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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, through 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 two weeks to three months and seasonal as the period from
three months to two 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 10, 2018 to:

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