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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Prototype Period for Fire Detection and Monitoring Until November 1, 2024

The National Weather Service (NWS) is proposing to provide nationally consistent notifications for fire detection. Western, Central, and Southern Region NWS offices already demonstrate this service using prototype software for detection on a voluntary basis, and this service is being considered for expansion to additional offices across NWS for this prototype period. For Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) that provide this service, if a fire is detected within the WFO County Warning Area and a Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag Warning is in place, the WFO will use local procedures or Annual Operating Plan (AOP) instructions to provide fire detection notifications to core partners. WFOs work closely with local land management and emergency management partners to define contact information and procedures for fire detection.

Beginning April 1, 2024, the NWS will be accepting comments on the fire detection services. The comment period will last until November 1, 2024. At the end of the prototype time period, a decision will be made whether or not to seek additional comments on the fire detection services as experimental to support subsequent transitional to operational status. As this is a prototype project, there may be times when this service is not available.

A description of the concept of the NWS fire detection services, product examples, and requirements explanation can be found at the following link:

[https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g\\_noa/nwspc/res2/3f3568221bc54650b13387bae54bcb38](https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/3f3568221bc54650b13387bae54bcb38)

Input on the expanded fire detection is being sought from the core partners identified in the local WFO AOPs and the Weather/Water/Climate Enterprise:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PrototypeFireDetectionandMonitoring\\_2024](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PrototypeFireDetectionandMonitoring_2024)

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