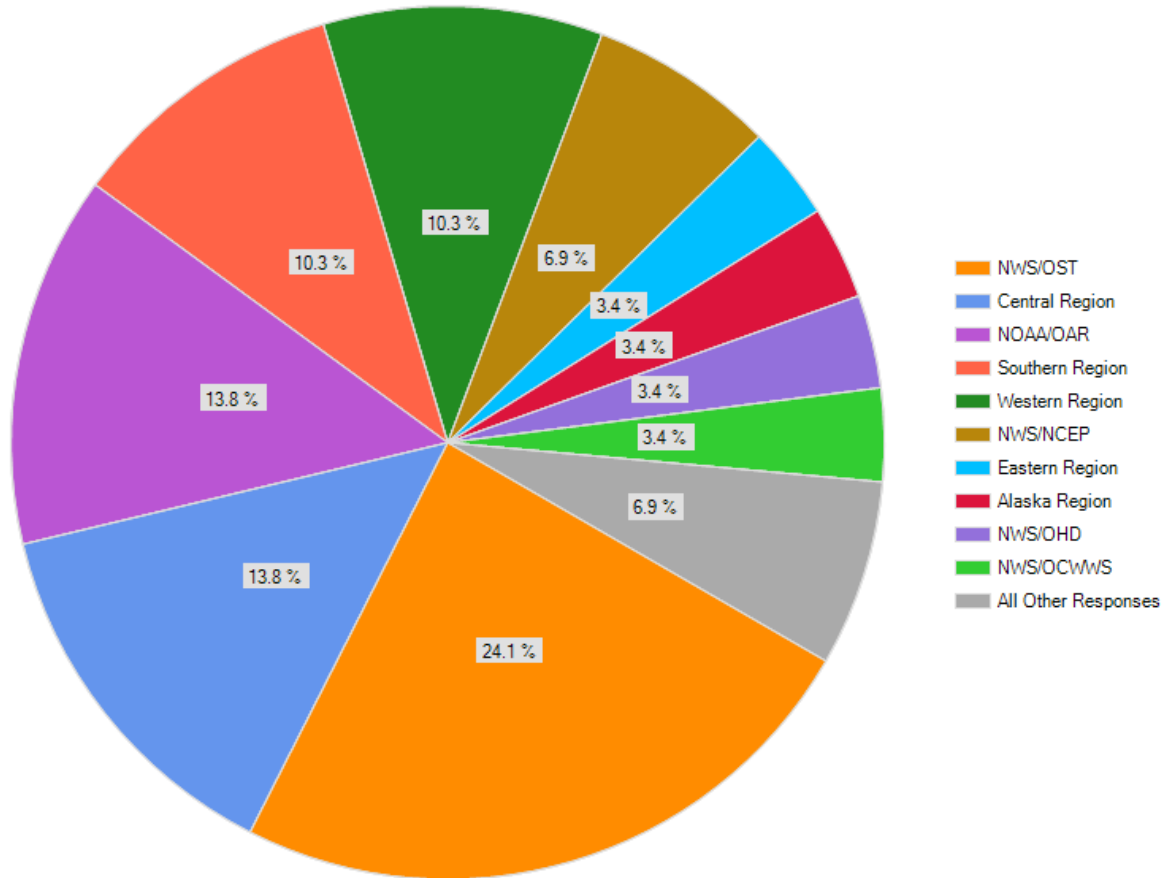


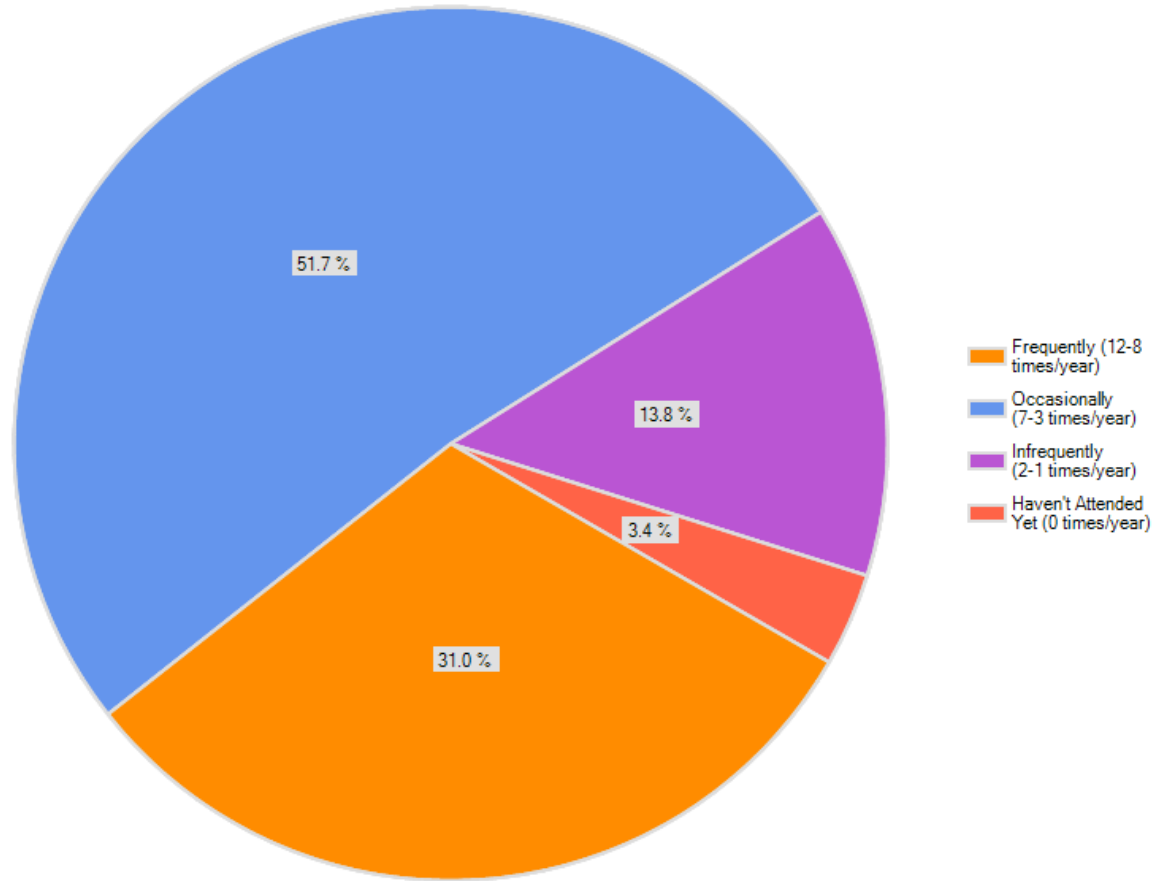
# RITT Forum Survey

December 2011

