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Subject: Extending Comment Period for Experimental Tropical Cyclone
Impacts Graphics through November 30, 2014

Effective June 1, 2014, and continuing through November 30, 2014, NWS is seeking user feedback on experimental Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics.

The Tropical Cyclone Impact Graphics are an internet-based product suite consisting of four hazard graphics: wind, tornado, coastal flood and inland flood. Each graphic is based on the most recent threat assessment as centered on a particular geographic area of interest and is presented in terms of potential impact while using associated descriptions unique to that area. The graphics take into account the forecast magnitude of the hazard, along with the associated uncertainty of the forecast.

These experimental products will be generated by participating coastal Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) when the National Hurricane Center (NHC) issues a tropical cyclone watch and/or warning for a WFO's area of forecast and warning responsibility. There are no changes in the format of the graphics for the 2014 hurricane season. The graphics, along with a description and static examples, will be posted online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/tcig>

The default graphic will be in Keyhole Markup Language (KML) format displayed on an interactive Google Earth background map. A portable network graphic (.png) file will also be available. NetCDF and KML files for the four impact graphics will be available for download at the above website.

The following WFOs (comprising all the coastal WFOs in Eastern and Southern Regions) will provide Experimental Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics:

Boston/Taunton, Massachusetts (BOX)
Brownsville, Texas (BRO)
Caribou, Maine (CAR)
Charleston, South Carolina (CHS)

Corpus Christi, Texas (CRP)
Gray/Portland, Maine (GYX)
Houston/Galveston, Texas (HGX)
Jacksonville, Florida (JAX)
Key West, Florida (KEY)
Lake Charles, Louisiana (LCH)
Melbourne, Florida (MLB)
Miami, Florida (MFL)
Mobile, Alabama (MOB)
Newport/Morehead City, North Carolina (MHX)
Mount Holly, New Jersey (PHI)
New Orleans, Louisiana (LIX)
San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)
Sterling, Virginia (LWX)
Tallahassee, Florida (TAE)
Tampa Bay Area, Florida (TBW)
Upton, New York (OKX)
Wakefield, Virginia (AKQ)
Wilmington, North Carolina (ILM)

Mosaics (composite picture) of each of the WFO impact graphics will be available from the Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics website listed above.

Users are encouraged to provide feedback on these experimental products by using the brief survey and comment form available online at:

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

If you have comments or questions, please contact:

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