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Subject: Soliciting Comments from April 8, 2014 until July 1, 2014, on an
Experimental Enhanced Format for Fire Weather Planning Forecasts (FWF)
from Select Southern Region (SR) Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)

NWS is accepting comments from April 8, 2014, starting at 0600 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), and ending on July 1, 2014, on experimentally
formatted FWFs from select SR WFOs. NWS Western Region (WR) WFOs are
already using the format operationally. The format is being considered
for national implementation:

<https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn13-08fire wx forecast oper.pdf>

The proposed change uses a left justified asterisk to begin each new line
of text. This format allows proper word wrapping and indentations in the
Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) FWF text editor,
reduces forecaster edit time and allows increased dissemination
efficiency.

The following WFOs will use the experimental FWF format:

Albuquerque, NM: ABQ
El Paso, TX: EPZ
Midland, TX: MAF
Lubbock, TX: LUB

An example of the WR operational FWF format, which is the same as the
proposed National FWF format, is online at:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/total_forecast/getprod.php?wfo=rev&pil=fwf&sid=rev&version=0

Please provide comments via the survey at the following link:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EEFWF

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