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SUBJECT: Updated: Soliciting Comments until April 30, 2019, on
 the Experimental Winter Storm Severity Index

Updated to change from Prototype to Experimental and add 46 Weather
Forecast Offices (WFOs).

The NWS is soliciting comments on the Experimental Winter Storm Severity
Index (WSSI) until April 30, 2019. Experimental WSSI values will be
produced for 65 NWS WFOs across the contiguous 48 states.

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

The experimental WSSI will be updated every two hours at approximately
0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 0300 UTC, 0500 UTC, etc. No
communication system changes are required to view this web-based
information.

Additional information as well as participating offices are provided in
the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/EXP_WSSI_PDD_2018-2019.pdf

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below. The survey
link will also be available on the WFO web pages:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EXP_WSSI

If comments and experimental evaluation are favorable, the
demonstration may be expanded for the 2019/2020 winter season or proposed
for national implementation. NWS will provide additional opportunity
for comment/review on the experimental product before making an
operational decision. If you have questions, please contact:

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