# Reporting data results #2

This week, we'll be using some example data from NOAA's Storm Events Database.

Go to https://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/and download the bulk storm details data for 2017, in the file that starts "StormEvents\_details" and includes "d2017".

Move this into a good directory for your current working directory and read it in using read\_csv from the readr package.

This data lists major weather-related storm events during 2017.

For each event, it includes information like the start and end dates, where it happened, associated deaths, injuries, and property damage, and some other characteristics.

#### colnames(storms\_2017)

```
[1] "BEGIN_YEARMONTH"
                              "BEGIN_DAY"
##
                                                    "BEGIN_TIME"
    [4] "END_YEARMONTH"
                              "END_DAY"
                                                    "END_TIME"
##
##
    [7] "EPISODE_ID"
                              "EVENT_ID"
                                                    "STATE"
   [10] "STATE_FIPS"
                                                    "MONTH_NAME"
                              "YEAR."
## [13] "EVENT_TYPE"
                              "CZ_TYPE"
                                                    "CZ FIPS"
## [16] "CZ_NAME"
                              "WFO"
                                                    "BEGIN_DATE_TIME"
## [19] "CZ_TIMEZONE"
                                                    "INJURIES_DIRECT"
                              "END_DATE_TIME"
   [22] "INJURIES_INDIRECT"
                              "DEATHS_DIRECT"
                                                    "DEATHS_INDIRECT"
                              "DAMAGE_CROPS"
   [25] "DAMAGE PROPERTY"
                                                    "SOURCE"
   [28] "MAGNITUDE"
                              "MAGNITUDE TYPE"
                                                    "FLOOD_CAUSE"
## [31] "CATEGORY"
                              "TOR_F_SCALE"
                                                    "TOR_LENGTH"
                              "TOR_OTHER_WFO"
  [34] "TOR_WIDTH"
                                                    "TOR_OTHER_CZ_STATE"
## [37] "TOR_OTHER_CZ_FIPS"
                              "TOR_OTHER_CZ_NAME"
                                                    "BEGIN_RANGE"
   [40] "BEGIN_AZIMUTH"
                              "BEGIN_LOCATION"
                                                    "END_RANGE"
## [43] "END AZIMUTH"
                              "END_LOCATION"
                                                    "BEGIN_LAT"
  [46] "BEGIN_LON"
                              "END LAT"
                                                    "END_LON"
## [49] "EPISODE_NARRATIVE"
                              "EVENT_NARRATIVE"
                                                    "DATA_SOURCE"
```

Each row is a separate **event**. However, often several events are grouped together within the same **episode**.

```
nrow(storms_2017)

## [1] 56989
length(unique(storms_2017$EVENT_ID))

## [1] 56989
length(unique(storms_2017$EPISODE_ID))

## [1] 8964
```

Some of the event types are listed by their county ID (FIPS code) ("C"), but some are listed by a forecast zone ID ("Z"). Which ID is used is given in the column  $CZ\_TYPE$ :

For the first in-course exercise, you will clean up this data a bit for us to use in the rest of the class.

- Download and read in the data
- Limit the dataframe to: the beginning and ending dates and times, the episode ID, the event ID, the state name and FIPS, the "CZ" name, type, and FIPS, the event type, the source, and the beginning latitude and longitude and ending latitude and longitude
- Convert the beginning and ending dates to a "date-time" class (there should be one column for the beginning date-time and one for the ending date-time)
- Change state and county names to title case (e.g., "New Jersey" instead of "NEW JERSEY")
- Limit to the events listed by county FIPS (CZ\_TYPE of "C") and then remove the CZ\_TYPE column
- Pad the state and county FIPS with a "0" at the beginning (hint: there's a function in stringr to do this) and then unite the two columns to make one fips column with the 5-digit county FIPS code
- Change all the column names to lower case (you may want to try the rename\_all function for this)

```
storms 2017 %>%
 slice(1:3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 13
##
    begin_date_time end_date_time episode_id event_id state fips
##
    <dttm>
                    <dttm>
                                               <int> <int> <chr> <chr>
## 1 2017-04-06 15:09:00 2017-04-06 15:09:00
                                             113355 678791 New ~ 34015
## 2 2017-04-06 09:30:00 2017-04-06 09:40:00 113459 679228 Flor~ 12071
## 3 2017-04-05 17:49:00 2017-04-05 17:53:00 113448 679268 Ohio 39057
## # ... with 7 more variables: event type <chr>, cz name <chr>,
      source <chr>, begin_lat <dbl>, begin_lon <dbl>, end_lat <dbl>,
## #
## #
      end lon <dbl>
```