# Response Demographics (29 Responses)

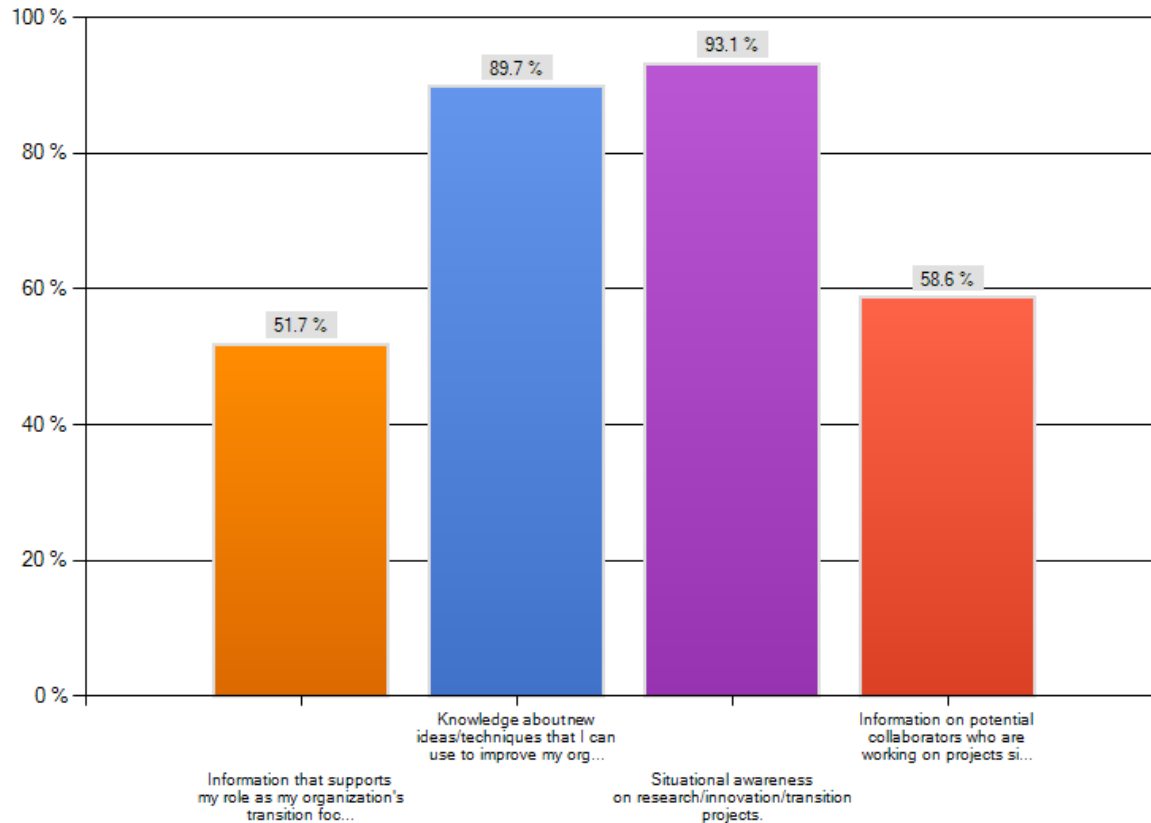


