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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 850 AM EDT WED SEP 7 2008

- TO: SUBSCRIBERS: -FAMILY OF SERVICES -NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE -EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK -NOAAPORT OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: ELI JACKS CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CURRENTLY SOLICITING COMMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2008 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF TRAVELERS FORECAST

THE NWS MAY DISCONTINUE THE TRAVELERS FORECAST /TAV/ IN FAVOR OF THE FOUR OPERATIONAL SELECTED CITIES WEATHER SUMMARY /SCS/ PRODUCTS AND TWO NEW EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE /XML/ PRODUCTS. THESE TWO PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIMENTAL BUT ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN THE WINTER OF 2008/09.

THE SCS/FPUS20-21-22-23 KWNH...SCS11-12-13-14/ CONTAIN FORECASTS FOR TAV CITIES IN A SIMILAR FORMAT BUT IS ISSUED UP TO TWO HOURS LATER. THE TWO NEW XML PRODUCTS /RXUS30 KWBN - XF03DY AND RXUS30 KWBN - XF07DY/ ARE ISSUED HOURLY AT AROUND 50 MINUTES PAST THE HOUR. THEY CONTAIN NIGHTTIME AND DAYTIME FORECASTS FOR THREE DAYS AND SEVEN DAYS RESPECTIVELY.

TRAVELERS FORECAST:

	AWIPS ID
KWNH	TAV10
KWNH	TAV12
KWNH	TAV13
	KWNH

SELECTED CITIES FORECAST:

ADER	AWIPS ID
KWNH	SCS11
KWNH	SCS12
KWNH	SCS13
KWNH	SCS14
	ADER KWNH KWNH KWNH KWNH

XML PRODUCTS:

WMO HEADER AWIPS ID ------RXUS30 KWBN XF03DY RXUS30 KWBN XF07DY

USERS OF THE TAV ARE ASKED TO LOOK AT THESE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS /SCS...XF03DY AND XF07DY/ TO DETERMINE IF THEY MEET THE NEEDS CURRENTLY SATISFIED BY THE TAV.

COMMENTS REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF THE TAV SHOULD BE SENT BY DECEMBER 31 2008 TO:

TRAVELERSFORECAST@NOAA.GOV

SEND COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT TO:

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