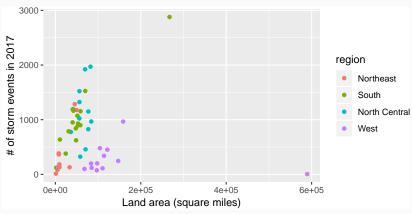
#### State data

There is data that comes with R on U.S. states. Use that to create a dataframe with the state name, area, and region:

Create a dataframe with the number of events per state in 2017. Merge in the state information dataframe you just created. Remove any states that are not in the state information dataframe.

```
state_storms <- storms_2017 %>%
group_by(state) %>%
count() %>%
ungroup() %>%
right_join(us_state_info, by = "state")
```

Ultimately, in this group exercise, you will create a plot of state land area versus the number of storm events in the state:





We'll now take a break to do the first part of the in-course exercise.

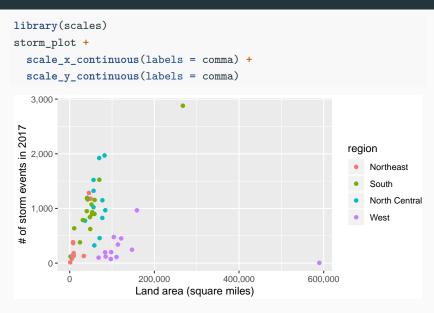
ggplot2 extras and extensions

#### scales package

The scales package gives you a few more options for labeling with your ggplot scales. For example, if you wanted to change the notation for the axes in the plot of state area versus number of storm events, you could use the scales package to add commas to the numeric axis values.

For the rest of these slides, I've saved the ggplot object with out plot to the object named storm\_plot, so we don't have to repeat that code every time.

#### scales package



## scales package

The scales package also includes labeling functions for:

- dollars (labels = dollar)
- percent (labels = percent)

#### ggplot2 extensions

The ggplot2 framework is set up so that others can create packages that "extend" the system, creating functions that can be added on as layers to a ggplot object.

Some of the types of extensions available include:

- More themes
- Useful additions (things that you may be able to do without the package, but that the package makes easier)
- Tools for plotting different types of data

#### Where to find ggplot2 extensions

There is a gallery with links to ggplot2 extensions at https://www.ggplot2-exts.org.

This list may not be exhaustive—there may be other extensions on CRAN or on GitHub that the package maintainer did not submit for this gallery.

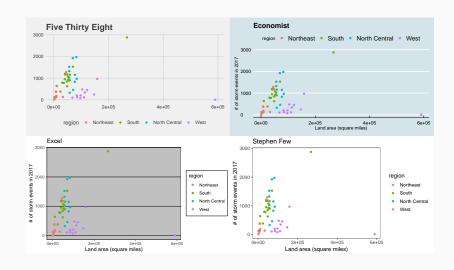
#### ggplot2 extensions: Themes

You have already played around a lot with using ggplot themes to change how your graphs look.

Several people have created packages with additional themes:

- ggthemes
- ggthemr
- ggtech
- ggsci

#### Some ggthemes themes



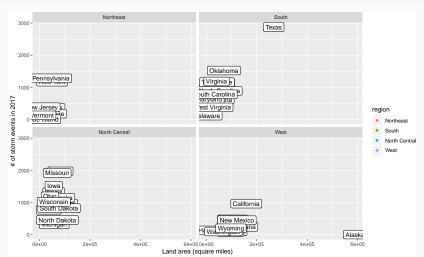
#### ggplot2 extensions: Useful additions

- Highlighting interesting points
- "Repelling" text labels
- Arranging plots

#### ggplot2 extensions: repelling text labels

When you add labels to points on a plot, they often overlap:

```
storm_plot + facet_wrap(~ region) +
  geom_label(aes(label = state))
```



