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- *Why you are interested in participating in this workshop and why you feel you should be chosen?*

The workshop greatly triggered my interest because I love the idea about being part of a team and a concept that will benefit the future of the meteorological community. Working to better relationships between professionals and the social sciences is of great interest and concern to me and my career. Although I have been with the Nat'l Weather Service (NWS) for just over 3 years, I am newly out of college, and 23 years old. I am the future of this field. I will make every effort to do my part in strengthening the weather research community with the social sciences in order to make weather relevant.
- *What are your career goals and how you feel this workshop would contribute to meeting those goals?*

My passion for meteorology and science has always fueled a dream to become a forecaster for the NWS. I was incredibly fortunate to be selected as a SCEP student so early on in my venture and to be promoted into a NWS position right away as I graduated college. I have determined aspirations to work as a forecaster for a period of time, and then promote to a Warning Coordination Meteorologist management position. One great aspect of the NWS is that I get to fulfill both of my passions for forecasting, as well as working on research projects and attending conferences to stay in touch with the research community. This workshop will fuel my love for weather and science, working with others, training, outreach activities, and being an effective leader, all of which will assist in my goal of becoming a Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the NWS.
- *What is some aspect of the weather/society interface that you particularly would like to learn about during the workshop and possibly make the focus of your interim research project?*

One of the objectives to the workshop stated, "Identify...typical roadblocks and challenges of cross-disciplinary efforts,..." This struck me as very intriguing and I would love to expand this concept. In addition, it is critical to understand what users want and to get feedback from what you provide. Weather is a large aspect of everyone's life, whether they realize it or not. My career in the NWS is based directly on the give-and-take of the public, as well as meteorology community, including staying up to date with the latest research. It is my goal to provide the best information possible to the public in order to keep everyone informed and safe. Perhaps even more importantly, to be sure the public receives and understands the information I am giving. Finding ways to accomplish this goal more efficiently and effectively would be a great benefit to the meteorological community.
- *What else you think we should know about you?*

I am a very valuable and effective team member. I have an understanding of communicating; including the critical steps of listening, brainstorming, and organizing. I have taken on many experiences in my relatively short career thus far, and I know I will be an asset to the group at the workshop as well as in the future.