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SUBJECT: Updated: Soliciting Comments until April 30, 2018, on  
          the Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index from NWS Weather  
          Forecast Office (WFO) Baltimore/Washington, DC

Updated to extend the comment period to April 30, 2018

WFO Baltimore, MD/Washington, DC, is soliciting comments on the  
Experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index through April  
30, 2018. 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 3-7 days  
in the future. This threat level will combine winter  
precipitation probabilities and potential impact.

The experiment continues to receive positive feedback since it  
began two winters ago.

The experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index graphic also  
builds upon data generated by experimental Winter Weather  
Outlooks produced by the NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC).

The experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index will be  
posted on the NWS Baltimore/Washington winter web page at:

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

WFO Baltimore/Washington will issue this experimental product at  
least twice daily at 0900 and 2100 Coordinated Universal Time  
(UTC) and as needed. No communication system changes are  
required to receive this information.

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

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/LWXDays3-7PDD.pdf>

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below. The link will also be provided on the NWS Baltimore/Washington winter web page:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=DAY3\\_7\\_WST](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=DAY3_7_WST)

If comments are favorable, this experiment will be evaluated for possible expansion to other NWS offices. An additional opportunity for comment/review will be provided before a decision to expand. If you have questions, please contact:

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