one of the forum moderators, DougNKC, is a regular participant in Nowcasting and posts warnings himself.

If TVN administrators have designated Nowcasting as the appropriate place to post warnings, then it's an appropriate place to post warnings.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by SkyEyeJo - 2010/05/12 22:27

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http://www.tornadovideos.net/forum?func=view&catid=9&id=5

See #3.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by gasorg - 2010/05/12 22:55

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Thanks you. :)

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by dougNKC - 2010/05/13 13:29

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You can also take a look at #5, with the following statements that are examples of what can be discussed.

"The TVN team has a massive wall cloud on their cam at this time. - This is okay.
Stream 2 is encountering major hail at this time. - This is also okay.
Etc."

There is alot of people that like the Nowcasting thread and a few that don't. If it's just not someone's gig well....

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by weatherwarrior - 2010/05/13 14:46

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Yup i agree with Gas on this, could save a life and is a national up-to-the-minute warning thread. It's very very useful and i Love Nowcasting! :D IF it wasn't useful then it wouldn't be their, but it is so it IS there!

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by jviehe - 2010/05/13 16:26

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I never said it wasnt appropriate, just that I didnt see the point when the information is publicly available. And that maybe we should have 2 seperate threads for warnings and discussion of nowcasting, such that original comments dont get lost in the warnings posting.

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Re:nowcasting section
Posted by ThunderMan - 2010/05/13 16:34

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Jv look,

as Gas, Jo and other people have said, yes this information is publicly available, however not everyone knows where to get this information from, so its beneficial to all people that it is published here in the forums.

So what it may not seem beneficial to you, and pointless, however some of us like myself find it useful rather then looking through many more sites trying to find and make sense of the information. For those starting to learn about everything, its a great resource in one place...

I say this: If you dont like it... dont look at it. If you wanna go look around more sites then just this one forum thread, then be my guest, help yourself, go and do so. But i want this thread to stay as its helpful to me :)

Thanks :D

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Re:nowcasting section

Posted by jviehe - 2010/05/14 14:16

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Again, I did not say we had to do away with pasting the warnings, just seperate it into its own thread. How does that hurt anyone? I already dont like it and dont look at it. Im simply trying to suggest a way to add content.

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