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SUBJECT: Updated: Soliciting Comments until April 30, 2021, on the Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index from NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) Baltimore/Washington, DC, State College, PA, and Wakefield, VA

Updated to extend the comment period through April 30, 2021, and extend use of this product to State College, PA, and Wakefield, VA, in addition to Baltimore/Washington, DC

WFOs Baltimore/Washington, DC, State College, PA, and Wakefield, VA, are soliciting comments on the Experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index through April 30, 2021. The purpose of this experimental product is to graphically display the location and level of potential winter storm threats in the extended portion of the forecast 3-7 days in the future. This threat level will combine winter precipitation probabilities and potential impact.

The experiment continues to receive positive feedback since it began three winters ago at WFO Baltimore/Washington, DC.

The experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index graphic builds upon data generated by experimental Winter Weather Outlooks produced by the NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC).

The graphic will be available as an experimental product 24 hours a day/7 days a week through April 30, 2021. It will be

updated at least twice daily at 0900 and 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and as needed. Users will have real-time access to the Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat product through each WFO's winter webpages: https://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter https://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter https://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter

Additional information and an example of the experimental product are provided at the link below: <u>https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD ExpDays3-</u> 7WinterStormThreatIndex 2020.pdf

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below as contribution to the decision of the future use of the product. The link will also be provided on the NWS Baltimore/Washington, Wakefield, and State College winter web pages: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExpDays3-7WinterStormThreatIndex

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