

TABLE 1.—DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS REPORTED AS SUPPLEMENTARY DATA—Continued

Element	Type of report		When reported	Reported by		Format, example, comments
	SDO	SCD		WFO	Other NWS offices	
Snow increasing rapidly.	X	X	Hourly when snow depth increase equals or exceeds 0.5"/hr and staff is available.	Designated stations.	Designated stations.	<i>Format:</i> SNOINCR x/x. <i>Reference:</i> FMH-1 Table A3-88, 2.e modified to exclude the depth increase since the last 6-hrly report. <i>Where:</i> "SNOINCR" is the code group indicator. "x/x" gives the snow depth increase in the past hour/total depth of snow on the ground at time of observation, both of which are reported in whole inches. <i>Example:</i> SNOINCR 1/6. <i>Interpretation:</i> One inch depth increase in the past hour with 6 inches on the ground at time of observation.
Size of largest hailstone observed.	X .....	.....	when first observed and staff is available.	Designated stations.	Designated stations.	<i>Format:</i> HLSTOx. <i>Where:</i> "HLSTO" is the group indicator. "x" gives the diameter (in inches) of the largest hailstone observed. Hailstone size is reported in 1/4 inch increments. If the hailstone size is less than 1/8 inch, it will be encoded as <1/4. <i>Example:</i> HLSTO 1/2. <i>Interpretation:</i> The largest hailstone observed was 1/2" in diameter.

Other Significant Weather Information

Significant local variations in visibility.	X .....	.....	when observed and staff is available.	Reported at specific, currently staffed NWS observing sites which are determined to be especially problematic with respect to terrain, and multiple visibility sensors are not available or do not suffice.	.....	<i>Format:</i> Description and direction from station. <i>Examples:</i> VSBY N2; F Bank N-E2. <i>Interpretation:</i> (1) Visibility to the north is 2 miles. (2) A fog bank exists north through east. <i>Comment:</i> Once reported, significant changes to "local variations in visibility" will be reported in updated SDO reports.
Virga	X .....	.....	when observed and staff is available..	Reported at specific, currently staffed NWS observing sites in mountainous areas lacking radar coverage which are determined to be especially problematic with respect to terrain.	.....	<i>Format:</i> "VIRGA" and direction from station. <i>Example:</i> VIRGA NW. <i>Comment:</i> Once reported, significant changes to "virga" will be reported in updated SDO reports, e.g., VIRGA VCNTY STN NW MOVG E.