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Subject: Comment on Washington Post report about directive sent to employees

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

Thank you,

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