



An Enhanced Spotter Activation Notification System

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GOALS:

- Enhance organization of spotter groups
- Increase overall spotter involvement and storm reports
- Provide quick, easy deployment guidance to mobile storm spotters

Rationale:

- Not all spotter groups maintain needed SA
- Improved spotter input was needed
- Timely, direct contact to spotters can help

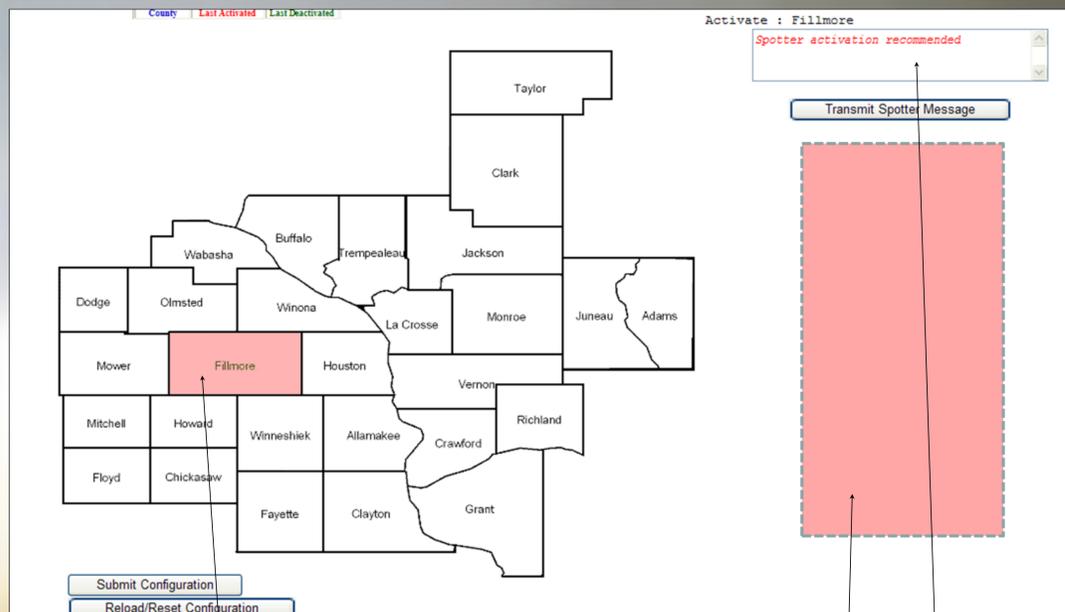
Background:

- Web-based program developed
- Simple manual interface on PC
- Used for county activation/deactivation

Disseminates:

- Automated email or text message (SMS)
- Brief message over NOAA Weather Radio
- Updates publically accessible website

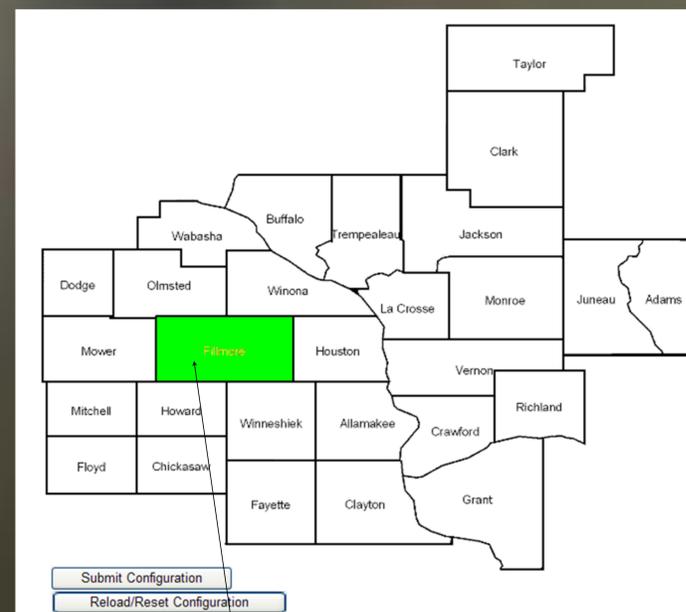
WFO Forecaster Web Interface



Simple interface for forecaster to select county/counties to "recommend" spotter activation

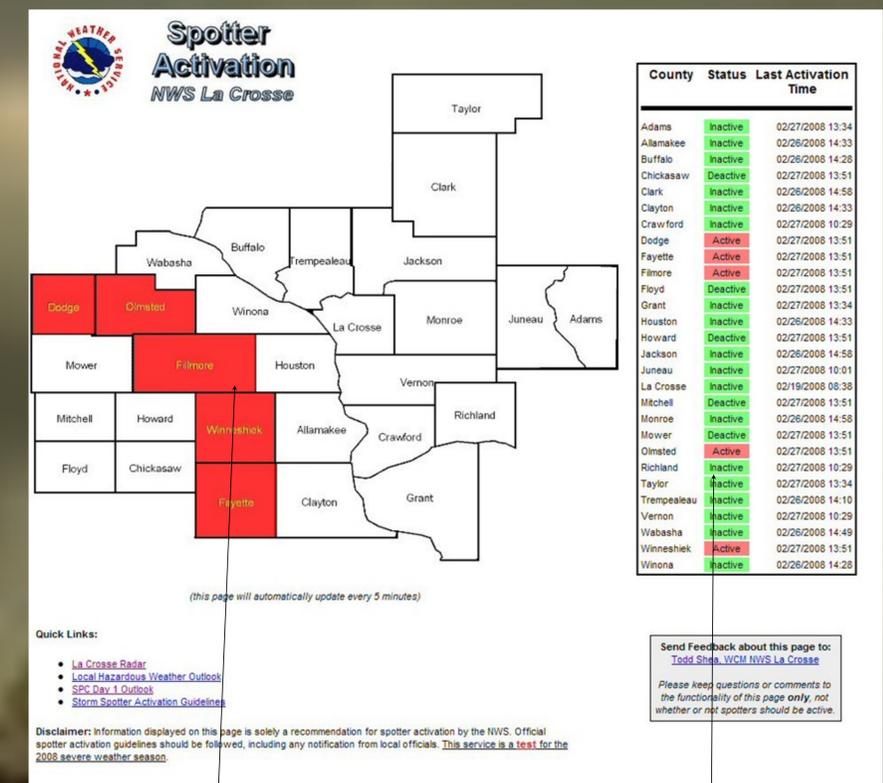
Email and text message addresses to which alert was sent display here after recommendation is submitted

Specific threat information may be added here.



Forecaster selects county to "recommend" spotter Deactivation; forecaster may add additional information in text box here as well

Public Web Interface weather.gov/lacrosse/activation



Shows counties where spotter activation is currently "recommended"

Time stamps note the latest activation (or deactivation) for each county