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From: Mark Tew
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Subject: Soliciting Comments on an Experimental Precipitation
Potential Index to be Added to the National Digital
Forecast Database (NDFD) for the Conterminous United
States (CONUS) from September 29, 2015, through
December 31, 2015

Effective Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 1400 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), through December 31, 2015, NWS will be
accepting comments on an experimental Precipitation Potential
Index (PPI) in the National Digital Forecast Database:

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

The experimental PPI will be available in the Conterminous United
States (CONUS) for forecast days 1-3 at 1 hour temporal
resolution for the first 36 hours from NDFD issuance time, and at
3 hour temporal resolution after the first 36 hours through
forecast day 3.

PPI provides greater detail regarding precipitation timing than
currently is available from NDFD 12 hour Probability of
Precipitation forecasts. More information regarding PPI is
available in the Product Description Document (PDD) in the online
catalog of experimental NWS products and services.

http://products.weather.gov/PDD/PDD_NDFD%20Experimental%20PPI.pdf

To access NDFD CONUS grids for Days 1-3, use the following URLs:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.conus/>

or

<http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.conus/>

The PPI file will have a World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

super heading of:
ZPUZ98 KWBN

And a file name of:

ds.ppi.bin

NDFD forecasts can be viewed via the NDFD map viewer at:

<http://digital.weather.gov/>

General information on accessing and using NDFD elements is online at:

<http://ndfd.weather.gov/technical.htm>

If September 29 is a critical weather day, this implementation will be postponed. Partners and users will be notified of that decision via another Public Information Notice and a new implementation date will be established.

After the comment period, the NWS will evaluate any comments and decide whether to proceed with operational implementation of the in the NDFD.

For general questions regarding NDFD data, please email:

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<http://www.weather.gov/ndfd/tins.htm>

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<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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