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A tornado struck the city of Holly, Colorado in Prowers County around 7:58 p.m., Wednesday, March 28th. The final, official Enhanced F (Fujita) Scale of tornado damage is EF3.

For a full explanation of the Enhanced F Scale (Enhanced Fujita Scale), please click HERE.

The most significant damage in the city of Holly was low end EF3 damage. The wind estimate at that particular area on the edge of northeastern Holly would be from 136 mph to 150 mph. EF0 to EF2 damage occurred across a 1000 foot wide path through the heart of the city of Holly. The damage indicators used were mostly structures, residences, power poles, and trees. High end EF2 estimated wind speeds range from 125 mph to 135 mph.

The structure that suffered low end EF3 damage in the city of Holly is pictured below…

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The same supercell moved rapidly northward into rural Prowers County and hit a few more structures. One ranch, approximately 12 miles north of the city of Holly was directly hit. The final, official Enhanced F (Fujita) Scale of tornado damage of that structure and vehicles was a high end EF3. The wind estimate would be from 160 to 165 mph. No one was at that ranch at the time of the tornado.

The ranch structure and vehicles that suffered high end EF3 damage 12 miles north of the city of Holly is pictured here…
Here is the path of the Holly tornado...

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