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Subject: NWS soliciting comments on the Proposal to Standardize Radial Ice Measurements through July 9, 2026

The National Weather Service (NWS) is soliciting comments on the proposal to standardize forecasting, measuring, and reporting of radial ice measurements through July 9, 2026.

The NWS is enhancing its winter weather services by standardizing the forecasting and reporting of ice amounts by measuring the expected radial thickness of new ice accumulation upon an exposed cylindrical object, or radial ice. Infrastructure impacts on tree branches and power lines are best characterized with the use of radial ice rather than flat ice amounts.

Radial ice amounts will be measured in hundredths of inches and forecasted for six-hour periods. These ice amount forecasts will be made available in the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD). Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Local Storm Reports (LSRs) will also report radial ice amounts.

A description of the Proposal to Standardize Radial Ice Measurements can be found at the following link:

[https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g\\_noa/nwspc/res2/c5e4e69acfc90350cf3cf6152f851c9f](https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/c5e4e69acfc90350cf3cf6152f851c9f)

Comments are being solicited on the proposed standardization detailed above. Please submit your feedback by July 9, 2026 to:

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