

UNH and Mt. Washington Observatory Announce Weather Observing/Climate Change Research Initiatives

*U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg treks to summit for
announcement of federal funding*

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MT. WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) will join officials from the University of New Hampshire and the Mt. Washington Observatory Wednesday, July 7, for the announcement of several weather observing and climate change research initiatives.

- Sen. Gregg will announce \$4 million in NOAA funding for the university's AIRMAP project (Atmospheric Investigations, Regional Modeling and Prediction), its goal to understand and predict changes in climate, weather and air quality for the New England region;
- Opening of the renovated Mt. Washington Observatory museum, featuring a new NOAA-funded Weather Discovery Room;
- Unveiling plans for the upgrading and renovation of the observatory's research and observing infrastructure.

The event begins at 10 a.m. Press materials will be provided. Those wishing to arrange transportation other than personal vehicles to the summit should call Linda Gray at the number below for reservations.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Route 16 North through Jackson and into Pinkham Notch. Mt. Washington Auto Road clearly marked.

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The Mount Washington Observatory is a non-profit, member-supported organization dedicated to weather

observation, scientific research and educational outreach. The Observatory maintains an observation and research facility and the Mount Washington Museum on the summit of Mount Washington, and the Weather Discovery Center in North Conway. The Observatory's nationally renowned radio program, "The Weather Notebook," is heard daily on over 250 public and commercial stations. Founded in 1932, the Observatory welcomes over 50,000 visitors a year and is supported by over 4,000 members.

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