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Subject: WPC Experimental National Forecast Chart Will Become Operational
on Thursday, March 28, 2019

Effective on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 500 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will implement operationally the National Forecast Chart. This implementation follows an extensive experimental phase. The new chart features include the following:

- Cleaner and easier to read map display of daily weather features and hazardous weather forecasts for each of the next three days.
- Link to a web-based interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map allowing the user to zoom and click weather features and forecasts on and off.

More details of the new chart are available at:

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD Ntl Fcst Chart Upgrade.pdf>

The new GIS interactive display is available here:

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/map.php>

Static maps to replace the existing maps are available through a web portal here:

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/index.php>

Or individually at:

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day1.png>

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day2.png>

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day3.png>

These changes have been informed by stakeholder feedback and help improve the clarity of the information.

For questions regarding the implementation, please contact:

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