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I live in Lewistown in Central MT, and Fergus County is #5 in cattle/beef production by county and one the most important grain producing areas in the world.

Weather is the heartbeat of our life and accurate forecasts determine when we hire crews, get neighbors in to help and rent equipment. It's how we decide how quickly we need to harvest to avoid impassable and muddy fields.

The recent fiasco over Trumps imaginary Birmingham forecast is unbelievable and wrong. That NMFS would allow "the boss" to taint the forecast, out of fear of recrimination, is criminal.

Not to mention these actions undermine the morale of all NOAA employees, specifically NWS.

Remember, you are public servants and ultimately work for US citizens, we pay your salary.

Don't be afraid to tell the truth and stay the course. History shows bad things happen when you know the truth and ignore it. Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

Please pass this email on to your superiors.

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