

Storms threaten U.S. Southeast

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ATLANTA - Tornadoes and thunderstorms rocked the U.S. Southeast Sunday and forecasters warned of more rough weather ahead. The National Weather Service posted a severe thunderstorm warning Sunday evening for a large portion of Georgia, including Marion, Schley, Webster and western Sumter counties. At 6:43 p.m. EST, there were reports of a line of severe thunderstorms capable of generating 70 mph winds, located along a line extending from Wall Crossing south of Plains and southeast of Weston. The storms were moving east at 45 mph, the weather service said. "This is a dangerous storm," the warning said. "If you are in its path prepare immediately for damaging winds, destructive hail and deadly cloud to ground lightning." The service also posted a tornado watch for northwestern Georgia, and tornado activity was reported in Alabama, CNN said. A tornado watch was posted for 12 Florida counties. Forecasters said it would remain in effect until 1 a.m. Monday. Forecasters also said east central Florida is expected to get very dry conditions this week after a cold front moves out Monday. A fire weather watch, meaning some combination of low humidity and high winds is likely, has been posted through 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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