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SUBJECT: Updated: Soliciting Comments until April 30, 2018, on
 the Prototype Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)

Updated to add Little Rock, AR

The NWS is soliciting comments on a Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI) prototype until April 30, 2018. Prototype WSSI values will be produced for 20 NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) across the contiguous 48 states.

The purpose of the WSSI prototype is to provide NWS forecasters and partners with an indication of the severity of winter weather hazards and the potential for related societal impacts. The WSSI prototype does not depict official warnings and should always be used in context with official NWS forecasts and warnings.

The WSSI prototype is available for comment via a link from 20 select NWS Weather Forecast Offices:

Albany, NY:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=ALY>

Albuquerque, NM:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=ABQ>

Amarillo, TX:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=AMA>

Binghamton, NY:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=BGM>

Burlington, VT:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=BTV>

Dodge City, KS:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=DDC>

Elko, NV:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=LKN>

Gaylord, MI:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=APX>

Grand Junction, CO:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=GJT>

Grand Rapids, MI:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=GRR>

Jackson, MS:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=JAN>

Little Rock AR:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=LZK>

Medford, OR:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=MFR>

Memphis, TN:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=MEG>

Morristown, TN:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=MRX>

Nashville, TN:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=OHX>

Omaha, NE:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=OAX>

Paducah, KY:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=PAH>

Philadelphia, PA:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=PHI>

Wichita, KS:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wssi/wssi.php?id=ICT>

The WSSI prototype will be updated at least four times daily at approximately 0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 0700 UTC, 1300 UTC and 1900 UTC. No communication system changes are required to view this web-based information.

Additional information and an example of the prototype product are provided in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/WSSI%20PDD%20Nov%202017.pdf>

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below. The survey

link will also be available on the WFO web pages:

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

If comments and prototype evaluation are favorable, the demonstration may be expanded as an NWS experiment for the 2018/2019 winter season. Additional opportunity for comment/review on the experimental product will be provided prior to any operational decision. If you have questions, please contact:

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