## ggplot2 extensions: repelling text labels

Michigan

0e+00

North Dakota

4e+05

2e+05

```
library(ggrepel)
storm_plot + facet_wrap(~ region) +
    geom_label_repel(aes(label = state))
                           Northeast
                                                                             South
   3000
                                                                          Texas
                                                             Oklahoma
   2000 -
                                                                        Georgia
                                                         Virginia
                                                                   labama
                                                                              Arkansas
          Pennsylvania
                                                         Tennessee
                                                                         Florida
        New York
                   Massachusetts
                                                                                 North Carolina
                                                                 Mississippi
# of storm events in 2017
        New Jersey New Hampshire
                                                             Maryland
                                                                            South Carolina
                                                                                                          region
                  Connecti Rhode Island
                                                        Delaware West Virginia uisiana
                                                                                                             Northeast
                                                                                                             South
                          North Central
                                                                             West
   3000 -
                                                                                                             North Central
                                                                                                             West
               Kansas
   2000 -
         Missouri
                                                                     California
                     Nebraska
   1000 -
       Wisconsin
                                                             Colorado New Mexico
                             Minnesota
        Indiana South Dakota
                                                                     Arizona Montana
```

Wyoming

Washington

6e+050e+00

Land area (square miles)

Oregon H Nevada

4e+05

2e+05

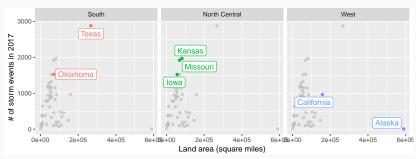
Alaska

#### gghighlight package

It may be too much to label every point. Instead, you may just want to highlight notable point.

You can use the gghighlight package to do that.

```
library(gghighlight)
storm_plot + facet_wrap(~ region) +
    gghighlight(area > 150000 | n > 1500, label_key = state)
```



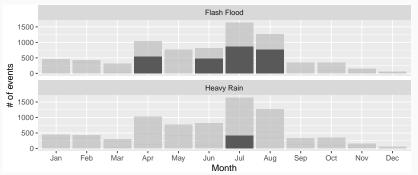
#### gghighlight package

The gghighlight package also works for things like histograms. For example, you could create a dataset with the count by day-of-year of certain types of events:

```
storms by month <- storms 2017 %>%
 filter(event_type %in% c("Flood", "Flash Flood", "Heavy Rain")) %>%
 mutate(month = month(begin date time, label = TRUE)) %>%
 group by (month, event type) %>%
 count() %>%
 ungroup()
storms_by_month %>%
 slice(1:4)
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##
    month event_type
                      n
## <ord> <chr> <int>
## 1 Jan Flash Flood 113
## 2 Jan Flood
                  255
## 3 Jan Heavy Rain 80
## 4 Feb Flash Flood 65
```

#### gghighlight package

```
ggplot(storms_by_month, aes(x = month, y = n, group = event_type)) +
geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
labs(x = "Month", y = "# of events") +
gghighlight(max(n) > 400, label_key = event_type) +
facet_wrap(~ event_type, ncol = 1)
```



You may have multiple related plots you want to have as multiple panels of a single figure.

There are a few packages that help with this. One very good one is patchwork.

You need to install this from GitHub:

```
devtools::install_github("thomasp85/patchwork")
```

Find out more: https://github.com/thomasp85/patchwork#patchwork

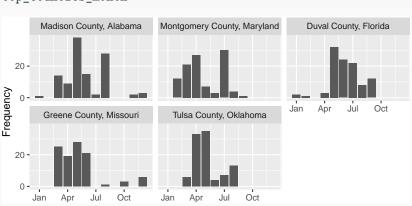
Say we want to plot seasonal patterns in events in the five counties with the highest number of events in 2017. We can use dplyr to figure out these counties:

```
top_counties <- storms_2017 %>%
  group_by(fips, state, cz_name) %>%
  count() %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  top_n(5, wt = n)
```

Then create a plot with the time patterns:

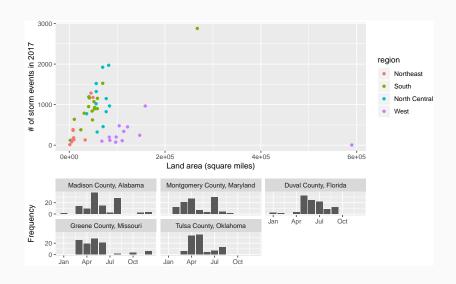
#### Here's this plot:

