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Subject: Extending Comment Period on Experimental Forecast  
Of Reference Evapotranspiration for Short  
Canopy Vegetation through May 31, 2013

NWS Forecast Offices in the western and central U.S. have been issuing experimental 7-day evapotranspiration forecasts on a seasonal basis. These forecasts will remain experimental through May 31, 2013. These forecasts graphically depict the expected evapotranspiration and departure from normal for each of the next 7 days. A 7-day total and departure is also provided. At the end of the comment period, this product will be evaluated for national implementation.

The following Western Region offices are producing these forecasts:

Washington: Spokane  
Oregon: Portland, Pendleton, and Medford  
Idaho: Pocatello and Boise  
Montana: Great Falls, Missoula, Glasgow, and Billings  
California: Eureka, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area,  
San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles, and San Diego  
Nevada: Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas  
Utah: Salt Lake City  
Arizona: Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson

The following NWS Central Region offices are producing these forecasts:

North Dakota: Grand Forks  
South Dakota: Rapid City, Aberdeen, and Sioux Falls

Examples of these forecasts are online at:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/forecast/evap/FRET/FRET.php?wfo=sto>  
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fsd/?n=etforecasts>

[http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf/climate/farm\\_info.php](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf/climate/farm_info.php)

These Web-based products are available for comment through May 31, 2013. For Western Region, the Web survey link is:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=RESCV>. For

Central Region, the web survey link is

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=etf>.

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