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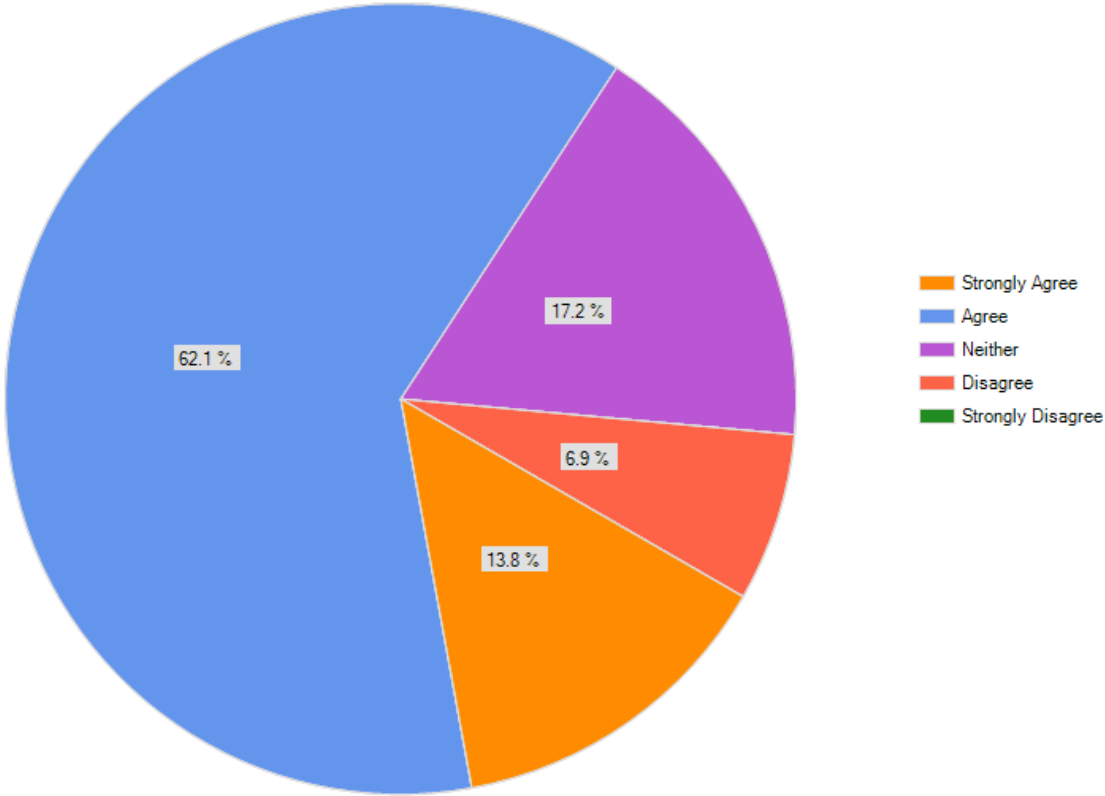
# Expected Benefits

