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Logan County Severe Weather June 2023

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Sterling, CO -- Authorities are assessing damage in Logan County after a strong storm swept through the area late afternoon and into the evening hours of Wednesday, June 21.

This heavy rain event with confirmed tornados sat over Logan County for about four hours, dumping from two to six inches of rain in less than an hour. Severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings were issued for Logan County and the City of Sterling throughout the evening. The storm started near the North Sterling State Park with a couple funnel clouds and large hail. The storm cell moved west and spawned more tornados, before heading back to the east into the City of Sterling resulting in a deluge of rain in a very short amount of time.

A residence in the 6000 block of County Road 20.5, west of Sterling, was hit directly by a suspected tornado. The resident of the home was seeking shelter in the basement at the time and was uninjured. The home is a total loss.

Authorities believe heavy rain was the cause of a building collapse in Sterling. The commercial building is owned by Banner Health and was in the process of a remodel project. The building was not occupied at the time of the collapse and there were no injuries as a result.

Some residents in the City of Sterling have reported flooding and ground water seepage in basements and ground floors of homes, as well as to some businesses.

Other damage currently being assessed includes downed power lines and trees and county road washouts and flooding.