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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHERSERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY OFFICE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: COMMENTS REQUESTED BY MAY 15 2009 ON PROPOSED
CLARIFICATION OF NWS SUPPORT FOR STATE/LOCAL
DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION:

NWS IS SEEKING COMMENTS BY MAY 15 2009 ON A PROPOSED CLARIFICATION OF ITS POLICY REGARDING SUPPORT FOR STATE AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION /DOT/. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS OFTEN NEGATIVELY IMPACT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. NWS SUPPORT OF DOT'S FOCUSES ON OUR EXPERTISE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVOLUTION AND TIMING OF HAZARDOUS WEATHER EVENTS.

WHILE NWS CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS AS THEY MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF WEATHER-RELATED HAZARDS...MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM AMERICA'S WEATHER INDUSTRY /PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDERS OF WEATHER SERVICES/...SUCH AS FORECASTING SURFACE/PAVEMENT CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE DECISIONS.

THE NWS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WEATHER INDUSTRY HELPS IMPROVE THE OVERALL LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC. THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED POLICY PRINCIPLES IS TO CLARIFY THE NWS ROLE IN PROVIDING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS WELL AS ADDRESS THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR WEATHER PROVIDERS IN PROVIDING COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES. WE BELIEVE THAT GREATER CLARITY ON ROLES WILL LEAD TO BETTER SERVICES FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

THE PROPOSED POLICY PRINCIPLES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT A CHANGE IN OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF SUPPORT BUT RATHER A CLARIFICATION OF THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT NWS IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE. PLEASE SEND COMMENTS BY MAY 15 2009 TO:

NWSSP.COMMENTS@NOAA.GOV

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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