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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CLARIFICATION OF NWS SPECIAL EVENTS  
POLICY...COMMENTS REQUESTED BY JUNE 27 2008

NWS PROPOSES TO CLARIFY ITS POLICY REGARDING NWS SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVALS. THESE EVENTS CAN PUT LARGE NUMBERS OF SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS IN HARM'S WAY IF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS OCCUR. WHILE NWS CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT TO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS...MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM AMERICA'S WEATHER INDUSTRY /PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS OF WEATHER SERVICES/...SUCH AS CUSTOMIZED CONSULTING SERVICES ORGANIZED AND PACKAGED TO HELP MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO PLAN AND RUN THE EVENT. THE NWS PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICA'S WEATHER INDUSTRY HELPS IMPROVE THE OVERALL LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC. THE INTENT IS TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF NWS IN PROVIDING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS WELL AS ADDRESS THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR WEATHER PROVIDERS IN PROVIDING COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES.

AS NWS WORKS TO REFINE OUR INTERNAL POLICIES FOR SUPPORT TO SPECIAL EVENTS...WE BELIEVE THAT GREATER CLARITY IN PROVIDING WEATHER SUPPORT FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS WILL IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING AND LEAD TO BETTER SERVICES FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. TO THAT END WE HAVE DRAFTED PROPOSED POLICY PRINCIPLES WHICH CLARIFY NWS SERVICES IN THIS AREA. WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS. YOU MAY VIEW THE PROPOSED POLICY PRINCIPLES AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SP/SPECIALEVENTS.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/sp/specialevents.htm)

THIS IS NOT A CHANGE IN ITS CURRENT LEVEL OF SUPPORT NWS OFFERS. THIS IS A CLARIFICATION OF THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT NWS IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE.

PLEASE SEND COMMENTS TO [NWSSP.COMMENTS@NOAA.GOV](mailto:NWSSP.COMMENTS@NOAA.GOV) BY

JUNE 27 2008.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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