#### top\_counties\_month

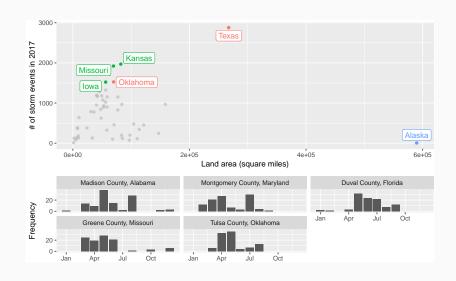


Now that you have two ggplot objects (storm\_plot and top\_counties\_month), you can use patchwork to put them together:

```
library(patchwork)
storm_plot +
  top_counties_month +
  plot_layout(ncol = 1, heights = c(2, 1))
```



A slightly fancier version:



Other packages for arranging ggplot objects:

- gridExtra
- cowplot



We'll take a break now to do the second part of the in-course exercise.

#### Heat maps

**Heat maps** are helpful for exploring the measurements for many variables, including how similar they are, by showing small boxes of color.

In ggplot2, there is a geom\_tile that is useful for creating heatmaps.

#### Heat maps

For example, we might want to look at how many events of each type were reported by each type of source. First, we can summarize the data to get this data:

```
type_by_source <- storms_2017 %>%
 filter(event_type %in% c("Thunderstorm Wind", "Heavy Rain",
                           "Funnel Cloud", "Flash Flood",
                           "Flood", "Hail", "Lightning")) %>%
 filter(source %in% c("911 Call Center", "Broadcast Media",
                       "Department of Highways",
                       "Emergency Manager", "Fire Department/Rescue",
                       "Law Enforcement", "NWS Employee", "Public",
                       "Social Media", "Trained Spotter")) %>%
 group_by(event_type, source) %>% count() %>% ungroup()
type by source %>% slice(1:3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
##
    event_type source
                                            n
##
     <chr> <chr>
                                        <int>
## 1 Flash Flood 911 Call Center
                                          238
## 2 Flash Flood Broadcast Media
                                          268
```

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## 3 Flash Flood Department of Highways

#### Heat maps

```
library(viridis); library(forcats)
ggplot(type_by_source,
         aes(x = fct_reorder(event_type, n, .fun = sum),
              y = fct_reorder(source, n, .fun = sum))) +
  geom_tile(aes(fill = n)) +
  scale_fill_viridis() +
  labs(x = "", y = "", fill = "# of events") +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
            Public -
      Trained Spotter -
  Emergency Manager -
    Law Enforcement -
     911 Call Center -
     Broadcast Media -
       Social Media -
Department of Highways -
Fire Department/Rescue -
     NWS Employee -
                               Liahtnina
                   Funnel Cloud
                                        Heavy Rain
                                                     Flood
                                                             Flash Flood
                                                                           Hail
                                                                               Thunderstorm Wind
                                           # of events
                                                        1000 2000 3000
```

#### Alluvial plots

The package ggalluvial allows you to make alluvial plots.

```
library(ggalluvial)
ggplot(data = type_by_source,
        aes(axis1 = event_type, axis2 = source, y = n)) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = c("Type", "Source"), expand = c(.1, .05)) +
  geom_alluvium(aes(fill = event_type %in% c("Flash Flood", "Flood"))) +
  theme_minimal() + geom_stratum() +
  geom text(stat = "stratum", label.strata = TRUE) +
  theme(legend.position = "top") + labs(fill = "Flood event: ")
                                  Flood event: FALSE TRUE
                                                                911 Call Center
                  Flash Flood
                                                                Broadcast Media
                   ...Flood
                                                              Emergency Manager
 20000
                     Hail
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                                                               Law Enforcement
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                                                                NWS Employee
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                                                                   Public
               Thunderstorm Wind
                                                                 Social Media
                                                                Trained Spotter
                     Type
                                                                   Source
```

## ggridges package

The ggridges package lets you plot the distribution of several levels of a factor across another variable.

#### ggridges package

Create a dataframe with the timing versus the source of the storm:

#### ggridges package

```
library(viridis)
ggplot(storms_by_yday, aes(x = yday,
                                  y = fct_reorder(source, yday,
                                                      .fun = median, .desc = TRUE),
                                 fill = ...x..) +
  geom_density_ridges_gradient() +
  scale_fill_viridis(name = "Day in year", option = "B") +
  xlim(c(0, 365)) +
  labs(x = "Day in year", y = "")
Official NWS Observations -
                                                                                Day in year
        Storm Chaser -
                                                                                   400
       Trained Spotter -
                                                                                   300
      Utility Company -
                                                                                    200
                                                                                   100
    Insurance Company -
       911 Call Center -
        Local Official -
                                  100
                                                 200
                                                                300
                    Ò
```

Day in year

Mapping in the tidyverse

sf objects: "Simple features"

- R framework that is in active development
- There will likely be changes in the near future
- Plays very well with tidyverse functions, including dplyr and ggplot2 tools

library(sf)

To show simple features, we'll pull in the Colorado county boundaries from the U.S. Census.