What do you expect to gain by participating in RITT Forums (can select more than one)?



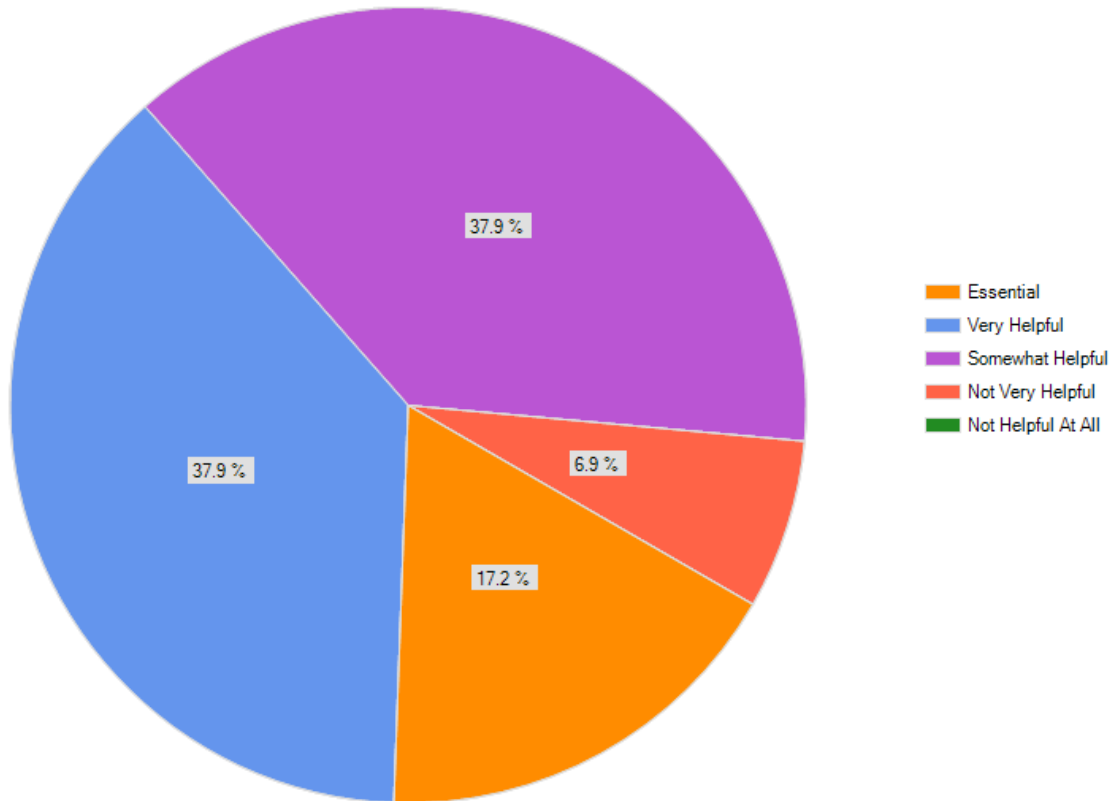
# Does Forum Meet Expectations?

