Instructor Biography: Brian Boyd earned a B.S. from University of Northern Colorado and is currently Senior Meteorologist for the National Weather Service where he has served in a variety of roles such as forecaster, hydrologist, and radar instructor. He has worked in NWS offices in Norman OK; Salt Lake City, UT; Olympia, WA; Knoxville, TN; and Elko, NV. He served as hydrologist for 15 years in East Tennessee. Brian's chief interest continues to be heavy rain and flooding, both of which occur in northern Nevada, but are more subtle and very tricky to forecast. He says the best thing about being a meteorologist is "using radar and satellite to view the atmosphere and its behavior." The worst thing? "Being wrong." He uses 20-25 different phenomena to forecast weather twice a day, with very limited data for input, which is often wrong or missing. "If you get one thing wrong, like cloud cover, it affects several other variables, which in turn affect other things, so don't go blaming me unless you also thank me for the nice days!" On a personal note, Brian has also lived in Sweden and speaks fluent Swedish. When asked about his personal likes and dislikes he remarked, "I utterly hate long walks in the rain!"

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