

## Justin Wise

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**From:** Justin Wise  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:22 AM  
**To:** Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: Comment on Washington Post report about directive sent to employees

Thanks again, Christopher.

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:56 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <[christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov](mailto:christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov)> wrote:

NWS leadership sent guidance to field staff so they (and the entire agency) could maintain operational focus on Dorian and other severe weather hazards without distraction. The guidance made no reference to the president. -NWS Spokesperson

Additionally, this statement was provided to The Washington Post but it does not appear in their print story.

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM Justin Wise <[jwise@thehill.com](mailto:jwise@thehill.com)> wrote:

Thank you, Christopher, I appreciate it.

On Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal <[christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov](mailto:christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Morning- I can get a statement to you that's attributable to a spokesperson.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2019, at 7:02 AM, Justin Wise <[jwise@thehill.com](mailto:jwise@thehill.com)> wrote:

Hi, I am Justin Wise, a reporter for The Hill. I was interested in if the NOAA had any comment on a new Washington Post report saying that the agency sent out a directive to staff warning them against providing information beyond National hurricane center forecasts. The report notes that the directive came after President Trump made comments about Hurricane Dorian potentially hitting Alabama. I just wanted to see if NOAA had any comment on the details in this report, and if it could respond to the suggestion from some that the agency may have been taking political sides in the matter.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/noaa-staff-warned-in-sept-1-directive-against-contradicting-trump/2019/09/07/12a52d1a-d18f-11e9-87fa-8501a456c003\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/noaa-staff-warned-in-sept-1-directive-against-contradicting-trump/2019/09/07/12a52d1a-d18f-11e9-87fa-8501a456c003_story.html)

Thank you,

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