Interview Questions

1. How long does preflight weather briefing take
2. How many websites do you normally use when reviewing weather information
3. Does weather briefing take too long?
4. (Military) Does weather briefing slow your unit?
5. (Military) Do you feel pressure to hasten your weather briefing when superiors are around?
6. What are some suggestions to improve weather briefings?

10/14/2023 Interview – Flight Instructor

1. Typically 10 minutes solo, 20-25 minutes with student
2. Use 3-4 different websites along with a phone app
3. Yes, no need to take longer than a few minutes

6. If weather apps had combined information, that would speed things up.

10/16/2023 Interview – U.S. Airforce Captain

1. Weather briefing was typically done by ground crew, 15 minutes average
2. Looks at about 2 websites before flying
3. During regular training yes, before stressful events/training no
4. Yes, most are ready to go as soon as they’re in the seat, waiting does not help
5. Not usually, most are understanding
6. Faster loading time on websites, maybe one website to look at

10/19/2023 Interview – U.S. Airforce Pilot (not Captain)

1. Around 15 minutes without interruption
2. 3-5 websites
3. Yes, the Pilot wants to get out and fly ASAP, feels weather briefings should be approx. 5 minutes
4. Many times yes, not everyone is able to gather for quick weather briefings
5. Yes, when Captains or superiors are around, feels like weather briefings cause them to appear slow
6. Combine all the useful websites together

10/21/2023 Interview – Private Pilot

1. 20 or so minutes before flight
2. 3-4 websites, if long trip, 5-8 for mapping
3. Yes, distracts from the more important measures such as pre-flight

6. Move all information from different websites together, feels unnecessary to go to so many different ones.