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Subject: Seeking Public Comment and Review on Experimental
Probabilistic Snowfall Internet Graphical Products in
the Baltimore/Washington Area Through April 30, 2014

Beginning November 15, 2013, through April 30, 2014, NWS is seeking public review and comment on experimental probabilistic snowfall internet graphical products to be issued as part of the Pilot Project at the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Sterling, VA, serving Baltimore, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas. The experimental probabilistic snowfall forecasts are available online at:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/winter/>

These graphics will complement existing NWS "deterministic" snowfall forecasts, the traditional method of forecasting a single snowfall accumulation. The experimental graphics will show the probability of exceeding certain snowfall accumulation thresholds, along with the "best" (minimum), and "worst" (maximum) snowfall accumulation scenarios. Taken together, the graphics will indicate areas of low and/or high uncertainty in the snowfall forecast.

The experimental forecasts are described in detail, with example graphics included, in a Product Description Document available online at:

https://products.weather.gov/PDD/LWX_PDD_SnowProbs_final.pdf

Comments and feedback on this experimental service are welcomed at:

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

Comments will be collected from November 15, 2013, until April 30, 2014. In conjunction with the Pilot Project evaluation, NWS

will evaluate feedback and determine whether to transition the experimental service to operational status, discontinue it, or revise and extend the experimental feedback period. NWS also will evaluate the potential for expansion of this capability to other NWS offices.

For questions regarding this notice or the experimental probabilistic snowfall forecasts, please contact:

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