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Subject: Soliciting comments on the annotated outline of NOAA's
 Subseasonal and Seasonal Forecasting Innovation: Plans
 for the 21st Century, a report to Congress though
 August 10, 2018

NWS is requesting comments through August 10, 2018, on its annotated outline of the Subseasonal and Seasonal Forecasting Innovation: Plans for the Twenty-First Century Report.

The report is being prepared for submission to Congress in accordance with Title II, Section 201, of the Weather Research and Forecasting Act of 2017, Public Law 115-25. Section 201 authorizes NOAA's Subseasonal and Seasonal (S2S) forecast responsibilities and defines subseasonal as the period from 2 weeks to 3 months and seasonal as the period from 3 months to 2 years. Over the past 20 years, the demand for S2S forecast information has been steadily increasing as federal, state, local, and tribal authorities seek to prepare for and reduce risk from meteorological events well in advance.

The report will serve as a guidepost for NOAA planning and execution as well as to inform the public and NOAA's stakeholders on its efforts on subseasonal and seasonal forecasting. The report will trace the continuum of effort for S2S, from products and services to the innovations needed to enable and improve them. The report is being organized around two main goals: improving the skill of the S2S forecasts and enhancing the value of S2S products for stakeholders.

The NWS will consider all substantive comments and information provided during the public comment period as the agency finalizes this report. In particular the NWS seeks feedback on the scope of the outline and potential utility of this report from relevant federal, regional, state, tribal, and local government agencies, research institutions, and the private sector.

The Annotated Outline can be found here:

https://www.weather.gov/sti/stimodeling_s2sreport

Send comments on this outline by August 10th, 2018 to:

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