Forecasters Review Talk of Storm "Outbreak"

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - U.S. forecasters will review whether they went too far out on a limb to warn people about bad weather that didn't fully develop.

The Storm Prediction Center had said last week there was a good chance the central U.S. would see huge hail, high winds and strong tornadoes on Tuesday. For the first time, forecasters talked of a "possible outbreak" six days ahead of the storms.

The hail and winds came as promised, but tornadoes were small.

A social scientist says the National Weather Service should review how the public processed the information. Many criticized the forecast as a "bust," even though it was largely correct. Another researcher said many people think mainly of tornadoes whenever severe weather is mentioned.

Forecasters received more than 500 reports of severe weather Tuesday.

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