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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 /WFO/
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 LOWERCASE/:

[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 LOWERCASE/:

[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 LOWERCASE/:

[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 STATEMENT...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

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