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SUBJECT: Soliciting comments on the Experimental Days 4-7 Winter
Storm Threat Index at Weather Forecast Office (WFO)
Baltimore/Washington through April 15, 2016

WFO Baltimore/Washington is soliciting comments on the Experimental Days 4-7 Winter Storm Threat Index through April 15, 2016. The purpose of this experimental product is to graphically display the location and level of potential winter storm threats in the extended portion of the forecast: 4-7 days in the future. This threat level will combine winter precipitation probabilities and potential impact.

The experimental Days 4-7 Winter Storm Threat Index graphic builds upon data generated by the experimental Day 4-7 Winter Weather Outlook produced by the NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC). The recent announcement of this WPC experimental product can be found at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/pns15day4-7exp.htm>

The experimental Days 4-7 Winter Storm Threat Index will be posted on the NWS Baltimore/Washington winter page at:

<http://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter>

WFO Baltimore/Washington will begin issuing this experimental product on/or about January 4, 2016, at least twice daily at 0900 and 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and as needed. No communication system changes are required to receive this new information.

Additional information and an example of the experimental product are provided at the link below:

<http://products.weather.gov/PDD/LWX%20Long%20Range%20WST%20PDD.pdf>

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below. The link will also be provided on the web page

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EXPLWXWST47>

If comments are favorable, this experiment will be evaluated for possible expansion to other WFOs. Additional opportunity for comment/review will be provided prior to a decision to expand.

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