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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:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn13-8fire\\_wx\\_forecast\\_oper.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn13-8fire_wx_forecast_oper.htm)

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

Please provide comments via the survey at the following link:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EEFWF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EEFWF)

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