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"Weather for the outdoor enthusiast": This presentation will discuss weather safety for the outdoor enthusiast.

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