How would you respond to the statement, "The RITT Forum initiative meets my expectations"?



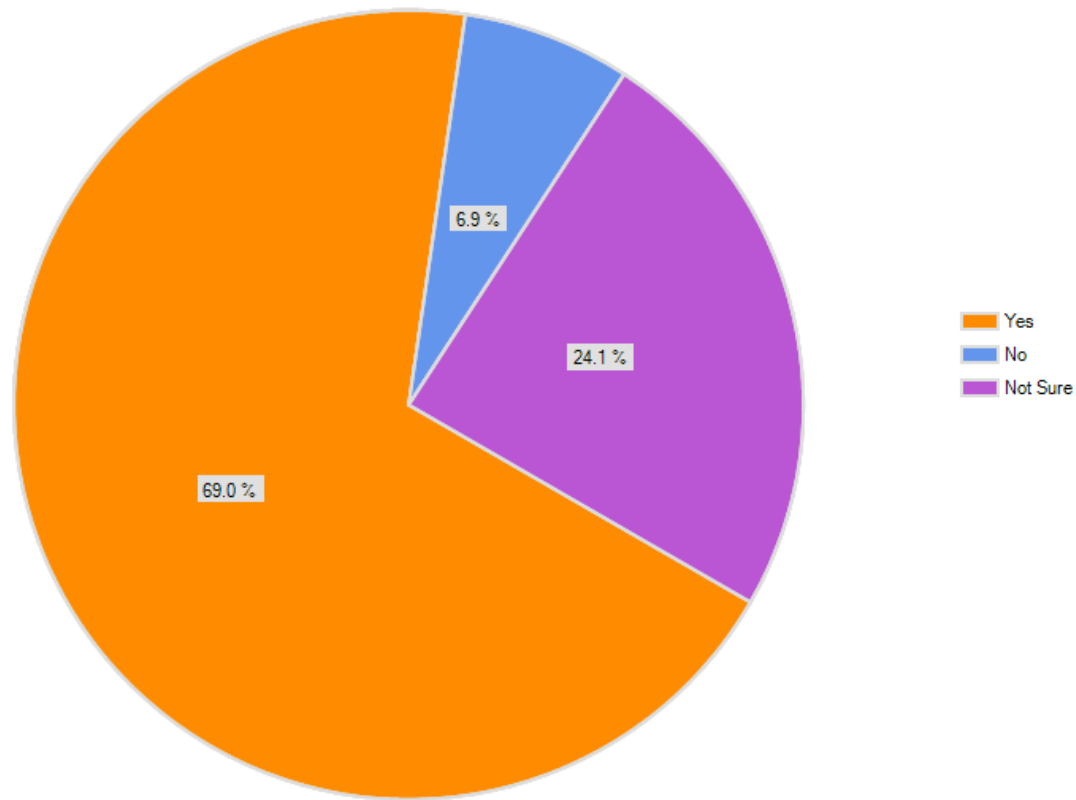
# Improves R2O Process

How would you rate the value of the RITT Forum as a tool for improving the NWS Research/Innovation to operations process?



