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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
OCT 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:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/pns09wsw_npw_expr.txt

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED THROUGH OCT 29 2010 AT:

<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 LOWERCASE/:

<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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