Pre-Session Survey

Thank you for participating in this focus group. Please take a few minutes to answer some questions before we get started.

* Indicates required question

1. 1. Are you familiar with the Winter Storm Severity Index developed by NOAA's National Weather Service? *

Mark only one oval.

- ◯ Yes, I use it regularly
- ◯ Yes, I have used it a few times
- ◯ Yes, I have heard about it
- ◯ No
- ◯ Other: _____

2. 2. From your perspective, what are the most significant community or social impacts of winter weather events in your area? *

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3. 3. With which of the following weather impacts are you most concerned in your professional capacity (check all that apply)? *

Check all that apply.

- [ ] Ice
- [ ] Heavy snow
- [ ] Rain on snow
- [ ] Blizzard
- [ ] Flash Freeze
- [ ] Cold temperatures
- [ ] Avalanche
- [ ] Snow melt
- [ ] Other: _____

4. 4. In general, how do you use and access National Weather Service winter weather information in your job? *

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5. 5. Please tell us about your experience with severe winter weather events. Have you or your colleagues experienced a severe event with significant impacts in the past 5 years? *

Mark only one oval.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Other: _____

6. 5a. If yes, please describe the specific experience and impacts.

7. 6. If you have experienced a severe winter storm, did you use or share official warning messages? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

8. 7. Have you ever prepared for or directed others to prepare for an anticipated winter storm? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

9. 7a. If yes, please describe what preparation actions were included.

10. 8. How much advance notice do you need to prepare for a severe winter weather event? *

Mark only one oval.

- ◯ 1 day
- ◯ 2 days
- ◯ 3-4 days
- ◯ 5 or more days
- ◯ Other: _____

11. 9. How do you get information about severe winter weather? Please check all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ TV
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Smartphone
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office
- ☐ Other: _____

12. 10. If you learn that a significant weather hazard is approaching your area, what do you typically do with that information? (Please check all that apply.) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Share with colleagues
- ☐ Share with partners
- ☐ Seek further information
- ☐ Contact local officials
- ☐ Take action to prepare
- ☐ Other: _____

13. 11. What is your age? *

Mark only one oval.

- Under 20
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

14. 12. What is your gender? *

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

15. 13. What is your highest level of education completed? *

Mark only one oval.

- High School/GED
- Associate's degree or 2-year college degree
- Bachelor's degree or other 4-year college degree
- Post graduate work

16. 14. What is your current professional position? *

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17. 15. How long have you been in your current professional position? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1 year or less
- 2-4 years
- 5-7 years
- 8 years or more

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