



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

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RESOLUTION OF NWSEO NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE "MISSOULA EXPERIMENT"

The National Council of the National Weather Service Employees Organization, consisting of its Executive Officers and Regional Chairs, hereby unanimously RESOLVES that:

WHEREAS single shift coverage on any shift at any Weather Forecast Office seriously jeopardizes both the public safety and the physical safety of the individual employee assigned to that shift; and

WHEREAS single shift coverage at any Weather Forecast Office will be used as a justification for the eventual elimination of forecaster positions, reduction in hours of operations at WFOs and consolidation of WFOs, further jeopardizing public safety and the employment security of NWS employees;

WHEREAS NWS management has illegally and unethically bypassed the NWSEO National Council and duly elected Executive Officers by seeking the approval of the employees at one Western Region forecast office for an experiment which will jeopardize the employment security of NWS employees nationwide;

WHEREAS NWS management has entered into national agreements with NWSEO that require that two persons be on every shift and WHEREAS no local NWSEO branch has the authority to agree to a violation of such a national agreement; it is hereby

RESOLVED that the National Council instructs the NWSEO's Executive Officers and legal counsel to vigorously prosecute any violation of the agreements requiring that each shift be staffed by at least two persons; and it is further

RESOLVED that the National Council fully supports the grievance which NWSEO's National President has filed over the illegal, dangerous, and disingenuous "Missoula Experiment" of single staffing on the midnight shift.

Signed:

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