

Hurricane Center says improving forecasts costly

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MIAMI (AP) — The National Hurricane Center's director says it could take tens of millions of dollars for research and up to 10 years if officials want to substantially reduce errors in forecasting the intensity of hurricanes.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Bill Read (REED) said reducing by half the errors made in determining intensity would be a costly and long-term effort.

Intensity forecasts are much harder for meteorologist than track predictions.

Read also talked about the sensitive issue of a link between global warming and hurricanes. Read acknowledged that while people who model storms largely suggest global warming is real and going to get worse, they differ on the possible effects on hurricanes.

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