To do this, we'll use the tigris package, which accesses the Census API. We'll use the option class = "sf" to read these spatial dataframes in as sf objects.

```
library(tigris)
co_counties <- counties(state = "CO", cb = TRUE, class = "sf")
class(co_counties)</pre>
```

You can think of an sf object as a dataframe, but with one special column called geometry.

```
co_counties %>%
 slice(1:3)
## Simple feature collection with 3 features and 9 fields
                 MULTIPOLYGON
## geometry type:
## dimension:
                 XΥ
## bbox:
                 xmin: -109.0603 ymin: 36.99243 xmax: -102.0415 ymax: 41.0034
## epsg (SRID):
              4269
## proj4string: +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no defs
##
    STATEFP COUNTYFP COUNTYNS
                                  AFFGEOID GEOID
                                                    NAME LSAD
                                                              AT.AND
                023 00198127 0500000US08023 08023 Costilla 06 3179452292
## 1
         08
## 2
     08
                                                    Eagle 06 4362874882
                037 00198134 0500000US08037 08037
                043 00198137 0500000US08043 08043 Fremont 06 3970664556
## 3
      08
      AWATER.
##
                                  geometry
## 1 8828906 MULTIPOLYGON (((-105.7714 3...
## 2 18849997 MULTIPOLYGON (((-107.1137 3...
## 3 2235368 MULTIPOLYGON (((-106.0123 3...
```

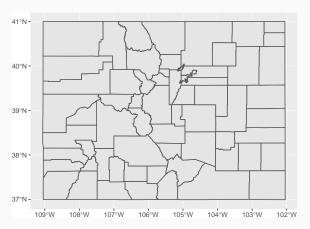
```
The geometry column has a special class (sfc):

class(co_counties$geometry)

## [1] "sfc_MULTIPOLYGON" "sfc"
```

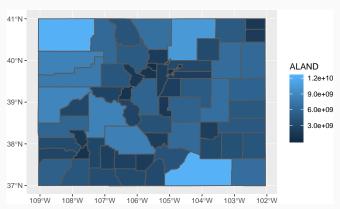
You can add sf objects to ggplot objects using geom\_sf:

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = co_counties)
```



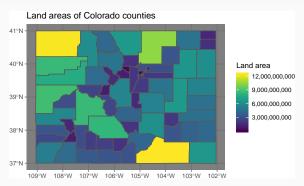
You can map one of the columns in the sf object to the fill aesthetic to make a **choropleth**:

```
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = co_counties, aes(fill = ALAND))
```



You can use all your usual ggplot tricks with this:

```
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = co_counties, aes(fill = ALAND)) +
  scale_fill_viridis(name = "Land area", label = comma) +
  ggtitle("Land areas of Colorado counties") +
  theme_dark()
```



Because simple features are a special type of dataframe, you can also use a lot of dplyr tricks.

For example, you could pull out just Larimer County, CO:

```
larimer <- co_counties %>%
  filter(NAME == "Larimer")
larimer
```

## Simple feature collection with 1 feature and 9 fields

```
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON

## dimension: XY

## bbox: xmin: -106.1954 ymin: 40.25788 xmax: -104.943

## epsg (SRID): 4269
```

## proj4string: +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no\_defs
## STATEFP COUNTYFP COUNTYNS AFFGEOID GEOID

## 1 97955155 MULTIPOLYGON (((-106.1954 4...

## 1 08 069 00198150 0500000US08069 08069 Larimer 06
## AWATER geometry

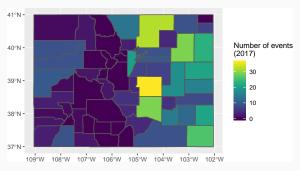
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NAME LSAD

Note: You may need the development version of  ${\tt ggplot2}$  for this to work.



This operability with tidyverse functions means that you should now be able to figure out how to create a map of the number o events listed in the NOAA Storm Events database (of those listed by county) for each county in Colorado:

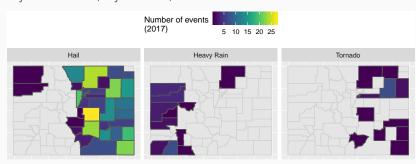


#### In-course exercise

We'll now take a break for the next part of the in-course exercise. For this, create the map shown on the previous slide.

#### In-course exercise

If you have time, try this one, too:



