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Subject: Soliciting comments on the Experimental Beach Forecast
Webpages and the Experimental Rip Current Risk
Graphics until December 1, 2016

The NWS is requesting comments on the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages and Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphics issued by participating Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) until December 1, 2016.

The Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage is a national map which allows beachgoers to click on an area of interest and easily see hazards and forecasts for beaches in that area. The national map links to Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages for each WFO participating in the experiment (Table 1). Each Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage provides an Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic highlighting areas with a moderate or high risk of dangerous rip currents, surf zone and beach forecasts for popular beaches within the office's forecast area, and other important beach/surf zone information such as:

- * Daily outlooks for surf zone hazards including rip current
- * Advisories and/or statements alerting people of imminent or expected beach/surf zone hazards
- * Ultraviolet index information
- * Tide tables and predictions

Each WFO's Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage may also contain information such as local radar, water temperature, and safety information. The national webpage can be found at:

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

Table 1: NWS offices that are testing the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage and the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic:

Participating WFO	Web Address
Melbourne, FL	http://www.weather.gov/beach/mlb
Miami, FL	http://www.weather.gov/beach/mfl
Mobile, AL	http://www.weather.gov/beach/mob
Los Angeles, CA	http://www.weather.gov/beach/lox
San Diego, CA	http://www.weather.gov/beach/sgx

Other NWS offices will join during the experimental period.

For information on rip currents and other beach hazards safety and awareness, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov>

The Product description document for the Experimental Beach Forecast webpage can be accessed from

[http://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD-Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage.pdf](http://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD-Experimental%20Beach%20Forecast%20Webpage.pdf)

The Product description document for the Rip Current Risk Graphic can be accessed from

[http://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD-Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic.pdf](http://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD-Experimental%20Rip%20Current%20Risk%20Graphic.pdf)

Please provide feedback on the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=NATBFWP>

Please provide feedback on the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nwssurvey.php?code=RIPCURRENTRISK>

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