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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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