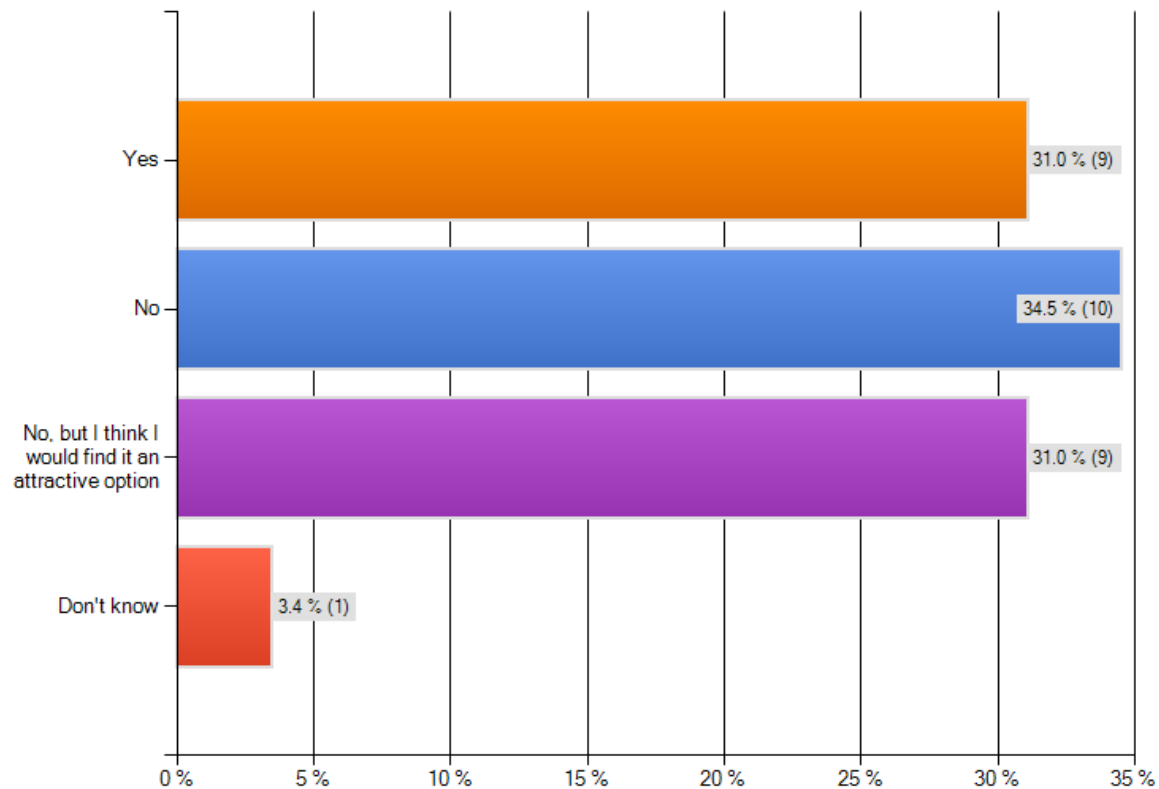
# Recommend It To Coworker?

Would you recommend to a coworker that they should subscribe to the RITT Forum email list?



# Value of Recorded Meetings

In the last year, have you watched a recording of a briefing or seminar and found it a suitable alternative to participating in the live event?





# Super Charging R2O Pipeline

1. I will be working with some forecasters in my office to set up a study similar to Brian Cerutti's talk for our area.
2. Helpfulness is proportional to the number of presentations which met my needs (see #3).
3. The Storm Survey Toolkit is S L O W L Y moving through OSIP.
4. That's the problem. I'm not aware of such an experience.
5. This is a little difficult to answer, but I think MRMS is an example. After the RITT presentation, decisions followed to move this project along with specific plans. I am not sure how often this happens, but my impression is not too often.
6. Several years ago our office began to develop an impact scale for winter storms, but were only able to work on meteorological aspects, not societal aspects. After attending the RITT Forum on LWSS/RDI, we were able to join forces with MDL and several WFOs and are now making progress in developing a true impact scale which takes into account societal factors.
7. The most recent example was the presentation by Brian Cerruti (LWSS). We had been working on something similar, but not nearly as complete as his efforts. This helped to refocus our efforts and provided specific direction for our effort.

