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**From:** Laurie Lohrer  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** craig.mclean@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Montana ranchers rely on accurate forecasts

Dear Mr McLean:

I live in Lewistown in Central MT, and Fergus County is #5 in cattle/beef production by county and one of the richest 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.

We realize that this is an administration of fear and intimidation. But facts do not cease to exist when they are ignored. History shows bad things happen when you know the truth and ignore it.

Please review this email with your staff and superiors.

Laurie Lohrer, Lewistown MT