```
co_event_counts <- storms_2017 %>%
  filter(state == "Colorado") %>%
 group_by(fips) %>%
  count() %>%
 ungroup()
co_county_events <- co_counties %>%
 mutate(fips = paste(STATEFP, COUNTYFP, sep = "")) %>%
  full_join(co_event_counts, by = "fips") %>%
 mutate(n = ifelse(!is.na(n), n, 0))
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = co_county_events, aes(fill = n)) +
  scale_fill_viridis(name = "Number of events\n(2017)")
```

```
co_event_counts <- storms_2017 %>%
 filter(state == "Colorado") %>%
 filter(event_type %in% c("Tornado", "Heavy Rain", "Hail")) %>%
 group_by(fips, event_type) %>%
 count() %>%
 ungroup()
co_county_events <- co_counties %>%
 mutate(fips = paste(STATEFP, COUNTYFP, sep = "")) %>%
 right join(co event counts, by = "fips")
ggplot() +
 geom sf(data = co counties, color = "lightgray") +
 geom_sf(data = co_county_events, aes(fill = n)) +
 scale fill viridis(name = "Number of events\n(2017)") +
 theme(legend.position = "top") +
 facet_wrap(~ event_type, ncol = 3) +
 theme(axis.line = element blank().
        axis.text = element blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank())
```

#### **Coordinate reference system**

Spatial objects can have different Coordinate Reference Systems (CRSs). CRSs can be *geographic* (e.g., WGS84, for longitude-latitude data) or *projected* (e.g., UTM, NADS83).

There is a website that lists projection strings and can be useful in setting projection information or re-projecting data:

http://www.spatialreference.org

Here is an excellent resource on projections and maps in R from Melanie Frazier:  $https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/\sim frazier/RSpatialGuides/ \\ OverviewCoordinateReferenceSystems.pdf$ 

You can create an sf object from a regular dataframe.

You just need to specify:

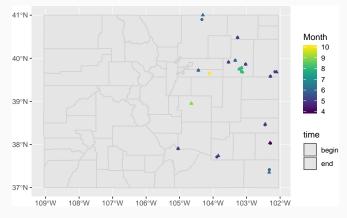
- 1. The coordinate information (which columns are longitudes and latitudes)
- 2. The CRS

For the CRS, if you are mapping the new sf object with other, existing sf objects, make sure that you use the same CRS for all sf objects.

Let's look at tornado tracks in Colorado. First, clean up the data:

```
co_tornados %>%
  slice(1:5)
## # A tibble: 5 x 5
##
     begin_date_time event_id time lat lon
##
    \langle dt.t.m \rangle
                            <int> <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2017-04-12 15:13:00
                          686482 begin 38.0 -102.
## 2 2017-04-12 15:13:00
                          686482 end 38.0 -102.
## 3 2017-05-08 13:24:00
                          697290 begin 37.9 -105.
## 4 2017-05-08 13:24:00
                          697290 end 37.9 -105.
## 5 2017-05-09 17:11:00
                          686419 begin 38.5 -102.
```

Change to an sf object: co\_tornados <- st\_as\_sf(co\_tornados, coords = c("lon", "lat"),</pre> crs = 4269)co tornados %>% slice(1:3) ## Simple feature collection with 3 features and 3 fields ## geometry type: POINT ## dimension: XY ## bbox: xmin: -105.0459 ymin: 37.3536 xmax: -102.1044 ymax: ## epsg (SRID): 4269 ## proj4string: +proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +n ## # A tibble: 3 x 4 ## begin\_date\_time event\_id time geometry <int> <chr> < POINT [°]> ## <dttm> ## 1 2017-04-12 15:13:00 686482 begin (-102.2885 38.029) ## 2 2017-04-12 15:13:00 686482 end (-102.3012 38.0363) ## 3 2017-05-08 13:24:00 697290 begin (-105.0433 37.9027)



If you want to show lines instead of points, group by the appropriate ID and then