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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
750 AM EDT FRI MAY 7 2010

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SUBJECT: CURRENTLY SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH OCTOBER 29 2010
REGARDING EXPANSION OF EXPERIMENTAL USE OF BULLETED WEATHER
WARNING...WATCH AND ADVISORY PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AT
SELECT WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MAY 12 2010 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY OCTOBER 29
2010...SELECT NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL ISSUE RED FLAG
WARNINGS /RFW/ AND FIRE WEATHER WATCHES /RFW/ USING AN EXPERIMENTAL BULLET
FORMAT. THESE EXPERIMENTAL BULLETED FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS ARE IN ADDITION
TO WINTER WEATHER /WSW/ AND NON-PRECIPITATION /NPW/ WATCH...WARNING AND
ADVISORY PRODUCTS ALREADY BEING ISSUED EXPERIMENTALLY IN BULLET FORMAT
/USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/PNS09WSW_NPW_EXPR.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/PNS09WSW_NPW_EXPR.PDF)

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

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...INCLUDING A LIST OF AFFECTED WFOS AND EXAMPLES OF THE BULLET
FORMATTED WSW...NPW AND RFW PRODUCTS IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

THE EXPERIMENTAL BULLET FORMAT IS SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT FORMAT FOR SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS. THE BULLETED FORMAT MAKES IT
EASIER FOR USERS TO QUICKLY GATHER VITAL INFORMATION DURING HAZARDOUS
WINTER...NON-PRECIPITATION AND RED FLAG EVENTS.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD AND THE CLOSE OF THIS PUBLIC
INFORMATION STATEMENT /PNS/ COMMENT PERIOD...THE NWS WILL EVALUATE

COMMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF
BULLETED WSW...NPW AND RFW PRODUCTS.

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