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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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SUBJECT: SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH MAY 29 2010 REGARDING
EXPERIMENTAL USE OF BULLETED WINTER STORM /WSW/ AND NON-PRECIPITATION
/NPW/ WATCH...WARNING AND ADVISORY PRODUCTS AT SELECT WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICES DURING WINTER 2009-10

BEGINNING TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 2009 AND CONTINUING THROUGH SATURDAY MAY 29
2010...SELECT NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ ACROSS THE CONTINENTAL
UNITED STATES /CONUS/ WILL ISSUE WINTER WEATHER /WSW/ AND NON-
PRECIPITATION /NPW/ WATCH...WARNING AND ADVISORY PRODUCTS USING AN
EXPERIMENTAL BULLET FORMAT. NWS IS REQUESTING COMMENTS THROUGH MAY 29
2010 AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=WSWNPW](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=WSWNPW)

THE EXPERIMENTAL BULLET FORMAT IS SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT FORMAT FOR SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS. IT IS EASIER FOR USERS TO READ AND
TO QUICKLY GATHER VITAL INFORMATION FROM DURING HAZARDOUS WINTER AND NON-
PRECIPITATION EVENTS. DURING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD...WFOS MAY
TEMPORARILY REVERT BACK TO THE CURRENT...NON-BULLET FORMAT...TO MAINTAIN
MISSION CRITICAL WARNING SERVICES.

A PRODUCT DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT /PDD/ FOR THESE EXPERIMENTAL
PRODUCTS...WHICH INCLUDES EXAMPLES OF BULLET FORMATTED WSW AND NPW
PRODUCTS...IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://PRODUCTS.WEATHER.GOV/VIEWLISTE.PHP](http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php)

A LIST OF WFOS TAKING PART IN THE TEST IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/WFOS.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/wfos.pdf)

UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD AND THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD...NWS WILL EVALUATE ALL RECEIVED COMMENTS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH A NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BULLETED
WSW/NPW PRODUCTS.

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION
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