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**Subject:** NEWS RELEASE - POSSIBLE TORNADO NEAR MOSES LAKE

**Grant County Department of Emergency Management**

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The property owner described an event which picked up her horse barn, spun it around in the air and placed it back on the ground about 30 feet away from its original location.

More information will be sent between 10 and 11 pm.

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Media: I am enroute to the location and will provide an update once I have viewed the scene and interviewed the property owner. You are welcome to call me as well.

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**Attachments:** tor\_004.jpg; tor\_005.jpg

### Grant County Department of Emergency Management

#### REPORTED TORNADO NEAR MOSES LAKE DESTROYS BARN

**MOSES LAKE** – A 65' x 85' wood barn was destroyed this evening by what the property owner described as a tornado.

The property owner, Rick Call, 6969 Rd P-NE, was feeding his horses around 6:30 p.m. this evening. He described a sudden, wide, dark turbulent cloud which touched down about two-tenths of a mile from his home in rural Moses Lake. The dark cloud then moved quickly, lifting and moving several heavy objects such as his riding lawn mower. The cloud then struck his barn, picked it up off of its foundation, rotated it, and then dropped it back on the ground about 30 feet away from its original location. The barn was destroyed.

No persons or livestock were injured.

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Photos attached.

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**From:** Kyle Foreman  
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**To:** ALLGRANTCOUNTY  
**Subject:** NEWS RELEASE - WEDNESDAY'S TORNADO CONFIRMED  
**GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **MOSES LAKE TORNADO CONFIRMED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

**MOSES LAKE** – The National Weather Service yesterday confirmed it was a tornado which destroyed a barn northeast of Moses Lake Wednesday evening.

After an on-site assessment, the NWS classified the tornado as an “EF-0” (EF-zero). This classification is based on the Fujita scale of F-0 through F-5: the greater the number, the more severe the tornado. (The movie “Twister” portrayed F-4 and F-5 tornados. The major tornados seen in the Midwest are usually F-3 or greater).

The Moses Lake EF-0 tornado:

- packed estimated winds of 65-85 mph,
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- was 300 (three hundred) feet wide.

Although there have been past reported sightings of tornado-like events across Grant County, GCEM believes this is the first confirmed tornado to strike our area.

The Moses Lake tornado struck around 6:30 p.m. at 6969 Rd P-NE, about six miles northeast of downtown Moses Lake. It destroyed a 65' x 85' wood barn and damaged the tin roof of a grain storage silo.

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**From:** Kyle Foreman  
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**Subject:** CORRECTION: WEDNESDAY'S TORNADO CONFIRMED

The correct terminology is *Enhanced Fujita Scale* ("EF"). I had incorrectly stated just *Fujita* ("F"). There is a difference between the two.

Thanks!

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