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SUBJECT: NWS is accepting comments on the experimental
addition of Waterspout coding to the Special Marine
Warning in the Great Lakes of Superior, Huron, and
Michigan through November 4, 2014

NWS is seeking comments on the experimental addition of a
forecast tag labeled "WATERSPOUTS" at the bottom of Special
Marine Warnings and Marine Weather Statements that follow-up
Special Marine Warnings. The evaluation period ends November 4,
2014. The NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in Duluth, MN (WFO
DLH), Marquette, MI (WFO MQT), Gaylord, MI (WFO APX), Green Bay,
WI (WFO GRB), Milwaukee, WI (WFO MKX), Chicago, IL (WFO LOT),
Northern Indiana (WFO IWX), Grand Rapids, MI (WFO GRR) and
Detroit, MI (WFO DTX) are testing this experimental enhancement
to Special Marine Warning Products. These Special Marine Warning
and Marine Weather Statements now include a tag at the end of the
product which designates the threat expected: Waterspout, Wind,
or Hail.

This change adds a plain text line below the product after the &&
and the LAT...LON information.

For example:

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LAT...LON 4298 8242 4261 8252 4261 8253 4276 8248
4294 8245
TIME...MOT...LOC 1400Z 263DEG 40KT 4284 8289 4244 8291

WATERSPOUT...POSSIBLE
HAIL...>.75IN
WIND...40KTS

[dollar sign, dollar sign]

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The additional information is also found elsewhere within the product, simply summarized on the lines below. If the threat does not exist, the tag line is omitted.

For details on this product enhancement please see

<https://products.weather.gov/viewExperimental.php?selrow=535>

To provide comments, please use the following short survey:

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

During the comment period, a proactive effort will be made to educate users and partners of the product availability and use. At the end of the comment period, NWS will decide whether to make this enhancement operational.

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