# Other Benefits of RITT Forum

1. Looking for collaborative projects with local researchers for wave and inundation studies
2. better insight into new projects, technologies, etc that may be useful to our office or customers
3. Knowledge of projects that otherwise I knew nothing about.
4. I DO think the forum is good. It is one place where you have a captive science audience to share ideas.
5. Good science sharing opportunity and is getting good attendance from field offices in CR
6. I think that the benefits to me in my role are represented by what I checked off in question 3. Just knowing what transition projects are being worked on in NWS, OAR, and NOS is valuable. The responses from the NWS Regions and WFOs is also useful in that it provides a qualitative measure of the projects' ultimate product to them.
7. I have initiated new working relationships with other NWS personnel.
8. provided me information regarding research/innovation/transition projects, and knowledge about new ideas/techniques.
9. Interest in expanding new ideas at the local level.

# Future Topics

1. Model verification - evaluation of model performance in high impact events. new techniques if there are some.
2. Great Lakes Evaporation Observations: Eddy Covariance Measurements
3. Forecaster application development for decision support Model re-forecast process...especially post processing
4. Iris update and demo, Really like the other new and upcoming projects and tools that we dont really get updates about
5. I like the CSTAR projects. Heck, NWS is funding these projects specifically for transition.
6. I did a request to the OAR labs and programs for this, but I didn't see much response this time around. I will continue to do periodic requests as the RITT desires when schedules need to be filled with presentations.
7. Digital aviation forecast services and the connection to NextGen,
8. Integrated warning team goals / action items that need national attention and focus.

# Improving the RITT Forum

1. I think the RITT does a great job getting technology and research news to the field. I know it cannot highlight all great stuff going on in NOAA, but it has captured some nice topics. I think they could look to the field and ask the SSDs to offer up some local projects and IT developments more often unless that is the process right now.
2. Right now, we're suffering from extremely poor/slow bandwidth, so webinars are not working well, but viewing a live webinar is much preferable to watching a recorded one & not being able to ask questions or make comments (to expand on my response to question 11--which should actually be 2 questions--yes, I have watched a recording of a seminar; but no, it is not a good alternative to the live version).
3. Record sessions for off line viewing. It is difficult for me to always be available for the live sessions.
4. There are getting to be too many participants to make it efficient during the Q&A...perhaps the guest list is becoming too big.
5. Shorter presentations, more to the point with examples of being used or how it will apply. If they want us to know the history of where we have been, then they should supply a ppt ahead of time for those interested to look at ahead of time. This way you can get more feedback and allow for open conversations that may benefit production or new ideas into it. I have seen the meeting go over time limit due limited time after presentation to discuss and answer questions. Time is critical and limited to not use efficiently.
6. Vary the times. I cannot make it to meetings at 3:00 ET.
7. Please record future sessions so those that can't make it can watch the recording. The slides are great but the recording can also capture any questions that may have come up.
8. It seems like there are a number of good presentations, but that is it. Which ones are championed by the RITT, are there plans to follow up and develop these ideas, etc
9. I would like to see a brief abstract of the presentation along with the announcement of its availability. I need more than a title to determine if it is worth my time to attend, since webinar opportunities are spreading like wildfire :).
10. Not sure that there is any follow-up on projects that have been presented at RITT. Are any of the previous projects actually being transitioned to NWS?
11. Most of the presentations to date have been about projects that appear to be far from transition to operations. Rather than have obligatory monthly presentations, focus only on the projects that are close to transition.
12. Clarify what it's role is in the transition process.
13. One thing that is usually missing from the RITT forums is actions or follow-ups. I would suggest a discussion at the end of what further actions might be needed and by whom.
14. Get the word out to more operational NWS personnel.